Status of the Photosensor Testing Facility (PTF) at TRIUMF

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Objectives



Characterize and study optical properties of PMTs under consideration for HK and near detector.

- Measure PMT acceptance.
- Map reflectivity of PMT: important for reconstruction algorithms.
- Measure wavelength and magnetic field dependence.

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The PTF setup



- 5 stepping motors for each of two manipulator arms (gantries) \Rightarrow 5D (x,y,z, rotation, tilt)
- Optical box contains USB powered board with 3-axis magnetometer, accelerometer and gyroscope (*Phidget*).
- Active cancellation with Helmholtz coil, passive cancellation with two layers of g-iron.
- Light shielding with dark curtains.

The PTF setup



- Waterproof optical box with laser, monitor and receiver PMT attached to the head of the gantry arm.
- Multiple light sources: 405 and 467nm pulsed laser, Xe lamp with several filters.
- Collimator, polarizer and beam splitter.

Mechanical system: alignment





- Improvement of mechanical stability and reliability.
- Alignment of boundaries of X, Y and Z motion for both gantries with respect to each other up to 2 mm and maximize phase space.
- Alignment of rotation axis: needs to be improved.
- February: Full survey and realignment using laser trackers.
- Alignment measurements and measurement accuracy studies under development.

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- DAQ and control of PTF through MIDAS.
- Improvements of the DAQ software: increase of phase space for scans and reliability of long scans.
- User friendly interface for taking measurements.
- New measurement sequences being tested: alignment, reproducibility, normal incidence scans,...
- Automatic conversion of MIDAS files to ROOT files with a flat tree structure.
- Automatic run logging.

Water system



- Water pumping and purification system ready.
- Tests in the PTF for early March when tank is in place.
- Particle counters for water quality monitoring installation at end of March.

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HPD setup in PTF: noise control



- July 2014: 8" HPD prototype arrives at TRIUMF.
- Proper shielding and grounding of power supply cables crucial for noise reduction.
- Motors switched off during measurement to limit noise from motor controller.
- Increased AD bias voltage to almost maximum rating (340V) by increasing LV control voltage (2.33 to 2.8V).

HPD signal





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8" HPD pedestal and single PE distribution



- Excellent 1pe resolution.
- Very good peak to valley ratio and signal to noise¹ ratio.

¹Signal to noise ratio = ratio of SPE peak to pedestal sigma

8" HPD pedestal and single PE distribution



AD Bias Dependence

- Optimal 8" HPD performance at PTF at LV control voltage of about 2.75-2.8V.
- Individual PE peaks become very clear up to 5 PE in charge distribution.

HPD timing resolution





- Fire laser at HPD.
- Use 500 MHz digitizer (Caen V1730) for acquiring waveform of monitor PMT and HPD.
- Width of $\Delta t =$ fitted monitor PMT LE time fitted HPD PMT LE time is resolution.

HPD performance at PTF

	8" HPD @Kamioka	8" HPD @PTF (LV: 2.8V)
1PE resolution σ/μ	12%	11.2%
Peak to valley ratio	5.2	5.25
Signal to Noise	12	12.3
Timing resolution σ (ns)	1.1	1.05

- Same performance of 8" HPD in PTF as in Kamioka after improved noise control.
- Next: Dark noise, pulse shape and stability (gain, DN).
- PTF in good shape for 20" PMT measurements.

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8" HPD: first intensity map



- Scanning the PMT with the laser pointing vertically downwards in 2cm steps.
- Using fixed pedestal subtraction and 1PE gain here to calculate average PE per point.
- Real asymmetry? \rightarrow Rotate PMT.
- Actual acceptance should be measured with normal incidence: need PMT curvature and new measurement sequence.

HPD vertical 5mm scan with two HPD orientations



- Fine grained scan shows interesting non uniform pattern with large local variation.
- Circle with increased intensity possibly from internal reflection on metal inside the PMT (also observed by Hamamatsu).
- Pattern rotates as HPD rotates.
- Next: low intensity scan to map gain dependency.

HPD vertical 5mm scan with two wavelengths



- Different laser intensity for both!
- Similar pattern seen in both wavelengths.

HPD vertical 5mm scan with 5° tilt



• Similar pattern seen, although different HPD cross section scanned.

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HPD receiver PMT



- Fitting circle using bins with number of PE between 0.45 and 1.2.
- Inner circle seems offset from center of circle.
- Use center of PMT sphere in gantry coordinate system for acceptance, measure height manually.
- Probably only one bin where reflected photon is seen, matches offset of receiver PMT wrt laser.

HPD receiver PMT



• Detailed mm stepsize scan shows profile of reflected light!

Summary

- Improvements in both software and hardware of PTF.
- Setup at PTF shows same excellent HPD performance as setup in Kamioka.
- Water system is ready to be tested in-situ.
- February: finalize 8" HPD performance characterization, normal incidence and angular acceptance studies.
- Improvement of alignment and measurement of reproducibility and accuracy.
- Measurement of PMT curvature and study of effect on normal incidence measurement.
- 3 20" PMTs will arrive at TRIUMF mid/end of Feb: preparation for installation in tank ongoing.
- March: First measurements in water.

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Backup

Magnetic field compensation

- In addition to the Earth magnetic field, presence of additional magnetic fields (eg. from TRIUMF Cyclotron).
- Active cancellation with Helmholtz coil, passive cancellation with two layer of g-iron.
- Field scans with phidgets mounted on gantry arms.
- Calibration of offsets in magnetometer on phidget using accurate Gaussmeter (up to 0.1mG).



Optical system





- Light sources: 405nm pulsed laser and Xe lamp with filters.
- Connected through fiber to optical boxes.
- Collimator, polarizer, beam splitter.
- Monitor PMT and receiver PMT.



HPD signal before noise reduction





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