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4th dimensional tracking: the GigaTracker of NA62 experiment.

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The GigaTracker is a lightweight hybrid silicon pixel detector built for the NA62 experiment at CERN, which aims at measuring the branching fraction of the ultra-rare kaon decay $K^+ \to \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ at the CERN SPS. The detector consists of three stations, 61×27 mm² each, which tracks particles in a 75 GeV/c hadron beam with a flux reaching

1.3 MHz/mm² and provides single-hit timing with 130 ps resolution.

Each station is composed of a 200 μm thick planar silicon sensor,

segmented in 300×300 μ m² pixels, bump-bonded to 2×5 custom 100 μ m thick ASIC, called TDCpix.

Each TDCpix contains 40×45 asynchronous pixels, and is instrumented with 720 time-to-digital converter channels with 100 ps bin.

The three stations are installed in vacuum (about 10^{-6} mbar) and cooled with liquid C_6F_{14} circulating through micro-channels etched inside few hundred of micrometers thick silicon plates.

The total material budget is less than 0.5% X_0 per station.

Detector description, operational experience and performance from the NA62 experimental run in 2016, at about 30% the nominal beam intensity, will be presented.

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