Overview of the Van de Graaff Setup

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The Van de Graaff (VG) is a small electrostatic accelerator that accelerates ~10 uA of protons and H_2^+ up to ~400 KeV kinetic energy.



Target and BGO Monitor in Cleanroom



BGO Monitor (no black plastic wrap)



BNC Vacuum Feedthrough



LiF 1.400" diam x .100" thick Cu cup 1.500" diam x .032" thick Macor 1.700" diam x .067" thick Stainless Steel .050" thick





VG Control Panel + BGO DAQ



LiF Target Construction (Faraday Cup)

The VG produces gammas from a Li target.

P (440 KeV) +
$$Li^7$$
 → Be^{8^*} → Be^8 + γ (17.6 or 14.6 MeV)



For triggering the LAT at a higher rate, a different target (LiF) will be used. This provides a high rate of 6.1 MeV γ s as well as the lower rate of 17.6 and 14.6 MeV γs.

$$\rightarrow$$
 O¹⁶ + γ (6.1 MeV)

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BGO Photon Flux Monitor

The BGO Monitor is a (7×7) array of $(2 \text{ cm} \times 2 \text{ cm} \times 20 \text{ cm})$ BGO xtals placed a fixed distance behind the VG target, typically at (-45° 6.0") or (-60° 18.0").

The gains of all xtals were adjusted to be the same (\sim ±5%) by using a Co⁶⁰ source and adjusting the individual PMT HVs.

Pedestals ~20 ±1 channel. Gain ~ 40 KeV / low energy ADC channel

The xtals in each of the four regions in red are analog summed, and the four analog sums are digitized by an Xtal Ball Integrate/Hold Module.

The trigger is: Analog Sum of All 25 Xtals in red > 4 MeV (>2 MeV for LiF target)

Deadtime for digitization and readout = .60 msec / trigger

A 3 x 3 fiducial volume is defined by requiring $(E_1+E_2) > (E_3+E_4)$.

A cosmic spectra (blue VG off) is scaled and subtracted from the VG on spectra (red). The histograms are in 5% energy bins.

An average BGO photon rate is measured for a BGO run corresponding to each EM or LAT run.



Analysis of Each BGO Run

For each run, a time scaled cosmic ray run is subtracted and then the events between fixed energies are summed to find the average rate of photons in the (14.6+17.6) MeV peak for the BGO fiducial area. Dividing this rate by the solid angle of the fiducial area gives the average rate of photons per steradian during the corresponding run of the EM or LAT.



Data from run Van de Graaff run VG42:

Characterizing the VG photon rate versus time (LiF)

Rate in BGO fiducial volume vs time:



Red=VG ON, 6 MeV photons

Blue=VG OFF, cosmics

Leahy Power in 5% freq bins:



- a) Peaks at harmonics of 10 Hz due to minimum computer clock tick = .05 sec
- b) Photon .01 1 Hz rise probably due to VG variability (not seen in cosmics)
- c) .001-.01 Hz rise probably due to variable computer clock (seen in photons and cosmics).
- d) GPS Timing Module(ordered) for PC will time tag BGO events with a long term accuracy of ±2 usec and tick of 100 nsec.

BGO Data Files are ASCI

<u>VG61.DAT</u>

<u>1L</u>	1H	2L	2H	3L	3H	4L	4H	Time	(one line per event)
22	26	248	31	21	26	26	22	5	
20	27	1915	109	776	64	676	53	5	
23	27	253	32	22	27	28	23	5	
22	27	254	32	21	26	26	22	5	
22	27	30	21	21	26	204	31	5	
22	27	30	21	20	26	227	32	5	
24	27	31	21	192	35	32	22	5	
108	30	165	27	21	26	26	22	5	
23	27	252	32	22	26	27	22	5	
22	27	30	22	21	27	152	29	5	
22	27	29	21	21	26	58	24	11	
255	38	30	22	20	27	27	23	11	
23	26	234	31	41	27	27	22	11	
22	26	31	21	21	26	216	31	11	
22	26	31	21	21	26	142	27	11	
22	26	30	21	81	29	191	30	11	
21	26	232	30	20	26	26	22	11	
23	26	162	27	90	30	27	22	11	
32	28	236	31	21	27	27	23	16	
22	27	31	21	22	26	227	31	16	

Average VG Rates (~20 minute runs)

Target (Lines)	[γ/sec]	LAT 6 hit TkrTrig Rate
	into 4π sterad	(MC acceptance)
		[Hz]
LiF (17.6 + 14.6 MeV γ)	1,200	300
LiF (6.1 MeV γ)	76,000	1,900 - 19,000
		(Trig effic in progress)

Analysis EM Looking at VG Photons (17 MeV)) Root Merit Ntuple -> Root2idl (Heather) -> IDL

Tkr1 position in top layer Tkr1 extrapolated to Target Z=50. mm Z= 0.000000 Z =50.0000 200 200 100 100 √ [mm] ~ [mm] 0 0 -100-100-200-200 200 -200 -100 100 200 0 -200 100 X [mm] X [mm] ~0° Effic = γ per steradian seen in EM FracOnTarget γ per steradian seen in BGO 0.4 $= 1200/(.02 \times 2\pi \text{ ster})$ 1152 sec x 13.35 Hz /(.15 ster) 0.3 $= .093 \pm .01$ (due to $\pm 5\%$ BGO dist error) 0.2 $\theta_{68 \text{ Measured}} = a\cos(.88) = 28^{\circ}$ (at 0°) $\theta_{95 \text{ Measured}} = a\cos(46) = 63^{\circ}$ (at 0°) 0.1 $\theta_{target} \sim (.75"/2.0") \times (180/\pi) = 21^{\circ}$ 0.0 $\theta_{68 \text{ EM PSF}} \sim \text{sqrt}(\theta_{68 \text{ Measured}}^2 - \theta_{\text{target}}^2) = 21^{\circ}$ 0 20 40 60 80 100 $\theta_{95 \text{ EM PSF}} \sim \text{sqrt}(\theta_{95 \text{ Measured}}^2 - \theta_{\text{target}}^2) = 59^{\circ}$ [mm] dz to target Cos (Trk1 dir to Target Center dir)-Circle cut Cos of Trk - goodtrk 1400 1400 1200 Entries= 6417. 28275. 1000 1000 800 800 600 600 400 400 200 200-0.5 0.0).5 -1.0 -0.5 0.0 0.5 1.0 -1.01.0 CosTrk CosTheta

 $\cos\theta_{95}$ =.46

θ₉₅=63.°

 $Cos\theta_{68}=.88 \\ \theta_{68}=30.^{\circ}$

