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Theory and practice of Materials Analysis for Microelectronics with a nuclear microprobe

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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)

Free carriers (electron/hole) transport Two mechanisms: Drift and Diffusion Drift: by the electrical force $V=\mu$ -E Diffusion: by a concentration gradient

Recombination/trapping

Carrier lifetime **T**









Using MeV ions to probe



the electronic features of semiconductors



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Electron/Hole pair generation

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1 MeV 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.

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

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Physical Observable: Induced current/charge



Shockley-Ramo Theorem



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

Induced current

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

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Ila diamond; resistivity about $10^{15} \Omega$ -cm; dielectric constant =0.5 pF/cm; Dielectric relaxation time = 500 s.

Charge neutrality not maintained 400 μm thick natural diamond,

biased at 40 V @ RT



C. Canali, E. Gatti, S.F. Koslov, P.F. Manfredi, C. Manfredotti, F. Nava, A. Quirini Nucl. Instr. Meth. 160 (1979) 73-77



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Generation at the anode -> Hole collection

Generation at the cathode -> Electron collection

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

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

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ELECTRIC

FIELD (V/cm)



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 $\mathbf{v} = \boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{E}$





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Contribution from the depletion layer

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}_{\mathsf{Depl}} + \mathbf{Q}_{\mathsf{Neutr}} \propto \left[\int_{0}^{\mathsf{w}} \left(\frac{\mathsf{dE}}{\mathsf{dx}} \right) \cdot \mathsf{dx} \right] + \left[\int_{\mathsf{w}}^{\mathsf{d}} \left(\frac{\mathsf{dE}}{\mathsf{dx}} \right) \cdot \mathsf{exp} \left[-\frac{\mathsf{x} - \mathsf{W}}{\mathsf{L}_{\mathsf{p}}} \right] \cdot \mathsf{dx} \right]$$

Frontal ion Irradiation





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Frontal ion Irradiation



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Frontal ion Irradiation



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4H-SiC Schottky diode

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Temperature dependent IBIC (TIBIC)



Two trapping levels

$$\frac{1}{L_{p}^{2}} = \frac{1}{D_{p} \cdot \tau} = \frac{1}{D_{p}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\tau(T)} + \frac{1}{\tau_{B}}\right) = A \cdot \frac{1}{T^{-0.5}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{T^{-0.5} + \frac{B}{N_{D}} \cdot T \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{E_{t}}{k_{B}T}\right)} + \frac{1}{\tau_{B}}\right)$$

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From Spectroscopy to micro-spectroscopy



Use of focused ion beams



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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



 HT=13.00 KV
 WD= 12 mn
 Mg= 2.43 K

 Det to No.e6
 Mge 2.43 K

Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research B 100 (1995) 133-140

IBIC investigations on CVD diamond

C. Manfredotti ^{a,b,*}, F. Fizzotti ^{a,b}, E. Vittone ^{a,b}, M. Boero ^{a,b}, P. Polesello ^{a,b}, S. Galassini ^{c,d}, M. Jaksic ^e, S. Fazinic ^e, I. Bogdanovic ^e



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

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IBIC imaging with 2 MeV protons

IBIC maps of polycrystalline diamond inter-digitated detectors show 'hot spots' at electrode tips due to concentration of the electric field









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

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Poster Session I (23/07/2012) h. 17.30-18.40 Poster #75

Aleksandr Ponomarev Investigation of Cd1-xMnxTe Polycrystalline Thin Films Using Nuclear Microprobe Techniques

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LATERAL IBIC-TRIBIC



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Monocrystalline Diamond Schottky diode 📂 🗰 🗅 🖙



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

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

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A high-speed imaging system for Time Resolved digital IBIC at Surrey



P.J. Sellin et al. | Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 521 (2004) 600–607



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Fig. 3. Typical single pulse shapes obtained from CZT, with no averaging applied. The indicated distances are measured from the cathode.



Fig. 6. Digital IBIC image of pulse risetime in CdZnTe, extracted from the same data set used to generate Fig. 4.

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Poster Session III (26/07/2012) h. 16.15-18.00 Poster #171

Natko Skukan

CVD diamond as a position sensitive detector using charge carrier transition time

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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[†], ASSOCIATE MEMBER, I.R.E.



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Gunn's 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.



Weighting field

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Induced current into the sensing electrode



$$I = -q \cdot \boldsymbol{v} \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\mathsf{E}}}{\partial V} = -q \cdot \boldsymbol{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mathsf{E}}_{\mathsf{w}}$$

Weighting potential: Weighting field

$$\nabla \psi_{\mathsf{w}} = -\mathbf{E}_{\mathsf{w}} = -\nabla \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mathsf{V}} \Rightarrow \psi_{\mathsf{w}} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mathsf{V}}$$

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

The induced charge Q

 $Q = \int_{t_{i}}^{t_{B}} Idt = -q \int_{t_{i}}^{t_{B}} \mathbf{v} \cdot E_{w} dt = -q \int_{\mathbf{r}_{i}}^{\mathbf{r}_{B}} E_{w} d\mathbf{r} =$ $\frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}{1} \left(\psi_{w}(\mathbf{r}_{B}) - \psi_{w}(\mathbf{r}_{A}) \right) = q \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V} \Big|_{\mathbf{r}_{A}} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial V} \Big|_{\mathbf{r}_{A}} \right)$

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

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To evaluate the total induced charge



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Radiation Damage in 4H-SiC



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Oral Session 25/07/2012, h 9:00-10.30

#250: Milko Jaksic (invited) : Review of nuclear microprobe applications in material science

Oral Session 25/07/2012, h 11:00-12.30

#198: Gyorgy Vizkelethy: Investigation of ion beam induced radiation damage in Si and GaAs diodes

#92: Zeljko Pastuovic: Overview of radiation damage studies in silicon diodes exposed to focused ion beam irradiation-Proposed template for further research of radiation damage studies in semiconducting materials and devices by IBIC

Poster Session I (23/07/2012) h. 17.30-18.40

Poster #141: Veljko Grilj: Comparison of scCVD diamond and silicon SB detectors irradiated by low energy protons





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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



CHARGE SHARING IN MULTIELECTRODE DEVICES





Actual potential

Weighting potential

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Poster Session I (23/07/2012) h. 17.30-18.40

Poster #123: Jacopo Forneris: IBIC characterization of an ion beam micromachined multi electrode diamond detector

Poster Session III (26/07/2012) h. 16.15-18.00

Poster #160: Laura Grassi: Charge collection study in the interstrip region of DSSSD using proton microbeam











A SUB-MICROMETER POSITION SENSITIVE DETECTOR



L.M. Jong et al. / Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research B 269 (2011) 2336-2339

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Oral Session 25/07/2012, h 11:00-12.30

#133: David Jamieson (invited): Addressing roadmap challenges: adapting nuclear microprobe technology to build engineered atom devices

#124: Jacopo Forneris: Modeling of ion beam induced charge sharing experiments for design of high resolution position sensitive detectors.





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SOLUTION OF THE EQUATIONS OF MOTION = TRAJECTORIES OF CHARGES Initial point (r_A); final point (r_B) $I = -q \cdot \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial E}{\partial V} = -q \cdot \mathbf{v} \cdot E_w$

$$Q = q \cdot \left(\psi_w(\mathbf{r}_B) - \psi_w(\mathbf{r}_A) \right)$$





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(Ion Beam Induced Charge Collection)

IBIC

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
- In-situ analysis of radiation damage

Thanks for your kind attention







Temperature dependent IBIC (TIBIC)



Two trapping levels SRH recombination model

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



Time resolved IBIC (TRIBIC)



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Radiation Damage









Good Reproducibility

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Lateral IBIC

 $V_{b} = 50 V$





Frontal IBIC

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

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80°C



135°C



165°C

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Polycrystalline CVD diamond

Diamond and Related Materials 11 (2002) 446-450

Effects of light on the 'primed' state of CVD diamond nuclear detectors C. Manfredotti^{a,b,*}, E. Vittone^{a,b}, F. Fizzotti^{a,b}, A. Lo Giudice^{a,b}, C. Paolini^{a,b}

Under

illumination



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Uniformity

(D.Meier, PhD thesis 1999, C.Manfredotti 2000)



 $\langle s \rangle = \frac{1}{N_i} \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{N_i} s_{i,j}$ = overall average signal evaluated over the total scanned area A_{TOT} N_i = Number of pixel of area a_i : $A_{TOT} = a_i \cdot N_i$

 $s_{i,j}$ = signal from the j-th pixel of area a_i

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IBIC maps with different pixel dimension



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The uniformity is between 80% and 100% on the length scale above 200 μ m; at 100 μ m the uniformity is 69%

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Numerical Simulations



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Lateral IBIC of a diamond Schottky diode



- homoepitaxial growth on HPHT substrates
- ✓ (type lb, $4 \times 4 \times 0.4$ mm³) slightly B doped (Acceptor concentration ≈ 10^{13} - 10^{14} cm⁻³)
- ✓ heavily B-doped buffer layer as back contact (Acceptor concentration ≈ 10¹⁸-10¹⁹ cm⁻³)
- ✓ 25 µm thick intrinsic layer as active volume
- ✓ Schottky contact: frontal Al circular contact (\emptyset = 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 = $(5.1 \pm 1.6) k\Omega$ \rightarrow back B-doped contact shunt resistance: R_{sh} = $(900 \pm 6) G\Omega$ @ 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

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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





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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: $S = 62 \times 62 \ \mu m^2$



4 MeV Protons (100 μm range) 4H SiC Schottky barrier



