

Glasgow Status Report

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- Test Experiment Analysis Update
- Dispersion Correction Evaluation
- Radiation Hardness Studies Update
- Detector Rates
- Focussing Lightguide Optimisation Revisited





- Crosscheck of calibration
- Different voltage divider
- Systematics
 - Position of laser spot
 - PMT mounting
 - Metal frame leads to increased noise levels
 - Fix PMT response parameters for further analysis



- General agreement of data and simulation
 - Follow same trend
 - Need to fix absorption
- Systematic shift of incident angle found
 - More MC studies to settle issue





Dispersion Correction Evaluation



- set up optical bench for dispersion correction evaluation
 - Hg lamp
 - Cover most of relevant spectral range
 - Pellin-Broca prism
 - CCD to record beam spot
 - Pixel size 6µm
 - Next steps
 - Add focussing optics
 - Study systematics



Investigated Samples

- Suprasil 2A
 - 4 different H₂ levels
- Suprasil 311
 - 3 different H₂ levels
- Spectrosil 2000
- Spectrosil 2200
- Irradiation
 - ⁶⁰Co at Giessen
 - dose 100 krad water equivalent (~4h)



Radiation Hardness – Suprasil 2A





Radiation Hardness – Suprasil 311





090BF Radiation Damage induced Absorption Length Γ





Radiation Hardness - Spectrosil





Technical Board Call on Detector Interaction Rate Limits

- Limiting factors for Focussing Disc DIRC
- Photon Detector
 - MCP-PMT: 1MHz/cm²
- Readout Electronics
 - NINO + HPTDC: 2MHz

Resulting Limits on Interaction Rate

- 17MHz for 2 charged particles
- 7MHz for 5 charged particles
- Need to clarify peak and average rates !





- Single focussing surface
 - Difficult / expensive to produce
 - Optimised for Planacon MCP
- Investigate alternative lightguide shapes
 - Two spherical surfaces
 - Easier to manufacture
 - Adjust focal plane to alternative photon detectors





Test experiment analysis

- ✓PMT calibration finalised
- ✓ Data analysis finished
- MC comparison needs improvement

• Focussing Disc DIRC Design

- Optical bench for dispersion correction evaluation under construction
- Upgrade of prototype for next test experiment in progress

Radiation Hardness

Clear indication that H_2 plays important role

Lightguide Optimisation progressing

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