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Effective Depletion Voltage & 2nd Metal Layer effects in the LHCb VELO

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VELO Strip Sensors

- n⁺-on-n 300 um sensors
- Oxygenated
- Double Metal Layer



- 2 Sensors are n⁺-on-p
- Backwards region (not important for Physics analyses)
- VELO consists of 42 Modules (Module: adjacent R and Phi geometry strip sensors)

Inner most strips are 8mm from beam Exposed to highest levels of radiation at the LHC

Fluence Prediction

- Have collected ~ 1.22 fb⁻¹ from 2009 to 2011
- 7 TeV pp collisions in 2010/11
- MC studies give expected radiation as a function of
 Z: Sensor position along beam pipe
 R: Radial distance from beam pipe





CCE Methodology

- Reconstruct Tracks with every 5th module excluded
- Extrapolate track to **Test Sensor** and determine the charge collected in this area



• Repeat with the **Test Sensor** operated at a number of different bias Voltages (0-150V)

CCE Methodology

• Determine the Charge Collection MPV at each Voltage

• Plot MPV Vs voltage and define the Effective Depletion Voltage(EDV) as the voltage at which the MPV reaches 80% of its maximum value



<u>n⁺-on-n sensor</u>



• Type inversion of n-bulk to p-bulk visible at inner radius

<u>n⁺-on-p sensor</u>



• Initial drop in EDV followed by an increase

<u>n⁺-on-p sensor</u>



(thanks to Steve Watts)











All sensors EDV (split into Low and High initial EDV)



Hamburg Model Comparison

Comparison with Hamburg Model



Noise Vs Voltage Methodology

- Intrinsic noise is proportional to capacitance
- Depleted Sensor: lower capacitance and so lower noise
- Underdepleted Sensor: higher capacitance and so higher noise



 Noise Effective Depletion Voltage(NEDV) defined as the voltage at which 1/Noise reaches 80% of its maximum value

- Sensor divided into 4 radial regions
- Compare NEDV before and after significant radiation





Cluster Finding Efficiency

• CFE: Fraction of tracks for which a cluster is found at the track sensor intercept



<u>n⁺-on-n R sensor</u>

After radiation exposure a drop in the CFE of R sensors has been observed, especially at large radii

Investigation of CFE drop

• Check size of clusters not associated to tracks



• Predominantly at Inner region of sensors

2nd Metal Layer explanation

• 2nd routing layer runs from inner strips over the outer strips





- Track impact at ★
- Small signal seen on Blue 2nd metal layer
- Fakes a cluster on inner strip



Evidence



Evidence



After radiation CFE depends on distance to strip and distance to second metal layer

Conclusion

- LHCb VELO sensors have seen radiation damage
- Type inversion observed at the inner edge of the sensors
- R Sensors show coupling to 2nd metal layer causing a reduction in efficiency
- Tracking Efficiency unchanged so far (<0.5% effect)
- Sensors should last for 5 more years

BACKUP

Noise Vs Voltage Methodology

 Shape of 1/Noise curve depends on the sensor bulk type <u>n⁺-on-n:</u> Depletion region grows from side opposite strips <u>n⁺-on-p:</u> Depletion region grows from strips

