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## The silicon Micro Vertex Detector of the PANDA experiment

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The status of the MVD will be presented.

### Optional extended abstract

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To cope with these requirements the MVD includes innermost layers made of thinned epitaxial silicon hybrid pixel detectors and outer layers composed of double sided silicon micro strips. Since the MVD volume is compact, the cooling system and the routing, planned only in the upstream direction, are crucial issues. To meet the first one, carbon foams are used to increase the heat dissipation towards the cooling pipes and to cope with the second one, aluminium cables and busses are under study. New non-triggered readout chips developed in 130 nm CMOS technology feature high speed serial readout and charge measurement with Time over Threshold.

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