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# TCT measurements of the H35DEMO HV-CMOS detector

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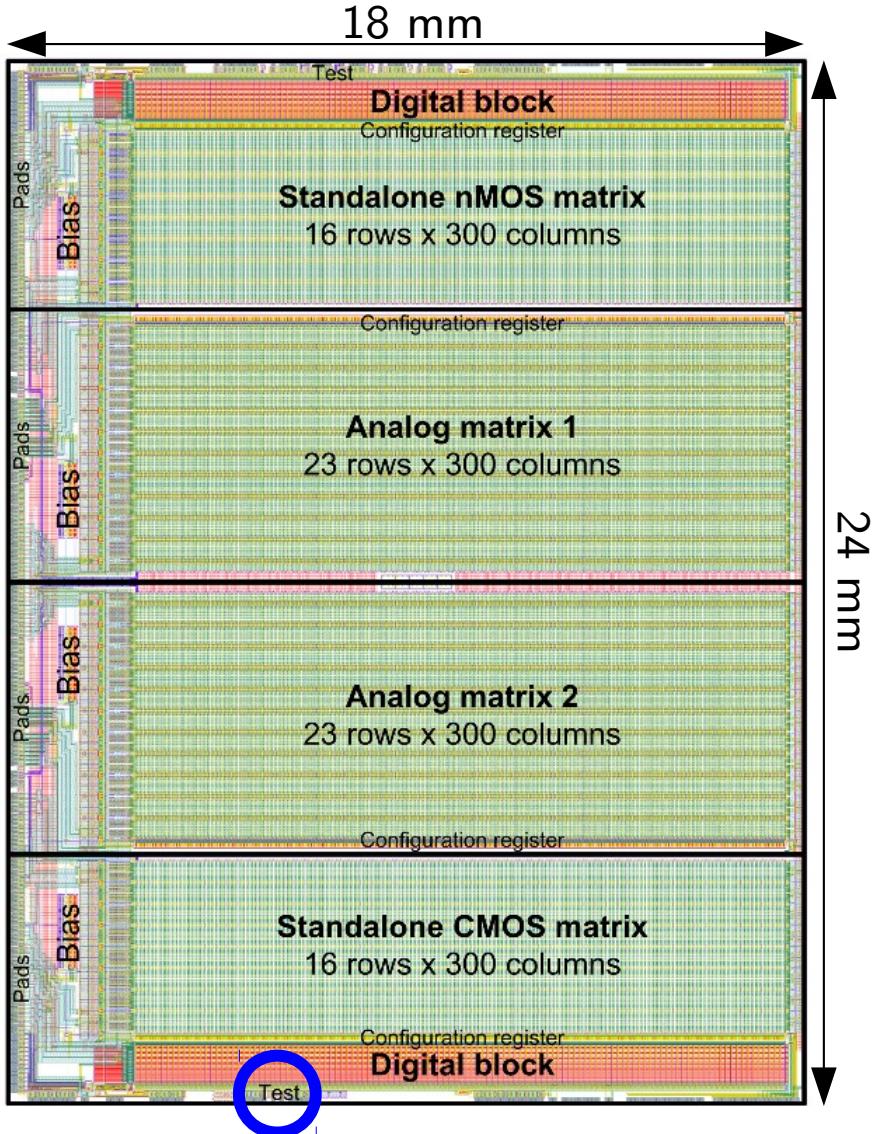
# Outline

- H35DEMO test structures
- Transient Current Technique setup
- TCT measurements and results
  - Protons and neutrons irradiation + annealing
  - Depletion depth and  $N_{\text{eff}}$
  - Timing characteristics

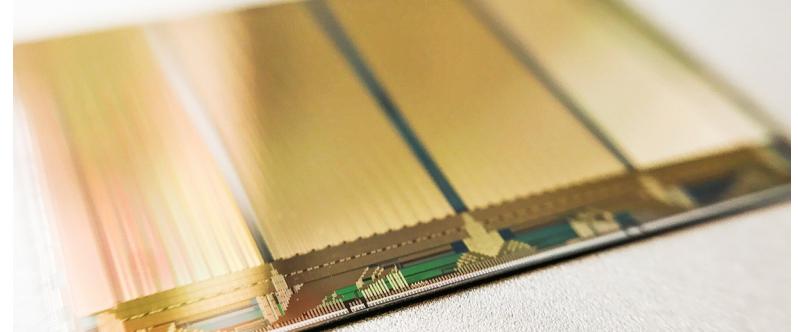
# H35DEMO chip

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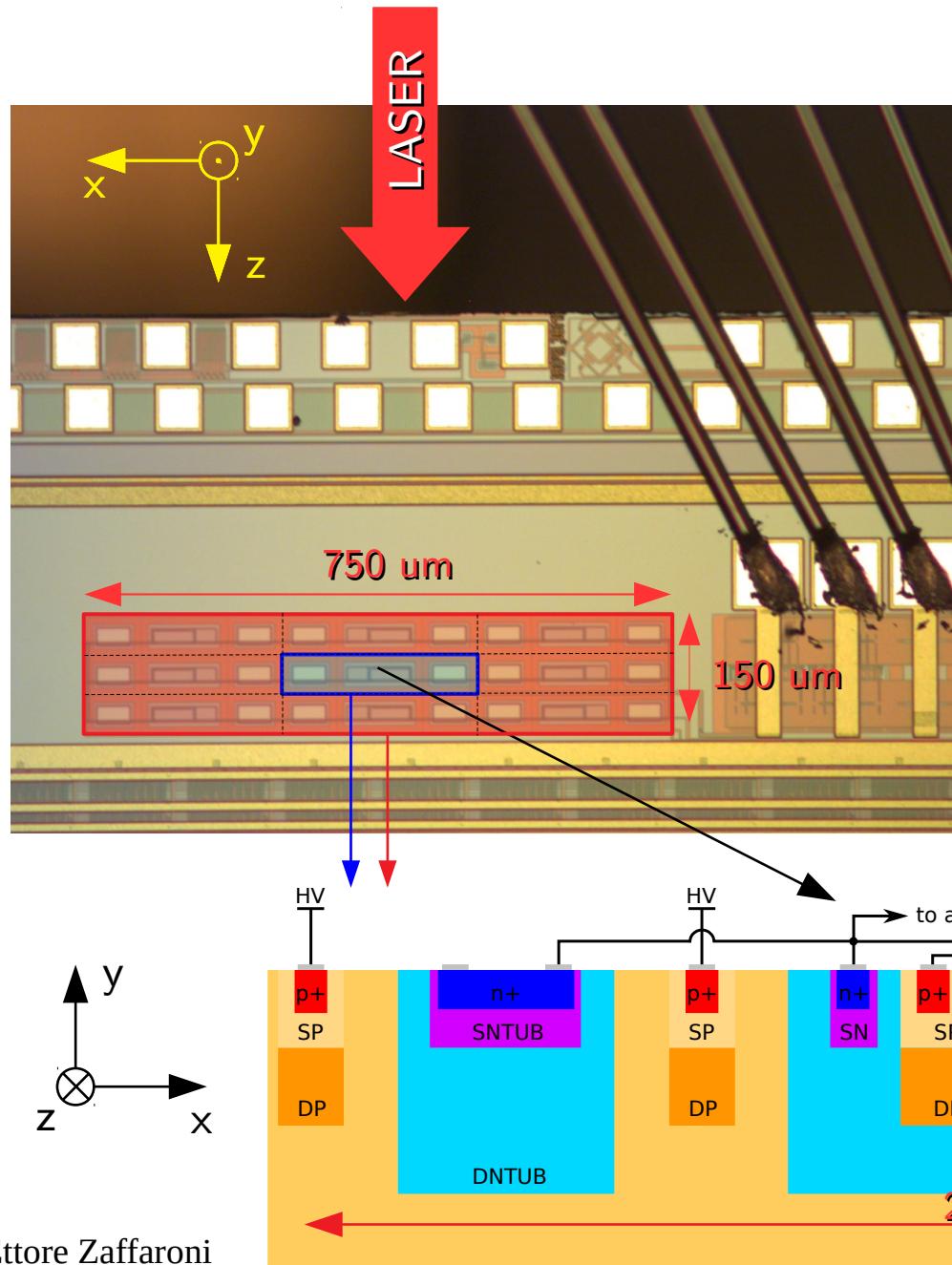
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- Designed for ATLAS ITk HV-CMOS project
  - KIT, Liverpool, IFAE, Geneva
- H35 technology by ams
  - 350 nm HV-CMOS, 700  $\mu\text{m}$  thick
- 4 pixel matrices and **test structures**
- 250 $\times$ 50  $\mu\text{m}^2$  pixels
  - Large fill factor
- 4 different resistivities
  - 20, 80, 200, 1000  $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$



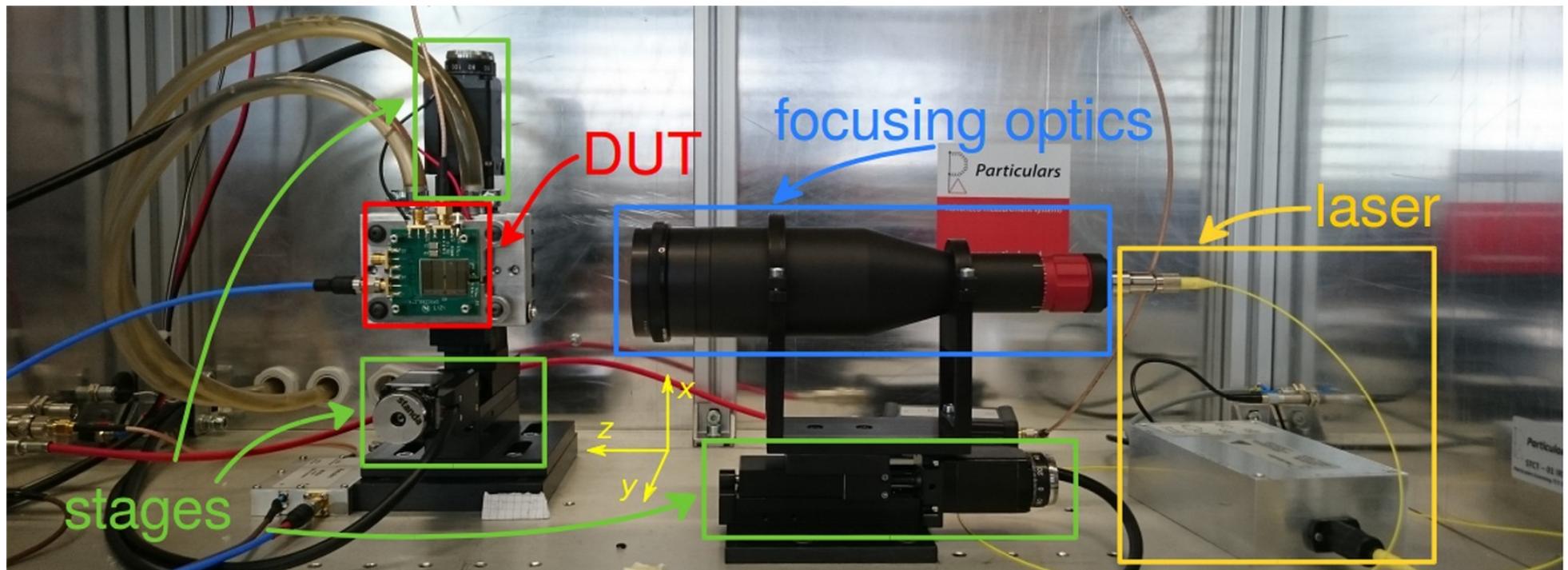
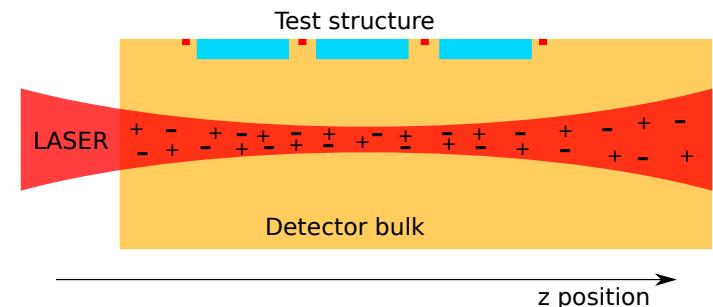
# H35DEMO test structures



- In the periphery of the chip
- 3x3 pixel matrix (just the sensor diodes)
- Outermost pixel cathodes are connected together
  - 2 channels (**central** and **external**)
- Top bias

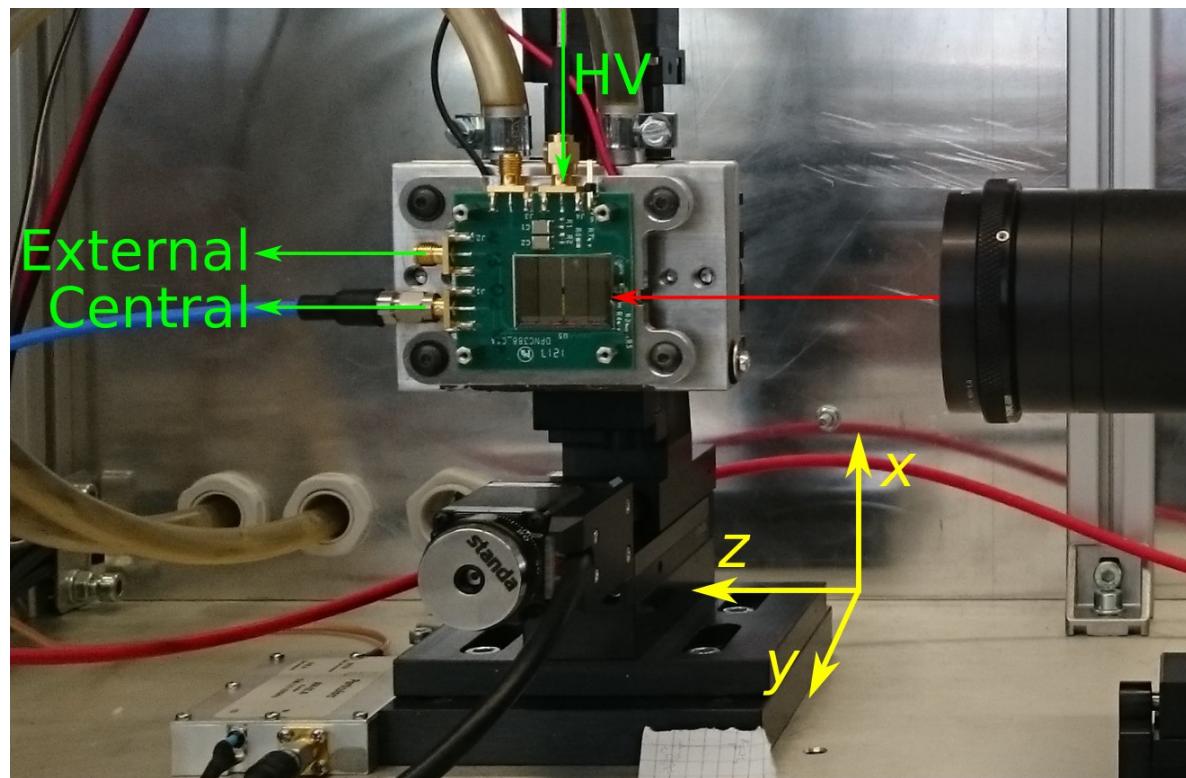
# TCT (Transient Current Technique)

- Pulsed IR laser (1064 nm) with FWHM of 12  $\mu\text{m}$
- Detector at  $-27^\circ\text{C}$  using Peltier
- 1  $\mu\text{m}$  step size in all axes

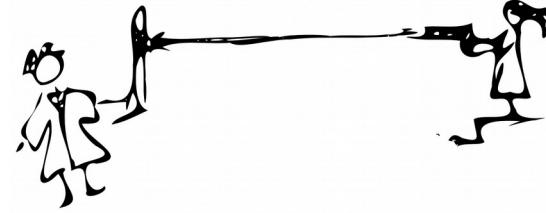


# TCT (Transient Current Technique)

- DUT mounted vertically to reduce effects of swinging stages
- PCB with controlled impedance traces and correct termination to remove signal reflections



# Irradiation campaigns



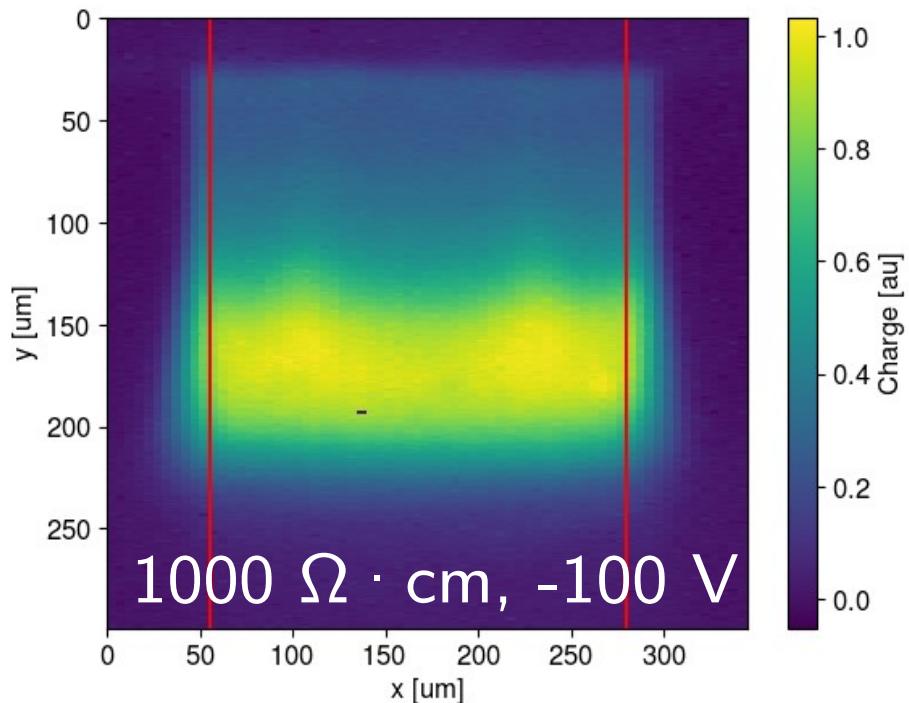
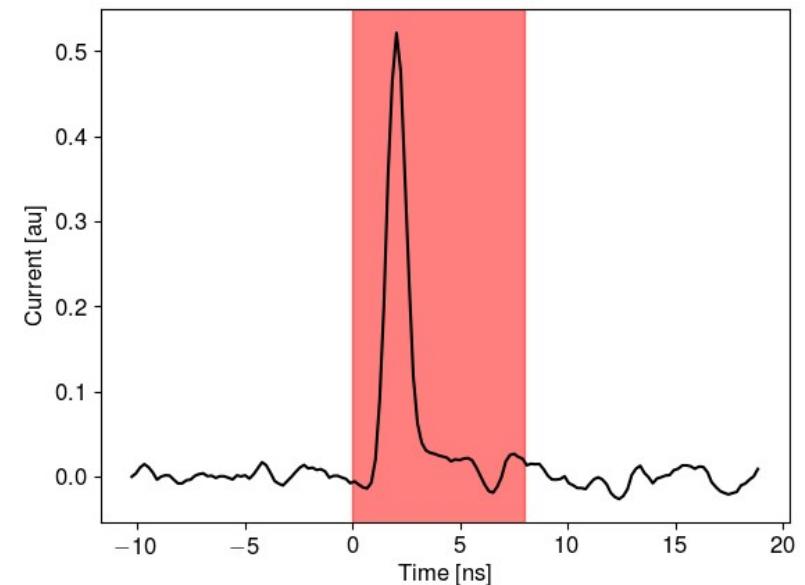
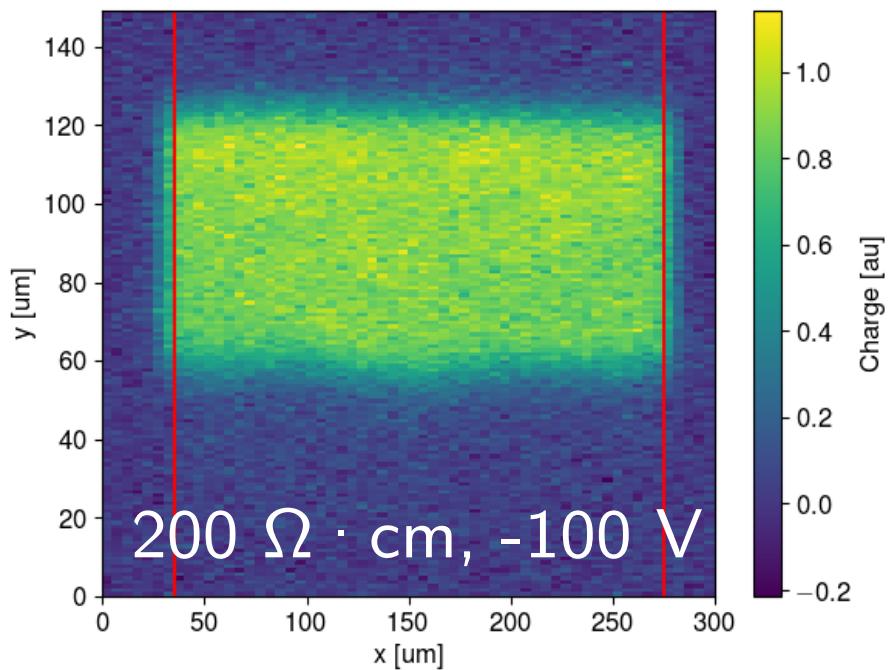
- Protons (measurements at Uni. Bern and Uni. Geneva)
  - BERN Inselspital cyclotron (16.7 MeV)
    - Multiple irradiation steps per sample
  - PS IRRAD (24 GeV)
    - One irradiation step per sample
- Neutrons
  - TRIGA reactor in Ljubljana
    - One irradiation step per sample
  - Annealing 80' at 60 °C

# eTCT scans

- Edge TCT scans performed
- 1  $\mu\text{m}$  steps in y, 5  $\mu\text{m}$  steps in x
- Several voltage steps (10 to 12 normally)
  - From 0 V to -100 or -165 V
- At each step the signal is averaged 40 times
- All results shown for central pixel

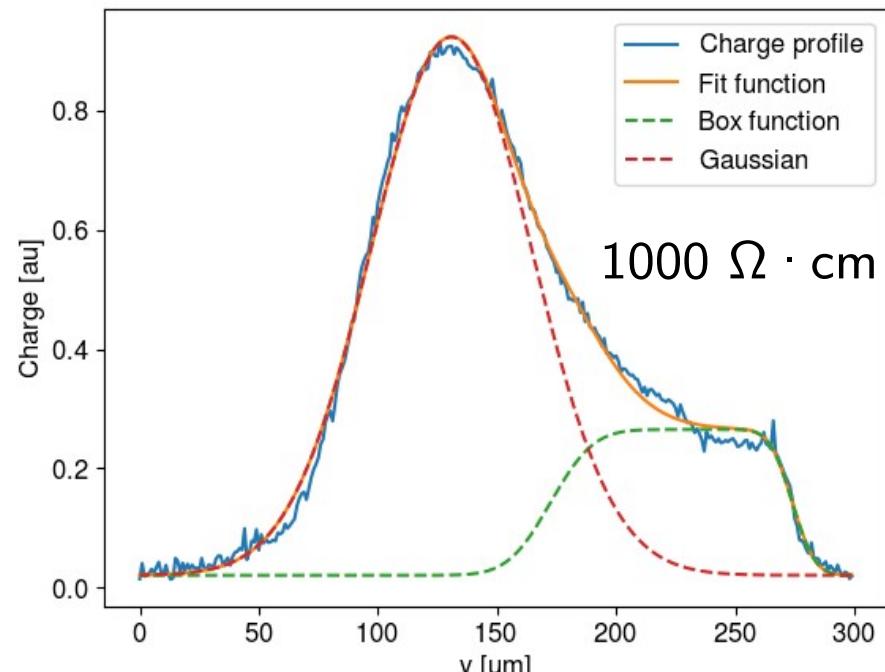
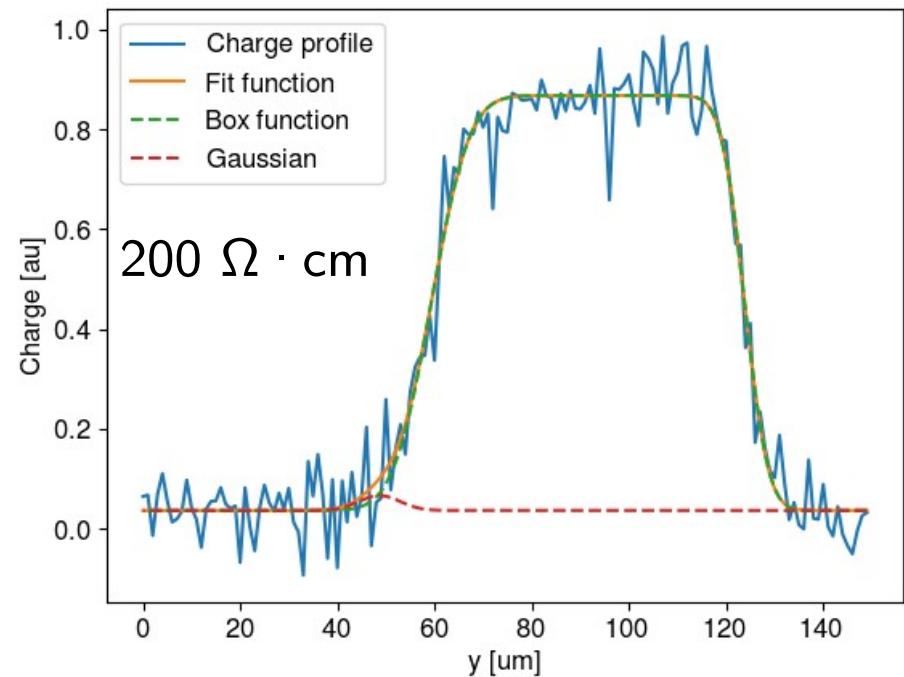
# Data analysis - depletion

- Integration of current signal to get the charge
- Selection of the region



# Data analysis - depletion

- Fit of the charge profiles
  - One fit per profile in the ROI
- Two contributions:
  - Smeared box function
  - Gaussian, to model the charge sharing
- Calculation of the FWHM
  - Max of the box function considered



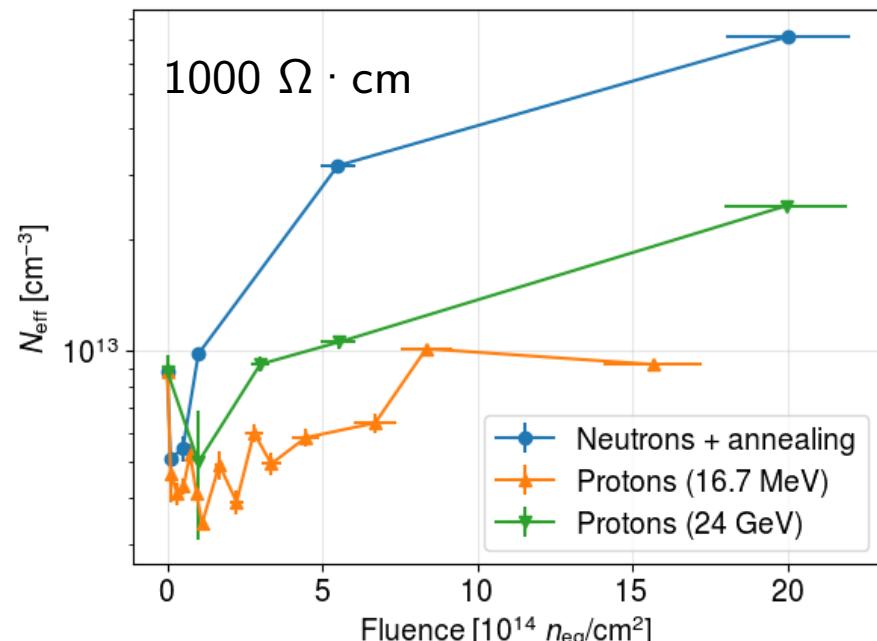
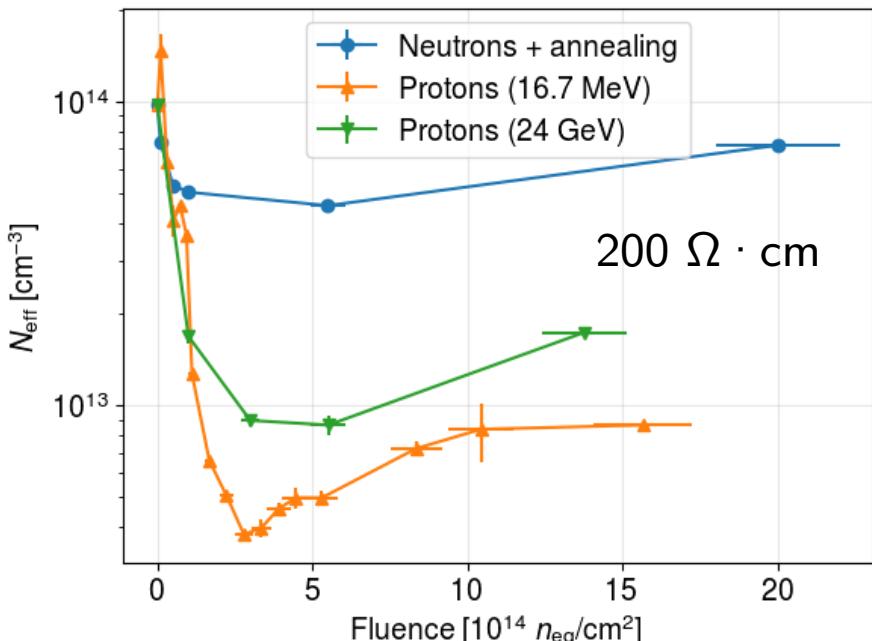
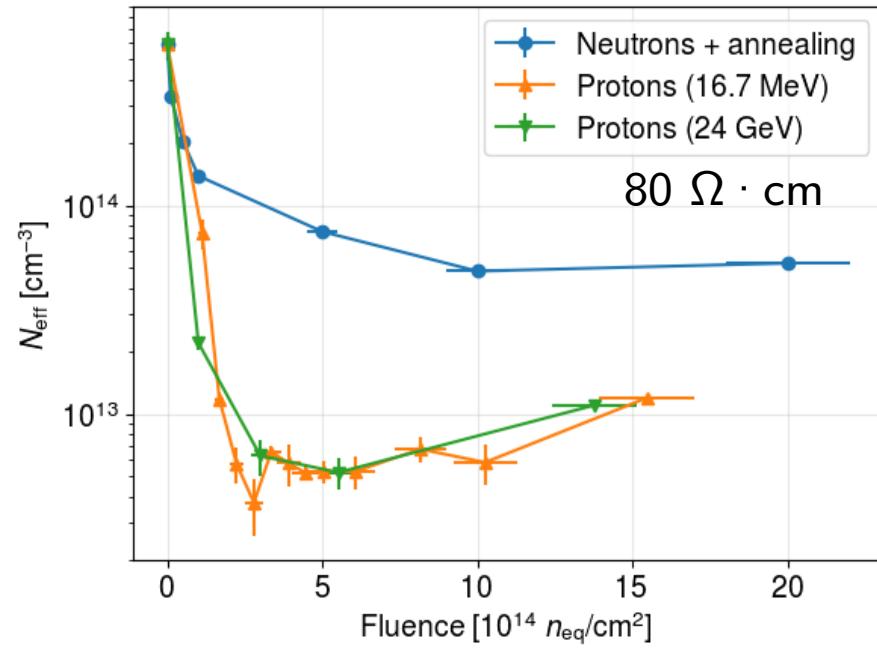
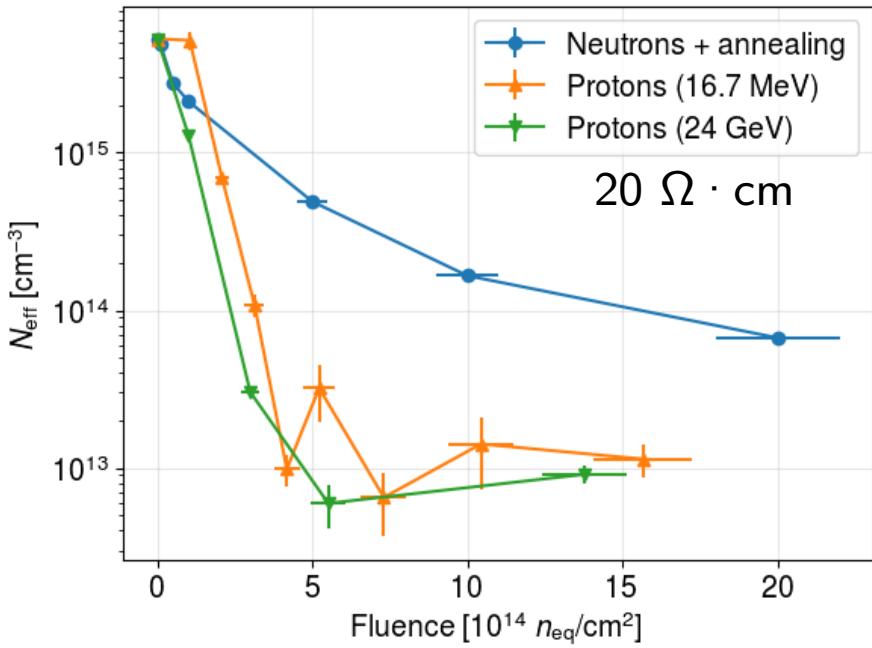
# Data analysis - $N_{\text{eff}}$

- $N_{\text{eff}}$  is calculated by fitting the depletion vs voltage data with:

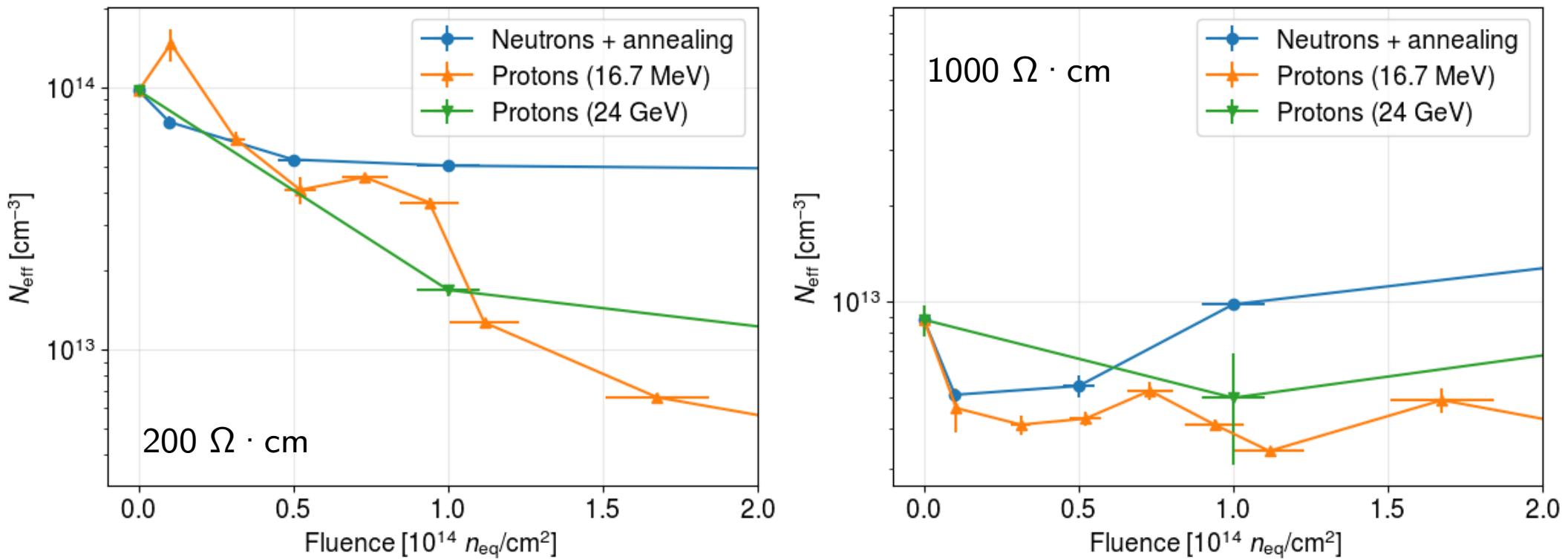
$$d = d_0 + \sqrt{\frac{2\epsilon}{e N_{\text{eff}}}} V$$

- $d_0$  and  $N_{\text{eff}}$  free parameters
  - $e$  electron charge
  - $\epsilon$  silicon dielectric constant

# Results - $N_{\text{eff}}$

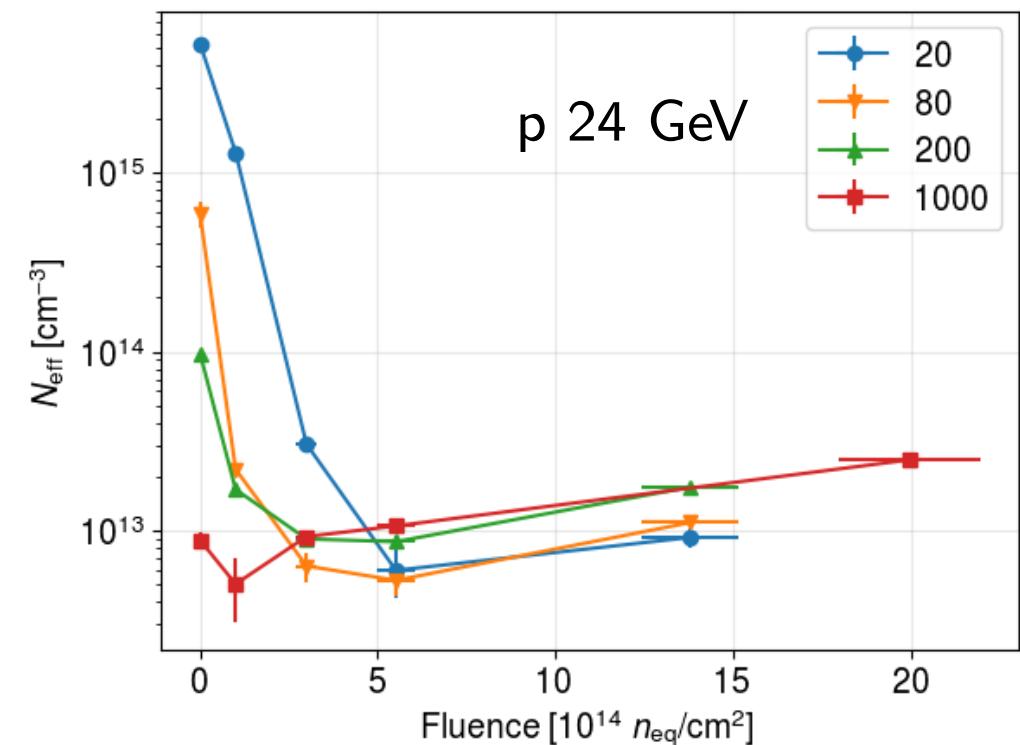
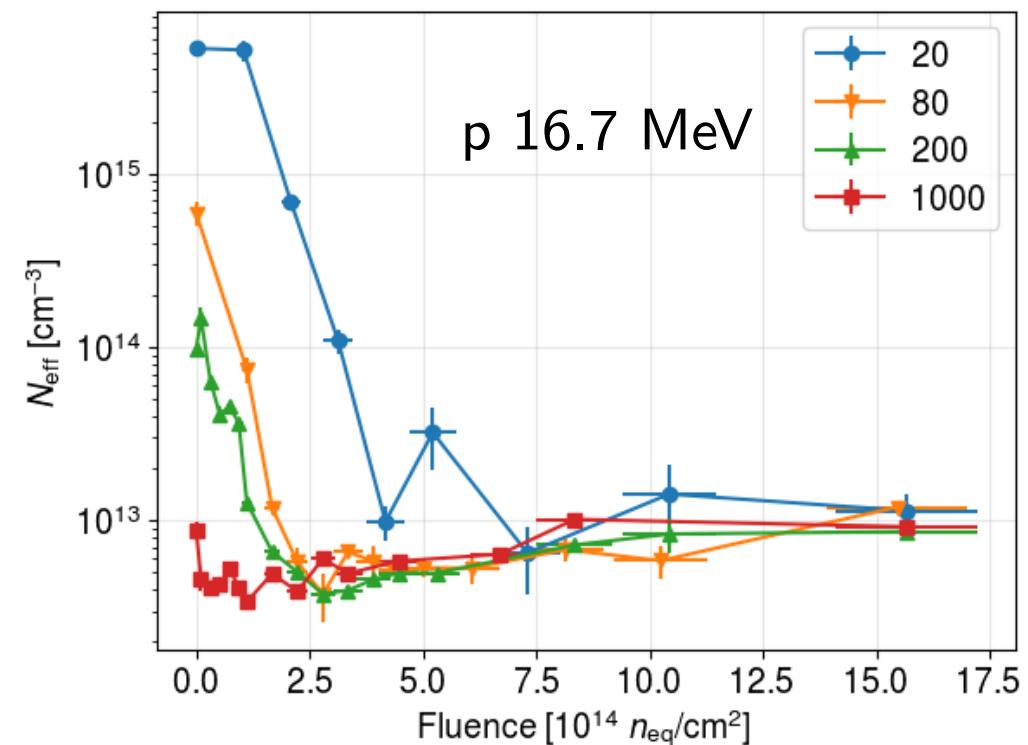
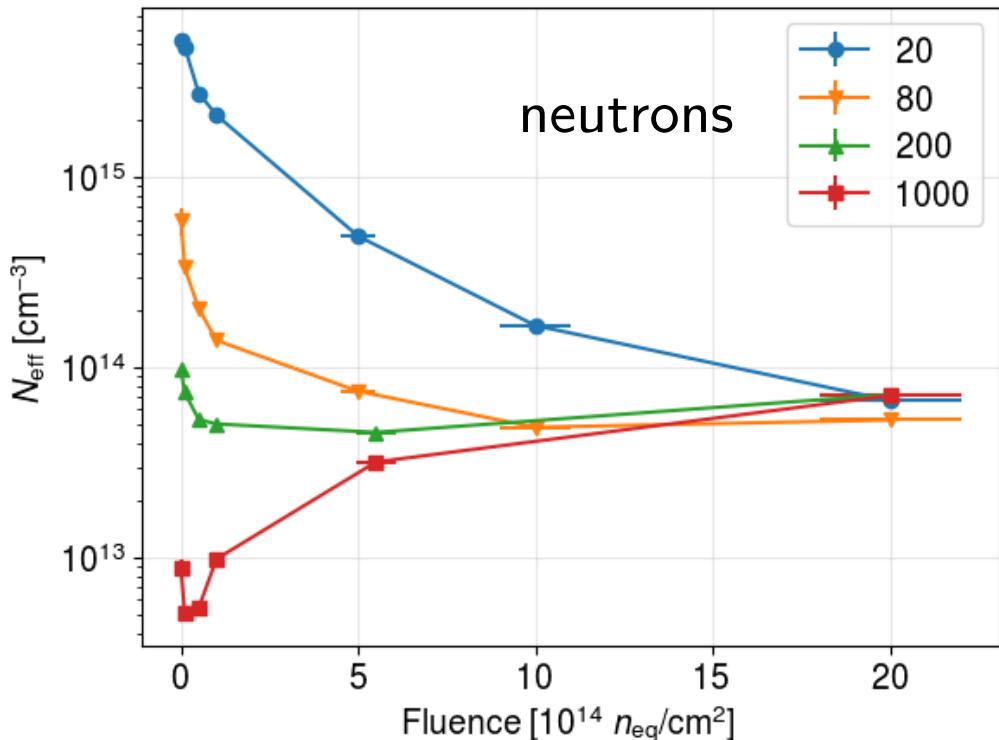


# Results – $N_{\text{eff}}$ (low fluences)



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- Plots combined by particle type, for different initial resistivities

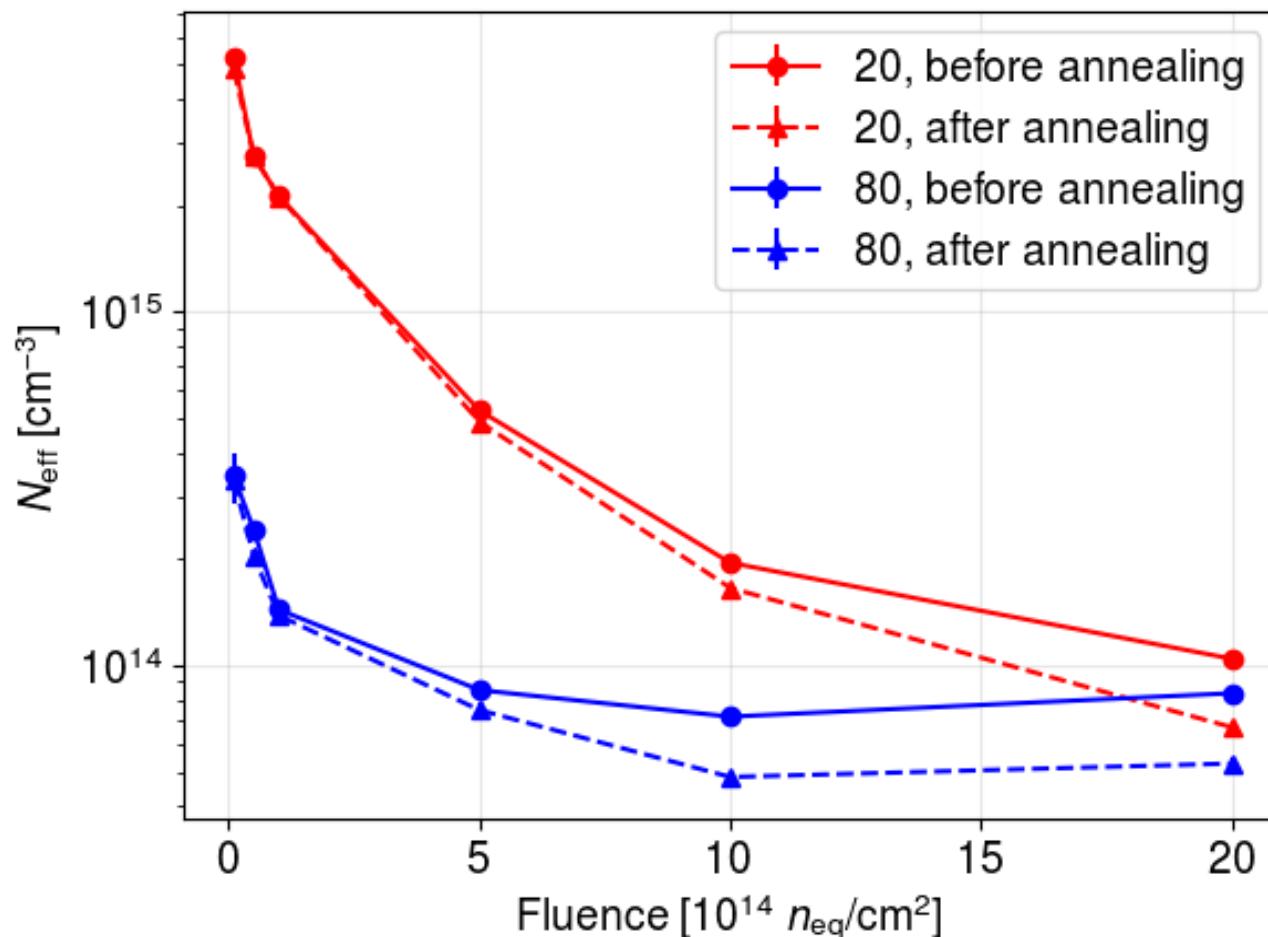


# Comments

- Significant differences between protons and neutrons and between resistivities
- Initial increase of  $N_{\text{eff}}$  at very low fluences ( $< 1\text{e}14 \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ , protons) for the  $200 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$  sample
  - Effect competing with initial acceptor removal?
  - Not observed in  $1000 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ , data not available for 20 and  $80 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$
- Different initial resistivities tend to the same  $N_{\text{eff}}$  value at high fluence, for a given particle type

# Results – annealing (neutrons)

- Annealing performed for 80' at 60 °C (equivalent to 3 weeks at room temperature)

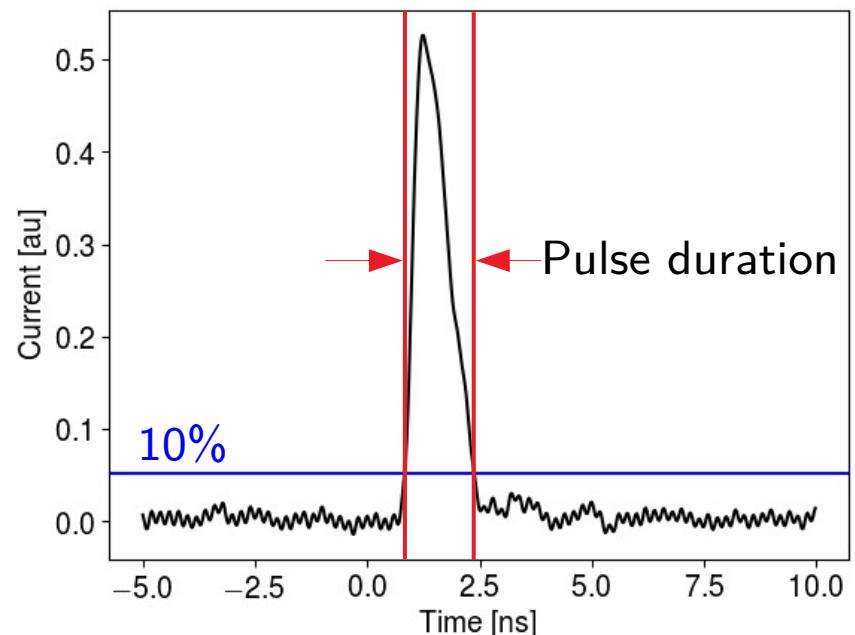
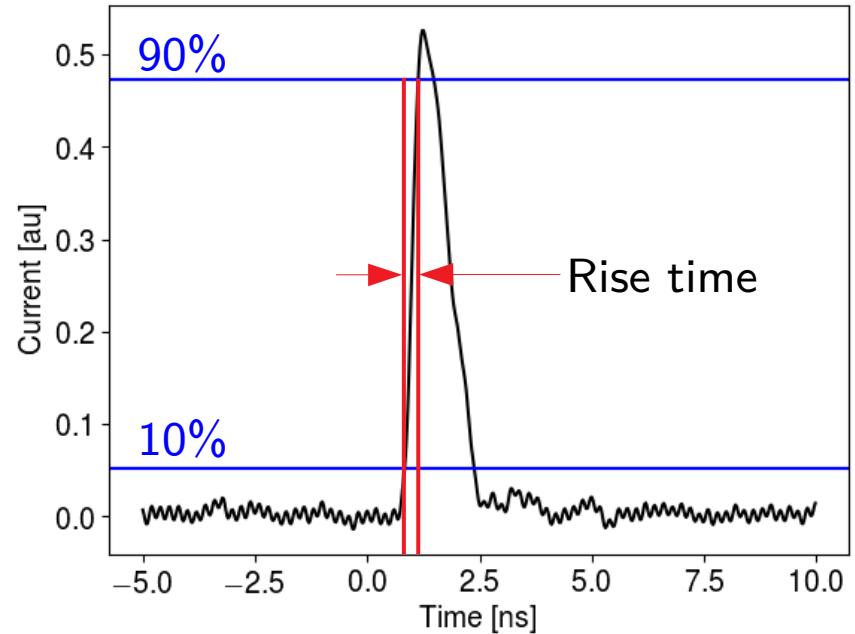


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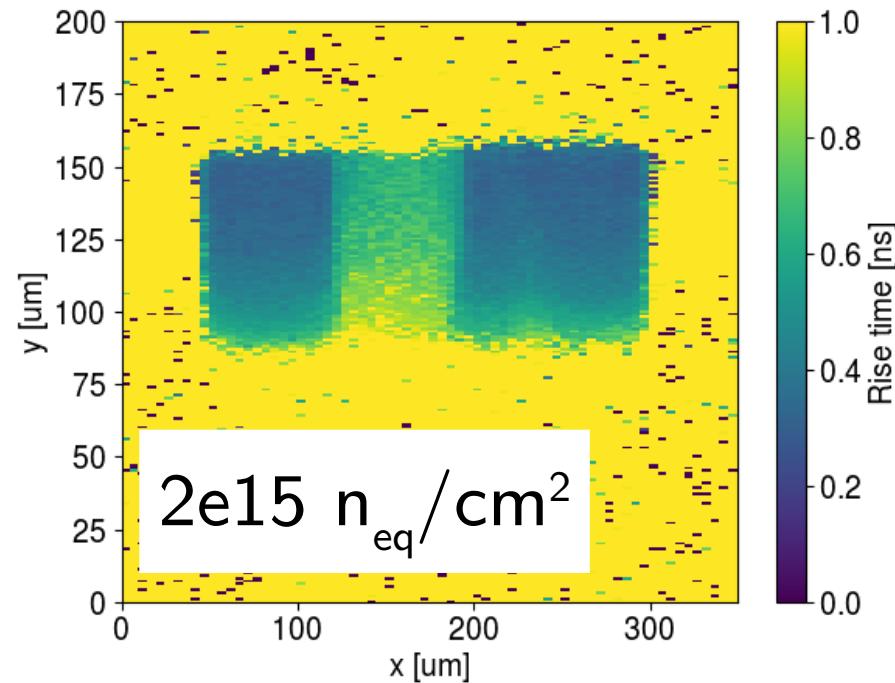
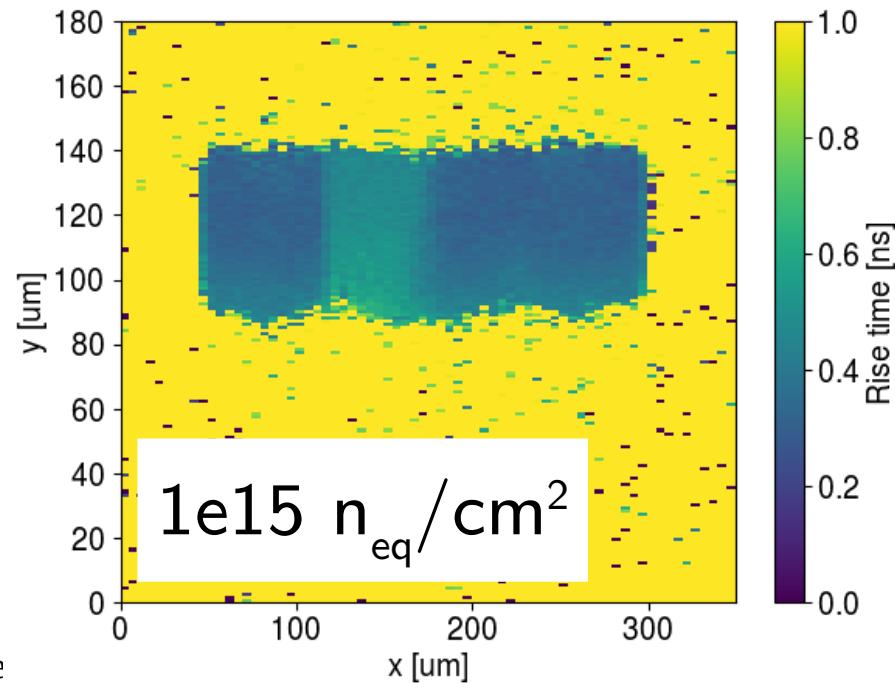
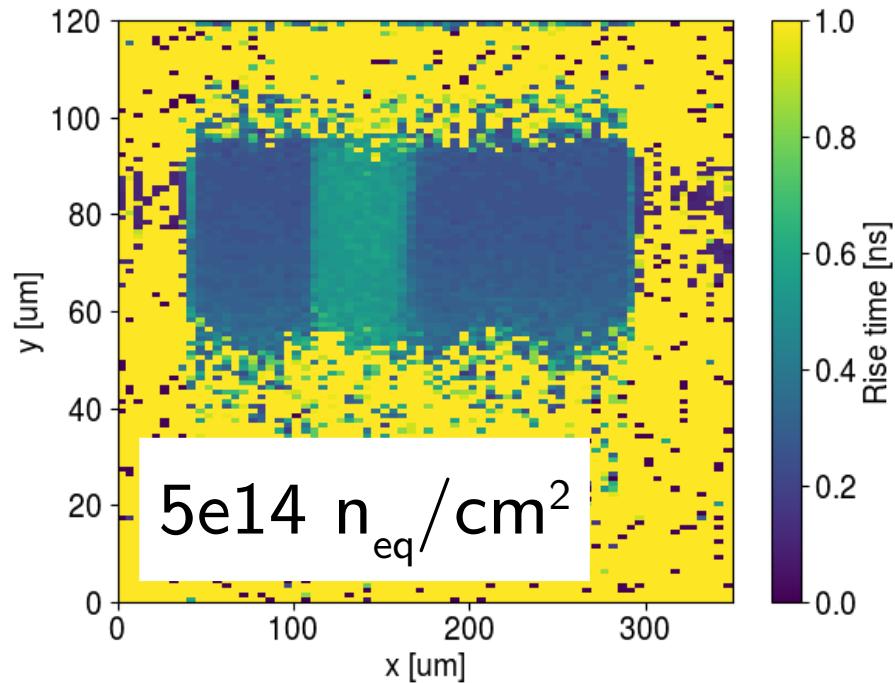
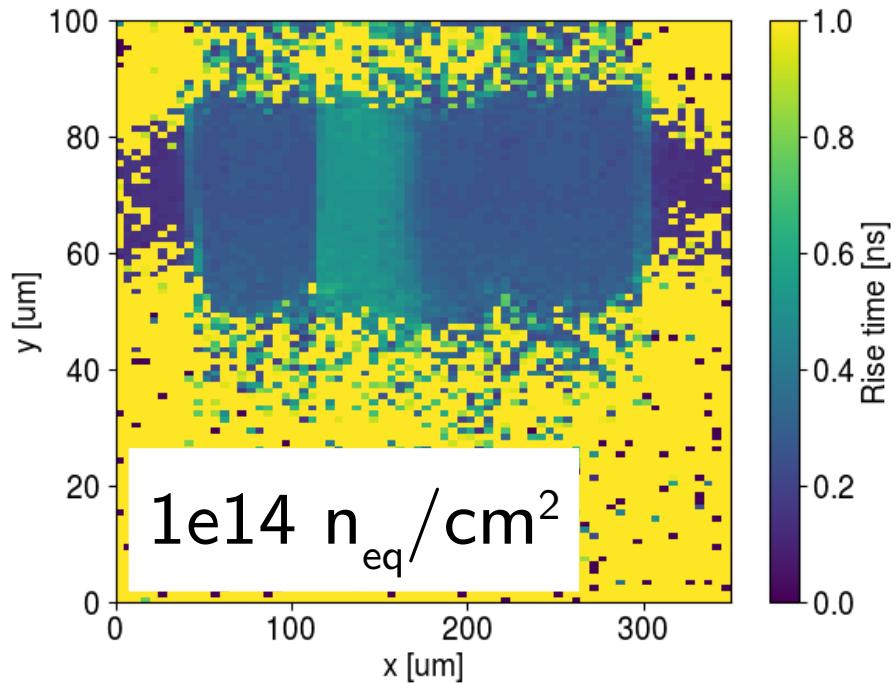
- Annealing starts to have an effect on  $N_{\text{eff}}$  after  $5\text{e}14 \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$
- Consistent annealing study for protons not available
  - Small effects at low fluences ( $3\text{e}14 \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ )
- We will measure annealing after proton irradiation at higher fluence ( $1\text{e}15 \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ )

# Data analysis - timing characteristics

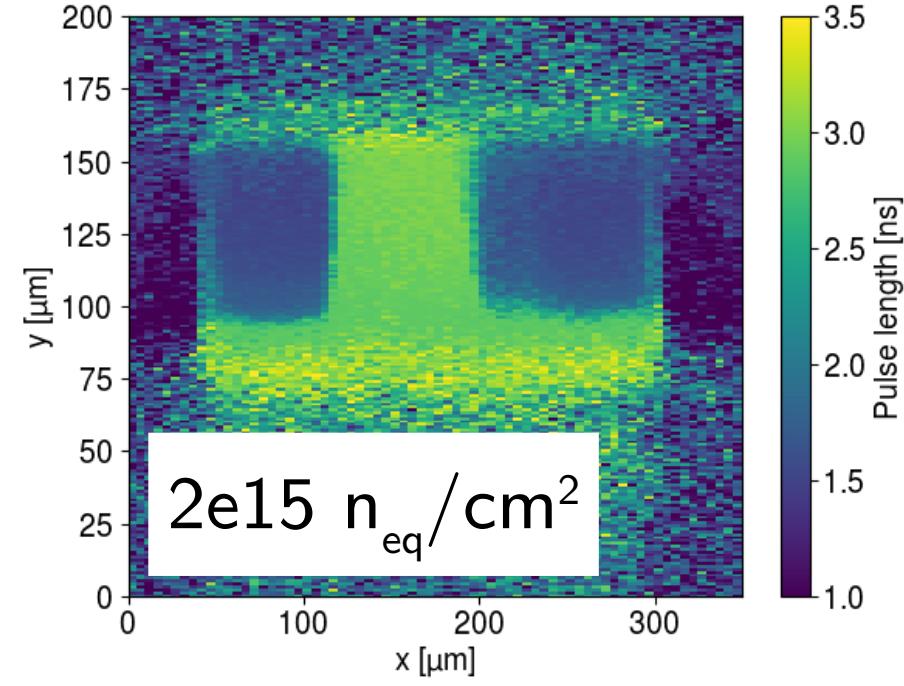
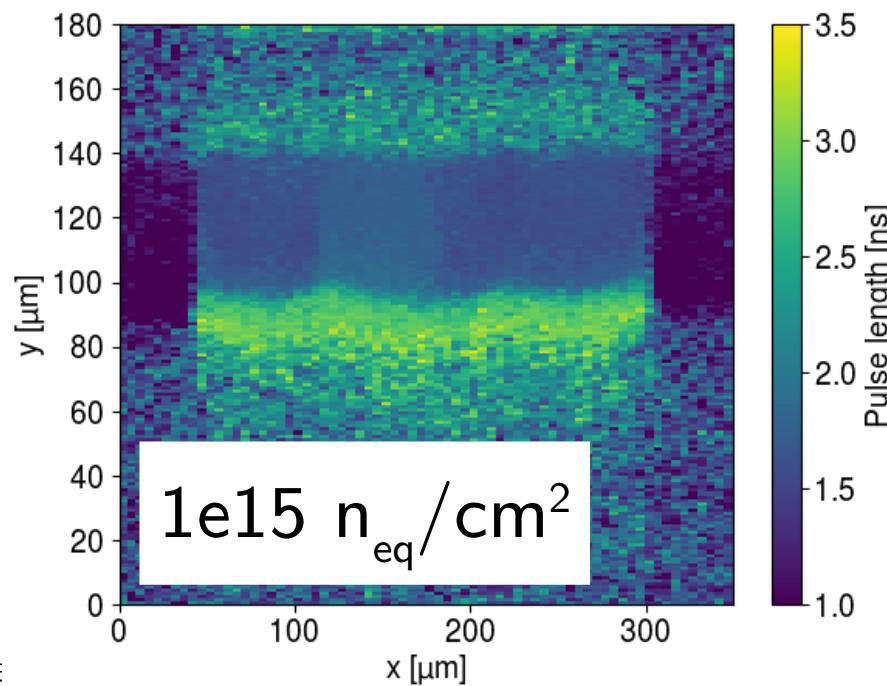
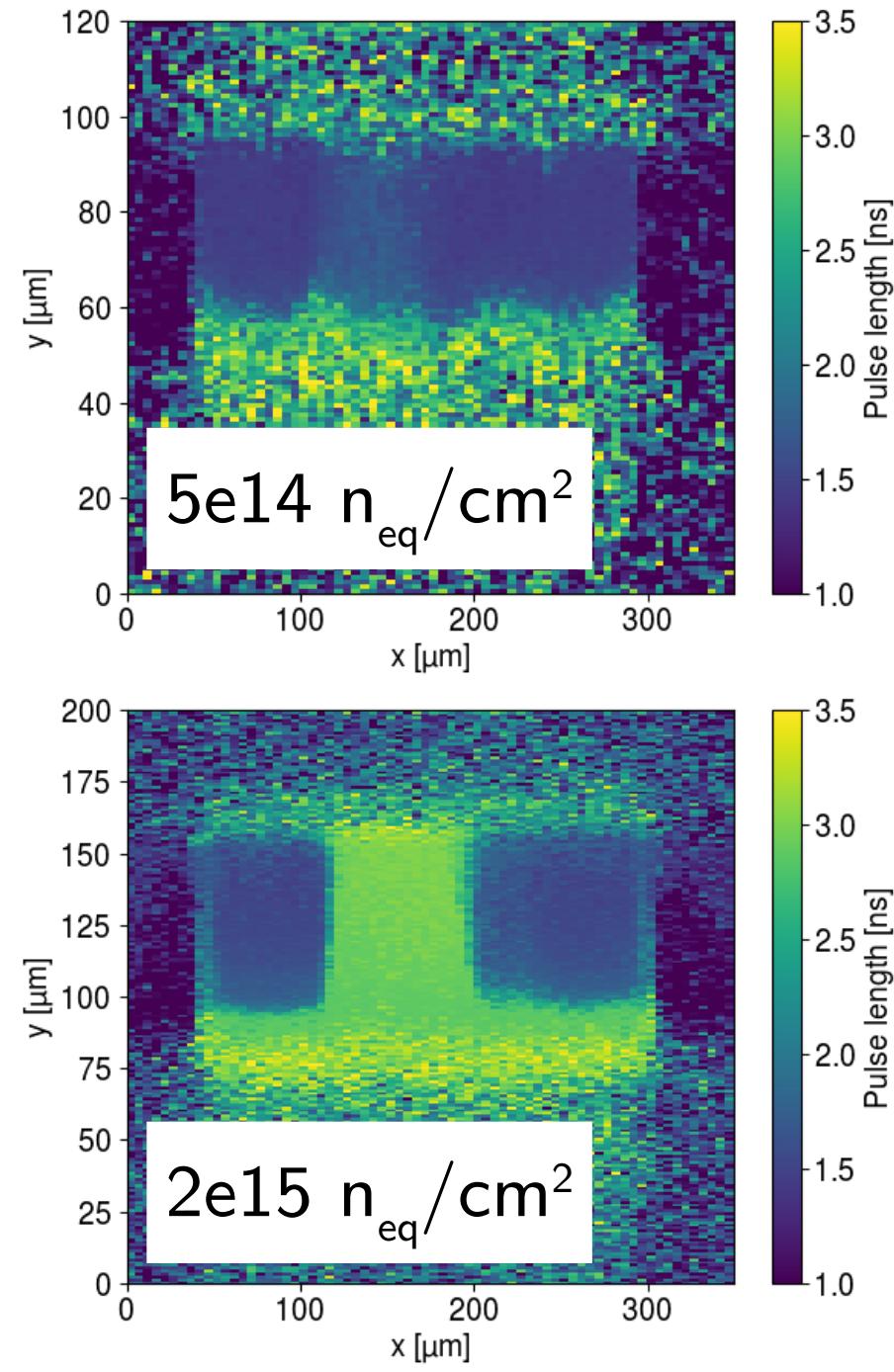
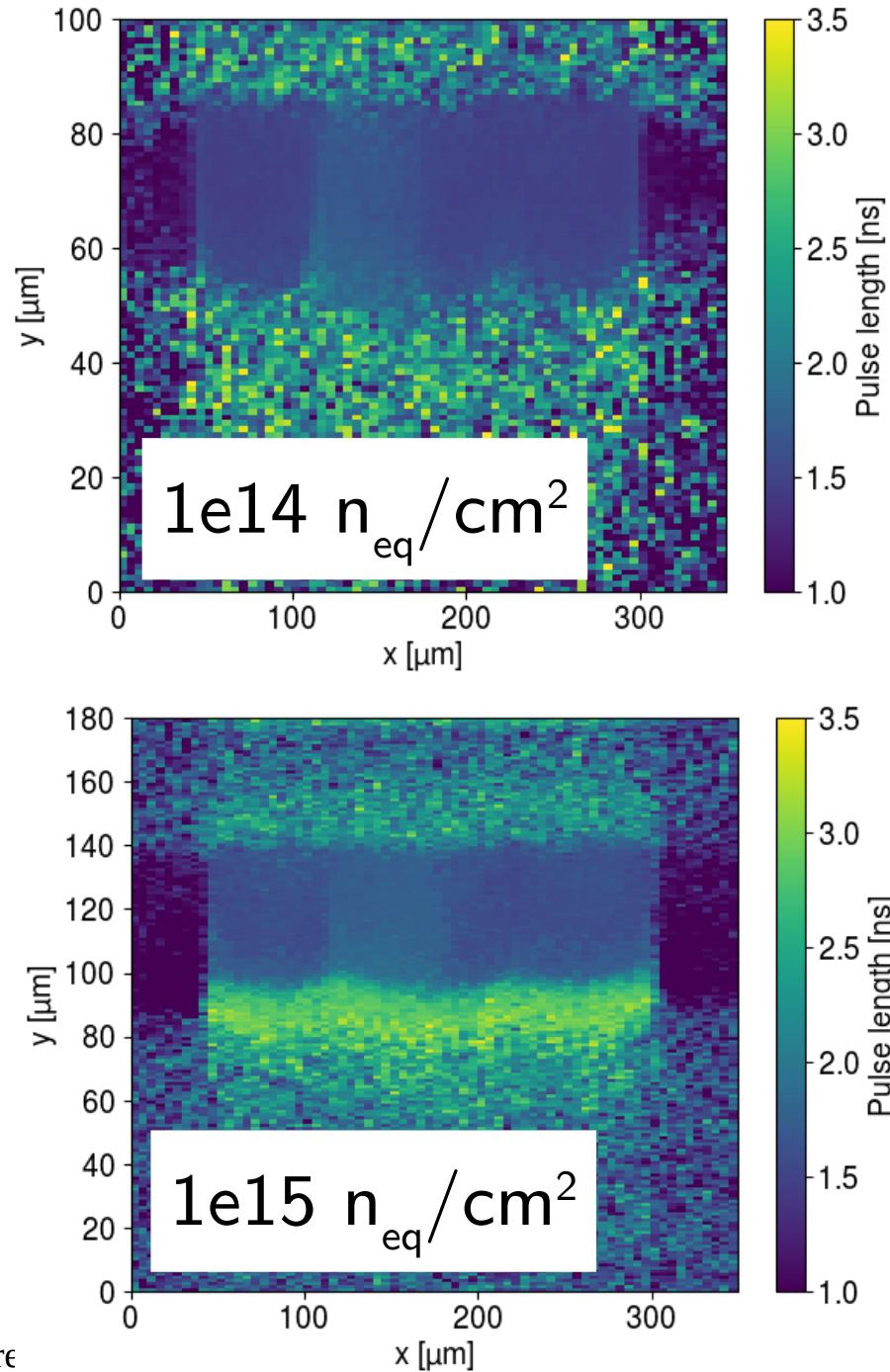
- For each waveform
  - Rise time (10%-90%)
  - Pulse duration
- Dominated by amplifier bandwidth (2 GHz)



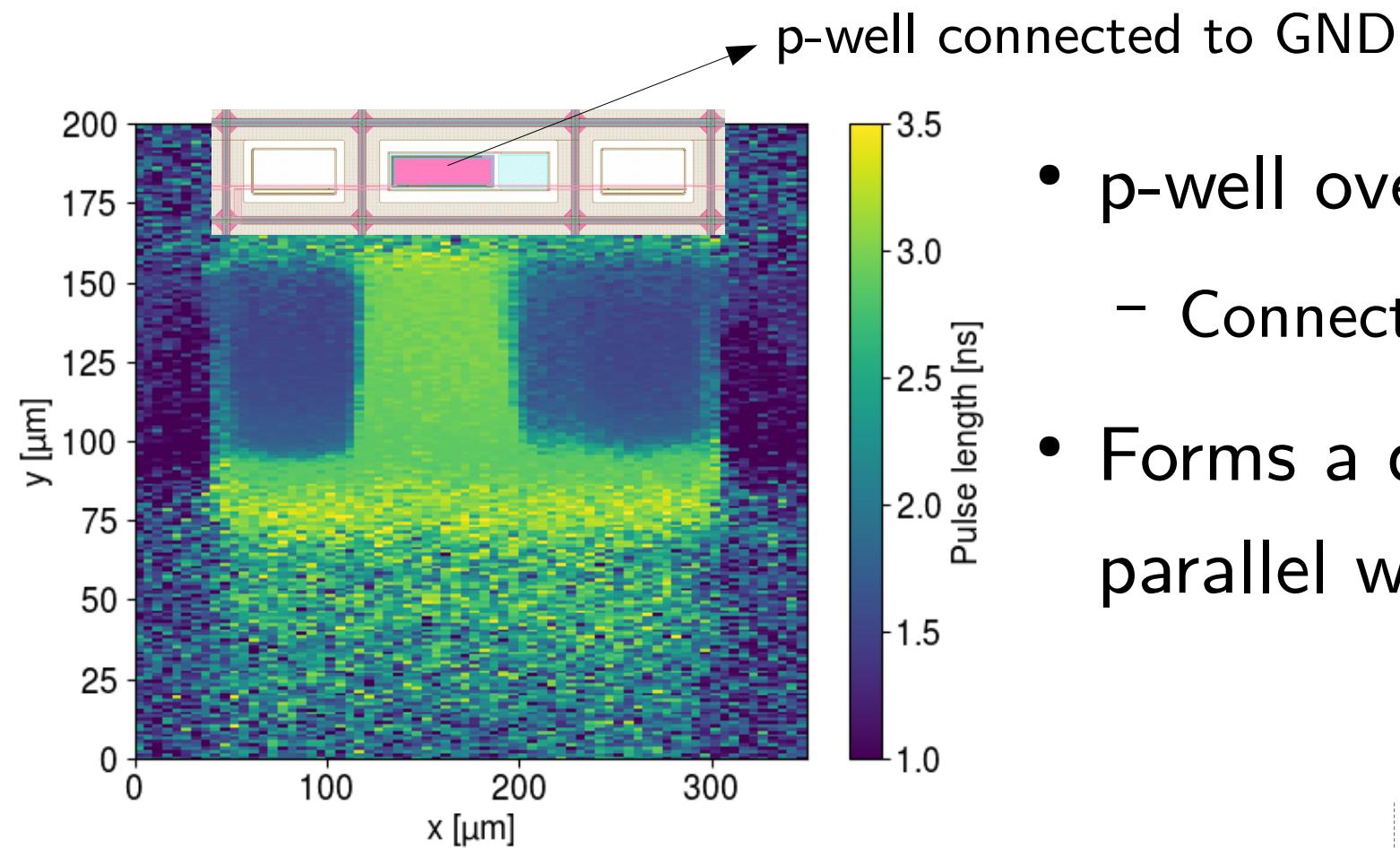
# Results – rise time ( $20 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ , n)



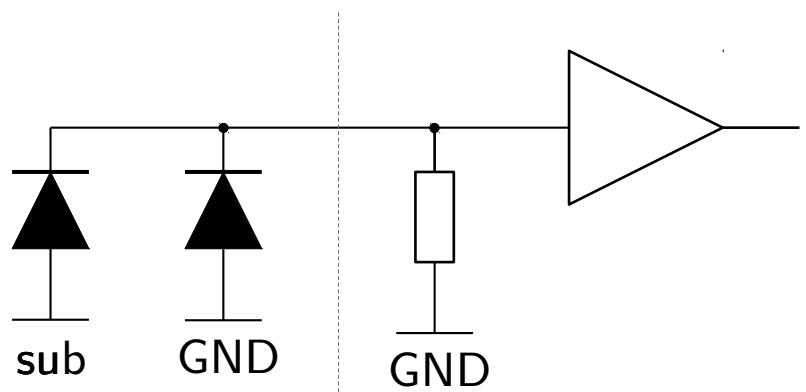
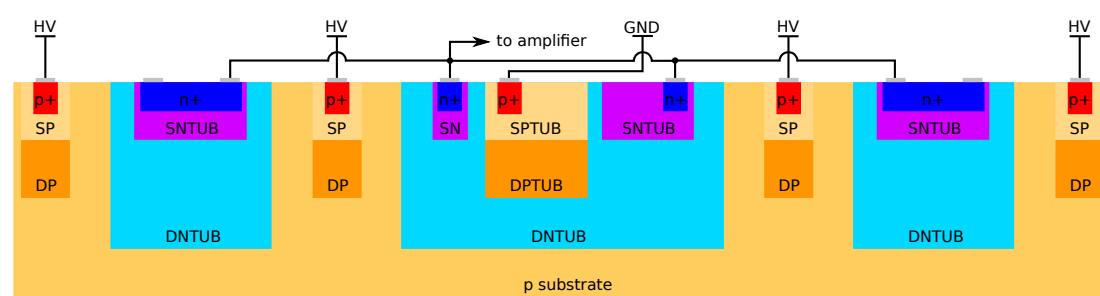
# Results – pulse length (20 $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ , n)



# “Slower band” (possible) explanation



- p-well over deep n-well
  - Connected to GND
- Forms a diode in parallel with the sensor



# Comments

- Rise time and pulse length become slightly longer with irradiation
- At higher fluences a slower signal zone appears at the bottom of the depletion region
  - Visible for the  $80 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$  samples as well
  - Very little charge collected there
- Signals in the region below the p-well are slower
  - This effect is enhanced with irradiation

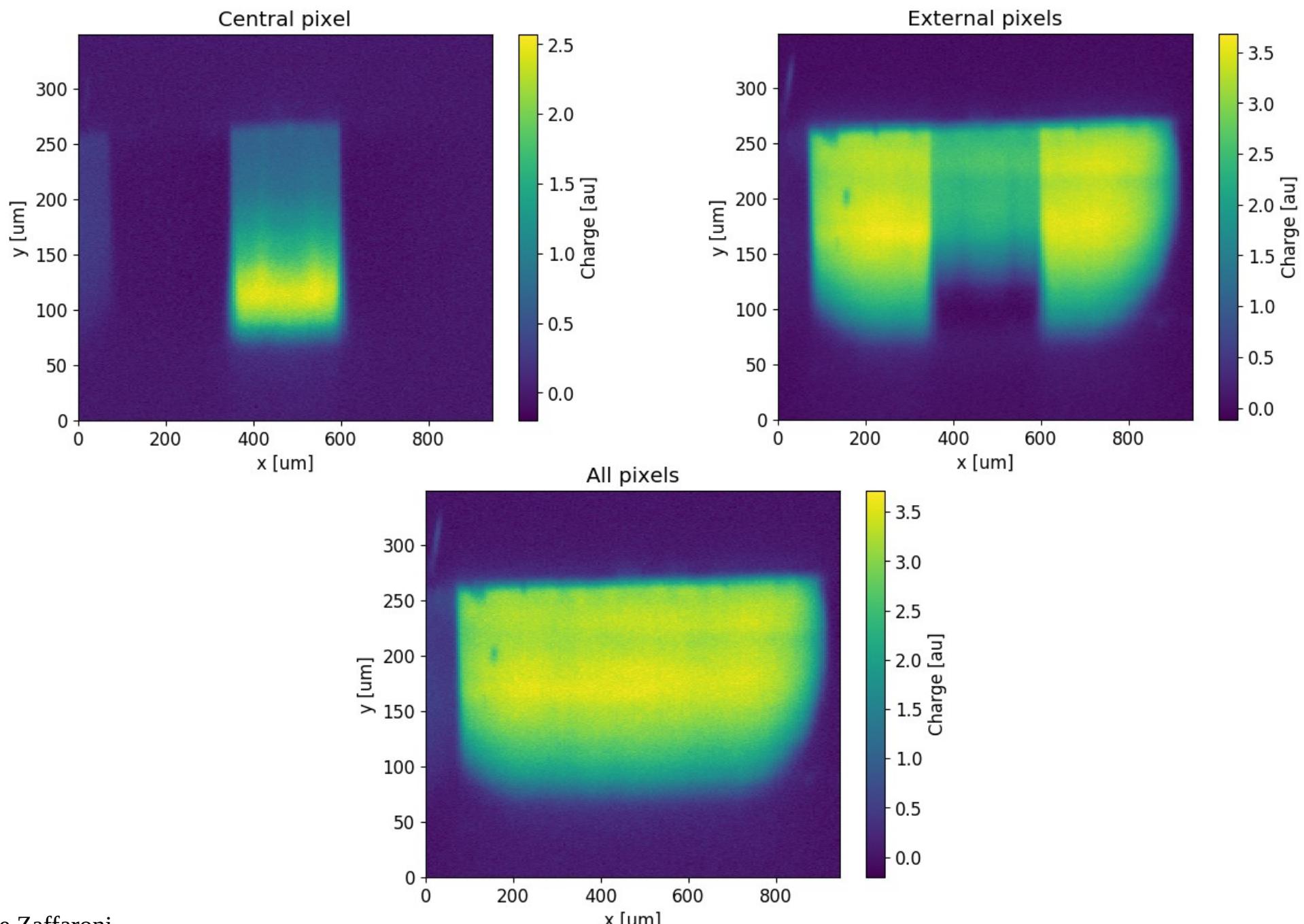
# Conclusions

- H35DEMO characterized with TCT
- $N_{\text{eff}}$  evolution varies a lot with resistivity and particle type
- Annealing effects (from neutron irradiation) visible after  $5 \times 10^{14} n_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$
- Timing characteristics of pulses vary with irradiation

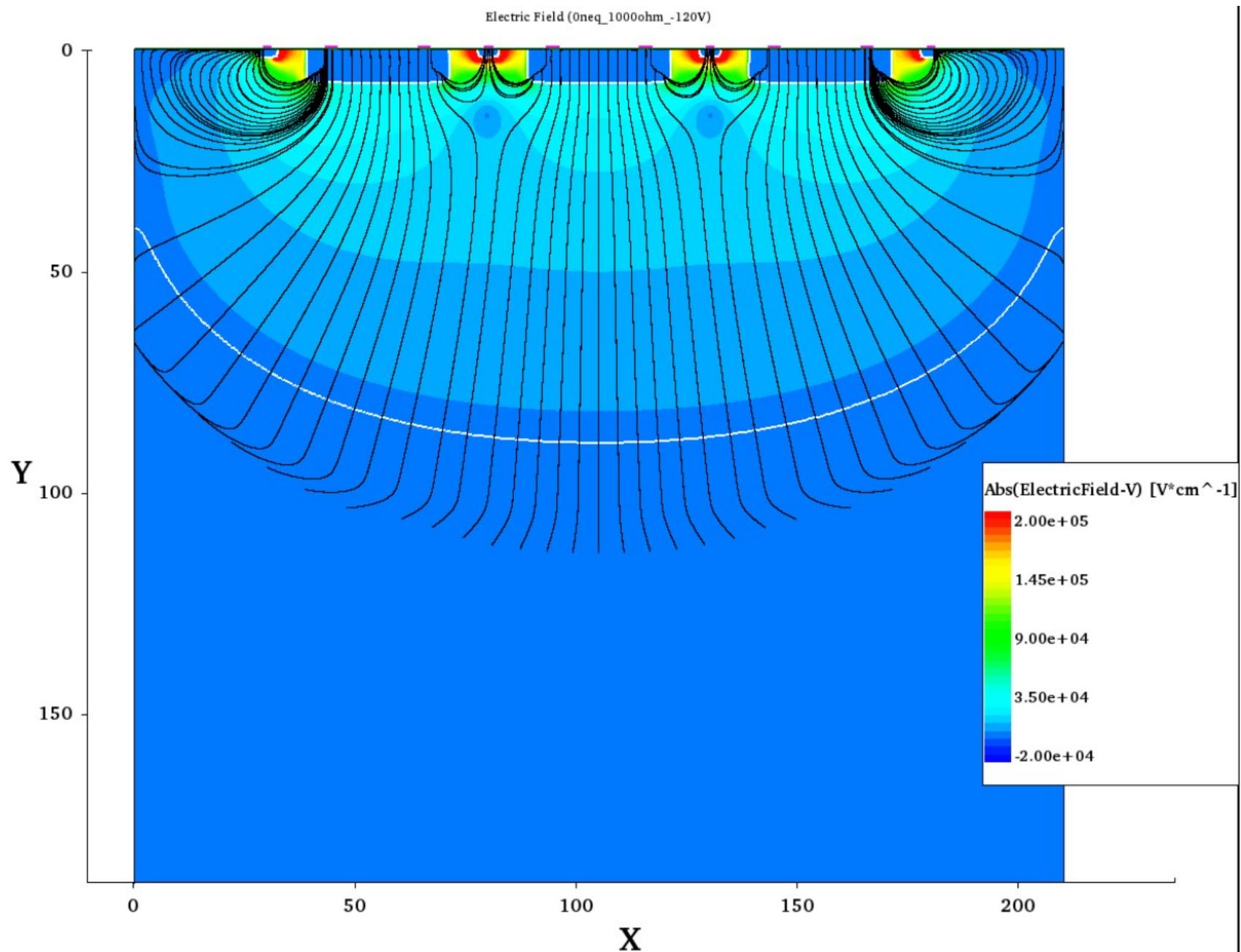
**Thank you!**

# Backup

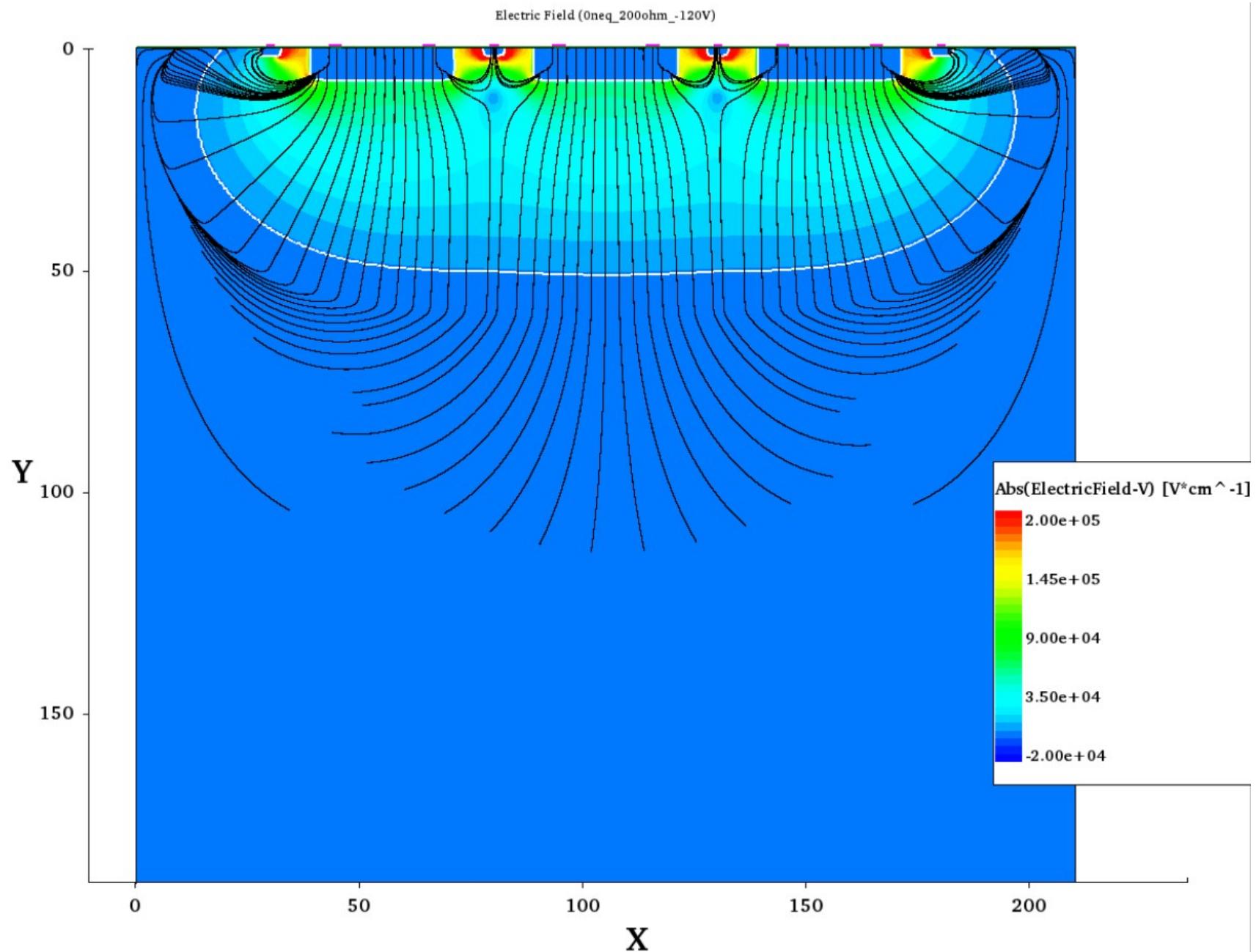
# Charge sharing ( $1000 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ @ $5\text{e}13 n_{\text{eq}}$ )



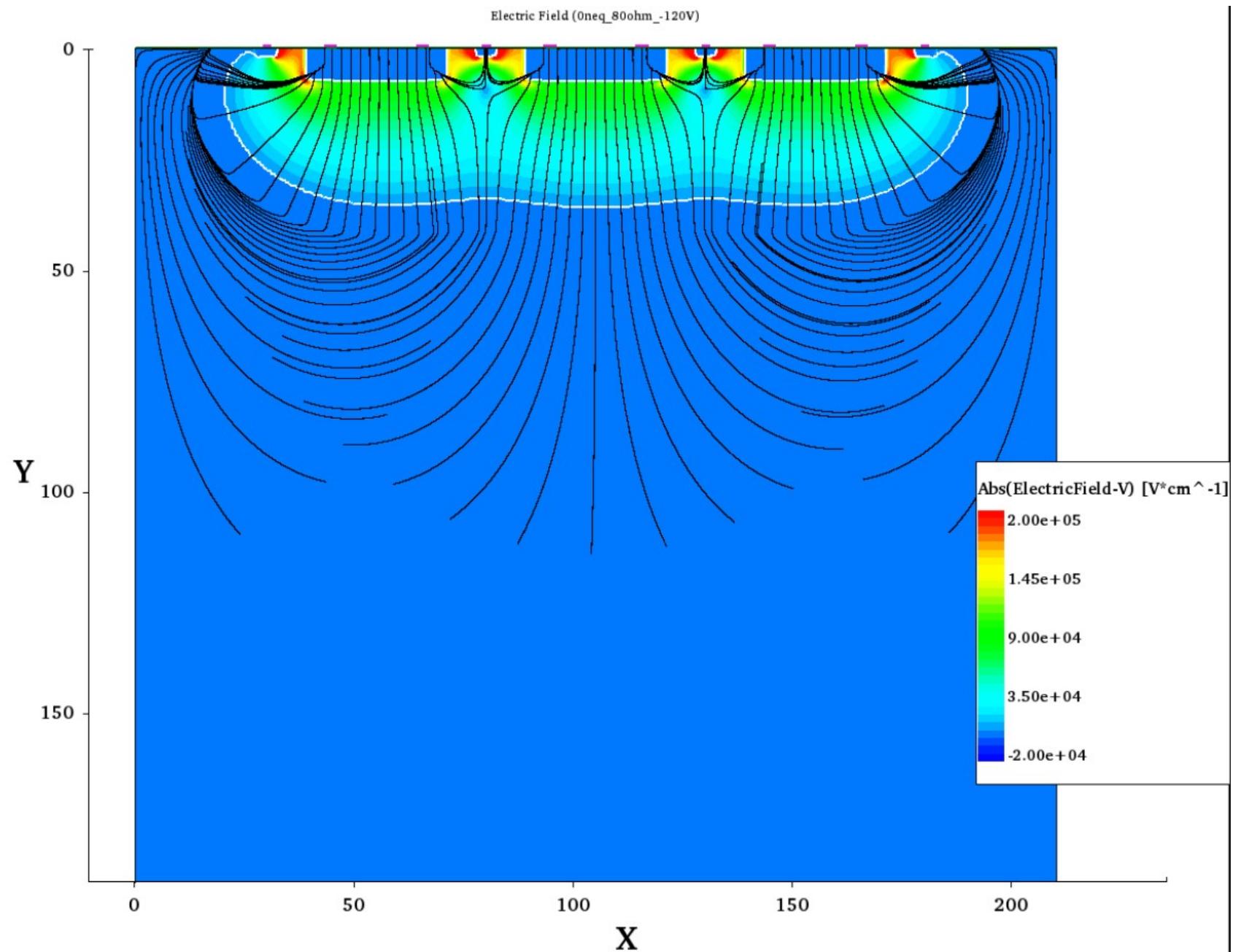
# Electric field ( $1000 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ )



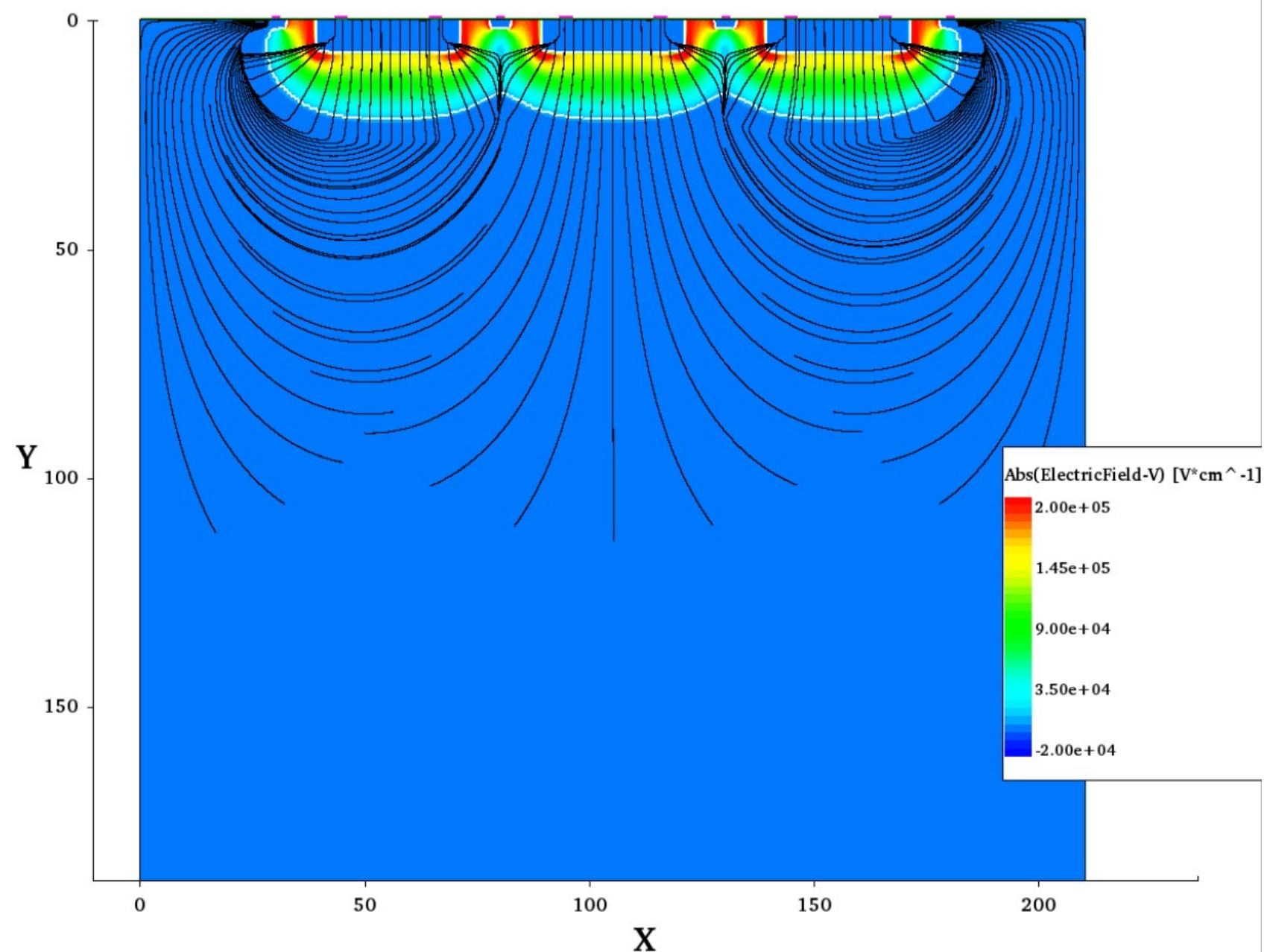
# Electric field ( $200 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ )



# Electric field ( $80 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ )



# Electric field ( $20 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ )



# Samples – protons 16.7 MeV

sample	resistivity	particle	irr. steps
pb-20-t01	20	p (16.7 MeV)	5
pb-20-t04	20	p (16.7 MeV)	9
pb-80-t03	80	p (16.7 MeV)	13
pb-200-t03	200	p (16.7 MeV)	13
pb-200-t04	200	p (16.7 MeV)	6
pb-1000-t03	1000	p (16.7 MeV)	12
pb-1000-t04	1000	p (16.7 MeV)	6

# Samples – protons 24 GeV

sample	resistivity	particle	irr. steps
pp-20-4.45	20	p (24 GeV)	1
pp-20-13.33	20	p (24 GeV)	1
pp-20-24.53	20	p (24 GeV)	1
pp-20-61.32	20	p (24 GeV)	1
pp-80-4.45	80	p (24 GeV)	1
pp-80-13.33	80	p (24 GeV)	1
pp-80-24.53	80	p (24 GeV)	1
pp-80-61.32	80	p (24 GeV)	1
pp-200-4.45	200	p (24 GeV)	1
pp-200-13.33	200	p (24 GeV)	1
pp-200-24.53	200	p (24 GeV)	1
pp-200-61.32	200	p (24 GeV)	1
pp-1000-4.45	1000	p (24 GeV)	1
pp-1000-13.33	1000	p (24 GeV)	1
pp-1000-24.53	1000	p (24 GeV)	1
pp-1000-88.77	1000	p (24 GeV)	1

# Samples - neutrons

sample	res.	particle	irr. steps
n-20-1e13-b1	20	n	1
n-20-5e13-b1	20	n	1
n-20-1e14-b1	20	n	1
n-20-1e14-b2	20	n	1
n-20-5e14-b2	20	n	1
n-20-5.5e14-b1	20	n	1
n-20-1e15-b2	20	n	1
n-20-2e15-b1	20	n	1
n-20-2e15-b2	20	n	1
n-80-1e13-b1	80	n	1
n-80-5e13-b1	80	n	1
n-80-1e14-b1	80	n	1
n-80-1e14-b2	80	n	1
n-80-5e14-b2	80	n	1

sample	res	particle	irr. steps
n-80-5.5e14-b1	80	n	1
n-80-1e15-b2	80	n	1
n-80-2e15-b1	80	n	1
n-80-2e15-b2	80	n	1
n-200-1e13-b1	200	n	1
n-200-5e13-b1	200	n	1
n-200-1e14-b1	200	n	1
n-200-5.5e14-b1	200	n	1
n-200-2e15-b1	200	n	1
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