

# Development of Silicon Detectors for Tracking and Timing within the RD50 Collaboration

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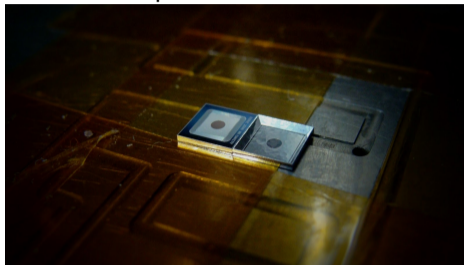
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# Outline

Overview of the collaboration activities with emphasis on selected topics

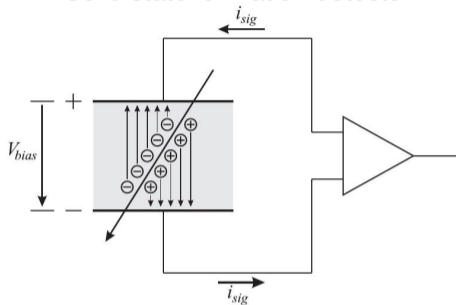
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[30<sup>th</sup> RD50 workshop, Krakow]

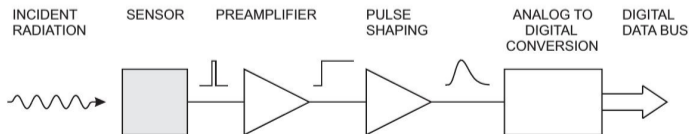


## Solid state ionization detector

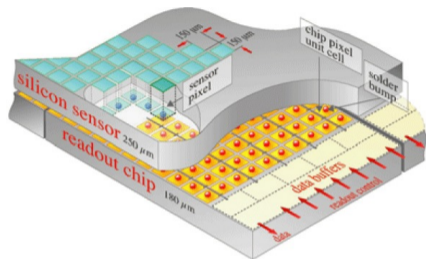


- Mono-crystalline Si
- Rectifying junction in reverse bias
- Mean ionization energy: 3.6 eV/eh
- 300  $\mu\text{m}$  typical thickness
- Signal  $\approx 24000 e^-$  in 300  $\mu\text{m}$
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## Readout electronics

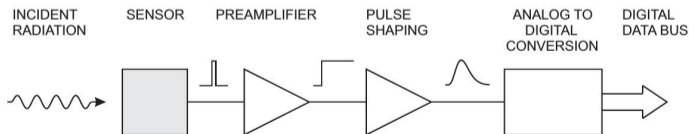


## Hybrid pixel detectors



- Mono-crystalline Si
- Rectifying junction in reverse bias
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- 300  $\mu\text{m}$  typical thickness
- Signal  $\approx 24000 e^-$  in 300  $\mu\text{m}$
- Fast signals, O(10 ns)
- Patterning electrodes  
→ position sensitivity

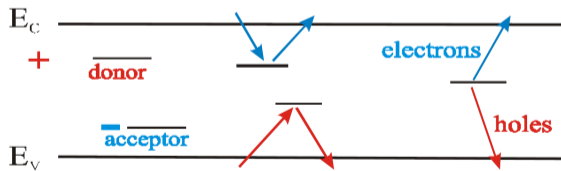
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# Radiation Damage in Silicon Detectors

## Bulk damage

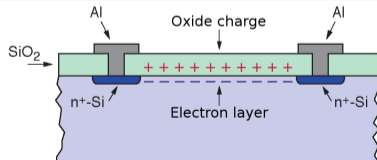
- Non ionizing energy loss (NIEL)
- Defect generation in the lattice
- Change of  $V_{dep}$
- Increase in leakage current  
→ noise
- Decrease in signal



Damage expressed as  
equivalent fluence of 1 MeV neutrons  $\Phi_{eq}$  [ $\text{cm}^{-2}$ ]

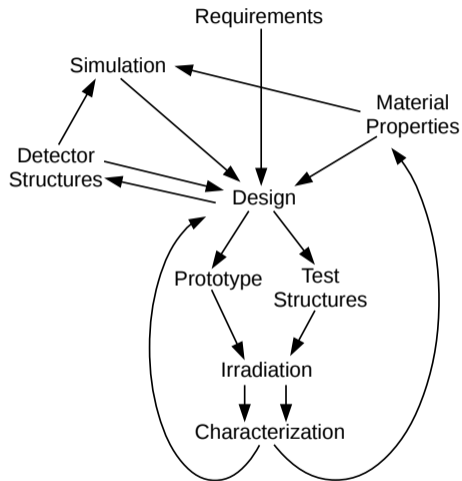
## Surface damage

- Ionizing energy loss in  $\text{SiO}_2$
- Traps at the Si- $\text{SiO}_2$  interface
- Build up of positive charge
- Modification of electric field  
→ charge losses  
→ noise  
→ breakdown
- Conductive layers
- Affects sensors and electronics

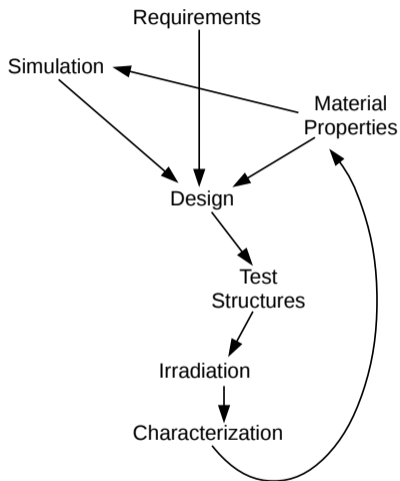


Relevant quantity: dose in  $\text{SiO}_2$

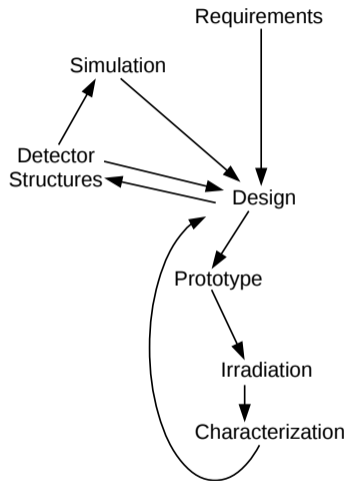
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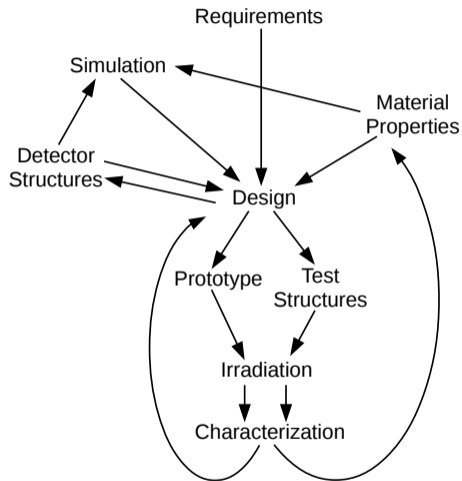


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This was needed by the LHC and HL-LHC experiments

⇒ **form a collaboration**

## Radiation hard semiconductor devices for very high luminosity colliders

- **RD50: 60 institutes and 345 members**

### 47 European institutes

Austria (Vienna), Belarus (Minsk), Belgium (Louvain), Czech Republic (Prague (3x)), Finland (Helsinki, Lappeenranta ), France (Paris, Orsay), Germany (Dortmund, Erfurt, Freiburg, Hamburg (2x), Karlsruhe, Munich(2x)), Italy (Bari, Perugia, Pisa, Trento, Torino), Croatia (Zagreb) Lithuania (Vilnius), Netherlands (NIKHEF), Poland (Krakow, Warsaw(2x)), Romania (Bucharest (2x)), Russia (Moscow, St.Petersburg), Slovenia (Ljubljana), Spain (Barcelona(3x), Santander, Seville(2x), Valencia), Switzerland (CERN, PSI, Zurich), United Kingdom (Birmingham, Glasgow, Lancaster, Liverpool, Oxford, RAL)



### 8 North-American institutes

Canada (Montreal), USA (BNL, Brown Uni, Fermilab, LBNL, New Mexico, Santa Cruz, Syracuse)

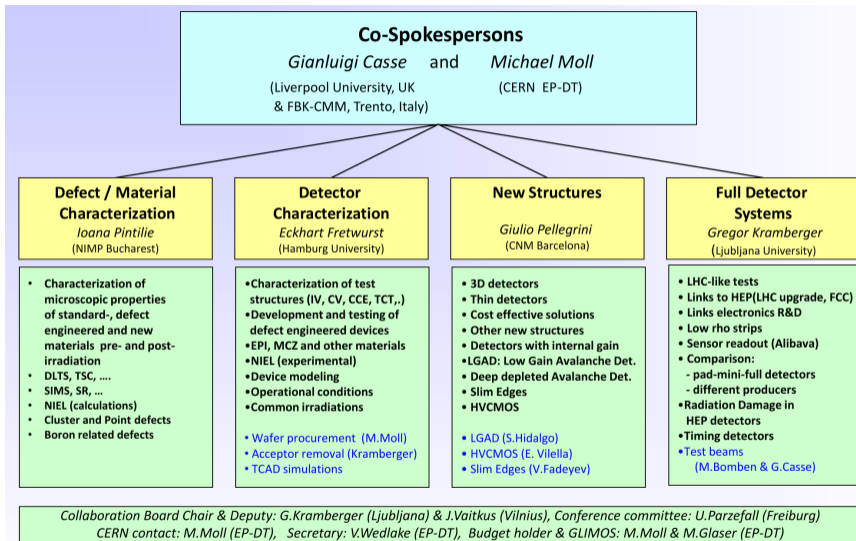
### 1 Middle East institute

Israel (Tel Aviv)

### 1 Asian institute

India (Delhi)

Detailed member list: <http://cern.ch/rd50>



[M. Fernandez Garcia, VERTEX 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.

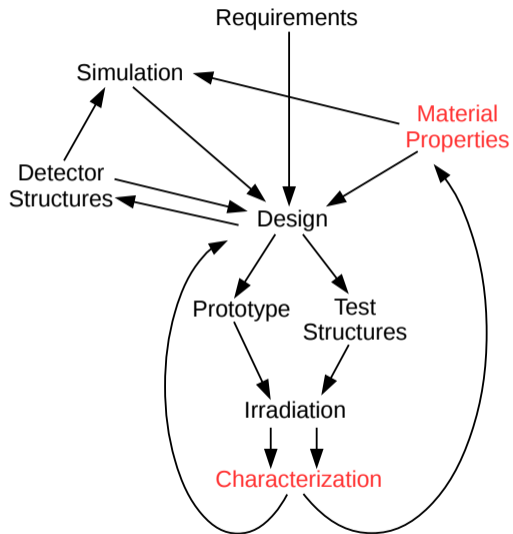
**RD50 co-funds** “common projects” involving several RD50 institutes targeting a specific R&D question (thin LGADs, 3D for HL-LHC, Ga doping of LGAD, TPA-TCT, RD50 common Test Beam, RD50 CMOS submission).

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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...*

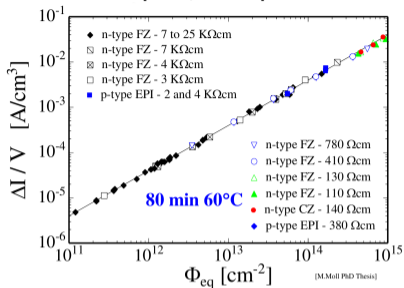
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**NEXT CHALLENGE: The FCC**

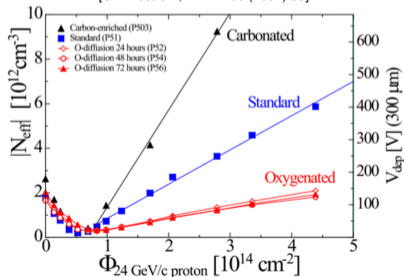


# Current- and Capacitance-Voltage Characteristics

[M. Moll, PhD thesis]



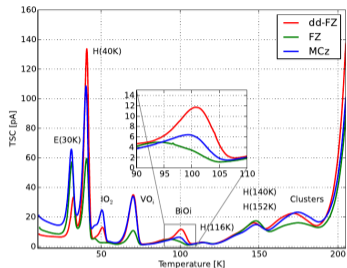
[G. Lindström, NIM A466 (2001) 33]



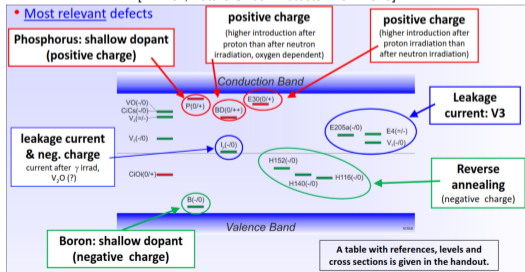
## Change in macroscopic properties

- Current
- Power consumption
- Noise
- Effective doping concentration
- Operational voltage

[E. Donegani, RADECS 2016]



[M. Moll, Future Silicon Detector R&D 2018]



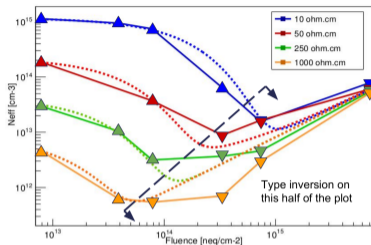
Measurement techniques usually employ temperature scans to characterize defects

**Microscopic explanation** of macroscopic properties

- Defects properties
- Defects concentration
- Introduction rate
- Defects identification

## Change in doping in boron-doped p-type silicon

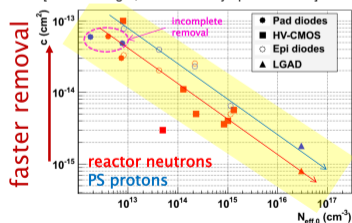
[P. de Almeida, "Trento" workshop 2018]



Affects:

- p-type silicon sensors
- LGADs  $\rightarrow$  gain reduction
- CMOS sensors  $\rightarrow$  change in depletion region

[G. Kramerberger, "Hiroshima" symposium 2017]



← higher resistivity

$$N_{eff}(\Phi) = N_{eff}(0) - N_c(1 - e^{-c\Phi}) + g_c\Phi$$

$N_{eff}$   $\rightarrow$  effective doping concentration

$N_c$   $\rightarrow$  "removable" dopants

$c$   $\rightarrow$  acceptor removal constant

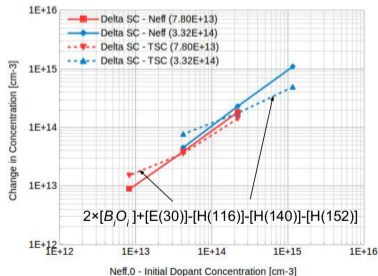
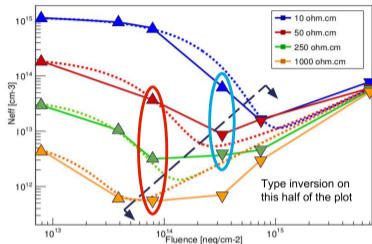
$\Phi$   $\rightarrow$  fluence

$g_c$   $\rightarrow$  introduction rate



## Change in doping in boron-doped p-type silicon

[P. de Almeida, "Trento" workshop 2018]



Defect spectroscopy

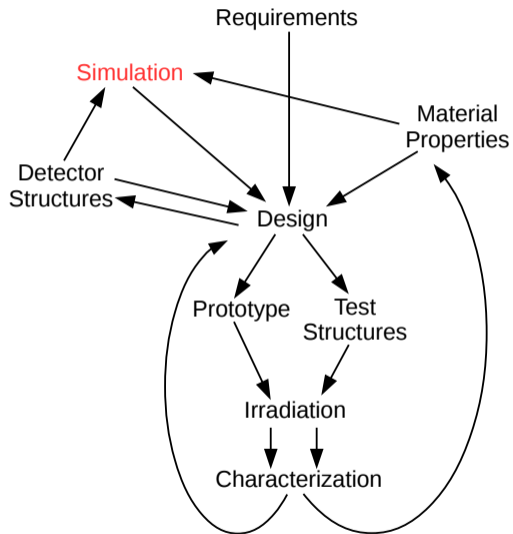
⇒ microscopic interpretation of change in space charge

Understanding of damage mechanism

⇒ material engineering

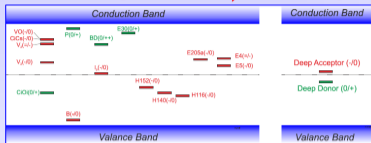
Assumptions:

- E(30) contributes positive space charge
- H(116)-H(140)-H(152) contribute negative space charge
- $B_iO_i$  contributes twice its concentration

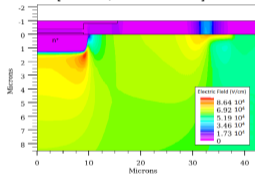


# TCAD Simulations

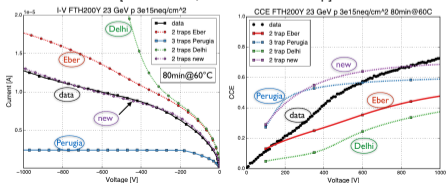
Measured defects  $\rightarrow$  TCAD input



[R. Dalal, VERTEX 2014]



[J. Schwandt, 27<sup>th</sup> RD50 workshop]



Delhi's Model, built in Silvaco, was used directly in Synopsys for these results.

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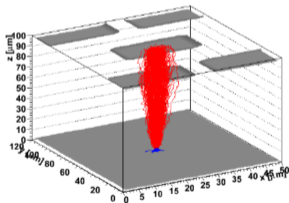
- Excellent tools for sensor and process design and simulation
- “Effective” radiation damage models  
→ a few defects (2-3) to parametrize all effects (E field, generation, trapping....)
- Many models available
- Within their fluence validity:  
**Predictive power after irradiation**
- Computing intensive
- Validation of models with dedicated test structures is fundamental
- Models up to  $\Phi_{eq} \approx 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

Reduce the amount of resources needed wrt TCAD tools

## KDetSim

IJS Ljubljana

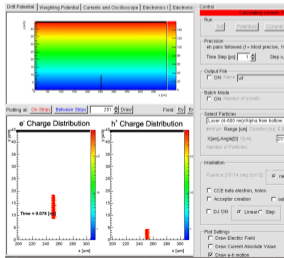
- ROOT shared library
- Scripted
- 3D simulation
- Arbitrary sensor geometry



## WeightField2

INFN Torino

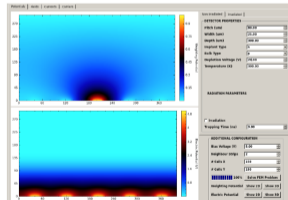
- GUI based
- Built on ROOT
- Diodes and strips
- Accurate description of LGADs

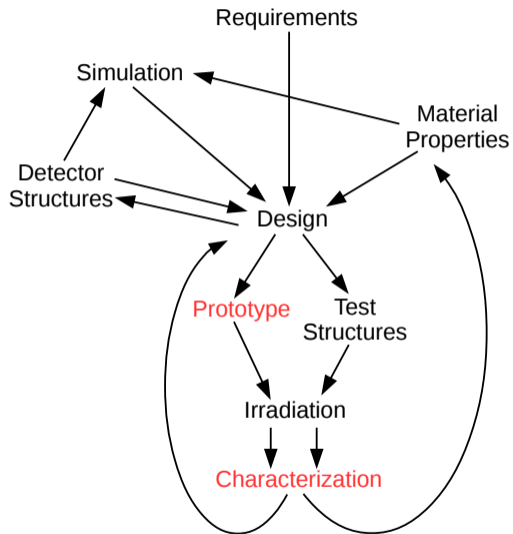


## TRACS

IFCA-Santander & CERN

- GUI and CLI available
- Fit of TCT data
- Diodes and strips
- Parallel computing



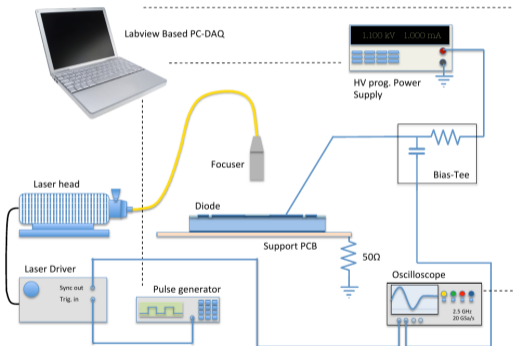


# Transient Current Technique

Resolve in time the current pulse of the sensor to map the electric field

$$I = Nq_e \vec{v}_{drift} \cdot \vec{E}_w$$

[N. Pacifico, PhD thesis]



$I \rightarrow$  current

$N \rightarrow$  number of charge carriers

$q_e \rightarrow$  electron charge

$\vec{v}_{drift} \rightarrow$  drift velocity

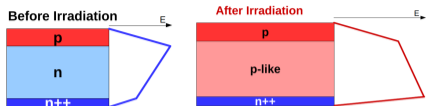
$\vec{v}_{drift} = \mu \vec{E}$  at low enough fields

$\vec{E}_w \rightarrow$  weighting field

$E_w = 1/d$  for a pad diode

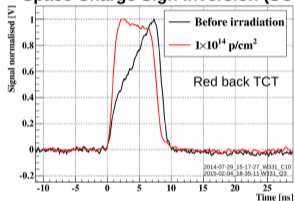
- Movement of charge induces signal
- Weighting field links the charge movement to the induced signal
- Charge carriers created using a ps pulsed laser
- High bandwidth current amplifiers and oscilloscopes used for readout

# Transient Current Technique



[S. Otero Ugobono, DT training seminar, 2017]

## Space Charge Sign Inversion (SCSI)

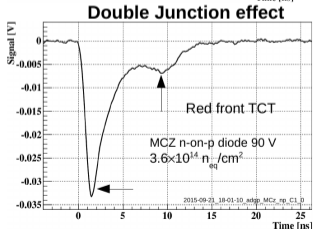
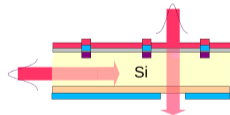
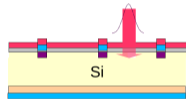


Pad diode at low enough field:

$$I = Nq_e\mu E/d$$

Current proportional to  $E$

- Red light:
  - absorption length  $O(\mu\text{m})$
  - one kind of charge carrier drifting
- Infrared light:
  - absorption length  $O(\text{mm})$
  - mimic particle signal
  - edge illumination: probe bulk more directly



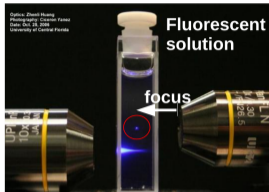
# Two Photon Absorption TCT

[M. Fernandez Garcia, DT training seminar, 2017]

## SPA

Single Photon Absorption

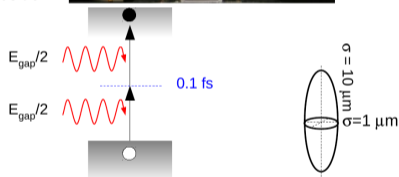
Continuous energy deposition



## TPA

Two Photon Absorption

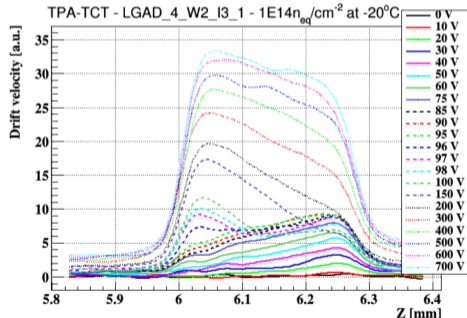
Energy confinement



- Absorption through virtual state
- Femtosecond laser
- Point-like generation of charge carriers
- Move point through the sensor

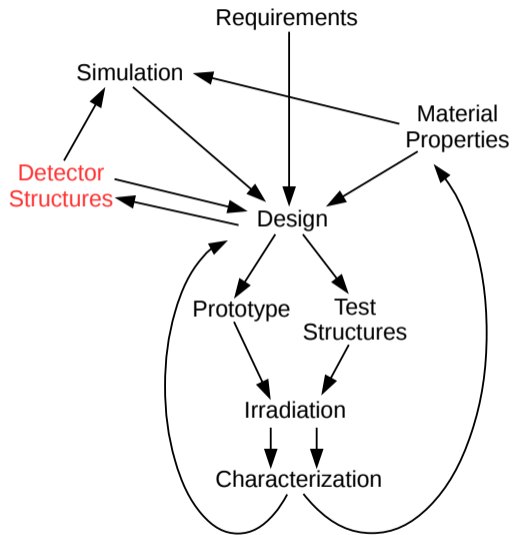
- Study of the electric field of an irradiated LGAD
- The field grows from the back side till  $V \approx 95$  V
- Afterwards, the field increases from the front side

[M. Fernandez Garcia, 31<sup>st</sup> RD50 workshop]

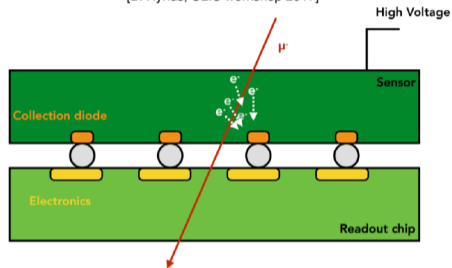




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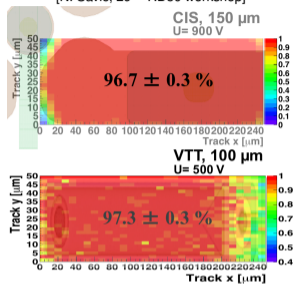


[D. Hynds, CLIC workshop 2017]



- Separate optimization of sensor and electronics
- Interconnection technology can be expensive
- Currently used in ATLAS and CMS

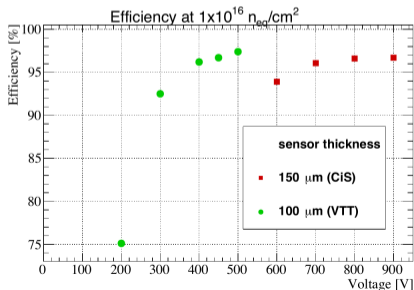
[N. Savić, 29<sup>th</sup> RD50 workshop]

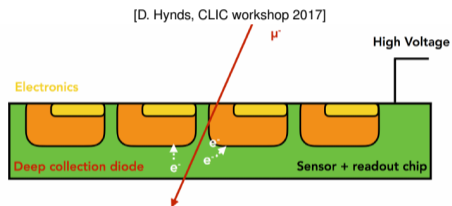


$\approx 300\ \mu\text{m} \rightarrow \approx 100\ \mu\text{m}$

Advantages of thin sensors:

- Higher field for same bias voltage
  - Smaller drift distances
  - Reduced trapping
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- 97% detection efficiency after  $\Phi_{eq} = 10^{16}\text{ cm}^{-2}$
  - Both sensor and readout electronics were irradiated
  - Biasing structures can play an important role in the efficiency after irradiation (true for all thicknesses)





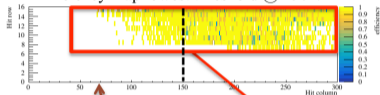
- Sensor and electronics on same silicon die
- Reduced material budget wrt hybrid
- Many different flavors
- Many foundries available from electronics industry
- Availability of manufacturers  
+ elimination of interconnections  
⇒ Reduced cost wrt hybrid
- Foreseen in ALICE upgrade  $O(10 \text{ m}^2)$
- Option for outermost ATLAS pixel layer at HL-LHC

[S. Terzo, "Trento" workshop 2018]

$$1e15 n_{eq} cm^{-2}$$

Depleted region of  $\approx 60-70 \mu m$  at  
120-150 V (from E-TCTs)

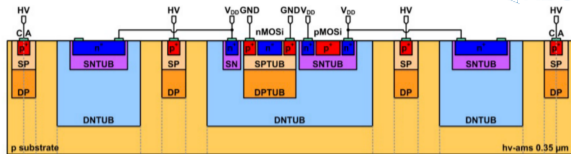
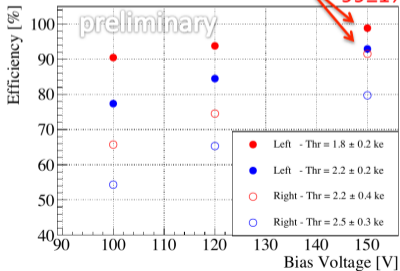
Efficiency map lowest threshold @ 150 V



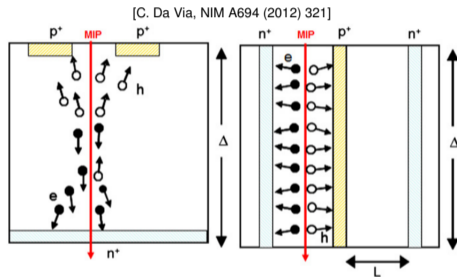
Beam accidentally displaced

Sensor E7 -  $\Phi = 1E15 n/cm^2$

99±1%

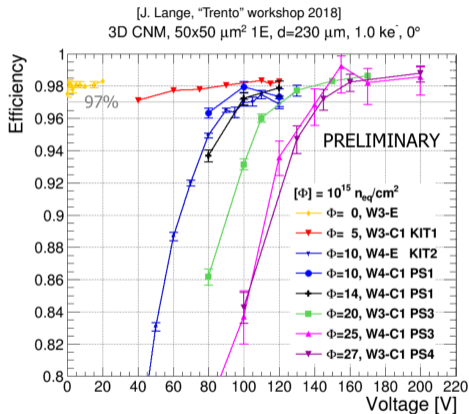


- HV-CMOS is an industry standard process that allows to apply high voltages to the substrate
- Improved depleted region, charge collection, and radiation tolerance wrt standard CMOS
- $99 \pm 1\%$  detection efficiency after  $\Phi_{eq} = 10^{15} cm^{-2}$
- Readout performed using the electronics on the die (No readout ASIC needed)

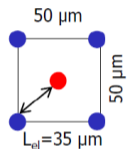


- “Bore” electrodes in the sensor thickness
- Decouple signal generation path from drift distance
- Closely spaced electrodes
- Operation at lower bias wrt planar sensors after irradiation
- Reduced trapping
- Used in part of ATLAS IBL
- Baseline for innermost ATLAS pixel layer at HL-LHC

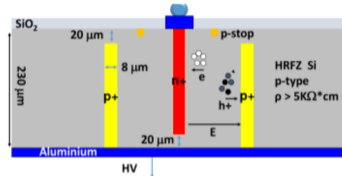
# Beam Test Results after $\Phi_{eq} = 2.7 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$



50x50  $\mu\text{m}^2$ , 1E



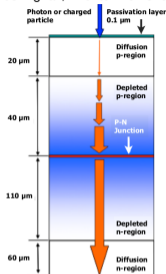
[J. Lange, "Trento" workshop 2018]



- 98% detection efficiency before irradiation (normal incidence, particles through columns)
- Both sensor and readout electronics were irradiated
- 98% detection efficiency after  $\Phi_{eq} = 2.7 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

# Deep Diffused APDs for Timing

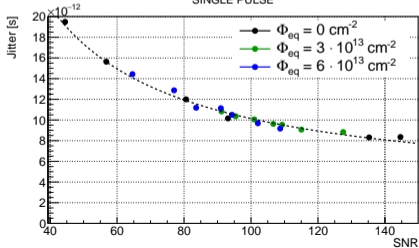
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- Diffusion process to create some 10s of  $\mu\text{m}$  deep in the sensor
- Charge multiplication
- Bias  $\approx 1800\text{ V}$
- Gain  $\approx 500$
- Active area  $2 \times 2\text{ mm}^2$
- Jitter = 9 ps after  $\Phi_{eq} = 6 \cdot 10^{13}\text{ cm}^{-2}$  @ 1 MIP laser intensity
- A lower resolution is expected for charged particles

## Laser setup measurement

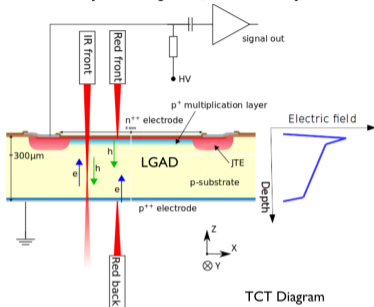
SINGLE PULSE



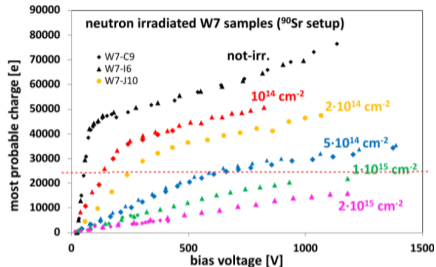


# Low Gain Avalanche Detectors

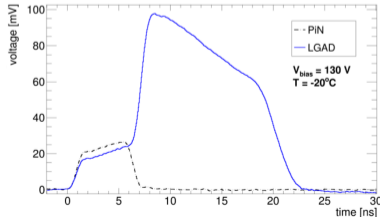
[S. Otero Ugobono, VERTEX 2017]



[G. Kramberger JINST 10 P07006]



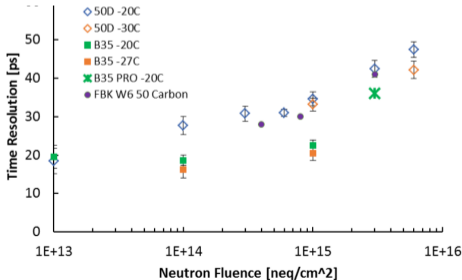
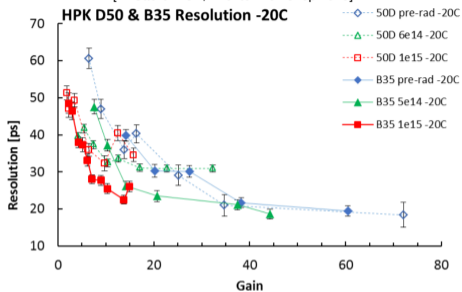
## Red Back Illumination



- Charge multiplication
- Multiplication layer to create high field region
- Gain: 10-50
- Increase signal
- Steep rising edge for timing
- Foreseen in ATLAS and CMS timing layers for HL-LHC

# LGADs for Timing

[H. Sadrozinski, "Trento" workshop 2018]



- Thickness of 50 or 35  $\mu\text{m}$
- Typical channel dimension  $\approx 1 \text{ mm}^2$
- Readout electronics plays a major role in timing applications

- Measurements using charged particles

- 35  $\mu\text{m}$  devices:

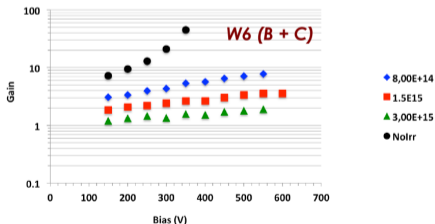
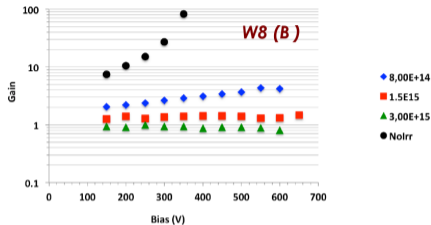
$$\sigma_t = 27 \text{ ps up to } \Phi_{eq} = 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

$$\sigma_t = 36 \text{ ps at } \Phi_{eq} = 3 \cdot 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

# Radiation Hardening of LGADs

[R. Arcidiacono, "Trento" Workshop 2018]

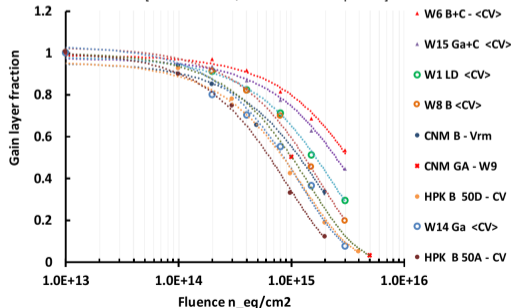
$$\text{Gain} = Q(\text{LGAD}) / Q(\text{PiN})$$



Carbon co-implantation makes the gain layer more radiation hard

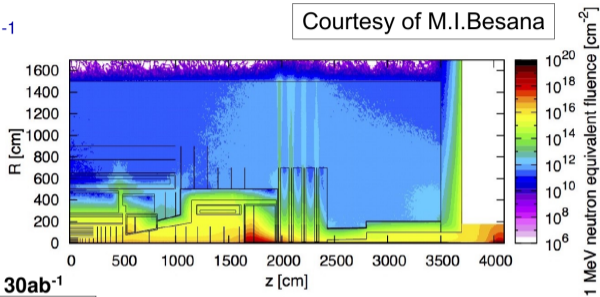
- Multiplication layer affected by acceptor removal
- Go thinner (previous slide)
- Modify the mult. layer doping profile
- Use of different dopants to reduce the effect (Ga, C co-implantation)

[R. Arcidiacono, "Trento" Workshop 2018]



- 1 MeV neq fluence after 30ab<sup>-1</sup>

Courtesy of M.I.Besana



### Long-term damage for Tracker after 30ab<sup>-1</sup>

R [mm]	z[m]	Dose [MGy]	1 MeV equivalent Fluence [cm <sup>-2</sup> ]
25	0	320	5.5 · 10 <sup>17</sup>
60	0	88	1.25 · 10 <sup>17</sup>
100	0	40	6 · 10 <sup>16</sup>
150	0	23	3.3 · 10 <sup>16</sup>
270	0	8.8	1.51 · 10 <sup>15</sup>
900	0	0.65	3.2 · 10 <sup>15</sup>
25	5	410	3.7 · 10 <sup>17</sup>
50	16	250	2 · 10 <sup>17</sup>

### Radiation @ FCC:

→ @R=25mm: ~6x10<sup>17</sup> neq cm<sup>-2</sup>, TID~0.4GGy

- LHC = 1
- HL-LHC → 20x LHC
- FCC → 600x LHC

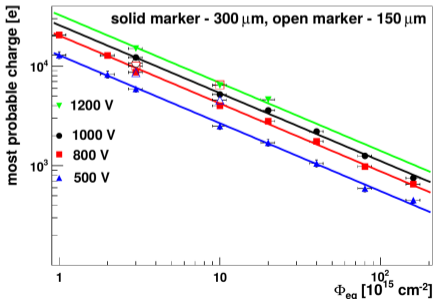
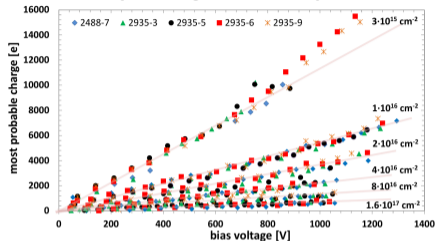
FCC-hh tracker ⇒ 30 × HL-LHC

Track  $\sigma_t \approx 5$  ps

FCC-hh calorimeters:  $\Phi_{eq} \approx 5 \cdot 10^{18}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>

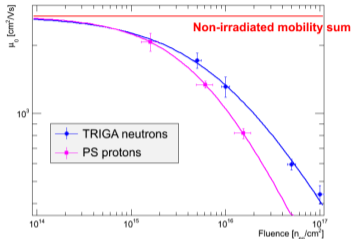
# Results at $\Phi_{eq} = 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

[G. Kramberger, JINST 8 P08004]

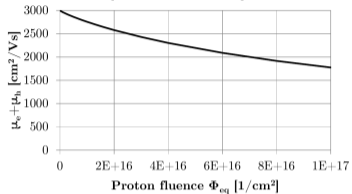


[M. Mikuž, VERTEX 2017]

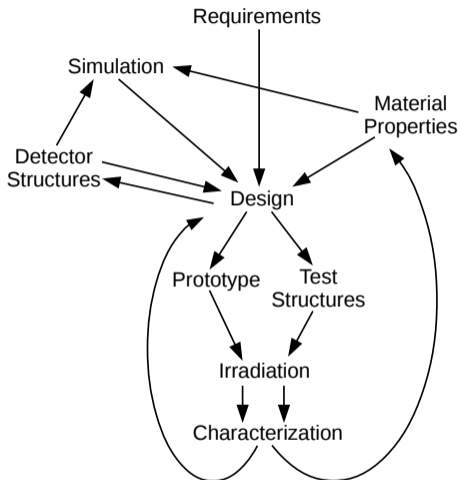
Mobility sum vs. Fluence



[C. Scharf, PhD thesis]



- Fluence beyond HL-LHC
- 1 ke collected charge after  $\Phi_{eq} = 1.6 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  (study done using spaghetti diodes)
- Silicon sensors are still working
- Started study of fundamental properties



- The FCC-hh requirements are being defined
- Tracker:  $30\times$  radiation hardness for HL-LHC
- Track  $\sigma_t \approx 5$  ps
- First results in material characterization
- Fundamental properties of Si to be understood at these fluences
- New characterization techniques needed
- New dosimetry techniques needed (See talk of G. Gorine)
- Similar time scale and rad. hard. improvement as for LHC, HL-LHC: now is time to start

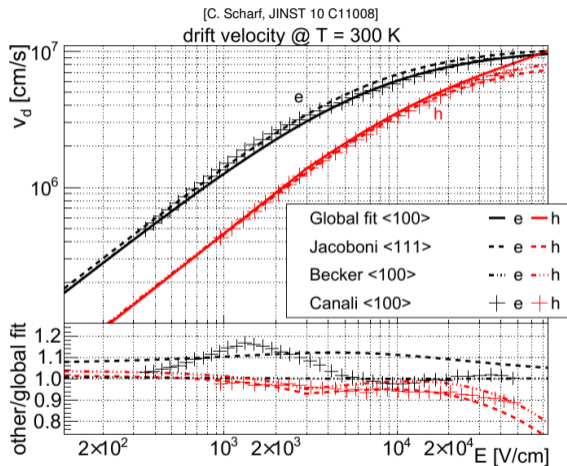
**Silicon is a good candidate for tracking and timing at FCC-hh**

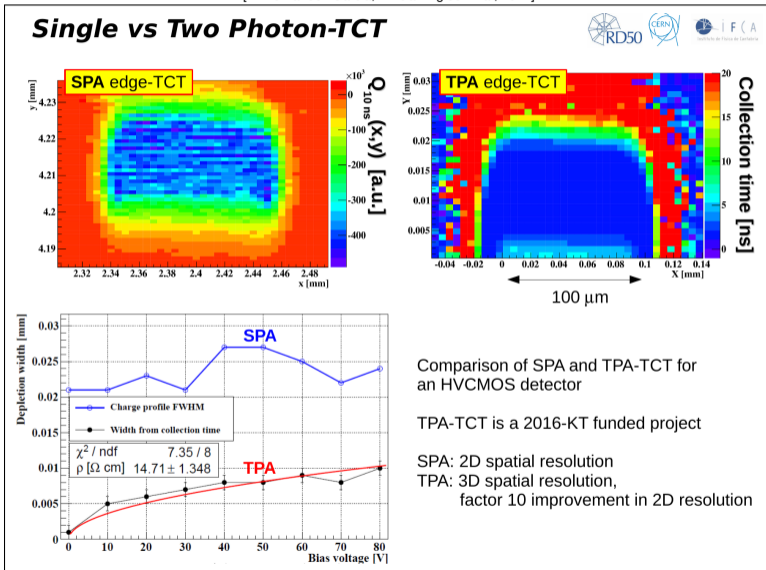
- RD50 groups experts in radiation hard silicon sensors from different experiments
- Both fundamental research and project-driven developments carried out within the collaboration
- Characterization techniques and new sensor structures are developed within the collaboration and together with foundries
- This talk left out many interesting topics: see RD50 website [🔗](#)
- FCC-hh tracker requirements:  $\Phi_{eq} \approx 6 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ , track  $\sigma_t \approx 5 \text{ ps}$   
⇒ a leap in technology is needed
- The increase in radiation hardness needed for FCC-hh and the time scale are similar to the ones of LHC, HL-LHC  
⇒ now is time to start
- Silicon is a good candidate for tracking and timing at FCC-hh

# Backup Material



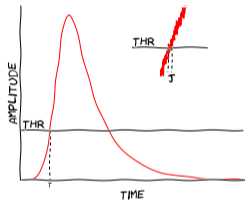
# Drift Velocities in Silicon



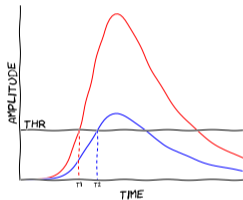


$$\sigma_t^2 = \sigma_{\text{jitter}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{time walk}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{Landau noise}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{distortion}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{TDC}}^2$$

### Jitter



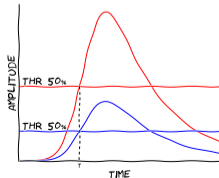
### Time walk



$$\sigma_{\text{jitter}} = \sigma_n / \frac{dV}{dt}$$

Increase  $\frac{dV}{dt}$ , SNR

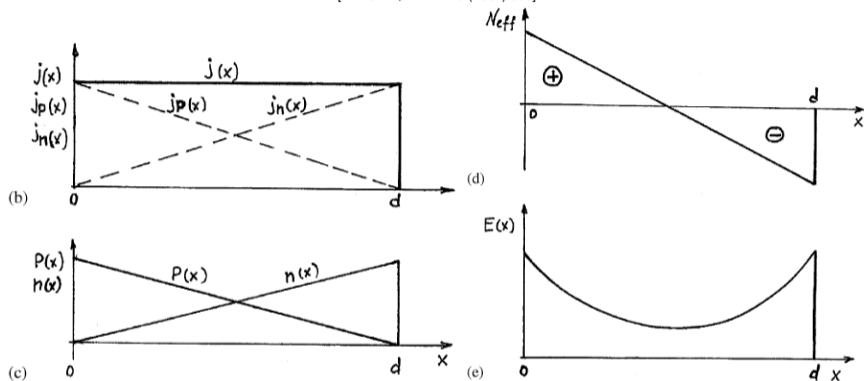
Correct for it, e.g. CFD



- Landau noise: non-uniformity in the energy deposited per unit length
- Distortion: change in signal shape due to detector non-uniformities
- TDC: resolution of the TDC, if no other effects:  $\text{bin}/\sqrt{12}$

# Double Junction Effect

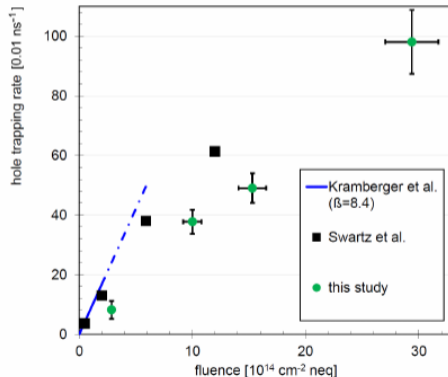
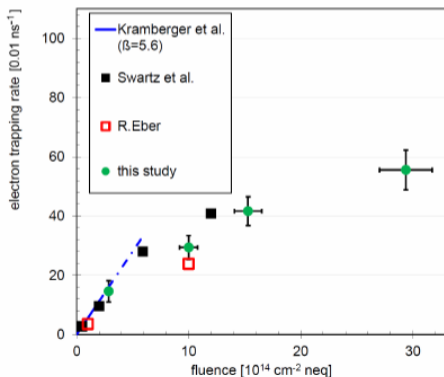
[V. Eremin, NIM A476 (2002) 556]



- Trapping of thermally generated carriers
- Modification of space charge
- Double junction

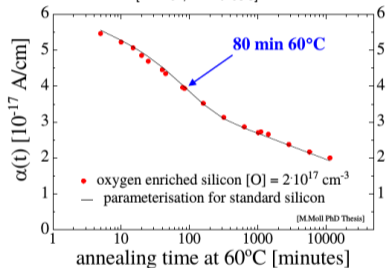
$$Q_{e,h}(t) = Q_{e,h}(0) \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_{eff\ e,h}}\right)$$

[ W. Adam, JINST 11 P04023]



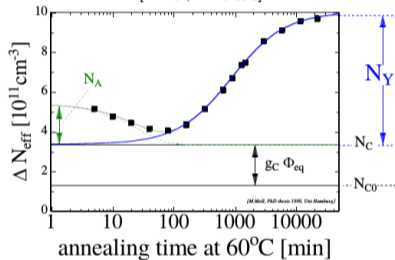
## Current generation

[M. Moll, PhD thesis]



## Doping concentration

[M. Moll, PhD thesis]



## Trapping time

[O. Krasel, PhD thesis]

