The CMS p_T modules for the Outer Tracker Upgrade: current status and (unexpected) applications

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Question I will try to answer

- Why do we need a new tracker?
- What do we want from this new tracker?
- What are the p_T modules?
- Why the p_T modules?
- Are we really building them?
- What are they good for?
- What is MUonE, btw?

Introduction

The CMS experiment at LHC

Designed to study the pp collision at $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ produced at 40 MHz by the LHC.



Two stages trigger to select events of interest:

L1: hardware based, low latency (3.8 μs), uses only simplified informations from calorimeters and muon chambers

(max accept rate: 100 kHz);

- HLT: software based, uses the whole detector informations to select events to be saved
 - (accept rate: $\mathcal{O}(1 \text{ kHz})$).

The High Luminosity LHC (Phase II)

- HL-LHC: 2.3 to 3.4 times the instantaneous luminosity of LHC Run 3;
- Expected integrated luminosty of 3000 fb^{-1} to 4000 fb^{-1} by the end of HL-LHC.



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But can we get these results by only increasing the collider performance?

Current tracker was designed for Phase I, not Phase II:

- It cannot withstand the radiation damage of HL-LHC (up to 2.3×10¹⁶ n_{eq}/cm² in innermost layer);
- It is not designed to deal with the high pile-up (140 to 200 vs current 60);



[CMS-PHO-EVENTS-2016-008]

How do we survive?

To take advantage of the HL-LHC opportunity, the new tracker must have these features:

- High radiation tolerance;
- High granularity \rightarrow Low channel occupancy \rightarrow Efficient tracking;
- Less material in the tracking volume \rightarrow Improved momentum resolution;
- Contribution to the L1 trigger ("L1 tracking") → higher selection purity → L1 rate manageable;
- Extra: have 12.5 µs of decision time for the L1 trigger.



The data transmission bottleneck

Let's do a simple back-on-the-envelope calculation:

- Consider a reasonable pixel sensor with \approx 30000 channels;
- Average channel occupancy at permille level
 → 30 hits per BX;



- At least 19 bits of information (binary readout) per hit to send via optical link;
- A reasonable header is ≈ 30 bits (BX time stamp, status bits, ...);

 $(30 \times 19b + 30b) \times 40 \text{ MHz} \approx 24 \text{ Gbps}$

- But our fastest transceiver is at 10 Gbps! [LpGBT]

Correlation between the two layers on the front end electronics \rightarrow cut on the transverse momentum \rightarrow rate reduction!





p_T modules



2S (strip + strip) module

PS (pixel + strip) module

2S module



- Two 290 μ m thick strips sensors;
- Strip size: $90 \,\mu m \times 5 \, cm$;
- Sensor area: \approx 10 cm \times 10 cm;
- CBC front end chip wire bonded to both sensors;
- Front end chip data collected by the CIC chip (one per side);

PS module



- One macropixels sensor and one strips sensor;
- Macropixel size: 100 μm × 1 mm; strip size: 100 μm × 2.5 cm;
- Sensor area: \approx 10 cm \times 5 cm;
- MPA front end chip bump bonded to the macropixel sensor;
- SSA front end chip wire bonded to the strip sensor;
- MPA receives from the SSA and sends to the CIC chip;

The Outer Tracker



Orange: 2S modules; blue: PS modules.

Data path

- 2 data streams:
 - Stubs: simplified data, sent at 40 MHz rate to build L1 Tracks primitives;
 - DAQ data: complete data sent when L1 trigger accepts the events (up to 750 kHz rate).
- DAQ data are stored in the Front End chips into 512 events deep pipelines;
- 9 independent processing regions in φ. Dαta acquisition, Trigger and Control (DTC) boards send
- L1 data to the *Trαck Finding* (TF) boards;
- DAQ data to the DAQ and Timing Hub (DTH) boards.



L1 Tracking: the tracklet algorithm





Seeding: doublet of stubs in different layers are used to build a track seed (assuming prompt tracks). Projecting: using the seed, expected stubs positions for other layers are computed. Matching: if stubs are found where expected, the track candidate is accepted.

Kalman filter fit + quality BDT applied to accepted tracks \rightarrow precise track parameters estimation + enhanced purity.

The effect of L1 Tracking on overall L1 trigger performance

ls sensible!



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p_T modules in the wild

Activities in Pisa

INFN section of Pisa is a *burn-in* and *integration* site: PS module are

- Received from α seembly sites (Bari and Perugia) and burn-in tested;
- Integrated in tilted rings and sent to CERN for Tracker integration.¹





Burn-in Box

- Developed \bigotimes FNAL \rightarrow at least one for each site;
- Thermal and light insulation for module testing;
- Provides power for FE electronics, HV for sensor (over)depletion, cooling, dry air and optical readout for up to 10 modules;
- Key step in the module qualification;
- $\mathcal{O}(100)$ thermal cycles (room temperature \leftrightarrow Phase Il cooling temperature = -35 °C) to test the module mechanics and electronics;
- But why limit to these tests?
 We can use it as a cosmic rays telescope!



Burn-in Box as a cosmic rays telescope

The self-triggering nature of stubs allowed us to modify readout board firmware to acquire cosmic rays. [Indico 1389895]

- Opened new possibilities to test more aspects of the modules: timing alignment, modules alignment, efficiency, ...
- Still a work in progress.



p_T modules outside CMS: the MUonE experiment

The physics of muon g-2 in a nutshell

- In 2023, Fermilab Muon g 2 Experiment published the most precise measurement (0.20 ppm) of the positive muon anomalous magnetic moment a_{μ} ; [arXiv:2308.06230]
- Experimental result in tension with SM prediction!

$$a_{\mu}^{\rm SM} = a_{\mu}^{\rm QED} + a_{\mu}^{\rm EWK} + a_{\mu}^{\rm QCD}$$



[arXiv:2311.08282]



[WIFAI 2024]



[arXiv:2203.15810]

Determine $\alpha_{\mu}^{\text{HVP}}$ using $\mu e \rightarrow \mu e$ elastic scattering





We want to measure $\Delta \alpha$ at 10 ppm \rightarrow we need excellent tracking \rightarrow 2S modules!

MUonE tracking station



Stubs readout at 40 MHz and online event building (+ online tracking and vertexing! [BTTB12])

2023/24 test beam campaigns







- MUonE Test Run at CERN North Area (M2 beam);
- 2×10⁸, 160 GeV muons per 5 s spill;
- 2/3 cm graphite target between the two tracking stations;
- $\mathcal{O}(300 \text{ TB})$ of track+calo data saved to disk $\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(3 \times 10^8)$ elastic scattering events.

Tracker performance in line with the expectations.



Test beam preliminary reults



Phase 1 proposal submitted: aim to request 4 weeks of data taking in 2025.

Conclusions

Answers!

- Why do we need a new tracker? To do high precision physiscs even in the more harsh HL-LHC environment!
- What do we want from this new tracker? High granularity, less material, L1 tracking.
- What are the p_T modules? Two silicon sensor layers with a common readout.
- Why the p_T modules? To reduce the data transmission rate.
- Are we really building them? Yes!
- What are they good for? Lot of stuff! Including self-triggering cosmics setups.
- What is MUonE, btw? A new experiment that aims to determine a_{μ}^{HVP} using 2S modules as tracking modules.

Thank you!





Channel occupancy



Tracker readout sectors



Stub data format



Material Budget



Phase II L1 Trigger architecture



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