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The Performance of the AstroPix Sensor for the Barrel Imaging Calorimeter in ePIC

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Barrel Imaging Calorimeter in EIC detector



R&D goals for FY24

- The electromagnetic calorimeter is the main detector for electron-pion separation in the barrel region.
 - Detection of electrons/photons to measure energy and position
- Requirements for Barrel EM Calorimeter
 - Require moderate **energy resolution** $(7 10)\%/VE \oplus (1 3)\%$
 - Require electron-pion separation up to 10⁴ at low momenta in combination with other detectors
 - Discriminate between π^0 decays and single γ up to ~ 10 GeV
 - Low energy photon reconstruction ~ 100 MeV
- 4(+2) layers of Astropix sensors interleaved with the first 5 Pb/SciFi layers
- Followed by a large section of Pb/ScFi section
- Total radiation thickness ~ 17.1 X_0 at η =0
- Sampling fraction ~ 10%
- Commissioning and characterizing a small Pb/SciFi calorimeter prototype, termed Baby BCAL, using mixed electron/pion and proton beams at the Fermilab Test Beam Facility (FTBF)
- Testing the first integration of the AstroPix v3 single chip with the Pb/SciFi system and the double layer using Astropix v3 single chips

Astropix sensor: Introduction

AstroPix R&D for BIC

- v3: Application in larger NASA payloads
 - Not final version for BIC
 - Single chip and quad chip: under test at ANL
- v4: Currently under test in NASA
- v5: Just submitted engineering run in mid June
 - For use in BIC
 - Similar to AstroPix v3

AstroPix v3 single chip

- 2×2 cm² -size with 35 × 35 pixel matrix, 500 μ m × 500 μ m pixel pitch, 720 μ m thickness
- Very low power dissipation < 1.5 mW/cm2
- The good energy resolution (<10% @ 60 keV)
- Timestamp clock: 2 MHz (500 ns), 8-bit (0-255)
- ToT (Time over Threshold) clock: 200 MHz (5 ns), 12-bit (0-4,096)
- 10-byte data frame per hit
 - Header including Layer ID
 - 5 Bytes of hit information from sensor (chip ID, pixel location, time stamp, Time over threshold)
 - 4 Bytes of FPGA timestamp

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R&D Goal

• M2: AstroPix chips prepared at the bench

1-1. Noise Scan with respect to threshold

- Used Astropix v3 single chips: APS3w06s01
- Bias voltage: 150 V
- LV supply
 - Digital and analog: 1.8 V
 - Gecco board: 2.7 V
 - Amplifier: 1.2 V
- Time windows: 5 secs
- Threshold: 100, 150, 175, 200, 250, and 300 mV





Noise Scan with respect to Threshold [100 mV – 300 mV]



Noise Scan: Masked Pixels

- Disable pixel : Noise > 10
- Used 200 mV threshold for source test and beam test



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- Threshold: 100 mV
- With respect to injection voltages at (COL #, ROW #)
 - Column (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) & Row 0
 - 150 mV 800 mV in steps of 50 mV
 - Time windows: ~ 90 secs for 1k events

Injection Scan: Injection Voltage vs ToT [us]

- Column (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7) & Row 0 and [7, 11]
- ToT [us] as a function of injection voltages from 150 mV to 800 mV in steps of 50 mV.
- Fitting using gaussian function then mean and sigma values from fitting results are plotted.



R&D Goal

• M2: AstroPix chips prepared at the bench

1-3. Source Test using Am-241

- Used Astropix v3 single chips: APS3w06s01
- Bias voltage: 150 V
- LV supply
 - Digital and analog: 1.8 V
 - Gecco board: 2.7 V
 - Amplifier: 1.2 V
- Used threshold = 200 mV
- Masked first three column pixels



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Row

Am-241 Result: 32 × 35 pixels

- Data-taking for 12 hours with 32 × 35 pixels (1,120 pixels)
- ToT distribution for all pixels after applying to scale factor (from proton result)
- Full peak, fitted with gaussian function





Beam Test R&D Goal

- M6: Integrated system commissioned with proton beam
 - AstroPix v3 single chip with Baby BCAL
 - Double layer with two AstroPix v3 single chips

2. Beam Test at FNAL On June 13-18

- 1. Single layer in front of Baby Bcal
 - 1. MIP response
 - 2. Astropix+Baby Bcal: coincident event
- 2. Double layer using two v3 single chips
 - 1. Coincident hits





Beam Test Setup @FNAL

- 'Mtest' Beam line provides particles from 120 GeV protons to secondaries (electrons, muons, and pions) of ~ 200 MeV
 - Single 4.2 s long spill per every 60 seconds
- FNAL instrumentation system
 - Segmented Wire Ionization Chambers (SWICs);
 2 mm wire spacing for tracking
 - Scintillator counter for triggering
 - Two Cherenkov detectors for PID





← M05 & MT4 Cerenkov

MT5/6 Cerenkov Inner/Outter

Controlled



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Room

Si Pixel

Telescope

SWIC

MT6.1

Scintillator

Counters

MWPC (Fenker Chamber)

MWPC Stations can be

moved anywhere.

Time Of Flight Lb-Glass Calorimeter

TOF2 and Lb-Glass Calorimeter

can be moved anywhere.

ead-Glass

Calorimeter

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120 GeV Proton: Astropix, ToT Distributions of 4×4 pixels



120 GeV Proton: Astropix, 32×35 pixels



Scale factor (sf), defined as mean of Most probable value for all pixels/Most probable value of each pixel



120 GeV Proton: Astropix, Energy Distribution of 32×35 pixels



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120 GeV Proton: Coincident Event Display of AstroPix and Baby BCAL

• Baby BCAL triggered by analog signal from [0, 15] pixel of Astropix



*Example plot of 120 GeV proton event display from an integrated system of Baby BCAL and a single-layer AstroPix v3 chip by Henry Klest 2024 EIC User Group Early Career Workshop

120 GeV Proton: Double Layer, Hit Map of Coincident Hit





Summary

- The performance of Astropix v3 single chip is measured at ANL:
 - Noise scan: measured noisy pixels
 - Injection scan: measured a relation between injection voltage and individual pixel output
 - Source test: measured a calibration constant of 17.09 [keV]/[us, ToT]
- Using 120 GeV proton beam at FNAL
 - Astropix v3 single chip,
 - Measured beam position by hit map and average MIP deposited energy of 43.53 keV
 - \rightarrow Extract MIP response
 - Astropix and Baby BCAL,
 - Measured coincident hits between Astropix and Baby BCAL
 - \rightarrow Proof-of-concept tested in the beam
 - Double layer of two Astropix v3 single chips
 - Measured coincident hits between double layer
- Collaboration paper is in progress during this summer.

Thank you







Bench setup **at ANL** with AstroPix



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https://indico.bnl.gov/event/22388/contributions/87696/attachments/53512/91595/eRD115_ImagingCal_Zurek.pdf

EIC Calorimetry Requirements Barrel ECAL in EIC Yellow Report

EIC Community outlined physics, detector requirements, and evolving detector concepts in the EIC Yellow Report.

EIC Yellow Report requirements for Barrel EM Calorimeter

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Challenges: e/π PID, γ/π^0 discrimination, available space



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Geometry





Energy resolution - Primarily from Pb/ScFi layers (+ Imaging pixels energy information) Position resolution - Primarily from Imaging Layers (+ 2-side Pb/ScFi readout and radial segmentation)





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Barrel Imaging Calorimeter: Performance Example



- Goal: Separation of electrons from background in Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS) processes
- Method: E/p cut (Pb/ScFi) + Neural Network using 3D position and energy info from imaging layers
- e-π separation exceeds 10³ in pion suppression at 95% efficiency above 1 GeV in realistic conditions!



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Performance with reduced number of layers e/π separation at 95% efficiency





Default configuration exceeds 10³ pion rejection almost everywhere **4-layer alternate** still performs relatively well at lower energies (where most rejection is needed), larger degradation at higher energies

4-layer alternate seems workable compromise.

Barrel Imaging Calorimeter





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Neutral Pion Identification





- **Goal:** Discriminate between π^0 decays and single γ from DVCS, neutral pion identification
- Precise position resolution allow for excellent separation of y/π^0 based on the 3D shower profile
- Reconstruction of 2 GeV π⁰ invariant mass as a testing ground for cluster energy splitting

Separation of two gammas from neutral pion well above required 10 GeV

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/π⁰ Separation - Exploratory Studies



Convolutional neural network utilizing energy and spatial information from AstroPix layers

• Started from 10 GeV/c at $\eta = 0$ - the upper limit for γ/π^0 from YR

No proper **topological clustering algorithm** in the ePIC reconstruction yet

With a quick study we easily achieved

10 GeV/c particles - **91.4%** rejection of π^0 at **90%** efficiency of γ (better than PbWO₄ crystal with 20mm block size)

4-layer alternate is workable (still better than theoretical limit on a crystal calorimeter!), but reduced π^0

Full study is ongoing:

- Implementing optimized topological clustering for AstroPix layers
- Significant improvements expected







Configuration	γ efficiency	π ⁰ rejection at 10 GeV/c
6-layer default	90%	11.5
4-layer alternate	90%	5.4
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Energy Resolution - Photons



Fit parameters

η	a/√(E) [%]	b [%]
-1	5.1(0.01)	0.47(0.03)
-0.5	4.77(0.01)	0.38(0.02)
0	4.67(0.01)	0.40(0.02)
0.5	4.75(0.01)	0.39(0.02)
1	5.1(0.01)	0.41(0.02)

- Based of Pb/ScFi part of the calorimeter
 - Resolution extracted from a Crystal Ball fit σ

GlueX Pb/ScFi ECal: σ = 5.2% / $\sqrt{E} \oplus$ 3.6% NIM, A 896 (2018) 24-42

15.5 X₀, extracted for integrated range over the angular distributions for π^0 and η production at GlueX (E_γ = 0.5 - 2.5 GeV)

• Measured energies not able to fully constrain the constant term Simulations of **GlueX prototype** in ePIC environment agree with data at $E_r < 0.5$ NIM, 596 (2008) 327–337

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Position Resolution

with 6 AstroPix Layers



- Clusters from Imaging Si layers reconstructed with 3D topological algorithm
- Cluster level information: $\sigma_{\text{position}} = (2.32 \pm 0.06) \text{ mm}/\sqrt{E} \oplus (1.4 \pm 0.02) \text{ mm}$ at $\eta=0$ First-layer hit information added: $\sigma_{\text{position}} = \sim 0.5 \text{ mm}$ (pixel size)

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120 GeV Proton: ToT distributions (June14)



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120 GeV Proton: ToT distributions (June14), scaled



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