$\Delta p \cdot \Delta q \ge \frac{1}{2} t$ 



### PXD9 Pilot run Metal system characterisation after Al2

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- Motivation
- Description of the measurement system
- Yield information
- System failures
- Conclusion and Future developments





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#### 2. Precision measurements at multiple gate rows to get info on:

- mean current value, pedestal spread
- threshold voltage and transconductance
- source contact distance effect

→ Such precision measurements were not foreseen in the first place and are consequently NOT POSSIBLE WITH THE CURRENT SETUP

→ The DAQ system needs **substantial improvements** (foreseen for the first half of April)!







For the pilot run we have 3 wafer: W30,W35 and W36.

Each wafer has 6 modules/chips:

- Inner forward (IF)
- Outer forward (OF1)
- Outer forward (OF2)
- Outer backward (OB1)
- Outer backward (OB2)
- Inner backward (IB)













### **Configuration #1:**

- SMU2 = All Clear (15V static voltage 4)
- SMU3 = All Gates (2V static voltage 3)
- SMU4 = Clear Gate (5V static voltage 2)
- SMU5 = Source (0V static voltage 1)







### **Configuration #2:**

- SMU2 = Source (0V static voltage 1)
- SMU3 = Clear Gate (5V static voltage 2)
- SMU4 = All Gates (2V static voltage 3)
- SMU5 = All Clear (15V static voltage 4)





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System description





- Probecard with 134 needles in total, arranged in two rows. 126 needles for the drain lines and 4 needles per row for the static voltages.
- Probecard is connected via two ribbon cables to a conversion board
- Conversion board distributes the currents to the SMUs and the voltages to the probecard
- The 126 drain lines are connected to 7 SMUs → 18 drain lines per SMU
- The 4 static voltages are connected to 1 SMU each
- 1 SMU is used for the current sweep
- 1 SMU is used for the single needle for the gate rows.
- → 13 SMUs in total





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First gate row						
	W30		W35		W36	
	opens	shorts	opens	shorts	opens	shorts
IF	0	83‡	0	0	0	0
OF1	1†*	0	0	0	0	0
OF2	0	0	0	0	0	0
OB1	0	2†	0	6*	0	0
OB2	1†	4***	0	5**	0	2†
IB	0	n.a.	bad	n.a.	0	n.a.

- \* Scratched during testing.
- \*\* Defect in the drain lines.
- \*\*\* Drain lines shorted by a dirt particle.
- + Fault not identified.
- \* Particle involving different drain lines.
  Bad = short between last gate and clear.
  ‡ Scratched by user during optical inspection. Last DCD not damaged.

Last gate row						
	W30		W35		W36	
	opens	shorts	opens	shorts	opens	shorts
IF	0	83‡	0	0	0	0
OF1	0	0	0	0	0	0
OF2	0	0	0	0	0	0
OB1	0	2†	0	6*	0	0
OB2	0	4***	0	5**	0	2†
IB	1	0	bad	bad	0	0

#### Modules currently in repair:

- W30: OB1 & OB2
- W36: OB2

Due to a discontinuity (layout bug) in the AG bus, the detection of shorts had to be performed on the last gate row test, while the detection of opens was still possible at the first gate row.

### Yield considerations of the metal system



Yield (%)						
	W30	W35	W36			
IF	75.0	100.0	100.0			
OF1	100.0	100.0	100.0			
OF2	100.0	100.0	100.0			
OB1	99.8	99.4	100.0			
OB2	99.6	99.5	99.8			
IB	100.0	0	100.0			

Yield calculated taking into account the following equation:

$$Yield(\%) = \frac{1}{10} \cdot [D - D_S]$$

With D the total number of drain lines (1000) and  $D_s$  the number of drain lines involved in the short.

Rainer's Yield Criteria					
	W30	W35	W36		
IF	3	0	0		
OF1	0	0	0		
OF2	0	0	0		
OB1	1	1	0		
OB2	1	5	1		
IB	0	4	0		

Rainer's criteria for yield calculation:

0: no faults

- 1: pixel or column\* (drain line) level faults
- 2: row level faults
- 3: high impact faults
- 4: lethal faults
- 5: to be clarified

\* Column level faults in Al2 can be repaired by rework (grade  $1 \rightarrow 0$ ).

 $\sim$  W30 – short in OB2  $A_{p} \Delta_{g \ge \frac{1}{2}} t$ 



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W35 – shorts (due to scratches) in OB1 1 Ap. Ag≥±t









- 1. Chuck non planar  $\rightarrow$ 
  - Bad probing in the right hand side of the fan-out (source in conf #2)
  - Bad contacts (higher contact resistance  $\rightarrow$  smaller  $I_{ds}$ ) for higher chuck steps
- 2. Electrical failures (due to contact problem in SMU2 preamp of Keithley 4200) →
  - System freeze
  - Bad characteristics due to wrong applied voltage (AC/conf #1 or S/conf #2)
- 3. Electrical failures (in Keithley 2612 not explaied yet) →
  - System freeze
- 4. Software failures (fully understood)  $\rightarrow$ 
  - KITE (DAQ software) crash
  - System freeze if data folder remotely accessed













Bad contacting

good contacting?







#### Better contacting



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- The actual setup is reliable for yield measurements (opens & shorts), but needs modifications to provide reliable high precision measurements (pedestal spread, V<sub>t</sub> calculation).
- The yield measured for all the three wafers is high, with only one chip (out of 18) not usable.
- Some of the chips with identified shorts in the drain lines will have rework, starting this week.
- We propose to proceed with processing of W30 and W36 for the next testing phase, i.e. periphery (balcony + End Of Stave) characterisation (detection of opens & shorts) using the atg machine.
- And to keep W35 as a test wafer for precision measurements using the improved system.
- W35 will be further processed in the near future, i.e. end of April.

Thank you for your attention!