



Metrology at Imec :
***a Centre of Excellence Enabling Fundamental
Understanding of Process and Materials development***

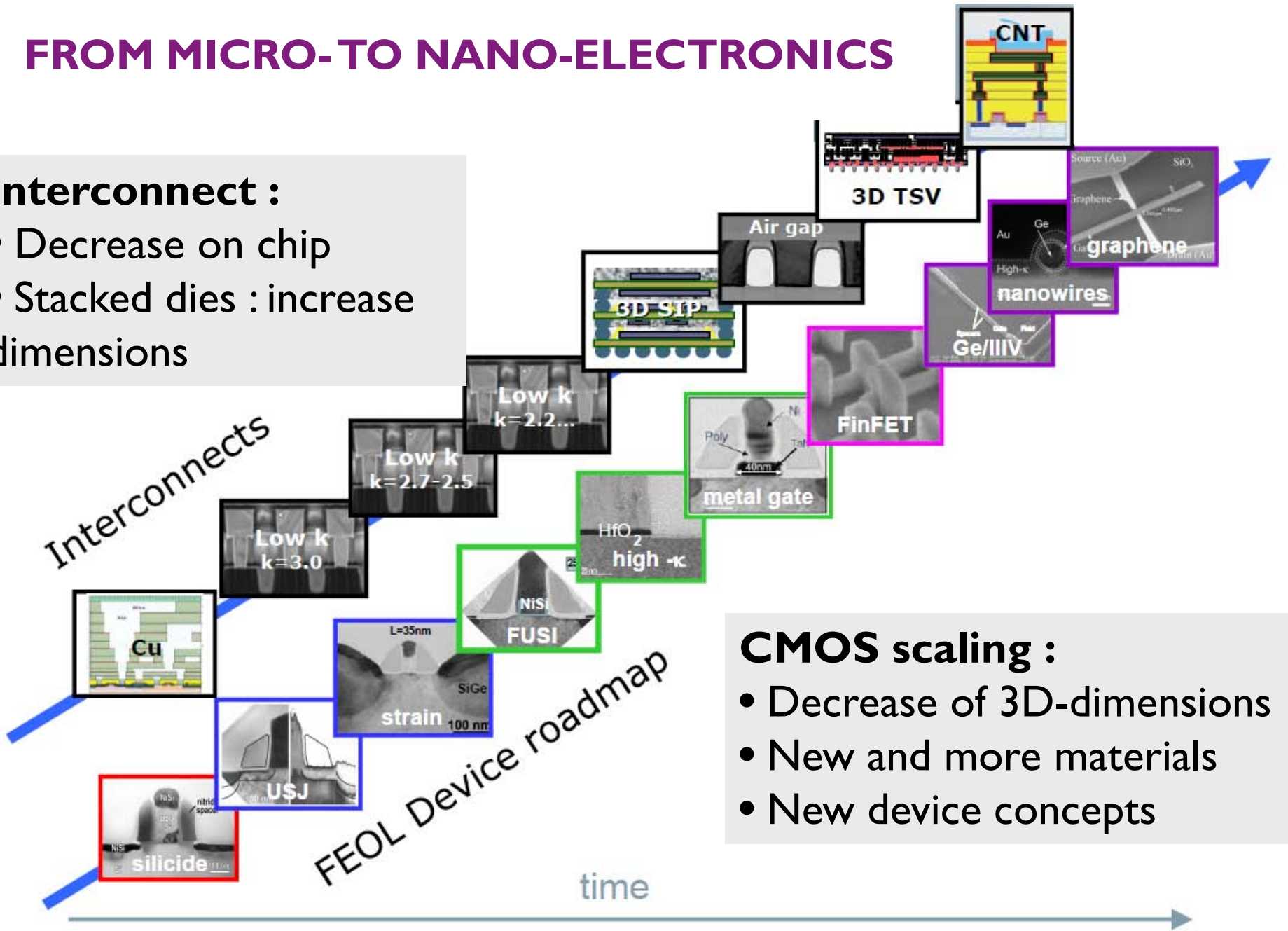
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FROM MICRO-TO NANO-ELECTRONICS

Interconnect :

- Decrease on chip
- Stacked dies : increase dimensions



CMOS scaling :

- Decrease of 3D-dimensions
- New and more materials
- New device concepts

IMPLICATIONS OF SCALING ON METROLOGY : MATURE AND EMERGING SOLUTIONS

(S)TEM-Tomography,
C-AFM, SSRM, Atomprobe

TEM-tomography
Atomprobe
3D-SSRM

EXLE-SIMS, Zero-energy SIMS, AR-XPS
Analytical (S)TEM, C-AFM

SSRM
TEM (NBD, M-EH)

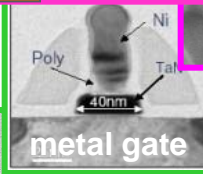


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90-65-45
Strain, USJ

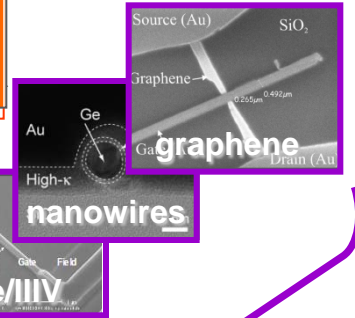
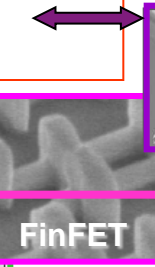
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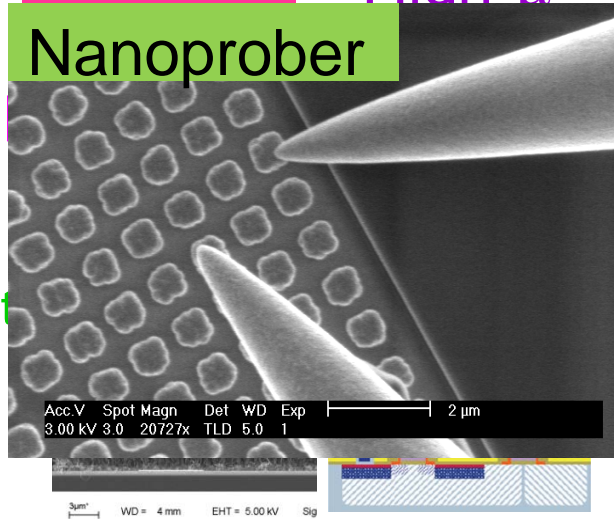
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High-κ, Metal Gate



16 and beyond

High-u



What's New at Imec (for you)

Metrology

PMOR		We-28			
EXLE-Sims					
SSRM					
C-AFM					
XPS					
Atomprobe					
EDX				Th-20	
TEM				TU-28	TU-11/Th-10
		Activation carriers	Dopants diffusion	Layer growth interactions	3D-(finfet) Confined volume

Materials and process development


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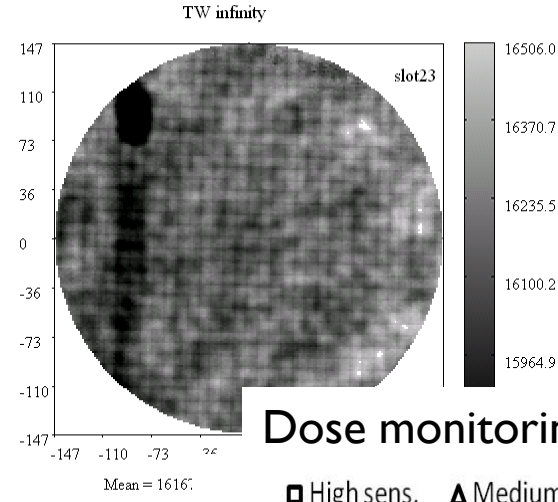
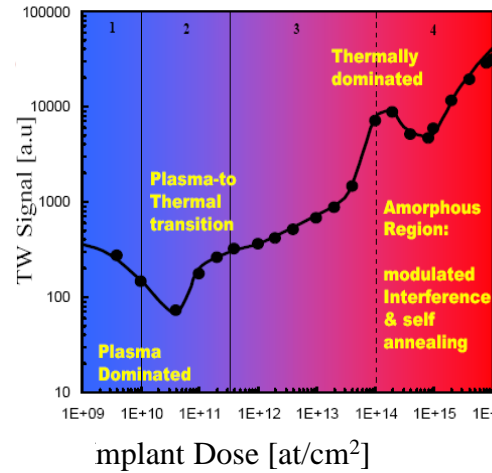
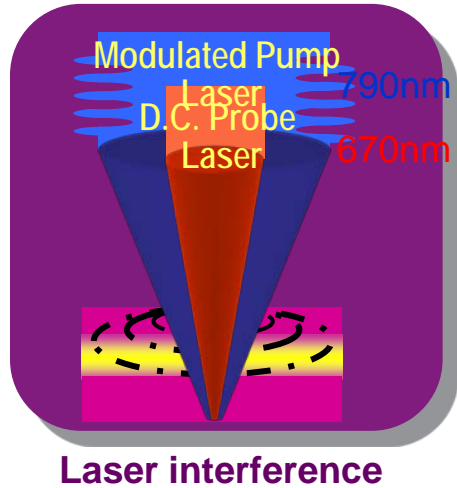
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SPC Before Anneal : The conventional application

In-line USJ Metrology With Photomodulated Reflectance

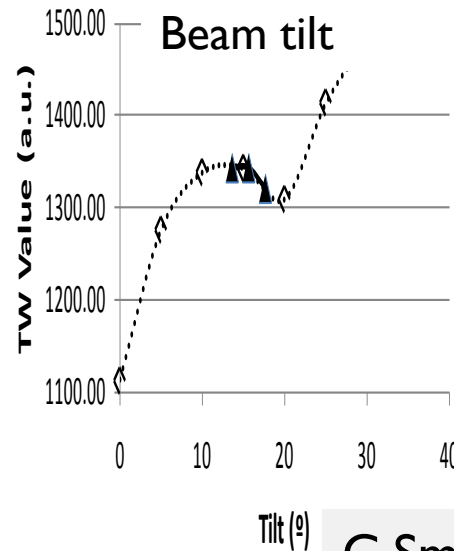
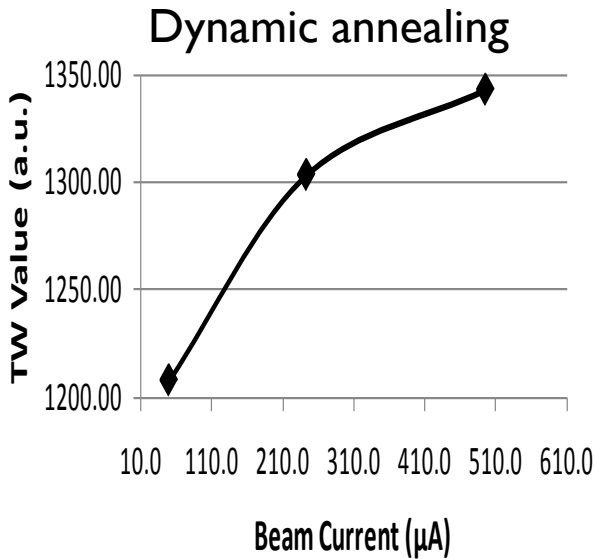
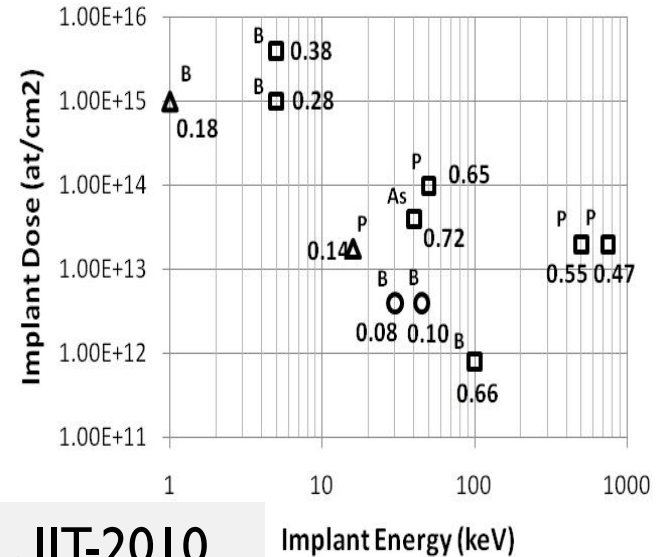
PMOR with Therma-Probe® (TP):

dose monitoring (as-implanted)



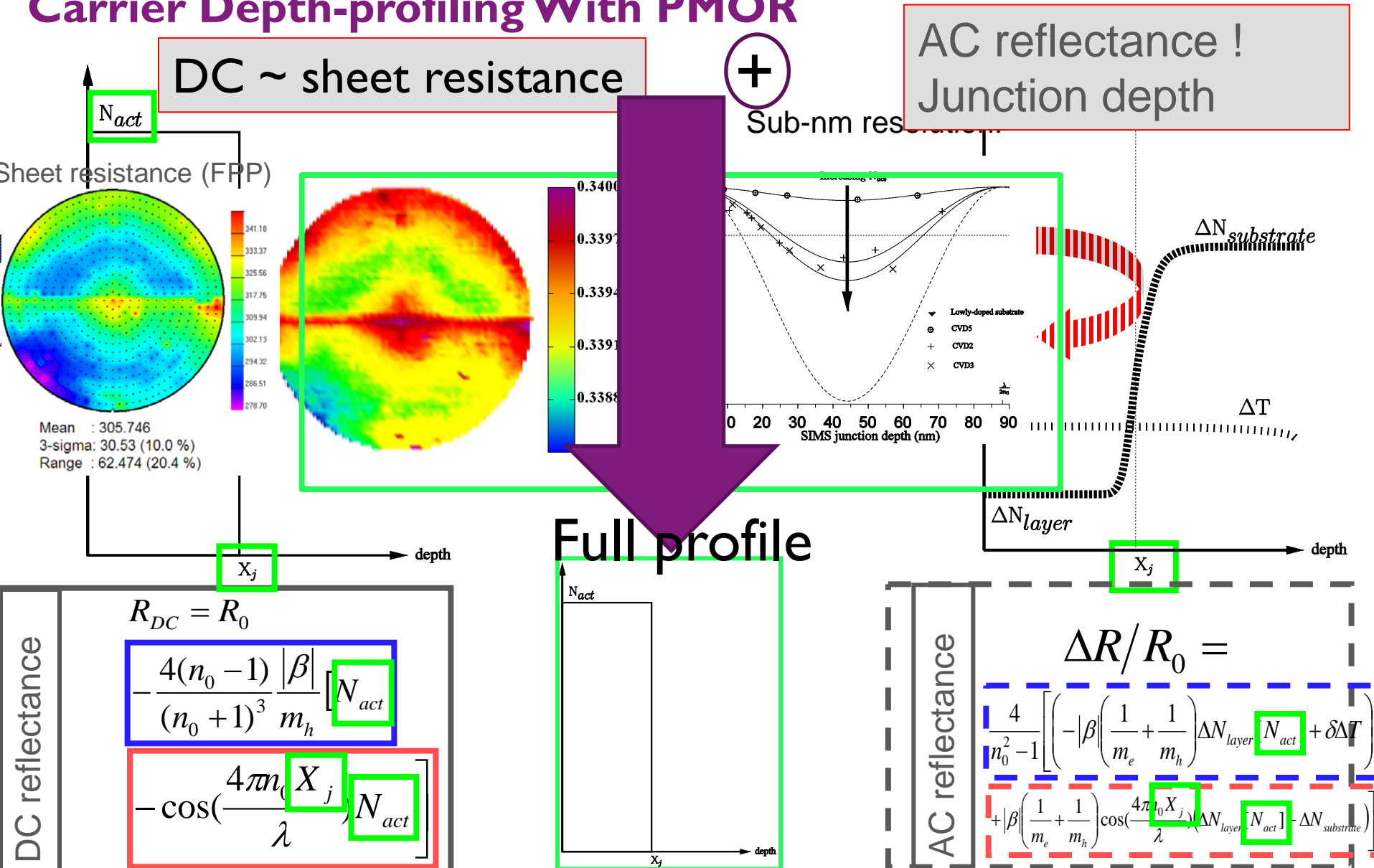
Dose monitoring

□ High sens. ▲ Medium sens. ● Low sens.



The new approach : SPC AFTER anneal

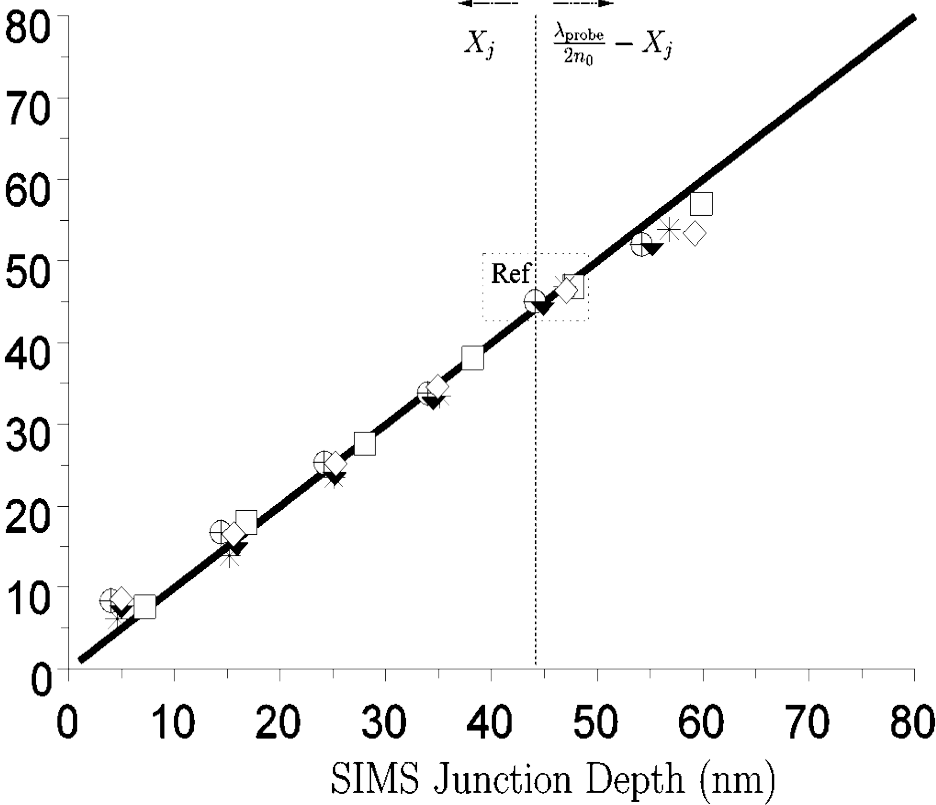
Carrier Depth-profiling With PMOR



*J. Bogdanowicz et al., *Electrothermal Theory of Photomodulated Optical Reflectance on Active Doping Profiles in Silicon*, JOURNAL OF APPLIED PHYSICS 108, 104908 (2010) , 25 pp!!

Non-destructive, Non-contact Extraction Of Junction Depths

TP *relative* Junction Depth (nm)



— 1-1 correlation

⊕ $P_{doping} = 1.2 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

* $P_{doping} = 1.3 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

▼ $P_{doping} = 3.3 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

◇ $P_{doping} = 4.5 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

□ $P_{doping} = 6.4 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

TP @ 3 μm separation

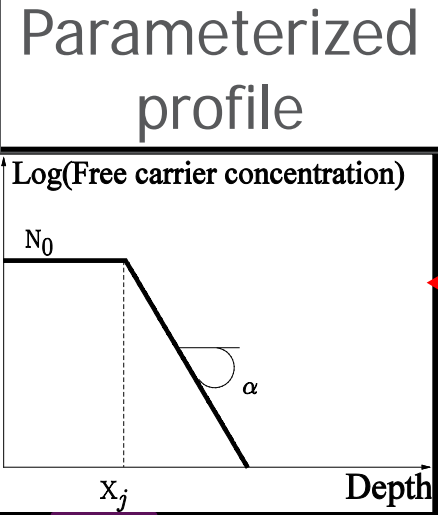
JPV technique

• J. Bogdanowicz et al., *Nondestructive Extraction of Junction Depths of Active Doping Profiles from Photomodulated Optical Reflectance Offset Curves*, *JVST B*, 28, 227 (2010)

Carrier Profiling With PMOR :

Solving The INVERSE Problem through fundamental understanding

Fundamental Model of PMOR(*)



•Transport Model

From **profile** to **plasma and thermal** waves:

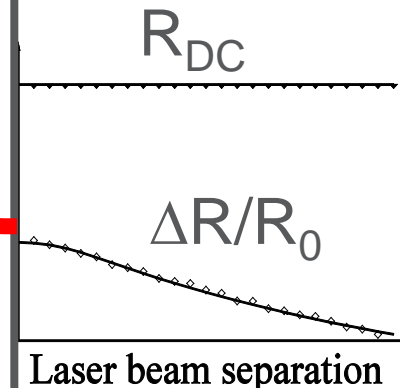
$$\begin{cases} -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \epsilon \vec{\nabla} V = q(P - N + C(z)) \\ i\omega \Delta N = 1/q \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}_n + G - R \\ i\omega \Delta P = -1/q \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}_p + G - R \\ i\rho c_p \omega \Delta T = k_{th} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla} T + G_{th} \end{cases}$$

•Optical Model

From **profile and waves** to **signals**:

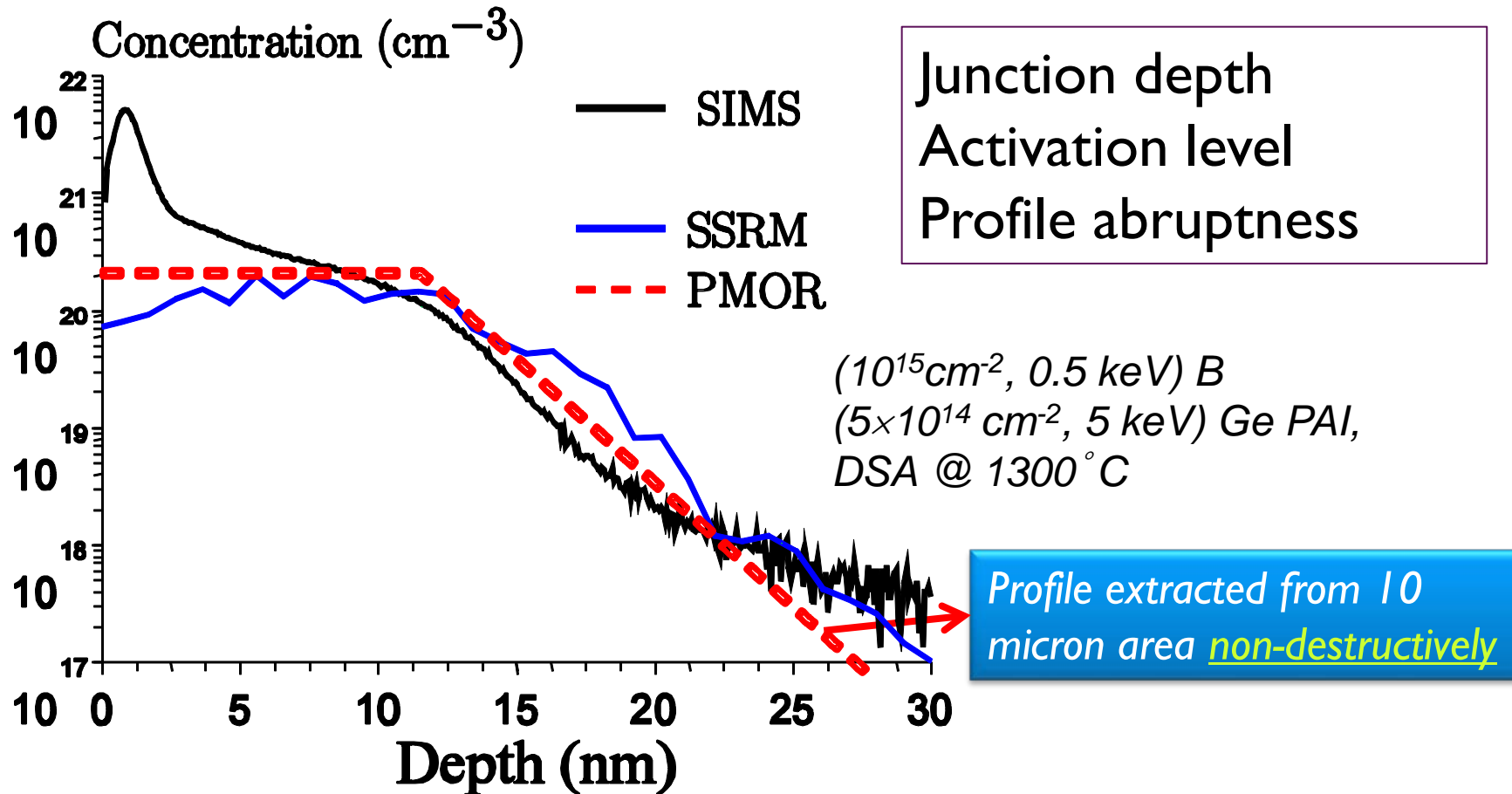
$$R_{DC} = R_0 - \frac{4(n_0 - 1)}{(n_0 + 1)^3} \frac{|\beta|}{m_h} \left[N_{act}(z=0) + \int_{0+}^{+\infty} \frac{\partial N_{act}(z)}{\partial z} \cos\left(\frac{4\pi n_0 z}{\lambda_{probe}}\right) dz \right]$$

$$\Delta R/R_0 = \frac{4}{n_0^2 - 1} \left[-|\beta| \left(\frac{1}{m_e} + \frac{1}{m_h} \right) \Delta N(z=0) + \delta \Delta T \right] - |\beta| \left(\frac{1}{m_e} + \frac{1}{m_h} \right) \int_{0+}^{+\infty} \frac{\partial \Delta N(z)}{\partial z} \cos\left(\frac{4\pi n_0 z}{\lambda_{probe}}\right) dz$$



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Non-contact Reconstruction Of Annealed Implanted Profiles



- J. Bogdanowicz et al., *Non-Destructive Characterization of Activated Ion-Implanted Doping Profiles Based on Photomodulated Optical Reflectance*,
- AIP Proceedings Series, Proceedings of 2010 IIT conference (Kyoto)


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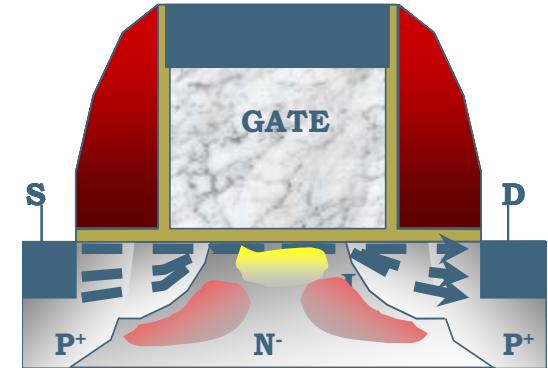
Doping and Metrology Challenges

1. Planar (CMOS)-devices

ID-profiles are no more relevant,

need for 2D-doping &

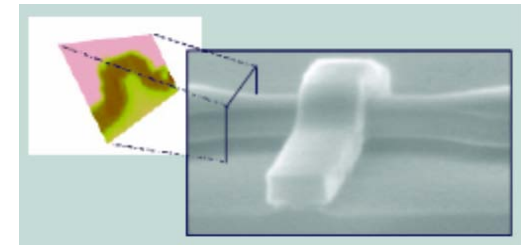
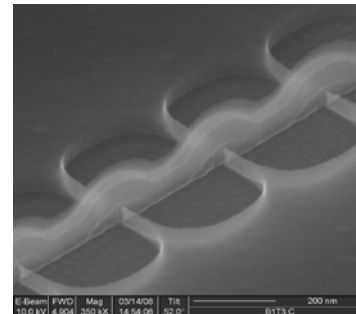
2D-profiling with sub-nm resolution



2. 3D-devices : FINFET

Need for conformal doping

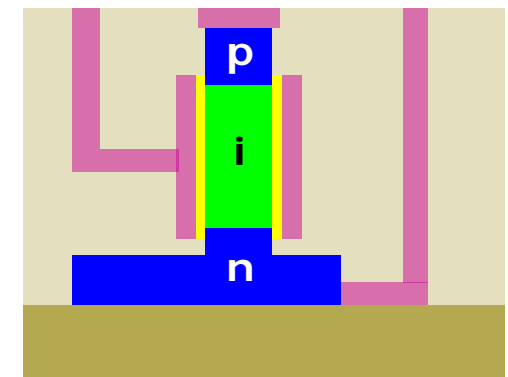
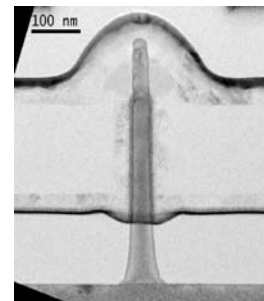
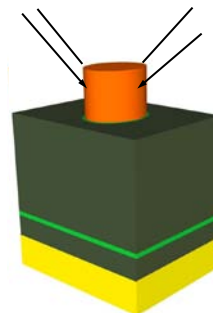
Need for 3D-resolution



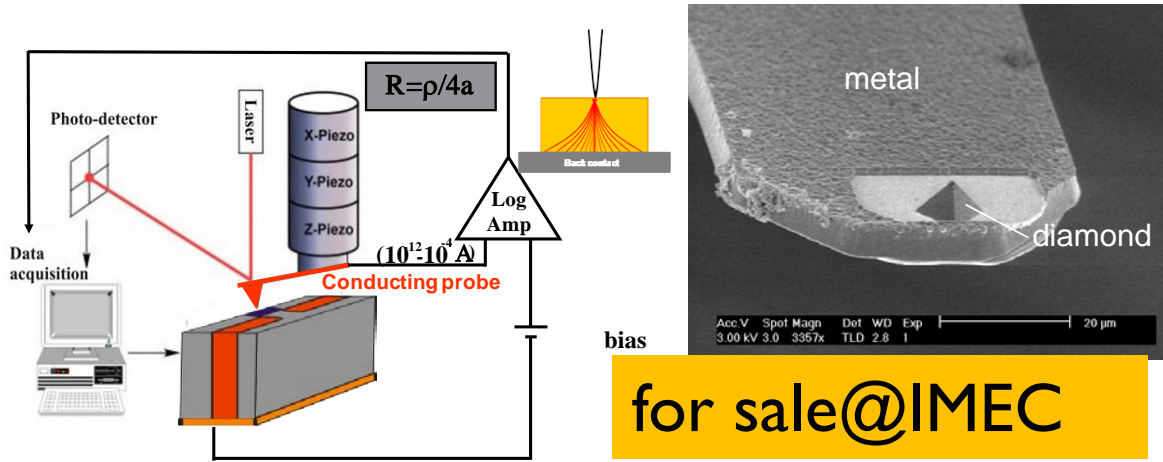
3. Confined volume : NW-FET (TFET)

3D-doping

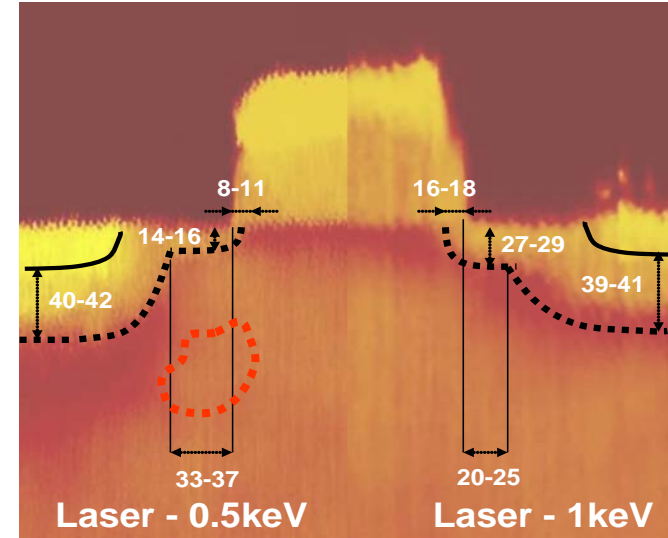
localized analysis



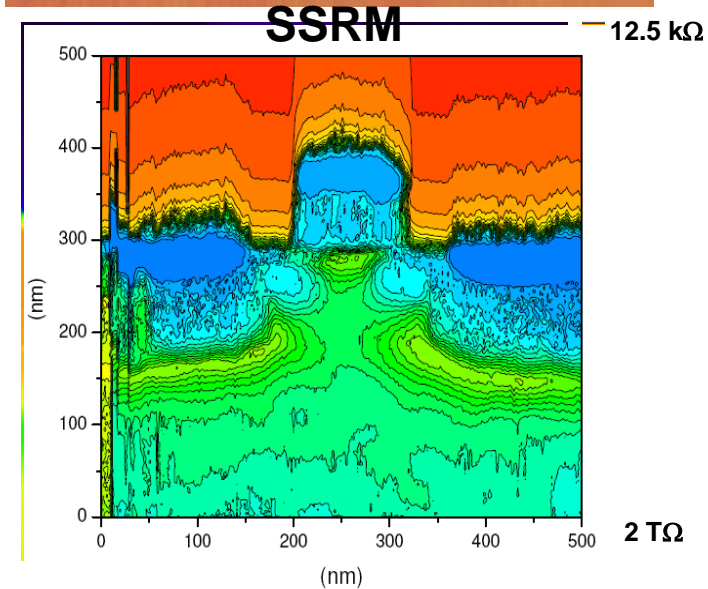
SSRM Carrier Profile Metrology : A Mature Asset In Technology Development



Junction engineering



	ITRS 2005	ITRS 2010	SSRM	ITRS 2016
Lateral/vertical steepness (nm/dec)			1-1.5	
Lateral/depth resolution (nm)		+	0.5 - 1	
Concentration precision (%)		+	3-5%	
Dynamic range (at/cm ³)		+	$10^{15} - 10^{21}$	



• P.Eyben, W.Vandervorst, D.Alvarez,, M.Xu. and M.Fouchier, in "Scanning Probe Microscopy, Electrical and Electromechanical Phenomena at the Nanoscale", edited by S. Kalinin and A. Gruverman (Springer, New York, 2007), Vol. 1, Chapter 2, "Scanning spreading resistance microscopy"

How to Exploit SSRM Profiles for Process AND Device Optimization?

▶ **APPROACH I :**

- **Step 1 : Calibrate process simulations to match SSRM-profiles**



- Accuracy models for Non-equilibrium processes (msec, plasma doping..)



- + Framework for TCAD based process optimization

- **Step 2 : Use TCAD profiles as input towards device simulation**

- ?? Perfect match TCAD --- SSRM

- ?? Slow

▶ **Approach II :** Use SSRM profile as input to device simulator

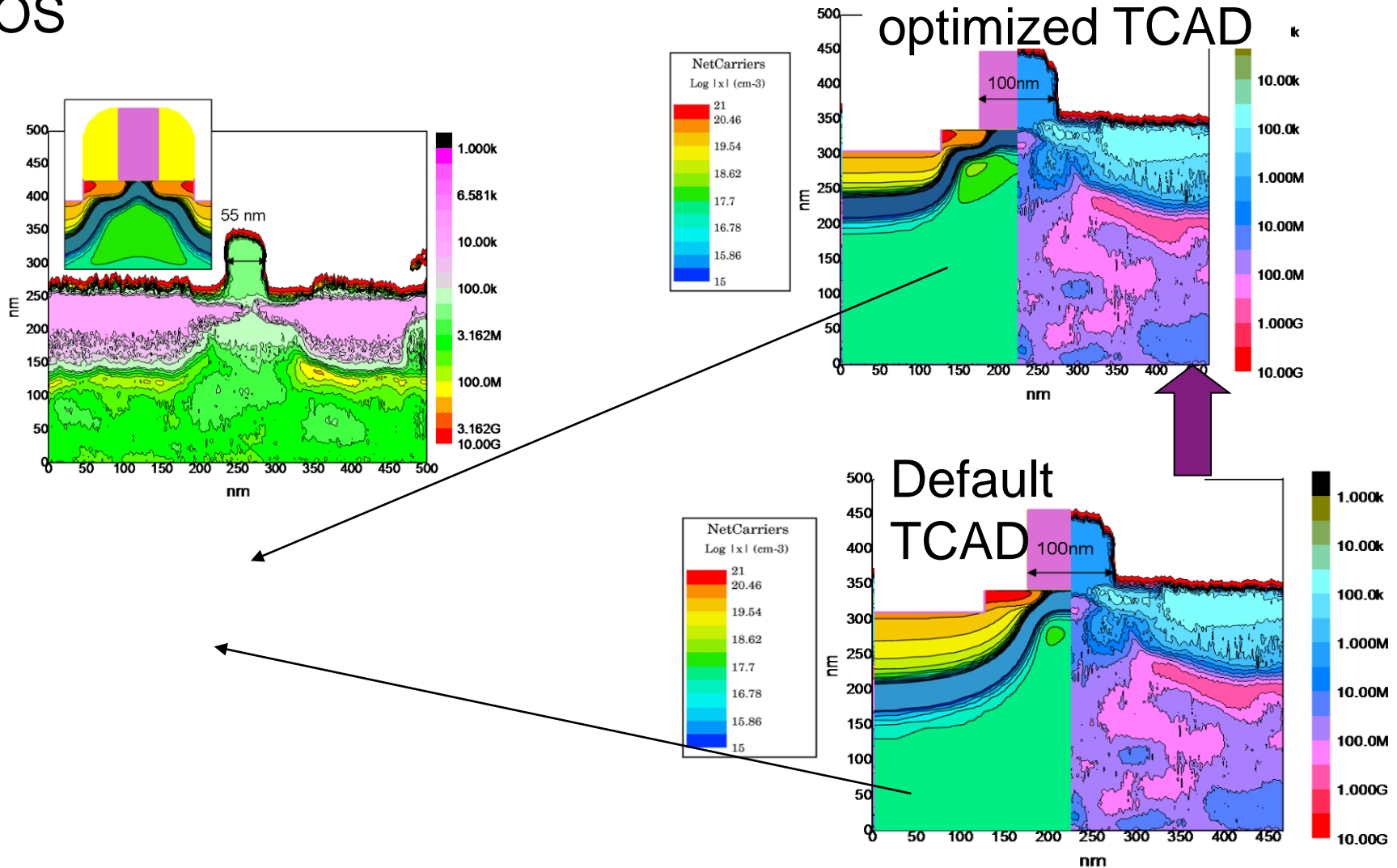
- Import syntax

- Identify structure (gate, oxide, silicides,...)

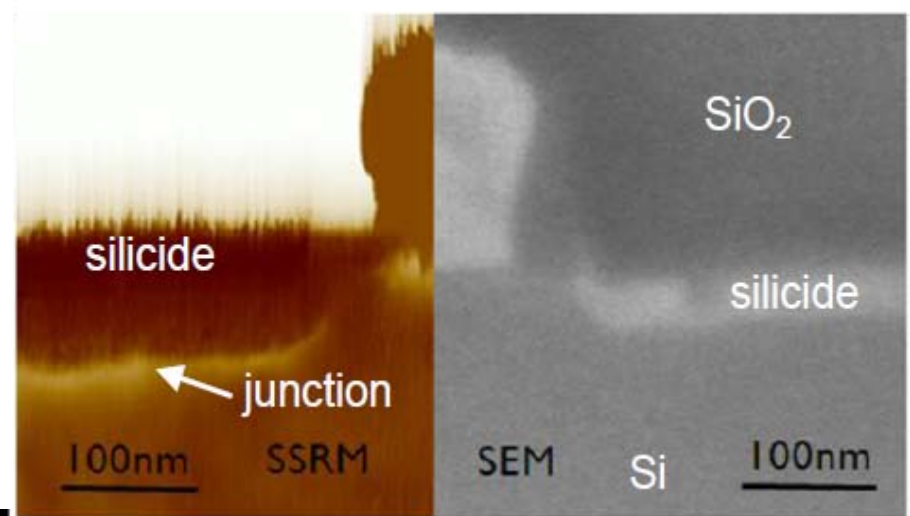
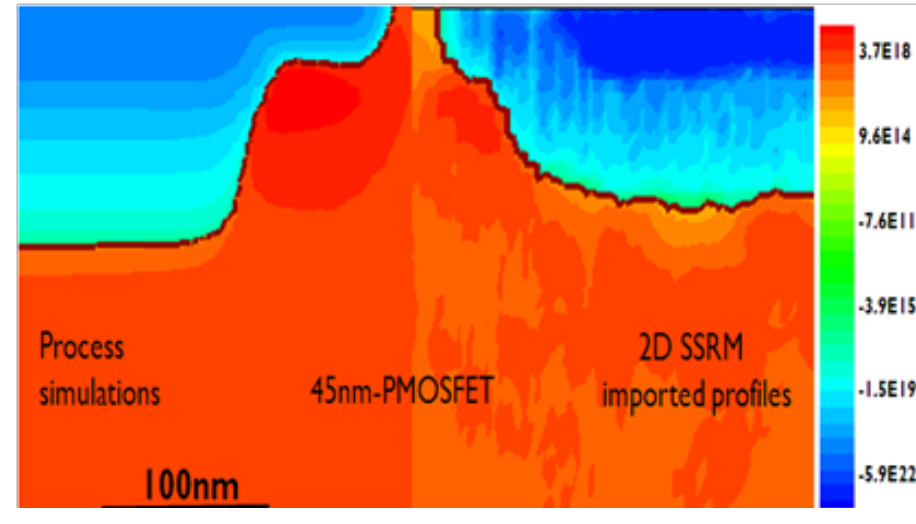
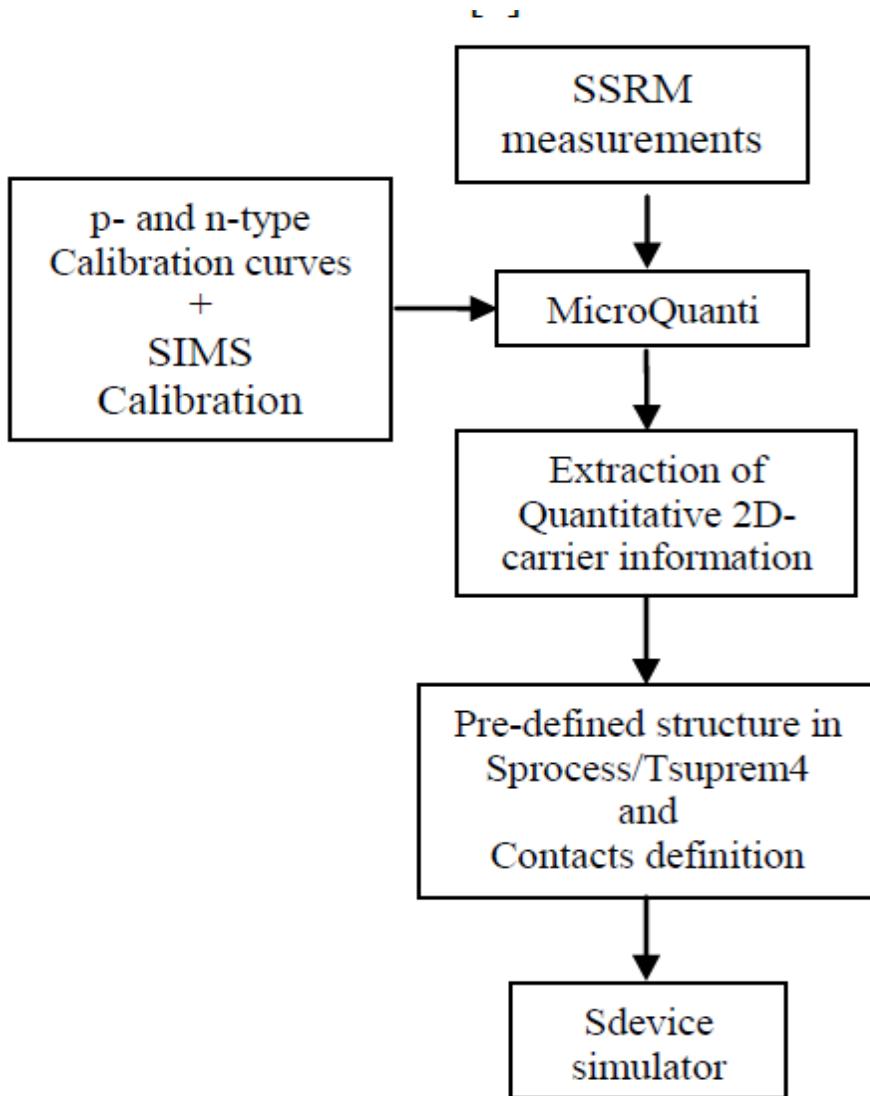
- Required accuracy, sensitivity

(HV) SSRM as a Tool for TCAD Calibration

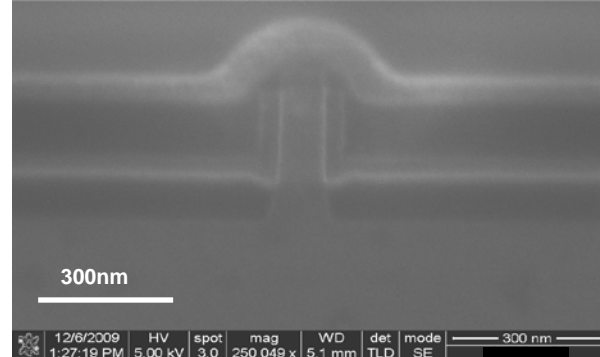
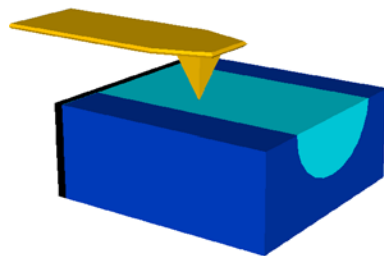
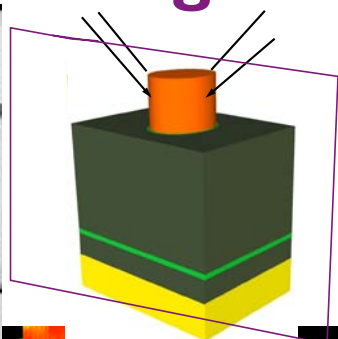
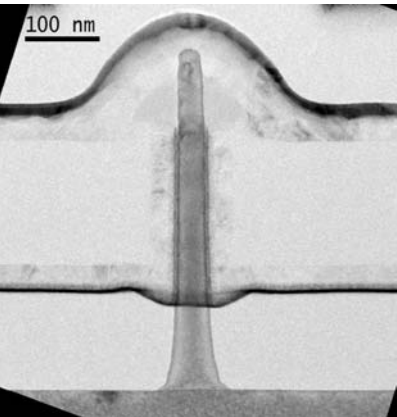
N-MOS



Predicting Device Performance with SSRM Distributions



Carrier Profiling In Si NW-TFET



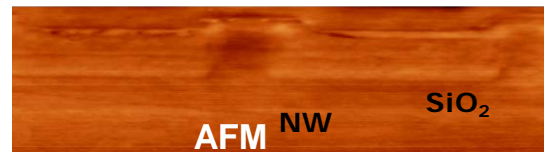
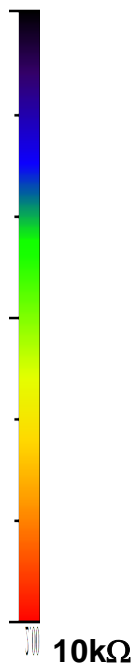
Cap layer

Metal-gate

Dopant Diffusion

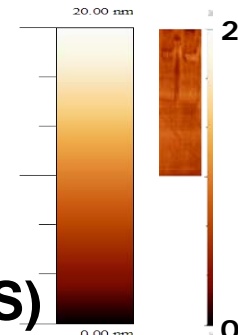
SSRM result

Boron implant

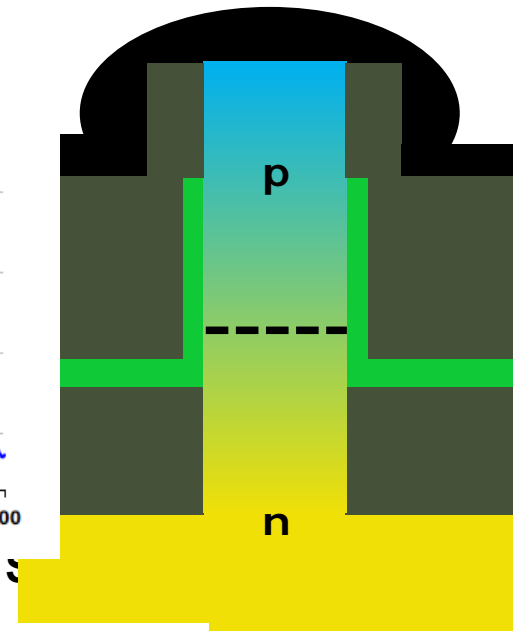
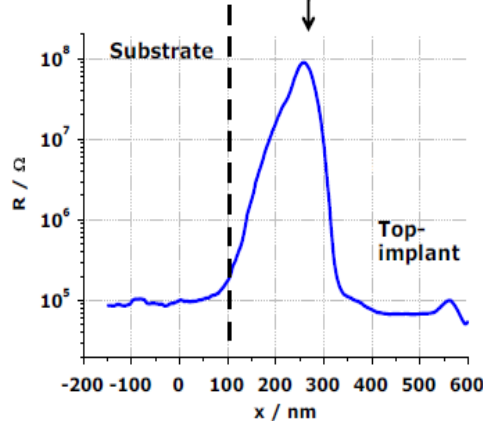


400nm

Substrate
0.8 nm (RMS)

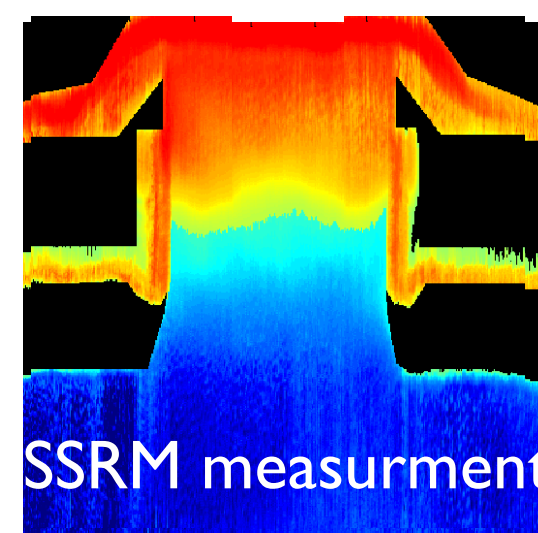
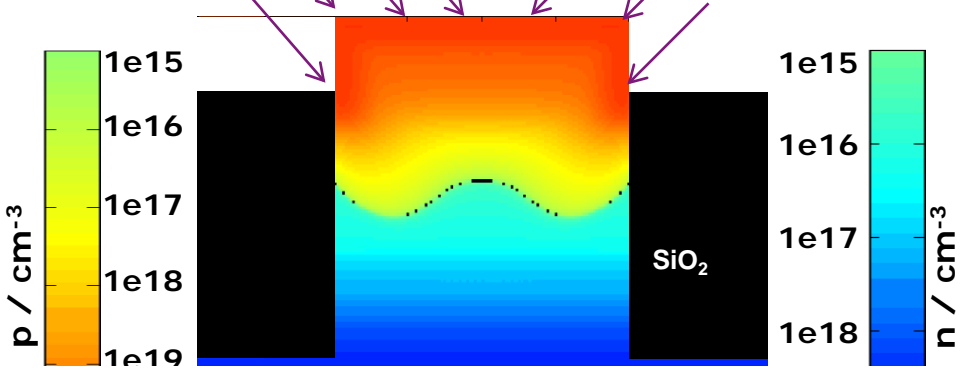
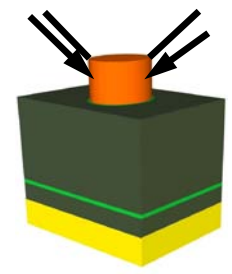


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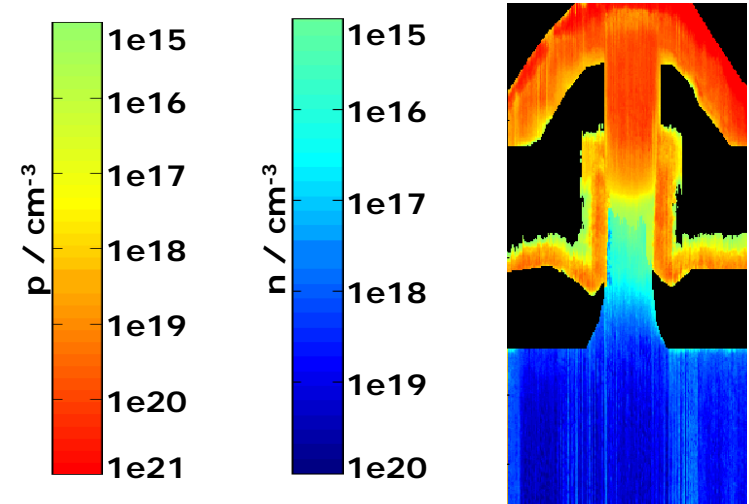
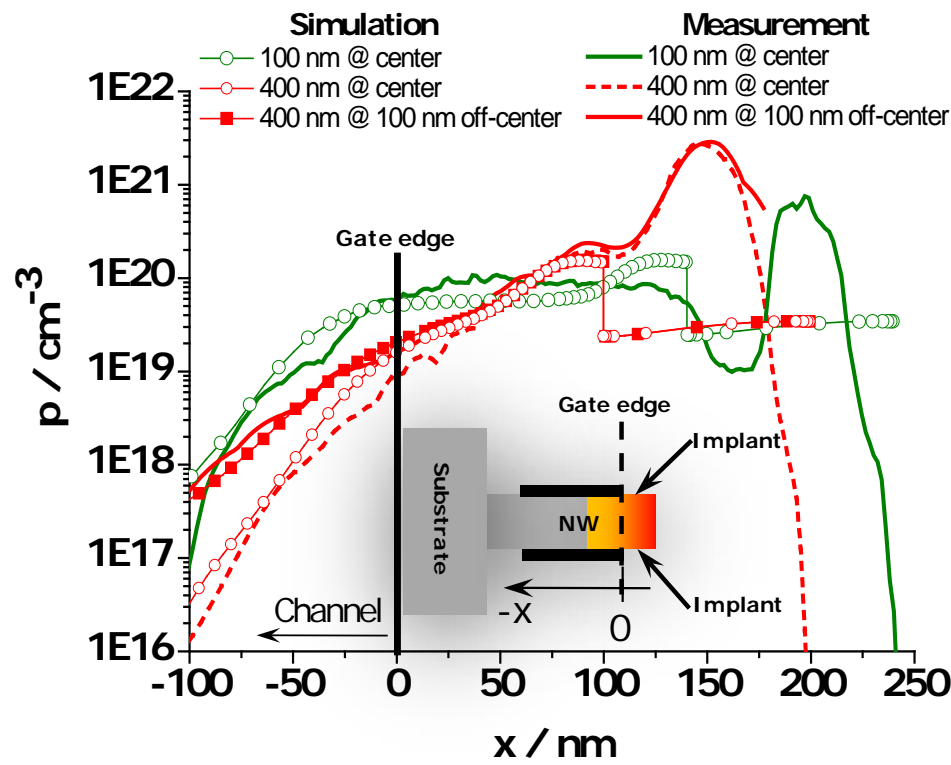


A, Schulze et al. Nanotechnology 22 (2011) 185701.

Size Dependent Carrier Distributions

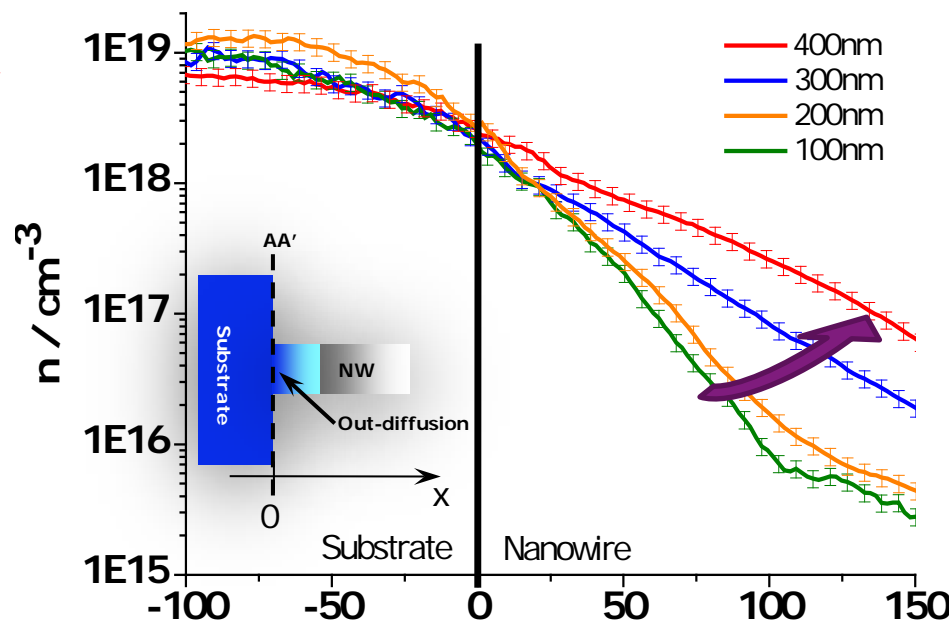
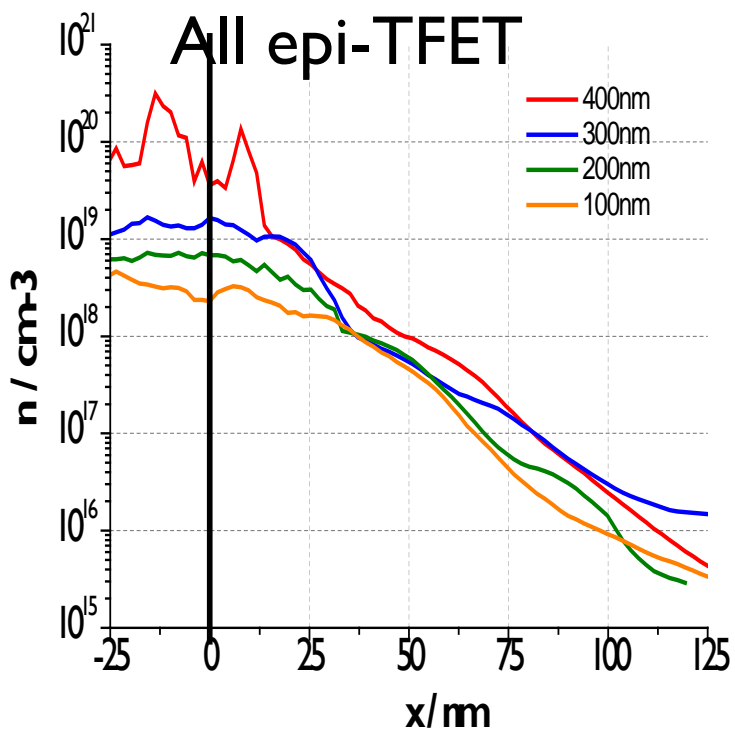
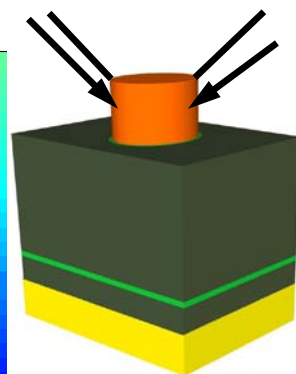
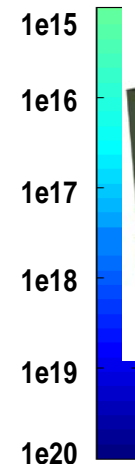
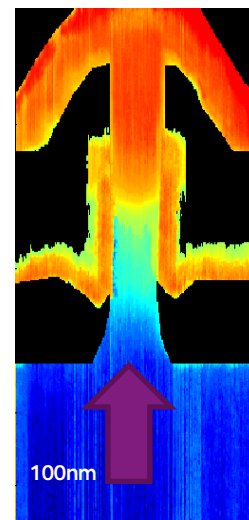
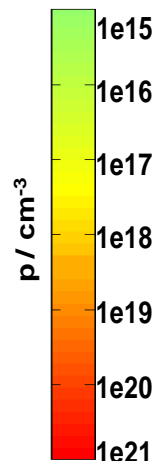
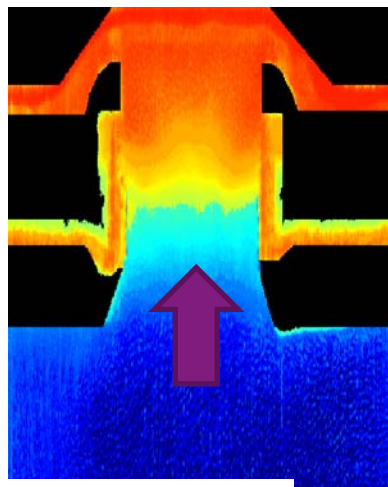
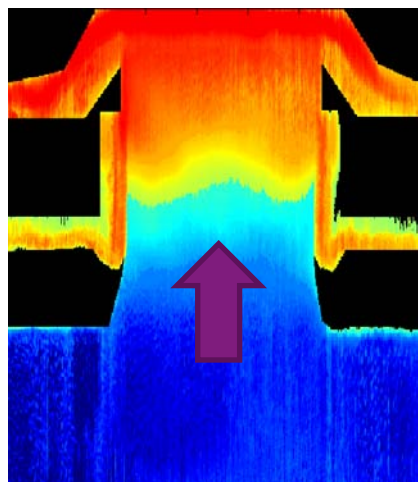


NW \varnothing 400 nm



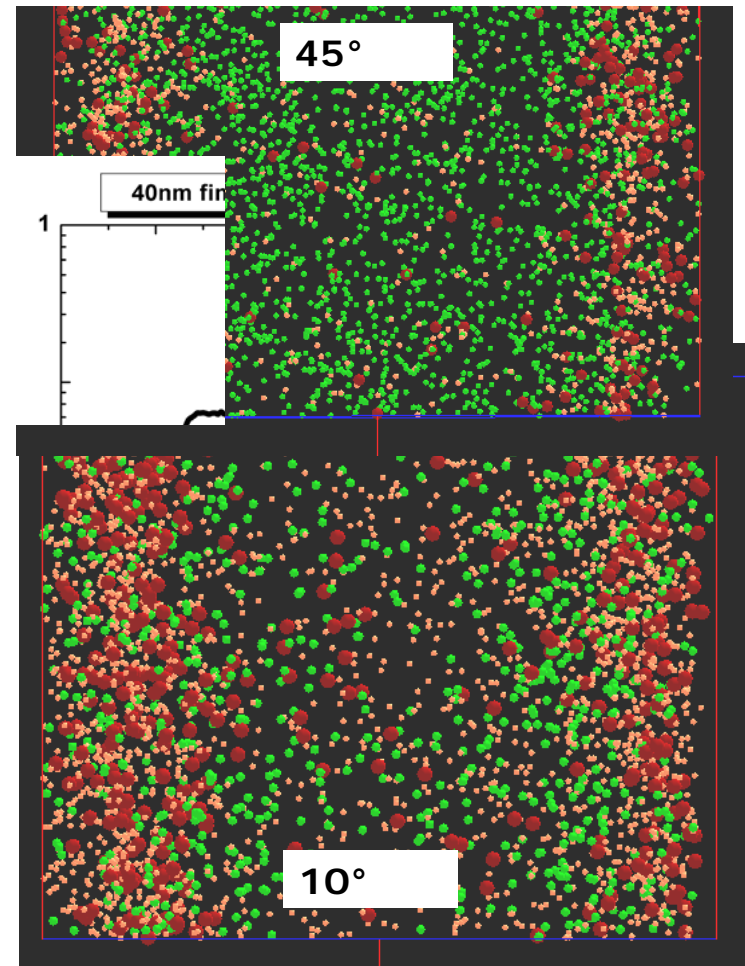
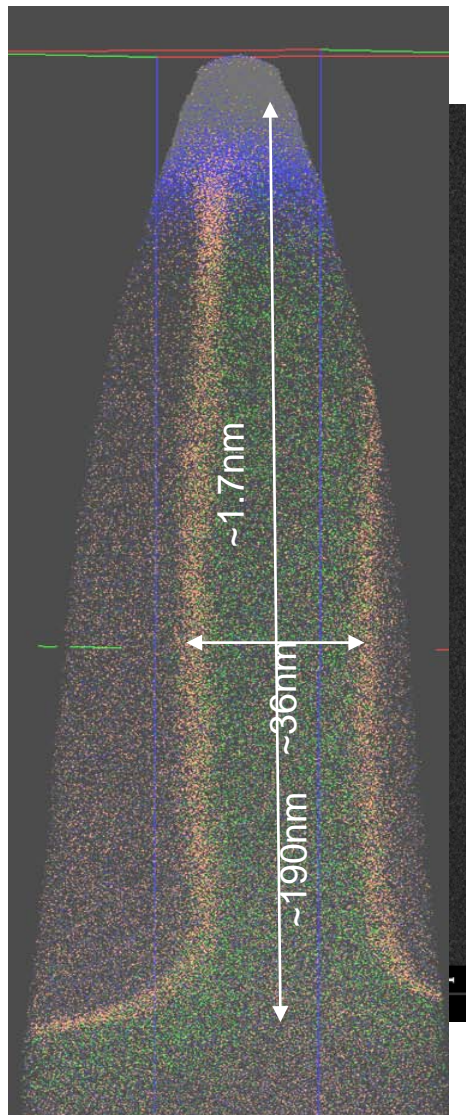
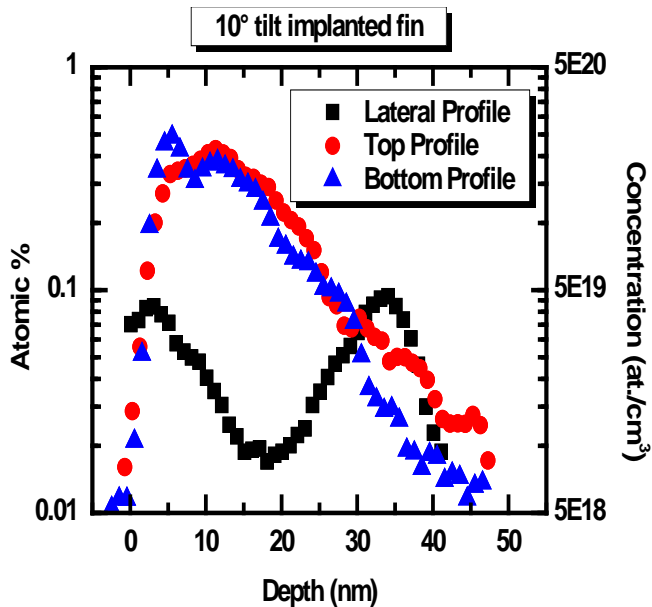
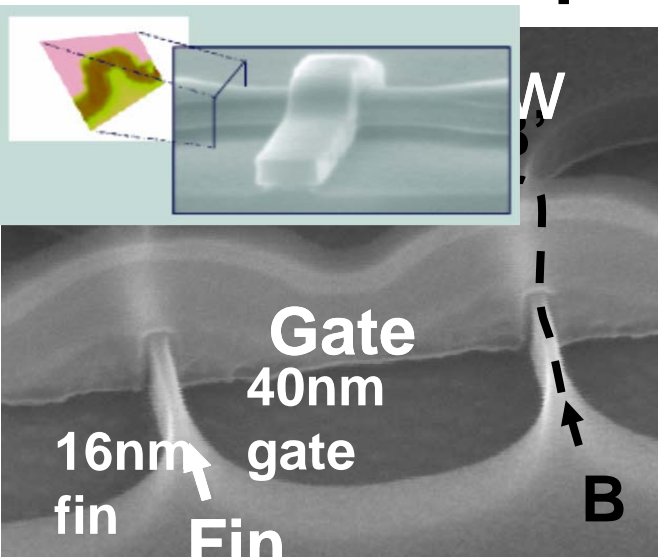
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(Unexpected) size dependent deactivation in n-region

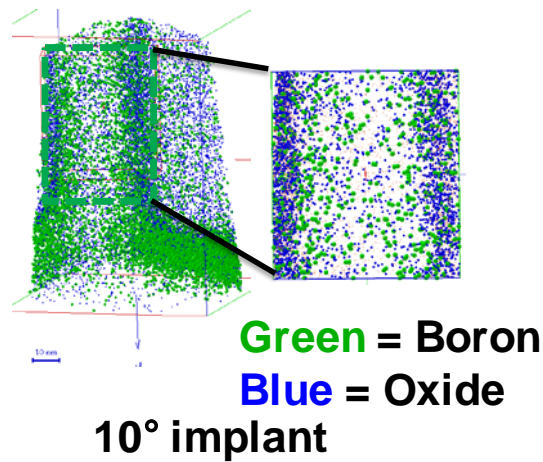
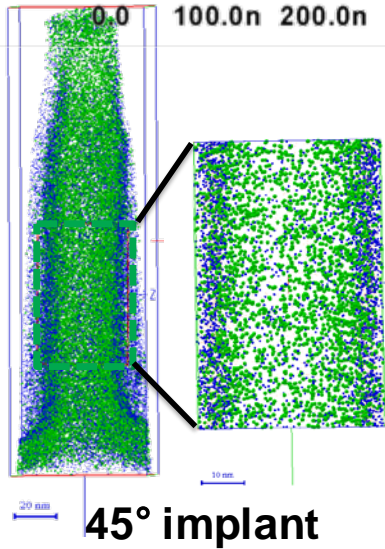
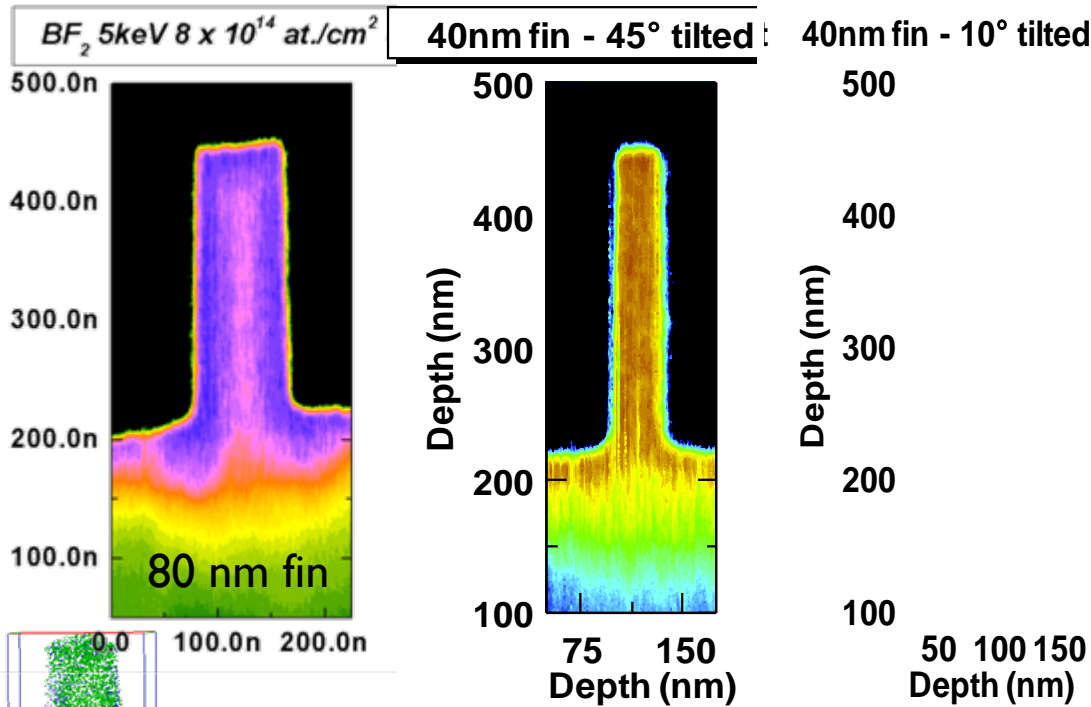


Change in X_j and gradient linked to B-implant!

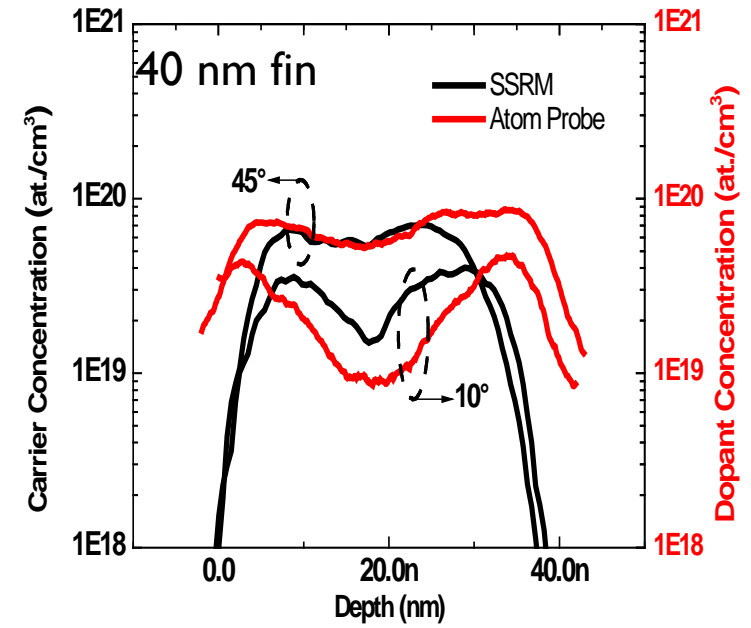
Conformal doping of FIN by I/I:



Conformality : Dopants vs Carriers

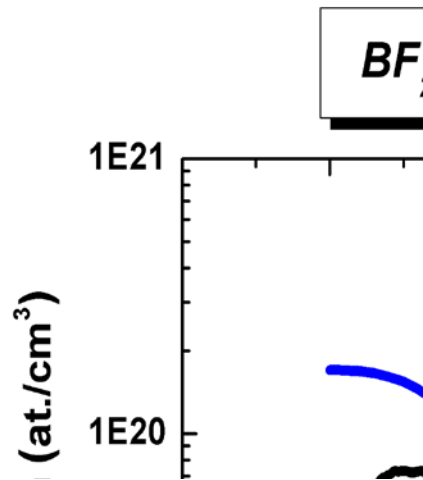


Sidewall Activation



	Conformality (Sidewall/top) (%)	Conformality (Sidewall/top) (%)
<u>Retained dopants</u>	45° tilted implant	10° tilted implant
Theoretical Model [10]	46	7.5
Atom Probe (APT)	39	12.5
SIMS	36	9
<u>Active percentage of dopants</u>		
SSRM	78	29

Experimental vs Simulated Diffusion in FinFet



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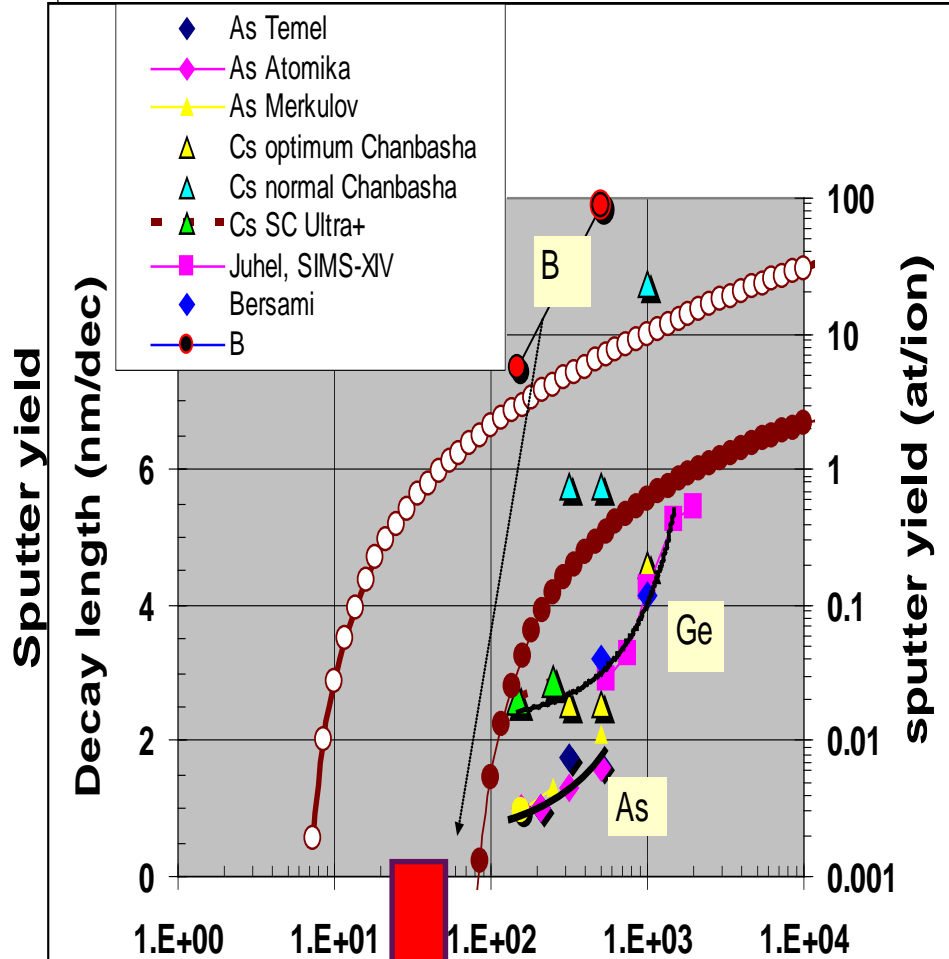
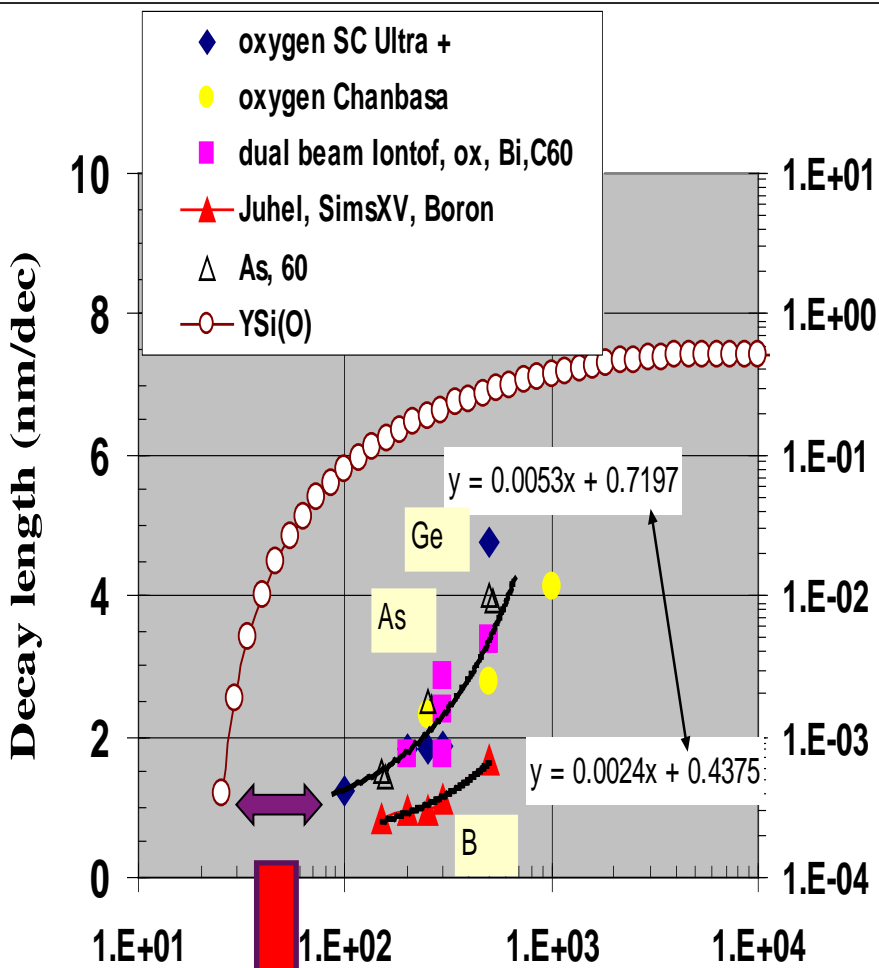
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THE ULTIMATE SIMS DEPTH RESOLUTION ? EXLE-SIMS??

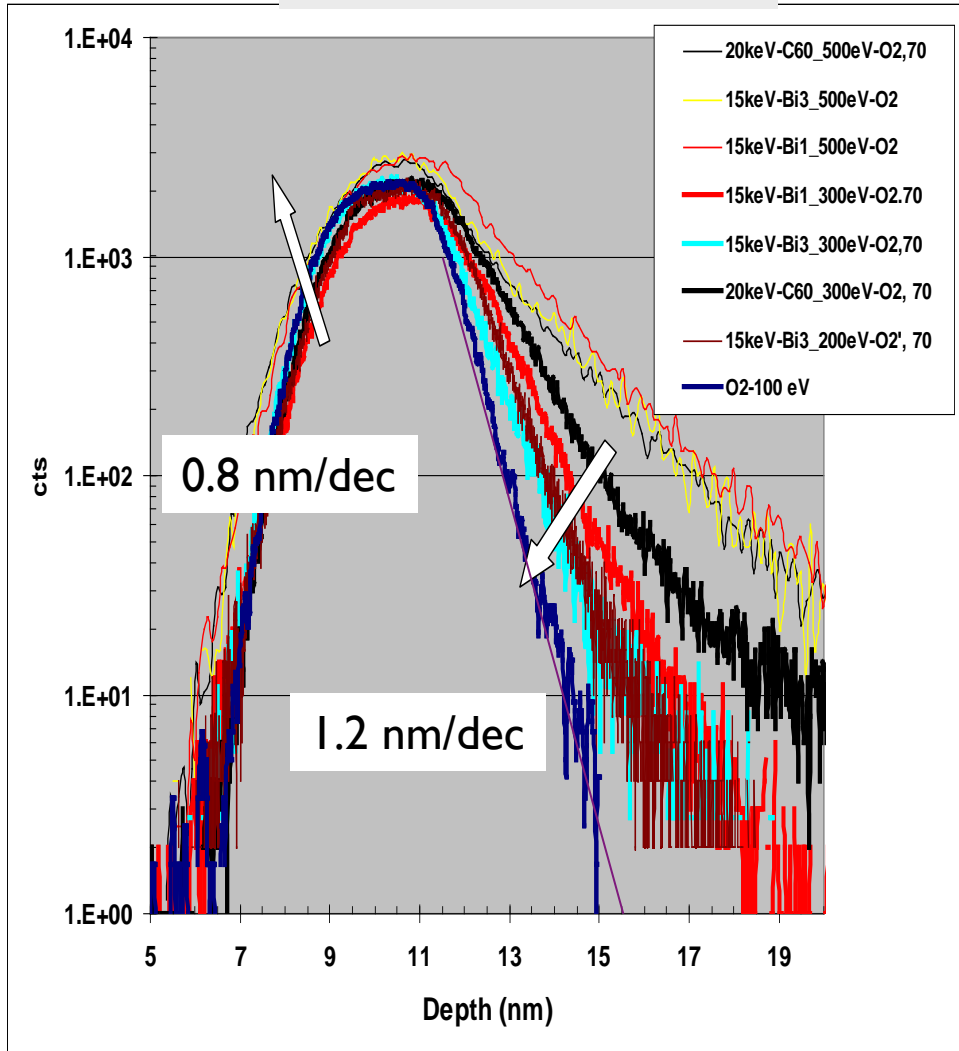


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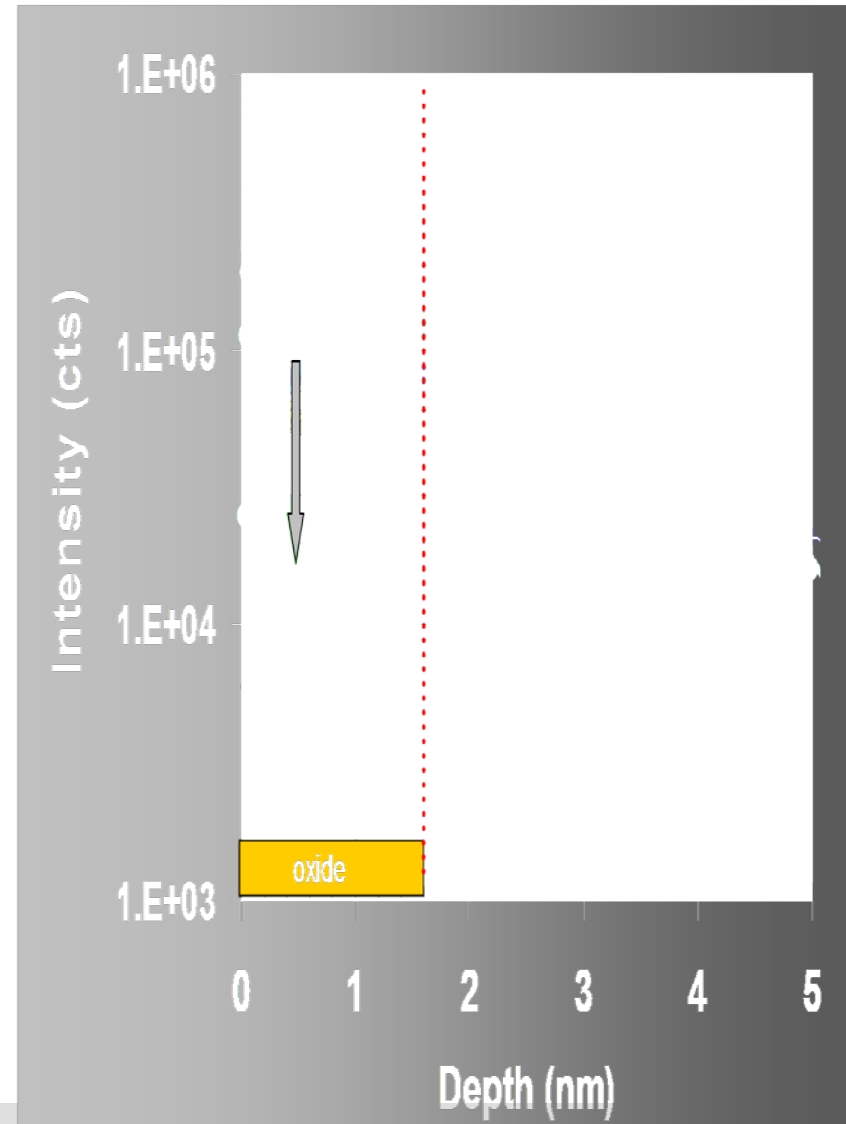
EXLE SIMS : Excellent SIMS

Improved resolution at LOW energy

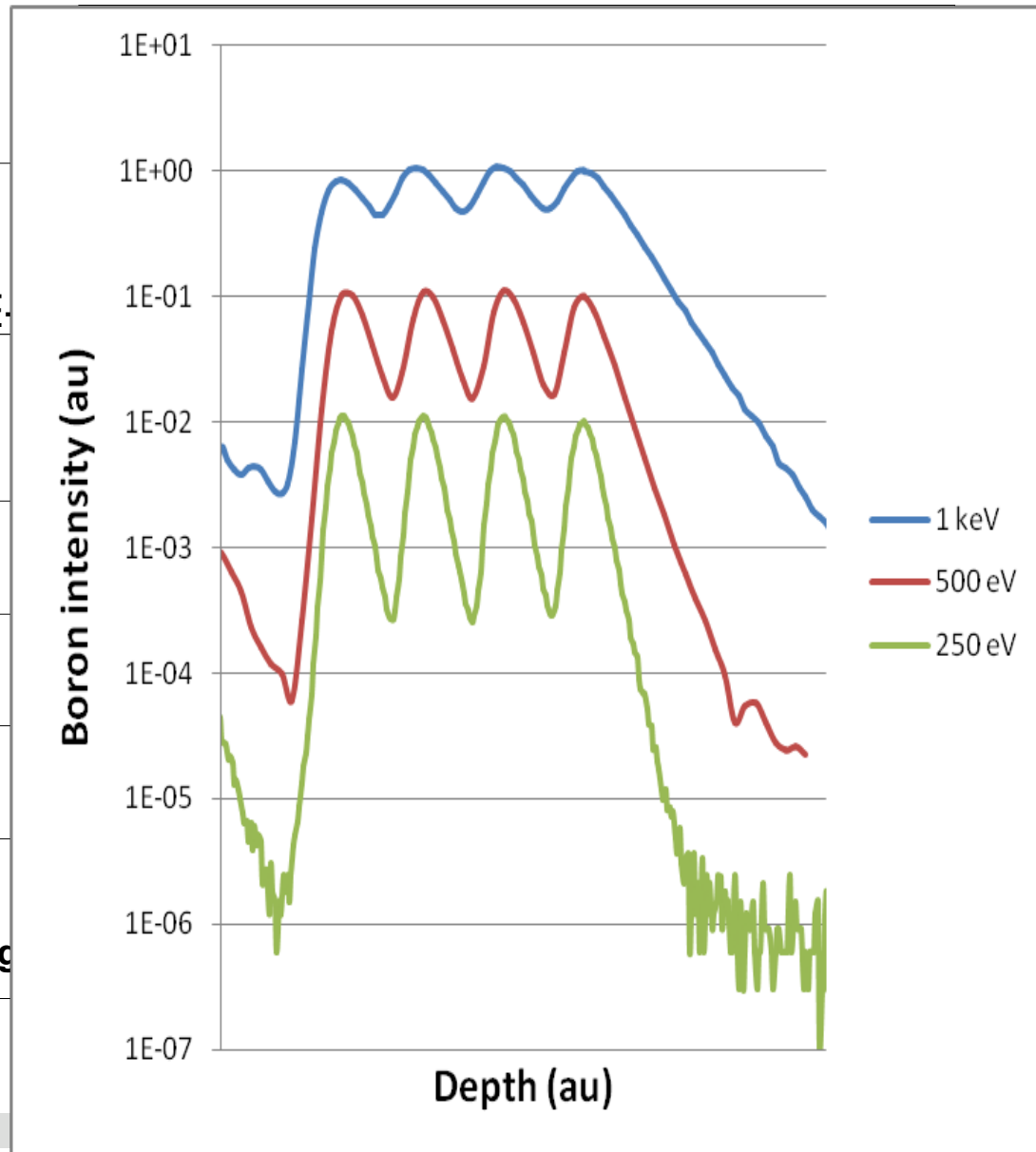
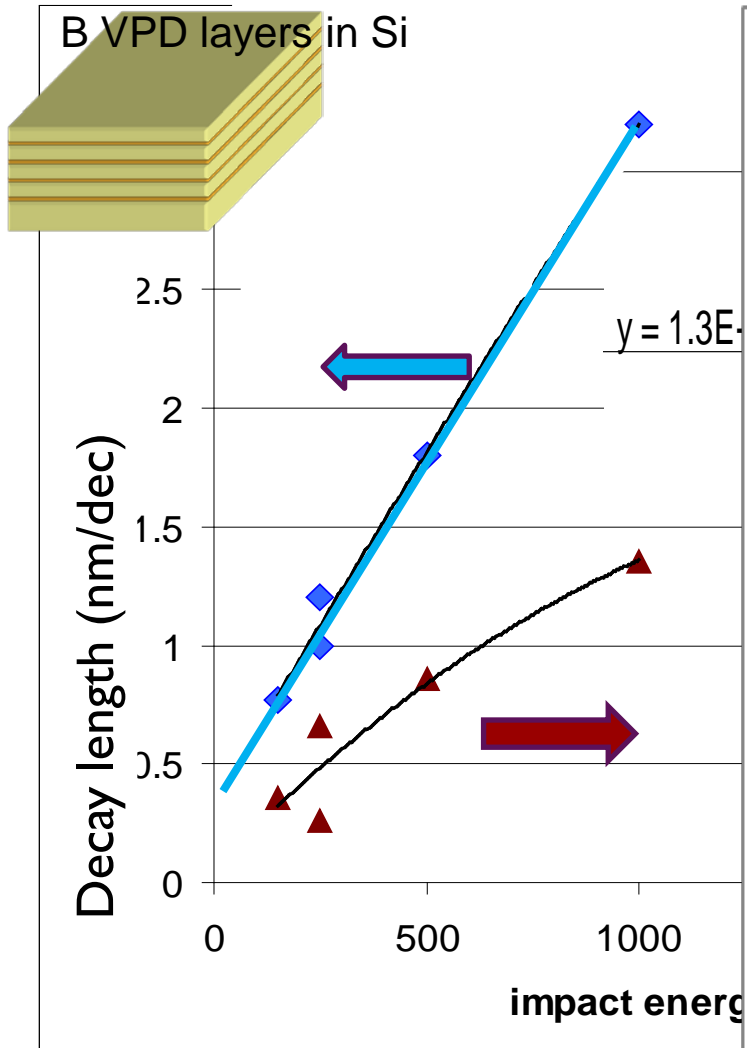
Si/SiGe (3 nm)/Si



B-delta in Si

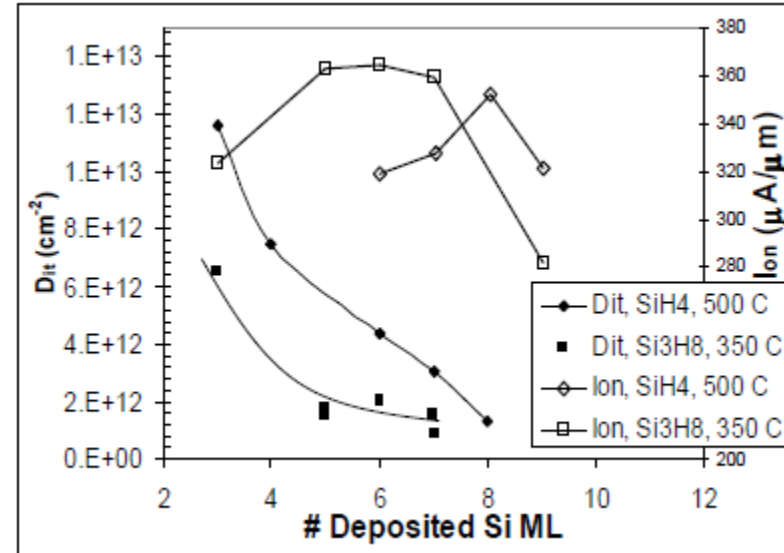
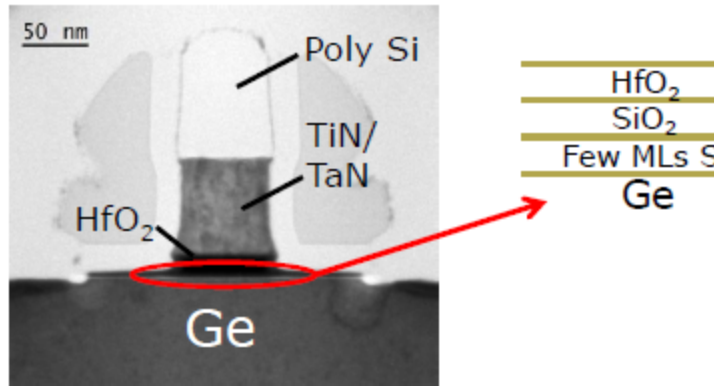


Ultimate SIMS performance : Depth Resolution And Differential shift



SIMS for Next generation materials : Probing Si monolayers on Ge-substrates

- Ge passivation using ultrathin (SiO_2/Si cap) interlayers to offer suitable High-K/Germanium interface quality



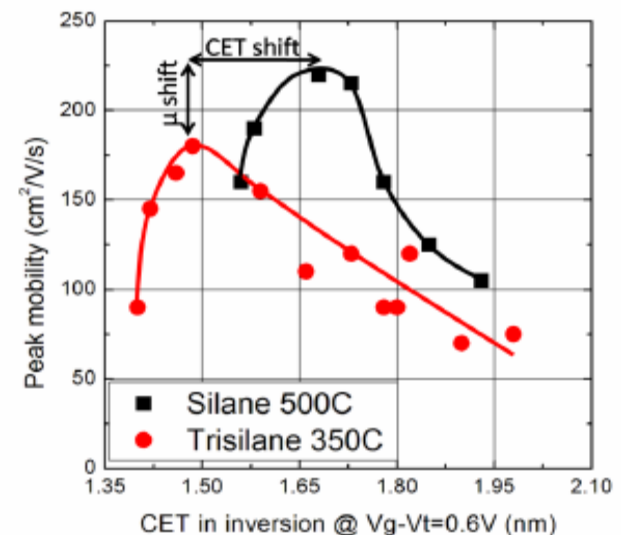
Si cap growth specifications:

- ultrathin (<10MLs [1]) to avoid strain relaxation
- Low Temperature process (<700-800°C [2]) to avoid Ge up-diffus Si cap

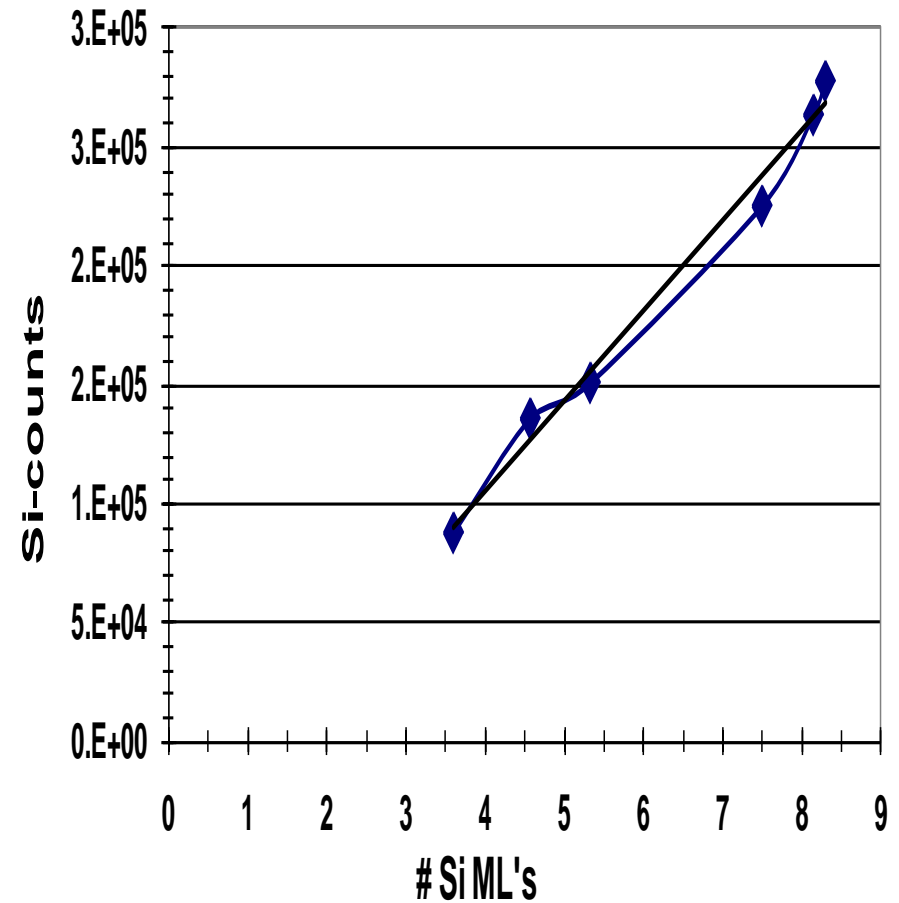
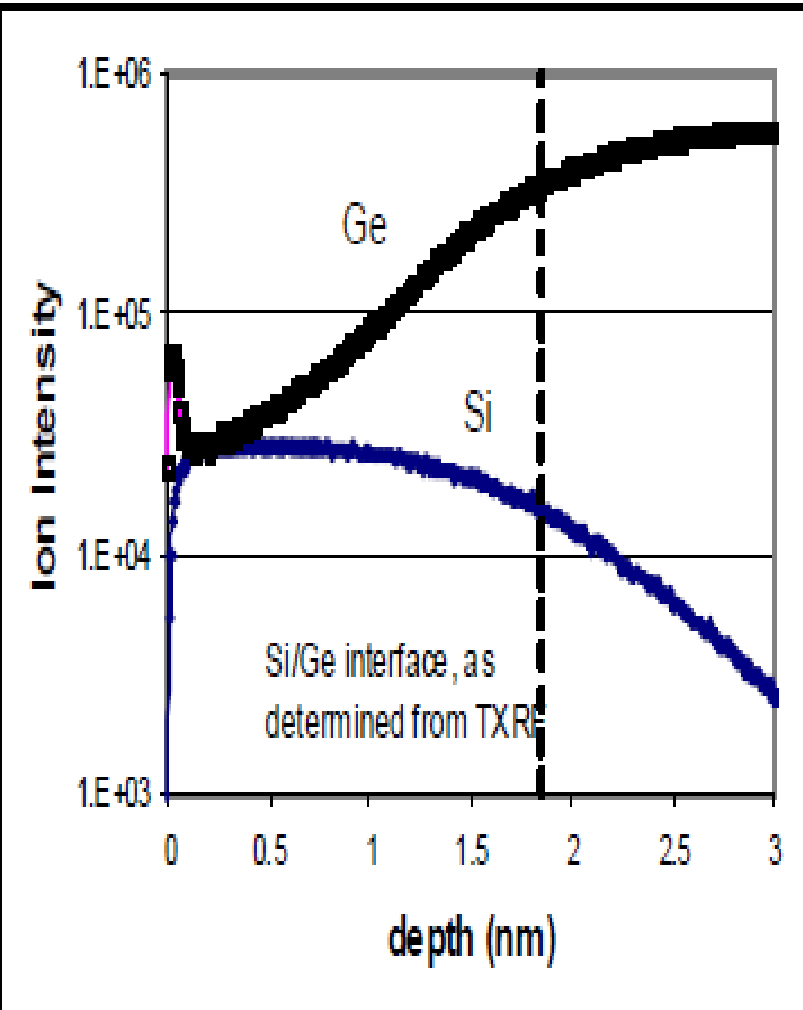
[1] Y. Fang, *Thin Solid Films*, 516, 2008.

[2] W. Vandervorst et al., *Mat. Res. Soc. Symp. Proc. Vol. 809*, 2004

SIMS challenge : measure Si-cap and potential Ge updiffusion (=cause for Dit)



EXLE-SIMS metrology at the ML scale.



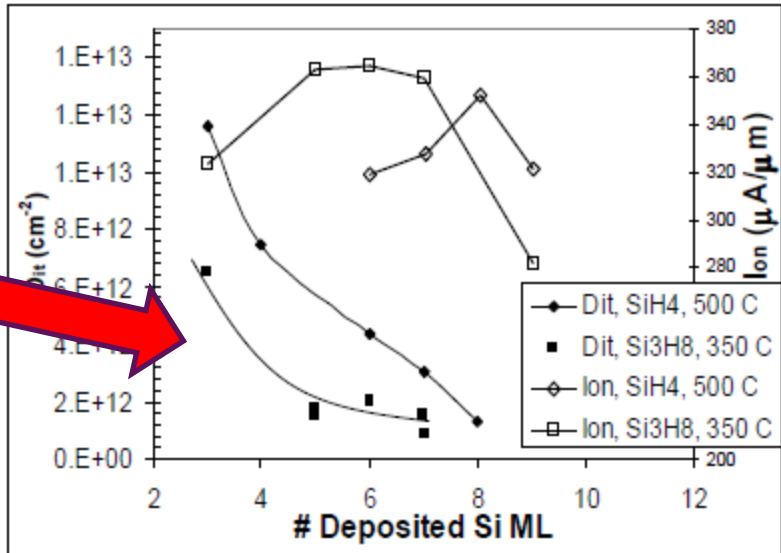
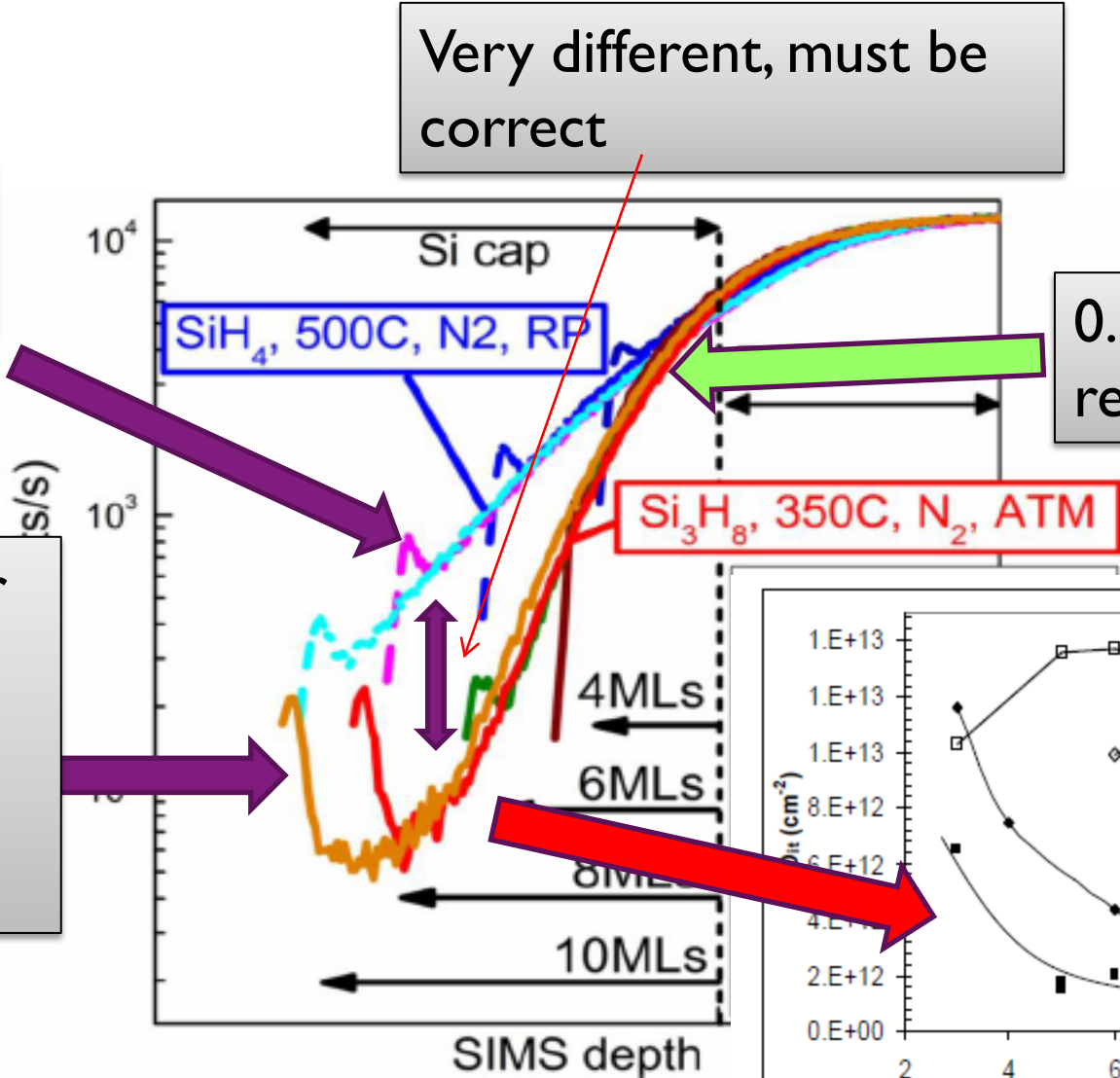
Ge-segregation In Si-cap : Gas composition dependence & Uncertainty Assessment of EXLE-Sims

Could be SIMS

Very different, must be correct

0.8 nm/dec,
real or SIMS?

Much larger
than
“normal”
transients,
REAL

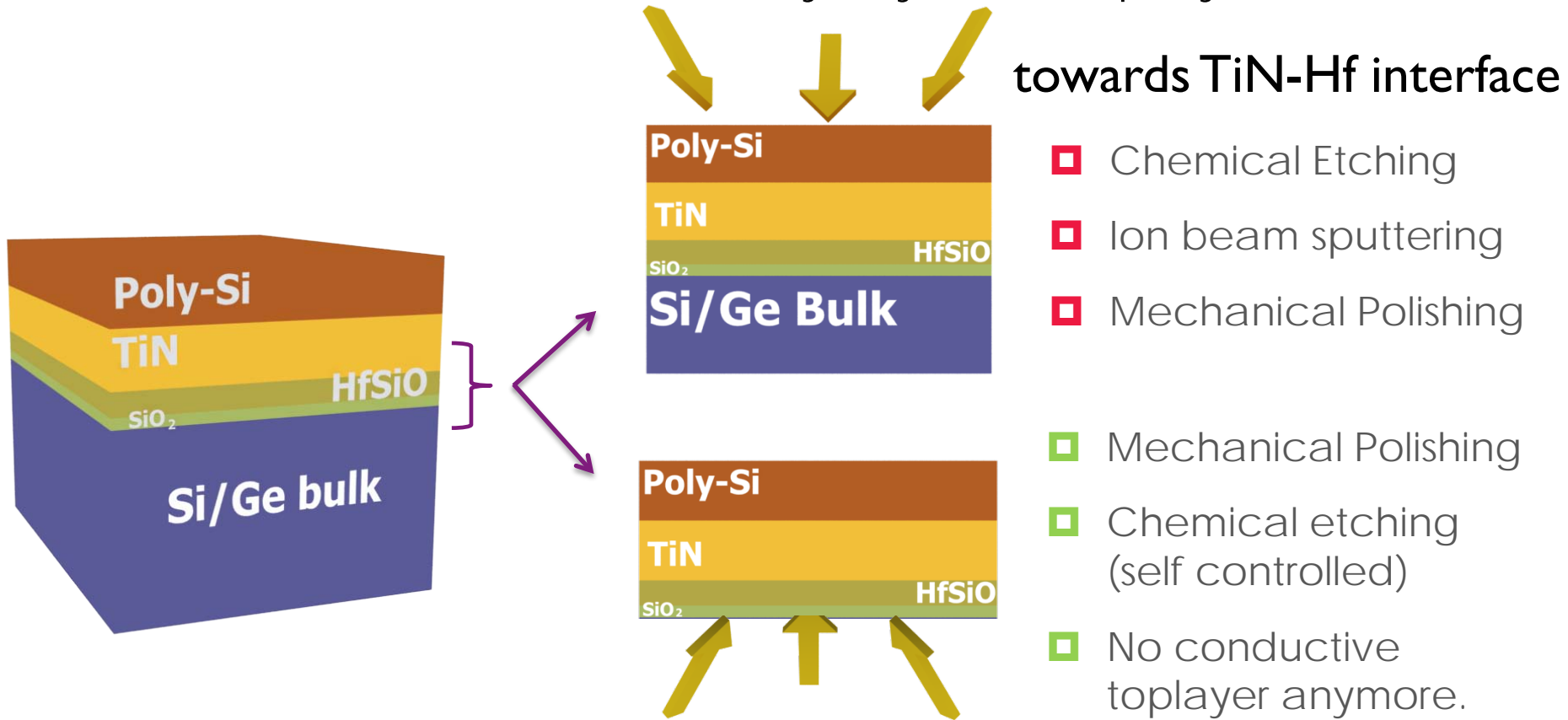


Backside Analysis : a Solution to Probe Buried Interfaces

We aim to study the buried Metal / High k interface

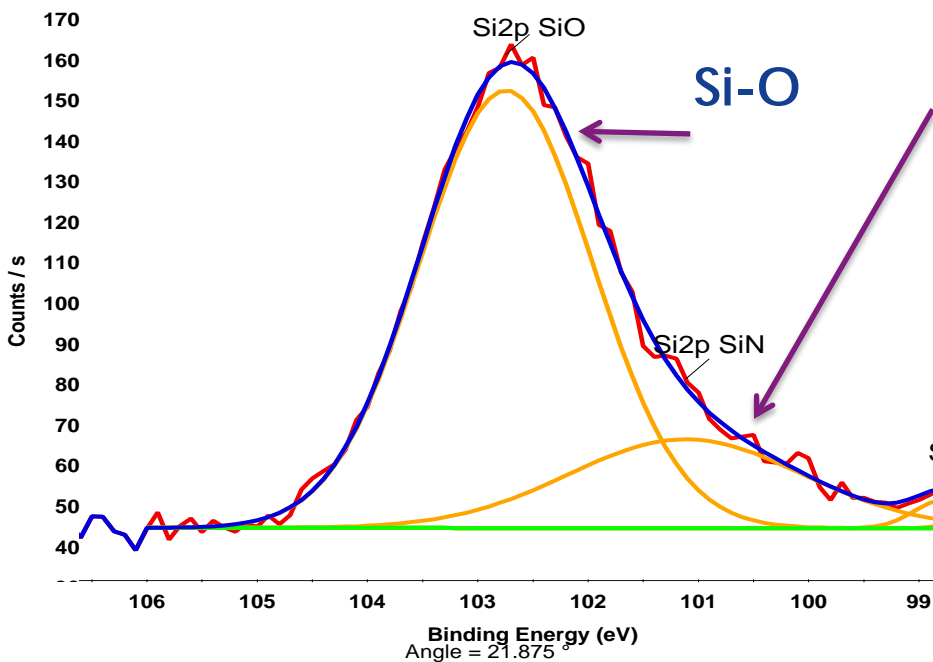
! XPS sampling volume too small

! C-AFM measurements shortened by any metal top layer.

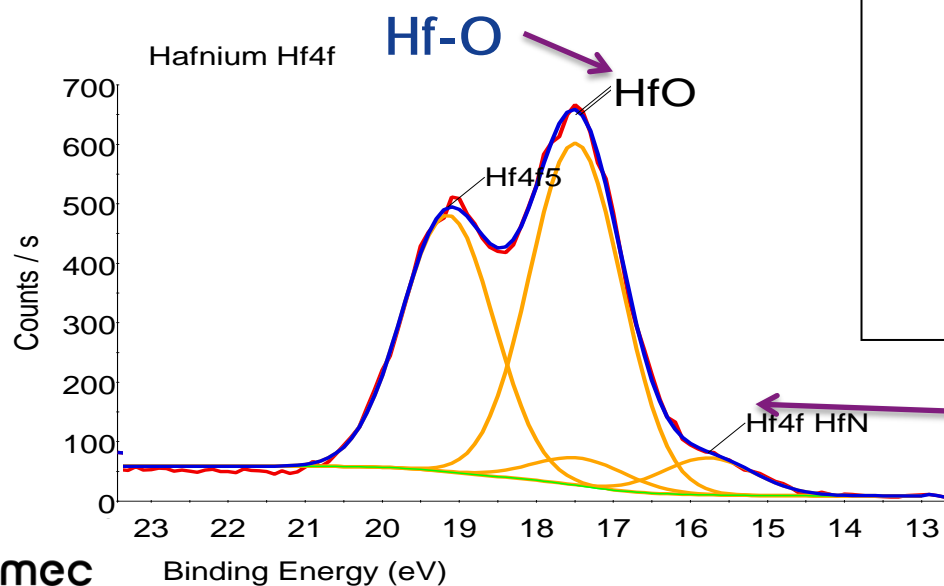
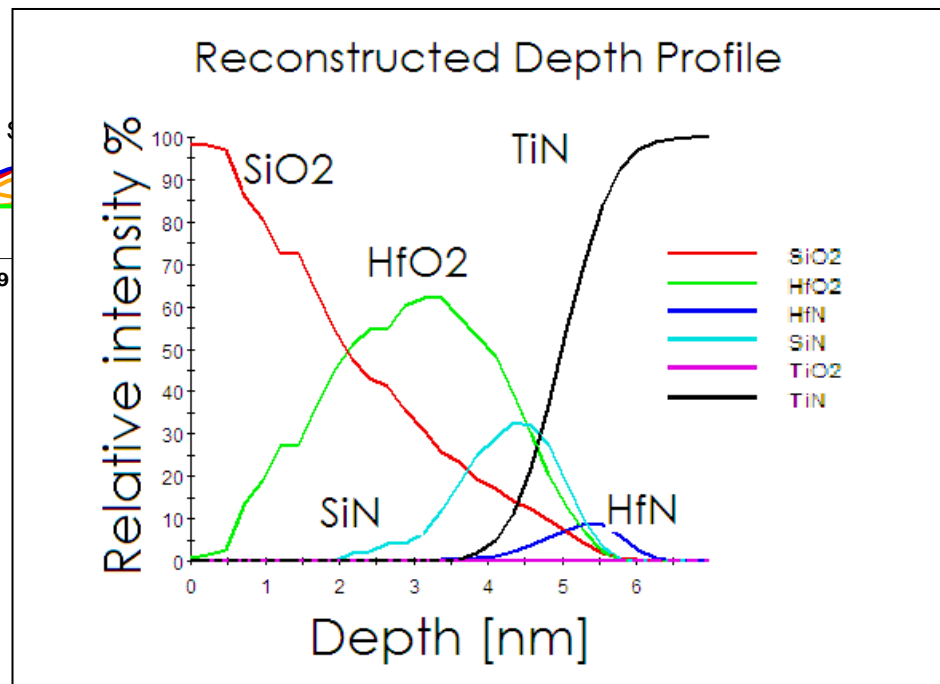


Access to TiN-Hf interface

(Un)expected bondings



Silicon-Nitrogen



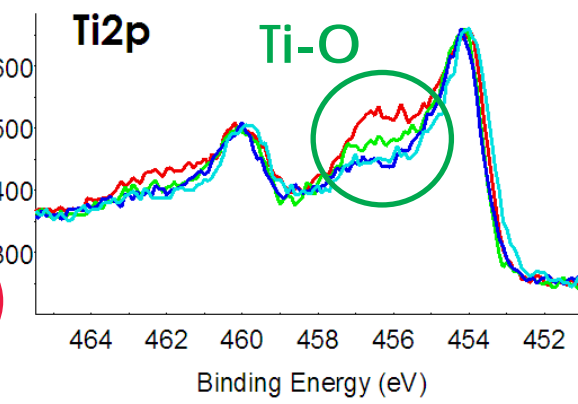
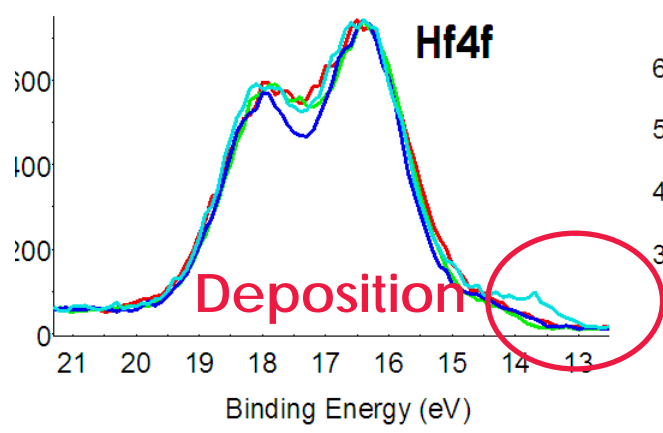
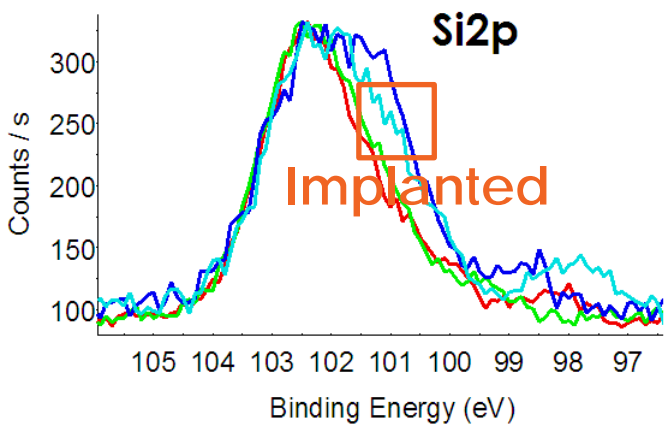
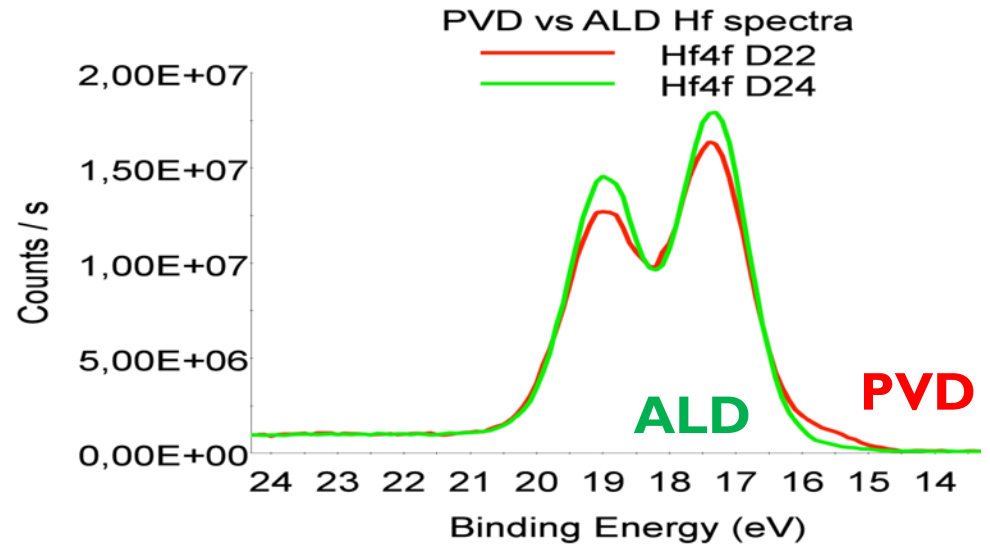
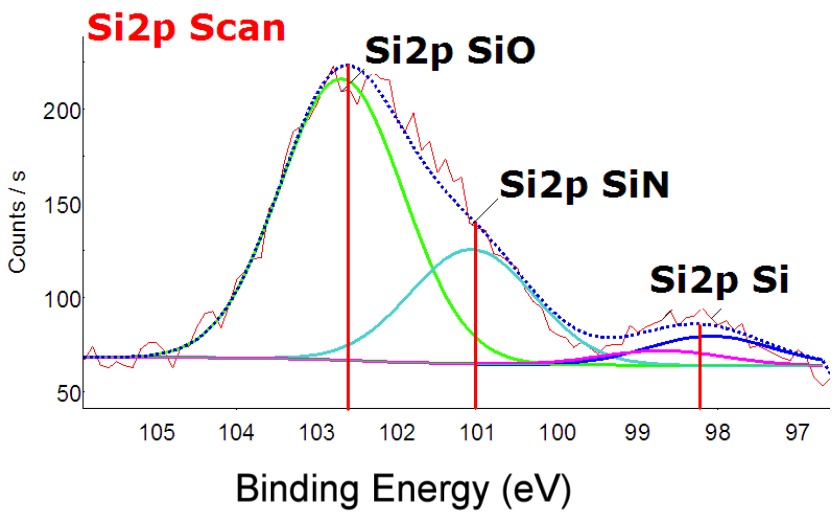
Hafnium-Nitrogen

XPS SPECTRA

IMPACT OF IMPLANTATION

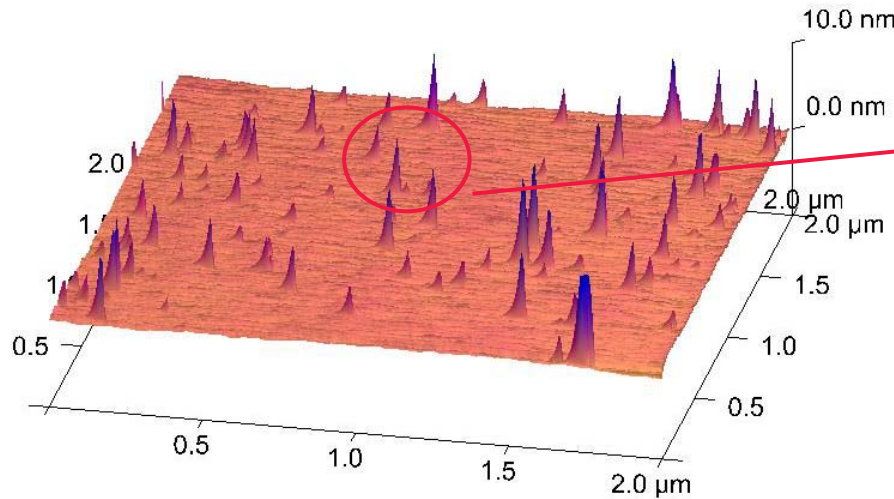
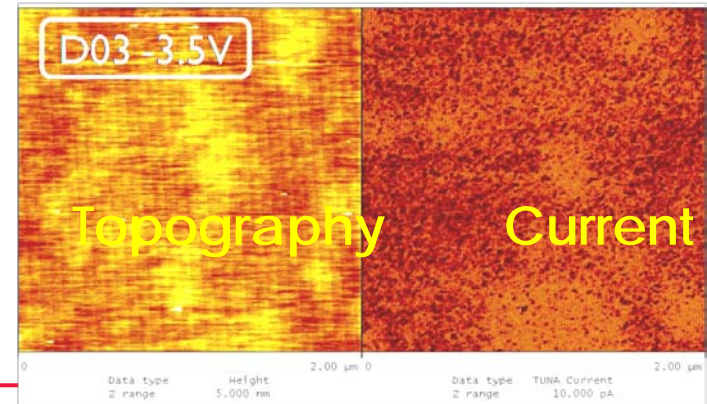
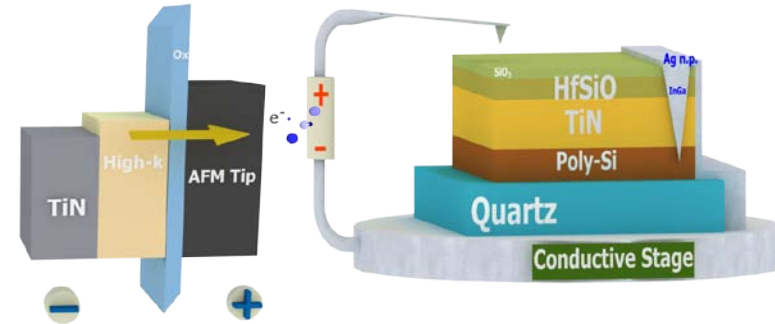
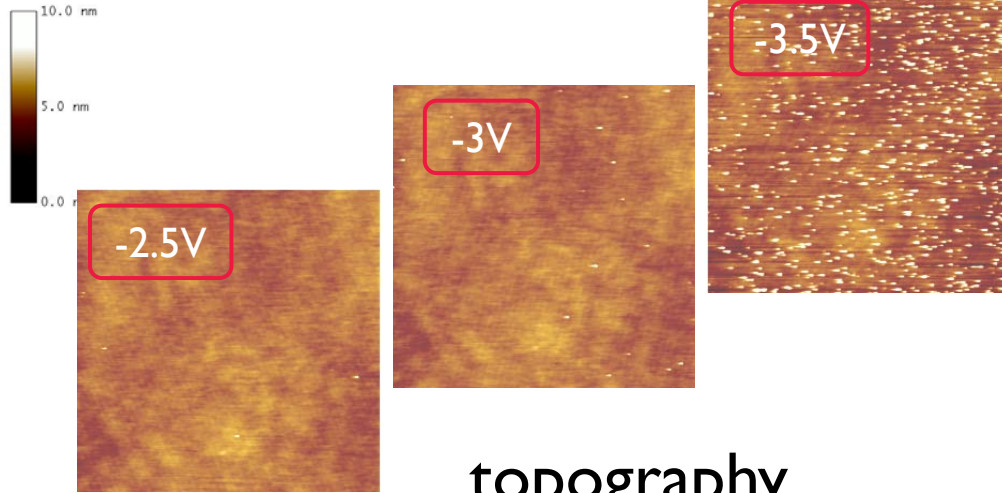


Reference
 Annealing
 Ann. + Argon impl.
 Ann. + Arsenic impl.



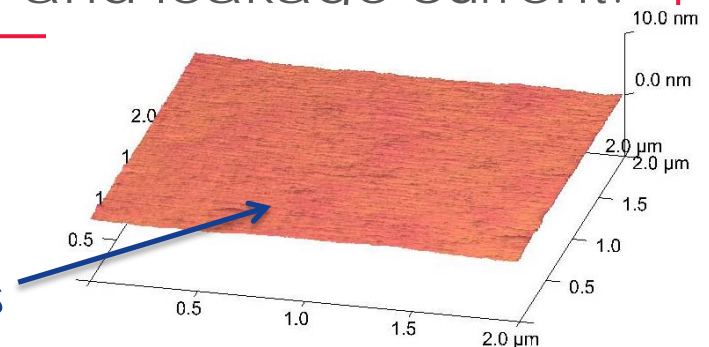
S.Sahhaf, et al. ,IEEE ELECTRON DEVICE LETTERS, Vol 31, N. 4, April 2010, Vt adjustment by I/I in TiN

C-AFM Analysis of dielectric defects



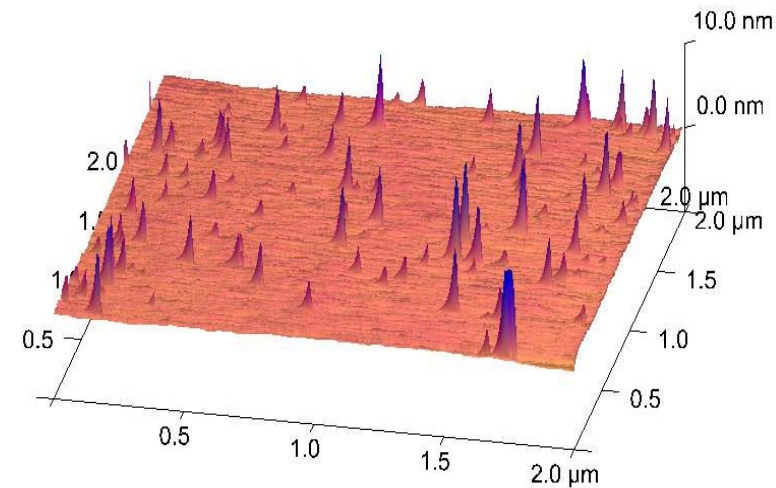
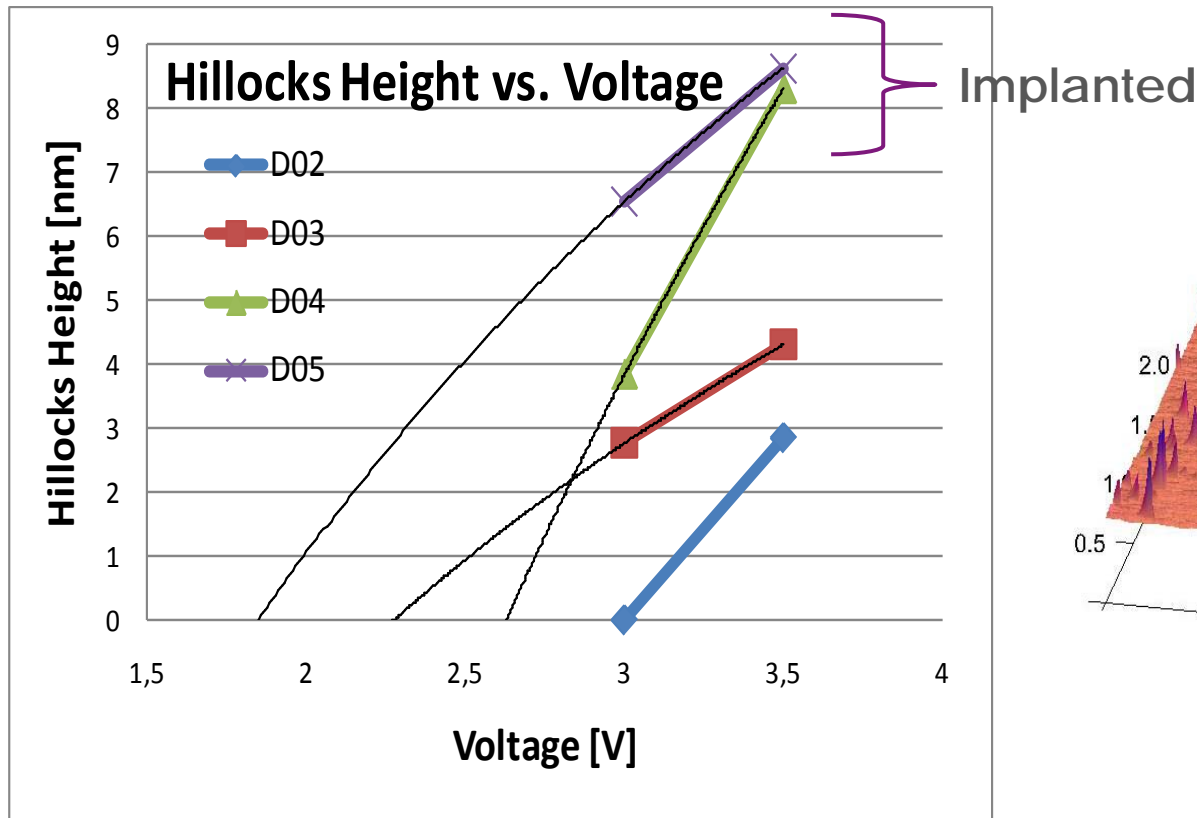
Hillocks are related to breakdown positions and leakage current.

No bias



Probing I/I Induced Defects with C-AFM Hillocks

The average hillocks height is a way to quantify leakage in C-AFM.

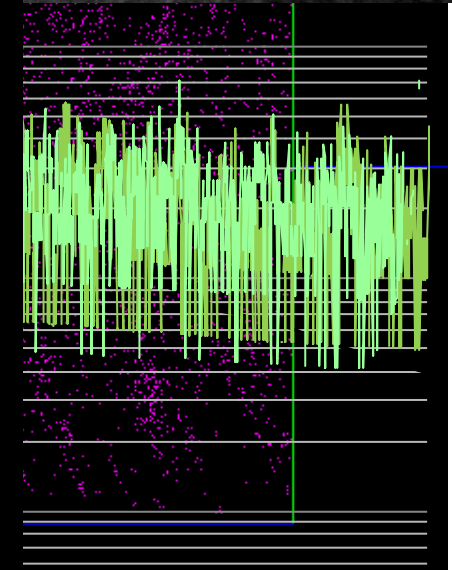
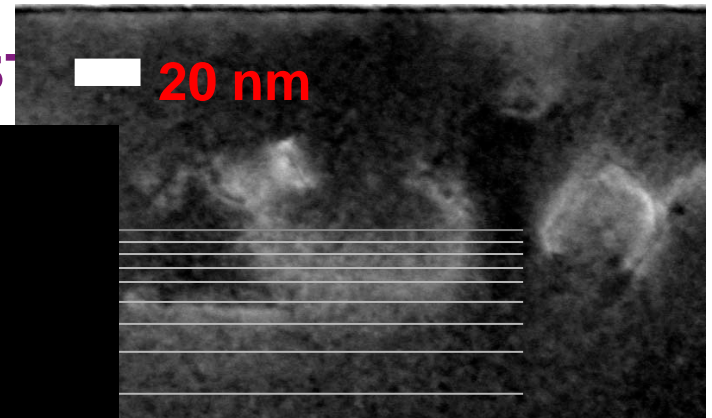
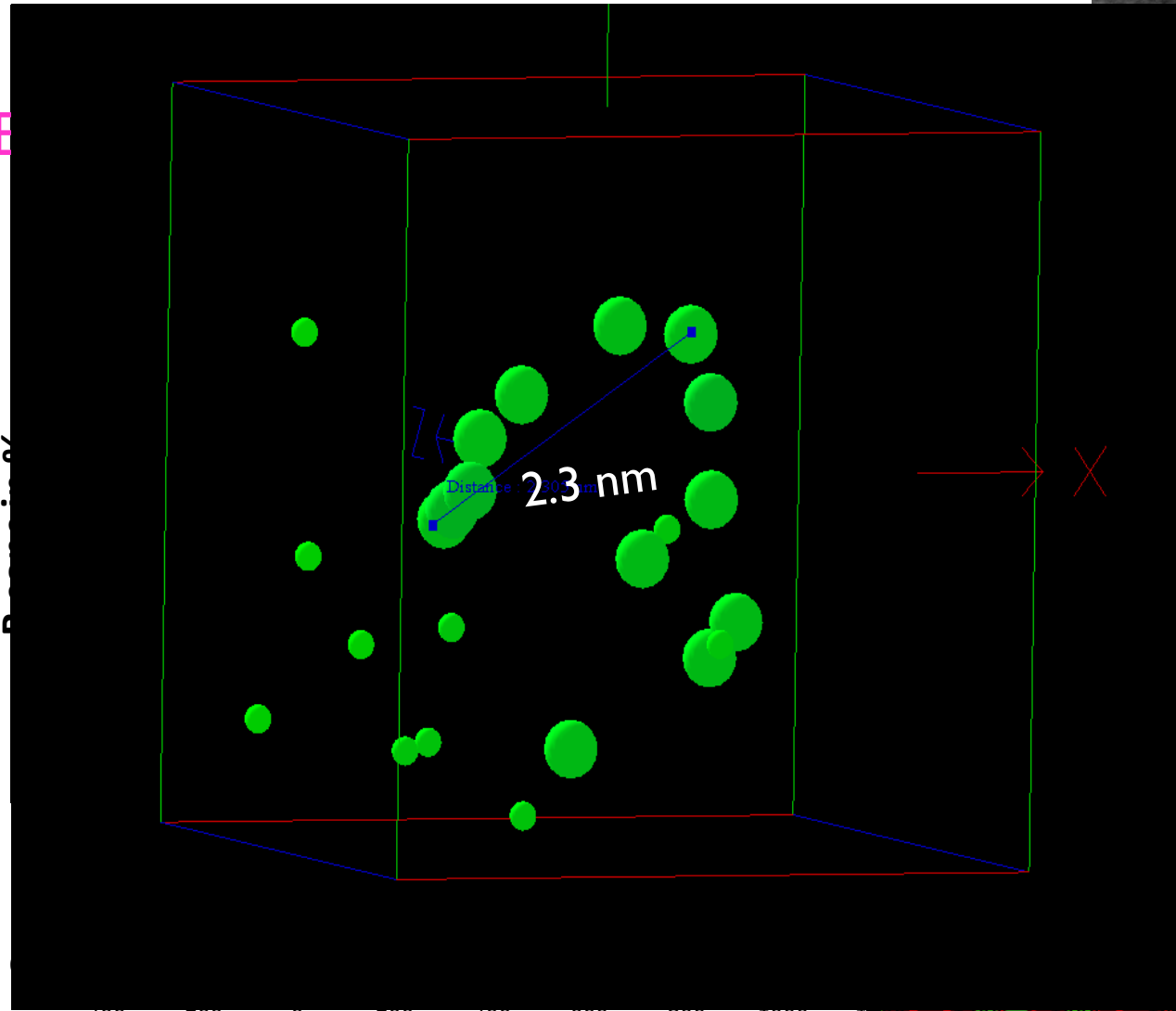


Implantation increases presence low energy traps density[3]

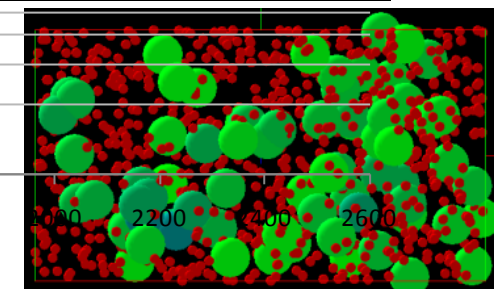
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PHYSICS OF USJ FORMATION : 3D-CLUSTERS

20 nm



3.5x2.5x1.5nm
(40 B, 305 Si)

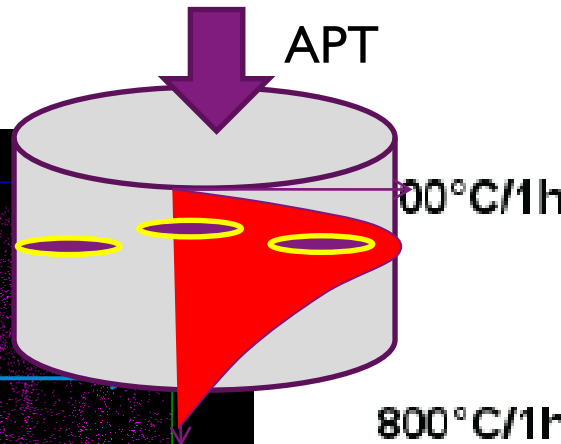
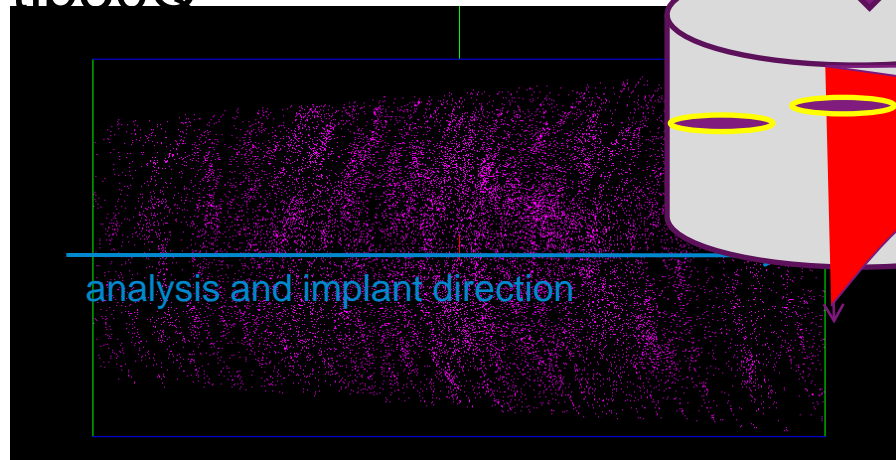


4.5x2.5x3.5nm
(72 B, 898 Si)

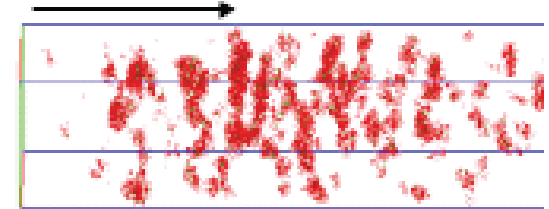
CLUSTER DISTRIBUTIONS & ARTIFACTS

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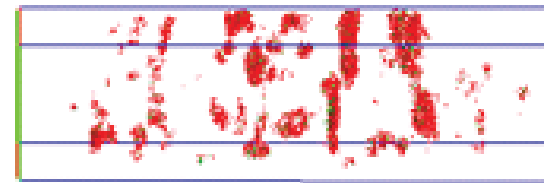
tip30Q



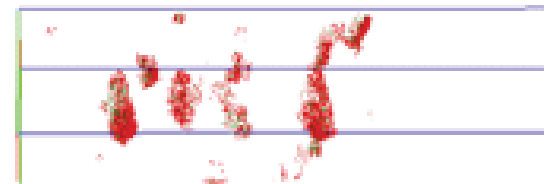
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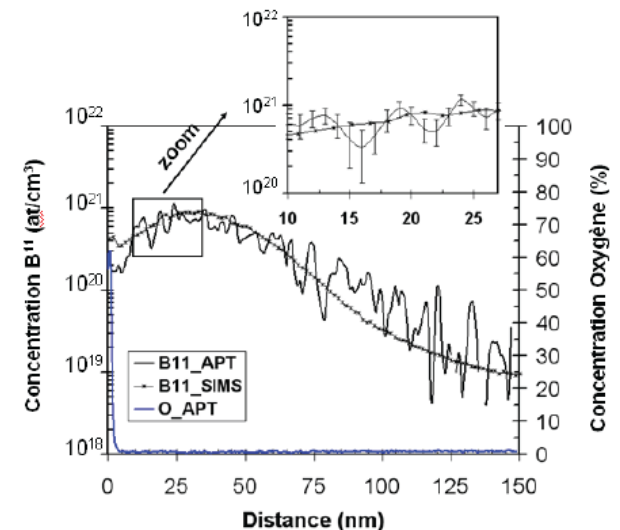
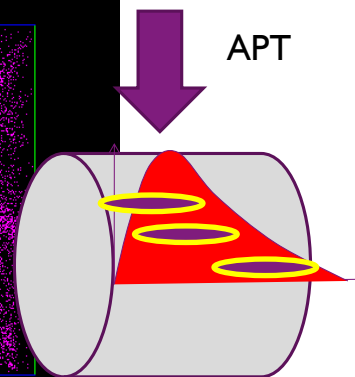
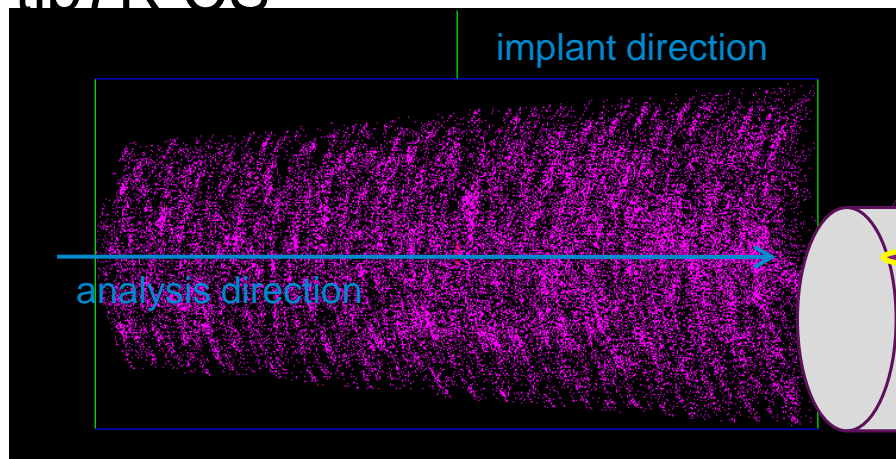
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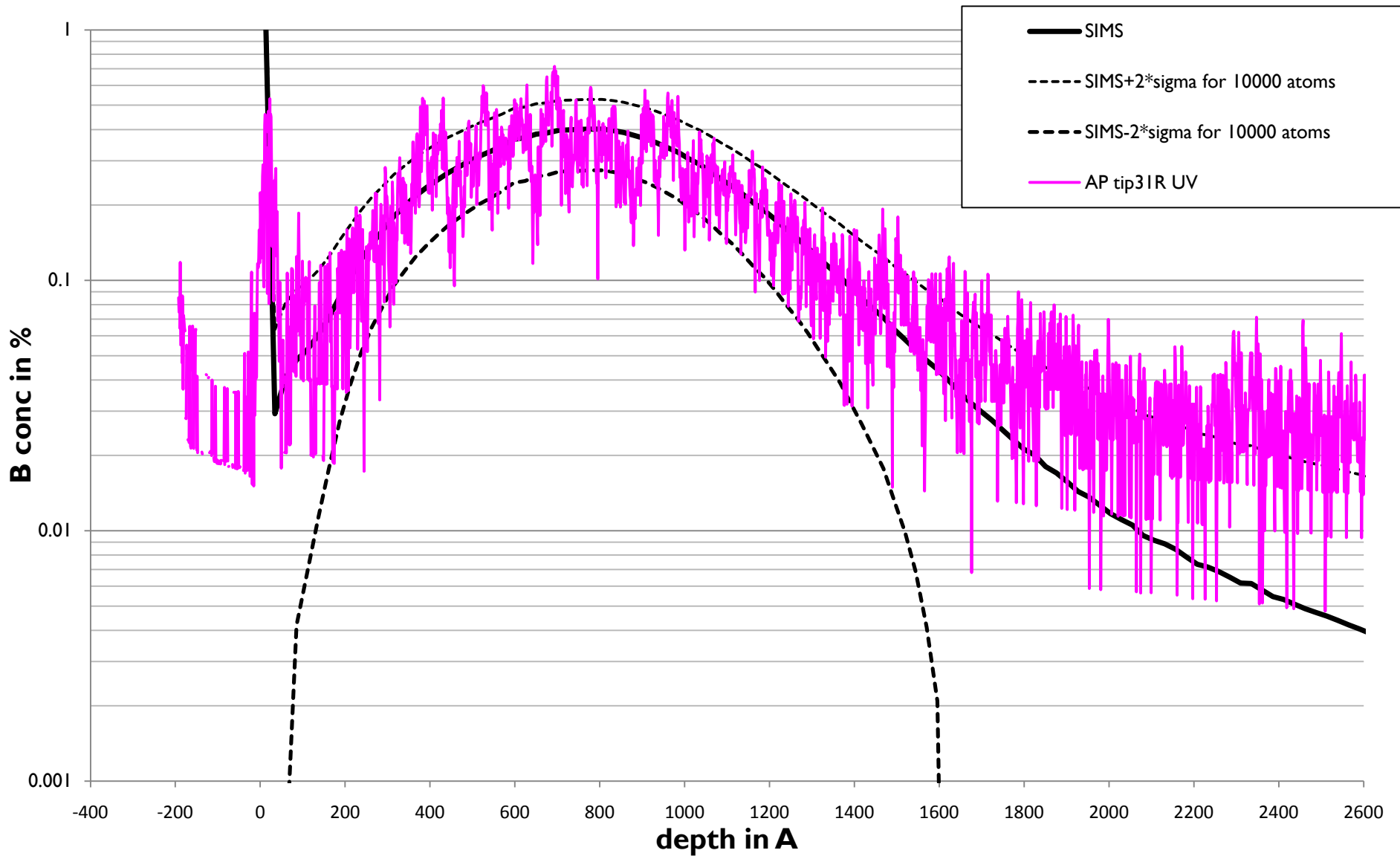
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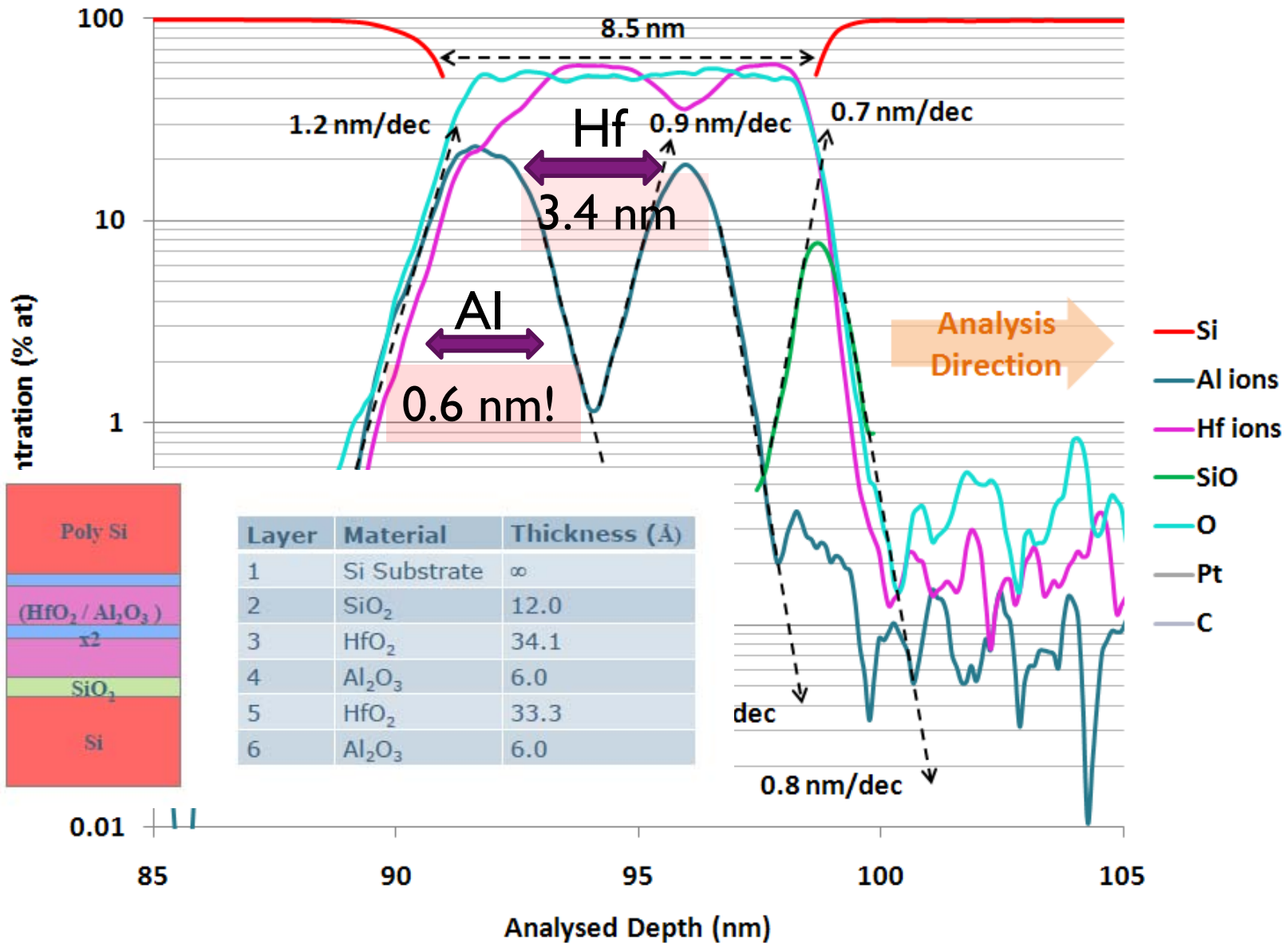
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DEPTH PROFILES - BORON

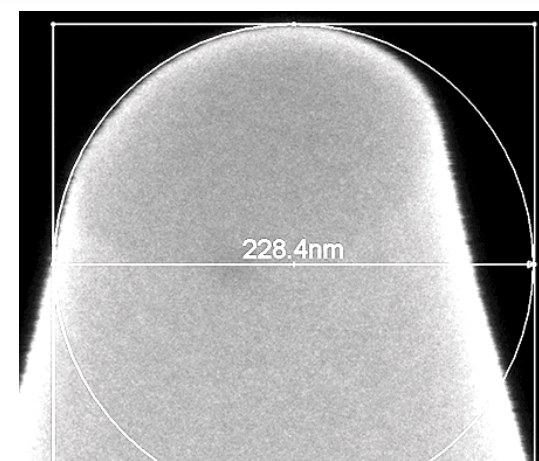
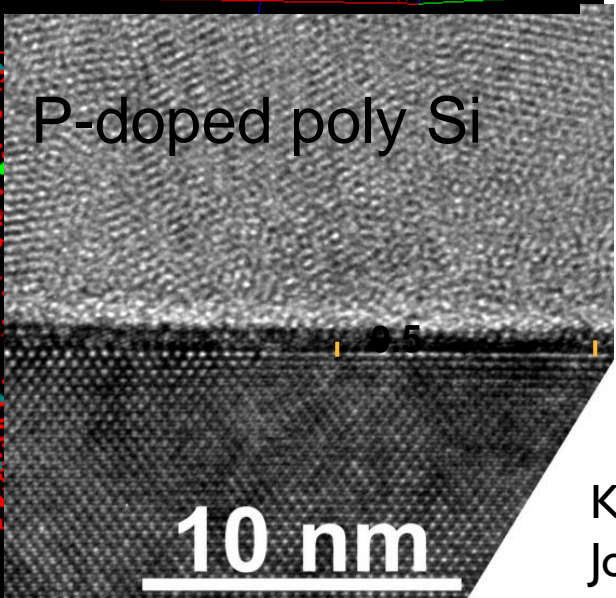
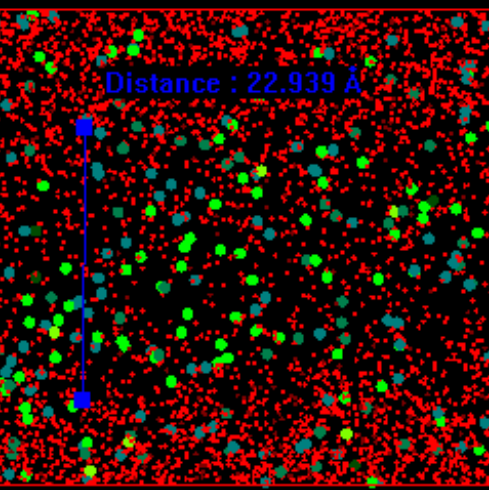
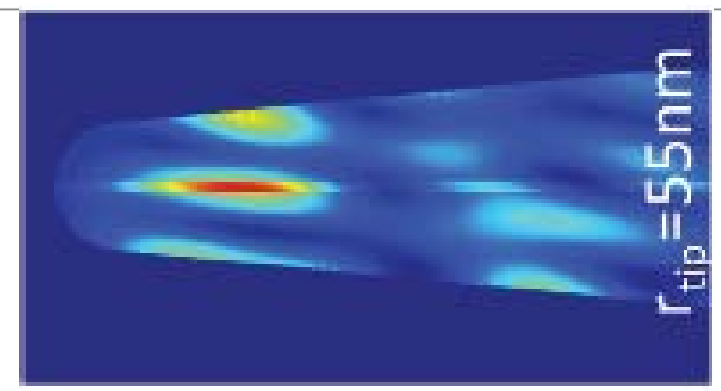
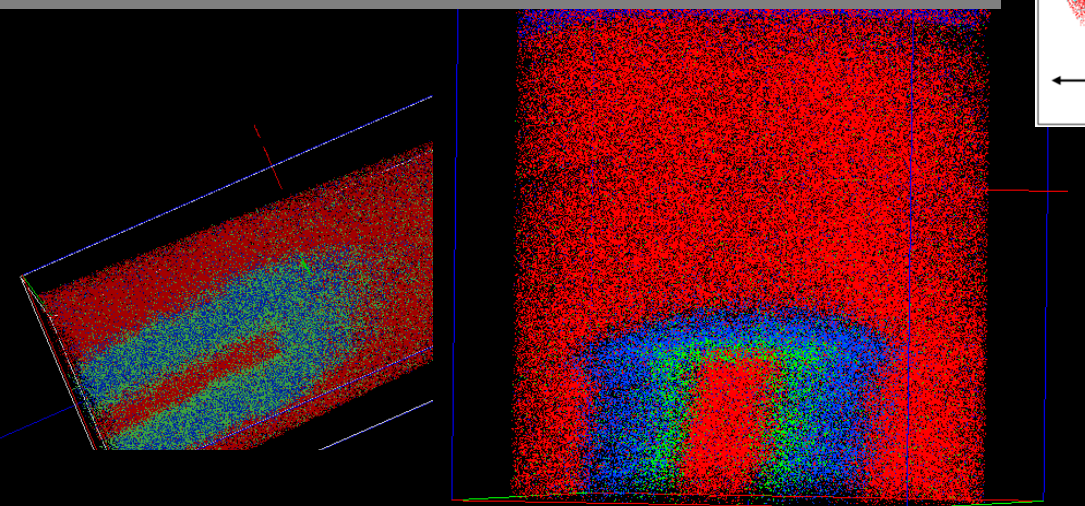
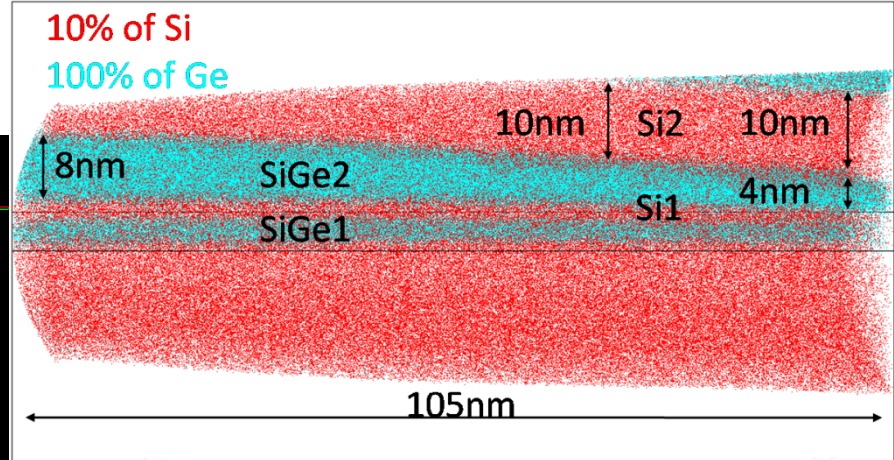


Accuracy (?) of AP-Metrology



An image = distorted reality

Si (30 nm), TiN (5 nm), Hf (2 nm)
Edge distortions



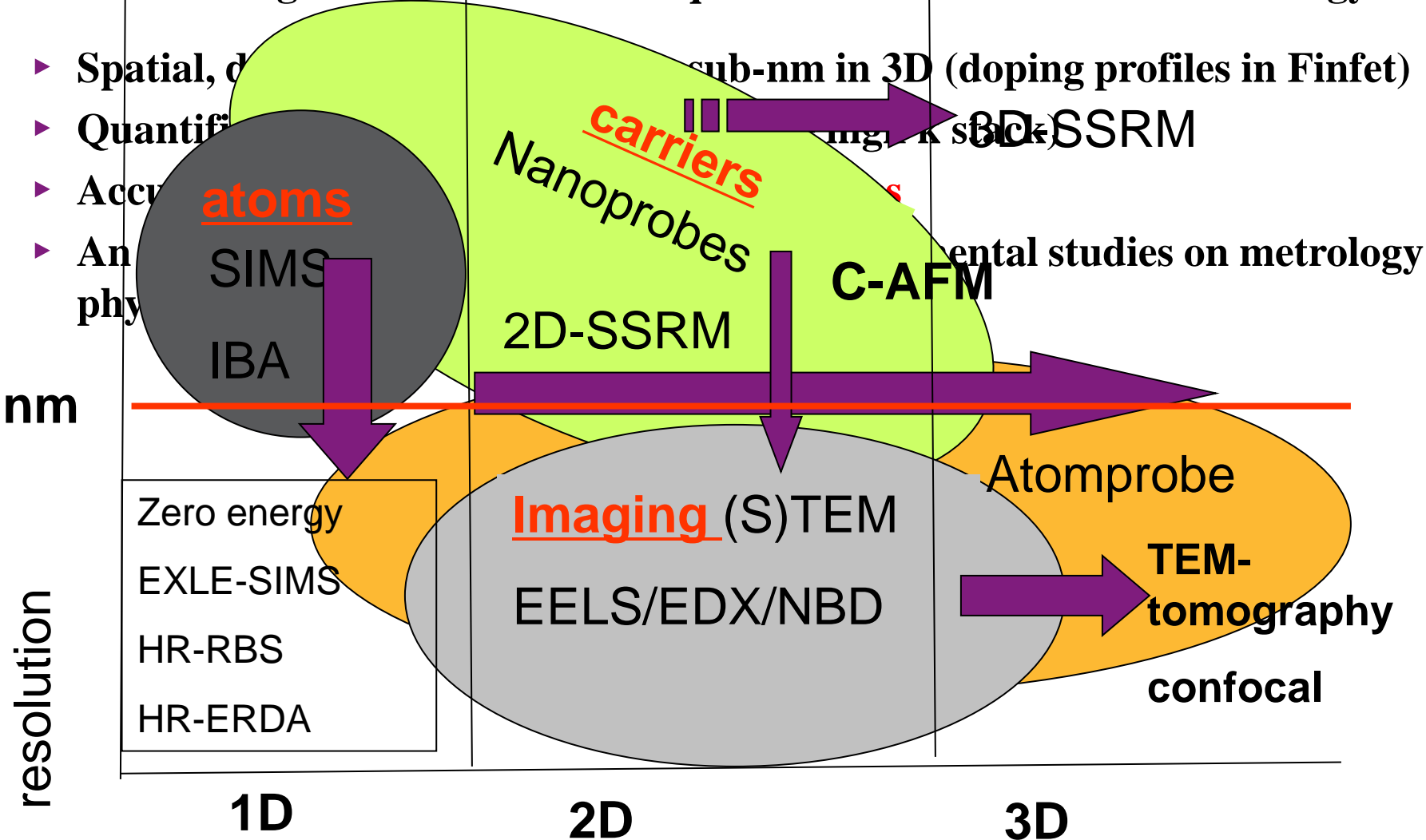
Koelling et al., Ultramicroscopy (2011),
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Conclusions

Imec's Metrology Roadmap

New technologies and 3D-devices require much more advanced metrology

- ▶ Spatial, depth resolution: sub-nm in 3D (doping profiles in Finfet)
- ▶ Quantification: high accuracy
- ▶ Accuracy: 100% accuracy
- ▶ Analytical physics: fundamental studies on metrology



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