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Update of SEASON project

Spectroscopy Electron Alpha in Silicon bOx couNter

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<u>Goal 2</u>: perform α , electron, γ decay spectroscopy

Need good energy resolution and avoid summing effects

Energy resolution (FWHM)	15 keV (α from 5 MeV to 12 MeV) 7 keV (electron from 20 keV to 600 keV)
Energy threshold	20 keV
Time resolution (FWHM)	20 ns

Si detectors (BB7 from Micron)

- ✓ Thickness: 1 mm
- ✓ Active area: 64 x 64 mm²
- ✓ Number of strips: 32 x 32
- ✓ Strip pitch: 2 mm
- ✓ Dead layer: 50 nm





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- Close to wanted performances with room for improvment (ex : dead layer)
- Ongoing tests with the adaptive gain





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Purchased 4 foils from the SILSON company (2 X 30 nm and 2 X 50 nm)

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Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM) @JANNuS facility at IJCLab



- > Diffraction measurement \Rightarrow No crystalline structure/amorphous
- ➤ X-ray study ⇒ Silicon and Nitrogen with a stochiometry ~ 1/1

Element	\mathbf{Z}	$p_m(\%)$	$p_A(\%)$
Nitrogen	7	34.08	50.40
Silicon	14	63.12	46.56
Oxygen	8	1.87	2.42
Aluminium	13	0.44	0.34
Chlorine	17	0.49	0.29

➢ Electron Energy Loss Spectroscopy ⇒ Measured thickness 13(1) µg/cm²

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	Easy to make, not expensive
Õ	Problem of repeatability, fragile

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Implantation foils



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Selected option for SEASON





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 Design at CEA Irfu/DIS

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Mechanics



Downstream Si detectors (Main and long T_{1/2} stations)



Upstream Si detectors (Main and long T_{1/2} stations)







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- Detector and electronics have been validated
- Study of the implantation foils allowed to choose the material
- Design is finished, several elements have already been ordered
- First SEASON detector has been ordered and should be received in few weeks





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Thank you !