

# **Development status and plan for precision** timing detector(LGAD)



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#### Recent developments

- ♦ <u>Successfully developed AC-LGAD detector with both time and spatial resolution.</u>
  - ♦ Good SN ratio samples with 80um pitch strip and 100um x100um pitch pixel detector
  - ♦ 20um active thick sensor achieved 20ps timing resolution!
- Recently detailed understanding of developed device are on-going
  - ♦ Gain measurement by the samples w/ and w/o gain layer. 堀越君
  - ♦ Signal sharing study for large pitch with small electrodes. 村山君
  - ♦ Quantitative understanding of Charge Collection Noise by simulation. 西野君

#### ♦ <u>New prototype and future development</u>

- ♦ Readout Electronics for hybrid pixel detector 中村
- Monolithic AC-LGAD detector (funding requests)



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### Impact for tracker with time resolution

- Collider experiment gets high energy and high intensity. →Future Tracking detector should have timing information for all hits!
- Tentative Requirement

  - (hadron collider) ~ $o(10^{16})n_{eq}/cm^2$  radiation tolerance

ATLAS Simulation Preliminary

 $\sqrt{s} = 14 \,\text{TeV}, t\bar{t}, (\mu) = 200$ 



#### Mass spectrum for new particle



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Solve pileup hits in an event

4D tracking

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ATLAS Simulation Preliminary



150ps difference at R=1m



#### Low Gain Avalanche Diode (LGAD)

 $\Leftrightarrow$  General *n*<sup>+</sup>-in-*p* type sensor with *p*<sup>+</sup> gain layer under *n*<sup>+</sup> implant to make very high Electric Field at the surface.

 $\rightarrow$  Good timing resolution.

**♦ 30ps timing resolution achieved already in 2015.** 





#### Gain measurement :



# Charge Collection Noise (Landau Noise)

- For Minimum Ionization Particle (MIP), charge deposition is not uniform depth profile.
  - ♦ This effect makes timing resolution get worse.
    - \* The slower turn on for charge at deep region. (the thinner sensor the better)
    - \* Signal increase by depth but saturated at some point (25um in simulation)



$$I_{ind} = \sum_{i} \mathbf{q}_{i} \vec{v}_{drift,i} \cdot \vec{E}_{w,i}$$

#### Non-Uniform charge deposition



Thinner active thickness will help to reduce the effect 50um thick sensor : ~30ps CCN  $\rightarrow$  35ps in actual device achieved. 20um thick sensor : ~15ps CCN  $\rightarrow$  20ps in actual device achieved.  $\rightarrow$  10um thick sensor?

Smaller signal size (worse jitter) but better CCN.

# Radiation tolerance of LGAD detector

#### ♦ Like normal silicon device

- ♦ Bulk damage (NIEL) : Si lattice damage
- ♦ Surface damage (TID) : charge up at  $SiO_2$ -Si
- ♦ In addition "Acceptor Removal"
  - $\Leftrightarrow$  *p*+ in Gain layer reduced





Acceptor removal (low p+ concentration) introduce weaker field : → Need higher voltage to keep high electric field at gain layer



# Why "Acceptor removal" is an issue?

- ♦ The issue is :
  - ♦ Active shallow acceptors are no longer active by defect.
  - ♦ Increase gain voltage by fluence.
- Possible maximum operation voltage
  - ♦ Single Event Burnout (SEB) happens if MIP particle deposited relatively high(~10MeV) energy at high electric field region.
  - ♦ This happened only ">12V/um average E field" independently by the gain layer concentration or radiation fluence.





#### Single Event Burnout





#### New idea for improvement of Radiation Tolerance?

- Protection of p+ gain layer is a key point to reduce Acceptor removal
- ♦ New ideas
  - Carbon annealing (confirmed by FBK)
    - ♦ Improvement is just a factor of 2 or so...
  - ♦ Compensation method
    - ♦ Add Boron + Phosphorus
    - \* If acceptor removal is smaller than donner removal this method should work!
  - ♦ Partially activated Boron (PAB)
    - \* Large number of Bi at the beginning to clean up Oi



#### **Interstitial Boron**

# Carbon annealing

- ♦ ATLAS HGTD people studied a lot about carbon doping on p+ layer
  - ♦ Sensors with Carbon survive up to 2e15neq/cm2 : Vop can be below 550V
  - $\diamond$  ~300V lower Vop after 2e15neq/cm2 irradiation.
  - $\Leftrightarrow$  HPK don't process carbon dope so far. ( $\rightarrow$ now trying with us though)





### Compensation method



Both Boron(p+) and Phosphorus(n+) are doped.

- $\diamond$  Operating with effective p+ (difference of p+ and n+)
  - ♦ It should work if donor removal is faster than acceptor removal
- ♦ Due to the mass difference of Boron and Phosphorus, depth profile of p+ and n+ are slightly different. (effective dope is not simple Gaussian like depth profile)

HPK could successfully produced working LGAD with a few types of compensation parameters.

Performed a couple of Irradiation Campaign at CYRIC 1B (reference), 1.5B+0.55P, 2.5B+1.5P, 5B+4.05P, 10B+9.2P B: Boron P: Phosphorus



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Fluence [10<sup>14</sup> neg/cm<sup>2</sup>]

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We have new compensation sample with Carbon → Shipped to JSI for irradiation.

 $10^{-13}$ 

10-15

 $c_{\rm A} \, [{\rm cm^2}]$ 



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#### Partially-Activated Boron

- ♦ If non-activated Boron are remaining:
  - ♦ Probably Oi is cleaned up by Bi+Oi->BiOi process.
- Doped larger Boron but baked with lower temperature not<sup>Su</sup> to activate all Boron. (i.e. lots of Bi with some Bs)
  - ♦ First prototype shows very low Vbd before irradiation. (i.e. too much active Bs) : x2.5 Boron doped, baked at 500°C
    - ♦ No signal observed.
  - ♦ Second prototype : 1B completely baked. Dope additional 0.5 or 1 Boron without baking. (i.e. 1B+0.5PAB, 1B+1PAB)
     Image: PAB2022



S.Oosterhoff et. al. Solid-State Electronics, 28(5) 1985 TCHoU meeting



Partial Activate

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#### Partially activated Bolons (PAB)



#### Partially-Activated Boron results

- ♦ As a results of PAB samples :
  - ♦ All different type of PAB samples don't show significant improvement.
    - ♦ May be assumption was wrong?
    - \* Recently observed very high Oxygen contamination in the Epi layer by SIMS.
      - ♦ Not enough Non-Active Boron?
      - ♦ Does this work for the wafers with smaller Oxygen contamination?







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### Readout Electronics

- Various ASIC developed for ATLAS/CMS/EIC detector (i.e. ALTIROC/ETROC/EICROC)
- Low noise pre-amplifier and Comparator with time walk
   correction is important for timing resolution.
  - ♦ Still signal size based time walk correction is popular method
  - Recently Constant Fraction Discriminator is implemented to the ASIC by Fermilab group.









### Si-Ge ASIC

- ♦ Si-Ge Bi-CMOS ASIC : IHP 130nm process designed by Uni. Geneva
  - ♦ Originally the architecture developed for monolithic detector.
  - $\diamond$  100um x 100um pitch 10x10 input electrodes.
  - ♦ There are 3ch analog readout and 1ch discriminator output.



#### Fulvio Martinelli et. al. Si-Ge Bi-CMOS



Figure 5.3: Front-end configurations for each mini-block in the pad matrix.



#### Si-Ge ASIC test

- ♦ Use analog channels to readout signal and check by Oscillo scope.
- ♦ Design issue : input resistor located under WB pad  $\rightarrow$  short in very high probability...
- Only one channel connected to Discriminator output is working!



Differential discriminator signal has been observed. Will try to solve WB issue.



### Conclusion & Future

Fine Mur ACLGAD with 80um pitch strip sensor Good S/N ratio : 99.98% at 1e-4 noise rate ACLGAD with 100um x 100um pixel sensor Larger signal than strip sensor!!

G000 un 20um thick ACLGAD successfully developed We achieved ~20ps level time resolution! → Need to test pixelated LGAD

Home I LGAD detector with Radiation tolerance Tested Compensation and Partially activated Boron : both are not promising →Next Compensation with carbon

#### Large prototype

- ♦ 20mm x 20mm sensor flip-chipped to ITkpix chip. → Gain Uniformity
- Better timing resolution
  - ♦ Need 10um thick AC-LGAD
  - $\diamond$  Small signal  $\rightarrow$  Low noise ASIC development

#### Monolithick AC-LGAD

- Low material (for e+e-)
- Fast production rate.
- No bonding Capacitance.



• Adapt high speed output

Hybrid AC-LGAD

• Good Radiation hardness





### Conclusion & Future





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## How to improve the timing resolution?

50% threshold

50% threshold

discriminator signal for A

discriminator signal for B

Two reasons which make worse timing resoulution :



Different arrival time for small and large signals

This is a matter of arrival time definition.



Size of noise

Slope of vol.

Size of signal

Ramping time

 $\sigma_n$ 

#### Solution

To make smaller jitter

- Larger signal

Faster signal turn on and good S/N ratio should be the key to improve timing resolution

### Two approach

#### Readout ASIC (amplifier) with smaller noise

- ♦ 3D detector with CMOS ASIC
  - ♦ Time Spot

Monolithic detector with Si-Ge BiCMOS

Monolith (Univ. of Geneva) by IHP

**The Making sensor with larger signal and faster turn on** 



These two approaches may realize at the same time.

### Timing resolution of LGAD sensor full picture

$$\sigma_t^2 = \sigma_{tw}^2 + \sigma_j^2 + \sigma_L^2$$

 $\sigma_{tw}$ :Time walk

#### $\sigma_i$ : Jitter (electronics)

### $\sigma_L$ : Charge collection noise

Charge Collection noise : 50um thick sensor : ~30ps timing resolution 20um thick sensor : ~15ps timing resolution Thinner sensor should have better timing resolution.  $= \frac{\sigma_n}{\left|\frac{dV}{dt}\right|} = \frac{\sigma_n}{\left|\frac{S}{t_r}\right|} = \frac{t_r}{\left|\frac{S}{\sigma_n}\right|}$ 

S : pulse height  $\sigma_n$  : Noise  $t_r$  : rise time

#### Pros and Cons of Low Gain Avalanche Detector

• Pros

- LGAD have gain : x35 times larger signal size
  - Should be a lot better jitter.
- Having slightly faster turn on (To be confirmed)
- Cons
  - LGAD have Charge Collection noise
    - Thinner sensor have smaller noise
      - But thinner sensor have smaller signal
- Finally important point is jitter of ASIC i.e.  $\sigma_n$ 
  - If smaller  $\sigma_n$  possible, 10um thick LGAD with 10ps resolution may be possible?

# Spatial resolution of LGAD

#### ♦ Segmented LGAD :

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- Uniform gain layer with AC-Coupled electrode. (AC-LGAD)
  - ♦ In principle, 100% fill factor.
  - ♦ Signal shared on neighboring electrodes.
    - $\Leftrightarrow$  Need optimization of n+ resistivity





### AC-LGAD collaboration



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### AC-LGAD sensors

• Read out principle of AC-LGAD



Assuming Z<sub>Cbulk</sub>,Z<sub>cint</sub>>>Z<sub>Ccp</sub>...

$$Q = \frac{Z_{R_{imp}}}{Z_{R_{imp}} + Z_{C_{cp}}} Q_0$$

 $\diamond$  Amount of produced charge:Q<sub>0</sub>

♀ ◇ Readout Charge :Q



#### • Additional cross talk is expected due to the inter electrode capacitance C<sub>int</sub>

- Amount of cross talk may also depend on input capacitance on the electronics.
- Effect must be understood  $\rightarrow$  Sensor with smaller Cint should be important

### How small electrode could we achieve?

Used thinner di-electric layer (Oxide layer) → Electrode capacitance increased by factor o

#### Pixel sensor







#### 5 times larger Ccp compared with E-b (2020) type : E-600



50um pitch electrode sensor has not been yet tested due to difficulty of wire bonding.

#### How small electrode could we achieve?

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E120

C120

- Compared signal size of 6 types  $C_{cp}/R_{imp}$ .  $\bullet$ 
  - 150um pixel sensors
  - Two n+ resistivity types and 3 Ccp types
- Compared signal size of 3 pixel size  $\bullet$ 
  - 100/150/200um pitches are compared.



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E240

**C240** 

**E600** 

**C600** 

### Measurement of timing resolution

♦ Measurement of timing resolution for fine electrode sensors are challenging.

♦ Taking time if we use two layer coincidence



Infra-Red (pico sec) laser



Timing resolution $\sigma_t^2 = \sigma_{tw}^2 + \sigma_j^2 + \sigma_L^2$  $\sigma_{tw}$ :Time walk $\sigma_j$ : Jitter (electronics) MIP IR $\sigma_L$ : Landau noise MIP

- Photek PMT240 (MCP-PMT)
  - Mes. Of timing resolution to MIP
  - 9ps PMT240 resolution (reference)
  - Don't know injecting position.
- Infra-red (pico sec) laser
  - Known injecting position(Size: 1.8um)
    - 5ps jitter
  - No landau noise

### Timing resolution results



20um sensor have smaller landau term in timing resolution.

Scattering effect of beta-ray measurement should be affected  $\rightarrow$  Testbeam measurement

Timing resolution measurement at testbeam
Results for 2x2 pad sensors with 50um, 30um and 20um thickness
Signal size (amplitude) is smaller in thinner sensors.
20um thick sensor has the best timing resolution : ~20ps

♦ Uniform timing resolution at the gap region as well.



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#### Two approaches to have good spatial resolution

#### ♦ Fine pitch electrode approach

- ✤ For High occupancy experiment like hadron collider.
- ♦ Reduce crosstalk (charge sharing)
  - ♦ High n+ implant resistivity
- Pros. : smaller occupancy and smaller data size like digital readout
- ♦ Cons. : Limitation of spatial resolution by electrode size. # of channels get huge...

Fine pitch strip with narrow A1 (to reduce inter strip cap.)



HPK strip/pixel approach

- <u>Charge sharing approach</u>
  - For lepton collider or other low occupancy colliders.
  - Reconstruct particle position using charge sharing (charge fraction to next channels)
    - Relatively low n+ implant resistivity
  - Pros. : Very good spatial resolution if high resolution ADC used.
  - Cons. : Smaller signal size. Need high resolution ADC.



HPK pad and BNL sensor approach

# Is Strip type electrode possible?

✤ For collider experiments, outer layers should use Strip type electrode to reduce readout channels.



#### Successfully developed Good S/N 80um pitch strip detector!

However, the signal size is much smaller than pixel sensors



#### Why so small signal?

#### How much effect of interstrip capacitance?

Significantly smaller signal compared with pad type detector. **How much signal attenuation in the strip?** 

This might affect to the signal size un-uniformity and delay of signal readout.

### Inter strip capacitance (Cint) effect

#### Strip sensor with cut line

Strip sensor which has different electrode length (to study inter electrode cap.)

Cutline







Where signal disappeared?

### Inter strip capacitance (Cint) effect



### Removal of Dopant

 $\diamond$  Active dopant will reduce by exponential function by fluence ( $\Phi$ )

 $N_A(\emptyset) = N_A(0) \cdot e^{-C_A \emptyset}$  $N_D(\emptyset) = N_D(0) \cdot e^{-C_D \emptyset}$ 

#### Any idea of CA and CD from past measurement?

CD=2.4 x 10<sup>-13</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> for phosphorus and CA=2.0 x 10<sup>-13</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> for boron in very high resistivity p-type and n-type materials (>1kΩcm).
→ How about lower resistivity ? (like 1 x 10<sup>16</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup> p+ concentration)

Compensated effective p+ gain layer will change by following formula

$$N_A(\emptyset) - N_D(\emptyset) = N_A(0) \cdot e^{-C_A \emptyset} - N_D(0) \cdot e^{-C_D \emptyset}$$

#### Donor removal









# Radiation tolerance results of Compensation LGAD

#### Three different conditions are compared $\otimes$

- ♦ Boron and Phosphorus doping
  - ♦ 2.5B+1.5P
  - ♦ 1.5B+0.55P
  - ♦ 1B (reference)
- ♦ 3 different fluence points (non-irrad, 6e14, 3e15 neq/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Result shows not very promising  $\otimes$ 
  - $\diamond$  All three samples show very similar IV.
  - ♦ This probably means CA=CD

 $\overline{N_A(\emptyset) - N_D(\emptyset)} = N_A(0) \cdot e^{-C_A \emptyset} - N_D(0) \cdot e^{-C_D \emptyset}$  $N_{A}(\phi) - N_{D}(\phi) = (N_{A}(0) - N_{D}(0)) \cdot e^{-C_{A}\phi}$ reference  $N_{A}(\emptyset) = N_{A}(0) \cdot e^{-C_{A}\emptyset}$ 

**Reduction of effective p+ must be the same** as non-compensated case



#### Next step:

Compensation with Carbon dope should be promising Samples will be ready by late summer Carbon effect :

Accelerate Donner removal

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### Idea for monolithic AC-LGAD detector

Hybrid Type AC-LGAD detector Monolithic type AC-LGAD detector **SOI** wafer Low resistivity Si SiO2 **Readout ASIC** GND High resistivity Si **Bump deposition** Bump bonding -**Current development** P-welN-wel P-welN-wel P-welN-well P-welN-well n+ p+ P-Bulk P-bulk