

# Review of RD50 activities

RD50: Radiation hard semiconductor devices for high luminosity colliders



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# RD50: it took us longer to find a logo than a rad-hard sensor for HL-LHC



(Logo by: Marko MILOVANOVIĆ)

Some other (hidden) talents in this collaboration:



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# Outline of this talk

**Disclaimer:** *Personal choice of subjects, impossible to summarize all the activities of the collaboration*

- **RD50 introduction ...**  
with focus on activities developed **only** within RD50
  - **Defect studies**
  - **New semiconductor characterization techniques**
  - **Fast signal simulators**
  - Development of **new sensors**
  
- Some **extra information** on:
  - **4D tracking:** UFSD and dd-APDs
  - **Acceptor removal** and its impact on LGAD, HVCMOS
  
- Selected **highlights** of last 30<sup>th</sup> RD50 workshop:
  - **HVCMOS** (bulk) radiation hardness
  - ~~**3Ds** for HL-LHC: radiation hardness~~
  
- **Summary** of this summary

This conference:  
N>1 talk and 1 poster

Backup slides  
& Monday talks

# RD50 collaboration

RD50: Radiation hard semiconductor devices for high luminosity colliders

<https://www.cern.ch/rd50/>

**RD50 mandate:** develop and characterize semiconductor sensors for **HL-LHC... and FCC?**

- **HL-LHC** challenge: hadron fluence of  $10^{16} n_{eq}/cm^2$
- **FCC** challenge:  $> 7 \times 10^{17} n_{eq}/cm^2$  [See talk by M. Mikuz later]
  
- At this moment:
  - 55 institutes** (46 European, 7 North America, 1 Middle East, 1 Asia), **327 members**  
...and growing
  
- Activities organized around **workgroups**:
  - **defect**/material characterization (DLTS and TSC measurements)
  - **detector** characterization (irradiations, IVCV, TCT, simulations,...)
  - study of **new** structures (LGAD, HVCMOS, thin detectors...),
  - **full** detector systems (LHC-like tests, timing...)

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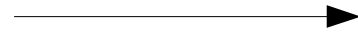
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## Defect/characterization methods:

**Thermally Stimulated Current (TSC)** and **Deep Level Transient Spectroscopy (DLTS)**:

**TSC** allows to calculate concentration of defects. **DLTS** gives full info (c,Et,Nt) if  $N_t \ll N_{\text{eff}0}$ .

Measurement procedure::

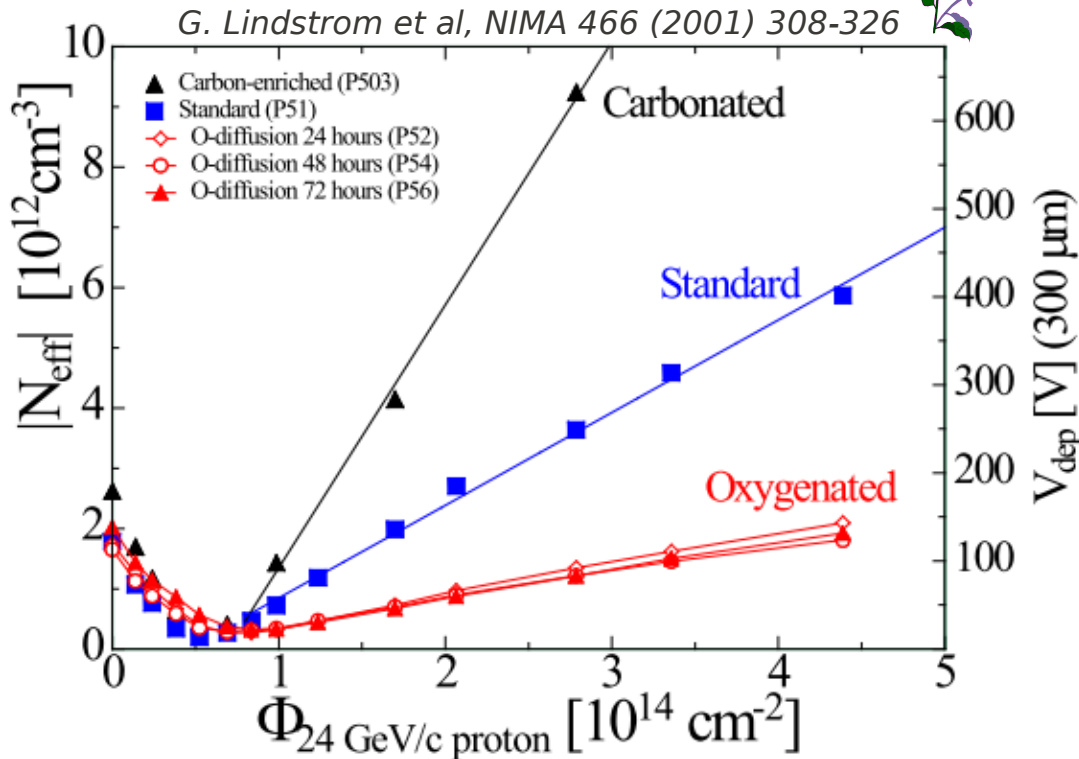
### TSC

- 1) cooling to low temperature between [10K,140K]
- 2) forward bias injection to fill traps
- 3) heating and recording of current (i.e. emission of trapped charges)

### DLTS

- 1) fix reverse bias, stabilize temperature
  - 2) change occupancy of defects by zero bias or forward bias injection
  - 3) record capacitance transient (averaging) (i.e. emission of trapped charges)
- Do this for many temperatures to get DTLS spectrum

# Macroscopic property: Vdep

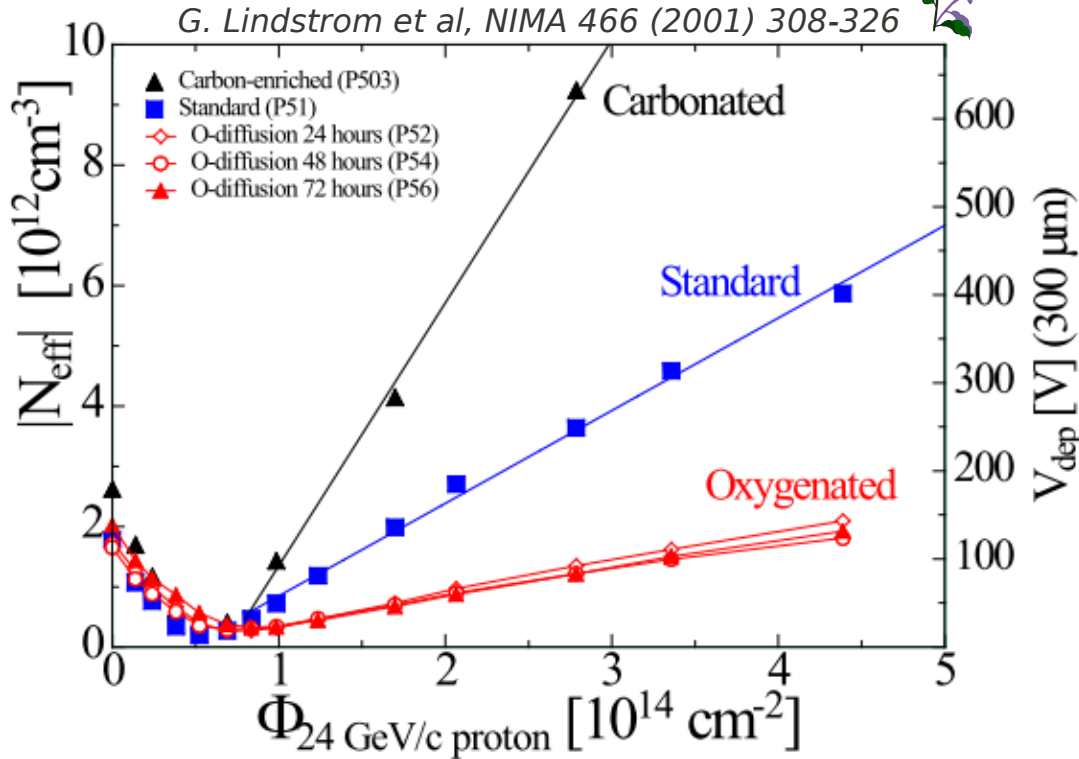


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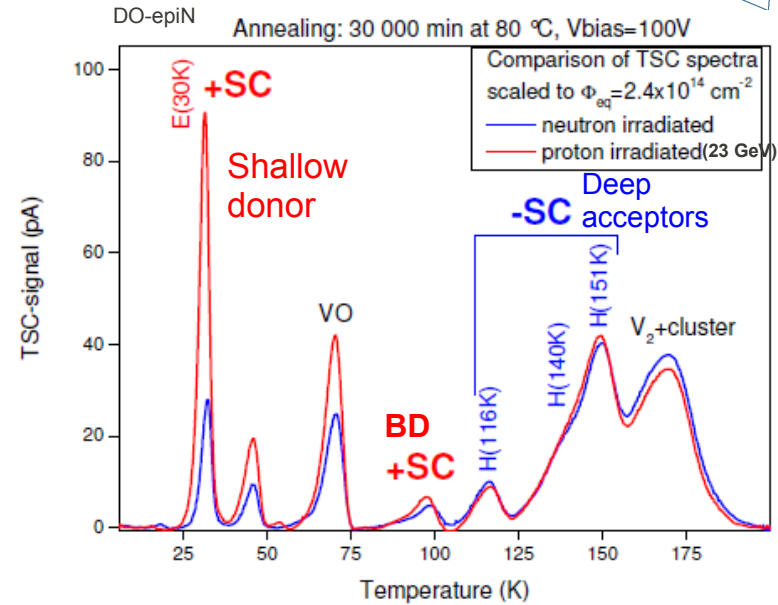
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# Microscopical reason

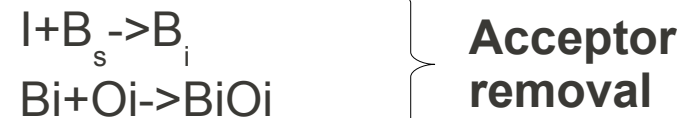


I. Pintilie, APL 92, 024101 2008

- H(116K,140K,151K) defects introduce **negative space charge (-SC)** and are responsible for type inversion of n-type material..
- In **Oxygenated** materials **E(30K)** introduces +SC and thus reduces increase of  $V_{dep}$  or even avoids type inversion.

Other defect mechanisms

VP  $\rightarrow$  **Donor Removal** process (suppressed in O-rich material)

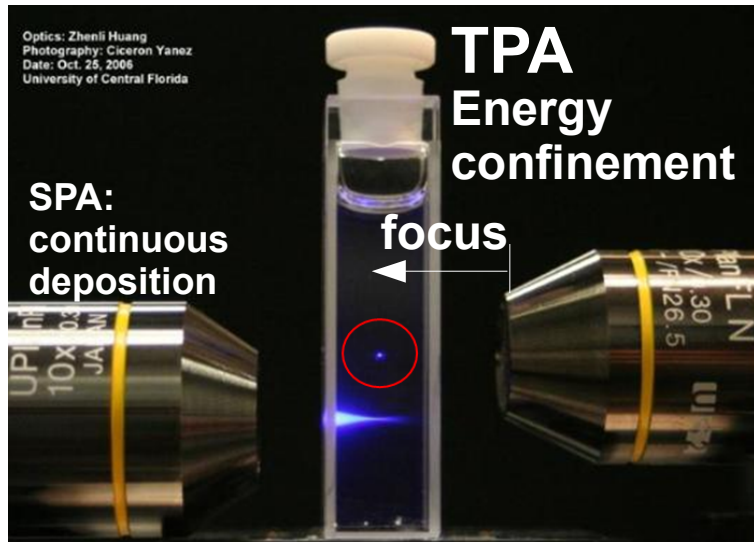


**Acceptor removal**

(=Positive SC)

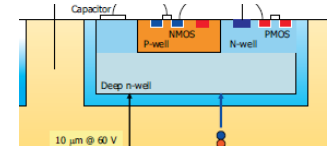
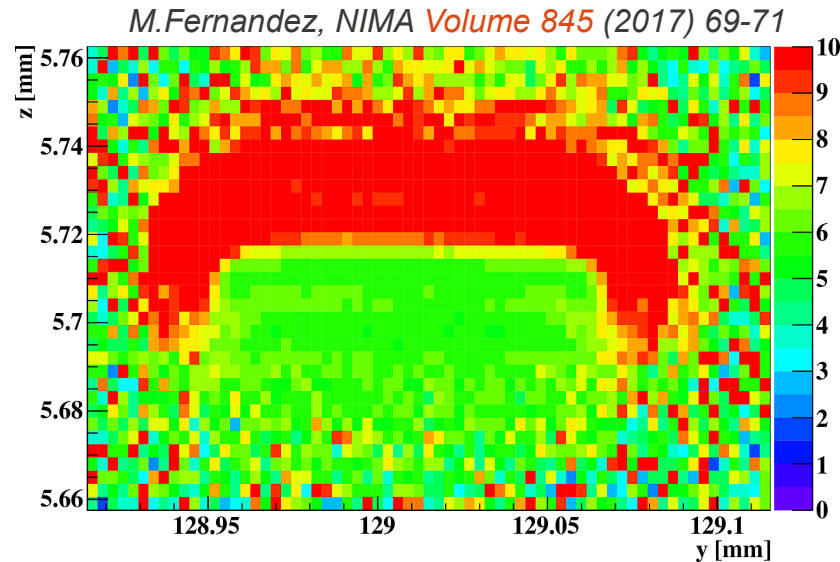
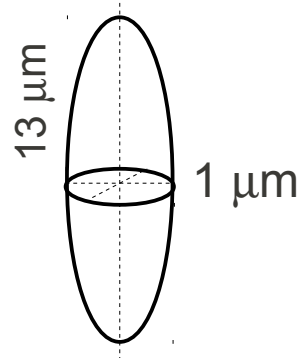
# Workgroup 2: development of new measuring techniques

- TPA (Two Photon Absorption) - TCT is a new laser Transient Current Technique to characterize semiconductors.
- Physical phenomena exploited is the **simultaneous absorption of 2 photons** in the material



TPA in a fluorescent solution

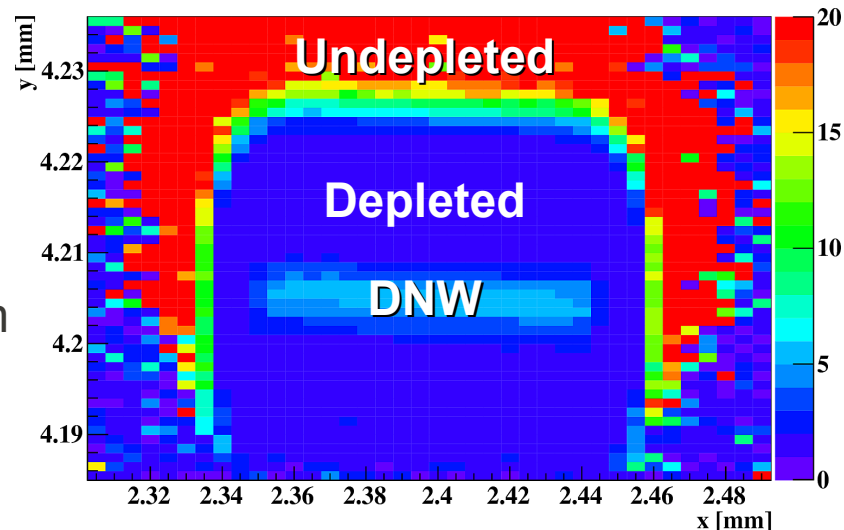
- TPA-TCT provides a “point-like” carrier generation volume: 3D spatial resolution



## Standard TCT

$\lambda=1064$  nm,  $\sigma=10$   $\mu\text{m}$ ,  
200 ps-pulsed laser

HVCMOS (CCPDv3)  
Showing:  
Collection time map

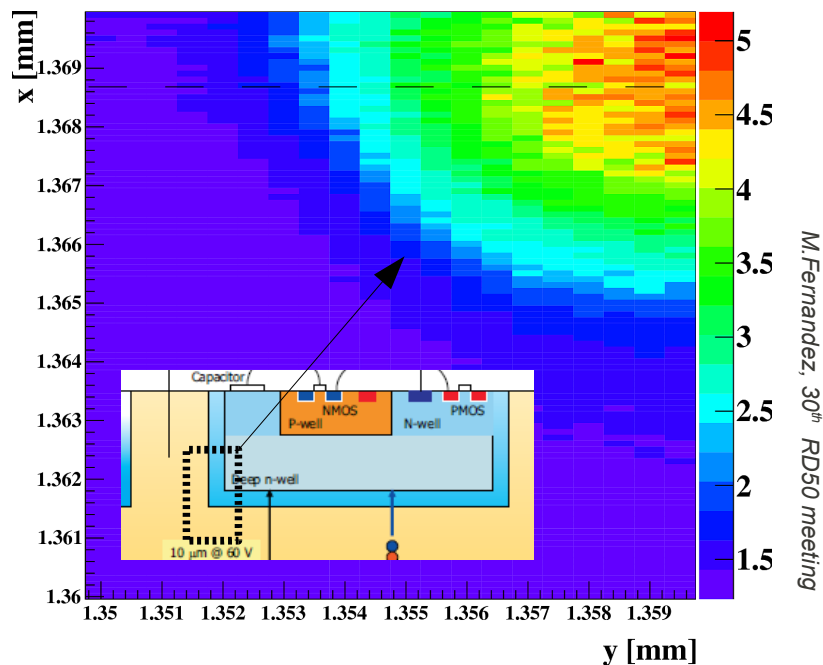


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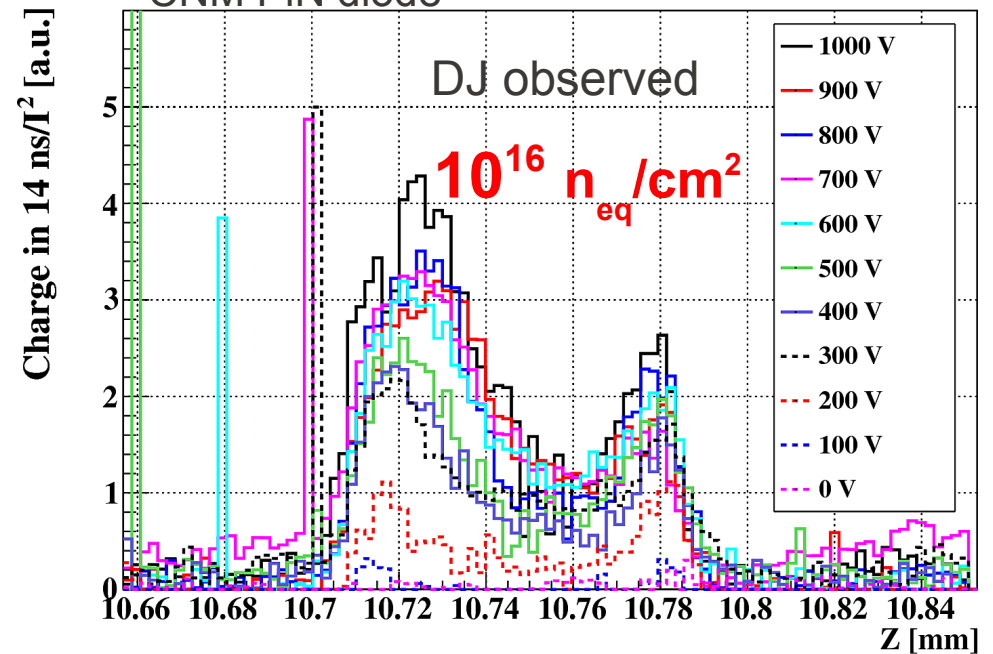
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200 fs-pulsed laser

# Two Photon Absorption TCT

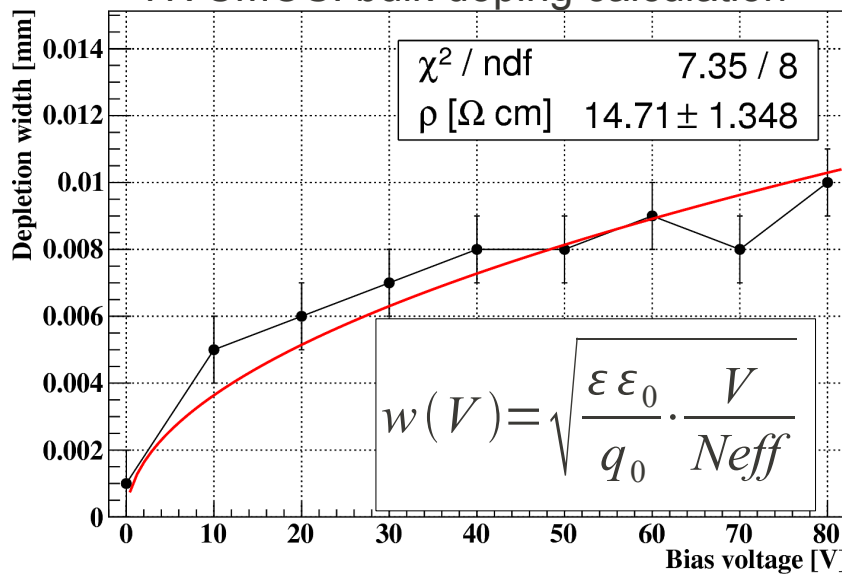
Coll. Time zoom on HVCMOS DNW



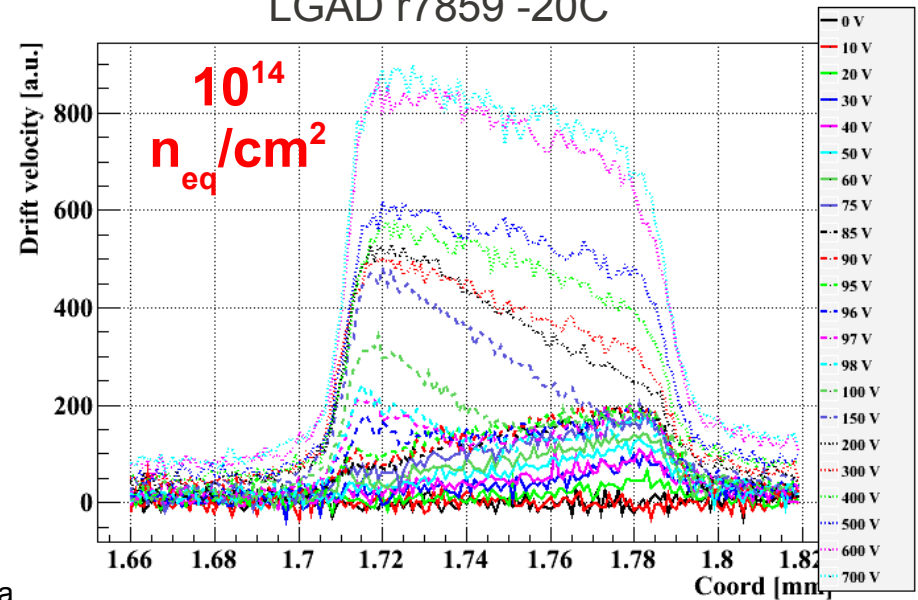
CNM PiN diode M. Fernandez, 28<sup>th</sup> RD50 meeting



HVCMOS: bulk doping calculation



LGAD r7859 -20C



- **Commercial TCAD** simulation tools are the state of the art in simulation of physical processes in Si. However, **radiation damage** is not natively included. Because of **convergence problems** of this tool, only a reduced number of effective defect levels is used (**2-3 levels** max).
- Simulations are **tuned** to reproduce detectors/measurements (for instance IV/CV). The agreement with **different** measurements (CCE, for instance) is **qualitative**. Still, this is good **enough** for **optimization** of designs and **projections** performance.
- Inside RD50, three specialized **fast simulators** have been developed, which are mostly used to reproduce TCT measurements but also to optimize detector geometries Common **features**:
  - Charge **carriers** are “**imported**” from parametrizations (GEANT, optical models...)
  - **Space charge** is implemented via Neff parametrization  
Irradiated devices include (effective) trapping and Double Junction models
  - Signal (induced current) is calculated via **Ramo's theorem**  
**weighting field** and **electric field** are solved using **FEM**
  - Charge transport by **drift** and **diffusion**
  - **Electronics shaping** included
  - Code is **open**
- See RD50 talk on cross calibration of the different tools [here](#)

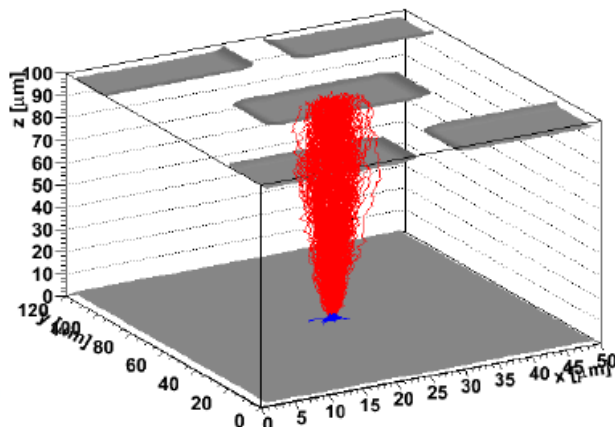
# Workgroup 2: development of fast signal simulators

[Click on the name of the software to go to its webpage]

## [KDetSim](#)

IJS Ljubljana

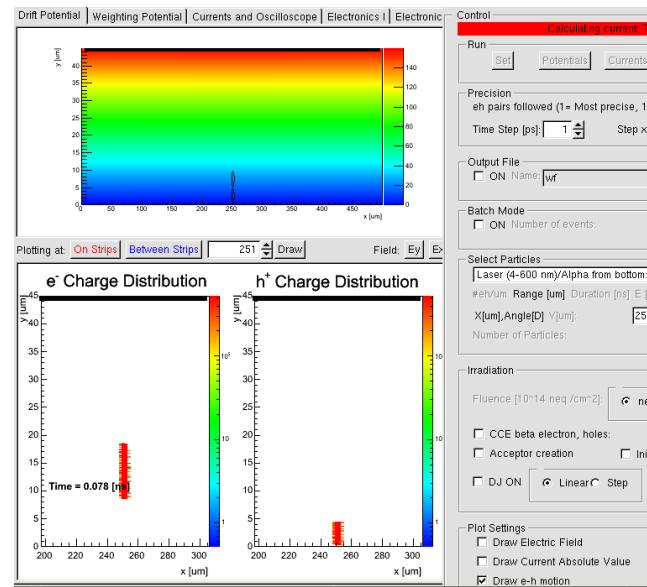
- **ROOT** shared library
- **Scripted**
- **True 3D simulation**
- It is the **most flexible**. Accepts any **arbitrary geometries**  
Diodes, strips, HVCMOS, 3D...
- Impact ionization, trapping, drift and diffusion



## [WeightField2](#)

INFN Torino

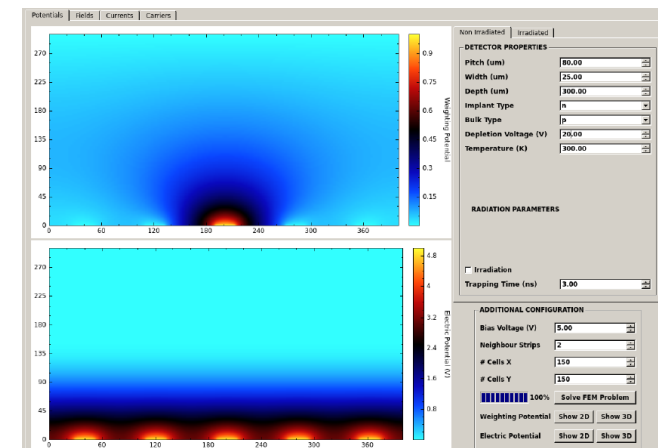
- **GUI** based
- Built on **ROOT**
- It simulates **diodes** and **strips**
- Development has followed that of **LGADs** and **UFSD**
- **Drift, diffusion, impact ionization**
- Graphical display of charge carriers motion
- Impressive agreement to measured UFSD data



## [TRACS](#)

IFCA & CERN

- **GUI and CLI** available (callable from **user source code**)
- Uses 3<sup>rd</sup> party libraries for FEM calculations
- Simulation of **diodes** and **strips**
- Main goal is to **fit parameters** (Neff, trapping) to data. Interface to MINUIT.
- Makes intensive usage of **parallel computing**





# Workgroup 3: new structures – Low Gain Avalanche Diodes

- **LGADs** proposed & developed at **CNM-Barcelona** within **RD50**. First [RD50 report](#) by **2010**. Today, 4 suppliers: **CNM**, **FBK-Trento** and **HPK-Japan**, **Micron Ltd.**

**2016:** 50  $\mu\text{m}$  LGADs for CMS-TOTEM PPS

- Devices exploit **impact ionization** (charge multiplication in high field regions) to achieve **faster** ( $\rightarrow$  improve **timing** performance) and radiation **harder** ( $\rightarrow$  **trapping** mitigation) sensors.

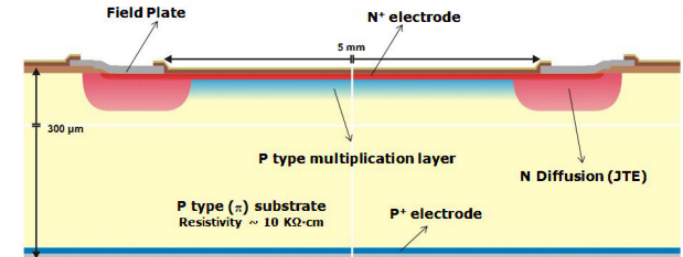
- Obtaining **low gain is challenging**: it implies controlling the doping layer concentration to a few percent

- **Radiation hardness** actively studied by **RD50**:

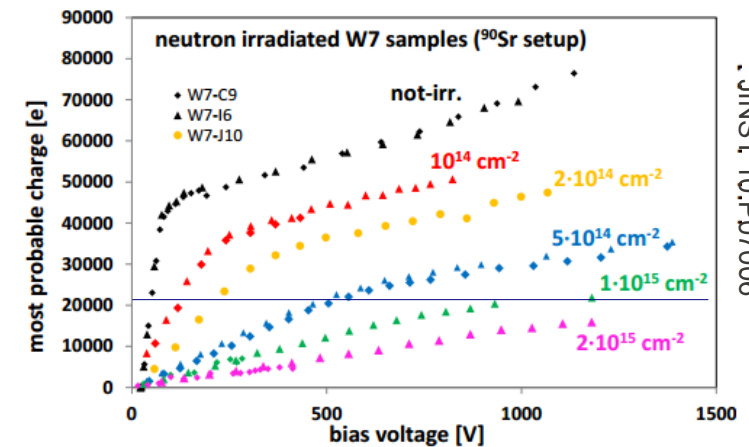
Irradiations  $\rightarrow$  **characterization**  $\rightarrow$   
 TCAD and Weightfield2 simulations  $\rightarrow$  **Optimization**  
 $\rightarrow$  **Production**  $\rightarrow$  **Measurement**

- **LGAD gain decrease** with increasing **radiation** (B-acceptor removal). Solutions:

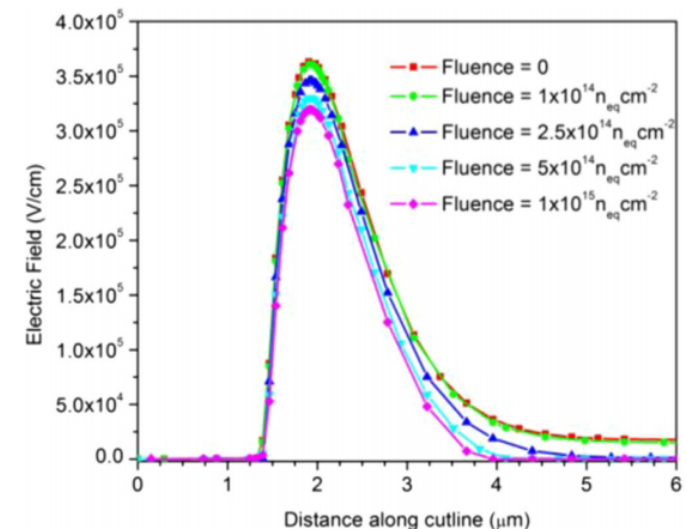
- 1) **Thin layers**
- 2) **Defect engineering**:  
**Ga-implanted gain layer**  
**Carbon co-implantation to Boron**  
 (prevents B-removal)



P. Fernandez,  
PhD thesis



G. Kramberger 2015  
JINST 10.P07006

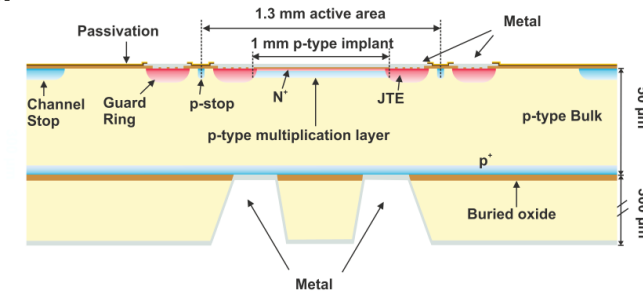


R. Dalal  
NIMA 836 (2016) 113–121

# Workgroup 3: Ultra Fast Silicon Detectors for timing applications

- Timing at HL-LHC requires **separating** different events within **same bunch crossing**. With high **pile-up**, time distribution of events per bx is a gaussian with a **width of ~150 ps**.  
⇒ **~30 ps** resolution **needed** to discriminate events inside a bx.

- A realization** of silicon devices for timing at **HL-LHC** has led to **thin LGADs**. These devices are called UFSD and provide **4-Dimensional Tracking** (position+time)



- Why is gain interesting for timing?**

Time is measured when the signal crosses a threshold.  
Detectors with **gain** have **faster slew rate**

- Why low gain?**

Low gain ⇒ low **noise** (lower excess noise factor)

Low gain ⇒ lower **power** consumption after irradiation

Low gain ⇒ lower **fields**, easier segmentation

High gain ⇒ **early BD** when operating them **cold**.

Not possible apply enough bias to reach saturated vdrift.

- Why thin?**

**Rise time** for a MIP is determined by the **drift time** of an electron traversing the thickness

It was found that **gain** reduction after irradiation can be **recovered** by increasing bias **voltage**

This is **easier** in **thin** detectors:  $V_{dep} \propto d^2$

See: H. Sadrozinski  
arXiv:1704.08666v4  
&  
Poster by G. Pellegrini  
(this conference)



# UFSD for timing applications

## Why low gain?

- No improvement in time resolution for  $G \geq 15$
- Shown HPK UFSD, 45  $\mu\text{m}$  thick and at 3 different T
- Jitter decreases** as G increases, while **Landau fluctuations** (non-uniform charge depositions) **saturates**

## Why thin?

While...

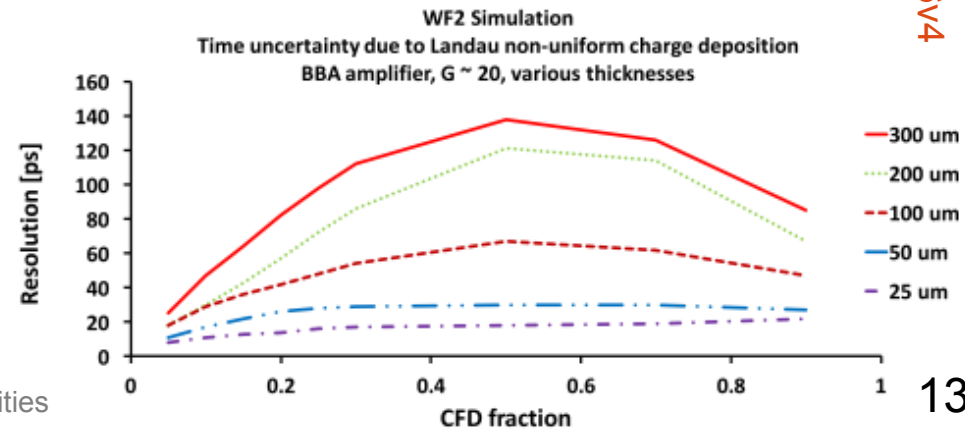
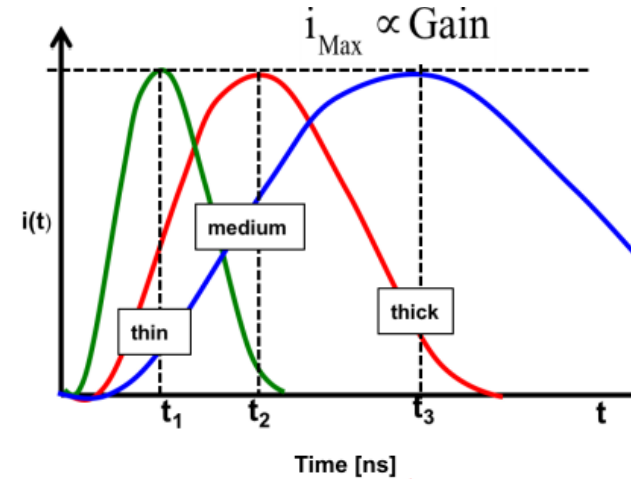
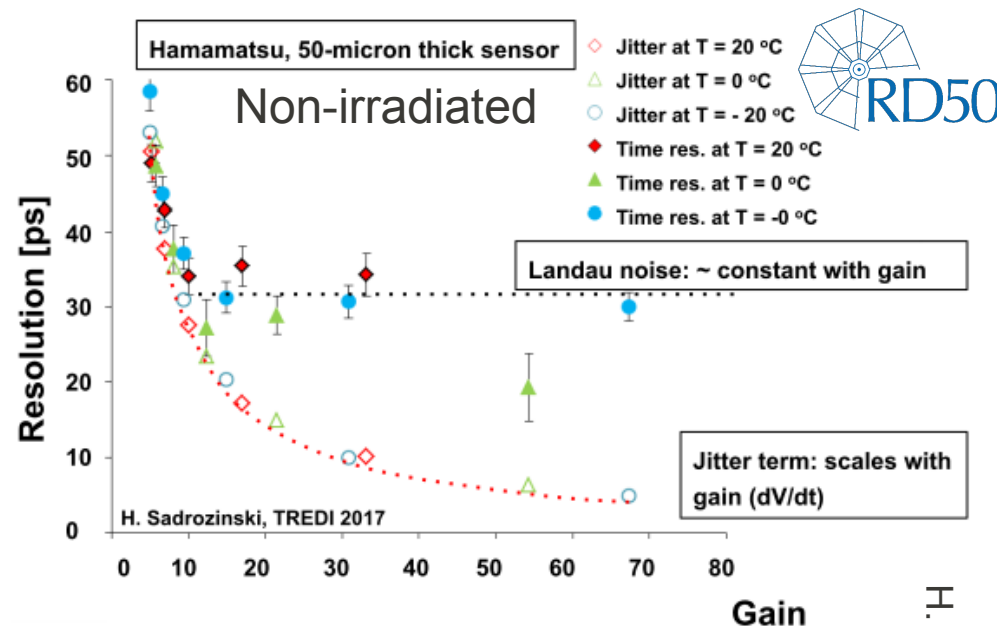
Max. signal  $I_{max} \propto n_{e-h} G q_0 v_{sat}$

Signal amplitude independent of thickness

Slew rate  $\frac{di_{gain}}{dt} \sim \frac{dV}{dt} \propto \frac{G}{d}$

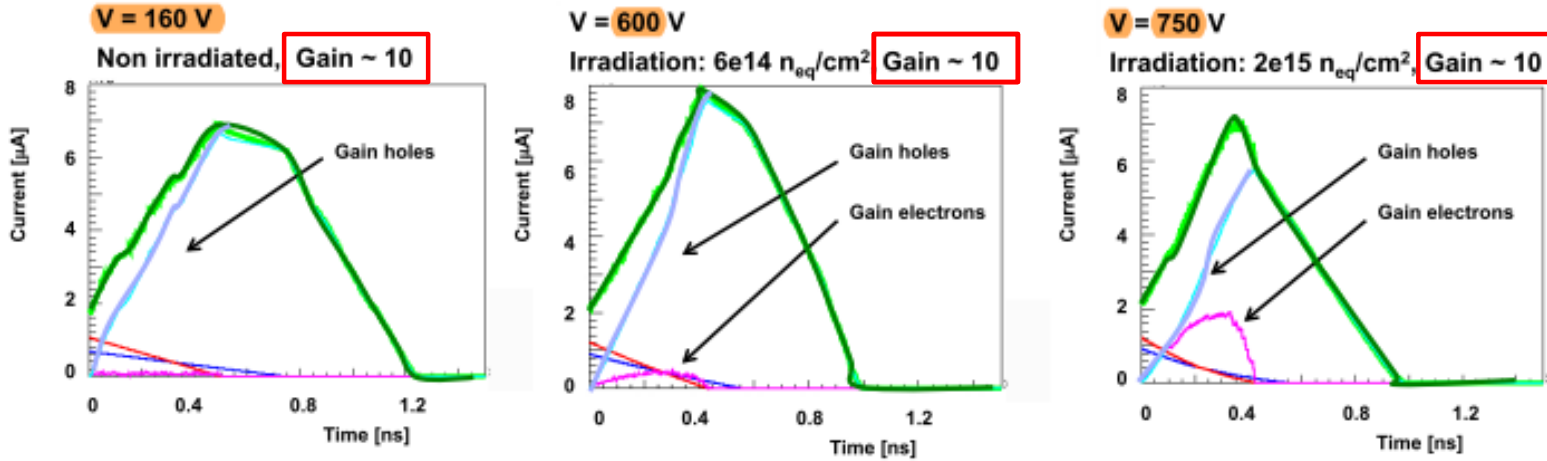
Thin is faster

- Landau noise** (due to non-uniform creation of e-h pairs along the trajectory) does **not depend on Gain** and is higher for thicker sensors



H. Sadrozinski arXiv:1704.08666v4

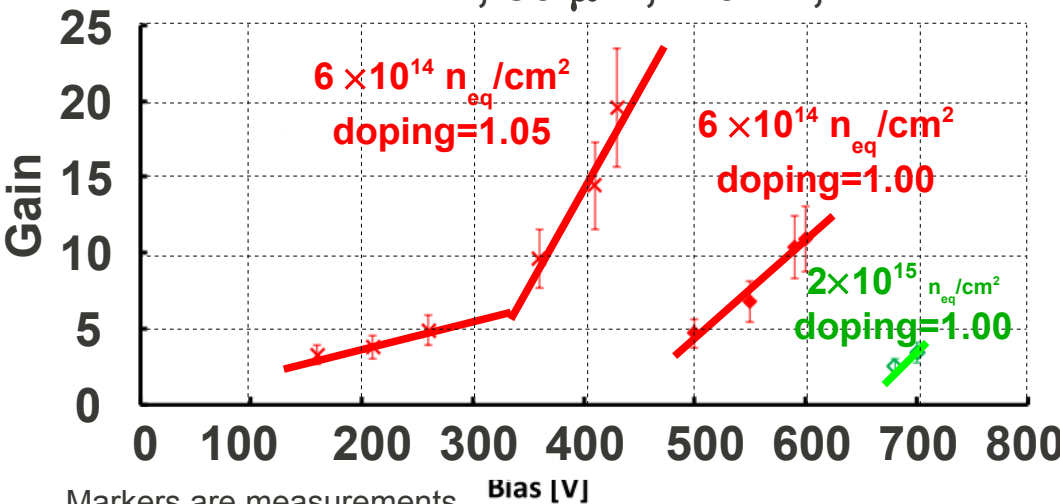
# UFSD radiation hardness



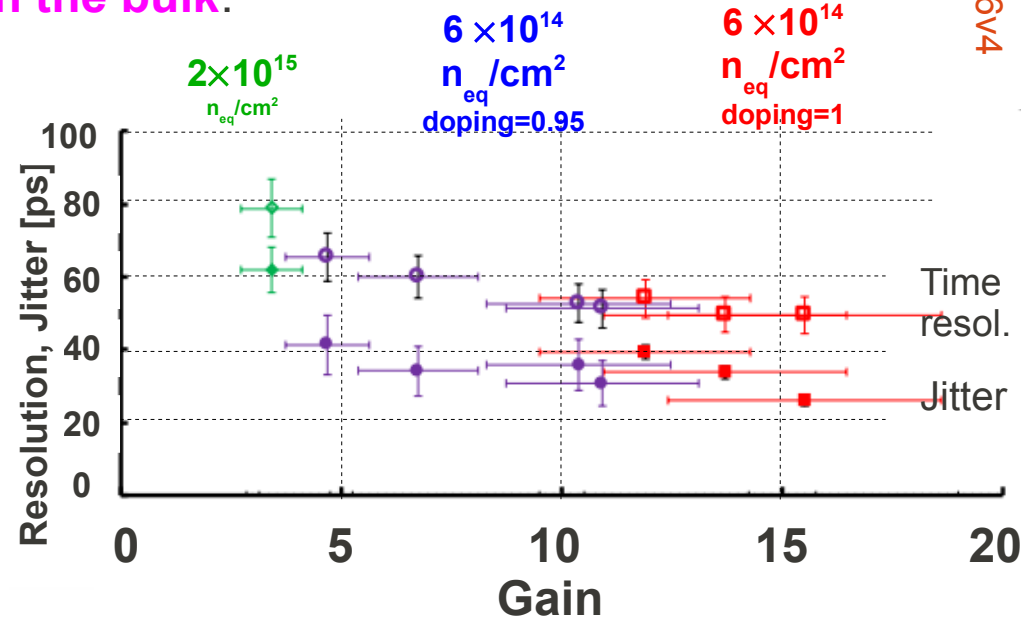
**WeightField2:**  
Gain restoration achieved via increase of bias voltage

- Because of radiation damage, multiplication layer gets deactivated but breakdown limit rises. Applied bias is enough for **CM to occur in the bulk**.

CNM, 50  $\mu\text{m}$ ,  $-20^\circ \text{C}$ ,



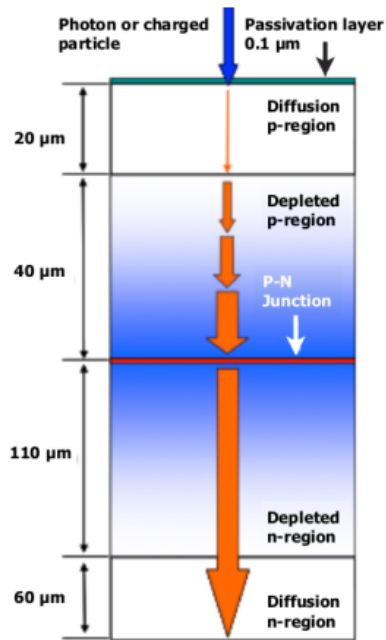
Markers are measurements  
Lines only to guide the eye



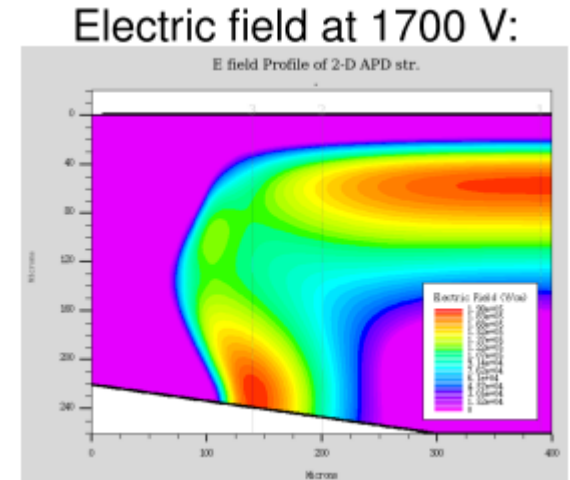
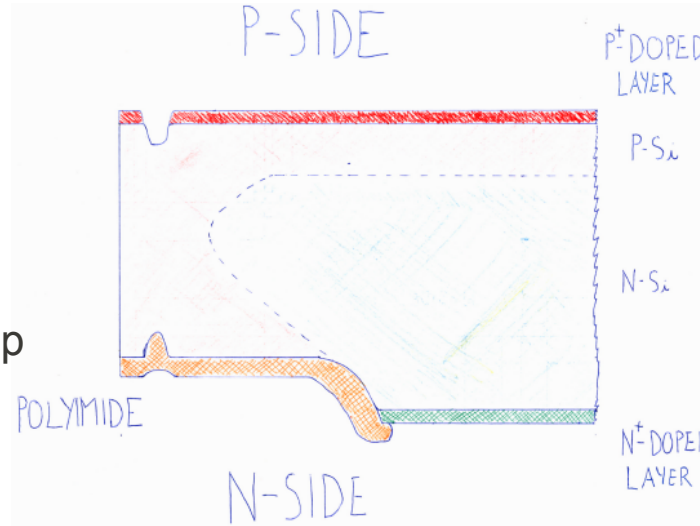
**UFSD@2017: 80 ps time resolution at  $2 \times 10^{15} \text{ neq}/\text{cm}^2$  with a gain~5**

# Deep Diffused APDs for timing

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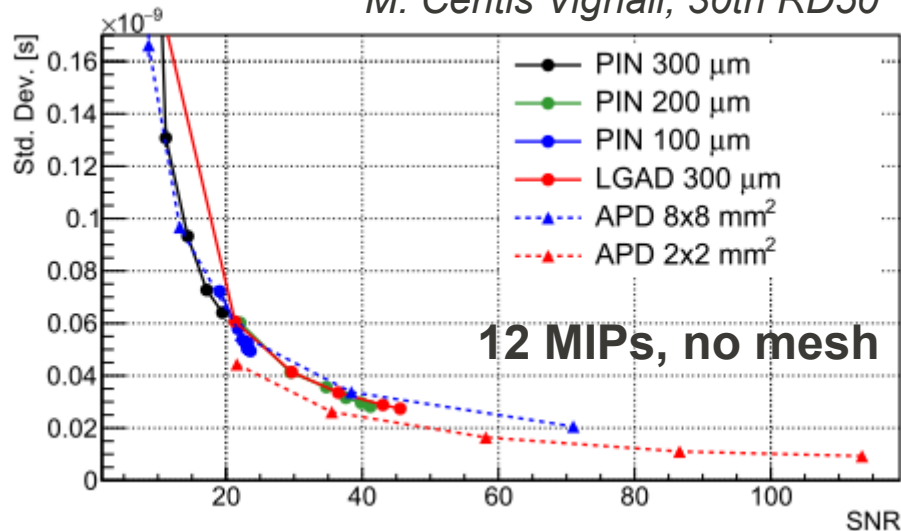


Depletion region does not touch top and bottom surfaces



TCAD simulation by R.Dalal,

M. Centis Vignali, 30th RD50

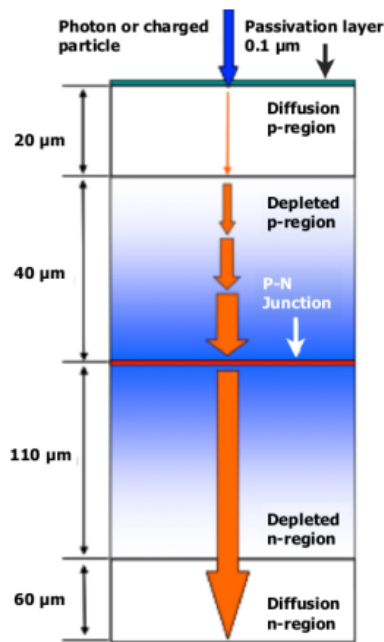


Time resolution was **improved** applying a metal mesh on top of the detector (isolated by Kapton layer)

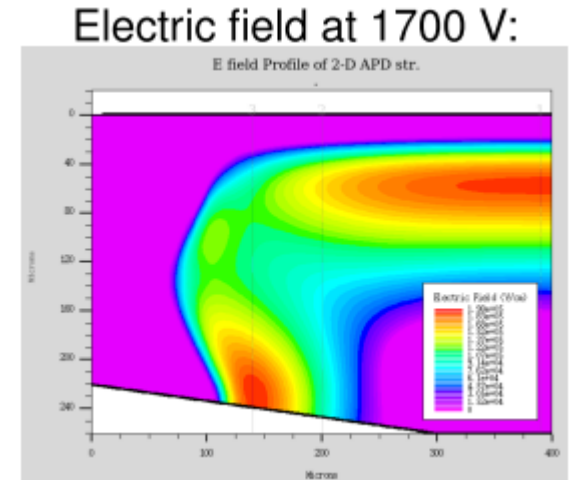
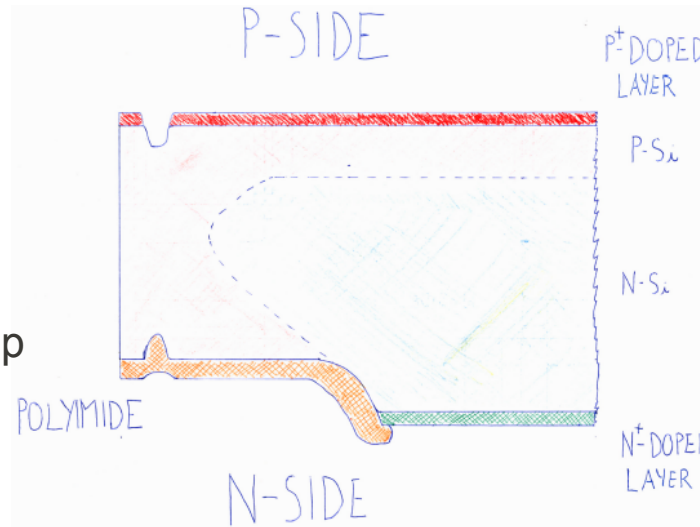
Measurements with laser show **9 ps** time resolution, for an **unirradiated** sensor operated at **1800 V**.

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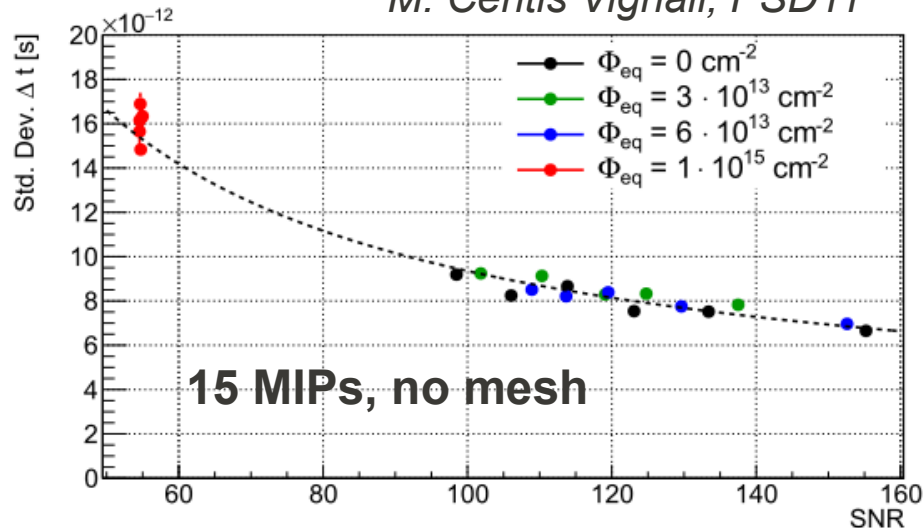


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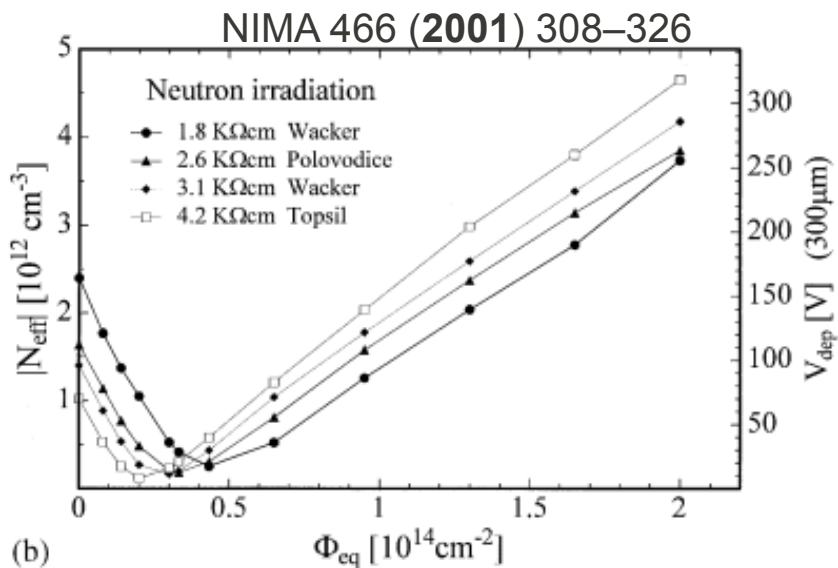


Time resolution for **irradiated** devices vs SNR, for different fluences (irradiation with **neutrons**). Measurements with laser shining **~15 MiPS**.

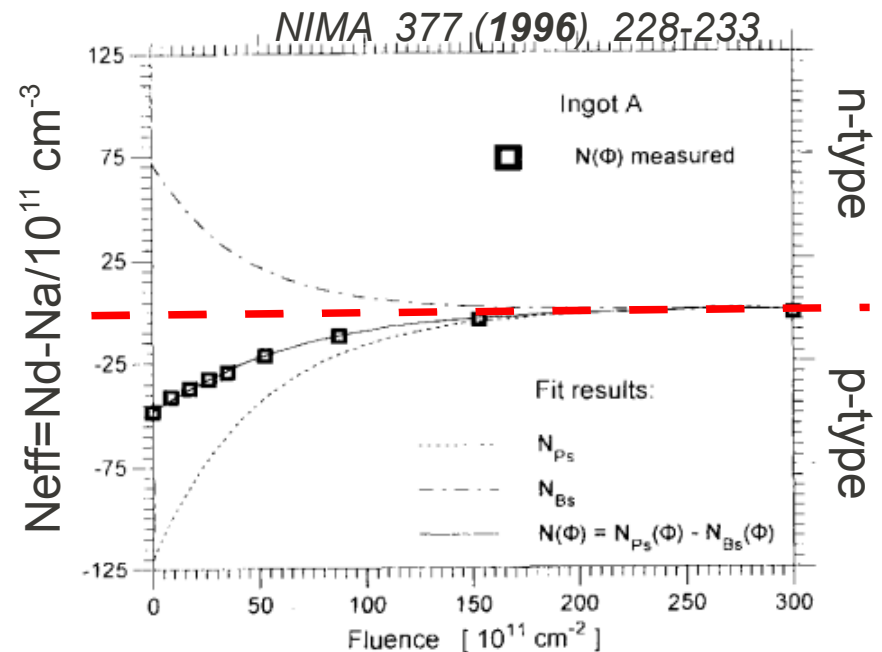
**Until  $6 \times 10^{13} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}} / \text{cm}^2$** , gain decrease by irradiation, **compensated by raising bias**. For  $1 \times 10^{15}$  maximum maximum bias (1800V) reached without signs of gain.

# Acceptor removal... with you since 1996

- **Deactivation** of acceptor **shallow** levels by radiation: **exponential** dependence on  $\Phi$
- **Donor** and **acceptor** removal after *neutron irradiation* studied during LHC construction for 1-3 k $\Omega$ .cm, **n** and **p-type** silicon.
  - Removal **happens at low fluences**  $10^{12}$ - $10^{13}$  neq/cm<sup>2</sup>
  - Donor removal **depends on initial dopant concentration**
  - Measured **higher** removal rate for **donors** than acceptor ( $C_D=2.41 \times 10^{-13}$ ,  $C_A=2 \times 10^{-13}$  cm<sup>2</sup>)



Higher initial dopant concentration leads to later “type” inversion and smaller Vdep



p-type material (compensated)  
Simultaneous acceptor & donor removal

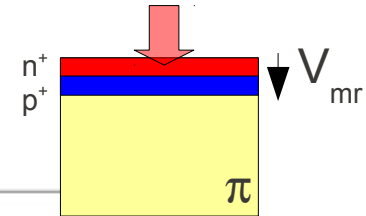
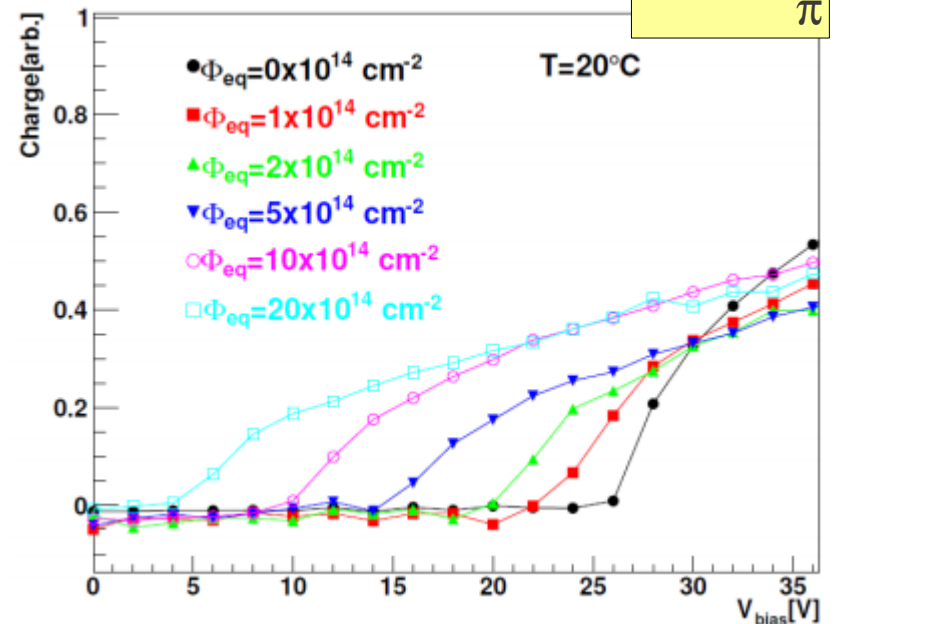
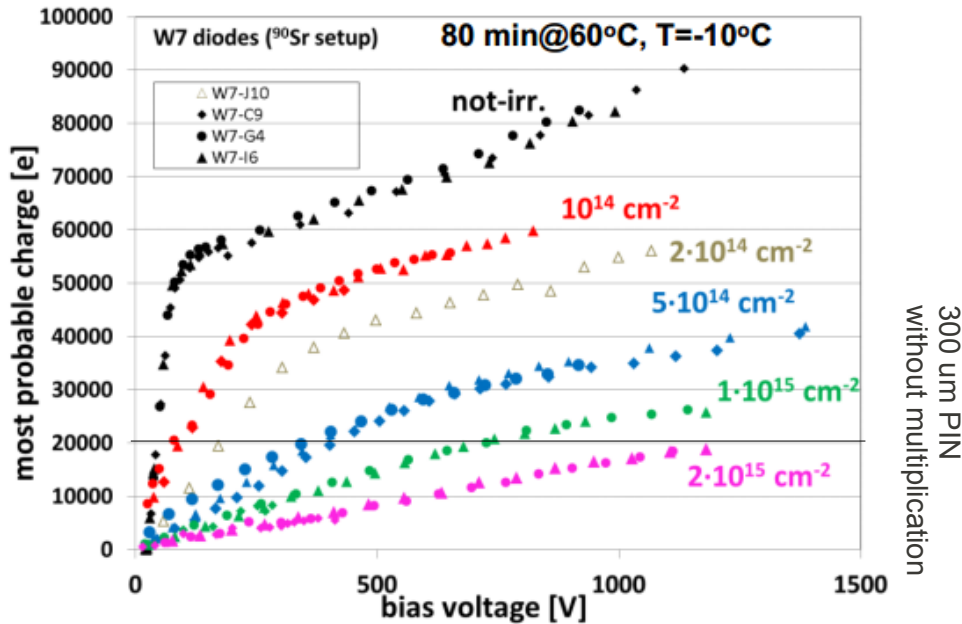


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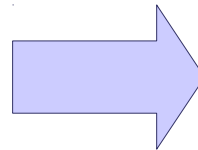
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Acceptor removal shows a:

*G. Kramberger, 24th RD50 Workshop, Bucharest, June 2014*



**Detrimental effect** for LGAD  
Observed: loss of gain



Measured reduction of voltage needed to deplete multiplication layer.  
**Reason:** reduced [B] concentration in multiplication layer.

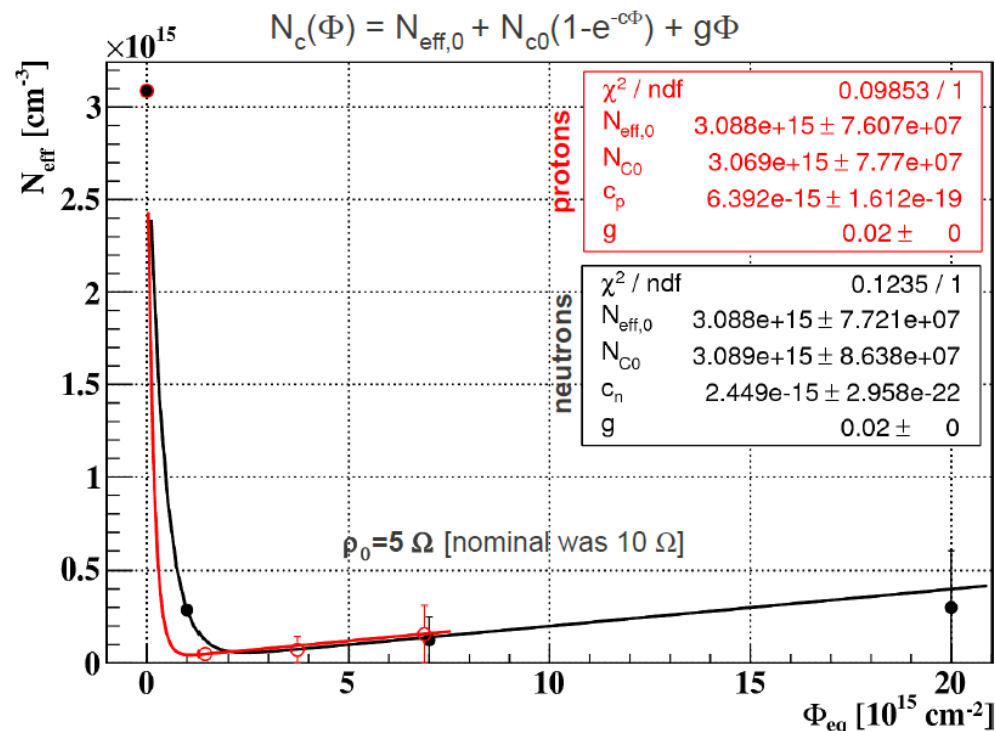
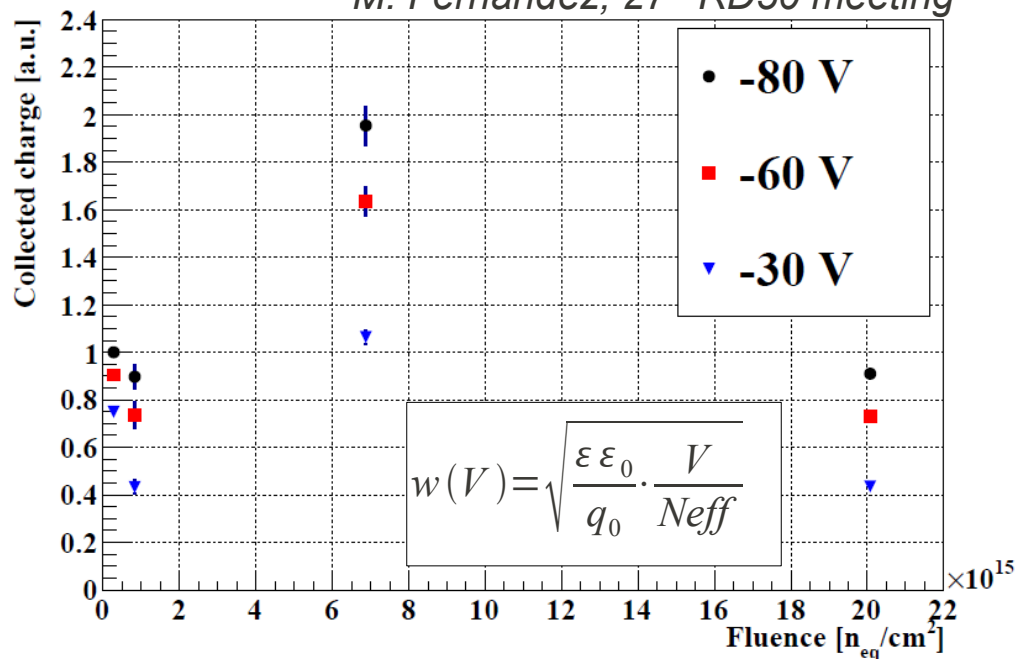
See as well  
S.Ugobono's talk

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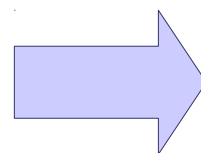
Acceptor removal shows:

*M. Fernandez, 27<sup>th</sup> RD50 meeting*



- **Beneficial effect** for low resistivity bulk of HVCMOS (CCPDv3, **10  $\Omega.cm$** )

- **Observed:** Collected charge maximum at high fluence, then decreases by trapping.



- **Reason:** reduced dopant concentration in bulk  $\rightarrow$  wider depletion region at same voltage

The fact that acceptor removal **is beneficial in low resistivity** bulk does not imply that the total collected charge is going to be higher than in High Resistivity-HVCMOS.

CC depends on resistivity, thickness and maximum voltage that can be applied.



# Acceptor removal

- Within **RD50**, **systematic** study being conducted (**CiS campaign**) using a large number of identical sensors but varying thickness, doping and material type.
- Neutron ( $1e13-1e16$ ) and proton irradiations ( $1e11-7e15$ ) underway.  
Sensor characterization:  
IV/CV analysis, TCT/edge-TCT, TSC  
Annealing studies after irradiation

## Thin epitaxial sensors: acc. **removal observed**

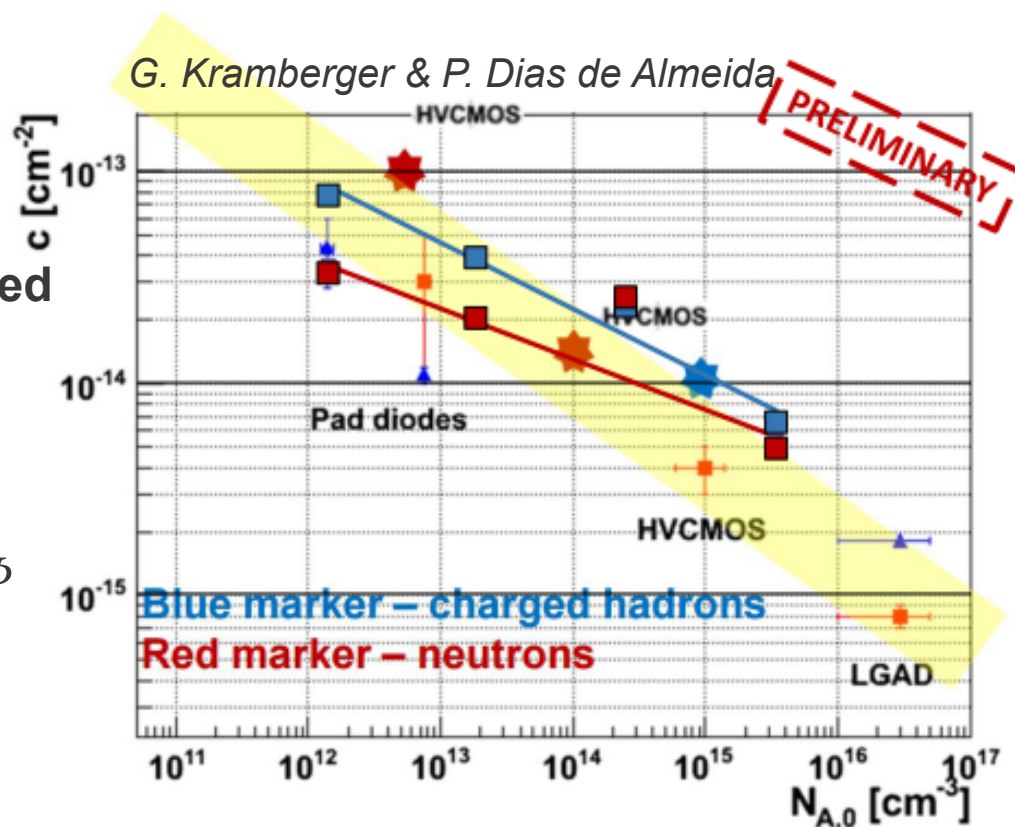
Results from electrical characterizations of proton and neutron irradiated devices agree with other recent results

$$N_{eff}(\Phi) = N_{eff,0} - \underbrace{N_C(1 - \exp(-c\Phi))}_{\text{removal}} + g_c \Phi$$

**Higher** removal constant “c” for **higher** resistivity materials. Removal will happen in the **first**  $10^{13}-10^{14} \text{ n}_{eq}/\text{cm}^2$ . In detectors with initial **lower resistivity**, **beneficial** effects are seen **at higher** fluence.

*P. Dias de Almeida, 30<sup>th</sup> RD50*

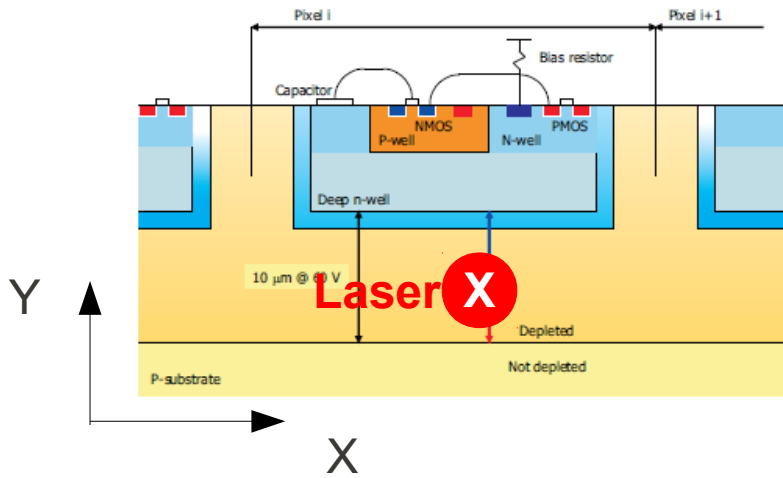
Material	Resistivity [ $\Omega \text{ cm}$ ]	Thickness [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]
Cz	10	50 – 150
MCz	>2000	50 – 200
FZ	>10000	100 – 285
EPI	10 – 1000	50 – 100



Higher resistivity

Lower resistivity

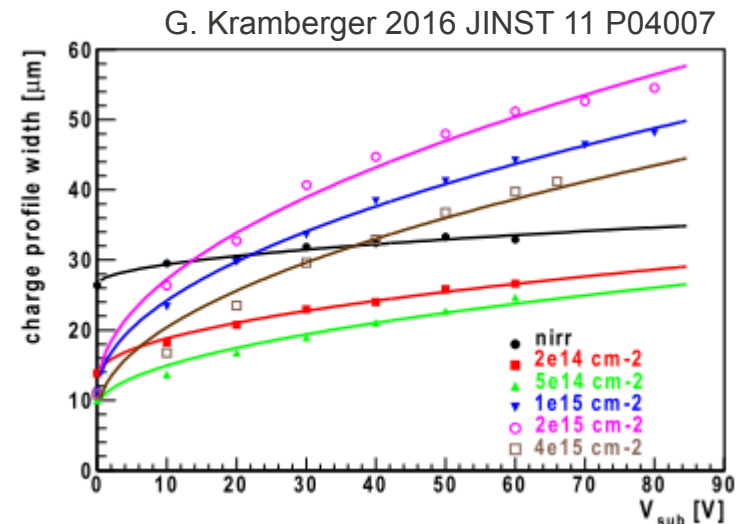
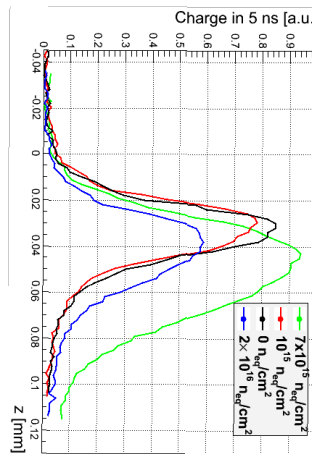
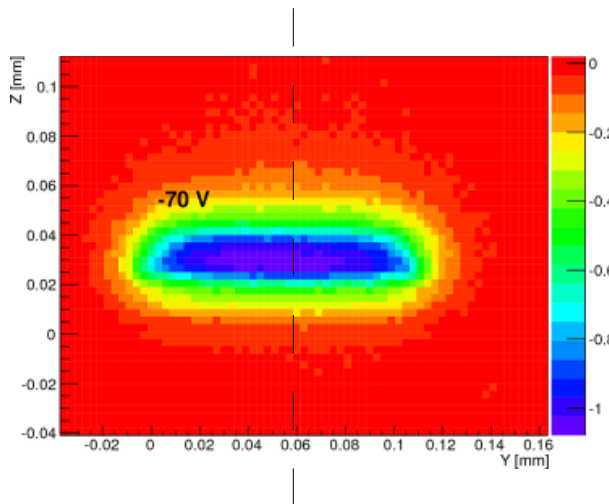
# HVCMOS: material characterization



- Material properties of different HV/HR-CMOS coming from different producers are of most interest for RD50.

- When possible, **passive structures** (no nMOS/pMOS electronics) are measured directly. The current induced “at the DNW” is directly readout via a current amplifier.

- For an edge-TCT scan, raster scan in XY coordinates. Charge collection maps allow to identify the structure as a function of voltage too.

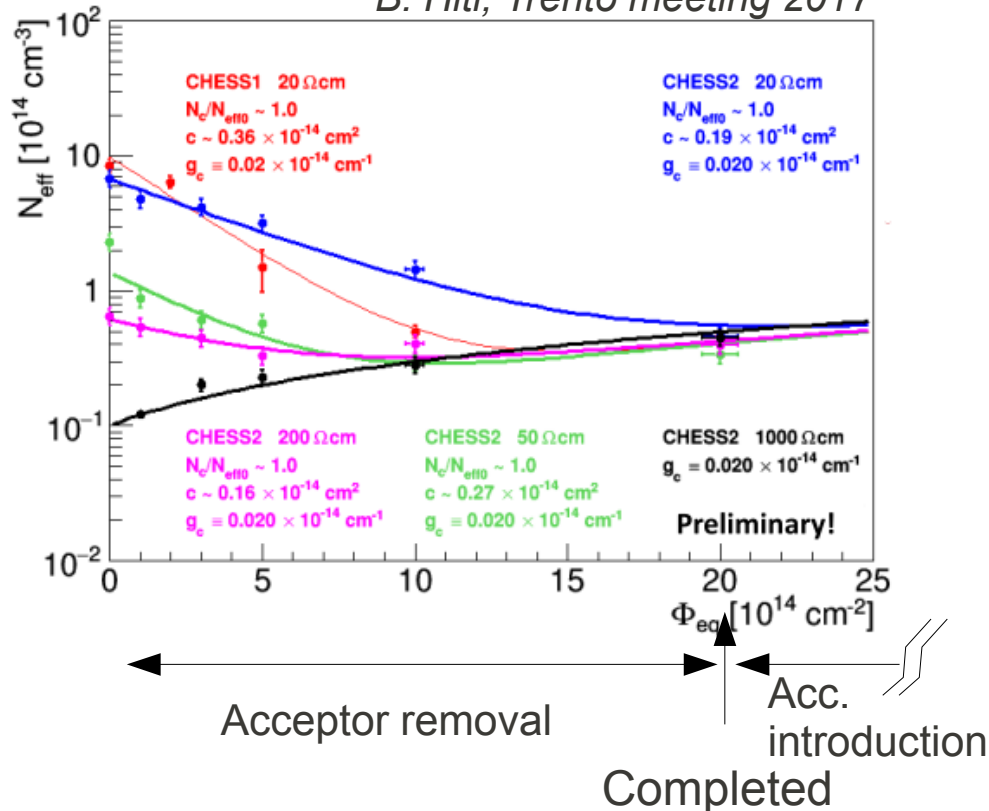


$$w(V) = \sqrt{\frac{2 \epsilon \epsilon_0 V_{bias}}{q N_{eff}}}$$

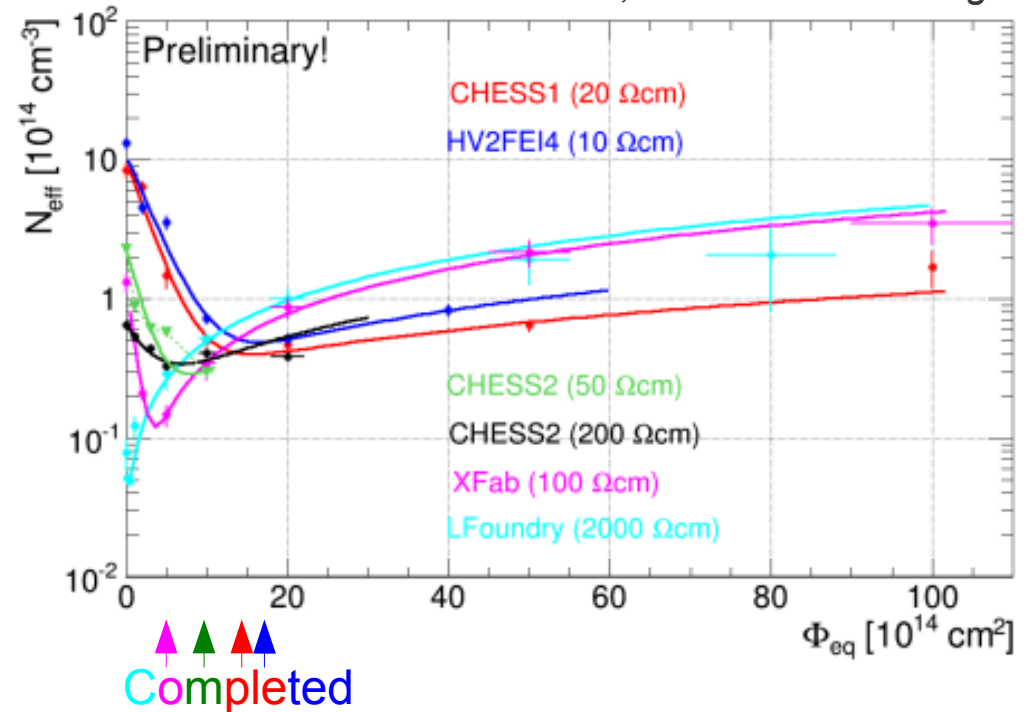
# HVCMOS: acceptor removal

- In the next 3 slides showing results of devices from 3 different foundries:
  - AMS (10,20  $\Omega$ .cm)** → ATLAS CMOS Strip collaboration
  - X-FAB (100  $\Omega$ .cm), LFoundry (10-1000  $\Omega$ .cm)** → ATLAS CMOS pixel collaboration
- Illustrating: acceptor removal, charge collection and front/backplane biasing

B. Hiti, Trento meeting 2017



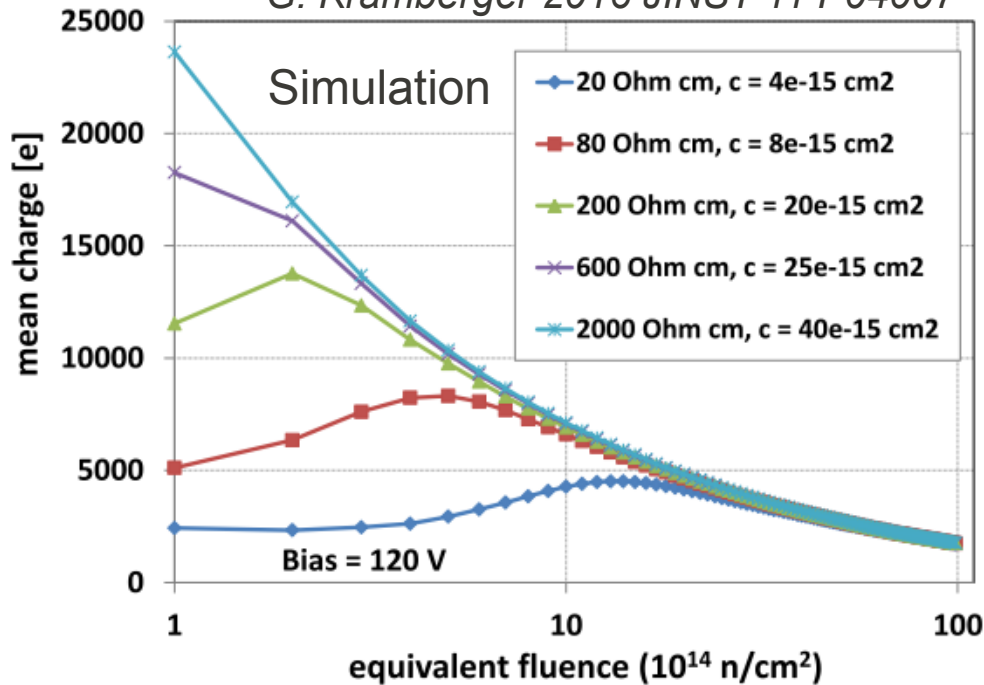
I. Mandic, 29th RD50 meeting



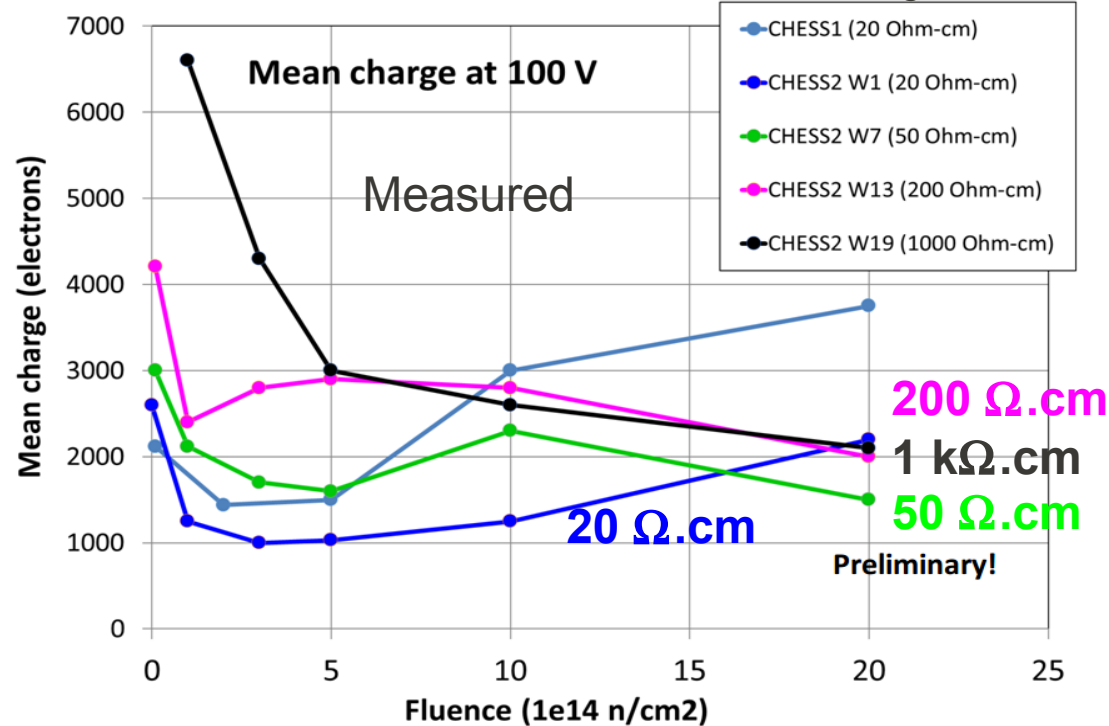
- Since the removal constant is not the same for all resistivities, the **point of complete removal** happens at **different fluences**. From there on, acceptor introduction is common to all devices and  $N_{eff}(\Phi)$  curves grow **parallel**.

# HVCMOS: Charge Collection Efficiency

G. Kramberger 2016 JINST 11 P04007



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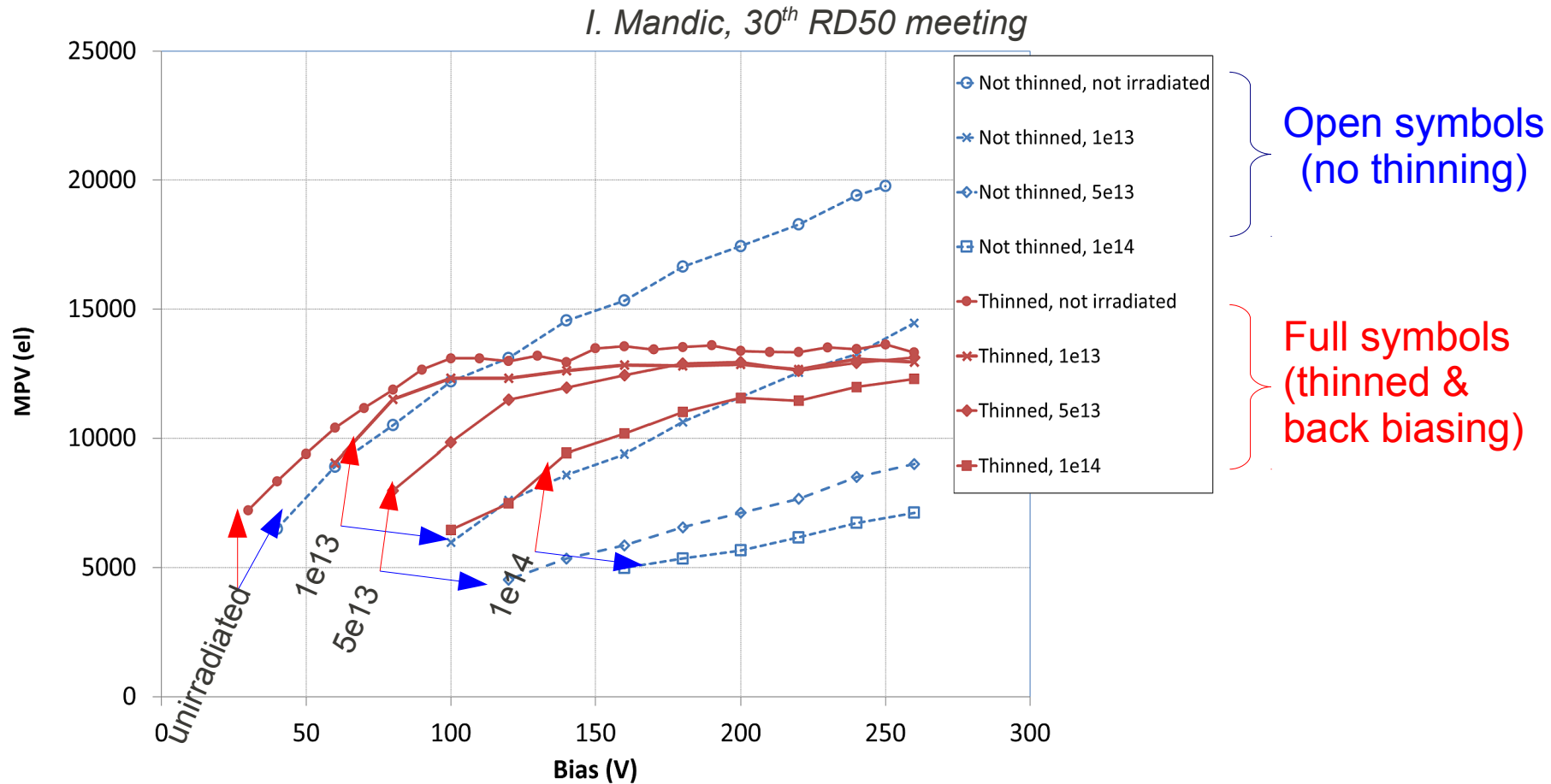


- Simple simulation of a large pad of HVCMOS detector of different substrate resistivities. In first order, CC expected to be very similar after donor removal (same  $N_{eff}$  → same  $w(V)$  → same CC ).

- Qualitative agreement to measurements of CHES2 devices (AMS H35).
- **Higher resistivity favoured:** collects more at low fluences.

- Due to the interplay of Acc. Rem. and donor creation it seems **possible to find a resistivity where charge is not degraded for the full fluence range**

# HVCMOS: front versus back biasing



ATLAS LFoundry demonstrator: 150 nm HR-CMOS (>2 kΩ.cm),  $V_{BD} = 175-400$  V

**Higher collected charge** (using Sr90 source + CSA 25 ns integration) measured for **backside bias & thinned detector** versus thick sensor (same active thickness) & front biasing.



# RD50 HV-CMOS submission in LFoundry 150 nm

RD50 submission chip to LFoundry.

**Goals:** Improve timing resolution of HVCMOS sensors, new sensor cross sections and stitching options

Three timing matrices:

Matrix 1: Time stamp determination via sampling of raising edge

Matrix 2: In pixel-TDC for leading and trailing edge capture

Matrix 3: Very fast amplifier to recover BL voltage after  $< 2$  Bxs

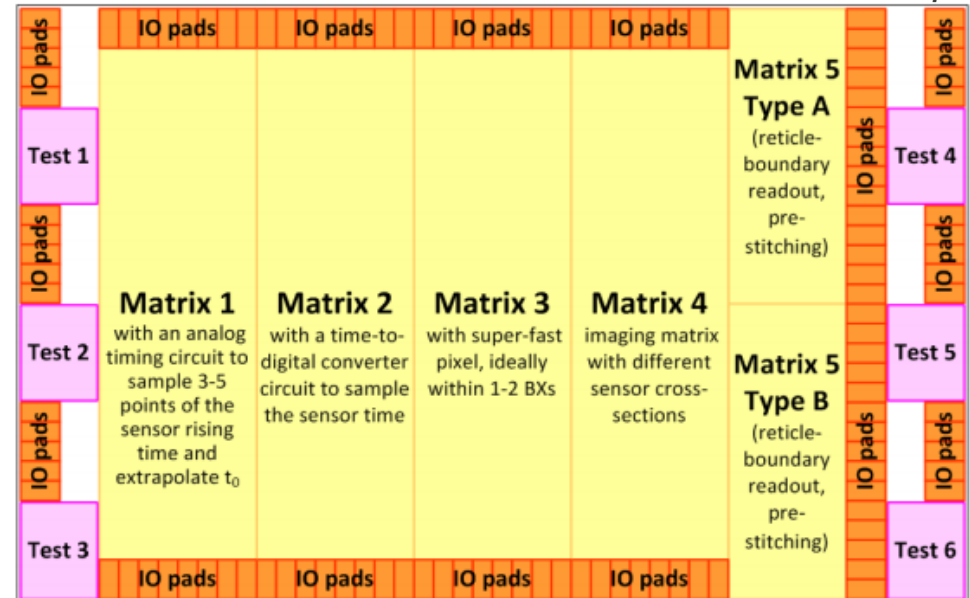
Matrix 4: new sensor cross section

Matrix 5: pre-stitching options (increase the device area beyond the reticle size limitation).

+ Test structures:

For instance for optical TCT/e-TCT measurements

*E. Vilella, 30<sup>th</sup> RD50 workshop*



Lfoundry features:  $< 120$  V,  $\rho \sim 10\text{-}4\text{k } \Omega\cdot\text{cm}$  ( $\leq 170 \mu\text{m}$ ), Quadruple PN wells, backside biasing & stitching

**MPW to be sent by next submission round: November 2017**

# Summary

Activity in RD50 organized around several workgroups including, defect studies, new sensor technologies, TCAD and fast simulators, new characterization techniques,...

**Close link to R&D foundries** (CNM-IMB Barcelona, FBK- Trento) **and commercial companies** (CIS, Micron,...) allow for fast and efficient development of new sensor concepts.

RD50 keeps **close links to the LHC experiments**. Most of groups in RD50 are part of ATLAS, CMS or LHCb.

Some **hot-topics** are actively studied in RD50: **acceptor removal**, detectors with **gain**, **timing** in Silicon, to mention some.

**RD50 co-funds** “common projects” involving several RD50 institutes targeting a specific R&D question (thin LGADs, 3D for HL-LHC, Ga doping of LGAD, TPA-TCT, RD50 common Test Beam, RD50 CMOS submission).

Some of the **most important** contributions **triggered by RD50** collaboration towards the upgrade of LHC: *p-type silicon, double column 3D detectors, radiation damage models for TCAD simulations, radiation damage models for experiments operation, fast timing in Si, new characterization techniques...*

## **NEXT CHALLENGE: The FCC**



## 28<sup>th</sup> RD50 meeting Torino (2016)



## Coffee break



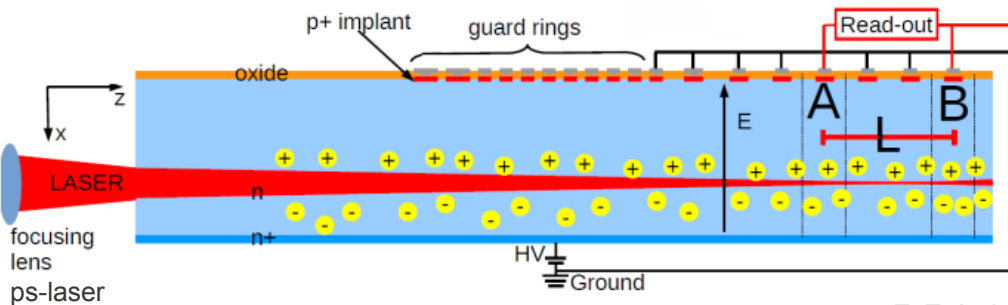
## 30<sup>th</sup> RD50 meeting Krakow (2017)



**+ information**

# Workgroup 2: development of new measuring techniques

## edge-TCT

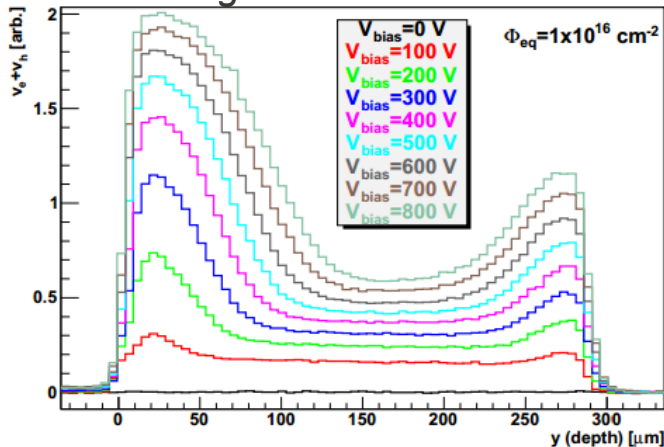


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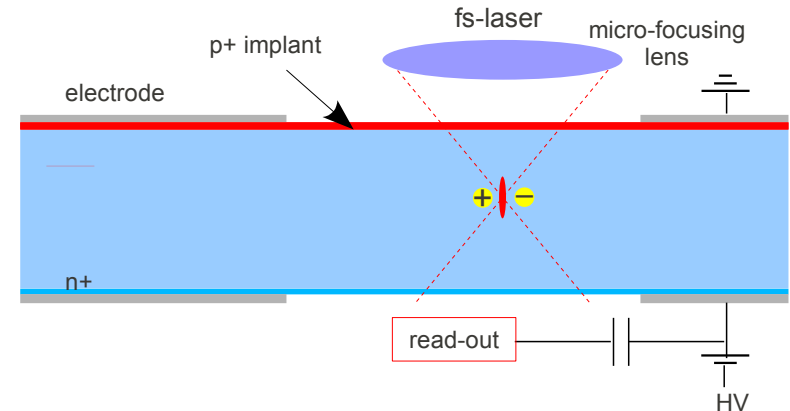
**TCT** (Transient Current Technique): resolves movement of carriers and gives information on the electric field of the detector.

In **edge-TCT** (G. Kramerberger et al) an IR beam is injected from the side of the detector. Detector can be probed as a function of depth. Continuous carrier trail along beam.

G. Kramerberger 2014 JINST 9 P10016



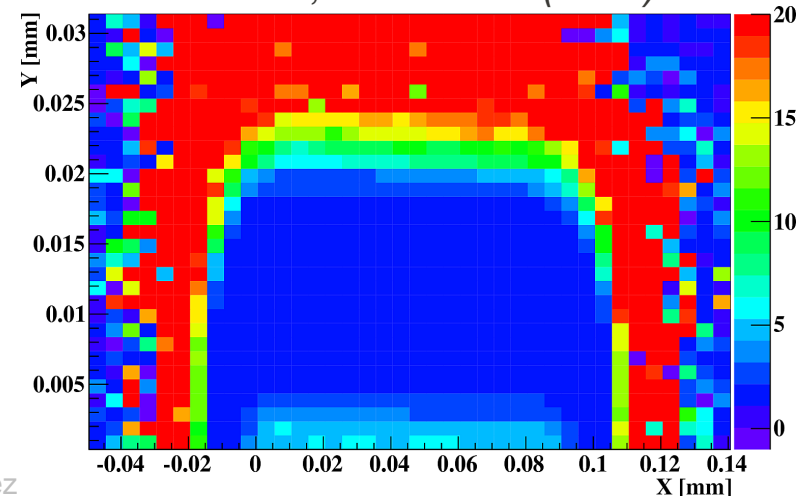
## TPA-TCT



**TPA**(Two Photon Absorption)-TCT provides a “**point-like**” carrier generation volume: 3D spatial resolution

It uses strong microfocusing of a **sub-bandgap** laser to excite **non-linear** effects in Si.

M.Fernandez, NIM A 845 (2017) 69–71



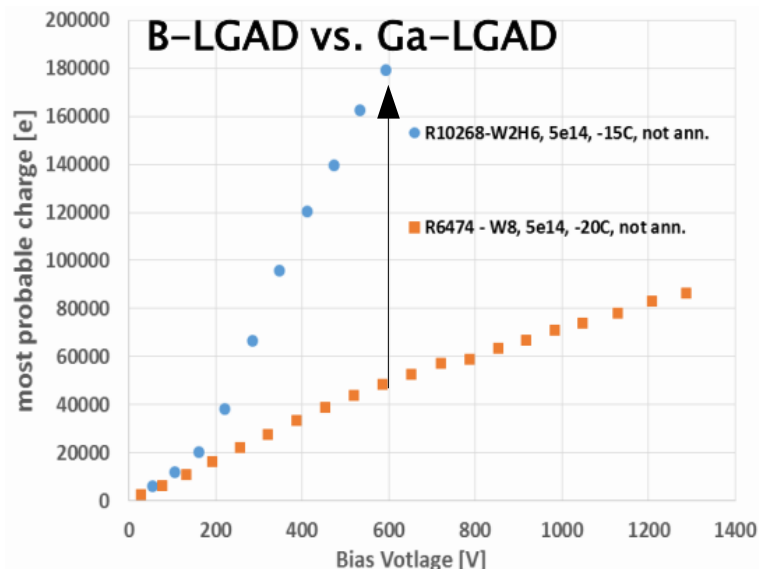
**Acceptor removal mitigation tests  
Ga-doped and C-sprayed LGADs**



# Radiation hardness of Ga-doped LGAD

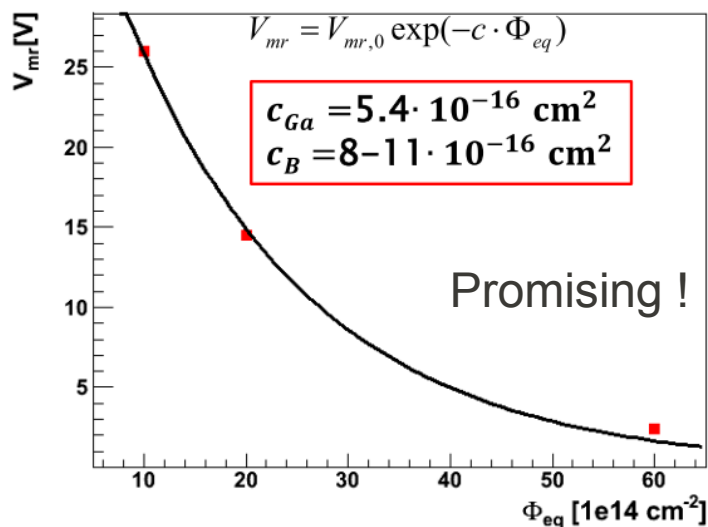
G. Pellegrini, 30<sup>th</sup> RD50 meeting, Krakow

G. Kramberger, 30<sup>th</sup> RD50 meeting, Krakow



CNM run 10628, with 4 different gains, 285 um thick. Premature break before multiplication layer has been depleted. But once they are irradiated, devices work!

Up to **x3 increase of collected charge** with Ga-doped **after 5e14 and 1e15**, compared to “standard” B-doped LGADs. Up to **x2 for 2e15**



Smaller removal constant – **about twice smaller than in B doped devices**

Production of **thin Ga-LGADs** as RD50 project

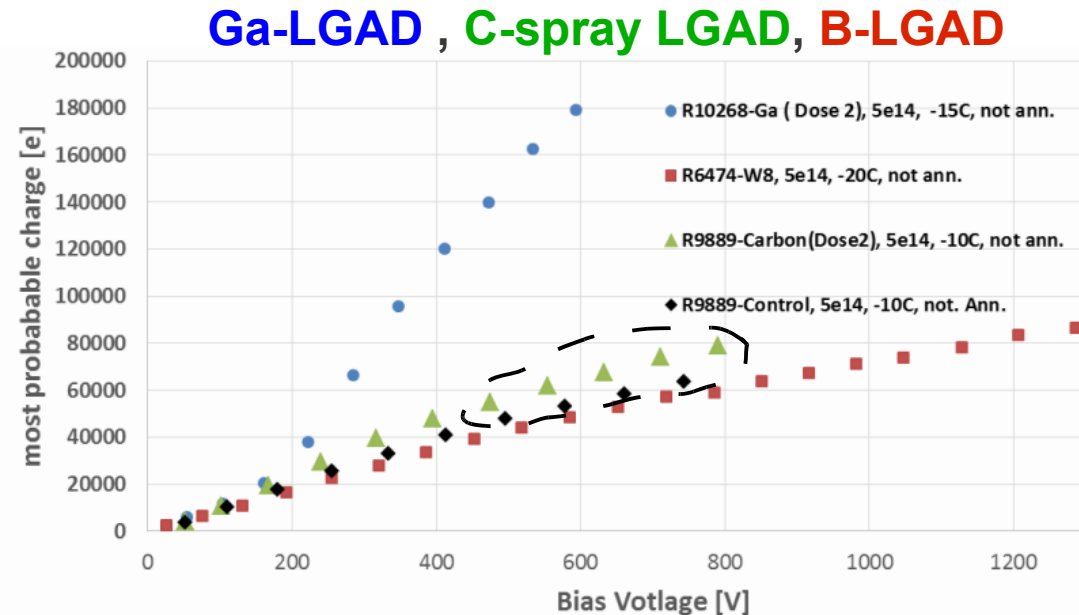
# LGADs with C-spray

G. Pellegrini, 30<sup>th</sup> RD50 meeting, Krakow  
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CNM run 9889

B and C compete for interstitials

Less I's available → lower probability of B-removal by:



Improvement is small ~20%  
but this may depend on the  
concentration of sprayed C in  
B implant

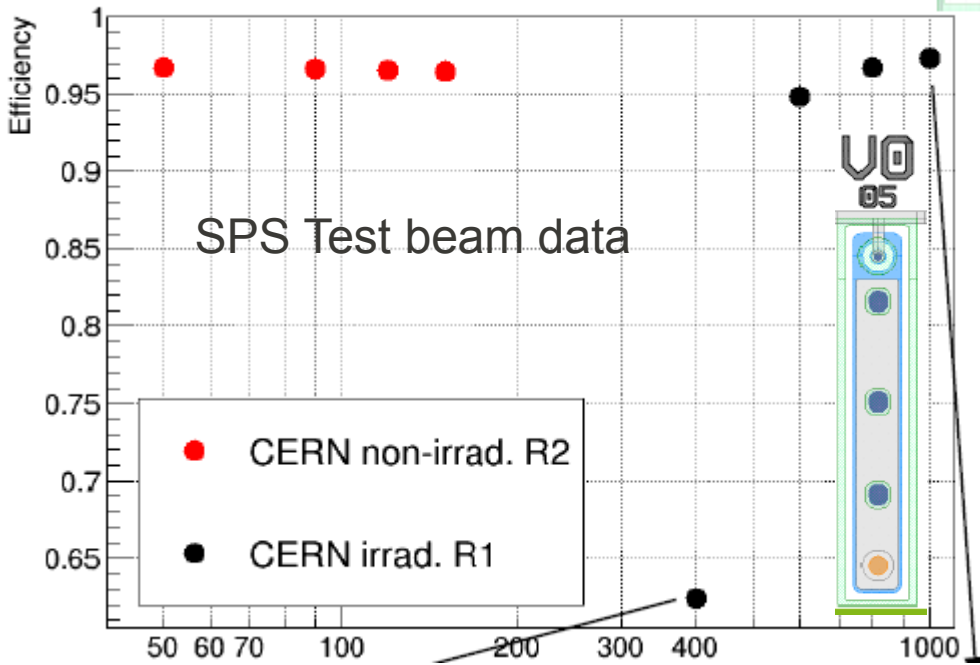
300 μm high resistivity p-type wafers

Carbon can reduce the Boron and Phosphorus diffusion. Because of that variation, 5 Pwell imp. doses have been used

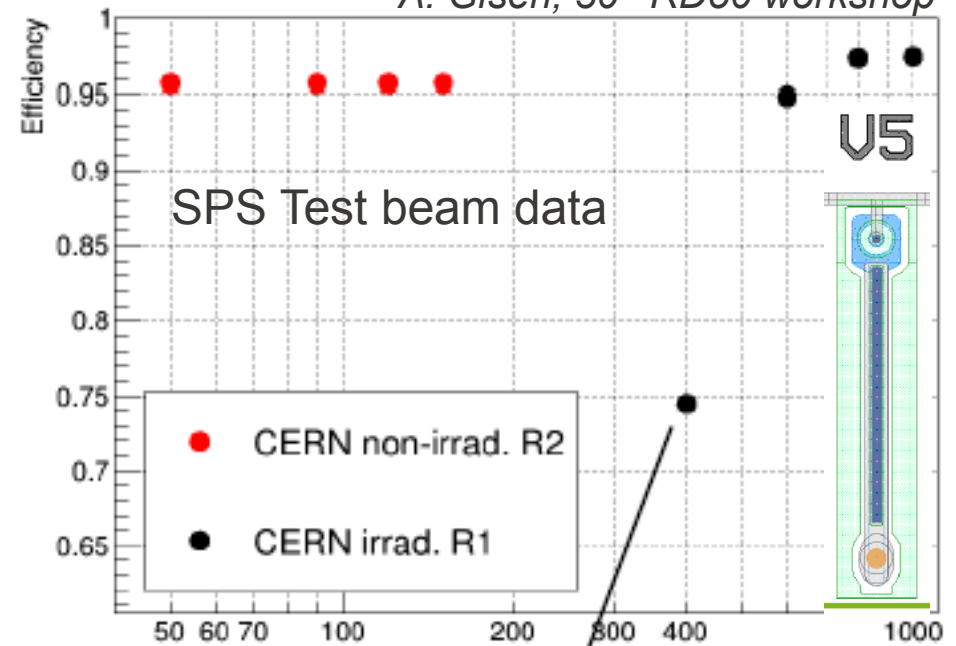
# Study of new ATLAS pixel implantations

Six modified IBL (FEI4) pixel designs investigated. Identified one with best performance in terms of MPV/ToT, efficiency at lower voltages and up to  $5e15$  neq/cm<sup>2</sup>. Slightly higher leakage current for the new design

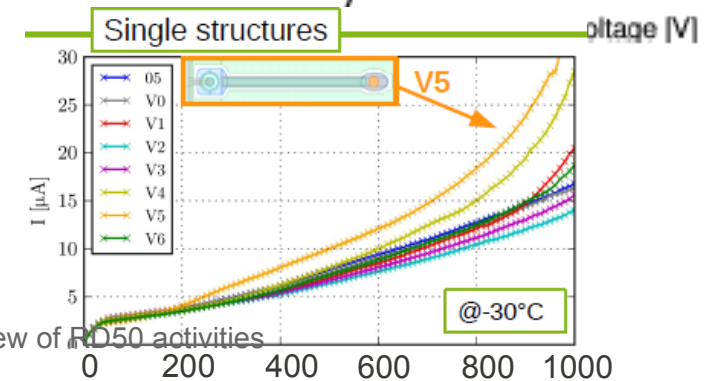
Efficiency Standard Pixel



A. Gisen, 30<sup>th</sup> RD50 workshop



New production, based on v5 with some modifications expected by mid-October 2017.

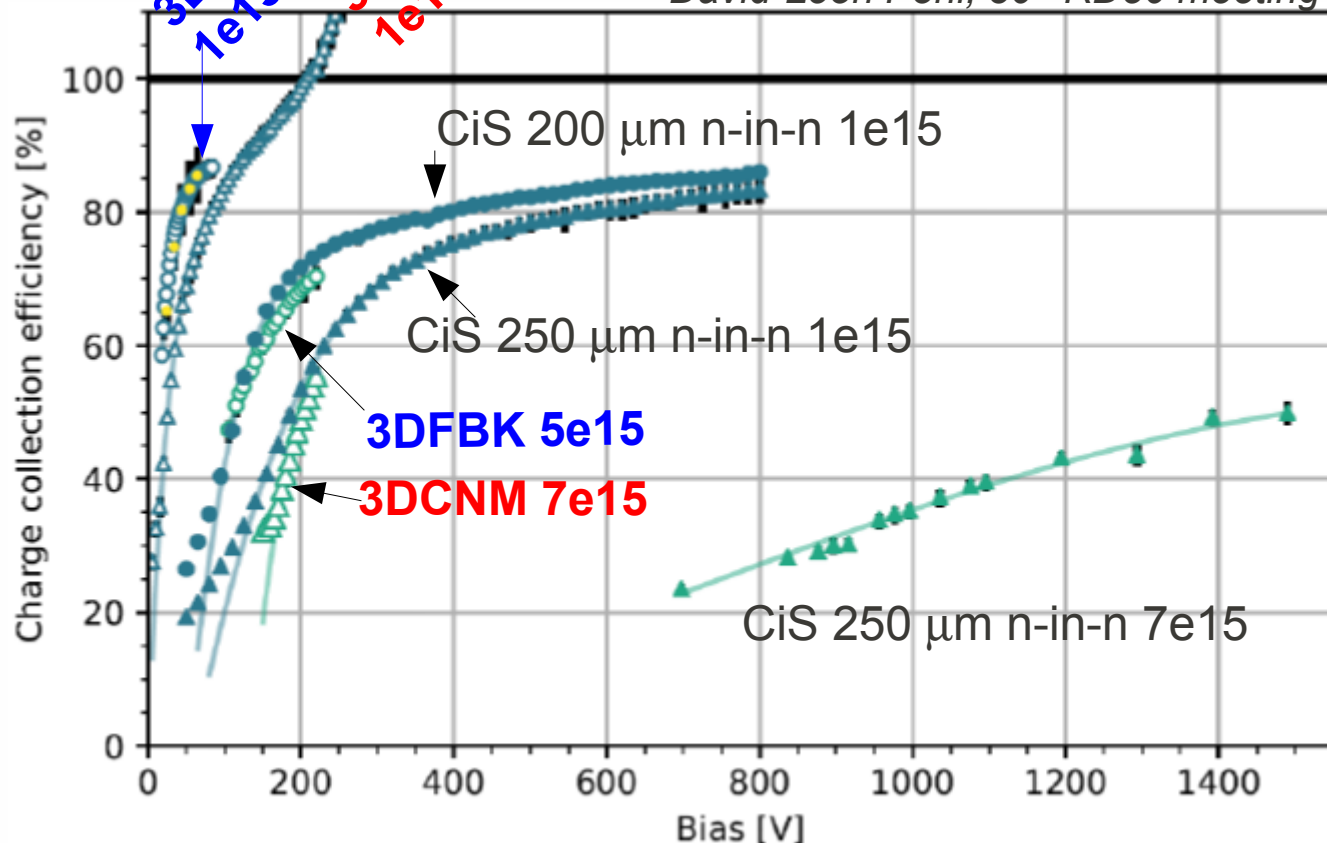




# **Radiation hardness of 3D detectors**

# 3D and planar for ATLAS pixel upgrade

David-Leon Pohl, 30<sup>th</sup> RD50 meeting



Full symbols, CiS planar, n-on-n  
Open symbols: 3D, n-on-p  
Lines: simulations  
Detectors from IBL production  
[Fluences in  $n_{eq}/cm^2$ ]

Using ATLAS FE-I4, Sr90, 24 MeV protons  
CCE(200 μm, planar) > CCE(250 μm, planar)  
7e15: 50 % CCE reached for planar at >1400 V  
50 % CCE reached for 3D at 200 V

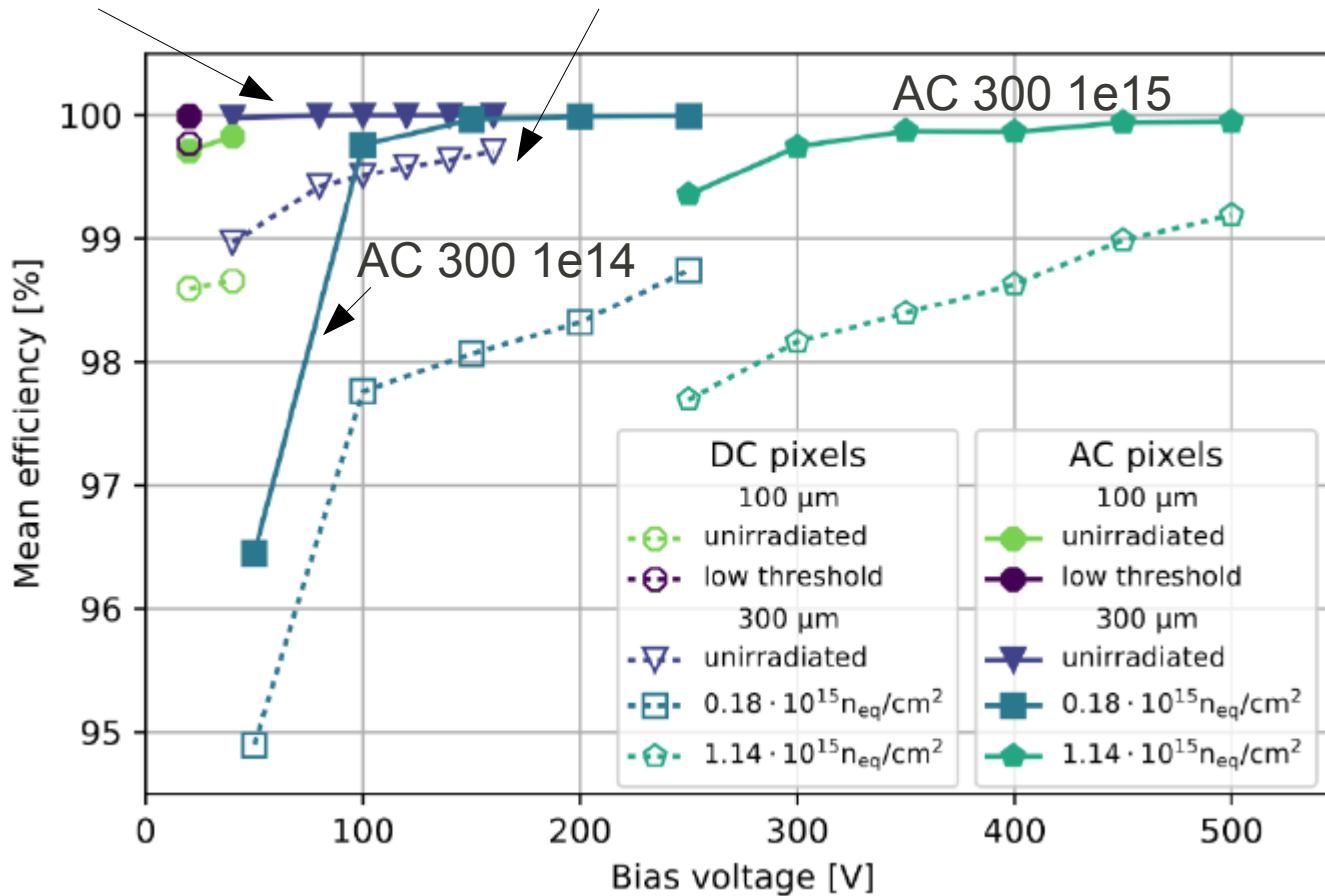
**Special effort done** in comparing data with **simulations**. New open-tools developed:

SourceSim for RS simulations  
SCARCE: for CCE studies

Some parameters (Neff, trapping) obtained from fits of simulation to data

# Passive CMOS for ATLAS pixel upgrade

AC 300 non-irradiated      DC 300 non-irradiated

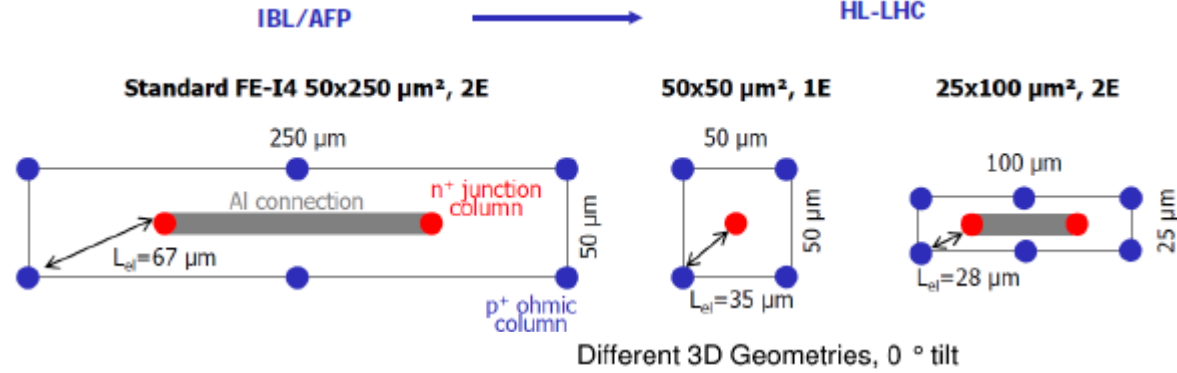


Rounded open: DC 100 μm  
 Not open DC: 300 μm  
 Rounded full AC: 100 μm  
 Remaining full AC: 300 μm

LFoundry 150 nm CMOS, 4 kΩ.cm, 100/300 μm  
 AC coupling improves efficiency due to missing bias dot  
 Efficiency=99.97 AC pixels, 99.2% DC pixels

# Radiation hardness of small-pitch 3D pixel sensors up to HL-LHC fluences, J. Lange

Radiation hardness of 3D pixel sensors with small pixel sizes of  $50 \times 50 \mu\text{m}^2$  (this work) and  $25 \times 100 \mu\text{m}^2$  (Esteban) produced by CNM Barcelona (run 7781, RD50) tested up to HL-LHC fluences

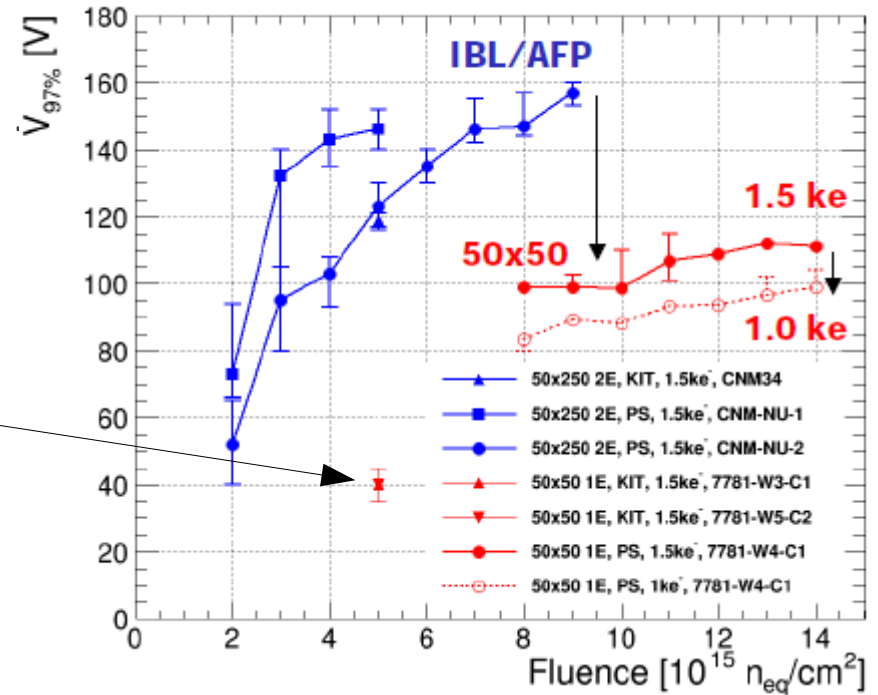


Proton irradiation campaigns:

- 1) KIT, uniform, 23 MeV,  $5 \times 10^{15} n_{eq}/\text{cm}^2$
- 2) CERN-PS, non-uniform, 23 GeV p,  $1.4 \times 10^{16} n_{eq}/\text{cm}^2$

Benchmark efficiency of 97% reached at lower bias voltages than IBL sensors:

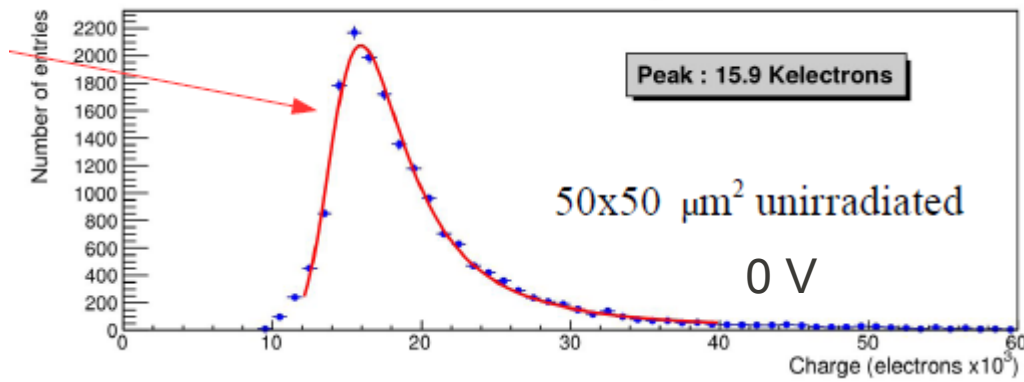
- 40 V at  $5 \times 10^{15} n_{eq}/\text{cm}^2$  ( $-25^\circ\text{C}$ )
- 100 V at  $1.4 \times 10^{16} n_{eq}/\text{cm}^2$  ( $-25^\circ\text{C}$ )



Power dissipation can be kept at low levels of  $1.5 \text{ mW}/\text{cm}^2$  at  $5 \times 10^{15} n_{eq}/\text{cm}^2$  (40 V, 97% eff,  $-25^\circ\text{C}$ ) and  $13 \text{ mW}/\text{cm}^2$  at  $1.4 \times 10^{16} n_{eq}/\text{cm}^2$  (100 V, 97%eff,  $-25^\circ\text{C}$ )

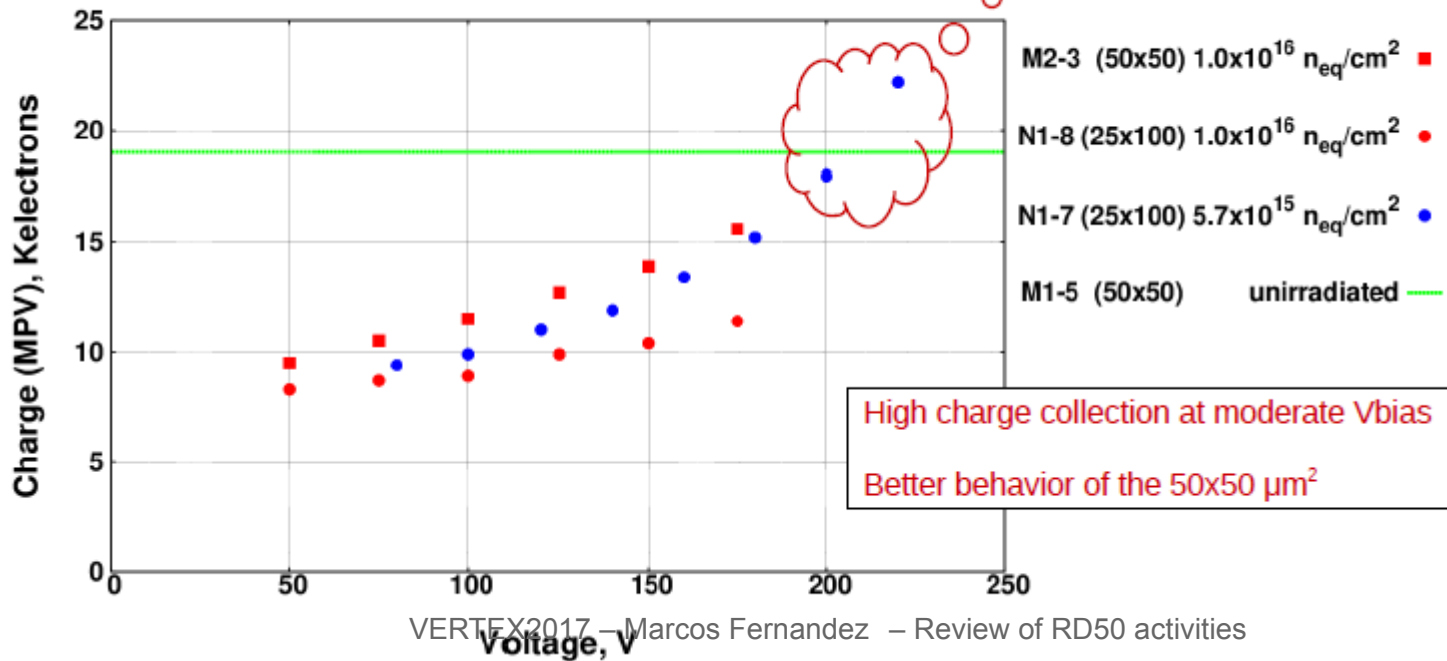
RS and TB measurements of 3D sensors (50x50 and 25x100 cell size, 1E configuration) in strip configuration readout by Alibava. Run 7781, RD50 run, same as IFAE

Unirradiated  $V_{dep} \sim 5V$ . Here, 15 ke at 0V!



Proton irradiation SPS

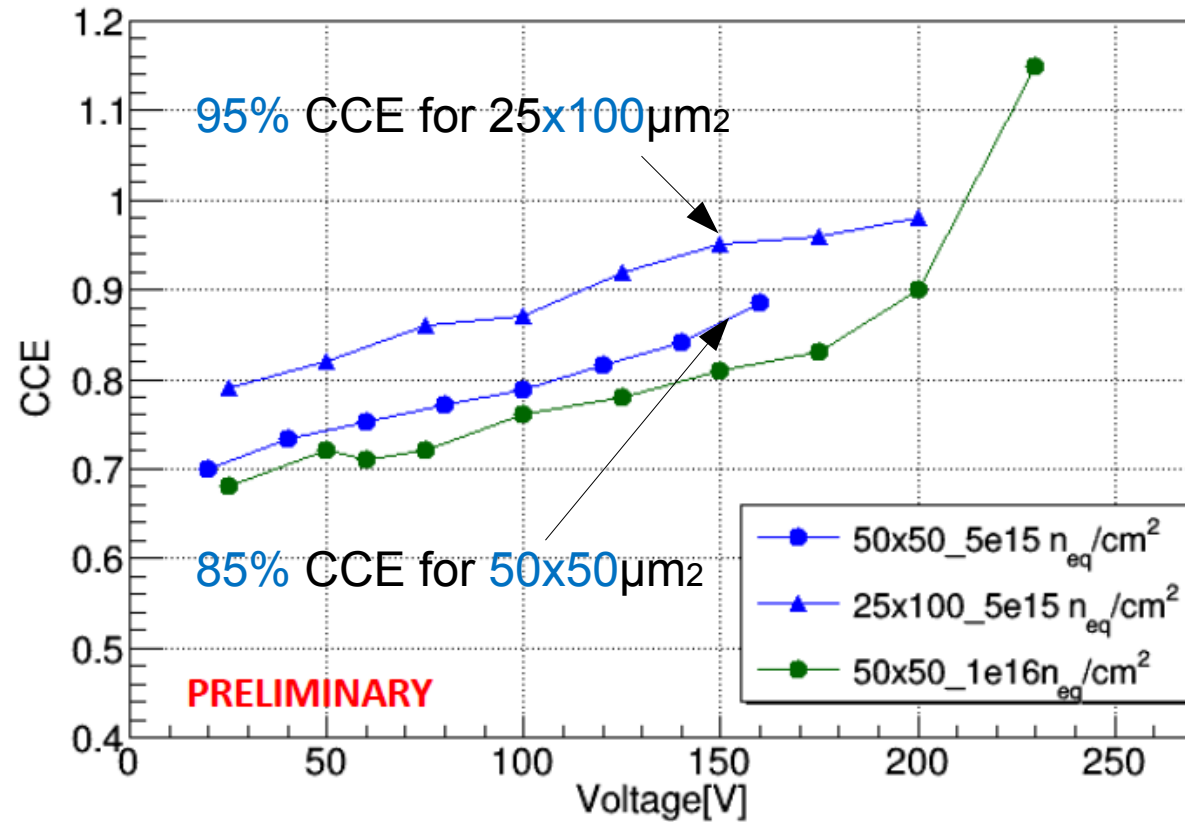
Charge measured with  $^{90}Sr$  at  $-25^\circ C$



Run 7781, 3D Double Side Process, 230um thin wafers, neutron irradiation in Lbj

3D in strip configuration: all 1E, 50x50,25x100,30x100

Strip	Pixel cell size ( $\mu\text{m}^2$ )	$L_{\text{el}}$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
7781-8-M2	50x50 1E	35
7781-4-O	30x100 1E	52
7781-4-M1	50x50 1E	35
7781-4-N1	25x100 1E	51
7781-4-M2	50x50 1E	35



Higher CCE for 25x100 despite higher collection distance!

At 220V, 100% CCE achieved by 50x50  $\mu\text{m}^2$ , 1e16  $n_{\text{eq}}\text{cm}^{-2}$



# Acceptor removal

# Interpretations of the observed acceptor removal effect

1) the measured changes are all due to a physical removal process of the shallow dopants. Interpretation backed up by continuous light illumination of LGAD devices (constant T). Changing a lot the SC (all DLs filled) does not change the gain.  
See for instance: G. Kramberger, 28<sup>th</sup> RD50 Torino

2) TCAD simulations by R.Palomo (11 Trento workshop) and R. Dalal (NIMA A 836 (2016) 113–121) show qualitative agreement of calculated CCE(V) for different fluences. Gain degradation can be explained by TCAD effective Deep Levels

3) **Quantitative** agreement (Ioffe's Institute, 2016 JINST 11 P12012) needs some externally removed acceptors to describe CCE measurements.

Note: no TCAD simulation available yet to explain measurements described in “1)”


# Acceptor removal

$$dN_A = -\sum_i c_i \cdot N_A d\Phi \quad , \quad c = \sum_i c_i ([O], [C], [B])$$

Radiation produces V and I – their spatial distribution depends on irradiation particle (large concentration of V,I in the cluster but small supply of [B] in the cluster)

Vacancy channel :  $V + B_s \rightarrow VB$  (complex anneals out at  $T \sim 0^\circ\text{C}$  - no role)

Interstitial channel :  $I + B_s \rightarrow Bi$  (dominant channel for B removal)

$B_i$  = highly reactive  Can form different complexes with impurities resulting in:

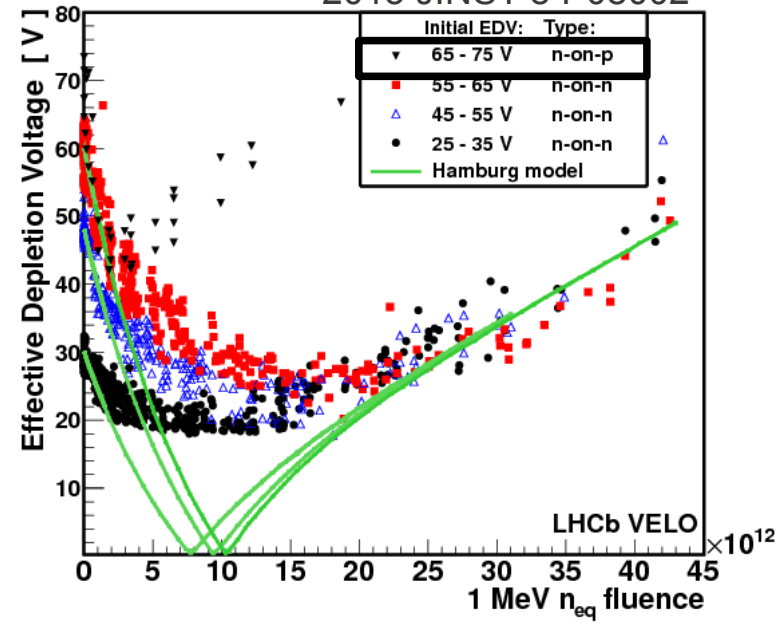
- Acceptors in lower part of the band gap (negative space charge-  $BiBsH$ ) – incomplete removal
- Donors in upper part of the band gap (positive space charge –  $BiOi$ ) – larger effective removal rate
- Electrically inactive defects

Carbon rich environment:  $I + Cs \rightarrow Ci$  competing reaction (smaller removal rate)

Oxygen rich environment: apart from forming complexes plays role in enhancing/reducing the concurrent reaction channels:

(e.g.  $V+O \rightarrow VO$  instead of  $V+I \rightarrow Si_s$  leaving more interstitials available)

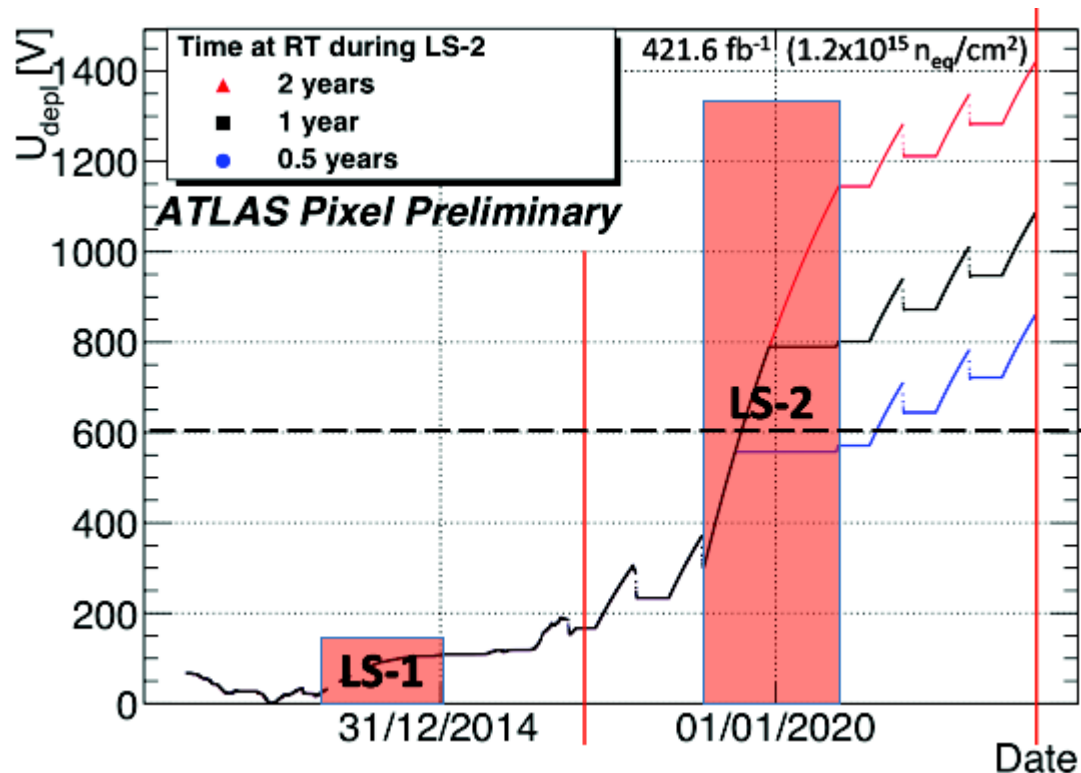
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Initial depletion voltage decrease of  $\sim 25$  V, then increases as the n-type

# Leakage Current and Depletion Voltage Simulation for the ATLAS Pixel Detector, J. Beyer MPI

Using Hamburg model (parameters extracted from fit to ATLAS data) to predict different depletion voltage scenarios of ATLAS pixel after LS2



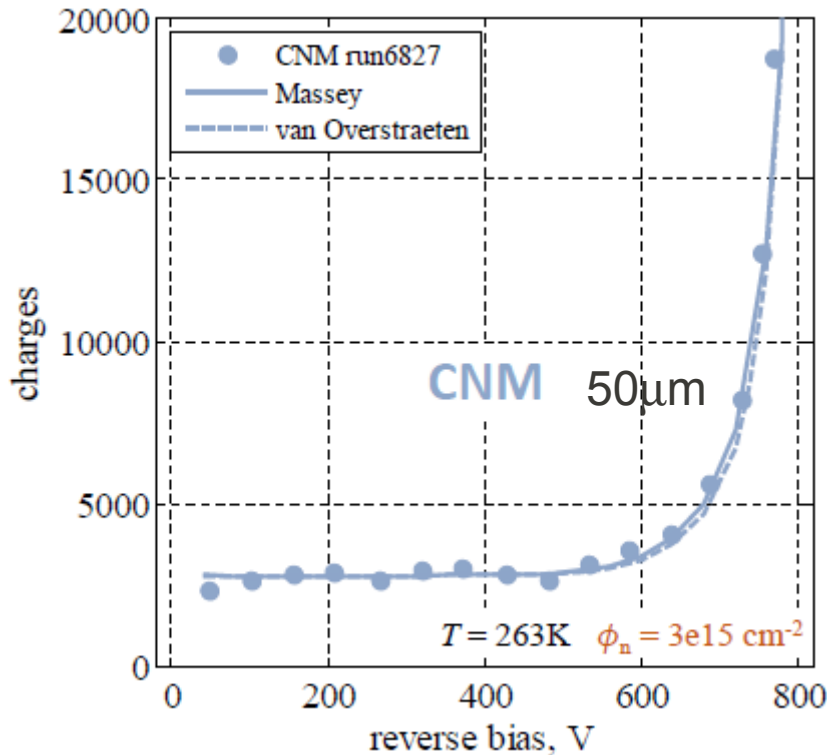
B-layer currently at V<sub>dep</sub>=200 V  
Plot above compares V<sub>dep</sub> predictions for different lengths of LS2+YETS → Keep RT period as short as possible!!

Conversion from luminosity to  $\Phi_{eq}$  is done via the measurement of leakage current. 25% error estimated along Z coordinate.

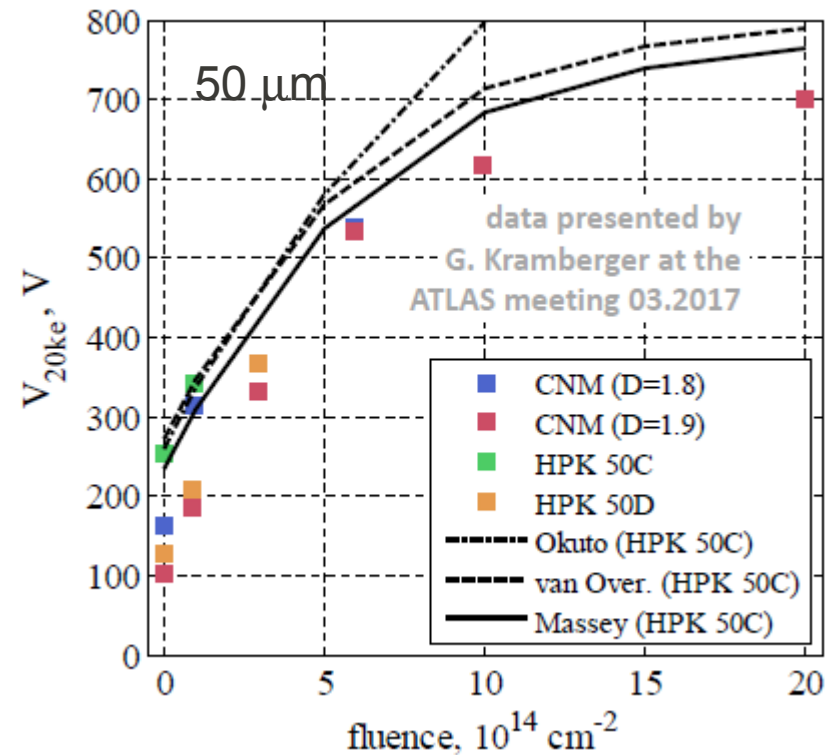


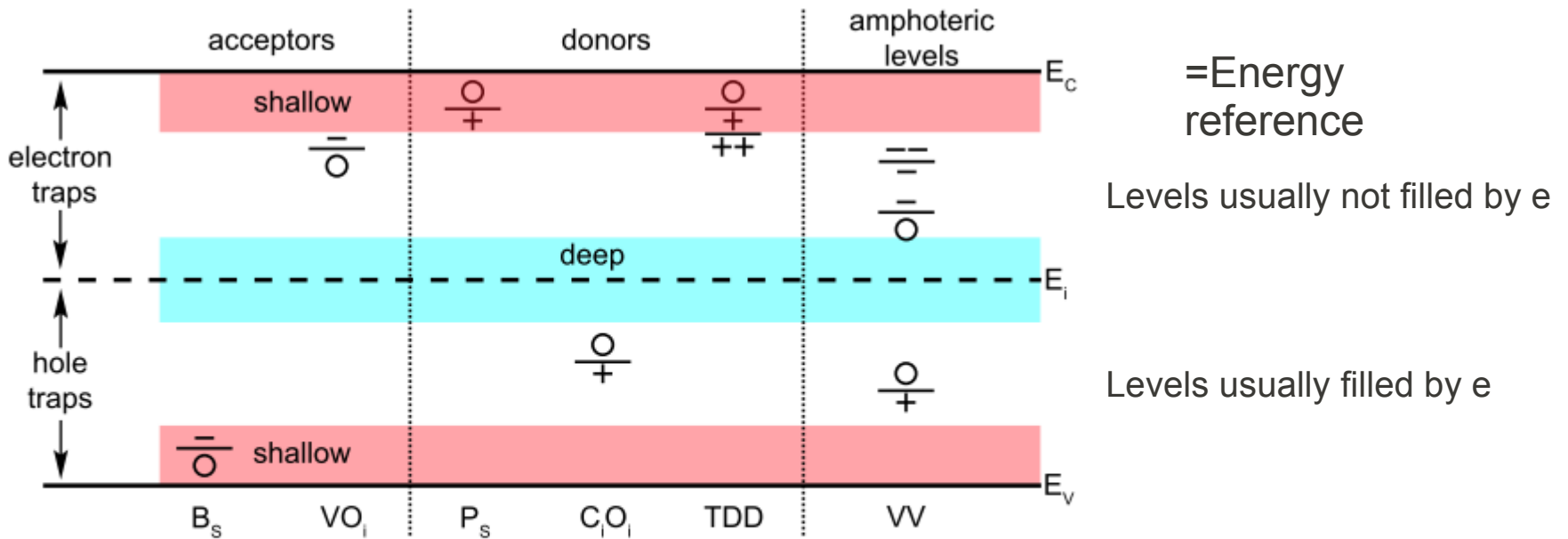
By validating models and simulations on available data we intend to obtain a predicting tool allowing to design new generations of radiation-resistant LGAD devices

Compared 3 different avalanche models to measured data, for different fluences and T  
 Included recently observed acceptor removal effect.  
 Radiation effects via 3-level Perugia model



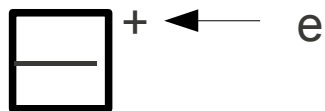
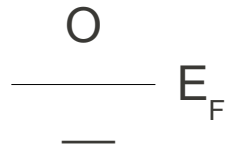
Pin simulation



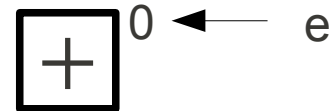
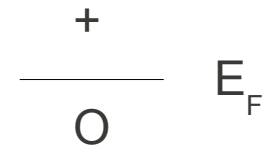


**Figure 4.3.1.:** Illustration of possible charge states of defects in the band gap. Figure reproduced from [32]. The labelling of charge states of defects follows this graphical representation. Information about the defects see chapter 7.

An **acceptor** is neutral if empty and negative if filled by an electron



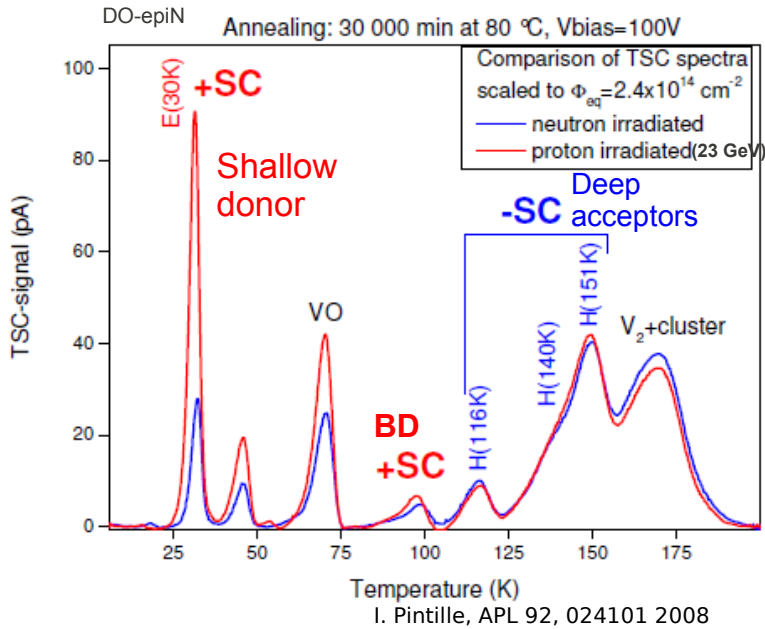
A **donor** is defined as being neutral if filled by an electron, and positive if empty.



An amphoteric defect has both donor and acceptor states in the band gap

The charge state of a defect level (at least in thermal equilibrium) depends on the relative position to the Fermi level. If located above the Fermi level, acceptors are neutral and donors are positively charged, if the Fermi level is located above the defect level, acceptors are negatively charged and donors are neutral. e. Usually levels in the upper part of the band gap are not occupied with electrons, while defects in the lower part are occupied by electrons

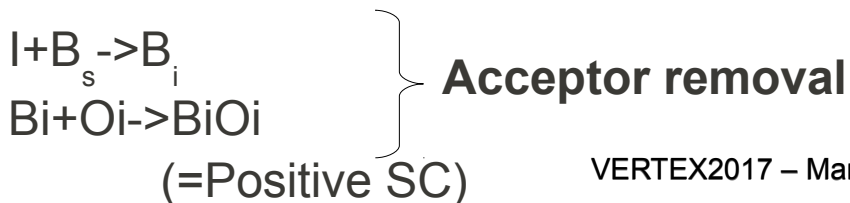
# Defects related to change of doping



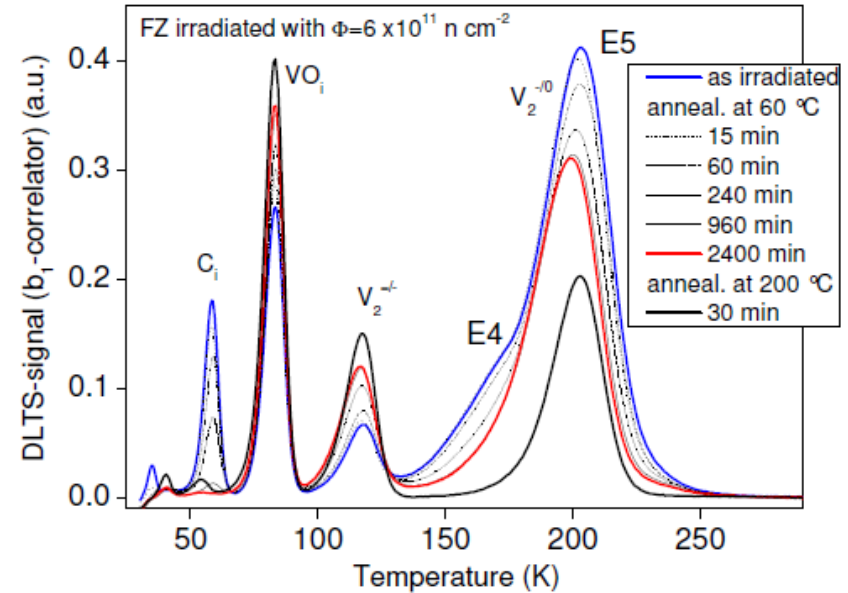
H(116K, 140K, 151K) defects introduces **negative space charge (-SC)** and are responsible for type inversion of n-type material..

In **Oxygenated** materials **E(30K)** introduces +SC and avoids type inversion.

VP → **Donor Removal** process (suppressed in O-rich material)



# Defects related to leakage current



**Leakage current** decreases with annealing time at high T.

**DLTS** spectra at different annealing stages show **dissolution** of peak at 200K into several defects (**E4** and **E5**) (peak **height** proportional to defect **concentration**). These defects are DLs responsible of leakage current increase.

**E5** correlates linearly with fluence

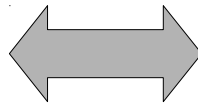
## Mapping of defects to sensor performance

**Mitigation** of radiation **damage** requires Identification and **characterization** of defects responsible for changes in device properties.

This task is **unique to RD50**. No other CERN collaboration/experiment is addressing this problem.

**Macroscopic changes** are:

change of effective **doping**  
increase of **leakage** current  
**Trapping** of charge carriers



**Microscopic defects** to be linked to macroscopic changes can be:

**point defects**  
(induced by  $^{60}\text{Co}$ - $\gamma$  and charged hadrons)  
**clusters**  
(charged hadrons and overall neutrons)

## Defect characterization methods:

### Thermally Stimulated Current (TSC)

Gives concentration of defects.

Can be used for highly irradiated devices

Three steps measurements:

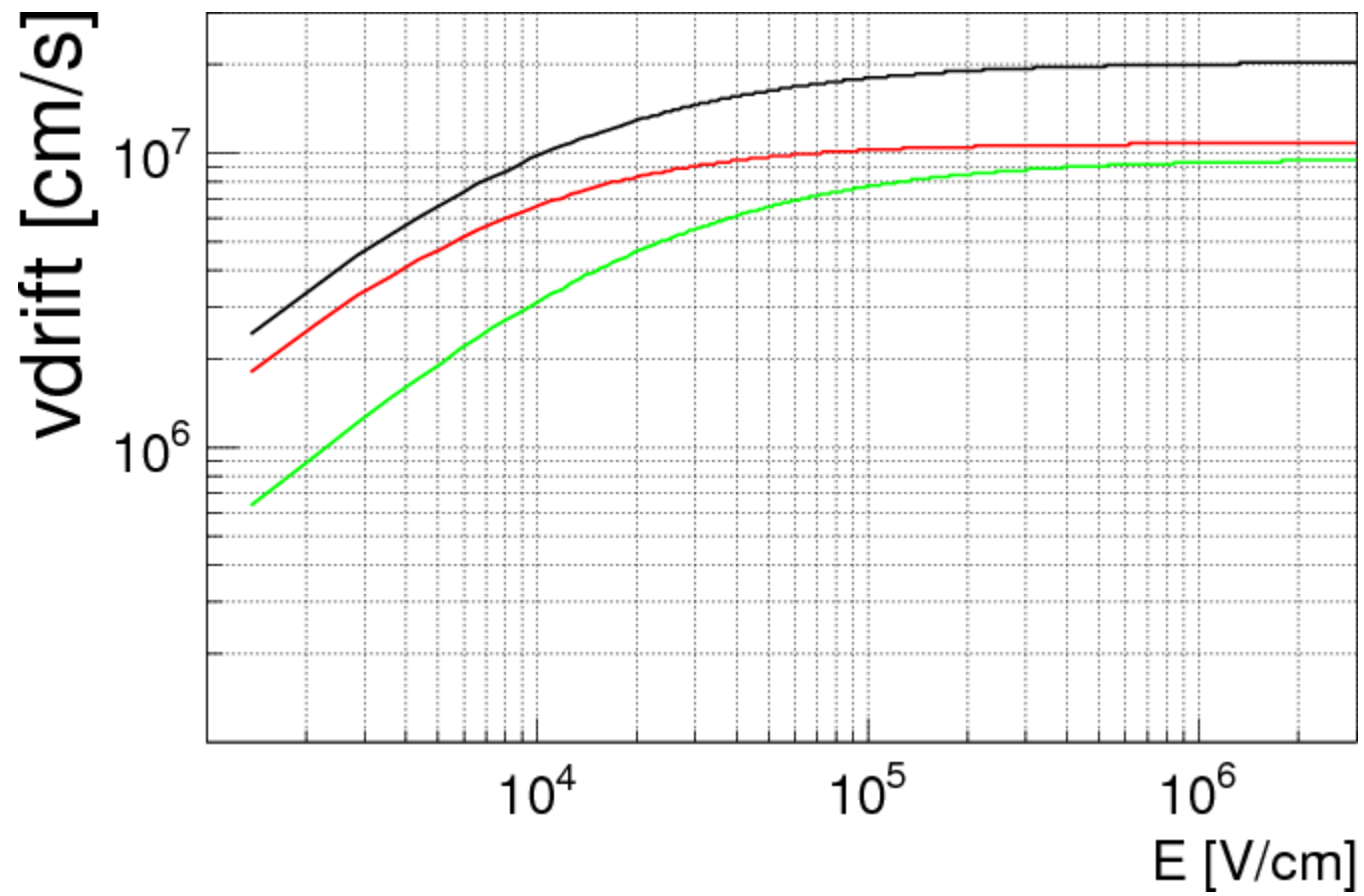
- 1) **cooling** under reverse bias (keeps traps empty)
- 2) **Filling** of traps with e and h from forward bias
- 3) **Heating** under reverse bias and recording current due to carriers released from traps at certain energy (Temperature)

### Deep Level Transient Spectroscopy (DLTS)

Gives all the information of defects (c,Et,Nt)  
Limited to  $N_t \ll N_{eff,0}$  = conc of shallow dopants

Principle of operation::

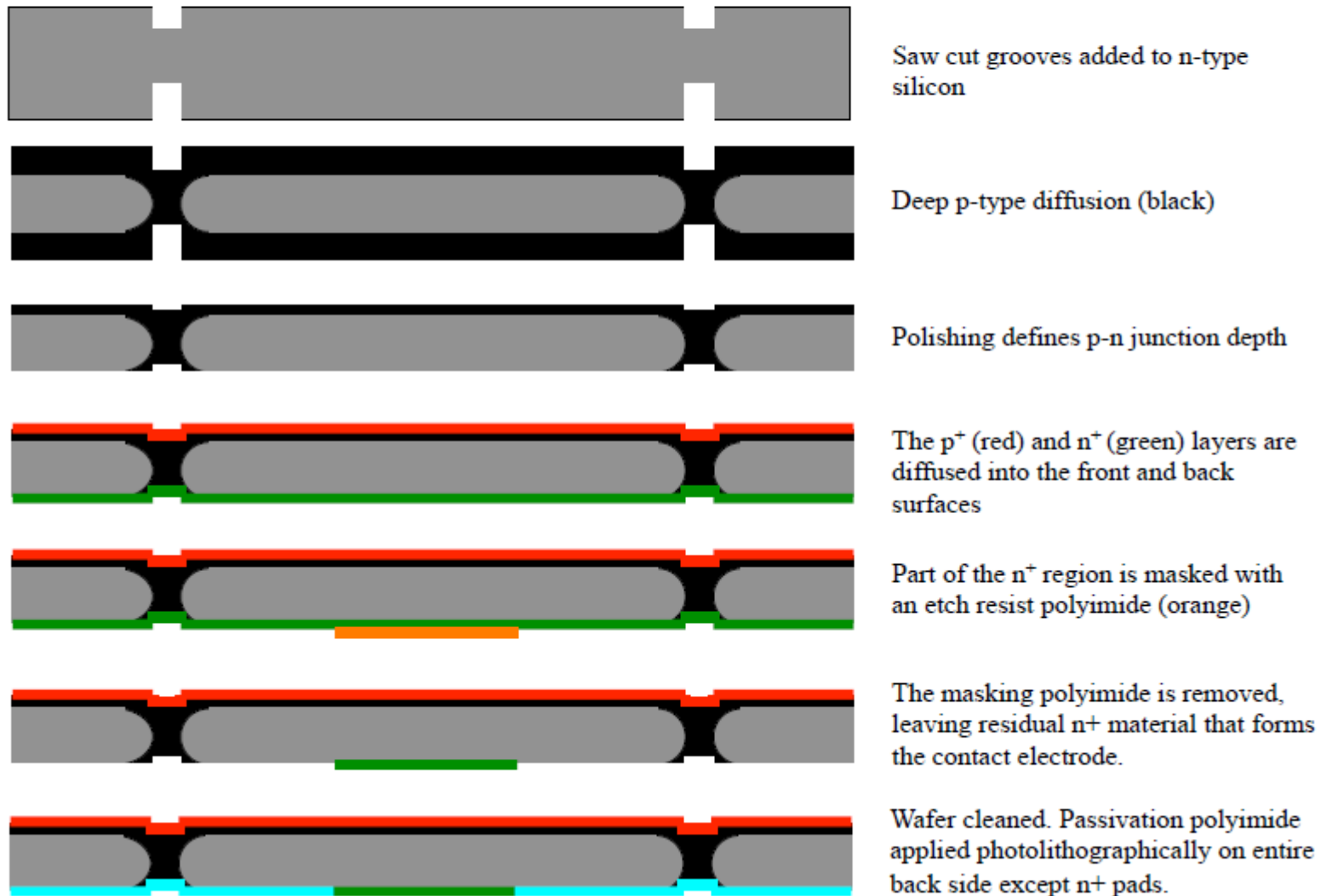
**Defect filling** by quick reduction ( $\sim 100$  ms) of the reverse bias of a diode. **Charges** are then **emitted** depending on the emission rate of defects. The change of  $N_{eff}$  changes the capacitance. Analysis of Capacitance transients gives full information of the defect.





# Fabrication

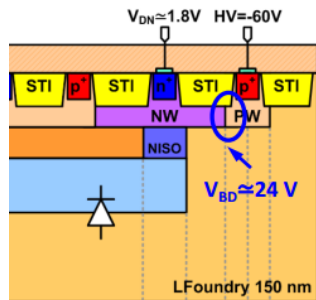
Starting from neutron transmutation n-doped  $< 100 >$  Si wafers



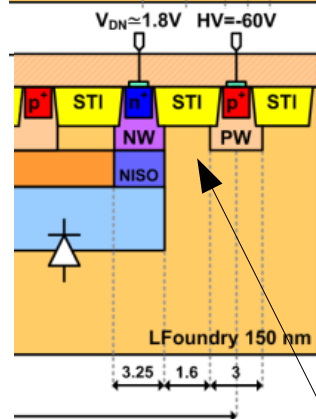
Former experience on similar project

Too early BD: 24 V  
Two problems identified

### 1) Parasitic BD



Obtained



Wished

2) PW/NW separation > 3 um for  
 $V_{BD} > 75 V \rightarrow$  pixel re-design