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**"Charged Particle Beam Monitoring"**

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# **Charged particle beam monitoring (important parameters, direct and indirect methods, monitor reactions and their use)**

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## **The most important beam parameters**

**Ion species**

**Charge state**

**The current(time dependence of the beam current)**

**Macropulse current**

**Bunch current**

**Average or mean current**

**Beam profile( intensity distribution in transverse directions)**

**Emittance and brilliance(defined on phase space)**

**Beam energy, beam energy spread**

**Beam pulse frequency, width**

## Importance and requirements of different applications on CP beam monitoring

Beam parameters	Applications		
	Accelerator technology	Isotope Production	Radiation therapy
Ion species	Yes	Yes	Yes
Charge state	Yes	Yes	Yes
The current	Yes	Yes	Yes
Macro	Yes	No	No
Bunch	Yes	No	No
Mean	Yes	Yes	Yes
Beam profile	Yes	Yes	Yes
Emittance and brilliance	Yes	(Yes))	(Yes)
Beam energy, beam energy spread	Yes	Yes	Yes
Beam pulse frequency, width	Yes	No	No

# Definition of beam parameters and methods of determinations for measurements of beam parameters

## *Parameter: Ion species*

**Definition:** (Z,N)  
**Determination:** by parameters of ion source, accelerators, bending magnets  
**Appl. of monitor reactions:** possible

## *Parameter: Charge state*

**Definition:** ionisation state  
**Determination:** by parameters of ion source, accelerators, bending magnets  
**Appl. of monitor reactions:** possible

## *Parameter: Current*

**Type:** macropulse, bunch, mean current: DC or AC  
**Definition:** time dependence of the beam current  
**Determination:** Faraday cup  
Calorimetric meas.  
Beam current transformers  
Secondary particles (electrons, ions, neutrons)  
**Appl. of monitor reactions:** possible

## *Parameter: Beam profile*

**Definition:** intensity distribution in transverse directions  
**Determination:** Viewing screens(optical, thermo)  
Profile grids, scanners or harps  
Residual gas ionisation  
Slit+Faraday cup  
Monitor reactions  
**Appl. of monitor reactions:** possible

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## Definition of beam parameters and methods of determinations for measurements of beam parameters(cont.)

### Parameter: Emittance

**Definition:** in 2. Dimensional projected phase space  $dx_i dp_i$ , in transverse phase space  
Angular divergence of all particles in dependence of their co-ordinate

**Determination:** slits, holes+current measuring device

**Appl. of monitor reactions:** no

### Parameter: Brilliance, Energy, Energy spread

**Definition:** in 2. Dimensional projected phase space  $dx_i dp_i$ , in longitudinal phase space  
Momentum(energy) spread of all particles in dependence their phase deviation  
Beam energy, beam energy spread

**Determination:** Magnetic spectrometers  
Telescopes  
TOF technique(capacitive pick ups, coaxial cups, ..)  
Monitor reactions

**Appl. of monitor reactions:** no

### Parameter: Beam pulse frequency, width

**Definition:** see time structure of the beam intensity

**Determination:** Cups, pick cups, etc

**Appl. of monitor reactions:** no

## Basic equations and parameters for use of monitor reactions

**Method: Irradiation of a target sample.**

**Measurement of the amount of reaction products via direct in beam counting or via their nuclear decay**

$$A \sim N \sim \sigma(E, \theta) \Phi(t) n$$

Where

A	activity
N	number of produced nuclei
$\Phi$	number of incident particles
$\sigma$	reaction cross section
n	number of target nuclei

**The monitor reactions can be used to determine:**

number of incident particles (fluence)  
number of target nuclei (thickness)  
energy  
irradiation time

**The monitor reactions can be used to determine:**

One unknown parameter  
Several parameters simultaneously

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# **Applications of monitor reactions**

## **General and special conditions**

### **General conditions**

(collected for activation technique, the in beam technique will be discussed separately)

#### **The target**

- The target elements should be isotopically pure or disturbances of quantitative determination of reaction products are small
- The target material should be obtained without difficulty(price)
- The target should be prepared in final form in an easy way to get stable uniform thickness
- The target material, and the prepared target should stand normal laboratory circumstances without chemical or physical changes(recrystallisation, oxidation, etc)
- The target should be stable during irradiation. Targets having low melting points, chemical instabilities should be avoided
- Same type of target could be used for broad energy and flux range and for different bombarding particles
- The target should to have high thermal conductivity to allow higher intensities and effective cooling

# **Applications of monitor reactions**

## **General and special conditions**

### **The reaction cross section**

- The absolute cross section should be known precisely in wide range of the energy of incident particles
- The effect of the secondary particles induced by the primary process should be small(cf. neutrons)
- The cross sections have to be “high” in the investigated energy region
- In case of energy measurements in the investigated energy range the cross sections should change sharply and several reaction channels have to be open with different slope of excitation functions
- In case of flux measurements the cross section should be constant or change slowly in the investigated energy range to minimize to uncertainty of the energy

### **The reaction products**

- The emitted articles should be easy measurable(energy, intensity, type of irradiation, form of the reaction products)
- The reaction products(decay) has to remain in the irradiated sample(gas, recoil effects)
- The number of simultaneously produced other reaction products (not used in the monitoring process ) should be small(background, overloading)
- The half life of the reaction products should be not too short and not very long as compared to irradiation time

### **The irradiation**

- The irradiations should be done under controlled parameters concerning fix parameters ( $\Phi(t)$ , E, thickness).
- The monitor should be placed properly to the beam direction and to the region of interest

## Review of standard monitor reactions

- The requirements are very complex
- The list of commonly used reactions continuously changed
- There are a lack of uniformity in the use of standard reactions
- The status of the available data base with few exceptions are very critical
- There are no recommended data for CP monitor reactions
- New evaluation are in progress for broad range of monitor isotopes
- Guidelines to use monitor reactions are necessary

# IAEA International Co-ordinated Research Program CP monitor reactions

## **Objectives**

To obtain verified reference data for the most important monitor reactions used for monitoring the p, d,  $^3\text{He}$  and alpha particles up to 100 MeV energy

## **Participants:**

Seven laboratories

## **EVALUATION METHODOLOGY**

- 1. Compilation and collection of the data**
- 2. New cross section measurements**
- 3. Analysis of experimental data selection**
- 4. Evaluation of the data**
- 5. Integral Measurements. Collection of Integral Data**
- 6. Selection of evaluated data**
- 7. Publication of recommended data**
- 8. Publication of independent laboratory data**

## List of participating laboratories

<b>No</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Investigator</b>	<b>Profile</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Free University Brussels, Belgium</b>	<b>A. Hermanne</b>	<b>compilation, selection, experiment</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>CNDC Beijing, China</b>	<b>Zhuang Youxiang</b>	<b>theory, calculation, fitting</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>INC Forschungszen- trum Julich, Germany</b>	<b>S. M. Qaim</b>	<b>compilation, selection, experiment</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>INR HAS Debrecen, Hungary</b>	<b>F. Tárkányi</b>	<b>compilation, selection, experiment, fitting</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>NAC Faure, South Africa</b>	<b>M. Nortier, (H. Mills)</b>	<b>compilation, selection, experiment</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>IPPE Obninsk, Russia</b>	<b>Yu. Shubin</b>	<b>theory, calculation, fitting</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>LLNL Livermore, USA</b>	<b>M. Mustafa, (M. Blann)</b>	<b>theory, calculation, fitting</b>

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## Monitor reactions evaluated in the CRP

Particle	Reaction	Product half life	Emitted particle. Energy	Emitted particle Intensity
p	$^{27}\text{Al}(\text{p}, 3\text{p}3\text{n})^{22}\text{Na}$	2.6 y		
	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Ti}(\text{p}, \text{x})^{48}\text{V}$	16.0 d		
	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Ni}(\text{p}, \text{x})^{57}\text{Ni}$	1.5 d		
	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Cu}(\text{p}, \text{x})^{56}\text{Co}$	77.7 d		
	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Cu}(\text{p}, \text{x})^{62}\text{Zn}$	9.3 h		
	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Cu}(\text{p}, \text{x})^{63}\text{Zn}$	38.1 min		
	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Cu}(\text{p}, \text{x})^{65}\text{Zn}$	244.1 d		
d	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Al}(\text{d}, \text{x})^{22}\text{Na}$	2.6 y		
	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Ti}(\text{d}, \text{x})^{48}\text{V}$	16.0 d		
	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Fe}(\text{d}, \text{x})^{56}\text{Co}$	77.7 d		
	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Ni}(\text{d}, \text{x})^{61}\text{Cu}$	3.4 h		
$^3\text{He}$	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Al}(^3\text{He}, \text{x})^{22}\text{Na}$	2.6 y		
	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Ti}(^3\text{He}, \text{x})^{48}\text{V}$	16.0 d		
	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Cu}(^3\text{He}, \text{x})^{66}\text{Ga}$	9.5 h		
	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Cu}(^3\text{He}, \text{x})^{67}\text{Ga}$	3.3 d		
	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Cu}(^3\text{He}, \text{x})^{65}\text{Zn}$	244.1 d		
$\alpha$	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Al}(\alpha, \text{x})^{24}\text{Na}$	14.7 h		
	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Ti}(\alpha, \text{x})^{51}\text{Cr}$	27.7 d		
	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Cu}(\alpha, \text{x})^{66}\text{Ga}$	9.5 h		
	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Cu}(\alpha, \text{x})^{67}\text{Ga}$	3.3 d		
	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Cu}(\alpha, \text{x})^{65}\text{Zn}$	244.1 d		

## Summary of available experimental data

Nuclear reaction	Responsible for compilation	Available data	New measurement	Selected data
<b>Proton monitors</b>				
$^{27}\text{Al}(\text{p},\text{x})^{22}\text{Na}$	Faure	20 (-5)		10
$^{27}\text{Al}(\text{p},\text{x})^{24}\text{Na}$	Atomki	27		22 (5 not used)
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Ti}(\text{p},\text{x})^{48}\text{V}$	Atomki	16	Szelecsenyi (submitted)	9 (2 not used)
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Ni}(\text{p},\text{x})^{57}\text{Ni}$	Atomki	21	Sonck et al. (1997)	14
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Cu}(\text{p},\text{x})^{56}\text{Co}$	Faure	7		3
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Cu}(\text{p},\text{x})^{62}\text{Zn}$	Julich	13	Hermanne et al. (1999)	4
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Cu}(\text{p},\text{x})^{63}\text{Zn}$	Julich	24		9
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Cu}(\text{p},\text{x})^{65}\text{Zn}$	Julich	30		9
<b>Deuteron monitors</b>				
$^{27}\text{Al}(\text{d},\text{x})^{22}\text{Na}$	Atomki	5	Takacs et al. (unpublished)	3
$^{27}\text{Al}(\text{d},\text{x})^{24}\text{Na}$	Atomki	15	Takacs et al. (unpublished)	12
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Fe}(\text{d},\text{x})^{56}\text{Co}$	Atomki	9	Takacs et al. (unpublished)	7
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Ni}(\text{d},\text{x})^{61}\text{Cu}$	Atomki	6	Takacs et al. (1997) Takacs et al. (unpublished)	4
<b><math>^3\text{He}</math>-particle monitors</b>				
$^{27}\text{Al}(^3\text{He},\text{x})^{22}\text{Na}$	Atomki	5		5
$^{27}\text{Al}(^3\text{He},\text{x})^{24}\text{Na}$	Atomki	6		5
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Ti}(^3\text{He},\text{x})^{48}\text{V}$	Atomki	4	Ditroi et al. (submitted)	4
<b><math>\alpha</math>-particle monitors</b>				
$^{27}\text{Al}(\alpha,\text{x})^{22}\text{Na}$	Atomki	13		10
$^{27}\text{Al}(\alpha,\text{x})^{24}\text{Na}$	Atomki	17		13
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Ti}(\alpha,\text{x})^{51}\text{Cr}$	Atomki	10	Hermanne et al. (1999)	7
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Cu}(\alpha,\text{x})^{66}\text{Ga}$	Atomki	17	Tarkanyi et al. (submitted)	10
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Cu}(\alpha,\text{x})^{67}\text{Ga}$	Atomki	14	Tarkanyi et al. (submitted)	8
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Cu}(\alpha,\text{x})^{65}\text{Zn}$	Atomki	15	Tarkanyi et al. (submitted)	9

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# **Preparation of recommended data**

**Methods**

**Obtained results**

**Conclusions**

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## Other monitor reactions

Reaction	Half-life of reaction product	Energy range
$^{12}\text{C}(\text{p,pn})^{11}\text{C}$	20.39 m	18 MeV- 2.8 GeV
$^{12}\text{C}(\text{p,x})^7\text{Be}$		30 MeV-2 GeV
$^{27}\text{Al}(\text{p,x})^{18}\text{F}$	1.83 h	40 MeV-2.8 GeV
$^{27}\text{Al}(\text{p,x})^{11}\text{C}$	20.39 m	50 MeV-2.8 GeV
$^{27}\text{Al}(\text{p,x})^7\text{Be}$	53.29 d	27 MeV-2.2 GeV
$^{65}\text{Cu}(\text{p,pn})^{64}\text{Cu}$	12.70 h	12 MeV- 2.8 GeV
$^{197}\text{Au}(\text{p,x})^{149}\text{Tb}$	4.15 h	600 MeV-2 GeV
$^{12}\text{C}(\text{d,dn})^{11}\text{C}$	20.39 m	16-60 MeV
$^{27}\text{Al}(\alpha,\text{x})^{18}\text{F}$	1.83 h	80- 900 MeV
$^{59}\text{Co}(\text{p,pn})^{58}\text{Co}$	70.916 d	
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Cu}(\text{p,x})^{61}\text{Cu}$	3.41 h	
$^{51}\text{V}(\text{d},2\text{n})^{51}\text{Cr}$	27.70 d	
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Mo}(\text{p,x})^{96}\text{Tc}$	4.28 d	
$^{197}\text{Au}(\text{d},2\text{n})^{197}\text{Hg}$	2.67 d	
$^{\text{nat}}\text{Mo}(\alpha,\text{x})^{97}\text{Ru}$	2.88 d	
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## **Main characteristics of beam monitoring via monitor reactions**

### **Advantage**

- **simple and cheap**
- **require small space**
- **local monitor**
- **the number of incoming nuclei is controlled**
- **any beam shape could be monitored**
- **both absolute and relative measurements**
- **broad range of energy and intensity**
- **good accuracy for determination of the fluence**
- **the results could be corrected with changes of nuclear data**
- **nondestructive, the beam is passing through, without significant changes**
- **The beam could be followed extended targets inside**

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## **Main characteristics of beam monitoring via monitor reactions**

### **Disadvantage**

- moderate accuracy for determination of the energy
- highly depend on the quality of the available nuclear data
- the quality of the recent data base is very poor
- no online information on the measured parameters
- it is difficult to install at accelerators and beam lines(temporary installed)
- give only integral data(changes couldn't be followed
- high doses during installation and separation.
- Not independent from the particle species, from energy their range, etc
- The particles has to hit the monitor under well known conditions
- Automation, feedback to control irradiation is impossible

## **Main application fields of monitor reactions**

- **Medical isotope production**
- **Parameters of accelerators**
- **Nuclear data measurement**
- **Irradiation for analytical purposes and thin layer activation technique**
- **Research type of works**

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## **Guide to use monitor reactions**

- **Data base for protons is more reliable**
- **For particles “d,  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $\alpha$ ” the status is poor**
- **No intercomparison, no validation**
- **Definition of the used cross sections**
- **To place in proper position (E, geometrically,..)**
- **Uniform monitor foils**
- **Irradiation time**
- **Effect of time variation of the fluence(integral)**
- **Effect of finite thickness(integral)**
- **Low energy gamma-rays, background lines**
- **Effect of energy spread of the beam**
- **Comparison of results of monitor reaction and other direct beam current measurement**
- **Cumulative effects**
- **Correction for recoils**
- **Secondary particles**

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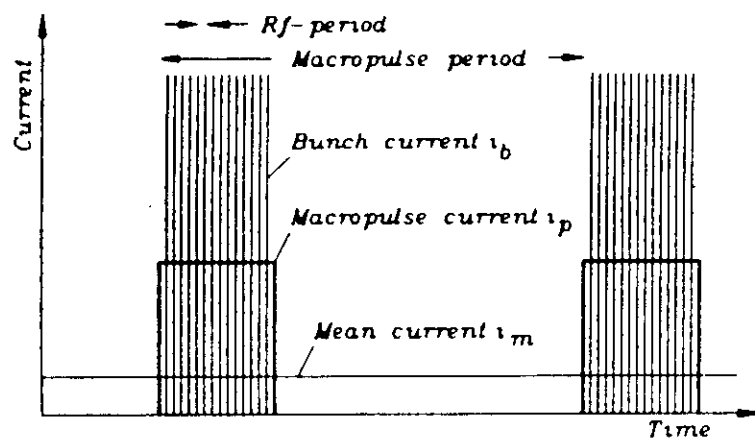
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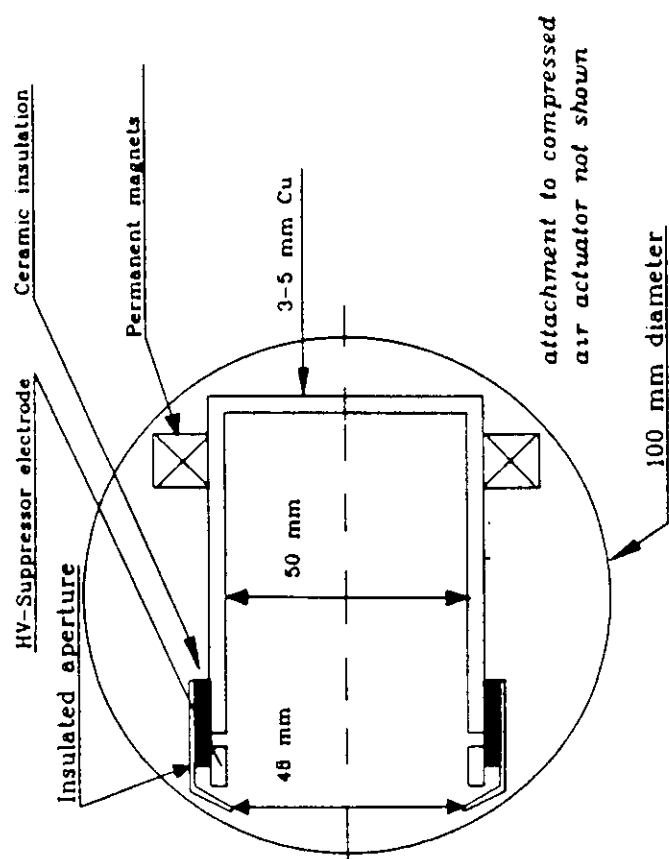
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Various types of beam currents



Scheme of a uncooled Faraday cup