Module tests for the tracker upgrade of the CMS experiment at HL-LHC

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Introduction

The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

- Put the Standard Model to the test
- Bunches of particles crossing at a frequency of 40 MHz (crossing every 25 ns)
- High Luminosity phase of the LHC (HL-LHC) starting in 2029
- $\bullet~$ Target luminosity of 5 × 10 34 cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$ → Statistically limited processes

The Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) detector

- General-purpose detector located at a collision point
- New conditions:
	- More simultaneous collisions: $50 \rightarrow 200$
	- Higher radiation dose
- \rightarrow Tracker entirely replaced

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Collison point

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Charge collection in a strip silicon sensor

• The number of activated strips depends on the charge generated by the energy deposition of the particle. Which depends on the energy via the Bethe-Bloch formula

The 2S modules

- Not all collisions happening inside the detector can be recorded and stored: Trigger system, 40 MHz \rightarrow 750 kHz
- New modules will provide tracking information to the first stage of trigger

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Objective: validate the performance of a pre-production version of a 2S module in high rates condition

- Participation in the beam tests at CYRCé : 11/03 – 22/03 & 22/04 - 26/04
	- \rightarrow Preparation and manipulation of the module on the setup
	- \rightarrow Working with the software interface for data taking
- Analysis of the recorded data:
	- \rightarrow Implementation in C++/ROOT
	- \rightarrow Discussion with members of the collaboration

Experimental setup

The CYRCé cyclotron

Beam line dedicated to irradiation of sensors for tracker upgrade

- Beam of 25 MeV protons at adjustable intensities: from 1 fA to 100 nA
- Bunches of proton delivered at 85 MHz, frequency divided by 2: 42.5 MHz

Setup inside the experimental box

• Monitoring temperature and humidity to avoid damage to the silicon sensors

Data acquisition system

• The signal from the scintillator is filtered by a trigger supervisor system to keep the events compatible with a 40 MHz clock

Calibrations : detection threshold

- The pedestal (or baseline) value is the average output obtained without the beam irradiating the module
- The noise are the fluctuations around the pedestal

Calibrations : detection threshold

- The pedestal and noise can be determined from an S-curve
- The threshold is set to detect signals 5σ above the pedestal
- Expressed in *Vcth* DAC units, a lower *Vcth* value corresponds to a higher

Calibrations : latency

- The latency: delay between the detection of a proton by the scintillator and the reception of the trigger signal by the module
- Expressed in 40 MHz clock cycles (units of 25 ns)

Results

Beam profile

• Beam hitting 250 strips: spreading on two read-out chips

• Beam profile as expected from beam line diagnostics

Correlation of hits between the two sensors

• As expected from multiple scattering effect, the position can differ up to 1 strip

Number of activated strips per event

Detector efficiency

- Increasing gradually the intensity of the beam, and so the rate \rightarrow Test the module up to high rates (\sim 750 kHz)
- Assess the efficiency of the module as function of the trigger rate

 $E =$ *number of eventswith recorded hits total number of triggered events*

• The test was done for two threshold values

Detector efficiency

- Above 99 % for this range of rate
- Decreasing with trigger rate for the higher threshold
- Problem limiting data taking to \sim 100 kHz

Conclusion

Discussion

- Other facilities observed the same problem with the data acquisition system
	- \rightarrow Once the problem is fixed, the tests will be performed again
- Unexpected low number of activated strips per events: problem of threshold calibration
	- \rightarrow More systematic tests to better understand the impact of the threshold on the number of activated strips

Conclusion

- Learn the functioning of a module and the associated data acquisition system and conduct beam tests
- Current data acquisition system is not suitable for high rates tests
- Efficiency of the module above 99 % for the range of accessible rates

 \rightarrow Another series of tests with the fixed data acquisition system

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Backup

Threshold scan

● Surprising peak at 3 activated strips per event for *Vcth* = 500 DAC units

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- Bunch crossing Id: numerical value associated to the corresponding clock cycle
- The trigger supervisor keeps tracks of the trigger signals sent to the module by counting the bunch crossing Id

Matching of events with the trigger supervisor

- Check that the trigger signals sent by the trigger supervisor were correctly received by the module
- Bunch crossing Id values counted by the trigger supervisor and the data acquisition system were matched
	- \rightarrow However, they are not synchronous when counting the bunch crossing Id values
- Matching indirectly, by comparing the difference between consecutive bunch crossing Id values

Matching of events with the trigger supervisor

Pedestal and noise distributions

Crate picture

