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TAMIA, a Versatile Tool for Materials Analysis

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Accelerator building



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A versatile 5-MV tandem (TAMIA)

Several ion sources (3+1)

Alphatross, MISS, MC-SNICS, DUO)

Electrostatic & magnetic analyzers

ESD & IM, analyzing, switching magnets)

Five beam lines for various experiments

- •``Electrostatic Proton Generator´´ EGP-10-II:
 - Belt-driven 5-MV vertical tandem, N2+CO2 80:20, 16 bar
 - Inclined field accelerating tubes
 - Recirculating gas stripper (Ar, CO2)

- Triple beam facility:
 - Tandem
 - 500 kV implanter
 - 30 kV implanter

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Renovation of building & accelerator





Tandem entrance & building renovation

Injector hall in September 2010

lon source room





Injector magnet

Tandem entrance

Injector magnet platform today





Ion sources room & injector platform

ESD, electrostatic deflector (cylindrical)

- Rotatable to choose beams from either the 40-sample MC-SNICS for AMS (hybride) or the Alphatross for He ions
- Moved up to allow beam straight from the fourth ion source
- Manually operated, but stepper motor easy to install
- Directs the beam through EQT, BPM, and deflector to

Two-sided 90-degree injector magnet

- Allows installation of several ion sources
- Single-focusing, resolution could be better
- Ions from a single-cathode Cs-sputtering IS on the other side, beams from other three IS chosen in the ESD
 - Stray field resulted in turbopump failure

MC-SNICS-40

hybrid

Alphatross

Duo-

plasmatron?





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Low-Energy Ion beams through tandem

- Any ion from IS can be run
 - Tested ions from carbon to copper
 - Some instability at high beam currents
 - No terminal voltage
 - If AM polarity reversed, can be run to target (not tested)
 - But note Br = 0.10 to 2.25 Tm (900 keV p to 80 MeV 238U)
- Allows mutual calibration of
 - Injector magnet and analyzing magnet
 - At keV energies
- Instabilties at higher beam currents
 - Seen at BPM after tandem
 - Charging of some parts somewhere (broken resistor?)



Inside tank



Terminal-voltage stabilization

- New electric feedthrough for corona needles (must be low impedance?)
- New stabilization electronics (NEC)
- GVM, slit, CPU
- new resistors to be installed in 2013
- New GVM/amplifier (NEC, Oct. 2011)
 - Adapter flange & feedthrougs
- Terminal recirculation installed 10 yrs ago, NI CRI/O working well
- gas stripper, two bottles, CO2 or Ar, the latter for AMS to reduce background
- pumping tube, allows monitoring stripper gas composition remotely (RGA)





Beam diagnostics

Beam profile:

- Transversal intensity cross-section (XY) of beam
- Beam transport, focusing/scanning
- Fast digitizing & readout of BPM signals
- Benefits
 - Storage of quantitative data for later use
 - Allows automation
 - Reconstruction of XY profile

Faraday cups

- Slow AC-motor manipulators replaced with
- pneumatic ON/OFF control.







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DAQ and control



NI CompactRIO & PXI + LabVIEW

- Event counting
- Ion current measurement (multiplexed DMM)
- Automatic conditioning of electrostatic analyzer
- Monitoring of HV terminal (active control in future)
- Will eventually replace lucite control rods
- Fast Comtec GmbH MPA
 - Multiparameter detector data
- SQL database
 - Playback of beam parameters



Current application projects

AMS

- Hybrid-MC-SNICS is being installed (fall 2012)
- Bayesian data analysis

IBA of multilayer structures

- TOF-ERDA
- RBS, NRA

Modification of materials, detector tests

- Proton irradiation
 - Probed by PAS (positron annihilation spectroscopy), microwaves, laser, CV&IV
 - Temperatures from 10 K to 300 K
 - Calibration of solar wind detectors (ESA)



Modification of Materials (cont'd)

- Study of irradiation effects
 - Heavy-ion irradiation (20 MeV ¹²C)
 - Buckypaper (carbon nanotube fibers)
 - Graphene
 - Probed with ultrasound, TEM, AFM
 - MD simulations





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Effects of activation by proton irradiation on silicon particle detector electric characteristics



Proton irradiations in developing radiation hard detectors:
•defects in silicon similar to pions,
•more efficient compared to neutron and electron irradiations





Processing (left) and mounting of silicon detector (right)





LN2-cooled goniometer for detector irradiation

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Effects of activation by proton irradiation on silicon particle detector electric characteristics



S. Väyrynen et al, JOURNAL OF APPLIED PHYSICS 106, 024908 2009

Wait at least 15 min after irradiation before starting electrical measurements to avoid effects of silicon activation



Recovery of breakdown voltage of the Fz detector

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Breakdown of silicon particle detectors under proton irradiation

Detectors made on Czochralski and float zone silicon materials irradiated with

- 7 and 9 MeV protons at 220 K.
- Biased up to the operating voltage.
- At specific values of the fluence and flux of the irradiation
 - a sudden breakdown in the detectors occurs
 - the breakdown is an edge effect
 - the buildup of an oxide charge lead to an increased localized electric field, which in turn triggers a charge carrier multiplication





AMS as an example of the performance

Good transmission

- Not 100% but almost (for protons > 50%)
- Very low machine background
 - Natural diamond, hammered in cathode holder (no chemistry!)
 - Reasonable 13C current, but only a few 14C counts in 200 s
 - Requires Bayesian data analysis
- Fraction modern (FM of 1950 14C)
 - Converted to radiocarbon age (in years BP) by
 - Age = -8033*log(FM)
 - Examples:
 - Age11: 88700 +1500/-1800 years
 - Age22 : 88900 +2900/-3600 years



AMS performance

Radiocarbon blanks (white diamond):

- Thin lines = separate measurements for the same cathode
- Thick lines = combined results
- Results of the two cathodes combined
- Three different diamonds (shown here in red, green, blue)











Back to the 60's: low-energy nuclear physics with 5-MeV tandem

Measurement of excitation curves of reactions

- Target preparation techniques advanced from the "early days"
- Implanted targets, nitride/carbide composites
- Compounds readily available in various form

Example: ¹³³Cs(p,n)¹³³Ba, using Csl target

J. Granholm et al, J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. **38** (2011) 015101



Low-intensity beams from MISS for detector calibration

Aim of the experiment:

- Energy calibration of particle detector
- Detector will be launched to solar orbit
- Very low intensity on target required:
- 100 to 1000 protons at 1.5 to 10 MeV



- Slit stabilization not possible
- Need to rely on GVM
- No signal from BPM
- Observed
 - Energies measured by particle detector and given by accelerator differ
 - Which one is correct?

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TOF-ERDA of multilayers

•35 to 60 MeV ions of CI, Br, or I (the easiest!) •Heaviest ion used: 197Au

- •Two timing detectors (300 ps) + Si for total energy
- •Replaced 15N NRA hydrogen profiling since 1995





Summary

Modifications (before the shut-down in April 2010)

- Easier/faster tune-up
- Error diagnostics
- Data stored for further use
- Expandable by other tasks and devices
- Modular, off-the-shelf components \rightarrow flexibility
- Encourage to further improvement
- Results after renovation
 - The accelerator building itself ready February 2011
 - Tandem in use from April 2012
 - Robust & reliable operation
 - No big mistakes, yet!
 - Development on-going



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