Begin of user operation at MePS in Rossendorf

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EPOS (ELBE Positron Source)

MePS Monoenergetic Positron Spectroscopy

- monoenergetic (slow) positrons
- pulsed system
- LT, CDBS, AMOC

Conventional Positron Spectroscopy

- LT, CDBS, AMOC
- using ²²Na foil sources
- He-cryostat
- automated system
- digital detector system (in future)

GiPS Gamma-induced Positron Spectroscopy

- Positron generation by Bremsstrahlung
- Investigation of bulky samples (up to 10 cm³)
- all relevant positron techniques (LT, CDBS, AMOC)

Information Depth: 0...5 µm Information Depth: 10...200 µm

Information Depth: 0.1 mm ...2 cm



ELBE labs





Upgrade of the Dresden ELBE labs



- Extension of ELBE hall started 2011
- electrons back in positron cave in December 2012

MePS – Mono-energetic Positron Spectroscopy

 ELBE -> superconducting electron LINAC (40 MeV and up to 40 kW) in HZDR Dresden-Rossendorf



- Repetition time: 38 ns, 77 ns, ... , 615 ns, ...
- User-dedicated facility
- main features of MePS:
 - high-intensity bunched positron beam (E_{+} = 0.5...30 keV)
 - Coincidence Lifetime & Coincidence Doppler Spectroscopy & AMOC



What electron energy for pair production?



Relative yield of positrons as a function of the incident electron energy. The yield of total positrons increases virtually continuously (closed squares) while the number of thermalized positrons appears to approach saturation at about 60 MeV both for reflected moderation (filled circles) or transmitted moderation (open circles). If one is going to design an electron-linac-based positron source the optimal electron energy for positron generation will be in of 40-60 MeV range.

SLOPOS-12 Monday Afternoon talk of Sergey Chemerisov, Chemistry Division, Argonne National Laboratory

MePS scheme

converter, moderator and electron beam dump



3.20 m concrete wall between cave and lab



- electron beam with 30 MeV energy
- up to 1.6 mA average beam current
- repetition rate 26/2ⁿ MHz
 - flexible in materials choice by covering a wide range of positron lifetimes
 - adjustment of repetition rate keeping a high average current
- electron bunch with ~ 5 ps temporal width
 - well suited as start signal for positron lifetime measurement

Please see our poster P-39 in session B

Positron Converter in Cave 111b













Chopper

- Plate capacitor ≈ 1 pF
- 2 stages -> delay of e⁺ bunch ≈ 5 ns
- bias voltage of ≈ 100V keeps the beam deflected -> chopper pulse kicks it in





Scheme of negative Chopper Pulser

• CMOS FET switch

- 95A peak current
- 500V, 500W
- 40 MHz
- IXYS RF, \$50







chopper stage

wiring of all 4 chopper plates







a literation





- single chopper pulser; water-cooled
- dissipates 200W @ 13 MHz; only 25W @ 1.6 MHz
- constructed by Dr. G. Staats (HZDR)

Simulation of Chopper Performance



- simulation done by SIMION-8
- BaF₂-PMT included



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Delay Control for Chopper and Buncher









Action of Chopper and Buncher



Backscattered Positrons

• Problem: large fraction of positrons will be **backscattered** from for high-z sample



- in many systems: E×B filter in beam line prevents backscattered positrons from being re-accelerated
- in spite of this ⇒ often side peaks in spectrum
- our solution: a bent beamline ⇒ steering coils guide positrons to sample but backscattered to the wall in some distance



Bent beam line: no disturbance due to backscattered positrons

- straight beamline
- accelerator is on
- strong side peak due to re-acceleration of backscattered positron

- bent beamline: 45°
- accelerator is on
- no side peaks
- less background $\approx 1 : 10^4$
- no chopper in use for test





Positron lifetime spectra of a 400 nm low-k layer on Si measured at different positron implantation energies.

Please see the MELT analysis of these spectra on our poster P-39 in session B

User operation started in February 2013

Up to now (Run 1 - 2 2013) we studied mainly porous materials

- low-K dielectrics (Fraunhofer ENAS Chemnitz)
- low-K dielectrics (Fraunhofer Dresden)
- gas separation membranes (FZ Jülich)

	Run III	Run IV	Summe
Free Shifts	85	90	175
All Shifts	119	133	252
NP	10	4	14
NEP	17	25	42
RP	3	12	15
FEL	39	30	69
POS	15	14	29
AP	0	4	4
THZ	0	3	3
WT/MD	34	41	75

- ELBE time schedule for 2013 Run 3 and 4 (July - Dec)
- GiPS and MePS gain 11%
- interested in own beam time?
- applications twice a year just contact one of us
- Next application deadline: 4th November
- http://www.hzdr.de/db/Cms?pNid=1732



Application for ELBE beam time



HELMHOLTZ ZENTRUM DRESDEN ROSSENDORF

in the period July-December 2013

Project number.....



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<u>4. Collaborating partner from HZDR (</u>*if appropriate, please specify leading scientist of the collaborating group at HZDR*):

Conclusions

- MePS and GiPS now ready for external users
- Further developments of MePS:
 - improvement of time resolution
 - complete automation of measurement by LabView (handling by users should be possible)
 - digital lifetime and Doppler measurement
 - sample magazine in vacuum
 - temperature stage