

Particle identification with HIgh spatial resolution and Low Material budget (PHILM*)

Town Meeting, Hadron Physics in Horizon Europe (Subatech - Nantes)

* follow-up of TIIMM and IMPACT projects

STRONG2020 - TIIMM (i)





- Rate: < 1 MHz/cm²
- Area: few cm² (2x2 or 1x3 cm²)
- Power dissipation: < 200 mW/cm²

- Charge output (ToT) over 6 bits
- Pixel pitch 20 to 40 μ m
- Epitaxial layer: 25-50 μ m





- The pre-scaler adapted to ToT signal dynamics
 - Useful for high dynamics signals



Ch. Finck - IPHC - Town Meeting



Sensor:

- Front end => TIIMM1B:
 - Linearity up to ~800 ke-
- TOT measurement:
 - 12bit
- Matrix:
 - Pixels: 128x64
 - Pitch: 50 μm
 - Active area: 6.4 x 3.2 mm²

➡ Assess the digital part

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New requirements:

- Rate: < 1 MHz/cm²
- Area: few cm² (~4-6 cm²)
- Power dissipation: < 200 mW/cm²
 Spatial resolution: 5 to 10 μm
 Epitaxial layer: 25 μm
 Range: 500 to 800ke- for MIP to ions (100-400 MeV/u)
 Time stamp ~ 1 ns
 Charge output (ToT) over ≤ 12 bits
 Pixel pitch ≤ 50 μm

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Proposal:

• Build a multi-plane system in order to assess simultaneously tracking & identification.



- Developments for dedicated DAQ and control system
- Test under beam condition for prototype: FAIR/GSI (CNAO/Pavia, Cyrcé/Strasbourg)

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Time line (48 months)

- M1-M10: test of IMPACT sensor
- M1-M18: multi-plane DAQ development, advanced tests with IMPACT
- M6-M24: design of PHILM (~cm2) sensor
- M24-M36: test of PHILM sensor
- M30-M48: assembly of multi-plane system with PHILM, beam tests for final demonstration

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Estimated budget request:

•	Multi-project run at Tower Jazz for PHILM prototypes	
•	Development of data acquisition system	
•	Development of mechanical system	20 k€
•	1 PhDs contracts (3 years)	120 k€
•	Travel money for tests	30 k€
•	Travel money for meetings	10 k€
	Total	request 380 k€

Participating and partner institutions :

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- Possibility for industrial partner: Weeroc (France), under discussion



Backup

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Budget:

•	Run at Tower Jazz for large area sensor		150 k€
•	Multiproject run at Tower Jazz for prototyp	е	50 k€
•	Development of data acquisition system		60 k€
•	Development of mechanical system		20 k€
•	1 PhDs contracts (2 years)		80 k€
•	Travel money for tests		30 k€
•	Travel money for meetings		10 k€
		Total request:	400 k€
•	overhead		100 k€
		Total:	500 k€

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Sensor's prototype overview:

- First submission: preliminary prototype (TIIMM0) submitted in March 2020
- Second submission: TIIMM0/TIIMM1/TIIMM1A/TIIMM1B prototypes received in August 2022



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➡ 7 bits is the lower limits in that case to disentangle the different Z

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Particle identification:

- Produced in ¹⁸O + ¹²C @ 200 MeV/u
- 4-8 sensors coupled with a TW
- Simulation based on TIIMM0 response





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TIIIMM1B: laser test (i)



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TIIIMM1B: laser test (ii)



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TIIIMM1B: laser test (iii)

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→ Pb conversion pulser number to input charge

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TIIIMM1B: source



→ Far from the requested range ~ 500ke-

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TIIIMM1B: proton @ 5-20 MeV (i)



• Cluster size:

Some modules not compliant with simulations



Module 10 (25 um EPI layer)

Module 13 (50 um EPI layer)

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TIIIMM1B: proton @ 24 MeV (ii)

Pre-scale clock cycle



- The prescaler permits to adapt the ToT counter to the signal dynamics
 - → Useful for high dynamics signals

Adapting the pre-scaler value to the impinging signal dynamics !