Tile-SiPM Systems for AHCAL

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SiPM main characteristics



- ➢ Pixel size ~20-30µm
- > Working point: $V_{Bias} = V_{breakdown} + \Delta V \sim 50-60 V$ $\Delta V \sim 3V$ above breakdown voltage

> Each pixel behaves as a Geiger counter with $Q_{pixel} = \Delta V C_{pixel}$ with $C_{pixel} \sim 50 \text{ fmF} \Rightarrow Q_{pixel} \sim 150 \text{ fmC} = 10^6 \text{ e}$

Electrical inter-pixel cross-talk minimized by:

- decoupling quenching resistor for each pixel
- boundaries between pixels to decouple them
- reduction of sensitive area and geometrical efficiency
- Optical inter-pixel cross -talk:

-due to photons from Geiger discharge initiated by one electron and collected on adjacent pixel

Very short Geiger discharge development < 500 ps Pixel recovery time = $(C_{pixel} R_{pixel}) \sim 20$ ns Dynamic range ~ number of pixels (1024) \rightarrow saturation

Experience with a small (108ch) prototype (MINICAL)



MINICAL tests with electron beam

Measurement of electron energy with HADRON CALORIMETER ⇒ resolution modest



Very good agreement between SiPM, MAPMT, APD(not shown) and MC in the whole range 1 - 6 GeV

SIPM non-linearity can be corrected even for dense e/m showers for each tile and does not deteriorate resolution

Possibility to observe peaks for different number of p.e. crucial for calibration
 Low sensitivity to constant term due to limited energy range

A big 8000 channel HCAL prototype with tail catcher is constructed by CALICE (DESY,ITEP,LAL,MEPHI,NIU,Prague,UK) for analog and semidigital modes



SiPM&FE signals in calibration mode





One plane with SiPMs and WLS fibers installed into 3x3, 6x6 and 12x12 cm² 0.5 cm thick tiles

LAL 18 ch. SiPM FE chip CALICE DAQ board for 8 planes (UK groups) Molded and edge treated tiles are milled at ITEP.

Grooves for WLS fiber, mirror and SiPM placing are produced by digital Desktop Engraver ROLAND EGX-300

Accuracy – 10 µm

Use mills of 0.04" which fit well 1mm fiber diameter









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Tile production status

Tile size	3x3 cm ²	6x6 cm ²	12x12 cm ²
To be produced	3500	4000	1000
Cut	3500	4000	1000
Fiber installed	3500	4000	500
Shipped to DESY	600	600	120

Fibers in 3x3cm tiles are ~0.1mm shorter than required =>LY reduction of ~2 p.e.

Will be corrected

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PULSAR semiautomatic probe station for the initial SiPM selection on the uncut wafer

Selection criteria

- •Proper Geiger signal to the LED pulse
- •For operational voltage when SiPM response has amplitude A SiPM current should be less then certain value







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Selection map



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Max rate - 1000 SiPMs/day

SiPM test procedure at ITEP

- Adjust bias voltage to 15 px/MIP
- Determine SiPM parameters:
 - gain
 - noise frequency at zero pixel and at ¹/₂ MIP levels
 - cross talk
 - efficiency
 - width of single p.e. peak
 - dark current and its variation
 - saturation curve 0.3-200MIPs
 - SiPM temperature during test
 Store results in data base



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SiPM test results for 2600 detectors



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SiPM selection

Ped RMS < 50 ADC channels Gain > 4*10⁵ or 1 pixel > 26 ADC ch., corresponds to 1 pC/MIP Cross talk < 0.35 At HV adjusted 14.25 < N_{pix} /MIP < 15.75 Noise frequency at zero threshold < 2.5 MHz - at higher frequency

Noise frequency at $\frac{1}{2}$ MIP threshold < 500 Hz – this corresponds to 1 extra hit in 8000 channels per event (may be too tough)

Mean value of SiPM current < 2 μ A

RMS of SiPM current during test < 20 nA

the fit procedure of LED spectrum fails often

Number of pixels at maximal light (~200 MIP) > 900

High noise is main reason for SiPM rejection (~20%)

Spectra below show the difference between a good and a typical rejected SiPM

The left one has noise frequency – 1.5MHz

The right one has noise frequency 2.8 MHz, Noise at 0.5MIP is above 2kHz

Note the difference in pe peak separation and in the slopes of the tail

in random trigger spectrum.



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Increase of Light Yield relaxes requirements on SiPM noise rate LY can be increased by a factor of about 1.9 by gluing fiber to SiPM with "SUREL SL-1" siloxane gel



Practically no ageing observed in 7 tiles with glue during 6 months.

4.2% LY decrease is comparable with errors $\sim 2\%$



Decision to glue or not to glue will be taken in December

Another Problem:

About 10% of SiPM in the two first cassettes show long discharges (LD)

Most probable reason is:
 Something happens with a quenching polysilicon resistor (its value is reduced from a few MOhm down to ≤100 kOhm for some pixel(s)

→ quenching current rises up to $\geq 10\mu A$

 \rightarrow quenching time rises up to ≥ 100 ns

Example of long discharge signal



Noise amplitude spectrum for good and bad SiPM

~50000 events collected with longest shaping time and highest gain:



The special setup developed at MEPHI for scanning of the SiPM.

LED, optical fiber, step 100 micron



Localization of the problem region and investigation under microscope

After scanning it became clear – Long Discharge comes from local area – from 1 or few pixels

SiPMs with LD were scanned and investigated under high gain microscope

SiPM 2593



SiPMs with LD were scanned and investigated under high gain microscope

SiPM 2634



Pixel with LD

Al short circuit due to point like defect

Another example of damages due to resistor-Al bus discharge

Al (short circuit?)



Such damages can appear as a result of

- big overvoltages for reverse bias
- •High voltages for direct bias

No Al bus

Conclusions on Long Discharges

1. SiPM is very sensitive to damaging during production and assembling operations.

Actually each SiPM consists of ~1000 local points with very high electric field $3*10^4 - 3*10^5$ V/cm

2. There are a strong indication of SiPM surface damaging during production and assembling stages and also technological imperfections, which can lead to short circuits between Al buses and polySi resistor.

Now SiPM's modification with additional SiO₂ layer for AlpolySi resistor isolation is under study.

Long term stability test is added to SiPM test procedure

We have now a set-up to select SiPM's after long term test (240 channels).

Individual bias voltage setting for each channel, outputs for current and pulse shape monitor





Edge Video

Slope Falling

Source

CH1

Mode

Auto

Coupling

AC

-4.32mV





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Long term stability test results for 630 SiPM



Burn in procedure can probably solve the problem with LD New SiPMs with SiO2 protection layers have no problems so far: **30SiPM demonstrated no degradation after 20 days** Only 5 SiPMs have LD in cassettes 4,5,6 (out of 650 SiPMs) We believe the LD problem will be solved soon (or solved already) •Up to 16 tiles are loaded in the same time into box

- •Computer driven carriage brings the β -source and the trigger counter to a tested tile. Source position is controlled by the computer readout sensor
- •SiPM bias voltage is set according to SiPM test and temperature measurement
- •Measurement of MIP response with help of triggered β -particles
- •LED spectrum gives information about SiPM gain
- •So, one may deduce the number of pixels in MIP peak
- •Conditions and results of tile test are saved to data base for further use and analysis



- 1. More than 2600 SiPMs have been tested. This is the first experience with the SiPM mass production
- Main reason for SiPM rejection (~20%) is high noise
 (may be requirements are too tough need more simulations)
- **3.** Noise requirements can be relaxed by gluing SiPM to fiber
- 4. Long Discharges are caused by damage of polySi resistor
- 5. LD problem can be solved by burn in procedure and probably by SiO2 protection layer
- 6. Tile+WLS fiber production is practically finished
- 7. 6 cassettes out of 40 have been assembled and will be tested at DESY e-beam (one has been tested already)
- 8. In spite of problems still hope to produce all cassettes for 2006 beam tests

Backup Slides

The study of LD origin



Vapplied

Random pulse length strongly increases with increasing of overvoltage

 $\Delta V=Vapplied - Vbreakdown$

Died SiPM (no signal and big current)

SiPM 2591



Big scratch

Collaborative effort

