Megatile Studies

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Overview: megatile

- Further simplify mass assembly
 - Scintillator plates with embedded structures
 - Optically isolated for individual readout
- Optimize structure by Geant4 simulation



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Note: this list is not meant to be exhaustive; the year corresponds to the earliest one appearing in the documents at hand



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 - Double trench arrays



Predicted performance: MIP response, cell-to-cell crosstalk?





Megatile full simulation: overview

- A scintillator plate (BC408) segmented for 12×12 cells
 - Cells separated by trenches, filled in with white paints
 - Each cell individually read out by an SMD-SiPM
 - Top/bottom surfaces covered with ESR foil
 - Muons pass through the central cell perpendicularly



Trenches filled in with TiO2, presumed to be ideally diffuse





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Individually wrapped tiles

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 - Tilted 45°, 2mm depth (vertical projection)

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Constructed in SU





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- Neighboring cell: 0.36 p.e./MIP
- 2-cell crosstalk: 1.9 % in all 4 neighboring cells

No boundary effects (cut off hit positions within 2 mm from cell boundary)

MC suggests promising low crosstalk level and moderate MIP response

SiPM / p.e

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 - Less challenging parameters, only for the first prototyping
 - Worse performance than previous simulation expectation
 - Still could verify simulation by adapting new parameters







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This first prototype still different from optimized design; promising performance if optimal designs can be realized



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Thank you!



Backup





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- Many manufacturers tried, but could not produce the steel grids with sub-mm thickness at the size ~ 36x36 cm²

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