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High resolution 3D characterization of silicon detectors using a **Two Photon Absorption** Transient Current Technique

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Outline

What is TCT and TPA? The setup(**s)** Examples of application in Si: Diodes HVCMOS Irradiated and non-irradiated

Summary

Two Photon Absorption-**Transient Current Technique** (**TPA-TCT**) is a **new technique** to characterize semiconductors detectors using a **point-like** laser **probe**, so called "**voxel**". A voxel can be **scanned in the three coordinates**, thus obtaining true **3D spatial resolution**.

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What is TPA?

 TPA is a **non-linear effect** shown by any material when illuminated with a **high intensity** source (for instance, a laser). For certain wavelengths, light absorption (=signal) only happens **at the focus** of the beam. No photons are absorbed "out of focus". The more light is focused, the better "point-like" signal generation volume.

 The physical phenomena exploited is the **simultaneous absorption of 2 photons** in the material

Single Photon Absorption

Continuous energy deposition (no spatial resolution along beam prop. dir.)

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Two Photon Absorption

Energy confinement

Two photons from one laser !!

 $+$ β_2

1000

 $1.06 \mu m$

average power laser.

 $I^2(r\,,z)$

 1.26 m

1400

1200

Band Edge

 $2\,\hbar\,\omega$

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TPA-TCT in UPV laser facility

 Tunable wavelength, energy for the sensor (after attenuation) [~pJ]. Then typical **TCT readout**: top/side injection, 3D system, current amplifier and fast readout scope.

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New CERN TPA-TCT

TPA-TCT presented at 2016 CERN EP**-Knowledge Transfer** innovation day \rightarrow It was [selected for funding](https://kt.cern/kt-fund/projects/non-destructive-laser-application-quality-control-radiation-studies-semiconductor): Proposed Project on non-destructive QC of semiconductors

Status:

- The core of this system is a **custom fibered laser** working at 1.5 µm. It is being delivered this March 2019 after ~1 year development by Laser company.
- Rest of the system is based in our already existing SPA-TCT at CERN-SSD lab (known as TCT+).
- Some key differences / improvements:
	- **Improved positioning system** (6 degrees of freedom hexapod system)
	- **Optimal cooling and sample support**. It can be rotated for edge-side injection
- German Doctoral Student (M.W., Gentner Program) responsible for construction of this demonstrator.
- Upon completion of the project access to this laser via RD50 collaboration.

New CERN TPA-TCT

Status as of Feb 15th, 2019

Light injection system

6 degrees of freedom, high load capacity motion system

Laser routing, microfocusing, visible laser imaging system, cooling, stage system inside Faraday Cage.

TPA-TCT light injection

In both illumination configurations, the focus is fixed and the detector is moved

Top-TPA: detector is scanned in vertical \rightarrow depth scan (10 µm resol.)

Rotating the detector by 90 degress, we can, for instance, map the depletion region with 1 μ m resolution: **edge-TPA**

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TPA: For simplicity, here moving the focus wrt the detector. In real measurements, the detector moves.

Assuming fully depleted detector

Laser probe \rightarrow Excess charge carriers \rightarrow Induced Current \rightarrow Showing integrated current vs position

No light absorbed before/after the focus

A depth scan of the detector is done from the top! Measurements not affected by side effects, guard rings...

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TPA-TCT edge injection

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Edge-TPA: unirradiated HVCMOS

 HVCMOS is a partially depleted sensor, built on commercial CMOS technology.

Substrate of **very low resistivity** \rightarrow very narrow depletion width (~**10** µ**m at 100 V**). **Challenging detector for SPA-TCT**

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Standard SPA-TCT TPA-TCT

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Drift/diffusion discrimination

TPA in irradiated Silicon

■ In Silicon, ionizing radiation creates **Deep** Energy **Levels** within the bandgap, that **increase** Single Photon **Linear Absorption**. More free charge carriers but less photons for **TPA**

Example 2 Linear absorption **smears** spatial resolution along the beam propagation direction.

■ Clear signature:

1) carriers collected even when focus is outside the detector.

2) Linear increase of signal as power increases

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TPA in irradiated diodes

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TPA in irradiated HVCMOS
m focusing/divergence,

 1.22

1.21

 1.2

1.19

1.18

1.17

1.16

Due to strong beam focusing/divergence, the α -contribution can overflow the depleted region:

Diode-like correction method not applicable \Rightarrow Developed a different one (see backup) based on 2 consecutive scans of the same region at different powers

Because of α correction, collection time drops to zero behind depleted region

Coordinates inverted

Collection time

 $F(A)$

Summary

■ TPA-TCT is a new material characterization technique providing 1 µm resolution in 2D and up to 10 μ m along the beam direction \rightarrow Optimal configuration for edge injection

 Physical phenomena exploited is the simultaneous absorption of two photons at the focus of a fs-laser beam.

Demonstrated performance on a low resistivity HVCMOS with 15 um depletion depth

 Increase of linear absorption with irradiation in Si (intrinsic to Si) reduces TPA contrast. This smearing can be corrected either by moving the focus outside of the sample (diodes) or by dual scan at different power (devices with very small depletion width).

 From the experience gained on the demonstrator system in Bilbao, we are building an optimized setup for Silicon measurements at CERN. Laser delivery this next month. Project funded by 2016 CERN Knowledge Transfer Program.

All these activities have been carried out in the framework of CERN-RD50 collaboration

TPA -TCT extra information

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4) M. Fernandez, Seminaire de physique corpusculaire, University of Generva, 30th Nov 2016 <http://dpnc.unige.ch/seminaire/talks/fernandez.pdf>

BACKUPS

3D microfabrication: using **focused ultrashort laser pulses** on the volume of a **photoresist**, the pulses initiate **polymerization**. After illumination of the structure and **development** (washing out the non-illuminated regions) the **polymerized** material remains in the prescribed **3D** form.

Screenshots from "**Is this the world's smallest sculpture?**" [CNN "Ones to watch"](http://edition.cnn.com/videos/tv/2015/03/13/spc-ones-to-watch-sculpture-c.cnn)

Further reading:**Two Photon Polymerization: a New Approach to Micromachining**, Photonics spectra, October 2006

Common characterization techniques of semiconductor radiation detectors

MIP capabilities: Test beam, infrared TCT

SPA-TCT Red

Employing short absorption length laser (red for Si), all carriers deposited in few μ m from surface. Allows to study drift of one kind of carriers. No spatial resolution along beam direction. **1 photon=1 e-h pair**

SPA: Single Photon Absorption TCT: Transient Current Technique

SPA-TCT Infrared

Using long absorption length laser (infrared for Si). Homogeneous distribution along "Rayleigh length". Similar to MIPs, though different dE/dx. Incidence can be from **top, bottom** or **edge. Edge: lateral spatial resolution. 1 photon=1 e-h pair**

Two Photon Absorption (TPA-TCT)

Point-like energy deposition \rightarrow 3D spatial resolution **Novel technique** developed by **IFCA, CERN, US, UPV**

2 photons=1 e-h pair

Transient Current Techniques

Applicable to both pad/segmented detectors Simple readout DAQ directly on digital scope

M. Fernández - TPA-TCT, Seminar über Teilchenphysik - 21th Dec 2017

Assumption: 1D, overdepleted, non-irradiated diode

Evidences for TPA process

1) Collected charge varies quadratically with power 2) Z-scan is not Z-invariant.

An **edge-TPA** scan is optimum, because spatial resolution is **~1** µ**m** Try to scan **pads from the edge** \rightarrow Get active area very close to the border

⇒ Work in a power regime where β>>α but **without** producing **plasma**.

Focalización dentro 15um-FZ285223B-Diferente potencia-Vbias=200v

For this detector. Laser power<80 pJ ⇒ no plasma effect

The primary equations governing pulse propagation and carrier generation in a semiconductor material are [15], [16]

$$
\frac{dI(r,z)}{dz} = -\alpha I(r,z) - \beta_2 I^2(r,z) - \sigma_{ex} NI(r,z) \tag{1}
$$

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\frac{d\Phi(r,z)}{dz} = \beta_1 I(r,z) - \gamma_1 N(r,z)
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\frac{dN(r,z)}{dt} = \frac{\alpha I(r,z)}{\hbar \omega} + \frac{\beta_2 I^2(r,z)}{2\hbar \omega} \tag{3}
$$

where I is pulse irradiance, N is the density of free carriers, and Φ is the phase. α is the linear absorption coefficient, β_2 is the two-photon absorption coefficient that is proportional to the imaginary part of $\chi^{(3)}$ (the third-order nonlinear-optical susceptibility), σ_{ex} is the absorptivity of laser-generated free carriers, β_1 is proportional to the real part of $\chi^{(3)}$, γ_1 describes the refraction due to free carriers, and z is the depth in the material.

$$
N_{\rm 1P}(z) = \frac{\alpha}{\hbar \omega} \exp(-\alpha z) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} I_o(z, t) dt
$$

$$
N_{\rm 2P}(z) = \frac{\beta_2}{2\hbar \omega} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} I^2(z, t) dt
$$

ered carefully. When nonlinear absorption is the only loss mechanism in a material, the irradiance as a function of depth is given by

$$
I(z) = \frac{I_o}{1 + \beta_2 I_o z}.\tag{9}
$$

Applied Physics Letters, vol. 90, no. 19, p. 191104, 2007.

the longitudinal dependence of the beam radius $w(z)$ is

$$
w(z) = w_o \left[1 + \left(\frac{\lambda z}{\pi w_o^2 n} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \cdot z_o = \pm \frac{\pi n w_o^2}{\lambda}
$$

The parameter $2z_0$ defines the propagation distance over which the beam is reasonably well collimated in the vicinity of w_o . In silicon ($n \approx 3.51$), for 1.26 μ m light and 0.8 μ m beam radius (that of the present study), $2z_o$ is \sim 11.2 μ m.

TPA: Needed two (simultaneous) photons to produce 1 e-h pair. Mediated by virtual state

Resonant TPA: Two (sequential) photons to produce 1 e-h pair. Mediated by Deep Level (DL)

Two SPA: Unpaired holes (in BV) or electrons (BC). Generation is proportional to number of DLs (it grows with fluence) and laser intensity (more photons available for transition).

HVCMOS: correction of radiation induced SPA signal

Generation rate of e-h pairs per unit volume:

$$
\frac{dN(r, z; i)}{dt} = \alpha \frac{I(r, z; i)}{\hbar \omega} + \frac{\beta_2 I^2(r, z; i)}{2 \hbar \omega}
$$

with
$$
I(r, z) = \frac{2P}{\pi w(z)^2} \exp \frac{-2r^2}{w(z)^2}
$$

A Ge photodiode (linear response at 1300 nm) is used to measure laser power, which is proportional to the integral of the irradiance: *I(r, t ; i)*

$$
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}I(r,z)drdz \propto P \qquad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}I(r,z)^{2}drdz \propto P^{2}
$$

Then:

$$
Q_{DUT} = q_e \int_r \int_z N(r, z; i) dr dz = q_e N(i)
$$

This is the charge measured in the detector (easy to calculate)

HVCMOS: correction of radiation induced SPA signal

Assuming a "rectangular" laser pulse of duration $\mathfrak{t}_{_{\mathrm{p}}}$ (~30 fs)

$$
\int \alpha \frac{I(r, z; i)}{\hbar \omega} dt + \int \frac{\beta_2 I^2(r, z; i)}{2\hbar \omega} dt = \alpha \frac{P t_p}{\hbar \omega} + \frac{\beta_2 t_p P^2}{2\hbar \omega}
$$

So finally:

$$
Q_{DUT} = \frac{q_e \alpha t_p}{\hbar \omega} P + \frac{q_e \beta_2 t_p}{2\hbar \omega} P^2 \begin{cases} Q_\alpha = \frac{q_e \alpha t_p}{\hbar \omega} \\ Q_\beta = \frac{q_e \beta_2 t_p}{2\hbar \omega} \end{cases}
$$

With Q $_{\alpha}$ and \overline{Q}_{β} the SPA and TPA contributions to the signal (they should be constants) Now, we can take 2 identical measurements at 2 different intensities and calculate Q_{β}

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Q_1 = Q_\beta P_1^2 + Q_\alpha P_1
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Q_2 = Q_\beta P_2^2 + Q_\alpha P_2
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Q_\beta = \frac{P_1}{P_1 - P_2}
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Q_\alpha = \frac{P_1^2}{P_1 - P_2}
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Q_\alpha = \frac{P_1}{P_1} - \frac{P_2}{P_2}
$$

The α corrected signal is:

$$
Q_{\beta}P_1^2 = Q_1 - Q_{\alpha}P_1
$$

Fun: High Resolution imaging inside implant

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TPA in diamond

- Applying standard TCT to diamond because would require a **UV laser.**
- **Using λ_{TPA}** 400 nm we did TPA-TCT in diamond
- **Picture to the left is just a proof of principle: we** got a signal in a diamond device.

That's a first laser TCT in diamond ever !

DAQ, simulation and analysis packages

 We have **developed** a simulation package called **TRACS**:

<https://github.com/JulesDoc/Tracs>

that simulates any TCT, including TPA-TCT.

 We also have a complete **ROOT-based** software package to do **3D analysis** of TPA data.

Beam coupling to deep motifs

Shallow motif to scan

Small loss due to reflection at the borders Approximately constant coupling of energy to focus.

Good layout for TPA measurement

Deep motif to scan

Very asymmetric coupling to the focus **Bad layout** for TPA measurement

Beam reflection at interfaces

Y

Comparison of direct and ghost signals

Choosing pairs of waveforms:

- 1) at the interface 2) $\pm 2 \mu m$ away
- $3) \pm 10$ µm away

Seen reflection of pulses well inside the bulk.

In SPA-edge-TCT this reflection can not be easily resolved because the beam is continuous.

I. Vila, proceedings Pixel 2016, Sept. 2016

Top-TPA on LGADs

■ Top TPA on LGAD PS protons: 10¹⁴ n_{eq}/cm²

0-**95 V**: Charge collection starts from the back. SCSI: $p \rightarrow n$ Inverted p-type device

96-**200V**: Front junction develops and overcomes back junction

>200V: Overdepletion

▪Proofs existance of double junction mechanism in LGADs. Impact on Acceptor Removal interpretation

Fig. 3. Schematic of the complete CPA setup.

Z scan Technique Funny and Useful!

SubSurface Laser Engraving (SSLE)

Tipically in BK7 Glass (Borosilicate doped with potassium) Also with pure quartz $(SiO₂)$ Pico or FemtoSecond Laser, 1064 nm (SiO₂), 532 nm (BK7) **Multi-Photon Absorption** Free electron creation in the focus point FotoChemistry in Solids: Index of refraction changes,

Color centers

TJDP-532K Machine (532 nm, BK7 crown glass) http://www.tianjunlaser.com/

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