Radiation dose for tracker electronics in the rack

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Crate with R/O electronics



PCB in XY plane



PCB in XZ plane



PCB in XZ plane



Neutron fluence per BX

- Neutron fluence is about 6x10³ cm⁻² per BX.
- For 1 year 6x10¹¹ cm-2.
- ¹Tests showed that tolerable fluence for FPGAs is in the range 10¹²-10¹⁴ n/cm²



y:x {(2.1*sqrt(px*px+py*py+pz*pz)/fabs(pz))*(detid==9500 && pdg==2112 && fabs(pz)/sqrt(px*px+py*py+pz*pz)>0.03}}



log10(t) {2.1*(detid==9500 && pdg==2112 && fabs(pz)/sqrt(px*px+py*py+pz*pz)>0.03)}



¹ https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-0221/10/01/C01009/pdf https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0168900218314463 (https://arxiv.org/pdf/1912.01742.pdf)

Neutrons crossing the surface of the PCB in XY plane per BX



Comparison of FR4 and silicon





		dE/dx (MeV/cm)		
	E (MeV)	Si	FR4	Ratio
gamma (MeV) 100um	1	0.009145	0.003948	2.32
	5	0.001117	0.0003365	3.32
	10	0.001723	0.0003349	5.14
e- (MeV) 100um	1	3.507	3.064	1.14
	10	3.327	2.896	1.15

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Si:	2.33 g/cm ³
FR4:	1.93 g/cm ³
Ratio:	1.21

- Electron energy absorption for silicon is \sim 15% higher than for FR4,
- but the volume mass is also higher by ~21%,
- Dose would be 5% smaller for Si than for FR4.
- Photons contribution is rather different for silicon and FR4, but it is 3 orders of magnitude smaller than for electrons;
- While the number of photons is just 20 times bigger, accounting it would not change the dose substantially.

Summary

- The electronics crate was located about 3 m upstream of the beam dump, on the floor right near the positron arm of the tracker;
- Three PCBs in different planes (xy, xz and yz) were implemented in the geometry made of FR-4 and 3 mm thick;
- The highest absorbed dose observed in PCB in XY plane: 6e⁻⁹ Gy per BX. Running for 1 year (10⁷s) at 10 Hz gives 0.6 Gy.
- Since most of the incident particles are of low energy their absorption happens in the surface layer. This could result in some uncertainty on the estimated number (~2-3 times) when considered electronic components mounted on the PCB.
- Reported results on acceptable dose for FPGAs is close to kGy range.
- Neutron fluence is about 6x10³ cm⁻² per BX.
- For 1 year: 6x10¹¹ cm⁻².
- Reported tests showed that FPGA is not damaged at 10¹²-10¹⁴ neutrons per cm², though SEU happens and should be considered in firmware.