



OBSERVATION OF PROTON REFLECTION ON BENT SILICON CRYSTALS AT THE CERN-SPS

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Outlook



- Why using crystals in hadron colliders
- The H8-RD22 experiment at CERN
 - Experimental layout
 - High precision goniometric system
 - Tracking detectors
 - Silicon crystals
- The results of the 2006 run
 - Crystal Angular Scans (Strip and Quasi-Mosaic Crystals)
 - deflection
 - Efficiency
- Breaking news from the 2007 run



Why using crystals in hadron colliders



Crystal collimation: a smart approach for primary collimation

- A bent crystal deflects halo particles toward a downstream absorber:
 - the selective and coherent scattering on atomic planes of an aligned Si-crystal may replace more efficiently
 - the random scattering process on single atoms of an amorphous scatterer.





Particle-crystal interaction





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- The scintillators S1-S6 produce the trigger
- The Si microstrips (AMS & AGILE) give the particle tracks
- The gas chamber (GS) and the hodoscope (H) provide a fast beam profile
- The goniometer orients the crystal respect to the incoming beam direction

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Si microstrips



AMS



Built at INFN - Perugia



AGILE



Built at INFN - Como & Trieste

pitch 242 μ m, σ =22 μ m



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Goniometer

Assembled at INFN - Legnaro

- Two motors for translations
 - 2 μ m repeatability
 - 102 mm range (upper stage)
 - 52 mm range (lower stage)



- One motor for rotations
 - 360° range
 - 1.5 μ rad precision
 - 1 µ rad repeatability



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Strip crystals

Built at IHEP - Protvino and at INFN - Ferrara

The main curvature due to external forces induces the anticlastic curvature seen by the beam



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Quasimosaic crystals

Built at PNPI - Gatchina







Crystal size: 0.7 x 30 x 30 mm³ W. Scandale 9/22

face.

planes parallel to the small

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Data taking



- Pre-alignment of the crystal respect to the beam line using optical methods
- Fast alignment of the crystal to the beam direction through the hodoscope (pitch 2 mm): the channeling peak is well visible at about 1 cm from the non-deflected beam
- Fast angular scan using the gas chamber (pitch 200 μm) and a high intensity beam (10⁸ proton per SPS pulse): the reflection region is well visible.
- High statistics scan with the Si microstrip, in the range predefined by the fast angular scan (10⁴ protons per SPS pulse)

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Angular beam profile as a function of the crystal orientation





Rotation angle (µrad)

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Angular profile (µrad)



Volume





Deflection



 Identify channeling, reflection and amorphous peaks of the angular profile distribution

- Compute the angular shift -> deflections
- (underlying hypothesis: the incoming beam follows a stable direction)



Angular profile µrad

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Efficiency



- Integral of the events within $\pm 3\sigma$ around amorphous, channeling and reflected peaks
- Normalize the integrals to the incoming flux
- Ratios of channeling or deflection over amorphous normalized peak integrals -> *efficiencies*
- (underlying hypothesis: the incoming beam flux is stable)



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Typical results



OM2 quasimosaic crystal	
ε (reflection)	= 98.2 %
ε (channeling)	= 52.7 %
Θ _{channeling}	= 73 µrad
$\Theta_{reflection}$	= 12 μrad

ST4 strip crystal	
ϵ (reflection)	= 98.2 %
ϵ (channeling)	= 51.2 %
$\Theta_{channeling}$	= 163 µrad
$\Theta_{reflection}$	= 14 µrad

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2007 run breaking news



5 heads multicrystal crystal (PNPI)





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Beam profile in multiple VR condition in the Q5M5 crystal
 Active area for best results: 400x800 mm²



Steps to align the five crystals



Best alignment [m]rad 150 100 50 0 -50 -100 -11100 -11050-11000-10950 -10900

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Volume reflection angle 53 µrad Efficiency ≥ 90 %

High statistics



– ஈeflection on bent crysப்ப

[m]rad



Conclusion



- High efficient reflection (and channeling) observed in single pass interaction of high-energy protons with bent crystals (0.5 to 10 mm long)
- Single reflection on a Si bent crystal deflects > 98 % of the incoming beam by an angle 12÷14 μrad
- Very promising for application in crystal collimation
- Possible development consists in multi-reflections on a sequence of aligned crystals to enhance the reflection angle (successfully tested in the 2007 run).



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Volume reflection

Prediction in 1985-'87 by A.M.Taratin and S.A.Vorobiev,

First observation 2006 (I HEP - PNPI - CERN)



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