Large mirror test stand

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Overview

Optical fiber tests

Mounting update

Coated full scale mirror

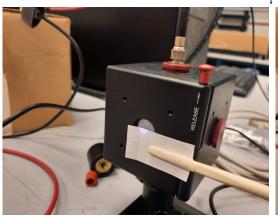
Optical fibers – beam spot size

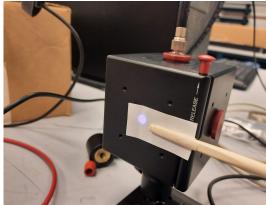
- Tests of different fibers from light source to collimator (200 μ m, 600 μ m)
 - Beam spot size for two different input fiber diameters
 - \circ 200 μ m spot small seem to cause issues with readout (see next slide)
 - \circ 600 μ m spot size larger, but seems to be reasonably small for input port on integrating sphere?
 - Will be tested with mirror inside of test stand

 $200 \, \mu \mathrm{m}$



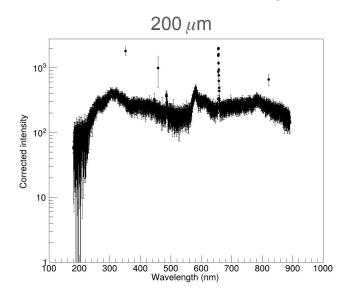


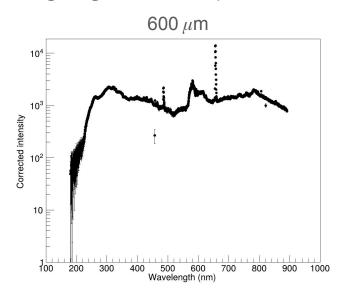




Optical fibers – from light source

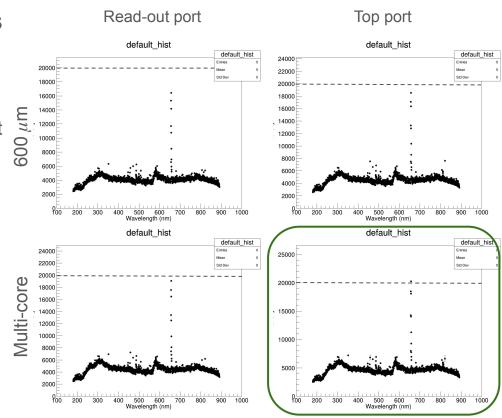
- Tests of different fiber combinations
 - \circ From light source: 200 μ m vs. 600 μ m
 - From integrating sphere to spectrometer: multi-core fiber
 - Integrating time 1s, 10 measurements for each spectrum (mean, standard deviation)
 - After dark current correction
- Small fiber does not seem to provide enough light for the spectrometer





Optical fibers – from integrating sphere

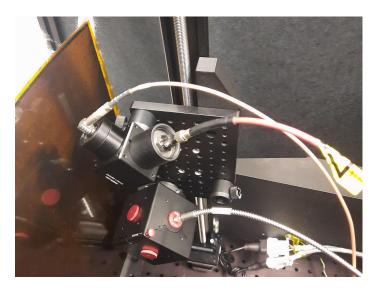
- Tests of different fiber combinations
 - From light source: 600 μm
 - From integrating sphere to
 spectrometer: 600 μm vs. multi-core
 - Two different ports read-out port vs. top port
 - Integrating time 1s
 - Uncorrected measured spectra (with dark current baseline)
- Multi-core fiber provides slightly more light than 600 μm
- Top port gives best light yield



Mounting – update

- New upper stop for linear stage
 - To prevent optical fiber hitting box lid
- Photodiode installed in the box
 - Sean put the photodiode in small housing –







Mounting – fibers and cables

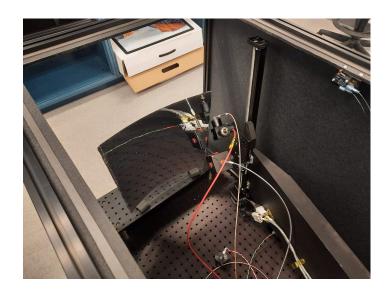
- Tested fiber and cable routing inside of the dark box
 - Full range of motion of stages tested
 - Selected integrating sphere output port (see photo)
 - Other ports can interfere with box walls
 - Custom 3D printed plug for multicore fiber

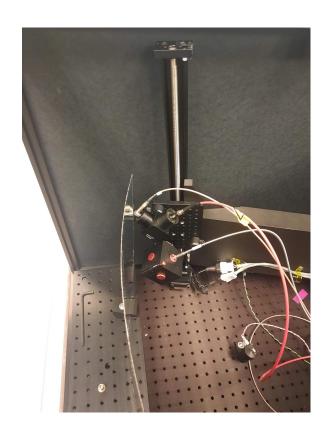




Coated full scale mirror

- Coated full scale mirror arrived at BNL
- Updating mirror holders
 - Coated mirror sits vertically, but needs to be tilted
- First test measurements after mounting is resolved





Estimated work timeline – previous status

1. May

- a. Readout finished
 - Result: Readout software successfully installed and successfully tested
- b. Steering of stages
 - i. Both rotational and linear stage operational
 - ii. Cross-check homing precision for rotating stage should be good enough for now

2. June

- a. Development and optimization of steering and readout software
- b. Prepare for scans of small and large mirrors (finish by end of June)
 - i. Installation of the optical table to the dark box need full scale or small curved mirror
 - i. Optimization of output data format
 - iii. Missing: Curved mirror holders (full scale and small sample)
 - iv. Goal: First test scans

3. July

- a. Deploy full reflectivity scanning framework, including documentation (finish by ca. July 11)
 - i. Present progress at Collaboration meeting
- b. Start full mirror scans (have ready by end of July)

4. August

- a. Make sure everything is working and properly documented for anyone to take over (by August 15)
- b. Help with any leftover items (by end of my contract at BNL, August 21)

Estimated work timeline – current status

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 - Result: Readout software successfully installed and successfully tested
- b. Steering of stages
 - i. Both rotational and linear stage operational
 - ii. Cross-check homing precision for rotating stage should be good enough for now

2. June

- a. Development and optimization of steering and readout software
- b. Prepare for scans of small and large mirrors
 - i. Installation of the optical table to the dark box
 - ii. Optimization of output data format ongoing, will be finished with coated mirror
 - iii. Curved mirror holders minor updates needed

3. July

- a. First test scans with coated mirror (first full scale mirror coating this week)
- b. Deploy full reflectivity scanning framework, including documentation (finish by ca. July 11)
 - i. Present progress at Collaboration meeting
- c. Start full mirror scans (have ready by end of July)

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