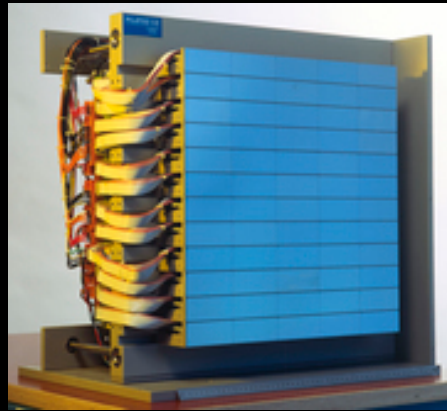
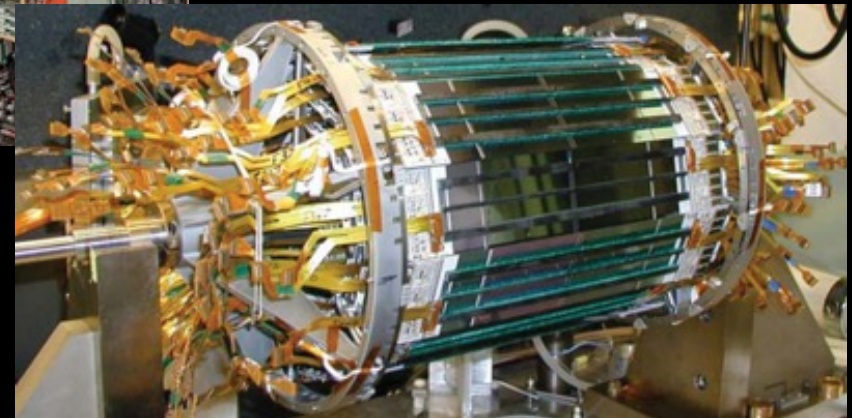
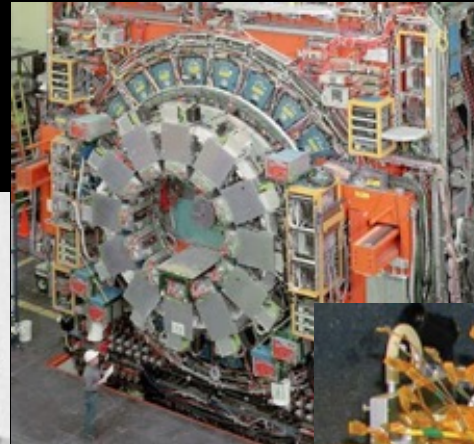
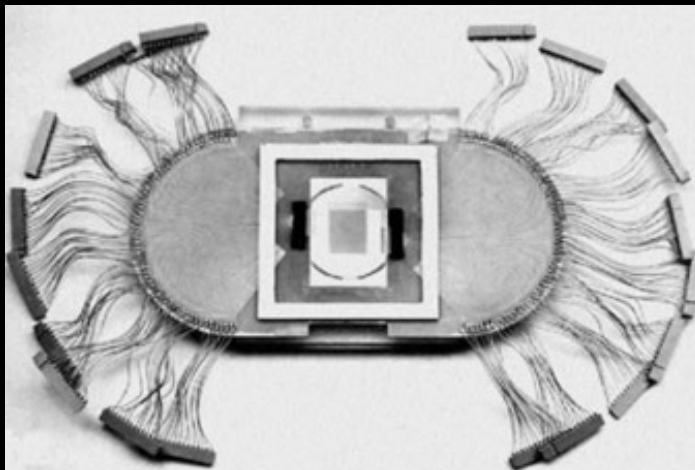
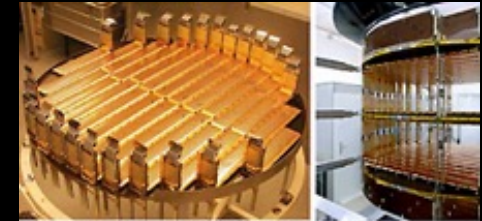


# Silicon and Pixel Detectors

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# Some Information about myself

- Professor at The University of Manchester (UK)
- Visiting Professor at the University of Stony Brook, New York, USA
- Member of the ATLAS Collaboration at CERN – LHC
- Spent 11 years at CERN during the LHC detector development working on radiation hard pixel detectors

## Work Highlights:

- Detector development : scintillating fibers, silicon pixels
- Radiation effects in silicon, low temperature effects (Lazarus)
- 3D sensors for high energy physics and other applications
- 3D printed detectors
- Vertical integrated microsystems
- Quantum Imaging



# This lecture

- Introduction on Radiation Interaction with Matter
- Why Silicon as a radiation detector
- Silicon radiation detectors: Strip and Pixel sensors Monolithic and Hybrid
- Novel silicon technologies: micro-fabricated 3D sensors, LGADS and microsystems (time permitting)
- Examples of applications in High Energy Physics, Medicine, Environmental Monitoring, Space..

# Introduction: Imaging radiation ..



Web cams



Smart phones



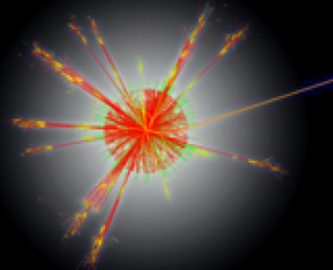
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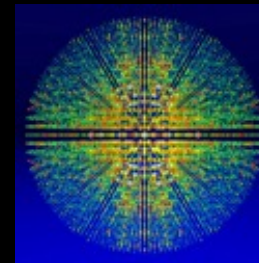
machine vision, automotive, security etc...



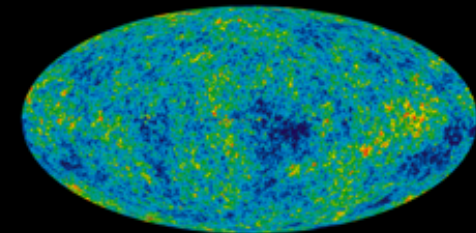
Medical imaging



HEP



x-ray crystallography

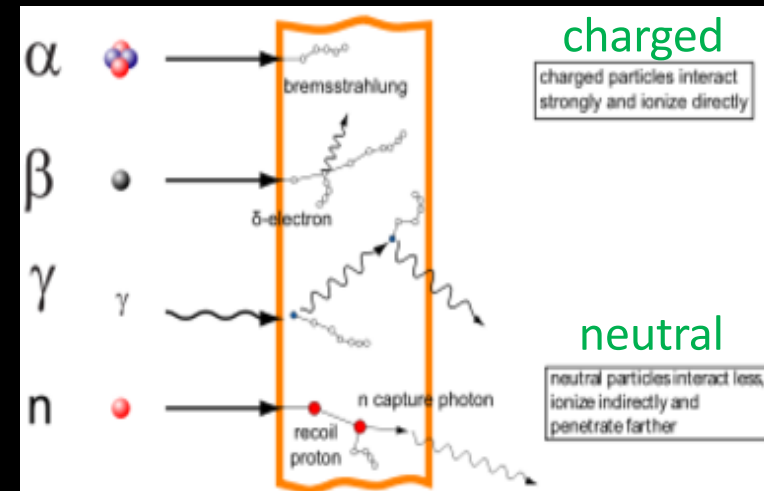
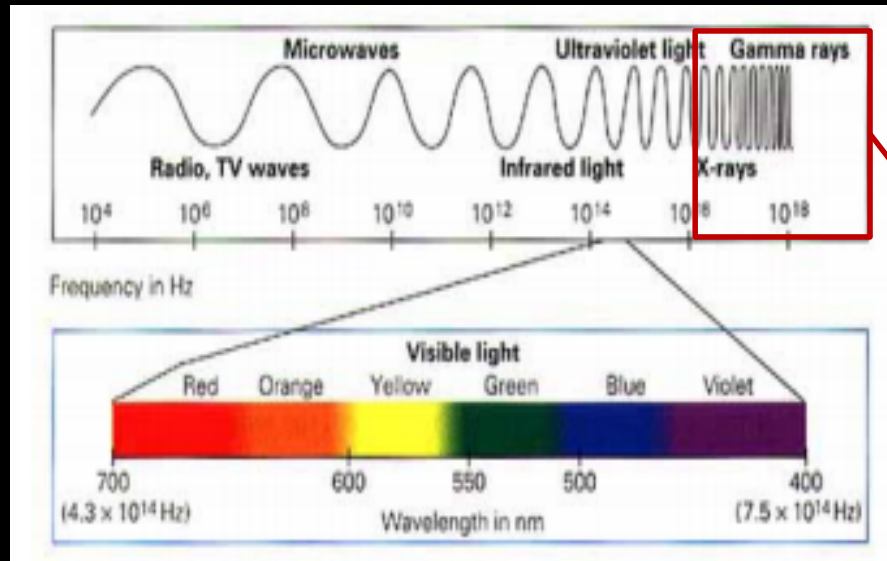


cosmology

mass spectroscopy, neutrons, electrons, TOF, SEM/TEM etc...

# Reminder: What is Radiation and its interaction with matter

**Radiation** can be defined as the propagation of energy through space or matter in the form of electromagnetic waves or energetic particles.



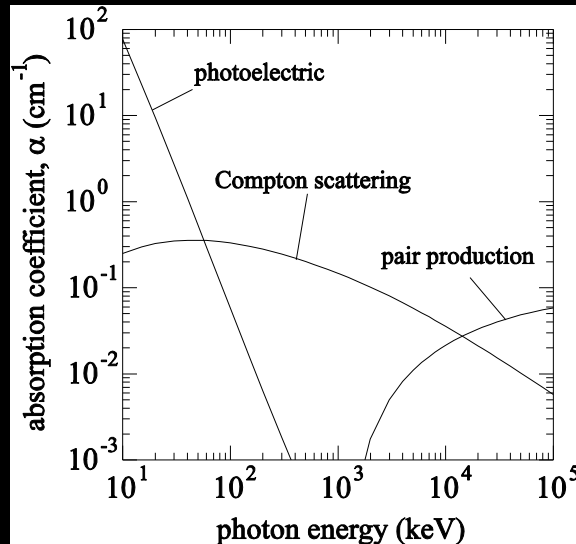
When radiation interacts with matter:

**Non-ionizing** does not have enough energy to ionize atoms but **generate heat** in the material it interacts with. At high energy it becomes ionizing

**Ionizing** has the ability to knock an electron from an atom, i.e. to ionize..

# Interaction of radiation with matter

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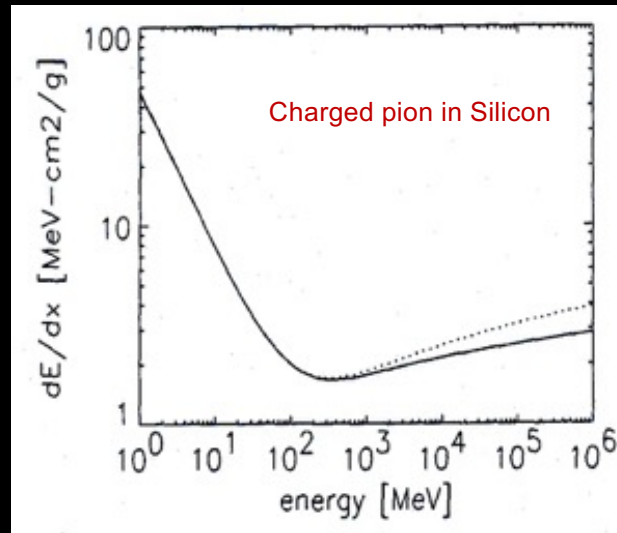
## Photons:

There are 3 main modes of interaction:

- Photoelectric absorption
- Electron scattering
- Pair production

## Lambert-Beer's law

$$\phi(x) = \phi_0 \cdot e^{-\alpha x}$$



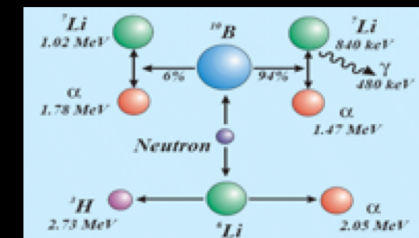
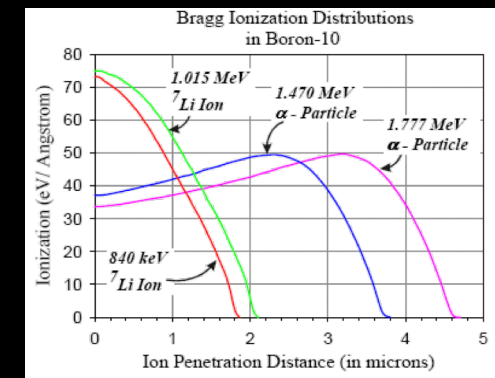
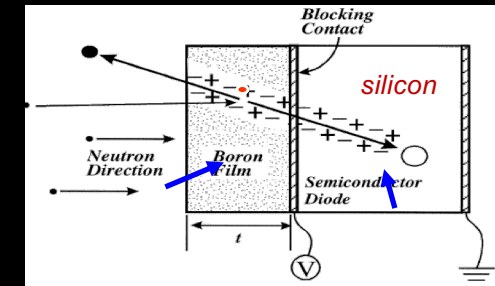
## Ionizing particles:

### Bethe-Bloch equation:

average/mean amount of energy lost due to ionization per unit of distance in the media)

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{4\pi}{m_e c^2} \cdot \frac{n z^2}{\beta^2} \cdot \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\right)^2 \cdot \left[ \ln\left(\frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2}{I \cdot (1 - \beta^2)}\right) - \beta^2 \right]$$

$$n = \frac{N_A \cdot Z \cdot \rho}{A \cdot M_u}$$

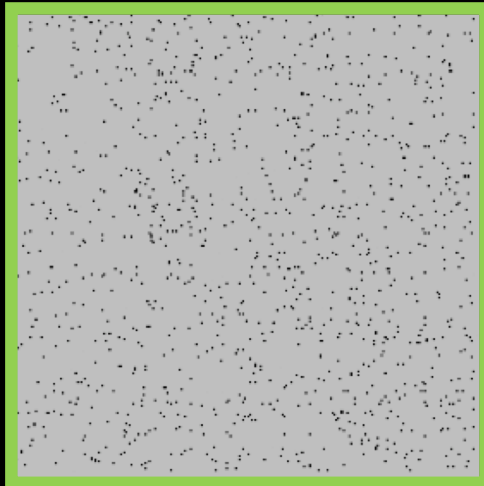


Neutrons: Alpha Bragg peak

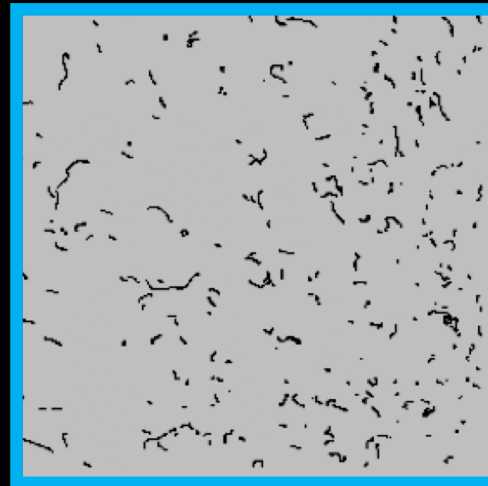
# Particle signatures with the Timepix detector

→ See next talk on Timepix detectors

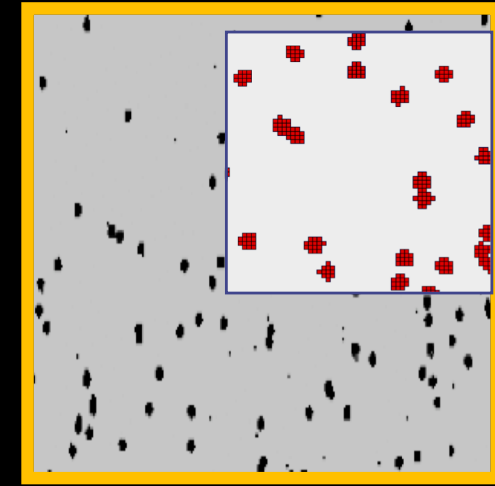
5 KeV X-rays



2MeV electrons



$\alpha$



- ◆  $^{241}\text{Am}$  alpha source gives clusters of  $\sim 5 \times 5$  pixels measured with the MEDIPIX-USB device and a  $300 \mu\text{m}$  thick silicon sensor. The clusters are shown in detail in the inset. The cluster sizes depend on particle energy and threshold setting.
- ◆ Signature of X-rays from a  $^{55}\text{Fe}$  X-ray source. Photons yield single pixel hits or hits on 2 adjacent pixels due to charge sharing.
- ◆ A  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  beta source produces curved tracks in the silicon detector.
- ◆ A pixel counter is used just to say “YES” if individual quantum of radiation generates in the pixel a charge above the pre-selected threshold

# The semiconductors revolution

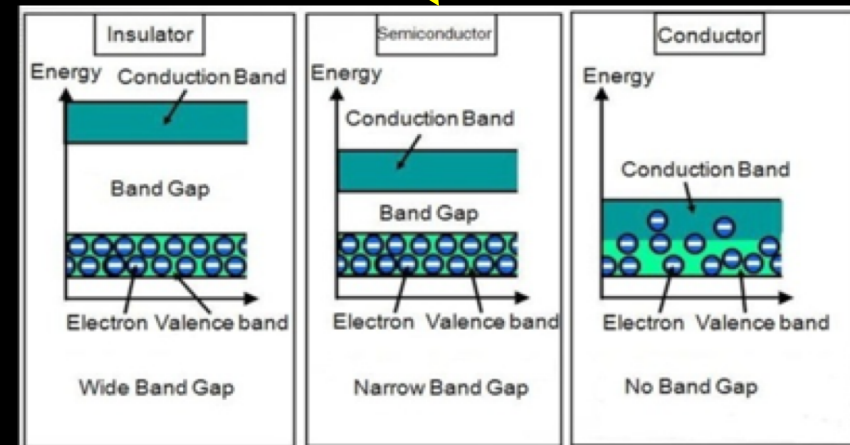
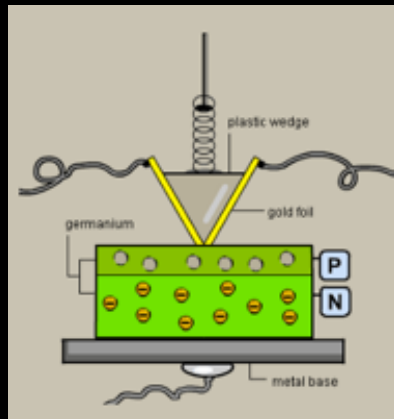
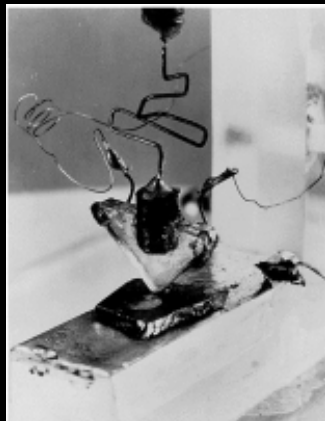


**First transistor invented 1947 by William B. Shockley, John Bardeen and Walter Brattain (Nobel Prize 1956)**



First semiconductor particle sensor: Pieter Jacobus Van Heerden, *The Crystalcounter: A New Instrument in Nuclear Physics*. University Math Naturwiss, Fak (1945). CCD Nobel prize Boyle & Smith 2009

A **Semiconductor** is a material that has a conductivity between a conductor and an insulator; electricity can pass through it, but not very easily



The point contact germanium transistor



# Why Silicon is still the most used

- ❖ Semiconductor with Low ionization energy → big signal  
The band gap is 1.12 eV, but it takes 3.6 eV to ionize an atom. The remaining energy goes to phonon excitations (heat)
- ❖ High purity → long carrier lifetime
- ❖ High mobility → fast charge collection
- ❖ Low Z → Z=14 low multiple scattering but low x-ray detection efficiency
- ❖ Oxide (SiO<sub>2</sub>) has excellent electrical properties
- Good mechanical properties → Easily patterned to small dimensions
- Can be operated in air and at room temperature (before irradiation – afterwards requires cooling)
- Industrial experience and commercial applications
- **Silicon is abundant! Over 90% of the Earth's crust is composed of silicate minerals**  
making silicon the second most abundant element in the Earth's crust (about 28% by mass) after oxygen

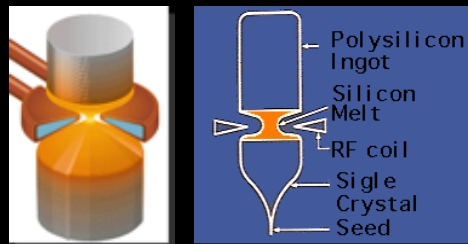
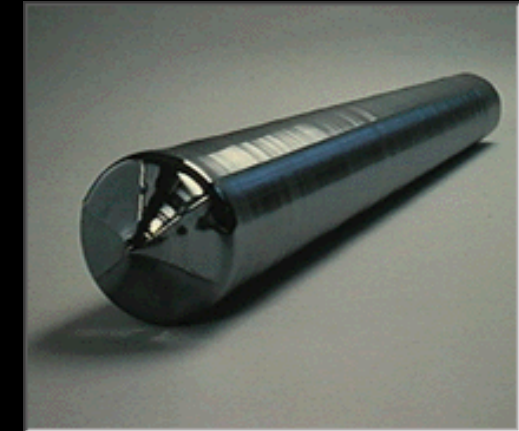
Parameter	cBN	hBN	Diamond	AlN	GaN	3C-SiC	GaAs	Si
Energy Bandgap (eV)	6.4	5.2	5.45	6.2	3.39	3.00	1.43	1.12
Electron Mobility (cm <sup>2</sup> /Vs)	280	-	2200	300	440	400	8500	1500
Hole Mobility (cm <sup>2</sup> /Vs)	-	-	1600	30	~20	50	400	600
Thermal Conductivity (W/cm K)	13	a = 6.0 c = 0.3	20	2.9	1.3	5	0.46	1.5
Breakdown (× 10 <sup>5</sup> Vcm <sup>-1</sup> )	~80	~80	100	~80	~80	40	60	3
Lattice Constant (Å)	3.615	a = 2.504 c = 6.661	3.567	4.982	a = 3.189 c = 5.185	4.358	5.65	5.43
Thermal Expansion Coefficient (× 10 <sup>-6</sup> °C <sup>-1</sup> )	3.5	a = -2.7 c = 38	1.1	4.0	4.5	4.7	5.9	2.6
Density (gm/cm <sup>3</sup> )	3.487	2.28	3.515	3.26	6.15	3.216	5.316	2.328
Melting Point (°C)	2973	3000	3800	2200	>2500	2540	1238	1420
Dielectric Constant	7.1	5.1	5.5	-	9.5	9.7	12.5	11.8
Resistivity (Ωcm)	10 <sup>16</sup>	10 <sup>10</sup>	10 <sup>13</sup>	10 <sup>14</sup>	10 <sup>12</sup>	150	10 <sup>8</sup>	10 <sup>3</sup>
Absorption Edge (µm)	0.205	0.212	0.20	-	0.35	0.40	-	1.40
Refractive Index	2.17	1.80	2.42	2.00	2.33	2.65	3.4	3.5
Hardness (kg/mm <sup>2</sup> , T = 300 K Kg/mm <sup>2</sup> )	5000	100	10,000	2500	1100	3000	600	1000

# SILICON: from sand to wafer

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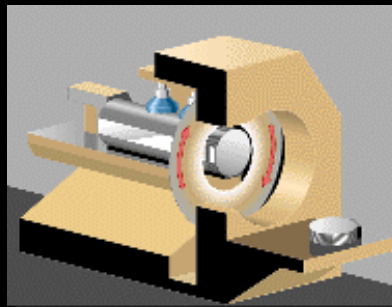


a) The sand is cleaned and further purified by chemical processes. It is then melted. Then a tiny concentration of phosphorus (boron) dopant is added to make n (p) type poly-crystalline ingots

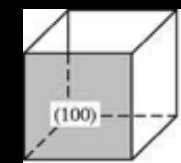
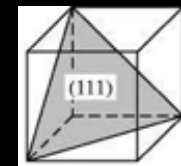


b) Single-crystal silicon is obtained by melting the vertically oriented poly-silicon cylinder onto a single crystal "seed" --- called "Float Zone-→ FZ"

c) Wafers of thickness 200- 500 $\mu$ m are cut with diamond encrusted wire or disc saws.

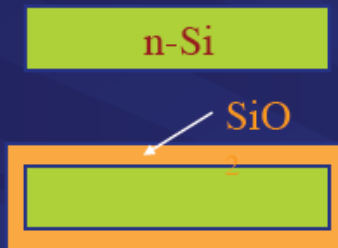



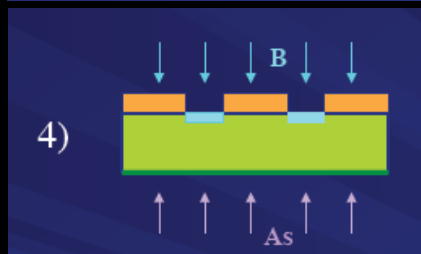
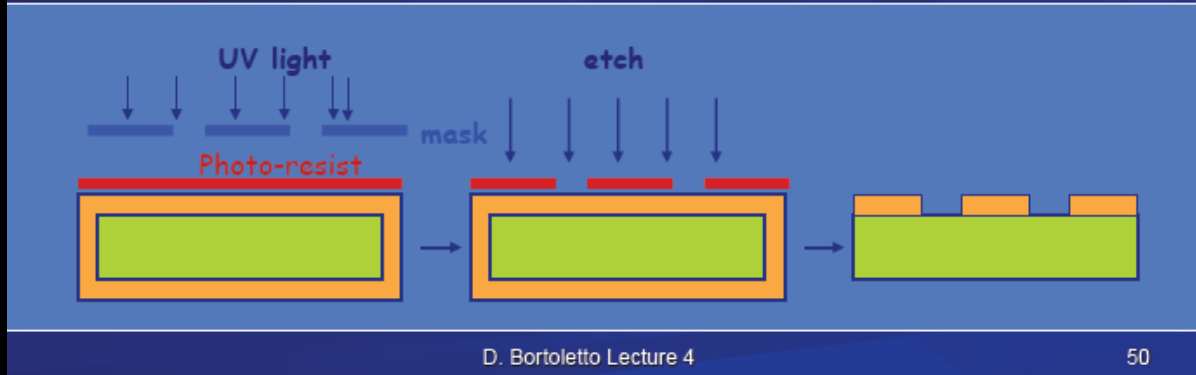
Note: the crystal orientation matters!  
<111> and <100> crystals can influence the detector properties eg. capacitance



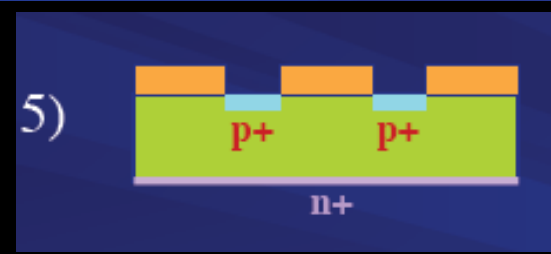
# From Wafers to Sensors

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- 1)  Start with n-doped silicon wafer,  $\rho \approx 1-10 \text{ k}\Omega\text{cm}$ . Silicon can be turned into n-type by neutron doping ( $^{30}\text{Si} + n \rightarrow ^{31}\text{Si}$ ,  $^{31}\text{Si} \rightarrow ^{31}\text{P} + \beta^- + \nu$ )
- 2)  Oxidation at 800 - 1200°C
- 3) Photolithography (= mask align + photo-resist layer + developing) followed by etching to make windows in oxide



Doping (ion implantation or diffusion)



Crystal lattice annealing at 600C

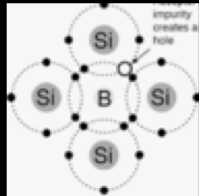
## Note:

This process is used for single and double side processing



Photo-lithography  
Followed by Aluminum  
Deposition in the contact  
Regions (front and back)

# p-n Junction

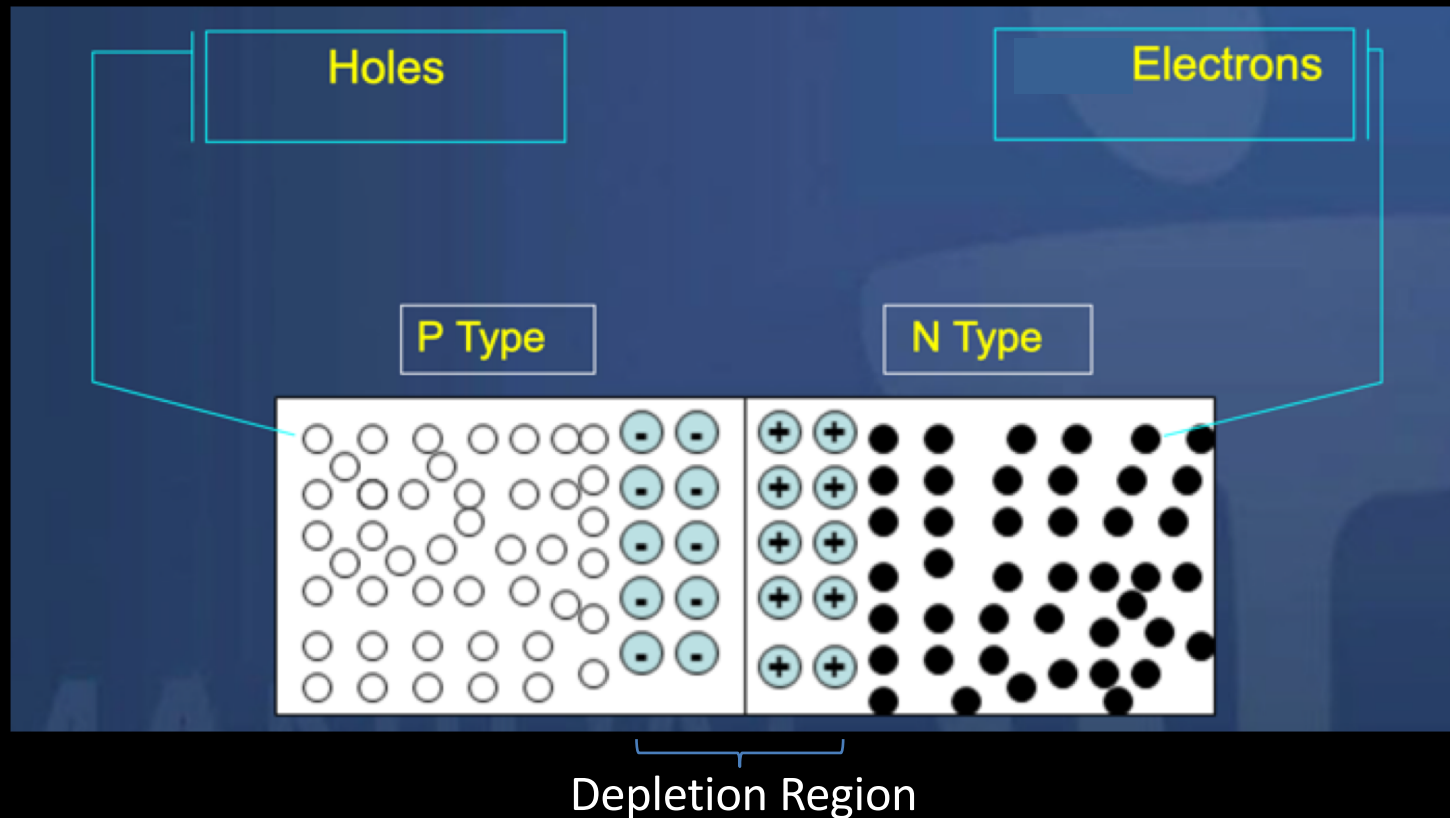
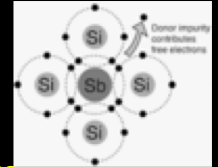


Doping: p-type Silicon

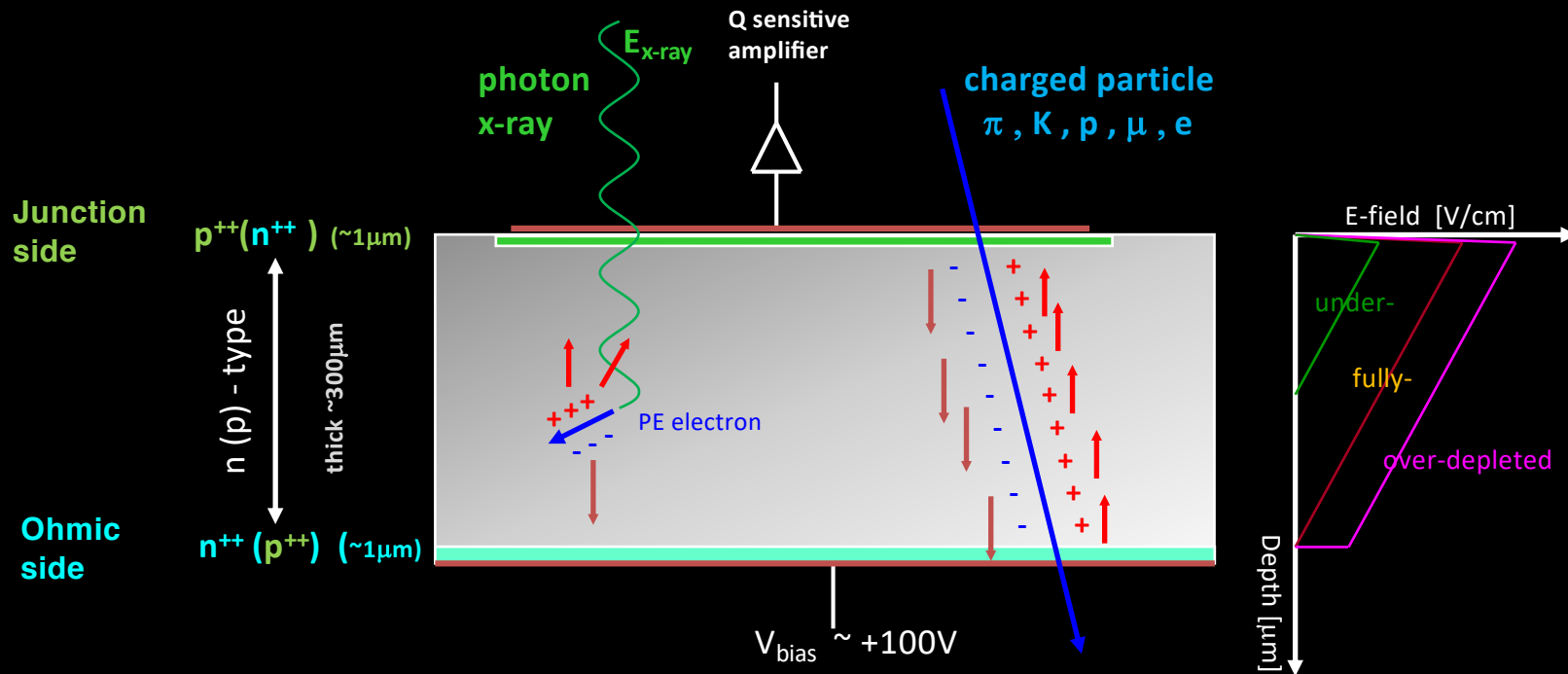
add elements from III<sup>rd</sup> group  
 ⇒ acceptors (B,..)  
 holes are majority carriers

Doping: n-type Silicon

add elements from V<sup>th</sup> group  
 ⇒ donors (P, As,..)  
 electrons are majority carriers



# Silicon detector basic working principle

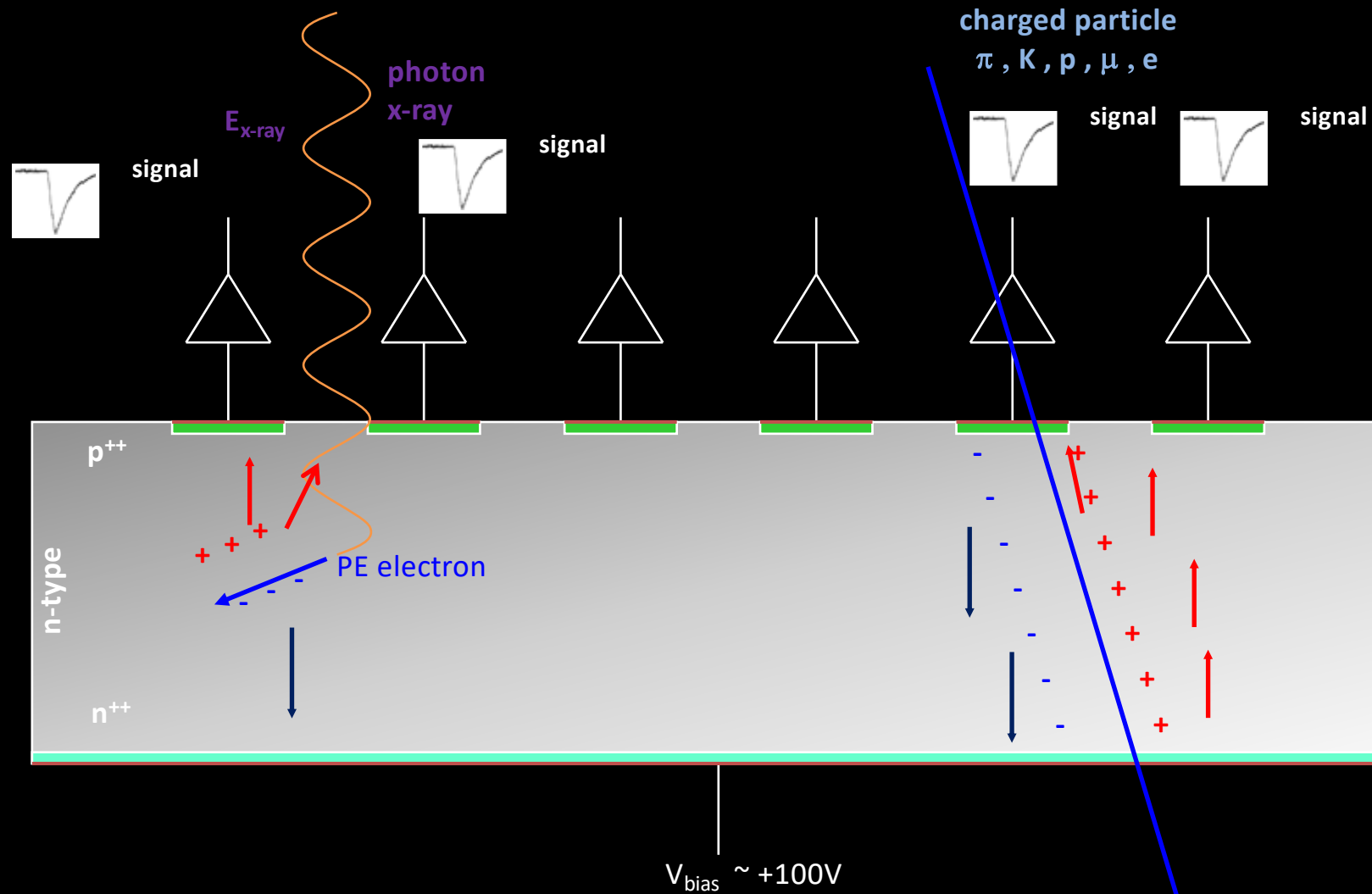


- ❖ n<sup>+</sup> and p<sup>+</sup> electrodes are implanted on the wafer's surfaces to form a p-i-n junction
- ❖ V<sub>bias</sub> is the applied reverse bias voltage, W is the depletion region and N<sub>eff</sub> the space charge (also called effective doping concentration)
- ❖ e-h pairs are created by the energy released by the impinging particle (different interaction mechanism for photons/x-rays and charged particles)
- ❖ e-h drift towards the positive and negative electrode "inducing" a current pulse
- ❖ Charge collection time depends on the carrier mobility, bias voltage and carrier polarity

$$V_{\text{bias}} = \frac{(W)^2 \times e \times |N_{\text{eff}}|}{2\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{\text{Si}}}$$

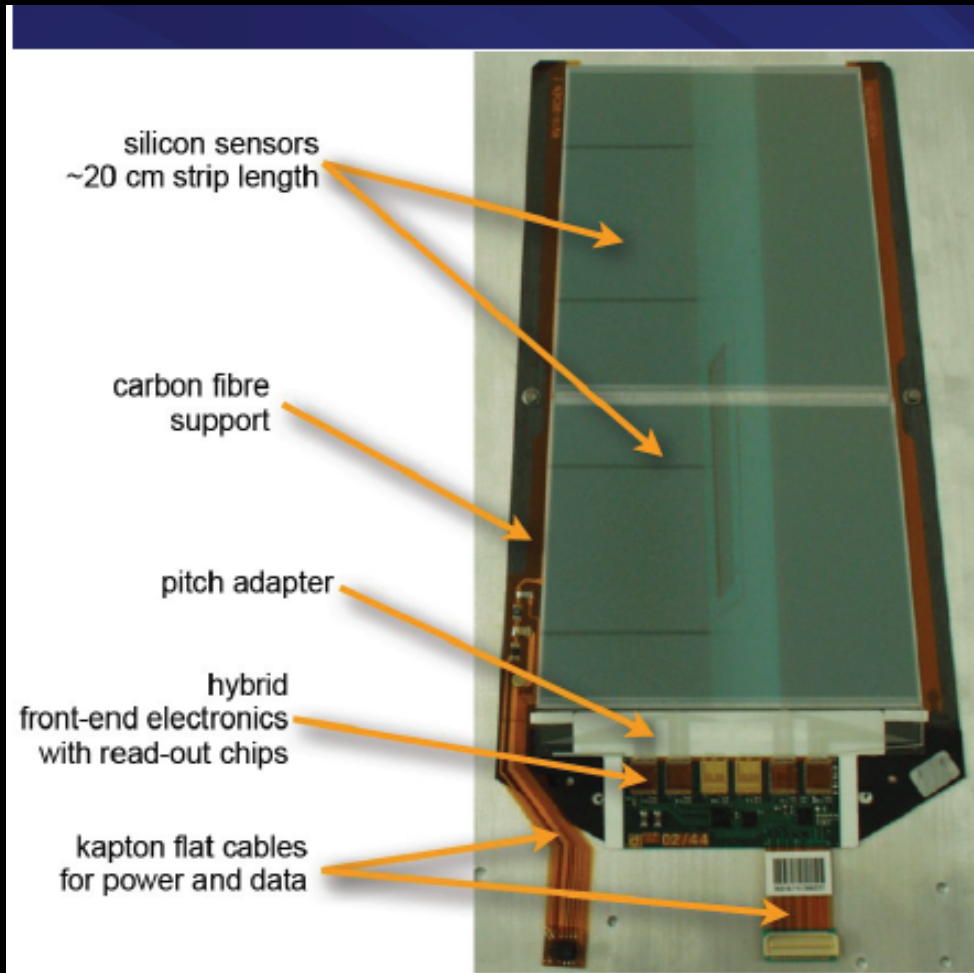
# Segmented Silicon Sensors for better Position Sensitivity

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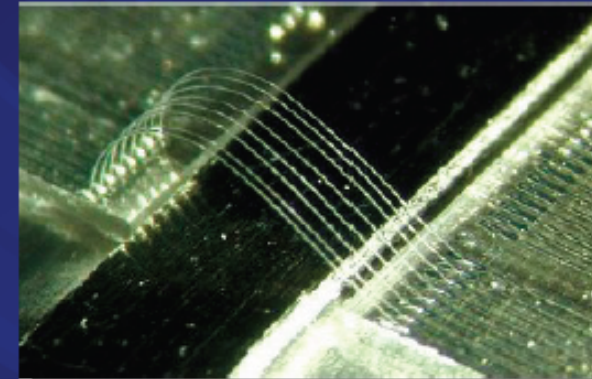


# Example: CMS micro-strip module

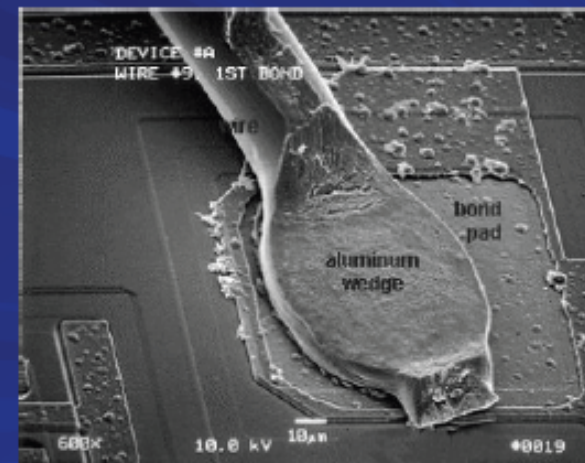
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CMS strip module

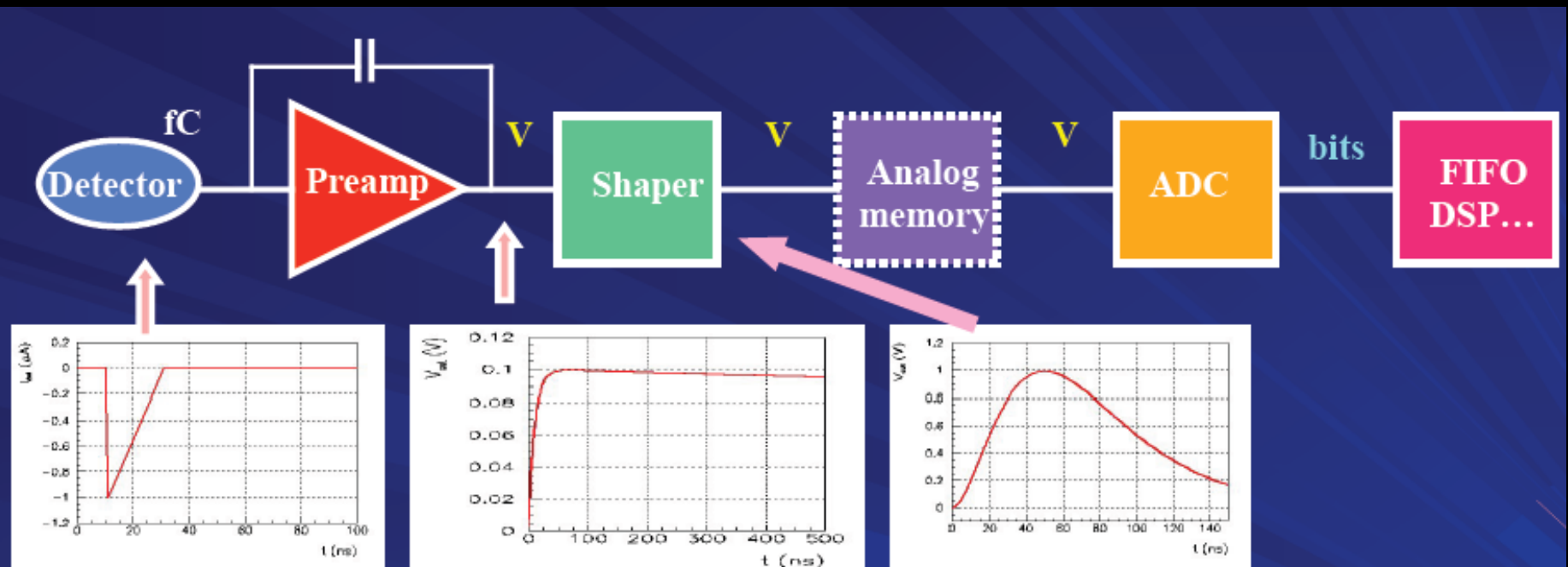


Wire-bonding



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# Front-end Readout electronics chain

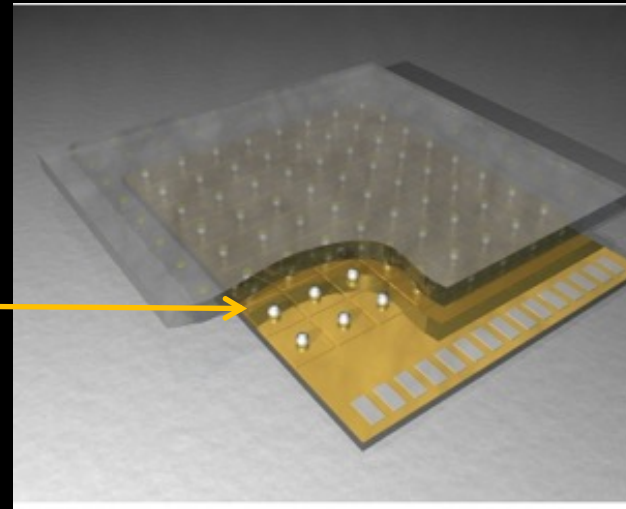
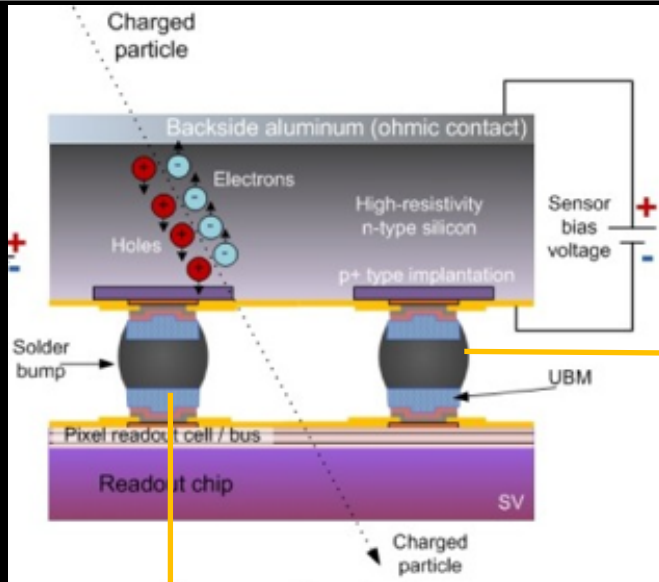


- Very small signals (fC) -> need **amplification**
- Measurement of **amplitude** and/or **time**
  - **(ADCs, discris, TDCs)** (Example Time over Threshold)
- Several thousands to millions of channels

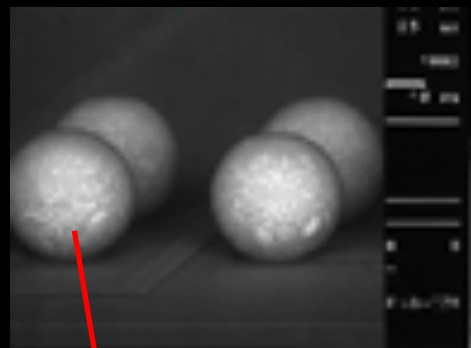
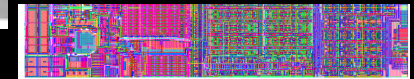


# Pixel Detectors "Hybrid"

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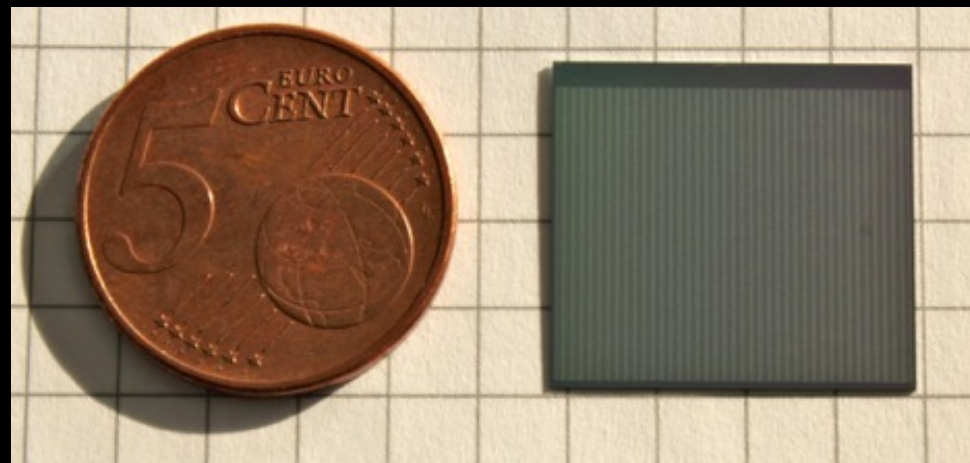


ATLAS FE-I4  
80x336  
=26 880 pixels  
250 x 50  $\mu\text{m}^2$



50 microns

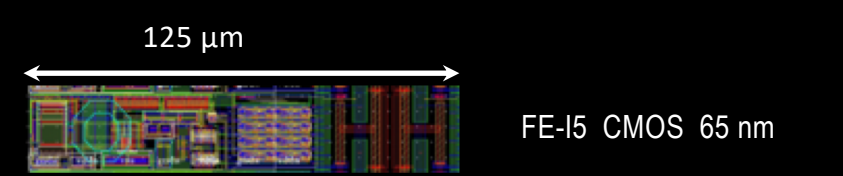
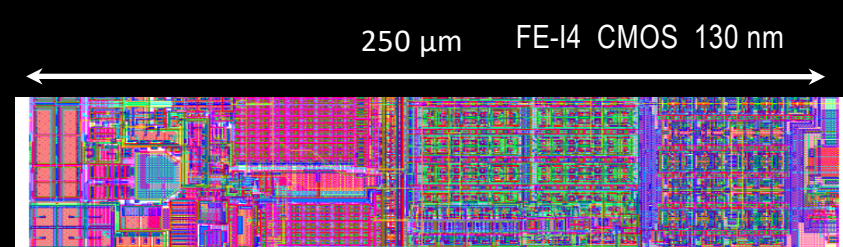
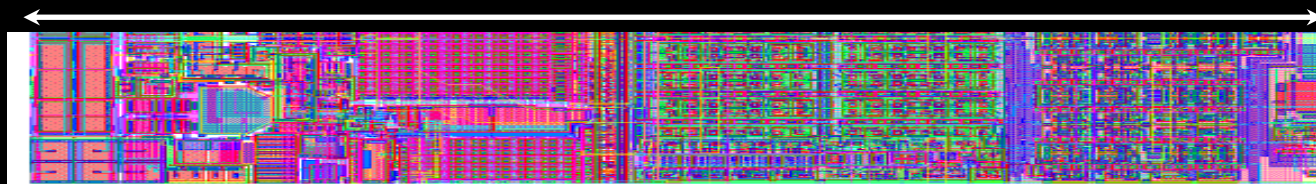
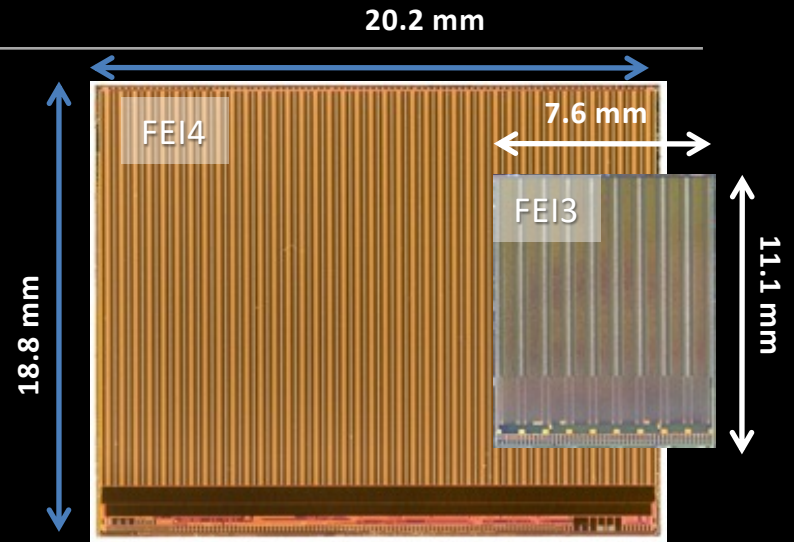
solder



ATLAS FE-I4 ~4cm<sup>2</sup>

# Example: the ATLAS Pixel "FE-I" Family

	FEI4B	FEI3
Year	2011	2003
Technology	130nm	250nm
Chip size	20x19mm <sup>2</sup>	7.6x10.8mm <sup>2</sup>
Active area	89%	74%
Array	80x336 (26'880)	18x160 (2'880)
Pixel size	50x250μm <sup>2</sup>	50x400μm <sup>2</sup>
Number of transistors	87M	3.5M
Data rate	320 Mb/s	40Mb/s
Wafer yield	60%	80%



FE-I3 CMOS 250 nm

250 μm FE-I4 CMOS 130 nm

125 μm

FE-I5 CMOS 65 nm

Half pitch definition

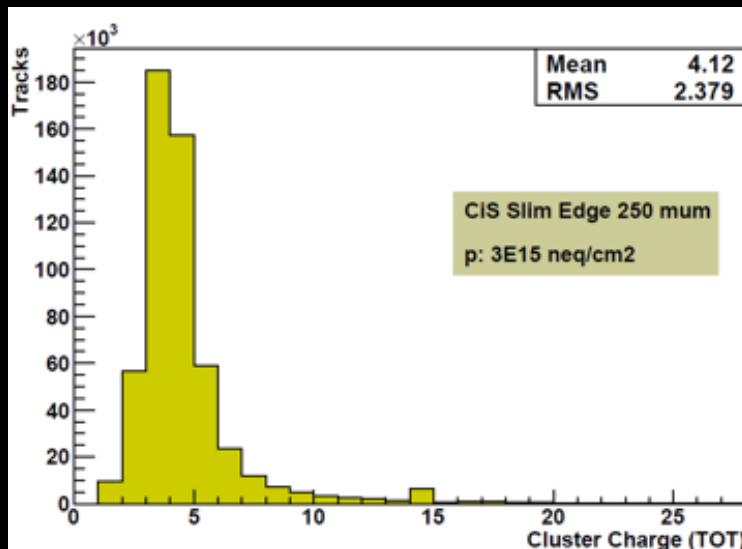
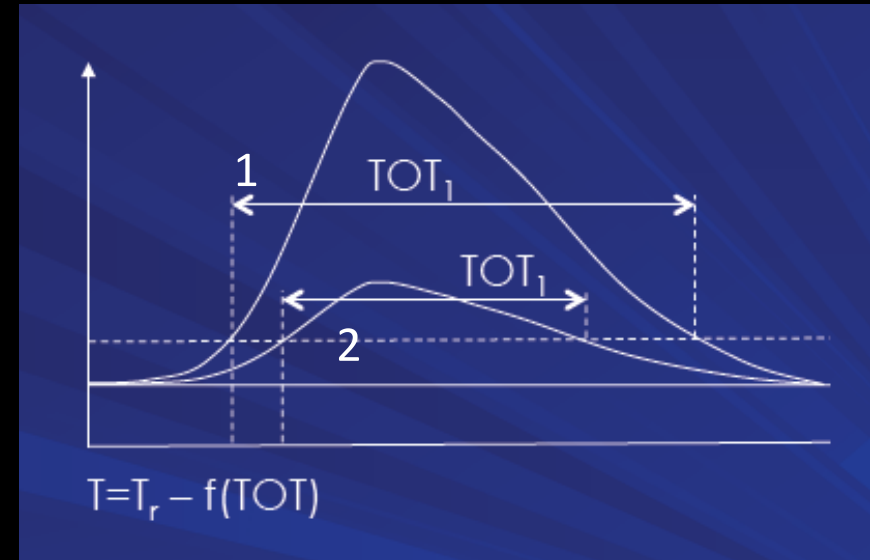
Depends on IC designs

250nm-130nm-65nm  
Technology nodes

DRAM MPU/ASIC 18

# Time Over Threshold Electronics

- ❖ 1 TDC (Time to Digital Converter) channel measuring both leading edge and pulse width
- ❖ Single threshold timing: as soon as the signal is above threshold a digital signal is generated



- ❖ There is a dependence of the signal rise-time (1 and 2) and amplitude (“time walk”) which depends on the sensor capacitance  $C$
- ❖ can even be used as an ADC (Analog to Digital Converter)
  - E.g. ATLAS Pixel

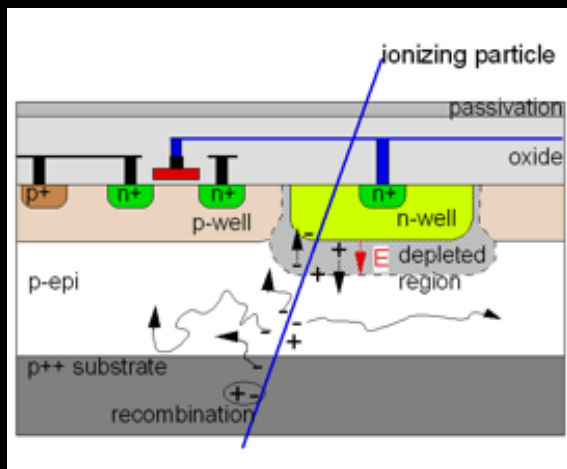
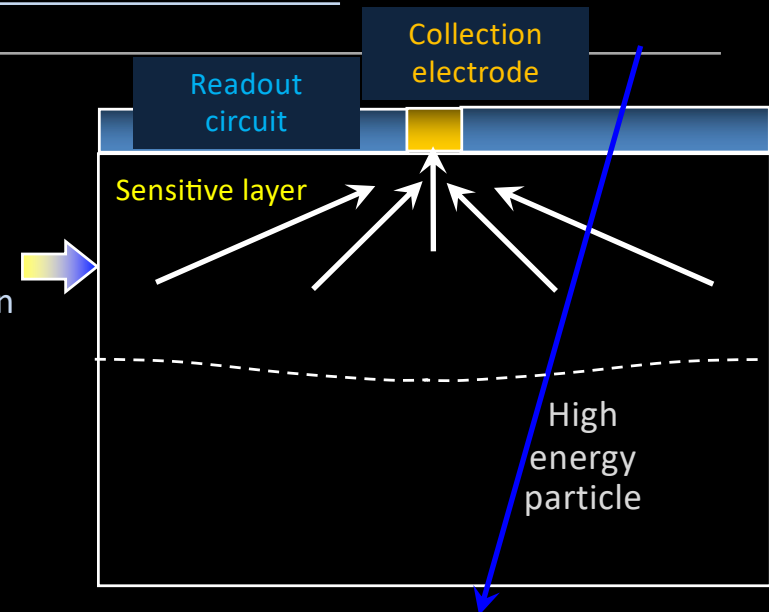
# Pixel detectors “Monolithic”

Integrates the readout circuitry together with the detector in ‘one piece’ of silicon

The charge generated by a particle is collected on a defined collection electrode either by diffusion or by the application of an E-field

Small pixel size and thin effective detection thickness

Radiation soft, optimal for high granularity applications



## MAPS

Pixel size :  
20 x 20 micron  
Thickness  
20-50 um

Used in the  
EUNET telescope  
And at STAR  
At RICH

## CCD

Charge  
coupled  
Device  
Various  
dimensions

Many uses in  
Different  
fields

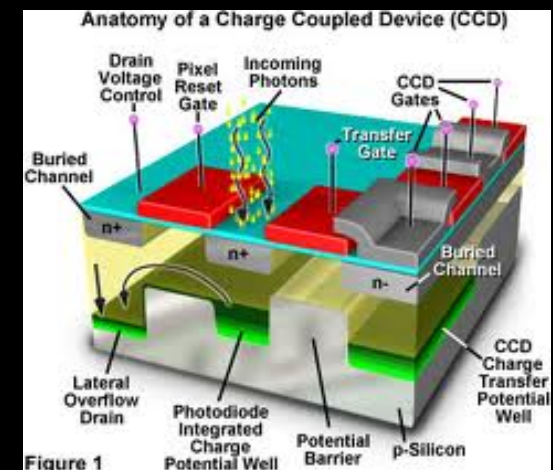


Figure 1

# Pixels detectors and application requirements

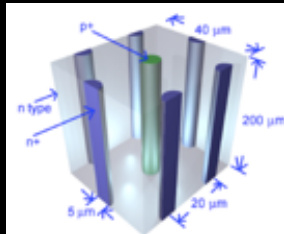
Hybrid

Monolithic

Radiation Hardness

Granularity, low mass

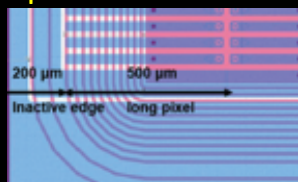
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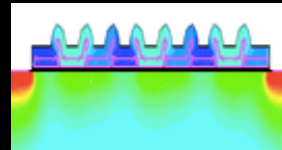
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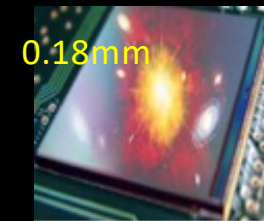
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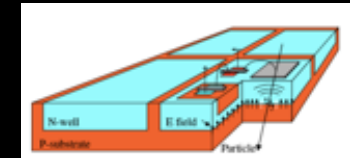
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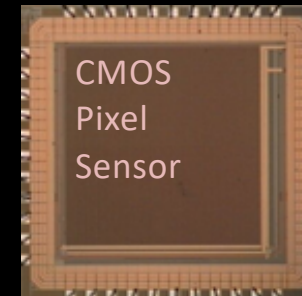
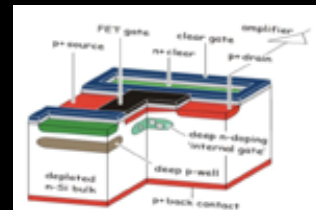
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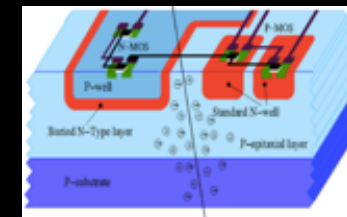
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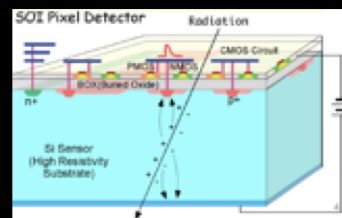
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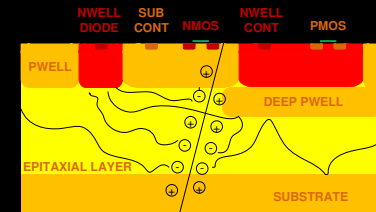
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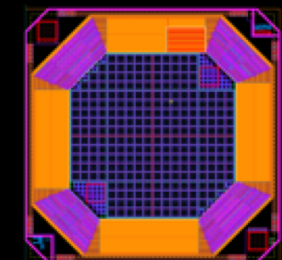
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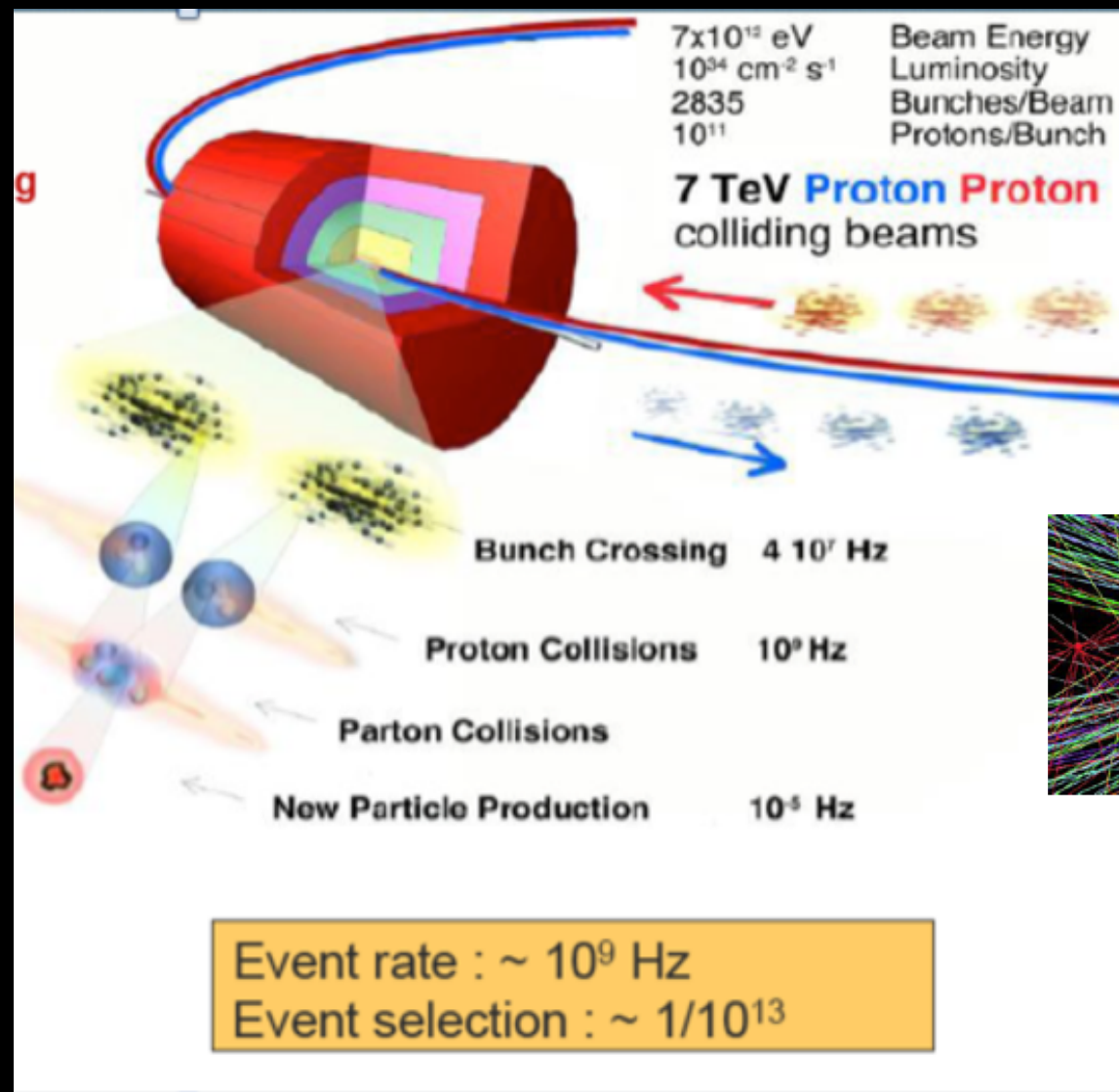


LePiX



# The CERN Large Hadron Collider ( LHC )

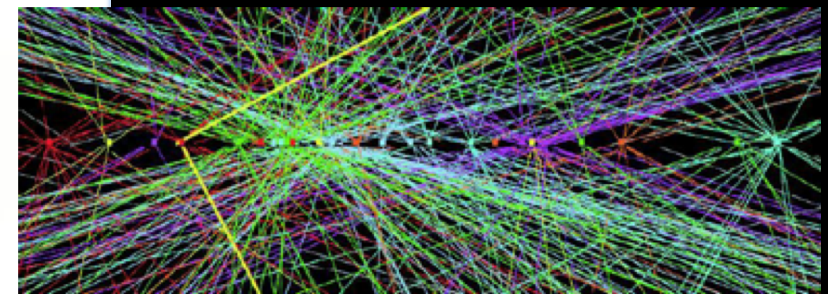
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**A microscope to observe  
Dimensions as small as  
 $10^{-17}$  m!**



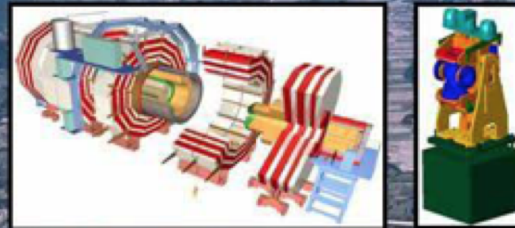
**Collisions  
every 25 ns**



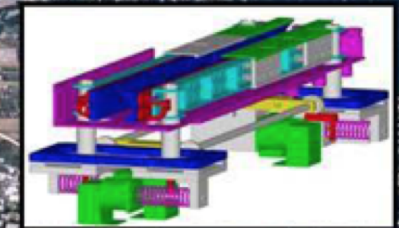
*Z ->  $\mu\mu$  event  
at LHC ATLAS  
15 April 2012*

CERN-LHC  
27 Km tunnel  
~100m underground

CMS



LHCf



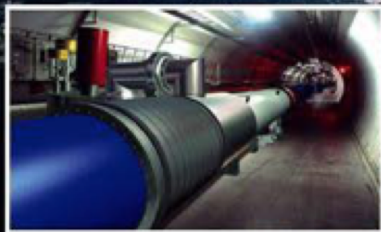
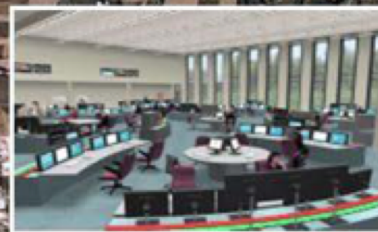
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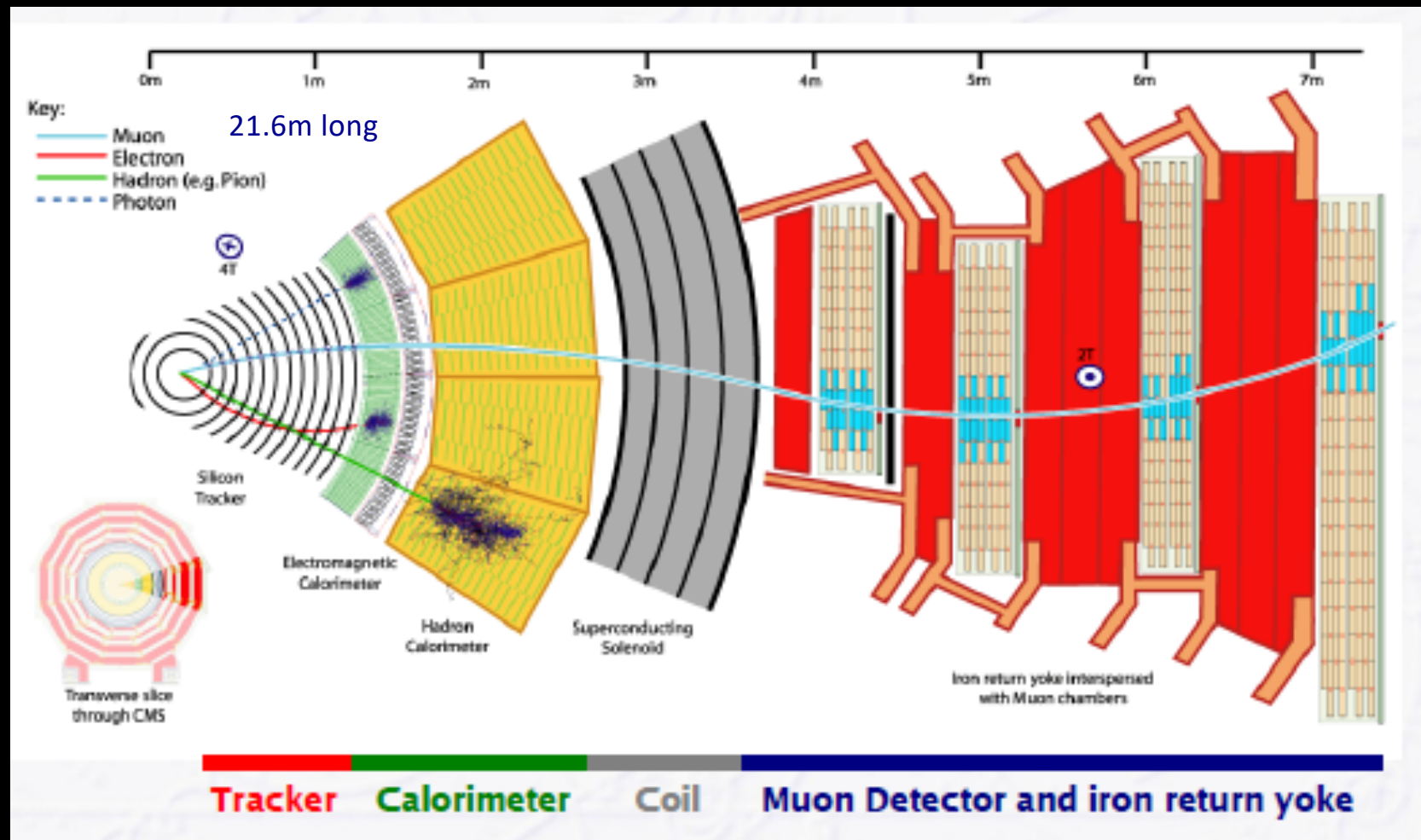
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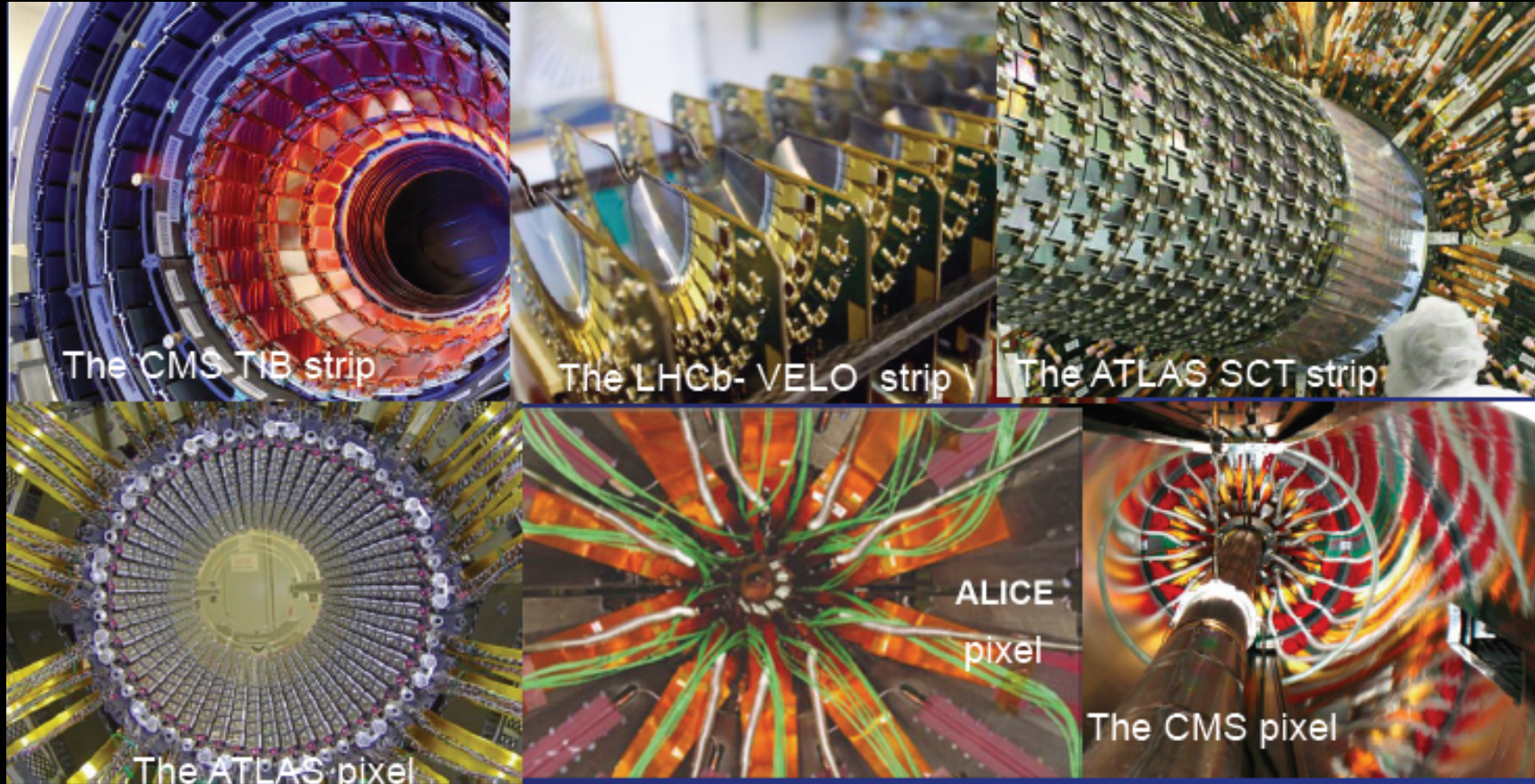


# A typical particle detector: CMS

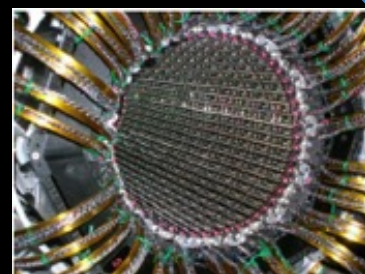
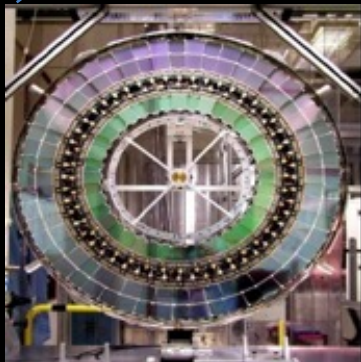
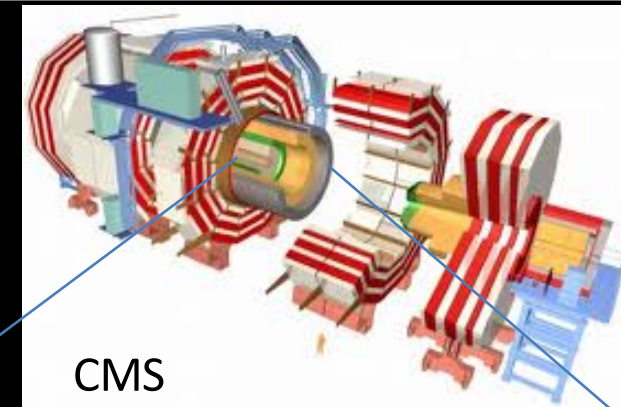
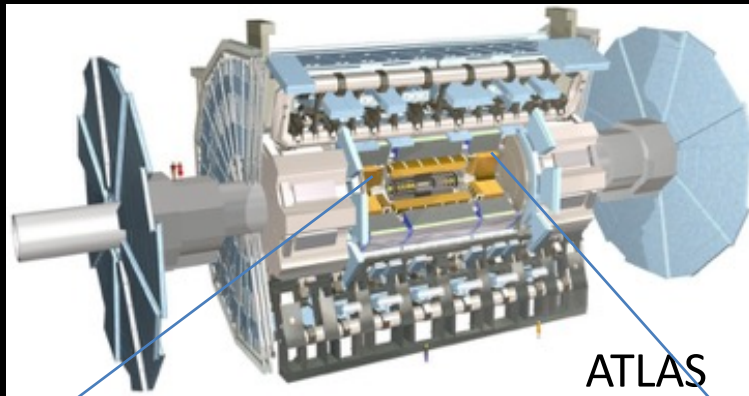




# Silicon in the LHC Detectors



# ATLAS and CMS use alone more than 250m<sup>2</sup> of Silicon Strips to “image” charged particles



Strips  
61m<sup>2</sup> of silicon.  
6.2million channels 4 barrel  
layers + 9 disks per endcap  
30cm < R < 52cm

Pixels  
3 Barrel layers  
(r=5,9,12 cm)  
2 end caps each with  
3 disks  
80Mpixels  
50x400um<sup>2</sup>  
Digital I/O

Pixels  
3 barrel layers  
2 end caps each  
with 2 disks  
66 Mpixels 150 x 100um<sup>2</sup>  
Analog I/O

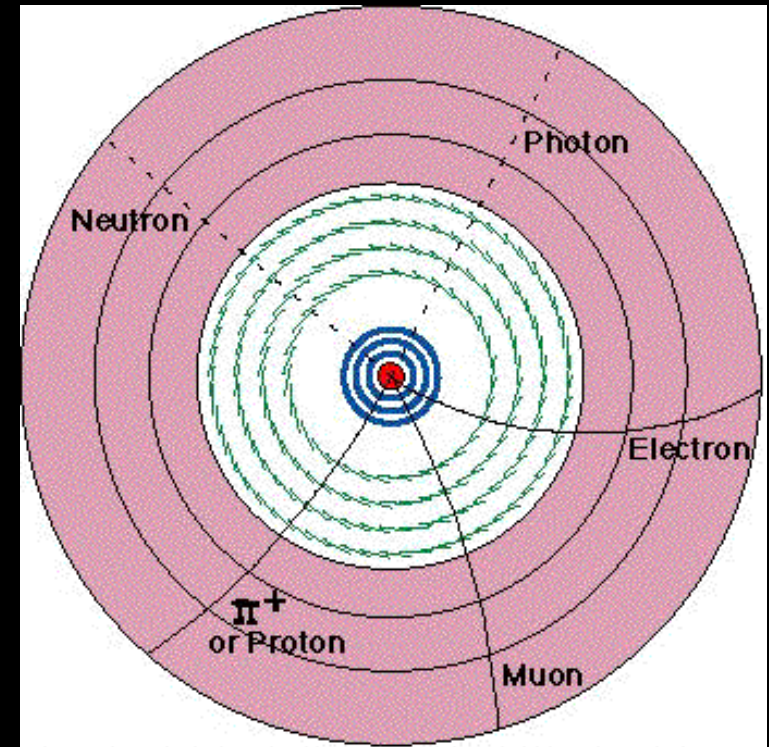
Strips  
198 m<sup>2</sup> of silicon,  
9.3 million channels  
Inner : 4 barrel layers,  
3 end-cap disks  
Outer: 6 barrel layers,  
9 weels  
22cm < R < 120cm

# Application1: Tracking Detectors

- Separate tracks by charge and momentum
- Position measurement layer by layer:

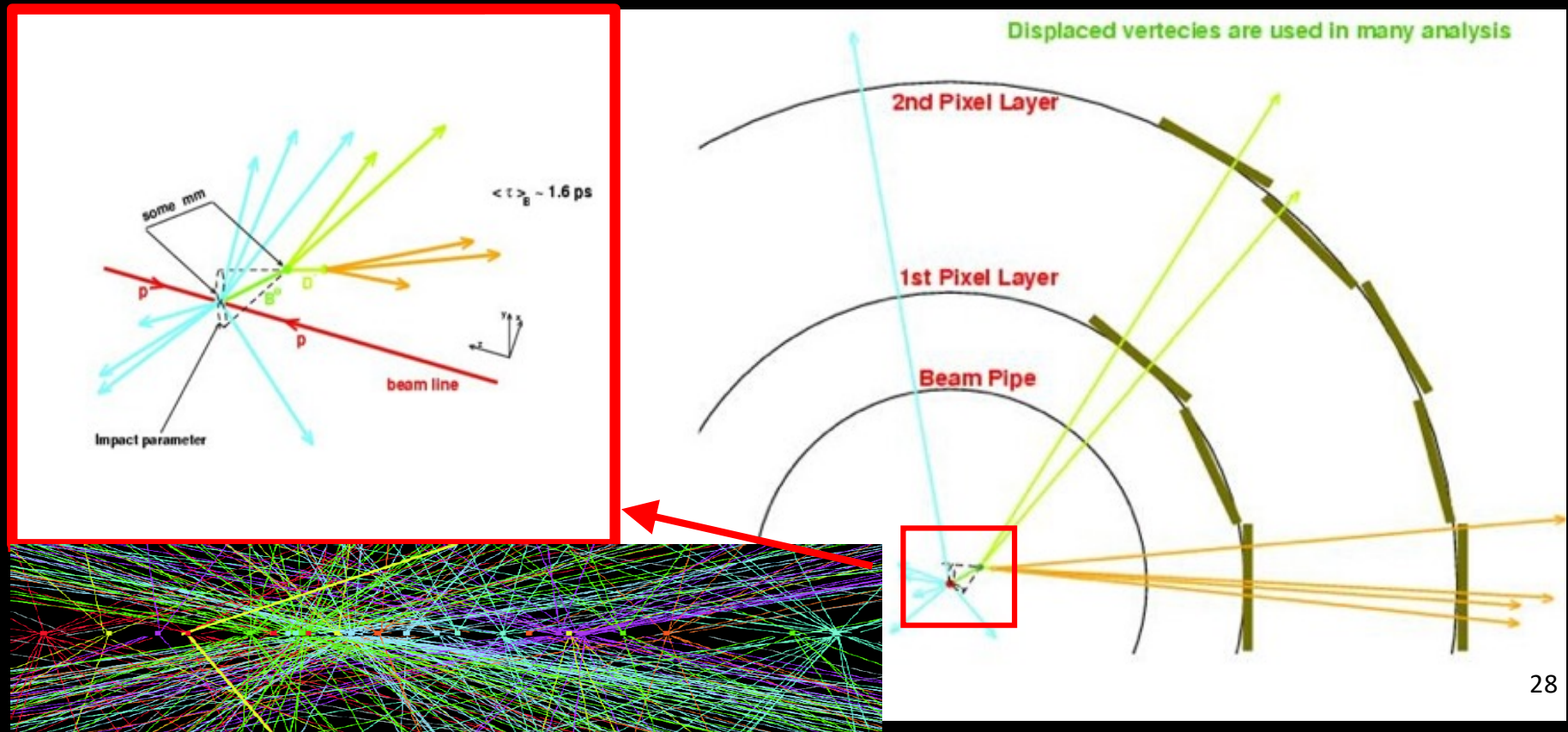
Inner layers: silicon  
pixel and strips →  
presence of hit  
determines position

Outer layers: strips or “straw”  
drift chambers → need  
time of hit to determine  
position



# Example: Identification of Event Vertices

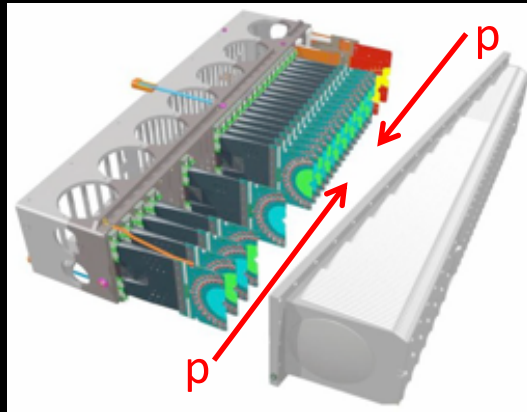
- primary event vertex reconstruction crucial in multiple collision events
- secondary vertices for live time tagging
- b- jet tagging



# LHCb VERtex LOcator (VELO)

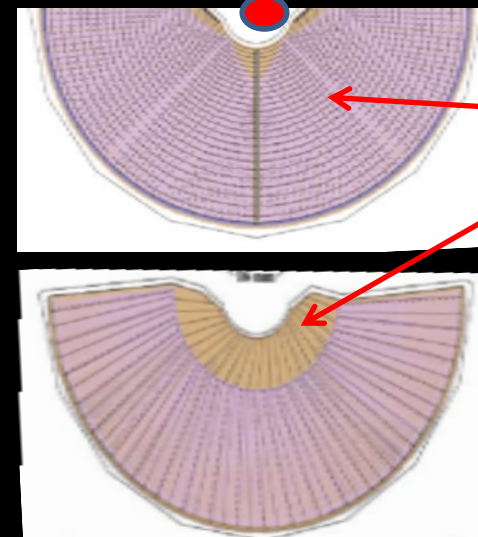
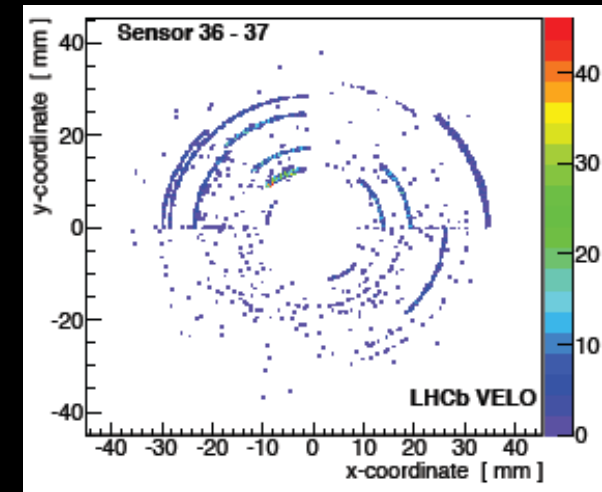
Search for physics beyond the Standard Model: CP-violation and rare decays of heavy hadrons

C. Farinelli



## VELO characteristics:

- silicon sensors in secondary vacuum
- shielded by 300  $\mu\text{m}$  RF foil
- 172,032 channels in total
- operating temperature of cooling system =  $-8^\circ\text{C}$

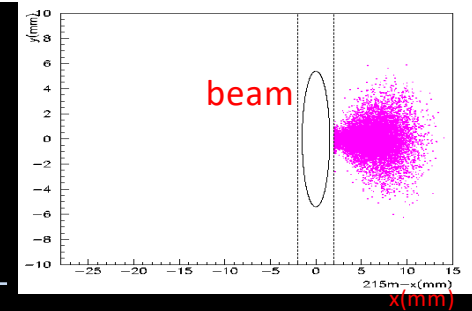


Silicon sensors with R-strips and  $\phi$ -strips (2048 strips per sensor)

Sensor characteristics:

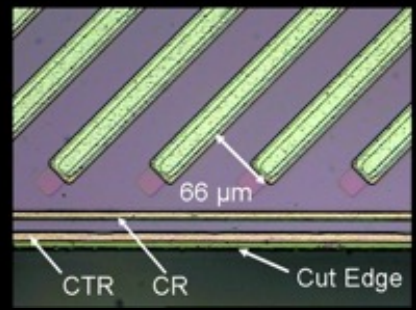
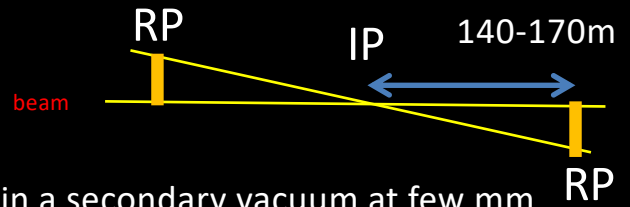
- 300  $\mu\text{m}$  thick
- $8\text{mm} < \text{radius} < 42.2\text{mm}$
- $40\ \mu\text{m} < \text{pitch} < 101.6\ \mu\text{m}$
- radiation hard design:
  - oxygenated silicon
  - n-on-n type

# TOTEM Roman Pots

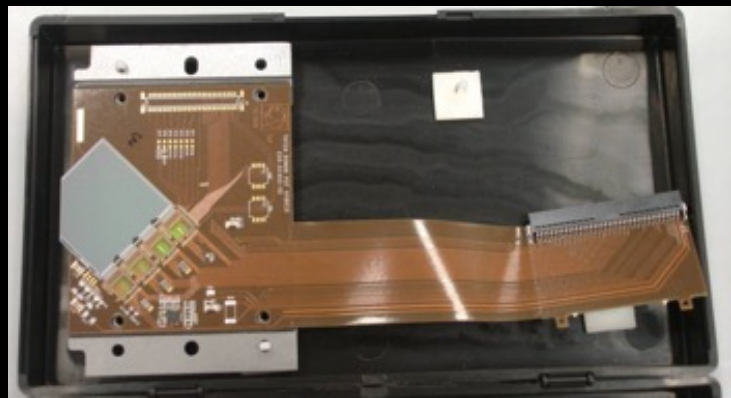
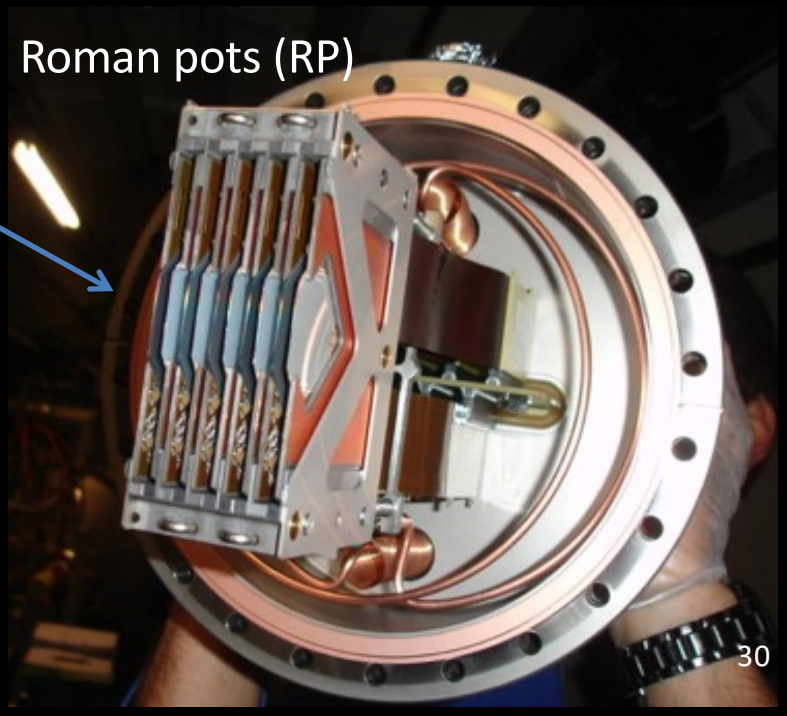


Totem measures the elastic scattering and the Total Cross Section at the LHC.

- Roman Pots are inserted in the beam pipe at 140-170m from the CMS experiment on both sides
- Standard planar technology is placed in a secondary vacuum at few mm from the beam



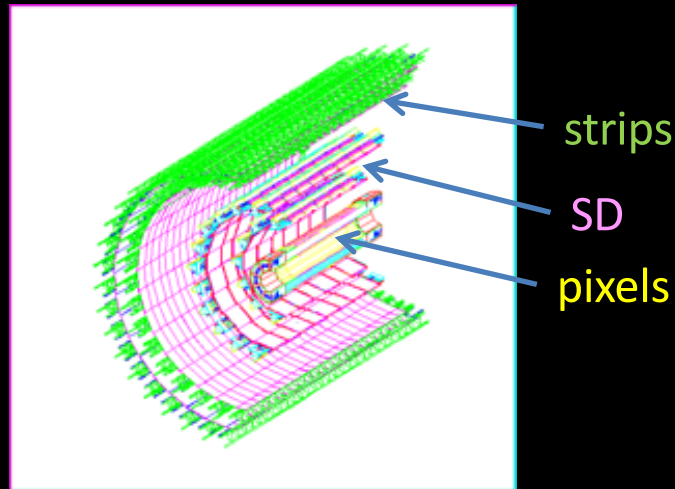
- Edge width 50um at few mm from the beam



# ALICE silicon drift detectors

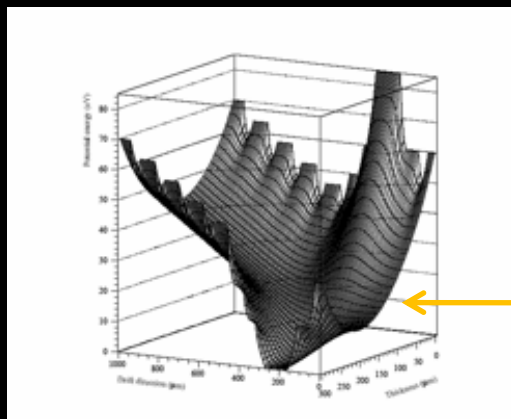
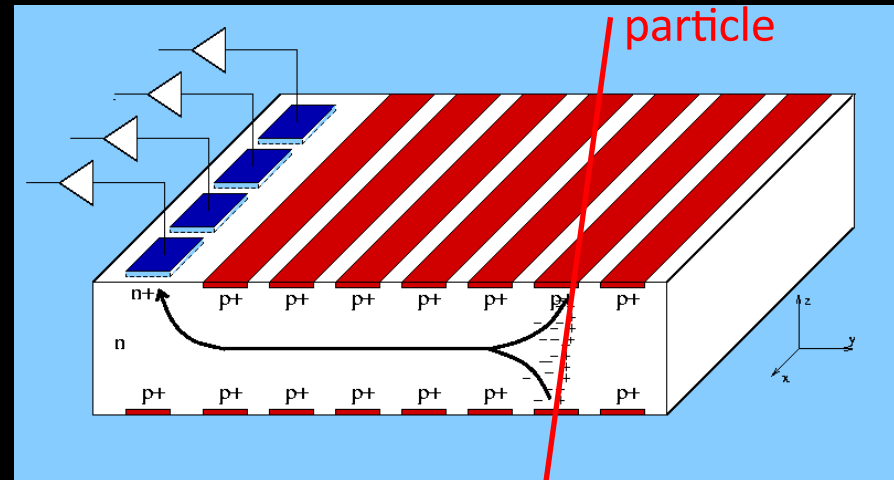
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Position reconstruction : Centroid calculation  
 Position X : anods n+  
 Position Y : drift time (calibration of  $V_{drift}$ )  
 $dE/dx$  : Integral of the signal

Very low C and therefore very low noise!

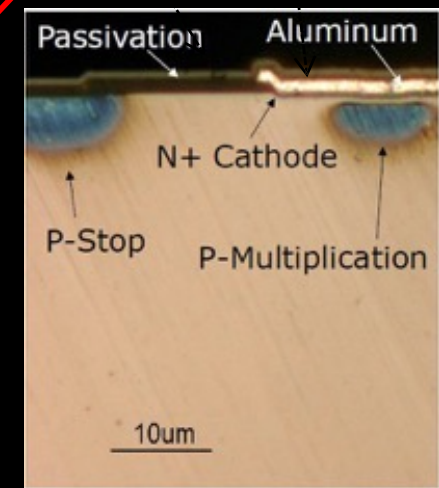
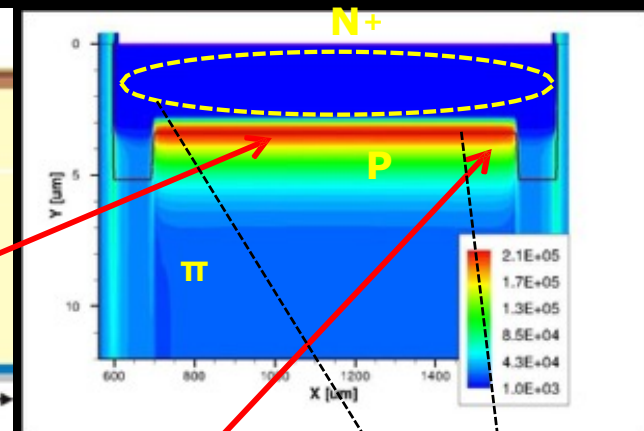
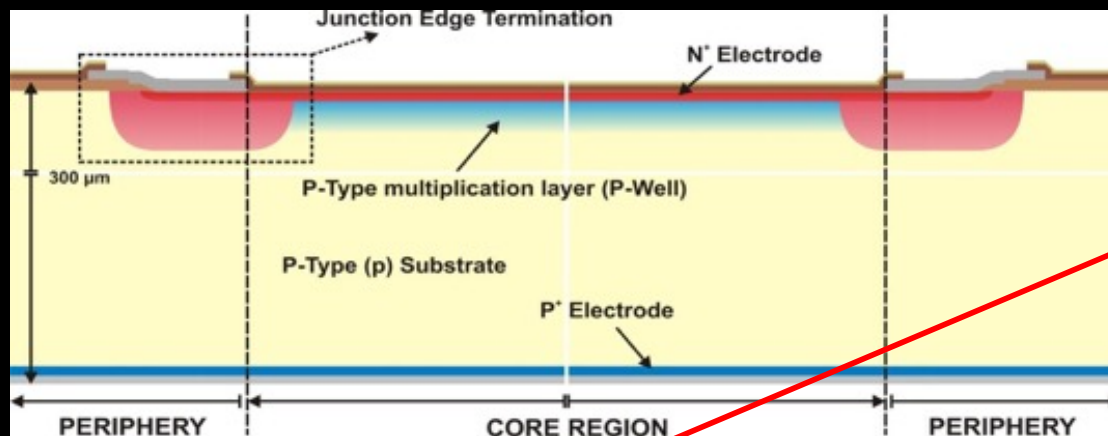


- p+ cathods on both side of the wafer :
  - Depletion of the Silicon
  - HV decreases toward the n+ anods
- Drift field (Toboggan effect)
- Last cathods below anods :
  - kick-up voltage

# LGAD Basics. Low Gain Detector

G. Pellegrini, Low Gain Avalanche Detectors

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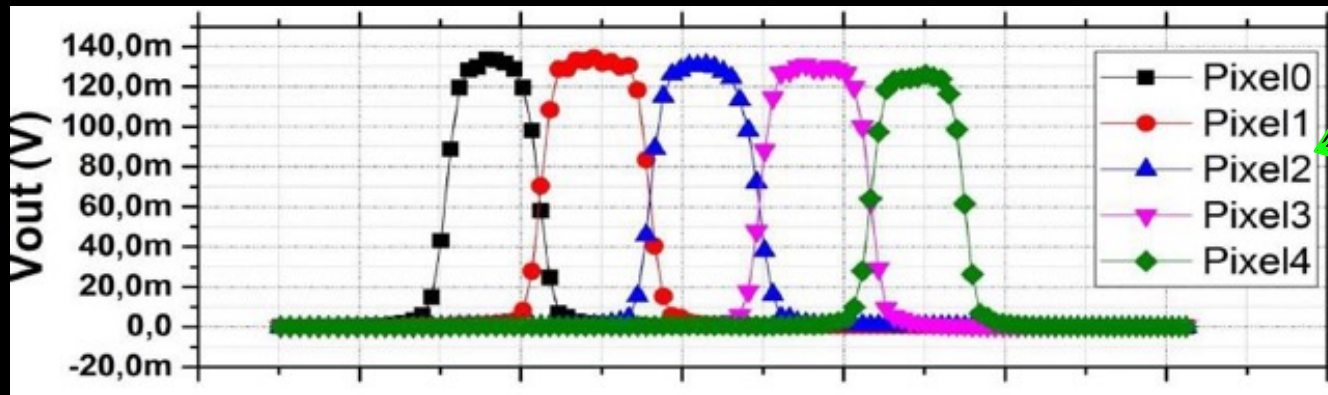


- **Core Region**
  - ✓ **Uniform electric field**, high enough to activate mechanism of **impact ionization** (multiplication)
- **Termination**
  - ✓ **High electric field** confined in the **core region**
- **Periphery**
  - ✓ **Dead region**. **Charges** should not be collected. **Reduction** of the surface **leakage currents**

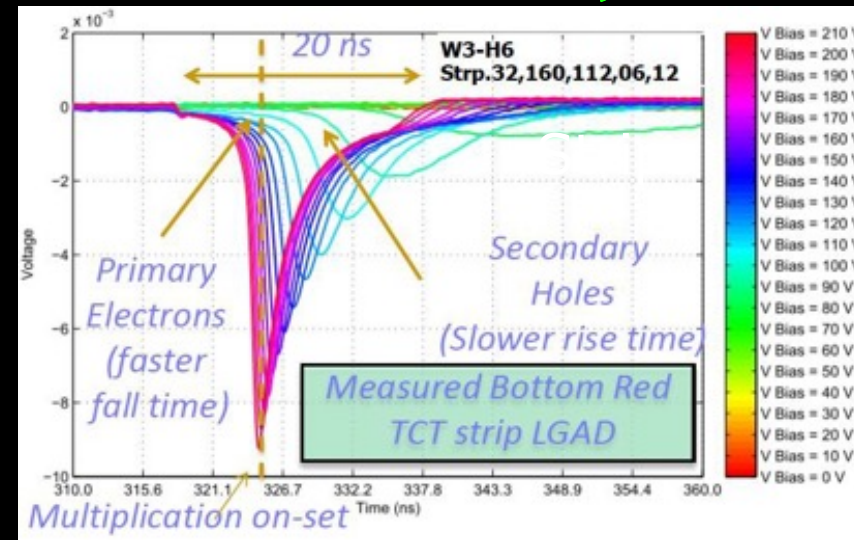
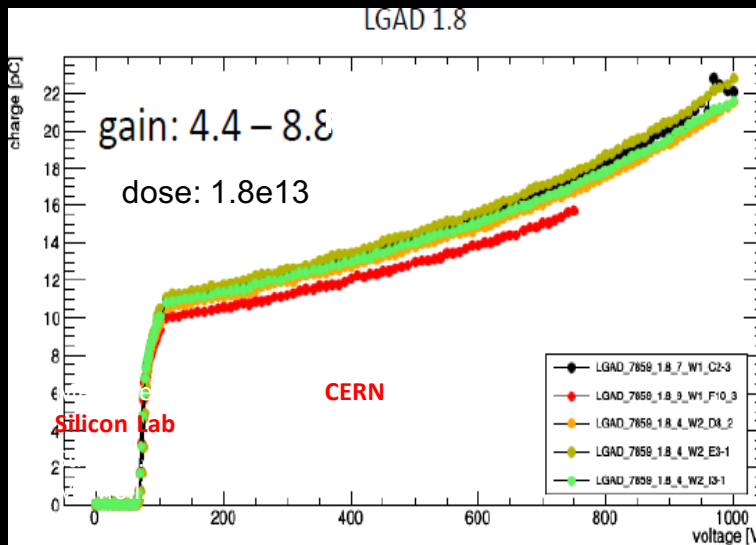
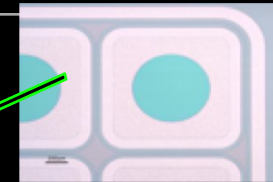


# LGAD Measurements

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O. Alonso et al., presented at the PIXEL2016 workshop.

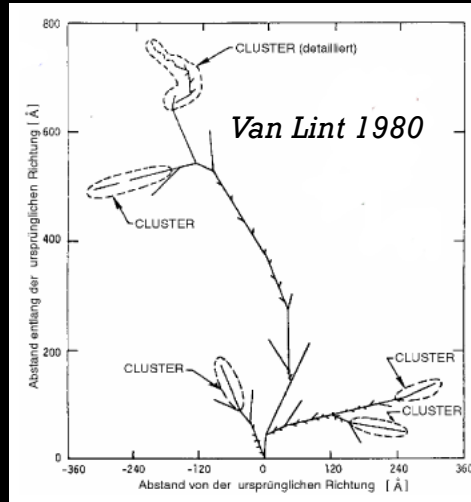


I. Vila, presented at the 28<sup>th</sup> RD50 workshop

# What happens during irradiation to silicon detectors?

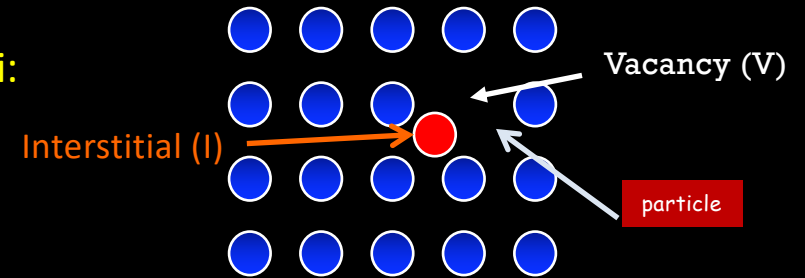
## Defects formation in irradiated silicon

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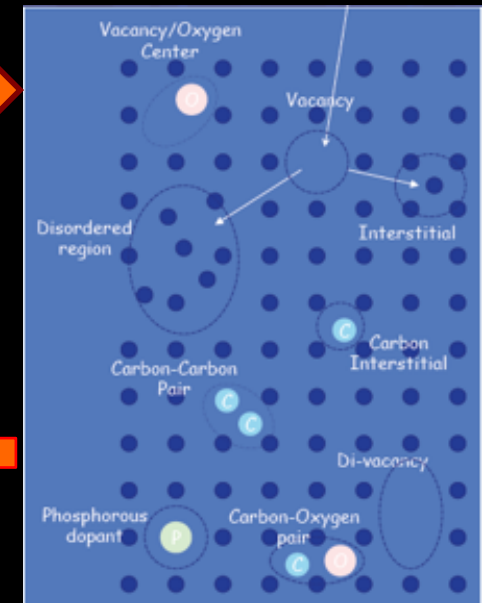
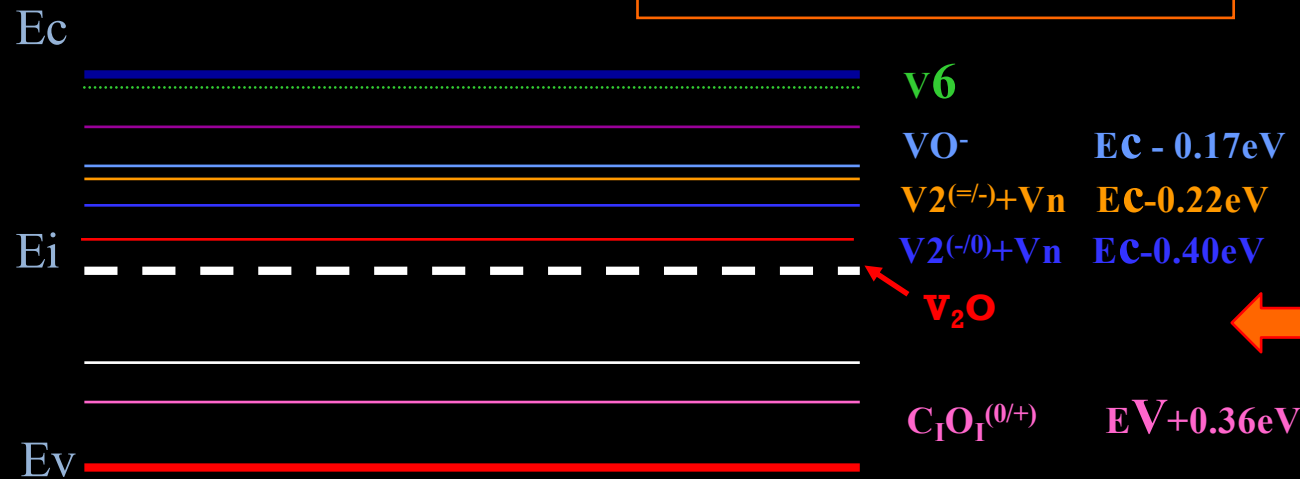


Primary Knock on Atom

Displacement thresholds in Si:  
 Frenkel pair  $E \sim 25\text{eV}$   
 Defect cluster  $E \sim 5\text{keV}$   
 For X-Rays  $E \sim 250\text{KeV}$



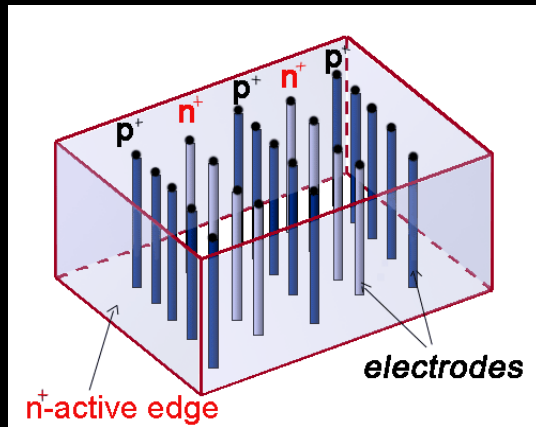
V, I MIGRATE UNTIL THEY MEET IMPURITIES AND DOPANTS TO FORM STABLE DEFECTS



Defects position in the bandgap

# 3D radiation sensors

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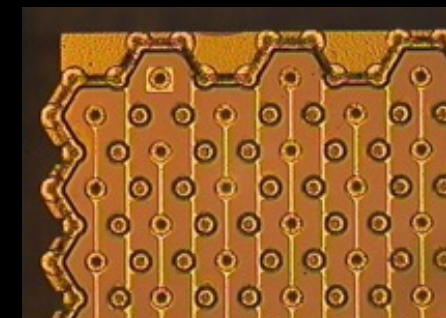
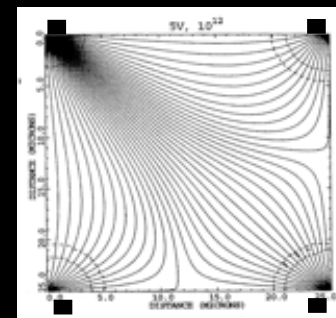
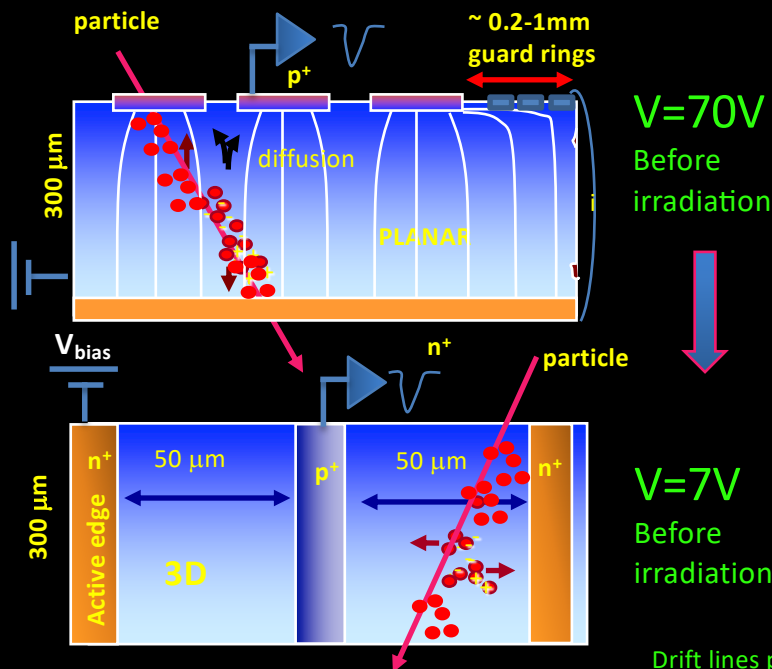
3D silicon detectors were proposed in 1995 by S. Parker, and active edges in 1997 by C. Kenney.

Combine traditional electronics processing and MEMS (Micro Electro Mechanical Systems) technology.

Electrodes are processed inside the detector bulk instead of being implanted on the wafer's surface.

The edge is an electrode! Dead volume at the edge < 5 microns!

The electric field is parallel to wafer's surface: and smaller inter-electrode spacing: low bias voltage, low power, reduced charge sharing and high speed – for the same wafer thickness

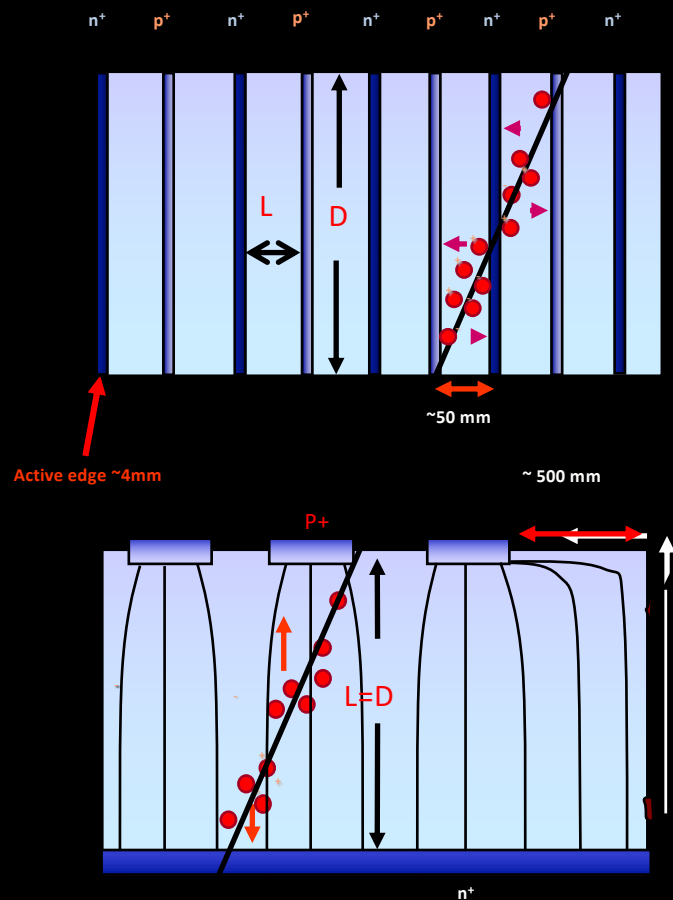


# 3D is “geometrically” radiation hard at low $V_{bias}$ (hence low power)

Ramo's theorem

3D

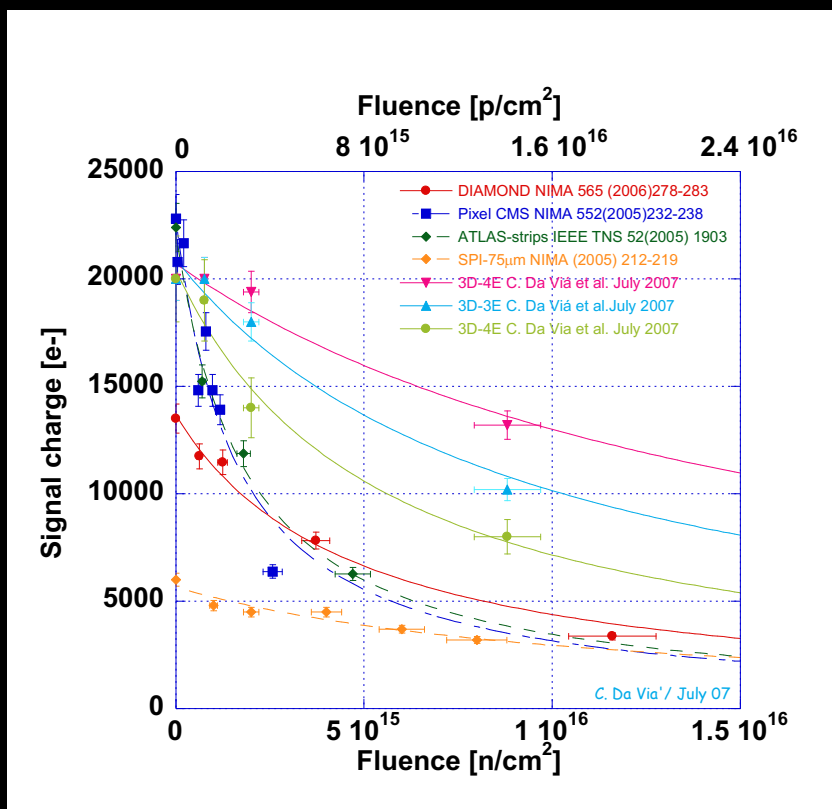
particle



- 3D 4E
- 3D 3E
- 3D 2E
- Diamond
- Thick Si
- Thin Si

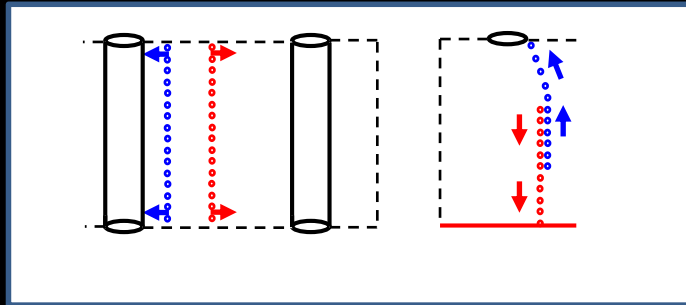
$$\lambda = v_D \cdot \tau$$

$$S = \frac{\lambda}{L} \left[ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\lambda}\right) \right]$$

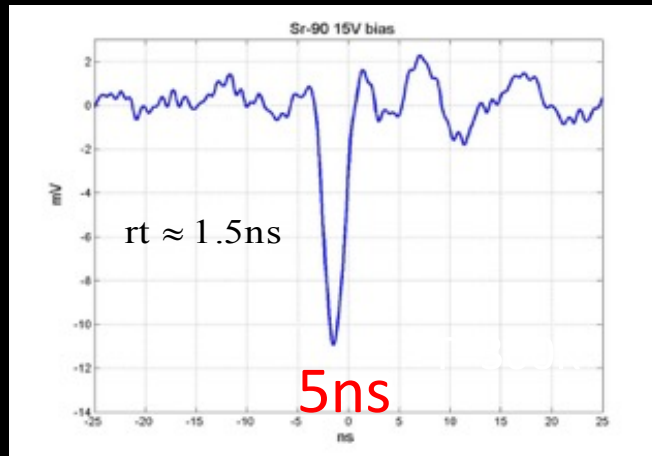


# 3D Speed Properties

3D Tests with 0.13 mm CMOS Amplifier chip  
(A Kok, S. Parker, C. Da Viá, P. Jarron,  
M. Depeisse, G. Anelli), fabricated at Stanford  
By J. Hasi, C. Kenney

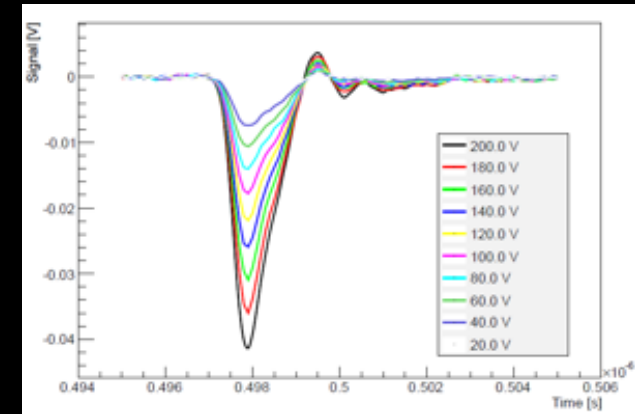


- ❖ Short collection distance
- ❖ High average e-field at low  $V_{bias}$
- ❖ Parallel charge collection

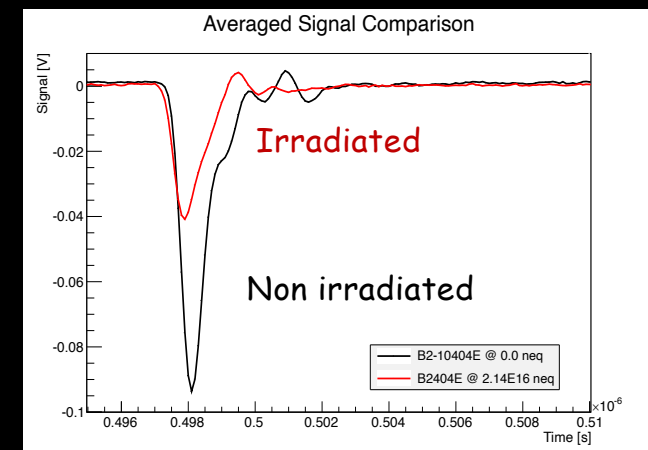


Raw oscilloscope  
Trace rt is dominated  
by amplifier

3D Inter-electrode  
spacing = 56  $\mu\text{m}$



After irradiation  $2 \times 10^{16} \text{ ncm}^2$



# 3D with small IES and trench electrodes

Slide from A. Lai  
TIMESPOT  
collaboration

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INFN 3D silicon: a "geometric" sensor TimeSPOT

$$\sigma_t^2 = \sigma_{\text{Jitter}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{Time Walk}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{Landau Noise}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{Disuniformity}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{TDC}}^2$$

Sensor+electronics:  $\sigma_t = \frac{\sigma_x}{\frac{dV}{dx}}$

Sensor. 3D has "in-time"  $\delta$ -rays by geometry

Sensor layout: geometry

$V_{\text{bias}} = 100 \text{ V}$

Electron drift velocity

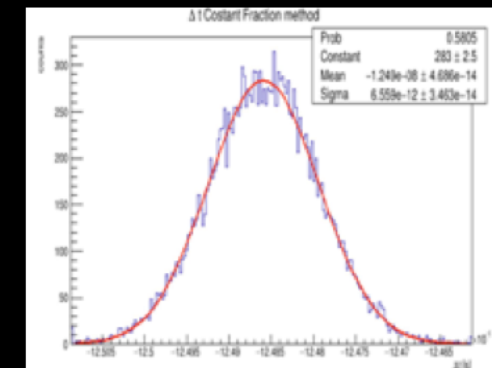
Hole drift velocity

Electric field

Weighting field

3D Sensor layout is a key for its performance

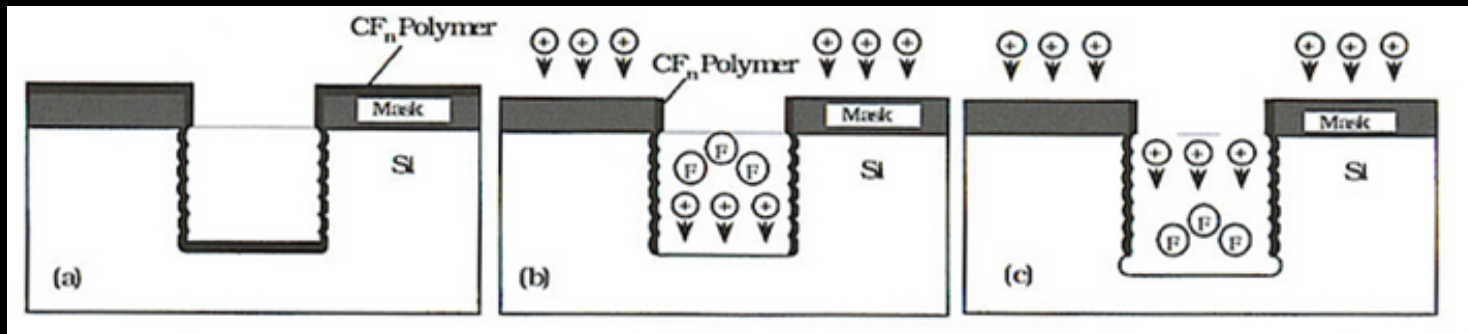
Tokyo Workshop on fast timing devices - Adriano Lai - 8th December 2018



1030 nm laser, single spot, 1  
MIP equiv. charge deposit

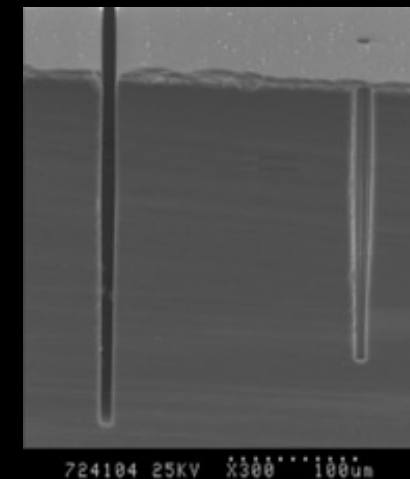
$$\sigma_t \approx 6.5 \text{ ps}$$

# The key to fabrication: plasma etching



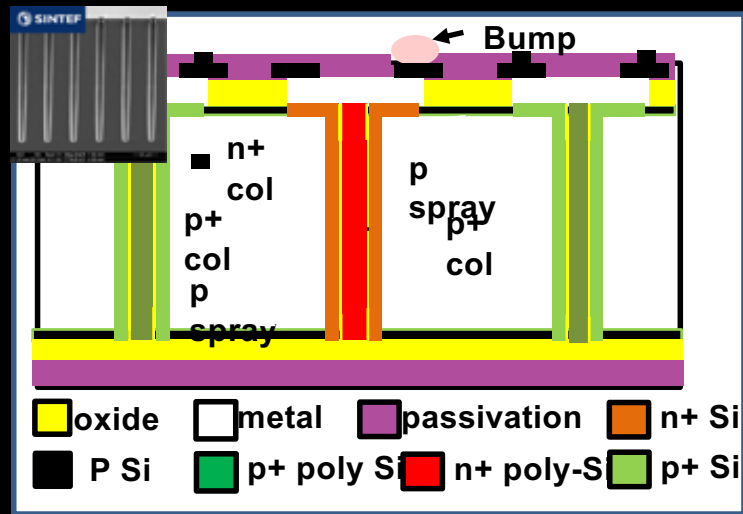
## BOSCH PROCESS: alternating passivation ( $C_4F_8$ ) and etch cycles ( $SF_6$ );

- ❖ Within the plasma an electric field is applied perpendicular to the silicon surface.
- ❖ The etch cycle consists of fluorine based etchants which react with silicon surface, removing silicon. The etch rates are  $\sim 1-5\mu\text{m}/\text{minute}$ .
- ❖ To minimize side wall etching, etch cycle is stopped and replaced with a passivation gas which creates a Teflon-like coating homogenously around the cavity. Energetic fluorine ions, accelerated by the e-field, remove the coating from the cavity bottom but NOT the side walls.



# Existing 3D designs

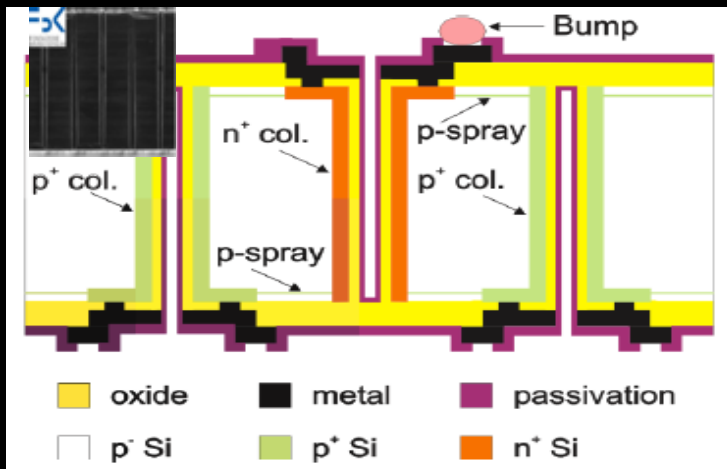
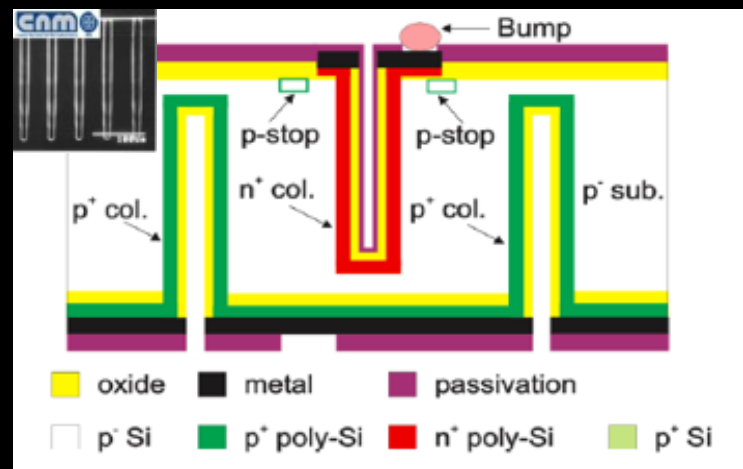
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Single side, full 3D with active edges requires a support wafer which is removed later



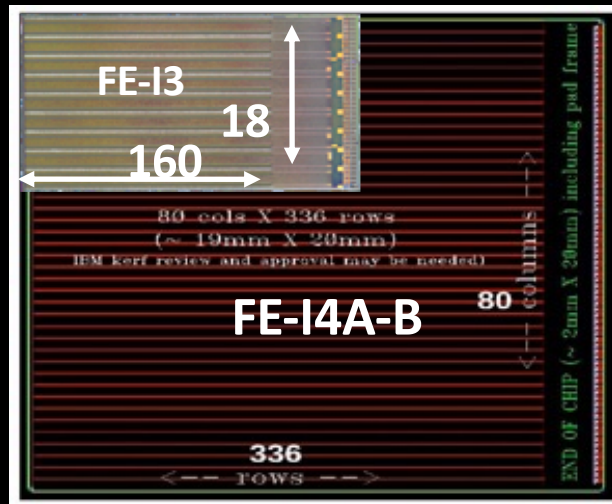
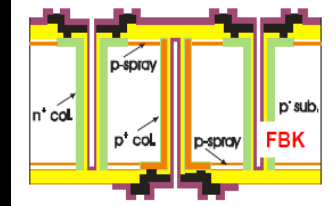
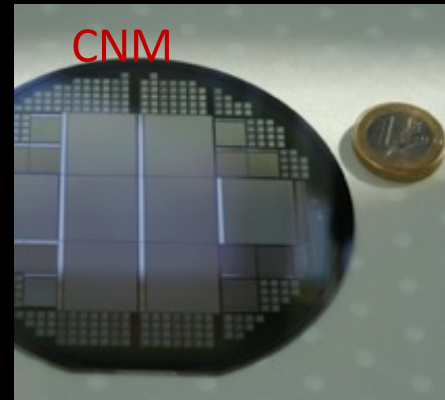
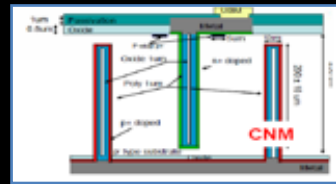
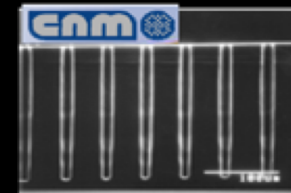
Double sided full or partially through 3D with slim-fences (~200um)



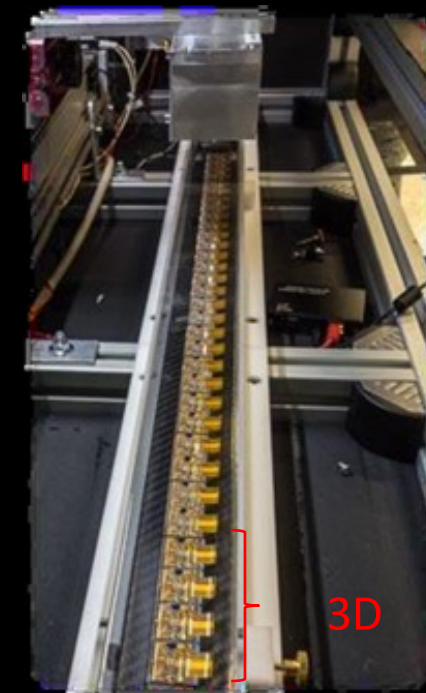
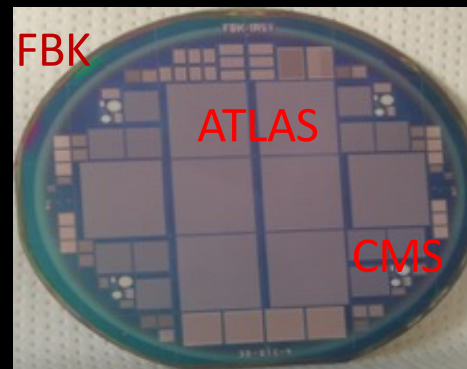


3D sensors are installed in the LHC since 2014  
 Upgrade in the ATLAS –Insertable B-Layer (IBL)  
 >300 sensors fabricated and now being loaded to cover 25% IBL

NIMA 694 (2012) 321–330

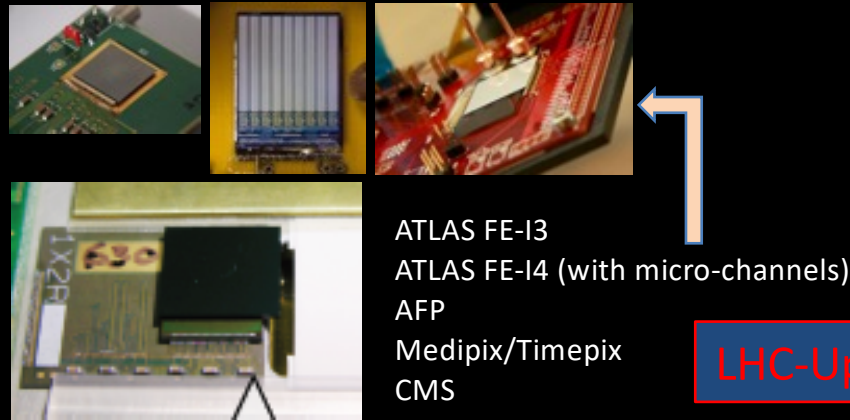


2x2cm<sup>2</sup>  
 250x50um<sup>2</sup>, 26880 pixels



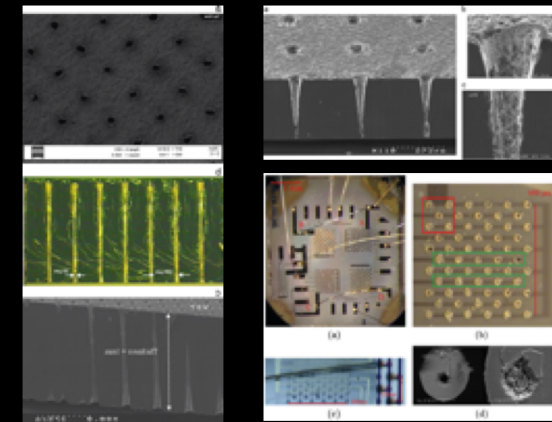
# "3D" Radiation Detectors and Active Edges

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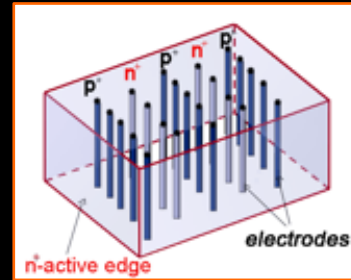


LHC-Upgrades

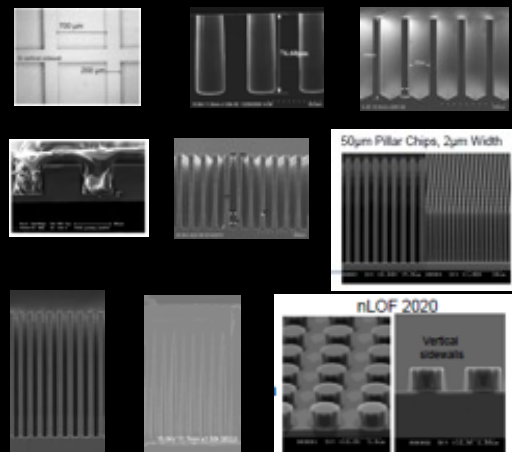
- GaAs
- CdTe
- Diamond



Consolidated ← Silicon +ASIC  
Silicon +Converter



→ New Materials  
Emerging  
New Shapes



Neutron detectors

3D

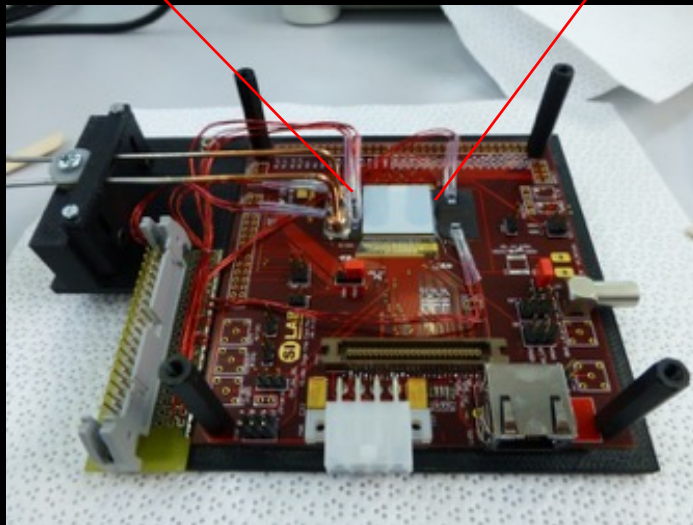
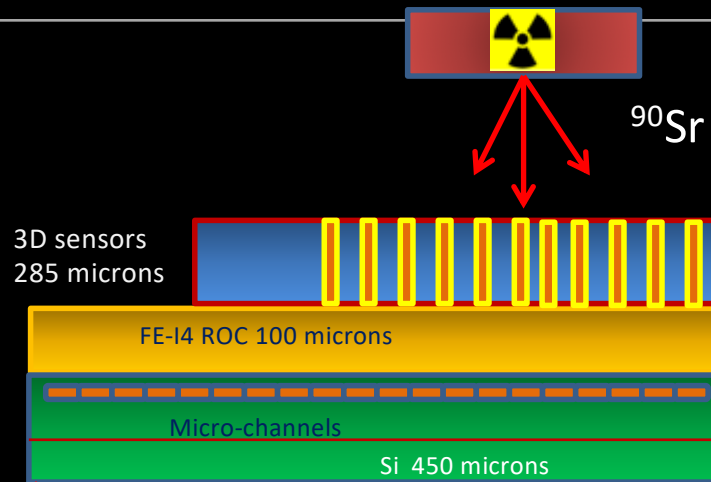
- Core shell
- Trench
- Curved
- Edge
- Ring..



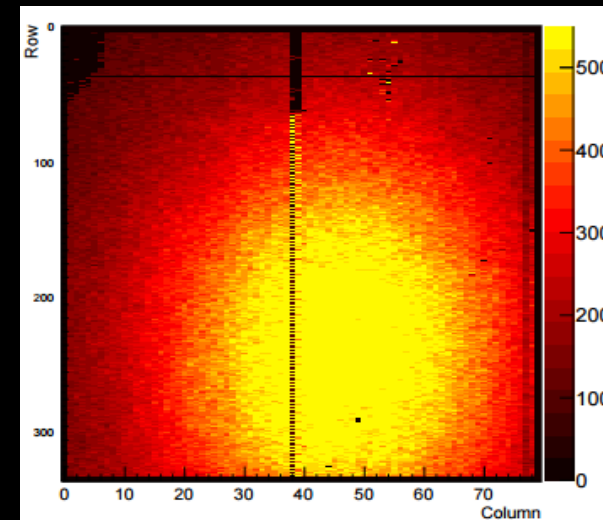
# 3D Vertically Integrated Module with CO<sub>2</sub> internal cooling

C. Da Via, F. Munoz-Sanchez, N. Dann,  
D. Hellesmidht, P. Petagna, G. Romagnoli  
Paper in preparation

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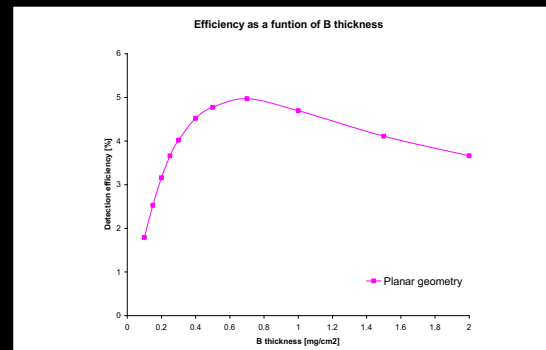
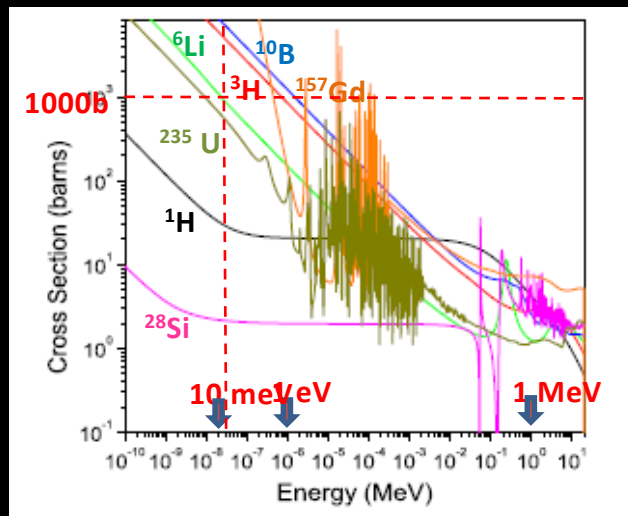
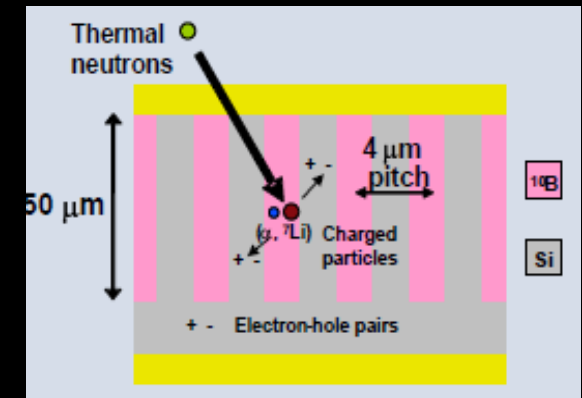
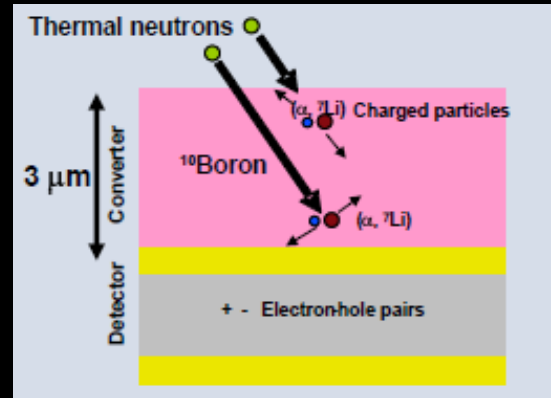
- 3D silicon : CNM double side 285 um thick IBL qualification batch
- FE-I4A: thinned to 100um at IZM
- Si-Si micro-channels  
designed by CERN PH-DT,  
produced by PH-DT in EPFL CMi cleanroom,  
direct bonding CSEM
- Glue: 2-components  
Masterbond EP37-3FLFAO



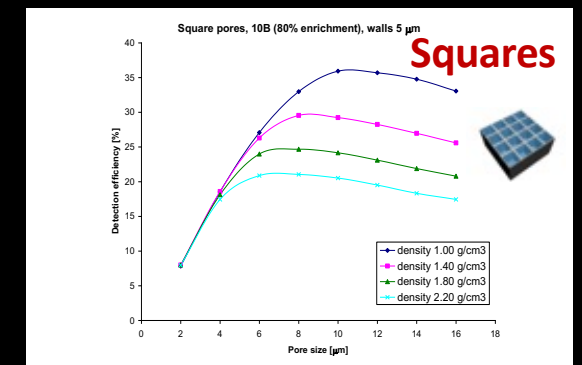
# Applications: High Efficiency Neutron Detection

Uher et al. Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 576 (2007) 32–37

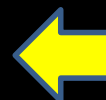
- Silicon is not sensitive to neutrons but is a well known radiation detector
- Need neutron reactive converter materials usually deposited on the surface thin films or different geometries
- With reference to  $^{10}\text{B}$  converter:
  - 90% capture in  $43\ \mu\text{m}$
  - Range of reaction products  $2\text{-}5\ \mu\text{m}$



Amorphous  $^{10}\text{B}$ , enrichment 80%  
Efficiency < 5%



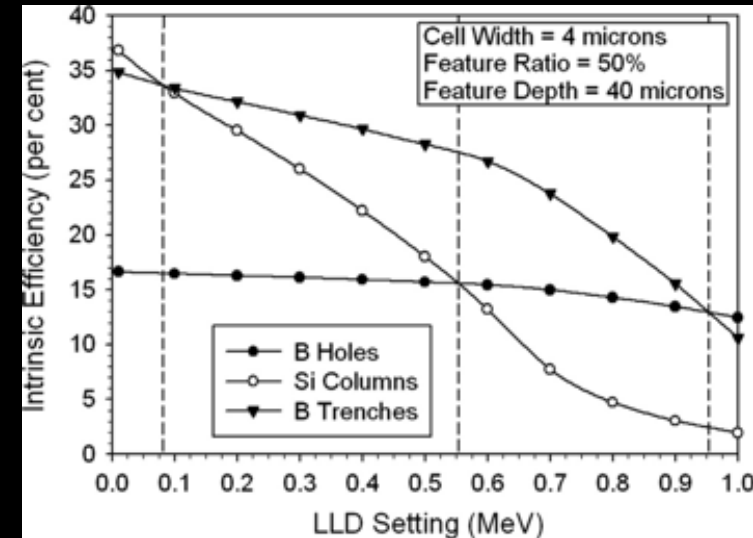
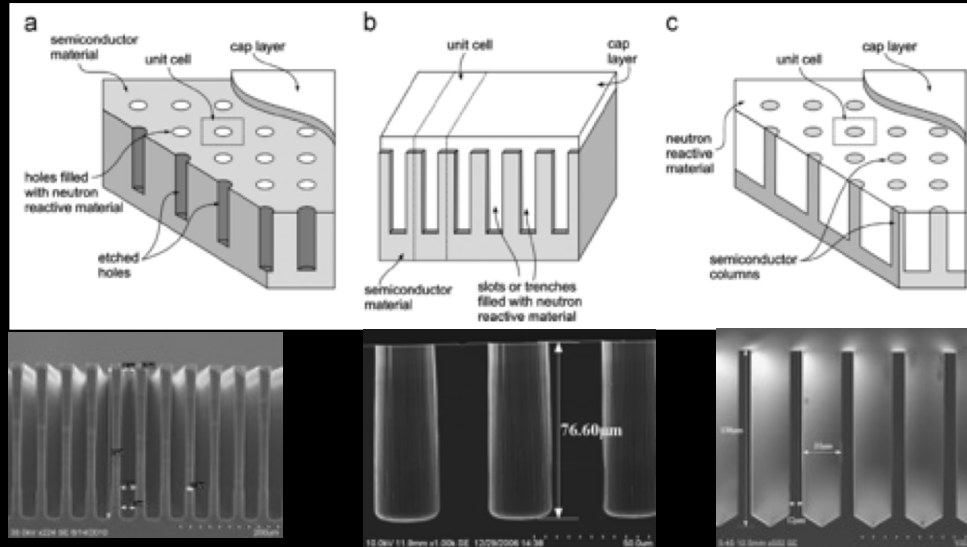
Efficiency up to 36%



Neutron cross sections of some common n-reactive materials

# Micro-structured Semiconductor Neutron Detectors (MSND)

D. McGregor et al., J. Crystal Growth 379 (2013) 99



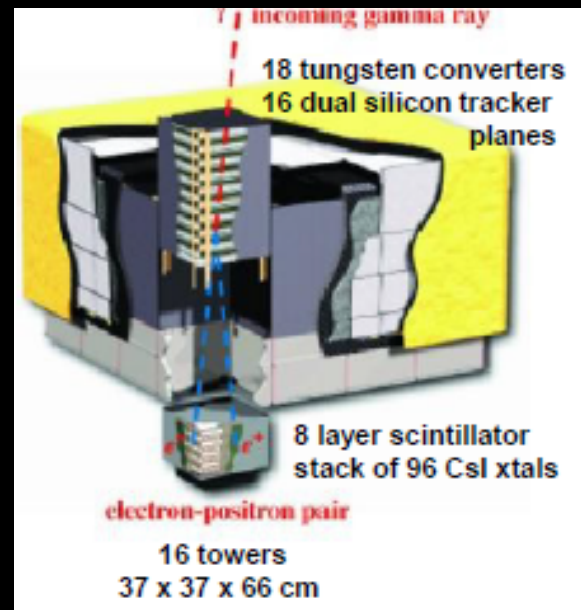
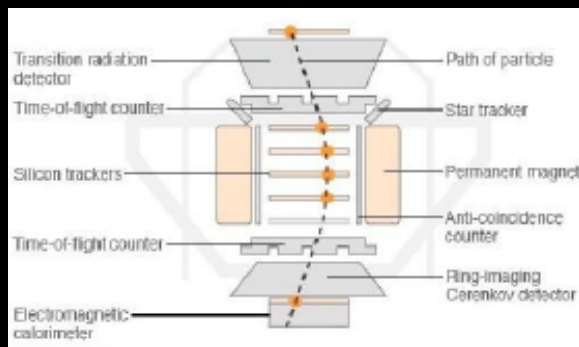
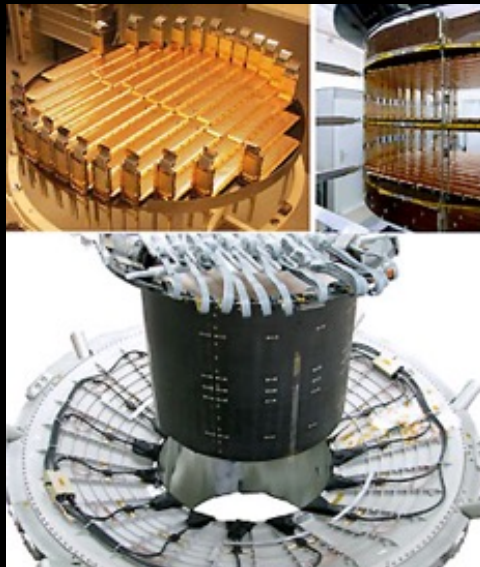
- Extended interaction surface, and higher probability for reaction products to enter the semiconductor
- Different shapes and geometries

Comparison of efficiencies as a function of feature size, as measured by its cell fraction, for hole, trench and column designs with unit cell dimensions of 4 μm and feature depths of 40 μm. <sup>10</sup>B is the back fill material and the LLD was set for 300keV

Maximum efficiencies reported ~50%

# Applications: Detectors in Space

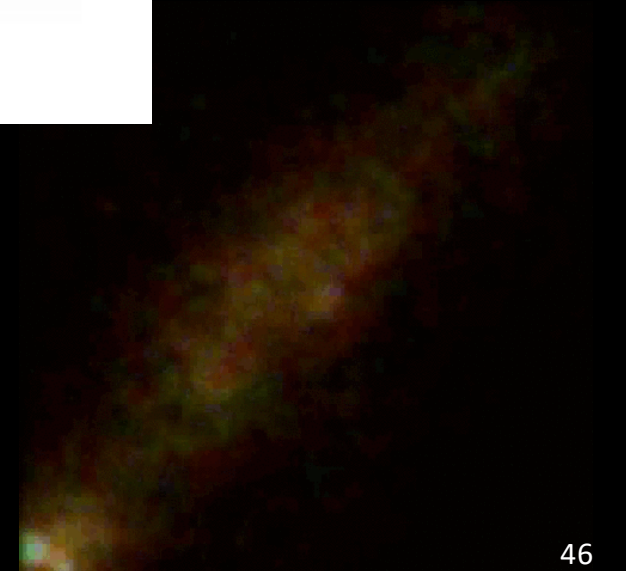
**AMS (Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer)**  
on ISS particle physics experiment in space  
to measure antimatter in cosmic rays



**FERMI Large Area Telescope**

**Gamma-ray detector**

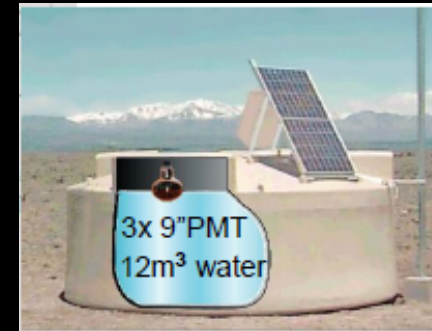
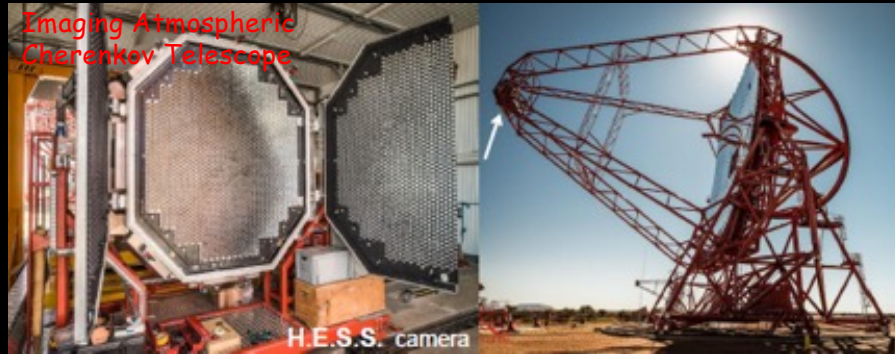
Cycle of pulsed gamma rays from the Vela pulsar.  
Constructed from photons detected by Fermi's Large Area Telescope.



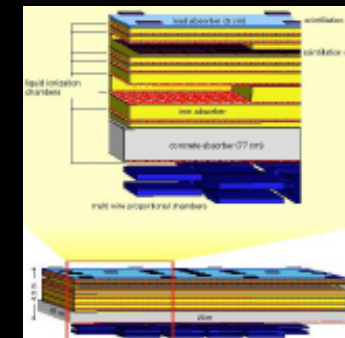
Roger Romani

# Applications: Ground Detectors – Cosmic Rays

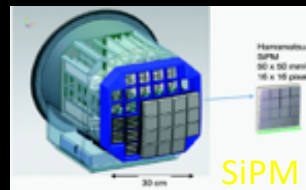
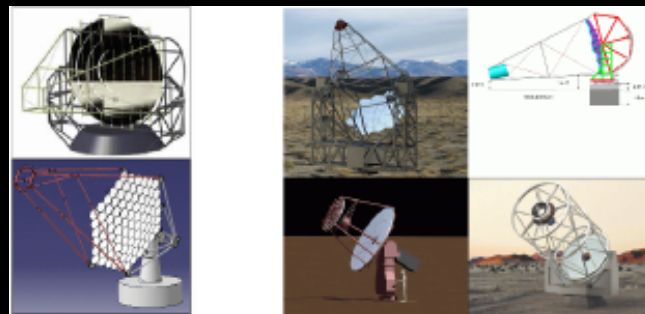
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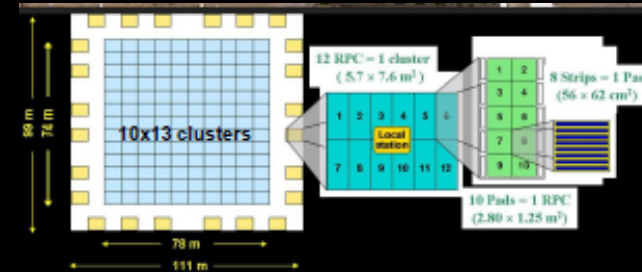
**Pierre Auger Observatory**  
UHE 10<sup>20</sup>eV  
1600 water  
Cherenkov detectors



**KASCADE-Grande**  
200x200 m<sup>2</sup> scint. array  
20x16 m<sup>2</sup> h. calorimeter  
128 m<sup>2</sup> muon tracker



**ARGO-YBJ -RPCs**



**SST 70x (S) :** > few TeV  
>5 m<sup>2</sup>, >8° FoV, <0.25° pxl

**MST 25x (S) :** 0.2-10 TeV  
>88 m<sup>2</sup>, >7° FoV, <0.18° pxl

**LST 4x (S) :** 20 GeV - 1 TeV  
>330m<sup>2</sup>, >4.4° FoV, <0.11° pxl size

Camera Options

Follow-up project LHAASO

# Applications: Environmental Radiation Monitoring

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## Gamma Dose Rate (GDR) networks in Europe



1cm<sup>3</sup> coplanar grid (Cd,Zn)Te detector

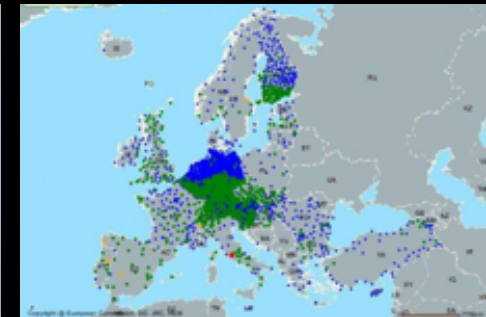


Broken mountain

German Network  
1800 GDR stations  
to perform gamma  
Spectrometry and  
Create contamination  
Map for long-lived  
radionuclides



Inter-calibration facility (INTERCAL) on Schauinsland mountain (1200 m) since 2007



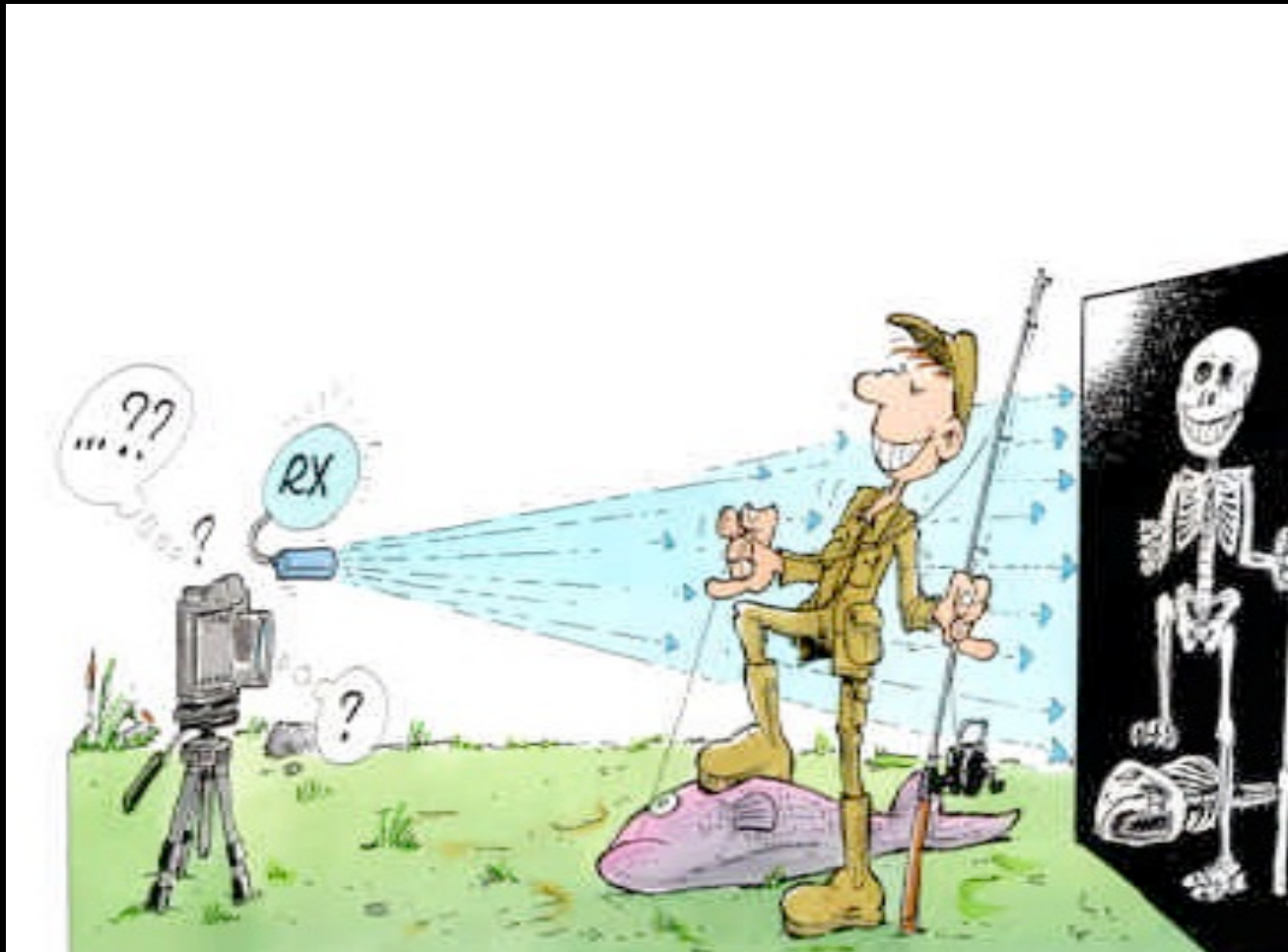
European countries established GDR networks during the cold war period and improved these networks after the Chernobyl accident in 1986.

Monitoring of:

- nuclear facilities
- atomic bomb scenarios
- terroristic attacks

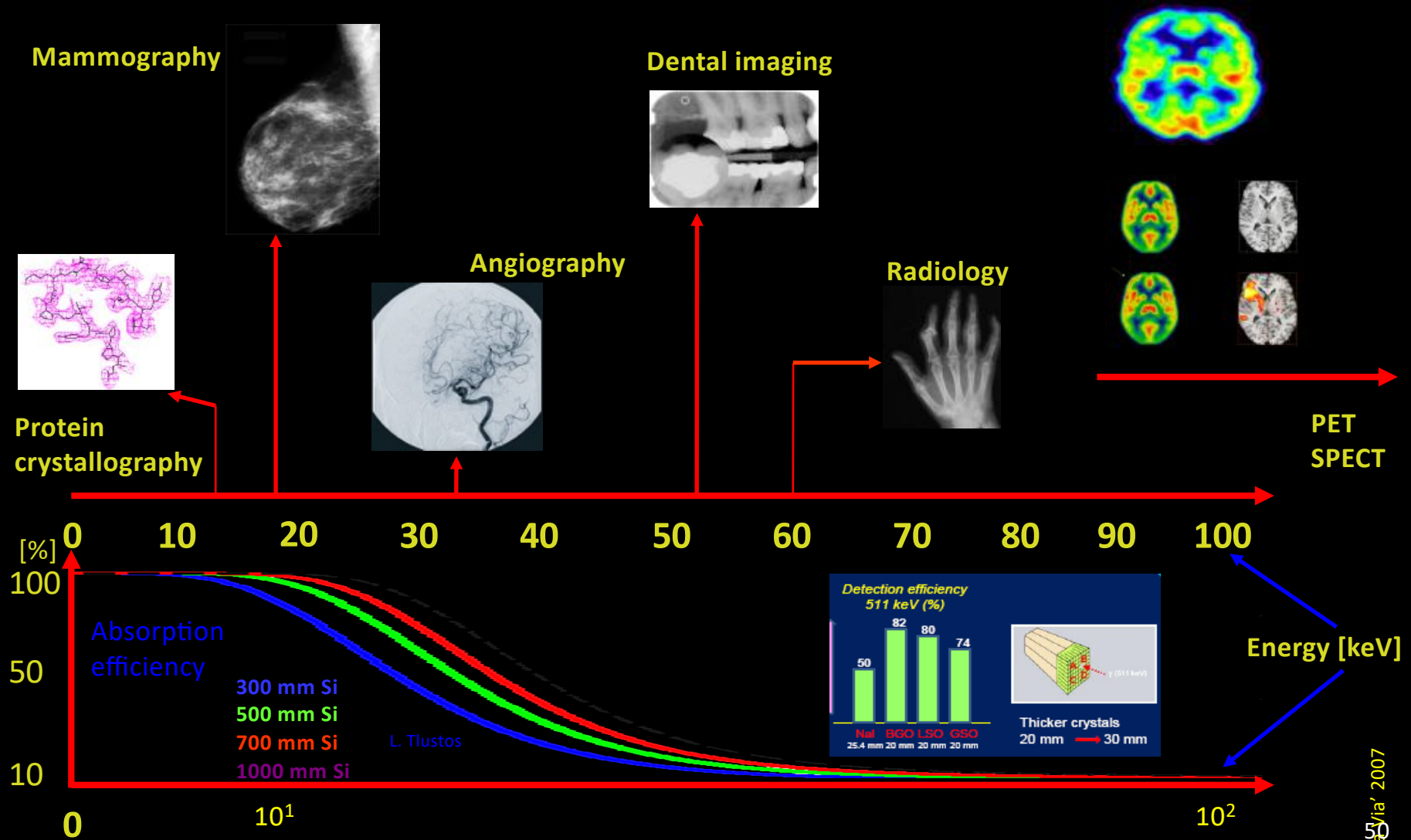


# Applications: Medical Imaging



# X-ray energy of the most common medical and biological applications

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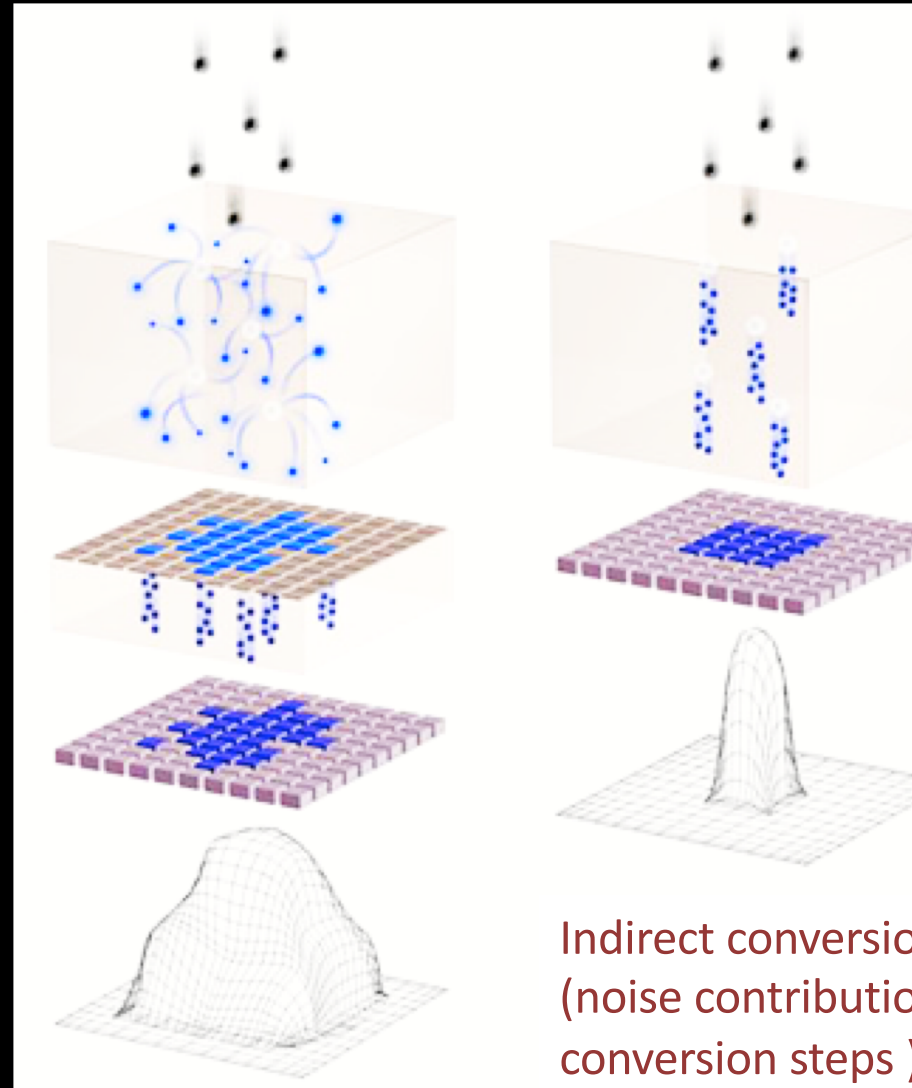
# Direct / indirect conversion

The target is to reduce the dose to the patient!

Scintillator  
Gadox, YAG CsI  
(high Z)  
Photodiode/ CCD  
electronics

electronics

Sampled image



X-rays

Direct conversion  
Si, Ge, CdTe,  
GaAs, Se

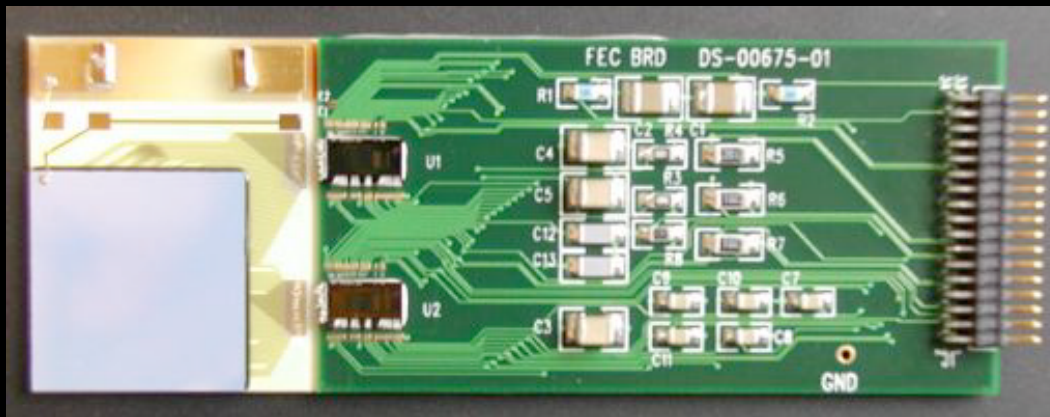
Sampled image

Indirect conversion implies lower DQE  
(noise contribution from the two  
conversion steps )

# High Z semiconductors: CdTe and CdZnTe

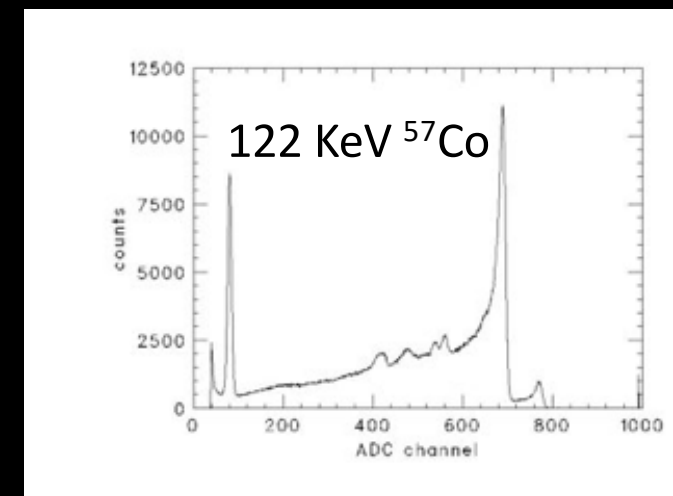
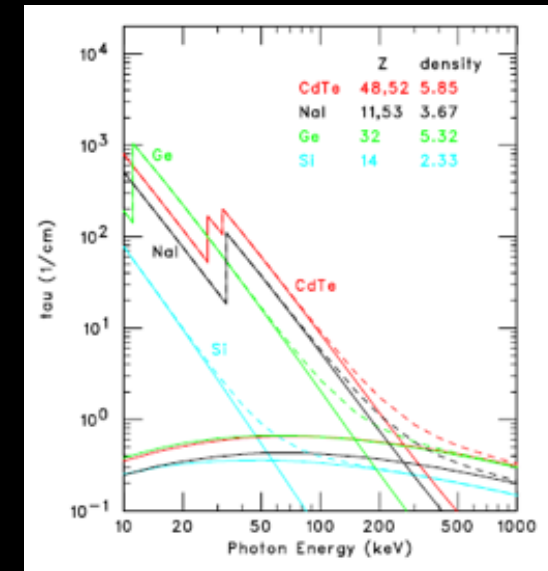
Taka Tanaka (SLAC/KIPAC)

- High detection efficiency
- Poly-crystalline material
- Poor uniformity
- Very high resistivity (semi-insulating)
- Low leakage current



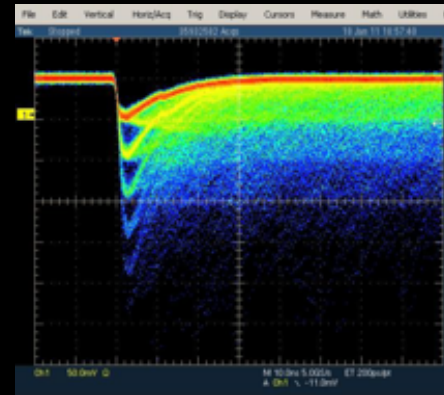
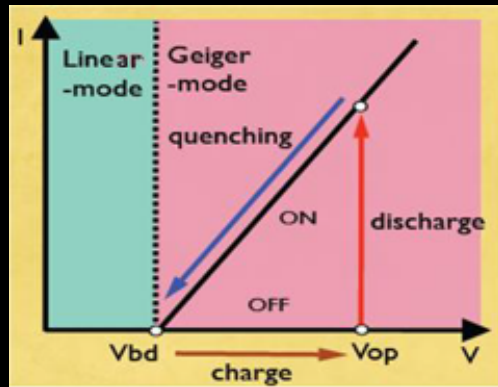
area: 18 " 18 mm<sup>2</sup>  
 thickness: 0.5 mm  
 pixel size: 2 " 2 mm<sup>2</sup>,  
 64 ch, cathode side  
 guard ring: 1 mm width

Fabricated at IDEAS  
 Norway

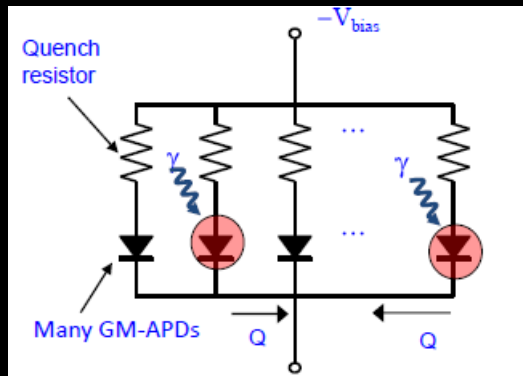
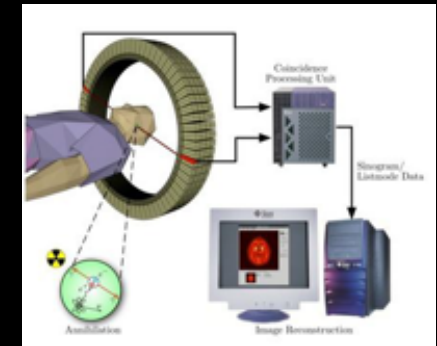


# Indirect Conversion: Scintillators and Silicon Photomultipliers (SiPm, GM-APD, MPPC...)

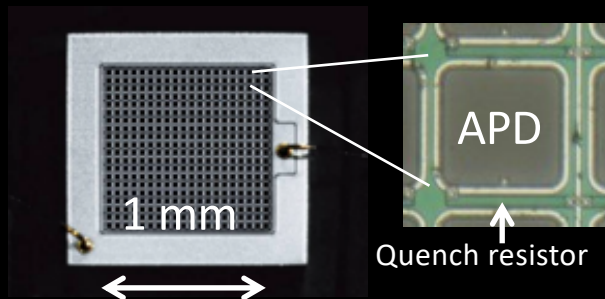
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1 pixel  
2 pixels  
3 pixels



- SiPm requires a special doping profile to allow a high internal field ( $>10^5$  V/cm) which generates avalanche multiplication
- APD cell operates in Geiger mode (= full discharge), however with (passive/active) quenching.
- The avalanche formation is intrinsically very fast (100ps), because confined to a small space.
- High Gain  $G \sim 10^5 - 10^6$  at rel. low bias voltage ( $<100$  V)
- $G$  is Sensitive to temperature and voltage variations
- Fill factor still low due to quench resistor on the surface (but work in progress to solve this)



## Applications in PET

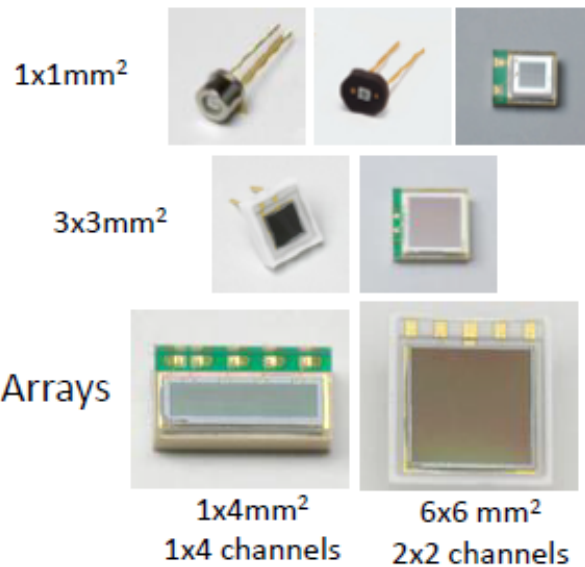
coincidence of two 511 keV photons define a line of record.

- Take projections under all angles
- (2/3D) Tomographic reconstruct of data

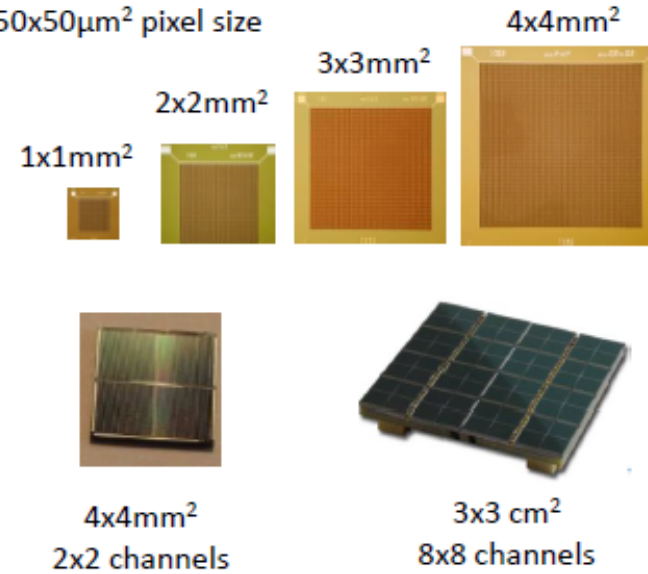
# SiPm Commercial Activity

From C. Joram CERN

**Hamamatsu HPK** (<http://jp.hamamatsu.com/>)  
25x25 $\mu\text{m}^2$ , 50x50 $\mu\text{m}^2$ , 100x100 $\mu\text{m}^2$  pixel size



**FBK-IRST**  
50x50 $\mu\text{m}^2$  pixel size



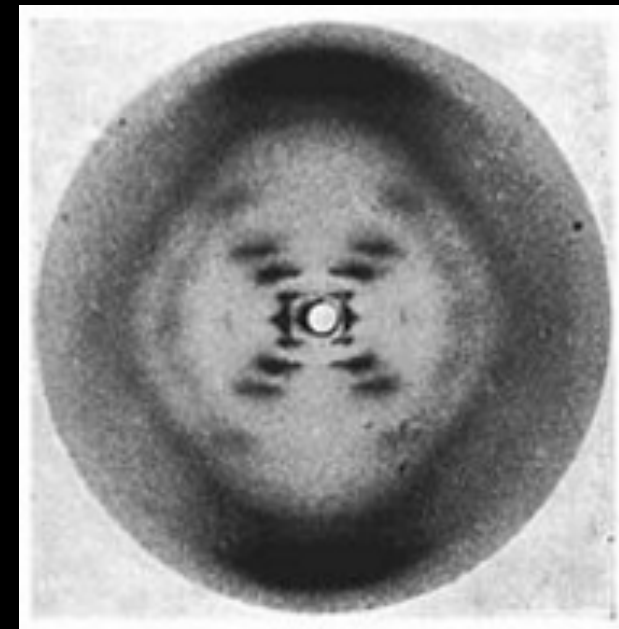
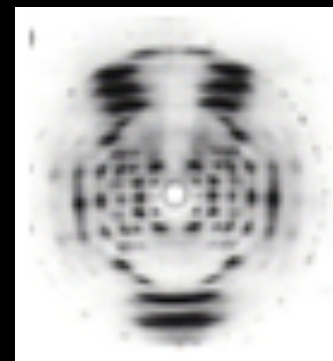
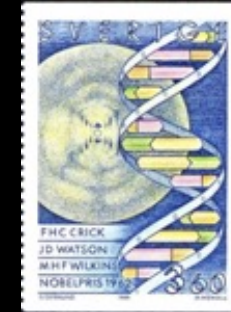
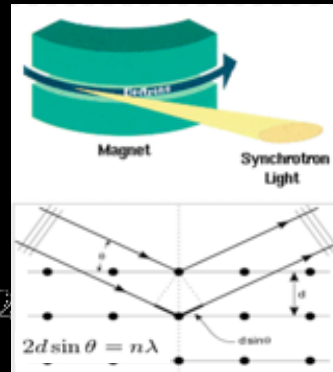
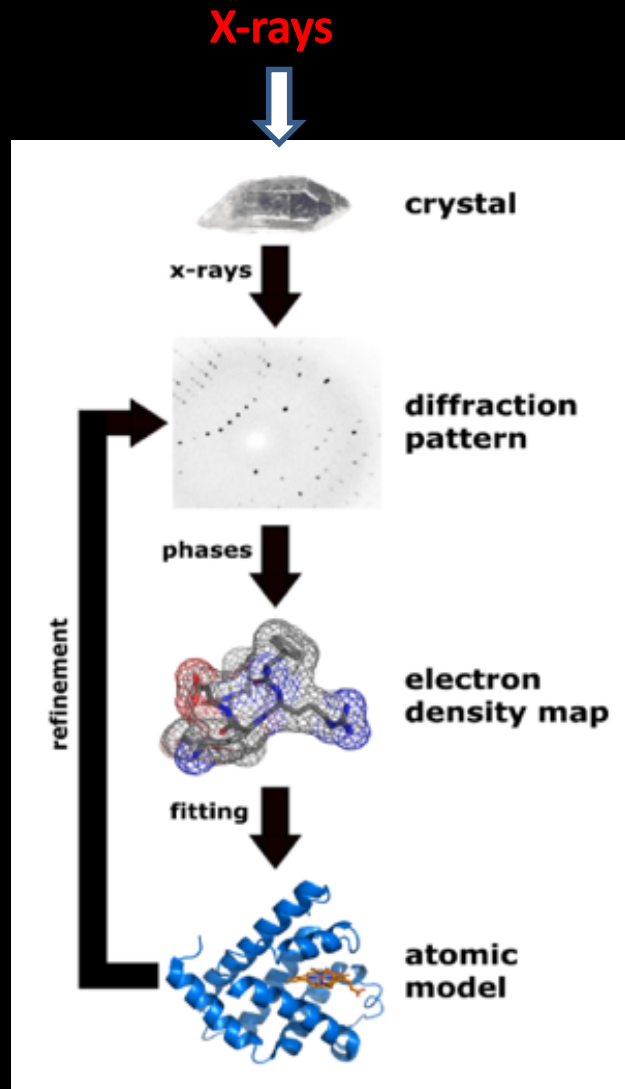
**SensL** (<http://sensl.com/>)

20x20 $\mu\text{m}^2$ , 35x35 $\mu\text{m}^2$ , 50x50 $\mu\text{m}^2$ , 100x100 $\mu\text{m}^2$  pixel size



# Applications: Protein crystallography

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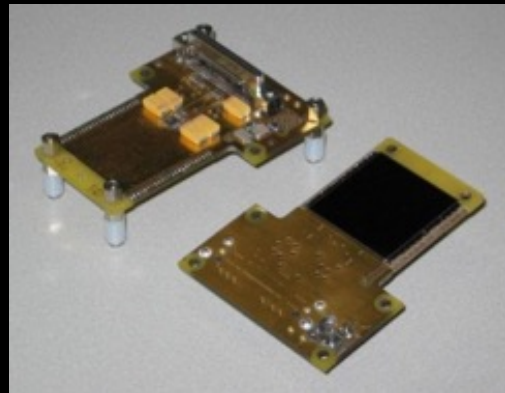


X-ray diffracted Photographic image of the double helix taken in 1952 by Rosalind Franklin and Raymond Gosling. The DNA sample was fibrous DNA

# Some of the existing electronics chips

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## Single photon Counting



**Medipix2 Quad**  
 Pixels: 512 x 512  
 Pixel size: 55 x 55 mm<sup>2</sup>  
 Area: 3 x 3 cm<sup>2</sup>

## Mithen II



## Eiger



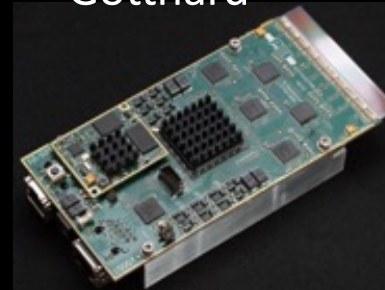
## Medipix

pixellated detector  
 (Si, GaAs, CdTe, 3D  
 thickness:  
 300/700/1000mm

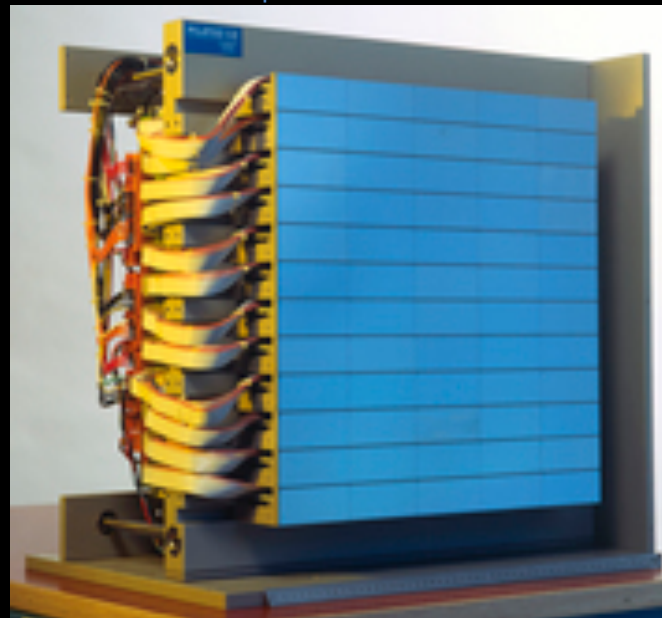
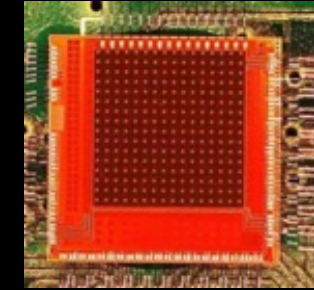
**MORE ON THIS!**

## Charge Integration

## Gotthard



## AGIPD



## The PILATUS 6M,

424 x 435 mm<sup>2</sup> with 170  
 × 170 μm<sup>2</sup> (2463 x 2527 )  
 6 million pixels, has been  
 developed at PSI and  
 commercialized by the  
 company Dectris for  
 synchrotron imaging

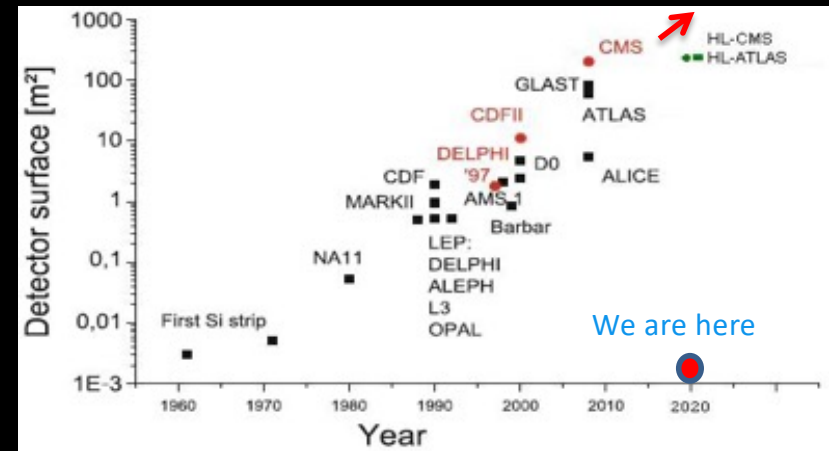


# Conclusions and Reflections

We had a look at some properties and parameters of strips and pixel detectors and their evolution since their first use in scientific applications (a lot is missing..)

I would encourage you to meditate on:

- ❖ How the signal is formed and detected
- ❖ How a detector design develops depending on applications and constraints
- ❖ On the past ideas looking towards the future challenges
- ❖ On the new ideas (including your own) which might look crazy now but might reveal a true innovation in few years time
- ❖ Don't be scared to be different!!!!



## Books on silicon detectors

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- Helmut Spieler. Semiconductor detector systems. OUP Oxford
- Gerard Lutz. Semiconductor Radiation Detectors. Springer
- W. R. Leo. Techniques for Nuclear and Particle Physics Experiments. Springer-Verlag
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