

Design and testing of a water Cherenkov muon polarimeter.

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28. PARTICLE DETECTORS 1

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28.1. Summary of detector spatial resolution, temporal resolution, and deadtime

In this section we give various parameters for common detector components. The quoted numbers are mostly based on typical devices and should be regarded only as rough approximations for any design. Some detailed descriptions of detectors and their underlying physics can be found in books by Bolter [1], Griep [2], Kishimoto [3], Kuhl [4], and Green [5]. In Table 28.1 we give typical resolutions and deadtimes of common detectors.

Table 28.1: Typical resolution and deadtimes of common detectors. Revised September 2003 by H. Kahl (LBNL).

Detector Type	Accuracy (mm)	Resolution (mm)	Dead Time (ns)
Double chamber	10–100 μm	1 mm	50 ns
Streamer chamber	500 μm	2 μm	100 ns
Proportional chamber	10–100 $\mu\text{m}/\sqrt{L}$	2 mm	200 ns
Drift chamber	100–200 μm	2 μm	100 ns
Scintillator	1 mm	100 $\mu\text{m}/\sqrt{L}$	10 ns
Readout			
Liquid Argon Drift (Ref. 6)	~170–450 μm	~200 μm	~2 μs
Gas Micro Strip (Ref. 7)	30–40 μm	~10 μm	—
Resistive Plate chamber (Ref. 8)	2–10 μm	1–2 μm	—
Silicon strip	40 $\mu\text{m}/\sqrt{L}$ to 125 μm	0	0
Silicon pixel	2 μm^2	0	0

* Multiple reading time.
 † 100 μm in 10–1 mm pitch.
 ‡ Delay line cathode readout can give ≤ 150 ns parallel to anode wire.
 § depending on V_0 .
 ¶ For two chambers.
 // = ratio of collection.
 * The highest resolution ($\sim 7\%$) is obtained for small-pitch detectors (≤ 25 μm) with pulse-length weighted readout.
 † Limited by the readout electronics [9]. (Time resolution of ≤ 25 ns is planned for the ATLAS SCT.)
 ‡ Analog readout of 34 μm pitch, monolithic pixel detectors.

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Three such auto-calibration techniques have been developed and are described along with an explanation of the main configuration settings and potential pitfalls. The main advantage of ground detectors is their 100% duty cycle and the possibility to work in an autonomous way. The physics of the radio emission in air showers is well-understood, and analysis techniques have been developed to determine the arrival direction, the energy and an estimate for the mass of the primary particle from the radio measurements.

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This work aimed at determining how anodic behaviour can be affected by nitrogen present in the steel.

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The muon content has been evaluated by Auger through different methods, and the results suggest that the predictions of models for acceptable nuclei from proton to iron are systematically below the measurements, and favour heavy nuclei at energies where X max measurements suggest light ones.

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For nitrated steel the near-surface pH was increasing when anodic current was rising in the active region, evidently due to binding of protons into NH_4^+ . One key feature to set more constraints on the development of atmospheric showers is a separate measurement of their electromagnetic and muonic components. Water Cherenkov tanks are sensitive to both, but cannot disentangle them in a clean and model-independent way.

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