

The FAIR project

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FAIR GmbH is coordinating the construction of the accelerator and experiment facilities. The participating countries contribute with their technical and scientific expertise to the project, in addition to their financial and in–kind input.









The **PANDA** spectrometer



Italian group's activity

PANDA Italian groups are involved in the following activities:

- Design of the 2T superconducting solenoid, realization of the gas beam dump of the Cluster-jet target: Genova
- Micro Vertex Detector: Torino_ge
- Muon detector & general DAQ: Torino_mu
- Internal target for hypernuclear program: Politecnico di Torino e LNL
- Straw Tube Tracker: LNF, Ferrara
- General and Tracking Software: Pavia, Torino_mu, Ferrara

Italian leadership roles

P. Gianotti: deputy spokesperson and Tracking system coordinator D. Bettoni: Physics coordinator and publication board chair S. Spataro: Deputy Computing coordinator D. Calvo: MVD coordinator A. Rivetti: Electronics coordinator D. Greco, M. Savriè: pubblication board members F. Iazzi: conveener of hypernuclear physics program M. Maggiora: conveener of electromagnetic physics program R. Parodi: responsible of the design of the "superconducting coil"

Main tasks of the Central Tracker





...Habemus central tracker

The Collaboration Board acknowledged the high-quality work done by the tracking group, which went into an external review of the PANDA CT projects. Very nice results were accomplished in the past by both groups. Finally it was decided that the STT will serve as solution for the central tracker for PANDA.

STT layout

- 4636 Straw tubes in
- 23-27 planar layers in 6 hexagonal sectors
 - 15-19 axial layers (green)
 - 4 stereo double-layers for 3D reconstr.
 - ±2.89° skew angle (blue / red)
- Time readout (isochrone radius)
- Amplitude readout (energy loss)
- $\sigma_{r\Phi} \sim 150 \ \mu \,\text{m}, \,\text{s}_{z} \sim 3.0 \,\text{mm}$ (single hit)
- $\sigma_p \sim 1 2\%$ at B=2 Tesla
- X/X₀ ~ 1.2% (²/₃ tube wall + ¹/₃ gas)
- R_{in}/R_{out}: 150 / 418 mm

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Length: 1500mm + 150mm (RO upstr.)

Straw Tube Design

- Straw tube materials:
- Al-mylar film, d=27µm, ∅=10mm, L=1500mm
- 20µm sense wire (W/Re, gold-plated)
- End plug (ABS thermo-plastic)
- Crimp pin (Cu, gold-plated)
- Gas tube (PVCmed, 150µm wall)
- Cathode spring contact (Cu/Be, gold-plated)
- Locator ring (POM)
- Attachment strip (GFK) with electric ground
- 2.5 g weight per tube
- $X/X_0 = 4.4 \times 10^{-4}$ per straw tube



	Element	Material	X [mm]	X _o [cm]	X/X _o
	Film Tube	Mylar, 27µm	0.085	28.7	3.0× 10 ⁻⁴
	Coating	Al, 2× 0.03µm	2× 10 ⁻⁴	8.9	2.2× 10 ⁻⁶
	Gas (2bar)	Ar/CO ₂ (10%)	7.85	6131	1.3× 10 ⁻⁴
	Wire	W/Re, 20µm	3× 10 ⁻⁵	0.35	8.6× 10 ⁻⁶
				Σ_{Straw}	4.4× 10 ⁻⁴
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Self-Supporting Straw Layers

- Novel technique:
- Straw tubes are assembled under overpressure (△p=1bar)
- Pressurized straws are close-packed (~20µm gap) in planar layers on a reference groove table and glued together (glue dots)
- Strong rigidity: multi-layer straw module is self-supporting
- No stretching from mechanical frame, no straw reinforcements needed
- Perfect and strong cylindrical tube shape by inner gas overpressure
- Lowest weight, precise geometry, maximal straw density



Self-Supporting Straw Layers ..

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Pressurized, close-packed straw layers show strong rigidity, demonstrated here by 3kg Pb-brick.



Axial and Stereo Layer Modules

Axial quad-layer module:

- 4 close-packed axial layers, glued together (glue dots)
- Increased rigidity compared to double-layer
- Even number of straws and gas lines per module
- Replacement of inner faulty single straws possible
- Stereo quad-layer module:
 - 2 Skewed double-layers (+2.89° / -2.89°)

Axial and stereo straw layer modules

Shorter tubes at corners, connected to next skew. dlayer

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STT Mechanical Frame

- 2 Separate semi-barrels with end flanges, connected by spacer bars
- Flanges are mounted to "Central Support Frame"
- Flanges with precision holes to fix straw modules
 Semi-barrel components
- FEM analysis: 0.03mm max. deflection
- Inner & outer protection skins (~0.1% X/X₀ Cfiber)
- Mechanical frame weight: 2× 9 kg
 - 11.6 kg Straw tubes (4636× 2.5g) with
 - strong wire stretching (230kg equiv.)
 - strong tube stretching (3.6t equiv.)

	2300 Straw tubes Straw grounding, box Electronics, gas supp
with	Total weight
iv.)	Material
)	Density Youngs modulus Radiation length (X ₀)
	Thermal expansion

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2 End flanges

6 Connecting bars (4 needed) 2300 Straw tubes	30 N 60 N
Straw grounding, boards	20 N
Electronics, gas supply	110 N
Total weight	280 N
Material	Aluminum
Material Density	Aluminum 2.7 g/cm ³
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FEM analys

60 N



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Central Tracker Mechanics





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STT Software

STT simulation software is complete and fully implemented in PANDARoot. Full responsibility PAVIA Group. *GEM Chambers*

The track finder procedure for tracks crossing the STT detector is divided in several steps:

STT local track finding
MVD + STT track finding
GEM extension
Event mixing and clean-up

procedure are ready.

Pattern recognition of secondary vertices is still under development

Micro Vertex Detector

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dE/dx Simulations

- Within the PandaROOT framework: 5000 protons @ 2.9 GeV/c traversing the PANDA STT
- 1. Simulation, digitization and reconstruction (with Kalman filter)
- 2. Track selection: number of hits/track in STT limited to 16 to compare with test measurement
- 3. dx calculation (3D): $dx = 2 \cdot \sqrt{r_{tube}^2 r_{drift}^2} / \cos \lambda$
- 4. dE/dx per track (as for experimental data)







Single track studies

STT+MVD+GEM Pattern Recognition



CT cable routing













Summary

Italy is involved in PANDA since the very beginning.

in these years LNF has been involved in STT detector design:

- Straw materials optimised: thinnest mylar film tube (27µm)
- Self-supporting straw layer technique with strongest rigidity at lowest weight reduces mechanical frame structure
 - Dense filling with 23-27 layers in radial direction

$$- X/X_0 = 1.2\%$$
 (²/₃ wall + ¹/₃ gas)

- STT TDR submitted to FAIR March 2012
- Construction will start next year
- LNF has the responsibility for the straw construction, the mechanics, and the detector integration

