Scintillator strip KLM detector for Super Belle

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Motivation for a new KLM design

- The present RPC design for KLM demonstrated nice performance at Belle
- However already with the present luminosity the efficiency degradation is observed due to high neutron background and large RPC dead time. The effect is large for the endcap KLM.
- The paraffin shield helps to reduce neutron background just slightly in the outermost endcap superlayers.



For SuperB new KLM design in endcap is required

Scintillator KLM set up

- The geometry is fixed by the requirement to use the existing 4cm gaps in the iron magnet flux return yoke divided into 4 quadrants. It is also economical to use the existing RPC frames as a support structure.
- Two independent (x and y) layers in one superlayer made of orthogonal rectangular strips with WLS read out



Sketch of the KLM set up





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40

60

80

100

GAPD characteristics: general

- Matrix of independent pixels arranged on a common substrate. Typical matrix size ~ 1 x 1 mm²; typical N of pixels ~ 200-2000.
- Each pixel operates in a self-quenching Geiger mode.
- Each pixel produces a standard response independent on number of incident photons (arrived within quenching time
 - GAPD at whole integrates over all pixels: GAPD response = number of fired pixels.
- **Dynamic range ~ number of pixels.**
- Internal GAPD (one pixel) noise is 100kHz –
 2MHz

Discharge is quenched by current limiting with polysilicon resistor in each pixel I < 10µA

Pixel recovery time ~ C_{pixel}R_{pixel}=100-500ns

GAPD: efficiency and HV

- Photon Detection Efficiency is a product of
 - Quantum efficiency > 80% (like other Si photodetectors)
 - Geometrical efficiency = sensitive area/total area ~30-50%
 - Probability to initiate Geiger discharge ~ 70%
- Finite recovery time ⇒ dead time depends on noise rate and photon occupancies



Working point $U_{bias} = U_{break} + \Delta U$; ($\approx 50-60V$); overvoltage above breakdown (ΔU) – is a subject of optimization between efficiency, noise rate and cross-talk $\approx 1-3V$.



Each pixel works as a Geiger counter with charge Q = ΔU C, C ~ 50fmF; Q ~ 3 × 50 fmC ~ 10⁶ e – comparable to vacuum phototubes

GAPD production

Around 1990 the GAPD were invented in Russia. V. Golovin (CPTA), Z. Sadygov (JINR), and B. Dolgoshein (MEPHI-PULSAR) have been the key persons in the development of *GAPD*s.

Now produced by many companies:

- CPTA Moscow, Russia
- JINR Dubna, Russia
- PULSAR Moscow, Russia
- HAMAMATSU Hamamatsu City, Japan
- And several others in Switzerland, Italy, Island...
- Only MEPHI, CPTA and Hamamatsu have experience of moderate mass production of >1000 pieces working in real experiment.
- We work with CPTA (Moscow) where the producer is eager to optimize the *GAPD* for our purposes (the spectral efficiency is tuned to Y11 fiber wl / the *GAPD* shape to match with the fiber)





Comparison of different products

- CPTA and Hamamatsu devices have similar efficiency for green light and cross talk and similar radiation hardness. MEPHI's GAPD has smaller efficiency with Y11 light
- Intitially much smaller Hamamatsu's MPPC noise is not a big advantage in our conditions:
 - it grows with irradiation and in one-two year of SuperB operation becomes comparable to CPTA's
 - GAPD noise with reasonable threshold is much smaller than physical background rate









Efficiency and GAPD noise

1 m × 40 mm × 10 mm strip

imperfection of the trigger

- Use cosmic (strip integrated) trigger to measure MIP signal and LED to calibrate GAPD
- Average number of photoelectrons from MIP is ~22.
- <10% variation of light yield across the strip; ~20% smaller light yield from the far end of the strip
- Discriminator threshold at 99% MIP efficiency (6.5 p.e.) results in *GAPD* internal noise of 100 Hz only!



Internal GAPD noise is not a problem (suppressed by threshold), and is much smaller than expected physical background rate



Both methods are conservative and give consistent estimates of 10¹⁰ n/cm²/5years Neutron dose at barrel KLM can be 1.5 times higher

Radiation damage measurements at KEKB tunnel



The GAPDs have been exposed to neutron radiation in KEKB tunnel during 40 days. The measured neutron dose is 0.3 Sv, corresponding to half year of Super KEKB operation

Increase of dark currents after 40 days in KEKB tunnel

 $I_{after} - I_{before} \sim 0.1 \ \mu A$ (within the accuracy of the measurement)

More accurate estimate of *GAPD* degradation is done using fit to ADC spectra: the 1 p.e. noise has increased by 10% only after 40 days in KEKB tunnel for the *GAPD*s irradiated with the highest dose 0.3 Sv.

Extrapolation to 5 years of operation: I_{dark} will increase by 1 μ A; 1 p.e. noise rate will increase twice

The tests go on. By the summer shut down the dose will be equivalent to 2.5 years.

Radiation damage measurements

• Dark current increases linearly with flux Φ as in other Si devices: $\Delta I = \alpha \Phi V_{eff}$ Gain, where $\alpha = 6 \times 10^{-17} \text{ A/cm}, V_{eff} \sim 0.004 \text{ mm}^3$ determined fr observed ΔI

- Since initial *GAPD* resolution of ~ 0.15 p.e. is mubetter than in other Si detectors it suffers sooner:
- After $\Phi \sim 10^{10} \text{ n/cm}^2$ individual p.e. signals are smeared out, while MIP efficiency is not affected
- MIP signal are seen even after $\Phi \sim 10^{11}$ n/cm² but efficiency degrades

Extrapolated for 5 years at SuperB increase of noise from a measurement in KEKB tunnel¹

• Measurements at KEKB in almost real conditions demonstrate ~3 times smaller dam than estimated

Radiation hardness of *GAPD* is sufficient for SuperBelle, but we do not have a large safety margin for more ambitious luminosity plans



Test module in the KEKB tunnel

- We produced one hundred 1m-strips arranged in 4 layers
- Initially supposed to be installed in the iron gap instead of the not working outermost RPC layer. However dismantling of RPC turns out to be a hard job. Finally installed in the KEKB tunnel almost without any shield (2mm lead).
- Tested during 40 days of 2007 run. Tests are continued in 2008.



- Key issues of the 2007 fall test run
 - □ Study radiation ageing of *GAPD*:
 - 1 day dose at the KEKB tunnel equivalent to 7 days dose at the prospective position at SuperB.
 - □ Measure background rate needed for a realistic MC simulation.
 - Test compatibility with Belle DAQ: try to store test module hits on data tapes
 - Check MIP registration efficiency in a noisy conditions

Electronics

Basic requirements for electronics:

- Need a simple preamplifier since the GAPD signal is relatively large (few mV/50 Ohm for 1p.e.).
- Each GAPD has individual optimal HV (spread ~ 5V): HV to be set by microcontoller from a database or tuned online.
- Each *GAPD* has individual gain: individual thresholds required.
- Time resolution of strip+GAPD ~1ns. It is very desirable to transfer time information to DAQ without deterioration to measure the position along strip (20 cm / 1 ns) and to suppress the random backgrounds.
- Usefulness of amplitude measurements or two thresholds per channel to improve K_L reconstruction is under the study using the MC.

A primitive electronic scheme has been realized for the test module (100 channels) using home made ITEP HV control and NIM discriminators and worked adequately.

VPI and U. Illinois have expressed interest in developing the electronics for KLM. They have a good experience with electronics for present KLM.

MIP detection in KEKB tunnel





Hit map display (typical events)

Stored sc-KLM data

- Sc-KLM hits are stored in the data tapes: the raw hit rate is ~10 times higher than RPC hits.
- Muons from ee →µµ are seen with proper time off line.
- Proper time hits show the position of the test module in the tunnel.





The distribution of the muons hits (x%y) extrapolated from CDC to $z = z_{test module}$ with the proper time sc-KLM module hits.

Physics performance

Scintillator detectors are more sensitive to neutrons (due to hydrogen in plastic). Conservatively the expected neutron bg rate is 10 times higher than at RPC:

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(0.5 Hz/cm<sup>2</sup> RPC \Rightarrow 5 Hz/cm<sup>2</sup> sc-KLM) @ L=1.4 * 10<sup>34</sup> \Rightarrow 70 Hz/cm<sup>2</sup> at SuperB
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The tests in the KEKB tunnels show that this estimate is really conservative.

- Background neutron can produce hits in one strip only (no correlated hits in x and y plane). The probability to detect 2-dimentional hit in the whole endcap KLM due to accidental 2 neutrons x-y hits depends on the integration time: ~ 0.005 * (t / 1 nsec)².
 - **K_L detection**
 - □ The present K_L algorithm: require coincidence of two superlayers hits, consistent in θ - ϕ will certainly work well with negligibly small fake rate due to random bg hits coincidences.
 - □ Strip+GAPD time resolution is ~1 ns. A possibility to improve K_L detection efficiency (reconstruct K_L using a single superlayer hit) depends on the electronics.
 - □ A possibility to use amplitude information to improve efficiency (several thresholds) to be studied with GEANT MC.
- Muon identification should be better due to better spatial resolution and higher MIP detection efficiency.

Cost estimate for endcap KLM

Item		price	cost
Scintillator strips	28, 000 pc. (14,000 kg)	20 \$/kg	280 k\$
WLS fiber	56 km	1.4 \$/km	80 k\$
Photo-detectors CPTA	28, 000 pc.	20 \$/pc.	560 k\$
Optical glue			30 k\$
Electronics	28, 000 ch.	? \$/ch.	? k\$
Miscellaneous			70 k\$
Transportation			40 k\$
Total			1060 k\$

* Cost estimate for electronics will be made after the electronics design ** Cost does not include electronics, labor and R&D *** Changes in \$ exchange rate can influence the cost

Summary

- Scintillator KLM design is OK for SuperB:
 - □ the efficiency of MIP detection can be kept at high level (>99% geometrical; thresholds: compromise between efficiency and neutron bg rate)
 - □ K_L reconstruction: rough estimates were done for LoI; full MC simulation to be done by TDR using the information from the test module
- Radiation hardness of GAPD is sufficient for SuperBelle for endcap and barrel parts, but we do not have a large safety margin for L=10³⁶.
- The test with a real prototype showed a good performance of the proposed design; further optimization is to be done before TDR: compromise between physical properties/cost.

The tests are continued this spring run to see further GAPD degradation

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