CMS High Granularity Calorimeter (HGCAL)

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High Luminosity LHC program at CERN



- HL-LHC will provide PU up to 200 and higher luminosity.
- CMS will undergo a major upgrade for HL-LHC to sustain radiation levels, and resolve vertex density.
 - Detailed studies of the Higgs boson and SM processes, e.g., H → γγ
 - Trigger cleanly on and reconstruct the narrow vector boson fusion (VBF) jets, as well as merged jets for physics beyond the SM.



Radiation dose at the CMS and forward calorimeter



Present ECAL & HCAL need to be replaced by a new calorimeter during HL-LHC

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Date (month/year)

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Requirements for the new Endcap Calorimeter

- Radiation tolerance
 - Preserve energy resolution and calibration capability till 3000fb⁻¹
- Dense calorimeter
 - To preserve lateral compactness of showers
- Fine lateral granularity
 - To help shower separation, identification of narrow jets, reduction of pile-up effect and help calibration
- Fine longitudinal granularity
 - For good electromagnetic resolution, pattern recognition and pile-up suppression
- Precision measurement of time (~30ps)
 - Pile-up suppression and primary vertex identification
- Ability to provide trigger information at 40MHz



High granularity imaging calorimeters is capable to fulfil all these criteria

CMS High Granularity (imaging) Calorimeter

- Sampling calorimeter separated in two sections covering 1.5 < |η| < 3.0
 - **CE-E:** electromagnetic , **CE-H:** hadronic
- Active materials:
 - Silicon sensors (CE-E and CE-H)
 - Hexagonal, 120/200/300 μm thick, 8" wafers.
 - Low (192×1.26cm²) and high (432×0.56cm²) density modules.
 - 6M pads and 26k modules (620 m²)
- Plastic scintillators with SiPM readout (CE-H)
 - 240k tiles (4-30cm²) and ~4k modules (370 m²)
- Passive materials:
 - Pb & steel absorbers and Cu, CuW or Cfibre plates
 - Dense and compact \rightarrow 230 Ton /endcap
 - Power : ~125 kW per endcap



5D measurements in HGCAL



Needs dedicated reconstruction algorithms to exploit precise 5D information with high
performanceCristina Mantilla-Suarez, ICHEP2024Andre Stahl, Calor2024

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The Building Blocks – Silicon Module

- "Hexaboard" PCB
 - Connects sensor to readout ASIC (HGCROC).
 - Connects to the motherboard for control and data transfer.



Silicon Sensor parameters

HGCAL considers three thicknesses (120, 200, 300 µm) and two densities (LD,HD)

Thickness : driven by expected exposure to nonionizing radiation - up to O(10¹⁶) 1 MeV n_{eq}/cm²

Densities : driven by limiting the cell capacitance (also correlated with higher particle density in the regions with higher fluence)



main sensor parameters: $MIP_{eq} \sim 70 ke^{-}/\mu m$

Туре	Active d (µm)	Densit y	Cell size (cm ²)	Cell Cap(pF)	Fluence (×10 ¹⁵ neq/cm ²)	Noise (e–)	Initial MIP S/N	MIP (L) S/N >3 ab ⁻¹
Float Zone (FZ)	300	LD	1.26	45	0.1 - 0.5	1900	12.8/11	4.7
	200	LD	1.26	67	0.5 - 2.5	2000	8.4/6.6	2.3
	200	HD	0.56	30	0.5 - 2.5		6	2.3
Epitaxi al (epi)	120	HD	0.56	48	2 - 7	2000	4.8/5	2.2

Modules : HD : ~5k (20%)

LD:~20k (80%)

Optimization results for silicon sensors: e.g., layer 10

- migrations are between LD {300,200} and HD {200,120}
- n-in-p sensors for superior radiation hardness



The Building Blocks : Scintillator Tile Module

- "Tileboard" : 3744 PCB & Assembled tile modules (240k channels of size ~4 30 cm²) •
 - Small cast-scintillator tiles (207m²) in high radiation zone, larger moulded scintillators (163m²) in low radiation zone
 - Connects Silicon photomultipliers (SiPM) to HGCROC ASIC.
 - Connects to the motherboard for control and data transfer.
- Wrapped scintillating tiles
 - Reflective foil wrapping.
 - Light collected by SiPM (9mm²).

Reflective Foil

Scintillator Tile

Wrapping

– Light injection LED.

Design layout is optimized for S/N relative calibration with MIPs > 2.5 after 3000 fb⁻¹

Tile boards : 8 basic types, 35

SiPI

sub-types in total

Charged

particle



Requirements of Readout Electronics

- Low noise (<2500e⁻) and high dynamic range (~0.2fC \rightarrow 10pC)
 - Identify MIPs (~3.5fC in 300 μ m silicon) with S/N > 3 for whole lifetime of HL-LHC
 - Use 130nm CMOS with 1.5V supply
- Provide timing information to tens of picoseconds
 - Need clock distribution jitter 10-15ps (same specs as for other CMS detector upgrades)
- Have fast shaping time (<20ns) to minimize out-of-time pileup
- On-detector digitization, data concentration and zero suppression
- On-detector creation of trigger sums
- Buffering of data to accommodate 12.5µs L1 latency
- High-speed readout links to interface with 10 Gb/sec lpGBT chipset
- <20mW per channel (roughly limited by cooling power)
- High radiation resistance (~2MGy and 10¹⁶ n_{eq}/cm²)

HGCAL System ASICs Overview



Modular implementation

- Cassettes are collections of trains mounted on copper cooling plates
- Silicon only trains in electromagnetic section
- Mixed (silicon and scintillator) trains in hadronic section
- Each layer is different!
 - Occupancies vary greatly within and between layers







Performance : CERN beam test in 2016-2018 for the validation



- MIP calibration
- EM + HAD Shower reconstruction
- Time tagging of core showers (meeting target 16ps)



DRN

50

100

ECAL Performance with e⁺ beam in 2018



C. Amendola, iWoRiD 2024

Excellent agreement in Data/MC

250

Energy [GeV]

300

200

arXiv:2406.11937

150

0.9

0.85

0.8

50

100

300

Energy [GeV]

250

Simulation

200

150

Test of the full electronics chain : 2023 TB setup

- The full electronics chain is assembled, from ECON-D/ECON-T to lpGBT to VTRx+, and to back-end.
- Two modules are tested: both full LD modules, one with 300 μm sensor, the other 200 μm.
 modules



• System monitored by the CMS Data Quality Monitoring (DQM) system.

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Test of the full electronics chain: first results

- Successful readout from the full electronics chains
 - Beam spot from a electron run

- Similar MIP studies are performed with the long overnight muon beam runs.
- Averaged S/N:
 - 12.5 for 300 µm sensor (single module test: 12.8; expectation: 12.1)
 - 8.1 for 200 µm sensor (single module test: 8.5; expectation: 6.6)



ADC std from a electron run @CMSDQM

ADC count with MIPS from a muon run



Good S/N and compatible with single module test!

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Conclusion & Outlook

- HGCAL will be the first large scale calorimeter with Silicon and SiPM-on-tile technologies providing unprecedented granularity and time resolution.
- Designs are now becoming reality
- Concept and the performance of the HGCAL are proven through the several Test beam results
- Installation of the detector is planned for LS3