First results and impressions

from the

PEBS / ACC testbeam at CERN T9 beam

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Overview

- Experiment description
- Impressions from the testbeam





Beam telescope
 performance



• ACC results







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Motivation

Previous measurements of cosmic-ray positron fraction: deviations from expected shape, but large errors.

No primary source for positrons known: probe for new physics.

Dark Matter Candidate: SUSY-Neutralino χ

Annihilations can occur, e.g. in the galactic halo:

 $\chi\chi \rightarrow bb, W^+W^-, \dots \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow e^+e^- \dots$ (stable)

Primary source of positrons in cosmic rays!

Secondary background arises from hadronic interactions of cosmic ray protons and subsequent decays.



Atmosphere inhibits ground-based measurement: $20X_0$, $8\lambda_1$, therefore use high altitude balloon as carrier. Advantages: Reproducibility, post-flight calibration possible. Background by atmospheric secondaries must be considered.

Reminder: PEBS



Balloon experiment to measure cosmic-ray positron fraction. Flight campaign of 20 days planned from Svallvard balloonport. Huge geometrical acceptance of 0.4 m²sr foreseen.

Time of Flight + trigger system Scintillating fibre tracker Transition radiation detector Electromagnetic calorimeter Tracker module of 250µm scintillating fibres. To be read out in bunches by Geiger-mode silicon avalanche photo-diodes.



Testbeam goal: Measure performance of scintillating fibre bundle with SiPM readout

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Reminder: ACC





ayer 1 - 8ACC needed for veto
against stray particles
traversing magnet, leading
to wrong charge
reconstruction

Setup: Mechanical drawing





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Setup



Trigger and DAQ



Fibre bunch up close

copper block



3 fibres each to SiPM in copper block

Slow control performance



ACC panels up close



beam telescope module













Meanwhile...



Beam telescope pulse shape



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Beam telescope: pedestal variation



Beam telescope: noise variation



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Beam telescope statistics



65% of events with exactly one cluster on every layer in the beam telescope

Beam characteristics



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PEBS results: Event display



SiPM: example of a MIP spectrum



Effect of relective foil

Comparison to simulation

GEANT4 simulation of 300µm fibers

Fit of Landau-Poisson-Convolution

Fitted parameters of convolution of Landau- & Poisson-Distribution match GEANT4 results:

Measured spectrum matches expected MIP spectrum

Fit does not match values for trapping efficiency and photodetection efficiency from manufacturers:

Photoelectron-output is 60% lower than expected

Properties of scintillating fiber/SiPM detector

reflective foil at one end of fibers increases photon-output by 60% efficiency and signal to noise for SSPM-0606EXP with reflective foil near acceptable levels

Data preprocessing

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Position measurement of scintillating fibres

beam telescope coordinates for fibres with amplitude > (manual) ADC cut Principle of scintillating fibre tracker works!

Determination of fibre positions

Gaussian fits to distributions of fibre positions along y

Accuracy of fibre positions

Projected fibre distance vs angle of incidence

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Spatial resolution for perpendicular incidence

 σ = 90 μ m in case of perpendicular incidence

ACC principle & testbeam goals

ACC principle:

- light emission in scintillator
- absorption and guiding with wave length shifting fibres (WLS)
- coupling to clear fibre (max. 2m)
- detection with photomultimpliers on each end (PMT)
- important to know: What is the hit detection efficiency?

Testbeam goals:

- determination of efficiency with CAMAC ADC and beam telescope for a single panel and for the slot region between 2 panels
- determination of efficiency with oscilloscope (full pulse shape)
- influence of WLS->clear fibre coupling

ACC results: Single ACC in centre region

Total ADC counts (ped. corr.): PMT1 + PMT2

2 ACCs connected with spigot and groove to analyse slot region

pedestal position overlaps with signal region
-> worse behaviour than expected beforehand
-> more noise

Cut dependent efficiency and purity (no slot region!)

Total ADC counts (ped. corr.) - both panels

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Find slot region between ACCs

Fit to region where all 4 PMTs have a simultaneous signal: position: -128.7mm

Beam Profile in ACC position

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ADC counts vs. y-Position (perpendicular to slot)

Number of ADC counts clearly defines the transition between the 2 ACC panels

Y-position dependent efficiency @ 90% purity

Conclusions and outlook

- first testbeam of PEBS fibre/SiPM prototype has been completed smoothly and successfully
- in current configuration (3 fibres per APD),
- 6.1 photo electrons per SiPM are reached for perpendicular incidence
- spatial resolution of 90 µm is achieved for perpendicular incidence
- continue analysis of testbeam data
- include results in PEBS Monte Carlo

- in single ACC configuration (central incidence): no hits missed (out of 190000)
- influence of coupling is not too large (34%)
- ACC works in connected configuration
- slot is well defined, and inefficiency at slot increases

- use of full statistics
- determination of photo electron number and fit with poisson-landau-convolution
- analysis of 1.5TB(!) oscilloscope data