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Testing Plan at Bern

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Purity Module Experiment



First module extraction

February 25th - March 15th

- Operated 2x2 cryostat for 3 weeks
- Several extractions / insertions
 - \rightarrow gained experience in those tasks
- Learned a lot about the properties of 2x2 (e.g. heat-losses, etc.)
- Found many weak points / possible points of improvement

Module Tests in Bern – Weak Points



- Copper dust from LAr filters
- High noise level from pump VFD
 - \rightarrow electrically isolated pump and shield lines
 - \rightarrow moved pump further away
- Cryostat exhaust valve
 - \rightarrow got stuck several times
- Liquid check-valves for level/pressure-control
 - \rightarrow not possible for manual control
- Panel-wall design had many leak paths

Copper Dust



Cathode of the 60 cm drift TPC in the module

Scintillator tile on top of the TPC

Copper dust in module originating from LAr purification filters (picture taken after purification was running for ~50 hours)

→ developing new filters incorporating a particle trap

New LAr Filter Design



 → New design with particle trap is ongoing (using either sintered material or membrane)

Electrical Noise from Pump VFD

Problem: Pump's power supplies (3 phases) and detector need separate GND→ electrically isolate pump (only possible for recirculation pump)



Electrical Isolation of Pump



- VFD in between line reactors \rightarrow reduce voltage spikes
- Power GND, motor and cable shield on same potential
- Minimise length of unshielded phase wires

Cryostat Gas Exhaust-Valve



Custom designed valve with steel shaft and brass guide



Liquid Check-Valves



LAr purification increased module pressure up to ~11 mbar (w.r.t. cryostat)

- → liquid check-valves opened
- \rightarrow LAr level in module decreased by ~10 cm (w.r.t. cryostat)
- → **Problem:** Suck in dirty Argon when stopping recirculation
- → developed manually controllable cryogenic control-valves

Liquid Control-Valves

Developed liquid control-valve in order to control the LAr level in the module



EM controlled, bi-stable check-valve: Either fully open or close (no intermediate state)

 \rightarrow valves enable more complex cryogenics scheme

Cryogenics Scheme for 2x2

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Cryogenics Scheme for 2x2 – Module Insertion



Cryogenics Scheme for 2x2 – Module Extraction



Cryogenics Scheme for 2x2 – Recirculation



Cryogenics Scheme for 2x2 – Refilling



Cryogenics Scheme for Experiment in July

Looks different. Want to test:

- Coiled flexible steel lines below dummy flange
- Module filling through filter
- Pressure control through filter
- New filters
- New PLC
- New cryostat gas exhaust valve

Cryogenics Scheme – For Run in July



Cryogenics Scheme – Module Insertion



To be tested: Using this line for pressure / level control between cryostat & module (see p. 26)

Cryogenics Scheme – Module Extraction



Cryogenics Scheme – Recirculation



Cryogenics Scheme – Refilling



Filling module through filters

Module Pressure Control



- LAr level in cryostat controlled by reservoir above cryostat
- Refilling module with LAr from cryostat (through filter, see previous slide)
- Module and cryostat pressure control via PR1 and PR2 (possibly also through filter – see p. 23)

Bern Experiment in July



SLAC lamination

- Test charge R/O:
 - Sheffield wire plane with latest \rightarrow **BNL ASICS**
 - DAQ from ArgonTube \rightarrow

• Ideally test field-shell produced by SLAC (schedule might be too tough though)





Bern Experiment in July



New PLC (from FNAL) → simplifies 2x2 integration at FNAL

Installation in Bern done by Trevor Nichols in May
→ simplified integration when 2x2 is shipped to FNAL



FNAL PLC rack

Timeline

July:

- New cryostat gas phase exhaust valve
- New designed LAr purification filters
- Test new designed liquid control-valves and new cryogenics scheme
- Test module pressure regulation in gas phase as well as through filter
- Test new installed FNAL PLC
- Test Sheffield wire plane with latest BNL ASICS and ideally test field shell produced by SLAC

August / September:

• Cryostat and associated infrastructure ready for 2x2 (modifications on top flange for recirculation pump are required)

Afterwards:

• Module assembly for 2x2 to be sent to FNAL