Proton Electron Radiation Detector Aix-la-Chapelle

The PERDaix Detector

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Motivation

Cosmic Ray Composition:



Motivation



Swedish Space

REXUS/BEXUS program

Rocket and Balloon Experiments



• Low pressure ≈1mbar

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The PERDaix detector

- Spectrometer (Tracker)
 - Permanent magnet 0.2 T in Halbacharrangement
 - Scintillating fiber tracker
 - $\frac{\sigma_p}{p} = 0.08 \cdot \frac{p}{GeV} \oplus 0.25 \cdot \frac{1}{\beta}$
 - Charge-sign separation up to a rigidity of 5 GV
- Transition radiation detector (TRD)
 - Fleece radiator
 - Proportional counter tubes (XeCo₂)
- Time-of-Flight (TOF) detector
- Acceptance 32 cm² sr
- Total weight 40 kg
- Total power consumption 60 W
- Flight in November 2010 northern Sweden (Kiruna)
- 2 h float at 33 km
- 177.000 trigger events



Time-of-Flight System

Time-of-Flight

detector

Trigger



Mandatory tasks

- Main trigger
- Rejection of upward from downward flying particles (Albedo particles)

A charged particle traversed the detector

- Four layers of scintillator bars
- Two at top and two at bottom
- Distance 80 cm \rightarrow 2.7 ns flight time
- Modular design

Time-of-Flight System



- two top and two bottom modules
- scintillator bars optically separated, wrapped in reflective aluminized Mylar foil
- 2 optical hybrids
 - 8 Hamamatsu S10362-33-100C on each side of module (440 nm peak sensitivity)
- Coupling with optical grease





Time-of-Flight system





- NINO: 8 channel preamplifier discriminator ASIC
- power consumption 30 mW/channel
- fully differential readout chain
- 1 ns rise time
- DAC for individual MPPC voltages on PCB



PERDaix Scintillating Fiber Tracker

Scintillating

fiber tracker

- 4 double layers of scintillating fiber tracker
- 10 stereo modules
 - \rightarrow 20 fiber ribbons
 - \rightarrow 160 SiPM arrays
 - \rightarrow 5120 channels
- two ribbons made of 5x256 250µm thick scintillating fibers mounted on Rohacell foam/Carbon fiber support structure (ladder structure for material saving
 - \rightarrow 1,1 % X0 per module)

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•CFC module carrier

- fiber ribbons on top & bottom
- 1 stereo angle
- 1.1% X0
- •Kuraray SCSF-78MJ fibers
 - (250 6) µm fiber diameter
 - $\lambda_{\text{Emission}} = 450 \text{nm}$
 - 5 fiber layers per ribbon
 - Each layer with 256 fibers

400mm

PERDaix Scintillating Fiber Tracker

Readout of scintillating fibers with 32 channel MPPC 5583 arrays



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∆U = 2V

0.45

0.5

0.55









Tracker



PERDaix Scintillating Fiber Tracker



- Hamamatsu MPPC 5883
 - 32-channel SiPM arrays
 - 0.25mm channel pitch
 - 80 pixels (dynamic range)
 - U_{bias} = 70V
 - PDE 50%, Gain 10⁶
 - Pixel Crosstalk 30%
 - Dark count ~200kHz/channel



PERDaix Scintillating Fiber Tracker



Magnet

- small zylindrical magnets
- inner magnetic field: 0.2T
- weight: 7.4kg
- inner diameter: 15cm
- outer diameter: 21cm
- height: 8cm





Momentum resolution



CALC PERDaix Bexus 11 Launch & Flight

November 23rd, 2010 03:00 am T-5:30 Start Countdown



November 23rd, 2010 05:30 am T-3:00 Gondola to Launchpad



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November 23rd, 2010 07: T-0:40 Balloon Filling

09:18 Liftoff





BEXUS-11 trajectoy





Bexus-11 environment



Tracker temperatures



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Online event display



PERDaix

Trigger rate



Time-of-Flight System











Time-of-Flight System

Correlation between y-coordinate measured by TOF and by Tracker

(Y-coordinate measured by difference in photon travel time to each side of the scintillator bar)



Tracker, Photon Yield



Tracker, Photon Yield





Comparison to muons



Preliminary Z⁺ particle spectrum

Measured positive fluxes at 33 km, $\phi = 550 MV$

PRELIMINARY, WORK IN PROGRESS!





Testbeam May 2011



CERN, PS accelerator T9 beamline

- particles: p^{\pm} , π^{\pm} , μ^{\pm} , e^{\pm}
- 0.5-10.0 GeV
- calibration measurements as input for further analysis

Summary & Outlook

Summary

- Very successful balloon flight in November 2010
- 177.00 particle tracks recorded
- \bullet Spatial resolution of 50 μm
- Lightyield 15-20 Photons/MIP
- First preliminary estimation of proton spectrum

Outlook:

- Determination of efficiencies
- Unfolding of spectrum to account for detector resolution
- e⁻ spectrum, He spectrum
- further corrections
 (rest atmosphere, geomagnetic cutoff, etc.)

Next SiPM-generation (128 channels)

 \rightarrow Next Ballon experiment

