

# Multiple-Bit Upset in 130 nm CMOS Technology



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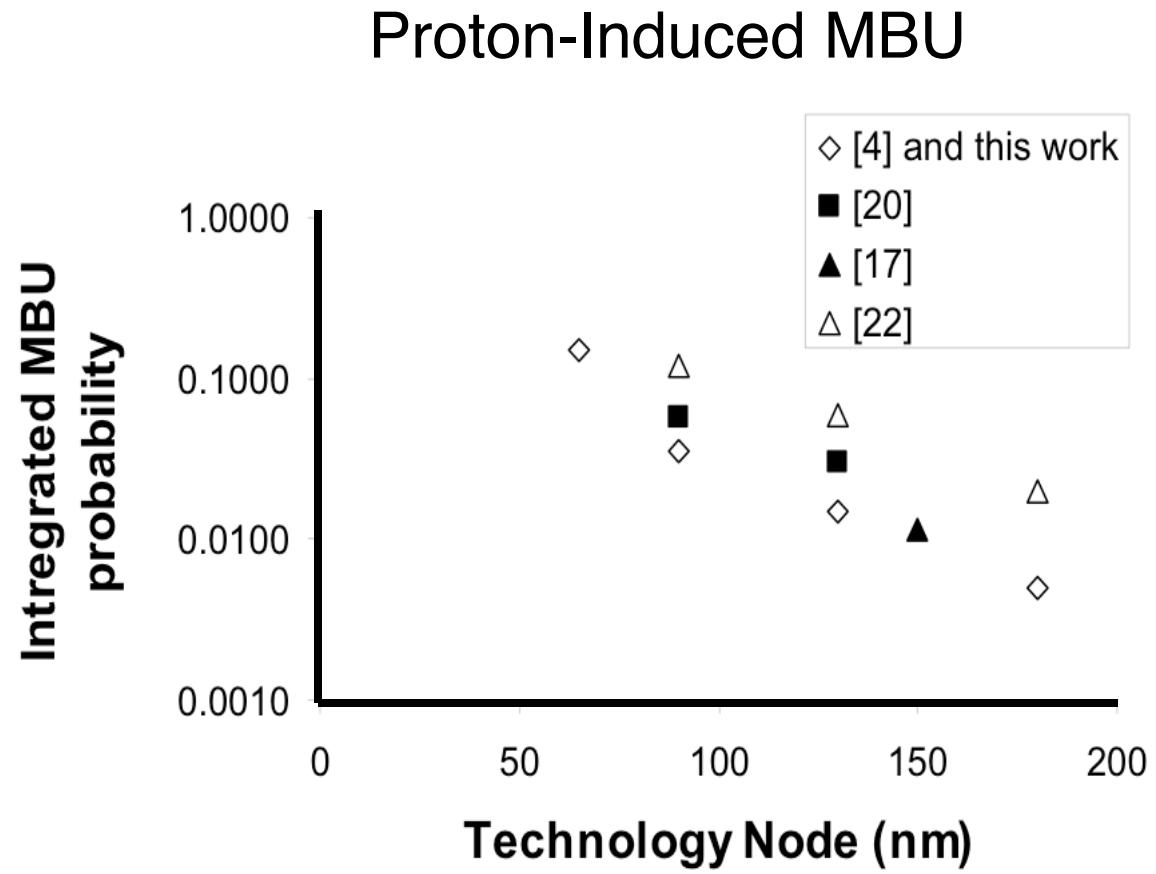
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# MBU increases with IC scaling

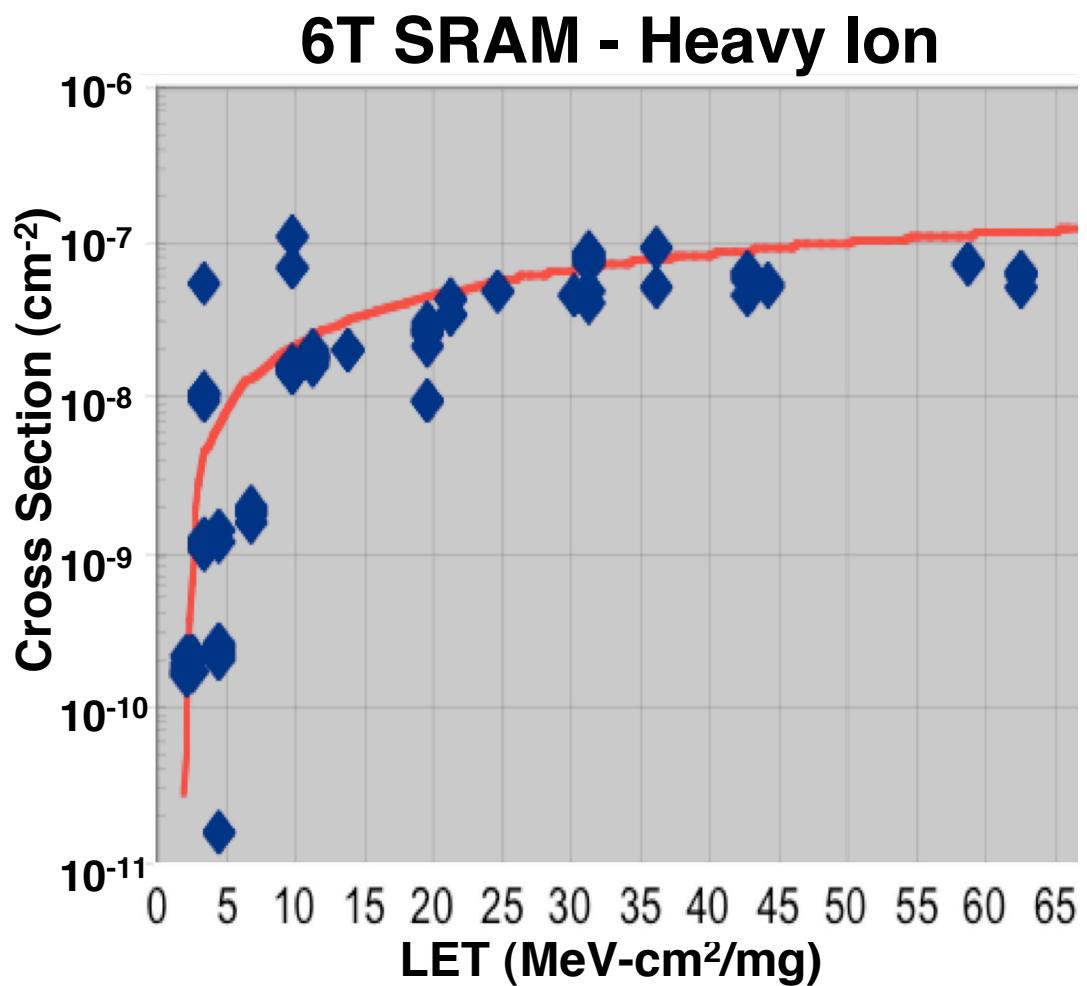
- Reliability
  - Memory design
  - Testing
- MBU has been shown to increase for smaller technologies



from Seifert, *et. al.*, Intel. IRPS, 2006.

# Soft technology

- IBM 8RF  
130 nm  
CMOS
- **High density**  
CMOS SRAM
- Low upset  
threshold  
 $\sim 2 \text{ MeV}\cdot\text{cm}^2/\text{mg}$



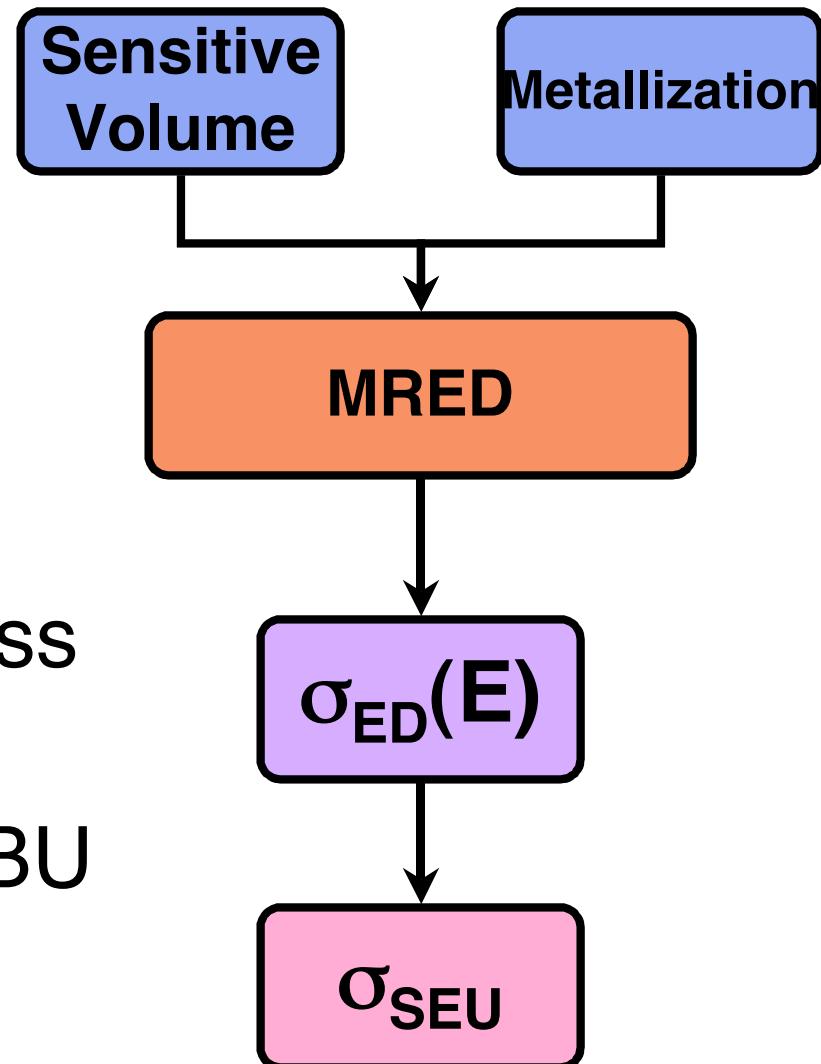
from RHBD program, BAE Systems

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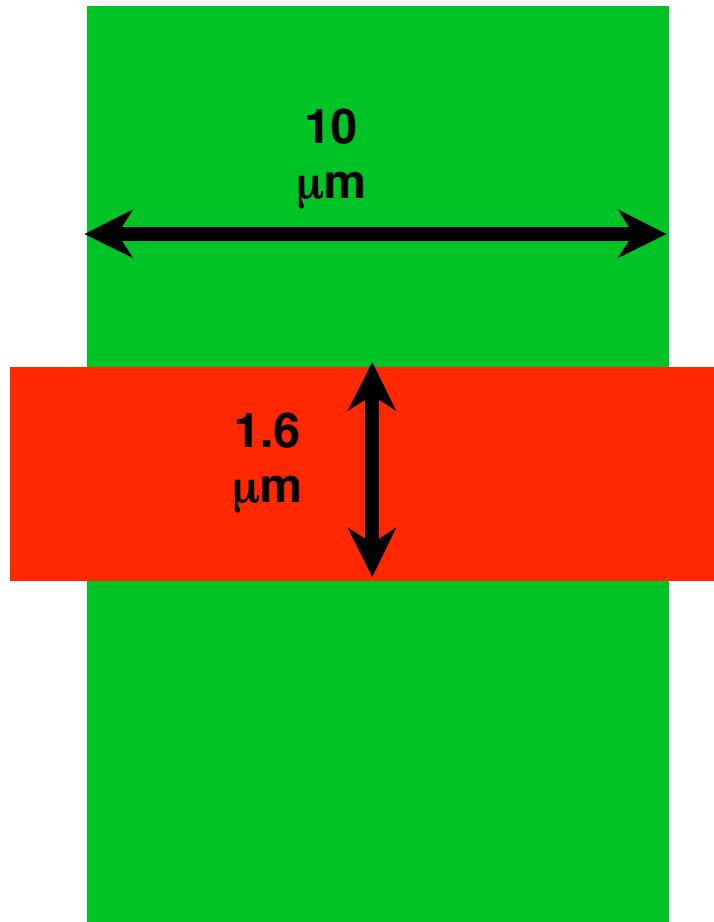
# Modeling methodology

- Sensitive volume
  - Depth
  - Lateral dimensions
- Physical model
- Simulation - MRED
- Energy deposition cross section -  $\sigma_{ED}(E)$
- Correlate  $\sigma_{ED}(E)$  to MBU



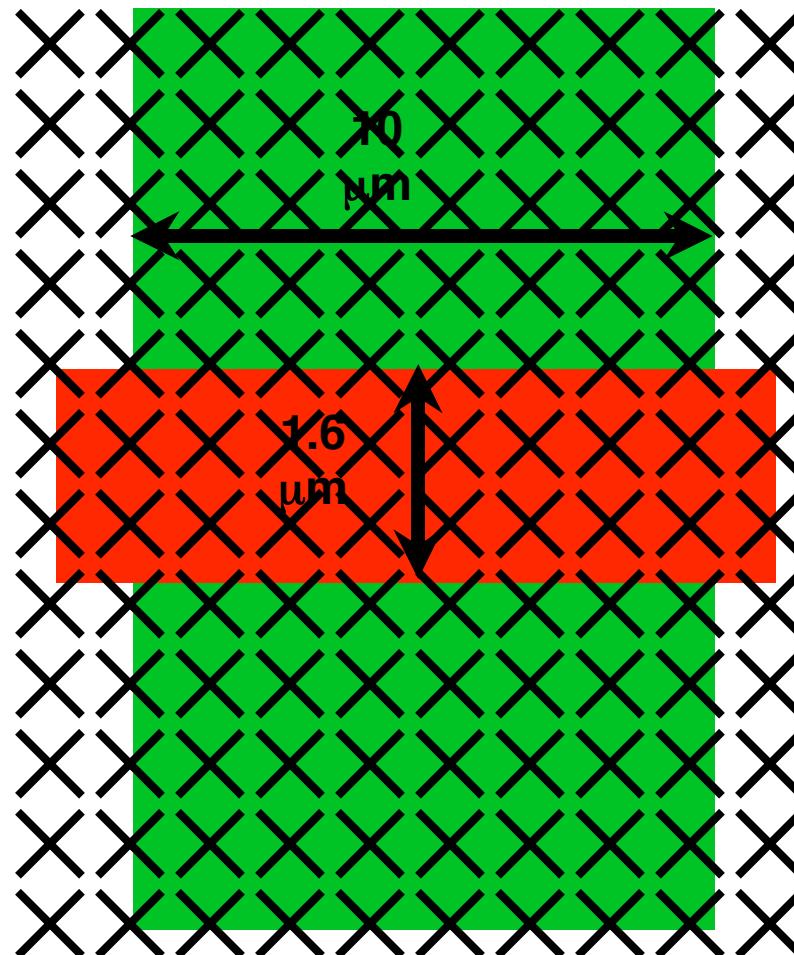
# Collection depth

- Ion Beam Induced Charge Collection (**IBICC**)  
36 MeV Oxygen  
 $7 \text{ MeV}\cdot\text{cm}^2/\text{mg}$   
 $\sim 0.07 \text{ pC}/\mu\text{m}$



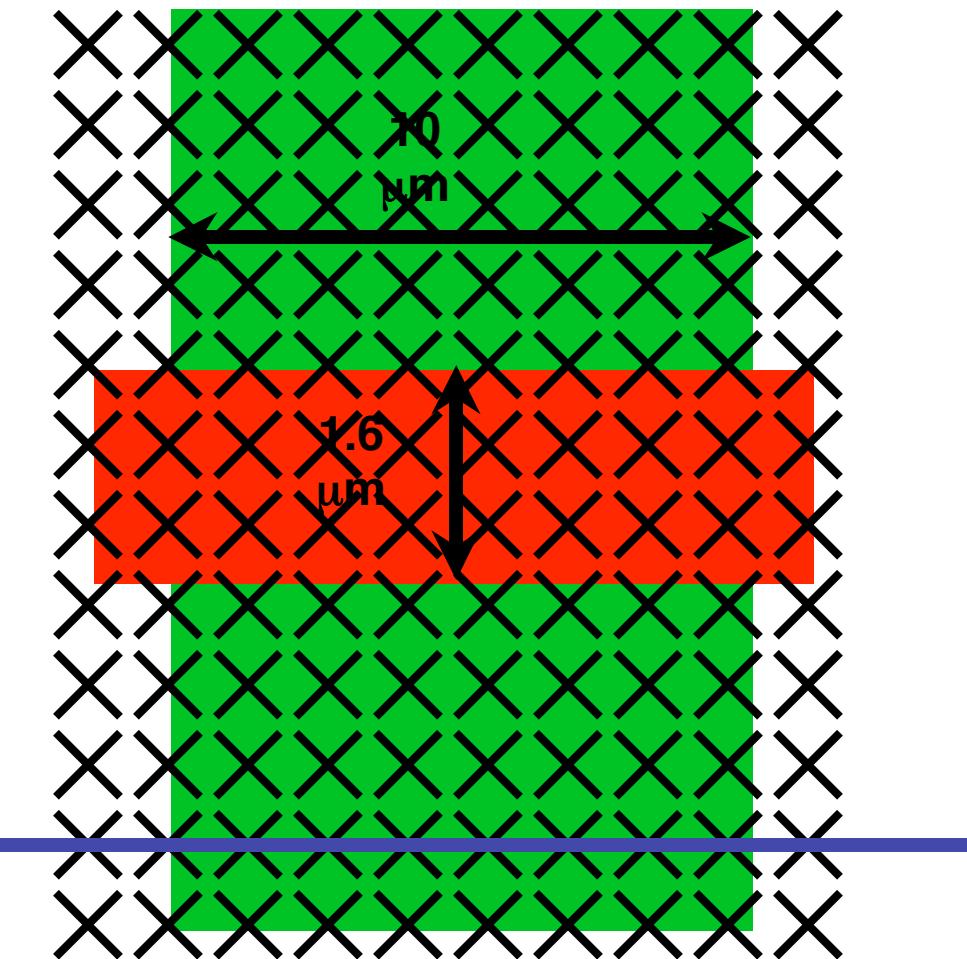
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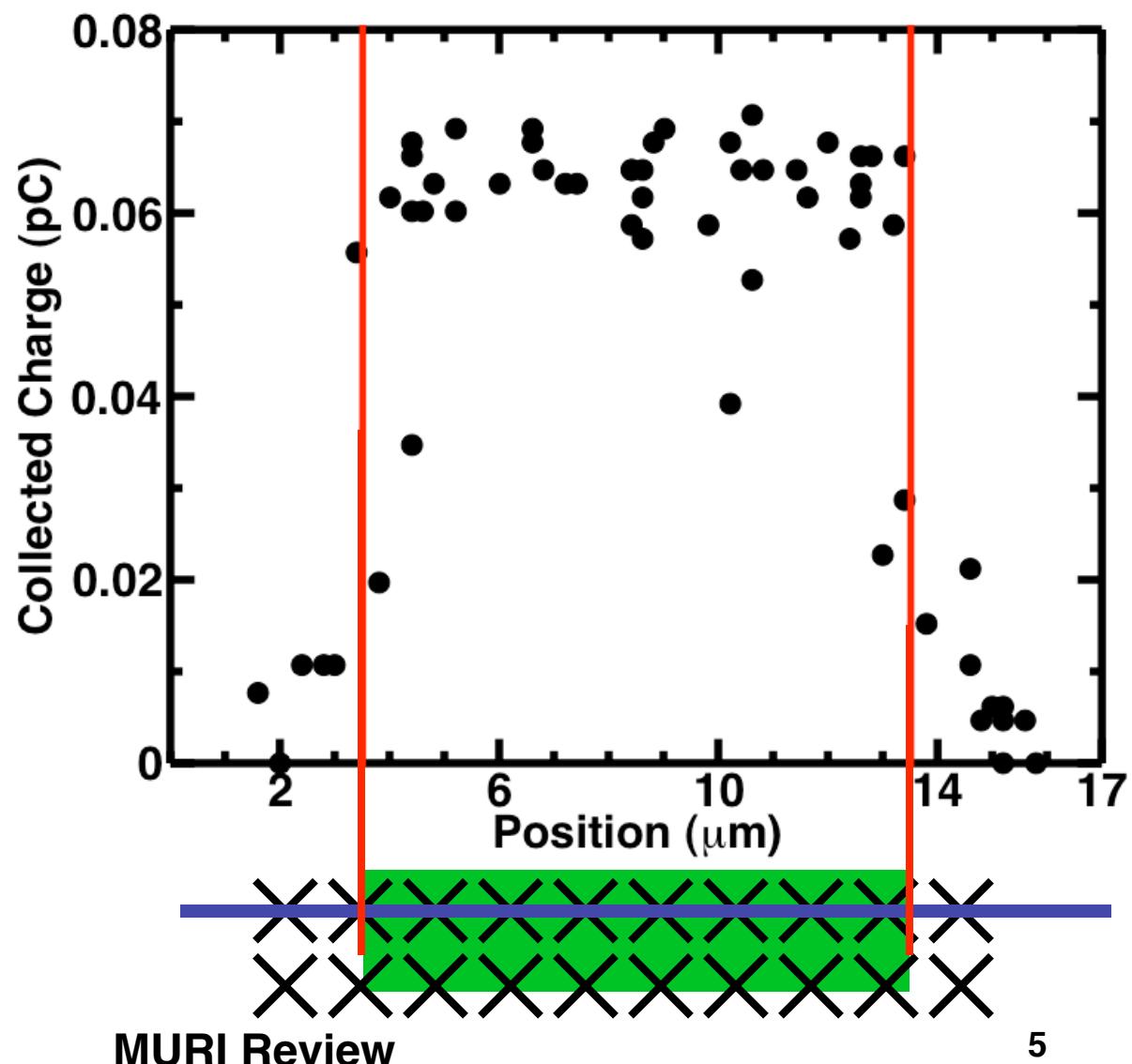
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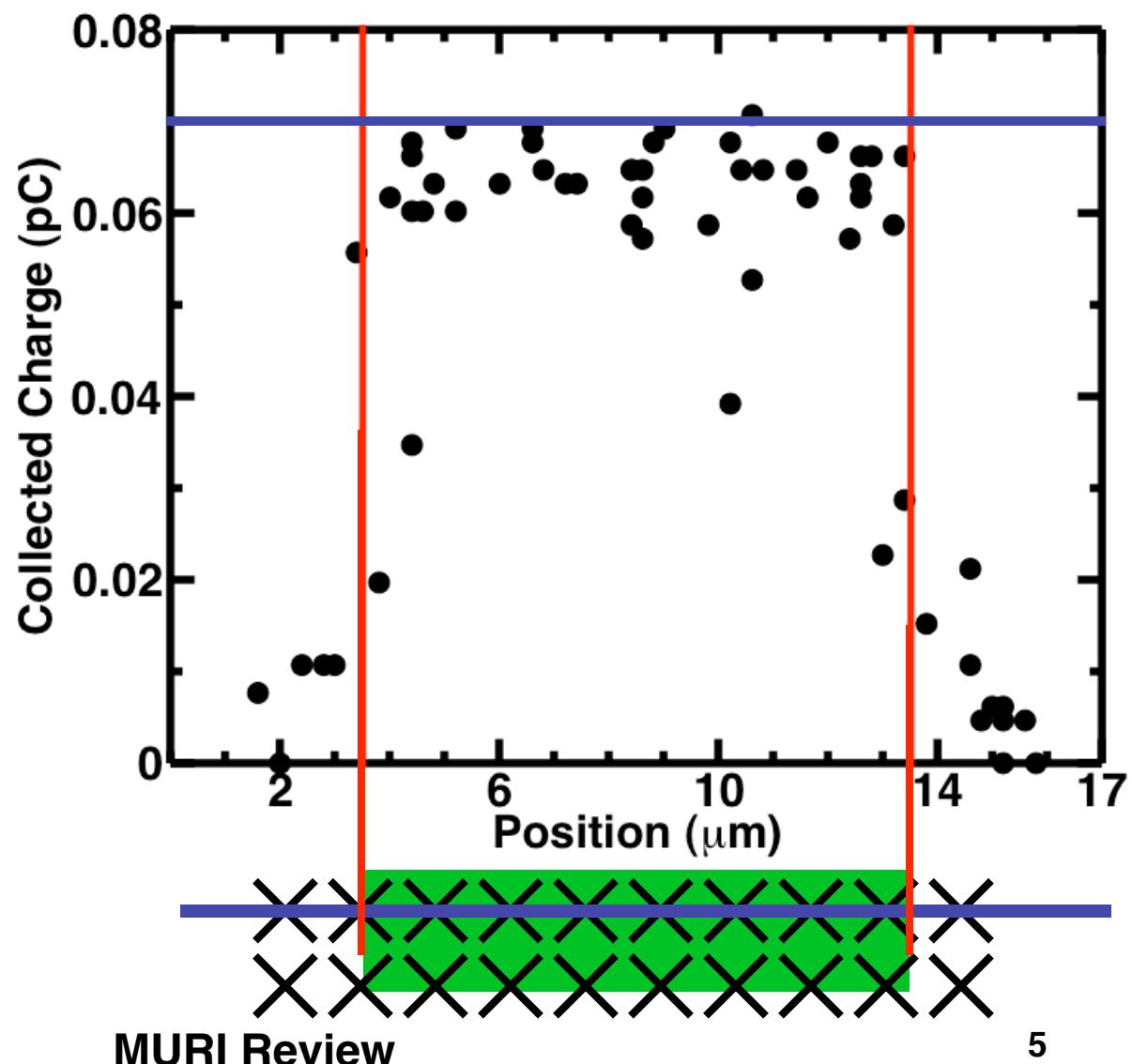
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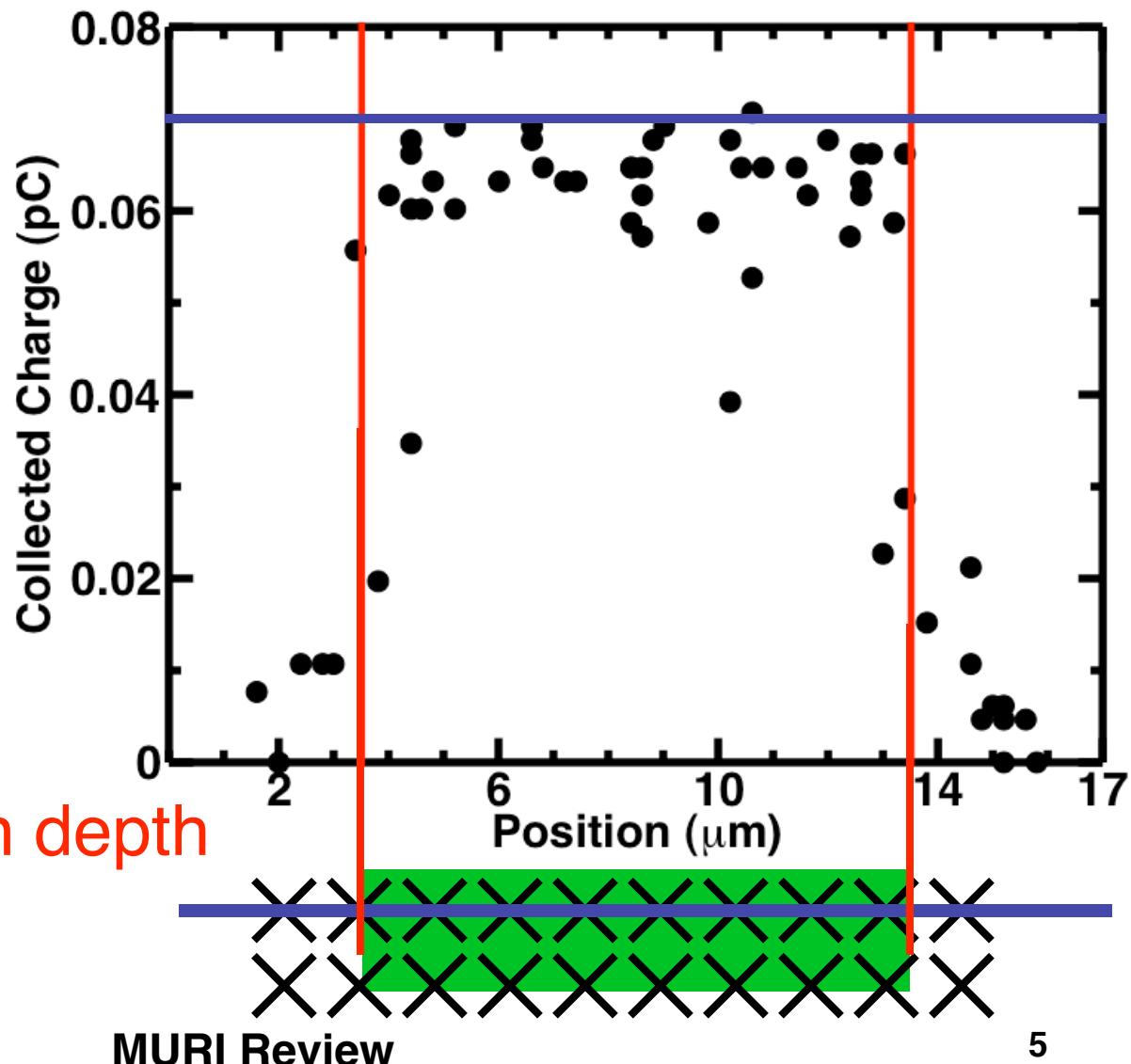
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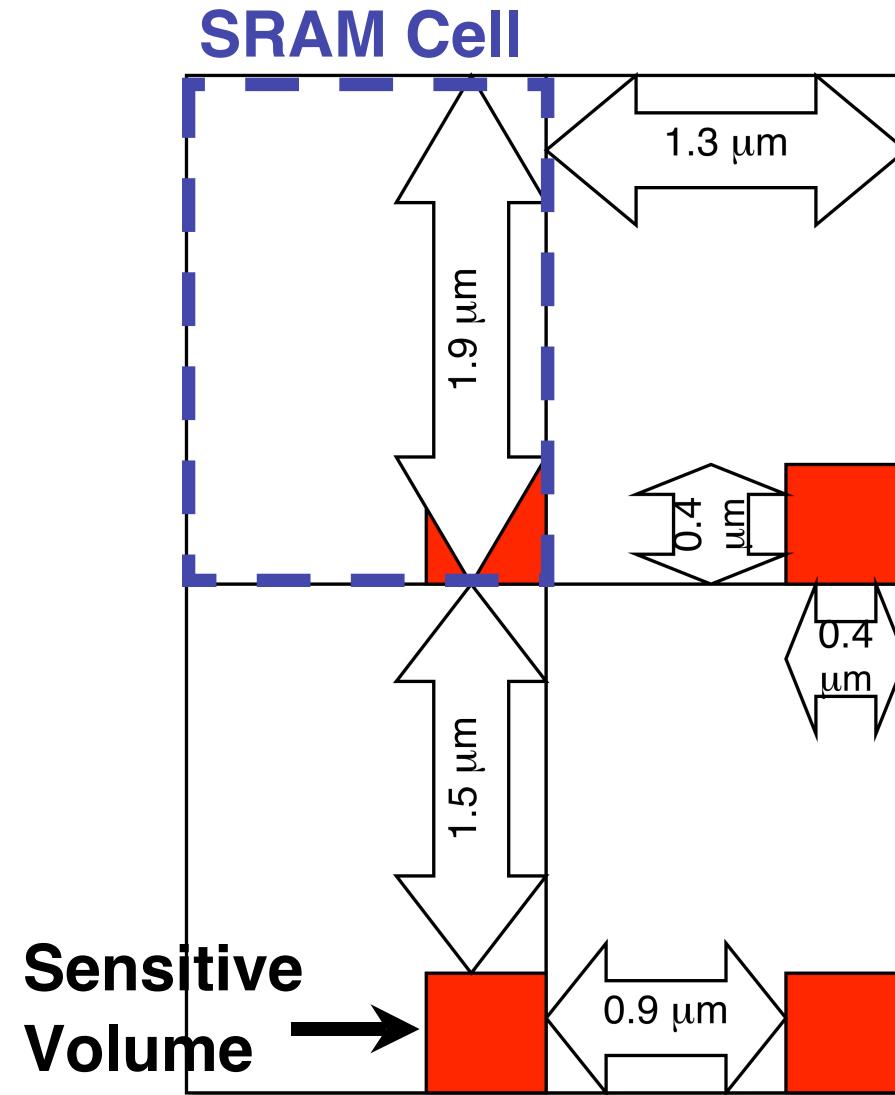
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Peak 0.07 pC  
 $\Rightarrow 1 \mu\text{m}$  collection depth



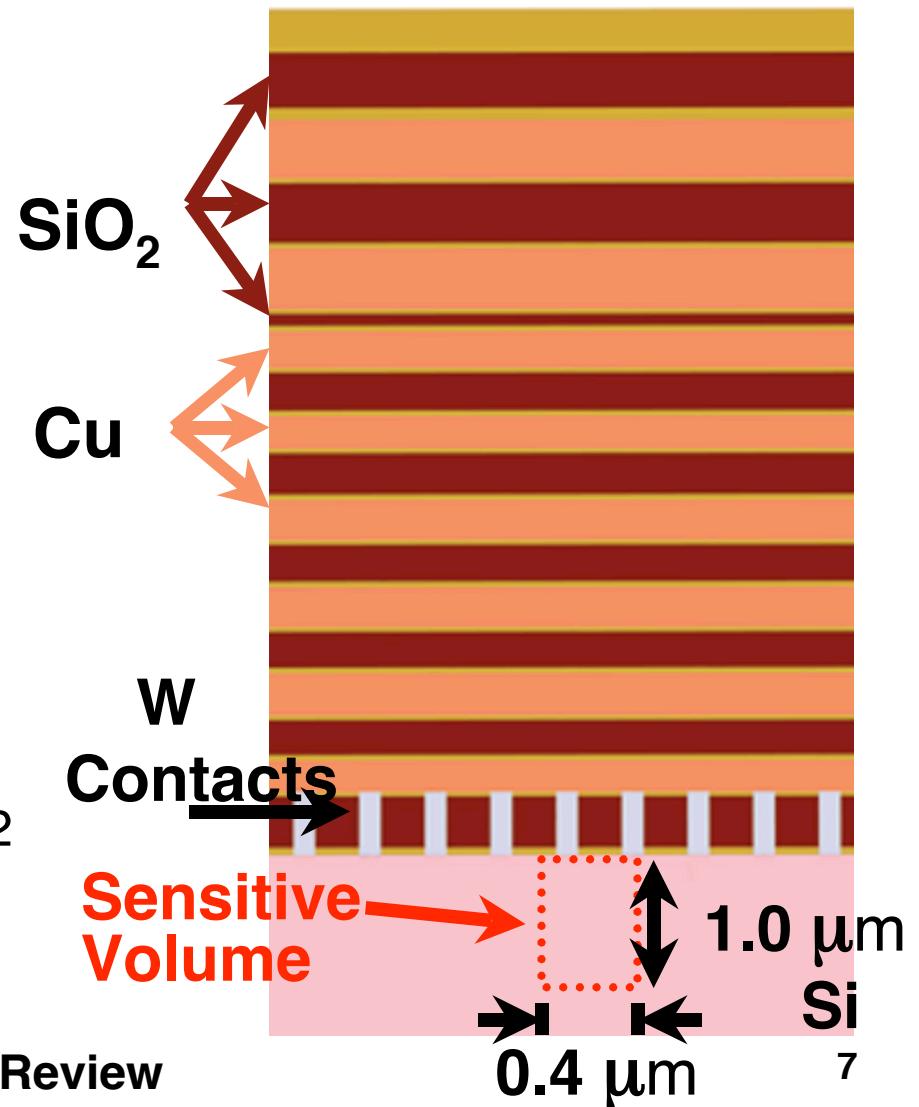
# Sensitive volume definition

- Depth
  - From IBICC
  - $1 \mu\text{m}$
- Lateral area
  - Process specific
  - $0.4 \mu\text{m} \times 0.4 \mu\text{m}$
- Spacing
  - $1.3 \mu\text{m} \times 1.9 \mu\text{m}$

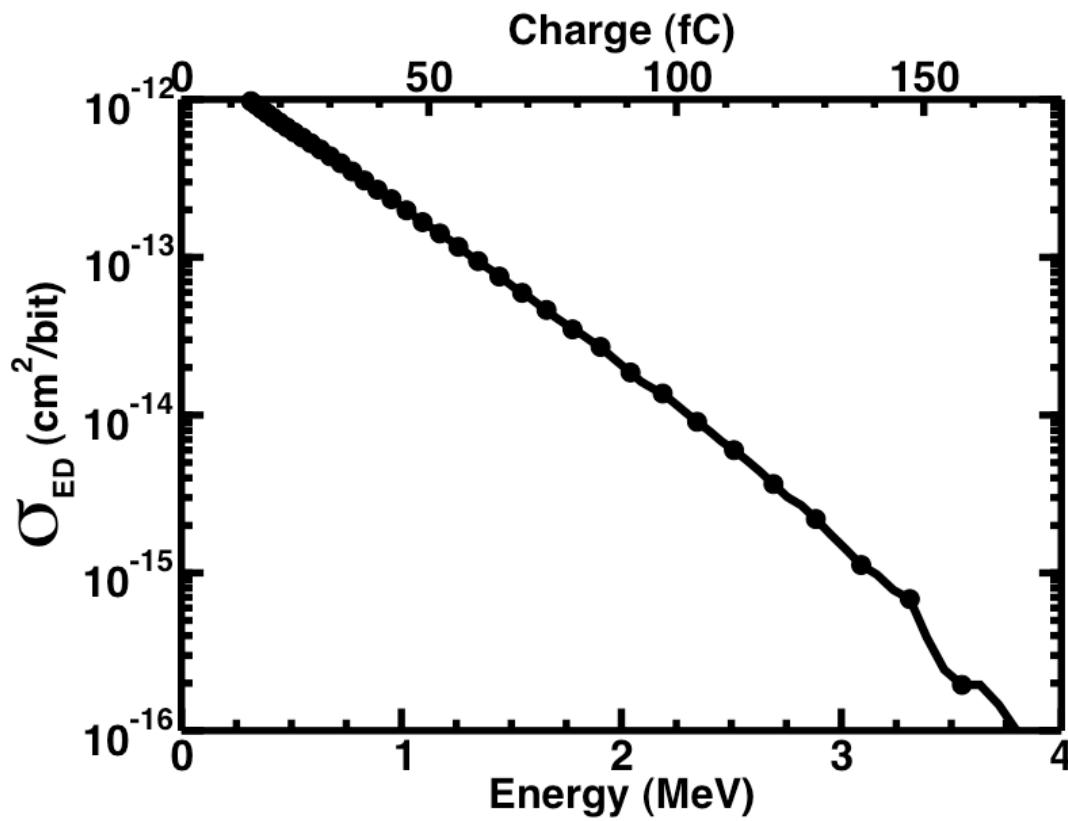


# Simulation

- 204 sensitive volumes
- Monte Carlo Radiative Energy Deposition (**MRED**)
  - 63 MeV Protons
  - Fluence  $1 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
  - Equivalent 2 Mbit @  $1 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2}$



# Energy deposition cross section

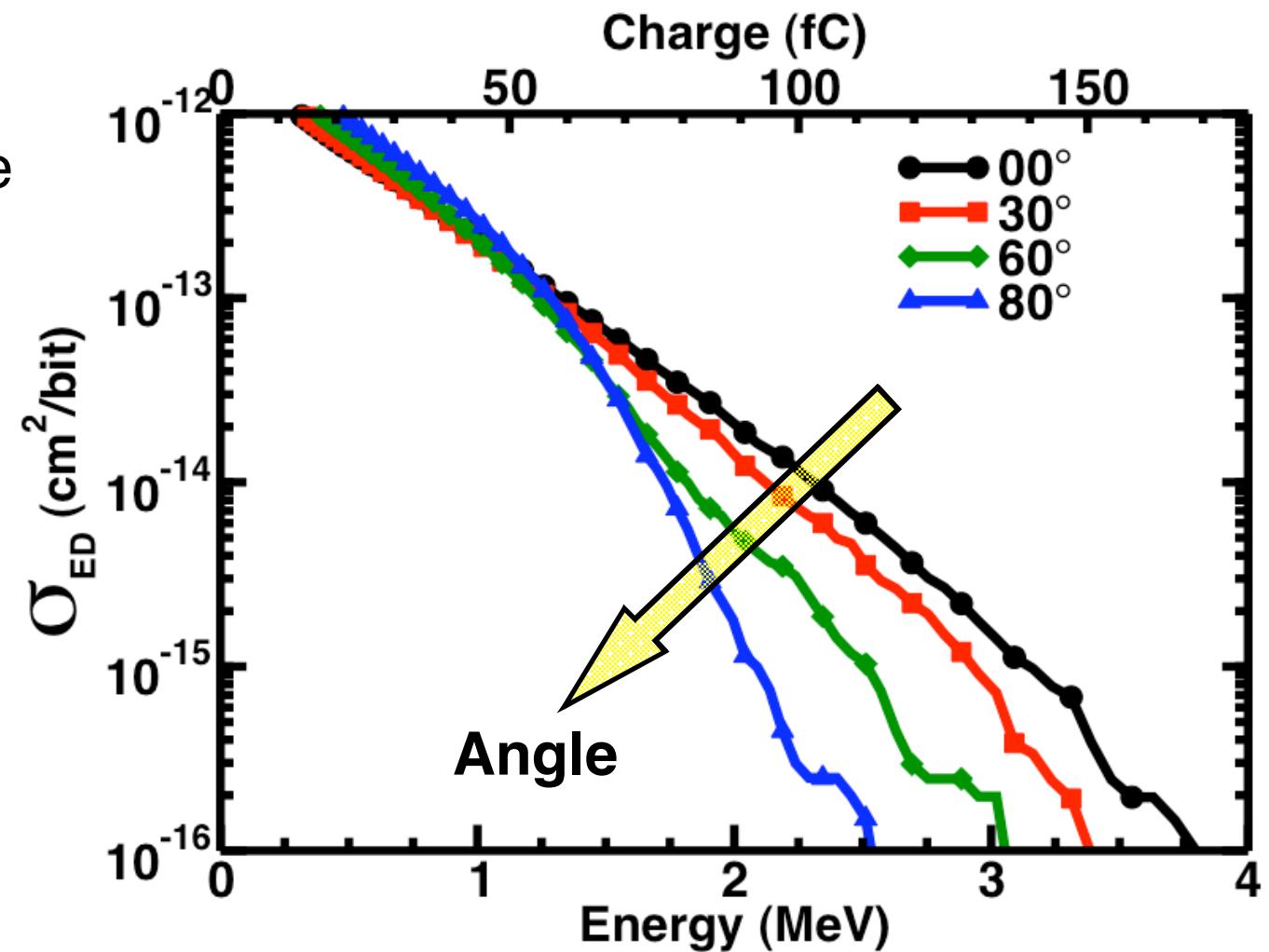
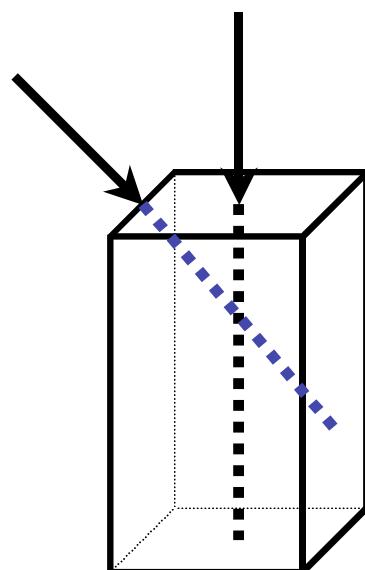


- $\sigma_{ED}(E) \equiv$  Cross section to deposit at least E in the sensitive volume
- Relationship to SEU cross section

$$\sigma_{SEU} = \sigma_{ED} (Q_{crit})$$

# Single volume $\sigma_{ED}$

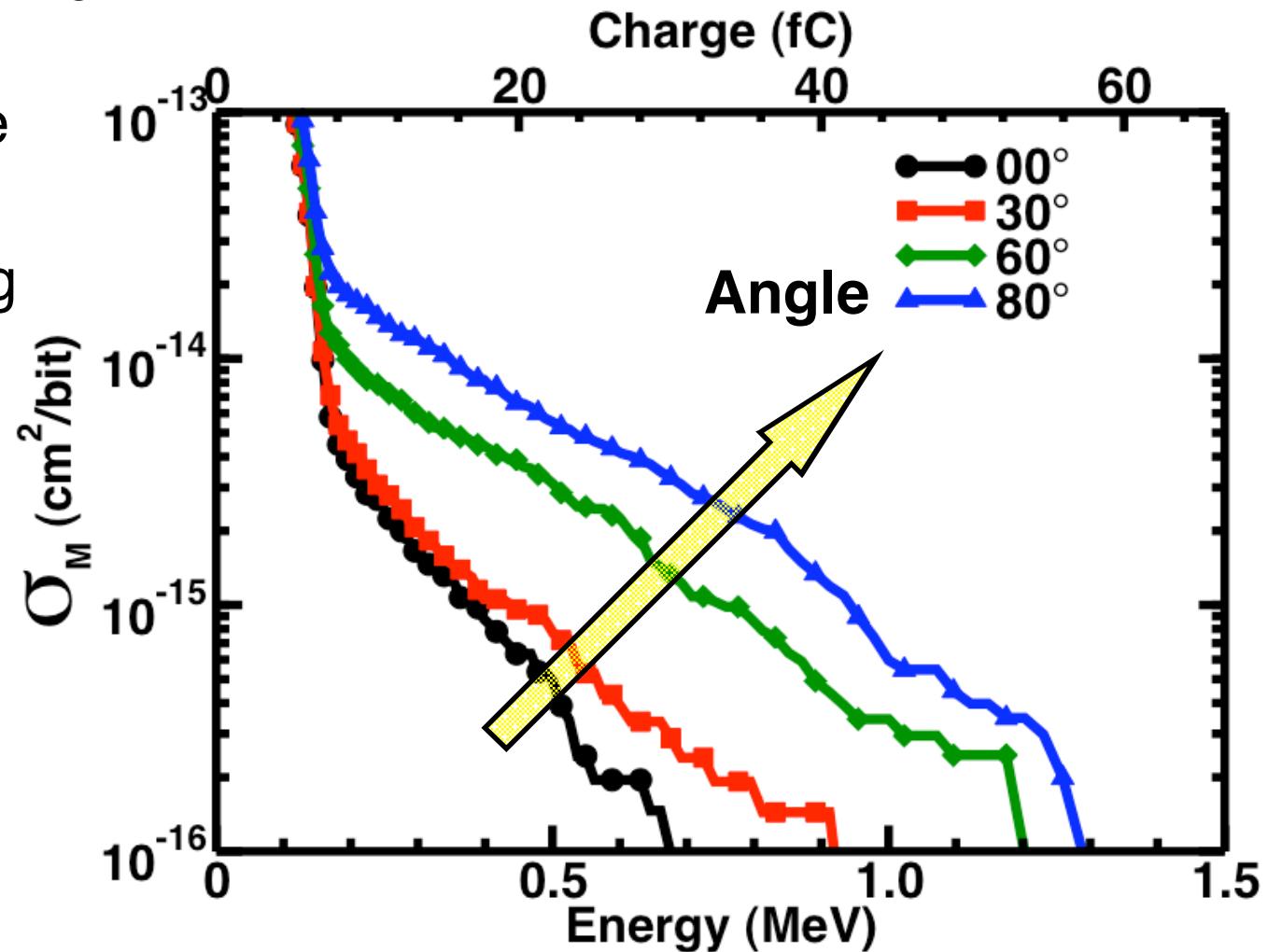
- Single volume angular dependence
  - SV aspect ratio





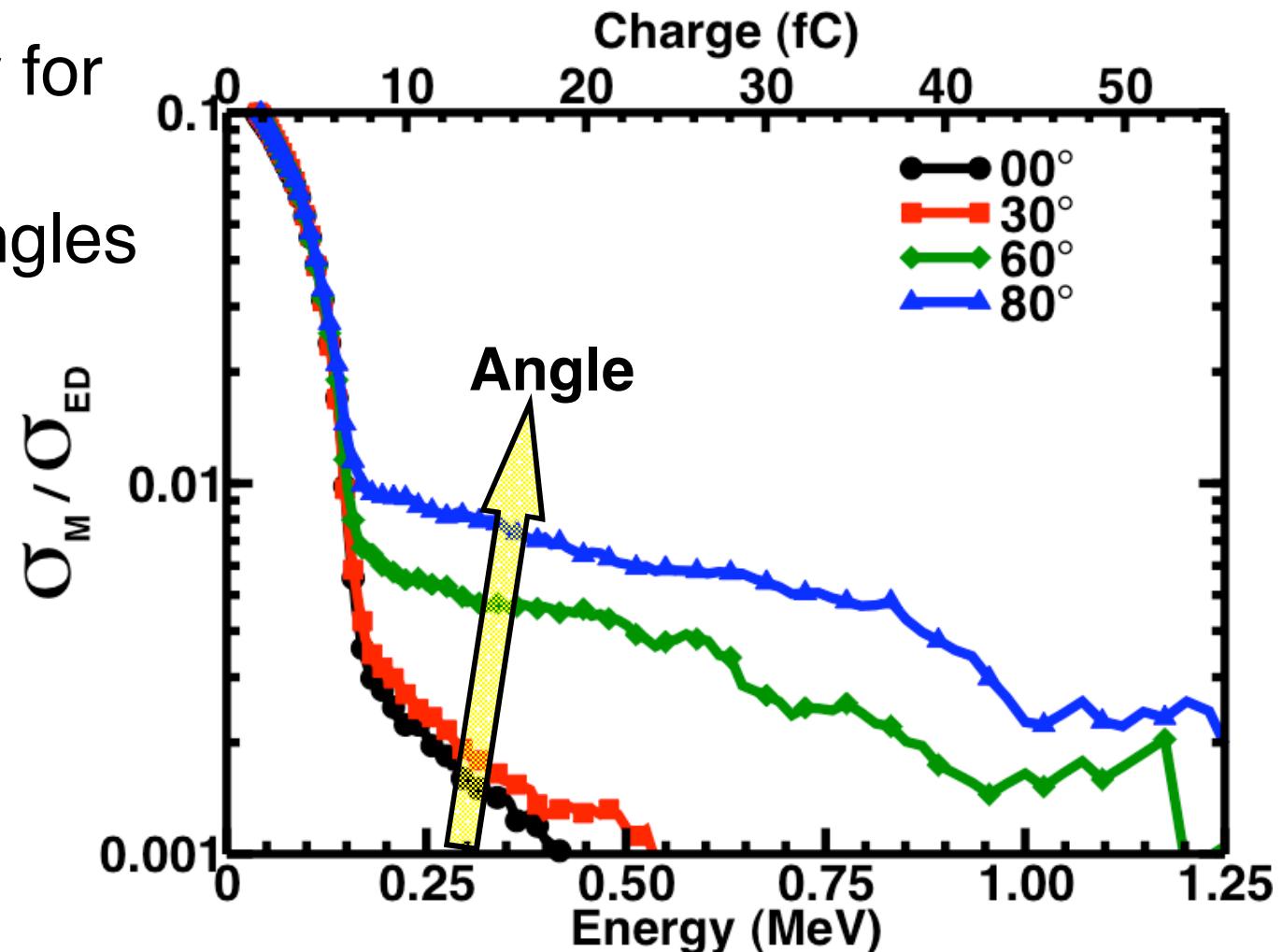
# Multiple volume $\sigma_M$

- Multiple volume angular dependence
  - Forward scattering



# Multiple volume probability

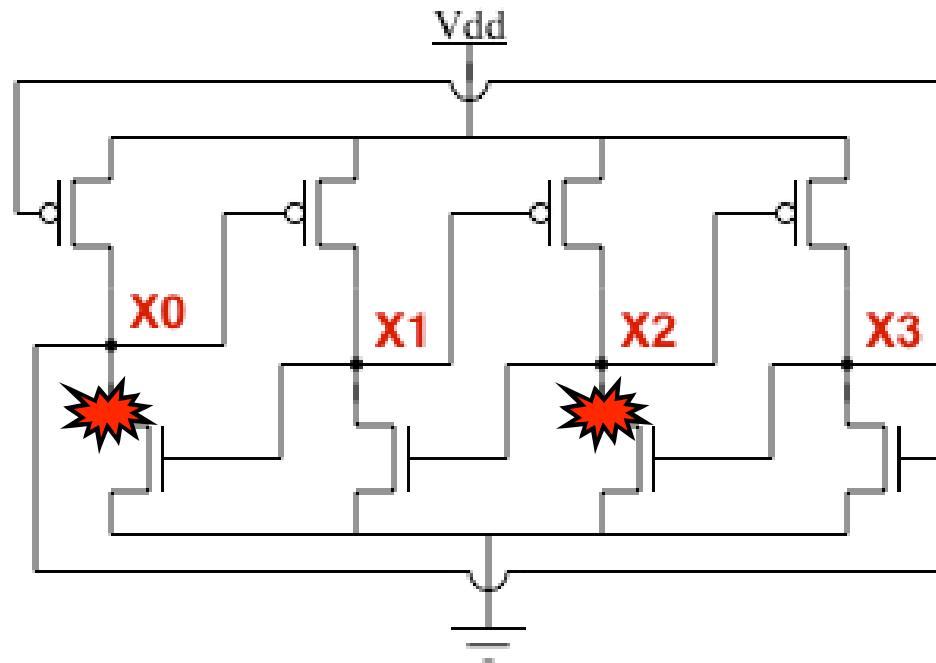
- Increased probability for protons at grazing angles





# Plan

- Multiple cell
  - DRAM
  - SRAM
- Multiple node
  - DICE latch
  - CVSL logic
- Device simulation
- Rate prediction





# Summary

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- MBU cross section from energy deposition cross section calculation
- Single volume cross section angular dependence
  - Decreases with increasing angle
  - Aspect ratio
- Multiple volume angular dependence
  - Increases with increasing angle
  - Forward scattering
- Multiple volume probability increases with angle