

# The Monopix chips: Depleted monolithic active pixel sensors with a column-drain read-out architecture for the ATLAS Inner Tracker upgrade

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### THE ATLAS INNER TRACKER UPGRADE FOR THE HL-LHC

The ATLAS experiment will upgrade its inner tracker system for the HL-LHC

Max. instantaneous luminosity: of 7.5 x 10<sup>34</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> (~200 interactions per bunch crossing)

Radiation-hard hybrid pixel sensors will remain as the baseline (RD-53):

- Significant material budget (3% Xo per layer). - Complex (and expensive) module production.

A complementary option for the <u>outer layer</u>?

Depleted monolithic sensors in CMOS technology

	Inner layer	Outer Layer	
Occupancy	30 MHz/mm <sup>2</sup>	1 MHz/mm <sup>2</sup>	Fast R/O
NIEL	10 <sup>16</sup> n <sub>eq</sub> /cm <sup>2</sup>	$10^{15}  n_{eq}^{2} / cm^{2}$	+ architecture w
TID	1 Grad	80 Mrad	23 113 precisio
Area	<b>O(1m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>O(10m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	





#### **ATLAS ITK Pixel Lavout** (CERN-LHCC-2017-021 / ATLAS-TDR-030)





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### THE MONOPIX CHIPS

#### DMAPS with an integrated column-drain read-out architecture

(fast synchronous read-out architecture)

#### **LF-MONOPIX01** (March 2017)

#### Large fill-factor design in LFoundry 150 nm **CMOS** technology





T. Wang, et al. DOI: 10.1088/1748-0221/12/01/C01039

P. Rymaszewski et al. DOI: http://doi.org/10.22323/1.313.0045

T. Hirono, et al. DOI: 10.1016/j.nima.2018.10.059

### **TJ-MONOPIX01** (February 2018)



T. Wang, et al. DOI: 10.1088/1748-0221/13/03/C03039 K. Moustakas, et al. DOI: 10.1016/j.nima.2018.09.100

Small fill-factor design in Towerjazz 180 nm **CMOS** technology with a process modification



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### **COLUMN-DRAIN R/O ARCHITECTURE**

### Why? Sufficient rate capability with affordable in-pixel logic

#### density for CMOS pixels







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Column-drain has

### **DEPLETED MONOLITHIC ACTIVE PIXEL SENSORS (DMAPS)**

#### DMAPS in CMOS technology are suitable candidates for the outmost pixel layers

Commercial process, no hybridization (Reduced material budget and costs), considerable depleted regions in high-resistive substrates, fast charge collection by drift, multiple wells for shielding, scalable.

#### Two approaches:

#### "Large Fill Factor" Large collecting well containing all the electronics



PROS: Short drift distances, strong E-field (Rad-hard) CONS: Large sensor capacitance (Compromise on timing and noise), higher analog power.

#### "Small Fill Factor" Small collecting well, separate from the electronics



PROS: Very small sensor capacitance CONS: Long drift distances, compromised rad-hardness

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### **LF-MONOPIX01**





- Large fill-factor design in LF 150 nm CMOS technology
- High resistive substrate (>2 kOhm-cm)
- Large 50 x 250 μm<sup>2</sup> pixel array (129 x 36)
- Bunch-crossing clock frequency (40MHz clock)
- 40 MHz (up to **160MHz** by design) LVDS serial output
- Charge ADC sampling: 8-bit LE/TE time stamps (ToT)
- Power: 55 µW/pixel (~1.7W/cm<sup>2</sup>)

#### Radiation-hardness and sensor layout optimized in previous prototypes

Succesful design efforts for crosstalk mitigation

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Fast and low-power CSA and discriminator implementations



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### **PIXEL LAYOUT IN LF-MONOPIX01**









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### **BREAKDOWN AND DEPLETION**

Most Probable Value for MIPs measured in LF-MONOPIX



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### **NOISE AND GAIN**





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\* Neutron irradiation in Lubljana (JSI),

### **TUNING OF THRESHOLD DISTRIBUTIONS**







### **LEAKAGE CURRENT AND TOT RESPONSE**

#### Leakage current **ToT response** $10^{-4}$ Charge [ke] proton(50 Mrad) 2 10 12 0 6 8 1E15neq/cm2 90 10<sup>-5</sup> Leakage current[A/chip] 1E14neq/cm2 80 0neq/cm2 70 10<sup>-6</sup> ToT [25ns] 60 $10^{-7}$ 50 **Bias: -200V** Measured @-27.5°C 40 @ -27.5°C 10<sup>-8</sup> 30 0neq/cm2 20 1E15neg/cm2 10 10 $10^{-10}$ Ŏ.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 50 100 150 200 0 Injection [V] Bias voltage[V]

• Breakdown voltage still > 200V after 1 x 10<sup>15</sup>n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup> NIEL

#### ToT response not affected







### **TB WITH 2.5 GEV ELECTRONS: HIT EFFICIENCY**

#### Non-irradiated

- Hit efficiency @ Noise occ. << 10<sup>-7</sup>, TH~1700e-(<10<sup>-7</sup> @ 1400e-)
- 1% masked pixels from noise tuning (not broken).

- Neutron irradiated (1 x 10<sup>15</sup>n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>)
  - Hit efficiency @ Noise occ. < 10<sup>-8</sup>, TH~1700e-
  - < 0.2% masked pixels from noise tuning.</li>
  - Efficiency loss between pixels, as expected.





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### **TB WITH 180 GEV PIONS: IN-PIXEL EFFICIENCY**

Deep N-well (Collecting electrode...) P-well (Inter-pixel region, isolation of electronics...) N-well (R/O electronics...)



#### 5 µm\*5 µm bins







# TIMING PERFORMANCE (AT DEFAULT SETTINGS)



• >80% of events are within 2 bins after neutron irradiation up to  $1 \times 10^{15} n_{eq}/cm^2$ .

<u>**Remarkable</u>** for a  $C_d$ ~400fF and promising for new designs with smaller  $C_d$  (Optimized Fill-Factor).</u>

• There is still room for improvement:

Optimization of parameters (current of CSA, discriminator, etc.), higher bias voltage, back side process.

Measurements with thinned chips and higher resolution ongoing.







### **TJ-MONOPIX01**





2 cm



112 Columns





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Pixel

224 |

### **PROCESS MODIFICATION IN TOWERJAZZ 180NM**





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### **PIXEL LAYOUT AND P-WELL COVERAGE**

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## **CALIBRATION OF THE INJECTION CIRCUIT**



Calibration values are similar in "Top" and "Bottom", but different for unirradiated and irradiated samples:
Unirradiated: ~33e-/DAC
1x10<sup>15</sup> Irradiated: ~42e-/DAC







#### Threshold (Rem-DPW) 600

**THRESHOLD AND NOISE** 

#### - 8 Unirradiated 800 le15neq 500 of Pixel of Pixel Pixel le15neq 600 400 Low-TH ę # Norm-TH # 4 HL-MOT 300 Norm-TH 400 200 200 100 0 - 0 1000 20 250 750 1250 0 500 Threshold [e-] ENC [e-] **Unirradiated:** μ= 349e-, σ=34e-

**1x10<sup>15</sup> Irradiated:** μ= 569e-, σ=66e-

**ENC increased by ~10e-** after  $1 \times 10^{15} n_{eq} / cm^2$ (Probably due to TID bckg)

40

ENC (Rem-DPW)





- 10

8

6

4

2

0

80

of Pixe

#

Low-TH

\* Neutron irradiation in Lubljana (JSI), samples annealed for 80 mins at 60°C

Unirradiated

le15neg

le15neg

Low-TH

60



### **IN-PIXEL EFFICIENCY (UNIRRADIATED)**





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### **MEAN HIT EFFICIENCY VS DEEP P-WELL COVERAGE**



• Lower efficiencies in Full DP-Well regions (Bottom) than in Removed DP-Well (Top) ones.







#### In MALTA

### **MEAN HIT EFFICIENCY AFTER IRRADIATION**

(very similar front-end and pixel pitch)



#### ---> Fixes to the TJ modified process in pixel corners to enhance E-Field (M. Munker, PIXEL 2018 / Talk 53)





### **TIMING PERFORMANCE**





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### CONCLUSIONS

**Operational column-drain read-out** on fully monolithic CMOS pixel detectors in both small and large fill factor designs on a large pixel matrix

		LF-MONOPIX01		TJ-MONOPIX01	
	DMAPS type	Large FF (150nm CMOS   LFoundry)		Small FF (180nm CMOS, mod.   Towerjazz)	
		Non-Irrad	10 <sup>15</sup> n <sub>eq</sub> /cm <sup>2</sup>	Non-Irrad	10 <sup>15</sup> n <sub>eq</sub> /cm <sup>2</sup>
	Signal MPV	~16ke- (@60V)	~5.6ke (@200V)	~1.6ke-	~1.4ke-
	ENC	~200±50e	~350±50e	~15±2e	~25±3e
	Threshold	>1400±100e	>1700e±130e	>350e±35e	>570e±65e
	Mean Effic.	99.6%	98.9%	97.1%	69.4%
(*) Still r	Hits in 50ns	98.7% (*)	83% (*)	93%	98%







### WHAT'S NEXT?

- LF-MONOPIX02 (end 2019)
  - Next iteration with CSA and discriminators with the best performance.
  - Smaller pixel size (150x50) to reduce detector capacitance.
- TJ-MONOPIX02 (end 2019)
  - Pixel layout according to the best performing fix to the TJ modified process in miniMALTA.
  - Threshold tuning and reduction.
  - Optimize active area layout in pixels.
- CMOS-1 (mid-2020)

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RD-53 like, full size chip in a selected CMOS process and fill-factor approach.





### Modified process with additional p-implant:



#### Modified process with gap in n-layer:

M. Munkers's presentation (PIXEL 2018 / Talk 53)







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### **CMOS DEMONSTRATOR PROGRAM**

## A collaborative R&D effort within ATLAS focused on DMAPS prototypes with fast read-out architectures in different CMOS processes.

Previous iterations of these prototypes (passive sensors, or active ones with a first stage of the Front-End within the pixel) allowed to optimize the designs and improve radiation-hardness.







### FROM LF-CPIX TO LF-MONOPIX





LF-MONOPIX01 (50 x 250 µm<sup>2</sup>)



#### Large fill factor design. C<sub>d</sub>~ 400fF



#### Electronics are directly coupled to the collecting node through $C_{pw}$

- Special efforts on design to minimize cross-talk with digital signals

- Increase of minimum operational threshold





### **PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT LINE**











### **DESIGN CHALLENGES**



#### In Token propagation:

"Current steering logic"

-> Limit the current to avoid glitches

#### In Data R/O (LE/TE, address):

#### Differential lines + Source followers

-> Avoids current injection into the PW when switching from high to low











### **PREAMPLIFIERS AND DISCRIMINATORS**







### **TOT RESPONSE AND CALIBRATION**







### **NOISE AND GAIN**





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### **UNTUNED THRESHOLD DISTRIBUTIONS**



Untuned threshold dispersion for flavours with the V1 discriminator ~400-600 e- (plus 350-400 e- for those with integrated pixel R/O logic and the V2 discriminator)







## **NOISE OCCUPANCY AT LOW THRESHOLD**

- Non-irradiated
  - Threshold: 1400 e-
  - Dispersion due to noise baseline tuning
  - Bias V: -200V
  - Cooled with dry ice.

- Neutron irradiated (1 x  $10^{15}n_{eq}/cm^2$ )
  - Threshold: 1700 e-
  - Bias V: -130V (due to technical issues)
  - Cooled with dry ice.







### **TEST BEAM CAMPAIGNS**





#### - MIMOSA26 x 6

- Pixel size: 18.2 µm x 18.2µm
- 1152 µs/frame (rolling shutter)
- FE-I4 x 1
  - Pixel size: 250 µm x 50 µm
  - Timing resolution: 25ns (trig. by scintillator + TLU)

#### LF-MONOPIX (unirradiated and neutron-irradiated samples) exposed to MIPs at ELSA (2.5 GeV e-) and the H8 line of CERN's SPS (180 GeV pions)









### **TEST BEAM CAMPAIGNS**

MONOPIX planes (unirradiated and neutron-irradiated samples) exposed to MIPs at ELSA (2.5 GeV e-) and the H8 line of CERN's SPS (180 GeV pions):

Measurements for different bias and threshold settings.









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### **TB@ELSA: IN-PIXEL EFFICIENCY**





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### Non-irradiated @ -200V: **Uniform efficiency**







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### **E-TCT MEASUREMENTS**

\* Neutron irradiation in Lubljana (JSI), samples annealed for 80 mins at 60°C











### **IMPROVEMENT AFTER BACKSIDE-PROCESS**

\* Neutron irradiation in Lubljana (JSI), samples annealed for 80 mins at 60°C



E-TCT measurement on LF test structures thinned and Backsideprocesssed to 200μm I. Mandić, RD50 workshop 2017







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300



0.4

- 0.37

0.34

/ / m 0.31

PMOS reset flavor gain map for different PWELL and PSUB bias voltages

# **TJ-MONOPIX01 GAIN**



#### Gain of ~400 uV/e- (or larger) achieved under different bias schemes

20.0 -

12.0 -

8.0

5.0 -

1.6 -

-6



0

-3

-6





-3

PWELL voltage (V)

0.37

0.33

0.29

0.24

0.2

0

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Gain (mV/e-)



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### **DIFFERENCES DUE TO N-LAYER DOPING**



• Mean efficiency larger for unirradiated W4 than for W12





# CLUSTER SIZE FROM TEST BEAM (TJ-MONOPIX)



• The cluster size decreases after irradiation ---> Less charge sharing.





### **55-FE SPECTRA BEFORE AND AFTER IRRADIATION**



• We observe charge sharing in the unirradiated sample, but not after irradiation (This observation agrees with the cluster size measurement during test beam)



