Ongoing projects and research opportunities in the Department of Physics

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Shower-max Design, Detector Logistics, Radiation Tests

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Some opportunities in Physics at ISU

Ongoing research projects:

- Designing and constructing the Shower-max detector ring system for MOLLER (taking place in the basement beamlab of PSC)
- Radiation hardness testing of MOLLER detector components
 - Irradiations take place at Idaho Accelerator Center (IAC) on upper campus
 - Testing HPFS (quartz), 3D-printed plastic parts; pmt electronics
- Developing cosmic-ray test stand to be used for validating constructed Showermax modules -- requires simulation; will also use as learning tool
- Characterizing pmt non-linearity and ideal operating settings for all MOLLER integrating detectors
- Developing main detector cabling plans: cable harness, patch panels, breakout boxes





Past Students

Students at Work at Jefferson Lab and SLAC







Current Students

Students working at Idaho Accelerator Center







Shower-max Description





- Provides additional measurement of Ring-5 integrated flux
- Weights flux by energy \Rightarrow less sensitive to low energy and hadronic backgrounds
- Will also operate in tracking mode to give additional handle on background pion identification
- Will have good resolution over full energy range (≤ 25%), radiation hard with long term stability and good linearity

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Shower-max module and ring geometry

ShowerMax detector: ring of 28 sampling calorimeters intercepting physics signal flux 1.7 m downstream of ring 5



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Shop drawings created and chassis parts for two prototypes receive

Shower-max: Prototyping – Chassis parts

 Shop drawings created and chassis parts for two prototypes received in early June









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Shower-max: Prototyping – light guide parts



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- Shop drawings created and light guide parts for prototypes just received: two Miro IV and two Miro-silver sets
- Starting to fold them this week
- Unfortunately, machinist did not use sandwiching technique during water jet cutting and protective films were ripped off. We are re-doing them









Shower-max Ring Support Structure



Aluminum bars (15 x 1.25 x 2.5 in³) attach modules to ring structure--which is 2 inch thick (along z) Staggered modules are mounted to US and DS face of support ring (in alternating pattern)

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View from beam-left

 Shows reasonable clearance for cabling







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Shower-max dose simulations using remoll

Open and Closed region detectors are upstream of Transition region detectors in the ring

Quartz layer dose study:

Made each guartz layer sensitive for individual Open, Closed, and Transition detectors located at these specific positions



Sensitive



volumes:

Long pass filter + attenuator, G4 quartz, 5mm thick

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Main detector barrel logistics



- We moved away from 3 piece design that opens to a "single" support barrel in 2 pieces that bolt around beampipe and can rotate (see Larry's talk)
- Shower-max ring now attached to main detector barrel and all detectors rotate together
- Assembly rests on a 6 roller bearing system with cart; cart sits on 6 rod attachment support and alignment system
- Main detector lead trays with fully instrumented detector assemblies are lowered into barrel vertically from above one at a time (no robot arm)
- Main detector patch panels modified to route cables radially (not along z as before)
- Cabling harness adapted to new lead tray hole pattern and new patch panel; model for gas distribution system developed
- We are now quoting/sourcing HD plugs and receptacles for a patch panel and cabling harness prototype

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Snapshot of Technical Progress (detector cabling)



- 3 HVMAPs per tray, each needs
- Fiber Optic readout cable gas inlet (could use separate manifold everal LV power wires (not shown)
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Main detector cabling (CAD work by Edwin Sosa)

- Connector CAD models are place holders, but match dimensionally our candidates ٠
- LV/control HD connector is least developed; we are moving away from ribbon style
- Gas distribution system design (manifold, tubing size, etc.) is very preliminary







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Patch Panel and harness views





• Patch panel "L" bracket size was increased along both r and z to allow needed space





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- Most challenging or space constrained area is here (especially for back-flush segments)
- Manifold and tubing sizes are not set. We're showing ¼" OD nylon 12 tubing with the smaller manifold which can have 3/8" or ½" OD input tubing
- We need to determine what gas flow rates we need for the detectors and Hvmaps







Cosmic-ray Stand in PSC basement









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PMT non-linearity measurement apparatus









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Quartz radiation tests completed

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Goal: quantify light transmission losses in detector radiators due to damage from anticipated radiation dose (for lifetime of MOLLER) – 45 Mrad peak and 120 Mrad peak per 5x5 mm² for ring 5 and ring 2, respectively

Five candidate artificial fused silica (quartz) samples chosen for testing: from Corning, Ohara, and Heraeus Irradiations conducted at the Idaho Accelerator Center using 8 MeV pulsed electron beam, ~40 mA peak current, ~1 μ s pulse width (~40 nC/pulse) at 200 Hz repetition rate; samples are 50 cm from beam exit window Dose deposition quantified with G4 simulation benchmarked to beam dose profile and source measurements Work by Justin Gahley; report in [docDB #886] Samples: 5 cm diameter or square, 1 cm thick; polished faces



Bean exit idaho Accelerator Center (IAC) on campus





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Quartz radiation-hardness results: light loss





Heraeus Spectrosil 2000 Standard





--All samples are wet (> 200 ppm OH content), except SK-1300 which is dry; doped Heraeus has high OH and high H2 content

--Main absorption center at 5.6 eV is the E' – unavoidable point-like defects that cause dangling Si atoms which absorb light

--The shoulder structures are from nonbinding hydroxide absorption centers around 4.5-5~eV

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--the doped Heraeus shows very little of this damage center at our doses



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Plastic radiation tests started







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