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# RD50 activities on radiation tolerant silicon detectors



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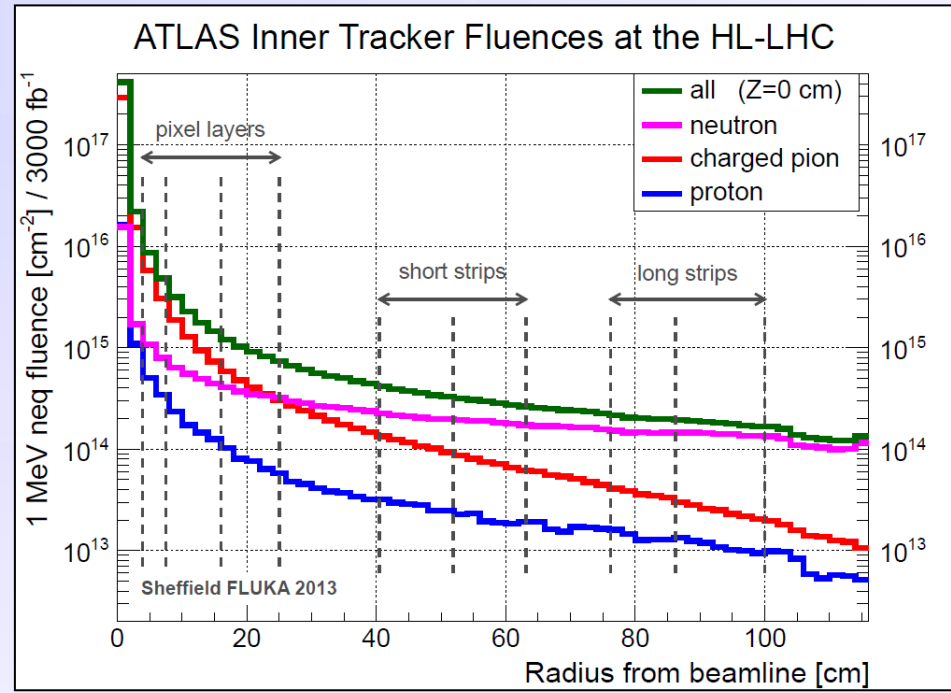
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***ON BEHALF of the RD50 COLLABORATION***

- LHC upgrade

- LHC upgrade towards High Luminosity LHC (HL-LHC) after LS3 (~2024-26); expect 4000 fb<sup>-1</sup> (x6 nominal LHC)

[I. Dawson, P. S. Miyagawa, Sheffield University, Atlas Upgrade radiation background simulations]



Semiconductor detectors will be exposed to hadron fluences equivalent to  $> 2 \cdot 10^{16} n_{eq}/cm^2$  (HL-LHC)

→ detectors developed for running LHC cannot operate after such irradiation

**RD50 : mandate to develop semiconductor sensors and characterisation methods for extreme fluence (where extreme is an ever increasing number).**

- **RD50: 56 institutes and 358 members**

The RD50 community brings together solid state physicists; device physicists; experts of radiation-matter interactions; high energy physicists; electronics system designers; ASICs designers; sensor foundries. This community has learned to work towards common goals developing methods, tools and standards that are world reference for the domain. This vast expertise is an unsurpassed basis for continuing research towards sensor solution for future challenges.

The R&D Collaboration “Radiation hard semiconductor devices for high luminosity colliders” was formed in 2001 and approved by the research board as RD50 in May 2002.

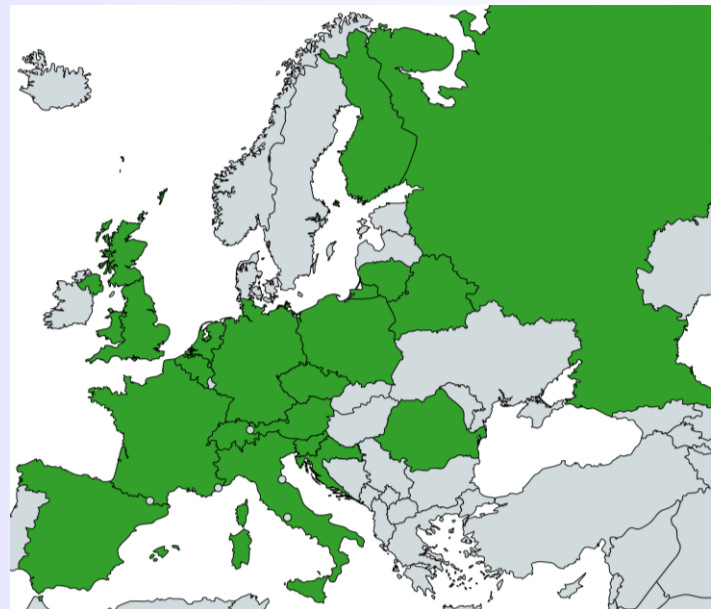
Main focuses:

- Studying and make choices about various semiconductor materials
- understanding the microscopic radiation damage mechanisms
- modelling the radiation damage on microscopic and macroscopic level
- **Radiation hardening by:**
  - ✓ **device engineering**
  - ✓ **material engineering optimization of operational conditions**

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## 49 European institutes

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



## 7 North-American institutes

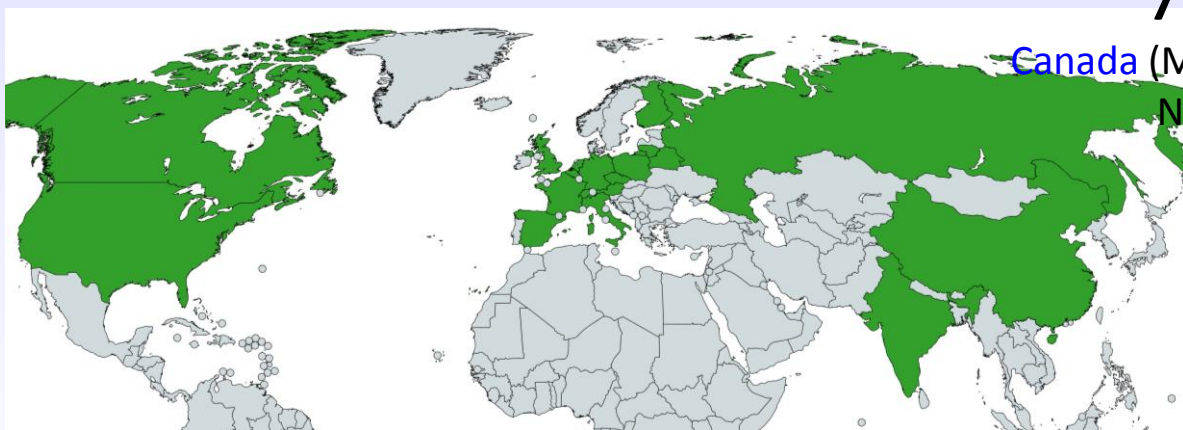
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## 1 Middle East institute

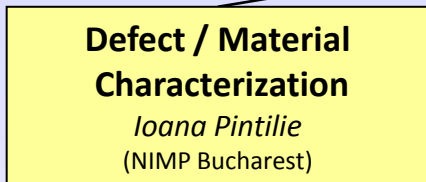
**Israel** (Tel Aviv)

## 2 Asian institute

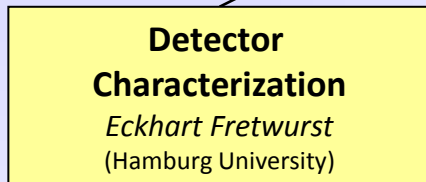
**India** (Delhi), **China** (Beijing)



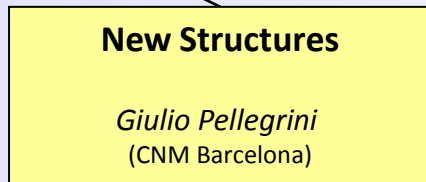
Detailed member list: <http://cern.ch/rd50>



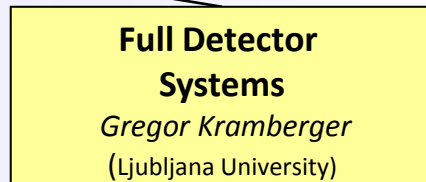
- Characterization of microscopic properties of standard-, defect engineered and new materials pre- and post-irradiation
- DLTS, TSC, ....
- SIMS, SR, ...
- NIEL (calculations)
- Cluster and Point defects
- Boron related defects



- Characterization of test structures (IV, CV, CCE, TCT,..)
- Development and testing of defect engineered silicon devices
- EPI, MCZ and other materials
- NIEL (experimental)
- Device modeling
- Operational conditions
- Common irradiations
- Wafer procurement (M.Moll)
- **Acceptor removal** (Kramberger)



- 3D detectors
- Thin detectors
- Cost effective solutions
- Other new structures
- Detectors with internal gain
- LGAD: Low Gain Avalanche Det.
- Deep depleted Avalanche Det.
- Slim Edges
- HVCMOS
- LGAD (S.Hidalgo)
- HVCMOS (E. Vilella)
- Slim Edges (V.Fadeyev)



- LHC-like tests
- Links to HEP(LHC upgrade, FCC)
- Links electronics R&D
- Low rho strips
- Sensor readout (Alibaba)
- Comparison:
  - pad-mini-full detectors
  - different producers
- Radiation Damage in HEP detectors
- Timing detectors
- Test beams (M.Bomben & G.Casse)

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## Main achievements:

- development of the p-type silicon strip and pixel technology
- double column 3D detectors
- convincing demonstration of the performance of planar segmented sensors to the maximum fluences anticipated for the H-LHC ( $3 \times 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ )
- extensive evaluation of defect engineered Silicon and other semiconductor materials
- observation and explanation of charge multiplication in highly irradiated sensors operated at high voltage
- design and production of LGAD (Low Gain Avalanche Detectors) for 4D tracking
- development of several unique characterization methods and systems for sensor and material analyses: Transient Current Technique (TCT), Edge-TCT, Two Photon Absorption (TPA)-TCT, Alivaba readout system and standardized measurement and analyses procedures, partly now marketed through spin-off companies
- defect characterization: identification of defects responsible for the degradation of various detectors parameters defining the state of the art in the corresponding solid state community
- data collection and development of damage parameters/models essential for sensor design (TCAD parameters) and for planning the running scenarios of LHC experiments and their upgrades (evolution of leakage current, CCE, power consumption, noise,...)
- close links to the LHC experiments (upgrades)



RD50 provides:

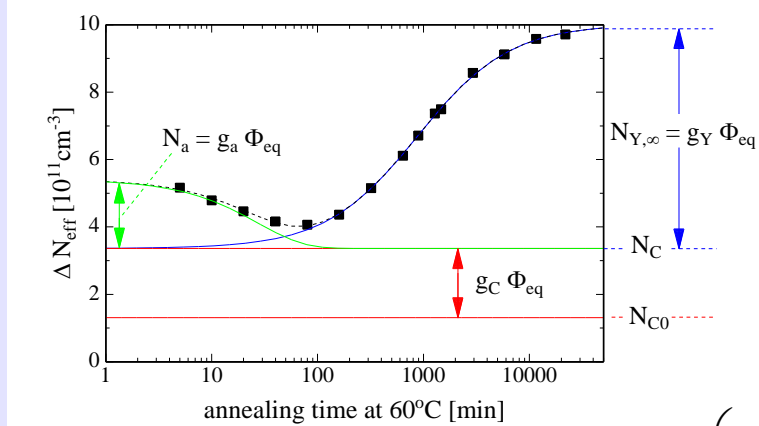
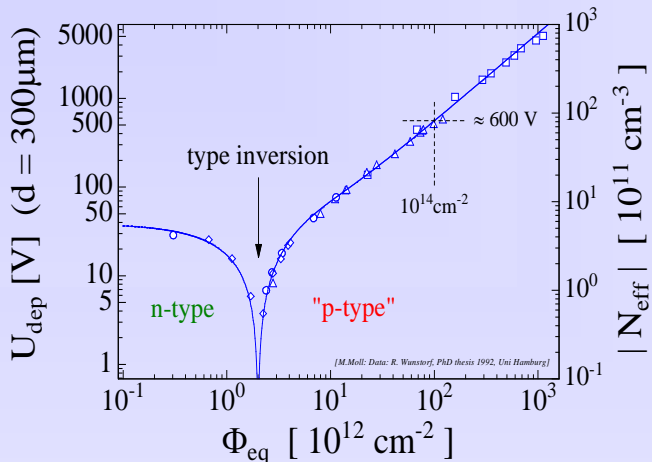
- large data sets for IV curves after irradiation and annealing.
- large data sets for CV curves after irradiation and annealing (up to fluences where this is still relevant).
- large data sets for Charge Collection curves after irradiation and annealing.

Parameterisations of the evolution of IV, CV and CCE-V.

Differences depending on material (O, C contents, CZ, FZ, Epi, ...), thickness, electrode geometry, energy and type of irradiation, ....

Work on simulations to improve on existing irradiation/annealing/bulk/interface models for including all possible parameters. Use of efficient/real defect parameters for improving simulation (applicable to all cases above).

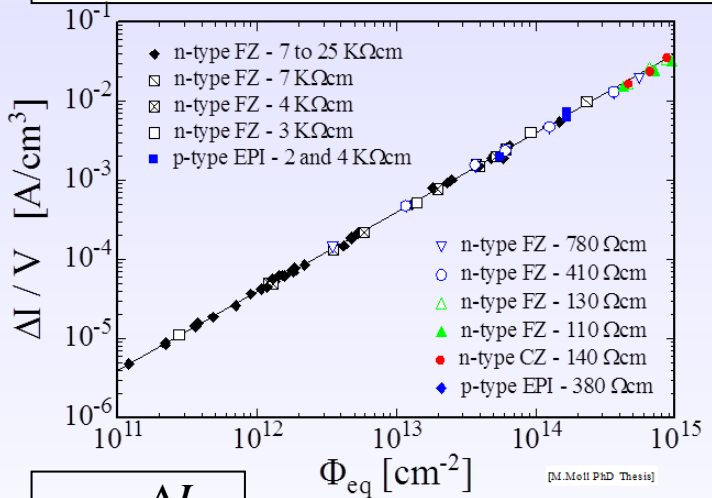




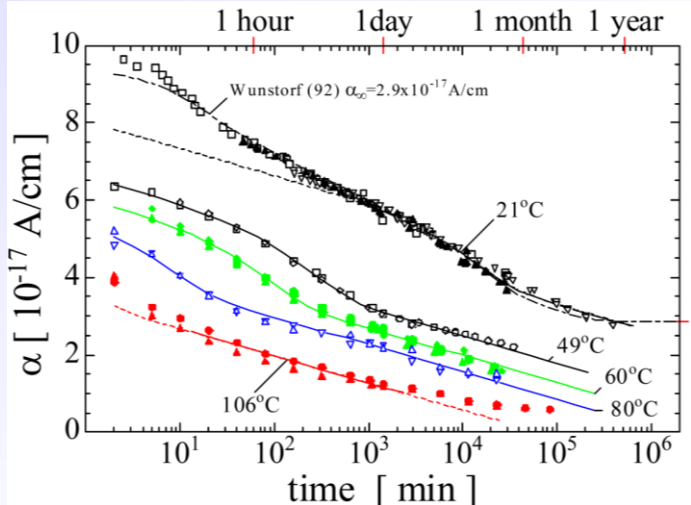
$$N_a = \Phi_{eq} \times \sum_i g_{ai} \times \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_i}\right) \quad N_Y = N_{Y,\infty} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+t/\tau_y}\right)$$

$$N_C = N_{C0} \cdot (1 - \exp(-c \cdot \Phi_{eq})) + g_C \cdot \Phi_{eq}$$

$$\Delta N_{eff}(\Phi_{eq}, t) = N_a(\Phi_{eq}, t) + N_C(\Phi_{eq}) + N_Y(\Phi_{eq}, t)$$



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



Current sensors in LHC, mainly n-type



## • Standard FZ silicon

- type inversion at  $\sim 2 \times 10^{13}$  p/cm<sup>2</sup>
- strong  $N_{\text{eff}}$  increase at high fluence

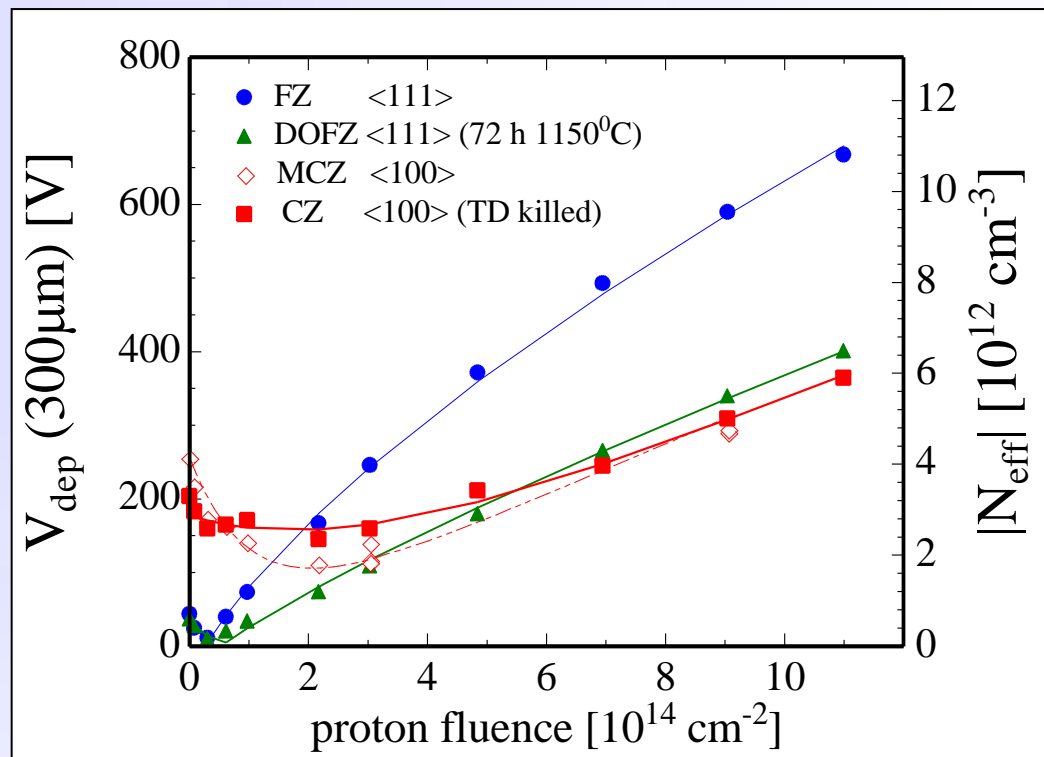
## • Oxygenated FZ (DOFZ)

- type inversion at  $\sim 2 \times 10^{13}$  p/cm<sup>2</sup>
- reduced  $N_{\text{eff}}$  increase at high fluence

## • CZ silicon and MCZ silicon

- “no type inversion” in the overall fluence range

*(for experts: there is no “real” type inversion, a more clear understanding of the observed effects is obtained by investigating directly the internal electric field; look for: TCT, MCZ, double junction)*

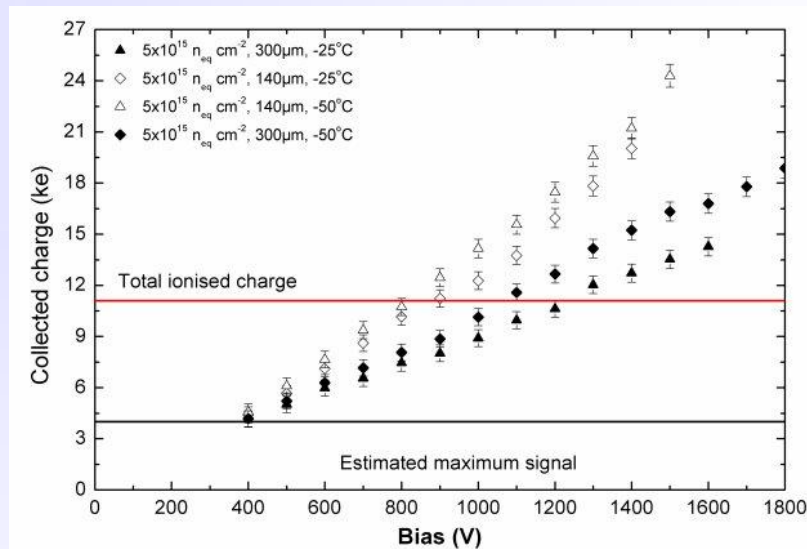
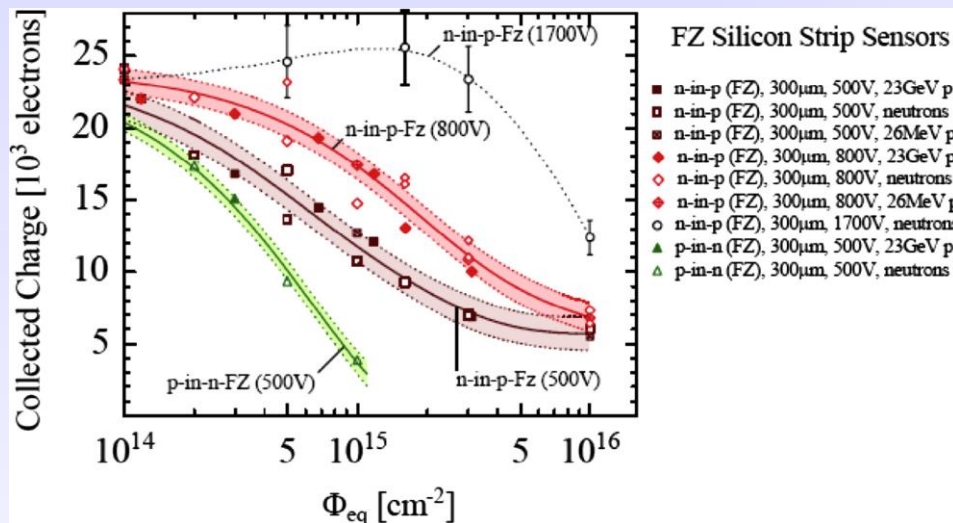


- The irradiation introduces defects which act as trapping center for the charge generated by an ionizing particle
- This reduce the overall signal thus affecting the detector efficiency

$$Q_{e,h}(t) = Q_{0e,h} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\tau_{eff\ e,h}} \cdot t\right) \quad \frac{1}{\tau_{eff\ e,h}} = \beta_{e,h}(T, t) \Phi_{eq}$$

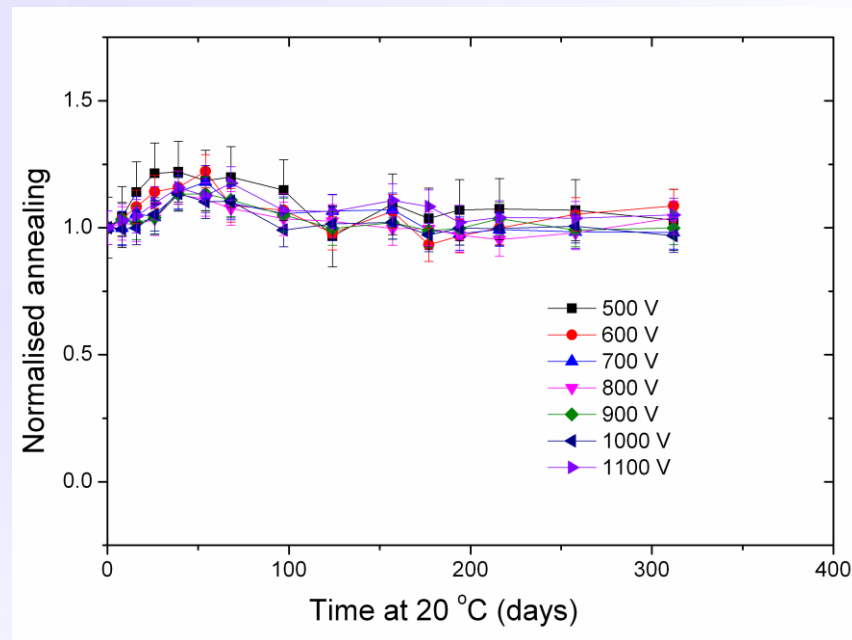
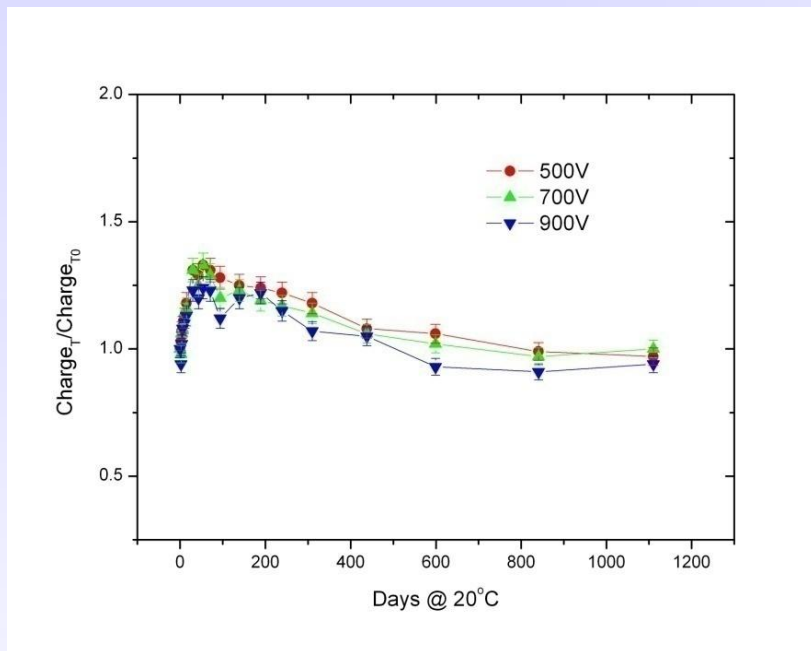
- When the effective trapping time becomes of the order of the electron/hole drift time (5-20ns) the charge integrated at the electrodes by the front-end electronics is reduced

Especially at high doses (HL-LHC regime) the  $V_{FD}$  is not a useful parameter. Use charge instead.

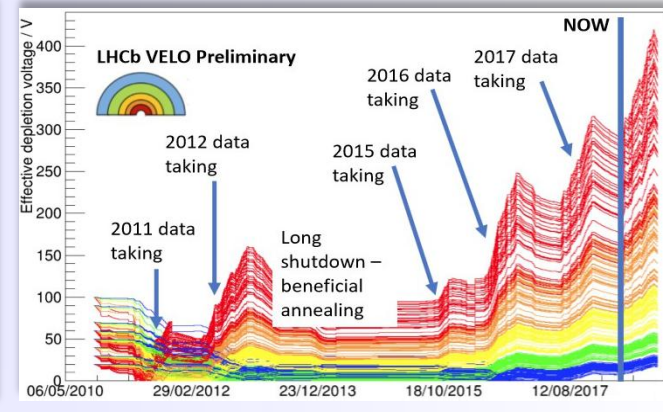
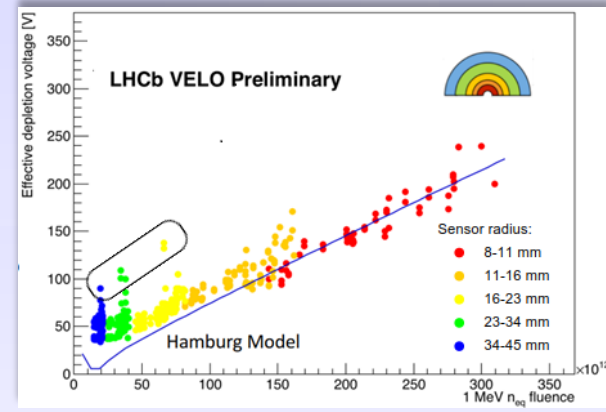
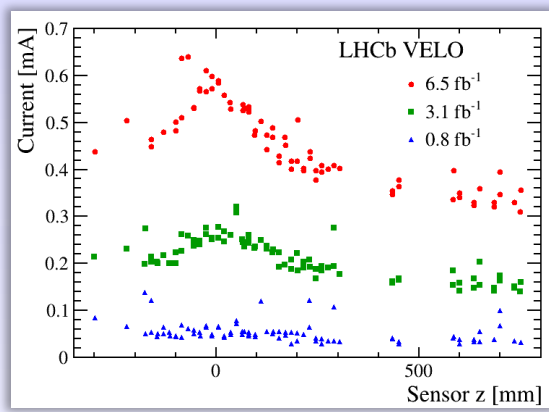
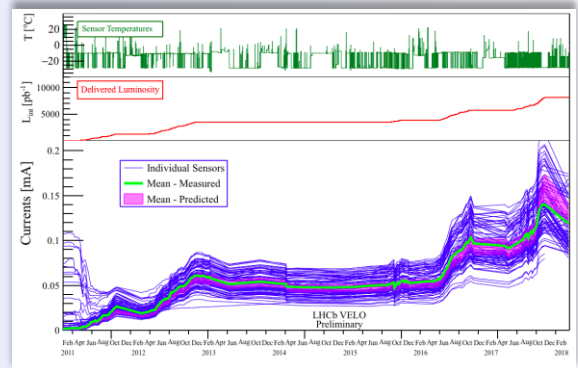


G. Casse et al., "Enhanced efficiency of segmented silicon detectors of different thicknesses after proton irradiations up to  $1 \times 10^{16} n_{eq} cm^{-2}$ ", 624 (2010), 401-404.

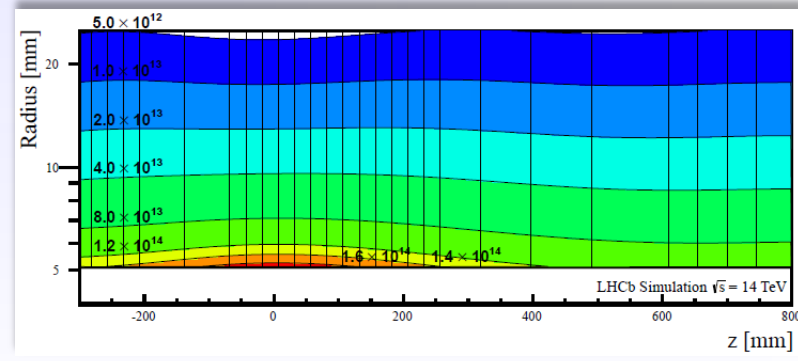
## Normalised annealing of the collected charge in n-in-p microstrip sensors after 2 and 10 x 10<sup>16</sup> n<sub>eq</sub> cm<sup>-2</sup> ( 26MeV p irradiation)



- The evolution of leakage current and effective depletion voltage are based on Hamburg model.
- Fluence is determined by Geant4 and FLUKA (comparison is ongoing),
  - the z-dependence of the fluence reflects the shape of the leakage current.

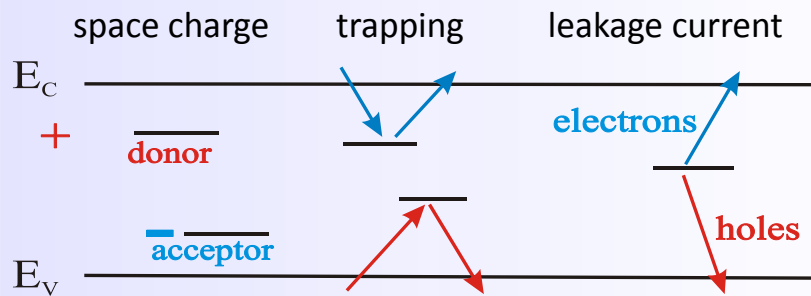


- Simulation for the VELO Upgrade shows that the inner tip of the sensors will be irradiated up to  $7 \times 10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}$  per  $50 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .



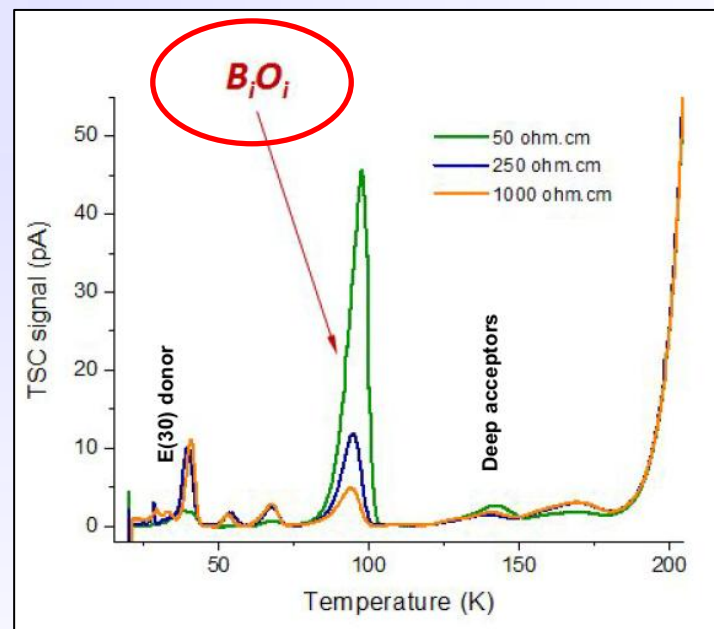
- Aim of defect studies:**

- Identify defects responsible for Trapping, Leakage Current, Change of  $N_{\text{eff}}$ , Change of E-Field
- Understand if this knowledge can be used to mitigate radiation damage (e.g. defect engineering)
- Deliver input for device simulations to predict detector performance under various conditions



- Method: Defect Analysis performed with various tools inside RD50:**

- C-DLTS** (Capacitance Deep Level Transient Spectroscopy)
- TSC** (Thermally Stimulated Currents)
- PITS** (Photo Induced Transient Spectroscopy)
- FTIR** (Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy)
- EPR** (Electron Paramagnetic Resonance)
- TCT** (Transient Current Technique)
- CV/IV** (Capacitance/Current-Voltage Measurement)
- MW-PC** (Microwave Probed Photo Conductivity)
- PC, RL, I-DLTS, TEM, ... and simulation*
- RD50: several hundred samples irradiated with protons, neutrons, electrons and  $^{60}\text{Co}$ - $\gamma$**



[Pedro Almeida, CERN, Trento Meeting, 2018]

Example: TSC measurement on defects produced by 23 GeV protons in p-type silicon of different resistivity

• **Some identified defects**

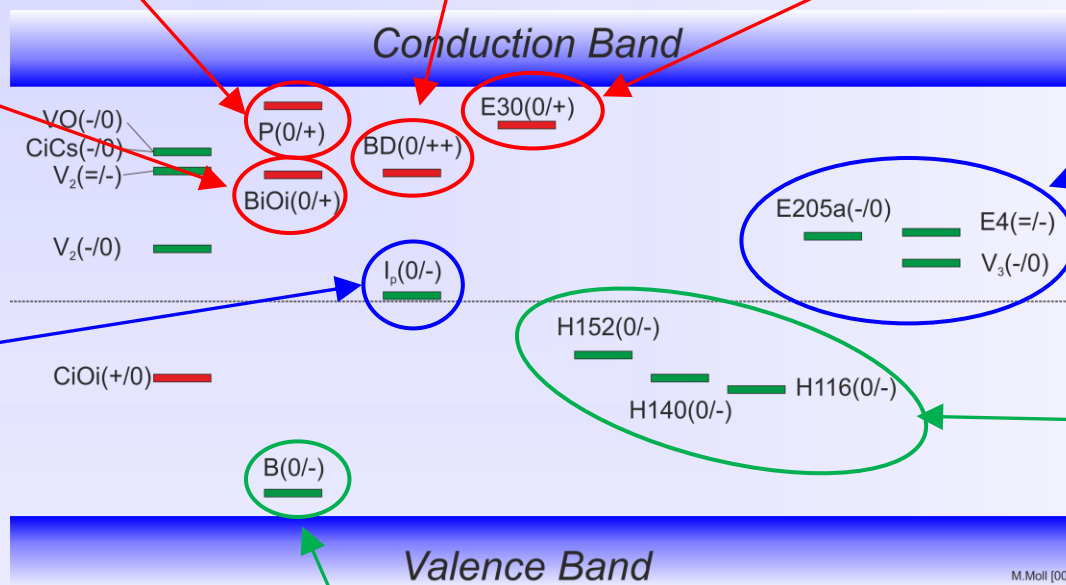
Phosphorus: shallow dopant  
(positive charge)

positive charge  
(higher introduction after proton than after neutron irradiation, oxygen dependent)

positive charge  
(higher introduction after proton irradiation than after neutron irradiation)

BiOi  
(positive charge)

leakage current & neg. charge current after  $\gamma$  irradi,  $V_2O$  (?)



Leakage current:  $v_3$

Reverse annealing  
(negative charge)

Boron: shallow dopant  
(negative charge)

**Build updated tables with levels and cross sections is given in the spare slides.**

- **Trapping: Indications that E205a and H152K are important** (further work needed)
- Converging on consistent set of defects observed after p,  $\pi$ , n,  $\gamma$  and e irradiation.
- Defect introduction rates are depending on particle type and particle energy and (for some) on material!



- Most relevant defects with impact on device performance

TABLE I

ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES OF POINT AND EXTENDED DEFECTS RELEVANT FOR DETECTOR OPERATION (FOR DETAILS SEE [32] AND REFERENCES GIVEN IN THE TABLE).

Defect	Transition	Level(s) [eV]	$\sigma_{e,h}$ [cm <sup>2</sup> ]	Comment
E(30K)	(0/+)	$E_C - 0.1$	$\sigma_e = 2.3 \times 10^{-14}$	Not identified extended defect, donor level, contributes in full concentration with positive space charge to $N_{eff}$ , strongly generated after charged particle irradiation with linear fluence dependence [32], [37], [89].
$BD_A$	(0/++)	$E_C - 0.225$	$\sigma_e = 2.3 \times 10^{-14}$	Point defect, TDD2, bistable donor existing in configuration A and B, strongly generated in O rich material, contributing in full concentration to positive space charge [36], [90], [91]
$BD_B$	(+/++)	$E_C - 0.15$	$\sigma_e = 2.7 \times 10^{-12}$	
$I_p$	(+/0) (0/-)	$E_V + 0.23$ $E_C - 0.545$	$\sigma_h = (0.5 - 9) \times 10^{-15}$ $\sigma_e = 1.7 \times 10^{-15}$ $\sigma_h = 9 \times 10^{-14}$	Not identified point defect, tentatively V <sub>2</sub> O or C related defect [37], generated via second order process (quadratic fluence dependence), strongly generated in O lean material, acceptor level contributing to current and $N_{eff}$ [36], [37], [92], [93]
$E_{75}$	(-/0)	$E_C - 0.075$	$\sigma_e = 3.7 \times 10^{-15}$	Tri-Vacancy (V <sub>3</sub> ), bistable defect existing in 2 configurations: FFC(E <sub>75</sub> ) and PHR(E <sub>4</sub> ,E <sub>5</sub> ), E <sub>5</sub> is contributing to leakage current, linear fluence dependence [37], [94]–[98]
E <sub>4</sub>	(=/-)	$E_C - 0.359$	$\sigma_e = 2.15 \times 10^{-15}$	
E <sub>5</sub>	(-/0)	$E_C - 0.458$	$\sigma_e = 2.4 \times 10^{-15}$ $\sigma_h = 2.15 \times 10^{-13}$	
H(116K)	(0/-)	$E_V + 0.33$	$\sigma_h = 4 \times 10^{-14}$	3 non identified extended defects, linear fluence dependence, contributing in full cocentration negative space charge, responsible for <i>reverse annealing</i> [32], [37], [89], [99]
H(140K)	(0/-)	$E_V + 036$	$\sigma_h = 2.5 \times 10^{-15}$	
H(152K)	(0/-)	$E_V + 0.42$	$\sigma_h = 2.3 \times 10^{-14}$	
BiOi	(0/+)	$E_C - 0.23$		Dominant Boron related defect (electron trap) in oxygen rich Silicon, created during acceptor removal [100]–[103]

J.M.Moll, 2018, <https://doi.org/10.1109/INS.2018.2819506>

[32] R. Radu, I. Pintilie, L. C. Nistor, E. Fretwurst, G. Lindstroem, and L. F. Makarenko, "Investigation of point and extended defects in electron irradiated silicondependence on the particle energy," *Journal of Applied Physics*, vol. 117, no. 16, p. 164503, 2015.

- Several different models and tools are used within RD50 and other communities

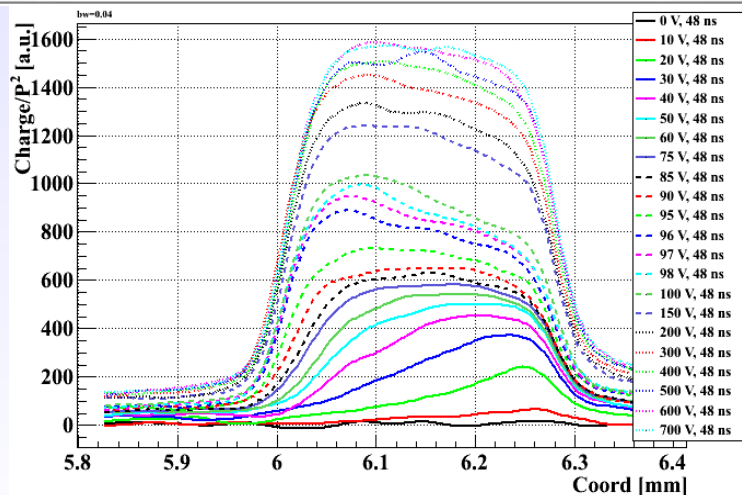
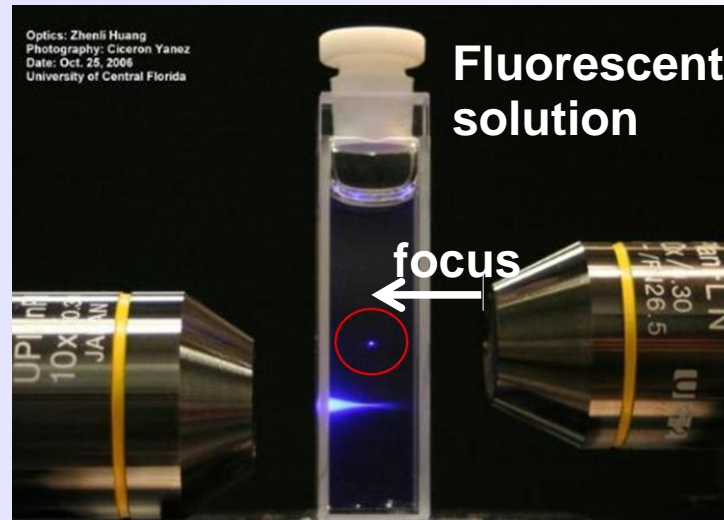
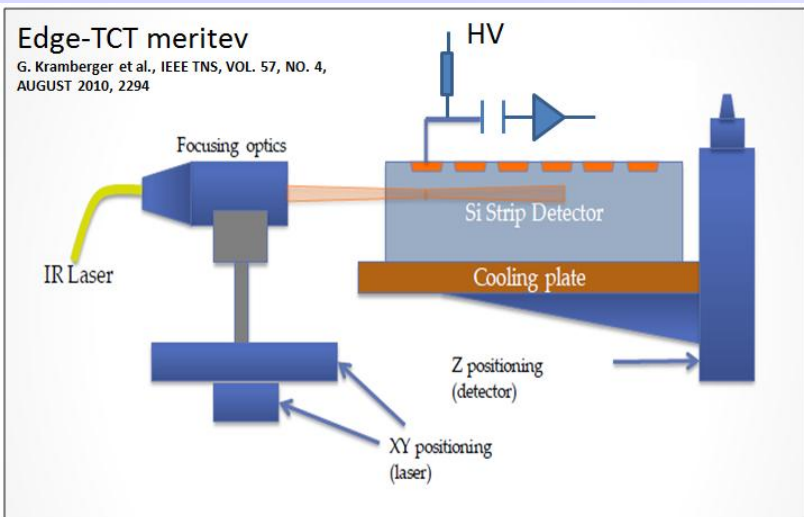
TABLE II

A (NON-EXHAUSTIVE) COLLECTION OF RADIATION DAMAGE MODELS USED TO SIMULATE THE ELECTRIC FIELD WITHIN SILICON SENSORS AFTER HIGH FLUENCE HEAVY PARTICLE IRRADIATION (SEE TEXT). A = ACCEPTOR; D = DONOR

Model	Type	Level [eV]	$\sigma_{e,h}$ [cm <sup>2</sup> ]	$\eta$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	Comment
EVL 2002 [40]	A	$E_C - 0.525$	$1 \times 10^{-15}$	-	Tool: Microsoft Excel [116]  (*level for current generation, no space charge)
	D	$E_V + 0.48$	$1 \times 10^{-15}$	-	
	-	$E_C - 0.65(*)$	$1 \times 10^{-13}$	0.4	
Perugia 2006 [109] (p-type sensors)	A	$E_C - 0.42$	$2 \times 10^{-15}, 2 \times 10^{-14}$	1.613	Tool: Silvaco [117]
	A	$E_C - 0.46$	$5 \times 10^{-15}, 5 \times 10^{-14}$	0.9	
	D	$E_V + 0.36$	$2.5 \times 10^{-14}, 2.5 \times 10^{-15}$	0.9	
(n-type sensors)	A	$E_C - 0.42$	$2 \times 10^{-15}, 1.2 \times 10^{-14}$	13	
	A	$E_C - 0.50$	$5 \times 10^{-15}, 3.5 \times 10^{-14}$	0.08	
	D	$E_V + 0.36$	$2 \times 10^{-18}, 2.5 \times 10^{-15}$	1.1	
Glasgow 2008 [110]	A	$E_C - 0.42$	$9.5 \times 10^{-15}, 9.5 \times 10^{-14}$	1.613	Tool: Synopsys [118] model adapted from <i>Perugia 2006</i> [109] simulation of p-type 3D sensors
	A	$E_C - 0.46$	$5 \times 10^{-15}, 5 \times 10^{-14}$	0.9	
	D	$E_V + 0.36$	$3.23 \times 10^{-13}, 3.23 \times 10^{-14}$	0.9	
KIT 2013 [111] (protons)	A	$E_C - 0.525$	$1 \times 10^{-14}, 1 \times 10^{-14}$	-	Tool: Synopsys [118] $\eta_A = 1.189 \text{ cm}^{-1} \times \phi - 6.454 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ $\eta_D = 5.598 \text{ cm}^{-1} \times \phi - 3.949 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
	D	$E_V + 0.48$	$1 \times 10^{-14}, 1 \times 10^{-14}$	-	
(neutrons)	A	$E_C - 0.525$	$1.2 \times 10^{-14}, 1.2 \times 10^{-14}$	1.55	
	D	$E_V + 0.48$	$1.2 \times 10^{-14}, 1.2 \times 10^{-14}$	1.395	
Delhi 2014 [112]	A	$E_C - 0.51$	$2 \times 10^{-14}, 2.6 \times 10^{-14}$	4	Tool: Silvaco [117]
	D	$E_V + 0.48$	$2 \times 10^{-14}$	3	
Perugia 2016 [113] (p-type sensors)	A	$E_C - 0.42$	$1 \times 10^{-15}, 1 \times 10^{-14}$	1.613	improving <i>Perugia 2006</i> [109] $\phi_{eq} \leq 7 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ $7 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2} \leq \phi_{eq} \leq 1.5 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ $1.5 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2} \leq \phi_{eq} \leq 2.2 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
	A	$E_C - 0.46$	$7 \times 10^{-15}, 7 \times 10^{-14}$	0.9	
	-	-	$3 \times 10^{-15}, 3 \times 10^{-14}$	-	
	-	-	$1.5 \times 10^{-15}, 1.5 \times 10^{-14}$	-	
	D	$E_V + 0.36$	$3.23 \times 10^{-13}, 3.23 \times 10^{-14}$	0.9	

RD50 investigation methods: Edge TCT.  
Charge generation, charge velocity and electric field profile.

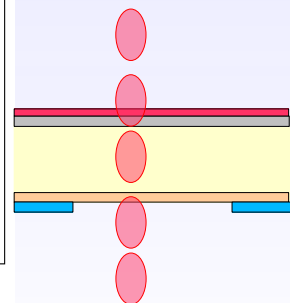
TPA: Two Photon Absorption



Single Photon Absorption

Two Photon Absorption

Top-TPA



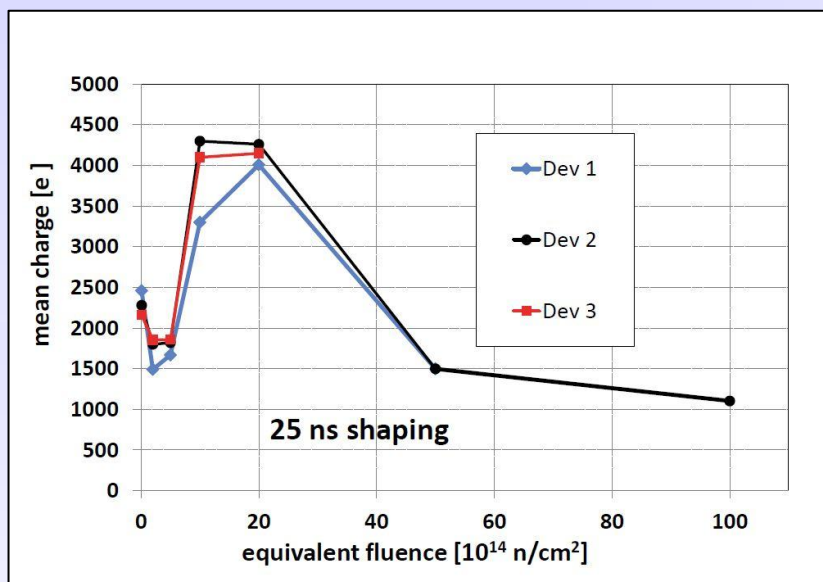
Two Photons must be **coincident in time** (pulsed mode-locked lasers) and in **space** (microfocusing)



×100 objective

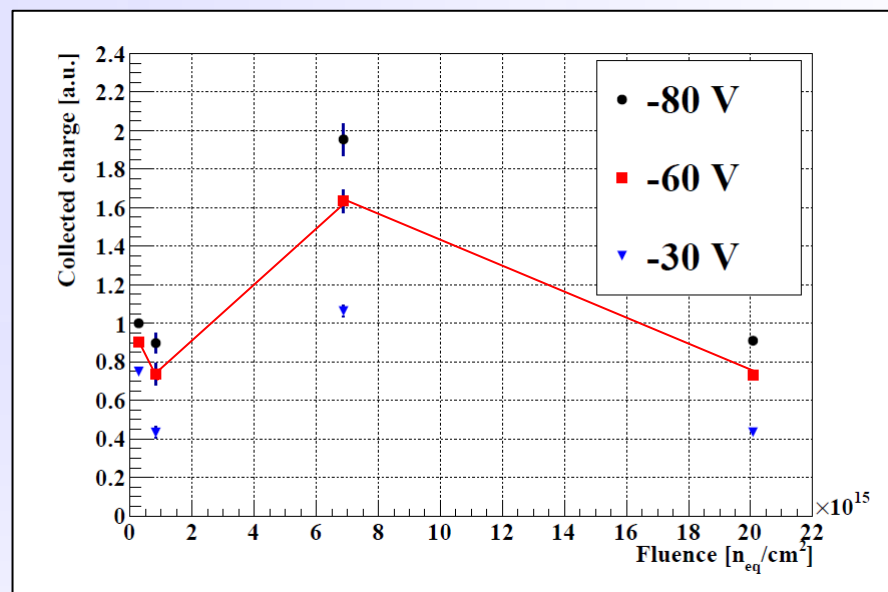
- **350nm – neutron irradiation**

- AMS, 350nm, CHESS-1, 20  $\Omega\text{cm}$  ( $7 \cdot 10^{14}\text{cm}^{-3}$ )
- 2mm x 2mm passive sensor (400 pixel)
- $\text{Sr}^{90}$ , 25 ns shaping, 120 V



- **180nm – neutron irradiation**

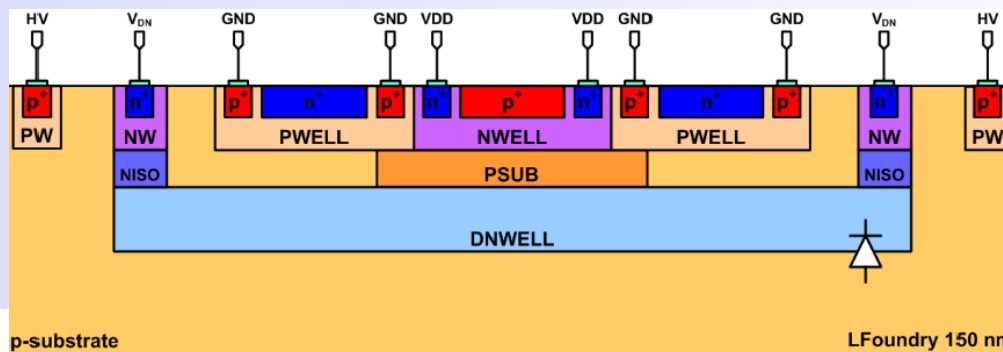
- AMS, 180nm, HV2FEI4, 10  $\Omega\text{cm}$  ( $1.4 \cdot 10^{15}\text{cm}^{-3}$ )
- 100 $\mu\text{m}$  x 100  $\mu\text{m}$  passive pixel
- IR-laser, 5 ns integration



- **CCE rising above initial value for fluences in order of some  $10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$**

- Up to about  $10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  CCE decreases [diffusing charge gets trapped]
- Above about  $10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  CCE rises above initial value [reduction of  $N_{\text{eff}}$ , “acceptor removal”]
- Above some  $10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  CCE finally degrading [trapping, increase of space charge  $N_{\text{eff}}$ ]

## HV-CMOS: key technology for the future of experiments



### RD50-ENGRUN1

#### Aims

- Improve the current time resolution of HV-CMOS sensors (by a factor 10)
- Implement different sensor cross-sections
- Study options to increase the device area beyond the reticle size limitation
- Measure the sensors performance after a wide range of fluences

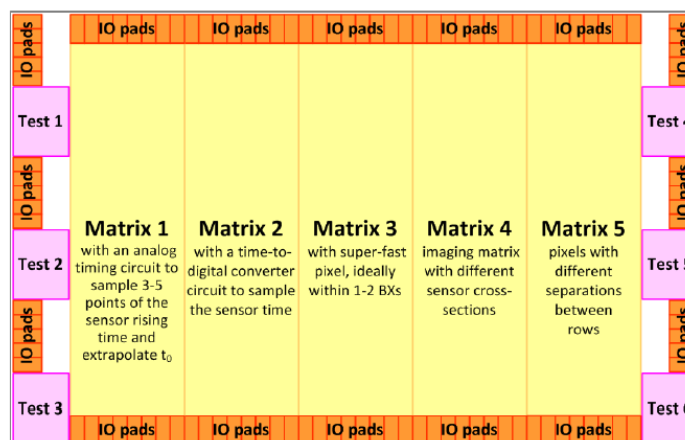
#### Technology

- 150 nm HV-CMOS from LFoundry
- Large area submission (2 cm x 2 cm, engineering run)

#### Design effort

- FBK (N. Massari, M. Perenzoni and C. Zhang)
- IFAE (R. Casanova)
- Uni. Barcelona (O. Alonso, +1)
- Uni. Liverpool (S. Powell, E. Vilella and C. Zhang)
- Uni. Seville (F. Muñoz and R. Palomo)

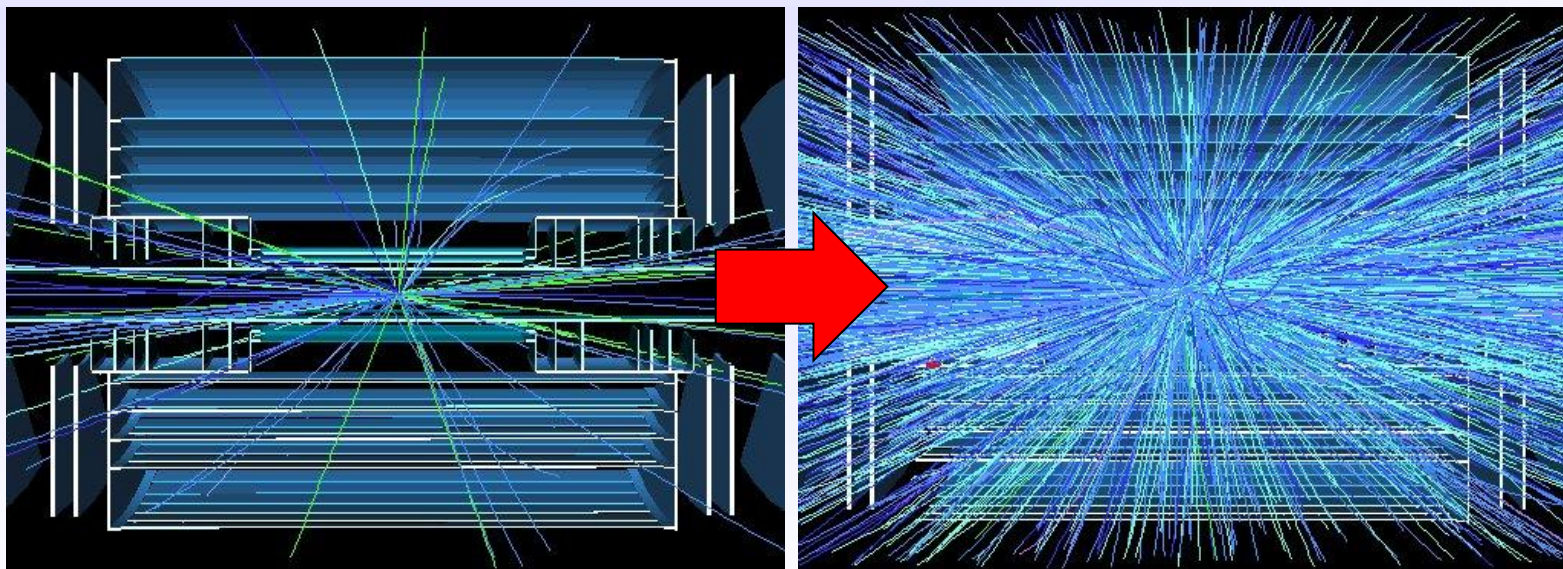
#### TCAD simulations + DAQ development



- Test structure 1 Simple CMOS capacitors to study oxide thickness
- Test structure 2 10 x 10 matrix of very small pixels with passive RO
- Test structure 3 10 x 10 matrix of very small pixels with 3T-like RO
- Test structure 4 Small matrix of pixels for TCT, e-TCT and TPA-TCT
- Test structure 5 Single pixels for sensor capacitance measurements
- Test structure 6 ...



RD50 development for 4D tracking: LGAD (Low Gain Avalanche Diodes) or UFSD (Ultra Fast Silicon Detectors).  
Inspired by the Charge Multiplication effect.  
Stimulated attention of HL-LHC experiments:  
Pile-up mitigation. Performance required:  $t_{res} < 50$  ps  
Limitation to overcome: radiation tolerance to some  $10^{15}$  n<sub>eq</sub> cm<sup>-2</sup>. Improving the fill factor.



Idea suggested by charge multiplication in silicon.

Low gain ( $\ll 100$ ) silicon detectors (LGAD) have been proposed for 4D tracking: combine the high spatial resolution of segmented silicon sensors with avalanche multiplication for producing high S/N devices.

This can achieve time resolutions  $< 100$  ps. Several application possible, also Timing Layers for primary vertices disentanglement at the HL-LHC.

Pioneered within RD50, first devices fabricated by foundries within RD50: CNM, FBK.

Principle:

Add to n-on-p Silicon sensor an extra thin p-layer below the junction which increases the E-field so that charge multiplication with

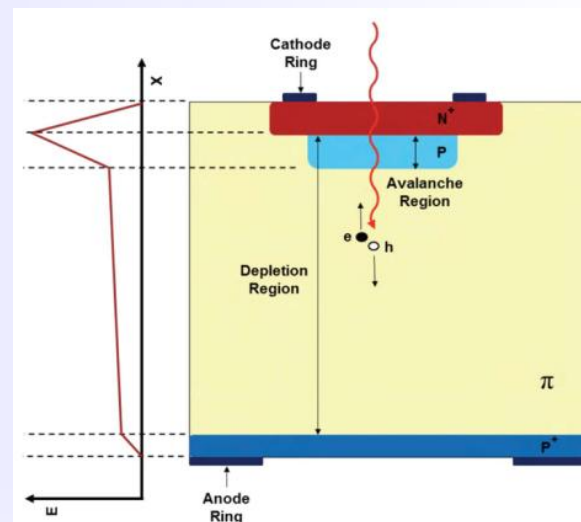
**moderate gain** of 10-50 occurs without breakdown.

Timing resolution:

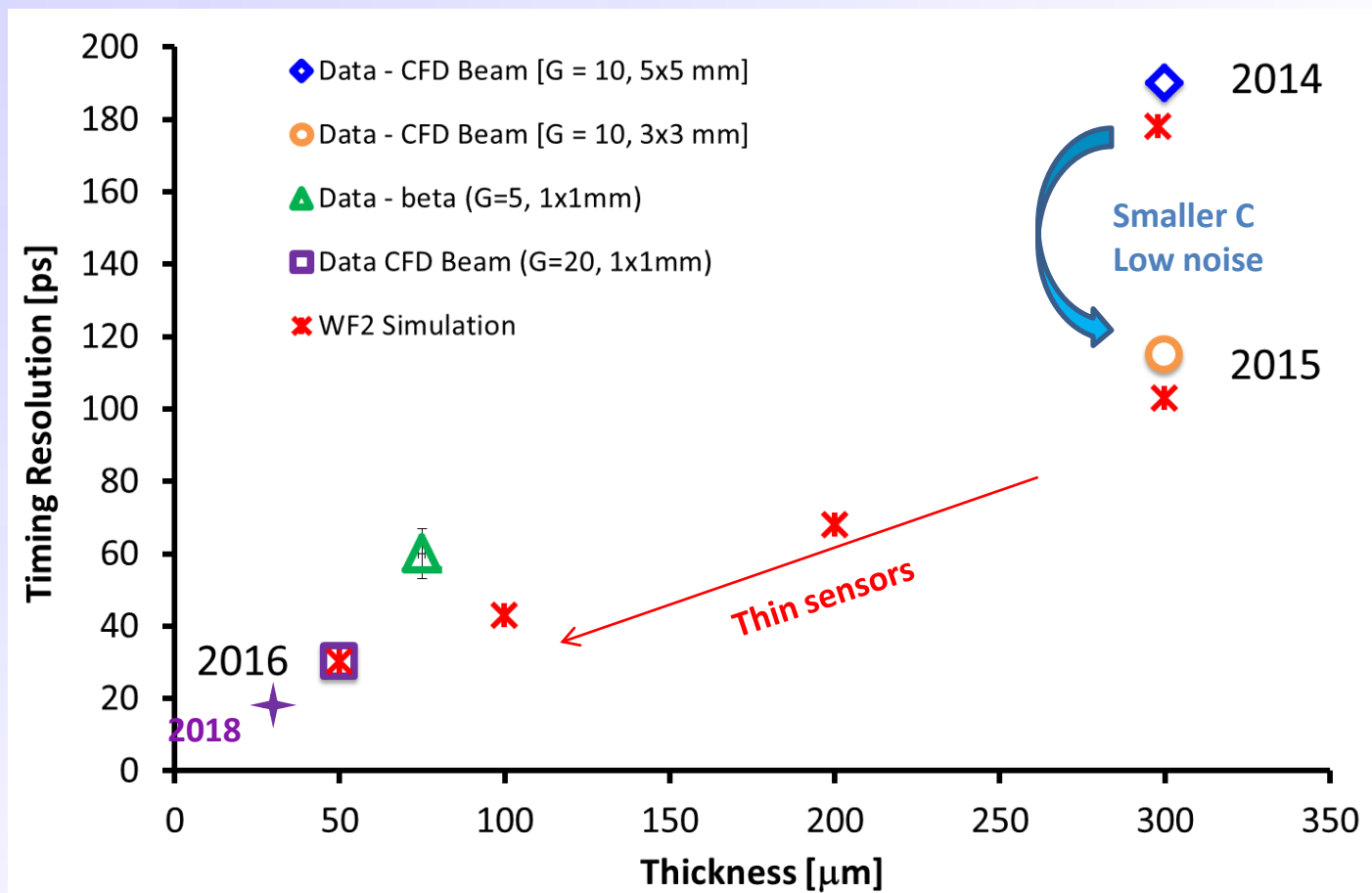
$$\sigma_t^2 = \sigma_{TimeWalk}^2 + \sigma_{LandauNoise}^2 + \sigma_{Distortion}^2 + \sigma_{Jitter}^2 + \sigma_{TDC}^2$$

$$\sigma_{TimeWalk} = \left[ \frac{V_{th}}{S/t_{rise}} \right]_{RMS} \propto \left[ \frac{N}{\frac{dV}{dt}} \right]_{RMS}, \quad \sigma_{Jitter} = \frac{N}{dV/dt} \approx \frac{t_{rise}}{S/N}$$

- Maximize slope  $dV/dt$  (i.e. large and fast signals)
- Signal  $\sim$  gain, expect jitter  $\sim 1/G$
- Minimize noise  $N$





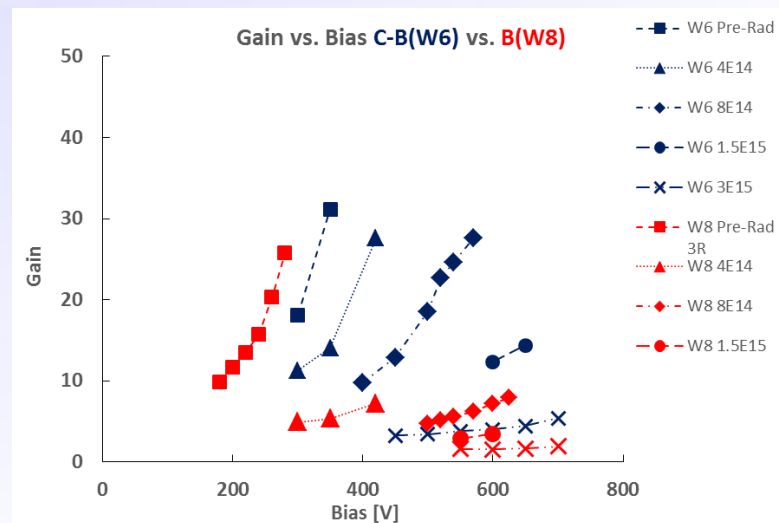
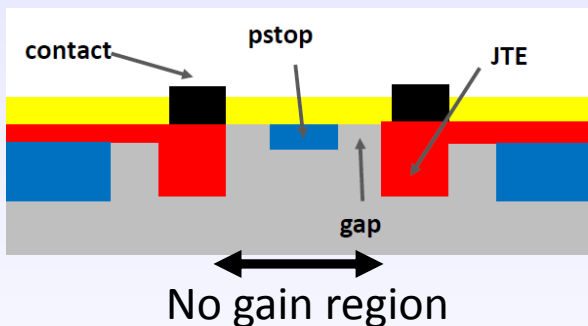


Hartmut F.-W. Sadrozinski, "UFSD Timing",  
RD50 June 2018

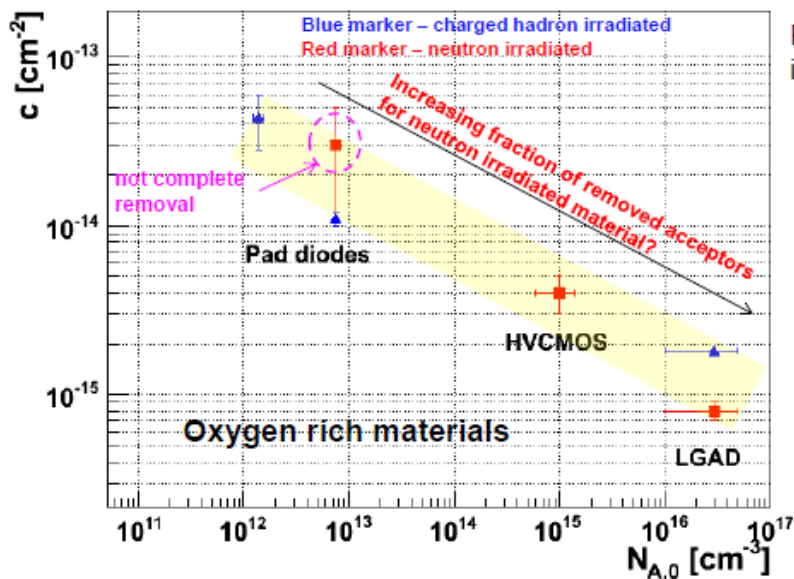
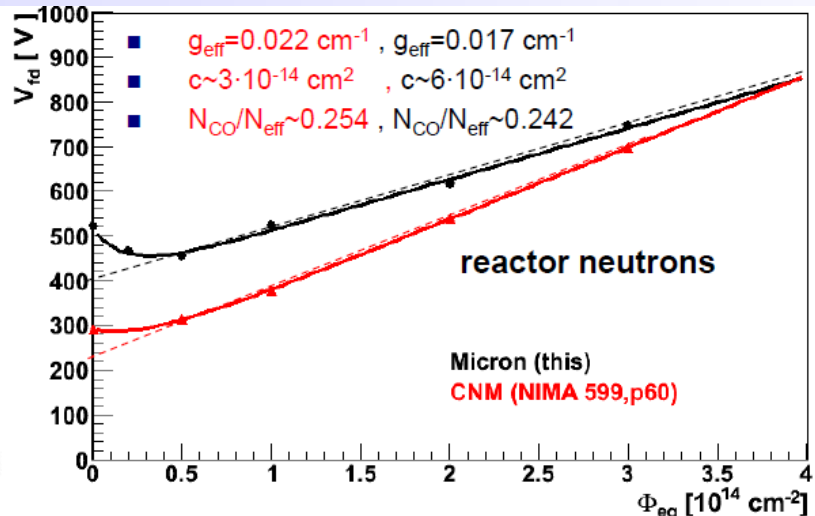
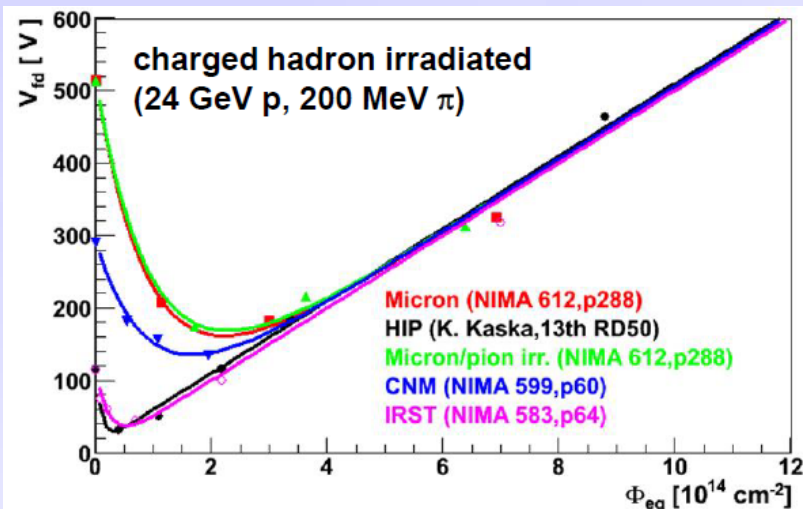
## Improvements on LGAD's:

Radiation tolerance: in HL-LHC the timing layer sensors would need to operate up to  $1-2 \times 10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ .

Fill factor: the shaping of the electric field at the edge of the multiplication region introduces no-Gain areas in the detector.



## Gain reduction caused by acceptor removal.



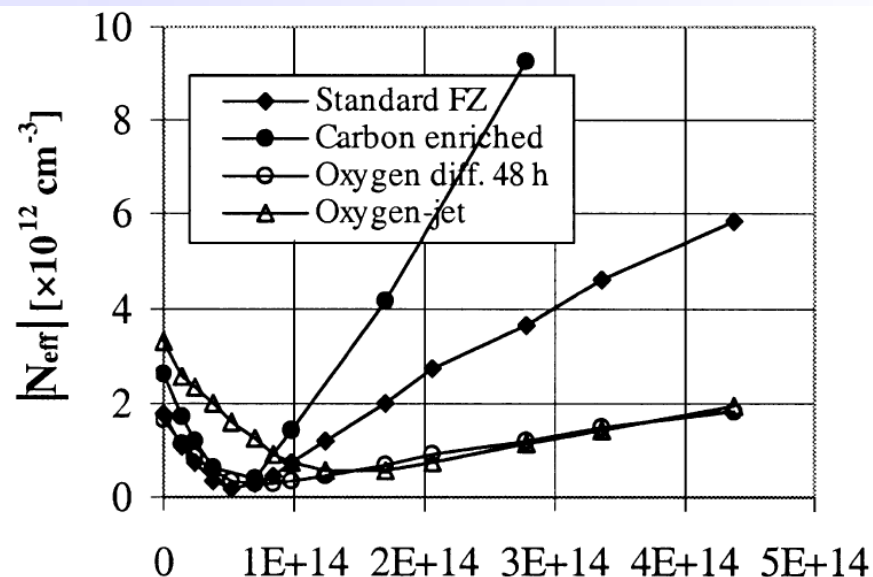
$$V_{mr} = V_{mr,0} \cdot \exp(-c \cdot \Phi_{eq})$$

Mitigating acceptor removal.

Changes of the p-doping layer: Ga instead of B?

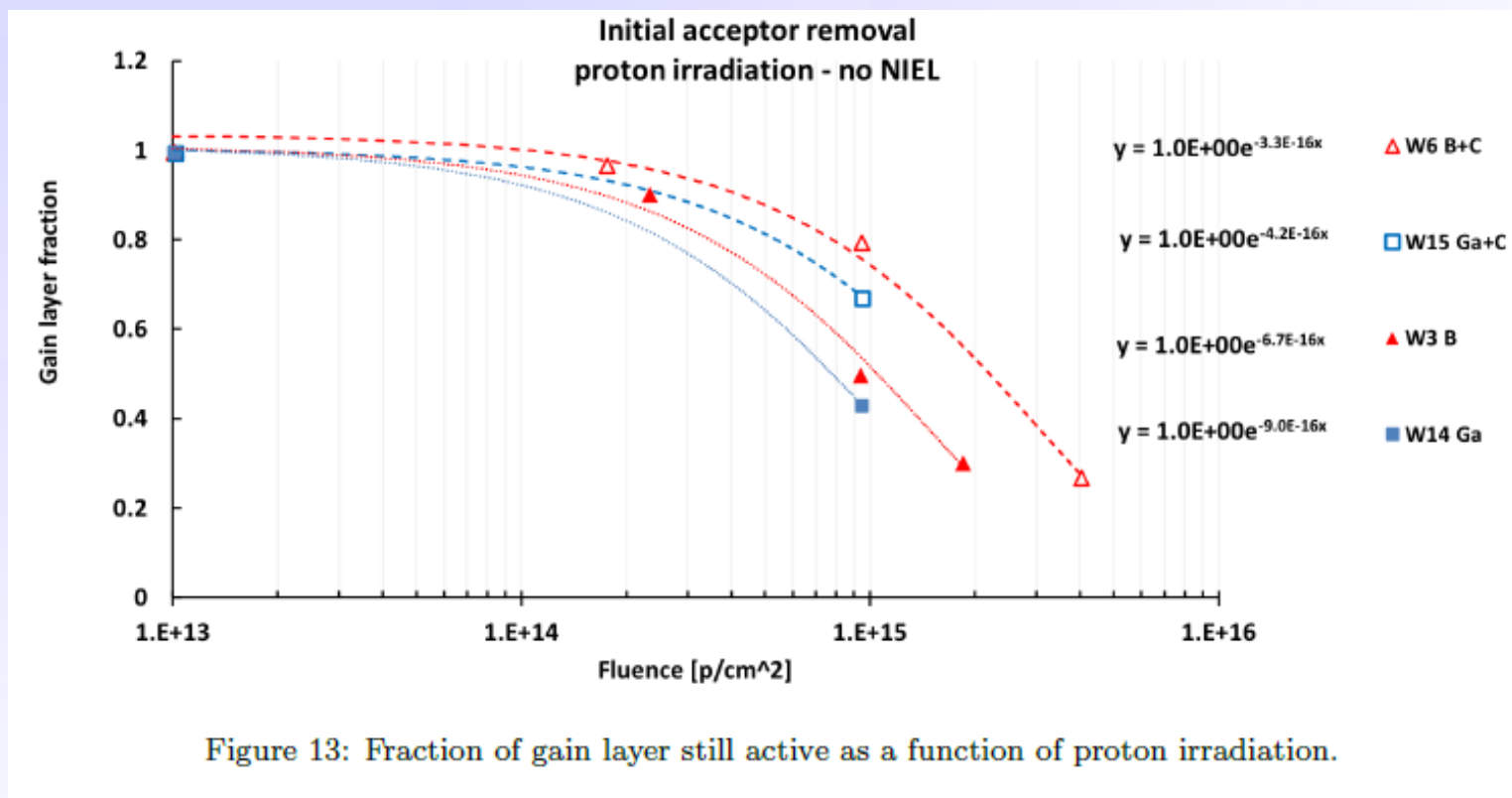
Old results can also help (crystal engineering)

Proton irradiated Carbon enriched Si FZ diodes exhibit faster acceptor introduction rates. This can be used for compensating for the acceptor removal (C layer should match the depth profile of the multiplication p-layer).



A. Ruzin et al., "Radiation effects in silicon detectors processed on carbon and oxygen-rich substrates", Mat. Science in Sem. Processing 3, pp. 257-261 (2000)

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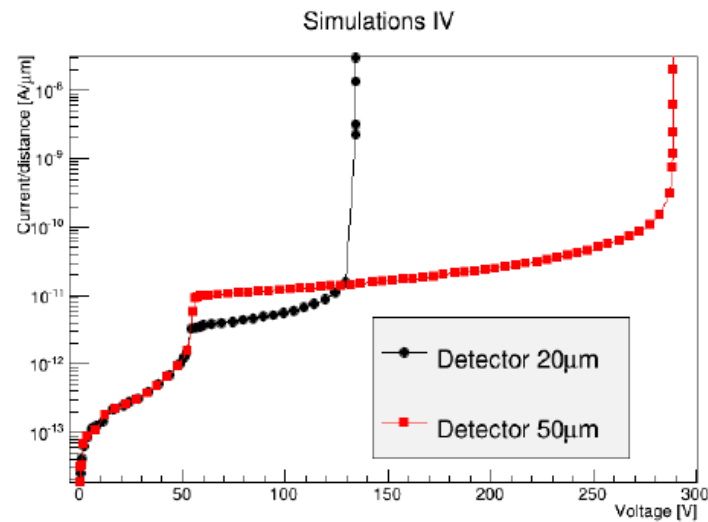
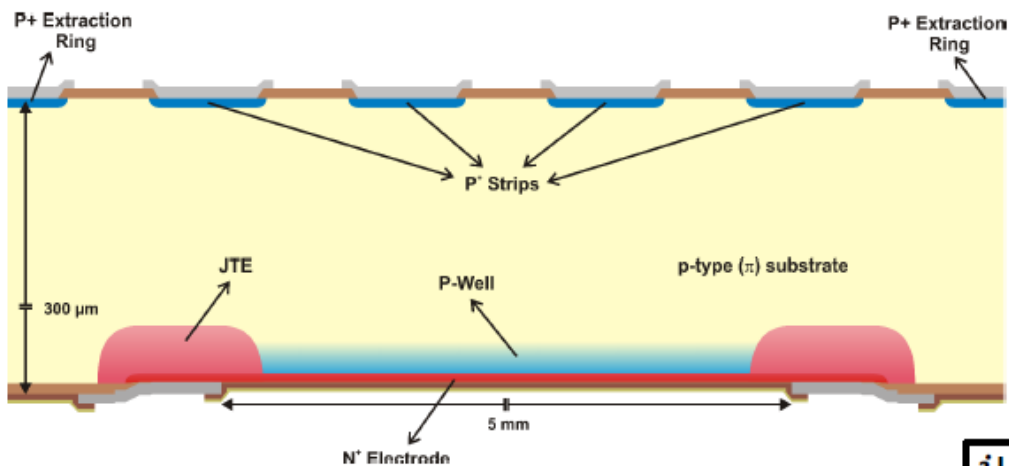


## P on P Strip iLGAD: The "Inverse" LGAD

## iLGAD. P on P MicroStrips. 2D Simulation

- Double-sided LGAD with pad-like multiplication structure in the back-side and ohmic read out strips, or pixels, in the front-side
- First Design and Run. Include Pads, microStrips and pixelated iLGADs

MicroStrips I(V). Breakdown performances limited by Thickness



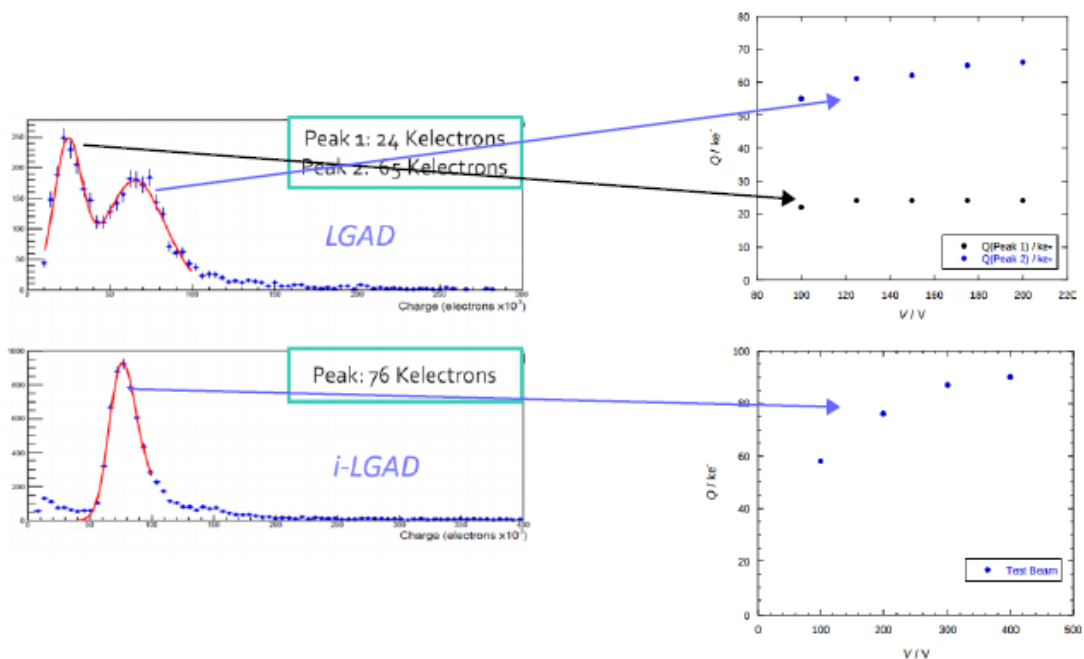
1987 United States Patent. Paul P. Webb et al. RCA Inc. "Avalanche photodiode"

iLGAD

S. Hidalgo et al., 27<sup>th</sup> RD50 meeting, 3/12/2015, CERN



## MIP response: cluster charge distributions

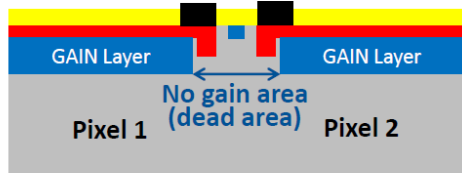


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31<sup>st</sup> RD50 Workshop (CERN)

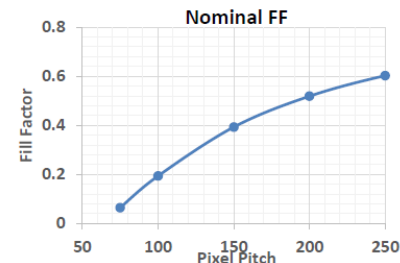
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## Current technology (FBK UFSD2)



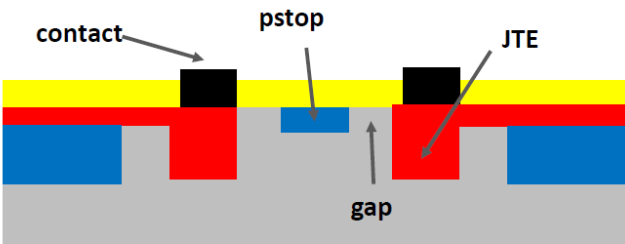
- Detectors with internal gain are typically affected by Fill Factor reduction.
  - Two regions are present :
    - i) GAIN region (pixel core)
    - ii) NO-GAIN region (pixel border)
- $$\text{Fill Factor} = \frac{\text{gain area}}{\text{total area}}$$
- The pixel border is a dead-region. The carriers generated in this area are not multiplied.

The minimum pixel (strip) dimension are dominated by the Fill Factor. Small pixels are not feasible.



Measured no-gain area width:

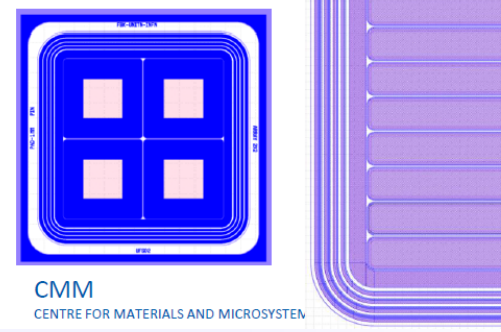
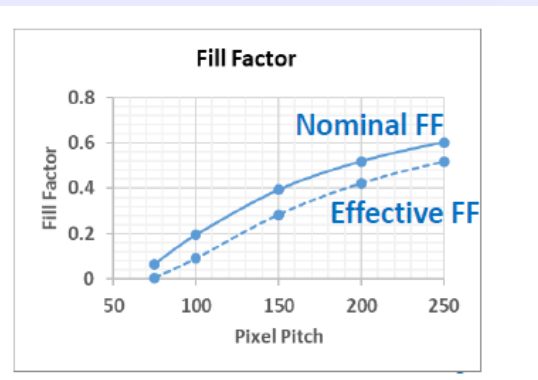
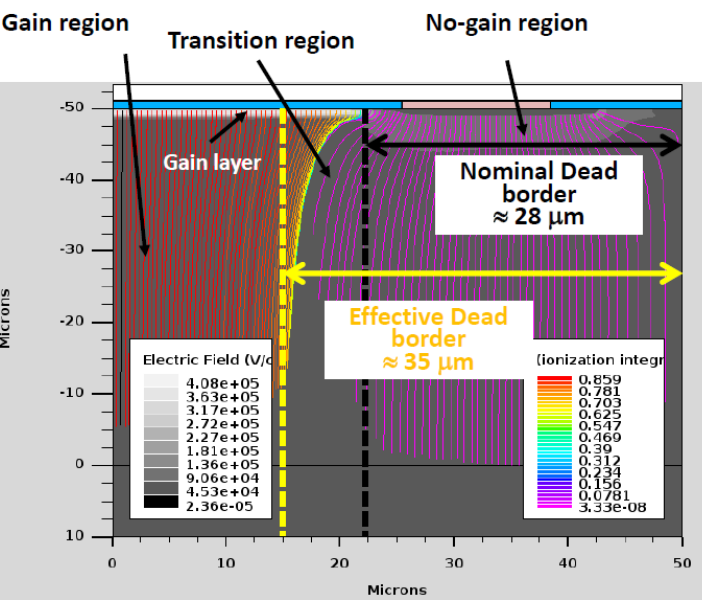
- HPK: 100 µm
- FBK: 70 µm
- CNM: 70 µm



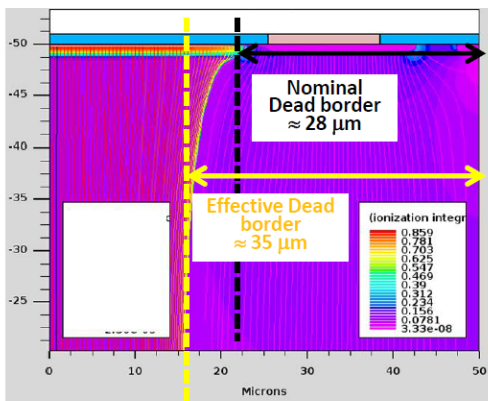
- The pixel border region is necessary to host all the structures to control the E field (JTE, p-stop, etc..). Its dimensions are due to design and technology constraints

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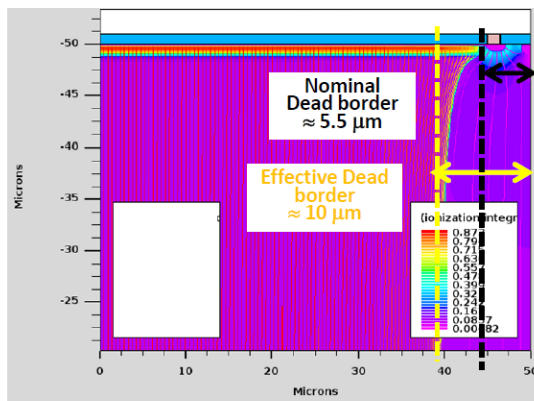
**1x1 mm<sup>2</sup> pixels**    **200 µm Strips**  
 -> FF = 87%            -> FF = 66%



standard technology (Mask Aligner)

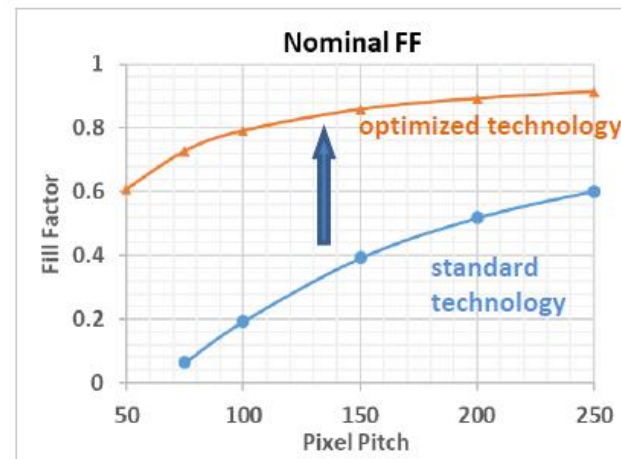
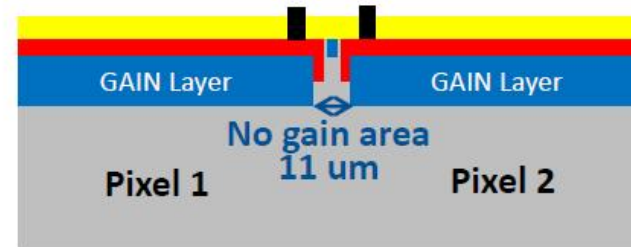
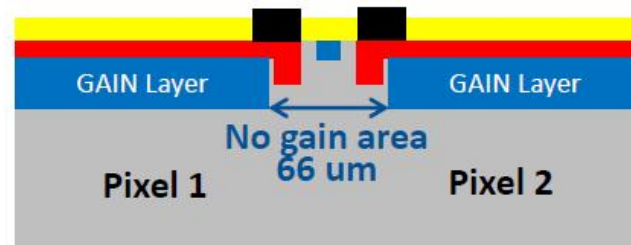


improved technology (Stepper)



**x6** reduction in nominal dead border region  
 but only a **x3** reduction in the effective dead border Region. The transition region width is an intrinsic limit of this design

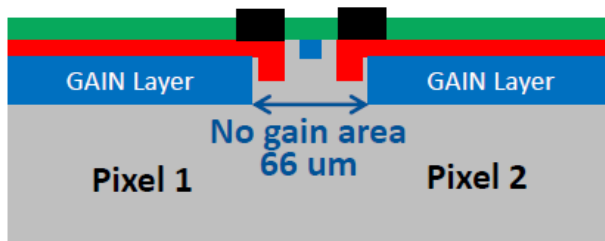
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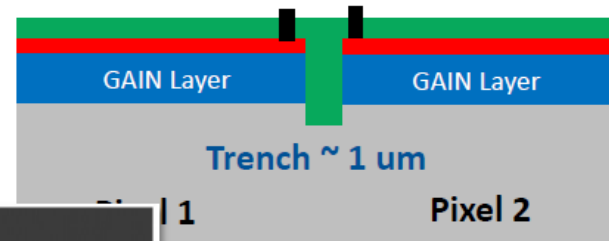
## New strategies to improve FF

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Option: Trench isolation LGAD

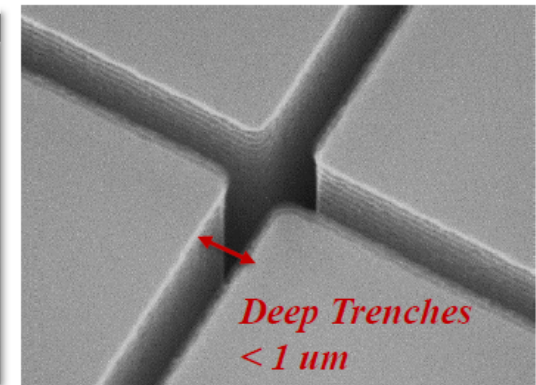
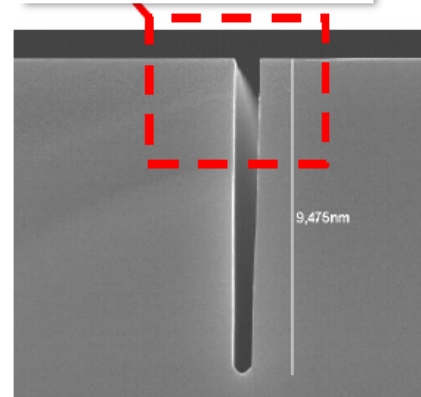
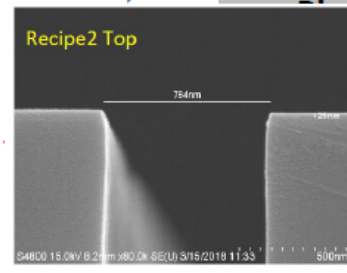
Standard JTE + p-stop isolation



Trench Isolation



- Trench isolation could drastically reduce the inter-pixel border region down to few microns

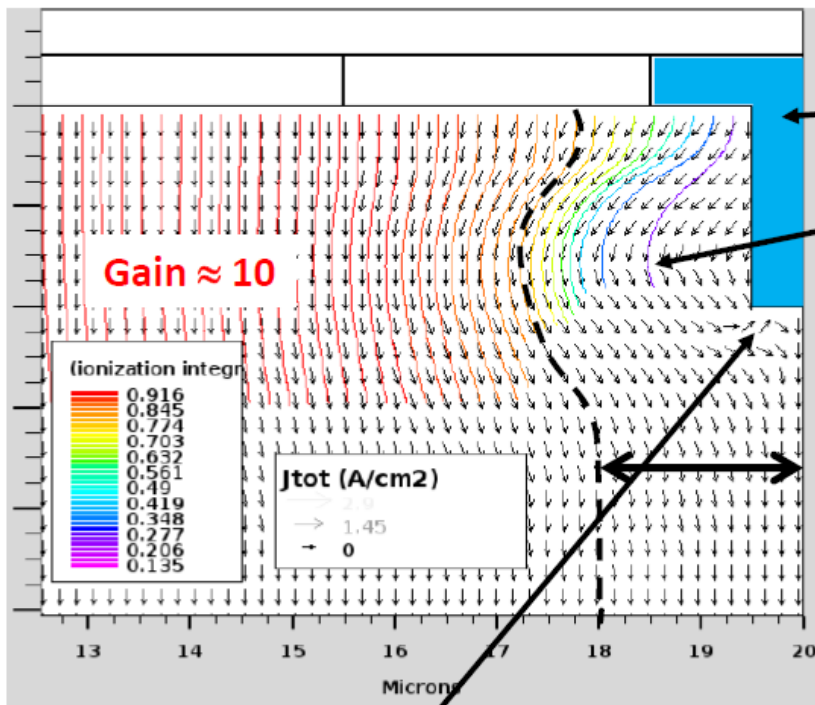


#### Trench isolation technology

- Typical trench width < 1 μm
- Max Aspect ratio: 1:20
- Trench filling with: SiO<sub>2</sub>, Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, PolySi

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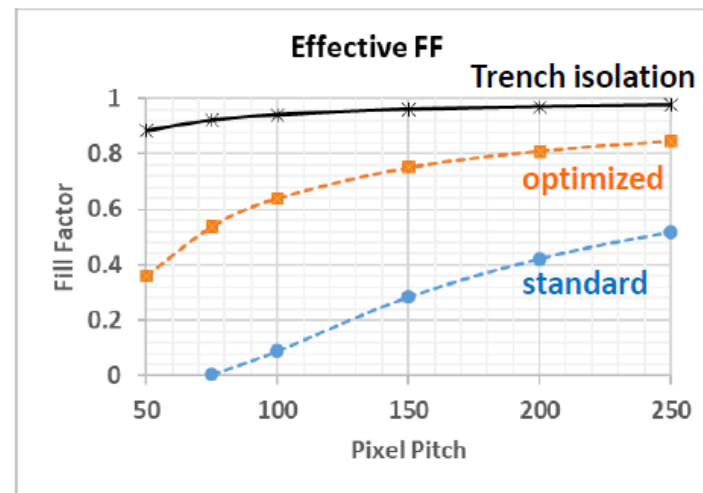
Isolation trench

The Electric field lines wrap up the trench. → the charges are collected and pushed through the multiplication region

Dead border  $\approx 2-3 \mu\text{m}$

**Possible risk:**

Charge Collection from trenches surface (high defectiveness), even if no multiplication occurs at trenches interface



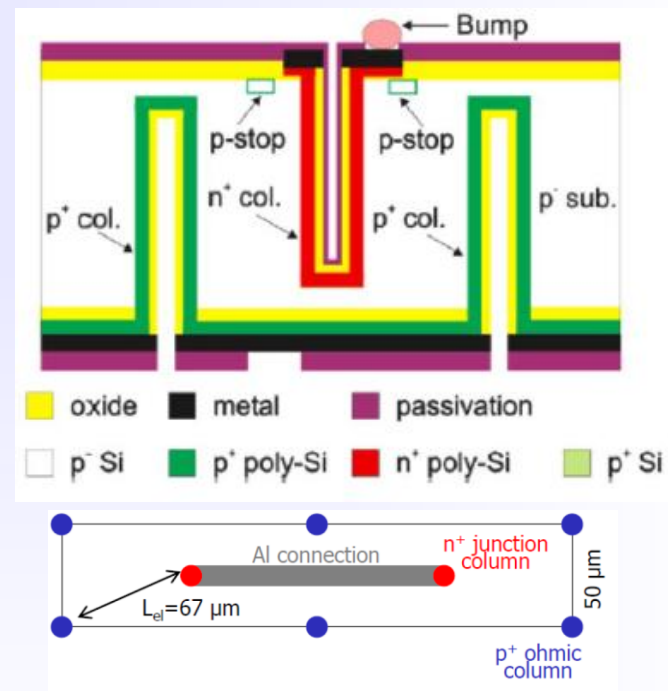
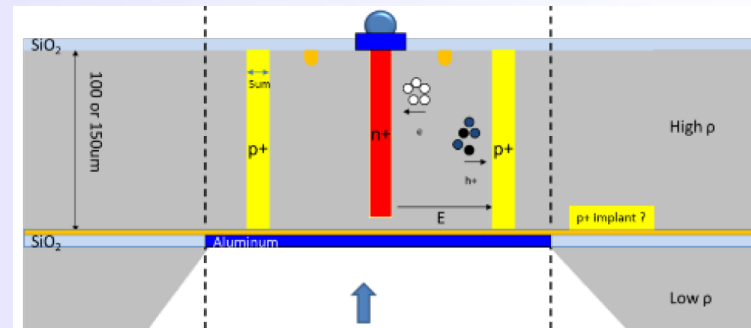
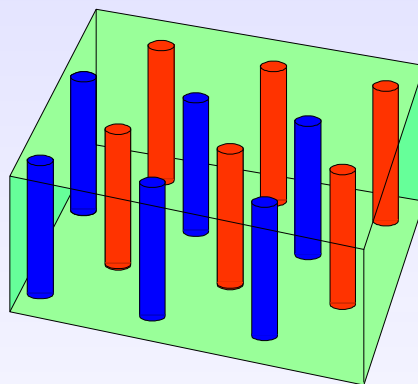
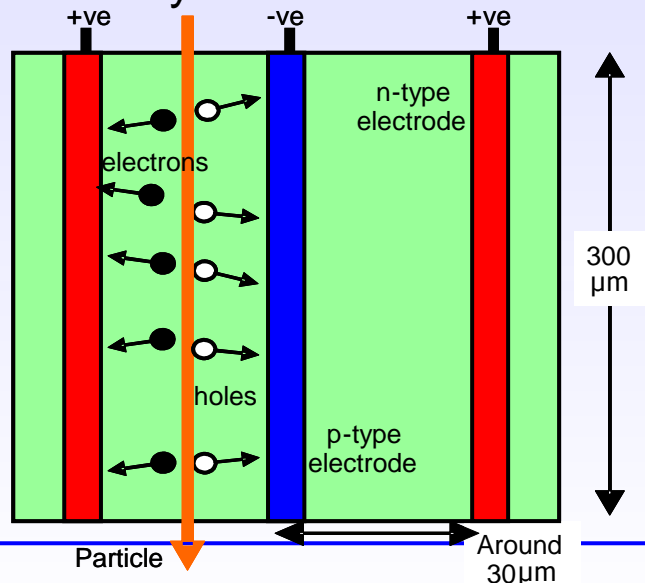
- Array of electrode columns passing through substrate
- Electrode spacing  $\ll$  wafer thickness (e.g.  $30\mu\text{m}:300\mu\text{m}$ )

## Benefits

- $V_{\text{depletion}} \propto (\text{Electrode spacing})^2$
- Collection time  $\propto \text{Electrode spacing}$
- Reduced charge sharing

- More complicated fabrication - micromachining

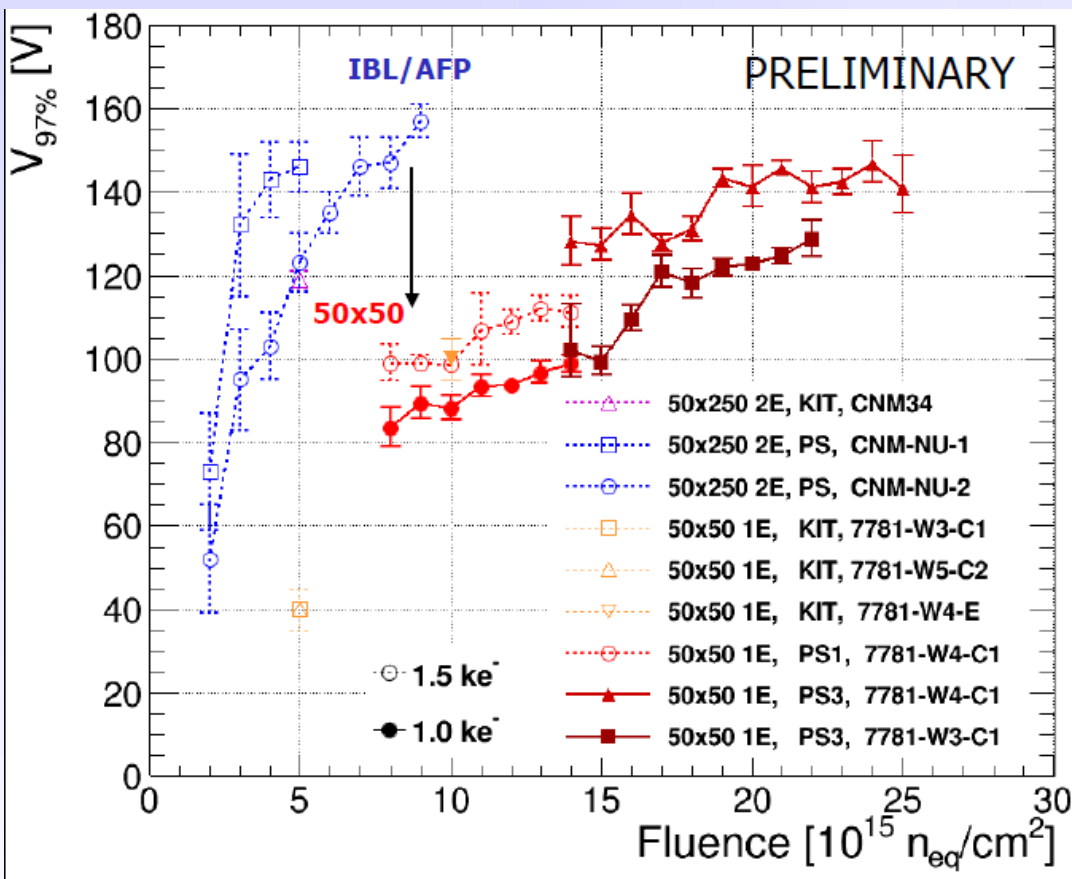
Proposed by S. Parker and C. Kenney in 1995.





3D sensors efficient after  
 $3 \times 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ !

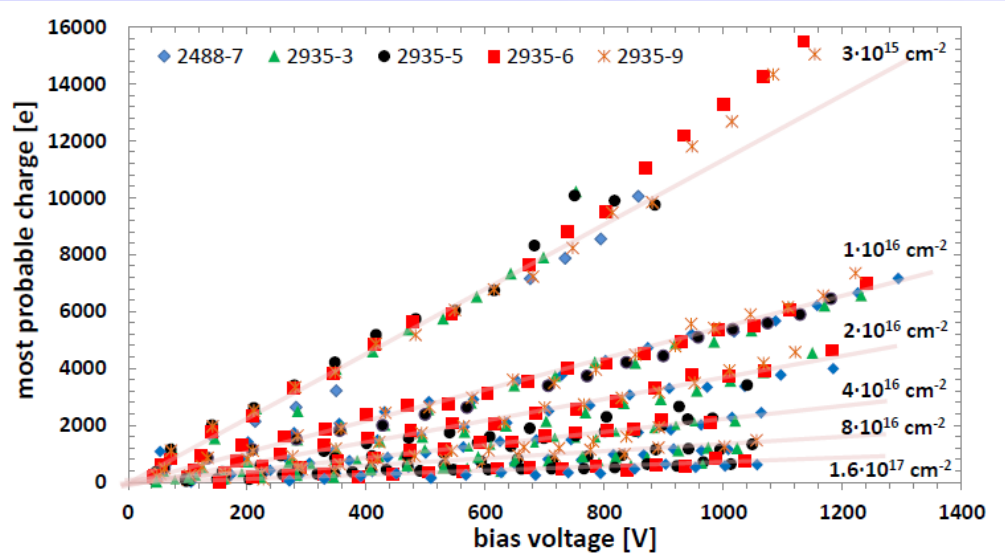
J. Lange, 3D detectors for the LHC,  
 31/11/17, 31<sup>st</sup> RD50 meeting, CERN.



- Take  $V_{97\%}$  as estimate of operation voltage
- Highly improved operation voltage for  $50 \times 50 \mu\text{m}^2$  3D compared to IBL/AFP generation
- At ITk baseline fluence of  $1.3 \times 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  only 100 V needed
  - Thin planar needs  $\geq 500 \text{ V}$   
 N. Savic et al., 28th RD50 Workshop, Torino, Italy, 6-8 June 2016
- Even at  $2.5 \times 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ :  $V_{97\%} < 150 \text{ V}$**

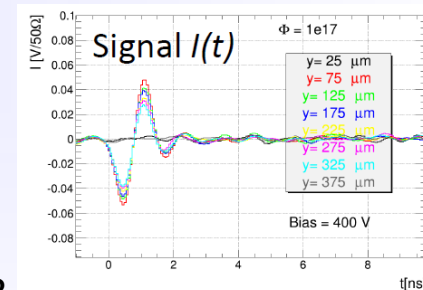
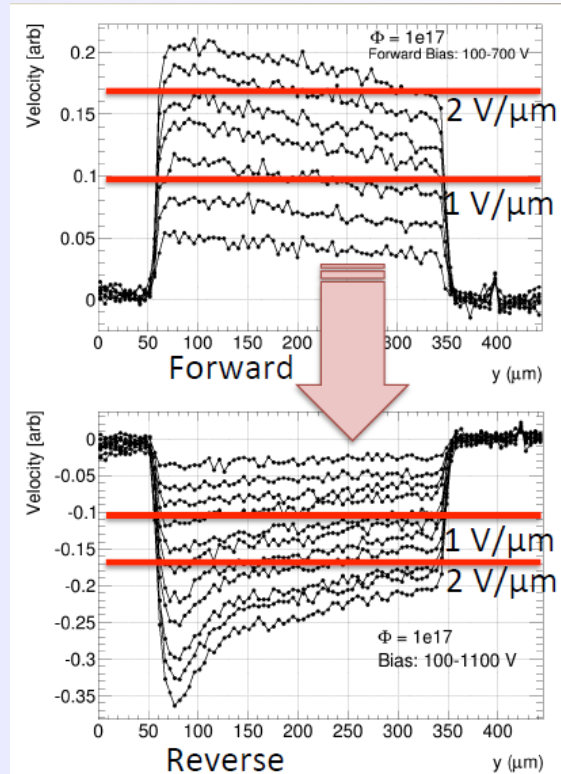


Exploring final limit:  $10^{17}$   
 $n_{eq} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ , still alive?



M. Mikuz, 28<sup>th</sup> RD50 meeting,  
 Torino, 8/06/2016

G. Kramberger et al. JINST 8,  
 PO8004, 2013



Sensors for various applications are ongoing a transition : successful and well mature hybrid sensors (micro-strip in particular but also pixelated hybrid sensors) could be phased out in many domains.

- Applications are going to be ever more demanding on sensors, beyond current technology capabilities. High energy physics in particular sets extreme challenges:
- radiation survival up to  $7 \times 10^{17} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  is a challenge for future applications
- tight resolution requirements ( $1 \mu\text{m}$  point resolution)
- Very light and low power sensors ( $< 1\% X_0$ )

RD50 is ideally positioned for carrying out the research program towards:

- Sensing up to extreme radiation fluences ( $10^{17} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  and above):
  - ✓ Characterization of sensor behavior (current, temperature dependence, annealing effects, signal measurements)
  - ✓ Microscopic defects investigation to the new damage regime
- Extended models for describing sensor performances up to these extreme fluences
  - ✓ Insertion of extreme damage effects in TCAD semiconductor simulation software
  - ✓ Parametric description of operation parameters (signal, trapping, current) as a function of fluence and temperature.
- Investigation of new structures and enhancement of their potential (LGAD, small area 3D, HV-CMOS).

**And, just as it happens to R&D endeavours and as the history of RD50 testifies, be the forum where new ideas develop.**