



Silicon Pixel Detectors for Beauty and Beyond

Photo: SEM image of SnPb 55 µm pitch bumped Timepix wafer; courtesy of S Vähänen, ADVACAM Paula Collins IHEP/UCAS, Beijing 9th July 2019

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A Brief History

Silicon sensors in HEP

• Silicon sensors for LHCb

Silicon Detectors for HEP

Basic principle: detect electron hole pairs created in reverse biased segmented silicon diode

Originally were not considered for HEP detectors

- Costly, bulky, small signal, challenges of miniaturisation

However with the increasing interest in very precise measurements of the vertex position, and the advent of silicon planar processing technology, silicon detectors took

ICHEP Singapore Conference, 1990
'The LEP experiments are beginning to reconstruct B mesons... It will be interesting to see whether they will be able to use these events'

B. Gittleman, Heavy Flavour Review





10 years later, flavour physics represented 40% of all LEP publications

Silicon Detectors for HEP



Late 80's MARK II (SLC) and early 90's all LEP experiments had silicon, with continuous upgrades

Pixel detector at SLC in early 90s

The new detectors exploited access to microlithography technology, low noise amplifiers to cope with the small silicon signals, and readout with electronics miniaturisation

Silicon Detectors for HEP

Dramatic effect on measurement precision!



Systems quickly increased in size



And became more and more segmented



In general global tracker sizes are saturating

However cell sizes and data rates are evolving significantly

Detector	Current	Upgrade	
CMS strips	9.8M	42M + 172M	
CMS Pixels	127M	2GP	
ATLAS strips	6.3M	60M	
ATLAS pixels	92M	5GP	
VELO	171k	41M	
ALICE	12.5M	12.5G	

Cell granularity, the weapon against high-PU keeping occupancy at a reasonable level

The LHCb Experiment



- LHCb: Single arm spectrometer optimised for precision flavour physics
- Approx 1100 members from 73 institutes in 63 countries

Weight: 5600 Tons Height: 10 m Length: 20 m

The LHCb Experiment



Visualising a Collision



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The LHCb Vertex Locator (VELO) 2009-20

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The LHCb Vertex Locator (VELO)

R measuring strips with double metal r/o

Phi measuring strips

Placed around the LHC beams

Placed around the LHC beams



The Rise of Hybrid Pixels

- From HEP to Medicine: Medipix/Timepix for imaging
- From Medicine to HEP: VeloPix for LHCb Upgrade

(previously shown)



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With the rise of pixel detectors



real tracks

Strip detector measures 1 coordinate only. Two orthogonal detectors give a 2 dimensional position of a particle. However with more than one particle hits the strip detectors the measurement is no longer unambiguous. "Ghost" hits appear!

Exploit technology to new level, taking advantage of industry miniaturisation and silicon processing advances

Pixel detectors produce unambiguous hits



The Hybrid Pixel Detector





Offer a number of pros due to the split functionality of sensor and readout:

- Complex signal processing in readout chip
- free choice of sensor material (Si, GaAs, CdTe..)
- Separate optimisation of sensor and FE-chip for very high radiation environment
- zero suppression and hit storage during L1 latency
- radiation hard chips and sensors to > 10¹⁵ n_{eq}/cm²
- high rate capability (~MHz/mm²)
- spatial resolution ~ 10 15 μm
- Potential for C2W and W2W bonding to connect sensor and readout chips

Fine pitch bump bonding to connect sensor and readout chip



SEM image of 55 µm pitch SgAn bumps courtesy Sami Vähänen, ADVACAM Oy

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Hybrid Pixels at the LHC

Pixels are typically installed in the regions closest to the IP



And at HL-LHC

Designs governed by LHC radiation levels, hit rates and bunch structure

Example: ATLAS



Outer Pixel layers

- Occupancy 1MHz/mm²
- NIEL ~ 10¹⁵ n_{eq}/cm²
- TID ~ 50 Mrad
- Larger area O(10m²)

Inner Pixel layers

- Occupancy 10 MHz/mm²
- NIEL ~ 10¹⁶ n_{eq}/cm²
- TID ~ 1Grad
- Smaller area O(1m²)

Hybrid Pixels: Medipix/Timepix

Engagement of the detector physics community with difficult detector challenges and with industry has led to wonderful detectors able to go beyond initial goals

Hybrid pixels used in tracking detectors, gaseous detector readouts, RICH, biomedical applications and photon science, space applications etc...

Let's take as an example the Medipix/Timepix family.



Pixels for Medical Imaging

Amplifier Response Threshold Shutter lion Counter g 15 bit counter records number of Ch impinging photons 09/07/19 **IHEP/UCAS** Seminar Idea: take advances in HEP and apply them to photon counting for medical physics

Intensity counter for photons, using individual pre-amp, comparator and counter per pixel

Operates in "camera" mode, reading out the entire pixel array when the shutter closes

Pixels for Medical Imaging

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Timepix design requested and funded by EUDET collaboration

Conventional Medipix2 counting mode remains.

Addition of a clock up to 100MHz allows two new modes.

Time over Threshold

Time of Arrival

Pixels can be individually programmed into one of these three modes

Medipix/Timepix Specs

Timepix Specs

CMOS node	250nm		
Pixel Array	256 x 256		
Pixel pitch	55μm		
Charge collection	e-, h+		
Pixel functionality	PC (Particle Counting), TOT (Energy) or TOA (Arrival time)		
Preamp Gain	~16.5mV/ke [_]		
ENC	~100e [.]		
FE Linearity	Up to 50ke ⁻		
TOT linearity (resolution)	Up to 200ke [_] (<5%)		
TOA resolution	Up to 10ns (@ 100 MHz)		
Time-walk	<50ns		
Minimum detectable charge	~700e [.] \rightarrow 2.5 KeV (Si Sensor)		
Counter Depth/Overflow	14-bits(11810)/Yes		
Max Analog power (2.2V)	6.5µW/pix 190mA/chip		
Static Digital Power (2.2V)	~500mW@100MHz/chip		
Readout (@ 100 MHz)	Serial readout → 9.17 ms		
	32-bit Parallel readout → 287 μ s		

3 side buttable floor plan > 36M Transistors Medipix / Timepix / Medipix3 photon counting/ add time / energy thresholds



Many applications..





including the Timepix^mparticle tracking telescope



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Low energy threshold (4 keV) enables imaging of very low contrast media, like flowers, with high resolutions

Medipix3: Convolvulus arvensis 3.1 M pixels, 55 μm pixel pitch Credits: Simon Procz,, Ph.D. Thesis, University of Freiburg

Advancing Cryo-Electron Microscopy





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Electron imaging with Medipix2 hybrid pixel detector

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2017 Nobel Prize in Chemistry

"For developing cryo-electron microscopy for the high-resolution structure determination of biomolecules in solution"







Noiseless direct detection of electrons in Medipix2 for electron microscopy, *NIM* A546 (2005) 160–163 Direct electron detection methods in electron microscopy, *NIM* A513 (2003) 317-321 Although CMOS technology is currently being used for cryo-EM imaging, Medipix efforts helped advance the technology

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Spectral imaging allows different materials to be identified and quantified

Separate map (data channel) made for each material Each map gives the partial density (g/cm3) for the material Each material assigned a colour for easy visualisation

A phantom containing Au, Gd, Iodine, Lipid, Water and hydroxyapatite



Classic CT image



A mouse containing, gold, gadolinium, and iodine



All materials are shown in this image

Images presented and the European Congress of Radiology, Vienna, March 2017.



The water has been partly cut away to reveal the bone, gold, gadolinium and iodine

Images presented and the European Congress of Radiology, Vienna, March 2017.



The water has been completely removed leaving just bone, gold, gadolinium and iodine visible

Images presented and the European Congress of Radiology, Vienna, March 2017.

CT image of Phil Butler's wrist



Timepix3

Timepix3 Specs

CMOS node	130nm			
Pixel Array	256 x 256			
Pixel pitch	55μm			
Charge collection	e-, h+			
Pixel functionality	TOT (Energy) and TOA (Arrival time)			
Preamp Gain	~47mV/ke ⁻			
ENC	~60e-			
FE Linearity	Up to 12ke [_]			
TOT linearity (resolution)	Up to 200ke ⁻ (<5%)			
TOA resolution*	Up to 1.6ns			
Time-walk	<20ns			
Minimum detectable charge	~500e [.] \rightarrow 2 KeV (Si Sensor)			
Max Analog power (1.5V)	500 mA/chip			
Digital Power (1.5V)	~400mA data driven			
Maximum hit rate	80Mhits/sec (in data driven)			
Readout	Data driven (44-bits/hit @ 5Gbps)			



tracking in single Si layer conceivable

X ray materials analysis, gamma camera, compton camera, electron microscopy, neutron and photon imaging... and particle tracking for the Timepix3 telescope



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Timepix3 for antimatter



Slide courtesy of N. Pacifico, CERN

AEgIS experiment seeks to measure the pull of gravity on anti-hydrogen

- 300-700 ns: main burst of secondaries coming from annihilation in the moderators, giving fast fragments
- * 700-1200 ns: scattered antiprotons
- * 1200-1500 ns: Time delay indicates energy of selected antiproton star-like signatures

Applications at LHCb Upgrade I



Phase I(a) Upgrade - Run 3 and Run 4 (2021 - 2029) Installation well underway! See http://lhcb-media.web.cern.ch/lhcb-media/ Accumulate 50 fb-1 with upgraded detector, including new pixel detector Possibilities may exist to install prototype detectors for Upgrade I(b) during LS3 (2024)

Pixels for the LHCb upgrade

image from LHCb twitter @LHCbExperiment



Photo courtesy Oscar Francisco Wiktor Byczynski Maintain Physics Performance in very high occupancy and pile up conditions

- combinatorial complexity and fake tracks
- Pile-up energy
- mitigated by granularity, high readout speed and trigger innovations (timing will be for Upgrade II)

Operate with detector elements exposed to very high radiation doses

Radiation hardness needed for all subdetectors

Control Systematics to match statistics

 low material budget hence creative solutions needed at mechanics level; support structures, cooling, power delivery, and thin detectors for innermost regions

 Cope with tremendous DAQ and data processing challenges

VeloPix for the LHCb Upgrade I



VeloPix for LHCb Upgrade I

Derived from Timepix3 and dedicated to LHCb.

	Timepix3 (2013)	VeloPix (2016)		
Pixel arrangement	256 x 256			
Pixel size	55 x 55 μm²			
Peak hit rate	80 Mhits/s/ASIC	800 Mhits/s/ASIC 50 khits/s/pixel		
Readout type	Continuous, trigger-less, TOT	Continuous, trigger-less, binary		
Timing resolution/ range	1.5625 ns, 18 bits	25 ns, 9 bits		
Total Power consumption	<1.5 W	< 3 W		
Radiation hardness	(400 Mrad, SEU tolerant		
Sensor type	Various, e- and h+ collection	Planar silicon, e- collection		
Max. data rate	5.12 Gbps	20.48 Gbps		
Technology	IBM 130 nm CMOS TSMC 130 nm CM			



Placed - even closer - around the LHC beams

Current LHCb inner radius

Upgrade LHCb inner radius

VeloPix for LHCb Upgrade I

The VeloPix ASIC is bonded to 3-chip sensors and module construction is starting now for installation 2020.

At 20 Gbps readout speed and capable of handling 900 Mhits/chip it is the fastest HEP ASIC, well suited to LHCb Upgrade physics needs







VELO Upgrade I Cooling

Due to the harsh radiation environment an efficient cooling solution is required to maintain the sensors at $< -20^{\circ}$ C

This is provided by the novel technique of evaporative CO_2 circulating in 120 µm x 200 µm channels within a silicon substrate.

Total thickness: 500 µm



- CTE match to silicon components
- Minimum and uniform material
 - radiation hard



SEM images of etched wafer before bonding



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VELO Upgrade I module productionn now underway



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Timepix / HEP cycle of innovation



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Ultimate Challenges

- LHCb Upgrade II opportunities
 - Advanced Cooling Concepts
 - Radiation Hardness
- Timing
 - Sensors
 - Timepix4/PicoPix

LHCb Upgrade Schedule



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LHCb Upgrade Schedule



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Radiation Hardness (sensors)

Sunbathers: Viareggio beach Photo: Bernhard Lang 47

Radiation Hardness

A lot has been learned about radiation damage Is it enough to see us through the next 20 years? (G. Hall)

- p-type silicon widely introduced
- n-MCz and oxygenated silicon help in mixed fields
- Double column 3D detectors developments
- Planar segmented sensors optimised thinned
- Improved data and damaged models
- More R&D needed for timing, avalanche modes, HV-CMOS
- Low thresholds of modern pixel ASICs extend the reach
- However, radiation effects and performance constantly evolving - deeper sub micron does not guarantee TID resistance e.g. for 65 nm CMOS technology





after F.Faccio et al., "Influence of LDD spacers and H+ transport on the total-ionizingdose response of 65 nm MOSFETs irradiated to ultrahigh doses", presented at NSREC 2017, published in IEEE TNS Jan.2018

Fig. 1. Radiation-induced degradation of the current in strong inversion $||F_{ed}| = 1.2 \text{ V}$) and in the linear regime $(||F_{ed}| = 20 \text{ mV})$ for PMOS and NMOS ELT transitions "diode"-biased during exposure at room temperature up to 400 Mrad(SiO₂).

Radiation Hardness - 3D sensors

Efficiency 0.98 97% 0.96 PRELIMINARY 0.94 0.92 $[\Phi] = 10^{15} n_{eo}/cm^2$ Φ= 0, W3-E 0.9 — Φ= 5. W3-C1 KIT1 0.88 - Φ=10, W4-E KIT2 – Φ=10. W4-C1 PS1 0.86 - Φ=14, W4-C1 PS1 0.84 Φ=20, W3-C1 PS3 - Φ=25. W4-C1 PS3 **50 μm** ______ 100 120 140 160 180 200 220 Voltage [V]

3D CNM, 50x50 µm² 1E, d=230 µm, 1.0 ke⁻, 0°



3D sensors are still a very promising technology for the innermost layers ATLAS measurements show radiation hardness up to $3 \times 10^{16}/1 \times 10^{16}$ n_{eg} cm⁻² for 3D/thin sensors

Many process refinements are under investigation



FBK 6" wafer technologies

Holy grail remains chip to wafer or wafer to wafer direct bonding





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Medipix family "Moore's Law"

Michael Campbell



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Moore's uncertain future

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~300 papers acceptance <40%



Moore's uncertain future



Focus in HEP:

Advanced Cooling Concepts



Microchannel cooling in silicon has unrivalled thermal efficiency - vital for hybrid pixel detectors

However large scale production challenging; main issue is silicon microfabrication quality control over very large areas - expense implications if replaceable modules are needed

LHCb - 3d printed titanium





GPD: Addition of HGTD tracking layer to separate primary vertices; needed when when the tracking resolution along z axis is longer than the distance between vertices



LHCb: timing will be needed in future upgrades to associate secondary vertices correctly to primary vertices



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However there are many further benefits of timing

- Timing in the pattern recognition can give dramatic improvements (speed/efficiency)
- PV timing and associations
- Displaced track trigger
- Secondary vertices
- T0 for calo/RICH
- Very precise timing available with suitable phased clock to reference planes
- Beam gas and background pattern recognition

Using just planar silicon, NA62 have already achieved ~115 ps on individual hits and ~65 ps on tracks





Future upgrades - even stricter requirements for 4D tracking to work at pattern recognition level, for small pixels and at high radiation doses



N. Cartiglia, H. Sadrozinski



Low Gain Avalanche Detectors (LGAD) Multiplication of charges (~10-100x) in thin gain layer \rightarrow fast rise time, increased S/N

$$\sigma_t^2 = \sigma_{Jitter}^2 + \sigma_{TimeWalk}^2 + \sigma_{LandauNoise}^2 + \sigma_{Distortion}^2 + \sigma_{TDC}^2$$

Several vendors: CNM, FBK, HPK Reached ~20 ps for few mm² size sensors →considered for HL-ATLAS/CMS/LHCb timing layers

Limiting factors for time resolution:

- Weighting field uniformity \rightarrow favours larger pixels
- Radidation effects →ok up to 10¹⁵, mitigation measures under study for higher fluences
- r/o electronics + clock distribution

R&D to achieve larger fill factors (currently 100 µm inactive region between pixels): e.g.resistive electrodes/3D trench detectors

Very promising advances for 3d detectors e.g. from TIMESPOT collaboration:





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Timepix4



Timepix3 \rightarrow Timepix4

			Timepix3 (2013)	Timepix4 (2018/19)	
Tec	hnology	pgy IBM 130nm – 8 metal TSMC 65nm – 10 me			
Pixel Size			55 x 55 μm	55 x 55 μm	
Pixel arrangement			3-side buttable 256 x 256	4-side buttable 512 x 448 3.5x	
Sensitive area			1.98 cm ²	6.94 cm ²	
Modes	Data driven	Mode	TOT a	nd TOA	
		Event Packet	48-bit	64-bit 33%	
		Max rate	< 43 Mhits/cm²/s	178.8 Mhits/cm ² /s 4x	
lou	Frame based	Mode	PC (10-bit) and iTOT (14-bit)	CRW: PC (8 or 16-bit)	
leac		Frame	Zero-suppressed (with pixel addr)	Full Frame (without pixel addr)	
~		Max count rate	82 Ghits/cm ² /s	~800 Ghits/cm²/s 10x	
тот	energy resolut	ion	< 2KeV	< 1Kev 21	
Tim	ne resolution 1.56ns [409 μs] ~200ps [1.638		~200ps [1.638 ms] 8x		
Rea	Readout bandwidth :		≤5.12Gb (8x SLVS@640 Gbps)	≤81.92 Gbps (16x @5.12 Gbps)	
Target global minimum threshold		num threshold	<500 e⁻	<500 e⁻	





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IoP meeting on Pixels with Timing (Manchester)

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The Monolithic Pixel Detector



Fine pitch bump bonding to connect sensor and readout chip





Thin, monolithic CMOS sensor, on-chip digital architecture

Charge generation volume integrated into ASIC, with a huge number of variants

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The Monolithic Pixel Detector

- High Granularity →excellent spatial resolution (micron level)
- signal generated in very thin (15-40 µm) epitaxial layer; less material and suited to high eta
- Signal processing circuits integrated on sensor substrate → ease of system integration
- Commercial process with access to 8" and 12" wafers
- Multiple vendors





Thin, monolithic CMOS sensor, on-chip digital architecture

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ALICE ITS Upgrade Pixel Technology

TowerJazz 0.18µm CMOS imaging process

- N-well collection electrode in high resistivity epitaxial layer (>1kOhmcm)
- Present state-of-art based on quadruple well allows full CMOS
- High resistivity (> 1kΩ cm) epi-layer
 (p-type, 20-40 µm thick) on p-substrate
- Moderate reverse bias => increase depletion region around Nwell collection diode to collect more charges by drift



TJ 180 nm modified process

- Novel modified process developed in collaboration of CERN with TJ foundry in context of ALICE ITS.
- Combined with a small collection diode.





- Adding a planar n-type layer significantly improves depletion under deep PWELL
- Increased depletion volume \rightarrow fast charge collection by drift
- better time resolution reduced probability of charge trapping (radiation hardness)
- Possibility to fully deplete sensing volume with no significant circuit or layout changes

Conclusions



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Excellent information can be found in (e.g.) the following talks and meetings and references therein Medipix: Pixel Detectors for Medical Imaging and Other Applications Michael Campbell, EPS Conference on High Energy Physics, 2017 HV-CMOS: Eva Vilella, VELO Upgrade Retreat, Villars-sur-Ollon, 2018 Monolithic Silicon Pixel Detectors in HEP: Petra Riedler, BTTB 2018, Zurich Detector++ Applications: Marcel Demarteau, 2017 ICFA Seminar, Ottawa Silicon Detectors: Pernegger/Dannheim/Riedler, CERN-EP R&D March 2018 NA62 GTK: Massimiliano Fiorini, New Dimensions in Silicon Detectors, Manchester University. October 2017 Monolithic Silicon Pixel Detectors in HEP: Petra Riedler, BTTB 2018, Zurich Silicon at the HL-LHC Experiments: Frank Hartmann, HSTD 2017, Okinawa Technologies for the ATLAS ITK Pixel Detector: Anna Macchiolo, LC Vertex Detector Workshop 2017, Ringberg Monolithic Active CMOS Pixel Sensors: Mark Winter, LHCb Upgrade II Workshop March 2018, LAPP

CMOS Active Image Pixel Sensors

- CMOS active image pixel sensor developed by NASA/JPL (patents by Caltech) in 1992, plus proposals in HEP
- Used (vanilla) CMOS process available at many foundries → easily accessible
- First versions contained in-pixel source follower amplifier for charge gain, low noise Correlated Double Sampling, basis for camera-on-chip
- Though specialised fab processes are required, the market has driven developments leading to CMOS dominating the field



ER Fossum, CMOS Active Pixel Sensors – Past, Present and Future, 2008 https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/6d85/af67a846d13b7e7502f7fa96c0729c972590.pdf

1980's dominated by CCDs (camcorder market)

1990s/2000s CMOS take over camera phone market

*In HEP, e.g. S. Parker, A proposed VLSI pixel device for particle detection NIMA 275 (1989), 494-516

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Evolution of Radiation Tolerance and Rate Capability

	RHIC STAR	LHC - ALICE	CLIC	HL-LHC Outer Pixel	HL-LHC Inner Pixel	FCC pp
NIEL [n _{eq} /cm²]	10 ¹²	10 ¹³	<10 ¹²	10 ¹⁵	10 ¹⁶	10 ¹⁵⁻ 10 ¹⁷
TID	0.2Mrad	<3Mrad	<1Mrad	80 Mrad	2x500Mrad	>1Grad
Hit rate [MHz/cm ²]	0.4	10	<0.3	100-200	2000	200-20000



Alpide Selis

Evolution of Process Characteristics:

- · starting material: epitaxy thickness and resistivity
- doping profile: from twin-well to quadruple well with buried N-doped brane
- feature size and nb of Metal. Layers

Evolution of Architectures

- rolling shutter with analog readout
- rolling shutter with || readout and EoC disc.
- data driven readout with in-pixel disc.

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Timepix/Velopix Trajectory

Timepix3 640 MHz VCO controlled ring oscillators / SP 1.56 ns resolution

Timepix4

640 MHz VCO controlled ring oscillators / SP

Latch internal phases (4 tap)

195 ps resolution

VeloPix++ ("pix20" Nikhef proposal)

5 GHz ring oscillator

Latch internal phases (5 tap) Self calibrating (no reference VCO in periphery): 20 ps resolution

Pix20 concept described in presentation @ Villars of (V. Gromov & M, v. Beuzekom)



Oscillation frequency varies with temperature, power supply voltage, manufacturing process etc, and is calibrated immediately after each hit

The very successful VeloPix/Timepix4 architecture still the basis of the ASIC; many features could be kept or extended e.g. superpixels, GWT in 65 nm, TSV/buttable design etc.

The relatively short design cycle of the VeloPix/Timepix4 gives great confidence in the design team