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A (Brief) History of Silicon Detectors for Particle Physics

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or Excellent Detectors for Excellent Science

In this talk:

- I look back on some of the beautiful silicon detectors developed for astro particle- and particle physics, and reflect on the impact MPI-Physik and HLL had and still have on the field.
- These detectors have shaped and are shaping particle and astro-particle physics and also found numerous applications in other science fields and commercial products.
- I finally look into the future of the field with some considerations on the impact expected by the next generation of silicon detectors
- Pre-history: 1940 1980
- Evolution: 1980 2000
- Modern times: 2000 Today
- Future

Outline:

Some Starting Remarks

and thank you words

All the HEP experiments always target for the **newest possible technology**.

Silicon areas need to be large, sensors and electronics must be radiation resistant, space requirements are tight.

Only specialized companies produce sensors in close collaboration with the HEP community.

The technology is similar but also sufficiently different to standard ASIC production, light structures are preferred to robust ones.

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- High electrical fields need better material purity, well-defined doping profiles, voltage robust designs.
- The HEP community encountered many problems along the way and succeeded in advancing many technological challenges. **Looking at the past always teaches useful lessons for the future.**
- **Many thanks to** the inspiring books of Gerhard Lutz, Frank Hartmann, Norbert Wermes, and others; and

to the many supporting discussions and material from Robert Klanner

The Very Early Days of Solid State Detectors The pre-history: 1940-1980

Idea of solid state ionization chamber and first successful realisations:

- 1943: first usable semiconductor detector, P.J. von Heerden, Utrecht "crystals (AgCl) could be sensitive to photoelectric effect, and also to $β$ and $α$ particles"
- 1949: first depleted detector, K.G. McKay, Bell (Ge pn junction)
- 1955 1965: Si mono-crystals available
- → surface barrier at several labs. (Oak Ridge, Chalk River, CEA, ...)
- \rightarrow gaseous diffusion of phosphorus
- main motivation: excellent E resolution for nuclear physics spectrometers 1961 G. Dearnaley, Harwell: first segmented detector: a pixel detector !
- 1970: first strip detectors

 Argonne, Fermilab, Karlsruhe, Southampton; for nuclear physics and nuclear medicine

1970: W.S. Boyle and G.E. Smith, Bell CCD pixels \sim 20x20 μ m² and 1 cm² area (e.g. used as electrical storage devices, imaging e.g. in astronomy)

The pre-history: 1940-1980

E field Traditional Silicon detector

Detection on Silicon Sensors

Silicon diode (pixel detectors)

Typical values for Si: • voltage 50 – 500 V • thickness 0.05 – 1 mm • collection time $5 - 50$ ns • diffusion few um • sensitive to light < ~1 µm, x-rays 0.2~20 keV charged particles

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1969: Si-detectors can also be used to detect minimum ionizing particles !

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Transfer of the Planar Process to Detector Fabrication

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The November revolution and its aftermath

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The pre-history: 1940-1980

Several HEP groups started to learn the art of silicon sensors and μ-electronics (in close collaboration with industry)

Fig. 6. The microstrip detector placed together with some amplifiers on the test board, which can be positioned in a beam.

- Si-strip sensor with 300 µm pitch
	- Demonstrate vertex reconstruction within the NA-11 experiment
	- Demonstrate capacitive charge division
	- (thanks to broken channels)
- Fundamental development in parallel to Si-detectors \rightarrow very large scale integration (VLSI)
- readout chips e.g. CAMEX: Fraunhofer Institute in collaboration with Gerhard Lutz et al., TUM;

Microplex: Hyams, Walker, Shapiro; …

The First Silicon Detectors for HEP Experiments

The quest of high precision resolution electronic detectors

NA-11/ NA-32 experiment: spectrometer for hadron physics

 $p Be \rightarrow charm + X$

1981: 6 planes Si-strip detectors

lifetimes $D⁺$, $D₀$, D_S , observation and mass of Ds, hadronic production of charm particles (QCD)

- resolution with 60 μm readout $\sigma = 5.4$ μm
- resolution with 120 μ m readout $\sigma = 7.8 \mu$ m

~ 90 participants > 11 from MPI

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\sigma_{geom}^2 = \left(\frac{\sigma_1 r_2}{r_2 - r_1}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_2 r_1}{r_2 - r_1}\right)^2
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- Add resolution in the third dimension: Rz

Silicon Vertex Detector for e+e- Colliders

The evolution: 1980-2000

 $\sigma^2_{MS} =$ Multiple Scattering contribution

The **next challenges**:

• Extend angular coverage

(simplified for only two layers)

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Silicon Vertex Detector for e+e- Colliders

The evolution: 1980-2000

First generation of vertex detectors at colliders:

- 1985: Proposal to add Silicon Vertex Detector to Mark II @ SLAC (Adolphsen et al.) \rightarrow impact parameter resolution ~20 µm
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Silicon Vertex Detector for Hadron Colliders

The radiation hard era: >2000

Following the pioneering success of NA32 and Mark II \rightarrow Si vertex detectors for all 4 LEP experiments, TeVatron, B-factories, HERA, RHIC and for all 4 LHC experiment

Optimisation steps:

- Radiation hard sensors and electronics
	- Small pixels pitch ~25-50 μm

The **next challenges**:

- Increasing luminosity = increasing particle fluence on detector $\rightarrow \phi \sim 10^{16}$ n cm⁻²
- High occupancy

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> Four layers of the tracker inner barrel inside the tracker outer barrel

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Investigation of radiation damage in silicon and defect engineering for rad.hard. detectors

- RD48 (ROSE) collaboration: development of Oxygen enriched FZ silicon (DOFZ). O-enrichment of about 2×1017 O/cm3 in normal detector processing
- Hamburg model (Gunnar Lindström et al.) model the NIEL scaling of radiation damage

Beyond Planar Pad Sensors

Silicon Drift Detectors

The Principle of Sideward Depletion

Detector length [^μm]

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The Principle of Sideward Depletion

first silicon-drift chambers were built at TU/MPI-München and were characterized by MPI-München in the NA32 experiment

Silicon Drift Detectors

The Family of Detectors Based on Sideward Depletion

- X-ray detection
- Astro-particle physics
- Photon science

Large area low noise detectors became feasible

Many variations in the design

Main fields of application:

• Flavour physics @ Belle II

Talk from Susanne Mertens

> Talk from Peter Križan

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Segmented Silicon Detectors

various design concepts

Tower/Jazz 65 nm CIS technology (CERN, DESY, IPHC...)

sensor and readout elements all-in-one

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 $R = 24$ mm

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 $R = 30$ mm

CMOS Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors

sensor and readout elements all-in-one

CMOS MAPS for ALICE ITS3 (Run 4):

(LOI: CERN-LHCC-2019-018, M. Mager)

- Three fully cylindrical, wafer-sized layers based on curved ultra-thin sensors $(20-40 \mu m)$, air flow cooling
- Very low mass, $< 0.02 0.04\%$ per layer

New CMOS TPSCo 65 nm technology

- Validated on Digital and Analog Pixel Test Structures
- Currently testing **stitching** for wafer scale sensors

up to 1015 cm-2 and 100 kGy (now 26 x 1.4 cm2)

[A. Kotliarov](https://indico.desy.de/event/34916/contributions/147108/attachments/83883/111295/Kotliarov_ALICE_ITS3_draft2.pdf)

 \rightarrow Efficiency $>$ 99.9% independent on bending radius

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Silicon Detectors with Gain

Signal pulse rise time ~ 1 ns Time resolution ~ 150 -200 ps

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drift velocity weighting field

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fast timing

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Silicon Detectors with Gain

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Gain layer:

• Charge multiplication in high electric fields: $G =$ Gain

extra doping layer creates a parallel plate capacitor with high field: $E \sim 300$ kV/cm, closed to breakdown

Ultra fast Silicon detector E field

> **key ingredient for high temporal resolution**

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LGAD: G = 10 - 20
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APD: G = 50 - 500
SiPM: G ~ 10⁵

Silicon devices with gain:

Hybrid Detectors

Low Gain Avalange Detectors fast timing

Sensors for 4D-Tracking:

- Position resolution: ~ 10 μm ~ 5% of electrodes distance
- Time resolution: ~ 25 ps for 50 μm sensors
- Radiation Hardness up to \sim 2 x 10¹⁵ cm⁻²

LGAD: Fill factor & performance improvements

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Ongoing:

Improve fill factor and signal homogeneity

Next employed in ATLAS / CMS fast timing layers

Hybrid Detectors

Low Gain Avalange Detectors

fast timing - with high fill factor

The field drop layer under the n+ pixels, suppresses the peaks of the electric field at the pixel edges and thus the edge breakdown

MARTHA Monolithic Array of Reach THrough Avalanche photo diodes

New LGAD development with 100% fill factor, Rainer Richter (HLL)

 $p+:=$ ~ 10¹⁶ /cm³ (type III doped) n++: ~ 10¹⁹ /cm³ (type V doped) Si: \sim 5 \times 10²² atoms/cm³

Bias: $> 30 V /$ Thickness: $\sim 1 \mu m$ $E > 300$ kV / cm

Silicon Photomultipliers

Single photon detection

SiPM

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250000 350000 450000 550000 650000 750000 **Field (V/cm) -**Electrons **-Holes**

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Silicon Photomultipliers

Single photon detection

- Understanding of fundamental properties
- Nuisance characterisation
- Design optimization
- Control of production process

Seminal work on SiPMs at MPG HLL: Dolgoshein, Renker, Lorenz, Otte, Ninković

and may others

Silicon Photomultipliers SiPMl - HLL

- simpler technology
- inherent diffusion barrier against minorities in the bulk \rightarrow less optical cross talk

Jelena Ninković (HLL), 2014 IEEE-NSS Radiation Instrumentation Early Career Award for her contributions to developments of SiPMs with bulk-integrated quench resistors, and of DEPFET active pixel vertex detectors

Idea:

Obtain higher PDE removing polysilicon resistor

Drawbacks:

• Vertical resistor matching requires thin wafers

in 20 years it became a ubiquitous detector

Silicon Photomultipliers Applications

Outlook A glance into the crystal ball

Silicon Detectors … still a "growing" field

Silicon Detectors

a continuous growth

Tremendous technological improvements

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- and other technologies for hybridisation
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After 28 nm \rightarrow FinFETs have a completely different geometry, do not seem so promising in terms of radiation hardness

Feature size or "Node" refers to the size of different features of a transistor including gate length and halfpitch specific of a semiconductor manufacturing process

 \sim first year of production

From solder bonding to bonding without Solder: Gold μ-pillar Thermo-Compression Bonding

65 – 250 nm (detector electronics in production in HEP) 28 nm (detector electronics under preparation)

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- 5 nm ~50 atom digital electronics of smart phones

Historical Development

Silicon detectors are getting bigger

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Remarkable: every decade the instrumented areas have increased by a factor of 10 while the numbers of channels in the largest arrays have increased by a factor of 100

Silicon sensors for trackers

Getting (even more) Organized The silicon detector community — grows

2024: The ECFA DRD3 Collaboration (Semiconductor Detectors)

Following the European Strategy for Particle Physics update in 2021 — European Detector Roadmap document — Definition of the Detector R&D Collaborations

Strategic/Targeted R&D projects

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a bright future ahead

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• … which leads to the need of HLL detectors for the future.

the furnace of great experts and creative minds with impressive equipment to invent the

BACKUP

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Erik H.M. HEIJNE Pavia, 5 December 2016

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Single photon detection

SiPM

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Single photon detection

Single Photon Time Resolution (SPTR) $<$ 150 ps FWHM (σ _{SPTR} = 65 ps) reached

Note: σt ∝ σsPTR/√Nprompt

SiPM

