

# The Tangerine project: Development of high-precision 65 nm silicon MAPS

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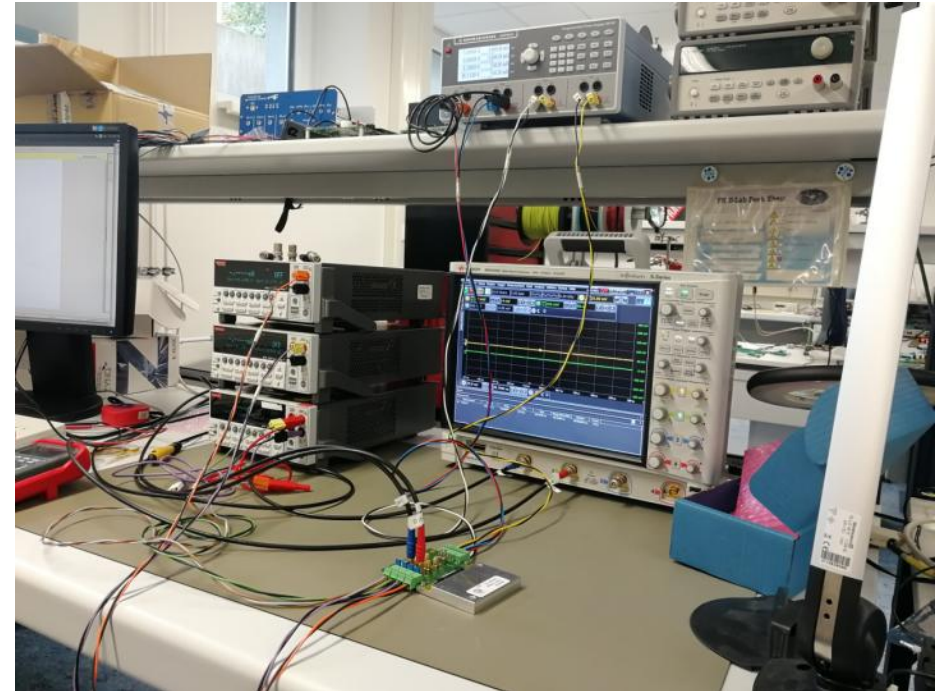
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# Outline

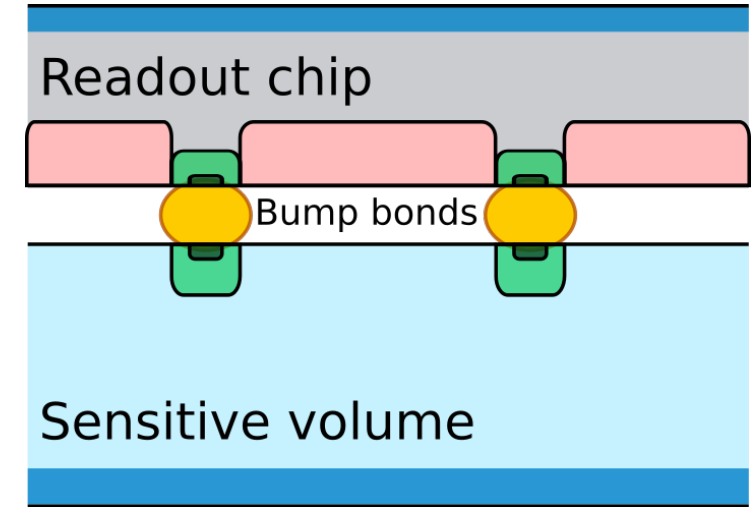
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- Conclusions and outlook



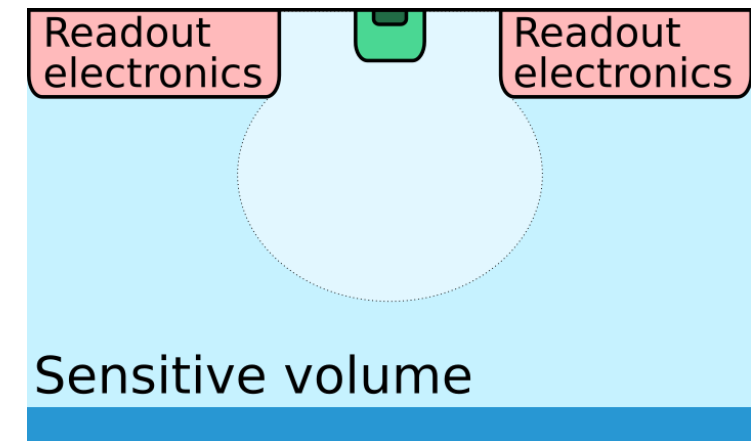
# Monolithic active pixel sensors (MAPS)

- MAPS combine **sensitive volume and readout electronics in a single volume**
  - This enables lower material budget, reduced complexity, and reduced production cost compared to hybrid sensors
  - A low material budget is **essential** for particle tracking applications
- MAPS have made significant progress in recent years
  - First MAPS used in the STAR experiment
  - Currently used in ALICE; the **ALPIDE chip**
  - The MALTA and MonoPix developments: developed as candidates for ATLAS
  - Current developments for the next ALICE tracker upgrade and the EIC
  - Large collection electrode MAPS prototypes widely investigated (e.g. MuPix, MightyPix, TelePix, ...)

## Hybrid sensor sketch

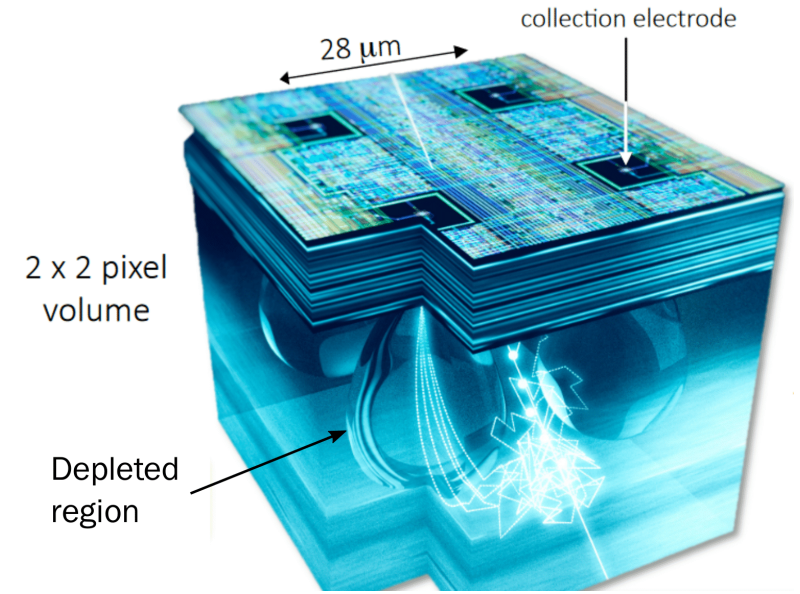


## Monolithic sensor sketch



# Monolithic active pixel sensors (MAPS)

- The ALPIDE chip is the current state-of-the-art MAPS sensor installed in a collider experiment
  - It utilises a development allowing for a **small collection electrode**, which reduces both detector noise and power consumption
  - The ALPIDE chip is made using a 180 nm CMOS imaging process
- Recently, access has been granted to a 65 nm CMOS imaging process, and this is envisioned to be used for the next ALICE inner tracker upgrade sensor
- The 65 nm process allows a **higher logic density** compared to previously used processes, leading to reduced pixel size or more in-pixel functionality
  - It also allows for decreased power consumption, and **stitching** for large-area sensor production
  - The process is so far **unused in particle physics applications**, however. It is **crucial** to test it



**Artistic view of the ALPIDE chip cross section.** Figure from [here](#)



# The Tangerine project (Towards next generation silicon detectors)

- Started in 2021 with the aim of **developing and investigating particle detection sensors in new silicon technologies**
- This presentation focuses on Work Package 1 of the project; **monolithic active pixel sensors** in a novel CMOS imaging technology (65 nm)
  - The project encompasses all aspects of sensor developments: electronics design, sensor design, prototype test chip characterisation
- The goal is development of a sensor with **high precision and low material**
  - Spatial resolution below 3  $\mu\text{m}$
  - Time resolution of less than 10 ns
  - Very low material budget, corresponding to at most 50  $\mu\text{m}$  of silicon (0.05%  $X/X_0$ )
  - Per-pixel charge measurement
- Primary initial goal: development of a sensor for telescope use, for test beams
  - This will **demonstrate the capabilities of the 65 nm technology in a particle physics context**

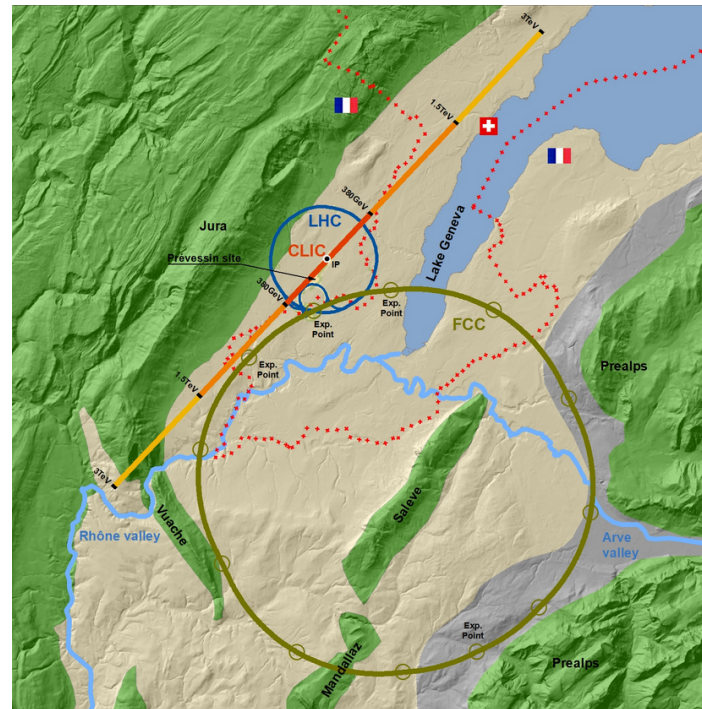


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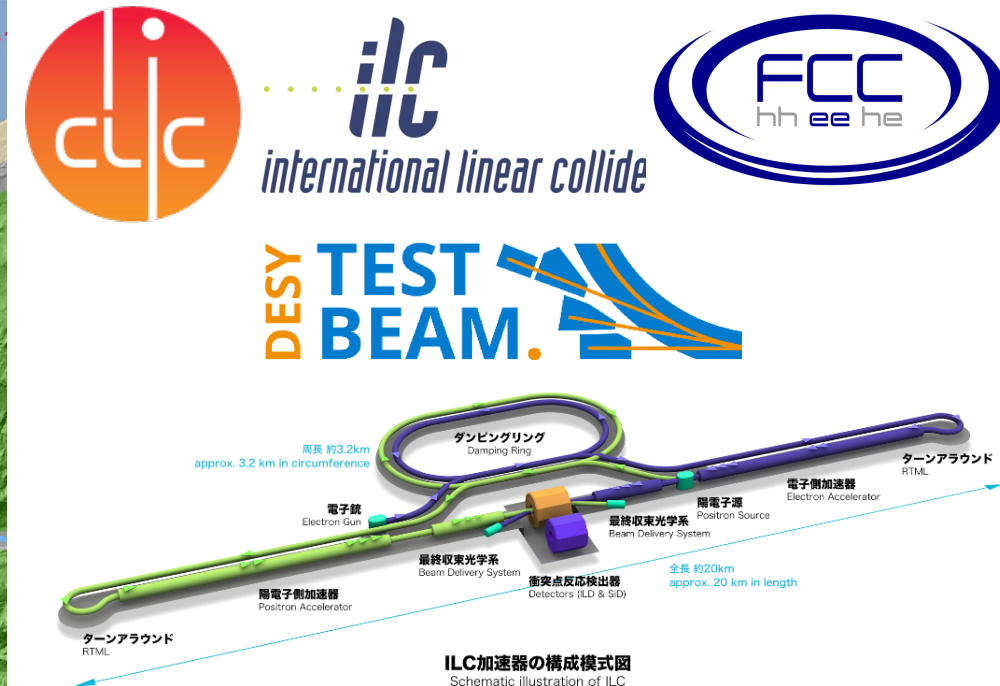
- Lepton colliders, e.g.
  - CLIC
  - ILC
  - FCC-ee
- Electron-ion collider
  - Synergies, at least (same CIS technology developments)
- Test beam reference system
- Common denominator: radiation damage is **not much of an issue**



CLIC: <https://home.cern/science/accelerators/compact-linear-collider>



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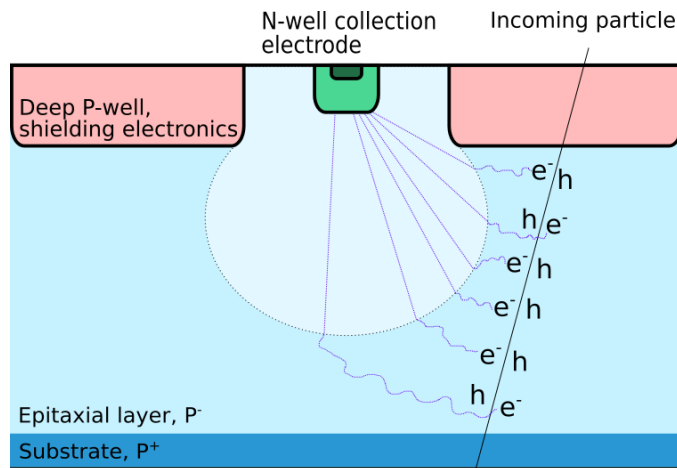
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# Sensor design

- The sensor design comprises both sensitive volume and electronics design
- For the sensitive volume design, there are three available layouts (all with a **small collection electrode**) originally designed for a 180 nm CMOS imaging process:

- Standard layout

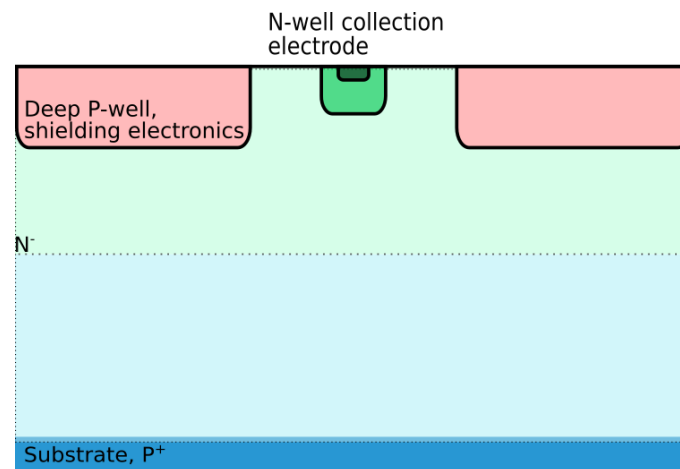
- ALPIDE-like



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- N-blanket layout

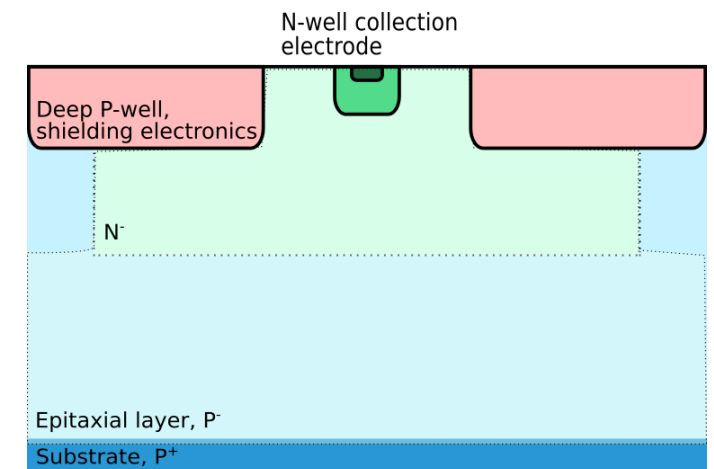
- Blanket layer of n-doped silicon, creating a **deep planar junction**



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- N-gap layout

- Blanket n-layer **with gaps at pixel edges**

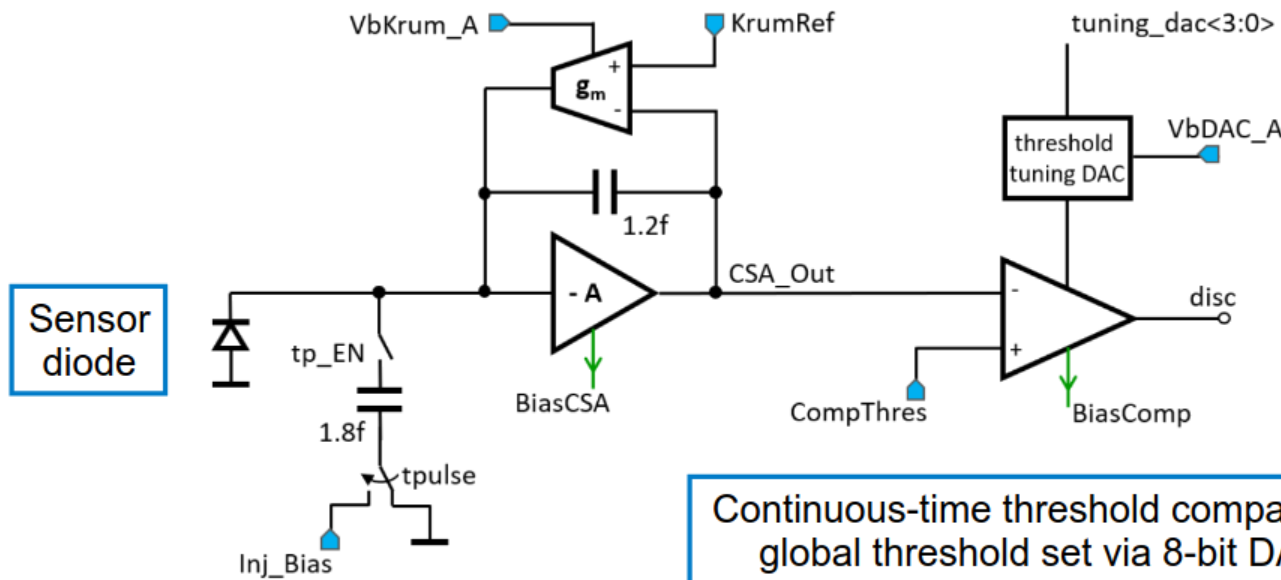
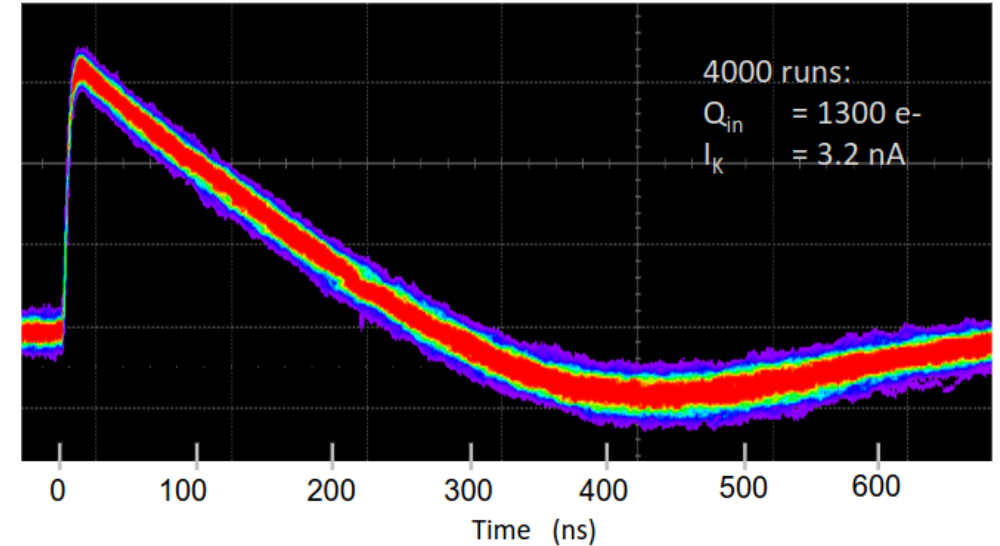


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# Sensor design at DESY

- Design of an analog front-end with a **charge-sensitive amplifier** circuit
  - **Krummenacher type feedback network** for continuous **reset** and **leakage current compensation**
  - Higher Krummenacher current -> faster return to baseline
- Comparator with tunable threshold in each pixel

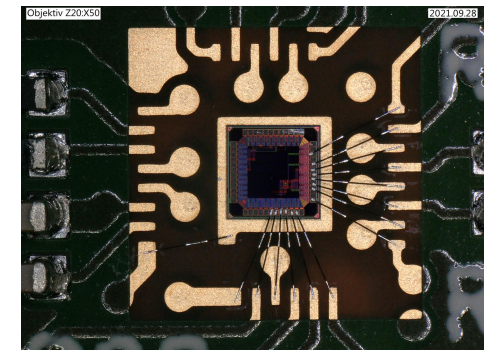
CSA Output



Global biasing DAC to adjust tuning step size

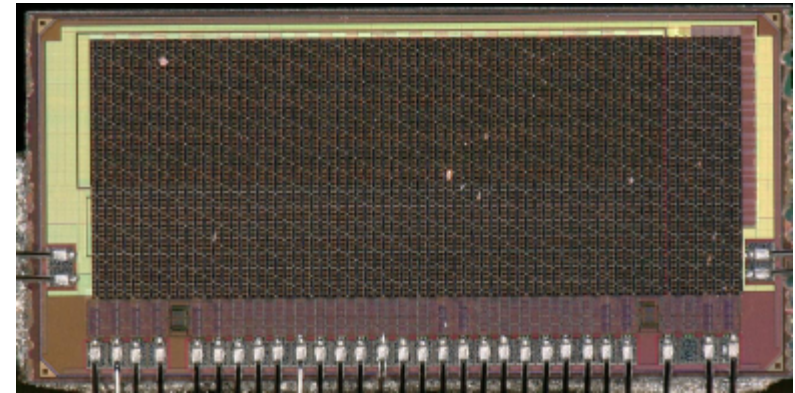
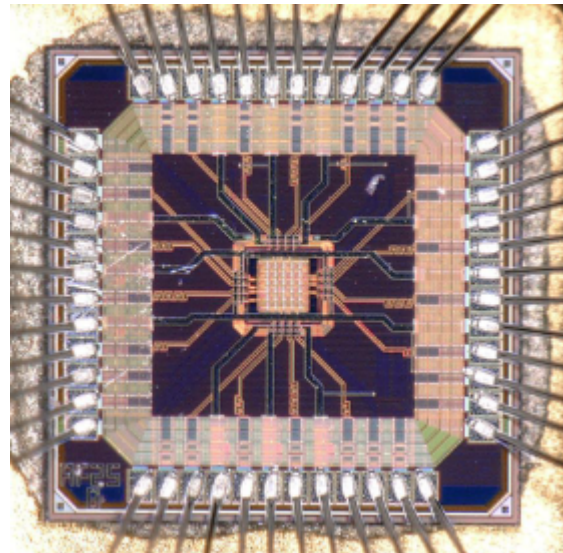
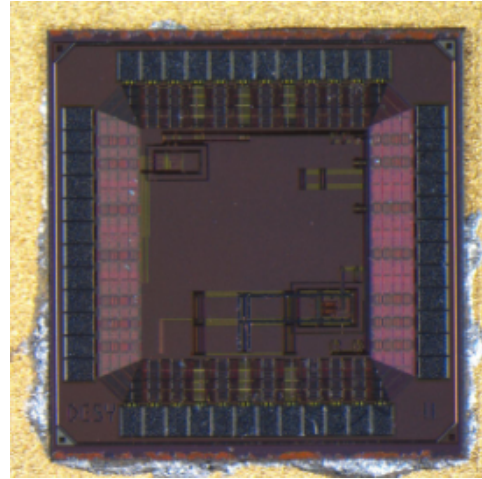
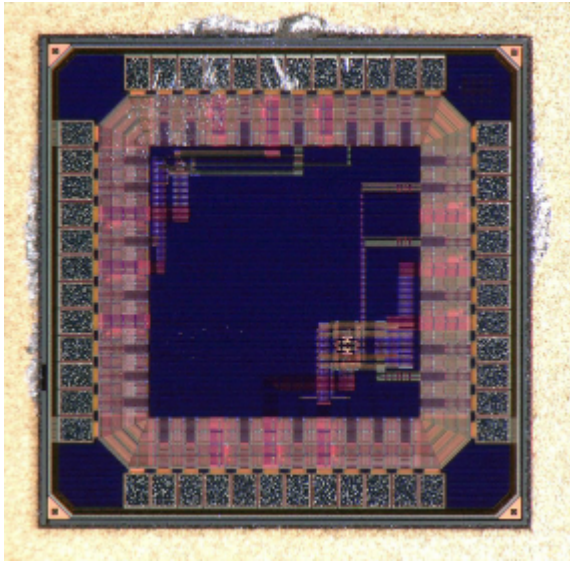
⇒ Processing of comparator output by digital pixel logic

Continuous-time threshold comparator: global threshold set via 8-bit DAC



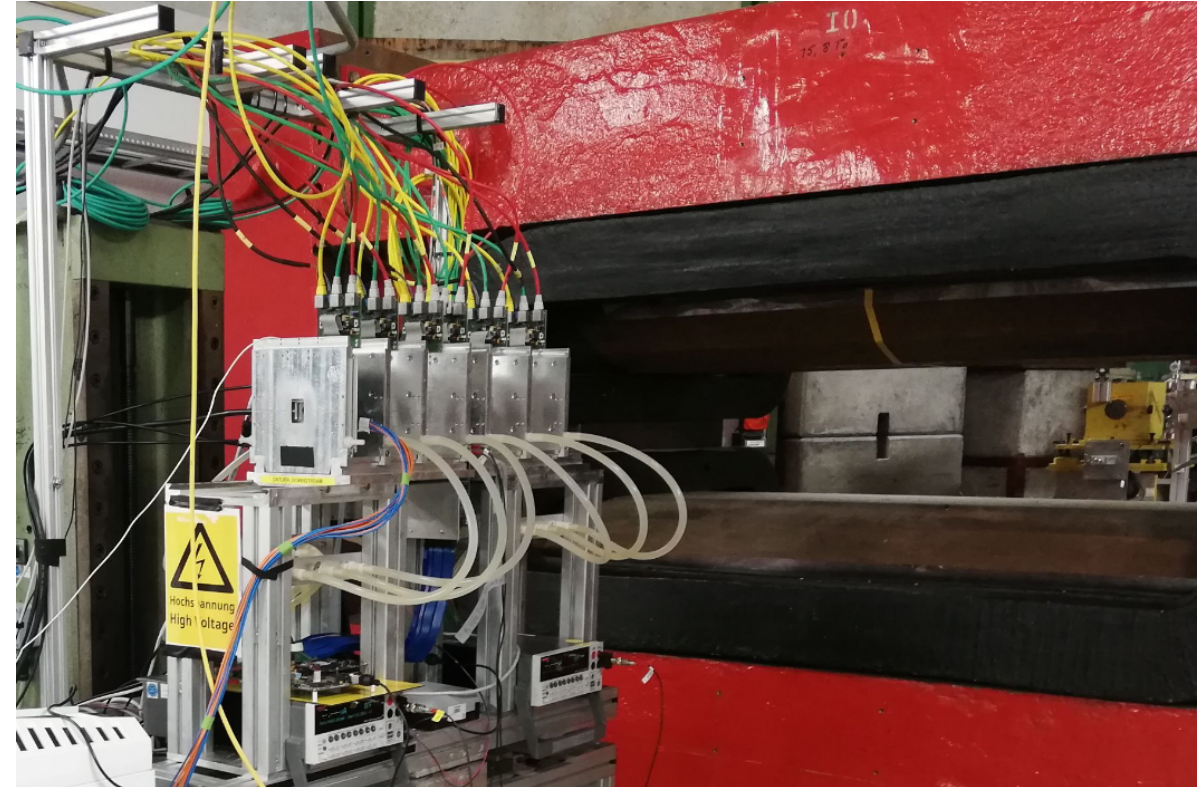


# Sensors and sensor testing



# Lab measurements and test beams

- Measurements performed with **x-ray sources** (mainly iron-55) in labs, and with **particle beams** at test beam facilities
- Test beams at DESY
  - MIMOSA26 or ALPIDE reference telescope
    - Provides **particle hit position** information
    - Six planes
    - Device under test in the middle
    - DUT mounted on motion stages
  - 5 GeV **electron beam**
  - Trigger plane with **configurable RoI** ([TelePix](#))
  - **Corryvreckan** used for analysis





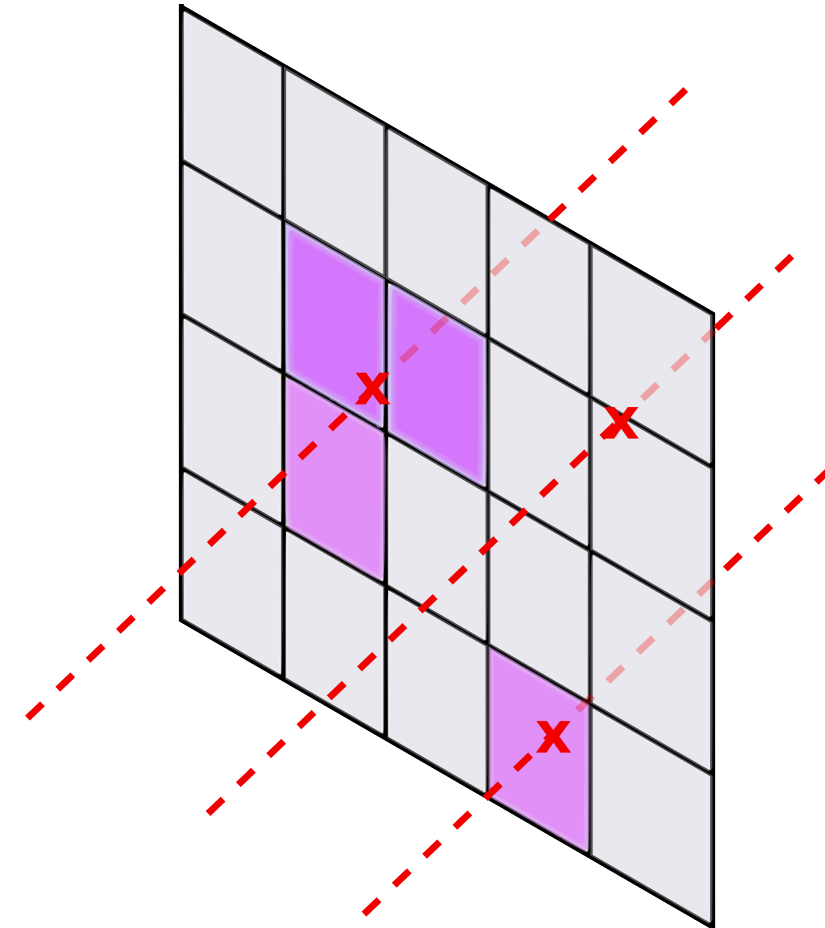
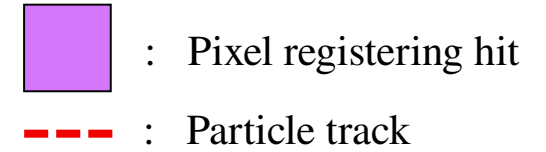
# Example observables for sensor characterisation

## Cluster size

- **Number of pixels that register hits for a single incident particle** (charge sharing)
- This will depend on the position of the incident particle, but with a **large number of particles** a mean value can be found, as well as the cluster size versus hit position
- Varies with threshold value

## Efficiency

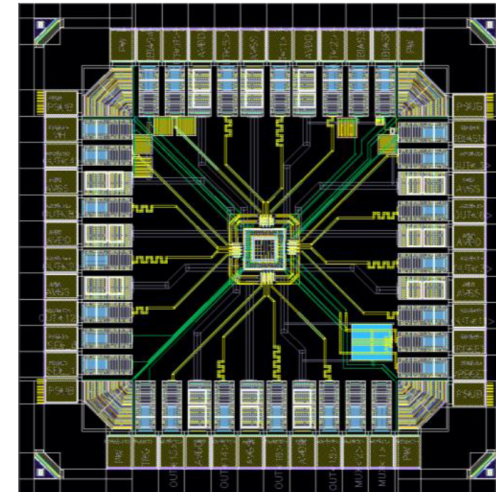
- Denotes the **fraction of particles incident on the sensor that produce a signal in the sensor**
- Goes between 0 and 1
  - If all particles traversing the sensor produce a signal, the sensor is 100% efficient
  - Desirable to have **as high as possible**
- Strongly related to threshold value
- Can find mean efficiency across the sensor, and look at efficiency versus hit position



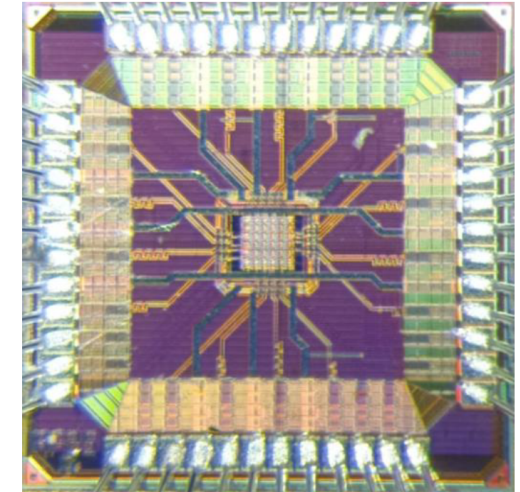
# Analog Pixel Test Structure (APTS)



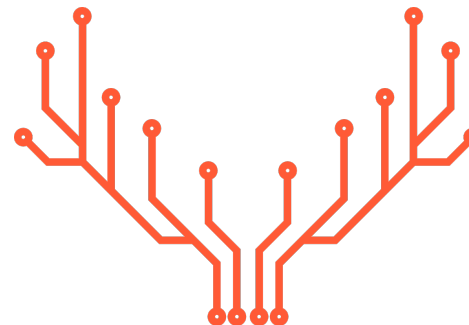
- Test chip designed at CERN
  - 4x4 active pixel matrix
  - Several versions and layouts available
    - Different pixel layouts and sizes
    - Different output buffers
- Tests carried out at several labs, including DESY
  - Focused on the **source follower** output buffer, and the **standard** and **n-gap** pixel layouts
  - Main focus on a 25x25  $\mu\text{m}^2$  pixel size
- At DESY: integrated with the **Caribou** readout system, on a new chip board



ASIC Design



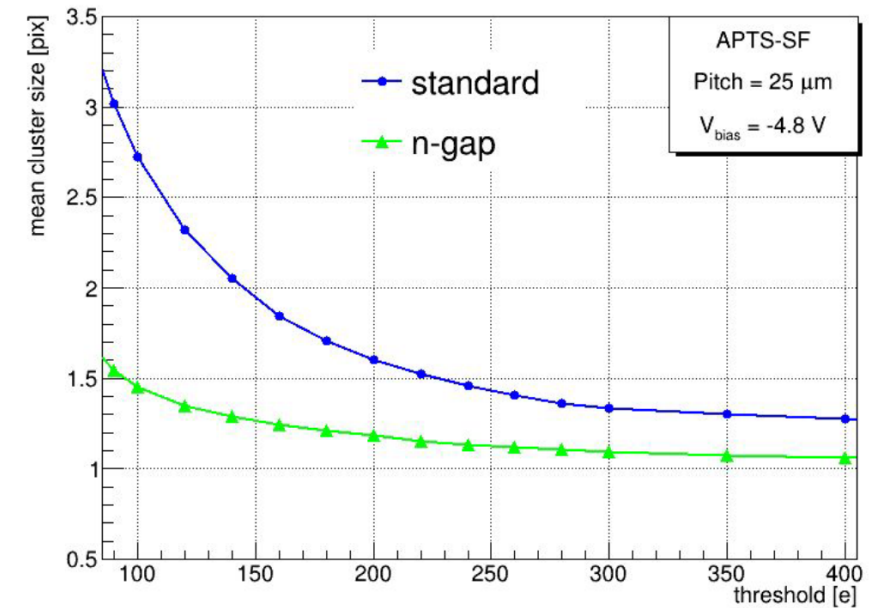
Prototype



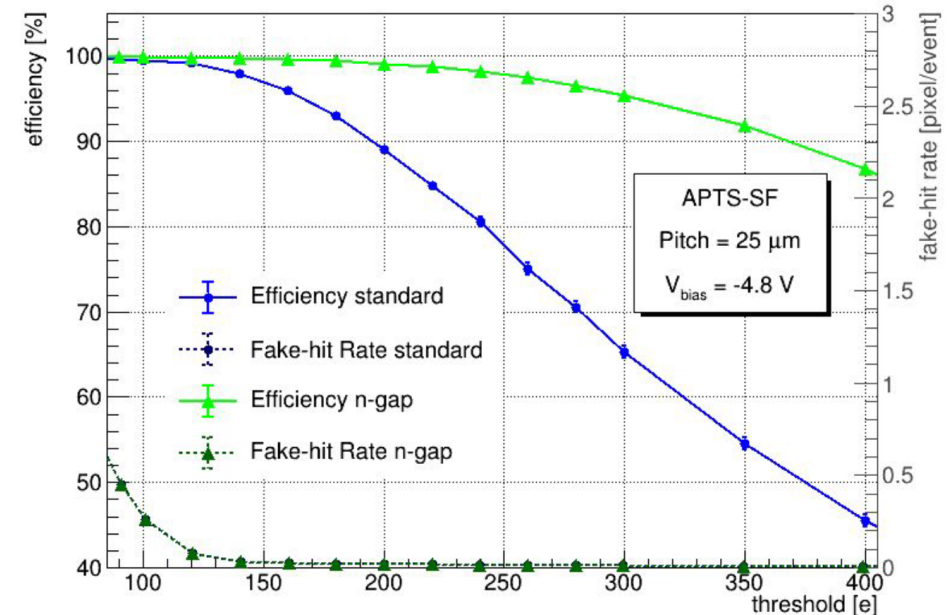
# APTS labs and testbeams

- Comparisons made of different layouts under different biasing conditions
- Example results shown on the right, comparing the **standard and n-gap layouts**
- Cluster size reduced with increasing threshold
- Standard layout has **more charge sharing**, due to undepleted region at pixel edges
- Detection efficiency decreases as threshold increases
- N-gap layout **maintains efficiency to higher thresholds**, due to increased depletion and lateral electric field component
  - Trade-off between cluster size and efficiency

## Mean cluster size

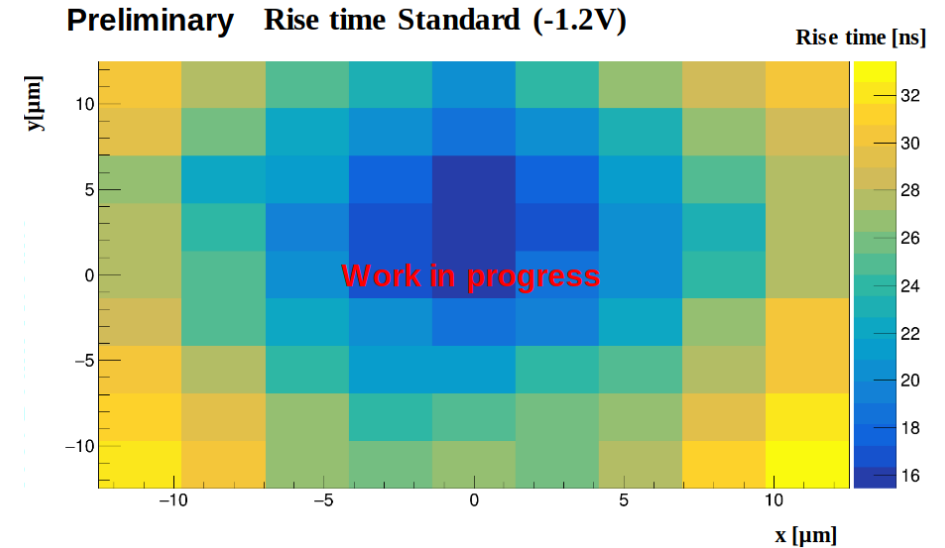


## Mean efficiency

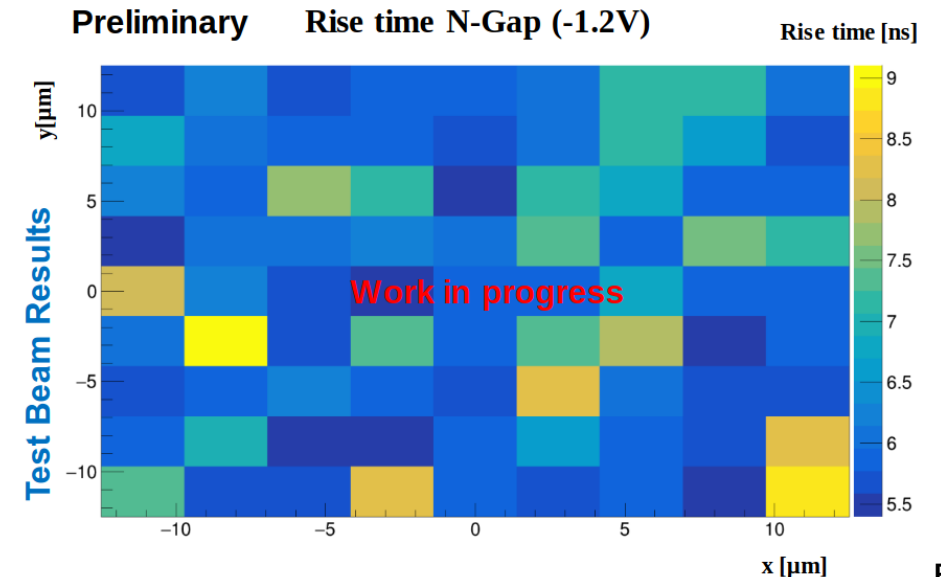


# APTS labs and testbeams, timing results

- Goal: understand the signal generation and possible time resolution of the sensor
- Rise time of **signal pulses** investigated for the four inner pixels, using a fast oscilloscope
- Can study the rise time for **different particle incidence positions**, giving information about the charge collection behaviour
- Figures show in-pixel rise time distributions for the standard and n-gap layouts
  - Standard layout shows a **clear difference** between centre and corner incidence
    - Undepleted outside of a bubble around the collection electrode
  - N-gap layout **faster and more uniform**
    - Fully depleted, and charge pushed towards electrode



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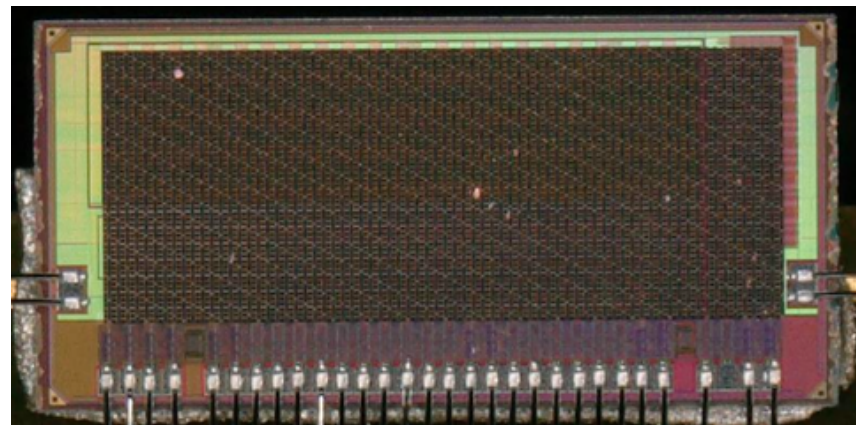
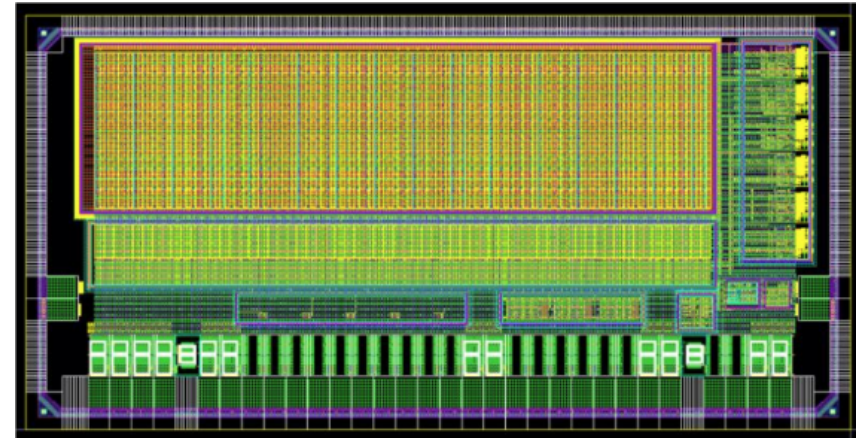




# H2M from the ER1 submission - current chip

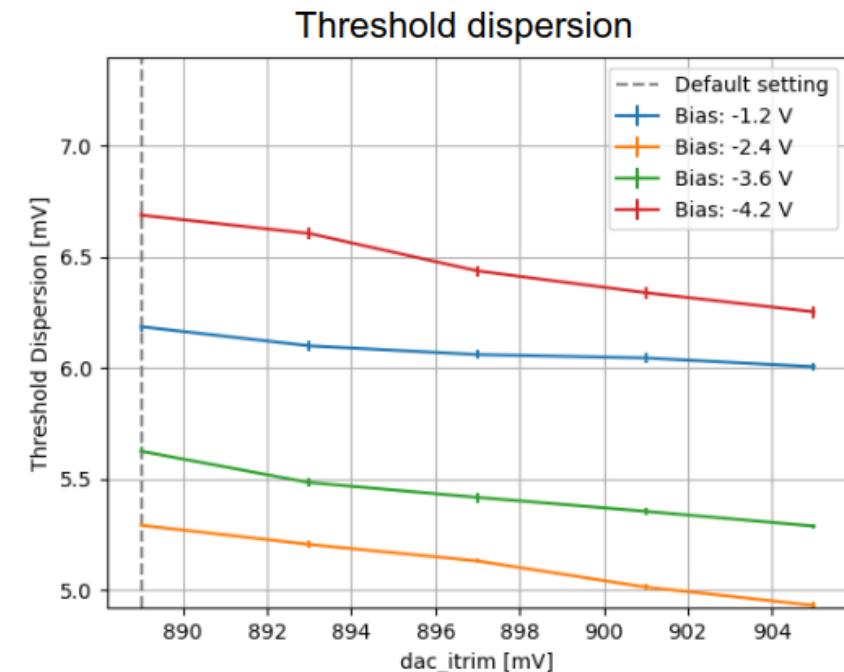
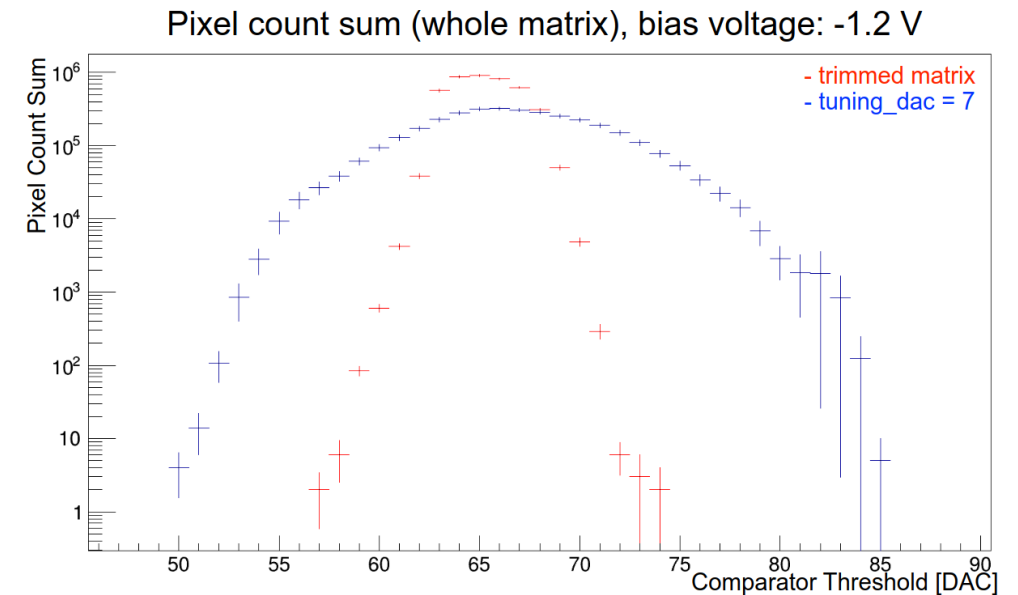
## Hybrid-to-Monolithic

- Goals of the sensor:
  - Study challenges of porting a **known hybrid pixel detector architecture** into a monolithic chip
  - Exercise digital-on-top design flow and methodology in monolithic process
  - Design and test a compact digital cell library
- Several institutes collaborating in the development
  - Analog part **designed at DESY**
  - Prototype testing done at DESY and CERN
- Sensor specifications:
  - 64x16 pixels, of  $35 \times 35 \mu\text{m}^2$  size and in the n-gap layout
  - Full analog and digital FE in each pixel
  - 4 (non-simultaneous) acquisition modes; 8-bit ToA, 8-bit ToT, photon counting, and triggered



# H2M results - tuning

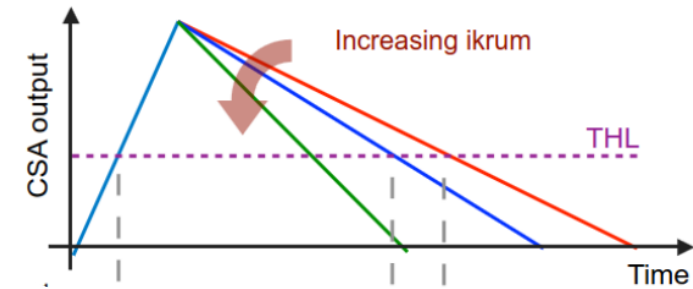
- Per-pixel **threshold trimming** possible using a 4-bit register
  - Used to **counter pixel-to-pixel variations**
  - Reducing threshold dispersion makes sensor response more uniform, allowing for a lower threshold
  - Performed using **intrinsic noise**
- Front-end parameter optimisation
  - Global biasing currents can be varied, and their impacts on noise and threshold dispersion observed
  - The goal is to find an **optimised working point**
  - Varies with different **chip bias settings**
  - In the end a **compromise** between low threshold dispersion and high amount of tunable pixels



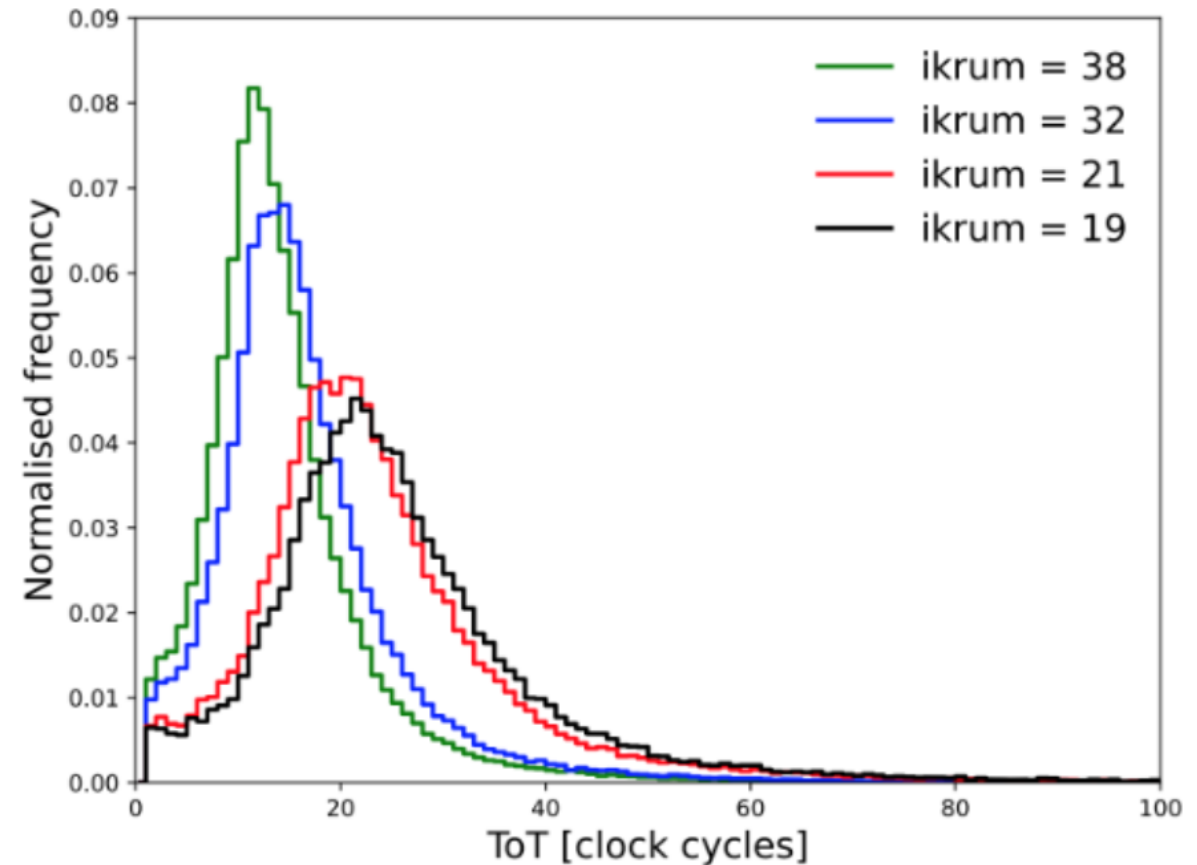


# H2M results - test beam

- Several test beams carried out, investigating the different acquisition modes
- Figure shows **time-over-threshold spectrum** for different Krummenacher currents
  - Reminder: ToT **proportional to collected charge**
  - Higher  $I_{\text{Krum}}$  means **faster return to baseline** for the signal
- Results **qualitatively follow expectations**:
  - Landau-like distribution
  - Lower ToT with higher Krummenacher current
- H2M is a **fully-functioning** advanced monolithic digital-on-top sensor in a 65 nm CMOS imaging technology!
  - Some things left to understand, however



## ToT distribution

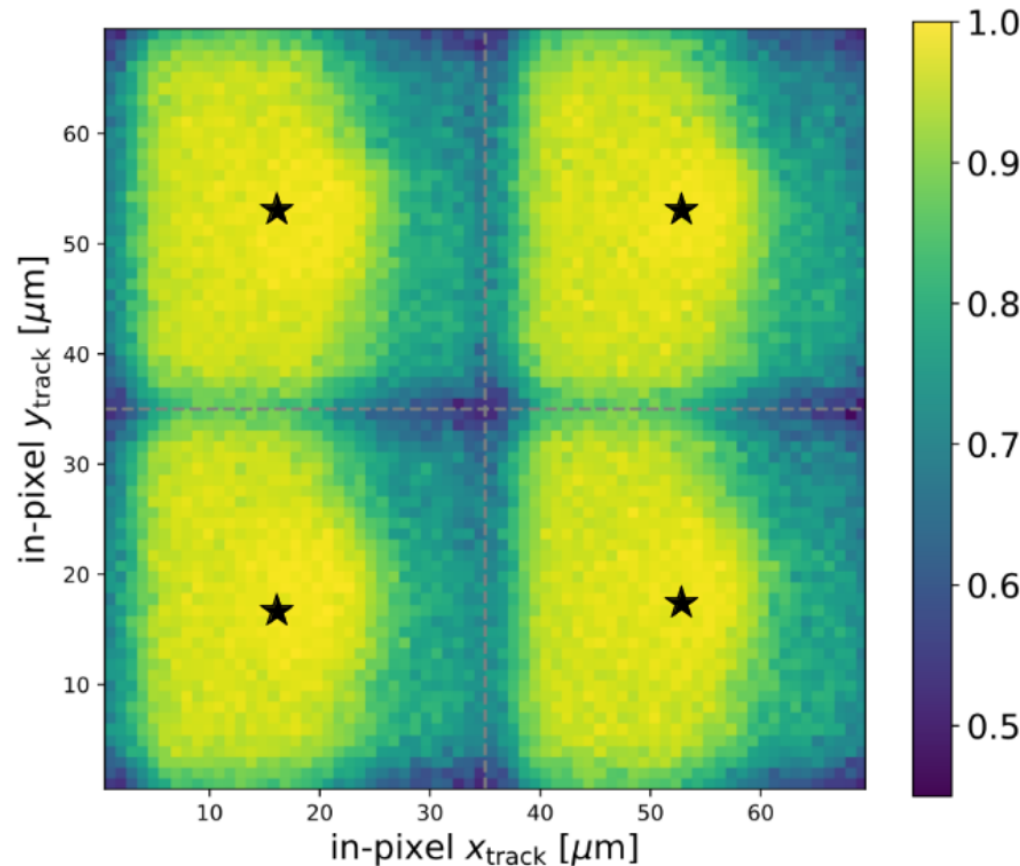


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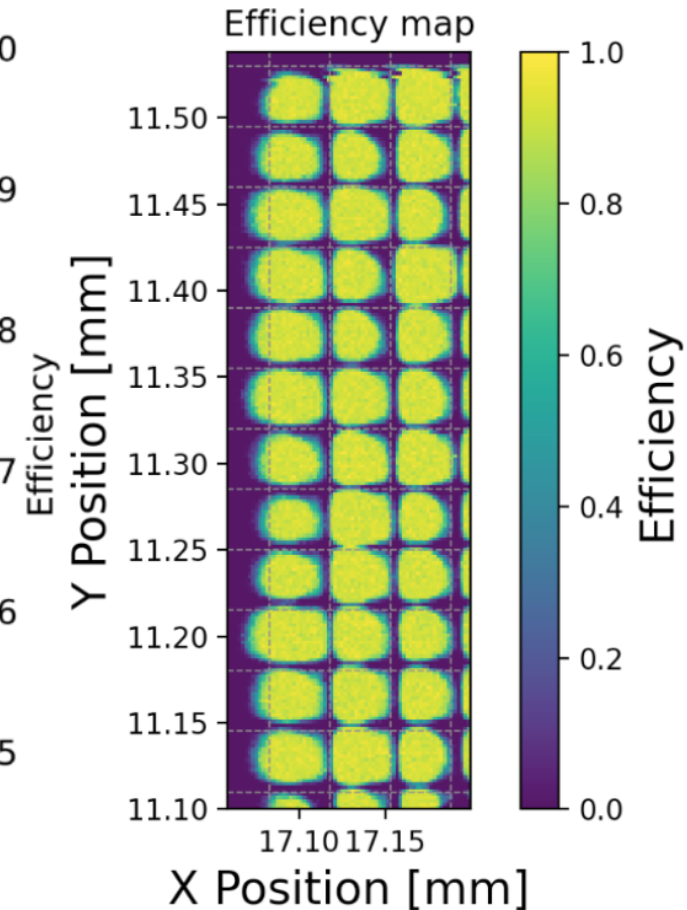
# H2M results - test beam and laser setup: efficiency

- Efficiency displays an **unexpected pattern**
- Asymmetric low-efficiency region
- Reproduced both at test beam and laser deposition measurements
- Leading theory: related to **electric field perturbations** below the deep p-well, caused by the internal n-wells
  - Mitigation strategies discussed in preparation of the next submission
- New chip working point being investigated; may **reduce pixel-to-pixel variations**

In-pixel efficiency, test beam

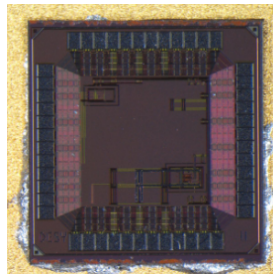


In-pixel efficiency, IR laser

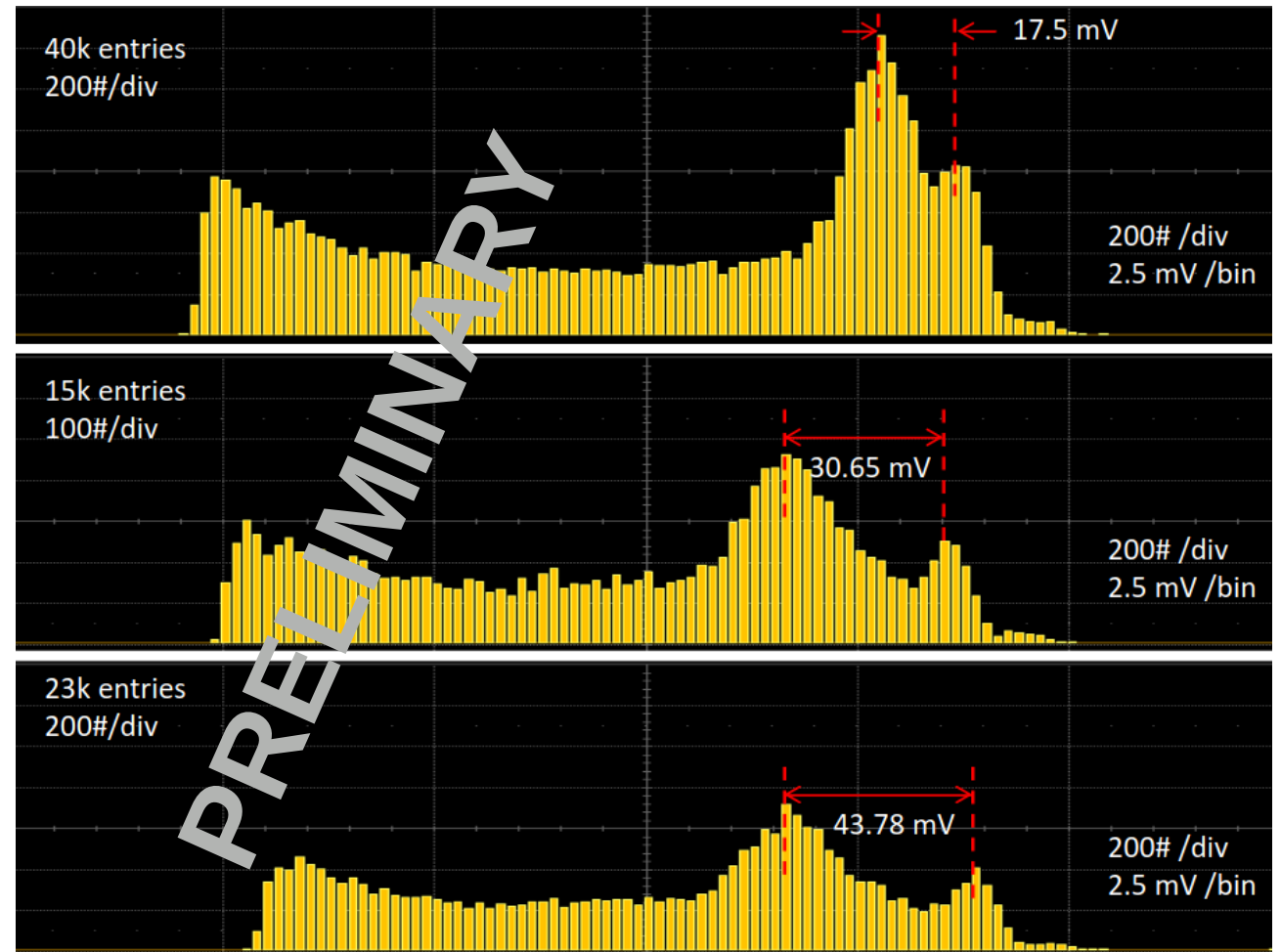


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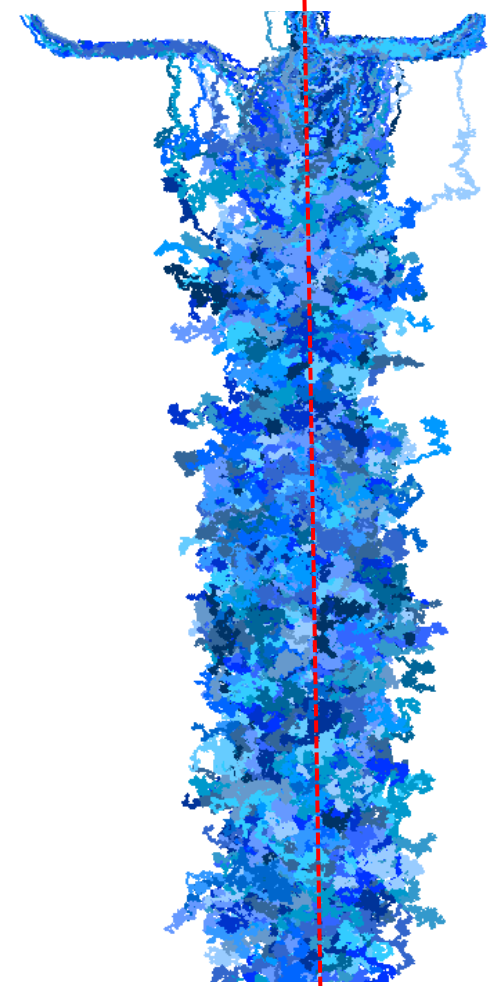
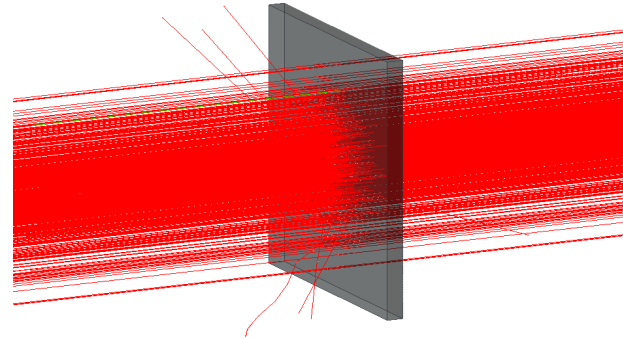
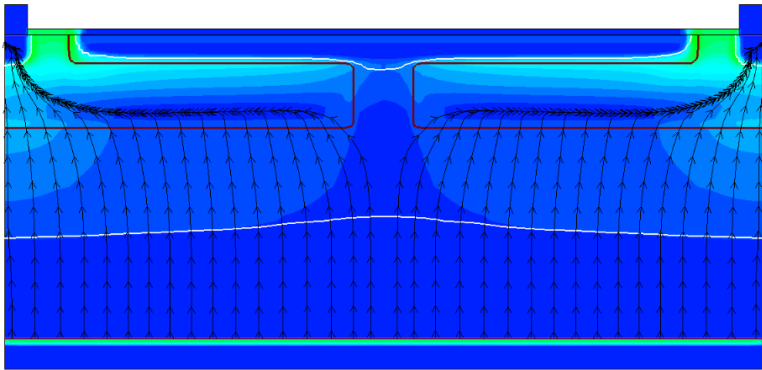
- Same analog part as in H2M, but **more detailed control possible**
- 2x2 matrix with **rectangular pixels** of size  $35 \times 25 \mu\text{m}^2$
- N-gap layout with **two different gap sizes**;  $2.5 \mu\text{m}$  and  $4 \mu\text{m}$
- Initial tests with **iron-55**
  - Signal amplitude results are **unexpected!**
  - Two-peak structure, but **not**  $K_\alpha$  and  $K_\beta$
  - Peaks shift with increasing  $I_{\text{Krum}}$
- Reminder: higher  $I_{\text{Krum}}$  means faster return to baseline
- Theory: deposits far from pixel centre get **collected slowly**, so some charge **drains away before peaking**



Increasing  
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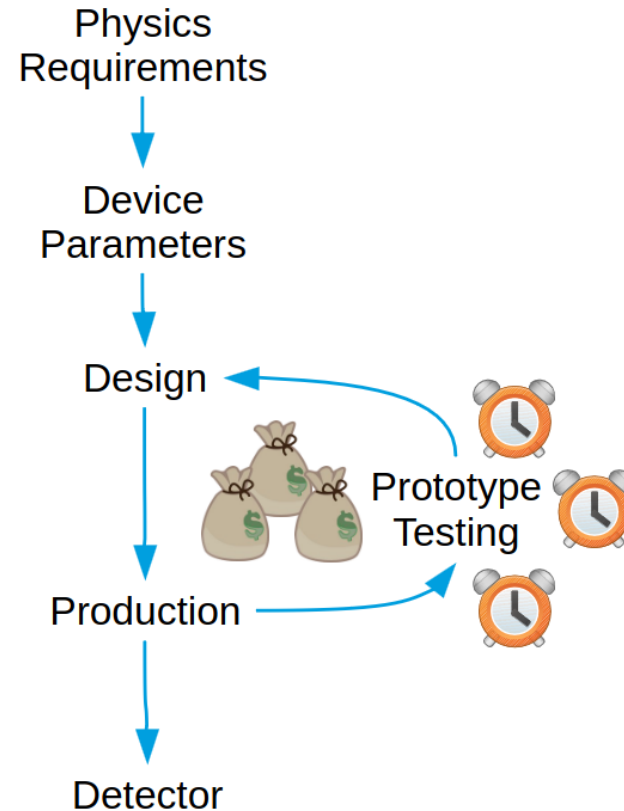
# Simulations



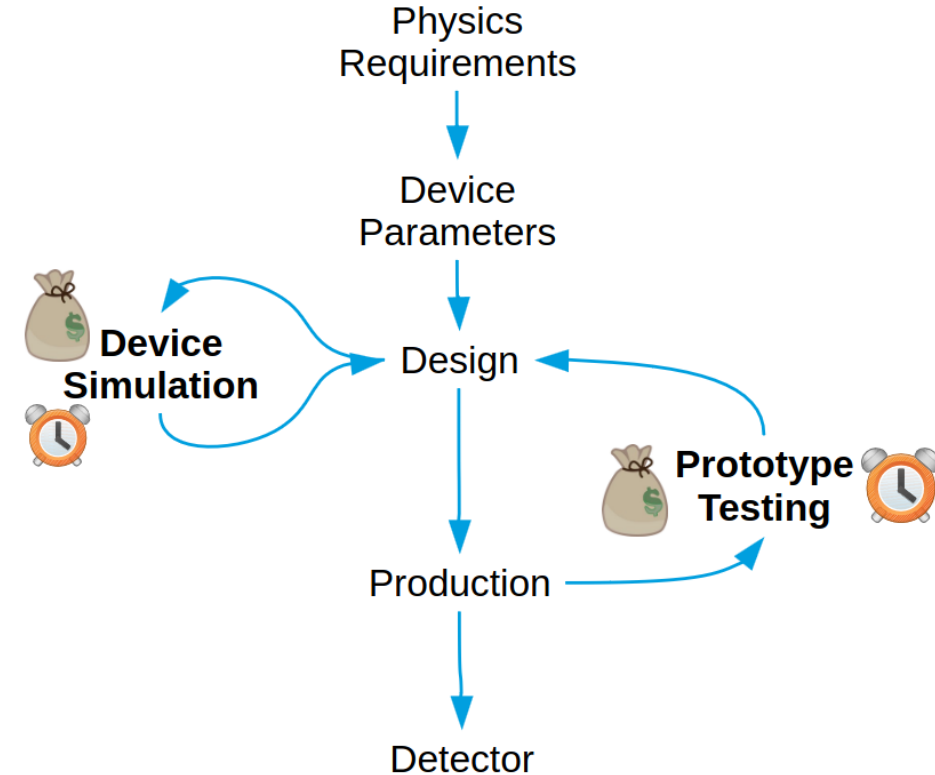
# Motivation for simulations

- A way to **understand and predict** sensor behaviour
- Computing power is **relatively cheap** nowadays
  - Simulations are cheaper and faster than prototype production
- Simulations also help in providing a **deeper understanding** of measurement results
- A combination of **detailed simulations** and **prototype testing** can be used to efficiently **guide the way** in sensor developments

## Old workflow example



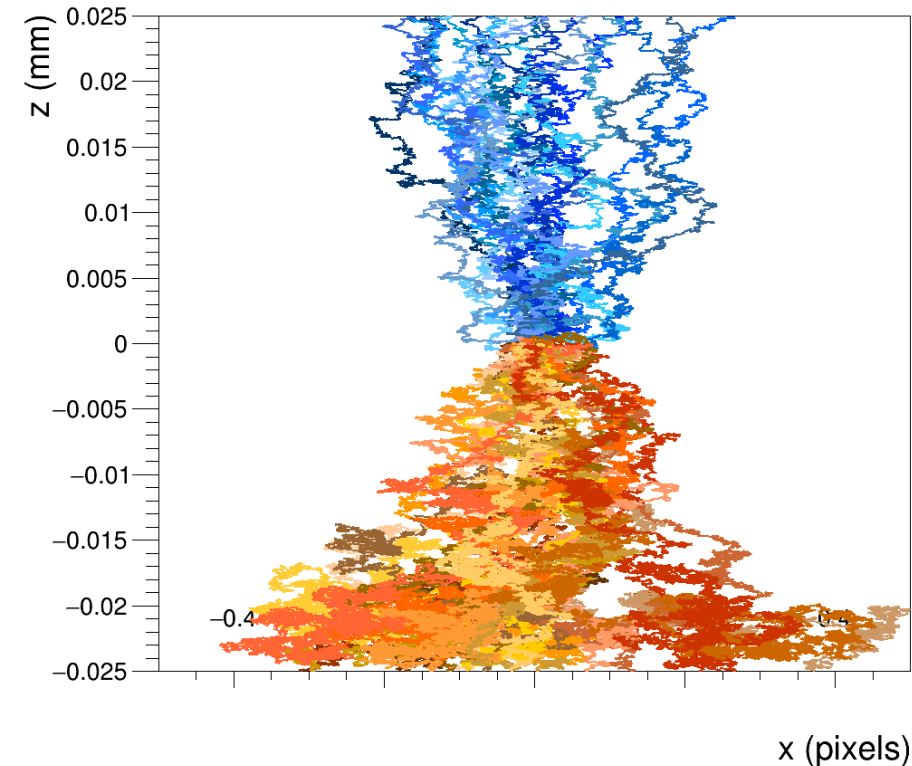
## Current workflow example



Figures by A. Simancas, [BTTB10](#)

# Silicon sensor simulations

- **Goal:** Accurate simulation of the **charge collection behaviour** in the sensitive volume
  - Enables **prediction of sensor performance** (e.g. resolution, efficiency)
  - Done by simulating the **movement of electron-hole pairs** created by an interacting particle
- **Issue:** The access to manufacturing process information may be **very limited**
  - The Tangerine project for example utilises a commercial CMOS imaging process - detailed process information is **proprietary**
- **Solution:** development of a **technology-independent simulation approach using generic doping profiles**
  - Currently writing a **paper** describing the approach, serving as a **toolbox** for such simulations



Simulated motion of individual **electrons** and **holes** deposited in the centre of a silicon sensor with a linear electric field

Simulating Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors:  
A Technology-Independent Approach Using Generic Doping Profiles

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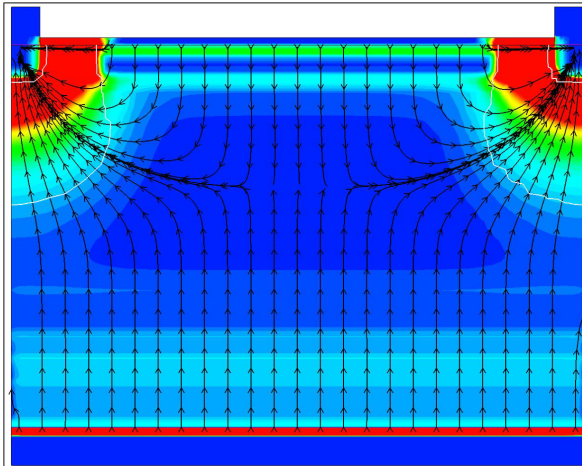
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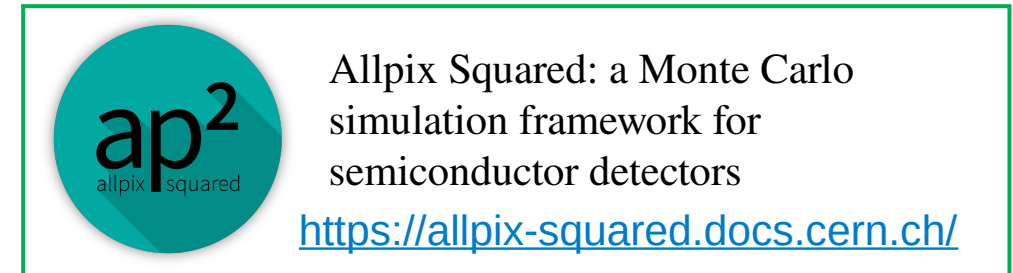
# Tools used in the simulation approach



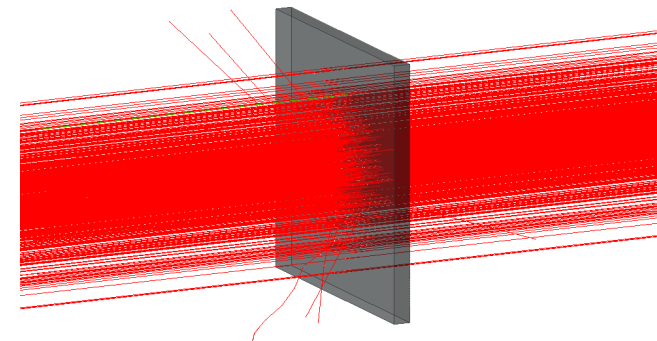
- Models semiconductor devices using **finite element methods**
- Calculates realistic and accurate **electric fields and potentials** from doping concentrations



Example electric field in TCAD



- Simulates **full detector chain**, from energy deposition through charge carrier propagation to signal digitisation
  - Interfaces to **Geant4** and **TCAD**
- Simulation performed **quickly** - allows for **high-statistics** data samples across a full detector

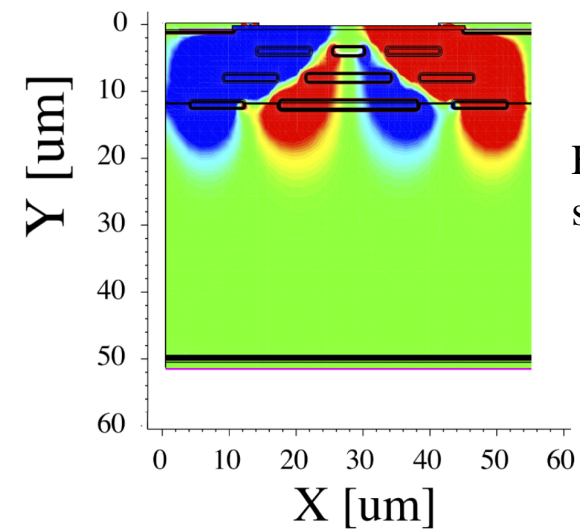


Particle beam passing through a single sensor in Allpix<sup>2</sup>

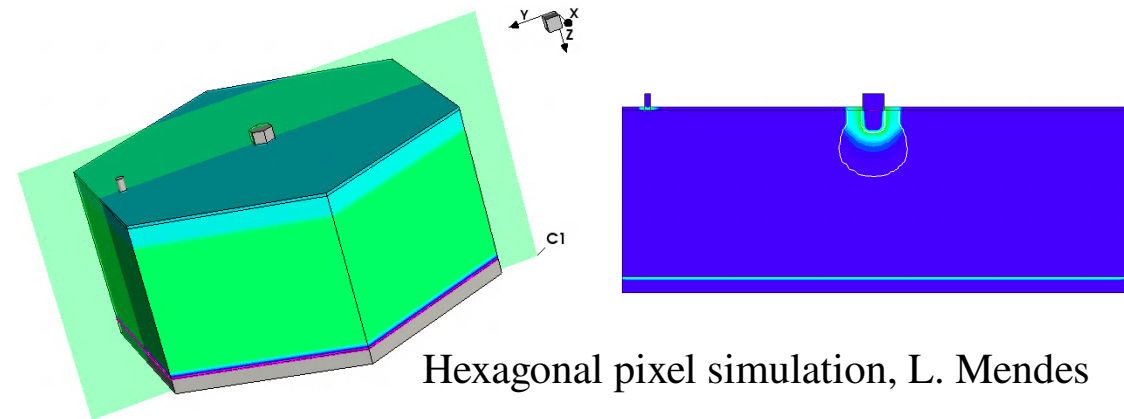
# TCAD

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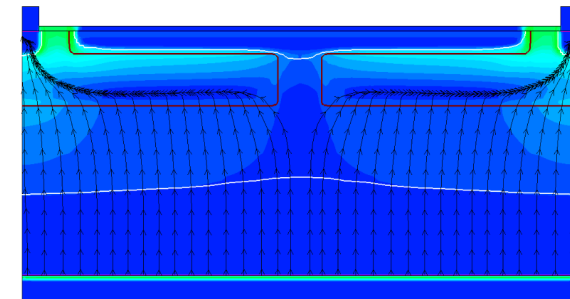
- Models **semiconductor devices** in 2D or 3D, and numerically solves equations using provided information
  - By providing doping information, e.g. **electric fields** and **weighting potentials** can be calculated
  - Capacitances, I-V and C-V curves, and transient properties can be extracted
- **Fabrication steps** in semiconductor manufacturing can be simulated
- Different pixel geometries and layouts can be simulated in **great detail**
- Some example resulting electric fields shown on the right



Enhanced Lateral Drift sensor simulation, [A. Velyka](#)



Hexagonal pixel simulation, L. Mendes



Rectangular pixel simulation, [A. Simancas](#) Page 24

# Allpix Squared

## A Monte Carlo simulation framework for semiconductor detectors

- Simulates **charge carrier motion** in semiconductors, using **well-tested** and **validated** algorithms
  - Includes different models for e.g. charge carrier mobility, lifetime and recombination, trapping and detrapping
  - Support for several semiconductor materials and pixel and sensor geometries
- Provides a **low entry barrier** for new users
  - Simulations are set up via **human-readable configuration files**
- **Steady development** over many years
  - Framework is **easily extendable** and **widely used**
  - **Open-source**, and written in **modern C++**
  - Version 3.0.3 released on December 14th 2023
- [User workshop](#) presentations hold many example applications



Website and documentation:  
<https://allpix-squared.docs.cern.ch/>

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Minimal simulation configuration  
example

# Quick aside: Allpix Squared workshop 2024

- Held in **Oxford**, 22nd to 24th of May
- <https://indico.cern.ch/e/apsqws5>
- Basic **registration is free**, but lunches and workshop dinner can be provided for a fee
- In-person registration deadline: **4th of May**
  - If you want to present something: talk to me or anyone from the organising committee, and we can sort it out
  - Abstract submission is still open
- Workshop brings together the Allpix Squared community for discussions and presentations
  - Developers, users, and **curious people** welcome!

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## 5th Allpix<sup>2</sup> User Workshop

22-24 May 2024  
University of Oxford, UK

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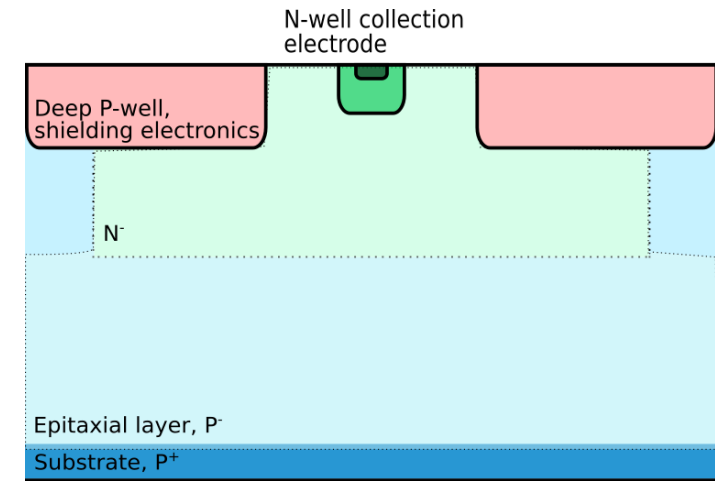
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Abstract deadline: 22 April  
Registration deadline: 4 May

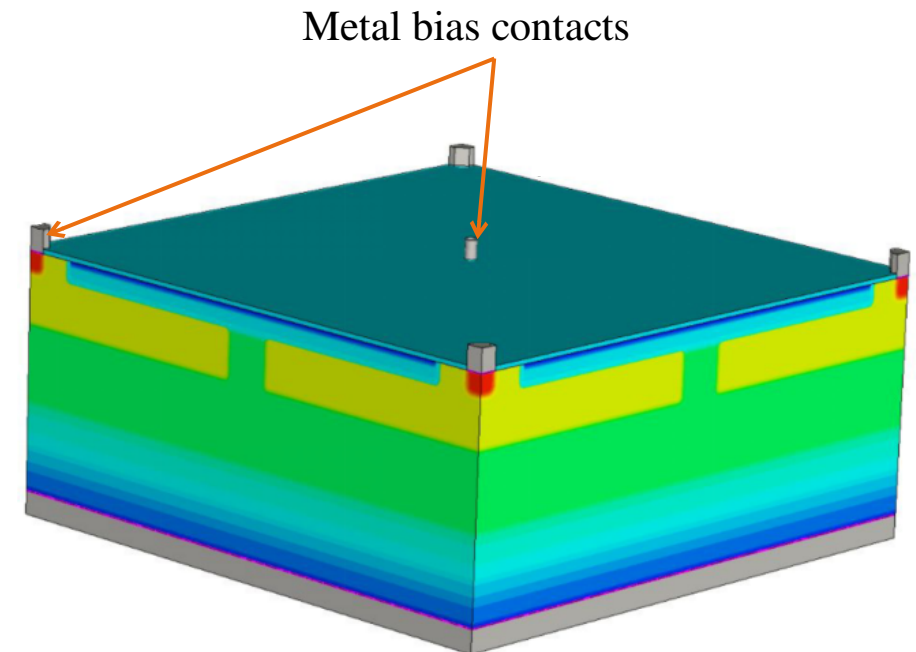
# Silicon simulation layout and assumptions

## Using the [Tangerine project](#) as an example

- High-resistivity **epitaxial layer** grown on low-resistivity **substrate**
- Approximate doping concentrations can be found in **published papers** and theses, that have been approved by the foundry
  - The **exact values are proprietary information**, however
- Doping wells are simulated **without internal structure** and as flat profiles
  - Small collection n-well in the centre of the pixel
  - Deep p-well holding the in-pixel CMOS electronics
- **3D geometry** simulated, including **metal bias contacts** and **Ohmic contact regions** in the silicon



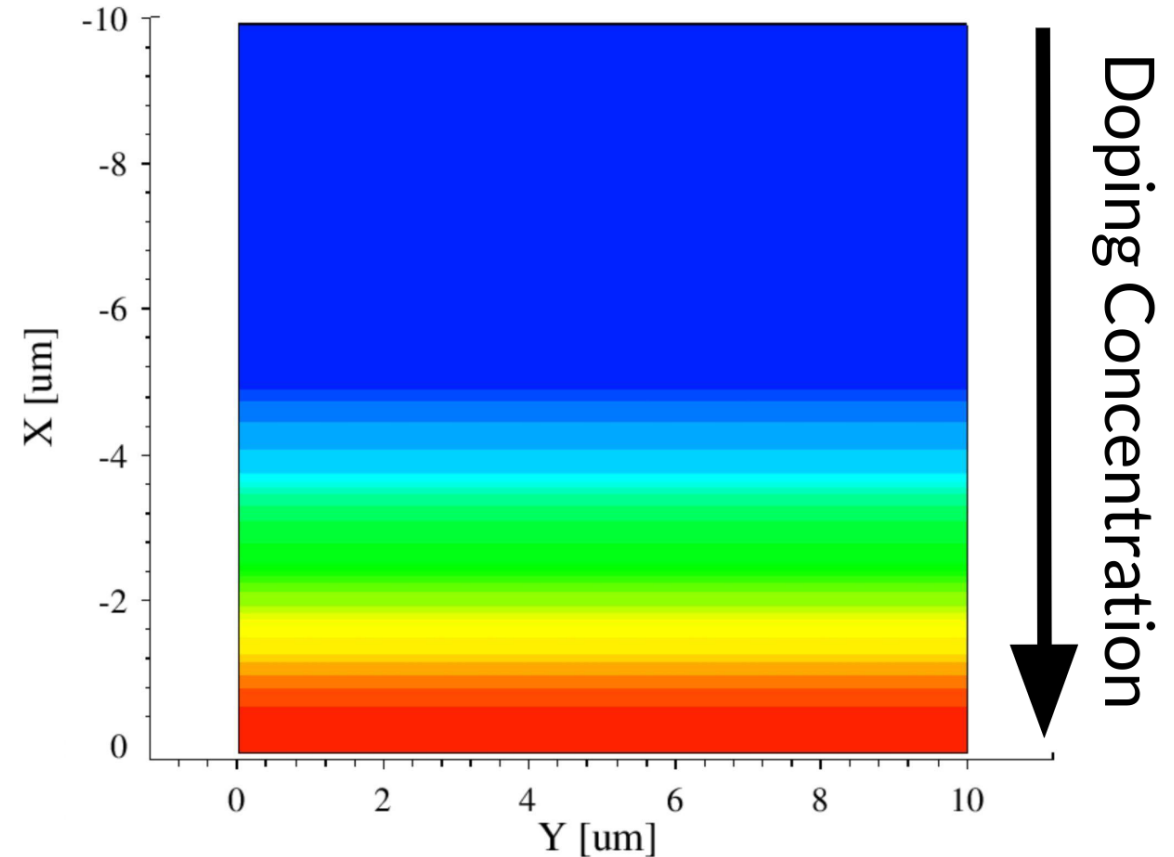
“N-gap layout”, M. Munker et al 2019 JINST 14 C0501



# Finite element method simulations using TCAD

## Using the [Tangerine project](#) as an example

- Using TCAD, **doping profiles** and **electric fields** are simulated
  - Studies are made observing the **impact of varying different parameters**, such as well doping concentrations and mask geometries
- Starting by creating the **geometry and doping regions**
  - Doping geometry is **further refined** by simulating diffusion between regions at reasonable **sensor production process temperatures**
    - Gives a continuous interface between epi and substrate
- Device simulations used to simulate **electric fields**, **electrostatic potentials**, and performing **transient simulations**



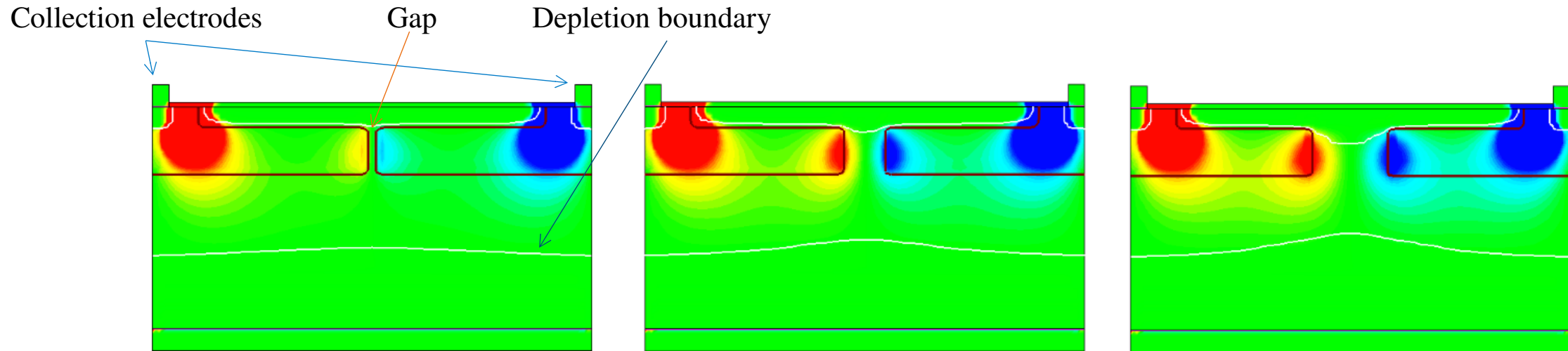
Process simulation result, showing dopant diffusion between substrate and epitaxial layer



# Finite element method simulations using TCAD

## Example study: impact of n-gap size on electric field

- The gap in the n-gap layout is introduced to give a **lateral electric field at pixel edges**
- The magnitude of the field depends on the **size of the gap**
  - A small gap makes the lateral components cancel, and a large gap leads to a low-field region
- Figures show simulation results for the **lateral electric field** (red and blue) for different gap sizes



(a) 1 μm gap

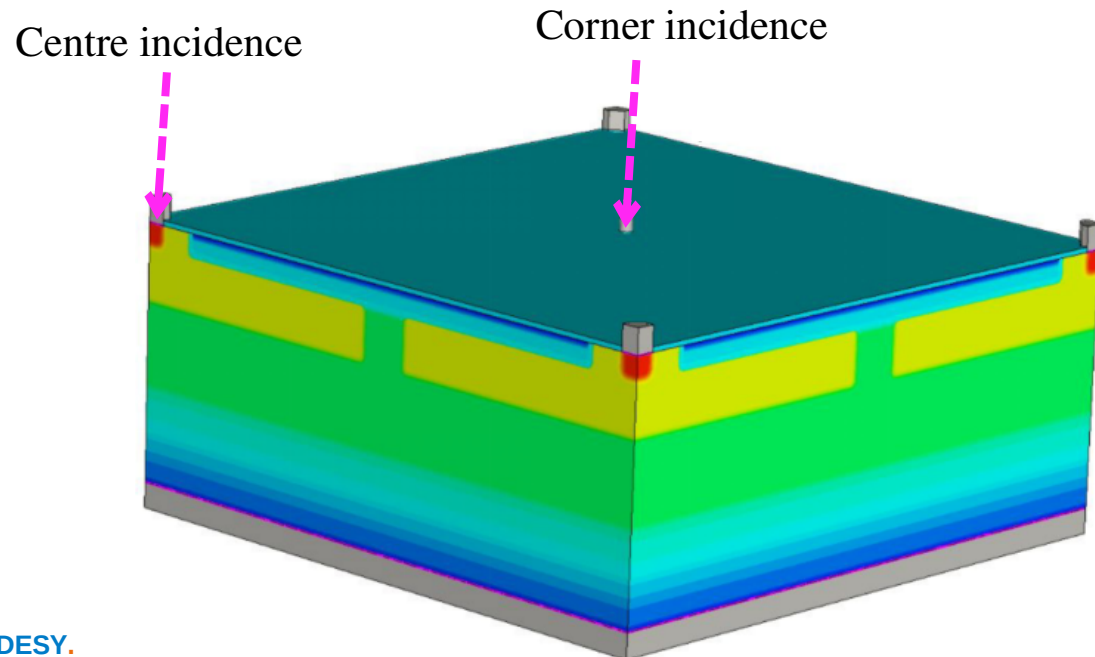
(b) 2.5 μm gap

(c) 4 μm gap

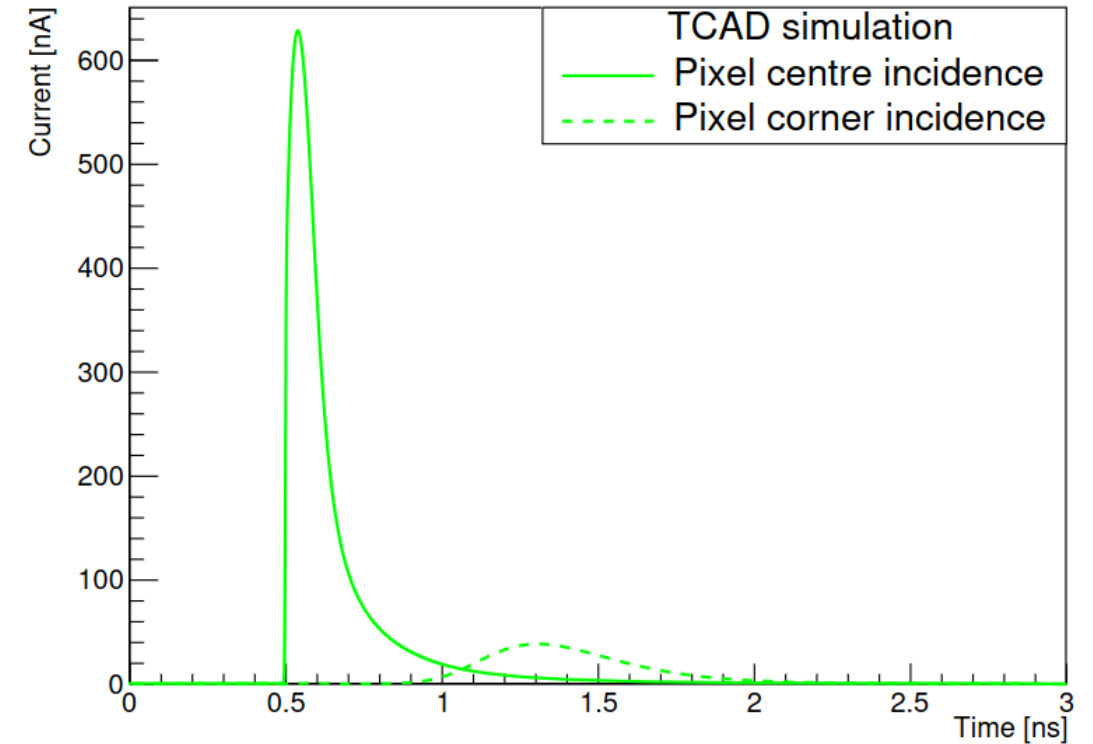
# Finite element method simulations using TCAD

## Transient simulations

- Extracting the **time-dependent induced signal** on the collection electrodes, from traversal of a MIP
- Investigating both **pixel corner** incidence and **pixel centre** incidence
  - Gives indication of “worst case” and “best case” particle hit scenarios



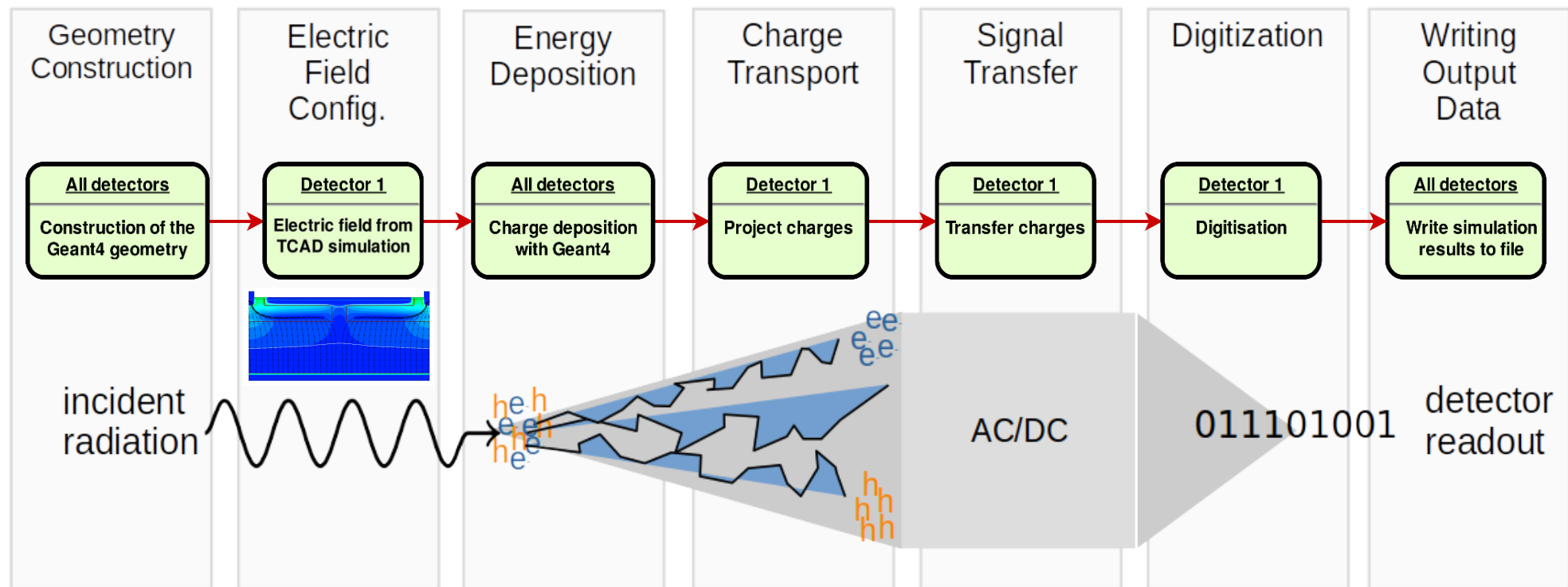
Square pixels,  $20 \times 20 \mu\text{m}^2$ , n-gap layout



Transient pulses for pixel centre and corner incidence

# Monte Carlo simulations using Allpix<sup>2</sup>

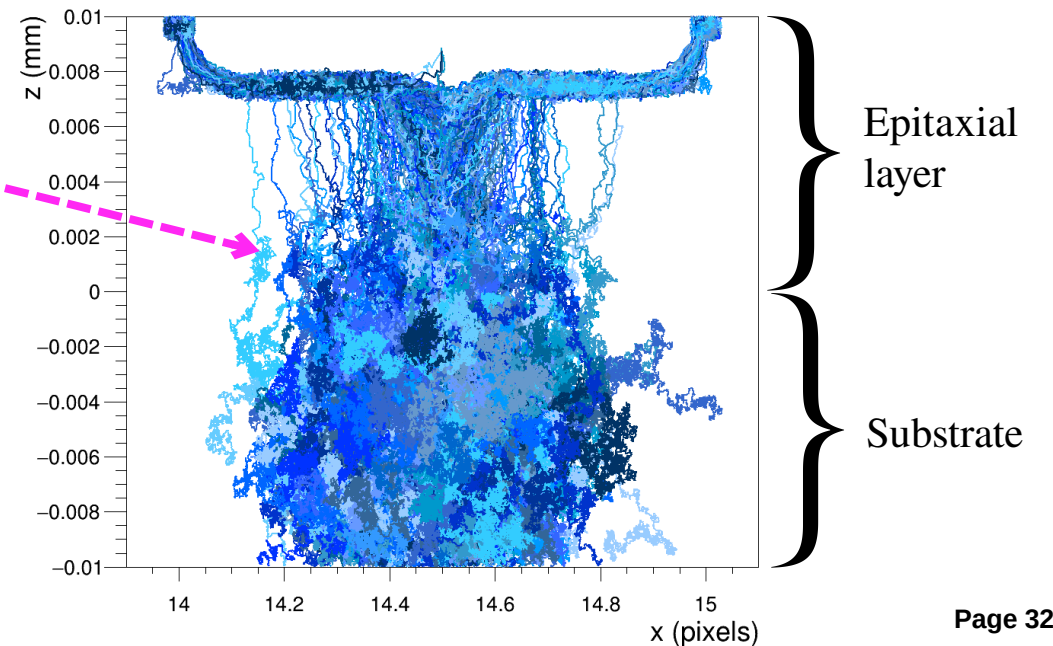
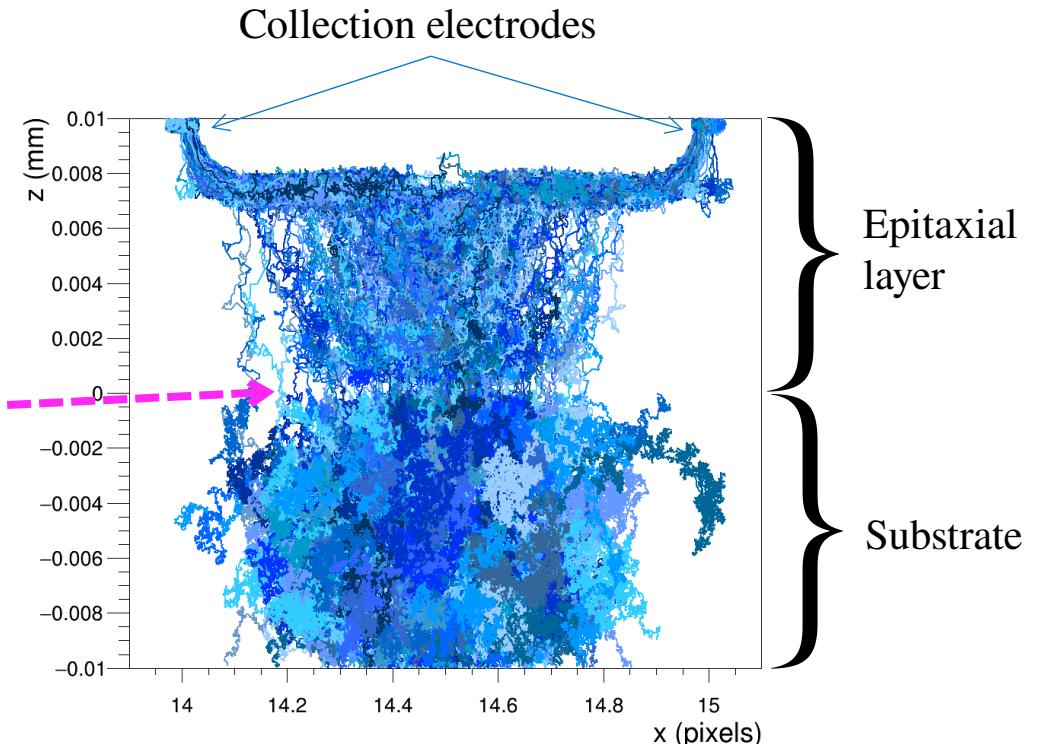
- **Flexible** and **modular** framework, describing each part of **semiconductor signal generation and propagation**
- Allows import of **TCAD fields and doping profiles**
  - Allpix<sup>2</sup> and TCAD make a **powerful combination**; fast and detailed simulations possible, allowing high statistics



# Monte Carlo simulations using Allpix<sup>2</sup>

## Impact of dopant diffusion simulation

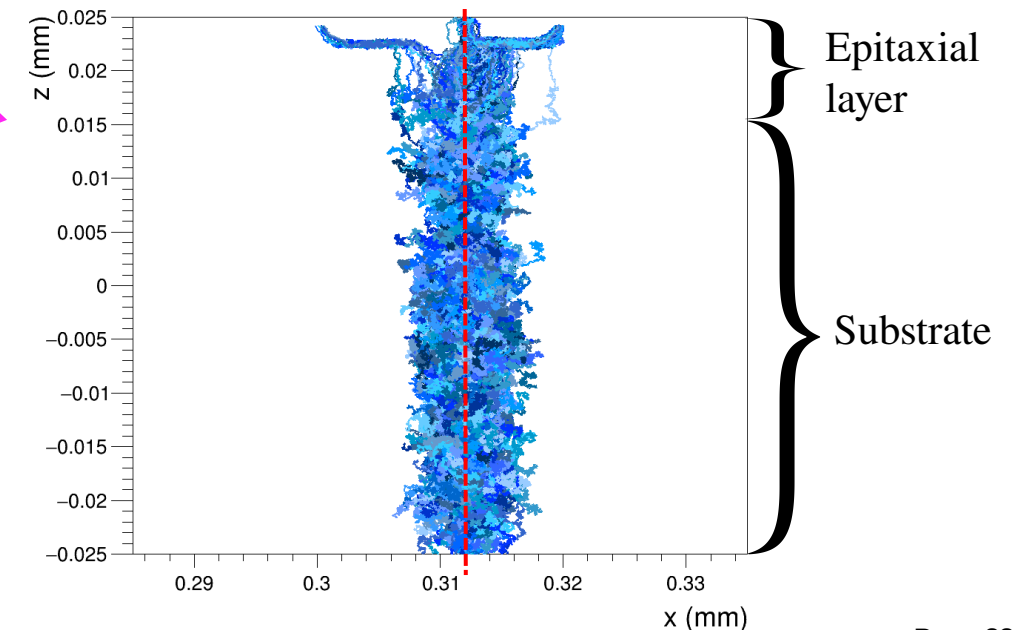
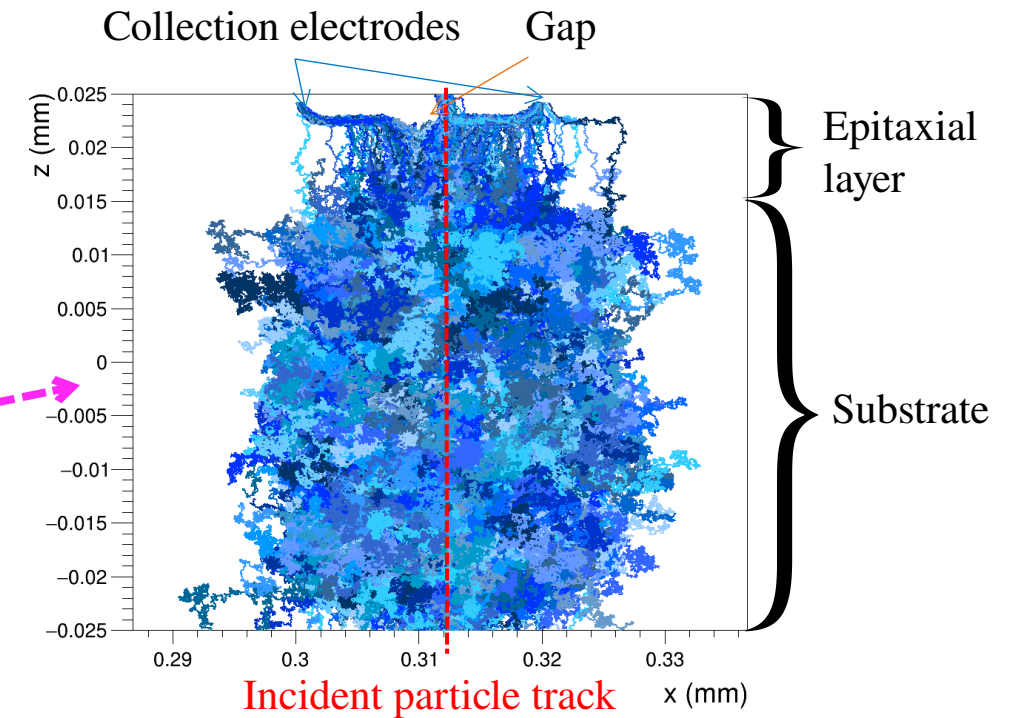
- Linegraphs to demonstrate charge carrier movement
- Without simulated dopant diffusion, a **significant electric field appears** in the epitaxial layer-substrate interface
  - This is **unphysical**
- With simulated dopant diffusion (see slide 28), there is a **smooth transition region** rather than a step function
  - More natural, and provides a better match to data



# Monte Carlo simulations using Allpix<sup>2</sup>

## Impact of mobility model

- Physical parameters and models can easily be **exchanged**
- Example: **mobility models** in silicon
  - Jacoboni-Canali model is **doping-independent**
    - Sufficient for describing charge propagation in low-doped regions
    - In high-doped regions (e.g. substrate) diffusion is unphysically large
  - Extended Canali model (including the Masetti model) is **doping-dependent**
    - Describes charge carrier motion well also in highly-doped regions
- Linegraphs show the **propagation paths of individual charge carriers**
  - Each blue line is the path of a single electron

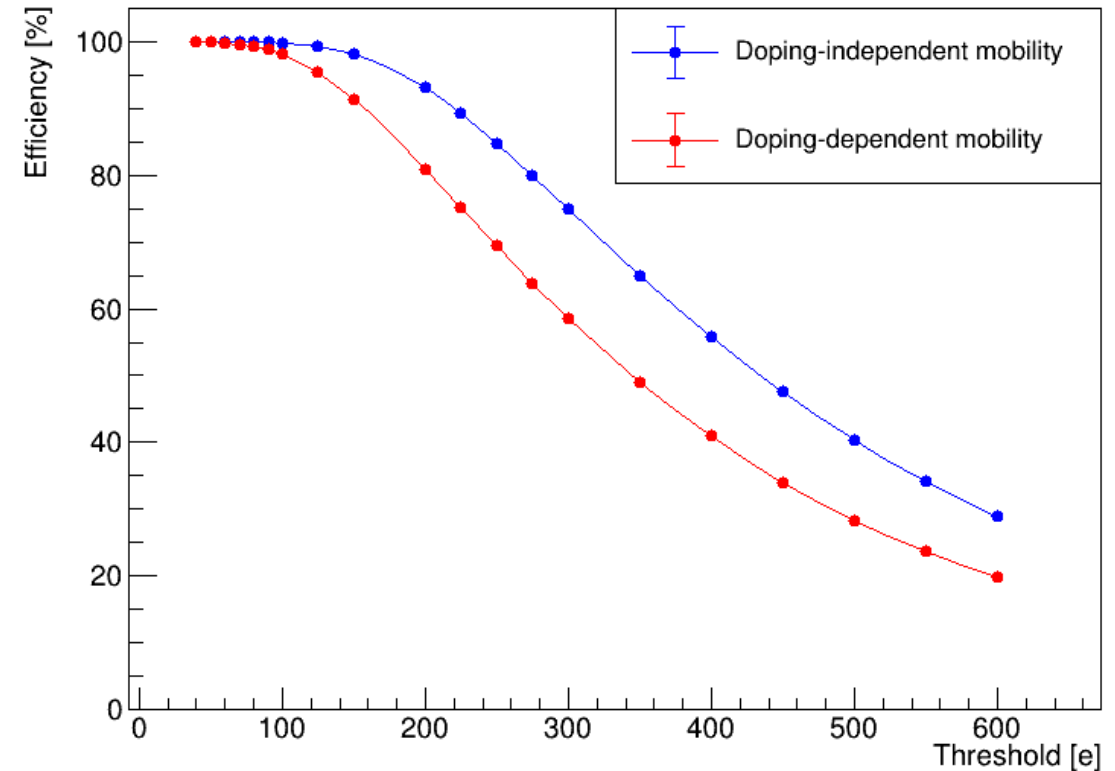




# Monte Carlo simulations using Allpix<sup>2</sup>

## Impact of mobility model

- Mobility model also impacts **final observables**
- High-statistics simulations allow extraction of observables such as cluster size, resolution, efficiency
- Figure shows **sensor efficiency vs detection threshold**, for two different mobility models
  - Simulation carried out with a DESY II-like beam of electrons
  - Each point corresponds to 500 000 events, so the statistical error bars are very small
- The doping-independent mobility model **overestimates efficiency**, due to an excess of charge collected from the highly-doped substrate

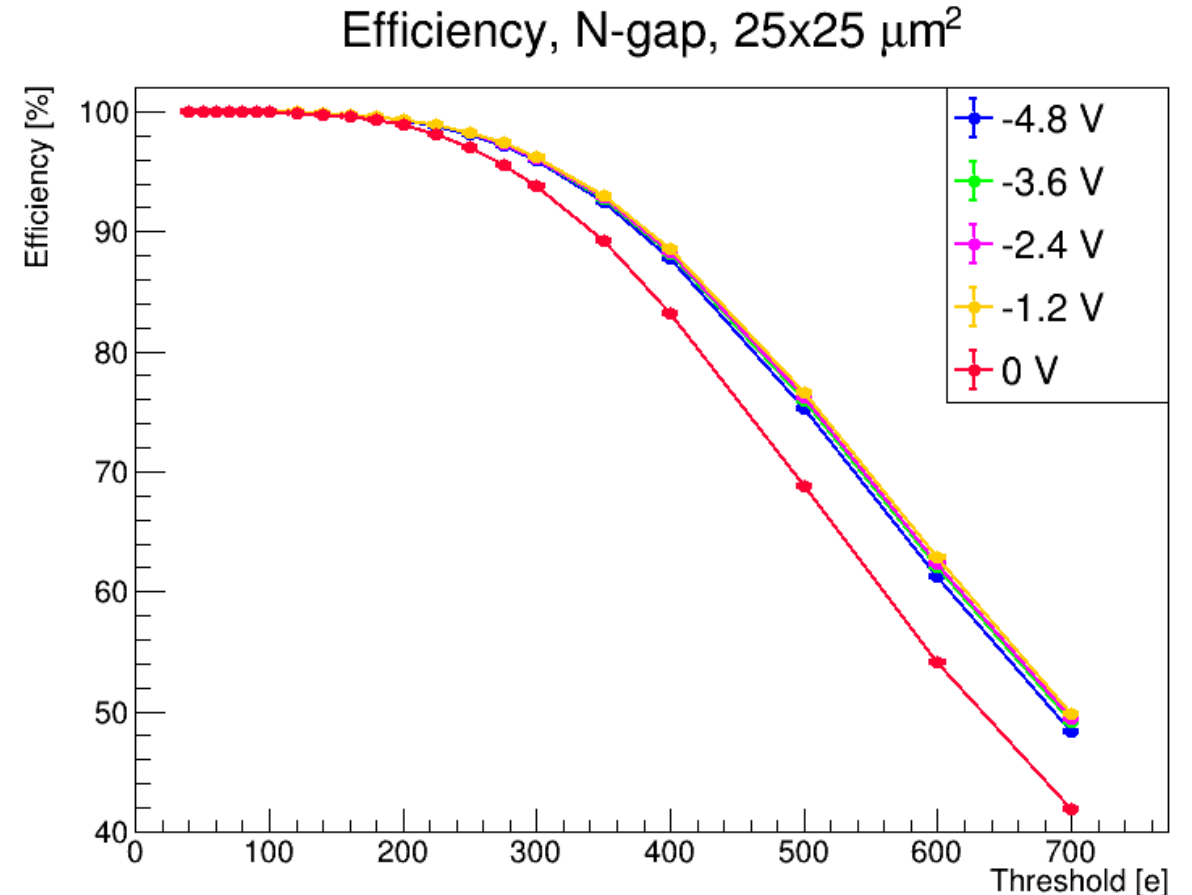


Sensor efficiency vs threshold for two different mobility models

# Allpix<sup>2</sup> combined with TCAD

## Example result from the [Tangerine project](#)

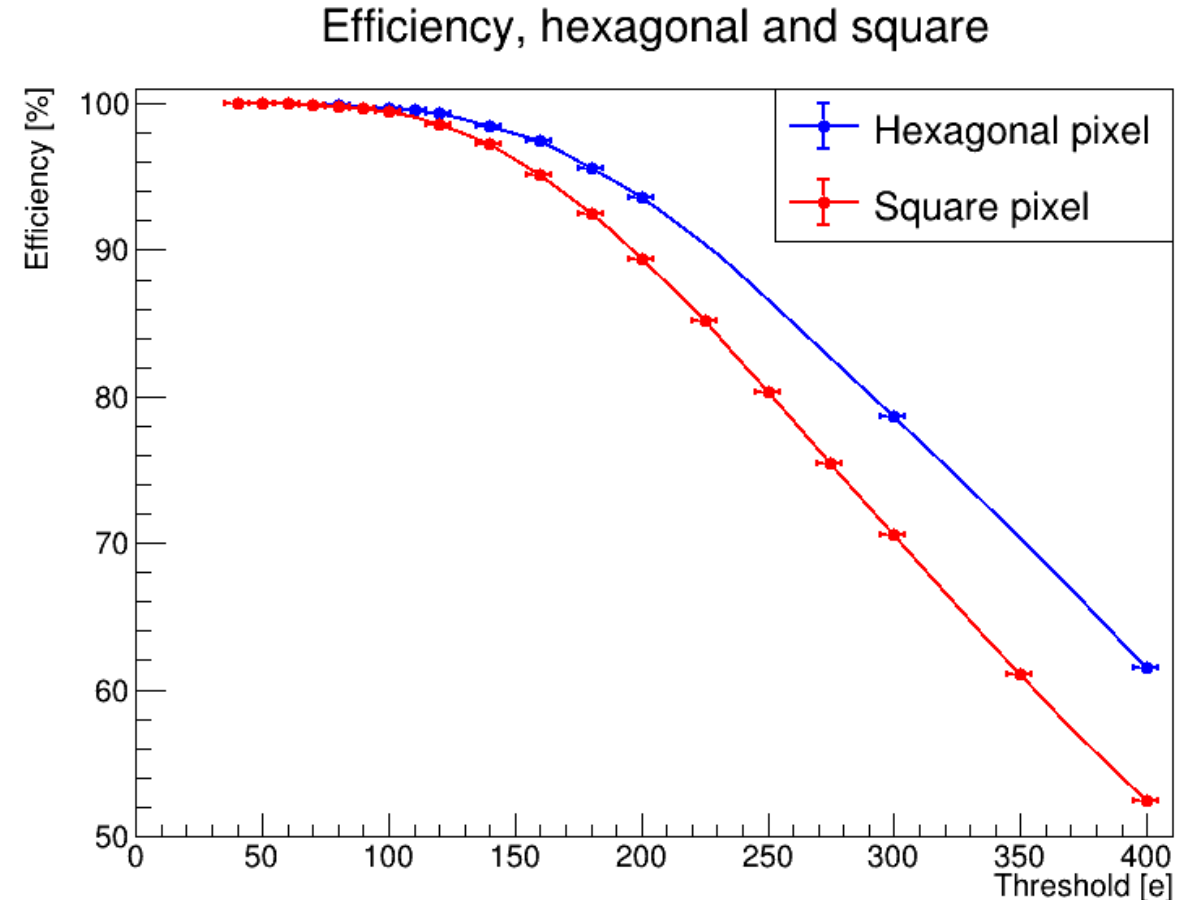
- High-statistics simulations allow extraction of observables such as cluster size, resolution, efficiency
- Sensor **mean efficiency versus detection threshold**, for different bias voltage
  - Simulation carried out with a DESY II-like beam of electrons; many events (500 000), so statistical error bars are small
- The trend is as expected:
  - Efficiency **decreases as threshold increases**
  - The sensor reaches its **full efficiency** potential already at -1.2 V
- 0 V deviates from the others by being less efficient as threshold increases, most likely due to **incomplete depletion**



# Allpix<sup>2</sup> combined with TCAD - different pixel geometries □ ◻

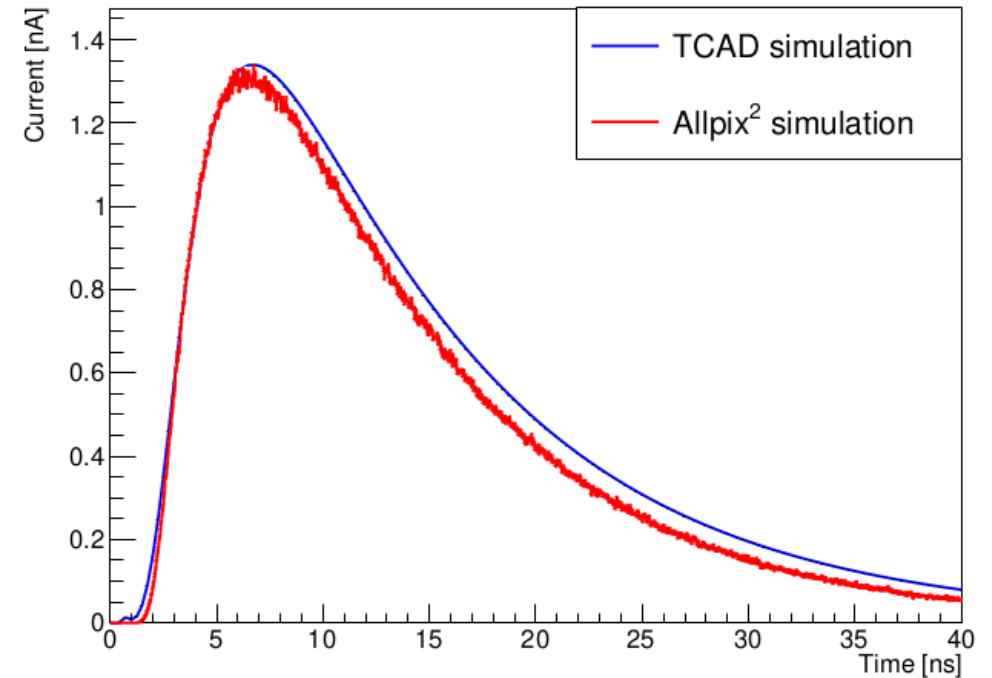
## Example result from the [Tangerine project](#)

- Simulations allow for comparison of the performance of different sensor geometries
- A hexagonal layout leads to **reduced charge sharing in pixel corners** and a reduced distance from pixel boundary to pixel centre
  - Allows efficient operation at higher thresholds, and possibly better spatial resolution
- Tests have been performed comparing square pixels and hexagonal pixels, **maintaining the pixel area**
  - The space available for readout electronics thus remains the same per pixel
- Figure compares hexagonal pixels 18  $\mu\text{m}$  corner-to-corner, and 15x15  $\mu\text{m}^2$  square pixels, in the standard layout (ALPIDE-like)



# Transient simulations, comparing TCAD and Allpix<sup>2</sup>

- Generating weighting potentials for use in Allpix<sup>2</sup>, from the electrostatic potentials from TCAD
  - Using Allpix<sup>2</sup> for the transient simulations gives a **lower computational cost**, and allows use of **Geant4 energy deposition**
- First step: compare Allpix<sup>2</sup> results to TCAD results
  - Allpix<sup>2</sup> results are the average of 10 000 events, TCAD is a single event
  - Same settings are used for charge carrier creation and mobility
  - Results in general agreement
- Allows for simulation of sensor **time response**

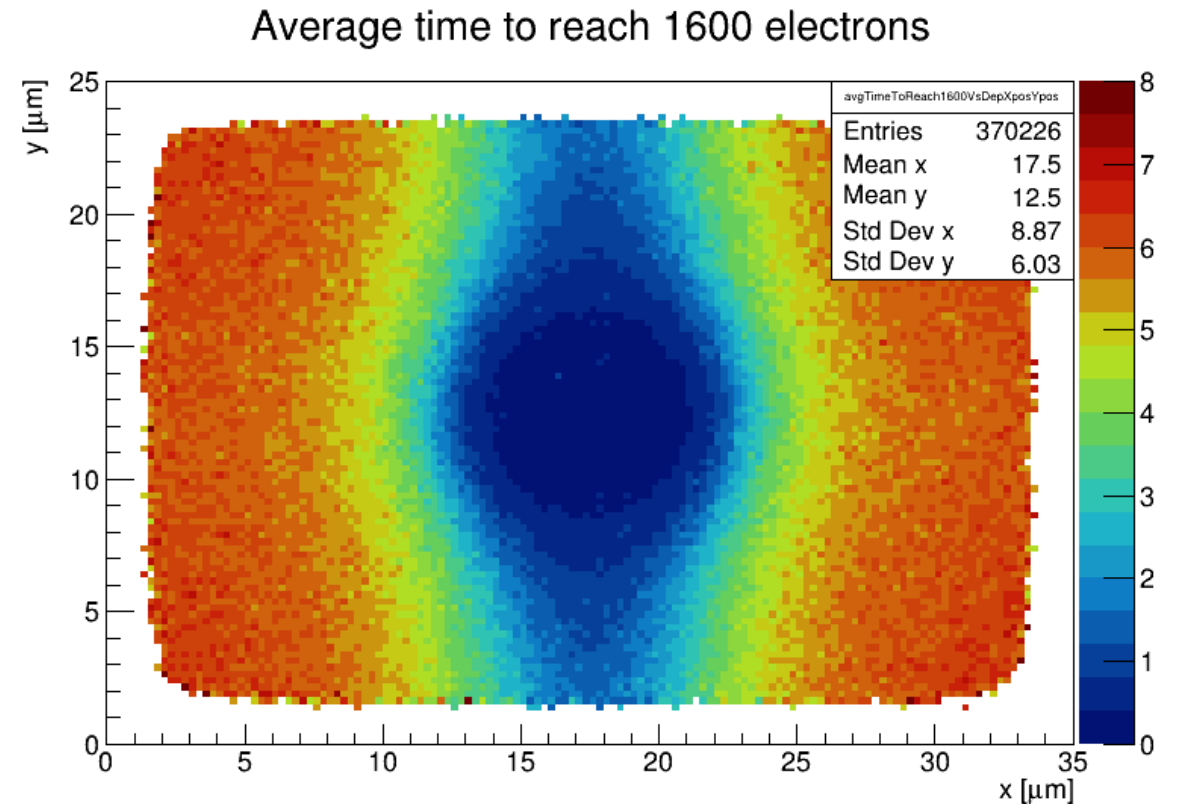
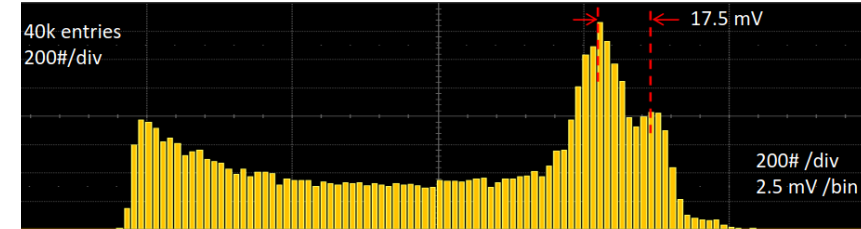


(a) *Standard layout*

# Allpix<sup>2</sup> combined with TCAD - Charge collection time of DESY ER1

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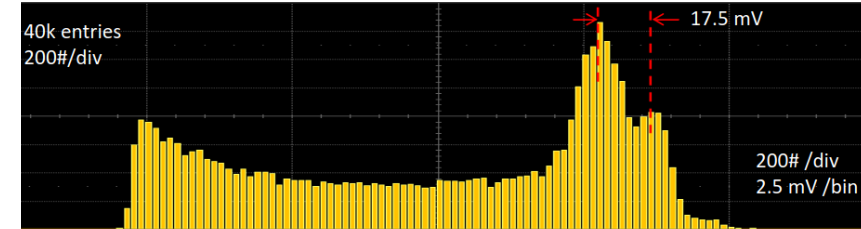




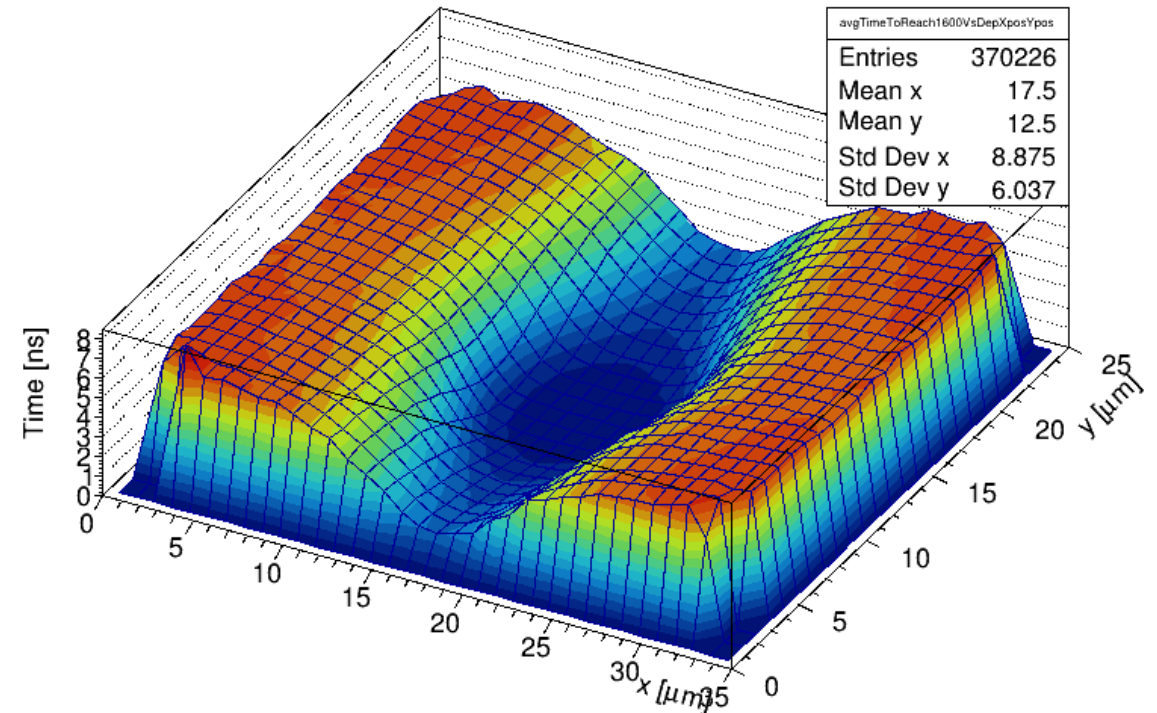
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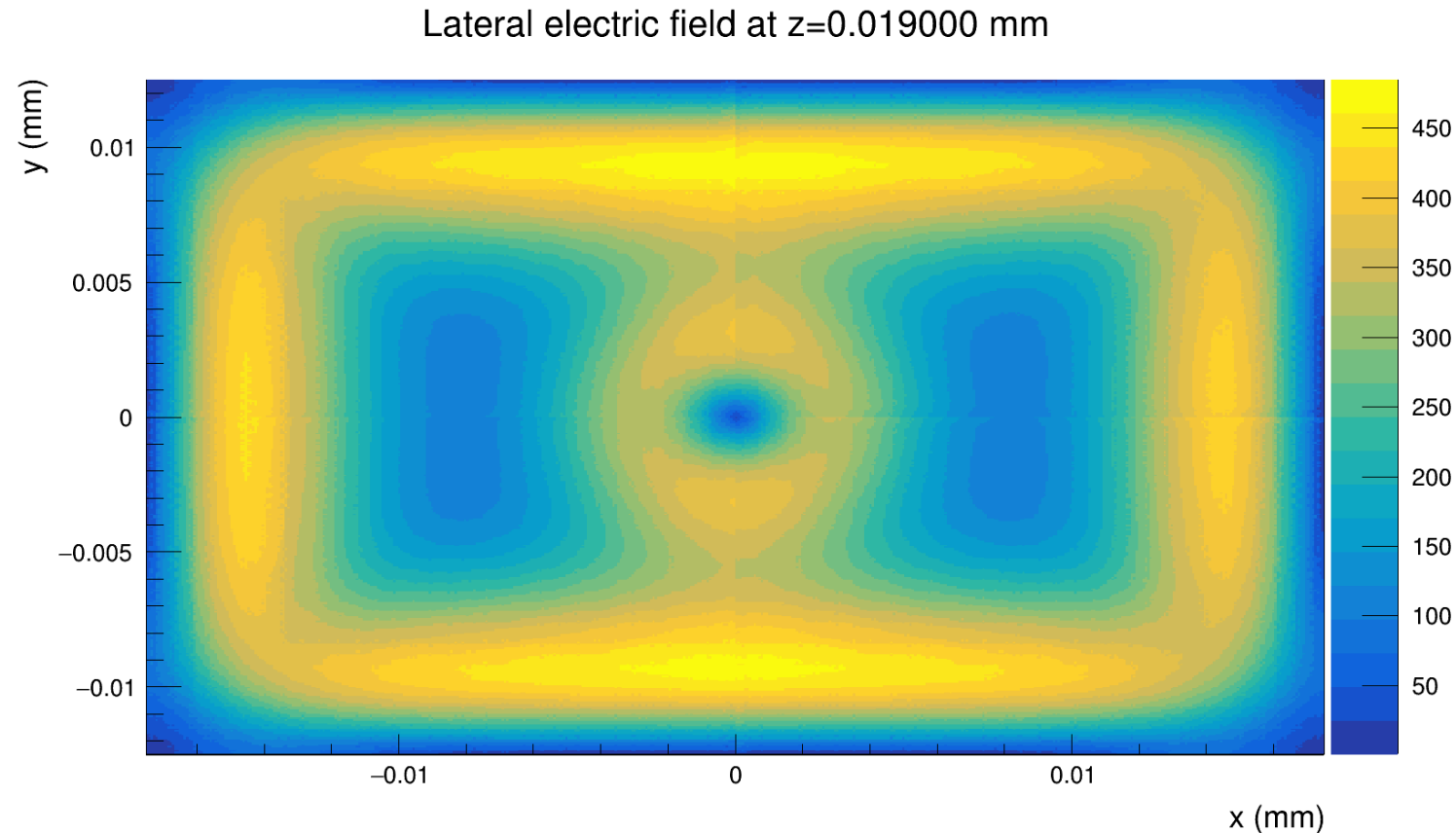
Average time to reach 1600 electrons



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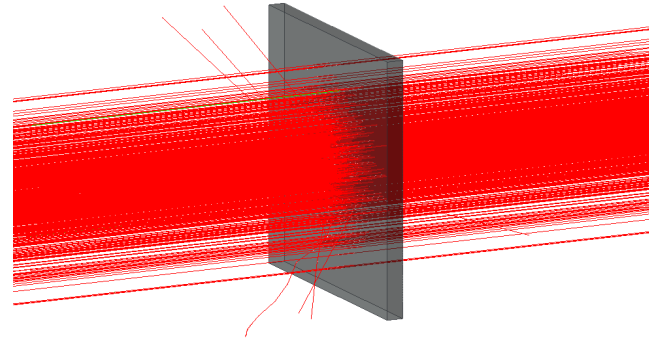
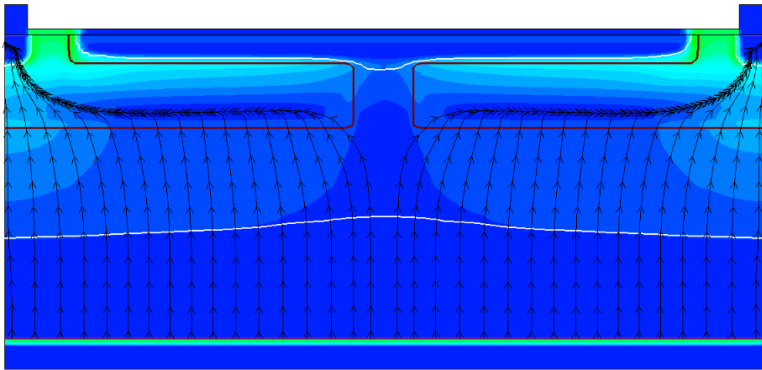
## Example result from the [Tangerine project](#)

- Lateral electric field magnitude
- In x, we have a **region with low field** between gap and collection electrode
- This is also in y, but **much smaller due to the smaller distance** - we never go as low as in x
- This leads to overall faster charge collection, as charges are **constantly pushed** towards the collection electrode
- Simulations are a **powerful tool** for providing **understanding** of results



# Simulations compared to data

Does the procedure *actually* work?

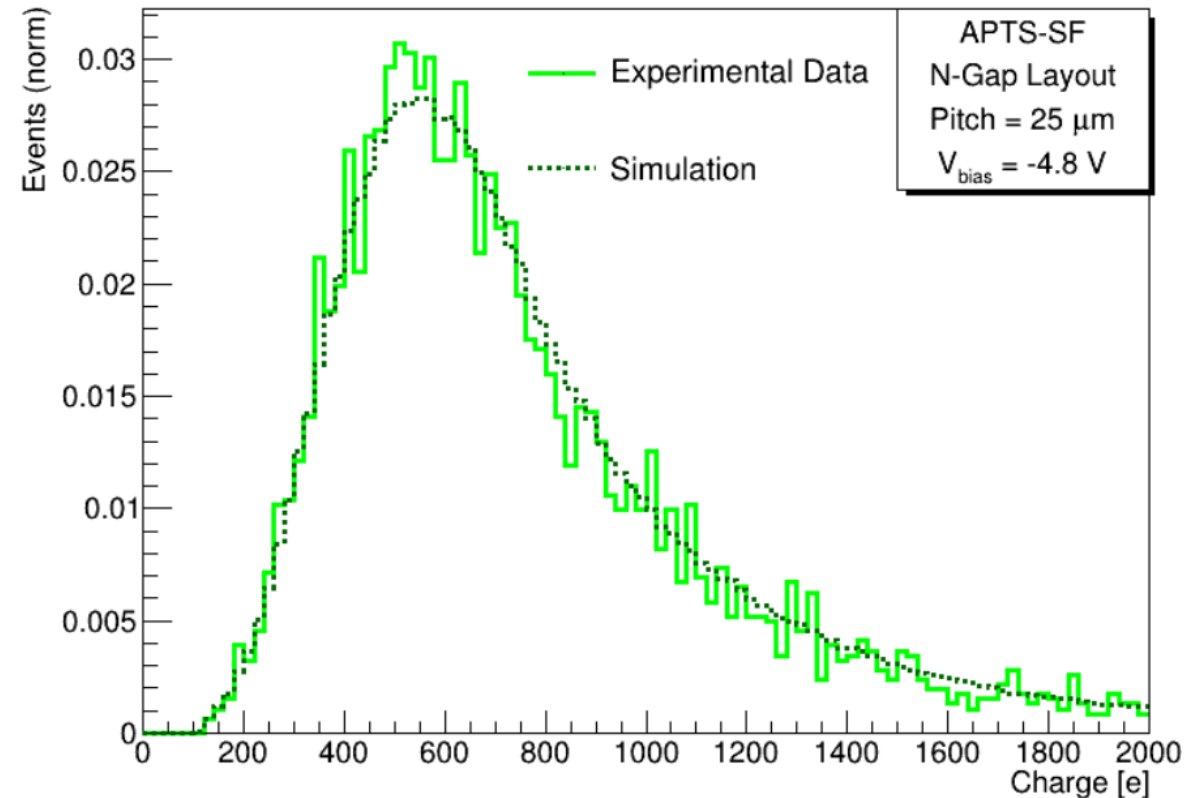


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## Cluster charge distribution



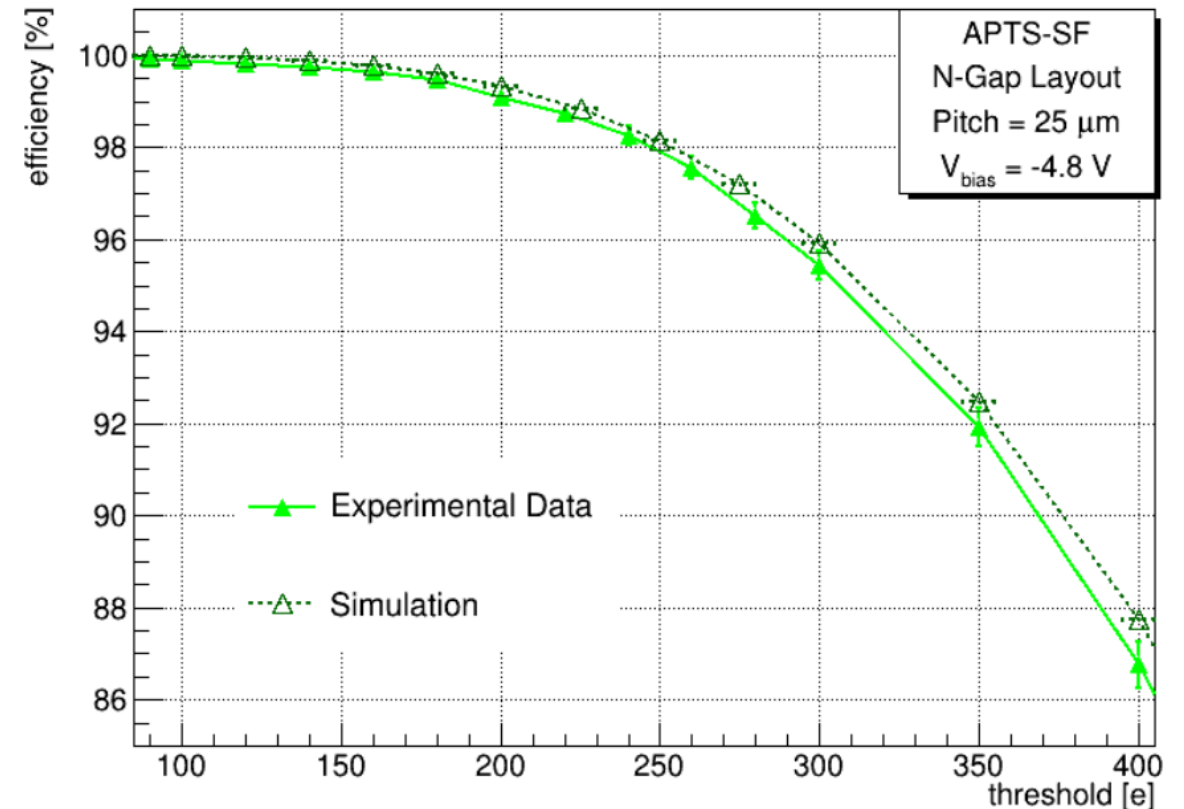
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  - Error bars on the simulated results are purely statistical here
- In conclusion, the developed **simulation procedure works well**, without any proprietary information

## Mean efficiency vs threshold

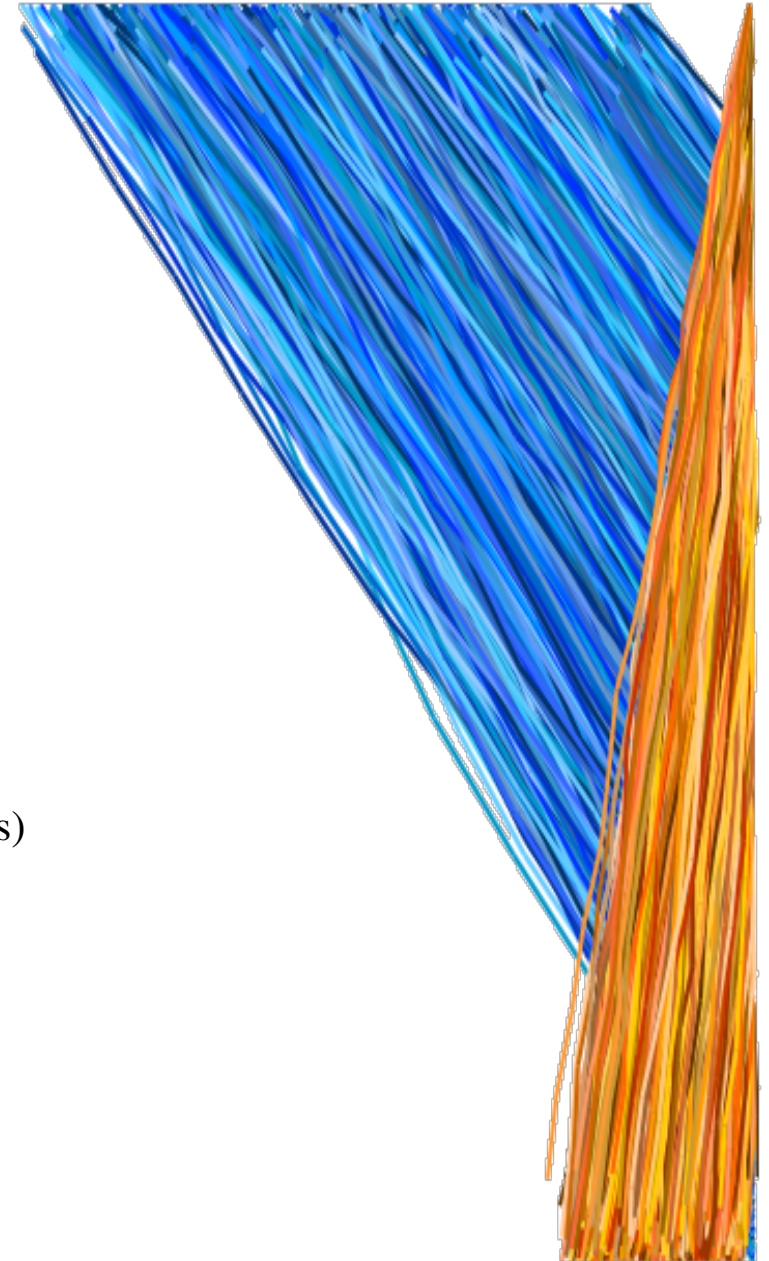


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# Conclusions and outlook

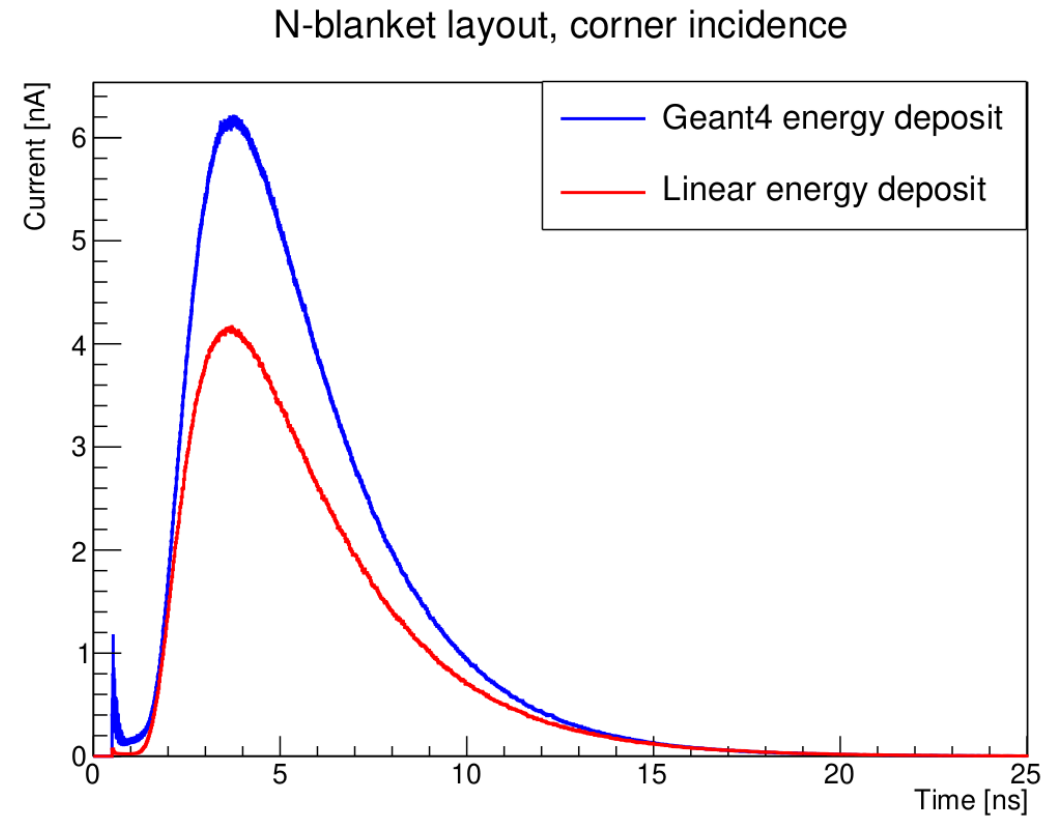
- The Tangerine project is **successfully participating in investigation of a 65 nm CMOS imaging process** for particle physics applications
- Prototypes have been **designed and tested** within the project
- Simulations are a **powerful tool** for sensor understanding and development
  - A technology-independent approach using generic doping profiles has been developed for silicon sensor simulations; a **generic toolbox**, free from proprietary information
- Next steps for **sensor testing**:
  - Continue characterising H2M, figuring out where the unexpected behaviour comes from
  - Further characterise the DESY ER1 chips (a new master's student has started work on this)
- Next steps for **simulations**:
  - Properly define the **uncertainties of the simulation results** and perform **further comparisons to data** to validate the predictive power of the simulations
  - Allpix Squared is developing, and will be **instrumental in DRD3 simulations**
- The Tangerine project has a **proposed succession** within the DRD3 framework



# Backup slides

# Transient simulations, comparing linear energy deposition to Geant4

- Using the n-blanket layout
- Each signal is the average of 10 000 events, incident in the pixel corner
- Geant4 energy deposition includes stochastic effects, while linear deposit generates 63 electron-hole pairs per  $\mu\text{m}$



# The Tangerine project: published references

- The Tangerine project: Development of high-resolution 65 nm silicon MAPS
  - <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2022.167025>
- Towards a new generation of Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors
  - <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2022.167821>
- Developing a Monolithic Silicon Sensor in a 65 nm CMOS Imaging Technology for Future Lepton Collider Vertex Detectors
  - <https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.18153>

