Tests and results of the power components of the ATLAS Inner Tracker detector readout system.



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The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN

- The most powerful hadron collider in the world is in action in Geneva.
- Ring of 27 km of circumference to accelerate protons close to the speed of light (total energy of 14 TeV).
- 4 main collision points and detectors: **ATLAS**, CMS, ALICE and LHCb.
- Used to test the **Standard Model** of particle physics.



Standard Model of Elementary Particles





Most famous finding at CERN: **Higgs boson** discovered in 2012 after being postulated 50 years before.

ATLAS (A Toroidal LHC ApparatuS)

- Composed of multiple sub-detectors:
 - Inner Tracker: Momentum reconstruction.
 - Calorimeter: Energy reconstruction.
 - Muon spectrometer: Muon detection.
- 46 meters long, 25 meters of diameter.
- An average of ~60 collisions every 25ns.





- Up to 40M events/s.
- Filtered down to 3000 events/s by hardware and software trigger.
- ATLAS records **10,000 TB** of data per year

The High-luminosity LHC and the upcoming Inner Tracker (ITk)

- In a couple of years, the LHC will undergo an upgrade to the **"High-Luminosity LHC"** to have more collisions per bunch crossing (from 60 to 200!).
- New requirements for ATLAS and the tracker!



• 10⁸ electrical channels

A new read-out system needs to be designed!

The Optosystem

- The Optosystem is the central component of the ITk pixel detector **read-out system.**
- Designed to send away data fast and error-free.
- Placed 6 meters away, where **radiations** are still dangerous for the data.
- It converts the electrical signal from the sensors to optical signal that is send away in the electronics room and vice-versa.



The main electrical component of the Optosystem is the Optoboard which:

equalize the electrical signal (GBCR),

serialize it (LpGBT) .

and do the **opto-electrical conversion** (VTRx+).

Interaction point



Optosystem position inside ATLAS

The Powerboard and the bPOLs

- Powerboard designed to power the Optoboards.
- Transform 9V to 2.5V for the VTRX+ laser driver.
- Connected to max. 8 Optoboards.
- The Powerboard design needed to be tested and validated.
- Test setup finalised for **Quality Control.**



- **5 bPOL12V** DC-DC buck converters to level down the 9V input to 2.5V.
- Up to 3 Optoboards per bPOL12V.
- **1 MOPS** chip to monitor the Optosystem



Validation tests

Heat test:

- The bPOL12V must not reach high temperature values (<50°C).
- Using **shield and thermal paste** allows a better cooling of the bPOL12V.
- Cooling plate under all Optosystem component



Cooling circuit of the Optosystem:

 Passing under 28 Optobox (composed of 8 Optoboards and 1 Powerboard)



Other validation tests

Voltage drop characterization:

- From the bPOL12V output to the Optoboard chips input voltage.
- Simulation and physical measurement





Ramp-up test and interferences:

- If the ramp-up speed is too slow, it could damage the system by turning on and off the bPOL.
- No interference were found between the bPOLs.



Speed of 20V/s



All the tests were performed before and after irradiating a Powerboard. Irradiation performed with the Bern Insel Spital cyclotron facility with a dose of 150 Mgy (safety factor of 3).

Load Line tests for Quality Control of bPOL12V

- Design of the powerboard was validated and the output voltage has been defined. For full Optosystem, 200+ Powerboards will be tested.
- 10% of the full batch has been received and 40 Powerboards are currently under test.





- A test setup was designed to measure the output voltage of the bPOL12V under different input voltage and load.
- The output voltage must be in between 2.35 and 2.65 V.
- The efficiency must be above 70%.

Load Line tests for Quality Control of bPOL2V5

- For full Optosystem, **1500+ bPOL2V5** will be tested.
- A test setup was designed to measure the output voltage of the bPOL2V5 under different input voltage and load.
- The output voltage must be in between 1.23 and 1.32 V.
- The efficiency must be above 70%.





60

50 | 2.25

2.30

2.35

2.40

2.45

Vin [V]

2.50

2.55

2.60

2.65

Conclusion

- The LHC will undergo an **upgrade** to get more collisions per bunch crossings.
- Implies new requirement for ATLAS and design of a new tracker (ITk).
- The **Optosystem** is the key component of the pixel read-out chain.
- The Powerboard is the component to power all the Optosystem and transform 9V to 2.5V with the **bPOL12V.**
- **bPOL2V5** is used to level down 2.5V to 1.2V.
- The final design was validated in spring 2024 after being tested.
- 10% of final components received for Quality Control.

More information on the Optosystem next with

• Marianna Glazewska on the Optoboard performance:

Performance tests of the ATLAS Inner Tracker Pixel detector opto-electrical conversion system.

• Una Alberti on the impedance measurement of the Optosystem with TDR: *Time-domain Reflectometer Measurements of the Optosystem Data Transmission Chain*

Thank you for your attention

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DC-DC buck converters



CERN

The CERN accelerator complex Complexe des accélérateurs du CERN



LHC - Large Hadron Collider // SPS - Super Proton Synchrotron // PS - Proton Synchrotron // AD - Antiproton Decelerator // CLEAR - CERN Linear Electron Accelerator for Research // AWAKE - Advanced WAKefield Experiment // ISOLDE - Isotope Separator OnLine // REX/HIE-ISOLDE - Radioactive EXperiment/High Intensity and Energy ISOLDE // MEDICIS // LEIR - Low Energy Ion Ring // LINAC - LINear ACcelerator // n_TOF - Neutrons Time Of Flight // HiRadMat - High-Radiation to Materials // Neutrino Platform

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Data Transmission Chain











Irradiations





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