# **The ATLAS Pixel Detector**



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- The Atlas Pixel detector
   Requirements, design, choices
- Module tests and detector integration
- Some issues
  - Potting, delamination, pipe corrosion, cables
- Present status and schedule





### LHC and ATLAS







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# Inner detector tracking system SILAB

SCT endcap

Outermost system uses gas-filled 4mm straws

 Contains 420k electronic channels. Transition radiation (TRT) gives particle ID

Intermediate system is a large silicon strip tracker (SCT)
 Four barrel layers and 9 disk layers with 61 m<sup>2</sup> silicon and 6.2M channels

Innermost system is a silicon pixel tracker

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SCT barrel



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- Radiation hardness
  - sensor dose of 10<sup>15</sup> neutron eq/cm<sup>2</sup>
  - electronics 50 Mrad
- Technical Design Report specification
  - $r\phi$  resolution of 13  $\mu$ m
  - efficiency better than 97% at end of lifetime
  - provide modest resolution (6 bits) analog charge measurement (ToT)
- Given the 25 ns beam crossing rate at the LHC
  - must be able to assign each hit to the proper bunch crossing
  - must be able to store the hit information during the trigger latency time of  ${\sim}100$  beam crossings
- Advantages of a pixel detector
  - Pattern recognition due to very low occupancy
  - Low noise through reduced capacitance



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#### **Pixel detector**









- Basic building block glued on a support/cooling structure
  - Sensor, 16 FE chips, controller chip, flex hybrid, services pigtail











- Design driven by radiation hardness requirement
  - n<sup>+</sup> pixels in n-bulk (oxygenated Si) with moderate p-spray
  - 16.4 mm x 60.8 mm x 280 $\mu$ m , 46080 pixels (50x400  $\mu$ m<sup>2</sup>)



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## Bump bonding







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- Bump bonds connect FE pre-amplifier to sensor pixel
- Two techniques, from different manufacturers :
  - In bumps by Selex (ex Alenia-Marconi Systems), Rome
- Bumping defects can be found before module assembly
  - production contract fixes a rejection at 0.3% faulty bumps
  - reworking techniques in place to recover FE
  - global yield after reworking is 94%









### Read-out scheme





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### Module tests



- After assembly each module is tested extensively
  - includes thermal cycling and tests at -10°C (operation temperature)



#### basic tests are

- threshold and noise after threshold tuning
- in-time threshold (charge which exceed the discriminator threshold within 20ns)
- data taking with <sup>241</sup>Am: check if channels work, charge information obtained by time-over-threshold (ToT)



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#### Lab measurements I







#### Lab measurements II





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### Tests after irradiation



## Extensive radiation studies at CERN PS, irradiation of 7 production modules to ATLAS lifetime dose ( $2x10^{15} \text{ p/cm}^2 \approx 50\text{MRad}$ ).



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## Test beam results



- Test beam 2004 to characterize production modules
- **Radiation hardness**

**Detector performance** 

irradiation (at 500V)

High rate tests passed

 $10 \ \mu m$  (after irradiation)

- Sensors almost fully depleted after 3 yrs high lumi with 600V bias
- Charge collection efficiency reduced to 80% (trapping)
- Lorentz angle decreases with increasing bias voltage  $(15^{\circ}\rightarrow 5^{\circ})$





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## Module ranking



- All modules assembled and tested at production sites
  - 1744 needed for detector

- Electrical tests establish ranking penalty





Excellent modules available for the critical innermost layer







- Barrel composed of
  - barrel frame (carbon fiber laminate)
  - staves
    - 13 modules
    - Shingled carbon-carbon support
    - All identical (except cabling)





 For integration two staves are linked by a unique cooling tube (bi-stave)





## Pixel End Cap





Assembled at LBL and shipped to CERN for integration  Sector assembly (1/8 of a disk): 6 modules are mounted on carbon-carbon plates, sandwiching the cooling pipe.









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## MCC Potting



- Wirebonds on front-end chips are potted
  - avoid resonant breaking of wires
- Also MCC potted as handling precaution
- Problems appeared during "burn in"
  - infant mortality
  - 10 cycles [-30°C;+30°C]
  - Observed MCC potting detaching, breaking wire bonds
    - Related to geometry, component surface
  - No problem on FE chips after long thermal cycling
- Action: stop potting MCCs and repair
  - Anyway not critical
  - Remove potting and re-bond modules in Bonn



potting



## Stave delamination



- Delamination observed between CC Thermal Management Tile and Ωshaped carbon fiber
  - Gluing scheme
  - Ω-shaped cooling tube favors delamination by deformation and torque
  - increase of thermal impedance between tube and pixel module



• Solution: reinforcement by adding a peek collar







• Thermal performance is satisfactory after this modification





## Pipe corrosion



#### • Serious concern (July 2005): corrosion of stave cooling pipes

- Ni-Al galvanic pair and moisture
  - bare pipe material (Al)
  - Ni plating used to allow for brazing of the pipe fittings
  - no proper drying procedure  $\rightarrow$  water
- already ~15% of pipes leaky



- experts consulted agreed on the need to change <u>all</u> the pipes
- Six months delay in schedule
  - repair the 43 (30%) loaded staves with a pipe-inside-the-pipe
  - production of new staves with new Al compound and laser welding
  - repair of bare staves (~100)







## Insertion fix



- Pipe insertion fix to avoid corrosion of inner pipe
  - D-shaped pipe inserted, stycast adhesive, fittings glued
  - additional thermal impedance (~10%)
  - smaller hydraulic diameter of cooling circuit
  - extensive studies performed



- Staves are paired (bi-staves) and served by one cooling circuit. Tests with evaporative cooling indicate that:
  - (1 repaired + 1 new) stave can be cooled when dissipating 190W,
     i.e. can reach end-of-lifetime
  - Only outer barrel layer consists of these kind of bi-staves (~half dose than intermediate layer).



## The low mass cable problem



- Barrel aluminum signal and power cables
  - 100  $\mu m$  wire for signal
  - 300  $\mu$ m for power
  - 21 wires in a bundle
  - wire-bonded on a small PCB
- Defective cables discovered during integration
  - cable stressed during manipulation?  $\rightarrow$  strain relief
  - systematic check (visual inspection and electrical tests):
    - ~50% of the 2000 cables affected
  - cracks in insulation
     cause signal wire breaking









## Cable problem solution



- Production process in Taiwan inspected
  - Wires are bent and immersed in 400°C NaOH for stripping
  - Excessive bend <u>and</u> high T can damage the insulator





- Problem caused ~3 months delay in already dense schedule
- Procedure corrected: now cable yield ~90%
- Expect all cables produced by October 1<sup>st</sup>

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## End cap status



- Both Pixel End Caps are not at CERN
  - Were fully assembled in LBL
  - dead channels at few per mil level
- Preparing for cosmic tests in November
  - test DAQ chain, services and software





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#### Planned cosmics stand



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## **Barrel** integration



#### Layer 2 complete, layer 1 in progress



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## **Barrel** integration





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- Pixel detector is well on track !
  - end caps are at CERN ready to be integrated
  - Layer2 fully equipped and clamped
- Present schedule foresees pixel ready on April 1<sup>st</sup> (no joke!)
  - Layer1 6 staves to go, clamping beginning of November
  - B-Layer clamping end of November

#### ATLAS will have a complete 3 hit pixel system, when recording the first LHC collisions





## Summary



- After ~10years R&D the ATLAS pixel detector is nearly completed
- Test beam results and an extensive QC program makes us confident that the system will perform within specs



- A number of problems were tackled in a collaboration wide effort and solutions appear adequate
- Pixel will be integrated into ATLAS this April

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