

Solid State Tracking Detectors for Experiments at Future Circular Colliders

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Abstract:

Modern detector science and technology has originated from High Energy Physics experiment needs in the '80's of the past century, based on the achievement and knowledge of the silicon industry of the time. In particular, the first segmented array of silicon diodes (a microstrip sensor) was developed to track vertices at the NA11 experiment at the SPS accelerator at CERN (Geneva, CH). During the following years, detector technology developed into a special branch of the huge silicon research and development enterprise that has strongly contributed to the evolution of science and society. For the sensor technology, this development has been driven by the ever more demanding needs of particle physics experiments at colliders. Now, future colliders hunting for BSM physics set again incredibly difficult challenges for particle tracking sensors. A discussion of the R&D achievements and trends is here presented.

OUTLINE:

- Physics requirements and silicon sensors: fulfilling ever more stringent requests. The revolutionary impact of silicon detectors in HEP
- The technology drivers to sensor evolution:
	- Improvements on the sensing elements (niche foundries)
	- Evolution of microelectronics (CMOS)
- State-of-the-art: is silicon sensor development slowing ?
- The Future Circular Collider needs: huge challenge for detector technology

Collider physics detectors

Required performance for general purpose particle physics detectors:

- full solid angle coverage
- accurate momentum and/or energy measurement
- identification of all particles
- no dead time

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Vertices identification Example:

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 D_s (τ ~0.5 ps):

in lab frame $\beta \gamma c_{\tau} = \text{few mm}!$

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(lower mass \Rightarrow more relativistic)

in D_s -frame: $c_\tau \approx 150 \ \mu m$

Technologies for HEP detectors

Three major families:

- Gaseous detectors: sensing ionisation in gas (mip charge \sim 90 e/ion pairs cm^{-1})
- Solid state detectors (mip charge \sim 40 to 160 e/h pairs μ m⁻¹)
- Scintillating detectors (scintillating light detected by photon detectors)

A typical multiwire proportional chamber. The cutaway reveals the fine sense-wires inside

The Spectacular success of Silicon detectors

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The Spectacular success of Silicon detectors

- A virtuous interaction between technology and experiment needs: technology improvements allow better physics performance and experiment requirements push on the technology.
- CMOS technology evolution is driven by motivations outside physics.

How

experiment needs are driving sensor development

Before 2009

Possible 20 Year LHC Schedule

HL-LHC Performance Goals

16.5+16.5 TeV proton collider in the LHC tunnel

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Interaction Simulation

Radiation Multipicity Vertexing and tracking precision PID

1 MeV neutron eq fluence

At inner pixel radii - target survival to 2-3×10¹⁶ n_{eq}/cm^2
 $\frac{2}{3}$

Draft Target Specifications

Plan for occupancy numbers based on this (see µ values below)

Plan integrated dose figures based → on this

µ values going with the peak luminosity figure if achieved with 25ns beam crossing

When we calculate the dose figures which are used to specify the radiation hardness of components which can be reliably tested for post-irradiation performance (eg ASICs, silicon sensors, diamond, ...) apply this safety factor to the dose calculations in setting the radiation survival specification

A complete detector is made of: Diodes (reverse biased)

Analogue amplifiers

Digital readout

The hybrid solution

bulk r

Particle track

Pixe senso

 AI

NWELL

DIODE

PWELL

Epitaxial Layer P-

Substrate P++

Silicon detectors

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 $x = 2.5\% X$

Example industrial development (ASCENT)

Diode signal and electronics

Detector

 -0.4

 -0.8

 -0.85

Most used to date.

Have satisfied every challenge: resolution, speed, granularity, radiation tolerance. ATLAS, CMS and LHCb upgrades will employ last generation hybrid sensors.

Diodes made by niche manufacturers (CNM, FBK, CIS, Micron UK, Sintef, ….., and HPK).

 $40 - 110$ µm pitch, $1 - 4$ cm long strips. Readout: Beetle chip, 0.25 μm CMOS.

Pixel sensor (200 μm thick) and FE-I4 (400 μm thick) readout hybrid (bump-bonded) assembly. 130 nm CMOS, 20x18.8 mm^{2,} 26880 pixel, size 50x250 μ m²).

Hybrid sensors: successful development towards unprecedent radiation tolerance

Results with proton irradiated 300 um n-in-p Micron sensors (up to $1x10^{16}$ n_{eq} cm⁻²)

Irradiated with reactor

RED: irradiated with 24GeV/c protons Other: 26MeV protons

Look at the voltage scale!!

Role of thickness

The onset of Charge Multiplication breaks a few rules, like the proportionality of the signal with thickness.....

Charge degradation vs fluence for silicon sensors with different thicknesses

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Different detector structure: 3D Detectors

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- Array of electrode columns passing through substrate
- Electrode spacing $\lt\lt$ wafer thickness (e.g. $30\mu m$: $300\mu m$)
- Benefits
	- $V_{\text{depletion}}$ (Electrode spacing)²
	- Collection time E Electrode spacing
	- Reduced charge sharing
- More complicated fabrication micromachining **Planar 3D**

Proposed by S. Parker and C. Kenney of the University of Hawaii in 1995.

■ Holes are "empty"

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metal

contact

- Hole etching with Deep-RIE technology
- Wide superficial n+ diffusion in which the contact is located
- Passivation of holes with oxide

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3d Sensor radiation hardness

- 3D pixel detectors bump bonded to ATLAS FE-I4 show > 98% efficiency after $3x10^{16}$ n_{eq} cm⁻².
- Modern electronics with small feature size show very good radiation tolerance by technology.
- This is also been shown with dedicated irradiation runs with 65 nm circuits (not yet on full assemblies)

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Timing (4d Tracking)

Great position resolution (10 μ m) combined with < 50 ps time resolution.

single pixe

read-out cel

read-out chip

Noise and signal are key in term of timing performance.

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\sigma^{2}_{T} = \sigma^{2}_{TW} + \sigma^{2}_{j} + \sigma^{2}_{TDC}
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\sigma^{2}_{TW} \propto V_{TH}/S ; \quad V_{TH} = \text{Threshold voltage}
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S = \text{Signal height}
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\sigma^{2}_{j} \propto (S/N)^{-1} ; \quad N = \text{Noise}
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\sigma^{2}_{TDC} ; \quad \text{Not considered}
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Radiation Hardness: Time Resolution

Carbon co-implantation mitigates the acceptor removal effect and preserves the time resolution up to 8e14 neq/cm2

Microelectronics: the Moore's law

Microelectronics evolved fast (evolution here is entirely independent on Physics needs)

• Moores law made transistors ever smaller

Mosfet Scaling in microelectronics enabled, together with R&D in the sensor (diode), the accelerated improvement of detectors for Physics.

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Moore's law in electronics for pixel sensors

One 'lucky' effect: smaller CMOS nodes are intrinsically more robust to radiation

T. Hemperek, Future of Tracking, Oxford 1-2 April 2019.

CMOS and detectors today

State-of-the-art

Moving to smaller nodes (e.g. 28nm) with a mixed signal chip is not going to be easy or maybe convenient.

RD53 **65 nm CMOS** pixel readout chip for extreme data rates and radiation levels (V. Re et al., CERN/RD53 collaboration) Advanced readout chip for the pixel layers of ATLAS and CMS Upgrades at CERN

Expected position resolution $> 15 \mu m$.

Thanks to small (65 nm) feature size, 600M transistors in total, most in the digital section. The analogue area needs much larger transistors!!

The pixel size cannot scale down with the technology feature size.

Monolithic sensors: technology gaining application

microelectronics (RI) …

Obvious advantages of monolithic sensors (DMAPS, HV-CMOS, …):

Lower mass

Ease of deployment

Cost

Manufacturing in industrial CMOS sites Small pixel size

To make them competitive to hybrid sensors: Achieve high radiation tolerance Demonstrate timing resolution (with and without multiplication layer).

A lot of *flexibility* is offered by D-MAPS

the idea (1): make use of the flexible nature of thin silicon

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Radiation tolerance (and timing) for MAPS: Apply High Voltage

Over 600V on a 200µm thick substrate achieved.

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MAPS + Timing

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Efficiency and time resolution of monolithic silicon pixel detectors in SiGe BiCMOS technology

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Figure 13. TOA difference between pixels OA0 of DUT0 and DUT1 after time-walk correction for the two working points reported in the panels. A constant arbitrary offset is present, which is irrelevant for the time-resolution calculation. The red lines show the results of the Gaussian fit using only the bins with more than 25% of the entries in the maximum of the distribution. The full red lines show the ranges used for the fits, while the dashed red lines allow the estimation of the non-Gaussian components in the tails.

Figure 14. Top: time resolution as a function of sensor bias voltage at $I_{\text{preamp}} = 150 \,\mu\text{A}$. Bottom: time resolution as a function of I_{preamp} for sensor bias voltage $HV = 120 V$. The time resolution is defined as $(\sigma_{\text{TOA0-TOA1}})/\sqrt{2}$. It refers to the Gaussian component of the data, which is approximately 95% of the total.

Monolithic SiGe BiCMOS for timing

Future Circular Collider

LHC

<http://cern.ch/fcc>

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Future Circular Lepton Collider FCC-ee: Overview and Status

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Hadron Collider Parameters

D. Schulte

FCC-hh, CERN, March 2019

Target survival 1[×]10¹⁷neq/cm²/Y

'Technical" Start Date of Facility (This means, where the

dates are not known, the earliest technically feasible start

date is indicated - such that detector R&D readiness is not

the delaying factor)

 < 2030

ever 2025

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Sensor requirements

The 2021 ECFA detector research and development roadmap, https://cds.cern.ch/record/2784893.

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2040-2045

 > 2045

2030-2035

 $6 \geqslant 154 \}^3$

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Moore's law and sensor evolution.

- Reduction of the transistor channel length (feature size, S) over the years.
- Feature size exploited for mixed signal pixel devices for particle detection.

End of technological trajectory for mixed signal devices is now. There is little gain in going beyond the 65 nm process.

DESiRES proposal: particle detection in a fully digital device

How does see it industry? **Sony's Stacked CMOS Image Sensor Solves All Existing Problems in One Stroke**

In conventional CMOS image sensors, the pixels (sensors) and circuits (logic) are formed on the same silicon substrate.

Like oil and water, this coexistence of two conflicting elements makes it difficult to optimize their characteristics and also imposes other constraints. The "stacked CMOS image sensor*1", a new generation of the back-illuminated CMOS image sensor, developed by Sony solves these problems in one stroke. Stacking the pixel section and the circuit section enables compact size, high image quality, faster speeds and flexible integration of versatile functions. Through this technology, Sony has created functions that will enable differentiation of final products to provide new ways of enjoying images.

*1: See press release at: http://www.sony.net/SonyInfo/News/Press/201201/12-009E/

Pixel pitch: $1.22x1.22 \mu m^2$ Bonding pitch: 6.3x6.3 µm

Towards a fully digital particle sensor: memory cells

Very small, fully digital circuits that scale with Memory cell layers can be stacked for high feature size, S.

Example: size of a 6-transistor memory cell. 10 7000 6000 $[\mu m^2]$ 5000 $\sum_{i=1}^{n}$ SRAM cell size kgat 4000 State of the art Intel 22nm SRAM ensity 3000 0.1 $6 - 7$ $2000\frac{1}{10}$ 0.092 um² 1000 0.01 28 22 150 110 90 65 45 40 Technology node [nm]

density per area.

Schematic of a stacked memory chip, with vertical through silicon metal or doped poly-Si interconnections.

Issue in small size memory cells: Single or Multiple Event Upsets. Ionising particles are a known cause of such bit-flips!

Results: pulsed laser (410 nm) injection in Digital Detectors

Response to laser with 10 pulses for each integration time (>DV ~ 100mV).

Results: alpha particles (²⁴¹Am) injection

Lemu response to alpha particles: A metallic shield is interposed between the source and the detector in order to cover about half of the surface to the radiation.

Variation of the detected flux of particles as a function of DV.

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Achievements and trends:

- Hybrid sensors with 65nm electronics achieving great radiation tolerance, keep rather high mass, cost and difficult to significantly reduce pixel size. Less favoured for experiments after HL-LHC, until possibly FCC-hh.
- DMAPS impressive improvements for low mass and position resolution. Improvements on radiation tolerance and timing possible and ongoing. Pixel sizes down to about 25x25 μ m² achieved. Well placed to approach performance needed for future accelerators except FCC-hh.
- The other future option, a reality in industrial CMOS: vertically integrated diode, analogue circuit and digital circuits (possibly more than one layer for readout in extremely high multiplicity and high pixel density environments). Layers with different and optimised technology would take sensor performance significantly forward.
- The radiation environment of FCC-hh still looks prohibitive.