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# The Silicon Vertex Detector of the Belle II Experiment



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# SuperKEKB accelerator and Belle II detector



 Asymmetric e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> collider operating at Y(4S) resonance energy in the CM frame

 $\rightarrow$  clean source of *B* mesons from  $Y(4S) \rightarrow B\overline{B}$  process

 instantaneous luminosity achieved: 4.7 x 10<sup>34</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> (world record!)

Goal: 6 x 10<sup>35</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>

- Excellent vertexing and good hermeticity
- Integrated luminosity achieved so far: 424 fb<sup>-1</sup> Goal: 50 ab<sup>-1</sup>

# Vertex Detector (VXD) of Belle II



- SVD 4 layer structure (layers 3-6)
- Extrapolation of the tracks to PXD
- Low momentum tracking
- Help with particle identification using dE/dx

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#### SVD structure



41 mm

### **Front-end electronics**



Central DSSD sensors connected to front-end APV25 ASICs via flex circuits

> → "origami scheme"

#### Analog signal



#### By default:

6 subsequent samples readout

#### Alternative for high luminosity runs:

- > 3/6 mixed acquisition mode
  - → allows to reduce data size due to enhanced background occupancy
  - → 3 or 6 sample mode depends on the timing precision of the trigger for particular event

#### Frontend ASIC APV25:

- 128 channels per chip
- 50 ns shaping time
- Radiation hardness > 100 Mrad
- Power consumption: 0.4 W/chip
- Multi-peak mode at 32 MHz

# SVD operation & status

Timeline

March 2019: Start of data taking...

- Very smooth performance of the SVD without major problems
- Total number of masked strips < 1%
- Stable environment, calibration constants evolution consistent with expectation
- Radiation damage effects are well under control
- Excellent detector performance:
  - $\rightarrow$  efficiency, signal-to-noise ratio (next slides)

#### July 2022:

Long Shutdown 1 (LS1): maintenance & improvement of the SuperKEKB and the detector

 $\rightarrow$  VXD upgrade  $\rightarrow$  new **PXD**, the same **SVD** 

Plans for resuming the accelerator operation in **December 2023** 





### SVD efficiency





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### Cluster charge &

# Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR)

Collected charge depends on the incident angle of a track



- Cluster charge similar in all sensors (if normalised to the track's length)
- 10-30% signal loss for v/N side due to larger pitch and floating strip





- Larger noise for u/P side due to longer strip length and larger inter-strip capacitance
- Small changes in SNR due to radiation damage



Good stability of both cluster charge and SNR during 2020 – 2022 data taking period

# **Position resolution**

- Based on the residual of the cluster position with respect to the intercept of the unbiased track extrapolation

   → utilization of di-muon (e<sup>+</sup> e<sup>-</sup> → µ<sup>+</sup> µ<sup>-</sup>) sample
- Good and stable resolution during whole operation period (comparing data samples taken in 2020 and 2022)



$$\sigma_{x} = \sqrt{\left\langle (\Delta x_{i})^{2} - (\sigma_{x,i}^{\text{trk}})^{2} \right\rangle}$$
  

$$\sigma_{x,i}^{\text{trk}} = \text{unbiased track position error}$$



### Hit time resolution

Hit time resolution: measured w.r.t. event time of the collision, provided by Central Drift Chamber (CDC)  $\rightarrow$  excelent result of < 3 ns





**Event-time:** computed using all the clusters associated to selected tracks in the event



Similar resolution (~ 1 ns) but 2000 times faster computation time w.r.t. the one computed with CDC!!!

This feature speeds-up the High Level Trigger (HLT) reconstruction

 $\rightarrow$  important in the higher luminosity

### **Radiation effects**

- Dose on SVD is constantly monitored using diamond sensors and hit occupancy
- Integrated radiation damage can deteriorate sensor performance:



- Linear dependence on the dose (equivalent neutron fluence)
- Negligible contribution to the noise due to short APV25 shaping time & still small current
- Deterioration in SNR (<10) after 6 Mrad → leakage current increases strip noise</p>
- Behaviour consistent with other experiments (BaBar) with similar detector/conditions



- Noise increase <20% (30%) for N (P) side</p>
- Dominated by the inter-strip capacitance
- Expected to be saturated

### Radiation effects: effect on depletion voltage

- Large radiation damage can cause a change in  $V_{FD}$
- Irradiation campaign of SVD sensors with 90 MeV electron beam (ELPH, Tohoku University, July 2022)
  - $\rightarrow$  Checking effects of high radiation on the sensors up to 10 Mrad (eqivalent neutron fluence: 3 × 10<sup>13</sup> n<sub>en</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>)
  - → **Type inversion** confirmed at ~ 2 Mrad (eqivalent neutron fluence ~  $6 \times 10^{12} n_{eq}/cm^2$ )
  - $\rightarrow\,$  SVD sensors still expected to work well after type inversion
- No change of depletion voltage observed so far
- We estimate radiation levels of 0.35 Mrad/yr ( $8 \times 10^{11} n_{eq}/cm^2$  /yr) extrapolating background to the nominal luminosity





#### Beam Background & SVD Hit Occupancy

SVD occupancy increases with beam background

 $\rightarrow$  may lead to the deterioration of tracking performance

So far, average hit occupancy is  ${\sim}0.5\%$  for Layer 3 and well under control!

Background extrapolation at nominal luminosity of  $L = 6 \times 10^{35}$  cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> based on detailed simulation including various sources of background (applying data/MC scale factors)

- $\rightarrow$  expected L3 occupancy very close to the limit of 4.7% (that ensures good tracking performance)
- However: large uncertainty due to future machine evolution with possible interaction region re-design
  - $\rightarrow$  conservative scenario increases L3 occupancy prediction up to 8.7%



This motivates us to:

- constant *development in SVD reconstruction software* to account for future higher occupancy

- vertex detector upgrade as our safety factor might still be small & matching possible new interaction region

### SVD hit-time selections

#### Signal hits come from triggered collision

 SVD acquisition window (~100 ns) is wide with respect to the SuperKEKB bunch spacing (~6 ns).

Selection based on SVD hit-time rejects off-time **background hits -** beam-induced background, background from the other bunches

Hit-time-based selection to remove off-time clusters:

- $\rightarrow$  time difference between **u** and **v** cluster:  $|t_u t_v| < 20$  ns
- $\rightarrow$  cut on absolute cluster time value:  $|t_{uv}| < 50$  ns
- This rejects the majority of the background, keeping above 99% of signal!



#### Based on SVD time selection the SVD occupancy limit for Layer 3 can be set at 4.7%

### Further background rejection methods

#### 1) SVD Grouping

Event-by-event classification of clusters into groups based on their time:

- Clusters belonging to tracks from the same collisions – collected in the same group!
- Other clusters are probably from the different collisions or beam background
  - → reduces the *fake rate* by 16% for the *high-background* scenario



- 2) Selection on track-time to remove off-time tracks
- → further *fake rate* reduction by factor of 1.5 for the *high-background* scenario

#### These features (1 & 2) allow to increase SVD occupancy limit for L3 from 4.7% to ~6%

3) Possible re-design of the interaction region + small safety margin (due to large uncertainty on expected background)

- $\rightarrow$  motivation for the vertex detector upgrade
  - $\rightarrow$  technology assessment ongoing

→ see Wednesday's talk **"The DMAPS Upgrade of the Belle II Vertex Detector"** by Danwei Xu

### VXD re-installation during LS1

- Upgrade VXD with a **new PXD** (with the same SVD)
- → 2nd layer of PXD now covers the full azimuthal angle (only 1/6 for the old PXD)



• Intense hardware activities on the SVD for the VXD uninstallation and reinstallation



10th May



16th-17th May

#### VXD Re-installation in LS1





20-21 June

28 July

SVD detachment & reattachment successfully done!

- VXD commissioning (12 September 1 October)
  - > To confirm the PXD and SVD performance
  - To check impact of possible temperature increase on the sensor current (increased PXD power consumption)
  - cosmic run with no magnetic field (from 21 Sept.)



+ still excellent efficiency for all sensors!

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# Summary

#### SVD has successfully operated since March 2019

- Very smooth performance without major problems
- Good vertexing quality confirmed by the physics measurment (e.g. liftime analysis  $D^{0/+}$ ,  $D_s$ ,  $B^0$ ,  $\Omega_c^0$ ,  $\Lambda_c$ )
  - https://confluence.desy.de/display/Bl/Journal+Publications
- Some radiation damage effects observed no impact on the performance so far

#### Performance expectation at the target luminosity

- Radiation dose is still within safety margin
- Extrapolated background level indicate that the occupancy in the SVD can exceed the current limit !
- Several SVD software improvements for a better performance in high background conditions
   *→ importance of the SVD hit time exploit*
- VXD upgrade under discussion ⇒ to be more robust against high background and matching possible new interaction region

#### VXD reinstallation at Belle II with complete PXD2 and current SVD during LS1

- Successfull commissioning with cosmic data
- Plan to resume beam operation in December 2023

SVD technical paper: *K. Adamczyk et al 2022 JINST 17 P11042*