

Experimental Particle Physics





# Simulations of 3D detectors with radiation damage up to $10^{16}n_{eq}/cm^2$

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#### **Simulation methods**

- See presentation from 10<sup>th</sup> RD50 meeting
- Synopsis TCAD finite element simulation

#### Damage model

- Trap dynamics modelled directly
- P-type FZ material, proton irradiation
- Based on work at Uni. Perugia see M. Petasecca et al., *IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci.,* vol. 53, pp. 2971–2976, 2006
- Modified to match experimental trap times (V. Cindro et al., IEEE NSS, Nov 2006)

$$\beta_{e}$$
= 4.0\*10<sup>-7</sup>cm<sup>2</sup>s<sup>-1,</sup>  $\beta_{h}$ = 4.4\*10<sup>-7</sup>cm<sup>2</sup>s<sup>-1,</sup>  $\frac{1}{\tau_{e}} = \beta_{e}$ 

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### N+ on p strip detector: CCE

- At high fluence, simulated CCE is lower than experimental value
  - Trapping rates were extrapolated from measurements below 10<sup>15</sup>n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>
  - In reality, trapping rate at high fluence probably lower than predicted



### **ATLAS 3D detector: CCE**

- Experiment used 230µm substrate, 3 n+ columns per ATLAS pixel
- Defocused IR laser pulse was used to flood the pixel with charge; the simulation mimics this
- Both experiment and simulation show improved CCE at high fluence



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### **ATLAS 3D simulations**

- ATLAS pixel (400 $\mu$ m \* 50 $\mu$ m) allows layouts with different electrode spacing
  - No of n+ columns per pixel could vary from ~2-8
    - Previous ATLAS results shown used 3 columns
- Simulations use 230µm-thick p-type substrate, n+ readout
  - Columns have  $5\mu$ m radius, with dopant profile extending  $\sim 2\mu$ m further



# ATLAS 3D – Depletion voltage at 10<sup>16</sup>n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>

- Depletion voltage will depend on substrate material (this model matches ptype FZ, rather than oxygenated silicon)
- No. of n+ columns shown next to each data point
- V<sub>dep</sub> proportional to depletion distance squared



# ATLAS 3D – high-field voltage at $10^{16}n_{eq}/cm^2$

- As an approximate judge of a "safe voltage", found the bias at which the maximum field in each device reached 2.5\*10<sup>5</sup>V/cm
- Surprisingly, all the devices gave much the same results at 10<sup>16</sup>n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Used 150V bias in following simulations



#### **Device structure and high-field regions**

- P-spray links p+ columns to n+
- So, the p-spray is at the same potential as the p+, resulting in high field at front surface where it meets the n+ columns
- This effect isn't strongly affected by the electrode spacing itself



# Charge collection vs position at 10<sup>16</sup>n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>

- Simulated MIPs passing through detector at 25 positions, to roughly map the collection efficiency. 150V bias. Charge sharing not taken into account.
- Low collection within n+ and p+ columns (seen experimentally)



# Charge collection vs position at 10<sup>16</sup>n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>

- Collection across active region is non-uniform
- This becomes more significant as the electrode spacing increases



# Average ATLAS CCE at 10<sup>16</sup>n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>

- Average CCE found by flooding entire pixel with charge. 150V bias.
- Previous simulations used to find RMS variation from average, as a measure of nonuniformity. Shown by "error bars".
- Collection in active region improves as electrode spacing is reduced



## Total capacitance seen at each ATLAS pixel

- The total pixel capacitance was found with 10<sup>12</sup>cm<sup>-2</sup> oxide charge (a typical saturated value) but *without* radiation damage.
- C increases rapidly with no. of columns the column capacitances add in parallel, and the capacitance per column gets larger as spacing decreases.



# Signal to noise estimate at 10<sup>16</sup>n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>

- Uses noise vs. capacitance data from unirradiated ATLAS sensors (won't include high leakage current or damage to readout chip)
  - Assume 100fF from preamplifier input and bump bond
  - Also 70e- threshold dispersion



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#### **Comparison of double-sided & standard 3D**



- Full 3D (Parker et al., Stanford, Sintef, ICEMOS)
- Double-sided 3D (CNM, Trento)
  - Readout columns etched from front surface
  - Bias columns etched from back surface
  - Columns don't pass through full substrate thickness
- The maximum column depth that can be etched is about 250  $\mu m$  (with a 5  $\mu m$  radius)
  - Double-sided 3D simulation uses 250  $\mu m$  columns in a 300  $\mu m$  substrate
  - Full-3D device used for comparison is 250  $\mu m$  thick
- Device structure used for comparison
  - N+ columns used for readout, p-type substrate
  - 55μm\* 55μm pixel size (Medipix)
  - 100V bias



## **Double-sided 3D field and depletion**

- Where the columns overlap, (from 50 $\mu$ m to 250 $\mu$ m depth) the field matches that in the full-3D detector
- At front and back surfaces, fields are lower as shown below
- Region at back is difficult to deplete at high fluence



#### **Collection with double-sided 3D**

- Slightly higher collection at low damage
- But at high fluence, results match standard 3D due to poorer collection from front and back surfaces.



# High-field regions in full and double-sided 3D

- Simulated full and double-sided 3D using p-spray isolation at 10<sup>16</sup> n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Double-sided 3D is less prone to surface effects because columns are etched from opposite sides, but high-field regions develop at n+ column tip.

**Double-sided 3D** 



#### Full 3D

## Conclusions

#### • Radiation damage model and comparison with experiment

- Simulation models effects of  $N_{eff}$  and charge trapping
- Typically, charge collection results lower than experiment (simulated charge trapping rate is probably too high)

#### • Behaviour of different ATLAS pixel 3D layouts

- Devices with few n+ columns per pixel have high depletion voltage (without much improvement in breakdown behaviour), lower average CCE, and poorer CCE uniformity across the active region
- However, with 6-8 n+ columns the high capacitance reduces SNR, and the volume occupied by the columns becomes larger
- Need to find a compromise; 4-5 columns?
- Comparison of double-sided 3D & standard 3D
  - Double-sided 3D has similar charge collection performance
    - Greater substrate thickness counteracts poorer collection from surfaces
  - Structure reduces high-field effects at front and back surfaces, but high fields develop at tips of n+ columns

#### Thank you for listening

#### **Additional slides**

## Introduction

- 3D detector structure
  - ~250 $\mu$ m substrate thickness
  - ~50 $\mu$ m electrode spacing
- Small electrode spacing gives:
  - Lower depletion voltage counteracts increasing N<sub>eff</sub>
  - Faster collection counteracts carrier trapping by defects
- Candidate for pixel detectors at SLHC
  - Inner layer will receive  $10^{16}n_{eq}/cm^2$  over the run-time of SLHC



#### P-type FZ model – proton irradiation

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#### • See presentation from RD50 June 2007

- Based on work at Uni. Perugia see M. Petasecca et al., *IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci., vol. 53, pp. 2971–2976, 2006*
- Modified to give correct trapping times while maintaining depletion behaviour

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = -\frac{n}{\tau_e} \qquad \qquad \frac{1}{\tau_e} = \beta_e \Phi_{eq} \qquad \qquad \beta_e = v_{th}^{\ e} \sigma_e \eta$$

- Experimental trapping times for p-type silicon (V. Cindro et al., IEEE NSS, Nov 2006) up to 10<sup>15</sup>n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>
  - $\beta_e = 4.0^* 10^{-7} \text{cm}^2 \text{s}^{-1} \qquad \beta_h = 4.4^* 10^{-7} \text{cm}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$
- Assume these can be extrapolated to  $10^{16}n_{eq}/cm^2$

#### **Comparison with experiment**

- Compared with experimental results with proton irradiation
- Depletion voltage matches experiment
- Leakage current is higher than experiment, but not excessive



#### **Device structure and high-field regions**

- P-spray links p+ columns to n+
- So, the p-spray is at the same potential as the p+, resulting in high field at front surface where it meets the n+ columnsAt higher bias the p-spray around the n+ column becomes depleted
- These effects won't be greatly affected by the electrode spacing itself



#### **Example of CCE with varying bias**

• CCE curves show a smaller gradient after depletion voltage is reached

Collection vs bias in 5-column ATLAS



#### Electric field distribution – 8 columns per pixel

• The previous simulations showed an "average" CCE for the pixel, but the uniformity across the pixel is also important. The following slides show how the electric field distribution varies with the pixel layout



#### **Electric field distribution – 6 columns per pixel**

 Even at 10<sup>16</sup>n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>, the devices with 6-8 columns show a reasonably uniform electric field across the pixel, with the field being weakest at the null points at the corners



#### Electric field distribution – 4 columns per pixel

• As the length of the cell gets longer, the low-field regions become more substantial. Depending on where a track hits, the collection may be less than the "average" value calculated earlier.



#### Electric field distribution – 3 columns per pixel

• If the longer pixel lengths are used, the region around the p+ has a weak field, and might not be depleted.



### **ATLAS 3D capacitance**

- The simulations will take into account nearest neighbouring p+ columns, and n+ columns in adjacent pixels.
- These simulations used saturated oxide charge (10<sup>12</sup>cm<sup>-2</sup>) but no bulk damage





#### **Design choices with 3D**

- Choice of electrode layout:
  - In general, two main layouts possible





#### **CCE with different 3D layouts**

- Little difference in results
- Alternative structure has slightly better average CCE at 10<sup>16</sup>n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>

Collection from different 3D layouts



## Comparison of layouts at 10<sup>16</sup>n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>

- Layout with 3 p+ columns per n+ gives slightly higher average CCE (10kecompared to 9ke-) but CCE with position is much less uniform
  - Greater electrode volume, greater asymmetry in field & weighting field
  - Alternative structure doesn't appear worthwhile



#### Full 3D – electric field at 100V

• Full depletion is achieved well under 100V, but electric field becomes less symmetric at high fluence



#### **Alternative full-3D**

- 3 bias columns per n+ readout column
- Structure increases field around n+, reduces it around p+, particularly at high fluences



## Weighting potentials

- These two layouts give different weighting potentials
- Standard full 3D: Symmetrical for both electrons and holes
- Alternative full 3D: Favours electrons
  - Possibly larger total signal
  - Poorer uniformity in response at different positions?



# Dual-column 3D (BNL)

- Columns etched from front partially through wafer
- Where columns overlap, field matches full-3D
- Back surface has lower field, difficult to deplete



Dual-column 3D, p-type, 1e16neq/cm<sup>2</sup>, back surface

# 3D is radiation hard: Tests with baby-Atlas sensors C. DaVia. J. Hasi, 5 Watts, (Brunel/A



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- Volume = 1.2 x 1.33 x 0.23 mm<sup>3</sup>
- 3 electrode Atlas pixel geometry 71 µm IES
- n-electrode readout
- n-type before irradiation -12 kΩ cm
- Irradiated with reactor neutrons (Praha)



# Variation in CCE with position at 10<sup>16</sup>n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>

- Simulated a series of particle tracks passing through a standard full 3D detector at different positions (100V bias)
- Columns have low sensitivity
- Aside from this, charge collected varies from around 8-12ke-



Collection with position - 3D detector at 100V bias