

SECAR Data Acquisition Plans

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SECAR recoil separator



A similar facility: DRAGON





Separator for astrophysical Capture Reactions

Scattering monitors in target



- Si PIPS detectors
- Used for normalization
- Need scaler rate
- 6 channels
- Event rates can be high
 - can bee pre-scaled if required



Gamma array around target



- 30-40 BGOs (plans to upgrade to LaBr)
- Timing and efficiency most important
- Typical rates: several 1000/s in whole array



Focal plane



- 2 MCPs
- Ionization chamber
- DSSSD

- Flexible design to accommodate different experiments
- Typical rates: up to a few 1000/s arriving at focal plane
- 75 channels total planned



Focal plane time-of-flight



DRAGON:

- Ortec 9327 1-GHz Amplifier and Timing Discriminator + Ortec 567 TAC •
- Typical resolution of 400 ps SECAR:
- Distance between MCPs about 2m
- TOF difference for ${}^{65}As(p,\gamma)$: 1.3 ns



Separator time-of-flight / coincidence



- DRAGON separator length: 21 m
 - Trigger signal is sent via long cables
- SECAR separator lengths: 41 m
- Typical flight time: around 3-8 μ s
- Timing resolution of ~100 ns required



Beam monitors



- Monitor decay of beam implanted in slits
- Possible detectors:
 - Ge
 - Nal
 - Csl
- 16 channels
- Trigger independent from rest



Summary

- Provide DAQ system for:
 - Focal plane systems
 - Beam diagnostics
 - γ -array and elastic scattering monitors
- Number of channels
 - Focal plane: 75
 - Elastic scattering monitors: 6
 - Beam diagnostics, contamination monitors: 16
 - γ-array: 40

Requirements:

- Independent triggers for γ -array and focal plane
- Time-stamped events that allow coincidence matching / TOF
- Versatility to accommodate different experimental situations
- High data throughput (kHz event rates)

