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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?

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• 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

OLD Single Photon Absorption

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



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NEW <u>Two Photon</u> <u>Absorption</u>

Energy confinement

Two photons from one laser !!

Two Photon Absorption

Absorption in Si

SPA **TPA:** Conventionally, no excitation if $E_{photon} < E_{gap} \sim 1 \text{ eV}$. 10⁵ 600 nm But, if **TWO** photons arrive in ~100 attoseconds: Absorption Coefficient, cm⁻¹ 10⁴ 800 nm 10³ $E_{gap}/2$ //// 1.06 µm 10² Virtual state No Single Photon Abs.: $\tau_{virtual} \approx \frac{\hbar}{E_{gap}/2} \approx 0.1 \, fs$ 10¹ α ~0 for λ >1150 nm (Silicon) 10⁰ 1.26 m 10⁻¹ 600 800 1000 1200 1400 Two Photons ($E \ge E_{gap}/2$) must be: Wavelength, nm 1) coincident in time (pulsed mode-locked fs-lasers) Band Edge 2) and in space (microfocusing) **Spot size** $\frac{dN(r,z)}{dt} = \alpha \frac{I(r,z)}{\hbar \omega} + \beta_2 \frac{I^2(r,z)}{2\hbar \omega}$ **Measured** using = 10 μm knife edge technique. **SPA TPA** 6 **σ=1** μm Single Photon This is the **3D** Two Photon Absorption **A**bsorption probe we scan Point-like resolution across the volume of the Negligible $\lambda \ge 1100 \text{ nm}$ Boosted by using short ×100 objective 50 detector pulsed fs lasers, where $|^2>>1$ for the same average power laser.

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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: 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 μ m 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



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0.1



0.14

X [mm]

0.12



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Drift/diffusion discrimination







10

8.002

(30 dB ampl)

0.004

0.003

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

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+SP

0.006

0.005

cm² T=-20 C

0.008

Laser power [a.u.]

.6 Q

0.007

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TPA in irradiated diodes





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TPA in irradiated HVCMOS m focusing/divergence, $\begin{bmatrix} 1.24\\ 1.23 \end{bmatrix}$

1.22

1.21

1.2

1.19

1.18

1.17

1.16

1.6

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



Diode-like correction method not applicable ⇒ 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



Collection time

Coordinates inverted

1.62 1.64 1.66 1.68

1.7

1.72

1.74

1.76 1.78



Summary



• TPA-TCT is a new material characterization technique providing 1 μ m 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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 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"

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



Common characterization techniques of semiconductor radiation detectors

Technique	Туре	Spatial resolution	Efficiency	Reach	Requirements
IV/CV	Electrical	Not applicable	Νο	${f I}_{_{ m leak}}, {f V}_{_{ m dep}}({f \propto N}_{_{ m eff}}), {f V}_{_{ m br}}, {f O}_{_{ m br}}, {f O}_{_{ m end}}$	Needle system Cold chuck pA-meter, LCR meter
TCT (Transient Current Technique)	Optical	2D	Yes	$N_{eff}^{}, au_{e,h}^{}$ (low $\Phi_{eq}^{}$) uniformity	ps-pulsed laser stepper motors Amplifier, scope
Radioactive source	Source	None	Yes	V _{dep} , CCE	Radioactive source, trigger system
IBIC	Source	2D	Yes	2D CCE	Accelerator
Test beam	Source	2D	Yes	Setup/sensor dependent: 2D CCE,	Accelerator, beam time, telescope, trigger,

MIP capabilities: Test beam, infrared TCT





SPA-TCT Red



Employing short absorption length laser (red for Si), all carriers deposited in few μm 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

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



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

\Rightarrow Work in a power regime where $\beta >> \alpha$ but **without** producing **plasma**.



• For this detector.

Laser power<80 pJ \Rightarrow no plasma effect

Marcos Fernandez, 2nd TCT Workshop, Ljubljana, October 17th 2016

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

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

$$\frac{d\Phi(r,z)}{dz} = \beta_1 I(r,z) - \gamma_1 N(r,z)$$
⁽²⁾

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

$$N_{1P}(z) = \frac{\alpha}{\hbar\omega} \exp(-\alpha z) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} I_o(z, t) dt$$
$$N_{2P}(z) = \frac{\beta_2}{2\hbar\omega} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} I^2(z, t) dt$$

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

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



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

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

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

The parameter $2z_o$ 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 ~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)

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

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 t_{n} (~30 fs)

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

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_{α} and 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}

$$Q_{1} = Q_{\beta} P_{1}^{2} + Q_{\alpha} P_{1} \\ Q_{2} = Q_{\beta} P_{2}^{2} + Q_{\alpha} P_{2}$$

$$Q_{\beta} = \frac{\frac{Q_{1}}{P_{1}} - \frac{Q_{2}}{P_{2}}}{P_{1} - P_{2}} \qquad Q_{\alpha} = \frac{\frac{Q_{1}}{P_{1}^{2}} - \frac{Q_{2}}{P_{2}^{2}}}{\frac{1}{P_{1}} - \frac{1}{P_{2}}}$$



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



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

Marcos Fernandez - 29th RD50 meeting - CERN - 21-23 November 2016

Comparison of direct and ghost signals

Choosing pairs of waveforms:

1) at the interface 2) $\pm 2 \mu m$ away 3) $\pm 10 \mu m$ 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) <u>Also with pure quartz (SiO₂)</u> Pico or FemtoSecond Laser, 1064 nm (SiO₂), 532 nm (BK7) Multi-Photon Absorption Free electron creation in the focus point FotoChemistry in Solids: <u>Index of refraction changes</u>,

Color centers

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

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25th RD50 General Meeting, November 19th-21st, 2014, CERN

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