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Radiation Tolerance Study of neutron-irradiated SiC pn planar diodes

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We report on the study of the radiation tolerance of silicon carbide (SiC) pn planar diodes manufactured at IMB-CNM. Dedicated TPA-TCT and TRIBIC measurement campaigns, carried out at the UPV-EHU and CNA femto laser and ion microbeam facilities respectively, were used to characterise the response of the diodes. The studied devices were irradiated with neutrons up to a fluence of $1 \times 10^{15} n_{eq}/cm^2$. The charge collection efficiency and the depletion region were studied as a function of fluence. We observed evidence for a possible radiation-induced polarisation of the SiC substrate, with a strong recovery of charge collection efficiency and depletion width when the irradiated diodes are forward biased.

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