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# Modern Silicon Sensor Devices and their use in HEP, space and medical applications

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## INTRODUCTION

The aim of these lectures is to give to the audience a general overview on Silicon Detectors mainly from an experimental point of view: the focus will be mainly on possible application, assembling and testing procedure, facility description etc.., while links will be provided for more detailed description of semiconductors theory description.

Due to the amplitude of this field only few topics and examples will be described in more detail, while many other relevant topics will be skipped completely.

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## Outline

Lecture 1:

Introduction to silicon sensors.

General (tentative) classification: Strips sensors, Hybrid and Monolithic (MAPS) pixel sensors, SiPM, LGAD, others.

Overview of applications in HEP and space missions.

MAPS assembling procedure: the ALPIDE chip and the Alice ITS2 construction. Trends for Monolithic Active Pixel Detector: studies for large area bent sensors.

Lecture 2:

Overview on the effects of radiation on silicon detectors and electronic devices: Total Ionizing Dose (TID), Displaced Damage (DD), Single Event Effects (SEE). Dose delivered measurement for silicon devices.

Procedures for dose evaluation and radiation hardness characterization of devices: Useful software tools (SPENVIS, TRIM, SpekPy).

The Trento proton and x-ray Irradiation Facilities and their use.

Lecture 3:

Overview on the use of radiations for cancer treatment.

Dose measurement for medical application. Beam monitoring and beam

Quality Assurance (QA) devices.

Flash irradiation.

Ion therapy facilities: the CNAO and the Trento Proton Therapy Center.

Examples of HEP technologies for to medical applications:

the iMPACT project and the FOOT Experiment.

## Lecture 1

## **References A**

Suggested web reference for lecture 1

- Gianluigi Casse: Solid state detectors
- XXXII International Seminar of Nuclear and Subnuclear Physics "Francesco Romano" June 2021 https://agenda.infn.it/event/21318/timetable/#all.detailed
- Daniela Bortoletto CERN Summer Student Lecture Programme Course July 2015
- **Detectors for Particle Physics: lectures 1-5:**
- https://indico.cern.ch/event/243648/
- Semiconductor Detectors:lecture 4
- https://indico.cern.ch/event/243648/attachments/415356/577104/daniela\_l4\_post.pdf

Vito Manzari: Instrumentation in HEP, silicon detector lectures The 5th Egyptian School on High Energy Physics (2015) https://indico.cern.ch/event/453690/timetable/#all.detailed

## **References B**

Suggested web reference for lecture 1

Gino Bolla: Introduction to Silicon Detectors

Edit School 2012, Fermilab

https://conferences.fnal.gov/EDIT2012/materials/EDIT\_Silicon\_Intro-Day1.pptx

Other general suggested lectures

David Nygren: History of Particle Detection

https://conferences.fnal.gov/EDIT2012/Lectures/2\_Nygren\_HistoryPP.pdf

Dan Green: Hadron Collider Detectors (2012) https://conferences.fnal.gov/EDIT2012/Lectures/3\_DGreen\_HadColliderDet.pdf

A special thanks to Gino Bolla and Simon Kwan for inspiring me

## What is a silicon detector?

#### A silicon detector is a ionization chamber

- Sensitive volume with electric field
- Energy deposited creates e-h pairs
- charge drifts
- Gets integrated
- Then digitized
- And finally readout and stored

(Buffering and discrimination stages could be implemented)



Slide from Gino Bolla, EDIT School Fermilab 2012

## Why a semiconductor?



	GAS	Liquid	Solid		
Density	low	Moderate	High		
Atomic number Z	low	Moderate	Moderate		
lonization energy $\epsilon_i$	Moderate	Moderate	Low		
Signal speed	Moderate	Moderate	Fast		



Slide from Gino Bolla, EDIT School Fermilab 2012



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## Semiconductors suited for detectors



Semiconductor	band gap	intrinsic	average	$W_{eh}$	mobility		carrier
	(eV)	carrier conc.	Z	(eV)	$\mathrm{cm}^2/\mathrm{Vs}$		life time
		$(\mathrm{cm}^{-3})$			e	$\mathbf{h}$	
Si	1.12	$1.45 \cdot 10^{10}$	14	3.61	1450	505	$100 \mu s$
Ge	0.66	$2.4 \cdot 10^{13}$	32	2.96	3900	1800	, i
GaAs	1.42	$1.8 \cdot 10^6$	32	4.35	8800	320	1-10  ns
CdTe	1.44	$10^{7}$	50	4.43	1050	100	$0.1-2 \ \mu s$
CdZnTe	$\sim 1.6$		49.1	4.6	$\sim \! 1000$	50-80	$\sim \mu { m s}$
CdS	2.42		48 + 16	6.3	340	50	
$\mathrm{HgI}_{2}$	2.13		62	4.2	100	<b>4</b>	$\sim \mu { m s}$
InAs	0.36		49 + 33		33000	460	
InP	1.35		49 + 15		4600	150	
ZnS	3.68		30 + 16	8.23	165	<b>5</b>	
PbS	0.41		82 + 16		6000	4000	
Diamond	5.48	$< 10^{3}$	6	13.1	1800	1400	${\sim}1~{\rm ns}$

photon absorption by photo effect ~Z<sup>(4-5)</sup>

N. Wermes, EDIT-2015

Slide from N. Wermes, EDIT School 2015

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#### I.2 Silicon as detector material - 3

Reverse biased p-n junction as radiation detector: the depletion region is virtually free of mobile carriers ⇒ in absence of radiation only the (small) diode reverse current flows in the junction

energy deposition by ionizing radiation  $\Rightarrow$  creation of e/h pairs (<E> $\approx$ 3.67 eV)

high electric field in the depletion region  $\Rightarrow$  electrons and holes drift very fast across the depletion zone  $\Rightarrow$  their motion induces a signal current at the electrodes

Low doping concentration (high resistivity) of the bulk  $\Rightarrow$  full depletion at low bias voltages (safely below breakdown)

P-side of the junction: very shallow (~  $0.3 \mu m)$  and heavily doped (~10  $^{17} \mbox{ cm}^{-3})$ 

 $\mathbf{N}^{\star}$  implant on the n-side (ohmic side) of the detector to ensure a good ohmic contact.



#### V.B.// 1.2 - 3

#### Valter Bonvicini, Trieste University



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## **Microstrip Detectors (1D segmentation)**



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## **Microstrip Detectors**

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25  $\mu m$  pitch microstrip with S/N=75 []  $\sigma_{\text{point}}$  = 1.3  $\mu m$ 

Straver et al., NIM 348 (1994)

#### **Microstrip detector – Wire bond connection**

INFN INFN Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare

- Ultrasonic welding technique
   Typically 25 micron bond wire of Al-Si-alloy
- Fully-automatized system with automatic pattern recognition







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## **Double-sided Strip Detectors (1+1D segmentation)**



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Silicon strip for HEP: The CDF silicon detector



CDF silicon vertex detector being installed in 2001 (foto credit Fermilab). https://www.fnal.gov/pub/tevatron/experiments/cdf.html



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## The Silicon Detectors





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The CDFII Silicon detectors

## **OVERVIEW**

L00: Single-sided strips: "Narrows" (SGS Thomson and 2 Microns) "Wides" (Hamamatsu).

**SVX:** Double-sided strips: Layers 0,1,3 (Hamamatsu) perpendicular strips, Layers 2,4 (Micron) small angled strips.

**ISL:** Double-sided strips: (Hamamatsu+Micron) small angled strips





3 barrels 5 layers

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## The Silicon Detectors





SVXII: the readout is used in the trigger too



**ISL** detail

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## The Silicon Detectors: ISL



#### Space applcation of silicon strip sensors: the Silicon Traker in AMS-02



Foto credit AMS-02

https://ams02.space/detector/silicon-tracker

## Combining two orthogonal 1D strips can we have 2D information?

2 X 1D information generates ambiguities:

n hits  $\approx$  n<sup>2</sup> combinations of which n<sup>2</sup>-n are ghosts



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## From Strips (1D) to Pixel (2D) Detectors



Picture from CMS Experiment website

## **Hybrid Pixel detector**





(b) pixel matrix

(a) hybrid pixel cell

Richard Kaiser, Hybrid Pixel Detectors 08.12.2017

## 2D Sensor + 2D Readout: Hybrid Pixels

Pioneered in DELPHI at LEP and extensively used at LHC;

Great progress in bump bonding pitch and yields;

Spinoff to imaging (MediPix)



Advantages include:

sophisticated signal processing on-pixel (TOT, trigger, sparsification, calibration, autocorrelation); decouple process for sensor and readout electronics;

Main Limitations are:

large(r) material budget, pixel cell size limited by electronics cell and interconnect (bump bonding) pitch (~40  $\mu$ m).

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#### Monolithic Active Pixel Silicon sensor (MAPS)



#### The MIMOSA 26 MAPS sensor



#### Achievement: MIMOSA-28 & STAR-PXL Detector (+ spin-offs)

MIMOSA-28: 1st CPS equipping a subatomic phys. experiment (STAR at RHIC/BNL)
 σ<sub>RΦ,Z</sub> ≃ 3.7 μm; thickness ≃ 50 μm; 970,000 pixels over 2x2 cm<sup>2</sup>; > 10<sup>6</sup> part./cm<sup>2</sup>/s
 3 data taking campaigns (2014–16) ⇒ state-of-the-art of the technology



- AIDA BT: 4 millions of pixels per plane (4x4  $cm^2$ ,  $< 0.1\% X_0$ )
- BT part of LNF permanent infrastructure (450 MeV e<sup>-</sup>)
- telescope for hadrontherapy (GSI), etc.
- demonstrator for inner tracker upgrade of BES-3 expt. at BEPC/IHEP



Yasuo Arai TYL-FJPPL@Strasbourg May 11, 2017 https://rd.kek.jp/project/soi/TYL-FJPPL/1705TYL\_arai\_v1.pdf

### The HFT PXL at the STAR Detector in BNL





#### Foto credit BNL (2014)

https://www.bnl.gov/newsroom/news.php?a=24657

#### Used in Atlas IBL detector sides a and c https://cds.cern.ch/record/1971961/plots

(G.-F. Dalla Betta - Vertex 2007)





Distance between n and p electrodes can be made very short

#### extremely radiation hard detector

(low full depletion voltage and high CCE even at very high fluences)

#### Drawbacks:

- electrodes are (partially) dead regions
- feasibility of large scale production still to be assessed

## **3D Detector**



Richard Kaiser, Hybrid Pixel Detectors 08.12.2017

### **Silicon Drift Detector**



- In silicon drift detectors p<sup>+</sup> strips are implanted on both surfaces of the sensor complete depletion of the bulk from segmented n+ anodes located at one side of sensor
- A drift field transports the generated electrons parallel to the sensor surface to the readout electrodes  $n^{\!+}$

voltage divider network (resistors) connected to p-strips provides uniform drift field

• One coordinate is measured by signals on n+ anodes, the second by the drift time



Used in Alice ITS1 Layer 2

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### **Charge Coupled Devices**



• The charge is kept in the pixel and during readout shifted through the columns and through final row to a single signal readout channel

Shallow depletion layer, typically  ${\sim}15\mu m$ 

Relatively small signal





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• Slow device, hence not suitable for fast detectors

Possible improvement, e.g. parallel column readout
# Nothing else?

The following slides are from **Gianluigi Casse** lectures at the XXXII INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR of NUCLEAR and SUBNUCLEAR PHYSICS "Francesco Romano" 7-11 June 2021

https://agenda.infn.it/event/21318/

## Detecting single photons

A mip in a 300 $\mu$ m thick Si-detector releases 24ke, and need low noise amplification. Here we talk about 1 electron.



#### SOLID-STATE DETECTORS WITH INTERNAL GAIN

- process: multiplication of carriers via impact ionization

- Advantages: low-bias, compact, rugged, insensitive to magnetic field.



#### SPAD: drawbacks

- Limited active area: 20µm ÷ 200µm
- Cannot count the number of photons



G. Casse, XXXII INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR of NUCLEAR and SUBNUCLEAR PHYSICS "Francesco Romano" The Silicon Photomultiplier (SiPM)

#### SiPMs are arrays of small SPADs connected in parallel.

Each SPAD employs a passive quenching mechanism.



## The Silicon Photomultiplier

A SiPM is a <u>single-photon detector</u>, with internal signal amplification, fabricated on CMOS-compatible silicon wafers.

#### Capabilities of SiPMs:

- <u>Detection of single photons</u> in the visible / NIR range with simple (low power) readout electronics.
- Excellent timing performance: down to 50 ps FWHM.
- Few-photon or many-photon counting capabilities. depending on



#### The Silicon Photomultiplier (SiPM)



• Each element is independent and gives the same signal when fired.





#### Silicon Photomultiplier (SiPM)









- composed of square SPAD e.g. 40x40  $\mu m^2$
- Active area of 1x1mm<sup>2</sup> up to 10x10mm<sup>2</sup>
- Different package and connections.
- TILE of SiPMs to cover big areas.
- Typically coupled to scintillators for gamma-ray detection (e.g. medical imaging, physics experiments)



3.23 cm

G. Casse, XXXII INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR of NUCLEAR and SUBNUCLEAR PHYSICS

"Francesco Romano"

## More?

#### LGAD Technology

Inspiration from the multiplying irradiated detectors. Development in CERN/RD50. A "gain layer" is included in the structure (local doping enrichment with to activate the impact ionization). Termination structure JTE for stability.

- Silicon detectors that look like a normal pixel or strip sensor, but with a much larger signal (internal Gain in the range ~ 10 – 20)
- High signals also with thin silicon substrates
- Better timing performance
- Easy to be segmented
  - Low gain -> low excess noise



## The ALICE Detector: from ITS1 to ITS2



#### Inner Tracking System (ITS)



Layer	Det.	Radius (cm)	Length (cm)	Surface (m2)	Chan.	Spatial precision (mm)		Cell (µm2)	Max occupancy central PbPb	Material Budget	Power dissipation (W)	
						rφ	5		(%)	(% X/X <sub>0</sub> )	barrel	end-cap
1	SPD	2.9	28.2	0.21	9.8M	12	100	50x425	(2.1)	1.14	1.35k	30
2		7.6	28.2						0.6	1.14		
3	SDD	15.0	44.4	1.31	133 K	35	25	202x294	2.5	1.13	1.06k	1.75k
4		23.9	59.4						1.0	1.26		
5	SSD	38.0	86.2	5.0	2.6M	20	830	95x40000	4.0	0.83	850	1.15k
6		43.0	97.8						3.3	0.86		

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#### Monolithic Active Pixel Silicon sensor (MAPS)



#### ALPIDE chip: a MAPS sensor for ALICE ITS2 and MFT upgrade



#### Technology

- TowerJazz 180 nm CMOS Imaging Process
- High-resistivity (> 1kΩ cm) p-type epitaxial layer (25 µm) on p-type substrate
- Small n-well diode (2 μm diameter), ~100 times smaller than pixel (~30 μm)
   → low capacitance (~fF)
- Reverse bias voltage (-6 V <  $V_{BB}$  < 0 V) to substrate to increase depletion zone around NWELL collection diode
- Deep PWELL shields NWELL of PMOS transistors

#### Key features

- In-pixel amplification and shaping, discrimination and Multiple-Event Buffers (MEB)
- In-matrix data sparsification
- On-chip high-speed link (1.2 Gbps)
- Low total power consumption < 47 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>

ALPIDE chip used for many other applications: ALICE MFT, sPHENIX MVTX, etc...



MFT

Slide from: CERN Detector Seminar - S. Beolé, 15/09/2023

#### **ALPIDE Chip Design requirements**



Pixel Chip Requirements					
Parameter	Inner Barrel	Outer Barrel	ALPIDE		
Silicon thickness	50µm	100µm	V		
Spatial resolution	5µm	10µm	~ 5µm		
Chip dimension	15mm x	~			
Power density	< 300mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	< 100mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	< 40mW/cm <sup>2</sup>		
Event-time resolution	< 30	~ 2µs			
Detection efficiency	> 99	~			
Fake-hit rate *	< 10 <sup>-6</sup> /ev	<<< 10 <sup>-6</sup> /event/pixel			
NIEL radiation tolerance **	$1.7 x 10^{13} 1 MeV n_{eq}/cm^2$	10 <sup>12</sup> 1MeV n <sub>eq</sub> /cm <sup>2</sup>	~		
TID radiation tolerance **	2.7Mrad	100krad	tested at 350krad		



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#### **ITS Upgrade Overview:**

- 12.5 Gigapixels
- ~ 10 m<sup>2</sup> active surface









- 192 staves: 90 (OL) 54 (ML), 48 (IL)
- Staves are composed by two type of modules:
- Inner Barrel: modules of 9 Chips
- Outer Barrel (Outer Layers and Middle Layers): Modules of 14 Chips







#### **Chip Connections inside Modules**







#### **Module Assembling Procedure**





Every chip will be aligned with a automatic machine within a space precision of about 5 µm,
then the FPC will be glued

on top of them,
after that the connection between Chip pads and FPC will be realized with wire bonding.



#### Module wire bonding procedure

Flexible Printed Circuit (FPC)





#### Module ready for characterization





## **Studies for Large area bent sensors**

The ALICE ITS3 trackerReport number:CERN-LHCC-2019-018 ; LHCC-I-034Title:Letter of Intent for an ALICE ITS Upgrade in LS3Author(s):Musa, LucianoDOI10.17181/CERN-LHCC-2019-018Web:https://cds.cern.ch/record/2703140

Stitching is a technology that allows the fabrication of an image sensor that is larger than the field of view of the lithographic equipment. In this technology, the reticles which fit into the field of view of that equipment are placed on the wafer with high precision, achieving a tiny but well defined overlap. In this way, wafer-scale sensors can be manufactured

> Stitching technology and sensor tinning can allow The realization of large area bent detectors



The half-layers are arranged inside the half-barrel. They have a truly (half-) cylindrical shape, with each half-layer consisting of a single large pixel chip, which is curved to a cylindrical shape.  $^{61}$ 

## **Studies for Large area bent sensors**

See: https://ep-news.web.cern.ch/content/alice-its3-clears-major-milestone





The "µITS3" assembly, based on 6 ALPIDE chips that are bent to the target radii of ITS3 (2 chips each at 18, 24, and 30 mm).

This sensor is also candidate as vertex silicon detector for the ePIC detector at the future EIC Collider in BNL (https://wiki.bnl.gov/EPIC/index.php?title=Si\_Vertex\_Tracker) 62

### End part 1

# **Thanks for you attention!**

### comments, questions ... suggestions ?

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# **Back-up slides**

ICHEP 2020 Conference: Benedetto Di Ruzza *Proton and x-ray irradiation of silicon devices at the TIFPA-INFN facilities in Trento (Italy)* slides: https://indico.cern.ch/event/868940/contributions/3815732 proceeding: DOI: 10.22323/1.390.0685; https://pos.sissa.it/390/685

16<sup>th</sup> "Trento" Workshop on Advanced Silicon Radiation Detectors 2021: Benedetto Di Ruzza Ionizing and Non-Ionizing Energy Loss irradiation studies with 70-230 MeV protons at the Trento Proton Therapy Center slides: https://indico.cern.ch/event/983068/contributions/4223200

#### WEBLINKS

- Trento Institute for Fundamental Physics and Applications (TIFPA): https://www.tifpa.infn.it/about-tifpa
- TIFPA Activity Reports: https://www.tifpa.infn.it/contacts/downloads
- Bruno Kessler Foundation (FBK): https://www.fbk.eu/en

# **WEB References**

TIFPA-INFN:www.tifpa.infn.itAPSS:https://protonterapia.provincia.tn.it/engPhysics UniTN:https://www.physics.unitn.it/enBiology UniTN:https://www.cibio.unitn.itIBA:https://iba-worldwide.com

#### **Trento Proton Therapy Center:**

Experimental Area info and Beam Time applications: http://www.tifpa.infn.it/sc-init/med-tech/p-beam-research

#### **TIFPA Activity Reports:**

https://www.tifpa.infn.it/contacts/downloads

Experimental area beam characterization:

REF1 – Proton beam characterization in the experimental room of the Trento Proton Therapy facility

F. Tommasino et al. NIM A 869 (2017) 15-20.

DOI: http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2017.06.017

**REF2** – A new facility for proton radiobiology at the Trento proton therapy centre: Design and implementation

F. Tommasino et al. Physica Medica 58 (2019) 99–106

DOI: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ejmp.2019.02.001

## INTRODUCTION

Lecture 1 26/9, 2 - 5 pm :	Introduction to silicon sensors – Use of silicon sensors as imaging and tracking devices in HEP, space mission and medical applications
Lecture 2 27/9, 2 - 5 pm :	Silicon Sensors radiation hardness
Lecture 3 28/9, 2 - 4 pm :	Medical application of photons and charged particles for cancer treatment – Facilities for radiation therapy – Dose measurement devices



### The TIFPA-INFN x-ray irradiation Laboratory



# Cabinet Xstrahl RS225

X-Ray Tube Output Limits				
Voltage	Up to 220kV			
Current	1.0mA to 30mA			
Power	3000W (broad focus for designated stability)			
	X-Ray Cabinet Dimensions			
Height	2010mm			
Width	1105mm			
Depth	960mm			
Weight	1100kg			
Lead Shie	elded Irradiation Chamber Dimensions			
Height	650mm			
Width	570mm			
Depth	600mm			





Focal Spot Distance and Irradiation Field Size (Dimensions in mm) RS225 (above) and RS320 (below).

In this set-up configuration the x-ray uniform spot is a circumference of 4.5 cm radius and can be used for sensors or electronic circuits TID •characterization studies requiring total dose of the order of 1-50 Mrad.

# R-X support plane




## **Tungsten emission spectrum**



## The TIFPA-INFN x-ray irradiation Laboratory



Considered tube configuration: tungsten anode, 0.8mm Be window; 40kV anode tension, 20mA current, 0.180 mm Al filter, 20 cm FSD target position.

(\*) https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ejmp.2020.04.026

In order to use the PTW Farmer Chamber dose measurement system, preliminary comparison framer chamber vs calibrated diode read-out were performed in the Padova INFN x-ray station using exactly the planed SiPM radiation field. In this way was evaluated the read-out ratio farmer chamber dose/Si dose .



### Diode - Farmer Chamber doserate comparison at the Padova x-ray irradiation laboratory



#### **Residuals Ratio Diode Doserate/PTW Doserate**

× SiO2/PTW Res ■ Si/PTW Res



Slide from Marc Poizat: https://indico.cern.ch/event/635099/contributions/2570674/attachments/1456398/2248961/ Radiation\_Effects\_and\_RHA\_ESA\_Course\_9-10\_May\_2017\_TID\_MP\_FINAL.pdf



## **Case application: FBK SiPM Irradiations**



#### Overview of the irradiation set-up



SiPM online characterization system (FBK)

> Farmer chamber and SiPM support (FBK)



#### For results see: DOI: 10.1016/j.nima.2022.167502

# IAEA documents



Diagnostic Radiology Physics: a Handbook for Teachers and Students - chapter 5, 15

https://www.oncolink.org/cancer-treatment/radiation/types-of-radiation-therapy/ proton-therapy/overviews-of-proton-therapy/proton-therapy-behind-the-scenes





https://www.drmanojsharmaoncology.com/proton-therapy



https://oncologymedicalphysics.com/diode-detectors/





Image Credit: NASA/SOHO

- But devices with charge multiplication were already there:
  - Avalanche Photodiodes (APDs)
    - Photodiodes Gain=1
    - APD Gain=100-1000
    - Geiger mode (SPAD/SiPM) Gain~1E7





For HEP (particle detection, not photons)

- Keep charge information (linearity, not Geiger mode)
- But APDs are too noisy due to gain

Initial idea was APD with "low Gain" (~10-20) to compensate charge loss after irradiation *P. Fernandez (PhD thesis, 2014)* 

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#### **Microstrip detector - Polysilicon bias**



Top view of a strip detector with polysilicon resistors:



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CMS-Microstrip-Detector Close view of area with polysilicon resistors, probe pads, stip ends.



CMS Collaboration, HEPHY Vienna

#### SPAD: working principle



- 1. Biased (V<sub>a</sub>) ABOVE breakdown voltage (with excess bias Vex)
- 2. Single photon or thermally generated carrier switches on avalanche process (with a certain probability) → macroscopic current
- 3. Avalanche has to be quenched by external circuit → quenching circuit: Passive quenching in SiPMs (large resistance: usually > 300 kOhm)
- 4. Bias reset above breakdown voltage  $\rightarrow$  dead time.