The LHCb VELO & ST Operational Performance Run II

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- LHCb Experiment
- The Tracking Detectors
- Expected Fluences
- Radiation Monitoring Methods
 - Leakage Current
 - Charge Collection Efficiency
- Conclusions

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Searching for New Physics through measuring CP violation and rare decays of heavy flavour mesons



Single arm spectrometer optimised to study particles containing b and c quarks

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The VErtex LOcator (VELO)

Silicon strip detector surrounding the interaction point





The sensors

- + 42 double sided modules
 - + 1 **R** sensor & 1 **φ** sensor per module
 - + 300 µm Micron n+-on-n
 - exception of 2 models with n+-on-p
 - 2048 strips per sensor

R sensor

- 45 degree quadrants
- Pitch 40-101.6 µm

\$ sensor

- 2 regions (inner & outer)
- + Pitch 35.5-96.6 μm

Readout

- Analogue readout by custom made "Beatle" ASICs in the periphery
- Routing lines to carry signal from inner strips

The VErtex LOcator (VELO)

Silicon strip detector surrounding the interaction point





Bi-phase CO₂ cooling

- Sensors mounted either side of a thermally conductive spine
- Operation at -30°C with sensors -10°C

Separated in two retraceable halves, situated inside LHC Vacuum

- Secondary VELO vacuum, separated by 300 µm AI RF foil
- Retractable halves
 - Open during beam injection
 - Closed during stable beam
 - + Closest active strip 8 mm from the beam

Silicon Tracker (ST) - Turicensis Tracker (TT)

Silicon strip detector upstream of the magnet

The sensors

- 4 planar detector planes
 - titled at 0° , +5°, -5° & 0°
- ◆ 500 µm p+-on-n HPK
 - + pitch 183 μm
- Grouped readout sectors
 - + depending on location w.r.t beam
 - + readout range up to 37 cm
 - Beatle ASICs outside acceptance of LHCb





Cooling

- Mounted on common cooling plate
 - plant operates at 0°C.
 - sensors maintained at 8°C

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Silicon Tracker (ST) - Inner Tracker (IT)

Silicon strip detector downstream of the magnet



The sensors

- Three stations in z
 - 4 detector planes
 - titled at 0° , $+5^{\circ}$, $-5^{\circ} \& 0^{\circ}$
- p+-on-n HPK sensors
 - 198 µm pitch

A & C side

- 410 µm thick
- 2 sensors bonded together
- 22 cm long readout

Cooling

Same as TT



Photograph of A & C side style module

Top & Bottom

- + 320 µm thick
- 1 sensor
- 11cm long readout

Challenges and Monitoring Methods

Increasing luminosity has damaging effects on our detectors, therefore we need to monitor and adjust running conditions to achieve the best performance.

Luminosity

LHCb Cumulative Integrated Recorded Luminosity in pp, 2010-2017



- ~6 fb⁻¹ recorded in total
- <1 fb⁻¹ recorded this year

Luminosity Levelling



Monitoring of Radiation Effects

- Weekly IV scans
 - Four Charge Collection Efficiency scans per year
 - Effective Depletion Voltage
 - Cluster Finding efficiency

Forward geometry of the LHCb detector leads to a highly non uniform radiation environment

Particle Fluences

VELO exposed to a fluence of the order of 5x10¹³ 1MeV n_{eq}/cm² per fb⁻¹

Fluence per fb⁻¹ expected in Run II



ST can expect ~ 10^{12} 1MeV n_{eq}/cm² per fb⁻¹



- TT three orders of magnitude between highest and lowest flux regions
- IT Expects one order of magnitude smaller than the peak fluence of TT and the profile differs due to the magnetic field
- **VELO** Fluence varies exponentially with radius 11/09/2017 Emma Bucha

Leakage Currents - VELO

Linear increase in leakage currents as a luminosity increases



Variations in currents:

- + Partly due to the different sensor positions relative to the interaction point
- Dominated by temperature variations between the sensors
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2017: 300V for all sensors

Leakage Currents - VELO

Layout of the VELO modules, interaction region shown in the shaded area

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Leakage Currents - ST

Linear increase in leakage currents as luminosity increases

Normalised to 8°C



- Similar leakage currents to the VELO
- Visible dips in currents due to Long Shutdowns and Technical Stops
- TT operates at a higher bias than IT due to differences in sensor thicknesses



Simulation showing the fluence variations across the sensor planes

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Charge Collection Efficiency Scans used to measure Effective Depletion Voltage

- Collision data recorded for every 5th module operated at a range of voltages, all other modules run at nominal voltage
- MPV is calculated using the Landau fit to the ADC distribution





EDV is the voltage at which the MPV of a sensor is equal to 80% of the maximum

Operational bias voltage is always set higher than the EDV

Effective Depletion Voltage as a function of radius



Highly non unform irradiation profile across the sensors

The effective depletion voltage is higher in the inner most regions, where the dose is higher
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The Hamburg model and data are in reasonable agreement in the high fluence region

Which can be used to predict the voltages required for future periods of operation

Prediction of Hamburg model also made for individual sensors to estimate EDV

• Simulated using the expected fluence at the tip of each sensor region (fluence is 1.4 times higher than middle)



This lead to the operational bias voltage of all sensors being set to 300V

- VELO sensors can be operated up to 500V
- Expect to be able to fully deplete the sensors until the end of Run II

Charge Collection Efficiency Scans for **TT** and **IT** are similar in method to **VELO**

Example for **TT**

- Collision data recorded with one test module operated at a range of voltages
- MPV measured using the Landau fit to the ADC distribution
- + Repeat for different time shifts to obtain the pulse shape.
- + Charge calculated by integrating the pulse shape.





 V_{depl} is the bias voltage at which the fit reaches 95% of its maximum value

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+ Reasonably good agreement between V_{depl} from data and the Hamburg model prediction.

Depletion voltages decrease with increasing fluence

Effective Depletion Voltage as a function of fluence

Normalised to V_0 - the depletion voltage before installation



Reasonably good agreement between V_{depl} from data and the Hamburg model prediction.

TT and **IT** sensors have not yet reach type-inversion

Charge Collection Efficiency Scans used to measure the Cluster Finding Efficiency

- Collision data recorded for every 5th module operated at a range of voltages, all other modules run at nominal voltage
- Look for the presence of a cluster near the track intercept of the test sensor

At the start of Run I, before irradiation the mean CFE was greater than 99%





Cluster Finding Efficiency decreases with increasing fluence



- + Lower CFE in the inner most irradiated areas of the sensor,
 - can be partly recovered with increased bias voltage
- Higher CFE in outer radii due to lower luminosity exposure
- reduced at the periphery due to poorer tracking, ghosts/fakes

Majority of the sensor has a CFE ~98%

Drop in efficiency at ~18 rad boundary between inner and outer strips

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Cluster Finding Efficiency decreases with increasing fluence



R sensor behaves differently to a ϕ sensor

- Lower CFE in the inner most irradiated areas of the sensor,
 - can be partly recovered with increased bias voltage
- Reduced CFE in outer radii, in the lower luminosity regions

Behaviour can be explained by the "second metal layer effect"

R sensor

Charge Collection Studies - Double Metal Layer



2nd metal layer routing line



R and phi sensors need two sets of metal lines

- One to capacitively couple to the strips
- One to carry the signal to the amplifier in the periphery
- φ sensors the routing lines are parallel to the strips
- R sensors the routing lines are perpendicular to and run over the outer strips





CFE is reduced for tracks far from a strip and close to a routing line

- Ongoing TCAD simulations to try recreate this effect
- Limited effect on the tracking performance
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Conclusions

- Tracking detectors are showing signs of degradation due to radiation damage
- We expect to maintain a good physics performance until the end of Run II
- Second fully operational copy of the VELO incase of beam related incident
- During LS2 the tracking detectors will be upgraded
 - + The LHCb Vertex Locator Upgrade by Edgar Lemos Cid
 - Microchannel Cooling techniques at LHCb by Oscar Augusto
 - Design and construction of the LHCb Upstream Tracker by Marco Petruzzo

Beam Crossing	50 ns			-		25 ns				-		25 ns		
Start up	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2	18	2019	020	2021	2022+
TeV	0.9-7 8			LS 1		13-14				LS 2				
Instant Luminosity	10 ³² 3-4 x 10 ³²					4 x 10 ³²						10 – 20 x 10 ³²		
Integrated Luminosity	3 fb ⁻¹					5-7 fb ⁻¹				Upgrade		> 50 fb ⁻¹		

Start of LS2 upgrade delayed until 2019 Emma Buchanan, VERTEX 2017

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Spare **VELO** in the LHCb surface area exhibition



Reached 6 fb-1 on September 7th



Back up

Charge Collection Studies - Double Metal Layer

Effects on the data taking

Inner **R** strips sees an increase in lower ADC counts



- Predominately from inner regions, far from where the track crossed the sensor
- Double metal layer effect is seen in the outer edges of the sensors and for mostly perpendicular tracks, hence downstream sensors far from the interaction region
- Region with the most redundancy, so losing one cluster on a track does not effect the tracking greatly

Lower charge collected in \mathbf{R} compared to $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$



Wider distribution due to only some clusters losing charge



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