Detector Characterisation: Irradiation and Test Beam

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WHY IS DETECTOR CHARACTERISATION IMPORTANT?

LAB TESTING AND TEST BEAM

Typically, new device is characterised in lab and in test beam (complementary)

Lab characterisation (,simple' table-top setup in lab):

- − Current vs. voltage characteristic (IV-curve)
- − Optimisation of device settings/configuration (power, threshold, speed, noise, …)
- − Calibration of detector with radioactive sources or x-ray tube (photons with well known energy)

Test beam (,complex' setup at external facility):

- − Spatial and time resolution of detector
- Detailed studies of efficiency and charge collection (within pixels)
- − System integration tests (readout of several detectors in parallel or testing of larger subsystems)

BASICS: INTERACTION OF PARTICLES WITH MATTER

- Restrict here to **charged** particles
- (Mean) energy loss of charged particles in matter described by Bethe-Bloch
- Broad minimum at $\beta y = 3 \rightarrow$ "minimum ionising particles" (MIP)
- In practice, all particles $βγ > 3$ are considered as MIPs
- MIPs are what we use for test beam measurements!
	- − …. a few GeV electrons
	- − …. 120 GeV hadrons

BASICS: INTERACTION OF PARTICLES WITH MATTER

- Bethe-Bloch describes the **mean** energy loss, but actually thats not a good estimator to quantify energy loss!
- Energy loss fluctuates -> Landau distribution
	- − **Number fluctuations** -> number of collisions varies
	- − **Energy-transfer fluctuations**
- Most-probable value (MPV) is more stable wrt. to fluctuations
- In silicon, MPV is ~75 e/h per um (depends on thickness!)

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\Delta_p = \xi \left[\ln \frac{2mc^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2}{I} + \ln \frac{\xi}{I} + j - \beta^2 - \delta(\beta \gamma) \right]
$$

$$
\xi = (K/2) \langle Z/A \rangle z^2 (x/\beta^2) \qquad \text{[PDG (2022), 34.2.9]}
$$

 $w_i = 3.65 \,\text{eV}$ (in Silicon)

IRRADIATION

We will only talk about **bulk damage**

IRRADIATION

- Reminder: **1 MeV neutron-equivalent fluence**: Ф **eq** [n **eq**/cm**²**] → Amount of radiation damage caused by 1 MeV neutrons with fluence Ф **eq**
- Why is this important?

Fluences in HEP experiments can reach up to 10**¹⁶**n **eq**/cm**²** after life time of detectors

We need to make sure that performance of detector is still fulfilling the requirements!

IRRADIATION FACILITIES: HOW?

- Irradiation facility provides particle beam (e.g. protons)
- Install device under test in beam and shoot particles onto it

Hardness factor scales fluence to neutronequivalent fluence (NIEL scaling)

$$
\phi_{\rm p} = \frac{\rm I_p \cdot t}{\rm e \cdot A} \qquad \qquad \kappa = \frac{\phi_{\rm neq}}{\phi}
$$

- By measuring the beam current we can then estimate how much "damage" we create in the detector material
- Typically, a homogenous irradiation over the detector is wanted
- \rightarrow Move the device in beam ("scanning")

IRRADIATION SITES: SOME EXAMPLES

- A very nice irradiation facility is Bonn at the Isochronous Cylotron at HISKP
	- Provides protons, deuterons, alphas... up to ^{12}C
	- − 7 MeV 14 MeV per nucleon
- Mostly proton beam is used for irradiation:
	- − A few nA to 1 uA beam current
	- − Gaussian beam profile (up to 2 cm FWHM)
	- $Flux (1 uA) = 6 × 10¹² s⁻¹ cm⁻²$
- Live monitoring: precise knowledge of fluence and feedback
- Homogeneous application of fluence
- 5×10^{15} within 60 min (for a 2 cm² sample)

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IRRADIATION SITES: SOME EXAMPLES

Of course there are many other facilities…

27 MeV protons at MC40 Cyclotron in Birmingham…

23 GeV protons at IRRAD proton facility at CERN (PS)…

[A nice summary of the](https://cds.cern.ch/record/2687706/files/Allport_2019_J._Inst._14_P12004.pdf) [irradiation sites](https://cds.cern.ch/record/2687706/files/Allport_2019_J._Inst._14_P12004.pdf)

24 MeV protons at KIT irradiation facility in Karlsruhe…

1 MeV neutron-equivalent fluence: Ф **eq** [n **eq**/cm**²**]

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TEST BEAMS

TEST BEAMS

- Goal: Measure reponse of detector under test (DUT) to particle beam (MIPS)
- Interested in measuring ...
	- … Hit detection efficiency
	- … Temporal resolution
	- … Spatial resolution
	- … Charge collection properties

all versus detector parameters (detection threshold, bias voltage, …)

TEST BEAM FACILITIES

Many test beam facilities available…

DESY II test beam facility

- bremstrahlungs converted electron beam
- several beam lines with $1 5$ GeV electron beam
- a few kHz beam rate

SPS North Area beam facility

- converted beam from SPS
- several beam lines with high energetic protons (400 GeV)
- beam has spill structure from SPS
- \cdot 5 10 sec. spill length (1 spill every 14 – 60 sec)

SPS North Area beam facility

ELSA test beam facility

- primary electron beam
- single extraction line provides 3 GeV electron beam
- user-adjustable beam rate ranging $from 1 H₇ - 625 MHz$
- Spill duty cycle (80 %)

BEAM TELESCOPE

- Aim of beam telescope is to track incoming particle beam and extrapolate trajectory on DUT
- Several pixel detectors with excellent spatial resolution (a few um)
- Optional: good timestamping capabilites (ns us)
	- − Do not want to be rate limited (a few kHz)
	- − Study of temporal resolution of DUT

BEAM TELESCOPE: TIME REFERENCE

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Snapshot of one event

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- We can also use this additional layer as **"region of interest**" (ROI)

EXAMPLE OF A BEAM TELESCOPE

- EUDET-type beam telescope available since years
- Highly used tool for device characterisation in test beams
	- − Several copies of the telescope at various places Bonn, CERN, SLAC, DESY, …
- Consisting of 6 high resolution MIMOSA26 sensors (MAPS)
- Great track resolution of a few um and very little material budget …
- Charge collection mainly due to diffusion (20 um epi-layer)
- ... but slow (rolling shutter readout)

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EXAMPLE OF A BEAM TELESCOPE

TRACK RECONSTRUCTION

TRACK RECONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

CLUSTERING

• Cluster: Accumulation of (neighboring) pixel hits from the same particle ("charge sharing")

... due to lateral **charge carrier diffusion** $\sigma(t) = \sqrt{2Dt}$ \sim few um!

… large track angles (particle crosses several pixels)

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- For track reconstruction we need to combine these hits into single (x,y) -> **clustering**
- Typically, use "centre-of-gravity" method (if charge information available)

$$
x_{rec} = \frac{\sum S_i x_i}{\sum S_i}
$$

Position resolution can improve with "centre-of-gravity" method

$$
\sigma_x = a/\sqrt{12}
$$
 (Binary hit resolution)

CLUSTER SIZE DISTRIBUTIONS

TRACKING

- Goal of tracking: Get optimal (least χ^2) estimate of track parameters using the hit information
- Simplest case is straight line:

At least two points required to determine track parameters

DIRECTION UNCERTAINTY: POSITION RESOLUTION

• If we have only two measuements, we can derive the direction uncertainty analytically

$$
b = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{z_2 - z_1} = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{D}
$$

- Each position measurement has intrinsic detector resolution
- Direction uncertainty then becomes:

TRACKING: MULTIPLE SCATTERING

- Multiple Coulomb scattering: scattering of particles in the Coulomb field of nuclei (Rutherford cross section)
- Typically we can neglect "offset" y_{plane}
- RMS-value of scattering angle can be approximated by

 θ plane

TRACKING: MULTIPLE SCATTERING

- How to include multiple Coulomb scattering tracking? **-> covariance matrix**
- **Covariance: "How much two random variables vary together"**
- **Covariance matrix allows to describe correlation between scattering angles and track parameters**
- Global fit method ("all at once"):
	- − Requires inversion of n x n covariance matrix (n: number of measured coordinates)
	- Computationally expensive! $({}^{\sim}n^3)$
- Local method (recursive track fitting, "step by step"):
	- − Assume scatterings only at several detector planes
	- Propagate track state iteratively from detector to detector
	- − Kalman Filter is one option

KALMAN FILTER

- Advantages of Kalman Filter:
	- − Simultaneous track finding and track fitting
	- − No inversion of large matrices needed
- What do we need?
	- − State vector describing the track (track parameters)
	- − Measurements (hits in our detector)
	- − Measurement transformation (from track parameters to measurements)
	- − Transportation matrix (from plane k -> k +1)
	- − Measurement noise (detector resolution)
	- − **Process noise (includes multiple scattering)**

[More about Kalman Filter:](https://doi.org/10.1115/1.3662552) ["A new approach to linear](https://doi.org/10.1115/1.3662552) [filtering and prediction](https://doi.org/10.1115/1.3662552) [problems"](https://doi.org/10.1115/1.3662552) (1960)

KALMAN FILTER: TRACK MODEL

• Track model:

Model how track parameters at a given detector plane k-1 depend on the track parameters on plane k

$$
x_k = F_{k|k-1}x_{k-1} + w_k
$$

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$$
V_{\theta} = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_{\text{ms}}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \theta_{\text{ms}}^2 \end{pmatrix}
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W_k = H_k x_k + \epsilon_k
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KALMAN FILTER: TRACK FITTING

- Start with defining some initial state and initial covariance matrix (uncertainty)
- Then propagate track state through detector planes

1) Prediction step

TRACKING: KALMAN FILTER

n predictions

measurements

The more information we add, the smaller the error on the track state is!

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Smoothing: combine forward and backward filter (to include information before and after scattering)

• How can we "judge" a track fit? -> **residuals**

$$
\Delta r_x = x_{\text{hit}} - x_{\text{track}}
$$

• **Unbiased and biased residuals**

This is what we have minimised

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$$
\sigma_{\rm res} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\rm meas}^2 + \sigma_{\rm track}^2}
$$

$$
\sigma_{\rm res} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\rm meas}^2 - \sigma_{\rm track}^2}
$$

Unbiased: Hit in DUT is **not included** in track fit

Biased: Hit in DUT is **included** in track fit

RESIDUALS

Resolution is dominated by multiple scattering Gaussian distribution with $\sigma = 19$ um $(*50/\sqrt{12})$

TELESCOPE CONFIGURATION

- Goal: Optimise track resolution at DUT depending on "size" of DUT
- Telescope spacing: dz
- **DUT** spacing: dz_{DUT}
- Material budget (of DUT): E_{DUT}

DETECTOR CHARACTERISATION

EFFICIENCY AND CHARGE COLLECTION

Measure efficiency and charge collection as a function of bias voltage ...

… for different detection threshold settings

… different levels of irradiation

Hit detection efficiency (noise occupancy is important!)

Typical requirement for silicon tracking detectors 99 % efficiency before irradiation 97 % effciency after irradiation

IN-PIXEL STUDIES

[Christian Bespin, PhD thesis]

• **Gives useful insights into charge collection processes in sensor**

Before irradiation and a settlement of the Before irradiation

Low E-fields in inter-pixel region causing efficiency drop

[More about the](https://pos.sissa.it/343/155/pdf) [Characterisation of](https://pos.sissa.it/343/155/pdf) [the MALTA CMOS](https://pos.sissa.it/343/155/pdf) [sensor](https://pos.sissa.it/343/155/pdf)

IN-PIXEL STUDIES

SPATIAL RESOLUTION

• Spatial resolution depends on…

…. threshold setting -> charge sharing!

…. rotation angle -> charge sharing!

$$
\sigma_{\mathrm{res}} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\mathrm{meas}}^2 + \sigma_{\mathrm{track}}^2}
$$

 Spatial resolution of detector

SPATIAL RESOLUTION

Spatial resolution (row) [µm] Spatial resolution depends on... More in: Turchetta et al., A335 (1993) 44 -58 [\https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2022.167413] 167413 − …. threshold setting -> charge sharing ! 16/j.nima.2022 − …. rotation angle -> charge sharing ! $Epi: 300 \mu m$ η distribution is not Epi: $100 \mu m$ − **… cluster reconstruction algorithm** Epi: $50 \mu m$ flat -> non linear Epi: 40 µm charge division! • Centre-of-gravity method not suitable if $\frac{procn}{1}$ is 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 Ω Threshold [e] large $\frac{1}{2}$ η Continuous n-implant .
Pz Spatial resolution [µm] 6 reality \cdot CoG 1 **ETA** $400H$ <u>/doi.org</u> CoG ΔΝ/Δη [Events/0.02] 5 $300¹$ 0.5 [https:/ η 200 100 3 Ω $\boldsymbol{x}_{\text{cluster}}$ 1٥ Ω 10 20 30 40 50 60 Rotation angle [deg] left pixel | right pixel

Continuous n-implant

GRAZING ANGLE TECHNIQUE

One can even study **depletion depth** using so-called "angular scans" ("grazing angle" technique)

A QUICK WORD ABOUT SIMULATIONS

- Beam time can be …
	- … Costly
	- … Rare to get
	- … Tideous (a lot of night shifts + complex setup)
- Sometimes it is easier to use a simulation instead of measuring everything (you can have a lot of design variants!)
- Many nice tools available like
	- − GEANT4
	- − Allpix²
	- − TCAD
	- −

A COMPLETE SIMULATION OF DEVICE IN TEST BEAM

[More about Monte](https://indico.cern.ch/event/1252505/contributions/5363089/attachments/2651428/4590796/SaraRuiz_2023-05-23_AllpixWorkshop.pdf)

[Carlo simulating a](https://indico.cern.ch/event/1252505/contributions/5363089/attachments/2651428/4590796/SaraRuiz_2023-05-23_AllpixWorkshop.pdf) [beam telescope](https://indico.cern.ch/event/1252505/contributions/5363089/attachments/2651428/4590796/SaraRuiz_2023-05-23_AllpixWorkshop.pdf)

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TAKE HOME MESSAGE

- Device characterisation consists of
	- − Lab testing + test beam
	- − Irradiation
	- − (Simulation)
	- … to understand the detector and do design adjustments if needed
- A beam telescope setup in combination with a high energetic particle beam is a very powerful tool to characterise the detector
	- − Particle reconstruction is key
	- − We can study spatial resolution, charge collection, efficiency, … of our detectors
- Simulation can help us to characterise detector if many design variants need to be studied

LITERATURE

- N. Wermes and H. Kolanoski, "Particle Detectors: Fundamentals and Applications"
- R. Frühwirth et al., "Data Analysis Techniques for High-Energy Physics"
- Many papers, links, ... on slides ;)

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