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First data from the ATLAS Inner Detector FSI Alignment System

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Motivation: ATLAS Alignment Challenge

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ATLAS at the Large Hadron Collider



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Progress in the ATLAS cavern:



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Inner detector installed at heart of ATLAS...



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...and cabled for first LHC data!



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ATLAS silicon alignment requirements:





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Frequency Scanning Interferometry

• Challenge

- We need to monitor the 3D shape of an operational particle tracker at the micron level.
- Solution: Frequency Scanning Interferometry
 - A geodetic grid of length measurements between nodes attached to the SCT support structure.
 - All 842 grid line lengths are measured simultaneously using FSI to a precision of <1micron.



Semi Conductor Tracker Barrel



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On-detector FSI System



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On-detector FSI System



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Benefits of FSI

• The FSI grid operates within the inaccessible, confined spaces and high radiation levels of ATLAS, where a conventional survey is not possible.



- The Grid Line Interferometers are measured remotely via optical fibres.
- A full grid measurement is repeated every ten minutes so that rapid shape changes can be monitored.
- FSI is sensitive to low spatial frequency modes of tracker distortion, which are under constrained with track based alignment methods
- Track alignment precision is improved by combining many different stable alignment periods, with FSI correcting for the interim shape changes.

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Principle of FSI



FSI System Overview



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Improved performance: Lasers & Reference Inteferometry System

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FSI laser room at CERN



Two colour laser amplifier system



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Two colour laser amplifier system



Phase locked choppers so only one laser illuminates system at any time

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Frequency scanning with new system



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Preliminary Results (2nm link)



RIS Vacuum chamber

This vacuum chamber houses the

Reference Interferometry System:

all grid lengths measured with respect to this stable reference interferometer length.



Why use a vacuum?¹

- 1. Reduces errors due to pressure differences between laser room / ATLAS cavern.
- 2. Eliminates systematic drift during scan due to refractive index changes / turbulence
- 3. Thermally isolates reference from surroundings to reduce changes in length.

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Reference Interferometry System



piezo

- Super-invar rods
- Fibre collimators provides low M² beam.
- Super-invar / steel thermally compensating design to balance CTEs. $\Delta T(C_1L_1 C_2L_2) = 0.$
- Both interferometers have four-fibre read-out for instantaneous phase measurement.
- Long reference has piezo for phase stepping.



Vernier etalons



- The vacuum chamber contains a pair of Fabry Perot etalons with slightly different Free Spectral Ranges: 10.00GHz and 10.05Gz
- Each etalon produces a comb of peaks as the frequency is scanned.
- The FSRs were chosen to provide a beat pattern repeating over 2010GHz (Repeat cycle = N2 FSR-1 = N1 FSR2)
- This vernier scale allows frequency intervals between sub scans to be determined.

(Short) Reference Interferometer



Phase stepping of piezo mounted mirror



New: Four-fibre phase extraction

Four interference signals coupled simultaneously into four parallel fibres



Phase extraction and unwrapping

Advantages of new method:

- Instantaneous phase measurement.
- Not limited by piezo vibration rate.
- Permits much faster frequency scans.
- This reduces interferometer drift errors and improves the measurement precision.





Very new: Dual interferometer phase extraction



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Very new: Direct length ratio measurement





Preliminary result:

(single laser only, short range $\Delta v=34$ GHz)

SR/LR length ratio, D/L = 0.2155274 +/- 0.000003

Equivalent to 3 μ m on SR length.

 Δv currently limited by laser mode hops.

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Light distribution and Read out

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Control and data acquisition

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Laser Room, SR1

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- 2 VME crates
 - Laser room: Control crate
 - control of lasers
 - 2 FROCs: for inteferometers, etalons, diagnostics + vacuum chamber pressure, temperature measurements.
 - USA15: Readout Crate
 - readout of 842 GLIs
- Optical link between crates to synchronise DAQ.
- Optical link runs in same ribbon cable as fibre delivering high power laser light to rack.
- Laser light is divided between 842 interferometers using a fibre splitter tree, based on Planar Lightwave Circuits.
- DAQ uses custom FSI Read Out Cards (FROCs), which each record 64 optical channels multiplexed to 32 electronic channels.

Commissioning the FSI Read-Out Cards



- 2006: cables to empty rack.
- June '07: Crate, and first FROC installed. Communication established via SBC.
- August '07 shipment: 6 FROCs + CNC card installed. Block transfer achieved.
- October '07 shipment: all 15 FROCs installed. Full data rate test successful: 65536 triggers (~4.5Mb per FROC).



13th FROC (!) had a broken trace in the multilayer board. Repaired in Oxford, now back at CERN

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Fibre Splitter Tree Installation

- Purpose to split fibre coupled laser light between 842 interferometers.
- Tree built using Planar Lightwave Circuit technology (PLCs) rather than fused biconic couplers.
 - Fibre-like waveguides created using ion-exchange in glass.
 - 1x8, 1x16, 1x32 split multiplicity possible in single device.
 - Need far fewer devices with similar / better optical losses to couplers.
 - Compact form allows easier installation at rack.



 PLC chip was mode matched to specialist radiation tolerant ribbon fibre to reduce splice losses.

 Splitter tree made in 15 x 1U modules of fibre mixing matrices manufactured in Oxford over summer and shipped to CERN, in August and October. [1684 individual fibres routed].

Splitter tree modules in underground rack

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Each module divides fibre coupled light from the lasers between up to 64 grid line interferometers on the SCT, and routes the return light to the read-out crate (one FROC per splitter module).



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Splitter tree module in counting room rack



Status and outlook

- The FSI system is in place at CERN and the commissioning phase has started.
- Read-out system tested successfully with fast data transfer rate achieved.
- Four-fibre phase extraction technique developed to improve precision.
- Dual reference interferometers provide simultaneous phase extraction.
- First data indicate improved performance is possible using extended analysis techniques and frequency tuning capabilities of the new lasers.

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