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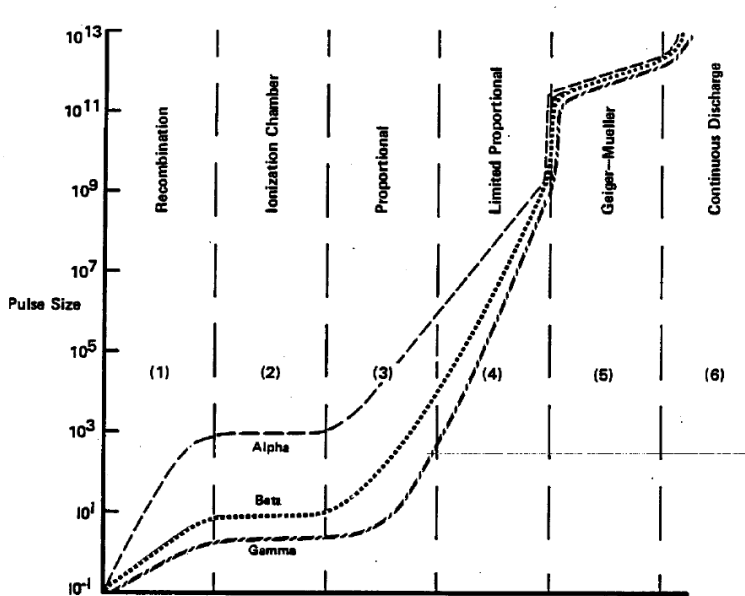
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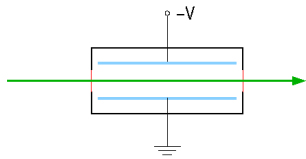
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# Gas Detector Curve



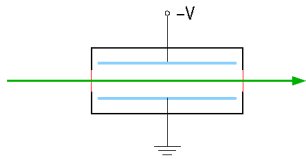
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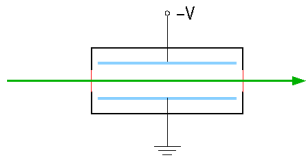
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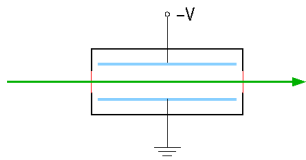
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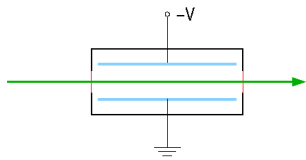
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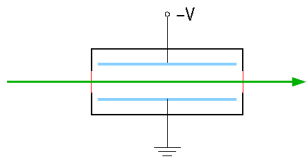
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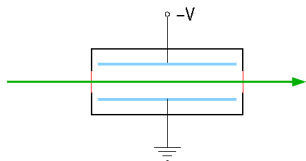
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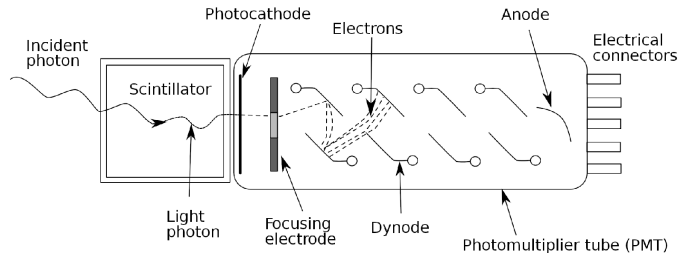
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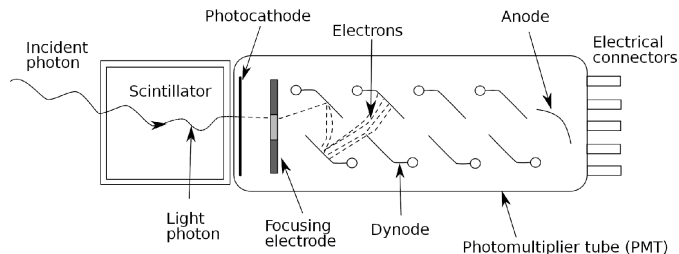
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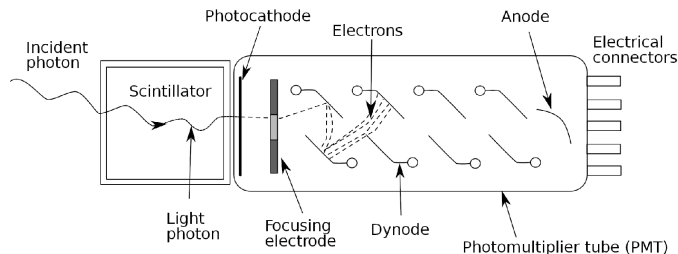
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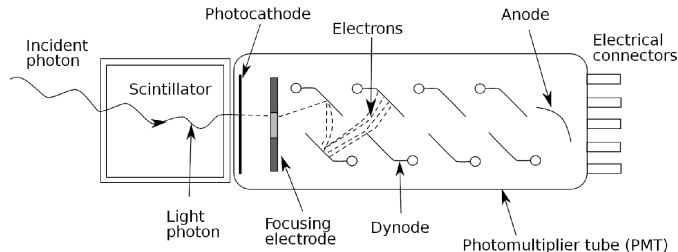


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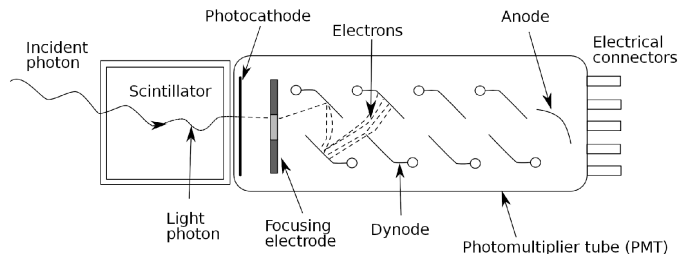
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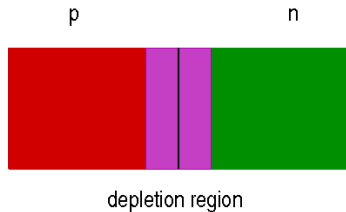
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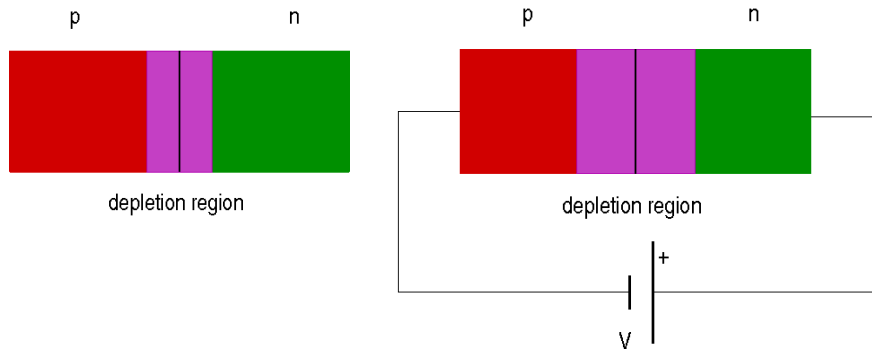
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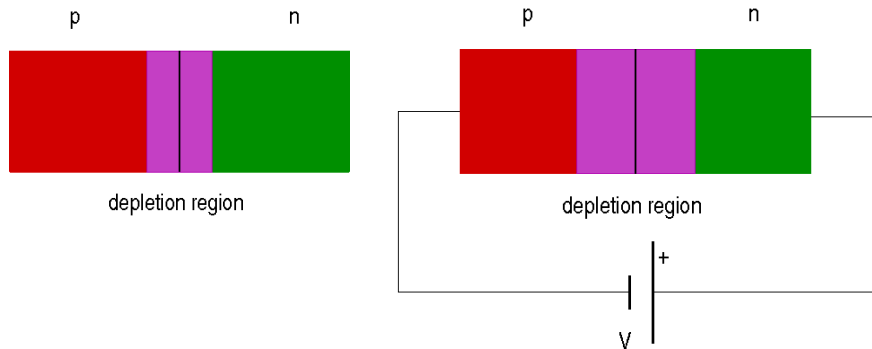
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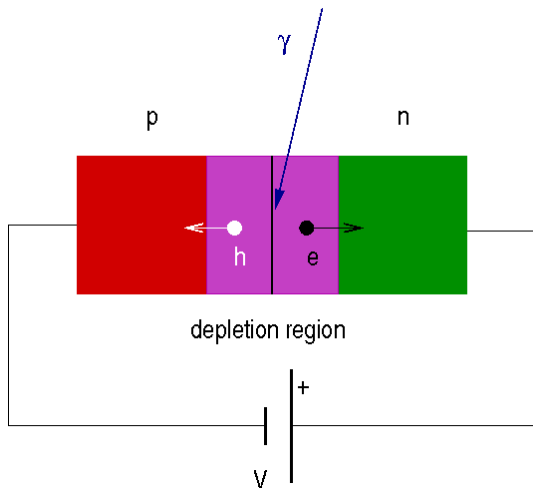
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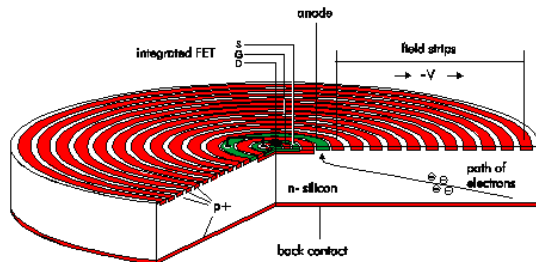
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# Ge Detector Operation



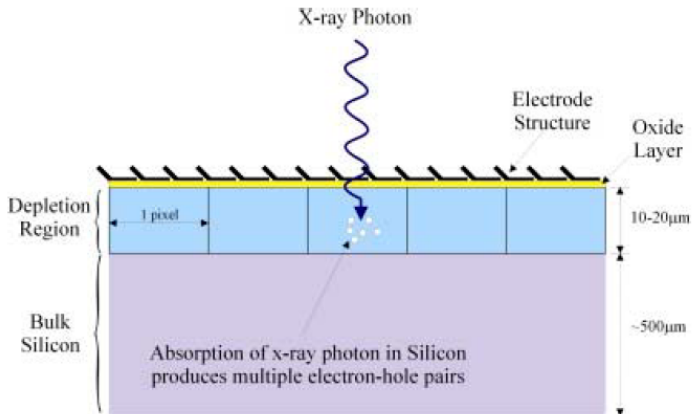
# Silicon Drift Detector

Same principle as intrinsic or p-i-n detector but much more compact and operates at higher temperatures



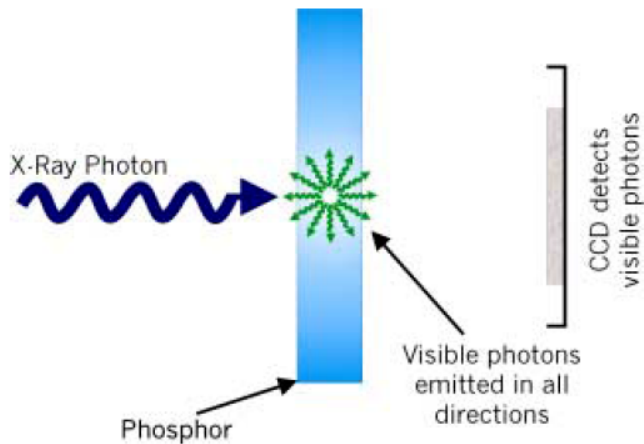
Relatively low stopping power is a drawback

# CCD Detectors - Direct





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# CCD Detectors - Lightpipe Taper

