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Test Detector Response using the Carbon Beam

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Detectors & FrontEnd & DAQ



dE|E Setup



E Setup

Tandem Setup overview



Alpha (Am241, 5.486 MeV) Calibration dE (Front PD, ~5um) detector response E (Back PD, 300um) detector response



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dE|E Alpha Calibration



dE|E Alpha Calibration



dE|E – Alpha Mass



Carbon 10 MeV charge 2 and 4 (dE|E (Front|Back) Configuration) dE (Front, ~5um) detector response E (Back, 300um) detector response Iris diameter 6 mm



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10 MeV Carbon dE|E setup $(T_F + T_B), T_F vs. T_B energy spectra$



10 MeV Carbon beam dE|E setup M*Z² spectra





- Mean charge is the same for both initial Carbon Beams.
- There are some indications that charge distr. has lower tail, but our resolution does not allow to give quantative estimation.
- There are no reasons to assume that equilibrium charge state for the 10 MeV Carbon does not have place.

Carbon Calibration Carbon 0.3, 0.6, 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, and 6.0 MeV Single Hamamtsu PD, 300um response Hamamatsu array PD response BNL array response





- - best response is given by the Ham. single
- Hamamatsu strips & BNL strips are similar except for the BNL-strips of
 0.3 MeV which are out of the range (dead layer ?)

Carbon Calibration without dead layer correction



Carbon Calibration Dead Layer Estimation

Method: Use of deposit energy for Carbon initial beams and Alphas from ²⁴¹Am source. Search minimum Ch2 from the linear fits with the application of stopping power for different dead layer thicknesses.



Carbon Calibration

Dead Layer estimation method: verification evaporation of 20nm and 50nm AL on Hamamatsu Single detector; estimation of the dead layers.



Carbon Calibration.

With dead layer correction

Resume: after applying dead layer correction one can use the Alpha calibration and linear dependence on the energy.



Carbon 0.6 MeV

Resolution Iris Ø6mm, Carbon Beam 0.6 MeV



The Hamamatsu-single (S3590) has best resolution (as was expected).

Note: since the Hamamatsu-strips (S4114) had thickness about 10 times less than BNL-strips, we expected that Hamamatsu-strips should have worse resolution than BNL, but it seems not the case.

Carbon 0.6 MeV Peak Rate dependence



Carbon 0.6 MeV Resolution vs Rate



Carbon 0.6 MeV

Amplitude vs. Rate/BiasCurrent





- Iris ø6mm
- Shaping: 40nsec for S3590 65nsec for S4114&BNL

On the whole, performance is surprisingly good even at the high bias current S3590 (Hamamatsu-single) shows the best.

Light sensitivity Single Hamamatsu PD, 300um



BNL and Photodiode using the WFD-based DAQ



WFD DAQ



Conclusion

- Equilibrium charge state

The value of Carbon Mean Charge is independent on the initial Carbon charge at 10MeV. The equilibrium charge state is reached faster for the solid media compare with gaseous material when Carbon ions penetrate the media. As it was pointed out by Peter Thieberger, there is no ground to believe that we are working in non equilibrium charge state at the Carbon energy range (0.1 – 4 MeV) and ≥20 ug/cm² dead layer thicknesses. Practically, it means that it is safe enough to use stopping power values, provided for example by Zeigler (or ESTAR, SRIM-2003), which take into account the mean charge of the Caron ions.

- Thin detector performance

Since the Carbon range in Si at our energies less than 5µm, it is possible to use such very thin detector in the CNI setup. It will minimize response for fast prompt particles ("prompt free" detector). Unfortunately, our result shows bad resolution (~185 KeV for Alpha). To improve the resolution the additional studies (e.g. instead of Charge sensitive Preamps use Current Preamps) are required. Also, we got some "bad" news from Hamamatsu: this device is out of production. So, consideration of using the ultra thin detector is unpractical, at least for now.

Conclusion Detectors + Preamps/Shaper performance

Three detectors had been tested:

1. Hamamatsu (single) S3590

this detector gives best performance in term of:

- good resolution (17 KeV for Alphas, 21 KeV for 0.6 MeV Carbon);

- inverse bias current versus rate (~0.02µA at "zero" rate, ~0.7µA at 755 kHz);

- Carbon response versus rate (~4% amplitude shift at 0-755 kHz rate range);

- Carbon resolution versus rate (~20 KeV at "zero" rate, 44 KeV at 755 kHz). Can be use for Carbon detection for energy as low as ~150 KeV!!!;

- easy way to make light shield;

- robustness (ten years old device gives almost the same performance that the new one);

- modern cost (~\$220 per detector).

Some improvements for our needs can be done by Hamamatsu:

- to decrease Si thickness from 300µm to 100µm;

- to decrease Dead Layer (from 55 μm to ${\sim}30~\mu g/cm^2$ without removing the passivation layer;

- mounting it to "window" ceramic base.

Unfortunately, it is impossible to decrease sensitive area without changing mask.





Conclusion Detectors + Preamps/Shaper performance

2. Hamamatsu (strips) S4114

This 35 strip device has more complicated structure than another, but... it has the lowest cost (\sim \$140 per detector).

Although it gives almost twice worse performance (except for amplitude versus rate) than S3590, there are the main two advantages of use them into CNI setup:

- it has $\sim 30 \ \mu m$ depletion layer thickness (compared to 300 μm) that will minimize the prompt response;

- it has small effective strip area (3.96 mm²) that can be useful for the high rate application.

In our setup we grouped three strips together.

Unfortunately, nothing can be improved straightforward about Hamamatsu. So, we have to use them like they are.



Conclusion Detectors + Preamps/Shaper performance

3. BNL strip detector

This 12 (10 x 2) mm strip device was manufactured by the Instrumentation Division. Compared to Hamamtsu detectors this detector does not have a passivation layer. It has 300 μ m thickness (the same as S3590). We tested detector that is made for 2009 run. In fact, we use first detector which was mounted to the new ceramic board.

The main difference of the 2009 detector to previous years Is that it had the high 40kV implantation voltage. Compare Of the old BNL detector to the present one gives the twice low slope bias current vs.rate.

There are no Alpha and Carbon spectra degradation at $\sim 3\mu$ A bias current like it was for the old one. It has about twice better resolution for Alpha as well as for Carbon. Although the Carbon response is worse that for the Hamamatsu detectors, the main performances (resolution and rate) are compatible with S4114. One of the main surprise is that we've got the high Dead Layer thickness ($\sim 138\mu$ g/cm²). The value was about 1.6 times higher as predicted. In fact, we were not able to detect the 0.3 MeV Carbon due to this. This is a subject for further investigation. Possible future improvements:

- decrease thickness to 100µm;

- make ~5nm AL "safe" layer (needs mask modification)



2009 setup

To test PD detectors (S3590&S4114) at "real" condition. It would be good to include these detectors in the present polarimeter setup:

1. Blue ports:

- equip the two ports with the Hamamatsu-strip (S4114) PD detectors;

use 12 channels configuration (the same as in Tandem setup):
4.4x2.9mm = 12.76 mm² - st 2009 setup rip effect area is about twice less than for the BNL-strips;

- use the same front-end as for the BNL strip detectors

(~70nsec Shaper).

2. Yellow ports:

- equip the two ports with light shielded

(50nm Al) Hamamatsu-single (S3590) PD detectors;

- use 2 channels configuration for each port;

- use 8x4mm collimator for each detector (32mm² effective area is 1.45 times more than for BNL-strips);

- connect detector to the new ChargePreamps &40nsec Shapers with the 0.5m low-capacitance coax cables.

The signals from these 4 ports are to be connected to the present DAQ (based on the WFD digitizer). The reverse voltage for these detectors is provided by separate Bias power supply.



