



Instrumentation breakthroughs in RD50 collaboration

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New directions in science are launched by **new tools, much more often than by new concepts**. The effect of a conceptdriven revolution is to explain old things in new ways. The effect of a tool-driven revolution is to discover new things that have to be explained.

Freeman Dyson

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<u>Outline</u>

New Tools developed within RD50 framework:

LGAD \rightarrow Enabling 4D tracking in HEP (see dedicated talk by G. Pellegrini)edge-TCT \rightarrow Enabling 3D characterization of silicon detectorsTPA-TCT \rightarrow

- Readout Tools for silicon sensors, developed within RD50 collaboration: Alibava, Caribou (partially)
- Existing Technologies adapted to RD50 needs : DLTS & TSC → See Iona Pintille's talk
- Instrumentation enabling precise measurements: Decoupling box for CV measurements Off-the-shelf sub-ns pulsed laser
- Standardization RD50 measurement protocols



Transient Current methods, first steps



• Reverse citation search points at early 1960's as the genesis of experimental TCT, with the development of the time of flight method to study drift velocity in silicon





TCT

Laser

1 st

90's: TCT methods introduced in RD48 and used/developed heavily since then







FZ, p-type,

"... new directions in science are launched by new tools"



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In 2008-2009 puzzling results from measurements of charge collection for irradiated detectors at HV. Not only charge is recovered but increased!



- In 2009 JSI-Ljubliana presented a new tool to study E-field of segmented detectors and study multiplication
- Inspired in grazing angle technique for pixel detector



Grazing angle: powerful technique, but requires specialized equipment: TB & telescope

Fig. 2.16. The grazing angle method for the study of sensor depletion. An ionizing beam crosses several pixels at a shallow angle. The cluster size is used to determine the depletion depth. The situation for two different depletion depths is shown

Pixel detectors from fundamentals to applications L. Rossi, P. Fischer, T. Rohe, N. Wermes



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Edge-TCT: new tool developed in RD50



 Edge-TCT surpasses normal incidence TCT by adding resolution throughout the bulk and introducing new analysis tools



Already "raw data" clearly shows distinctive electron and hole separation

6/29/2012

<u>1st</u> observation: A second peak emerges in the induced current signals which is related to electron drift (it shifts when moving away from the strip)!

It can only be explained by electrons entering very high field at the strips where they multiply. The second peak is a consequence of holes drifting away from the strips!



The change of 2nd peak amplitude can be used to estimate electron trapping times:

$$\frac{(y=175\mu\mathrm{m}, t_{p2}=2.69\,\mathrm{ns})}{(y=125\mu\mathrm{m}, t_{p2}=2.16\,\mathrm{ns})} \approx \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta t_{p2}}{\tau_{eff,e}}\right) \rightarrow \tau_{eff,e} = 670\,\mathrm{ps}$$

 $\tau_{\rm eff,e} \sim 600 \, {\rm ps}$ in good agreement with measurements of effective trapping times!

From short decay of $I(y=25 \ \mu m)$ one can conclude that $\tau_{eff,h}$ is short (in 700 ps holes drift 50-60 μm . At y<100 μm the field is present)

G. Kramberger, Investigation of electric field and evidence of charge multiplication by Edge-TCT, 15th RD50 Workshop, CERN, 2009

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Edge-TCT evolution: from tabletop prototype to commercial



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2011 2013-.... 19th RD50, 2011 "A Low-Cost scanning TCT setup" particulars, advanced measurement systems Jožef Stefan Institute Scanning TCT setup Temperature control: Water cooled Peltier element Pt-100 connected to T controller Mechanical properties: ontroller ~1 µm resolution in x-y-z movement range 5 cm (focus bias range of Red/Infrared) table load 2 kg - tables are computer and manual control tct systems scanning tet 40x40x40 cm3 amp t Scanning TCT Scanning-TCT is similar to conventional TCT, but the laser beam **Optical properties:** spot size ~2 µm (red), IR-1060 is narrow and focued to few microns. The optics and samples are signal out lase Large Scanning TCT nm not determined yet mounted on the XYZ stages, which allows for scanning the laser fiber coupled Compact TCT detector surface of edge with laser light. Particulars offer a very Intensity variation - neutral powerfull system with excellent postion resolution and beam density filter width. The system offers the state of the art performance for Ienses optimized for IR/Red light components semiconductor sensor studies, MOS transistors, studies of Computer controlled: USB - moving stages and laser Since 2013, Particulars supplies custom 29.6.2012 10 G. Kramberger, 19th RD50 Workshop, CERN, 2011 made HW & SW for turn-key TCT/edge-TCT

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• 2013-2014: TPA-TCT emerged from the integration of TCT techniques for testing the bulk of silicon sensors with the application of TPA to detect Single Event Upsets in electronics.

Non-linear laser absorption leads to carrier generation confinement along the beam propagation direction: 3D laser resolution

15th RD50, 2014



Image by: Steve Ruzin and Holly Aaron, UC Berkeley



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<u>TPA-TCT journey: from concept to commercialization to precise measurements</u>



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-3.3 x [mm]

UniGe picoAD

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TPA-TCT performance





Alibava readout

The Alibava readout system





M. Lozano, 21st RD50, 2012

Hardware Architecture

RD50

- It is based on the existing Alibava readout system we have developed a multi plane system to be used as a test beam telescope.
- Every Alibava Mother Board is controlled and synchronized by a Master Card and a PC
- The standard MB have the USB controller substituted by a faster interface
- Local data/address bus between the master card and Alibava MBs
- Log data to PC via 100M Ethernet

M. Lozano,21st RD50 Workshop, Cern 14-16 Nov 2012

DAQ PC

DAQ PC

Alibava M



analogue pulse shape from the readout chip front-end with the highest fidelity

from the acquired data.

Ricardo Marco-Hernánd

Extensively used in the community, up to 27 Alibava contributions reported in our workshops

Now commercialized by:



DUT box

 To read out the DUT there is a new daughter board and a cooling box for irradiated detector testing







M. Lozano,21st RD50 Workshop, Cern 14-16 Nov 2012

Prototype

- The first prototype is built with four XY planes
- · It is already working and we have taken data at CERN
- We are working in the improvement of the track reconstruction algorithm



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Caribou readout system



 Caribou (Control and Readout Itk BOard) is a flexible open-source DAQ system developed and used within several collaborative frameworks (CERN EP R&D, RD50, AIDAinnova) for lab. & beam tests of pixels



Zynq (SoC) board with Yocto linux, Control and Readout (CaR) board Chip board

The common CaR board hardware has been developed at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL)

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 Originally used to characterize silicon pixel detectors for: ATLAS ITk upgrade CLIC vertex&tracker.

- Used in RD50 as DAQ for MPWx chips
- Latest extension includes an 8 channel TDC prototype (10 ps resolution).

RD50 common projects 2021-01 2023-04





Instrumentation enabling precise measurements

M. Glaser's Decoupling Box: allows applying HV to detector to measure Capaticance characteristics (schematics available for DIY)



M. Glaser's sub-ns laser (660/1060 nm) for TCT measurements Specs



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 (Edge&TPA)-TCT extend the reach of standard TCT : depth profiling. Associated to that came new techniques as Prompt Current (edge) and Weighted Prompt Current (TPA) used to estimate drift velocity profiles

• TPA's **mirror technique** uses backside reflection combined with 3D resolution to measure below top metals. Very useful for pixelated structures.



• TCT (both laser and RS) has become instrumental for the accurate characterization of the **time resolution** of silicon sensors.

• Fast simulation tools (kDetSim, WF2, TRACS...) calculate induced current pulses. TCT has become a bridge between simulation and experiment.

 Alibava (Caribou) allowed easy access to segmented readout for strips (pixelated structures) to a wide community of users.



Conclusions



• RD50 has been a central force for community interaction, significantly contributing to the development of characterization techniques like edge-TCT and TPA-TCT along with defect characterization tools. RD50 was the driving force in the development of established technologies such as p-type silicon, LGAD sensors, 3D detectors, and others.

 This new instrumentation has been developed to meet our specific needs. Its availability in the market is directly attributed to the contributions and advancements made within the RD50 collaboration.

 Two established spin-off companies, Alibava and Particulars, along with the laser producer (FYLA) serve as evidence that the work developed inside RD50 extends beyond the laboratory. More to come with the application of LGADs beyond HEP.

 Mr. Dyson: The effect of RD50's tool-driven revolution has been to explain new concepts like: SCSI, double junction, E-field of irradiated detectors, charge multiplication, gain reduction in LGADs,...

Backups





CHARGE TRANSPORT IN SILICON DETECTORS

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Electrical properties of the sensitive side in Si edgeless detectors

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beams [9], [10], but offers more information and additional advantages. Investigation of the silicon detectors properties by illuminating the edge with a focused red laser [11] and a scanning electron microscope [12] was done before, but the techniques and the purposes of the investigations were different.



100V

81V

50 Time(ns)

64V

49V

36V

25V

16V

40

time for deep level compensated detector (neutron fluence is $\phi_{\rm a} = 2.65 \times 10^{13} \, {\rm cm}^{-3}$): (a) a set of current responses at different biases; (b) decay time constant τ versus bias. The corresponding $N_{\rm er}$ is 1.3×10^{12} cm⁻³.

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a)

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1.0

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.0

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7 (ns)

Current (mA)

GaAs heterojunction laser with ns pulses

Characteristics:				
Board : 43	Laser board version : C Calibrated on :	24-Mar-02		
Box : 41	Regulation of temperature	Set point = [°C]		
	Laser characteristics	Serial number : 27812 Output power : 1 [mW] Vmax @ 1mW : 2.06 [V]		
	Center wavelength : 1053 [nm]			
	Forward current @ 1 mW: 30.5 [mA]			
	Threshold current : 15 [mA]			
	Transconductance [GM] : 11.63 [mA/V]			
	Negative input voltage required to avoid light emission	-> <u>Vmin</u> for [I=0] = -100 [mV]		
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		DC coupling		
↑ 155 swe	eps: average low high sigma	Gain 1200 V/W		
top(1)	1.30 V 1.25 1.38 0.03 6.67 ps 6.31 6.95 0.12	Response @ 1060 <u>nm</u> 70%		
top(2)	498 mV 463 519 9	Top(2) = 498 mV		
r20-802(2) 5 ns width(2)	0.96 ns 0.79 1.07 0.05 2.17 ns 2.08 2.35 0.04	Power output @ 1.30 V = 0.55 [mW]		
1 1 V DC	2.5 GS/s			
2 .2 V AC 1	DC 0.26 V			

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Figure 6.6: Picture of the passive CMOS strip detector, recorded with the IR microscope. (a) The focal plane aligns with the top surface and the laser is between the strip metal and the p-stop. The laser's focal point is seen as a bright spot. (b) Mirror image at the same position. The focal plane is one device thickness behind the DUT and shows the top side metals from below. The focal point is positioned like sketched in figure 6.5.



Figure 6.8: Comparison between the weighted prompt current measured with back side illumination (a) and the mirror image obtained with top side illumination (b) in the Micron strip detector [24]. The mirror image exploits the reflection at the metallised back side to obtain a measurement below the top side metal. Note that the ordinate in (b) is counter directed to the ordinate in (a), because the reflection scans the volume from the back towards the top side. The colour scales in both figures are the same and the axes are according to the reference system in figure 6.7a.

Top TPA mirrroring technique

Left: Midpoint between strip&p-stop illuminated directly from top

Right: Same point illuminated (from top) when the beam has been reflected in the back. Diffraction effects observed.

Left: WPC if a microstrip detector backside illuminated via bottom TPA through metal opening. Right: WPC from top-TPAusing the mirroring technique.

In both cases, the white regions are those where $Q \rightarrow 0$, since WPC=I(600 ps)/Q

12th of March of 2013, **first** TPA **measurement** in Bilbao



CERN-2nd July 2019







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Francisca J.M. Sanchez PhD:

We used the Alibava daq [95] system developed within the framework of the CERN RD50 collaboration. The analog front-end of the ALIBAVA system is based on the Beetle readout chip [119] used for the microstrip sensor readout of the silicon tracking subsystem of the LHCb experiment at LHC; consequently, the analog front-end shaper peaking time of the Alivaba system is set around 25 ns. Figure 4.6 shows a photo of one of the detectors mounted on the Alibava daughter board.

The Alibava DAQ system does not allow to record the whole shape of the analog signal. On the other hand it allows to reconstruct it thanks to a particular feature that permits to change the value of the delay between the trigger time (synchronous with the laser pulse) and the acquisition time (specifying the instant at which the shaper output is sampled) [123]. Setting different delays, in steps of 5 ns, from 0 to 130 ns, the pulse shape can be reconstructed. We recorded 20000 events for each time delay and found the amplitude of their distributions by fitting a Gaussian function to the peak region. In Figure 4.12 one example of one measurement is shown; for every beam position, 26 measurements of 20000 events were taken, one for each sampling time.



Edge-TCT: exploring the bulk

Edge-TCT is mostly applied to segmented detectors. Single electrode readout surrounded by grounded electrodes \rightarrow diode like weighting field Applications: microstrips, HVCMOS,...



Prompt current method allows to estimate drift velocity and profile E-field (or something very close to it)



The Alibava readout system





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- Alibava is a portable and compact readout system for microstrip sensor readout.
- It is based on the Beetle readout chip, which is a frontend readout chip developed for the LHCb experiment.
- It can either accept ext. trigger from PM in (radioactive source mode) or provide a trigger (pulsed laser mode).

Components: Daughter board: sensor carrier, 2 Beetles & fan-ins

Motherboard: process analogue data from ROC, manages trigger. USB communication with a PC

Control & analysis code ROOT based provided

Commercialised by Alibava systems



The Alibava telescope







Tracking telescope with 4 XYT (T for trigger) stations, 1x1 cm², mounting 2 perpendicular, back-to-back 80 um pitch microstrips.

Trigger by 2 opposite scintillators

Each daughter board is readout by a MotherBoard (MB)

One master board synchronizes up to 16 MBs (12 DUTs), merges and transfers the data (ethernet).

Triggers time-stamped with 600 ps resolution

Control and analysis software in C++ to manage the system and to convert raw data into particle tracks

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Caribou



The Caribou data acquisition system is a versatile system for prototyping silicon pixel detectors. It consists of hardware and software components that can be used to quickly test and debug detector prototypes.

The hardware includes a Zynq Systemon-Chip (SoC) board, a Control and Readout (CaR) board and a chip board .



The software includes a Yocto and Open embeddedbased Linux distribution (Poky) and a DAQ software called Peary.



used to characterize silicon pixel detectors for ATLAS ITk upgrad as well as for a CLIC vertex&tracker