### R&D in Bologna - Update

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# Part 1: Prototype tests

#### Light collection measurements

Assembly different IFR bar prototypes and study the effect on muon response of:

- WLS fiber glueing
- WLS fiber aluminizing
- Scintillator wrapping
- bar length



### CAVEAT:

- the absolute figures depend on the type of SiPM used and on the quality of its optical coupling to the fiber
- relatives figures are more relevant

#### Custom readout and control system

• Versatile system for 8 channels:



#### SiPM used for tests





#### Hamamatsu 1x1 mm<sup>2</sup> 50 µm pixel

SiPM

Caveat: not optimized optical coupling

#### Light collection in short scintillator bar



- Fermilab scintillator bar:
  - transverse size: 4.5x1.0 cm<sup>2</sup>
  - length: 25 cm
  - one straight groove on top
- WLS: Kuraray 1 mm diameter
  - With and w/o Aluminization



• Aluminum or black wrapping of scintillator

#### Example: WLS glued + not alumized



#### Aluminization and scintillator wrapping

- No difference found between
  - Aluminized Mylar wrapping
  - Black (non-reflective?) paper
- But tested fiber had a small piece of aluminum glued at the far end...
  - Effect similar to proper fiber aluminization
  - Was put there to protect fiber end
  - If removed may prove even Al wrapping has similar effect, only smaller due to air gap (direct comparison not yet done)

New!!

#### Summary of light collection tests

• Fired pixels per MIP:

New!!

Fiber ends	Scintillator Wrapping	Not Glued Fiber	Glued Fiber
against wrapping	Black	-	38 ± 3
against wrapping	Al	37 ± 3	_
glued Aluminium	AI	-	58 ± 4
aluminized	Al	46 ± 3	-

Many combinations are missing, some very interesting such as a direct glued vs. not glued fiber, but see next...

#### Light collection in long bar

• 2 m bar, WLS Kuraray Y11, T~25° C



#### Light collection vs distance

Prototype IFR bar, 200 cm, WLS Kuraray Y11-300, T ~ 25°C



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#### Light from 2 fibers on same scintillator

### New!!



- Measure with 2 Hamamatsu 1x1mm<sup>2</sup>, nearly identical efficiency
- Not Glued, not aluminized fibers, but Al wrapped scintillator (matches conditions of single fiber measure)
- Acquired individual spectra, then summed average values

Total = 
$$27 \gamma + 28 \gamma = 55 \gamma = +49\%$$
 wrt 1 fiber (37)

#### Conclusion

- Glueing the fiber improves light collection by about 50% (2m long bar)
- Aluminizing or adding some other form of reflector improves light collection in short fiber, additional measurements needed to determine how much
- Attenuation is an issue on long bar
  - more relevant in the blue region of light spectrum
  - Hamamatsu very sensitive to this effect
  - But measure used a single fiber

## Part 2: Simulation

#### Light collection simulation

- setup a detailed simulation of light production, Rovelli propagation and detection in a prototype of a scintillator bar (FLUKA)
- cross check expected results from simulation with data collected from a real prototype: tune simulation free/unknown parameters
- use simulation setup to study different geometries and optical couplings
- still preliminary results..

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#### Prototype setup

- use FLUKA (version 2011.2.13)
- simulation of bar prototype used to test MIP response (25x4.5x1 cm<sup>3</sup>, Al wrapped)



(figures in cm)

#### Effect of glue and aluminization

• Simulate same geometry as real prototype:



- Good agreement with data (SiPM xtalk not simulated)
- Effect of glueing is underestimated...

#### Long scintillator bar

• 2 m bar, WLS Kuraray Y11 NOT GLUED





#### Effect of SiPM plastic package

SiPM perfectly aligned



Air/Plastic

-SiPM

Photon beam profile

- More photons from the center of the fiber
  - Less sensitivity to SiPM misalignment



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Air

300 um

#### Light from 1 fiber in 5 and 10 cm wide scintillator



W=5 cm

W=10 cm



 - 43% of collected light at fiber output in 10 cm wide bar

#### Light from 2 fibers on same scintillator





4.5 cm



#### Total = 80 $\gamma$ + 79 $\gamma$ = 159 $\gamma$ = +49% wrt 1 fiber

#### Light from 2 fibers on same scintillator





#### Total = 87 $\gamma$ + 93 $\gamma$ = 180 $\gamma$ = +68% wrt 1 fiber

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#### Conclusion

• First version of simulation was setup

- First tuning done by comparison with real prototype
  - data reproduced at 10-20% level
  - SiPM cross-talk not simulated
  - behavior well reproduced.

### Part 3: Neutron irradiation test

#### Setup at Gelina facility

- Low energy neutrons (peak at ~40 meV)
- Total fluence  $\sim 2 \times 10^{10} \text{ n/cm}^2$
- Measure dark rates and charge spectra





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#### Dark rate vs neutron fluence

Threshold on integrated signal (>1.5 pixel)



#### • Hamamatsu 1x1 mm2, 50 um pixel









#### Charge spectra: example 2

#### • FBK 2012 1x1 mm2, 50 um pixel









#### Charge spectra: example 3

• FBK 2008 1x1 mm2, 50 um pixel









#### Scintillator irradiation



- 2 prototype bars (WLS w/ and w/o glue)
- Irradiated with  $\sim 2 \times 10^{10} \text{ n/cm}^2$  ( $\sim 6 \times 10^8 \text{ 1Mev eq.}$ )
- NO measurable effect (preliminary)

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#### Conclusion

- Very preliminary results
- Single photon capability (calibration) lost after few 10<sup>9</sup> n/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Scintillator, fiber and glue not affected

# Backup slides

#### Prototype setup



#### Prototype setup



### Integrated charge measurements



#### **Dark Noise rate measurements**



arbitrary units

Threshold [pixels]

T~23°C

#### **Correlated Noise effect**



- Use Toy MC to generate 53 detected photons with Poisson statistics
- Apply 20% crosstalk + afterpulse

 Measure: (2993-2681)/5=62
fired pixels !!

#### SiPM from Bologna



#### FBK 1x1 mm<sup>2</sup> old 2008 sample, model C, ..not state of the art.. 50 μm pixel

Caveat: not optimized optical coupling

#### **Emission/Absorption spectra**



Scintillator: EJ 200



WLS fiber: Kuraray Y11



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#### Photons arrival times

If scintillator and WLS fiber decay times are NOT simulated:



#### Photons arrival times

- Adding decay times simulation:
  - scintillator:  $\tau = 2$  ns
  - WLS fiber:  $\tau = 7.5$  ns



#### Photons detected by SiPM

- About 100 detected photons/MIP
  - simulation not yet tuned

