Radioactive beam production via in-flight fragmentation of stable ions at high energy

Challenge: bad quality of radioactive beam,

large spacial, angular and energy dispersions, mixture of different ion species

- Position and time of each projectile hit are needed
 - Missing information can be obtained by tracking projectile ions one-by-one

Why tracking is needed? Physics data reconstruction





Institutions involved into tracking

1) GSI Darmstadt Germany
 2) Universität Köln Germany
 3) IFIN-HH Bucharest
 4) University of Huelva
 5) University of Sevilla
 6) University of Dehli

Diamond detectors SeD

Romania

Spain

Spain

India

simulations DSSD SeD, simulations Stintillator detectors

Beam tracking for HISPEC/DESPEC experiments planned at FAIR





initial values

Energy [MeV/u]	$540 \rightarrow 4$
Deg. [mg/cm ²]	5195
ε_{x} [mm mrad]	82
ε_{y} [mm mrad]	38
2 σ _p / p [%]	1.21

optical transmission : $\sim 52\%$ total transmission : $\sim 31\%$

For beam tracking detectors at HISPEC/DESPEC, we are investigating:

- ▶ a large area tracking detectors;
- good position, energy and time resolutions;
- ▶ the corresponding integrated fast electronics (FPA and ADC).
- with the possibility of working with high counting rate;
- the corresponding radiation hardness, and
- Iow level noise.

The ideal detector for tracking:

- Large area of 20 x 50 cm²
- Counting rate ~ 10^8 particles/sec with corresponding radiation hardness
- NO noise degradation
- Time resolution (with beam) < 100ps
- Energy Resolution $\Delta E/E \sim 1\%$
- Position Resolution ~ 1mm

Beam tracking Detectors for the Low-Energy Branch of NUSTAR



Physics principle of semiconductor detectors for particle registration.

Most silicon particle detectors work by doping narrow strips of silicon to make them into diodes, which are then reverse biased. As charged particles pass through these strips, they cause small ionization currents which can be detected and measured.

Example 1. Fine spacial tracking with microstrip detectors



Dimensions 70x40 mm², 100m strip pitch, in total 1000 channels http://dpnc.unige.ch/ams/GSItrac ker/www/

- •FEE based on ASIC VA64_hdr9 (IDEAS) with high dynamic range, 100 keV 14 MeV
- •Low noise to separate protons (dE of a proton in 300μm Si at 500AMeV: ~166keV)
- Energy resolution ~50 keV
- Sensors produced by CSEM/COLYBRIS
- 1024 readout channels/detector
- Small pitch to provide good angular resolution
- •Designed to work in vacuum (W< 3 W/detector)
- •Remote bias setting/control
- Remote temperature control

GSI readout board SIDEREM



•3 fast 12 bit ADCs, pedestal suppression, processing by DSP •Conversion + processing time ~ 100 μ s \Rightarrow maximum rate 10⁴ events/s •Interface to GSI DAQ via GTB (VME system)

* Serial read-out, digitalization,* pedestal and common-noise subtraction.

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GSI

Tracking scheme in the GSI experiment S271, "Two-proton decay of ¹⁹Mg"



Fragmentation ²⁰Mg->¹⁸Ne+p+p Reaction ²⁰Mg->¹⁹Mg->¹⁷Ne+p+p

X,Y uncertainties of tracking

for heavy-ions $\sim 14 \,\mu m$, for protons $\sim 30 \,\mu m$



Beam tracking detectors for radioactive ions

Low-energy heavy ions (5-10A MeV)

Participants: (U-Seville; GSI; LNL; GANIL; CEA Saclay; U-Manchester; U-Huelva; STFC Daresbury; IKP-Köln; U-Surrey; U-Liverpool; U-York; IPN Orsay; IFIN-HH; IFJ-PAN Krakow)

Secondary electron detectors (Se-D):

- Ultra-fast position-sensitive MCP detectors with large area. The time and position readout to be investigated.
- Low-pressure gas-amplification detectors with dedicated ASIC electronics, like the Se-D based on MWPC at the VAMOS spectrometer. An alternative is "low-pressure MICROMEGAS" detectors. The performance of these detectors at low pressures has to be investigated.
- Diamonds detectors are very fast and radiation-hard. They will be tested as secondaryelectron detectors in conjunction with fast current-sensitive preamplifiers (rise-time 0.5 ns).
- Fast DSSD and ultra-fast organic-scintillator detectors.
- The fast front-end electronics to be developed and produced.

Example 2. Emissive foil detectors (SeD)



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Secondary electron Detectors at VAMOS, GANIL



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Se-D active area 10x40 cm²



Magnetic coils

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Results of tests & experiments at GANIL

Ions	E (MeV/A)	dE/dx (MeV/mm)	Efficiency	Time resolution (FWHM ps)
Heavy Fission frag. Average Z~53	0.6	13800	100%	250
Light fission frag. Average Z~45	1	13200	100%	250
⁷⁶ Ge	2	10500	100%	500
^{24}Mg	12	1050	85%	800
^{12}C	10	320	75%	1000
Alpha	1.5	160	40% (70%*)	1200*

Conclusions

-Detector able to cope with a few **10**³**pps** (limited by electronics dead time)

-Spatial resolution : 1-2mm

-Time resolution : 1.5ns (light ions) to 300ps (heavy ions Z>40)

-Total thickness in the beam : $0.6\mu m$ Mylar foil = $75\mu g/cm^2$

SeD development: the Micromegas concept



SeD development: to implement the technology of Micromegas CERN/COMPASS

X,Y active area 40x40 cm²



World largest micropattern Gaseous detectors in use on an HEP experiment (2002-) specifications
 MIP localization with σ <100 μm
 Integrated flux of 300 MHz

 5.10⁵ MIP/s/cm², 450 kHz/strip
 Front-end Electronics

 16 channels ASIC developped at SeD

 tp=85 ns, σ_{ENC}<1250e-, seuil à 4000 e-
 performances
 spatial resolution σ =70 μm
 temporal resolution of 9 ns

 \checkmark 0.15 discharges/spill, local dead time < 3 ms



96-99,5% efficiency

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Example 3. Fast timing with MCP detectors



The MCP detectors from Dubna (N.Kudryavtsev) at GSI

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Test of MCP detectors in GSI





- Time resolution -100ps
- Position resolution
- for alpha particle 3mm
- for fission fragments -0.5 mm



TEST - Experiment (Slowed down beams) at GSI - 09/2008, S2-FRS

A 600MeV/u of 64Ni beam is slowed down to 2MeV/u by Al degraders;

Energy of the slowed and scattered 64Ni ions is measured by a TOF method, before target with a scintillator detector and after target with the MCP detector.

The Si detector stop the particles detecting their energy; ExTOF analysis.

The MCP detector consisted of a thin 6cmx4cm foil; Associated to the fast pre-amp allowed to obtain:

- ► Spatial Resolution of about 0.5 mm and
- ► Timing ~ 100 ps.





Example 4. Fast timing with diamond detectors

Superior properties of diamond as a charged particle detector

	Silicon Z=14	Diamond Z=6		
Band gap [eV]	1.12	5.5	+ operation at RT	
Dielectric constant	11.9	5.7	 small capacitance, noise reduction 	Ξ HV
Resistivity [Ωcm]	2.5 · 10 ⁵	1011	+ negligible leakage current, noise	⊥ · ÷
Thermal conductivity [W/cmK]	1.5	20	+ the best known heat conductor	 Pixels
Carriers mobility [cm²/Vs]	e: 1350 h: 480	4500 3800	+ fast signals	Applications:Beam monitoring:
Displacement energy[eV]	24	80	+ radiation hardness	• ToF spectrometry,
e-h pair creation energy [eV]	3.6	13	- small induced signal	651, M50

Chemical Vapour Deposition - a break through in diamond detectors production

Natural, HPHT synthetic diamonds

- High costs
- Limited sizes
- Impurities



Poly crystaline - CVDD:

- Ø = up to 5°, 1-500μm
- CCE ≈ 50%
- detection efficiency ~70%
- fast timing
- price 2.5 US\$/mm²





Single crystal - CVDD:

- 4 × 4 mm², 1-500μm
- CCE = 100% -good energy resolution
- detection efficiency ~100%
- fast timing
- price 50 US\$/mm²

Element Six (UK): 1 x 1 cm² SC CVDD



Detectors



SC CVDD detectors: 4x4mm², 110-500 μm (GSI Detector Laboratory)



 PC CVDD 4-fold segmented detectors: 1x1cm², 13-60µm (GSI Plasma Physics dept) In-beam evaluation of time and energy measurements with diamond detectors at a low beam energy and a high particle rate

CNA-Seville 3MV tandem laboratory

The CNA-Seville 3MV tandem





P. Bednarczyk et al., Acta Phys. Pol. (2007)

Summary. Large-area tracking detectors and their fast readout electronics

The dream beam-tracking detectors should provide:

- fine spacial resolution and a minimum ion energy absorption,
 - excellent timing resolutions (better than 100 ps),
 - high efficiency and high counting rate,
 - radiation hardness.

We need fast electronics:

- Vacuum-fit pre-amplifiers
- Discriminators in pico-second range
 - Analog-to-digit convertors

THE NEW EUROPEAN NETWORK DITANET(2008):

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- Comissariat a l' Energie Atomique (CEA)
- Deutsches Elektronensynchrotron (DESY)
- Gesellschaft für Schwerionenforschung (GSI)
- Heidelberg Ion Therapy (HIT) GmbH
- Horia Hulubei National Institute of Physics and Nuclear Engineering (IFIN-HH)
- Stockholm University (SU)
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- University of Seville Centro Nacional de Aceleradores