

The Silicon Vertex Detector of Belle II

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Belle II @ SuperKEKB

- Luminosity-frontier experiment exploring new physics beyond the Standard Model
- Asymmetric e⁺e⁻ collisions at Υ(4S) mass (10.58 GeV)
- Target integrated luminosity: 50 ab⁻¹
- Target instantaneous luminosity: $6 \times 10^{35} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
- Current record instantaneous luminosity: $3.1 \times 10^{34} cm^{-2} s^{-1}$



Essential for physics program

- Precise determination of decay vertices
- Low momentum tracking
- Good particle identification

The vertex detector

Requirements

- Better vertex resolution w.r.t. Belle to compensate reduced Lorentz boost
 - improved point resolution
 - reduced inner radius
 - lower material
- Operate in high background environment
 - Hit rates: 20-3 MHz/cm²
 @ R = 14-40 mm
- Radiation hard
 - 2-0.2 Mrad/yr @ R = 14-40 mm

Pixel Detector (PXD)

- DEPFET pixel sensors: layer-1-2
- Innermost layer 1.4 cm from interaction point



Silicon Vertex Detector (SVD)

• Double-sided Si strip sensors: layer-3-4-5-6

The Silicon Vertex Detector (SVD)

- Low material budget: 0.7%X₀ per layer
- Diamond sensors for radiation monitor and beam abort

SVD Roles

- Extrapolate tracks to PXD
 essential for reconstruction of decay vertices
 PXD region of interest for data reduction
- Stand-alone tracking for low p_T tracks
- PID with *dE/dx*





SVD: Double-side Silicon Strip Detector

Provide 2-D spatial information



Total: 172 sensors, 1.2 m² sensor area and 224k readout strips

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Front-end ASIC: APV25

- Originally developed for CMS silicon tracker
- Fast: 50 ns shaping times
- Radiation hard: >100 Mrad
- Power consumption: 0.4 W/chip (700 W in total)
- 128 channel inputs per chip
- Operated in a multi-peak mode $\boldsymbol{\varrho}$ ~32 MHz
 - \blacktriangleright Bunch-crossing frequency ${\sim}8^*32$ MHz, clock not synchronous with them as in CMS
 - 6 subsequent samples recorded
 - 3/6-mixed acquisition mode also prepared to reduce the dead time, data size and occupancy at higher luminosity



Origami chip on sensor concept

Readout chips directly on each middle sensor

- shorter signal propagation length (smaller capacitance and noise)
- $\bullet\,$ Thinned to 100 μm to reduce material budget



- Wrapped flex to read both sides from the same side
- Cool only one side with bi-phase -20° CO₂



Operation and performance

- SVD installed in 2018, operated since 2019
- Reliable and smooth operation without major problems
 - Total fraction of masked strips ~ 1%
 - One APV25 chip disabled in spring 2019 (out of 1748), fixed by cable reconnection in summer 2019
- Excellent detector performance
 - Average sensor hit efficiency > 99% and stable with time



Signal charge and signal to noise ratio

Signal charge normalised for the track path length in silicon similar in all sensors and matches expectations

u/P side: charge in agreement with expectation from MIP taking into account $\sim 15\%$ uncertainty in APV25 gain calibration

v/N side: 10%-30% signal loss due to large pitch and presence of floating strip

Very good SNR in all 172 sensors (most probable value: 13-30)

u/P side: larger noise due to longer strip length (larger inter-strip capacitance)



Cluster position resolution

- Preliminary cluster position resolution measured on data
- Estimated from the residuals of the cluster position with respect to the track (unbiased) using $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ events
- Effect of the track extrapolation error subtracted
- Excellent position resolution in agreement with the expectations from the pitch
- Still room for improvement for the u/P side (work ongoing)



- Excellent hit time resolution wrt event time provided by CDC (~ 2.9 ns u/P, ~ 2.4 ns v/N)
- Possible to efficiently reject off-time background hits
 - Will be used for higher luminosity and background levels



Beam background and radiation effects

Beam background

Beam background increases SVD hit occupancy which degrades tracking performance

- $\bullet\,$ Present occupancy limit in layer-3: $\sim\,3\%$
- Using hit time information to reject background can approximately be doubled
- With current luminosity average hit occupancy in layer-3 is well under control (< 0.5%)
- Projection of hit occupancy at $\mathcal{L} = 8 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ is about 3% in layer-3
 - estimated scaling MC with data/MC ratio
 - correspond to dose of ~ 0.2 Mrad/smy and 1-MeV neutron fluence of ~ 5 × 10¹¹ neq/cm²/smy (smy = 10⁷ s)



• Long term BG extrapolation affected by large uncertainties related to collimation and injection BG still not included

Integrated dose

SVD dose estimated by dose on diamond sensors: 70 krad in layer-3 mid plane (the most exposed to radiation)



Int. dose in SVD - New coeff. (from exp. 12 & 16) + EODB correction (from 14/2102)

1-MeV equivalent neutron fluence: $\sim 1.6\times 10^{11}~n_{eq}/cm^2$ in first 2.5 years (assuming dose/neq fluence ratio = 2.3 $\times 10^9~n_{eq}/cm^2/krad$ from MC)

Radiation effect on leakage current

Good linear correlation between leakage current and estimated dose

- Slope: 2-5 μA/cm²/Mrad with large variations due to temperature effects and dose spread among sensors in layer (average dose in layer used in estimate)
- Same order of magnitude as BaBar measurement (1 μA/cm²/Mrad *@* 20°C) [NIMA 729, 615-701, 2013]
- Even after 10 Mrad irradiation, leakage current will not significantly affect strip noise
 - Noise dominated by sensor capacitance because of short shaping time (50ns) in APV25





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Radiation effect on strip noise

Noise increase of 20-25% in layer-3

- Not affecting performance
- Likely due to radiation effects on sensor surface
 - Non-linear increase due to fixed oxide charges that increase inter-strip capacitance,
 - expected to saturate
- Saturation seen on v/N side and starting to be seen on u/P



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Voise average [e-]

Radiation effect on depletion voltage

- Minimum of v/N side strip noise at full depletion
 - v/N side insulated only when the n-type bulk is fully depleted
 - Over-depletion bias still slightly decrease noise (reduce electron accumulation layer on n-side surface)



 No change in full depletion voltage observed with time: consistent with low integrated neutron fluence ($\sim 1.6 \times 10^{11} n_{eg}/cm^2$)



L3.5.1 v/N Side - Strip Noise

- SVD has been taking data in Belle II since March 2019 smoothly and reliably
- Excellent performance in agreement with expectations
 - Still some room for improvement in cluster position resolution
- Seen first effects of radiation damage at the expected level but not affecting performance
- Ready to cope with increased beam background
 - Reject off-time background
 - 3/6 mixed acquisition mode to reduce dead time, data size and occupancy