RADIATION DETECTORS: IMAGING WHAT YOU CANNOT SEE



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Scientific Interests:

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- Radiation Detector development : silicon pixels, fast timing
- Radiation effects in silicon, Lazarus effect
- 3D sensors for high energy physics and other applications
- > 3D printed detectors, Vertical integrated microsystems
- Quantum Imaging



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Imaging radiation .. OLYMPUS Web cams Smart phones photo cameras machine vision, automotive, security etc... Medical imaging HEP x-ray crystallography cosmology mass spectroscopy, neutrons, electrons, TOF, SEM/TEM etc...

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What is Radiation and its interaction with matter

Radiation can be defined as the propagation of energy through space or matter in the form of electromagnetic waves or energetic particles.





When radiation interacts with matter:

Non-ionizing does not have enough energy to ionize atoms but generate heat in the material it interacts with. At high energy it becomes ionizing

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has the ability to knock an electron from an atom, i.e. to ionize..

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Interaction of radiation with matter





Photons:

- There are 3 main modes of interaction: -Photoelectric absorption -Electron scattering
- -Pair production

Lambert-Beer's law

$$\phi(\boldsymbol{x}) = \phi_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{e}^{-\alpha \boldsymbol{x}}$$

Ionizing particles:

Bethe-Bloch equation:

average/mean amount of energy lost due to ionization per unit of distance in the media)

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{4\pi}{m_e c^2} \cdot \frac{nz^2}{\beta^2} \cdot \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\varepsilon_0}\right)^2 \cdot \left[\ln\left(\frac{2m_e c^2\beta^2}{I\cdot(1-\beta^2)}\right) - \beta^2\right]$$

$$n = \frac{N_A \cdot Z \cdot \rho}{A \cdot M_u}$$







Neutrons: Alpha Bragg peak

Particle "signatures" with the Timepix readout electronics



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- ²⁴¹Am alpha source gives clusters of ~5x5 pixels measured with the MEDIPIX-USB device and a 300 μm thick silicon sensor. The clusters are shown in detail in the inlet. The cluster sizes depend on particle energy and threshold setting.
- Signature of X-rays from a ⁵⁵Fe X-ray source. Photons yield single pixel hits or hits on 2 adjacent pixels due to charge sharing.
 - A ⁹⁰Sr beta source produces curved tracks in the silicon detector.
- A pixel counter is used just to say "YES" if individual quantum of radiation generates in the pixel a charge above the pre-selected threshold



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The semiconductor revolution 1947



First transistor invented 1947 by William B. Shockley, John Bardeen and Walter Brattain (Nobel Prize 1956)

First semiconductor particle sensor: Pieter Jacobus Van Heerden, *The Crystalcounter: A New Instrument in Nuclear Physics*. University Math Naturwiss, Fak (1945).

CCD Nobel prize Boyle Smith 2009

Semiconductor a material that has a conductivity between a conductor and an insulator; electricity can pass through it, but not very easily







Why Silicon is still the most used material

Semiconductor with Low ionization energy → big signal The band gap is 1.12 eV, but it takes 3.6 eV to ionize an atom. The remaining energy goes to phonon excitations (heat)

\Rightarrow High purity \rightarrow long carrier lifetime

- ♦ High mobility → fast charge collection
- ★ Low Z→ Z=14 low multiple scattering but low x-ray detection efficiency
- Oxide (SiO₂) has excellent electrical properties
- Can be operated in air and at room temperature (before irradiation –afterwards requires cooling)
- Industrial experience and commercial applications

Silicon is abundant! Over 90% of the Earth's crust is composed of silicate minerals

making silicon the second most abundant element in the Earth's crust (about 28% by mass) after oxygen

Parameter	cBN	hBN	Diamond	AIN	GaN	3C-SiC	GaAs	Si
Energy Bandgap (eV)	6.4	5.2	5.45	6.2	3.39	3.00	1.43	1.12
Electron Mobility (cm ² /Vs)	280	-	2200	300	440	400	8500	1500
Hole Mobility (cm ² /Vs)	•	-	1600	30	~20	50	400	600
Thermal Conductivity (W/cm K)	13	a = 6.0 c = 0.3	20	2.9	1.3	5	0.46	1.5
Breakdown (× 10 ⁵ Vem ⁻¹)	~80	~80	100	~80	~80	40	60	3
Lattice Constant (Å)	3.615	a = 2.504 c = 6.661	3.567	4.982	a = 3.189 c = 5.185	4.358	5.65	5.43
Thermal Expansion Coefficient (× 10 ⁻⁶ °C ⁻¹)	3.5	a = -2.7 c = 38	1.1	4.0	4.5	4.7	5.9	2.6
Density (gm/cm ³)	3.487	2.28	3.515	3.26	6.15	3.216	5.316	2.328
Melting Point (°C)	2973	3000	3800	2200	>2500	2540	1238	1420
Dielectric Constant	7.1	5.1	5.5	-	9.5	9.7	12.5	11.8
Resistivity (Ω cm)	1016	1010	10 ¹³	10^{14}	1012	150	108	10 ³
Absorption Edge (µm)	0.205	0.212	0.20		0.35	0.40	-	1.40
Refractive Index	2.17	1.80	2.42	2.00	2.33	2.65	3.4	3.5
Hardness (kg/mm ²), $T = 300$ K Kg/mm ²	5000	100	10,000	2500	1100	3000	600	1000

SILICON: from sand to wafer



a) The sand is cleaned and further purified by chemical processes. It is then melted. Then a tiny concentration of phosphorus (boron) dopant is added to make n (p) type poly-crystalline ingots







b) Single-crystal silicon is obtained by melting the vertically oriented poly-silicon cylinder
onto a single crystal "seed" --- called "Float Zone-→ FZ"

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c) Wafers of thickness 200- 500 μm are cut with diamond encrusted wire or disc saws.

Note: the crystal orientation matters! <111> and <100> crystals can influence the detector properties eg. capacitance









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Segmented Silicon Sensors for better position sensitivity ... "imaging"



Two dimensional segmentation. Pixel Detectors "Hybrid"





ATLAS FE-I4~4cm²

Pixel detectors "Monolithic"

Integrate the readout circuitry together with the detector in 'one piece ' of silicon

The charge generated by a particle is collected on a defined collection electrode either by diffusion or by the application of an E-field

Small pixel size and thin effective detection thickness





LGAD Basics. Low Gain Detector

G. Pellegrini, Low Gain Avalanche Detectors



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LGAD Measurements



Electron Multiplied CCD (EMCCD)

https://andor.oxinst.com/products/ixon-emccd-cameras

Electron-multiplying CCDs (EMCCDs) employ on-chip multiplication by impact ionization to multiply the number of photoelectrons, allowing the signal of a single photon to overcome the noise floor, effectively obtaining single-photon detection capability. The multiplication process reduces the effective readout noise below 1 electron but induces an additional noise due to the stochastic variation in the multiplication factor.



But there are also Gaseous Pixel Detectors!

Gaseous Pixel detector (GridPix) is a MEMS made Micromegas like structure on a CMOS readout chip



Performance :

- position resolution:15 μm
- -single electron efficiency: > 90 %
- track detection efficiency: 99.6 %;

H. van der Graaf (Nikhef) TIPP2011



⁹⁰Sr electrons in 0.2 T B-field

 $\mu\text{-}TPC$ operation with TimePix chip

Applications: Astro-particle Physics...

AMS (Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer) on ISS particle physics experiment in space to measure antimatter in cosmic rays







Cycle of pulsed gamma rays from the Vela pulsar. Constructed from photons detected by Fermi's Large Area Telescope.

Roger Romani

FERMI Large Area Telescope

Gamma-ray detector

....Ground Detectors – Cosmic Rays



>330m², >4.4° FoV, <0.11° pxl size

..... ICE-Cube (South Pole Neutrino Experiment)

Digital Optical Boards (DOMs) are deployed on 86 "strings" of 60 modules each at depths ranging from 1,450 to 2,450 meters



..... Environmental Radiation Monitoring

Gamma Dose Rate (GDR) networks in Europe

German Network 1800 GDR stations to perform gamma Create contamination radionuclides



Schauinsland mountain (1200 m) since 2007



European countries established GDR networks during the cold war period and improved these networks after the Chernobyl accident in 1986.

Monitoring of:

nuclear facilities atomic bomb scenarios terroristic attacs

U. Stöhlker



1cm³ coplanar grid (Cd,Zn)Te detector

Broken mountain

X-ray energy of the most common medical and biological applications



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High Z semiconductors: CdTe and CdZnTe

Taka Tanaka (SLAC/KIPAC)

- High detection efficiency
- Poly-crystalline material
- Poor uniformity
- Very high resistivity (semi-insulating)
- Low leakage current



area: 18 " 18 mm2 thickness: 0.5 mm pixel size: 2 " 2 mm2, 64 ch, cathode side guard ring: 1 mm width Fabricated at IDEAS Norway





Indirect Conversion: Scintillators and Silicon Photomultipliers (SiPm, GM-APD, MPPC...)













- SiPm requires a special doping profile to allow a high internal field (>10⁵ V/cm) which generates avalanche multiplication
- APD cell operates in Geiger mode (= full discharge), however with (passive/active) quenching.
- The avalanche formation is intrinsically very fast (100ps), because confined to a small space.
- High Gain G ~ 10⁵ -10⁶ at rel. low bias voltage (<100 V)
- G is Sensitive to temperature and voltage variations
- Fill factor still low due to quench resistor on the surface (but work in progress to solve this)

Applications in PET

coincidence of two 511 keV photons define a line of record.

•Take projections under all angles

•(2/3D) Tomographic reconstruct of data

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SiPm Commercial Activity From C. Joram CERN Hamamatsu HPK (http://jp.hamamatsu.com/) FBK-IRST 25x25µm², 50x50µm², 100x100µm² pixel size 50x50µm² pixel size 4x4mm² 3x3mm² 1x1mm² 2x2mm² 1x1mm² 3x3mm² -----Arrays 3x3 cm² 4x4mm² 1x4mm² 6x6 mm² 8x8 channels 2x2 channels 1x4 channels 2x2 channels SensL (http://sensl.com/) 20x20µm², 35x35µm², 50x50µm², 100x100µm² pixel size 6 x 6 cm² 3.16x3.16mm² 3.16x3.16mm² 16x16 channels 4x4 channels 4x4 channels 20 December 2012 Christian.Joram@cern.ch

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Overview of commonly used scintillators

Scintillators for PET

	1962	1977	1995	1999	2001	2003	2007
	NaI	BGO	GSO:Ce	LSO:Ce	LuAP:Ce	LaBr ₃ :Ce l	_uAG:Ce
Density (g/cm³)	3.67	7.13	6.71	7.40	8.34	5.29	6.73
Atomic number	51	75	59	66	65	47	63
Photofraction	0.17	0.35	0.25	0.32	0.30	0.13	0.30
Decay time (ns)	230	300	30-60	35-45	17	18	60
Light output (hv/ MeV)	43000	8200	12500	27000	11400	70000	>25000
Peak emission (nm)	415	480	430	420	365	356	535
Refraction index	1.85	2.15	1.85	1.82	1.97	1.88	1.84

Digital radiography with gas based MWPC in the 1970ies









with 10 time less dose than traditional radiographic film!



Nuclear Medicine: Positron Emission Tomography

Sign the degree of activity of an organ hungry of glucose ---> show abnormal glucose metabolism like cancer tumour cells







Direct conversion Synchrotron Radiation: Protein crystallography 12 KeV





Some of the existing electronics chips for medical –synchrotron

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Single photon Counting



Medipix

pixellated detector (Si, GaAs, CdTe, 3D thickness: 300/700/1000mm



The PILATUS 6M,

Charge Integration

 $424 \times 435 \text{ mm2}$ with 170 × 170 μ m² (2463 x 2527) 6 million pixels, has been developed at PSI and commercialized by the company Dectris for synchrotron imaging

Medipix2 Quad Pixels: 512 x 512 Pixel size: 55 x 55 mm² Area: 3 x 3 cm²

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ATLAS and CMS use alone more that 250m² of Silicon Strips to "image" charged particles





Strips 61m² of silicon. 6.2million channels 4 barrel layers + 9 disks per endcap 30cm < R < 52cm

Pixels

3 Barrel layers (r=5,9,12 cm) 2 end caps each with 3 disks 80Mpixels 50x400um2 Digital I/O

CMS

Pixels

3 barrel layers 2 end caps each with 2 disks 66 Mpixels 150 x 100um2 Analog I/O

Strips

198 m² of silicon, 9.3 million channels Inner : 4 barrel layers, 3 end-cap disks Outer: 6 barrel layers, 9 weels 22cm < R < 120cm



What happens during irradiation to silicon detectors? Defects formation in irradiated silicon





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3D radiation sensors



3D silicon detectors were proposed in 1995 by S. Parker, and active edges in 1997 by C. Kenney.

Combine traditional electronics processing and MEMS (Micro Electro Mechanical Systems) technology.

Electrodes are processed inside the detector bulk instead of being implanted on the Wafer's surface.

The edge is an electrode! Dead volume at the Edge < 5 microns!

The electric field is parallel to wafer's surface: and smaller interelectrode spacing: low bias voltage, low power, reduced charge sharing and high speed – for the same wafer thickness









PLANAR

NIM A 603 (2009) 319-324

3D sensors are now in the core of ATLAS at CERN LHC



3DATLAS R&D Collaboration







3D sensors just being installed in the first LHC detector upgrade in the ATLAS – Insertable B-Layer (IBL)

>300 sensors fabricated to cover 25% IBL



250 x 50 um²

FE-14 = 2x2cm² -336 x 80 250x50um², 26880 pixels











3D Vertically Integrated Module with CO2 internal cooling

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90 Sr 3D sensors 285 microns FE-14 ROC 100 microns Micro-channels Si 450 microns

- 3D silicon : CNM double side 285 um thick IBL qualification batch
- FE-I4A: thinned to 100um at IZM
- Si-Si micro-channels designed by CERN PH-DT, produced by PH-DT in EPFL CMi cleanroom, direct bonding CSEM
- Glue: 2-components
 Masterbond EP37-3FLFAO



The key to fabrication: plasma etching



BOSCH PROCESS: alternating passivation (C₄F₈) and etch cycles (SF₆);

- Within the plasma an electric field is applied perpendicular to the silicon surface.
- The etch cycle consists of fluorine based etchants which react with silicon surface, removing silicon. The etch rates are ~1-5µm/minute.
- To minimize side wall etching, etch cycle is stopped and replaced with a passivation gas which creates a Teflon-like coating homogenously around the cavity. Energetic fluorine ions, accelerated by the e-field, remove the coating from the cavity bottom but NOT the side walls.



724104 25KV Slide from J. Hasi

Developments in Bulk Micro-Fabrication





3D Detectors and applications GaAs CdTe Diamond ATLAS FE-I3 111111 ATLAS FE-I4 (with micro-channels) AFP Medipix/Timepix CMS Silicon +ASIC **New Materials** Emerging Consolidated \rightarrow Silicon +Converter **New Shapes** electrodes n-active edge **3D** Neutron Core shell DESTRUCTION \circ detectors Curved 0 Edge 0 Ring.. nLOF 2020 0

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