

## GCS Status Update

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# Measurements with the Prototype in the GCS

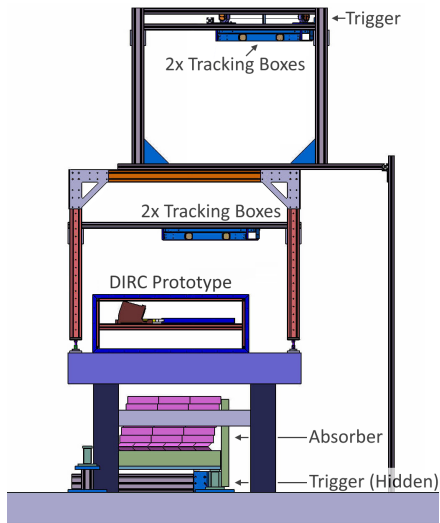


Figure: Overview of the GCS with prototype setup.

## Current Setup

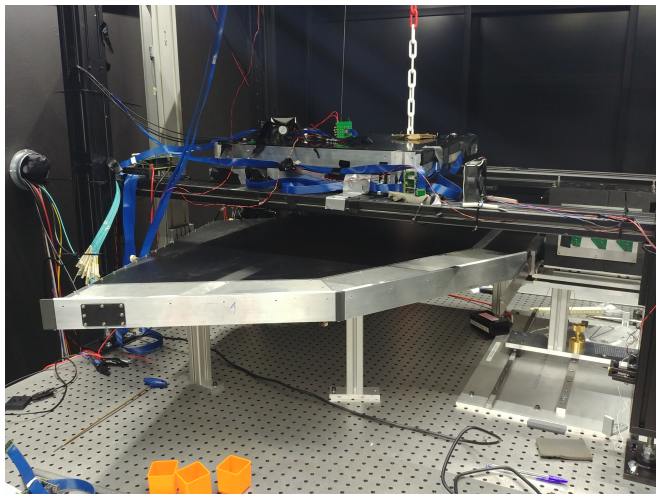
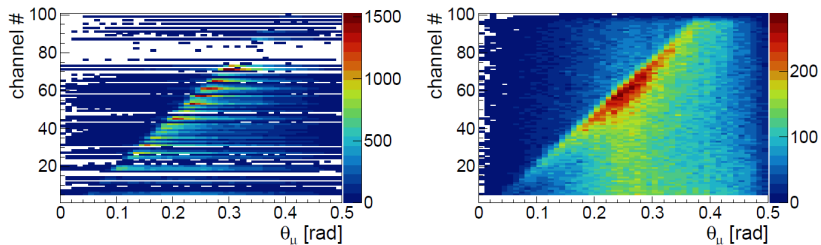


Figure: Fully light-tight radiator box.

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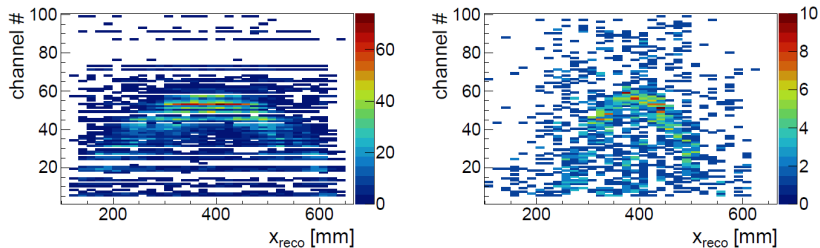
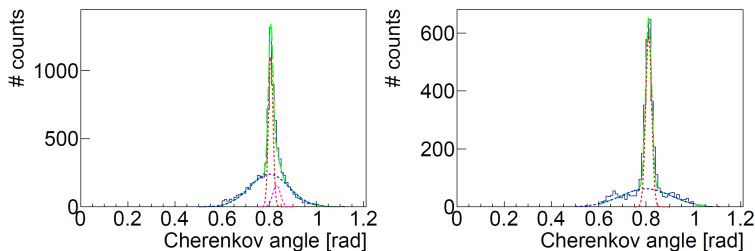


Figure: Hit MCP channels as a function of the x-position for reconstructed tracks with  $12^\circ < \theta < 14^\circ$  and  $\varphi < 0.4$  rad.

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**Figure:** Reconstructed cherenkov angle for data (left) and simulation (right). Tracking cuts are applied. Single photon resolution estimated to be around 10 mrad.

# Improved Reconstruction Algorithm

## Naive Reconstruction

- ▶ Average bar positions in each plane
- ▶ Linear extrapolation to measurement plane
- ▶ Method has systematic position error

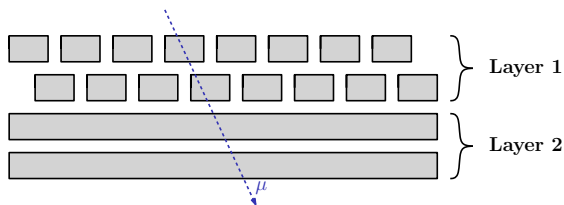


Figure: Schematic drawing of the bar geometry.

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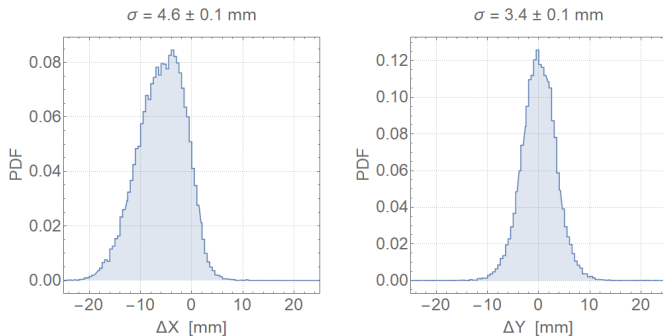


Figure: Reconstruction error obtained from simulation.



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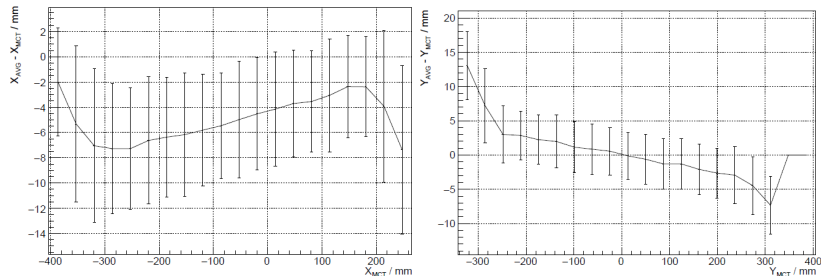


Figure: Reconstruction error (naive method) for x and y direction.

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## Lookup Table

- ▶ Finite number of valid hit patterns
- ▶ Handle x and y axis separately
- ▶ Store proper position inside a large table (Initialized using Monte Carlo)

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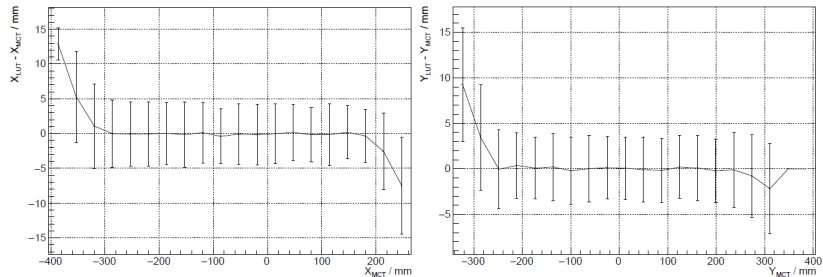


Figure: Reconstruction error (LUT) for x and y direction.

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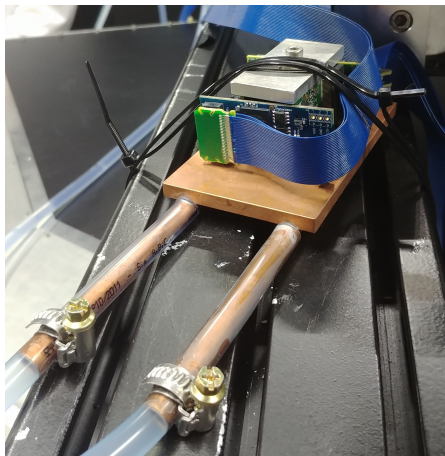


Figure: Cooling setup of the ASICs inside the cleanroom.

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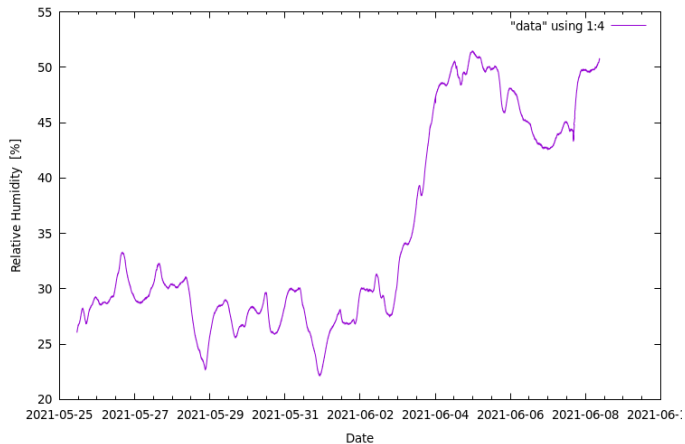


Figure: Relative humidity inside the cleanroom.

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- ▶ Last runs had reduced trigger plate efficiency (when enforcing 4/4 coincidence)
- ▶ Switch back to older adapter set, external power supply and careful tuning helped a bit (not final)
- ▶ Requires further investigation

Thank you!