



## The DEPFET Pixel Detector (PXD) for BELLE II

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### The BELLE II experiment



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The *Lorentz boost* allows measuring decay time differences, difficult to measure, via spatial separation of the vertices.

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#### • The BELLE II vertex detector



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- > 2 DEPFET pixel detector (PXD) layers
- 4 Double Sided Si-Strip Detector
  (DSSD) (SVD) layers
- → Improvement in the impact parameter resolution



- Fast detector to keep small occupancy
- High spatial resolution
- Very short distance from the IP
- Minimum thickness

#### The BELLE II PXD layout

	Inner layer (L1)	Outer layer (L2)
# modules	8	12
Distance from IP (cm)	1.4	2.2
Thickness (µm)	75	75
# pixels	768 x 250	768 x 250
Total # pixels	3.072 M	4.608 M
Pixel size (µm <sup>2</sup> )	55 x 50 60 x 50	70 x 50 85 x 50
Sensitive area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	44.8 x 12.5	61.44 x 12.5









#### The DEPFET PXD half ladder



 Decrease of the overall channel readout time

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 Charge induced by hits does not spread over too many pixels → better track reconstruction accuracy



#### The DEPFET working principle



#### Depleted p-channel FET

- fully depleted bulk
- potential minimum for electrons
- the charges collected in the internal gate modulate the transistor current

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- internal amplification g<sub>a</sub>
- non destructive readout
- low power consumption
- the charge stored in the internal gate is removed by a "reset" contact







- 25 photolithographic masks and 9 implantations
- Extremely complex technology involving wafer bonding, double poly silicon, triple metal layer, backside thinning and double sided wafer processing
  - Source contact common to 2 pixels
  - Clear shared by 4 pixels
    - $\rightarrow$  very compact design

#### The DEPFET matrix and the rolling shutter mode readout





- High readout speed required to keep the number of hit pixels low at each readout frame → 20 µs → 100 ns/electrical row
- The 4-fold readout is used, for which:
  - 4 rows are connected in parallel to gate and clear
  - The number of drain lines increases of the same factor
- Three different ASICs to readout the matrix (made in radiation hard technology):
  - SWITCHER
  - DCD
  - DHP

## The SWITCHER(18G)



3.62mm



- Mounted on the 2 mm wide and 300  $\mu m$  thick inactive edge rim of the module

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- Provide fast voltage pulses up to 20 V to activate gate rows and to clear the internal gate
- Support gated mode operation
- equipped with JTAG for configuration and debugging
- Each chip has 64 drivers for both gate and clear channels → address 32 matrix segments
- 768 rows → 192 electrical rows → 6 ASICs needed per module

#### The Drain Current Digitizer (DCD)



 256 analog channels with 1 input and 2x8 bits output ADCs that are interleaved
 → 4 DCDs/half module to readout 1000 pixels

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- Tasks of the analog inputs:
  - Keeps the columns line potential constant
  - Compensate for pedestal current variation
  - Amplify the signal
  - Shaping for noise reduction
  - Programmable gain and BW

#### The Data Handling Processor (DHP)



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- One-to-one mapped to the DCD
- Data processing steps:
  - Pedestal correction → the signal offset due to pedestal, periodically determined, is stored in the DHP
  - Common mode correction → signal offset found in all raw data values sampled at the same time
  - Data reduction using the zero suppression → the pedestal and common mode corrected values are compared to a programmable threshold → only real data are transmitted
  - Triggered readout scheme introduces further
    data reduction
  - Control signal for the other ASICs

#### The readout electronics





- FLEX kapton cable 49 cm long
- Patch Panel (PP) for power filtering and impedance
- Data Handling Hybrid (DHH) for interconnection of the half-ladder to the outside world  $\rightarrow$ 
  - Clock signal from the BELLE II environment
  - Slow control master for the ASICs
  - Multiplexing data from DHP into optical link
    - Compute Nodes (CN) ۲ ATCA/ONSEN for tracking information from the SVD and definition of ROI within the PXD data





- Wafer bonding and thinning of top layer
- Sensor fabrication on SOI
- Etching of the handle wafer
- In house technology

→ The **DEPFET thickness is hence a free parameter** which can be adjusted depending on the needs of the experiment → in BELLE II 0.2%  $X_0$  of the full detector







#### Radiation damages in DEPFETs





- The main cause of radiation damages in DEPFET detectors is due to *surface damages* → Increase of the threshold voltage → the electronics can cope with this!
- Bulk damages due to relatively low energy electrons could deteriorate the S/N  $\rightarrow$  negligible effect



#### DEPFET pixelated detector proof of principle

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- The DEPFET PXD detector promises an excellent spatial resolution of ~ 15 μm and an occupancy as low as 1%, due to a fast readout (50kHz) and a huge number of pixels (~ 8Mpix);
- The *technology* used for the production of the DEPFET PXD is very complex and yet fully functional;
- The SOI technique allows building a full Silicon module and the control on *the thickness* of the DEPFET ladders, thinned down to 75  $\mu$ m (0.2% X<sub>0</sub>), minimising multiple scattering;
- The *power consumption* of a full sensor is ~ 3W in the acceptance region and can be easily handled with moderate air cooling;
- Considering the contribution from the readout electronics as well, the DEPFET PXD is characterised by a very high *SNR* of the order of 40;
- The DEPFET PXD has been proven to be *radiation tolerant* up to doses of the order of 10 Mrad.



# Thank you!

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## **Backup slides**

#### Charge collection in a DEPFET





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## The CLEAR mechanism



• The n<sup>+</sup> implant is a potential minimum for e<sup>-</sup>

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- The charge stored in the internal gate is removed applying a high positive voltage
- The e<sup>-</sup> drift towards the clear contact and are then removed
- p-doped region used to shield the clear contact
- *Clear-gate structure* used to lower the potential barrier between the internal gate and the clear

#### The internal amplification and the readout methods

- The internal amplification  $g_{\alpha}$  is defined as the increase in the drain current I<sub>ds</sub> per e<sup>-</sup> in the internal gate
- $I_{ds}$  increases linearly with  $Q_{sig}$
- $g_{\rm q}$  and the transconductance  $g_{\rm m}$  are proportional
- If  $I_{ped}$  is the current measured in absence of charges, the signal is given by  $I_{sig} = I_{ds} - I_{ped}$





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 $g_q = \frac{\partial I_{ds}}{\partial Q_{sig}}$ 

$$g_q = \frac{g_m}{C_{ox}}$$

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#### Electron trajectories within the DEPFET







- PXD sends ~7MB/event at 30kHz rate and 1% occupancy to DAQ
- A factor of 10 data reduction is performed using SVD

The readout chain: from the module to the outside world



#### Radiation damages



#### **Surface damages**

- Trapped oxide charge
  - $\rightarrow$  shift of V\_{thr} to negative values
- Interface traps :
  - Trapping of additional charges
    → V<sub>thr</sub> to negative values
  - Degradation of charge carriers mobility in the channel
    - $\rightarrow$  decrease of g<sub>q</sub>

#### **Bulk damages**

- Formation of crystal defects (vacancies and interstitials) by PKA:
  - Increase of leakage current
    - $\rightarrow$  degradation of S/N
  - Trapping/de-trapping of charge carriers
    → fluctuations in the depletion voltage
  - Change in effective doping