







Systematic irradiation studies and Quality Assurance of silicon strip sensors for the CBM Silicon Tracking System

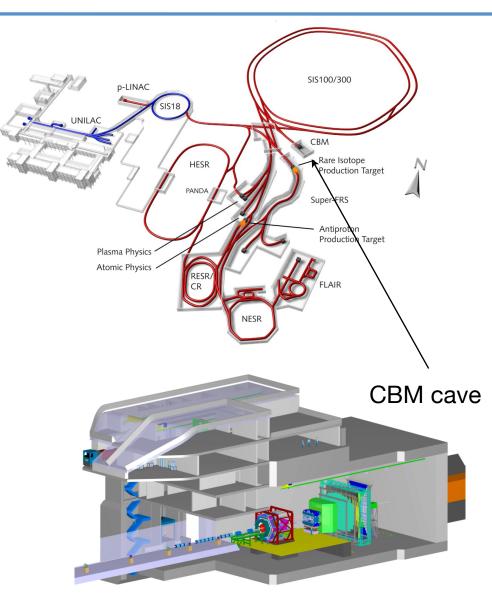
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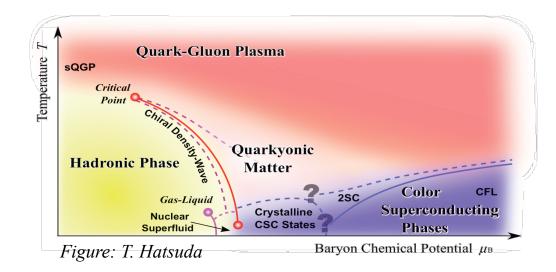
Outline

- CBM experiment
- Silicon Tracking System
- Double-sided silicon strip sensors
- Investigation on the radiation tolerance of the STS sensors
- Development of the Quality Assurance test stand for strip diagnostics
- Summary

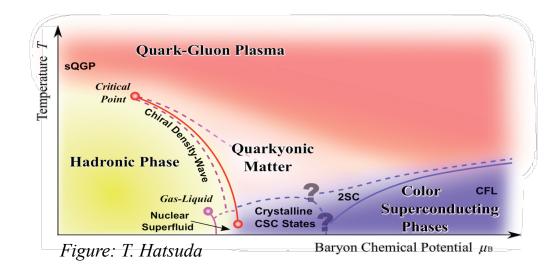
- To be built as a part of Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research (FAIR) in GSI, Darmstadt, Germany;
- Fixed target experiment;
- Heavy ion beams will be provided by SIS100, and later, SIS300 synchrotrons;
- SIS100: up to 11 AGeV for heavy ions, up to 30 GeV for protons;
- SIS300: up to 45 AGeV for heavy ions, up to 90 GeV for protons.

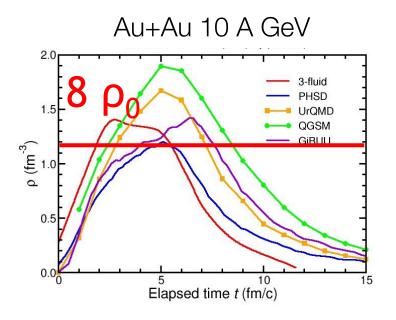


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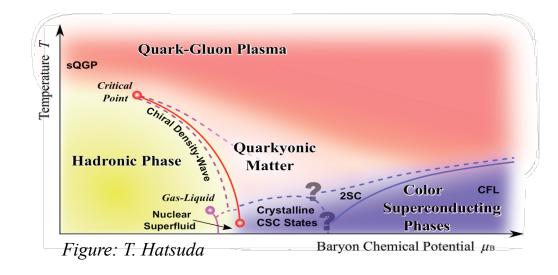


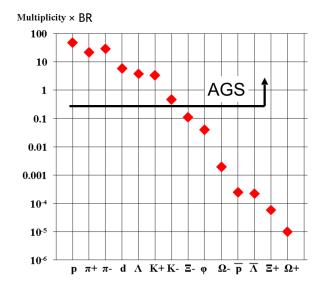
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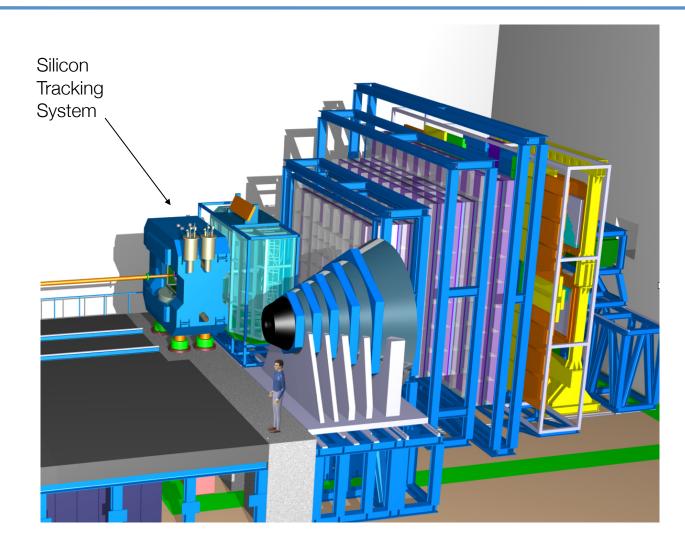


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- Diagnostic probes sensitive to the dense phase of the fireball evolution: light vector mesons, multi-strange (anti-) hyperons, charmed particles → rarely produced;
- High intensity heavy-ion beams, up to 10⁹ ions/s, interaction rates up to 10 MHz.



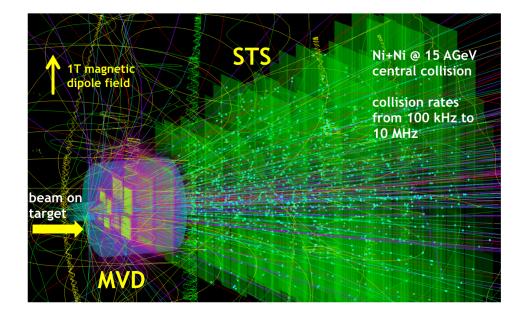


Particle yields in central Au+Au 4 A GeV

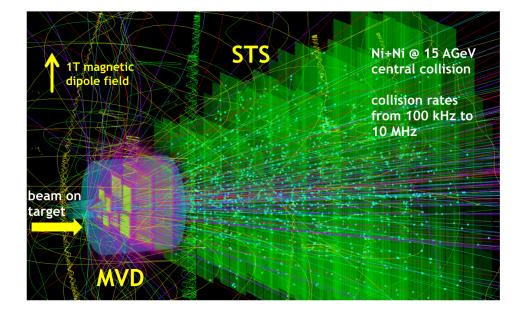


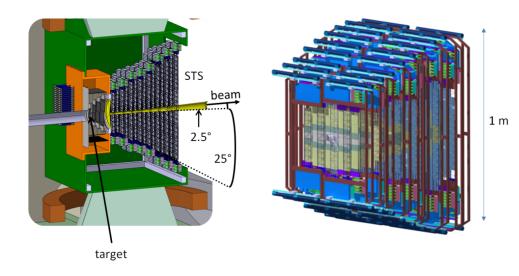
Detectors for particle identification. Electron+hadron (installed) and muon (parking position) setups.

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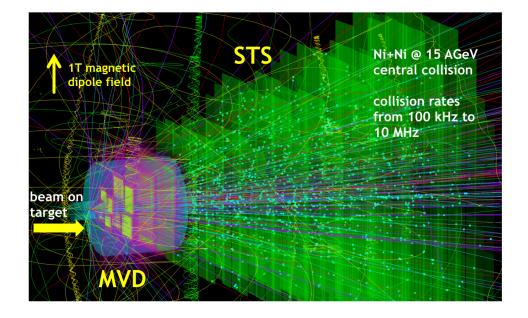


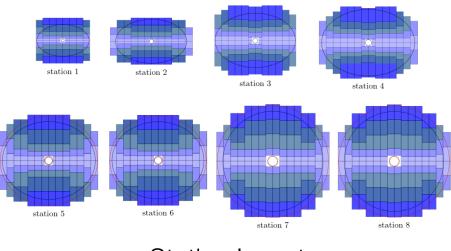
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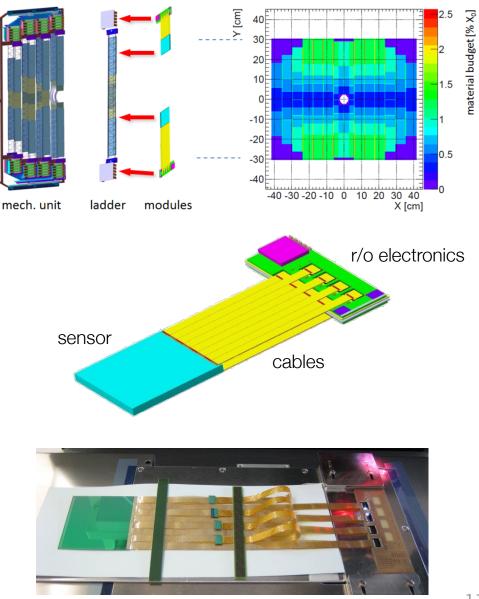
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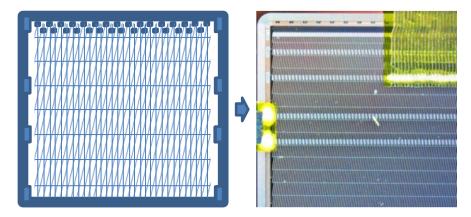
Station layout

- Low material budget: < 0.3% - 1.18% X₀ in the inner areas;
- Double-sided silicon strip sensors;
- Module: sensor + r/o microcables + r/o electronics;
- Readout from one edge.

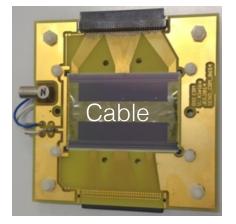


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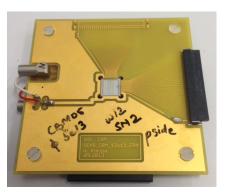
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CBM prototype sensor corner view: readout cable attached



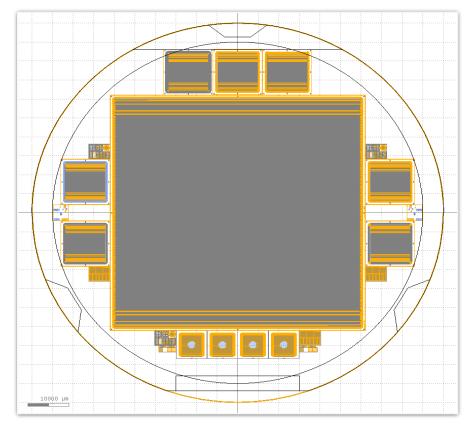
Prototype sensor with an external cable attached, clamped in the PCB



Miniature (or baby) sensor, clamped in the PCB

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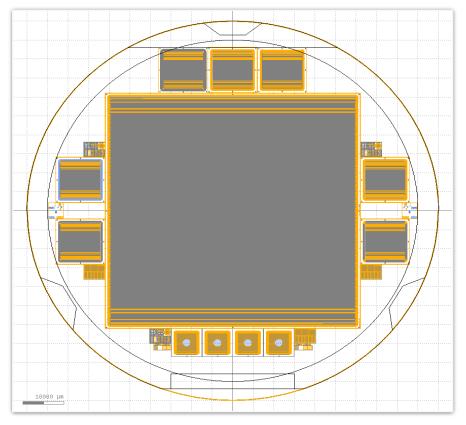
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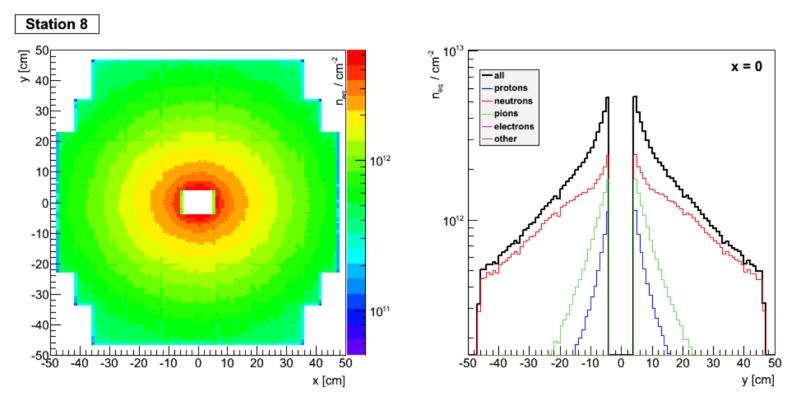
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Limitations of the sensors' performance: radiation damage, quality of the sensors

Investigation on the radiation tolerance of the STS sensors

NIEL for STS: FLUKA calculation

- » Flux: neutrons, protons, pions, electrons, other;
- » Lifetime fluence: 10¹⁴ cm⁻² in 1 MeV neutron equivalent.



Accumulated NIEL: 25 AGeV Au+Au.

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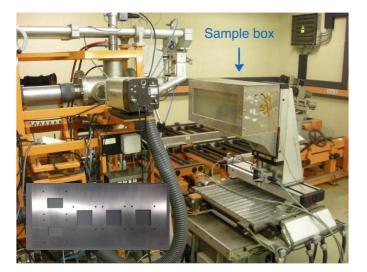
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Irradiation facility at KIT

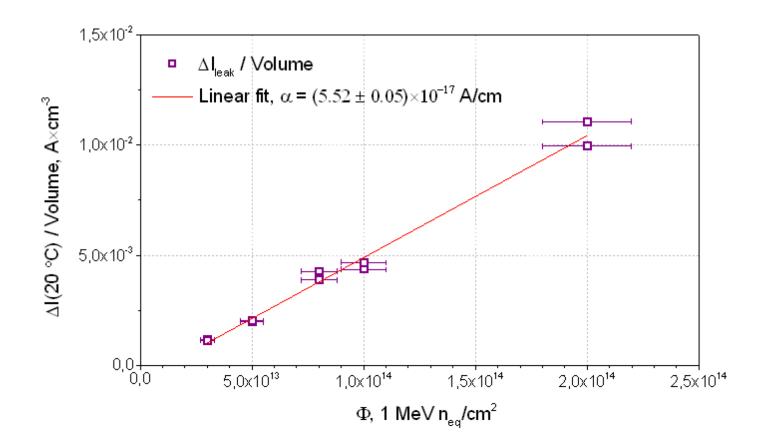
Leakage current as a function of the fluence

Measurements with n-irradiated miniature sensors (CBM05):

» confirmed increase proportional to Φ ;

» $\alpha = (5.52 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-17}$ A/cm;

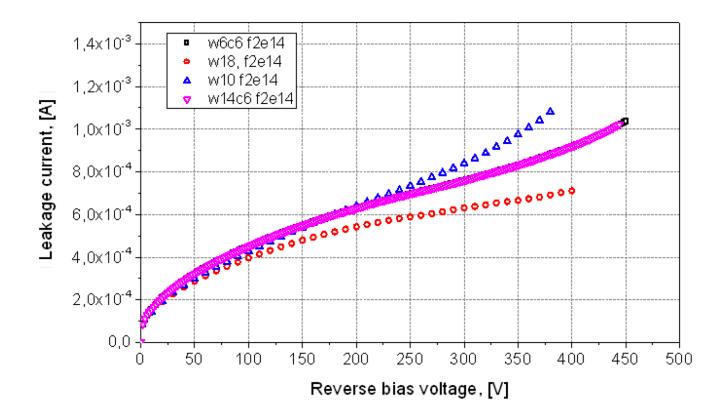
» \rightarrow estimation of the I_{leak} at various levels of irradiation;



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Measurements with prototype sensors (CBM05, 06) irradiated with protons:

- » increases > 1 mA;
- » using α extracted previously → I_{leak} (6×6 cm² sensor) ~ 1.15 mA (± 20 %); I_{leak} (6×4 cm² sensor) ~ 0,85 mA (± 20 %);
- » high leakage current \rightarrow long-term stability.

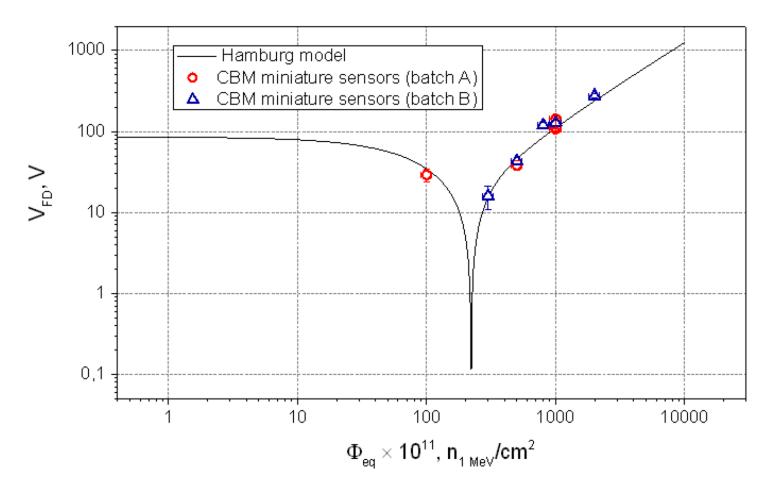


Evolution of the full depletion voltage

Measurements with n-irradiated miniature sensors (CBM05), two batches:

» Experimental data + Hamburg model: calculation of $N_c+N_A(t_a=6 \text{ hrs})$, 290 µm sensor, $N_{eff,0} \approx 1.33 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3} (V_{fd,0} = 85 \text{ V})$;

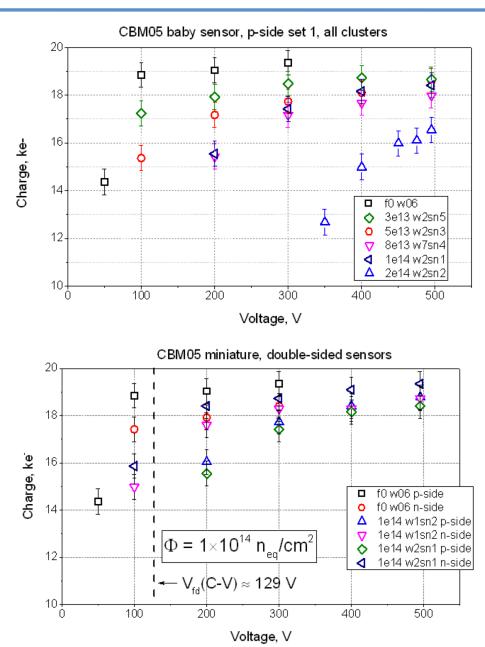
» Space charge sign inversion at $\approx 2.2 \times 10^{13} \text{ n}_{eq} \text{ cm}^{-2}$.



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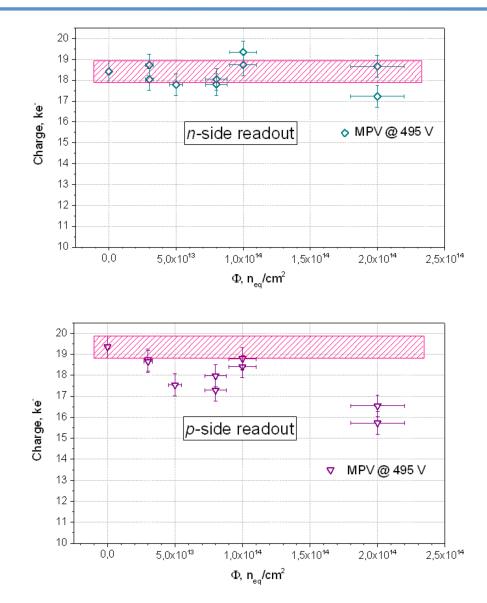
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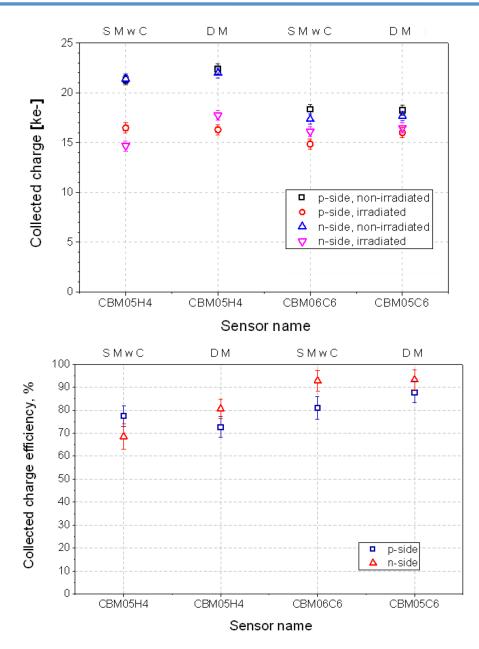
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- » beyond 1×10¹⁴ n_{eq} cm⁻²: p-side signal suppression;
- » after the SCSI: junction at *n*-side, electric field non-uniform ($Φ ≥ 1 × 10^{14} n_{eq} cm^{-2}$), higher hole trapping probability, multiplication at highest field (*n*-side);
- » Different charge collection before irradiation: thresholds, isolation structures.



Evolution of charge collection

Measurements on **prototype sensors** (Hamamatsu and CiS, 2×10^{14} n_{eq} cm⁻²):

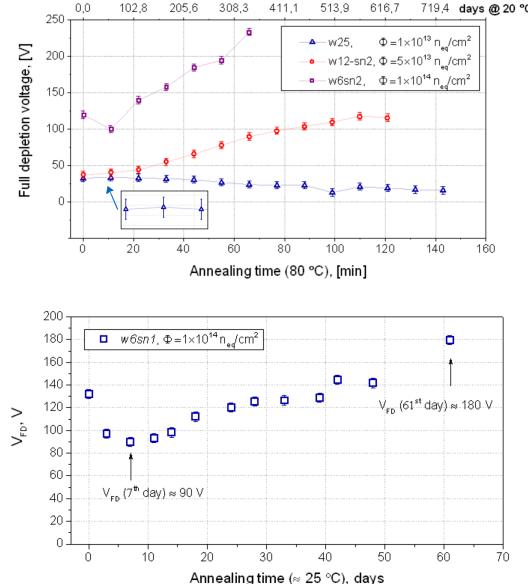
- » Before irradiation: thicker sensors → higher charge collection;
- » After irradiation: relative charge collection efficiency higher for thinner detector: ≈ 80÷90% vs. ≈ 70÷80%;
- » Drift length: $L_{e,h} = (\mu \tau)_{e,h} E;$
- Overall CCE at twice the lifetime fluence is good → S/N to be evaluated;
- » 4 detectors, all different: more statistics;
- » Measurement conditions for comparison?



Time evolution of V_{fd}

Measurements on **baby sensors**:

- » higher fluence → higher effect of annealing: $N_A \sim \Phi_{eq}$, $N_Y \sim \Phi_{eq}$;
- » w6sn2_{1e14} → beneficial annealing at 11 mins @ 80 °C; w25_{1e13}, w12sn2_{5e14}: effect not pronounced;
- » w6sn1_{1e14}: minimum of V_{fd} after 7 days of 25 °C exposure;
- » reverse annealing: V_{fd} before the SCSI decreases (w25), after the SCSI increases (w12sn2, w6sn2, w6sn1);
- » real conditions: maintenance period (room temperatures? 10 °C? how long? - open).



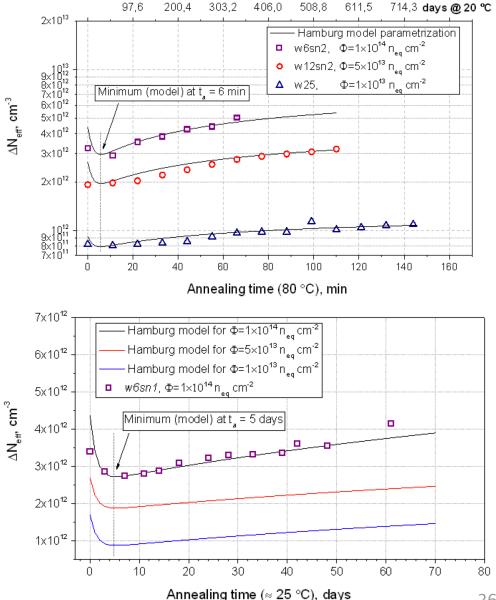
Time evolution of V_{fd} : parametrization in terms of N_{eff}

Change in absolute effective impurity concentration (baby sensors):

$$\Delta N_{eff}(\Phi_{eq}, t) = N_C(\Phi_{eq}, t) + N_A(\Phi_{eq}, t) + N_Y(\Phi_{eq}, t)$$

- » Calculation describes well the data;
- » Equivalent exposure time at 20 °C is given in the upper X axis;
- » Locations of minimums via model: between the experimental points;
- » $t_{a,min(80)} = 6$ mins; $t_{a,min(25)} = 5$ days;
- » calculation at various temperatures → time constants from the Arrhenius equation:

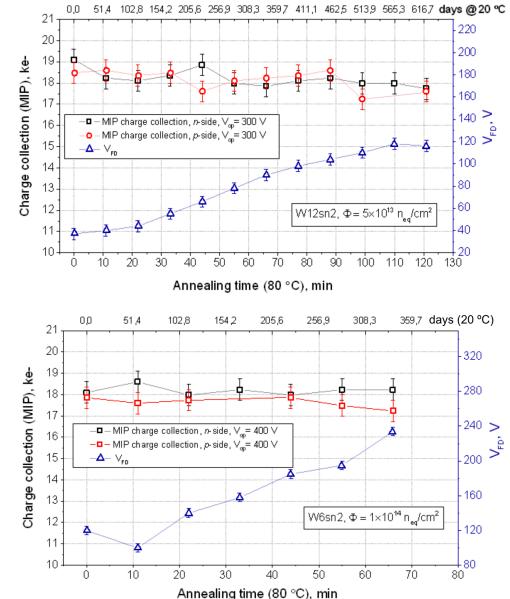
$$\frac{1}{\tau_{a(Y)}} = k_{0a(0Y)} \exp(-\frac{E_{aa(Y)}}{k_B T_a})$$



Charge collection as a function of time

Changes in charge collection (baby sensors):

- » Good to observe on the long-term scale with accelerated annealing;
- » Either within the error bars or slow decrease;
- » Even if overkept at room temperatures → not so harmful;
- » Increasing V_{fd} may influence → lower E(x) at a fixed voltage;
- » Short-term scale benefits? more data needed, as 1 min. at 80 °C = 5.14 days at 20 °C; step = 11 min.
- » Some works: CCE decreased during short-term annealing (S. Martí i García), some other works: same signal at lower applied voltages.



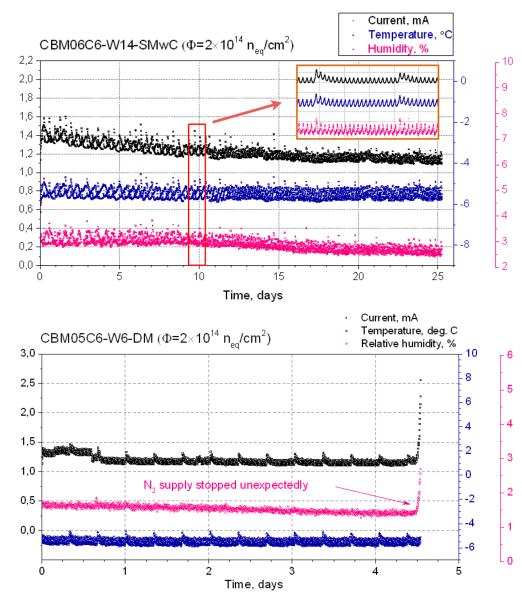
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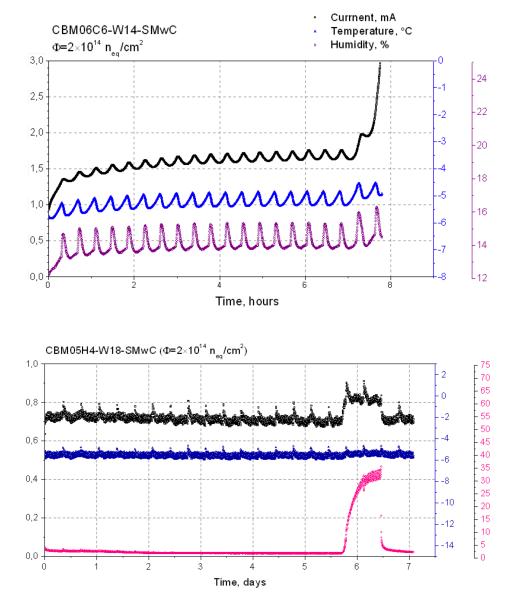
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- » Humidity sensitivity → not a radiationinduced effect, observed on nonirradiated sensor.



Summary

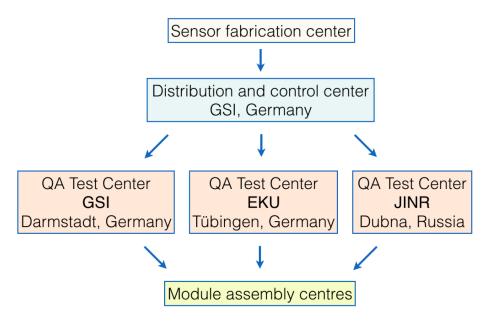
Irradiation studies:

- » Charge collection (baby sensors) up to 1×10^{14} n_{eq} cm⁻²: ≈ 95% at the *n*-side, ≈ 90% at the *p*-side → very good ;
- » Charge collection of prototype sensors (CiS and Hamamatsu) at 2×10^{14} cm⁻²: ≈ 70÷80% Hamamatsu, ≈ 80÷90 CiS;
- » Charge collection as a function of time: a few percent decrease on a longterm scales (1 year and more at 20 °C, at fixed bias voltage);
- » I_{leak}, N_{eff}, V_{fd} time evolutions: understood, parameters obtained → predictions can be made;
- » Operational stability: stable even at high reverse currents (~1.5 mA) under stable environmental conditions; sensitive to rapid change in humidity → synchronize monitoring and ramping-down soft;
- » Next step: evaluation of the module performance (latest prototype components).

Development of the Quality Assurance test stand for strip diagnostics

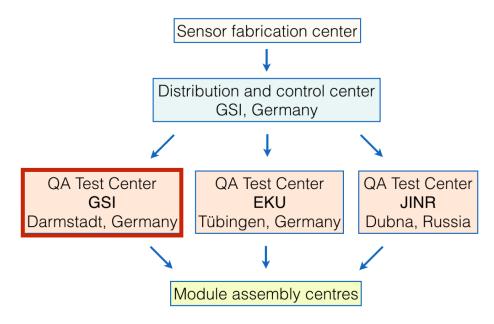
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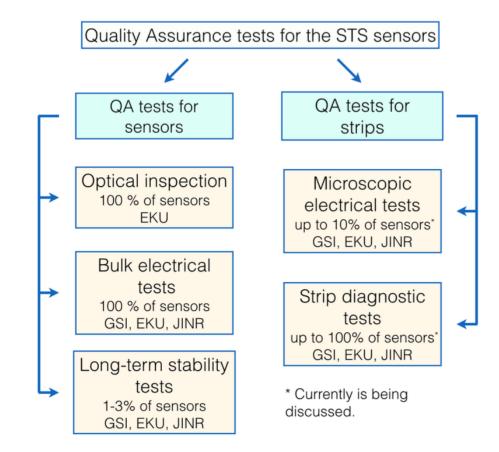
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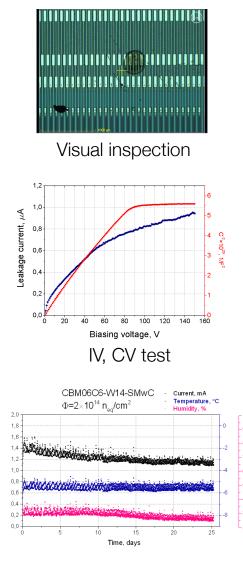
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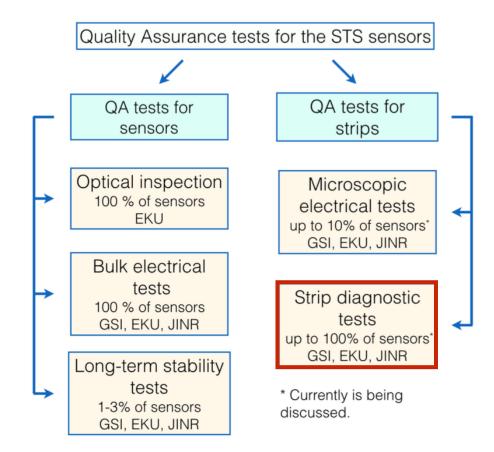
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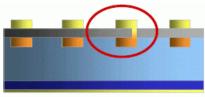
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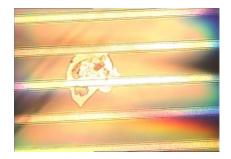


Strip diagnostic tests

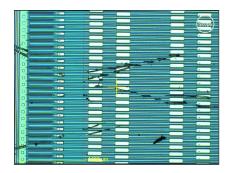
- Evaluate strip quality → identify strip faults;
- Strip faults: danger for the readout electronics; deteriorate track reconstruction efficiency;
- Most common strip faults (STS sensors): "pinholes", readout strip short circuits.
- To be measured additionally: strip leakage current; "leaky" strips → potential damage to the r/o electronics;
- Scratches → very high risk of strip faults.



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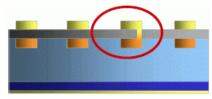


Readout strip "short"



Surface scratches

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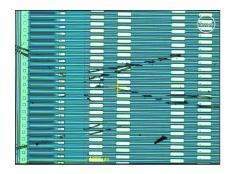


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Series production: 2048 strips per sensor \rightarrow 1 843 200 strips (900 sensors) \rightarrow automation required.



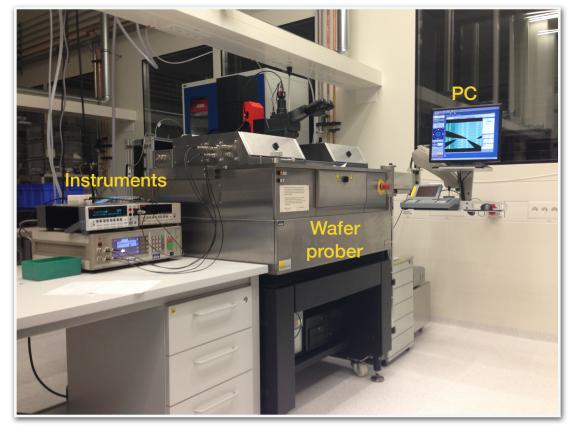
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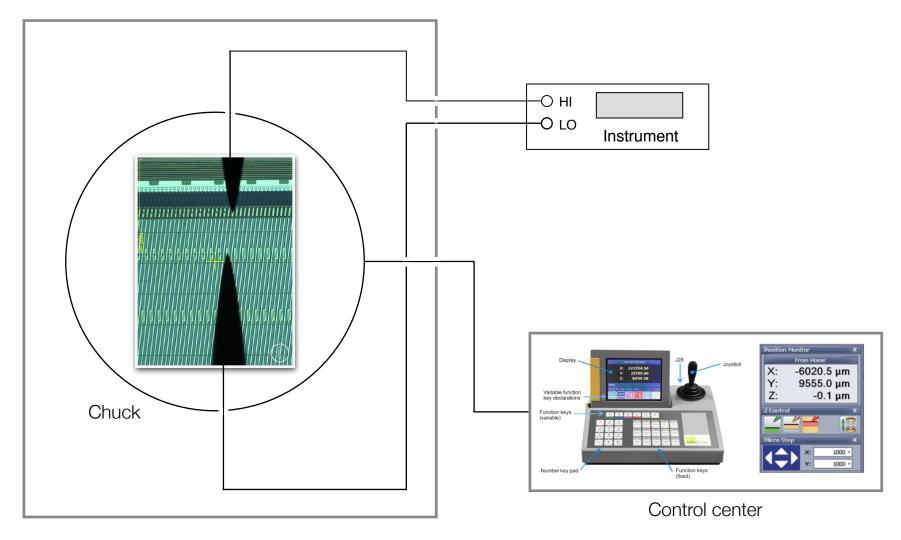
Equipment

- Cleanroom: class ISO 4;
- Süss PA300 PS wafer prober
 » ~ 1 µm movement precision;
 - » Control center, GUI;
- Measurement instruments: Keithley 2410, Keithley 6487, QuadTech 7600;
- Manual measurements.



Cleanroom lab @ GSI, Darmstadt

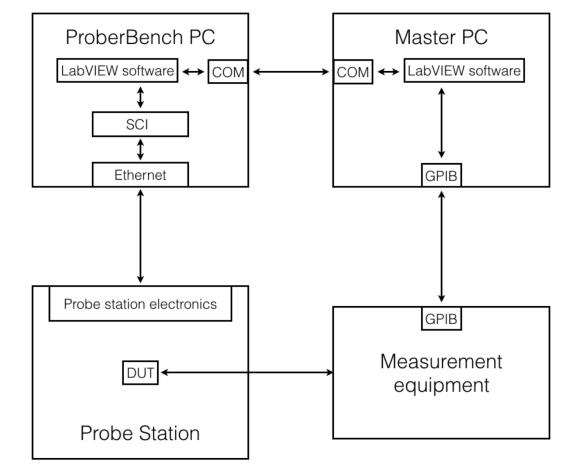
How the strip diagnostic tests are done



Probe station

Concept of the automated test stand

- Requires simultaneous control of the instruments and the probe station electronics;
- Decouple the tasks: Master and Slave (practical reasons);
- LabView software for initialization, measurement flow, communication, automation.



Realization: step by step

- Automation of the stepping procedure;
- Virtual instruments and interface developed for pinhole and readout strip short circuit tests (LabView);
- Added: strip leakage current test;
- Next: multi-purpose measurements.

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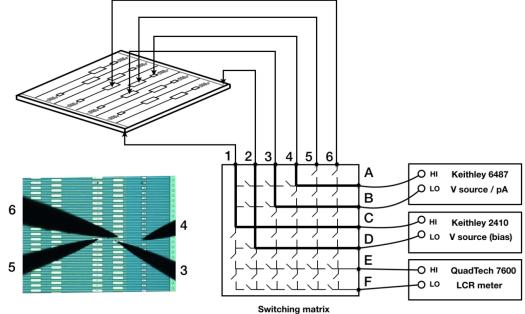
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- Integrated to the setup.



Keithley 708B

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- Three diagnostic tests:
 - ~ 4 seconds per strip.

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Configure		Start	Standby	Stop
		Press "Start" to st	art the measurement	
Strip number	Strip current. A	Pinhole I.A	Metal shart circuit I. A	Coupling capacitance, F
Strip #1	482.607E-12. Ok!	366.290E-12. Ok!	483.307E-12. Ok!	Not measured
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Strip #5	233.518E-12, Ok!	579.944E-12, Ok!	467.852E-12, Ok!	Not measured
Strip #7	225.5162-12, Ok!	609.496E-12, Ok!	507.424E-12, Ok!	Not measured
Strip #9	223.316E-12, Ok!	672.165E-12, Ok!	538.334E-12, Ok!	Not measured
Strip #11	225.813E-12, Ok!	685.072E-12, Ok!	542.750E-12, Ok!	Not measured
Strip #13	221.638E-12, Ok!	683.544E-12, Ok!	479.741E-12. Ok!	Not measured
Strip #15	238.333E-12, Ok!	723.625E-12, Ok!	549.883E-12, Ok!	Not measured
Strip #17	231.318E-12, Ok!	720.738E-12, Ok!	522.879E-12, Ok!	Not measured
Strip #19	245.162E-12, Ok!	806.675E-12, Ok!	561.432E-12, Ok!	Not measured
Strip #21	208.335E-12, Ok!	747.912E-12, Ok!	542.920E-12, Ok!	Not measured
Strip #23	260.959E-12. Ok!	615.949E-12, Ok!	531.201E-12, Ok!	Not measured
Strip #25	166.976E-12, Ok!	605.589E-12. Ok!	469.890E-12, Ok!	Not measured
Strip #27	198.417E-12, Ok!	613.571E-12, Ok!	520.162E-12, Ok!	Not measured
Strip #29	145.202E-12, Ok!	623.931E-12, Ok!	509.122E-12, Ok!	Not measured
Strip #31	203.043E-12, Ok!	631.234E-12, Ok!	27.105E-6, Defect	Not measured
Strip #33	288.221E-12, Ok!	920.295E-12, Ok!	652.634E-12, Ok!	Not measured
Strip #35	238.495E-12, Ok!	901.103E-12, Ok!	657.049E-12, Ok!	Not measured
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File will be saved	f to:			Number of defected strips on the current side

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Configured on 15.01.2016, 12:31:03.

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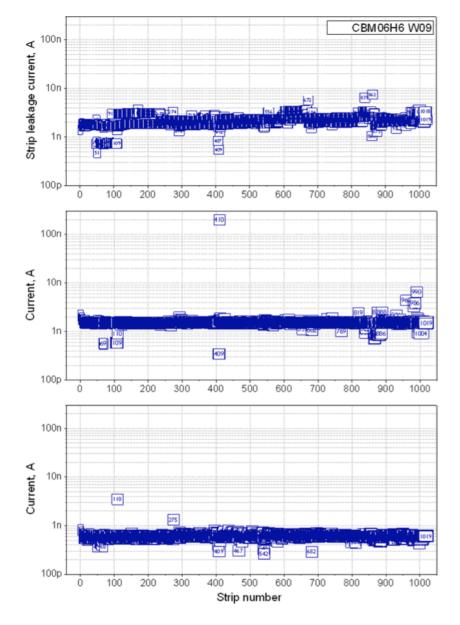
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Configure Keithley 6487 (measuring)							
Voltage offset correction? Reset? (T) Enable Zero correct? Enable autozero? Enable Digital filter? Digital filter type to average 3 +							
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QT7600 external blas? Primary parameter Secondary parameter AC voltage level, V AC current level, A Frequency, Hz # of averages Ves Cp Phase 1.00 0.00100 10000 10000							
Save Load deafuits							

Typical output of the automated scan

- 3 tests performed in a row: strip leakage current, pinhole test, readout strip short test;
- ~ 4 seconds per strip (3 tests);
- 1 pinhole failure identified: strip #410;
- Other parameters: normal;
- Acceptance in terms of strip defects:
 < 1% per sensor (both sides);
- Sensor quality so far: < 0.3%^{*} (CiS);
 < 0.7% (Hamamatsu).



*Based on pinhole test data.

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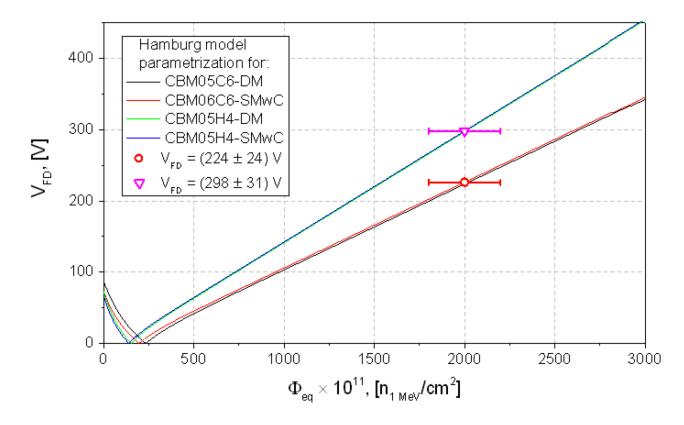
Thank you for attention!

Backup slides

Evolution of the full depletion voltage

Measurements with prototype sensors (CBM05, 06) irradiated with protons:

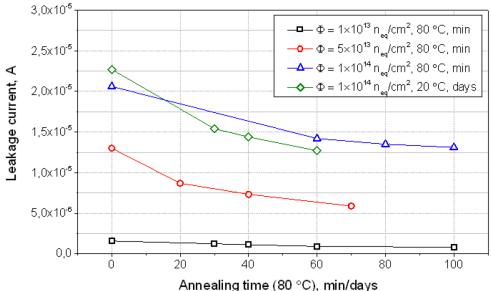
- » V_{fd} was not extracted from the C-V measurement! → distortion due to high leakage currents;
- » Estimation of V_{fd} using the Hamburg model: difference for thicker (Hamamatsu) and thinner (CiS) sensors → evolution is different → comparison is not trivial.

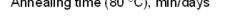


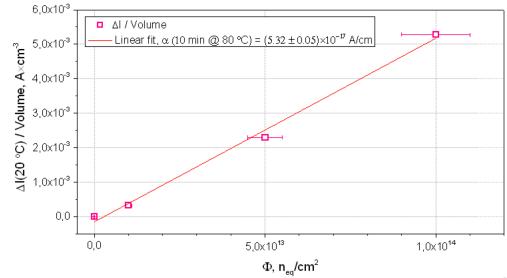
Time evolution of *I*_{leak}

Measurements on **baby sensors**:

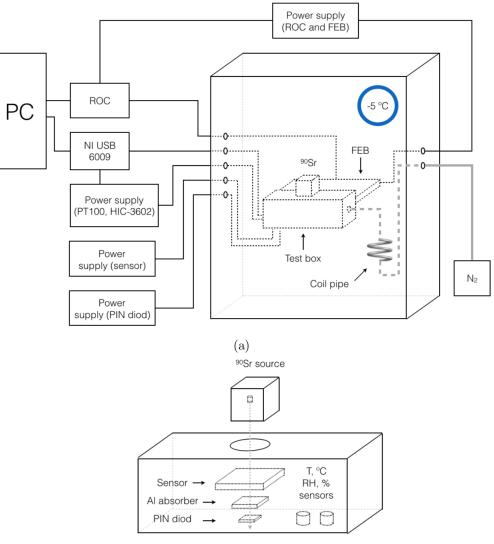
- » I_{leak} decreases at both 25 °C and 80 °C as expected;
- » $\alpha_{(10/80)} = (5.32 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-17}$ A/cm;
- » precise evolution → precise measurements with temperature compensation and suppression of the surface currents.





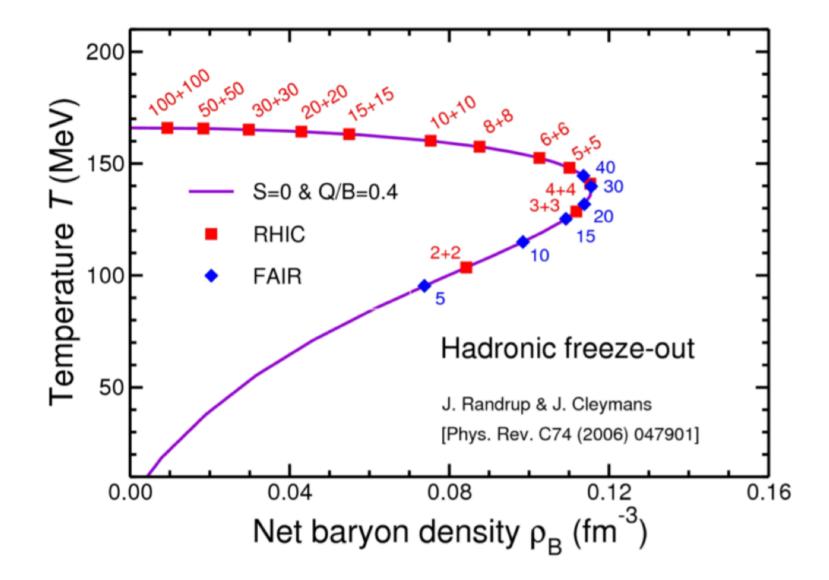


Setup (charge collection tests)

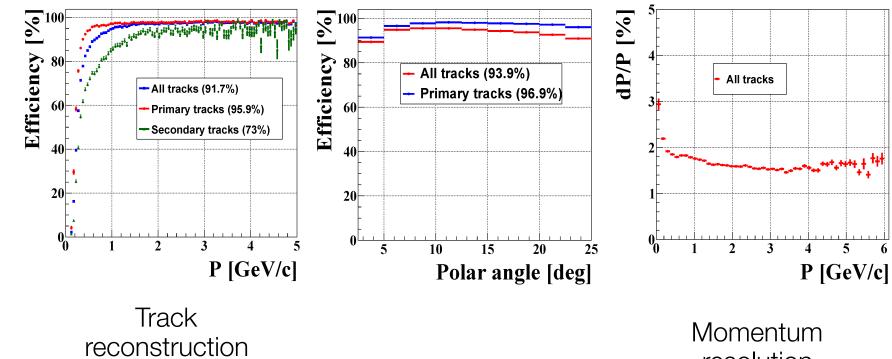


Test box

Au+Au collisions, hadronic freeze-out line



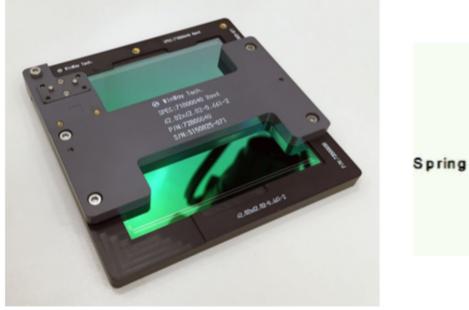
STS performance



efficiency

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STS test socket



Plunger-Top Dim ple Barrel Plunger-Bottom (b)

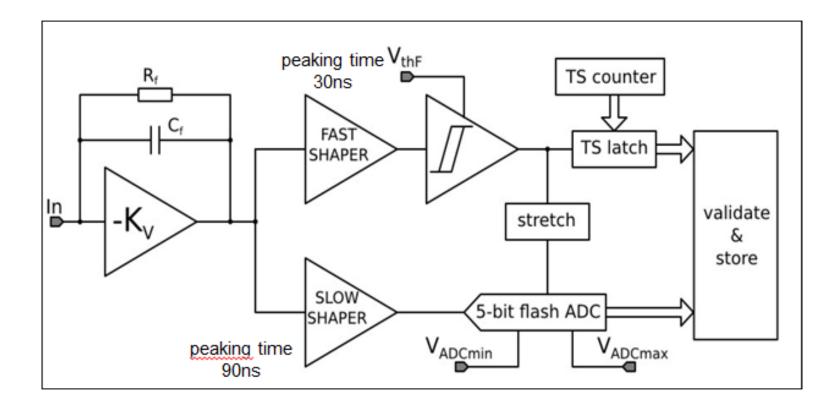
Prototype sensor mounted in the test socket

Pogo-pins

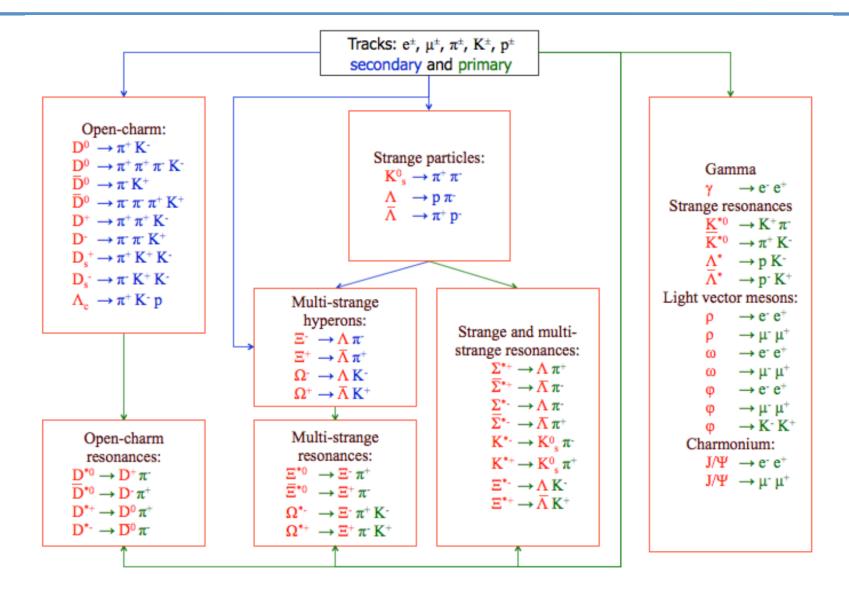
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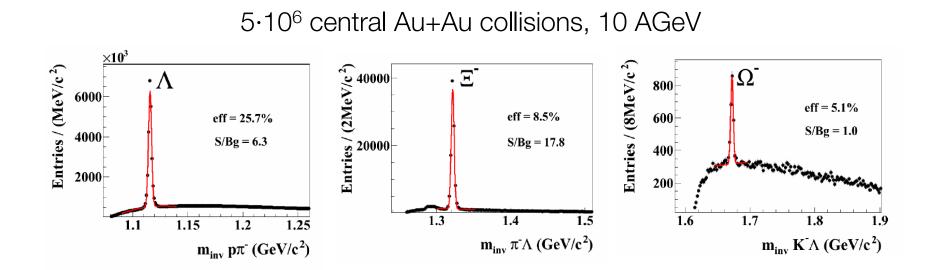
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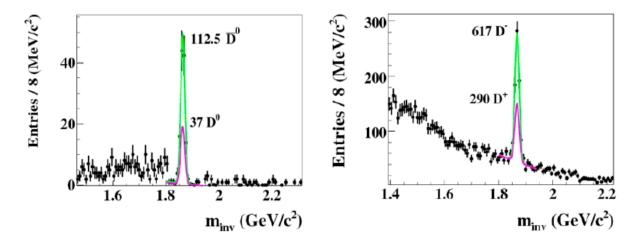
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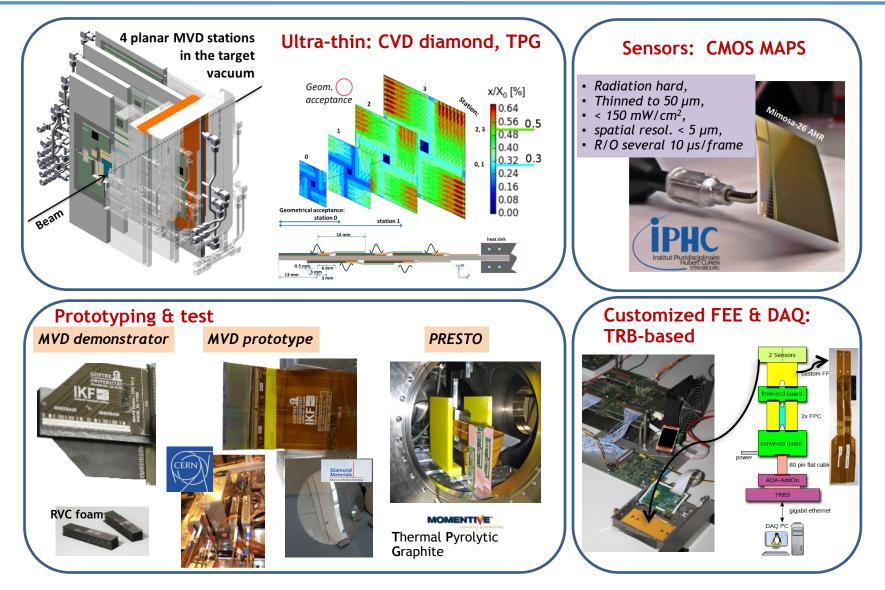
Performance of hyperon and open charm measurements



p+C collisions, 30 GeV (SIS100); 10¹² centr.



Micro Vertex Detector (MVD)



34th Reimei Workshop, Tokai, Japan, 8-9 Aug. 2016

J. Heuser - Status of the CBM Experiment at FAIR

Energy loss: NIEL

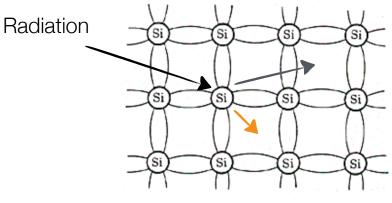
NIEL:

- » displacement damage;
- » Frenkel pairs are produced;
- » minimum E_d ~ 20 eV to produce a primary knock-on atom;
- » charged particles: Rutherford scattering;
- » neutral: mainly elastic scattering, but also nuclear reactions, e.g., ${}^{30}Si + n \rightarrow {}^{31}Si + \gamma$; ${}^{31}Si \rightarrow P + e^- + \overline{\nu}$

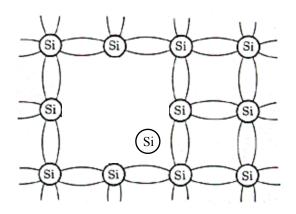
Maximum recoil energy that can be transferred (elastic scattering):

$$E_{R,max} = 4E_P \frac{m_P \, m_{Si}}{(m_P + m_{Si})^2}$$

1 MeV neutron: average $E_R\approx 50~keV$





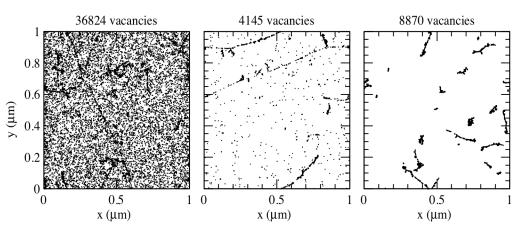


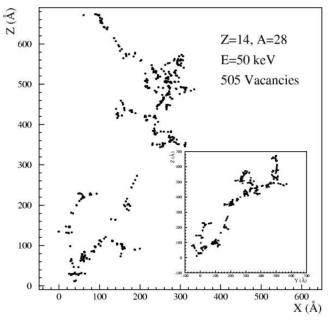
vacancy (V) + interstitial (I) pair

Energy loss: NIEL

Produced defects:

- » recombine if located within the lattice cell; \approx 60% of overall cases;
- » are mobile at T > 100K, thus diffuse away - interact with other defects or bulk impurities (C, P, O, ...);
- » if $E_R > E_d$, produce further V-I pairs.





Simulated event of the 50 keV PKA: ~ 1000 vacancy-interstitial pairs; plot by M. Huhtinen.

Simulation: initial distributions of vacancies by 10 MeV protons (left), 25 GeV protons (middle), 1 MeV neutrons (right). Corresponding fluence: 10¹⁴ cm⁻². by M. Huhtinen.

NIEL scaling

The NIEL scaling hypothesis:

- » the change in the material properties scales with the imparted energy;
- » independent on the spacial distributions of the defects in one PKA cascade;
- » independent on annealing sequences after the initial damage event.

Displacement damage function:

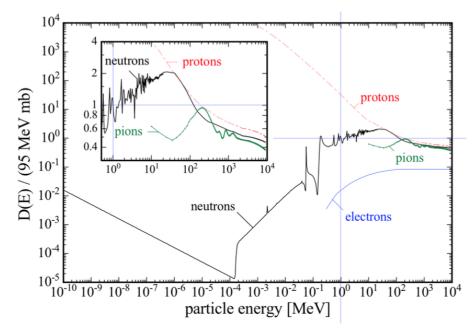
$$D(E) = \sum_{i} \sigma_i(E) \cdot \int_0^{E_{R,max}} f_i(E, E_R) P(E_R) dE_R$$

Hardness factor:

 $\kappa = \frac{\int D(E)\Phi(E)dE}{D(E_{n(1\ MeV)})\cdot\int\Phi(E)dE}$

Equivalent fluence:

 $\Phi_{eq}(1 \text{ MeV neutrons}) = \kappa \cdot \Phi$

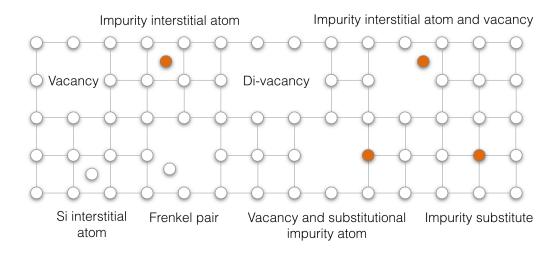


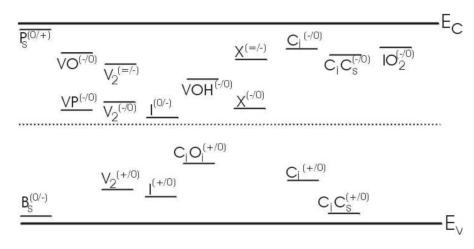
Displacement damage functions normalized to 95 MeV·mb for different particles. pic: G. Lindström.

Classification of defects

Defects:

- » DLTS technique is used for characterisation of defects;
- » Point defects: V, C, ...;
- » Complexes: > 1 constituents;
- » Energy states: various;
- » Charged states: various;
- » Deep levels: E_t close to midgap.





Pic: D. Contrato.

Consequences on detector operation

The deep level states:

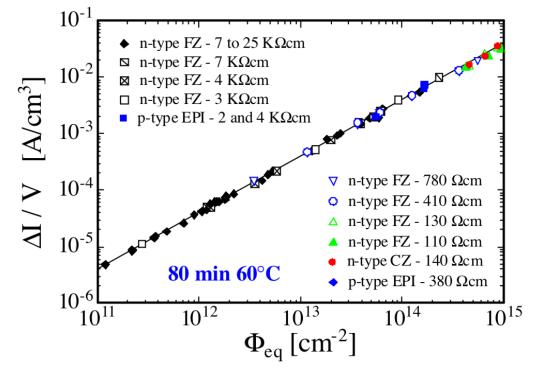
- » Energy close to mid-gap: generate additional leakage current;
- » Charged \rightarrow change the space charge density $N_{eff} \rightarrow$ change the V_{fd} ;
- » Trap carriers → reduce the charge collection; 1/τ_{eff} increases with fluence (more for holes than for electrons);
- » Time evolution (annealing): N_{eff}, I_{leak}, 1/τ_{eff} change.

Leakage current as a function of the fluence

Leakage current increases proportionally to the fluence:

$$\frac{\Delta I}{Volume} = \alpha \cdot \Phi_{eq}$$

$$(I \sim G \sim N_{DL} \sim \Phi_{eq})$$



 α is the current damage rate:

- » temperature dependent (usually given at 20 °C);
- » $a \approx 5-6 \times 10^{17}$ A/cm measured after irradiation.

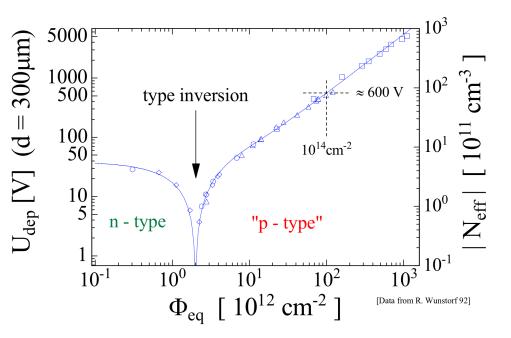
Leakage current density as a function of the accumulated fluence. Pic: G. Lindström.

Full depletion voltage as a function of the fluence

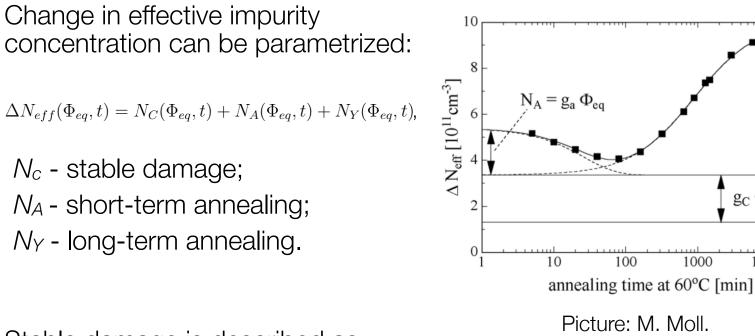
Full depletion voltage ~ effective doping concentration:

$$V_{fd} = \frac{d^2 q \left| N_{eff} \right|}{2\varepsilon \varepsilon_0}$$

- for the *n*-type silicon detector:
- » decrease of $|N_{eff}|$ → removal of donors (e.g., $V+P \rightarrow VP^{(-/0)}$), introduction of acceptor-like states;
- » space charge sign inversion;
- » linear increase of $|N_{eff}|$ with fluence after the SCSI;
- » evolution depends on $N_{eff,O} \rightarrow V_{fd,O}$;
- » preferable: as low as possible V_{fd} after irradiation beyond the SCSI.



Hamburg model



Stable damage is described as:

 $N_C = N_{C0} \left(1 - \exp\left(-c\Phi_{eq}\right) \right) + g_c \Phi_{eq},$

where *c* is the rate of donor removal, g_c is introduction of stable acceptors, $N_{C0} \approx 0.8 \times N_{eff,0}$. $N_{Y,\infty} = g_Y \Phi_{eq}$

N_C

N_{C0}

 $g_C \Phi_{eq}$

10000

Hamburg model

Change in effective impurity concentration can be parametrized:

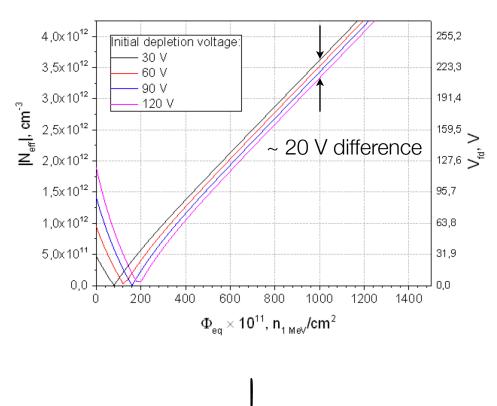
 $\Delta N_{eff}(\Phi_{eq}, t) = N_C(\Phi_{eq}, t) + N_A(\Phi_{eq}, t) + N_Y(\Phi_{eq}, t),$

N_c - stable damage; N_A - short-term annealing; N_Y - long-term annealing.

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 $c = 8.16 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^2$ $g_c = 1.9 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

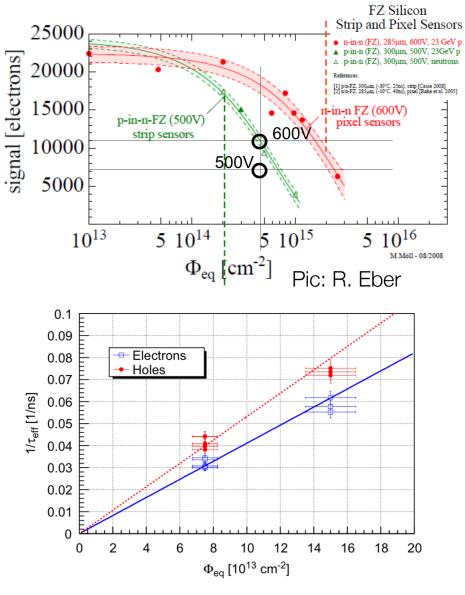
Reduction of charge collection efficiency

Why? trapping of carriers:

- » trapped carriers do not move → no current is induced → signal reduced;
- » Main hole trap: $E_t = E_v + 0.34 \text{ eV}$, electron: $E_t = E_c - 0.48 \text{ eV}$ [G. Kramberger];
- » Effective trapping time/probability is different for electrons and for holes [Transient Current Technique];
- Carrier lifetime drops down to nanosecond level after heavy irradiation;
- » CCE:

$$Q_{e,h}(t) = Q_{0_{e,h}} exp\left(-\frac{1}{\tau_{eff_{e,h}}} \cdot t\right), \text{ where } \frac{1}{\tau_{eff_{e,h}}} \propto N_{defects}$$

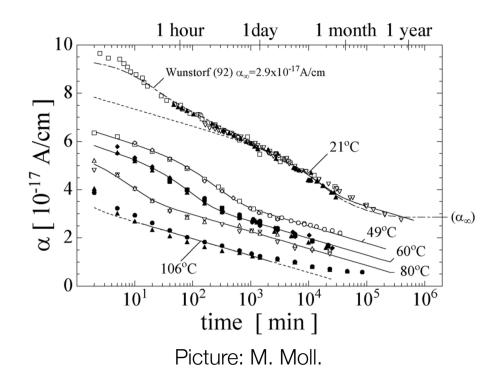
$$\frac{1}{\tau_{\rm eff_{e,h}}} = \Phi_{\rm eq} \sum_{k} g_k (1 - P_k^{\rm e,h}) \sigma_{k_{\rm e,h}} v_{\rm th_{e,h}} = \beta_{\rm e,h}(t,T) \Phi_{\rm eq}$$



Pic: G. Kramberger

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- » So, annealing takes place already during irradiation.



Reverse current decreases as a function of time:

»
$$\alpha(t) = \alpha_I \cdot exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_I}\right) + \alpha_0 - \beta \cdot ln\left(t/t_0\right)$$
 [M. Moll]

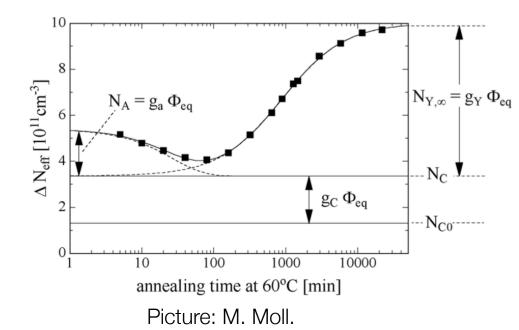
» lower leakage current \rightarrow lower the shot noise.

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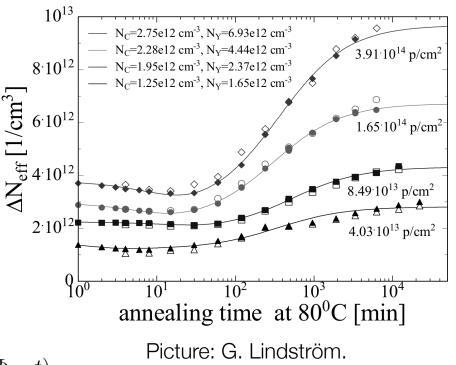
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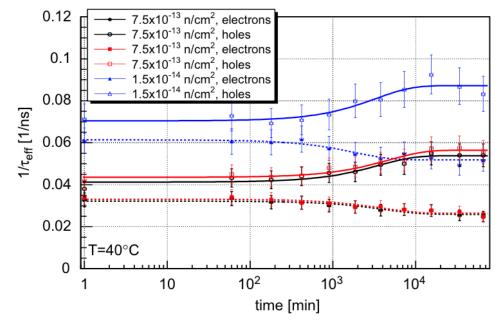
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Change in effective trapping probability: increases for holes, decreases for electrons \rightarrow holes (collected at the *p*-side opposite to the junction after the SCSI) have shorter drift length.

Picture: G. Kramberger et.al.