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Theory of the Ion Beam Induced Charge Technique (IBIC).

- From nuclear spectroscopy to material analysis
- Principles of IBIC
- From spectroscopy to microspectroscopy
- Basic equations
- Validation of the theory
- Charge sharing

IBIC for the functional characterization of semiconductor materials and devices

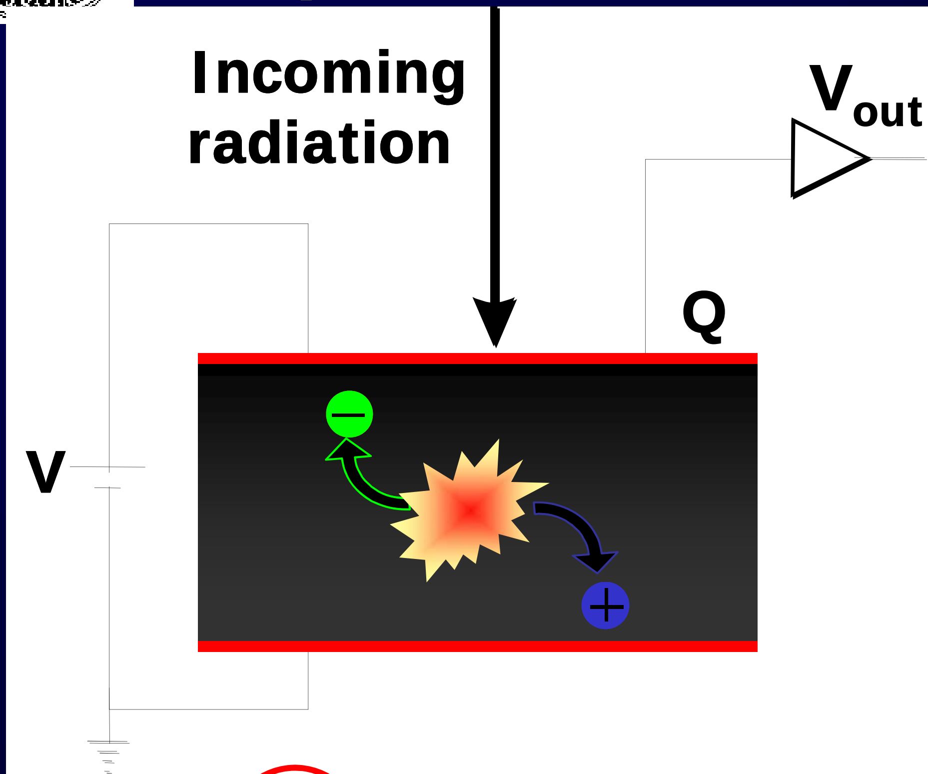
Measurement of the their electronic properties and performances

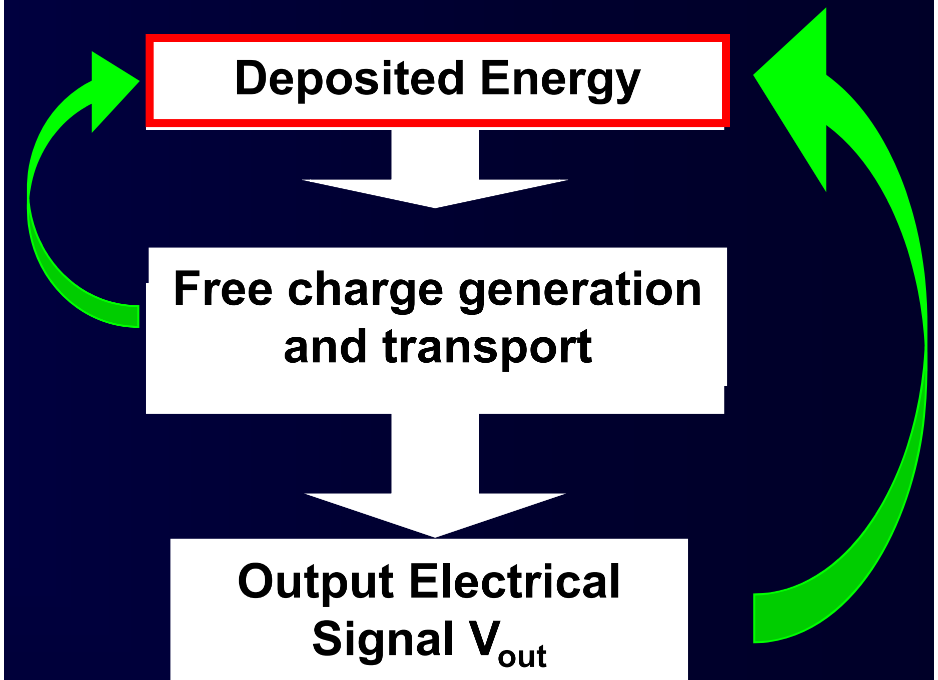
Main physical observable: current

Current = F(carrier density; carrier transport)

Carrier density	Carrier transport
Carrier generation by MeV ions Generation profile Recombination/trapping Carrier lifetime τ	Free carriers (electron/hole) transport Two mechanisms: Drift $\Rightarrow$ electric field $v=\mu\cdot E$ Diffusion $\Rightarrow$ concentration gradient

Principles of radiation detection techniques





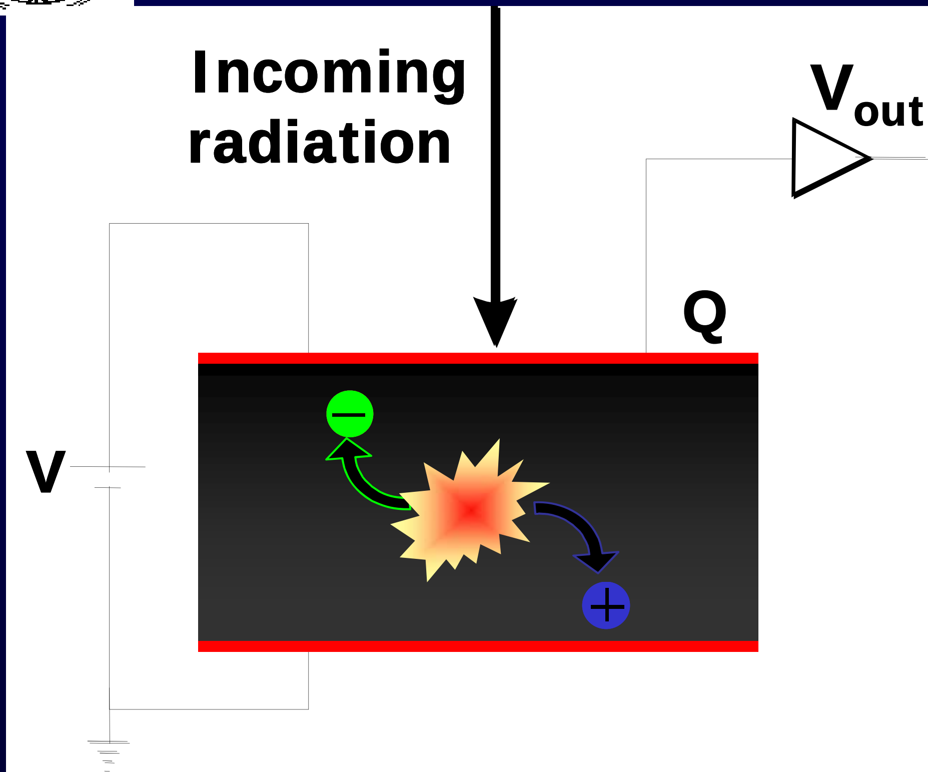
$$V_{out} = F(\text{Deposited Energy}, \text{Free Carrier Transport})$$

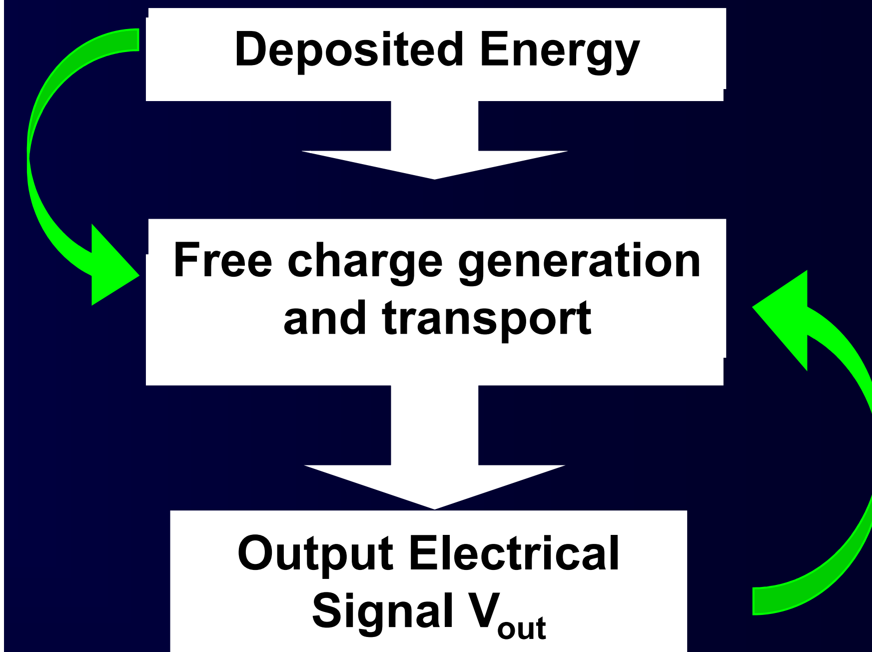
Measured

Nuclear spectroscopy

Well known

IBIC principles





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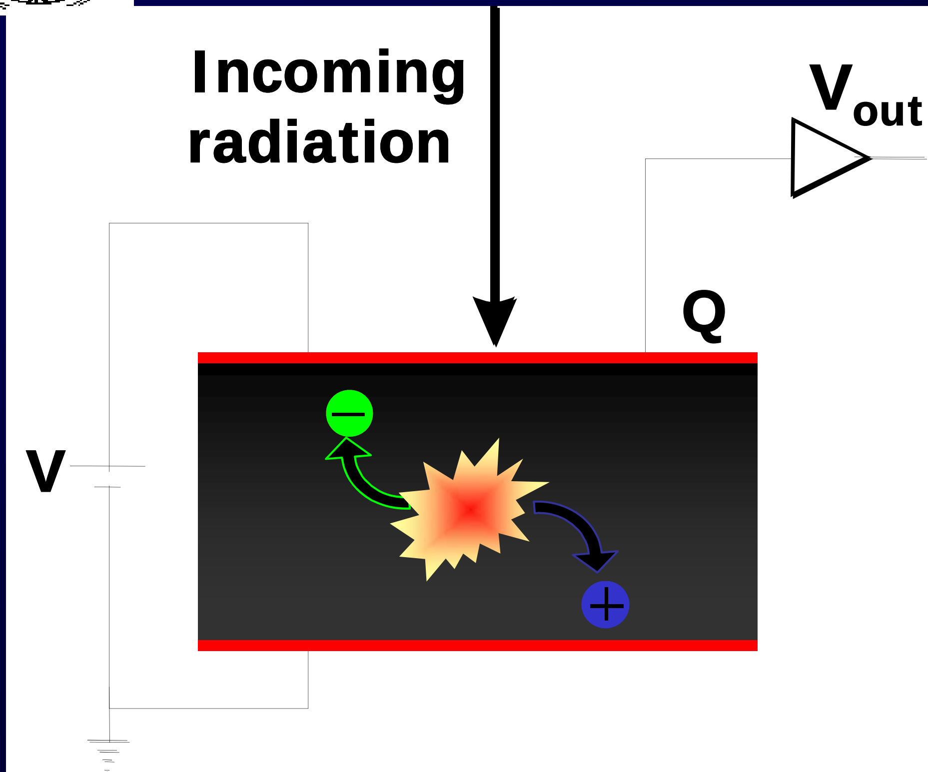

MeV ion energy deposition

Electron/hole pair generation

Charge carrier transport

Induced Charge at the sensing electrode

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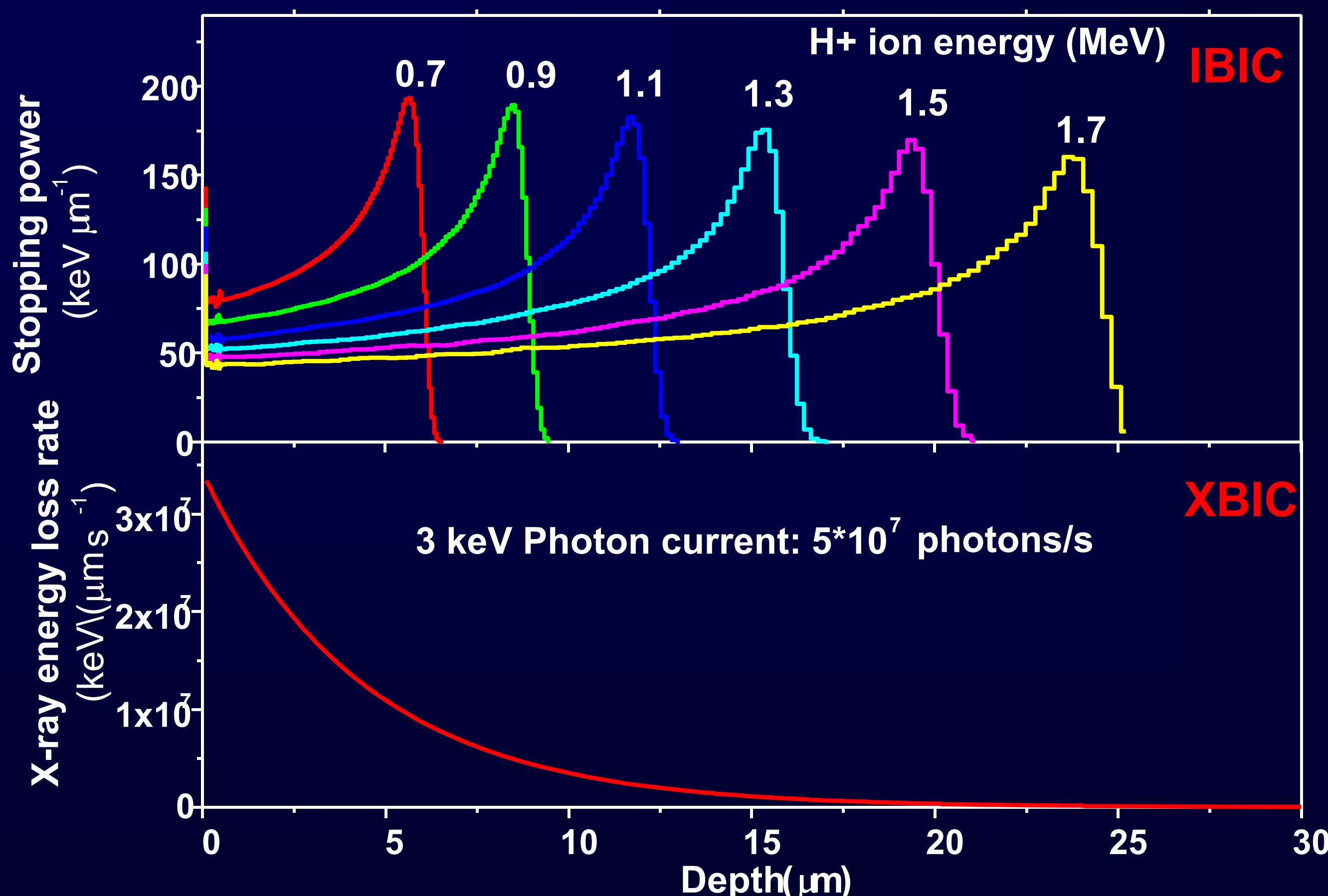
Using MeV ions to probe the electronic features of semiconductors



SRIM (Stopping and Range of Ion in Matter)

Electrode energy loss very small (≅ 1%)

- ➢long range
- ➢low lateral scattering
- ➢a wide choice of ion ranges and electronic energy losses

✓analysis through thick surface layers

✓charge pulses height spectra almost independent on topography .

✓profiling

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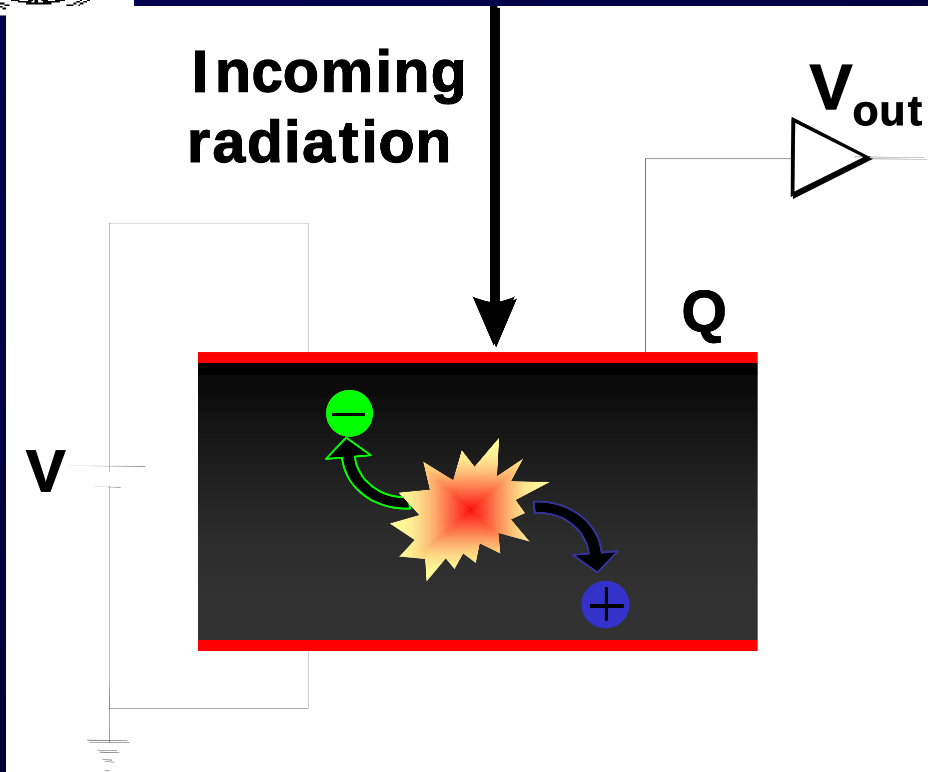

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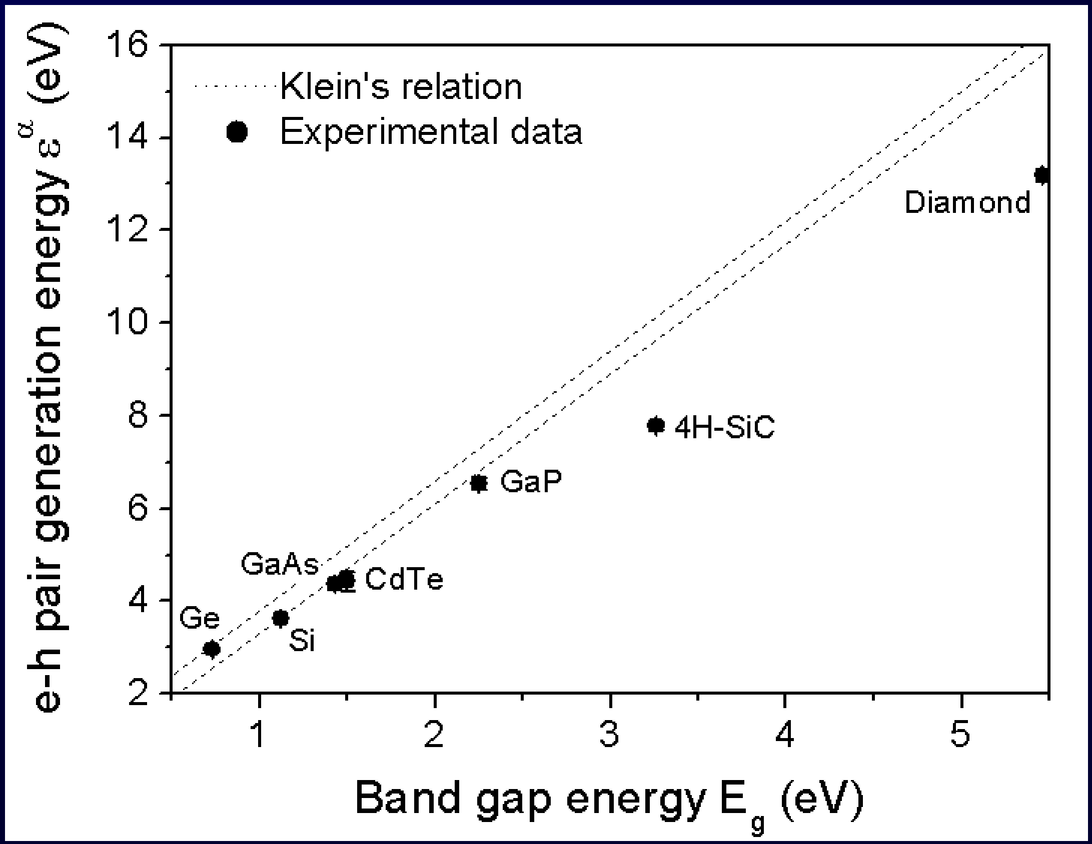
$$N_{eh} = \frac{E_{ion}}{\varepsilon_{eh}}$$



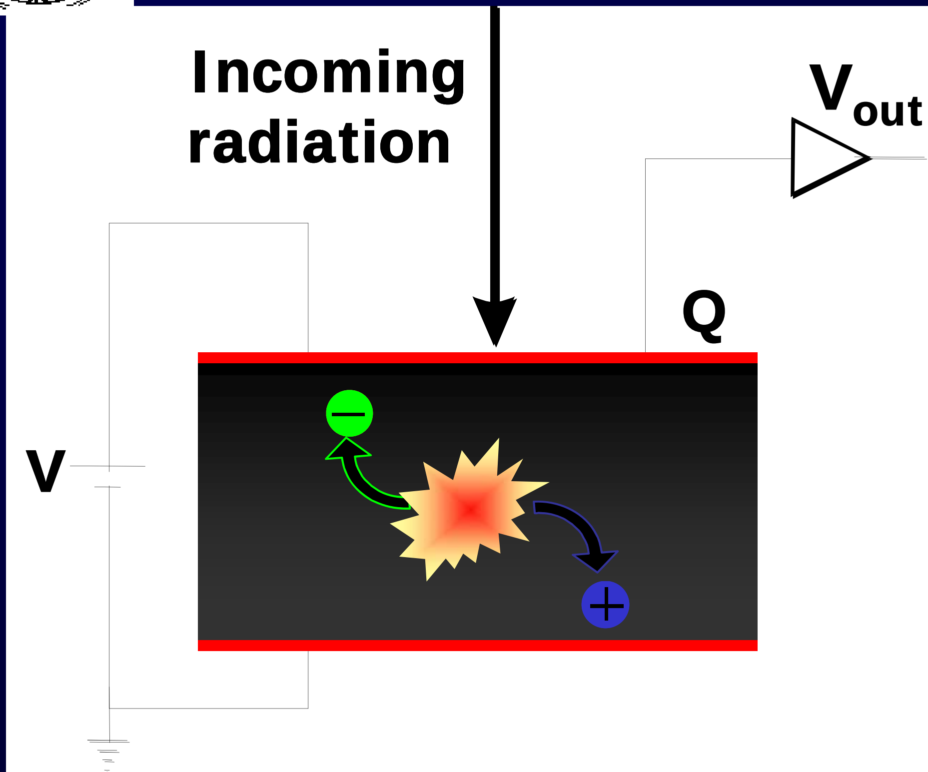
A. Lo Giudice et al. Applied Physics Letters 87, 22210 (2005)

ε_{eh}=average energy expended by the primary ion to produce one electron/hole pair

1 MeV ion in diamond generates about 77000 e/h pairs

Each high energy ion creates large numbers of charge carriers to be measured above the noise level.

IBIC principles



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"The mobility and life of injecting holes and electrons in germanium,

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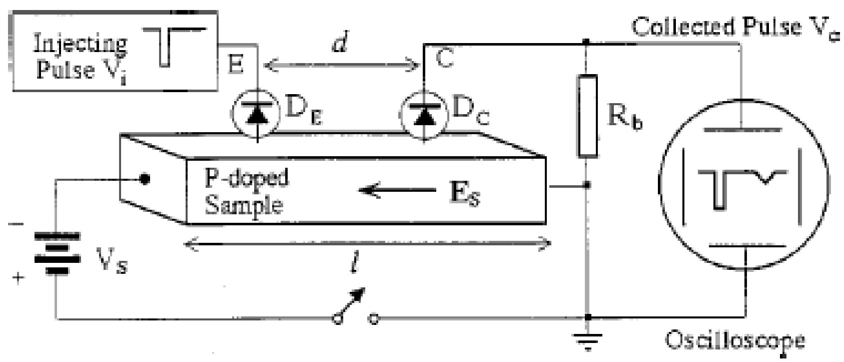


Fig. 1. Block diagram of the Haynes Shockley experiment: D_E and D_C are the emitter and collector point probes.

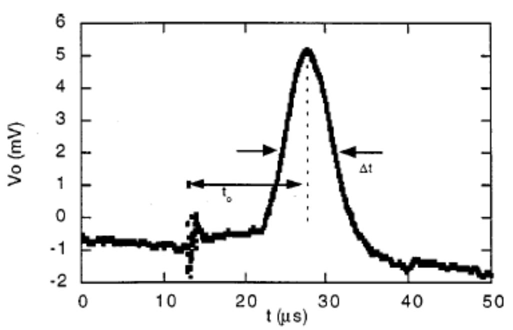


Fig. 12. Waveform observed in an N-doped Ge sample ($\rho = 1\ \Omega$ cm) with optical injection.

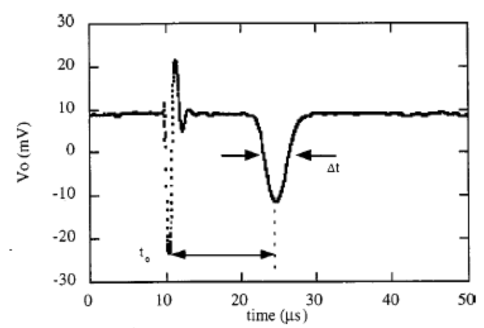
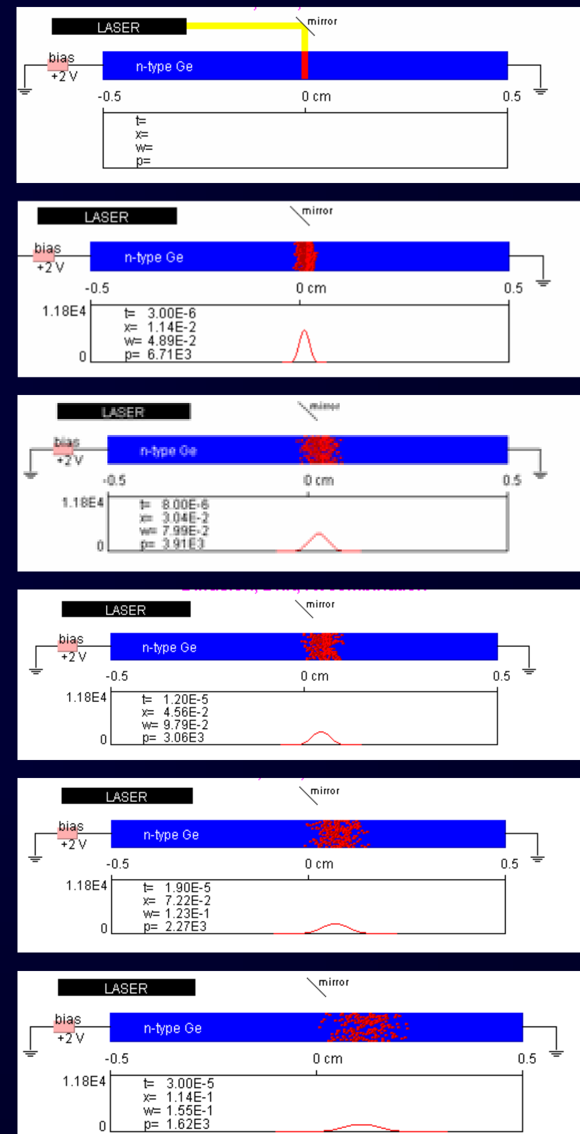


Fig. 11. Waveform observed in a P-doped Ge sample ($\rho = 15\ \Omega$ cm) with electrical injection.



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P-doped Ge;

resistivity about 15 Ω·cm;

dielectric constant =1.4pF/cm;

Dielectric relaxation time = 21 ps.

Charge neutrality maintained

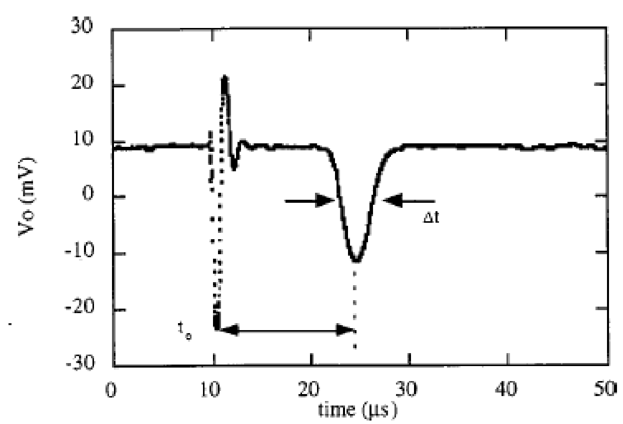


Fig. 11. Waveform observed in a P-doped Ge sample ($\rho = 15\ \Omega$ cm) with electrical injection.

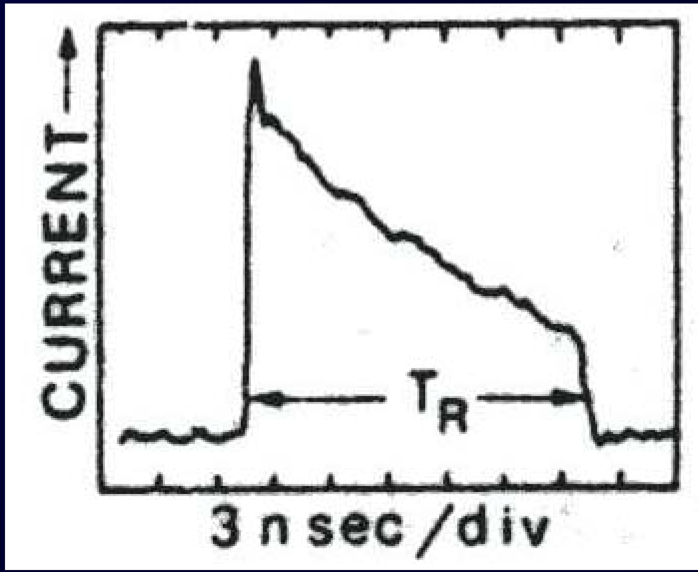
IIa diamond;

resistivity about 10^{15} Ω·cm;

dielectric constant =0.5 pF/cm;

Dielectric relaxation time = 500 s.

Charge neutrality not maintained



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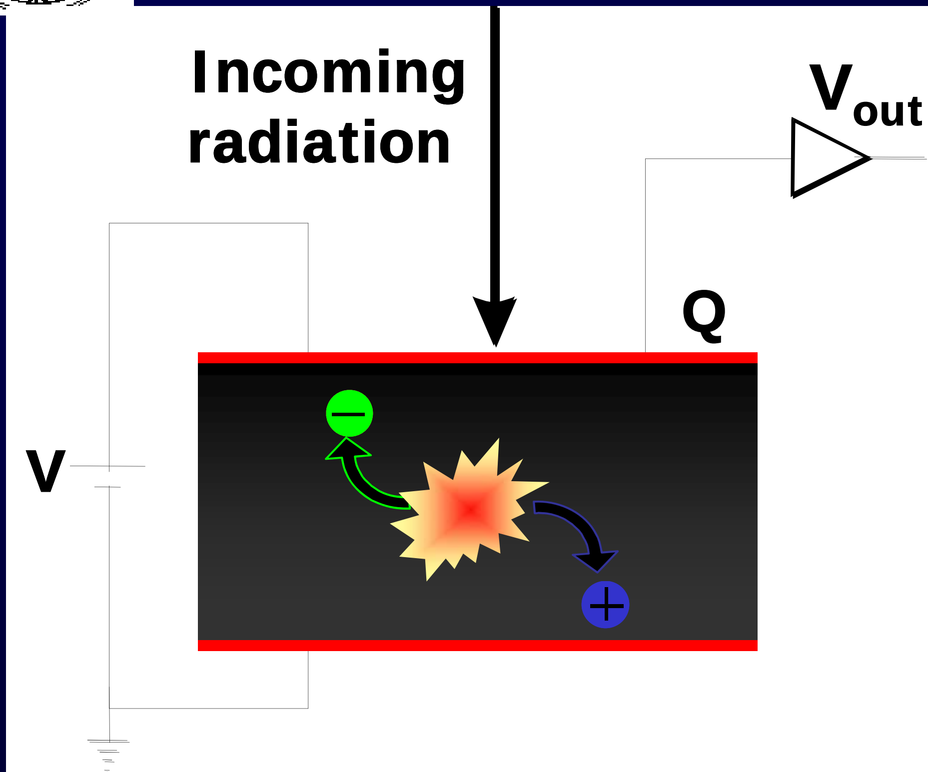

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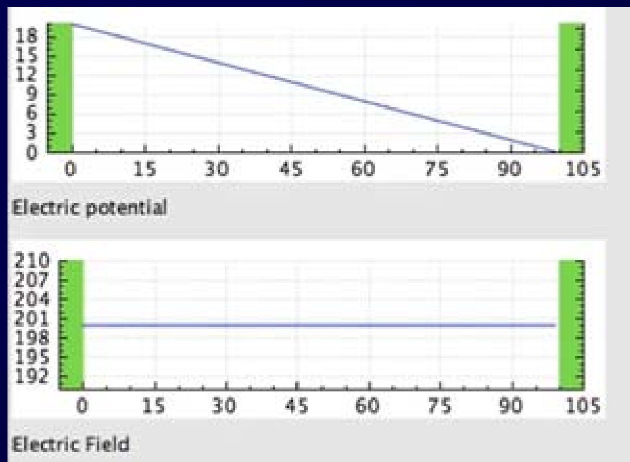

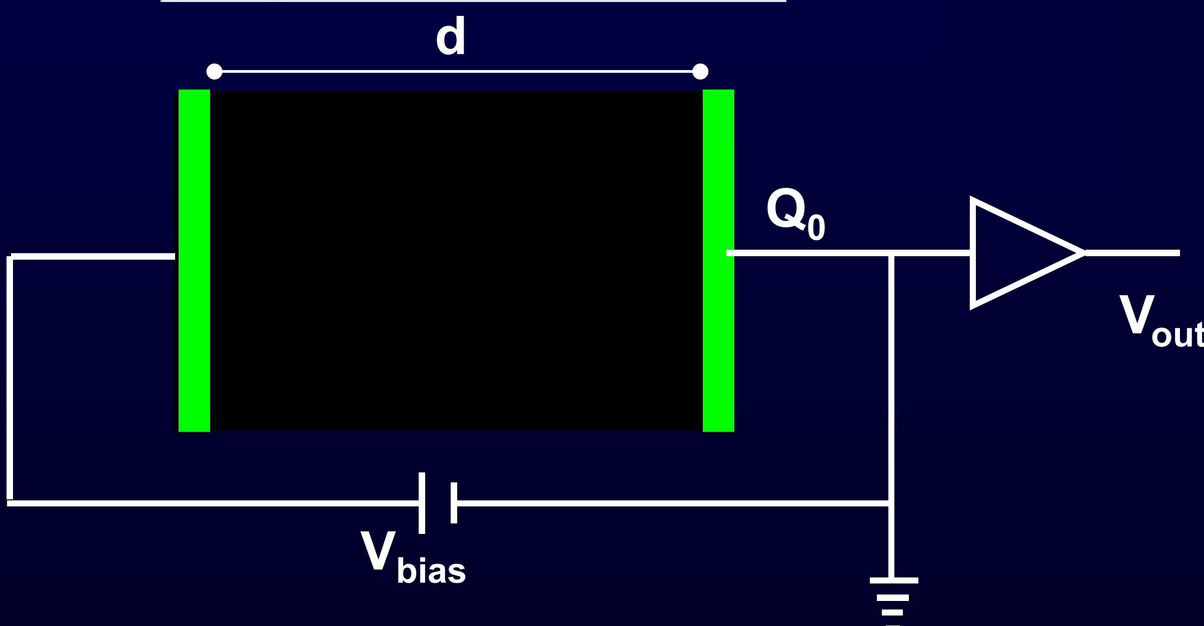

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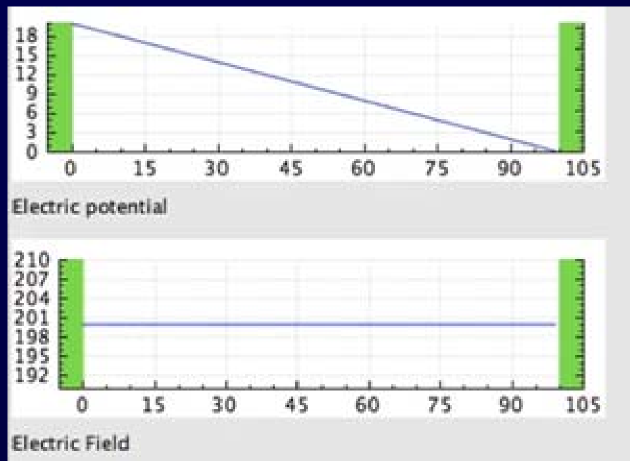

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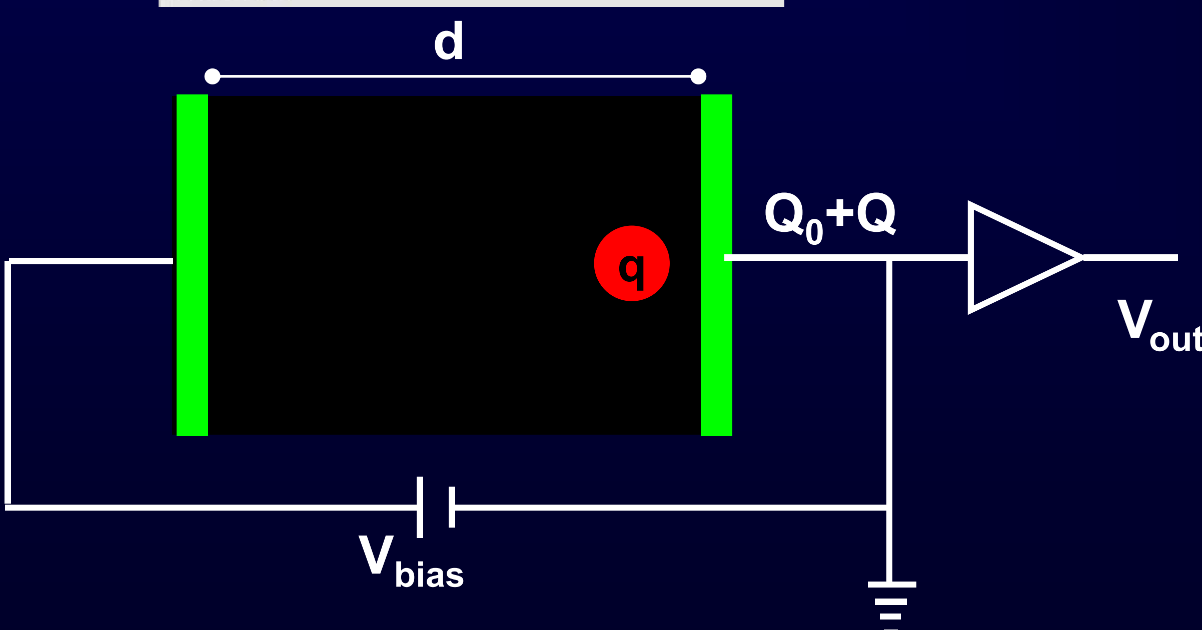

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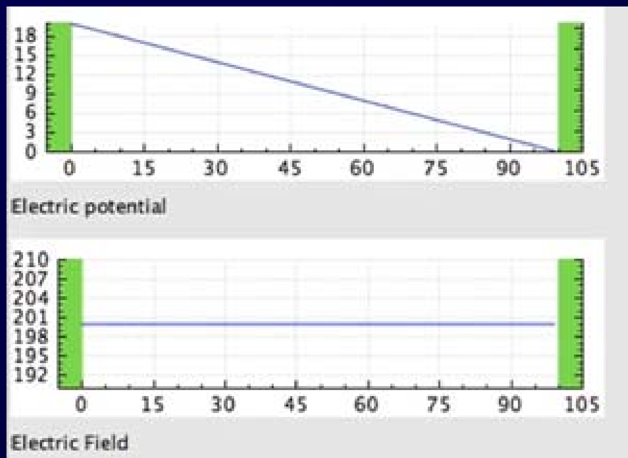

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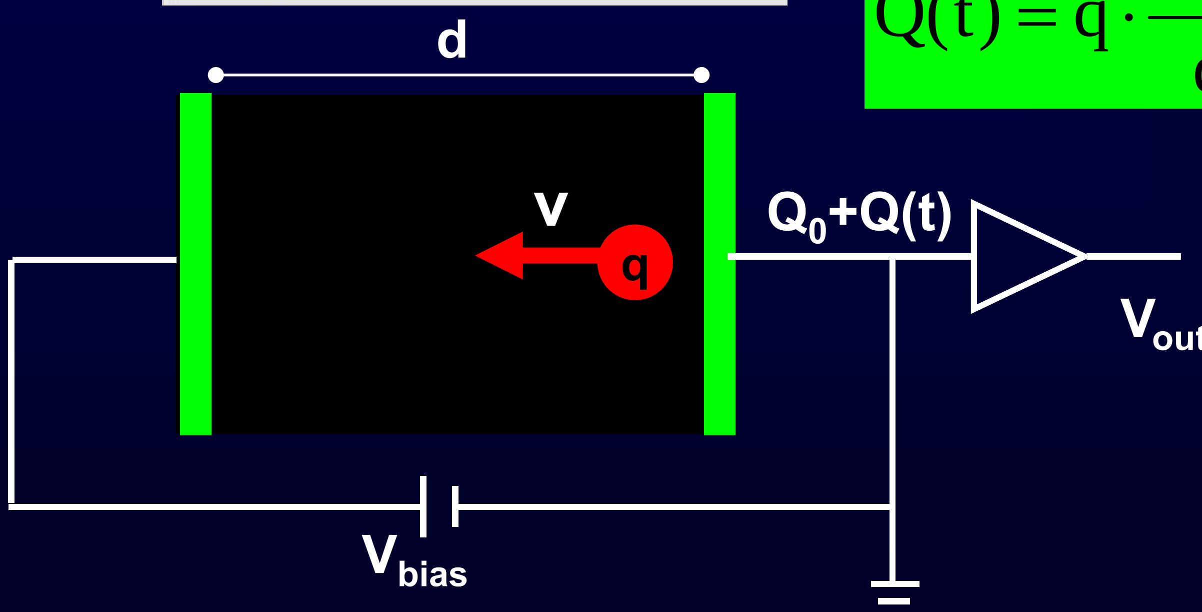

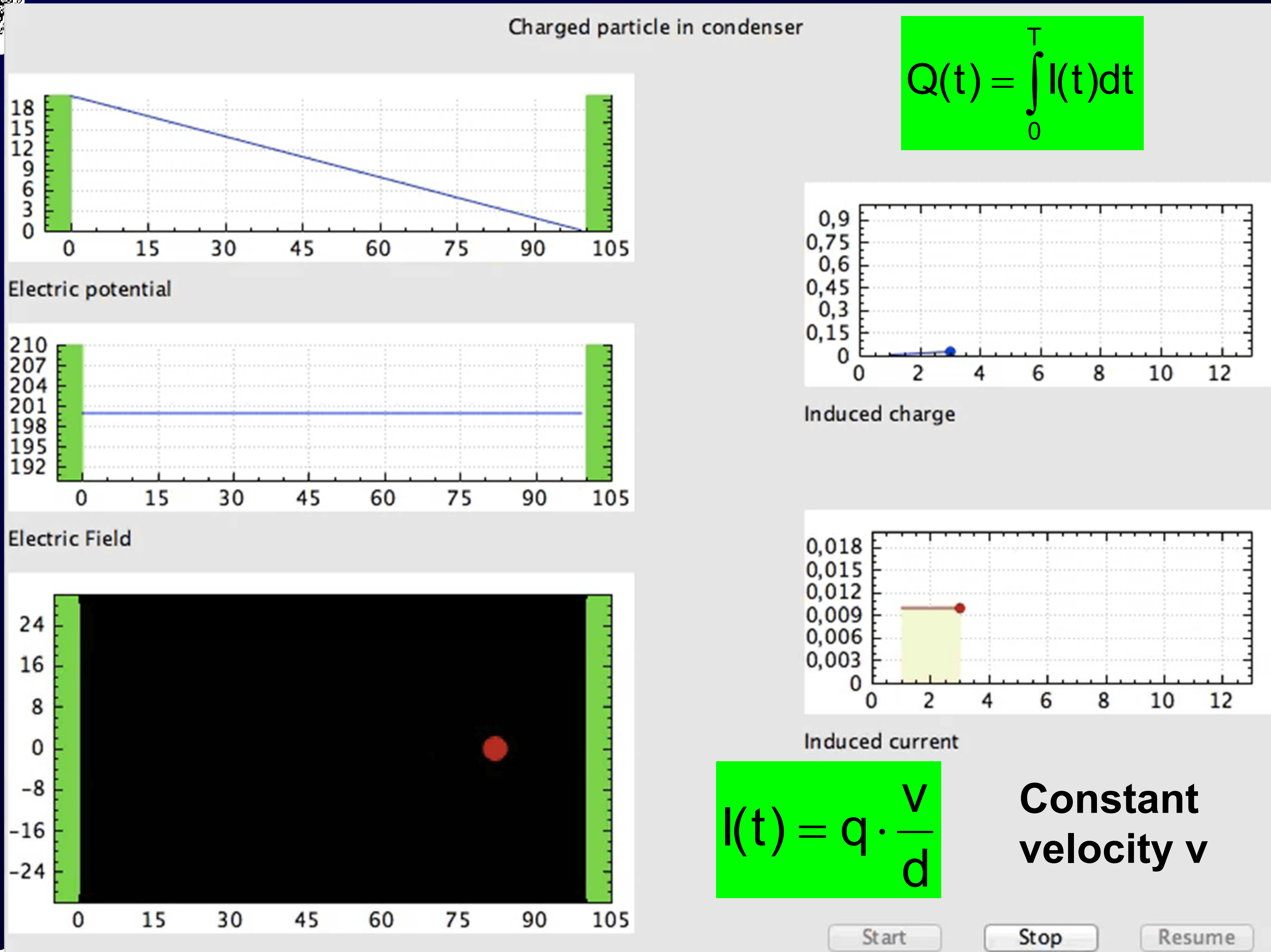

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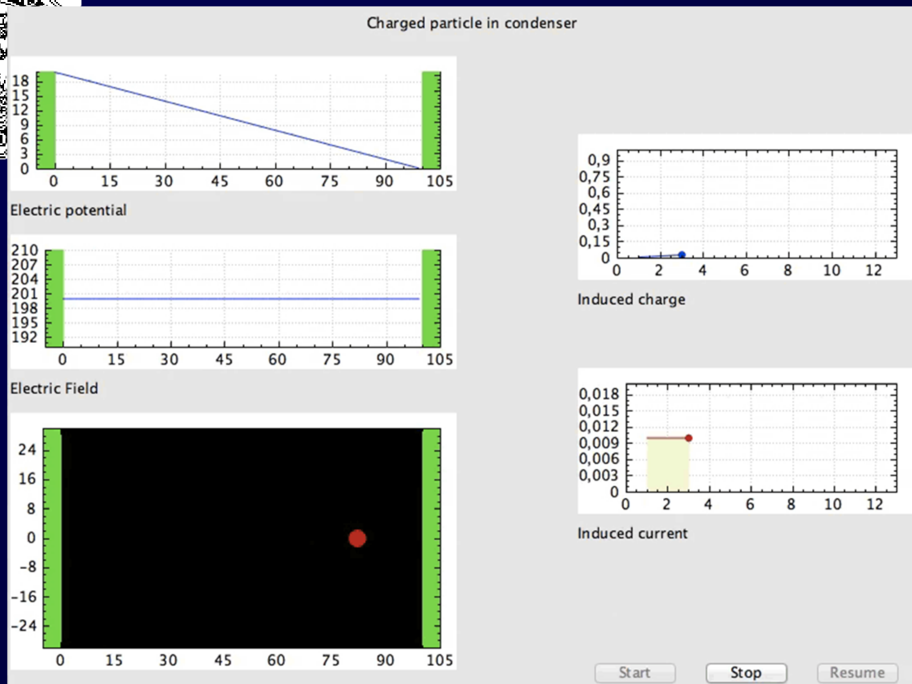
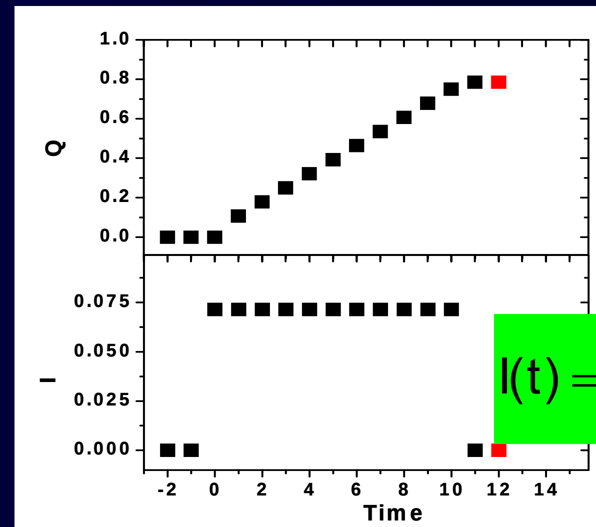
Constant velocity v

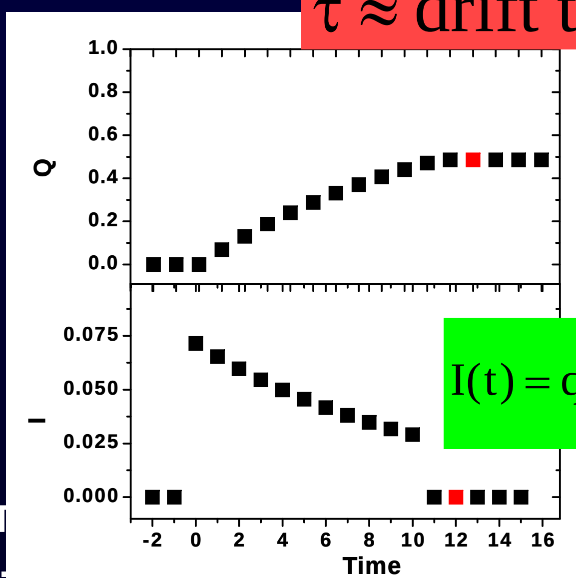


$\tau \to \infty$

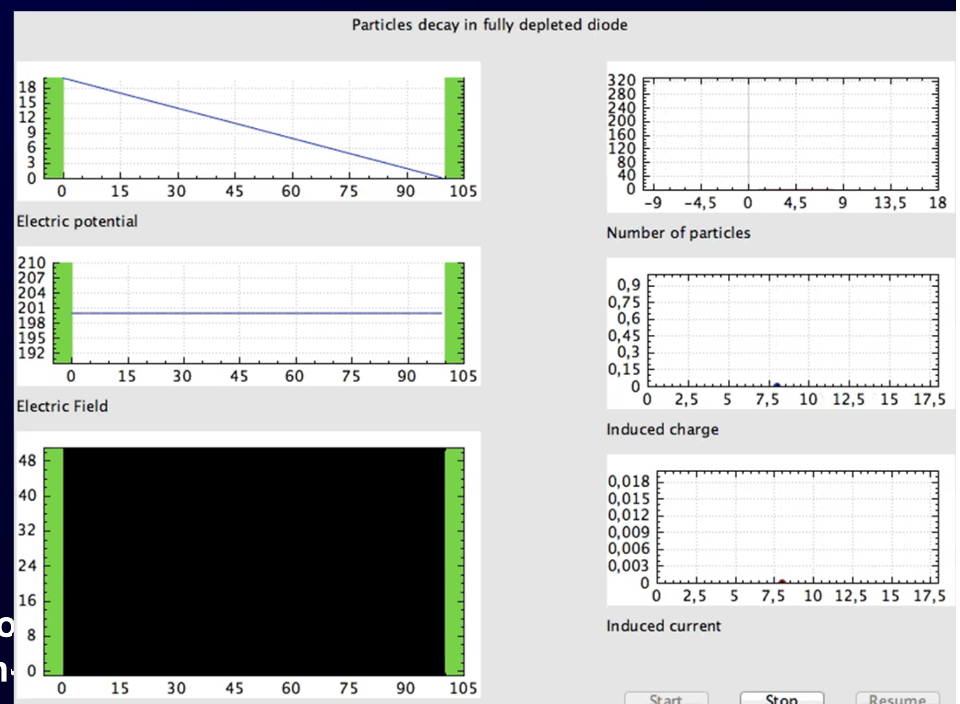


$$I(t) = q \cdot \frac{v}{d}$$

$\tau \approx$ drift time



$$I(t) = q \cdot \frac{v}{d} \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{t}{\tau}\right]$$



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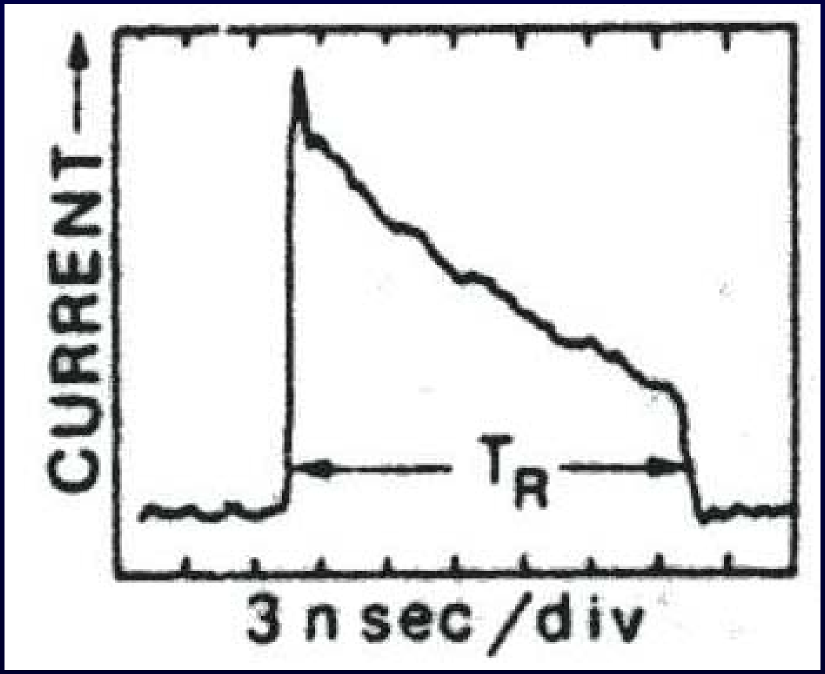

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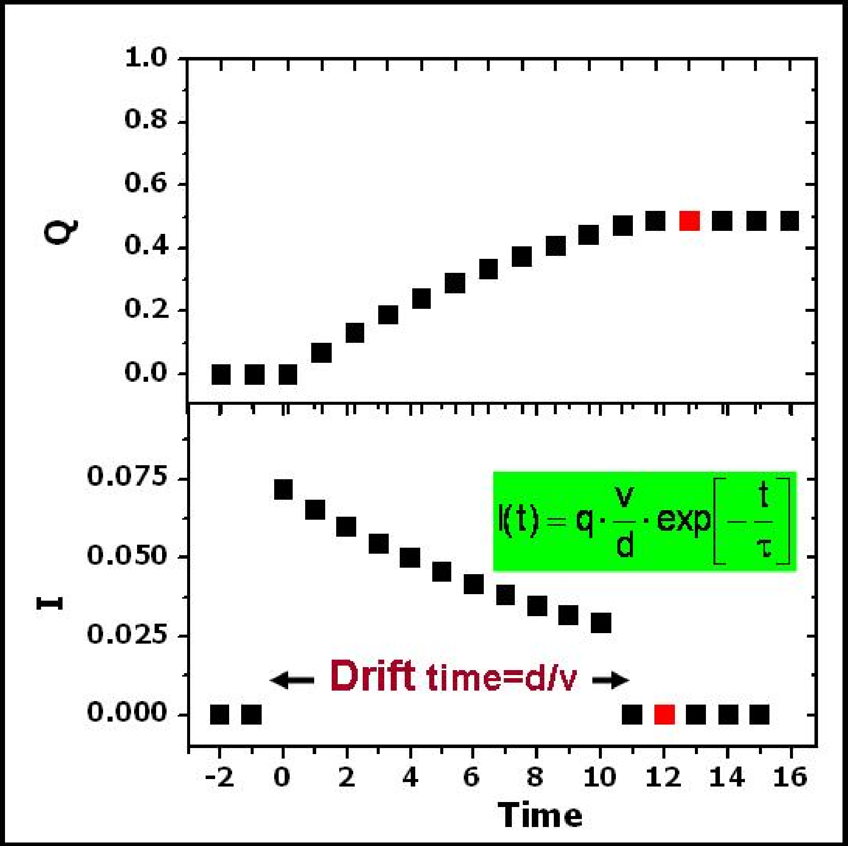
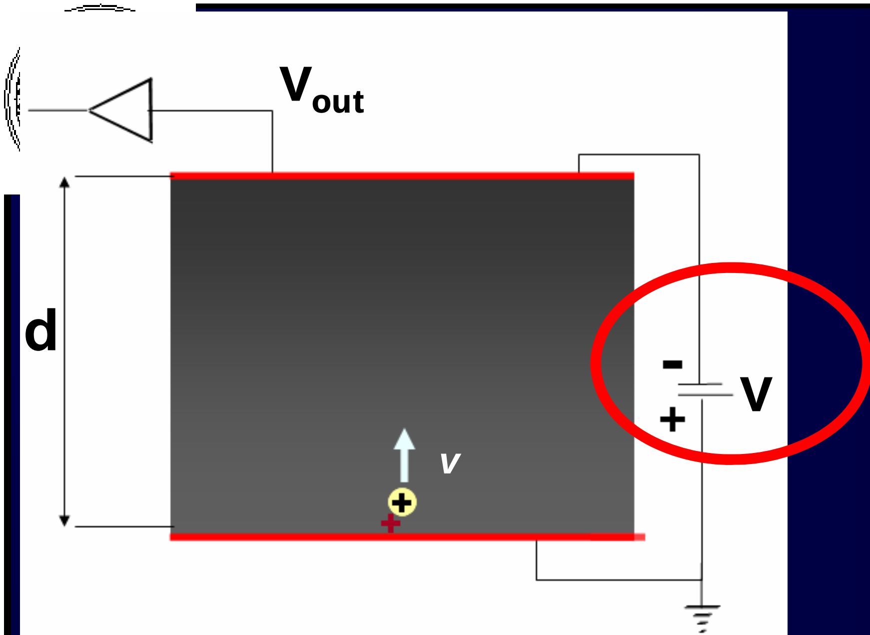
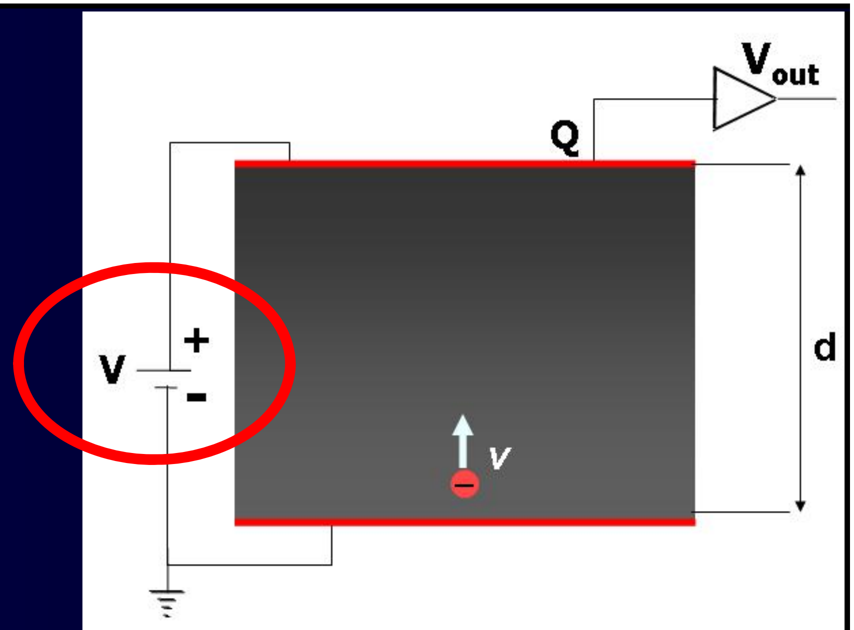




Generation at the anode
Induced signal from the
Hole motion

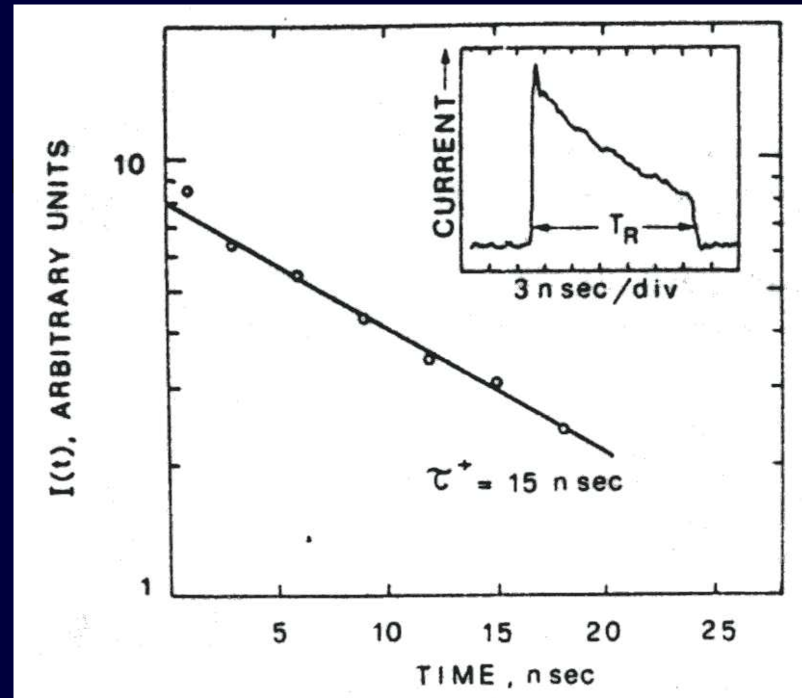


Generation at the cathode
Induced signal from the
electron motion

$$CCE \approx \frac{\mu\tau_e E}{d}\left(1-\exp\left(\frac{-d}{\mu\tau_e E}\right)\right)$$

K. Hecht, Z. Physik 77, (1932) 23

Characterization of the transport properties in diamond



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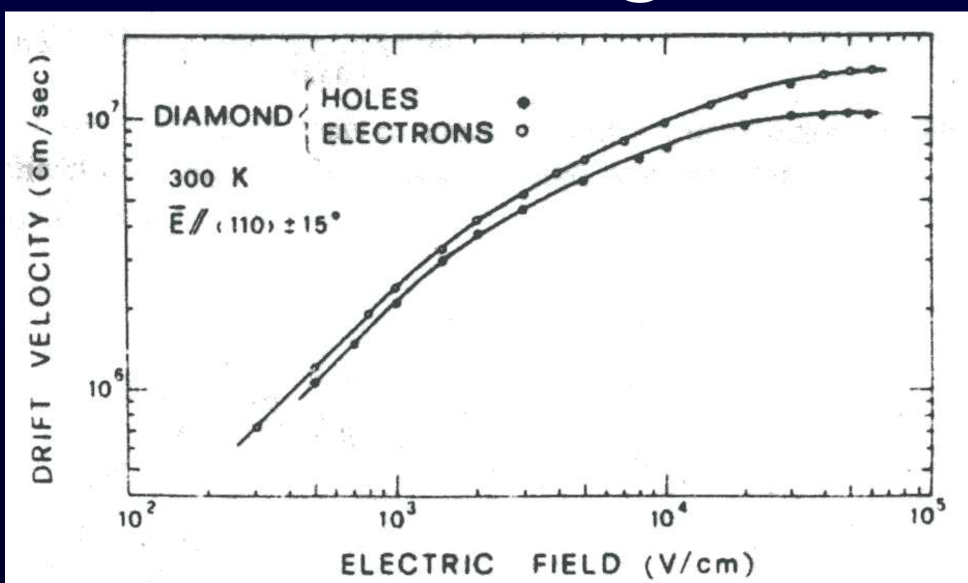


Drift velocity; $v = \mu E = d/T_R$

Mobility; $\mu = d^2/(T_R * V_{Bias})$

Shockley-Ramo Theorem

$$v = \mu \cdot E$$

The current is induced by the motion of charges in presence of an electric field

Induced current

$$I(t) = q \cdot \frac{v}{d}$$

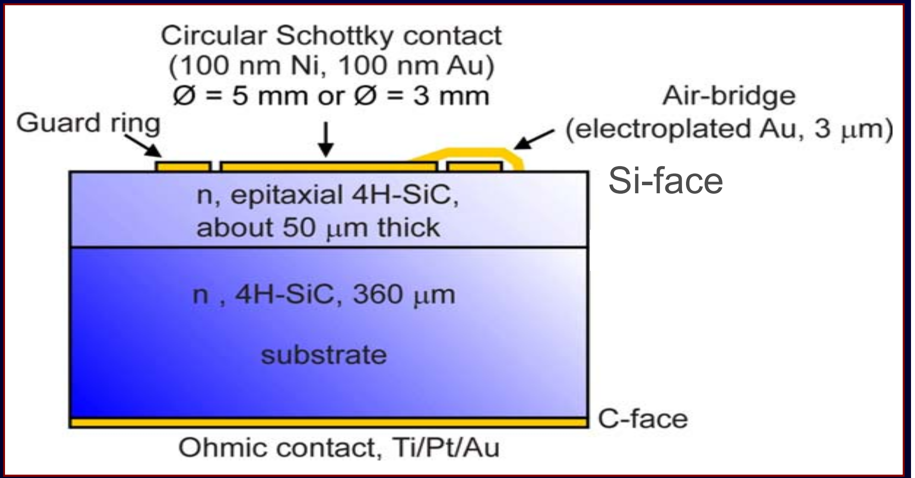
4H-SiC Schottky diode

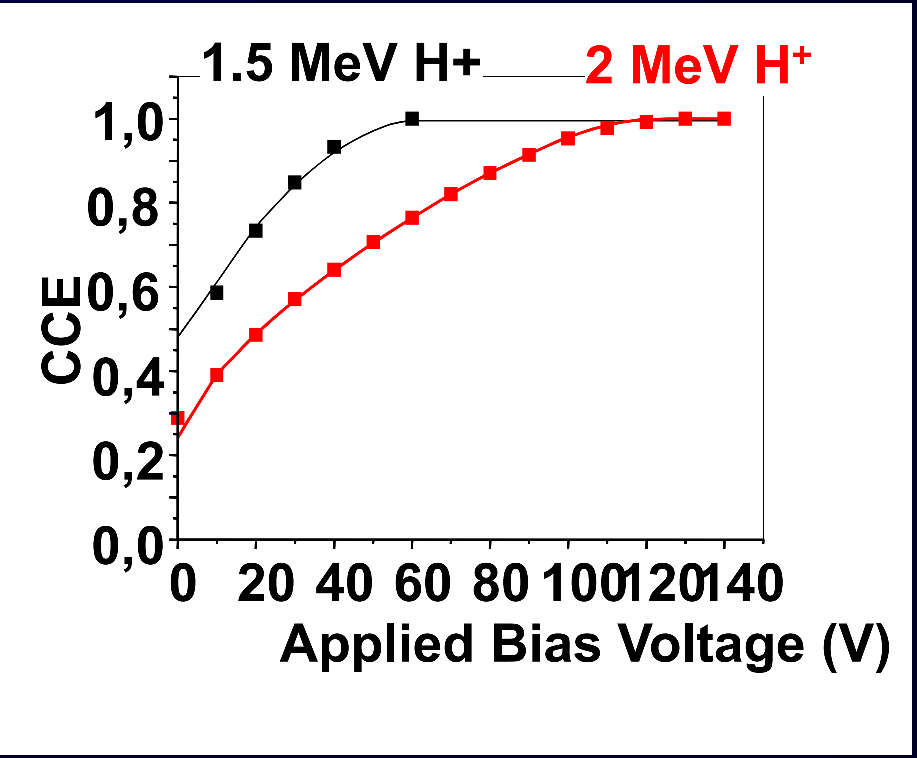
Starting Material: 360 μm n-type 4H-SiC by CREE (USA)
Epitaxial layer from Institute of Crystal Growth (IKZ), Berlin, Germany
Devices from Alenia Marconi System

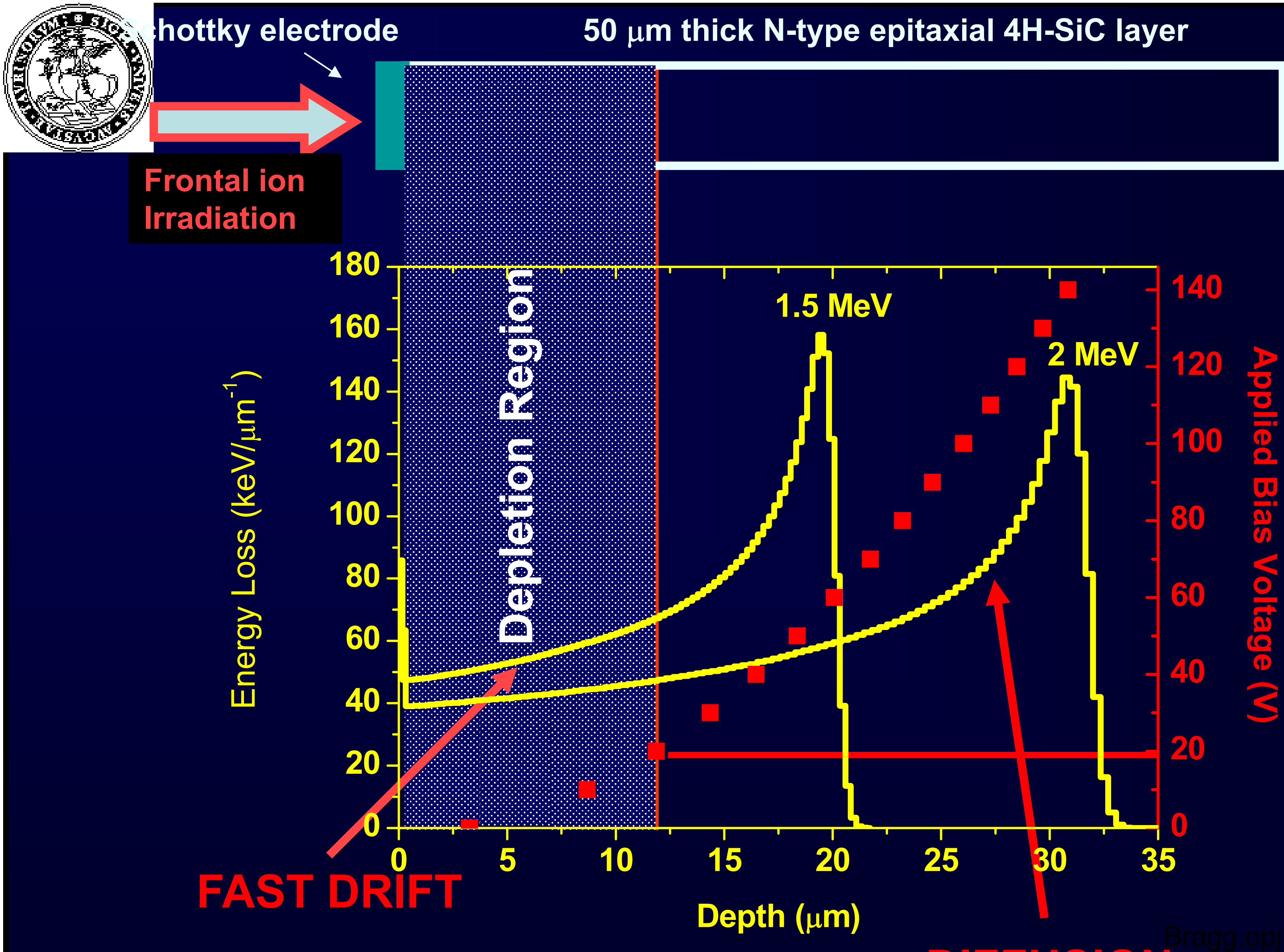
CCE=Charge Collection Efficiency
=
(Charge collected)/(Charge generated)

1.5 or 2.0

MeV H+





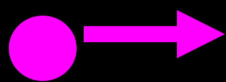


COMPLETE COLLECTION

Generation of electrons and holes in the

Depletion Region

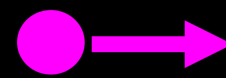
Electrons



Holes

Neutral Region

Electrons



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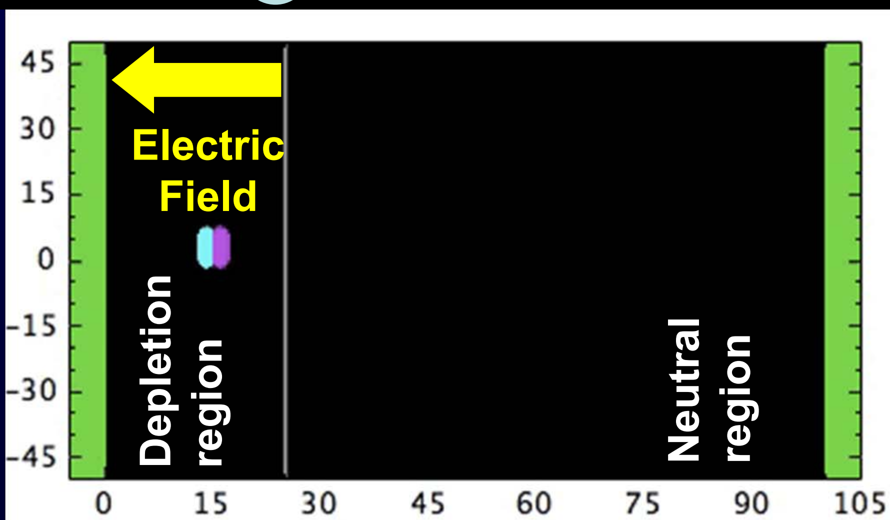

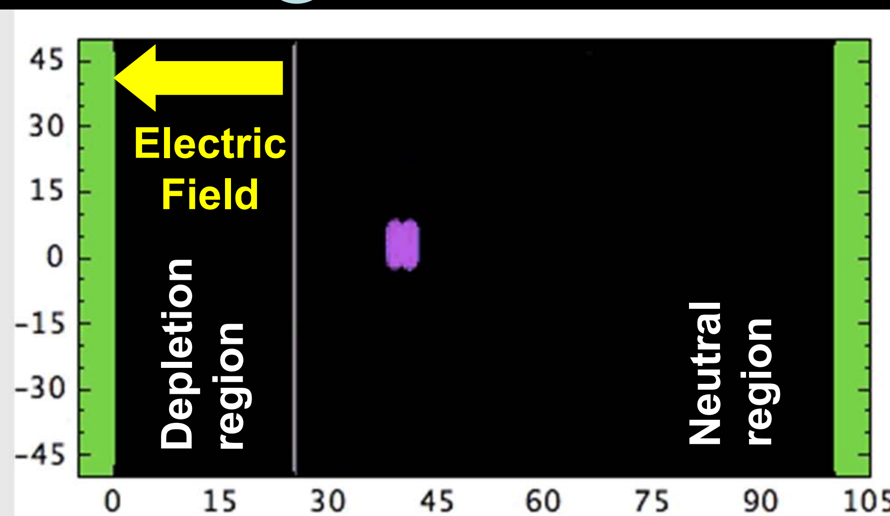

Complete charge collection

Only holes injected in the depletion region by diffusion induce a charge

Contribution from the neutral region

Contribution from the depletion layer

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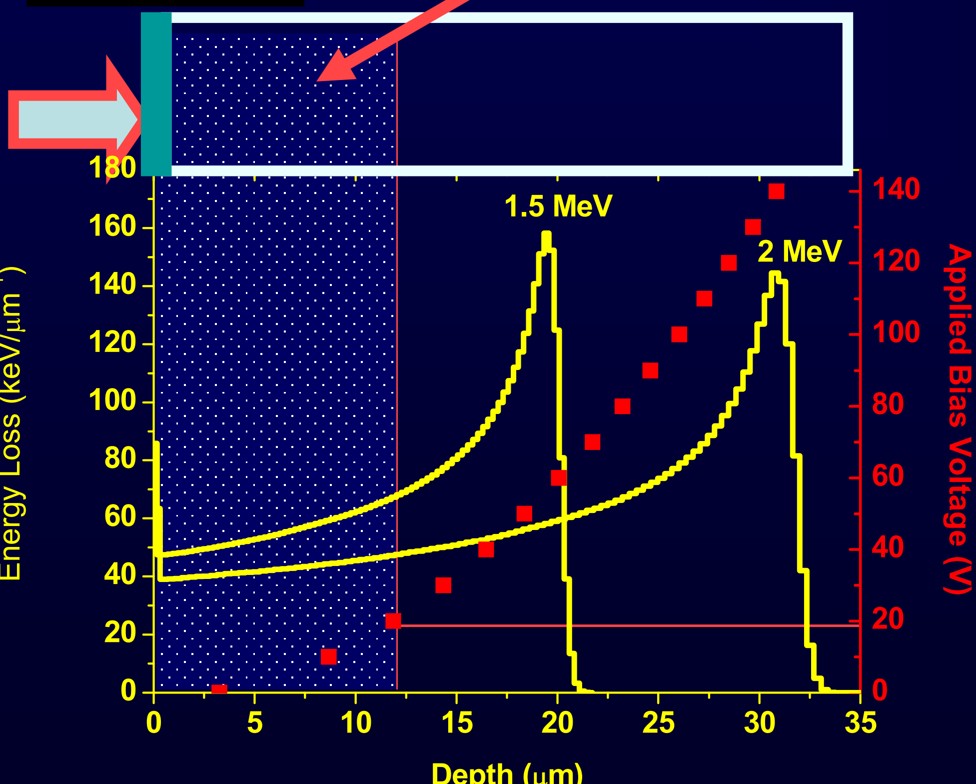
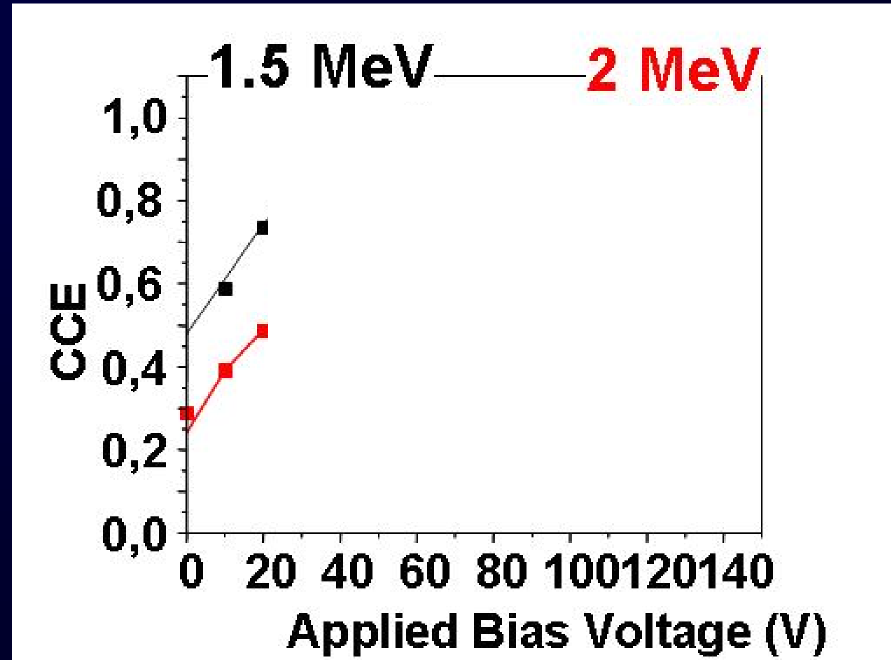
Frontal ion Irradiation



4H-SiC Schottky diode



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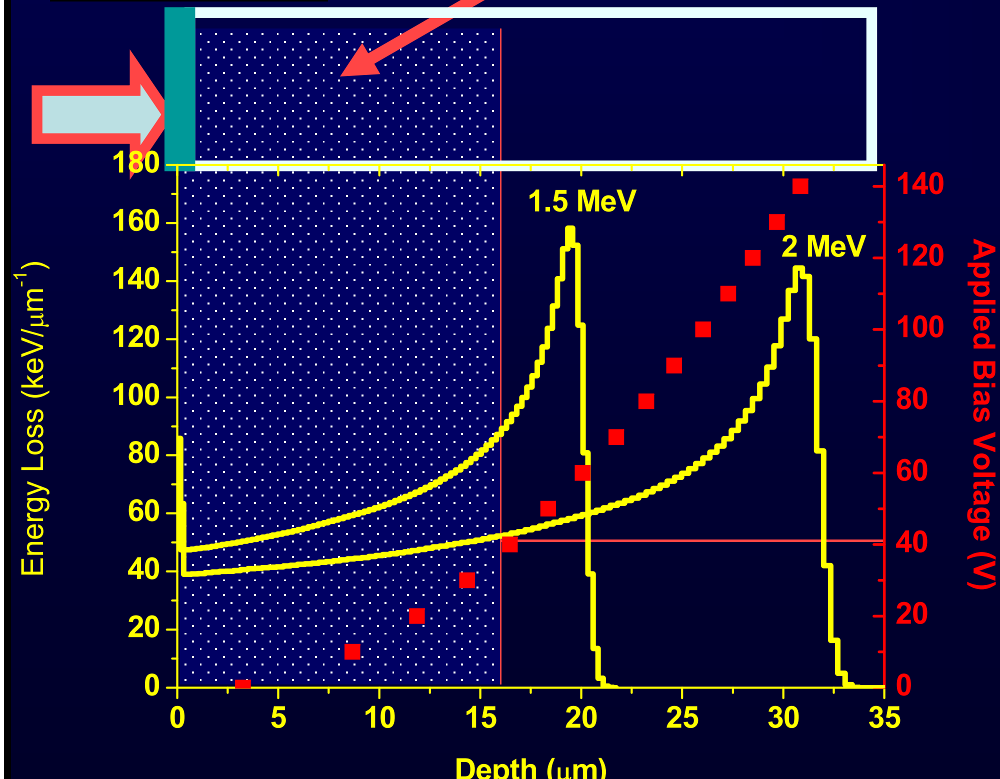

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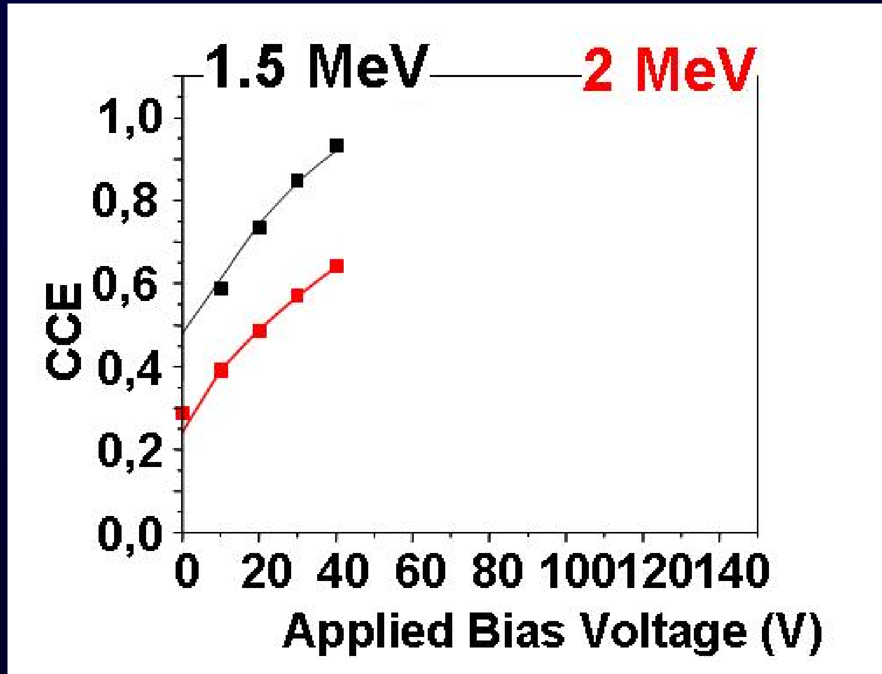

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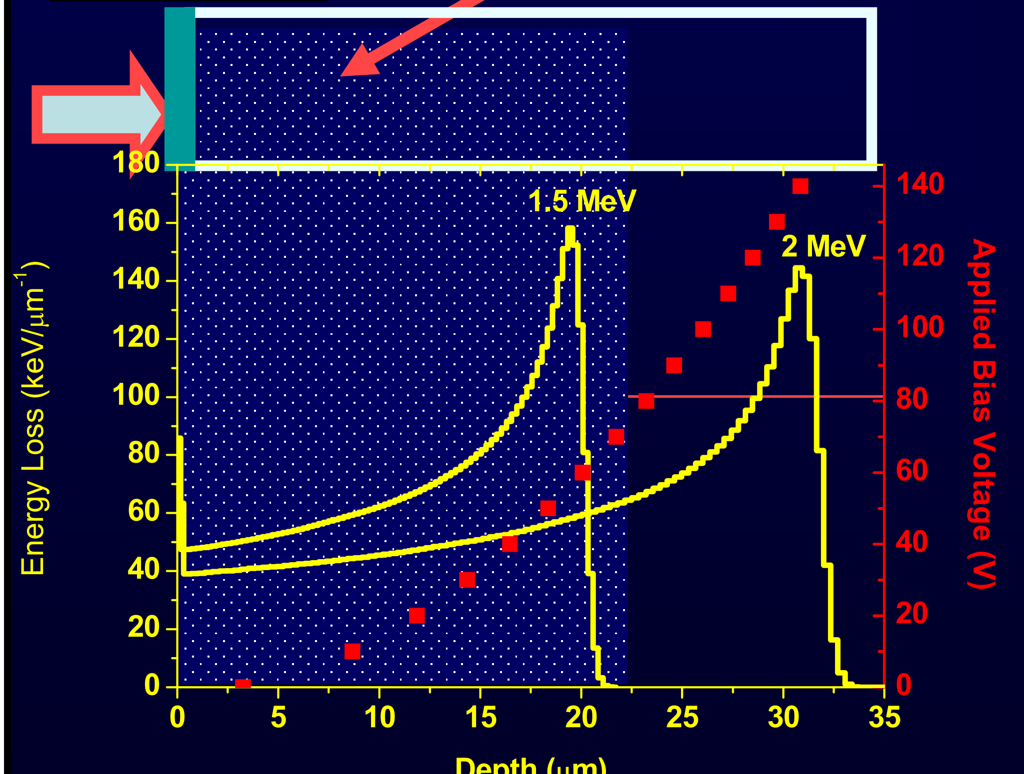
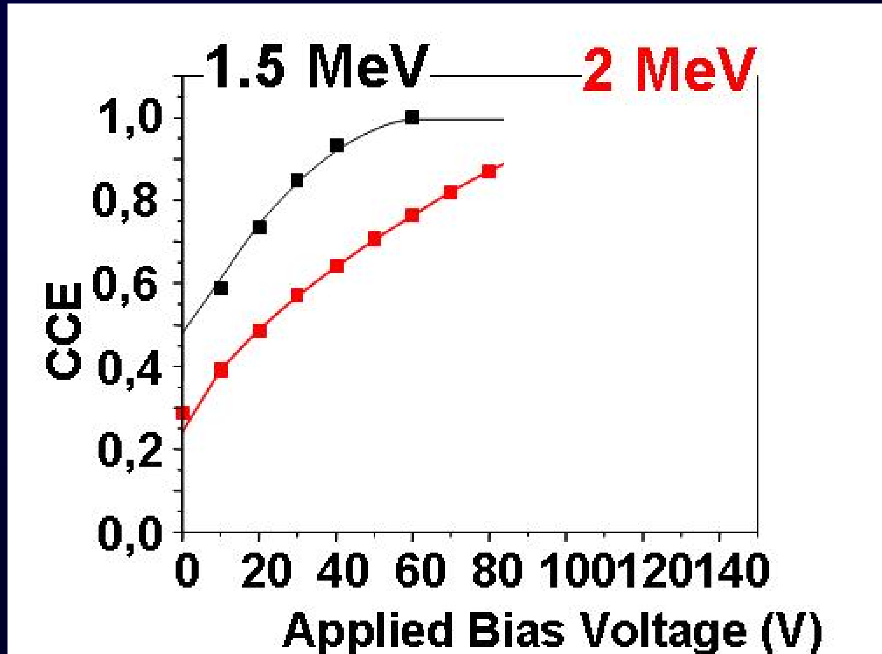


4H-SiC Schottky diode



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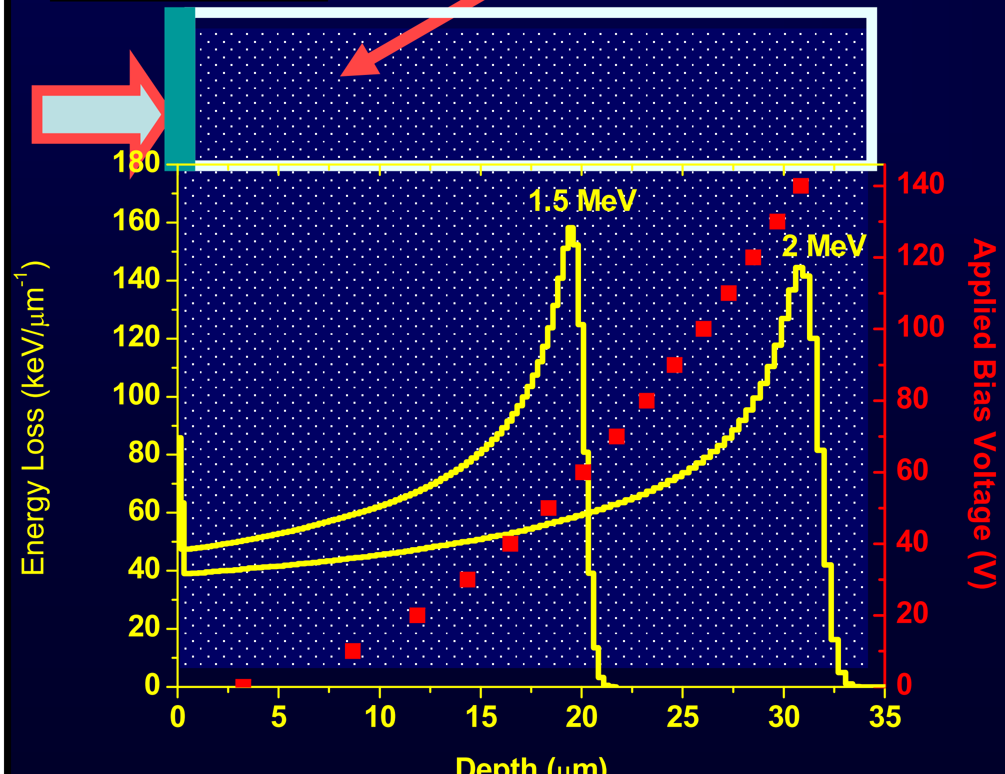

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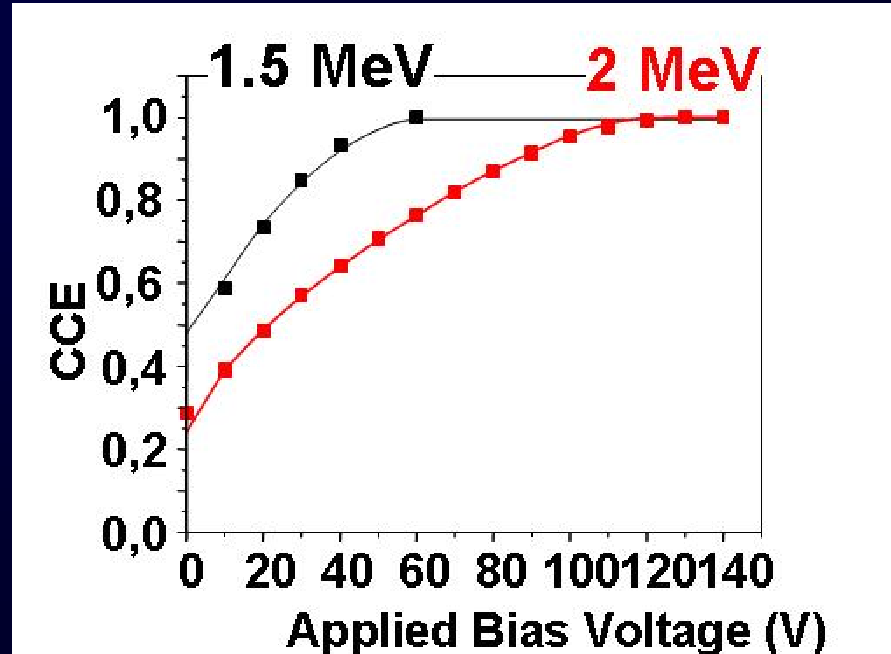

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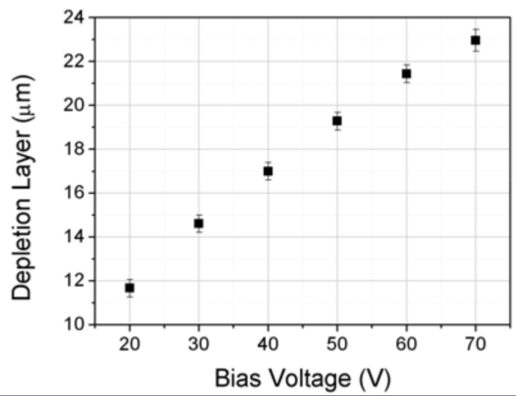
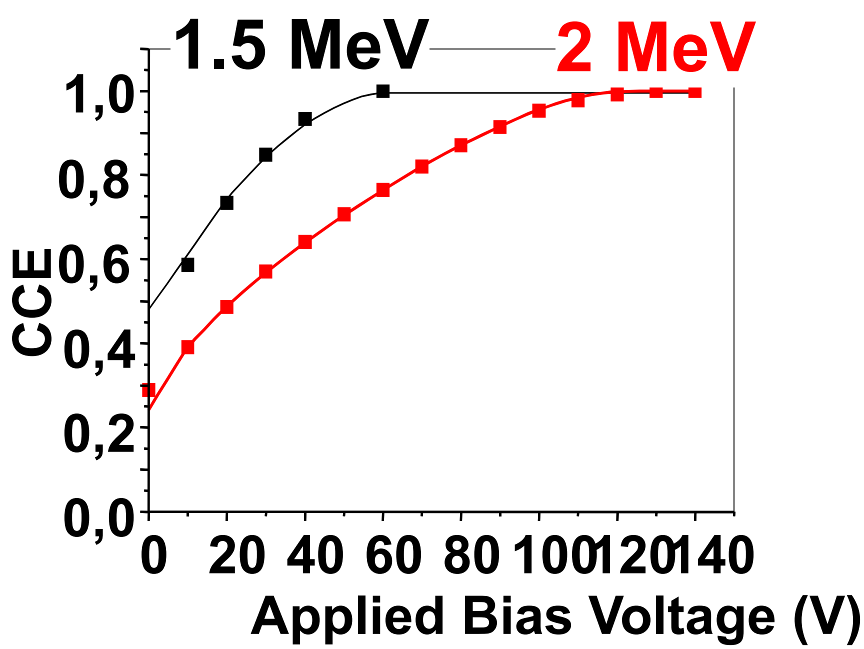
Active region width

minority carrier diffusion length





L_p=(9.0±0.3) μm

D_p = 3 cm^2/s

τ_p = 270 ns

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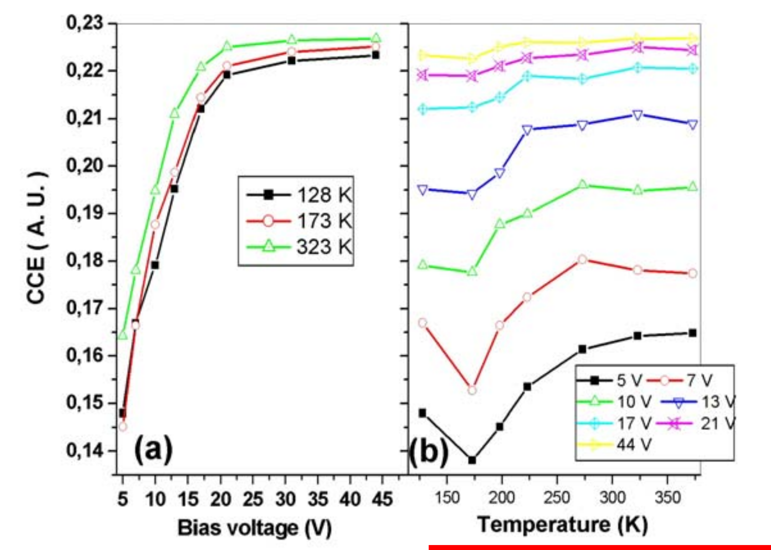
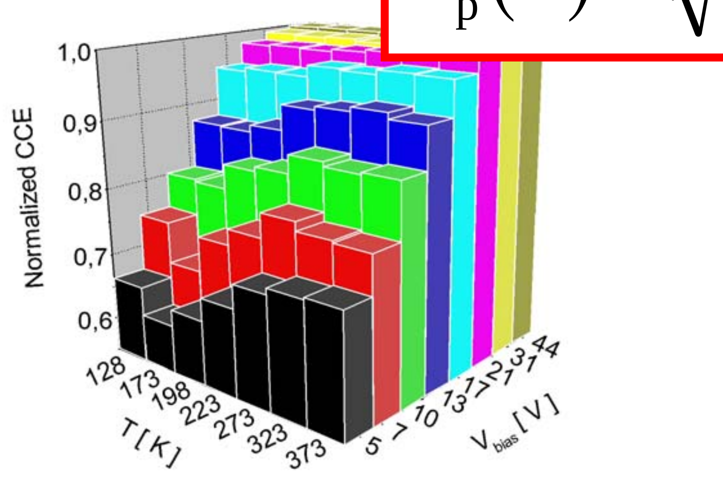
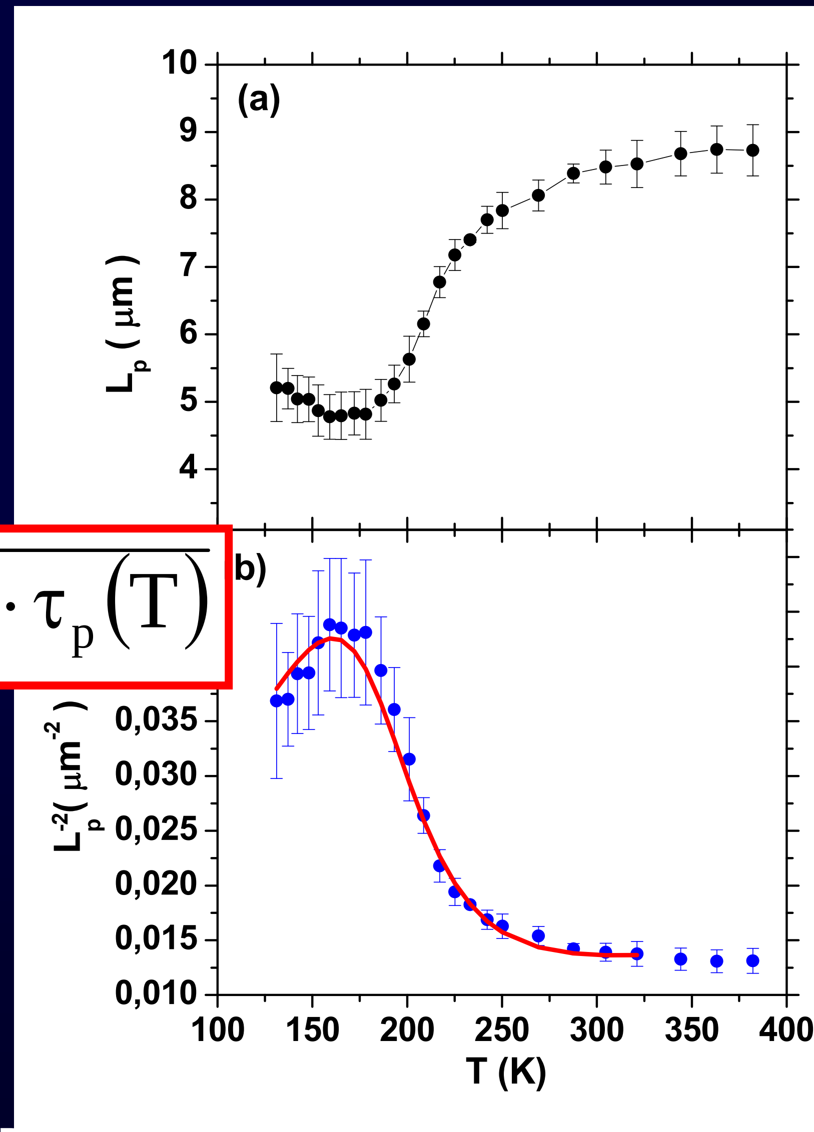
Temperature dependent IBIC (TIBIC)

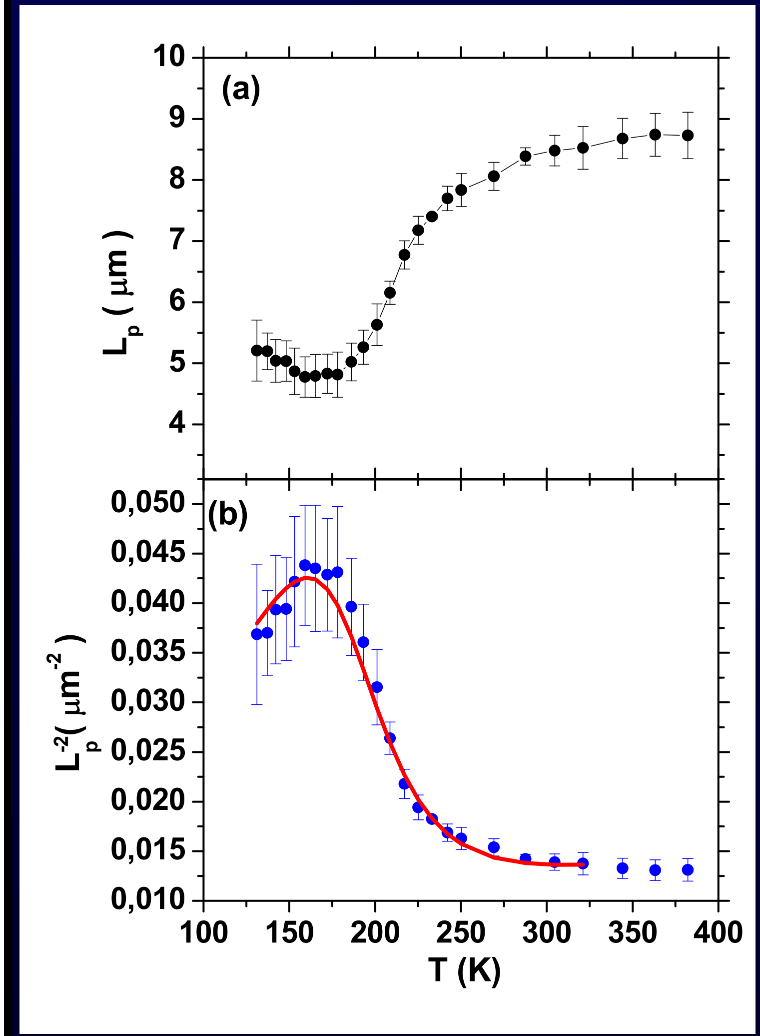




$$L_p(T) = \sqrt{D_p(T) \cdot \tau_p(T)}$$



Temperature dependent IBIC (TIBIC)



Two trapping levels

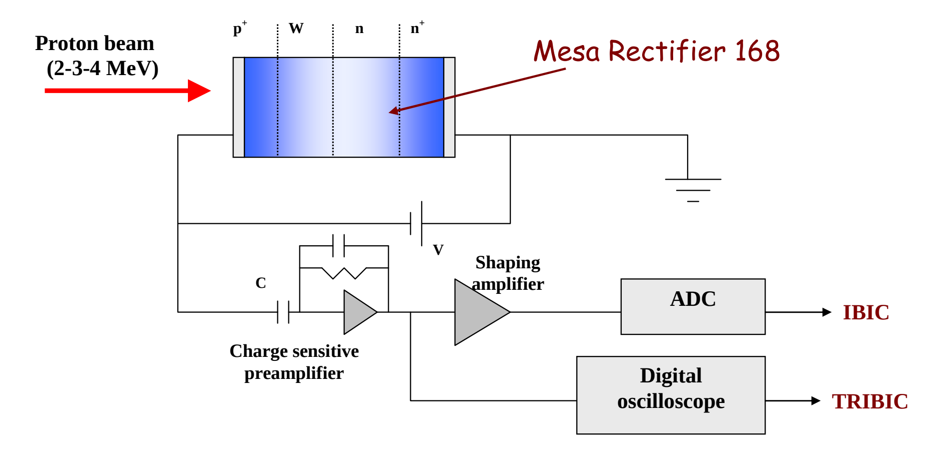
SRH recombination model

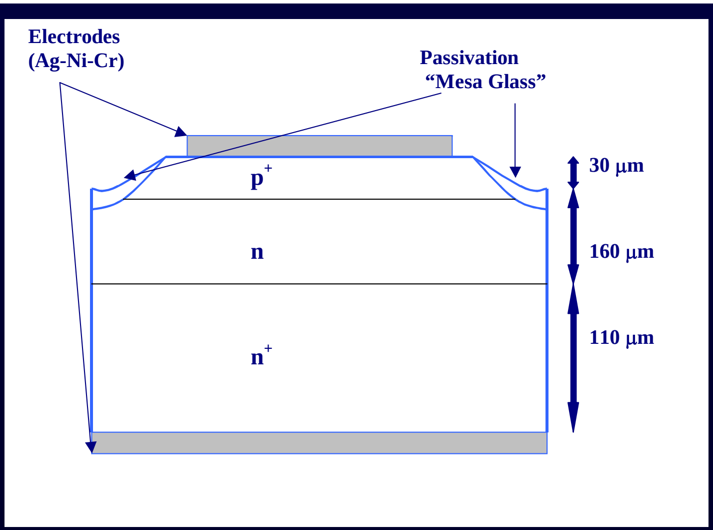
$$\frac{1}{L_p^2} = \frac{1}{D_p \cdot \tau} = \frac{1}{D_p} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\tau(T)} + \frac{1}{\tau_B} \right) = A \cdot \frac{1}{T^{-0.5}} \cdot \left[\frac{1}{T^{-0.5} + \frac{B}{N_D} \cdot T \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{E_t}{k_B T} \right)} + \frac{1}{\tau_B} \right]$$

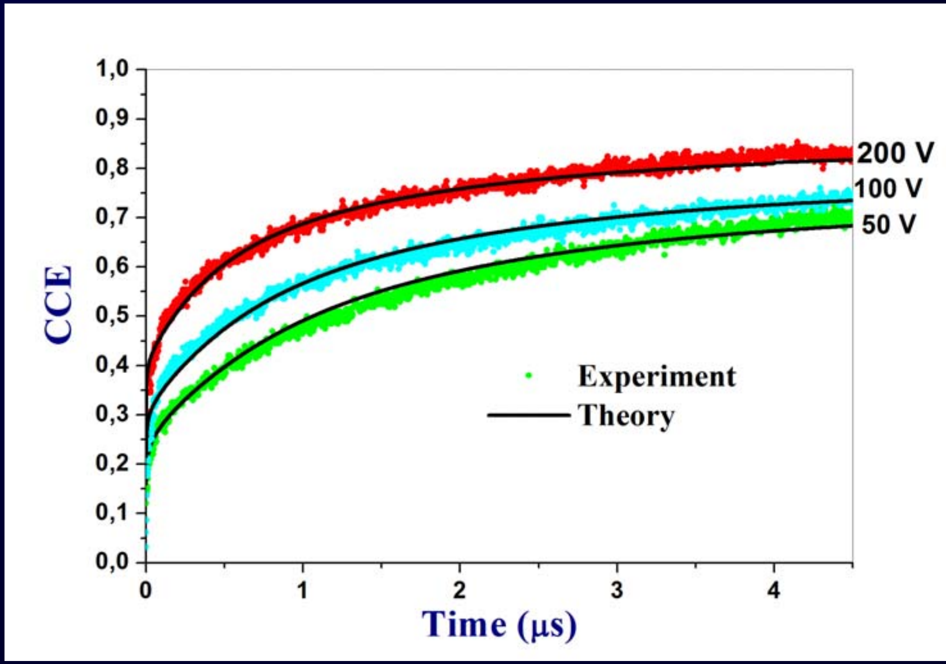
The fitting procedure provides a trapping level of about 0.163 eV which is close to the value found in similar 4H SiC Schottky diodes by DLTS technique (S1 level).

E. Vittone et al., NIM-B 231 (2005) 491.

Time resolved IBIC (TRIBIC)
Silicon Power diode Mesa Rectifier





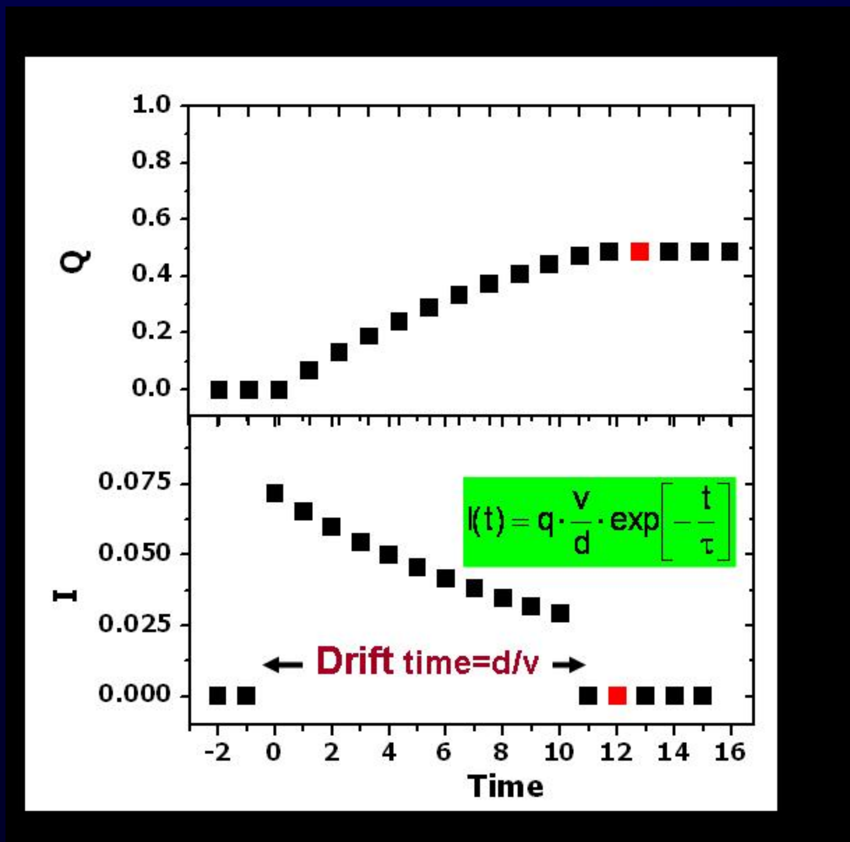


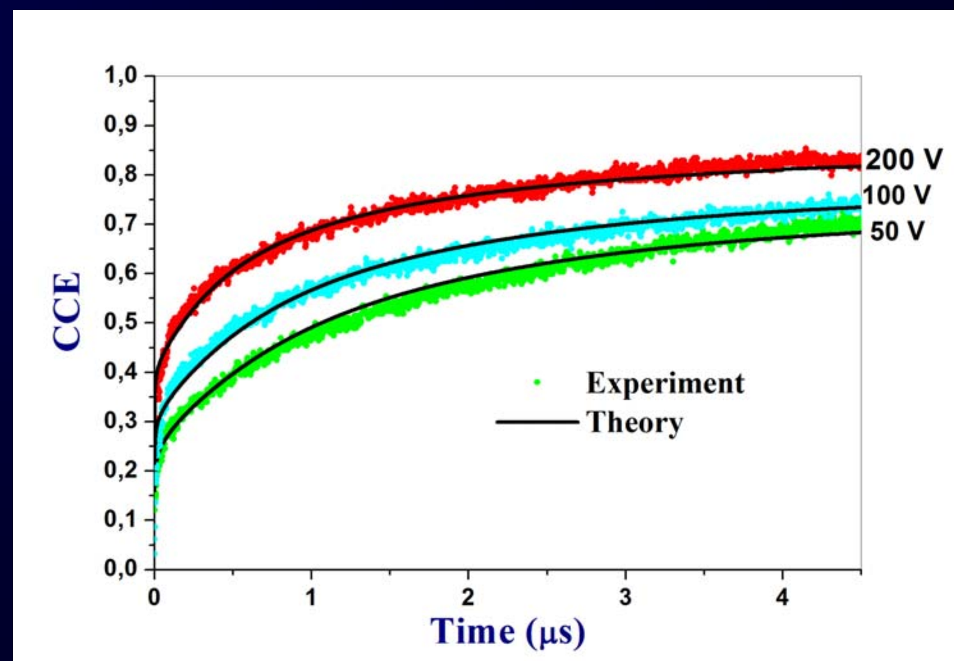
Ballistic deficit

Time resolved IBIC (TRIBIC) Silicon Power diode Mesa Rectifier

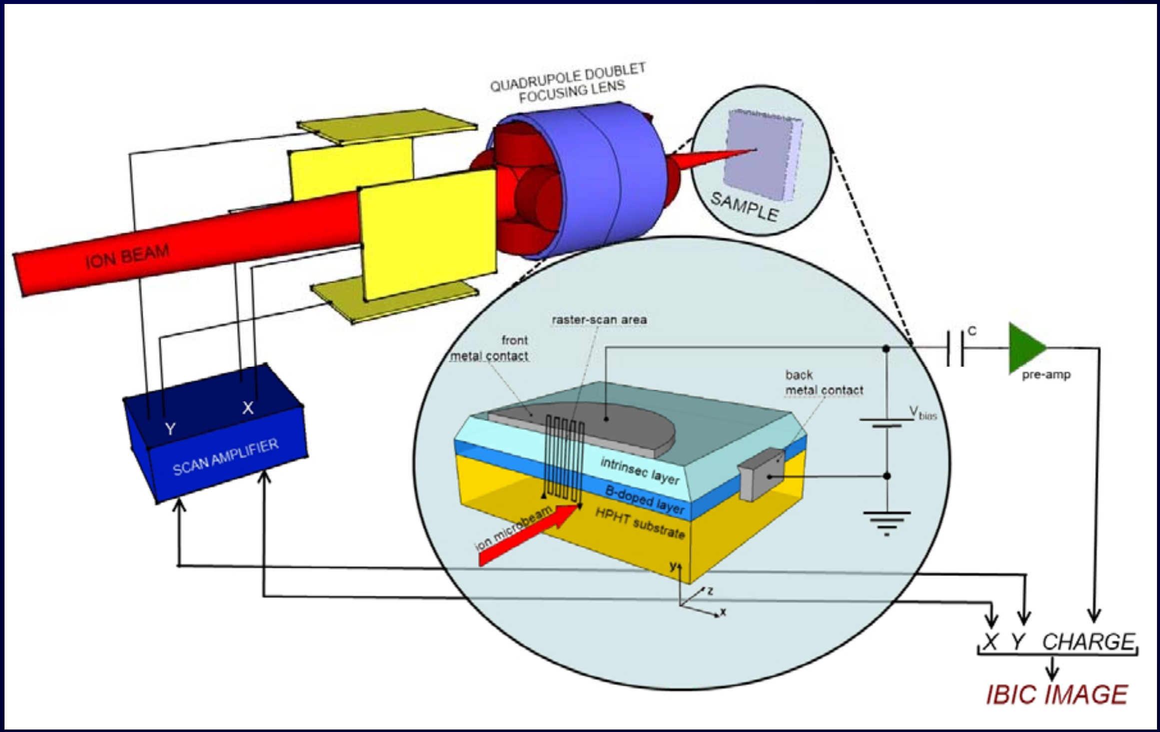
lifetime

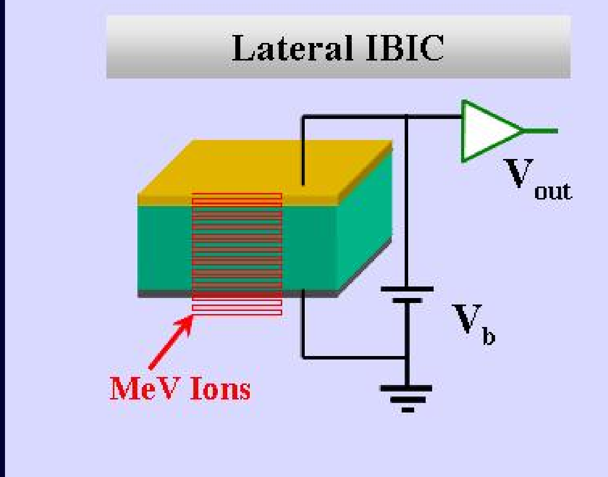
$\tau_0 = (5 \pm 1)\ \mu s$

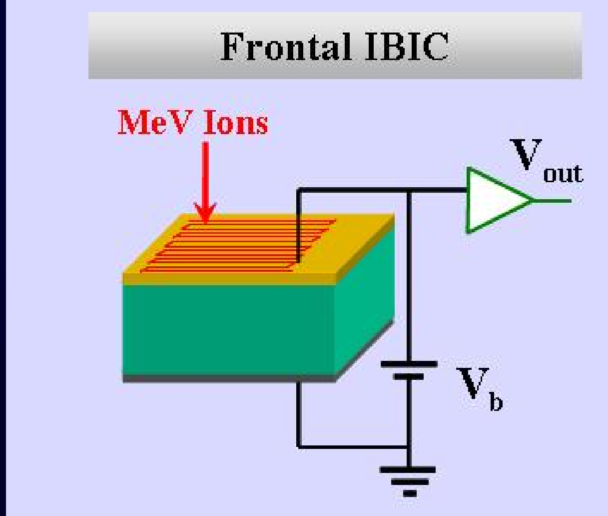




From Spectroscopy to micro-spectroscopy



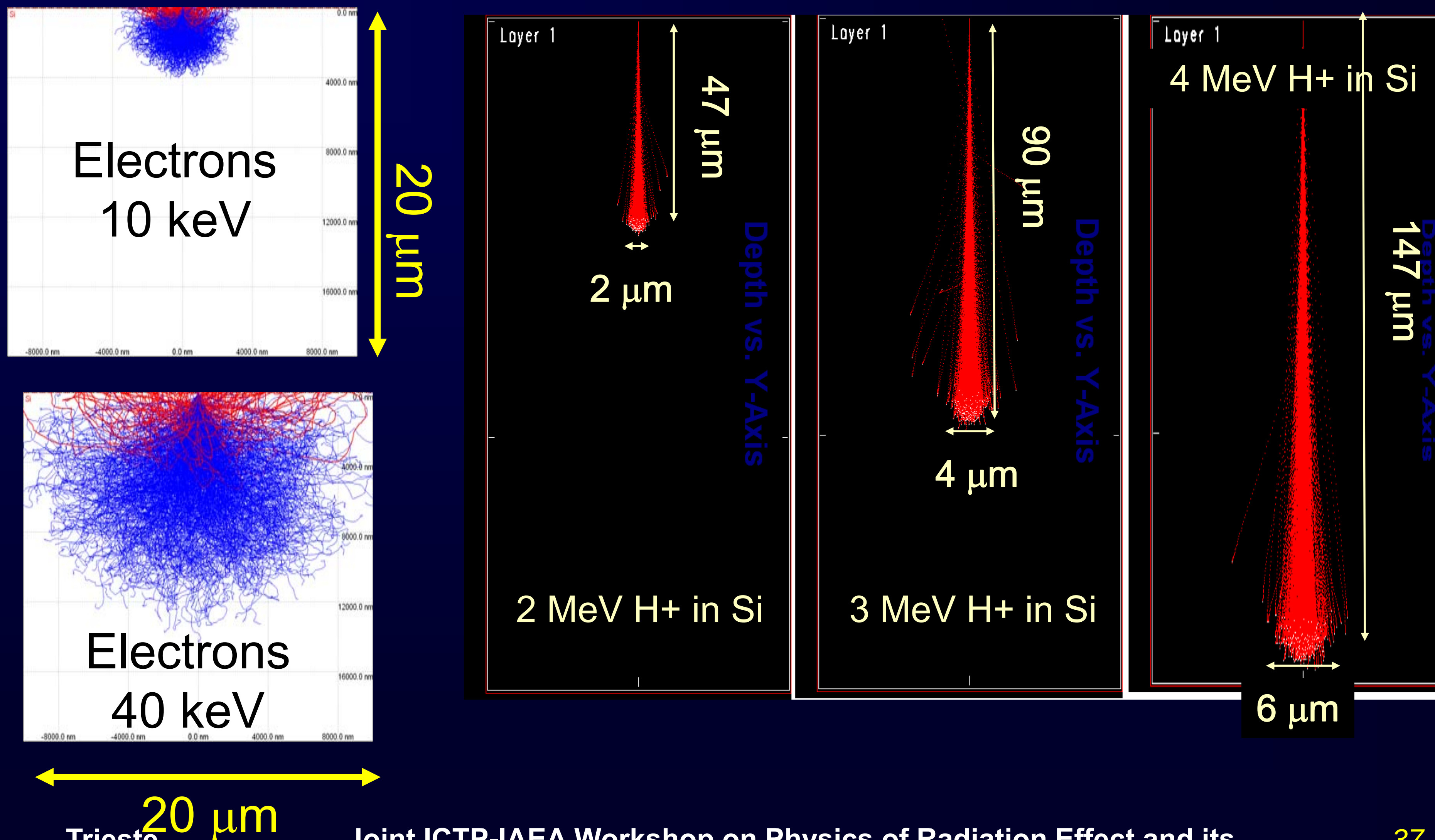




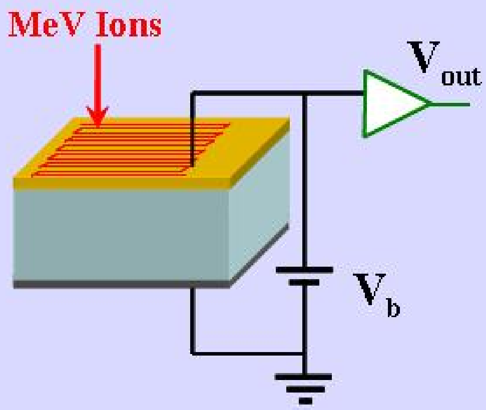
Use of focused ion beams

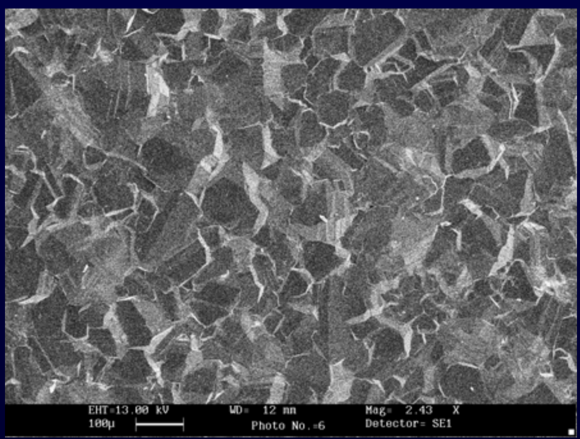
Trajectories

One advantage of IBIC over other forms of charge collection microscopy is that it provides high spatial resolution analysis in thick layers since the focused MeV ion beam tends to stay 'focused' through many micrometers of material.



Frontal IBIC





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IBIC investigations on CVD diamond

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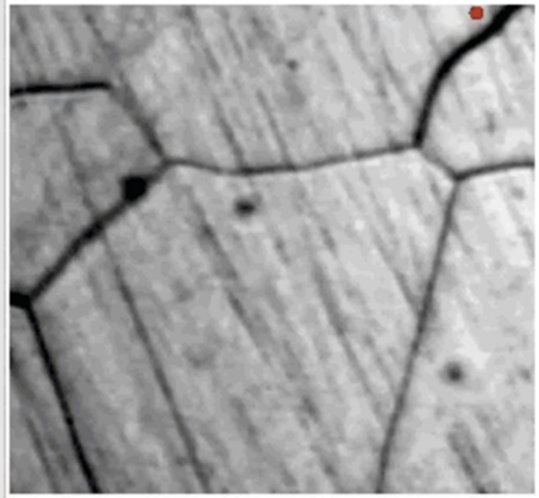

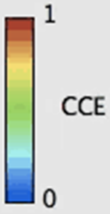

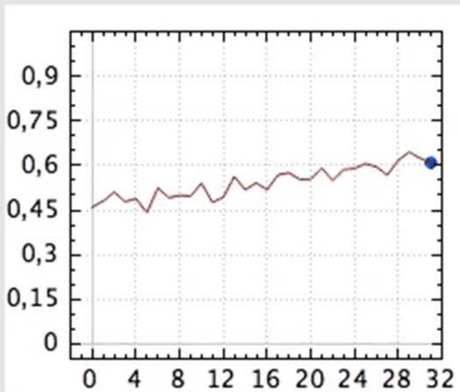

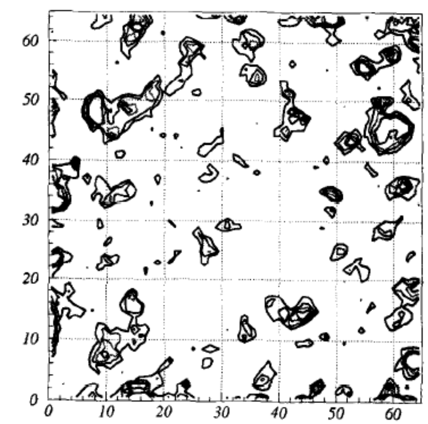

Fig. 2. Contour plot of the spectrum reported in Fig. 1. Iso-counting contours are displayed. The region contains 128×128 pixels, but it has been visualized in a 64×64 representation.

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Effects of light on the 'primed' state of CVD diamond nuclear detectors

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Temperature-dependent emptying of grain-boundary charge traps in chemical vapor deposited diamond

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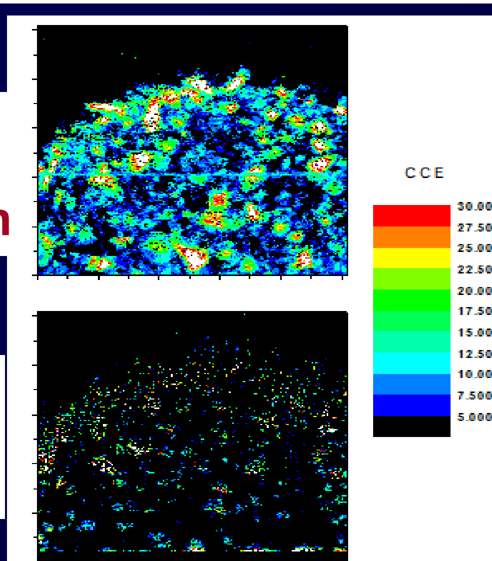
Under illumination

Dark conditions



Polycrystalline CVD diamond Frontal IBIC

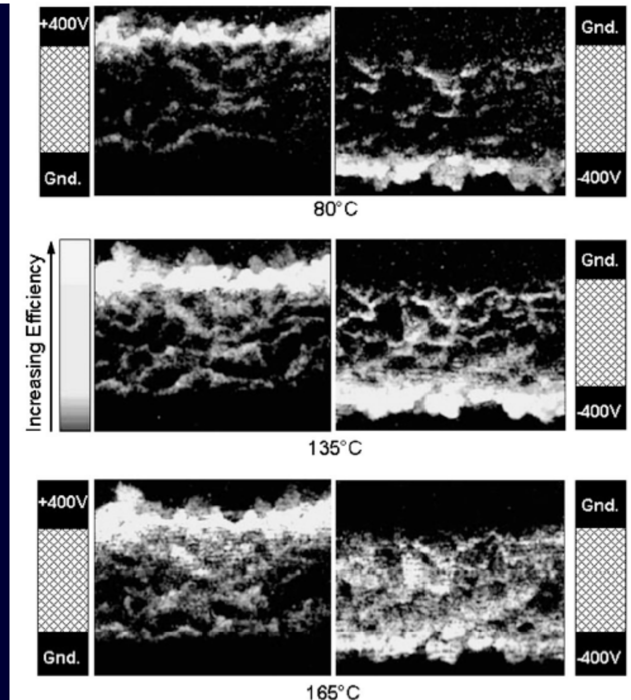
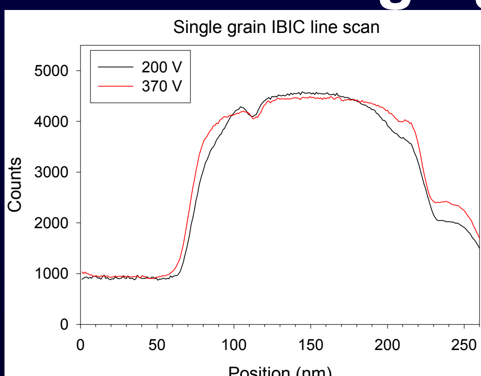
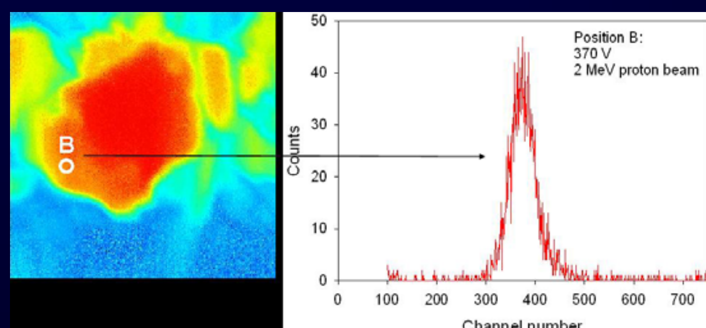
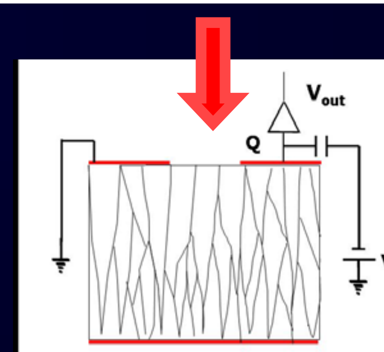


FIG. 1. Ion beam induced charge (IBIC) maps using a scanned 2 MeV He$^+$ microprobe of the charge collection in CVD diamond at various temperatures. The location of the electrodes is shown. Note that the charge collection efficiency is always highest near to the anode.

IBIC imaging with 2 MeV H+



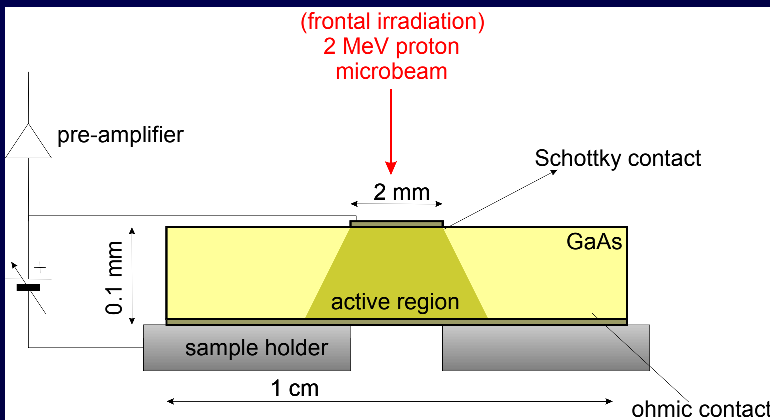


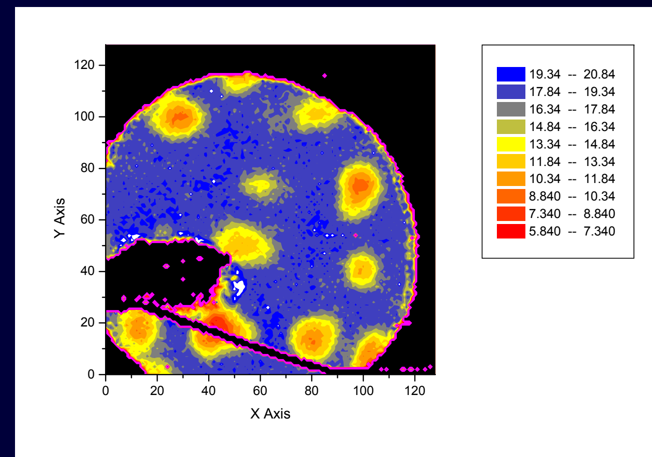


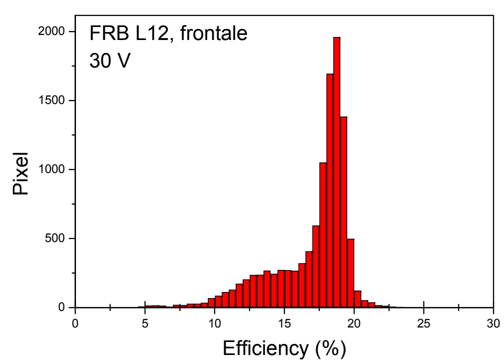
Intra-crystallite charge transport

M.B.H.Breese et al. NIM-B 181 (2001), 219-224; P.Sellin et al. NIM-B 260 (2007), 293-294

GaAs Schottky diode
Frontal IBIC



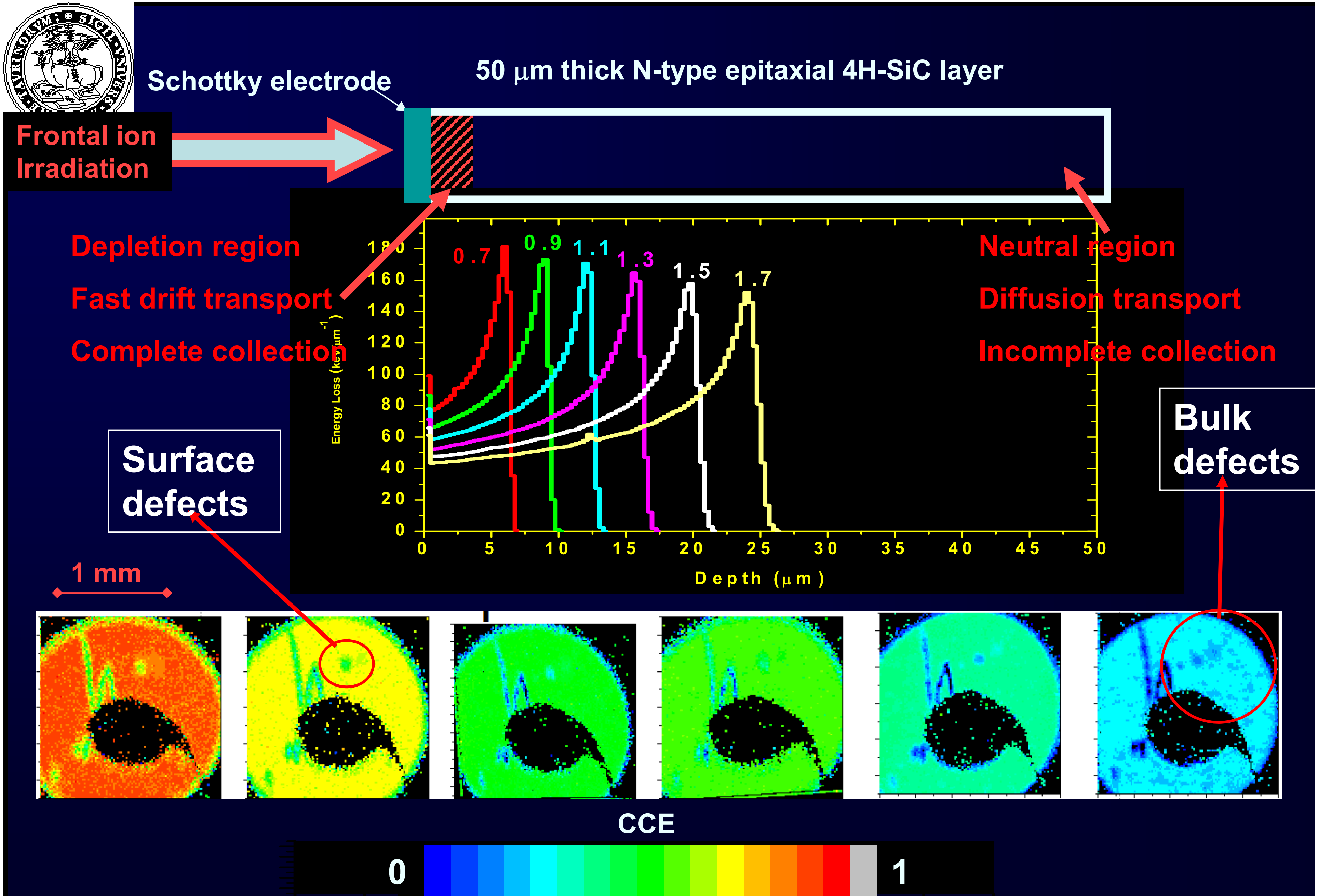




Poor spectral resolution

Effects of inhomogeneous cabon doping

E. Vittone et al., Nuclear instruments and Methods in Physics Research B 158 (1999) 470-47



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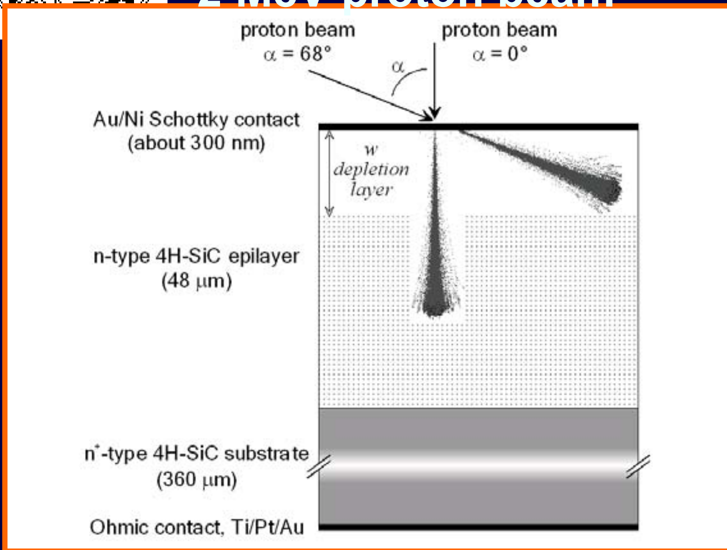
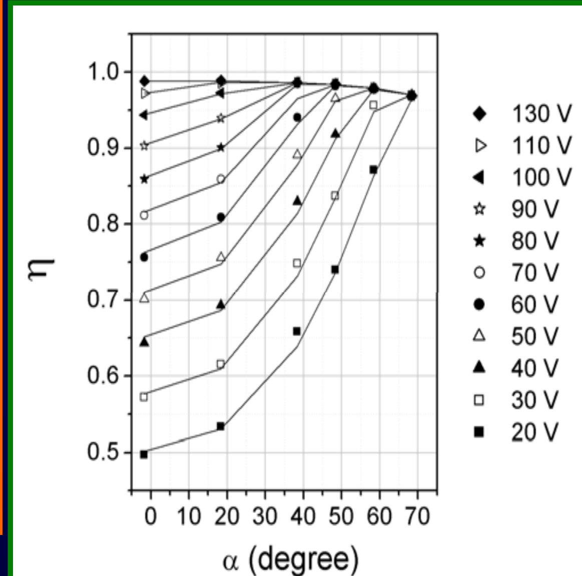
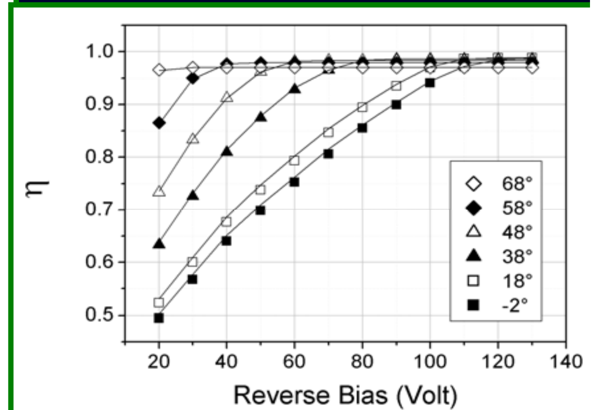
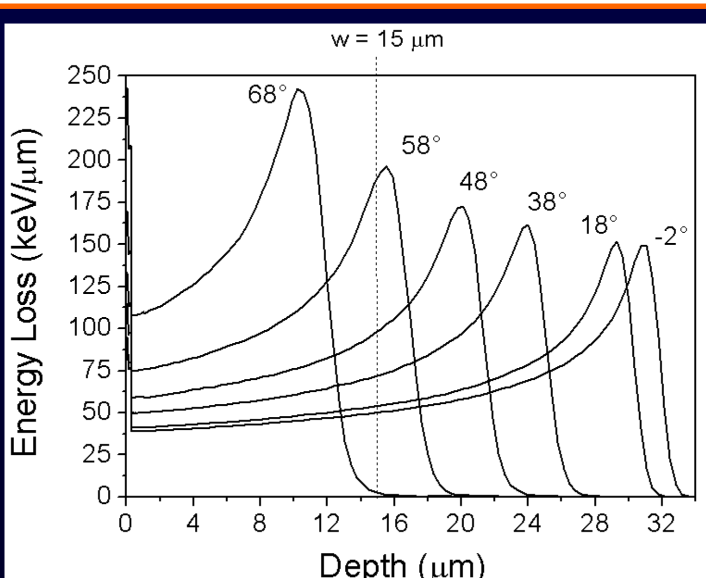
ANGLE RESOLVED IBIC (ARIBIC)

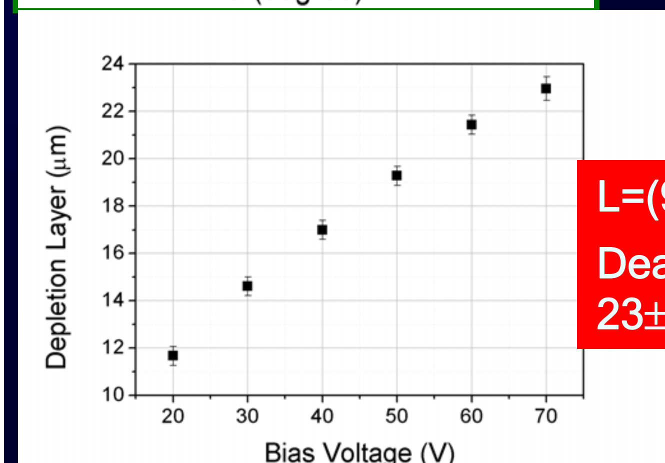
2 MeV proton beam











L=(9.9±0.8) μm

Dead layer energy loss of 23±5 keV at α=0°.

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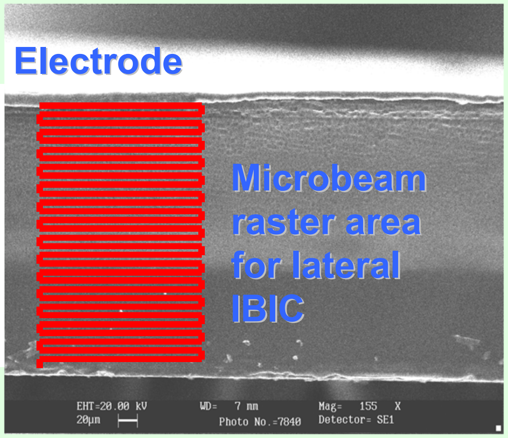
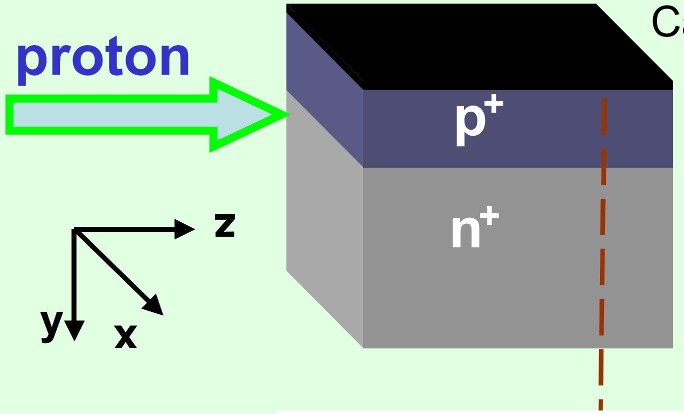
Lateral IBIC

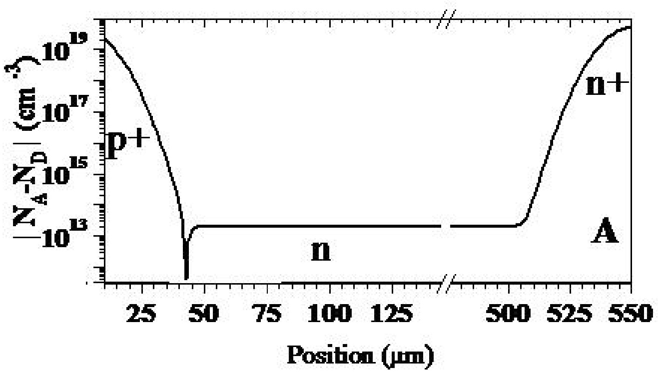
Si p-n diode

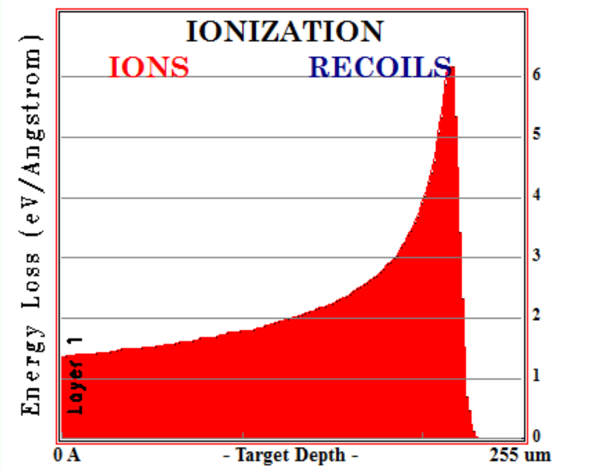
Polished and passivated lateral surface

Leakage current below 100 nA @ 100 V



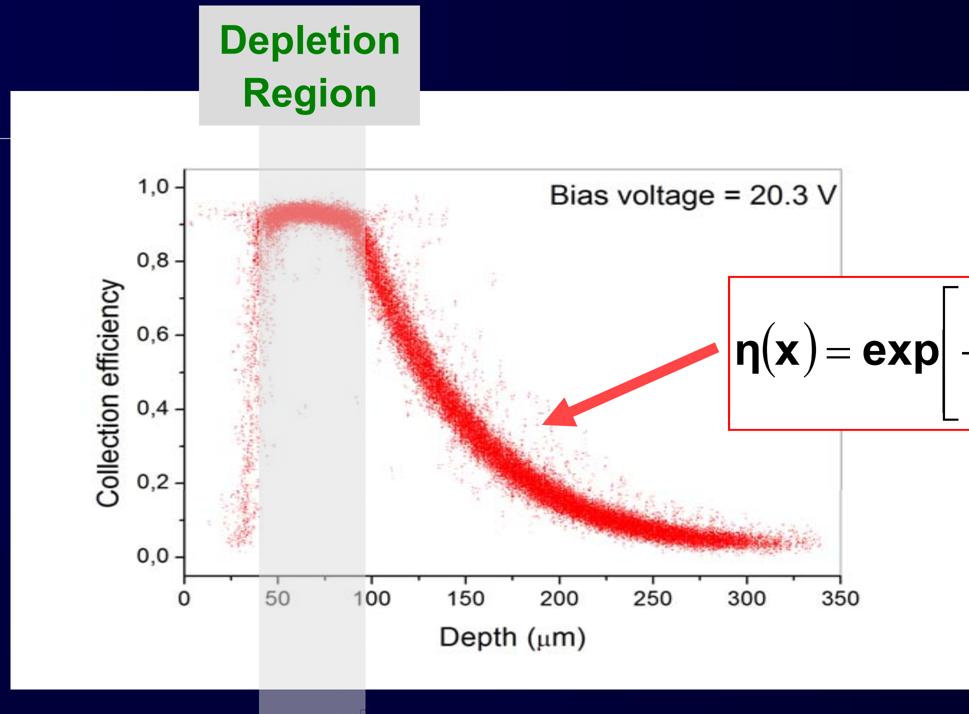




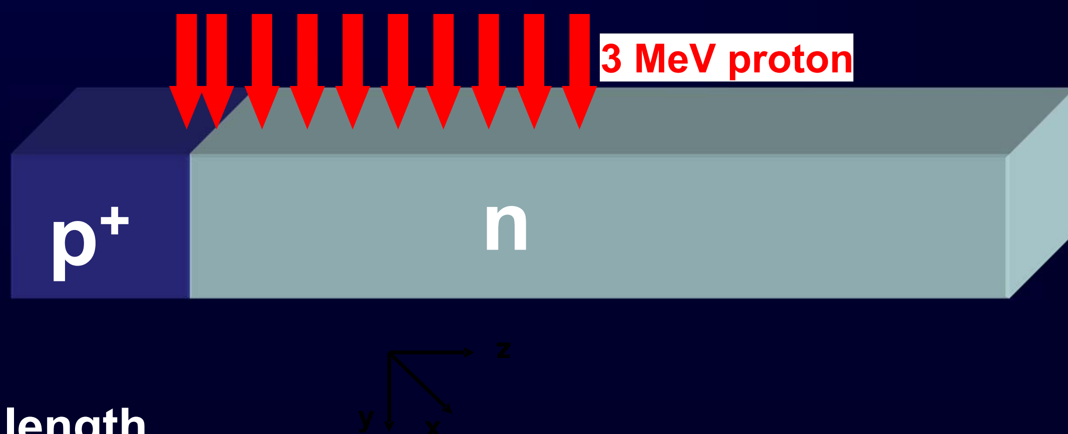


Lateral IBIC

Si p-n diode



$$\eta(x) = \exp\left[-\frac{x}{L_p}\right]$$



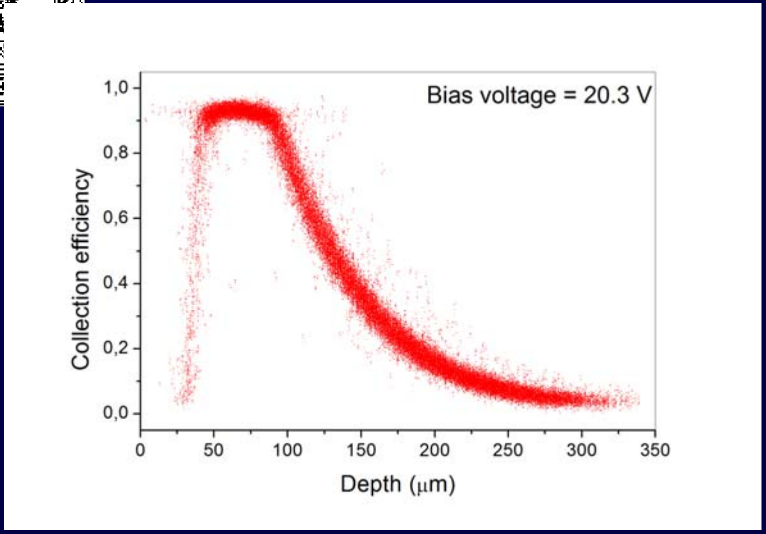
$$L_p = \sqrt{D_p \cdot \tau_p}$$

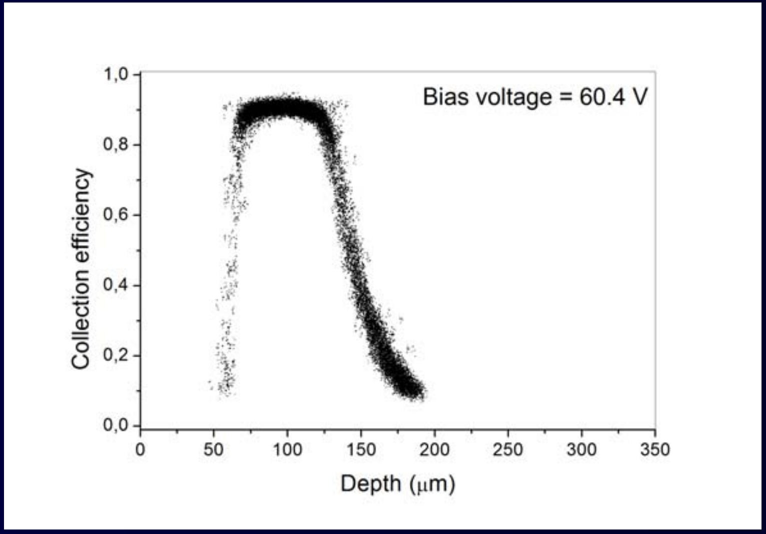
minority carrier diffusion length

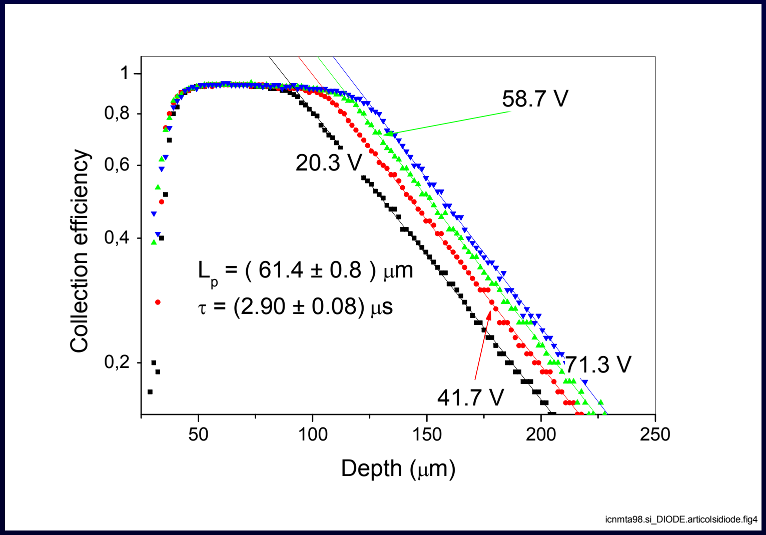
C. Manfredotti et al., Nuclear instruments and Methods in Physics Research B 158 (1999) 476-480

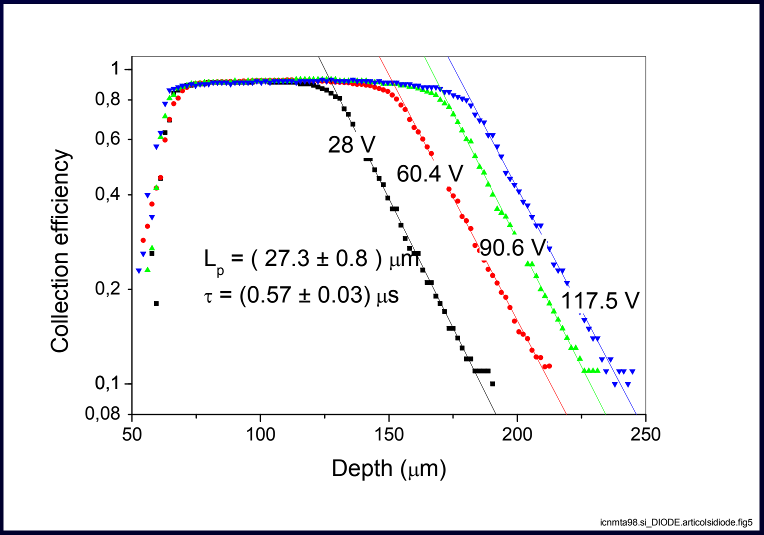
Pristine diode

Au doped diode









Pulse shapes calculation

Shockley-Ramo theorem

Currents to Conductors Induced by a Moving Point Charge

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Currents Induced by Electron Motion*

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$$I = -q \cdot \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{1}{d}$$

Gunn theorem

Solid-State Electronics Pergamon Press 1964. Vol. 7, pp. 739–742. Printed in Great Britain

A GENERAL EXPRESSION FOR ELECTROSTATIC INDUCTION AND ITS APPLICATION TO SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

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Abstract—A new formula is deduced, under rather general conditions, for the charges induced upon a system of conductors by the motion of a small charge nearby. The conditions are found under which this result can be simplified to yield various previously derived formulas applicable to the problem of collector transit time in semiconductor devices.

$$I = -q \cdot \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial V}$$

Weighting field

Induced current into the sensing electrode

$$I = -q \cdot \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial V} = -q \cdot \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{E}_w$$

Weighting field

Weighting potential:

$$\nabla \psi_w = -\mathbf{E}_w = -\nabla \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V} \Rightarrow \psi_w = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V}$$

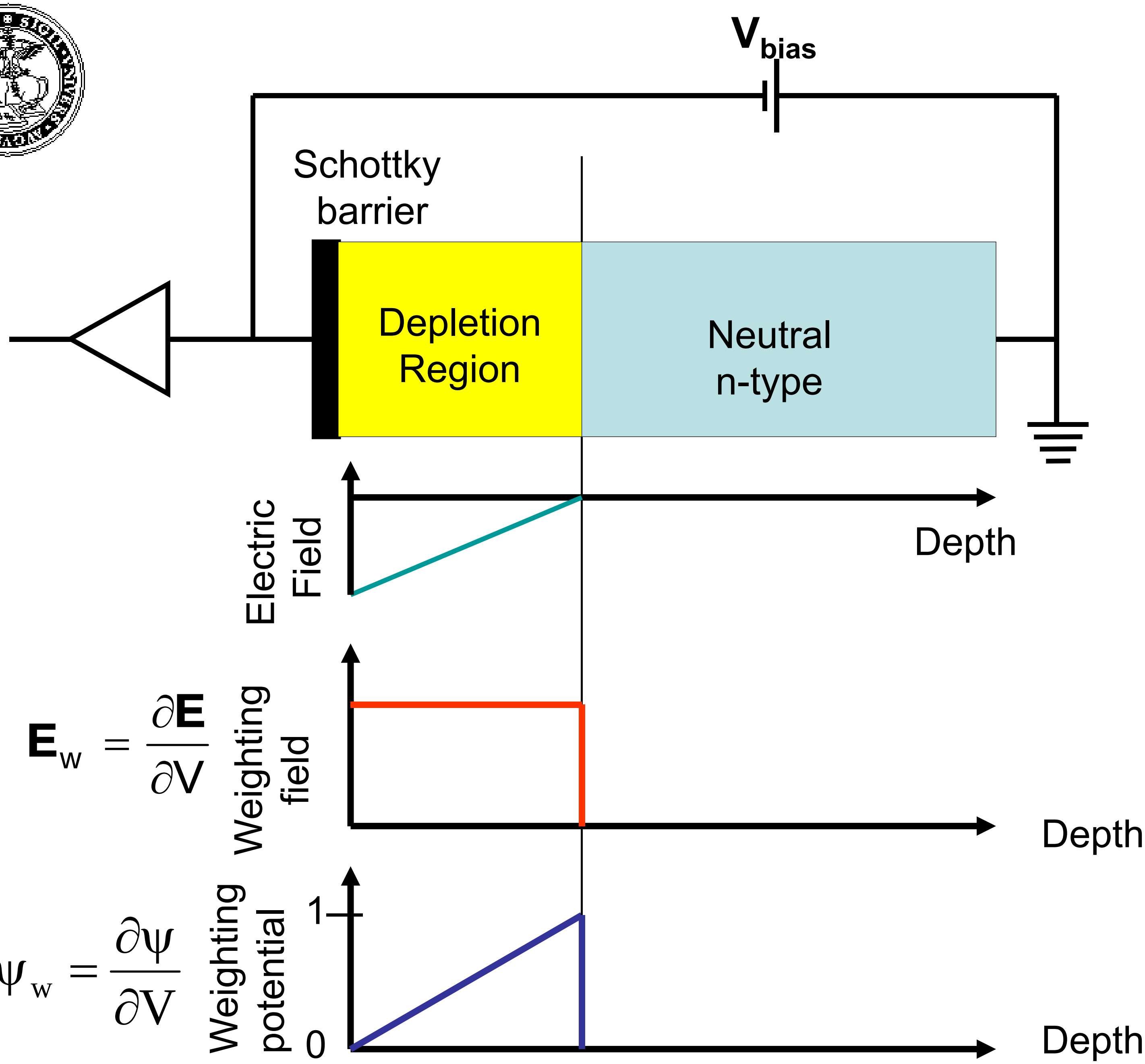
Equation of motion: $\mathbf{v} = \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt}$

$$Q = \int_{t_A}^{t_B} I\,dt = -q \int_{t_A}^{t_B} \mathbf{v} \cdot E_w\,dt = -q \int_{\mathbf{r}_A}^{\mathbf{r}_B} E_w\,d\mathbf{r} =$$

$$= q \cdot \left(\psi_w(\mathbf{r}_B) - \psi_w(\mathbf{r}_A)\right) = q \cdot \left(\left.\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V}\right|_{\mathbf{r}_B} - \left.\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V}\right|_{\mathbf{r}_A} \right)$$

The induced charge Q
into the sensing electrode

is given by the difference in the weighting potentials between any two positions (r_A and r_B) of the moving charge



$$E_w = \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial V}$$

$$\psi_w = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V}$$

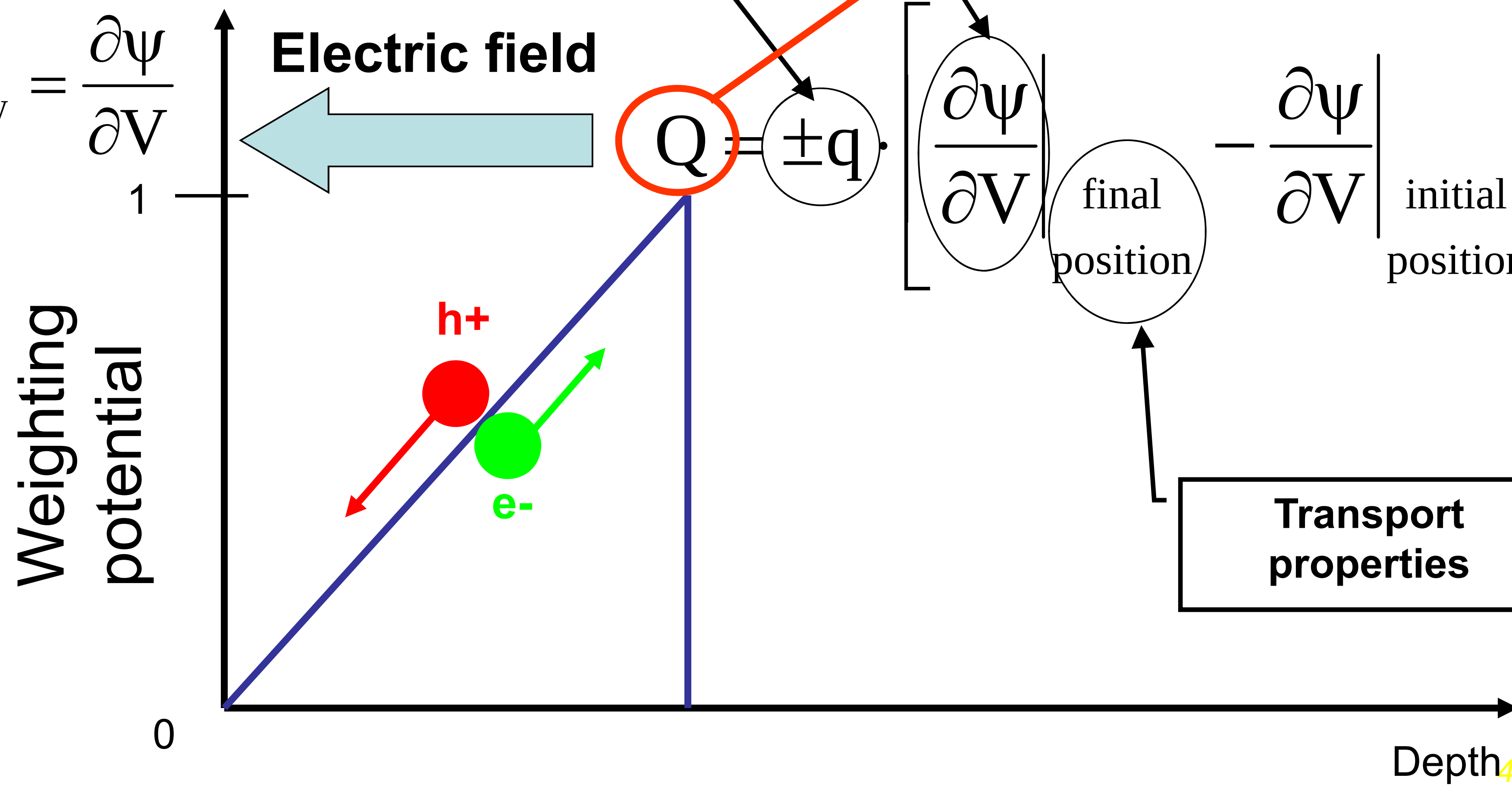
Electrostatics

Electrons/holes

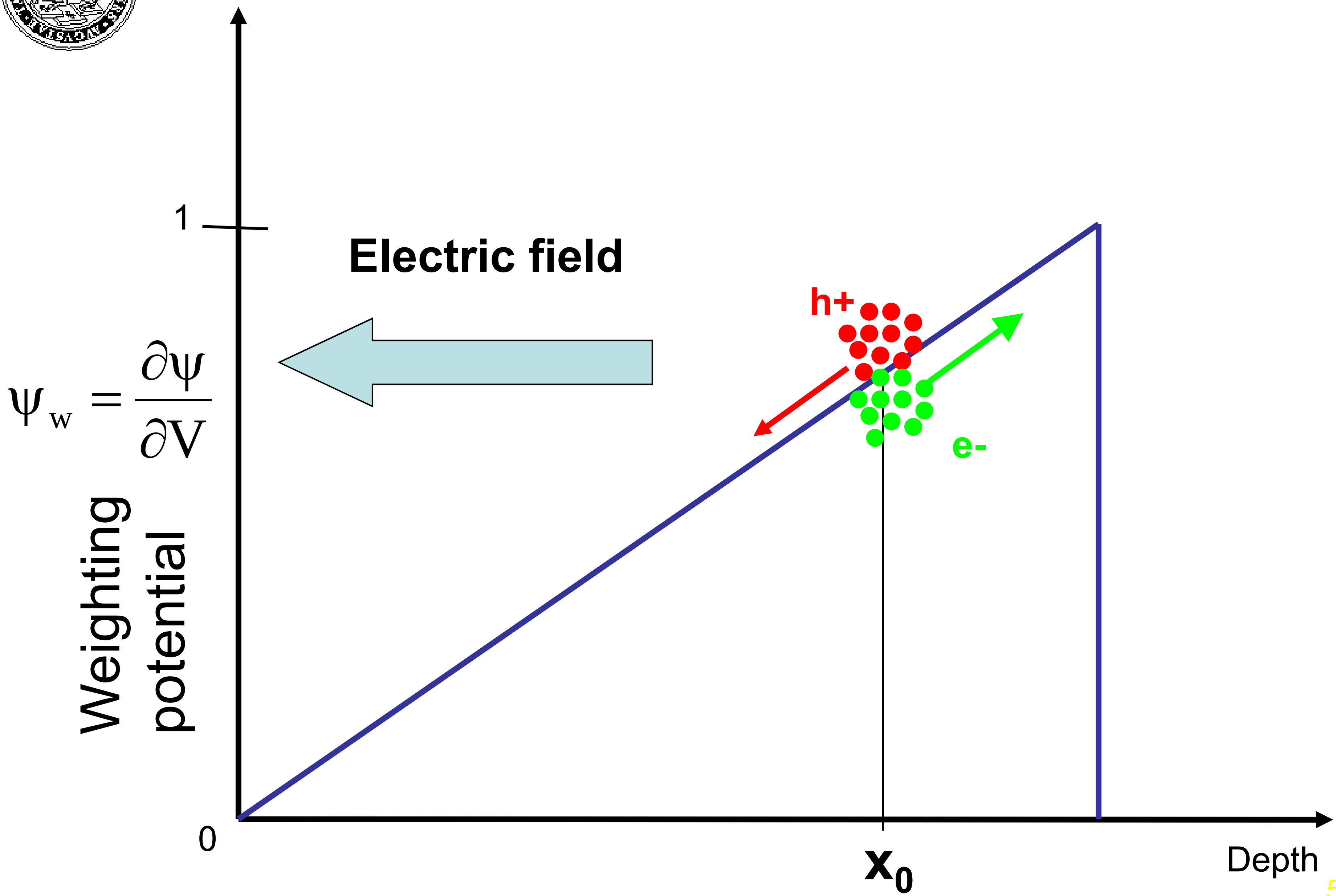
Induced charge

$$\psi_w = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V}$$

$$Q = \pm q \cdot \left[\left.\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V}\right|_{\text{final position}} - \left.\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V}\right|_{\text{initial position}} \right]$$



Transport properties



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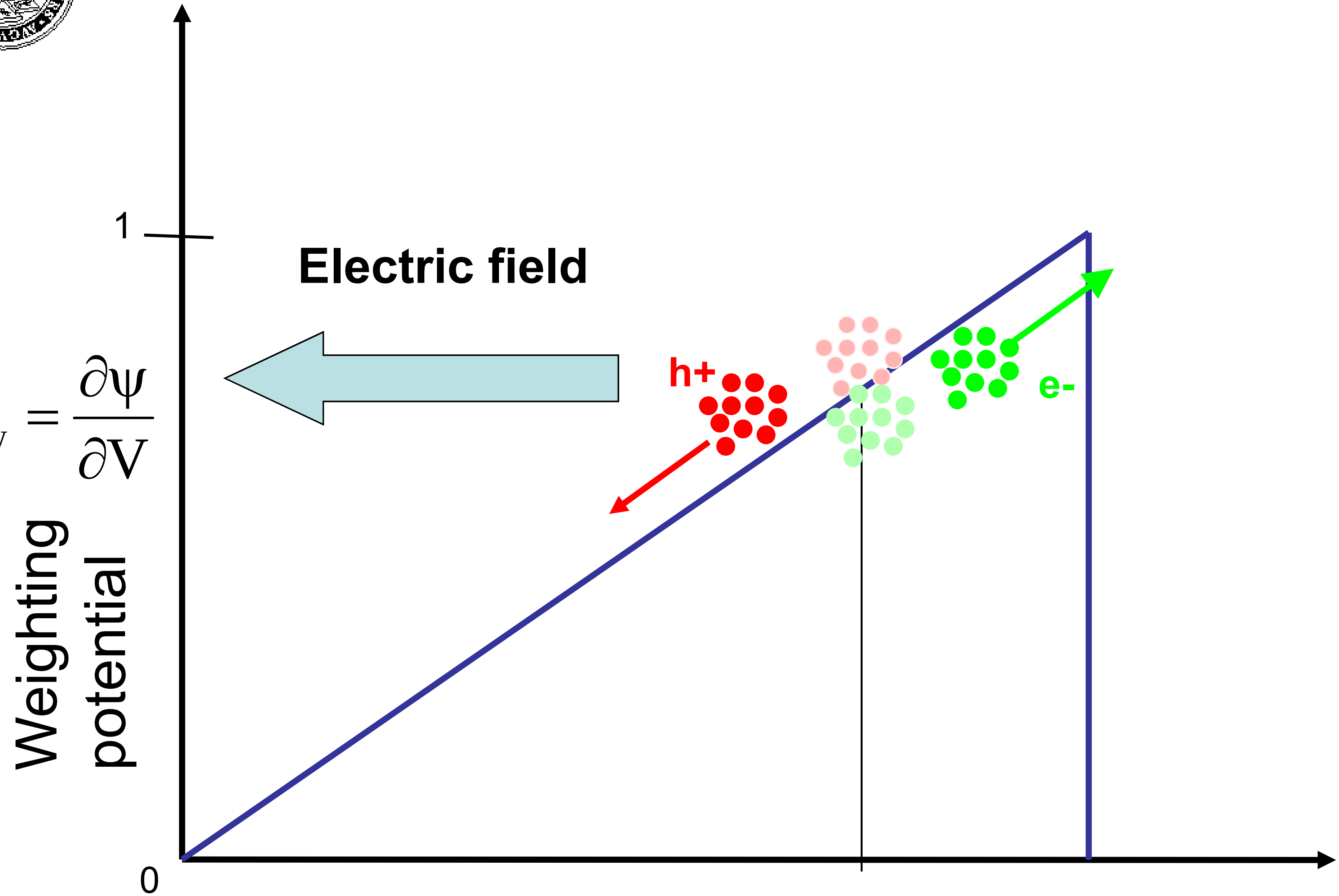
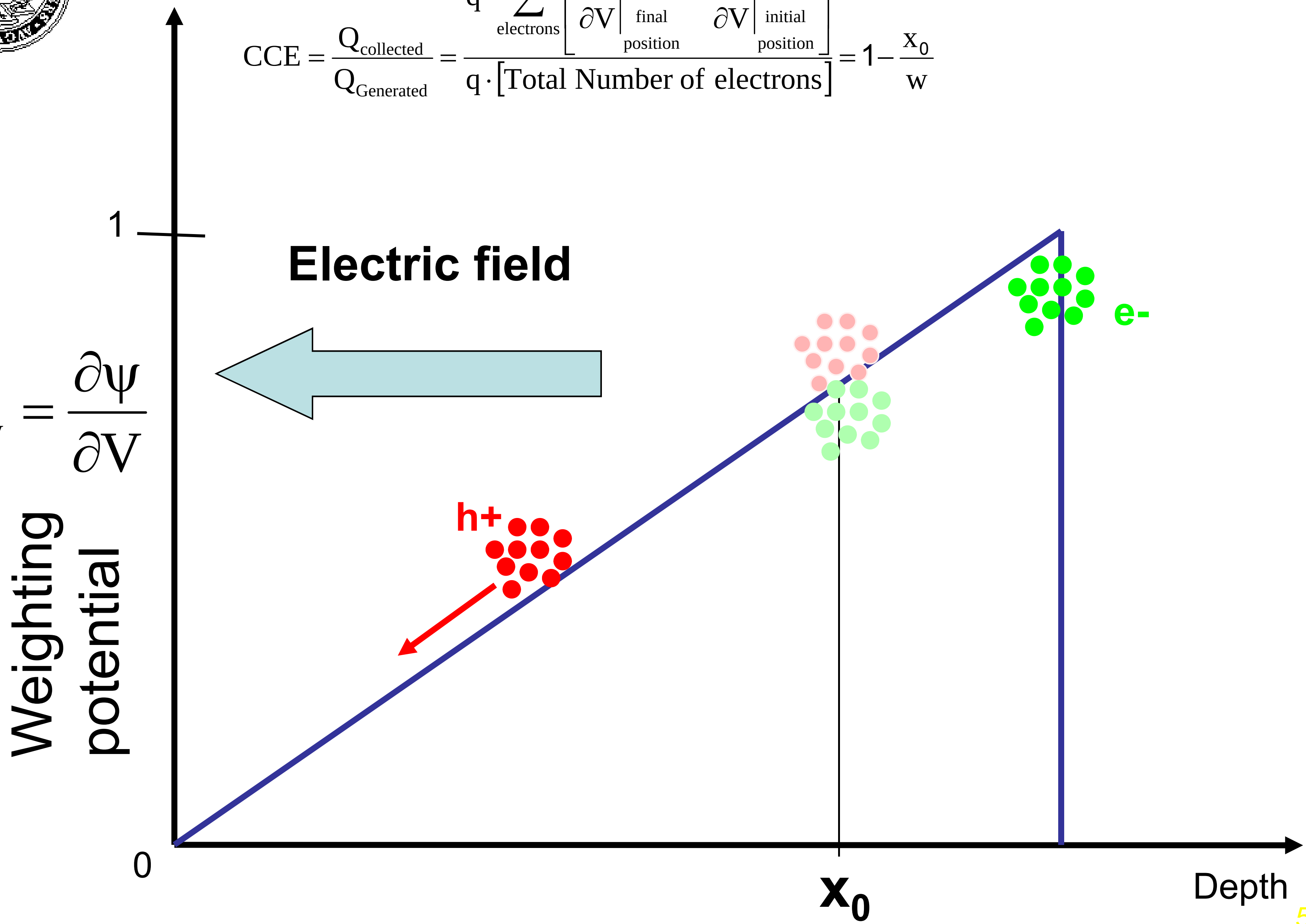
0
Electric field
h+
e-
$\psi_w = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V}$
Weighting potential
x_0
Depth



$$\psi_w = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V}$$

$$CCE = \frac{Q_{collected}}{Q_{Generated}} = \frac{q \cdot \sum_{electrons} \left[\left.\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V}\right|_{\substack{final\\position}} - \left.\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V}\right|_{\substack{initial\\position}} \right]}{q \cdot [\text{Total Number of electrons}]} = 1 - \frac{x_0}{w}$$

$$\psi_w = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V}$$



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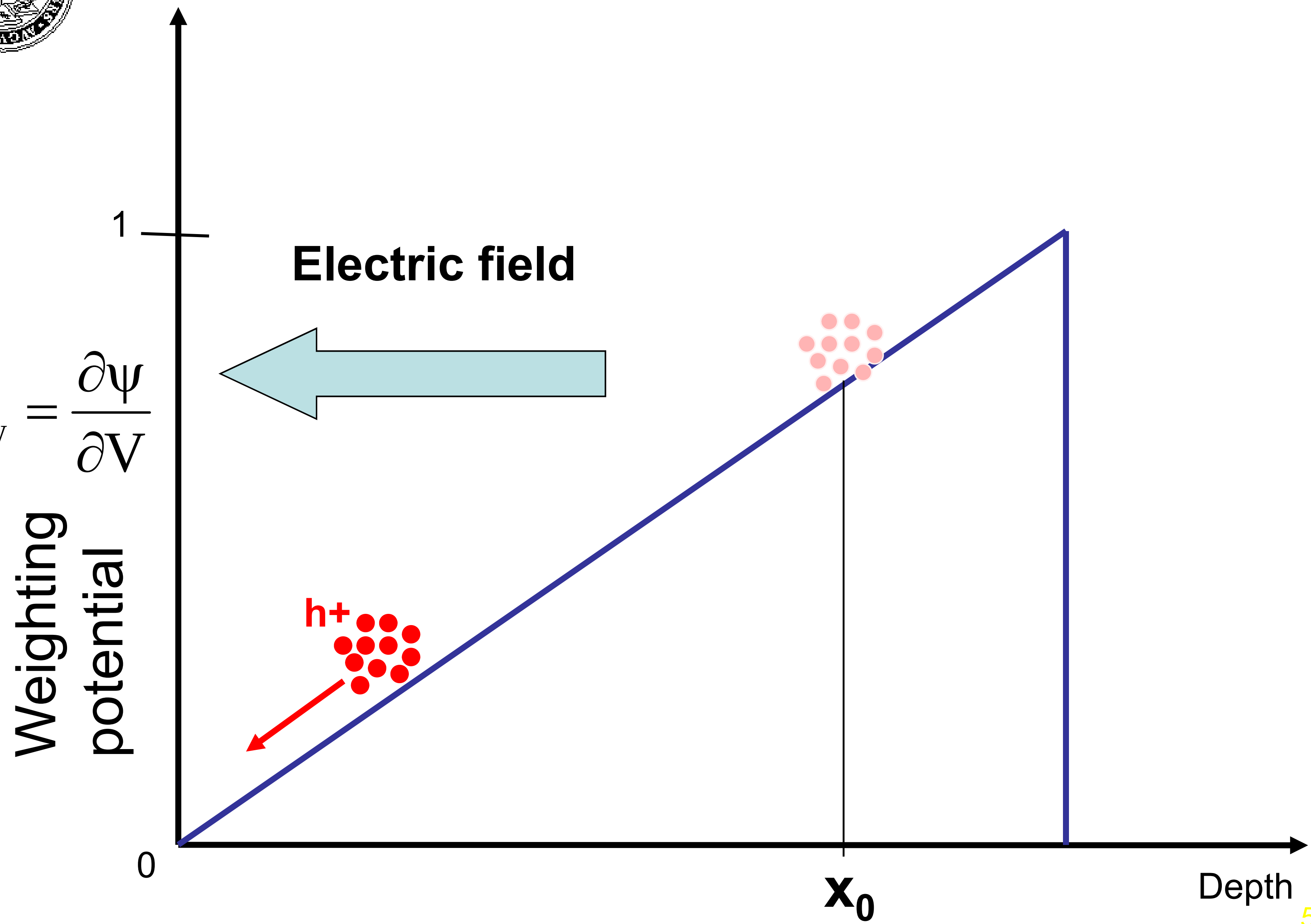
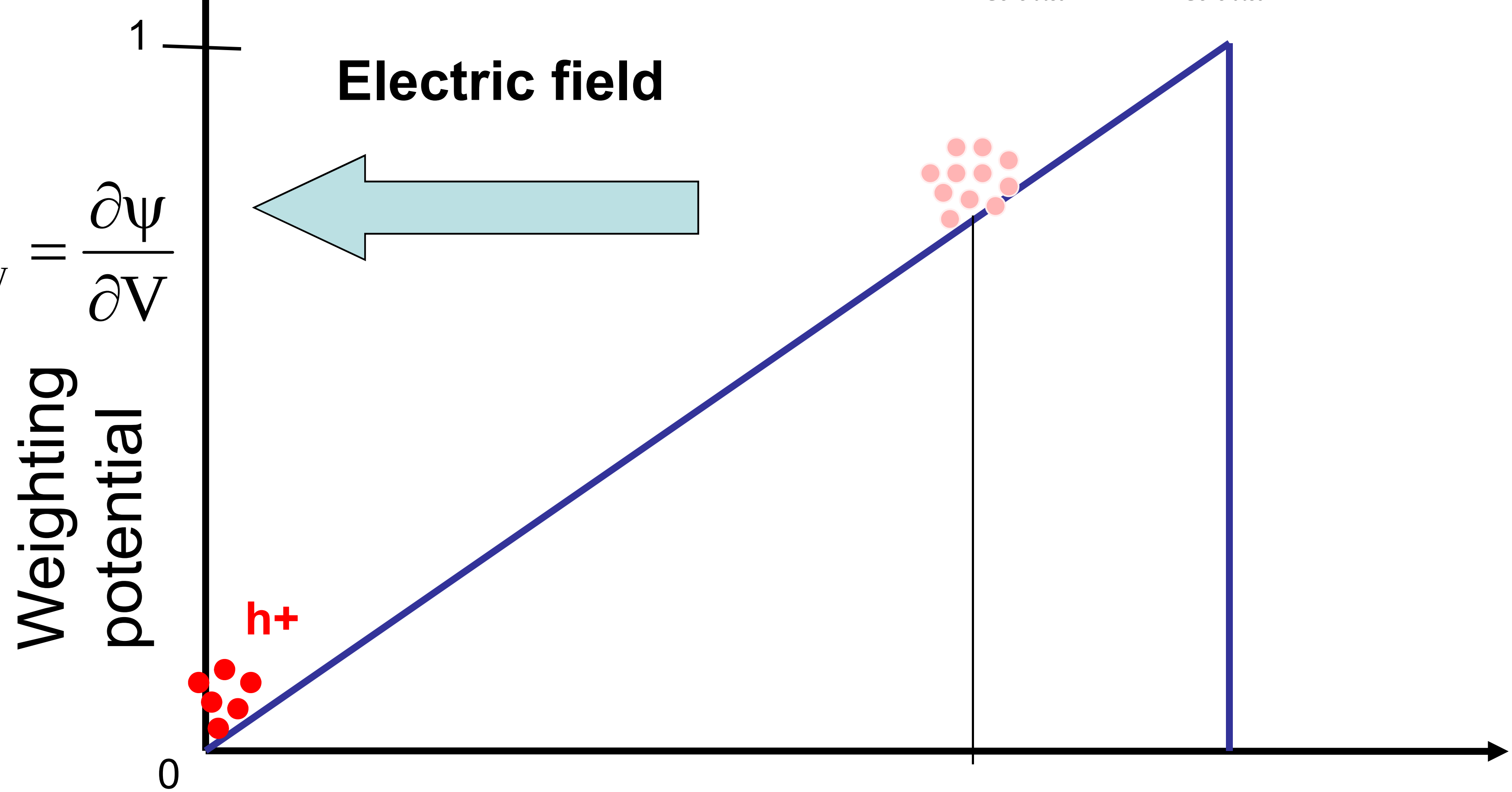


$$CCE = \frac{Q_{\text{collected}}}{Q_{\text{Generated}}} = \frac{q \cdot \sum_{\text{holes}} \left[\left.\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V}\right|_{\substack{\text{final}\\ \text{position}}} - \left.\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V}\right|_{\substack{\text{initial}\\ \text{position}}} \right]}{q \cdot [\text{Total Number of holes}]} = \frac{x_0}{w}$$

$$CCE_{ToT} = \frac{\text{electrons}_{\text{collected}}}{\text{electrons}_{\text{Generated}}} + \frac{\text{holes}_{\text{collected}}}{\text{holes}_{\text{Generated}}} = \left(1 - \frac{x_0}{w}\right) + \frac{x_0}{w} = 1$$

$$\psi_w = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V}$$



To evaluate the total induced charge

Magnetic effects are negligible;

Electric field propagates instantaneously

Free carrier velocities much smaller than the light speed

Excess charge does not significantly perturb the electric field

Evaluate the actual potential ψ by solving the Poisson's equation

Evaluate the Gunn's weighting potential

$$\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial V}$$

V is the bias potential at the sensitive electrode

Solve the transport (continuity) equations

The induced charge Q into the sensing electrode is given by the difference in the weighting potentials between any two positions (r_A and r_B) of the moving charge

$$Q = q \cdot \left(\left.\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial V}\right|_{r_B} - \left.\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial V}\right|_{r_A} \right)$$

Basic assumptions

Free carrier velocities much smaller than the light speed

Magnetic effects are negligible;

Electric field propagates instantaneously

ELECTROSTATICS

$$\begin{cases} \dfrac{\partial n}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}_n + G_n - U_n \\ \dfrac{\partial p}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}_p + G_p - U_p \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\varepsilon \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi \right) = \rho(p,n) \end{cases}$$

Excess charge does not significantly perturb the field within the detector

Quasi-steady-state mode

$$\begin{cases} \dfrac{\partial n}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}_n + G_n - U_n \\ \dfrac{\partial p}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}_p + G_p - U_p \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\varepsilon \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi \right) = \rho(p,n)$$

Linearization of U

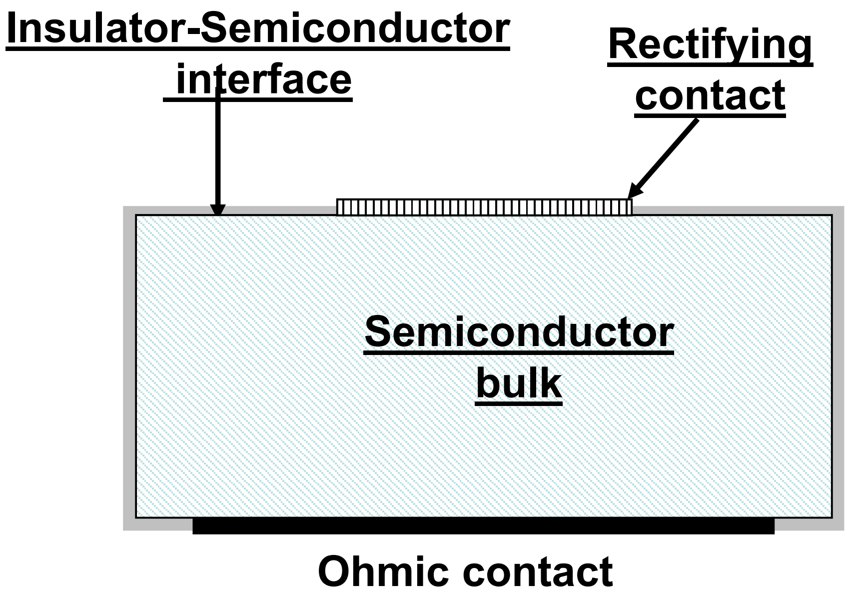
$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}_n + G_n - \frac{n}{\tau_n}$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}_p + G_p - \frac{p}{\tau_p}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\varepsilon \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi \right) = \rho(p,n)$$

Basic formalism

Boundary conditions



Solve the continuity equations using the potential ϕ_0 defined by boundary conditions, space charge

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = +\vec{\nabla}\cdot\left(-\mu_n \cdot \vec{\nabla}\phi_0 \cdot n + D_n \cdot \vec{\nabla} n\right) + G_n - \frac{n}{\tau_n}$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla}\cdot\left(+\mu_p \cdot \vec{\nabla}\phi_0 \cdot p - D_p \cdot \vec{\nabla} p\right) + G_p - \frac{p}{\tau_p}$$

Evaluate the actual potential ϕ by solving the Poisson's equation

$$\vec{\nabla}\cdot\left(\varepsilon \cdot \vec{\nabla}\phi\right) = \rho(p,n)$$

Evaluate the induced charge

$$Q(r_0,t) = -\oint \varepsilon \cdot \vec{\nabla}\phi(r_0,t) \cdot d\vec{S}$$

Evaluate the induced current

$$I(r_0,t) = \frac{dQ(r_0,t)}{dt}$$

Initial conditions

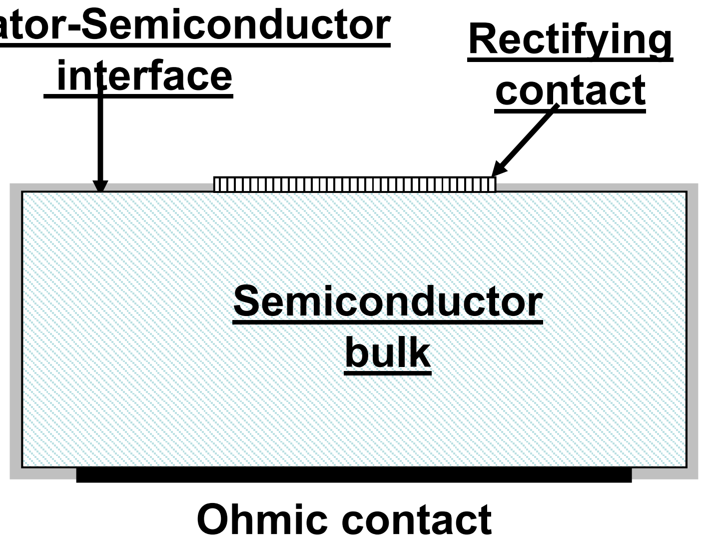
For mapping charge pulses

$$G_{n,p} = \delta(r - r_0) \cdot \delta(t)$$

$r_0 =$ Generation point at $t = 0$

Formalism based on the Gunn's theorem

Boundary conditions



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Evaluate the Gunn's weighted potential

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial V_i}$$

by solving the Poisson's equation

$$\vec{\nabla}\cdot\left(\varepsilon \cdot \vec{E}\right) = \rho$$

The potentials of all the other conductors are held constant

Initial conditions

For mapping charge pulses

$$G_{n,p} = \delta(r - r_0)\cdot\delta(t)$$

$r_0 =$ Generation point at $t = 0$

Evaluate the induced charge

$$Q_i(t) = -q\int_0^t dt' \int_\Omega dr \left\{ \left[n(r,t';r_0)\cdot v_n(r) + p(r,t';r_0)\cdot v_p(r) \right] \cdot \left. \frac{\partial E(r)}{\partial V_i} \right|_V \right\}$$

Adjoint equation Method **Short-cut**

Charge Induced from electrons

$$Q_{in}(t) = -q\int_0^t dt' \int_\Omega dr \left\{ \left[n(r,t';r_0) \cdot v_n(r) \right] \cdot \left. \frac{\partial E(r)}{\partial V_i} \right|_V \right\}$$

is the Green's function for the electron continuity equation

The continuity equation involves linear operators

The charge induced from electrons can be evaluated by solving a single, time dependent adjoint equation.

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial n^+}{\partial t} = +\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(+ \mu_n \cdot \vec{\nabla}\phi_0 \cdot n^+ + D_n \cdot \vec{\nabla} n^+ \right) + G^*{}_n - \frac{n^+}{\tau_n}}$$

$$n^+ = Q_{in}$$

$$G_n^+ = \mu_n \cdot \nabla\phi \cdot \frac{\partial E}{\partial V_i}$$

T.H.Prettyman, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. in Phys. Res. A 422 (1999) 232-237.

Monte Carlo Method

Short-cut

Shockley-Ramo-Gunn Theory

A charge moving in a non-zero electric field induces a current to the sensitive electrode.
$\partial\psi/\partial V$ is the **Gunn's weighting potential**, where ψ is the electric potential and V the bias voltage

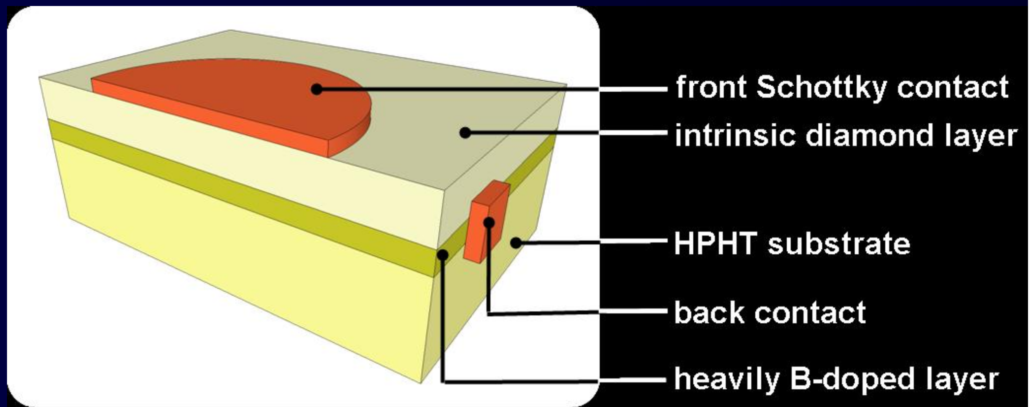
$$Q = q\left[\left.\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial V}\right|_{r} - \left.\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial V}\right|_{r}\right]$$

Follow the carrier trajectories by a Monte Carlo approach
Taking into account
❖**physical parameters** (geometry, electric field, transport properties)
❖**experimental set-up** (noise, threshold, beam spot size)

P. Olivero et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. B 269 (2011) 2350

Lateral IBIC of a diamond Schottky diode

- ✓ Diamond Schottky diode structure:
  - ✓ homoepitaxial growth on HPHT substrates
  - ✓ (type Ib, 4×4×0.4 mm^3) slightly B doped (Acceptor concentration ≈ 10^{13}-10^{14} cm^{-3})
  - ✓ heavily B-doped buffer layer as back contact (Acceptor concentration ≈ 10^{18}-10^{19} cm^{-3})
  - ✓ 25 μm thick intrinsic layer as active volume
- ✓ Schottky contact: frontal Al circular contact (∅ = 2 mm, 200 nm thick) on intrinsic layer
- ✓ back contact on B-doped layer → ohmic contact
- ✓ sample cleaved in order to expose its cross section for IBIC characterization



ideality factor: n = (1.51 ± 0.04)

series resistance: R_s = (5.1 ± 1.6) kΩ

→ back B-doped contact

shunt resistance: R_{sh} = (900 ± 6) GΩ

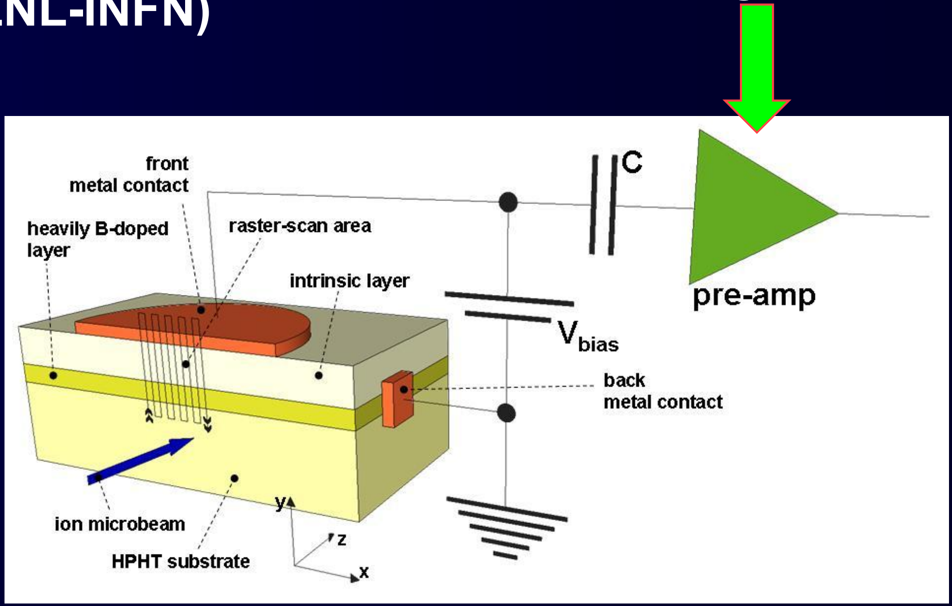
@ 50 V -> I<50 pA

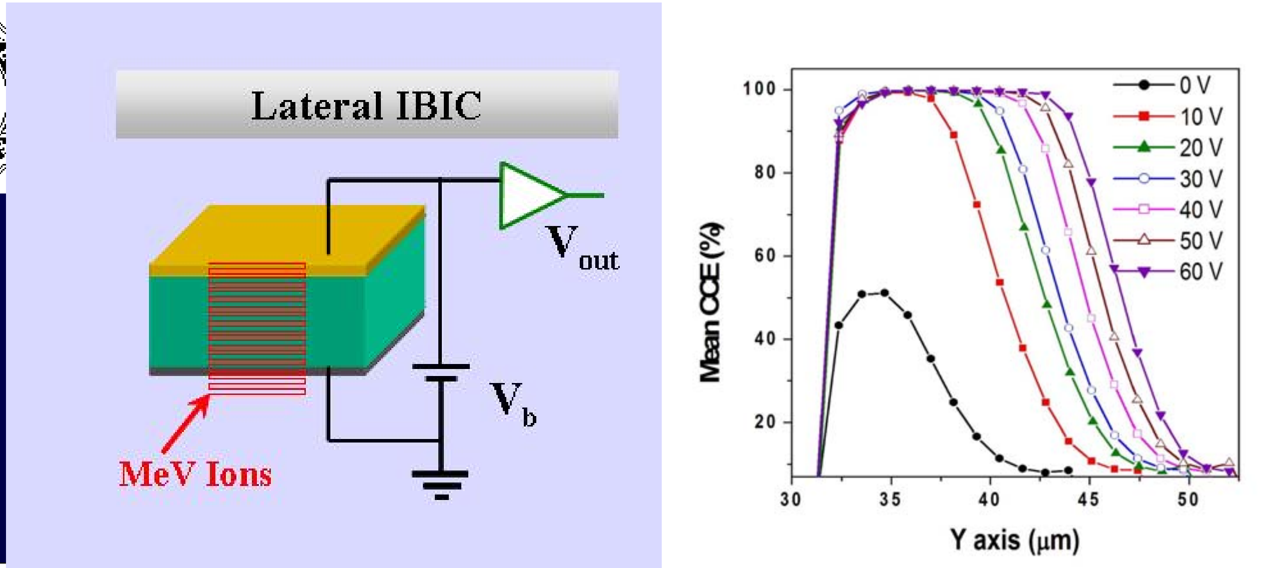
S. Almaviva et al. "*Synthetic single crystal diamond dosimeters for conformal radiation therapy application*", Diamond & Related Materials 19 (2010) 217–220

Lateral IBIC measurements performed at the ion microbeam line of the AN2000 accelerator of the National Laboratories of Legnaro (LNL-INFN)

charge sensitive electronic chain and synchronous signal acquistition with microbeam scanning

- ✓ ion species and energy: H^+ @ 2 MeV
- ✓ ion current: $\leq 10^3$ ions s^{-1} → no pile up or charging effects
- ✓ ion beam spot on the sample: FWHM = 3 μm
- ✓ raster-scanned area: S = 62×62 μm^2




Lateral IBIC
V out
V b
MeV Ions
100
80
60
40
20
Mean CCE (%)
30
35
40
45
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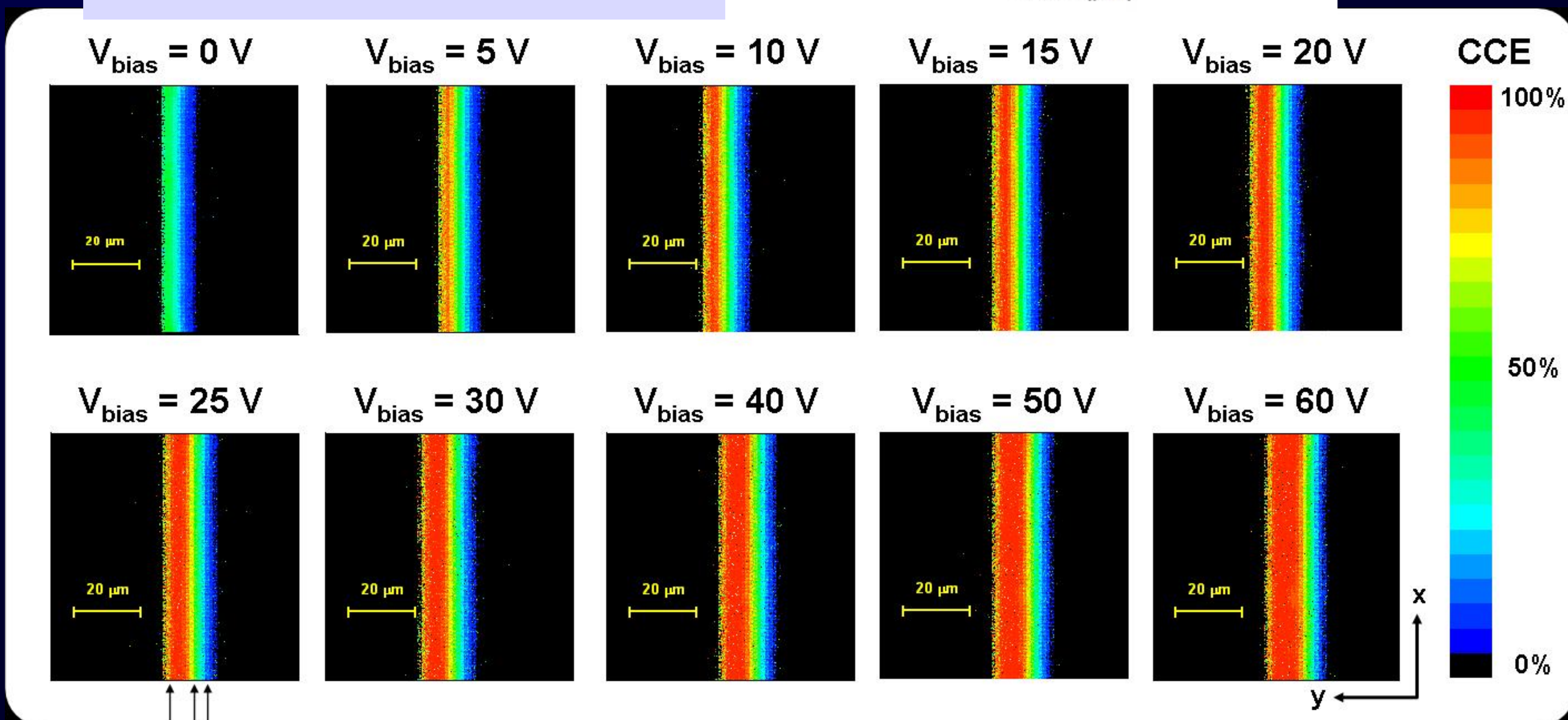
Y axis (μm)
0 V
10 V
20 V
30 V
40 V
50 V
60 V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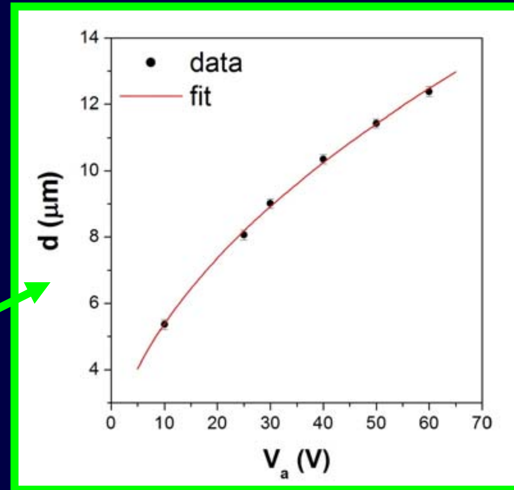
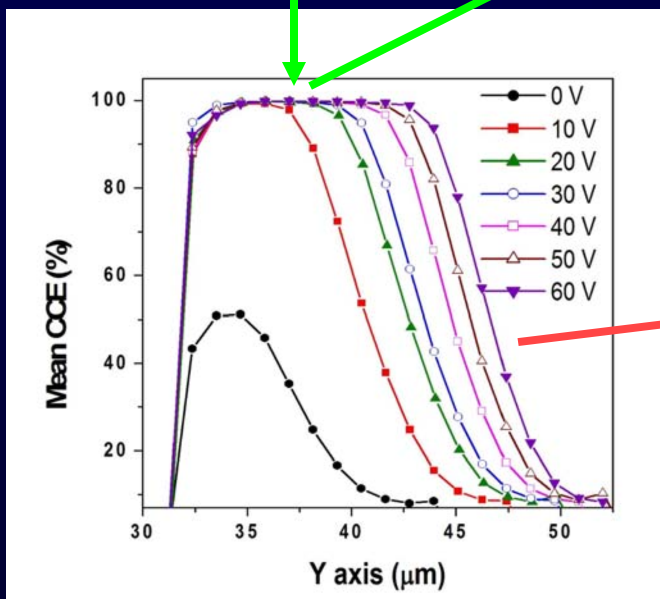
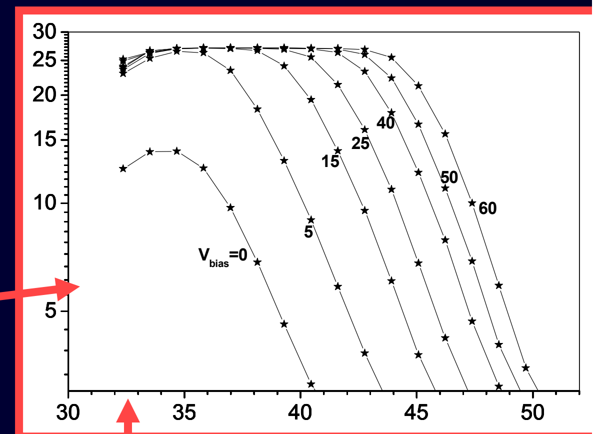
20 μm
CCE
100%
50%
0%
x
y

Plateaux:
Depletion region (active region)
Vs.
Bias voltage







Exponential-like decay outside the highly efficient depletion region

$$\text{Electron diffusion length: } L_e = \sqrt{D_e \cdot \tau_e} = (2.57 \pm 0.17)\mu m$$

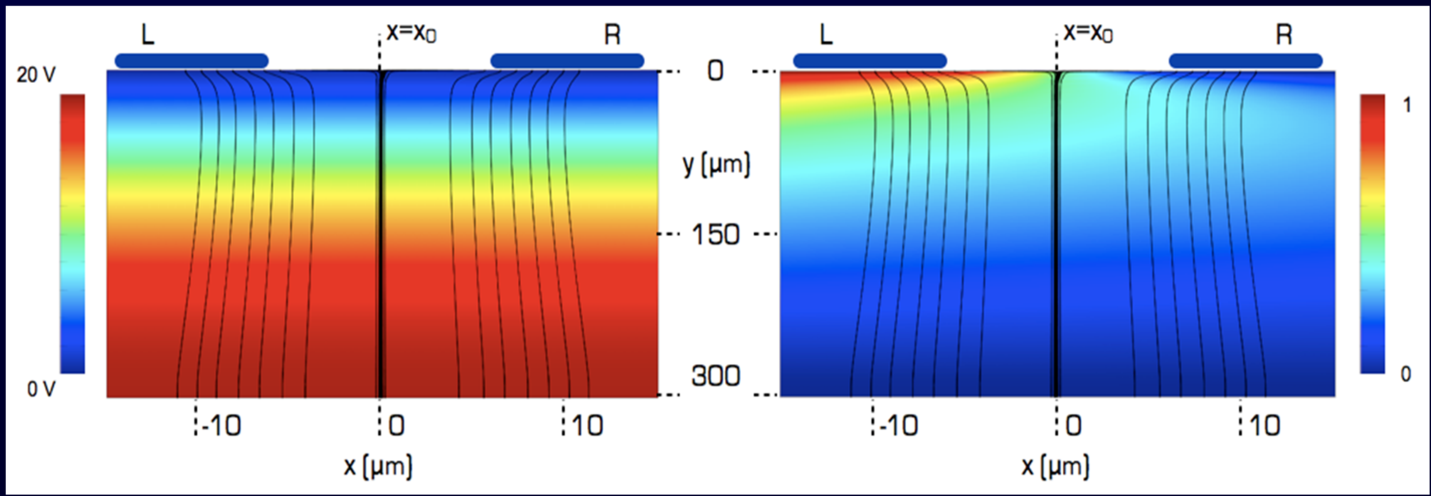
$$\text{Mobility} \cdot \text{lifetime} : \mu_e \cdot \tau_e = (2.57 \pm 0.3) V / cm^2$$

A. Lo Giudice et al, Physica Status Solidi Rapid Research Letters 5 (2011) 80-82

The induced charge Q at the sensing electrode is given by the difference in the weighting potentials between any two positions (r_A and r_B) of the moving charge

$$Q = q \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V}\bigg|_{\substack{\text{final} \\ \text{position}}} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V}\bigg|_{\substack{\text{initial} \\ \text{position}}} \right)$$

CHARGE SHARING IN MULTIELECTRODE DEVICES



Actual potential **Weighting potential**

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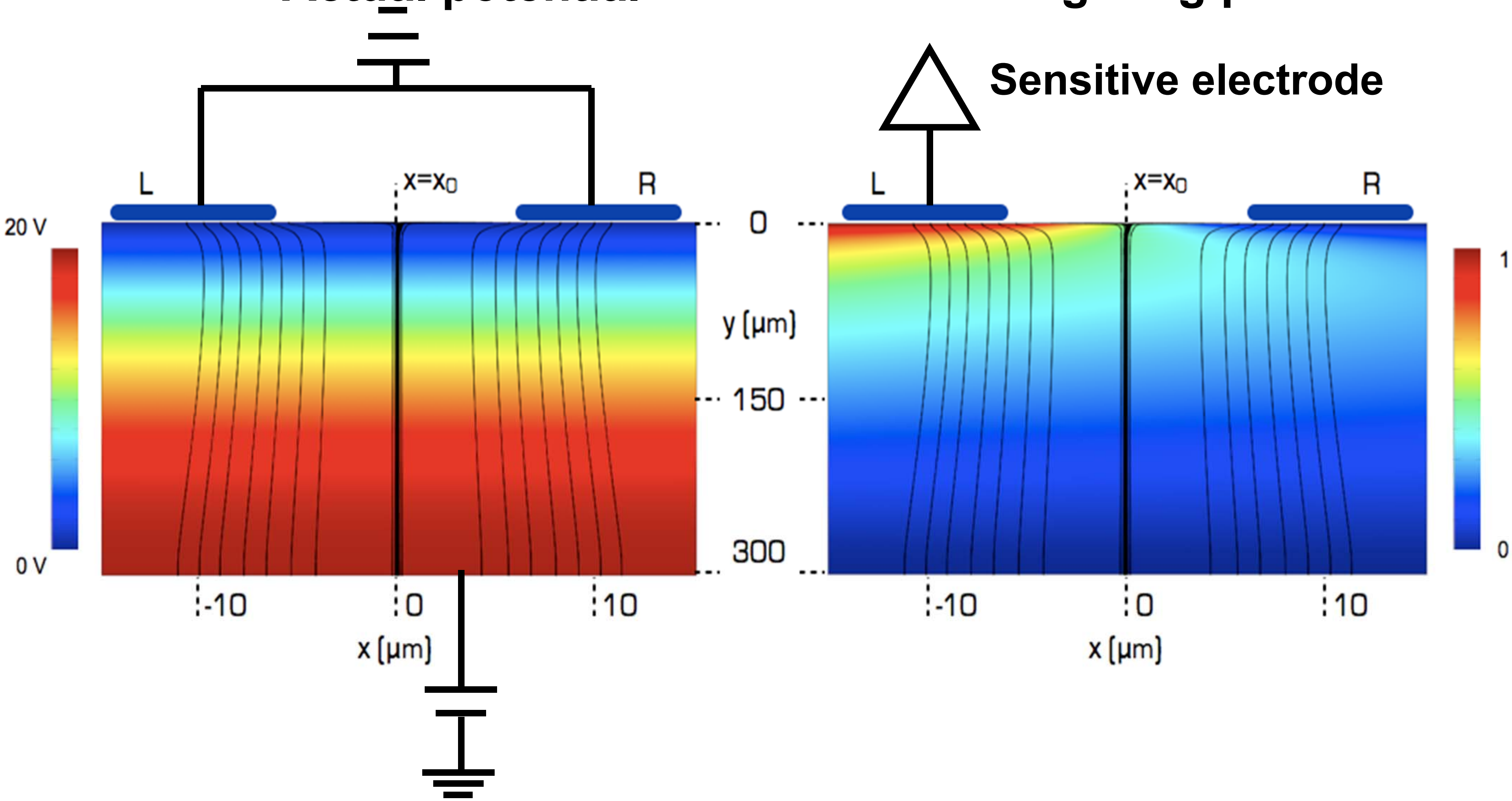

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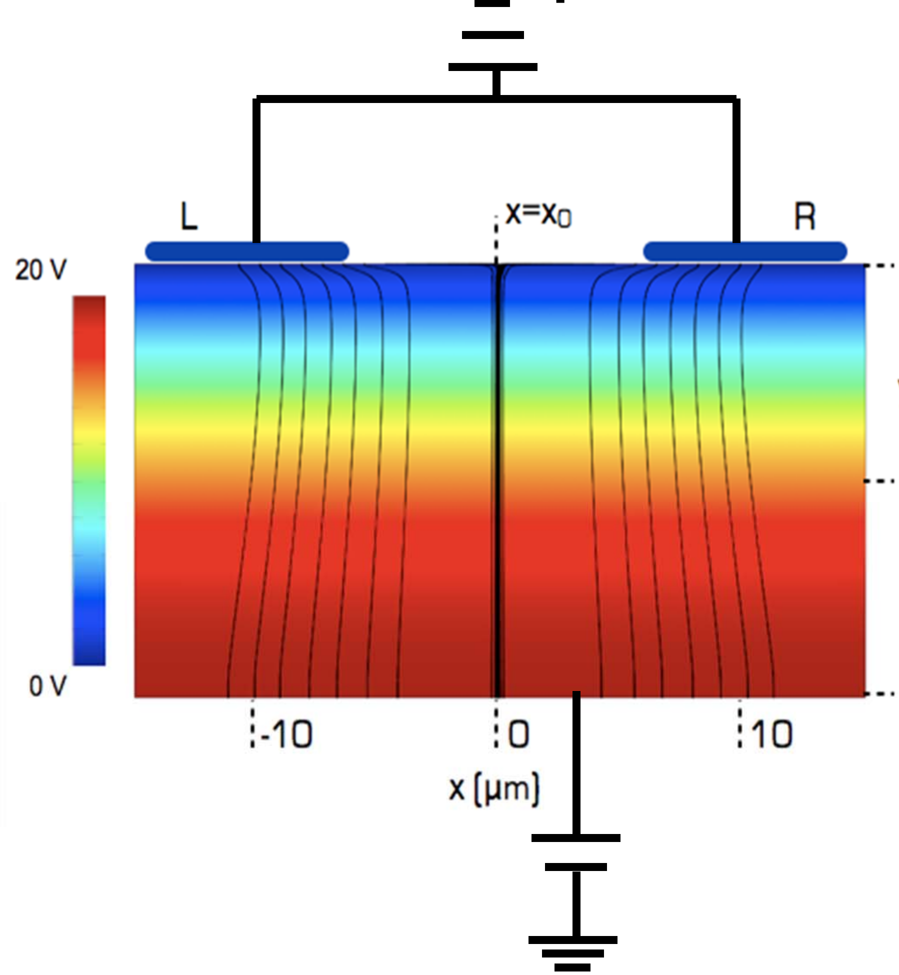

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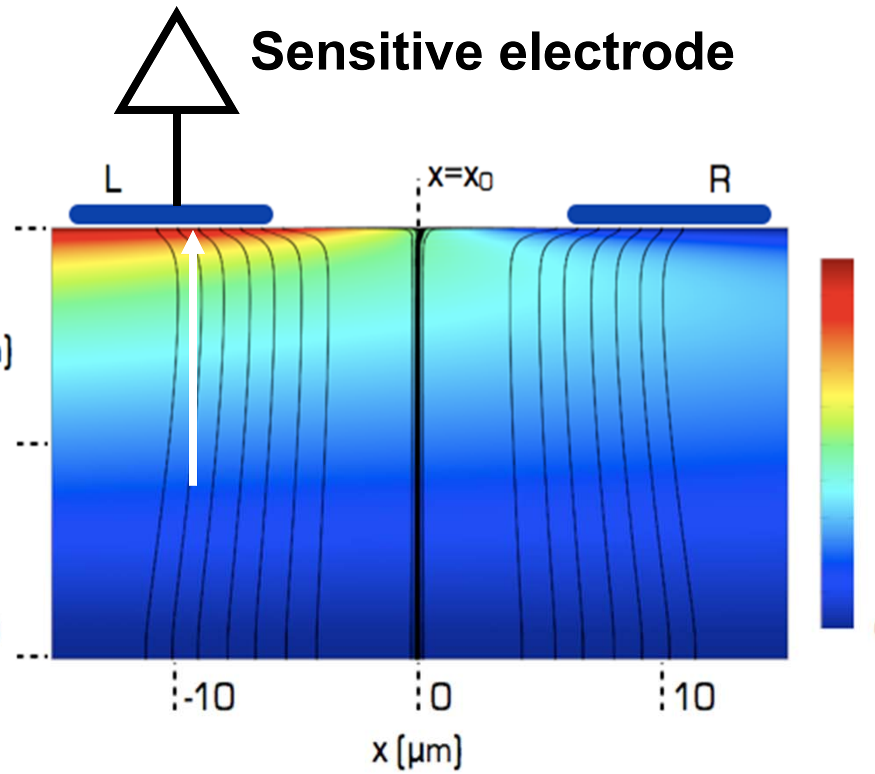

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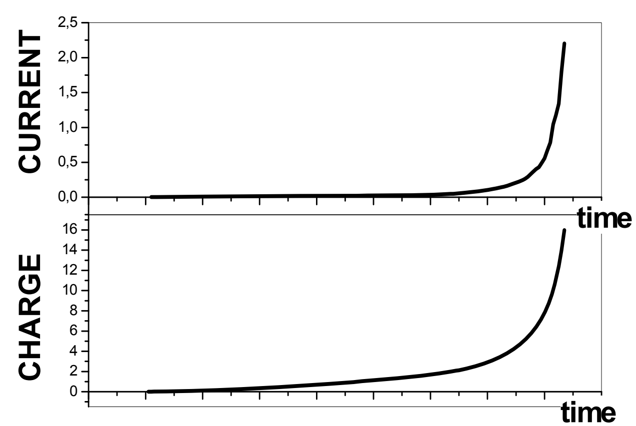

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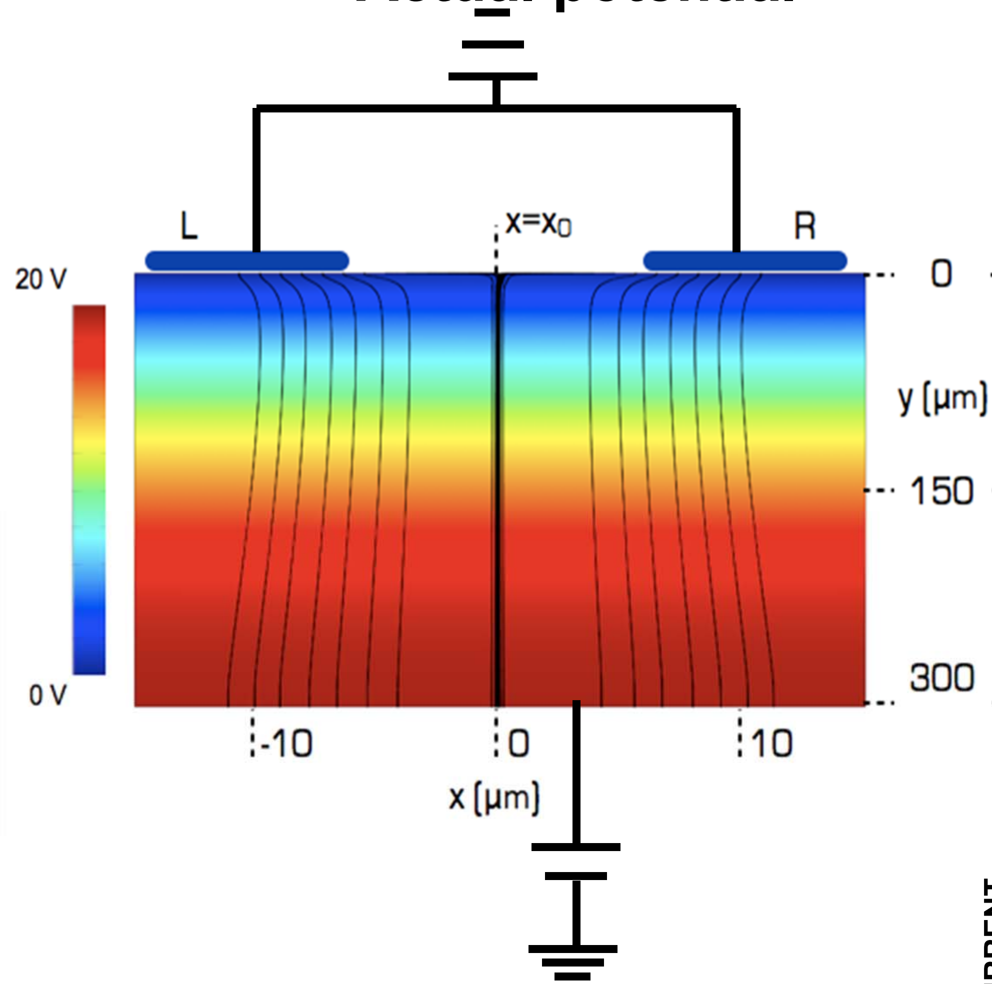

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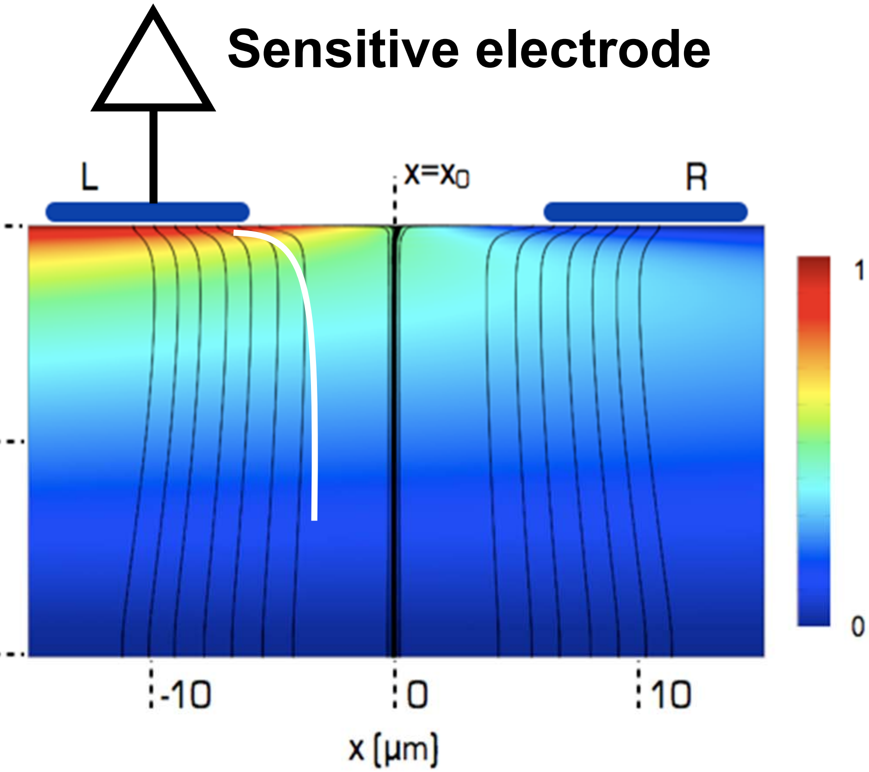

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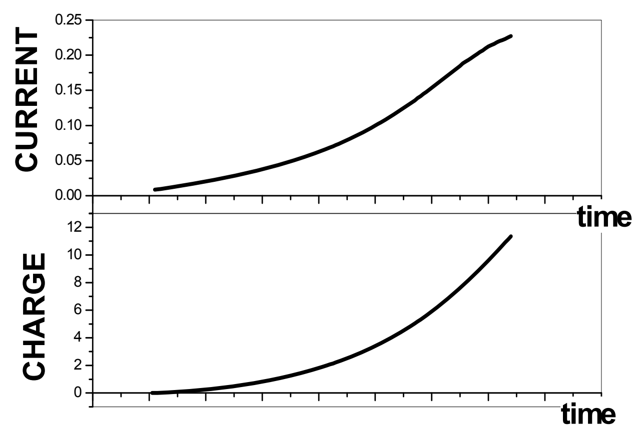

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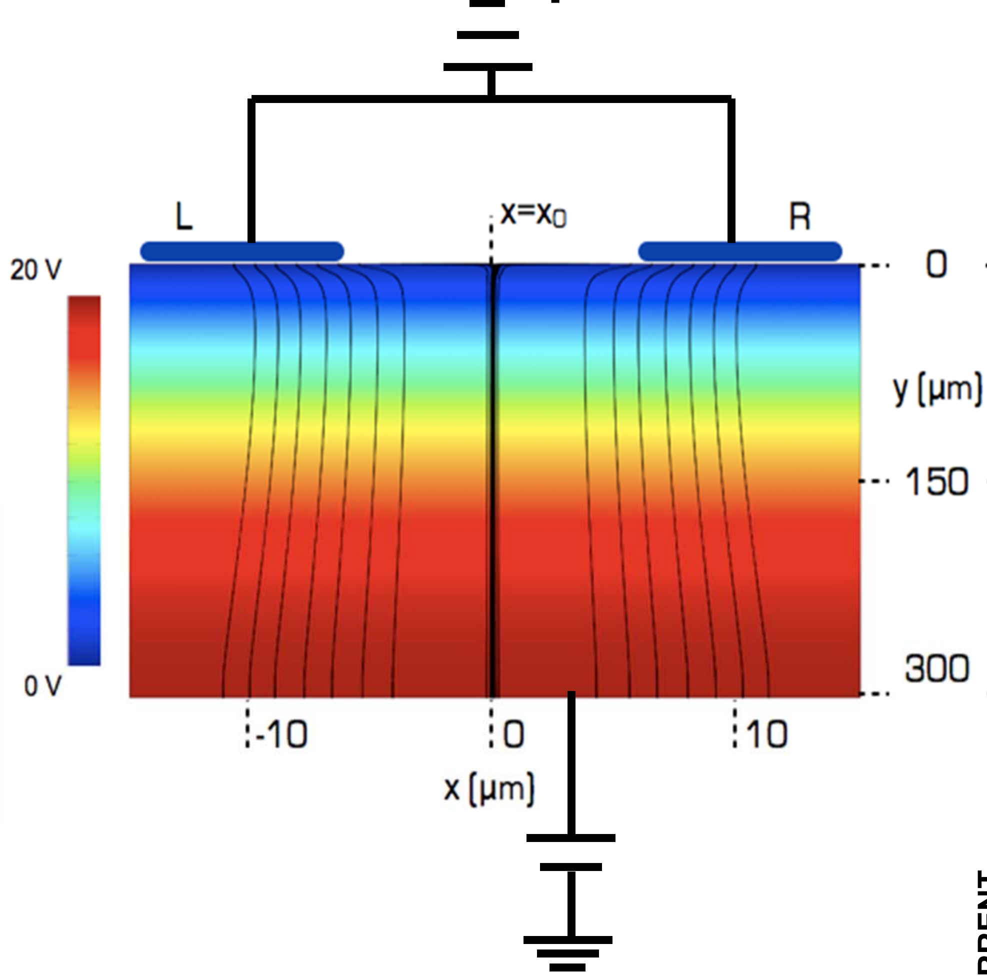

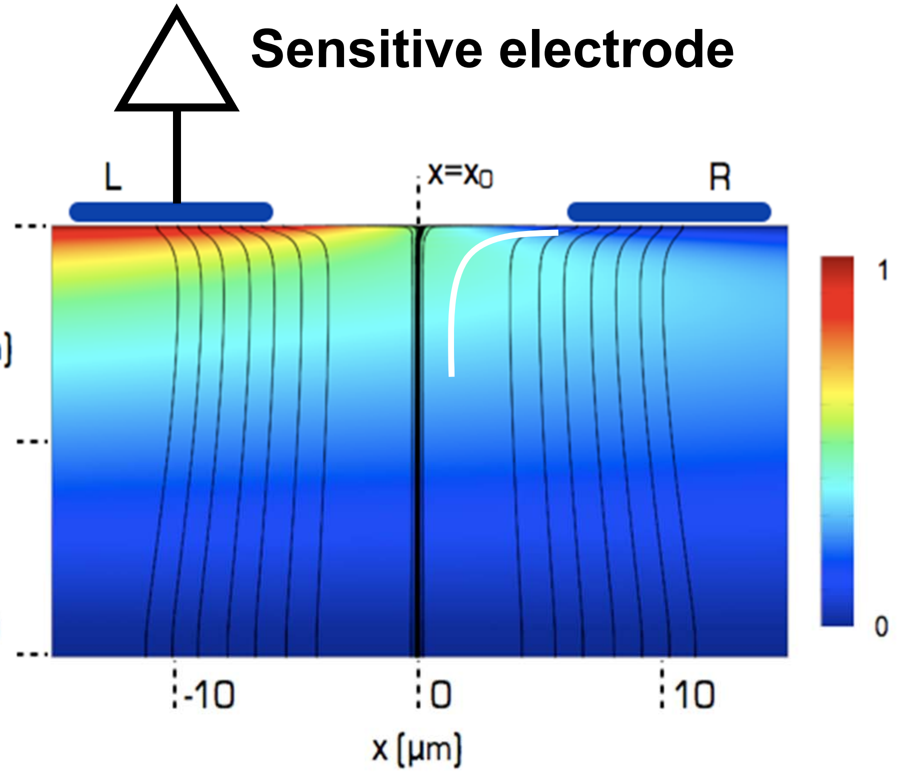

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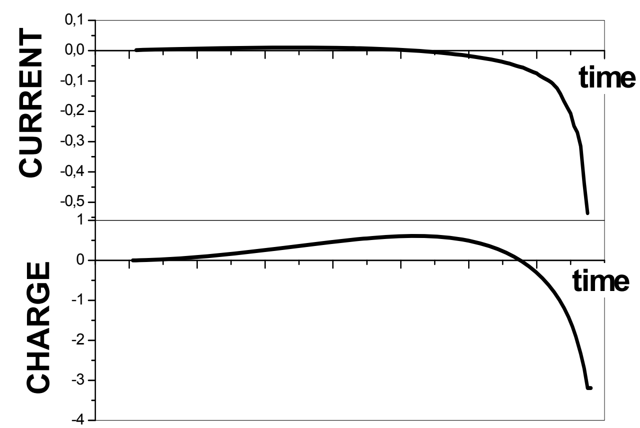

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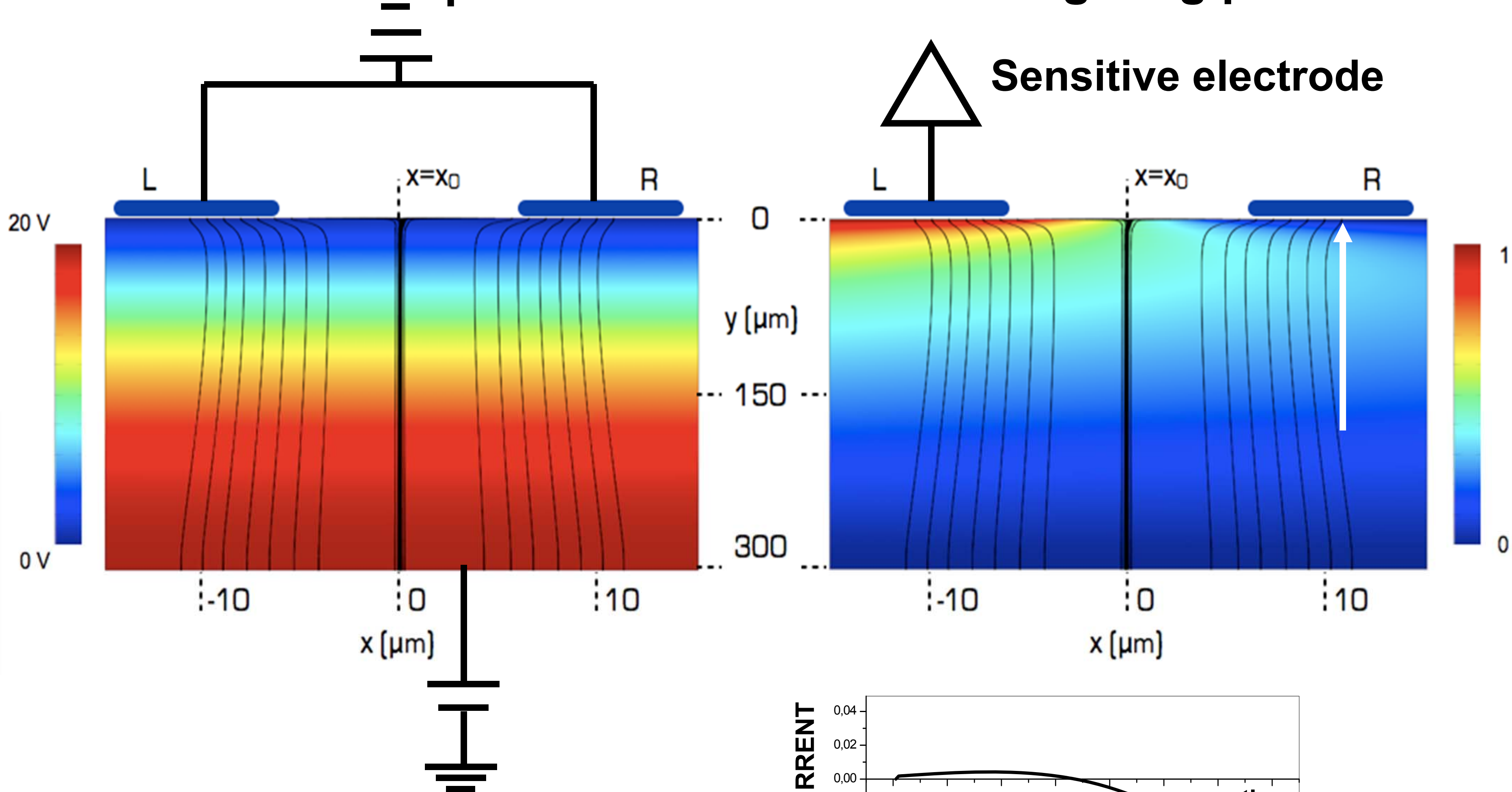

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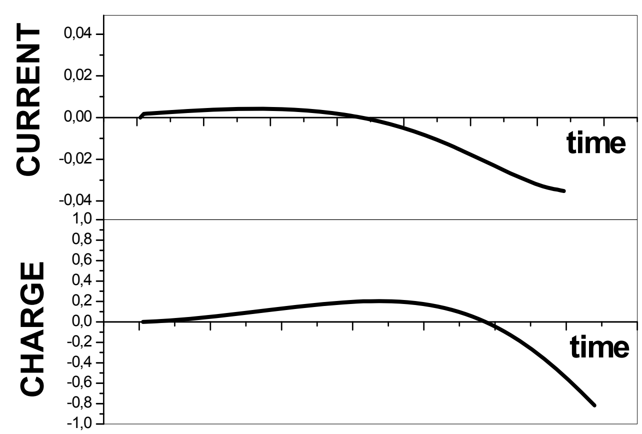

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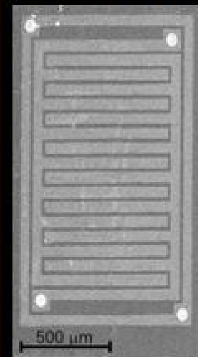
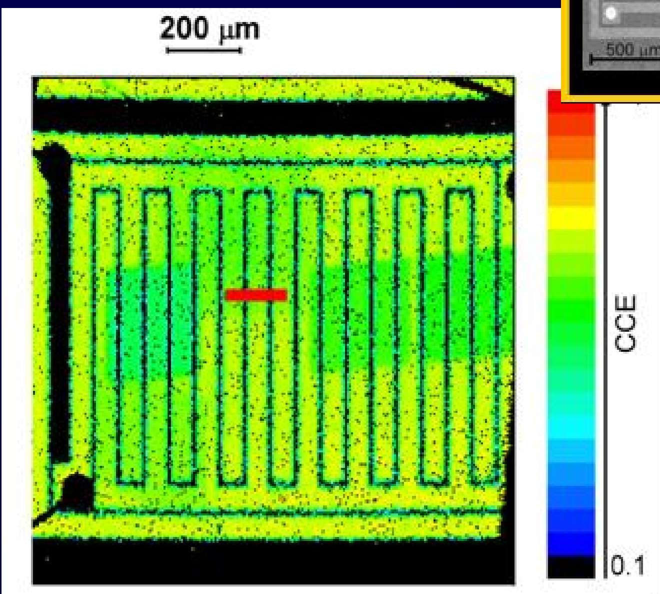
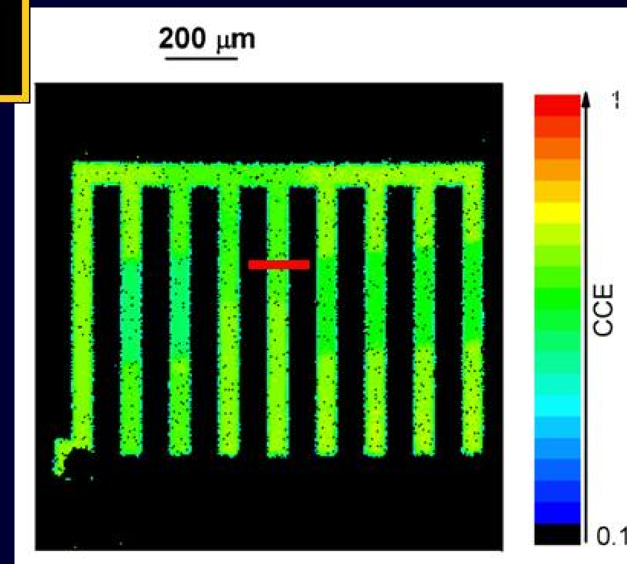


4H-SiC Schottky diode

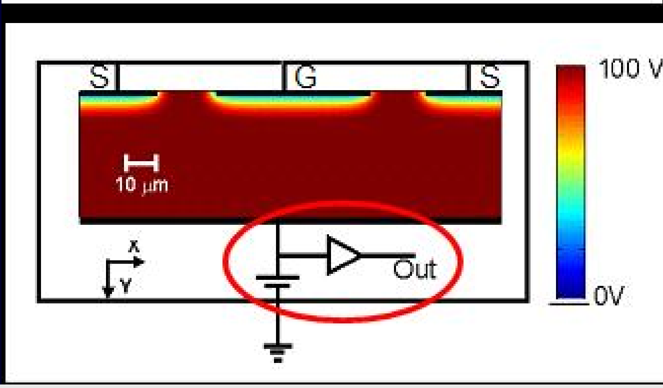
Inter-digitated frontal electrodes

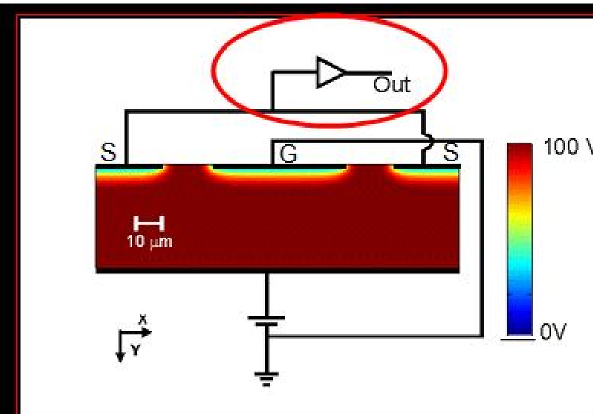
- Finger width: 50 µm
- Finger length: 700 µm
- Finger-finger gap = 20 µm;
- Finger-guard ring = 70 µm.





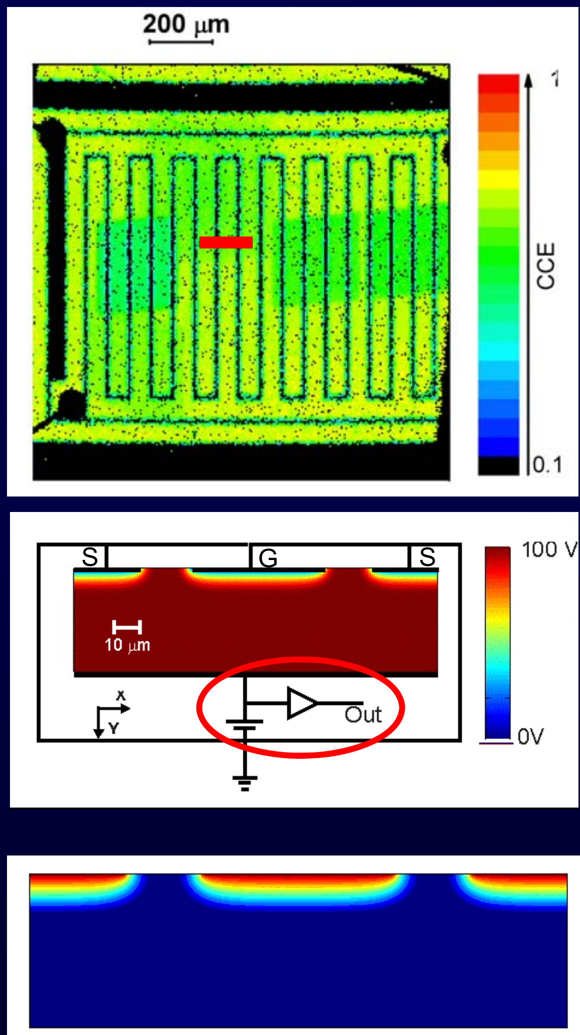
IBIC map
1.5 MeV H^+

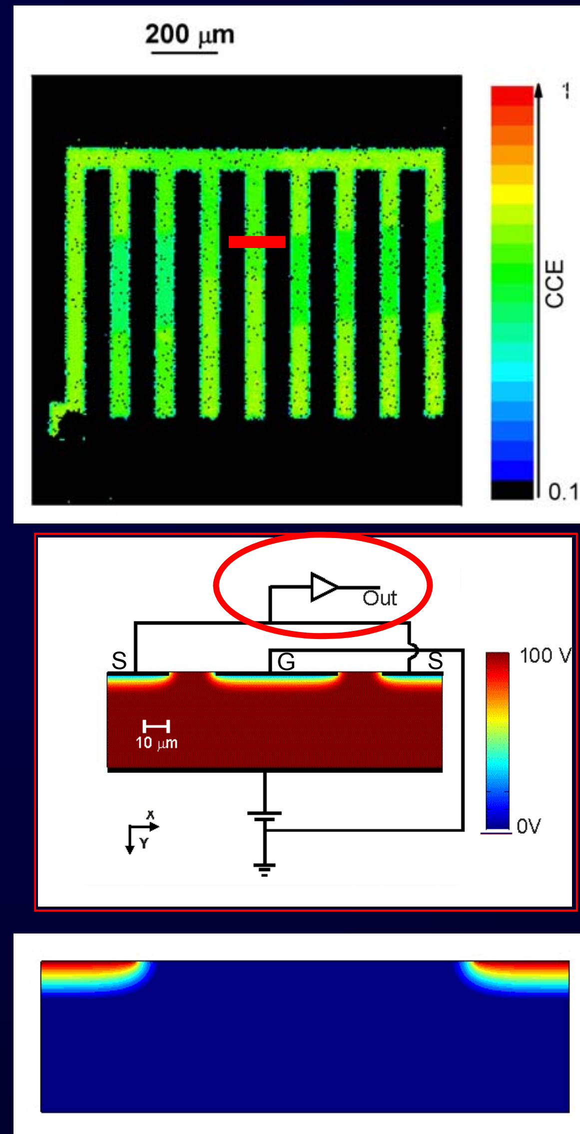




Electrostatic Potential map
V_{bias}=100V

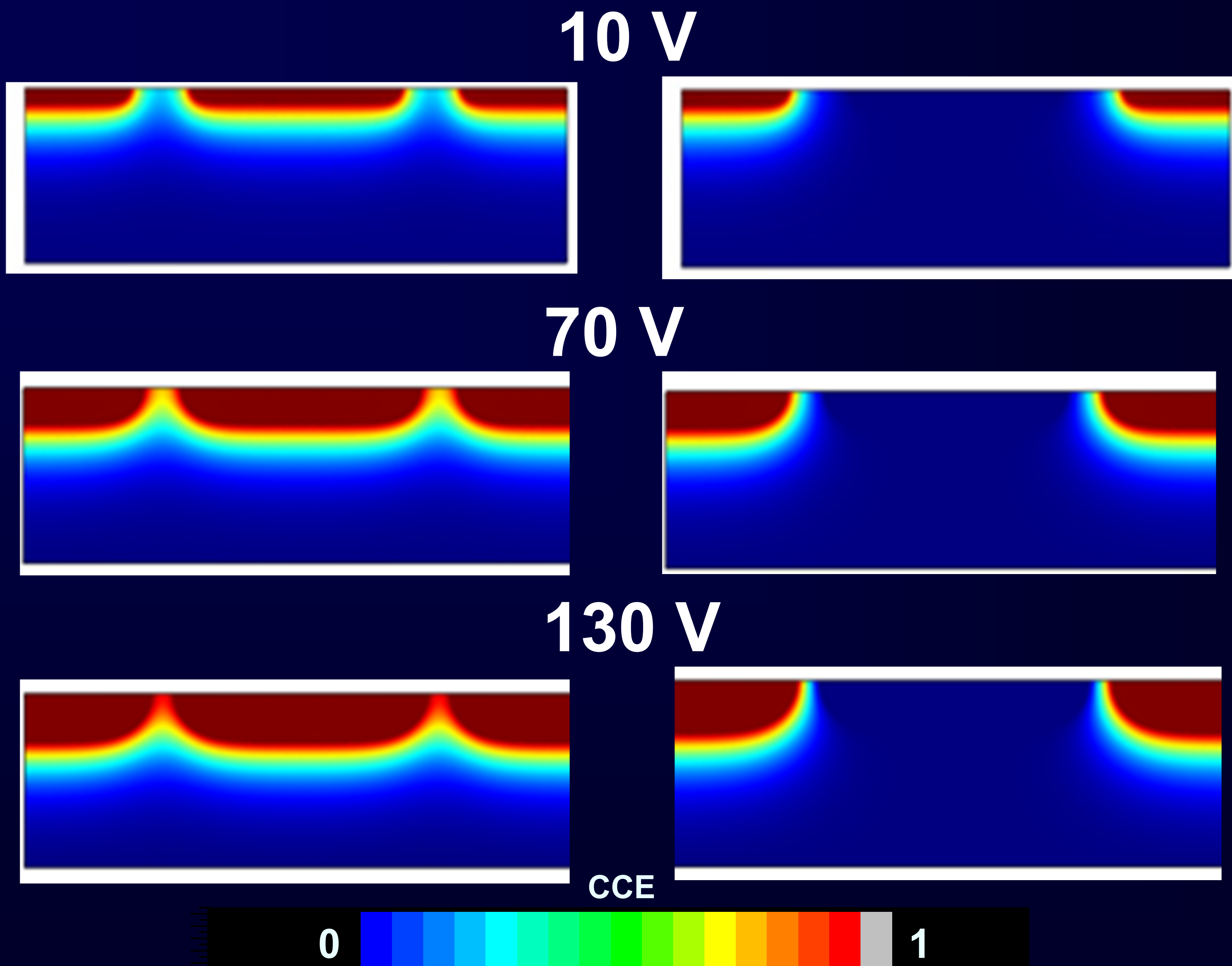
E.Vittone et al. Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research B 266 (2008) 1312–1318.



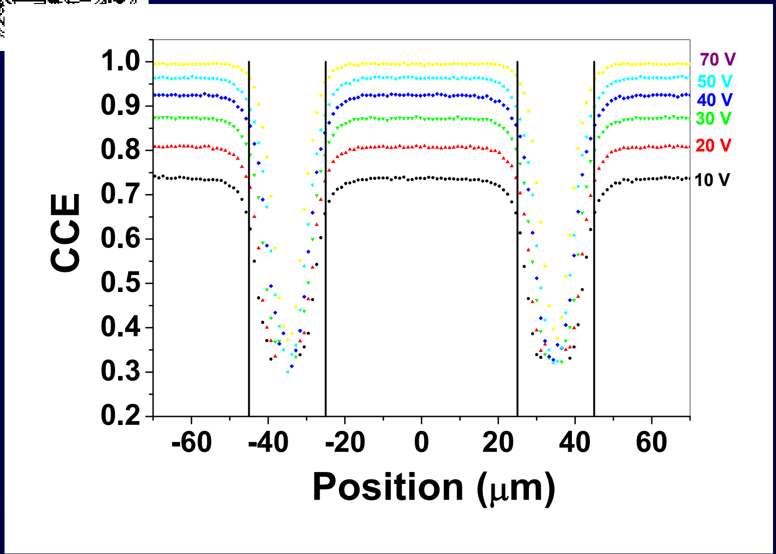


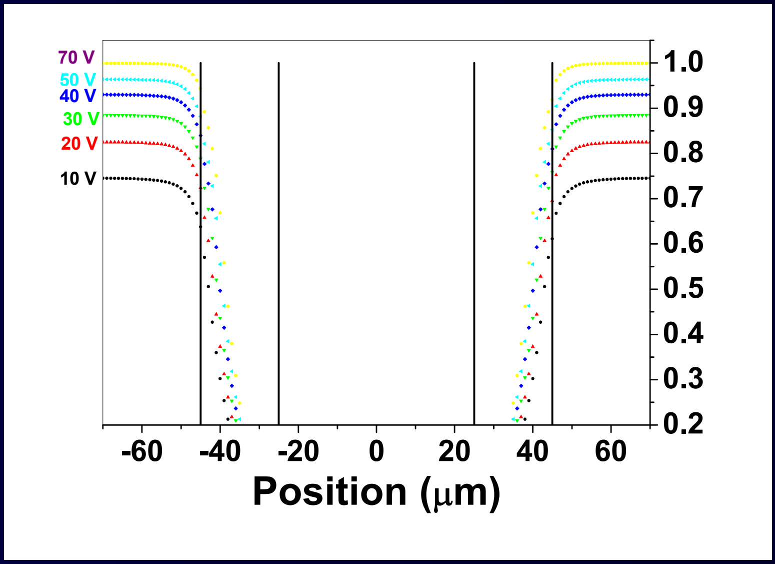
Weighting potential maps

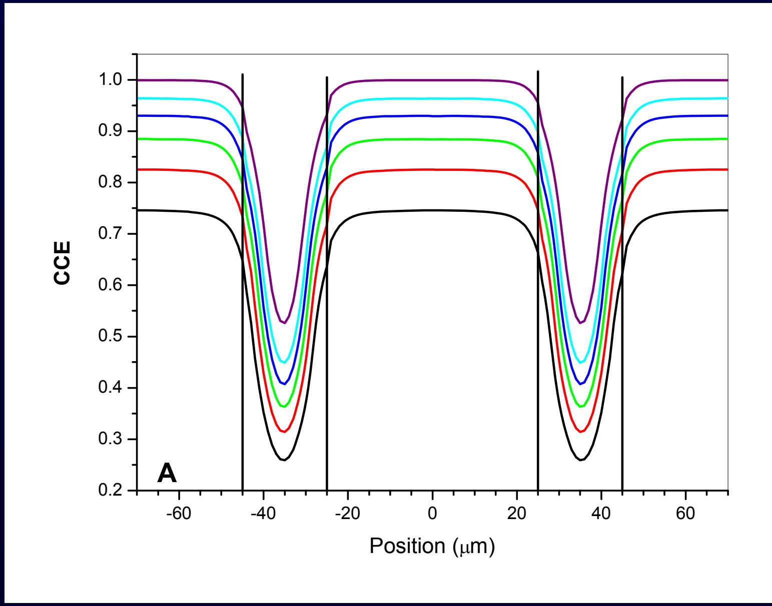
Calculated CCE maps

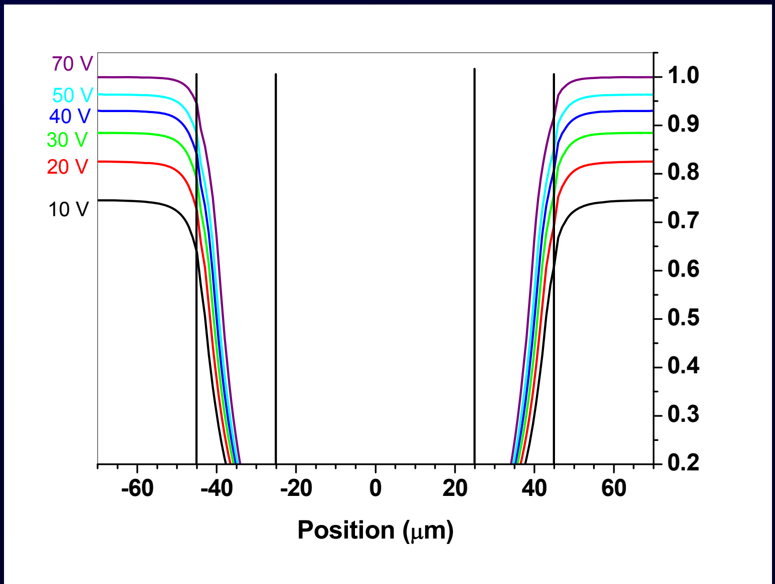


0.9 MeV protons









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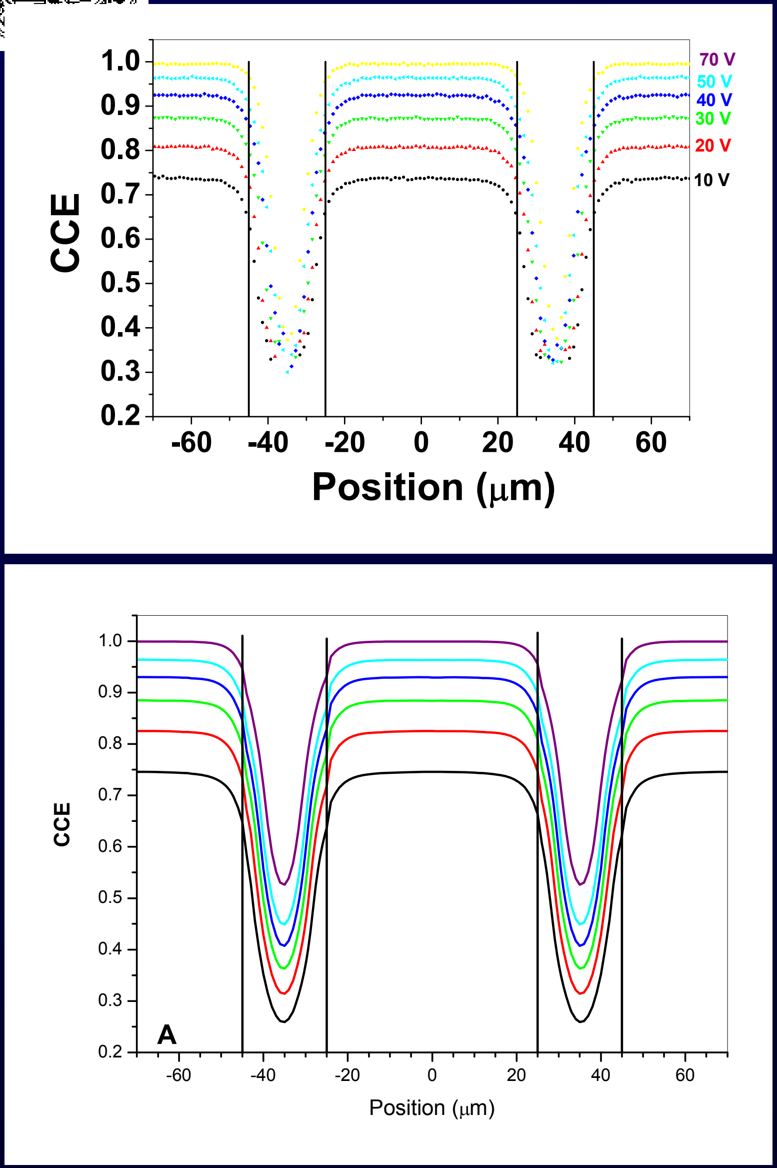
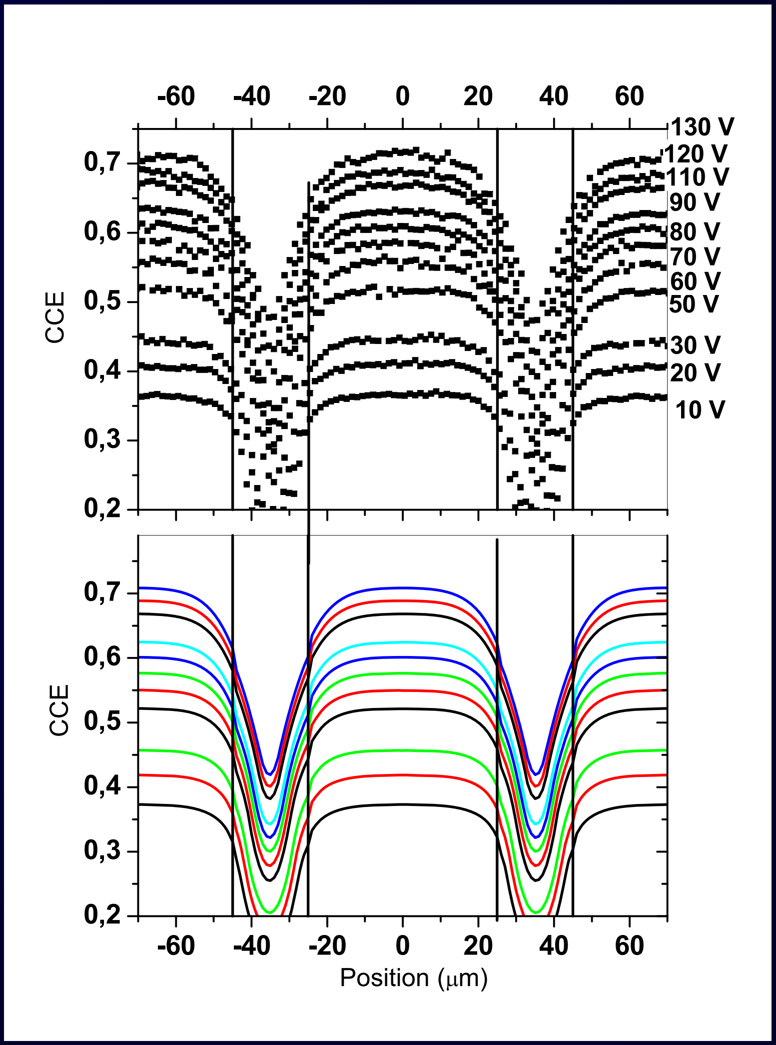
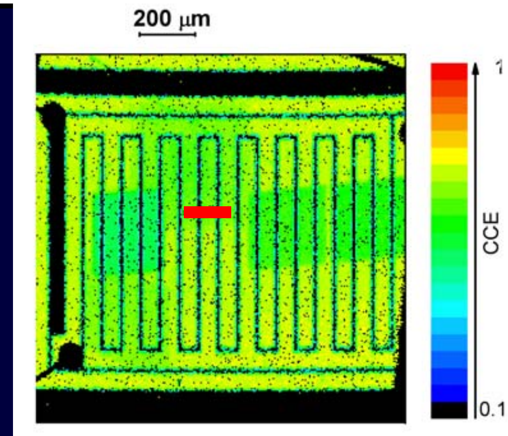
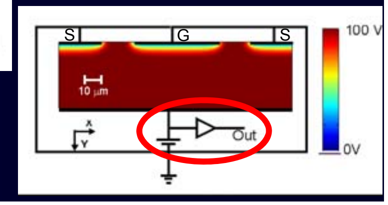


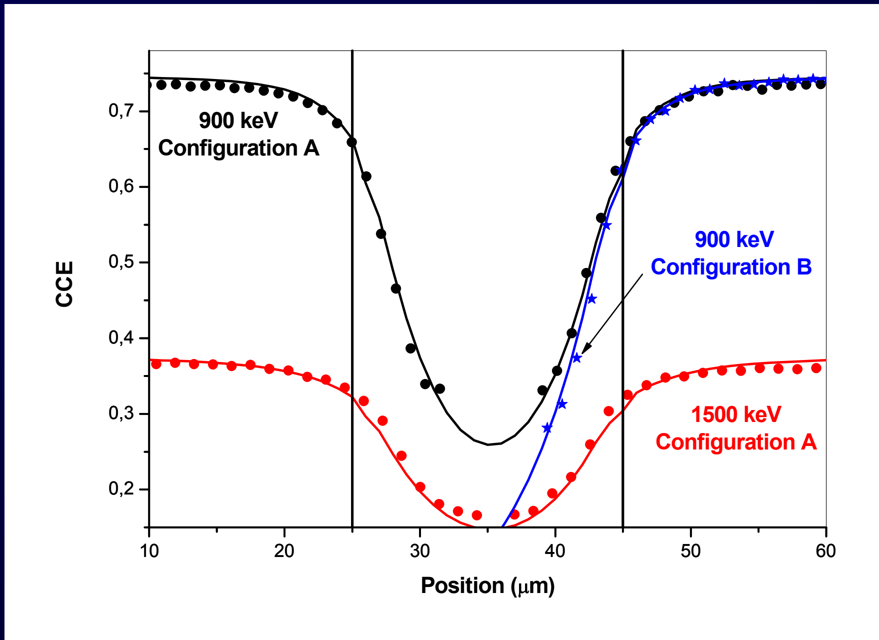


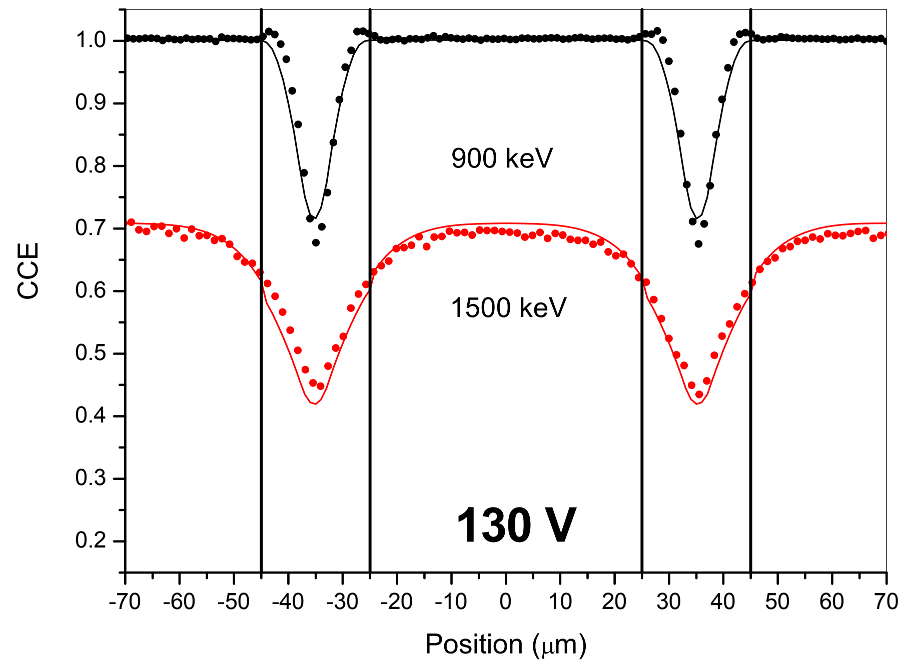
CCE profile details

hole diffusion length = 8.7 μm.
hole lifetime = τp = 250 ns



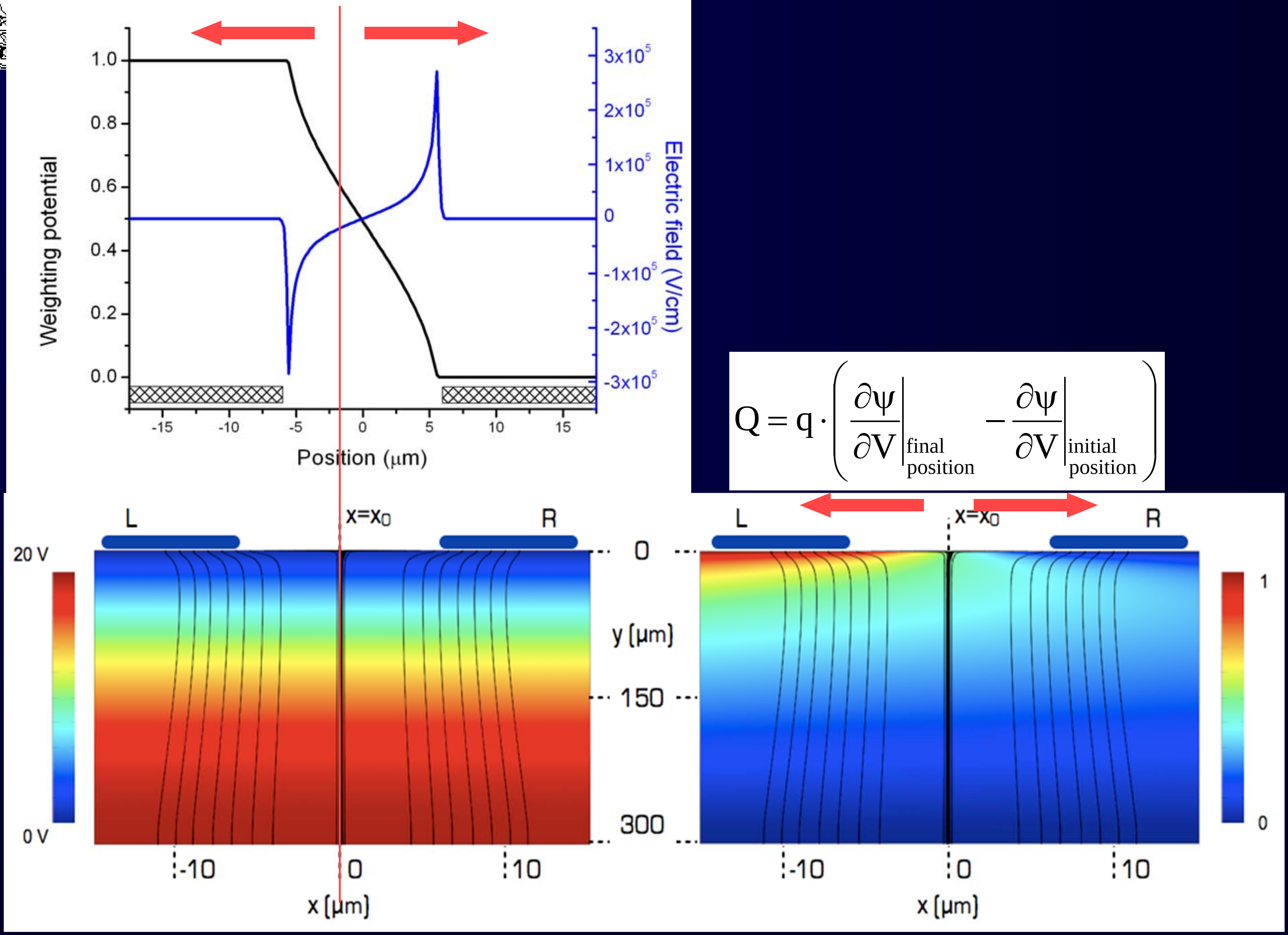






The electrode edges are highlighted by the vertical black line.

Horizontal electric field



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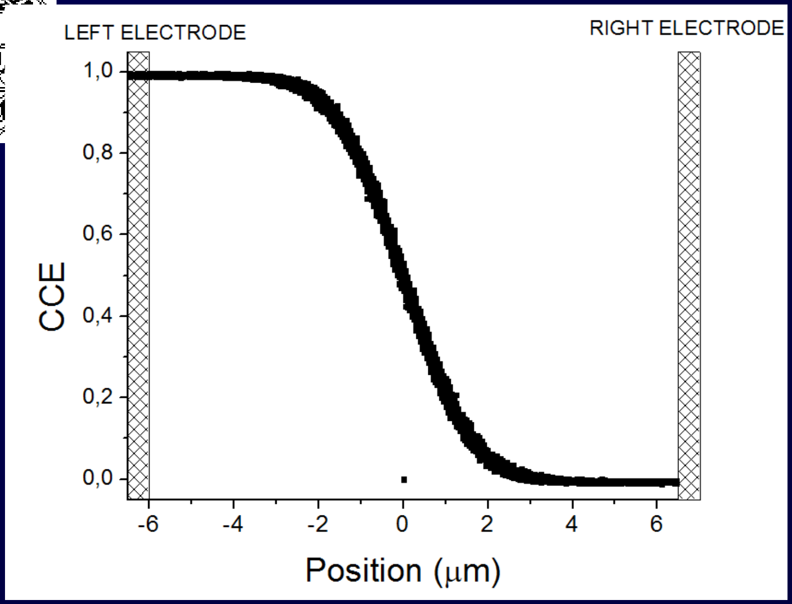
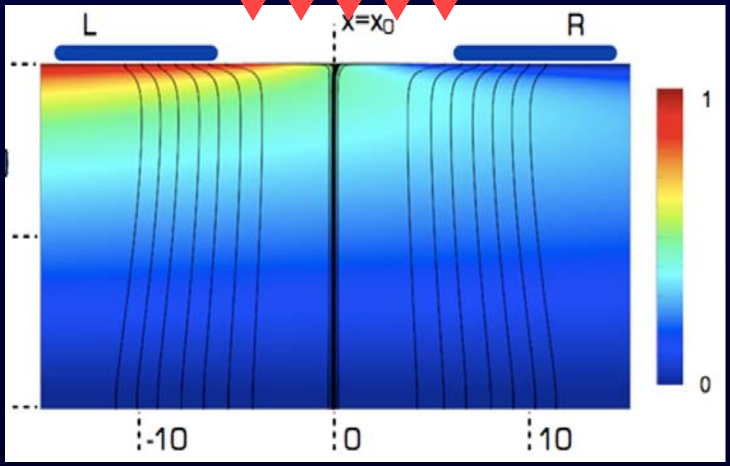
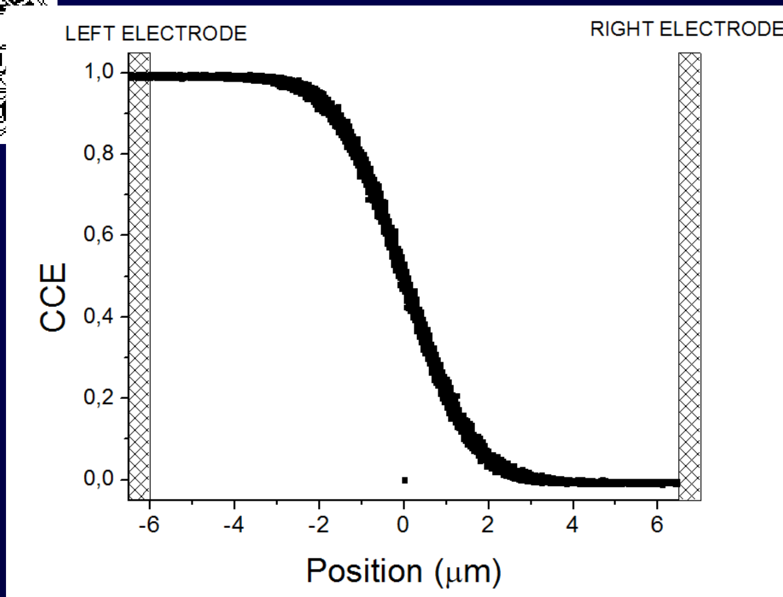
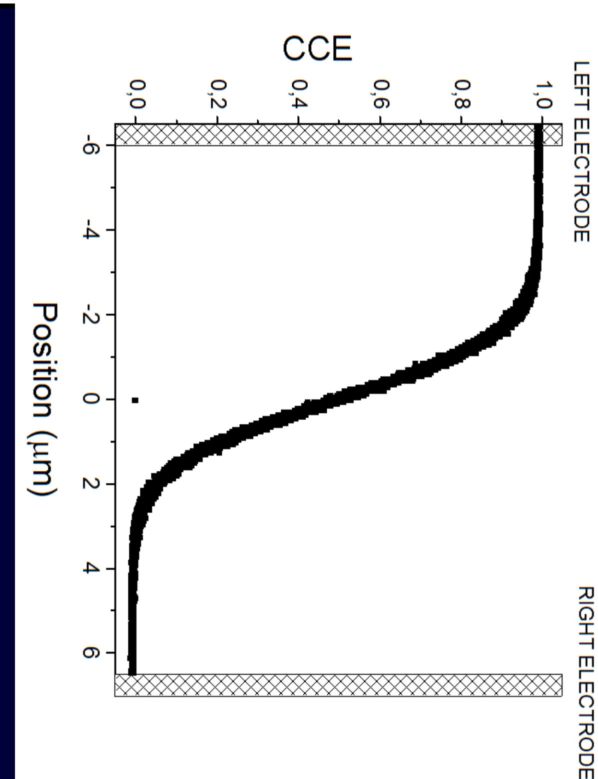


CCE AS FUNCTION OF ION STRIKE POSITION

2 MeV He+







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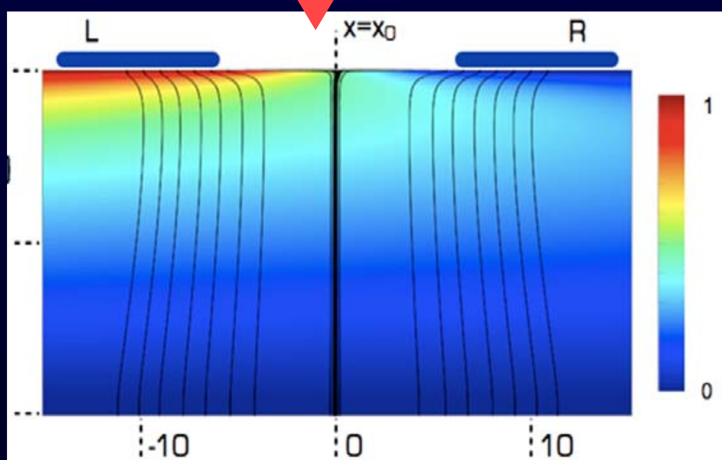
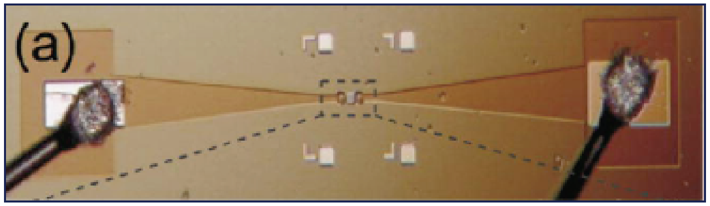


ION STRIKE POSITION AS FUNCTION OF CCE

POSITION SENSITIVE DETECTOR

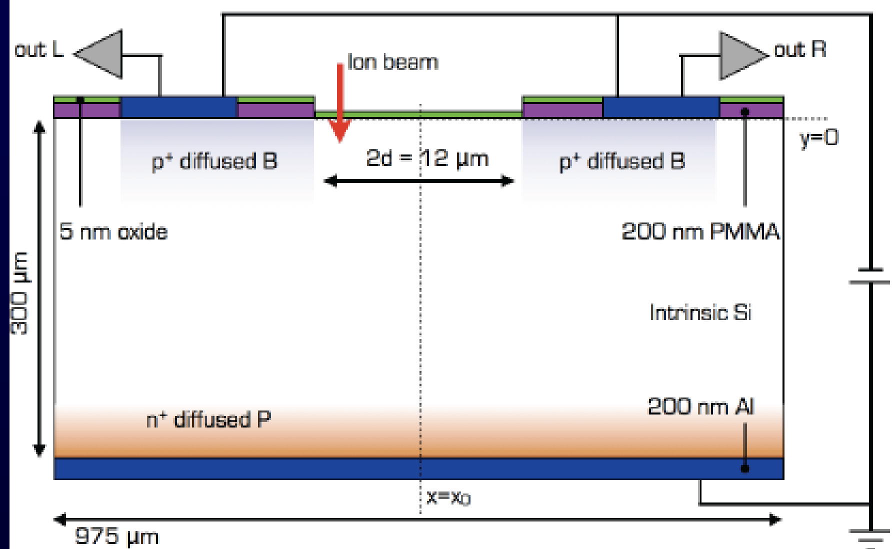
Position sensitivity - proof of concept: three-electrodes test device

L.M. Jong et al., Nuclear Instr. Meth. B 269 (2011) 2336

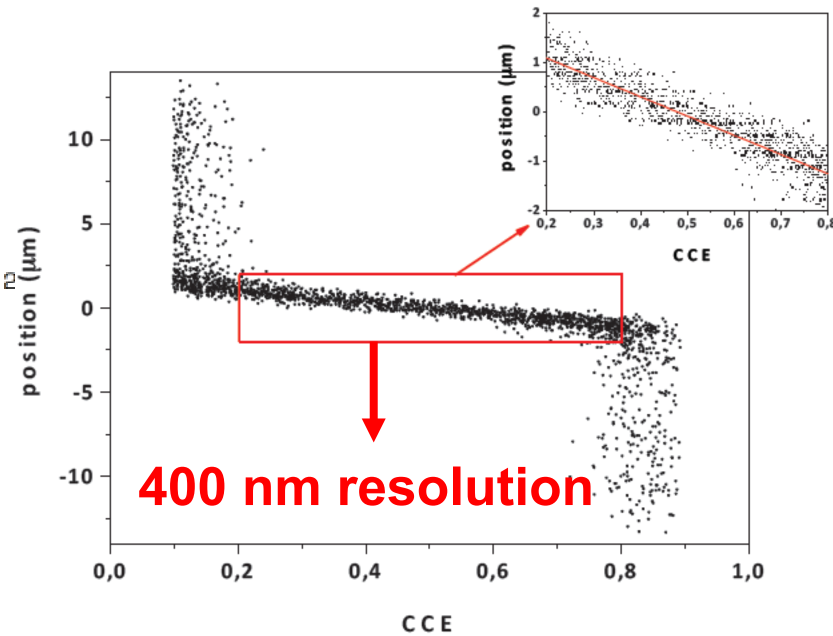


Top view

2 MeV He beam @ NEC 5U Pelletron, Melbourne
1 μm spot size



Cross sectional scheme



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A SUB-MICROMETER POSITION SENSITIVE DETECTOR

IBIC
(Ion Beam Induced Charge Collection)

Analytical technique suitable for the measurement of transport properties in semiconductor materials and devices

- **Control of in-depth generation profile**
- **Suitable for finished devices (bulk analysis).**
- **Micrometer resolution**
- **CCE profiles: Active layer extension; Diffusion length**
- **Robust theory; FEM and MC approaches**
- **Analysis of multi-electrode devices**
- **In-situ analysis of radiation damage**

Thanks Jacopo for the Applets

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