

Status report

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Outline

- i-TED concept review
- Apparatus & methodology
- i-TED tests @ n_TOF in September' 2017 // Preamp tests Massimo & N. Patronis
- i-TED tests @ n_TOF in November' 2017 // Tests 16OChamber (Sebastian)
- Outlook and next steps



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Nucl. Instr. Meth. A 760 (2014) P.Zugec et al.



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→ Reduce "extrinsic" neutron sensitivity background



G. Walter et al., Astron. Astrophys. 167, 186 (1986)



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i-TED pre-requisites: high energy resolution+ good timing resolution



P.Olleros, Master Thesis, IFIC, 2017



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 \rightarrow area = 5x5 cm² = 25 cm²

i-TED: readout electronics (PETsys) Test Sept.2017

PETsys Electronics S.A.





- \rightarrow 128 channels (or pixels from SiPM)
- → 25 ps intrinsic t-resolution / 32 ps SiPM+ASIC/ 200 ps Crystal + SiPM + ASIC
- →max. rate 160 kEvents/ch or 12 Mevents/board
- \rightarrow energy via qdc for each channel















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0

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Counts

 10^{4}

10³

 10^{-1}



¹⁹⁷Au(n,γ) RUNS:

i-TED time-stamps:

0.2

0 [

200

400

600



10

1200

10² En (eV)

 $\times 10^3$

1600

Counts

En Spectrum (ns) offset = 331500.0 (ms)



i-TED time-stamps:

4000 3500

3000

2500

2000

1500

1000 500

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2





 \rightarrow Need an external trigger signal!!







i-TED: new readout electronics (November test)



PETsys

TTL-to-LVDS Converter:



→ PS-Trigger input into our dacq





Bottom



i-TED external trigger tested in the lab



TTL-to-LVDS Converter:



Pulse generator: n_TOF like trigger





i-TED (PETSYS) DACQ:



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With n_TOF DACQ (signal displayer)









PCB Sum-board: only handles SLOW SiPM summed-outputs











PCB Sum-board:



With n_TOF DACQ (signal displayer)





With n_TOF DACQ

Run 107929 - Trigger 2423





- Response OK for TOF
- HE part probably affected by unoptimized PSA
- Effect of the crystal radioactivity (alphas) in the large crystal

With n_TOF DACQ





dsample = 8 cm dSA=30 mm SETUP 1

dsample = 5 cm dSA=15 mm SETUP 2

With i-TED (PETSYS) DACQ:





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With i-TED (PETSYS) DACQ:

i-TED [S-detector] En Spectrum / All Files





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With i-TED (PETSYS) DACQ:

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i-TED [A-detector] En Spectrum / All Files





10²

10

10³

10⁴

10⁵

10

10-1

1

	9 h run About 9k Bunches 4.7x10 ¹⁶ protons		
	S	Α	i-TED (S&A)
S/B Setup 1	57	11	57
S/B Setup 2	59	14	56
	S	Α	i-TED (S&A)
Rel Eff. (%) Setup 1	100%	64%	0.15%
Rel. Eff. (%) Setup 2	100%	70%	0.2%





• Main technical commissioning of i-TED, both in terms of detectors (crystals, SiPMs, etc), readout electronics (PETSYS mod. Version) and processing software has been

accomplished successfully.

• With the developed i-TED prototype, we have not found any major drawback in terms of performance, it seems also that with i-TED we can come much closer to the sample than in these tests (to enhance efficiency). To be tested.

i-TED: Summary & Outlook

- We have to complete the analysis, including:
 - C6D6 runs from september as a benchmark
 - Imaging in our i-TED runs of November



- For 2018 we are preparing the i-TED Demonstrator (i-TED2), which features 5 detectors (instead of 2), 1 detector for the S & 4 detectors for the A-detector.
- We need to perform a few additional technical detector-tests early 2018 and a dedicated performance commissioning in 2018 (more tomorrow).

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Backup slides

Remaining technical i-TED tests / 2018 (with parasitic neutron beam/n_TOF detector test):

- Effect of sample-detector distance, how close we can come with i-TED (its Sdetector) to the sample → Efficiency / high En
- Possibility to use a veto time-gate to go higher in neutron energy, for the case that the detector is affected by the gamma-flash
- Combined capture & gamma-source measurement to develop sample-activity rejection algorithms
- Effect of the LiH moderator for reducing intrinsic neutron sensitivity
- i-TED response tests at EAR2
- Explore dynamic range of i-TED, how high we can go in g-ray energy
- Combined i-TED & TAC "matriuska-like" set-up, to enhance efficiency at high gamma-ray energy (see next slide).

i-TED + TAC (?):

→ Enhance efficiency for high-enery part of the capture cascade (Triple-coincidences S&A&TAC)

