

# Lessons learned in RINSC neutron irradiation of 8-inch HGCAL silicon sensors

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# CMS upgrades for HL-LHC



Tracker: Radiation tolerant, high granularity, less material, tracks in hardware trigger (L1), coverage up to  $|n| = 3.8$ 

Timing layer: MIP timing to 30 - 60 ps, coverage up to  $|n| = 3.0$ 

Calorimeter endcaps: **Coverage**  $1.5 < |n| < 3.0$ ,  $620 \text{ m}^2$  of silicon sensors, radiation tolerant, high granularity, precise hit/cluster timing



CMS detector as of today

Barrel Calorimeter: New BE/FE electronics, ECAL: lower temp., HCAL: partially new scintillator

Muon system: New electronics GEM/RPC coverage in  $1.5 < |n| < 2.4$ , investigate Muon tagging at higher η

# Calorimeter Endcap: a.k.a. HGCAL



### **Main parameters:**



Electromagnetic calorimeter (C**E-E**): **Si**, Cu & CuW & Pb absorbers, 26 layers, 27.7 X₀ & ~1.5λ Hadronic calorimeter (C**E-H**): **Si** & **scintillator**, steel absorbers, 21 layers, ~8.5λ

### **Project scale and challenges:**

- By far largest approved project based on silicon sensors in HEP
	- 3x area of ATLAS/CMS trackers
- First imaging calorimeter approved for installation in collider experiment
	- $\rightarrow$  Pave the way for future collider detectors
- First application of 8" sensors in a detector
	- Cost optimization
	- $\rightarrow$  Very large and fragile objects
	- $\rightarrow$  Develop novel production process together with industrial suppliers
	- $\rightarrow$  Radiation hardness qualification
	- Needed novel irradiation facilities

# 620 m<sup>2</sup> of 8-inch silicon sensors



**Low-Density sensor**  $\sim$  200 cells of 1.1 cm<sup>2</sup> size 300 µm & 200 µm active thickness



**High-Density sensor**  $\sim$  450 cells of 0.5 cm<sup>2</sup> size 120 um active thickness



**Low-Density "Partial sensor" example from "Multi-Geometry" sensor** 



**High-Density "Partial sensor" example from "Multi-Geometry" sensor** 



- Used for CE-E and high-radiation regions in CE-H
	- Thickness and granularity adapted to radiation field
- Hexagonal silicon sensor geometry
	- Largest regular tiling polygon
	- Maximise wafer usage
	- "Partial" sensors to tile border regions
- 8-inch wafers
	- Reduces number of modules w.r.t. 6-inch wafers
	- New production process and radiation-hardness qualification
- Planar, DC-coupled, p-type sensor cells
	- p-type more radiation tolerant than n-type sensors
- Sensor producer: Hamamatsu Photonics K. K. (HPK)

 $1k$  sensors\*  $*$   $*$  needed in the final detector

# RINSC large-area neutron irradiation facility



- Neutron irradiation facility Rhode Island Nuclear Science Centre (RINSC), US
	- 2 MW, light-water cooled, pool-type reactor
	- $\circ$  Plate type fuel:  $\mathsf{U}_3\mathsf{Si}_2$ , cladded with aluminum, enriched to <20 % Uranium-235
	- Core of fuel assemblies moderated with combination of graphite and beryllium
	- Only irradiation facility able to host 8-inch wafers
- Sample delivery methods available at RINSC
	- Pneumatic rabbit system
		- Deliver samples into reactor core for a precise time while reactor is running
		- Sample sizes up to 28 mm x 150 mm
	- $\circ$  Beam ports  $\rightarrow$  Used for HGCAL
		- Accommodate samples up to 8" diameter
		- Access only when reactor is off, significant edge effects for small fluences
		- Samples only removed day-after irradiation
- Experience irradiating HGCAL prototype variants since 2020
	- $\circ$  30 irradiation rounds with target fluences from 6.5 $\cdot$ 10<sup>14</sup> to 1.4 $\cdot$ 10<sup>16</sup> n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>

[RINSC reactor details](https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1633/ML16337A326.pdf)









# HGCAL sensor irradiation at RINSC

### [Neutron irradiation of HGCAL 8-inch sensors at](https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-0221/18/08/P08024/pdf) [Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center \(RINSC\)](https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-0221/18/08/P08024/pdf)

- Sensors in container called "hockey puck"
- Puck materials used so far: Wood (oak), Acrylic, PEEK, Aluminum
- <=4 sensors stacked on top of each other
- Puck inserted into aluminum cylinder filled with 15-18 kg dry ice for temperature control
- Cylinder inserted into radial beam port
- Countermeasures to minimize in-reactor annealing due to high reactor temperatures
	- Ventilation holes in puck
	- Splitting of high-fluence irradiations into 2 irradiation rounds, each with new ice
	- Cooling of cylinder before filling dry ice
	- Use puck material with high thermal conductivity: Aluminum



### **Cylinder containing puck and dry ice in beam port**



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# Temperature profiles experienced by HGCal sensors in RINSC irradiations

# Temperature profiles in RINSC irradiations



**•** Temperature of silicon sensors monitored by **RTD**s in the front and back of the hockey puck



# Temperature increase rate vs. Fluence



approximately half the target fluence



- Temperature increase rate
	- Slightly higher in the front than in the back
	- Decreases with fluence for both front and the back
	- Difference between front and back highest for Acrylic, for which data is only available at low fluence. Could be due to material or due to low fluence.



- (= fluence), as expected
- **•** Extrapolated values from low fluence acrylic points -> Some  $T_{\text{max front}}$ in aluminum and wood pucks lower
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- Temperature difference decreases with fluence
- At same fluence, lower ΔT in aluminum than in PEEK
	- Could be linked to better thermal conductivity of aluminum

Split rounds enter the plot twice for each part at approximately half the target fluence

# In-reactor annealing time vs. Fluence





- Equivalent annealing time at 60°C [calculated](https://github.com/jkiesele/annealing_helpers) [from full temperature profiles](https://github.com/jkiesele/annealing_helpers) of irradiation and waiting time after irradiation (up to 1day)
	- $\circ$  Strongly impacted by short time at  $T_{\text{max}}$ <br> $\circ$  Influenced also by long time at room
	- Influenced also by long time at room temperature (different between seasons)
- Annealing time at sensors with large uncertainties due to front back difference
- In-reactor annealing time rises with fluence, as expected
- No clear effect of puck material at similar fluence visible

Split rounds enter twice at approximately half the target fluence Included only averaged results (where back and front temperature data are present)



# Leakage currents profiles in HGCal sensors

# Reminder: leakage current homogeneity





- Observe [gradient in volume normalised leakage current](https://indico.cern.ch/event/1334364/contributions/5672066/attachments/2761543/4809169/Radiation%20tolerance%20of%208-inch%20silicon%20sensors%20for%20CMS%20HGCAL.pdf) in sensors that were irradiated at RINSC
- Similar gradient between sensors of same irradiation round
- Hypotheses under study:
	- 1. Fluence inhomogeneity from reactor
	- 2. Annealing time inhomogeneity across wafer
		- Inhomogeneous cooling could appear due to dry ice being used up during irradiation
		- Leftover ice could pool at the bottom of the cylinder leading to top of wafers exposed to higher temperatures
	- Quantify gradient by Relative Median Absolute Deviation (RMAD) is Median Absolute Deviation (MAD) divided by the median.
	- Note: Also study for same data sets: Relative current median = I\_cell\_median / fluence => equal to alpha of one data point

\*Volume is calculated by taking the n-implant area

# Gradient for puck materials (single rounds)





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- RMAD similar for different fluences and annealing times
- No clear difference between puck materials

# Relative current median: single rounds





Volume normalised leakage current over fluence -> equivalent to alpha calculated for one data point

○ No obvious impact of puck material visible

# Dry ice sublimation analysis



- Drop of the temperature after irradiation to lower than the ambient temperature indicates that the dry ice was still present
- No drop visible in rounds v1: R3; v2: R3, R6, R10 (part I and part II), R11, R12 (part I and part II)
	- Dry ice fully sublimated during irradiation
- For some rounds we do not have the recordings, or they stopped (see backup)







- No clear difference observed in RMAD for sublimated/non-sublimated ice
- Most data sets with fully sublimated ice have higher annealing times
	- Alpha for points with sublimated ice (=higher annealing) slightly lower, as expected

Version 2, round 9 (no data for one part), assumed the ice not sublimated like in the first part

# **Summary**



8-inch HGCAL silicon sensors were irradiated at the irradiation facility RINSC and they were electrically characterized

# Temperature Study

- Temperature increase rate
	- Decreases with fluence
	- Difference between front and back highest for Acrylic, for which data is only available at low fluence (could be due to material or due to low fluence)
- Maximum temperature
	- Higher at reactor core side, as expected
	- Increases with duration of irradiation (= fluence), as expected
	- In aluminum and wood pucks lower than in acrylic pucks (extrapolated)
- Temperature difference front/back
	- Decreases with fluence
	- At same fluence, lower temperature difference in aluminum than in PEEK
- In-reactor annealing time per irradiation round
	- Increases with fluence
	- No dependence on puck material visible

# Leakage current study

- Observe spread in volume normalized leakage current across full sensor
	- Could be linked to profiles in fluence and annealing time
- Observe no clear difference between puck materials, which could indicate annealing time impact
- Investigation of rounds with sublimated ice
	- Most data sets with melted ice have higher annealing times, as expected
	- Alpha for points with sublimated ice lower, as expected
	- No clear difference observed in RMAD for sublimated/non-sublimated ice

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# Backup

# Irradiation campaign overview





2021-2024, v2 prototypes (proto a)



Irradiations at similar reactor power:

- $\bullet$  1 min = 4.62E13 n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Fluence also controlled with reference diodes and iron foils

# Comparison annealing times from KIT webpage and package annealing\_helpers





**HGCal** 







# PRR for HD and all partial sensors

- Procurement Readiness Review (PRR) on 11 October 2023
- Presentations on strategy, sensor quality & radiation hardness, oxide variants, layout optimization and module measurements using irradiated sensors
- Sensor designs validated and adequate up to the required fluences
- Formal approval to start production of the 120um HD sensors and all partial sensor types
- Approval of layout optimisation of HGCAL silicon section:
	- Deploy more thick sensors in higher radiation regions  $\circ$ 
		- HD: ~  $55\%$  200µm + ~45% 120µm
		- LD:  $\sim$  85% 300um +  $\sim$ 15% 200um





# **Fluence exposure after optimization**





# Recommendations

# Recommendations for further irradiation rounds



- Use more temperature sensors to mitigate potential system failure (no temperature data for 4 of 30 rounds, incomplete temperature data sets for 5 rounds)
	- If possible, add temperature sensors directly next to silicon sensors
	- Minimum 2 sensors in the front of the puck + 2 sensors in the back of the puck
	- Ideally use array of temperature sensors across wafer area
- Ensure that the recording time of the temperature sensors is long enough to cover the full time until the cylinders are placed in the freezer (1 of 30 rounds)
- Ensure consistent naming of the columns in the temperature recording file
- Use a single document to write down all changes to material, puck form, measurement method and measures which would potentially influence the irradiation method with a date, when this change was made
- In view of fluence inhomogeneities: for split rounds, ensure consistent orientation (rotation) of the sensors during the irradiation rounds
	- Sensor within puck
	- Puck orientation within the cylinder
	- Cylinder orientation in the beam port



# Further studies of the temperature profiles



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Split rounds enter twice at approximately half the target fluence Included only results where back and front temperature data are present

# RMAD: Split. vs single rounds





### **Blue circle:** Splitting reduced leakage current gradient

- Magenta circle: Similar difference in leakage current gradient observed in two separate split rounds
- No clear conclusion on reduction of gradient when using split rounds based on available data set
- Note: Suspicion that round 10 irradiation had problems

### **Round 10, [comments of Nick:](https://indico.cern.ch/event/1182776/contributions/4969055/attachments/2485726/4267968/7-26-2022_Irradiation_Update_from_Brown.pdf)**

• Dramatic increase in temperatures measured during second part of the irradiation

- $\tilde{\cdot}$  No clear indication for why this should be the case
	- · Slightly less dry ice than normal
		- Around 85-90% of the normal volume of dry ice, supply was low that day
		- . Future irradiations will only proceed if we have a full supply of dry ice
	- An effect from the previously-irradiated puck?
	- A potential issue with the RTDs?
- . For comparison, tried looking at round 9 part two data
	- . However, this was when the PC had another failure and we didn't record data





- Volume normalised leakage current over fluence -> alpha
	- Would expect for data with higher annealing times to have lower alpha
		- Fulfilled for PEEK
		- Not fulfilled for aluminium
			- Potentially linked to temperature recording mistake in round 10 (a.k.a. 24333 min)

# Annealing time error estimation



Sources of error:

- Gross errors:
	- $\circ$  Missing measurement on the back side of the puck (v1: R1-5, v2: R10a)  $\rightarrow$  uncertainty factor of 50 % of the estimated time for the front side (*timefront* ): Δ*missing\_back*
	- Missing the measurement data set for the round: Δ*missing\_round*
		- $\blacksquare$  v1: R6  $\to$  uncertainty factor of 100 % of the estimated average time of a similar round (v1: R3), because the puck material was different and the acrylic puck melted during this round
		- $\Box$  v2: R14b  $\rightarrow$  uncertainty factor of 20% of the estimated average time of v2: R14a, as no unexpected events happened and there was still dry ice in the cylinder in both case, the puck material was the same
		- $\blacksquare$  v2: R9b dito
- Random error:
	- o Time measurement error → 10% of the estimated average time (*time<sub>average</sub>*): Δ<sub>time</sub>
- Systematic errors:
	- Estimation error: 50% \* (*timefront timeaverage* ): Δ*estimation\_front*
	- Estimation error: 50% \* (*timeaverage timeback* ): Δ*estimation\_back*
- **● Total error front:**
	- $\circ$   $\sqrt{(\Delta^2_{missing\_round} + \Delta^2_{time} + \Delta^2_{estimation\_front})}$
- **● Total error back:**

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\circ \sqrt{(\Delta^2_{missing\_back} + \Delta^2_{missing\_round} + \Delta^2_{time} + \Delta^2_{estimation\_back})}
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## [Table with errors](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13S926wzHybcSznHMenwMV9oUtrfuLXFOEhnw9Lka6OA/edit#gid=1227269431)



# Temperature profiles of rounds











V2, R9, part 2 Recording stopped















# Idea of CV annealing study to investigate annealing profile via optimal annealing time in Vdep

# Recommendations for further CV studies



- Perform detailed CV annealing campaign
	- Plot Vdep vs annealing time for all cells across sensor
	- Extract optimal annealing time for all cells
	- Plot optimal annealing time as HexPlot
- Expect optimum to be at 90 (120) min for epi(FZ) sensors
	- If optimum for a epi sensor is found at 20 min, sensor has seen 70 min of annealing in reactor
	- If optimum for a epi sensor is found at 50 min, sensor has seen 40 min of annealing in reactor
	- If optimum for a epi sensor is found at 70 min, sensor has seen 20 min of annealing in reactor
- Gradient in optimal annealing time across sensor would hint at annealing time gradient
- Attention:
	- Vdep can only be estimated for low fluence rounds or thin sensors (measurement up to 1000V)
	- Propose to perform study with epi sensor

### ◇V1 wood\_single (5 samples)  $0.6$ OV1 acrylic single (21 samples) V2 acrylic\_single (7 samples)

Comparison of puck materials (Median)



# ● Comparing rounds irradiated in a single





# Hexplots of sensors irradiated at RINSC, currents not scaled with cell volume

# Compatible profiles for sensors of same round



# Compatible profiles for sensors of same round



**Round 11**





- Rounds 11, 12 and 14 have consistent fluence pattern
- I<sub>pad</sub> mostly scales with cell size and delivered fluence, as expected.



# Hexplots of sensors irradiated at RINSC, currents scaled with cell volume

## Leakage current gradient across wafer



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2109, LD, 200 jim, ~17.5×10<sup>15</sup>neq/cm<sup>3</sup>

Values for  $U = 600.0 V$ 







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## Acrylic puck melted during irradiation for R6

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Values for  $U = 600.0 V$ 













Ice melted



