

New Technological Capabilities at CNM

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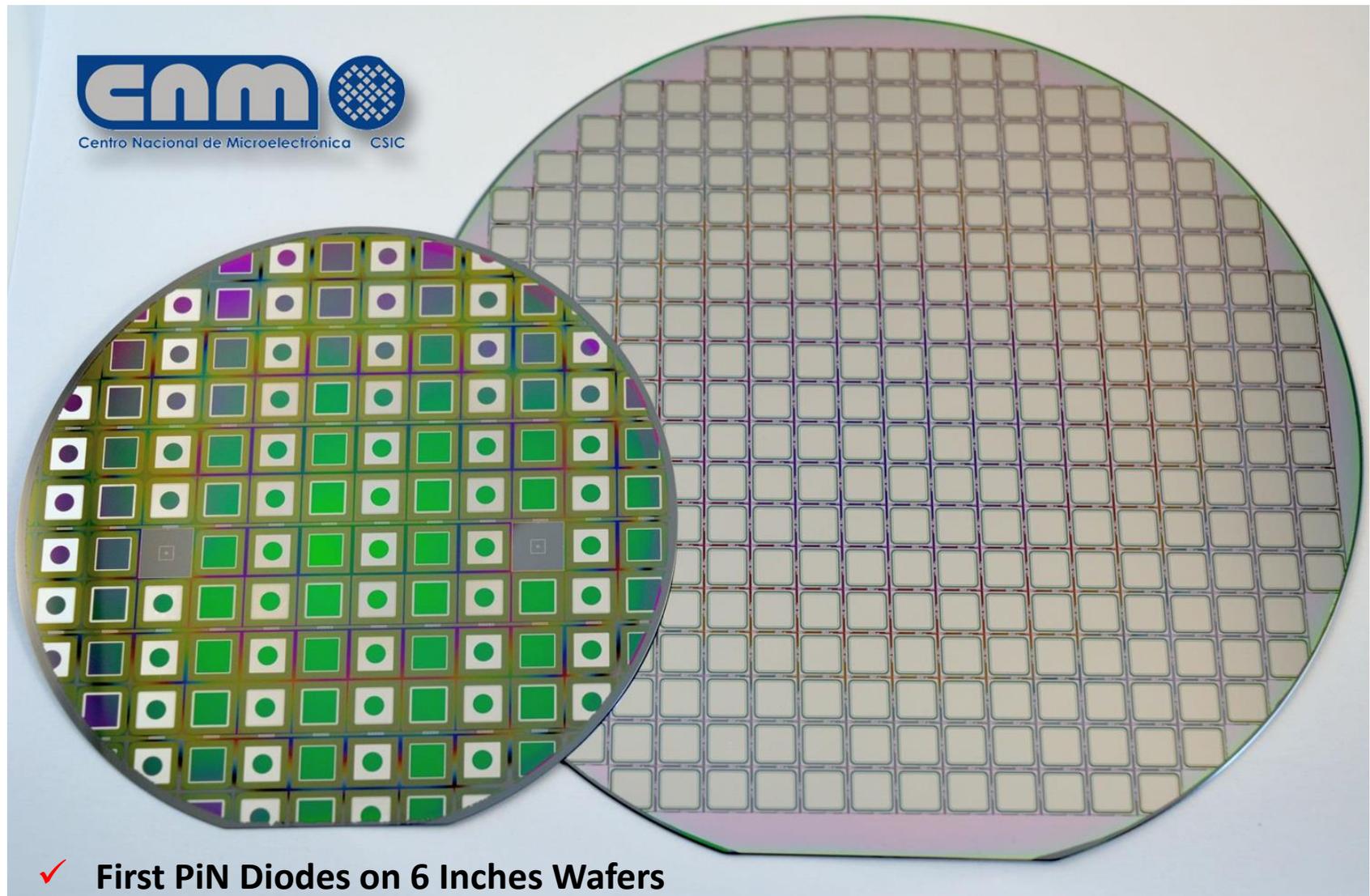
Outline

- **Available Technologies in 4" and 6" Developments**
- **Automated Layout Generation**
- **Reverse Engineering Analysis Procedures**
- **Automatic Electrical Characterization**

Technology Status

Name	Geom.	Substr.	Double Metal	Thickness (μm)	Double Side	Wafer Size
DC Detectors (Nuclear app.)	Planar	N	Yes	10-1000	Yes (>200 μm)	4"
DC Detectors (HEP)	Planar	N/P	Yes	10-1000	Yes (>200 μm)	4" (6")
AC Microstrips (HEP)	Planar	N/P	Yes	10-1000	Yes (>200 μm)	4" (6")
LGAD	Planar	P	Yes	10-1000	Yes (>200 μm)	4" (6")
3D Double Side Detectors	3D	N/P	Yes	200-300	Yes (>200 μm)	4"
U3DTHIN	3D	N	Yes	5-300	No	4"
Microdosimeter	3D	N	No	5-300	No	4"
Fan-in	Planar	-	Yes	300-1000	No	4" (6")

6 inch Technological Process



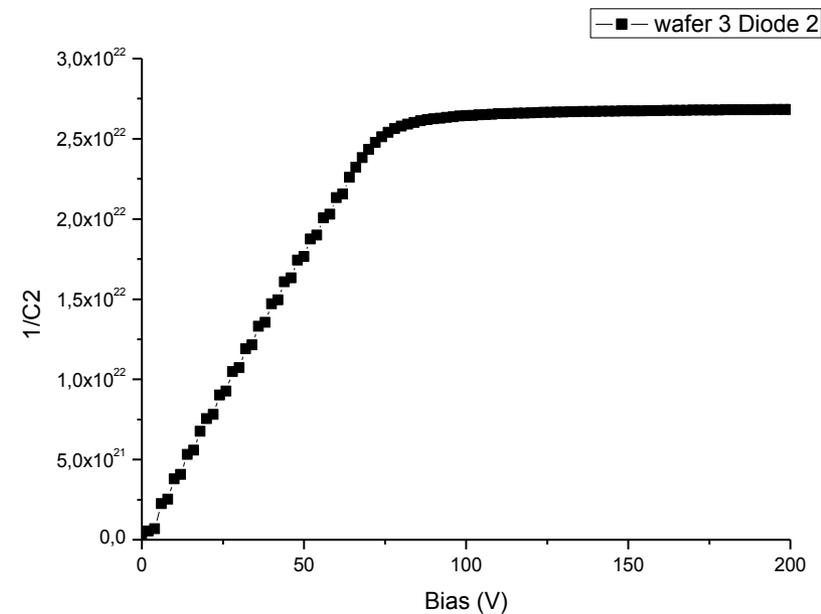
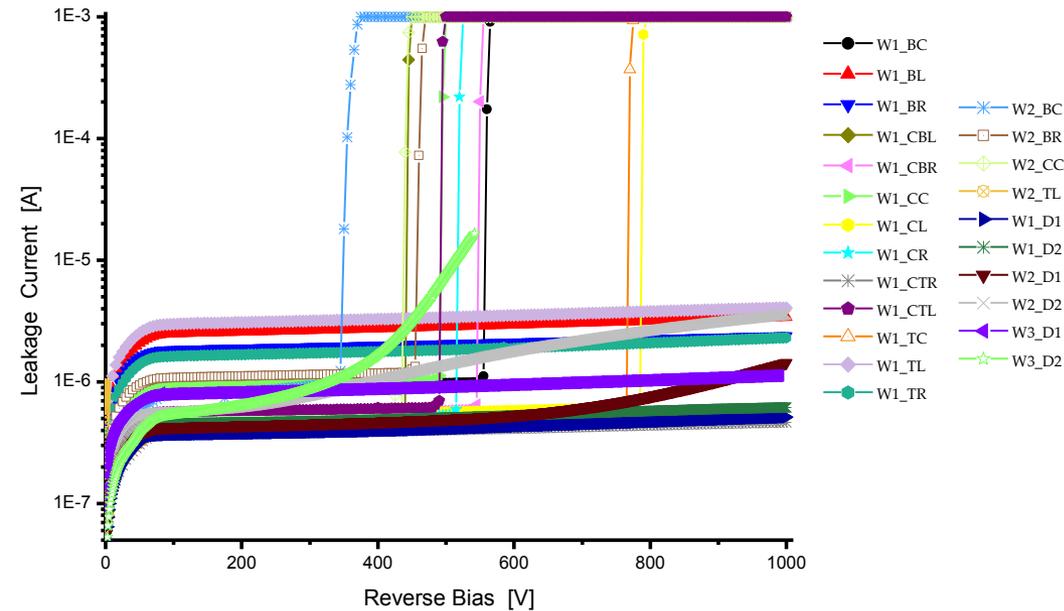
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First Results:

- ✓ Good electrical performance (leakage, full depletion, etc)
- ✓ Comparable to 4 inch technology PiN diodes

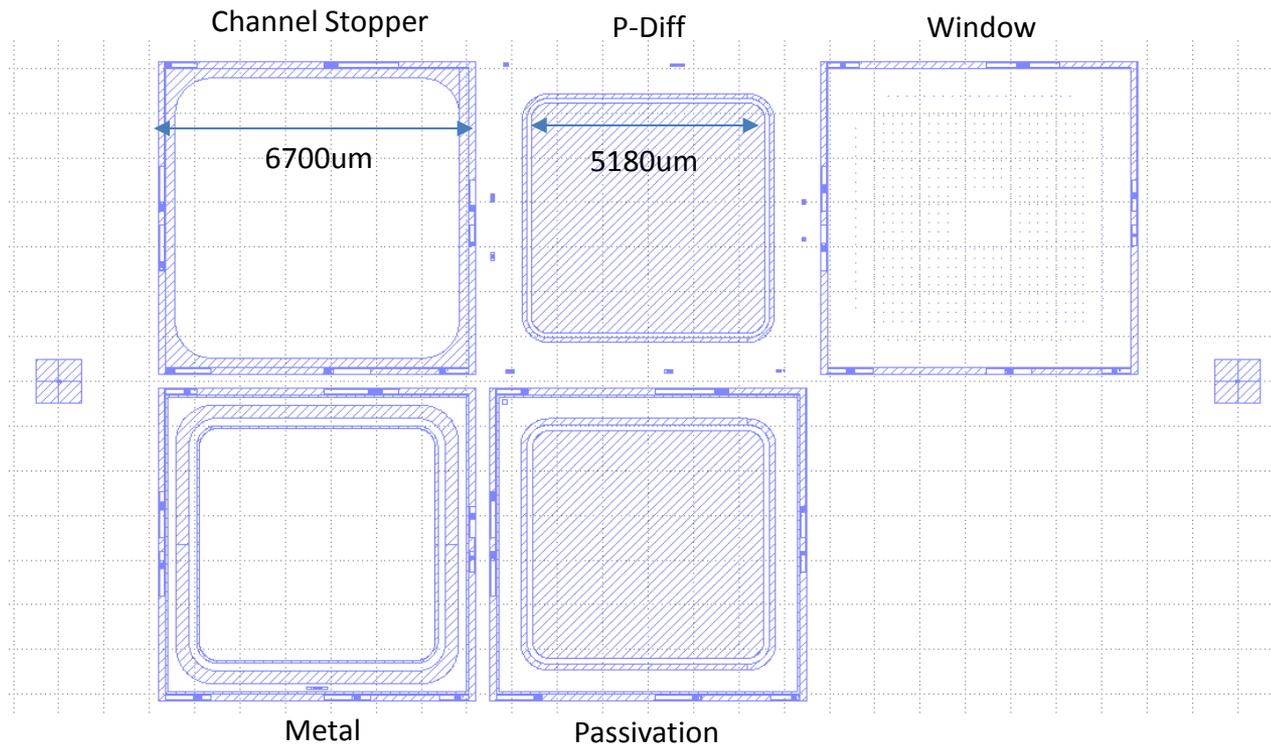


Run 7031 PiN Diodes - 6 inches wafers - I-V Curves



6 inch Technological Process

- **Photolithography with Stepper:**
 - ✓ All layers designed in one single stepper crystal. Standard in CMOS technologies. Minimum resolution 0.25 μm
 - ✓ Contact masks can also be used to produce large size (whole wafer) detectors.



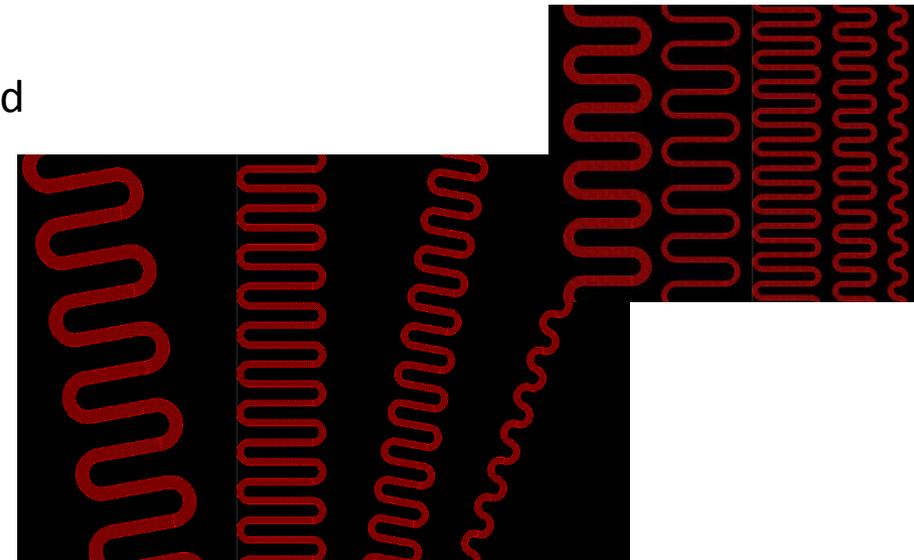
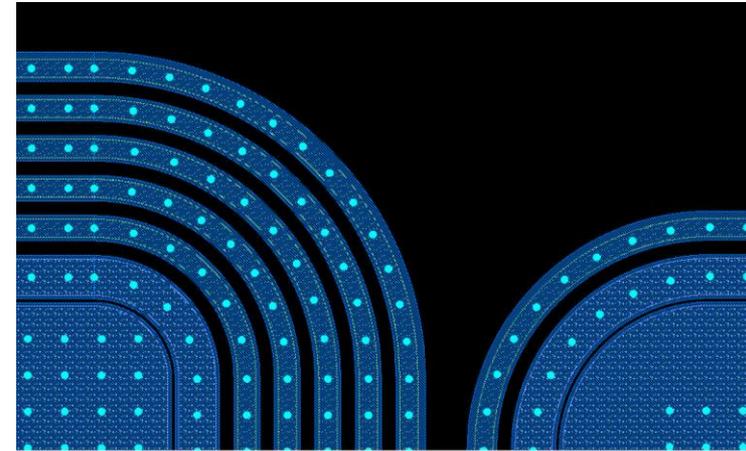
Automatic Layout Generation

- **Fast and efficient automatized layout generation with Glade/Python:**

- ✓ **Freeware** IC layout editor: **Glade** (Gds, Lef and Def Editor) by Peardrop Design Systems capable of reading GDS2, OASIS, LEF and DEF plus a few other formats. Currently available for Windows, Linux, Mac OS X and Solaris.
- ✓ Glade is extendable using **Python** scripting and parameterized cells (Pcells).
- ✓ We can design **complex layout** using a **complete library** of simple parameterized functions.

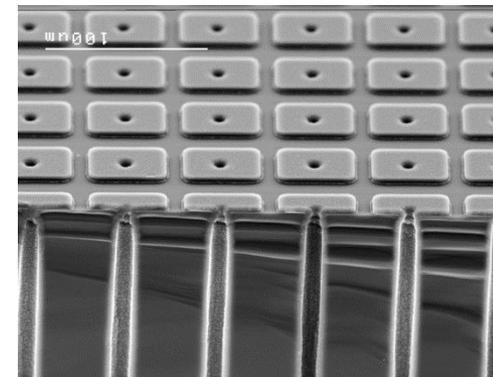
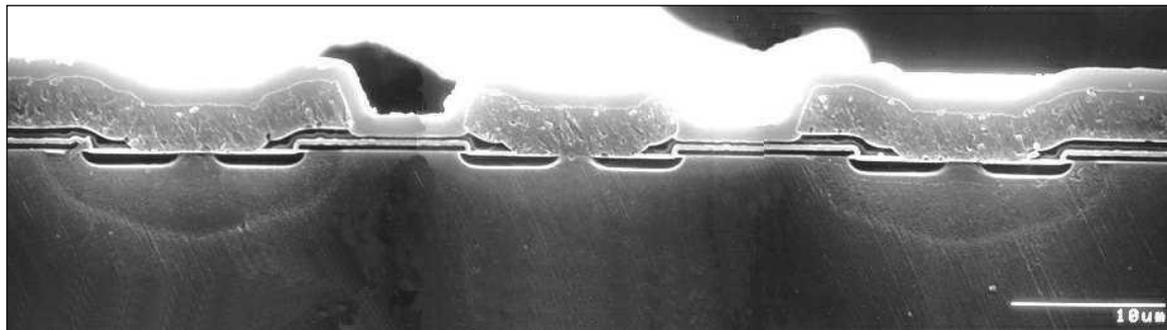
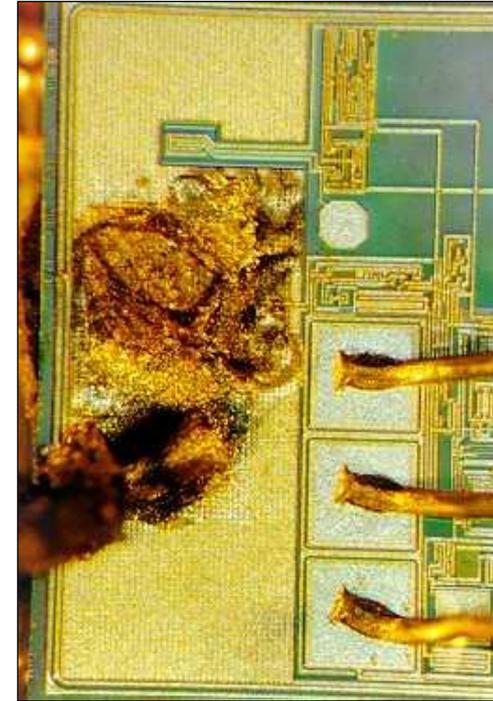
- **Full sensor layout generation:**

- ✓ Strip rows generation
- ✓ Stereo angle
- ✓ Bonding pads
- ✓ Bias resistors
- ✓ Bias and guard rings



Reverse Engineering on Microelectronic Devices

- The **Reverse Engineering Group** was created by the **Physical Characterization** and the **Design & CAD** staff with a high skills in the **integrated circuit analysis and reconstruction**.
- Expertise in the study of the procedures and the techniques which help to **determine the origin of the failures** (malfunctions, destruction) on a wide range of electronic devices and circuits, providing the **actions to be taken to eliminate the failures and to increase the reliability**.
- The Reverse Engineering **covers from the analysis to the top-down reconstruction** of discrete devices and integrated circuits.
 - ✓ Process technology characterization
 - ✓ Identification of building blocks
 - ✓ Layout errors
 - ✓ Etc.



Reverse Engineering

○ Equipment. Physical Characterization:

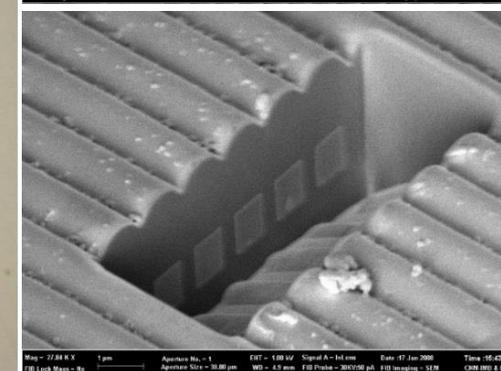
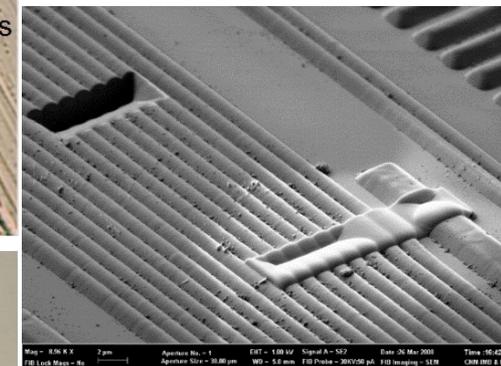
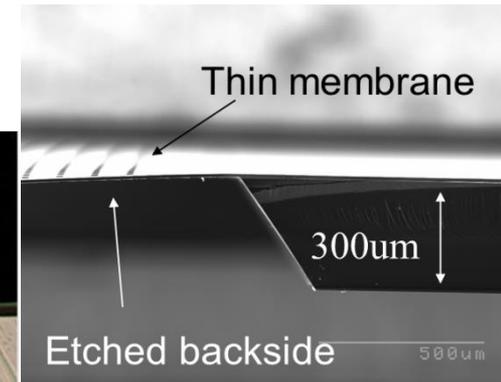
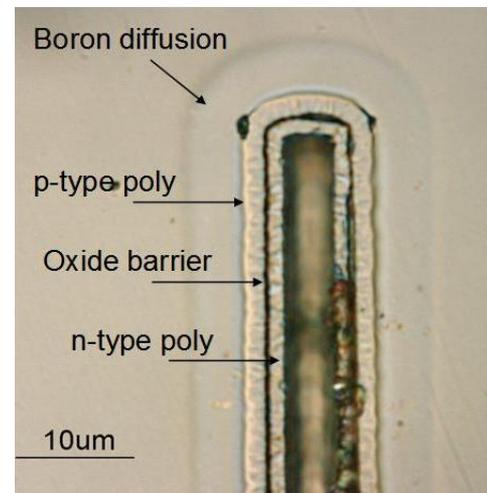
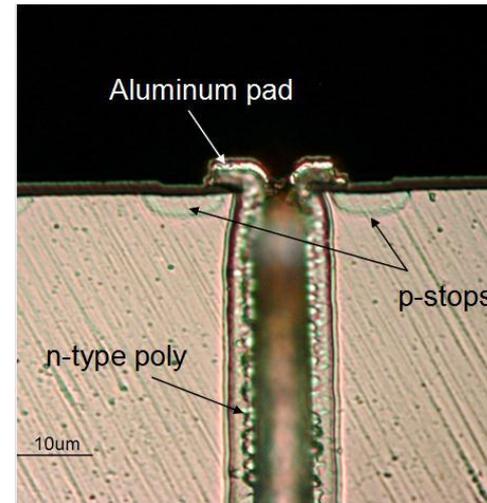
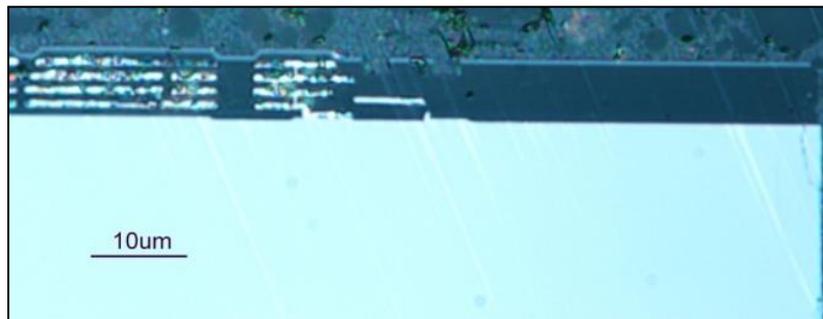
- ✓ Focus Ion Beam (**FIB**)
- ✓ 2 Atomic Force Microscope (**AFM**)
- ✓ 3 Scanning Electron Microscope (**SEM**)
- ✓ Automatic **polishing** machine with multi-sample head
- ✓ Automatic **polishing** machine with two heads suitable for micro-sections
- ✓ Diamond **saw**
- ✓ **Optical microscopes** (micro-measurement, dark field and interferential contrast)
- ✓ **Photo** microscope
- ✓ **Plasma** equipment for layer removal
- ✓ **Probe system** with submicron needles and **laser cutting** facility
- ✓ **Die attach**. Wedge and ball **bonding** facilities.



Reverse Engineering

Techniques:

- ✓ Decapsulation
 - ✓ **Die recovery**
- ✓ Microsection Procedure
 - ✓ **Technology Information**
- ✓ High precision mechanical layer removal
 - ✓ **Bottom-up** circuit analysis
 - ✓ **Top-down** circuit analysis
- ✓ Chemical stain of high doped diffusions
 - ✓ **Memory contents** identification
- ✓ FIB-based circuit edition
 - ✓ **Layout edition** and **rerouting**
 - ✓ **Security disabling**
- ✓ Laser-based circuit edition



Automatic Electrical Characterization

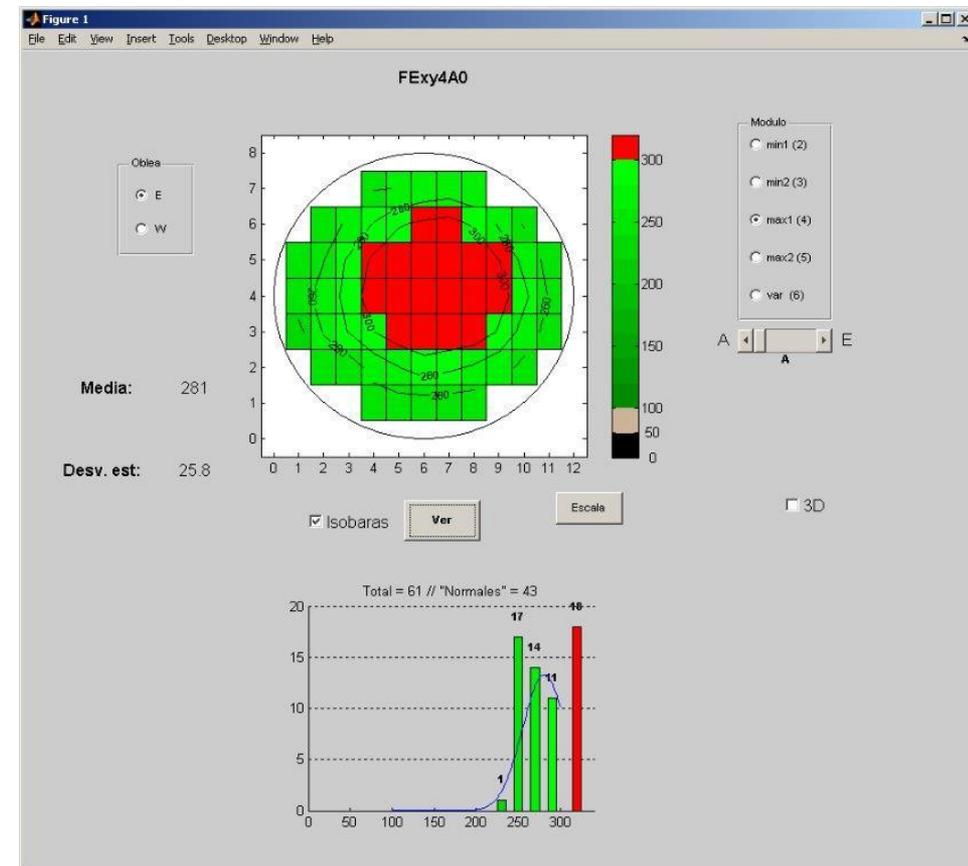
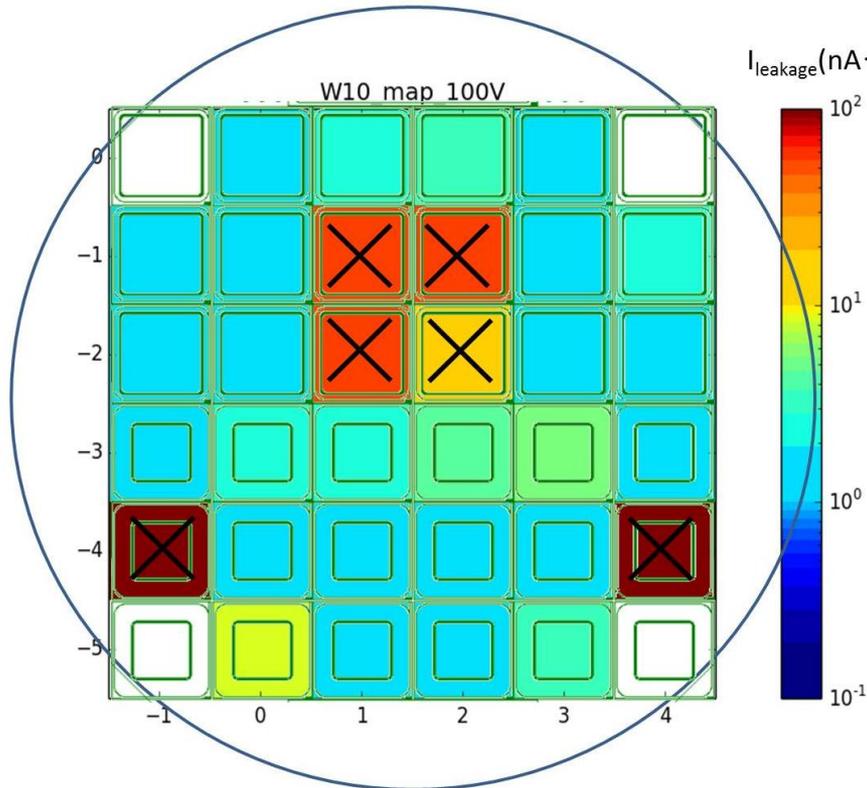
- **Fast and efficient automatic electrical characterization set-up**
 - ✓ **Automatic 6" wafer probe station** with specific test needles adapted to the layout to be measured (**Custom probe cards**)
 - ✓ **Agilent E5270B Precision Measurement Mainframe**. ± 100 V, ± 100 mA (minimum resolution of 2 μ V, 10 fA).
 - ✓ **HP4284 LCR Meter**. 20 Hz to 1 MHz $\pm 0.01\%$
 - ✓ **Control Software** for table movement and test and data acquisition.

- **Automatic measures**
 - ✓ **Electrical Parameters:** I(V), C(V), parametric characterization, etc.
 - ✓ **Technological Characterization:** If specific test structures are implemented: sheet resistance, contact resistance, dielectric capacitances, etc.



Automatic Electrical Characterization

Wafer mapping and data analysis
with custom developed tools
(Matlab & Python)



Thank you for your attention !!!!

