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High Resolution X-ray Imaging Using Monolithic Silicon Pixel sensor

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- Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor
 - Low material budget
 - High pixel density/ High spatial resolution
 - Low power consumption
 - Less signal/ power cables



Hybrid Pixel Sensor

MAPS



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- Designed for ALICE ITS upgrade 2019-2020
 - 2012: prototype circuits: Explorer-1, 2
 - 2013: pALPIDEss
 - 2014: pALPIDE-1
 - 2015: pALPIDE-2, 3
 - 2016: ALPIDE





Ref: M. Mager, ALICE Collaboration. ALPIDE, the Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor for the ALICE ITS upgrade[J] C. Yang, Real Time 2018, Williamsburg

ALPIDE

- pixel size: 27 x 29 μm²
- spatial resolution: 5 μm
- max particle rate: 100 MHz/cm²
- fake-hit rate: <10⁻⁹ pixel/event
- power: ~ 40 mW/cm²





25 µm

PWELL

Epitaxial Layer P-

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Ref: Rinella G A, ALICE Collaboration. The ALPIDE pixel sensor chip for the upgrade of the ALICE Inner Tracking System[J] C. Yang, Real Time 2018, Williamsburg



- Designed for pALPIDE-3
- Based on a FPC (Flexible Printed Circuit) pALPIDE-3 Carrier from ALICE
- Used a DAQ board from PLAC/CCNU
- FPGA firmware and PC software









- Data Format
 - Data Short: 16 bits

2'b 01+4'b encoder id + 10'b address





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pALPIDE-3 Hit Map C. Yang, Real Time 2018, Williamsburg

10 Pulse Test

Analogue Pulse Test

10/100 rows enabled 700 electrons injection

Analogue Pulse Test

10/100 rows enabled 70 electrons injection







- Designed for ALPIDE. X-ray imaging and beam monitoring
- Self-designed ALPIDE Bonding Board
- Redesigned DAQ Board
 - USB 3.0 / Gigabit Ethernet
 - External trigger







- Compatible with ALPIDE and pALPIDE-3
- Bonded at PLAC/CCNU















Location: National Synchrotron Radiation Laboratory (NSRL) X-ray apparatus: 50 kV, 40 mA







FPC material: 0.24 mm Polyimide Patterns: 1 ounce (~36µm) copper



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16 Grating Imaging





18 Efficiency Test

Location: Shandong Institute of Space Electronic Technology





Detection efficiency of ALPIDE to X-rays at different energies

| Target | Energy (keV) | Calibrated Value cnt/(s*cm ²) | ALPIDE cnt/(s*cm ²) | Efficiency (%) |
|--------|-----------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Ti | 4.51 | 14.00 | 7.41 | 53.00 |
| Cr | 5.41 | 21.01 | 10.83 | 51.56 |
| Fe | 6.40 | 31.50 | 12.80 | 40.65 |
| Cu | 8.05 | 41.58 | 12.44 | 29.91 |



19 Next-step

- A 3 layers x 4 chips detector
- Other usages: space experiments





Dummy Ladder Board



- 2 DAQ systems were designed for pALPIDE-3 and ALPIDE chips.
- High resolution X-ray imaging was achieved.
- ALPIDE detection efficiency of soft X-ray was measured.

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