ANR SPLAM

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What to do for?

Interest of a spark generator:

- Selectable voltage
- Selectable capacitance
- Selectable timing

Can generate reproductible sparks!

These sparks are not detector sparks!

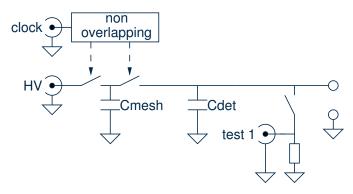
But, it help to compare protection structures.

Principle schematic

Step 1: Charge capacitor (Cmesh) with DC voltage

Step 2: Discharge this capacitor to Device Under Test (with optional Cdet)

test 1 input may be used to test if DUT is still working.



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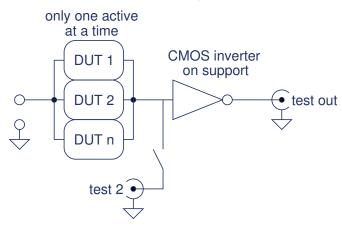
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Test board #1

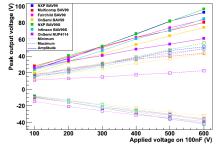
Compare ability of different structures to protect a commercial CMOS inverter.

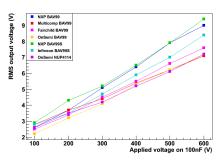
test 2 input may be used to test if DUT/inverter are still working (in conjunction with test 1 of spark board).



Result of diodes comparisons (1/2)

A lot of parameter of residual pulses have been recorded. For example:



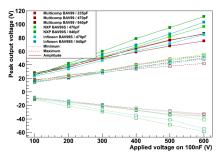


Voltage peak

RMS voltage

Result of diodes comparisons (2/2)

As a function of C_s :



Voltage peak

RMS voltage

Conclusions on firsts comparisons

Conclusions:

- There are obvious differences between diode manufacturers;
- NUP4114 are better than BAV99: we have updated our design!
- SMD capacitors dielectric other than NPO are not reliable (even high-voltage rated ones);
- Decoupling of diodes is very important for positive ringing suppression.

Still a lot of structures to compare and characterise, including a TOTEM protection chip.

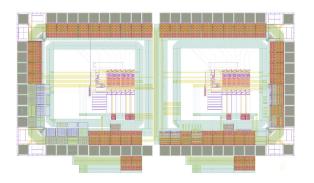
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ASIC from LAPP

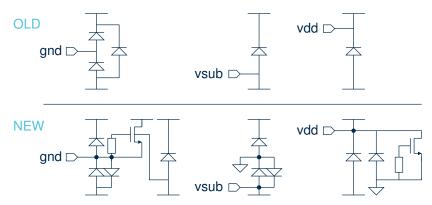
Funded by in2p3. Two savours of power supply pads, 6 kinds of i/o pads for each. Each i/o is connected to a MICROROC PA.



A dedicated testboard has been designed, to be used with spark generator.

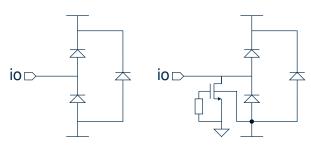
Power supply

Each power supply pad set consists in 3 pads: vdd, vsub and gnd



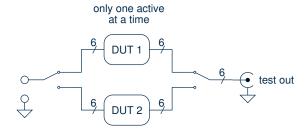
Input/Output

6 kinds of i/o pads for each. Each i/o is connected to a MICROROC PA. Mainly variation of diode size for 5 inputs, and active protection for 1 input.



Test board #2

Very simple test board (2 layers)...



ASIC from CEA

Several hundred of diodes, on two type of silicon (epi and non-epi), seems very similar to Diracs diodes. . .

Must be packaged, will be compatible with test board #2.

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- First results on external passive network
- Integrated electronic protections tests not started... we expect to replace external network with integrated protection
- An other ASIC will be designed this year: ideas, designers and collaborators welcome!