Macroscopic Radiation Damage in Semiconductor Detectors

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Outline

- Motivations
- Principle of operation of semiconductor detectors
- Macroscopic radiation effects on detector systems
- Possible radiation mitigating techniques
- LHC Silicon detector experience
- Future HI-LHC detectors
- This lecture will cover Silicon pixel and strip detectors only

Why?

- Silicon is, among the materials used to build particle detectors, the one which is most similar to a stone
- But nevertheless its crystal structure is delicate when exposed to high intensity particle fluxes



But this is where we want to use it

 10^{32} cm⁻²s⁻¹



The requests for future Silicon based detectors

- High Intensity LHC (HI-LHC) will eventually reach instantaneous luminosity close to 10³⁵cm⁻²s⁻¹
- To extract good physics data at this luminosity the detectors should cope with a flux of particles which is ≥10 higher than now, so we need
 - Higher granularity
 - Higher number of channels
 - Higher power
 - Better cooling
- Scaling with the luminosity the radiation damage produced by the particle flux accumulates at a higher rate
- In HI-LHC detectors we expect a flux 10 times the one expected when the present LHC experiments were designed
- Some 100 times the one accumulated during the first two years of operation
- No way: the tracking detectors should be replaced after the first ten years or even before

Principle of operation of a Silicon detector

- Reverse diode detectors: a short remind
- Signal formation
- Segmented detectors
- Noise of the detector system: Sensor plus Electronics

Semiconductor detector scheme

 High resistivity (~kΩcm) Silicon layer + ohmic contact + reverse biased asimmetric junction



Segmented (microstrip) detector



<u>Deposited energy</u> / Mean excitation energy



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The most probable Energy loss depends on detector thickness: About 60-70% of the mean dE/dx

Most probable energy loss in 300µm thick Si For a MIP is:

> ≈ 0.67 ×mean ⇒ 81 keV

Chin. Phys. C, 38, 090001 (2014)

Signal fluctuation visualization



55µm pixels \rightarrow measured most probable value = 14 KeV/55µm = 255 eV/µm (as expected)

http://aladdin.utef.cvut.cz/ofat/methods/MIPtracking/index.htm

• Deposited energy / Mean excitation energy



The average energy to produce an electron-hole pair in Silicon is ~ 3.6 eV

Most probable MIP Signal in 300 μ m of Silicon \rightarrow 22500 [e⁻] or 3.6 fC (75 e-h couples / μ m)

Average MIP Signal in 300 μ m of Silicon \rightarrow 32200 [e⁻] or 5.2 fC (107 e-h couples / μ m)

C.A. Klein, J. Applied Physics 39 (1968) 2029

Simulated Current Density Ionizing particle with 45° angle t=0 s





t=1 ns



t=1,1 ns



t=1,2 ns



t=1,3 ns



t=1,4 ns



t=1,5 ns



t=1,6 ns



t=1,7 ns



t=1,8 ns



t=1,9 ns











t=5 ns





Current pulses in strip detectors (track traversing the detector)



Depletion voltage= 60V Bias voltage= 90V

The duration of the electron and hole pulses is determined by the time required to traverse the detector as in a parallel-plate detector, but the shapes are very different.

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Strip Detector Signal Charge



In both electrodes the induced current must be integrated over the full collection time to optimize energy resolution.

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Noise

- What is important to characterize the quality of a detector is its 'signalto-noise ratio'
- In a 300µm thick Silicon microstrip detector the minimum charge produced by a MIP is about 70% of the MPV
- If an electronic noise of about MPV/8 is superimposed the minimum charge can mix to the pedestal (signal when no particle crosses the detector) by 3 sigma



Electronic noise



 $C_{d} = detector capacitance$ $I_{b} = bias current$ $R_{p} = bias resistor$ ENC $R_{s} = strip resistance$ $V_{na}^{2} = Preamplifier noise$

 $ENC_{parallel}^{I_{b}} \approx 108 \cdot \sqrt{I_{b}(\mu A)\tau(ns)}e^{-},$ $ENC_{parallel}^{R_{p}} \approx 24 \cdot \sqrt{\tau(ns)/R_{p}(M\Omega)}e^{-},$ $ENC_{series}^{R_{s}} \approx 24 \cdot C_{tot}(pF) \cdot \sqrt{R_{s}(\Omega)/\tau(ns)}e^{-}$ + front end electronics: $ENC_{fe} = a + bC_{d}$

Noise =
$$\sqrt{\sum (ENC_i)^2}$$

Radiation damage

- Surface damage
 - accumulation of charge in the oxide (SiO₂), traps at Si/SiO₂ interface
 - Depends on the ionization energy loss (Dose [rad])
- Volume damage
 - displacement damage \rightarrow crystal defects
 - Depends on the non-ionization energy loss (NIEL, fluence normalized to 1 MeV neutron)

Surface damage

- This effect is due to the presence in the SiO₂ and SiO₂-Si interface of positive charges
 - 1. Fixed charges \rightarrow from production process
 - 2. Mobile positive impurity ions \rightarrow same as 1.
 - 3. Trapped holes \rightarrow from irradiation
- The trapped holes (less mobile than electrons) are generated by ionization
 - − Heavy charged particles → high ionization density → high recombination
 - − Electrons/photons → low ionization density → low recombination → dominates
- This charged layer changes the electric properties of the segmented side of the detector
 - Increases the interstrip capacitance (C_{int})
 - Increases the surface current
 - Reduce the breakdown voltage
- Depends on the crystal orientation
- Important for Linear Collider and Xfel experiments


Volume damage

- Volume (Crystal) damage is due to (<u>scales</u> with) Non lonizing Energy Loss (NIEL) and results in:
 - 1. Change of effective doping concentration (higher depletion voltage, leading possibly to under-depletion)
 - 2. Increase of leakage current (increase of shot noise, thermal runaway)
 - 3. Increase of charge carrier trapping (charge collection efficiency decreases)
- Signal-to-noise ratio could then be reduced substantially
- The sensor total depletion could not be reached
- Safe detector operation is jeopardized by the possible thermal runaway (sensor temperature increased by the bias current, which is increased by temperature, which ...) → Positive feedback

NIEL

- It is defined as the amount of energy released into the material by an incident particle which is not loss in ionization
- This is the energy which breaks the crystal lattice and introduce defects in the material
- Different particles have different effectiveness in releasing NIEL; to compare irradiation a possible solution is to normalize to the NIEL of a 1 MeV neutron



NIM A 335 (1993) 580-582

Microscopic view...

The damaged lattice 'zoo'



Change of depletion voltage



Before inversion, in p-in-n sensors, the junction is on the segmented side (the depletion starts from there). After inversion the junction moves on the back side and the depletion starts from there.

p+ and n+ layers are unaffected by
radiation because their doping
concentrations are very high



N_{eff} annealing

 After irradiation the lattice defects and interstitials start to interact eventually leading to a change in the N_{eff} with time and temperature → annealing



- Essentially two annealing are present:
 - Short term beneficial annealing
 - Long term reverse annealing
 - Time costant 500 years at -10 °C → 500 day at 20 °C → 21 hours at 60 °C
- Irradiated sensors should be keept cool all times 24/03/2015 C. Civinini INFN - Firenze

Oxigen enriched silicon

Introducing oxigen in the silicon bulk material a reduced sensitivity to the NIEL released by charged hadrons is obtained



NIEL scaling violation

RD48 Status Report CERN/LHCC 2000-009

Change of leakage current

- The leakage current of a sensor, at constant temperature, increase with the NIEL
- The damage parameter doesn't depends on Silicon resistivity, bulk type, fabrication technology, ...

 $V \cdot \Phi$

eq



 $\alpha =$

Leakage current annealing

- Also the leakage current is subject to an annealing process
- The measurement of α should be done after a well defined annealing process
 (temperature and duration)
- Std procedure 80 minutes at 60 °C



- The leakage current has a strong dependence on the sensor temperature: each 7 °C increase of a factor two →
- Irradiated detector should be operated at low temperature

Change of charge collection efficiency

- The irradiation introduces defects which act as trapping center for the charge generated by an ionizing particle
- This reduce the overall signal thus affecting the detector efficiency

$$Q_{e,h}(t) = Q_{0e,h} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\tau_{eff\ e,h}} \cdot t\right) \qquad \frac{1}{\tau_{eff\ e,h}} = \beta_{e,h}(T,t) \Phi_{eq}$$

• When the effective trapping time becames of the order of the electron/hole drift time (5-20ns) the charge integrated at the electrodes by the front-end electronics is reduced

Change of charge collection efficiency



The trapping time too is subjet to an annealing process but with different behaviour for the two carries: the electrons get better, the holes get worse.

Radiation hard Silicon detector

- Approach on two sides
 - Microscopic: material engineering (Oxigenated Silicon, crystal grown: FZ-MCz-Epi)
 - Macroscopic: device engineering
 - p-type sensors
 - Thin sensors
 - 3D sensors

p-type detectors

- The electrons mobility in Silicon is higher (factor ~3) than the holes one
- The charge trapping times (see slide 47) are more or less the same (remember that annealing help electrons)



http://www.hephy.at/user/friedl/diss/html/node11.html

Using a detector configuration with a signal produced mainly by electrons should reduce the radiation induced trapping effects

Signal formation (i)

 The current pulse shape originating from a MIP orthogonally crossing the sensor its very different in n-in-p with respect to p-in-n devices



Signal formation (ii)

- For p-in-n detectors the signal is mainly produced by the electron drifting to the strips
- For p-in-n detectors the majority of the signal is produced by the holes and it is much slower that the other



Device engineering

• p-in-n detectors

 After some value in fluence the bulk type is inverted



p-on-n silicon, under-depleted:

- Charge spread degraded resolution
- Charge loss reduced CCE

Be careful, this is a very schematic explanation, reality is more complex !

- n-in-p or n-in-n detectors
 - No inversion at all



n-on-p silicon, under-depleted:

- Limited loss in CCE
- •Less degradation with under-depletion
- Collect electrons (fast)

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n side read-out behaviour



15000 e⁻ signal: from $3*10^{14}$ 1MeV n_{eq}/cm^2 in p-in-n up to $2*10^{15}$ 1MeV n_{eq}/cm^2 n-in-n

Thin sensors

 Very thin (100μm) n-in-p pixel sensors have been tested resulting in an almost full efficiency at 5*10¹⁵n_{eq}/cm²



3D sensors

- So far planar technology applied to sensor:
 - J.A. Hoerni (Fairchild Semiconductors) 1957-58
 - Signal proportional to detector thickness
 - A planar detector is depleted starting from junction towards the opposite side (whole thickness)
- 3D technology:
 - Signal proportional to detector thickness
 - Depletion from column to columns (different type) with a distance decoupled from detector thickness
 - Example: 300 μm thick sensor and (order of) 50 μm columns pitch

3D sensors layout



Depletion voltages order of 10V or less even at high fluences Fast charge collection when the read-out is connected to n+ colums

Some dead volumes inside the columns → not critical if the particle trajectories are not too collimated and orthogonal to the sensor (tilted detectors) Some regions with low electric field, poor charge collection High intercolumn capacitance, higher noise

S.I. Parker, C.J. Kenny, J. Segal, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A395 (1997) 328.



How to 'drill' a hole into Silicon?

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Deep Reactive Ion Etching



	Wafer with mask
	lons and radicals
	Polymer deposition (and ions)
	lons and radicals
Acc.V Spot Magn WD	

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The 3D column structure

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3D-STC detectors - FBK technology



- Si High Resistivity, p-type, <100>
- Surface isolation: p-stop or p-spray
- Holes are "empty"

Hole etching with Deep-RIE technology

- Wide superficial n+ diffusion in which the contact is located
- Passivation of holes with oxide



3D: from pixels to strips

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3D-STC detectors - Strip detectors



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3D pixel efficiency and irradiation



F. Ravera, Trento 2015

Radiation effects measured on LHC Silicon detectors

- A review of the status of the Silicon detectors, pixel and strips, installed in Atlas, CMS and LHCb experiments
- Mainly data from leakage current and depletion voltage measurements
- LHC Integrated luminosity near to 30 fb⁻¹

2010, 7 TeV, max. 203.8 $Hz/\mu b$

2011, 7 TeV, max. 4.0 Hz/nb2012, 8 TeV, max. 7.7 Hz/nb

CMS Peak Luminosity Per Day, pp

Data included from 2010-03-30 11:21 to 2012-12-16 20:49 UTC

1 Sep

Date (UTC)

2 Dec



20

5

15

20

Mean number of interactions per crossing

25

30

CMS Integrated Luminosity, pp

1 Jun

2 Sep

Dec

Peak Delivered Luminosity ($\mathrm{Hz/nb}$)

Dec

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Atlas Pixel Detector

- 3 barrel layers and 3+3 endcap disk
- Coverage |η|<2.5
- Innermost barrel layer at r=5cm
- n+-in-n 250 μm thick, oxigenated Silicon material
- 1744 modules with 80*10⁶ pixels, for a total of 1.7 m²
- 8 μ m resolution r- ϕ
- 75-80µm resolution in z
- Evaporative C₃F₈ cooling (average temperature -13 °C)
- Additional layer (IBL) in 2015: mixed technology planar + 3D sensors





Leakage current evolution



- The Atlas pixel sensors have been kept at -13 °C during most of the time with some periods at room temperature (annealing is clearly visible)
- The measured leakage current is compatible with the predictions

10 years forecast on Leakage current

- The evolution of the leakage current with the following scenario: 10 days at 20 °C every year, otherwise -13 °C
- The temperature is of paramount importance
- Annealing is an important ingredient too



Atlas Semiconductor Tracker (SCT)

- 4 barrel layers and 9+9 endcap disks
- Coverage |η|<2.5
- 4088 p-on-n microstrip modules, 285µm thick
- 6.2*10⁶ channels, 61 m² of active area
- -7°C operating temperature



Atlas fluence estimation



• 1 MeV neutron equiv. /cm² for 1fb⁻¹ of integrated luminosity

Atlas SCT: leakage current evolution

- Also in SCT the leakage current is in agremeent with the expectations
- Annealing during the LHC shutdowns and technical stop periods is visible



2014 JINST 9 P08009

SCT noise performance

 The radiation effects are still very low: the noise is practically unaffected and the efficiency is close to full





Koichi Nagai, Vertex 2014

CMS Pixel detector



- 3 barrel layers and 2+2 endcap disks
- Coverage |η|<2.5
- Barrel layers at r = 4.3, 7.2, 11 cm
- n+-on-n
- 10 μm resolution r-φ
- 100x150µm² pixel size





CMS Pixels: Depletion voltage evolution

 Method: measure the Voltage at which the Hit Finding Efficiency is 99% of the plateau value



- Plot it as function of the integrated luminosity
- At least for layer 1 the type inversion point has been reached

Lorentz angle vs fluence

- The Lorentz angle depends on the fluence
- Should be constatly monitored beacause it has an influence on the local hit position recontraction


CMS strip tracker

- 4+6 barrel layers
- 3+9 endcap disks
- 200 m² of silicon
- p-on-n sensors
- 15148 modules,
 320-500µm thick
- 9.6*10⁶ channels



CMS strip leakage current

- The detector has been operated at +4 °C (dew point in tracker quite high)
- In some cases already 30% of the HV power supply limit (12mA)
- After an intervention to seal the tracking volume now -20°C could be reached (-15°C has been choosen for operation)



E. Butz, Vertex 2014

CMS strip: foreseen depletion voltage



https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/pub/CMSPublic/StripTrackerCommissioningPlots2014/total_VDEP_15_20_700.png

LHCb

- Single arm spectrometer for b physics
- 2< η < 5
- Silicon strip detectors:
 - VELO
 - TT/IT
- Less luminosity than Atlas/CMS



LHCb Vertex Locator (VELO)

- Two single-sided sensors (r-strips, φstrips) glued back-toback
- Sensors: n+-in-n, n+in-p on the most upstream modules
- $300\mu m$ thick
- Double metal for signal routing
- T=-10° C



Two halves opened during LHC filling and acceleration phases, then closed for data taking

LHCb Tracker Turicensis (TT)

- p+-in-n sensors
- 500µm thick
- 183µm pitch
- Long readout strips (up to 37 cm → 60pF)
- T=8° C
- 144k channels, 8m²



http://lhcb.physik.uzh.ch/

LHCb: Inner Tracker (IT)

- p+-in-n sensors
- 12 layers
- 320/410µm thick
- 198µm strip pitch
- 130k channels, 4.2m²
- T=8° C





VELO leakage current

- Current normalized to -7°C
- In agreement with predictions





A. Affolder et al 2013 JINST 8 P08002

VELO Depletion Voltage

- n+-in-n sensors invert bulk type after (7÷10)*10¹² n_{eq}/cm²
- The few n+-in-p sensors have a depletion voltage which increase (as expected p type bulk material)



LHCb: IT Depletion Voltage



LHCb: TT and IT leakage current



HL-LHC

- LHC is an evolving infrastructure which will be improved over decades to exploit its full potential
- During these days the machine is restarting after a period of two year during which the magnet electrical connections have been redone to permit reaching both the energy and luminosity design specifications



https://cds.cern.ch/record/1975962/files/new_timeplan_24Sept2014_1_image.png

CMS Phase 1 Pixel upgrade

- The present CMS pixel detector was designed to sustain 500 fb⁻¹
- But the instantaneous luminosity evolution will soon exceed the rate capability of read-out chips and data links
- The new detector will have the same sensor type (n-in-n), a new read-out chip (evolution of the present one) and more redundancy → one more barrel layer (4) and one more disk per side (3+3)
- The new beam pipe with a radius of 22.5mm, instead of 30mm, will allow to place the innermost barrel layer at 29mm, instead of 43mm) with important improvements on the btagging capabilities of the system



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CMS Phase 2 Pixel upgrade

- After 500 fb⁻¹ also the phase 1 detector starts to loose some of its key performance on tracking
- A full replacement of the pixel detector, together with the external microstrip detector, is foreseen starting from 2022



M. Musich, Vertex 2014

CMS phase 2 pixel layout



- Improve the resolution at high $p_t \rightarrow$ higher granularity
- Improve the resolution at low $p_t \rightarrow$ reduce the material
- Increase acceptance up to $|\eta| < 4 \rightarrow 10+10$ endcap disks
- Pixels dimensions: 25x100 μm² (50x200 μm² external layers)
- Sensor choice: planar n-in-p thin or 3D

The phase 2 tracker upgrade

- Aside the radiation problems, at HI-LHC luminosities the whole CMS level-1 muon trigger system will not be more able to reduce the rate selecting high p_t events
- The phase 2 tracker should be able to provide information already at level 1 trigger (within few µs from the interaction time)



p_t module concept

- The pt discrimination is done locally using appropriate hit position correlation in two closely spaced detectors
- Only interesting data are sento out at 40MHz to ease an online fast track reconstruction



p_t modules

- Two kind of modules: strip-strip (outer), strip-pixel (inner)
- Fluences up tp 1.5x10¹⁵ n_{eq}/cm²
- Probably n+-in-p 200µm thick sensors



The Phase 2 CMS tracker

- 6 barrel layers
- 5+5 endcap disks



The Phase 2 CMS tracker: performance

