Photon detectors 2/2

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# Detector types

- PMT
- MAPMT, Flat-panel PMT
- MCP-PMT
- Photosensitive gas detectors (MWPC / MPGD)
- PIN diode
- APD
- VLPC
- HPD, HAPD
- G-APD / SiPM



#### Gaseous detectors

- Two ways to achieve photo-sensitivity:
- Addition of photosensitive molecules to the counter gas (TMAE, TEA)
- Solid photocatode (Csl, bialkali ...)

Released photoelectron drifts toward the high field region and produces the avalanche  $\rightarrow$  multiplication  $\rightarrow$  detectable signal



• TMAE, TEA, Csl sensitive in deep UV

 Bialkali sensitive also in visible but requires very clean gas - long term operation not yet demonstrated

#### Difficulties:

High gain operation (ion feedback and light)

- emission from avalanche)
- Gas purity  $\rightarrow$  UV transparency
- Aging (ion feedback, impurities)





Thin Csl coating on cathode pads



### Gaseous detectors: some applications

Proven technology: Cherenkov detectors in ALICE, HADES, COMPASS, J-LAB.... Many m2 of Csl photo-cathodes





Recently installed: HBD (threshold Cherenkov counter) of PHENIX.





R&D:

• Thick GEMs (ALICE, COMPASS)



 Sealed gaseous devices



Sealed gaseous photodetector with bialkali PC. (Weizmann Inst., Israel)

# ALICE HMPID

#### High Momentum Particle ID at ALICE uses MWPCs with CsI photocathode.



Radiator: 15 mm liquid  $C_6F_{14}$ , n ~ 1.2989 @ 175nm,  $\beta_{th} = 0.77$ 

Photon converter: Reflective layer of Csl QE ~ 25% @ 175 nm.

Photoelectron detector: MWPC with  $CH_4$  at atmospheric pressure (4 mm gap, HV = 2050 V) + analogue pad readout.



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Entries

Slope

Constant

charge (ADC)

charge (ADC)

37371

6.611

-0.02131

Entries

Slope

Constant

42514

7.003

-0.02428









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### Solid state detectors – application examples

Calorimeters:

- Belle calorimeter with PIN photodiodes
- ~ 50000 photons/MeV
- CMS calorimeter with APDs
- ~ 100 photons/MeV



• Belle-II aerogel RICH prototype module with SiPMs – detection of single photons

Fiber trackers, medical imaging (PET), TOF ...







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# Si optical properties

- large variation of absorption length (10nm-10 $\mu$ m)  $\rightarrow$  limits QE for short and long wavelengths
- high refractive index → high reflectivity → anti-reflecting coating is used





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### Internal photoelectric effect in Si

#### Band gap (T=300K) = 1.12 eV (~1100 nm)



# More than 1 electron can be created by light in silicon

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# Photo diode (p-n, p-i-n)

- photons absorbed in the depleted region generate photo-current
- no amplification can detect light pulses with large number of photons (> ~10<sup>4</sup>)
- Si band gap energy 1.12eV (wavelength 1100nm)
- p-i-n  $\rightarrow$  lower  $V_{_{bias}}$  and C





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# **PIN diodes**

The PIN diode is a very successful device. It is used in many big calorimeters in high energy physics (Cleo, L3, Crystal Barrel, Barbar, Belle ....)





The PIN diode is the simplest, most reliable and cheapest photo sensor. It has high quantum efficiency (80%), very small volume and is insensitive to magnetic fields

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# Avalanche photodiode

- Photodiode with high field amplification region:
- both carriers can participate in amplification
- modest amplification up to 1000 limited by start of pair production by holes  $\rightarrow$  leads to avalanche breakdown.
- not capable of single photon detection



Ionization coefficients  $\alpha$  for electrons and  $\beta$  for holes



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# APD: CMS ECAL



36 supermodules with 1700 crystals each



CMS

2 APD's/crystal  $\rightarrow$  122.400 APD's



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# CMS ECAL APD



Photons create electron-hole pairs in the thin p-layer on top of the device and the electrons induce avalanche amplification in the high field at the p-n junction. Holes created behind the junction contribute little because of their much smaller ionization coefficient.

Electrons produced by ionizing particles traversing the bulk are not amplified. The effective thickness for the collection and amplification of electrons which have been created by a MIP is therefore about 6  $\mu$ m ~(5 x 50 + 45 x 1)/50.

#### The NCE is 50 times smaller than in a PIN diode.



### APD: nuclear counter effect



A MIP in a PIN diode creates ~30,000 e-h pairs (the diode thickness of 300  $\mu$ m x 100 pairs/ $\mu$ m). A photon with an energy of 7 GeV produces in PbWO<sub>4</sub> + PIN diode the same number of e-h pairs.

80 GeV e- beam in a 18 cm long PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystal

2000

ADC counts

1000

n

### APD impact on energy resolution

$$\frac{\sigma_{E}}{E} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus b \oplus \frac{c}{E}$$

ECAL energy resolution:

CMS design goal : a ~ 3%, b ~ 0.5%, c ~ 200 MeV

APD contributions to:

a: photo statistics (area, QE) and avalanche fluctuations (excess noise factor)

b: stability (gain sensitivity to voltage and temperature variation, aging and radiation damage)

c: noise (capacitance, serial resistance and dark current)





#### APD gain and dark current







 $dM/dV^*1/M = const * M$  $\rightarrow M \sim 1/(V_{breakdown} - V)$ 

Near the breakdown voltage, where we get noticeable amplification, the gain is a steep function of the bias voltage.

Consequently we need a voltage supply with a stability of few tens of mV.



# APD gain



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The breakdown voltage depends on the temperature due to energy loss of the electrons in interactions with phonons. Consequently the gain depends on the temperature and the dependence increases with the gain.

At gain 50 the temperature coefficient is - 2.3% per degree C.

Good energy resolution can only be achieved when the temperature is kept stable (in CMS the temperature is regulated with a 0.1 degree C precision).

At high gain the fluctuations of the gain become large and the excess noise factor ENF increases:

$$\frac{\sigma}{E} = \sqrt{\frac{ENF}{n_{pe}E}}$$

 $ENF = \frac{M^2 + \sigma_M^2}{M^2}$ 

for M > 10: ENF ~ 2 + keff • M keff  $\approx$  k =  $\beta/\alpha$ 

 $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the ionization coefficients for electrons and holes ( $\alpha >> \beta$ )







In the APDs selected for CMS (Hamamatsu S8148) the p-n junction is at a depth of about 5 micron. Behind the junction is a 45 micron thick layer of n-doped silicon. Blue light is absorbed close to the surface. The electrons from the generated e-h pairs drift to the high field of the junction and are amplified

Light with long wavelength penetrates deep into the region behind the p-n junction. Only the generated holes will drift to the junction. They will be much less amplified due to the smaller ionization coefficient.





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## **APD** radiation hardness



Two APD's have been irradiated at PSI in a 70 MeV proton beam for 10<sup>5</sup> minutes

9x10<sup>12</sup> protons/cm<sup>2</sup> corresponds to 2x10<sup>13</sup> neutrons/cm<sup>2</sup> with an energy of 1MeV (10 years fluence expected in CMS barrel)

The mean bulk current after  $2x10^{13}$ neutrons/cm<sup>2</sup> is I<sub>d</sub> ≈ 280 nA (non-amplified value).

This corresponds to 14  $\mu$ A at gain 50 and ~ 80 MeV noise contribution (no recovery considered).

• Neutrons: Displacement of Si atoms => defects in the bulk which generate currents. Slow and never complete recovery at room temperature.

• Ionizing radiation ( $\gamma$ ): breakup of the SiO<sub>2</sub> molecules and very little effect in the bulk (10<sup>-4</sup>) => the surface currents increase. Fast and almost complete recovery for good APD's. There can be a strong reduction of the breakdown voltage if there is a weakness on the surface due to an imperfection in the production process (dust particles, mask misalignment ...).



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### Visual Light Photon Counter - VLPC

VLPC (Visual Light Photon Counter) is impurity band conduction silicon diode capable of detecting single photons. Band gap energy  $\sim$ 50meV  $\rightarrow$  operation at cryogenic temperature (6.5K). Gain few times 10<sup>4</sup>. Used for D0 fiber tracker.



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# Hybrid photo detectors: HPD, HAPD

Single photon detection can be achieved by using PD or APD in vacuum device (replacing dinode structure):

- photon interacts in photocathode and produces photoelectron
- high electric field accelerates photoelectron
- on impact electron-hole pairs are generated (bombardment gain)
- in APD signal is further amplified  $\rightarrow$  lower HV and higher gain







- Photo-emission from photo-cathode;
- Photo-electron acceleration to

∆V ≈ 10-20kV;

 Energy dissipation through ionization and phonon excitation (W<sub>si</sub> = 3.6eV to generate 1
 e-h pair in Si) with low fluctuations (Fano factor F ≈ 0.12 in Si);

• Gain M:

• Intrinsic gain fluctuations  $\sigma_{M}$ :  $\sigma_{M} = \sqrt{F \cdot M}$  $\rightarrow$  overall noise dominated by electronics

 $M = \frac{e(\Delta V - Vth)}{W_{s_i}}$ 

- Example:  $\Delta V = 20kV$
- $\rightarrow$  M ≈ 5000 and  $\sigma_{_{\rm M}}$  ≈ 25

# • Suited for photon counting with high resolution

#### HPD pulse height distribution



• Continuum from photo-electron backscattering effects at Si surface



# HPD - LHCb RICH

- electron optics  $\rightarrow 5x$  demagnification
- sensitive to magnetic field
- HV ~20kV, gain ~5k
- detector in operation
- CERN+DEP-Photonis









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# HPD: LHCb RICH

- Must cover 200-600nm wavelength range
- Multi-alkali S20 (KCsSbNa2)
- Improved over production
- Resulted in a ÚQEdE increased by 27% wrt the original specifications





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# HPD: CMS HCAL

 $B=4T \rightarrow proximity-focussing with 3.35 mm gap and HV=10kV;$ 

#### Minimize cross-talks:

- photo-electron back-scattering: align with B;
- capacitive: Al layer coating;
- internal light reflections: a-Si:H AR coating optimized @ I = 520nm (WLS fibres);

Results in linear response over a large dynamic range from minimum ionizing particles (muons) up to 3 TeV hadron showers;





#### P. Cushman et al., NIM A 504 (2003) 62



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# HAPD: Belle II

### **Belle II aerogel RICH HAPD**

- proximity focusing configuration
- operation in magnetic field
- HV ~8kV, gain ~100k
- Belle + Hamamatsu







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# HAPD: Belle II

# Beam test of prototype aerogel RICH with 2 GeV electrons.







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# HAPD: Test in magnetic field 1.5 T

around 20% of photoelectrons
 back-scatter and the maximum
 range is twice the distance from
 photocathode to APD ~40mm





in magnetic field these
 photoelectrons follow magnetic field
 lines ad fall back on the same place

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# HAPD: Test in magnetic field 1.5 T

- distortion of electric field lines at HAPD edge produces irregular shapes of areas covered by each channel
- in magnetic field photoelectrons circulate along the magnetic field lines and distortion disappears







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### APDs operated in Geiger mode

- Another option is to operate the APD in Geiger mode.
- Bias voltage is increased above the breakdown voltage and avalanche must be stopped by:
- active bias control or
- quenching resistor



Large are APD operating in Geiger mode would be most of the time in the recovery state due to the large number of dark counts. Solution: localization of quenching, division of large area APD in an array of smaller ones  $\rightarrow$  SiPM (1990's: Golovin, Sadygov)



# SiPM - Structure

SiPM is an array of Geiger modeAPDs (micro cells) each consisting of:p-n structure with high field region

• quenching resistor connected to common electrode by metal strips



#### Hamamatsu MPPC with 50um cells



Manny producers: Photonique/CPTA, MEPhI/PULSAR, Hamamatsu, MPI, FBK-irst, STMicroelectronics, SensL, Philips (dSiPM), Zecotec ... using different names: SiPM, MRS APD, MAPD, SSPM, MPPC, PPD ...



# SiPM – Signal

SiPM signal sequence:

- $\bullet$  charged to  $V_{\mbox{\tiny bias}}$
- carrier enters breakdown region and initiates the avalanche
- micro cell is discharged to V<sub>breakdown</sub>
   and avalanche process stops
   micro cell is recharged to V<sub>bias</sub> –
   during this time a new avalanche
   process in the same micro cell will
   result in a reduced signal





Simplified explanation of output signal  $(C_p \sim 20 \text{fF}, R_s \sim 1 \text{k}\Omega, R_q \sim 100 \text{k}\Omega)$ . Parasitic capacitances  $C_q$  and  $C_p$  also

influence the output signal.



# SiPM - Gain

Gain is determined by micro cell capacitance (~10 – 100 fF) and over-voltage  $\rightarrow$  the difference between bias and breakdown voltage (typically few volts).

$$G = C_{m.c.} \times (V_{bias} - V_{breakdown}) / e_0$$

- large gains, typically 10<sup>5</sup> 10<sup>7</sup>
  short signals (~10 ns) produce
  several mV on 50 Ohm
- total signal is the sum of signals
   from individual micro cells
- afterpulses and optical crosstalk also contribute to total charge produced by single photon

### Photon counting(?)







### SiPM – Gain vs. temperature

Breakdown voltage changes with temperature  $\rightarrow$  gain variation. Not critical for single photon detection.



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# SiPM-Dark noise

Any free carrier entering breakdown region produces the same signal as single photon. The rate of breakdowns initiated by thermally generated carriers is in the range of 100 kHz to several MHz per mm<sup>2</sup> at room temperature. Thermal generation can be reduced by:

• cooling  $\rightarrow$  roughly factor 2 every 8°C

smaller electric field (also reduces gain and PDE)



Signals are at the single micro cell level and can be effectively suppressed by threshold level at the signal of few micro cells (depends on optical cross talk level).





# SiPM-Afterpulses

Deep traps are loaded during the avalanche processes and carriers that are subsequently released trigger after-pulses:

- after-pulses can occur several hundred ns after the primary pulse
- probability for afterpulses increases with overvoltage – higher gain





	40x40 px	20x20 px	10x10 px
Afterpulsing 1-1/e Recovery	~ 4 [ns]	~ 9 [ns]	~ 33 [ns]
Pulse Shape returning time (RC Time Const.)	~ 5 [ns]	~ 11 [ns]	~ 35 [ns]

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### SiPM-Optical cross-talk

Optical cross-talk is generated when photon produced in the avalanche process escapes to the neighboring cell and initiates Geiger discharge  $\rightarrow$  large excess noise factor.



It is the main cause of the larger number of fired micro cells in dark pulses than expected from accidental coincidences (Poisson probability).

Increases with overvoltage - higher gain.



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# SiPM – Optical cross-talk suppresion

- Optical crosstalk can be suppressed by shielding one micro cell from the other:
- tranches are introduced between the cells
- typically lower photon detection
   efficiency more dead space





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### External secondary photon cross talk

Will SiPMs "communicate"? Scan one SiPM in front of a second one and observe coincidence rate



- single sensor dark rate ~ 200 kHz
- coincidence background rate ~ 2.4 kHz
- coincidence rate increase when face to face ~ 1 kHz
- 1 mm active area 1 mm away
  - $\rightarrow$  ~ 15% of 2 $\pi$  solid angle
- full (2π) solid angle: 1kHz/(2x200kHz)/15% ~ 2%
- $\rightarrow$  OK, increase of background at % level





# External secondary photon cross talk

Photons escaping SiPM can be reflected back when SiPM is coupled to crystal. Wavelength distribution of light escaping from SiPM





Effect can be suppressed by use of color filter:

- 5x5 mm2 SiPM with OC suppr.
- operated at gain 107
- LYSO 4x4x20 mm3
- BGC20 color filter

#### R. Mirzoyan (MPI Munich) @ PD09

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# SiPM-Signal saturation

- Output of SiPM is saturated if number of photons in the pulse is comparable to number of micro cells:
- photons hitting the same micro cell count as one for signal charge
- if photons are simultaneous
  (Cherenkov light) signal limit is number
  of pixels (disregarding after-pulse
  contribution)
- saturation can be approximated by

DDD XI

$$N_{sig.} = N_{all} \cdot (1 - e^{-\frac{PDE \cdot N_{ph.}}{N_{all}}})$$

• pulses from scintillators with decay times longer than pixel recovery time can produce signals significantly exceeding number of micro cells



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# SiPM-Timing

Fast rise time of the signal and high gain result in an excelent timing properties of SiPMs. Single photon timing resolution is on the order of 100ps. Applications to TOF, PET-TOF etc. are being investegated.



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# SiPM - Photon detection efficiency

Photon detection efficiency (PDE) depends on three factors:  $PDE = Q.E. \times \epsilon_{geom}. \times \epsilon_{Geiger}$ 

- quantum efficiency (mainly absorption of photons in active volume)
- geometrical efficiency ratio of active to total area
- probability for a carrier to initiate avalanche
  - depends on electric field
  - higher for electrons than holes
- $\rightarrow$  increases with overvoltage





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### SiPM - PDE measurements

Standard measurement of QE by measuring photo current overestimates PDE by up to 30% due to the underestimation of the gain measured without including afterpulses. More accurate results are obtained by pulse counting method.

Current measurement is renormalized to points measured by pulse counting.







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# SiPM – p on n vs. n on p

#### n on p - green/red light sensitive:

electrons drift to Geiger region from substrate and holes from surface side
higher dark count rate – most of the thermally generated carriers arriving to Geiger region are electrons

#### p on n - green/blue light sensitive:

electrons drift to Geiger region from surface and holes from substrate side
lover dark count rate – most of the thermally generated carriers arriving to Geiger region are electrons



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# SiPM – Irradiation by γ rays from <sup>60</sup>Co

- moderate leakage current is observed and corresponding increase of dark counts
- functionality still OK after 240 Gy
- damage is produced mainly in SiO<sub>2</sub> layer
- along the metal traces





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# SiPM – p,n irradiation

- non ionizing energy loss introduces lattice defects where carriers are thermally generated  $\rightarrow$  dark count rate increases as expected
- increase of after-pulses

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10<sup>5</sup>

10<sup>4</sup>

10<sup>3</sup>

1.5

10<sup>8</sup>/cm<sup>2</sup>

10<sup>9</sup>/cm<sup>2</sup>

10<sup>10</sup> /cm<sup>2</sup>

NoiseRate [kHz]

detection of many photon pulses still OK



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# SiPM – p,n irradiation



 $\rightarrow$  Very hard to use present SiPMs as single photon detectors after fluence of 10<sup>11</sup> n/cm<sup>2</sup> 1MeV neutrons



# SiPM - Summary of characteristics

In many ways SiPM behaves like an ordinary PMT and is a very promising photon detector for Cherenkov applications. Advantages:

- high PDE
- low bias voltage (less than 100V)
- high gain single photon detection
- excellent timing
- operation in magnetic field
- (potentially low cost?)
- Disadvantages (low light intensity):
- high dark count rate
- sensitive to radiation damage (n,p)



# CALICE – first large system experience

#### only 8 bad channels in 3 years of testing – mostly mechanical problems

CALICE: Calorimeter for the Linear Collider Experiment





Wavelength schifting fibre blue → green (highest sensitivity of sensor) + response uniformity

- Several producers/sensor types
- Which sensor ist best for the application?
- Characterisation is needed

A. Tadday (CALICE)@PD09



# T2K - first experiment with SiPMs

 same type of SiPM used in many detectors in total more than 60000

#### all have been tested → very low number of bad samples



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#### Using the same MPPC

- 1.3x1.3 mm<sup>2</sup> specifically designed for T2K
  - Well suited for 1 mm diameter fiber
- 667 pixels
  - 26x26 50 μm pixels minus 9 in the corner for lead
- Dark noise < 1.2 MHz at nominal voltage (7.5 10<sup>5</sup> gain at 25C)



	Institution	tested	bad
FGD	Kyoto	9,559	5
ECAL	Imperial/warwick	4,000	0
INGRID	Kyoto	8,235	4
INGRID	Ecole Polytechnique	3,194	?
POD	Colorado State	11,500	80*
SMRD	Louisiana State	1,717	11*
SMRD	INR Moscow	600	1
SMRD	Warsaw University of Technology	1,202	4

\* Conservatively removed





### Light concentration

Can be used if light comes within the limited solid angle

 Winston cones produce large angular spread at the exit surface – photons can miss the active area



hemispherical light concentrators
 give better results with large spacing
 between concentrator and SiPM



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# Belle II aerogel RICH development

- SiPM based photon detector was considered for aerogel RICH.
- 8x8 array of MPPCs + light guides
   was produced
- module was tested in the test beam with 1cm thick aerogel radiator and performed well











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# **MAGIC** project

First detection of air-shower Cherenkov light presented at RICH 2007. On average larger signal in SiPM modules than in PMT modules.





E. Lorenz (MPI,ETH) @ RICH2007

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# FACT project

- SiPM based module for camera for a Cherenkov telescope (DWARF: Dedicated multi Wavelength AGN Research Facility)
- 144 SiPMs + Winston cones
- 36 electronic channels



T. Krähenbühel (ETH Zurich) @ PD09



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# dSiPM-Digital SiPM (Philips)

Signal from each pixel is is digitized and the information is processed on chip:

- time of first fired pixel is measured
- number of fired pixels is counted
- active control is used to recharge fired cells
- 4 x 2047 micro cells
- 50% fill factor including electronics
- integrated TDC with 8ps resolution







#### T. Frach (Philips) @ IEEE2009

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# dSiPM - TOF-PET application



- 3X3x5 mm<sup>3</sup> LYSO in coincidence, <sup>22</sup>Na source
- Time resolution in coincidence: 153ps FWHM
- Energy resolution (excluding escape peak): 10.7%
- Excess voltage 3.3V, 98.5% active cells
- Room temperature (31°C board temperature, not stabilized)

T. Frach (Philips) @ IEEE2009



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# **BACKUP SLIDES**

