





Giessen Cosmic Station - Current Measurements

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Overview

Track Reconstruction

Track reconstruction via position measurement in two planes

Components

The test stand consists of

- Two scintillating plates defining a trigger
- Four layers of scintillating bars (track reconstruction)
- About 45 cm of lead in between the trigger plates (energy selection)



Overview



Figure: Annotated CAD drawing of the GCS.

Updated Components

Trigger Plates

- PMTs in the corners replaced by SiPMs
- Moved closer to ceiling (due to smaller form factor)

Finger Counters

- Cross replaced by small scintillating block
- Readout via two SiPMs



Radiator Plate



Figure: The new radiator plate inside the clean room.

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The setup includes ...

- One MCP coupled to three focusing elements
- Pulser and laser with diffuser
- The new radiator plate

Readout

- All components read out via TOFPET (including GCS)
- \blacktriangleright pprox 460 active channels on 9 ASICs
- System is running in mixed polarity mode (4 ASICs negative, rest positive)



Figure: Schematic drawing of the measurement setup.



Figure: Positioning of the radiator inside the GCS.



Figure: Readout module and MCP during installation.



Figure: Positioning of the laser.

Problems

List of encountered problems during first weeks of running

- Light of the neighbouring lab hitting the MCP
 - Culprit: Cable feedthrough into the cleanroom (solved)
- Cleanroom temperature control offline (solved)
 - Slow temperature drift (almost invisible with default dashboard settings)
- Unstable low voltage power supply (replaced)
- Maximum disk capacity hit (solved)
- Degraded timing performance in one of the fronted-modules
- Some dead channels in the negative polarity ASICs

Tracking Fully Operational



Figure: Reconstructed tracks in coincidence with the finger counter.

Koinzidenz von MCP-Hits and Tracking



Figure: Time difference between tracking box and MCP.

New Radiator Case

New Radiator Case

- Expected in the next few weeks
- ROM-Case larger than final design
- Soft material (dots/strings) on lid to protect radiator



Cooling

Cooling of the Readoutboard

- First iteration of final Readoutboards expected soon
- Cooling considerations, planning and design started
- Currently air flow based cooling used in GCS
 - Unsuitable for final design
 - Liquid based cooling instead
 - Testing device available (CC4150, -20 °C to 200 °C)



Design for Prototype & Phase 1

Prototype in Phase I

- Inclusion of prototype in PANDA Phase I
- Number of ROMs strongly dependent on funding
 - Desired: 16 ROMs
 - 3 ROMs available from current prototypes
- Mounting plate and stabilizing cross needs to be built



Thank you!

Reconstruction - Angular Acceptance



Figure: Angular acceptance without trigger.

Tracking Boxes



Figure: One of the tracking boxes without lid.

Tracking Boxes

Geometry of the bars

- 48 bars (15 × 10 × 500 mm) in two half-layers shifted against each other
- Second layer rotated by 90° for position resolution along the other axis
- Every layer in a separate light-proof box



Trigger Plates



Figure: One of the 50 \times 50 cm^2 trigger plates with PMT-Readout.

Absorber



Figure: Energy deposition in the trigger after passing though the lead (top), the Cherenkov angle range (bot) and the estimated threshold (red).

Wavelength cut: 200 nm < λ < 800 nm // Energy deposition obtained from Monte Carlo.