ICARUS T600 TPC readout electronics

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ICARUS readout electronics

- One mini-crate, mounted on the flange, can host 9 boards serving 576 channels, 64 channels each.
- The boards are directly connected to the proprietary flanges.
- Each board hosts 64 front-end low noise charge sensitive pre-amplifiers, 64 serial 12 bit ADC (2.5 MHz), 0-3.3V rail to rail input range, FPGA, memory, optical link interface...
- The backplane of the crate distributes the power supply and local control signals.



The 64-channel electronics board (A2795)



ICARUS preamplifier and signals

- Three jFet are connected in parallel to obtain g_m in the order of 45 mS.
- Same pre-amp response (shaping peak time and gain) both for collection and induction signals.
- Adoption of a smaller package for the custom BiCMOS dual channel amplifier.
- The gain of the front-end amplifier and filter is 3 V/300 fC. The 12 bit ADC input range is 3.3 V with a least count equivalent to ~500 electrons. This value matches with the amplifier noise of ~1000 electrons with an "equivalent" detector capacitance of ~270 pF (wires plus cables). Paper describing electronics in detail is ready: https://arxiv.org/abs/1805.03931





8-channel Preamplifier module

- All views (including Ind2) are read out with pole-zero cancellation circuit, shaping peak time t =0.6μs (C_d = 0).
- Short shaping peak time preserves bipolar signals allowing for numerical integration of the digitized output.



- Custom made UHV thigh technology (no through-going holes, electrical connections through staggered PCB layers)
- 18 connectors (32 channels each) for a total of 576 channels.
- External side: connectors for CAEN boards insertion.
- Internal side: SMD connectors to receive decoupling boards or cables.
- * 8 additional SMA connectors for test pulse distribution and wires biasing (~ $\pm 500V$).

Flange rendering







Provisional test of decoupling boards and mechanics of the cards cadge (inner side of the flange).

DAQ architecture

- The system provisionally uses the CONET transfer protocol.
- Each mini-crate (flange) will require two CONET loops.
- Each A3818 (CONET interface) can handle 4 loops (2 flanges).



Test facility in CERN (50 liter LAr TPC)



- ✤ 2 wire planes (ind, coll), 128 wires each;
- 2.54 mm wire pitch and 4 mm plane spacing
- ♦ 46.8 cm drift length, at 500V/cm.
- Cable length as in ICARUS collection plane, about 2.5m



Cosmic rays test @ 50 liter CERN LAr TPC



128 collection wires (325 mm) 128 induction wires (325 mm)

- Example of a single mip track event:
 - Same ~2ADC counts (~1000 e⁻) noise for both Collection & Induction;
 - Unipolar Collection signal: ~ 25 ADC counts;
 - Symmetric bipolar Induction signal with slightly reduced amplitude as expected.
 - No filter applied to any data.

Collection signal (on a single wire)

Induction signal (on a single wire)



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- A shower event developing along the drift direction in Collection;
- The optimized preamp architecture results in:
 - no signal undershoot even after large signals;
 - > a very stable baseline;
 - unprecedented image sharpness and better hit position separation due to the faster shaping peak time.
- On induction plane, energy information easily recoverable with dedicated algorithms (e.g. running sum, green curve).
- No filter applied to any data.

Electronics Lab. facilities



Planning for parts delivery_1





Amplifier status:

- ✓ 56,000 channels produced and tested in Elec. Lab. in Padova;
- ✓ 48,000 already delivered to CERN;
- ✓ 2,600 spares in production.
- ✤ A2795 delivery:
 - 267 boards delivered, amplifiers mounted and fully tested;
 - ✓ 150 boards now in CERN. Since 21 of May they will be equipped with amplifier and tested;
 - ✓ A full T300 can be equipped;
 - ✓ For the second T300 half of the boards will be delivered by October 2018.

Planning for parts delivery_2







- ✓ 40 ready;
- \checkmark Full delivery in FNAL by August 2018.
- Mini crates and backplane status:
 - ✓ 105 mini crates already delivered to CERN;
 - All PCB backplanes will be delivered to CERN by June 2018;
 - Backplane will be assembled and installed in mini crates by October 2018.



- Power Supply status:
 - ✓ 24 will be ready by June 2018;
 - ✓ Full production will be delivered to FNAL by November 2018.

Planning of activities

- Installation of the electronics in mini-crates, mounting of the decoupling boards cage inside the flange, wire cable interconnection and closing of the flange is a critical task to be performed at FNAL by qualified people.
- Power supply (low voltage and wire biasing) interconnection, together with fiber readout and trigger signals distribution (through fan-out) is another major task that needs contributions.
- From the moment one has a working electronics to the moment one has it installed and working onto the detector a major work has to be done!