



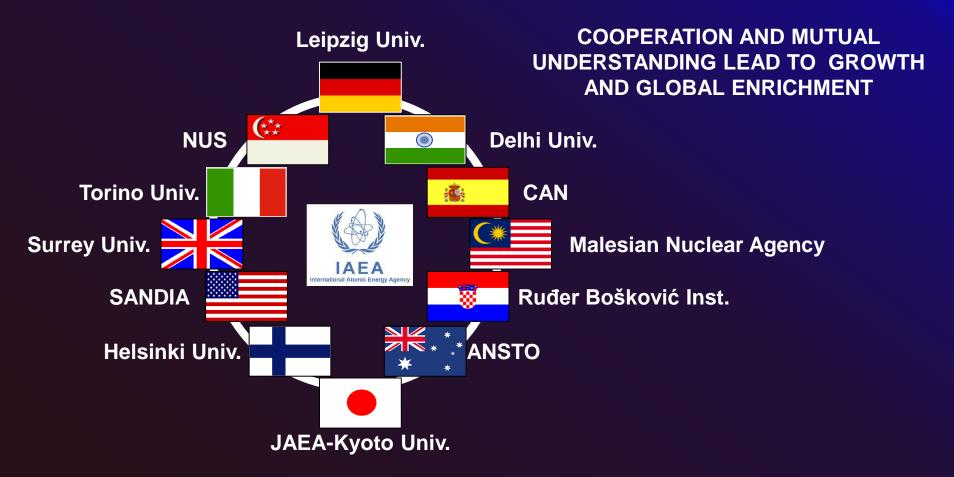
## Modeling of charge collection efficiency degradation in semiconductor devices induced by MeV ion beam irradiation

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### **Object of the research**

### Study of the radiation hardness of semiconductors

### Tool

### Focused MeV Ion beams to induce the damage and to probe the damage





# Radiation damage is the general alteration of the operational properties of semiconductor devices induced by ionizing radiation

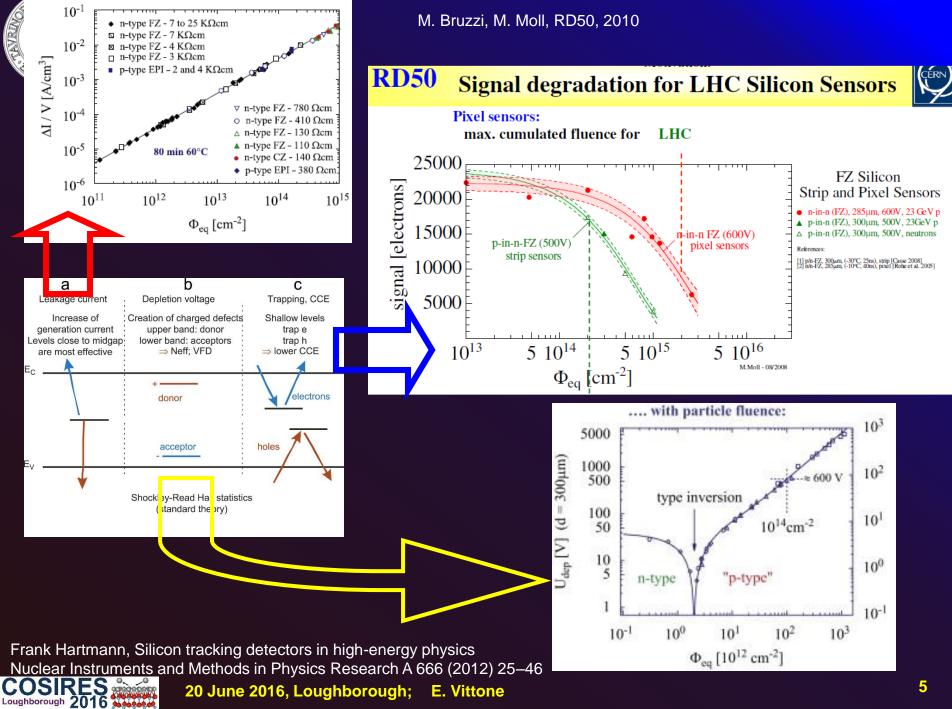
Three main types of effects:

- Transient ionization. This effect produces electron-hole pairs; *particle detection with semiconductors is based on this effect.* 

-Long term ionization. In insulators (oxides), the material does not return to its initial state, if the electrons and holes produced are fixed, and charged regions are induced.

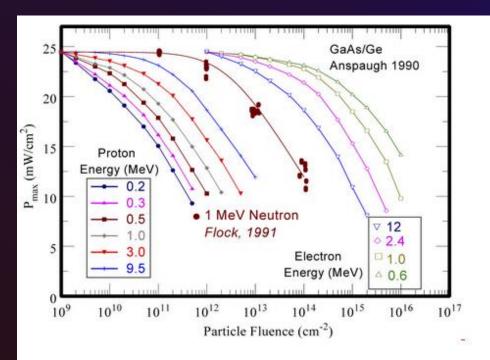
- **Displacements.** Dislocations of atoms from their normal sites in the lattice, producing less ordered structures, with long term effects on semiconductor properties.







Modeling radiation degradation in solar cells extends satellite lifetime Robert J. Walters, Scott Messenger, Cory Cress, Maria Gonzalez and Serguei Maximenko A physics-based model of the effect of radiation on the performance of solar cells in space may enhance the on-orbit lifetime of Earth-orbiting spacecraft. SPIE 2011



**Figure 2.**Measured degradation of a single junction gallium arsenide (GaAs) solar cell under proton, electron,<sup>2</sup> and neutron irradiation.<sup>3</sup> These data can be used to empirically determine the energy dependence of the solar-cell degradation thereby enabling on-orbit performance prediction. *P*<sub>max</sub>: Maximum power. http://spie.org/x43655.xml

#### Space environment $\rightarrow$

 $\rightarrow$  wide spectrum of ions (protons) and electrons.

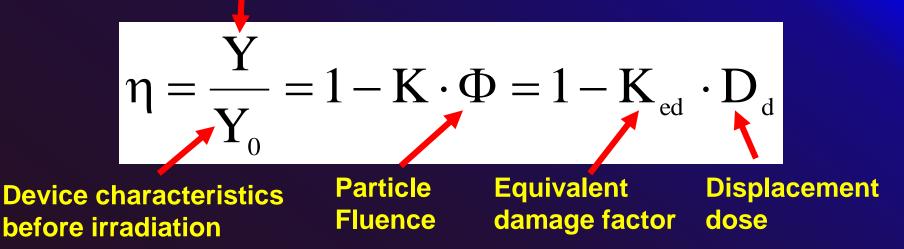
To understand the performance of a solar cell in the space radiation environment, it is necessary to know how cell degradation depends on the energy of the irradiating particle.





Characterization of radiation induced damage:

**Device characteristic after irradiation** 



First order: proportionality, independent of the particle, between the damage factor and the particle NIEL

#### NIEL approach:

measurement of K<sub>ed</sub> only for one particle (at one specific energy)

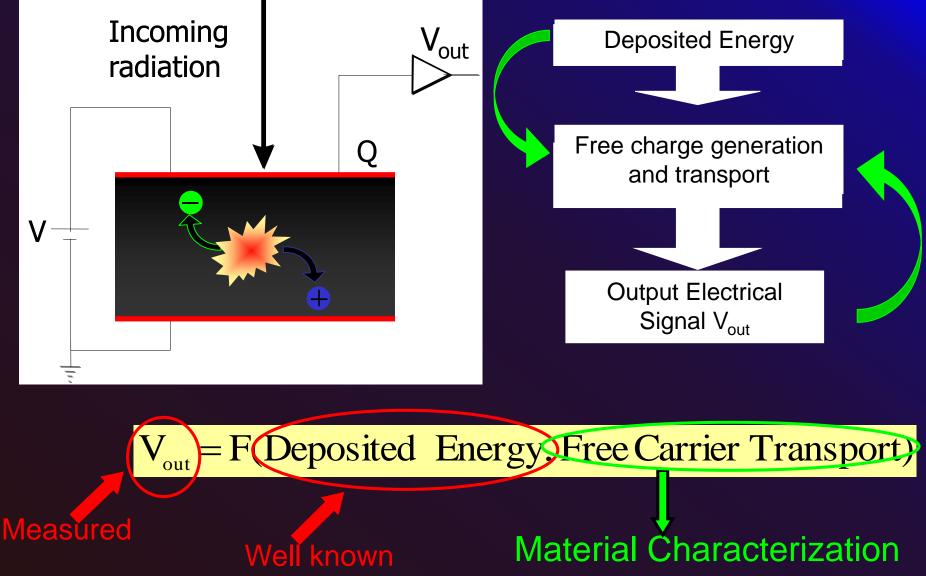


K<sub>ed</sub> can be estimated for all the particles and energies





# **IBIC: Ion Beam Induced Charge**





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Characterization of radiation induced damage: Induced Charge after irradiation

$$\eta = CCE = \frac{Q}{Q_0} = 1 - K \cdot \Phi = 1 - K_{ed} \cdot D_d$$
  
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efore irradiation  
Fluence  
Particle  
Fluence  
Equivalent  
damage factor  
dose

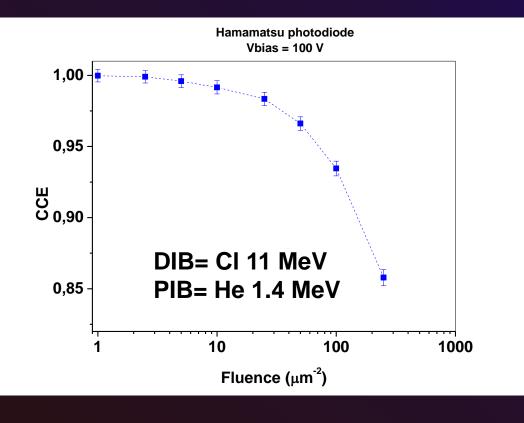
MeV Ion beams to induce the damage → DIB=DAMAGING IONS And to probe the damage → PIB=PROBING IONS



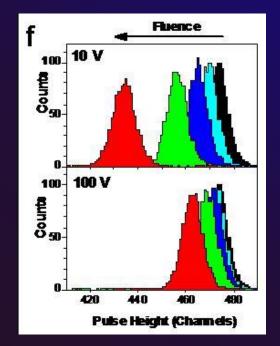
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# CCE degradation induced by ion irradiation Is a function of the damaging ion fluence



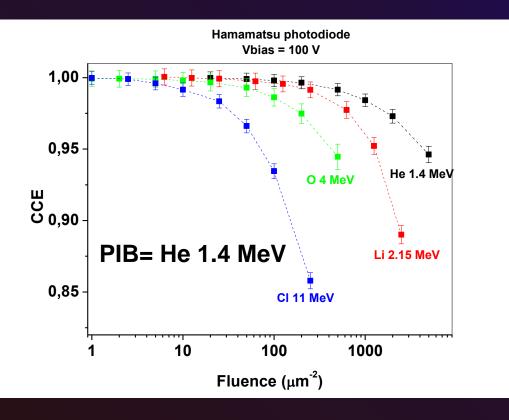
$$\eta = \frac{Y}{Y_0} = 1 - K \cdot \Phi = 1 - K_{ed} \cdot D_d$$







# CCE degradation induced by ion irradiation Is a function of the ion energy and mass

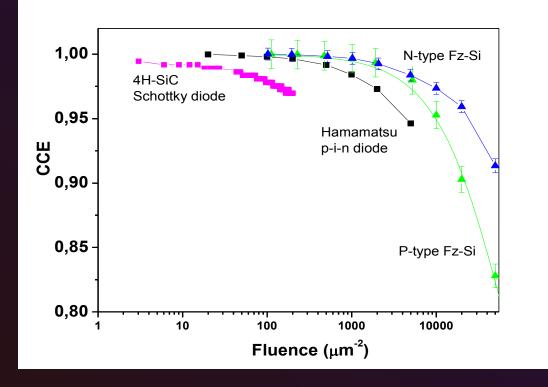


$$\eta = \frac{Y}{Y_0} = 1 - K \cdot \Phi = 1 - K_{ed} \cdot D_d$$





# CCE degradation induced by ion irradiation Is a function of the material and/or device

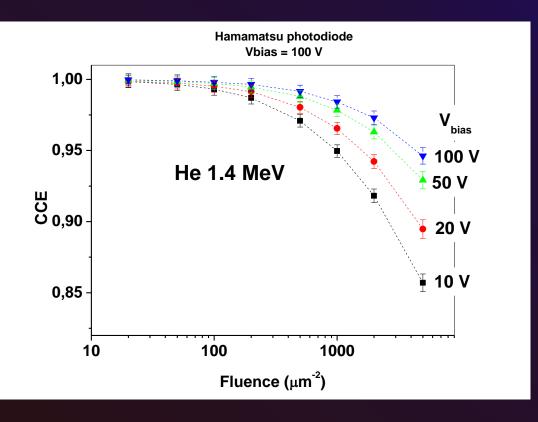


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# CCE degradation induced by ion irradiation Is a function of the polarization state of the device

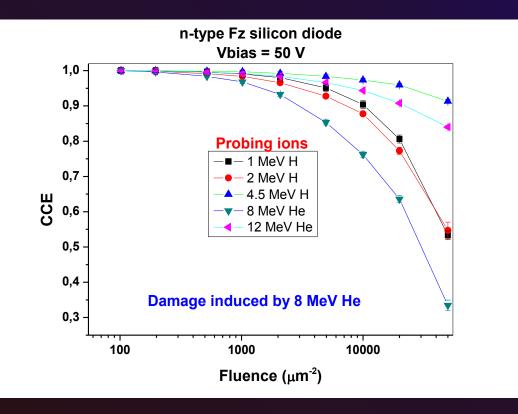


$$\eta = \frac{Y}{Y_0} = 1 - K(V_{\text{bias}}) \cdot \Phi = 1 - K_{\text{ed}} \cdot D_{\text{d}}$$



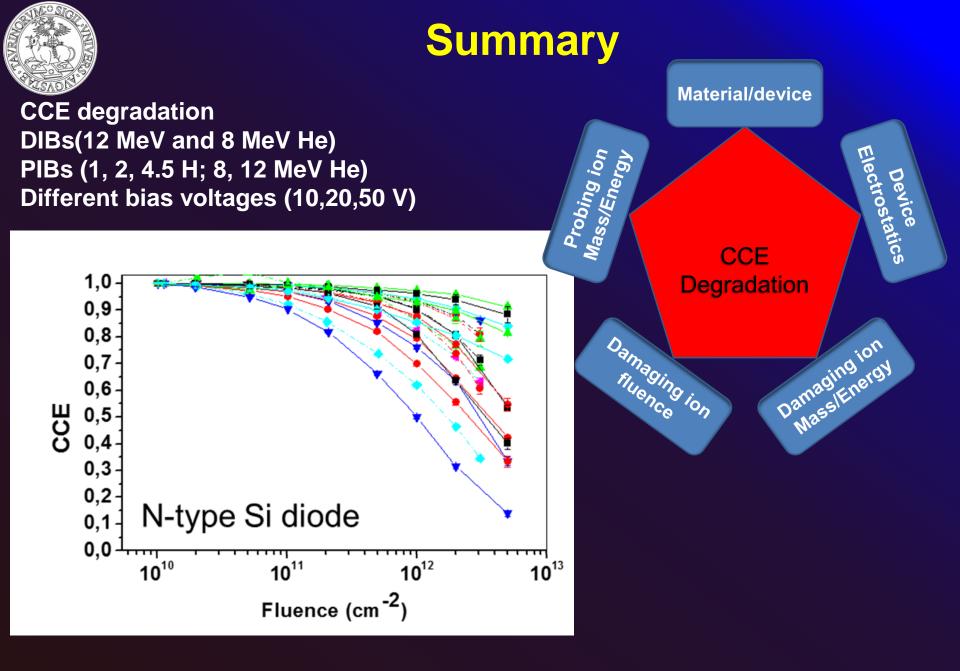


# CCE degradation induced by ion irradiation Is a function of the probing ions (PIB)



$$\eta = \frac{Y}{Y_0} = 1 - K(V_{\text{bias}}, \text{PIB}) \cdot \Phi = 1 - K_{\text{ed}} \cdot D_{\text{d}}$$



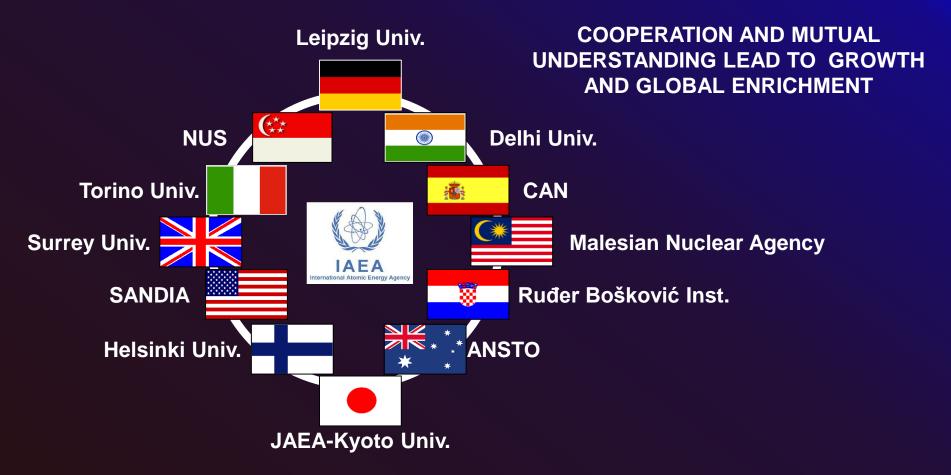






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### Goals

- To correlate the effect of different kinds of radiation on the properties of materials and devices
- To extract parameters directly correlated with the radiation hardness of the material

#### **Experimental protocol**

Model for charge pulse formation (IBIC theory) Model for CCE degradation (SRH model)





### Model for charge pulse formation (IBIC theory)

 Formalism based on the Shockley-Ramo-Gunn theorem

Adjoint equation method: the CCE is the solution of the Adjoint Equation

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# Pulse shapes calculation

### Shockley-Ramo theorem

Currents to Conductors Induced by a Moving Point Charge

W. SHOCKLEY Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., New York, N. Y. (Received May 14, 1938) Currents Induced by Electron Motion\* SIMON RAMO<sup>†</sup>, ASSOCIATE MEMBER, I.R.E.

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

### Gunn theorem

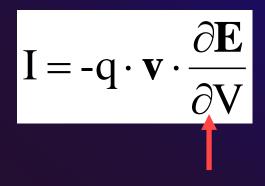
Solid-State Electronics Pergamon Press 1964. Vol. 7, pp. 739-742. Printed in Great Britain

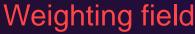
A GENERAL EXPRESSION FOR ELECTROSTATIC INDUCTION AND ITS APPLICATION TO SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES \*

> J. B. GUNN IBM Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, New York

(Received 2 March 1964; in revised form 26 March 1964)

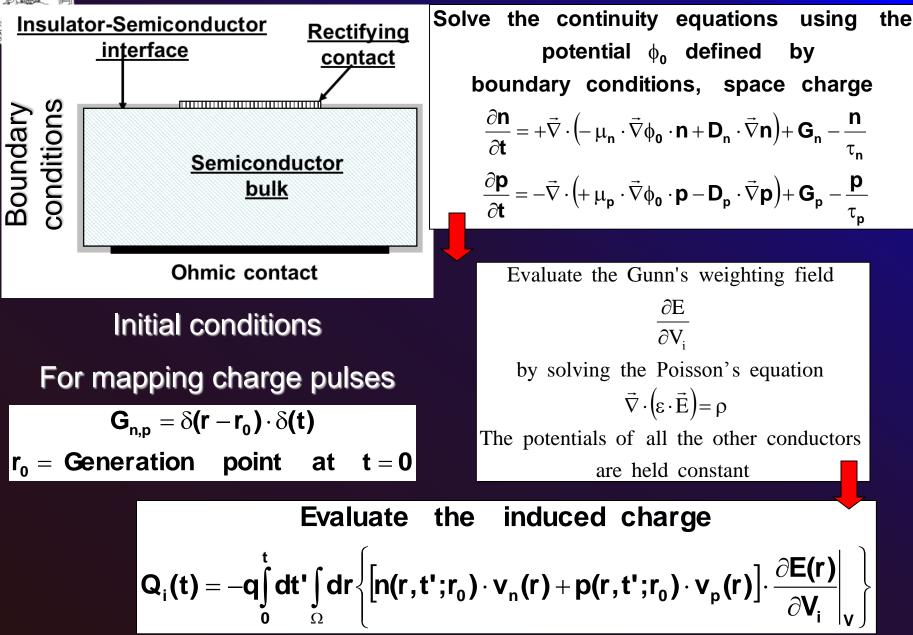
Abstract—A new formula is deduced, under rather general conditions, for the charges induced upon a system of conductors by the motion of a small charge nearby. The conditions are found under which this result can be simplified to yield various previously derived formulas applicable to the problem of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







### Formalism based on the Gunn's theorem





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# Adjoint equation Method Short-cut

Charge Induced from electrons

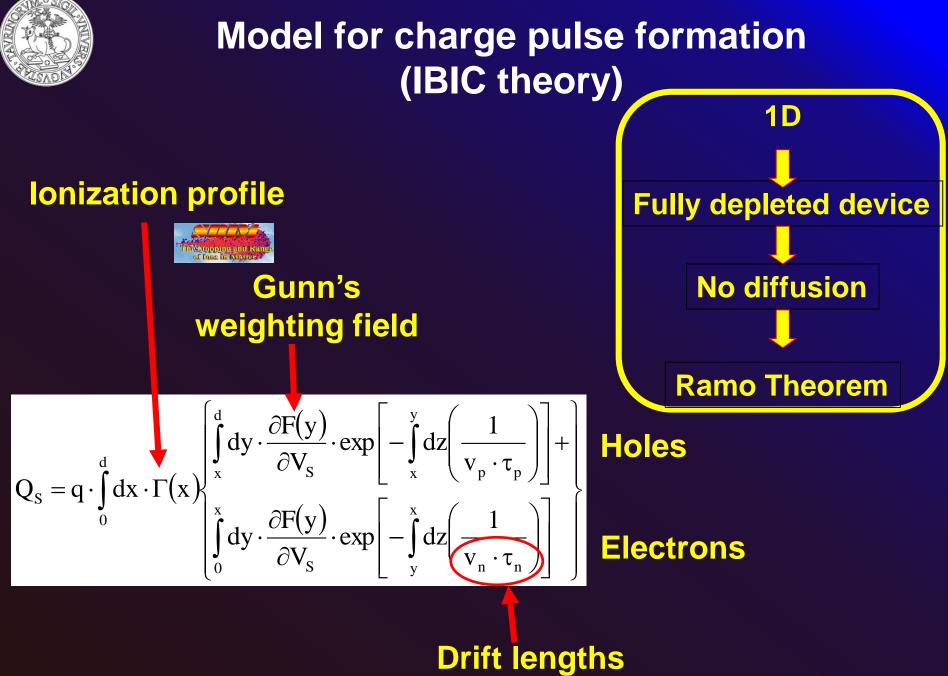
$$\mathbf{Q}_{\mathrm{in}}(\mathbf{t}) = -\mathbf{q} \int_{0}^{\mathrm{t}} d\mathbf{t}' \int_{\Omega} d\mathbf{r} \left\{ \left[ \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{t}'; \mathbf{r}_{0}) \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{n}}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{i}}} \right|_{\mathrm{V}} \right\}$$

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.



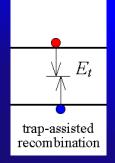




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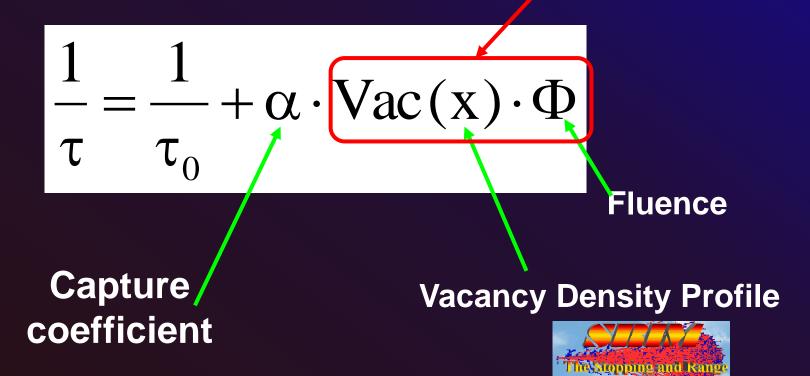


### Model for CCE degradation Shockley-Read-Hall model



**Basic assumption:** 

- 1) In the linear regime, the ion induced damage affects mainly the carrier lifetime  $\tau$
- 2) The ion induced trap density is proportional to the VACANCY DENSITY







# The experimental protocol

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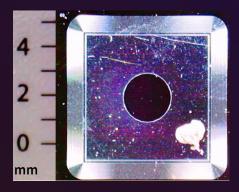


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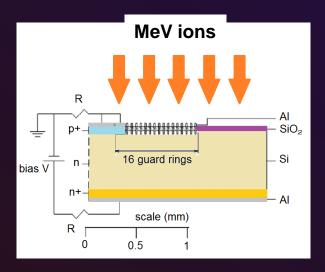


# Samples under study

n- and p- type Fz p-i-n Si diodes Fabricated by the Institute of Physics, University of Helsinki

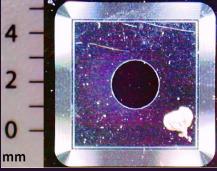


16 floating guard rings The frontal electrode and the guard rings are coated with AI (0.5 μm]). The AI electrode has a hole in the center, 1 mm diameter. Different dimensions: 5 or 2.5 mm



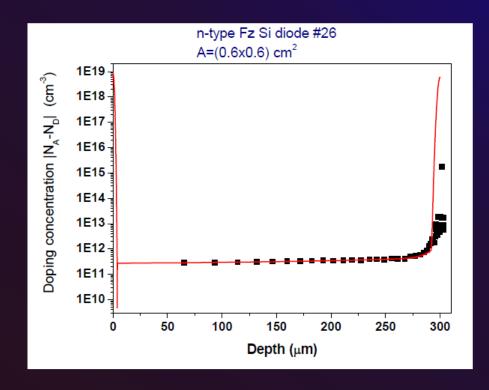






#### **Experimental protocol**

#### C-V characteristics Depletion width-voltage

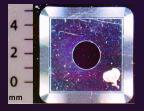


# Experimental protocol

✓ Electrical characterization







3,5x10<sup>e</sup>

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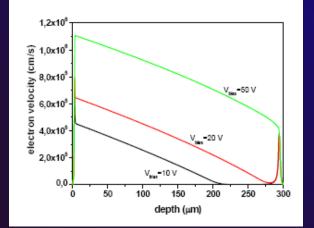
1,5x10<sup>6</sup>

5.0x10<sup>5</sup>

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### **Experimental protocol**



#### hole drift velocity profiles

#### **Gunn's weighting** potential



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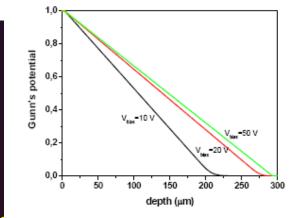
V.....=10 V

50

V....=20 V

150

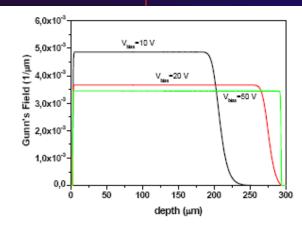
depth (µm)



#### **Experimental** protocol

 Electrical characterization ✓ Electrostatic modeling

#### Gunn's weighting field





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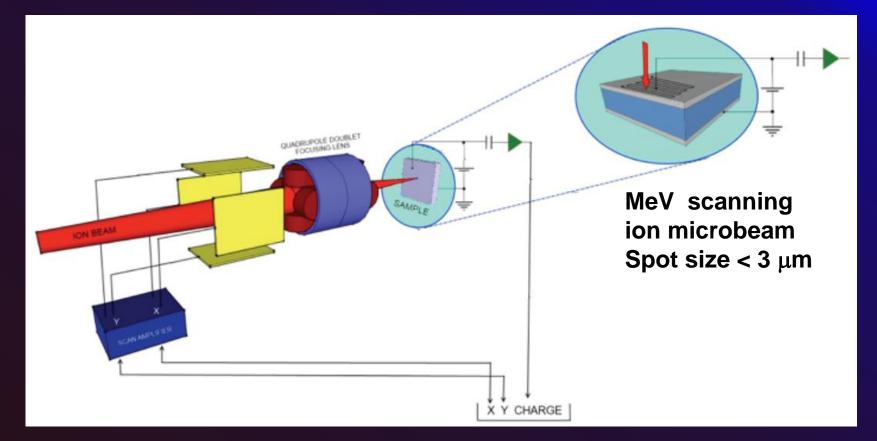
V<sub>Mas</sub>=50 V

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300

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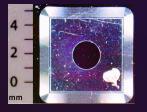




#### **PROBING THE PRISTINE SAMPLE**







Pulse Height

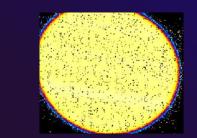
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IBIC map on a pristine diode probed with a scanning 1.4 MeV He microbeam;



Uniform CCE map Frontal IBIC

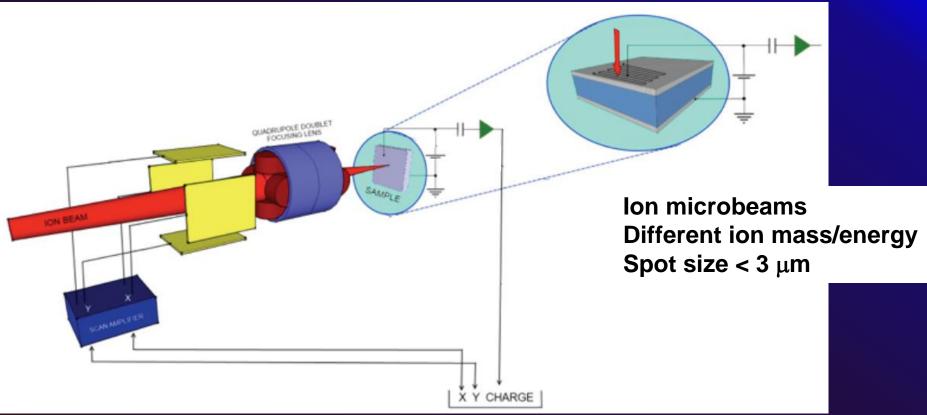


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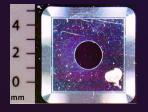


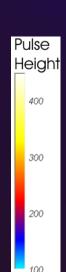


### DAMAGING SELECTED AREAS 100X100 μm<sup>2</sup>

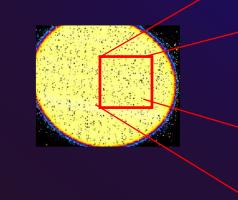




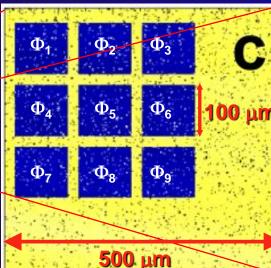




IBIC map on a pristine diode probed with a scanning 1.4 MeV He microbeam;



ZOOM in view of the selected area for focused ion beam irradiation at different fluences  $\Phi$ 

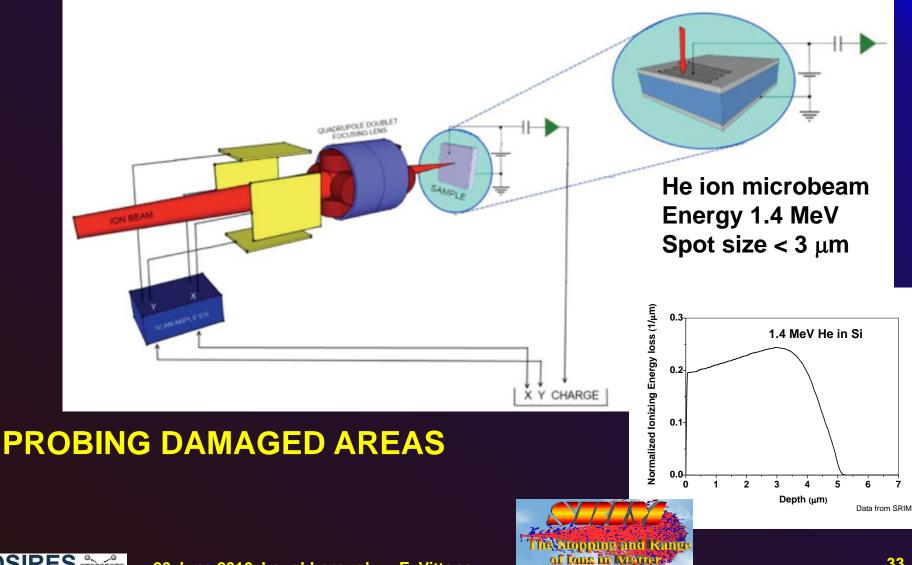


# Experimental protocol

 ✓ Electrical characterization
 ✓ IBIC map on pristine sample
 ✓ Irradiation of 9
 regions at
 different fluences

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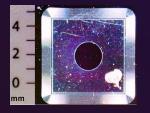




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Pulse

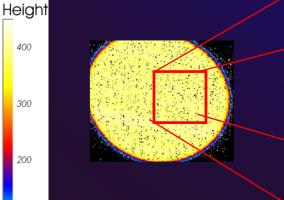
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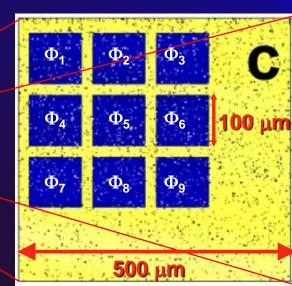
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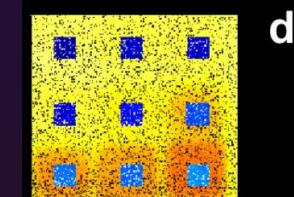
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**IBIC** map on a pristine diode probed with a scanning 1.4 MeV He microbeam;







a measured 2D distribution of the IBIC signal amplitude after irradiation



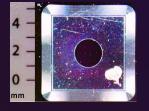
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**Frontal IBIC MeV Ions**  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{out}}$ V<sub>b</sub>

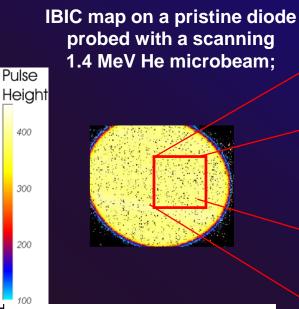
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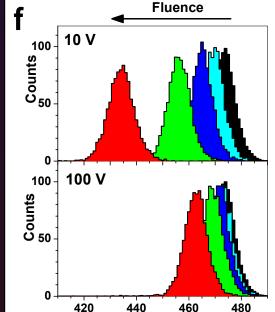
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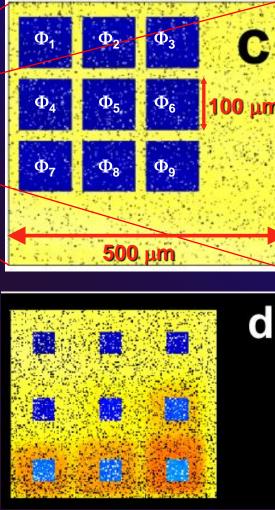


**IBIC** spectra voltage = (bias 10 V and 100 V) from the central regions of four the of areas shown in Fig. c





**Pulse Height (Channels)** 



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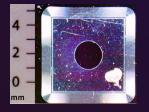
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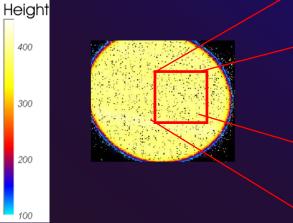


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Hamamatsu photodiode

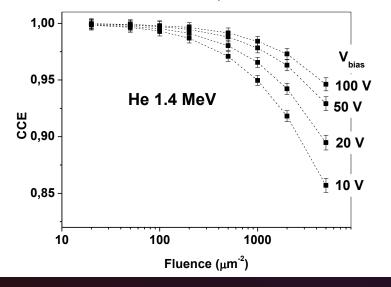
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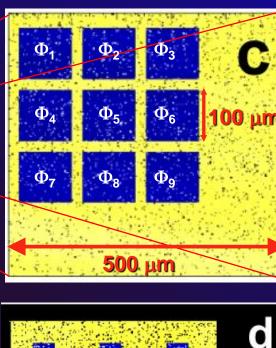
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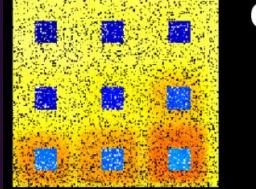
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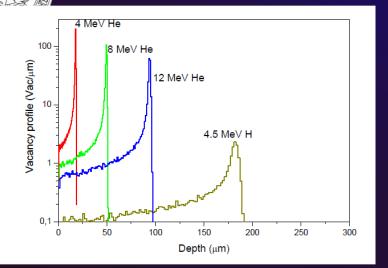
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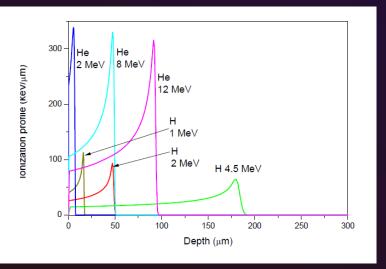
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### **DIB: Vacancy profiles**



### **PIB: Ionization profiles**



### PIB = Probing ion beam DIB = Damaging ion beam

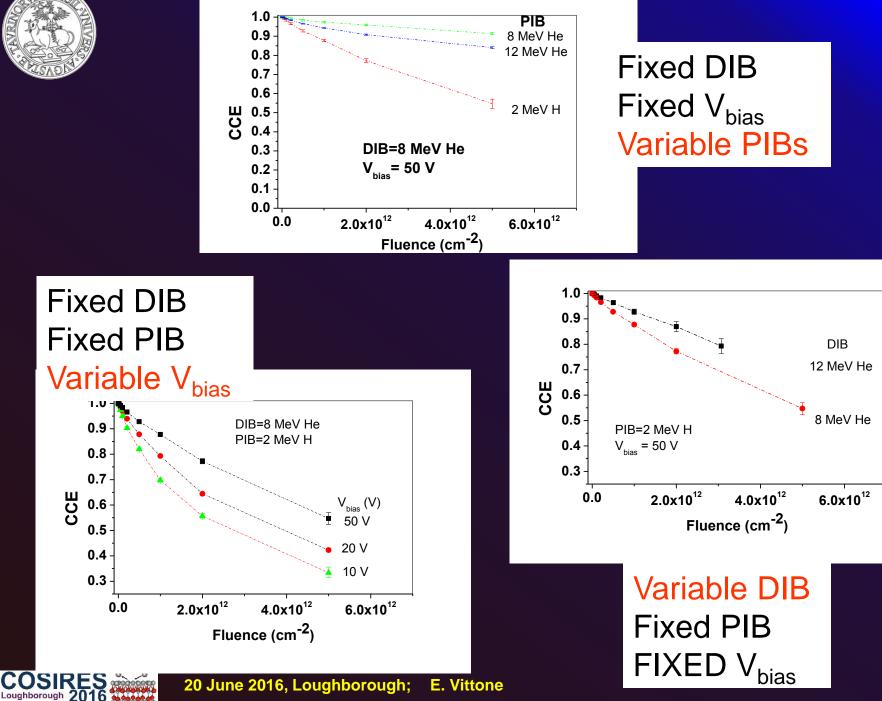
PIB\DIB	He 4 MeV	He 8 MeV	He 12 MeV	H 4.5MeV	H 17MeV
H 1 MeV					
Bias (V)					
H 2 MeV		(ANSTO)	(ANSTO)		
Bias (V)		10,20,50	10,20,50		
H 4.5 MeV		(ANSTO)	(ANSTO)		
Bias (V)		10,20,50	10,20,50		
He 2 MeV	(SNL)	(SNL)		(SNL)	
Bias (V)	10,50	10,50		10,50	
He 4 MeV		(ANSTO)	(ANSTO)		(CNA)
Bias (V)		10,20,50	10,20,50		0-38
He 8 MeV		(ANSTO)	(ANSTO)		
Bias (V)		10,20,50	10,20,50		
He 12 MeV			(ANSTO)		
Bias (V)			10,20,50		

### **Different bias voltages**

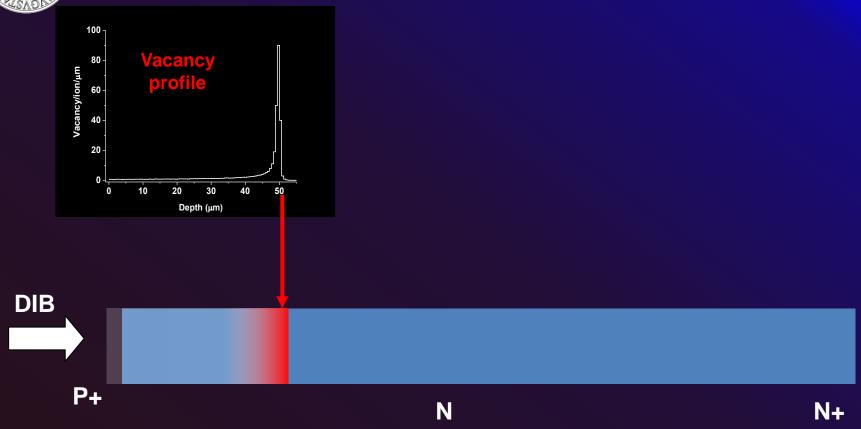




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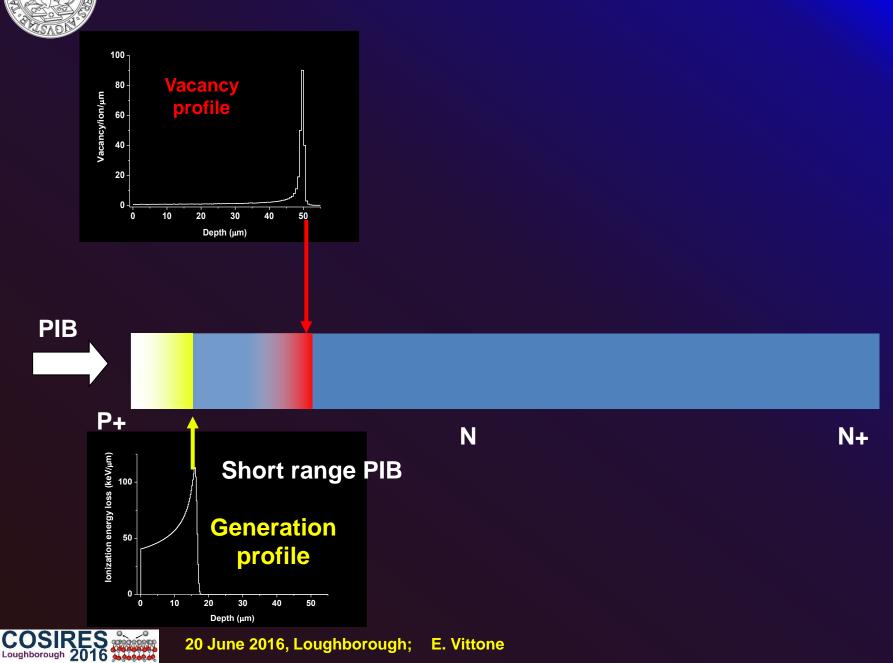


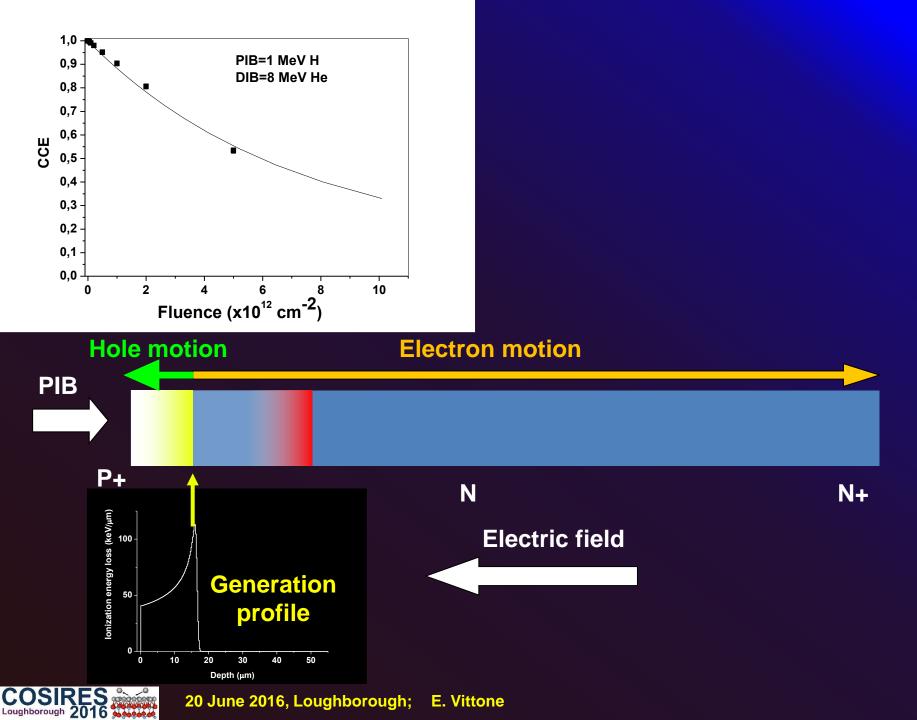


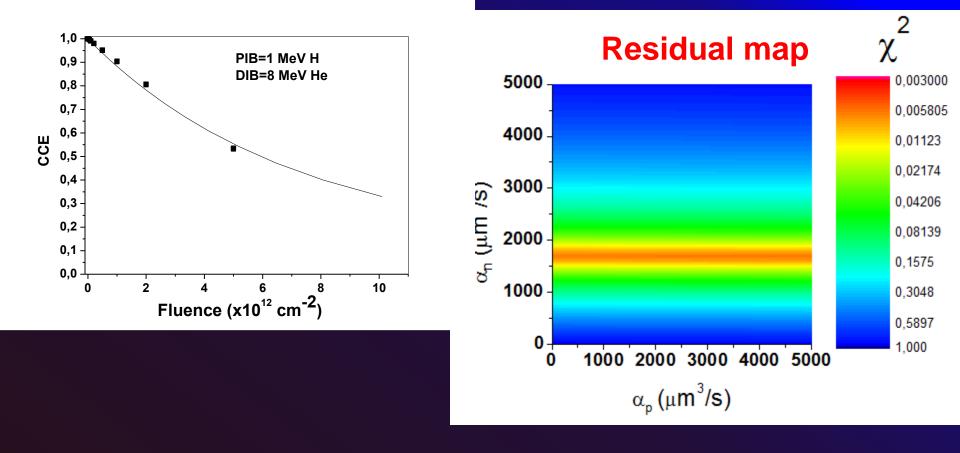










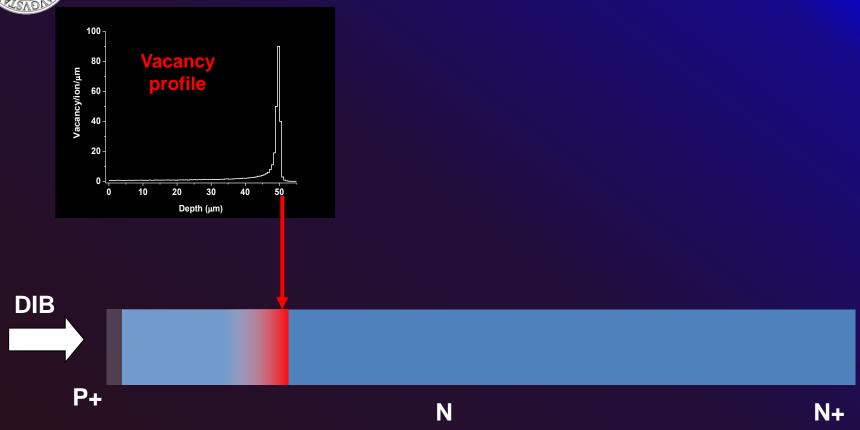


## $\alpha_n$ Free parameter

$$Q_{s} = q \cdot \int_{0}^{d} dx \cdot \Gamma(x) \left\{ \int_{x}^{d} dy \cdot \frac{\partial F(y)}{\partial V_{s}} \cdot \exp\left[ -\int_{x}^{y} dz \frac{1}{V_{n}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\tau_{0}} + \alpha_{n} \cdot Vac(x) \cdot \Phi \right) \right] \right\}$$

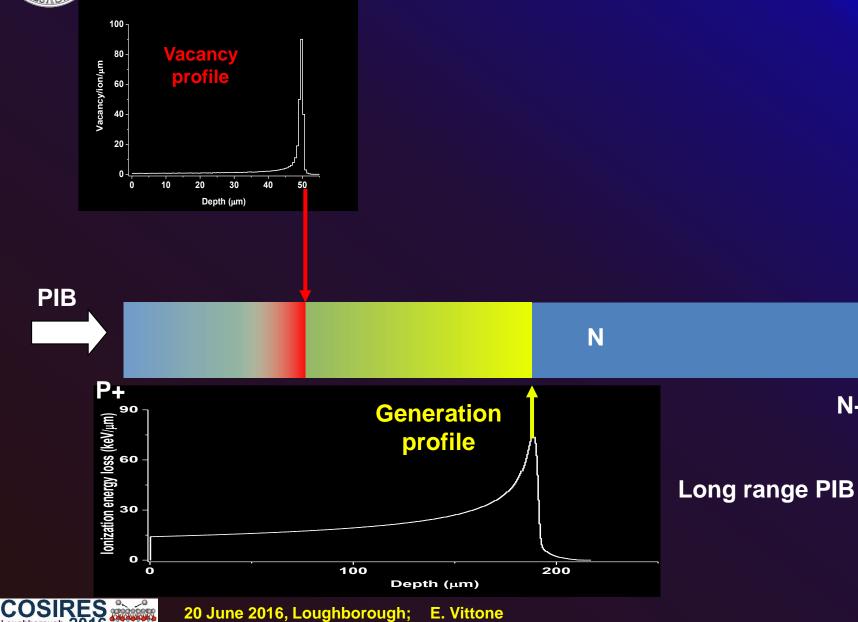










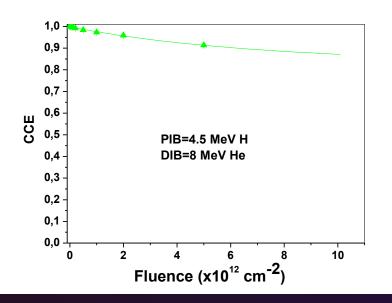


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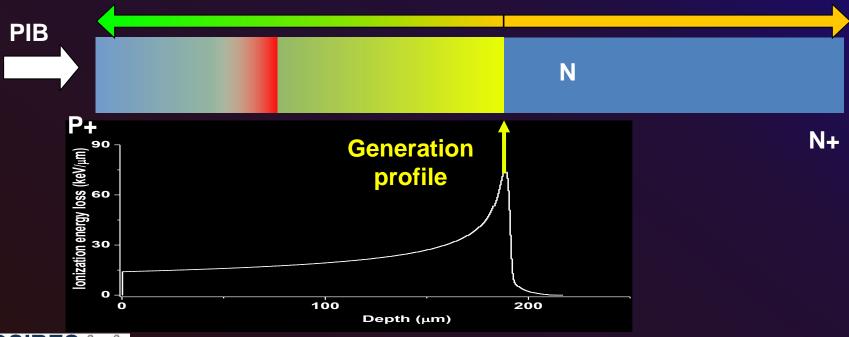
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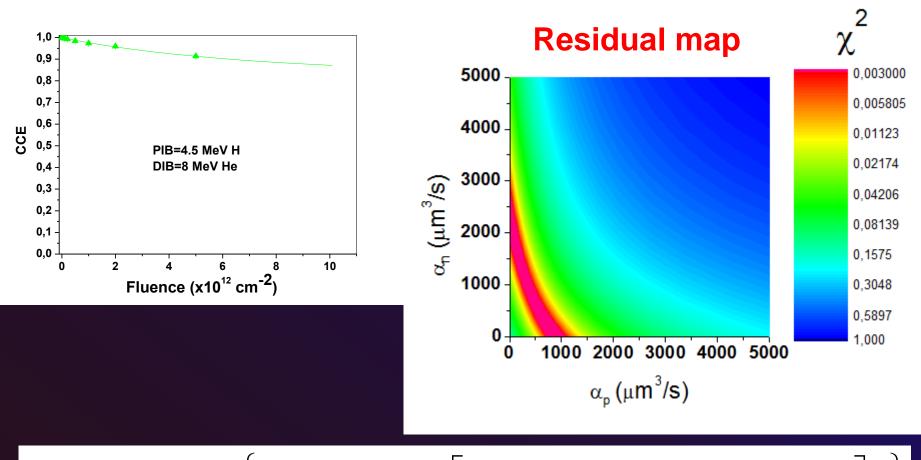


#### **Hole motion**

#### **Electron motion**

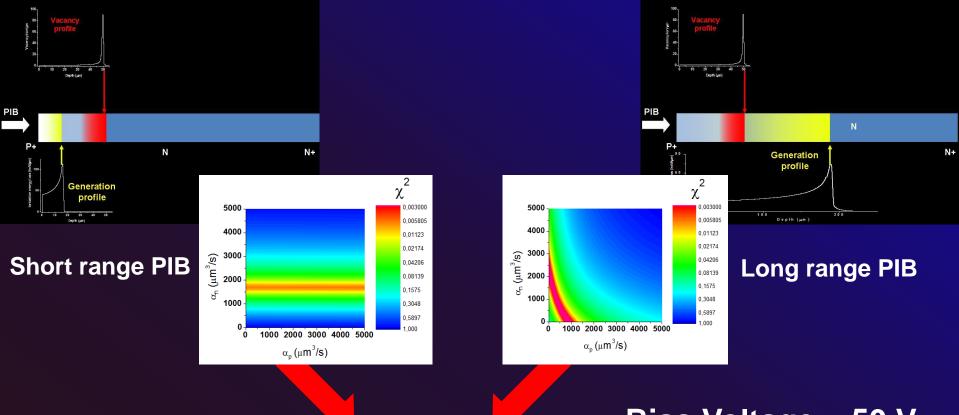


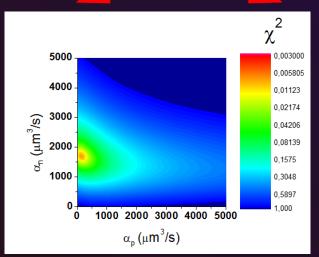
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$$Q_{s} = q \cdot \int_{0}^{d} dx \cdot \Gamma(x) \begin{cases} \int_{0}^{x} dy \cdot \frac{\partial F(y)}{\partial V_{s}} \cdot exp \left[ -\int_{y}^{x} dz \frac{1}{v_{p}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\tau_{0}} + \alpha_{p} \cdot Vac(x) \cdot \Phi \right) \right] + \left[ \int_{x}^{d} dy \cdot \frac{\partial F(y)}{\partial V_{s}} \cdot exp \left[ -\int_{x}^{y} dz \frac{1}{v_{n}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\tau_{0}} + \alpha_{n} \cdot Vac(x) \cdot \Phi \right) \right] + \left[ \int_{x}^{y} dy \cdot \frac{\partial F(y)}{\partial V_{s}} \cdot exp \left[ -\int_{x}^{y} dz \frac{1}{v_{n}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\tau_{0}} + \alpha_{n} \cdot Vac(x) \cdot \Phi \right) \right] \right] \end{cases}$$





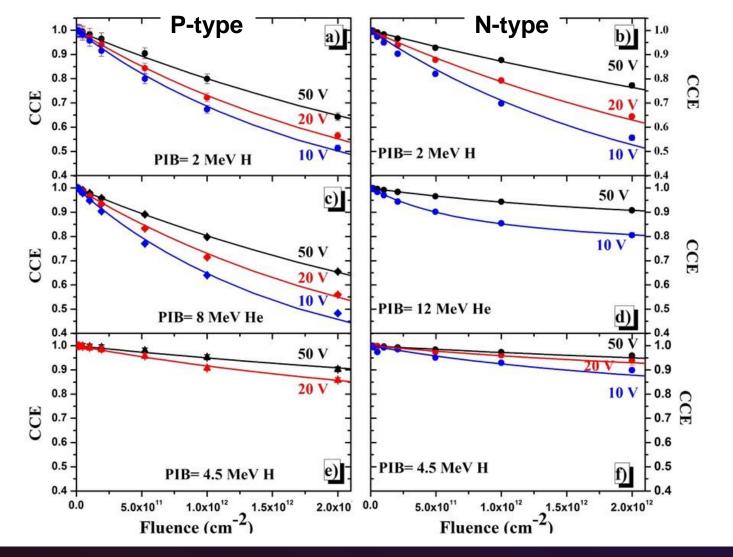


### Bias Voltage = 50 V

 $\alpha_n$ =1700 µm<sup>3</sup>/s  $\alpha_p$ =130 µm<sup>3</sup>/s



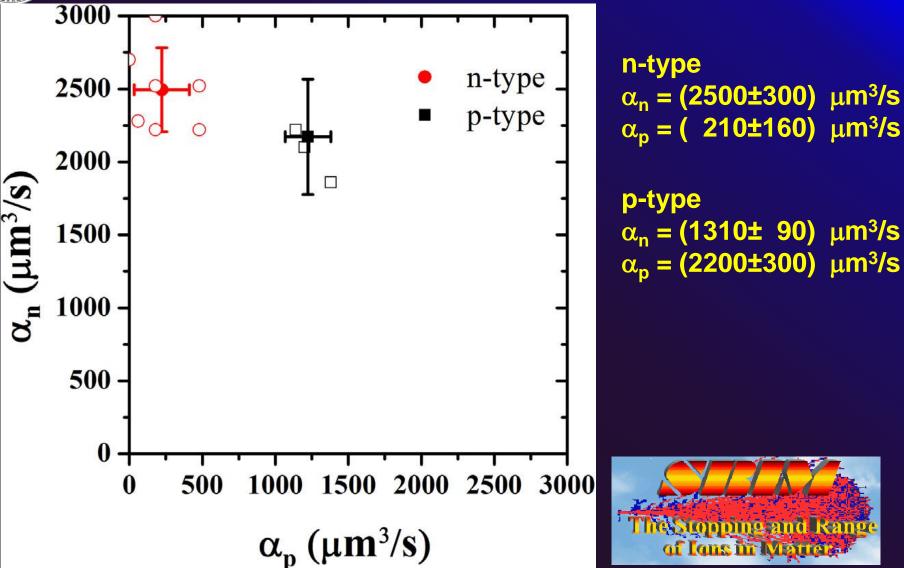




n-type Fz silicon diode

Damaging ions: 8 MeV He Probing ions: 1,2,4.5 MeV H, 12 MeV He Bias Voltages: 10,20 50 V

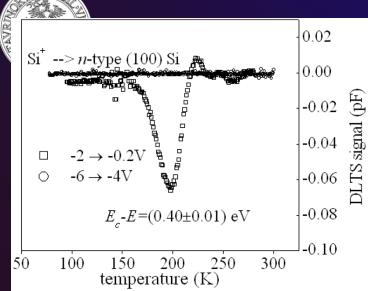






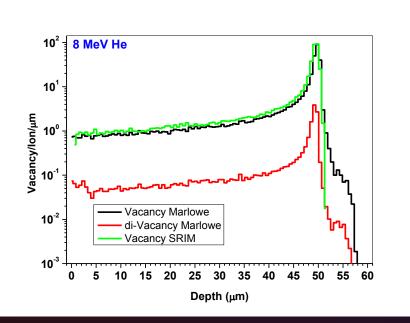
Fz silicon diode

**Capture coefficient** 



N-type silicon DLTS measurements singly V2(–/0) negatively charged divacancy

σ<sub>n</sub>≈5-10<sup>-15</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>



# From MARLOWE simulation

Divacancy

C. R. Crowell, Appl. Phys. 9, 79-81, 1976 Vth= 1.8 ⋅10<sup>7</sup> m/s

Vacancy

σ<sub>n</sub>≈(3.6±0.4)-10<sup>-15</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>





### Solution of the adjoint equations

$$Q_{s} = q \cdot \int_{0}^{d} dx \cdot \Gamma(x) \begin{cases} \int_{0}^{x} dy \cdot \frac{\partial F(y)}{\partial V_{s}} \cdot exp \left[ -\int_{y}^{x} dz \frac{1}{v_{p}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\tau_{0}} + \alpha_{p} \cdot Vac(x) \cdot \Phi \right) \right] + \\ \int_{0}^{d} dy \cdot \frac{\partial F(y)}{\partial V_{s}} \cdot exp \left[ -\int_{x}^{y} dz \frac{1}{v_{n}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\tau_{0}} + \alpha_{n} \cdot Vac(x) \cdot \Phi \right) \right] \end{cases}$$

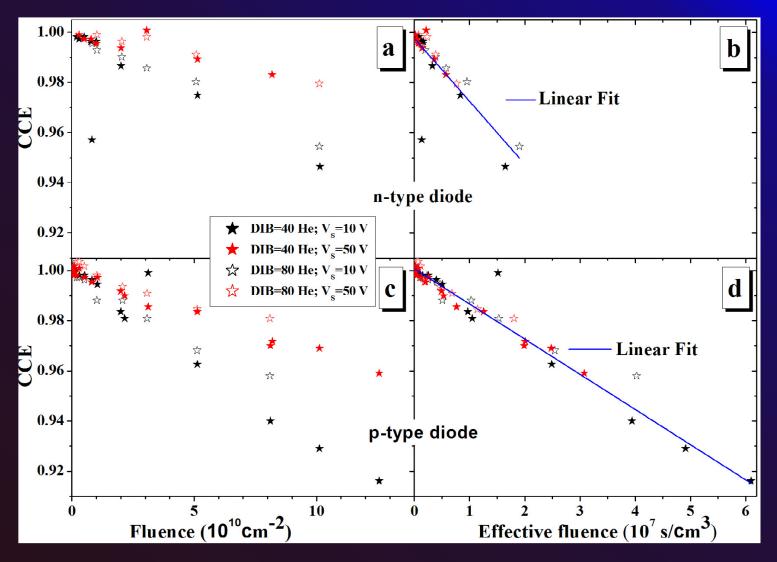
### For very low level of radiation Linearization vs. Φ Effective fluence Φ\*

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{CCE}(\Phi) &\cong 1 - \alpha_n \\ &\cdot \left\{ \Phi \cdot \int_0^d dz \cdot \frac{V(z)}{v_n(z)} \middle| \int_z^d dy \cdot \frac{\partial F(y)}{\partial V_S} \cdot \int_0^z dx \cdot \gamma(x) \right\} \\ &= 1 - \alpha_n \cdot \Phi^* \end{aligned}$$





### Very low level of damage



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Derivation of the Non Ionizing Energy Loss (NIEL) displacement damage formula

Constant vacancy profile Low displacement damage

$$CCE = 1 - K_{ed} \cdot D_d$$

$$K_{ed} = \frac{\rho}{M} \cdot \int_{0}^{R} dz \cdot \left\{ k_{n} \cdot \sigma_{n}^{eff}(z) \cdot \int_{z}^{d} dy \cdot \frac{\partial F(y)}{\partial V_{s}} \cdot \int_{0}^{z} dx \cdot \gamma(x) + k_{p} \cdot \sigma_{p}^{eff}(z) \cdot \int_{0}^{z} dy \cdot \frac{\partial F(y)}{\partial V_{s}} \cdot \int_{z}^{d} dx \cdot \gamma(x) \right\}$$

K<sub>ed</sub> = equivalent damage factor depends on
✓ Electrostatics of the device
✓ Carrier transport and recombination
✓ Ion probe ionization profile





## Limits of applicability

### **Basic Hypotheses**

DIB : low level of damage

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{e,h}} = \frac{1}{\tau_{0,e,h}} + \alpha_{n,p} \cdot \operatorname{Vac}(x) \cdot \Phi = \frac{1}{\tau_{0,e,h}} + (\sigma_{e,h} \cdot v_{th}) \cdot \operatorname{Vac}(x) \cdot \Phi$$

"linear model" Independent traps, no clusters

Unperturbed electrostatics (i.e. doping profile) of the device

PIB : ion probe CCE is the sum of the individual e/h contributions No plasma effects induced by probing ions





### CONCLUSIONS

An experimental protocol has been proposed to study the radiation hardness of semiconductor devices

Under the assumption of low damage level,

the CCE degradation of a semiconductor device induced by ions of different mass and energy can be interpreted by means of a model based on
The Shockley-Ramo-Gunn theorem for the charge pulse formation
The Shockley-Read-Hall model for the trapping phenomena

If the generation occurs in the depletion region, an analytical solution of the adjoint equation can be calculated.

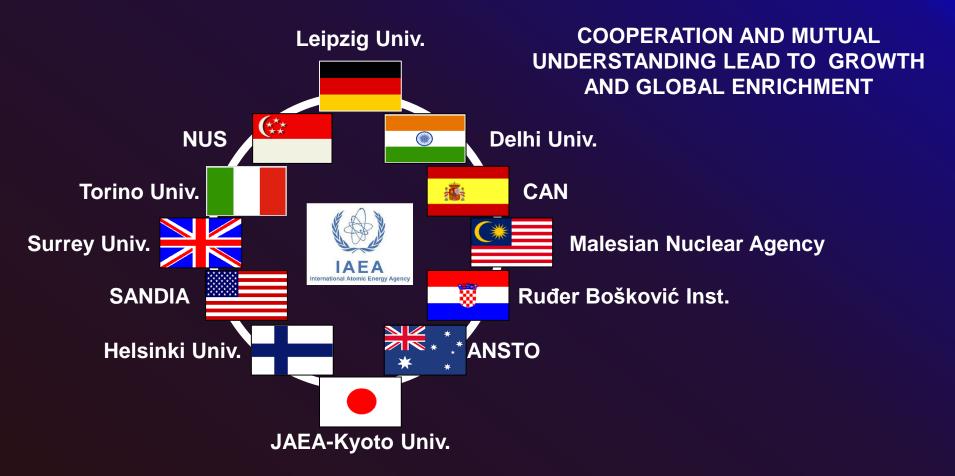
Adjusted NIEL scaling can be derived from the general theory in the case of constant vacancy profile.

The model leads to the evaluation of the capture coefficient.

## The capture coefficient is directly related to the radiation hardness of the material



IAEA Coordinate Research Programme (CRP) F11016 (2011-2015) "Utilization of ion accelerators for studying and modeling of radiation induced defects in semiconductors and insulators"

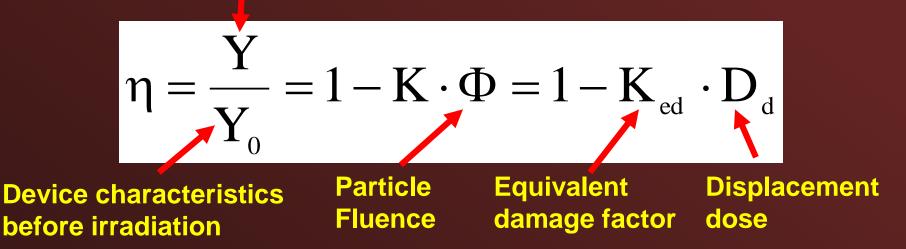






### Characterization of radiation induced damage:

**Device characteristic after irradiation** 



First order: proportionality, independent of the particle, between the damage factor and the particle NIEL

### NIEL approach:

measurement of  $K_{ed}$  only for one particle (at one specific energy)



K<sub>ed</sub> can be estimated for all the particles and energies





 $x \xrightarrow{z} x$ 

 $\downarrow y$ 

**Characterization of radiation induced damage: Induced Charge after irradiation** 

$$\eta = CCE = \frac{Q}{Q_0} = 1 - K \cdot \Phi = 1 - K_{ed} \cdot D_d$$
Induced Charge  
before irradiation
Particle
Fluence
Equivalent
damage factor
Displacement
dose
$$\int_{v_v \to 10}^{v_v + v_v} \int_{v_v \to 10}^{v_v + v_v} \int_{v_v \to 10}^{v_v + v_v + v_v} \int_{v_v \to 10}^{v_v + v_v + v_v} \int_{v_v \to 10}^{v_v + v_v + v$$



$$\frac{\partial n^{+}}{\partial t} = +\vec{\nabla}\cdot\left(\!+\mu_{n}\cdot\vec{\nabla}\phi_{0}\cdot n^{+} + D_{n}\cdot\vec{\nabla}n^{+}\right)\!+G^{*}_{n}-\frac{n^{+}}{\tau_{n}}$$

Excess carrier lifetime Trap density  $\tau = \frac{1}{N_{trap}} \cdot \sigma \cdot v_{th}$ Thermal velocity Capture cross section

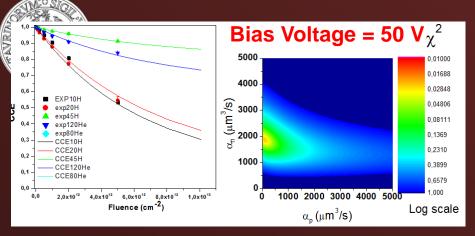
$$\mathbf{N}_{\mathrm{trap}} = \mathbf{N}_{\mathrm{trap}}^{\mathbf{0}} + \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{\Phi}$$

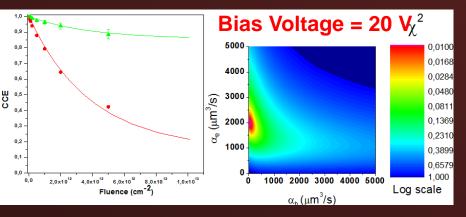
Trap density induced by radiation

## Trap density in pristine material

$$\frac{1}{\tau(\Phi)} = \frac{1}{\tau_0} + \mathbf{K} \cdot \Phi$$







#### Bias Voltage = 10 V 2 χ 0,9 0,8 5000 0.01000 0.01688 0,7 4000 0,6 0.02848 EXP10H 0.04806 (s/, mn) 3000 exp20H 0,08111 0,4 exp45H exp120He 2000 0,1369 0,3 . exp80He CCE10H 0.2310 দ্ব 0,2 CCE20H 1000 0 3899 CCE45H 0,1 CCE120He 0.6579 CCE80He 0 1,000 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 2,0x10<sup>12</sup> 4,0x10<sup>12</sup> 6,0x10<sup>12</sup> 8,0x10<sup>12</sup> 1,0x10<sup>18</sup> 0 Log scale -2, Fluence (cm $\alpha_{n} (\mu m^{3}/s)$

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### **CAPTURE COEFFICIENTS**

 $\alpha_n$  = (2500±300) µm<sup>3</sup>/s  $\alpha_p$  = (210±160) µm<sup>3</sup>/s

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