

# ULTRA FAST SEMICONDUCTOR RADIATION SENSORS FOR HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS AND BEYOND



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# UFSD PROJECT

## The Objectives

- R&D in large area Ultra Fast Semiconductor Detectors (UFSD) with ps timing resolution for collider physics applications → Participation in the construction & commissioning of ATLAS Experiment HGTD Phase-II upgrade. Participate in R&D for ALICE3 TOF Timing Layers.
- Explore new UFSD designs (simulation/fabrication/tests) suitable for local application (e.g. synchrotron light experiments).
- Investigate & test new UFSD structures and materials targeting very high radiation dose applications.

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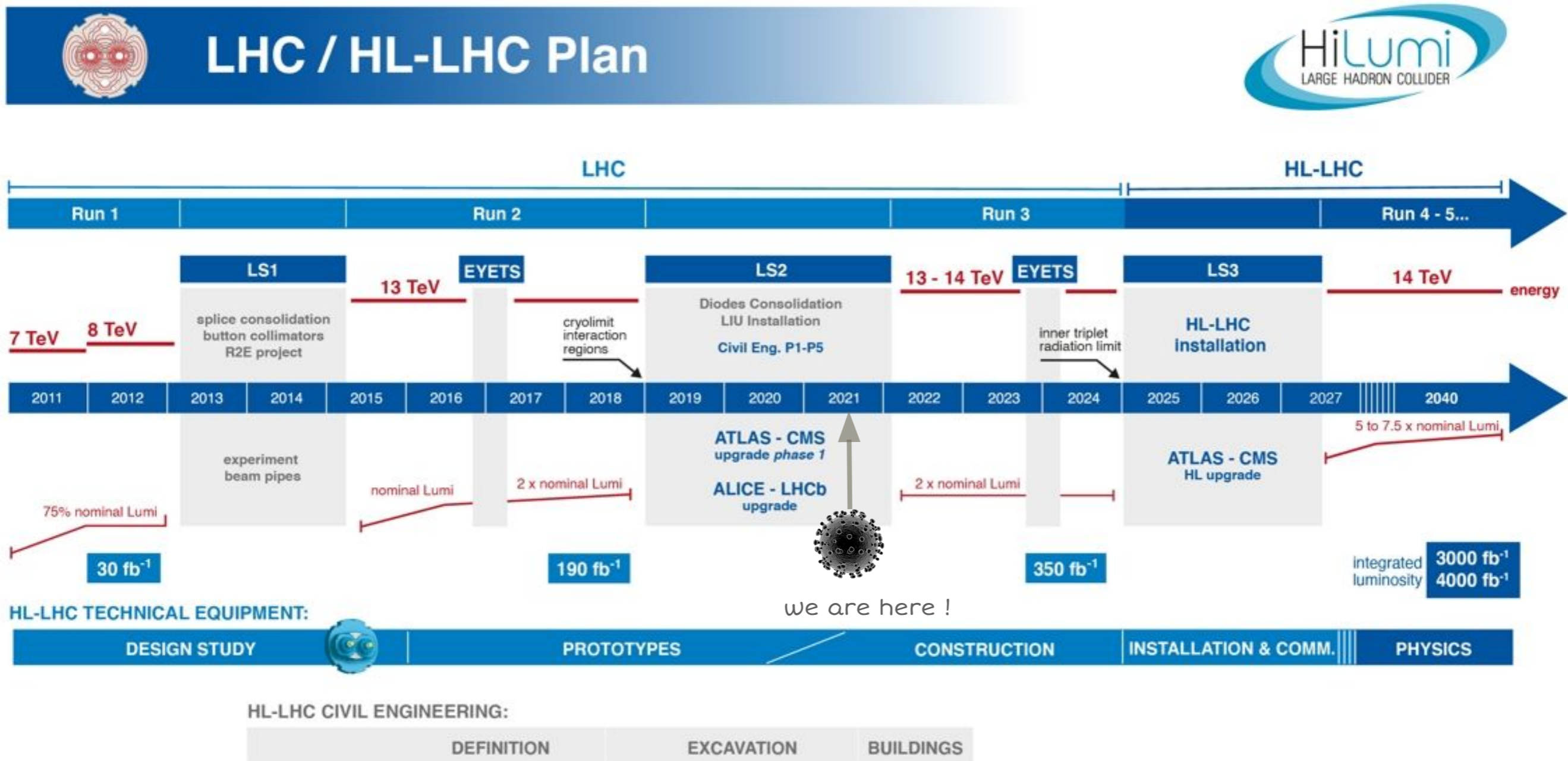


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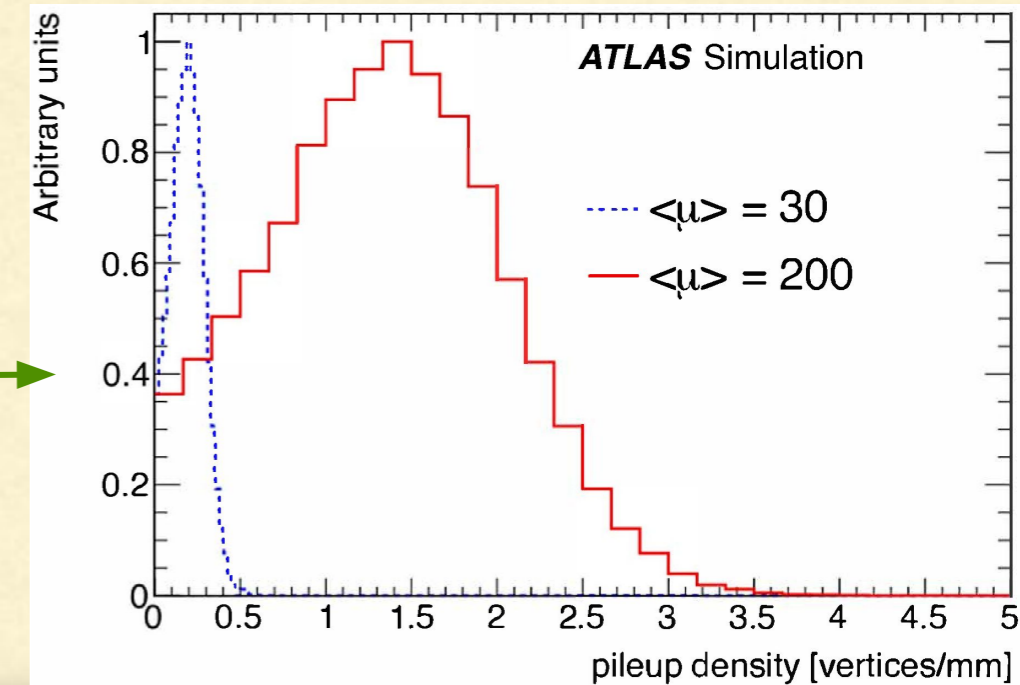
# THE MAIN DRIVER : HL-LHC



[HL-LHC latest update \(01/2021\)](#)

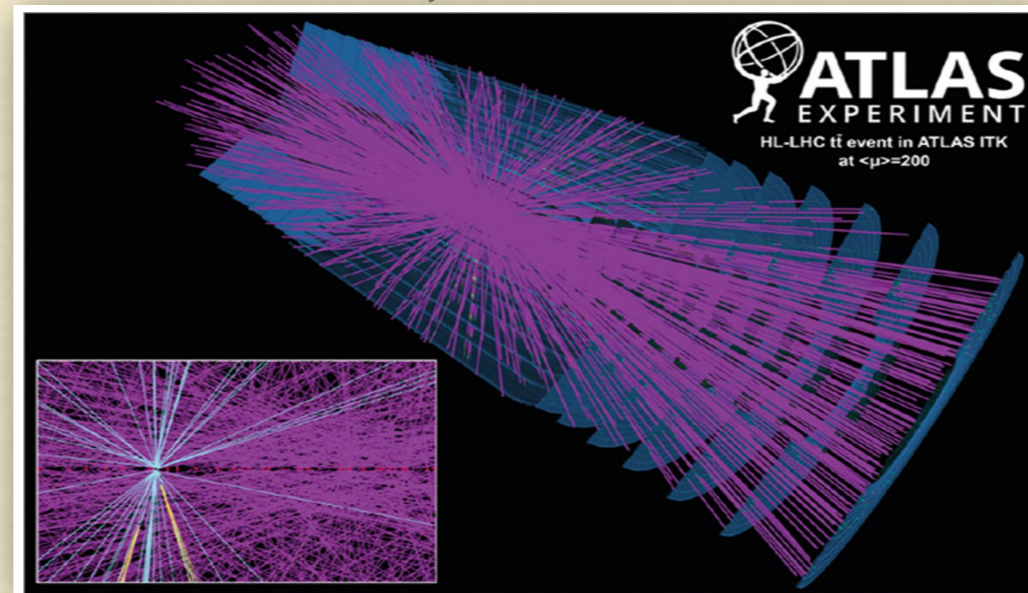
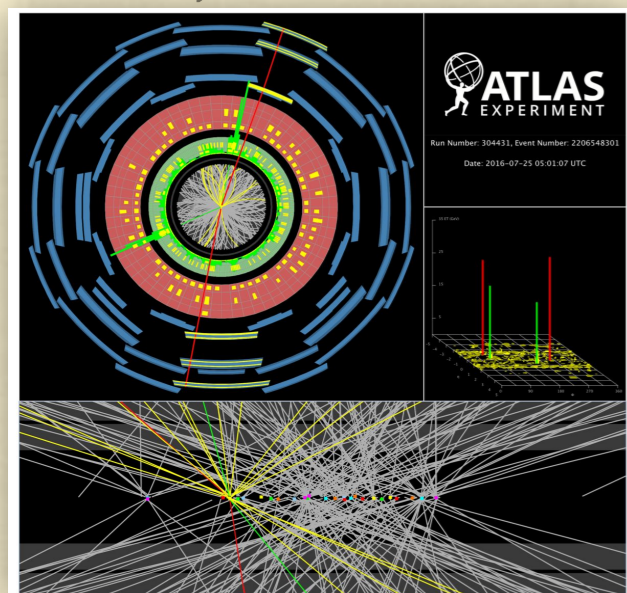
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- So far, we explored only **5%** of expected LHC integrated proton-proton luminosity ( $4\text{ab}^{-1}$ )
- Most of the data will come from HL-LHC (a precision measurements era):
  - Studies of Higgs couplings
  - Studies of Higgs self-couplings (di-Higgs)
  - Probe the EWK sector through VBS and precision SM measurements ( $\sin^2\theta_W$ )
  - On/Off-shell vector bosons double and triple differential cross-section measurements ...
  - Searches for dark matter (monojets) ... etc.
  - Needs extended tracker coverage to high rapidities
- Expect to deal with
  - instantaneous luminosity of  $7.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
  - **~200** average number of collisions per bunch crossing ( $\langle\mu\rangle$ )
- Increase  $\langle\mu\rangle$  and you also increase the track and vertex density



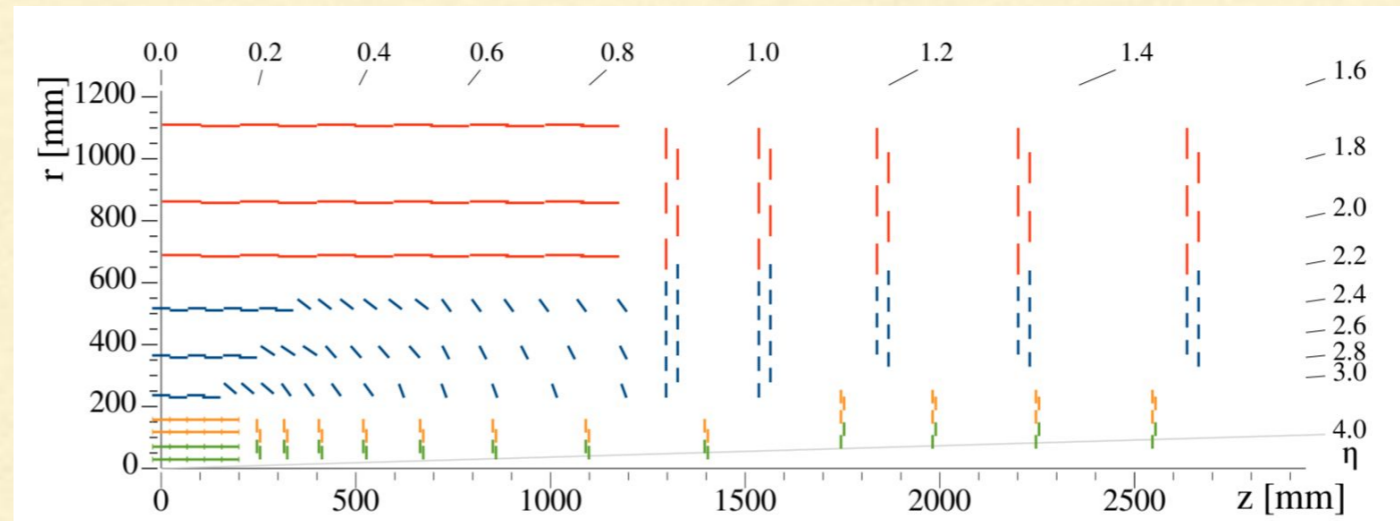
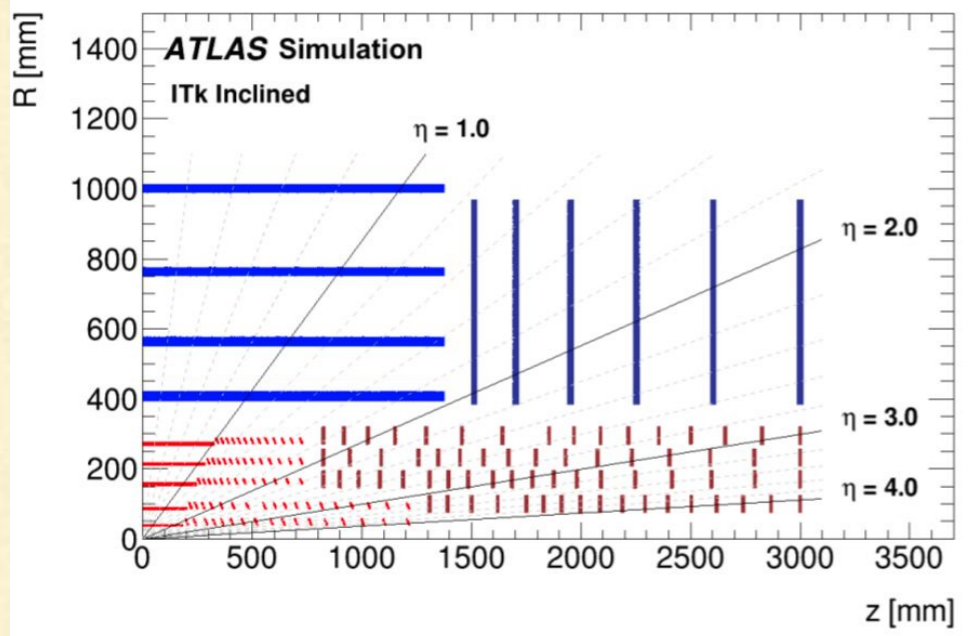
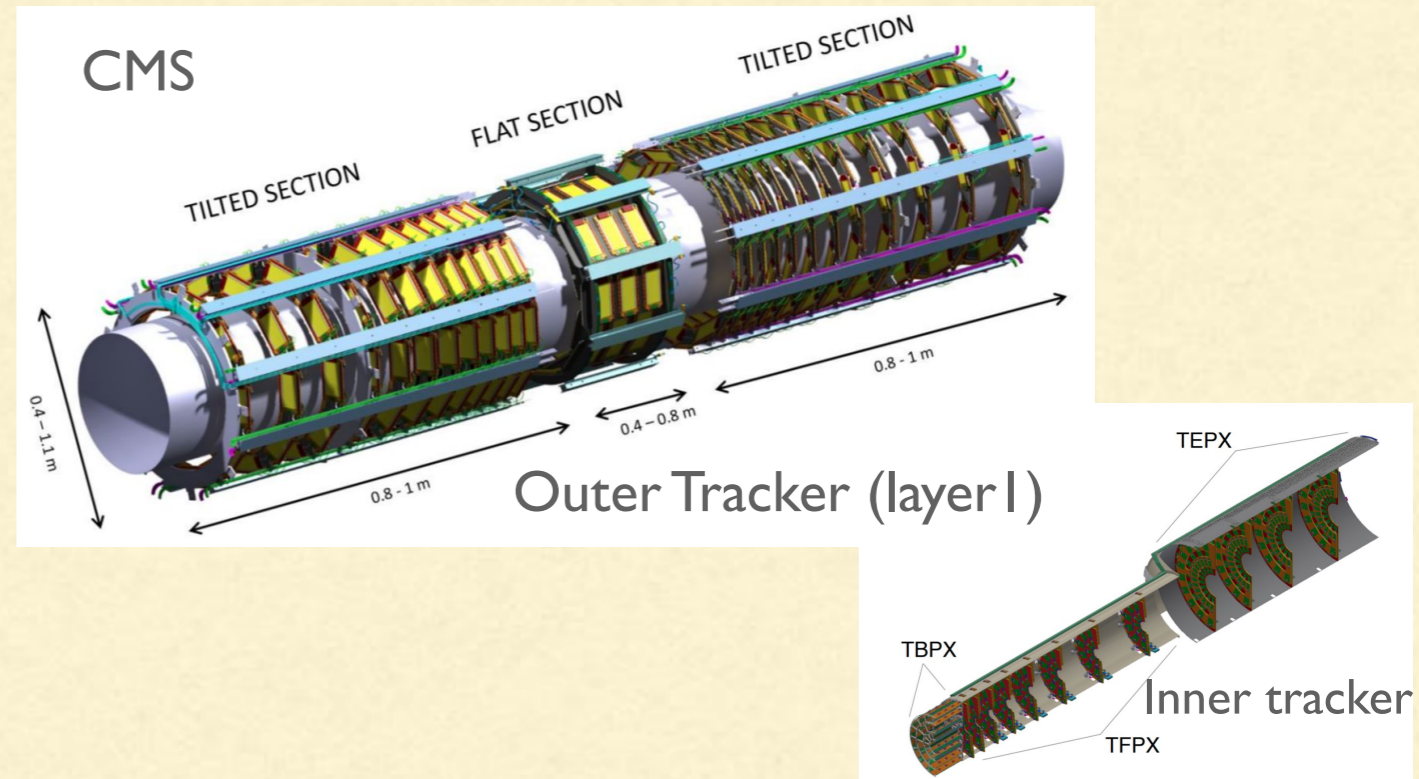
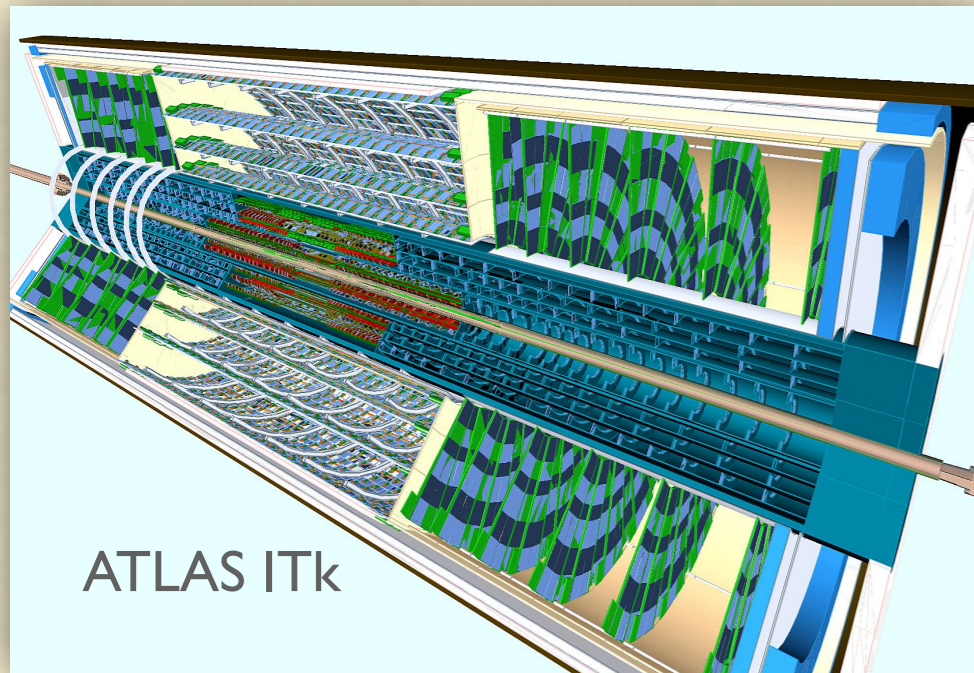
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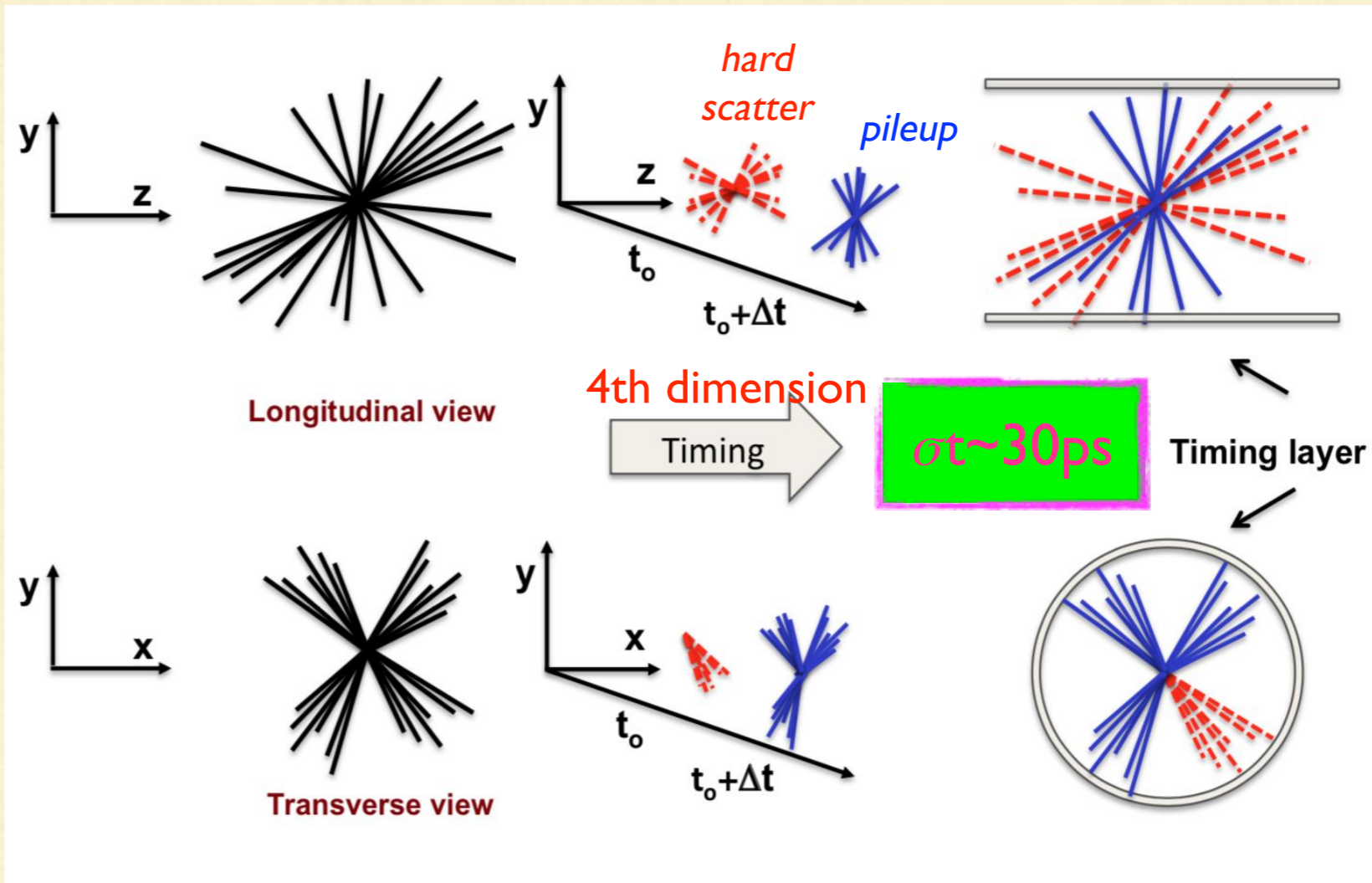
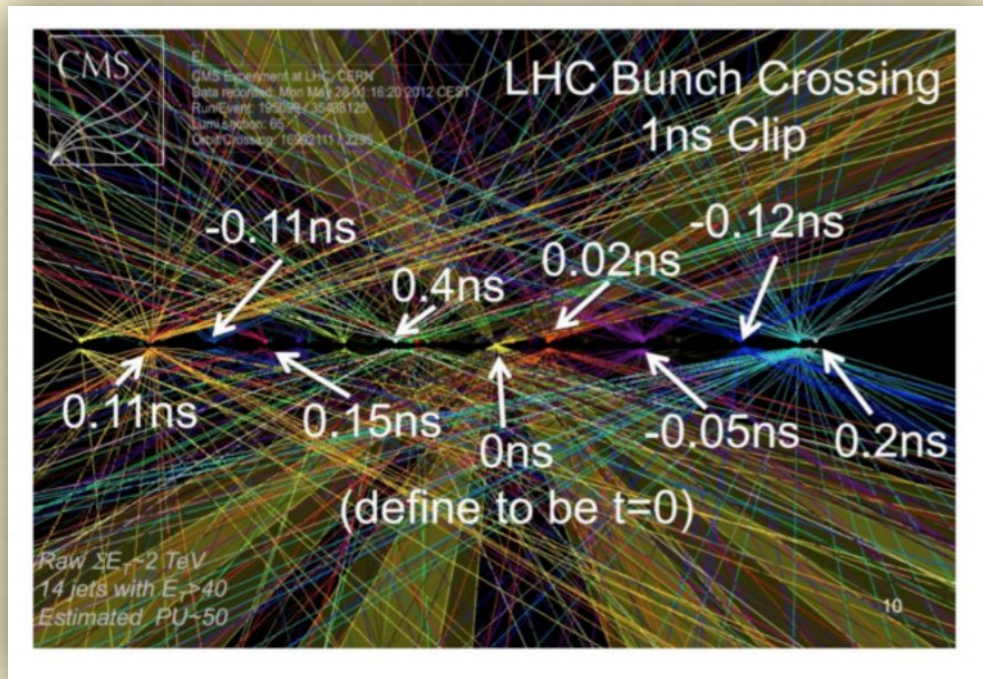
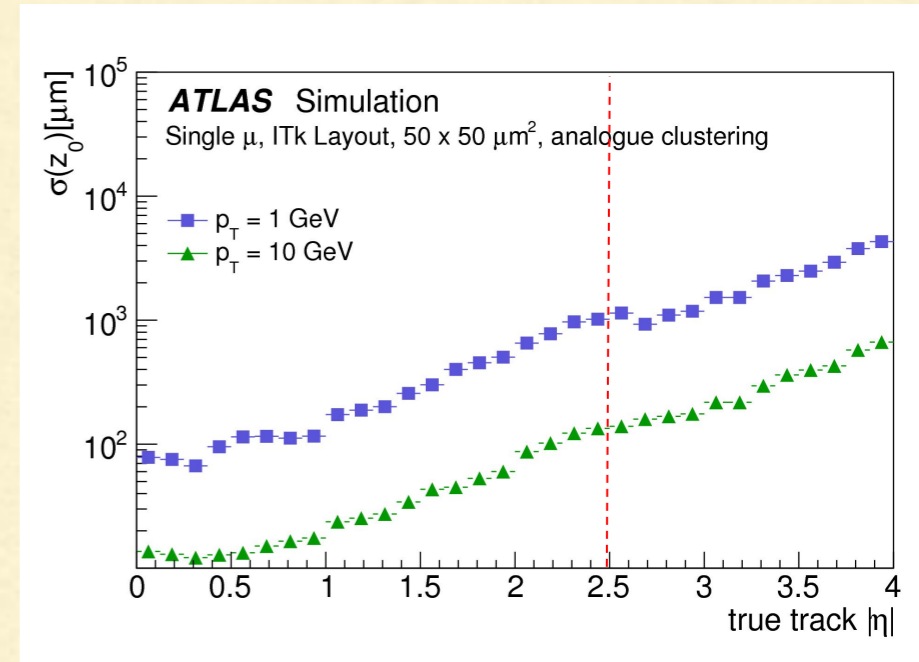
- Good track-vertex association ( $\sigma_{z_0}$ ) is crucial for pileup mitigation ...
- For the HL-LHC operation, ATLAS will replace its inner tracker, extending coverage from  $|\eta| < 2.5$  to  $|\eta| < 4.0$  (ITk)
- CMS will also replace its tracker systems for HL-LHC, extending the coverage to  $|\eta| < 4.0$



# THE NEED FOR TIMING (I)

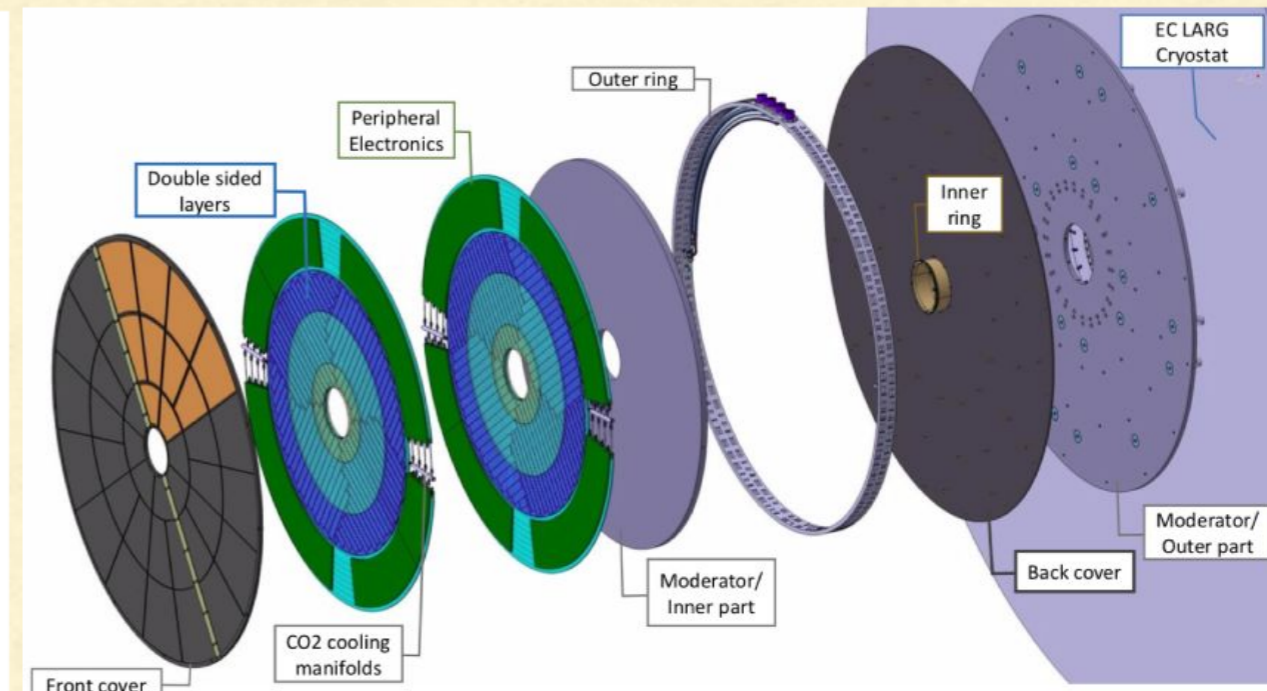
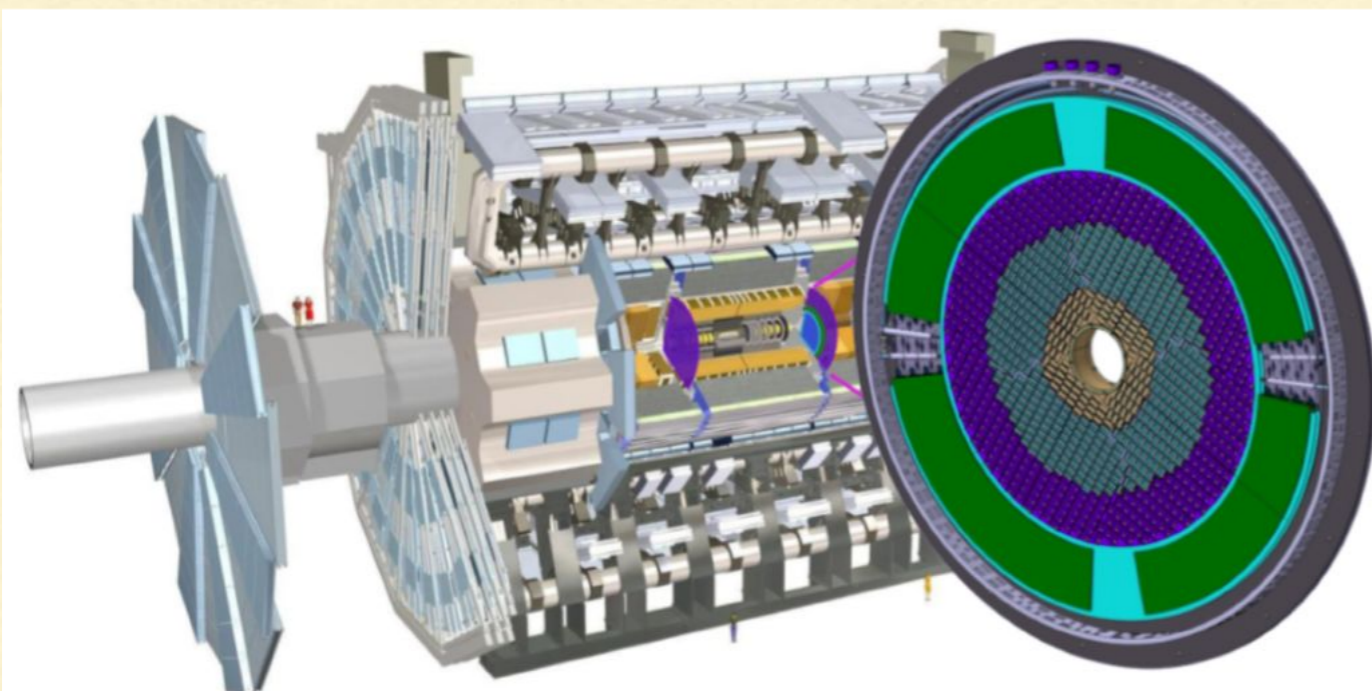
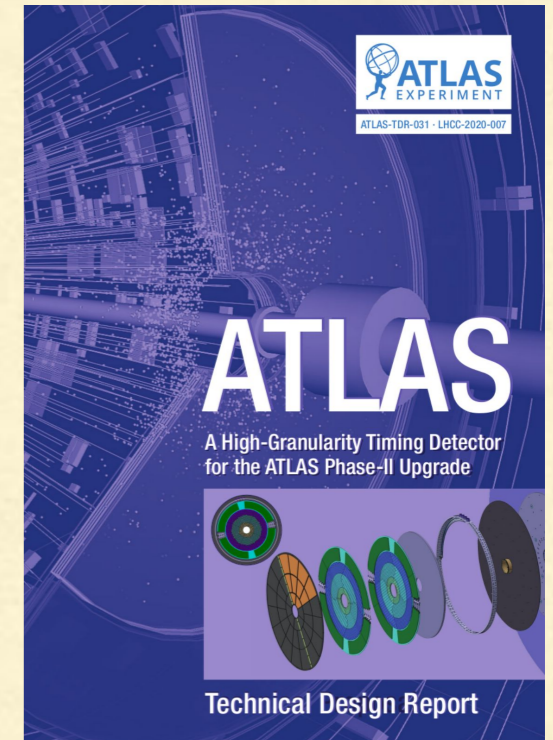
- ITk spatial resolution in forward region: few mm for low  $p_T$  particles (*bad!*)
- Today, track reconstruction relies solely on the spatial (3D) information
- Collisions are distributed in time :
  - HL-LHC: 1.8 col/mm (z), 175ps gaussian spread
  - if we can measure the timing well enough, we can resolve spatial ambiguities
  - ... for time-tracking association, this needs to be done with a resolution of 30ps or better

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pileup



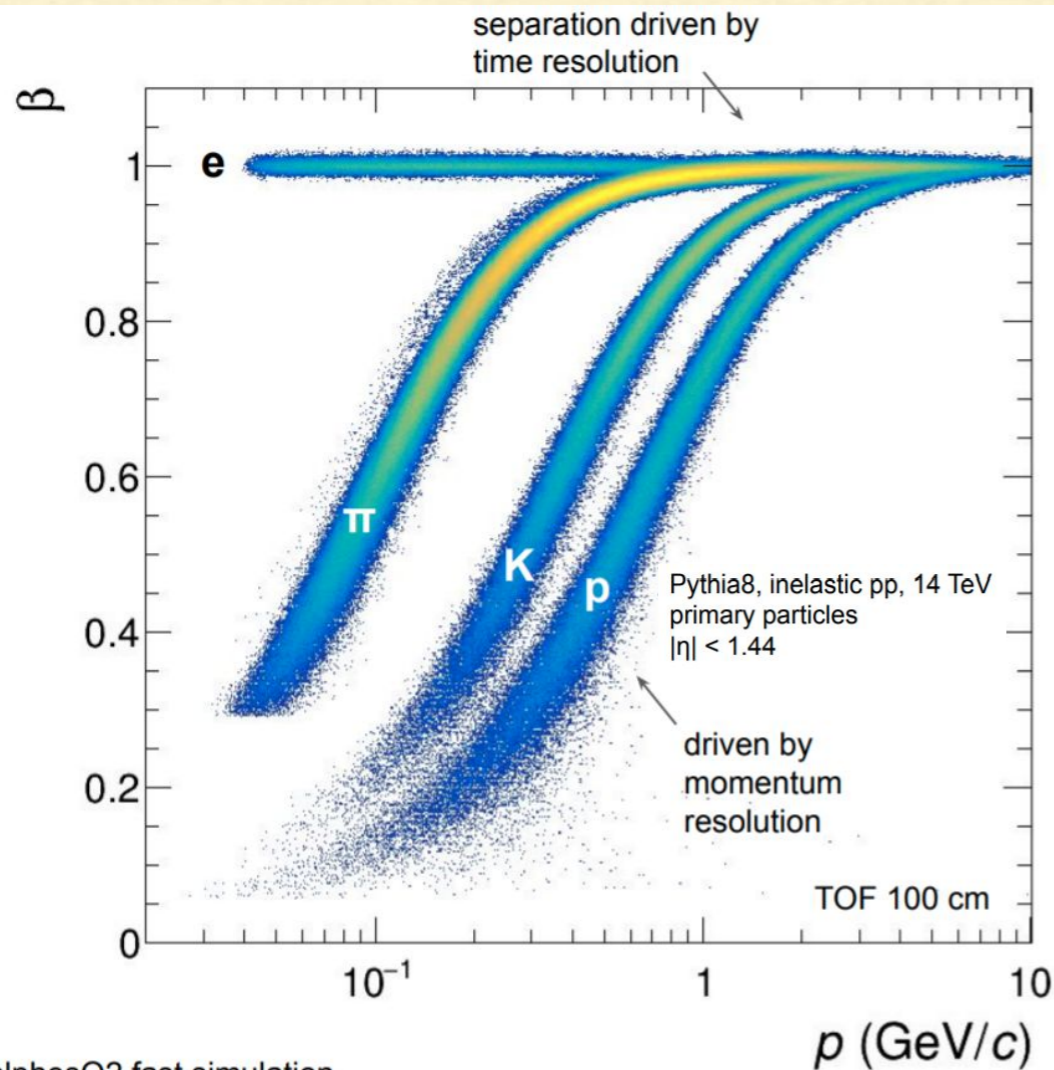
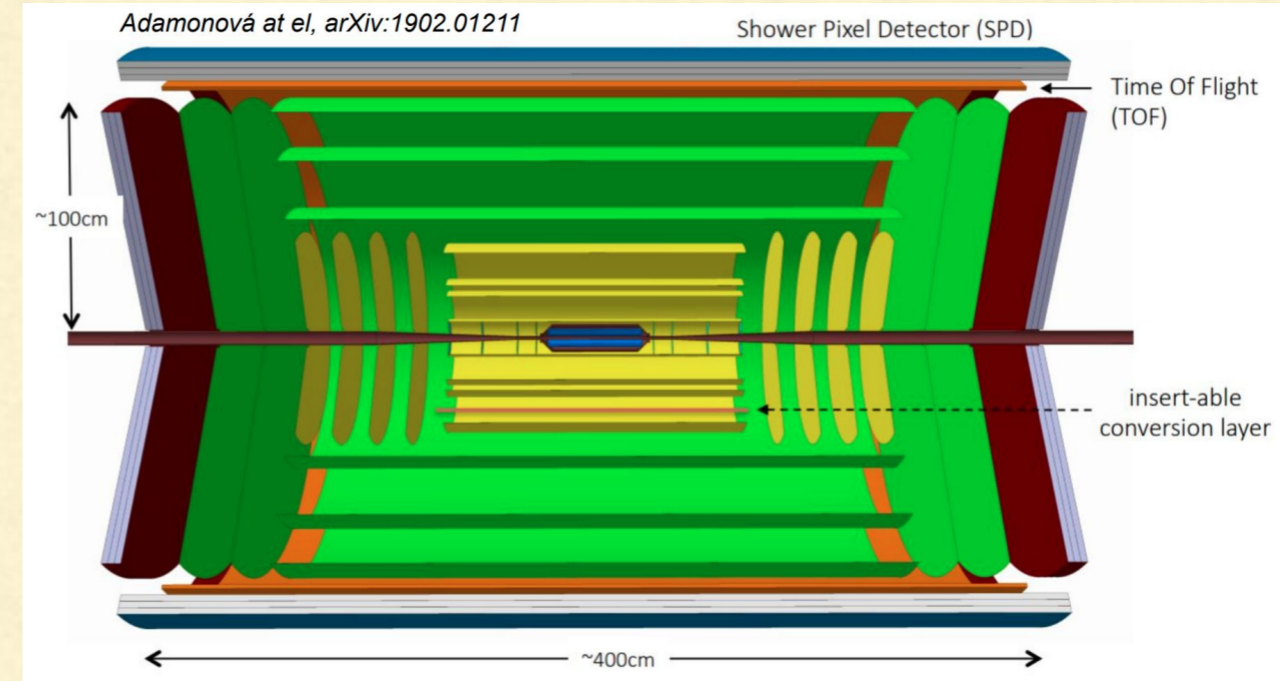
# THE NEED FOR TIMING (II) : ATLAS HGTD

- ATLAS needs a new system covering  $2.5 < |\eta| < 4.0$  that can associate timing to the ITk reconstructed tracks
  - segmentation of  $1.3 \times 1.3 \text{ mm}^2$  (for ITk track matching and low occupancy)
  - Should not add significant amount of material in front of EMEC and FCAL
  - Should fit in a constrained space
  - Total thickness  $\sim 12 \text{ cm}$
  - Total radius  $\sim 1.1 \text{ m}$  (active radius  $0.12\text{-}0.64 \text{ m}$ )
  - $6 \text{ m}^2$  of Si, 3.5 M channels
  - Should be cope with a neutron fluence of  $\sim 2.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ 1MeV n}_{\text{eq}} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  and TID of  $\sim 2 \text{ MGy}$
  - Needs very thin, very high timing resolution sensors ( $\sim 30 \text{ ps}$ )  $\rightarrow$  **LGAD**
  - Will provide instantaneous luminosity measurement (per BCID)
  - CMS will also install a Timing Detector (MIPS) using different technologies for the Barrel (LYSO + SiPM) and EndCap (**LGAD**)



# THE NEED FOR TIMING (III) :ALICE3 TIMING LAYERS

- ALICE3 will be a completely new compact semiconductor based detector (~ year 2030)
- Capable to operate at  $L \sim 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- $|\eta| < 4.0$ , full azimuthal coverage
- PID implemented by two timing layers (TOF)
  - Technologies under consideration (target : 20ps)
    - LGAD
    - SiPMs (or SPADs)
    - Monolithic
  - Sensor R&D ramping up now

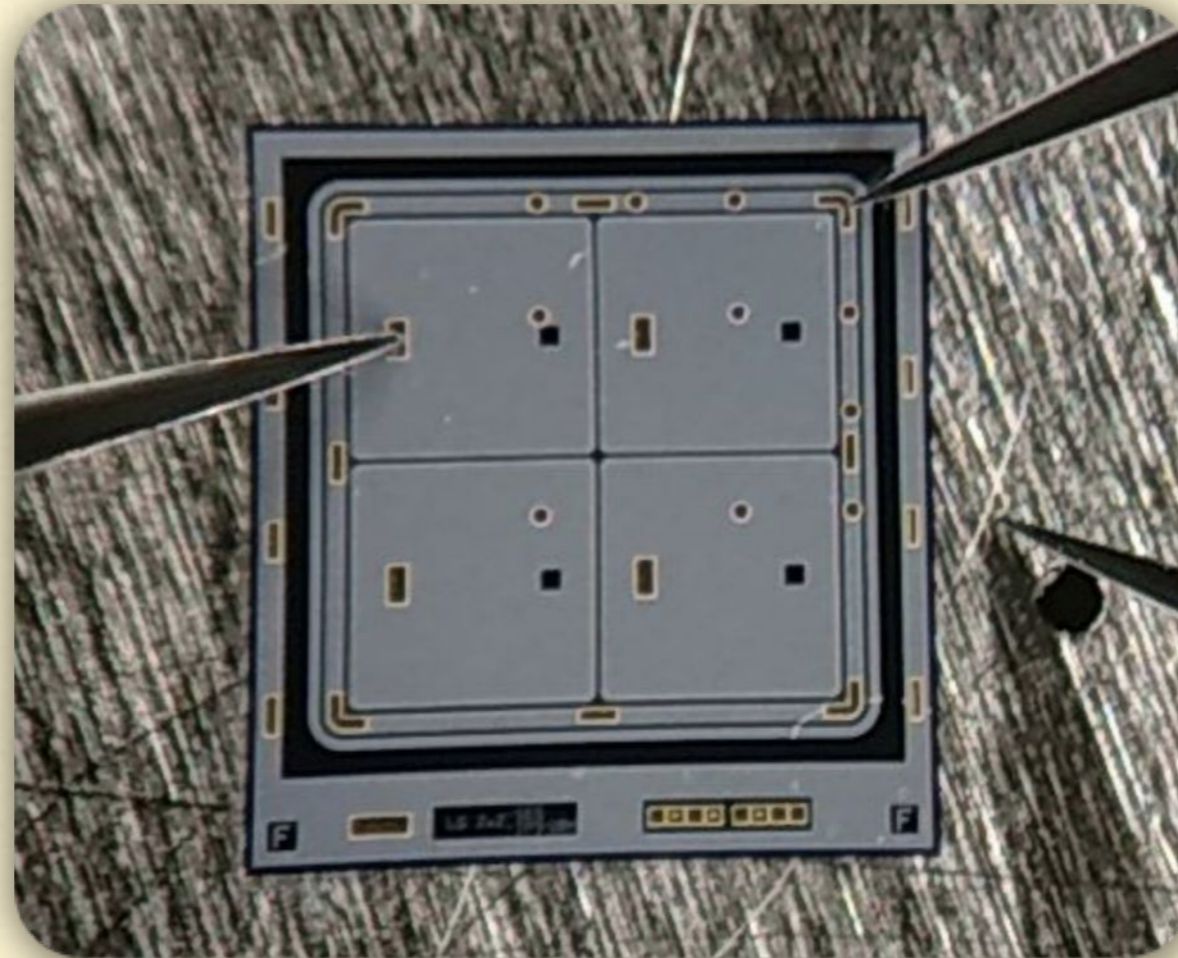


DelphesO2 fast simulation with realistic  $p_T$  resolution,  $\sigma_{\text{TOF}} = 20 \text{ ps}$

	TOF @ 20 cm	TOF @ 1 m
Pixel pitch	1 mm	5-6 mm
Occupancy	2.7E-03	3.3E-03
Hit rate (kHz/cm <sup>2</sup> )	3.7E+03	1.5E+02
NIEL (1-MeV-n <sub>eq</sub> /cm <sup>2</sup> )	2.31E+12	9.24E+10
TID (rad)	7.39E+04	2.96E+03
Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	1.56	16.59
Material Budget (X/X <sub>0</sub> )	1-3%	
Power consumption		
Time resolution	< 50 ps	20 ps



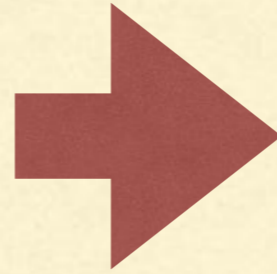
# ULTRA FAST SILICON DETECTORS



LGAD  
(LOW GAIN AVALANCHE DETECTORS)

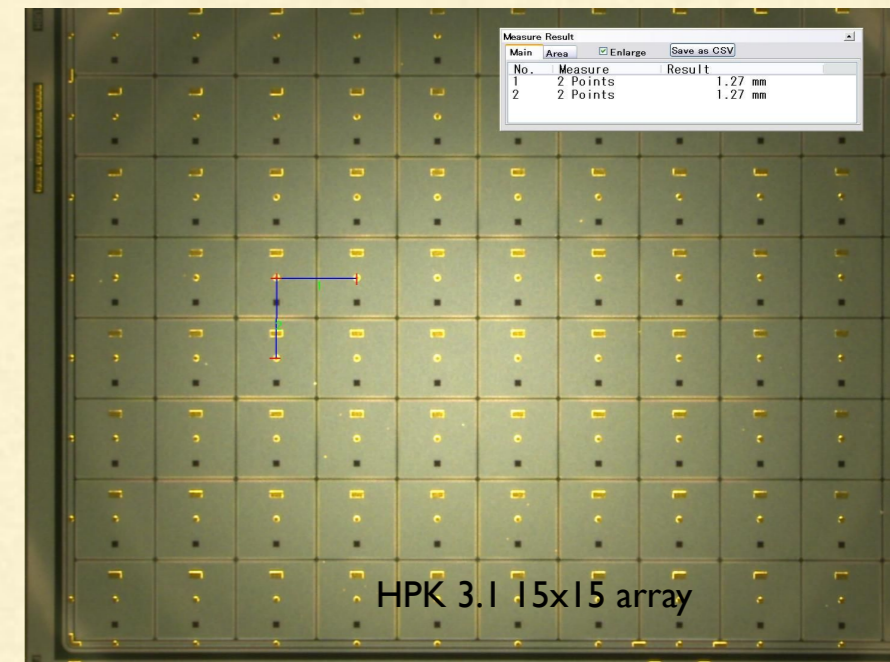
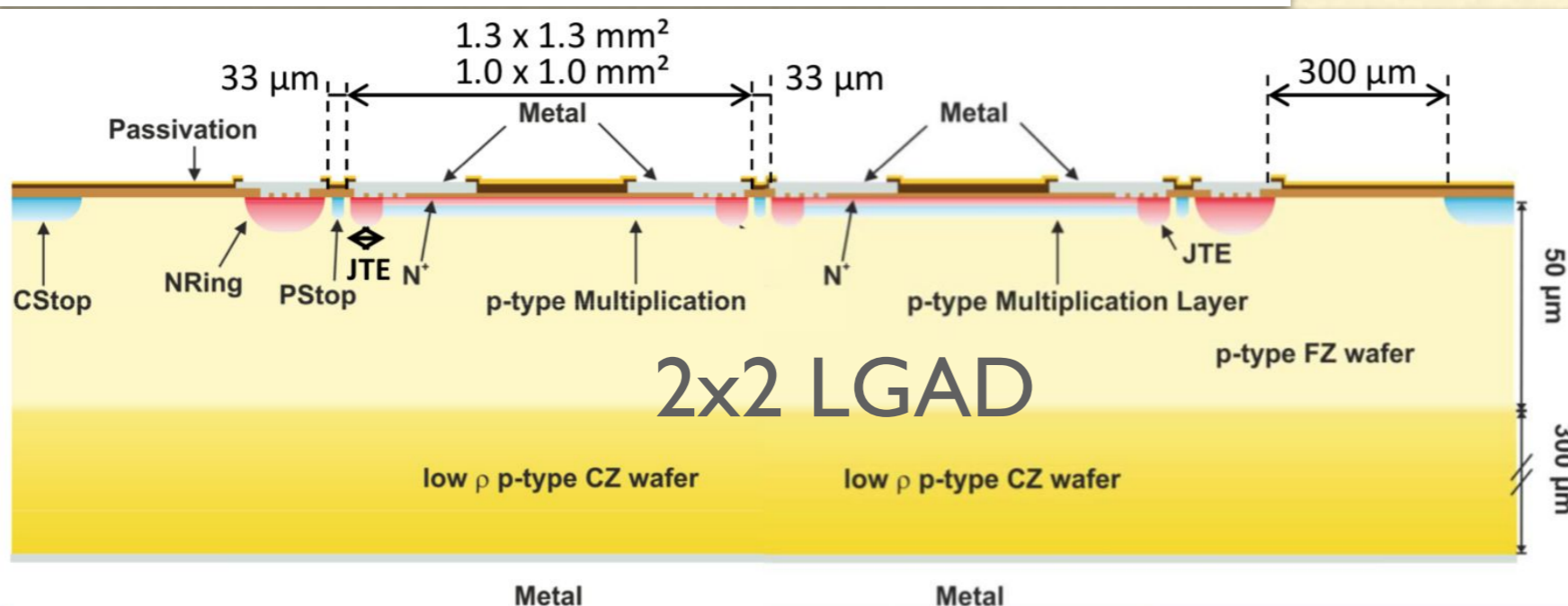
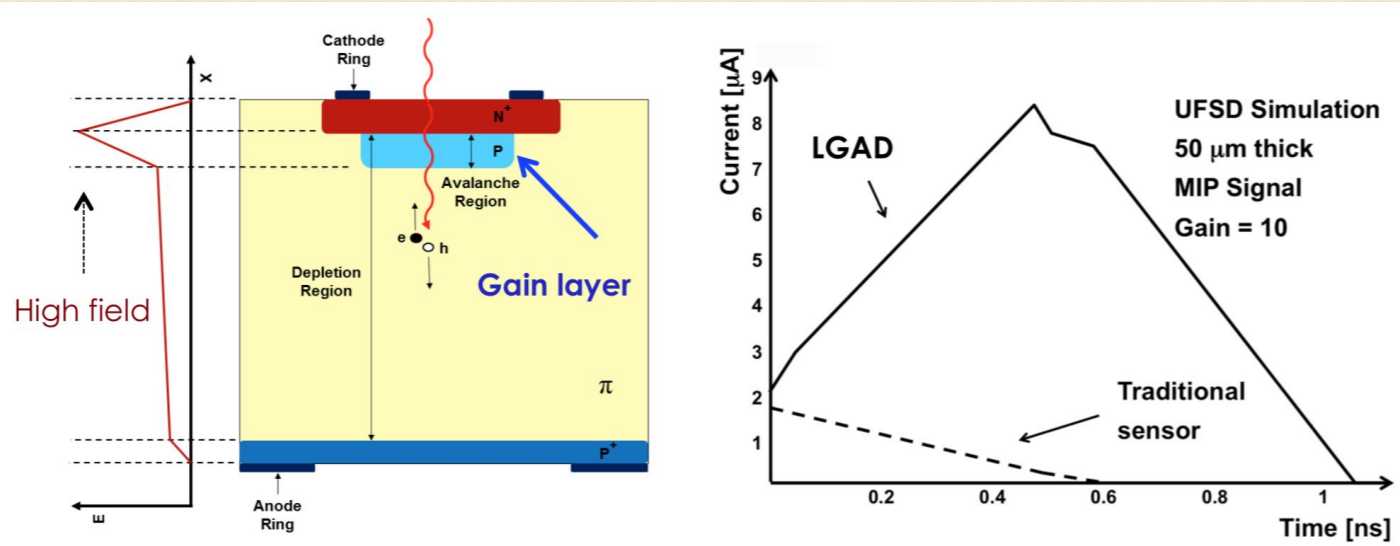
# LOW GAIN AVALANCHE DETECTOR (LGAD)

- Sensor requirements
  - timing resolution < 30ps
  - radiation hard
  - low noise
  - possibility of segmentation in arrays



- Low Gain Avalanche Detector (LGAD)
  - Proposed by RD50 ~ 2014/2015
  - n-on-p silicon
  - highly doped p-layer under junction
  - low gain, independent of thickness
  - 300 $\mu$ m, 50 $\mu$ m, 35 $\mu$ m or even 20 $\mu$ m
  - 1.3x1.3mm<sup>2</sup> (ATLAS HGTD), 1x3 mm<sup>2</sup> (CMS MIP Timing Detector)
  - Several sensor batches by CNM (Spain), BNL, Hamamatsu (Japan), FBK (Italy), IHEP, NDL (China) ...
  - ATLAS HGTD will use 15x30 arrays (2 15x15 chip arrays bump bonded to FE electronics) sensor blocks

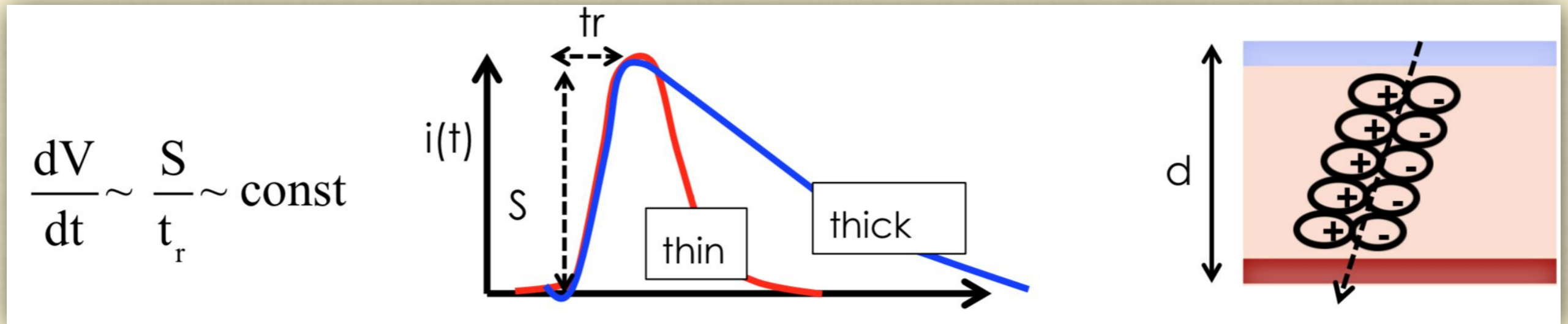
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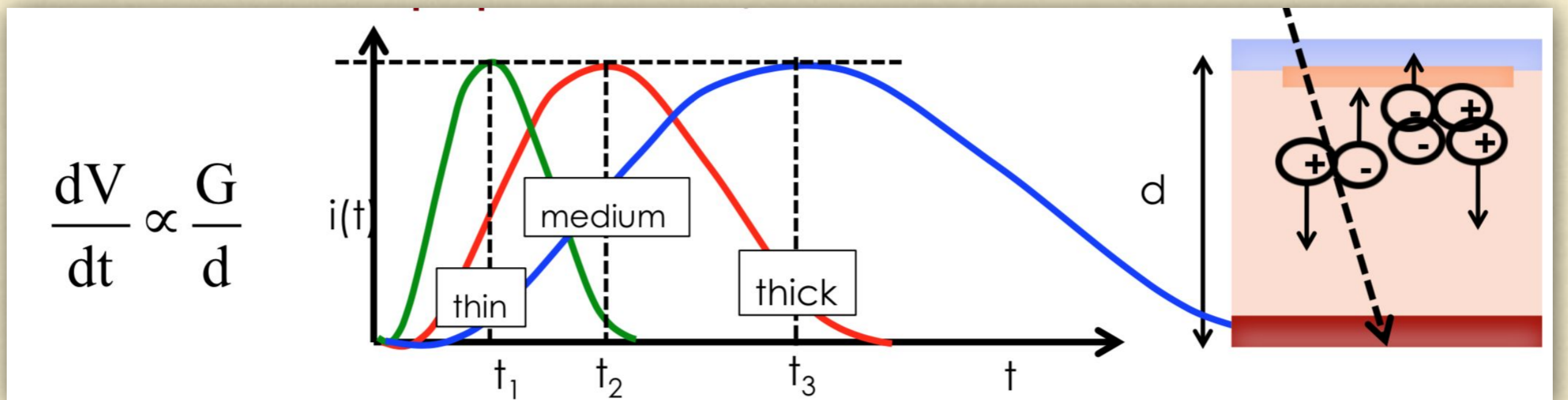
- Thin sensors → increased radiation hardness
- Intrinsic gain → increased signal/noise

## Planar detector: fixed rise time



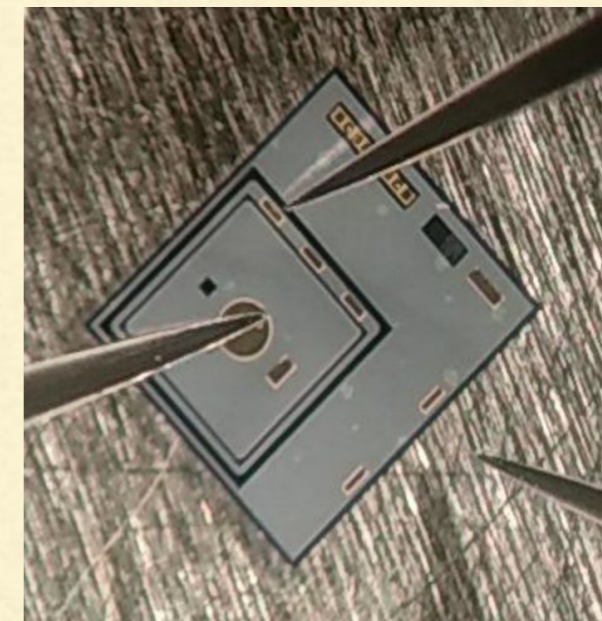
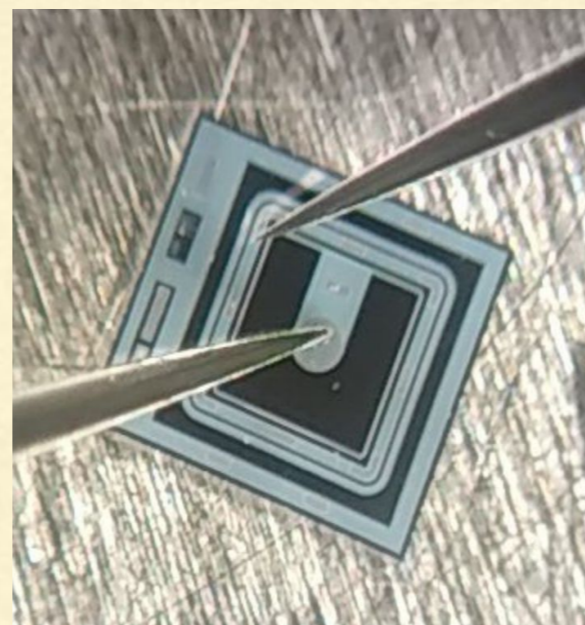
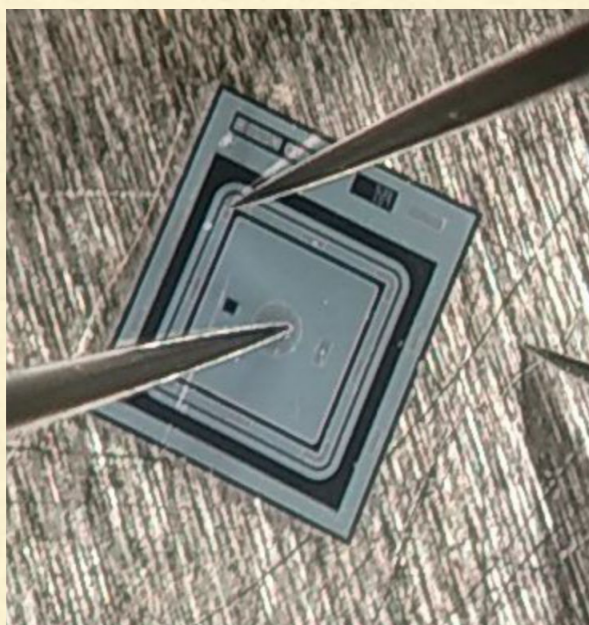
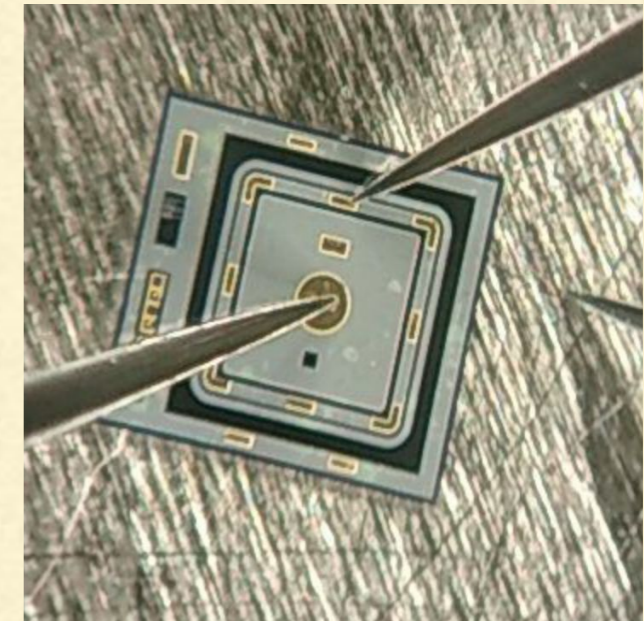
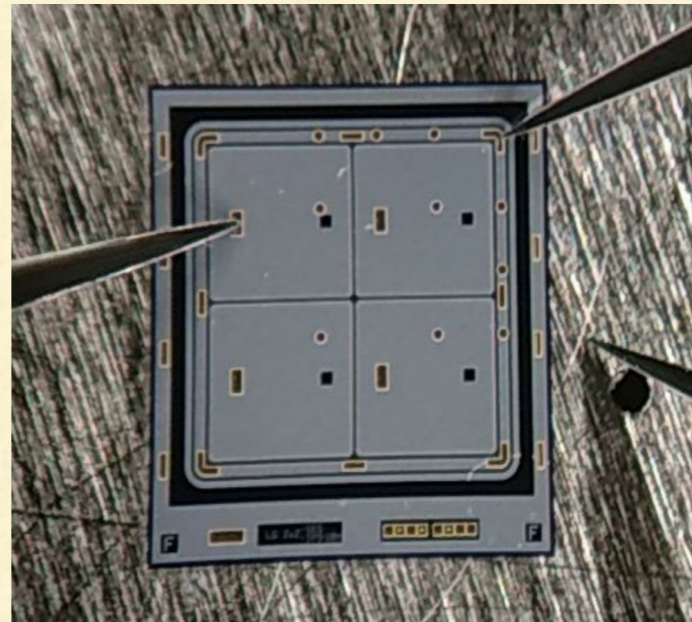
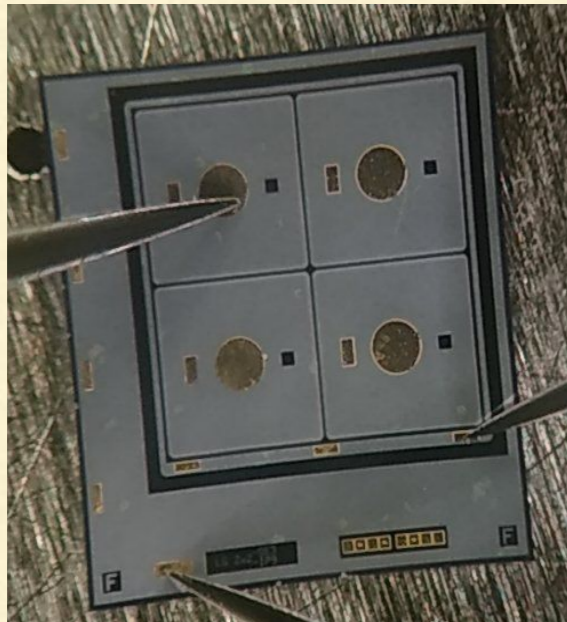
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## LGAD: rise time proportional to Gain/thickness



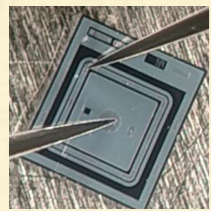
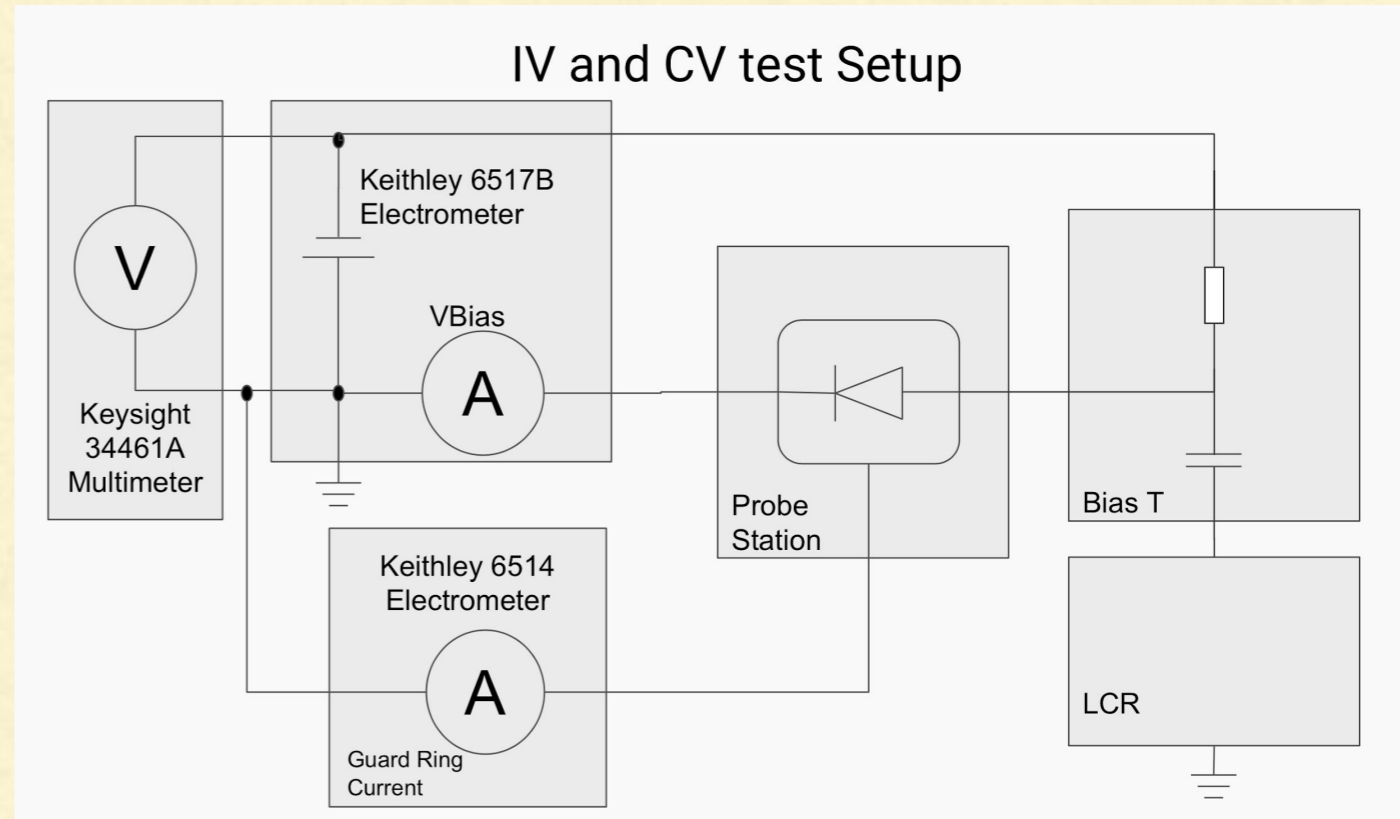
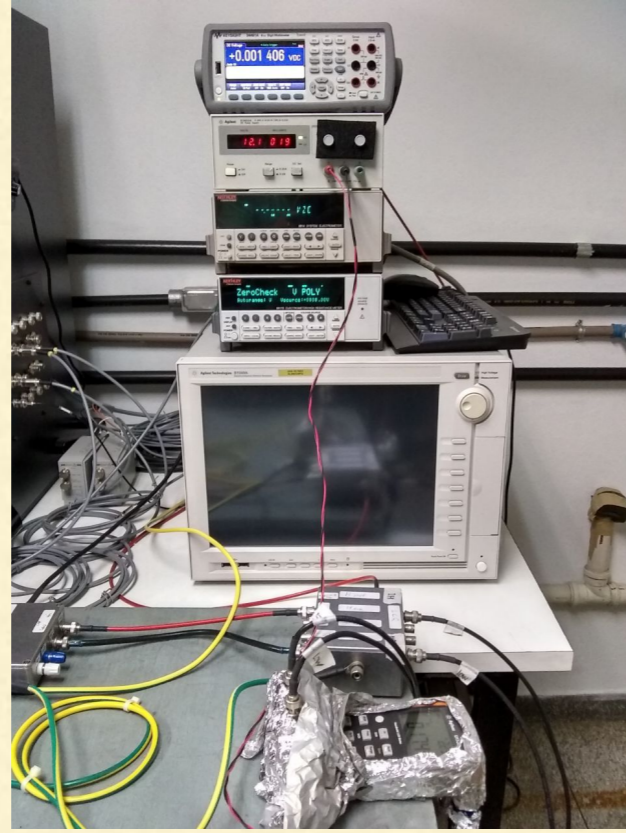
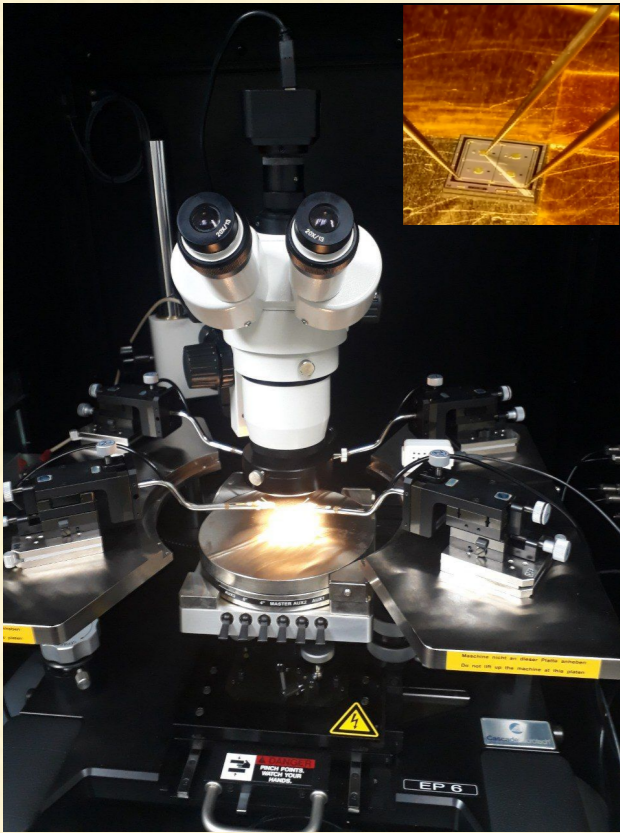
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# ATLAS LGAD PROTOTYPES TESTS

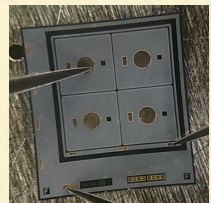


# LGAD ELECTRICAL PERFORMANCE

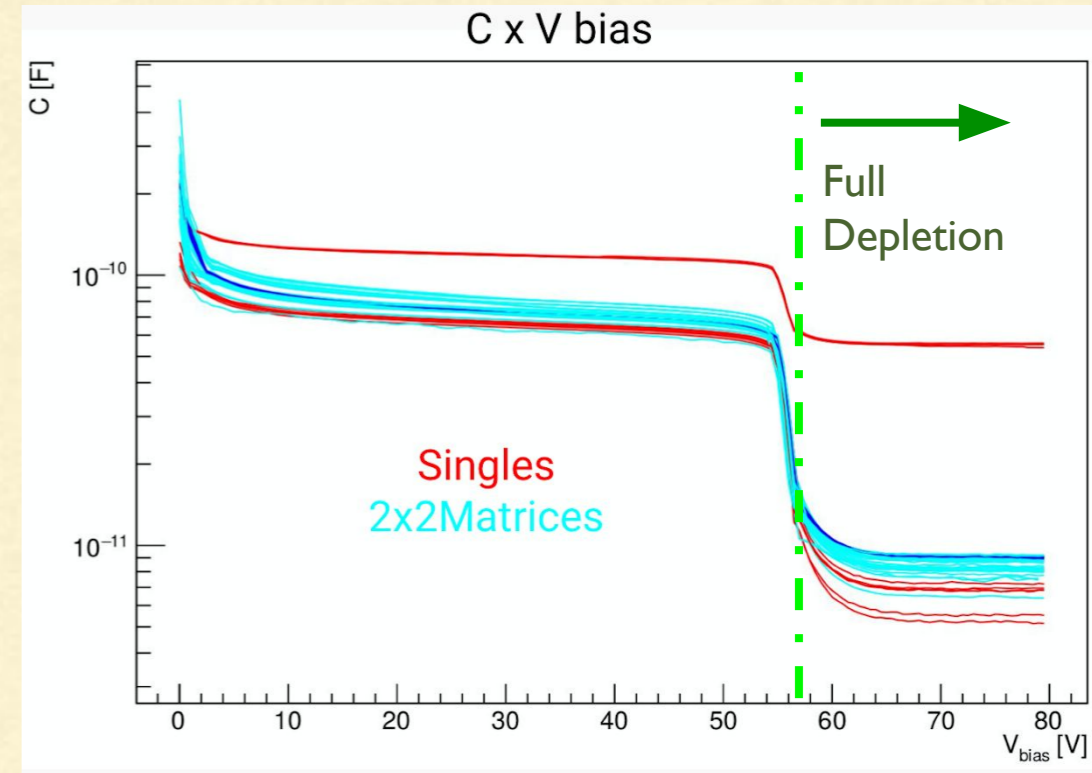
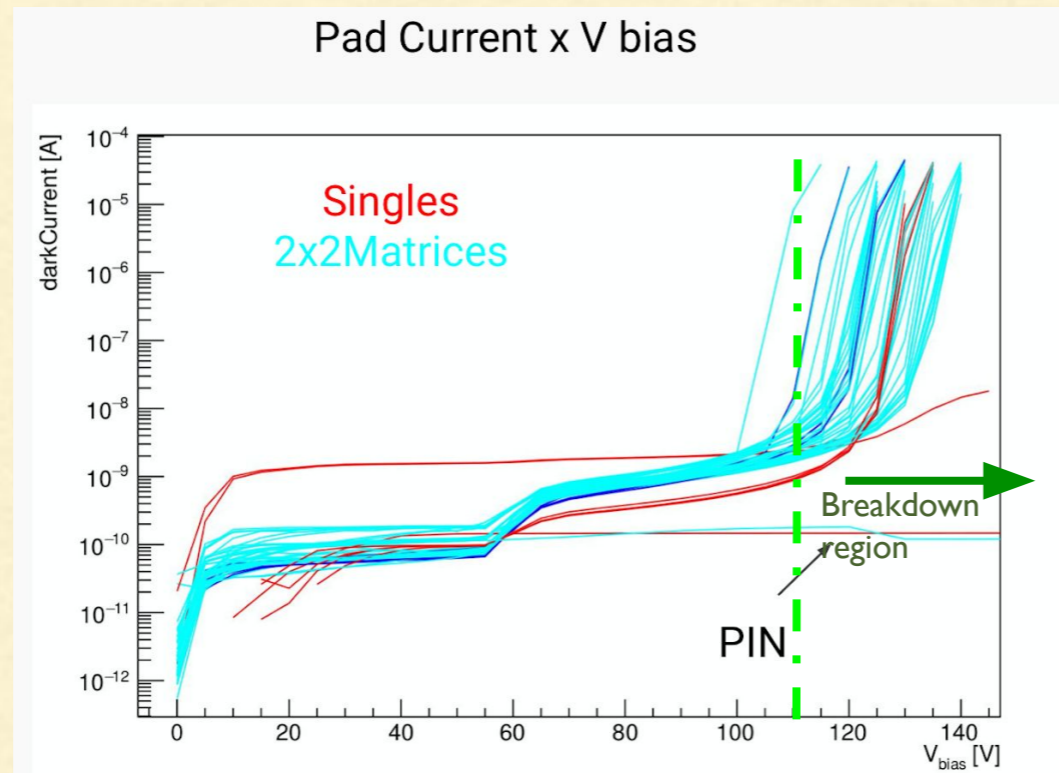
## Manual probe station setup setup (USP)



Single pad



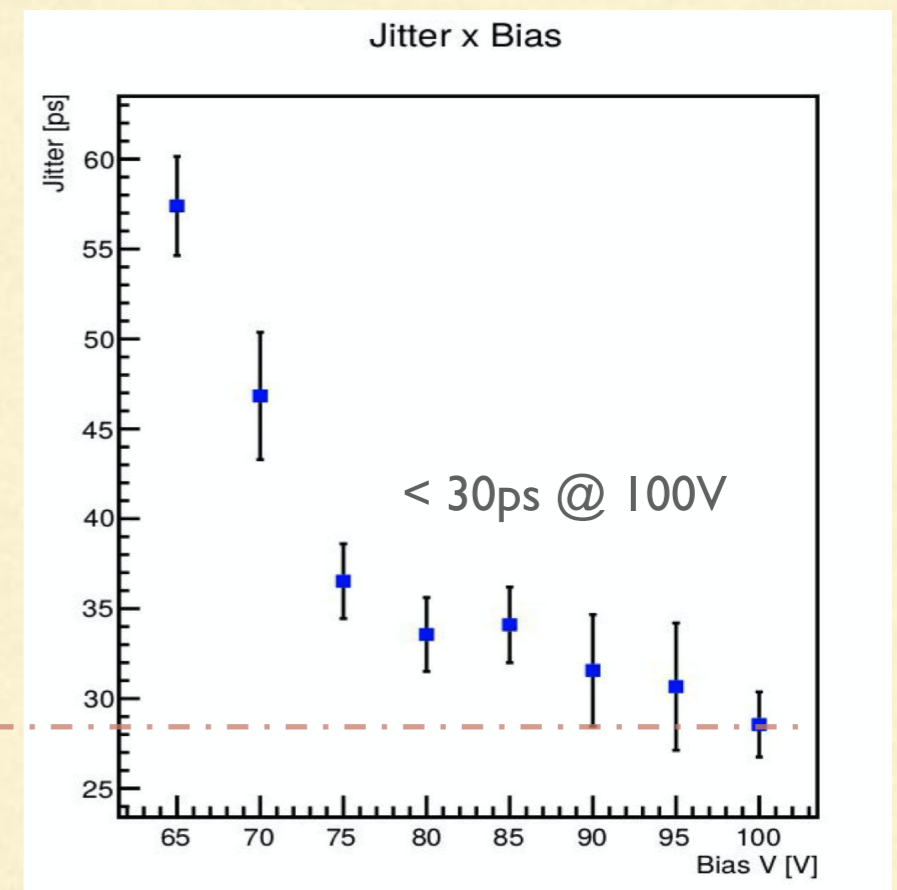
2x2 array



# LGAD SIGNAL PERFORMANCE (II)

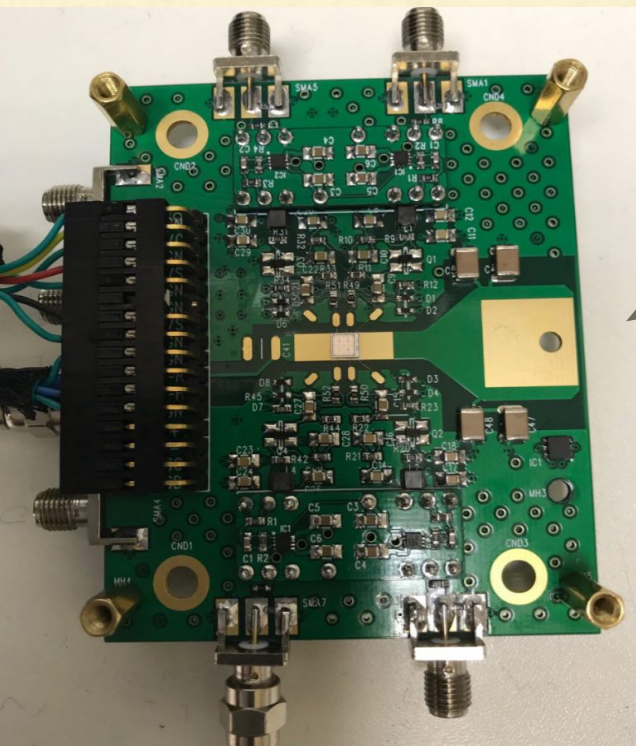
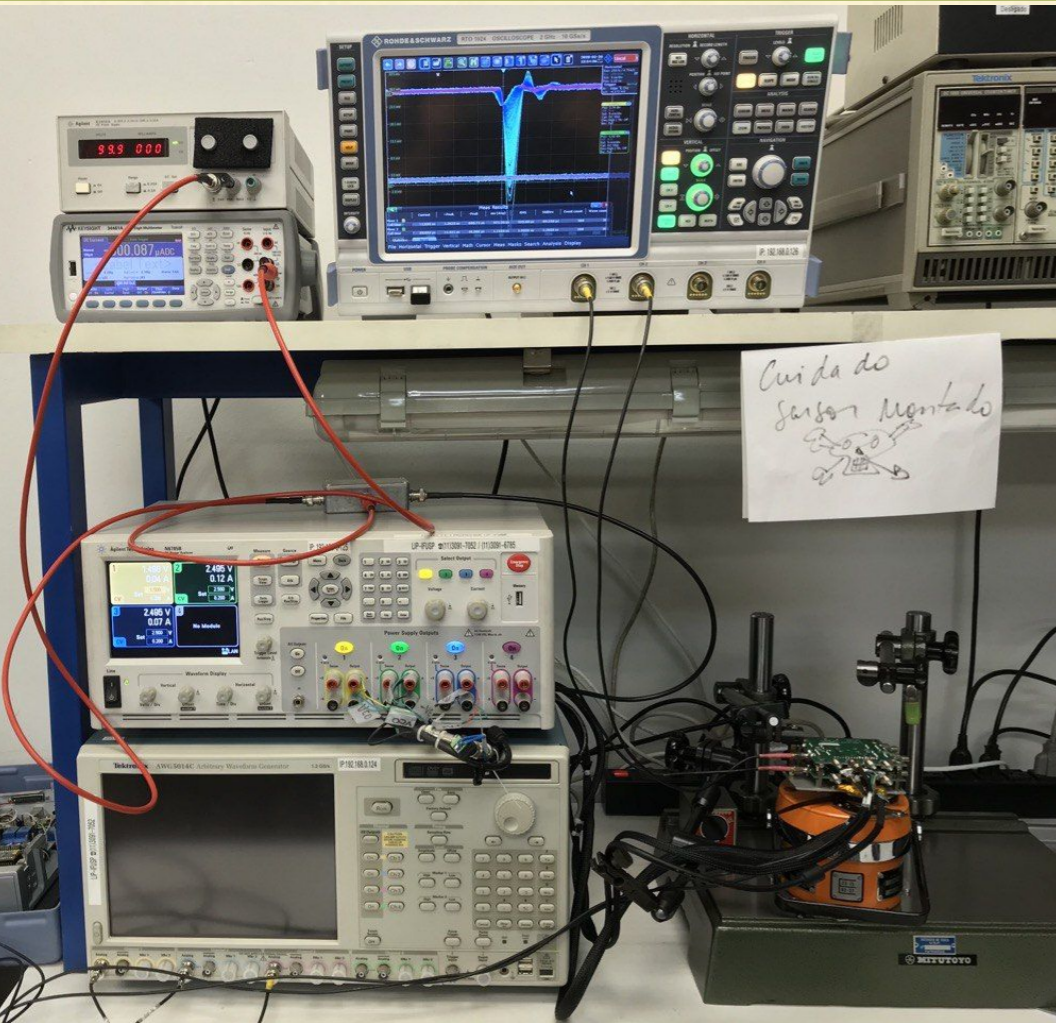
- Setup running @ USP, board designed @USP
- Bias @100V
- Total “Dark” Current measured on the board @100V : 145nA
- 1st stage amplification noise : 290uV rms (@ 2 GHz BW scope)
- Test signal : 250mV step (900ps rise time) into 0.5 pF injector cap
- Test temperature = 22°C

$^{90}\text{Sr}$  ( $\beta$ ) 1st stage sensor response



Area for cold finger contact

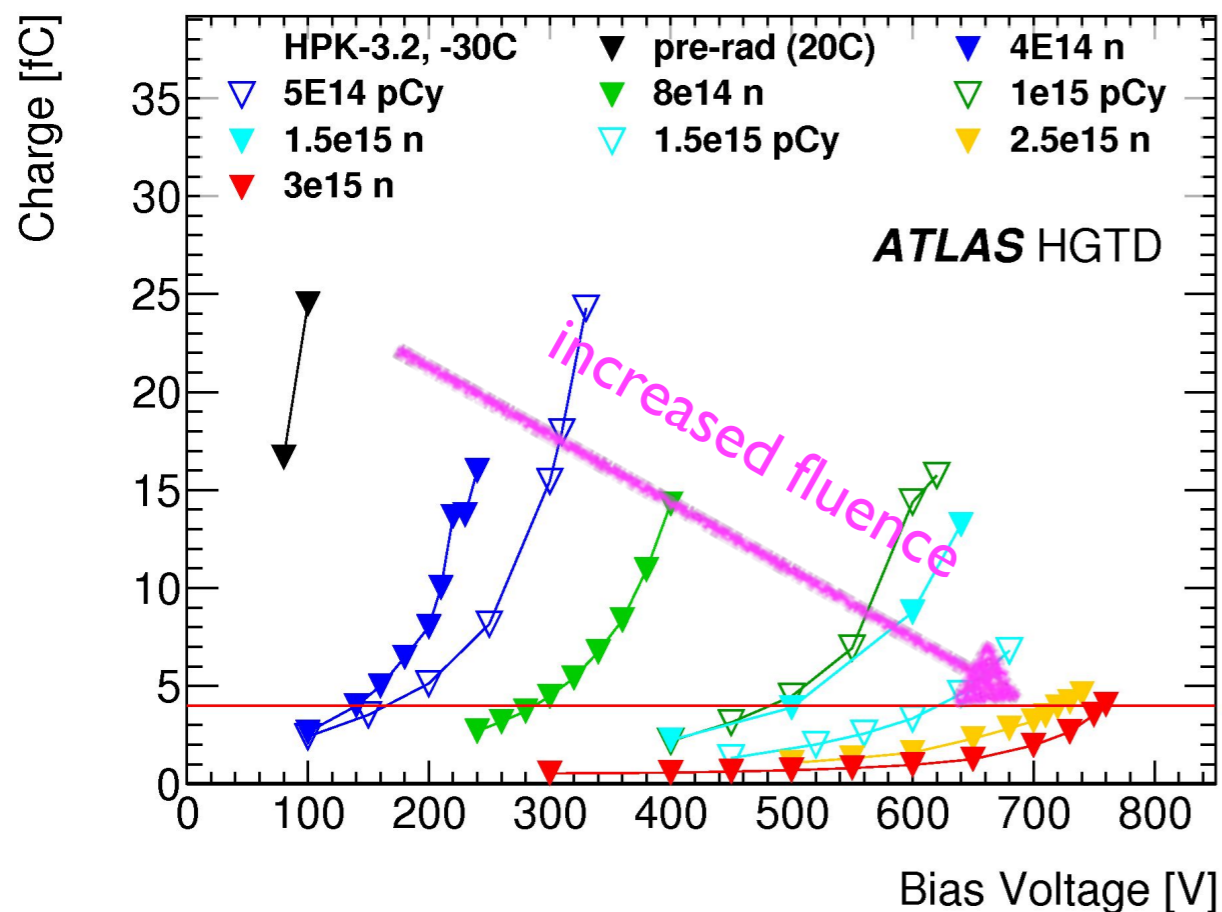
I2C temp sensor (SI7051,  $\pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$ )



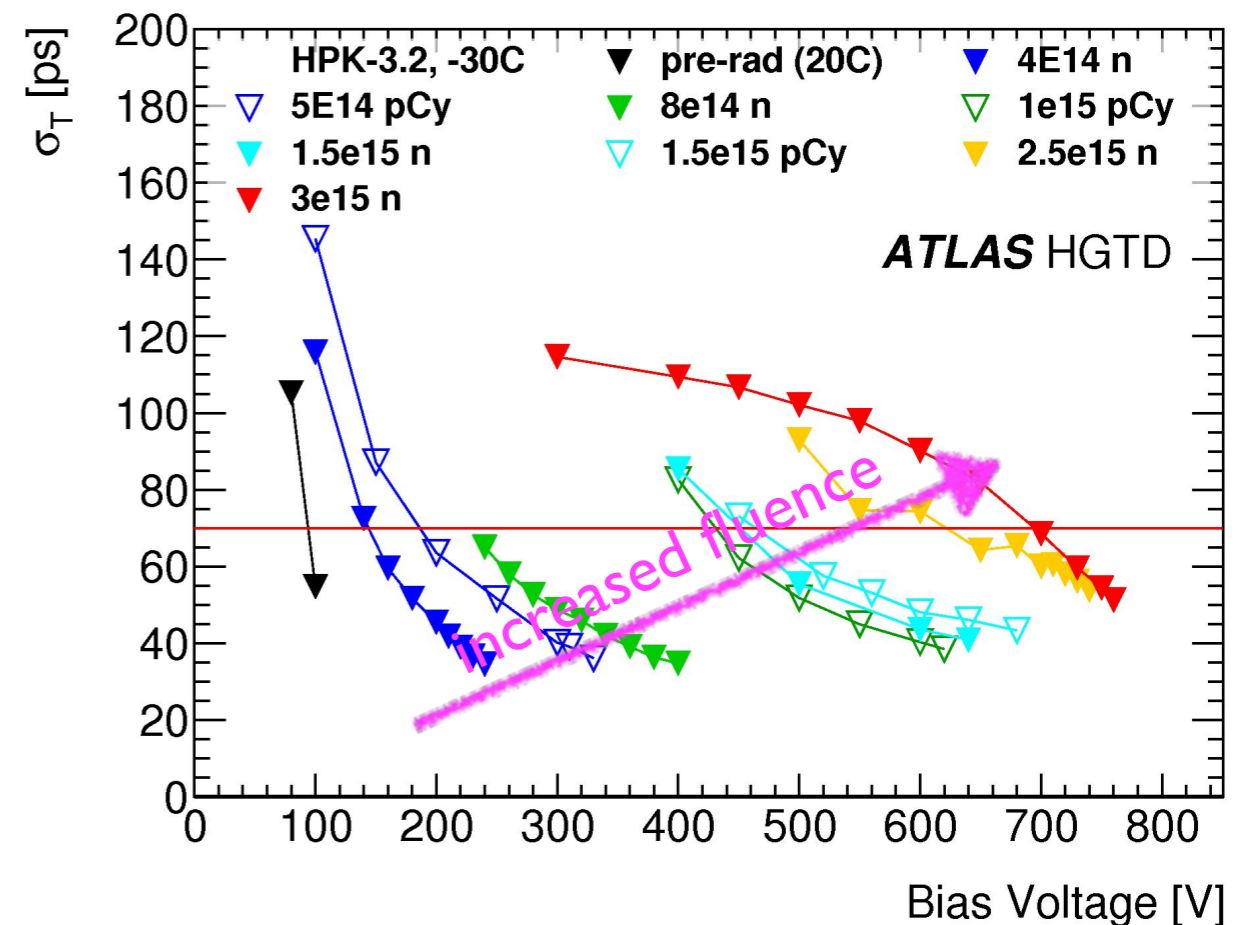
# RADIATION EFFECT ON DETECTOR PERFORMANCE

- Very harsh conditions at high luminosity and forward region
- Neutrons de-activates charge acceptors in the gain layer, TID increases the dark current
- Up to certain point, compensated by increasing the bias voltage
- Complex process, can be ameliorated with changes in geometry or addition of Carbon
- For the very forward region, replacement of the sensors during middle-life is the best approach to maintain the system performance throughout the HL-LHC lifetime

Produced charge



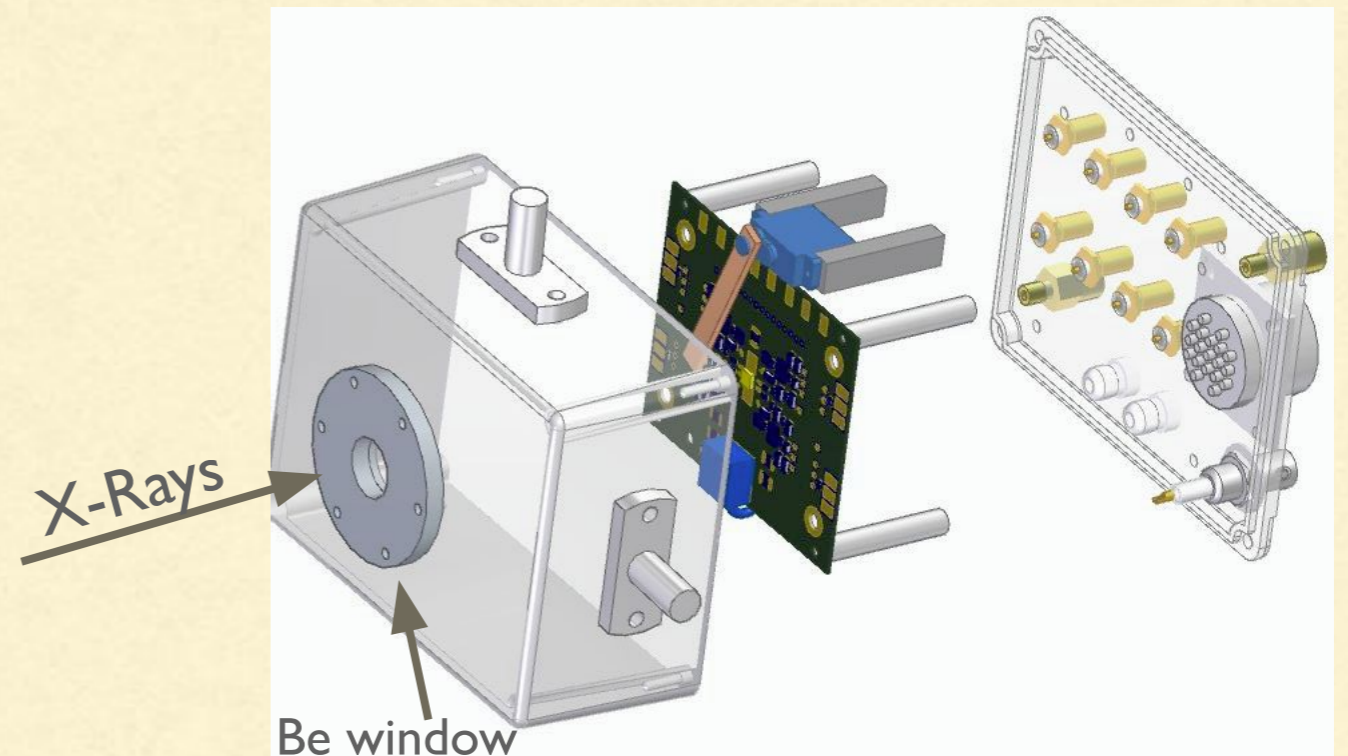
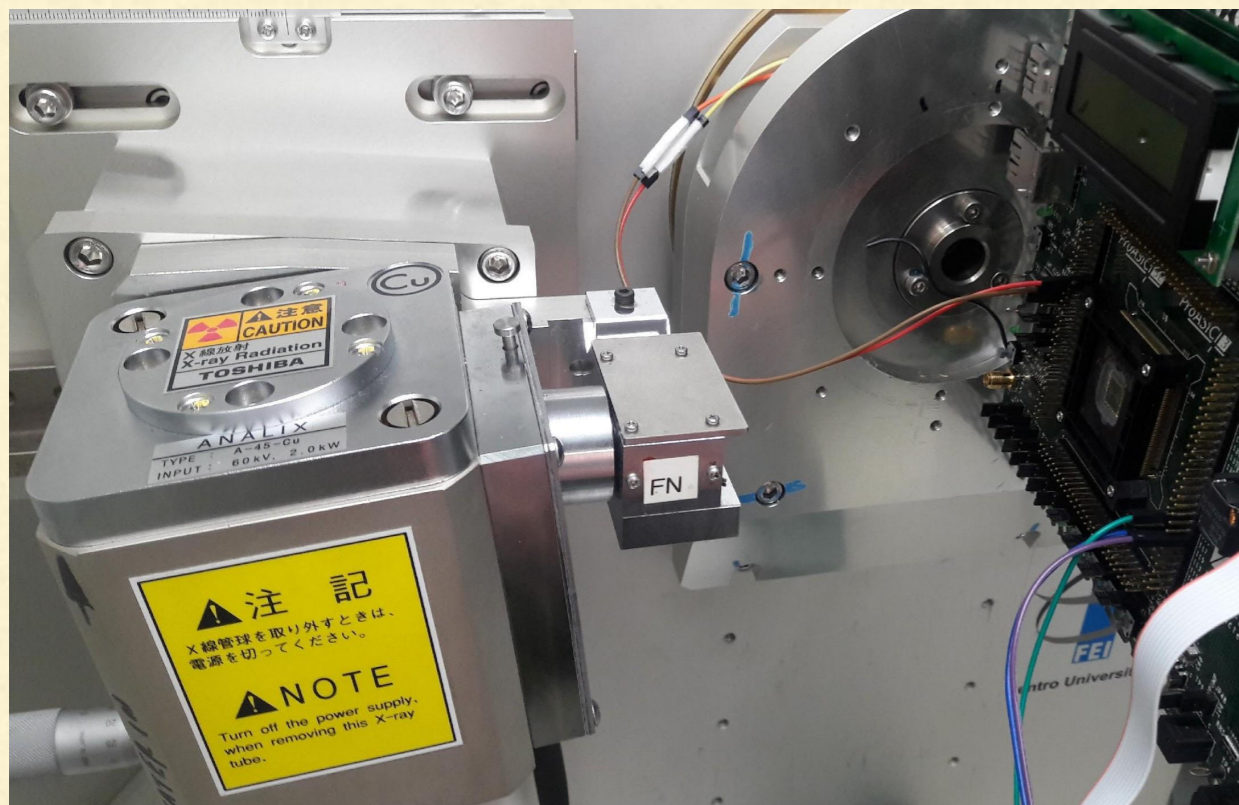
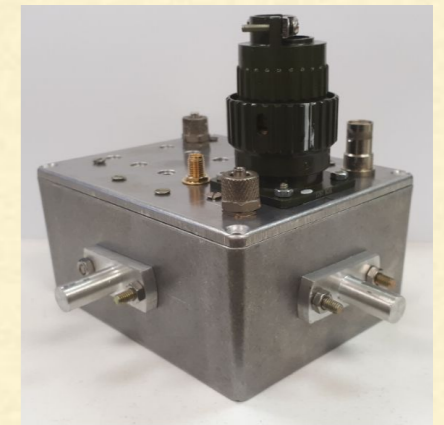
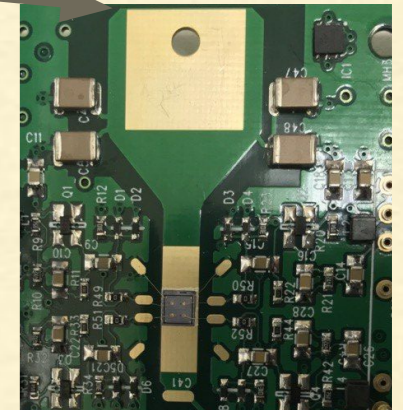
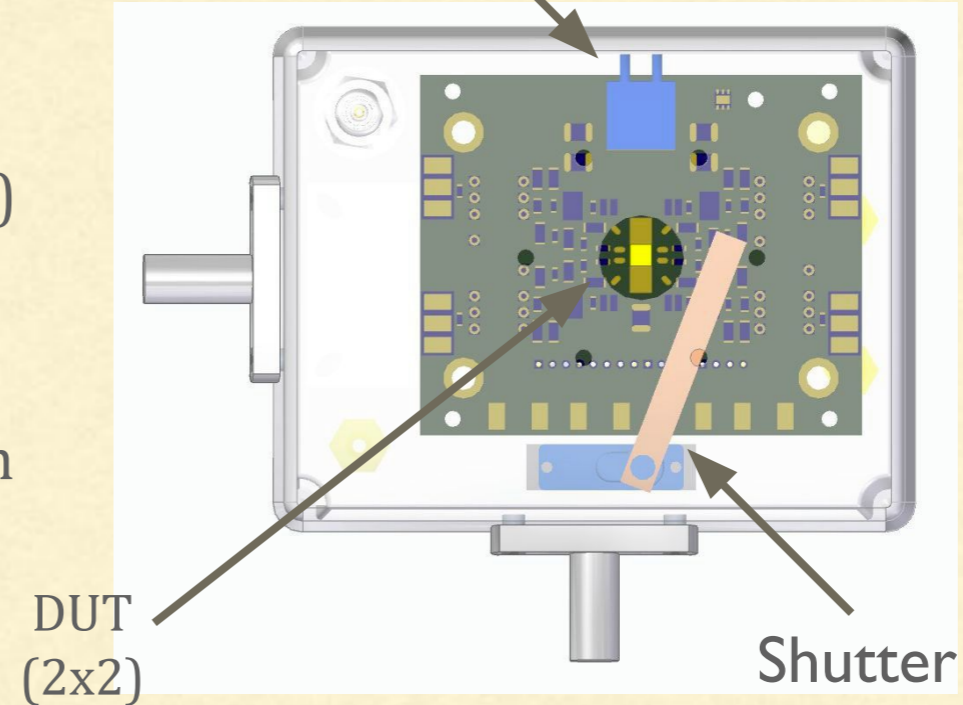
Timing resolution



# SETUP FOR RADIATION TESTS @FEI (TID)

- X-Ray generator (high dose - can get very close to the tube window)
- Sensor cooled to -20oC (liquid/air cooling)
- Sealed chambers N2 filled to avoid condensation
- Dynamic measurements during irradiation (IV, CV, Gain, Timing)
- Waiting for assembly... (☹️)

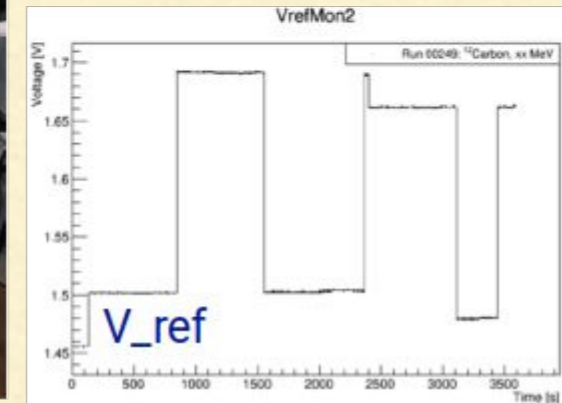
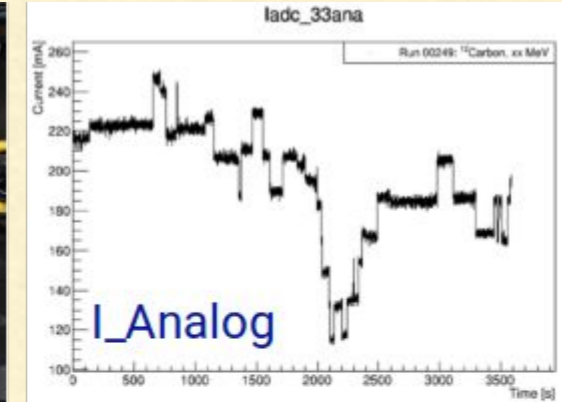
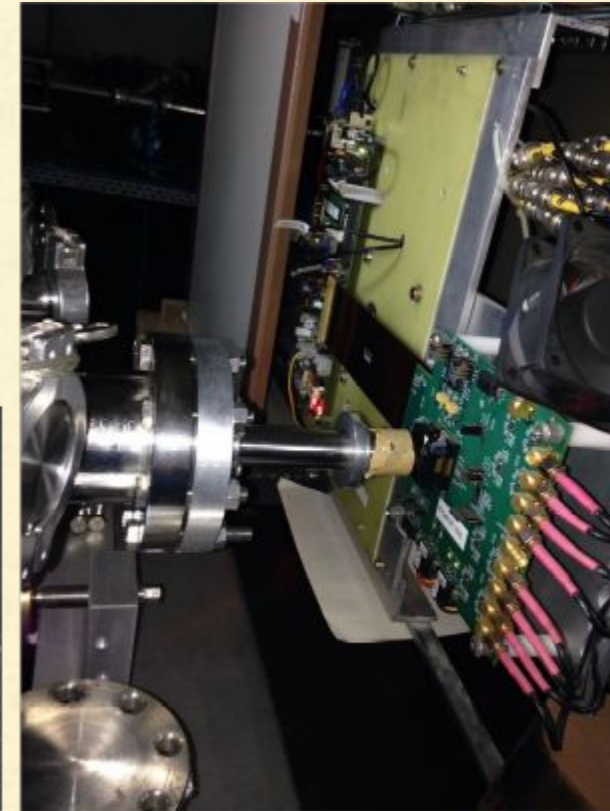
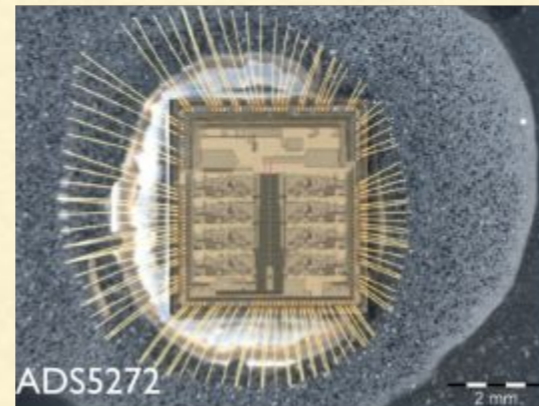
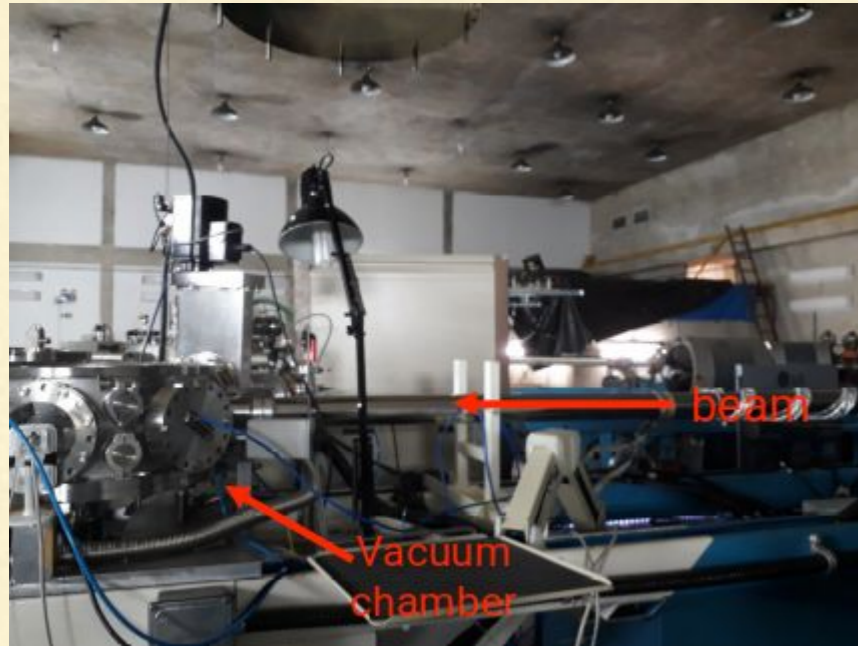
Refrigeration block





# IRRADIATION FACILITIES IN SÃO PAULO

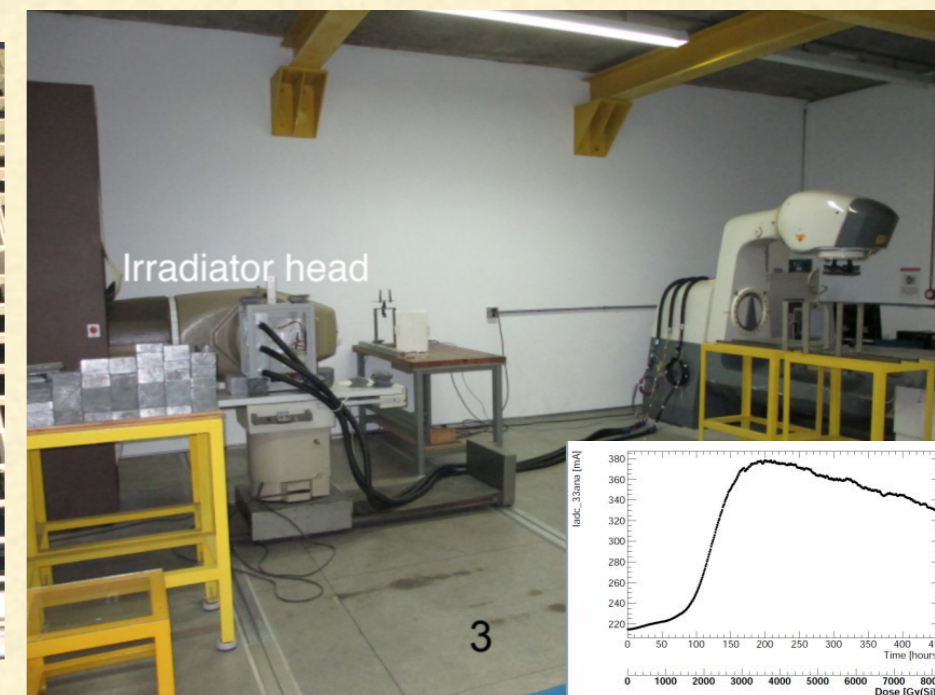
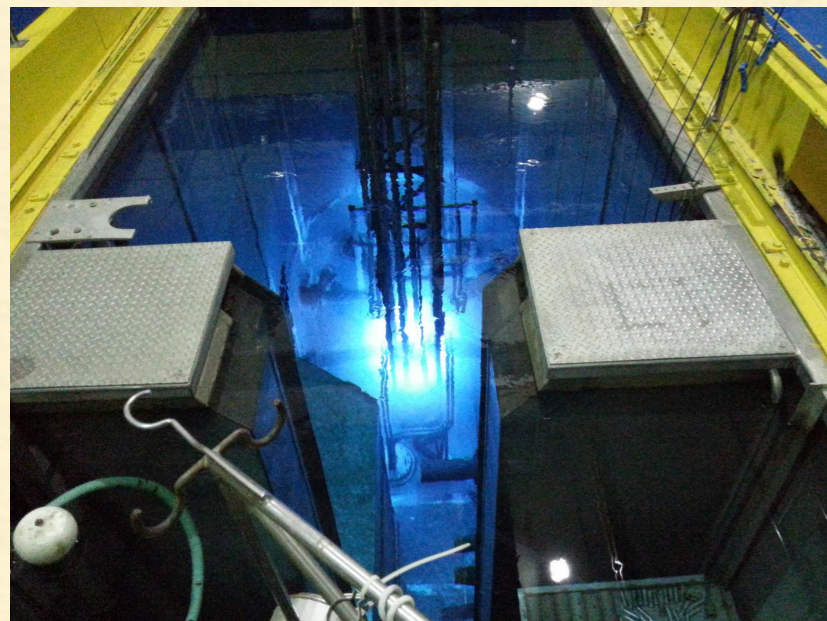
- On site Pelletron accelerator: protons (14 MeV) to Ag (110MeV)
- Allows testing the device while being irradiated

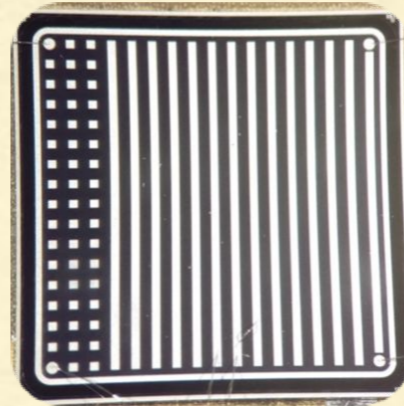


- On site 5 MW research reactor
- $\sim 10^{12}$  n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>s (up to  $10^{13}$  near the core)

- On site 1 MCu industrial <sup>60</sup>Co irradiator

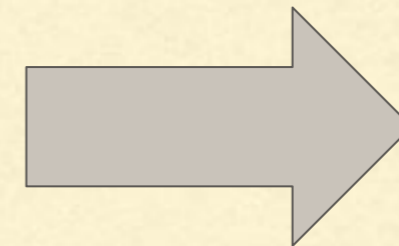
- Off site <sup>60</sup>Co source
- $\sim 36$  Gy/h collimated
- Device can be tested while irradiated





## LGADS FOR LOW ENERGY X-RAY DETECTION

- *Giving the knowledge acquired in HEP by the group ...*
- *Giving the significant infrastructure available at the Universities ...*
- *Giving that LGAD design is rather simple ...*
- *What level of design/fabrication/qualification can we achieve in :*
  - *simulation*
  - *masks*
  - *implantation*
  - *fabrication*
  - *assembly*
  - *testing (including irradiation)*
  - *readout system*
- *How can we better explore the unprecedented timing and radiation hard characteristics of LGADS for local low energy X-Ray detection (aiming for a full detector system)?*



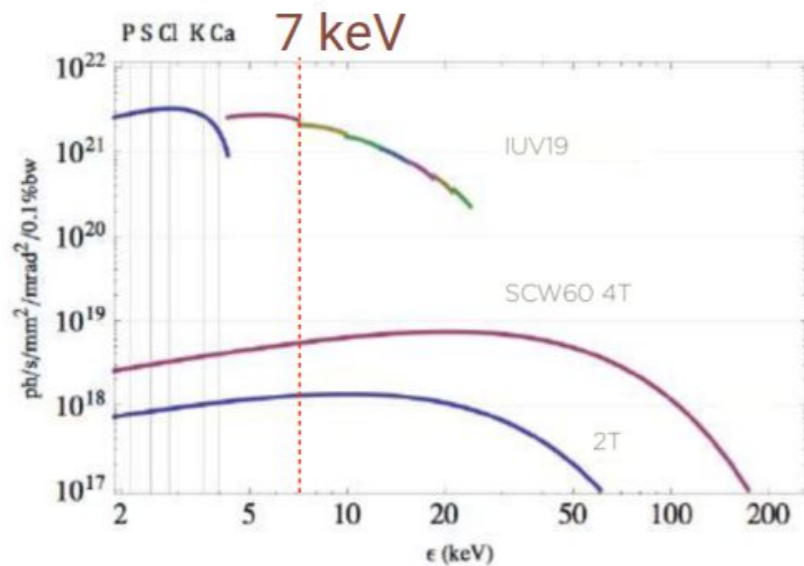
*Towards a facility  
for semiconductor  
radiation detectors  
R&D*

# LGADS FOR X-RAY APPLICATIONS

- Low energy X-Rays detection
- Internal gain allows detection of X-Rays that deposit a charge that is too small for Si planar detectors (noise)

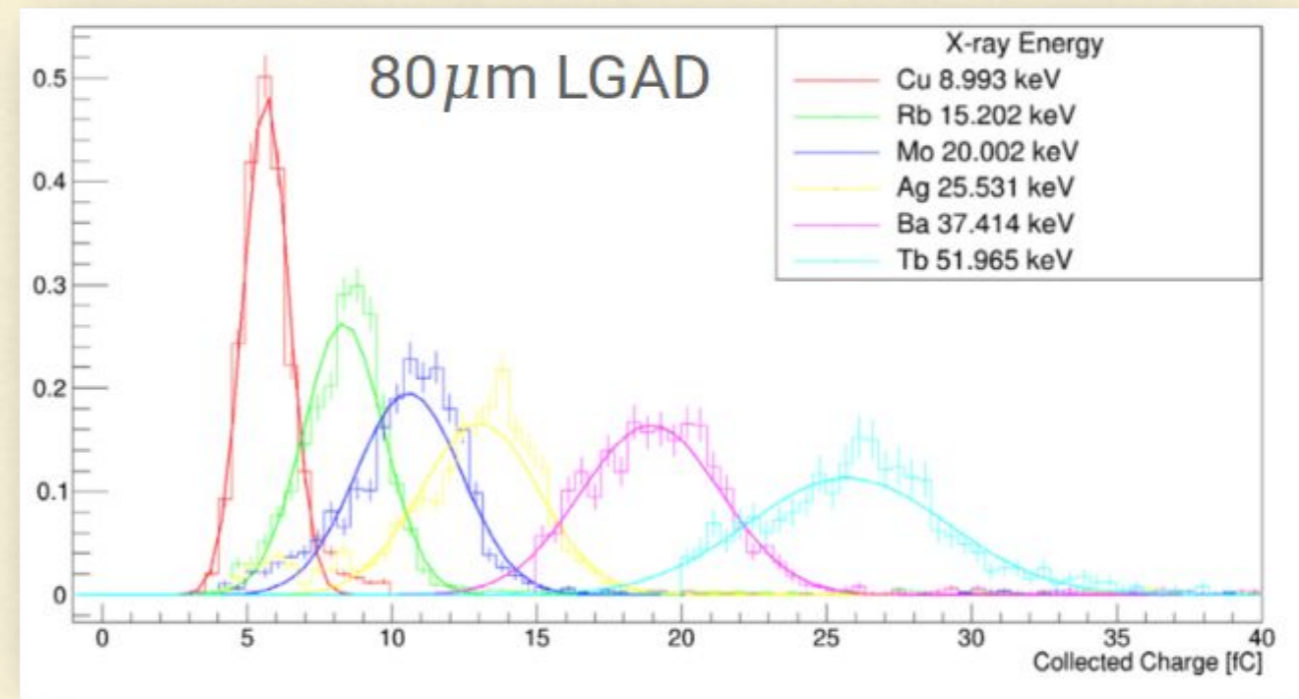
X-Ray absorption for several LGAD thicknesses

	2keV	5keV	7keV
50um	100%	94%	67%
100um	100%	100%	89%
300um	100%	100%	100%



Brilho das fontes de raios X do Sirius: IUUV19: onduladores de raios X em vácuo, SCW60: wiggler de 4T e 2T: dipolos de 2 T. A posição das bordas K de absorção de elementos químicos importantes estão apresentadas no canto esquerdo superior da figura

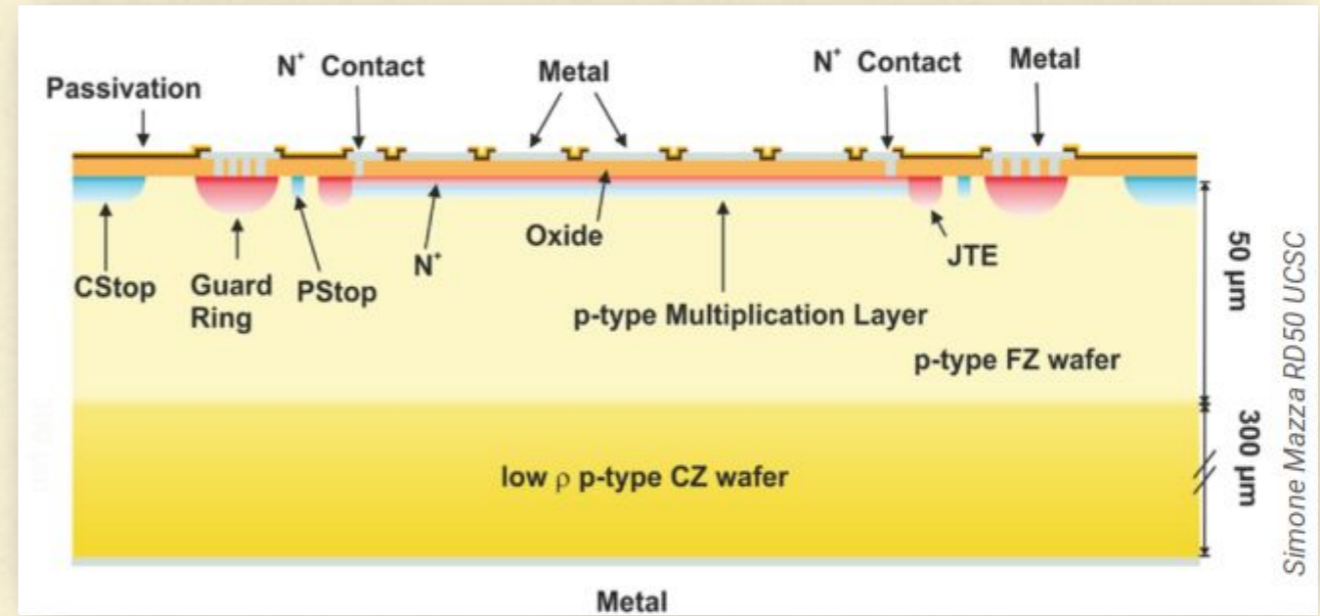
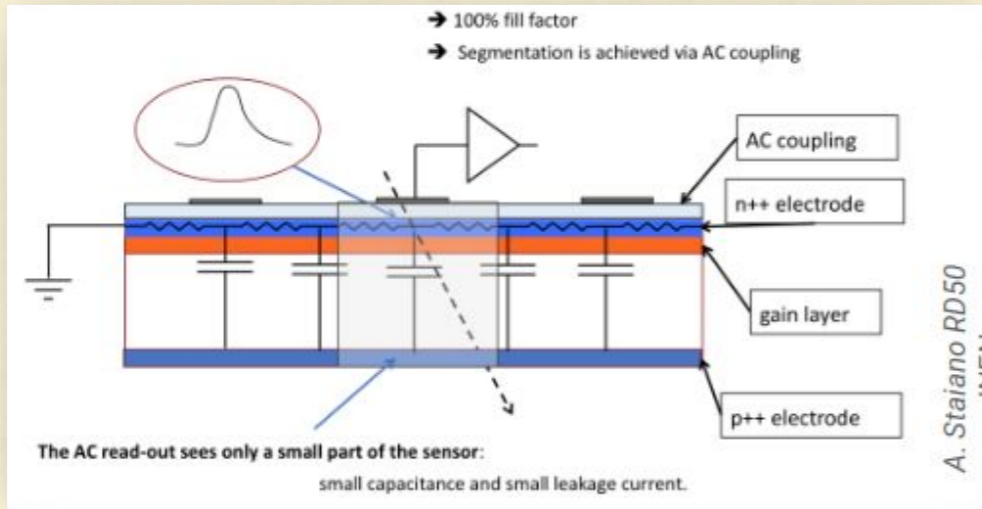
<sup>241</sup>Am - Aversham variable X-Ray source



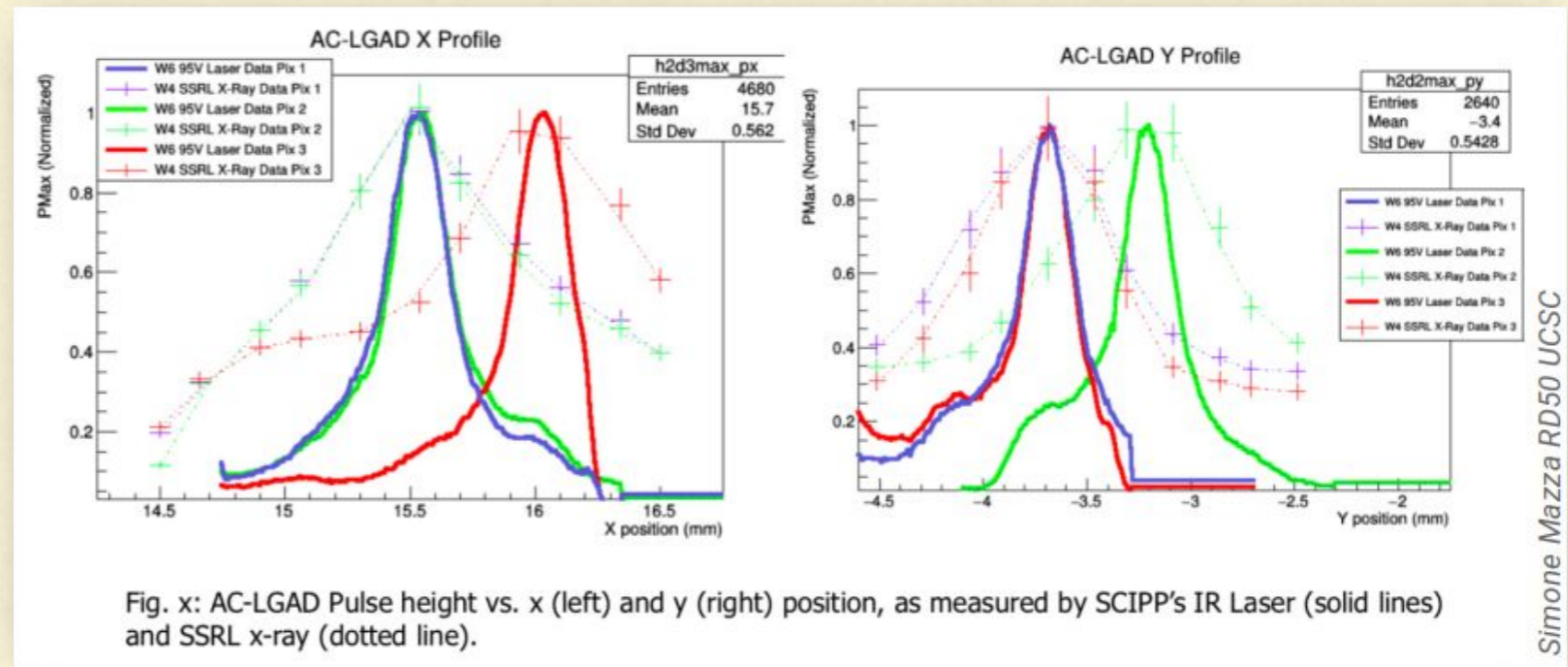
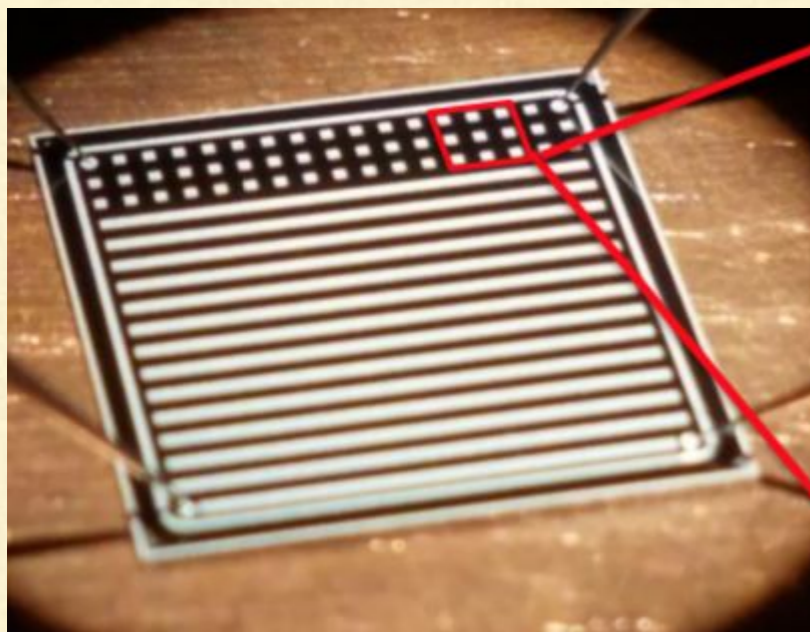
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# LGADS FOR X-RAY APPLICATIONS

- Geometry allows high segmentation in electrodes
- Segmentation in readout pads
- AC coupling through a continuous oxide layer above the multiplication layer



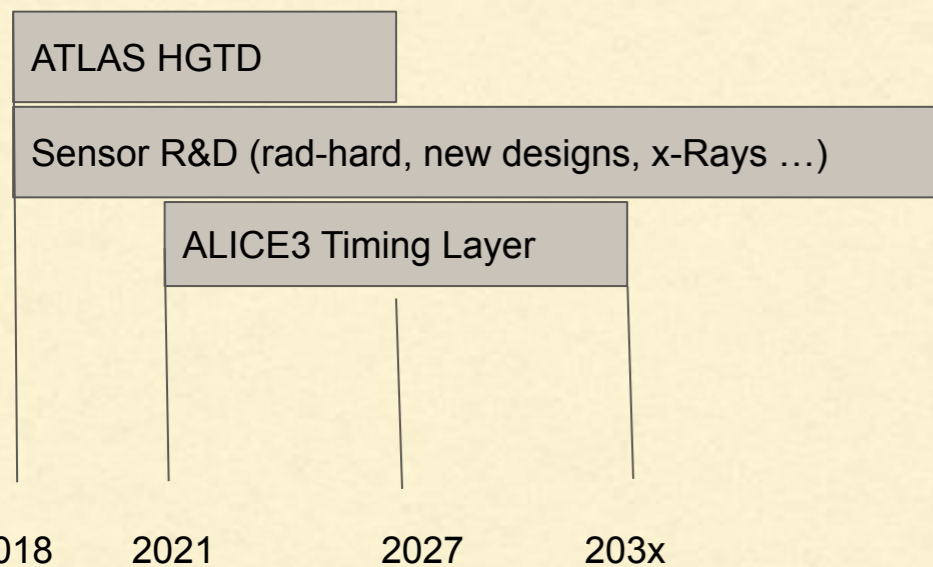
- Prototype of 8.4x8.4 mm<sup>2</sup>
- 14 strips (50 μm width)
- 49 pixels (0.2x0.2 mm<sup>2</sup>, 0.5 mm gap)



# FINAL REMARKS

- 4D tracking presents the best strategy for pileup mitigation @ HL-LHC experiments
- Needs state-of-the-art, radiation-hard ultrafast (ps) semiconductor detectors
- The group activities are currently focused on sensor testing and qualification preparation for ATLAS, soon to start irradiation with neutrons at IPEN reactor.
- New LGAD concepts allows fine pixelation; a very interesting solution for for very high intensity, low energy X-Ray applications. **This has already been discussed with the Sirius instrumentation group.**
- Very new technology with many opportunities for contribution :

- Timing (low resolution ...)



- Costs (variation expected)

- Sensors, installation and electronics :  $\approx$ US\$ 250k
- Infrastructure for all local labs (HV, low T) :  $\approx$ US\$ 450k (and beyond ...)
- Materials & services :  $\approx$ US\$ 250k
- Manpower & Mobility : TBD ...



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## 3.1 Silicon Detectors (WP1)

Most future experiments will rely on silicon technology for tracking and vertexing. To address the main challenges outlined above, four activities are foreseen.

- Development of **hybrid pixel sensors** with advanced features to be combined with high performance readout ASICs. These developments target small pixels, high-resolution timing and high-rate applications and comprise studies of various planar and LGAD sensor designs, as well as an ASIC development for very high speed and fine timing.

# BACKUP

# HGTD PARAMETERS

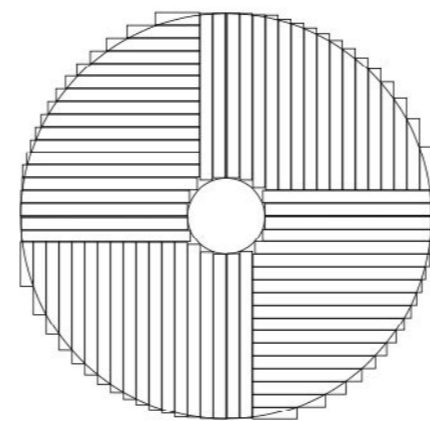
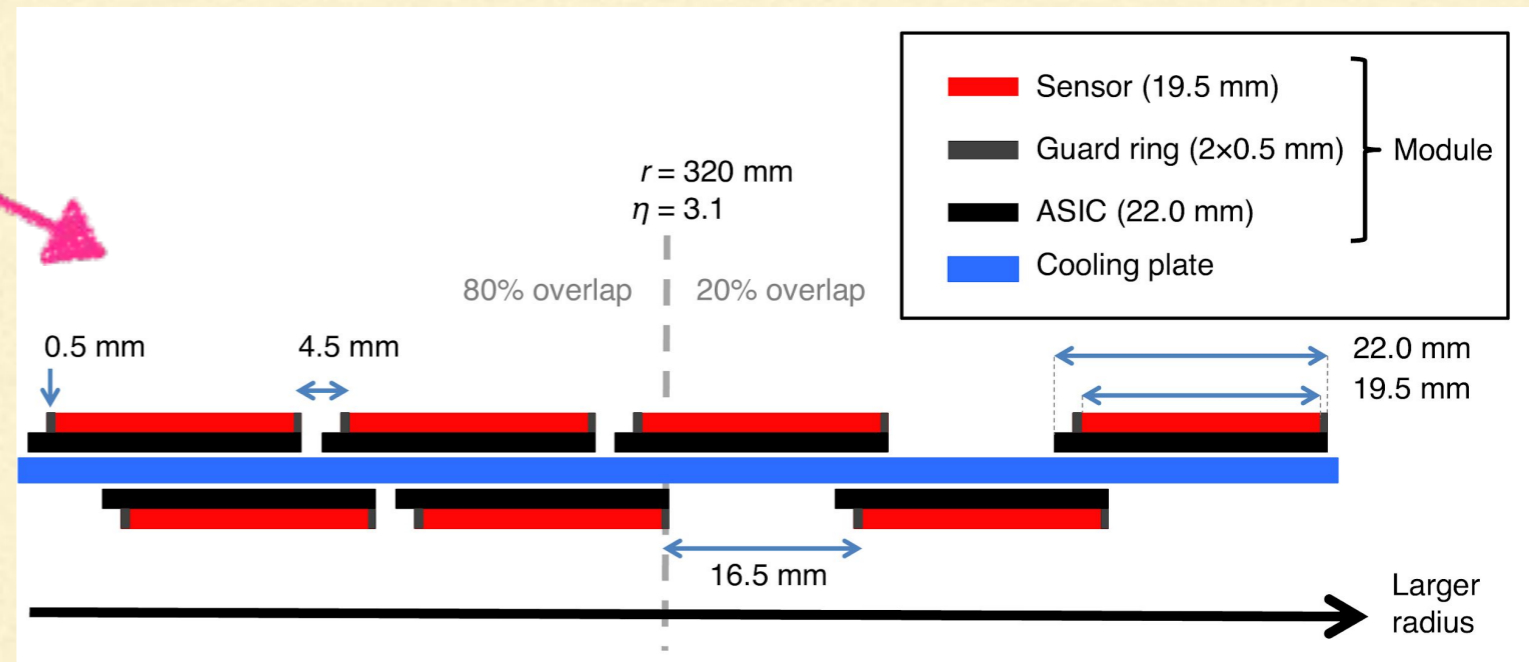
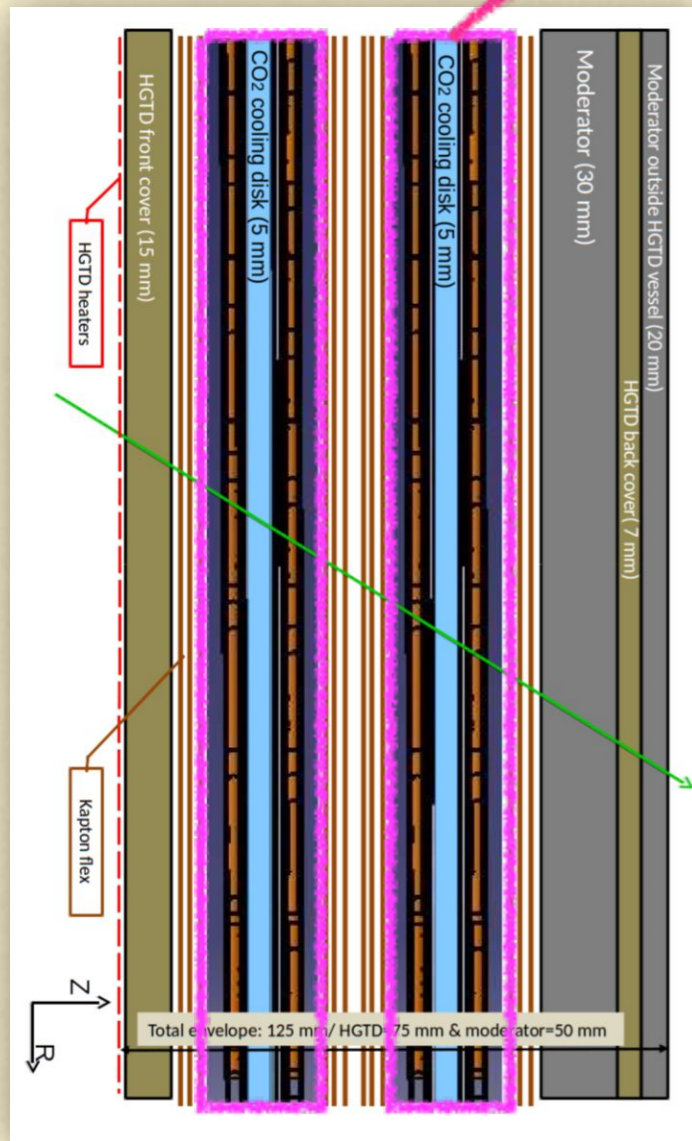
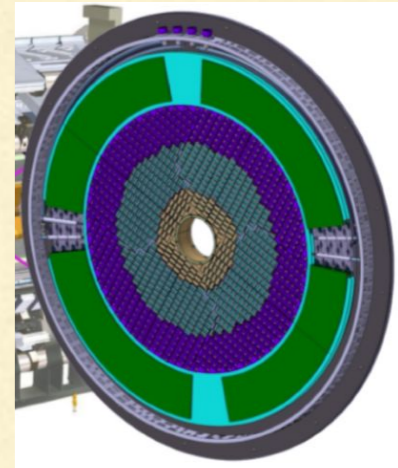
Pseudorapidity coverage	$2.4 <  \eta  < 4.0$
Thickness in $z$	75 mm (+50 mm moderator)
Position of active layers in $z$	$3435 \text{ mm} < z < 3485 \text{ mm}$
Radial extension:	
Total	$110 \text{ mm} < R < 1000 \text{ mm}$
Active area	$120 \text{ mm} < R < 640 \text{ mm}$
Time resolution per track	30 ps
Number of hits per track:	
$2.4 <  \eta  < 3.1$	2
$3.1 <  \eta  < 4.0$	3
Pixel size	$1.3 \times 1.3 \text{ mm}^2$
Number of channels	3.54M
Active area	$6.3 \text{ m}^2$

Table 2.1: Main parameters of the HGTD.

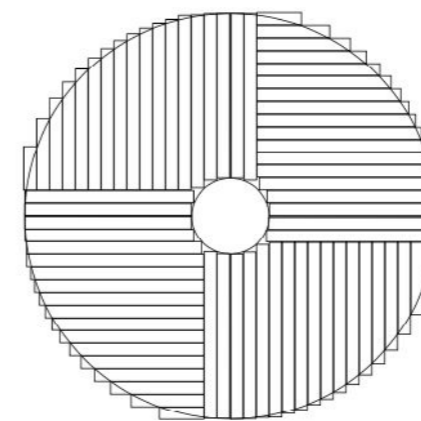


# ATLAS HIGH GRANULARITY TIMING DETECTOR - HGTD

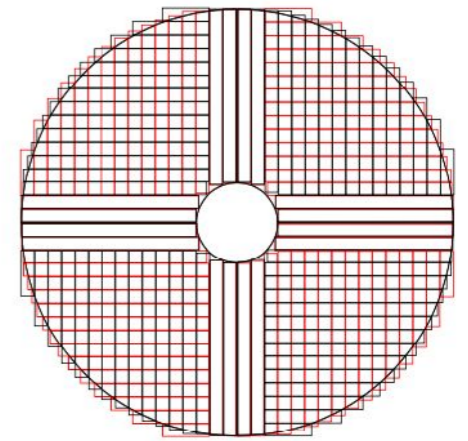
- Silicon based sensors of  $1.3 \times 1.3 \text{ mm}^2$  in active area
- Grouped in a matrix of  $30 \times 15$  sensors ( $40 \times 20 \text{ mm}^2$ )
- 2 double layered disks ( $6 \text{ m}^2$  silicon)
- sensors variable overlap (larger in the internal region)
- Separate in 3 rings that can be replaced to preserve the performance after irradiation
- Cooled to  $-30 \text{ C}$



(a) First cooling disk



(b) Second cooling disk

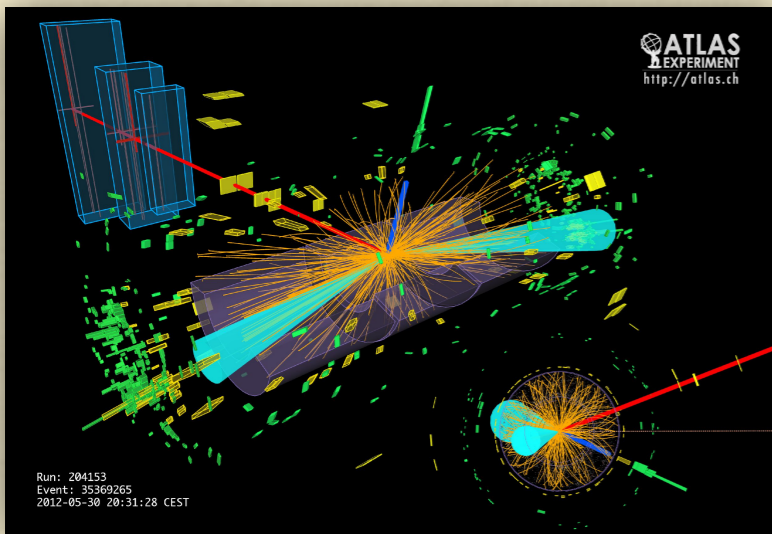
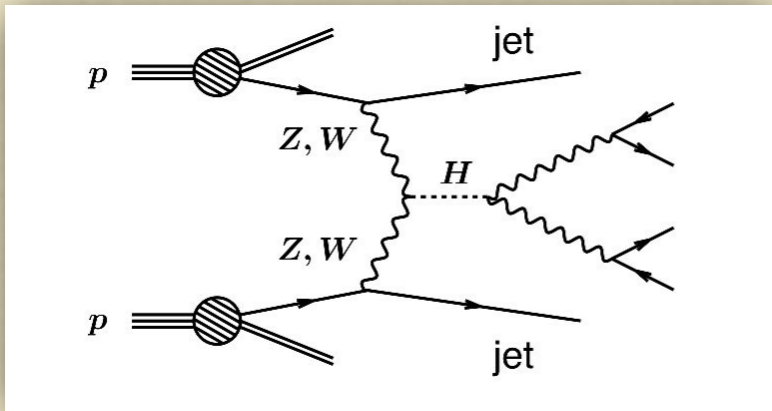


(c) Overlay

# PHYSICS IMPACT OF HGTD

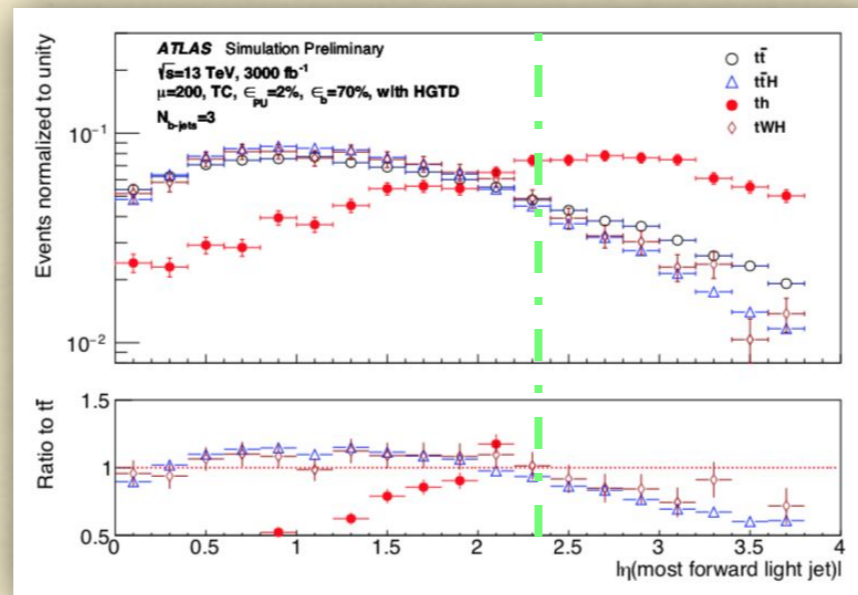
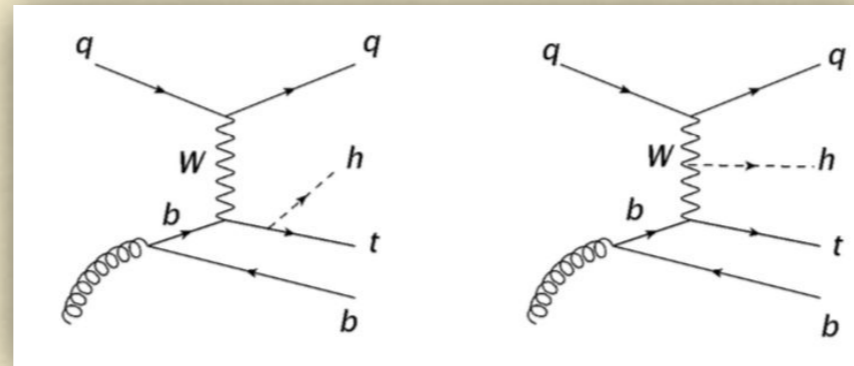
(I)

- **Vector Boson Fusion (VBF)**
  - VBF: 2 forward jets, bosons reconstructed in the central region
  - $H \rightarrow WW^*$
- HL-LHC enters the era of precision measurements in the Higgs sector



(II)

- **Yukawa coupling top - Higgs**
  - $tH \rightarrow b\bar{b}$
  - Signature: 1 lepton and 4 or 5 jets (2 b-tagged)
  - One of the jets  $|\eta| > 2.4$



(III)

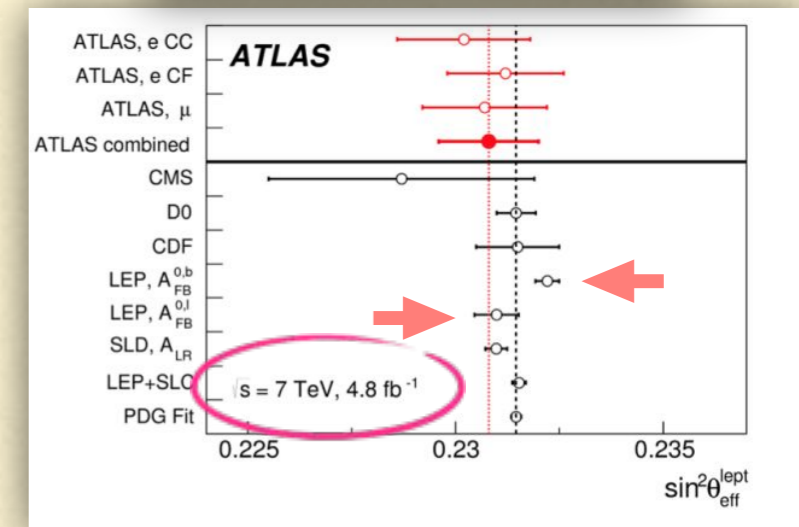
- **Weak mixing angle ( $\sin^2\theta$ ) meas.**
  - asymmetry in angular distribution of  $l^+$  and  $l^-$  from Z decay (forward/backward asymmetry)
  - leptons are classified in CC, CF, FF (C  $\rightarrow$  central  $\rightarrow |\eta| < 2.4$ , F  $\rightarrow 2.5 < |\eta| < 4.2$ )
  - the 2 most precise measurements differs  $3\sigma$

$$\cos\theta_{CS}^* = \frac{p_{z,\ell\ell}}{|p_{z,\ell\ell}|} \frac{2(p_1^+ p_2^- - p_1^- p_2^+)}{m_{\ell\ell} \sqrt{m_{\ell\ell}^2 + p_{T,\ell\ell}^2}}$$

$\cos\theta_{CS}^* \geq 0 \rightarrow$  Forward  
 $\cos\theta_{CS}^* < 0 \rightarrow$  Backward

$$A_{FB} = \frac{\sigma_F - \sigma_B}{\sigma_F + \sigma_B},$$

$$A_{FB} = \frac{N_{\cos\theta_{CS}^* \geq 0} - N_{\cos\theta_{CS}^* < 0}}{N_{\cos\theta_{CS}^* \geq 0} + N_{\cos\theta_{CS}^* < 0}}$$

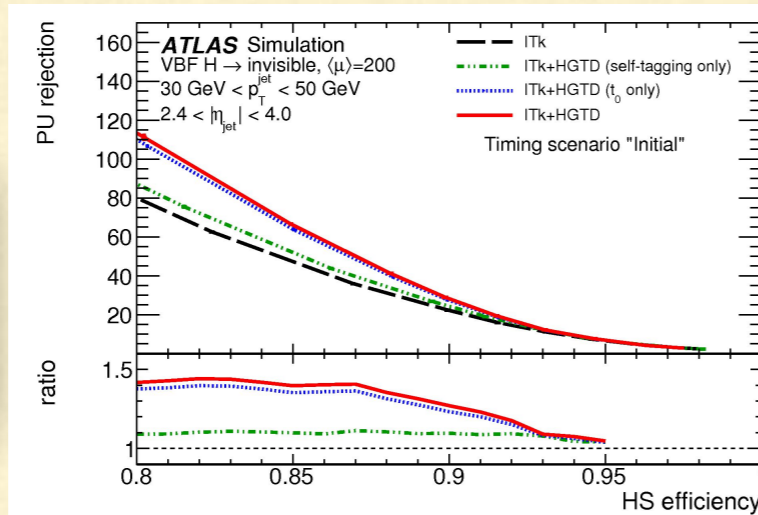
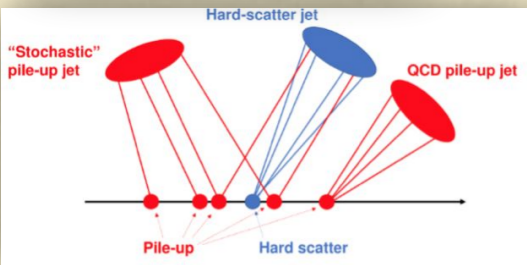


# HGTD IMPACT ON PERFORMANCE OBJECTS

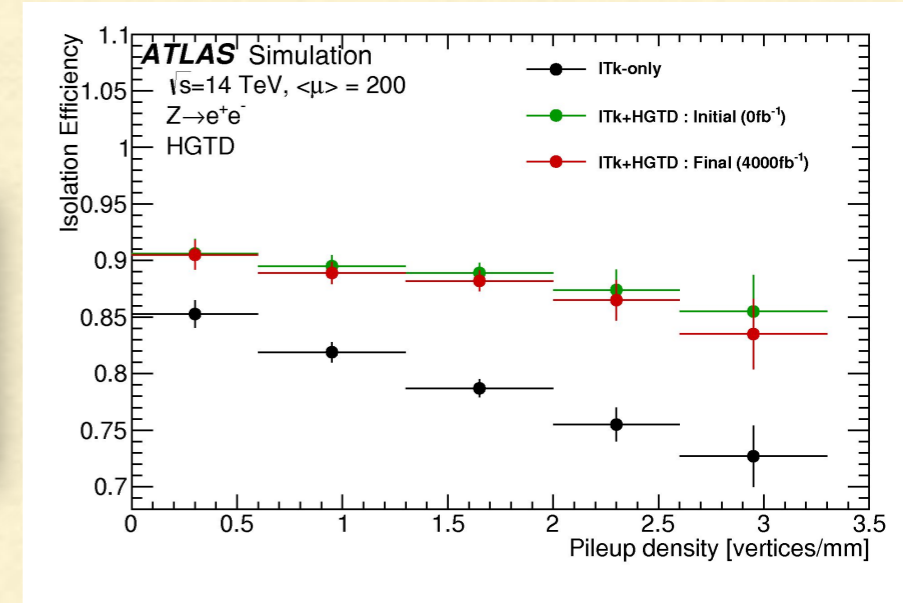
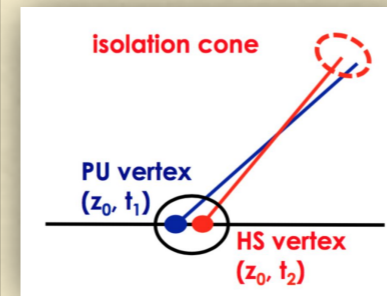
## Pileup jet suppression

$R_{pT}$  very powerful discriminant, but requires rigorous track-vertex association

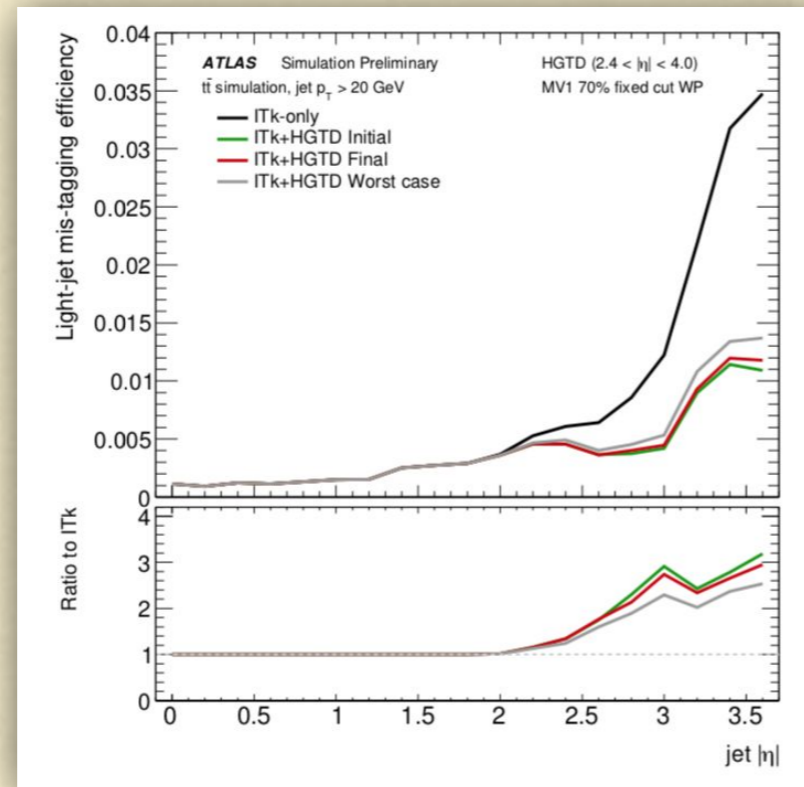
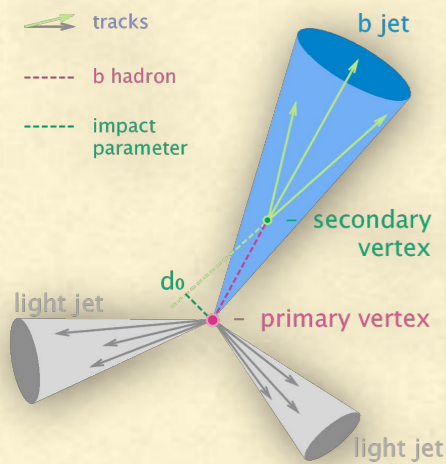
$$R_{pT} = \frac{\sum p_T^{\text{trk}}(PV_0)}{p_T^{\text{jet}}}$$



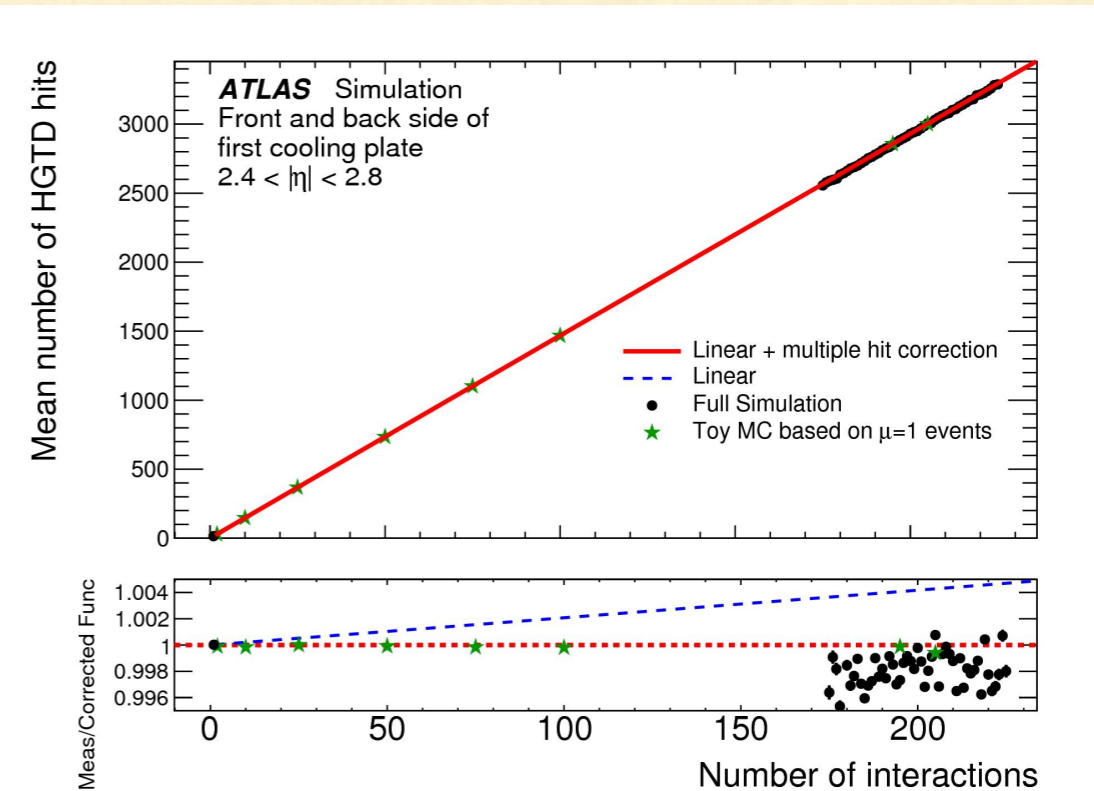
## Leptonic isolation



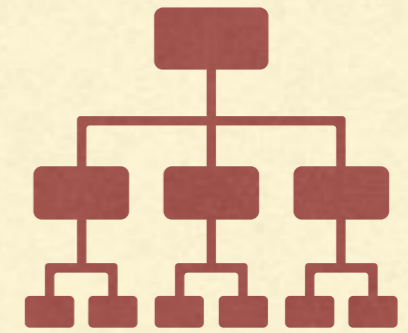
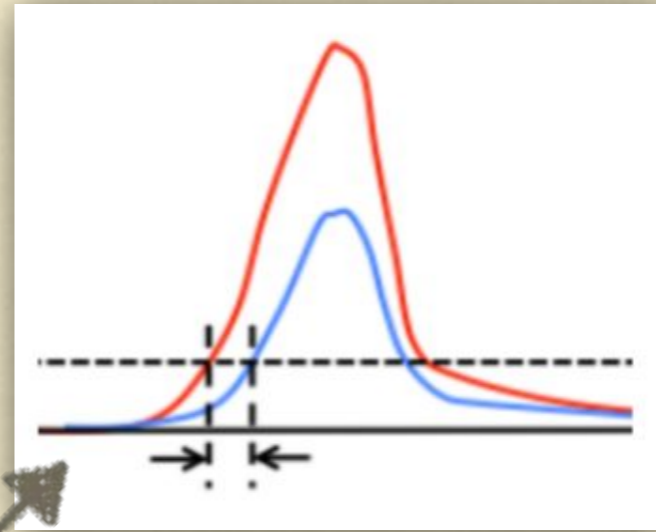
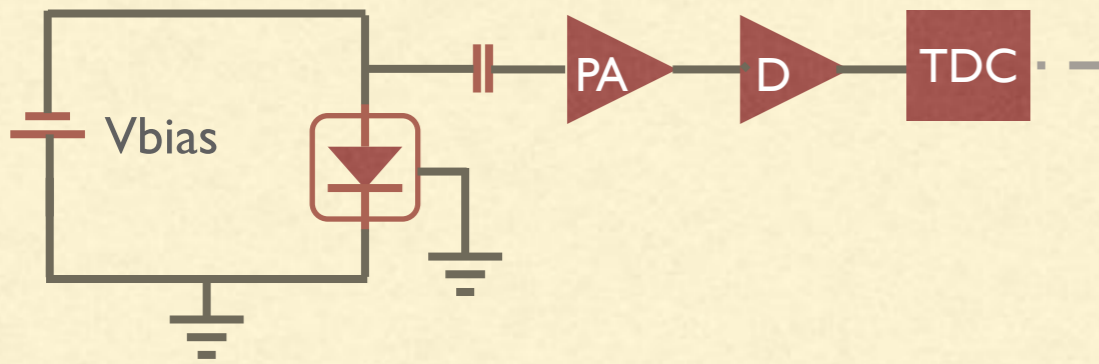
## Heavy flavor tagging



## Instantaneous luminosity measurements (per BCID)



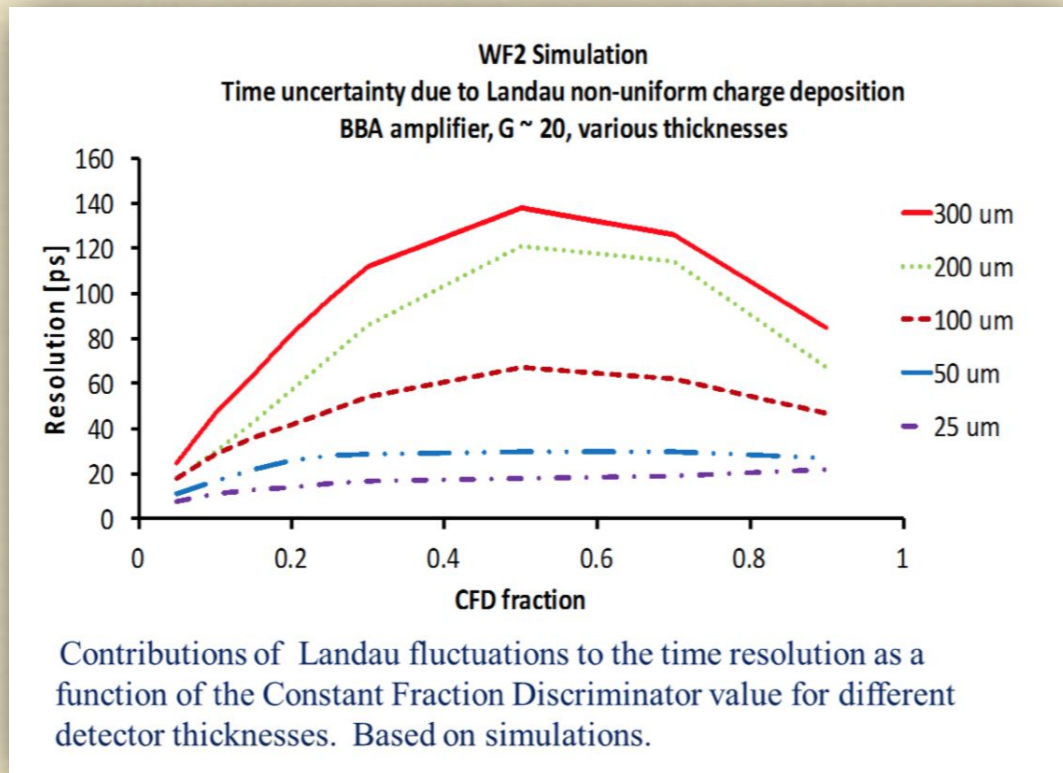
# LOW GAIN AVALANCHE DETECTOR (LGAD)



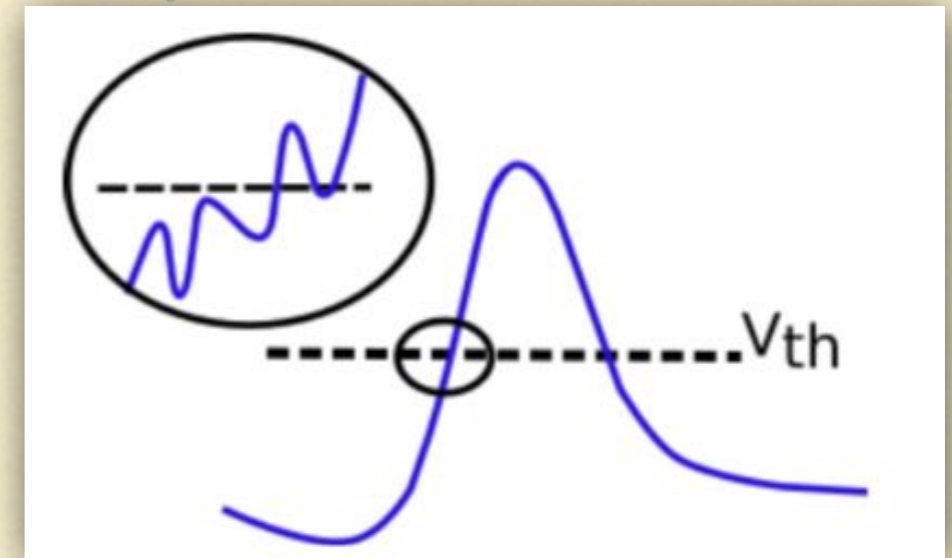
Clock tree

Total  
Timing  
Resolution:

$$\sigma_T^2 = \sigma_L^2 + \sigma_{TW}^2 + \sigma_{jitter}^2 + \sigma_{clock}^2$$

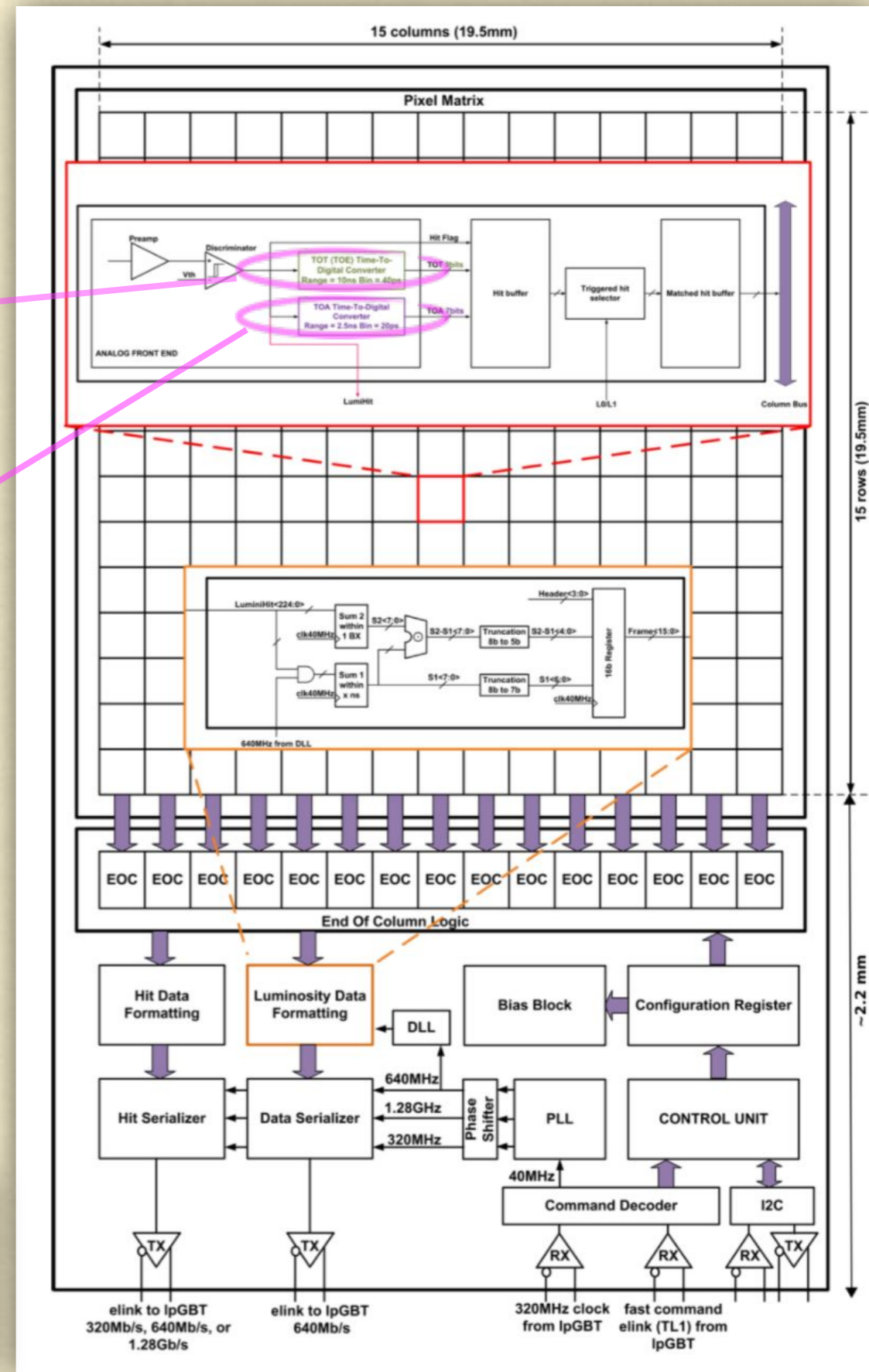
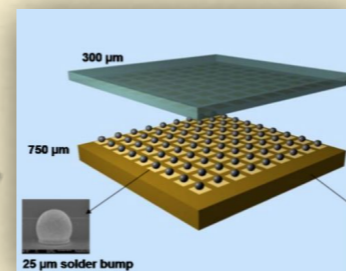
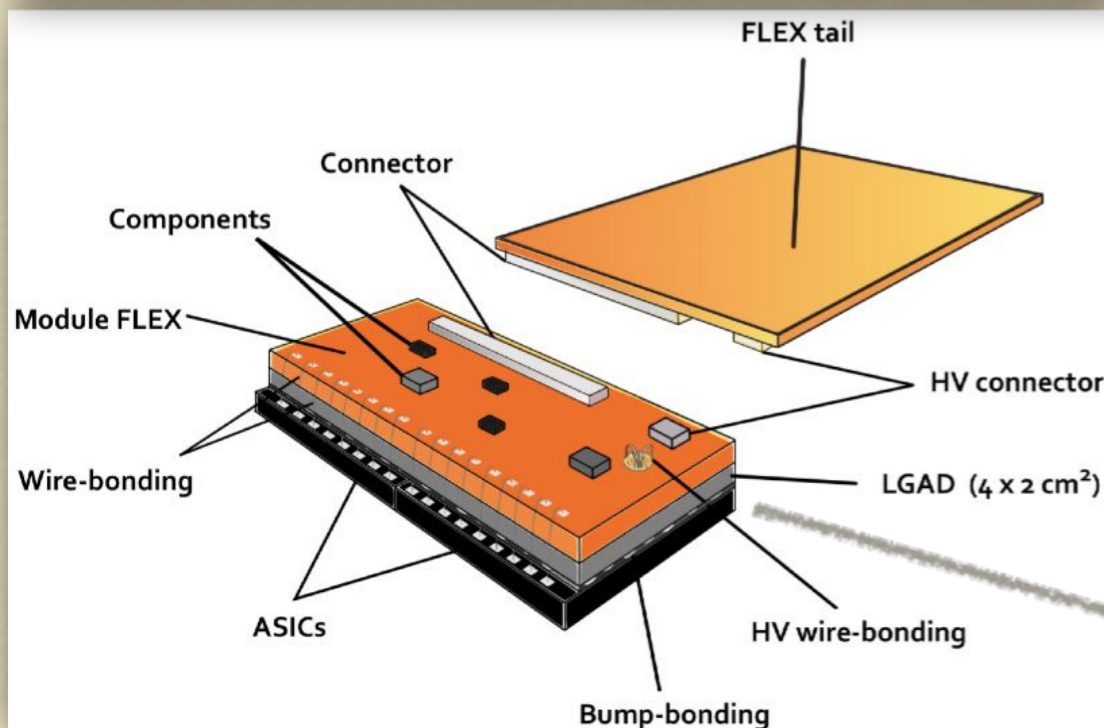
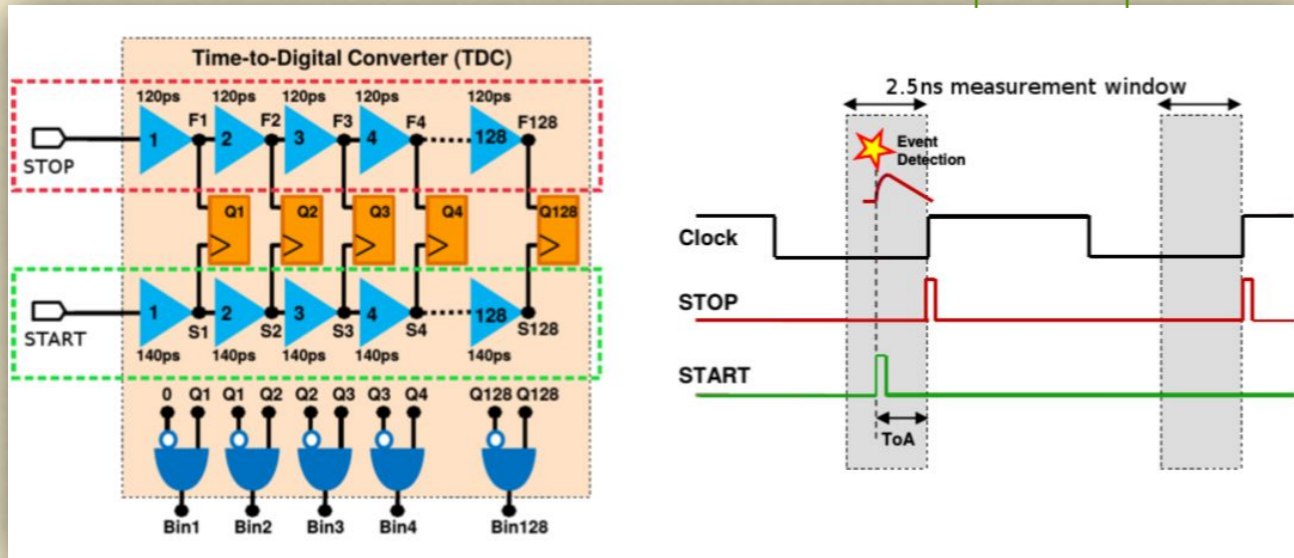
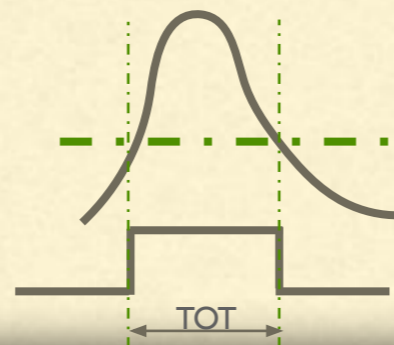


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# FRONT END ELECTRONICS

## Front End

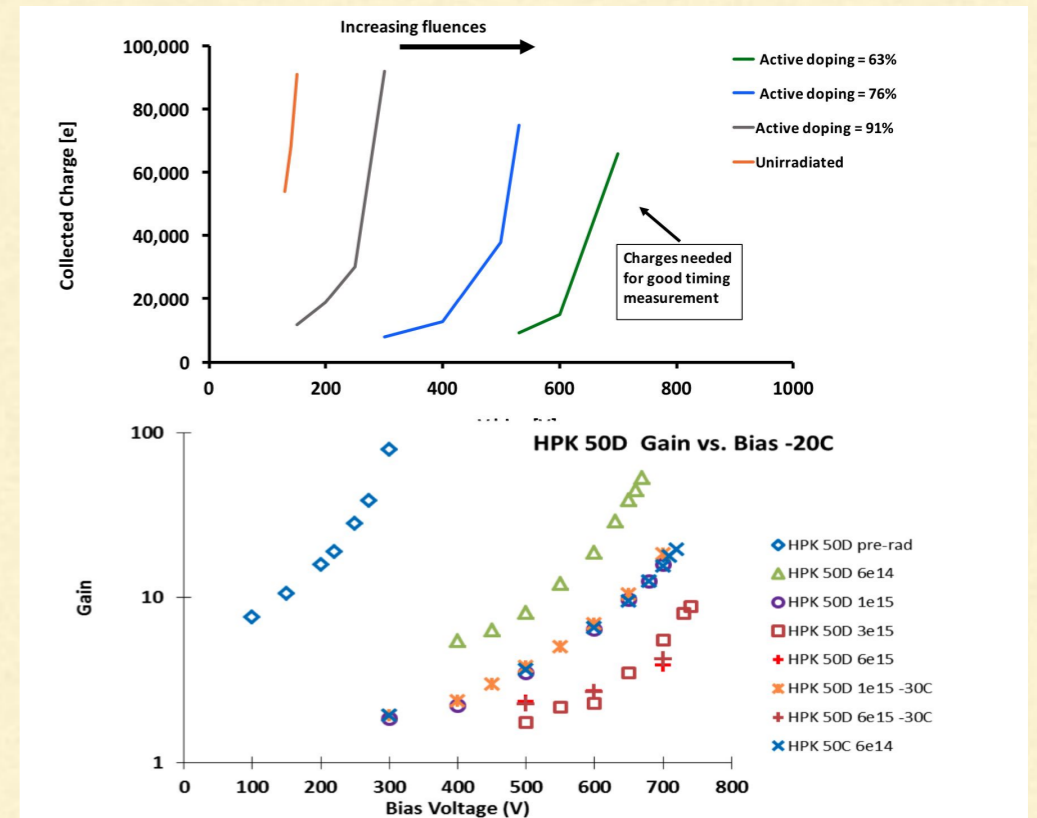
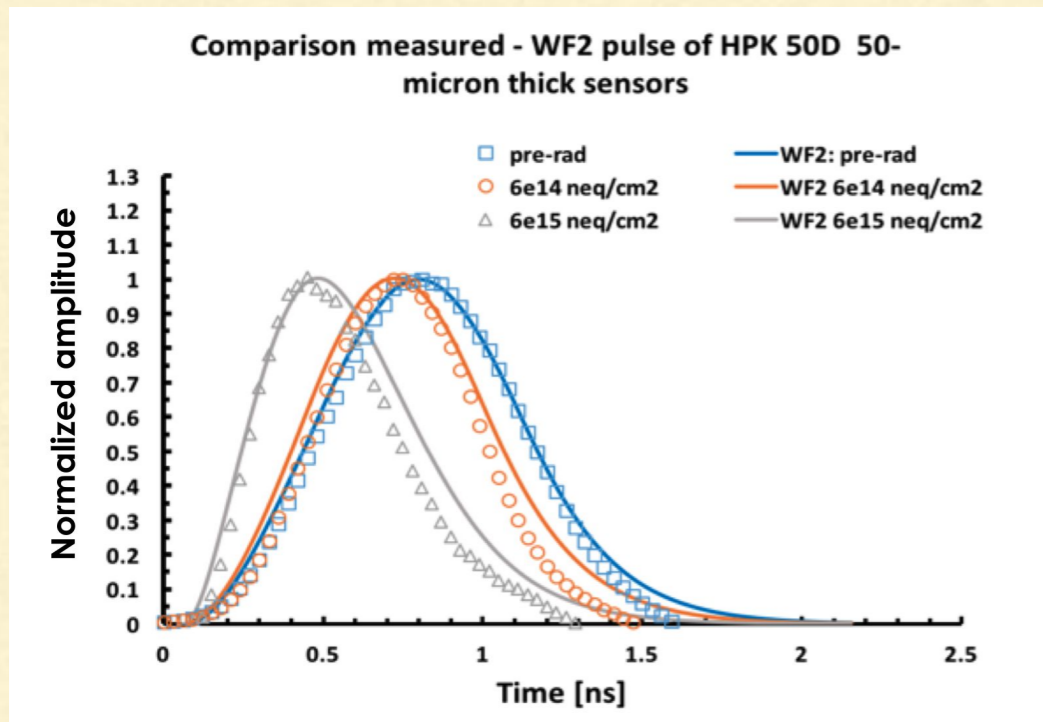
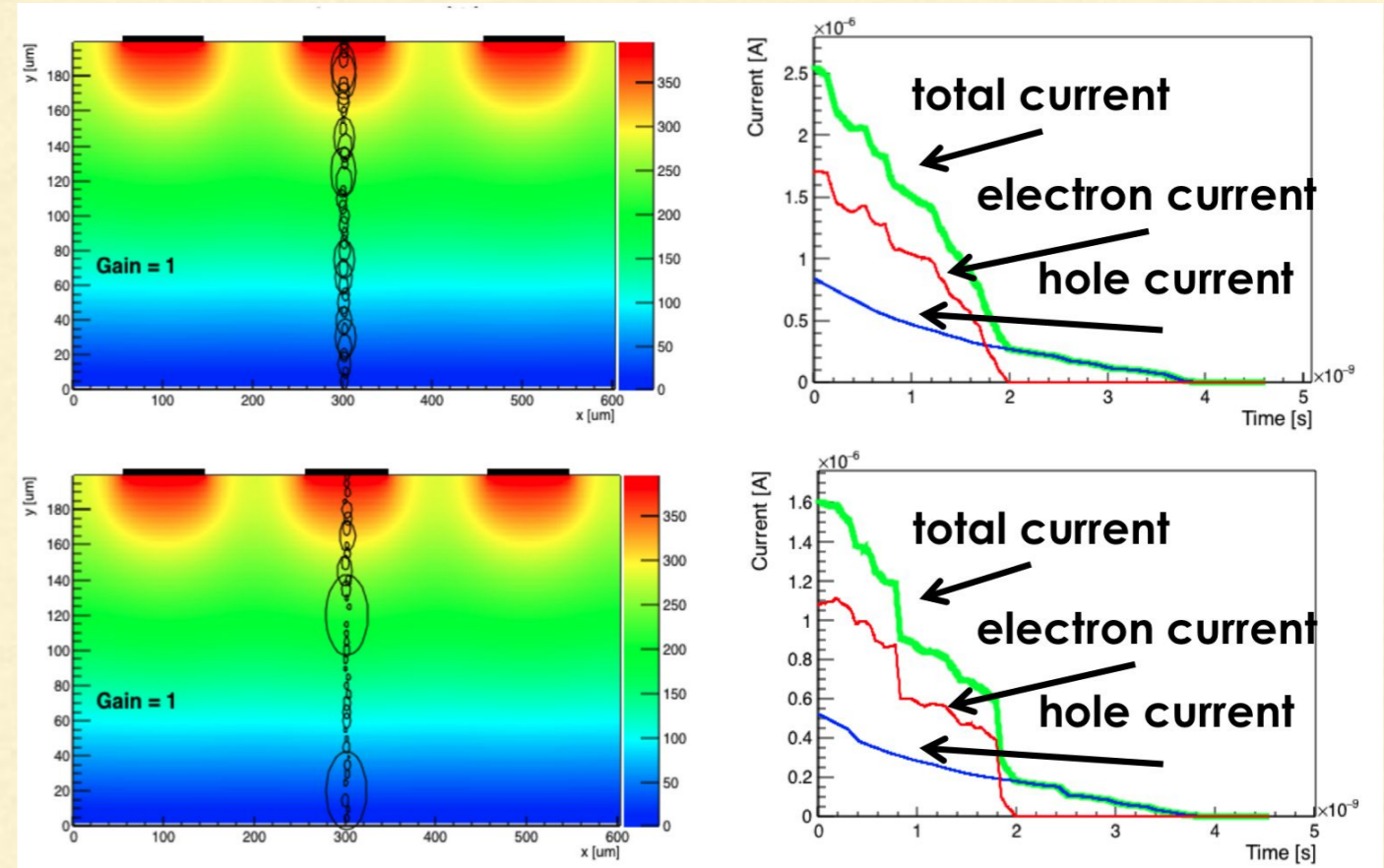


# SENSOR SIMULATION

## WeghtField2

<http://personalpages.to.infn.it/~cartigli/Weghtfield2/Main.html>

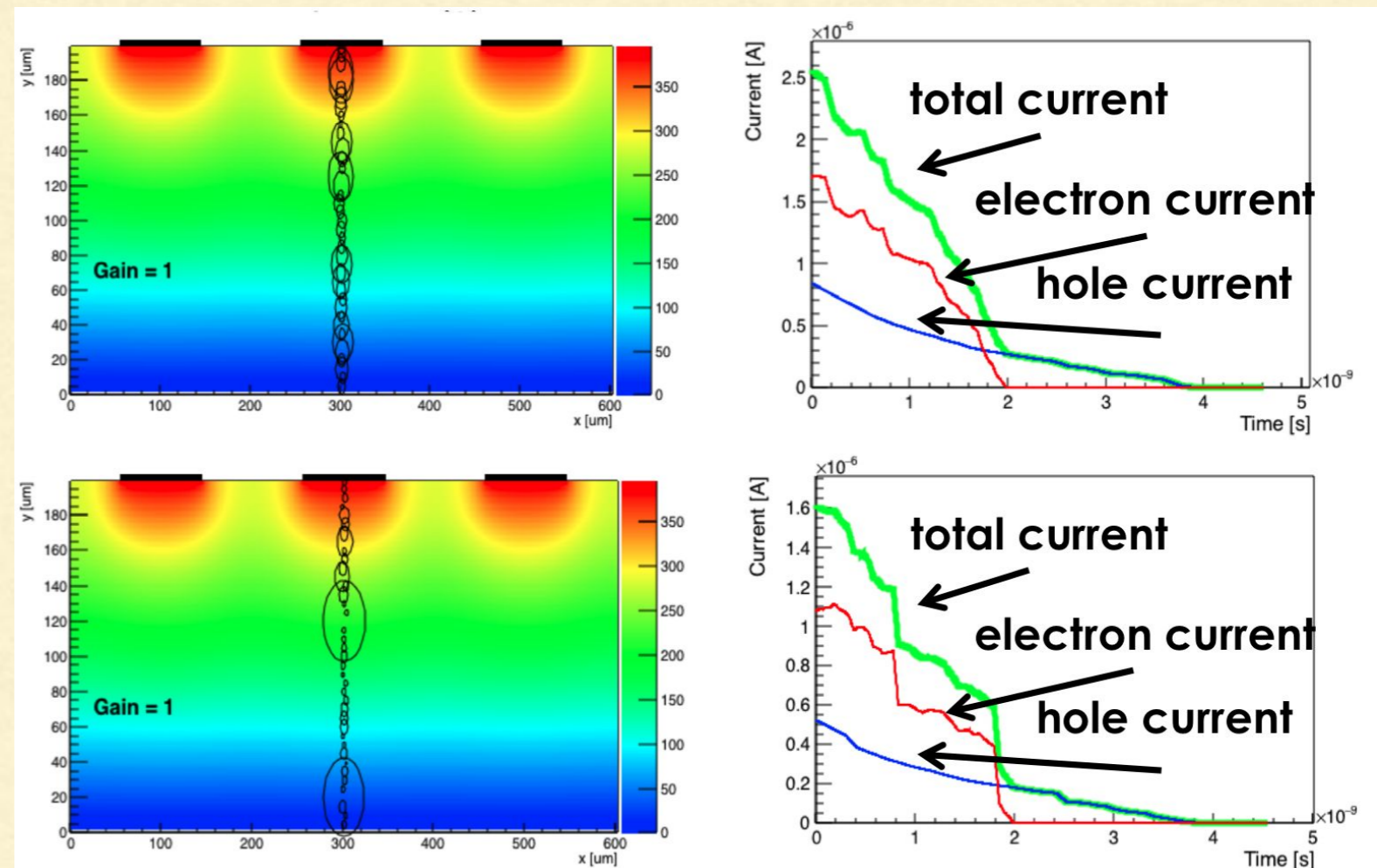
- Allow for sensor response evaluation
- Geometry
- Bias Voltage
- Different topping profiles
- Can simulate passage of charged particles
- Response of electronics
- Radiation effects



# SIMULATION AND DESIGN

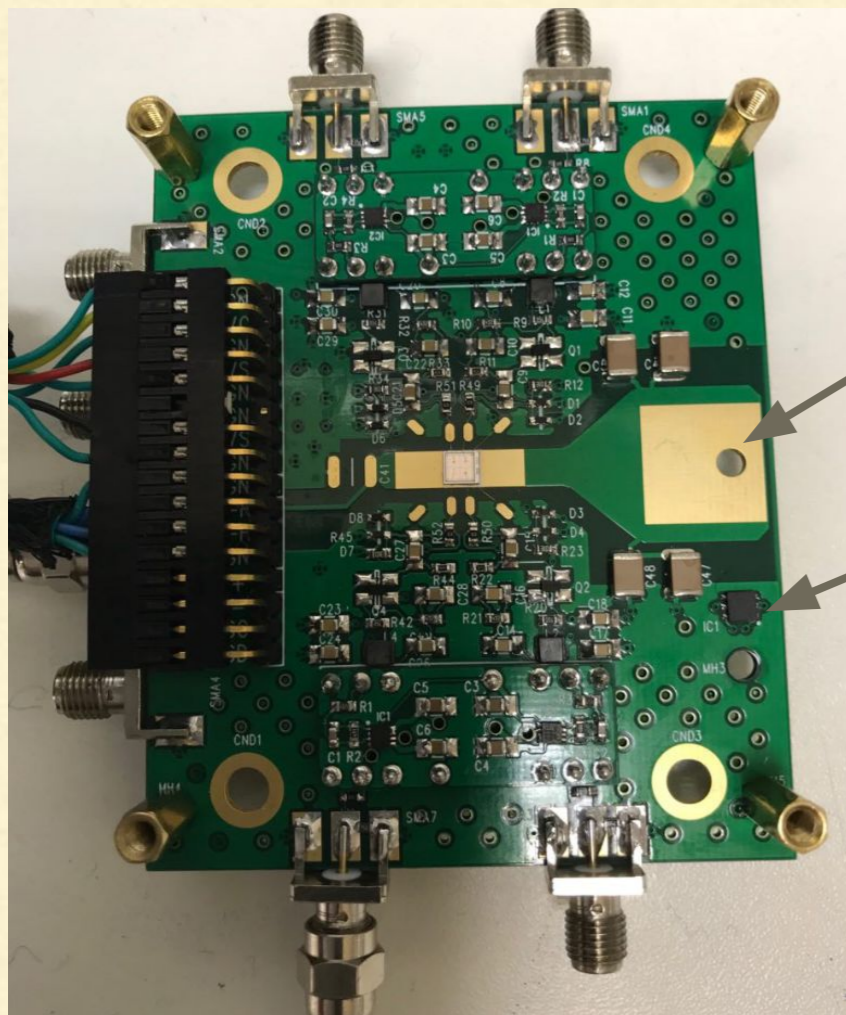
Investigate new UFSD structures and materials targeting very high radiation dose applications

- Simulation
- Rad Hard design (geometry, doping material...)
- Understand the radiation damage process
- Mask project (LGAD, AC-LGADs, etc.)
- Implantation
- Thinning, slicing
- Bonding
- Testing
- what else ?



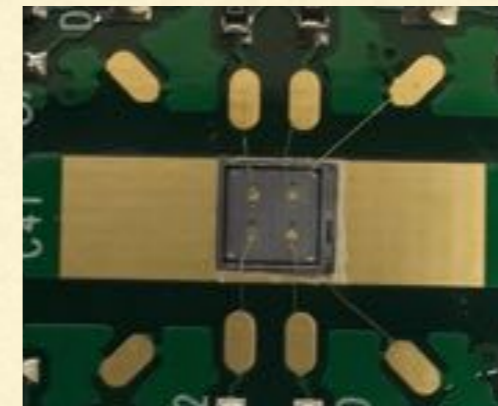
# LGAD SIGNAL PERFORMANCE (I)

- 4 channel board developed @ USP, LGAD wire bonded directly
- Guard ring grounded
- 1st stage amplification based on 80GHz RF transistor
- Added a 2nd stage fast voltage op-amp (8GHz GBW) module on board (may be replaced by other op amp or by-passed)
- 4 electronic injection channels
- Cooling pad for cold finger attachment and temperature monitoring

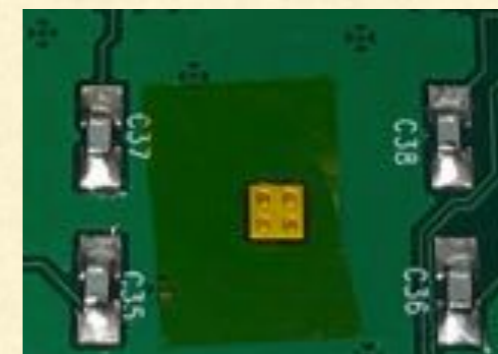


Area for cold  
finger contact

I2C temp sensor  
(SI7051,  $\pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$ )



Sensor glued on  
the thermal pad  
and wire bonded



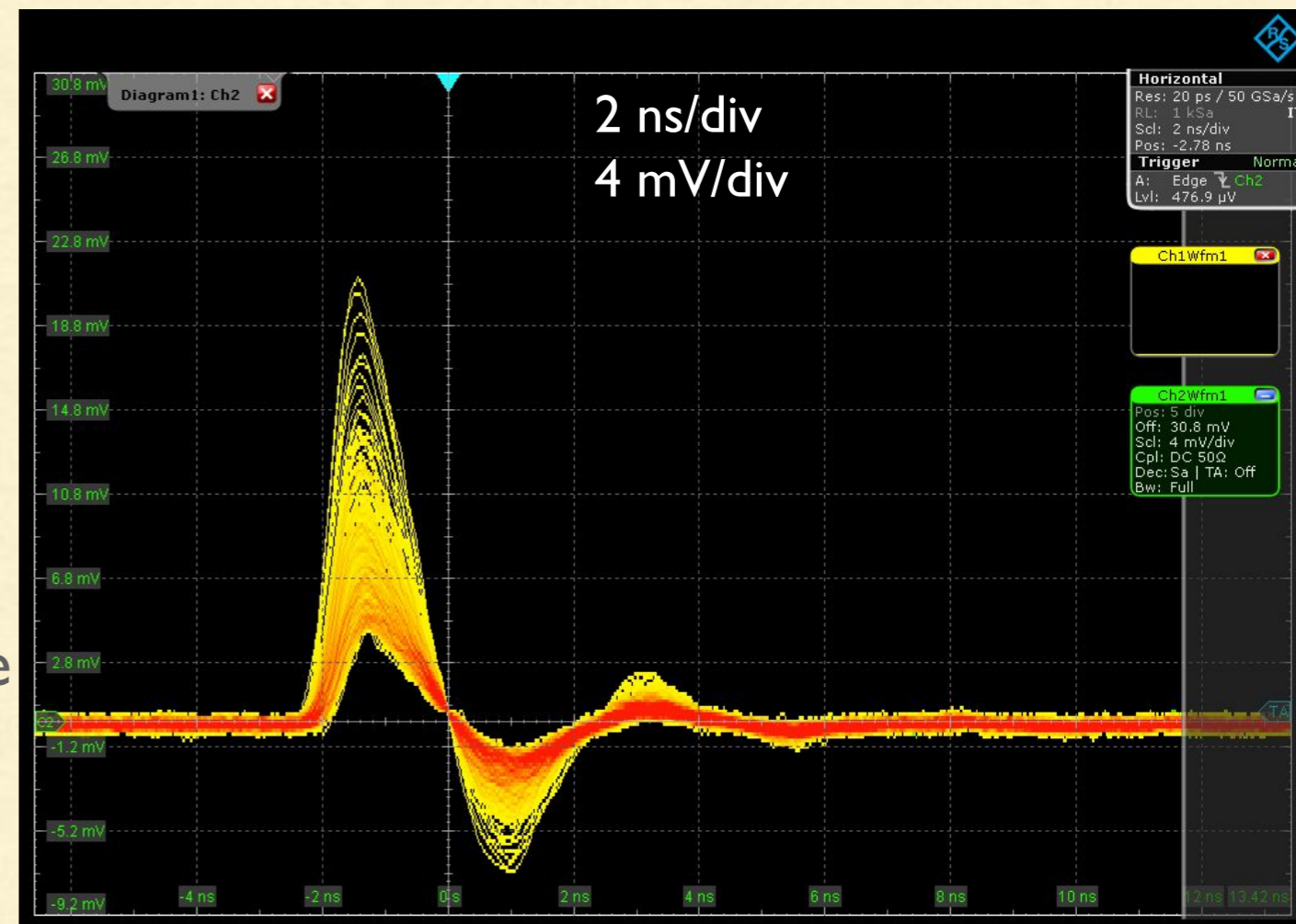
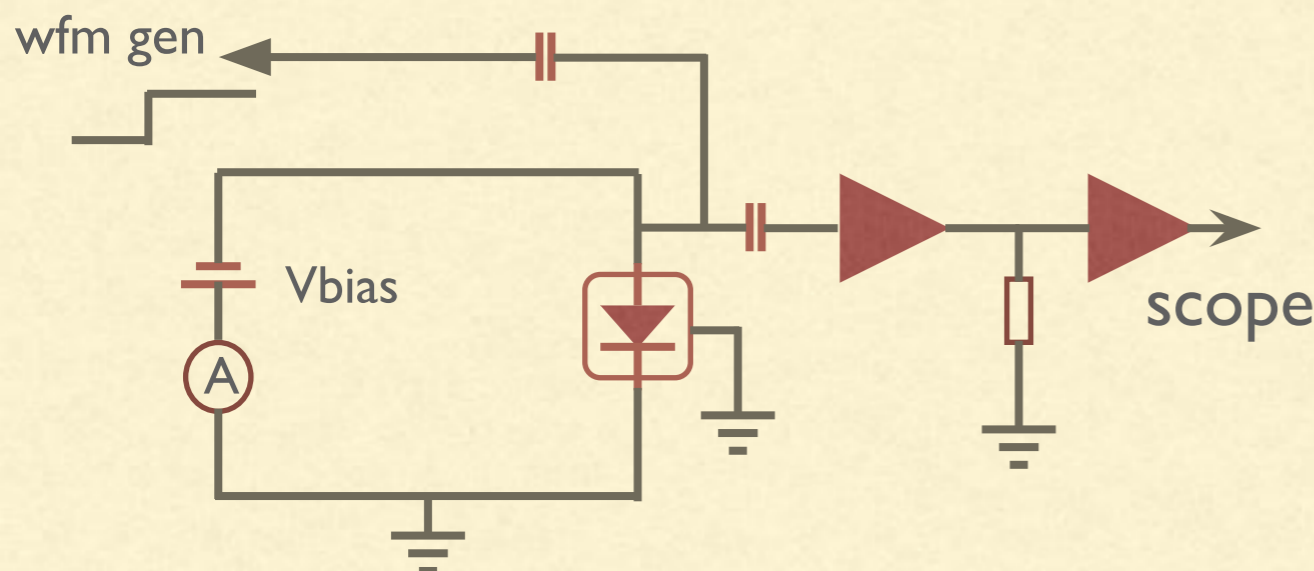
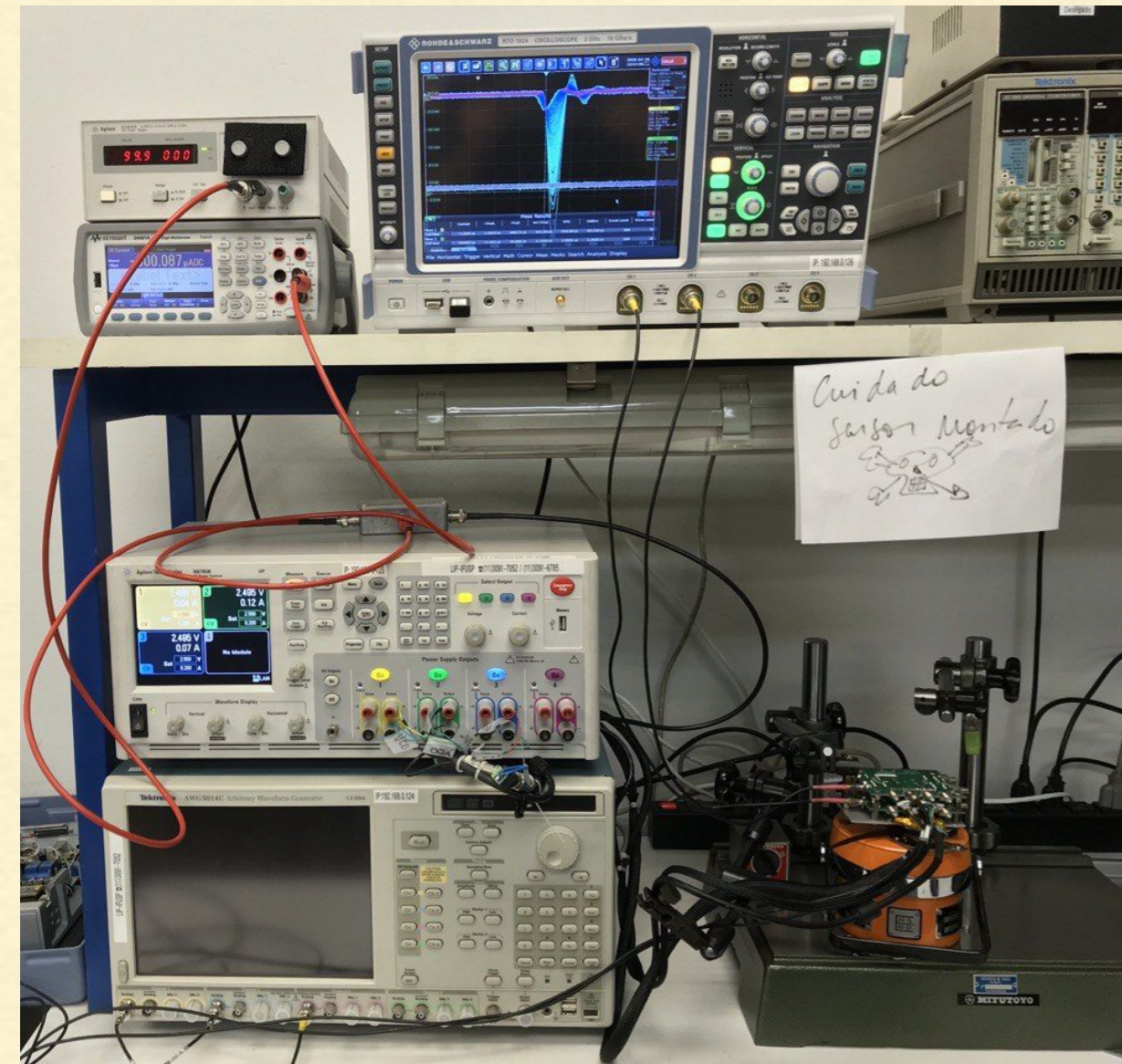
Back with  
openings for  
radiation  
passing



# LGAD SIGNAL PERFORMANCE (II)

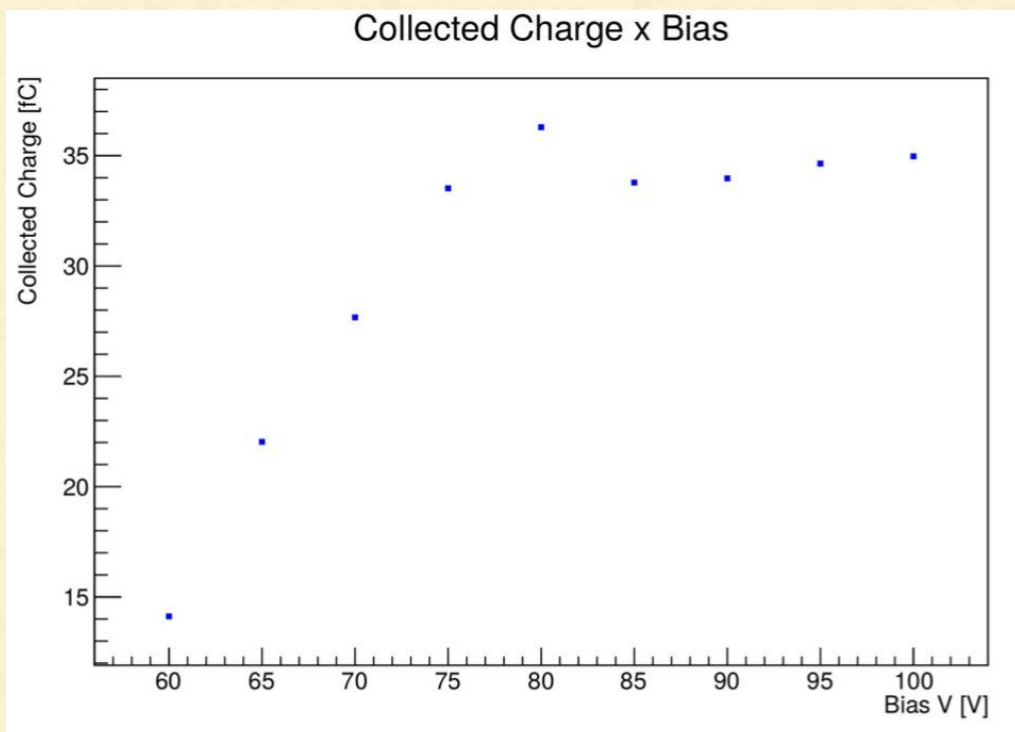
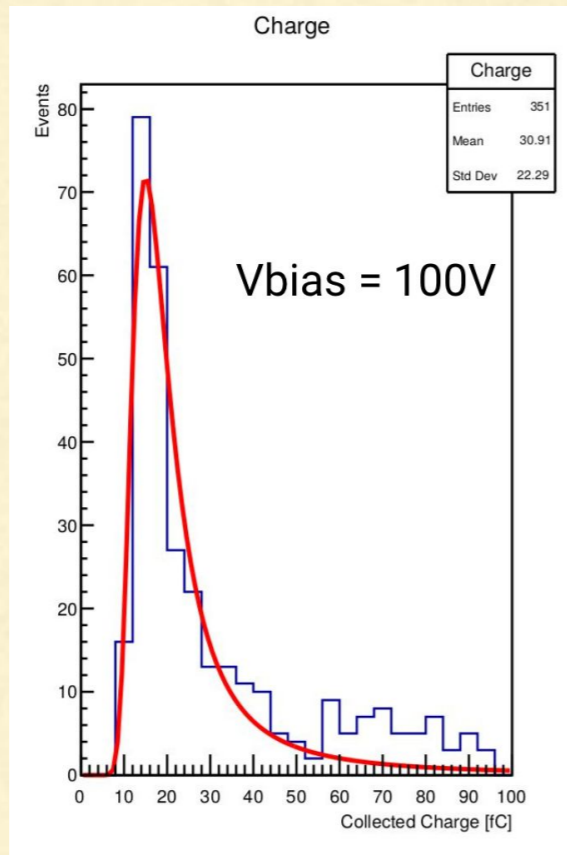
- Bias @100V
- Total “Dark” Current measured on the board @100V : 145nA
- 1st stage amplification noise : 290uV rms (@ 2 GHz BW scope)
- Test signal : 250mV step (900ps rise time) into 0.5 pF injector cap
- Test temperature = 22°C

$^{90}\text{Sr}$  ( $\beta$ ) 1st stage amplifier response

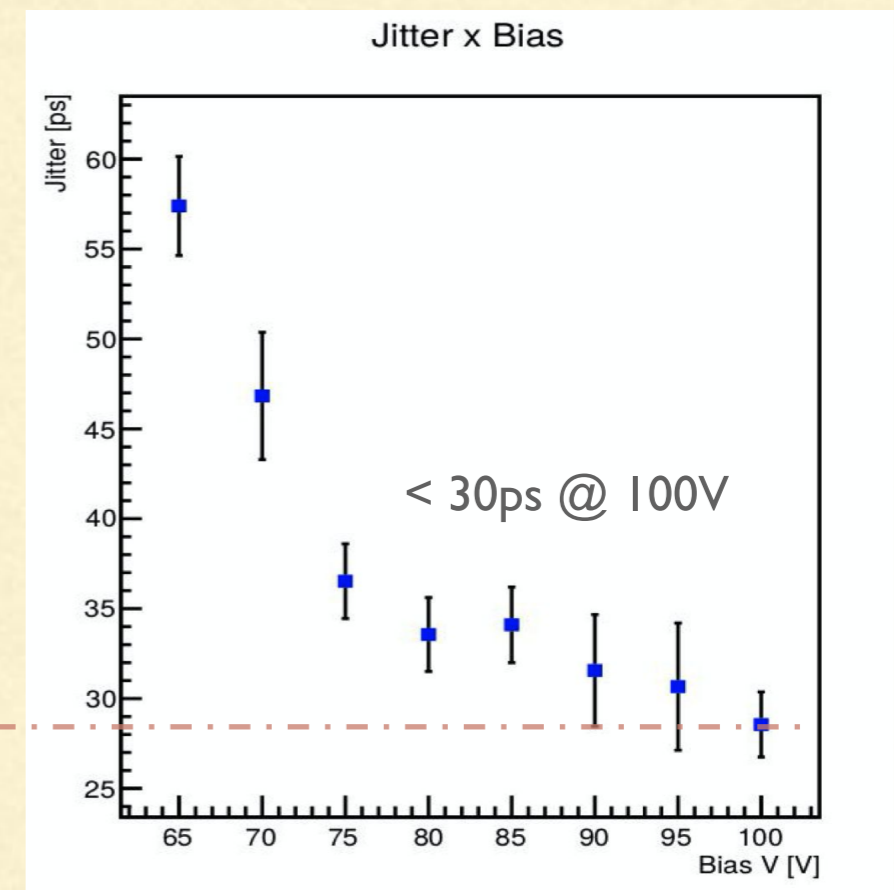
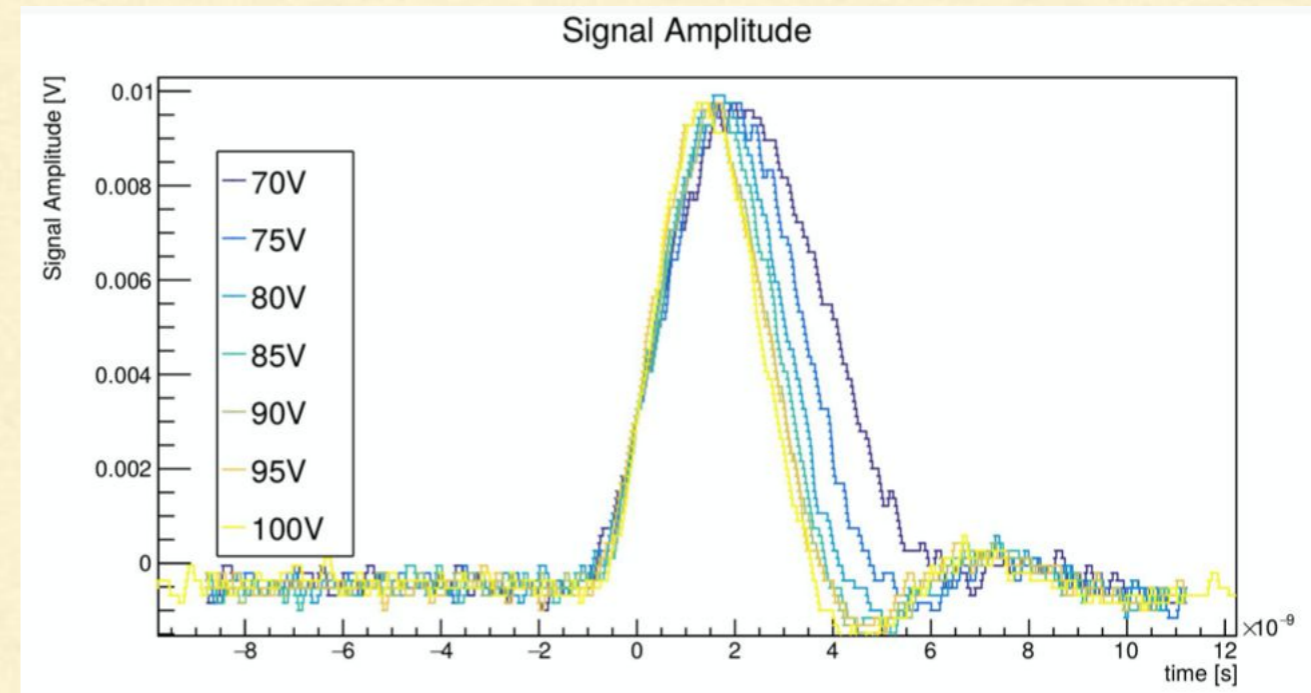


# LGAD SIGNAL PERFORMANCE (III)

- Collected charge ( $^{90}\text{Sr}$ ) vs bias (HPK 3.2)
- Minimum of 4fC for electronics...



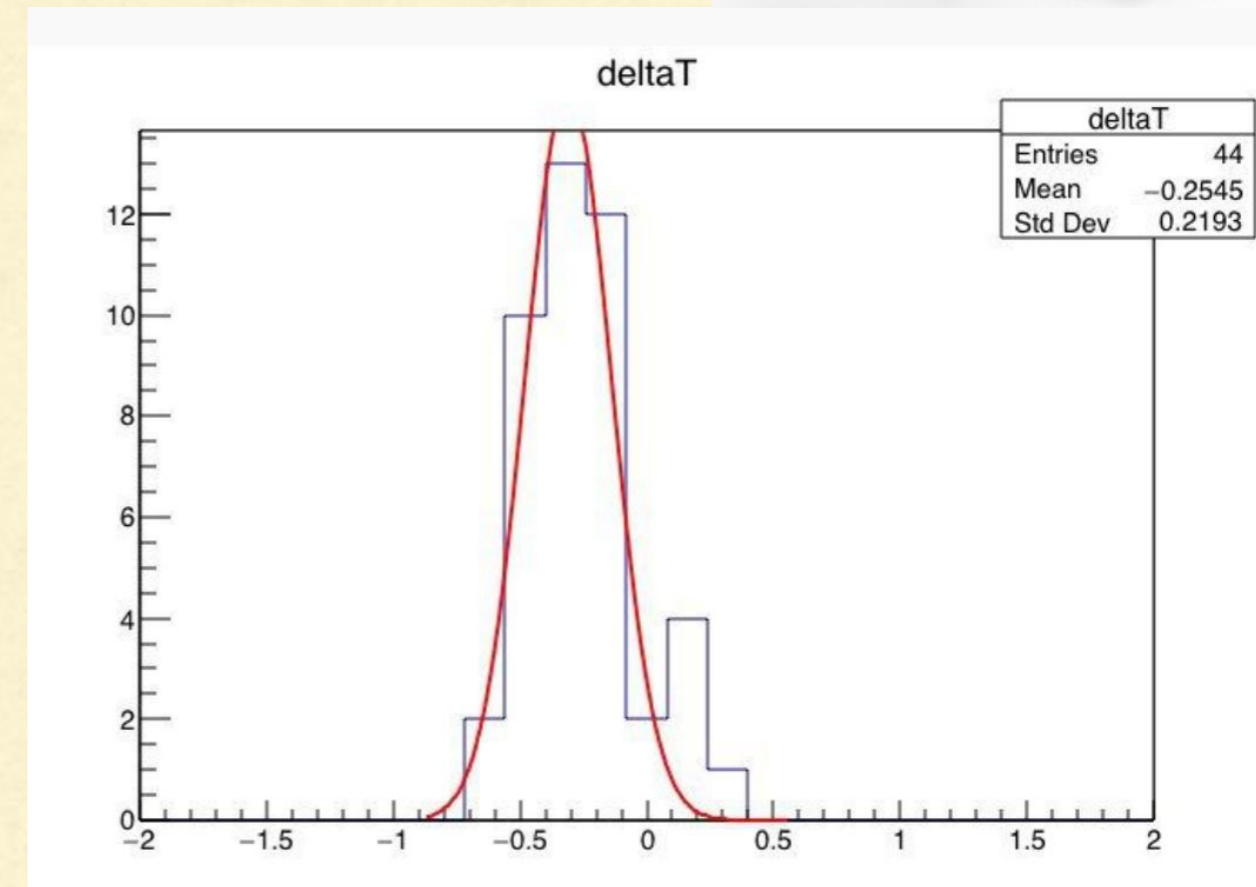
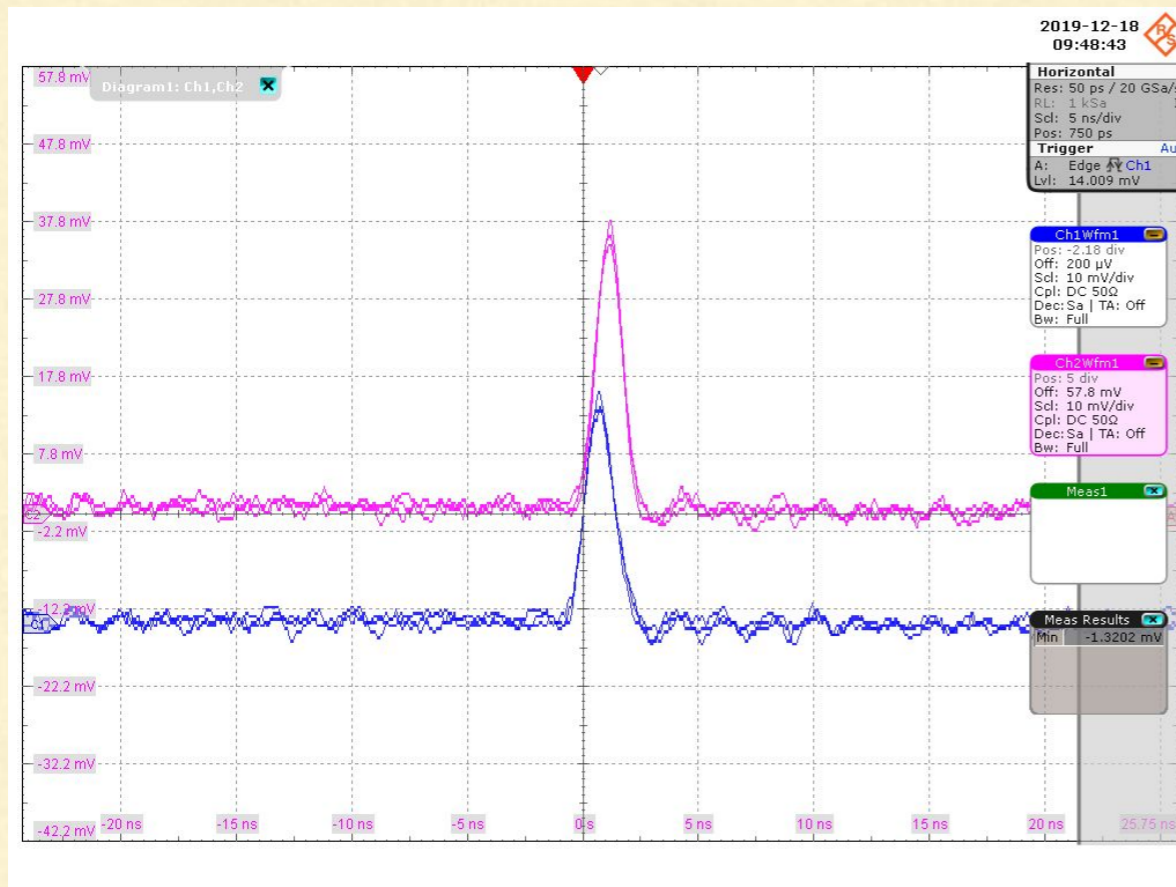
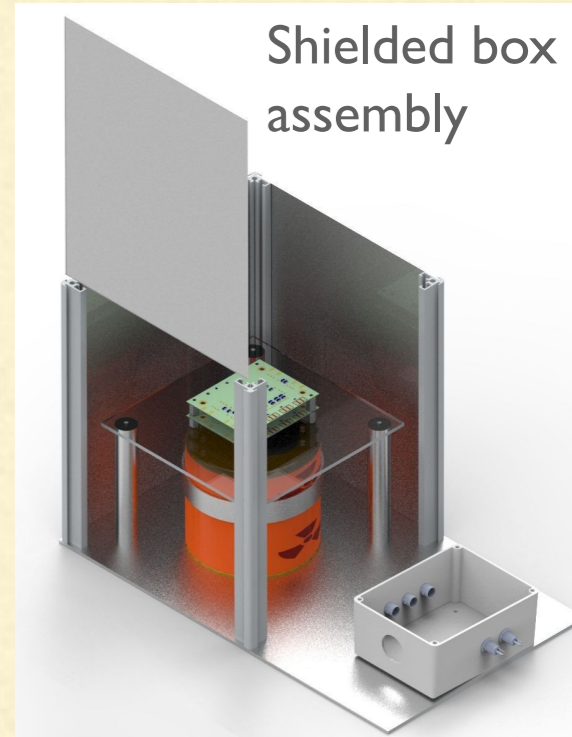
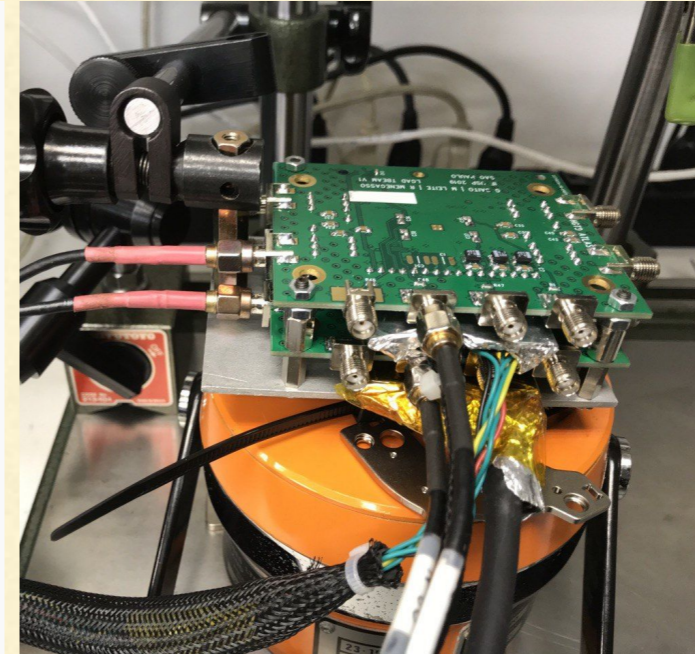
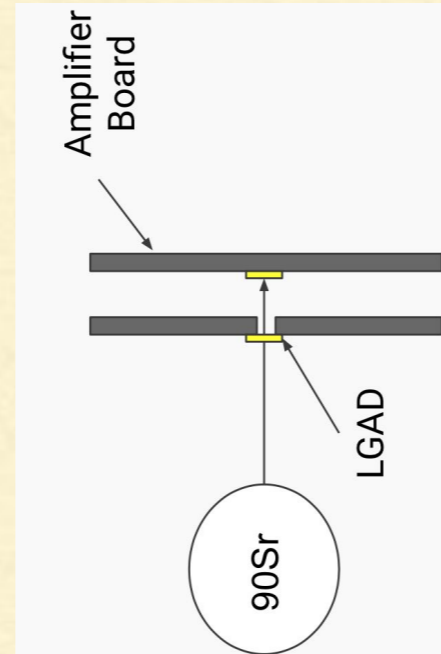
- Jitter ( $^{90}\text{Sr}$ ) vs bias (HPK 3.2)



# LGAD SIGNAL PERFORMANCE

## Timing coincidence using 2 sensors

- Electrons from  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  source
- Triggered by second detector layer
- Store scope waveforms and measure timing using a "software" CFD (frac. 0.6)
- Timing resolution  $\sim 150\text{ps}/[\text{sensor,elec.}] @ 100\text{V}$  (highly NOT optimized... 🦠)



# SENSOR TESTS AT USP

## $^{244}\text{Cm}$ Source (in air)



### 1 Half-life, Q-value and Decay mode

$T_{1/2}$	: 18.11 (3)	y
$Q_{\alpha}$	: 5901.74 (5)	keV
$\alpha$	: 100	%
$SF$	: 1.36	$\times 10^{-4}$ %

### 2 $\alpha$ Emissions

	Energy keV	Probability $\times 100$
$\alpha_{0,9}$	4882.12 (8)	0.0000047 (11)
$\alpha_{0,8}$	4919.24 (7)	0.000050 (5)
$\alpha_{0,7}$	4958.20 (9)	0.000149 (16)
$\alpha_{0,6}$	5166.58 (7)	0.0000042 (30)
$\alpha_{0,5}$	5217.24 (7)	0.000055 (9)
$\alpha_{0,4}$	5315.3	0.00004
$\alpha_{0,3}$	5515.29 (6)	0.00352 (18)
$\alpha_{0,2}$	5665.41 (5)	0.0204 (15)
$\alpha_{0,1}$	5762.65 (5)	23.3 (4)
$\alpha_{0,0}$	5804.77 (5)	76.7 (4)

# RADIATION TESTS (TID)

- Dedicated controller (temperature, cooler circulation, shutter, switch slow control and voltage monitor)
- Same system to be used on charged particle (proton, ion) tests

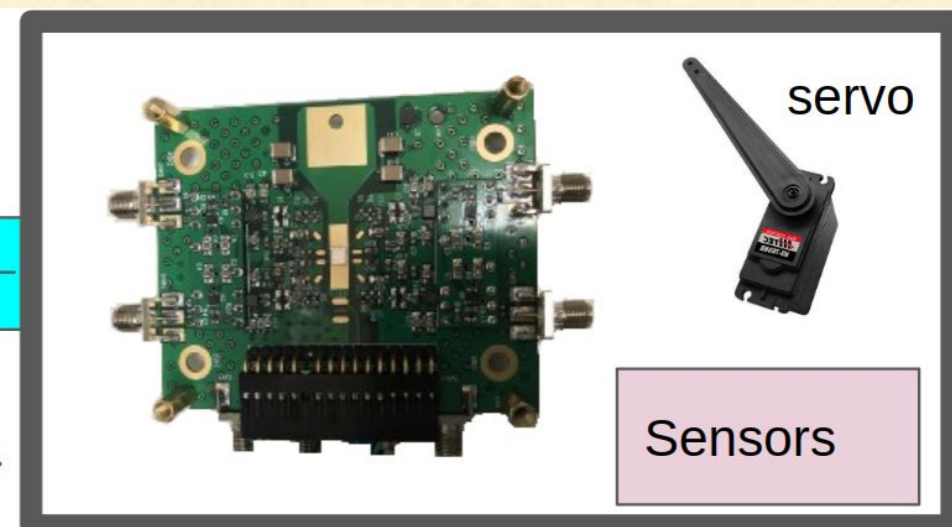
Agilent N6705B



Temperature control



Clean power



USB Control



"Dirty" power

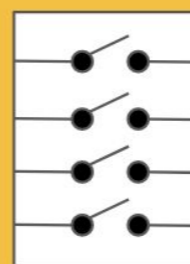


PSOC 5LP

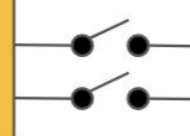
X-Ray Shutter and coolant control

Sensor readings

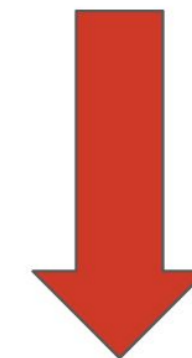
ISO



ISO I2C



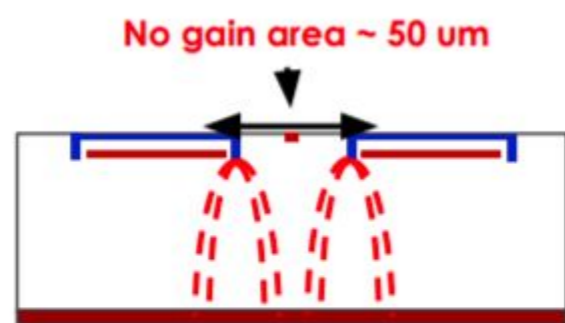
Charge Injection



LGAD readout

# THE LGAD VARIANTS

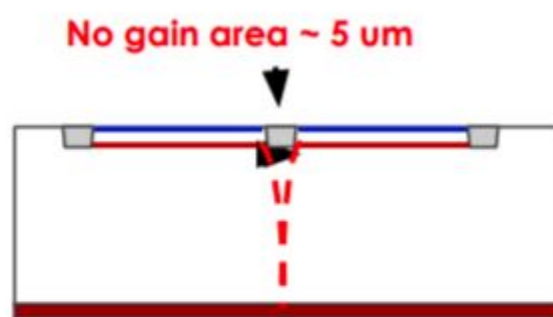
- Very new technology with many opportunities for contribution :



JTE + p-stop design

JTE/p-stop UFSD

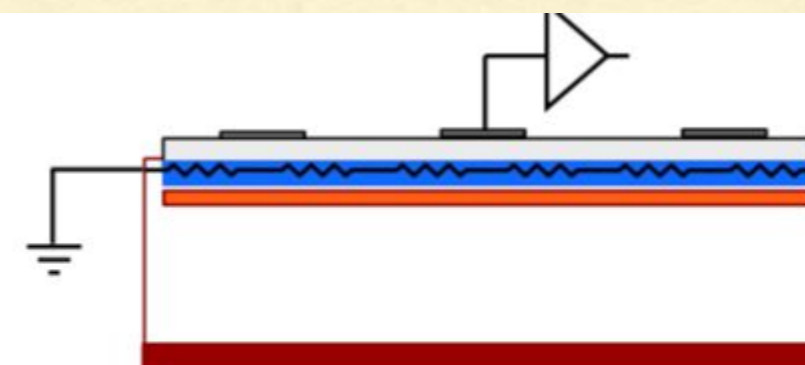
Rad-hard, "simple"  
(ATLAS & CMS)



Trench-isolated design

UFSD evolution: use trenches

100% fill-factor



RSD -- AC-LGAD

RSD evolution: resistive readout

~5 $\mu$ m spatial resolution

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