

### A reconfigurable CMOS sensor for digital EM calorimetry (AP 3.2)

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### **Digital EM calorimetry**

Comparison with conventional analogue ECAL



Sum number of particles in each layer Requirement: High granularity to avoid saturation





Simulated digital ECAL shows better  $\sigma_E/E$  than analogue one

- Bethe-Bloch formula gives mean energy loss
- Deposited energy in detector fluctuates, following Landaudistribution for thin absorbers
- Stochastic term reduced by 20% as landau fluctuation from energy deposition vanishes
- High granularity benefitial for particle flow algorithms and identification of pileup

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# The DECAL chip

### A monolithic active pixel sensor prototype



- $55 \times 55 \,\mu\text{m}^2$  pixels in a 64×64 pixel matrix Fabricated in the TowerJazz 180 nm CMOS optical process using 18 um epitaxial Si layer
- Reconfigurable digital readout logic as:
  - 1x64 pixel strips for tracking
  - 16x64 pixel pads for calorimetry
- One pixel with analogue readout in top left corner



- Max 3 hits/strip ٠
- Higher granularity ٠



- 240 hits/pad
- More counts per strip while maintaining lower data rate

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### **DECAL** setup

- 4 chips and motherboard schematics received from Jens Dopke (RAL, UK)
- Motherboard produced at DESY Zeuthen
- **Digilent Nexys Video Board**
- Data acquisition via ATLAS ITSDAQ software
- 40 MHz readout





### **Measurement procedure**

Sketch and measurement of laser illumination





- Despite digital readout, one pixel has analogue as well
- Signal from defocused  $10x10\mu m^2$  TriLite laser (pJ/pulse,  $\lambda$ =1064 nm)



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P. Allport et al., First tests of a reconfigurable depleted MAPS sensor for Digital Electromagnetic Calorimetry, Nucl. Inst. and Meth. A, 958:162654,

### Finding noise level per pixel

#### Threshold scan of one row with untuned and tuned pixels





# Tuning each pixel with 6 Bit calibration DAC with bias current of 100 $\mu\text{A}$

Each pixel has 6 bit calibration DAC for tuning

Masked +/- 31mV 15.5mV 7.75mV 3.875 mV

- Calibration DAC has input/ bias current (here 100  $\mu$ A)
  - defines value of last 4 bits → range and resolution of tuning
- · Aim is narrow distribution of means around nominal value





### Mean values of pixels tuned to 1.17 V

DAC bias current of  $75\mu A$  sufficient to tune all pixels

untuned pixel within 100 mV tuned pixel within 7 mV and FWHM = 2 mV



#### Homogeneous distribution of means over pixel matrix after tuning



Pixels tuned to internal noise allows looking into signal from laser light, X-rays or <u>radioactive sources</u>

### <sup>241</sup>Americium source measurement

#### Measurement in the proximity of the noise peak with the DECAL sensor at HU

Low activity of 300 kBq of 60 keV photons  $\rightarrow$  activate whole chip for higher statistics •



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### Summary and outlook into the next 6 months:

- DECAL has potential to improve energy resolution
- DECAL test stand was set up at HU in collaboration with DESY
- Tuning to noise peak
  - Successful pixelwise tuning
  - Improved strip mode tuning  $\rightarrow$  Identification of Americium shoulder  $\sqrt{}$
  - Further investigation of strip mode calibration
- Energy calibration to be done with higher statistics of signal
  - Higher activity gamma sources at DESY or X-ray source at UK
  - Laser illumination of individual pixels
- Give feedback to chip designers for a revision of the chip

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### **Comparison with conventional EM calorimetry 2**

#### Simulation of four different geometries



- 4 different geometries simulated for digital and analogue
- Similar performance of DECAL up to 300 GeV
- above 300 GeV saturation leads to undercounting
- Lead improves saturation as its larger Moliere Radius makes EM shower wider

Saturation in pixels begin

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# <sup>241</sup>Americium source (left) and background (right) measurement

Measurement in the proximity of the noise peak with the DECAL sensor at HU



### Analogue readout for one pixel

**Simulation and measurement** 



Some delay in measured response time with respect to FE simulation (but expect ~10ns signal collection)

Signal from:

 $10x10\mu m^2$  TriLite laser (pJ/pulse,  $\lambda$ =1064 nm)



### Threshold scan under laser illumination

Defocused IR laser (1064nm) with pulse frecuency of 100 kHz



- Signal below and above noise peak detected ٠
- Shape reflects gaussian profile of defocused laser beam
- Broad noise band for strip mode ٠

- Time response within one bin of 25 ns
- For detector application: measurement just for ٠ one threshold value and not threshold scan



### **Towerjazz modified process and pixel architecture**

Preamplifier, shaper, discriminator, comparator and tuning logic integrated in each pixel

- Threshold depends on inputs, e.g. ٠ variations in the input currents to preamplifier, shaper and feedback circuits
- Tuning logic through 6 Bit DAC ٠
- Towerjazz modified process with ٠ gap in the n-layer
  - Improved radiation hardness and faster charge collection



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Figure 2 Overview of the architecture of the pixel.

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