

Devt of CMOS Sensors for an ILC Vertex Detector:

Progress since Summer '07 — Plans for 2008

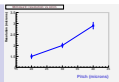
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OUTLINE

- Tests of sets of sensors in real experimental conditions :
 - ✧ Beam telescopes : EUDET (European project), TAPI
 - ✧ STAR HFT telescope
- Fast sensors with digitised outputs :
 - ✧ Fast column // architecture with integrated discriminators : beam tests, new chips
 - ✧ Zero-suppression micro-circuit : lab tests
- Summary & Plans for 2008

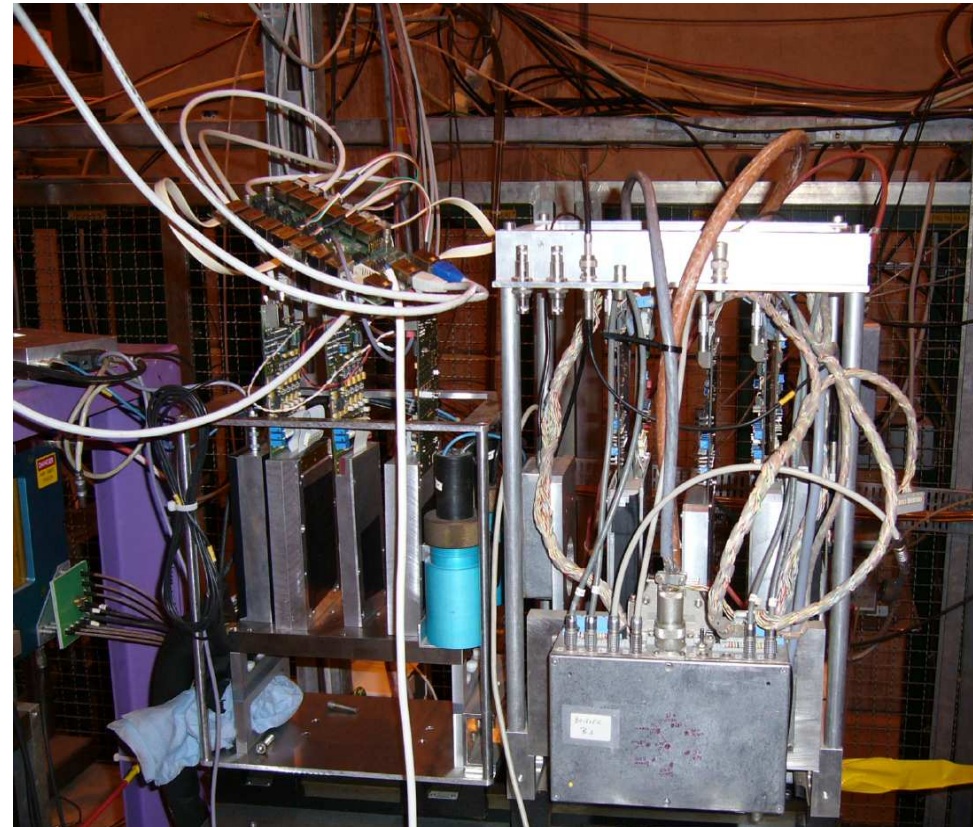


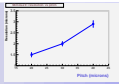
New beam telescope operated at DESY and CERN-SPS:

- ▷ **T.A.P.I.** \equiv **T**ELESCOPE **A** **P**IXELS DE L'IPHC
 - ◇ 3 or 4 MIMOSA-17 or/and -18 sensors (more in future)
 - ◇ Commissioning in June '07 at DESY
 - ◇ Real data taking in Sep. & Nov. '07 at CERN-SPS
 - ◇ R.o. freq. ~ 10 (M-18) or 25 frames/s (M-17)
 - ◇ Running in front of Si-strip telescope ▷▷▷▷▷ ▷▷▷▷

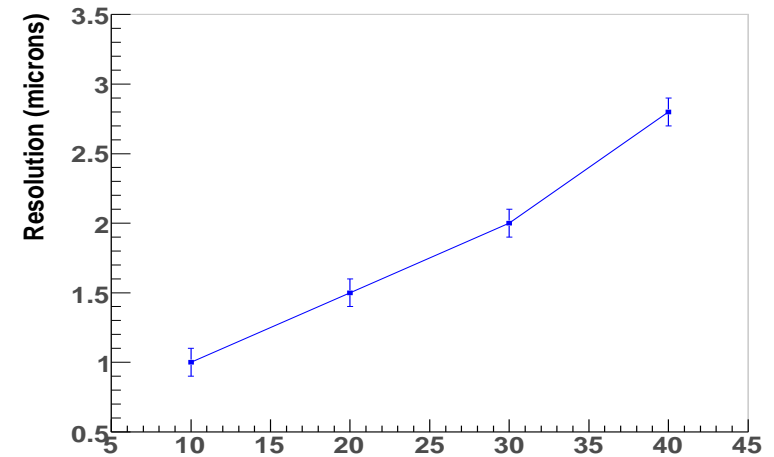
Several studies at CERN-SPS:

- ⇨ *response of sensors to inclined tracks: $0 - 80^\circ$*
- ⇨ *performances of sensors exposed to non-ionising radiation*
- ⇨ *performances of thinned sensors*
- ⇨ *comparison of "14 μm " to "20 μm " epitaxy*





Mimosa resolution vs pitch

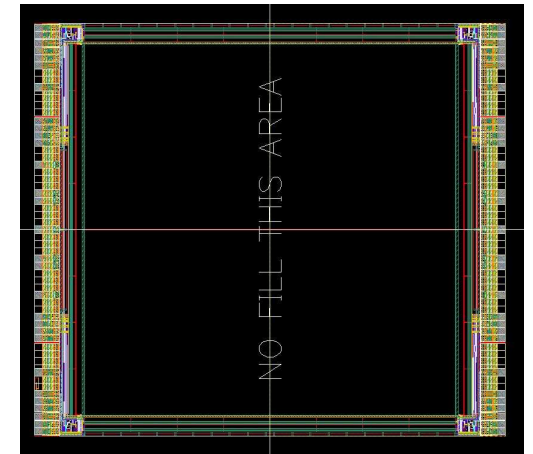


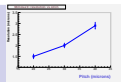
Single point resolution versus pixel pitch:

- ⊕ clusters reconstructed with eta-function, exploiting charge sharing between pixels (12-bit ADC)
- ⊕ $\sigma_{sp} \sim 1 \mu\text{m}$ (10 μm pitch) $\rightarrow \lesssim 3 \mu\text{m}$ (40 μm pitch)

Recent result obtained with very small pitch :

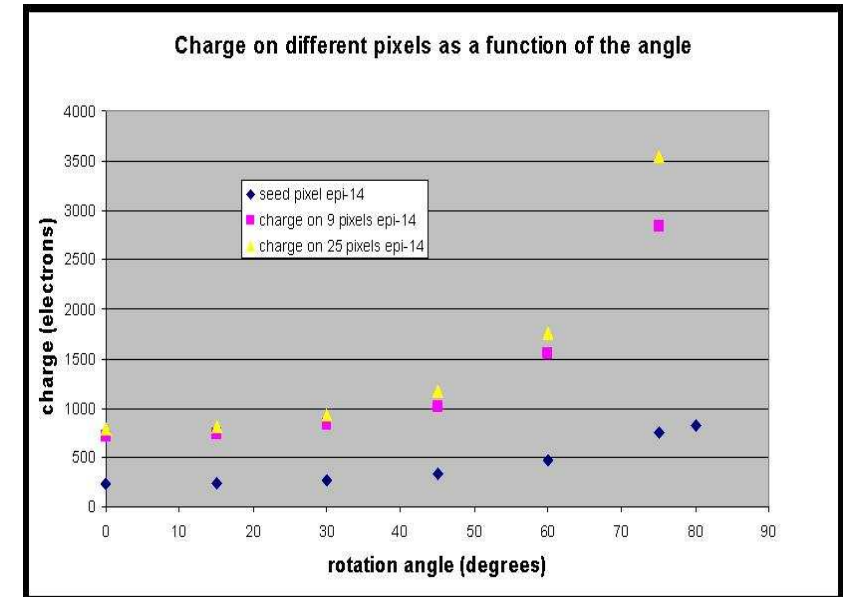
- ⊕ MIMOSA-18 : 512 × 512 pixels with 10 μm pitch, analog output, S/N ~ 30
- ⊕ tested on Si-strip telescope at CERN-SPS (120 GeV π^-) in Nov. '07
- ⇒ single point resolution observed (prelim.) $\lesssim 1 \mu\text{m}$!!!
- for EUDET telescope to allow $\lesssim 1 \mu\text{m}$ on DUT surface with few GeV e^- beam





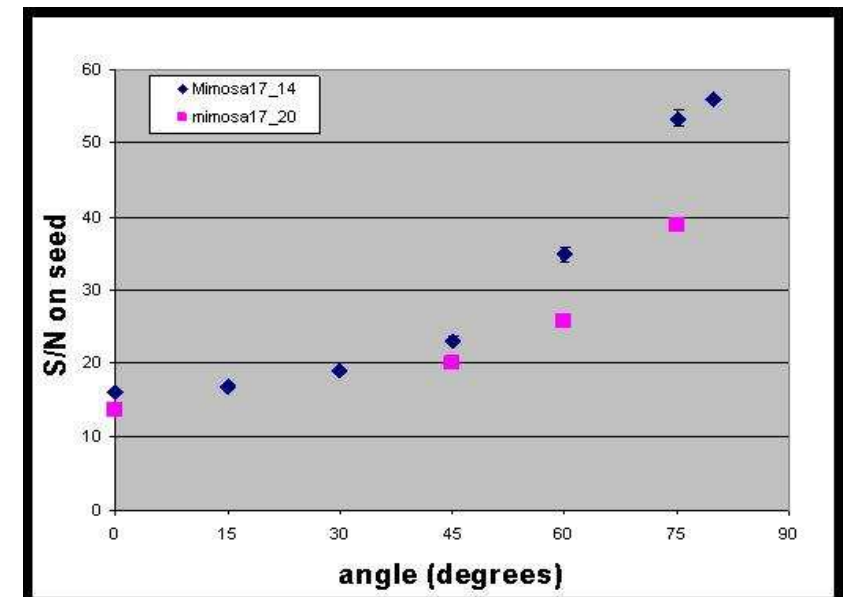
Motivation

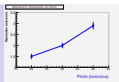
- ⊖ simulate clusters from particles produced at shallow angle or from low e_{BS}^{\pm} (low $p \rightarrow$ curling in ϕ)
- ⊖ collect cluster data at various angles \rightarrow data base
- ⊖ adapt signal processing μ circuits and cluster rec. algo. to inclined tracks : 2–3 seed pixels, large signal, large clusters, ...



Measurements performed with TAPI at CERN-SPS

- ⊖ MIMOSA-17 (30 μm pitch, rad. tol. pixel), T_{room}
- ⊖ measure Q , S/N , σ_{sp} , σ_{θ} at $\theta = 0, 15, 30, 45, 60, 75, > 80^{\circ}$
- ⊖ set-up data base for complete VD simulations (LoI)
- ⊖ model cluster characteristics vs p & θ for "fast" VD simul.
- ⊖ work performed together with Lukazc Maczewski (Warsaw)
(also: gyroscopic sensor support installed on DESY beam)

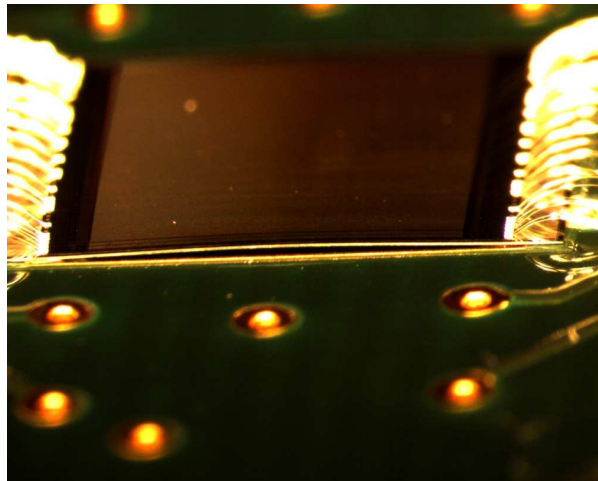
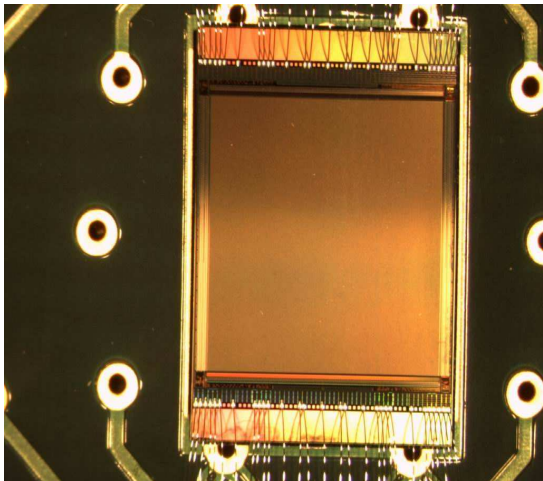




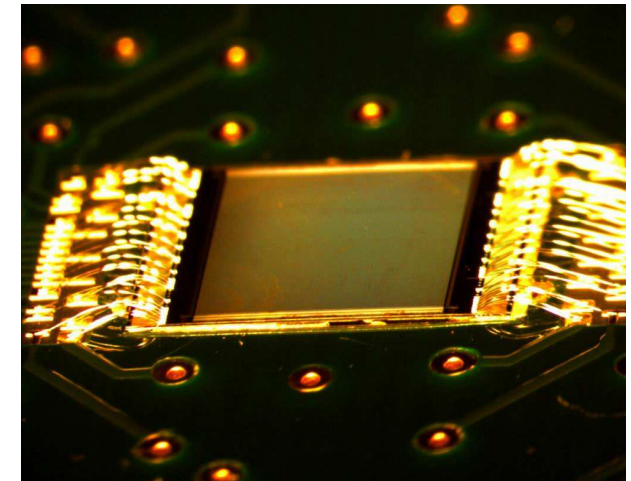
■ Thinning of AMS-0.35 engineering run reticles :

- ⊗ Thinning performed by APTEK (S.F. bay) via LBNL (STAR coll.)
- ⊗ Thickness claimed by provider : $50 \mu\text{m}$ \rightarrow measured with IPHC bonding machine : $\sim 50\text{--}70 \mu\text{m}$
- ⊗ MIMOSA-18 ($5.5 \times 7.5 \text{ mm}^2$) & -17 ($8 \times 9 \text{ mm}^2$) mounted on PCB for tests \rightarrow keep them flat !

MIMOSA-18: First gluing trial

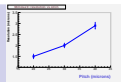


Second gluing trial



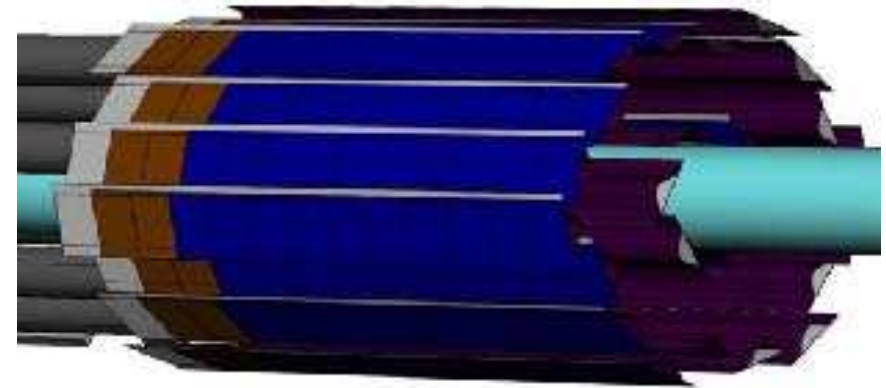
- ⊗ Tests with ^{55}Fe source show no performance loss (noise, gain)
- ⊗ Tests of MIMOSA-18 mounted on TAPI with $120 \text{ GeV } \pi^-$ at CERN-SPS (Nov. '07)
 - \rightarrow no performance loss observed $\rightarrow \epsilon_{\text{det}} = 99.79 \pm 0.15 \%$ (prelim.)

■ Preliminary conclusion : Thinning down to $\sim 50 \mu\text{m}$ seems on a good track



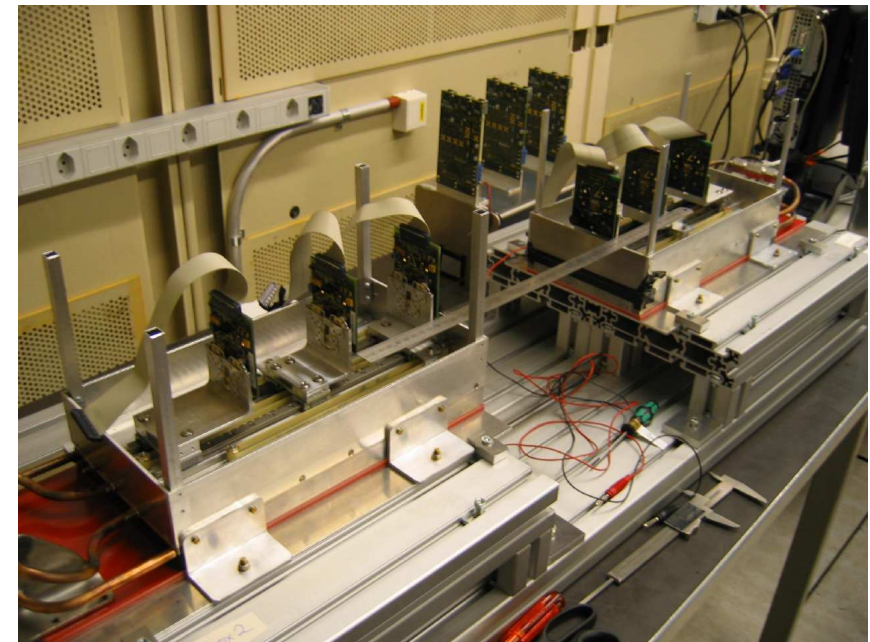
Vertex Detector upgrade for STAR expt at RHIC

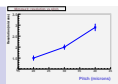
- ⇒ 2 cylindrical layers : $\sim 1600 \text{ cm}^2$
- ⇒ $\gtrsim 160$ million pixels ($\leq 30 \mu\text{m}$ pitch)
- ⇒ 3 steps :
- ▷▷ 2007: telescope (3 MIMO-14) \rightarrow BG meast, no pick-up !
 - ◇ 2008/09: digital outputs without \emptyset ($\leq 640 \mu\text{s}$)
 - ◇ 2010/11: digital outputs with integrated \emptyset ($\leq 200 \mu\text{s}$)



Beam telescope (FP6 project EUDET)

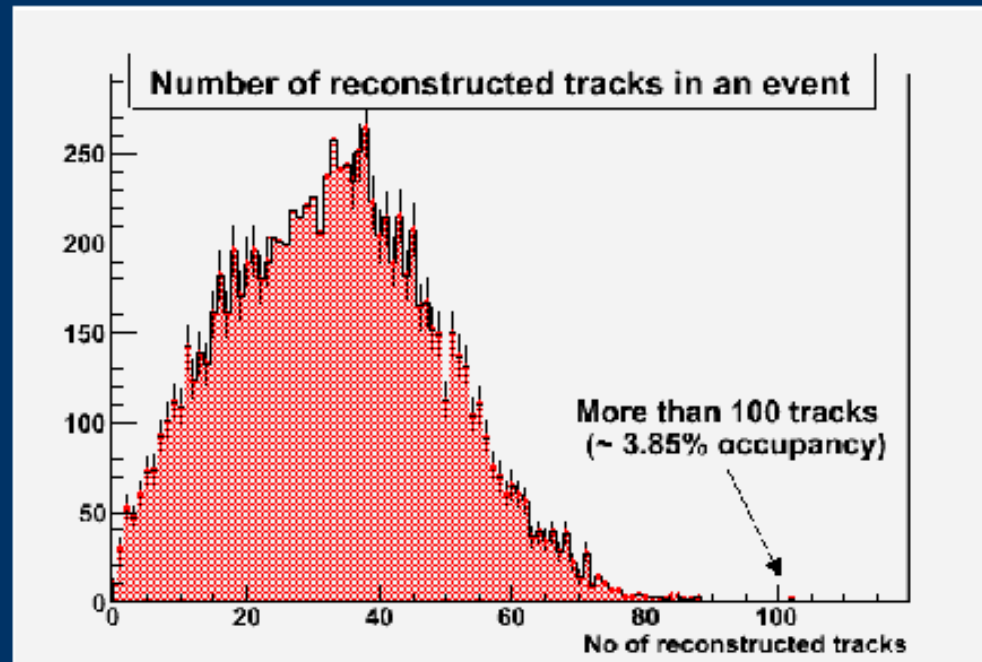
- ⇒ 2 arms of 3 planes (plus 1 high resolution plane)
- ⇒ provide $\lesssim 1 \mu\text{m}$ resolution on 3 GeV e^- beam (DESY)
- ⇒ 2 steps :
- ▷▷ 2007: analog outputs
 - \rightarrow telescope commissioned & running ($\lesssim 100$ tracks / frame)
 - \rightarrow used by non JRA-1 members at SPS (e.g. SILC)
- ◇ 2008/09: digital outputs with integ. \emptyset ($\sim 100 \mu\text{s}$)



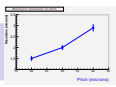


Performances...

- This impressive plot is showing the pretty mature development stage of the tracking software.

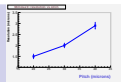


CERN large multiplicity data taken two weeks ago



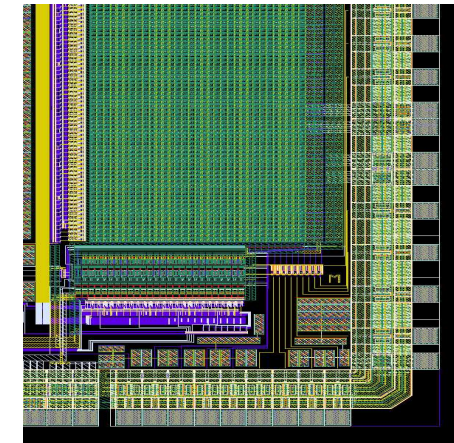
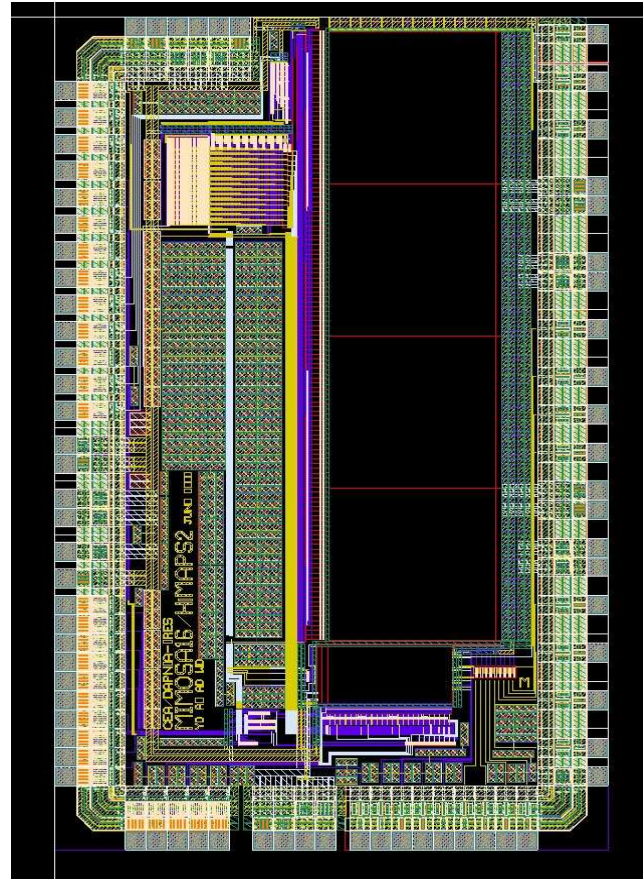
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MIMOSA-16 design features :

- AMS-0.35 OPTO translation of MIMOSA-8
 - ↳ $\sim 11\text{--}15 \mu\text{m}$ epitaxy instead of $\lesssim 7 \mu\text{m}$
- 32 // columns of 128 pixels (pitch: $25 \mu\text{m}$)
- on-pixel CDS (DS at end of each column)
- 24 columns ended with discriminator
- 4 sub-arrays :
 - S1** : like MIMOSA-8 ($1.7 \times 1.7 \mu\text{m}^2$ diode)
 - S2** : like MIMOSA-8 ($2.4 \times 2.4 \mu\text{m}^2$ diode)
 - S3** : S2 with ionising radiation tol. pixels
 - S4** : with enhanced in-pixel amplification
(against noise of read-out chain)

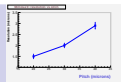


Tests of analog part ("20" & "14" μm epitaxy) :

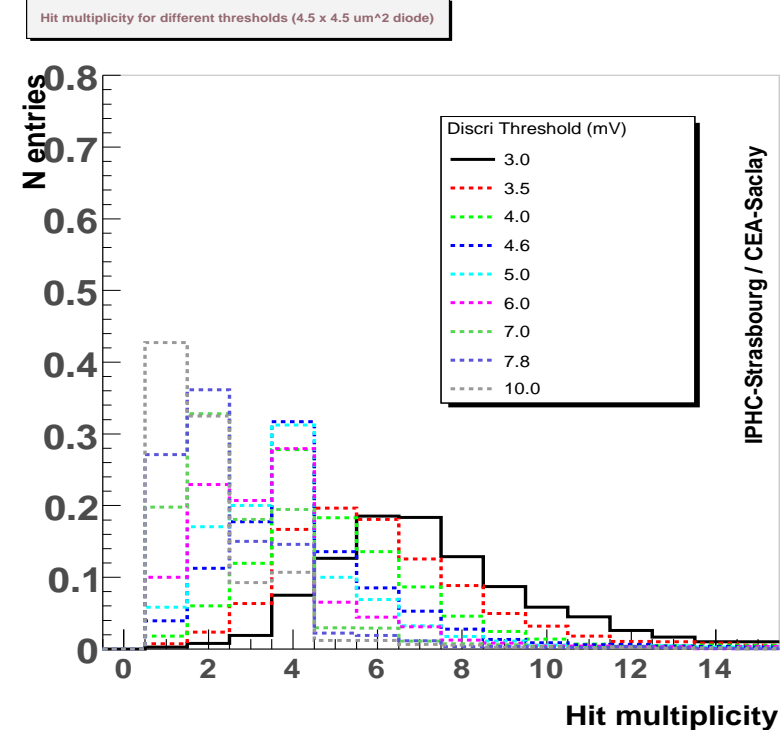
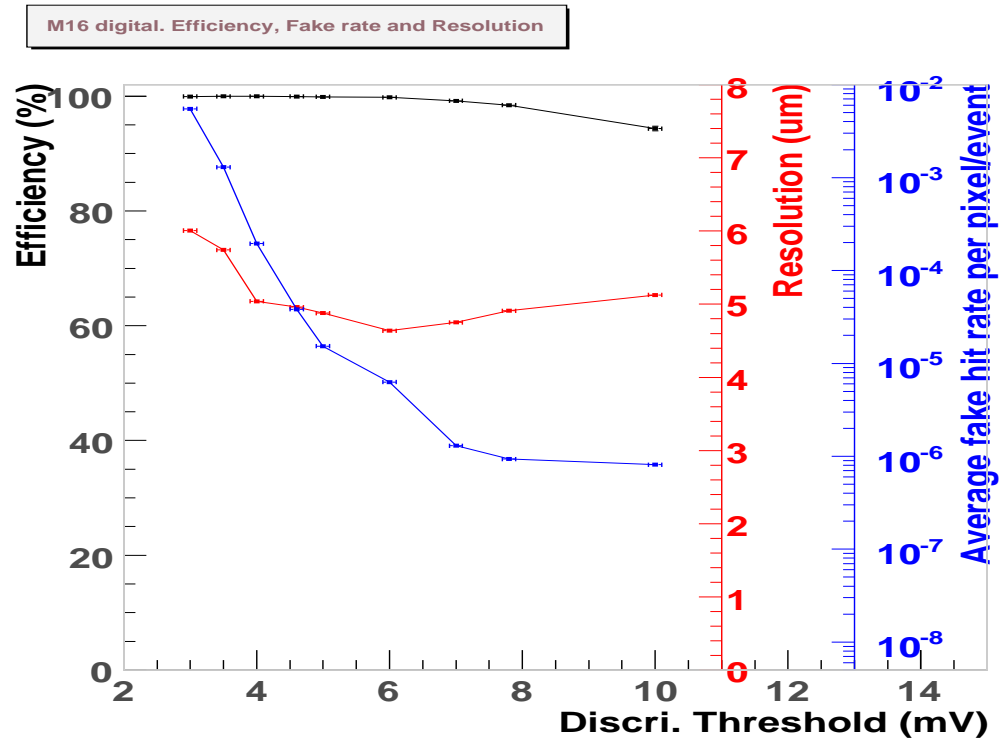
- sensors illuminated with ^{55}Fe source and $F_{r.o.}$ varied up to $\gtrsim 150 \text{ MHz}$
- measurements of N(pixel), FPN (end of column), pedestal variation, CCE (3x3 pixel clusters) vs $F_{r.o.}$

M.i.p. detection with Si-stip telescope studied at CERN in Sept. '07 \rightarrow characterisation of digital response :

- π^- beam of $\sim 180 \text{ GeV}/c$
- measurements of SNR, det. efficiency, fake rate, cluster characteristics, spatial resolution vs discri. threshold

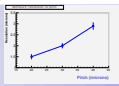


- CERN-SPS ($\sim 180 \text{ GeV } \pi^-$) \rightarrow results of S4 (" $14 \mu\text{m}$ " epitaxy)
- Read-out time $\sim 50 \mu\text{s}$ ($\sim 1/4$ of max. freq. due to DAS limitations)



- Major result \rightarrow at least one pixel architecture validated for next steps : S4 (SNR ~ 16)

Discr. Threshold	det. efficiency	fake rate	sgle pt resolution
4 m V	99.96 ± 0.03 (stat) %	$\sim 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$\sim 4.8\text{--}5.0 \mu\text{m}$
6 m V	99.88 ± 0.05 (stat) %	$< 10^{-5}$	$\sim 4.6 \mu\text{m}$



■ 1st chip (SUZE-01) with integrated \emptyset and output memories (no pixels) :

✳ 2 step, raw by raw, logic :

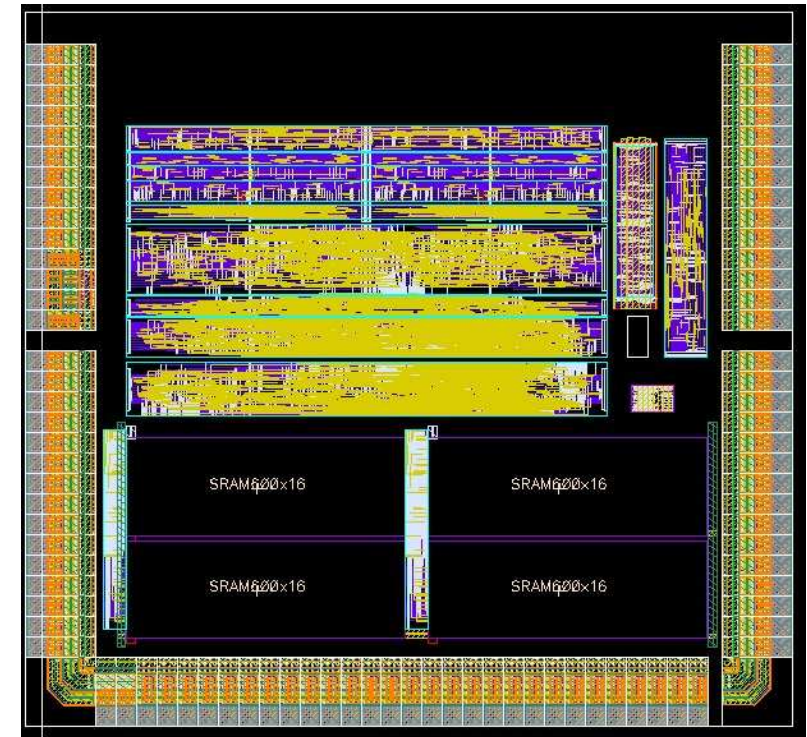
◇ step-1 (inside blocks of 64 columns) :

identify up to 6 series of ≤ 4 neighbour pixels per raw
delivering signal $>$ discriminator threshold

◇ step-2 : read-out outcome of step-1 in all blocks
and keep up to 9 series of ≤ 4 neighbour pixels

✳ 4 output memories (512x16 bits) taken from AMS I.P. library

✳ surface $\sim 3.9 \times 3.6 \text{ mm}^2$

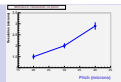


■ Status :

✳ back from foundry end of Sept. '07 \rightarrow tests almost completed

✳ design performances reproduced up to $1.15 \times$ design read-out frequency (T_{room}) :

▷ noise values as predicted, no pattern encoding error



♣ Extension of MIMOSA-16 \rightarrow larger surface, smaller pitch, optimised pixel, JTAG, more testability

■ Pixel characteristics (optimal charge coll. diode size ?) :

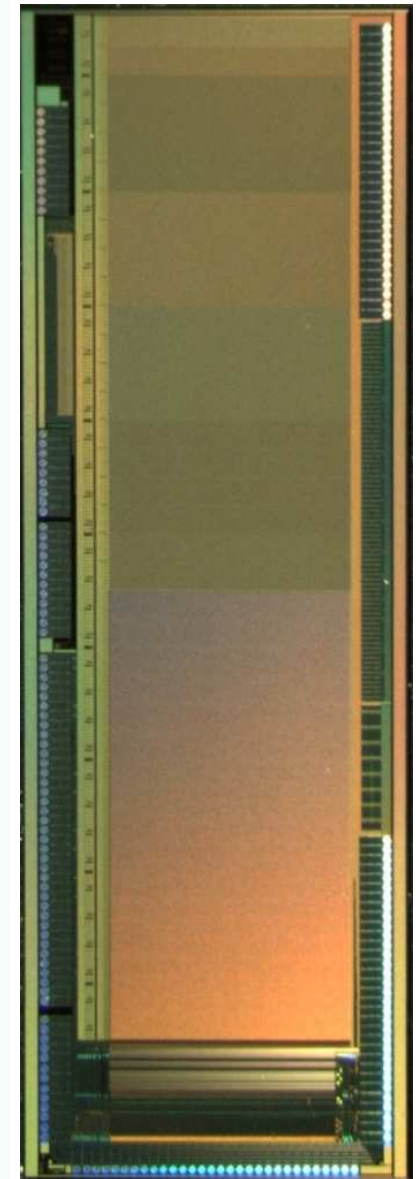
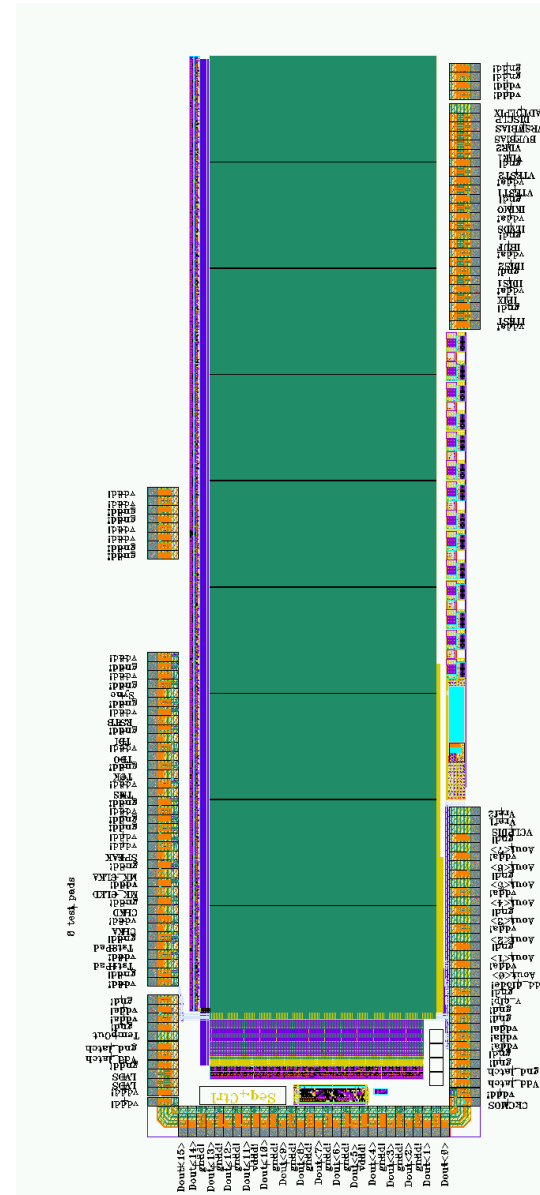
- * pitch : $18.4 \mu\text{m}$ (compromise resolution/pixel layout)
- * diode surface : $\sim 10\text{--}15 \mu\text{m}^2$ to optimise charge coll. & gain
- * 128 columns ended with discriminator
- * 8 columns with analog output for test purposes
- * 9 sub-matrices of 64 rows :
 - 17 pixel designs w/o ionising rad. tol. diode
- \Rightarrow active digital area : 128×576 pixels ($\sim 25 \text{mm}^2$)
- * read-out time $\sim 100 \mu\text{s}$

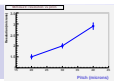
■ Testability :

- * JTAG + bias DAC \rightarrow programmable chip steering
- * 2 additional DC voltages to emulate pixel's output for independent discriminator performance assessment
- * output frequency $\leq 40 \text{MHz}$

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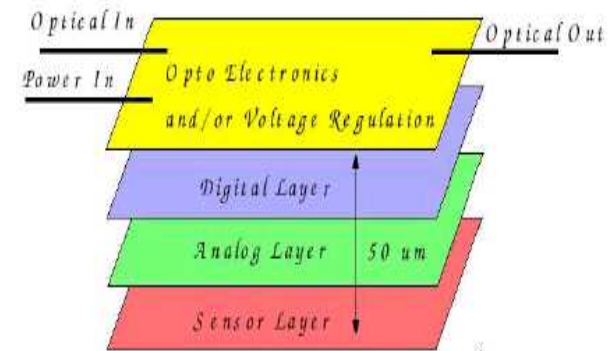
- * Back from foundry \rightarrow tests started in Feb.'08 (analog outputs)
- ▷ ^{55}Fe source : chip active over whole surface (35°C , $92 \mu\text{s}$)

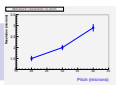




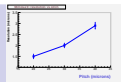
- **Steady progress towards perfo. adapted to running conditions with beam BG >> MC simulations**
- **2007 :**
 - * *several achievements (beam tests) and progresses on sensor R&D :*
 - fast col. // architecture with discri. output, μ -circuit, spatial resolution, inclined tracks etc.*
 - * *successful 1st experimental use of small sets of sensors \rightarrow telescopes: EUDET-JRA1, TAPI, STAR*
 - * *progress on syst. integration aspects : thinning, power cycling, ladder, etc.*
- **2008 :**
 - * **final EUDET telescope sensor fab.: $1 \times 2 \text{ cm}^2$; 0.6 Mpix; $100 \mu\text{s}$; digital output with \emptyset ; $50 \mu\text{m}$ thin**
 - * **STAR-HFT1 sensor fab.: $2 \times 2 \text{ cm}^2$; 0.4 Mpix; $640 \mu\text{s}$; digital output; $50 \mu\text{m}$ thin $\rightarrow \text{D}^0$ phys. in 2010**
 - * *several other R&D lines: fast archi. with ADC, new fab. proc., system integ., etc. \rightarrow FP-7*
 - * *vertex detector design optimisation with physics processes \rightarrow Lol*
- **> 2008 :**
 - * *proto-ladder for outer/inner layers in 2010/2011 ($\leq 0.2 \% X_0$), based on STAR-HFT ladder ($\lesssim 0.28 \% X_0$)*
 - * *final sensor designs for outer/inner layers in 2010/2011*
 - * *STAR-HFT2 sensor (data taking starting in 2011)*

- **Perspective : 3DIT MIMOSA \equiv 4 chip sandwich**
 - \hookrightarrow *optimal technology for each tier*





BACK-UP SLIDES



Pixel design :

- * adapt existing pixel architectures from $25 \mu m$ to $< 20 \mu m$ pitch
- * adapt sensing diode dimensions to maximise CCE (surface \nearrow) & gain (surface \searrow) : optimum $\sim 10\text{--}15 \mu m^2$
- ▶ find optimal pixel pitch : single point resolution (pitch \searrow) against reliable design (pitch \nearrow)

Column read-out architecture :

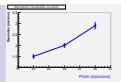
- * adapt existing S&H and discriminators from $25 \mu m$ to $< 20 \mu m$ pitch
- * integrate \emptyset and output memories

Row and pixel steering (consequences of large surface) :

- * adapt pixel steering (speed) inside column to avoid capacitance due to large nb of switches \rightarrow pixel design
- * adapt row steering to their length (2 cm)

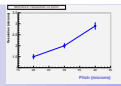
Sensor autonomy and testability :

- * JTAG + bias DAC \rightarrow programmable chip steering
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- Developments simultaneously oriented towards well focussed applications and towards generic objectives useful to several applications

Application	version	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
STAR	HFT-1	R&D	final proto.	Prod.			
	HFT-2	R&D	R&D	R&D	proto final	Prod.	
EUDET	BT-1	2 Prod.	commissioned				
	BT-2	R&D	final proto	Prod.			
Imaging		R&D	final proto	Prod. ?			
Generic topics							
Fast sensors :	○ architecture	R&D	R&D	R&D +	R&D ++	ILC proto	CBM proto
	○ ADC	R&D	R&D	final proto	↗		
	○ digital	pre-study	R&D	final proto	↗		
Radiation tolerance		R&D	R&D	R&D	R&D	↗	
Fabrication technologies		R&D	R&D	R&D	R&D	↗ ???	
Thinning		R&D	D	D	OK ???		



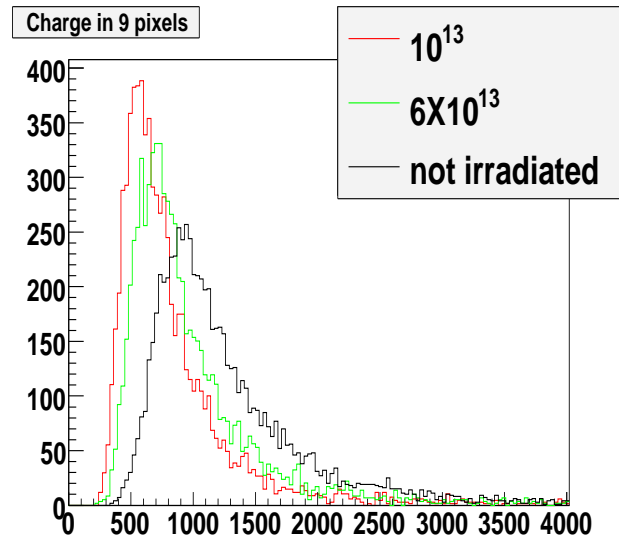
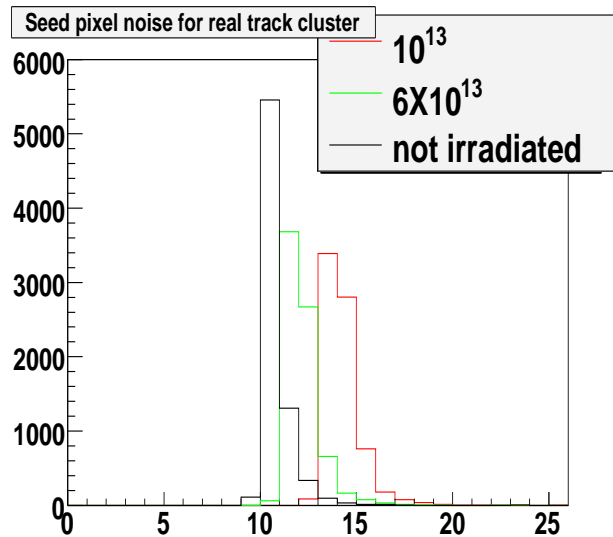
Radiation Tolerance: Summary of AMS-0.35 OPTO Evaluation

Established ionising radiation tolerance (reminder): 1 MRad – $2 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ n}_{eq}/\text{cm}^2$ – $10^{13} \text{ e}_{10 \text{ MeV}}^-/\text{cm}^2$ OK

Non-ionising radiation tolerance (Summer / Autumn 2007):

* MIMOSA-18 irradiated with $\lesssim 10^{13} \text{ O}(1 \text{ MeV}) \text{ n}/\text{cm}^2$ (+ 100–200 kRad γ gas) \Rightarrow tested on $\sim 120 \text{ GeV } \pi^-$ beam (SPS)

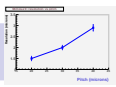
▶ Preliminary results: ● T = -20°C ● $t_{r.o.} \sim 3 \text{ ms}$ ● cuts at 5N (seed) & 2N (crown)



Fluence ($\text{n}_{eq}/\text{cm}^2$)	0	$6 \cdot 10^{12}$	$1 \cdot 10^{13}$
Noise ($\text{e}^- \text{ ENC}$) (-20°C, 3 ms, 5N/2N)	10.8 ± 0.3	12.2 ± 0.3	14.3 ± 0.3
$Q_{clust} (\text{e}^-)$	1026	680	560
S/N (MPV)	28.5 ± 0.2	20.4 ± 0.2	14.7 ± 0.2
Det. Eff. (%)	99.93 ± 0.03	99.85 ± 0.05	99.5 ± 0.1

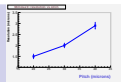
$\sim 10^{13} \text{ n}/\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$ affordable at T < 0°C & $t_{r.o.} \sim \text{O}(1) \text{ ms}$ & 10 μm pitch

\hookrightarrow study tolerance vs pitch, diode size, r.o. speed, digital output,, annealing ?????



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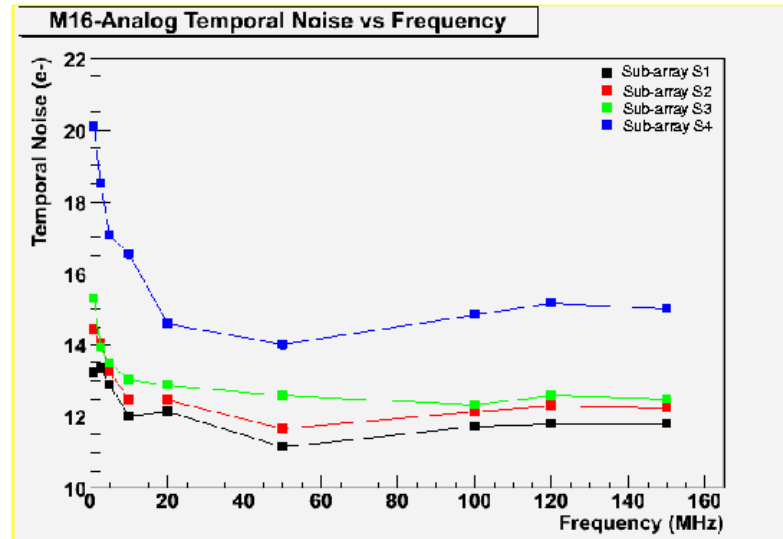


Pixel noise and charge collection efficiency (" $20\ \mu\text{m}$ " epitaxy) :

Temporal noise vs Frequency

Chip#0 (old mezzanine board)

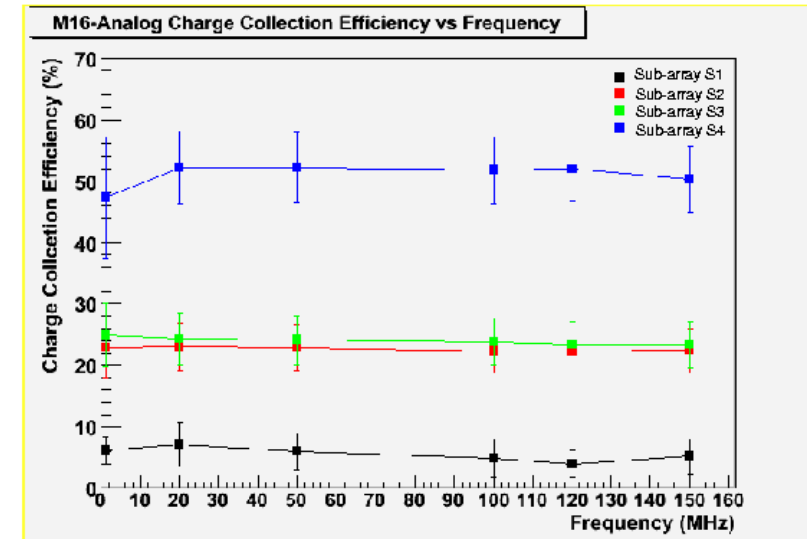
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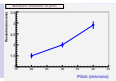
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⇒ **Noise performance satisfactory (like MIMOSA-8 and -15)**

⇒ **CCE: very poor for S1 ($1.7 \times 1.7\ \mu\text{m}^2$) & poor for S2/S3 ($2.4 \times 2.4\ \mu\text{m}^2$)**

→ *already observed with MIMOSA-15 but more pronounced for " $20\ \mu\text{m}$ " option*

→ suspected origin: diffusion of P-well, reducing the N-well/epitaxy contact, supported by CCE of S4 ($4.5 \times 4.5\ \mu\text{m}^2$ diode)



■ Next steps :

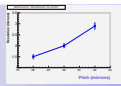
- *Mid-term : EUDET, STAR* \rightarrow *real experimental conditions*
- *Long-term full sensor prototyping : CBM (and ILC)*

■ Integrated \emptyset \rightarrow **real scale sensors without ADC ($\sigma_{sp} \sim 4-6 \mu m$) :**

- * *EUDET telescope (2008)*
- * *STAR-HFT1/2 (2010/11)*
- * *CBM-MVD (\gtrsim 2012)*

■ Increasing read-out speed and replacing discriminators with 4-5 bit ADC (ILC) :

- * *read-out speed \rightarrow CBM-MVD (\gtrsim 2012)*



Autumn 2008 : MIMOSA-22+ = Final EUDET Sensor

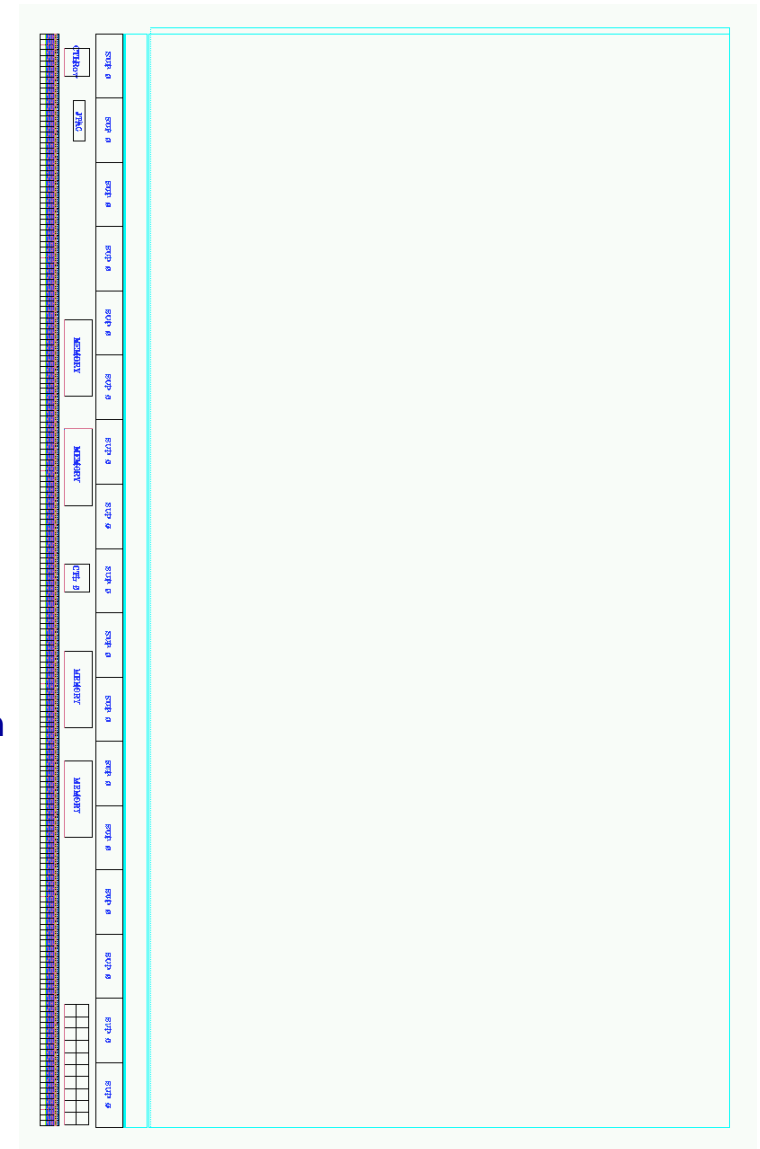
- * **MIMOSA-22 complemented with \emptyset (SUZE-01)**
 - * 1 or 2 sub-arrays (best pixel architectures of MIMOSA-22)
 - * Active surface : 1088 columns of 544/576 pixels ($20.0 \times 10/10.5 \text{ mm}^2$)
 - * Read-out time $\sim 100 \mu\text{s}$
 - * Chip dimensions : $\sim 20 \times 12 \text{ mm}^2$
- ▷ Opportunity for an engineering run combining various chips (N.I. rad. tol. ?)

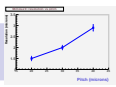
Devs performed in // :

- * June 2008 : submission of final STAR-HFT1 sensor
 - ▷ $\sim 2 \times 2 \text{ cm}^2$ * 400 kpix/sensor * $\leq 640 \mu\text{s}$ * $50 \mu\text{m}$ thin
 - ↳ equip 2 or 3 sectors of 1 + 3 ladders (10 chips/ladder)
- * explore new tracks : XFAB, IBM-0.18 OPTO, 3DIT, ...

Beyond 2008:

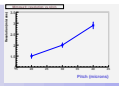
- * **design sensor for STAR-HFT2** → extension of MIMOSA-22+
- * **increase r.o. frequency** by $\sim 50 \%$ (new \emptyset & memory design)





System Integration Studies

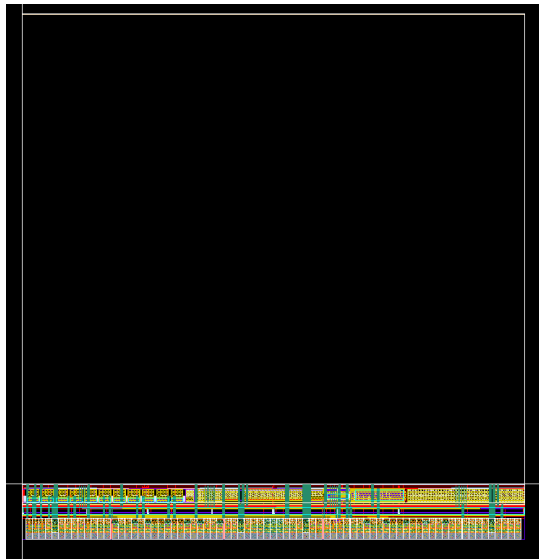
- **Thinning**
- **Ladder design**
- **Data Flow**



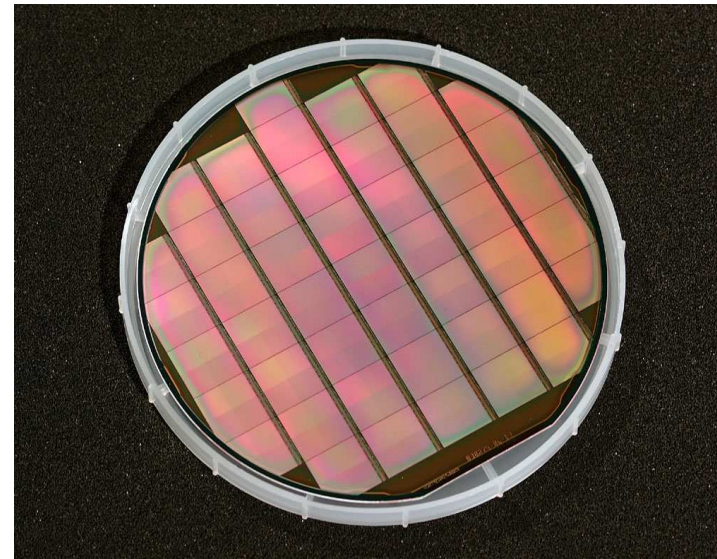
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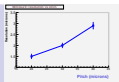
- ⊖ *thin sensors to \lesssim material budget of "mechanical support"*
- ⊖ *minimal thickness of CMOS sensors :*
 $10\text{--}15\ \mu\text{m}$ (metal layers and SiO_2) + $15\ \mu\text{m}$ (T + epitaxy) + $5\text{--}10\ \mu\text{m}$ (substrate) $\approx 30\text{--}40\ \mu\text{m}$
- ⊖ *thinned sensors should be "easy" to handle*
- ⊖ *thinning procedure should have high mechanical yield and preserve detection performances*
- ⊖ *CMOS technology fab. yield \rightarrow foster diced sensors (despite few 10^{-4} X_0 add. mat. budget / ladder)*
- ⊖ *thinning of individual sensors seems preferable to full wafer thinning : cheaper but same quality ?*

MIMOSA-17 : $8 \times 9\ \text{mm}^2$



MIMOSA-5 : 6" wafer





■ Predominantly driven by STAR HFT project at LBNL

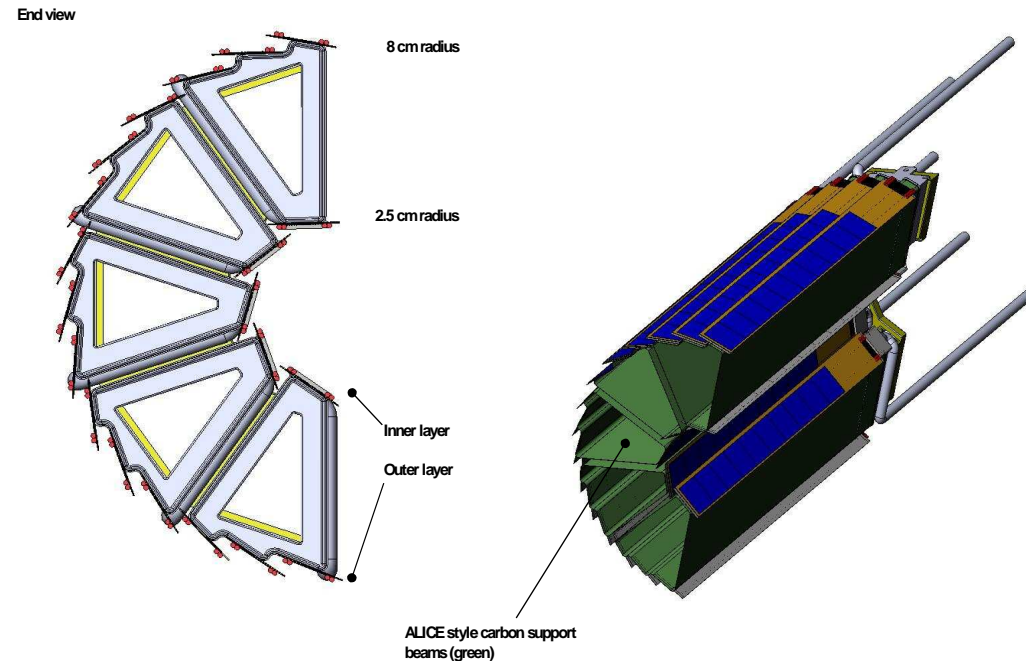
■ Thinning of MIMOSA-5 wafers :

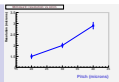
- ⊖ 3 wafers thinned via LBNL to $50 \pm 5 \mu\text{m}$
- ⊖ result satisfactory (after pre-dicing):
sensors can be manipulated and mounted on support
- ⊖ 3 ladder prototypes fabricated at LBL ($\gtrsim 0.25 \% X_0$)
→ up to 9 sensors mounted on ladder and tested

■ Thinning of individual sensors to $\sim 50 \mu\text{m}$:

- ⊖ several chips of $\sim 0.2 - 3.5 \text{ cm}^2$ (MIMOSA-5, -10, -14, -17, -18, -20, etc.) thinned individually via LBNL
- ⊖ recent result: MIMOSA-18 prototype thinned to $50 \mu\text{m}$ was successfully tested with ^{55}Fe at IPHC
→ no change of performances (e.g. noise, gain, det. eff, ...) → next slide
- ⊖ Plans :
 - replace present (thick) sensors (MIMOSA-17, -18) equipping telescopes (EUDET, TAPI, ...)
 - equip STAR-HFT1 with thinned sensors (2008/09) → $0.25 - 0.3 \% X_0$
 - extend ladder devt to ILC Vertex Detector (LBNL-ILC team ?) → goal $\leq 0.2 \% X_0$

Pixel support structure

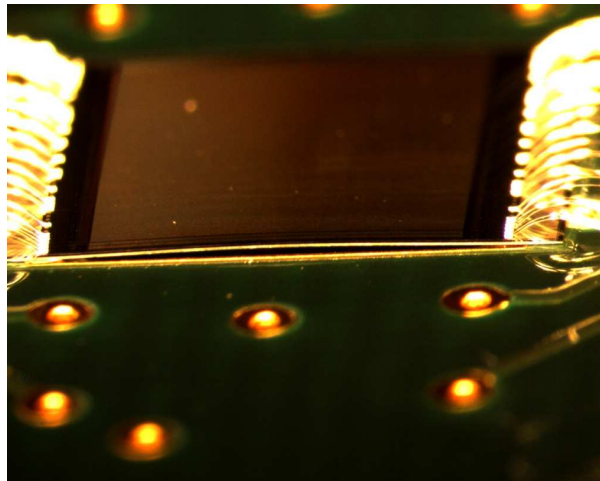
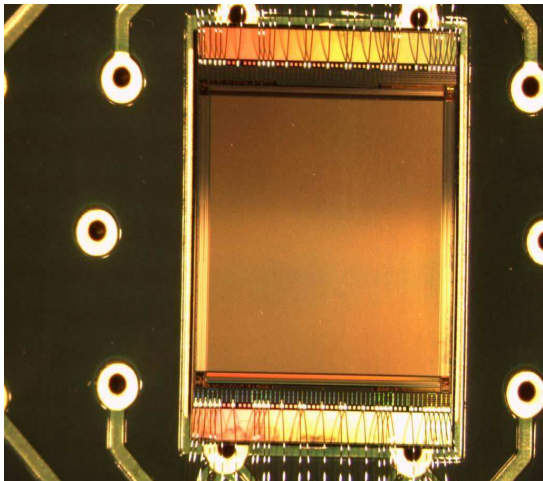




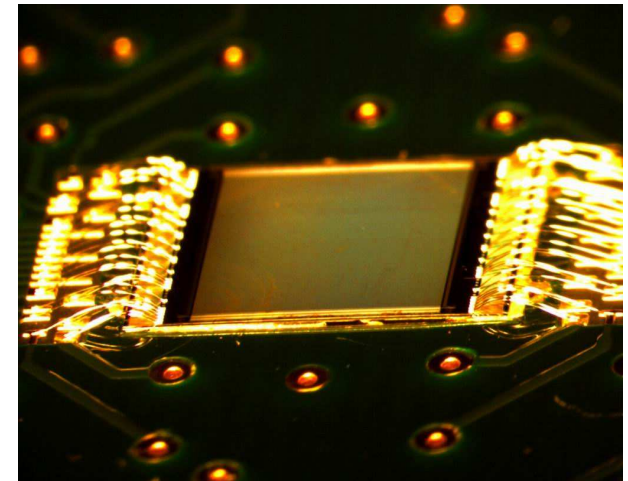
■ Thinning of AMS-0.35 engineering run reticles :

- ⊗ *Thinning performed by APTEK (S.F. bay) via LBNL (STAR coll.)*
- ⊗ *Thickness claimed by provider : 50 μm \rightarrow measured with IPHC bonding machine : $\sim 50\text{--}70 \mu\text{m}$*
- ⊗ *MIMOSA-18 ($5.5 \times 7.5 \text{ mm}^2$) & -17 ($8 \times 9 \text{ mm}^2$) mounted on PCB for tests \rightarrow keep them flat !*

MIMOSA-18: First gluing trial

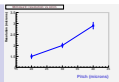


Second gluing trial



- ⊗ *Tests with ^{55}Fe source show no performance loss (noise, gain)*
- ⊗ *Tests of MIMOSA-18 mounted on TAPI with 120 GeV π^- at CERN-SPS (Nov. '07)*
 \rightarrow *no performance loss observed $\rightarrow \epsilon_{\text{det}} = 99.79 \pm 0.15 \%$ (prelim.)*

■ Preliminary conclusion : **Thinning down to $\sim 50 \mu\text{m}$ seems on a good track**



■ Data flow:

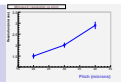
- ⇨ *hundreds of millions of fast pixels* \Rightarrow *data flow is a MAJOR CONCERN !!!*
- ⇨ *U.L.M. Photonics : 250x250 μm^2 electro-optical converters* \rightarrow *several Gbits/s*
- ⇨ *design of laser driver under study at IPHC*

■ New concept of mechanical support & heat extractor:

- ⇨ *objective : mount, connect & operate \sim 4 MIMOSA-18 (?) sensors, thinned to 50 μm , on 50–100 μm thin, aluminised, CVD diamond slabs \equiv mech. support – heat extractor - cable support*
- ⇨ *status : 3 diamond 3" wafers fabricated* \rightarrow *electroplating and lithography, etc.*
 \rightarrow *proto-ladders back at IPHC-Strasbourg before Summer*

■ General remark :

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- ⇨ **Lot of expertise and effort needed \Rightarrow Forces needed NOW !**



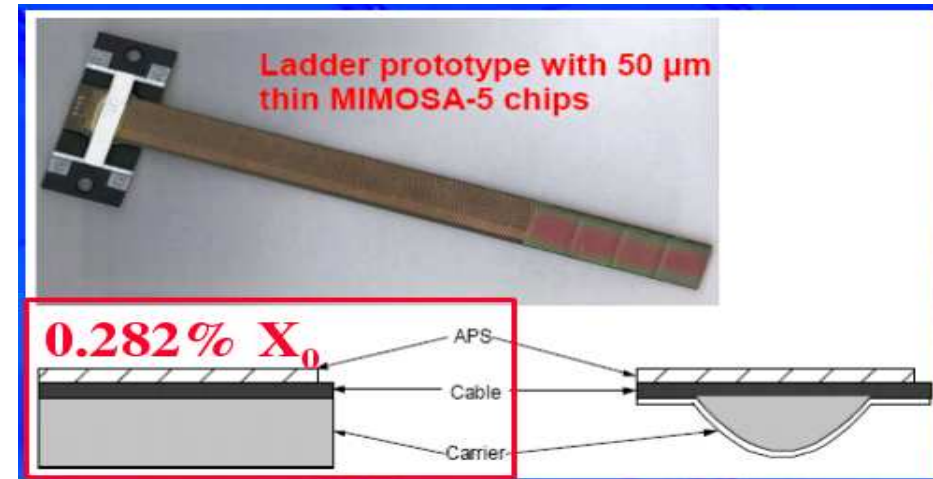
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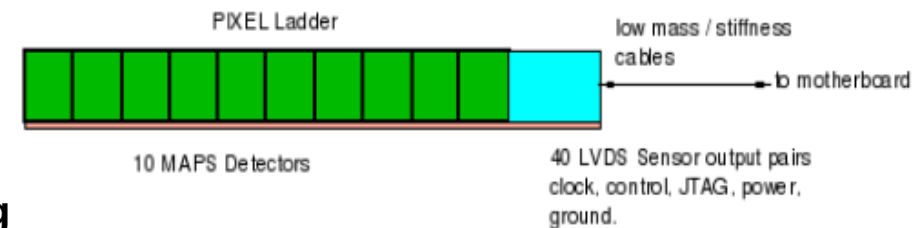


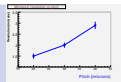
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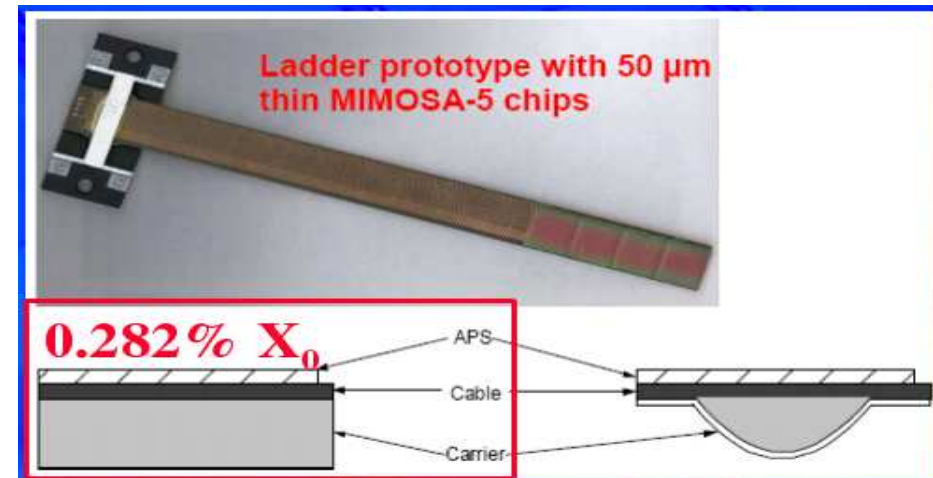
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