# **R&D of HV-CMOS detectors** HEP Annual Meeting, 18 May 2023

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• Our group design advanced HV-CMOS detectors, make DAQ systems and evaluate them in lab and testbeam...

# **HV-CMOS: Monolithic Pixel Detectors**

- Monolithic: Sensor and readout electronics in a single silicon wafer.
  - Single layer structure: low material thickness (50 μm);
  - No bump-bonding: Small pixel size (< 50 μm × 50 μm); reduced production cost (~ £100k/m<sup>2</sup>);
  - High bias voltage: fast charge collection by drift (~ 200 ps) and high radiation tolerance (5×10<sup>15</sup> 1 MeV n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>).
- The Mu3e experiment has chosen HV-CMOS pixel detectors and many others are considering them: LHCb, proton EDM, PANDA. And applications fields other than HEP experiments.







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- RD50-MPW3: implements large pixel matrices with advanced digital readout.
- UKRI-MPW0: first backside-only biased, high  $V_{BD}$  (> 600 V).
- **RD50-MPW4** and **UKRI-MPW1**: fix the issues found in their predecessors.

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#### **Measurement of RD50–MPW3**

• IV measurements show its breakdown and leakage are similar to RD50-MPW2.



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### **Measurement of RD50–MPW3**



- Beamtest at CERN SPS in October 2022. First beamtest by RD50 to evaluate HV-CMOS detector and readout DAQ designed by RD50. (HUGE amount of work!)
- high threshold used due to the high noise -> low efficiency.









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#### amplifier output:



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### **Noise simulation**



• Noise reduced after separating the power lines of pixel matrix and digital periphery.

#### after separating power lines:



# **Design of RD50-MPW4**

- RD50-MPW4 submitted on Monday this week, delivery expected in Nov. 2023.
- Will be backside biased, both topside and backside biasing are possible.
- Improvements in RD50-MPW4:
  - separating power lines of the pixel matrix and noisy digital readout periphery;
  - multiple guard chip rings to increase breakdown voltage to 500 V -> better radiation tolerance.





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#### **Measurement of UKRI-MPW0**

- $V_{BD} > 600$  V, the 'U' shape pixel leakage current  $I_{pixel}$  is due to the parasitic channel beneath STI.
- High ring current  $I_{ring}$  (~mA) is caused by edge defects.



• edge-TCT shows the chip is fully depleted with bias voltage > 300 V and a 50  $\mu$ m depletion width is maintained after irradiated to a radiation fluence of  $1 \times 10^{16} n_{eq}/cm^2$ .







### **UKRI-MPW0 Pixel Matrix**

• Used a Sr90 source to plot the number of hits received by every pixel over a shutter window of 20 s.



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# **Design of UKRI-MPW1**

- UKRI-MPW1 submitted this week, delivery expected in Nov. 2023.
- Will be backside biased.
- Improvements in UKRI-MPW1:
  - add p-spray layer between pixels to avoid parasitic channel;
  - use multiple guard chip rings (same as RD50-MPW4) to decrease leakage current.







(details in Ben's presentation)



# Summary and Next step



- Found high noise in RD50-MPW3 and high leakage current in UKRI-MPW0.
- Improvements implemented in RD50-MPW4 and UKRI-MPW1.
- Will do a beamtest on irradiated RD50-MPW3 samples in July at DESY. Will potentially test UKRI-MPW0 as well.
- Will design the DAQs for RD50-MPW4 and UKRI-MPW1 before their arrival.

