



Operation and Performance of the CMS outer tracker

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For the CMS Collaboration

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Analog readout

Tracker Analog Readout in (very) brief

- Tracker readout is analog (signal height information is available)
- APV25 chip with two different readout modes:
 - Peak mode: single sample from CR-RC shaper
 - Deconvolution mode: 3-sample average to effectively shorten pulse (less out-of-time contributions)
- Signal from APV25 chips converted to optical signal on Analog-opto-hybrid (AOH)
 - Linear Laser Driver
 - Edge emitting laser diodes





Commissioning the tracker



- Laser driver has four gain stages to equalize readout gain and compensate for signal loss with irradiation
- Optimizing optical link gain to about 0.8 V_{input}/V_{ouput [fed receiver*)]} to have analog readout sensitive to expected charge deposited by traversing particles (few MIPs)
- Distribution of laser driver gain settings largely unchanged since 2014
 - Very few lasers need to use highest gain stage
 - \rightarrow No evidence of loss of efficiency for laser driver+diode
- More on radiation effects later

Commissioning the tracker



Noise scaling in the strip tracker

- Noise expected to scale linearly with strip length (backplane + interstrip capacitance)
- Very nicely reproducing results from 2008 JINST paper for slope [electrons/cm]
- \triangleright Offset slightly larger, but compatible with old results within ~1 sigma

Detector Status in LHC Run 2



Channels active in readout: ~96.5%

 \rightarrow ~stable since 2016

12 modules in TIB layer 3 could be recovered

Some others are starting to show signs of deterioration and might need to be excluded from readout

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Hit efficiency – APV25 pre-amp saturation problem

- During late 2015 and early 2016 the strip tracker observed a decrease in signal to noise associated also with loss of hits on tracks
- Problem was initially believed to be due to HIPs (heavily ionizing particles)
- Later traced to saturation effects in the pre-amplifier of the APV25 readout chip
- The drain speed of the pre-amplifier was changed to allow for faster recovery
 - This fully recovered the efficiency and the signal to noise ratio



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Single hit resolution



Radiation effects

Radiation effects – Introduction

Approaching 100 fb-1 of integrated luminosity worth of irradiation (~60 fb-1 post-LS1)

Regular measurements of radiation related quantities performed

- Both in pp collisions and off-beam periods, e.g. in calibration runs using cyclic triggers
- Leakage current (I_{leak}) measured using power supply current and detector control units (DCUs) on individual modules
- Depletion voltage (V_{depl})
 - signal scans using particles from pp collisions
 - full scans (typically after technical stops)
 - small scans on representative power groups 1/month

Measurements show that all layers of the outer tracker are still before type inversion at the moment



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- Maximum threshold increase is about 15% over ~56 fb-1 (40[2016]+16[2017]) of radiation damage → about 10% of design life-time value
- Average threshold current at time of reference runs around 3 mA for all subdetectors (TIB/TOB: 3.15 mA, TEC±: 2.8 mA)
 - → maximum allowable threshold current 22.5 mA
 - Threshold increase in innermost detector regions is 0.5-0.6 mA
 - Assuming linear scaling to 500 fb-1 gives 4.5 – 5.5 mA consistent with or better than expectations from e.g. IEEE Trans. on Nuc. Science, vol. 52, no. 5

Paper does not include annealing in this plot



Radiation effects – Leakage current

- Leakage current simulations are done based on
 - Silicon sensor temperature measurements at certain "anchor points" taken per module
 - Temperature is extrapolated to other periods using few representative "PLC-based" temperature probes (e.g. periods with detector off)
 - Particle flux simulations using FLUKA and scaled to corresponding fluences in 1 MeV neutron eq
- Leakage current at time t, for sensor with temperature T and fluence Φ_{eq} calculated from

$$I(t, T, \Phi_{eq}) = I_0 + \alpha(t, T) \Phi_{eq} V$$

with
$$\alpha(t,T) = \alpha_0(T) + \alpha_I \exp\left[-\frac{t}{\tau_I(T)}\right] - \beta \ln \frac{t}{t_0}$$

Sensor temperature simulation





- Silicon sensor temperature generally very well modelled
 - Actual temperature ranges from ~ -10°C for the bulk of the modules to +15°C in regions with degraded cooling
 - Simulation works reasonably well for all cases

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Leakage current per detector layer



- Generally good description with about 20% constant offset
 - Compatible given uncertainties of FLUKA simulation and modelling parameters
- Change of effective α can be seen after LS1
 - → change of operating temperature from $T_{coolant} = +4^{\circ}C$ to $T_{coolant} = -15^{\circ}C$



Summary and Outlook

CMS Outer Tracker continues to perform very well also after being installed in CMS for almost 10 years

Signal to noise, hit efficiency and hit resolution are very good and in agreement with expectations

APV25 pre-amplifier saturation seen at high luminosity in 2015/16 has been cured

Radiation effects become visible in all parts of the system

Monitoring is in place for various effects

Simulation efforts are in good shape to model the behavior of the system with increasing irradiation



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