

Sensors & trackers R&D



Background

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Chemistry had a head-start

First known photo of the Moon, 1839 Louis Daguerre



10,=30,1kU 240E3 9520/08 5737 25



0.5 um 440 + 1 mm 507 + 8 mm 1 um 3.00kV 4mm 041309 .TIF 3.00kV 4mm 041309 .TIF 3.00kV 4mm

SKV

2mm

500

50 ISO

100 ISO

Chemistry did not rule in the space only!



Chemistry has limitations





Film limits:

- Doesn't generate an electric signal
- It is single use, you need a lot of it!
- Needs running mechanics.
- Get fogged by radiation.
- You have to retrieve it!

Electro-optics dominates the '80s

Large area Image Intensifiers allows to improve Streamer Chamber in the '80s -> Avalanche Chamber



Electro-optics hits the limit

3.2 TeV ¹⁶O + Pb interaction, NA35 Streamer Chamber in avalanche mode



6.4 TeV ²²S + ¹⁹⁷Au, NA35: analysis of the charged particles in the central core of the collision becomes impossible

Streamer chamber heavy Ion experiment 1985



Game-changer: the "electronic film"

1969 at AT&T Bell Labs by **Willard Boyle** and **George E. Smith**. They were working on a semiconductor bubble **memory and** called their design 'Charge "Bubble" Devices', later known as Charge Coupled Device.





The possibility to use the same technology at the base of computers and other digital or analogue processing systems (microchip) to build the sensor itself, did open the way to **unprecedented measuring possibilities**.

Silicon arrives in the physics community

End of **70s**: R&D at CERN (*Heijne et al., NIM 78, 1980*) and Pisa (*Amendolia et al., NIM 78, 1980*) **to measure short-lived particles** (10⁻¹² - 10⁻¹³ s) leads to <u>micro-strips of</u> <u>100-200 μm</u> pitch:

- high detection efficiency (>99%), good spatial resolution (~20mm) and good stability
- Precise vertex reconstruction
- Complex technology (1980) \rightarrow limited availability
- Fabrication of <u>silicon detectors using standardIC planar</u> process (PIN diode → micro-strip detector)

J. Kemmer, et al., "Development of 10-micrometer resolution silicon counters for <u>charm</u> <u>signature observation</u> with the ACCMOR spectrometer", Proceedings of Silicon Detectors for High Energy Physics, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. 169 (1980) 499.





First use of silicon strips detectors by NA11(CERN SPS) and E706 (FNAL)

a) NA11 (1981): 6 planes (24 x 36mm²): resistivity 2-3 kWcm, thickness 280mm, pitch 20mm
b) E706 (1982): 4 planes (3x3 cm²) + 2 planes (5x5cm²)

Full electronics readout



<u>NA49 (1994)</u> Main TPCs - Two large-volume fine-granularity TPCs (~16m³) to measure the ionization energy loss

Vertex TPCs - Two intermediate size TPC's (~3m³) inside dipole superconducting magnets (B = 1.5T) for momentum measurement and vertex tracking of neutral strange particles



High-track density, pad readout only Total nr pads: 180,000 Max readout rate: ≈10Hz

Silicon takes the lead



"The silicon micro-pattern detector: a dream?" E.H.M Heijine, P. Jarron, A. Olsen and N. Redaelli , Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 273 (**1988**) 615



"Development of silicon micropattern detectors" CERN RD19 collaboration, Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 348 (**1994**) 399



 1996/97 – First Collider Hybrid Pixel Detector installed in DELPHI Silicon tracker (CERN, LEP)

DELPHI (1996) Silicon Tracker (Mix of Strip and hybrid pixels)



Monolithic Sensors (MAPS)

Monolithic sensor – basic arrangement



Fast, deep collection volume <u>capacitance</u>, <u>cost, thickness complexity</u>

Monolithic sensor – actual implementation



SEM of a real MAPS

CMOS Epi layer (sensitive volume) Standard CMOS substrate TMEC 5.0kV 11.0mm x2.00k SE(M) 12/4/2014 13:53 20.0um ALICE ITS, SEM picture of prototype chip

MAPS visualized

Depleted volume

Q_{in} (MIP) ≈ 1300 e ⇔ V ≈ 40mV

0.3 pJ / bit

C_{in} ≈ 5 fF



Monolithic sensors – few R&D



Monolithic sensor – creating a uniform, depleted volume







Easy on hybrid sensors, as the electronics eis decoupled from the sensing volume

More difficult on monolithic, as the field must interact with the surface electronics wells

Not the entire volume is actually depleted

Monolithic sensor – creating a uniform, depleted volume

Standard process (left): difficult to make the depletion layer extend from the junction around the small collection electrode laterally



Modified process: the deep low-dose n-type implant creates a planar junction under the existing implants, so that the depletion starts at the junction, making full depletion easier

Modified process:



Monolithic sensor – creating a uniform, depleted volume

Additional gap in the deep n-implant helps making the E-field stronger at the sides



Extra p-implant improves field strength at sides as well



Speed and radiation tolerance are both improved



ARCADIA – fully depleted MAPS – backside processed

The ARCADIA design uses a sensor solution (SEED) developed in collaboration with LFoundry to achieve uniform, full depletion over thicknesses of few hundreds microns by virtue of a patterned backside (4 mask process).



Fully depleted MAPS

Sensors become fully depleted, with uniform field below the pixel wells, for voltages above 140 V for a 300 µm thick detector. The same happens at lower voltages (60 V) for a thinner version of 100 µm thickness.



Being tested right now – here at the FTBF

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ARCADIA sensor for timing – process modification

Stefano Durando

A gain layer can be added with minimal modifications to the process

• With this approach, the sensor should be biased at HV positive bias on the top side of the sensor to increase the gain

Drawbacks:

- Sensor biasing
- AC coupling with the electronics

Simulations :

- Estimation of the dose profile
- Prediction of the impact ionization



ARCADIA sensor for timing – expected performance Stefano Durando

Sensor simulations:

• TCAD, Electric Field & Weighting Potential evaluation, ALLPix2, Pixels

Monte Carlo analysis

- Pitches: 50 10 μm
- Thicknesses: 25 35 50 μm
- → Resolution is **20**÷**30** ps for the **50** μ m pitch
- Larger PAD sizes allow for a better field uniformity and better area efficiency
- Thinner sensors have a better time resolution
- Still, less charge is generated
- Increase in the electronics jitter
 Cain into the monolithic concer?
- Gain into the monolithic sensor?



ARCADIA sensor for timing – process modification submitted



ALCOR, Agapopoulo et al 2020 JINST 15 P07007



Difference is shrinking

CMOS Imaging Sensor (CIS)



Difference is shrinking – $1 \mu m$ pitch possible



Sony direct bonding (Cu Cu) 1st gen

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IMEC hybrid bonding

And more can be added...





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Unfortunately, not yet there for large area sensor





A different viewpoint
Computers as benchmark for information cost



The trend in the last 40+ years has been **decreasing the costs** (both energy and manufacturing) while **increasing the density** (stacking more transistors in the same volume). What the consequences?



The other side of the Moore's law: complexity increases exponentially as well!

Apple I (1976)



1 (very good) electronic engineer (Steve Wozniak) who designed everything at night (was working at HP during the day). Walkman (**1979**)



1 audio engineer who modified a pre-existent recorder to satisfy his CEO wish of listening music while on the plane.

Small R&D team Adapting available tech (3 M pixels out of 10M), outsourcing the sensor

Digital SLR (1999)

iPhone 1 (2006)



Team of 1000 employees working on "Project Purple", 150 Million \$ over 30 months, collaboration with AT&T.

Where do we physicists stand?



Where do we physicists stand?





MICROELECTRONICS MARKET SIZE, 2021 TO 2030 [USD BILLION]



Interstellar's black hole "Gargantua" is not scientifically accurate (as shown in the movie) but the simulation produced 800 TByte of unprecedented quality data, which lead Kip Thorne (Nobel prize 2017) to investigate some unexpected effects (which you cannot see in the movie) about the lensing effect.



Trackers – ITS3

ALICE ITS3 vertex tracker (under construction)



Simple idea: self-sustaining bent sensors, with no support Possible when the sensor is thinned down to around 40 μ m.

Vertexing – material budget advantage



Material budget – current ALICE ITS2

Vertexing – improved performance

3 Cylindrical layers

- Made with 6 curved wafer-scale single-die
- Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors
- Radii 18/24/30 mm, length 27 cm
- Thinned down to <50 μm



Position resolution $\sim 5 \mu m$

- Pixels Q(20 μm)
- No flexible circuits in the active area
- Distribute supply and transfer data on chip to the short edge



Vertexing – 280 mm long sensors, self sustaining



Wafer scale sensor



12 inches blank silicon wafer 40-50 micron thick

3-layer vertex prototypes



Old prototype P. Giubilato – 27 June 2024 – FNAL New improved version

ITS3 silicon bending

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Cooling is critical







Trackers – ALICE3

From current ALICE to a VERY compact detector



ALICE3 cutout (one of the several variants)



A large area tracker



10 barrels, 11 discs inner-most part within beam pipe

• large active area: ~60 m²

- low material budget: 0.1% X0 for the inner layers – less than ITS2, while being larger
- high spatial resolution: 2.5 μm

Layer	Material	Intrinsic	Barrel l	ayers	Forward di		
	thickness	resolution	Length (±z)	Radius (r)	Position (z)	R _{in}	Rout
	$(\% X_0)$	(µm)	(cm)	(cm)	(cm)	(cm)	(cm)
0	0.1	2.5	50	0.50	26	0.005	3
1	0.1	2.5	50	1.20	30	0.005	3
2	0.1	2.5	50	2.50	34	0.005	3
3	1	10	124	3.75	77	0.05	35
4	1	10	124	7	100	0.05	35
5	1	10	124	12	122	0.05	35
6	1	10	124	20	150	0.05	80
7	1	10	124	30	180	0.05	80
8	1	10	264	45	220	0.05	80
9	1	10	264	60	279	0.05	80
10	1	10	264	80	340	0.05	80
11	1				400	0.05	80

Improving ITS3 5 μ m vertex point resolution to 2.5 μ m or better...



ALICE3 – IRIS vertex detector



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- 3 layers within beam pipe (in secondary vacuum) radii of 5 - 25 mm, with following specs:
- Wafer-sized, bent MAPS (1 % X₀ per layer)

Small disks

4 petals



σ_{pos} ~2.5 μm →
 10 μm pixel pitch
 100 MHz cm⁻² rate
 < 50 mW cm⁻² power
 No plausible solution yet



SECONDARY VACUUM

in each petal. Avoid contamination of primary vacuum from detector outgassing

Active cooling inside the petal to remove heat generated by the sensors. A coldplate is in thermal contact through P. Giubilato – 27 June 2024 – FNAL



Requires a radical design of the first 3 layers

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- wafer-sized, bent MAPS • 1 ‰ X₀ per layer ITS3 tech
- $\sigma_{pos} \sim 2.5 \ \mu m \rightarrow$
 - 10 µm pixel pitch
 - 100 MHz cm⁻² rate
 - < 50 mW cm⁻² power

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Foreseen operational figures*

Layer	Radii	Area	Flux		Bandwidth [Gb s ⁻¹]			Power		Radiation		
	Cm		[MHz cm ⁻ ²]	[GHz lyr ⁻¹]	Hits	Noise	Total	[Tb m ⁻ ² s ⁻²]	[W]	[W/m ²]	NIEL [1 Mev n _{eq} cm ⁻²]	TID [Mrad]
0	0.5	0.016	96	17	274	1.0	275	17.2	13	812	9×10 ¹⁵	288
1	1.2	0.038	16	7.3	117	2.4	119	3.13	32	840	1.6×10 ¹⁵	50
2	2.5	0.075	3.8	3.6	57	5.0	62	0.82	66	880	3.6×10 ¹⁴	12
3	3.8	0.29	1,7	1.8	28	0.7	79	0.6	175	603	1.6×10 ¹⁴	5
4	7	0.55	0.48	1.2	18	1.4	43	0.27	131	238	4.6×10 ¹³	1.5
5	12	0.94	0.16	0.8	13	2.4	27	0.07	224	238	1.6×10 ¹³	0.5
6	20	1.6	0.058	0.6	9.9	4.0	19	0.011	374	233	5.6×10 ¹²	0.2
7	30	2.3	0.026	0.5	7.9	6.0	16	0.006	561	243	2.5×10 ¹²	0.08
8	45	7.5	0.012	0.6	9.6	19.1	33	0.004	1792	238	1.1×10 ¹²	0.04
9	60	10.0	6.5 × 10 ⁻³	0.5	8.2	25.5	36	0.003	2389	238	6.3×10 ¹¹	0.02
10	80	13.0	3.7×10^{-3}	0.4	6.8	34.0	42	0.003	3185	245	3.5×10 ¹¹	0.01

bandwidth: 16 bit/hit, single pixel clusters
radiation load: 50 months of 24 MHz pp interactions

• Fake-hit rate: 10⁻⁸ px⁻¹ event⁻¹ @ 40 MHz readout rate

Foreseen operational figures*

Item	Unit	Next ITS		Next ITS ITS3	
	Cm	Vertex	Tracker		
Pixel pitch [µm]	[µm]	<mark>9</mark> ÷ O(10×10)	28 ÷ O(50×50)	O(20×20)	28
Spatial resolution [µm]	[µm]	<mark>2</mark> ÷ 2.5	2 ÷ 10	5	5
Time resolution [ns]	[ns]	10 ÷ 100	10 ÷ 100	100 ÷ O(1000)	O(1000)
Shaping time [ns]	[ns]	25 ÷ 200	25 ÷ 200	200 ÷ O(5000)	O(5000)
Fake hit rate	[px ⁻¹ event ⁻¹]	< 10 ⁻⁸	< 10 ⁻⁸	< 10 ⁻⁷	<< 10 ⁻⁶
Power consumption	[mW cm ⁻²]	70 (+75%)	20	20 (matrix)	30 ÷ 40
Hit flux	[MHz cm ⁻²]	20 ÷ 94		8.5	5
NIEL	[1 MeV n _{eq} cm ⁻²]	1×10 ¹⁶		3×10 ¹²	3×10 ¹²
TID	[Mrad]	300 ÷ 1000	5	0.3	0.3

• In red: likely not achievable (no idea at the moment)

• In yellow: not strictly necessary, more a goal

• In blue: more realistic, expected goal

65 nm proven technology – 10¹⁵ 1 MeV n_{eq} cm⁻² measurements

- Proven by R&D53 (ATLAS CMS)
- Comparable results in Tower-Jazz 65 nm



65 nm proven technology – 10 Mrad measurements

- Proven by R&D53 (ATLAS CMS)
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Trackers – NEXT

Ultralight middle layers concept (6 – 16 cm)



ALICE3 middle layers concept (6 – 16 cm radius)



Power bus – short barrel – 2 layered buses – 10 mW cm⁻²



Chevron layout: 4 tracking points with 2 staves



Extremely reduced material budget

Material crossed at 25 deg





Spikes of clustered metal (power bus) to supply the sensors






Outreach (mandatory!)

Tracking is <u>NOT</u> limited to particle physics

Micron (y)

aµm

and beyond



Millimetes (**x**)



Proton beam tracking detectors: Record paths of individual protons with high precision

Meter (p)

Nanometer (e-)





- MAPS in Electron Microscpy (300 KeV e⁻)
- High resolution (**10 μm** pixel pitch)
- Need to be rad-hard (1 Mrad) to withstand the beam.



- Resolution is limited by the spread of e⁻ charge collected by the pixels.
- By running a real-time clustering algorithm is possible to vastly improve image resolution.









Body low-dose (proton) tomography



Advancing state-of-the-art in medical imaging using protons instead of photons to get better tissues resolution and less dose to the patient. X-Rays

Proton true trajectory



With at least 10⁸ tracks (energy loss, exit point & angle, entry point) recorded, we can reconstruct a complete 3D image.

Industrial applications

× Non-compliant

Incorrect filling quantity and irregular filling distribution

✓ Compliant

Uniform distribution of jam inside the croissant X-ray **Computed Tomography** and imaging help verifying production and food quality



In space (cosmics, γ , and beyond)







Silicon sensors onboard satellites look at the near and deep space



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Backup



Power consumption and distribution likely the BIGGEST issues

Consumption

Biggest contributors:

- Front-end circuits: use maximum possible pixel size (enters quadratically)
 - optimise the charge collection carefully
 - optimisation of the time resolution
- On-chip data transmission (see dedicated slide)
- **Status:** No comparable chip available, differ in terms of pixel size, hit rate capabilities, time resolution,...

Distribution

Vertex Detector

- Stitched chip of 25 cm length (chip split in z-direction) and 1 cm width*
- 70 mW cm⁻² power consumption
- On-chip metal layers for power distribution
- Aluminium, O(1µm) thick
- 20% / 2 mm width used for supply 0.5 Ω/cm * 25 cm = 13 Ω
- Chip operating at 1 V Average current along a 1 cm wide, 25 cm long chip: 0.9 A
- 3 V voltage drop Power consumption multiplied!

Outer Tracker

- Parallel powering of chips low voltages, high currents
- sub-optimal in terms of material budget and space

Power distribution alternatives

Serial powering

- Current reduction of roughly a factor of 10
- Complicated to realize with stitching: substrate is acting as common reference (unless depletion zones separate the domains)
- safer option use separate chips instead of stitching

Status:

• in use for ATLAS and CMS LS3 tracker upgrades

R&D need:

- LDO shunt regulator
- Prototyping of a module using existing MAPS

Redistribution Layer (RDL)

- Additional copper and polyamide layer(s) added to the wafer
- Trade off between resistance and material budget
- Impacts the flexibility

R&D need:

- Prototyping of RDL assemblies
- Study of the mechanical properties (i.e. bending and thermal cycles) of RDL assemblies







