# 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)

LEMO and TLU

 System integration tests (readout of several detectors in parallel or testing of larger subsystems)

Data/CMI and HitOR

### 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  $\beta\gamma = 3 \rightarrow$  "minimum ionising particles" (MIP)
- In practice, all particles  $\beta \gamma > 3$  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!)

$$\begin{split} \Delta_p &= \xi \left[ \ln \frac{2mc^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2}{I} + \ln \frac{\xi}{I} + j - \beta^2 - \delta(\beta \gamma) \right] \\ \xi &= (K/2) \left\langle Z/A \right\rangle z^2 (x/\beta^2) \end{split} \text{ [PDG (2022), 34.2.9]}$$

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



## IRRADIATION

We will only talk about **bulk damage** 

### IRRADIATION

- Reminder: **1 MeV neutron-equivalent fluence**:  $\Phi_{eq} [n_{eq}/cm^2]$  $\rightarrow$  Amount of radiation damage caused by 1 MeV neutrons with fluence  $\Phi_{eq}$
- 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)

- $\phi_{\rm p} = \frac{{\rm I}_{\rm p} \cdot {\rm t}}{{\rm e} \cdot {\rm A}} \qquad \kappa = \frac{\phi_{\rm neq}}{\phi}$
- 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
- -> 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 <sup>12</sup>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) =  $6 \times 10^{12} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2}$
- Live monitoring: precise knowledge of fluence and feedback
- Homogeneous application of fluence
- 5 x 10<sup>15</sup> within 60 min (for a 2 cm<sup>2</sup> sample)



Scan number



### **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 irradiation sites

## 24 MeV protons at KIT irradiation facility in Karlsruhe...





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## **TEST BEAMS**

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- 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
- 5 10 sec. spill length (1 spill every 14 – 60 sec)





### **ELSA test beam facility**

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

### **BEAM TELESCOPE**

- Aim of beam telescope is to track incoming particle beam and extrapolate trajectory on DUT ٠
- 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



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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)



<u>More about</u> <u>Performance of EUDET</u> <u>type beam telescope</u>

Mimora 26

	Winnosu 20
Chip sensitive size	$21.2 \text{ mm} \times 10.6 \text{ mm}$
Chip thickness	50 μm to 70 μm
Pixel pitch	$18.4 \text{ mm} \times 18.4 \mu\text{m}$
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	Chip thickness		50 µm to 70 µm	50 µm to 100 µm
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	Typical frame readout	it time	115.2 µs	10 µs

## TRACK RECONSTRUCTION

### TRACK RECONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW



## CLUSTERING

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

... due to lateral charge carrier diffusion  $\sigma(t)=\sqrt{2Dt}$  ~ 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  $\chi^2$ ) 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<sub>plane</sub>
- RMS-value of scattering angle can be approximated by



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θplane

## 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! (~n<sup>3</sup>)
- 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: <u>"A new approach to linear</u> <u>filtering and prediction</u> <u>problems"</u> (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

$$x_{k} = F_{k|k-1}x_{k-1} + w_{k}$$
Process noise (multiple scattering)
$$V_{\theta} = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_{ms}^{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \theta_{ms}^{2} \end{pmatrix}$$
Covariance matrix of scattering angles
$$m_{k} = H_{k}x_{k} + \epsilon_{k}$$

$$Measurement \text{ noise (position resolution)}$$

$$V_{k} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{int,x}^{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_{int,y}^{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$More about covariance matrix for kalman filter track fitting$$

### 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

#### predictions

measurements



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

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#### predictions

• measurements



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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

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

Unbiased and biased residuals



This is what we have minimised

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

Unbiased: Hit in DUT is not included in track fit

Biased: Hit in DUT is included in track fit

**RESIDUALS** 

Resolution is dominated by pixel pitch Box distribution with RMS = 45 um (~150/ $\sqrt{12}$ )



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<sub>DUT</sub>
- Material budget (of DUT): E<sub>DUT</sub>





# DETECTOR CHARACTERISATION RESULTS

## 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]



- Map all data into pixel unit cell to see "what happens inside the pixel" -> in-pixel plots
- Gives useful insights into charge collection processes in sensor



**Before irradiation** 

After irradiation



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

More about the Characterisation of the MALTA CMOS sensor

### **IN-PIXEL STUDIES**

... we can also map cluster size into one pixel ... The larger the diffusion is, the smaller this "cluster size 1 area" is 60 60 50 50 40 40 cluster size 30 30 y [µm] y [μm] Cluster size = 1 20 20 10 10 0 0 -10 --10-10 40 50 60 10 -10 0 20 30 0 10 20 30 x [µm] x [µm] Dominant cluster shape inside Average cluster size inside pixel  $(50 \times 50 \text{ um}^2)$ pixel (50 x 50  $\mu$ m<sup>2</sup>)

cluster shape

...

. 50

60

40

### SPATIAL RESOLUTION

• Spatial resolution depends on...

.... threshold setting -> charge sharing!

.... rotation angle -> charge sharing!

$$\sigma_{\rm res} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\rm meas}^2 + \sigma_{\rm track}^2}$$
  
Spatial resolution of detector



### SPATIAL RESOLUTION

Spatial resolution (row) [µm] More in: Turchetta et al., A335 (1993) 44-58 Spatial resolution depends on... 167413 .... threshold setting -> charge sharing! .1016/j.nima.2022. .... rotation angle -> charge sharing! —• Epi: 300 μm n distribution is not Epi: 100 um Epi: 50 µm ... cluster reconstruction algorithm flat -> non linear Epi: 40 µm  $\underline{\text{pitch}}$  is charge division! Centre-of-gravity method not suitable if 500 1000 1500 2000 2500  $\sigma_{\rm diff}$ Threshold [e] large  $\eta$ Continuous n-implant Spatial resolution [µm] 6 10. 10. reality CoG 1 - ETA 400H /doi.org ΔN/Δη [Events/ 0.02] 5 300 0.5 [https:/ η 200 4 100 3 0 1.0  $x_{\text{cluster}}$ 0.5 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 PH(R) 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
  - Allpix<sup>2</sup>
  - TCAD
  - ....





[TCAD]



[GEANT4]

### A COMPLETE SIMULATION OF DEVICE IN TEST BEAM



More about Monte Carlo simulating a beam telescope

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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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