

Characterization of USTC-IME LGAD preproduction sensors for the HGTD

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- ATLAS HGTD upgrade and sensor technology
- Radiation hardness evaluation
- Uniformity of large array sensors
- Inter-pad resistance
- Charge collection, timing resolution and hit efficiency
- Summary

ATLAS High Granularity Timing Detector (HGTD)

- High-Luminosity phase of LHC (HL-LHC): It's hard to associate track to primary vertex in high pileup environment, especially in the forward region $(2.4 < |\eta| < 4.0)$.
- High-Granularity Timing Detector (HGTD): to measure high-precision time of charged particles in the forward region, complementing the Inner Tracker (ITk).





HGTD requirements:

- Withstand intense radiation environment
 - Maximum fluence: 2.5E15 n_{eq}/cm²
 - Total Ionising Dose (TID): 2 MGy
- Collected charge per hit > 4 fC
- time resolution: 35 ps (start), 70 ps (end) per hit / 30 ps (start), 50 ps (end) per track
- Hit efficiency of 97% (95%) at the start (end)

Timing resolution of LGAD

- N^+ -P-P⁻-P⁺ structure with **a moderately doped P-type layer** to produce a high electric field (>300 kV/cm).
- The gain is realized by the **impact ionization** of migrating carriers which acquire enough energy in the high electric field during the collection process.
 Solid-State Electronics 18 (1975) 161
 NIMA 388 (1997) 79-90



 $\sigma_t^2 = \sigma_{litter}^2 + \sigma_{Time Walk}^2 + \sigma_{Landau}^2 + \sigma_{Distortion}^2 + \sigma_{TDC}^2$

- $\sigma_{Jitter} \sim \frac{t_{rise}}{S/N}$, where t_{rise} is rise time and S/N is signal to noise ratio. $\sigma_{Time \, Walk} \sim \left[\frac{V_{th}}{S/t_{rise}}\right]_{PMS}$, where V_{th} is threshold.
- σ_{Landau} : caused by non-uniform energy deposition.
- $\sigma_{Distortion}$: caused by non-saturated velocity \vec{v} and non-uniform weighting field \vec{E}_W .
- σ_{TDC} : TDC binning resolution, 25/ $\sqrt{12}$ (7.2) ps.



LGAD R&D

- The reduction of effective doping in the gain layer is caused by the "acceptor removal" process after irradiation → LGADs' gain reduces. <u>NIMA 919 (2019) 16-26</u> <u>2015 JINST 10 P07006</u>
- Explored use of different designs, doping materials and C-enriched substrates \rightarrow Boron + Carbon shows largest gain after irradiation ($C_i + O_i \rightarrow C_i O_i$ competes with $B_i + O_i \rightarrow B_i O_i$).



Acceptor (B_s) removal in the gain layer after irradiation

USTC-IME LGAD pre-production sensor for HGTD



9 selected wafers



5 thinned, UBMed and diced wafers



The mechine to pick and pack the sensors



- The vender testing of USTC-IME LGAD pre-production sensors has been finished last year [link].
- > The wafer with 18 good sensors has been selected out, thinned and metalized on backside last year.
- 5 wafers of them have UBMed and diced this year.
- > This talk is focus on the recent LGADs testing results of these 5 wafers.

CV/IV measurements of QC-TS single LGADs



- The variation of these sensors' gain-layer depletion (Vgl) is 0.2% (within specification ~1%).
- The breakdown voltage (Vbd) spread is also within specification (\pm 8%).
- Positive correlation for Vbd between QC-TS and main sensors as expected.

Evaluation of radiation hardness

- USTC-IME QC-TS sensors were exposed to fluence up to 4×10^{14} , 8×10^{14} , $1.5 \times 10^{15} n_{eq}/cm^2$, and $2.5 \times 10^{15} n_{eq}/cm^2$ at the TRIGA reactor in Ljubljana, Slovenia with **neutrons**.
- Acceptor removal constant (c-factor) is extracted from the gain layer depletion voltages obtained from CV curves:





• Both the acceptor removal constant of the No-UBMed sensors $(1.21 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2)$ and UBMed sensors $(1.2 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2)$ is similar, which means the gain layer is radiation tolerant.

Uniformity of unirradiated main sensors (CV)

CV curves



- Tested by 15×15 probe card, Temperature: 20 °C, Frequency: 10 kHz, VAC: 0.51 V, GR floating.
- The dashed lines in $1/C^2$ -V curves are the fitted lines.
- The Vgl spread over this sensors is 0.0008 which meets the specification (<0.005).
- And the full depletion voltage voltage (Vfd) spread over this sensor is about 0.002 which also shows the uniformity is good.

Uniformity of unirradiated main sensors (IV)

• Tested by probe needles while other pads and GR are floating, R.T.







Tested by 15×15 probe card while other pads are grounded and GR is floating, chuck at 20 °C



I@0.8 minimum Vbd / (I@0.8 minimum Vbd)_{min}

1,3-	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	12
1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.8
1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.7
1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.6
1.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.5
1.4	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4
1.5	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4
1.6	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.4
1.6	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.4
1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3
1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.1
1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.1
1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.1
1.4	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.2
1.4	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.2

- The blank boxes represent pads which don't break down at maximum applied bias voltage and the spread of obtained Vbd is good enough which is smaller than 0.05.
- The IV curves tested by probe card are more uniform after the full depletion voltage and the peak-to-peak I@0.8 minimum Vbd variation can be smaller than 3.

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Summary of unirradiated main sensors' measured values

ATLAS HGTD ID	<v<sub>bd,pad> [V]</v<sub>	RMS(V _{bd,pad}) / <v<sub>bd,pad></v<sub>	Max/Min(I@0.8 minimum V _{bd})	<v<sub>gl,pad> [V]</v<sub>	RMS(V _{gl,pad})/ <v<sub>gl,pad></v<sub>	<v<sub>fd,pad> [V]</v<sub>
20WS3001000305	176.07	0.0164	1.6	24.11	0.0008	25.05
20WS3001000309	172.8	0.0169	1.7	24.15	0.0008	25.06
20WS3001000403	166.8	0.0122	1.7	24.3	0.0003	25.24
20WS3001000406	170.34	0.0173	1.7	24.16	0.0008	25.08
20WS3001000505	180.7	0.0138	1.8	24.1	0.0009	/
20WS3001000508	170.65	0.0162	1.9	24.17	0.0007	/
20WS3001000605	171.12	0.0129	2.1	24.14	0.0011	25.15
20WS3001000608	170.42	0.0189	1.7	24.19	0.0006	25.21
20WS3001000706	166.53	0.0126	2.5	24.34	0.0010	25.36
20WS3001000709	161.43	0.0127	1.8	24.37	0.0007	25.16
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< 0.05

< 0.005

Parameters	Specification	Measured values	Statistics/Total measured sensors
Variation of the V_{fd} between different sensors	$\pm 10\%$ from the average V _{fd}	± 0.8%	8/8
Variation of the V_{gl} between different sensors	$\pm 1\%$ from the average V_{gl}	± 0.7%	10/10
Variation of the V_{bd} between different sensors	$\pm 8\%$ from the average V _{bd}	± 5.9%	10/10

• Besides the spread of all the measured sensors, the variation of the Vgl, Vfd and Vbd between different sensors also meet the specification.

Uniformity of irradiated main sensor

• Tested by 15×15 probe card, Temperature: -30 °C, Compliance: 600 μ A

W3_P2@2.5E15 n_{eq}/cm^2



Tested by 15×15 probe card, Temperature: 20 °C, Compliance: 1.5 mA



- The V1 μ A/Vgl spread over this sensor is about 0.022/0.017 including the contribution from the non-uniformity of irradiation fluence across the large array sensors. And the I@550 V of all pads is smaller than 5 μ A.
- The power consumption is smaller than $< 37 \text{ mW/cm}^2$ and the total maximum leakage curent is smaller than $< 74 \text{ }\mu\text{A/cm}^2$ (Here we consider the Vop, min is V1µA and the sensor's area is 2×2 cm²).

Inter-pad resistance of irradiated main sensors

- Tested by 5×5 probe card, Temperature: -30 °C, Compliance: 600 μ A
- Irradiate to 2.5E15 n_{eq}/cm^2 at Jožef Stefan Institute (JSI) with reactor neutrons.





> Configuration (Inter-pad resistance):

- Apply negative high voltage to sensor's backside.
- Apply **0 or 1 V** to the central pad (H09) and measure the current of neighboring pads, respectively.



• The difference of current is lower than 100 nA which indicates that the inter-pad resistance is **larger than 10 M** Ω .

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Charge collection, timing resolution and hit efficiency



- The irradiated USTC sensor performance is evaluated at the 120 GeV pion beam at CERN-SPS.
- Hit Efficiency = (Rescontructed tracks with $q > Q_{cut}$)/(Total rescontructed tracks).
- The collected charge, efficiency and time resolution after irradiation can fulfill the requirement of HGTD well.

Summary

- The LGAD, as a **fast timing as well as radiation hard** silicon based detector, has reached a mature state in recent years.
- The characterization of USTC-IME LGAD pre-production sensors for the HGTD have been studied both in **laboratory** and **test beam**:
 - The uniformity of unirradiated main sensor is very well and the it can be affected by the non-uniformity of irradiation fluence.
 - The inter-pad resistance of sensors irradiated by reactor neutrons is larger than $10 \text{ M}\Omega$.
 - Sensors irradiated at fluences of $2.5 \times 10^{15} n_{eq}/cm^2$ achieved the objectives of:
 - Collected charge of more than 4 fC while guaranteeing an optimal timing resolution better than 50 ps.
 - An efficiency larger than 95% over sensors' surface is obtained with a charge threshold of 2 fC.
- All these results meet the HGTD specification and verify the good quality of USTC-IME LGAD pre-production sensors.

Thanks for your attention!

Back up

Probe station testing systems at USTC



- Semi-Automatic probe station (Room Temperature, R.T.)
 - Vender testing
 - Cascade Summit 200 + Keysight B1500
 - Three pads were measured simultaneously so it took less time (~ 4 hours for one wafer)
 - Step: 2 V, Compliance: 60 µA (The current can reach to compliance when **at least one** of three pads is bad)
- Mannual probe station (Generally, chuck at 20 °C)
 - Cross-check vender testing results
 - Test the main sensors by probe card and compare results with three probe needles
 - Apollowave alpha-200CS + Keithley 2410 and 6482 (IV)/Keithley 2410 and Aglient E4980A (CV)
 - For single LGADs, step: 2 V, compliance: 10 μA. For 15x15 LGADs, step: 5 V, compliance: 600 μA

VBD Histogram (take W3 for example)



Yield estimation (take W3 for example)



IV/CV measurements of QC-TS LGADs



- Breakdown voltage (Vbd) spread within specs (\pm 8%) and leakage current @ 0.8 VBD spread within specs (< 3x).
- Gain-layer depletion (Vgl) RMS of 2.3-2.5% outside specs (1%); ~1% within wafers includes systematics from fit.
- Narrow distributions of depletion voltage Vfd (< 4%) within specs (10%).
- Good correlation for Vbd between QC-TS and main sensors. Kuo Ma
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Correction of break-down voltage with position on wafer



• Clear correlation of Vbd with position on wafer

HGTD UBMed main sensors at USTC

USTC-IME UBMed unirradiated sensors





USTC-IME UBMed irradiated sensors



IHEP-IME UBMed irradiated sensors



CV curves of unirradiated main sensors (I)



0.05

0.04

0.03

0.02





labprob-Data-CV-USTCIMEPre-15x15-UBMed-W3_P9 [Linear]

500 r

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Bias Voltage [V]

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H19 VFD:25.0

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CV curves of unirradiated main sensors (II)



- Tested by 15×15 probe card, Temperature: 20 °C, Frequency 210 deltz, VAC: 0.51 V, GR floating.
 - The dashed lines in $1/C^2$ -V are the fitted lines.

CV curves of unirradiated main sensors (III)



- Tested by 15×15 probe card, Temperature: 20 °C, Frequency 21@ddHz, VAC: 0.51 V, GR floating.
- The dashed lines in 1/C²-V are the fitted lines.

VGL spread over the sensors (I)



- Tested by 15×15 probe card, Temperature: 20 °C, Frequency: 10 kHz, VAC: 0.51 V, GR floating.
 - 1D and 2D distribution are shown here (The $1/C^2$ -V curves can be found in backup slides).
- The VGL spread over these sensors is 0.0008, 0.0008, 0.0003 and 0.0008, respectively which meets the specification.

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VGL spread over the sensors (II)



- Tested by 15×15 probe card, Temperature: 20 °C, Frequency: 10 kHz, VAC: 0.51 V, GR floating.
 - 1D and 2D distribution are shown here (The $1/C^2$ -V curves can be found in backup slides).
- The VGL spread over these sensors is 0.0009, 0.0007, 0.0011 and 0.0006, respectively which meets the specification.

VGL spread over the sensors (III)



- Tested by 15×15 probe card, Temperature: 20 °C, Frequency: 10 kHz, VAC: 0.51 V, GR floating.
- 1D and 2D distribution are shown here (The $1/C^2$ -V curves can be found in backup slides).
- The VGL spread over these sensors is 0.0010 and 0.0007, respectively which meets the specification (<0.005).

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Variation of VGL between different sensors



• The variation of VGL between sensors is within $\pm 1\%$.

VFD spread over the sensors (I)



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Variation of VFD between different sensors



• The variation of VFD between sensors is within $\pm 10\%$.

VBD and pad leakage current spread over sensors (I)



- Tested by 15×15 probe card while other pads are grounded and GR is floating, chuck at 20 °C
- The blank boxes represent pads which don't break down at maximum applied bias due to the compliance of total current.
- The VBD spread over the pads which are break down is 0.0164, 0.0169, 0.0122 and 0.0173, respectively.
- The Max(I@0.8VBD)/Min(I@0.8VBD) over the pads which are break down is 1.32, 1.40, 1.34 and 1.49, respectively. Kuo Ma
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VBD and pad leakage current spread over sensors (II)



- Tested by 15×15 probe card while other pads are grounded and GR is floating, chuck at 20 °C.
- The blank boxes represent pads which don't break down at maximum applied bias due to the compliance of total current.
- The VBD spread over the pads which are break down is 0.0138, 0.0162, 0.0129 and 0.0189, respectively.
- The Max(I@0.8VBD)/Min(I@0.8VBD) over the pads which are break down is 1.49, 1.45, 1.46 and 1.61, respectively. Kuo Ma
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Variation of VBD between different sensors



• The variation of VBD between sensors is within $\pm 8\%$.

IV measurements of irradiated main sensor

Tested by 15×15 probe card, Temperature: -30 °C, Compliance: 600 µA



- The V1µA spread over this sensor is about 0.022 including the contribution from the non-uniformity of irradiation fluence across the large array sensors. And the I@550V of all pads is smaller than 5 μ A.
- The power consumption is smaller than $< 37 \text{ mW/cm}^2$ and the total maximum leakage curent is smaller than $< 68 \ \mu\text{A/cm}^2$ (Here we consider the Vop,min is V1µA and the sensor's area is 2×2 cm²). Kuo Ma

Uniformity of irradiated main sensor

• Tested by 15×15 probe card, Temperature: -30 °C, Compliance: 600 μ A



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- The power consumption is smaller than $< 37 \text{ mW/cm}^2$ and the total maximum leakage curent is smaller. than $< 74 \mu \text{A/cm}^2$ (Here we consider the Vop, min is V1µA and the sensor's area is 2×2 cm²). Kuo Ma CLHCP2024, Qingdao 38

Vgl spread over irradiated main sensor

• Tested by 15×15 probe card, Temperature: 20 °C, Compliance: 1.5 mA

W3_P2@2.5E15 n_{eq}/cm^2



• Tested by 5×5 probe card, Temperature: 20 °C, Compliance: 1.5 mA





• The VGL spread over this two sensors is 0.017 and 0.0134, respectively, which is larger than the spread over unirradiated sensors probably due to the contribution from the non-uniformity of irradiation fluence across the large array sensors.

Summary of main sensors' measured values

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rarameters	Specification	Measured values	Statistics	
Pad leakage current (V _{bd} condition)	< 500 nA	< 500 nA		
Break-down voltage (V _{bd})	$V_{bd}\!\!>\!\!V_{fd}+D\cdot\!\!2~V\!/\mu m$	VBD > 150V > 125.20V	4 sensors / 118 sensors	
Device total leakage current	$< 20 \ \mu\text{A/cm}^2$ at bias voltage $<\!V_{bd}$	< 1.78 µA/cm ² @150V	5 sensors	
$\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{gl},\mathbf{pad}}$ spread over the Sensor*	$RMS(V_{gl,pad}) / < V_{gl,pad} > < 0.005$	< 0.0011	5 sensors	
$V_{bd,pad}$ spread over the Sensor ^{*,^a}	$RMS(V_{bd,pad}) / < V_{bd,pad} > < 0.05$	< 0.0164	5 sensors	
Pad leakage current spread at $0.8 \cdot V_{bd}$	Peak-to-Peak within a factor of 3x	$\pm 4.9\%$	5 sensors	
Variation of the V_{fd} between different sensors	$\pm 10\%$ from the average V_{fd}	$\pm 0.7\%$	4 sensors	
Variation of the V_{gl} between different sensors	$\pm 1\%$ from the average V_{gl}	$\pm 0.6\%$	5 sensors	
Variation of the V _{bd} between different sensors	$\pm 8\%$ from the average V _{bd}	$\pm 4.9\%$	5 sensors	

Required electrics properties of produced Sensors at room temperature (* applies also to irradiated sensors, ¤ for irradiated sensors at -30°C)

Parameters	Specification	USTC-IME		
		Measured values	Statistics	
Power consumption at V _{op,min}	< 100 mW/cm ²	$< 37 \text{ mW/cm}^2$		
Total maximum leakage current (D=50 μm)	<160 µA/cm ²	$< 72 \ \mu A/cm^2$		
Pad leakage current at $V_{op,min}$	<5 µA	< 5 µA	2 sensors	
Interpad-resistance at V _{op,min}	>10 MΩ	>10 MΩ		
Leakage current stability	to remain stable within +/-5% when corrected for temperature exhibiting no long-term drifts (on days scale) or prompt excursions	within ± 1.0% (on hours scale)		

Preliminary long term stability measurements

- Tested by 15×15 probe card with all pads GND
- Temperature: -30 °C, Scanned all pads (225) with switching matrix







• The preliminary results (on hours scale) tested by 15×15 probe card shows that the total current stability is within \pm 5%.

Comparison of single LGADs (IV)

• Repeated testing on Cascade probe station at **R.T.** (vender test)



• Testing on Apollowave probe station at different temperature of chuck (cross-check)



- The repeated vender test and cross check results is steady, respectively
- The difference of VBD is also in order of 10 V, which is **related to the temperature of the chuck**
- The ratio of I@0.8VBD is about 1.73

Collected charge and timing resolution – irradiated

Beta-scope (90 Sr) @ -30 °C

Measured by JSI



• The collected charge can be greater than 4 fC and timing resolution can be better than 70 ps after irradiation (fluences up to $1.5 \times 10^{15} \, n_{eq}/cm^2$) at safe bias

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