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Development of a spectrometer on CVD diamond basis for heavy ion charge state measurements



Goals of the study

- 1. Charge state distribution
- 2. Principle of the experiments

П. **Spectrometer requirements**

- Detectors on CVD diamond basis 1.
- 2. Single crystal or polycrystalline diamond ?

Design of the spectrometer III.

- **Diamond samples** 1.
- 2. Signal transmission

Implementation in experiments IV.

- Analysis of the experimental data 1
- 2. Charge state distribution and energy loss







Interaction of ions with matter



Appearance of interaction processes

- Energy loss of the projectile
- Generation of a dynamic charge state distribution in the projectile due to charge transfer processes (competition between ionization and recombination processes)
- The energy loss depends on two main parameters :
 - Density of free electrons
 - Charge state of the projectile, charge state distribution

These parameters are modified in plasma



Charge state distribution





- For ions of intermediate mass like calcium at some MeV/u, 5 main charge states
 - Heavier than Ca: too complex
 - Lighter than Ca: no significant changes observable
- Equilibrium charge of Ca in a solid is between 17+ and 18+
- <u>Goal of the study</u>: experimental determination of the charge state distribution in plasma

Accurate, time-resolved measurement

Linear and sensitive detector





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Choice of detectors on CVD diamond basis



We detect particle bunches, no single particles

- At least several hundred particles each 9,2 ns
- Each particle has an energy of 240 MeV
- Good radiation hardness :
 - Particle currents of 10¹¹-10¹² ions/s
- High time resolution :
 - Micro bunch duration 2-3 ns
 - Time resolution has to be significantly below 1 ns

• Fast detector :

- Micro bunch frequency 9,2 ns
- Very high repetition rate, time constant of few ns
- High sensitivity :
 - Sufficient to detect single particles
 - Linear behaviour in relation to the particle number

+ Possible use at room temperature (low noise)

Use of CVD diamond detectors





Simulation of ion beams in the Z6 beamline



- Ion optical simulation of the Z6 beamline with MIRKO
- Quantitative investigation of the beam dimensions and properties



Polycrystalline or single crystal diamond ?



Requirements on diamond dimensions
 ➤MIRKO : maximal size of the beams : 5×15 mm² (in ideal case)
 ➤Ion range <= 20 µm (below the Bragg-Peak of calcium)

Single crystal diamond

>Possibility to place several diamonds of $5 \times 5 \text{ mm}^2$ on top of each other

≻Too small, too expensive

≻Too thick





- Polycrystalline diamond
 - ► Larger surfaces and thicknesses of 20 µm feasible
 - ➢Polarization effects are reduced through the choice of a thin diamond layer
 - Signals are high enough due to the high particle number
 - Signal fluctuations have to stay small...

Simulation of a polycrystalline diamond detector



- Goal : estimation of the fluctuations in the surface of signals
- Statistical analysis of experimental data (Ar with 4 MeV/u, 20,5 µm-thick polycrystalline diamond, single particle signals)
- Monte-Carlo simulation of surfaces of signals in MATLAB
- From 100 particles per detector, small fluctuations





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Diamond samples and metallization



- 5 identical polycrystalline highly pure CVD diamond samples from FIAF (<u>Fraunhofer</u> Institut f
 ür <u>Angewandte</u> Festkörperphysik in Freiburg)
- Surface 7×20 mm²: compromise between covering of the beams and increase in capacity
- Thickness 20 μm: compromise between reduction of polarization and increase in capacity



Contacting and positioning of the detectors



- Diamonds bonded on 50 \varOmega ceramics board with copper coating
- Minimal distance of 10 mm between the middle points of the beams
- System of 3 parallel guide-rails
- Distance in z-direction 4 cm: maximally 0,1 mm variation in MIRKO
- For each diamond, signals from sectors are amplified with DBA IV and added





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- Ion energy 4,854 MeV/u
- Micro bunch frequency *108 MHz*
- Ion current 1-2 μA, 10¹¹ 10¹² particles/s
- One macro bunch per charge state
- Time range from 0 to 40 ns important



Analysis of the experimental results



Finding and fitting of signals in each macro pulse with the function :

$$Signal(t) = a_0 + a_1 \cdot t + a_2 \cdot \left(\exp \frac{(t-\mu)^2}{\sigma^2} * \exp(\frac{-t}{\tau}) \right)$$

- Charge state distribution : determination of the surfaces of signals of each charge state related to the whole surface of the signals
- Energy loss : TOF method, determination of the centers of gravity µ of the signals and comparison with the vacuum raster



Measurement of the charge state distribution in plasma

- Plotting of the time variation of the partition of each charge state as well as of the laser pulse
- Error bars 5-8%
- 20+ statistically too small
- Till 0 ns, charge state distribution in cold foil
- 0-20 ns:
 - ➤ 18+ and 19+ increase
 - ▶ 16+ and 17+ decrease
- Plasma generation
- Ionization dominant, recombination weaker
- 20-40 ns:
 - ➤ 18+ and 19+ decrease
 - ➤ 16+ and 17+ increase
- Expansion of the plasma and decrease in mass density
- Ionization weaker, recombination dominant







Measurement of the energy loss in plasma

- Combination of 7 measurements for 18+
- Till 0 ns: energy loss in cold matter
- 0-20 ns: energy loss constant
 > decrease of the mass density
 > increase of the stopping power
- 20-40 ns: energy loss decreases because of decrease of the mass density
- After 40 ns: nearly 0 in vacuum or rare cold gas
- Error bars till 20% (small ∆t)



Summary



- Spectrometer planned, built and successfully tested
- Precise time-resolved measurement of a charge state distribution of ions interacting with laser-generated plasma with particle currents of 10¹¹-10¹² ions/s
- Linear and radiation hard spectrometer
- The measured data is in qualitative agreement with the expectations
- Opens new possibilities in charge detection, prototype



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