

POCAM in P-ONE

Instrument overview

P-ONE General Meeting

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- POCAM = Precision Optical Calibration Module
- Isotropic, nanosecond, self-monitored light source
- Two previous deployments
 - GVD, Lake Baikal, 1000m (2017)
 - STRAW Experiment, North-east Pacific Ocean, 2600m (2018)
- Planned for the IceCube Upgrade (2022)









- **Housing:** Titanium with BK-7 glass hemispheres
- **Integrator:** Optical PTFE sphere (machined at TUM)
- Self-monitoring: Photodiode and SiPM
- Flashing: LED- and Laser drivers
 - Intensity: 6e7 1e11 photons / pulse
 - Pulse width: 1.4 15ns
 - Spectrum: 365, 405, 450, 465, 520nm
- Electronics:
 - Analog-, digital- and distribution board for internal control
 - Modular backend to adapt to telescope DAQ

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Sensor performance



Flasher performance

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Automated calibration















Automated calibration

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Device simulation





- GEANT4 simulation of device matches lab measurements
- Enabled improvements of isotropy by tweaking mounting and material parameters



Simulation setup





- IceCube simulation chain for the Upgrade
- Primary goal is to tackle potential calibration sensitivity
- Secondary goal is to identify run plans and best positioning
- Simulation structure can be adapted for water easily



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Physics studies







- Simulation studies currently IceCube focussed
- Primary goal is to tackle potential calibration sensitivity
- Secondary goal is to identify run plans and best positioning
- Simulation / analysis chain can be adapted to water







https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-0221/15/07/P07031

- Tested for high pressure
 - GVD (1000m water depth)
 - STRAW (2600m water depth)
 - Pressure chamber (7000m water equivalent depth)
- Tested for vibrations
 - ISO 13628-6 (5-150Hz / 5G, 3-axis shocks / 10G)
- Tested for low temperature
 - IceCube Upgrade (-80°C <-> RT stress, -40°C operation)



What's next?



- Simulation work on Upgrade is on-going
 - Adaptation to water can be done!
- Device design frozen early next year
- Potential adaptations / brainstorming for P-ONE
 - can start now
 - maybe include acoustics?





Backup

POCAM history timeline





2013: self-monitored light source idea initially emerged from discussions of Chris Wendt and Elisa
2014: isotropy idea and simulations showed feasibility
2015: prototyping showed spherical version very optimistic
2016: cylindrical design was introduced
2017: first functional prototype goes to GVD
2018: 3x POCAMv2 goes to STRAW

GVD







POCAM stuff











POCAM-ICU













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POCAM stuff





Grid scan





Grid scan





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Grid scan



DOM efficiency / Scattering



DOM efficiency / Absorption



Machine Learning



Step 1 – Define (coarse) DOM response

Instead of using 1ns bins over the full event range of 5us, use only few but exponentially increasing bins \rightarrow gain statistics / bin and lose dimensionality

