

*Competence in Silicon*

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**Defect-engineering of new detector solutions**

# Overview

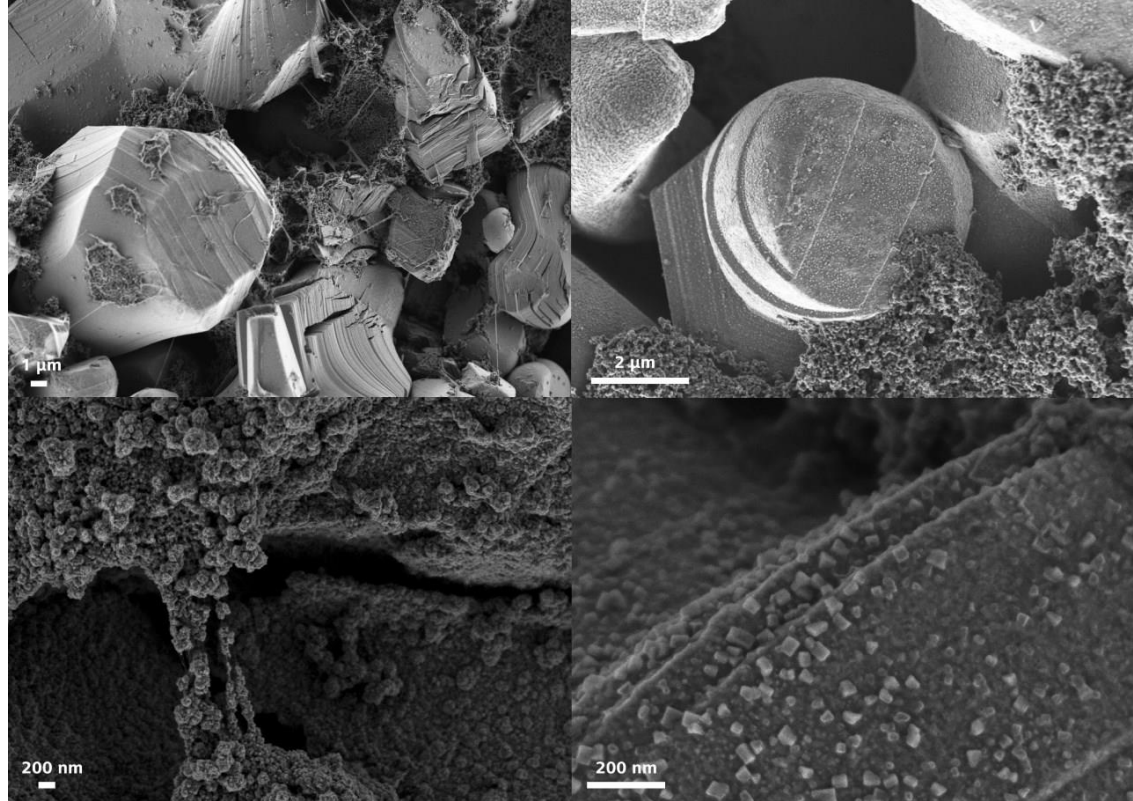


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- Two projects of CiS are presented:
- I) Development of detectors for low energy electrons
- II) Development of defect-engineering processes to avoid gain layer disappearance in LGAD devices

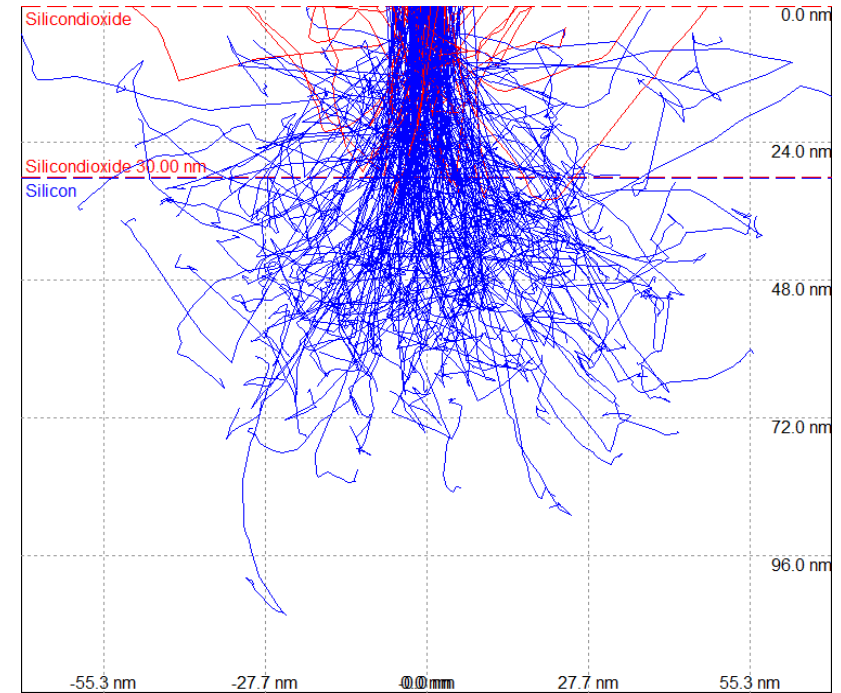
# Motivation

- Detection of low energy electrons needed for investigation of sensitive nano structured materials  
e.g. for lithium-ion-battery research)
- Low energy electrons increase due to their low penetration depth the surface sensitivity
- Reduction of charging effects



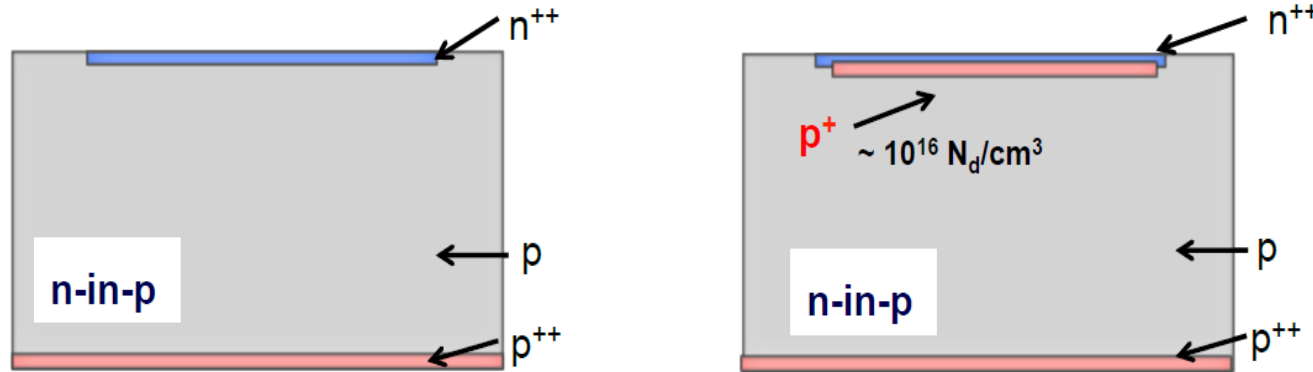
# Detection of low energy electrons

- Simulation of 2keV electron beam by SREM
- Penetration depth of low energy electrons in the range of several 10nm
- Development of shallow p-n-junction
- Development of thin entrance window (dead layer)



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# Low gain avalanche detector

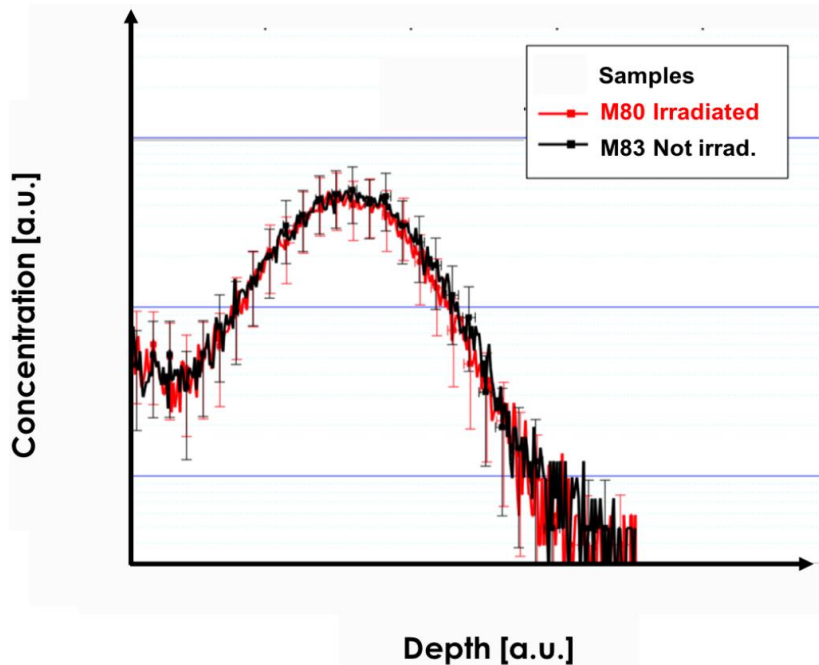


N. Cartiglia *et al.*, "Tracking in 4 dimensions", NIMA 845 (2017) 47-51

- $p^+$  gain layer below  $n^{++}$  region
- $p^+$  gain layer adjusted to generate gain of about 20 (10 ... 30) compared to standard n-in-p detector
- Problem: gain layer disappears under irradiation and hence gain disappears



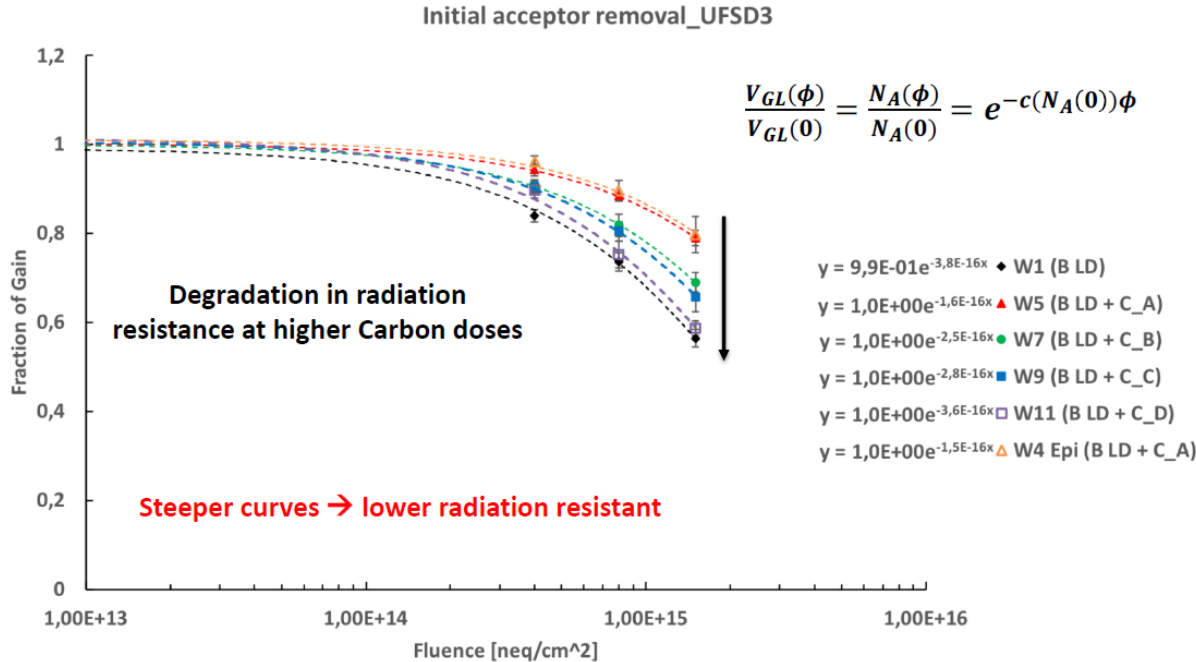
# SIMS measurement of gain layer



M. Ferrero et al., NIMA 919, 16 (2019).

- Boron atoms of  $p^+$  gain layer still at same depth
- SIMS measurement shows no difference before and after irradiation
- But boron atoms not electrically active
- Which defect reactions take place?
- **Project goal:**  
Stabilizing gain factor by **defect-engineering**

# Approaches for solution of problem



- Co-implantation of carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, ...
- Implantation of alternate acceptors like Indium
- First results promising: (DeSiD: MF140178)
- DELGAD

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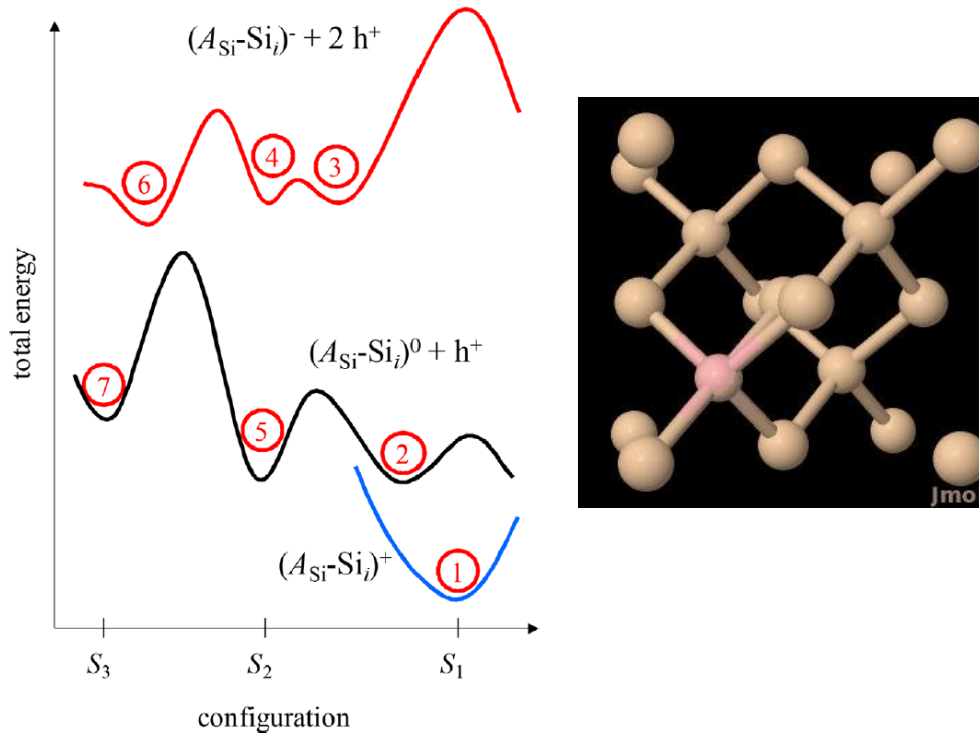


## Multiplication layer

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- Check / map the homogeneity of the dopant distribution

# Explanation approach, $A_{Si}-Si_i$ defect model



K. Lauer et al., Physica Status Solidi (c) 14, 1600033 (2017).

- Understanding of ongoing defect reactions
- $A_{Si}-Si_i$  defect exists in three configurations
- Seven states can be occupied
- Pairing of a substitutional boron atom with a silicon interstitial atom shifts defect from acceptor to donor behavior
- Could explain disappearance of gain layer

# Charateization



- SIMS
- REM/FIB
- scanning acoustic microscopy (SAM)
- Raman microscopy
- transient current technique TCT
- dopant activation:  
low-temperature photoluminescence measurements TTPL

# Conclusion

- Development of silicon detectors for low energy electrons
- Necessary for enhanced surface sensitive SEM
- Low gain avalanche detectors suffer from disappearance of gain layer due to irradiation
- SIMS results show no removal of boron atoms
- Defect reactions take place
- One possible candidate: formation of  $A_{Si}-Si_i$  defect
- Defect-engineering necessary to stabilize gain layer

## see also



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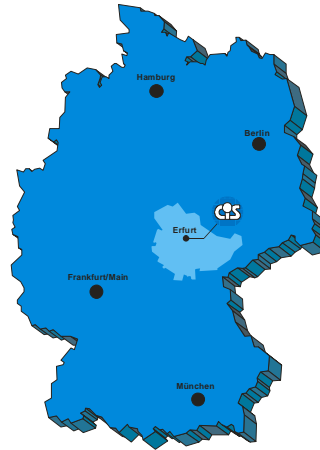
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## Trends in Technologies and Components

### TOPs

- Technologies for Quantum photonic components
- New detector solutions for High-Energy and Heavy-Ion physics
- Modelling, Simulation and Analysis of semiconductor behavior (defects in silicon)
- Connecting and assembly techniques esp. UBM, alternative metal layer deposition, pillars, soldering, ...
- Alternative Technology Approaches



*Thank you for your kind attention!*



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