LIDAL Light Ion Detector for ALTEA

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Outline

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LIDAL-ALTEA System: how to study in detail the low-Z part of ion spectrum onboard the ISS



They account for the 99% particle of the spectrum (with He)



"Radiation survey in the International Space Station" - L. Narici et al. J. Space Weather Space Clim., 5, A37 (2015)

The risk is mitigated by the small quality factor Q for protons

ALTEA Kinetic Energy Window acceptance: 25-45 MeV

hardly measure GCR protons, mostly secondaries and albedo protons are detected by ALTEA

"Performances of Kevlar and Polyethylene as radiation shielding on-board the International Space Station in high latitude radiation environment" -L. Narici et al. Scientific Reports 7, Article number: 1644

LIDAL detector

LIDAL is a detector designed to perform Time of Flight (ToF) measurements working paired to ALTEA detector



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Kinetic Energy [MeV/A]

481

Discrimination Power

Asked for TIME RESOLUTION better than 120 ps (here 80 ps)



LIDAL-ALTEA apparatus: expected discrimination power ALTEA acceptance windows have been included

- Distribution generated (accept/reject method) accordingly to CREME96 ones
- Deposited energy on silicon plane smeared with straggling

Time of Flight measurements



Risk assessment: ToF measurements and Bethe-Bloch parameters



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Toward LIDAL detector realization

LIDAL detector

How to reach a **TOF resolution** \leq **120 ps (\sigma)** ?

EJ-230 ELJEN technology

PROPERTIES	EJ-230
Light Output (% Anthracene)	64
Scintillation Efficiency (photons/1 MeV e ⁻)	9,700
Wavelength of Maximum Emission (nm)	391
Light Attenuation Length (cm)	120
Rise Time (ns)	0.5
Decay Time (ns)	1.5
Pulse Width, FWHM (ns)	1.3

EJ-228 AND EJ-230 EMISSION SPECTRUM



HAMAMATSU R988OU-110





Three different step have been done to define the final scintillator dimensions

	Fluka simulations	Trento Test	Final dimensions
dimensions	18.0x2.4x0.8/1.0/1.5 cm	9.0x2.4x0.8 cm	8.0x2.0x0.4 cm
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issues	 Number of collected photons at both sides Temporal structure of the signal (internal reflections) 	 Time Resolution and light collection 	 Solving Cross-Talk and FEE Saturation

LIDAL scintillators: Simulations



Simulated geometry:





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counts

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LIDAL scintillators: Trento Tests



- Aluminized Mylar (1 side)
- Black tape (1 wrap)



Optical Contact

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• Aluminum tape (1 wrap)



LIDAL scintillators: Final

Designed to reduces the signals (cross-talk issue)



Test Beam @Trento ProtonTherapy Center: First Results

LIDAL prototype 0@TIFPA



$E_p = (70, 250)MeV$

Socket Assembly



Designed and Realized by Tor Vergata Mechanical Workshop



Optical Grease BC630



LIDAL electronics sketch



Pre-amp and Discriminator



Magenta = input pulse from scint. Cyan = LVDS output from NINO Green = MAX 4412 amplifier out

High Resolution Mode: 8 TDC **channels** with **res=25 ps**

Fully differential Input



Acquisition logic (2/2)





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Average and difference



Time Of Flight





htof_dx



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QDC acquisition



Test on beam parameters: kinetic energy



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Test on beam parameters: sigma of the beam



What we have learned

NINO behavior



Smaller Scintillators 4 mm thickness

Toward LIDAL-ALTEA apparatus realization

LIDAL-ALTEA first sketches





LDU (LIDAL Detector Unit)

- Scintillator Units
- NINO chip
- Trigger ALTEA circuit
- HV supply chips

LCU (LIDAL Collector Unit)

- HpTDC (sync issue)
- FPGA
- Power Supply distribution

TimePix integration



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TimePix Integration (2/2)



Thanks for your attention!

LIDAL project





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ALTEA acceptance windows





Risk assessment in space VS the standard dosimetry



H_T in space (active detector) is a strictly physical quantity!

 $\frac{dE}{dx} \approx \rho N_e m_e c^2 r_e^2 \frac{Z Z^2}{A \beta^2} \left[ln \left(\frac{\gamma^2 \beta^2 W}{I^2} \right) + \frac{2\beta^2}{2\beta^2} + \delta - \frac{2C}{Z} \right]$ Important parameters for risk assessment in space

ToF Measurements



$$\Delta t = t_2 - t_1 \implies \beta = \frac{L}{c\Delta t} \implies T = \sqrt{\frac{m^2 c^4}{1 - \frac{L^2}{c^2 \Delta t^2}} - mc^2}$$

Time Difference for 2 particles with the same momentum and different masses (m₁ and m₂)

$$\Delta t = \frac{L}{cp} \left[\sqrt{p^2 + m_2^2 c^2} - \sqrt{p^2 + m_1^2 c^2} \right] \underset{m \ll p}{\longrightarrow} \frac{Lc}{2p^2} [m_2^2 - m_1^2]$$
Taylor expansion for $m_{1,2} \ll p$



Simulated ALTEA spectrum



