



Advanced Detectors for Nuclear, High Energy  
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# Silicon Sensors in Experimental High Energy Physics Experiments

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- India in CMS Outer Tracker Phase II upgrade
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# Historical Perspective

- 1951: First detectors with Germanium pn-Diodes (McKay)
- 1960: Working samples of p-i-n Detectors for  $\alpha$  &  $\beta$  Spectroscopy (E. M. Pell)
- 1964: Use of Si detectors in experimental Nuclear Physics (G. T. Ewan & A. J. Tavendale)
- 1980: Fixed target experiment with a planar diode (J. Kemmer)
- 1980-86: NA11 & NA32 experiment at CERN to measure charm meson lifetimes
- 1990ies (Europe): LEP Detectors (e.g. DELPHI)
- 1990ies & later (US): CDF & D0 at Tevatron, Fermilab
- Today: All Detectors at LHC with upto 200 m<sup>2</sup> active area (CMS)

# Historical Perspective

NUCLEAR INSTRUMENTS AND METHODS 169 (1980) 499-502, © NORTH HOLLAND PUBLISHING CO

## FABRICATION OF LOW NOISE SILICON RADIATION DETECTORS BY THE PLANAR PROCESS

J KEMMER

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*Dedicated to Prof Dr H-J Born on the occasion of his 70th birthday*

By applying the well known techniques of the planar process oxide passivation, photo engraving and ion implantation, Si pn-junction detectors were fabricated with leakage currents of less than  $1 \text{ nA cm}^{-2}/100 \mu\text{m}$  at room temperature. Best values for the energy resolution were 10.0 keV for the 5.486 MeV alphas of  $^{241}\text{Am}$  at 22 °C using  $5 \times 5 \text{ mm}^2$  detector chips.

## Why wasn't silicon used earlier?

- Needed micro-lithography technology  $\Rightarrow$  cost
- Small signal size (needed low noise amplifiers)
- Needed read-out electronics miniaturization (transistors, ICs)

# Historical Perspective

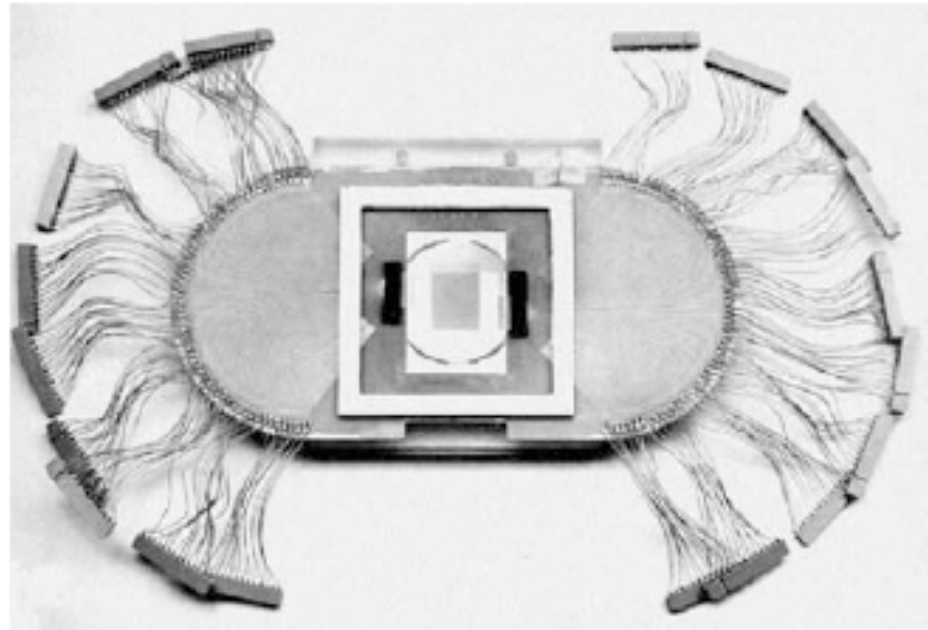
## NA11 @ CERN : fixed target experiment ~ 1980

First proof of principle to use a position sensitive silicon detector in HEP experiment

- Aim: measure lifetime of charm quarks (decay length  $30\ \mu\text{m}$ )  
⇒ spatial resolution better  $10\ \mu\text{m}$  required

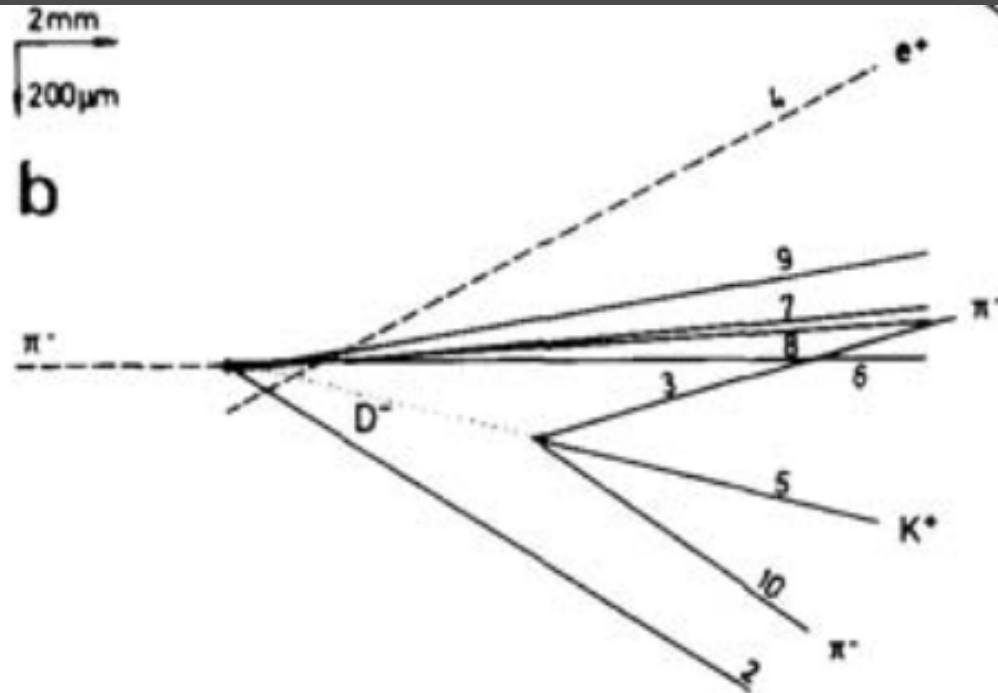
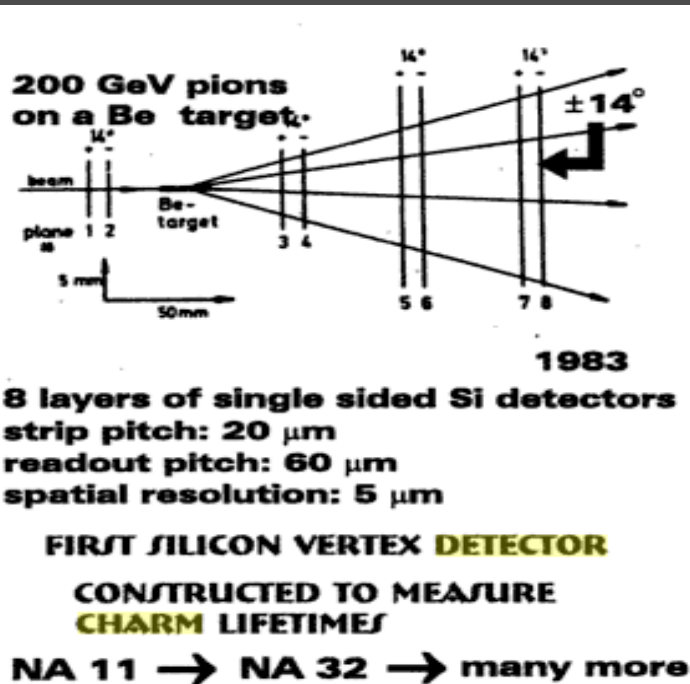
### NA11 Detector:

- 1200 diode strips on  $2436\text{mm}^2$  active area
- Resolution of  $4.5\ \mu\text{m}$
- $250\text{-}500\ \mu\text{m}$  thick bulk material



# Historical Perspective

## NA11 @ CERN : fixed target experiment ~ 1980



Reconstruction of the production and decay of a  $D^- \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^-$

# Historical Perspective

John Ellis visioned at a conference in Lake Tahoe, California in 1983, “To proceed with High Energy Particle Physics, one has to tag the flavour of the quarks!”

**CDF @ Fermilab :  
Collider beam  
Experiment  
Top Quark  
Discovery**

## e + 4 jet event

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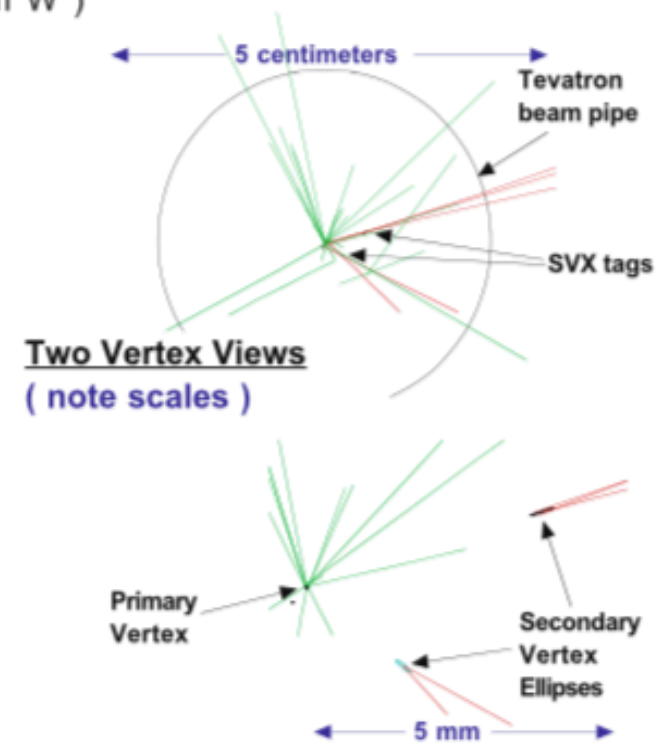
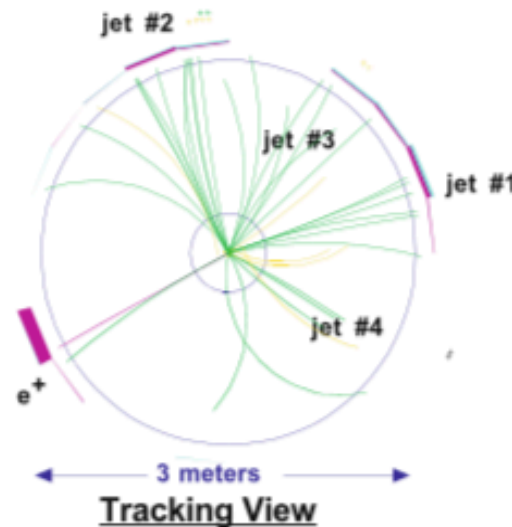
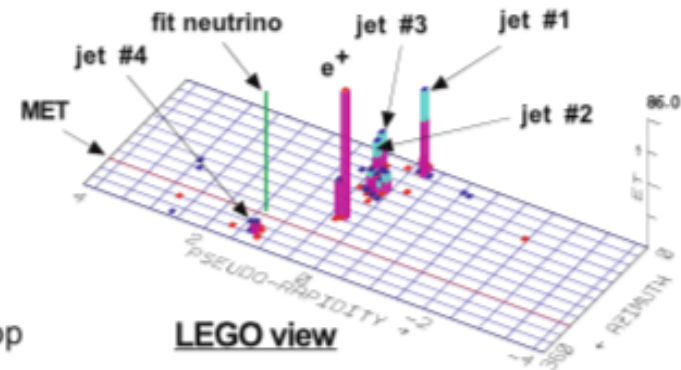
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TWO jets tagged by SVX

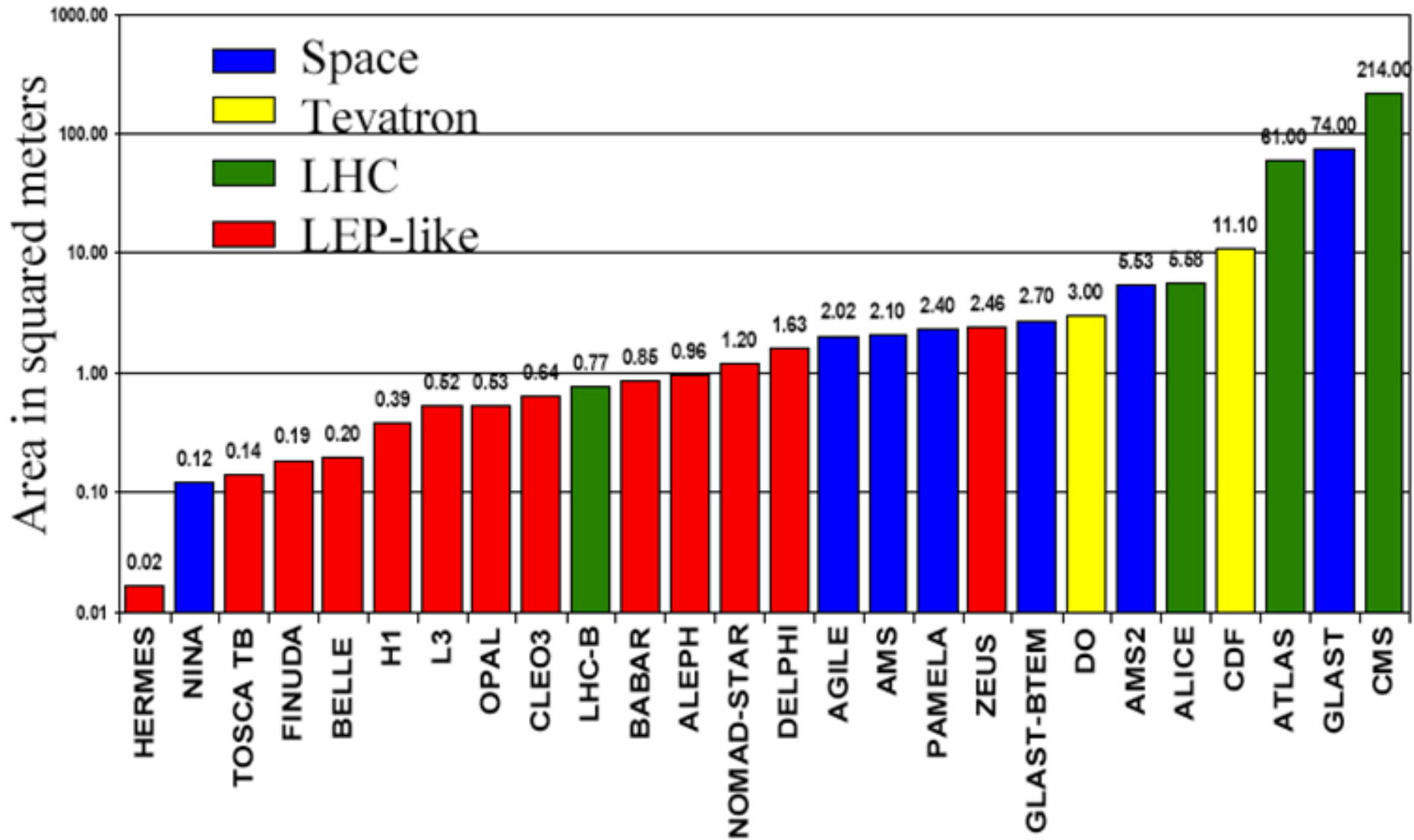
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$e^+$ , Missing  $E_t$ , jet #4 from top

jets 1,2,3 from top ( 2&3 from W )

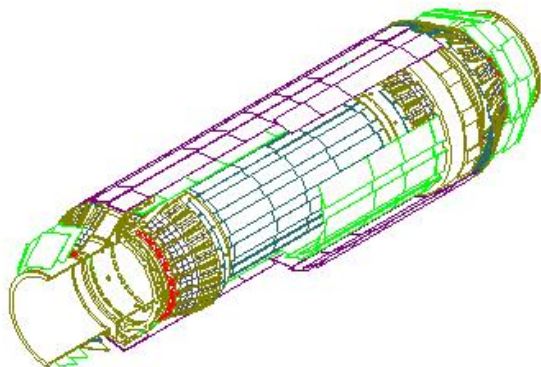


# Evolution of Si Detectors in EHEP





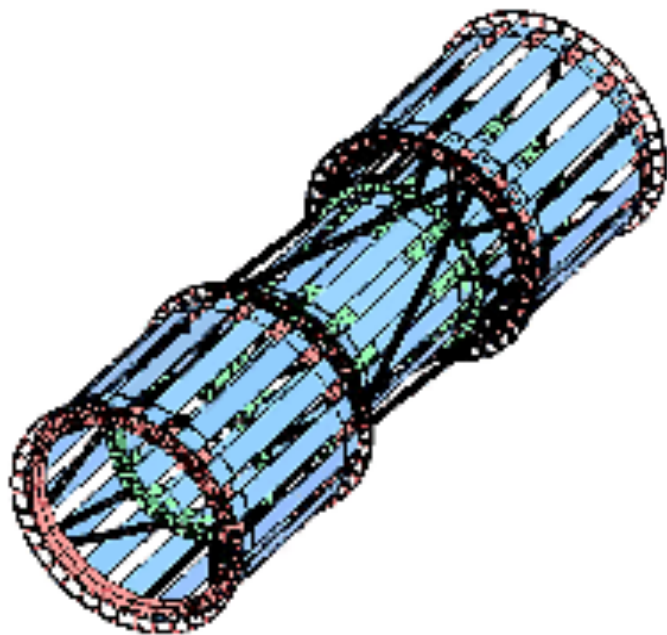
# Large Silicon Systems in EHEP



## DELPHI (1996)

~ 1.8m<sup>2</sup> silicon area

175 000 readout channels



## CDF SVX IIa (2001-)

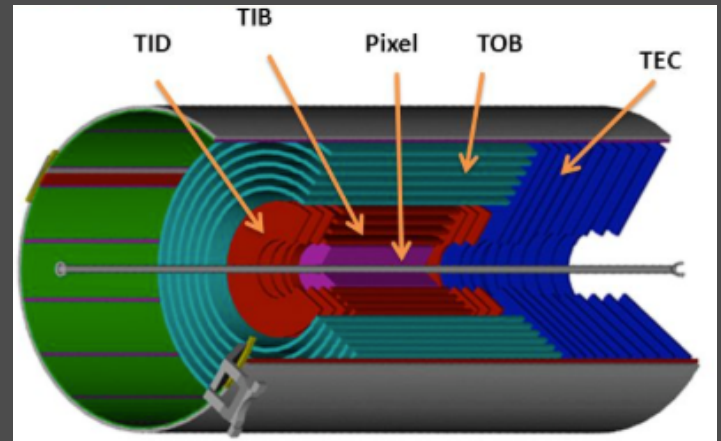
~ 11m<sup>2</sup> silicon area

~ 750 000 readout channels

# Large Silicon Systems in EHEP

## CMS Si Tracker (2007)

- ~12,000 modules
- ~ 206 m<sup>2</sup> silicon area
- ~ 25,000 silicon wafers
- ~ 10M readout channels



# Large Silicon Systems in EHEP



# Highlight



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# Some Basic Facts

- By far the most important semiconductor for detector development is **silicon**
- The discovery of silicon (L. silex: silicis, flint) - **silicium** in French - is generally credited to Berzelius 1824
- Deville in 1854 first prepared crystalline silicon, the second allotropic form of the element
- Silicon is present in the sun and stars
  - principal component of a class of meteorites known as aerolites. It is also a component of tektites, a natural glass of uncertain origin.
- Silicon makes up 25.7% of the earth's crust by weight
  - is the second most abundant element, being exceeded only by oxygen.
- Silicon is not found free in nature, but occurs chiefly as the oxide and as silicates.
  - Sand, quartz, rock crystal, amethyst, agate, flint, jasper, and opal are some of the forms in which the oxide appears. Granite, hornblende, asbestos, feldspar, clay, mica, etc. are but a few of the numerous silicate minerals.

# Why Silicon

Silicon has properties which make it especially desirable as a detector material

- ⦿ Small band gap  $E_g = 1.12 \text{ eV} \Rightarrow E(\text{e-h pair}) = 3.6 \text{ eV}$  ( $\approx 30 \text{ eV}$  for gas detectors) **(good signal)**
- ⦿ High specific density  $2.33 \text{ g/cm}^3$  ;  $dE/dx$  (M.I.P.)  $\approx 390 \text{ eV}/\mu\text{m} \approx 108 \text{ e-h}/\mu\text{m}$  (average)
- ⦿ High carrier mobility  $\mu_e = 1450 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ ,  $\mu_h = 450 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs} \Rightarrow$  fast charge collection ( $< 10 \text{ ns}$ )
- ⦿ Very pure  $< 1 \text{ ppm}$  impurities and  $< 0.1 \text{ ppb}$  electrical active impurities, long mean free path (good charge collection efficiency)
- ⦿ low dark current: Can be operated in air and at room temperature
- ⦿ low Z (low multiple scattering)
- ⦿ Rigidity of silicon allows thin self supporting structures
- ⦿ Very well developed technology: microscopic structuring by industrial lithography

# S/N ratio in intrinsic Silicon

Signal of a mip in such a detector:

$$\frac{dE/dx \cdot d}{I_0} = \frac{3.87 \cdot 10^6 \text{ eV/cm} \cdot 0.03 \text{ cm}}{3.62 \text{ eV}} \approx 3.2 \cdot 10^4 \text{ e}^- \text{h}^+ \text{-pairs}$$

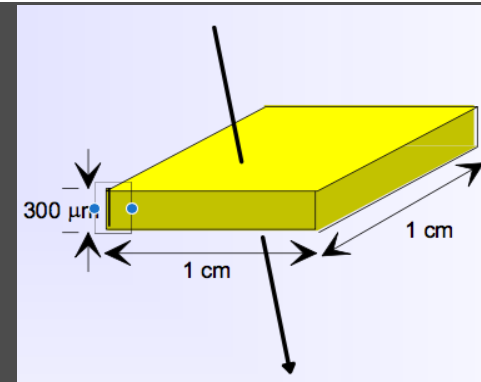
Intrinsic charge carrier (T = 300 K):

$$n_i dA = 1.45 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3} \cdot 0.03 \text{ cm} \cdot 1 \text{ cm}^2 \\ \approx 4.35 \cdot 10^8 \text{ e}^- \text{h}^+ \text{ pairs}$$

Number of thermal created e<sup>-</sup>h<sup>+</sup>-pairs are four orders of magnitude larger than signal!!!

⇒ Need to reduce free charge carriers, i.e. deplete the detector

⇒ Most detectors make use of reverse biased p-n junctions



# Silicon Detector (Reverse Bias p-n junction)

- Make the p-n junction at the surface of a silicon wafer with the bulk being n-type
- Reverse Bias to extend the depletion region throughout the n bulk

## Width of the depletion zone

Effective doping concentration in typical silicon detector with p<sup>+</sup>-n junction

- $N_a = 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  in p<sup>+</sup> region
- $N_d = 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  in n bulk.

**Without external voltage:**

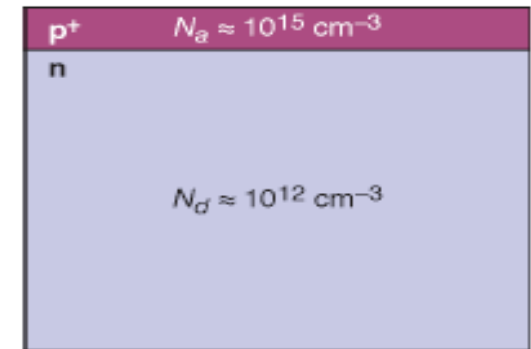
$$W_p = 0.02 \mu\text{m}$$

$$W_n = 23 \mu\text{m}$$

**Applying a reverse bias voltage of 100 V:**

$$W_p = 0.4 \mu\text{m}$$

$$W_n = 363 \mu\text{m}$$



Width of depletion zone in n bulk:

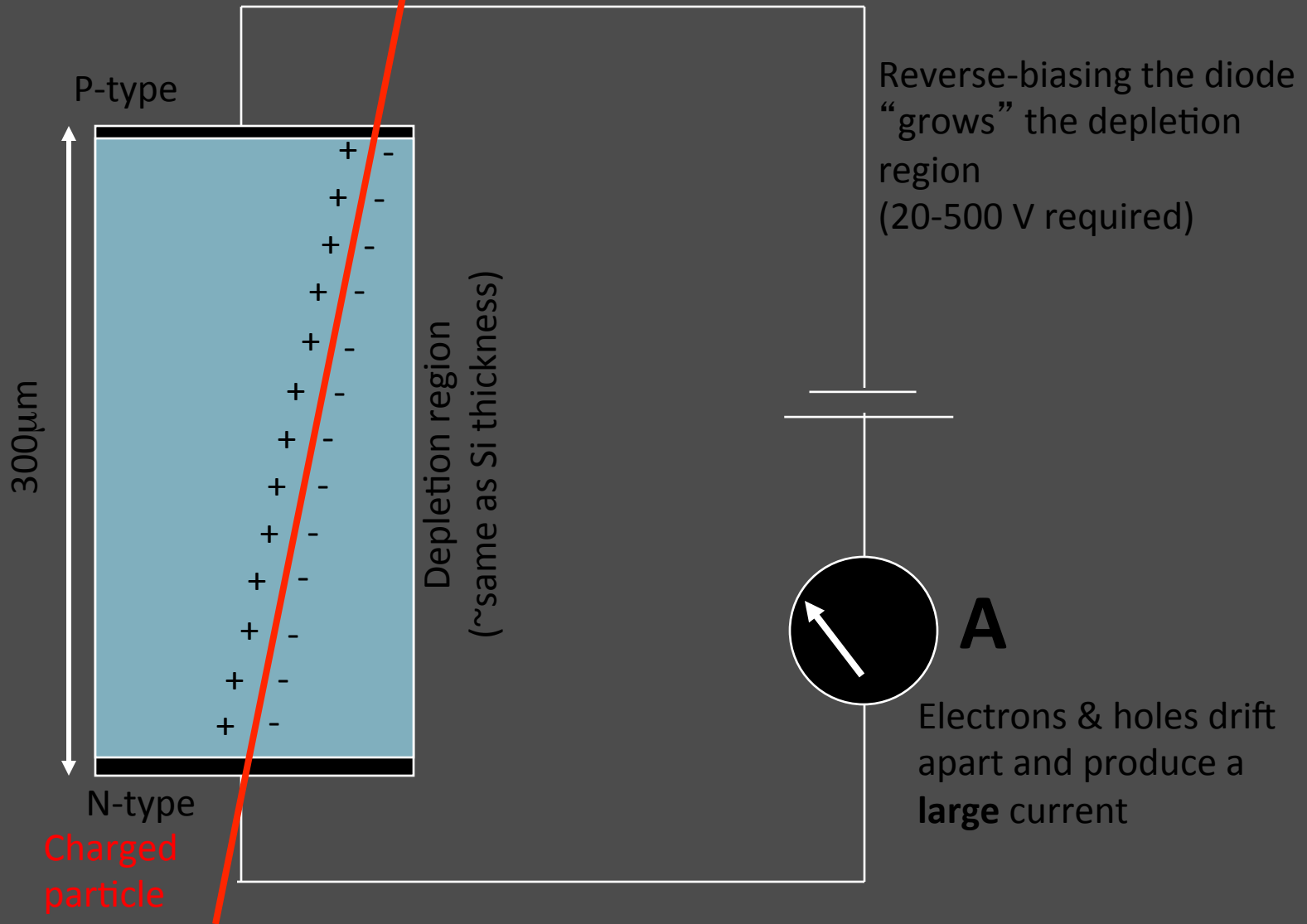
$$W = \sqrt{2\epsilon_0\epsilon_r\mu\rho|V|}$$

with  $\rho = \frac{1}{e\mu N_{eff}}$

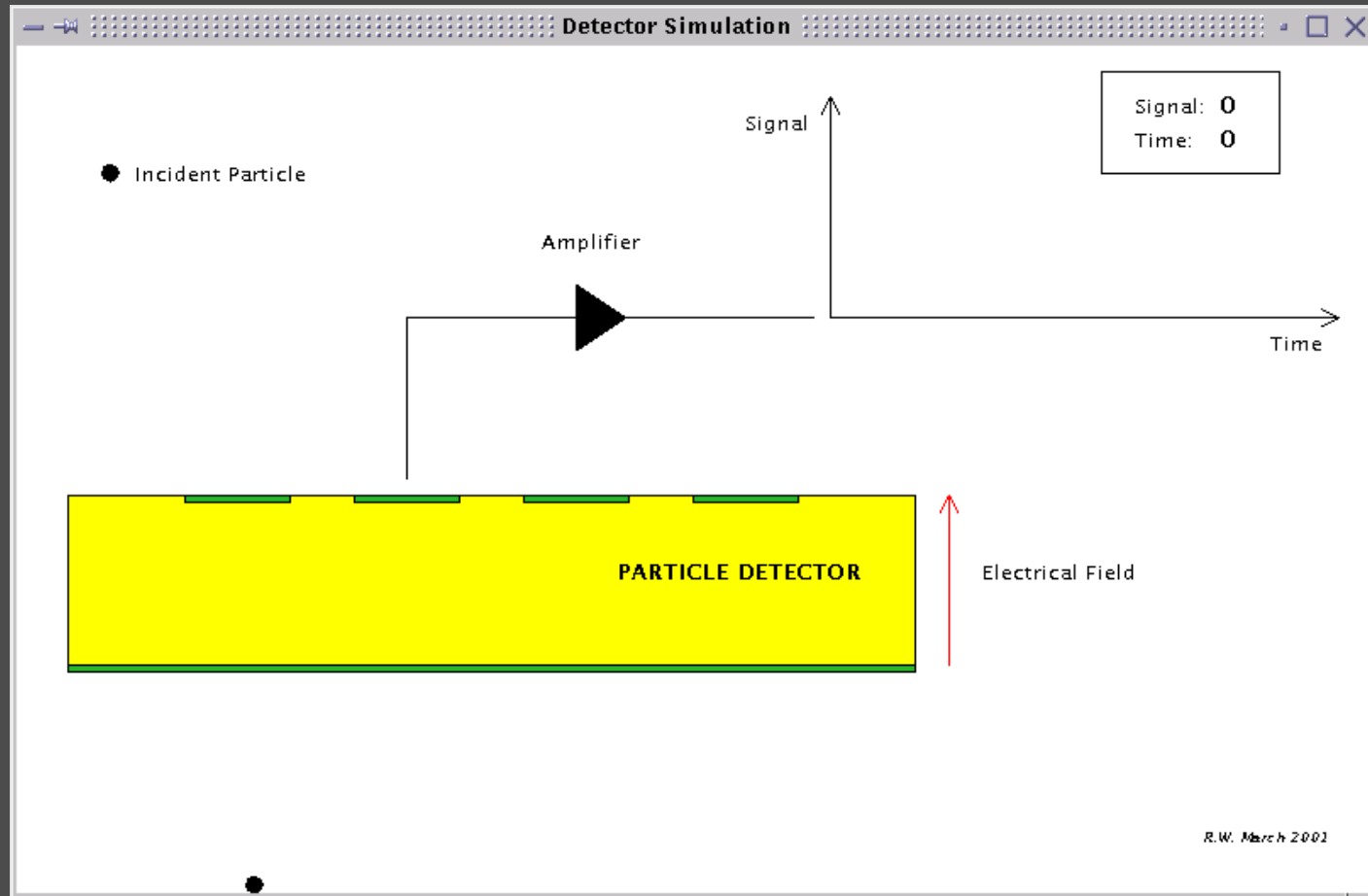
$V$  ... External voltage  
 $\rho$  ... specific resistivity  
 $\mu$  ... mobility of majority charge carriers  
 $N_{eff}$  ... effective doping concentration



# Silicon Sensors (2)



# Principle cont..



Resolution  $\sigma$  depends on the pitch  $p$  (distance from strip to strip)

- e.g. detection of charge in binary way (threshold discrimination) & using center of strip as measured coordinate results in

$$\sigma = \frac{p}{\sqrt{12}}$$

- typical pitch values are 20  $\mu\text{m}$ – 150  $\mu\text{m}$   $\Rightarrow$  50  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch results in 14.4  $\mu\text{m}$  resolution

# Signal to Noise Ratio

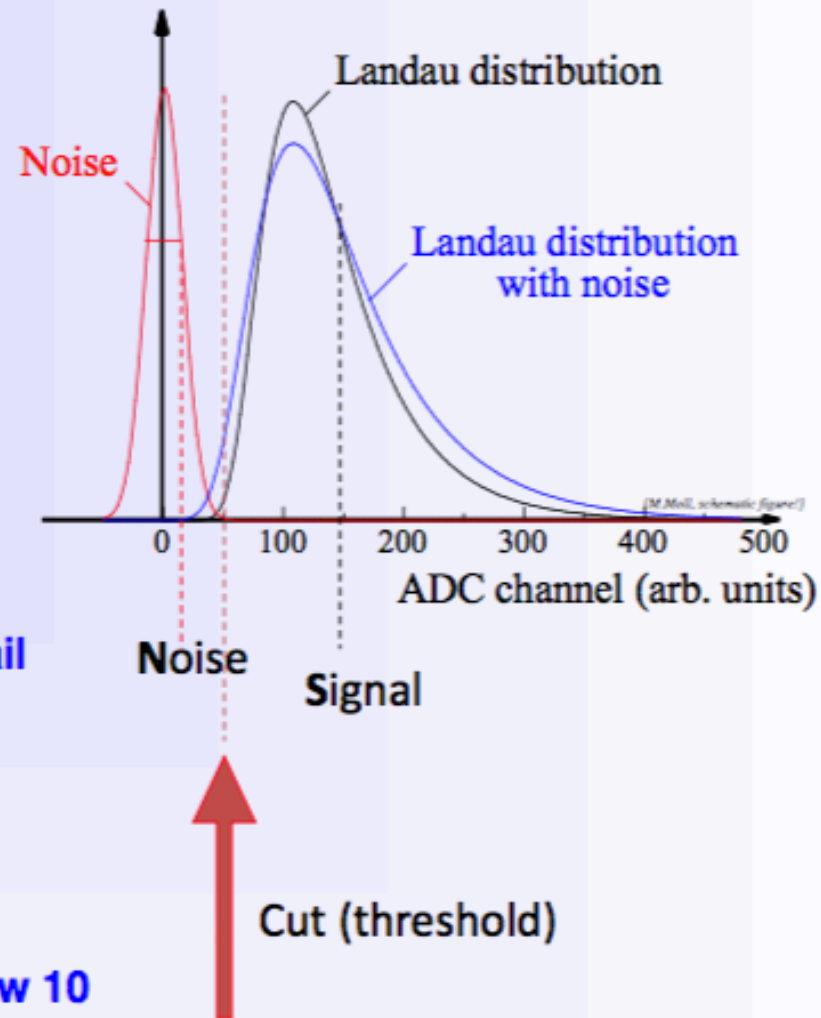
- **Landau distribution has a low energy tail**
  - becomes even lower by noise broadening

**Noise sources:** (ENC = Equivalent Noise Charge)

- **Capacitance**  $ENC \propto C_d$
- **Leakage Current**  $ENC \propto \sqrt{I}$
- **Thermal Noise**  
(bias resistor)  $ENC \propto \sqrt{\frac{k_B T}{R}}$

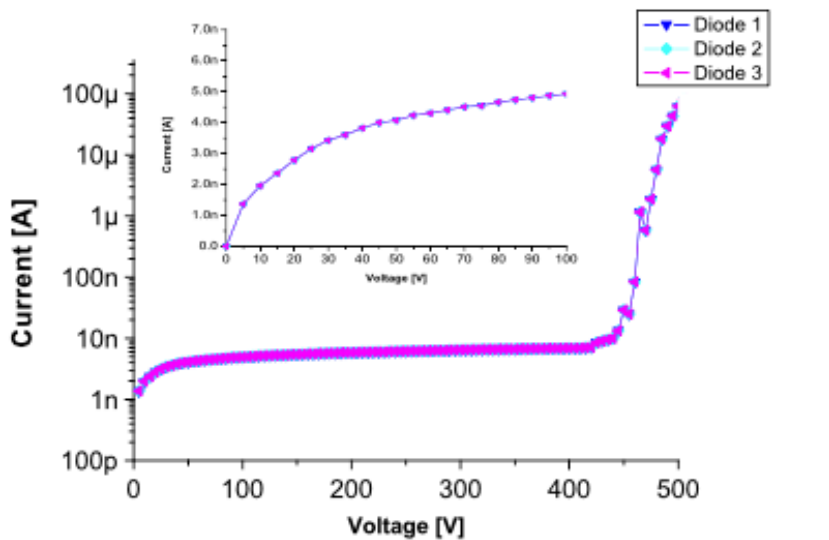
- **Good hits selected by requiring  $N_{ADC} > \text{noise tail}$** 
  - If cut too high  $\Rightarrow$  efficiency loss
  - If cut too low  $\Rightarrow$  noise occupancy

- **Figure of Merit: Signal-to-Noise Ratio S/N**
- **Typical values >10-15, people get nervous below 10**



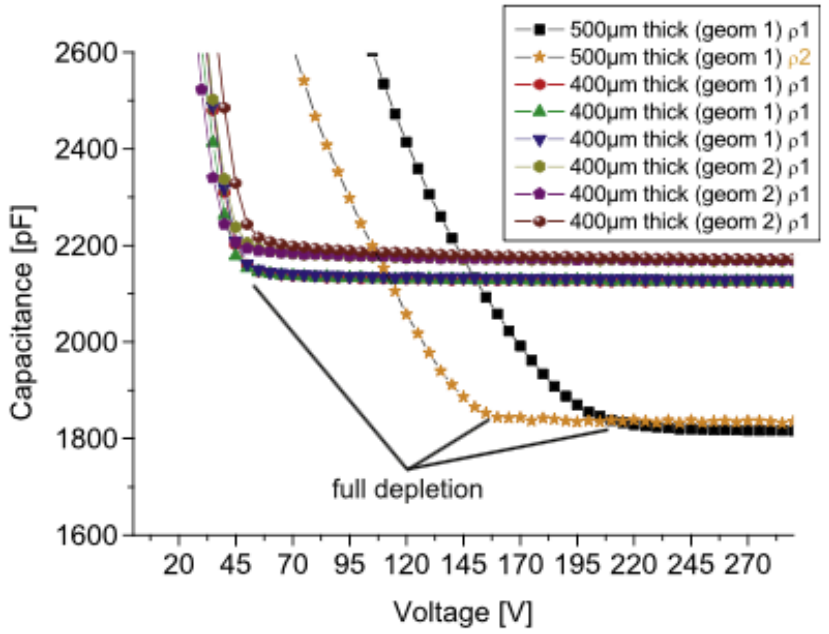
**Radiation damage severely degrades the S/N !**

# I-V & C-V Characteristics



$$j_{gen} = \frac{1}{2} q \frac{n_i}{\tau_0} W \quad j_{gen} \propto T^{3/2} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2kT}\right)$$

$$j_{gen} \times 2 \text{ for } \Delta T = 7K$$



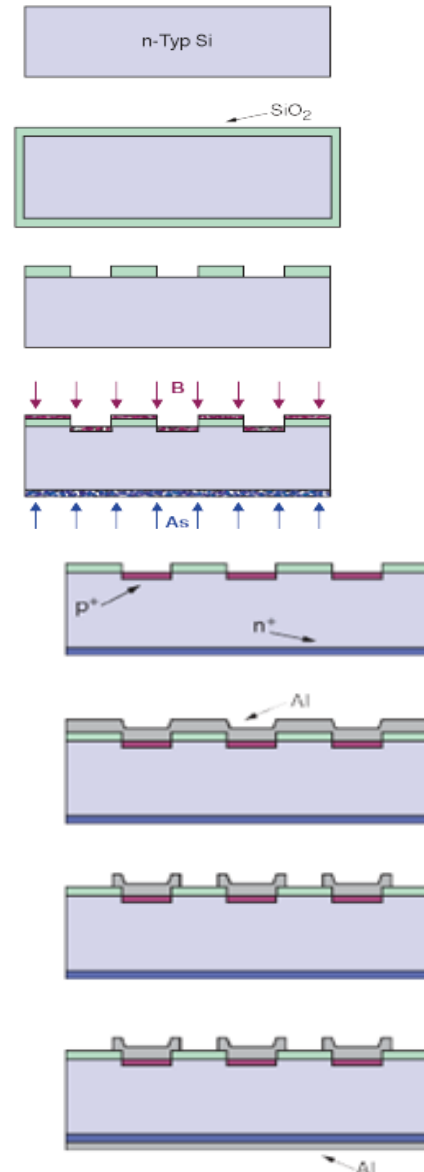
$$C_{bulk} = \begin{cases} A \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_{Si}}{2q\mu V_{bias}}}, & V_{bias} \leq V_{FD} \\ A \frac{\epsilon_{Si}}{D_{depletion}} = const., & V_{bias} > V_{FD} \end{cases}$$

# Silicon Detector Fabrication

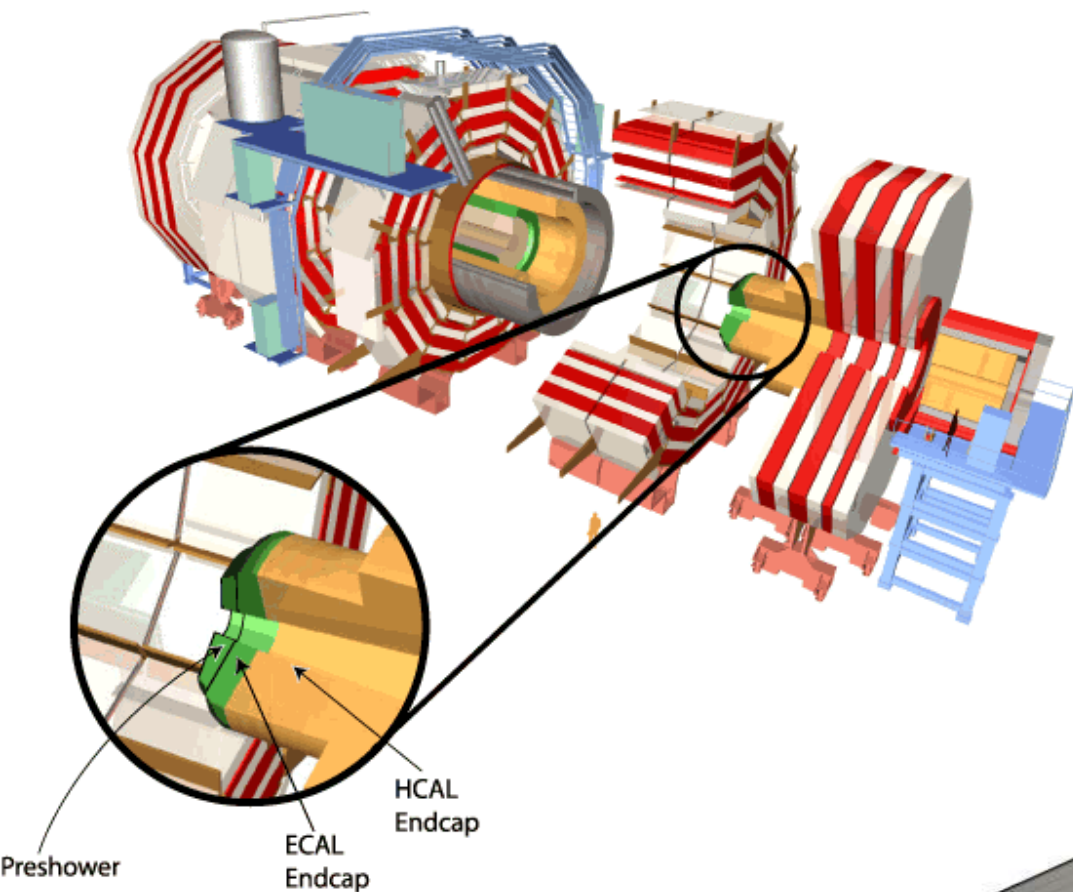
## Planar process

1. Starting Point: single-crystal n-doped wafer ( $N_D \approx 1-5 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ )
2. Surface passivation by  $\text{SiO}_2$ -layer (approx. 200 nm thick). E.g. growing by (dry) thermal oxidation at 1030 °C.
3. Window opening using **photolithography technique** with etching, e.g. for strips
4. Doping using either
  - **Thermal diffusion** (furnace)
  - **Ion implantation**
    - p<sup>+</sup>-strip: Boron, 15 keV,  $N_A \approx 5 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
    - Ohmic backplane: Arsenic, 30 keV,  $N_D \approx 5 \cdot 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
5. After ion implantation: **Curing** of damage via thermal annealing at approx. 600°C, (activation of dopant atoms by incorporation into silicon lattice)
6. **Metallization** of front side: sputtering or CVD
7. Removing of excess metal by photolithography: **etching** of non-covered areas
8. Full-area metallization of backplane with annealing at approx. 450°C for better adherence between metal and silicon

Last step: wafer **dicing** (cutting)



# CMS Preshower Detector (DU Contribution)



- No constraints on the support material
- Si sensors and front-end hybrids glued to a ceramics support
- Everything supported by an Al tile
- Cooling through the tile
- Si sensor:  $63 \times 63 \text{ mm}^2$
- 32 strips, 1.9 mm pitch
- 4300 modules,  $18 \text{ m}^2$  of silicon

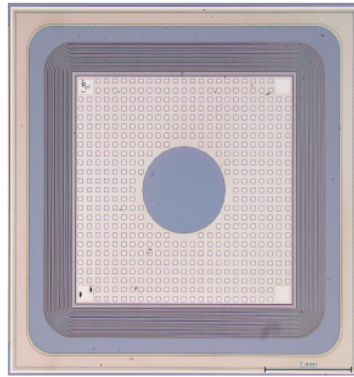
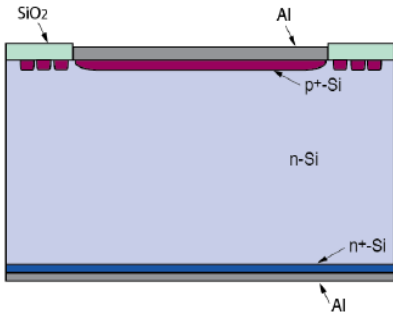


# Different Configurations

## Pad Detector

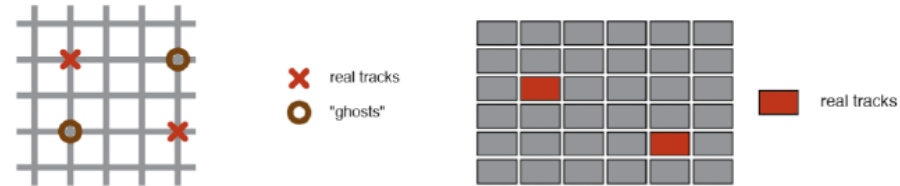
The most simple detector is a large surface diode with guard ring(s).

- no position resolution
- Good for basic tests (IV, CV)

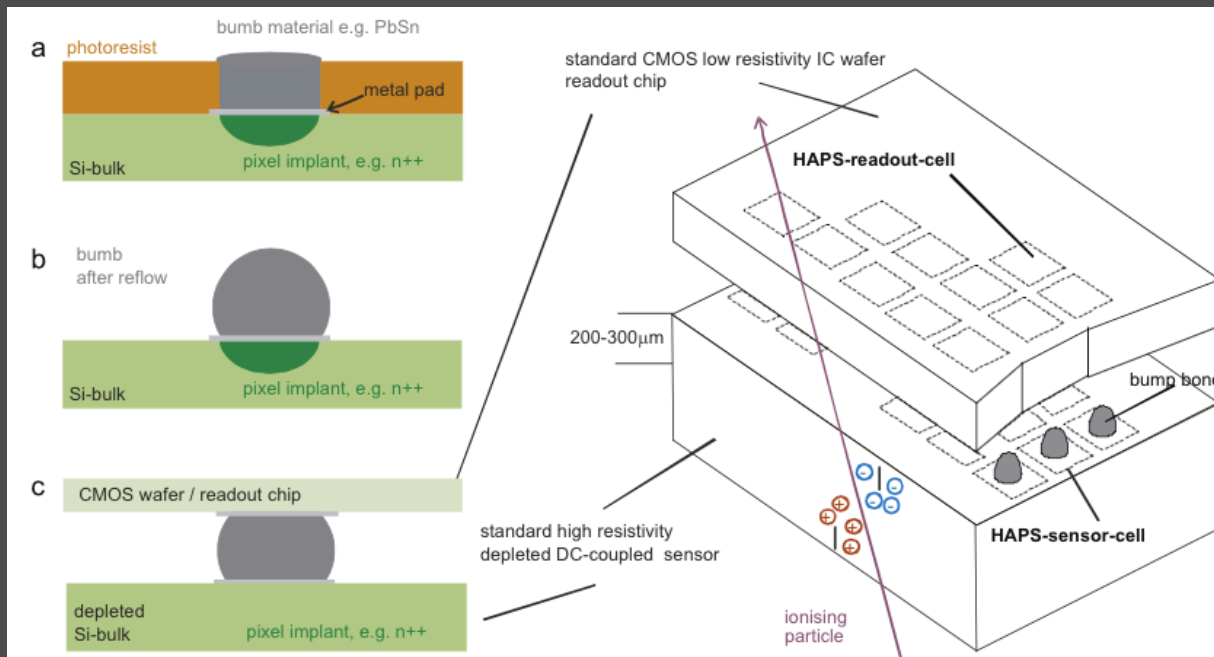


## Pixel Detectors Advantages

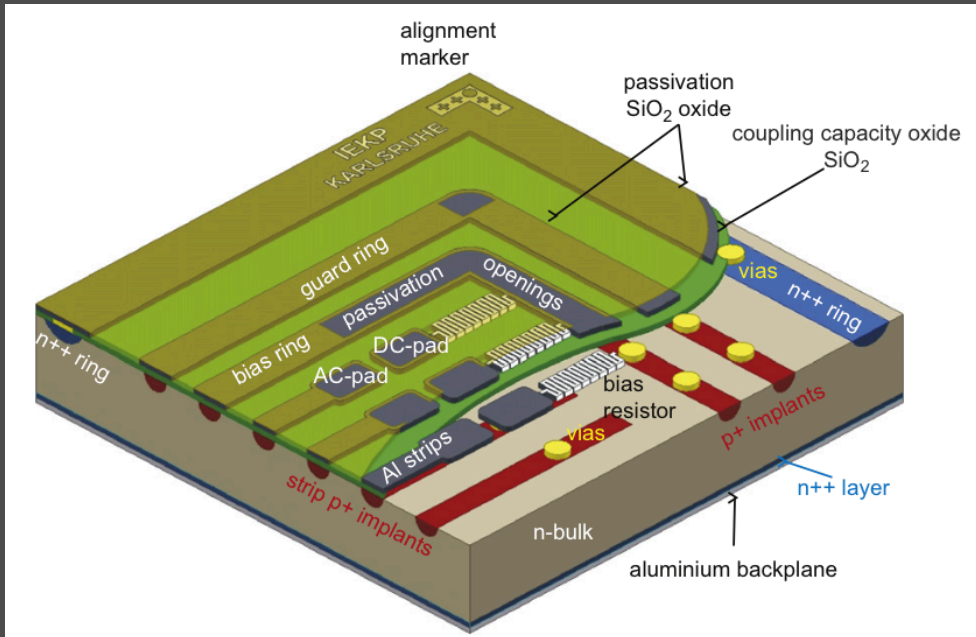
- Double sided strip sensors produce ghost hits
  - Problematic for high occupancies
- Pixel detectors produce unambiguous hits



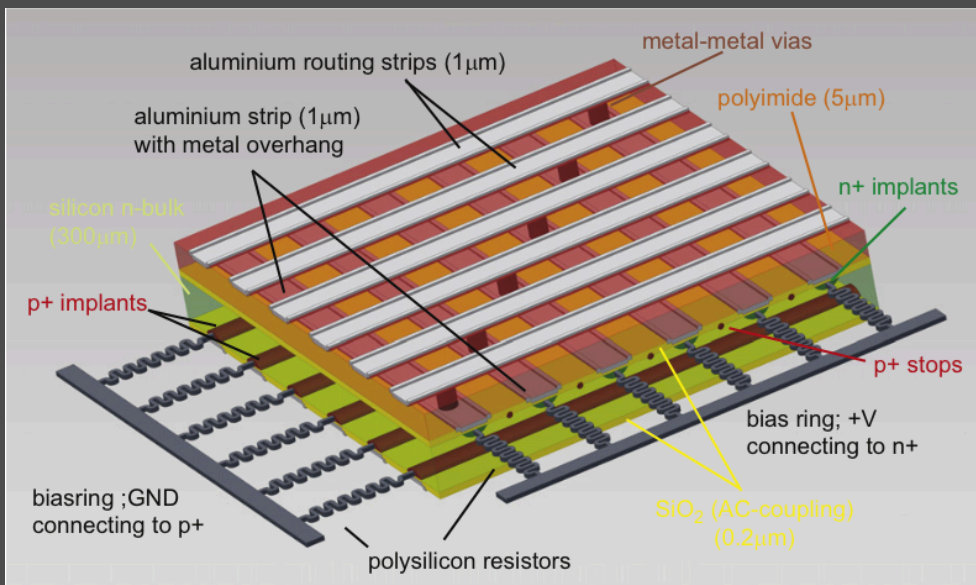
- Small pixel area  $\rightarrow$  low detector capacitance ( $\approx 1$  fF/Pixel)  $\rightarrow$  large signal-to-noise ratio (e.g. 150:1).
- Small pixel volume  $\rightarrow$  low leakage current ( $\approx 1$  pA/Pixel)



# Strip Detectors



**Single sided Strip Detectors**  
For tracking. Provides 1-D information.



**Double sided Strip Detectors**  
For tracking. Provides 2-D information.



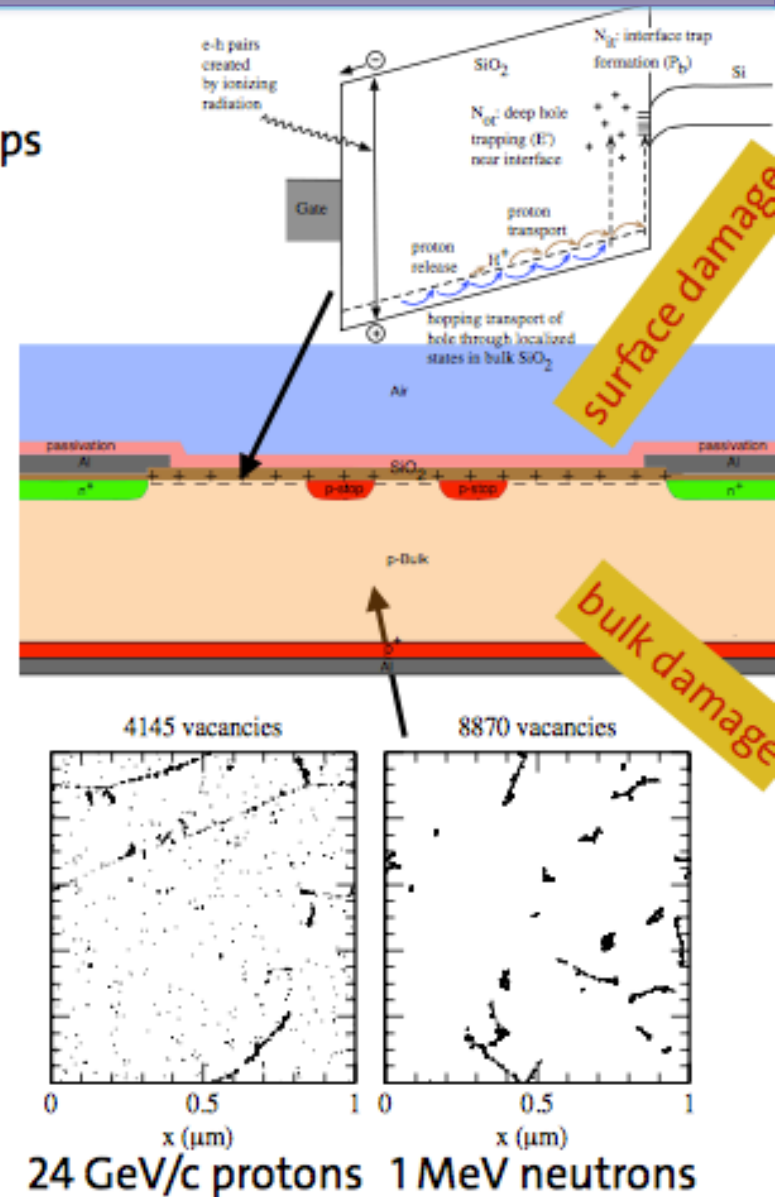
# Radiation Damage

## Surface damage (Ionizing Energy Loss):

- Build up of oxide charges, border and interface traps
  - ➔ Increase of surface current
  - ➔ Change of electrical field near to the Si-SiO<sub>2</sub> interface
  - ➔ Trapping near to the Si-SiO<sub>2</sub> interface
- C-V/I-V on MOS capacitors, MOSFET and gate controlled diodes

## Bulk damage (NIEL):

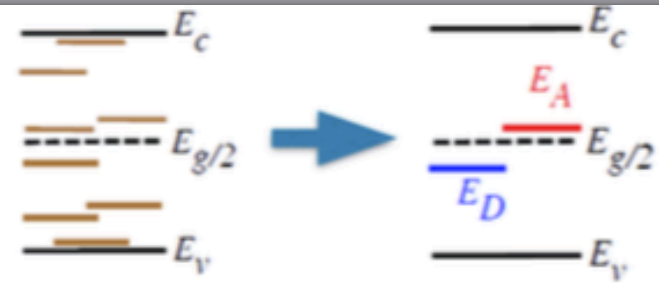
- Point and cluster defects in the silicon lattice
  - ➔ Increase of leakage current
  - ➔ Change of the space charge in the depletion region, increase of full depletion voltage
  - ➔ Trapping of drifting charge
- I-V, C-V and CCE on pad diodes



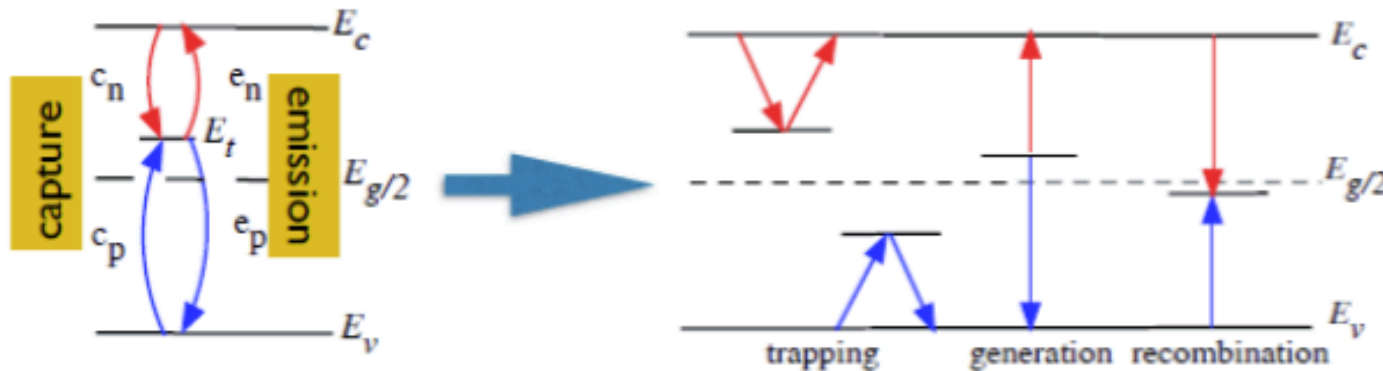
# Radiation Damage: Bulk Damage

- Damage models

- fill the simulators with identified levels (convergence problems in simulators)
- use effective trap levels (2 or 3, not many more) to model the large number of traps levels



- Assume the traps obey SRH statistics:

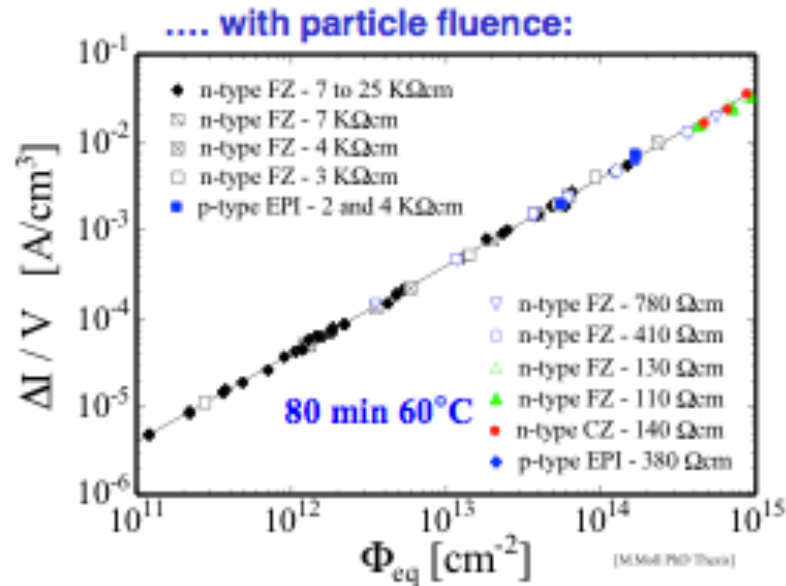


- Any trap level included in simulation requires 4 parameters:

- defect concentration – function of fluence
- cross sections for hole and electron capture
- energy level

Parameters should be precisely known or amount of traps should be small.

# Macroscopic Effects of Bulk Damage

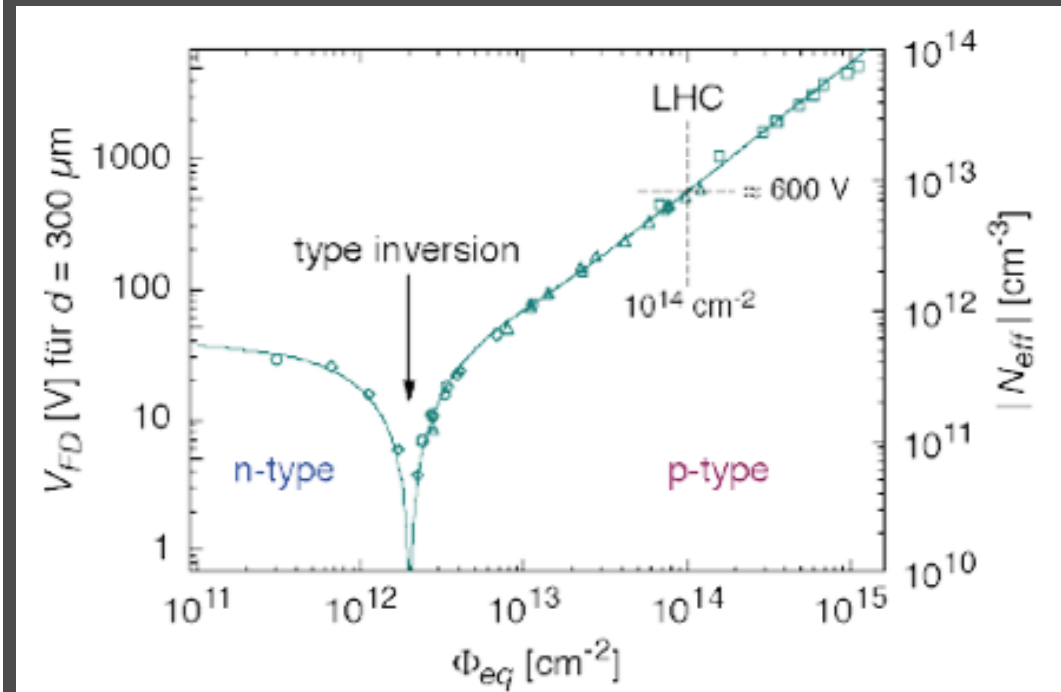


- Damage parameter  $\alpha$  (slope in figure)

$$\alpha = \frac{\Delta I}{V \cdot \Phi_{eq}}$$

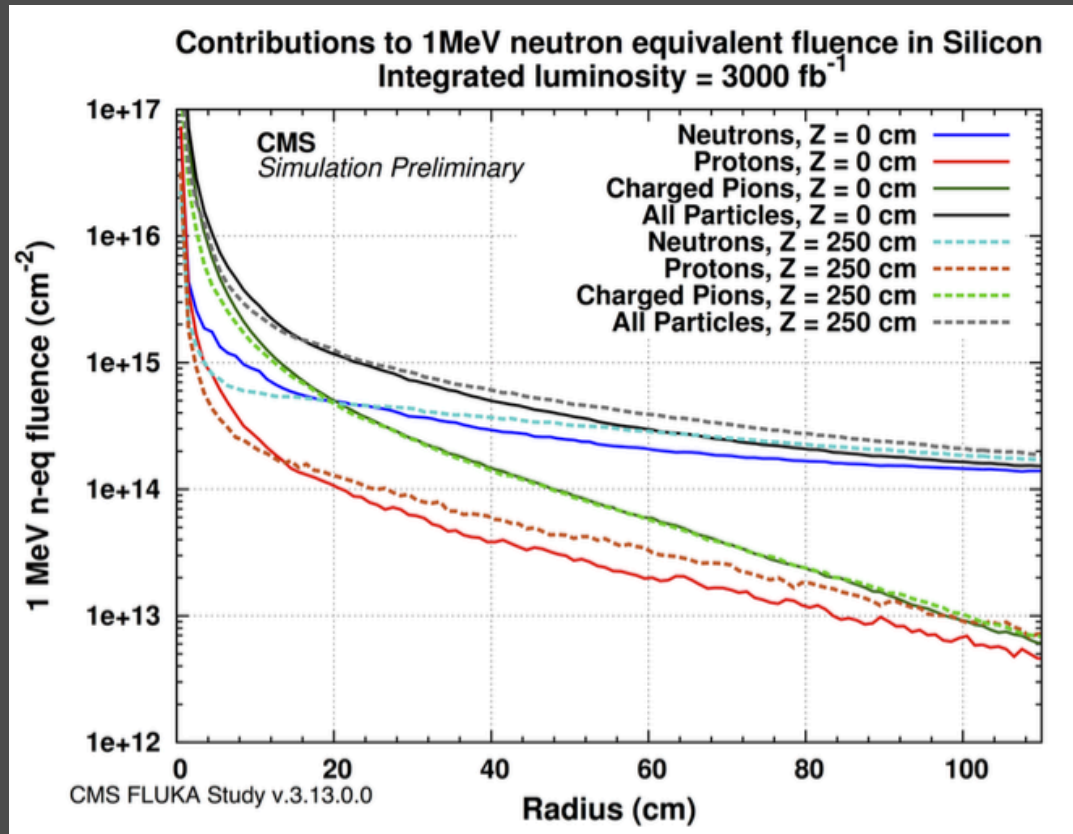
Leakage current per unit volume and particle fluence

- $\alpha$  is constant over several orders of fluence and independent of impurity concentration in Si
- ⇒ can be used for fluence measurement



# HL-LHC Environment

LHC to undergo upgrade in year 2022 → High Luminosity - LHC



The current tracker  
can not survive in HL-  
LHC! ☹️



A 'NEW TRACKER'  
is required !!

New Tracker: Radiation hard material, granular → Material growth techniques, substrate, implant, configuration, thickness, geometry are crucial parameters

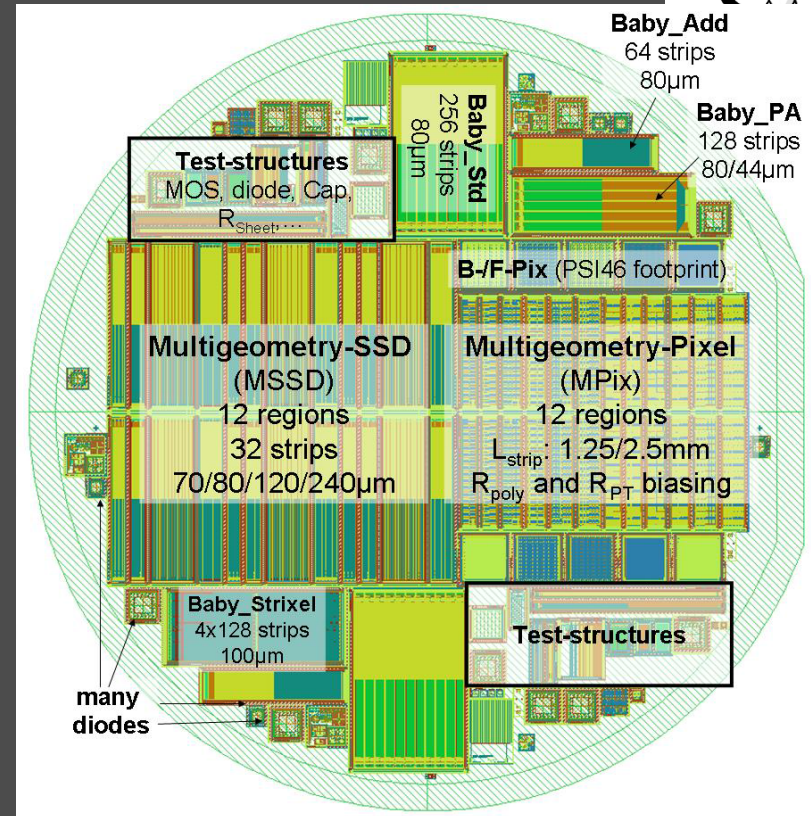
\* H. Behnanian. 13<sup>th</sup> IPRD. 2014 JINST 9 C04033

# HPK Campaign



Optimization in multi-parameter space (164 wafers):

- Si bulk material, thickness, polarity, layout-parameters like strip pitch, etc.
- Have one company implement identical structures on different silicon wafers:
- n-type and p-type (with p-stop and p-spray strip isolation)
- Characterizations are done before and after irradiations (both with 23MeV protons @ KIT and reactor neutrons @ JSI, Ljubljana)




# DU's Contribution in Outer Tracker

- CMS Phase II Tracker R&D for Si strip sensors is done under HPK Campaign
- MSSD measurement results are complemented with TCAD device simulation
  - Excellent agreement of  $C_{int}$  with un-irradiated sensors
  - Comparison with both n-type and p-type substrates
  - R&D for p-stop/p-spray design is ongoing
- Trap model developed and further R&D for Radiation Damage simulation is in progress
  - effects on leakage current, full depletion voltage, Charge collection efficiency and double peak electric field effect are in agreement
- 2-D simulation for pixel sensors is performed

CMS DN-14-016


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The Compact Muon Solenoid Experiment

## Detector Note

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**Simulation of Silicon Devices for the CMS Phase II Tracker Upgrade**

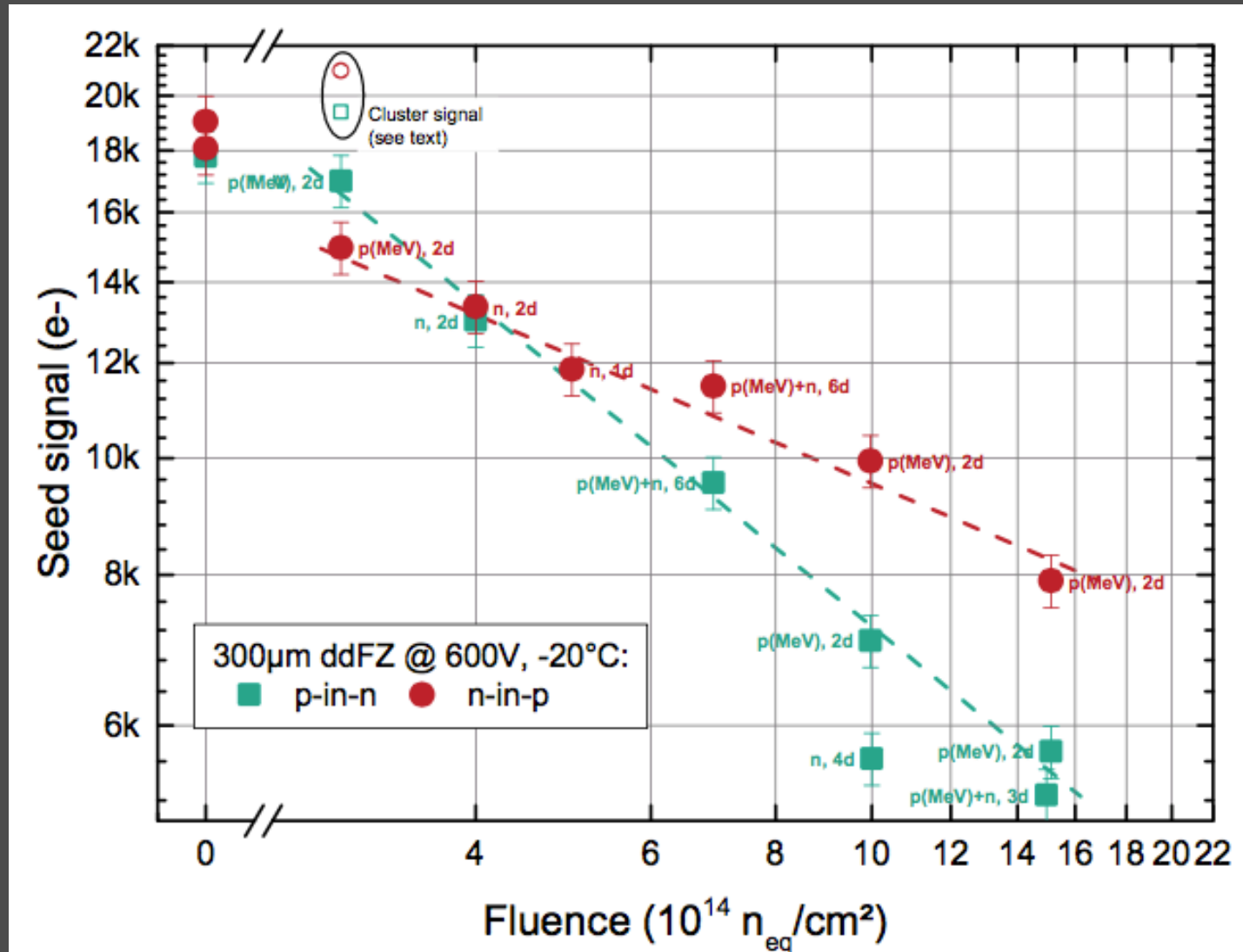
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During the planned high luminosity phase of the LHC (HL-LHC, year-2023) the tracking system of CMS will face a more intense radiation environment than the present system was designed for. This requires the design of higher granular as well as radi-

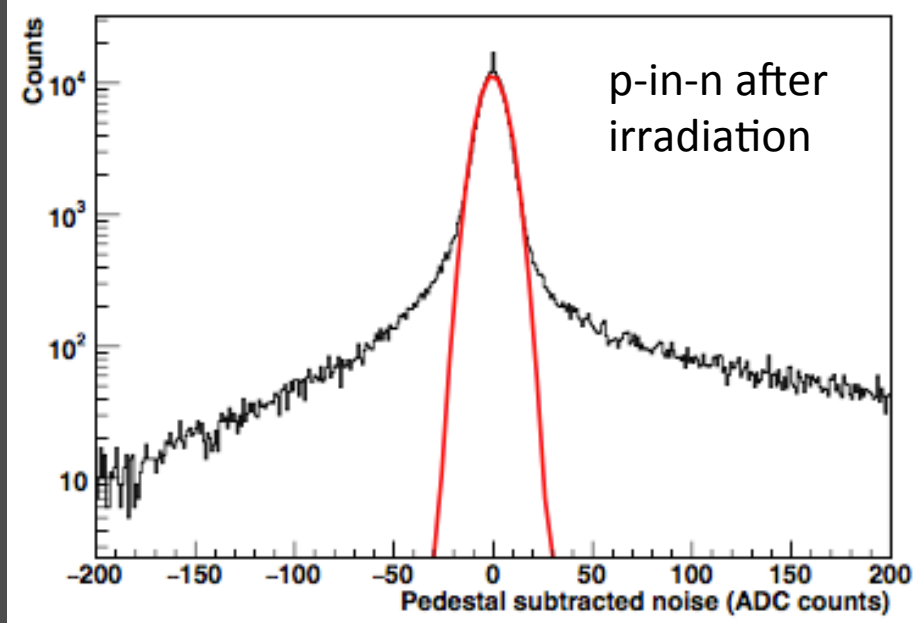
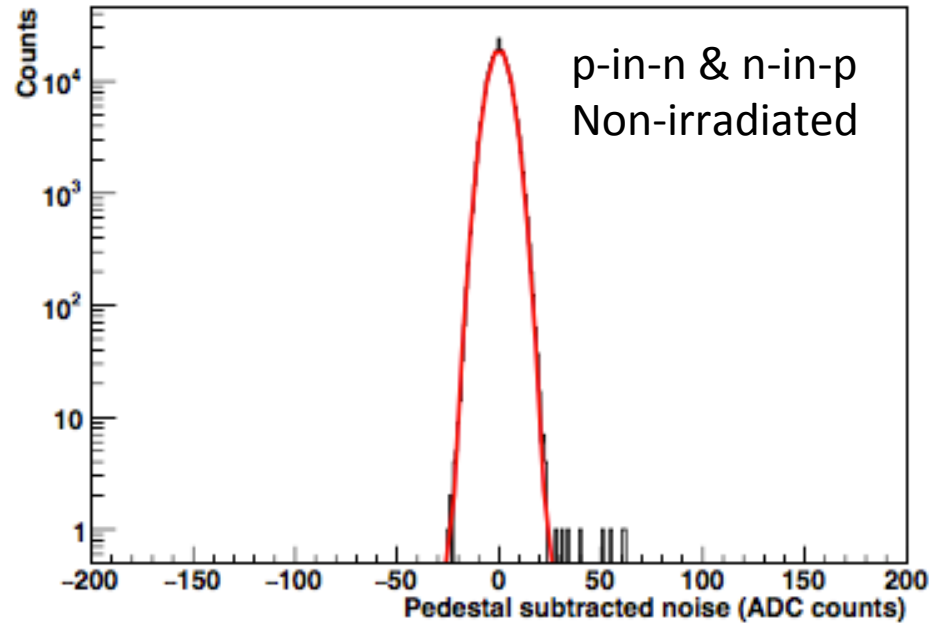
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# Charge Collection Efficiency: P-type OR N-type substrate



# Noise Distribution: Gaussian Fitted





# Recent models for p-bulk – New Delhi model

Ranjeet Dalal et al., PoS(Vertex2014)030

## Radiation Damage Model developed by DU: 2 Bulk + 1 $N_{ox}$ + 2 Interface Trap Model

\* R. Dalal et al., PoS (Vertex2014).

Bulk Traps

Trap	Energy Level	Density (cm <sup>-3</sup> )	$\sigma_e$ (cm <sup>-2</sup> )	$\sigma_h$ (cm <sup>-2</sup> )
Acceptor	$E_C - 0.51$ eV	$4 \times \Phi$	$2.0 \times 10^{-14}$	$3.8 \times 10^{-14}$
Donor	$E_V + 0.48$ eV	$3 \times \Phi$	$2.0 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.0 \times 10^{-15}$

Interface Traps

$N_{it}$	Energy Level	Density (cm <sup>-2</sup> )	$\sigma_e$ (cm <sup>-2</sup> )	$\sigma_h$ (cm <sup>-2</sup> )
Acceptor	$E_C - 0.60$ eV	$0.6 \times N_{ox}$	$0.1 \times 10^{-14}$	$0.1 \times 10^{-14}$
Acceptor	$E_C - 0.39$ eV	$0.4 \times N_{ox}$	$0.1 \times 10^{-14}$	$0.1 \times 10^{-14}$

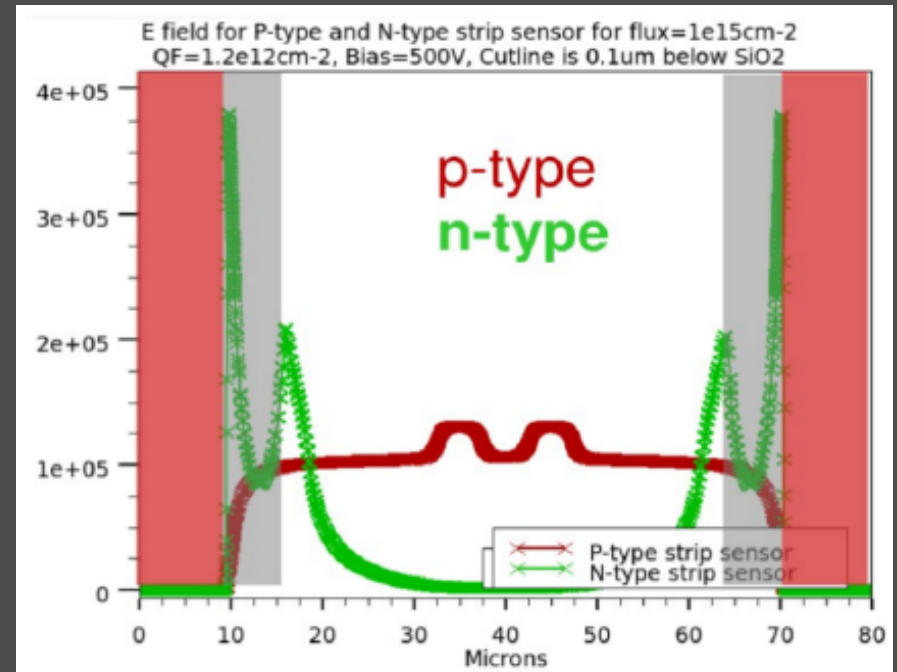
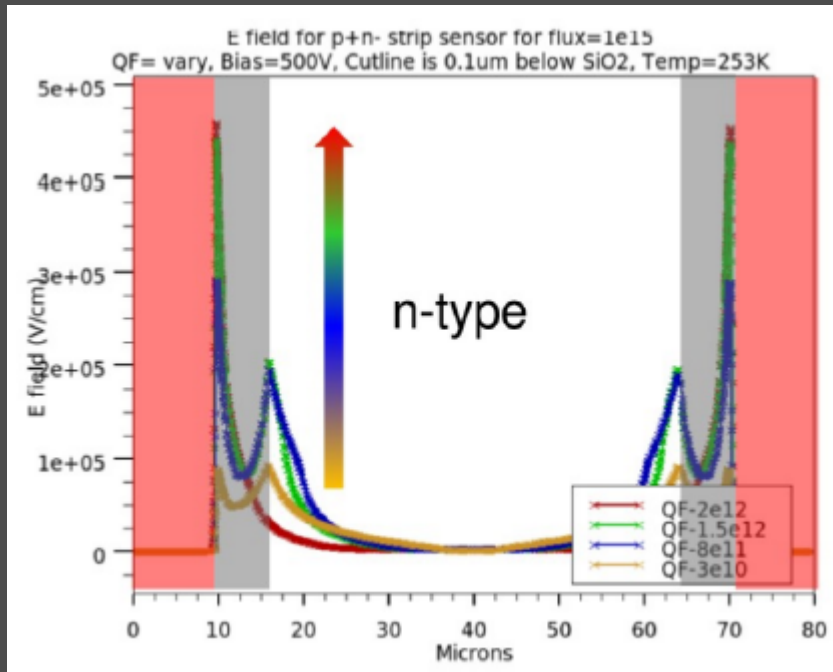
$N_{ox}$  (Fixed Positive Oxide Charge Density)

Fluence, $\Phi$ (n <sub>eq</sub> .cm <sup>-2</sup> )	$N_{ox}$ density(cm <sup>-2</sup> )
Non-Irradiated	$5.0 \times 10^{10} - 5.0 \times 10^{11}$
$1.0 \times 10^{14}$	$1.0 \times 10^{11} - 8.0 \times 10^{11}$
$5.0 \times 10^{14}$	$5.0 \times 10^{11} - 1.2 \times 10^{12}$
$> 1.0 \times 10^{15}$	$8.0 \times 10^{11} - 2.0 \times 10^{12}$

Developed on Silvaco

Model based on the original work of:  
V.Eremin, E.Verbitskaya, Z.Li, NIMA 476 (2002) 556-564

# Electric Field: P-type OR N-type substrate



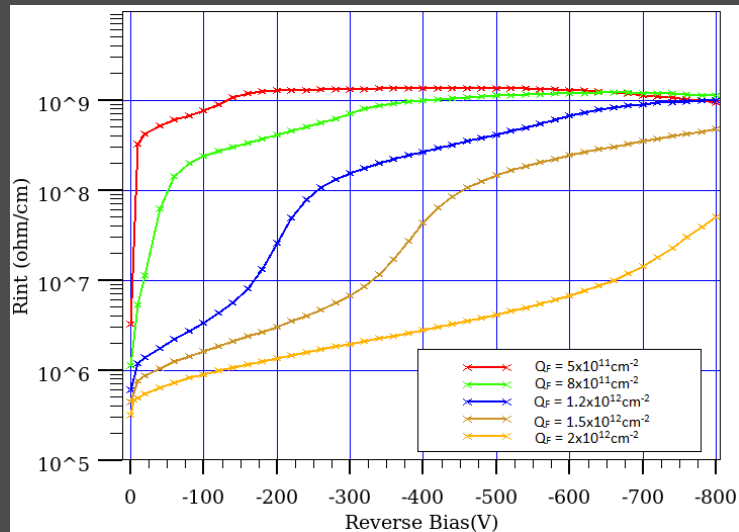
Increasing fluence  $\rightarrow$  More radiation damage  $\rightarrow$  Higher bulk & surface damage  $\rightarrow$   $Q_F$  grows  $\rightarrow$  E.Field @ implant edges shoots!

Reverse effect of  $Q_F$  on E.Field for p-type substrates. Increase in  $Q_F$ , decreases E.Field!

\* R. Ranjeet et al., Simulations for Hadron Irradiated n+p- Si Strip Sensors Incorporating Bulk and Surface Damage, presented at 23rd RD50 Workshop, CERN, Switzerland (2013).

# Inter-strip Resistance

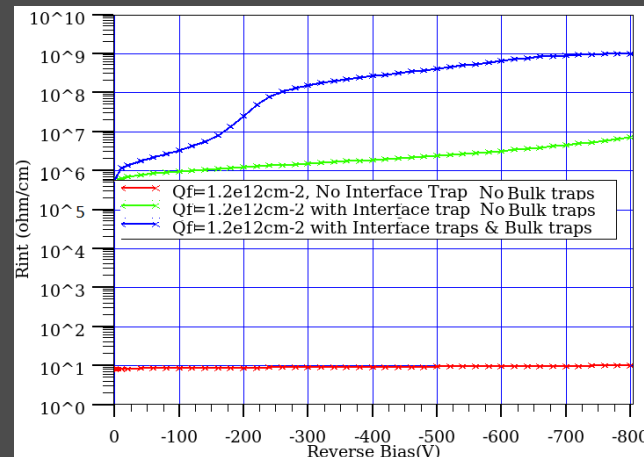
$R_{int}$  is a surface property.  
 → It was thought that it is affected by surface damage ( $Q_F$ ) only.



Increase in  $Q_F$  attracts more  $e^-$ s towards the  $n^+$  side of the detector.  
 →  $R_{int}$  decreases.

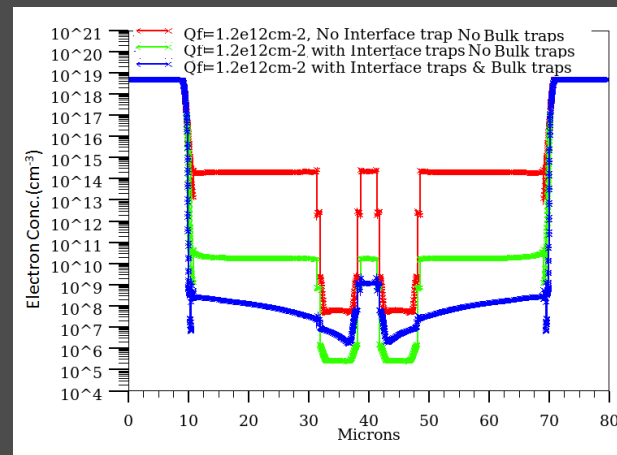
**Not consistent with measurements!**

**Both surface ( $Q_F + N_{it}$ ) & bulk damage traps play a role in deciding  $R_{int}$ !**



$N_{it} = 2$  acceptor type traps

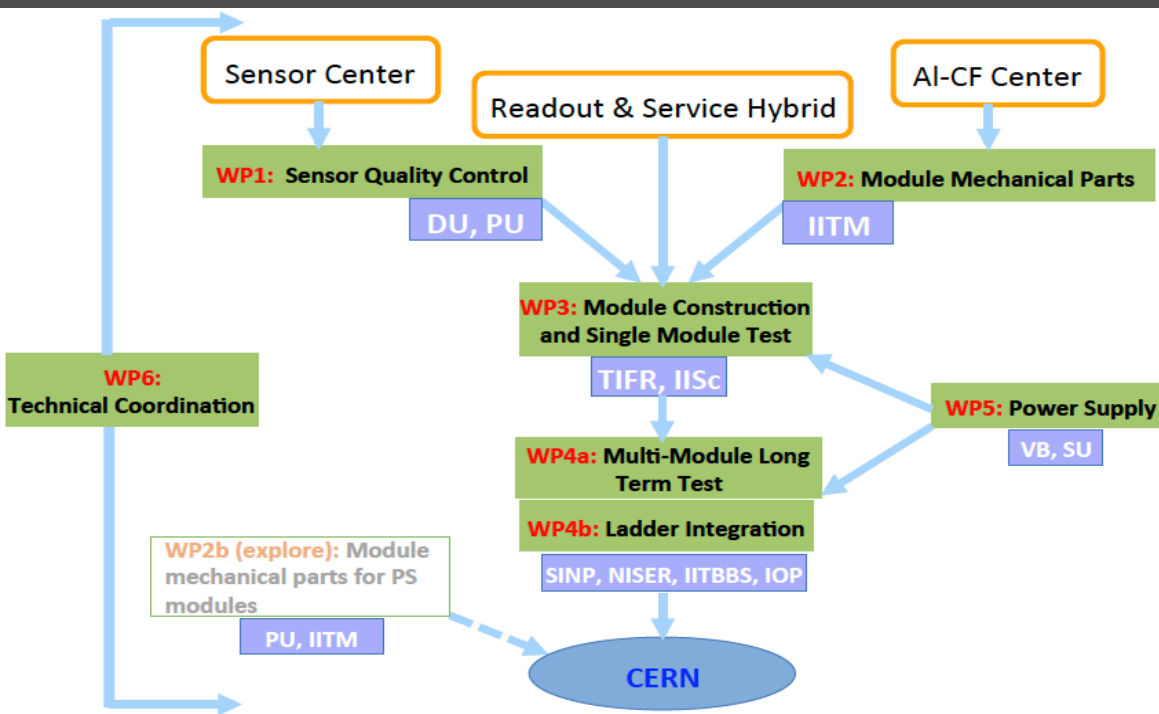
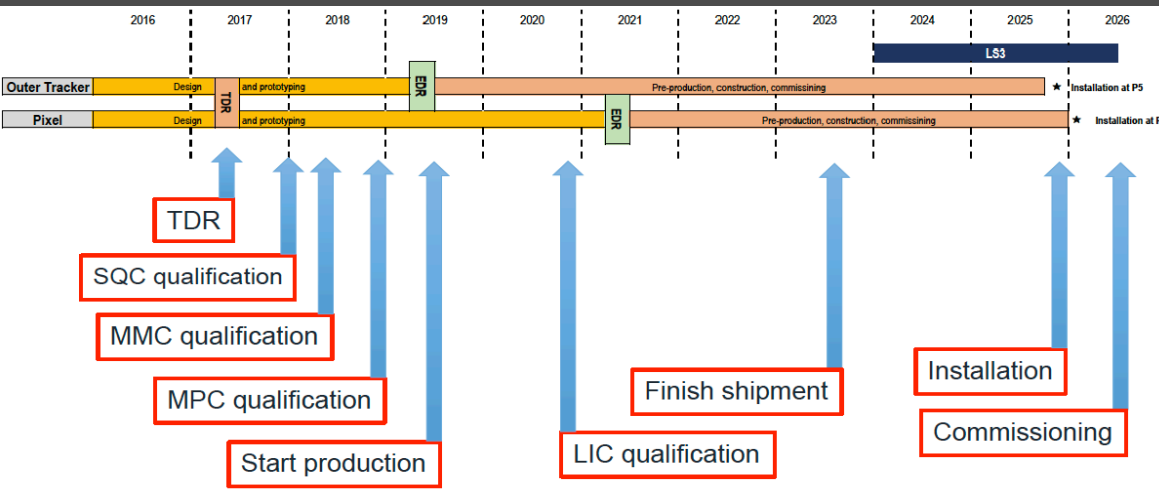
Bulk traps = Acceptor & Donor traps, but near the  $n^+$  implant, acceptor traps are more ionized



→ These two COMPENSATE the effect of accumulation of  $e^-$ s by  $Q_F$  (positive fixed oxide charge)

\*R. Dalal., G. Jain, et al  
 Simulation of Irradiated Si Detectors. POS (Vertex 2014).

# India in CMS Outer Tracker- Current Status

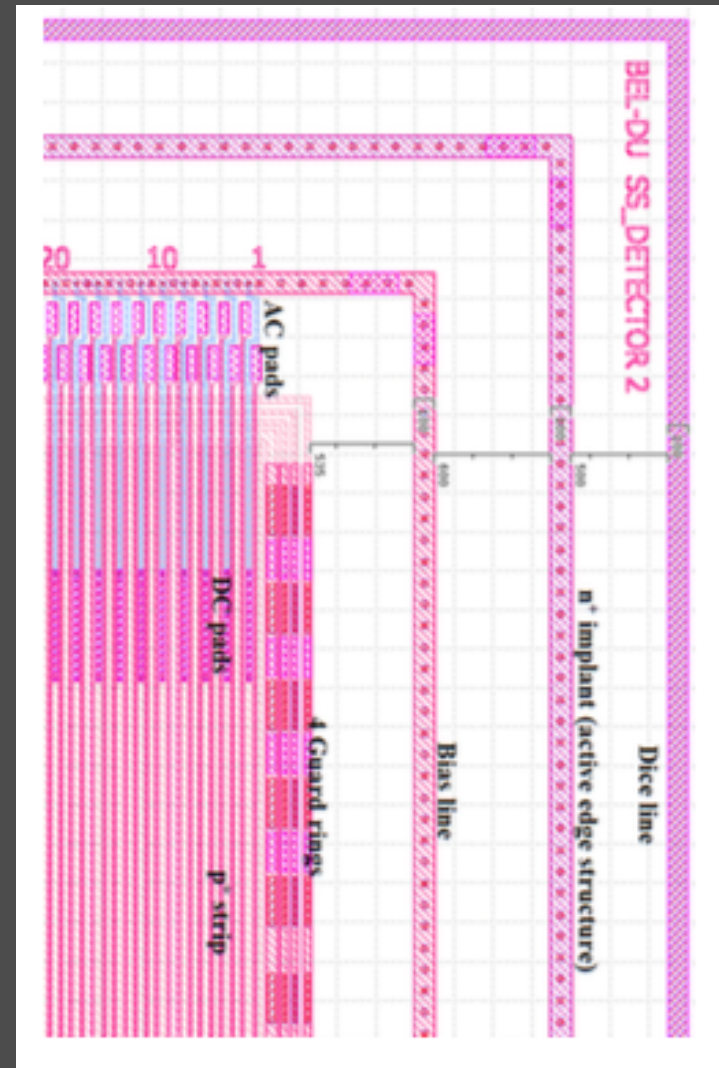


Acronyms used above:  
 SQC (Sensor Qualification Center)  
 MMC (Module Mechanics Center)  
 MPC (Module Production Center)  
 LIC (Ladder Integration Center)  
 TDR (Technical Design Report)  
 EDR (Engineering Design Report)

# Detector Development in India

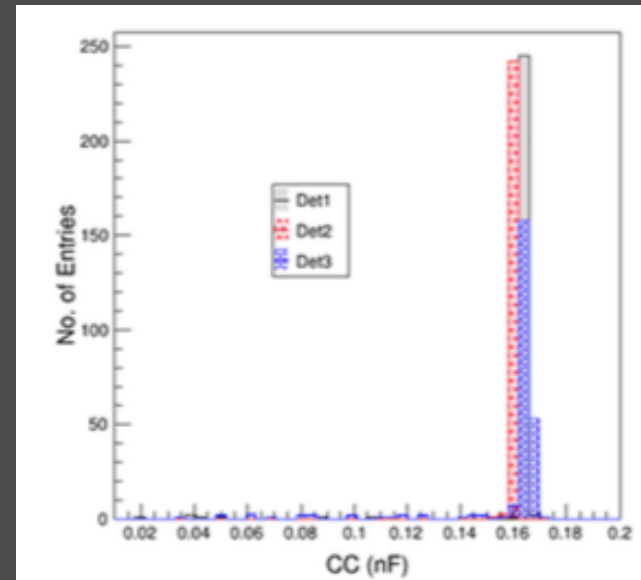
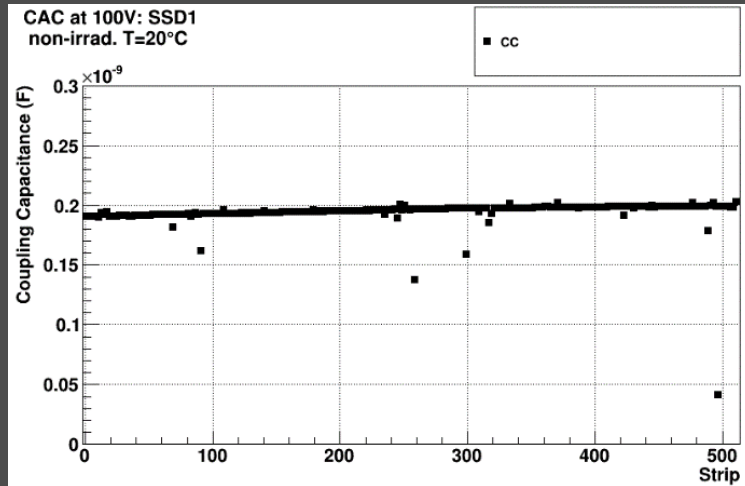


Detector Dimensions: 3.4 cm x 6.0 cm  
Strip width: 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , Strip pitch: 55  $\mu\text{m}$   
# of Strips in each detector: 512

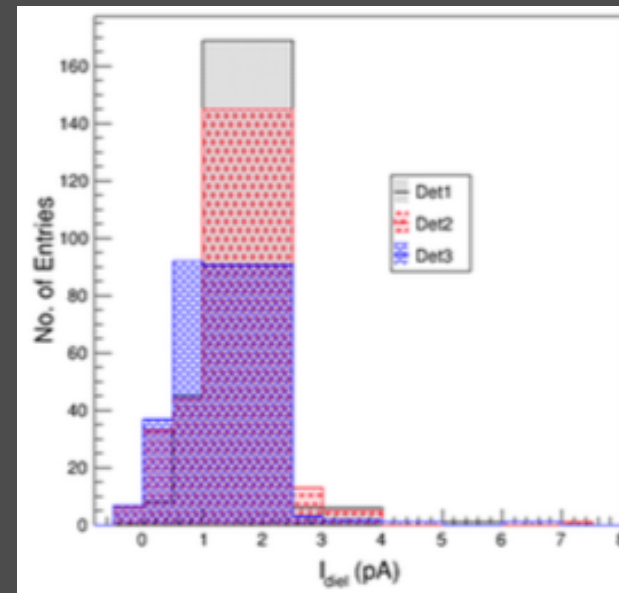
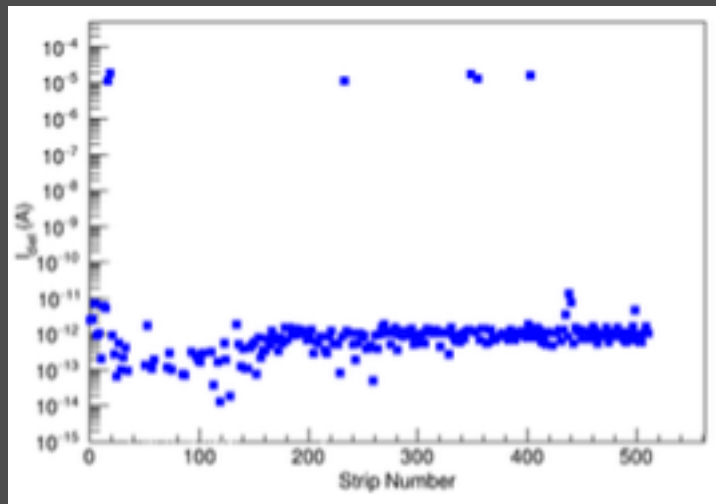


# Measurement Results

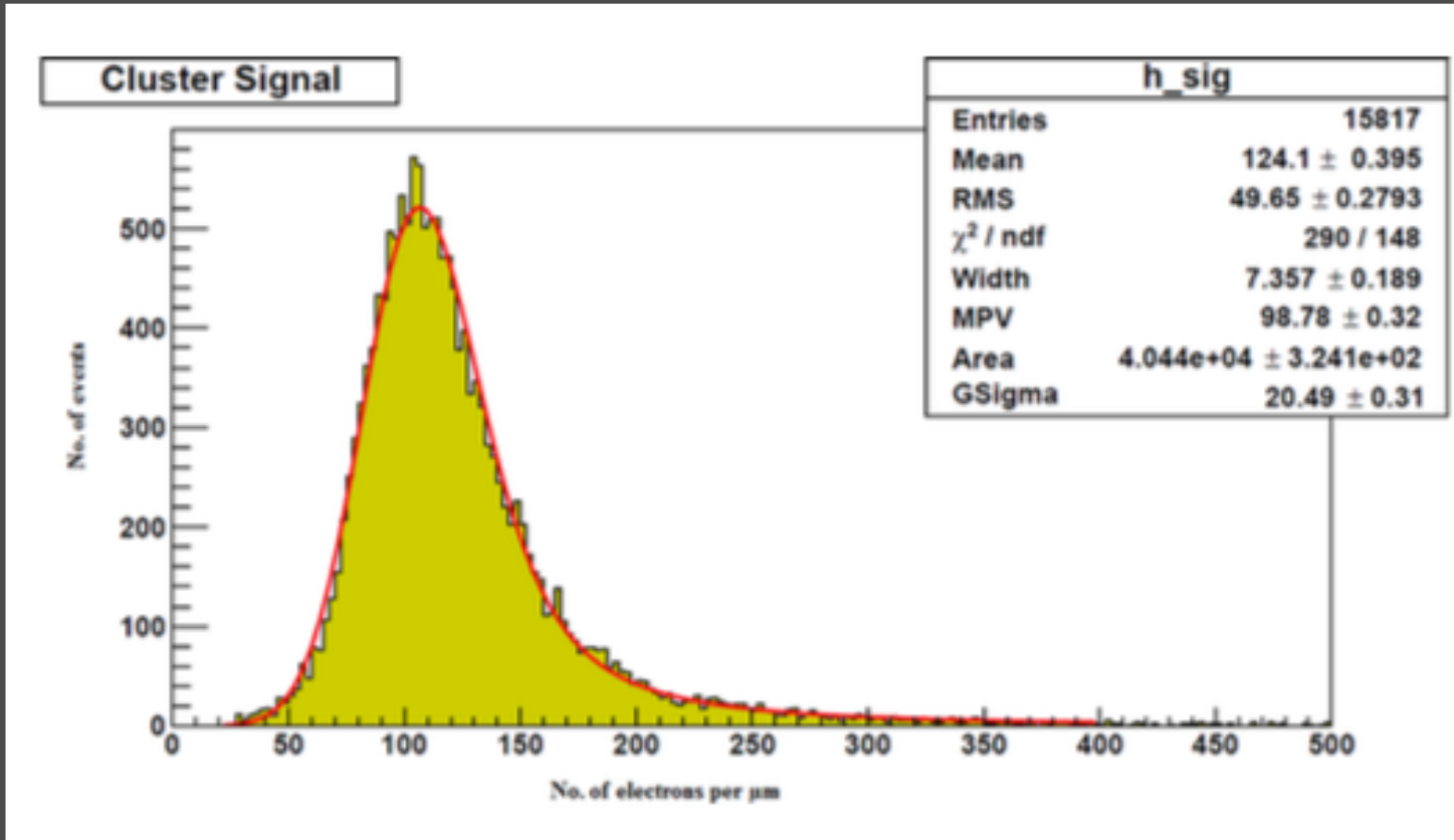
## Coupling Capacitance (specs: >110pF)



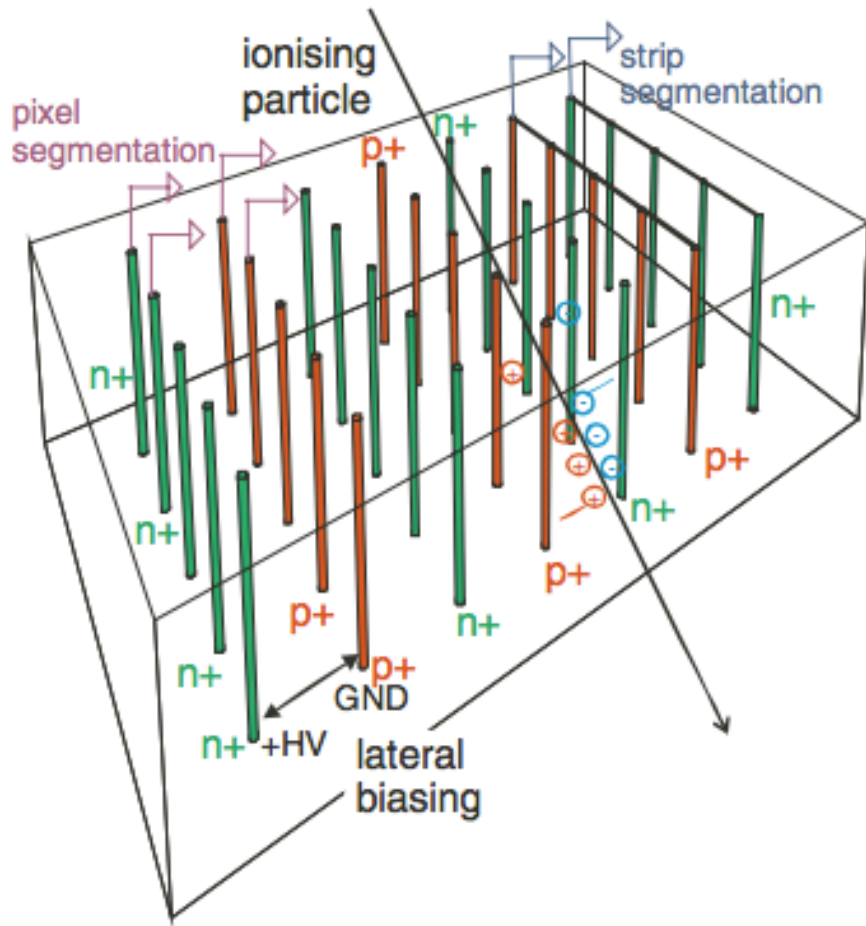
## Dielectric Current (specs: < 1nA @ 10V)



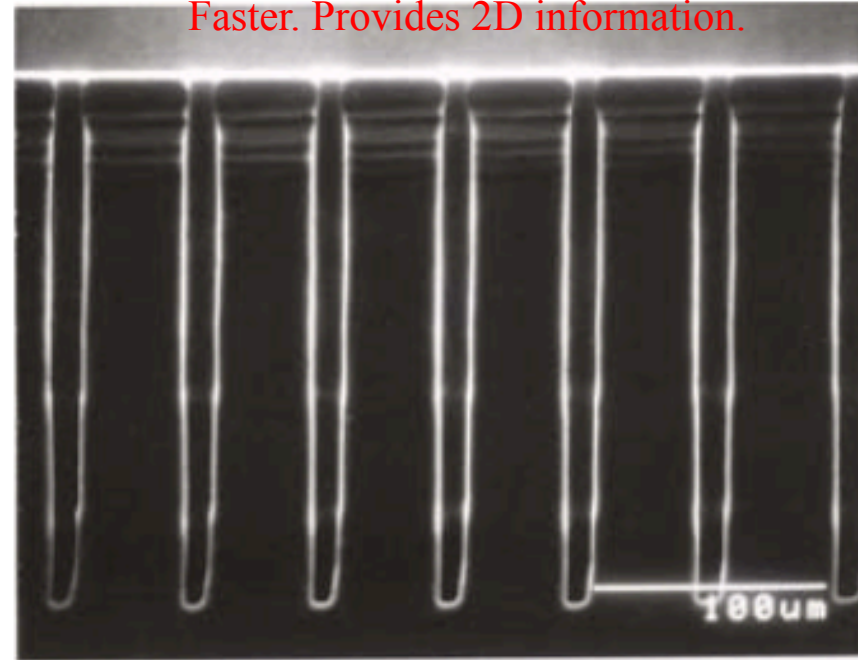
# Charge Collection



# Ongoing R&D: Novel Detectors



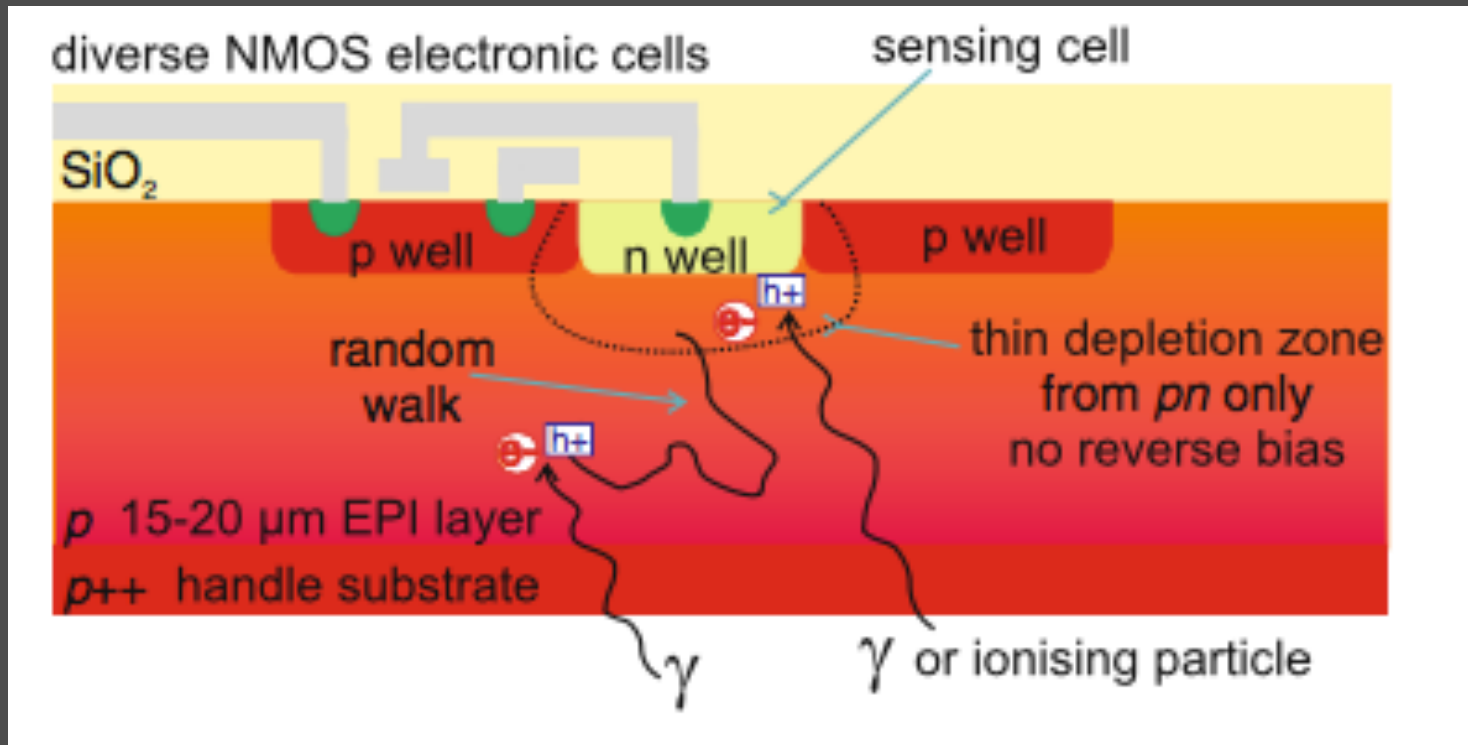
**3D Columnar Detectors**  
Faster. Provides 2D information.



- Deep holes are etched into the silicon finally serving as electrode junctions
- The depletion zone is in the horizontal direction instead of the standard vertical one
- The electrons and holes travel a much shorter way & are therefore less sensitive to trapping.

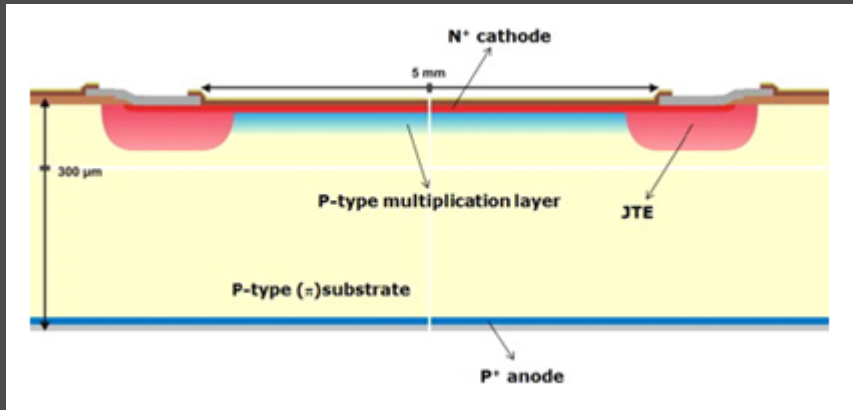


# CMOS Detectors (Monolithic Active Pixels)



- Electrons created inside the shallow depletion zones are fully collected while electrons from the EPI layer randomly walk towards the N-well and with an excellent lifetime behaviour, only some of them will be trapped.
- Nevertheless, CMOS devices have an excellent signal-to-noise ratio due to their very small capacitances and low currents, therefore the low noise compensates for the low signal.

# Low Gain Avalanche Detector



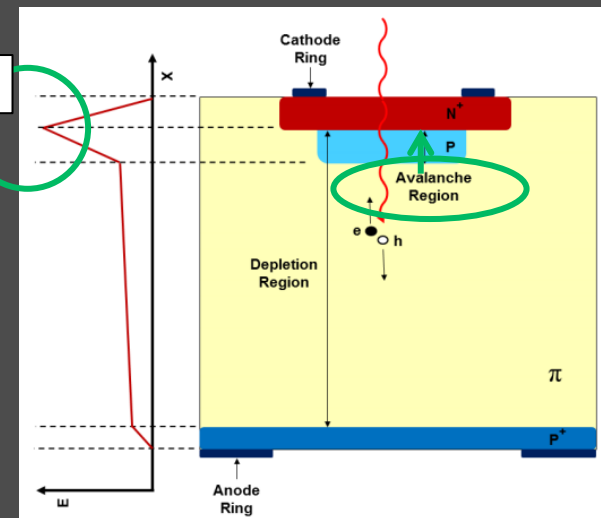
\*Marta Baselga, 8<sup>th</sup> Trento workshop, 2013.

**LGAD** – traditional PIN detector, but with a deeper p-type multiplication layer (also called p-well) just below the  $n^+$  implant.

## Purpose of the p+ layer

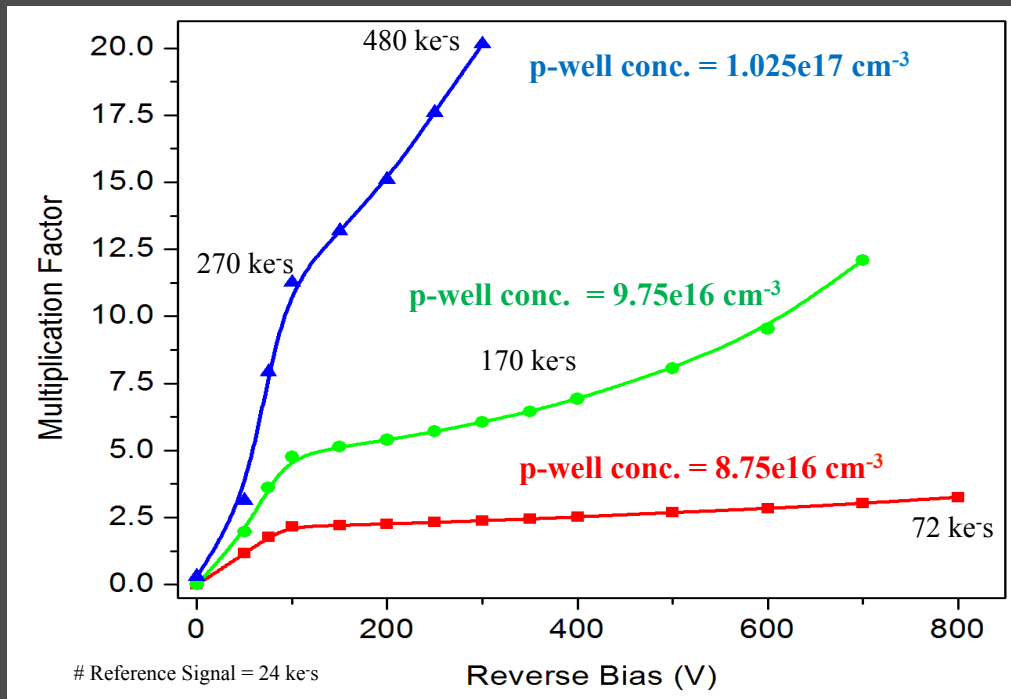
- PN junction formed between  $n^+$  implant & p-well
- A strong electric field builds in a local region
- Avalanche starts at critical electric field ( $> 3e5$  V/cm)
- Local & controlled ‘charge multiplication’
- Internal gain increases signal

Peak Electric Field



\*Giulio Pellegrini, 23<sup>rd</sup> RD50 workshop.

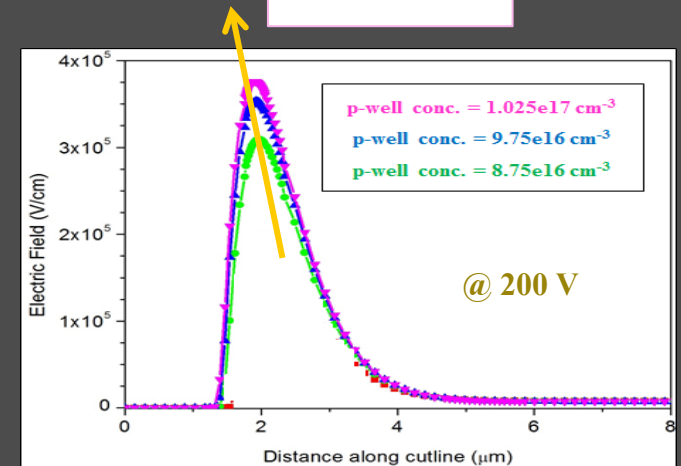
# Simulated Result: Non-Irradiated



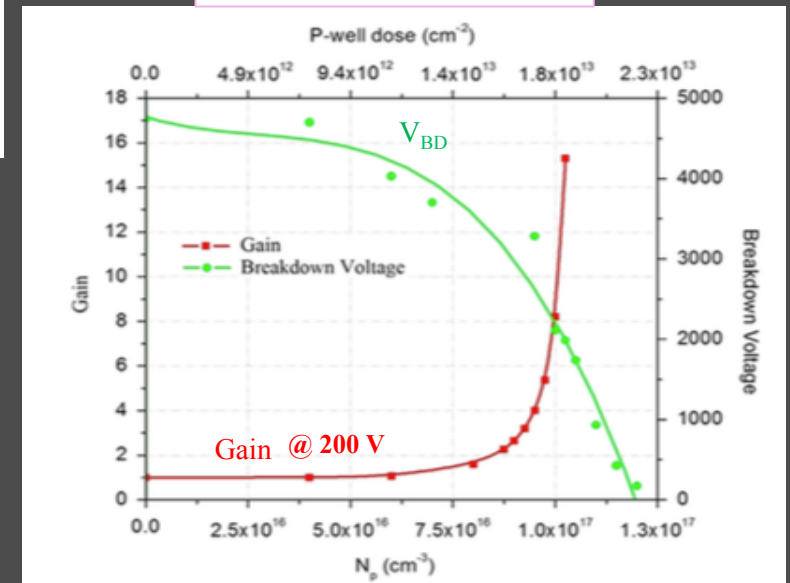
Increase in p-well conc. increases LGAD gain!

**Because:** increase in p-well conc. builds a stronger p-well-n<sup>+</sup> junction. Hence a higher peak electric field generates at the junction. This provides larger avalanche and thereby larger gain.

Peak E.field



Breakdown Voltage & Gain



\* R. Dalal, G. Jain, A. Bhardwaj, K. Ranjan. TCAD simulation of Low Gain Avalanche Detectors. NIM A. Manuscript accepted.

# SUMMARY & Future Outlook

- Silicon sensors are widely used in HEP experiments
- Although used since more than 35 years (NA11, 1980) continuous developments enable usage in unprecedented harsh environments
- Silicon detectors since early 1990s, very good position resolution, good tracking detectors
- HL-LHC radiation scenario is challenging: Sensor developments for HL-LHC detector upgrades (~2024) are in the transition from R&D to prototyping
- TCAD simulations is a useful tool to understand device behaviour in irradiated environments → tune models and simulation parameters
- DU participated actively in tracker HPK campaign
- DU Jointly with other Indian Institutes in CMS, is planning to participate in the Phase-II Tracker Upgrade
- DU is involved in development of AC coupled Si sensors in India
- New detector technologies are under exploration
- Silicon sensor development will stay exciting! Stay tuned

# Acknowledgments & Literature

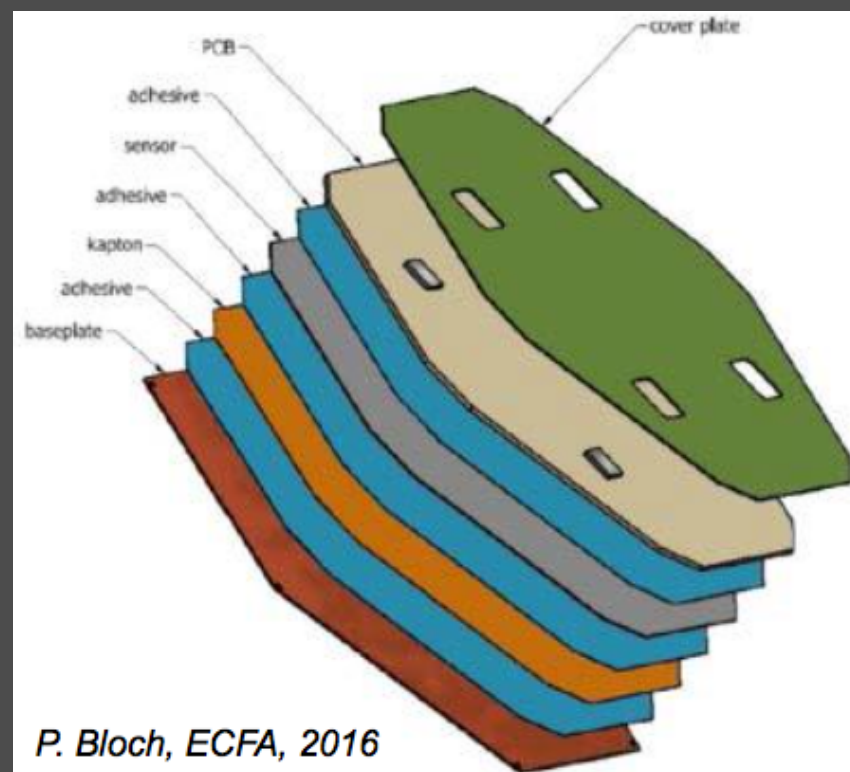
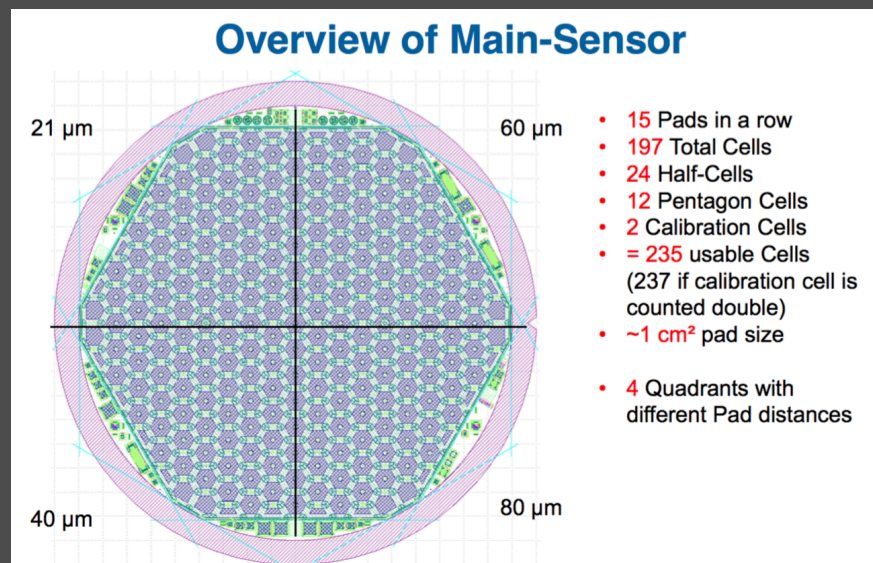
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# Backup

# CMS High Granularity Calorimeter

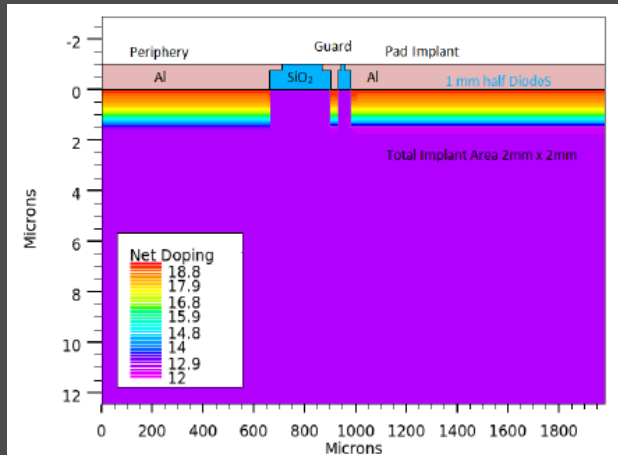
- 600m<sup>2</sup> (!) of silicon, 6M channels
- hexagonal pad detectors on 8" wafers (0.5/1cm<sup>2</sup> individual pad size)
- tiny space for integration
- $F < 1 \times 10^{16}$  neq/cm<sup>2</sup> and MIP sensitive ! (large capacitance ~ 40pF!)



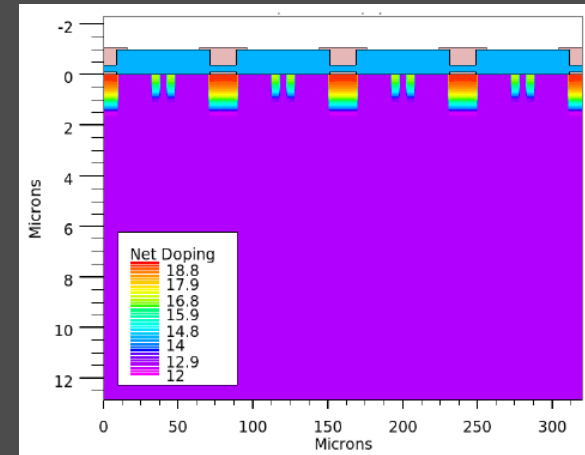


# Structures in SILVACO

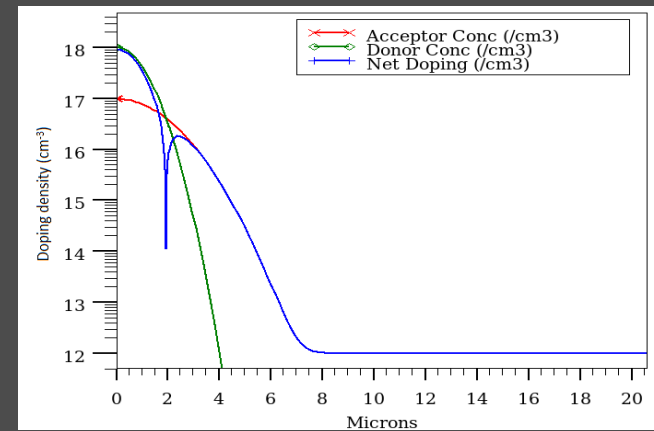
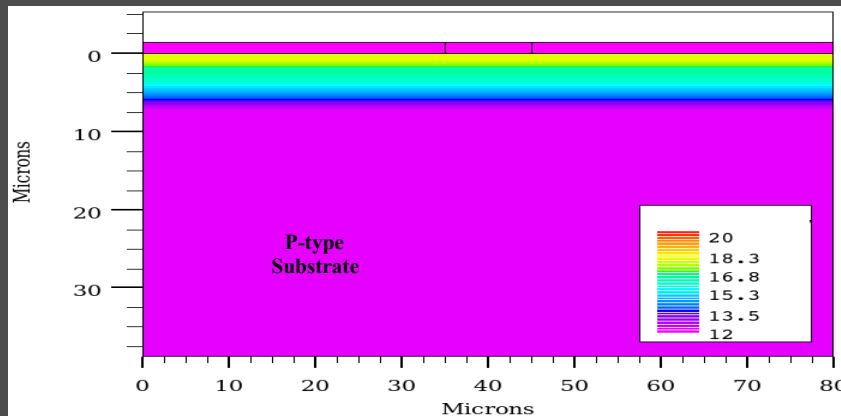
## (1) Pad Diode



## (2) Strip Detector

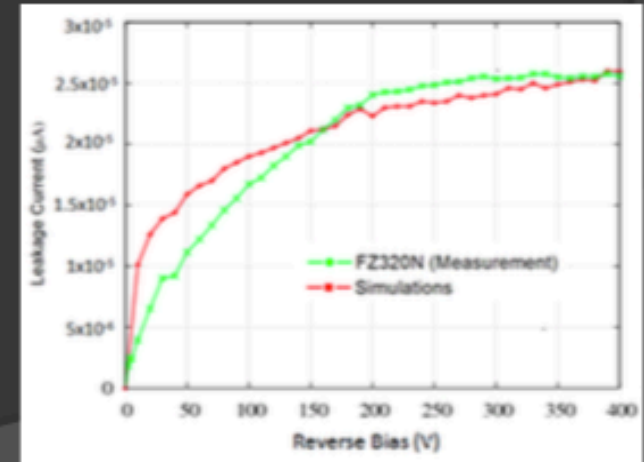
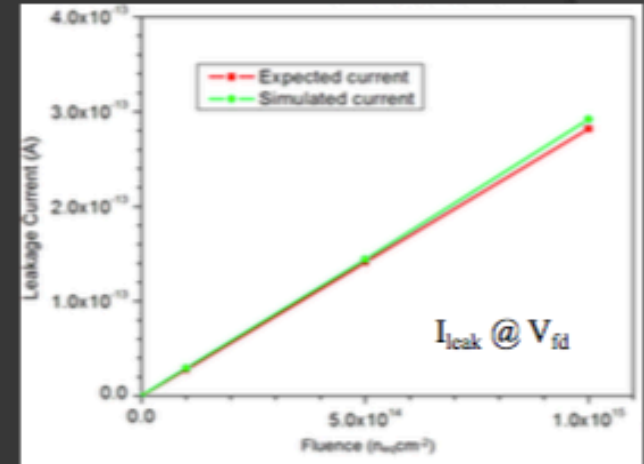
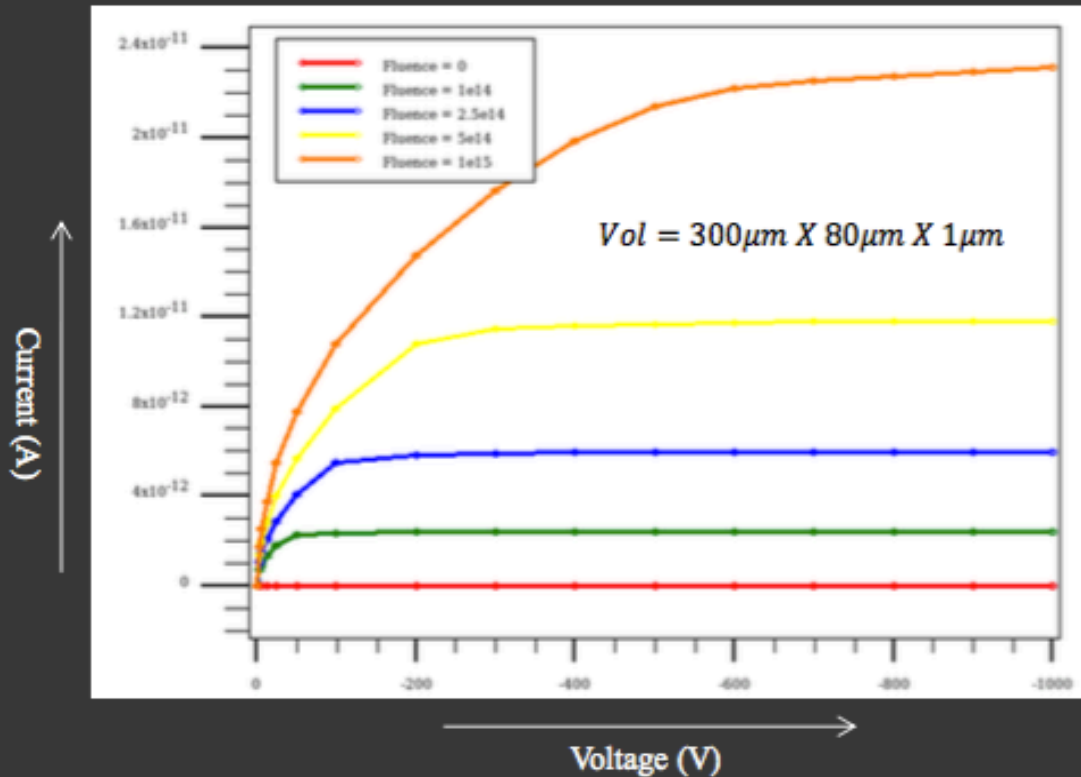


## (3) Low Gain Avalanche Detector



# Pad Diode - IV

Detector is reverse dc biased. → Leakage current is measured (in dark).  
 Importance: Leakage Current value is a measure of NOISE at a particular voltage.  
 Critical at high fluence because SNR goes down.



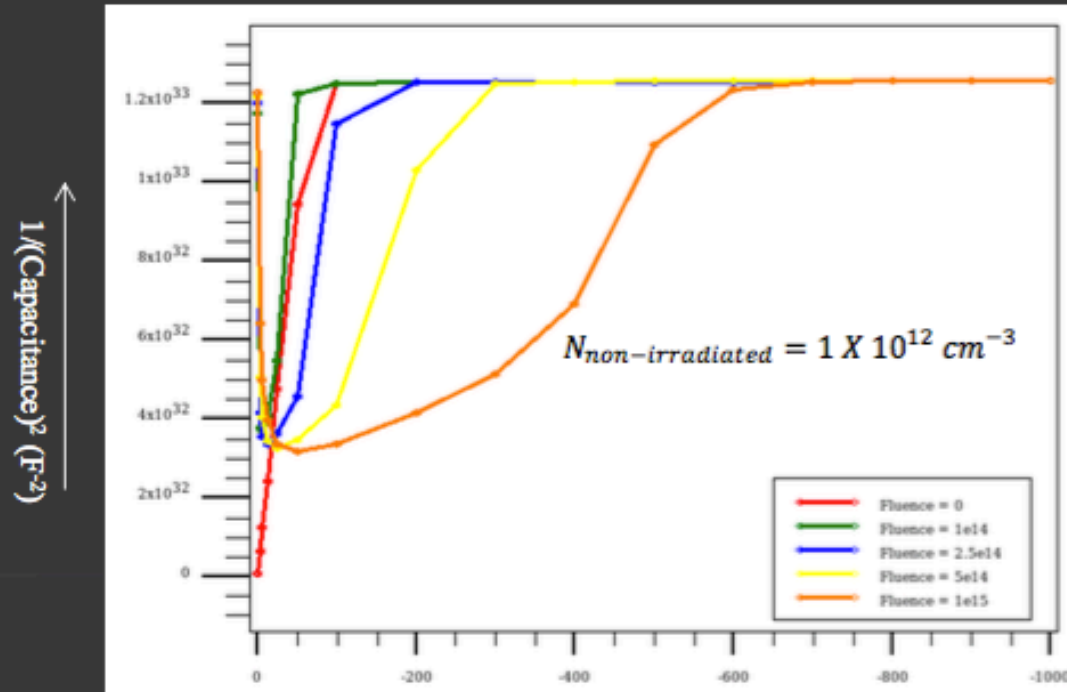
$$\Delta I = I_{irradiated} - I_{non-irradiated} = \alpha \cdot \phi \cdot Vol$$

$$\alpha(253K) = 8.8 \times 10^{-19} A/cm$$

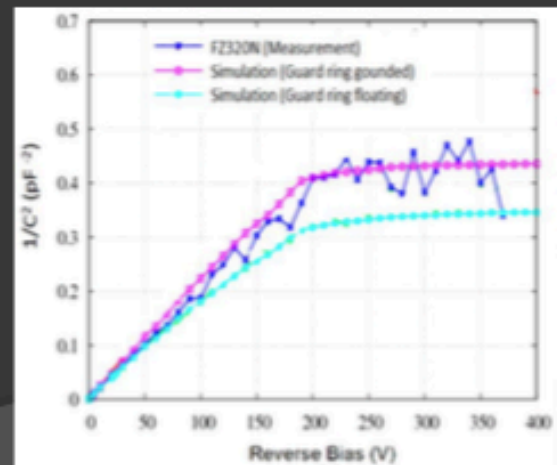
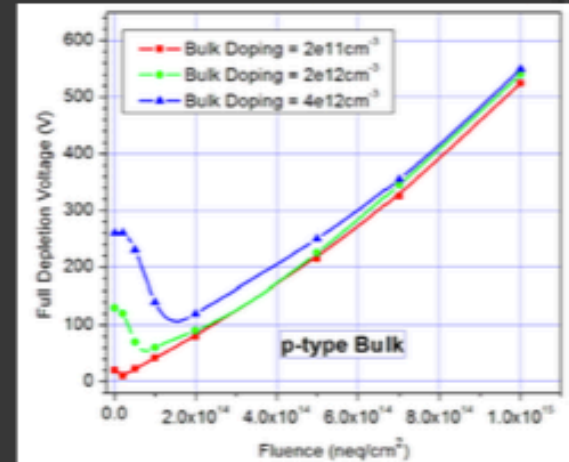
\* CMS Detector Note: Simulation of Silicon Devices for the CMS Phase II Tracker Upgrade.  
 CMS DN-2014/016.

# Pad Diode - C<sup>2</sup>V

Detector is reverse dc biased & a small amplitude ac signal is provided at a frequency of 1kHz.  
 → Impedance is measured.  
 Importance: Detector operation voltage is chosen 1.5 times of the full depletion voltage.



$$V_{fd} = \frac{ed^2}{2\epsilon} N_{eff}$$

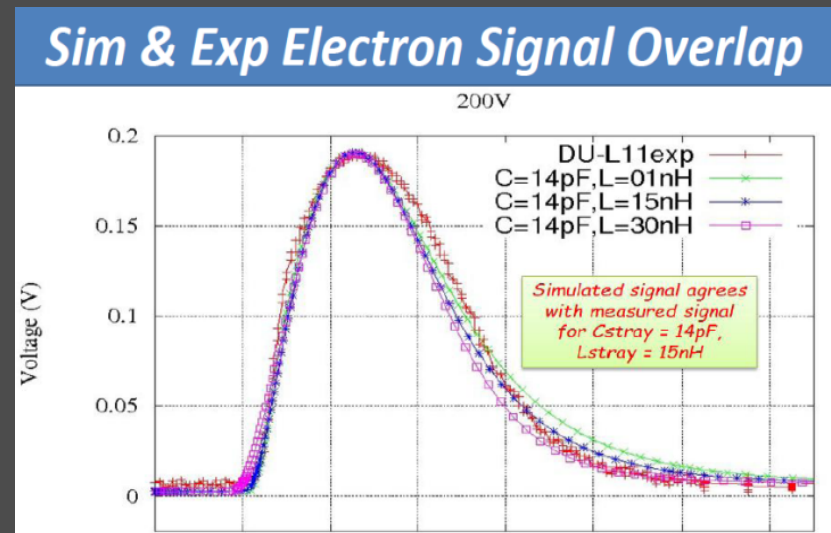
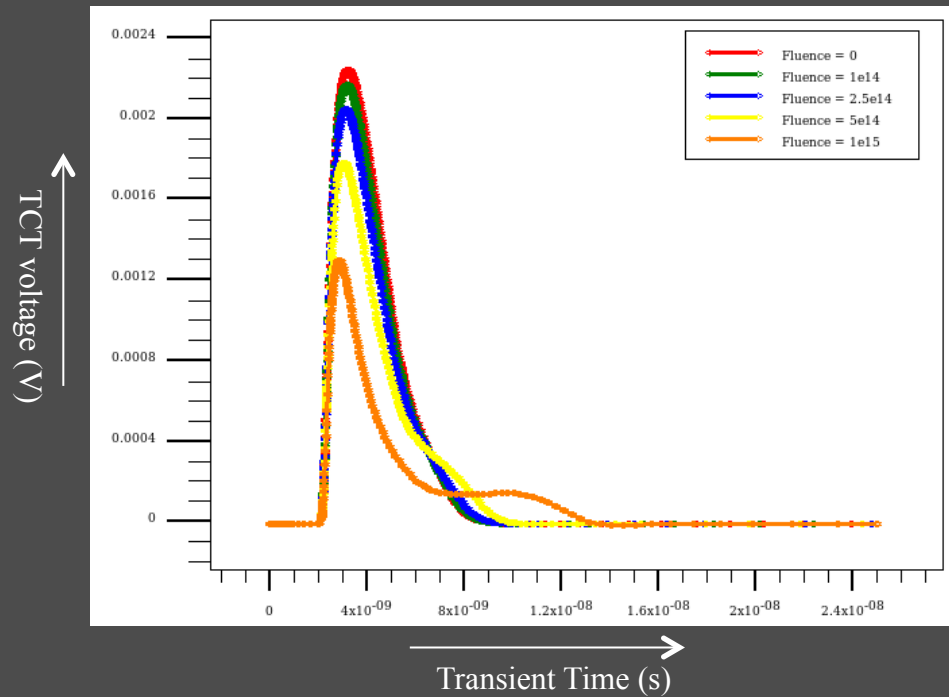


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# Pad Diode - Transient Current Technique

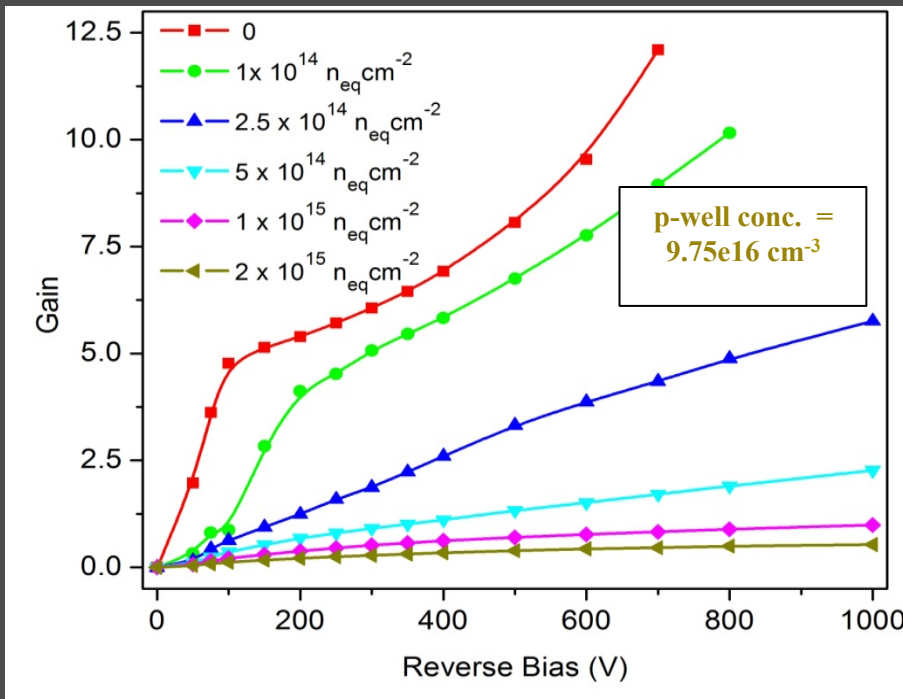
Detector is reverse dc biased & an Infrared laser is shone from top or bottom. → Transient voltage is measured as a function of time.

Importance: Detector charge collection profile with voltage & fluence.



$CC = \text{area under IR laser TCT curve}$

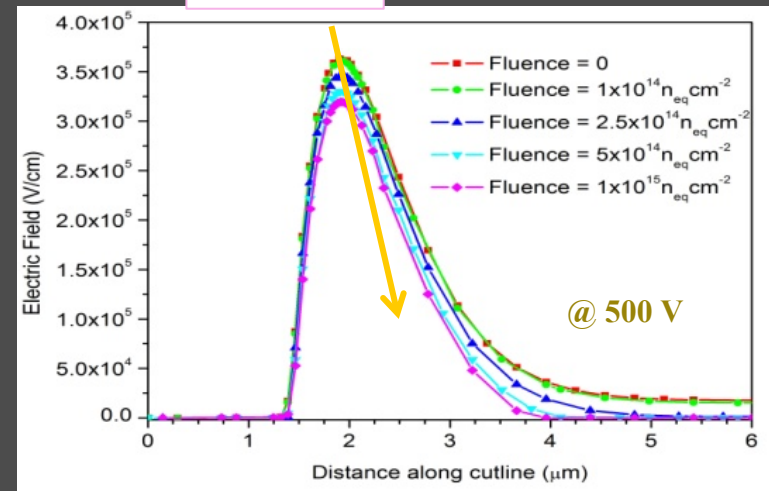
# Simulated Result: Irradiated



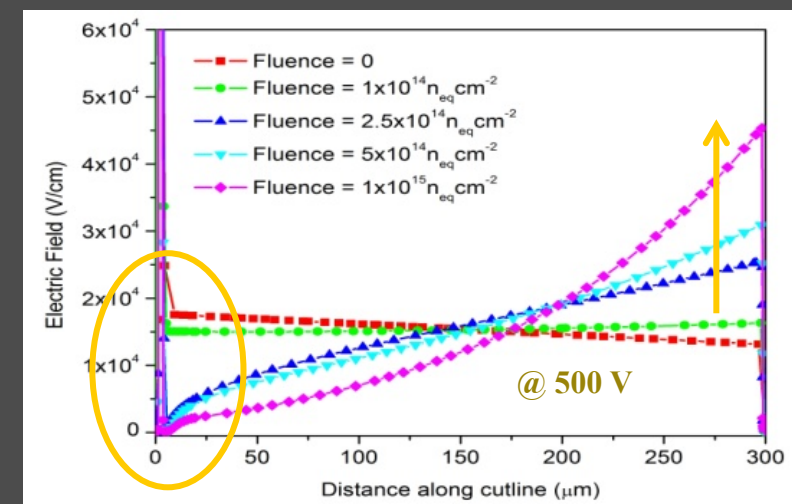
LGAD gain decreases with increase in fluence!

**Because:** 1. Peak e.field & its width decreases with fluence. E.field grows at backside of detector.  
2. E.field just below the p-well region drops to very low value. Inefficient charge collection.

Peak E.field



Bulk E.field



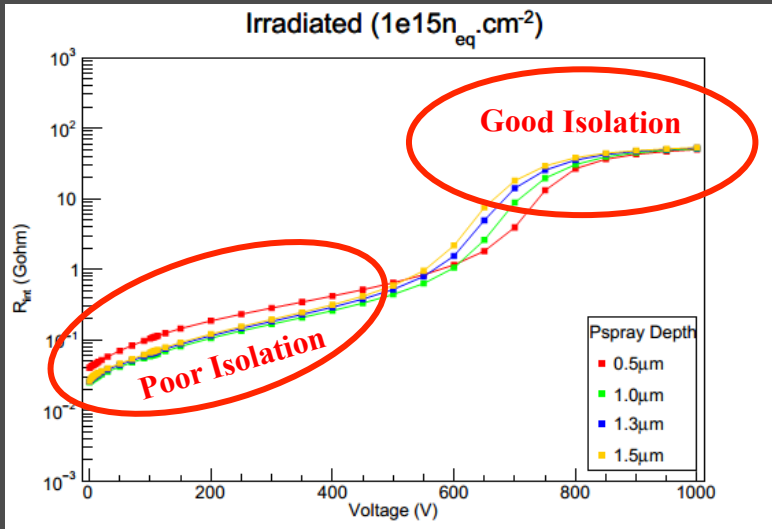
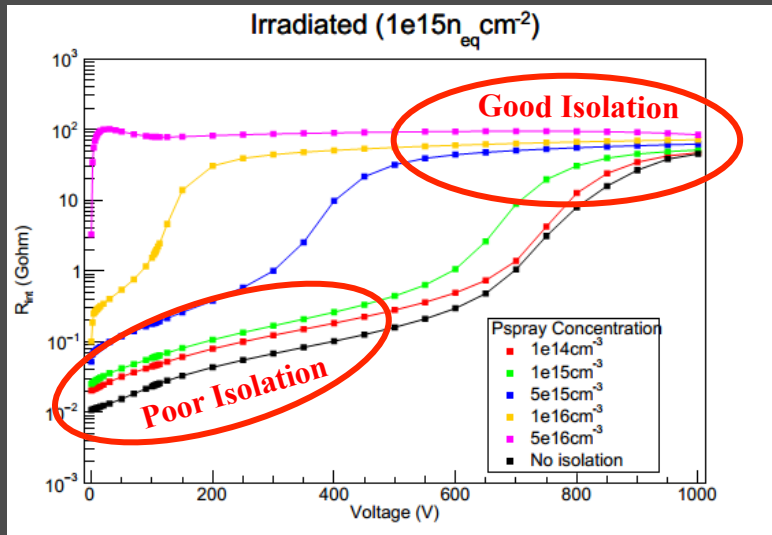
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# Radiation induced bulk defects relevant for detector operation

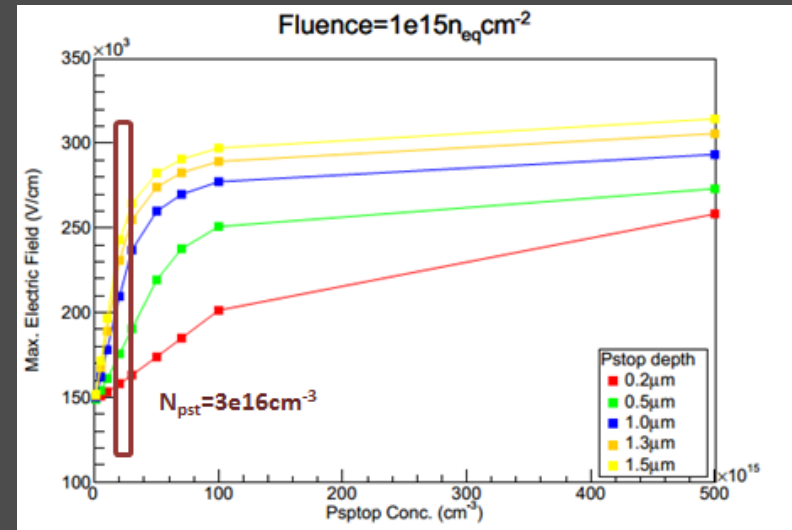
## Electrical properties

Defects	$\sigma_{n,p}$ [cm <sup>2</sup> ]	$E_A$ [eV]	Assignment/References	Impact on electrical characteristics at RT
E(30K)	$\sigma_n = 2.3 \times 10^{-14}$	$E_C - 0.1$	Electron trap with a donor level in the upper half of the Si bandgap / [Nucl. Instr. and Meth. in Phys. Res. A 611 (2009) 52; J. Appl. Phys. 117 (2015) 164503]	On the $N_{eff}$ by introducing positive space charge - It makes the difference between proton and neutron irradiations - More generated in O rich material
$BD_A^{0/+}$ $BD_B^{+/+}$	$\sigma_n = 2.3 \times 10^{-14}$ $\sigma_n = 2.7 \times 10^{-12}$	$E_C - 0.225$ $E_C - 0.15$	<b>Bistable Thermal double donor TDD2</b> (two configurations A and/or B) - Electron trap with a donor level in the upper half of the Si bandgap / [Appl. Phys. Lett. 50 (21) (1987) 1500; Nucl. Instr. and Meth. in Phys. Res. A 514 (2003) 18; Nucl. Instr. and Meth. in Phys. Res. A 556 (2006) 197; Nucl. Instr. and Meth. in Phys. Res. A 583 (2007) 58]	On the $N_{eff}$ by introducing positive space charge - Strongly generated in O rich material
$I_p^{-0}$  $I_p^{0/-}$	$\sigma_p = (0.5-9) \times 10^{-15}$  $\sigma_n = 1.7 \times 10^{-15}$ $\sigma_p = 9 \times 10^{-14}$	$E_V + 0.23$  $E_C - 0.545$	Donor level of $V_2O$ or of a still unknown C related defect / [Appl. Phys. Lett. 81 (2002) 165; Appl. Phys. Lett. 83, 3216 (2003); Nucl. Instr. and Meth. in Phys. Res. A 611 (2009) 52] Acceptor level of $V_2O$ or of a still unknown C related defect / [Nucl. Instr. and Meth. in Phys. Res. A 611 (2009) 52, Appl. Phys. Lett. 81 (2002) 165; J. Appl. Phys. 117 (2015) 164503]	On the $N_{eff}$ by introducing negative space charge and on LC - Strongly generated in O lean material
$E_4$ $E_5$	$\sigma_n = 1 \times 10^{-15}$ $\sigma_n = 7.8 \times 10^{-15}$	$E_C - 0.38$ $E_C - 0.46$	<b>Trivacancy</b> : Acceptor in the upper part of the gap associated with the double charged and single charged states of $V_3$ , respectively ( $V_3^{2-}$ and $V_3^{-0}$ ) / [J. Appl. Phys. 111 (2012) 023715.]	On LC
H(116K)	$\sigma_p = 4 \times 10^{-14}$	$E_V + 0.33$	Hole trap with an acceptor level in the lower part of the Si bandgap - Extended defect (cluster of vacancies and/or interstitials) / [Appl. Phys. Lett. 92 (2008) 024101, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. in Phys. Res. A 611 (2009) 52-68; J. Appl. Phys. 117 (2015) 164503]	On the $N_{eff}$ by introducing negative space charge
H(140K)	$\sigma_p = 2.5 \times 10^{-15}$	$E_V + 0.36$	Hole trap with an acceptor level in the lower part of the Si bandgap - Extended defects (clusters of vacancies and/or interstitials) / [Appl. Phys. Lett. 92 (2008) 024101, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. in Phys. Res. A 611 (2009) 52-68; J. Appl. Phys. 117 (2015) 164503]	On the $N_{eff}$ by introducing negative space charge
H(152K)	$\sigma_p = 2.3 \times 10^{-14}$	$E_V + 0.42$	Hole trap with an acceptor level in the lower part of the Si bandgap - Extended defects (clusters of vacancies and/or interstitials) / [Appl. Phys. Lett. 92 (2008) 024101, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. in Phys. Res. A 611 (2009) 52-68; J. Appl. Phys. 117 (2015) 164503]	On the $N_{eff}$ by introducing negative space charge

# Inter-pixel Resistance & Max. E.Field



A higher concentration & a deeper pspray/pstop provides good isolation. But, this also leads to a rise in the electric field!



Therefore, an optimized concentration & depth of the isolation structure has to be chosen.

# TCAD Simulations: Models & Numerical Methods

## Equations for unknowns ( $n$ , $p$ , $\phi$ ):

### Poisson Equation

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon}$$
$$\rho = p - n + N_D^+ - N_A^-$$

### Current Density Equation

$$J_n = q \left( n\mu_n E + D_n \frac{\partial n}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$J_p = q \left( p\mu_p E - D_p \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right)$$

### Continuity Equation

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{q} \nabla \cdot J_n - r_n + g_n$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{q} \nabla \cdot J_p - r_p + g_p$$

These equations use one of these specified models.

- These equations are solved using one of the methods.
- Extraction & Calculation of quantities

## Physical Models:

- a) Mobility – Concentration dependent, parallel field dependent
- b) Impact ionization – Selberherr, Van Overstraten, Grant's, etc.
- c) Generation & Recombination – Shockley Read Hall
- d) Oxide physics – Fowler-Nordheim, Interface charge accumulation
- e) Statistics – Boltzmann, Band Gap Narrowing
- f) Tunnelling – Band-to-band, Trap-assisted

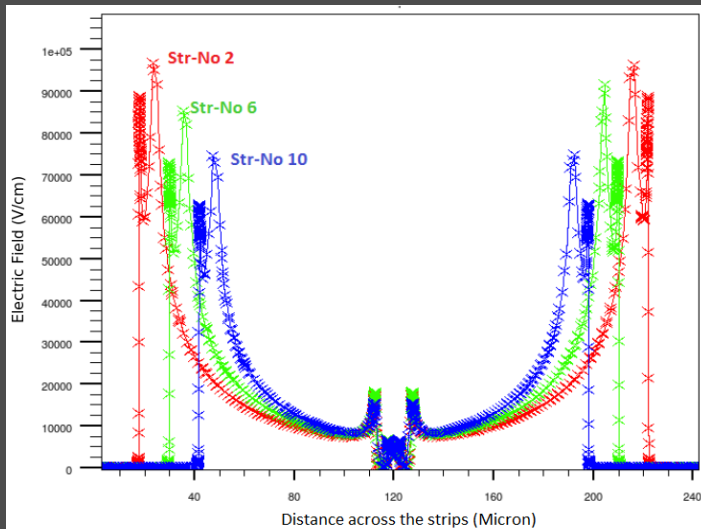
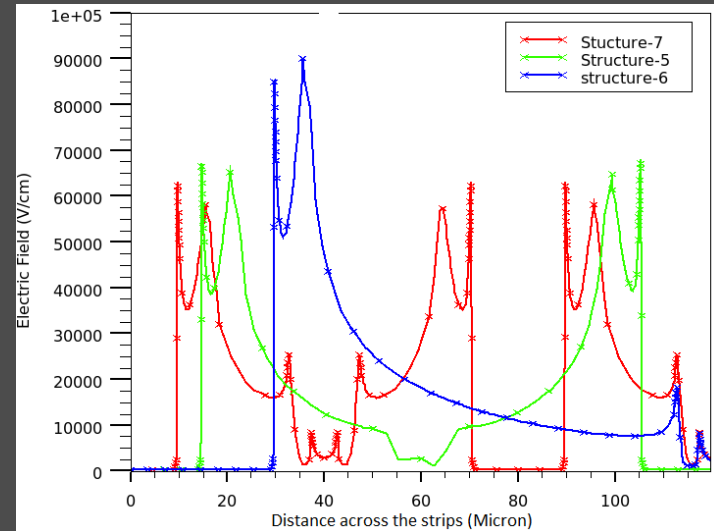
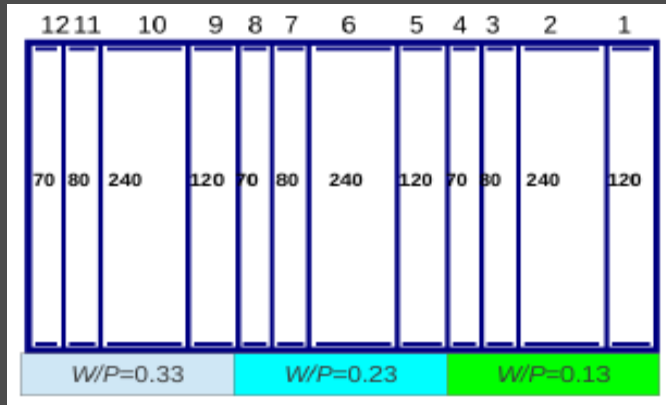
## Numerical Methods:

- a) Gummel
- b) Newton
- c) Block



# Width & Pitch

## HPK Campaign



As the strip pitch increases, the electric field at the implant edge rises.

As the strip width increases, the electric field at the implant edge decreases.

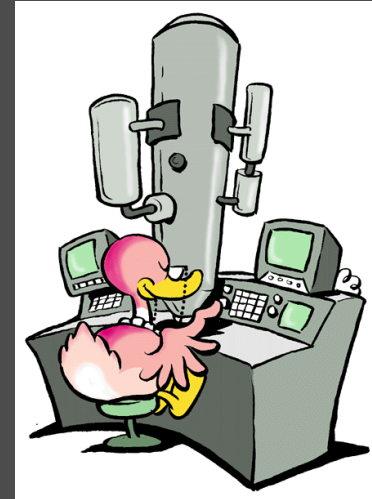
# 'Simulation & Modeling'

A 'simulation' is an 'imitation of reality' !!

- How does it work?
  - The physical structure to be simulated
  - The choice of physical models
  - The numerical methods to solve the physical equations
  - The bias conditions for the electrical characteristics

Modeling: Comparison between Simulations & Measurements!!

- Choice of models & model parameters
- Tweaking of process & design parameters
- Optimization (multi-dimensional phase space) → Agreement of Macroscopic properties
- Fabrication of sensors with optimized design parameters

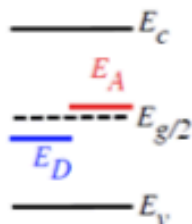


	Diamond	SiC (4H)	GaAs	Si	Ge
Atomic number Z	6	14/6	31/33	14	32
Bandgap $E_g$ [eV]	5.5	3.3	1.42	1.12	0.66
E(e-h pair) [eV]	13	7.6-8.4	4.3	3.6	2.9
density [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	3.515	3.22	5.32	2.33	5.32
e-mobility $\mu_e$ [cm <sup>2</sup> /Vs]	1800	800	8500	1450	3900
h-mobility $\mu_h$ [cm <sup>2</sup> /Vs]	1200	115	400	450	1900

# Models of radiation damage in TCAD

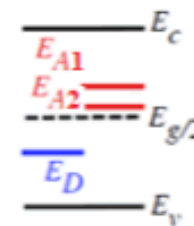
## EVL model

A single donor in bottom half of the bandgap and a single acceptor in the upper half of the bandgap



## Perugia model

Three levels associated to donor CiOi, 1<sup>st</sup> acceptor to V<sub>2</sub> and 2<sup>nd</sup> acceptor to V<sub>3</sub>



Model	E [eV]	$g_{int}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\sigma_{ef}$ [cm <sup>2</sup> ]	$\sigma_h$ [cm <sup>2</sup> ]
EVL	Ev+0.48	6	1e-15	1e-15
Neutrons	Ec-0.525	3.7	1e-15	1e-15
Delphi	Ev+0.48	4	2e-15	2.6e-15
23 MeVp	Ec-0.51	3	2e-15	2e-15
KIT (Eber)	Ev+0.48	5.598 (-3.949e14)	2e-15	2.6e-15
23 MeVp	Ec-0.525	1.198 (+6.5434e13)	2e-15	2e-15
HIP	Ev+0.48	5.598 (-3.949e14)	1e-14	1e-14
23 MeVp	Ec-0.525	1.198 (+6.5434e13)	1e-14	1e-14
2 $\mu$ m from surface only	Ec-0.40	14.417 (+3.168e16)	8e-15	2e-14
Hamburg (new)	Ev+0.48	1.51-2.75	8.37e-15	2.54e-15
	Ec-0.525	0.36-0.93	6.3e-15	8.37e-15

Model	E [eV]	$g_{int}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\sigma_{ef}$ [cm <sup>2</sup> ]	$\sigma_h$ [cm <sup>2</sup> ]
Perugia	Ev+0.36	0.9	2.5e-13	2.5e-15
p-type	Ec-0.42	1.6	2e-15	2e-14
	Ec-0.46	0.9	5e-15	5e-14
Perugia	Ev+0.36	1.1	2e-18	1.2e-14
n-type	Ec-0.42	13	2.5-15	1.2e-14
	Ec-0.50	0.08	5e-15	3.5e-14
Peniccard	Ev+0.36	0.9	3.23e-13	3.23e-14
	Ec-0.42	1.613	9.5-15	9.5e-14
	Ec-0.46	0.9	5e-15	5e-14
Perugia new	Ev+0.36	0.9	3.23e-13	3.23e-14
(<7e15 cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Ec-0.42	1.6	1e-15	1e-14
	Ec-0.46	0.9	7e-15	7e-14

TABLE III  
 THE RADIATION DAMAGE MODEL FOR P-TYPE  
 (UP TO  $7 \times 10^{15}$  N/CM<sup>2</sup>)

Type	Energy (eV)	$\sigma_e$ (cm <sup>-2</sup> )	$\sigma_h$ (cm <sup>-2</sup> )	$\eta$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
Acceptor	Ec-0.42	$1 \times 10^{-15}$	$1 \times 10^{-14}$	1.613
Acceptor	Ec-0.46	$7 \times 10^{-15}$	$7 \times 10^{-14}$	0.9
Donor	Ev+0.36	$3.23 \times 10^{-13}$	$3.23 \times 10^{-14}$	0.9

TABLE IV  
 THE RADIATION DAMAGE MODEL FOR P-TYPE  
 (IN THE RANGE  $7 \times 10^{15}$ - $1.5 \times 10^{16}$  N/CM<sup>2</sup>)

Type	Energy (eV)	$\sigma_e$ (cm <sup>-2</sup> )	$\sigma_h$ (cm <sup>-2</sup> )	$\eta$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
Acceptor	Ec-0.42	$1 \times 10^{-15}$	$1 \times 10^{-14}$	1.613
Acceptor	Ec-0.46	$3 \times 10^{-15}$	$3 \times 10^{-14}$	0.9
Donor	Ev+0.36	$3.23 \times 10^{-13}$	$3.23 \times 10^{-14}$	0.9

TABLE V  
 THE RADIATION DAMAGE MODEL FOR P-TYPE  
 (IN THE RANGE  $1.6 \times 10^{16}$ - $2.2 \times 10^{16}$  N/CM<sup>2</sup>)

Type	Energy (eV)	$\sigma_e$ (cm <sup>-2</sup> )	$\sigma_h$ (cm <sup>-2</sup> )	$\eta$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
Acceptor	Ec-0.42	$1 \times 10^{-15}$	$1 \times 10^{-14}$	1.613
Acceptor	Ec-0.46	$1.5 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-14}$	0.9
Donor	Ev+0.36	$3.23 \times 10^{-13}$	$3.23 \times 10^{-14}$	0.9

