

ATLAS Pixel Sensors

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Features of the Experiment

10-year **fluence** @
innermost layer $>10^{15}$
 cm^{-2} $\langle 1\text{-MeV n} \rangle$

$\sim 10^8$ channels (1192
sensors) plus spares;
want to test these under
bias before investing
chips on each

All of the other
subsystems located
outside the pixels

Impact on the Sensor Design

Guarantee stable
operation @ high
voltage; operate below
full depletion after
inversion.

Implement integrated
bias circuit.

Minimize multiple
scattering; minimize
mass.

Many of the sensors' detailed features follow from extensive study of radiation damage effects. Summarize those:

2 types of damage:

- non-ionizing energy loss in the silicon bulk
- ionization in the passivation layers

Principal effects + impact on design:

- change in dopant concentration leads to type inversion + increase in $V_{\text{depletion}}$
 - segment n-side to operate inverted sensor partially depleted
 - design for high operation voltage
- increase in leakage current
 - cool sensor to avoid increase in noise, power consumption
- decrease in charge collection efficiency
 - maintain good S/N; minimize capacitance

Parameterize the effective dopant concentration N_{eff} to predict the depletion voltage as a function of temperature and time:

$$V_{\text{dep}} \propto |N_{\text{eff}}| = |N_a + N_C + N_Y|, \text{ where}$$

$$N_a = g_a \cdot \Phi \cdot \exp(-t/\tau_a), \text{ “beneficial annealing”},$$

$$N_C = N_{C0} \cdot [1 - \exp(-c\Phi)] + g_c \Phi, \text{ “stable damage”},$$

$$N_Y = g_Y \cdot \Phi \cdot [1 - (1 + t/\tau_Y)^{-1}], \text{ “reverse annealing”},$$

$$\tau_Y = 9140\text{s} \cdot \exp(-0.152T),$$

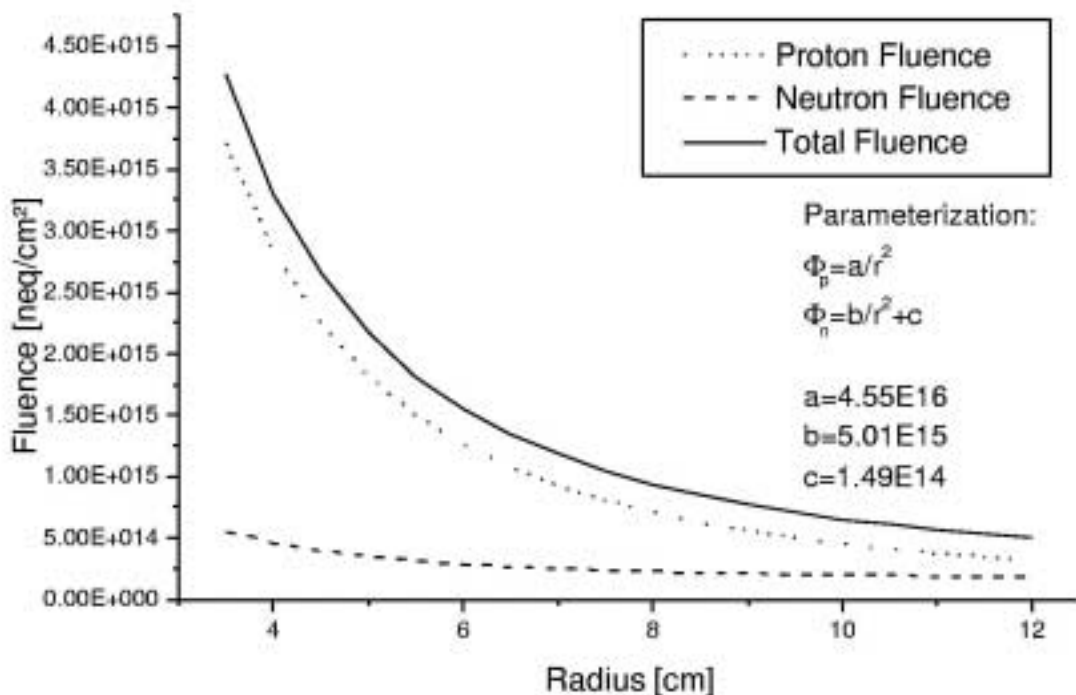
Φ is fluence, t is time, T is temperature, and

g_a , τ_a , N_{C0} , c , g_c , and g_Y are known parameters.

Total fluence has been predicted for each component's lifetime assuming luminosity ramp-up from 10^{33}cm^{-2} to 10^{34}cm^{-2} during Years 1-3:

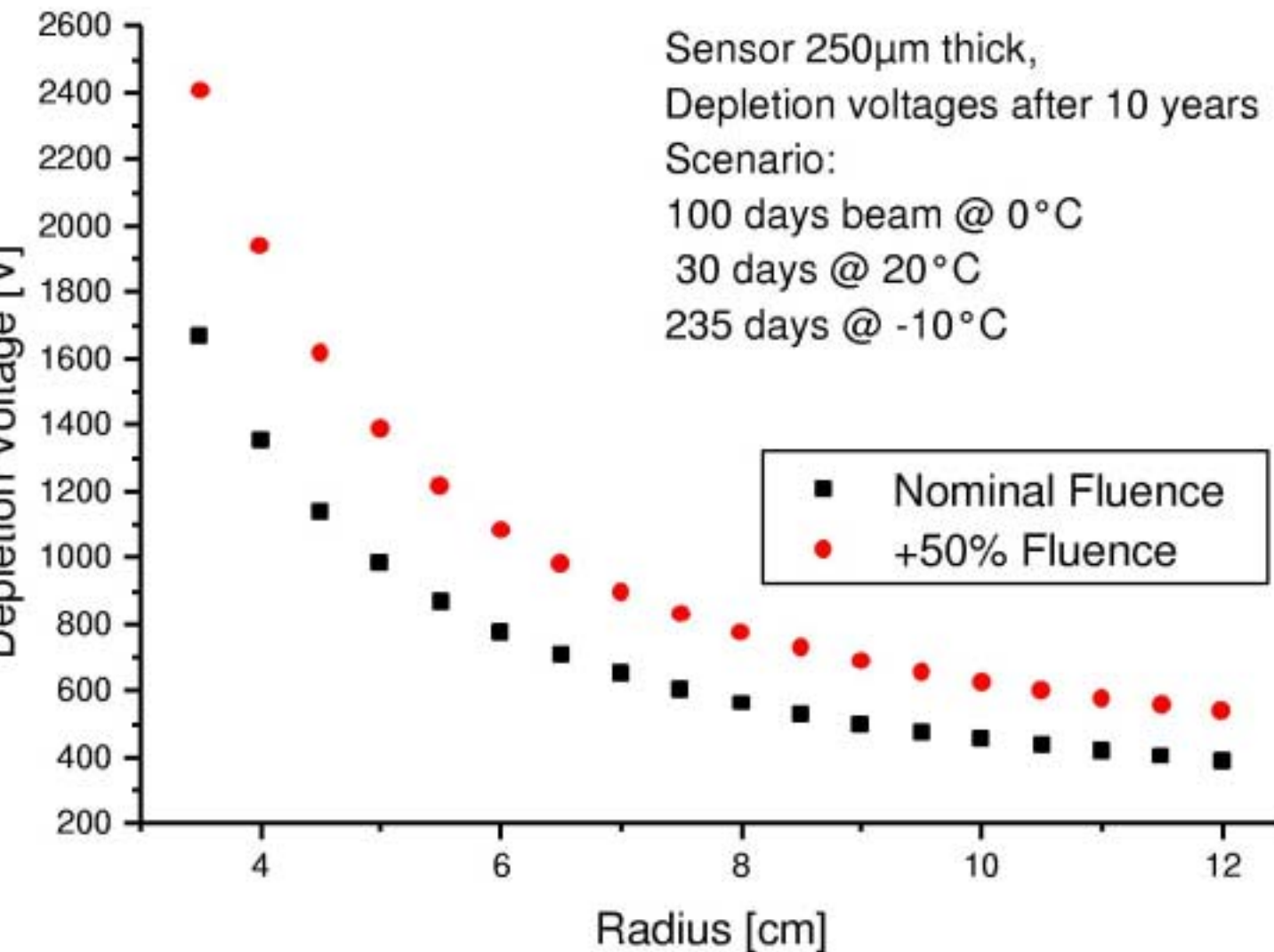
ATLAS Scenario

- 100 days beam @ 0°C , 30 days @ 20°C , 235 days @ -10°C
- 250 μm thick sensor
- B-Layer: Fluence $2.8\text{E}15$, 85% charged, radius 4.3cm (old position)
- Layer 1: Fluence $6.6\text{E}14$, 70% charged, radius 10.1cm (old position)



Example prediction of depletion voltage versus radius, for 10-year fluence:

Depletion Voltage



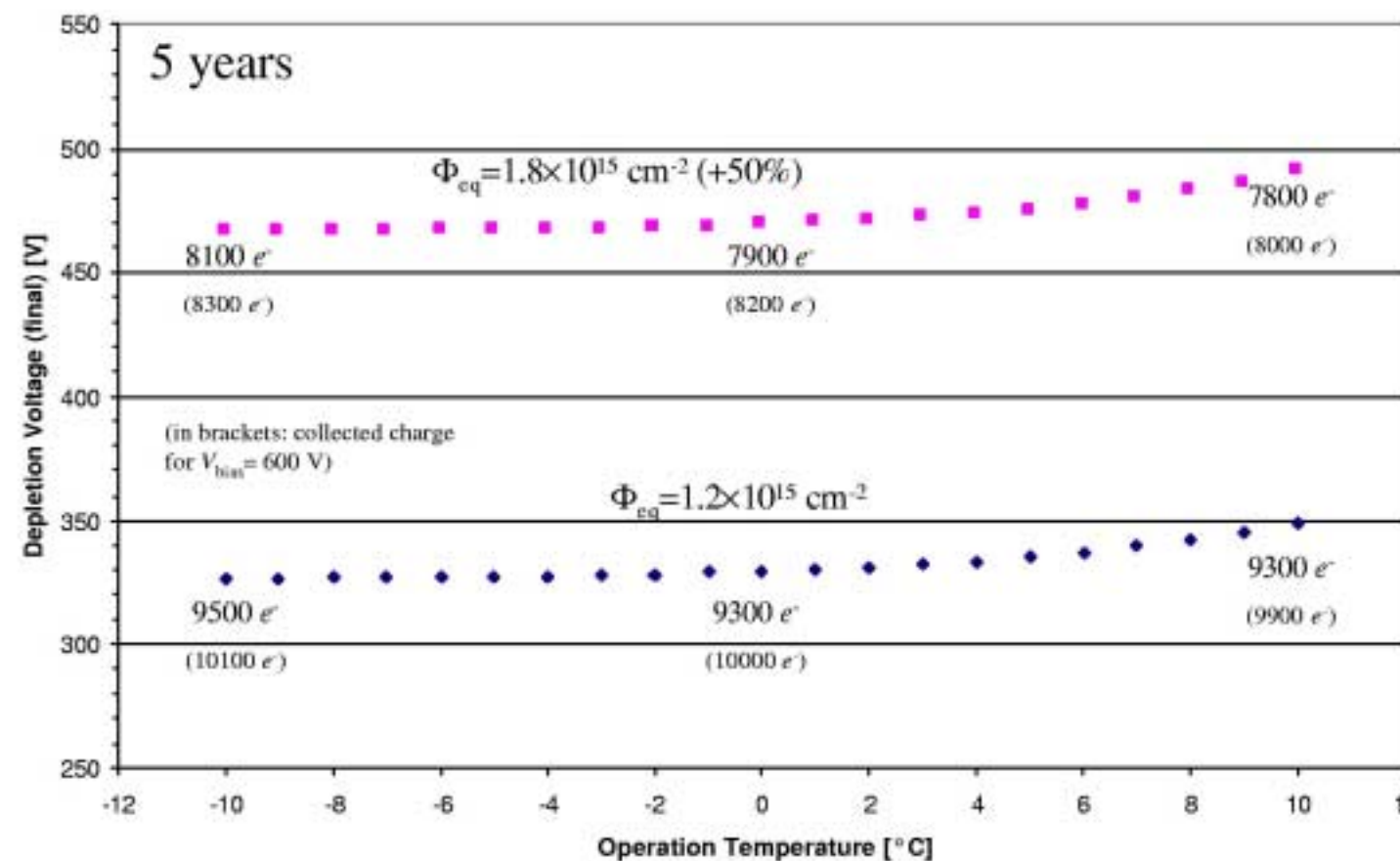
Simulations were made to select operating temperature and access time:

Depletion Voltage $V_{\text{dep}}(T_{\text{op}})$ - B-Layer - 5 years

Radiation level for B-layer: $\Phi_{\text{eq}}(5 \text{ years}) = 1.2 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ resp. $1.8 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ (+50%)

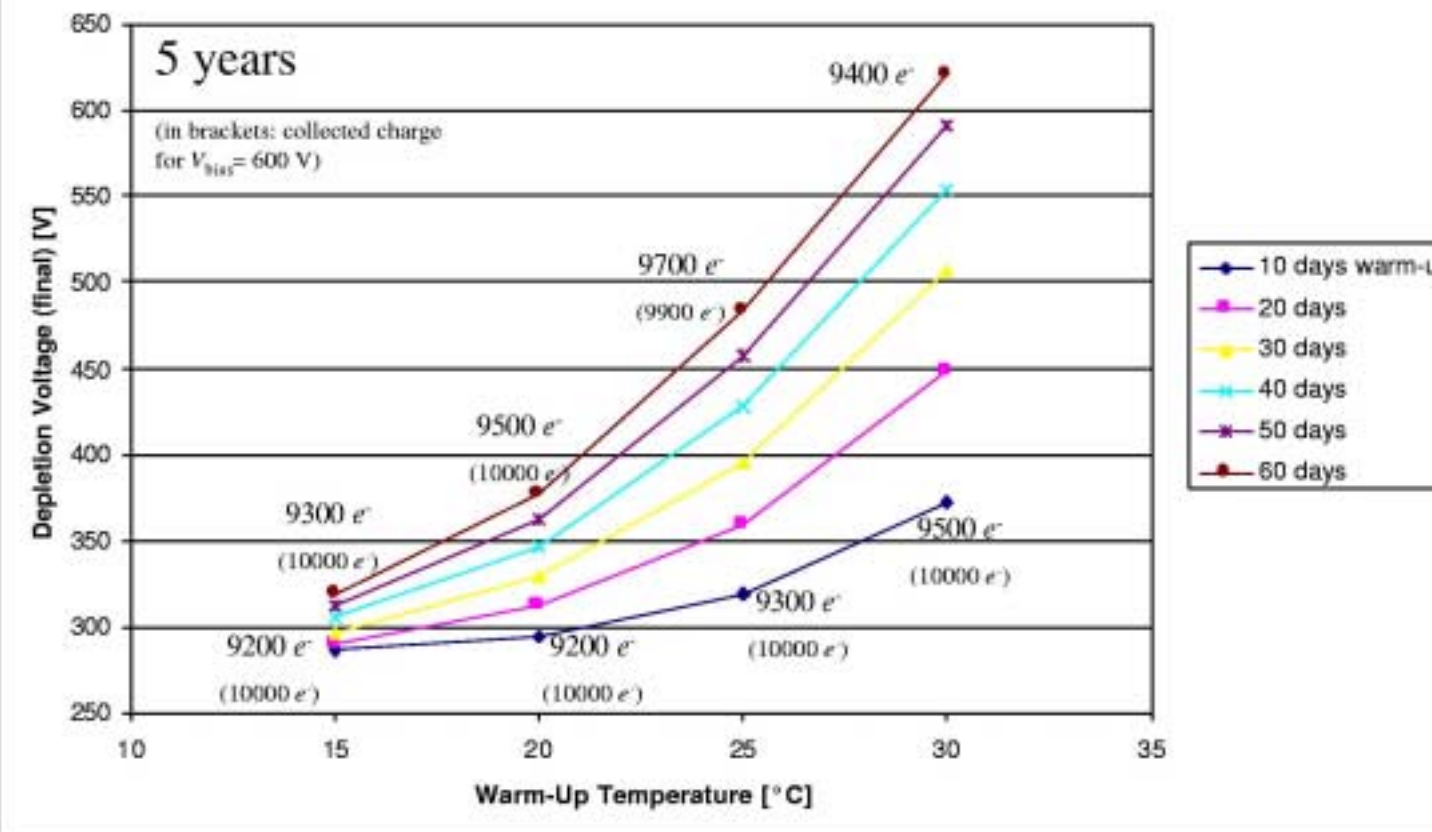
Scenario: 100 days beam at T , 30 days at 20°C , 235 days at -10°C per year

Sensor thickness $200\mu\text{m}$, oxygenated silicon, $V_{\text{bias}} = V_{\text{depl}} + 50 \text{ V}$, max. 600 V



Depletion Voltage $V_{\text{depl}}(T_{\text{warm-up}})$ - B-Layer - 5 years

- Radiation level for B-layer: $\Phi_{\text{eq}}(5 \text{ years}) = 1.2 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
- Scenario: 100 days beam at 0°C , n days warm-up at T per year, rest at -10°C
- Sensor thickness $200\mu\text{m}$, oxygenated silicon, $V_{\text{bias}} = V_{\text{depl}} + 50 \text{ V}$, max. 600 V



Conclusion:

100 days' operation @ 0°C

30 days' warm-up @ 20°C

235 days' storage @ -10°C

General Features of the Production Sensor Design

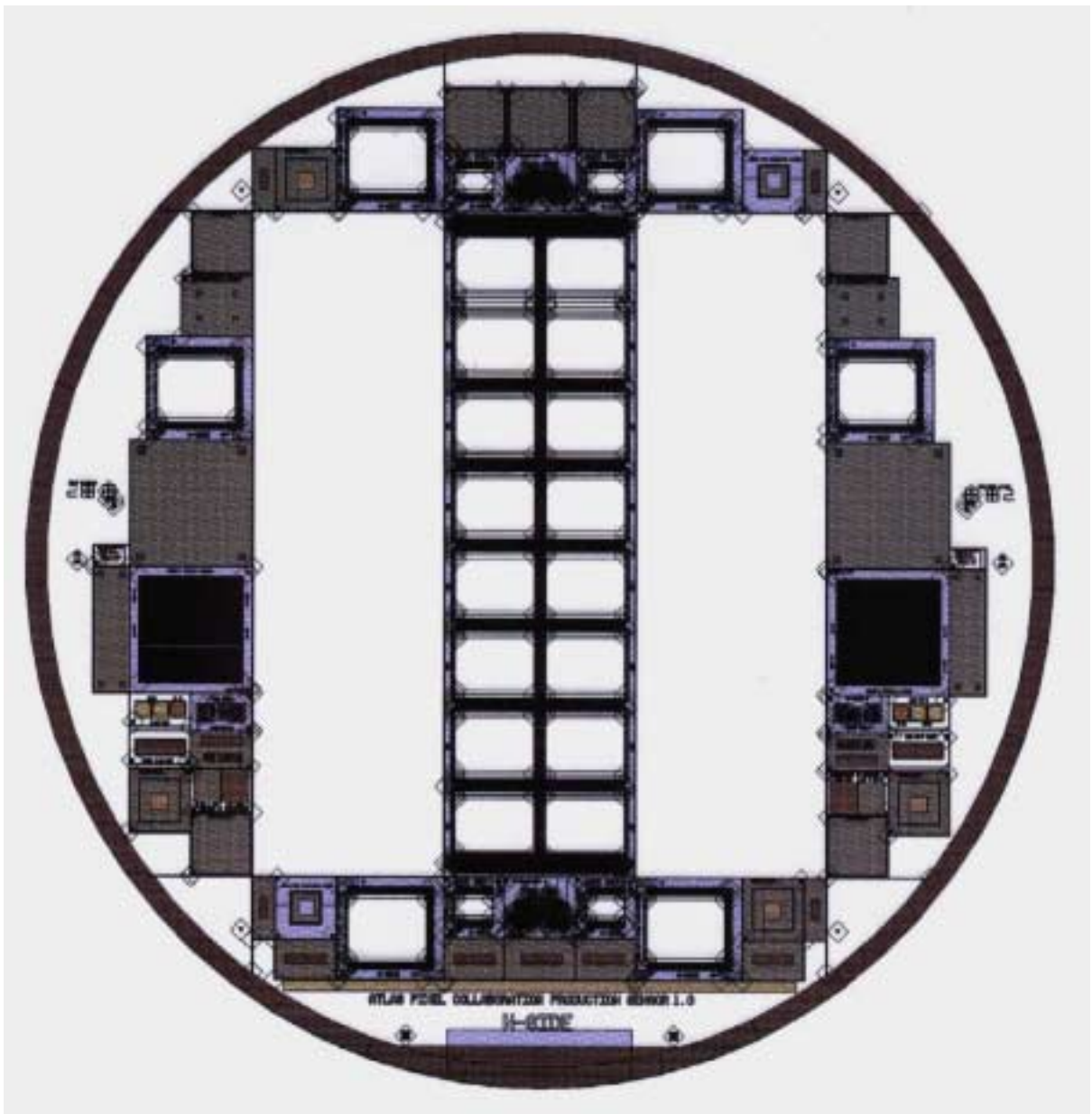
- Rectangular sensors:
2 chips wide x 8 chips long -
 - Each chip: 18 columns x 160 rows
 - Each pixel cell: 50 x 400 μm^2
 - Active area: 16.4 x 60.8 mm^2
- n^+ implants (dose $>10^{14}/\text{cm}^2$) in **n-bulk** to allow underdepleted operation after inversion
- Thickness: 250 μm

Route to the Design

- **First Prototypes** -
 - Designed in '97, fabricated by CiS + Seiko, studied in '98-'99
- **Second Prototypes** -
 - Designed in '98, fabricated by CiS, IRST, and TESLA, studied in '99-2000
- **Pre-production Sensors** -
 - Designed in '99-2000, ordered in Aug. 2000 from CiS + TESLA for delivery in Feb. 2001
- **Production Sensors** -
 - To be ordered following acceptance of pre-production; approx. Sept. 2001.

4-inch diameter, 250 μm thick, with:

- 3 full-size Tiles
- 6 single-chip sensors
- various process test structures to monitor oxide breakdown voltage, flat-band voltage, oxide-silicon interface current, p-spray dose



Features of the Full-size Sensors ("Tiles")

Pitch $50 \times 400 \mu\text{m}^2$

47232 cells per sensor

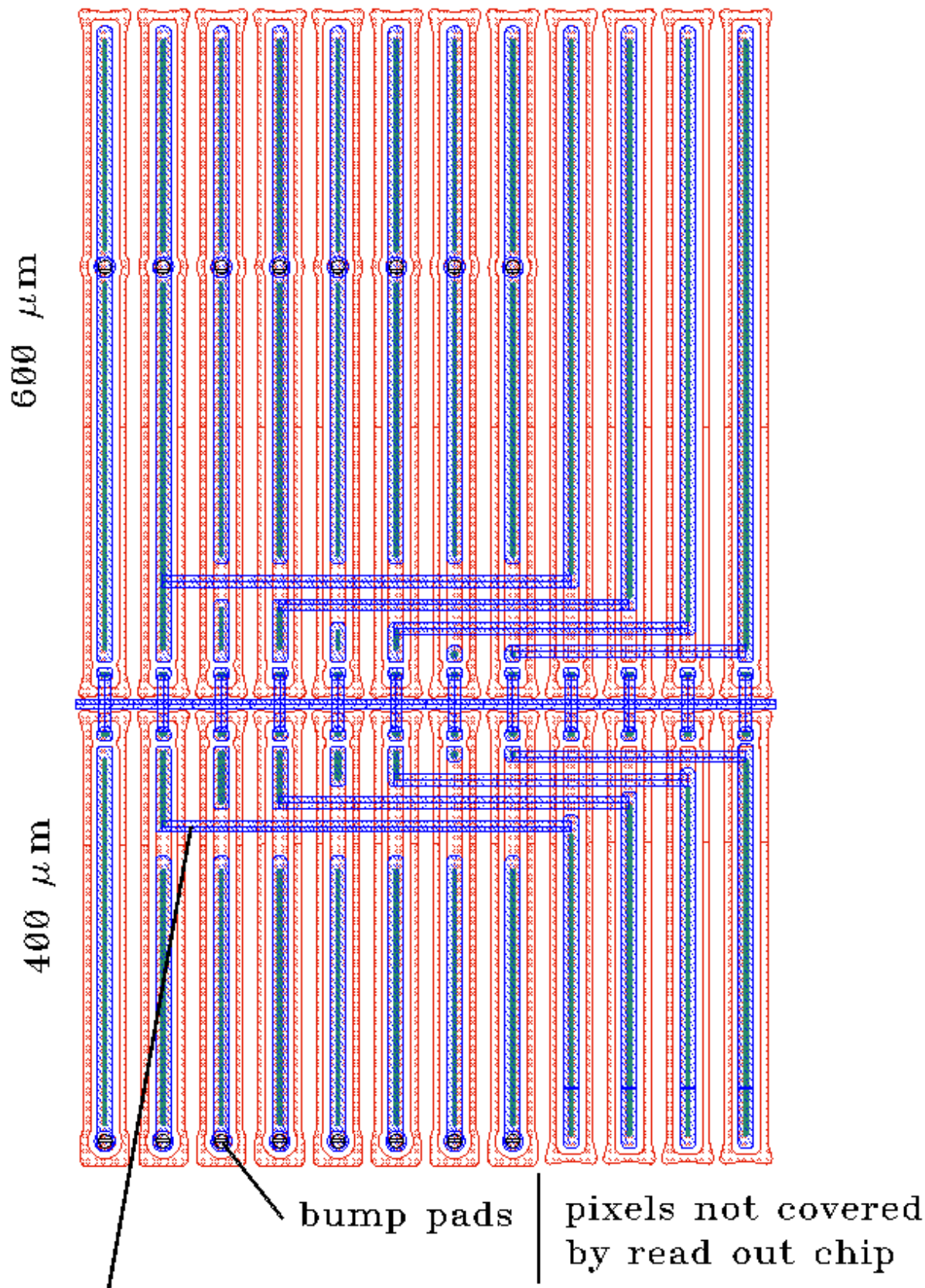
Area $18.6 \times 63.0 \text{ mm}^2$

Active area $16.4 \times 60.8 \text{ mm}^2$

cells in regions between chips are either

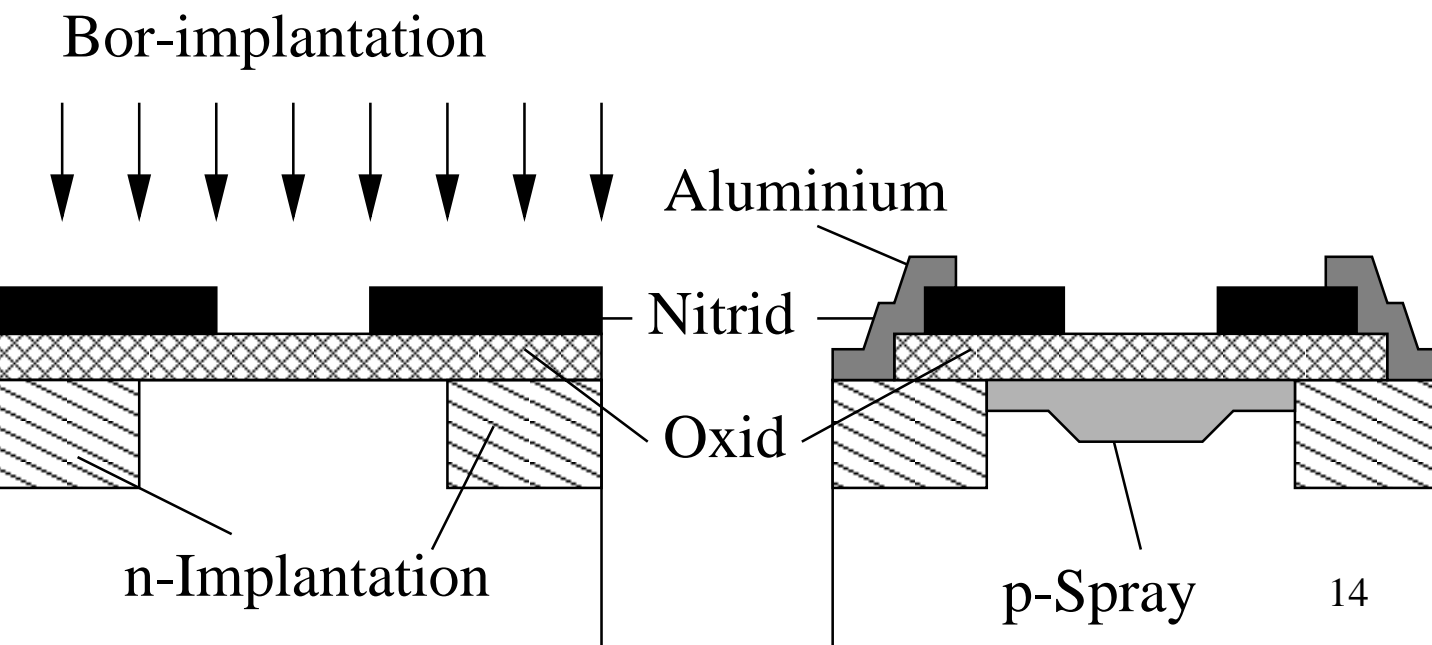
- elongated to $600 \mu\text{m}$ to reach the nearest chip, or
- ganged by single metal to a nearby pixel that has direct R/O

Elongation and Ganging of Implants in the Inter-chip Region

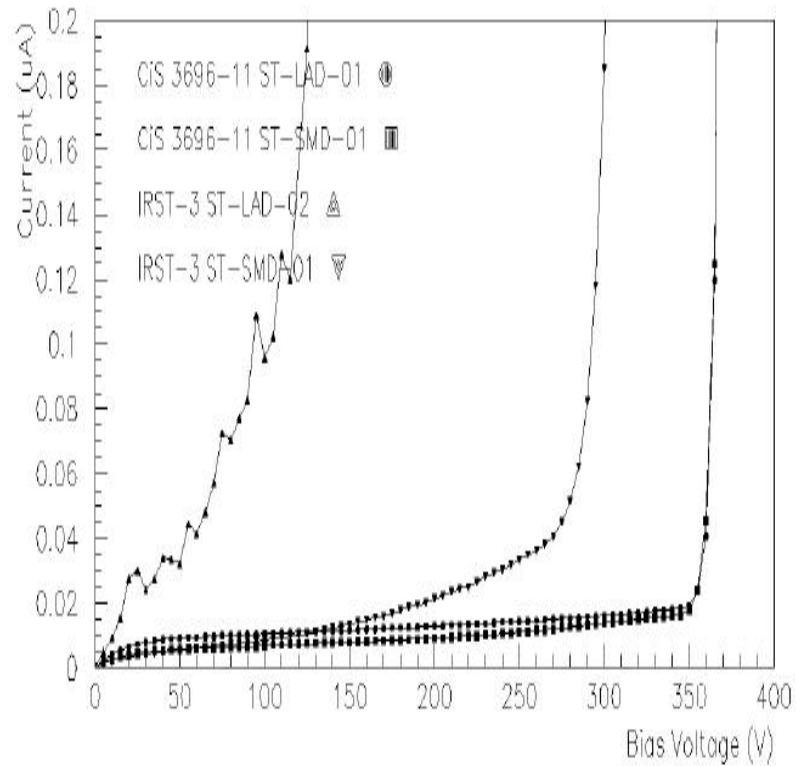


medium $[(3.0 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{12}/\text{cm}^2]$ dose implant applied to the full n-side without masks, then overcompensated by the high dose pixel implants themselves.

The p-spray is *moderated*: it attains a lower boron dose near the lateral p-n junction, thereby reducing the electric field. The surface charge at the junction is optimized at the saturation value ($1.5 \times 10^{12}/\text{cm}^2$) and is slightly higher in the center ($3.0 \times 10^{12}/\text{cm}^2$) for safe overcompensation. The higher dose in the center also reduces the capacitance.

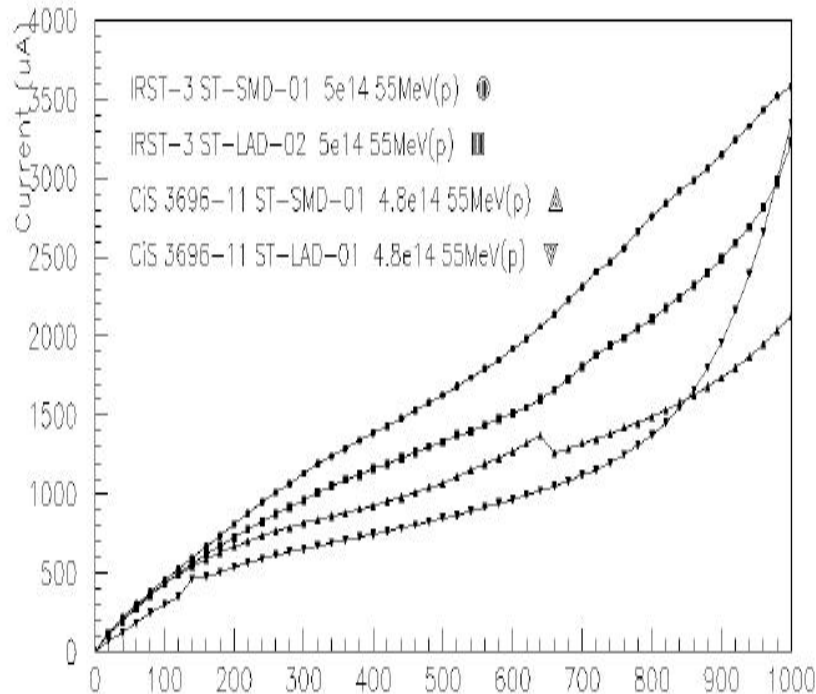


Unirradiated ATLAS Prototype 2 Oxygenated Devices, Temp Corrected to +20C



the same sensors irradiated to 9×10^{14} 1MeV n/cm².
breakdown voltage

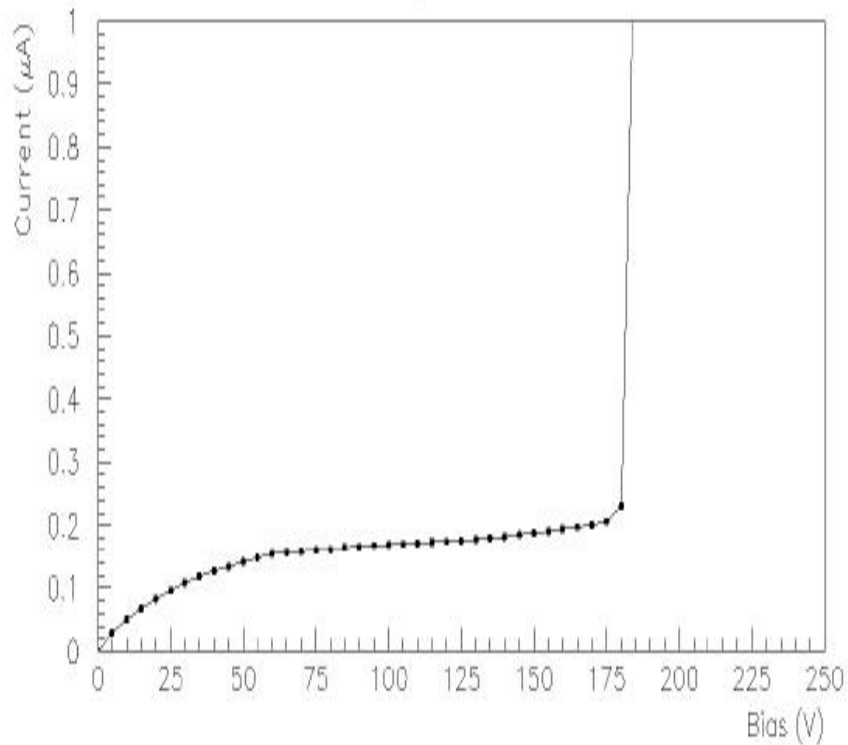
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(Prototype 1): 180 V

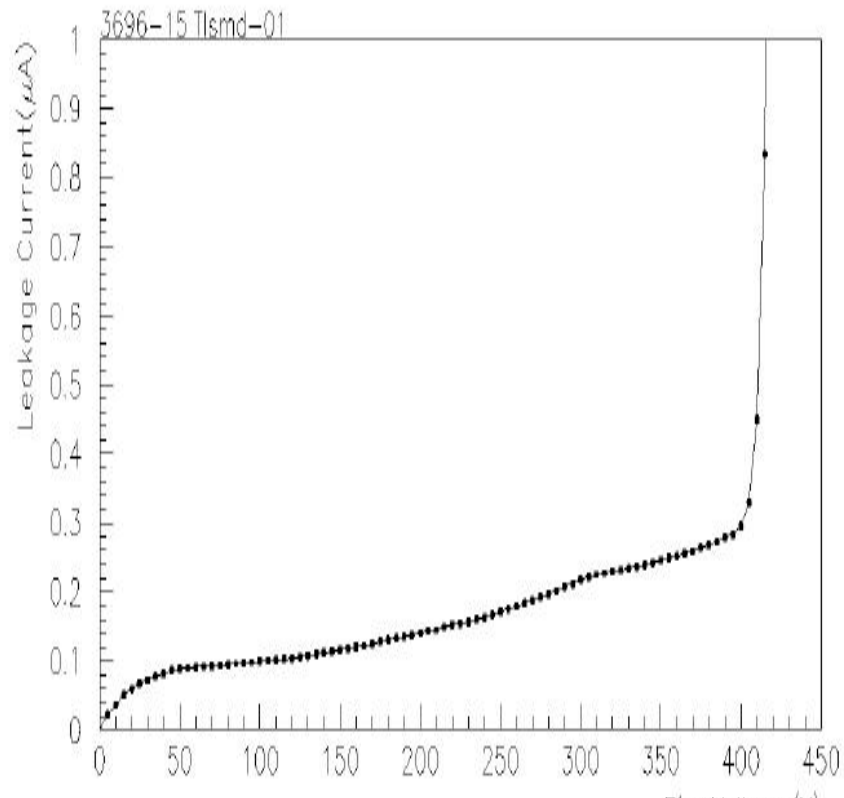
1.5 Prototype Wafer C1b-06s, Tile 1

Measurement Date December 4, 1998



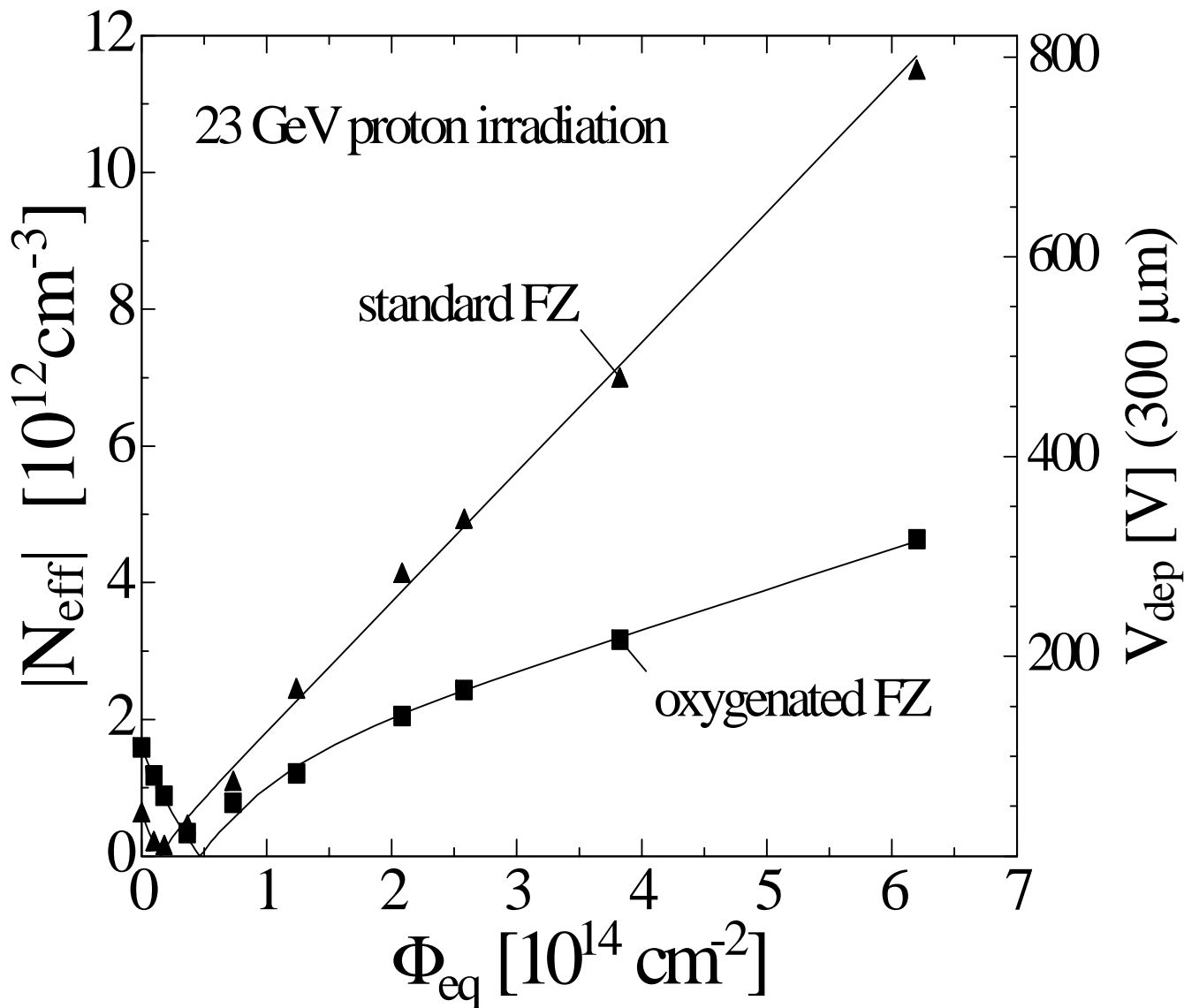
breakdown voltage for tile with moderated p-spray

(Prototype 2): 410 V



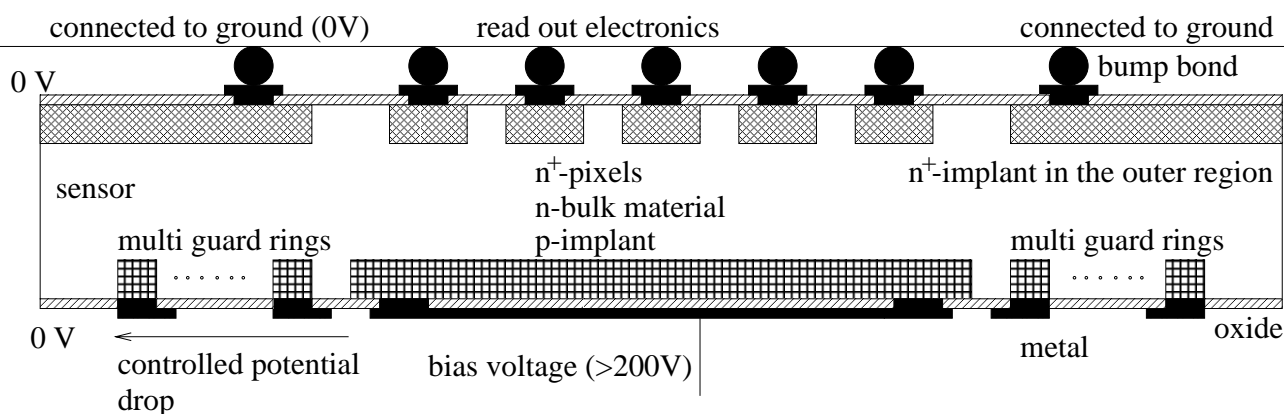
Substrate: oxygenated

from the ROSE Collaboration: Oxygen-enriched (24 hours in 1150°C environment) silicon is significantly more radiation hard than standard silicon as tested with protons or ions. V_{dep} is 2x lower after $10^{15}/\text{cm}^2$.



- on the p-side: a 17-ring structure of p^+ implants. Pitch increases with radius. Metal overlaps implant by 1/2 gap width on side facing active area. (See Bischoff, et al., NIM A 326 (1993) 27-37.)
- on the n-side: no conventional guard ring. Inner guard ring of $\sim 90 \mu\text{m}$ width surrounded by a few micron gap. Region outside gap is implanted n^+ and grounded externally. Recall that the chip is only a bump's diameter away. **This design guarantees no HV arc from n-side to chip.**

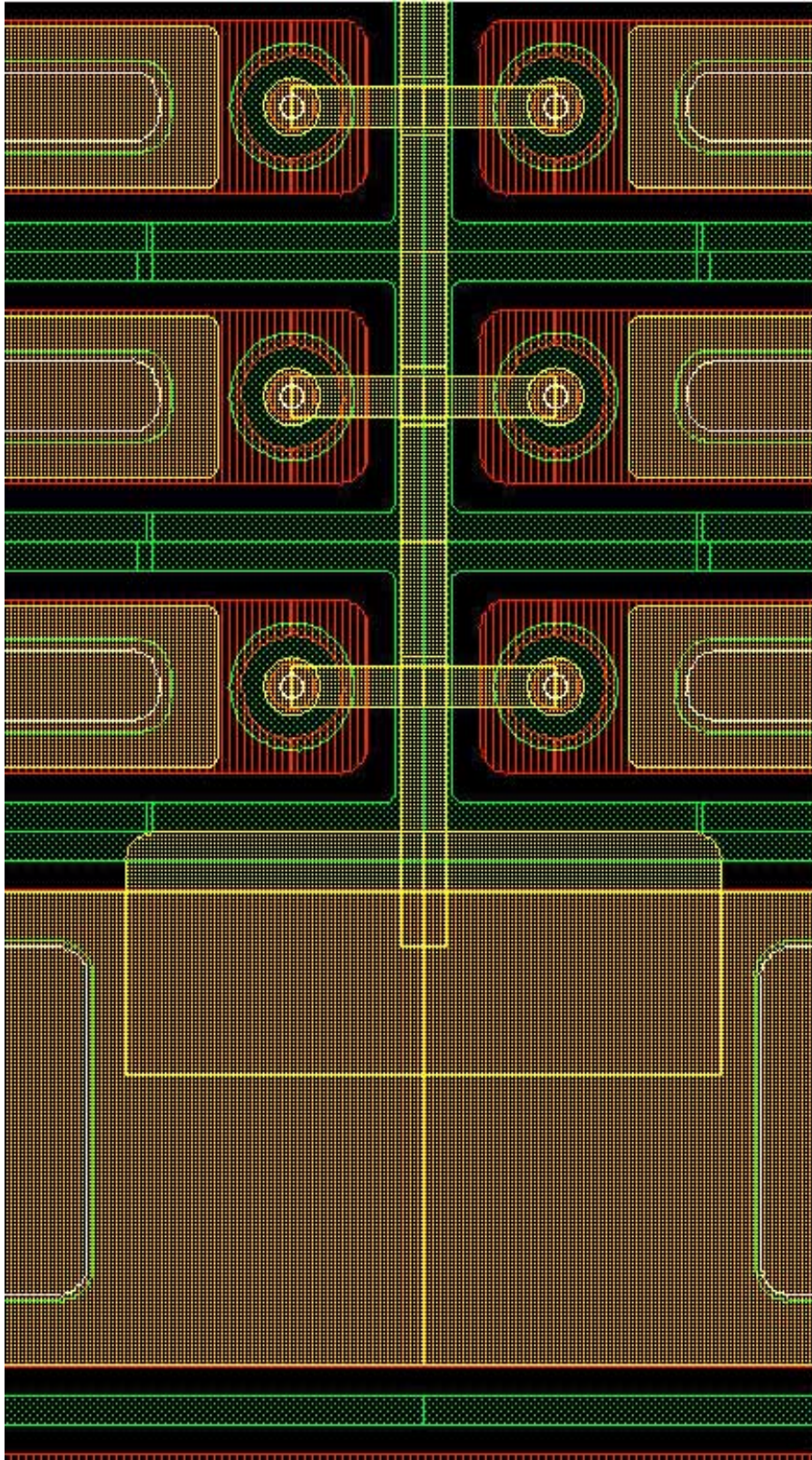
read out chip



For high yield on assembled modules, we want to **test sensors prior to attaching chips** - so we want to bias every channel on a test stand without a chip and without contacting implants directly. A bias grid is implemented:

- **Bus between every pair of columns** connects to small n^+ implant “dot” near each pixel
- When bias is applied (through a probe needle to the grid, **every pixel is biased by punchthrough** from its dot.
- p-spray eliminates need for photolithographic registration, permits distance between n-implants to be small \rightarrow low punchthrough voltage
- Bias **grid unused after chips are attached** but maintains any unconnected pixels (i.e., bad bumps) near ground

Bias Grid



requirements

- thickness - 250 μm
- thickness non-uniformity, wafer to wafer
 - +10 μm , -30 μm
- thickness non-uniformity across each wafer - < 10 μm
- bow - $\leq 40 \mu\text{m}$
- crystal orientation - $\langle 111 \rangle$
- resistivity - 2-5 $\text{k}\Omega\text{-cm}$
- resistivity uniformity, wafer to wafer - $\pm 30 \%$
- substrate free of deep levels (C-V independent of frequency f for $20 \text{ Hz} < f < 10 \text{ MHz}$)
- substrate oxygenated @ 1150 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, 24 hrs

(measured at 20 °C)

- initial **operating** voltage - 150V or $V_{\text{dep}} + 50\text{V}$, whichever is higher
- initial **leakage** current @ V_{op} - $< 2 \mu\text{A}$ per tile
- **current slope** at V_{op} - $I(V_{\text{op}})/I(V_{\text{op}} - 50\text{V}) < 2$
- initial **oxide breakdown** voltage - $\geq 50\text{V}$
- $\Delta I \leq 30\%$ after 30 hours operation in dry air at V_{op}

- implant spacing $\geq 5 \mu\text{m}$
- implant width $\geq 5 \mu\text{m}$
- contact hole diameter in oxide or nitride $\geq 5 \mu\text{m}$
- contact hole spacing in oxide or nitride $\geq 20 \mu\text{m}$
- metal width $\geq 8 \mu\text{m}$
- metal spacing $\geq 5 \mu\text{m}$
- contact hole diameter in passivation $\geq 12 \mu\text{m}$
- contact hole spacing in passivation $\geq 38 \mu\text{m}$
- mask alignment tolerance within same side $\pm 2 \mu\text{m}$
- mask alignment tolerance between front and back sides $\pm 5 \mu\text{m}$

Processing parameters:

- n⁺ implantation dose > 10¹⁴/cm²
- p-spray effective dose in Si -
(3.0 ± 0.5) x 10¹²/cm²
- p-side contact dose > 10¹⁴/cm²

Radiation hardness

To be tested on 2-4 test structures of 3 types, per batch, after 10¹⁵ p/cm² (CERN PS) and 50 kRad low energy electrons (Dortmund):

- V_{op} ≥ 600 V
- I(600 V) < 100 μA @ -10 °C
- ΔI < 30% after 15 hours @ -10 °C

Pixel Sensor Testing

static studies of irradiated +
unirradiated devices

test beam studies of sensors with
amplifiers.

Examples...

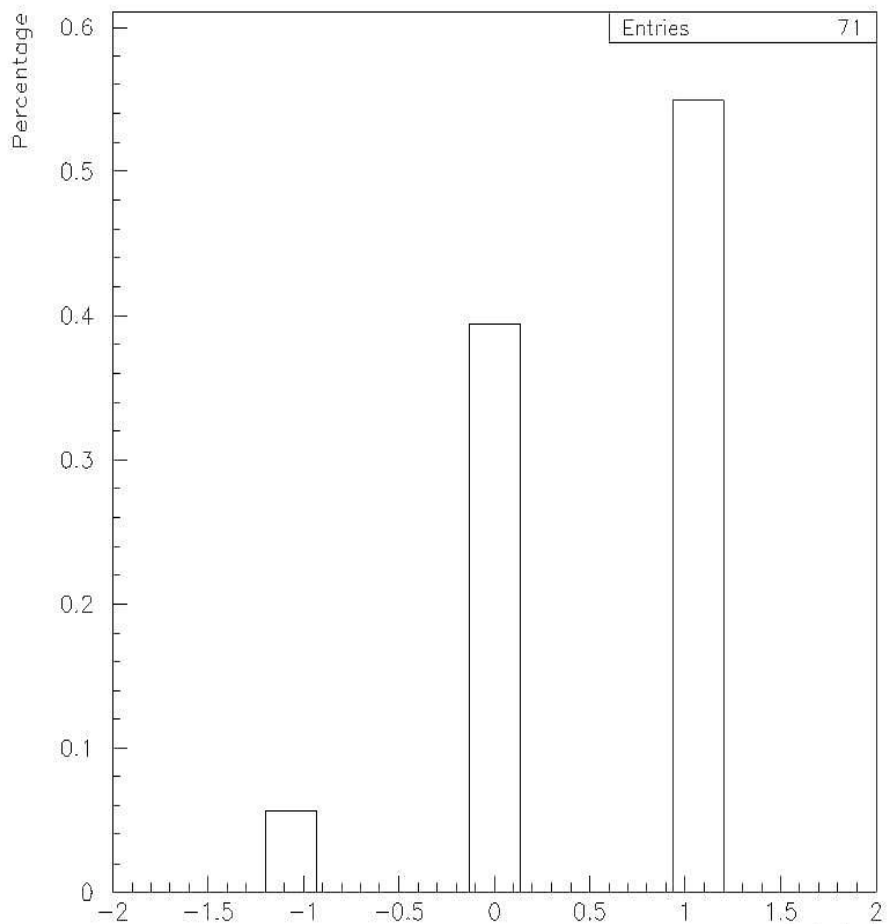
quality assurance procedures applied to Prototype 2 assigned a flag $Q_{\text{flag}} \in (-1, 0, +1)$ to each tile on the basis of its breakdown voltage.

$$Q_{\text{flag}} = -1 \text{ for } 50\text{V} < V_{\text{breakdown}}$$

$$Q_{\text{flag}} = 0 \text{ for } 50\text{V} < V_{\text{breakdown}} < 150\text{V}$$

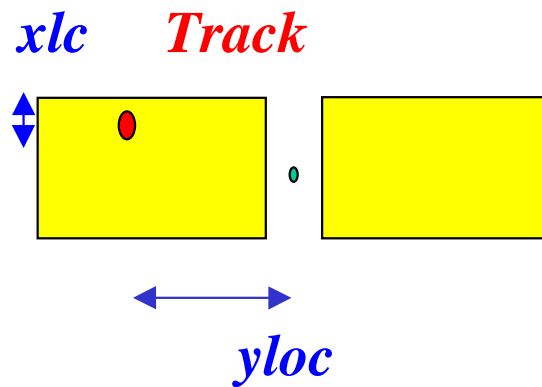
$$Q_{\text{flag}} = +1 \text{ for } V_{\text{breakdown}} > 150\text{V}$$

typical results for CiS (predict production yield):



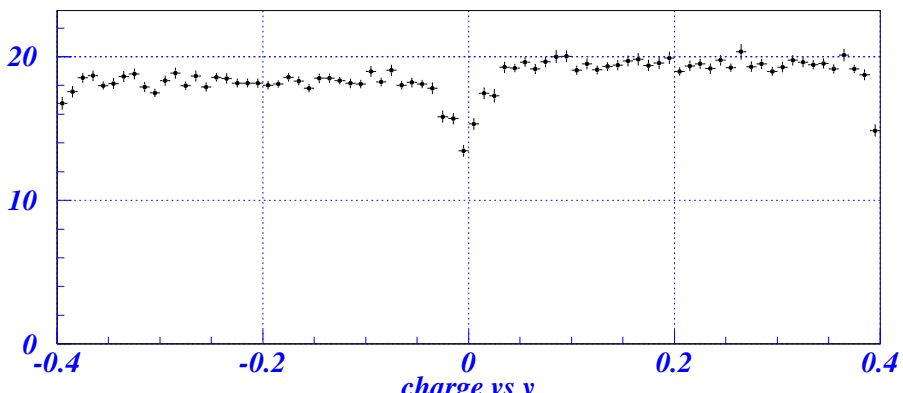
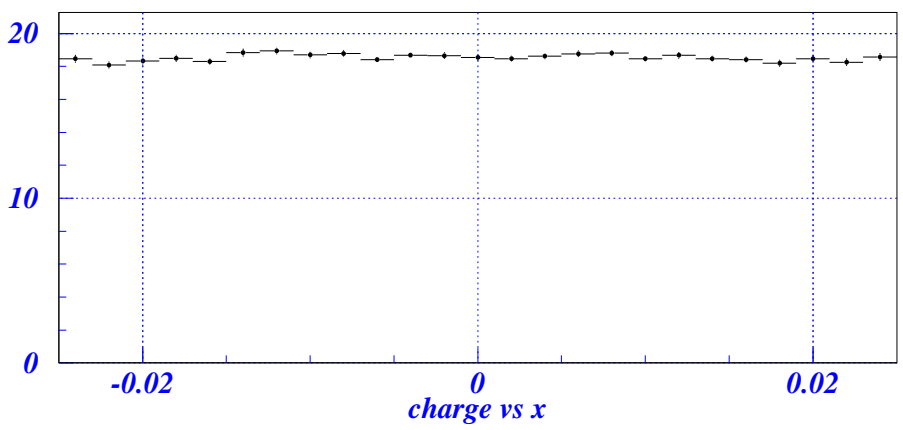
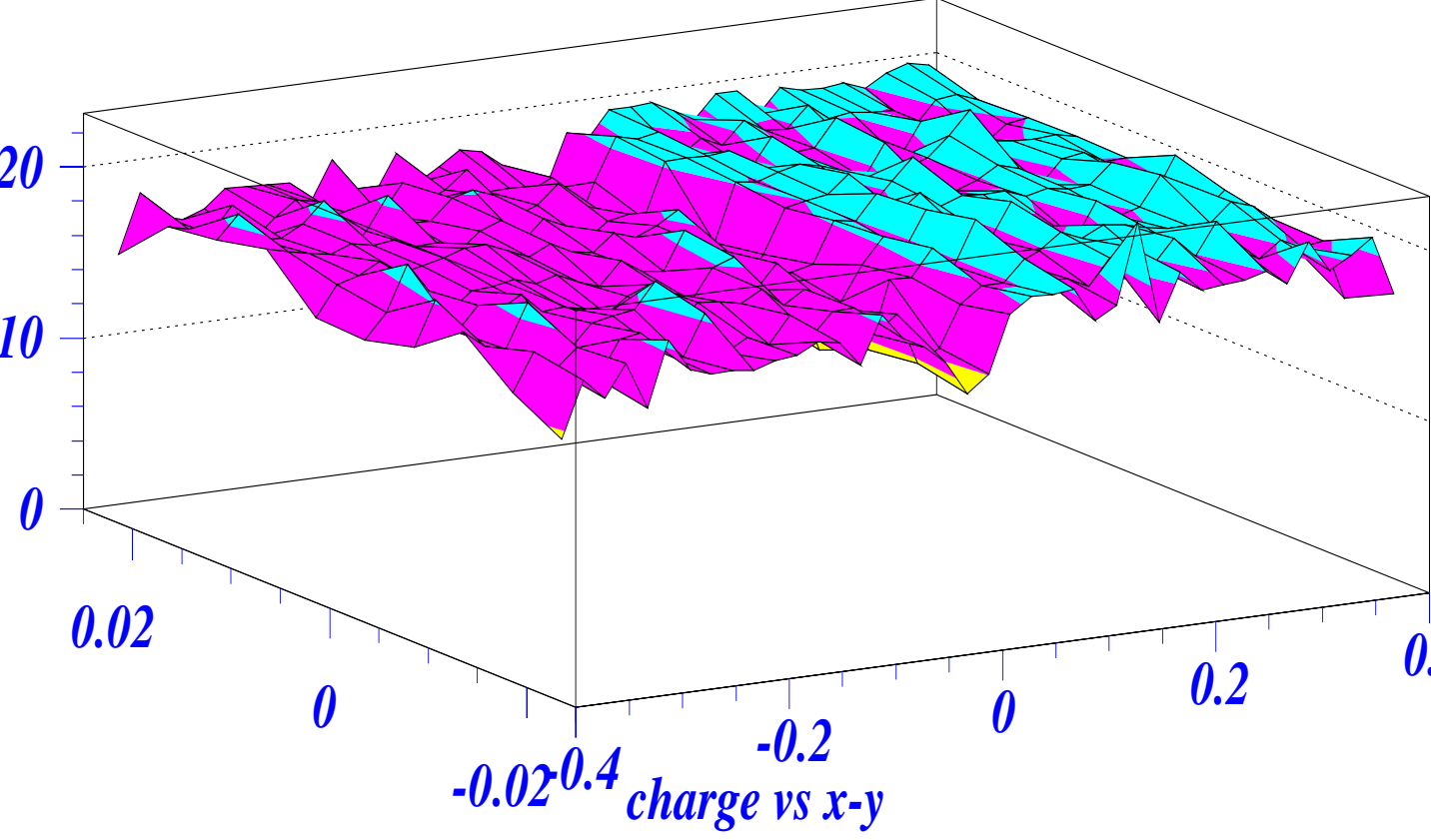
beam test study of charge collection uniformity

For an oxygenated Prototype 2 wafer @
 $V_{\text{bias}} = 400 \text{ V}$, $\Phi = 5.6 \times 10^{14} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$:

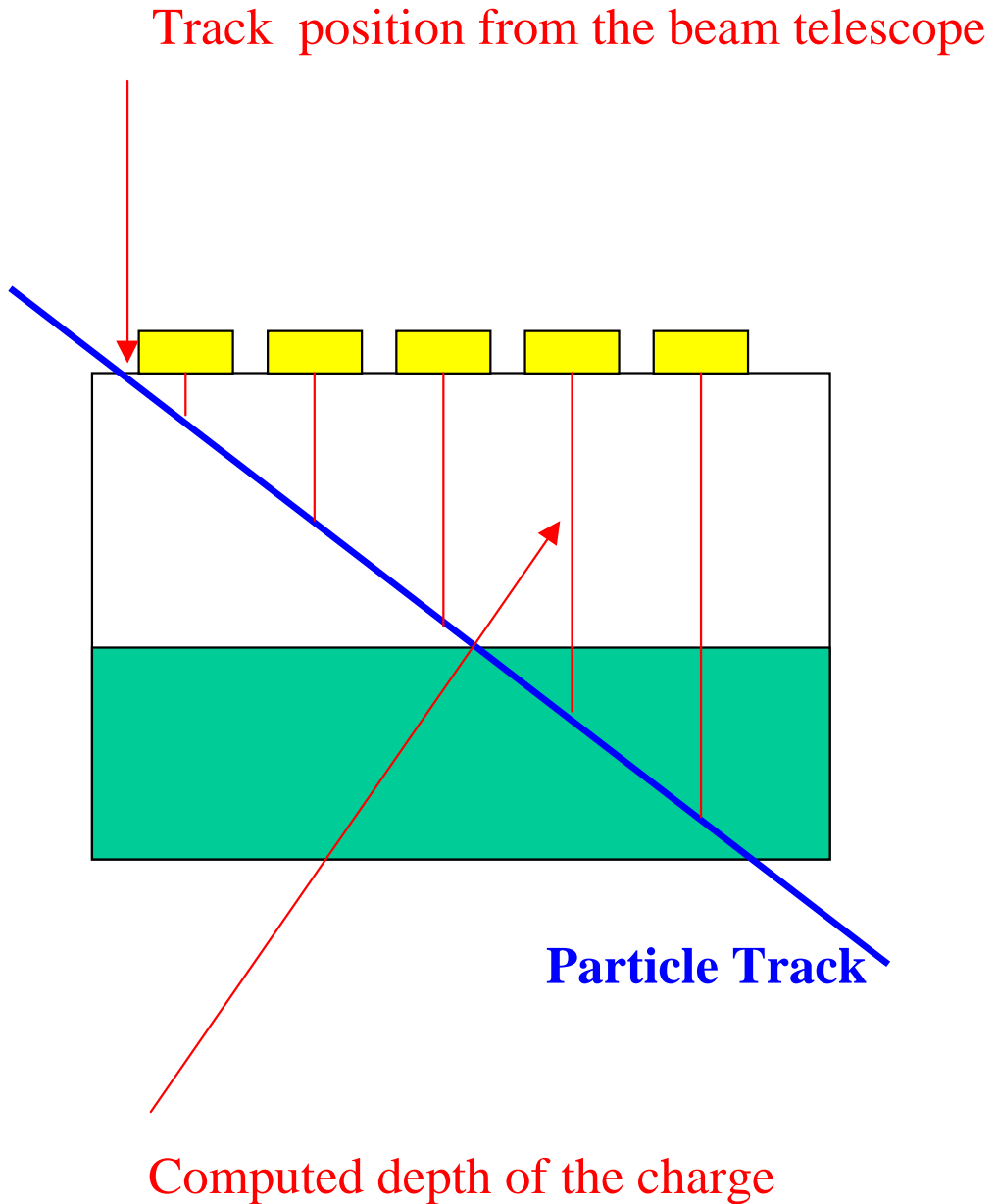


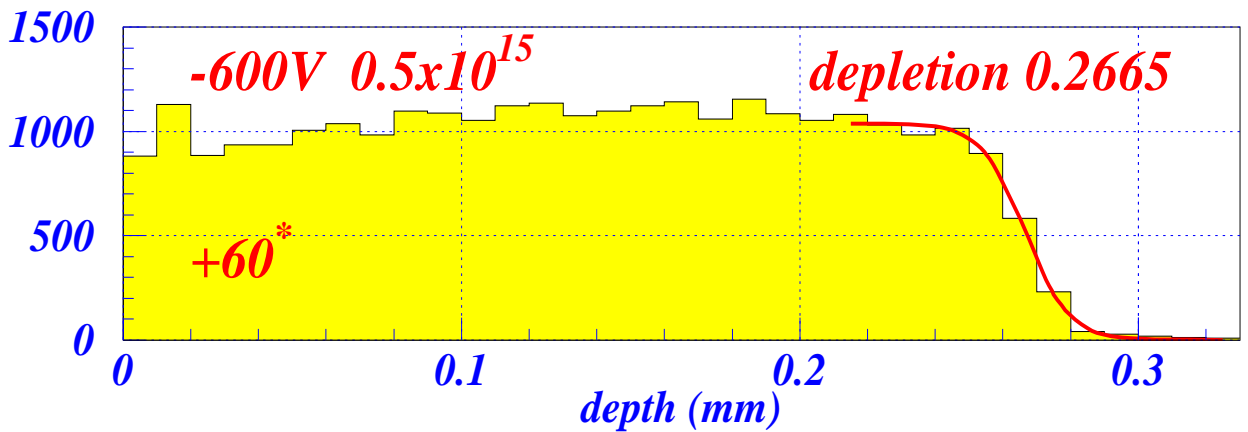
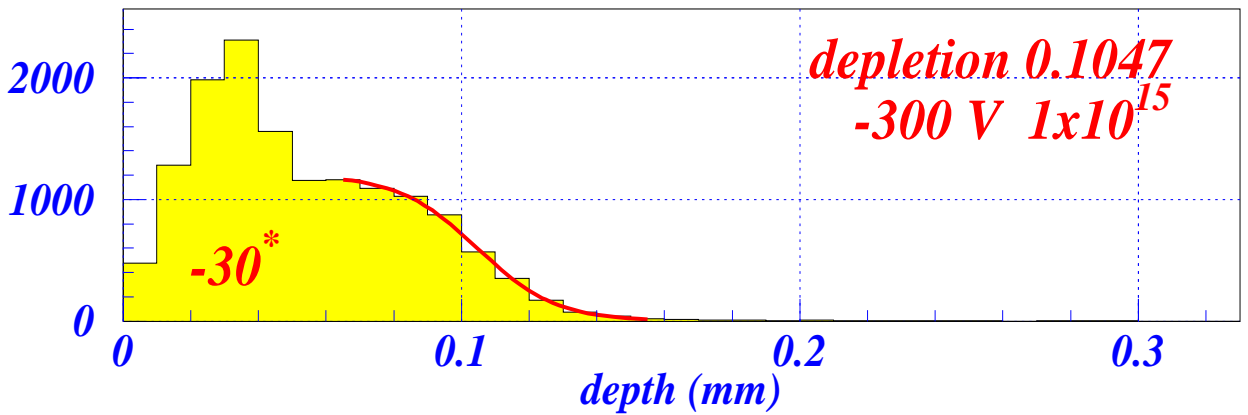
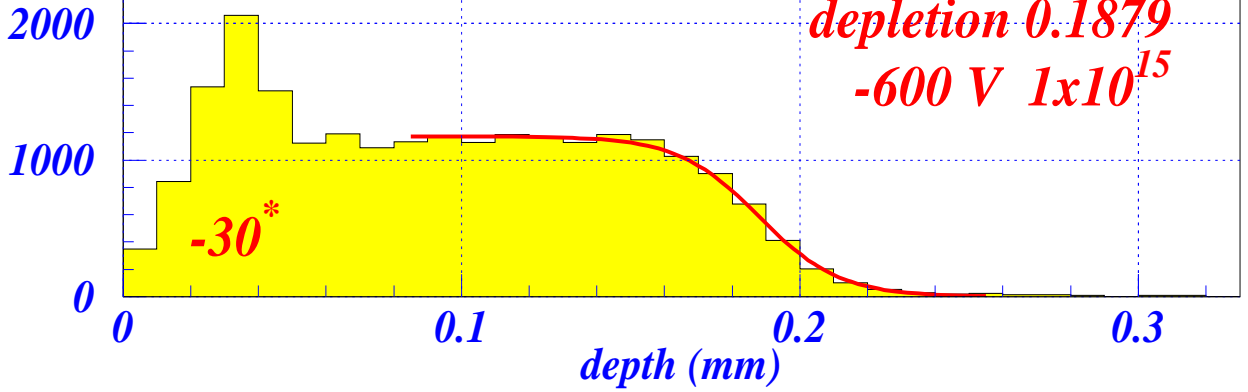
track position extrapolated to the pixel
detector using strip detector telescope
average cluster charge computed for each
position bin

$\sim 18000e^-$ signal:



Beam test study of depletion depth



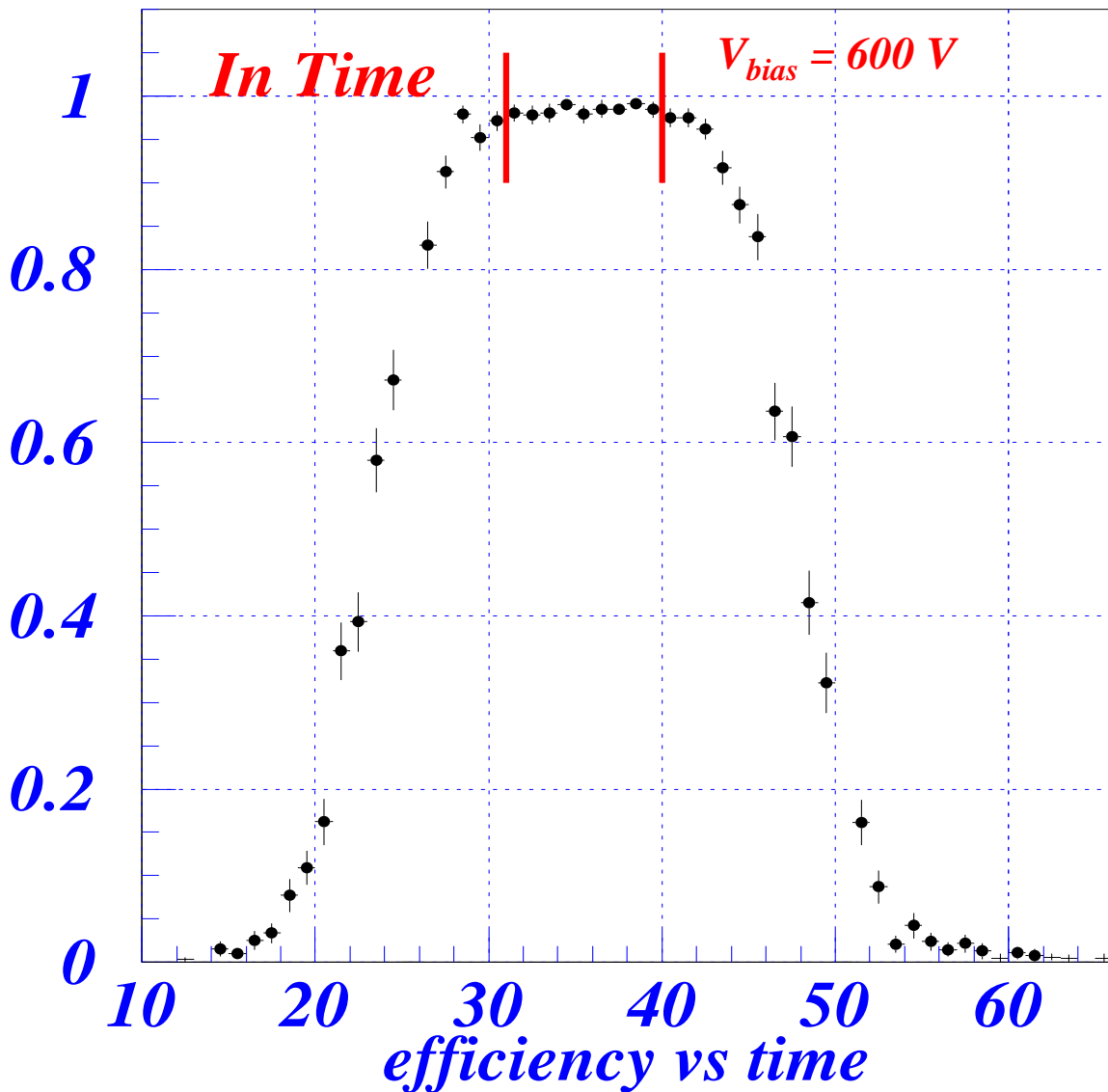


After $10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$, $V_{\text{dep}} = 190 \mu\text{m}$ @ -600 V
for non-oxygenated substrate

Preliminary:) 250 μm thick oxygenated
sensor fully depleted @ -400 V after 5.60

Beam test efficiency study

8.4% efficiency after $\Phi = 10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$, for 1000e⁻ threshold:



Beam Test Study of Spatial Resolution

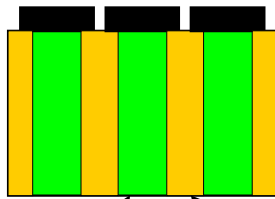
Resolution at 0° for 3000 e⁻ threshold:

- depends on ratio (2 hits):(single hits)
- sharing within $\pm 3 \mu\text{m}$
- $\sim 15\%$ double hits

Larger charge sharing region for larger angles

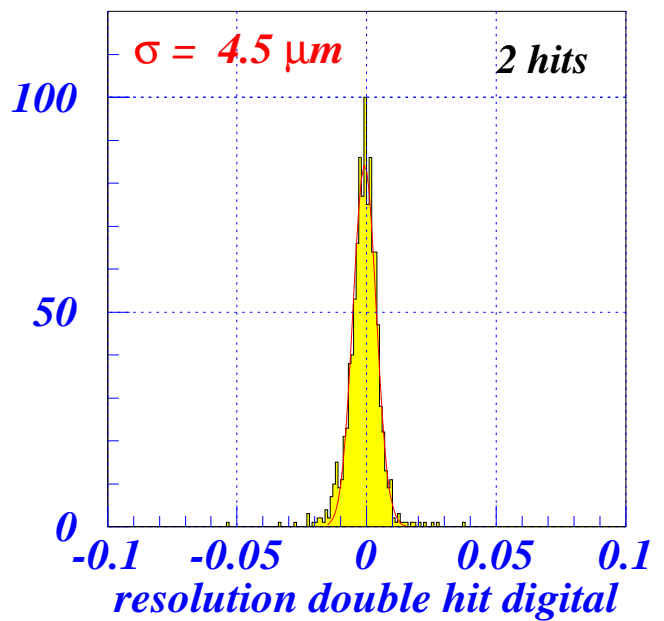
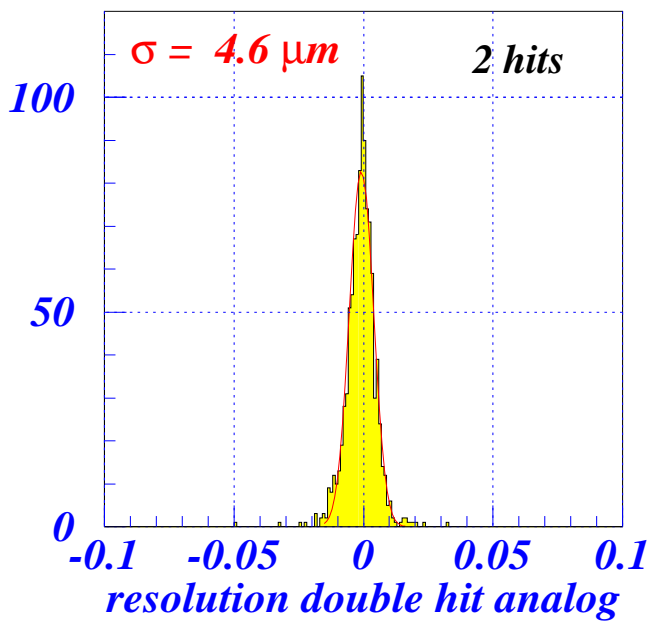
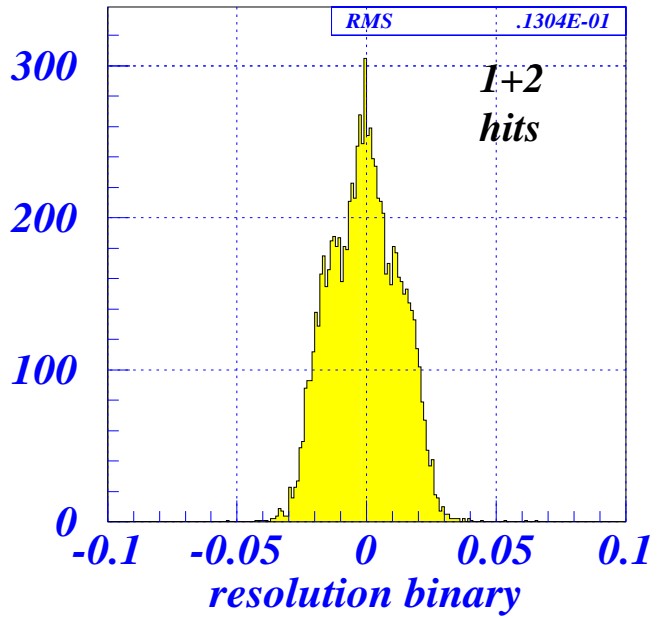
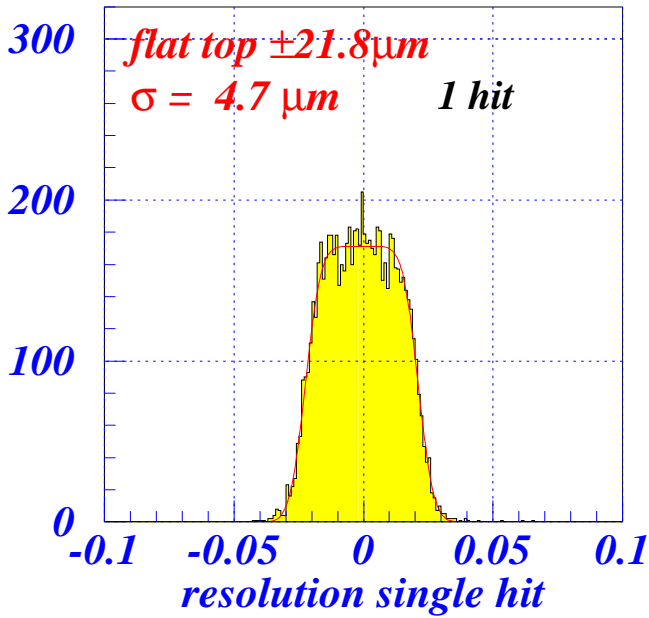
Depleted region reduction due to rad damage affects the multiple hits rate

Magnetic field modifies charge sharing through Lorentz angle

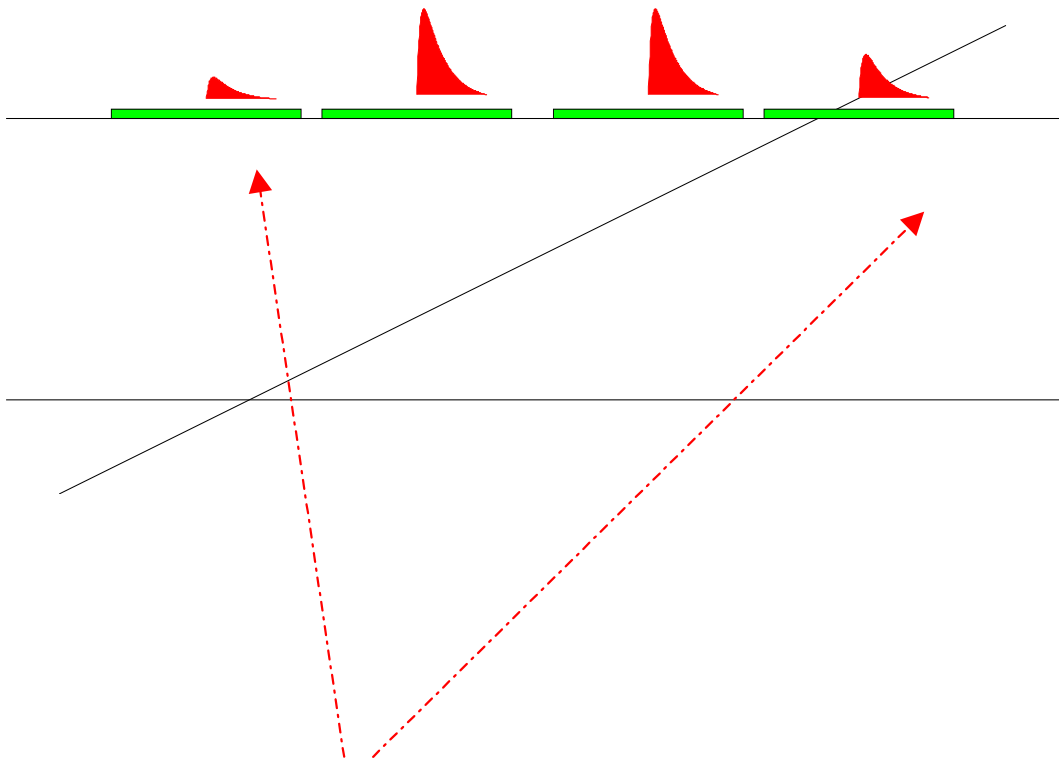


no charge sharing: 1 hits

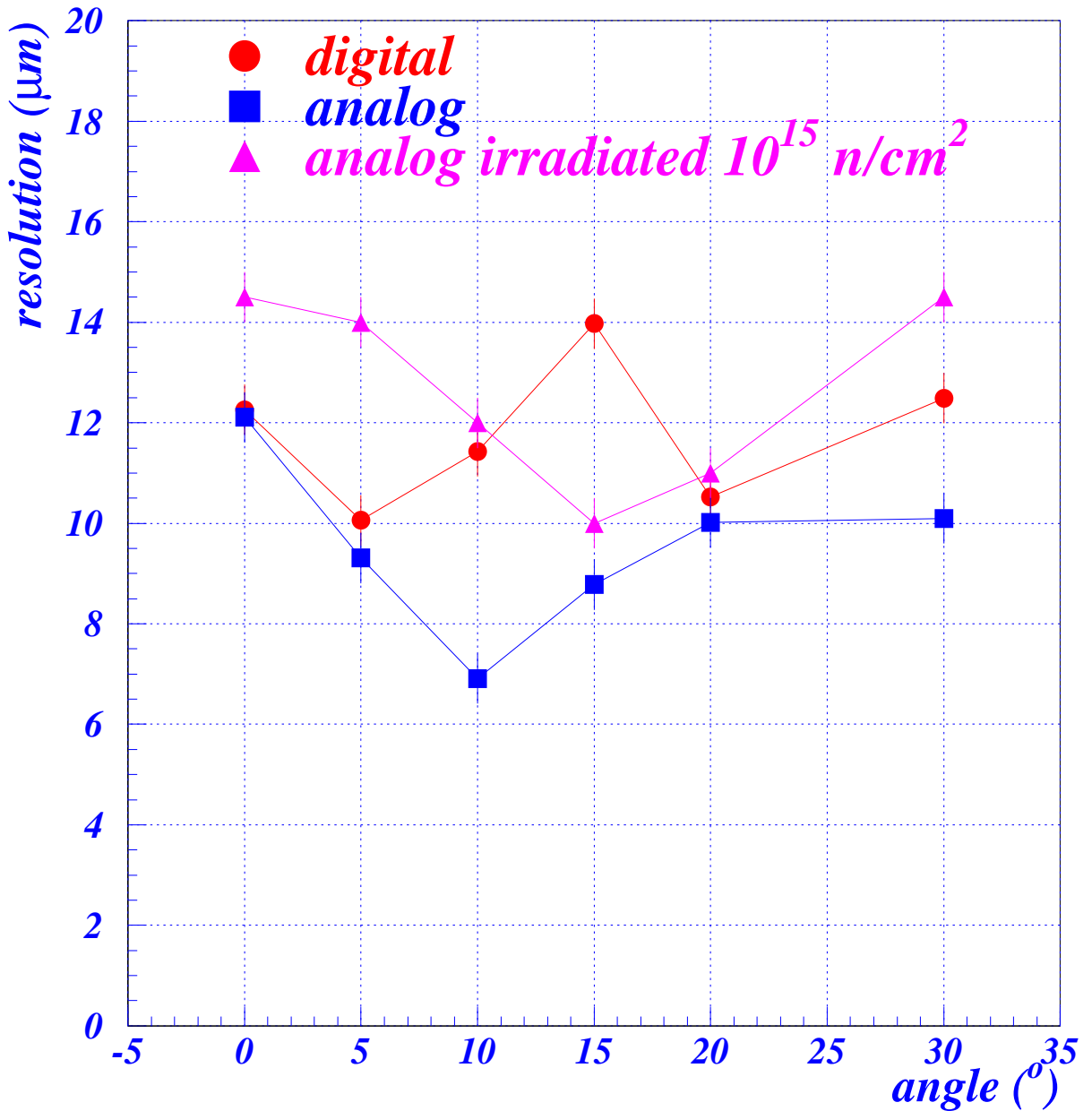
charge sharing: 2 hit



Beam test study of resolution as a function of azimuthal angle



Charge interpolation on the external pixels in the cluster improves **spatial precision**



Analog (Time over Threshold) measurement of the charge improves resolution.

Testing Program

On all wafers:

visual inspection by microscope, before and after all other measurements

$I-V$ of every tile, every single chip, and diode with guard ring (for V_{break})

$C-V$ on diode with guard ring (for V_{dep})

Once per batch:

LOW

versus time

thickness

On a representative sample of control structures, a few per batch:

$V_{\text{flat-band}}$, oxide charge, p-spray dose, electron mobility, V_{break} of oxide and nitride layers, inter-pixel resistance, inter-pixel capacitance, implant and metalization resistivities

On irradiated test structures:

V_{op} , I_{op} , ΔI vs. time, V_{break} , oxide properties, flat-band voltage, oxide charge, p-spray dose, electron mobility

Sensor Costs

U.S. ATLAS E.T.C. WBS Profile Estimates

Funding Source: All

Funding Type: Project

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Conditions: All

| WBS Number | Description | FY 96 (k\$) | FY 97 (k\$) | FY 98 (k\$) | FY 99 (k\$) | FY 00 (k\$) | FY 01 (k\$) | FY 02 (k\$) | FY 03 (k\$) | FY 04 (k\$) | FY 05 (k\$) | Total (k\$) |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Sensors | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 97 | 167 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 303 |
| 2.1 | Design/Engineering | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 |
| 2.1.1 | Test design | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 |
| 2.1.1.2.1.1.1 | Design - New Mexico | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 |
| 2.3 | Production | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 132 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 233 |
| 2.3.1 | Barrels, Disks and B-layer(s) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 132 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 233 |
| 2.3.1.1 | Preproduction | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| 2.3.1.2 | Production | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 93 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 93 |
| 2.3.1.3 | Testing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 39 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 124 |

Sensor schedule:

