



Micro-channel cooling in HEP

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The case for MCC in HEP





Issues:

- \rightarrow thermal barriers (glue layers at each interface)
- \rightarrow material budget (avoid high-Z material)
- \rightarrow coolant contact area
- → CTE mismatch (cf. ATLAS IBL experience)

NA62 GigaTracker

Rare Kaon decay experiment around CERN North Area beam line (very forward: 270 m long)





Hybrid pixel detector: 40 W on 3x6 cm²

Liquid cooling (mono-phase C6F14 at -20C)



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The first MCC application in HEP

Experiment started running end of 2014

See talk by Massimiliano Fiorini on Monday

A.Francescon et al: *Application of micro-channel cooling to the local thermal management of detectors electronics for particle physics*, Microelectronic Journal, Volume 44, Issue 7, July 2013, Pages 612–618



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LHCb VELO upgrade

- Pixel-based upgrade after LS2 (2020)
- Nearly 10¹⁶ 1 MeV n/cm² (non-uniform)
- Leakage current 1W/sensor (@1000V and -20C)
- Basic assembly dissipates 4 x 1W in sensors,
- 12 x 3W in VeloPix chips and 5W in hybrid



Evaporative system: must deal with high pressure!!

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JINST 10 (2015) no.05, C05014

LHCb VELO upgrade

Silicon cooling plate

evaporative cooling \rightarrow create regions to "boil" the CO2

high pressure (60 bar at +20C)

- thick cover (~200 μ m)
- narow channels (70 x 200 μ m)
- solid metal "Kovar" connectors
- welded to metal layer on Si surface



Key components verified to 100s of bars





- Good thermal performance
- Temperature gradient at overhang

Micro-channel cooling, our take...

- Liquid cooling provides excellent temperature control, but is too bulky
- DEPFET, with localized power dissipation and SOI process, provides an interesting application \rightarrow integrate cooling in all-silicon ladder
- Compared to existing effort, aim at relatively high temperature, low pressure
- Keep it simple: mono-phase
- Small team at University of Bonn MPG-HLL Munich and IFIC Valencia
- Embedded in larger effort of AIDA2020





All-silicon ladder with integrated cooling



thinned all-silicon module with integrated cooling channels

- :- integrate channels into handle wafer beneath the ASICs
- :- channels etched before wafer bonding \rightarrow cavity SOI (C-SOI)
- :- full processing on C-SOI, thinning of sensitive area
- :- micro-channels accessible only after cutting (laser)

First attempt

Silicon sensors with integrated micro-channels based on DEPFET process:





Inlet and outlet: ~380 x 340 μm

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First attempt

Silicon sensors with integrated micro-channels based on DEPFET process:

- Si modules with the designed dimensions of the DEPFET detectors
- Homogeneous thickness: sensor area not thinned
- Aluminum layer with resistors **simulates the DEPFET power distribution**





Measurements





First results



More information available in JINST, Volume 11, June 2016

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Connectors – forward experiments



- Solution adopted by experiments who leave the connectors outside acceptance:
 - Out-of-plane connection with relatively large diameter
 - Kovar (nickel/cobalt) soldered onto silicon with metal layer
- Very solid connection: shown to stand a pressure of 400 bar and a pull force of 600 N



NanoportTM PEEK connectors

Low mass silicon frames with embedded microchannels for the thermal management of future vertex detectors in High Energy Physics experiments

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Low-mass in-plane connectors

Low-Z 3D-printed connectors

Arbitrary complexity, 30 µm tolerance → self-align with silicon channels Very rapid prototyping, very cheap Pressure-tested to >100 bars

(connector, glue connection to be improved)



Present (0.05% X/X₀)

Glue PEEK tubes





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Past (0.21% X/X₀) Smaller fittings





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MCC qualification: connector material



Different radiations levels

Two type of radiation:

- Neutrons (not done yet)
- X-Rays

MCC qualification: connectors material





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MCC qualification: automatic assembly



- Glue robot based on low-cost 3D printer: open hardware and software

- Adapted to incorporate syringe with controlled glue volume



MCC qualification: automatic assembly





MCC qualification: Vacuum test



Sample number	#1	#2	#3	#4
Vacuum test [mbar l/h]	5.5 x 10 ⁻⁹	9.0 x 10 ⁻⁹	8.6 x 10 ⁻⁹	6.1 x 10 ⁻⁹



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MCC qualification: pressure test



180 bar achieved

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MCC qualification: pressure test



50 bar achieved

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MCC optimization: pressure test



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MCC manifold design











New MCC layout has been manufactured:

- Optimized layout for MCC: better performance
- Avoid pillar structures



MCC manifold design



New MCC layout has been manufactured:

- MCC along the edge of the sensor to cool sensor area



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- Thermal camera inside black box
- Simulation $\Delta T{=}10{,}5K$ and test $\Delta T{=}10{,}1K$

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MCC sample cooled non-stop for 2 days with no leaks and no clogging

Agreement with FE simulation within 10%

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H₂O

Current work

AT/Power density [K cm²/W]

9

8

7

6

3

0⁶0.2

Realistic design

300 µm Si ASICS +

100 µm Bump-boundings

thermal resistivity of 6 W/m·K





0.6

0.4

0.8

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2.975e+002

2.954e+002

2.933e+002

[K]

FE Simulation H₂O

1.2

Volumetric flow [l/h]

Solder ball

Au-bumps

Al-pads

1.4

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Switcher

FE Simulation H₂O realistic design

Summary

- Microchannels can be integrated in active sensor
 - Excellent thermal figure of merit, virtually no material
- Low-mass 3D-printed connector with reliable glue procedure
 - Bring connections into tracking volume
- FE simulation describes performance to within 10%
 - Reliable predictions help design
- New MCC layouts provide cooling over entire ladder
 - Belle 2/Higgs factory