





# Project mTOM

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- calibration
- 'golden' events for reconstruction
- ML training sets
- other cosmic ray surveys



# **Motivation**





 $\leftarrow 2.25^\circ \text{ off vs } 0.37^\circ \text{ off } \rightarrow$ 



 $3.06^\circ$  would be reduced to ~0.1°







mTOM hit rad. distance from center



Significant difference in both observed and naively reconstructable quantities Rel. simple selection of 'golden' events

# Current state

# Scintillator geometry

- ideal length is ~15 cm
  - active area vs attenuation
  - **120° arc**
- SiPM mounted from the sides significantly more efficient than from above
  - cosmic ray incidence rate 3 times higher
- reflective surface and light-tight
  - $\circ$  possibility of TiO<sub>2</sub> coating (no major difference)





#### SiPM read-out

- uses 6x6mm SenSL SMT photomultipliers
- is powered from a 5V powering line boosted to 30V (neg. bias recommended)



• outputs a "standard" (100s of ns) and "fast" (2-5 ns) signal



## **Pre-amplification**

- ideally right after SiPM output (robust signal before any bends/wires)
- LT1807

— dual, user-friendly, lower unity-gain bandwidth

• OPA656

🦢 built for transimpedance amplifiers

• currently working well for standard but distortion for fast output



## Comparator

- LTC 6754 1.8ns propagation delay, 13mA quiescent current
- voltage threshold currently from a voltage divider (eventually from DAC)









## Communication



- each mTOM in a DOM can connect as a Slave in Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) through CLK, MISO, (SS) lines
  - $\rightarrow$  ensures DOM/mTOM time in sync
- LTC6754 (which draws the most current) allows a shutdown mode can be handled through the Slave-Select line
- 3 mTOMs in a DOM can be daisy-changed, then master can sample each comparator output at clock frequency (lower angular resolution)
- microcontrollers on mTOMs programmed to send a unique sequence when comparator output high (timing issues)

#### Power, noise, temperature management

- currently using a DC-DC booster to achieve 30V (includes an inductor)
- bypass transformer recommended by manufacturer
- comparator draws 13.5 mA at 5V (1mA when shut down)
  - → total power consumed < 0.1 mW
- digital/analogue separation, sizable ground plane, no loops etc.
- temperature calibration curve will need to be measured

