Test Beam Program for 2014

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Availability of test beam at CERN

- SPS beam for users is expected to start on October 13th 2014. Beam stops on December 14.
- The new Gamma Irradiation Facility (GIF++) is expected to be available for users in fall 2014 (some delay possible due to safety rules)
- Tests to be performed before that dates must be done outside CERN.
- Do we need them?

Tests on small (10x10) prototypes

- A number of additional tests on beam on small prototypes can be useful to study different working conditions of the detector:
 - Gas composition
 - Drift velocity
 - Working point
 - Etc. (see talk on Status and Plans for Data Analysis)
- These studies are not urgent \rightarrow can wait for the SPS
- Easier to be performed on our standard test area in H6 from end of 2014 to 2015
- Possible additional tests in magnetic field with Goliath magnet or at H2
- No need to go somewhere else

Tests on working quadruplets

- A number of 'mid-size' 'almost-final' working quadruplets will be available from beginning of 2014
 - Frascati, Saclay, CERN/Mainz
 - I of the CERN/Mainz chamber (MSW) will be installed on the Small Wheel in June 2014
- Chambers can be evaluated in labs (cosmics, X-rays)

Do we need a more detailed study on beam?

- the prototypes will be built with different methods and techniques, should we test them all in the same environment?
- The CERN/Mainz chambers will have 2 resistive strip panels done with sputtering and 2 with screen printing. It is instructive to validate the difference with some precision
- The only possibility of testing these chambers on beam before the construction of Module-0 is going outside CERN. Time slot should be ~spring 2014

Where?

- LNF group has reserved a 2-week period at BTF end of February (still to be confirmed). Not the best beam condition: 500 MeV electrons; from the experience done in DESY the energy is too low at least for precise resolution studies
- DESY. 5 GeV electrons, this time won't have the 'problem' of the magnet coil
- PSI? Others?
- Do we need to do some high rate test with neutron or photons
- Where?

Test on Module-0

- Four Module-0 will be available in second half of 2014
- Test on beam will be done at H6
- At least one Module-0 will be installed at GIF++ for a long term ageing test
- At least one Module-0 should also undergo intense high rate test with neutron or photons (also for measuring sensitivity to n and γ for final detectors)
- Where? Demokritos test site available at any time.