Introduction to Silicon Detectors

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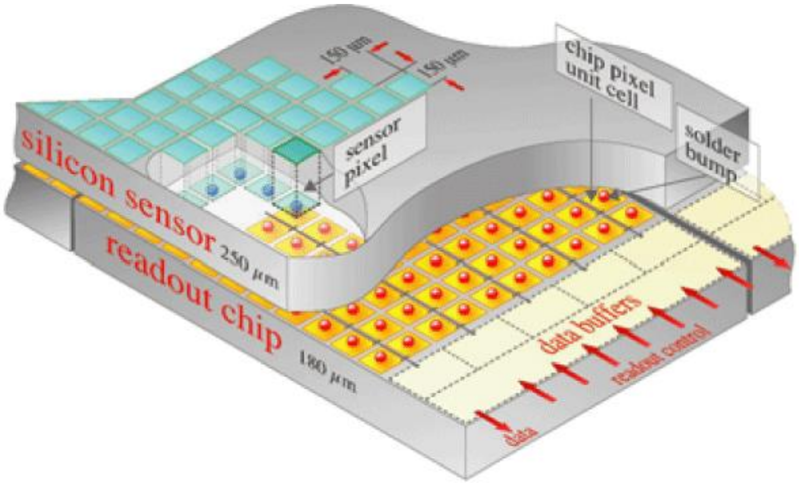
1. Introduction

Types of Silicon Detectors

http://hep.fi.infn.it/CMS/sensors/Silicon_Detector.gif

Pixel sensor for CMS



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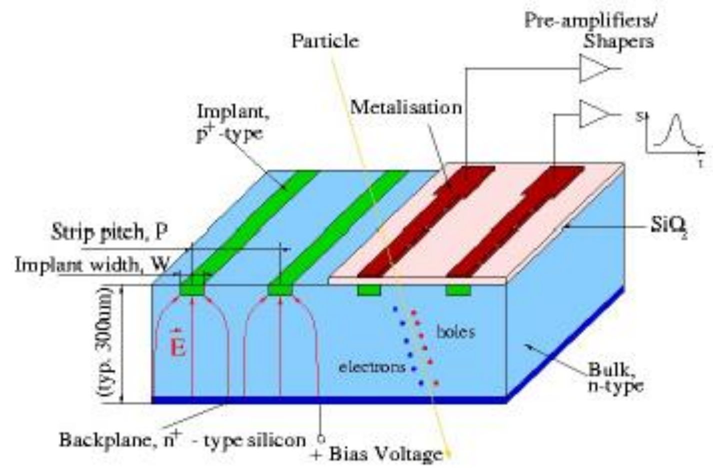

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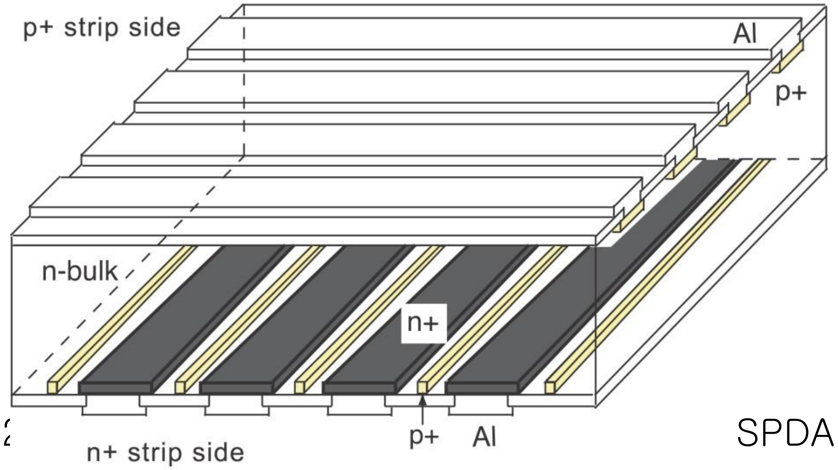
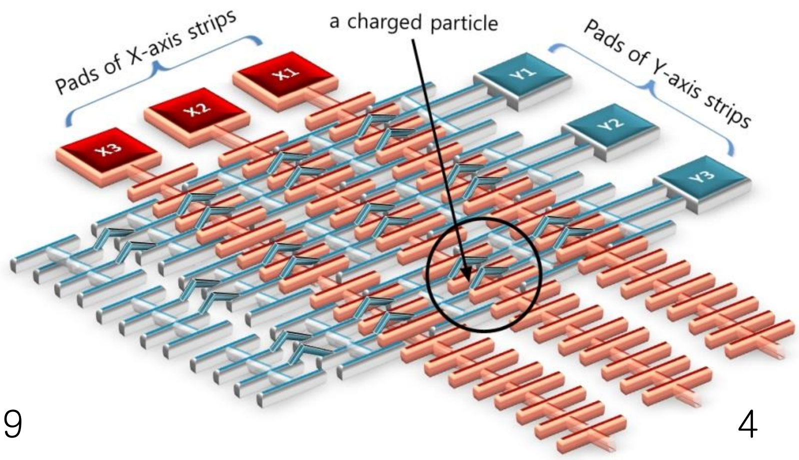
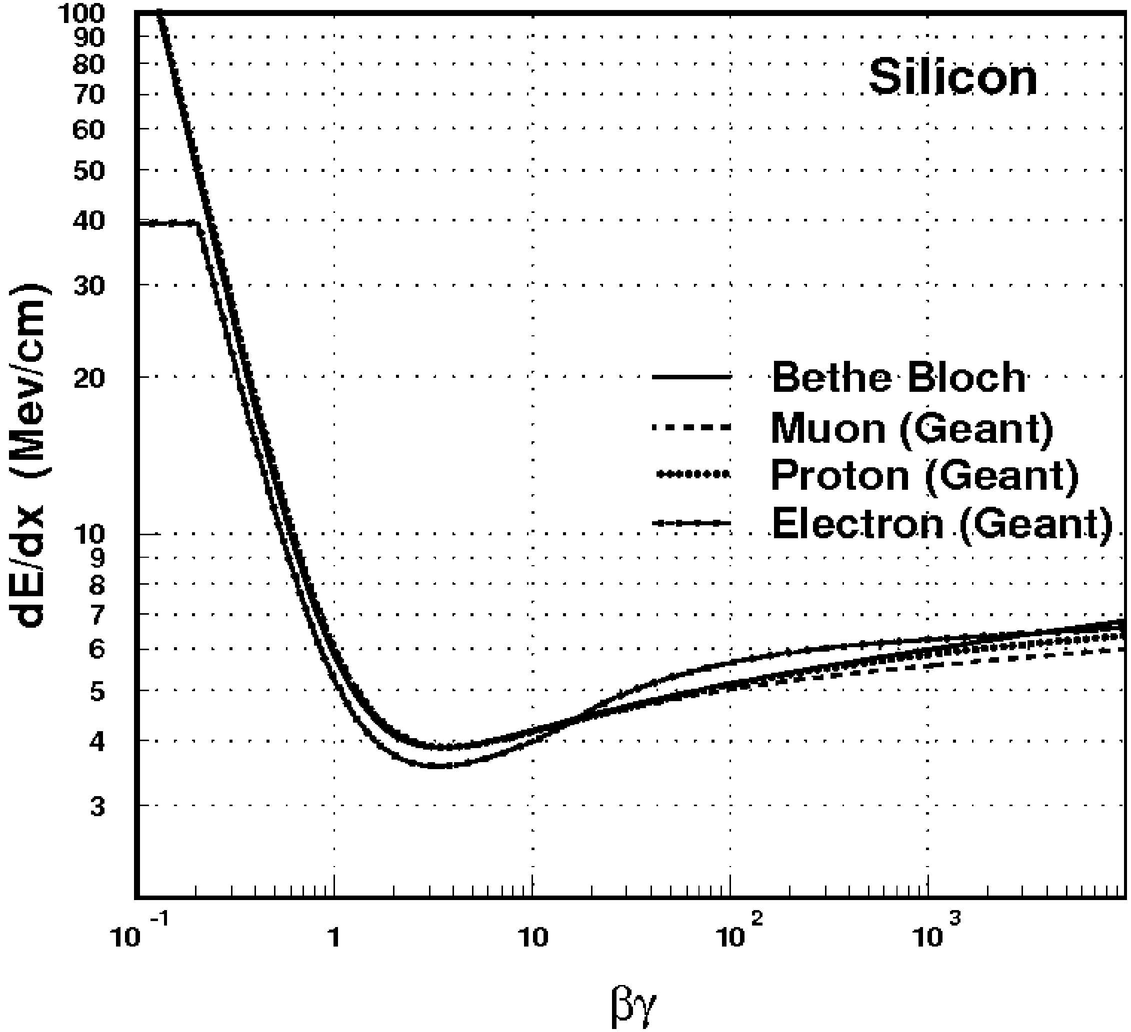


Strip-pixel sensor



Interaction of charged particles with silicon

By S. Banerjee & A. Caner



Energy loss by ionization

z: charge of incident particle

Bethe equation

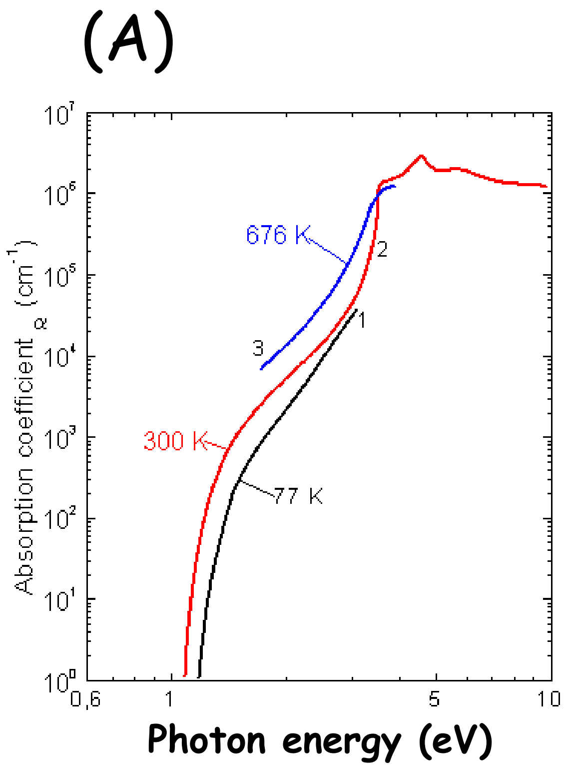
$$\left\langle \frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle = K z^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2 m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2 T_{\max}}{I^2} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta(\beta\gamma)}{2} \right]$$

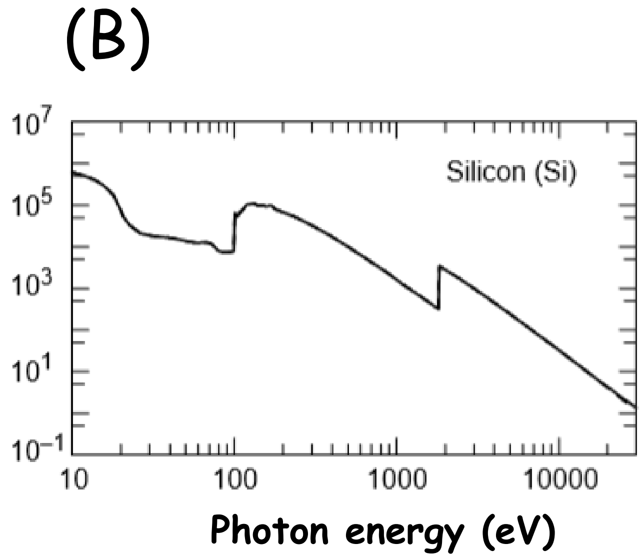
$$\left\langle \frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle \propto z^2$$

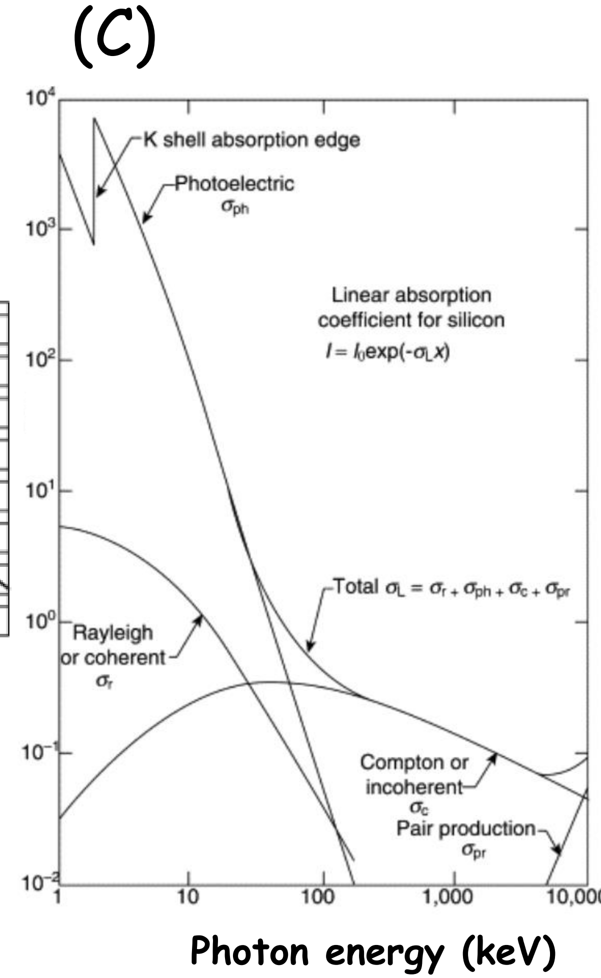
$\left\langle \frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle \approx$ 40 keV / 100 μm in Si for minimum ionizing particles

3.6 eV required for producing a pair of e-h in Si
≈ 10,000 e-h pairs / 100 μm expected in Si

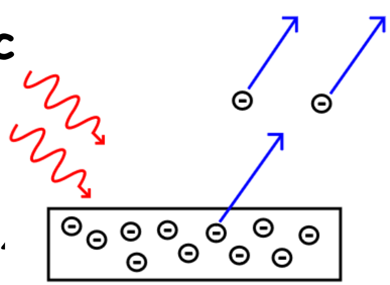
Interaction of photons with silicon



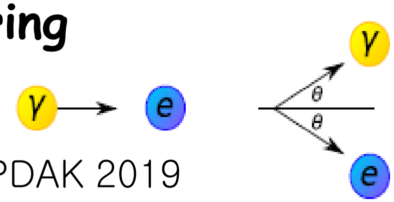




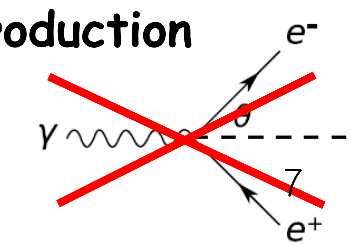
Photoelectric effect



Compton scattering



Pair production



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2. Properties of silicon

Band & bandgap

Isolated atoms brought together to form lattice → discrete atomic levels shift to form energy bands

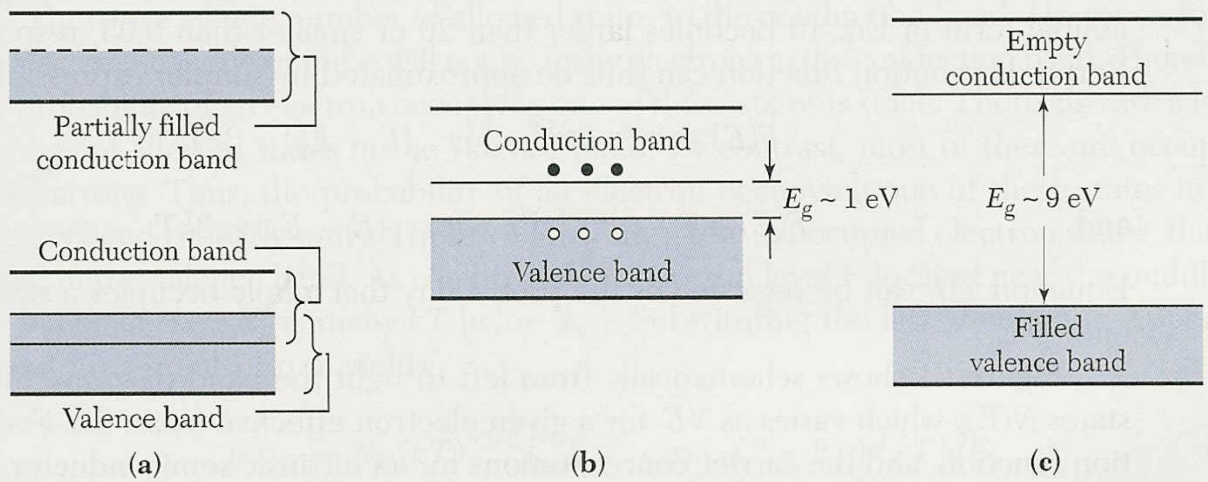

Fig. 19 Schematic energy band representations of (*a*) a conductor with two possibilities (either the partially filled conduction band shown at the upper portion or the overlapping bands shown at the lower portion), (*b*) a semiconductor, and (*c*) an insulator.

From 'Semiconductor Devices Physics and Technology Second Edition' by S.M. Sze

E_g: band gap (1.12 eV for Si)

Note: kT ~ 0.026 eV at room temp.

Indirect vs Direct Bandgap Semiconductors

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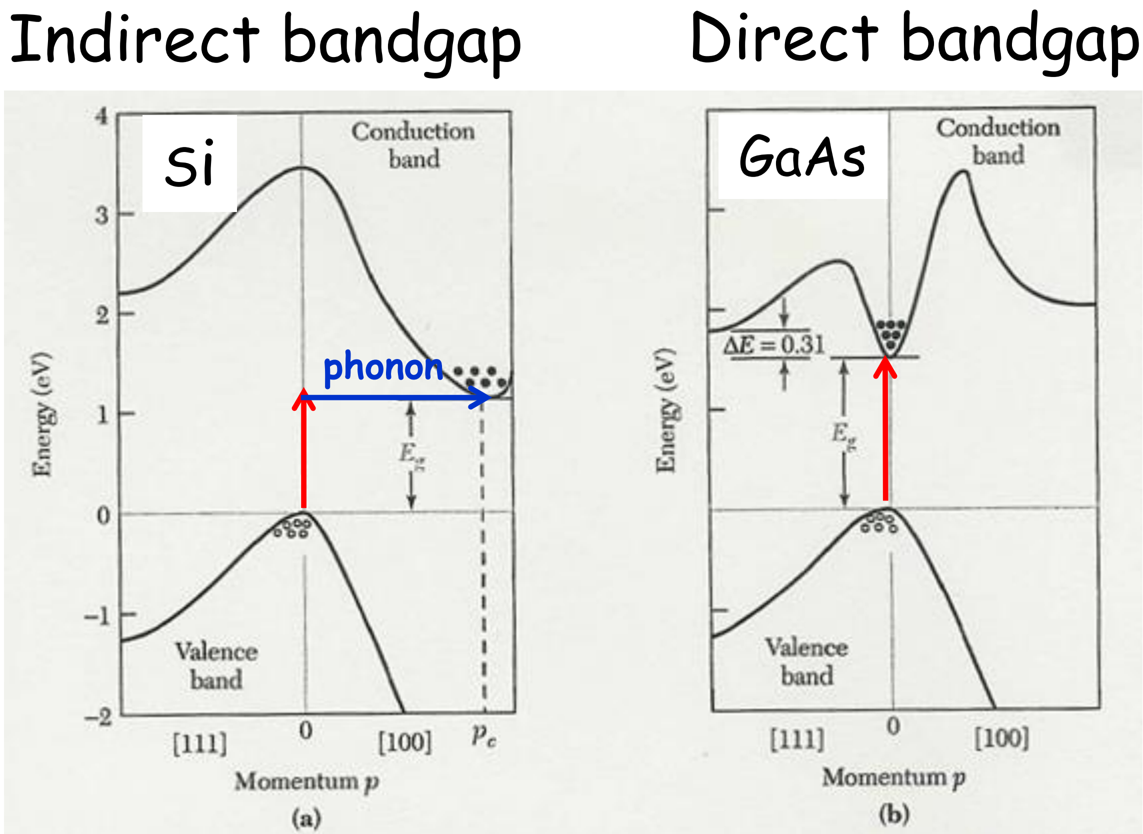
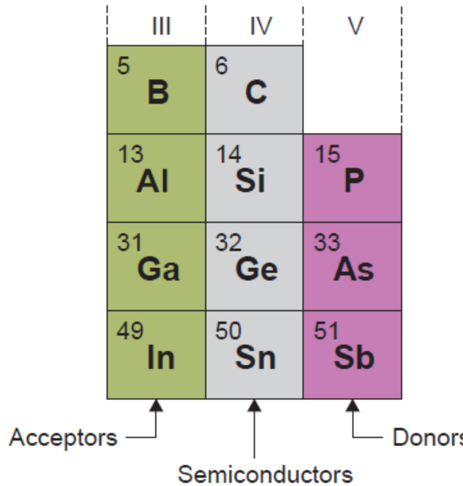


Excitation/De-excitation = E_g + E_{phonon}

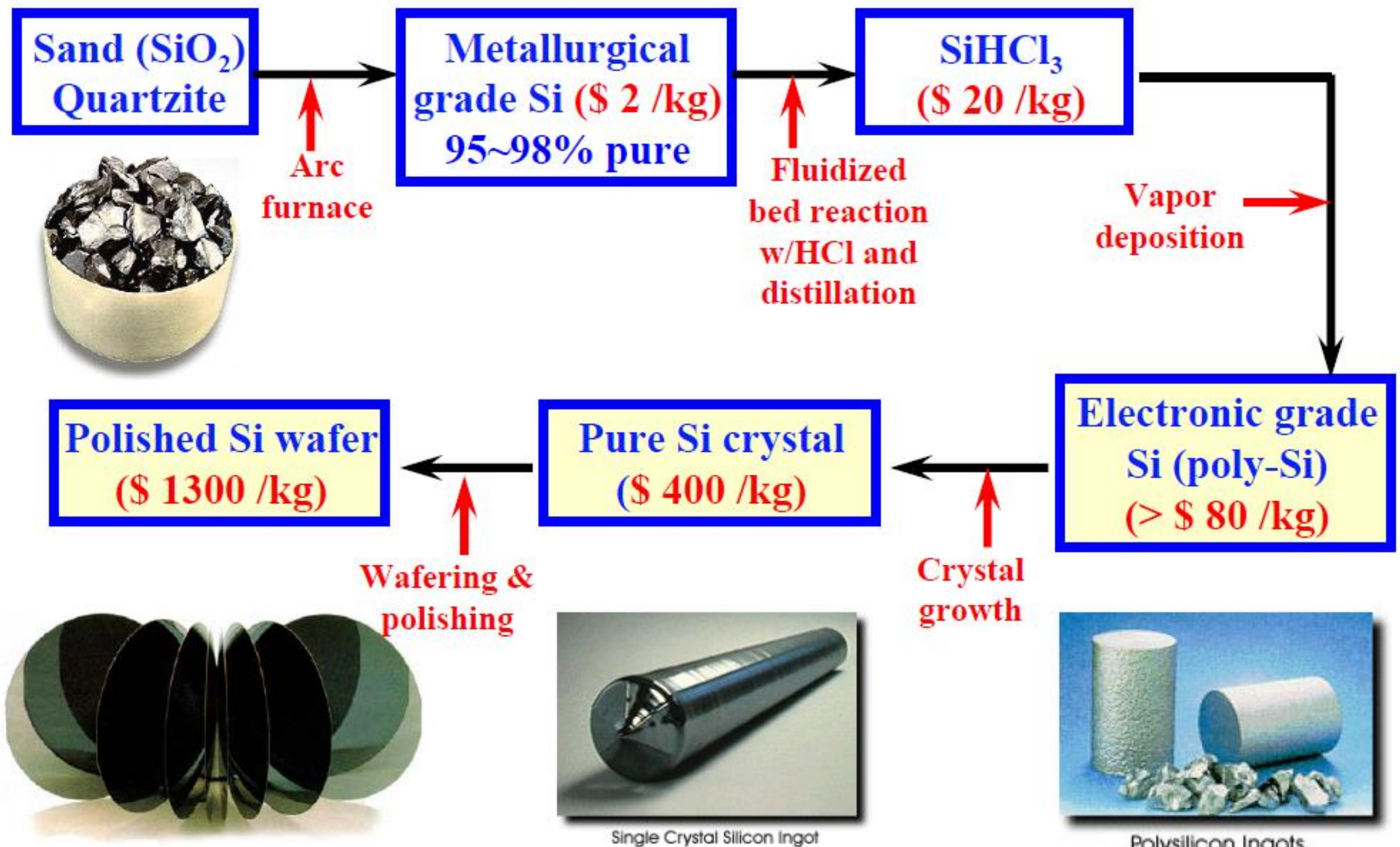
Excitation/De-excitation = E_g

Why Silicon?



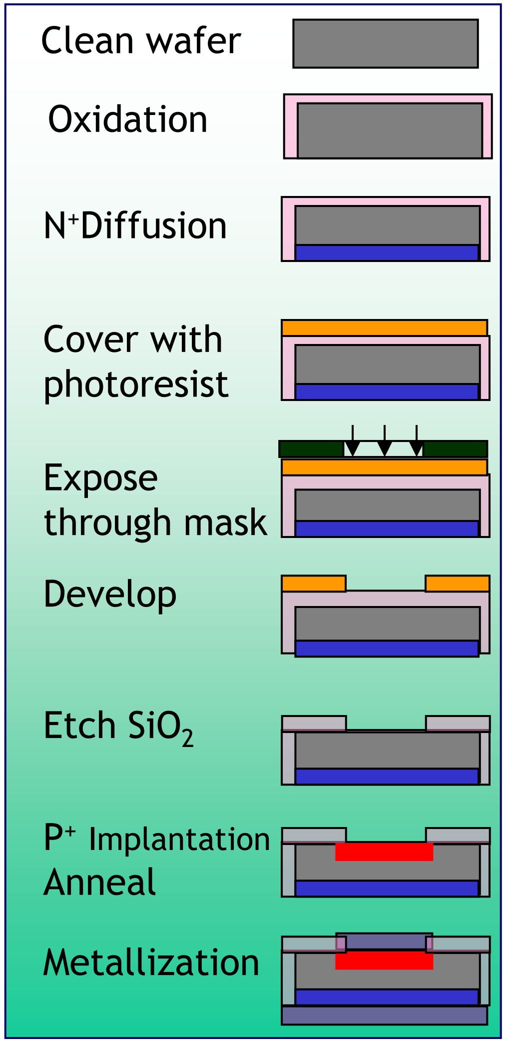
- abundant --> cheap
- Lighter
- SiO_2 layer
  - Naturally or inexpensively formed
  - chemically and mechanically very stable
  - effectively passivates the surface states of the underlying silicon
  - forms an effective diffusion barrier for the commonly used dopant species
  - easily preferentially etched from the silicon, and vice versa, with high selectivity
  - By contrast, GeO_2 is a chemically unstable, poor electrical insulator that is 33 times more soluble in water than SiO_2, making it less suited to the photolithographic and wet chemical processes used to fabricate integrated circuits.

Sand to silicon wafer

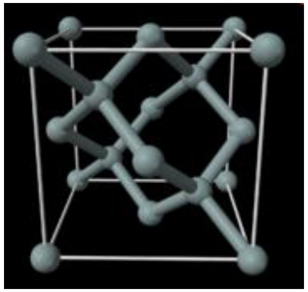


Source: http://www.fullman.com/semiconductors/semiconductors.html

Recipe for fabrication process

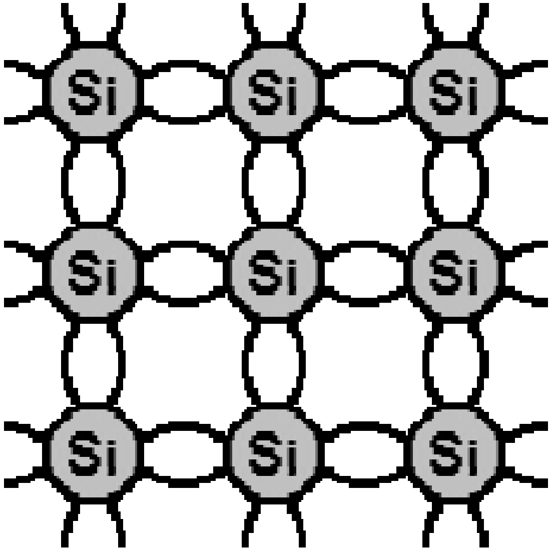


Intrinsic Si semiconductor

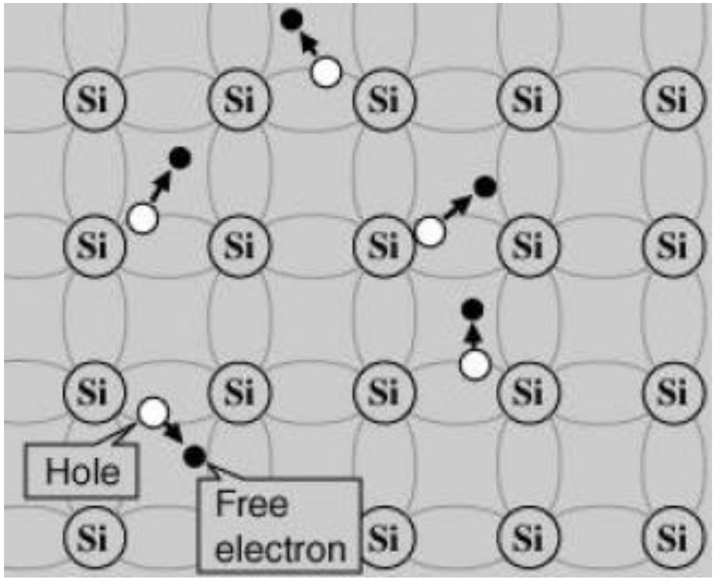


The crystalline structure is ***Diamond Cubic*** (FCC).
Bare wafers of <100> or <111> crystals are popular ones used for silicon detector fabrications.

low T : electrons bound in lattice



higher T : free electrons & holes



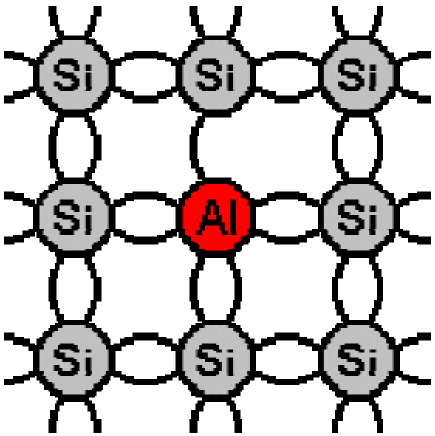
Impurities

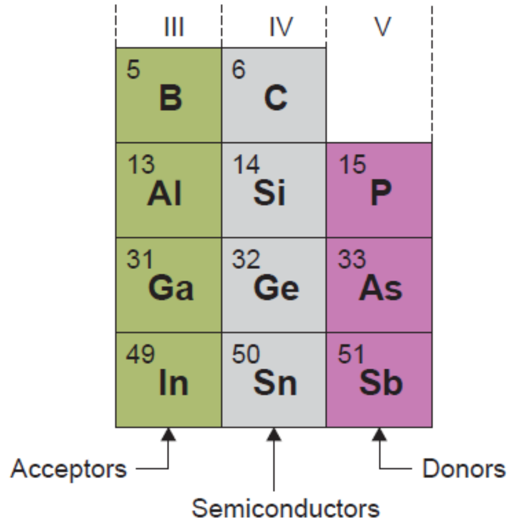
- Intrinsic semiconductor = pure, no impurities.
- Extrinsic semiconductor = impurities added.
- Some impurities always present.
- Turns out to be extremely useful to add impurities to control the properties of the semiconductor.

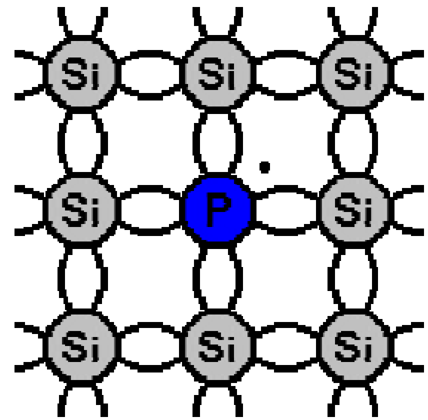
Jargons

- The heavily-doped pieces are called n^+-type or p^+-type; the lightly-doped pieces, simply n-type or p-type.

Doping: acceptors & donors





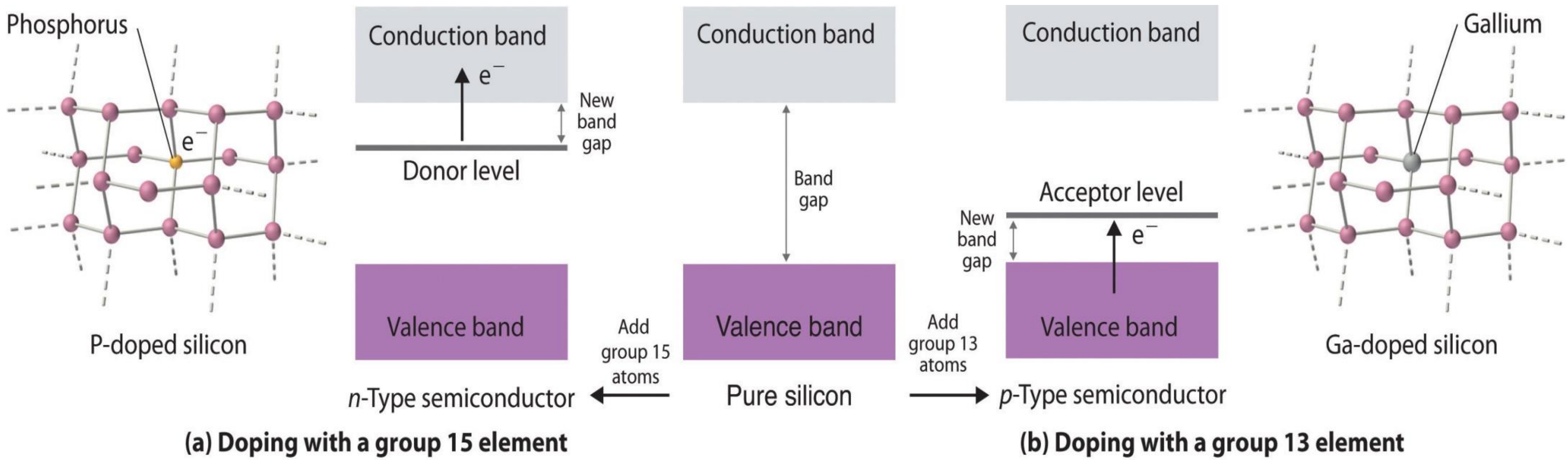


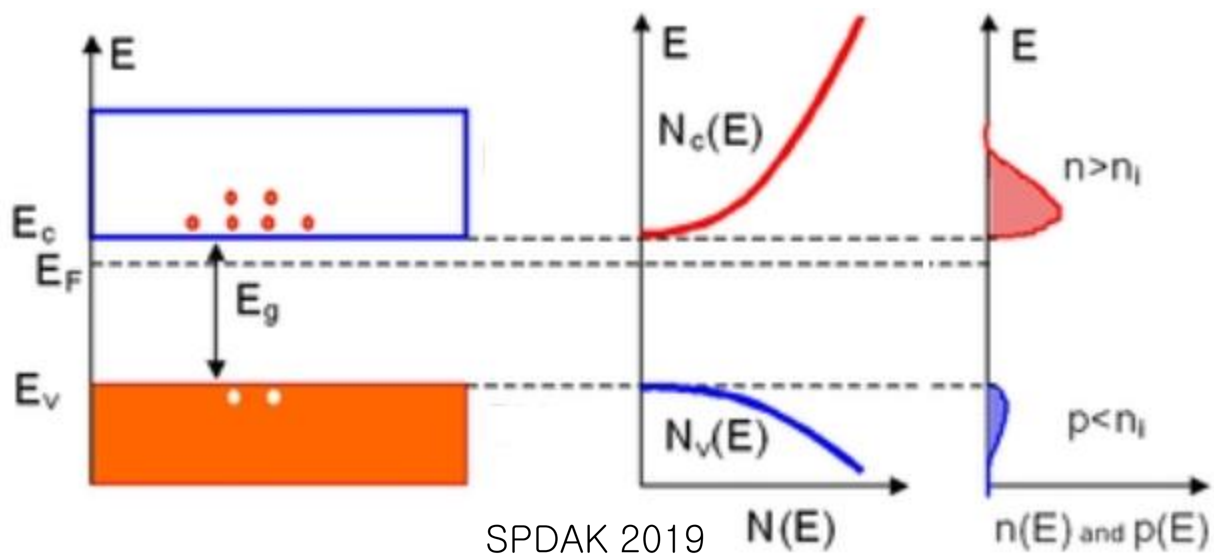
- Al or B impurities.
- 3 e^- in outer shell
- 3 e^- for bonds, one hole left-over (free)
- Acceptor impurity

- P-type silicon

- P or As impurities.
- 5 e^- in outer shell.
- 4 e^- for bonds, one e^- left-over (free).
- Donor impurity
  - (donates e^-)
- N-type silicon

Effect of doping

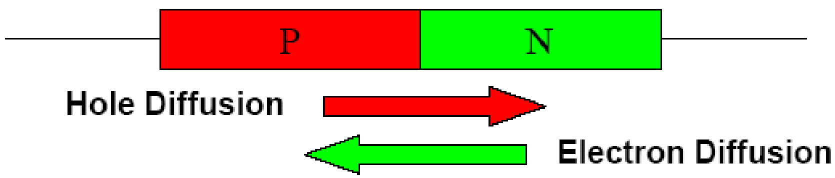




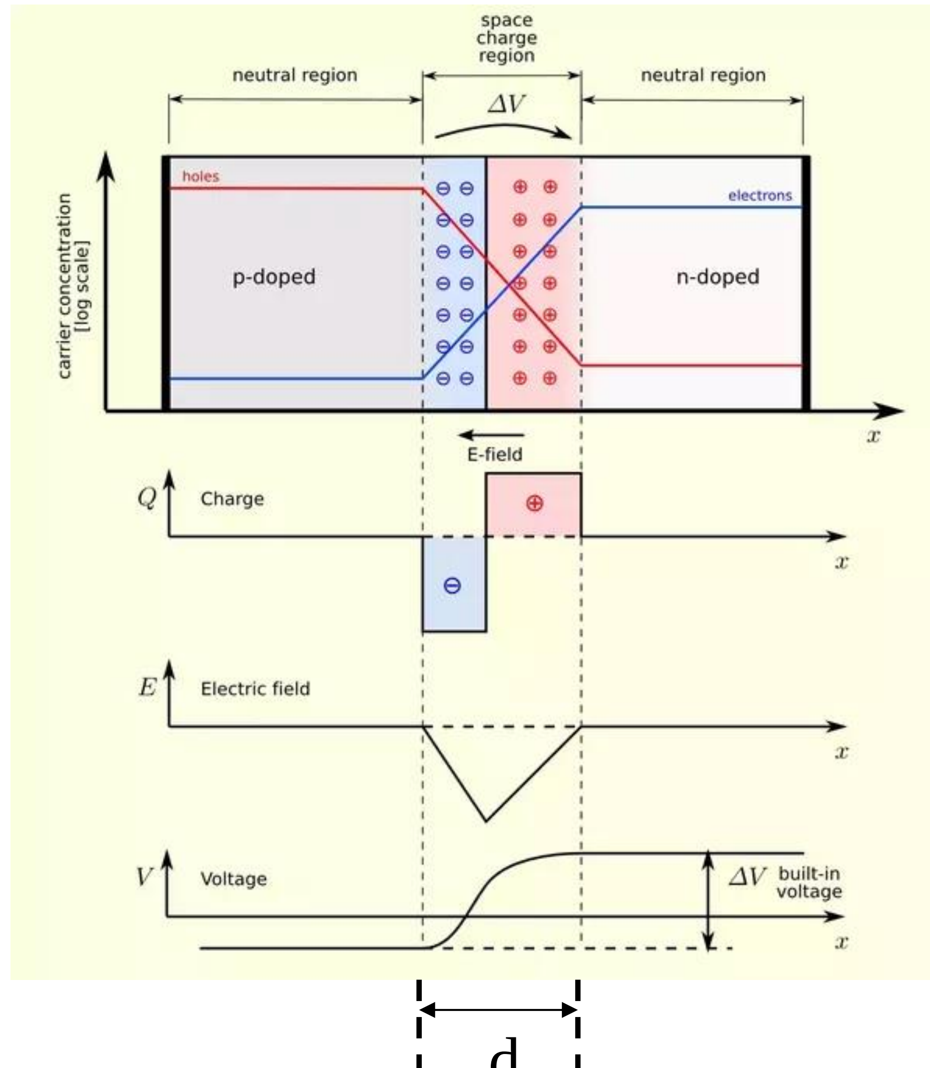
3. Silicon detectors for charged particle detection

p-n junction (fundamental structure)

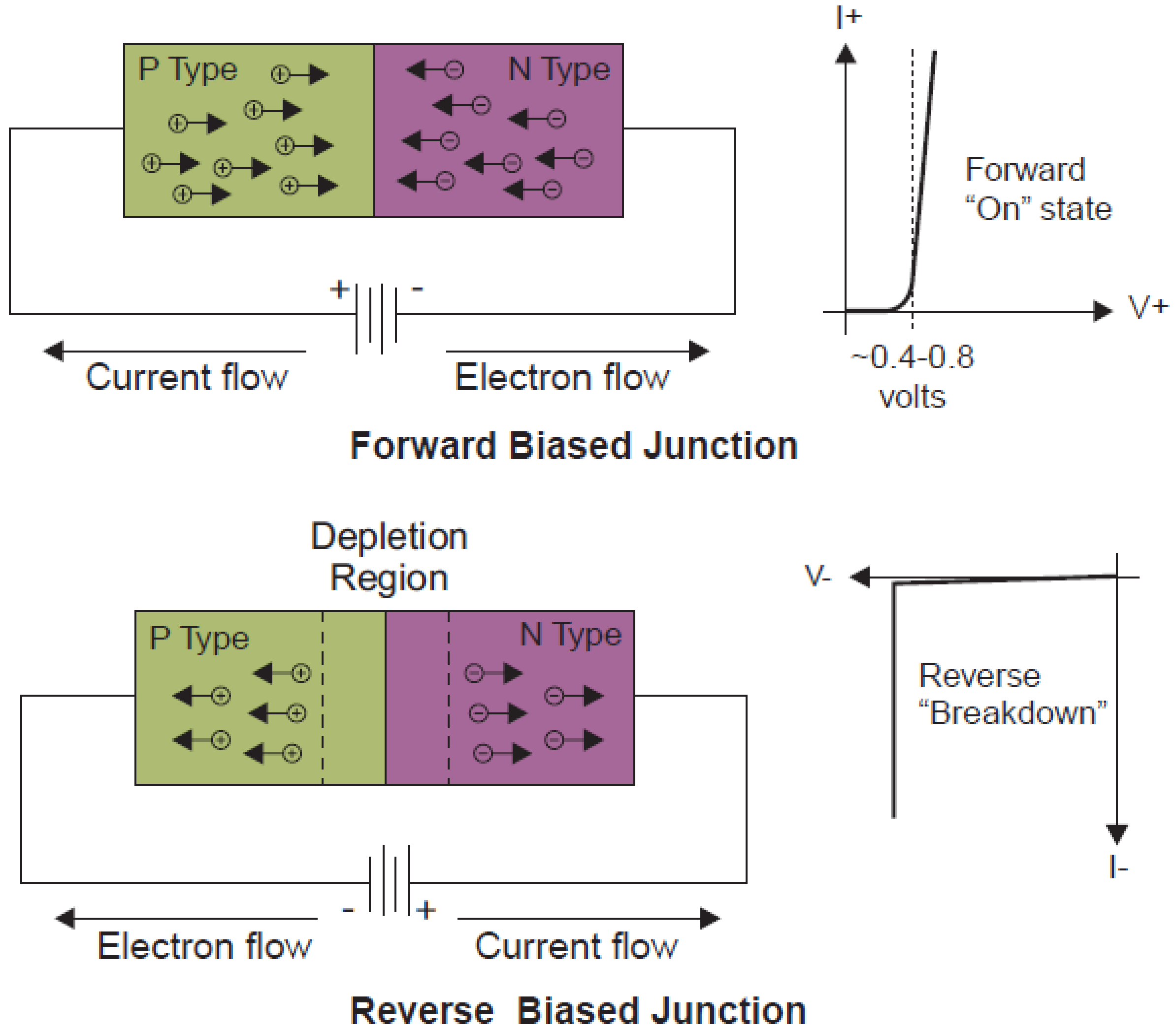
Bring p-type and n-type into contact:



The depletion region d is a region with no charge carriers (with no free charges).



p-n junction


P Type
N Type
Current flow
Electron flow
I+
V+
Forward
“On” state
~0.4-0.8
volts
Forward Biased Junction
Depletion
Region
P Type
N Type
Electron flow
Current flow
V-
I-
Reverse
“Breakdown”
Reverse Biased Junction

Depletion depth

d= $\sqrt{\frac{2\epsilon}{e}\frac{N_A+N_D}{N_A N_D}(V_{bi}+V)}$

V_{bi} : potential difference due to barrier field

d= $\sqrt{\frac{2\epsilon(V_{bi}+V)}{eN_B}}$

In many cases, $N_A \gg N_D$ or $N_D \gg N_A$

N_B is the smallest of N_D and N_A

d= $\sqrt{2\epsilon\mu\rho(V_{bi}+V)}$

An exercise :
intrinsic Si at 300K
$\rho = 3.3\times10^5\,\Omega$ cm
V~110 V
d~300 μm

d= $0.5\mu\text{m}\sqrt{\rho(V_{bi}+V)}$ (n-type)

d= $0.3\mu\text{m}\sqrt{\rho(V_{bi}+V)}$ (p-type)

(V in Volts and ρ in Ωcm) for Si

p-n junction reverse bias characteristics

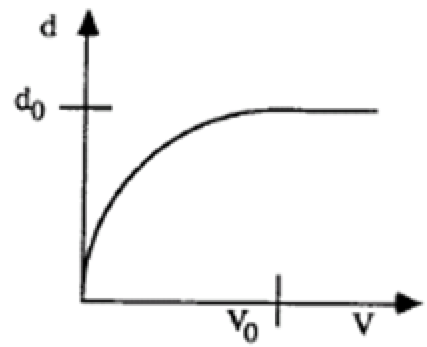
d = depletion layer depth

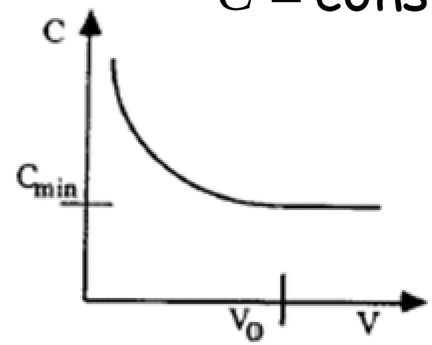
$d \propto \sqrt{V}$ for $V < V_0$

$d = d_0$ for $V > V_0$

$C \propto 1/\sqrt{V}$ for $V < V_0$

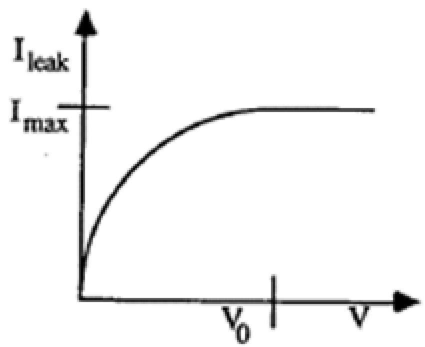
$C =$ const. for $V > V_0$





$i \propto d \propto \sqrt{V}$ for $V < V_0$

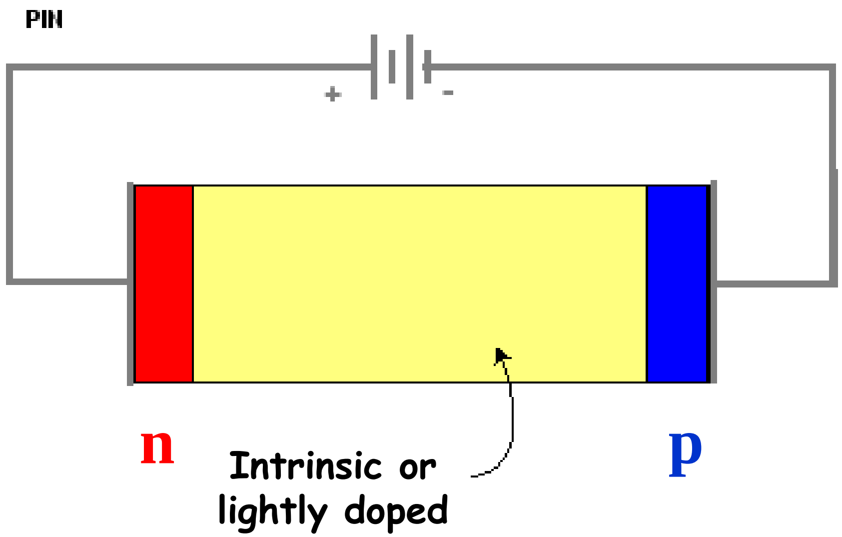
$i =$ const. for $V > V_0$

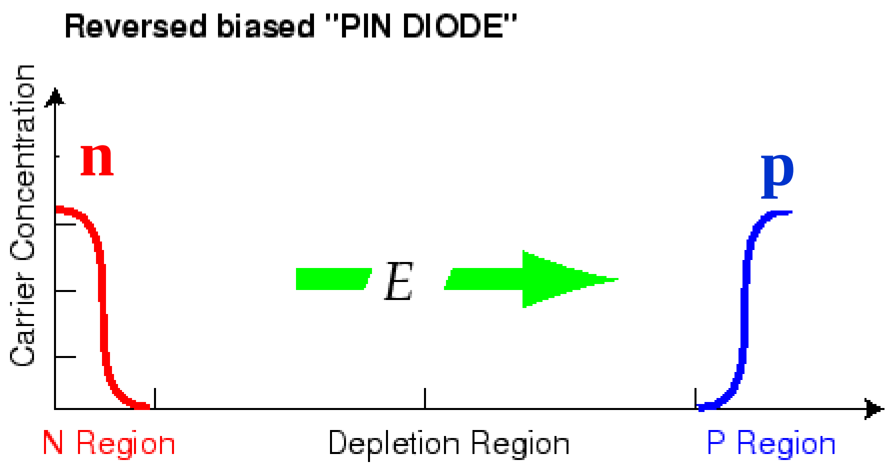


V_0 = full depletion voltage

d_0 = junction thickness

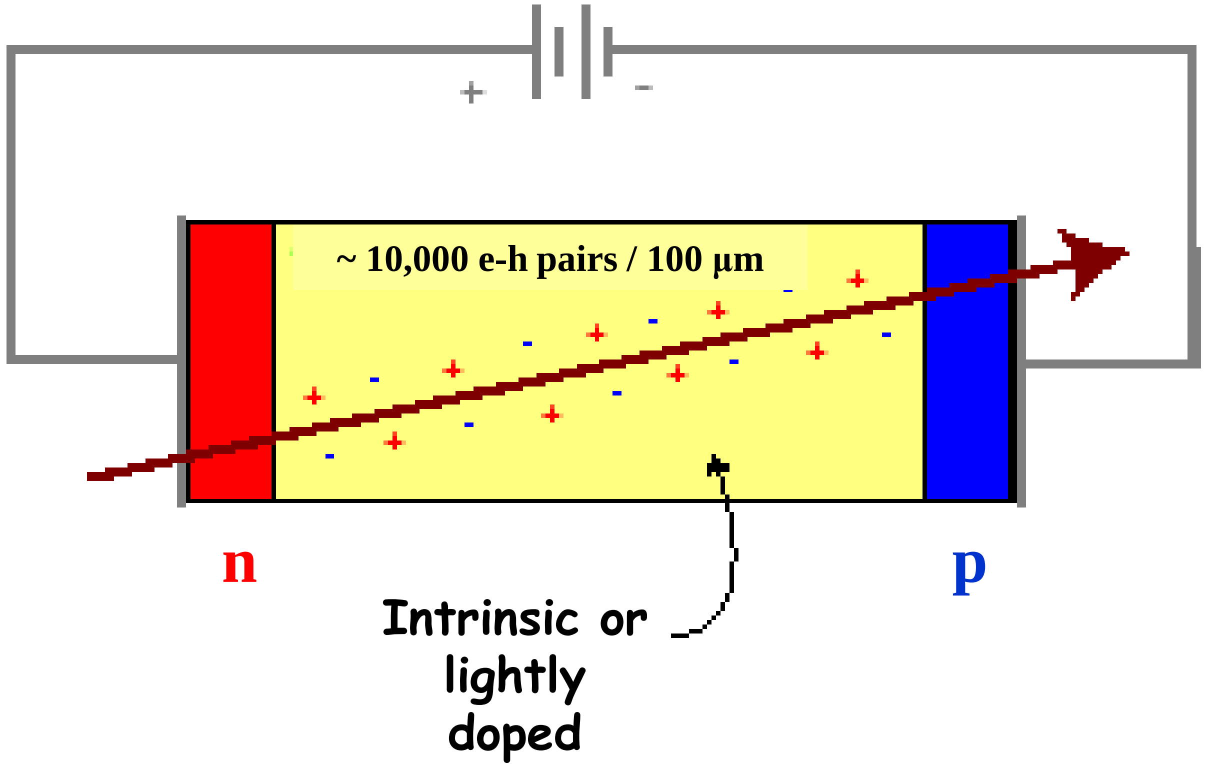
PIN Diode


PIN
+
-
n
Intrinsic or lightly doped
p


Reversed biased "PIN DIODE"
Carrier Concentration
n
E
p
N Region
Depletion Region
P Region

When a charged particle traverses the depletion zone

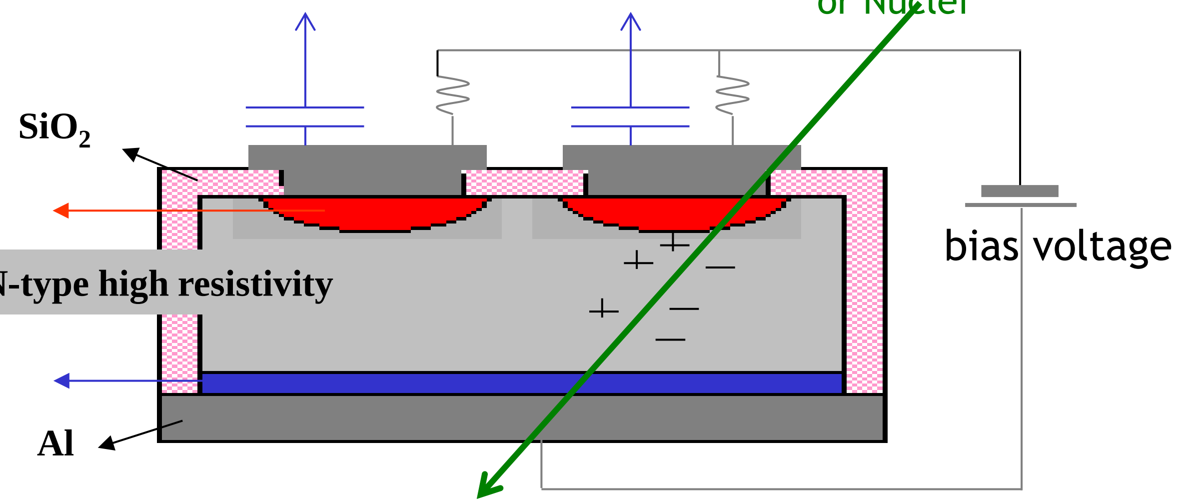
Simple detector



Silicon pixel sensor

- PIN diode, DC type
- Wafer: 5 inch, 525 μm in thickness, double polished side, N-type high resistivity (>5 kΩ-cm), (111) orientation

pixel size
= 1.55 cm x 1.38 cm

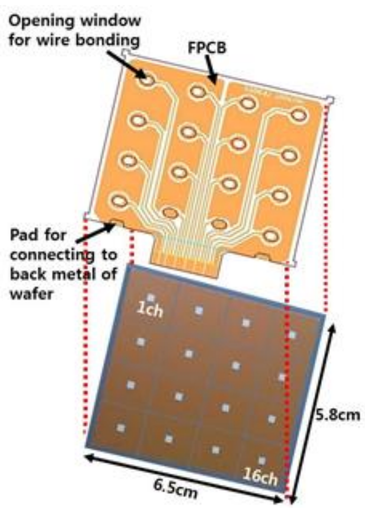


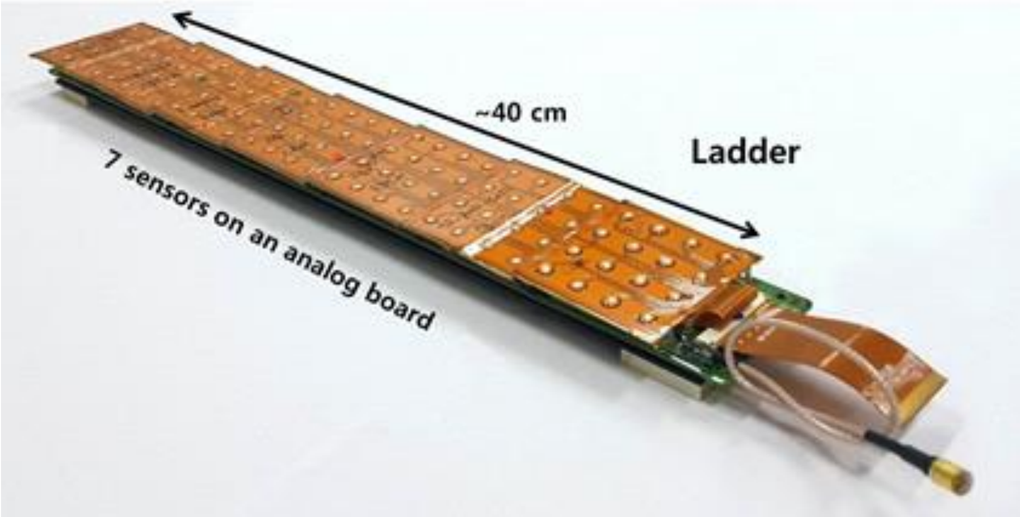
$$<\frac{dE}{dx}> \propto z^2$$

Measure the ionization energy loss in silicon sensor
-> Determine the charge of the incident particle

Silicon Pixel Sensor & Ladder for SCD

Built by SKKU group

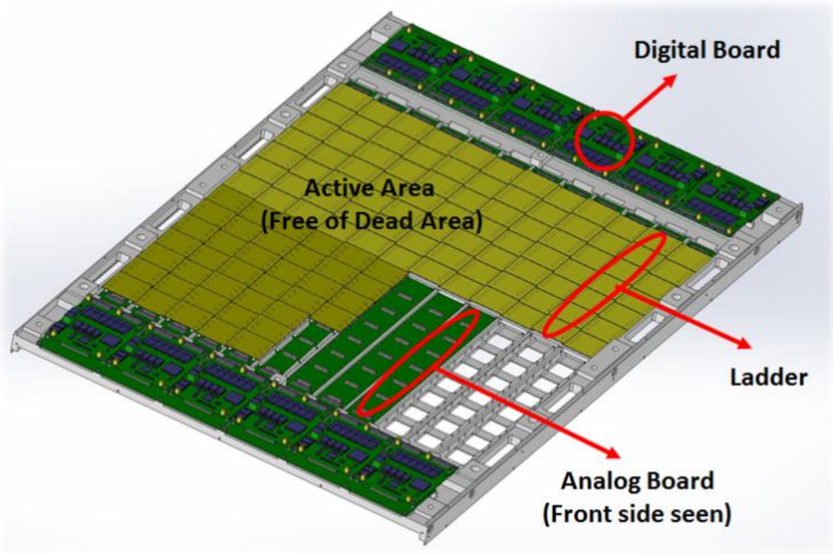


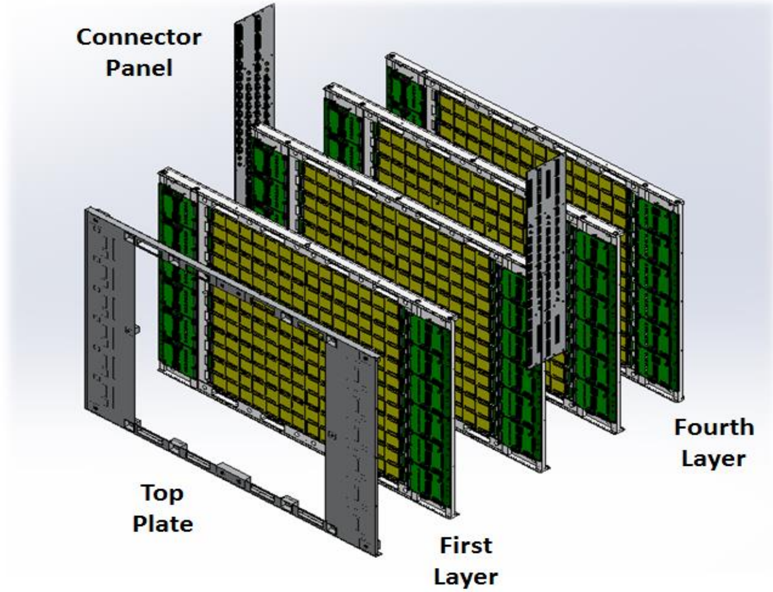


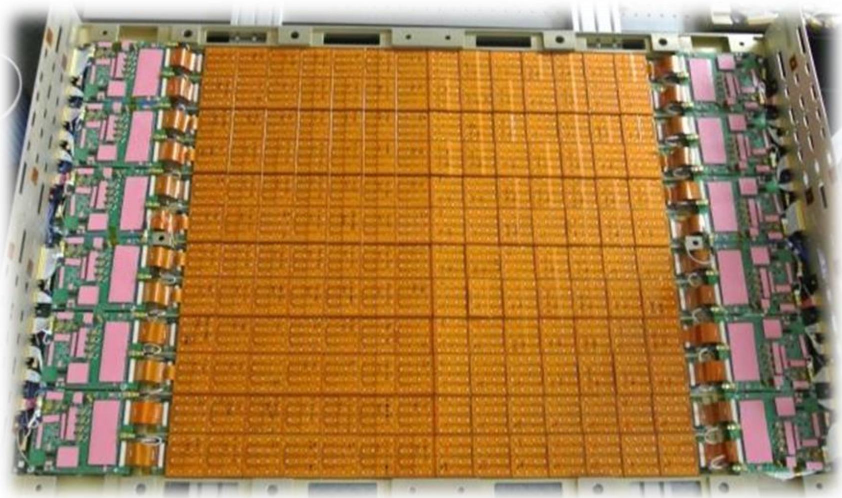
pixel size = $1.55 \times 1.38\ cm^2$

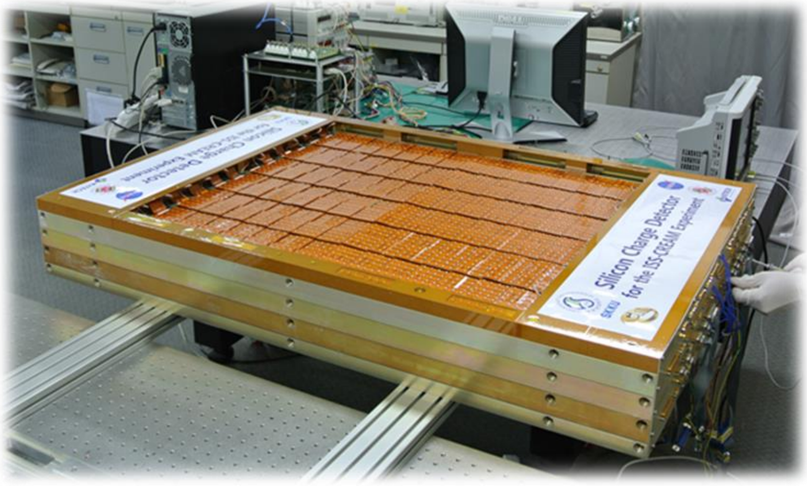
Silicon Charge Detector (design, fabrication & assembly

Built by SKKU group







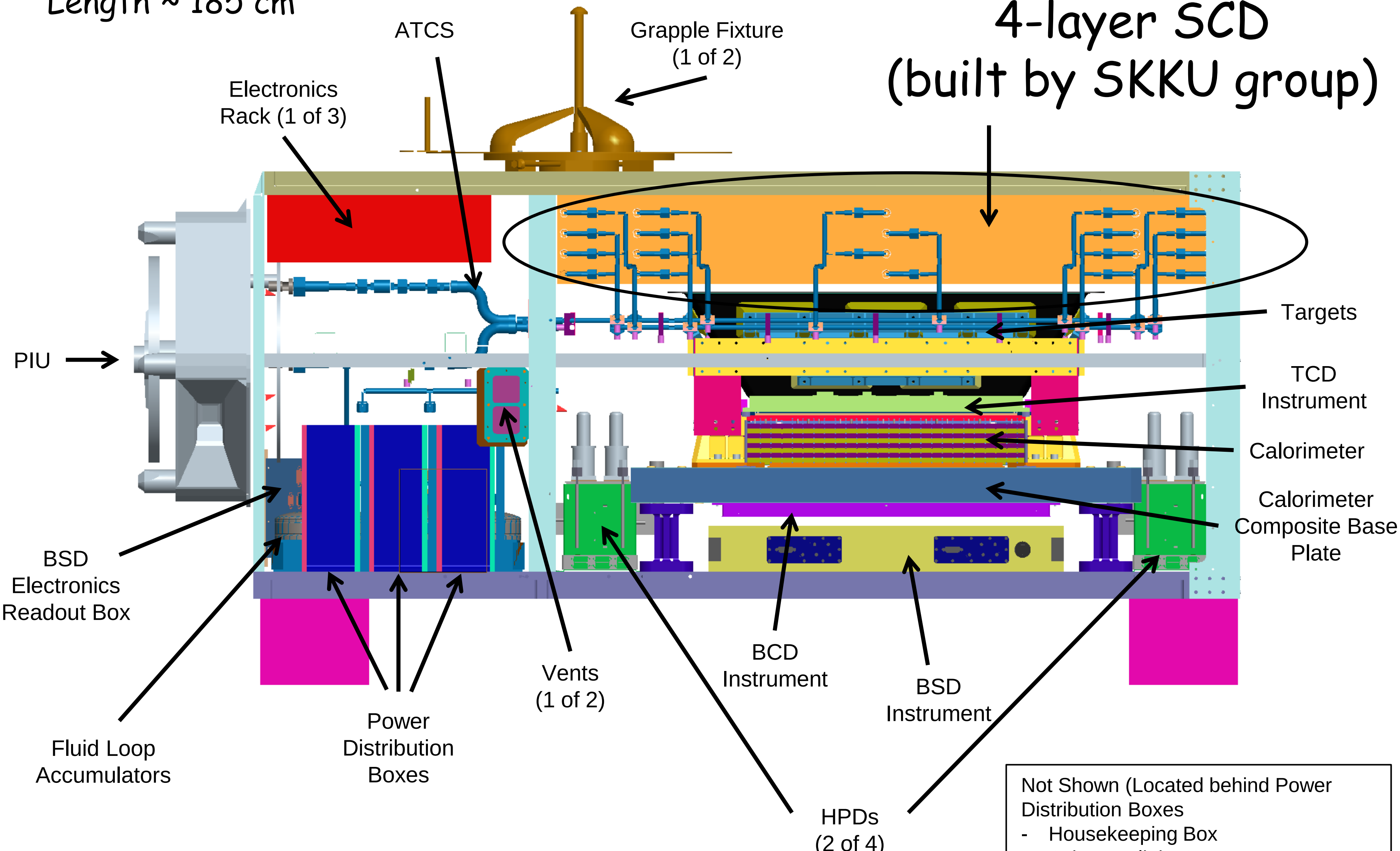


Silicon Charge Detector (specification)

Mass (kg)	143
Overall Dimension (cm^3)	127.7 (L) x 81.7 (W) x 16.6 (H)
Active Area (cm^2)	78.2 x 73.6
# Layers	4
# Channels	total 10752 (2688 per layer)
Power Consumption (W)	182.5

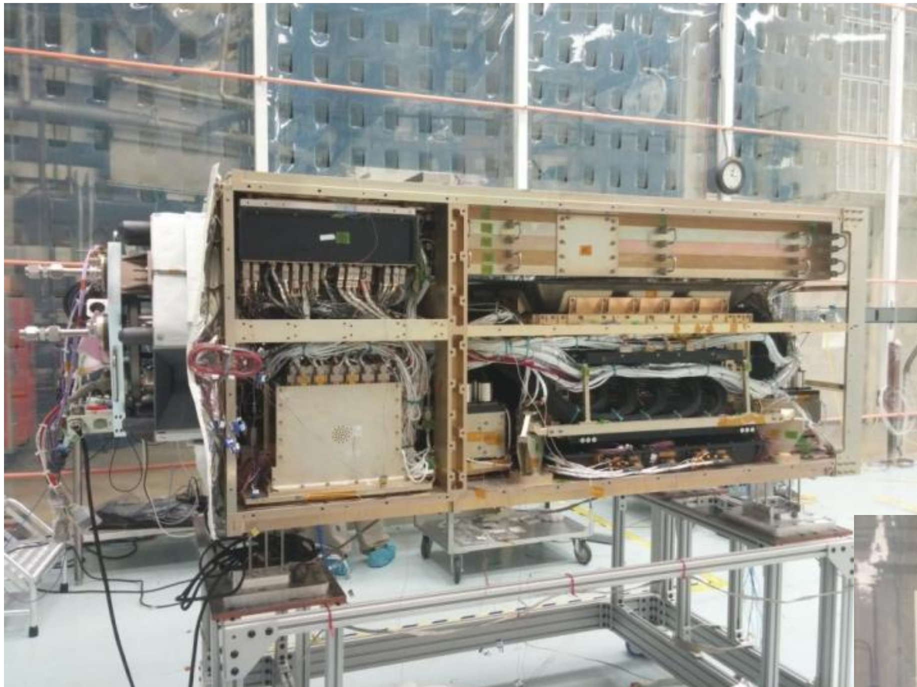
ISS-CREAM payload

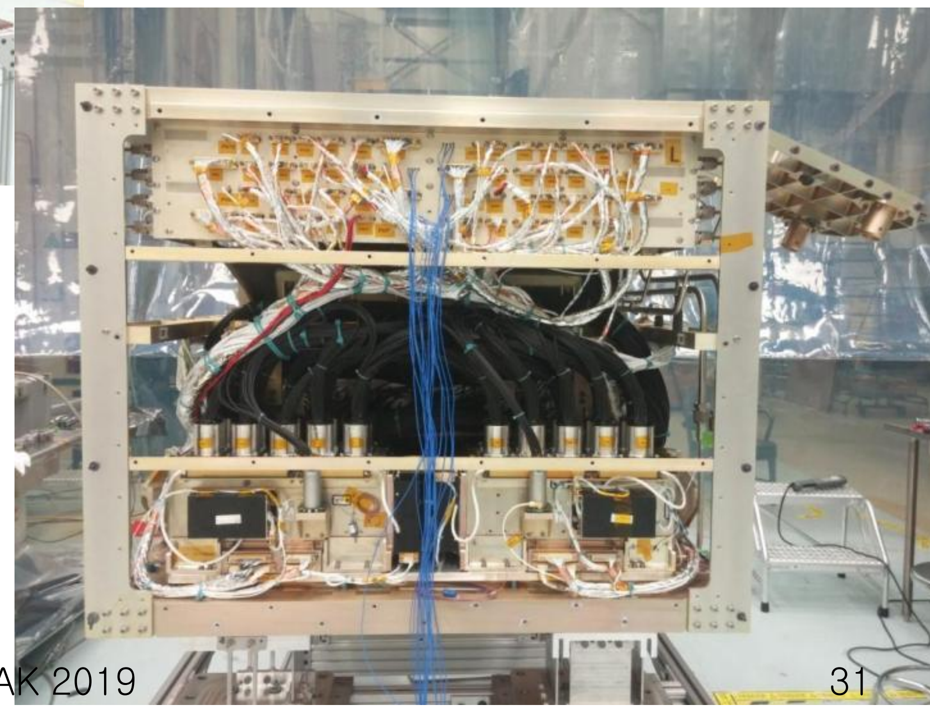
Mass ~ 1258 kg
Power ~ 415 W
Length ~ 185 cm



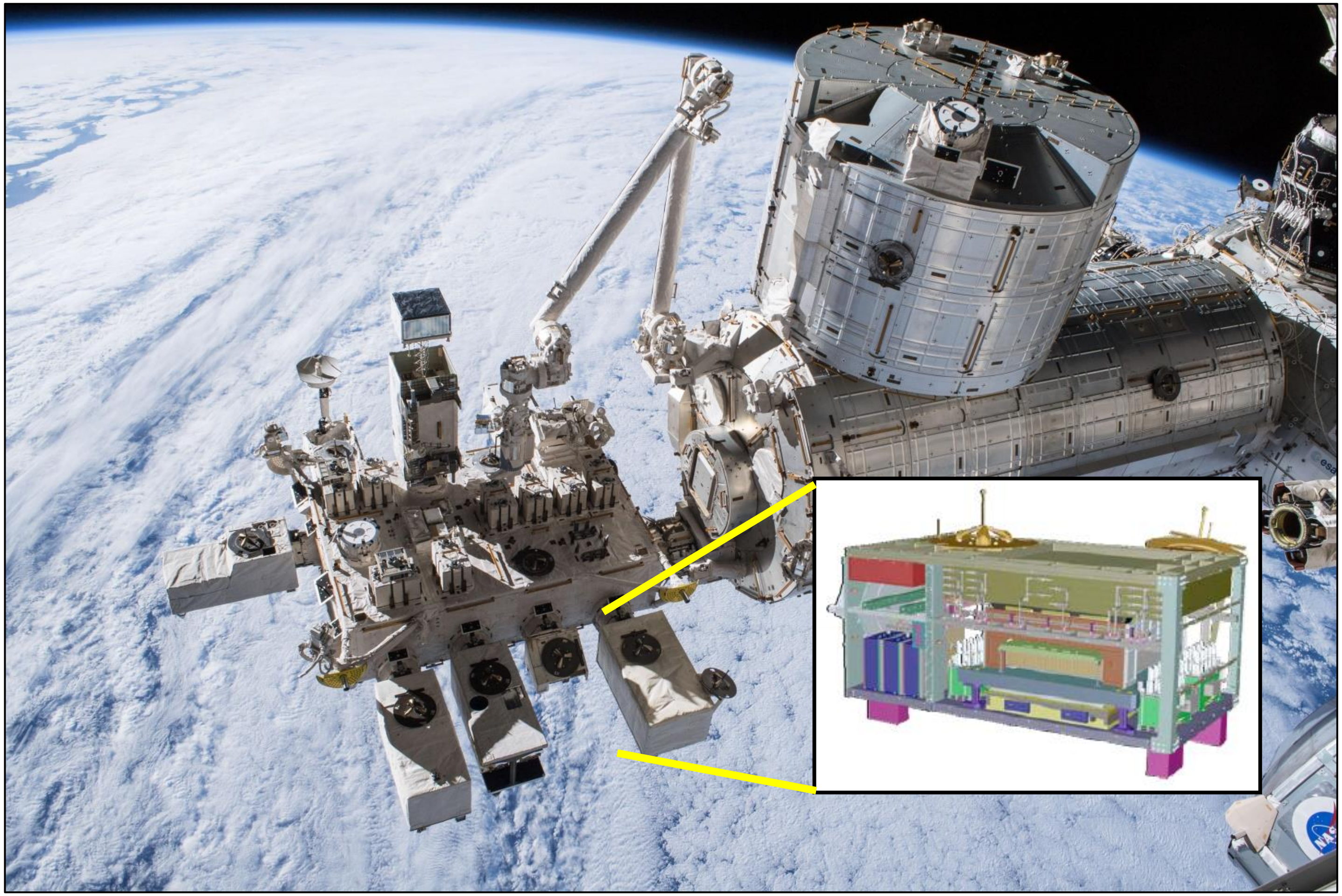
Not Shown (Located behind Power Distribution Boxes
- Housekeeping Box
- Science Flight Computers

ISS-CREAM @ GSFC before TVAC test (July 22-25, 2015)

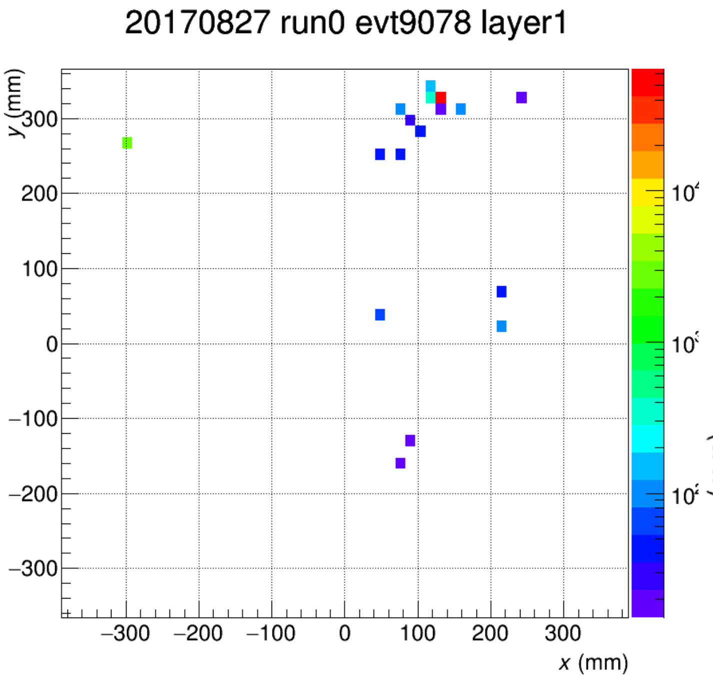


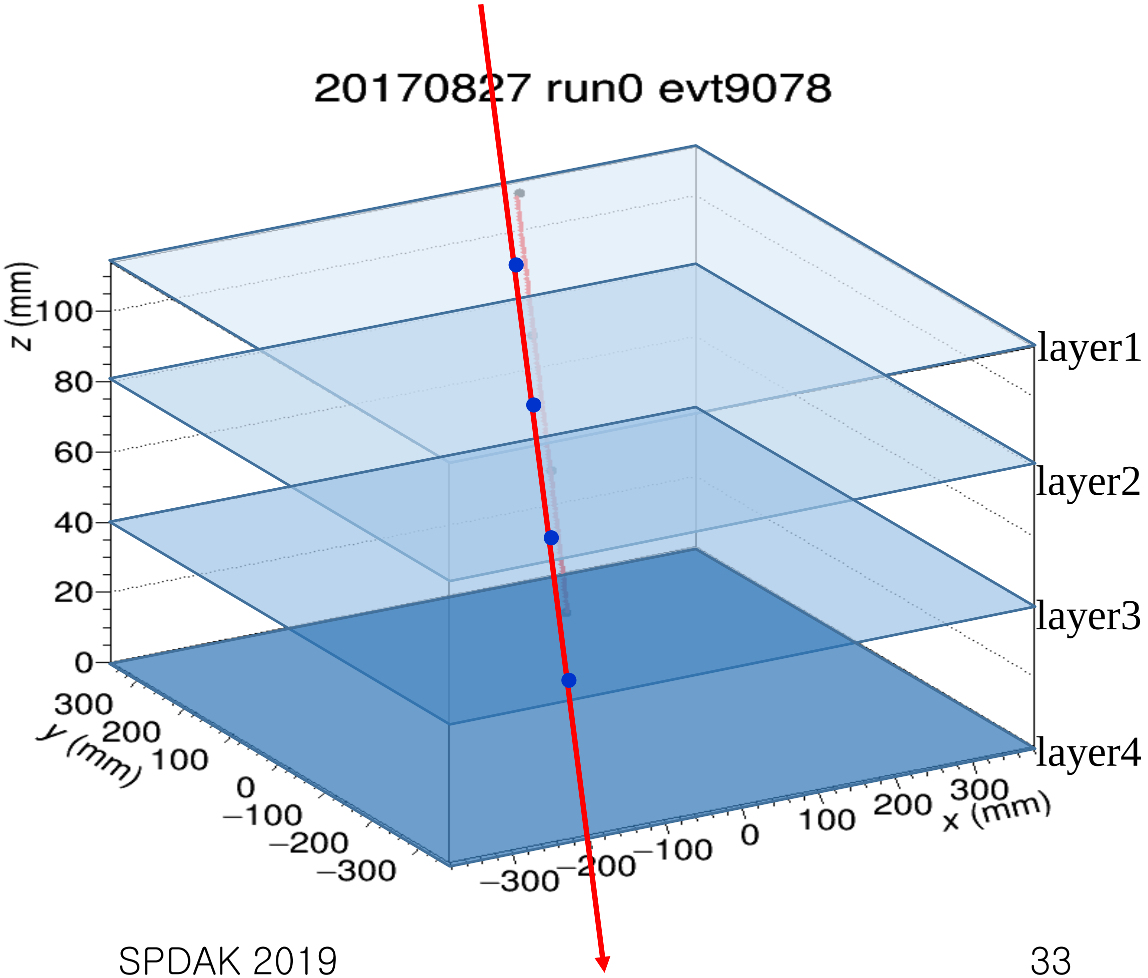
ISS-CREAM in space operation



SCD performance: standalone tracking



A 4-layer track!

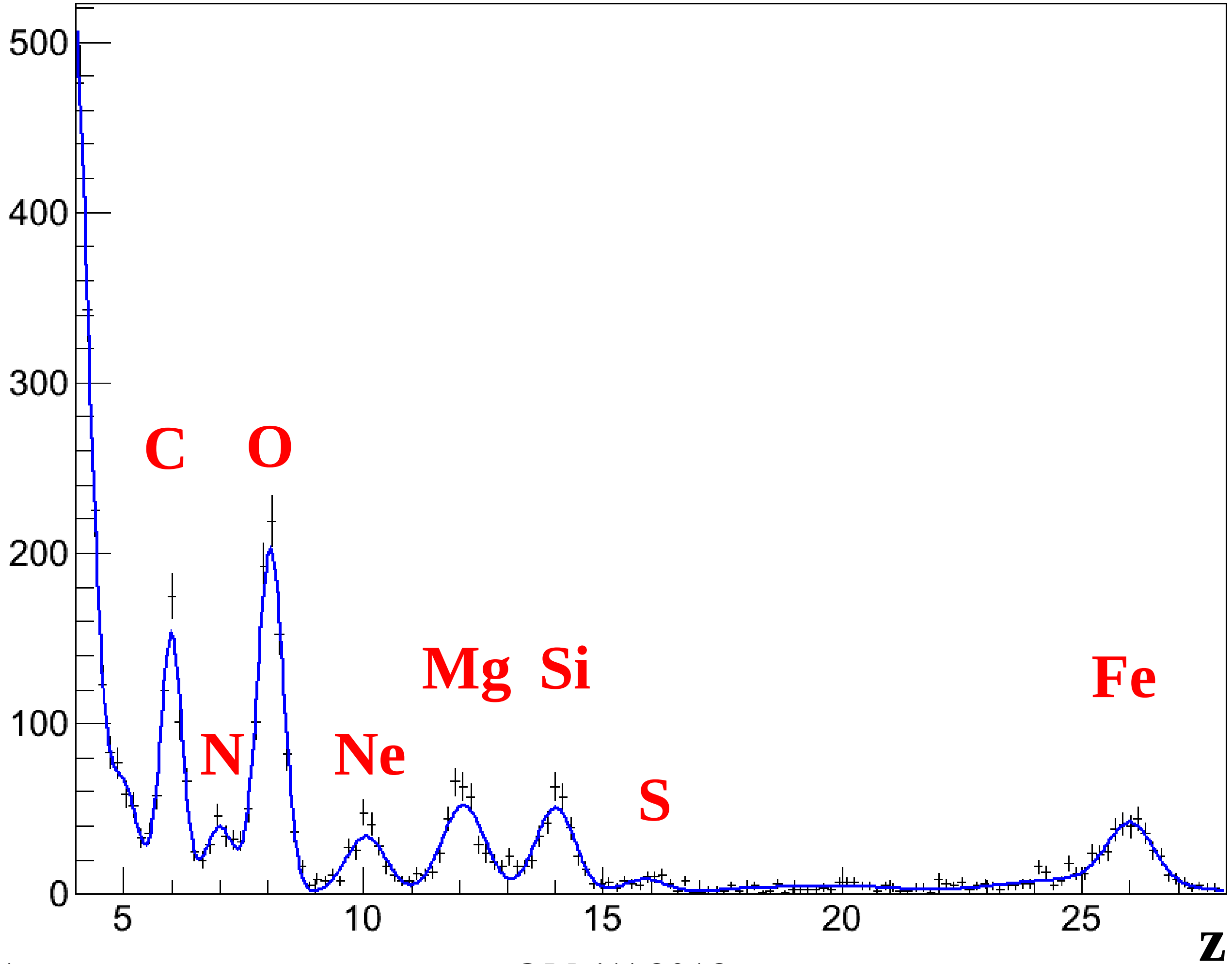


θ = 34.19 +1.91 -0.59°

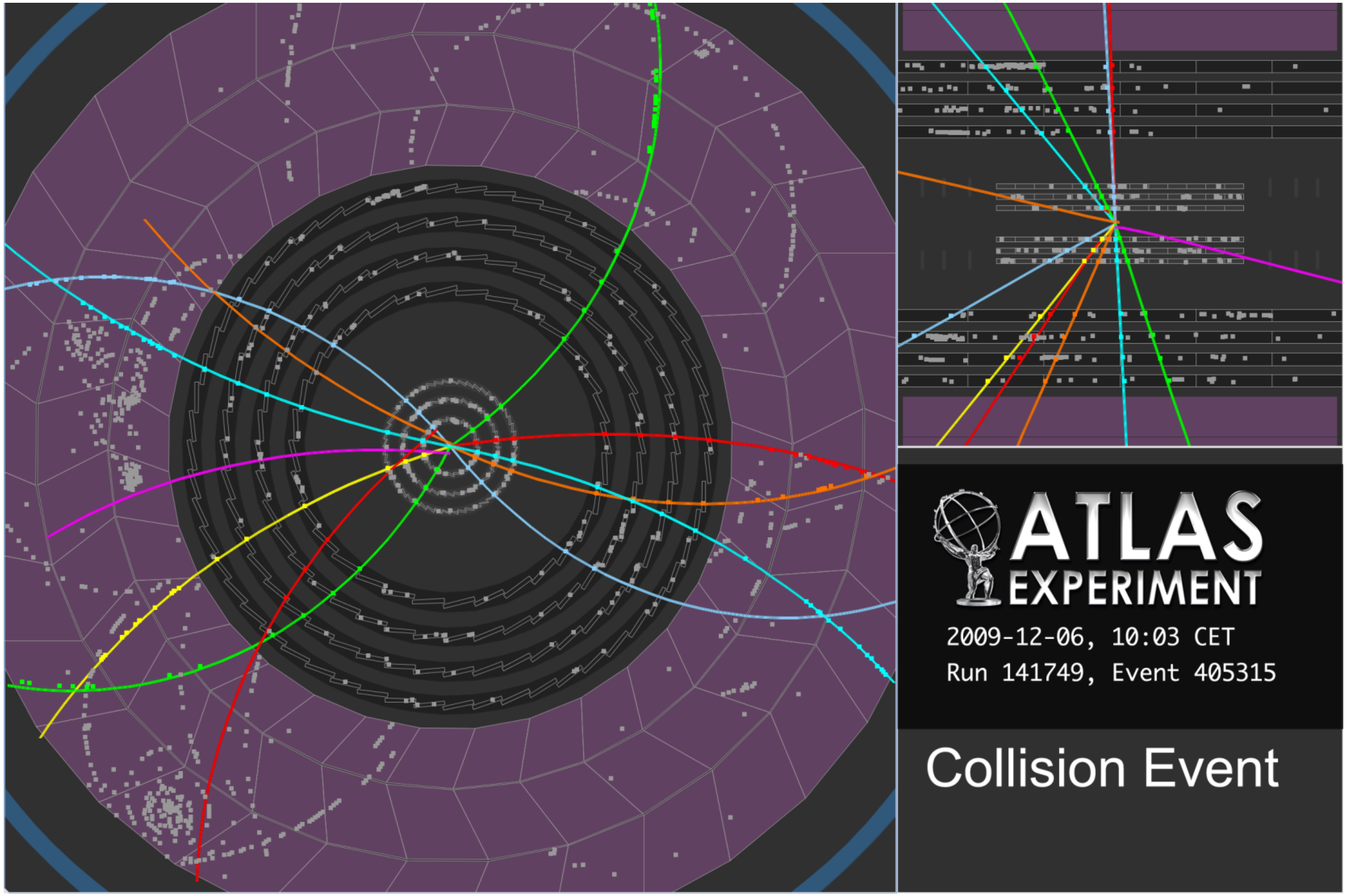
φ = 105.5 +5.9 -2.9°

SCD performance: charge measurement

Preliminary!



ATLAS Silicon Trackers



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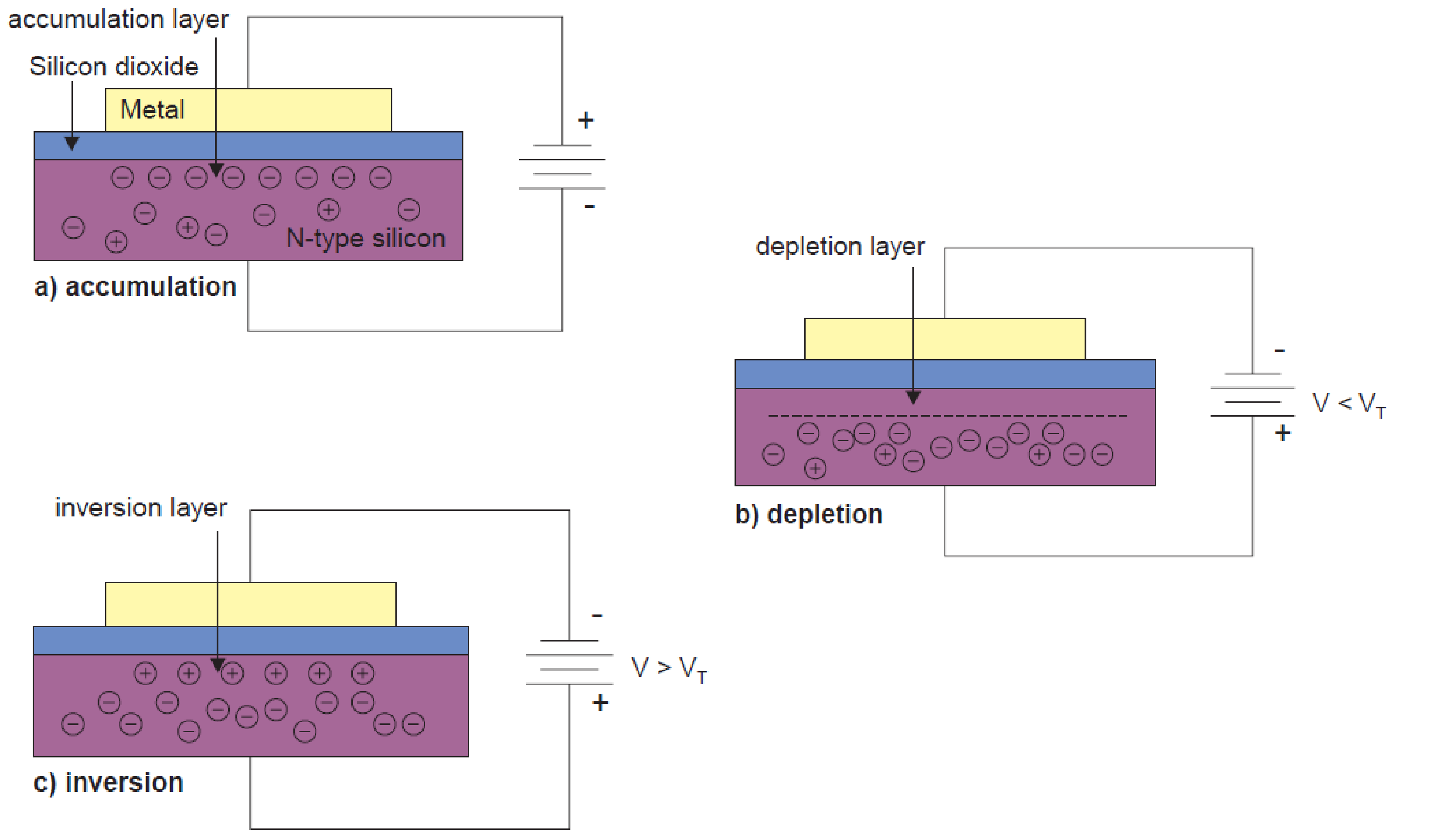
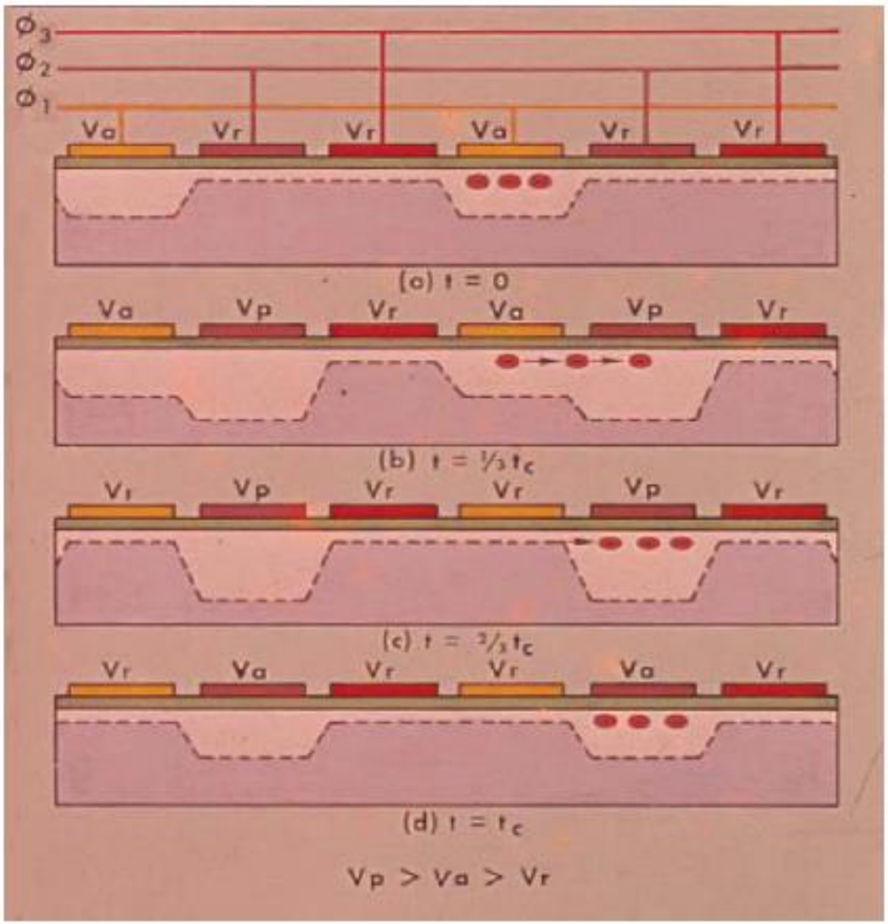
4. Silicon detectors for photon detection

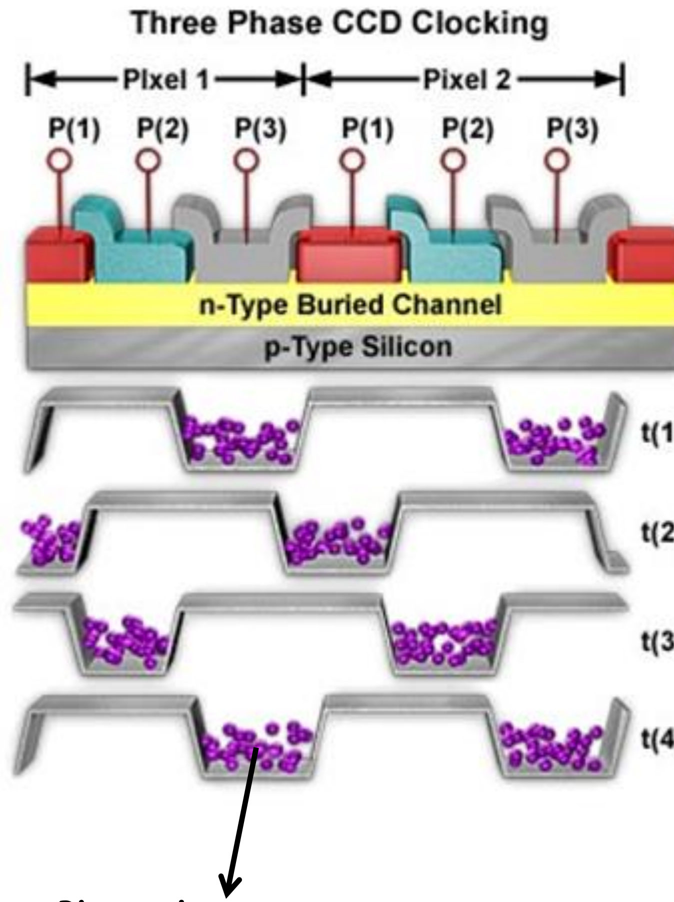
MOS structure (fundamental structure)



CCD (Charge Coupled Device) sensor

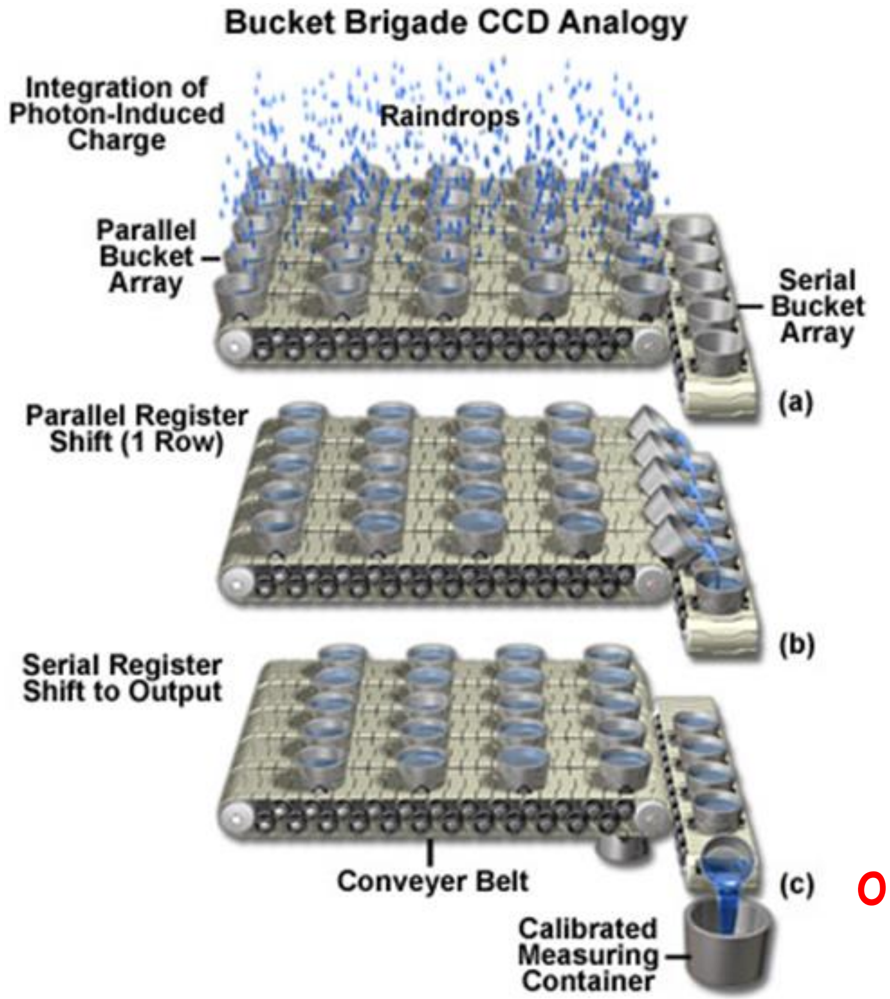
Charge Coupled Device





Photoelectrons produced by photoelectric effect

CCD analogy



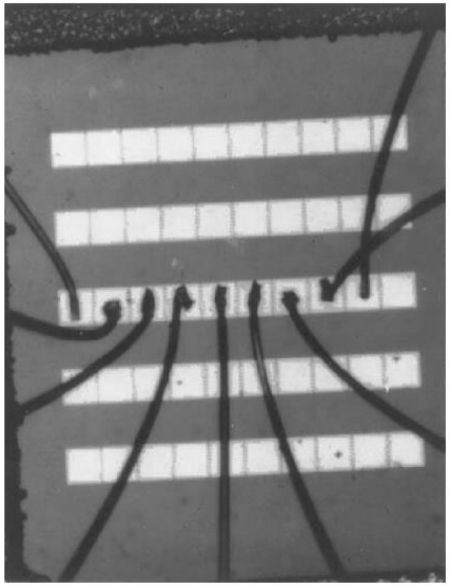
output = charge

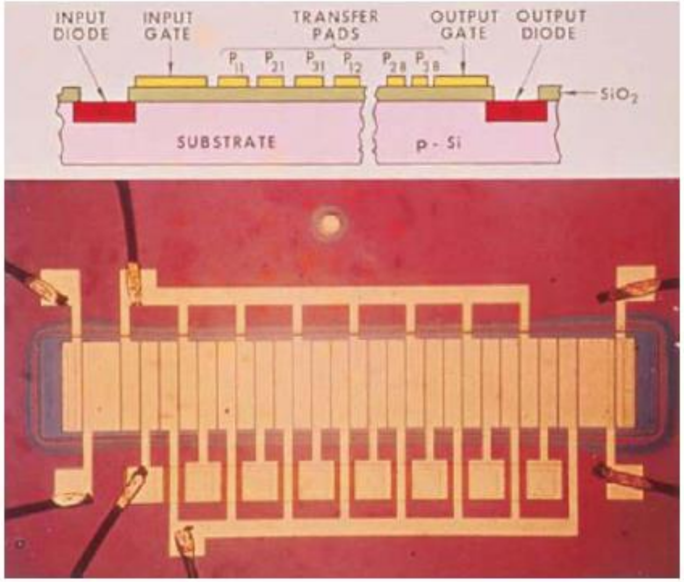
CCD inventors (winners of Nobel prize in physics in 2010)

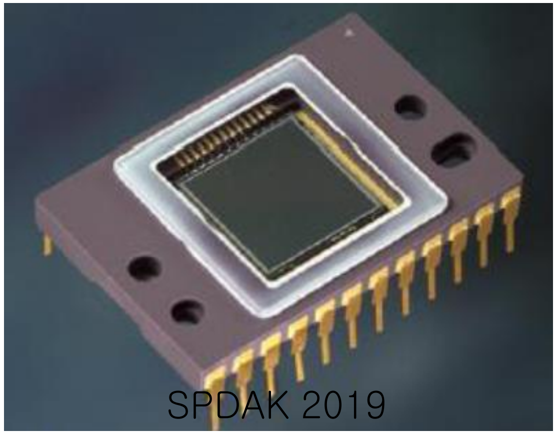
G. E. Smith & W.S. Boyle : invented CCD in 1970

Having Fun @ Bell Lab in 1974 !

How much advanced?







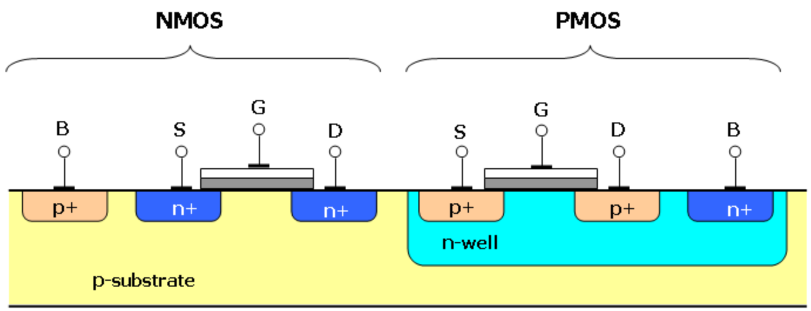
Kodak
Mega pixel CCD
~ 1cm^2

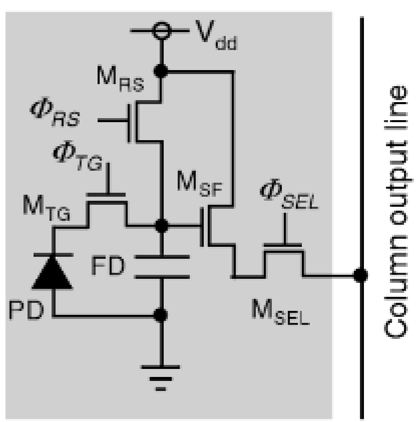
CCD application in Astronomy/Astrophysics

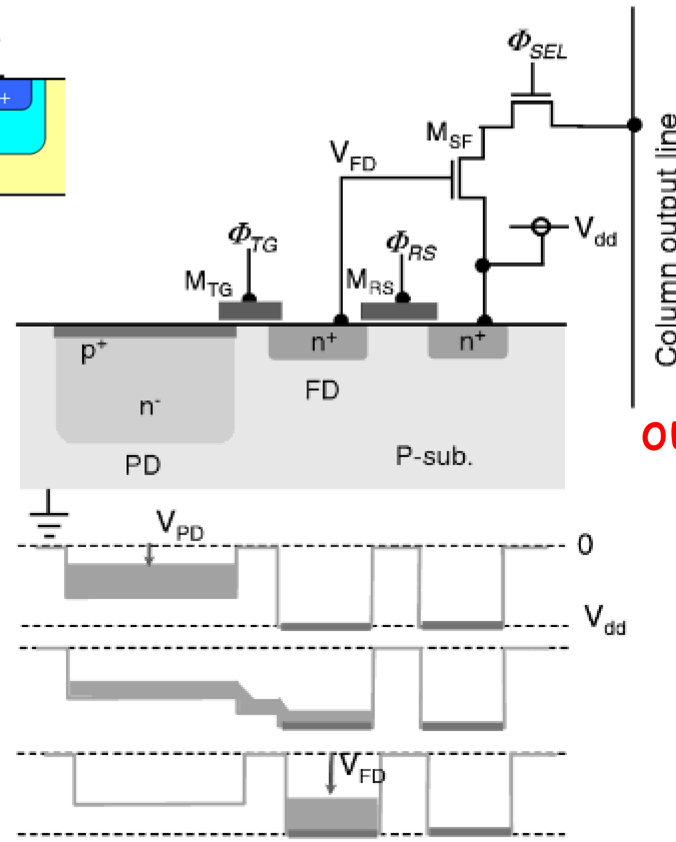
The galaxy cluster Abell 2218. *Image: WFPC2, Hubble Space Telescope, NASA.*

CMOS sensor

CMOS : Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor



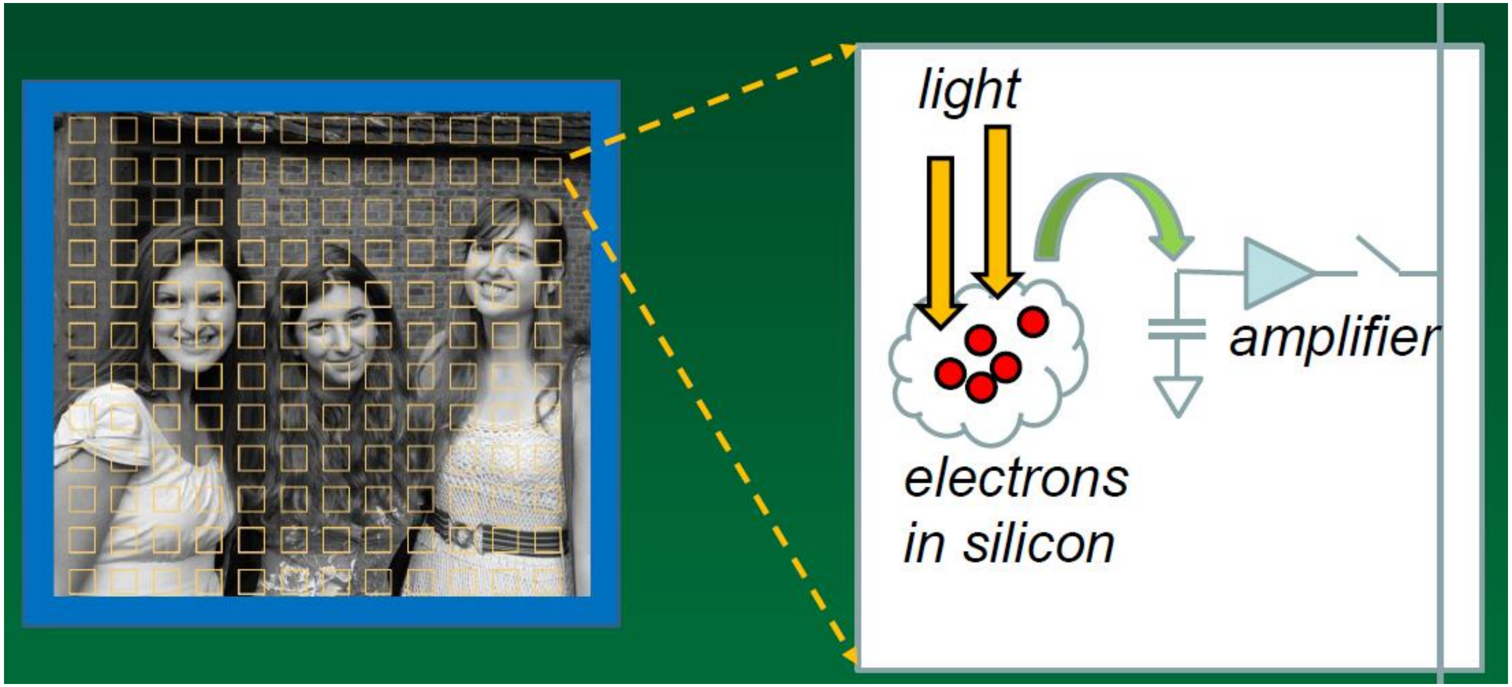




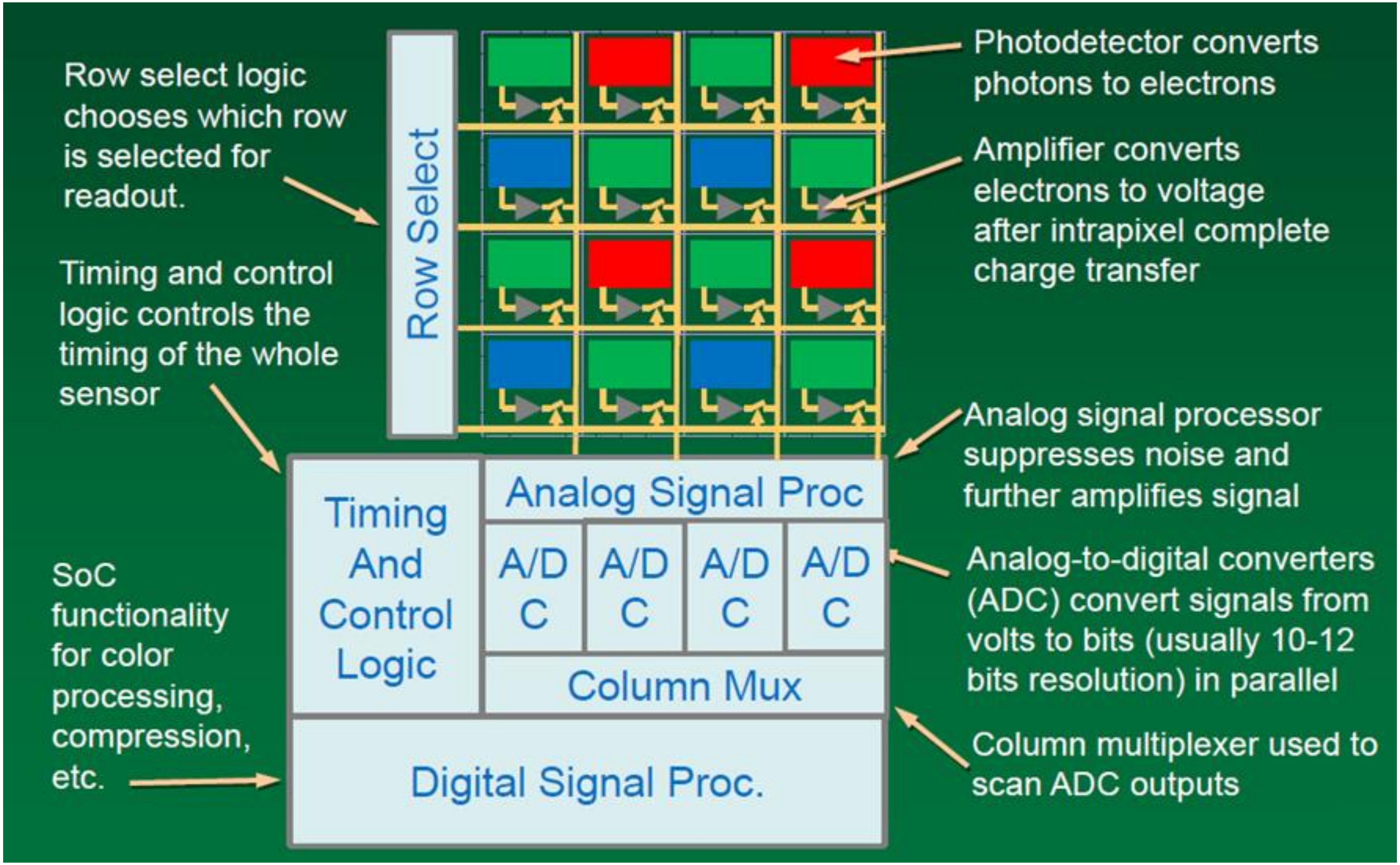
output = voltage

PD = Photo Diode

A pixel in CMOS sensor



Layout of typical CMOS sensor



CCD & CMOS summary

- **원칙적으로는 동일, 즉 포토다이오드 구조로, 광의 세기가 전하량으로 변환되고, 전하를 전압으로 변환 출력**
- **변환기가 어디에 위치하는가가 두 센서의 근본적인 차이**
  - 픽셀의 정보 이동 방법의 차이, 즉 CCD는 전하로 픽셀간 이동 최종 전압으로 변환, CMOS는 픽셀 단위에서 전압으로 변환하여 이동
- **잡음이 크고, 동적폭 (dynamic range) 및 속도에서 뛰어나지 않음**
  - 동적폭 = Full Well Capacity / 잡음
  - Kodak Mega 픽셀 CCD 200,000 전자 / 20전자 = 100,000

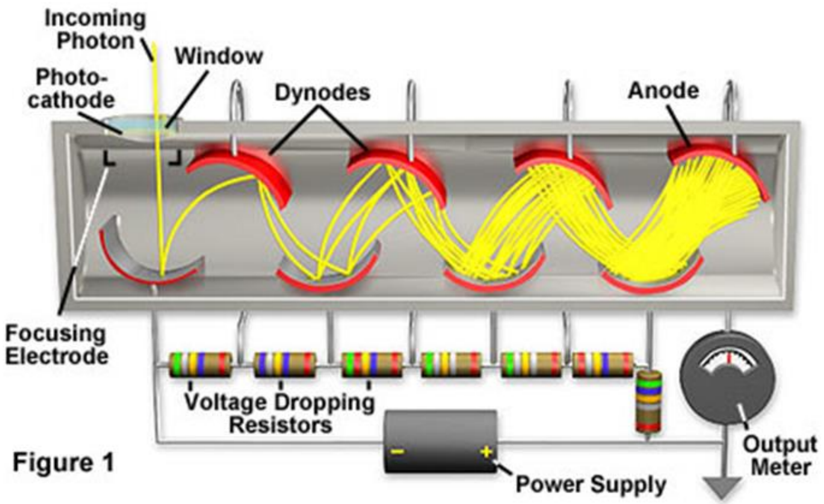
- **광량이 적은 환경에서는 고민감도의 센서가 필요하나, CCD와 CMOS는 증폭형 센서가 아니므로 야간 상황에서 그 성능에 한계**
- 우리의 눈의 민감도는 CCD 보다 우수함
  - CCD 민감도 ~ 0.03 Lux (냉각 시 0.002 Lux)

Photomultiplier

- 정확히 말하면 광전자를 다수의 전자로 증폭
- 광음극(photocathode)과 함께 사용하는 PMT(Photomultiplier Tube)와 MCP(Microchannel Plate)가 대표적으로 단일 광자 계수 가능
- 반도체 소자에서는 센서 내부에서 광전자(photoelectron)를 증폭: **ICCD(Intensified CCD), EB(Electron Bombardment)CCD, EM(Electron Multiplier)CCD, APD(Avalanche Photodiode), SiPM(Silicon Photomultiplier)**

Photomultiplier Tubes (PMTs)

- 초민감 초고속 특성을 갖는 광센서로 과거 수십년간 특수목적에 사용
- 그러나 진공관식으로 부피가 매우 크고, 충격에 취약하며 고전압을 필요로 하므로, 야전에서 내구성, 휴대성 및 실용성이 크게 떨어지며, 광량이 많아지면 소자가 파괴되는 문제



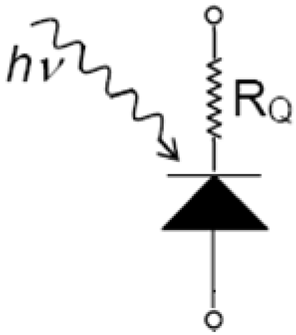
PMT의 원리와 Hamamatsu사 제품

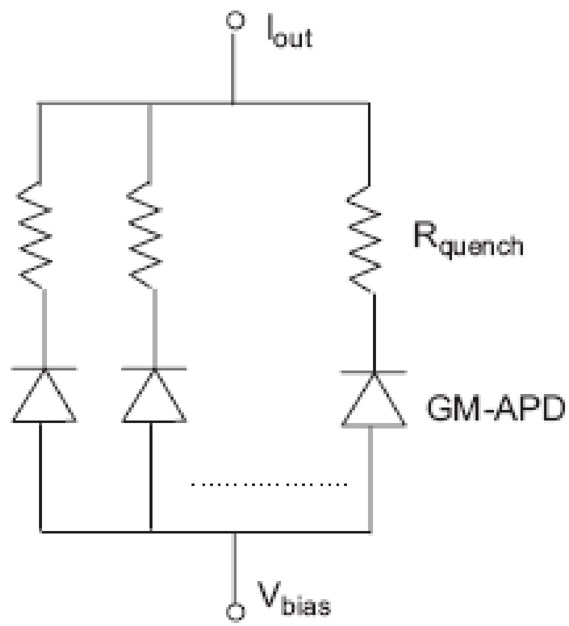
20 inch World largest PMT

For Super-K

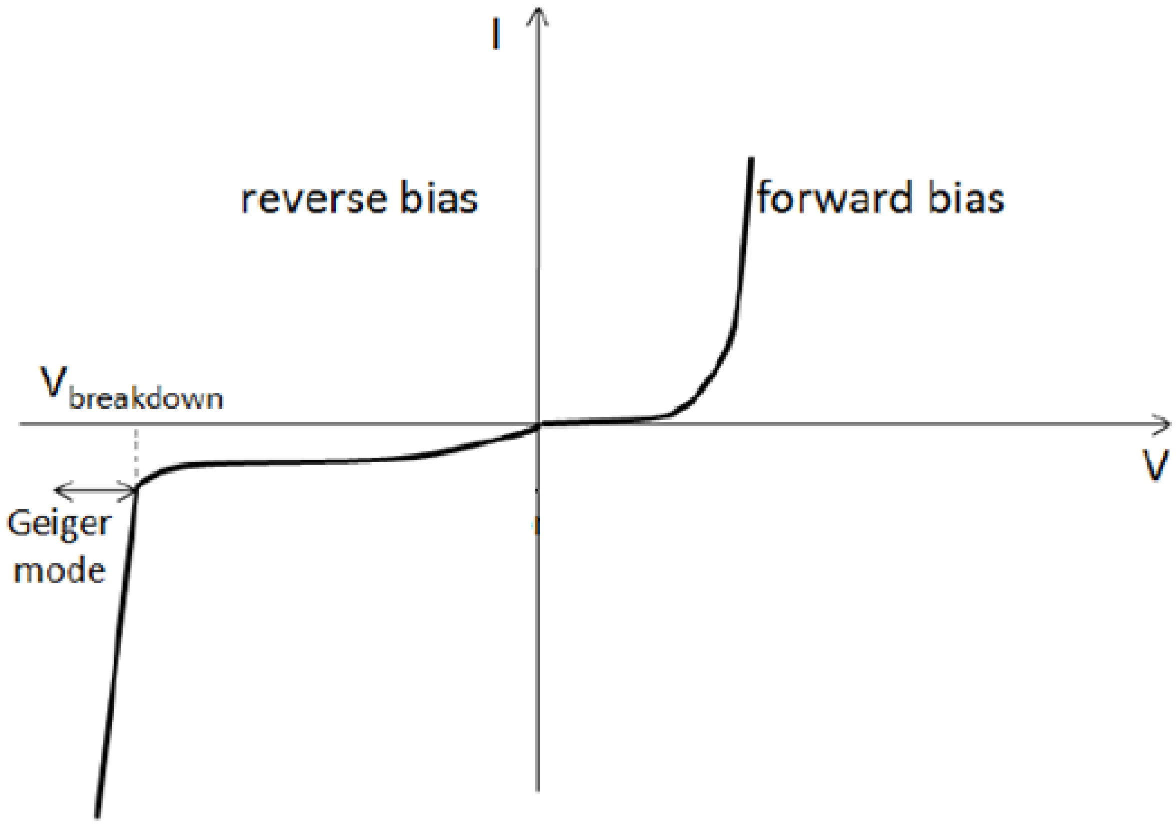
SiPM (Silicon PhotoMultiplier)

- **Micropixel (Geiger mode APD)** 어레이로 이루어진 반도체 광다이오드
- **Micropixel**의 크기는 **10~100μm**로 **1mm²**의 면적당 **100~1000**개 집적
- 각 **Micropixel** 은 공통의 인가전압과 로드 저항으로 작동, 출력신호는 모든 **Micropixel** 신호의 합**(multiplexed output)**
- 즉 **Binary**의 디지털소자로 입사광의 수를 세는 아날로그식의 광센서



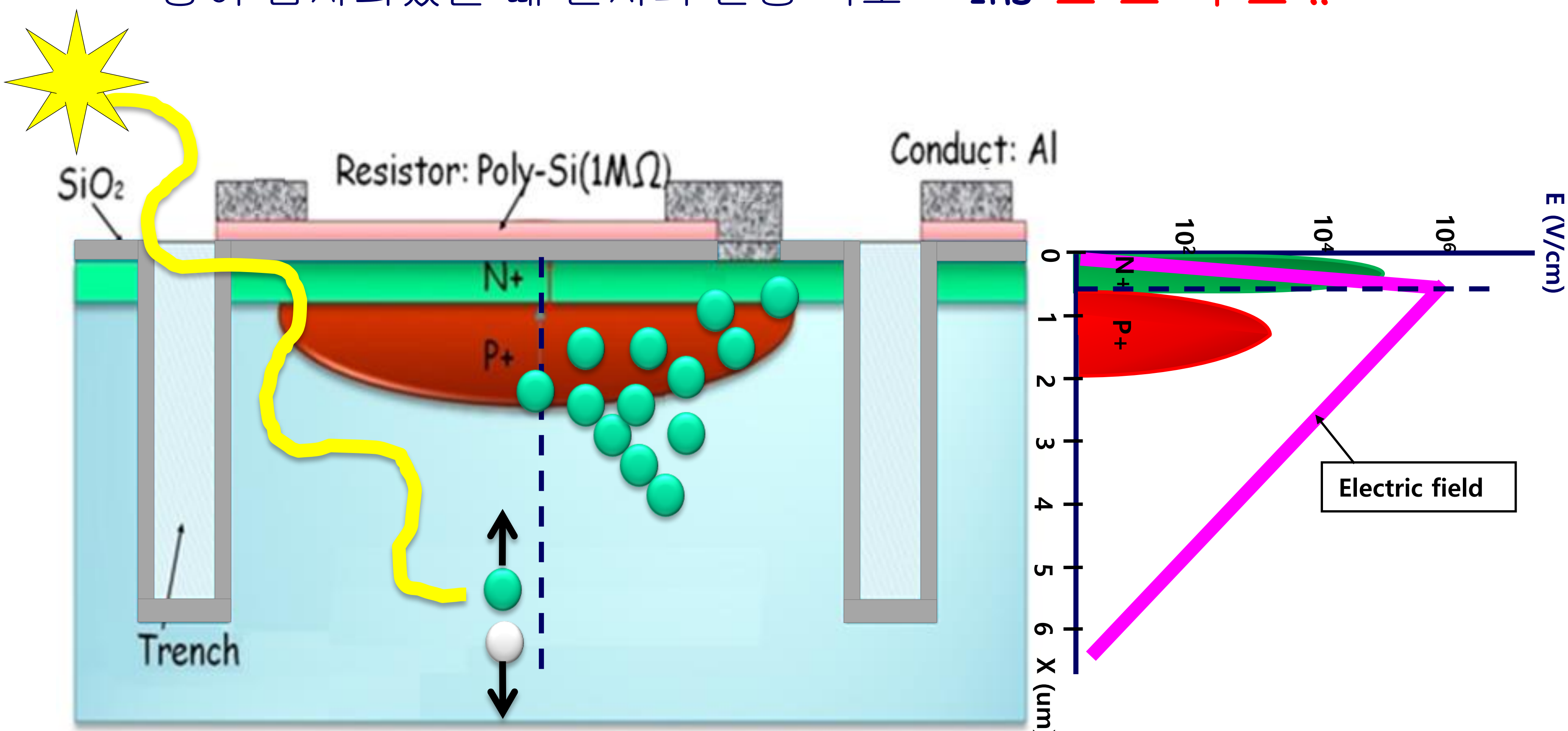


Geiger Mode



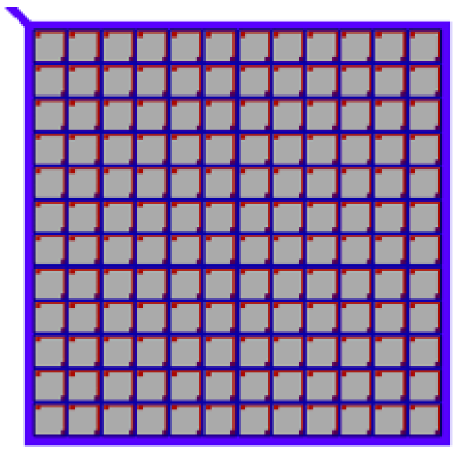
SiPM

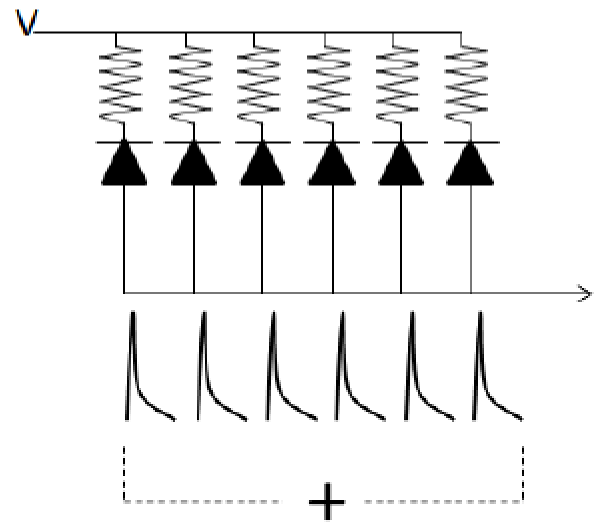
- PN 접합면에 **매우 높은 전기장 형성**
- 한 개의 광자 입사 -> **100만 배의** 전자증폭 발생 -> **초 민 감 도 !!**
- 광이 입사되었을 때 센서의 반응 속도 -> 1ns **초 고 속 도 !!**

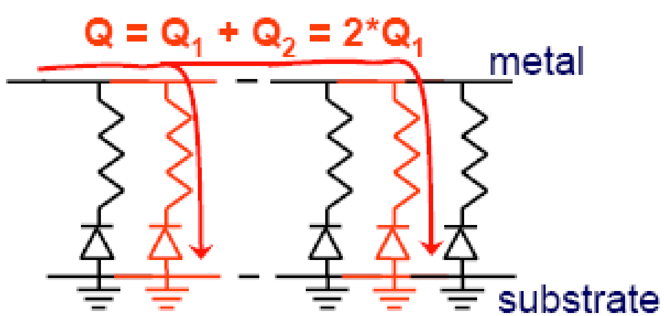


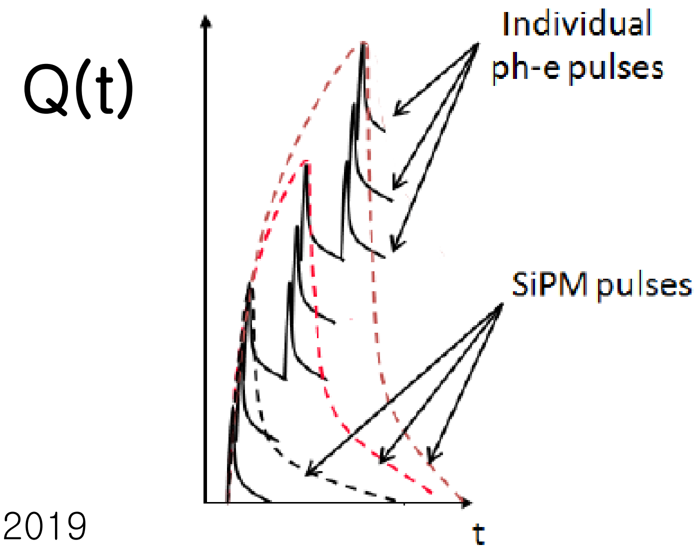
SiPM의 **Micropixel**

Analog Signal

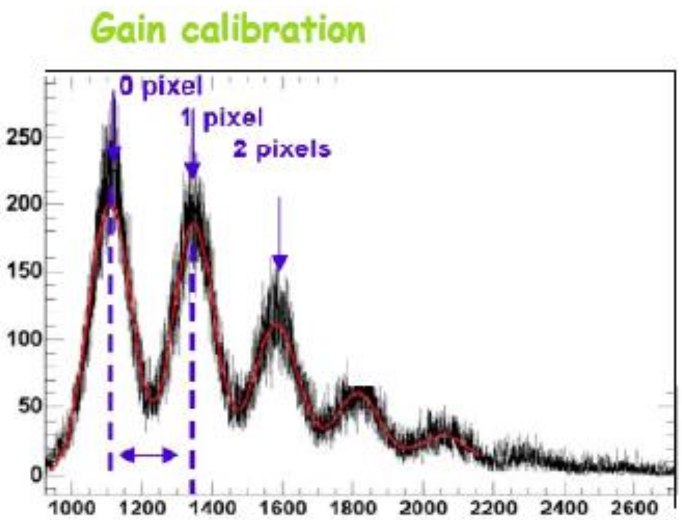


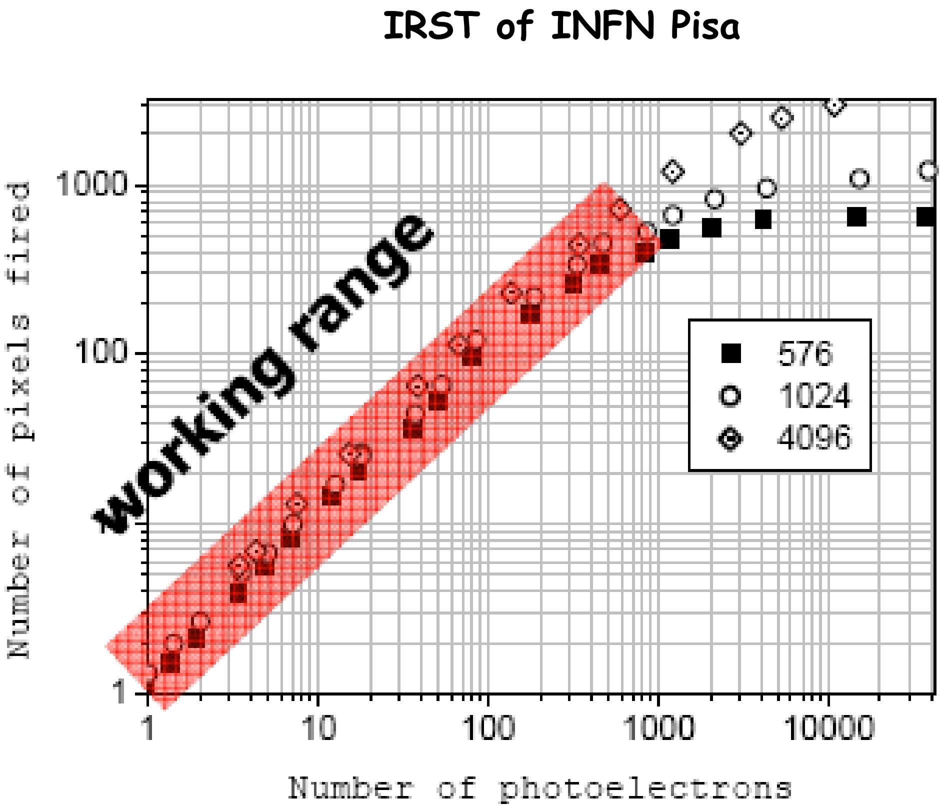






Analog Signal & Dynamic/Working Range



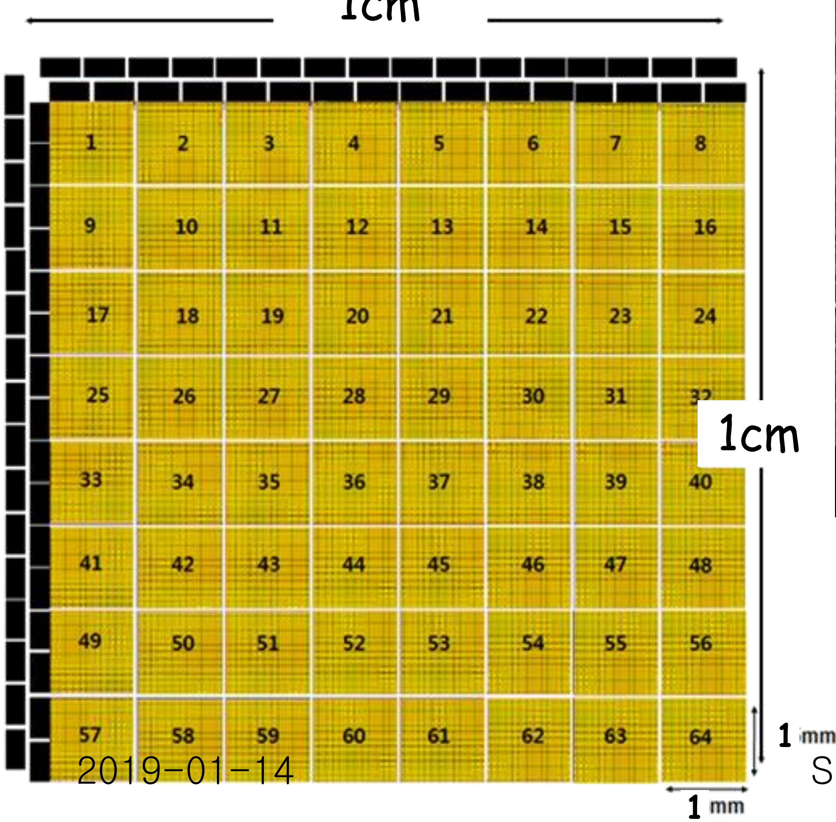


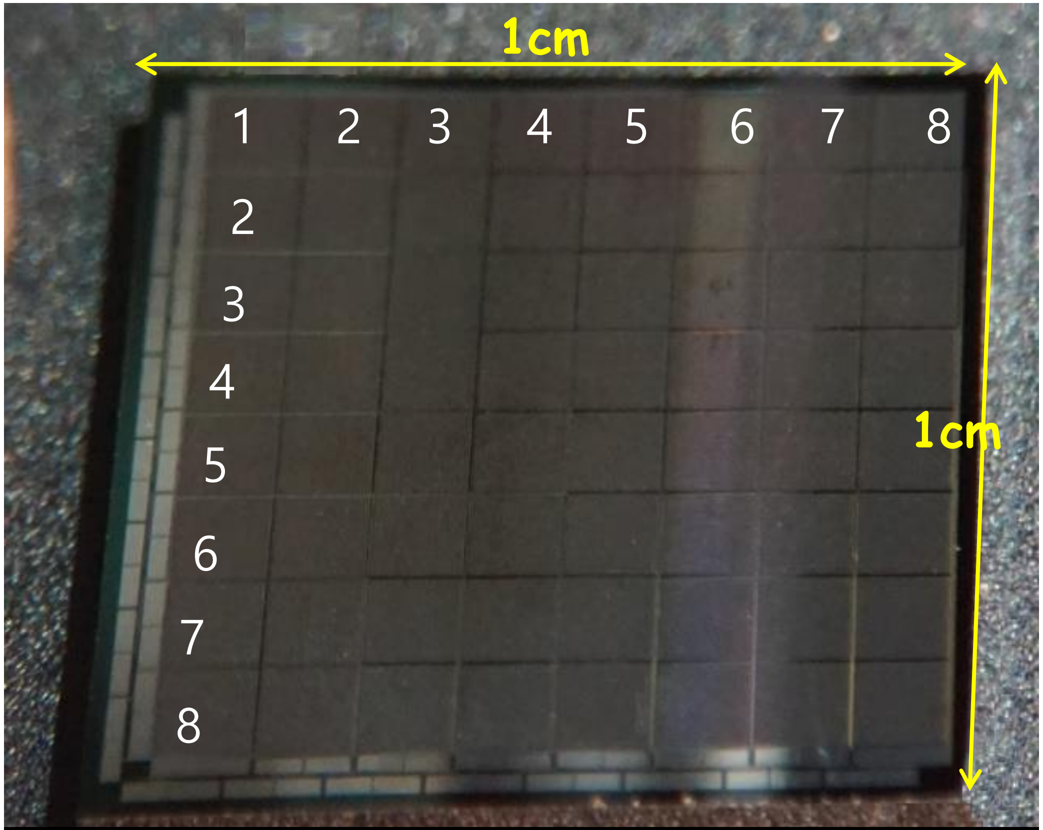
다화소용 8 x 8 픽셀 어레이 소자

- **SiPM 픽셀**
  : 1 x 1 mm^2 크기
  ($30 \times 30 \mu m^2$크기, 10^3개의 마이크로 픽셀)

- **64ch SiPM 소자 : 1 x 1 cm^2**

64ch 설계도

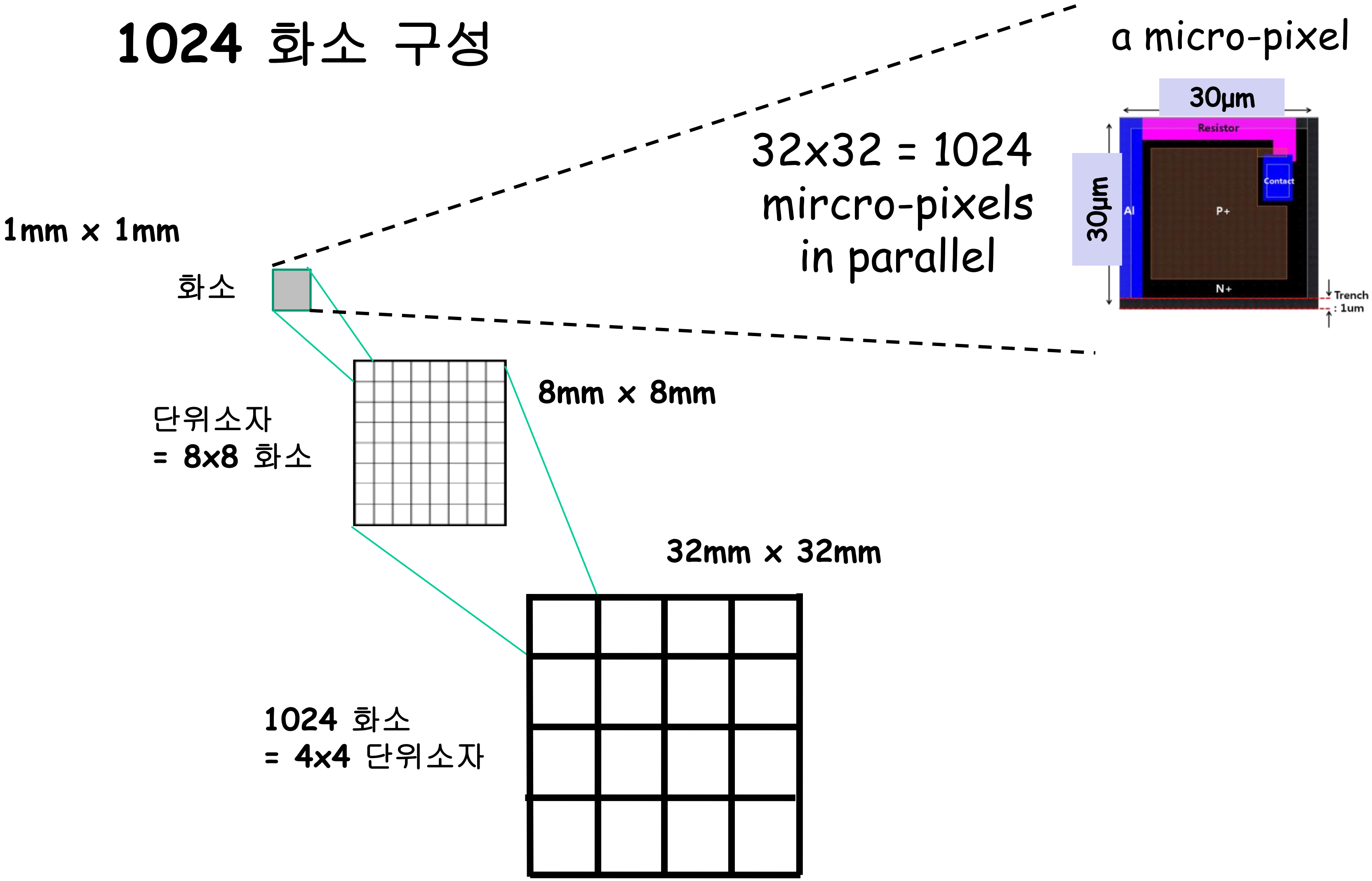




64ch SiPM 센서($1cm^2$)의 현미경 사진

1024 화소 배열

1024 화소 구성

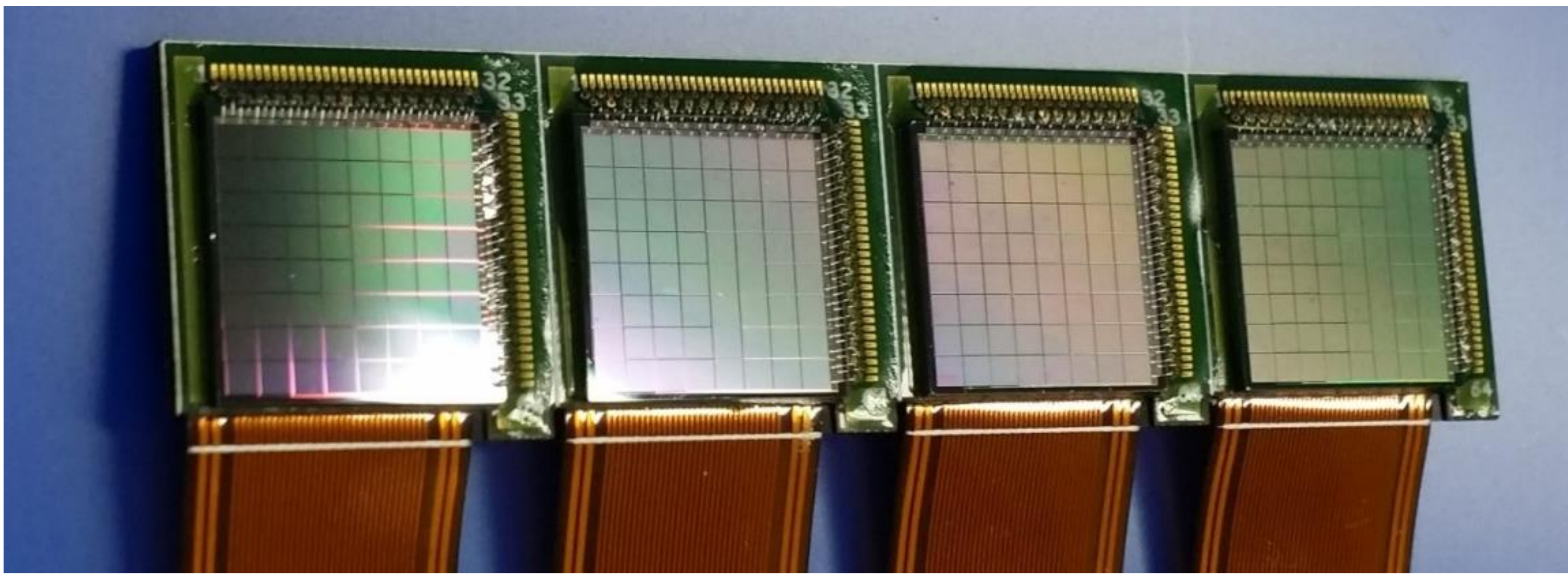


단위소자 4개가 wirebonding된 Rigid-FPCB

- **SiPM 픽셀 1024ch 제작: 1 x 1** mm^2 크기
  (30x30μm^{2}크기, 10^{3}개의 마이크로 픽셀)

- **64ch SiPM** 소자 **: 1 x 1 cm^2**

제작된 **SiPM** 단위 소자들 **(**각 **1cm^2, 64ch**의 픽셀로 구성**)**



16개의 8 x 8 SiPM 픽셀 어레이로 구성된 다화소 (1024-ch)

- **1단계 SiPM 픽셀 1024ch 제작**
  : 1 x 1 mm² 크기
  (30x30μm²크기, 10³개의 마이크로 픽셀)

- **64ch SiPM 소자 : 1 x 1 cm²**

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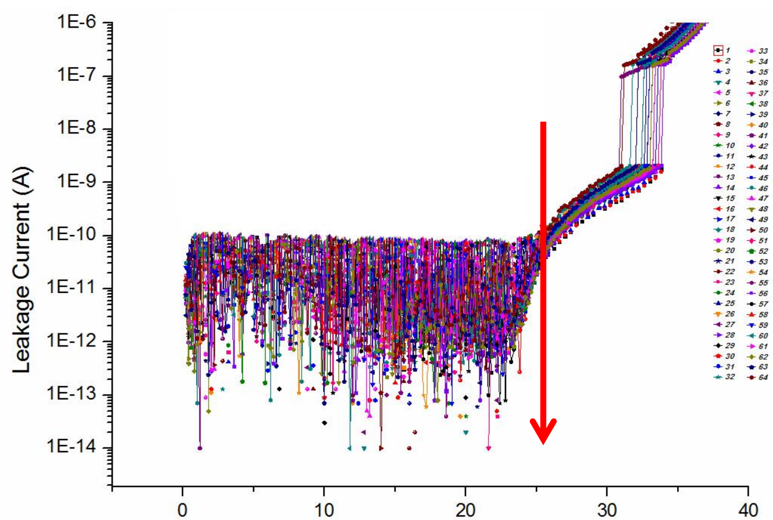
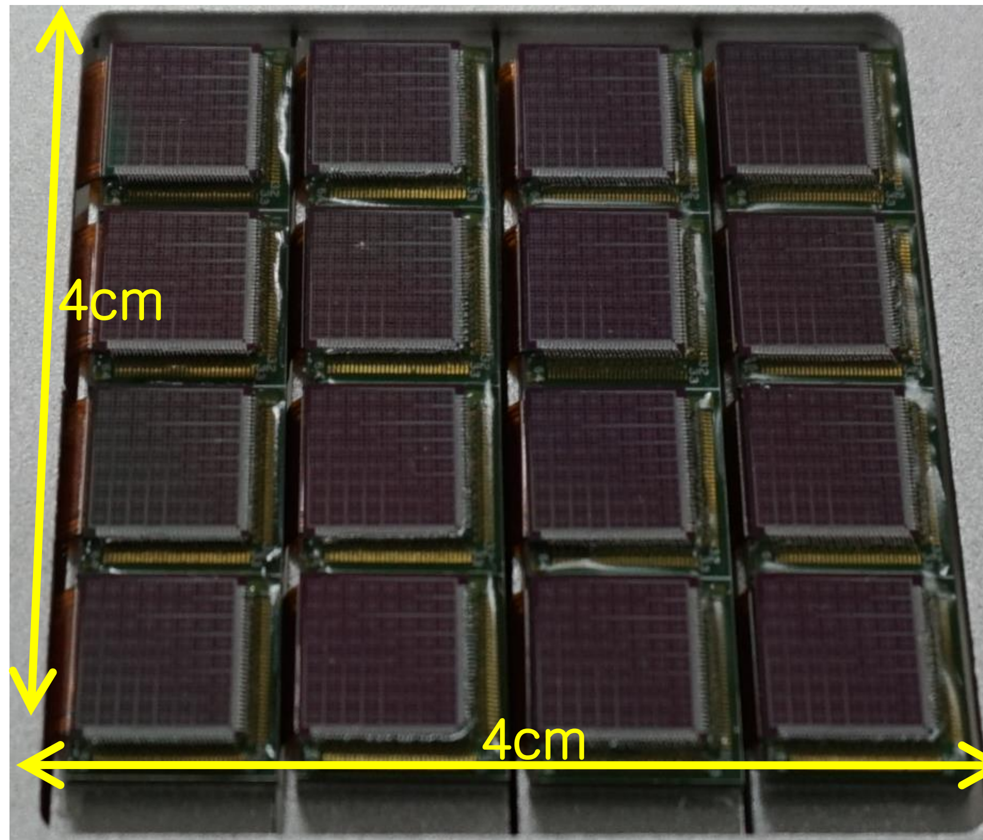
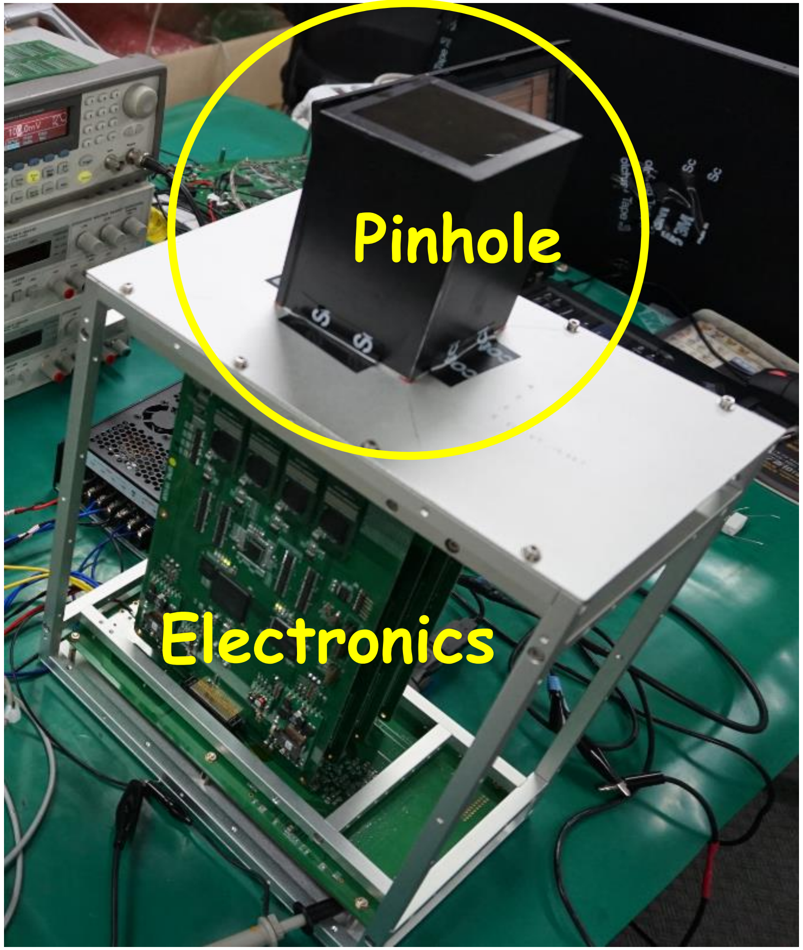
Multi channel test



1024-ch



1024-ch SiPM + 신호처리장치 + Pinhole



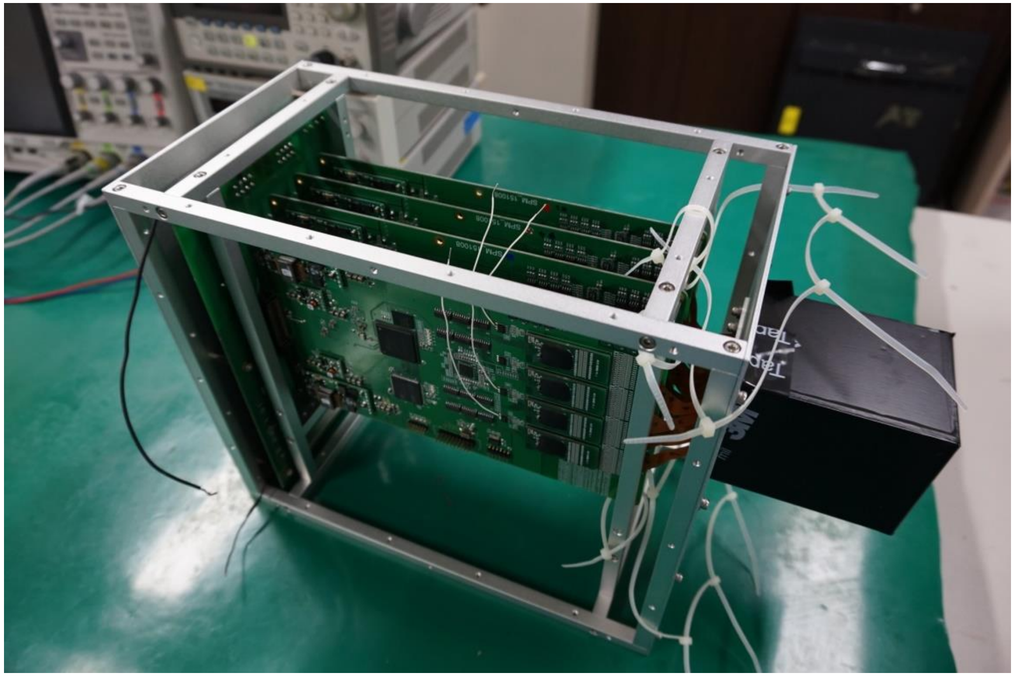
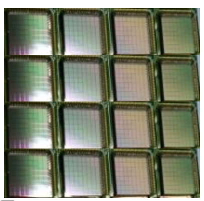
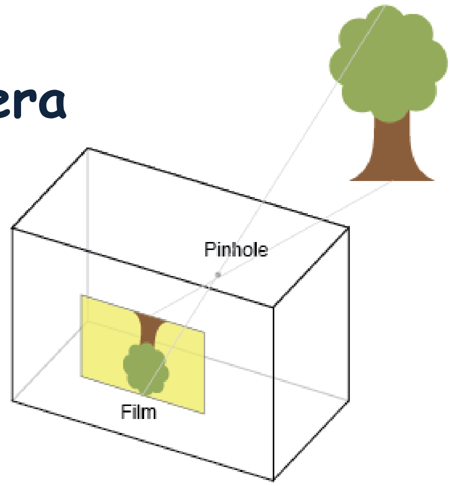
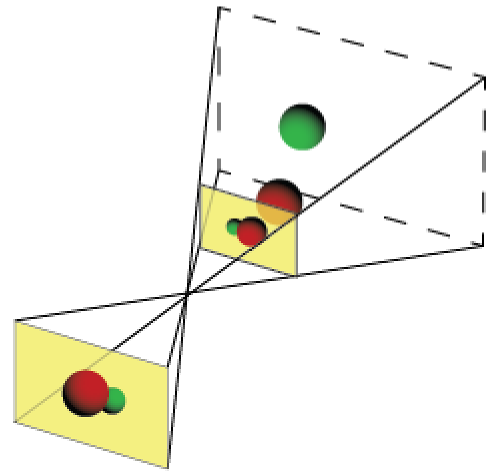


Image Test

Pinhole Camera







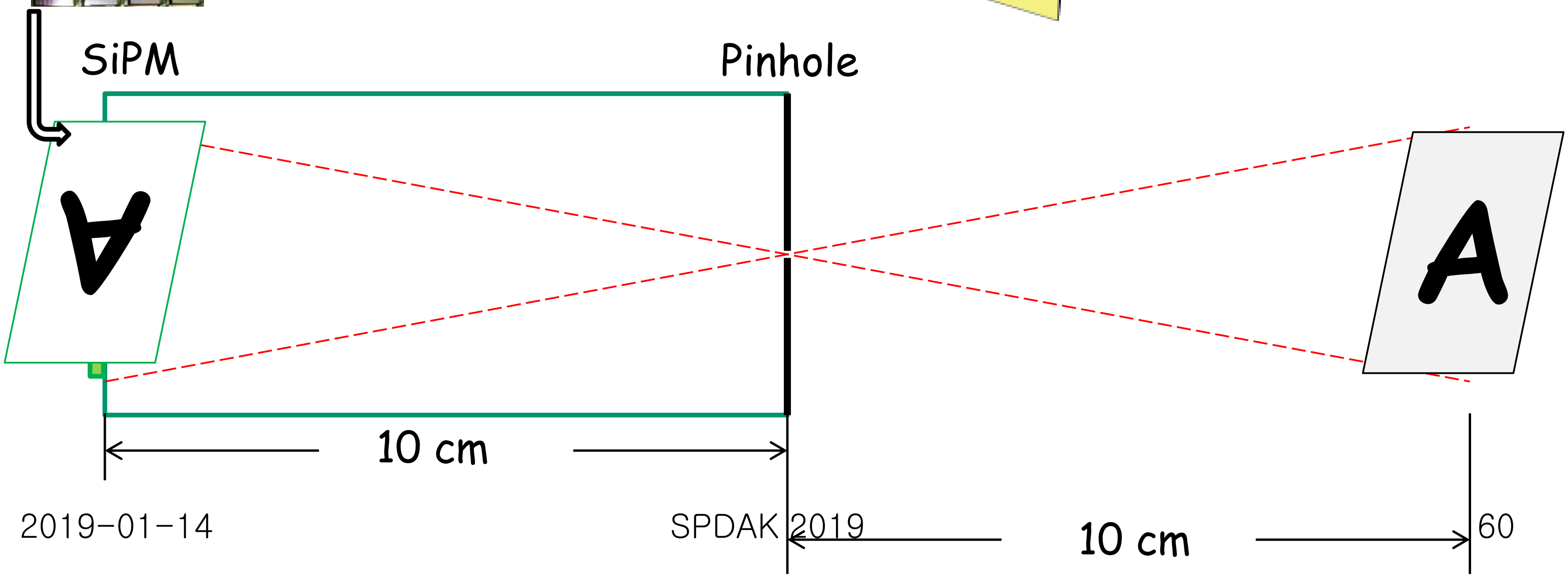
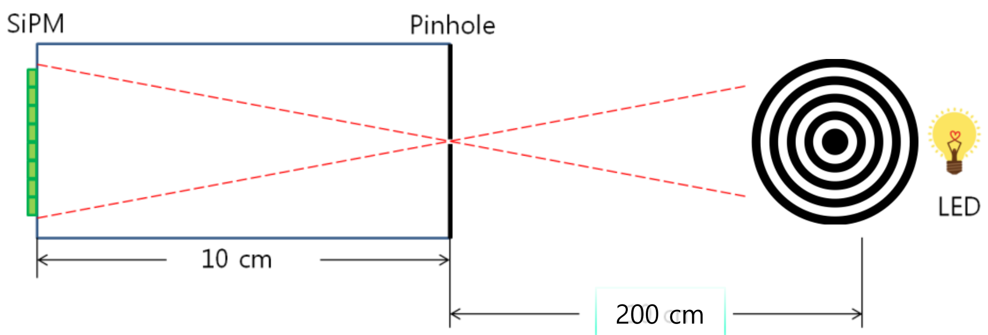
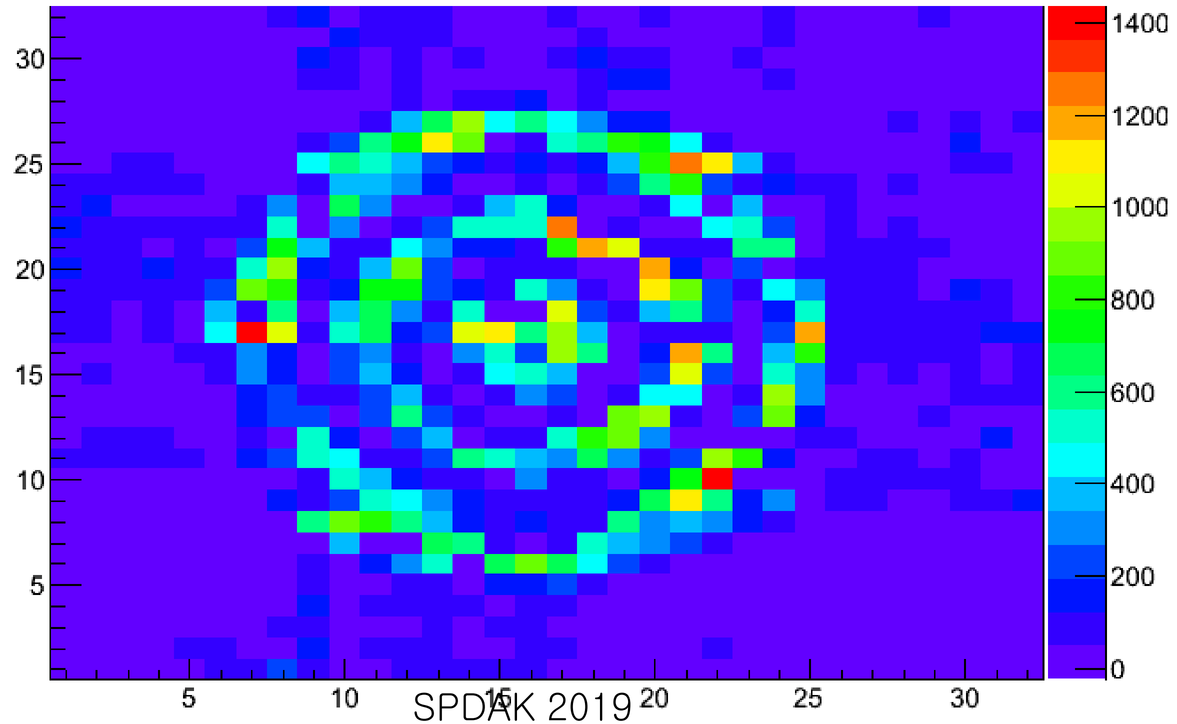


Image Test

Pinhole Camera

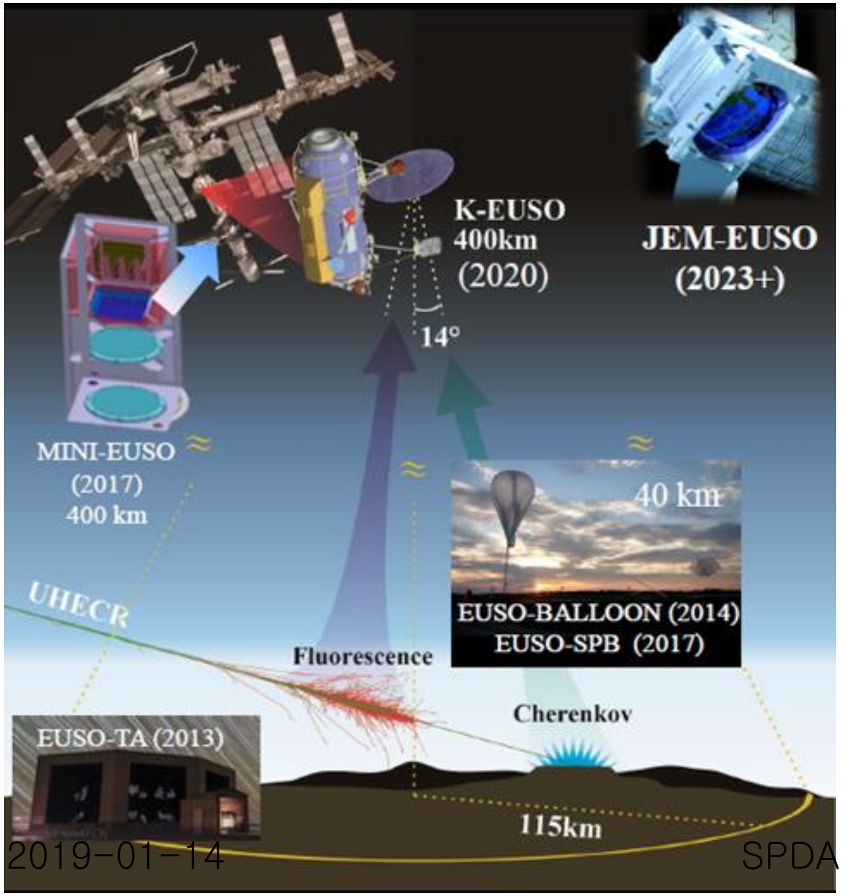


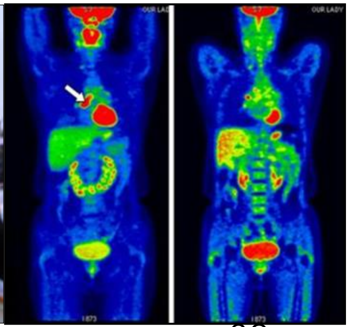
Absolutely Dark!
CCD or CMOS cameras can NOT get this image!



SiPM Applications

- 천체/천문: 미약한 광신호 측정을 위한 광센서
- 보안 감시 : Homeland Security
- 의료용 : PET Scanners, Medical imaging





5. Summary

Summary

- Silicon is one of most popular material for radiation detection in the fields of Particle physics/Astro-particle physics
  - Charged particle detection
  - Photon detection

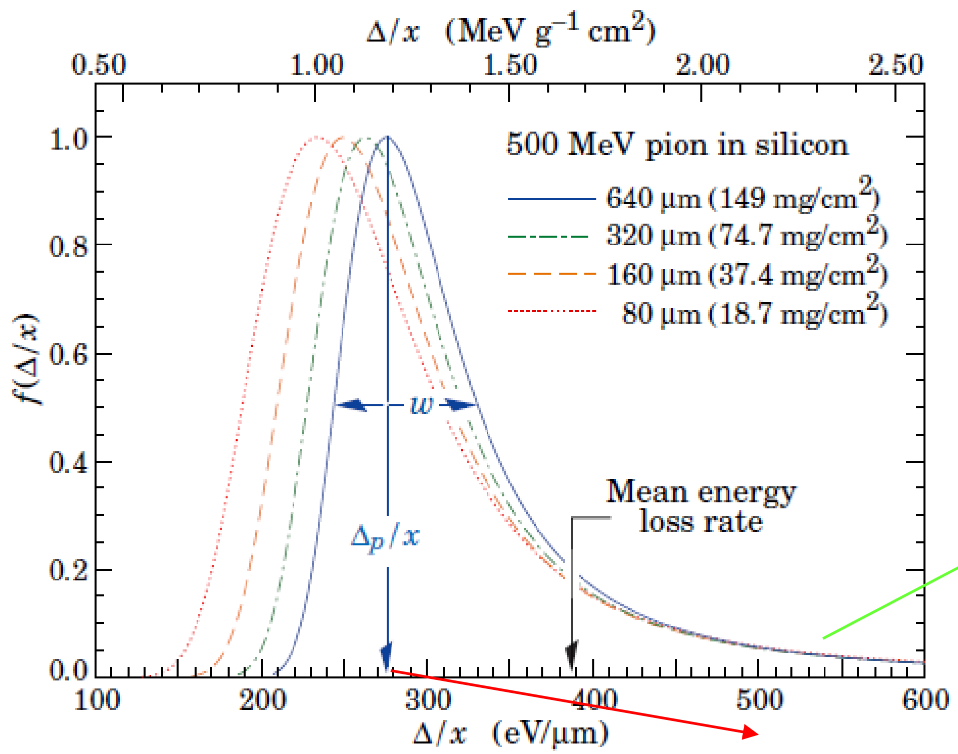
- During Lab, try to understand
  - C-V & I-V characteristics of silicon detectors
  - Responses (signals) of silicon detector to radiation sources or cosmic muons
    - Signal as a function of V_{bias}?

Back-up slides

dE/dx is of random nature

From Review of Particle Physics

Probability density Function ~ Landau Function

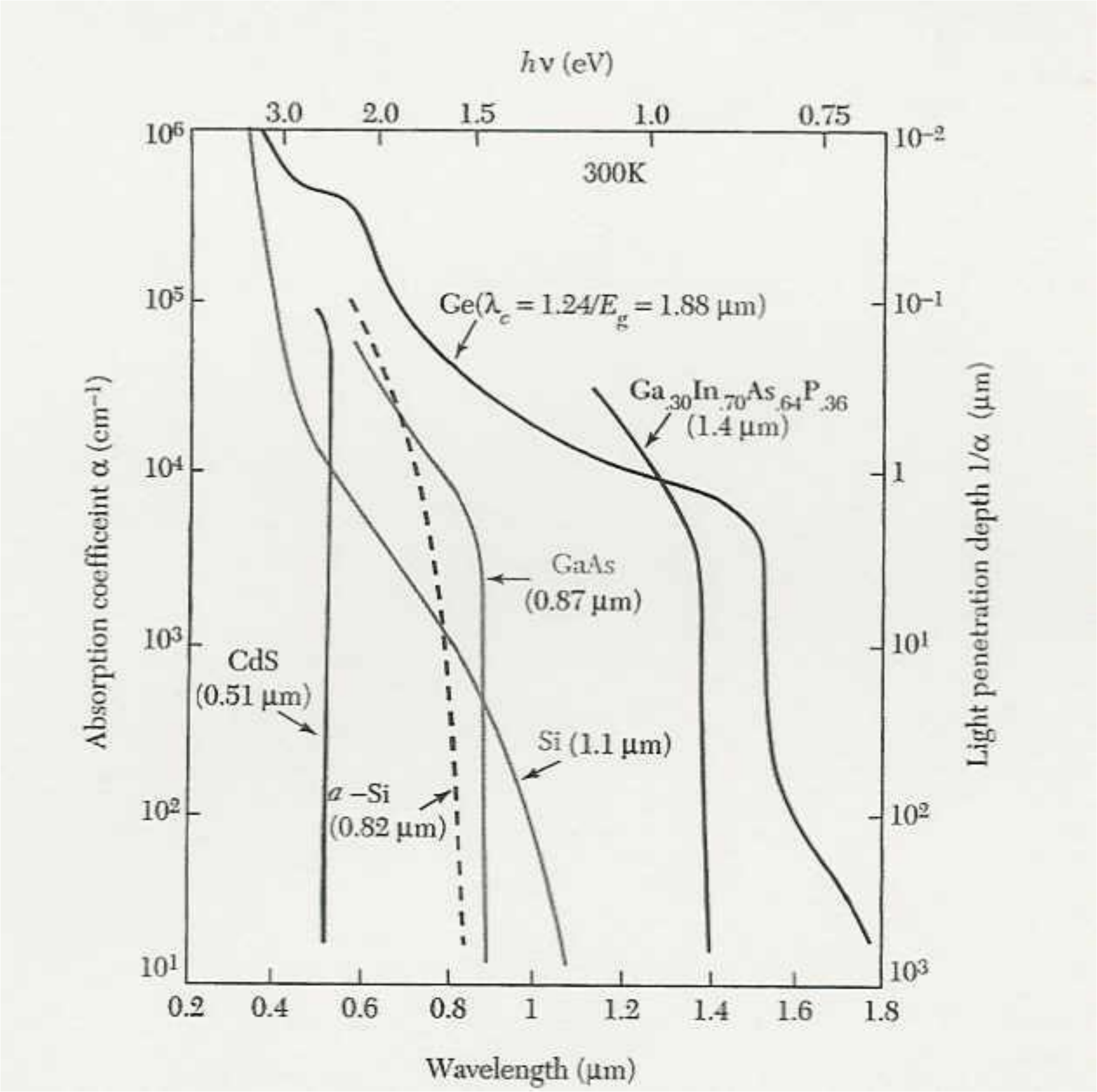


Due to δ rays: Knock-on electrons

Most probable dE/dx

Landau function $f_L(\lambda) = 1/\pi \int_0^{\infty} du \ \exp[-u(\ln u + \lambda)] \sin \pi u$

Absorption Coefficient



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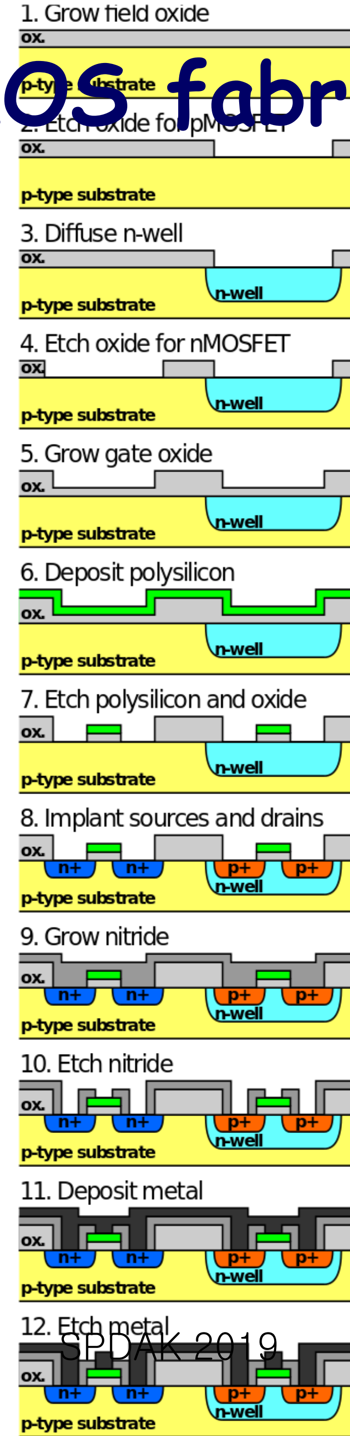
Example of CMOS fabrication process



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