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The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Coordinated Research Project entitled “Utilization of ion accelerators for studying and modelling of radiation induced defects in semiconductors and insulators” is aimed to gain a deeper understanding of how different types of radiation influences the short and long term electronic properties of materials and devices. Within this project, an experimental protocol [1] has been implemented to determine the key parameters for the characterization of radiation damage effects on semiconductors. The protocol is based on the selective damage of small regions by focused ion beams at different fluences and, subsequently, on the measurement of the charge collection efficiency (CCE) degradation by means of the IBIC technique, using probing rarefied light ions.

This report describes the application of this experimental protocol to evaluate the radiation damage on an n-type Fz silicon detector developed at the Helsinki Institute of Physics. Proton beams of 1.3, 2.0 and 3.0 MeV focused down to 2 μm , were used to irradiate (0.1x0.1) mm² areas with fluences ranging from 1011 to 3·10¹³ cm⁻². Therefore, the radiation induced damage was probed by evaluating the degradation of the CCE at different bias voltages, using focused 4.5 MeV Li ion beams. The IBIC experiments were carried out at the nuclear microprobe facility of the Ruder Boskovic Institute in Zagreb.

At low proton fluences, the CCE behaviour as function of the proton energy, and diode polarization state is compatible with a general linear model based on the Shockley-Read-Hall recombination mechanism, whereas, at high fluences, the degradation is strongly influenced by the variation of the effective doping profile due to (hydrogen related) defects induced by irradiation.

[1] Ž. Pastuović, E. Vittone, I. Capan, M. Jakšić, Applied Physics Letters 98 (2011) 092101.

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