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Synchrotron X-ray Beam Tests of Poly- and Single-Crystal Diamond at ESRF



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- 1. X-ray Synchrotron beam monitoring requirement and diamond device approach
- 1. why diamond?
- 2. ESRF test results on SC (and PC)

Development Issues

- -- surfaces, contacts
- -- threading dislocations
- -- RF electronic readout



## Need for <u>continuous measurement</u> (→ permanent in-beam element )

## Position / Vector

Required beam stability ~10% of beam size typically 1 ~ 200µm, *nanofocusing goals* (already ~100nm routine at ID22-ESRF)

*Measurement bandwidth* ≥1*kHz* (e.g. accoustic vibrations)

Intensity: (relative) accuracy & linearity requirement  $\leq 0.1\%$ 

- Timing: e.g. synchronization of laser with X-rays in pump-probe experiments electron-photon bunches 50 ~100psec (MHz to 352MHz rates)
- *device…* minimal beam interference (absorption, scattering, coherence loss) reliability with zero / low maintenance compatibility with beamline design (size, vacuum...) cost??
  - → max. absorbed power: ≤ mW monochromatic beam
  - $\rightarrow$  >10W in 'white' beam applications !!



- thin plate diamond sample with 'X-ray transparent' metal electrode contacts e.g. <100nm Cr, Ti, ... Ni, Al</li>
- diamond bulk acts as solid state 'ionization chamber' in X-ray microbeam electron thermalization range ~ microns
- current signal readout 'DC' or RF (synchrotron clock frequency / n bunches )

## Beam Monitoring: position and intensity

multiple electrode designs, e.g. simple quadrant motif, *diffusion splitting* of charge

- → weighting of electrode currents A, B, C, D gives beam 'centre of gravity'
- $\rightarrow$  sum of currents gives beam intensity





Z = 6 → low specific X-ray absorption / beam scattering short 'hot electron' range at high energies

high electron AND hole saturation velocities (150µm/ns), low dielectric constant (5.5) fast pulse response (<1nsec in 50µm thick device) → synchrotron beam 'pulse by pulse' analysis possible

wide bandgap (5.5eV), stable and insulating O-terminated surface, excellent thermal/mechanical properties

→ 'low' leakage currents at temperatures up to ~400°C high heat load 'white' beam monitoring possibility (??)...

## Polycrystalline material

grain-boundary artifacts

- $\rightarrow$  bulk scattering, 'powder' X-ray diffraction
- → limited charge transport (incomplete charge collection)

## Single Crystal gives:

X-optics surface quality (<1nm) possible

(beam coherence preservation)

Uniform electrical response:

charge-carrier lifetime (E6 ELSC material) ~0.1 - 1µs

 $\rightarrow$ 100% charge signal collection over ~mm distances

*Polycrystal* sample, image from XBIC mapping in X-ray beam



~0.5mm

Tromson et al, CEA-LIST

X-ray beam I-V response, 'good' metal contacts European Synchrotron Radiation Facility

S-C E6 material I-V curves under steady-state X-ray beam illumination (6 ~7keV)



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 $50\mu m$  thick sample, bias 50V, 50nm sputtered Al-Al contacts (GSI Target Lab. 1 $\mu m$ -step raster scan with beam probe 0.3 x 1.1 $\mu m^2$  at 6keV (ID21 beamline)









Ni/Pt/Au and Ti(annealed)/Pt/Au contacts, fabricated at Stanford NanoFab' Facility (Chris' Kenney)

50, 20, 10 and 5 $\mu$ m quadrant isolation gaps



E6 MDS2 & MDS3 samples, Achard-CNRS ATJ30 sample



E6 Sample MDS-2, I-V under steady state X-ray beam



bad Ni-TiC contacts Sample thickness ~350µm



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## E6 SC material, Stanford processed Ni-TiC electrodes





# Signal 'linearity' with beam intensity



E6-70310 thickness 100μm *single crystal* 20nm+20nm Cr, Au contacts - GSI 'dc' quadrant currents measured with electrometers bias 50V



Incident beam flux (X-ray/sec in 0.4 x  $1.2 \mu m^2$  fwhm spot)

20% diamond absorption, 4 bunch synchrotron fill pattern with 2.8µs orbit  $\rightarrow$  <<1 ... ~15 X-ray photons / bunch



# Position Response and beam size



5.16 5.18 5.20 5.22 5.24 5.26 5.28 5.30 5.32 5.34

signal slope ~5% /micron

position (mm)



For large beam (>  $50\mu$ m), quadrant 'crossover response' is ~ line integral over the beam intensity profile

For small beam (~µm), crossover response is convolution of photoelectron thermalization range (~1µm) and lateral charge diffusion (5~50µm) which occurs during drift of e<sup>-</sup>, h<sup>+</sup> charge carriers

-1.6







For small beam,

response slope / sensitive range may be modulated over range 10~100µm by

- applied electric field (bias)
- inter-electrode gap / sample thickness

*limit for weak fields is charge recombination or drift trapping signal loss…* 

100µm thick sample, 140µm quadrant spacing exaggerates weak field effect

nb. low frequency Electrometer current measurements





## ID21 Vertical / horizontal position timescan



#### Al-Al contacted quadrant device, ESRF ID21 beamline (MI-885)

timescan V->F data, 1sec integrations







- ID21: focused X-ray beam ~ $0.5 \times 0.1 \mu m^2$  and ~ $10^2$  ph/pulse at 6keV
- ID09B: ~50 x 100 $\mu$ m<sup>2</sup> chopped white beam, ~10<sup>5 9</sup> ph/pulse at ~18keV 5% beam absorbed in diamond  $\rightarrow$  ~1pC ... 10nC /pulse (1GeV ... 10TeV )



DSO signal after ~30db preamp gain

device layout not optimized for RF!





+150V/118µm Al-Al sputtered electrodes, *single crystal* 



E6 Sample MDS-2, 'bad' Stanford Ni-TiC contacts, DBAIII 2.3GHz preamp single crystal



Lecroy DSO data post-analyzed with leading edge 'discrimination' normalized Individual to signal pulse integrals

( $\sigma \rightarrow 20$ ps for simple leading edge discrimination).









XBIC map, 5µm steps, 50ps time bins

+150V/118um Al-Al sputtered contacts, *single crystal* 



0.5ns wide 'gated integrations',

time-slew of signal as function of beam position (response of bottom right quadrant only is shown here !)



#### ~5 x 10<sup>7</sup> ph/pulse (1kHz) at ~18keV, 5% absorption in ~350µm thick diamond



*Single crystal* sample, TiW contacts



Ad hoc test of single crystal OSU quadrant device



Very poor circuit layout & cabling of diamond support → signal 'bounce'





Beam found at : (y,z) = (0.002,-0.004), size: 0.188 x 0.069 mm

#### 'old' E6 *polycrystalline* material, Cr-Au contacts on unpolished surface

linearity, stripline mounted GSI sample



rise time: 235ps, area 5.4nVs,

fall time 3.2 ns determined by circuit response(?) Bias 500V /  $\sim$ 300 $\mu$ m,

Linearity check to ~6 x10<sup>6</sup> photons absorbed/pulse)

No reduction in signal response with overnight beam on sample

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## Measurements with GSI stripline mounted *polycrystalline* sample



monochromatic ~ 5x10<sup>5</sup> ph/pulse at 18keV  $\sim 2\%$  absorption (350µm thick diamond)



24\*8+1bunch hybrid mode



Signal constant over duration of heatload chopper pulse.



Scattered beam 'powder diffraction' rings arising from the ~10µm random orientatation grains of the polycrystalline diamond plate



'good', flawless device fabricated on single crystal sample using 'simple' metal contacts... but avoiding 'significant' local defects is not trivial

demonstrated (ID21 + ID09B tests):

flux intensity: linearity - stability - area uniformity~0.1%1position response: sensitivity~10nm\*timing resolution / leading edge risetime~20 / 250ps\*\*

rms figures

- single crystal samples only !
- for a 1µm beamsize. *Accuracy is* limited by lithography
- \*\* circuit layout limited

present objectives:

- → validate 'industrial' source(s) of reliable contact processing with precision lithography …on thinned (to <50µm) CVD plates</p>
- → implement electronic readout: multichannel electrometers or RF signal techniques

*long-term radiation stability remains unproven, but X-ray induced damage can only occur at surfaces with low energy X-rays in a 'perfect' diamond crystal...* 

(~5 GigaGray, 16hour stability test made at ID21)



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