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# Diode Sensor Lab

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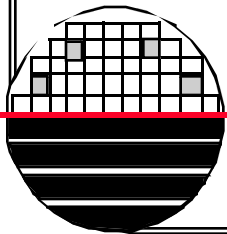
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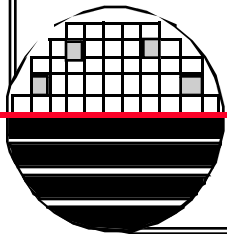
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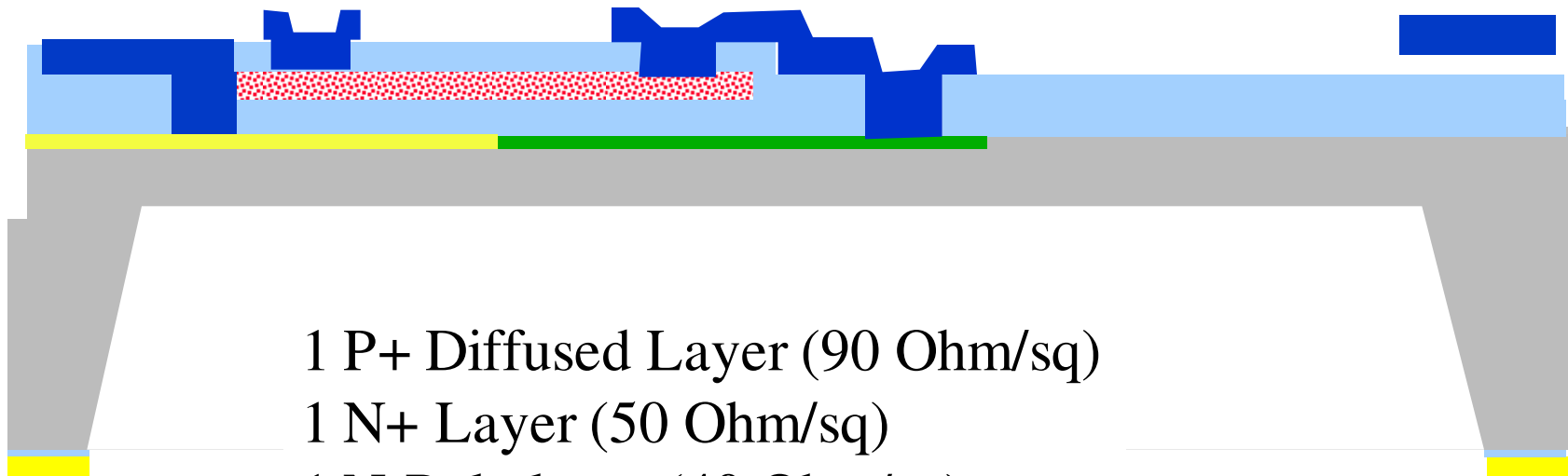


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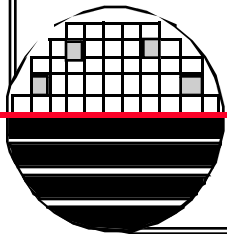
RIT MEMS Bulk Process  
MEMS Sensor Chip Layout  
Heater I-V Characteristics  
Diode Sensor I-V Characteristics  
    Response to Heater  
    Response to Light  
LED I-V Characteristics  
Diode Optical Communication Link



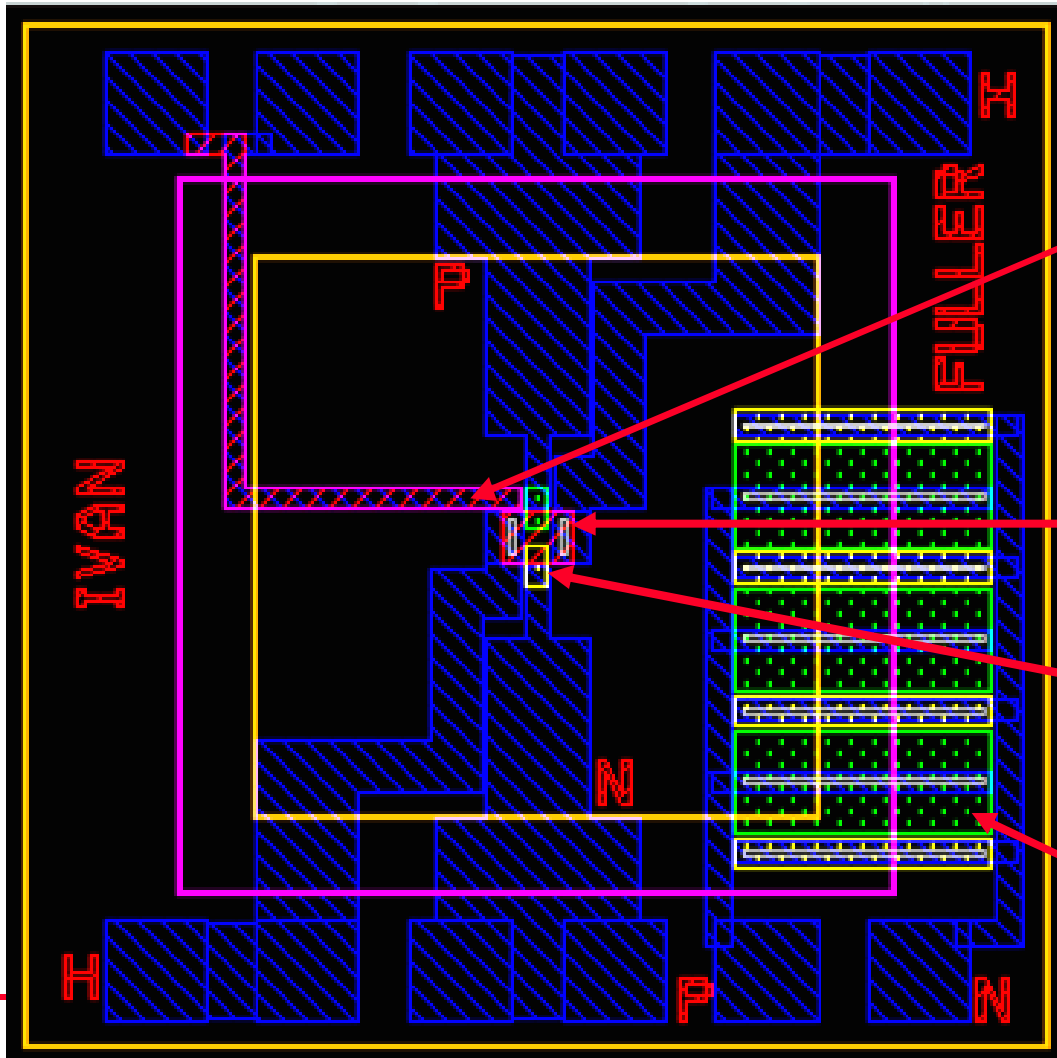
***RIT MEMS BULK PROCESS***



- 1 P+ Diffused Layer (90 Ohm/sq)
- 1 N+ Layer (50 Ohm/sq)
- 1 N-Poly layer (40 Ohm/sq)
- 1 metal layer (Al 1μm thick)
- 30-40 μm Si diaphragm



*MEMS SENSORS CHIP LAYOUT*



Thermocouple

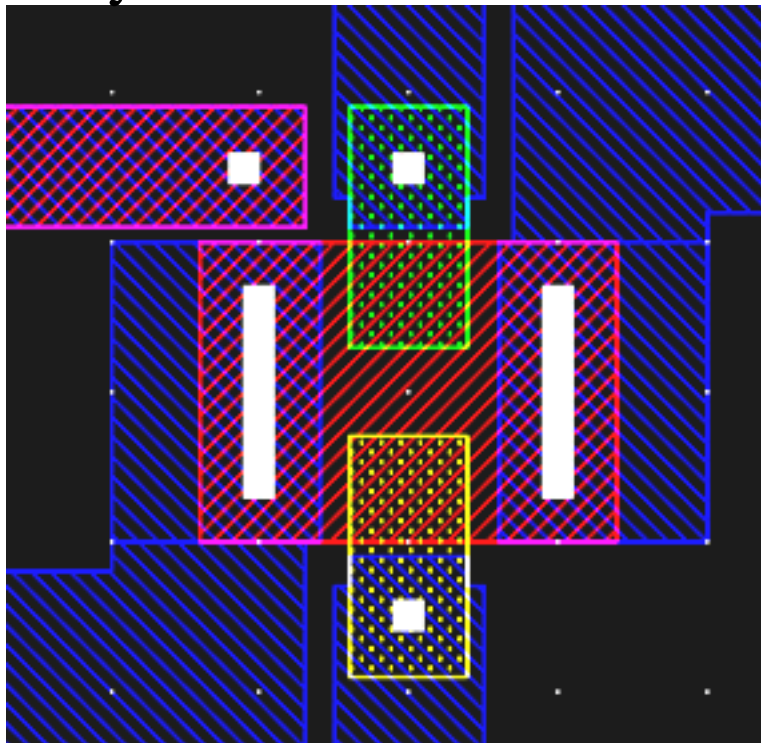
Poly Heater

Diode  
Temperature  
Sensor

Photo Diode

*CLOSE UP OF MEMS SENSORS CHIP*

Poly Heater, Buried pn Diode,  
N+ Poly to Aluminum Thermocouple



Heater L/W =  $225\mu\text{m}/200\mu\text{m}$

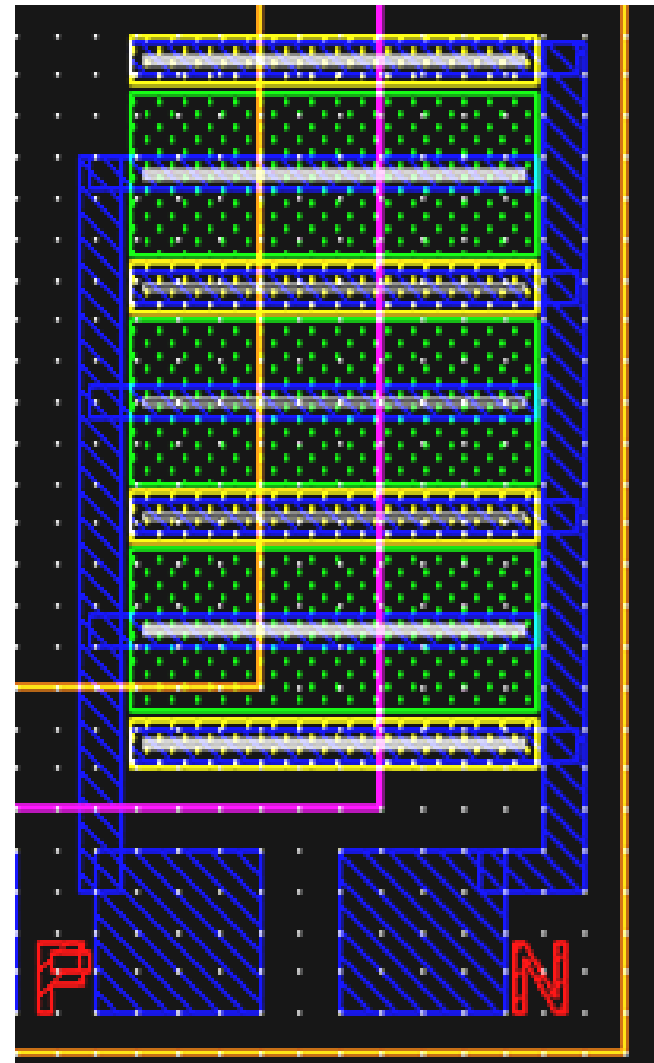
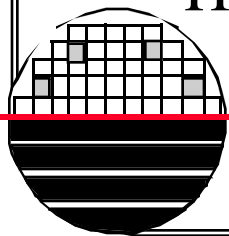
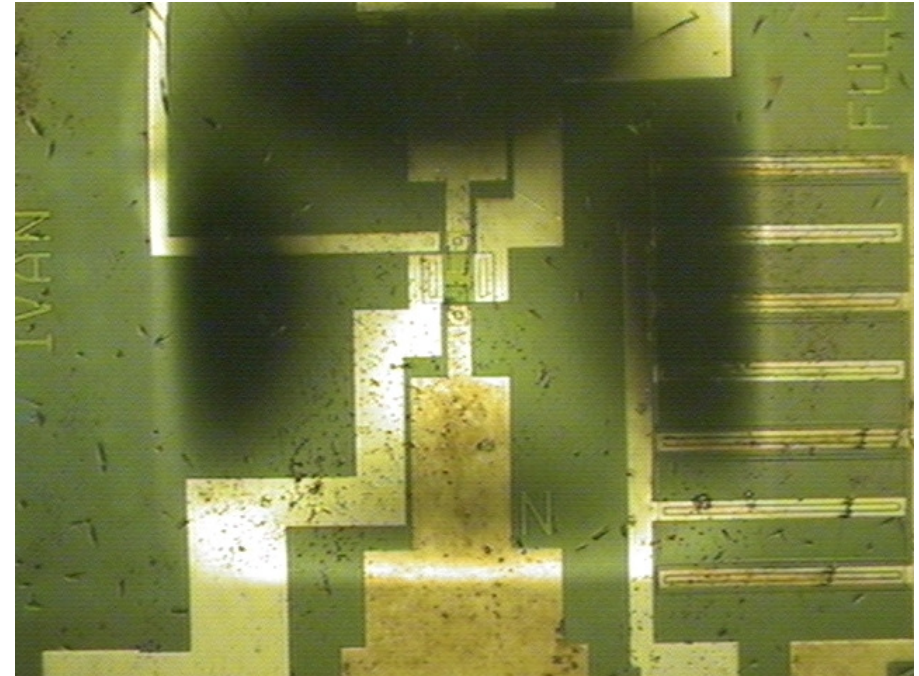
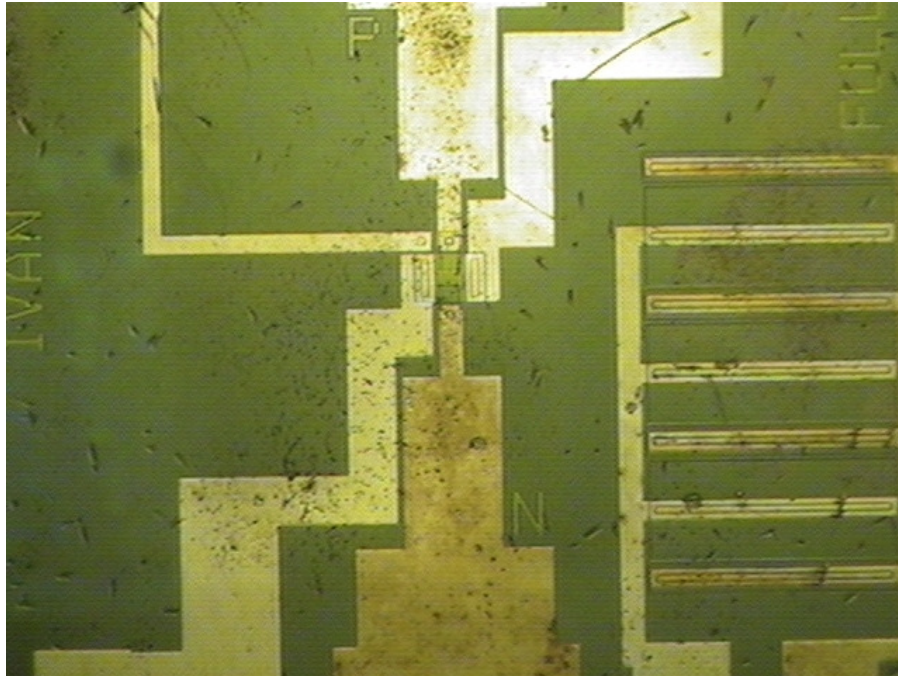


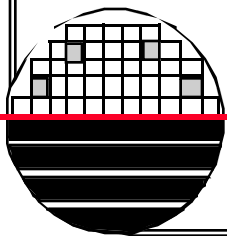
Photo Diode Area = 1mm X 1.5mm



*SHOWS DEVICES ARE ON A DIAPHRAGM*

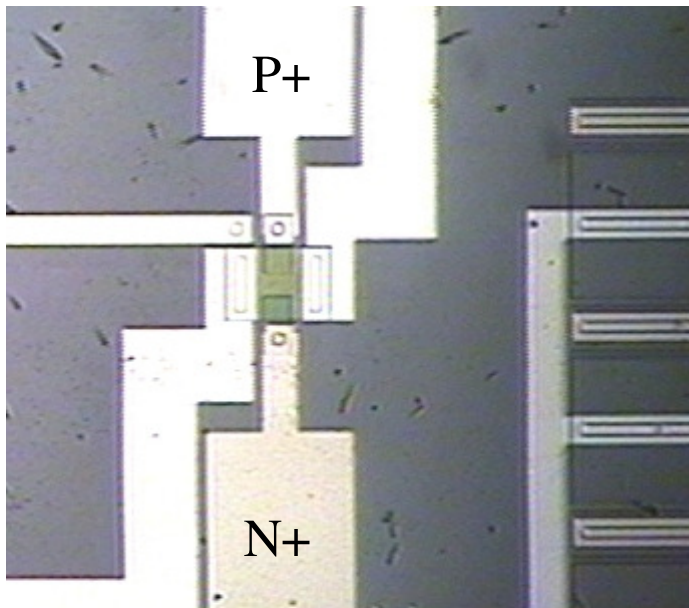


*Vacuum applied to back of chip  
Diaphragm bends down*



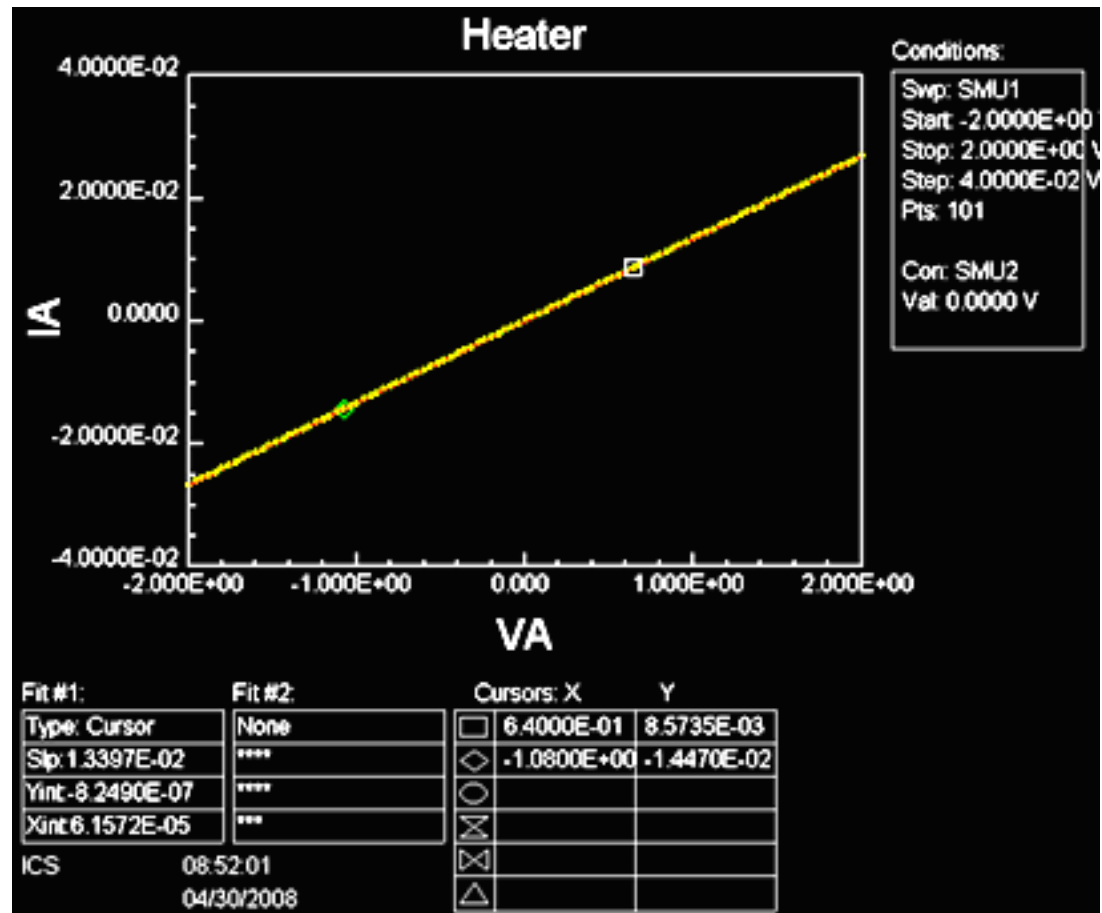
**HEATER RESISTOR I-V CHARACTERISTICS**

Poly Heater, Buried pn Diode,  
N+ Poly to Aluminum Thermocouple



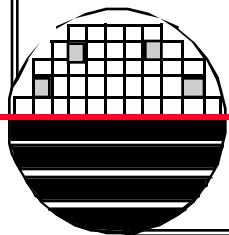
$$R = R_{\text{hos}} L/W$$

find  $R_{\text{hos}}$



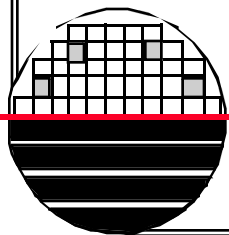
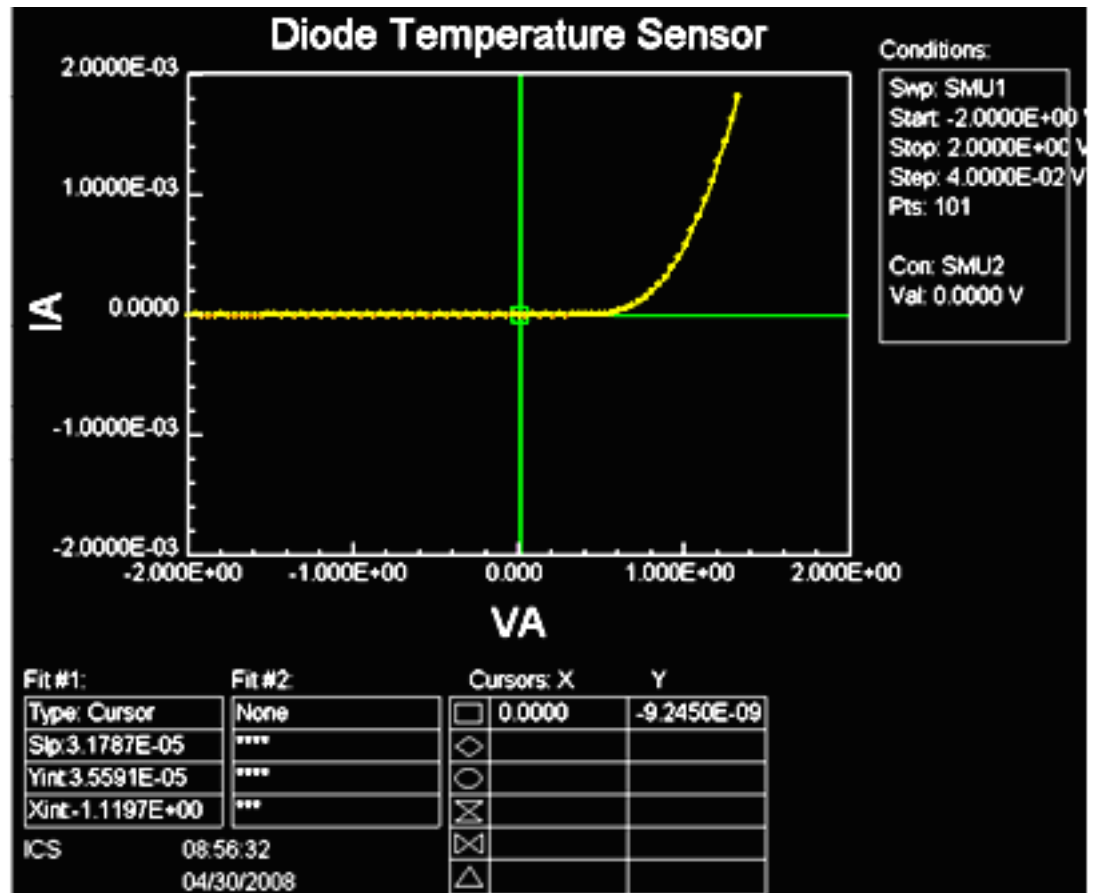
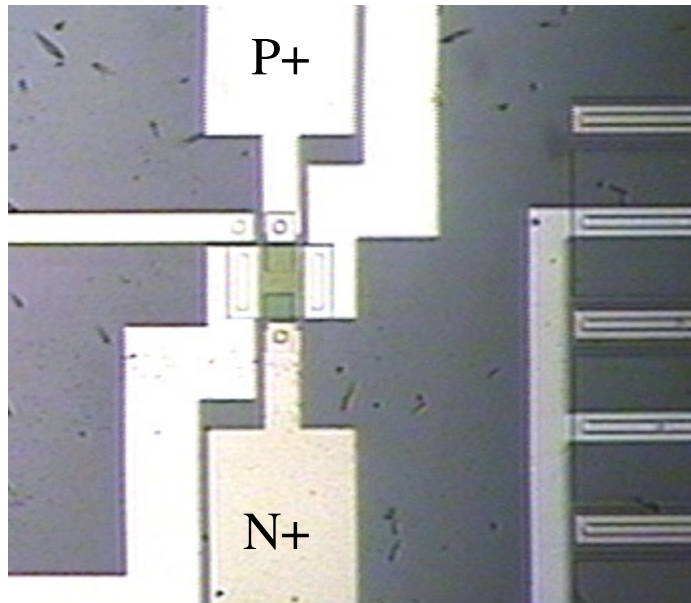
$$R = 1/1.34E-2$$

$$= 74.7 \text{ ohms}$$



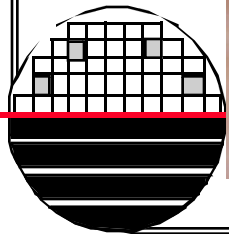
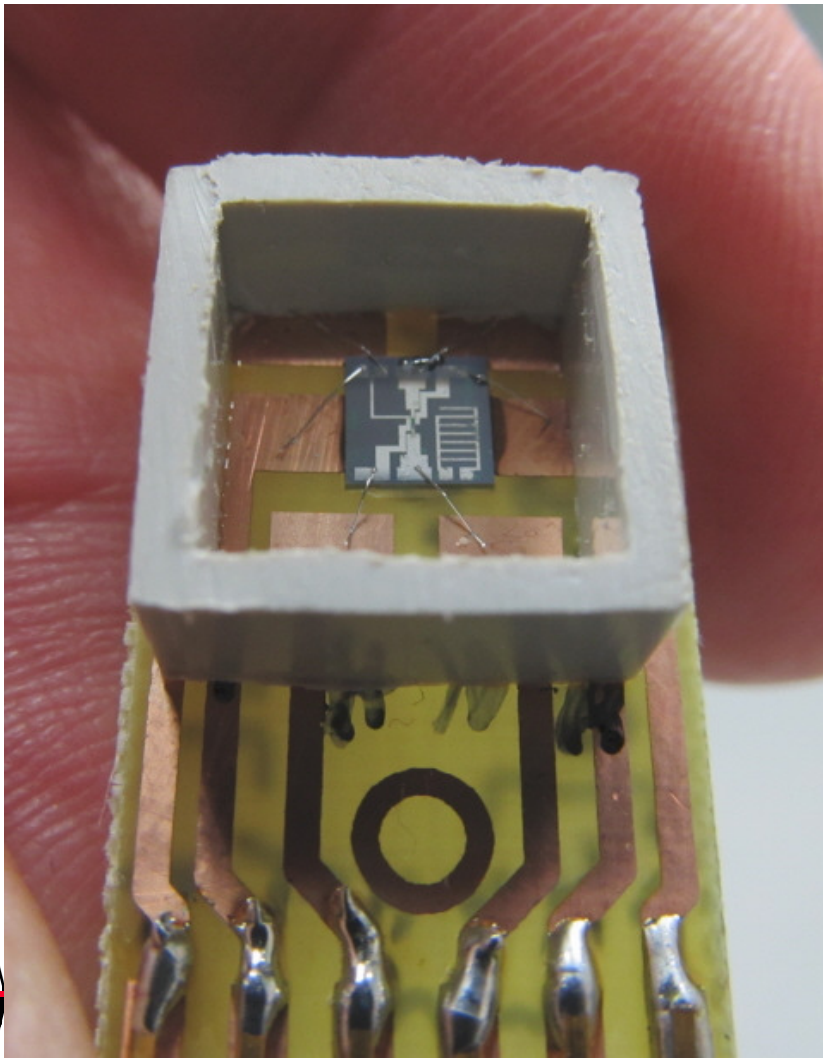
**DIODE I-V CHARACTERISTICS**

Poly Heater, Buried pn Diode,  
N+ Poly to Aluminum Thermocouple



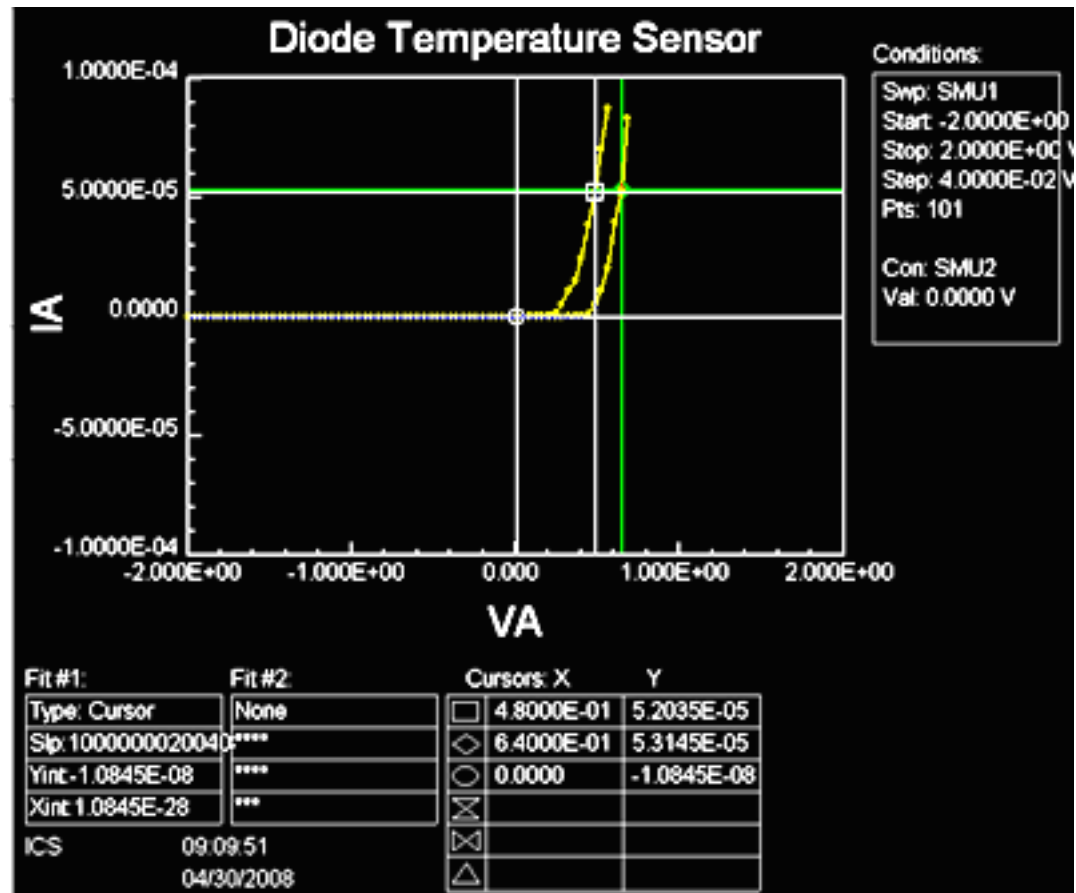
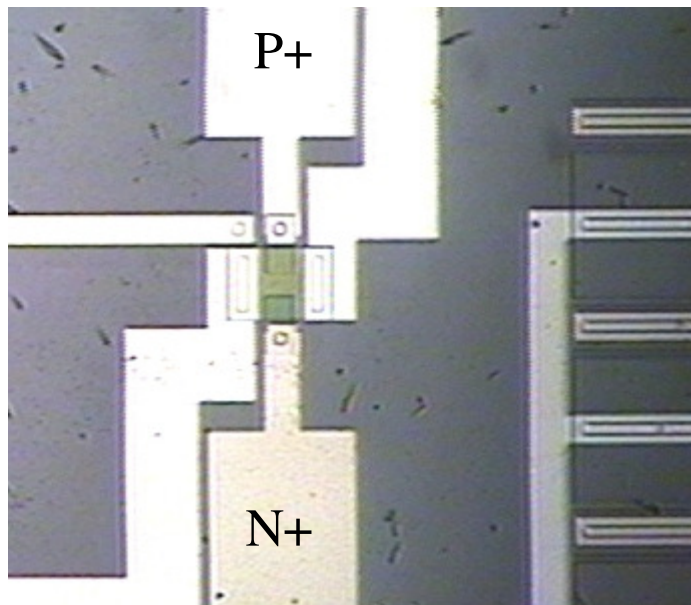


*PACKAGED DIODE TEST CHIP*



**DIODE TEMPERATURE SENSOR RESPONSE**

Poly Heater, Buried pn Diode,  
N+ Poly to Aluminum Thermocouple



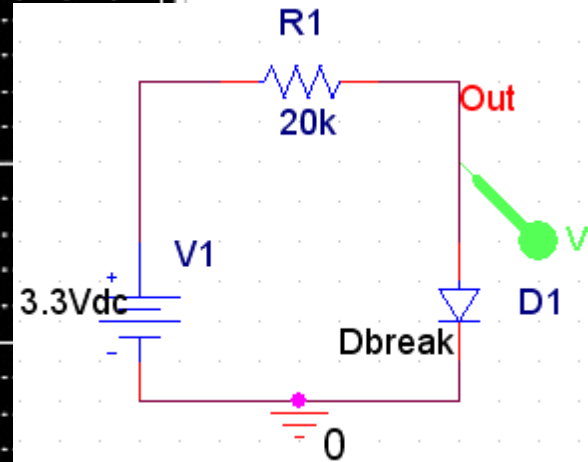
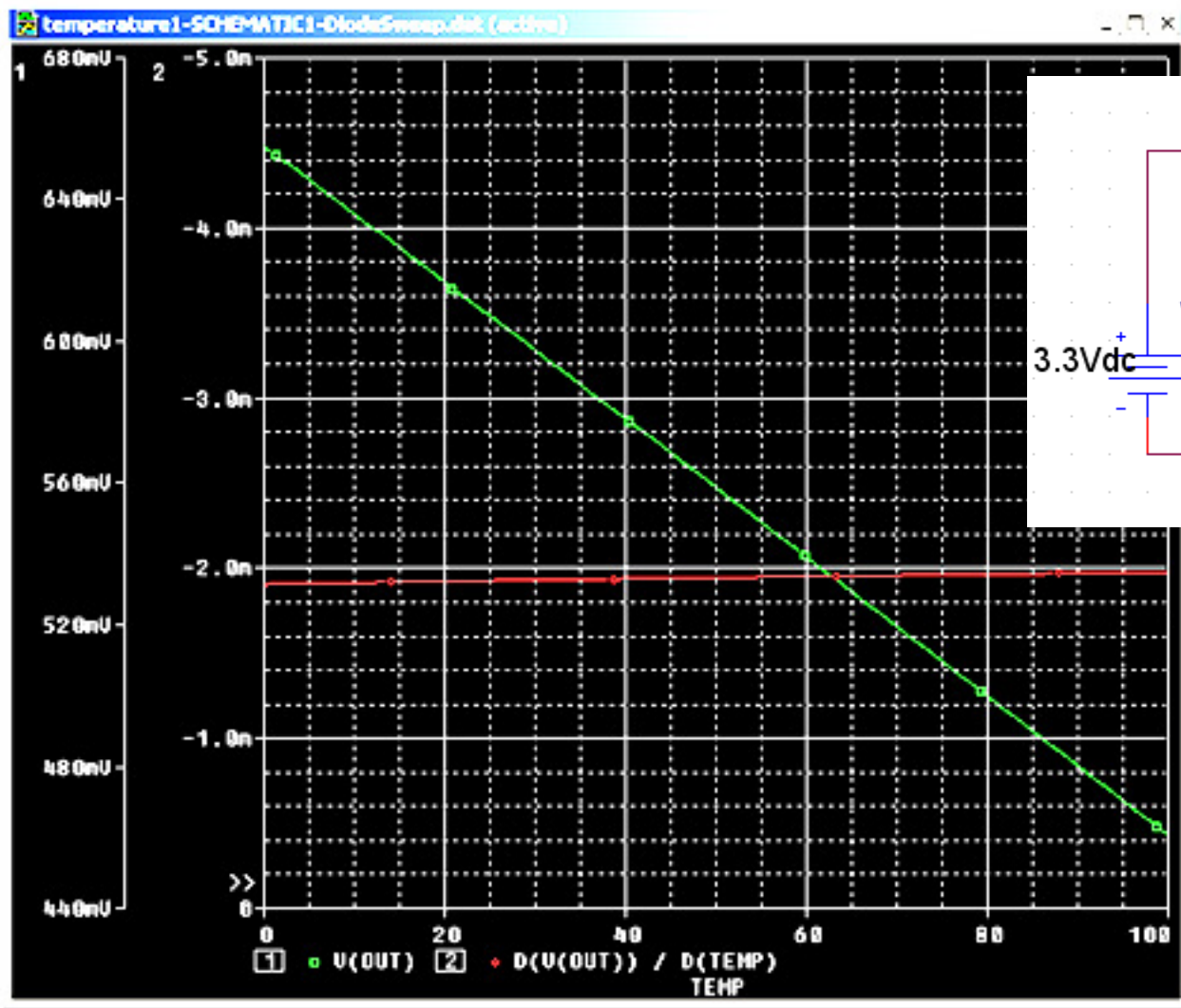
Apply 5 volts (gives ~ 65mA)

$P=IV=0.3$  watts

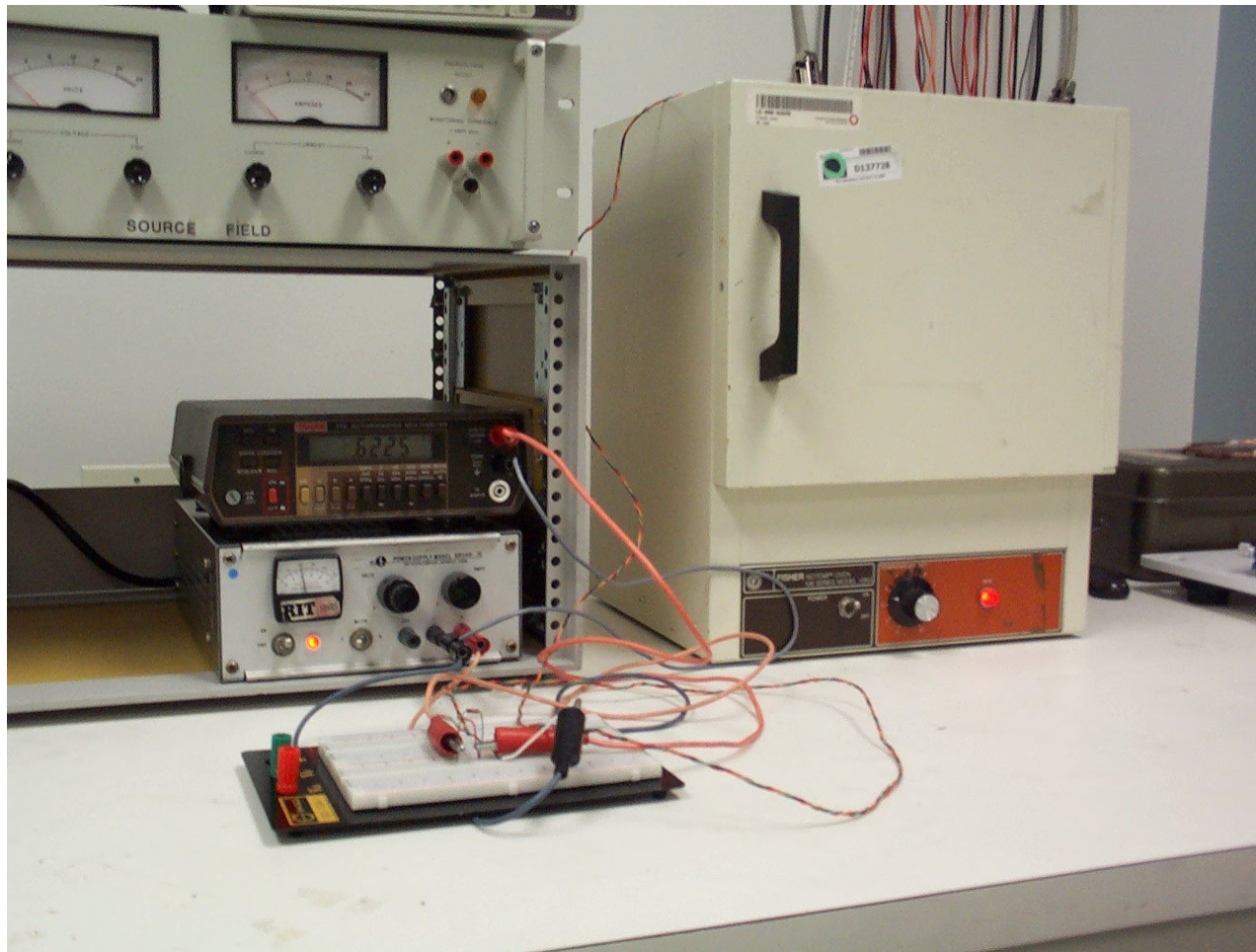
$\Delta V_d = 0.64 - 0.48 = 0.16$

$\Delta T = 0.16 / 2.2\text{mV} = 72.7$  °C

**SPICE FOR DIODE TEMPERATURE SENSOR**

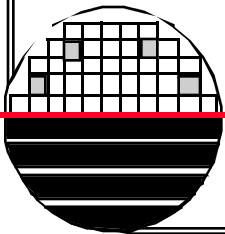


**TEST SETUP**

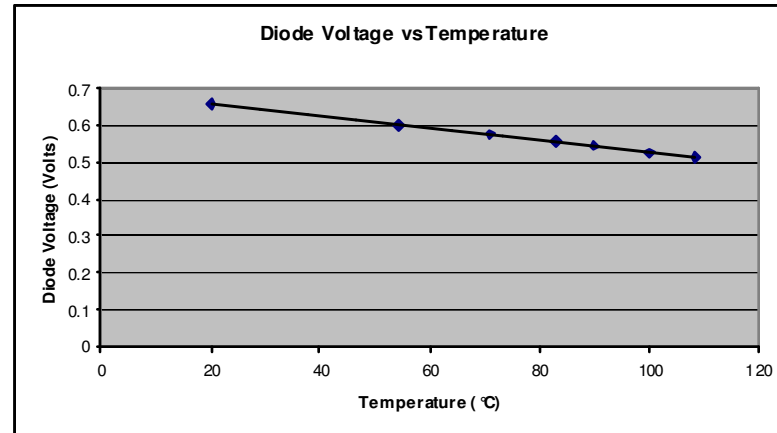
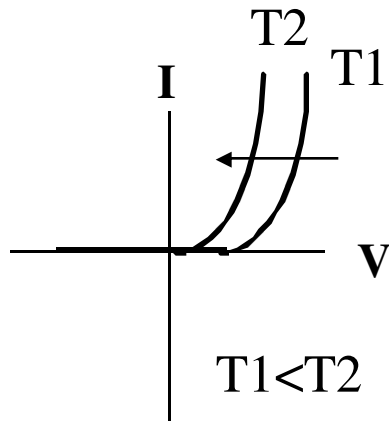


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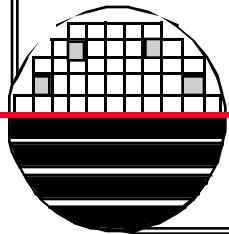
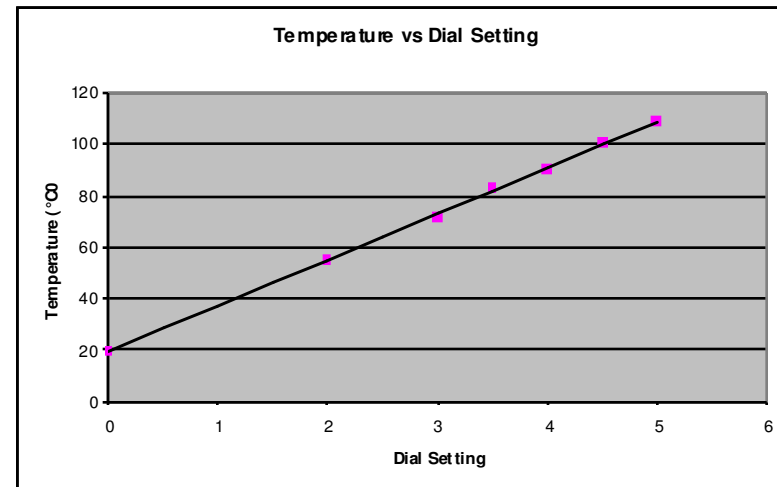
Take data for room T up to 100°C



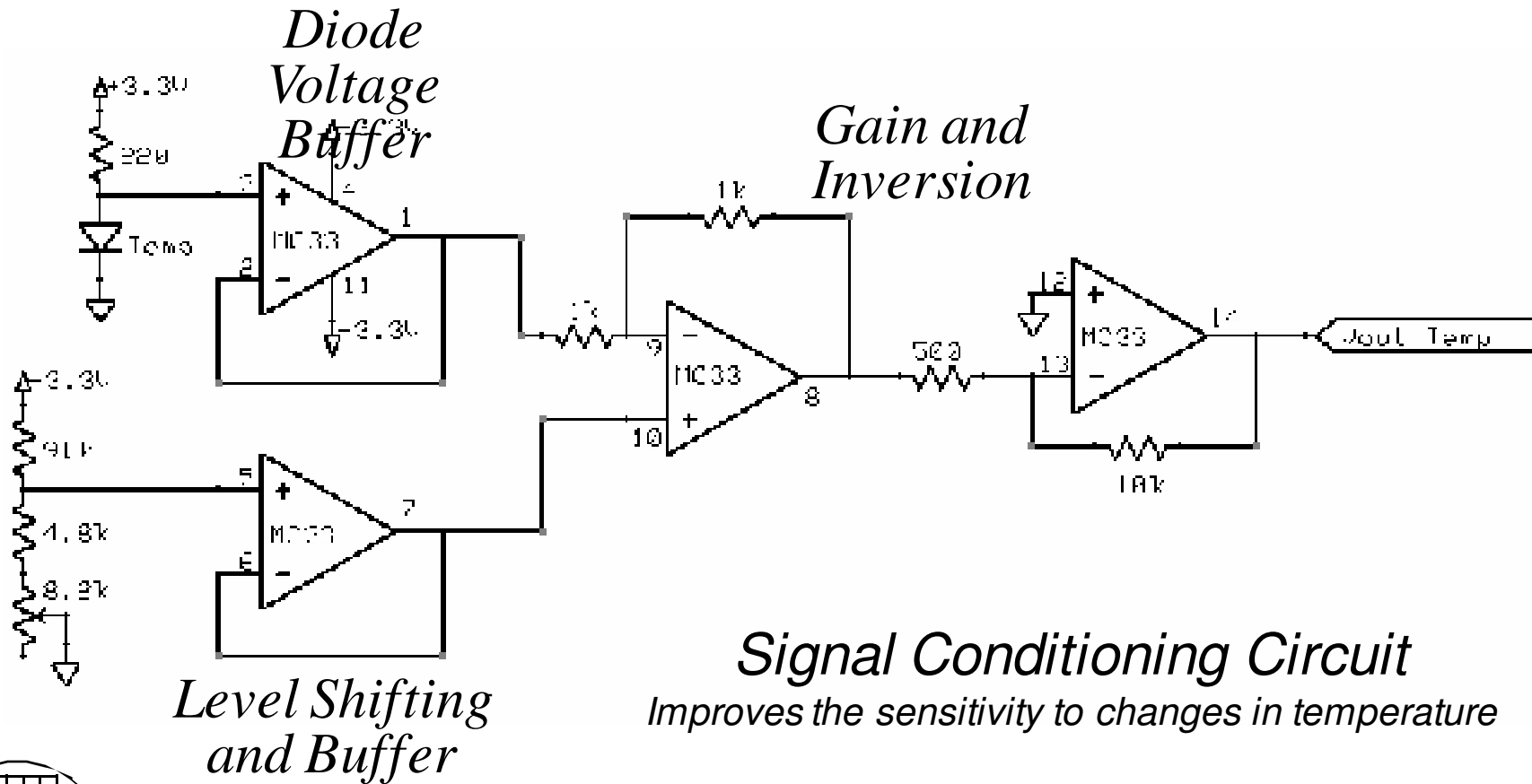
**TEMPERATURE TEST DATA**



Dial	Vdiode	Temp
0	0.6539	20
0.5		
1		
1.5		
2	0.601	54.5
2.5		
3	0.5747	71
3.5	0.556	83
4	0.543	90
4.5	0.5246	100
5	0.51	108.5



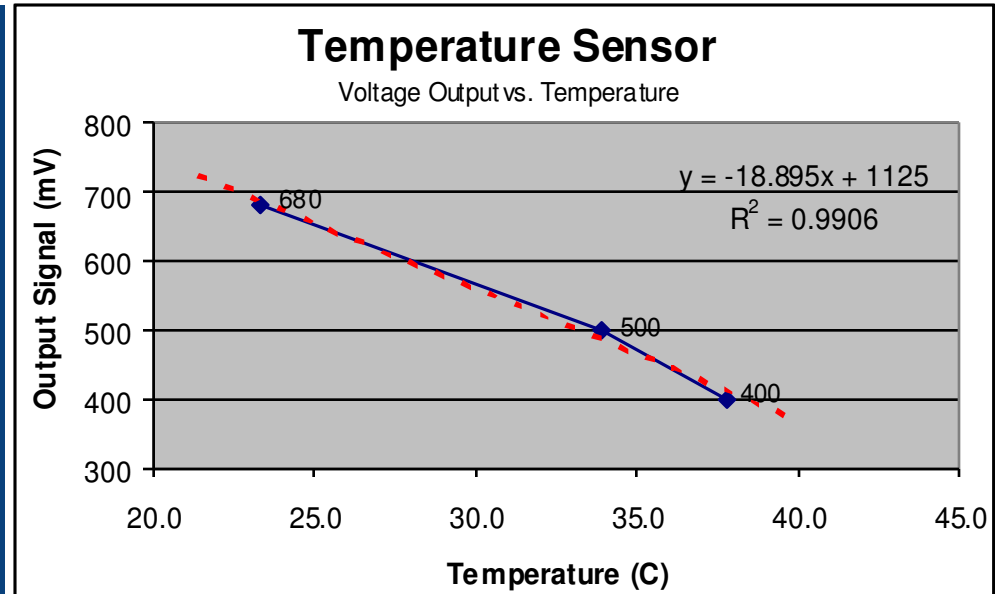
# SIGNAL CONDITIONING CIRCUIT



*Signal Conditioning Circuit*  
Improves the sensitivity to changes in temperature

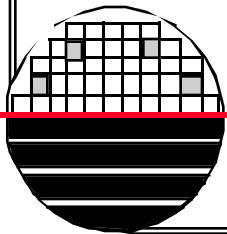
# TEMPERATURE TEST RESULTS OF WATER

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Temperature  
Sensor



*Measurement of Amplified and Shifted  
Diode Voltage in Different Temperature Water Baths*

*The output changes by -19 mV/°C*

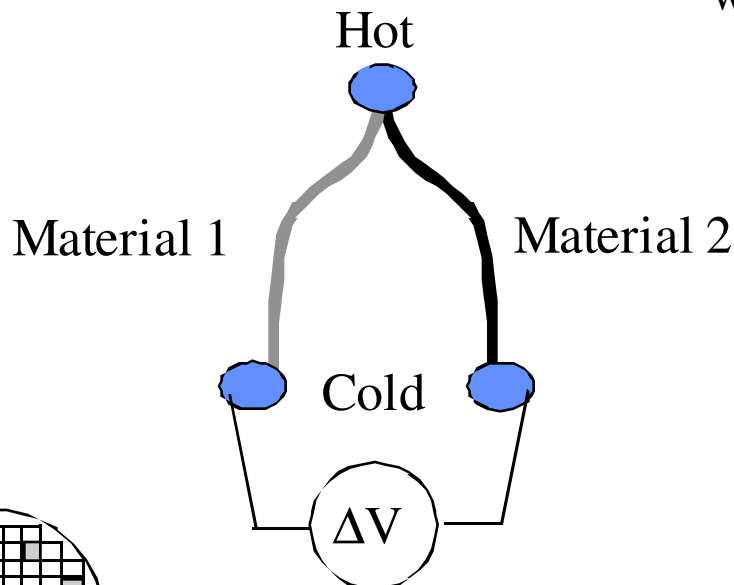


**SEEBECK EFFECT**

When two dissimilar conductors are connected together a voltage may be generated if the junction is at a temperature different from the temperature at the other end of the conductors (cold junction) This is the principal behind the thermocouple and is called the Seebeck effect.

$$\Delta V = \alpha_1(T_{\text{cold}} - T_{\text{hot}}) + \alpha_2(T_{\text{hot}} - T_{\text{cold}}) = (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)(T_{\text{hot}} - T_{\text{cold}})$$

Where  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are the Seebeck coefficients for materials 1 and 2



**Table 2.6** The Seebeck Coefficients Relative to Platinum for Selected Metals and for *n*- and *p*-Type Polysilicon

	$\mu\text{V/K}$		$\mu\text{V/K}$
Bi	-73.4	Ag	7.4
Ni	-14.8	Cu	7.6
Pa	-5.7	Zn	7.6
Pt	0	Au	7.8
Ta	3.3	W	11.2
Al	4.2	Mo	14.5
Sn	4.2	<i>n</i> -poly (30 $\Omega/\square$ )	-100
Mg	4.4	<i>n</i> -poly (2600 $\Omega/\square$ )	-450
Ir	6.5	<i>p</i> -poly (400 $\Omega/\square$ )	270

Note: The sheet resistance is given for the 0.38- $\mu\text{m}$ -thick polysilicon films. Polysilicon is an attractive material for the fabrication of thermocouples and thermopiles because of its large Seebeck coefficient.

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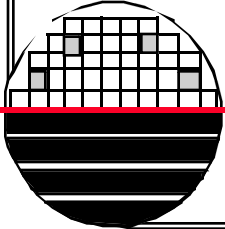
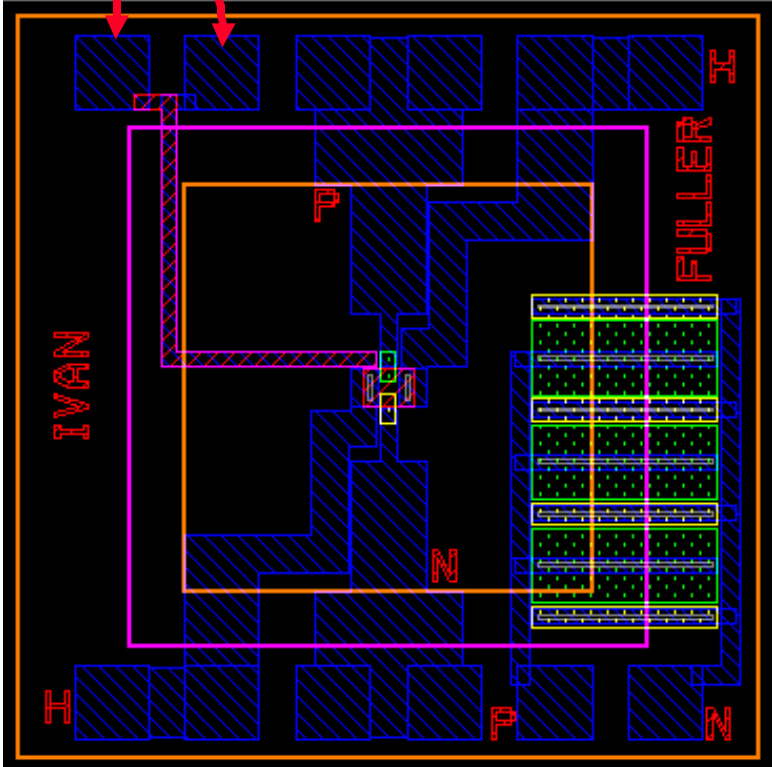
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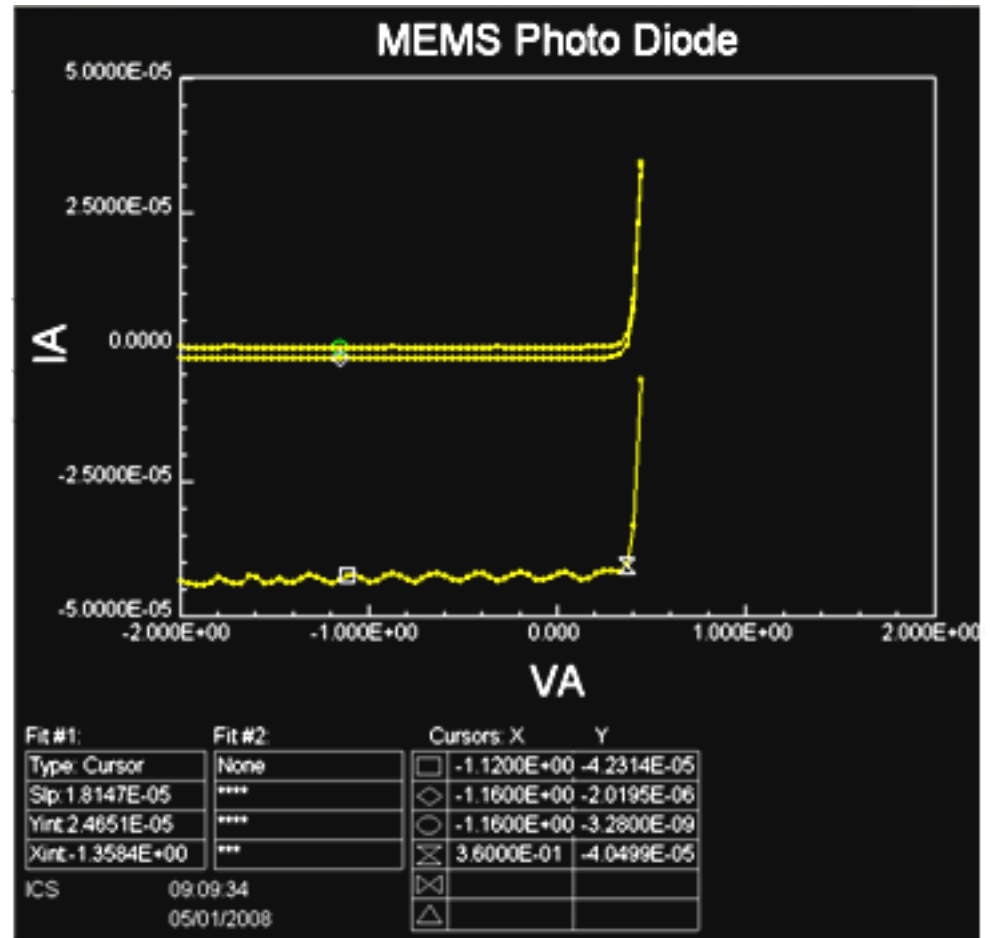
# THERMOCOUPLE TEMPERATURE SENSOR

Volt  
Meter

Heater Volts	TC Output Volts	Diode Volts
0	~0	0.7
1	...	....
2	...	....
3	...	....
4	...	....
5	~15mV	0.55



**PHOTO DIODE RESPONSE TO LIGHT**

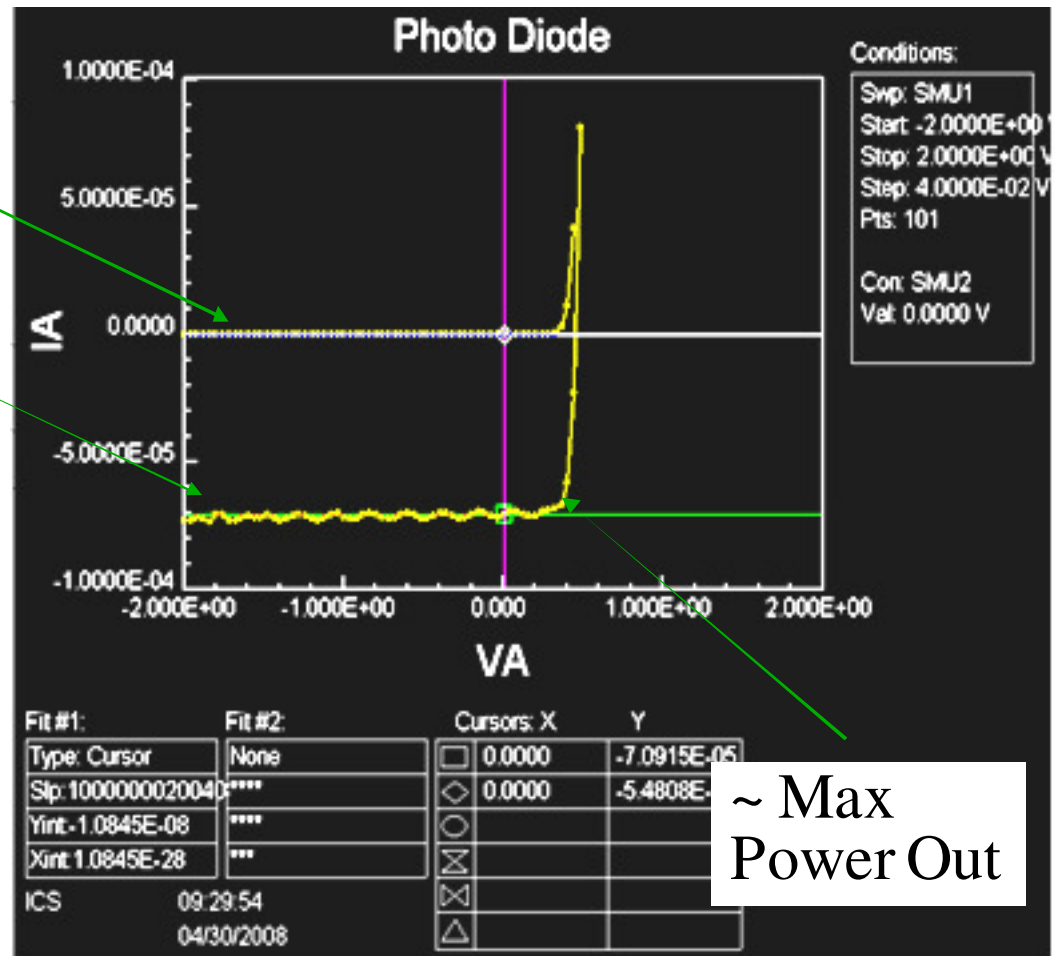


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**PHOTO DIODE RESPONSE TO LIGHT**

No light

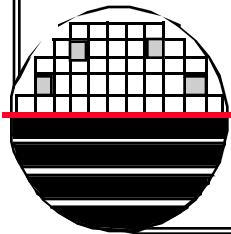
Full light



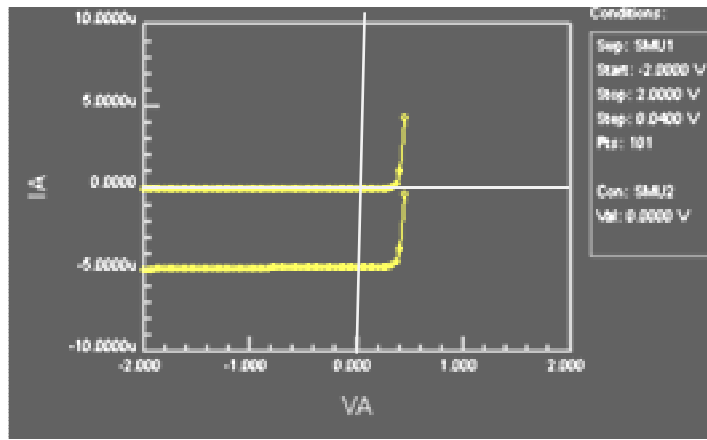
~ Max Power Out

$$P=IV = (7.09e-5)( 0.4) = 28.4\mu\text{watts}$$

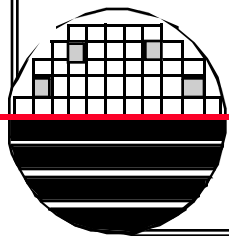
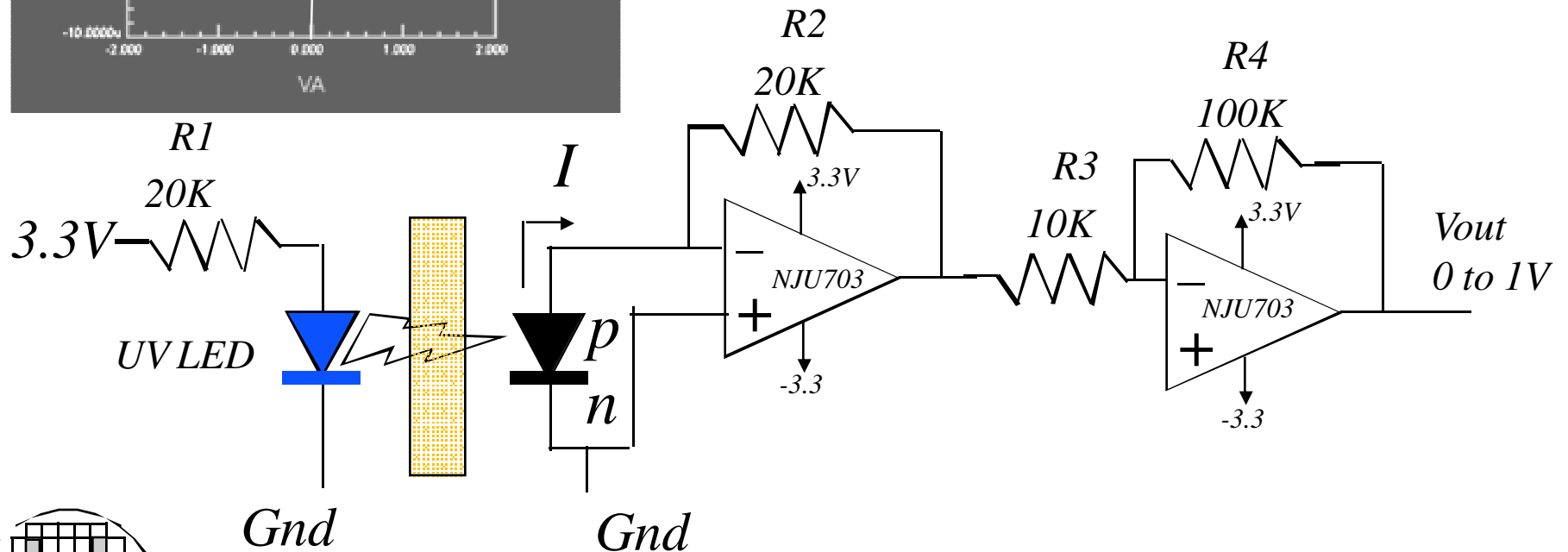
$$P/\text{unit area} = 28.4e-6/1500e-6/1000e-6 = 18.9\text{watt}/\text{m}^2$$



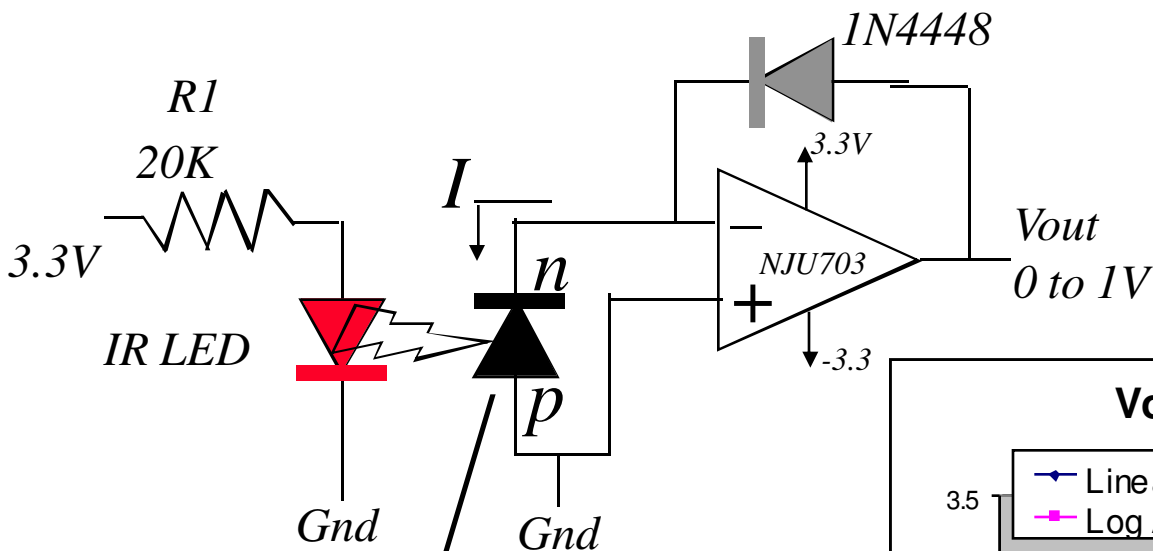
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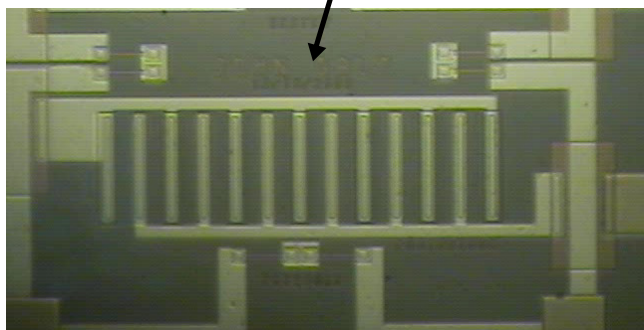
*Material Characterization  
by UV Light Absorption*



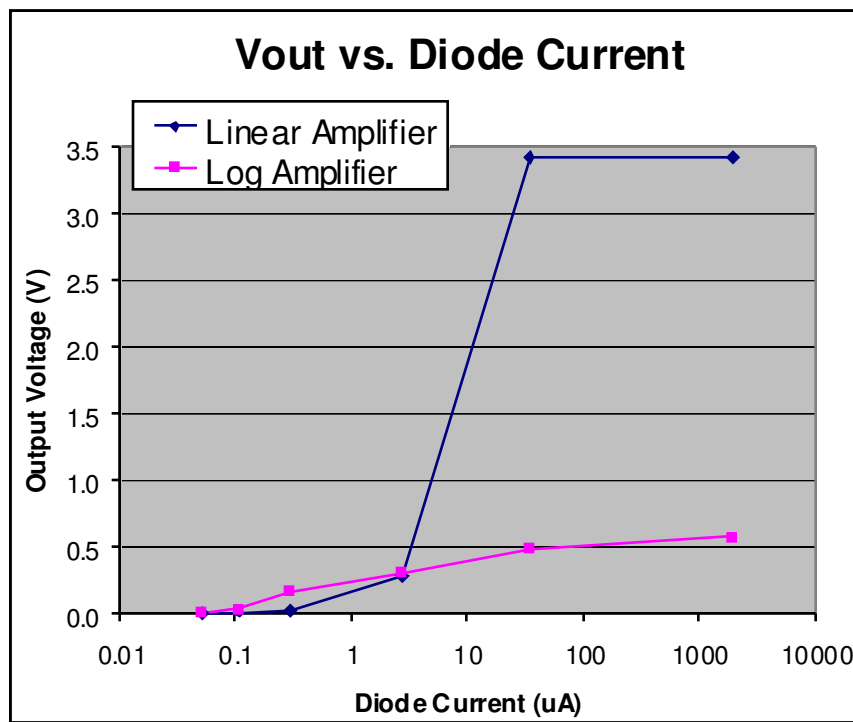
# PHOTO DIODE I TO V LOG AMPLIFIER



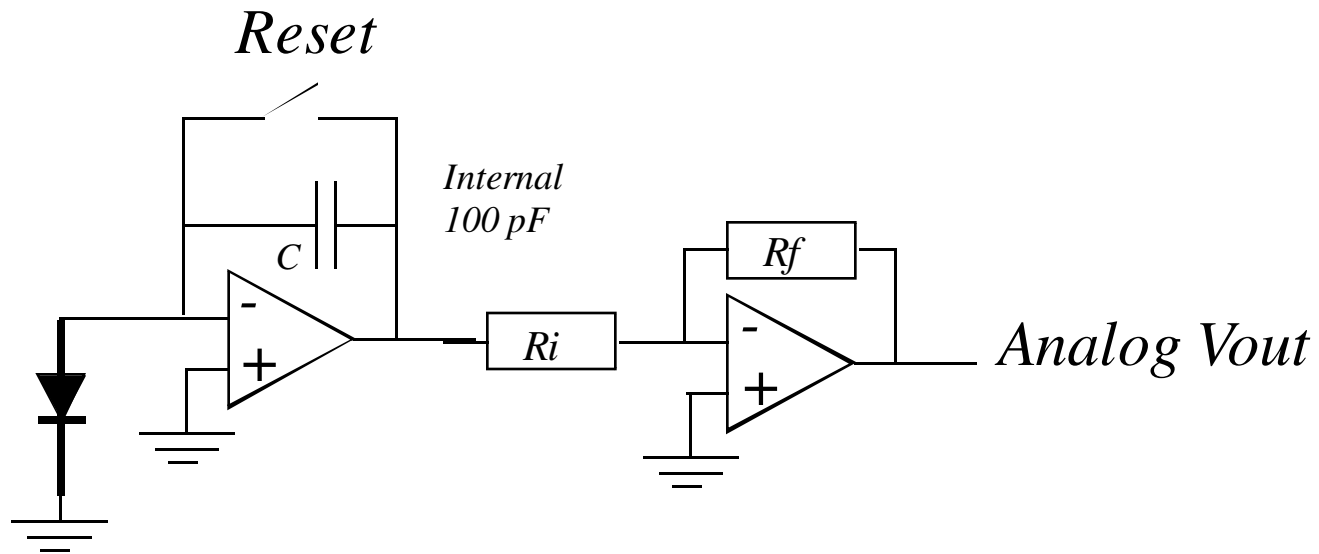
Linear amplifier uses 100K ohm in place of the 1N4448



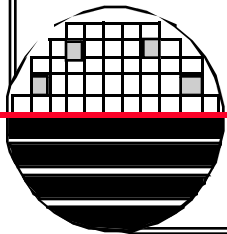
Photodiode



**PHOTO DIODE I TO V INTEGRATING AMPLIFIER**

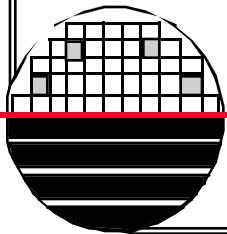
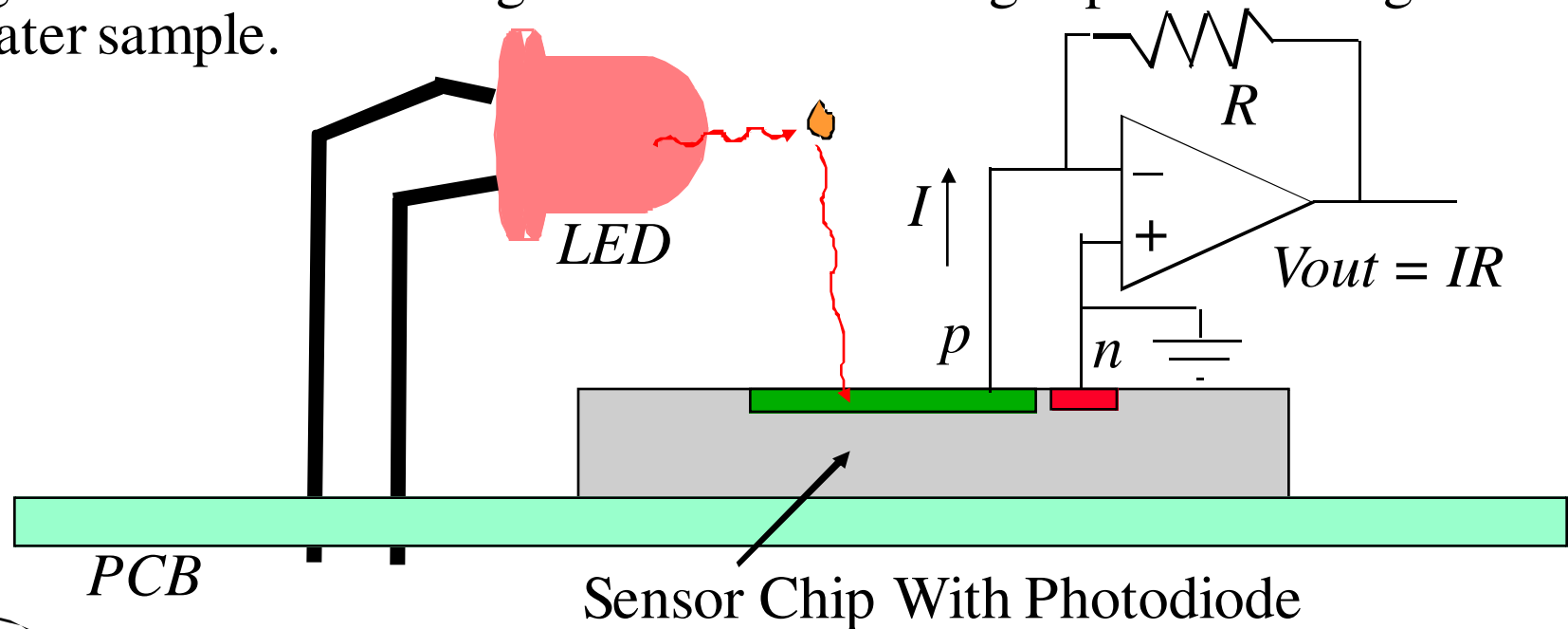


*Integrator and amplifier allow for measurement at low light levels*



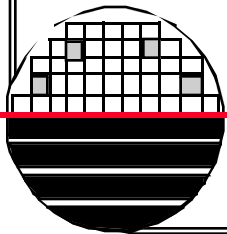
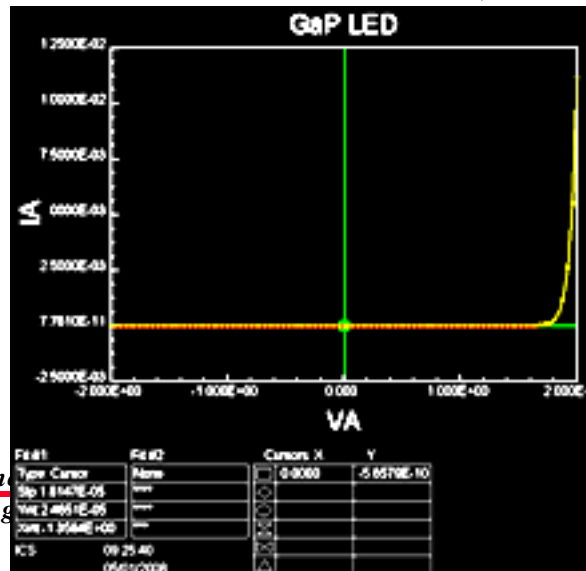
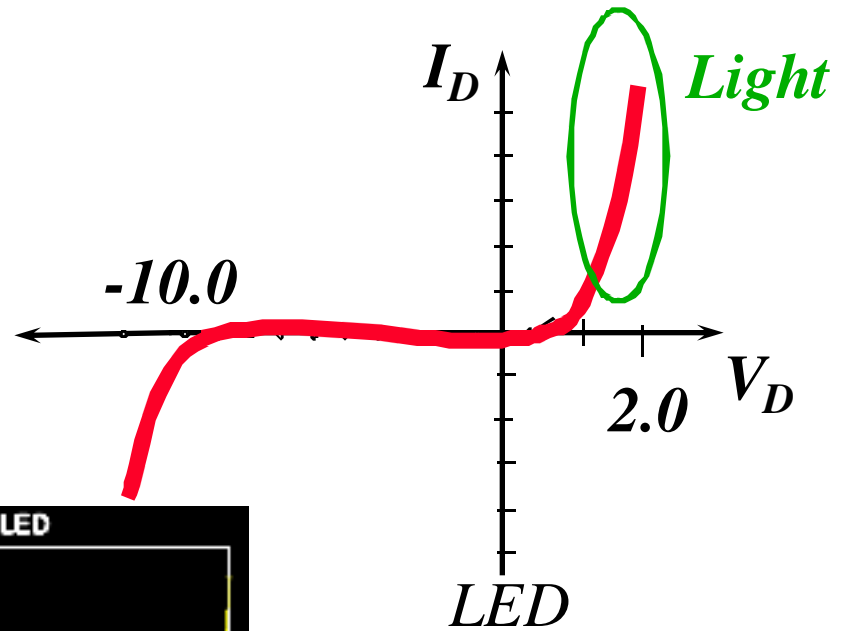
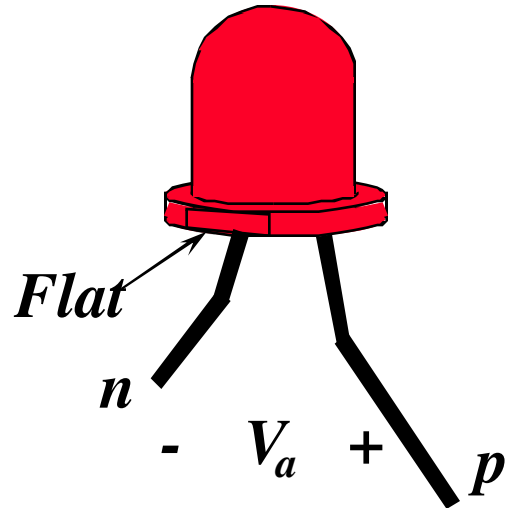
# TURBIDITY

Turbidity = loss of transparency due to the presence of suspended solids, water < 1-5 NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units), measured by a nephelometer or turbidimeter, which measures the intensity of light scattered at 90 degrees as a beam of light passes through a water sample.



# LED IV CHARACTERISTICS

Light Emitting Diode -LED

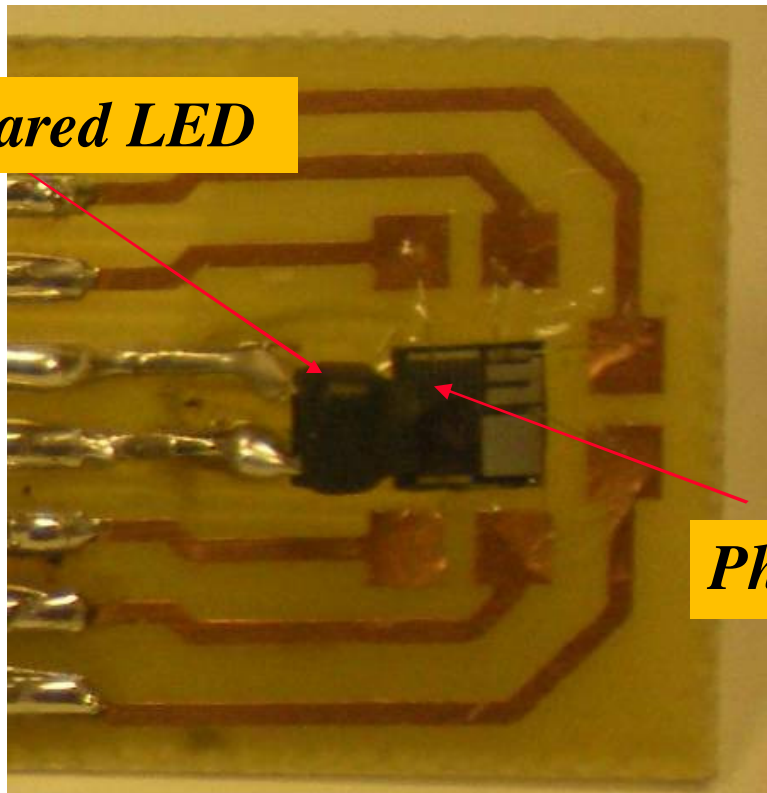


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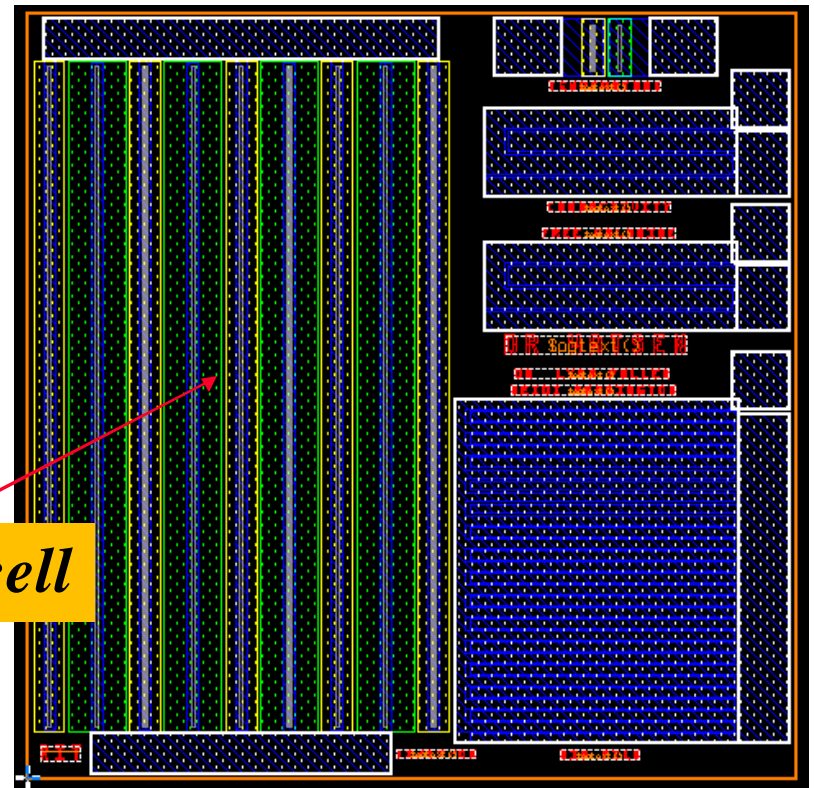


# TURBIDITY

*Infrared LED*

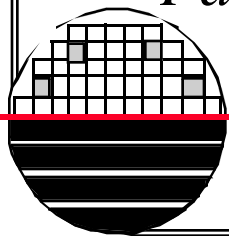


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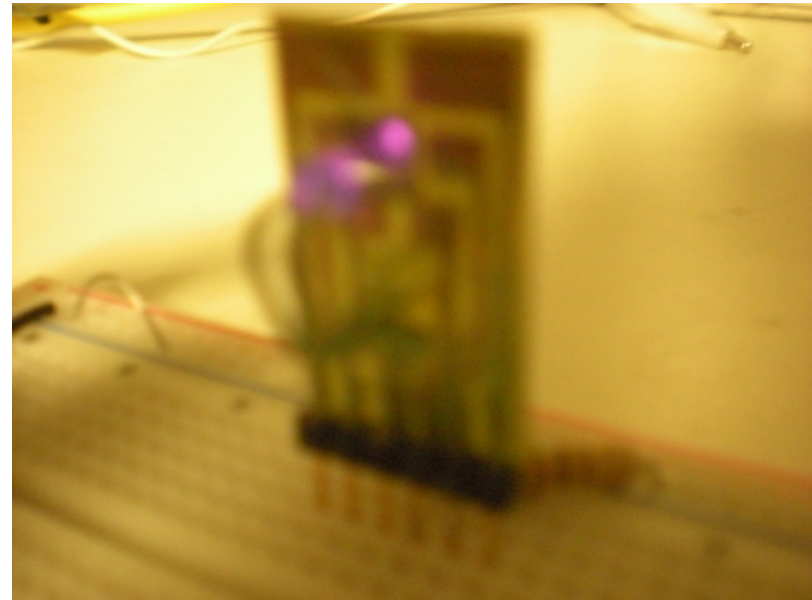
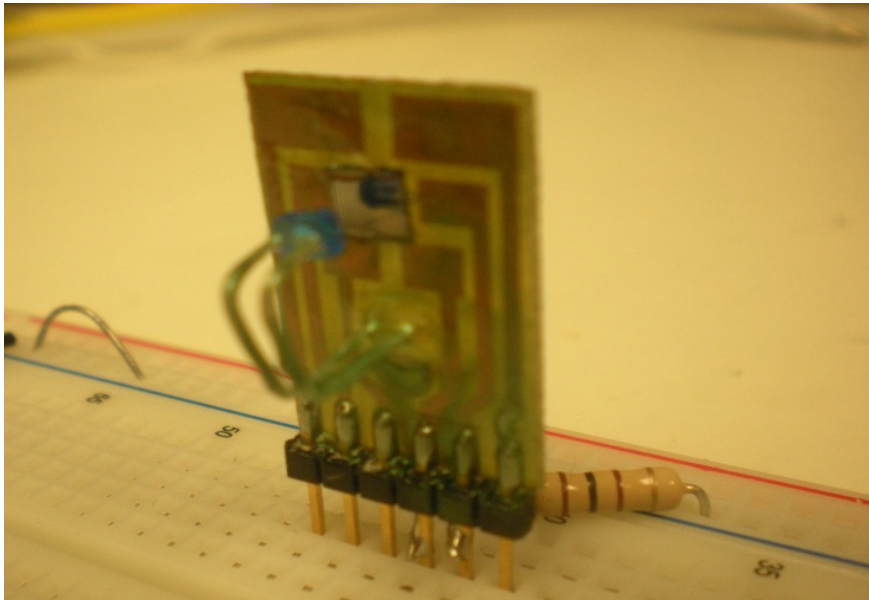


*Sensor Chip*

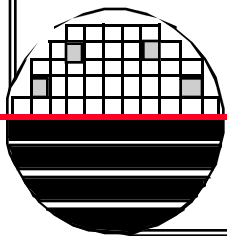
*Packaged Sensor Chip and LED*



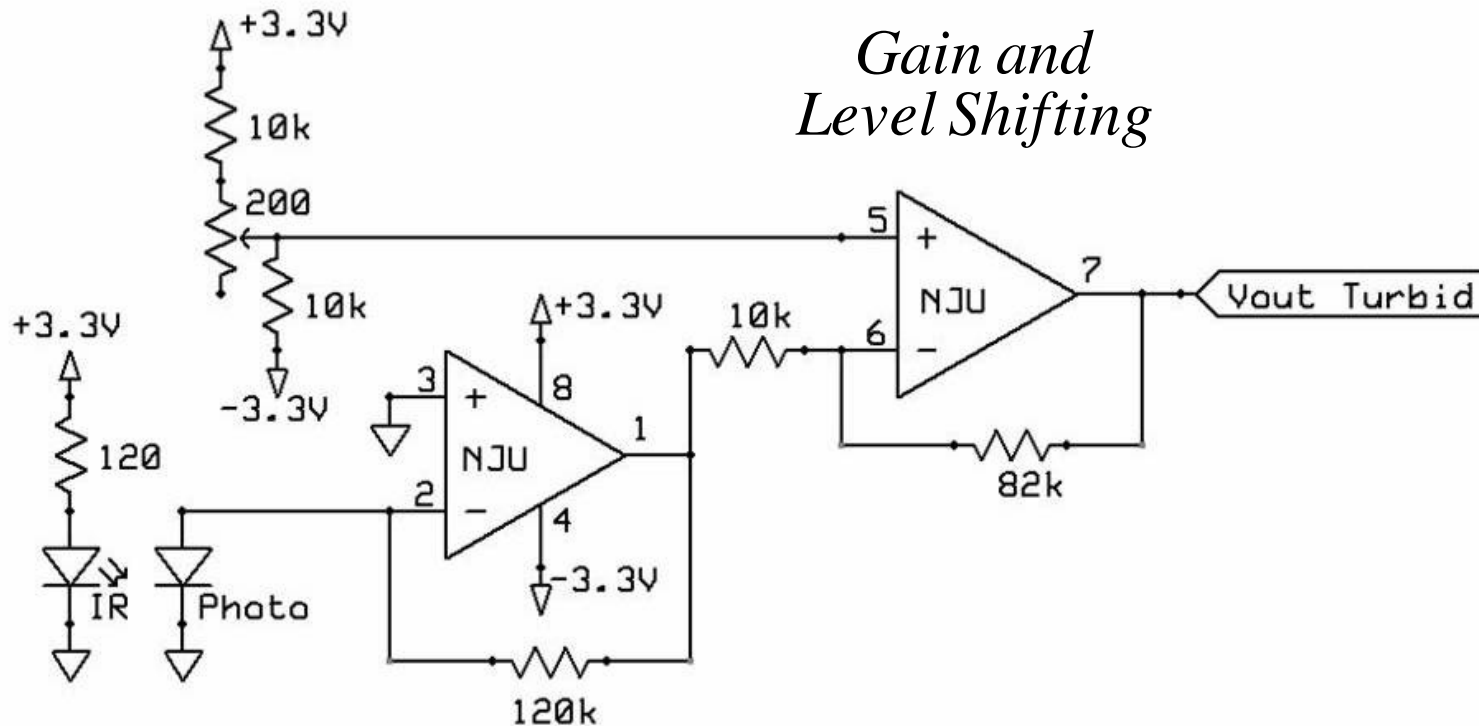
*IR LED*



*Digital Cameras can see the light from an infrared LED that the human eye can not see*

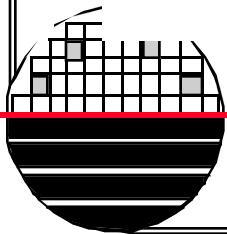


**TURBIDITY – SIGNAL CONDITIONING CIRCUIT**

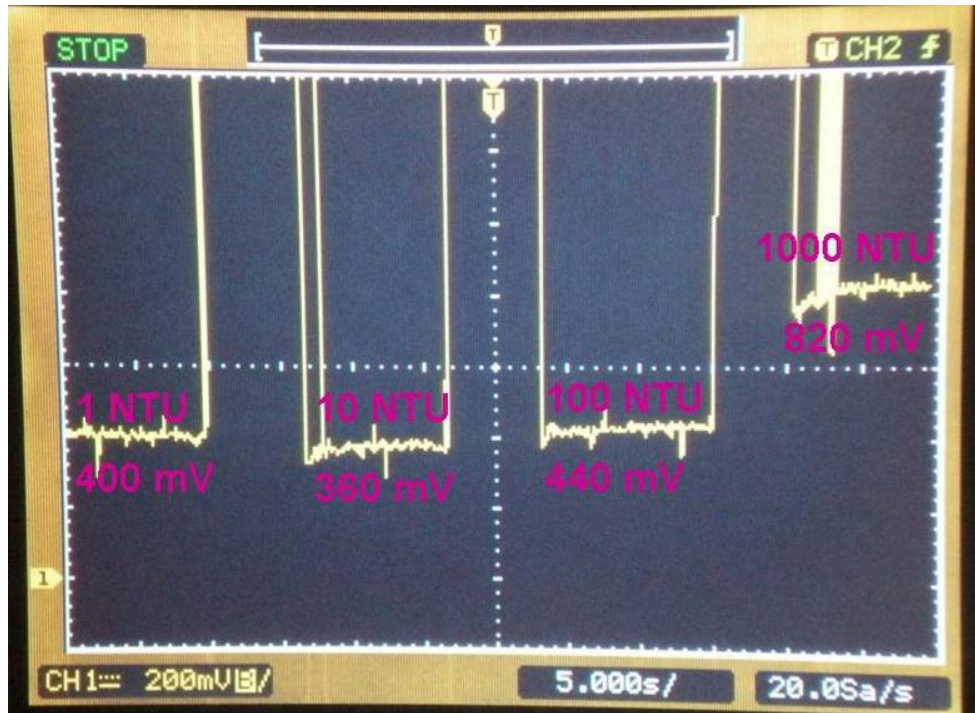


*Gain and  
Level Shifting*

*Photo-  
Current to  
Voltage*



# TURBIDITY TEST RESULTS

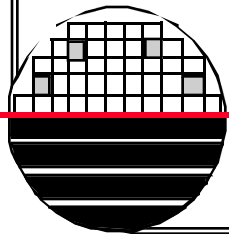


*Plot of output voltage for different standard turbidity samples*

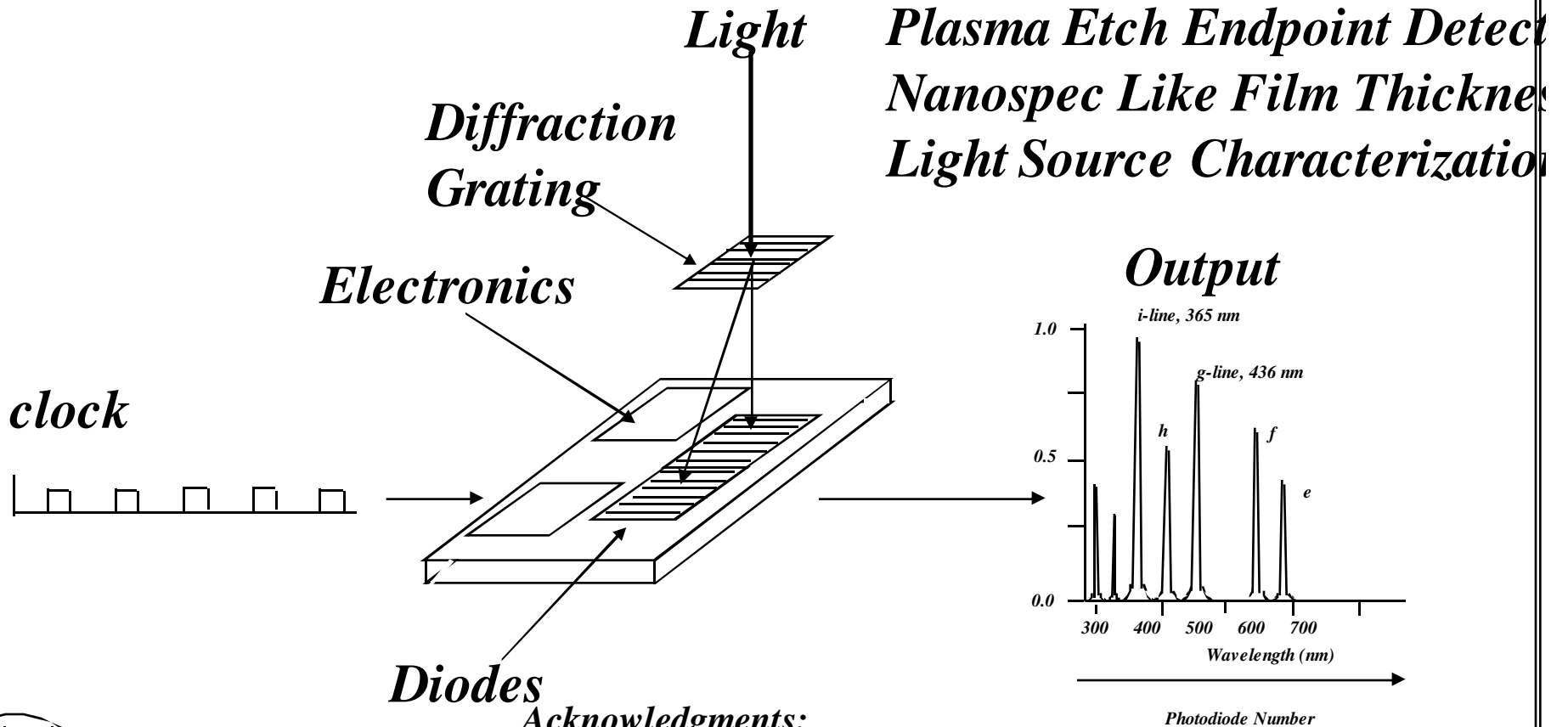


## Turbidity Standards

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# MICRO SPECTRO RADIOMETER



*Plasma Etch Endpoint Detection*  
*Nanospec Like Film Thickness*  
*Light Source Characterization*

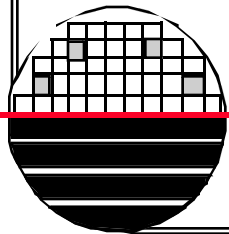
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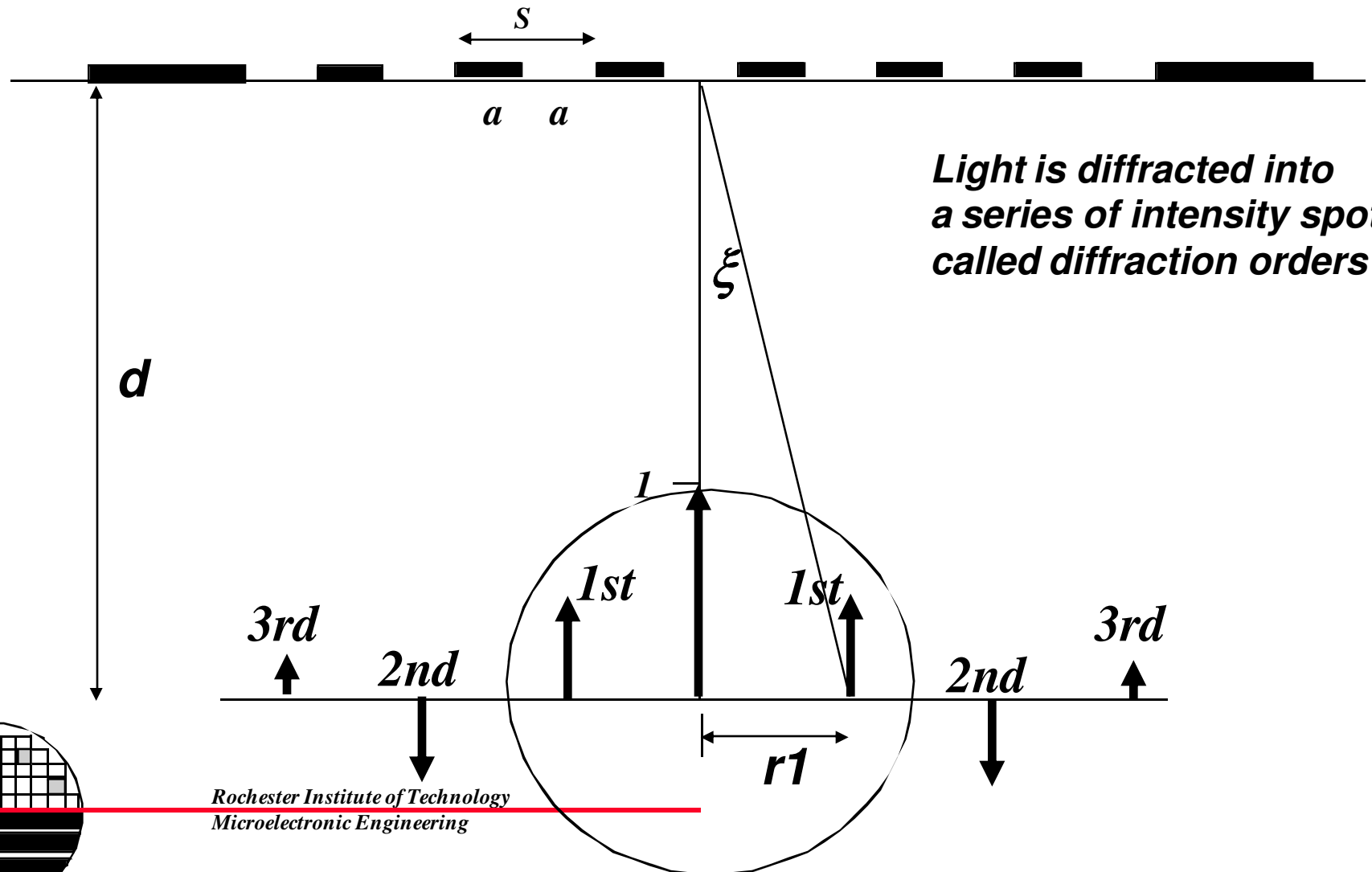
*Wessel Valster, Student of Hogeschool Enschede, The Netherlands*

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# DIFFRACTION GRATING



*Light is diffracted into a series of intensity spots called diffraction orders*

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***CALCULATIONS***

Grating of 2 um lines and 2 um space gives  $S=4$  um

$k$  is the diffraction order

$\lambda$  is wavelength

The angle  $\xi$

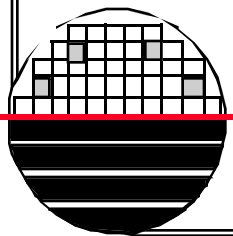
$$\sin \xi = k \lambda / n S$$

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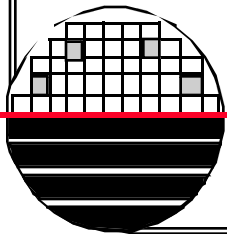
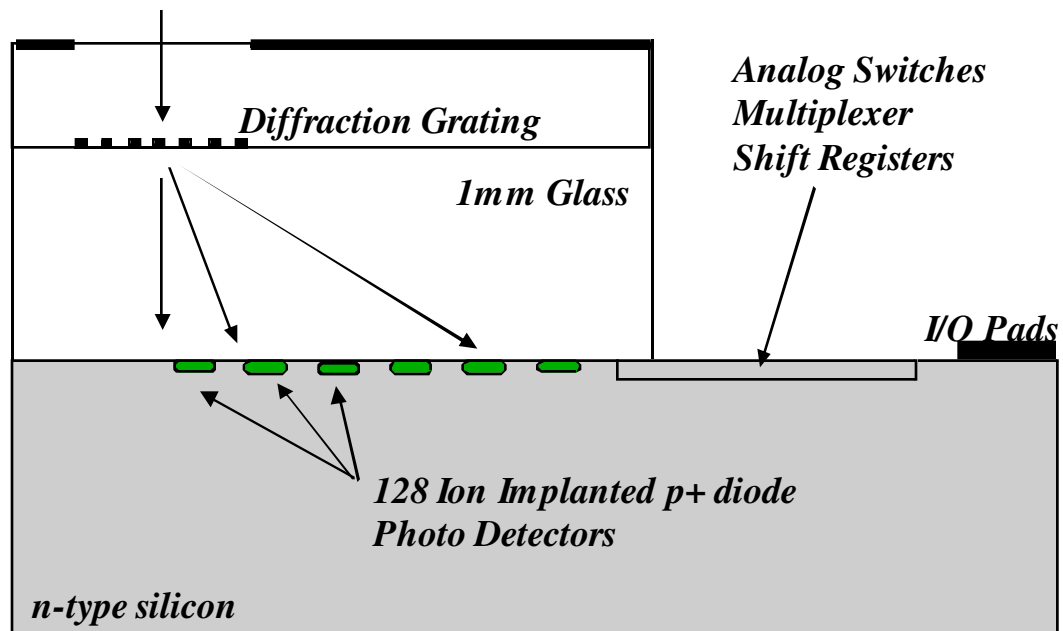
$$\tan \xi = r/d$$

for  $d = 1000\text{um}$ , and  $n = 1.5$  for glass

	$\xi_1$	$\xi_2$	$r_1$	$r_2$	
350 nm		3.34	6.71	58um	117um
550 nm		5.24	10.6	92um	187um
750 nm		7.17	14.5	126um	259um



# MICRO-SPECTRO-RADIOMETER





**FIRST TEST CHIP**

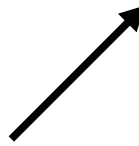


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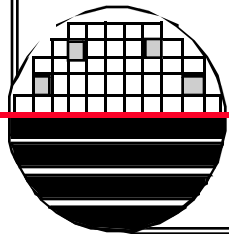
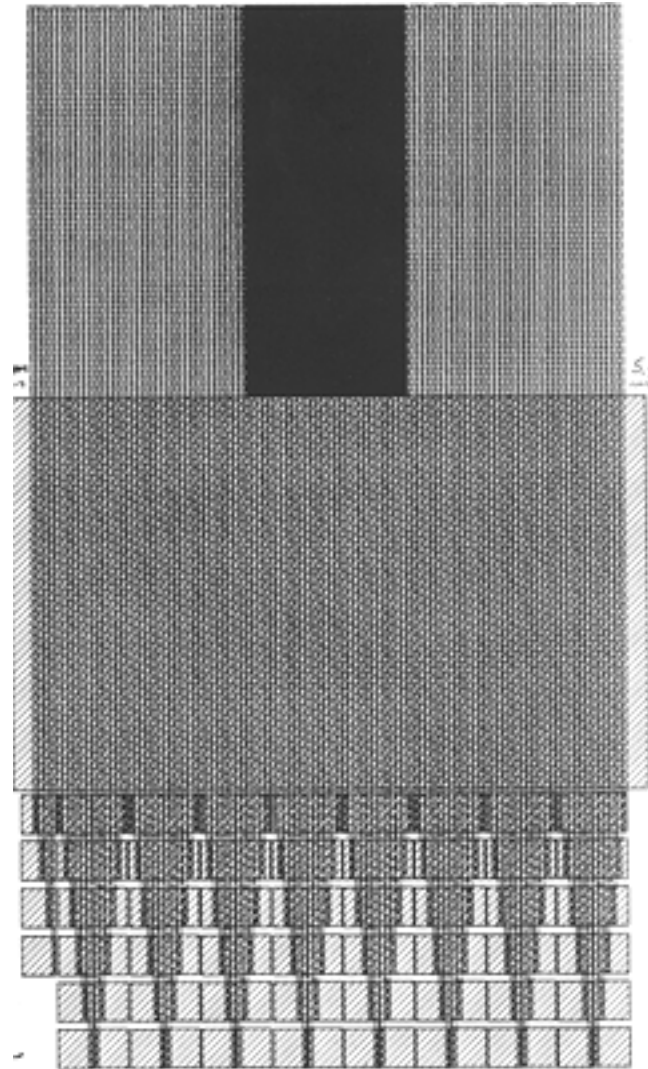
*Photo diodes*



*Shielded area*

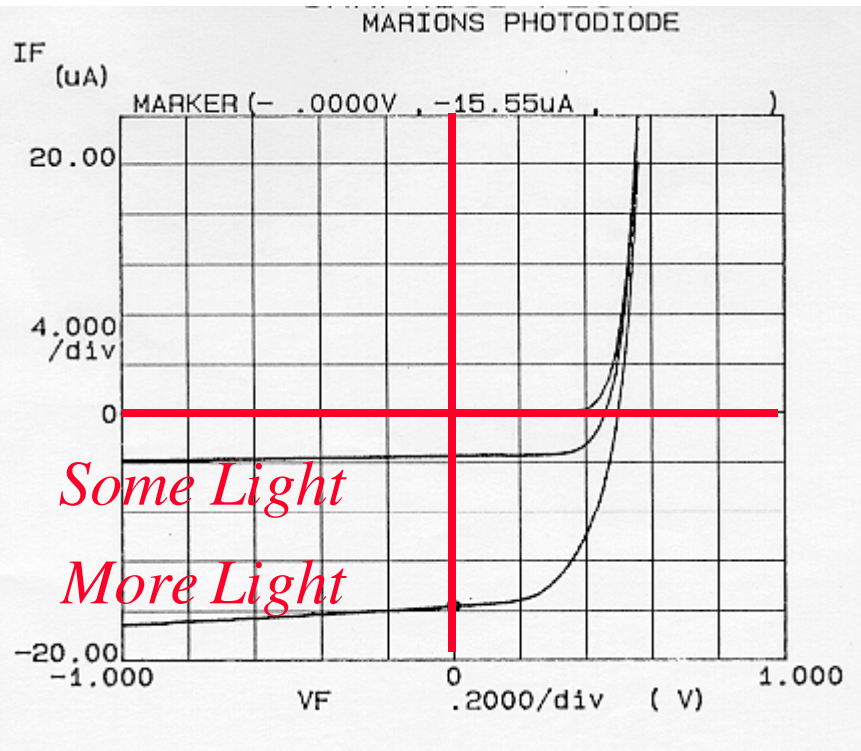


*Pads to 128 diodes*

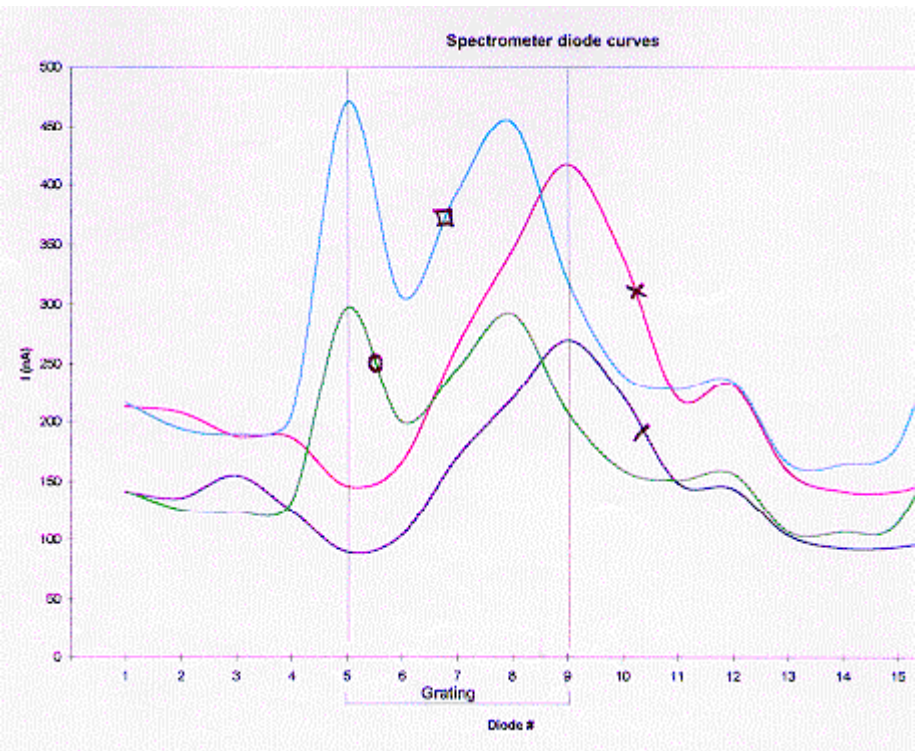


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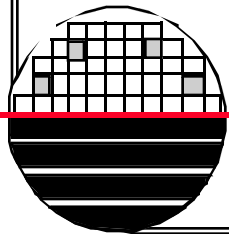
# RESULTS OF FIRST TEST CHIP



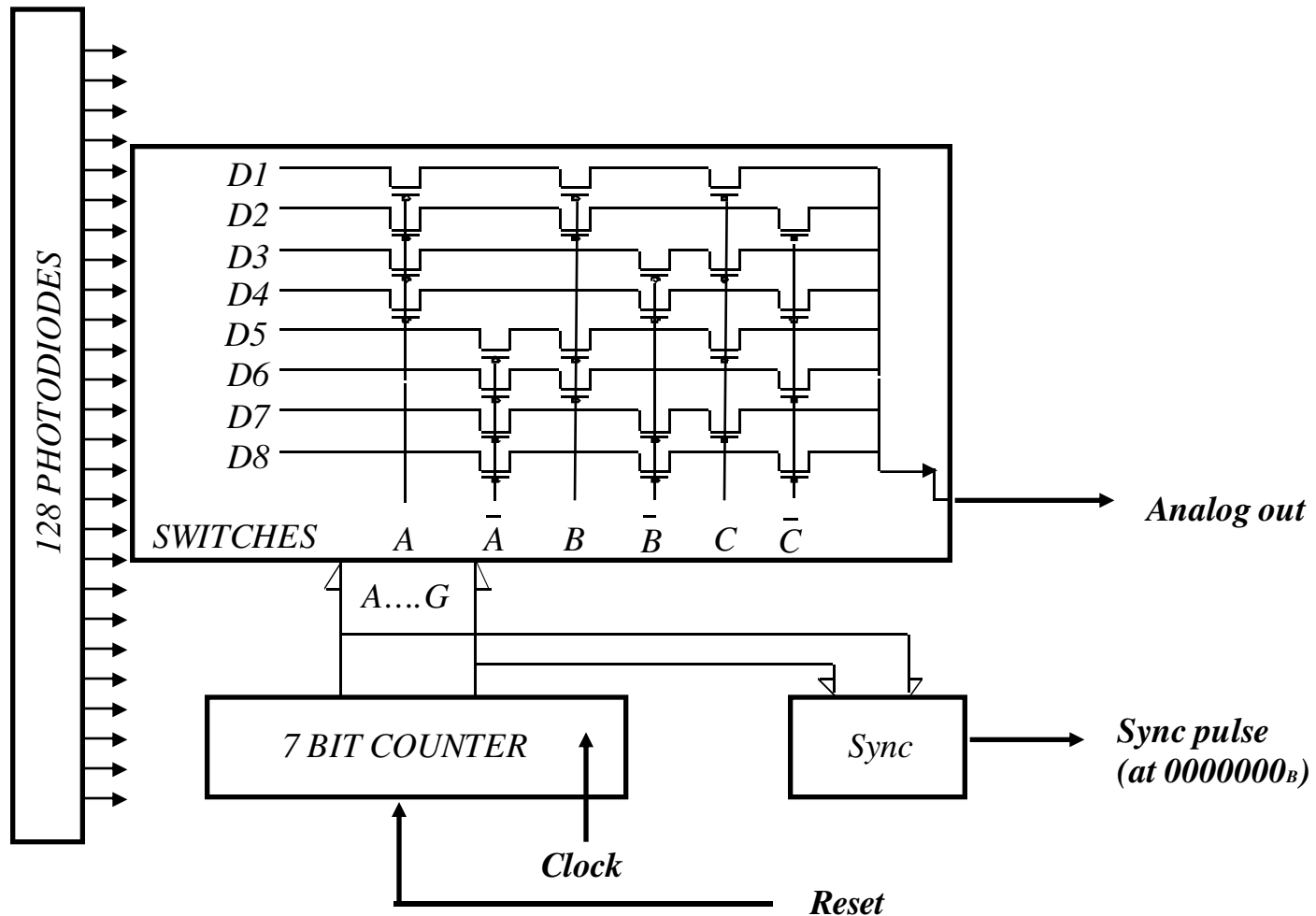
*Photodiode Current vs Voltage*



*Measurements from 128 diodes illuminated through different color filters*

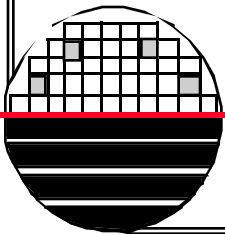
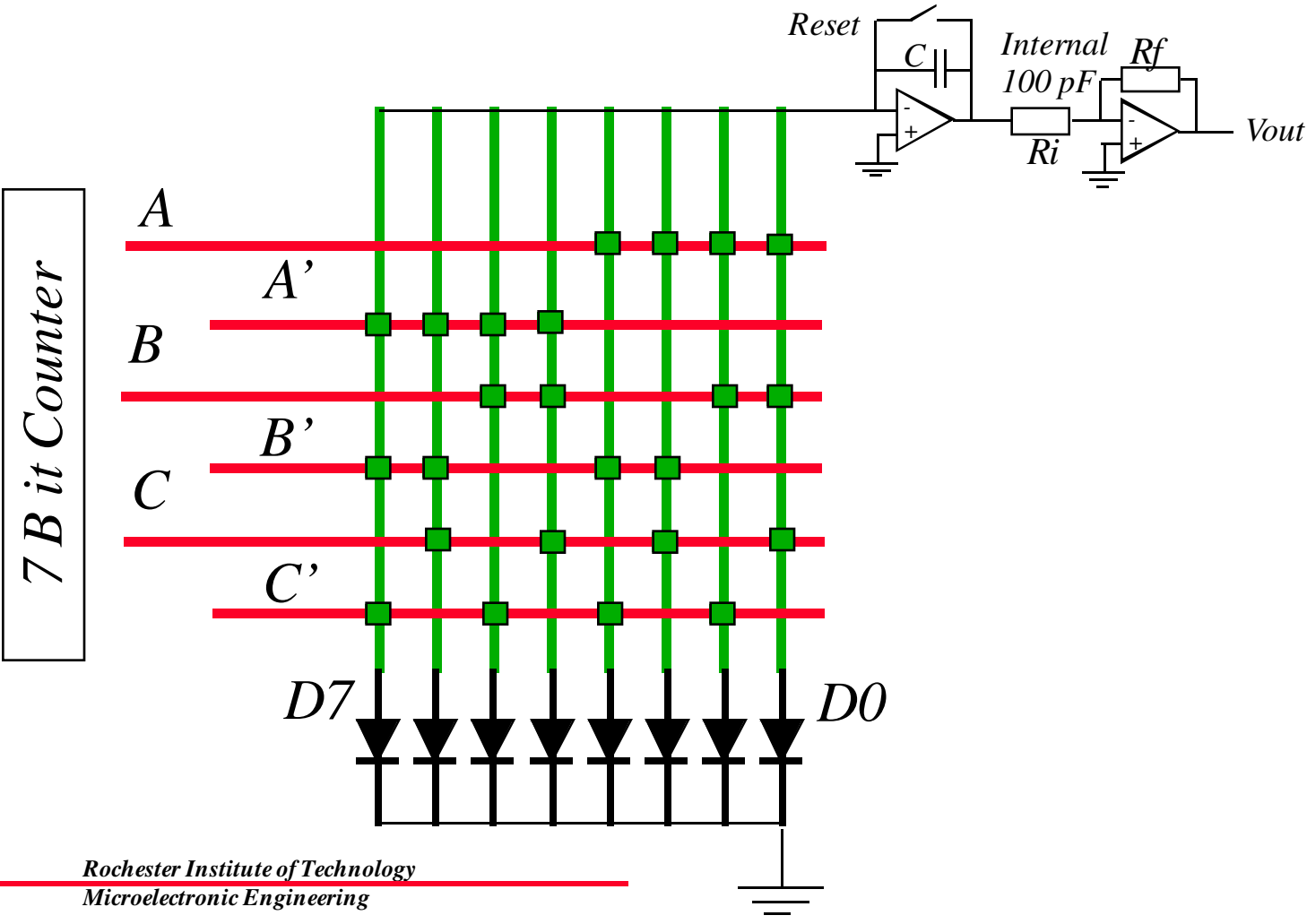


# MICRO-SPECTRO-PHOTOMETER ON CHIP ELECTRONICS FOR ELECTRONIC READOUT



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# POLY GATE PMOS + DEPLETION MODE IMPLANT MULTIPLEXER

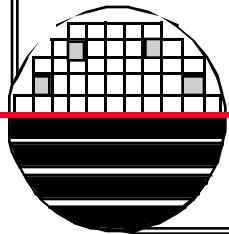
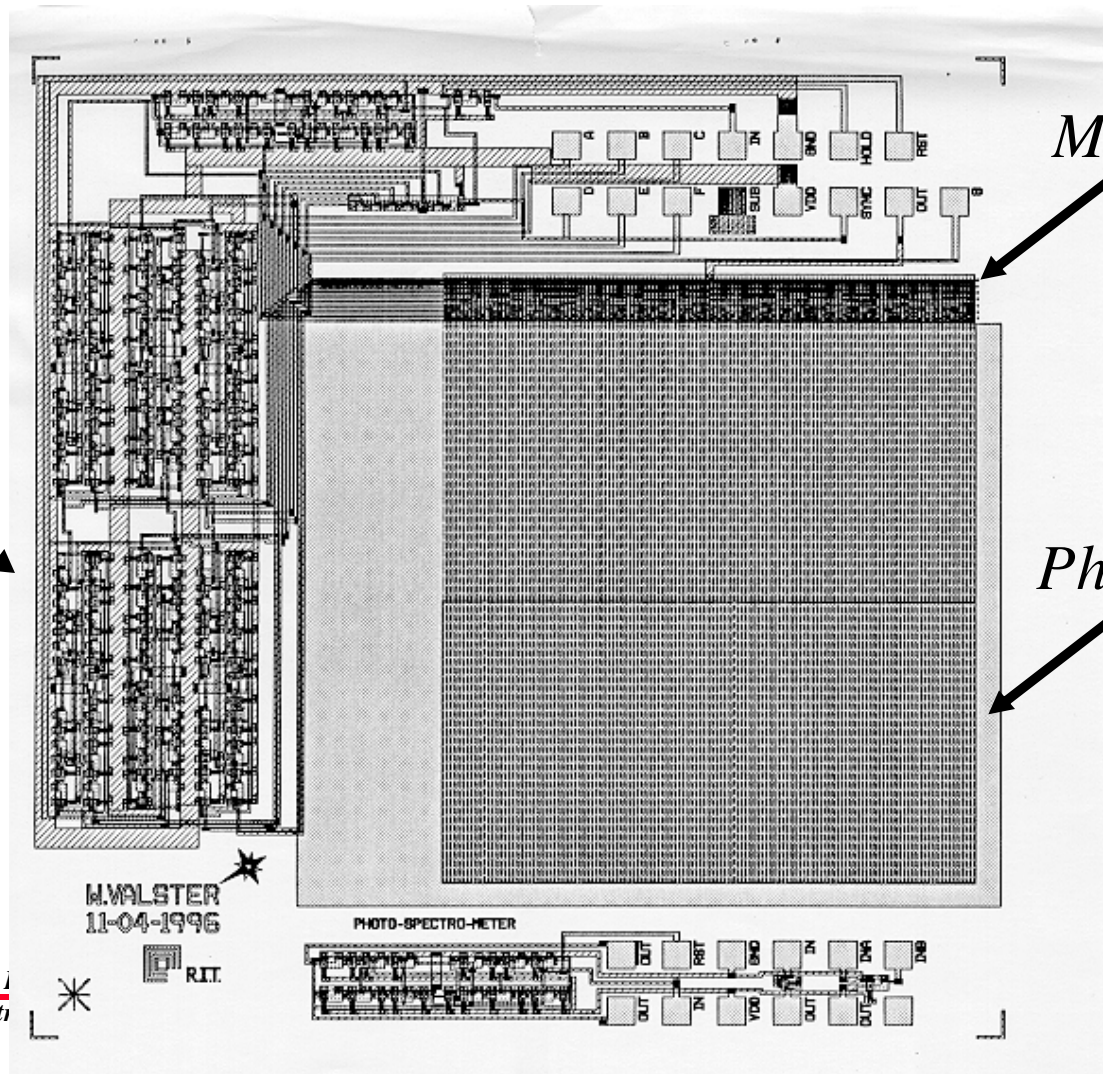


**SECOND TEST CHIP**

*T Type FF  
Binary Counter*

*Multiplexer*

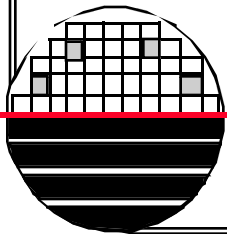
*Photodiodes*



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***HOMWORK – DIODE SENSOR LAB***

1. Calculate the sensitivity ( $\text{mV}/^\circ\text{C}$ ) from the data on page 13.
2. Calculate reasonable values to fill in the table on page 17. state your assumptions and show equations you used.
3. Calculate the gain ( $\text{V}/\mu\text{A}$ ) of the signal conditioning circuit on page 20.
4. Write an expression for the output voltage of the circuit on page 21 and 22.

