Summery of SLOPOS-11

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- Statistics
- Positron Beam Facilities
- Technical Improvements
- Applications
 - in Semiconductors
 - in Metals / Alloys
 - In Polymers /Molecular Solids
 - In Nanomaterials
 - Thin Films and Interfaces
- Round Table Discussion
- Conclusions



Important remarks: 1) Most of the posters were not considered for this summery

2) Sorry for those contributions which were not mentioned (only due to lack of time)

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SLOPOS-11: Statistics

- 110 participants from 20 countries
- 22 invited Talks 35 oral talks
- Round table discussion
- about 50 posters in 2 poster sessions
- a lot of discussions
- 7 coffee breaks and a lot of wine/beer in the evenings ;-)



Positron Beam Facilities

- NEPOMUC at FRM-II / Garching @ Munich
 - 5 beamlines under construction; 4 already in use; new remoderator
 - Good news: PLEPS is running now; very fast!
- Argonne Project APosS
 - 15.5 MeV, 0.1 μA, 60 Hz
 - First positrons detected up to $3 \times 10^9 e^{-1}/s$ expected
- Helsinki Pulsed Positron Beam at HUT
 - Timing problems solved, isolation problems considered first lifetime results to be expected soon
- SOPHI Project in Saclay Mini LINAC for Gravity Experiment with Anti-H
 - Tabletop commercial accelerator: 6 MeV, 300 Hz, 0.2 ma; 10 kW
 - Under construction (solid Ne moderator possible)
 - Aim 10⁸ e⁺/s



Positron Beam Facilities

- Positron Microbeam for Transmission Positron Microscope at KEK (large Japanese Collaboration)
 - 60 μ m diameter after remoderation
 - Amazing results for Ni transmission moderator (up to 20% efficiency)
- Positron Beam at IHEP Beijing China
 - Many promising activities: lifetime, AMOC, CDBS
 - Isotope and LINAC-based bunched slow positron beams
- Positron Probe Micro Analyser (PPMA) at AIST (Tsukuba)
 - 100 μm beam (10μm expected); lifetime; 200...300 s/ pixel; 200ps FMHM expected
- Australian Positron beam Facility
 - 2 beam lines: materials science & atomic/bio/molecular
 - AMO beam line: Pulsed; rare gas moderator; 25 meV energy resolution expected
 - Materials beam line under construction; aim: bunched 200ps FWHM; 10⁷ e⁺/s
- News from ATHENA / ALPHA at CERN: trapped neutral Anti-H; special trap

Positron Beam Facilities

- EPOS: ELBE Positron Source @ Rossendorf / Dresden
 - 40 MeV, 1 mA, 13 MHz repetition time in cw mode
 - Retain original time structure for simplicity and best time resolution
 - Test in Halle; almost ready for setup in Rossendorf
- News from Washington State University Positron facilities; how to store positrons?
- Poster BP1: e⁺-Microbeam JAEA in Takasaki (3,4 μm using aperture); similar to Bonn system; soon pulsing system
- New magnetically guided slow positron **beam in Taiwan** (Chung Yuan Christian Univ.)



Technical Improvements

- Advanced Background subtraction of Doppler spectra -> no coincidence needed
- **Defect mapping** at Cu plates
- Gas moderation & W-remoderator at NEPOMUC
- Attempt to get **polarized positron beam** source modification necessary (Be source carrier to minimize reflection)
- "Quantum Beats" in 3γ -annihilation decay of o-Ps by Perturbed angular Correlation in magnetic fields: What can we learn about the material?
- PAES:
 - Cu₂O & new TOF spectrometer
 - Metal coated Si and Cu; 2h acqu. Time (1min expected); TOF?



Applications - Semiconductors

- ZnO: near-surface damage; O-Vacancies by reversible annealing; N-implantation
- Si: Implantations; H/D/He for ion cutting (blistering and cratering);
- Ge: H-plasma induced defects; not much done for Ge in the moment...
- Si Photonics
- SiC: Au implantation V_{Si} - V_c at low fluence, Si-nano partivles at high fluence
- Useful vacancies: co-implantation of F to B in Si B-diffusion much slower
- Theory: useful for estimation of lifetime, high-momentum distribution, charge state of defects ...



Applications - Metals

- Very good tutorial talk: diffusion & trapping embedded nano-particles Fe-Cu (Y. Nagai)
- Al alloys:
 - New: self-healing of AlCuMg
 - Atomic structure of pre-GPZ (simulations & Exp.); combination with X-Ray methods
- Positron trapping at grain boundaries: simulation & measurements in Ni, Fe
- He/H-irradiation of Fe
- Mg / **Mg-alloys**: implantation defects
- **Ps**⁻ from W surfaces; Ps⁺ possible ?

Applications - Nanoporosity

Ps formation and Porosity depth-profiling:

- spin-coated silica thin films
- TEOS-films (lifetime depend also on pore surface chemistry)
- Polyamide thin films (Membranes)
- gamma-irradiated polymers
- Epoxy resins
- Self-supporting **PMMA-nm-films** to get constants n, α in depth-profile equation
- 2D-Positron lifetime analysis of porous films (lifetime versus pulse hight)
- Applications of **Beams** to Ps-forming surfaces (combining PALS & DB; depth dependence)
- Capping of porous layers was extensively discussed



Round Table Discussion

- we had a short round table discussion
- some important points:
 - SLOPOS-12 will be held in Australia in 2010 (SLOPOS-13 possibly in India)
 - PSSD workshop series shall be revitalized as PSD-2008 (Positron Studies of Defects) – PSD should be a separate workshop in PPC-year of 3-years positron conference cycle - thus: ICPA – SLOPOS – PPC/PSD
 - PPC-9 was announced to be held in Wuhan/PR China, 11.-15. May 2008; http://aff.whu.edu.cn/whuppc9/
 - Responsibility for www.PositronAnnihilation.net has been transferred according to the decisions of the Intern. Advisory Committee of ICPA to the organizers of the next ICPA: Prof. Nambissan @ Calcutta / India (pmg.nambissan@saha.ac.in)



Conclusions

- a lot of promising beam projects on the way in all over the world
- very important for improvement of our contributions:
 - lifetime required pulsed beams most important
 - micro-beams will open new fields of investigation
 - comparison with other methods to win even more confidence
 - use as many variable parameters as possible: temperature, light, cap layer, fields, lateral position ...
- we shall not only attend positron meetings, but all the specialized conferences

