

Spin-off activities in the PICSEL & Microelectronic groups

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- Motivations & Limits
- Overview on all projects
- Focus on β^+ , X, hadrontherapy
- Tentative roadmap of developments
- Questions addressed to committee

Landscape of CMOS pixel sensors

Public market

- Visible spectrum
- Video rates
- Small pixels

Scientific-CMOS

built on public-CMOS but...

- Wider spectrum: IR, X

Subatomic-CPS

- Various radiation types



e^- , β^+ , p , α , ions, X , γ

- Single photon sensitivity

- Higher dynamic / speed

- Single particle detection



Position, Time, Energy, Type

- Frame rate beyond imaging



kHz - MHz

⇒ Smart customized sensors

■ Subatomic-flavoured CPS are unique

- Target niche applications hardly matched by COTS or other scientific sensors
 - **Sensitivity**: lower energy (≤ 1 keV) / hybrid-pixels
 - **Frame speed**: orders of magnitude higher than CCDs or sCMOS
 - **Advanced analysis**: embedded (e.g. histogramming) contrary to CCDs
 - **Radiation-tolerance**: orders of magnitude higher than CCDs

■ There is a demand

- **Inside** IPHC / IN2P3 / Unistra **and outside**
- Sometimes match existing sensors / sometimes not
- Potential contribution to group budget

■ Progressing on the technology

- New applications → new requirements → **new abilities**
- Potential source of new performances for vertexing / tracking
- Remark
 - Consumer market applications drives CMOS sensor technology evolution
 - ⇒ adapting CPS to subatomic physics is actually the spin-off ...

■ Scientific management

- PICSEL scientists cannot drive / be-user-of the applications
 - Missing expertise & time

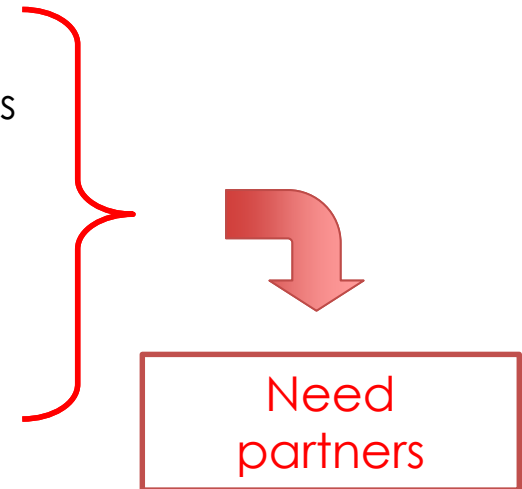
■ Budget

- PICSEL budget is not requested for spin-offs

■ Competitors

- Cannot compete on manpower against mainstream dvpmnt companies
 - Exclude detection of photon close to visible spectrum: sCMOS, CCD
- Cannot (currently) compete on counting rate against hybrid-type system
 - XPAD, Medipix/Timepix, PILATUS
- Cannot (currently) compete on time resolution against Silicon PhotoMultiplier

⇒ Selecting the proper niche is crucial

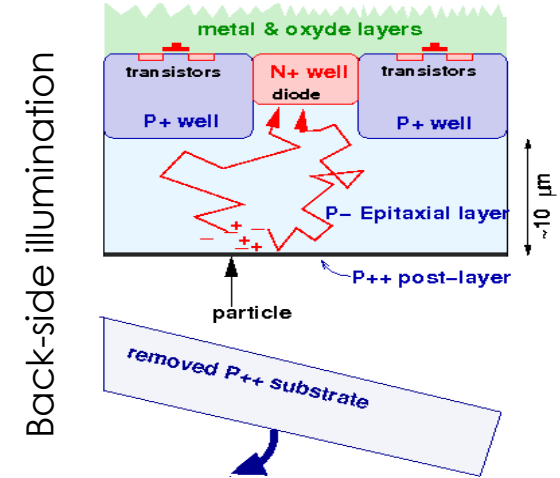
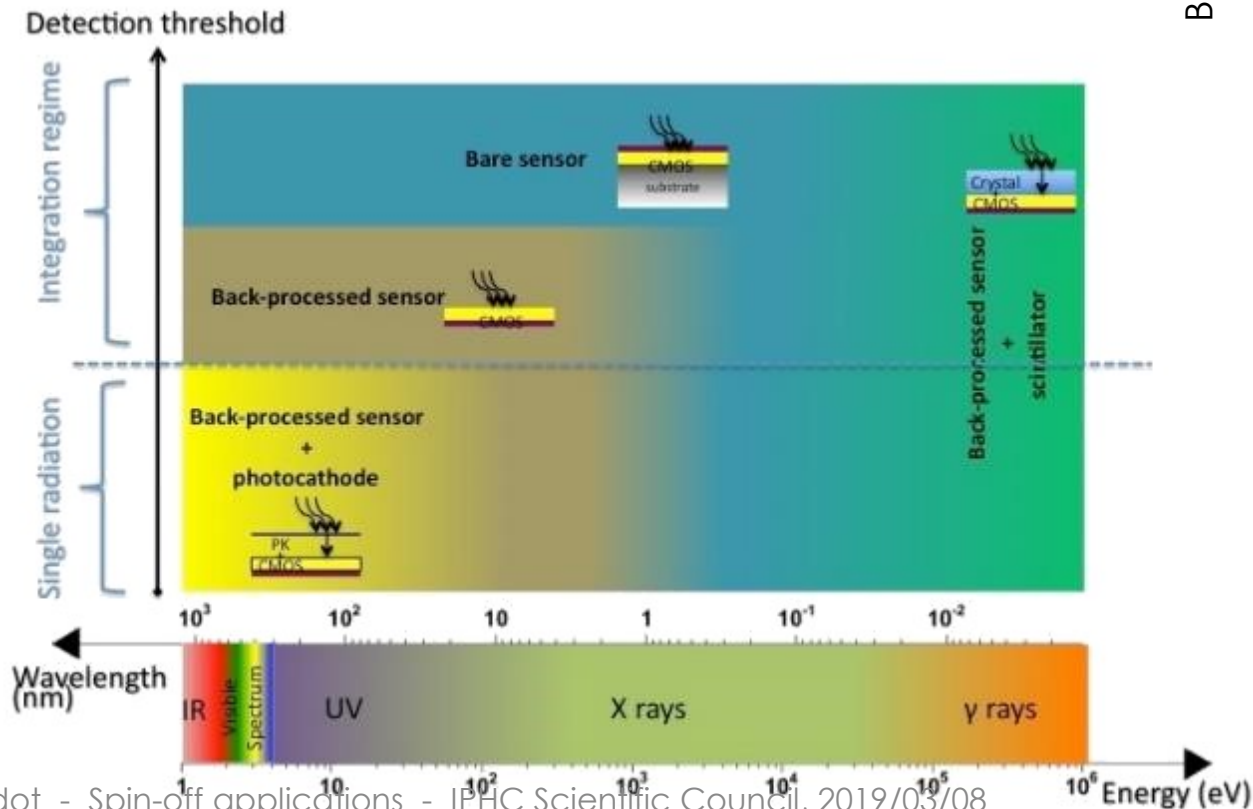


Sensitivity to radiations

■ All charged particles

- Equivalent Noise Charge $\leq 20 \text{ e}^-$
→ easy detection for $E_{\text{loss}} \sim \text{keV}$
- Limitation for low penetrating part. (e^- of few keV, α) ⇒

■ Photons



List of activities

Title	Date	Partners	Support	Domain	Work
SUCIMA	01-04	INFN	EU-FP5	Hadrontherapy	New sensor
LUSIPHER	06-10	IPNL, SAGEM, PHOTONIS	contract	Biology	New sensor
QAPIVI	11-13	IPHC/DRS	ANR-Cancer	Hadrontherapy	Existing sensor
FIRST	10-12	IPHC/DRS, LNF	INFN	Hadrontherapy	Existing sensor
FOCAL	10...	Utrecht, Bergen	Utrecht, Bergen	HEP (calorimetry)	Existing sensor
COMETH	10-14			Space tech.	New sensor
PIPPER	13→	(SOLEIL), Tü.Berlin	SOLEIL +	X-analysis	New sensor
MIMOSA-22SX	14-17	SOLEIL	SOLEIL	X-analysis	New sensor
MAPSSIC	16→	IMNC, CPPM, CERMES, NeuroPsi	IN2P3, CNRS-MI	Pharmacy	New sensor
FOOT	17-20	IPHC/DRHIM, INFN/LNF	INFN	Hadrontherapy	Existing sensor
SITRINEO	17→	KNU (Korea)	FKPPL, PHC, EUR	Education	Existing sensor
SOI	17→	KEK	FJPPL +	HEP + X-analysis	New sensor
μBeam/autorad.	17...	IPHC/DRHIM		Therapy / Biology	Existing sensor
TIIM	19-23	IPHC/DRHIM, GSI, INFN/LNF	EU-H2020	HEP (track+PID)	New sensor
ATTRACT	19-20	IPHC/DRS, Frankfurt, INFN/LNF	CERN (EU-H2020)		Request...

Timeline

■ ■ Tracking dvpmts

■ ■ Spin-offs

■ ■ technologies

2005

2010

2012

2014

2016

2018

2020

electrons

MIMOSA-5
1 Mpixels

LUSIPHER
hybrid photo-det.
SUCIMA
Beam monitoring
back-thinning

COMETH
space

ALICE
ALPIDE
 $P < 100 \text{ mW/cm}^2$

MAPSSIC ----->
in-vivo imaging

Autoradio
graphy

?ATTRACT?
SITRINEO
education

X-rays

MIMOSA-18
10 μm pitch

←----- PIPPER-1,2,3 ----->
depletion depth

BIG-PIPPER
spectroscopy

?ATTRACT?

SOI

MIMOSA-22SX
beam/dose-counting

QUARTET
- - - - -
< ns

ions

MIMOSA-26
MIMOSA-28
fast & precise
50 μm thin

←----- **PLUME** ----->
Large surface, double-sided layer

QAPIVI
FIRST
hadrontherapy

FOOT
hadrontherapy

TIIM
analogue
sparse read-out

In-vivo molecular imaging

- probe in the brain
- ~500 μ m
- volume

■ Scientific case

- Coupling in-brain imaging with behavioural studies
 - locating β^+ emitters in brain of freely moving rodent

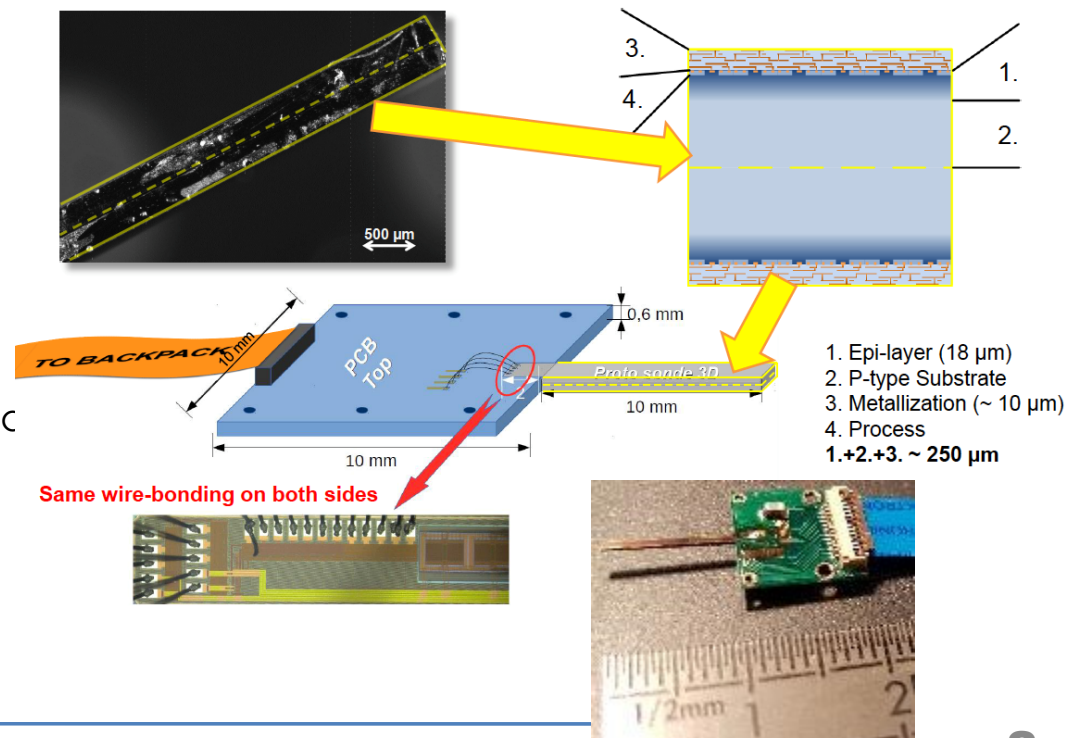
■ Key requirements

- Positron sensitivity over the largest possible energy range
- Immunity to γ from positron annihilation
- Extremely low power dissipation
- Robustness / implantation

■ Project MAPSSIC

- Partners: IN2P3/IMNC+CPPM, CERNMEP, NeuroPsi
- Exploit front-end derived from ALPIDE
 - One active probe = 160 μ W
- sensitive volume only 18 μ m
- Wireless connection in rodent back-pc

- First probe prototype under test
- New (improved) sensor to be submitted in 2019



Hadrontherapy: X-section

■ Scientific case

- better knowledge of fragmentation cross-section(E, θ) relevant for C path in tissues
 - Some dose deposited outside targeted volume

⇒ Impact on Treatment Planning System

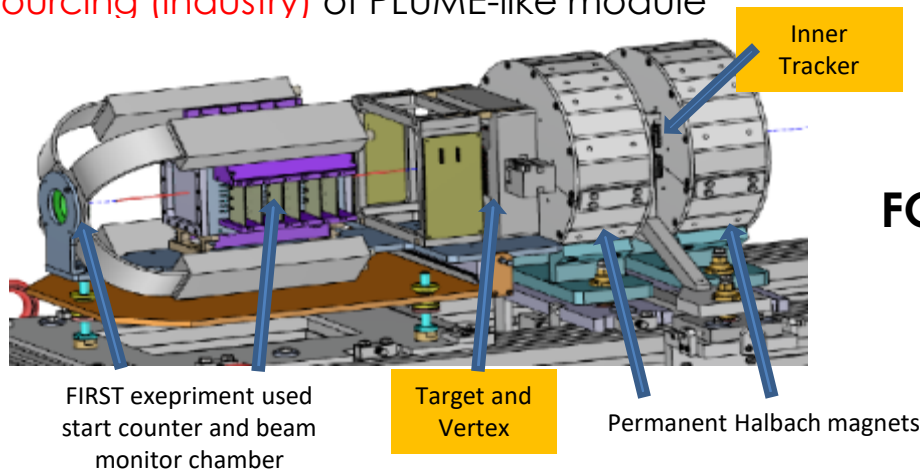
■ Key requirements for vertexing/tracking

- Sensor transparency to ions thickness

⇒ Usage of 50 μm thin MIMOSA-26 & 28 + integration a la PLUME

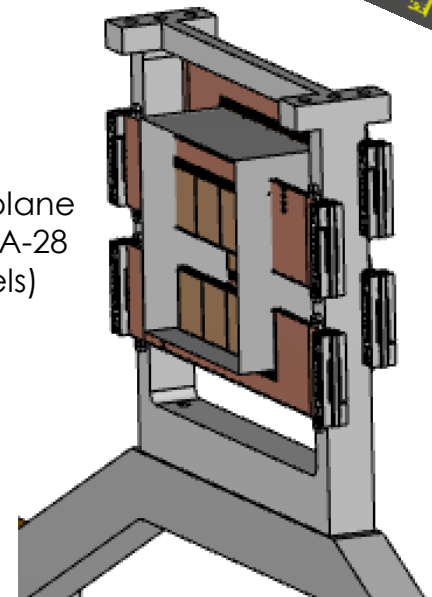
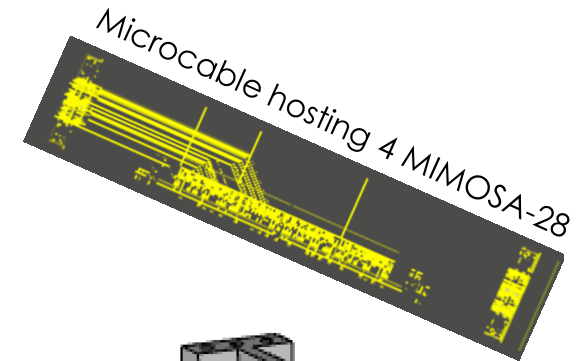
■ Projects

- FIRST (2011) → FOOT (2019...)
- Collaboration with IPHC/DRHIM & INFN/LNF
- Outsourcing (industry) of PLUME-like module



FOOT

Two-sided plane
= 4x4 MIMOSA-28
(29 Mpixels)



■ Scientific case

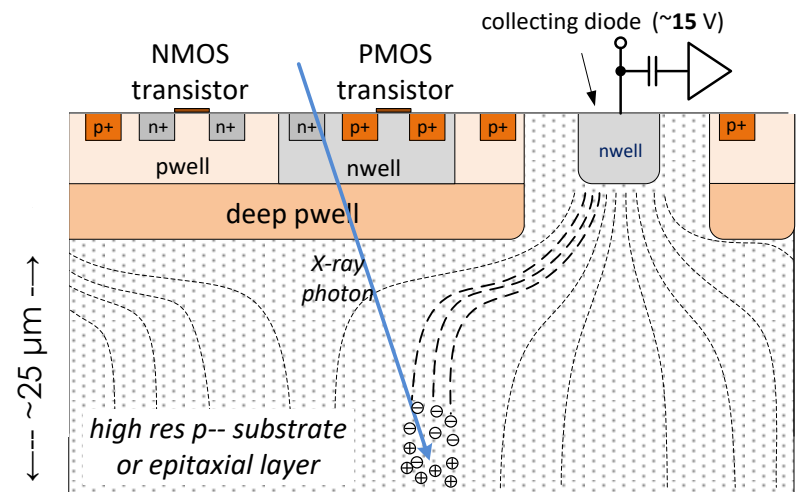
- Instruments for X-ray characterization: cheaper / easier / more performant
- Partners: SOLEIL, Tech. Uni. Berlin, Uni. Frankfurt

■ Key requirements

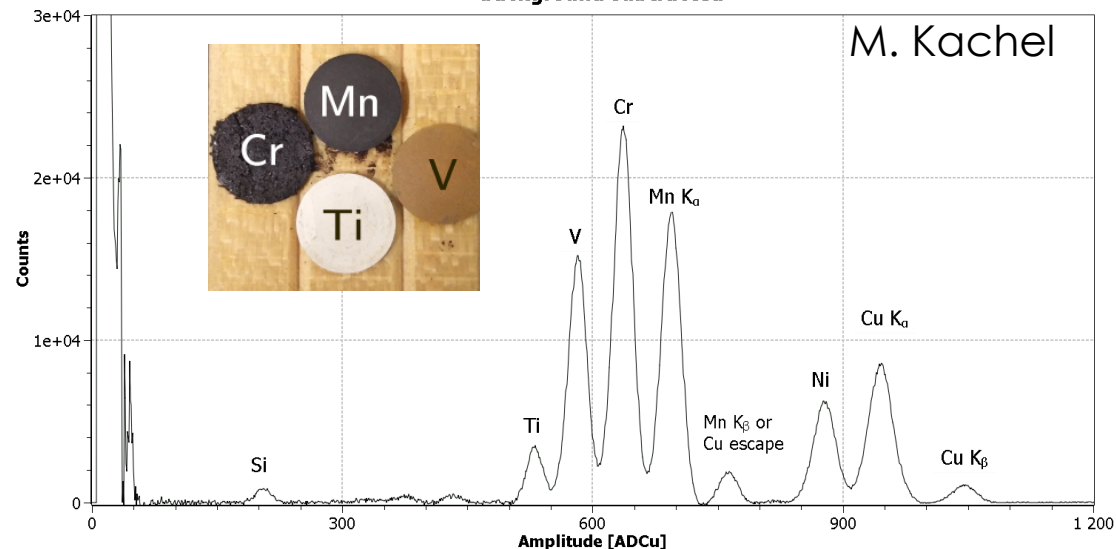
- Full depletion of sensitive volume
- Pixel size < hybrid-det case
- Noise, gain fluctuation < few 100 eV
- Room T operation

■ Project

- New pixel type: PIPPER
 - AC-coupling
 - **Useful / radio-tolerance in HEP**
- Prototypes 2013-17
- Application size: BIG-PIPPER
 - submission Spring 2019



EDXRF measurement - 4 samples (Ti, V, Cr, Mn), Cu tube (30kV, 40mA)
background subtracted



- CERN-driven initiative to connect detection-labs with industry
 - 2 Phases: many 1 year projects → few long-term projects
 - 2019-2020: initial “proof of concept” period
 - CMOS pixel sensors @ IPHC involved in 4 projects
- Fast pixelated X-ray spectrometer
 - Based on CMOS pixel sensors measuring energy
 - Partner: Uni. Frankfurt, IPHC (microelectronics)
- γ -spectrometry for flux $> \text{GHz/cm}^2$
 - Based on tracking electrons in Coulomb-scattering with a dense sensor stack
 - Partners: IPHC, INFN/LNF, AERIAL
- Contamination (tritium) detector
 - Based on back-illuminated CMOS pixel sensor to locate source
 - Partners: Uni. Frankfurt, IPHC
- Flying drone landmine detection
 - Based on light CMOS sensor coupled with neutron converter
 - Partners: IPHC (DeSIs), Lebanese Uni., Uni. St. Joseph

Sensors

- Sensitive volume
 - Depletion (PIPPER)
- Architecture
 - Sparse analogue read-out (TIIM)
 - Short integration time $\ll \mu\text{s}$ or ns (QUARTET)
- Technologies
 - SOI

Integration

- Post-processing
 - Back-thinning (SUCIMA, PIPPER)
- System
 - Ultra low power (MAPSSIC)
 - Wireless com. (MAPSSIC)
- Assembling
 - Sensor stack (FIRST, FOOT, ATTRACT)

Conclusion on spin-offs

- A long-standing commitment

- Started in the first years of the group
- Various projects going-on & foreseen (ATTRACT)

- A number of successes

- Boosted usage of sensors designed in the group (MIMOSA-26/28)
- Enlarged expertise (depletion, integration)

- Strong points

- Ability to provide custom solution (ex. MAPSSIC)
- Variety of performances useful to several applications (ex. PIPPER, QUARTET)
Spatial resolution (done) / Spectrometry (almost done) / Time resolution (to be developed)

- Notes

- No application yet in nuclear physics
- (almost) budget-less activity from IN2P3 side
- Difficult balance between
 - number of projects needed to maintain the activity
 - local team commitments

- The development of CPS is the main motivation of the PICSEL team existence:

⇒ **Is the potential of the technology justifying such an investment ?**

- The operation of the PICSEL team is specifically oriented towards exploiting the potential of the expertise and means available at IPHC for CPS development :

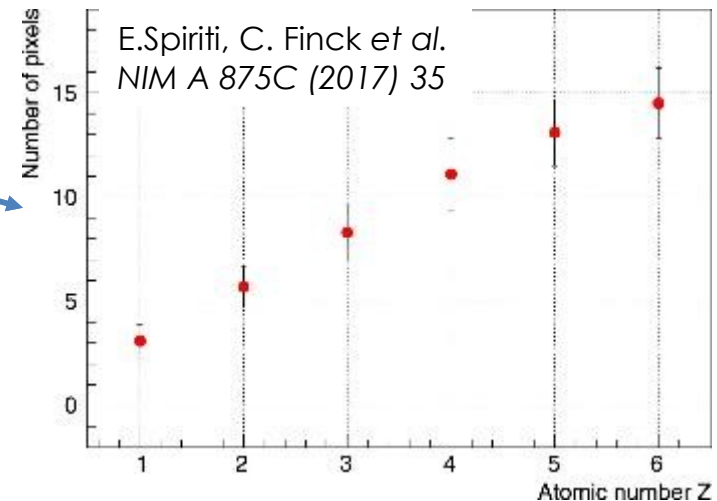
⇒ **Is this operation mode justified and appropriate ?**

Additional slides



■ Scientific case

- Current CMOS pixel sensors in HEP not used for PID
 - Very thin sensitive layer → large dE/dx fluctuation
- However:
 - Demonstrated possibilities for ions with large energy loss
 - Many silicon layer systems (ex. ALICE-ITS) mitigate fluctuations



■ Project: TIIM

- Within EU-infra STRONG project, 2019-2023
- Elaborate pixel architecture combining
 - depletion (for excellent signal collection)
 - analogue or few bits digital output
 - sparse read-out
- Only prototypes
- Partners: IPHC/DRHIM, INFN

■ Scientific case

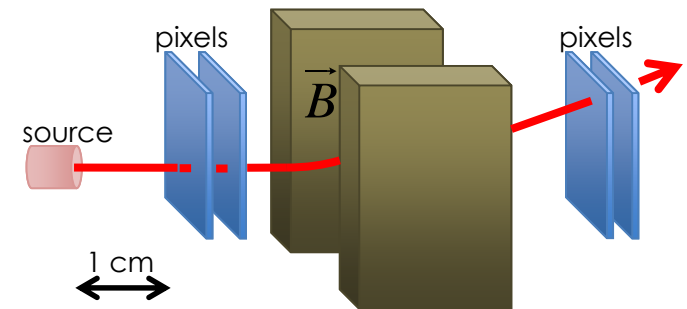
- Provide a tool for teaching tracking (detectors + algorithms) to student
 - Need multi-layer system: pattern recognition & momentum estimate
 - Propose hands-on experience on an open system: simulation, acquisition, control,
- Only available source (beyond cosmic rays) = low energy β radionuclides

■ Key requirements

- Miniaturisation !
- Super thin sensors to minimize material budget

■ Project

- SITRINEO partners: IPHC/DRS, Unistra, KNU (Daegu), INFN/LNF
(potentially many others...)
- Tracker with 4-6 planes of CMOS pixel sensors
- Permanent magnetic field ($< 1\text{T}$)
- Hardware almost there
- First “beam” late Spring 2019
- Then start “dissemination”



2 out of 4 sensors available



magnet

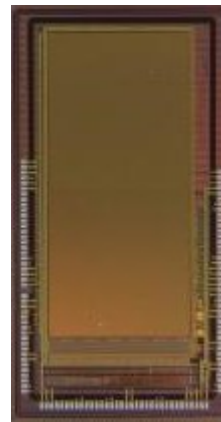
■ Scientific case

- Provide X-ray counter with
 - small pixels $\ll 50 \mu\text{m}$
 - Sensitivity to soft X-rays down to 100 eV

■ Project

- Dedicated proto MIMOSA-22SX combining
 - depletion in PIPPER
 - Fast binary read-out in MIMOSA-22
- Partner: SOLEIL
- Other potential applications:
 - Electron microscopy with single-electron detection
 - Beam monitoring

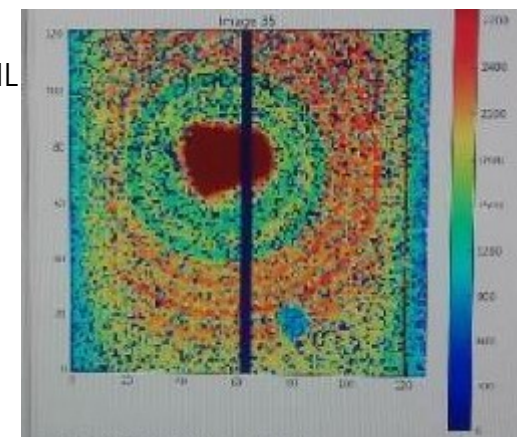
Mimosa 22SX



First prototype specs

- Tower Jazz 180 nm CIS
- Depleted substrate, back-thinned
- 128 x 256 pixels with 22 μm pixel pitch
- Discriminator with 2 thresholds
→ energy window
- Binary outputs
- 16 mm² of active area

Diffraction image
obtained at SOLEIL
with 1.5 keV X-rays



■ Dose Monitoring by counting



CYRCé Cyclotron at IPHC:

- 24 MeV protons
- Millimetre beam size for small animal proton therapy

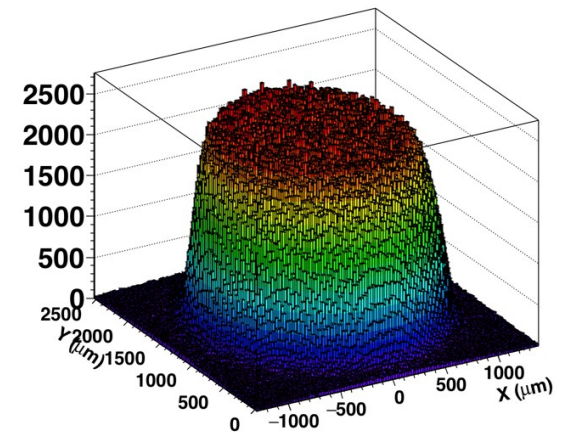
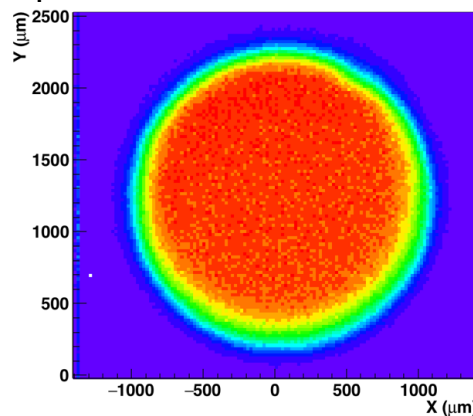
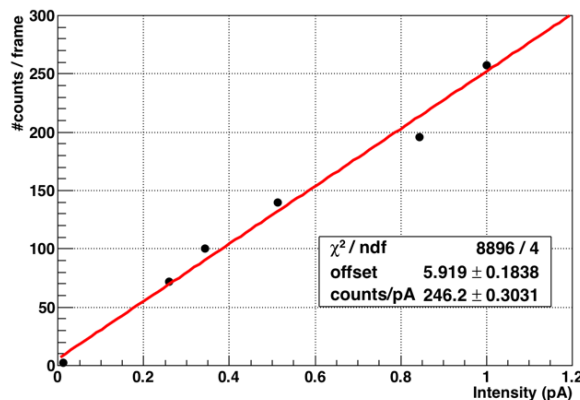
Motivation:

Monitor dose for small beam size (problematic with current detector)

First tests with Mimosa 22SX (with IPHC/DRHIM)

2017

- Linear behaviour in the measured fluence range
- At least 1000 protons/nix/s possible



■ Scientific case

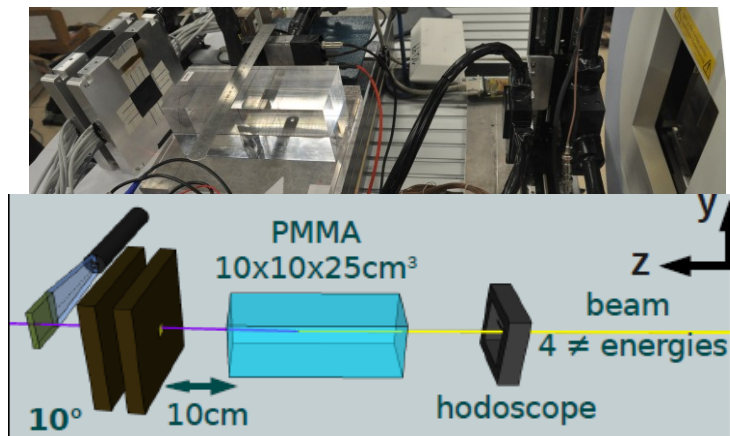
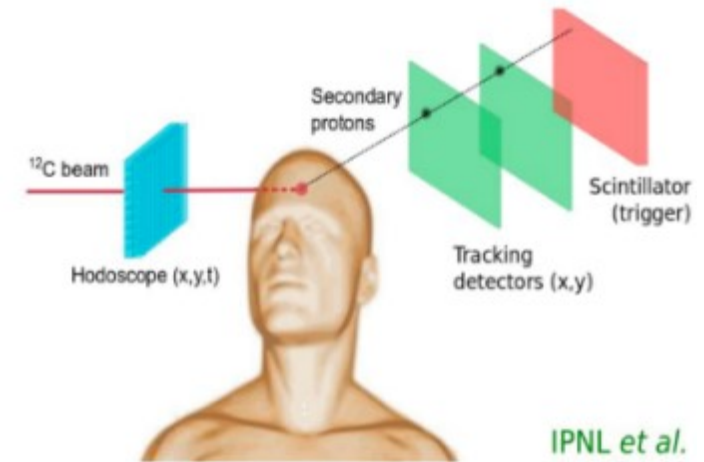
- Dose delivery driven by Bragg peak position = full off fragmentation processes
- Real-time monitoring of fragmentation vertices = dose location monitoring

■ Key requirements for vertexing

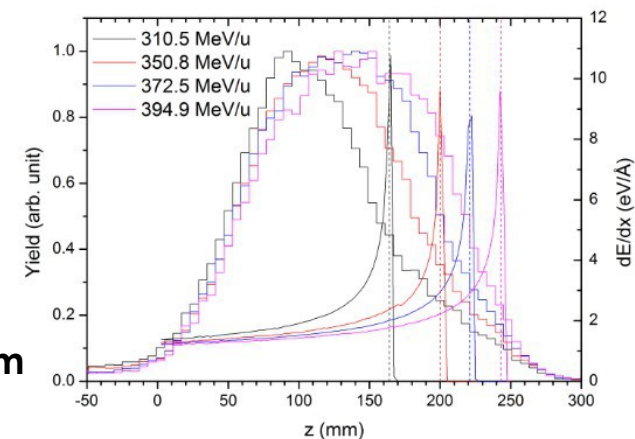
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■ Projects

- QAPIVI = Quality Assurance with Proton Interaction Vertex Imaging
- Partners: IPHC/DRS-DRHIM, IN2P3/IPNL → GSI



HIT 2011
 ^{12}C beam



■ Real-time dose estimation in space

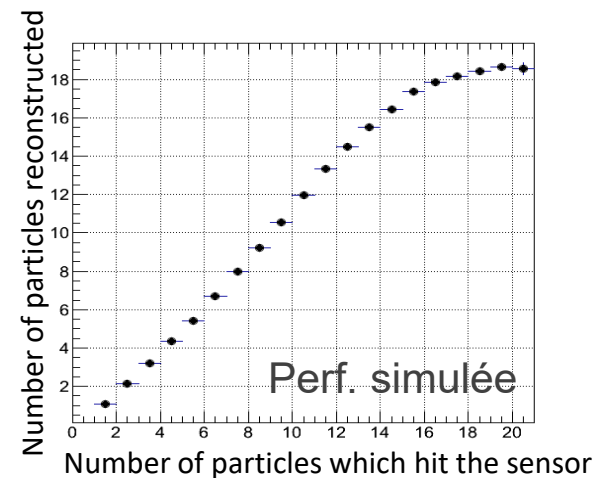
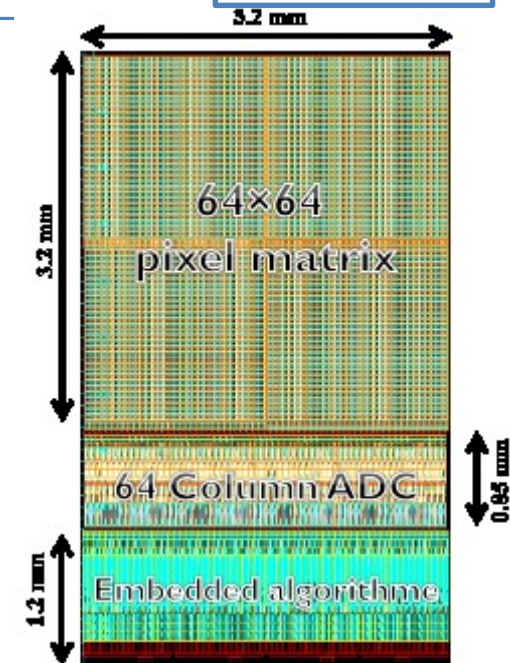
- Satellites on Medium Earth Orbit »
- Particle counter & rough spectrometry
- **Electrons:** 100 keV–7 MeV;
 $10^4 \rightarrow 10^7$ particles/cm²/s
- **Protons:** 100 keV– 400 MeV;
 $10^3 \rightarrow 10^4$ particles/cm²/s

■ Key aspects

- Electron / proton separation
- Weight, Size, Power

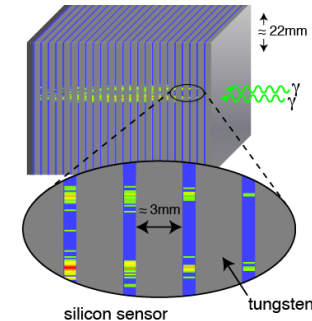
■ Project

- PhD thesis, Yang ZHOU
- Analogue part fabricated & tested
- Digital algorithm (histogramming) designed



■ Project targeting ALICE

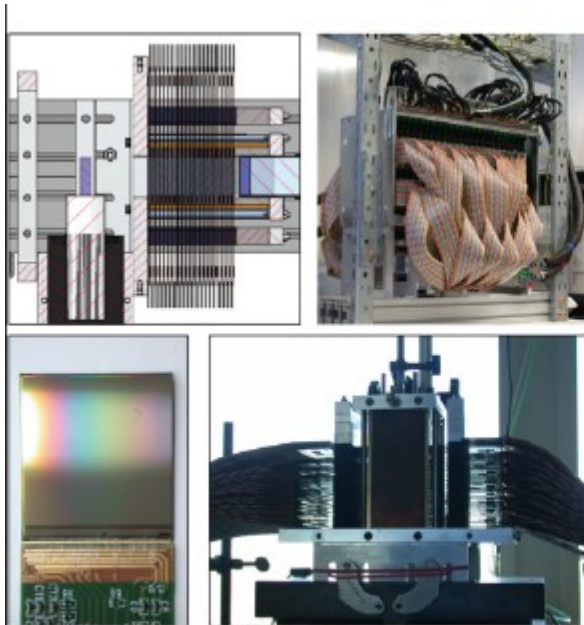
- Utrecht-NIKHEF + Bergen
- Direct γ measurement in p+p, p+A, A+A
- Granularity \ll Molière radius
- Energy measurement = counting particles



*two-particle separation
better by orders of magnitude*

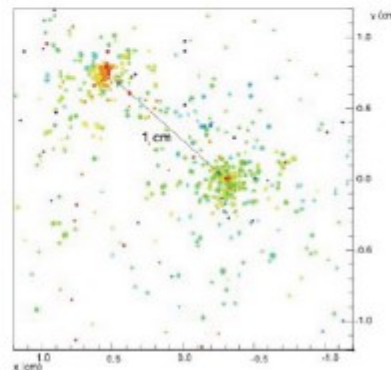
*superior particle identification
from extreme transverse
and longitudinal granularity*

*unique measurement capabilities
for high particle densities*



- activity at Utrecht/Nikhef:
 - full prototype, CMOS (MIMOSA)
 - 39Mpixels, 30 μ m pitch
- performed systematic tests:
 - test beam data from 2 to 250 GeV (DESY, PS, SPS)
 - cosmic muons

Proto tested in beam 2014
exploits MIMOSA-23 (2008)
with tint = 640 μ s

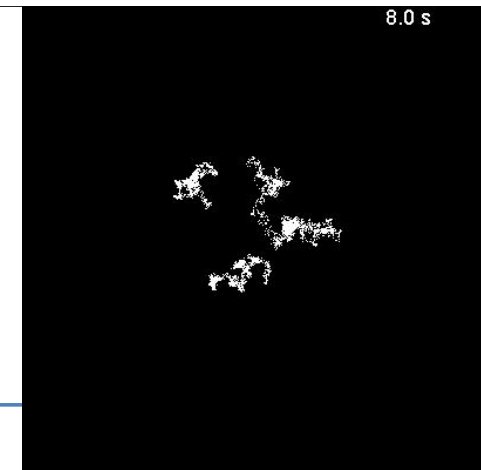
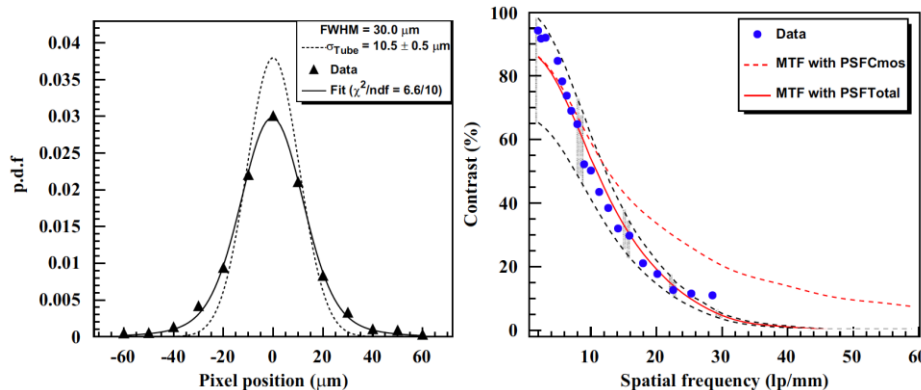
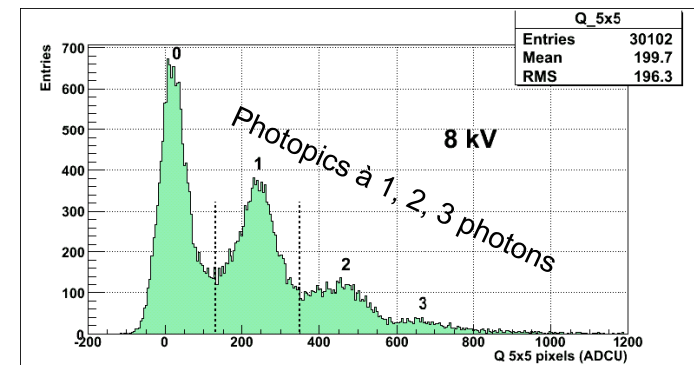
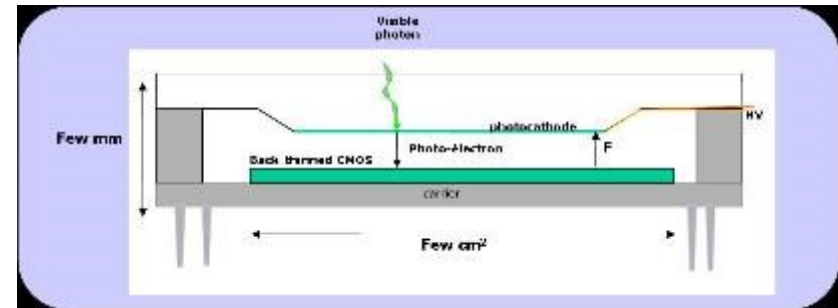


Possible improvement with
sensor offering fast analogue
read-out ~ TIIM project

Hybrid-photodetector

2006-2011

- ▶ Electron Bombarded CMOS (ebCMOS)
 - ▶ Single photon detector with spatial resolution
 - ▶ Collaboration IPN-Lyon (Rémi Barbier), PHOTONIS, SAGEM
- ▶ LUSIPHER project
 - ▶ Sensor LUCY, 400x800 pixel 10 μm , 600 fps
 - ▶ Photocathodes QE~15-25 % @ 480 nm
 - ▶ Dark count ~ 15 Hz/mm²
- ▶ Applications
 - ▶ Tracking low-intensity light sources
 - ▶ Underwater bioluminescence (ANTARES)



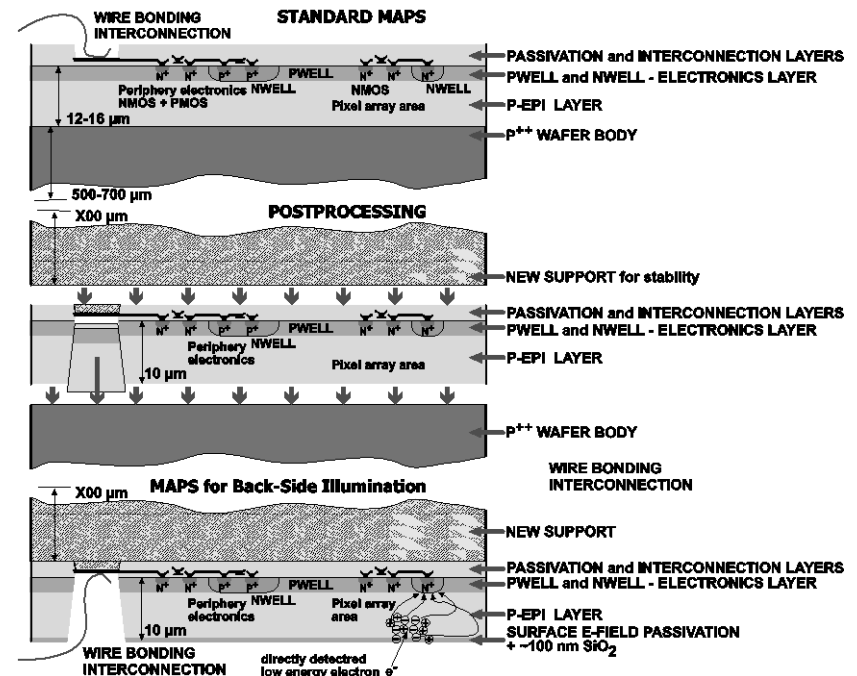
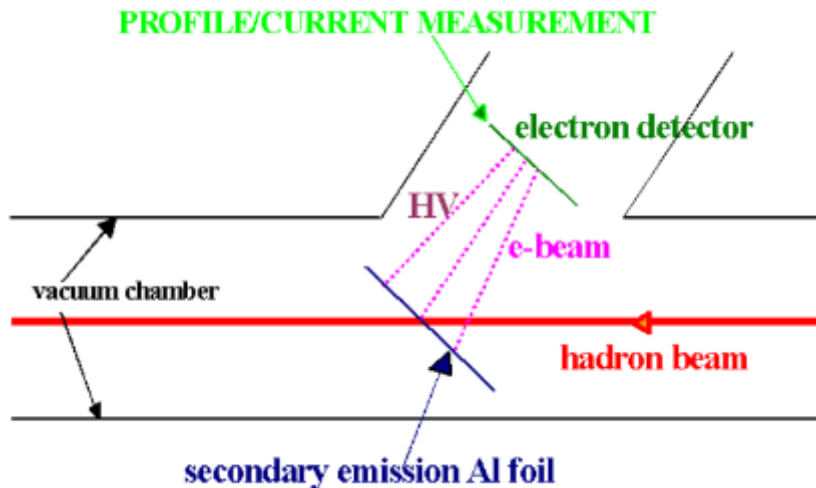
Résultats obtenus par R.Barbier et al. @ IPNL

■ Scientific case

- Quality Control of beam for hadrontherapy
 - Imaging secondary electrons emitted by a target hit by primary beam

■ Project

- Silicon Ultra fast Camera for electron and gamma sources In Medical Applications
- Partners: Uni. dell'Insubria, Karlsruhe, Berlin, Krakow, Warsaw, Geneva
- New sensor MIMOTERA with 10000 frame/sec
 - First back-thinned sensor

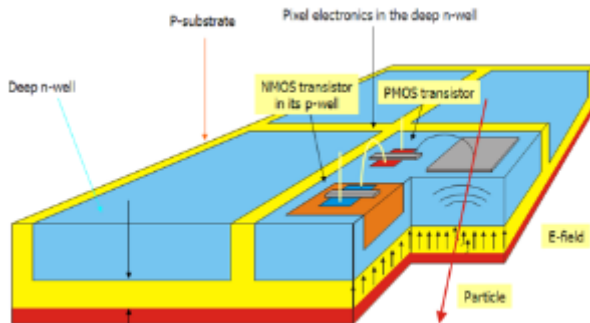


Three ways to deplete MAPS

$$\text{Depletion depth} \propto (V_{\text{bias}} \times \rho)^{\alpha} \text{ with } \alpha \lesssim 1/2$$

High Voltage

- Large diode

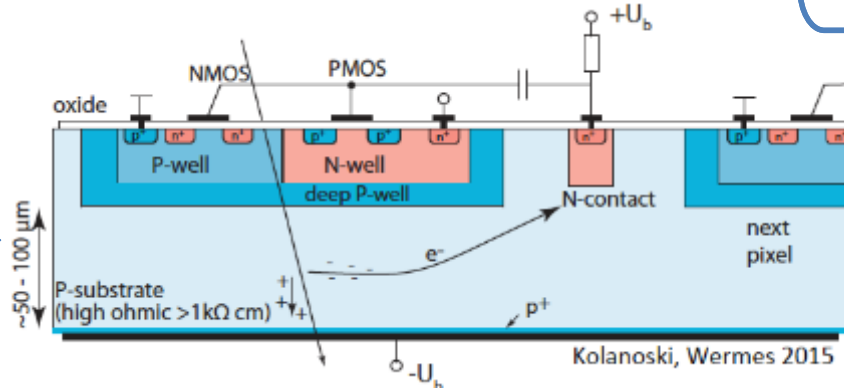


I. Pieric 2010

Target fast timing

High Resistivity

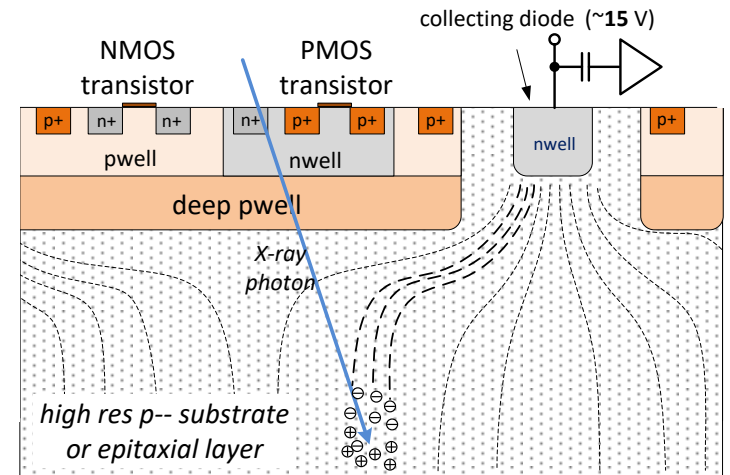
- Back biasing
- Small/Large diode



Kolanoski, Wermes 2015

High Resistivity

- Top biasing
- Small diode



M. Kachel 2013

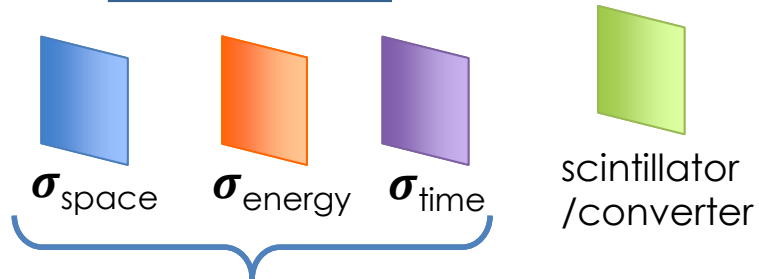
Target small pixels

★ All with multiple wells
CMOS process:

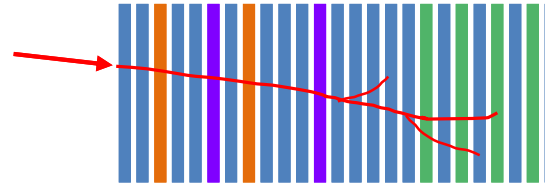
Remember hybrid tech.
offers natural shielding

DREAM of electronic emulsion

■ Let's stack!



CMOS pixel flavours with
sense layer ~ 100 % thickness



→ Fast electronic equivalent of a nuclear emulsion

• 8D measurements

- 3D position + 3D direction
- 1D time
- 1D energy (range / sampling)

• Adjustable performances

- Stack re-shaping (sensor redesign)

