First results for SiPM irradiation tests at the UC Davis Cyclotron

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Overview

- The test was conducted on May 14th and 15th. The beam used was a 64 MeV proton beam.
- We irradiated 7 different types of SiPMs over a range of proton fluences between 10⁸ and 10¹³ /cm².
- SiPMs attached to readout boards and scintillator tiles were irradiated as well.
- Additional tests on electronics were performed by the BNL group.
- The dark current vs. voltage characteristics of many of the irradiated SiPMs were measured several hours and 1 day after irradiation.
- A first set of measurements with cosmic events was also made.



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The sample is centered on the beam spot using the laser system.



Setup – SiPM and layer ID

- Each SiPM had a unique ID.
- Each layer was labelled based on the radiation dose.



	L12	
3015A12 3015B12 3015C12	S13A12 S13B12	6050A12 6050B12 6050C12
1315A12 1315B12 1315C12	6015A12 6015B12	6050D12

Accumulated fluence

1.5 cm radius2.5 cm radius



Run info for 10¹² fluence setting

 Beam Type:
 Proton Target:
 Si
 File Name:

 Beam E (MeV):
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 8.334 c:\ref_user\UC Riverside\UC-Riverside_5-14-24.html

 Date:
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		Run Time	Mean Current	Std Dev <i></i>	Incr Dose	Acc Dose	Incr Fluence	Acc Fluence	Avg Dose Rate	Beam Profile
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Between 1.5 and 2.5 cm radius, the total fluence relative decreases by \sim 2.5% compared to r = 0.

The absolute beam fluence is measured to about 2% precision.

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List of irradiated SiPMs

SiPM type	Number Irradiated	Proton fluence range (1/cm²)	Under consideration for which ePIC Calorimeter(s)
S14160-6050HS	20	10 ⁸ – 10 ¹³	PECal, FHCal(Insert), ZDC, BECal
S14160-6015PS	16	10 ⁸ – 10 ¹³	PECal, EEEMC, BECal
S13360-6050VE	10	10 ⁸ – 10 ¹²	BEMC
S14160-3015PS	18	10 ⁸ – 10 ¹³	FHCal(Insert), ZDC, EEEMC
S14160-3010PS	8	$3.5 \times 10^8 - 5.4 \times 10^{10}$	EEEMC
S14160-1315PS	15	10 ⁸ – 10 ¹³	FHCal(Insert), ZDC
S13360-1350CS	6	10 ⁹ – 10 ¹¹	None (comparison)

I-V test setup

"Non-destructive" test, in which we use pogo pins to perform measurement before and after irradiation (i.e no soldering). Also allows to quickly test a variety of SiPMs.







I-V scans taken in a dark box pre-irradiation, several hours after irradiation, and one day after irradiation. All SiPMs have been tested and stored at room temperature.



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Additional SiPMs irradiated to 10^{13} fluence – but they were a bit too 'hot' to test 1 day after irradiation.



Same SiPM tested at 2 different times. We see a very small decrease in the dark current from 6 hours to 1 day.









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Comparison of S14160-6050HS and S14160-6015PS results



Results for S13360-6050VE



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Additional SiPMs irradiated to 10⁸, 10⁹, and 10¹¹ fluence



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Summary and next steps

- We irradiated a variety of SiPMs over a range of fluences using a 64 MeV proton beam.
- We have presented initial results of dark current vs. overvoltage for these SiPMs.
- The next steps are to repeat these I-V scans for the already tested SiPMs – a month or so after irradiation – as well as measure I-V curves the other irradiated SiPMs which were not tested immediately after irradiation.
- Additional studies using low-intensity LED light will be performed, as we well as cosmic studies of the irradiated tiles and boards.
- We also plan on studying the ability of high-temperature annealing to recover some of the SiPM performance.

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Additional photos