Electronics Lessons Learned from GE1/1

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Modifications while in production

- 1. Cover with solder the gold plated pad touching the tin-plated brass standoffs:
 - Prevent galvanic corrosion
 - By hand on already produced OH (CERN SMD lab)
 - At production for newly produced OH
- 2. Improve temperature sensors:
 - PT100 do not match the SCA ADC characteristics
 - Replace the PT100 with PT1000
 - Add a precise resistor for SCA current source calibration
 - End up with 3 OH versions (stored in DB)





Failures at QC7

- More than 15 OHs have been returned to ULB
- 3 were found with broken SAMTEC pins
- ▶ 4 have a serial number lower than 10 (and need reworking)
- Other OHs have been repaired, tested and returned to CERN
 - Not all OHs have been found misbehaving; back in production



Keep the OHs clean

- OHs were not cleaned before shipment from CERN to ULB
- Thermal paste everywhere:
 - In the SAMTEC connectors
 - Under the BGA packages
 - Inside the VTRx/VTTx
- Unnecessary stress experienced during cleaning
- Also clean with compressed air before assembly





VTRx failures

Various symptoms:

- GBTx loosing lock
- VFAT loosing synchronisation
- Unreliable OH FPGA communication

Traced to VTRx failures:

- 4 on 3 OHs back from CERN
- 2 at ULB after a few minutes/hours
- ▶ 1 replaced at CERN

Different modes of failures:

- 1 VTRx failed on the Tx (IDLE state)
- 2 VTRx's failed on the Rx (waitDESLock state)
- 1 VTRx drawing 0.1 A less than expected

GEB issues

- Only a few (2-3) returned from CERN
- But many rejected at ULB
- Longest component to repair and test
- Large variety of issues with batch-to-batch variation
- More thorough tests should be performed at production:

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- PRBS patterns on the data lines
- Test the powering with DC/DC FEAST-like

Soldering









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Flatness and cleanliness





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Packaging

- GEBs damaged by:
 - Too light packaging
 - Too tight packaging
- Each batch is sent with different packaging:
 - Difficult to re-pack components
 - Standarization would be appreciated







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Test procedure

- Visual inspection of both GEB and OH
- GEB flatness measurement
- Consolidation of the standoffs and check each of them at a defined torque
- GEB cleaning, particularly the connectors, with flux-cleaner, isopropyl alcohol and compressed air
- Checking the LV with FEASTs
- Full electronics assembly
- QC7 test without VFAT analogue channel tests
- Complete Sbit test (Sbit rate measurement + fast Sbit mapping)
- Overnight test for connectivity stability (GBTx lock and VFAT synchronisation)

Sbit rate vs THR_ARM_DAC

- Precious diagnostic tool
- Difficult to interpret the results
- Should write manual or a automatized software tool



Sbit rate vs THR_ARM_DAC - more examples



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Keep track of the components

- Receiving a component for debugging without its history is challenging
- Work has been invested to integrate the electronics components and tests into the GEM DB
- GE1/1 components are being uploaded
- Plan it in time; takes time to converge with the DB experts

ID	46180		
Serial Number:	GE1/1-OH-V3-0090		
Barcode:	3063000110001500090		
Inserted at:	16-SEP-19 10.00.13.000000 PM EUROPE/ZURICH		
Inserted by:	CMS_GEM_PRTTYPE_MUON_WRITER		
Manufacturer name:	Page Electronica		
Location:	ULB		
Parent Component:		Child parts:	
		GBT: X-GBT-0903	
		GBT: X-GBT-0902	
		GBT: X-GBT-0901	
		FPGA: X-FPGA-0090	
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Plan for failures



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- Allow to test 6 electronics sets "simultaneously"
- Crucial to increase the throughput
- Coordination required for access to the CTP7
- Re-used testings components can also fail:
 - FEASTs
 - VFATs

Two parts design

- Two pairs of SAMTEC connectors with complex geometry
- Difficulties to mount the OptoHybrid on the two GEBs
- Alignment (and cleanliness once again) are crucial
- Should minimize the mechanical stress on the SAMTEC connectors
- ▶ The 3 components can easily be handled alone once assembled



Conclusion

- Keep all components clean, particularly the connectors
- Plan for non-working components and debugging
- Better quality control for GEBs at production
- Expect components to die during QC (VFAT, FEASTs)
- Plan the GEM DB in time in order to keep track of the components
- ▶ Need to share in a systematic way our experience with GE2/1
- Presented only the problems, but the GE1/1 electronics is working well overall