

REPORT ON DIRECT MAPMT READOUT

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HEADLINE

- Where were we coming from
- Used components
- Latest measurements
- Anger Camera's in use
- Summary



READOUT ELECTRONICS EVALUATION SYSTEM

History

- Required parameter for pulse processing: charge per neutron
- dependent on number of photons hitting photocathode, quantum efficiency, gain of MaPMT
- difficult to predict (reflective effects)
- adjustable to some degree by MaPMT gain
- ROSMAP readout system for evaluation
 - digitization and counting mode available, but only digitization mode used for tests
 - 2x VA32HDR14.3 ASICs for digitization of channels with 10:1 (changed to 3:1) charge splitter for measurement up to 200pC input charge
 - trigger derived from PMT dynode signal
 - 14 bit ADC, data values are delivered with 8 bit resolution via ModBus interface
 - read out rate of ~50 Hz achieved for digitization mode (with python interface)
 - external high voltage supply for MaPMT







STANDARD NEUTRON SCINTILLATOR

GS20-⁶Li-glass

- Usage of Li-glass scintillator and PMT for light detection
- Apply threshold on PMT signal height to select and register neutron peak
- Emission peak at ~390 nm (Ce doped)
- Light yield ~ 6000 photons/n (corresponds ~1.5 MeV gamma)
- Neutron Sensitivity
 - 65% @ 1 Å
 - 85% @ 2 Å





Scintillator with support glass





MULTIANODE PHOTOMULTIPLIER (MAPMT)

• Hamamatsu H8500 / <u>H12700</u> :

- dense array of PMT channels with small amount of dead space (~89 % active area)
- possibility of modular and scalable design for large areas
- High-Rate Mode (SoNDe):
 - count rate capability theoretically up to max. 1 MHz per MaPMT
- also: High-Resolution Anger Mode
 - position resolution of ~0.6 0.7 mm





SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Current architecture







TRENZ ELECTRONIC TE0720

- Xilinx Zynq SoC micromodule
- ARM dual-core Cortex-A9 MPCore
- 10/100/1000 tri-speed Gigabit Ethernet transceiver (PHY), SGMII accessible on a board-to-board connector
- USB 2.0 high speed ULPI transceiver
- 32-bit-wide 1 GByte DDR3 SDRAM
- 32 MByte SPI Flash memory (for configuration and operation)
- 4 GByte e-NAND (up to 32 GByte)
- Plug-on module with 2 × 100-pin and 1 x 60-pin connector
- 152 FPGA I/O's (75 LVDS pairs possible) and 14 MIO's Valid MAC Address and 2K serial EEPROM
- SHA-256 authentication chip with unique serial number







TE0720 L1IF (lower power consumption)





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DETECTOR READ-OUT MODULE

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TESTS WITH THE MODULE



Measurements using a neutron beam in Munich.







NEW HIGH-RESOLUTION ANGER-NEUTRON DETECTOR BASED ON H8500 MAPMT

- Motivation:
- Scalable design for larger detector size
- Higher resolution by smaller pitch size of neighboring light detectors
- Higher count rate by smaller detector units
- Replacement of Hamamatsu R3292 photomultiplier
- \rightarrow Usage of H8500 MaPMTs from Hamamatsu





NEUTRON MEASUREMENTS WITH VHR DETECTOR

Pixelated MaPMT

- Single H8500 MaPMT with ⁶Li-glass scintillator and Anger readout electronics
- Measurements at TREFF and at KWS-3



- Empty beam; no sample; open thresholds
- To be used for calibration and discrimination table



- Thin Cd and Boron Carbide Diaphragm in front of the detector
- Hole size 0.5; 1.0; 2.0 and 4 mm with 10 mm spacing
- => Spatial resolution < 0.7 mm FWHM



"SMALL" DETECTOR (VHRD) :: RESOLUTION TEST

VHRD :: used size:<u>3x3</u>cm², pixel ≈0.12mm :: Q_{min}@20Å :: 0.00003Å⁻¹



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- Backend Board was designed
- Adaption to the ASIC board was successfully
- Electronic Tests with one Module was shown
- Very good collaboration with IDEAS Team
- New High-Resolution Anger-Neutron





HIGH RESOLUTION ANGER - MODE

Position Sensitive Tube

- Anger-Principle:
 - Scintillator light spread over several PMTs
 - Determine position by PMT signals (R ~ 0.1 pitch size)
- KWS-2/3 & TREFF: Anger detector with position sensitive PMT
 - ⁶Li-Glas scintillator for neutron capture
 - Photomultiplier with Mesh-Dynode structure
 - Readout via resistor network
 - Position reconstruction via division method

3 x 3 Diaphragm with 2 mm holes and 10 mm spacing







DISTORTION CORRECTION

Mask scan



