

R3B future silicon tracker

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R3B (Relativistic Reactions with Radioactive Beams)





- The aim of the R3B collaboration is to construct a versatile experimental setup and perform experiments using relativistic radioactive beams across the full energy range available at FAIR
- The experimental assembly is designed to conduct kinematically complete nuclear reactions in inverse kinematics with fixed-targets

Scheme of the experiments





- The target region is surrounded by the silicon tracker (blue lines) and a CALIFA calorimeter (black)
- Neutrons are detected by NeuLAND (green)
- Beam-like particles are tracked before and after the dipole magnet by an array of detectors (red)

Requirements for recoil system





- Elastic/inelastic and quasi-elastic scattering
- *E* = 300 700 *M*eV
- Minimum 2 layers, vertex determination (1-2 mm)



Requirements for recoil system



- Hit rate up to 5 kHz/ch
- First layer 50-100 μm, second 300 μm thick
- Low energy threshold 40 keV
- Strip size 100 μm,
 better 50 μm
- No heating of the liH₂ target
- Minimum material in the theta angles ≤90°



Requirements for recoil system







- Lampshade design is preferreable against a barrel
- Electronics in the backward section

Detector units





R3B ASIC



Input Signal Polarity	negative or positive
Coupling to Detector	DC
Detector Leakage Current	0-100 nA
Detector Capacitance	few pF to ≈ 80 pF
Maximum Data Rate	5 kHz/channel
Energy Range	0.04 - $50~{\rm MeV}$
Energy Resolution	8 keV (RMS)
Timestamp	100/200 MHz clock
Peaking Time	$0.5~\mu s$ - $8.0~\mu s$

- Fully custom design
- Self-triggering, time-stamp sync
- Slow control of all thresholds, integration time and other parameters
- 12-bit energy measurement

Full system





 $300 \ \mu m$ inner layer (100 μm detectors did not work properly)

Second outer layer is possible but not installed

- 2-layer (one inner and one outer layer) system
- Full electronics, slow control, HV system
- Cooling with water circulation

L3T performance



- $\circ~$ 300 μm inner layer is a large limitation on vertex and angular resolution
- Noise level of the ASIC is far above the design
- Minimum energy threshold of 150 keV (120 keV for some channels) instead of 40 keV
- Very low efficiency of the proton detection proved with cosmics and special test at KVI in 2019
- At this stage L3T is not usable as a recoil detector for R3B
- L3T is an official In-kind contribution of UK, issue is reported to STFC, 6-months study is initiated, decision is expected in Q2-Q3 2021

Present recoil system

- Double-sided Si microstrip detectors
- Area 28 cm², 300 µm, 100 µm strip pitch
- Energy resolution ~1%
- Dynamic range from p to Fe (can detect protons and heavy ions)
- Very low energy dissipation of FE electronics - works in vacuum without active cooling
- 1024 channels, multiplexed readout (trigger rate 2.5 kHz max)
- Position resolution ~40 μm for protons, ~15 μm for ions





Precise tracking + spectroscopy



S271, S388 experiments at FRS, tracking of ions + protons





- Key to success of 2p-radioactivity measurements at FRS and R3B QFS experiments
- Forward tracking and recoil tracker configurations

Recoil tracker, Cave C, 2020 - 2021







- Two-arm design for the experiments in Cave C
- Reactions like (p, 2p), (p, p'), (p, pn)
- 6 AMS detectors
- First layer 300 μm thick
- Solid angle (~20%) coverage, much smaller as L3T

Status AMS detectors, October 2020

- More than 6 detectors are available but some are not anymore good (noisy strips, high current)
- Sensors and few components of the FE are not available any more
- Trigger rate is limited the slowest part of the whole setup
- Only 6 SIDEREM readout modules are working
- SIDEREM modules and VME SAM5 concentrator board are old and not repairable
 AMS DAQ from INFN Perugia made working with MBS (backup solution)
- Solid angle coverage is very limited







New microstrip detectors

- New detectors designed for FOOT ESA experiment by Hamamatsu / INFN Perugia
- ✓ 10 x 10 cm, single-sided, 150 µm thick, 150 µm strip pitch
- ✓ Same front-end ASICs as AMS detectors, 15-20 keV energy threshold should be reachable
- New FPGA-based DAQ system for these detectors will be available at the end of 2020beginning of 2021
- ✓ FEBEX-based DAQ is under consideration
- $\checkmark\,$ Trigger rate up to 10 kHz is expected







New microstrip detectors



- Few new detectors are ordered and come in Q2 2021
- ✓ Will be used in pairs providing X-Y measurements
- ✓ First layer AMS detectors
- ✓ Solid angle coverage for (p, 2p) reactions will be higher
- Long liH₂ target can be used increasing the event rate
- ✓ Aim is making combined set ready for the 2022 (and later) campaign
- ✓ Not a replacement of L3T





Inner Tracker System / ALICE



- CMOS Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor (MAPS) combining the sensor and the readout electronics in one single device
- Thickness of 50 µm or 100 µm (two options)
- Sensor size 15 x 30 mm² and hosts 512 x 1024 pixels
- Pixel size 29 x 27 µm²
- TowerJazz 0.18 µm technology (Tower Semiconductors is an Israeli-American company)

ALICE Inner Tracking System



- Power consumption 40 nW/ pixel or 20 mW/sensor, can work in vacuum with moderate cooling
- Operation in magnetic field up to 0.5 T is possible

Radiation hard technology, with official certificate. According to the law, potentially dual-use device -> official licence for every new usage is needed.

Outer laver:

ALPIDE sensors



- Each pixel cell contains a sensing diode, a front-end amplifier and shaping stage, a discriminator, and a digital section
- Digital readout with priority encoder
- Pixels with no hits are not read out
- Hits recorded independently of trigger and saved in the internal buffer. Trigger starts data transfer from the chip via FPGA to a computer/data storage
- Maximum trigger rate 100 kHz
- Time resolution ~5 µs
- The detection efficiency is higher than 99% for MIPs
- Spatial resolution 5 µm for MIPs
- Noise around 6 e⁻, threshold 100 e⁻
- Fake hit rate < 1 Hz per sensor</p>



















ALPIDE staves





- Inner barrel 9 sensors (50 μm thick)
- Outer barrel 2 x 7 sensors (100 μm thick)
- Each stave is connected individually to a concentrator/trigger board

ALPIDE staves





ALPIDE beam telescope





Joined effort with ALICE GSI/Uni Heidelberg team (S. Masciocchi, B. Blidaru, P. Becht)

- ALPIDE 7-layer telescope at GSI
- Single sensors readout with dedicated DAQ boards

Commissioning of the telescope at Cave C

- 21 –22 Nov 2019, primary Ar beam, variable intensity, 550 MeV/u
- •9 –11 Dec 2019, secondary Si (from primary Ar) beam via FRS, ~500 MeV/u
- Cluster size/shape study









200

400

600

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800

Measurements with ALPIDE



- Three runs with the telescope at DESY (e⁻ beam)
- Very quite detector (noise 5 e⁻)!
- With thr = 130 e⁻ practically 100% efficiency for MIPs!

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1000 pALPIDEfs 5 X

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120

100

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60

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Beam pipe Inner/Outer Radius (mm)	16.0/16.5		
IB Layer Parameters	Layer 0	Layer 1	Layer 2
Radial position (mm)	18.0	24.0	30.0
Length (sensitive area) (mm)	300		
Pseudo-rapidity coverage	±2.5	±2.3	±2.0
Active area (cm ²)	610	816	1016
Pixel sensor dimensions (mm ²)	280 x 56.5	280 x 75.5	280 x 94
Number of sensors per layer	2		
Pixel size (µm²)	O (10 x 10)		

New beam pipe:

Layout

- "old" radius/thickness: 18.2/0.8 mm
- new radius/thickness: 16.0/0.5 mm
- Extremely low material budget:
 - Beam pipe thickness: 500 µm (0.14% X0)
 - Sensor thickness: 20-40 µm (0.02-0.04% X0)
- Material homogeneously distributed:
 - essentially zero systematic error from material distribution

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Integration





- Possible layout based on air-cooling
- Sensors held in place with low-density carbon foam

- Fixation into the experiment by surrounding support structure, as well as at both ends
- Cooling at the extremities (chip peripheries)

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- First tests of bended sensors successful
- Larger samples (eventually with more than 1 sensor) are planned in 2021

First steps towards larger detector





- Design of M. Alexeev / INFN Torino for the PRM/CERN experiment
- 18 sensors on a 120 μm carbon flex board (~10 x 10 cm active area)
- Active or passive cooling
- Fully suitable for the forward-tracking applications like 2p-radioactivity experiments at FRS



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First steps towards larger detector





- MOSAIC readout board (INFN Bari)
- FPGA-based, can read up to 7 ALPIDEs
- Stand-alone time-stamped DAQ

Conclusions



- Recoil tracker is a key instrument of the R3B setup
- Long time ago planned and recently constructed L3T detector unfortunately does not have designed performance
- Intermediate solutions (AMS-like and FOOT-like detectors) allow making (p, 2p), (p, pn) experiments with limited acceptance
- Application of MAPS pixel detectors seems to be very attractive
- First steps (since mid 2019) getting experience are made
- In cooperation with COMPASS++/AMBER collaboration first realistic MAPS-based detector is on the way
- Bended MAPS-based recoil detector is a very promising solution, fully or as am inner layer (2023+)