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## The ATLAS Upgrade Planar Pixel Sensors R&D Project: Status and Overview

To investigate the suitability of pixel sensors using the proven planar technology for the upgraded tracker, the ATLAS Planar Pixel Sensor R&D Project was established comprising 18 institutes and more than 80 scientists. Main areas of research are

• performance assessment of planar pixel sensors at HL-LHC fluences to drive design and process improvements.

· establishment of reliable device simulations for severely radiation-damaged pixel detectors

• the exploration of possibilities for cost reduction to enable the instrumentation of large areas with pixel detectors

The presentation will give an overview of the most recent achievements of the R&D project, among them

• beam test results with planar sensors irradiated up to HL-LHC fluences at different eta angles providing new insight into efficiencies and cluster sizes under realistic b-layer conditions

· comparisons of these experimental findings with initial TCAD device simulations

• update on prototyping efforts for large areas: sensor design improvements, 6"wafer production yields, characterisations and rad-hardness confirmations

• Possible designs for planar pixel sensors compatible with the new read-out chip in 65 nm CMOS technology.

On the base of these results, a discussion on the possible ways implementing planar pixel sensors in the different layers of the new ATLAS pixel system will be given.

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