Status of the Beetle Readout for the MaPMTs

- history of events
- documentation of setup
- prospects of near future





History of Events I

- □ Thu 14.08.: first ever boardBeetle 1.2 finished and shipped to Edinburgh
- □ Fri 15.08.: lorry of carrier crashed in road accident
- Mon 18.08.: shipment of first boardBeetle 1.2 arrived at Edinburgh visual inspection: board OK
- Wed 20.08.: first data frames after sorting out problems in the I2C level adaptation and the temporary cabling
- □ Wed 20.08.: first boardBeetle 1.2MA0 finished and shipped to Edinburgh
- □ Thu 21.08.: adaptation of FED to differential read-out and

first ever LED light signals via DAQ chain (boardBeetle 1.2) ➡ success!!

(although a limitation of the dynamic range was observed – amplifier saturates?!?)

- □ Fri 22.08.: test of boardBeetle 1.2MA0
 - success!
- □ Sat 23.08.: pack and go

History of Events II

- Sun 24.08.-Wed 27.08.: troubleshooting of interference between WinXP,NIinterface and Labview on DAQ PC
- □ Mon 25.08.: 4 more boardBeetle 1.2 delivered to CERN
- □ Wed 27.08.: move into beam area
- □ Thu 28.08.-Fri 29.08.: infrastructure & cabling for missing interface board
- □ Sat 30.08.: tuning of timing &

first data frames with LED light and one boardBeetle 1.2

□ Sun 31.08.: tuning of setup for Cherenkov light &

first Cherenkov photons with one boardBeetle 1.2

- □ Mon 01.09.: cabling for the MaPMT cluster due to missing interface board
- □ Tue 02.09.: I2C problems with cluster → work around found
- □ Wed 03.09.: mounting & tuning of cluster of 8 8-dynode stage MaPMT
- Thu 04.09.: tuning of read-out map for right geometry match & first ring of Cherenkov photons = success!!
- Thu 04.09.: 1 spare differential FED & 1 more boardBeetle 1.2 delivered to CERN (with saturation of amplifier cured)

Beetle 1.2 chip: pre-bonding



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Zoom for probe-tested Chip

marks of probe needles made some problems at bonding

but finally it worked

Cluster Setup

Prospects of the Near Future

- Mount lenses
- □ Equip full 9 MaPMT cluster with 8-dynode/Beetle1.2
- Planned measurements:
 - HV scans with Cherenkov and LED light
 - Latency and pulse shape scan
 - Threshold scan with binary readout
- □ Expect to fix saturation problem of amplifier
- Expect to extend dynamic range in FED
- Hope to get up to 5 boardBeetle with Beetle1.2MA0 early next week to repeat some of the measurements with the second cluster
- □ In the lab: get interface board and prove functionality
- □ In the lab: cure I2C problem with cluster

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