# Thin Quartz Detector R&D and PMT Linearity Studies

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# Ongoing Work at ISU for CREX, PREX and MOLLER

Quartz detector development

- Cosmic tests
  - -Constructed baseline prototype detector
  - –Constructed cosmic/beam test stand
  - –Established counting DAQ (VME/CODA 2.6)
- G4 optical Monte Carlo
  - –Using qsim framework developed by Seamus
  - –Modeled precise geometry of cosmic test setup
  - -Continuing to develop and refine.

PMT Linearity Studies

- Test apparatus constructed (based on Luis' setup)
- Use for pmt gain measurements
- Still working on Integrating DAQ



#### Baseline prototype Quartz Detector

- SolidWorks CAD based on PREX design
- Quartz: Spectrosil 2000,  $14 \times 3.5 \times 1.0(0.6)$  cm<sup>3</sup>, 45° bevel on one end, optical polish all sides
- Light guide: Anolux Miro-silver 4270AG, ...





#### **Baseline prototype Quartz Detector**







## Cosmic/Beam Test Stand









# Counting DAQ













#### **Initial Cosmic Test Results**











- qsim framework developed by Seamus
- Geometry adapted to ISU cosmic test setup
- Additional realistic features implemented: muon angle smearing, PMT QE, scintillator coinc. trigger







- Two scintillators: each 20 cm  $\times$  7 cm, separated by 110 cm
- bare PREX detector: quartz bar, 5 mm from 2in PMT, angled at 45° wrt scintillators
- 8 inches of Pb installed just above lower scintillator





## qsim Beam Source: Cosmic Tests

- $\mu^-$  beam Energy: 800 MeV
- Angles:
  - $\theta: \{34.7^{\circ}, 55.3^{\circ}\}$
  - $\phi:\{-3.6^{\rm o},3.6^{\rm o}\}$
  - Uniformly sampled
- Positions:
  - Uniformly sampled over scintillator area



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## PMT Linearity Test Setup



- Two LEDs (one steady, one flashing)  $\longrightarrow$  filter wheel  $\longrightarrow$  diffuser  $\longrightarrow$  pmt (mimics Luis' setup)
- Integrating DAQ using Qweak ADC (work in progress, need HAPPEX timer board)





## Filter Wheel



- Edmunds Intelligent Filter Wheel; computer controlled
- Absorptive ND filters: 400 700 nm
- Eight transmission settings (%): 100, 79, 63, 50, 40, 25, 10, 0





# PMT Linearity Box and Integrating DAQ









# Strategy of PMT Linearity Studies

- Use apparatus to map out pmt gain over large range of HV. In progress, no results yet.
- Will use this to calibrate PE's from quartz tests...Can then use estimated e<sup>-</sup> flux combined with PE's/e<sup>-</sup> to estimate anticipated pmt anode currents during PREX II and CREX.
- The LED light level is then adjusted to yield those anticipated anode currents.
- For various HV's, asymmetries are measured for each filter setting and the degree of non-linearity is extracted from fits to the data.





## Summary and Plans

- Much progress made over the past year.
- Quartz detector cosmic tests are in full swing.
- Optical simulation comparisons with real data are promising...continuing to incorporate more realistic conditions: Correct beam energy with smearing, optical properties of mirrors, more surrounding material, ...
- Upcoming cosmic measurements to help further vet simulation: Examine different quartz thicknesses and distances from pmt window.
- 2nd Prototype design in progress (similar to the UMass det3.
- Planning for Late summer/early fall quartz detector beamtest at ISU using 12MeV electron beam.





#### Issues

- Before finalizing CREX detector design, need optimized HRS tune to determine dispersive and transverse dimensions of quartz.
- Need to get integrating daq working. HAPPEX timing board loan would help. (Thanks Bob)









