Time constant measurement for onsemi c-series 30035 SiPMs

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SPAD

- Single Photon Avalanche Diode
- absorbed photon creates an electron-hole pair in material (silicone)
- reverse bias is used
- if the external electric field is high enough, the charge carrier created in the depletion region will gain enough kinetic energy to create more electron-hole pairs through impact ionization
- Geiger mode
 - electron-hole pairs are being created by impact ionization
 - the ionization cascade is self-perpetuating
 - quenching resistor needed to disrupt it
 - the newly created charge carriers provide a measurable current
 - amplitude of final signal is independent of the number of initial photons

SIPM

- Silicon Photomultiplier
- microcell
 - basic building block of the SiPM
 - consists of a SPAD and its quenching resistor
 - microcell density is usually in the range of 100 to 1000 microcells per mm²
- the magnitude of initial photon current is proportional to the ammount of fired microcells

Standard and Fast output

Standard output

- readout of signal from cathode (negative polarity) or anode (positive polarity)
- signal is based on the photocurrent created during Geiger mode

Fast output

- positive polarity for P-on-N sensors (blue light sensitive) and negative polarity for N-on-P sensors (red light sensitive)
- derived from the fast switching pulse in the microcell
- amplitude is proportional to the ammount of fired microcells
- no net charge transfer through fast output
- lower capacitance than standard output

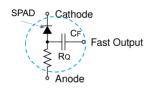


Figure: Internal structure of a microcell.

Application of SiPMs at EIC

- SiPM is a promising candidate for a readout device in electromagnetic calorimetry
 - resistant to magnetic field
 - doesn't take up much longitudinal space
- disadvantages of SiPMs
 - susceptible to neutron radiation damage
 - small dynamic range

onsemi C-series 30035

- output voltage as a function of time from both standard and fast output of six different specimen of the same model was measured
- tested SiPMs
 - onsemi C-series 300035 SiPM on a evaluation board
 - ullet active zone area 3 imes 3 mm
 - microcell size 35 μm
 - P on N diodes
 - sensitive to shorter wavelengths
- applied voltage 26.8 V
 - breakdown voltage 24.2 V

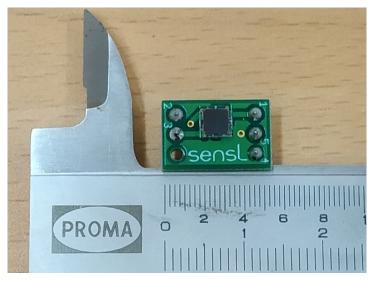


Figure: One of the tested onsemi C-series 30035 SiPMs.



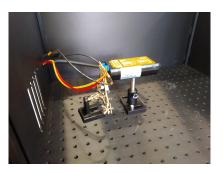
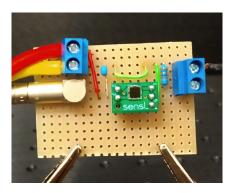


Figure: Experimental setup used for measurements.



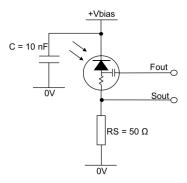


Figure: Readout circuit for the used SIPM (optimal configuration recommended by producer).

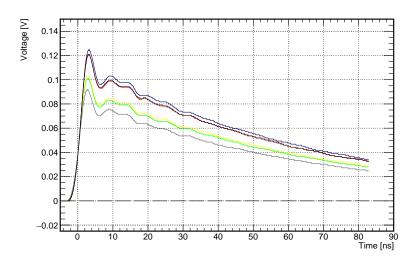


Figure: Output voltage as a function of time at standard output terminal.

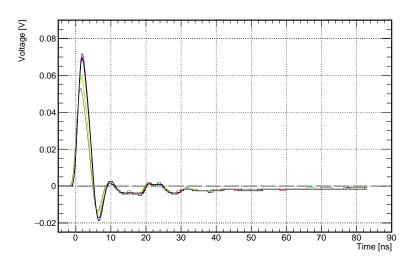


Figure: Output voltage as a function of time at fast output terminal.

Summary

- pulse shapes are compatible for all tested SiPMs
- lengths of pulses are almost identical
- next steps
 - LTspice simulation of circuits modeled after SiPMs

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