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Test beam studies of monolithic HV-CMOS pixel detectors for HL-LHC

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Depleted Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors (DMAPS) built with High Voltage CMOS (HV-CMOS) technology are investigated as an option to cover large areas in the outermost layers of the future pixel detector of the ATLAS Inner Tracker (ITk) at HL-LHC.

The H35Demo is a large area HV-CMOS demonstrator prototype chip developed for the ITk which features a large fill factor layout with 25x250 um^2 pixel cells.

It was designed by KIT, IFAE and University of Liverpool, and produced in AMS 350 nm CMOS technology with different resistivities. The chip consists of four pixel matrices: two matrices including digital electronics in the periphery and thus designed to be operated as monolithic detectors, and two matrices meant to be capacitive coupled to ATLAS FE-I4 chips.

H35Demo chips have been irradiated with reactor neutrons at JSI up to $2e15 \text{ n}_{eq}/\text{cm}^2$ and with 23 MeV protons at KIT up to $1e15 \text{ n}_{eq}/\text{cm}^2$. The performance in terms of hit efficiency of the monolithic matrices have been investigated in two beam test campaigns, at Fermilab with a 120 GeV proton beam and at CERN SpS with 180 GeV pions. For particle tracking the FE-I4 telescope provided by University of Geneva was used. Results obtained for not irradiated and irradiated chips will be presented.

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