### Opportunities of Si-microstrip LGAD for next-generation space detectors



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### Outline

During this talk:

- why "timing" in an astro-particle detector tracker?
- why LGADs and why microstrip?
- what "side effects" can have LGADs?
- how to prove the concept in space?

## Timing in astro-particle detectors

(see M. Duranti, V. Vagelli *et al., Advantages and requirements in time resolving tracking for Astroparticle experiments in space*, Instruments 2021, 5(2), 20; https://doi.org/10.3390/instruments5020020)



## Astro-particle detectors – state of the art

AMS-02 (in orbit since 16/05/2011):



- accurate spatial resolution (<10 μm) Si-μstrip for Rigidity measurement up to TVs;
- Electromagnetic CALorimeter (17  $X_0$ ) for  $e^-$ ,  $e^+$ ,  $\gamma$  Energy measurement;
- Time of Flight (~ 120 ps time resolution) for trigger, arrival direction (upward/downward) and isotopic composition (up to few GeV, then Ring Imaging Cherenkov);
- Transition Radiation Detector and ECAL to distinguish hadrons (90% of Cosmic Rays, CR, are protons, 10% He) from electromagnetic particles (e<sup>-</sup> are 1% of CR, e<sup>+</sup> 0.1%), e/p identification;



## Astro-particle detectors – state of the art

AMS-02 (in orbit since 16/05/2011): Fermi-LAT (in orbit since 11/06/2008):



- moderate spatial resolution (~60 μm) Si-μstrip for pair-production measurement;
- electromagnetic calorimeter (10  $X_0$ ) for  $e^-$ ,  $e^+$ ,  $\gamma$  Energy measurement;
- plastic scintillator anticoincidence shield for charged CR veto;
- electromagnetic calorimeter to perform e/p identification;
- Tungsten plates in the tracker for photon conversion;



## Astro-particle detectors – state of the art



- moderate spatial resolution (~40  $\mu$ m) Si- $\mu$ strip for pair-production measurement;
- electromagnetic calorimeter (31  $X_0$ ) for e<sup>+</sup>, e<sup>-</sup>,  $\gamma$  and hadron Energy measurement;
- Plastic Scintillator Detector, PSD, for charged CR veto;
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## Astro-particle detectors – planned and dreamed



- exploit the CR "isotropy" to maximize the effective geometrical factor, by using all the surface of the detector (aiming to reach  $\Omega$  = 4π)

- the calorimeter should be highly isotropic and homogeneous:

- the needed depth of the calorimeter must be guaranteed
- for all the sides (i.e. cube, sphere, ...)
  - the <u>segmentation</u> of the calorimeter should be isotropic

 $\rightarrow$  this is in general doable just with an homogeneous calorimeter

HERD on the CSS (2026):

### ALADInO @L2 (2040?):

### AMS-100 (2040?):





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### Timing in an astro-particle tracker

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• substitute (or provide full redundancy to) any other **ToF detector** (i.e. planes of scintillators) in measuring  $\beta \rightarrow$  arrival direction (downward vs upward), isotopic composition for nuclear species (combined with *E* or *p* measurement), ...;



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- help to mitigate/solve different limitations in current operating experiments such as:
  - identification of the hits coming from backscattering from the calorimeter. Example: identify photons without vetoing when large back-scattering (DAMPE: photons lost due to back-scattering 30%@100GeV, 50%@1TeV);
  - e/p identification. The presence of a low energy (i.e. *β*<1) back-scattered particles (i.e. hadrons) from a shower identifies the CR as hadron;
  - solve the "ghost" problem, typical of a microstrip silicon sensor, from back-scattering, pile-up particles, etc...;





### **MC** simulation

MC Simulation:

- based on Geant4 (via Generic Geant Simulation, GGS, Mori, N Nuc. Instr. Meth. Section A, Volume 1002, 21 Jun 2021)
- simple geometry "a la DAMPE": only tracker + calorimeter





Informations saved:

- energy lost and deposited
- spatial coordinates
- timing

- ...



### **Back-scattering**



O(100ps) timing resolution enables to separate back-scattering from primary hits in the tracker  $\rightarrow$  improved efficiency in track reconstruction



## e/p identification



the electromagnetic shower is composed only by "ultra-relativistic" particles

 $\rightarrow$  the time arrival in the tracker is (at most):





the hadronic shower could be composed by "slow" particles → the time arrival in the tracker could be delayed



## e/p identification



capability seems confirmed and seems also improving with energy

## LGAD's and Si-microstrips



### LGAD detectors





## Silicon Microstrip detectors in space

Most of space detectors for charged cosmic ray and γ-ray measurements require **solid state tracking systems based on Si-µstrip sensors.** 

Si-µstrip detectors are the only solution to instrument large area detectors with larger number of electronics channels coping with the limitations on power consumption in space



Operating Missions										
	Mission	Si-sensor	Strip-	Readout	Readout	Spatial				
	Start	area	length	channels	pitch	resolution				
Fermi-LAT	2008	$\sim$ 74 m <sup>2</sup>	38 cm	$\sim$ 880 $\cdot$ 10 <sup>3</sup>	228 µm	$\sim$ 66 $\mu$ m				
AMS-02	2011	$\sim 7  m^2$	29–62 cm	$\sim$ 200 $\cdot$ 10 <sup>3</sup>	110 µm	$\sim$ 7 $\mu$ m				
DAMPE	2015	$\sim 7  m^2$	38 cm	$\sim$ 70 $\cdot$ 10 <sup>3</sup>	242 µm	$\sim$ 40 $\mu$ m				

Future Missions										
	Planned	Si-sensor	Strip-	Readout	Readout	Spatial				
	operations	area	length	channels	pitch	resolution				
HERD	2030	$\sim$ 35 m <sup>2</sup>	48–67 cm	$\sim$ 350 $\cdot$ 10 <sup>3</sup>	$\sim$ 242 $\mu$ m	$\sim$ 40 $\mu$ m				
ALADInO	2050	$\sim$ 80-100 m <sup>2</sup>	19–67 cm	$\sim$ $2.5 \cdot 10^6$	$\sim$ 100 $\mu$ m	$\sim$ 5 $\mu$ m				
AMS-100	2050	$\sim$ 180-200 m <sup>2</sup>	$\sim 100\mathrm{cm}$	$\sim 8 \cdot 10^6$	$\sim$ 100 $\mu$ m	$\sim 5 \mu \mathrm{m}$				

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## "side effects" of thickness without Signal loss



## From Fermi-LAT to PANGU

### PANGU: A High Resolution Gamma-ray Space Telescope

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- remove the passive material (tungsten) and use <u>thinner</u> <u>sensors</u> → reduce MS
- increase the number of layers (up to 40-50) to keep a reasonable conversion probability

### Potential breakthrough improvement in PSF for converting sub-GeV \gamma-rays

## Space LGAD for Astroparticle - SLA

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### Space LGAD for Astroparticle - SLA

The two developments could have something in common: LGAD sensors!

- ightarrow timing and 4D tracking
- ightarrow hits with very high S/N even with very thin detectors
- the idea has been proposed in an Italian Space Agency (ASI) "topical board"
- the idea has been included in a PRIN ("SLA"): the project include a demonstrator in a 3U or 6U CubeSat
- the detector (launch included!) is doable with a ~ 1M€
   budget envelope







### **SLA layout**







### Space LGAD for Astroparticle - SLA

A conceptual design of the demonstrator compatible with the constraints in weight, volume and power budget of a CubeSat platform.

hosted in 2 units of a 3U CubeSat, with one additional units dedicated to the FEE and DAQ of the demonstrator.

### LGAD SiMS Tracker

40 layers of 150  $\mu$ m thick SiMS LGAD sensors readout pitch: 150  $\mu$ m --> expected  $\Delta x \sim 15 \mu$ m Target timing resolution ~ 100 ps

### Veto / Time of Flight system

0.5 cm thick Sci-paddles SiPM readout using commercial FEE.  $\Delta t \sim 30 \text{ ps}$ 

### **Electromagnetic Calorimeter**

3x3x3 cm<sup>3</sup> array of LYSO crystals SiPM readout using commercial FEE Feasibility to add another stack of LYSO array under study

### Weigth < 3 kg Power < 20 W

# Simulation of the detector performances is ongoing FEE power mitigation techniques under investigation

\*Geant4 geometry by G. Aristei



### Space LGAD for Astroparticle - SLA

GOAL 1. (Technological) Demonstrate the feasibility of constructing and operating thin LGAD SiMS sensors in harsh space environment GOAL 2. (Scientific) Show that LGAD performances are adequate for next generation astroparticle experiments in

space

Measurement of converting photons with E > 20 MeV in the LGAD SiMS tracker with reconstruction of the e<sup>+</sup>/e<sup>-</sup> pair angle in the tracker

with improved vertex reconstruction by identification of backsplash hits

**Observation of photons with E > 20 MeV from the Crab Nebula** 

Verification of detector PSF and confirmation of conversion technique Observation of photons from Crab in the 20 MeV – 50 MeV range Comparison with previous experiments (CGRO/EGRET) above 50 MeV

Study of charged CRs using the 5D tracking (position, energy deposit and timing) enabled by the LGAD SiMS tracker

Data-driven characterization of Tof capabilities for LGAD SiMS detectors Data-driven characterization of e/p separation capabilities for LGAD SiMS detectors Monitor the time variation of charged CRs and SEP events

# Stay tuned...

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## Backup



## AMS-02: Silicon Tracker – Back of the envelope

- ~6 m<sup>2</sup>
- total of 200k channels for ~ 200 watt
- 100 µm pitch → 10 µm (30 µm) spatial resolution in bending (non bending) plane

### BOTE:

- x-side, s=sqrt(6)
- maximum length of ladders: I=0.5 m
- #ladders per y-side (or layers) = s/l
- pitch:  $p = 100 \ \mu m = 10^{-4} \ m$
- #channels<sub>strip</sub> =  $s^*(s/l)/p = l 20k$
- $\rightarrow$  strip = 2\*120k ~ 10<sup>5</sup>
- $\rightarrow$  pixel = 120k\*120k ~ 10<sup>10</sup>



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## **PANGU telescope angular resolution**





## **Results (so far)**



- we designed and start to produce (in sinergy with the FOOT project) the new sensors 9.5 x 9.5 cm<sup>2</sup> (150 μm thickness)

- the sensors work very well but the signal is halved wrt 300  $\mu m$  thick "standard" sensors

- we implemented the Geant4 simulation

- we implemented the track and "vertex" finding algorithms

 we confirmed the preliminary performances predicted by the PANGU collaboration
 we implemented the track fitting in the magnetic field







## How to stay into the power limitations?



- basic capabilities kept
- isotopic separation / β
   resolution degraded
- timing redundancy and efficiency reduced

- "timing" layer
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## How and how to cope with power limitations?

### → Si LDAG <u>microstrip</u>

 $\rightarrow$  "group" N *position* channels into one *timing* channel, or create large timing channels

#### cfr.

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#### taken from

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### ASTRA-LGAD



Bias and calibration cells

Figure 3 ASTRA 32-channel architecture

#### Power consumption 5.1

Table 9 reports the power consumption of each block composing the ASIC.

- LGAD timing "resolution" ~ 50-100 ps - LGAD capacitance could be larger - LGAD signal would be ~ 10 larger

Current [µA] Power/ch [µW] Stage Preamplifier 250 300 Inverting stage\* 24 20 Shaper 55 66 27 32 Fast Shaper 18 Discriminator 15 108 S&H 90 ADC 30 36 Single-to-Diff. Amp. 210 8 980\*\* 37 Output Buffers (2) Counter + Serializer 3 0.12 80x3 9 SLVS RX (3) SLVS TX (2)\*\*\* 2500x2 190

- how much power for the needed bw? - additional power?

- how much power for the needed  $T_n$ ?

- additional power?

Table 9 Power consumption of each ASIC block





### AMS-02: A precision, multipurpose, up to TeV spectrometer





AMS-02: A precision, multipurpose, up to TeV spectrometer

<u>AMS: facts</u> 5 m x 4 m x 3m

300k channels

**7.5 tons** 

 more than 600 microprocessors (DSP) to reduce from 7 Gb/s to 10 Mb/s

 total power consumption < 2.5 kW

on board ISS since 19/May/2011



### AMS-02: A precision, multipurpose, up to TeV spectrometer





### AMS-02: Time of Flight



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#### Events/Bin 10<sup>2</sup> He Be 10<sup>5</sup> Ē Mg **10**<sup>4</sup> Fe Ca 10<sup>3</sup> Ni 10<sup>2</sup> 10 10 20 25 5 10 15 30 **TOF** Charge





### AMS-02: Time of Flight







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### AMS-02: Time of Flight





## AMS-02: Silicon Tracker

- 9 layers of double sided silicon detectors arranged in 192 ladders
- ~6 m<sup>2</sup>
- total of 200k channels for ~ 200 watt
- I0 μm (30 μm) spatial resolution in bending (non bending) plane
- momentum resolution ~10% @10 GeV
- high dynamic range front end for charge measurement
- wide temperature range (-20/+40 survival, -10/+30 oper.)
- 6 honeycomb carbon fiber plane
- detector material  $\sim 0.04 X_0$





### AMS-02: Silicon Tracker





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# AMS-02 microstrip silicon sensors

- 7(+2) AMS-02 spare microstrip silicon sensors
- resolution: 10μm/30μm
- size: 7x[4-48] cm<sup>2</sup>
- thickness: 300µm → one sensor accounts for 0.3% X<sub>0</sub> (i.e. 3 mX<sub>0</sub> or 3mRL)



One of the "in kind" contribution given for the project is constituted by several spare part and modules built for the AMS-02 Silicon Tracker



## AMS-02: Charge collection (few months of data)



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## AMS-02: Silicon "ladder"



- 1024 high dynamic range, AC coupled readout channels:
  - 640 on junction (S) side
  - 384 on ohmic (K) side
- Implant/readout pitch:
  - 27.5/110 μm ("S"/junction/bending side)
  - 104/208 μm ("K"/ohmic/non-bending side)

# 192 flight units 7 - 15 wafers (28 - 60 cm) each



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### AMS-02: Silicon "ladder"



- $C_b = 7_p F$
- C<sub>strip</sub> = I.2pF/cm

$$\rightarrow C_b + C_{strip} \sim C_{strip}$$

• C<sub>coupling</sub> = 700pF

$$\rightarrow$$
 I/C<sub>strip</sub> + I/C<sub>coupling</sub> ~ I/C<sub>strip</sub>

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## AMS-02: Ladder hybrids

2nd bonding pad row





## AMS-02: Front End ("hybrids")



### AMS-02 Front End circuit:

- preamplifier-shaper ASICs, VA (this is the expensive part of the hybrid). Each VA reads 64 micro-strips;
- VA digital control sequence circuit, HCC;
- doupling capacitor pad, *RCAMS* (can be easily removed if silicon already in DC);
- operational amplifier to send a differential signal to the ADC board (*TDR*), *AD8052*;
- a temperature sensor, DS1820;
- two versions: "grounded" for the junction side and "floating" the ohmic, biased, side. Up to 10 VA's per side;



## AMS-02: Data Reduction Board (TDR2)

### analog signal in from a ladder



- Collect analog data and digitize it (90 μs irreducible dead time)
- Perform online data compression
  - Remove Pedestals
  - Calculate and Remove Common Noise
  - Search Clusters
- Up to 5 KHz trigger rate in compressed mode

### compressed digital out to crate backplane





### DAMPE: DArk Matter Particle Explorer

**PSD:** scintillators Z, charged-CR from  $\gamma$ 

**STK:** 6 tracking planes + 3mm tungsten γ converter, Z, tracking for charged-CR

NUD: neutron detector toidentify hadrons (from electron and γ)

**BGO:** 308 calorimetric BGO bars (~31 radiation lengths) Trigger, E measurement

In orbit on a Chinese Satellite since 17/Dec/2015





### DAMPE: Silicon-Tungsten Tracker-Converter

Tracker:

- 7 m<sup>2</sup>
- 12 layers for single sided microstrip detectors (6 for X and 6 for Y)
- 3 \* 1mm W foils
- 70k channels
- 25 W for FE + 35 W for read-out

### Layer:

- 4 "quarters"
- 4 ladders per quarter

### Ladder:

- single sided
- 320 μm
- 121/242  $\mu$ m implant/read-out pitch  $\rightarrow$  35  $\mu$ m resolution
- 9.5\*38 cm<sup>2</sup> (4\*9.5\*9.5 cm<sup>2</sup>)
- pitch 240 μm
- resolution 40 μm
- 6 \* *va140* FE chip, 0.3 mW each







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