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Oslo Cyclotron Laboratory
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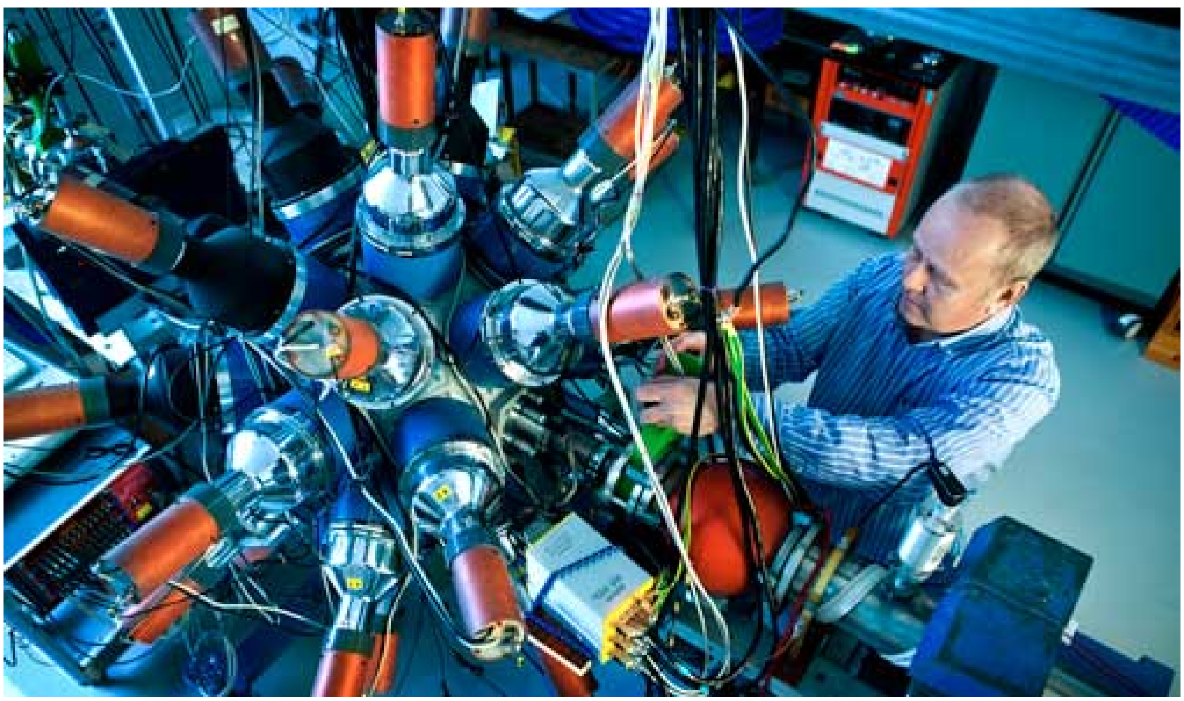

Figure 1: Magne Guttormsen working on the CACTUS/SiRi detector. From `http://www.mn.uio.no/fysikk/english/research/about/infrastructure/OCL/`

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1 Motivation and purpose

The purpose of this article is to give an (brief) introduction to detectors, systems and methods used in experimental nuclear physics. Important because blablabla learning about how to prepare and conduct an experiment and most importantly analyze and interpret the possible error sources.

Will give an short introduction to the OCL In this project we will focus on the basics of how the cyclotron works and

We will choose a particular reaction and prepare as for a real experiment by calculating (....energy lost in the ...kin...). We will then use data from an earlier experiment, analyse it and discuss possible error sources(?). Will also vertify/compare data with exsisting databases(?).

We will learn the terms: prompt time, particlebananas, thicknessspectra ++ (?)

Goal: particle-gamma coincidence matrix

2 Theory of experimental nuclear physics, what to measure

We know the energy of the beam, the Q value, the final energy of the emitted particles and their angle. We can therefore get the excication energy of the final nucleus

introduce to a general reaction and Q val so easy to talk about siri/cactus

then how to /what to measure

3 Experimental setup

The basic consepts of a cyclotron

A cyclotron is a particle accelerator for charged particles. The particles are accelerated with an external electric field and together with a magnetic field the particles are contained in an orbit inside the cyclotron. In nuclear physics a cyclotron is used to accelerate charged particles so that they leave the cyclotron with the desired energy. The goal is then to study nuclear reactions that occur when the particle beam is directed to a target. Different detectors are used to meashure particles and γ-rays that are produced in the reaction.

A simple cyclotron consists of two half -cylinders placed side by side as in figure 2. Every time the particles pass between the two cylinders they are accelerated by an oscillating electric

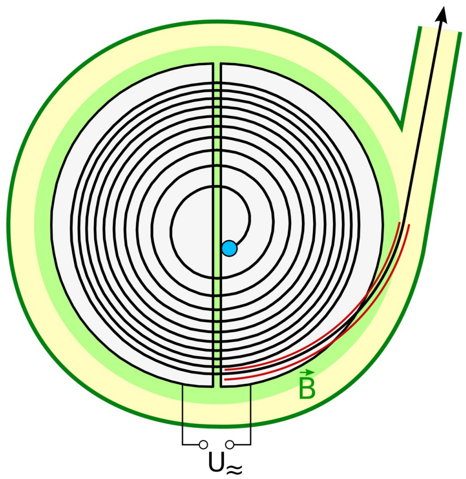

Figure 2: A simple illustration of a cyclotron. The illustration is taken from `http://www.mn.uio.no/fysikk/english/research/about/infrastructure/OCL/ocl-photos/`

field. Therefore the particles increase speed and radius for every half round. Inside the cylinders the electric field is zero, but there is a magnetic field perpendicular to the plane showed in figure 2 that contain the particles in a circular orbit. When the radius of the particle beam is bigger than the radius of the cylinders the particles leave the cyclotron.

3.1 The Oslo Cyclotron laboratory (OCL)

The Oslo Cyclotron Laboratory (OCL) houses the only accelerator in Norway for ionized atoms in basic research[1]. The accelerator is used in various fields of research for instance nuclear physics and nuclear chemistry. Other applications for the Cyclotrone are the production of isotopes for nuclear medicine. The reasearch in nuclear physics at Oslo Cyclotron Laboratory mainly focus on studying the level densities and radiative strength functions where the overall goal is to better understand the atomic nuclei.

An overview of the Oslo Cyclotron Laboratory is given in figure 3. The possible beam types, energy and intensity ranges are indicated in the table to bottom left. In figure 3 we can see the cyclotron vault to the far right with the cyclotron (MC-35 Scanditronix Cyclotron) at the bottom right. The beam of the accelerated particles travels first from the cyclotron along the beam line through a switching magnet and then to a analyzing magnet. The analyzing magnet directs the beam out of the cyclotron vault and into the experimental hall by turning the beam 90 degrees. Then the beam goes through another swiching magnet before hitting the target chamber (CACTUS/SiRi) to the far left in figure 3. Around the target chamber there are two detectors, CACTUS and SiRi. The swiching magnets can also direct the beam to different target stations, but we will only have a closer look at the target chamber associated to the CACTUS and SiRi arrays.

[1]http://www.mn.uio.no/fysikk/english/research/about/infrastructure/OCL/index.html

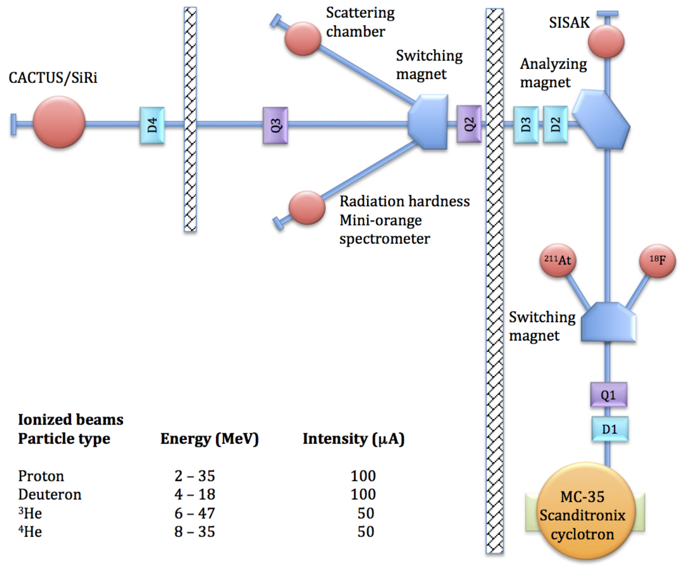

Figure 3: An overview of the Oslo Cyclotron Laboratory with the experimental hall to the right with the cyclotron at the bottom right. The beam line are indicated with a blue line and the target chamber is at the top left (CACTUS/SiRi). The possible beam types, energy and intensity ranges are indicated in the table to bottom left.

3.1.1 The CACTUS and SiRi detectors

The CACTUS/SiRi detector can be used to study particle-gamma coincidences. In figure 4 we see an illustration of a particle from the beam hitting a target nucleus. After the reaction a gamma-ray and a particle is emitted in addition to the resulting nucleus beeing changed. We see that the gamma is measured by the CACTUS detector and the emitted particle by the SiRi detector. The figure indicates that the angle between the incident trajectory and the trajectory of the emmitted particle is given as θ.

When looking at the front picture, figure 1, it is not hard to imagine where the CACTUS detector have gotten its name from. The CACTUS detector meashures the energies of the γ-rays and counts the number of γ-rays. The detector consists of 28 NaI scintillation detectors spherically distributed around the target chamber, pointing out like a Cactus. Each of the NaI scintillation detectors meashure the energy of the γ-radiation by using the excitation effect of the incident radiation on a scintillator material (NaI). When the scintillator is excited by radiation it produces a signal that is then converted into an electrical signal that the electronics of the detector process[2].

The SiRi-array measures the energy of the resulting emitted particle and consists of 8 Silicon detectors on a ring. Each detector is divided into 8 strips which also makes it possible to also measure the angle of the particle. The Si detectors uses the properties of a semiconductor, doped Silicon, to meashure the path and energy of the charged particles by detecting the small ionization currents that occur when the charged particles move through the material[3]. In figure 5 we see the Silicon Ring (SiRi) to the left and a illustration of one of the detectors on the

[2]https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scintillation_counter
[3]https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Semiconductor_detector

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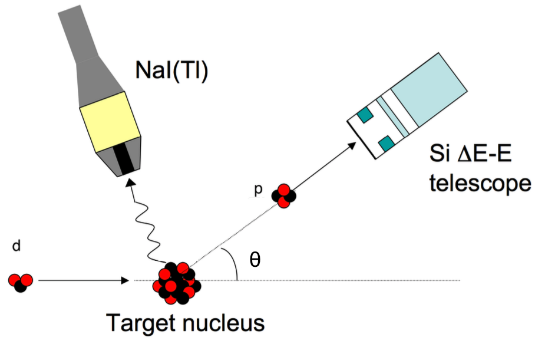
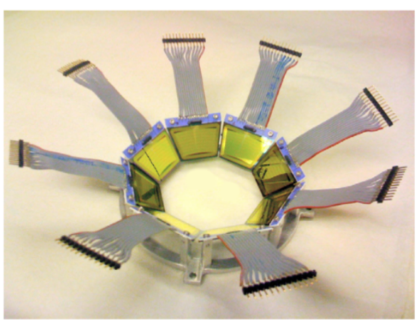


Figure 4: A incident particle hitting a target nucleus. The resulting emmited *gamma*-ray is detected by the CACTUS detectors and the emmitted particle is detected by the SiRi detector. The angle between the incident trajectory and the trajectory of the emmitted particle is given as θ.

right with the induvidual strips marked.



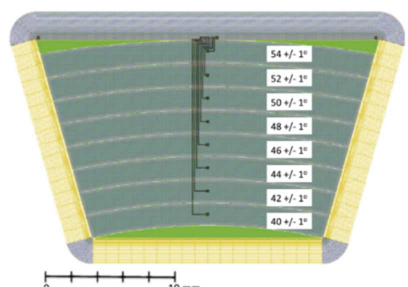


Figure 5: The SiRi detector used to measure the energy of a particle from a particle-gamma coincidence. Left: A picture of Tthe Silicon Ring (SiRi). Right: A drawing of one of the 8 detectors on ring with the induvidual strips marked.

4 Data analysis of experimental data and the Oslo method(?)

The data collected with the CACTUS and SiRi detectors are stored in event files; large files where each measured parameter from each nuclear reaction or event is written down. There are millions of event files that have been analyzed and sorted out to follow the experiment back to the beginning and "see" what happened.

4.1 Distinguishing particles: Particle bananas

4.2 The theory of coincidence matrix

5 Choice of target/reaction (?)

Choose a reaction (Si) We will calculate the parameters that are important for the experiment (with software kin) We will use data from an earlier experiment.

spesifics: we are going to analyse data from a reaction which a 16MeV proton beam on a 28Si target . the goal is to get familiar with the experimental methods at OCL and the data analysis

6 Preparation before experiment: kin software?

7 Results/Data

7.1 Raw particle-gamma coincidence matrix

8 Analyze of the dataset

8.1 Final particle-gamma coincidence matrix

9 Discussion and Experiences
