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Highlights of Poster Session "Blanc"

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26 contributions: mostly about SiPM

- Devices / characterization / models (11)
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- Applications (9)
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Poster ID 10 – Florian Wiest (KETEK GmbH) et al Recent Enhancements of the KETEK SiPM Device Performance with regard to PDE, Cross Talk and CMOS Compatibility

Subject: recent news from KETEK (about custom and CMOS process SiPMs) Results: 1) improved optical trench insulation → reduced cross-talk

- 2) thicker epitaxial layer \rightarrow wider PDE peak (extended toward green)
- 3) custom to CMOS technology transition ongoing: first results



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Poster ID 28 – John Murphy (Sens-L Tech. Ltd.) et al Low Cost CMOS SiPM with Ultra-Fast Timing

Subject: recent news from SensL \rightarrow new generation of p-on-n (custom process) devices Features: 1) very low dark noise (100kHz/mm²)

- 2) additional Fast Output \rightarrow fast timing, sharp signal
- 3) good Vbreakdown and optical uniformity (sdev \rightarrow few % level)





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Poster ID 70 – Paola La Rocca (INFN, UniCa) et al Fabrication, characterization and testing of silicon photomultipliers for the Muon Portal Project

Subject: large production by STMicroelectroncs \rightarrow characterization of SiPM 2x2 array for use with scintillator bars + WLS fibers in Muon Tomography Results: 1) batch O(10000) SiPM produced and encapsulated 2) standard functional static and dynamical tests MUON 60 (test device of 1 mm²) 3) ~85% production yield PDE ~ 35 % (Δλ=500-550 nm, OV = 4V) DCR ~ 500 kHz (0.5 pe, OV = 4V) CROSS TALK = 0.46% 35 30 [%] 25 MUON 60 1111 MUON 75 Wavelength Inm Entries 2087 Accepted 2087/2500 (83.5%) Mean 27.37Rejected 413/2500 (16.5%) 250 RMS 0.2074 Silicon PhotoMultipliers custom-made by STMicroelectronics MUON 60 ✓ n-on-p technology 200

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- ✓ 4 independent round shaped SiPMs ($\phi \sim 1.5$ mm):
 - \checkmark 2 MUON60 = SiPMs with 60 µm cell pitch
 - ✓ 2 MUON75 = SiPMs with 75 µm cell pitch
- ✓ Fill factor 67.4% (MUON60) and 73.8% (MUON75)





Poster ID 16 – Denis Pellion (CNRS Le2i) et al
Dark Count rate measurement in Geiger mode and simulation of a photodiode array, with CMOS 0.35 technology and transistor quenching

 Subject: investigation about SPAD fabricated with AMS "CMOS-Opto" technology (0.35µm)

 Results: 1) devices design and simulation: diffused guard ring and transistor quenching

 2) chip realization → electrical characterization, Breakdown and Dark count

 measurement. Setup for PDE measurement

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Figure 7: Dark count rate versus photodiode voltage at 22.5°C.



Poster ID 52 – Josef Blazej (Czech Tech Univ.) et al Effective dark noise reduction by modified SPAD gating circuit

Subject: New operation scheme of SPAD with active gating and quenching Results: Driving the excess voltage bias directly by the gate signal (instead of the output signal) results in effective reduction of after-pulsing noise. The shorter is the gate window, the more effective the scheme



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Poster ID 37 – Vladimir Zabrodskii (IPTI) et al SiPM prototype efficiency for direct VUV registration

Subject: Spectral properties of SiPM prototype in vacuum ultraviolet region (VUV)

- **Results:** 1) production of SiPM prototype \rightarrow analog type, passive quenching,
 - 10 pixels (p-on-n) diameter 100 µm, 50% fill factor
 - 2) very interesting discussion about superficial region composition and structure

and p-on-n vs n-on-p choice for VUV SiPM

3) Measured PDE ~ 4% in 112-180nm region





Poster ID 31 – Andrea Falcone (INFN and UniPv) et al VUV and UV scintillation light detection by means of SiPM working at cryogenic temperature

Hamamatsu

AdvanSiD

Subject: characterization of SiPMs at cryogenic temperature and with VUV light Samples: - AdvanSiD NUV-SiPM (optimized for UV, not for VUV region) and

- Hamamatsu VUV-MPPC (optimized for VUV region)
- Results: Samples compared: AdvanSiD NUV-SiPM and Hamamatsu VUV-MPPC
 - 1) breakdown voltage, quenching resistance, dark count rates, ...

2) PDE in VUV region (at room temperature)



SIPM RESPONSE TO VUV

To understand the response of the SiPMs at VUV light, we perform a wavelength dependent analysis, ranging from 120 nm to 220 nm. The system is composed by:

- a Deuterium lamp;
- a VUV monochromator;
- a reference photodiode.

We show the ratio between the current produced in the reverse biased SiPM and in the reference photodiode. As expected, the two SiPMs are sensitive to different regions of the VUV spectrum.



Poster ID 13 – Carsten Heidemann (RWTH Aachen) et al Optical test set up for Silicon Photo Multipliers

Subject: Test station for temperature dependent complete characterization of SiPMs

- Features: measurement of static and dynamics SiPM properties, noise (dark and correlated)
 - temperature stabilization; range: -36°C \rightarrow >60°C
 - absolute PDE measuremement both in CW and pulsed more; 250-1000 nm range



Reference detector

A calibrated PIN diode in combination with a sourcemeter is used to determine the light flux. The PIN diode is sensitive in the wavelength range from 250 nm to 1000 nm. In combination with the spectrometer the absolute light flux can be determined.



Cooling and stabilization

The Peltier-based cooling unit allows to maintain a constant temperature from about -36 °C to greater 60°C. This allows to simulate the environmental condition for many experiments.



Cooling unit: 3 Peltier elements stacked on a large aluminum heat sink with forced airflow. Isolation partly opened for taking photo

Multi purpose light source

The LED-based light source offers DC and pulsed operation mode of LEDs with different wavelength in the spectral range from 315 nm to 700 nm.



Spectra of the used LEDs for DC and pulsed operation mode



Poster ID 7 – Florian Scheuch (RWTH Aachen) et al Electrical characterization and simulation of SiPMs

Subject: electrical model of SiPM and related parameter measurements

- \rightarrow aim at best matching/design with front-end electronics
- Results: 1) improved (* w/reactive elements) version of circuit based on "F.Corsi etal" model
 - 2) measurement of relevant parameters (R, L, C) in wide frequency range and
 - as a function of over-voltage
 - 3) automatic procedure and temperature dependence foreseen





Poster ID 19 – Tim Niggemann (RWTH Aachen) G4SiPM: a novel silicon photomultiplier simulation package for Geant4

Subject: parametric simulation of SiPM response \rightarrow plug-in GEANT4

Results: 1) signal and noise (correlated and uncorrelated) are generated on a single cell basis accounting for the whole chain: including light source effects, entrance optics, photo-conversion, gain, recovery time and readout electronics effects
2) simulation validated by comparison with measurement of device response as a function of impinging photons (dynamic range)

Publicly available: forge.physik.rwth-aachen.de/projects/g4sipm



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Poster ID 43 – Sergey Vinogradov (UoL) et al
The effect of SiPM dynamics on performance of fast X-ray detectors in cargo inspection systems

Subject: Studies of SiPM response for reading out continuous modulated light signals with applications in X-rays cargo inspections or beam loss monitors

Results: Study of response dynamic evolution in time (waveform shape):

- 1) pulsed mode \rightarrow binomial distribution works well
- 2) continuous light, constant intensity \rightarrow non-paralizable dead time (exponential recovery)
- 3) continuous but amplitude modulated light (CML) \rightarrow in between !

 \rightarrow first approximation model for current waveform shape

Note: recovery time and after-pulsing \rightarrow high frequency cutoff in CML response





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Poster ID 46 – Fabio Acerbi (FBK) et al High single-photon time resolution SiPM

Subject: very accurate experimental study of SiPM intrinsic timing fluctuations: mainly dependence on device size by from single SPAD to SiPM

- **Results:** 1) main contribution at device level \rightarrow device capacitance
 - (signal propagation: second order effect; device uniformity: negligible contrib.)
 - 2) main contribution at single cell level \rightarrow lower field at cell edges
 - (with single cell, single photon resolution below 20ps "easily" reached)



Single-photon time resolution (FWHM) at $\lambda = 850 \ nm$

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 - for the 1x1 mm² SiPM: 115 ps at 7.5 V



Causes of SPTR worsening increasing the dimension of device?

- Measurement with pinhole
 - aood uniformity
 - this is not the limiting factor
- 2. Rising-edge slope decreases for bigger devices (higher capacitance)
 - first-approximation analysis indicates this is an important factor.



→ analysis of structural limiting factors

- 1. Metal ring all-around active area
 - Better signal extraction
- 2. Covering of the edge of active area
 - Better time resolution
 - FWHM ~ 20ps







Poster ID 4 – Elena Popova (MEPHI) et al Amplitude and Timing properties of a Geiger discharge in a SiPM cell

- Subject: avalanche discharge properties of a single SiPM cell (SPAD) as function of number of impinging photons (photo-electrons): by comparison measured waveform vs avalanche propagation model Results: 1) more ph.e → earlier avalanche and smaller jitter 2) same developed charge → higher and sharper waveform peak
 - 3) timing jitter limited by avalanche lateral spread



SPICE simulated pulses and total charge for one SiPM cell in case of single phe (green curves) and 100 phe (red curves)initial spots



Scope pulses for one SiPM cell in case of single phe (green curves) and many phe (red curves) initial spots

> main contribution longitudinal avalanche development

SPTR for single standalone SiPM cell



main contribution lateral spread



Poster ID 22 – Sergei Dolinsky (GE Global RC) et al Timing resolution performance comparison of different SiPMs

Subject: factors limiting time resolution of system SiPM+LYSO crystals for TOF-PET Results: Main contributions to system time resolution 1) Single photo electron (SPE) pulse shape: extent of falling tail (R quenching) → rise time of scintillator pulse 2) variance of signal propagation time from cell to anode/cathode 3) crystal longitudinal dimension Anyway: the various SiPM samples behave differently concerning pulse shape and dark rate were working at some DDF.





Poster ID 1 – Stefan Gundacker (CERN) et al On the comparison of analog and digital SiPM readout in terms of expected timing performance

Subject: simulation of systems composed by digital or analog SiPM + LSO for TOF-PET

→ comparison of timing performances w/ 511keV gammas

Note: analog SiPM w/ threshold discrimination → only 1 possible type of combination

of photons times (estimator of scintillation event time) → average time
digital SiPM provides all photons times of arrival → various possible "machine time"

→ two estimators tested: average time and max. likelihood time

Results: 1) simulation of system analog SiPM validated by comparison w/ CRT data

2) comparison of simulation: same best timing performances for analog and digital but digital allows higher threshold
NOTE: after-pulses and Xtalk not yet included in digital SiPM simulation



for different crystal lengths



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Poster ID 34 – Elvedin Tahirovic (JSI) et al Characterization of the Hamamatsu MPPC S11834 as a Photon Sensor for RICH

Subject: test of a system made by matrix 8x8 SiPM matrix (Hamamatsu) + quartz light concentrator (matrix of cones) for proximity focusing RICH light readout system Results: laser scan and test beam with electrons 5GeV across aerogel

1) Excellent light readout with SiPM also for Cherenkov detector (low light appl.):

→ high PDE and dark noise mitigated by light concentrator and time coincidence
 2) SiPM-concentrator optical coupling is critical: Cherenkov light is polarized



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Scan without (left) and with light concentrators on (right). Laser beam was focused to $\sigma = 50 \mu m$. The observed number of photons is 2.1 times higher in latter case. The empty bands are due to misalignment



Fig. 4. The response of the MPPC to linearly polarized light. The polarization axis on the two histograms differs by 90 degrees.



Hits distribution with respect to corresponding Cherenkov angle (left). Accumulated hits in Cherenkov angle space (right). Only 1/9 of the ring circumference was covered by one module.



Poster ID 49 – Matthieu Heller (DPNC UniGe) et al Characterization of large area SiPM for gamma-ray astronomy

Subject: new large area SiPM for use in Cherenkov telescope camera

- Results: 1) coupling w/ hollow hexagonal light concentrator w/ high efficiency (~90%)
 - 2) development w/ Hamamatsu of hexagonal large area (~95mm²) SiPM (4 ch.)
 → full characterization (static/dynamic, charge resolution, noise, PDE,...)
 - 3) Transimpedance Op Amp readout 2 channels in parallel
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 - \rightarrow analog sum of 4 channels \rightarrow sampling 12bit@250MS/s

Main issue: large total capacitance O(800pF)





Poster ID 61 – Amadeo Iborra (I3M Valencia) et al Detector block based on arrays of 144 SiPMs and monolithic scintillators: a performance study

Subject: on-line reconstruction of impact position of γ -ray on monolithic LYSO crystal. Scintillation light readout by SiPM matrix (5x5cm² active area /12x12 channels) Analog SiPM readout by 3 ASICs performing CoG and DOI reconstruction **Results:** trapezoidal crystal shape for reducing edge effects

- 1) wrapping by teflon or Enhanced Specular Reflector \rightarrow best energy and time res.
- 2) black painting on 5 sides \rightarrow best position resolution w/ few 20% worse energy





Poster ID 25 – Pablo Conde (I3M Valencia) et al Neural network positioning algorithm with dSiPMs and monolithic crystals

Subject: off-line reconstruction of impact position of γ-ray on monolithic LYSO crystal. Scintillation light readout by digital SiPM (3.26x3.26 cm² active area /64 channels) Results: Need black painting on 5 crystal sides; need peltier cooling of digital SiPM 1) measurements demonstrate that Neural Network reconstruction doesn't suffer compression → overperforming classical moments (CoG) method 2) accurate NN training is critical





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Poster ID 73 - Massimo Caccia (UINS) et al

A fast neutron detector for homeland security based on scintillation light by a noble gas sensed by Silicon Photomultiplier arrays

Subject: fast neutron detector based on high pressure ⁴He scintillation+WLS readout by SiPM Results: 1) prototype detector

- based on ARKTIS tube concept: ⁴He @180bar + reflector w/ WLS coating + windows + PMT \rightarrow substituted by SiPM 4x4 matrices
- SiPM have no problems in He \rightarrow inside the tube: no optical windows, more photons
- 2) very effective n/γ pulse shape discrimination (delayed coincidence scheme)

 $\rightarrow \gamma$ rejection ~ 10⁶ with n detection efficiency ~3%





Poster ID 40 – Alexander Ivashkin (INR RAS) et al Development of large size ZnS(Ag)/LiF neutron detector with dual SiPM readout

Subject: thermal neutron detection by sandwich (1x20cm² wide):

thin scintillator (ZnS(Ag)/LiF) bars // light guide + dual light readout w/ SiPM

- Results: 1) robust neutron signal (~25 ph.electrons per side)
 - 2) effective noise reduction by signal shaping + threshold + coincidence
 - → expected high neutron detection efficiency (50% w/ two LiF layers)





Subject: scintillator tile readout with SiPM for the ILC AHCAL $\rightarrow 10^7$ tiles 30x30x3 mm Note: Direct light readout (without WLS-fiber) is critical in terms of response uniformity Results: SiPM positioned in the center of tile and dimple milled in front of SiPM

- \rightarrow 13 photo-el./MIP + uniformity better than 8% + tile-tile crosstalk ~2.5%
- \rightarrow possible scintillator sandwich of scintillator planes







Poster ID 64 – Ryotaro Honda (Tohoku Univ.) et al A Beam position fiber counter with scintillation fibers and MPPC for high intensity beam handling

Subject: high intensity beam monitor (position and time structure) Results: - key elements: precision frame for fibers + precision soldering SiPM on PCB

- readout: ADC (EASIROC + bias SiPM) + TDC (on FPGA)
- 1) position resolution $<190\mu m$ with high degree of uniformity
- 2) time resolution <700ps and detection efficiency >97% up to 10MHz rate





Poster ID 67 – Hyojung Hyun (Kyungpook Univ.) et al Performances of the Photo-Diode Detectors for the T/BCD of the ISS-CREAM Experiment

Subject: Photo-Diode matrix reading out plastic scintillator planes

for e/p separation and triggering in cosmic ray experiment on ISS

- **Results:** key elements: 20x20 array of 2.3x2.3cm² Si PD (full depletion)
 - readout: 32 ch. VA-TA chip (Qamp + high dyn. range S/H). Epoxy connect. w/ PCB
 - 1) PD characterization + full system signal/noise measurement
 - 2) Thermal-Vacuum tests of whole flight module + Vibrational tests
 - → ready for integration in ISS-CREAM





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Poster ID 79 – Mikhail Bryushinin (IPTI) et al Detection of phase- and frequency-modulated optical signals using dynamic space-charge gratings in GaAs, Bi12TiO20 and SiC crystals

- Subject: Detection of frequency- and phase-modulated signals with applications in interferometric vibrometers and velocimeters and in photo-conductive and photo-refractive material characterization
- Results: 1) demonstration and characterization of pulse response resulting on dynamic space charge gratings from linear frequency modulation (LFM) of interfering beams 2) application: object unif. accelerating results in LFM → pulse shape yields measurement of both velocity and acceleration of object

3) discussion about photo-conducivity of crystals for non steady-state photo-EMF applications



Fig. 1. Scheme of excitation of the non-steady-state photo-EMF and two-wave mixing signals in photoconductive and photorefractive crystals.



Fig. 2. Pulse response of the GaAs adaptive detector to the frequency-modulated optical signal. λ =633 nm, I₀=240 mW/cm².



Fig. 3. Frequency transfer functions of the non-steady-state photo-EMF in SiC detectors preliminarily irradiated by reactor neutrons. λ =532 nm, I_0 = 110, 210, 540, 1100, 2200 mW/cm².



Subject: development of a spectrophotometer based on innovative silicon photo-detector Results: 1) development of new type of photo-detector selectively sensitive to the radiation spectrum, composed of a n-p Si junction and a n-doped Si Schottky barrier 2) development of an algorithm for disentangling the spectral components of the impinging light based on the analysis of the measured photo-current vs bias voltage 3) development of a compact spectro-photometer sensitive in the range 250-900nm





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