



Silicon detectors: From the early days to the ATLAS and CMS upgrades in the HL-LHC era

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The very early days of solid state detectors

- Idea of solid state ionization chamber and first successful prototypes
 - 1943: P.J. von Heerden, Utrecht (AgCI)
 - 1949: K.G. McKay, Bell labs (Ge pn junction)
 - 1955 1965: Si mono-crystals available → surface barrier detectors at several labs (Oak Ridge, Chalk River, CEA), motivation nuclear particle spectrometers
 - 1961: G. Dearnaley, Harwell: first segmented detector, a pixel detector !
 - 1970: first strip detectors: Argonne, Fermi lab, Karlsruhe, Southampton for nuclear physics experiments
 - 1970: CCD: W.S. Boyle and G.E. Smith, Bell labs
- Several companies in the US and Europe for detector fabrication (> 7 in 1975)



- Typical values for Si:
 - voltage: 50 500 V
 - thickness: 0.05 1 mm
 - signal: 1e/h-pair/3.6 eV \rightarrow mip 25000 charges/0.3 mm
 - collection time: 5-50 ns
 - diffusion: few μm
 - sensitive to light \leq 1 µm, X-rays
 - 0.2 20 keV, charged particles 3

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Si-strip detector telescope at CERN NA-11/32

- NA-11/32 experiment (The ACCMOR Collab.):
 - spectrometer for the study of hadronic reactions
 - lifetimes D_{+} , D_{0} , D_{s} , ...
 - hadronic production of charm particles
- Demonstrated excellent performance of Si strip and pixel (CCDs) detectors







- **1981: 6 planes Si-strip detectors:**
- 24x36 mm², 1200 strips/sensor
- strip pitch 20 $\mu m,$ 280 μm thick
- position resolution 5.4 μm
- total < 2000 channels
- 100% efficiency (all channels working)

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Top-quark discovery

- Silicon strip detector, essential for the discovery of the top-quark at FNAL (1994) and also for the LEP Higgs limit
- **CDF** vertex detector at Tevatron •
 - Si area of ~11 m² and 4.10⁵ readout channels

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CCDs: VXD3 vertex detector for SLD@SLC

- VXD3 at SLD
 - Installed in 1995, CCD pixel detector,307 Mpixels (ATLAS: 80 Mpixels !)
 - Layer thickness 0.4% X_0 (multiple scattering)
 - 1st layer < 3 cm from beam
 - 8 μm impact parameter resolution
 - The best performing vertex detector operating so far with respect to resolution and material budget
 - Reference point for ILC vertex detectors
 - Leading contribution by C. Damerell (RAL PPD group) et al. in collab. with SLD@SLC HEP2023-Ioannina



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Detection of charged particles

- dE/dx = energy loss via Coulomb scattering of electrons ionisation:
 - mean energy loss <dE/dx> Bethe-Bloch formula vs β
 - energy loss is a statistical process
 - discrete scattering with different results depending on "intensity" of scattering
 - primary ionisation (poisson distributed, large fluctuations per reaction)
 - secondary ionisation (mainly by high energetic primary electrons, if the energy is very high $\rightarrow ~\delta$ electrons)
- From dE/dx (MIP):
 - Si: 110 (e-h)/µm, 3.6 eV/(e-h) pair
 - Ge: 260 (e-h)/µm, 2.9 eV/(e-h) pair
- "Healthy" signal which can be well processed by electronics



Fig. 27.1: Stopping power (= $\langle -dE/dx \rangle$) for positive muons in copper as a function of $\beta \gamma = p/Mc$ over nine orders of magnitude in momentum

Detection of charged particles

- Fluctuations in dE/dx distribution (thin detectors)
 - The variation width within the energy transfer of the reactions leads to large energy loss variation
 - A broad maximum: collisions with little energy loss
 - A long tail: few collisions with large energy loss
 - Straggling functions in silicon for 500 MeV pions, normalized to unity at the most probable value Δ_p/x
 - Shape of energy loss distribution depends on thickness of detector
 - For very thin detectors < 1 2 μm finite probability of zero signal !



Detector characterisation

- System = (detector) \otimes (readout) \otimes (calibration) \otimes (analysis) \rightarrow has to be understood !
- Generic detector:
 - radiation/particle \rightarrow interaction/energy deposit \rightarrow signal light/charge \rightarrow collect charge/signal formation
 - \rightarrow signal processing \rightarrow data recording \rightarrow calibration \rightarrow analysis
- Efficiency:
 - acceptance: (recorded events) / (emitted by source): [geometry x efficiency]
 - efficiency/sensitivity: (recorded events / particles passing detector)
 - peak efficiency: (recorded events in acc. window / particles passing detector)
- Response (resolution):
 - spectrum from mono-energetic resolution
- Response to 661 keV ys
 - Ge-detector
 - organic scintillator



Fig. 5.2a, b. The response functions of two different detectors for 661 keV gamma rays. (a) shows the response of a germanium detector which has a large photoelectric cross section relative to the Compton scattering cross section at this energy. A large photopeak with a relatively small continuous Compton distribution is thus observed. (b) is the response of an organic scintillator detector. Since this material has a low atomic number Z, Compton scattering is predominant and only this distribution is seen in the response function

Detector characterisation

- Response (resolution):
 - good detector aims for Gaussian response (with little non-Gaussian tails)
 - calibration by N events with energy E
 - mean: $\langle S \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i}^{N} S_{i}, \quad \delta \langle S \rangle = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$ - rms resolution (σ): $\sigma^{2} = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i}^{N} (S_{i} - \langle S \rangle)^{2}, \quad \delta(\sigma) = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2N}}$

- for Gauss f.: $\Gamma = 2\sqrt{2\ln 2} \sigma = 2.355 \sigma$, (for box with width α : $\sigma = a/\sqrt{12}$) 468% \rightarrow 90% \rightarrow

- <S> is not always the best choice: eg Landau distribution: $\sigma \ {}_{\rightarrow} \ {}_{\infty}$,

(median, truncated mean, are sometimes better choices !)

Calibration: $\langle S \rangle = f(E) \cong c \times E + ped$

$$\sigma = g(E), \sigma / E \cong c_{calib} + \frac{c_{stat}}{\sqrt{E}} + \frac{c_{noise}}{E} (e.g. for energy measurement)$$

- c, ped ... calibration constants depend on position, time etc
- if c(E) ... non-linear response HEP2023-Ioannina

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 $f(x, \mu, \sigma)$

Detector characterisation

- Time response:
 - delay time: time between particle passage (event) and signal formation
 - dead time: minimum time distance that events can be recorded separately (depends on properties of detector and electronics, "integrating" or "dead" and on resolution criteria)
 - pile up effects: overlapping events cause a degradation of performance
 - time resolution: accuracy with which "event-time" can be measured



Principle of operation

• Silicon detectors are ionization chambers



- Any material which allows charge collection can be used for an ionization chamber
- Energy required to "ionize" (produce one charge pair):
 - ~30 eV for gases and liquids
 - 1-5 eV for solid state detectors
 - few meV to break up cooper pairs
- Advantages of silicon detectors: efficient, high density, room temperature operation, highly developed µ-technology, robust, well suited for µ-electronics readout, ... HEP2023-Ioannina
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Charge carrier mobility in silicon

- Mobility μ : electrons and holes drift under the influence of electric field E
 - for low fields (Si < 5 kV/cm)
 - $ec{
 u}=\muec{E}$, μ ... mobility
 - for high fields v $\sim 10^7 \mbox{ cm/s}$
 - charge collection times for 300 μm Si detector: O (10ns)
- Drift in magnetic field
 - Lorentz angle: $tan heta=\mu_{Hall}\cdot B_T$
 - Hall mobility, $\mu_{\text{Hall(e)}}$ = 1650 cm²/V·s, $\,\mu_{\text{Hall(h)}}$ = 310 cm²/V·s

 $\rightarrow~$ 30° for 4 Tesla field, $e^{\rm \cdot}$ have 165 μm shift for 300 μm

- Diffusion D_i:
 - Einstein relation: $D_i = \frac{kT}{q} \cdot \mu_i$

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m \rightarrow}\,$ spread of charge after time t: $\sigma^2 = 2 \cdot D_i \cdot t$ (1-d proj.)

- $\rightarrow\,$ 6 μm for 10 ns diffuse of electrons
- Resistivity ho: defined by $ec{E}=
 ho\cdotec{J}$ (J the current density)

- for Si with both electrons (n) and holes (p) as carriers: $ho=rac{1}{q(\mu_n\cdot n+\mu_p\cdot p)}$

→ resistivity of intrinsic Si at room temperature: 230 k Ω ·cm HEP2023-Ioannina I. Kopsalis, 7 Apr 23



The Silicon ionization chamber - pn junction

- Thermal diffusion drives electrons and holes across pn junction
 - Generates depletion regions (no free charge carriers) with fixed space charge

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- Potential and electric field obtained from Poisson's equation: _
- Diffusion potential (built-in potential V_{bi}) obtained by
- **E**_{Eermi} = const over junction
- One-sided abrupt junction V_{bi}~0.65 V for n doping
- 1.4·10¹² cm⁻³ (3 kΩ·cm)
- \rightarrow depth of depletion region: d ~ 25 μ m
- A simple detector is a large surface diode with guard ring(s)



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pn junction

- pn junction with reverse bias:
 - apply bias voltage $V_{\rm b}$ to increase the depletion width W
 - poisson's equation (1-d, constant charge density): $V_b + V_{bi} = \frac{q}{2\epsilon} (N_D x_a^2 + N_A x_p^2)$
 - charge neutrality: $N_D x_n = N_A x_p$
 - → depletion width: $W = x_n + x_p = \sqrt{\frac{2\varepsilon(V_b + V_{bi})}{q}(\frac{1}{N_A} + \frac{1}{N_D})}$
- For detectors highly asymmetric junctions are chosen, eg p+n (NA \gg ND):



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The ATLAS inner detector

- The current inner detector
 - 3 pixel layers (PIX), 4 Si micro-strip layers (SCT) and straw tube quasi-continues tracker (TRT)
 - Additional pixel layer (IBL) was inserted in long shut-down 1 (LS1 2014)
 - Assumed pile up (μ) was 23 and bunch crossing 25 ns
 - 2T solenoidal magnetic field
- Radiation damage
 - PIX: designed to withstand 10^{15} 1 MeV n_{eq} /cm² (or 400fb⁻¹)
 - IBL: designed to withstand 800 fb⁻¹
 - SCT: designed to withstand $2 \cdot 10^{14}$ 1 MeV n_{eq}/cm² (or 700fb⁻¹)
- Bandwidth limitation
 - Both SCT and PIX apply zero suppression to accommodate $<\!\!\mu\!\!>$ up to 50
- Occupancy limits
 - SCT in the HL-LHC environment will not be able to resolve close by tracks in the core of high ${\rm P}_{\rm T}$ jets
 - TRT will approach 100% occupancy and tracking efficiency will suffer



Phase-II upgrade of the Large Hadron Collider



- - proton-proton collisions with up to 14 TeV at higher intensity
 instantaneous nominal luminosity x5 7.5 → Increased particle densities
 - integrated luminosity x10 \rightarrow Increased radiation damage and increase of overlapping proton-proton

events (pile-up)

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For Phase-II upgrade: new all silicon tracker for ATLAS

Layout of the new Inner Tracker (ITk)



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The ATLAS – pixel detectors

- The read-out chip is mounted on top of the pixels (bump bonding)
- Each pixel has its own readout amplifier
- Can choose proper process for sensor and readout separately
- Fast readout and radiation-tolerant
- However, high material budget and high power dissipation





- ATLAS pixels (IBL): ~80 M channels (150x150 μm²)
- CMS pixels: ~65 M channels (50x400 µm²)

Pixel sensors: hybrid planar technology

- Thin n-in-p planar sensors
 - Dies of 4x4 cm², 100/150 μm thick, bias voltage up to 600 V
 - Signal ~10 ke and ~6 ke after HL-LHC dose
 - Test beam result for 50x50 μm^2 planar module irradiated at 3.10^{15} $n_{_{ed}}/cm^2$





Pixel sensors: hybrid 3D technology

- 3D sensors
 - For innermost layer: $1.3 \cdot 10^{16} n_{eq}^{2}$ for 2000 fb⁻¹
 - Dies of 2x2 cm², 150 µm thickness plus 100-200 µm support wafer
 - Pixel size of 25x100 μm^2 challenging for radiation hardness and only in part of L0 foreseen
 - Efficiency >97% at perpendicular track incidence







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Strip sensor QA/QC program for ATLAS ITk

- n-in-p float-zone sensors with p-stop isolation and
 - ~320 µm thickness
 - Strip length 8-50 mm depending on region, all sensors received from HPK for pre-production, production sensors are qualified now by the institutes
 - QA and QC methods exercised at production sites, sensor PRR has been completed successfully, setups commissioned etc



Short Strip sensor

Parameter	Specification
Length	97621 (± 20 μ m dicing error)
Width	97950 (\pm 20 μ m dicing error)
Edge distance ("slim edge")	450 (longitudinal), 550 (lateral) (± 20 μm dicing error)
#Strips	1282 (=128 ch/chip*10 chips+2xfield shaping strip)
- pitch	75.5 μm
- implant width	16 μm
- metal width	22 μ m (AC coupling to implant)
- identification	(•) every 10^{th} , 1^{st} and last

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Strip modules assembly for ATLAS ITk

- Several modules assembled and evaluated before and after irradiation
 to HL-LHC fluences
- During module assembly, the hybrids and power boards are glued directly to the sensor
- Tooling finalised for mass production
- Module production site qualification will be completed soon
- Electrical tests of short strip stave with 5 modules and tests of a petal











Wire-bonds

Tracking detector requirements for the HL-LHC

- Luminosity of up to 7.5.10³⁴ cm⁻²s⁻¹, on average 200 interactions per bunch crossing \rightarrow Keep occupancy at 1% level
- High particle fluence \rightarrow Radiation damage - up to 1.3.10¹⁶ n_{er}/cm² and 900 Mrad for the pixel detector - up to $1.6 \cdot 10^{15} n_{eq}^{2}$ and 70 Mrad for the strip detector
- Low material budget, fast and reliable readout, high charge collection efficiency, high vertex and track position resolution

r [mm]

1200

800

600

400

- Silicon strip and pixel detector in **2T magnetic field**
- 4 central strip layers and two endcaps¹⁰⁰⁰ with 6 disks each
- 5 pixel layers in the central and forward sections
- Cooling with CO₂

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1400 ATLAS Simulation Preliminary

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Bulk radiation damage in silicon sensors

- Bulk damage (Non Ionizing Energy Loss)
 - Point and cluster defects
 - Increase of leakage current
 - Change of the space charge in the depletion region, increase of full depletion voltage
 - Charge trapping

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Signal to Noise ratio decreases



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Bulk radiation damage in silicon sensors



N_t: concentration

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P-type silicon sensors demonstrate better performance than n-type after radiation damage at high fluence

Surface radiation damage in silicon sensors

Strip sensor

CMS tracking

detector

SiO₂ oxide

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coupling capacity oxide

- Surface damage (Ionizing Energy Loss)
 - Increase of oxide charges and Si-SiO₂ interface traps \rightarrow influence on charge collection
 - Interface traps contribute to the leakage current as function of the transverse E_{field} and change the mobilities of holes and electrons at the Si-SiO, interface



Performance of silicon sensors in ATLAS

- The importance of including radiation damage effects in the performance of silicon sensors at the current ATLAS tracking detector
- Simulation of the cluster charge of the 2nd pixel layer using the "Hamburg" radiation damage model



The High-Granularity Timing Detector in ATLAS

- The HGTD will provide time measurements for objects in the forward regions
 of the ATLAS detector
- General parameters
 - 2.4 < |η| < 4.0
 - Active area of 6.3 m² (total)
 - Design based on 1.3x1.3 mm² silicon pixels (2x4 cm² sensors)
 - Optimised for <10% occupancy and small capacitance
 - Radiation hardness up to $2 \cdot 10^{14}$ 1 MeV n_{eq} /cm² and 4.7 MGy
 - Number of hits per track: 2 in 2.4 < $|\eta|$ < 3.1 and 3 in 3.1 < $|\eta|$ < 4.0
 - Inner ring to be replaced at half life-time of HL-LHC
- Goal
 - Resolve close-by vertices (small timing resolution ~few 10s of psec.)
 - Impove pile-up rejection
 - Provide minimum bias trigger and instantaneous and unbiased luminosity measurement HEP2023-Ioannina I. Kopsalis, 7 Apr 23





A time-tagging detector



Silicon detectors: LGADs R&D with Te2V & RD50



Low Gain Avalanche Detectors

• Available vendors for LGAD sensor mass production

FBK-UFSD 3.2



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Technology development - long term concept



DMAPS for tracking & digital calorimetry

- Development of a reconfigurable Depleted Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor for outer tracking and digital electromagnetic calorimetry (designed & tested by Bham and RAL groups)
 - Basic idea of digital SiW EM calorimetry with the aim to count the number of pixels above threshold to estimate the shower energy
 - Sensor prototypes (64x64 pixels) fabricated in the TowerJazz 180 nm CMOS imaging process



- ALICE FoCAL (MAPS based) R&D to assemble a calorimeter
 - Objective two-photon separation at few mm distance
 - Low and High Granularity (CMOS MAPS) layers
 - \rightarrow Single shower particle measurement,

3D shower shapes



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The DECAL Fully Depleted sensor

- TowerJazz 180 nm CMOS modified process
 - The first version is referred to as an addition continuous n⁻ layer design for each pixel
 - The second version of two variants (gap in the n- layer and extra deep p-well) which expected to shape the electric field so the charge carriers produced are steered more directly towards the collection electrode in the pixel center
- Pixel timing response has been simulated (by CERN groups) with 3D TCAD simulation for a MIP traversing the pixel corner
- Faster charge collection has been simulated for the second version (two variants of the modified process) HEP2023-Ioannina


DECAL FD digital functionality

- With the DECAL FD possibility of configuration of all pixel columns and full depletion of the sensor under bias voltage on p-epi
- Threshold scan in single pixels \rightarrow threshold pixel map and in principle threshold trimming of the pixel matrix
- **5** bits pixel trimming with a maximum shift of ≈150 mV
- Example of trimming of a single row for all columns at threshold of 1.17 V HEP2023-Ioannina





1.165

1.17

1.175

1.18

Threshold voltage (V)

DECAL FD test with monochromatic X-rays

• Uniform threshold voltage of the pixel matrix and long term threshold scan of a single row



DECAL FD energy calibration

Fitting corrected and smeared HEXITEC spectra, 5 DECAL Cu data DECAL Cd data 1000 HEXTER C= 3 938+407 + 9 979+405 C= 1.568e+07 + 1.188e+06 ŧ a - 5 5060 - 0 0057 million raw HEXITEC spectrum different target materials -12 500 Cι = = • 25 µm Si corrected spectrum additional Gaussian smearing -2F HEXITEC our HEXITEC corr smeared HEXITEC corr smeared HEXITEC on -500 Convert from E (keV) to voltage V (mV): $V = \alpha \cdot E$ C= 6 1740+07 + 1 8360+0 C=4938e+07 + 1373e+0 C= 5 9836407 + 8 035640 C= 4 450e+07 + 3 246e+06 a = 5.4629 + 0.0278 mV/ke $a = 5.5503 \pm 0.0114 \text{ mV/ke}$ a = 5.7725 + 0.0732 mV/kel a = 6.0394 ± 0.0237 mV/keV -1000 o_e = 0.802 ± 0.055 keV o_e = 3.309 ± 0.355 keV Conversion factor obtained $\alpha = 5.55 \pm 0.37$ mV/keV 0.08 01 0 12 Inverted voltage (V) Inverted voltage (V) S 800 ×10 Relative energy resolution $\sigma_{F}/E = 13.7 \pm 3.6\%$ (1 / V) DECAL Fe date - DECAL Mo data ······ HEXITED ----- HEXITEC 77 600 C= 1.208e+07 + 6.416e+05 C= 7 380++06 + 6 463++05 a = 6.0129 ± 0.0292 mV/ke a = 5 1914 = 0.0929 mV/km 400 **Relative energy resolution** 05E 200 Fe Mo σ_E (keV) $m = 1.369e-01 \pm 3.55e-02$ -200 -0.5 HEXITEC our HEXITEC corr smeared HEXITEC con HEXITEC corr smeare $b = -1.245e-01 \pm 4.87e-01 \text{ keV}$ C= 1673e+07 + 1080e+0 C= 1.407e+07 ± 7.407e+05 -400 F C=9.944e+06 + 1.235e+0 C= 1.051e+07 ± 9.581e+05 a = 6.0217 ± 0.0299 mV/ke a = 5.2570 ± 0.0788 mV/keV $a = 5.5004 \pm 0.0353 \text{ mV/ke}$ a = 6.0899 + 0.0219 mV/ke -600 f(x) = mx + b-1.5 $\sigma_{\rm e} = 0.824 \pm 0.122 \text{ keV}$ o. = 1.661 ± 0.164 ke -800 -0.05 0.05 0.1 0.15 0.2 Inverted voltage (V) Inverted voltage (V) 2.5 S (1 / V) DECAL Pb data DECAL Wrights 7 HEXITED HEXITED C= 1.754e+08 ± 3.021e+06 C= 1.419e+08 + 2.540e+06 10F a = 5.0113 ± 0.0117 mV/keV a = 4.8629 ± 0.0017 mV/ke 1.5 ۱۸/ Pb - HEXITEC corr smeared HEXITEC cor HEXITEC corr smeared HEXITEC con 0.5 C= 1.679e+08 ± 2.732e+06 C= 9.953e+07 + 1.219e+0 C= 1.642e+08 ± 2.743e+06 C= 1.814e+08 ± 3.607e+ a = 5.0517 ± 0.0232 mV/ke a = 5.4465 ± 0.0003 mV/keV a = 5.6683 ± 0.0355 m V/ke a = 5.8122 ± 0.0132 mV/ke -10 $\sigma_{\rm e} = 1.918 \pm 0.086 \, \text{keV}$ $\sigma_{-} = 0.874 \pm 0.104 \text{ ke}^{3}$ 10 15 20 25 -150.02 0.04 0.08 0.1 0.12 0.08 Energy (keV) Inverted voltage (V) Inverted voltage (V) HEP2023-Ioannina I. Kopsalis, 7 Apr 23 39

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Summary

- Looking back on > ½ century of fascinating detector developments
 - Silicon detectors enabled important discoveries + precision measurements \rightarrow No Si no Higgs!
- Well understood performance: pulse height distribution, "Landau" dE/dx, position resolution, charge sharing, charge collection, Lorentz force, resolution vs track angle, effect of δ-rays on resolution, electronic noise + dE/dx fluctuations, optimal reconstruction algorithm (η)
- New inner tracker in preparation for the ATLAS experiment in the High Luminosity era
 - 5 layer pixel detector with about 10000 pixel-hybrid modules (~x6 of current pixel detector)
 - 4 layer strip detector with about 18000 strip modules
- HGTD detector promises to improve pile-up rejection for HL-LHC:
 - significant improvements on reconstruction performance at high-η values
 - LGAD sensor technology: provide timing, occupancy, radiation hardness, challenging <30 ps resolution obtained before irradiation and 30 – 50 ps after 2.5·10¹⁵ n_{er}/cm²
- Depleted MAPS (DMAPS) provide the advantage of a monolithic detector design with improved radiation tolerance, fast charge collection → qualified as suitable candidate technology for tracking and calorimetry in future systems
 "New directions in Science are launched by new tools much more often than by new

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concepts."

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Back up

Silicon properties

- Absorption of photon → breaks bond → excite electron in conduction band and vacant "hole" in valence band
- Electrons and holes move quasi freely in lattice (hole filled by nearby electron, thus moving to another position)



Property		Si	Ge	GaAs	Diamond
Atomic Number		14	32	31/33	6
Atomic Mass	[amu]	28.1	72.6	144.6	12.6
Band Gap	[eV]	1.12	0.66	1.42	5.5
Radiation Length X_0	[cm]	9.4	2.3	2.3	18.8
Average Energy for Creation					
of an Electron-Hole Pair	[eV]	3.6	2.9	4.1	~ 13
Average Energy Loss dE/dx [MeV/cm]	3.9	7.5	7.7	3.8
Average Signal	$[e^-/\mu m]$	110	260	173	~ 50
Intrinsic Charge Carrier					
Concentration	[cm ⁻³]	$1.5 \cdot 10^{10}$	$2.4 \cdot 10^{13}$	$1.8 \cdot 10^{6}$	$< 10^{3}$
Electron Mobility	[cm ² /Vs]	1500	3900	8500	1800
Hole Mobility	[cm ² /Vs]	450	1900	400	1200

- Number of thermally excited charge carriers (n $_{intrinsic}$): $n_i = \sqrt{n_V n_C} \cdot exp(-rac{E_{Gap}}{2kT})$
 - Si at room temperature (kT ~ 26 meV): 1.5·10¹⁰cm⁻³

Doping in silicon – change of conductivity

- Doping with elements from group III (Acceptor, eg B) p-type Si is formed
 - One valence bond remains open and attracts electrons from neighbor atoms
 - The energy level of the acceptor e⁻ is above the edge of the valence band
 - At room T, most levels are occupied by e leaving h⁺ in the valence band





- Doping with elements from group V (Donor, eg As) n-type Si is formed
 - The 5th valence is weakly bound
 - The energy level of the donor e⁻ is below the edge of the conduction band
 - At room T, most electrons are raised to the conduction band
 - The E_r level moves up



 $q \cdot \mu_i \cdot n_i$

 $\rho =$



- Resistivity dominated by majority charge carriers $n = N_{D,A}$:
 - typical Si detector doping, few 10^{12} cm⁻³ $\rightarrow \rho = 1 \dots 5 \text{ k}\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ HEP2023-Ioannina I. Kopsalis, 7 Apr 23

Silicon detector fabrication

- Steps in fabrication of planar silicon detectors
 - polishing and cleaning
 - oxidation at 1300 K
 - deposition of photosensitive polymer, UV illumination
 - creation of pn junction via implantation/diffusion
 - annealing: implanted ions occupy lattice sites
 - deposition of Al
 - patterning of electric contacts





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The ATLAS inner detector

Inner Detector (ID) Tracking

- Silicon Pixels 50 x 400 μm^2
- Silicon Strips (SCT) 80 µm stereo
- Transition Radiation Tracker (TRT) up to 36 points/track
- 2T Solenoid Magnet



The ATLAS inner detector

- Designed to precisely reconstruct charged particles trajectories
 - 7- points silicon (pixels + strips)
 - straw tube quasi-continues tracker with electron identification capability
 - 2 T solenoidial magnetic field



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The ATLAS SemiConductor Tracker

- 61m² of silicon micro-strip detectors
 - 20,000 separate sensors ordered





- Measure particle trajectories with ~10 μm precision (7 Mio ch.)
- withstand radiation levels of up to 100 kGy I. Kopsalis, 7 Apr 23

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The ATLAS SCT – strip detectors

- The SCT consists of 4 barrel layers, built with 2112 modules, and disk endcaps build of 1976 modules
 - The total number of strips is 6.3.106
- The barrel module consist of 4 single sided p-on-n strip detectors
 - Pitch 80 µm
 - Strip length 120 mm
 - Stereo angle 40 mrad
- The end-caps are built with three different modules
 - Pitch 57 95 µm
 - Strip length 55 120 mm





Readout chip of the strip sensor

- Binary readout chip (130nm CMOS technology)
 ABCStar with 256 channels, operated at 1.5 V
- Pre-production of ABCStar chips being tested with better single-event effects (SEE) tolerance
- Design of hybrid controller chip (HCC)







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Module performance in test beam and irradiation

- Several test beam campaigns at the DESY-II test beam facility of non-irradiated and irradiated star modules
 - Sensors have been irradiated to max. expected fluence and annealed
 - Hybrids irradiated to the max. expected X-ray dose
- Measured signal-to-noise ratio values above required value of 10 for all evaluated modules at operation bias voltages
- Results show efficiency
 >99% and <0.1% noise
 occupancy requirement









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The pixel detector



- Different sensor types and technologies depending on distance from the interaction point
 - 3D sensor technology in triplet assemblies (Layer 0) and planar sensor technology of

100 µm thickness (Layer 1) and 150 µm thickness (Layers 2,3,4)

- Pixel size 50x50 μm^2 (L1-L4, rings of L0), 25x100 μm^2 (flat part of L0)
- Luminosity monitoring and beam abort modules recently added
- Fast readout with max. 1 MHz trigger rate
- Reduction of material by deploying serial powering and CO₂ cooling HEP2023-Ioannina
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Readout chip of the pixel sensor

- RD53 Collaboration: joint R&D of ATLAS and CMS to design the pixel front-end chip
- ASIC: 65nm CMOS technology fabricated by TSMC
 - 4 data lines at 1.28 Gbps, low threshold ~600 e⁻, design power 0.7 W/cm², up to 8A supply current for four-chip module, radiation hardness up to 500 Mrads
 - 154k pixels per chip, expecting up to 250 hits/chip/bunch crossing
- RD53A FE prototype investigated → comparable performance within specification
 - Wafer probing performed, two readout systems for testing available, radiation damage depends on dose rate, operation in serial powering chain confirmed
- ATLAS ITkPixV1 FE prototype
 - Differential FE of RD53A FE with a few changes (under current and over voltage protection)
 - Confirms the desired behavior
 - Issue with high digital current, it will be solved in the next version HEP2023-Ioannina I. k









Surface radiation damage in silicon sensors

Observations on charge collection*
 of p-spray n⁺-p strip sensor for Vbias = 600 V

Simulation of N_{ox}^{eff} dependence on charge collection



*CMS TRACKER GROUP collaboration, *Impact of low-dose* electron irradiation on n⁺-p silicon strip sensors, Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 803 (2015) 100 [arXiv: 1505.02672]

Surface charges influence charge collection



Noise source in silicon sensors

- Noise source: time walk and time jitter
- Time walk: the voltage value V_{th} is reached at different times by signals of different amplitude
- Time jitter: the noise is summed to the signal, causing amplitude variations





Due to the physics of signal formation

Due to electronic noise

$$\sigma_{\text{Total}}^2 = \sigma_{\text{Time Walk}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{Jitter}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{TDC}}^2$$

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Time resolution in signal formation

• Time resolution and slew rate

$$\sigma_t^2 = ([\frac{V_{th}}{S/t_r}]_{RMS})^2 + (\frac{N}{S/t_r})^2 + (\frac{TDC_{bin}}{\sqrt{12}})^2$$

- Where: $S/t_r = dV/dt = slew rate$, N = system noise, $V_{th} = 10$ N
- Assuming constant noise maximizing the S/t_r term \rightarrow minimize the time resolution
- How the signal is formed in a sensor?
 - A particle creates charge carriers, the carriers start moving under the influence of an external field
 - The charge carrier motion induces a current on the electrodes
 - The signal ends when the charges reach the electrodes
- Signal shape is determined by Ramo's theorem: $i \propto qvE_w$
 - \rightarrow Highest possible $\mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{field}}$ to saturate velocity
 - $\rightarrow\,$ Large pad to have uniform weighting field
 - \rightarrow A lot of charge



Low Gain Avalanche Detectors

- LGADs: silicon sensors with gain ~ 10, minimize N, moderate S
 - Low gain to avoid shot noise and excess noise factor
- Ideal characteristics: 750 e/h pair per micron instead of 75 e/h, segmented, radiation hard, no dead time, very low noise, no cross talk
- Gain in silicon its based on the avalanche mechanism and starts in high electric fields, E~300 kV/cm
- Charge multiplication $N(I) = N_0 \cdot e^{\alpha \cdot I}$, $G = e^{\alpha \cdot I}$, α depends on E_{field} ,







DECAL: Data acquisition system and software

- The data acquisition is done using a NEXYS Video board from Digilent and a specific made DECAL motherboard
- Ethernet based readout system using the ATLAS ITSDAQ data acquisition software



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DECAL ASIC plugged in the motherboard





DECAL sensor test using monochromatic X-rays

- Target material Cu used
 - High voltage 60 kV and tube current 50 mA
 - Alignment is performed using a laser





DECAL FD test with Sr90 source

 Uniform threshold voltage of the pixel matrix and long term threshold scan of a single row with a Sr90 source of 160 MBq activity



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HR-CMOS sensor development

- HR-CMOS R&D for digital calorimetry and tracking
 - OVERMOS: A CMOS MAPS project demonstrator
 - DECAL sensor: DMAPS for digital electromagnetic calorimetry, pre-shower and outer tracking
 - TowerJazz Investigator chip & characterisation of the TowerJazz modified process







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OVERMOS: A CMOS MAPS project demonstrator

- OVERMOS 1.0 & 1.1 (project support from UKRI STFC)
 - Designed and fabricated in the standard TowerJazz 180 nm CMOS imaging process on 8 μ m epitaxial Si, sensor matrix consists of 5x5 pixels with a pitch of 40x40 μ m, multi diode arrangements within pixel, CMOS DPW originally proposed for DECAL of ILC
 - Neutron irradiations from $1 \cdot 10^{13}$ up to $1 \cdot 10^{15} n_{ea}^{2}$ at Ljubljana
- OVERMOS characterisation results
 - Measurement campaign and TCAD simulations to understand detailed device response
 - Charge collection results using IR laser illumination on non-irradiated/irradiated structures and comparison with optical TCAD simulations





OVERMOS: A CMOS MAPS project demonstrator

- OVERMOS 1.1 (TCAD simulation of Current vs Voltage as a function of fluence)
 - Using the Hamburg Penta Trap Model (HPTM) presented in the RD50 workshop, Hamburg (4-6/6/18)



Good agreement between data and TCAD simulation

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- Pulse rise time differences between the data and TCAD simulation
- The effects of charge amplifier used during the measurements are under investigation
- After irradiation the results look similar and the total collected charge is lower for the same pixel hit positions

Motivation digital EM calorimetry

- Digital SiW EM calorimetry with Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor
 - Basic idea: count the number of pixels above threshold to estimate the shower energy
- Small pixel size to avoid saturation (more than 1 hit/pixel) in high density showers
- Production costs of CMOS may decrease with growing market
- Full-system complexity and costs can be lower due to integration of sensor and electronics
- Potential to improve reconstruction if increased granularity can be exploited (50 µm crossed strips vs 5 mm pads)
 - On-going simulation work with
 - $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ reconstruction
- MAPS prototypes in 150 nm and 180 nm CMOS imaging process also demonstrate good radiation hardness HEP2023-Ioannina
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The DECAL sensor

- Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor designed and fabricated in the standard TowerJazz 180 nm CMOS imaging process on 18/25 μm epitaxial Si
- Sensor matrix consists of 64x64 pixels with pitch of 55x55 μm
 - Four collection nodes, low capacitance, optimum cross talk reduction, expect good signal/noise
 - Operational with 1-2 V bias or higher voltage for faster charge collection
 - Pre-amplifier, shaper, comparator, discriminator and trimming logic
 - One pixel only with analogue output, data rate 40 MHz for the digital pixels





8V

Data acquisition system & Analogue pixel test

- The data acquisition is done using a NEXYS Video board from Digilent and a specific made DECAL motherboard
 - Ethernet based readout system using the ATLAS ITSDAQ data acquisition software
- Laser illuminations with a TriLite (pJ/pulse) in the IR wavelength (1064 nm)
- Calculation of the equivalent injected charge in the 18 µm epi of the DECAL Si sensor for a laser spot of 10x10 µm² using a Si diode



Agreement is observed in the rising time between the measured and simulated signal illuminating at the top left collection node of the analogue pixel

The injected charge estimated to be 2 or 3 times higher than the simulated charge value

Pixel & readout logic

- To achieve data rate of 40 MHz pixel column sum has to be complete within 25 ns
- The readout logic is configured either for strip or pad mode

- Strip mode (1x64 pixel array) outputs per pixel column
 Counts above threshold, max 3 hits per column
 - Data rate: 320 Mbits/s x 16 = 5.12 Gbits/s
- Pad mode (16x64 pixel array) outputs per pad area
 - 4 pad arrays, max 15 hits in each of four 16 column blocks (240 total counts)
 - Lower rate, about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the LVDS output channels

Overflow flag if max total counts exceeded





Testing of the digital functionality



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Digital functionality in strip and pad mode

- Testing pixel output by placing data in the test shift register, running the output, checking if output is correct, the test is complete for both strip and pad mode with the logic setup differently
- For pad mode, lower 4 bit of every column get added up, hence expected maximum is 240 for 16 column blocks, highest bits get summed in overflow



Threshold scans: Digital functionality

- The performance of the digital pixels is evaluated performing threshold scans under laser illuminations with a diode laser and pulse frequency 100 kHz
 - Rate of hits in each pixel allows to test the full chain from analogue to digital
 - Threshold scan in strip mode with unmasked pixels and global chip configuration
- Defocused beam, hits recorded from around 10 strips, as the laser illumination causes the pixel shaper output voltage to drop
- Noise band and a clear signal response reflecting the Gaussian laser beam profile
- Using the laser trigger, the shaper response from a single strip is measured
- Time response of the order of 25 ns HEP2023-Ioannina


Threshold scans: Digital functionality

- Comparison of the summing logic in strip and pad mode under identical laser illumination conditions
 - With defocused laser beam 6 strips are fired at a global threshold value of 1 V



The sum of hits for the 6 strips is smaller than the total number of hits in pad number 1, as in pad mode the max hits per strip can be up to 15. However in strip mode there is more information where each hit occurred due to higher granularity

Strip vs Pad mode as a function of illumination area

- Laser illumination using an AI aperture with hole diameter in the range of 400 1100 μ m
- Investigation of the dependence of the mean hits for strip and pad mode on the illumination area
 - Linear behavior is observed as a function of hole area, as both strip and pad mode are operated



below saturation



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The TowerJazz 180 nm CMOS modified process

- The first version is referred to as an addition continuous n⁻ layer design for each pixel
- The second version consists of two variants (gap in the n⁻ layer and extra deep p-well) which expected to shape the electric field so the charge carriers produced are steered more directly towards the collection electrode in the pixel center



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Signal formation in planar pn diode

- Signal in electrodes by induction
- **Electrodes (example parallel plates)** ٠
- Electrostatic problem can be solved by inf no. ٠ of image charges
- Moving charge changes charge profile \rightarrow induces detectable signal
- Problem can best solved by method of weighting fields ٠
- Example: charge pair +/-q produced at x_{0} ٠

 - total charge induced by -q induced by +q



 $O = O^{-} + O^{+} = -q$

sum

Situation more complicated when electrodes are segmented (eg strip detectors) HEP2023-Ioannina I. Kopsalis, 7 Apr 23

