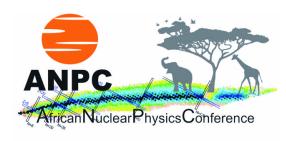
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## A low-pressure focal plane detector for the K600

A new position sensitive detector system for the focal plane of the K600 magnetic spectrometer is currently being developed. The existing focal plane detectors (FPDs) were designed to detect  $Z \le 2$  ions with kinetic energies 30 MeV/u or higher. A new low-pressure gas-filled tracker combined with a stopping scintillator detector is required to allow for the efficient detection of heavier particles (Z > 2) over a range of kinetic energies, as well as light particles ( $Z \le 2$ ) at lower kinetic energies ( $Z \le 2$ ) at lower kinetic energies ( $Z \le 2$ ) meV/u). The different physics cases currently envisaged that require the low-pressure gas-filled detector will be reviewed, and an overview of the design of the new FPD will be presented.

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