Position Pickups for the Cryogenic Storage Ring

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The Cryogenic Storage Ring, currently under construction at the Max-Planck-Institut für Kernphysik in Heidelberg, will be used to cool molecular ions to their rotational ground state. This, amongst other planned experiments, demands a very low level of blackbody radiation and a vacuum in the XHV range (10⁻¹⁵ mbar, 10⁻¹³ mbar room temperature equivalent) which is achieved by cryogenic cooling of the ion beam vacuum enclosure to 2-10K. The projected beam current will be in the range of 1nA - 1µA. The resulting low signal strengths together with the cold environment, put strong demands on the pickup amplifier electronics. We plan to make use of a resonant amplifying system. Using cooled coils made from high purity copper, we expect quality factors of ~1000.

