

# Technology and Instrumentation In Particle Physics TIPP - 2021







# Comprehensive technology study of radiation hard LGADs

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#### Overview

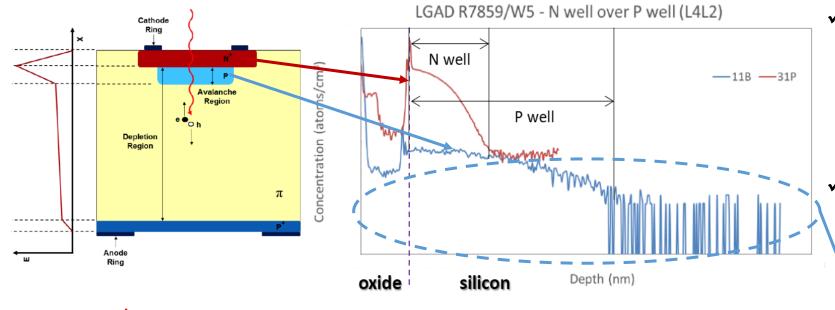
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3 complementary methods of radiation hardness evaluation

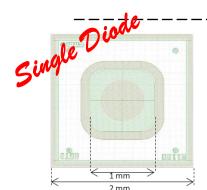
## Introduction – LGAD Technology



- ✓ Invented at CNM, initially considered for tracking by IFAE, proposed for timing by UCSC
- ✓ HPK, CNM, FBK, MiCRON, BNL (USA), NDL (China)



- ✓ Requires precise diffusion control for layer thickness:
  - Thin highly doped n-well layer  $(\sim 1 1.5 \mu m)$
  - ✓ Gain layer ~ 2 μm
  - ✓ p-stop ~3 -3.5 μm
- Different gain layer species possible:
  - ✓ Boron (standard)
  - ✓ Gallium
  - ✓ Boron +Carbon



- → 4" Si-on-Si wafers (High Resistivity ~2 kΩ•cm)
- > 50 μm thickness on 250 μm support wafer
- Different implantation species
- ➤ Single diodes of active area 0.7 x 0.7 mm

Standard Boron
Boron + Carbon Spray
Gallium

## Introduction – Use in HEP

ATLAS HGTD

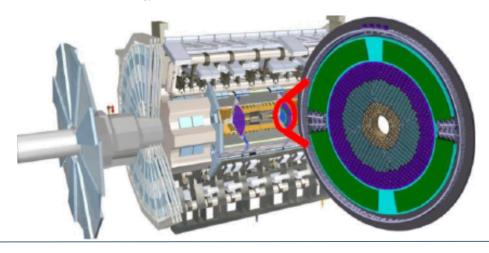
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#### Sensors

- 15 x 30 LGAD arrays of 1.3 x 1.3 mm<sup>2</sup>
  - ➤ 10% max estimated occupancy (120 mm radius)
  - Reduced (~ 20) μm inter-pad regions
  - ➤ Low sensor capacitance (~2pf)
- Operation temperature -30 °C (CO<sub>2</sub> cooling)
- $\sigma_t = 35 70$  psec per hit
- Radiation tolerance to 2.5•10<sup>15</sup> n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>

#### **Geometry**

- 2 disks per side, 2 sensor layers per disk
- $-2.4 < |\eta| < 4.0, 12 \text{ cm} < R < 64 \text{ cm}$



CMS MDT

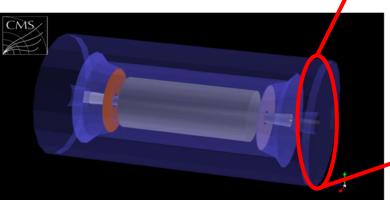
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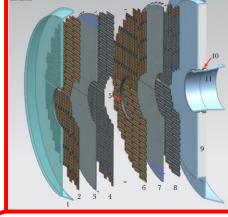
- ThiN LYSO Crystal + SiPM layer in the barrel (BTL), LGADs in the end caps (ETL)
- 30 psec MIP timing up to  $|\eta| < 3.0$  (LGADs at  $1.6 < |\eta| < 3.0$ )
- Radiation requirements up to 2•10<sup>15</sup> n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup> for LGADs

• 50 μm thick sensors on 300 μm SoI wafers, slim edge

design

■ Operation at -30 °C





#### Radiation Effects

#### Four main disruptive mechanisms for irradiated LGADs:

**Substrate** 

- 1. Reduced primary charges induced in substrate (reduced lifetime)
- 2. Acceptor re-introduction rate

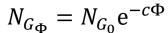
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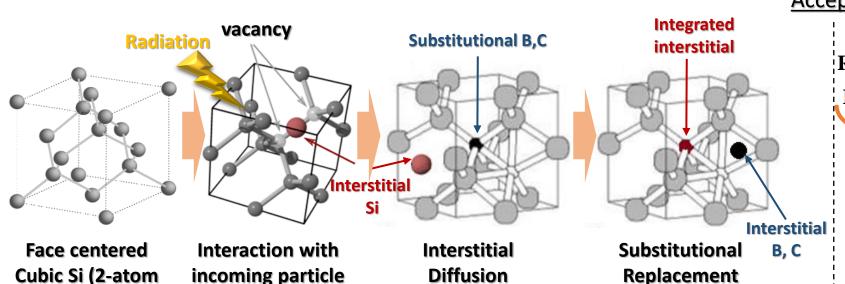
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**Gain Layer** 

- 3. Reduced active implant in gain layer through acceptor removal
- 4. Reduced mobility within gain layer through trapping



Gain reduction larger than anticipated from acceptor removal (~factor of 3)



Acceptor removal, Defect Kinetics (simplified @)

Rad + 
$$Si_s \rightarrow Si_i + B_s \rightarrow B_i + O \rightarrow B_iO_i$$
  
Rad +  $Si_s \rightarrow Si_i + C_s \rightarrow C_i + O \rightarrow C_iO_i$ 

Gain layer
de-activation
too many
interstitials,
cannot modify

Charge trapping

Can be engineered by oxygen trapping

base)

# Part I - The Active Gain Layer

#### **Substrate**

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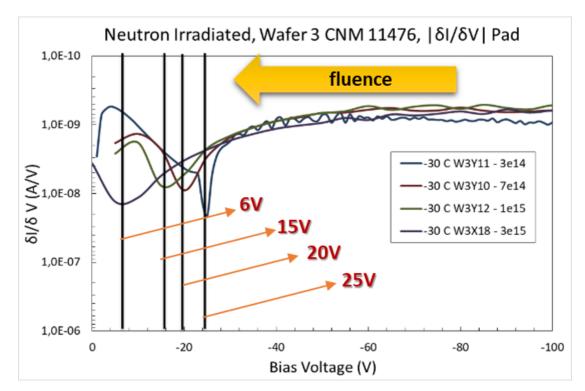
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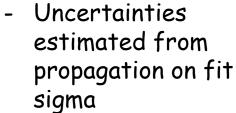
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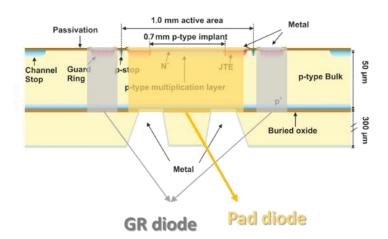
- ✓ Probe active implant by depletion voltage
- ✓ Additional p-implantation gain layer creates secondary depletion region
- ✓ Mott–Schottky equation → leakage current variation at gain layer depletion
- ✓ Form of  $|\partial I/\partial V|$  at depletion point corresponds to dopant transition function convoluted with instrument resolution (Gaussian X Gaussian)
- ✓ Depletion voltage determined Gaussian fit at depletion voltage for -10°C, -20°C & -30°C







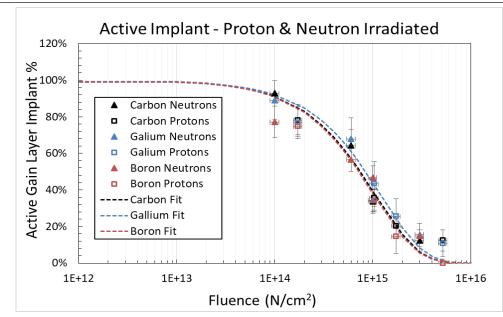
Fluences up to 3·10<sup>15</sup>
 n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup> in p<sup>+</sup> and n<sup>0</sup>

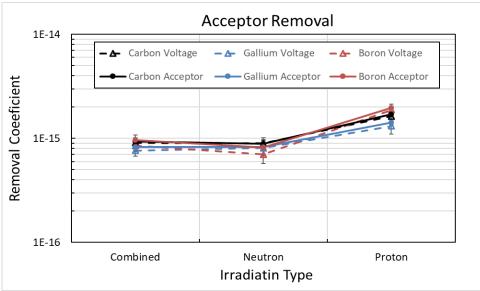


$$V_d = \frac{\sum_{T=-10}^{-30} {}^{o}_{C} V_{d,T_i}}{n_T}$$

$$\delta V_d = \sqrt{V_{d,sys} + V_{d,stat}}$$
 Average of fit Standard sigma deviation of  $V_d$ 

#### •The Derive and Fit Method - II





- Linear dependence assumption between V<sub>GL</sub> and active implant
- Normalized exponential reduction fit model on gain and V<sub>GL</sub>

$$G(\%) = e^{-C_G \Phi}$$

- Linearity hypothesis tested with independent  $C_v$  and  $C_G$  fits full compatibility
- Constraints imposed on initial values to reflect charge measurements

#### Results

- Compatible acceptor removal coefficients between all implants
- Slight Ga advantage in p<sup>+</sup> irradiation (23 GeV/c PS), higher mass reduces displacement probability in coulomb-only (far-field) interactions
- Quasi-identical performance for neutron irradiated (fast ~ 10MeV neutrons)
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Acceptor Removal Coefficient			
Gallium	(8.25 ± 0.80) ×10 <sup>-16</sup>		
Boron + Carbon	(9.33 ± 0.78) ×10 <sup>-16</sup>		
Boron	(9.69 ± 1.04) ×10 <sup>-16</sup>		

## Part II - Effective Gain

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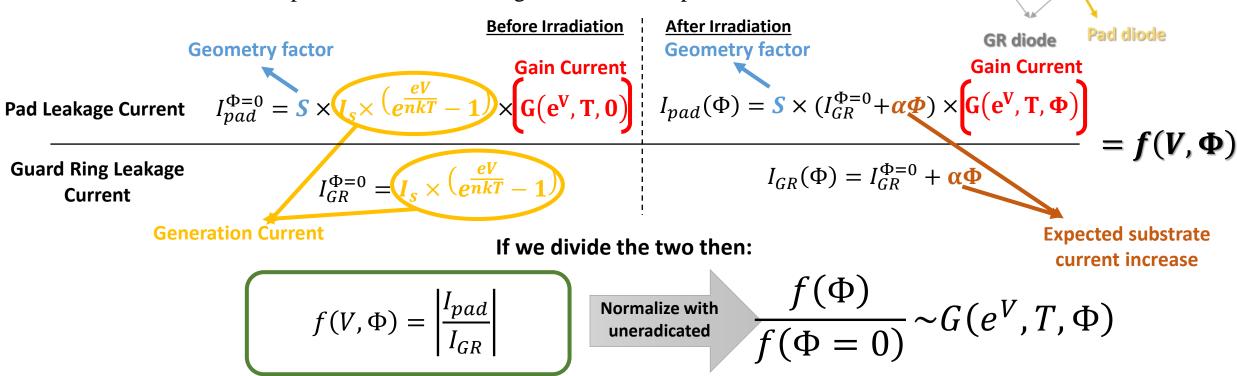
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Passivation

0.7 mm p-type implant

Buried oxide

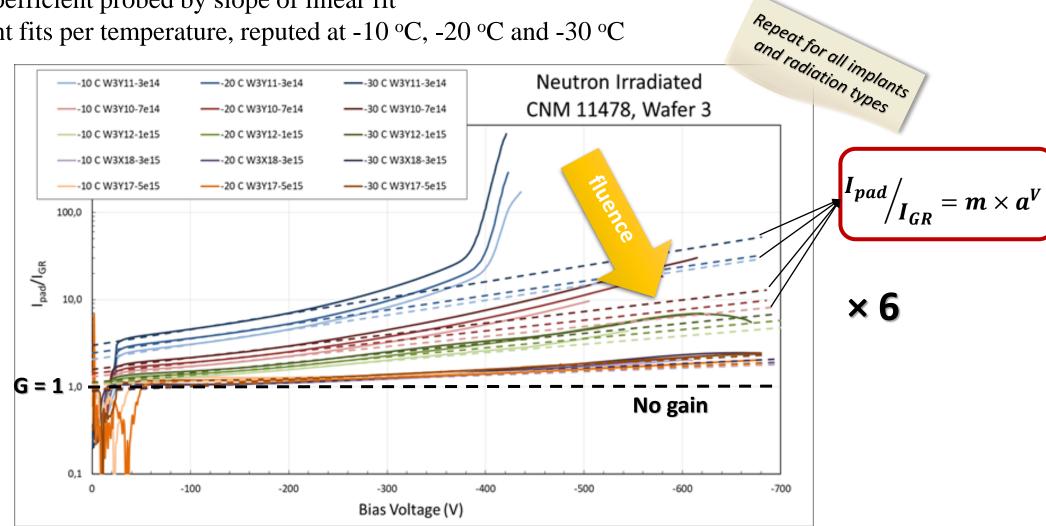
- ✓ Acceptor removal only gives information about active dopant, not gain
- ✓ Gain also depends on **trapping levels & doping profiles**
- ✓ Effects after irradiation for different defect concentrations
- ✓ For same amount of acceptor removal, different gain reduction expected



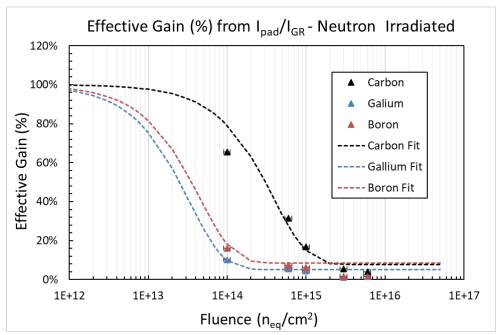
- 1. GR and pad on same substrate, all non-gain related irradiation effects can be normalized
- 2. Assumption that differences between GR n-type implant and pad n-type implant have minimal effects

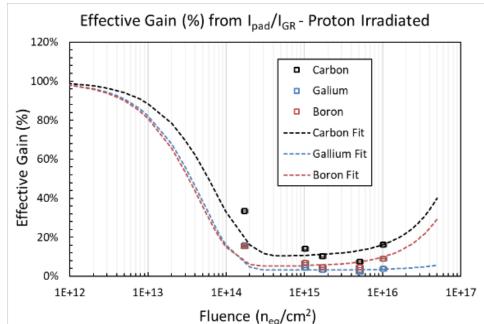
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- $\checkmark$  I<sub>GR</sub>/I<sub>PAD</sub> linear at the semi-log plane
- ✓ Gain Coefficient probed by slope of linear fit
- ✓ Different fits per temperature, reputed at -10 °C, -20 °C and -30 °C



#### •GR Vs Pad Method - III





Gain Reduction Coefficient		
Irrad. Type	C ± δC	
Gallium		
$n^0$	$(3.01 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-14}$	
p⁺	$(2.02 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-14}$	
Boron + Carbon		
$n^0$	$(2.57 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-15}$	
p⁺	$(1.37 \pm 0.24) \times 10^{-14}$	
<b>Standard Boron</b>		
$n^0$	$(2.25 \pm 0.39) \times 10^{-14}$	
$p^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$	$(2.25 \pm 0.28) \times 10^{-14}$	
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Acceptor level introduction rate

$$N_{eff}(\Phi) = N_{eff_0} - N_c (1 - e^{-c\Phi}) + g_c \Phi$$
 Effective dopant concentration Removable dopant constant Initial dopant concentration

#### Results

- Gallium and Boron perform similarly
- Carbon + Boron is up to 2 times better in proton and up to 7-8 times better in neutron irradiation
- Significant variation with implant type
- Gain reduction coefficients are up to 10 x the previously estimated acceptor removal

## Part III - The Actual Gain

#### **Substrate**

1. Reduced primary charges induced in substrate (reduced lifetime)

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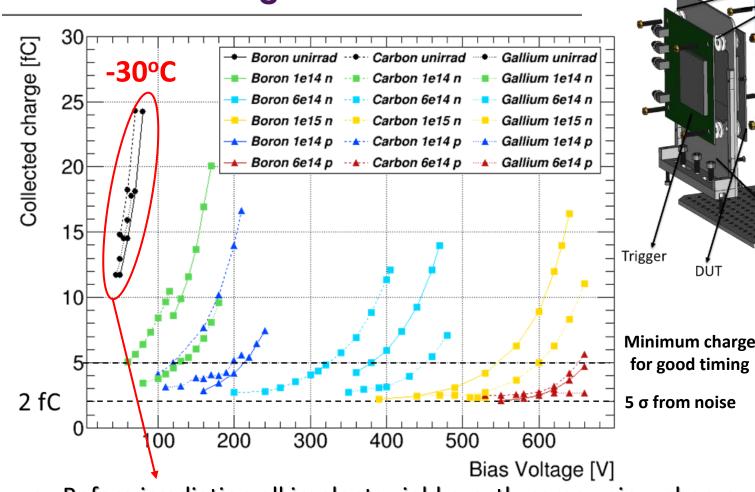
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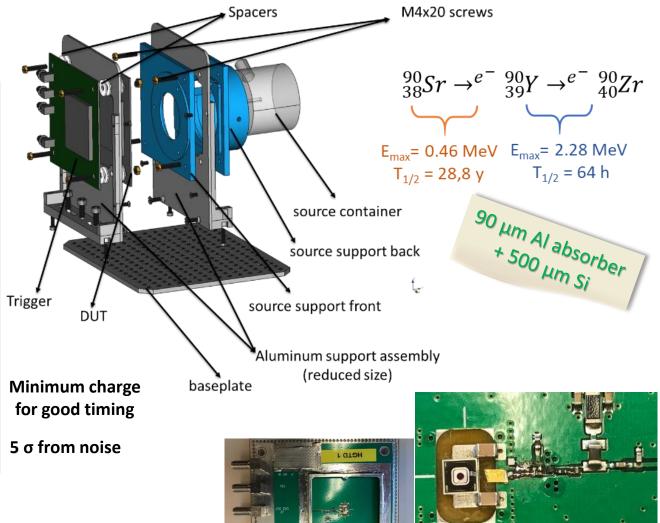
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## Collected Charge - I

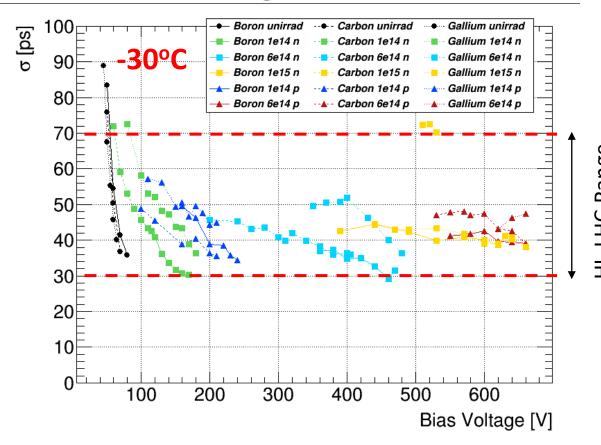


- Before irradiation all implants yield exactly same gain charge
- With fluence increase:
  - Carbonated sensors require 20% less bias for same gain
  - Gallium implanted sensors require 20% more bias for same gain



- High frequency SiGe (~2GHz) amplifier
- Mean sensor + amplifier noise < 1.5 mV</li>
- 5000 recorded events per point

## Collected Charge - II



Time Resolution: 
$$\sigma_{tot}^2 = \sigma_{timewalk}^2 + \sigma_{jitter}^2 + \sigma_{conversion}^2 + \sigma_{clock}^2$$

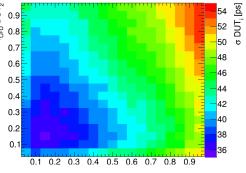
$$\sigma_{Dist.}^2 + \sigma_{Landau}^2 \left(\frac{t_{rise}}{S/N}\right)^2 \quad \left(\frac{TDC_{bin}}{\sqrt{12}}\right)^2 \quad Fixed S$$

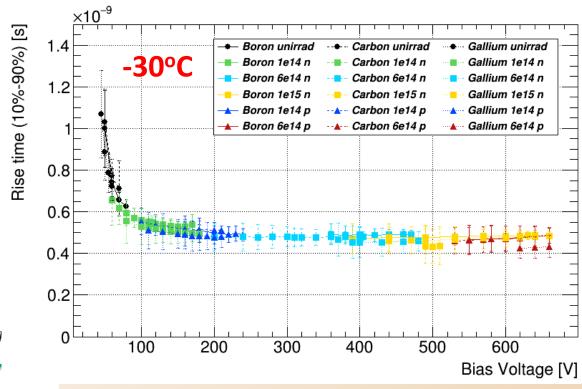
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#### **CFD Level optimization**

$$(\sigma_{\mathrm{Dut}})_{\mathit{CFD}_{ij}} = \sqrt{(\sigma_{\mathrm{Tot}}^2)_{\mathit{CFD}_{ij}} - (\sigma_{\mathrm{Ref}}^2)_{\mathit{CFD}_i}}$$

2D optimization plot – 0.5% binning

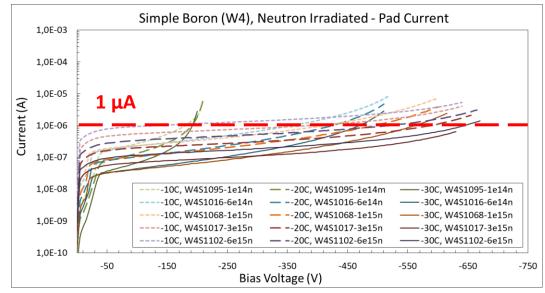


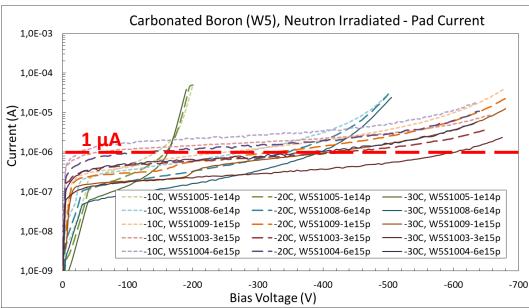


- Similar behavior in terms of signal shape on all implants
- Time resolution follow charge trend
- Charge vs ot identical for all gain layer variations

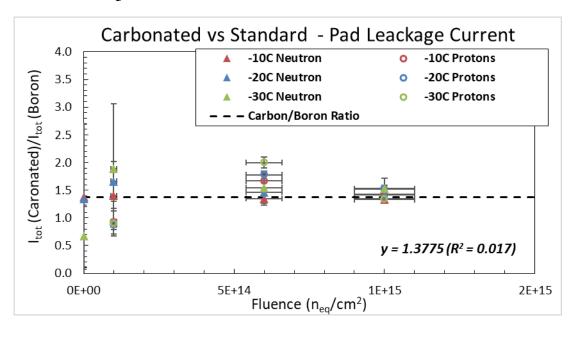
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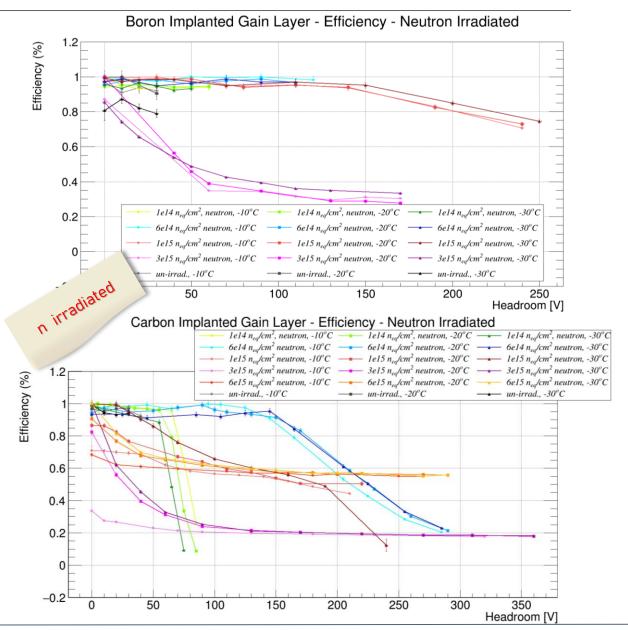
## Comparative Studies I – Leakage Current





- $\triangleright$  (I<sub>C</sub>/I<sub>B</sub>) presents a 33 % increase
- Established though fits on non-gain regions
- $\triangleright$  Behaviour unchanged up to IeI5  $n_{eq}/cm^2$  in proton and neutron irradiated
- Consistent behavior with temperature (-30°C, -20°C, -10°C)
- Leakage current increase in Gallium implanted samples but effect traced back to process issues

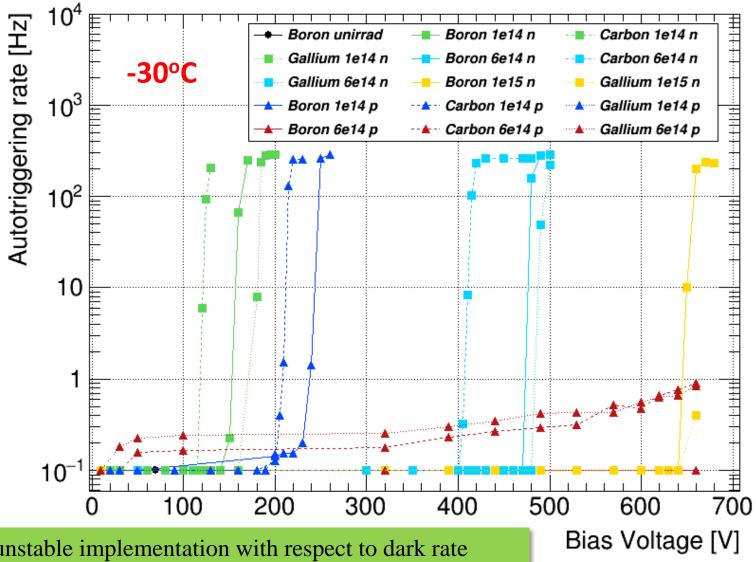




### Headroom = V<sub>max</sub>- V<sub>bias at 100% efficiency</sub>

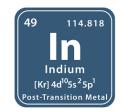
- $ightharpoonup \sim 100 \%$  efficiency for Carbon + Boron for IeI5  $n_{eq}/cm^2$  at neutron irradiation
- $ightharpoonup \sim 100$  % efficiency at IeI5  $n_{eq}/cm^2$  for Boron only sensors at proton irradiation
- Proposition Boron only at  $3e15 n_{eq}/cm^2$  neutron is close to a 100 %, but more validation points needed
- ➤ Boron only sensors provide larger headroom at 100 % efficiency that Boron + Carbon combination
- In best case scenario (boron at  $3eI5 n_{eq}/cm^2$  neutrons) no safety factor available

## Comparative Studies II - Stability



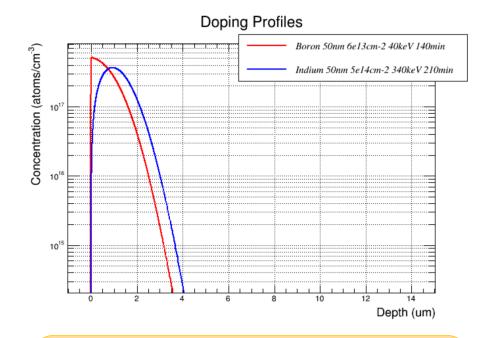
- ✓ Carbon presents the most unstable implementation with respect to dark rate
- ✓ Boron is the better solution across the board with higher stability points

## Outlook – Lithium, Indium



- Indium doped gain layers
  - No acceptor removal improvement anticipated
  - Idea from thin solar cell community, (D.J. Paez et. al., <u>link</u>) and space applications
  - Demonstrated to have larger radiation resistance in electron radiation
  - Because of higher atomic mass, should be less mobile (in theory, practice will be different....)
- Lithium co-implantation ONLY on p-implant layers
  - Lithium is n-type but in low doses should not impact p layer
  - Proven to improve radiation hardness of solar cells after 1MeV neutron irradiation
  - Lowers annealing temperature when implanted in substrate
  - Defect engineering at low temperatures E. Oliviero et Al. (<u>link</u>)
  - Original Solar cell study Weinberg et Al. (<u>link</u>)

Gkougkousis V., 16<sup>th</sup> Trento Workshop (2021): <u>link</u>



Boron 50 nm screen oxide, 6e13 cm<sup>-2</sup> at 40 keV with 140 min diffusion time Indium 50nm screen oxide 5e14 cm<sup>-2</sup> at 340 keV with 210 min diffusion time

RD50 founded Project: RD50-2021-03

#### Conclusions

Three methods of radiation hardness:

**1. Active Gain Implant:** No measureable improvement wrt different implants

**2. Effective Gain Estimation:** Gallium-Boron behave similarly

Carbon up to 2x better in neutrons / protons

**3. MIPs Charge collection:** 20 % improvement in required bias for Carbon

20 % degradation for Gallium

Consistent with defect kinetics theory and an exponential field -gain dependence Results consistent in all temperatures (-10°C, -20°C, 30°C)

- No degradation in leakage current
- 15% degradation on available headroom in Carbon samples
- 15% degradation in stability of Carbon samples
- No effect on signal properties, efficiency, noise or timing
- In and Li co-implantation as next steps on defect engineering

# BackUp

## Overview

#### Introduction

- LGAD Technology
- HEP Applications ATLAS & CMS
- Radiation effects
- Primary Mechanisms
- Gain Layer Depletion
- Acceptor Removal

Gain

- The Derive & Fit method
- Gain layer de-activation
- Extraction
- The GR vs Pad method
- Removal Coefficients and substrate re-introduction rates

#### Collected Charge

- Charged Particle measurements
- Performance after neutron-proton irradiation
- Gain modelisation

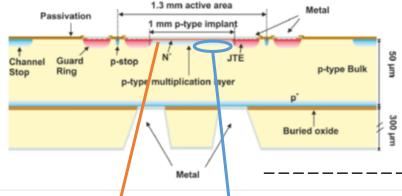
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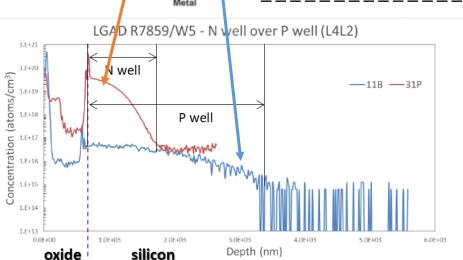
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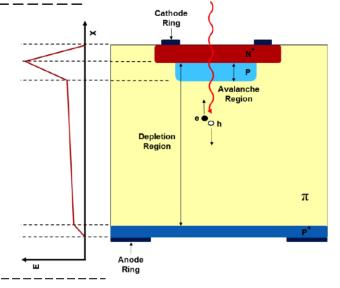


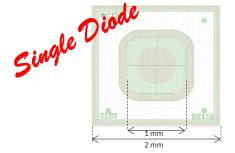


- Invented at CNM, initially considered for tracking by IFAE, proposed for timing by UCSC
- ✓ Secondary p implant under collection electrode introducing moderate gain (10 -50)
- Up to 35 μm thickness on SoI or wafer to wafer bonding (typically 50 μm)
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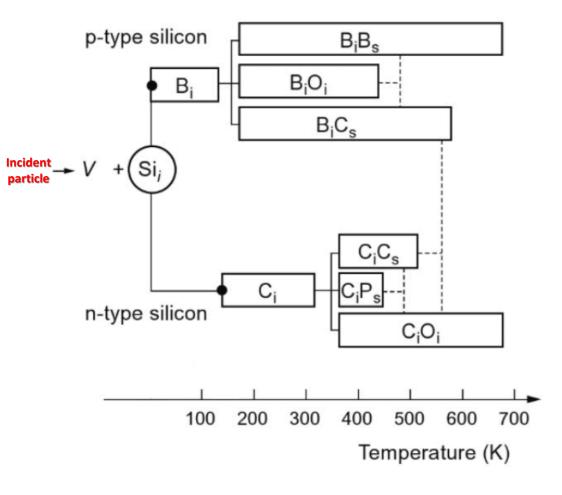




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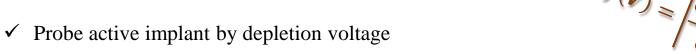
#### Acceptor removal, Defect Kinetics (simplified © )

- Incident particle hits silicon atom and created Vacancy (V) and Interstitial Silicon (Si<sub>i</sub>)
- Si<sub>i</sub> Propagates and can transform substitutional Boron/Carbon to B<sub>i</sub>/C<sub>i</sub> (interstitial),
- $B_i/C_i$  can form several defects, but the most prominent in high resistivity silicon is:

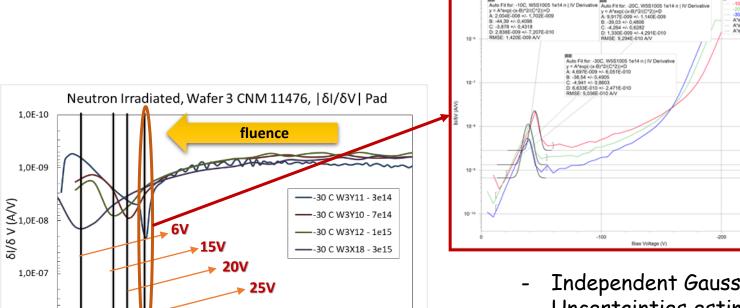
or 
$$\begin{array}{c} Si_i + B_s \rightarrow B_i + O \rightarrow B_iO_i \\ Si_i + C_s \rightarrow C_i + O \rightarrow C_iO_i \end{array}$$
 Change type of final defects but not amount of active implant

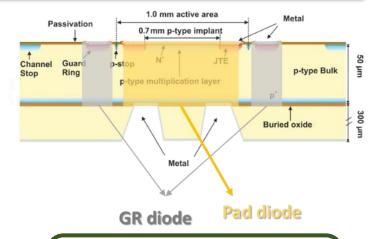
- Since  $B_i$  and  $C_i$  both compete for the same  $Si_i$ , if we introduce more Carbon we would expect to from less  $B_iO_i$  defects and more  $C_iO_i$
- If we exchange Boron with a less mobile (heavier) atom (Ga), then we should also enhance C<sub>i</sub>O<sub>i</sub> defects instead of Ga<sub>i</sub>O<sub>i</sub>

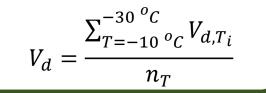
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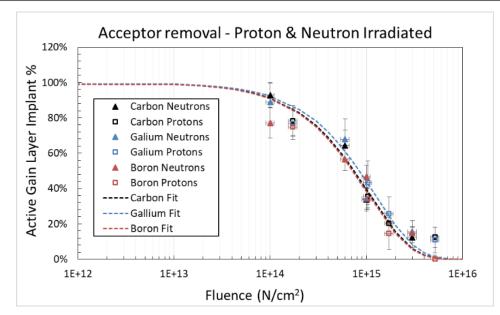
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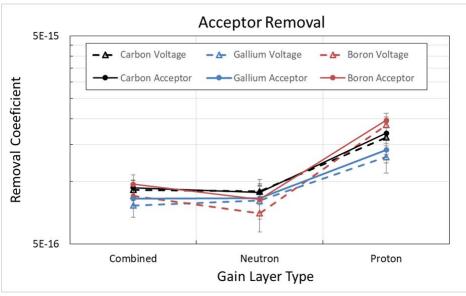
- · Independent Gaussian fits for each temperature
- Uncertainties estimated from propagation of fit sigma
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W5S1005 1e14 n. δl/δV

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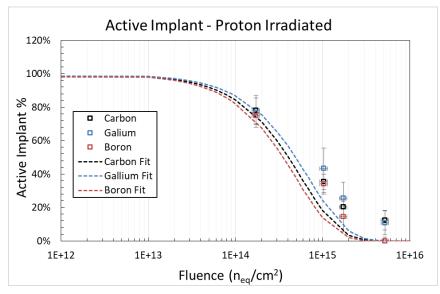
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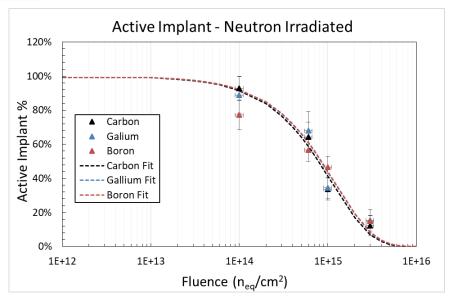
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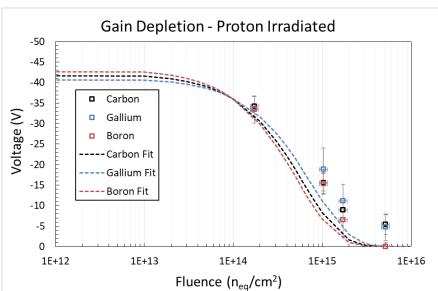
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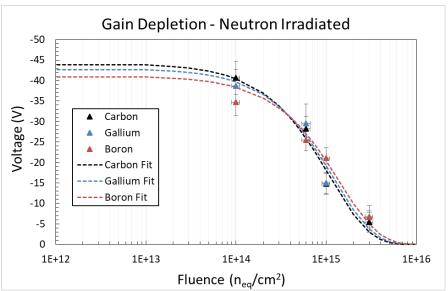
Acceptor Removal Coefficient			
Irrad. Type	С	δC	
Gallium			
Combined	8.25E-16	7.98E-17	
n <sup>0</sup> irradiated	8.28E-16	1.16E-16	
p <sup>+</sup> irradiated	1.41E-15	1.88E-16	
Boron + Carbon			
Combined	9.33E-16	7.78E-17	
n <sup>0</sup> irradiated	8.85E-16	8.76E-17	
p <sup>+</sup> irradiated	1.70E-15	2.23E-16	
Standard Boron			
Combined	9.69E-16	1.04E-16	
n <sup>0</sup> irradiated	8.19E-16	1.35E-16	
p⁺ irradiated	1.96E-15	1.60E-16	

### •The Derive and Fit Method - II

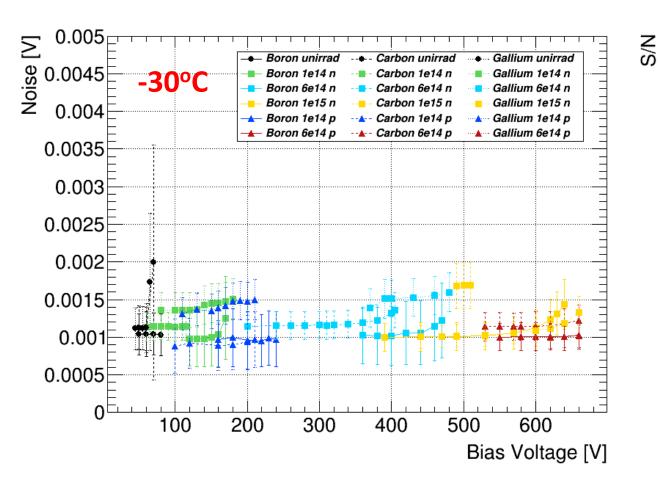


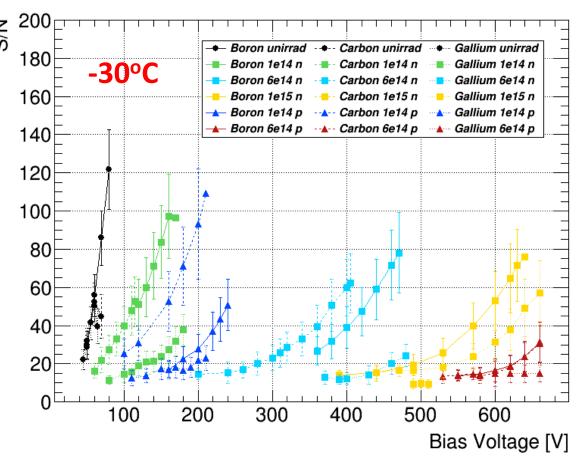




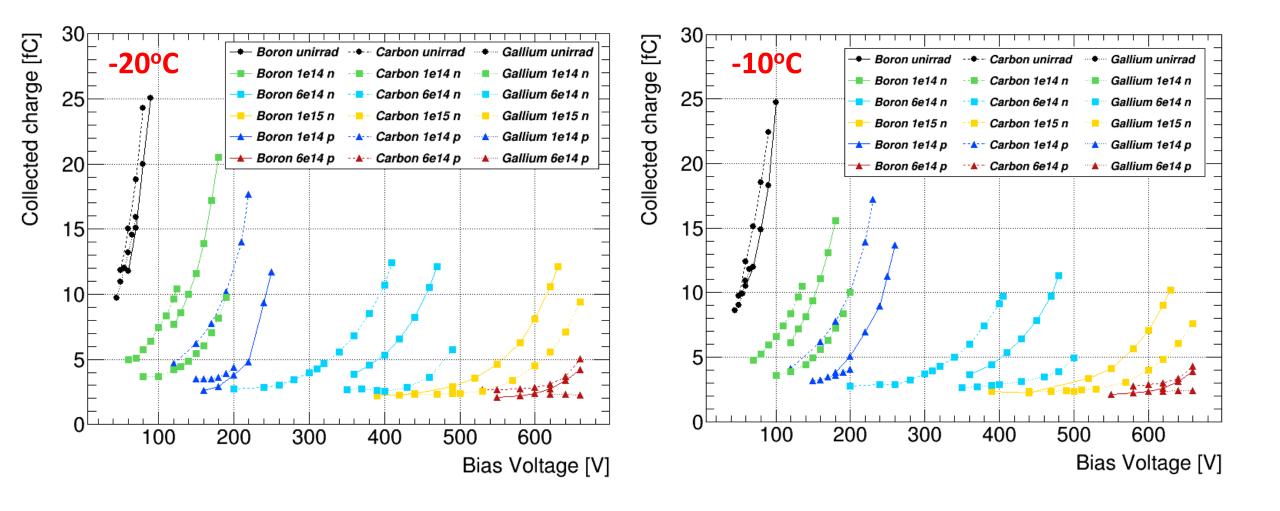


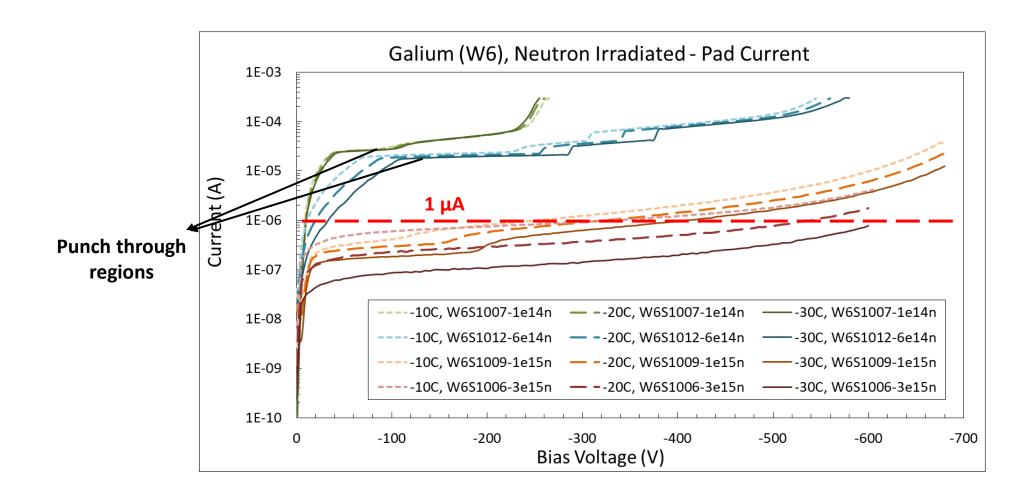
## •Charge at -20°C and -10°C





## Noise





## Comparative Studies II - Stability

$$\Delta T_{trig}^{i} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (T_{j+1}^{trig} - T_{j}^{trig})}{n}$$

$$F_{trig}^{i} = \frac{1}{1 - i}$$

X 1000

Self-trigger Rate:

$$\widetilde{F_{trig}} = \frac{F_{trig} + F_{trig} + F_{trig}}{2}$$

#### Uncertainty on trigger rate:

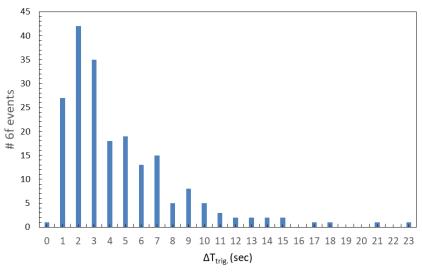
$$\delta \widetilde{F_{trig}}(\%) = \sqrt{\frac{(N_{over} + 1) \times (N_{over} + 2)}{(N+2) \times (N+3)} - \frac{(N_{over} + 1)^2}{(N+2)^2}}$$

Efficiency is a binary magnitude, Bayesian approach implemented

Sigmoid Dark rate Fit: 
$$R_{Dark\ Rate} = \frac{R_{max}}{1 + e^{C \times (V_{50\%})V)} + R_{BaseLine}$$

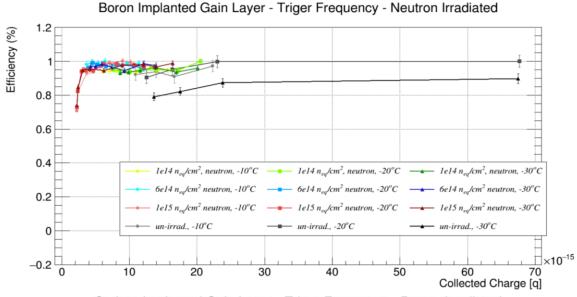
Max, recordable rate Inst. saturation point voltage point voltage point (noise, radioactivity)

Dark Rate @ 750V, CNM 11486 1e15n

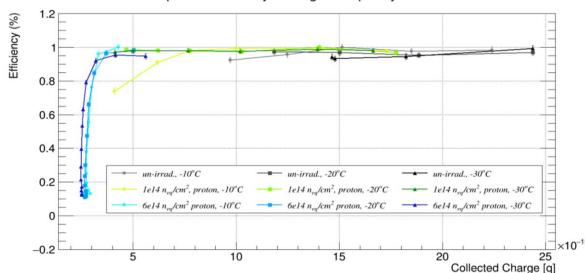


- Sensors with intrinsic gain present dark rate at higher biases
- Brownian thermal electrons following Poisson distribution
- As gain increases, the amount of charge necessary for an event to cross trigger threshold decreases
- ✓ Shot thermal noise increases with voltage
- ✓ Evaluation performed at the 2 fC threshold
- Values estimated from Poissonian fit on event frequency distribution (1000 events)

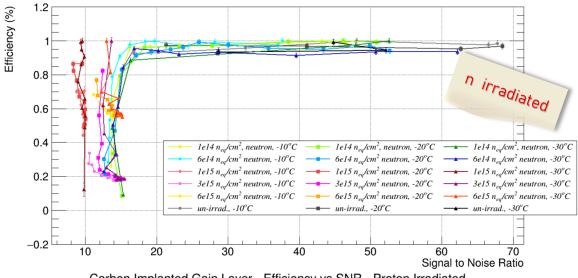
## Comparative Studies - Efficiency



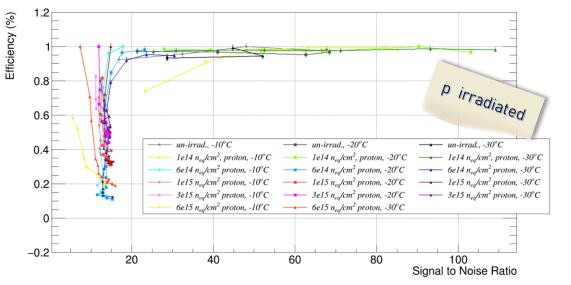
Carbon Implanted Gain Layer - Triger Frequency - Proton Irradiated



Carbon Implanted Gain Layer - Efficiency vs SNR - Neutron Irradiated

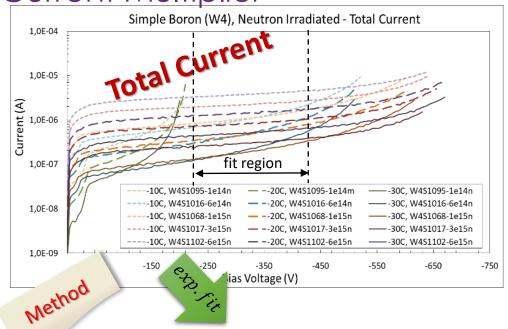


Carbon Implanted Gain Layer - Efficiency vs SNR - Proton Irradiated



# Breakdown Voltage

Current Multiplier



- ✓ Measure total leakage current (-10°C, -20°C, -30°C)
- ✓ Select a stable voltage range where behaviour follows exponential law
- ✓ Define common for all temperatures stable voltage range, after depletion and much before breakdown
- ✓ Perform exponential fit requesting  $R^2 \ge 99\%$  (same range as in the gain reduction fits same constraints)
- ✓ Calculate the multiplier with respect to the expected current
- ✓ Define breakdown in multiplier value (Is it really exponential??)

Un-irradiated: 
$$I_{pad}^{\Phi=0} = I_s \times \left(e^{\frac{eV}{nkT}} - 1\right) \times G(e^V, T)$$

Function of acceptor removal, exponential to fluence and voltage plus a linear term

Irradiated:

$$I_{pad}(\Phi) = (I_{pad}^{\Phi=0} + \alpha \Phi) \times G^*(e^V, T, \Phi)$$

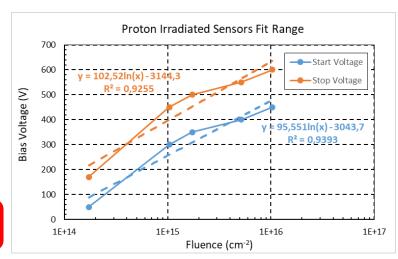
Exponential Fit:  $I = b \cdot m^V$ 

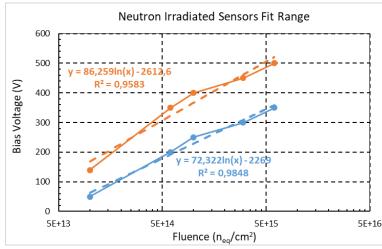
Acceptance Criteria:  $R^2 \ge 99\%$ 

Expected current:  $I_{norm} = b \cdot m^{V_i}$ 

Current Multiplier:  $M(V) = \left| \frac{I_{pad} + I_{GR}}{I_{norm}} \right|$ 

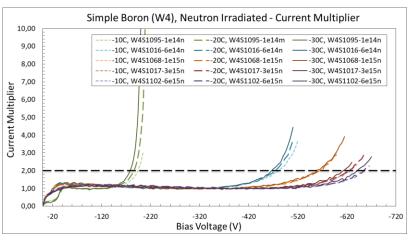
Breakdown:  $V_{brw} \rightarrow M(V) > 2$ 

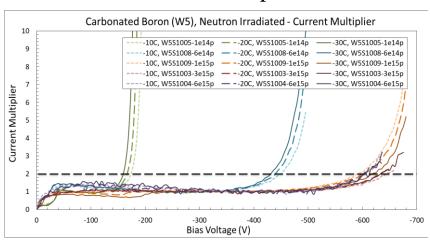




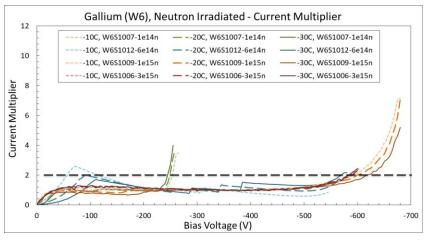
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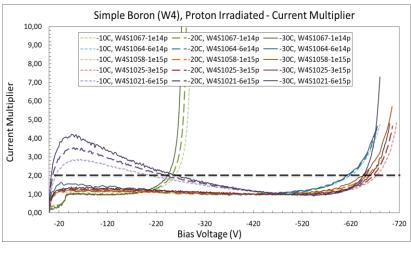
- ✓ Independent fit for each temperature
- ✓ Identical fit regions across all temperatures
- ✓ Identical fit regions for same fluence across all three implants

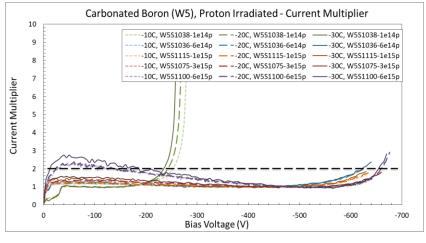


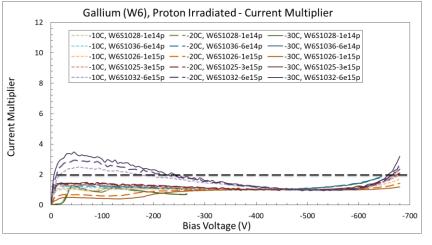








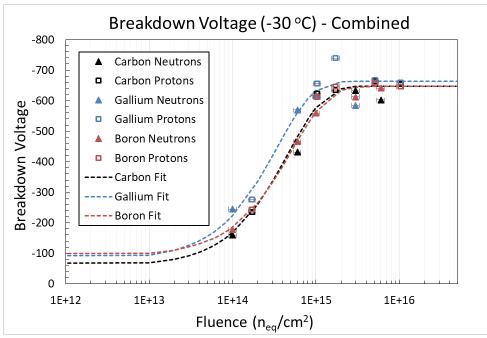




# Breakdown Voltage

Model

Breakdown of PIN Un-irradiated breakdown voltage  $V_b = (V_{max} - V_0) ig(1 - e^{-c\Phi}ig) + V_0$ 



- ✓ Carbon and boron are compatible
- ✓ Gallium presents higher breakdown voltage (most possibly due to process variation)
- ✓ All implants compatible with sigmoid approach
- ✓ Highest breakdown voltage after irradiation independent of gain exclusively process dependent

