HV Supply Commissioning

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Hardware Test Unit



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Tests planned

- 6 different tests:
 - Test 1: Min. voltage, Max. current (test A877 partitioning transistors)
 - use resistive loads (10 M Wires and Strips, 3.9 M Cathodes)
 - 4 days per board
 - Test 2: Max. voltage, Max. current (test A876 generator)
 - use resistive loads (300 M Wires, 160 M Strips, 60 M Cathodes)
 - 1 day per board
 - Test 3: Ramping cycles (test A877 transistors in variable conditions)
 - use RC loads
 - 1 day per board
 - Test 4: Min. voltage, Null current (test electronics of both modules)
 - No load
 - 7 days per board
 - Test 5: Test at nominal voltage
 - use RC loads
 - 2 day per board
 - Test 6: Independent (direct) measurement of the voltages
 - use voltage dividers (values read using a multimeter)



Hardware & software

- Hardware requirements:
 - Rack
 - A876↔A877 cables (64 HV, 32 LV, 8 Communication)
 - Dedicated PC
 - Loads
 - 24 units for Test 1 (8 boards tested simultaneously)
 - 24 units for Test 2,3 and 5 (8 boards tested simultaneously)
 - 1 unit for Test 6
- Software requirements:
 - Control software (PVSS dedicated program)



Done: test set up at the ISR





Done: Test 4

- Done first because it does not require loads
- Performed between April 25th and June 13th
 - 32 A876 boards tested
 - no problems found
 - 166 A877 boards tested
 - 9 sent back to CAEN to be repaired
- Summary HV boards: tested + used for chambers at ISR
 - 5 SY1527 power supplies
 - 2 problems
 - 40 A876 boards
 - no problems found
 - 185 A877 boards
 - 15 problems



Summary of the problems

- SY1527 power supply:
 - 2 communication problems
 - CPU substituted
- A877 boards:
 - 2 Calibration Errors
 - need to be calibrated again
 - 5 OvC, discharges, noises.....
 - (mechanically) broken capacity or resistor, cabling error
 - 5 UnV
 - (mechanically) broken capacity or resistor
 - 3 OvV
 - broken voltage divider

All the problems promptly solved by CAEN



Future Schedule

- Load Units:
 - first prototype built and tested by E. Borsato -
 - required material delivered
 - construction will soon start in Bologna



(RC prototype)

- Estimated time for tests:
 - Due to the available number of load units:
 - 2 weeks minimum for each set of boards

\rightarrow 4 months for the whole detector



Conclusions

- All the required material has been delivered; we are waiting for the assembly of the load units
- 1/8 of the system is tested simultaneously (2 weeks)
- 4 months needed to test the whole system