

#### The CMS Tracker

## Silicon sensor and electronic system

A brief introduction to a part of CMS where Imperial played a major role

A practical example

Some material intended to complement the silicon sensor & electronics lectures with the practical implications of building such detectors

# CMS Compact Muon Solenoid



### The Compact Muon Solenoid experiment

- a general purpose detector for studying the full range of physics at the CERN Large Hadron Collider
  - expected to operate (nominally) for 10 years
  - ~500fb<sup>-1</sup> with high radiation levels in tracking volume

R [cm]	Fast hadron fluence [cm <sup>-2</sup> ]	Dose [kGy]	Dose [Mrad]
4.3	246 10 <sup>13</sup>	830	83
22	16 10 <sup>13</sup>	67	6.7
115	<b>2</b> 10 <sup>13</sup>	2	0.2

operation with heavy ions: ~ 1 month annually

- The All-Silicon Tracker
  - $R \approx 4 11$  cm pixels
  - $R \approx 25 115$  cm silicon microstrip detectors

designed for general purpose tracking of charged particles in CMS

# CMS Tracker and its sub-systems

- Two main sub-systems: Silicon Strip Tracker and Pixels
  - pixels quickly removable for beam-pipe bake-out or replacement
  - SST not replaceable in reasonable time

Microstrip tracker	Pixels	
~210 m <sup>2</sup> of silicon, 9.3M channels	~1 m <sup>2</sup> of silicon, 66M channels	
73k APV25s, 38k optical links, 440 FEDs	16k ROCs, 2k olinks, 40 FEDs	
27 module types	8 module types	
~34kW	~3.6kW (post-rad)	







- Main features
  - Analogue readout
  - No on-detector zero suppression
  - Optical analogue data transfer
  - Control signals sent optically
  - Local electrical transfer
- Custom electronics on detector
  - radiation hard ASICs and optoelectronics
- Off-detector electronics
  - underground outside radiation zone
  - ADCs and zero suppression
  - ~500 FEDs, including spares
  - ~25 FECs





- Main features (many innovative, at the time)
  - Commercial 0.25μm CMOS ASIC
  - 128 readout channels
  - 50 ns CR-RC amplifier
  - 192 cell pipeline memory
  - alternate operating modes
    - peak & deconvolution
    - on-chip analogue signal processing
  - various ancillary functions
    - eg calibration, I<sup>2</sup>C, programmable latency...





7.1mm

# **Optical links**

- System developed for CMS Tracker mainly by CERN with industrial partners
  - vital technology, established for particle physics during LHC construction
    - "noise free", low power, high speed data transmission
  - 1.3µm single mode FP laser transmitters, III-V semiconductor Tx & Rx



# Now seems modest in comparison with latest technology

# **Front End Driver**

#### Programmable digital logic board

- opto-electric conversion
- digitisation
- data reordering
- baseline subtraction
- hit finding
- zero suppression
- data transfer via high speed S-link
- VME control and slow readout



# Tracking in CMS: strategy

- No detector of this type existed and LHC at 10<sup>34</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> is a very special challenge
  - ~35 events per crossing @ 40MHz: many 100s of tracks/event (radiation damage)
  - pileup of (partial) signals from previous beam crossings
- Rely on "few" measurement layers
  - each able to provide robust (clean) and precise coordinate
  - 2-3 pixel and 10-14 μstrip measurements
  - low material is an important objective
- Originally much uncertainty about performance vs number of layers
  - software for track reconstruction built at same time as simulations and detector
- Pixels provide precise 3D points in most congested region for seeding tracks in outer layers



#### Measured points



# Performance from simulation



Transverse momentum

So performance limited by N<sub>points</sub>, point precision, lever arm (& B) and multiple scattering

What is actually required?  $\sigma(p) \rightarrow \sigma(m)$ : measure Z peak with natural width spatial: to have good efficiency for b-decays

# Effect of material on particles in the Tracker

• Nuclear interactions destroy and create particles



#### Vast majority of particles have low momentum

# Effect of material on measurements

- compare real life with idealised detector: material reduced by factor 100
  - Simplified but adequate calculation



# Summary of requirements for tracking detector

- Minimum material but moderate number of layers
  - limit atomic (multiple scattering) and nuclear interactions
- Low power (to minimise material but cooling is not easy)
  - in practice 3.6 mW/channel for SST (~10M) and 55  $\mu$ W/pixel (~66M)
- Low electronic noise
  - max 2000 e (~250 e pixels) but sufficiently low thresholds for low occupancy
  - occupancy 1-2% strips, 0.05% pixels, but tolerant to large fluctuations (eg HI)
- Operation in 4T **B-field and T ≈ -20°C**
- Ionising Dose & Single Event Effect radiation tolerant
- Robust, stable, reliable for long time with little or no access
  - simple (!) to operate, set up, control, calibrate and align
    - result of overall engineering, electronic design, and analogue information
  - very large software & significant firmware effort over long period
- Once all the above achieved, with sufficient granularity (& correct sensors etc) should guarantee good spatial precision!

#### SNAPSHOTS OF CONSTRUCTION by worldwide effort

Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, CERN, Switzerland, UK, USA – *currently 62 institutes* much movement of components and assemblies

Sensors, ASICs, hybrids procured and tested some parts commercially: e.g. hybrids

Modules constructed in our dedicated centres, using automated assembly methods...

#### Module components



### Modules and sub-system assembly

Inner barrel shells (Italy)





TOB modules and Rods (US, CERN) Hybrids (industry)

Endcap petals (Au, Ge, Be, Fr)



# Sub-system integration



#### Integration at TIF

- Dedicated Tracker Integration Facility in CERN lab
  - assembled sub-systems, then added external cables, cooling, ...



# **Pixel assembly**





### **Tracker services**

• Installation of services was one of the most difficult jobs to complete CMS





#### RESULTS

# Material budget



PGs



# Signal to noise

Measured in deconvolution mode

25 ns peaking time

Characteristic "Landau" shape results from statistical sampling of electromagnetic scatters (Coulomb) in thin layer

#### occasional large fluctuations



#### Very early results - many more published

- Major software task
  - but strongly correlated to basic performance
  - alignment & calibration
  - mechanical and thermal stability
  - signals well separated from noise
  - point measurement precision
- Several track finding algorithms in use



# Tracking performance



Considerable advance on original tracking objectives from TDR era

partially compensates for material in system

# Material distribution





#### K<sup>0</sup><sub>s</sub> candidate event at 2.36 TeV





# Secondary – long-lived- decays



The relevance:

indicates quality of tracking & understanding of backgrounds, modelling of material (excellent agreement with Monte Carlos from early stage) checks on magnetic field (most of K<sup>0</sup> mass appears as momentum)



# $\Xi^-$ cascade reconstruction



# **Energy** loss

#### Means of limited particle identification

- For dE/dx, need to know conversion ratio electrons/ADC count
- Use cosmic muons (MIP) to calibrate all APVs  $\rightarrow$  uniformity
- Path length corrected MPV of Signal





- Most probable energy loss/unit length
  - Use Landau-Vavilov-Bichsel theory
  - Fit as function of track momentum
  - Extract calibration constant for each sensor type

# dE/dx in collisions



Clear separation of kaons and protons, nice agreement with MC

Cut dE/dx > 4.15 MeV/cm

**Pixels** 



This is the trick which gives ~10µm resolution from 100µm pixels



- ExB fields
  - enhances charge sharing between pixels
  - analogue interpolation improves precision



# Lorentz angle in pixels



### Summary

- The huge tracking system is perhaps the most remarkable CMS detector
  - a lot of advanced technology was mastered
- System has been very reliable and robust, with no significant problems
  - some radiation effects beginning to be visible (as expected)
- Software and analysis working exceptionally well
- The tracker contributes to almost all physics from CMS
  - primary and secondary particle reconstruction
  - particle flow
  - μ momentum
  - calorimeter shower identification and background removal
- The replacement in ~2023 will be even harder
  - and more demanding performance too