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Simulation Response of B4C-Coated PPAC for Thermal Neutrons Using GEANT4 Monte Carlo Approach

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In this work, we report a technique employed for the detection of thermal neutrons using the parallel plate avalanche counter (PPAC). In order to make the detector sensitive to thermal neutrons a thin layer of $^{10}B_4C$ has been coated on the forward electrode of the PPAC configuration. Upon falling on the converter coating, charged particles were generated via the $^{10}B(n,\alpha)7Li$ reaction. In this simulation study, thermal neutrons have been simulated using the GEANT4 MC code, and the response of the detector has been evaluated as a function of neutron energy.

For a better understanding of the simulation response, the performance of the detector has been found using the two different physics list i.e., QGSP_BIC_ HP and QGSP_BERT_HP.

The obtained results predicted that such boron-carbide based PPAC can be potentially utilized for thermal neutron detection. A complete description of the detector configuration and the simulation results are also presented.

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