#### Week 30 – Hardware report

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### Last Firday's hardware intervention



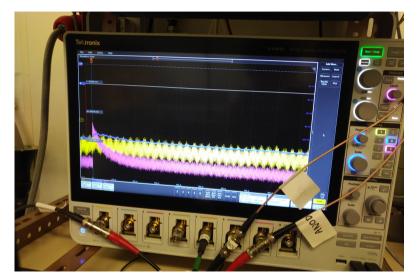




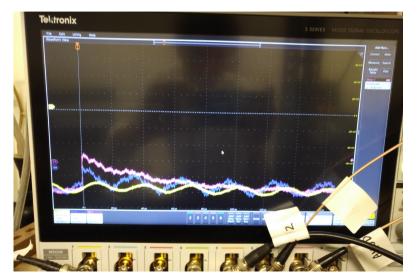
#### HPTPC news:

- ► At up two days a week we have currently (wo)man power from Imperial at RHUL to help with detector works
- Progress since the last meeting
  - lacktriangle Test the effect of the CAEN cathode power supply vs the Spellman (ightarrow They behave the same)
  - ▶ Place the <sup>55</sup>Fe in the centre of the drift region (*cf.* previous slide)
  - Attach an aluminiumised mylar dot on the cathode (for laser tests, *cf.* previous slide)
  - ➤ Successful noise fighting session: We managed to shield the detector against all the high frequency noise and reduce the amplitude of the 50 kHz noise
- ightharpoonup This week  ${
  m Ar\text{-}CO_2}$  data taking continued, still aiming for an  ${
  m ^{55}Fe}$  peak
- ► Analysis of the data taken in Ar-CO<sub>2</sub> @ 1.1 barA is under-way
  - ► Thanks to the improved noise, this data will be probably treated with a sin fit and correction

### A word on high frequency noise – before



#### A word on high frequency noise – after



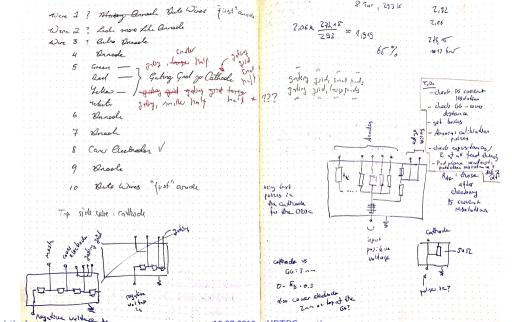
#### OROC

- All shortening cards which we could put, are in place
- The OROC is back in its box and awaits testing
- We have the aircon again running in the MWPC and MPGD lab
- Copper shims should arrive tomorrow or next week
- A slightly reduced list of the usual OROC ToDo's still applies:
  - Put cooper shims
  - □ Do the HV distribution network
  - ☐ HV tests in air
  - ☐ Pulser test in air
  - Construction of the field line termination plane

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#### HPTPC news and not really news:

- $\blacktriangleright$  Data taking with Ar (100 %) at 1 barA to the end of seeing a decent rate of the 100 kHz  $^{55}{\rm Fe}$  source
  - ▶ We do not see a large rate of signals / significant rate increase for higher voltages
  - ▶ The sparking behaviour was reasonable  $\rightarrow$  *i.e.* correlated with the voltage difference between anodes.
- ▶ On Thursday we switched to  $\sim Ar-CO_2$  (90-10) (about 1.2 barA) and went to high voltages
- Friday:
  - ✓ Test the noise performance: cathode-supply from the Spellman vs the last channel of the CAEN module

  - ✓ Opening the vessel
  - ✓ Hanging the <sup>55</sup>Fe
  - ☑ Placing an aluminiumised mylar dot on the cathode (for laser tests)

## ToDo's Hardware report week 29

#### A word on high frequency noise

- ▶ There is 1.35 MHz noise in the data
- ightharpoonup However: It turns out that is only there at certain instances and permanently, uncorrelated with changes to the HPTPC ightharpoonup Possibly something else in the building is responsible
- ▶ In other news: The signal from the preamp at anode 2 looks different, because the evaluation board there has a different capacitor
- ► Hence:
  - ✓ Test the response of the modified preamp to test pulses on the test input
  - ☐ Do the same, but with pulses coupled into the real input using a capacitor
  - □ Drive the preamps into saturation (check first on the old scope as a safety measure)
  - □ Do the same test with a non modified preamp)

#### OROC

- ➤ The first samples for the copper shims arrived, they fit and the rest is ordered
- ▶ Annora measured dust counts and I did a clean of the floor in T111 – We will see whether this helped
- ► The next OROC step:
  - □ Put shortening cards (cooper shims)
  - ✓ Mount the OROC back to the lid of the test box (copper shims can also be placed after this)
  - ☐ Do the HV distribution network
  - ☐ HV tests in air
  - Pulser test in air
  - Construction of the field line termination plane



# ToDo's MPD meeting week 29

#### ALICE MWPC OROC

- ► The get-the-OROC-out-of-box tool arrived and after one round of re-working we can use it now to get the chamber out of the box
- ▶ The chamber looks fine, there are no broken wires visible

#### ToDos (OROC @ air)

- ☑ Check the supply cables and their matching to the wire planes
- ✓ Order copper shims
- ✓ Remove the OROC from the lid
- Place shortening cards and copper shims
- ☐ Built a HV distribution network
- ☐ HV test at air

## ToDo's Hardware report week 26

#### **HPTPC**

- Jocelyn fixed the burst disk:
  - We discovered where was a puncture in the burst disk
  - ▶ It was replaced with a 5 barG burst disk
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- ☐ Filling the vessel again
- Decision on a gas mixture / pressure for a diffusion measurement will be made when we have first insights from the light gain analysis
- ☐ Talk to FIKE what they think is the best solution for our use case (possibly another pressure relive valve)

#### ALICE MWPC OROC

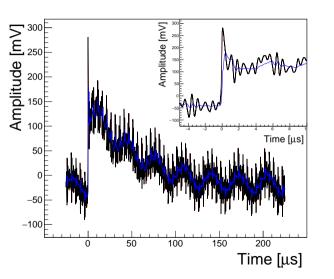
- ► The get-the-OROC-out-of-box tool arrived and after one round of re-working we can use it now to get the chamber out of the box
- ▶ We opened the box and had a look at the chamber the wire protection cover fits
- Currently the chamber is back in the box

#### ToDos (OROC @ air)

- ☑ Check the supply cables and their matching to the wire planes
- ☑ Get handles made (to remove the OROC from the lid of the box)
- ☐ Get copper shims
- ✓ Remove the OROC from the lid
- □ Place shortening cards
- Built a HV distribution network
- ☐ HV test

# ToDo's Waveform report week 25

#### Updates on the waveform analysis code in rapTorr



- There are about 30 k (red) int points below the about 120 k (black) double points → There is no real gain in having all samples with full precision
- Reduce the samples in waveforms while reading in dmtpc files
- Exponential smoothing has been added and it performs well (i.e. orders of magnitude faster than Gaußian smoothing. We are currently checking amplitude spectra with and without
- ☐ Look at waveforms with and without

## Update on the toy Monte-Carlo to model the energy deposited in the detector

- ▶ Using the known decay energies the <sup>241</sup>Am sources ( $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$ ) and the <sup>137</sup>Cs ( $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ) decay energy spectra are modelled
  - ▶  $^{137}\mathrm{Cs}~\beta$ -spectrum: Based on interpolated IAEA data
  - $ightharpoonup \gamma$  and lpha-spectra: Approximated using Gaußians with an arbitrary width
- $\blacktriangleright$  The  $\gamma$  absorption as well as charged particle ranges are extracted from ESTAR, PSTAR and XCOM
- $\triangleright$   $\gamma$ s and  $\alpha$ s are assumed to depose their full energy in the detector
- ightharpoonup Currently cosmic  $\mu$  are added
- ☑ Garfield/heed will be used for the energy deposit of charged particles
- ☐ Furthermore the detector geometry is being put in
- □ <sup>55</sup>Fe is added