Development of n⁺-in-p silicon microstrip and pixel sensors for HL-LHC in Japan and understanding their performance with TCAD simulations

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In retrospect, a better title would be ...

Development of silicon tracking sensors for high radiation environment in Japan and understanding their performance with TCAD simulations

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 - Understanding with Technology CAD simulation

Radiation Damage Studies

- Aiming silicon tracking sensor for high radiation environment
 - the 1st study of radiation damage in our field... 30 yrs ago
 - T. Kondo et al, Radiation Damage Test of Silicon Microstrip Detectors
 - Proc. of the 1984 Summer Study on the Design and Utilization of SSC, June 23-July 13, 1984, Snowmass, Colorado, pp. 612-614
- The messages were
 - It was shown that silicon is rad-hard, little pulseheight change, cooling needed,
 - although the prevailing opinion was that silicon vertex detectors were not possible at 10³³ luminosity.

Radiation Damage Studies

- Since then, radiation damage studies are continued in Japan, Europe, US., and elsewhere
 - Two papers were then published in 1988
 - T. Ohsugi, ... T. Kondo, ... K. Yamamoto ..,
 "Radiation Damage in Silicon Microstrip DetectorsT", Nucl. Instr. Meth. A265(1988)105
 - M. Nakamura,...T. Kondo, "Radiation Damage Test of Silicon Multistrip Detectors", Nucl. Instr. Meth. A270(1988)42, using the irradiated sensor by 800 GeV protons

Increase of leakage current



Also, temperature dependence of bulk leakage current

$$J_g(T) \propto T^2 \exp(-\frac{E_{ef}}{2k_B T})$$
$$E_{ef} = 1.20 \,\text{eV}$$

Fig. 5. Temperature dependence of the leakage current. The solid lines are the best fits using the formula given in the text.

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Type inversion of the silicon



Fig. 25. Estimated effective impurity density as a function of proton fluence.

Abstract:

..... The effective impurity density decreases with fluence up to ~4x10¹³/cm², but for greater fluences, it increases. **This may indicate the type conversion** of the bulk silicon

 M. Nakamura,...T. Kondo, "Radiation Damage Test of Silicon Multistrip Detectors", Nucl. Instr. Meth. A270(1988)42, using the irradiated sensor by 800 GeV protons

Evolution of depletion voltage

- A thorough study of the radiation damages has been made by RD50 collaboration. But, also done elsewhere...
 - E.g. Michael Moll, Ph.D Thesis, 1999.



Radiation damage – Surface effect



- The interfacial region is a single-crystal silicon followed by a monolayer of SiO_x , incompletely oxidized silicon, then a strained region of SiO_2 roughly 10-40 A deep.
- Interface trap (Q_{it}) and fixed oxide charges (Q_f) exist, (as a consequence of thermal oxidation)
- Oxide trapped charges (Q_{ot}) can be created by radiation and moved to be Q_{f} .
- Q_f are "positve" and attract electrons in the Si-SiO₂ interface.

High Voltage Operation



Fig. 1. Leakage current as a function of the bias voltage when the potential is across the integrated capacitor on the p-strip.



- To cope with the increase of full depletion voltage,
 - High bias voltage \rightarrow High electric field \rightarrow avalanche breakdown
 - Breakdown field ~ 30 V/ μ m in silicon
- 1st visualization with an infra-red sensitive camera

T. Ohsugi, Y. Unno, et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. A432 (1994) 22

Understanding High Field



Fig. 4. Equipotential lines calculated around the edge of the implant and the external electrode. (a) is for the geometry of the edge of the external electrode placed just on the edge of the implant. (b) is for the geometry of the edge of the external electrode stepped back by 1 μ m from the edge of the implant.



Fig. 5. The highest field strength calculated at around the implant is plotted as a function of the edge separation of the external electrode and the implant. The positive value of the horizontal axis means that the external electrode overhangs on the implant.

• With a simple electric field calculation, we could understand where the breakdown occurred.

T. Ohsugi, Y. Unno, et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. A432 (1994) 22

Achemad et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. A578 (2007) 98-118







ATLAS98 wide-metal

- Strip structure
 - Wide metal for p+-implant at GND
- Wafer orientation
 - <111> and a fraction with <100>

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2 µA

Choice of LHC Experiments

Experiment	Туре	Wafer
ALICE pixel	p+-in-n	standard FZ
ATLAS pixel	n+-in-n	oxygenated
ATLAS strips	p+-in-n	standard FZ <111> (some <100>)
CMS pixel	n+-in-n	standard FZ
CMS strips	p+-in-n	standard FZ <100>
LHCb VELO	n+-in-n	standard FZ

- Compromise between the radiation tolerance and the cost
- p⁺-in-n:
 - single-side process (lower cost)
 - requires full depletion, high voltage operation
- n⁺-in-n
 - double-side process (higher cost)
 - works under partial depletion, less requirement for high voltage op.

High Voltage Operation at LHC (and HL-LHC)



The dawn of "n⁺-in-p" Sensor

S. Terada, Y. Unno, et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. A383 (1996) 159-165
 A p-type sensor was developed for a cost-effective alternative to "n⁺-in-n" sensor.

p-bulk detector specifications		
Coupling	AC	
Substrate	p-type	
Resistivity of substrate	6 kΩ cm	
Chip size	60.0 mm×34.1 mm	
Wafer thickness	300 µm	
n-side		
Strip pitch	50 µm	
Number of strips	640	
Implant type	n⁺	
Implant strip width	12 µm	
Al strip width	6 µm	
p-stop width	26 µm	
p-stop implant	2 samples	
High density doping	1×10^{-14} ions/cm ²	
Low density doping	2×10^{13} ions/cm ²	
Bias resistor	250 kΩ	
p side		
Planar implant	p ⁺	
	+	

A hypothesis of "Acceptor removal" was proposed to explain the change of full depletion voltage along the fluence.



Fig. 8. Variation of the full depletion voltage of the p-bulk silicon strip detectors: data points (circle: high density p-stop, cross: low density p-stop), the curve (solid) combining the three hypotheses (acceptor creation (dashes), persistent acceptor component (dot-dash), and acceptor removal (double-dot-dash).

Cost-effective n⁺-in-p planar sensor



outer layers of HL-LHC)

- for heavy radiation environments
- Bulk radiation damage
 - one way to "p" type
- n⁺ readout
 - p-n junction allowing "partial" depletion
- Special in n⁺ readout
 - conductive layer in the surface
 - ~MΩ/square
 - due to the electrons attracted to the oxide trap/fixed charges
 - the electron layer must be
 - interrupted (p-stop), or
 - cancelled (p-spray)

n⁺-in-p sensors for HL-LHC

- n⁺-implant isolation with p-stop structure.
- Operable to 1000 V bias voltage.
 - Suppressing "microdischarge" breakdown up to ~1000 V
- How?
 - Those 1, 2, 3, backed by 4
 - In addition, protection against beam splash: punch-through-protection (PTP) structure



High Voltage Operation-Hot spot



Fig. 9. Hot spots observed at AC pad corners. The AC pad is 60 µm wide and Y. Unno et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. A Supplement 636 (2011) S24

Y. Takahasi et al., http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2012.04.031

Microdischarge after Irradiation



CYRIC proton irradiated $1 \times 10^{14} n_{eq}/cm^2$ 10 uA at 2000 V -15 °C S. Mitsui et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. A699 (2013) 36-40

- Hot electron images confirm that
 - hot spots were observed first at the edge of the bias ring, and then at the inside of the edge metal.
 - the highest electric field is at the bias ring (n⁺ implant), not at the edge ring (p⁺ implant).

Study of required edge width



Underlying physics of the edge width



- Square root of V_bias is linearly dependent on the edge distance
 - Reflecting the depletion along the surface
- Distance can be ≤500 µm for the bias voltage up to 1 kV
- ... Different story if the side wall is implanted e.g., active edge

Required width after Irradiation





- Required width is ~450 μ m to hold 1000 V.
 - At around 1x10¹³, the required edge space is more than 450 µm, but also the depletion voltage is decreased less than that of non-irrad. and anyway it is much less than 1000 V.
 - At higher fluences, the required width is less than that of the non-irrad.

P-stop between n⁺-implants



- Problems Hot spots
 - IR image overlaid on visual image
 - Microdischarge = Onset of leakage current
- Optimization of the structures to reduce the electric fields?



P-stop Structures Optimization





Technology CAD (TCAD)

- TCAD: Computer Aided Design for Semiconductor Technology
 - "Finite Element Analysis", the numerical analysis method with modern computer, with "jungle" of semiconductor physics
- TCAD started to build the links between the
 - semiconductor physics and electrical behavior
 - to support circuit design
- Modern TCAD consists of
 - Process simulation, and
 - Device simulation
- Originated from the work of
 - Prof. Robert W. Dutton and his group at Stanford Univ.
- Widely used in semiconductor industry
 - to reduce the development cost and time
 - to understand the physics behind
 - that is even impossible to measure

MOS transistor



TCAD Simulation

- Semiconductor Technology Computer-Aided Design (TCAD) tool
 - ENEXSS 5.5, developed by SELETE in Japan
 - Device simulation part: HyDeLEOS
- (Effective) radiation damage approximation:
 - Increase of acceptor-like state \rightarrow Effective doping concentration
 - Increase of leakage current \rightarrow SRH model
 - Increase of interface charge \rightarrow Fixed oxide charge

Bulk leakage current





- Community has a view that
 - the leakage current increases with an introduction of levels near the middle of the forbidden band,
 - with the energy of band gap being half (of the full gap), the leakage current flows order of magnitude larger...
- Unfortunately, we have no freedom to change/add a program to the ENEXSS, but
 - we can simulate the leakage current by modifying the model parameters to an unrealistic world...

Shockley-Reed-Hall (SRH) Model

- Leakage current: SRH model
 - Generation-recombination of carriers (electrons and holes) by thermal effect
 - $-A_n, A_p$: model parameters
 - Decrease them as though increasing temperature

$$U_{SRH} = \frac{n_i^2 - pn}{\tau_p (n + n_i) + \tau_n (p + n_i)}$$
$$\tau_{n,p} = A_{n,p} \left(\tau_{\min}^{n,p} + \frac{\tau_{\max}^{n,p} - \tau_{\min}^{n,p}}{1 + (N/N_t^{n,p})^{B_{n,p}}} \right)$$

*n*_{*i*}: intrinsic carrier density, *n*, *p*: electron, hole carrier density

Radiation Damage Approximation



- $N_{eff} = 4.7 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, A_n , $A_p = 1.0$
- Green: Irrad.
 - Increase of full depletion voltage, N_{eff} =1.5 × 10¹³ cm⁻³
 - Increase of leakage current, A_n , $A_p = 1 \times 10^{-8}$

Interstrip Resistance, R_{int}



- Decrease of interstrip resistance after irradiation
 - is qualitatively explained by the increase of leakage current.
 - Other factors, the effective doping concentration nor the oxide interface charge, have not changed the interstrip resistance.
 - In retrospect, it is natural that the current is the other manifestation of the resistance.

Electric potential of p-stop - Introduction of Si-SiO₂ interface charge -





- Electric potential of p-stop
 - decreases as the interface charge increases positively,
 - increases as the interface charge increases negatively.
- Measurement confirms that the interface charge is positive.

Breakdown at p-stop



- Under the "Irradiated" condition
- Breakdown occurs at high voltage at the n⁺ edge, although the p-stop edge was the higher electric field initially.
- The rate to increase of the electric field at the p-stop edge is saturating at higher voltage.
- The p-n junction eventually overtakes the highest electric field by the time of breakdown.
- Why?



- Electron inversion layer is diminishing ۲
 - as the bias voltage is being increased.
 - This also explains that in p-bulk the bias voltage helps to isolate the n⁺ implants. —
- Understanding the underlying physics is only possible with TCAD lacksquaresimulation, eventually ... 2015/2/20, Instrumentation Seminar DESY, Y. Unno



PTP Simulations



Y. Unno, 2013/2/18



- Frontend ASIC and Pixel sensor can be optimized
 - independently, without compromise...
- We need 3 ingredients in the sensor:
 - Radiation tolerant pixel sensor (pursuing Planar process pixel sensor)
 - Bump-bonding (SnAg solder bump, e.g.)
 - Also, thin sensor (\leq 150 µm) thin ASIC (\leq 150 µm)
 - High voltage protection at edges
 - against HV ~1000 V TREDI2015, 2015/2/18, Y. Unno

KEK/HPK n-in-p Pixel Sensors





n-in-p 6" #4 New wafer layout ("New" pixel structures)

"Old" Pixel Structures



- Severe efficiency loss at the boundary of pixels, under bias rail
- Subtle efficiency loss due to the routing of bias resistor

Old Pixel Structures (Wafer #2)



- Bias rail \rightarrow at the boundary of pixels
- Bias resistor (PolySilicon) → encircled outside the pixel implant
- Bias resistor and Bias rail are connected to the pixel electrode in DC,
 - thus, both are at "ground potential"

Optimization of Pixel Structures



- Bias rail → Removing from the boundary to "inside" the pixel electrode.
 - Removing "ground potential" at the boundary.
- PolySilicon bias resistor \rightarrow routing inside the pixel.
 - Removing another "ground potential" outside the pixel.

Bias Rail & Resistor Routing in Wafer#4

- Bias rails away from the boundary: Large-, Small-, Zig-zag-offset
 - Bias rail material (Al, PolySi)
- Bias rail at the boundary but with "wide" p-stop
- Biasing structure: PolySi , Punch-Thru (PT) resistor, No biasing



Evaluation of New Pixel Structures

- Irradiation at CYRIC
 - 70 MeV protons, Tohoku Univ., Japan
 - 3 to 5 x 10¹⁵ neq/cm²
- Latest setup
 - Irradiation box with 15 "push-pull" slots
 - "Liquid" Nitrogen cooling evaporated in supply line





** 1 atm = 1.03 kg/cm²=1013hPa=0.1013MPa

Samples in the irradiation box at CYRIC



Comparison of Structures

D. Yamaguchi

Scaled to 150 μ m, 5x10¹⁵ irrad.



- "Old" design loses 2-3% eff. under the bias rail; 97-98% eff. overall.
- "New" design (Type10 (large offset)) is nearly as good as "no bias", almost 0% loss >400 V.
- Type13 (wide p-stop) has been improved. TREDI2015, 2015/2/18, Y. Unno

TCAD Geometry



(Not to scale)

Non-

irrad

150

Null

2.6×10¹²

44 (100)

 1×10^{10}

Irrad

150

3X10¹⁵

2.5×10¹³

430 (430)

1X10¹²

Electron Layer

- Attracted to the interface charge, creation of an inversion layer of "electrons" is assumed.
- The layer has been simulated in TCAD.



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[cm^-3]

1.00e+19

1.58e+18

Effect of Potential of Bias Rail



- Electric field (Potential) between pixels
 - near the surface (1 μ m below the surface of Si in TCAD)
- Existence or non-existence of bias rail ("ground potential")
 - has not affected the electric field potential very much.
 - Relative potential "depth" at the boundary is shallower in "Irrad.": ~15% (=-15/-100, Non irrad.), ~9% (=-40/-430, Irrad.), but
 - Absolute potential is larger in "Irrad.": -15 V (Non-irrad.), -40 V (Irrad.)

Induced Charge – Ramo's theorem

 A mobile charge in the presence of any number of grounded electrodes, the induced charge Q_A at an electrode A is

$$Q_A = q \cdot V_{qA}$$

- where q is the charge in a position, V_{qA} the "weighting potential" of the electrode A at the position of q.
- If a charge q moves along any path from position 1 to position 2 (after infinite time),

$$\Delta Q_{A} = \boldsymbol{q} \cdot \left(V_{qA}(2) - V_{qA}(1) \right)$$

 In a finite time and with a readout circuitry, instantaneous induced current, *i_A*, shall be integrated (with a proper shaping time) along the moving direction.

$$i_{A} = q \frac{dV_{qA}}{dt} = q \left(\frac{\partial V_{qA}}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} \right) = q \cdot \overrightarrow{V_{x}} \cdot \frac{\overline{\partial V_{qA}}}{\partial x}$$



(From V. Radeka)

Induced Charge – Ramo's theorem

$$i_{A} = q \cdot \overrightarrow{v_{x}} \cdot \frac{\partial \overrightarrow{V_{qA}}}{\partial x} \qquad \overrightarrow{v_{x}} = \mu \overrightarrow{E_{x}} = \mu \frac{\partial \overrightarrow{V_{x}}}{\partial x}$$

- We have to think two different fields: the "electric field" E_x (and in turn the "electric field potential" V_x) and the "weighting potential" V_{qA} .
- Although the final answer shall be obtained after integrating the current, we can have insight qualitatively from the relevant potentials,

$$V_x$$
, E_x , V_{qA}

Non-irrad, With Bias Rail





0

10

20

-10

$$\vec{v}_{x} = \mu \vec{E}_{x} = \mu \frac{\overline{\partial V_{x}}}{\partial x} \quad i_{A} = q \cdot \vec{v}_{x} \cdot \frac{\overline{\partial V_{qA}}}{\partial x}$$
$$\Delta Q_{A} = q \cdot \left(V_{qA} \left(2 \right) - V_{qA} \left(1 \right) \right)$$



Irrad, With Bias Rail









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Irrad., No Bias Rail



• Charges move along the electric flux lines.

Irrad., Wide P-stop





- of the "bias rail" has larger area of non-uniformity under the bias rail in "irrad." than "non-irrad." condition .
- Why?



- Strong electric field in the "irrad." device has enhanced the non-uniform area of the weighting potential of the bias rail.
- Interface charge increase is acting to reduce the non-uniform area.
- Weak spot in the "non-irrad." device deflects electric flux lines and the weighting pot., like a "shield".

Discussion

- Novel design of the pixel structure has improved the efficiency loss due to the bias rail and bias resistor routing.
 - More structures need to be evaluated with testbeam to complete the variation of the design.
- Underlying physics has been understood with TCAD simulation (at least qualitatively).
 - The less-charge collection under the bias rail of the irrad. device seems to be caused by the fact that the bias rail is acting as electrode (collecting induced charge).
- If the bias rail acts as electrode, why are "irrad." and "nonirrad." different?
 - Strong electric field in the "irrad." device has enhanced the charge to the bias rail.
 - In "non-irrad." device, the bias rail as an electrode seems to be "shielded" with low electric field region under the bias rail.
 - Interface charge increase is helping to "reduce" the charge to the bias rail, (contrary to naive expectation).

Summary

- We have undertaken development of radiation-tolerant silicon tracking sensor over 30 yrs in Japan, together with the study of radiation damages.
- In the planar process sensor, radiation-tolerance is to make the sensor being operable to high voltage to cope with the increase of the full depletion voltage, and even in the nonirrad. device for the QA and preparing for un-expected.
- The first application was the p⁺-in-n microstrip sensor for the ATLAS inner tracker, to the fluence of 2x10¹⁴ neq/cm², which is operable to 500 V.
- We have developed further radiation-tolerant silicon tracking sensors (strips (2x10¹⁵) and pixels (2x10¹⁶)) for the LHC upgrade (HL-LHC), based on n⁺-in-p technology, operable to 1000 V.
- TCAD simulation (but using only a part of it) has been a great tool for understand/visualizing the underlying physics, together with the visualization by the infrared camera.

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