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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 \leq 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 \leq 2) at lower kinetic energies (<30 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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