

The Alice Silicon Pixel Detector (SPD)



Peter Chochula for the Alice Pixel Collaboration

Peter Chochula CERN-ALICE



Main Physics Goal – Heavy Flavour Physics



 $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi + 15$ days Pb-Pb data taking Significance $(S/\sqrt{B}) = 35$





Main Features of the Readout Chip

- 0.25µm CMOS technology
- Radiation-tolerant layout
- Mixed analog and digital chip
- Low noise : 110 electrons rms
- Low threshold: 1000 electrons rms
- Power consumption: ~900mW/chip



The Alice1 Pixel Cell







SPD Components



Peter Chochula CERN-ALICE







SPD Components

Chips:

Sensors:



• AMS/Italy In bumps

Quark Matter 2002 Nantes

Peter Chochula CERN-ALICE









SPD Bus Tests



As of today, we successfully tested:

- First Bus prototype with 10 mounted chips
- Ladder with 5 chips mounted on bus (with beam)







Peter Chochula CERN-ALICE



SPD segmentation





Peter Chochula CERN-ALICE



Peter Chochula CERN-ALICE







SPD Cooling

~1.5 kW of dissipated power will be removed by a two phase evaporative cooling system

Peter Chochula CERN-ALICE

SPD Cooling Tests

Peter Chochula CERN-ALICE

Alice Pixel Test Systems

- Modular System based on VME
- Designed for wafer probing, chip studies and testbeams
- Control software based on Windows, LabView and open standards (VISA, ADO, MySQL, root)

Test System Components

Peter Chochula CERN-ALICE

Test System Components

Peter Chochula CERN-ALICE

Peter Chochula CERN-ALICE

Pixel Chip Tests

- Laboratory test protocol includes:
 - Power consumption tests
 - Tests of configuration registers
 - Scan of all DACs
 - Threshold scan

Full production assumes tests of ~3000 chips Test System will acquire ~5.2 TB of data from chips

Radiation Tolerance

Single Event Effects:

- Studied at Louvain-la-Neuve
- No SEGR nor SEL observed
- Measure SEU rate indicates that in Alice environment it will not exceed 1bit/10hours of operation (calcuated for all DACs in SPD)

• Studied at CERN-MIC irradiation facility

Total Ionizing Dose:

- Total expected dose:
 130 (40) krad
- Design tolerance:
 500 krad
- Tested tolerance:
 >12 Mrad

Pixel Testbeams

July and September 2001

- 3 detector planes with single chip assemblies
- Studies of chip efficiency, thresholds and timings

• July 2002

- 5 detector planes in the beam
- Tests of thinned assembly
- Tests of a ladder with 5 chips
- Collection of data for simulation tuning

Testbeam Software

Peter Chochula CERN-ALICE

Beamspot measurements

Quark Matter 2002 Nantes

10

5

Ó

15

Peter Chochula CERN-ALICE

25

30

20

Peter Chochula CERN-ALICE

Conclusions

- The Alice SPD made a big progress
- The Alice1 chip has been qualified for use in the Alice Experiment
- Procedures of sector assembly are under development
- Next challenge system integration