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Small business conducting research, development and deriving applications for advanced technology in innovative *manipulation of the electron*, in all media, gas (vacuum), liquid, and solids to provide *extreme performance* electronics, sensors, power systems, energy storage and management, biological femtosystems and other highly advanced technologies

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# Extreme Performance electronics, sensors

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### APPLYING DIAMOND

DEPOSITION	DESIGN	DEVICES

### APPLYING DIAMOND - passives

#### DIAMOND POWER RESISTORS

Power density of 12.4 MW/cm<sup>2</sup>  
 Operation at > 600 °C  
 Extreme operation thermistor

DIAMOND POWER CAPACITORS

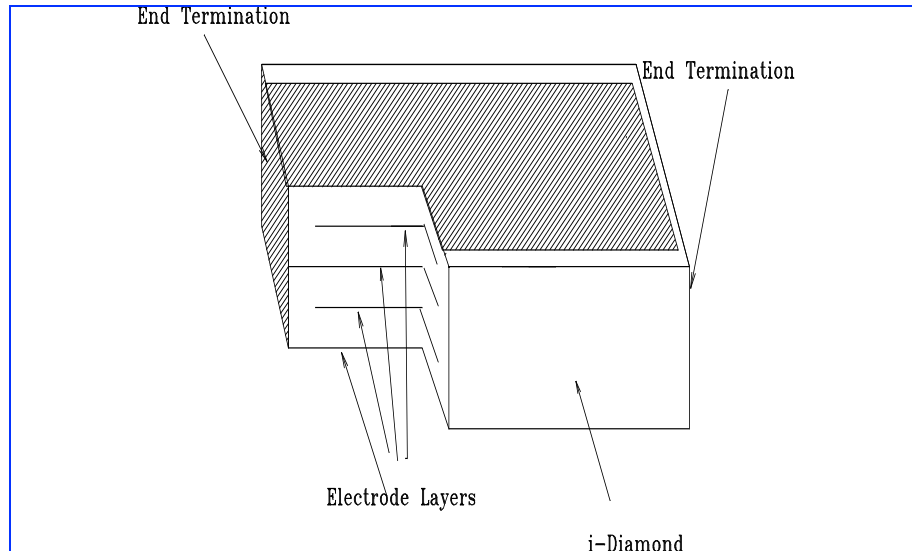
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# DIAMOND POWER CAPACITORS

## Designs

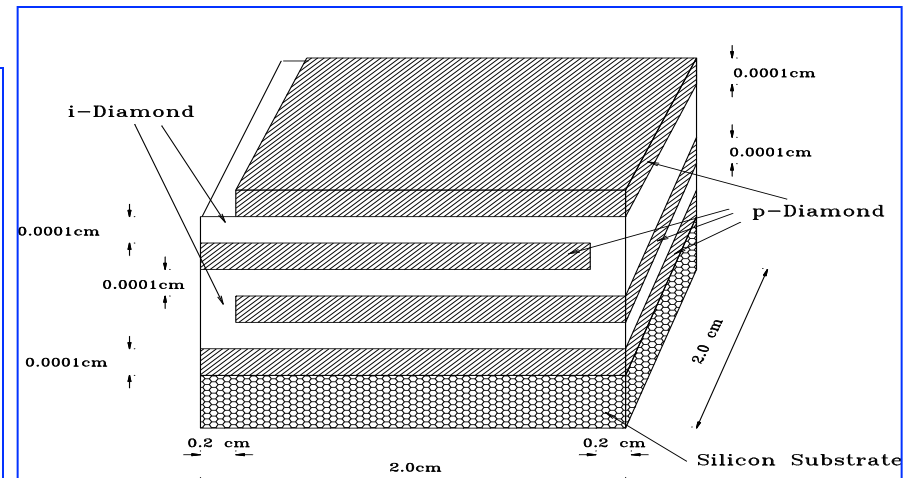


**Chip Capacitor**

*Metal-Diamond*

Volume Density of Capacitance

**20  $\mu\text{F}/\text{cm}^3$**



**Comb Structured Capacitor**

*All Diamond*

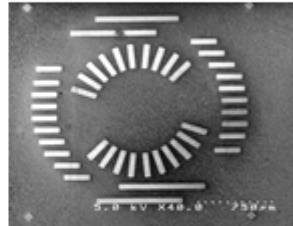
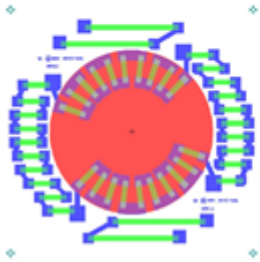
Volume Density of Capacitance

19  $\mu\text{F}/\text{cm}^3$

Present Power Capacitors in Industry ~ **0.03  $\mu\text{F}/\text{cm}^3$**

# DIAMOND MEMS *PRESSURE SENSOR*

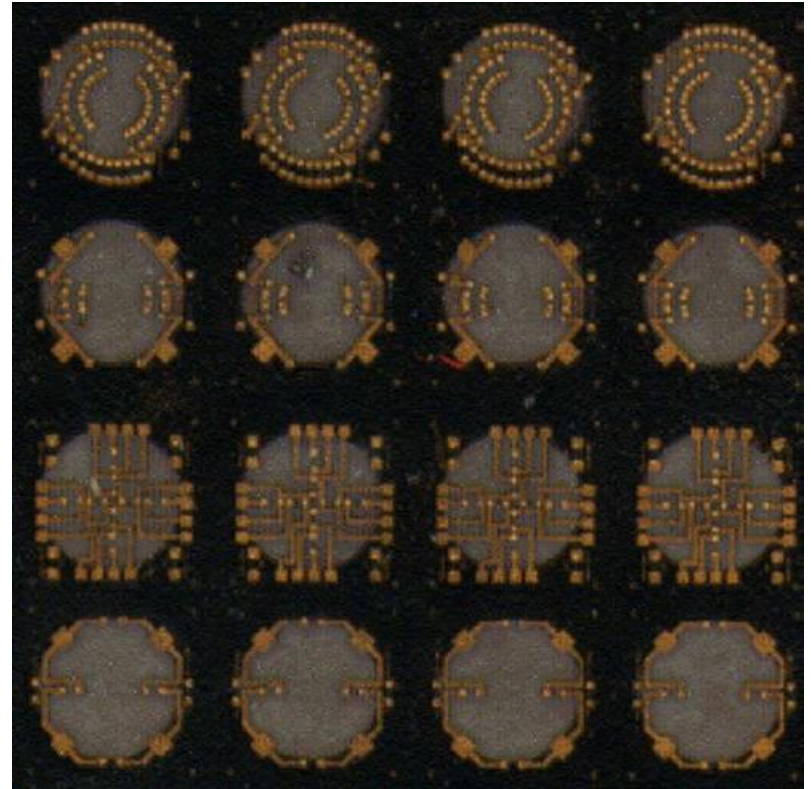
- 30 square resistor configuration for high temperature environment



- Metal etch mask
- O<sub>2</sub> RIE of diamond film
- Layer uniformity

**DPS**  
**OPERATED AT > 500**  
**°C**

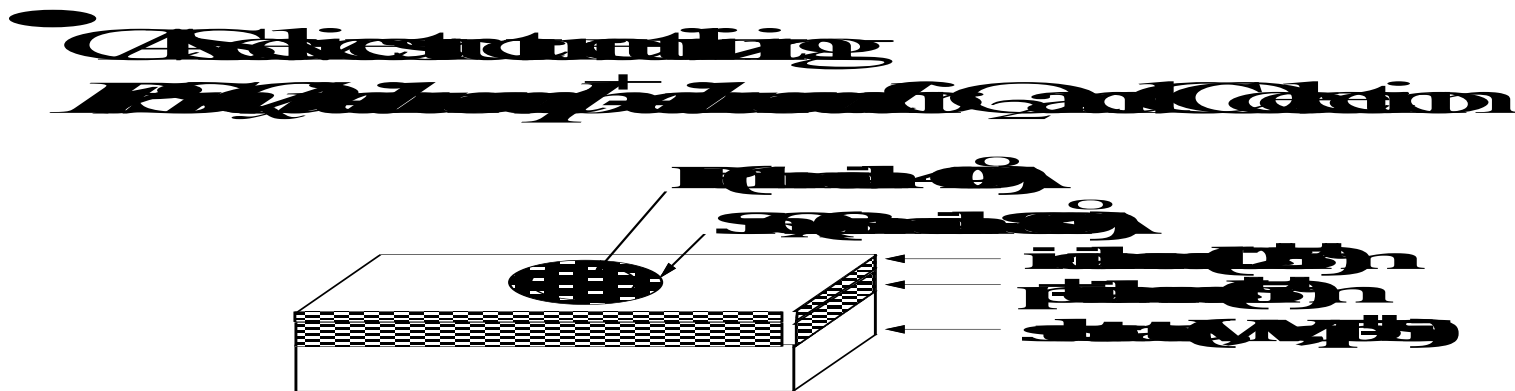
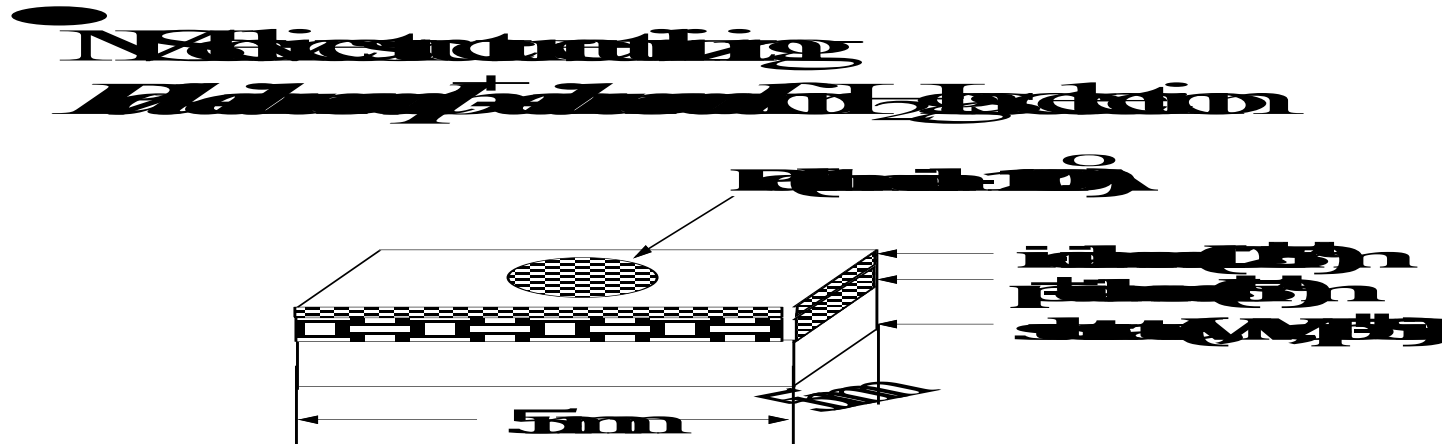
***Packaging limited***



4x4 array of undiced complete sensors  
Each DPS is ~ 2mm in diameter

# Diamond-Based MIS and CAIS Gas Sensor Structures

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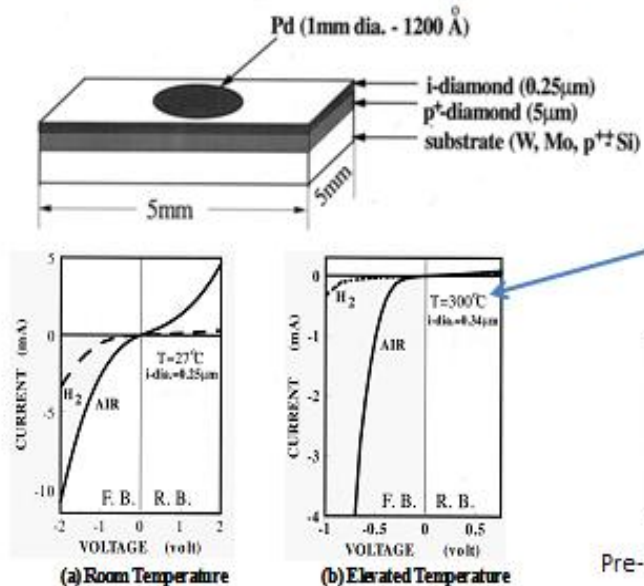
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# Diamond Gas Sensor Structures

## CVD Diamond *Hydrogen Sensor*



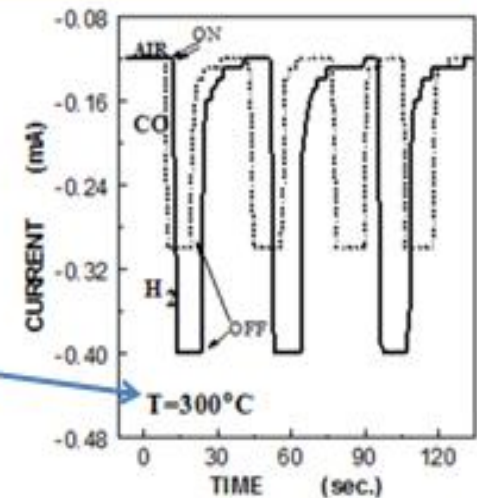
Sensitivity of the MIS Gas Sensor

Pre-prototype Hydrogen Sensor

## DIAMOND GAS SENSOR multiple species

Selectivity, repeatability, and reproducibility of the C/AIS response  
I-t Characteristics

- ▶ Fast,
- ▶ repeatable,
- ▶ reproducible,
- ▶ and selective response to oxygen, CO and hydrogen



**OPERATING AT 300 C**

**VERY RAPID RESPONSE, RECOVERY, SENSITIVITY**

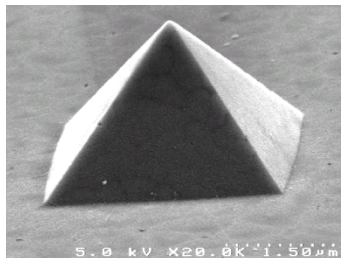
**MULTIPLE SPECIES, LAYER SELECTION, SELECTIVITY**



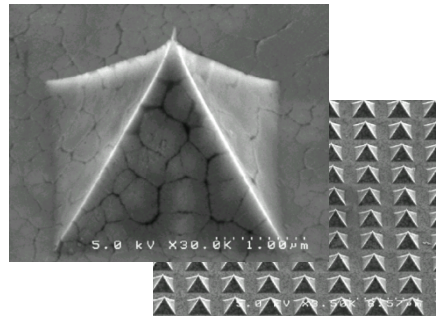
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*DIAMOND  
VACUUM EMITTER  
MICROELECTRONICS*

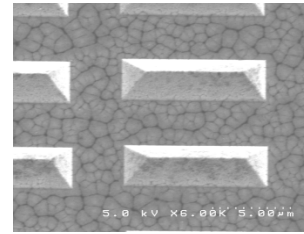
# Carbon/diamond electron emission device forms



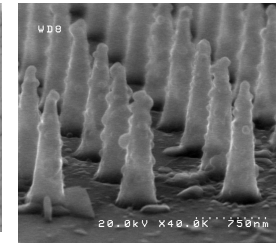
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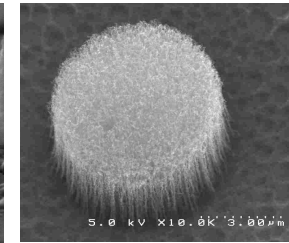
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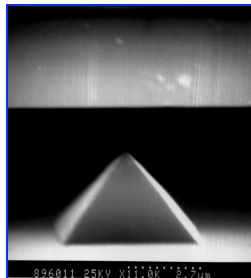
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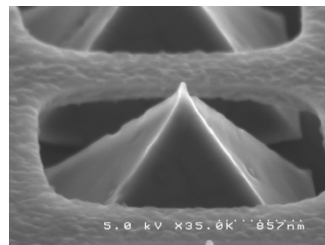
Nano-Scale  
Cones



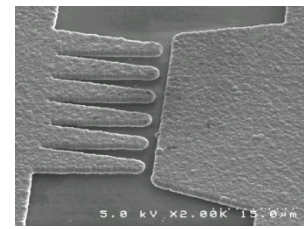
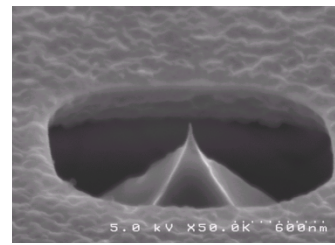
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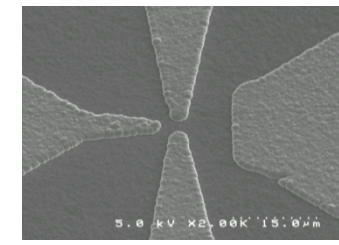
Capped diode



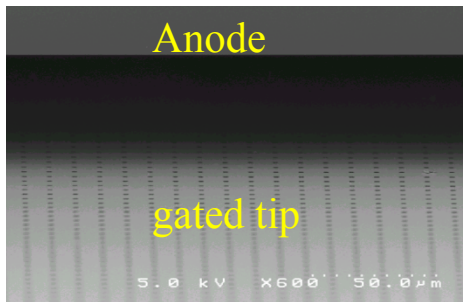
Gated diode/  
triode



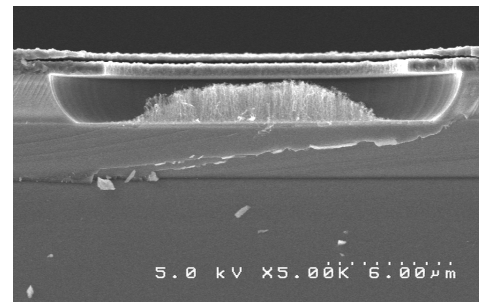
Lateral diode



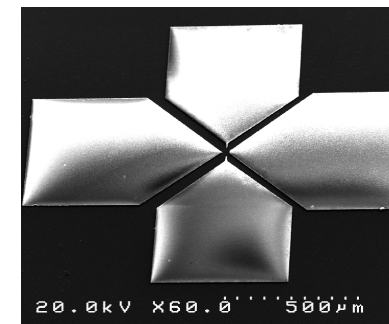
Lateral triode



Triode



CNTs diode/Triode



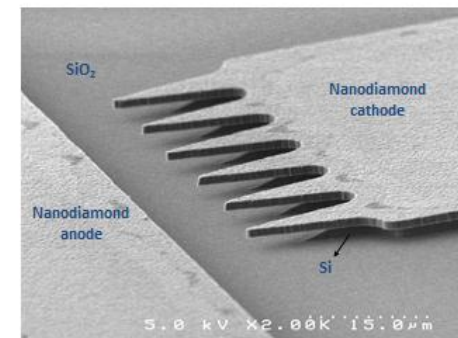
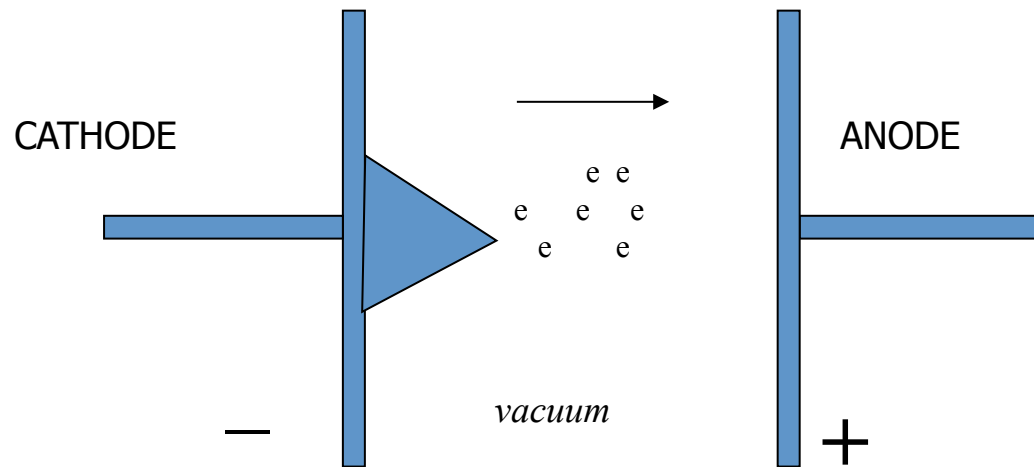
Lateral triode



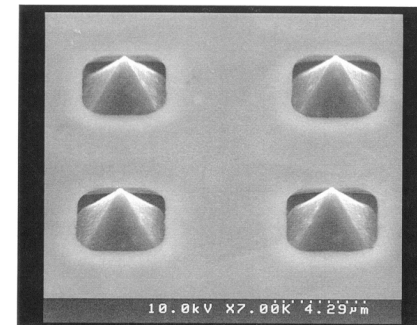
# Diamond-Based *Vacuum* microTip Emitter Devices

## Simplified Electron Emission Process *Fowler-Nordheim cold cathode tunneling*

### Micro-Tip Emitter



lateral



vertical

**Diamond is the best electron emitter material.**

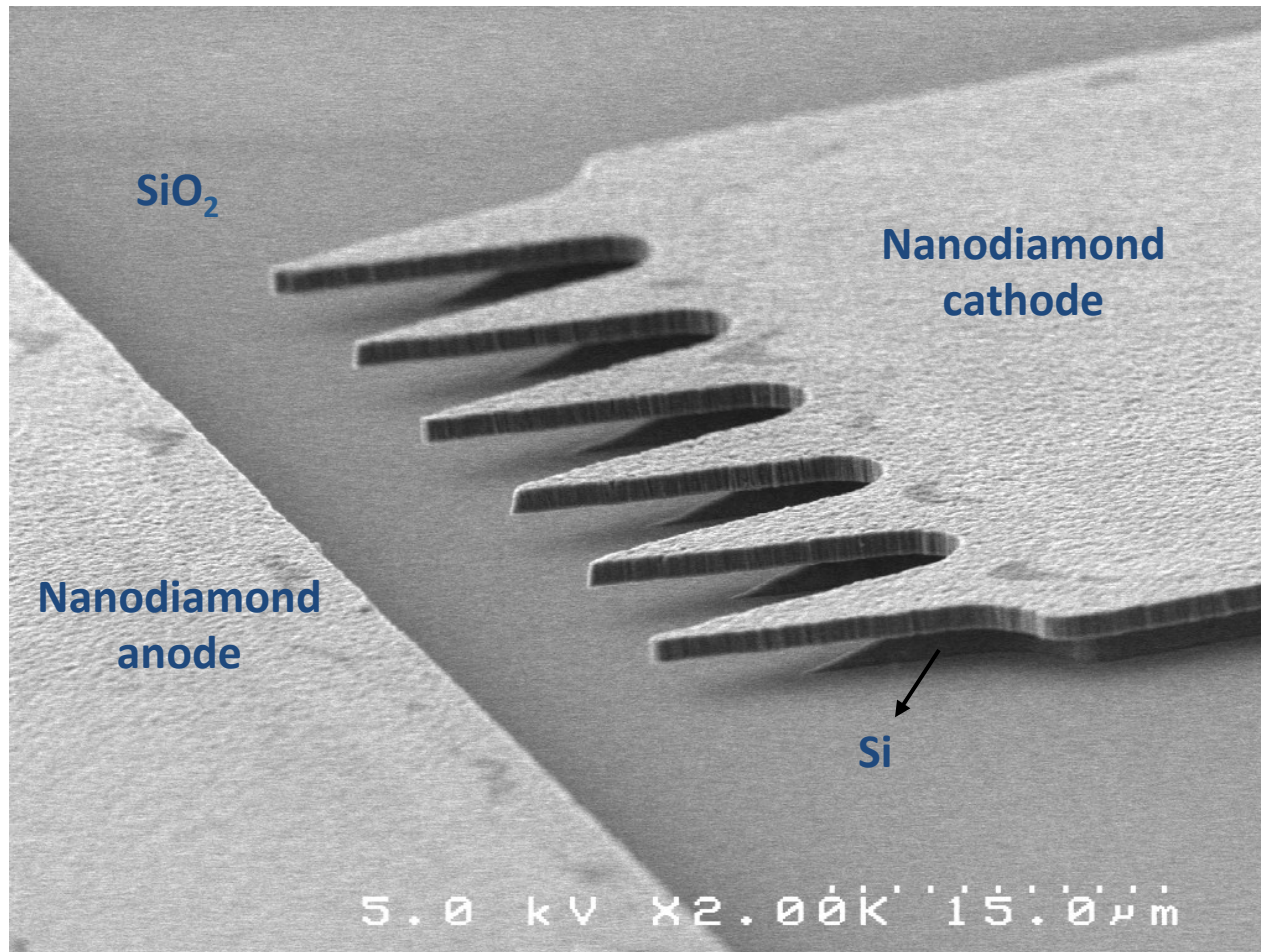
{ lightning rod 'in reverse', a nano-vacuum tube }

**Replace solid state**

**Extreme operational limits**

# Nanodiamond lateral device

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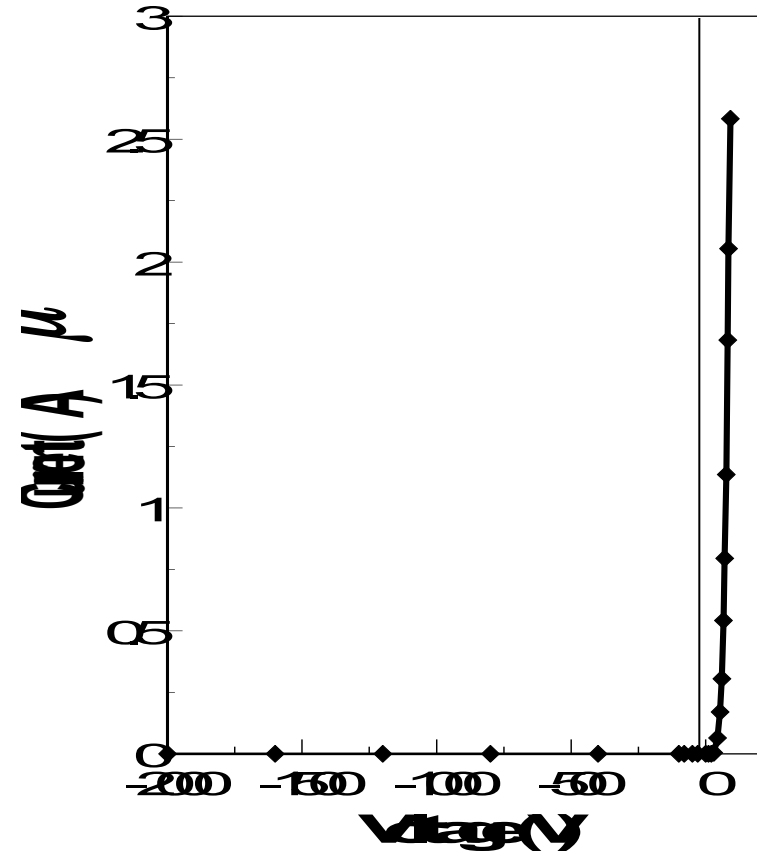


**High magnification SEM image  
of the lateral device structure**

# Diamond Emitter Diode

- ◆ Low turn-on voltage
- ◆ High emission current
- ◆ *Extremely low reverse leakage current (less than 1pA, noise level)*
- ◆ *High breakdown voltage of more than 2000 V*

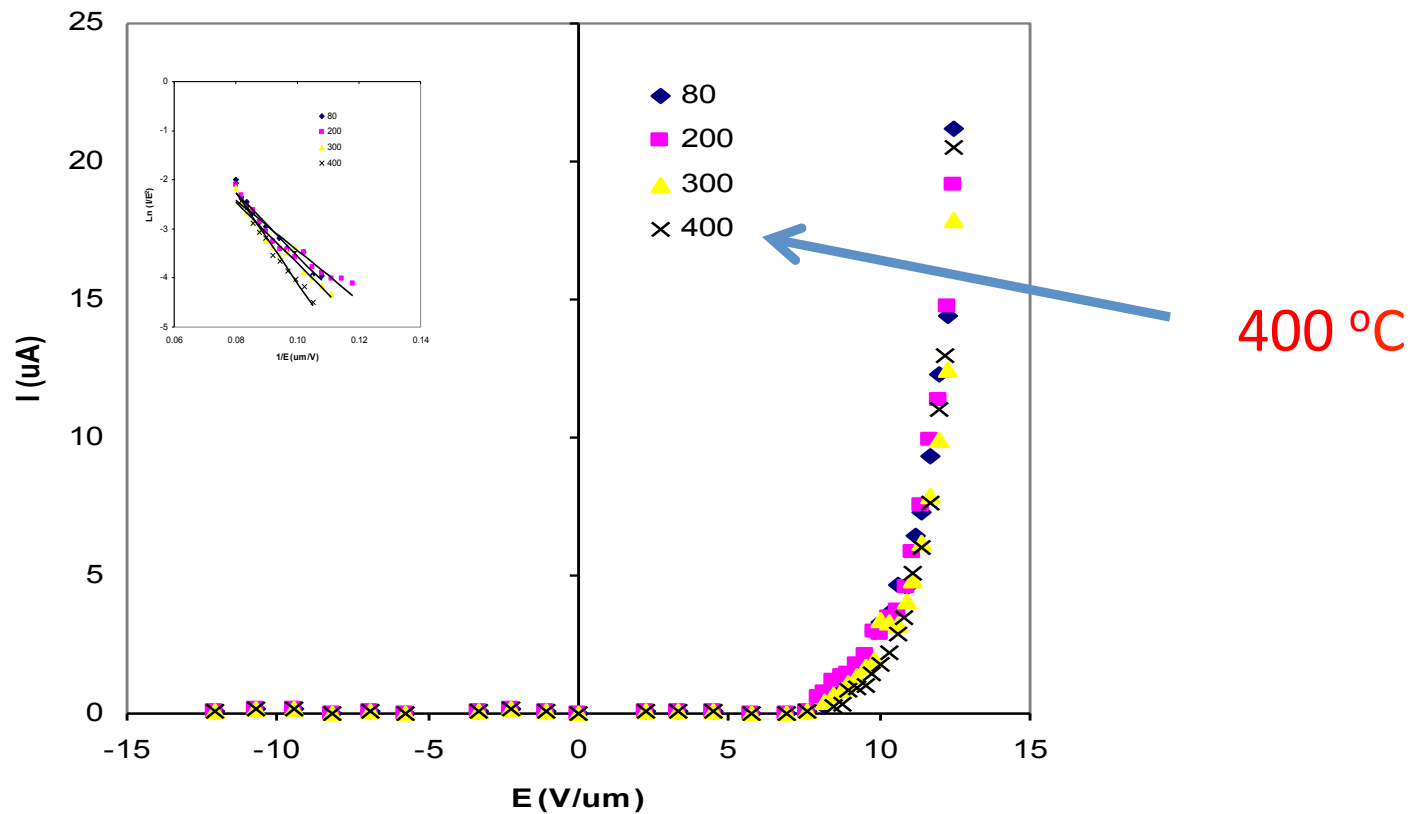
and DEVICES THAT ARE  
TEMPERATURE AND RADIATION  
**IMMUNE**



I-V plot of diamond emitter diode

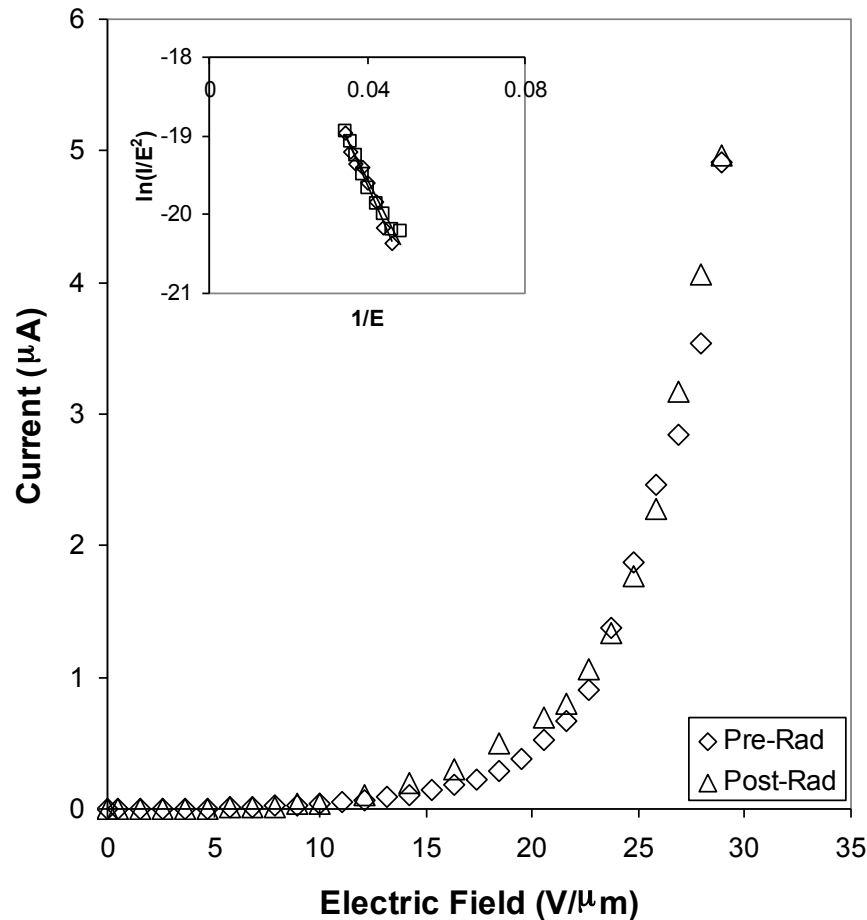
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# Diamond Emitter Diode High Temperature Characteristics



- Emission current is *unaffected* by temperature changes
- Turn-on voltage is unaffected by temperature changes
- Negligible reverse leakage current

# Nanodiamond lateral device *Radiation Hardness*



## Neutron radiation test:

- **$4.4(10^{13})$  neutrons/cm<sup>2</sup>**  
high fluence irradiation
- **No discernable difference** in **physical size or appearance** (dilation/expansion/change in anode-cathode spacing) of diamond devices (SEM)
- No change in **resistivity** of nanodiamond film
- No significant difference in the **I-V emission** behavior before and after neutron exposure

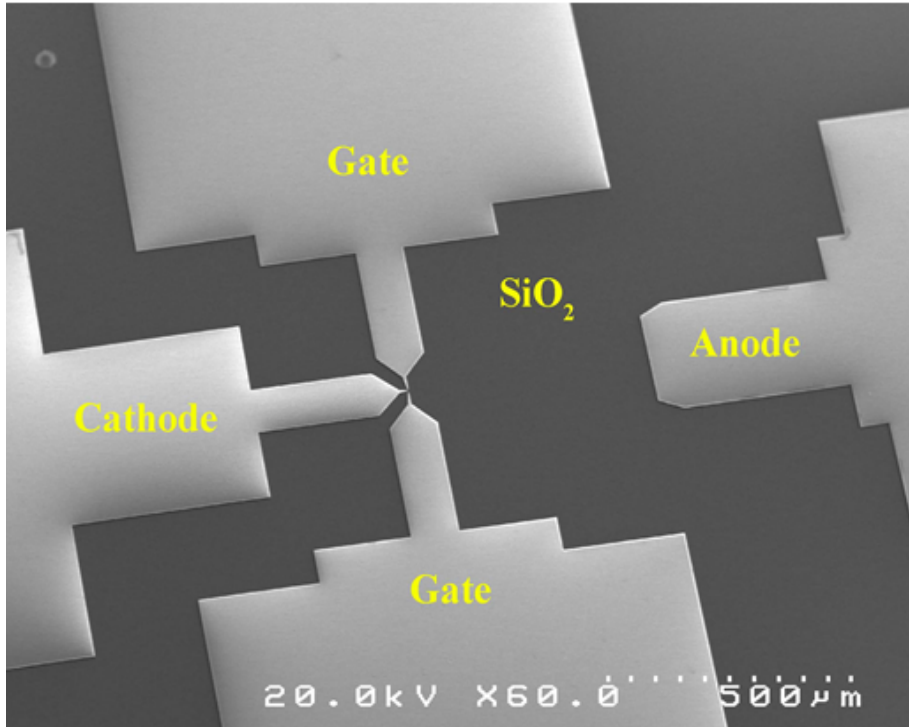
***Diamond Vacuum Microelectronics technology*** capable of operating efficiently at both low & high temperatures (***350 °C***), with an inherent "hardness" to high radiation exposure, for

***Extreme Environment Electronics***

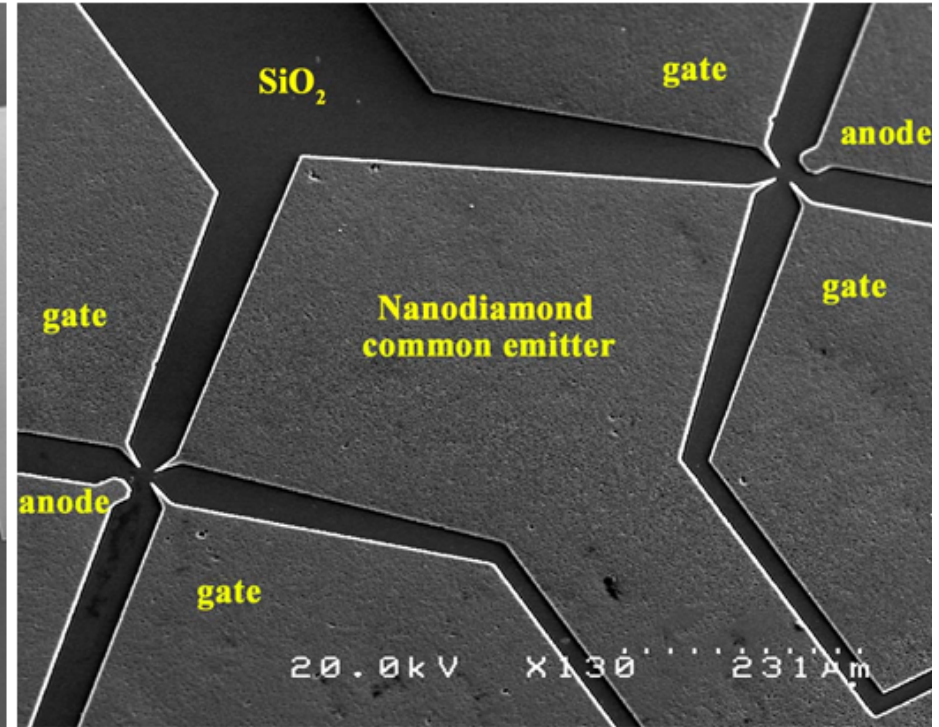
# 3 TERMINAL DEVICE

# DVFET

(a)



(b)



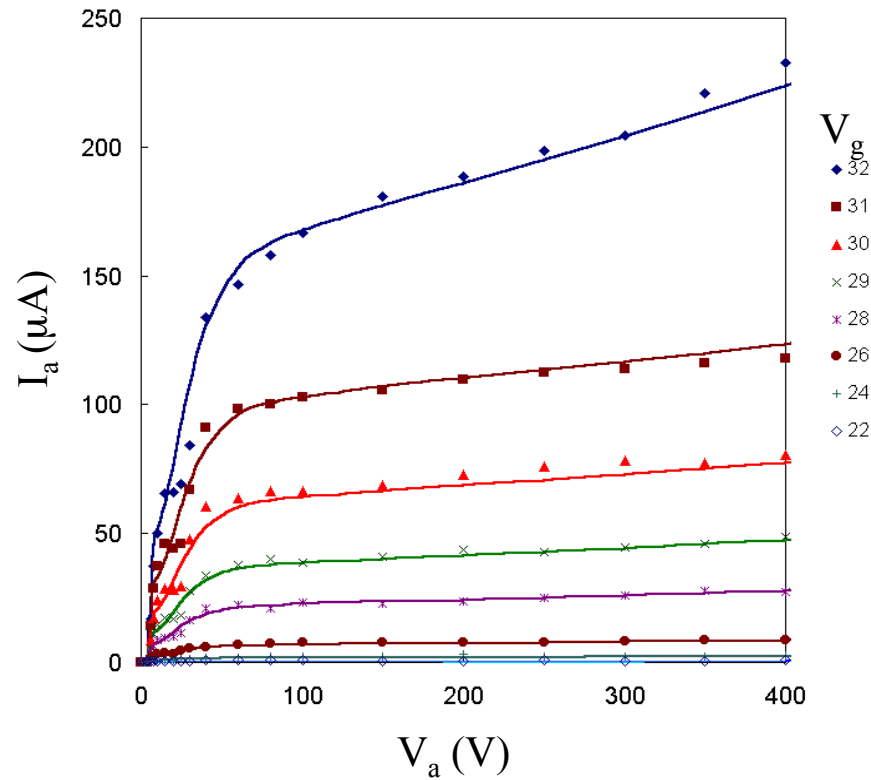
SEM micrographs:

- (a) Nanodiamond lateral triode, 2 μm gate-cathode spacing & 0.5 mm anode-cathode spacing;
- (b) SEM micrograph of a nanodiamond lateral double triode with a common emitter.

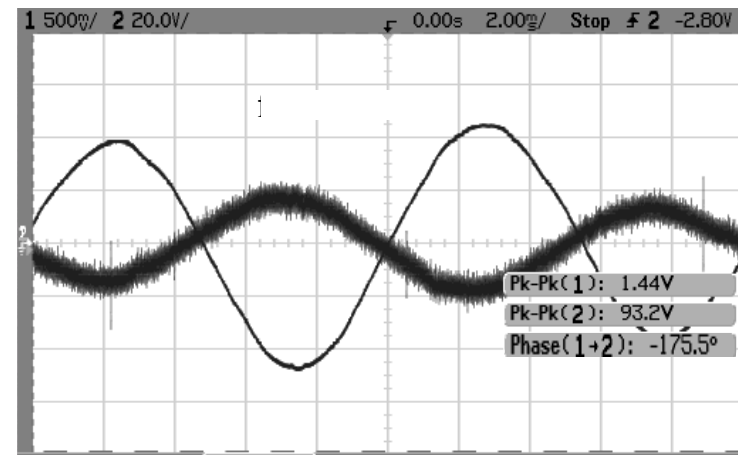
# Diamond VFET

- Low turn-on voltage of 22 V
- High emission current 200  $\mu\text{A}$
- Low anode saturation voltage (40V) for large anode-cathode spacing (1mm)
- High dc voltage gain of 800

- High ac voltage gain of 70
- Capable of producing large AC output voltage (>100 V peak to peak)



DC characteristic



AC characteristic

# CONCLUDING

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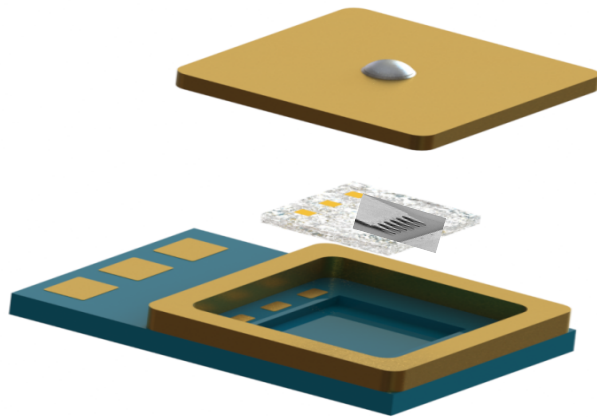
## THE TECHNOLOGIES DISCUSSED:

R, C, SENSORS, DIODES, TRANSISTORS, and more,  
PERFORM AT SUCH EXTREMES (T, RAD, etc.)

THEY *OUTPACE* CONVENTIONAL PACKAGE/ASSEMBLY TECHNOLOGY

*There is an essential need for packaging/assembly technology  
for extreme environments*

APEI, Inc. is a state-of-the-art high performance electronics company with capabilities from inception through manufacturing of fully qualified systems.



IFSI and APEI, Inc. are collaborating to arrive at components, sensors and devices that *operate* at unprecedented extreme ambient conditions



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*Prototype, depicting an exploded view of a diamond vacuum device packaged inside the integrated high temperature vacuum package*

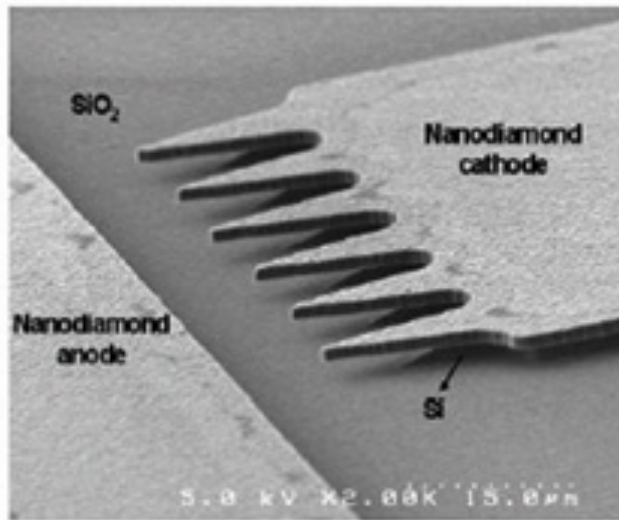




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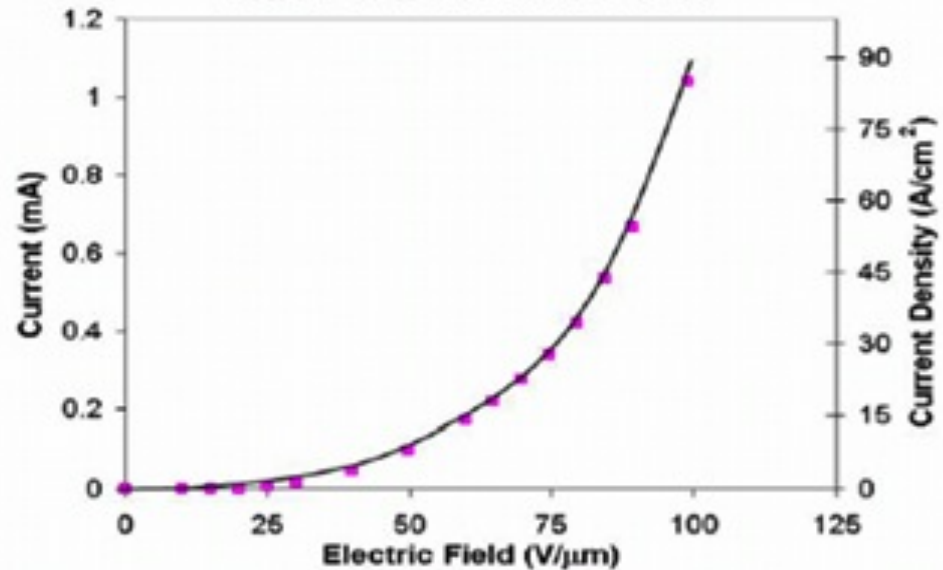
# Diamond Emitter Diode forward characteristics

## 6 Finger Lateral Device



- Lateral Planar Device
- 6 Finger Device

## Measured Emission



- 184 uA/Tip at 495 volts
- 91 mW/Tip
- 85A/sq cm \* 495V= 42 kW

(\* refers to active surface area of device)

# Emission current scaling in lateral devices

