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Development and Performance of Muti-wire Drift Chambers of the CSR External-target Experiment(CEE)

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Research Background



Overview of the Cooling Storage Ring (CSR)

• The Cooling Storage Ring (CSR) at HIRFL provide beams for studying nuclear matter properties.



Schematic layout of the CEE spectrometer

• The CSR External- target Experiment (CEE) aims to measure lightly charged particles over a wide solid angle.

Research Background



Technical challenges
● Extremely large sensitive area
✓ Wire spacing accuracy
✓ Layer spacing accuracy

- ✓ Mechanical stability and precision
- Shielding/avoiding beam current

	SX/cm	SY/cm	S/m ²	$\boldsymbol{\theta}_x/^\circ$	$oldsymbol{ heta}_y/^\circ$	Drift unit size/mm	Number of electronic channels
MWDC1	136	63	0.8568	30.6	15.32	8×8	960
MWDC2	190	88	1.6720	30.70	15.38	10×10	1152
MWDC3	274	126	3.4524	30.78	15.31	15×15	1152

Detector Design and Technologies



Schematic view of the sense wire orientation

- Each MWDC consists of six sense wire layers that are stretched in three directions, namely, X, U, and V, meeting 0°, 30°, and -30°, respectively, with respect to the vertical axis.
- For each direction of the wires, to discriminate between the left and right positions, the anode wires mounted in two adjacent layers were displaced by half drift unit size.

Detector Design and Technologies



[•] For the ease of fabrication and maintenance, the X, U, and V layers were completely independent.

- Each measurement layer included two layers of anode wires and three layers of cathode wires.
- In addition to the X, U, and V measurement layers, each detector includes an entrance window and an exit window with Kapton film to hold working gas mixture.

Schematic diagram of the MWDC

Detector Design and Technologies



Schematic diagram of the MWDC



- For the convenience of maintenance, the sensitive area is divided into 4-6 zones for each layer.
- To avoids a significant reduction in the wire tension, a 20-mm thick duralumin frame was used as the support frame.
- The bottom support frame contains high-precision peg holes for PCB-positioning.
- Layer-spacing control pads were used to ensure the spacing accuracy of each wire layer.

Cross-section of the internal structure of the X-measurement layer

Automatic wire winding machine



Automatic wire winding machine

Function:

- adjustable of wire spacing
- adjustable of wire tension



Wire alignment and welding operation platform

Fine-machined saw teeth



Automatic wire winding machine



Fine-machined saw teeth

benefit from fine-machined saw teeth,
 wire spacing accuracy < 20 μm

Deactivated area design



Deactivated area bracket

Hollow rectangular PCBs

Experimental setup of the beam test





The detector setup in the test beam experiment performed at the CEE location on HIRFL-CSR. (a) A schematicview (b) a real photograph

Beam Conditions:

•Beam Type: 350 MeV/u Kr →Fe

•Beam Direction: Approximately 20° with respect to the detector setup

Detector Configuration:

- Start-Timing Detector (T0)
- Inner Time-of-Flight Detectors (iTOF1, iTOF2)
- Outer Time-of-Flight Detectors (eTOF1, eTOF2)
- Time Projection Chamber (TPC) Prototype
- MWDC Prototype
- Scintillators (SC1, SC2)
- Zero-Degree Counter (ZDC) Prototype

High Voltage: 1500 V on anode wires **Working Gas:** 80% Argon + 20% CO₂

Beam test results: MWDC Prototype Performance



The distribution of the energy loss(a) and drift time with respect to the timing provided by SC1 and SC2 (b)

The R–T curve calibration. The inset shows the definition of the tracking residue R

The distribution of the tracking residue. The curve is the fitting using Gaussian function

• The tracking residual, was measured to be approximately 300 µm. This result meets the CEE design requirement.

Design of MWDC1~3



Design drawings of MWDC1-3

Fabrication and Assembly of MWDC1~3

MWDC1



MWDC2

MWDC2探测器工程机

MWDC3





Real photograph and images of the inside of MWDC1-3

Performance of MWDC1~3



On-site test images of the ⁵⁵Fe X-ray source for MWDC1-3.



The average ⁵⁵Fe X-ray source energy resolution of MWDC1-3.

Performance of MWDC1~3







On-site test image of CEE-MWDC1-3 with cosmic rays



Summary

- A prototype of the MWDC detector at CEE was assembled and operated in a beam test experiment of 350 MeV/u Kr + Fe.
- The tracking residual of the MWDC prototype, was measured to be approximately 300 µm.
- The MWDC engineering machine was tested for iron source and cosmic ray.
- The energy resolution of the MWDC engineering machine typically stands at 22% for ⁵⁵Fe X-rays, with a tracking residual of less than 300 µm for cosmic rays.
- The experimental results demonstrate that the MWDC satisfied the requirements of the CEE experiment.

Thanks for your attention!





Detector System installation



Detector System installation



CEE detector without magnet

