SoLID Heavy Gas Cherenkov Update









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Planned HGC Prototyping Studies



C\$100k grants from CFI & Fedoruk allow us to construct one SoLID HGC module for testing.

Questions to be addressed:

- Enclosure deformation at 1.5 atm operating pressure (investigate design and metal alloy options).
- Performance of the O-ring seals against adjacent units.
- Performance of thin entrance window in terms of light and gas tightness (test several options).
- Optical performance.



Conceptual design by Gary Swift, Duke U.

Progress since August 2016 meeting



HGC Entrance Window Pressure Tests

- We constructed a jig to test the CLAS-12 LTCC window material (1.5mil Tedlar-3mil PET-1.5mil Tedlar) under SoLID HGC operating conditions.
- One full-size entrance window was tested on the jig, material provided by Maurizio Ungaro.
- Air was slowly pumped to
 0.5atm overpressure, and the window deformation measured.
 - The pressure was maintained 24hrs and after observing no further deformation, the window was deflated and then the pressure raised until failure.





HGC Entrance Window Test

Despite the fact that the vendor (Madico) quotes this material as rated for 6 atm continuous performance, we observed:

- Very unacceptable window deformation, nearly 6" at 0.5 atm overpressure.
- Window failure occurred at only 8.6psi overpressure, well below any satisfactory safety margin.
- A full test report is available upon request.
- We need a clarification on the maximum window deflection allowed by SoLID space requirements.



We are investigating other window material options, including a kevlar-mylar material used for high performance sailboat sails recommended by Dave Meekins.

HGC vessel prototyping

- A small wooden mock-up of the prototype enclosure has been constructed to better understand the various fabrication issues before we start cutting metal.
- In the conceptual design by Gary Swift (Duke), there are a lot of beveled edges between the three segments making up the top of the enclosure, and where the PMTs mount.
- We can save some costs in the final assembly if we reduce the amount of fancy machine-work required, such as by replacing some parts by rolled aluminum plate, or by casting certain parts.
- This will also improve the mechanical rigidity of the structure, and reduce the number of potential pressure leakage points.





HGC vessel design considerations



It will be very helpful to our prototyping if we can have at least approximate answers to the following questions:

- 1. Can the HGC be assembled as a single unit and then installed in the magnet, or must it be split into two halves (and sealed) vertically, in situ?
 - The first option might simplify the vessel design.
- 2. How the HGC mounts to the magnet structure, e.g. via rails at top and bottom.
 - Is there any additional mechanical stress that must be accounted for?
- 3. Can the structure of the shell be increased in the exit area (more 'spokes') so the back window panels can be smaller and thinner?
- 4. Can the detector width be increased in Z (beam direction), by 2" to 4" to provide clearance for window bulge and an externally accessed mating flange for the halves (or segments)?

HGC prototyping

- We have purchased 50 uncoated LHCb-type mirror samples and drop shipped them to Stony Brook for aluminization testing.
- We have also provided one reference mirror used as part of our Hall C SHMS HGC work, for calibration of the Stony Brook setup.

Funds remaining: about C\$85k.



LGC and HGC mirror

• Mirror blanks

- Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer CFRP (Same as LHCb RICH)
- Areal density < 6 kg/m^2
- Total reflective area per mirror is roughly 0.3 m²
- Reflective coating provided by Stony Brook
 - ► Al with high reflectance ($\geq 85\%$ for 200 nm < λ < 620 nm)
 - × Protective layer MgF_2
- Position small sample blanks at strategic places and coat each blank with Al/MgF₂
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SBU Mirroring

INFN Evaporator



Italian Evaporator (all in cm)



* Stony Brook University | The State University of New York









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How to coat: Electron Gun







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Reflectivity Measurement (relative)

• Spectral analysis of each sample mirror





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MAPMT Test

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- Borrowed test platform from Hall B
- Use 470 nm laser as the light source and diffuse the light to give full coverage of the MAPMT surface
- Use filter to attenuate the laser to get single photoelectron spectrum (SPE)
- 17 MAPMTs tested and SPE fitted





Readout board

- Default(?): CLAS12 RICH MAROC3 with additional a total sum, waiting for design and sample to test
- Alternative: summing board as follows (design by Jack McKisson from detector group)

Flat test board for one MAPMT

Waiting for quote



One section of actual vertical board



PMT shielding

- Zhenyu Zhang from Wuhan U has a PhD student (Shuang Han) who could help on the project
- Solenoid ~200 Gauss could be used to test the shielding



Gas and gas system

- full system: talked to Jack, but he hasn't had much time to work on it yet
- Small system for prototype testing: use HallC HGC gas system?

backup

- Fit the single photoelectron spectrum:
- Model 1: E.H. Bellamy et al., NIM A 339(1994)468
 - The number of photoelectrons follows Poisson distribution
 - The response of multiplicative dynode system is approximated by a Gaussian distribution
 - The ideal spectrum is the convolution of the Poisson distribution and the Gaussian distribution
 - The realistic spectrum is the convolution of the ideal spectrum and the background charge distribution (caused by leakage current, thermoemission, etc.)

$$f(x) = P(m; \mu) \otimes G_m(x) \otimes B(x)$$

m is the number of the photoelectrons



 Problem: during the fitting, it is found that the initial value of the fitting for each pixel need to be adjusted by hand to get a good fit result, which is time-consuming especially when we have 17*64 = 1088 channels

- Better model might help
- Model 2: Pavel Degtiarenko, arXiv: 1608.7525
 - The number of photoelectrons follows Poisson distribution
 - Multiplicative dynode system:
 - Photoelectron hitting the first dynode might knock one or more second-stage electrons: another Poisson distribution
 - The response of other dynodes are still approximated by a Gaussian distribution
 - The spectrum is the convolution of two Poisson distribution and a Gaussian distribution
 - Also considered the non-uniformity of the first dynode: assume 3 different averages for the Poisson distribution describing the first dynode

- Benefits:
 - The scale, sigma is almost identical for each high voltage setting (they depends on the gain of the PMT)
 Name scale
 - mu only depends on the property of the photocathode ^{v₁}
 - nu1, alpha2, nu2, a_2 alpha3, nu3 only depends on the property $\frac{\nu_2/\nu_1}{\nu_2/\nu_1}$ of the first dynode $a_3/(1-a_2)$
 - the initial value of the parameters could be ν_3/ν_1 determined and applied to a couple of pixels

Table 1: List of PMT model fit parameters

Limits		Brief Description
> 0	_	average amplitude of SPE
		signals (channels ADC)
> 0		standard deviation of the
		pedestal fit (channels ADC)
> 0		average multiplicity
		of photoelectrons
> 0	_	average multiplicity of the
		first gain component in (24)
[0, 1]	_	portion of second gain
		component in (24)
[0, 1]	_	relative multiplicity of the
		second gain component in (24)
[0, 1]	_	relative portion of third gain
		component in (24)
[0, 1]	_	relative multiplicity of the
		third gain component in (24)
> 1	_	average multiplicity at the
		second dynode



Distribution of mu for PMT HA000**D**istribution of nu for PMT HA0000



is the average multiplicity of one photoelectron at the first dynode (average of three Poisson distribution)