Radiation resistance of Carbon-Shield LGADs and comparison with standard carbonated LGADs

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Motivation - Carbon Shield strategy to further improve LGADs radiation hardness

A Carbon shield infusion underneath the gain layer volume to protect the gain implant from the diffusion of defect complexes from the bulk region and the support wafer



Hypothesis:

→ Defect complex can be captured by the Carbon atoms, preventing the removal of acceptors

C-Shield LGAD in EXFLU1 production

Split table

Wafer #	Thickness	p+ dose	C dose	C shield	Diffusion
1	45	1.14	1.0		CBL
2*	45	1.00		0.6	CBL
3*	45	1.16	1.0	0.6	CBL
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- \succ The bulk of 45µm swapped to n-type
- Gain implant type: Shallow-CBL (no references in previous productions)
- > One dose of carbon (1.0C) implanted into the gain implant
- Carbon Shield obtained with a C-spray implant
- Two doses of Carbon shield (1.0C and 0.6C)
- > W1: reference wafer (No C-Shield)

W2: C-Shield only (No carbon into the gain implant) W3 and 4: Carbon into the gain implant + C-Shield

Irradiation campaign with neutrons up to fluences of 5.10¹⁵ n_{eq}/cm²



CV characteristics pre and post irradiation

No information on gain implant can be extracted from C-V measurements



Acceptor removal can't be estimated from C-V measurements

Pre-Irradiation CC measurements



Large spread in Charge-Bias curves due to strong Boron Inactivation in presence of C-Shield implant.

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Post-Irradiation CC measurements

Carbon-shield LGAD - UnIrr. and Irr. @ 1.5 and 2.5E10¹⁵ n_{eg}/cm²

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Large spread in pre-Irradiation Charge-Bias curves will make postirradiation comparison difficult between wafers.

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Figure of merit for post-irradiation comparison

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Effect of Carbon-Shield on radiation hardness of LGADs

Carbon-Shield LGADs - $\Delta V @ 5fC$

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- ➤ The same value of ΔV(@5fC) for wafers 1, 3 and 4 demonstrates the ineffectiveness of carbon-shield
- W2 is less radiation resistant than W1/3/4. W2 demonstrates that the effect of the C-shield is not comparable with the carbon implanted into the gain region.

Conclusion and hypothesis of ineffectiveness of C-shield

> Carbon-shield doesn't improve the radiation hardness of LGADs.

hypothesis of ineffectiveness of C-shield:

Carbon shield doesn't screen the drift of bulk defects from the bulk towards the gain implant

The acceptor removal is a localized mechanism; only defects created in the gain region participate in acceptor removal mechanism.

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Backup

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