

# Activities on TPSCo 65 nm process

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## ■ Introduction

## ■ Revisiting 1st TPSCo 65 nm submission

- CE-65 sensor design and tests

## ■ ER1 submission

- MOSS design and test
- CE65v2 design and test

## ■ Summary and outlook

# Sensor requirements

-- Goal is to develop high **granular** and **radiation hard** depleted monolithic active pixel sensors for future experiments such as **ALICE ITS3, FCC-ee**, etc.

## Compulsory for tracker

- Position resolution **10  $\mu\text{m}$** 
  - Matched by pitch 35  $\mu\text{m}$  with binary
- Hit rate (triggerless readout)
  - Middle Layers **1.7 MHz/cm<sup>2</sup>**
  - Outer Tracker 0.06 MHz/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Tolerance to radiation
  - Middle Layers **50 kGy +  $1 \times 10^{14}$  n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>**
  - Outer Tracker 0.8 kGy +  $2.5 \times 10^{12}$  n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>

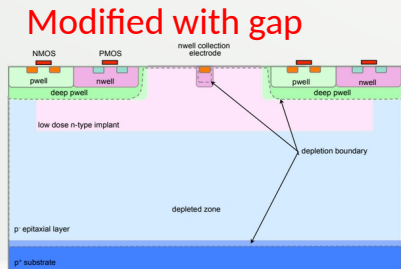
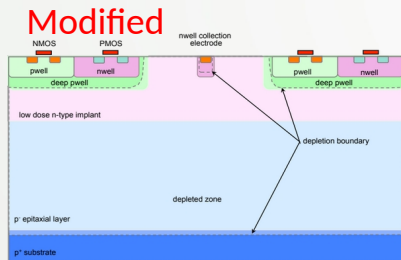
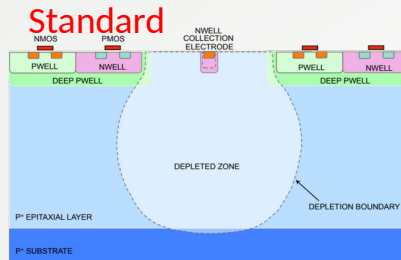
## Optional (and more stringent)

- Position resolution 2.5 to 3  $\mu\text{m}$ 
  - Required by vertex for ALICE3, FCCee
- Higher hit-rate
  - 94 MHz/cm<sup>2</sup> for ALICE3 vertex
  - 160 MHz/cm<sup>2</sup> for LHCb UT
- Tolerance to fluence
  - $1 \times 10^{16}$  n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup> for ALICE3 vertex
  - $3 \times 10^{15}$  n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup> for LHCb UT

# 1st TPSCo 65 nm submission (MLR1)

standard + 2 modified for better depletion

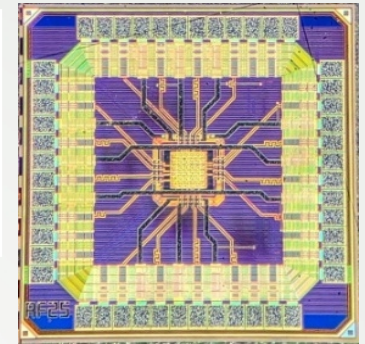
- “modified”: low dose n-type blanket
- “modified with gap”: same as above + gap on pixel edge.



## APTS (Analogue Pixel Test Structure)

- 6×6 pixel matrix
- Direct analogue readout
- 4 pitches: 10, 15, 20, 25 μm
- 3 process variations

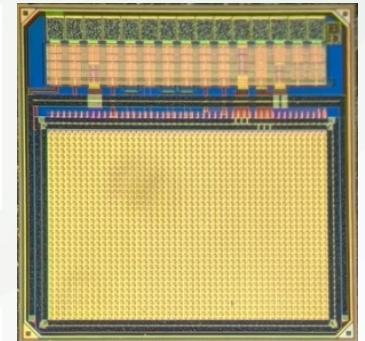
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## CE65 (Circuit Exploratoire 65 nm) v1

- 2 matrix sizes (64x32 & 48x32)
- Rolling shutter readout
- 2 pitches: 15, 25 μm

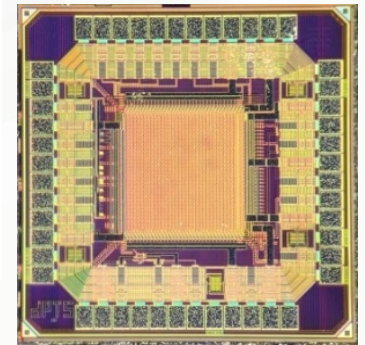
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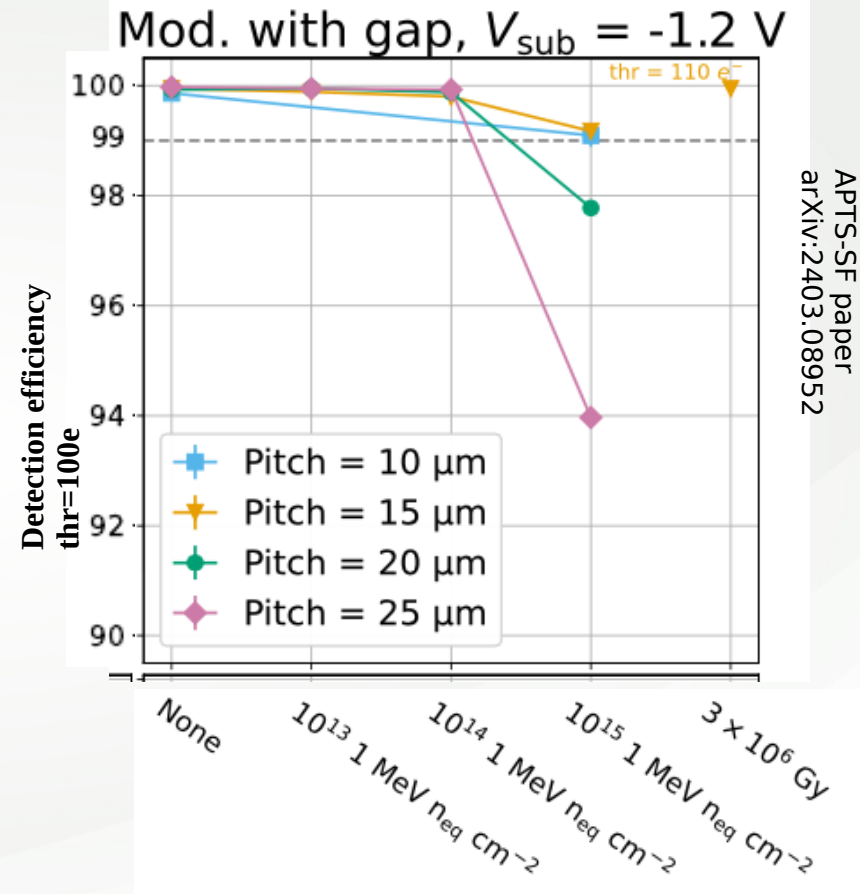
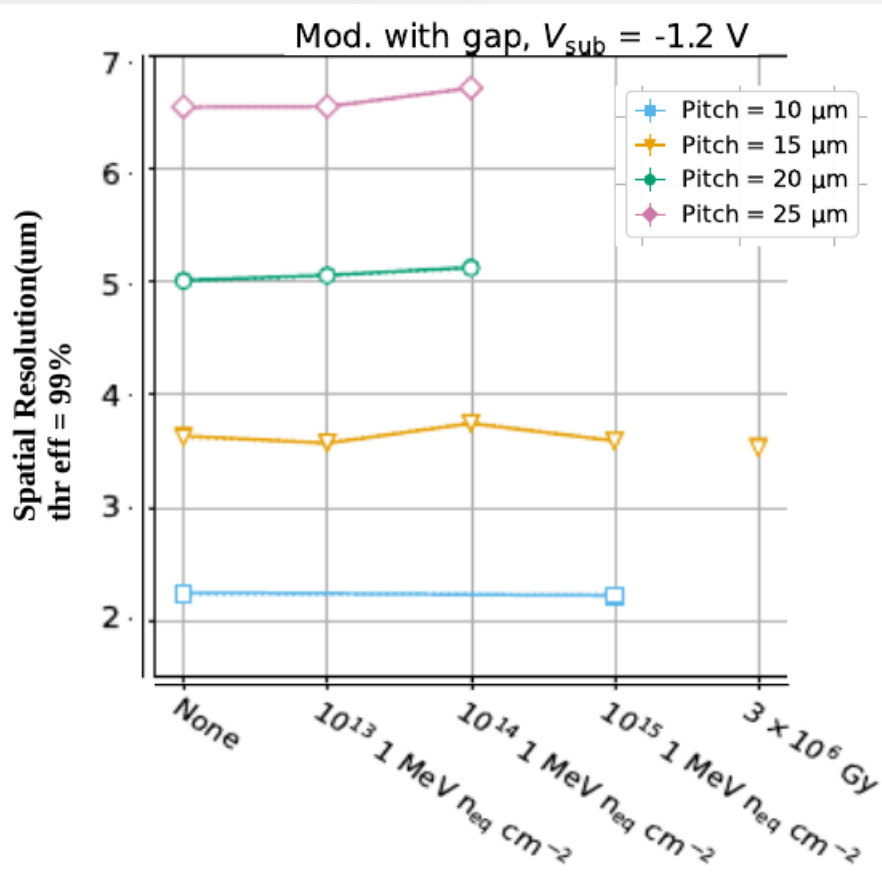
## DPTS (Digital Pixel Test Structure)

- 32×32 pixel matrix
- Asynchronous digital readout
- Time-over-Threshold information
- pitch: 15 μm
- Only “modified with gap” process modification

Ref: **DPTS**



# Results APTS: Position resolution and efficiency

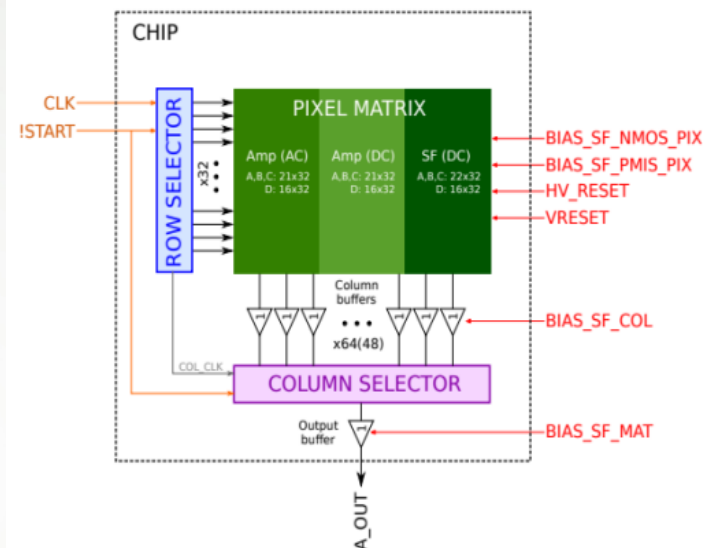
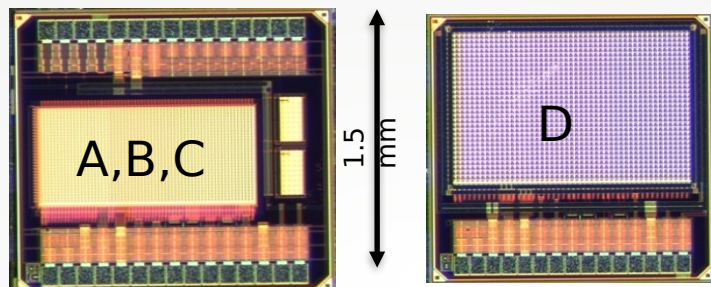


APTS-SF paper  
arXiv:2403.08952

# CE-65 Sensors (v1)

## Contribution from IPHC

- Analogue output
- Rolling shutter readout
- Readout 10 to 40 MHz



Variant	Pitch	Matrix size	Front-ends	Collection diode structure	Split
A	15 $\mu\text{m}$	64x32	DC-SF, DC-Amp, AC-Amp	Standard	1-4
B				Blanket w gaps	
C				Blanket	
D	25 $\mu\text{m}$	48x32	Basic		

**Note:** AC-coupled front-end allows sensitive volume biasing without backside voltage

# Results from CE65v1 testbeam



**Telescope and DAQ:**

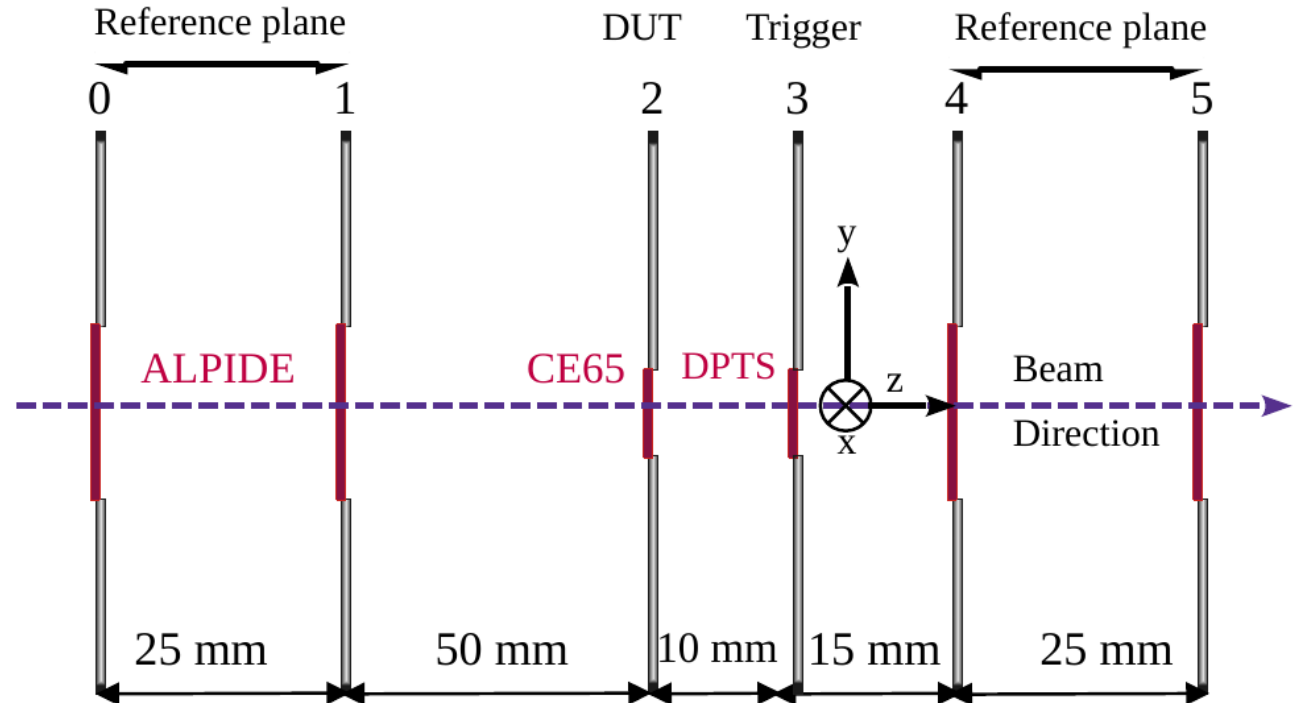
**Reference Arms:** 4 ALPIDE planes for track reconstruction

**DUT:** CE65

**TRG:** DPTS

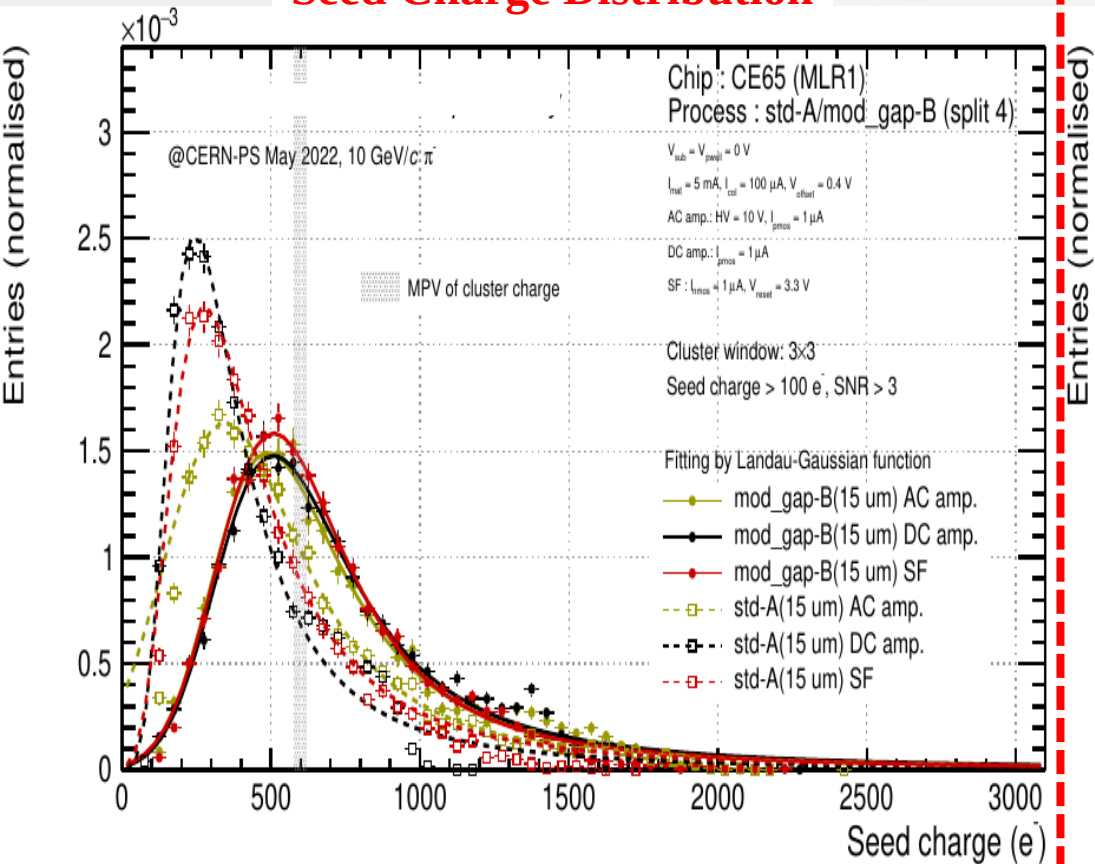
**Test beam:**

- EUDAQ2
- Analysis using corryvreckan
- May 2022 at CERN-PS
- 4 frames for each event
- Pedestal map Noise map
- Calibration file

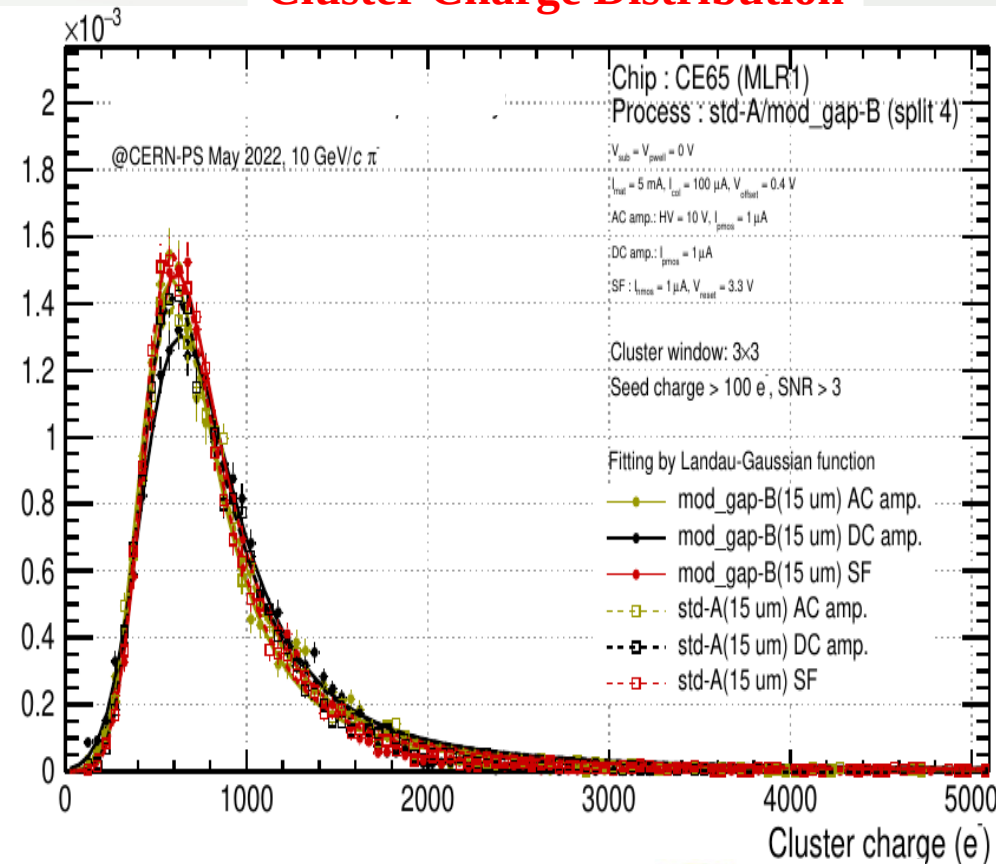


# Comparing charge sharing ('std' and 'mod\_gap')

## Seed Charge Distribution



## Cluster Charge Distribution

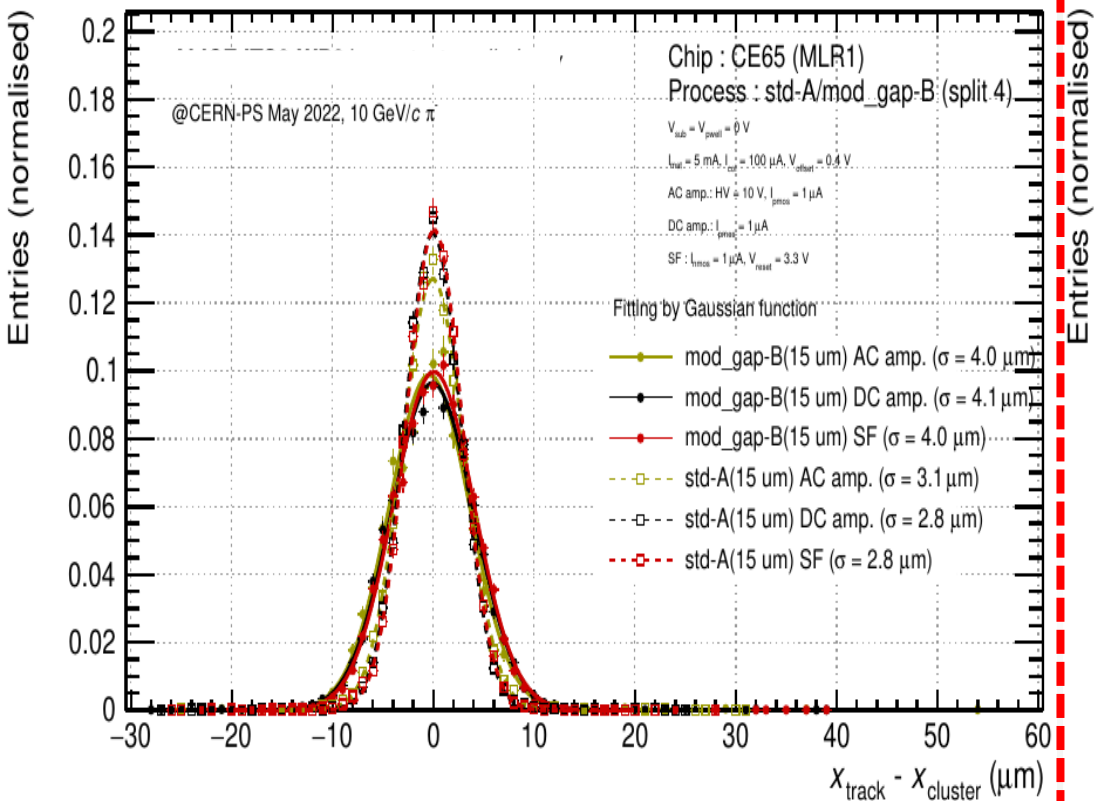


-- Charge sharing is large in "std" compare to "mod\_gap".

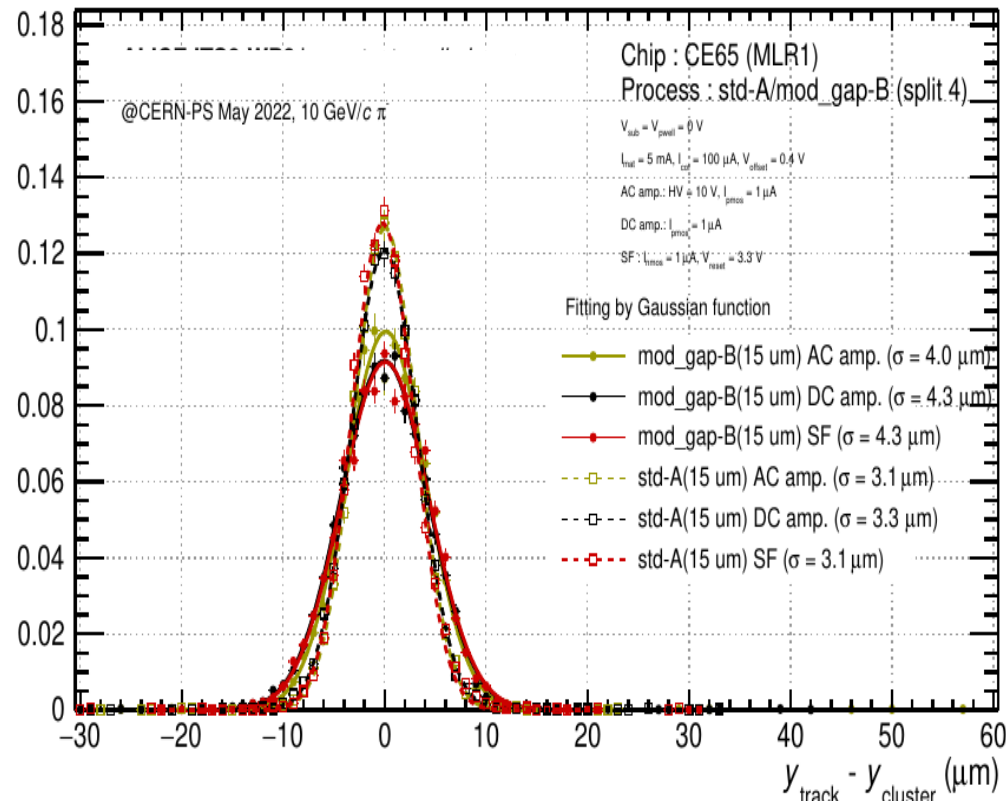


# Comparing residuals ('std' and 'mod\_gap')

## X residuals



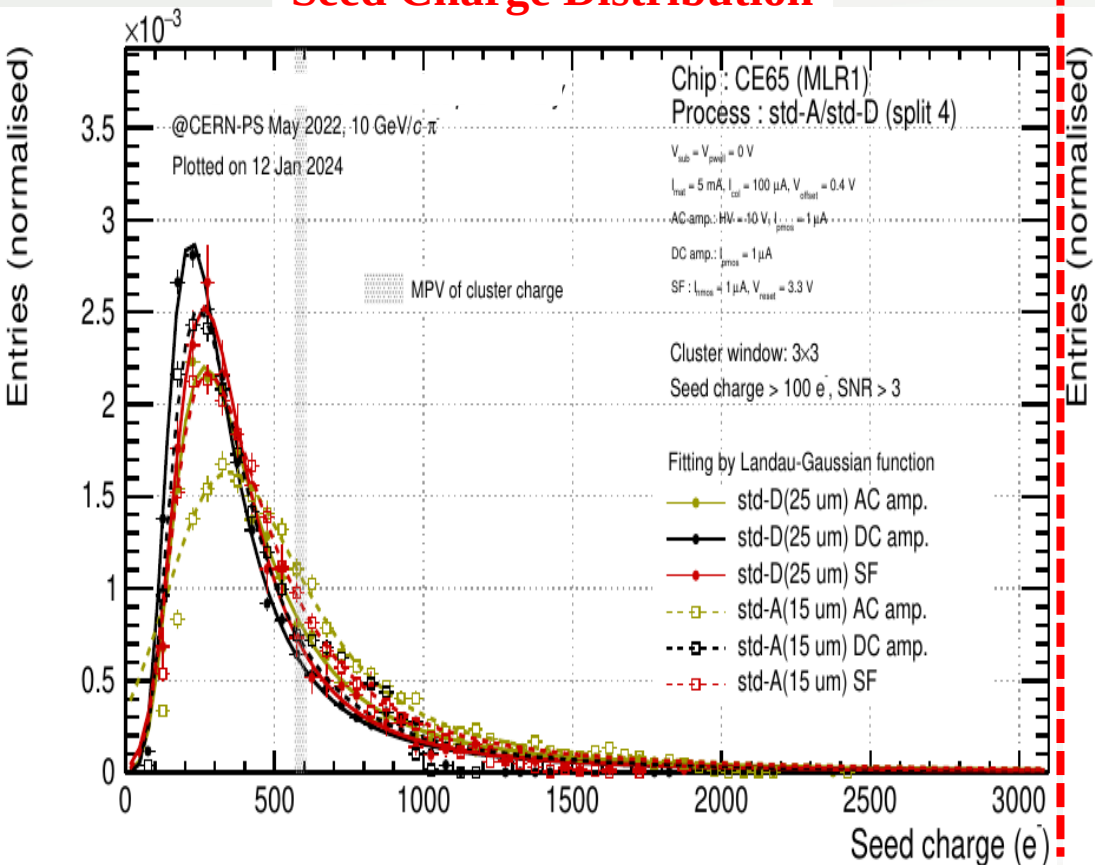
## Y residuals



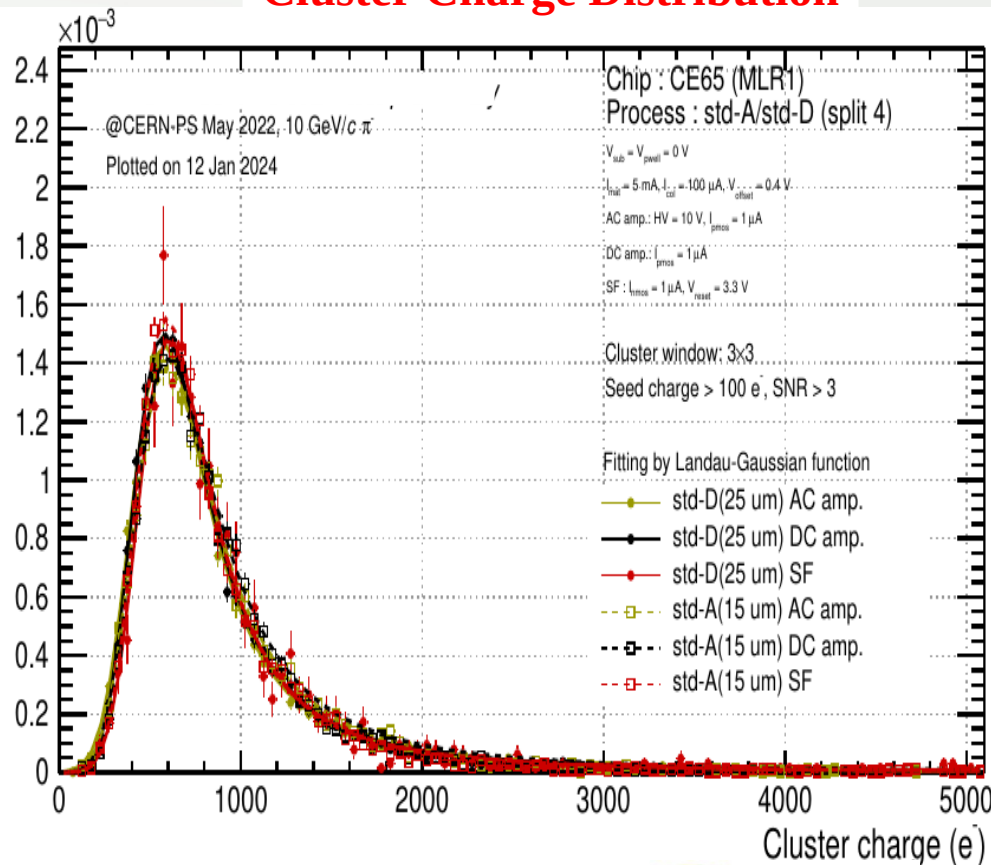
- Spatial resolution  $\sim 3.0 \pm 0.3$  (mod\_gap),  $\sim 1.3 \pm 0.3$   $\mu$ m (std)
- **modified** process makes us loose about 1.7  $\mu$ m for the same pitch of 15  $\mu$ m

# Comparing charge sharing (15um and 25um for 'std')

## Seed Charge Distribution



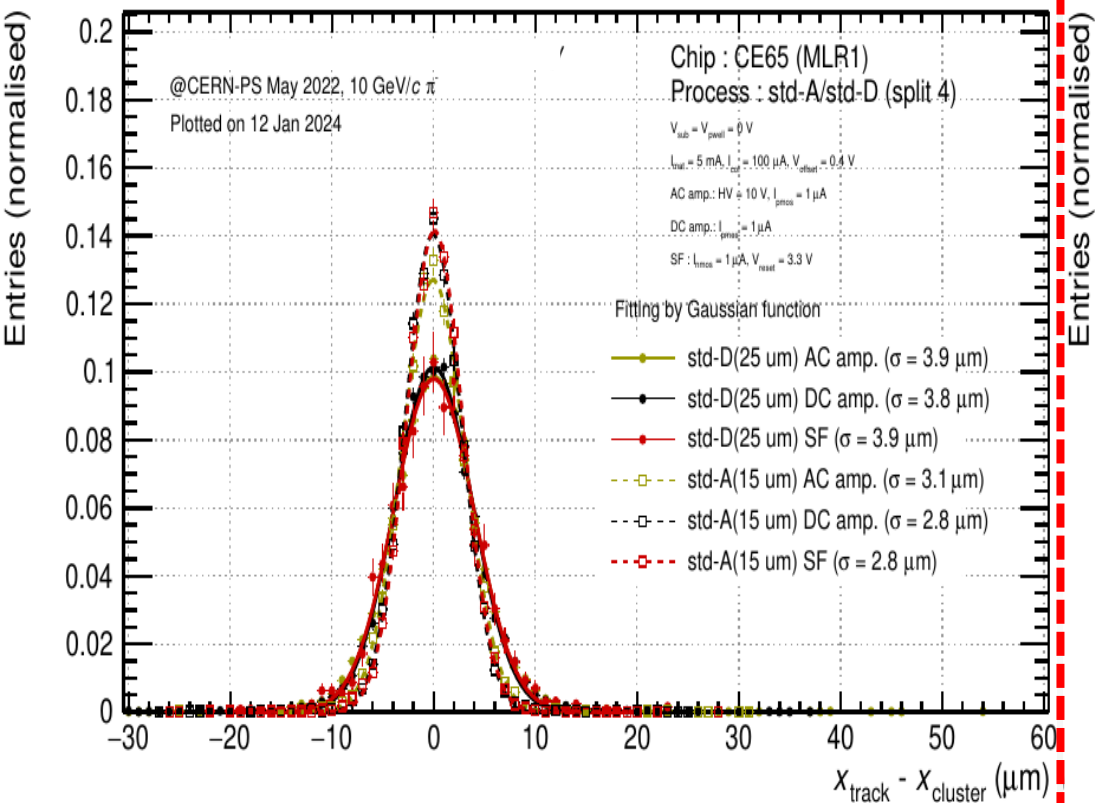
## Cluster Charge Distribution



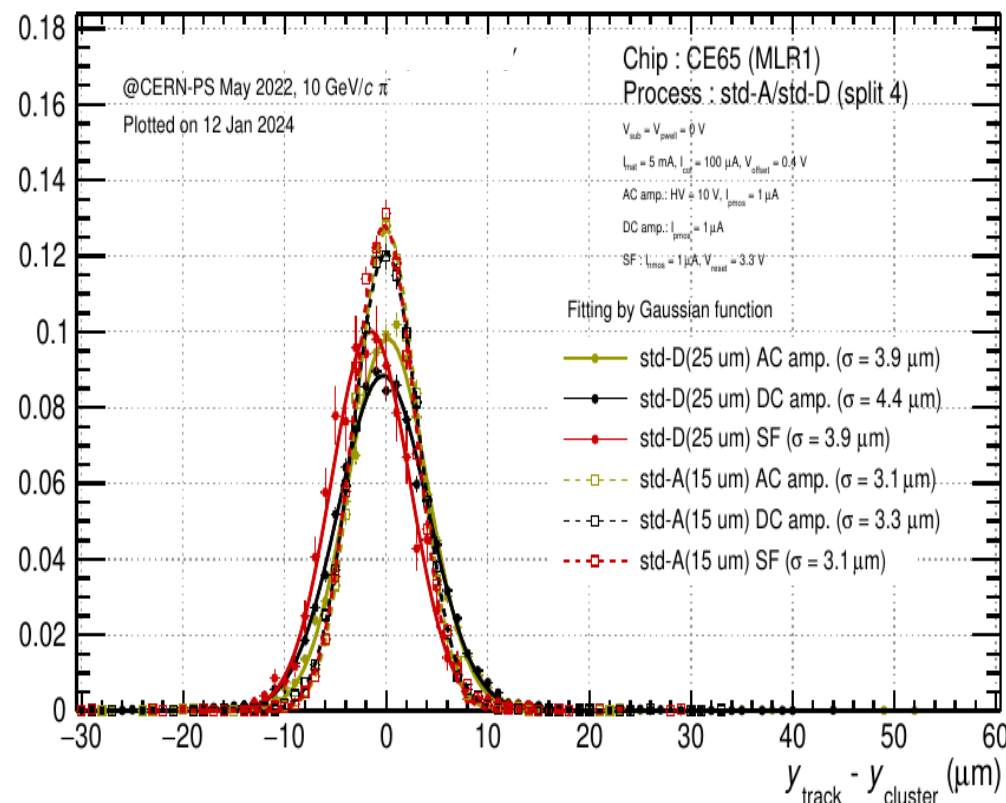
-- Charge sharing is increasing with the pitch in the "std" process (contrary to "modified" process) ---- diffusion dominate depletion!

# Comparing residuals (15um and 25um for 'std')

## X residuals



## Y residuals



- Spatial resolution  $\sim 2.7 \pm 0.3\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  (std-25um),  $\sim 1.3 \pm 0.3\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  (std-15um).
- We loose about 1.4 um from 15 to 25 um
- **DPTS** with **modified** process and **15 um pitch**: about 4 to 4.2 um

# ER1 submission

See slide from **Nicolas Tiltmann** this meeting

## -- Learn and prove **stitching**

-Methodology, Constraints, Yield

-- “**MOSS**”: 14 x 259 mm, 6.72 MPixel (22.5 x 22.5 and 18 x 18  $\mu\text{m}^2$ )

- conservative design, different pitches

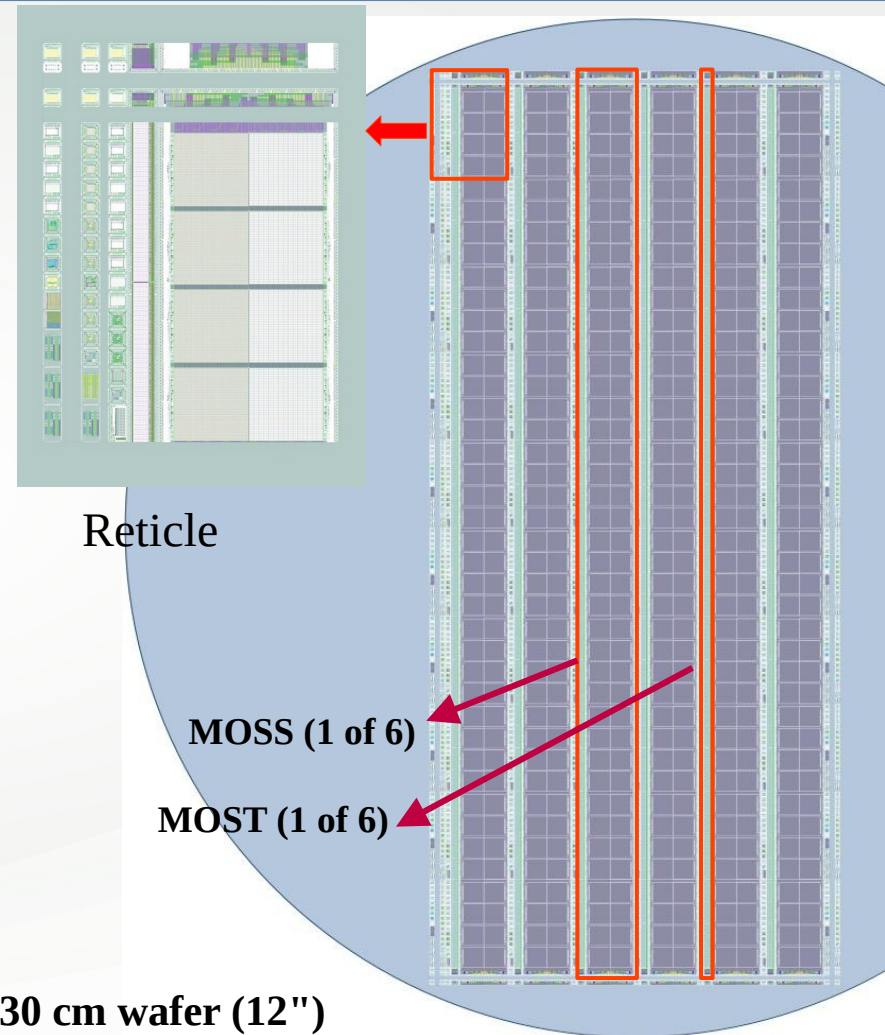
“**MOST**”: 2.5 x 259 mm, , 0.9 MPixel (18 x 18  $\mu\text{m}^2$ )

- more dense design, higher power granularity

## -- Small prototype and test chips (like MLR1)

- Pixel Prototypes (**New versions of APTS, DPTS, CE65(v2)** )

- Fast Serial Links, PLL, I/Os, SEU



# CE-65 Sensors (v2)

- AC-coupled only
- three types (STD, GAP, BLANKET)
- pitches (15um, 18um, 22.5um)
- geometry (regular and staggered)
- option for window readout

- Tested at **DESY** in **Nov. 2023**
- planned to test at **SPS** in **Apr. 2024** (mainly to study apatial resolution)
- planned to test at **DESY** in **May 2024** (Irradiation study)

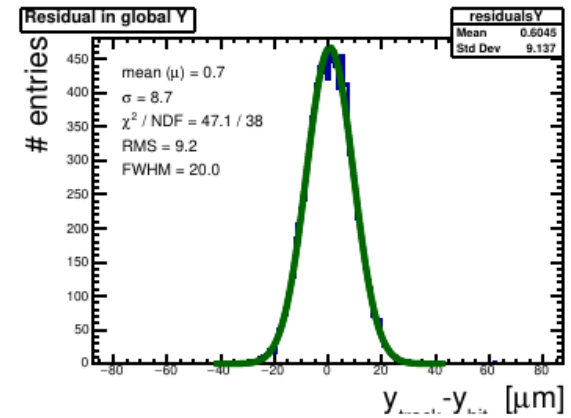
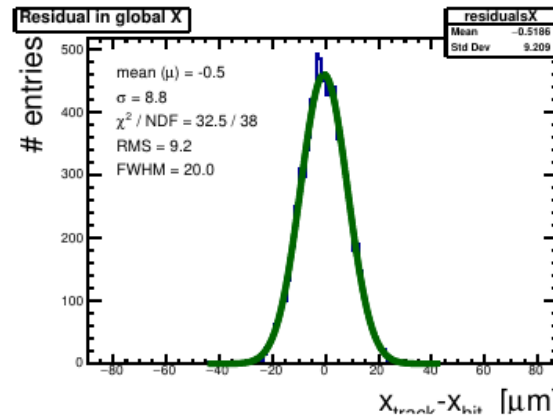
**Pitch / process**

	3 GeV	4 GeV	5 GeV
22.5 GAP SQ PCB08	10V & 4V (50k ev)		10V (90k events)
18 GAP SQ PCB02	10V (17k ev)	10,4 & 0V (55k Ev) & 2V (~30k)	
15 GAP SQ PCB19		10,4,2 & 0V (75k Ev)	
22.5 GAP HSQ PCB05		10,4,2 & 0V (50k Ev)	
18 GAP HSQ PCB03		10,4,2 & 0V (85k Ev)	
22.5 STD SQ PCB18		10,4,2 & 0V (50k Ev)	
15 STD SQ PCB06		10,4,2 & 0V (85k Ev)	
18 STD SQ PCB23		15, 10, 4 & 0V (55k Ev)	
22.5 GAP SQ PCB07		10V (100k Ev) 4,2 & 0V (50k Ev) + 3 frames mode (50k Ev)	

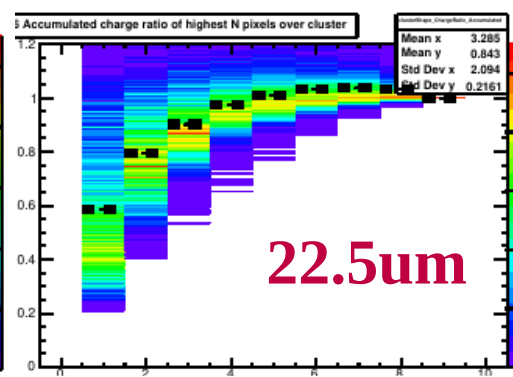
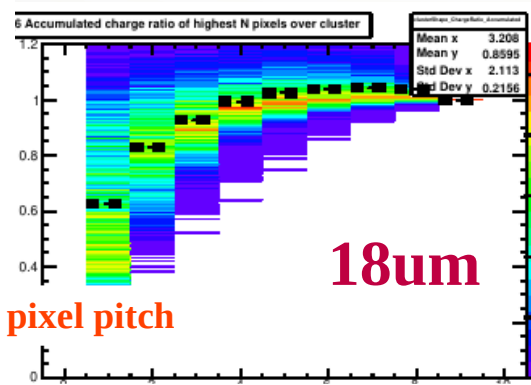
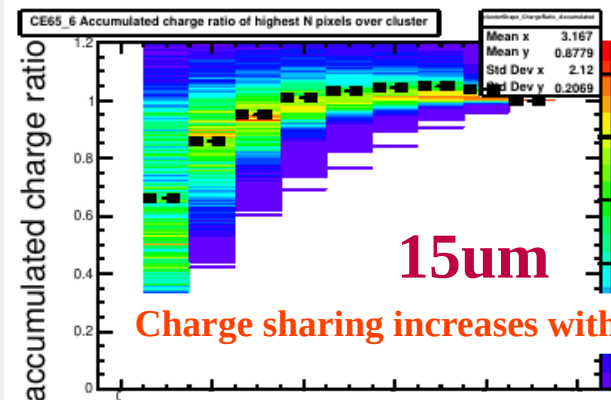
**Test done at DESY, Nov. 2023**

# CE65v2 test beam

- Tested at DESY in November 2023
- ALPIDE telescope
- Beam  $e^-4\text{GeV}$
  
- Analysis with Corry
  - cluster (3x3)
  
- Modified with gap
- Square pixels
- Pitch  $\rightarrow 22.5\ \mu\text{m}$



- $\sigma$  of residuals is large
- investigation is ongoing
- detailed analysis for all the runs is underway



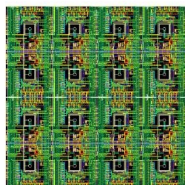
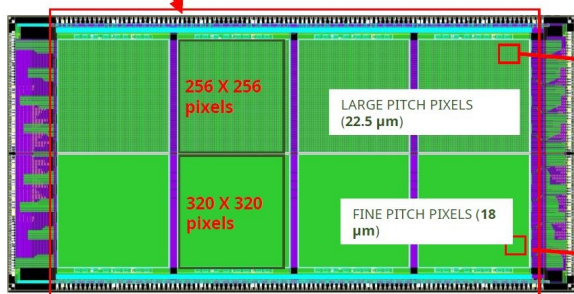
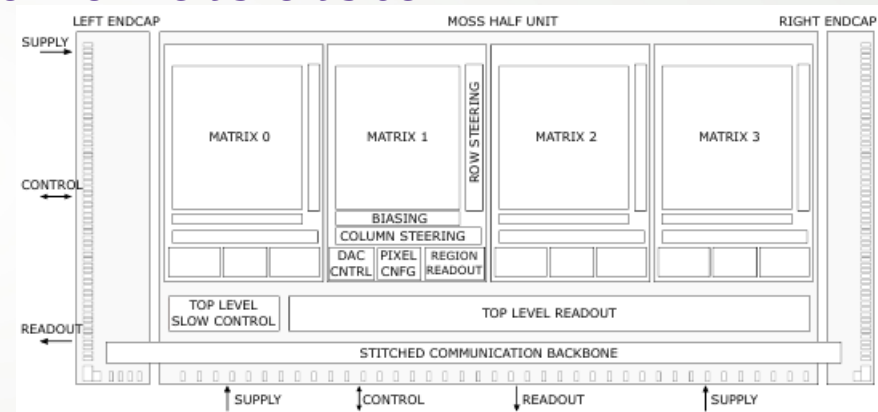
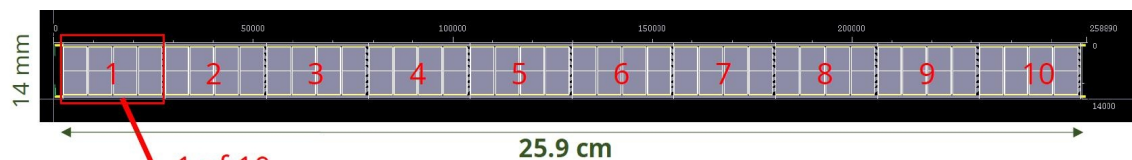
Number of selected pixels by decreasing charge

Charge sharing increases with pixel pitch

# MOSS design

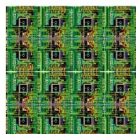


- 10 repeated sensor units (RSU)
- top and bottom halves with different pitch (18 and 22.5  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- 4 different sub-matrices. 6 different analogue designs, 3 of the bottom regions have the same FE
- Each half RSU can be tested independently
- Stitched “back-bone” allows to control and readout the sensor from left short side



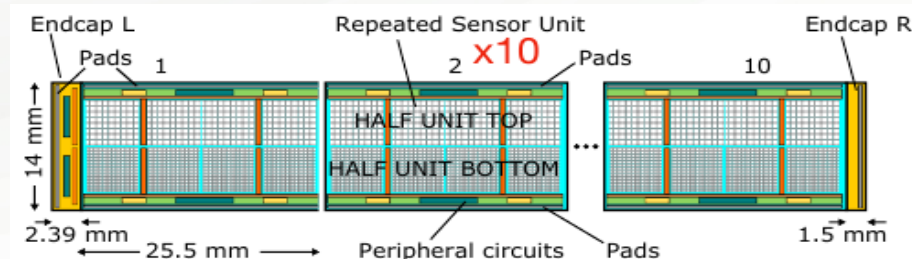
Pitch 22.5  $\mu\text{m}$

- Conservative layout
- 7 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> (analog FE)
- 1us peaking time



Pitch 18  $\mu\text{m}$

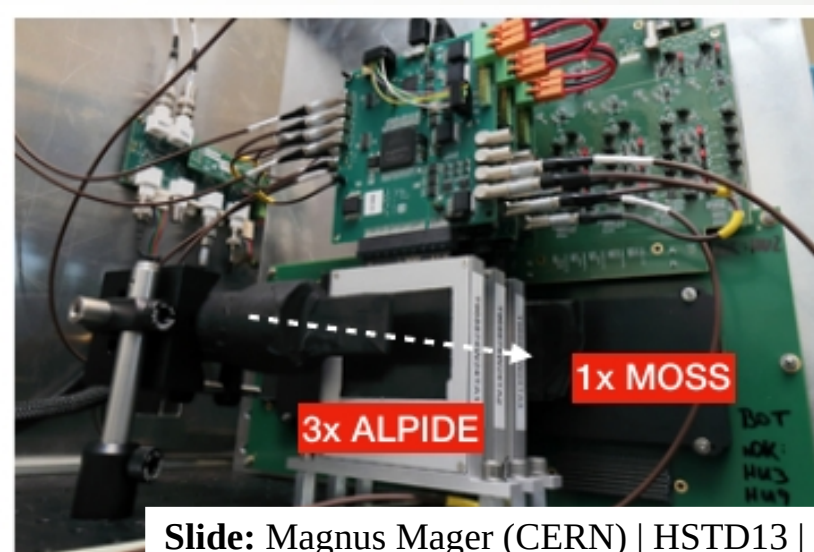
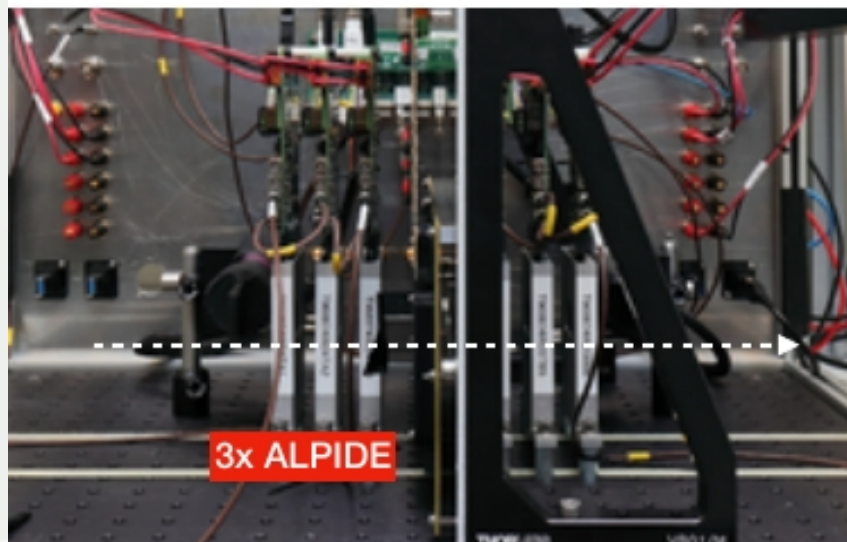
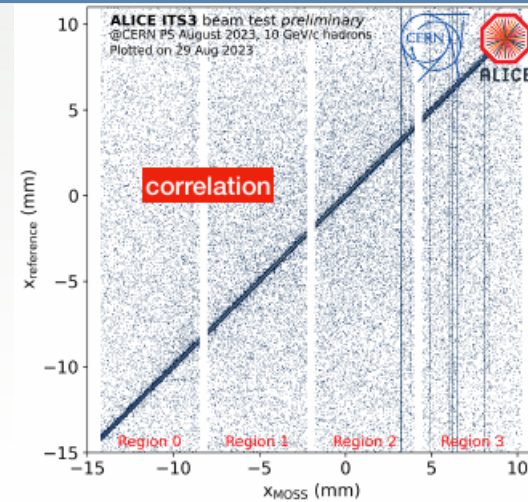
- Compact layout
- 11 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> (analog FE)
- 1us peaking time



- 1.4 x 26 cm monolithic stitched sensor

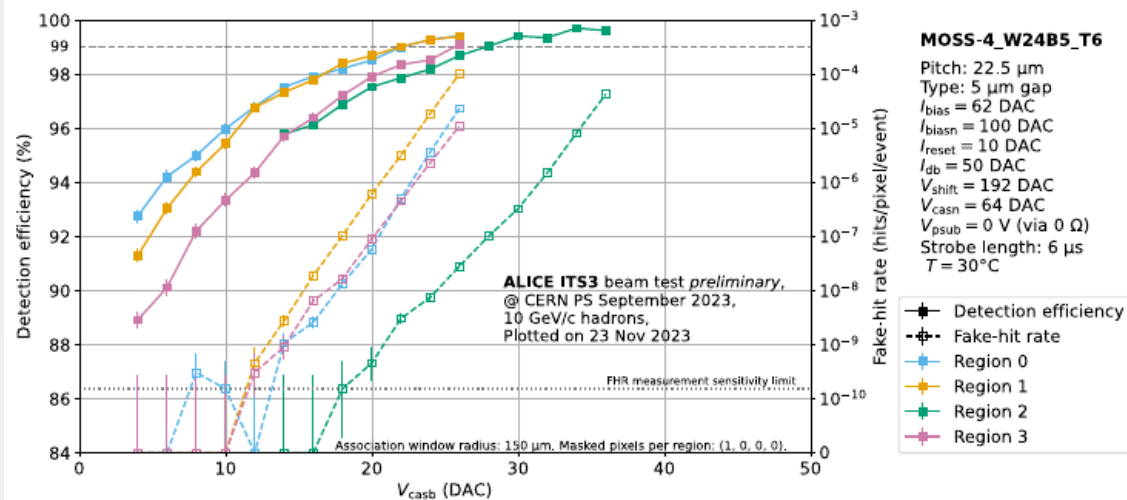
# MOSS test beams

- Several test beams in 2023
- Parameters still to be optimised and detailed data analysis is ongoing
- Very encouraging results





# MOSS test beams...

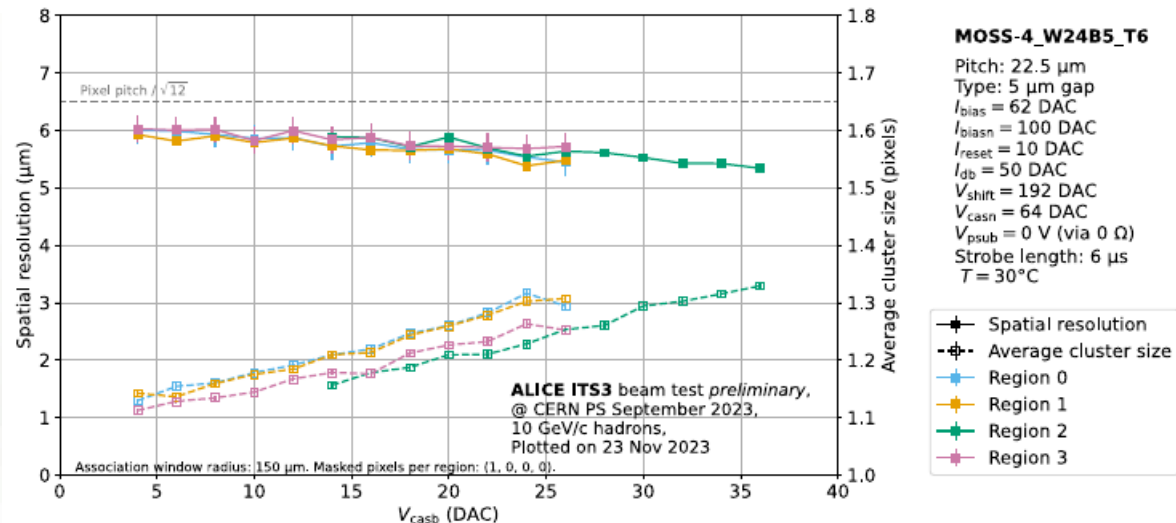


## Efficiencies and fake hit rate

NB: analogue bias settings are still being optimised

## Spatial resolution and cluster size

-- matches with those of small prototypes



# Summary and outlook

- TPSCo 65 nm is validated for detection and stitching seems doable.
  - Full characterization of MOS-S and MOS-T needed to assess more precisely (yield) stitching
- CE-65 sensor family focuses on charge sharing & position resolution studies
  - Position resolution behaviour with pitch & process modification qualitatively understood with charge sharing
    - TCAD & Allpix2 on-going for quantitative interpretation
  - 25 um pitch in standard process using full analogue information yields better resolution (~2.7 um against ~4 um) than 15 um pitch with binary output in modified process
- CE65v2 was tested at DESY. Preliminary results are shown. Detailed analysis is underway
- Planned to test CE65v2 sensors:
  - Studying spatial resolution at **SPS in April 2024** . Important to compare for various **pitch** and **pixel geometries (regular & staggered)**

**Thank you for your kind attention!**

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# Backup slides

# Large collaboration

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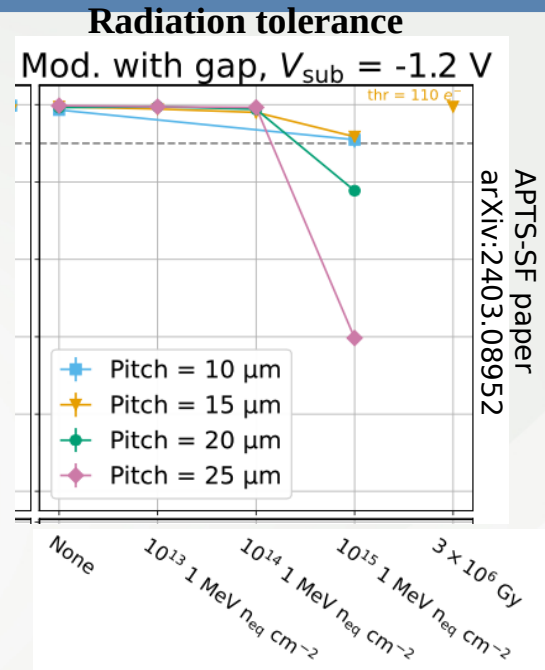
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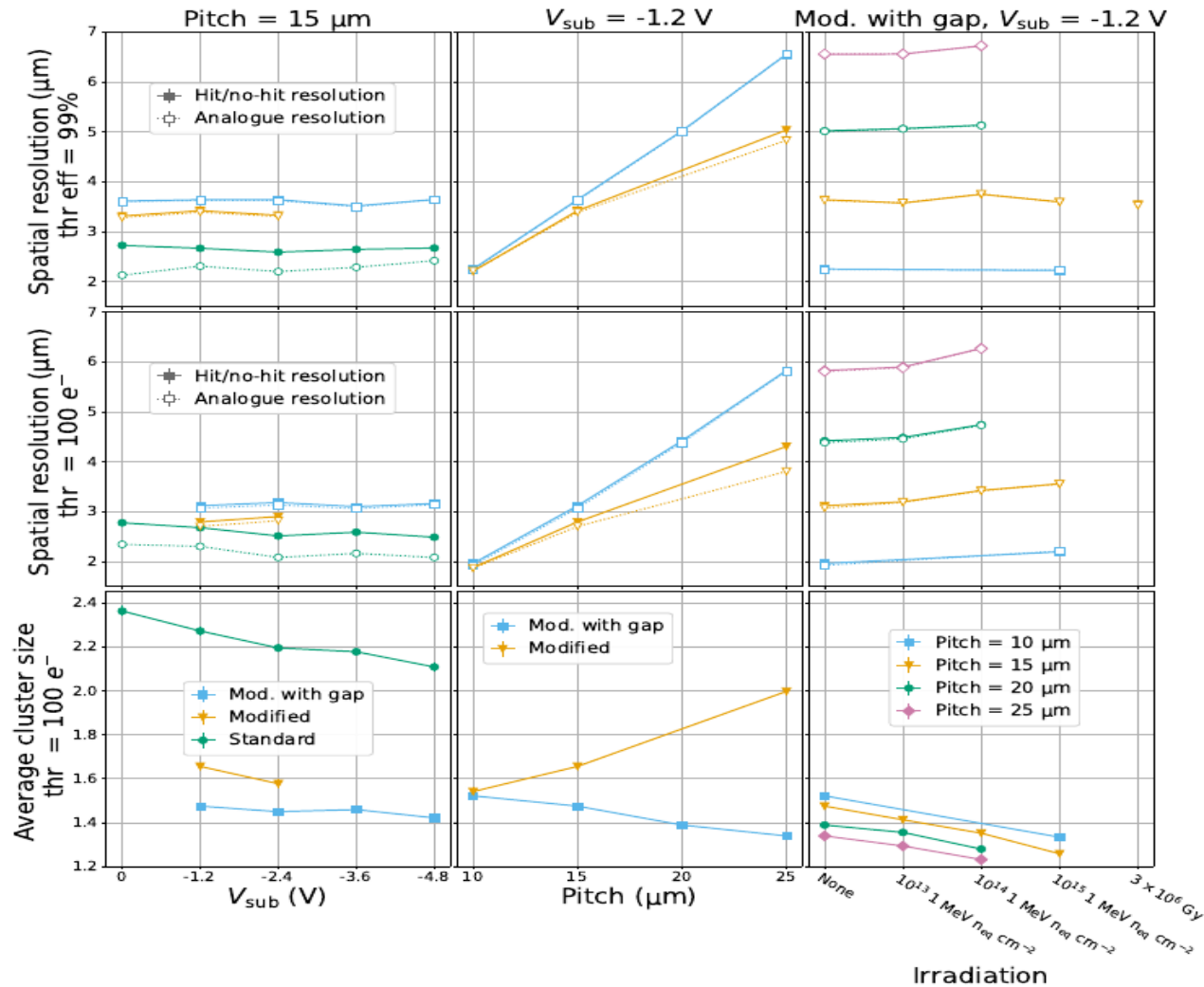
# Pixel design: position resolution

- 35  $\mu\text{m}$  to 50  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch with binary output would match  $\sigma_{\text{pos}} \sim 10 \mu\text{m}$ 
  - Potential issue with detection efficiency in TPSCo 65nm
    - observed with 35  $\mu\text{m}$  with H2M (hybrid-to-monolithic) sensor but under investigation
    - Will get worse with irradiation
    - Important test to follow up with ER2 APTS versions with 30, 40, 50  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch
- About optional  $\sigma_{\text{pos}} \lesssim 3 \mu\text{m}$ 
  - (not discussing option with pitch < 15  $\mu\text{m}$  and binary output => out of interest for tracker)
  - pitch 25  $\mu\text{m}$  with some charge digitisation (2-3 bits?) may get close to  $\sigma_{\text{pos}} \sim 3 \mu\text{m}$  BUT requires charge sharing
    - Charge sharing detrimental to radiation tolerance
    - Not supported by APTS-SF results (arXiv:2403.08952) with modified process
    - Waiting for additional CE-65 results (pitch: 15, 18, 22.5  $\mu\text{m}$ )



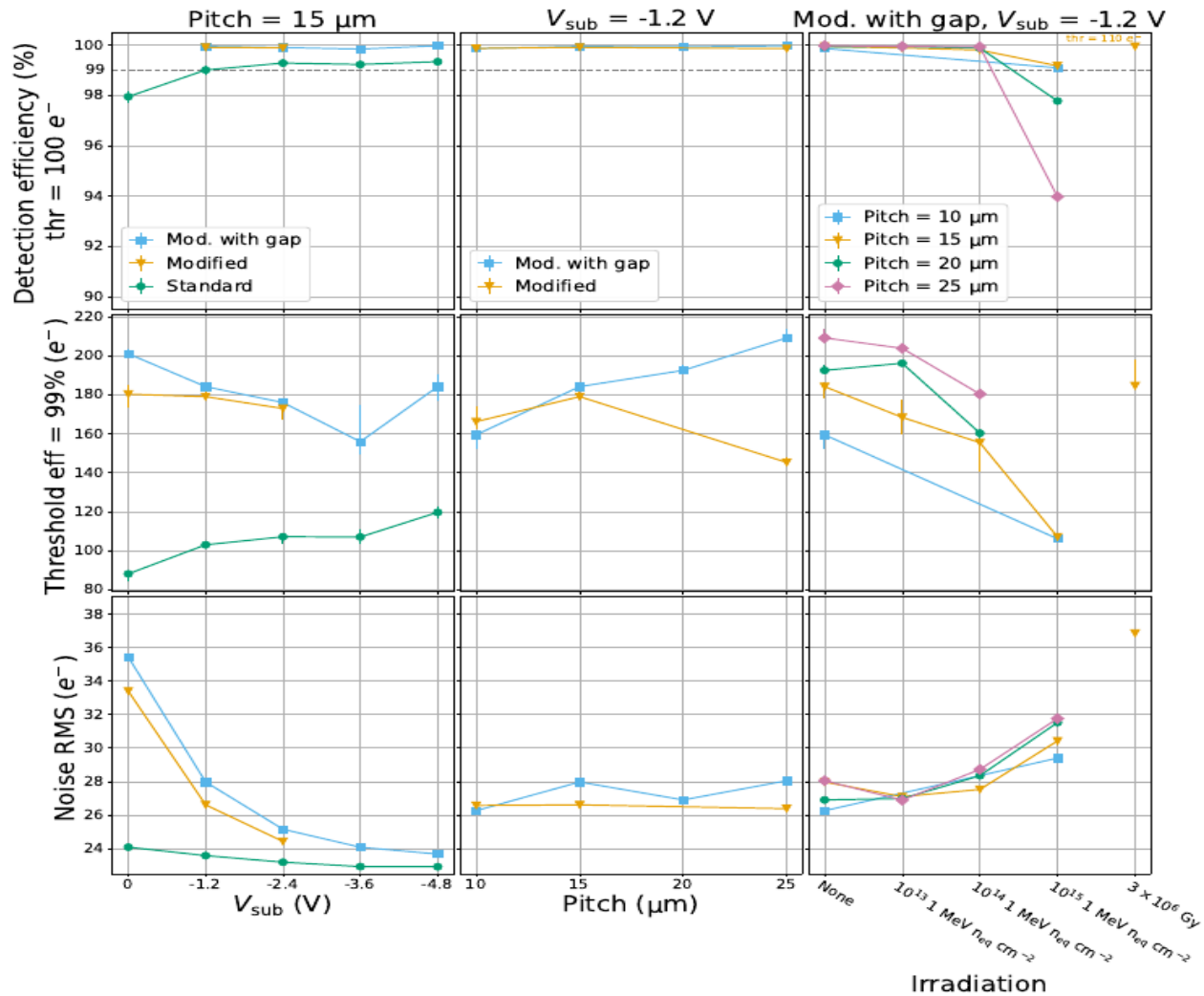
High fluence  $> 10^{15}$  requires:  
Low temperature ( $\ll 15^\circ\text{C}$ ) and  
optimization of modified process

# APTS-SF Results (arXiv:2403.08952)



**Spatial resolution**

# APTS-SF Results (arXiv:2403.08952)



Efficiency



# Roadmap

Activities in synergy with  
CERN EP R&D WP1.2 & ALICE-ITS3

- **1<sup>st</sup> submission: MLR1** Pre-AIDAInnova

- Test structures + Functional blocs
- Various pixel structures

- **2<sup>nd</sup> submission: ER1** 2021-2022

- Test structures + Functional blocs
- Various pixel structures
- 1<sup>st</sup> stitched sensor

- Design work

- 2023**
- Preparation for ER2
    - ALICE-ITS3 stitched sensors
    - Still some chiplets

- 2024**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> submission Q4: ER2**
  - Preparing **4<sup>th</sup> submission: MPR2**
    - Large prototype addressing future vertex detectors & trackers
    - New ideas (amplification, ...)

- 2025**
- Preparation for **MPR2** (Q4 2024)
    - Seeds to ECFA-DRD3/7 projects

- Testing work

- Finalise tests on MLR1
- Start ER1 tests
  - 1<sup>st</sup> test on stitched sensors
  - Tests on chiplets

- **Finalise tests on ER1**
- Preparation of **ER2** tests

- Tests of **ER2** may not start before end-of-AIDAInnova

- Question addressed

⇒ Techno validation

- Yield with stitching
- Handling/bending of thin & large (<100cm<sup>2</sup>) area
- Performance optimisation (space & time resolution)

⇒ Techno exploration

- **OUTCOME of AIDAInnova**

- Readiness for ALICE-ITS3
- Readiness for future plans

# ER1 submission

## ER1 Submission (12/2022)

### Learn and prove **stitching**

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“**MOSS**”: 14 x 259 mm, 6.72 MPixel (22.5 x 22.5 and 18 x 18  $\mu\text{m}^2$ )

conservative design, different pitches

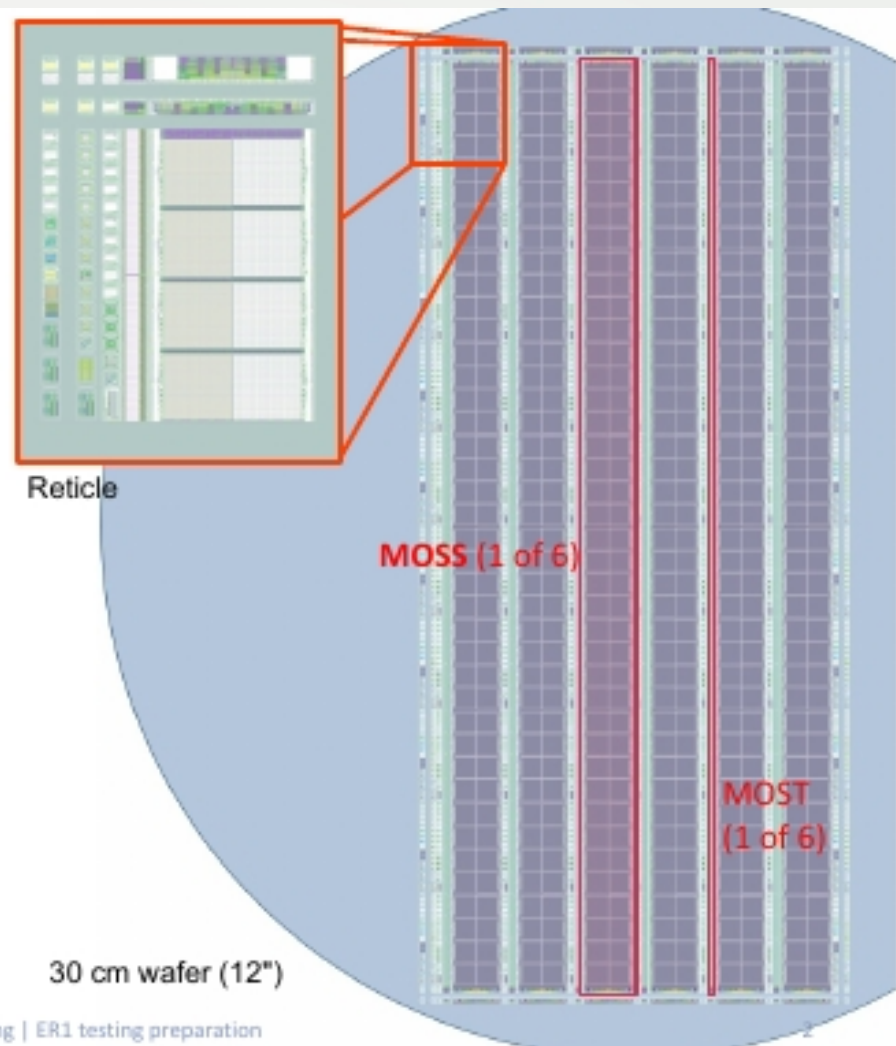
“**MOST**”: 2.5 x 259 mm, , 0.9 MPixel (18 x 18  $\mu\text{m}^2$ )

more dense design, higher power granularity

### Small prototype and test chips (like MLR1)

Pixel Prototypes

Fast Serial Links, PLL, I/Os, SEU



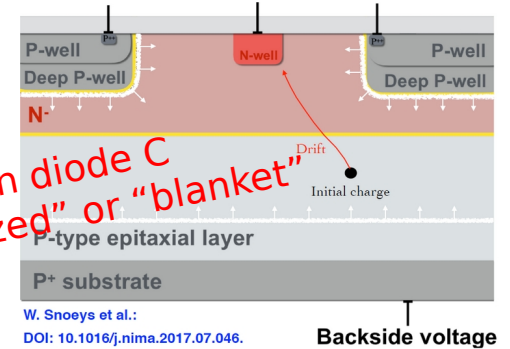
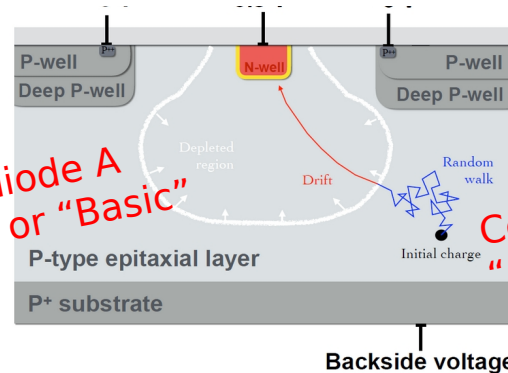


# TPSCo 65nm process modification

## 4 process splits

### Doping modifications:

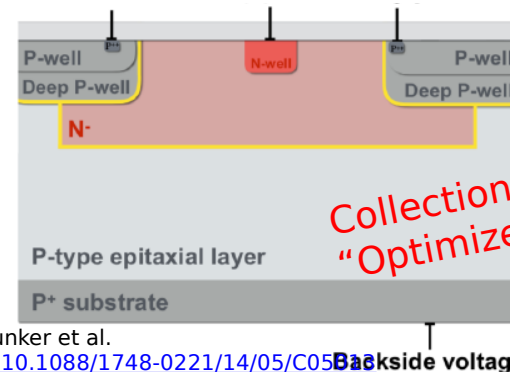
1. Default process
2. First intermediate process
3. Second intermediate process
4. Optimized process



## 3 collection diode structures

- Following successful modifications in Tower 180 nm
- Standard => Optimized(gap) structures

⇒ Both modifications based on TCAD studies



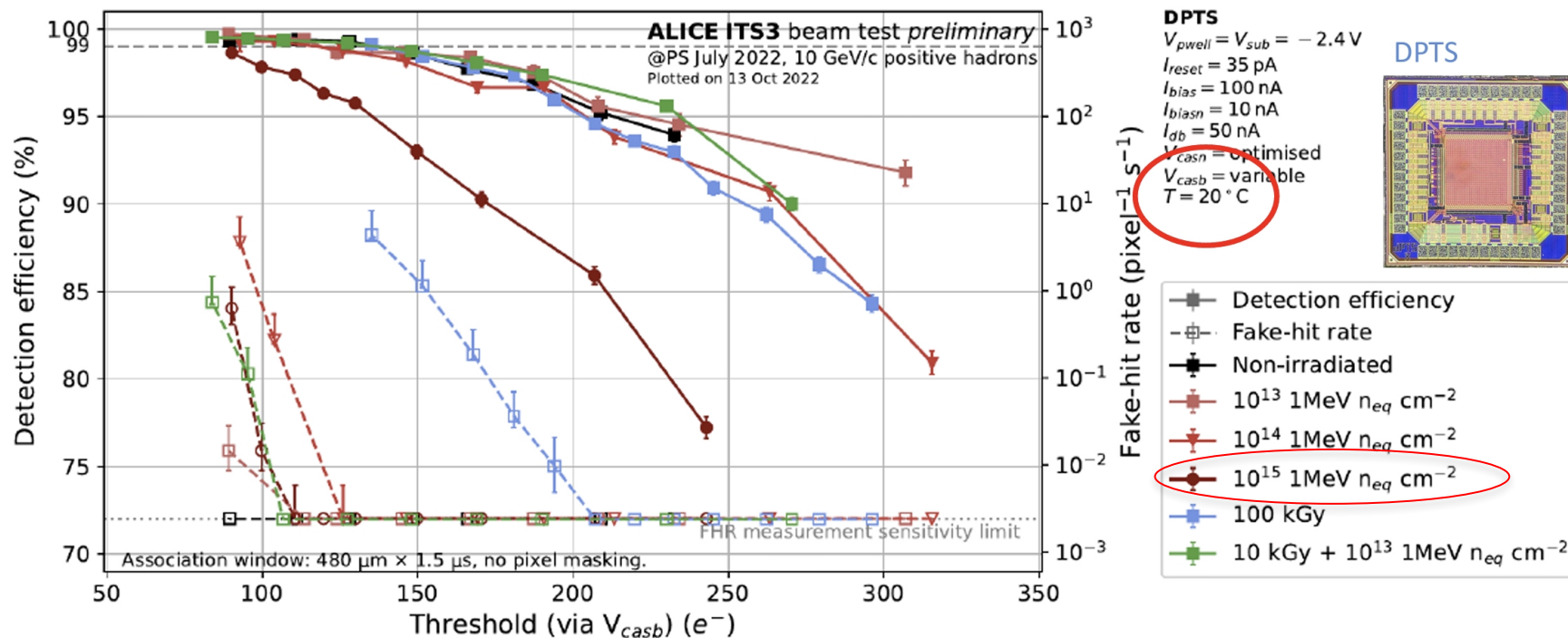
Still on-going for subsequent submissions

# MLR1 findings

- Promising radiation tolerance

S.Perciballi @ TREDI2023 <https://indi.to/yD2ZF>

- DPTS (digital) with 15  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch
- Beam test results



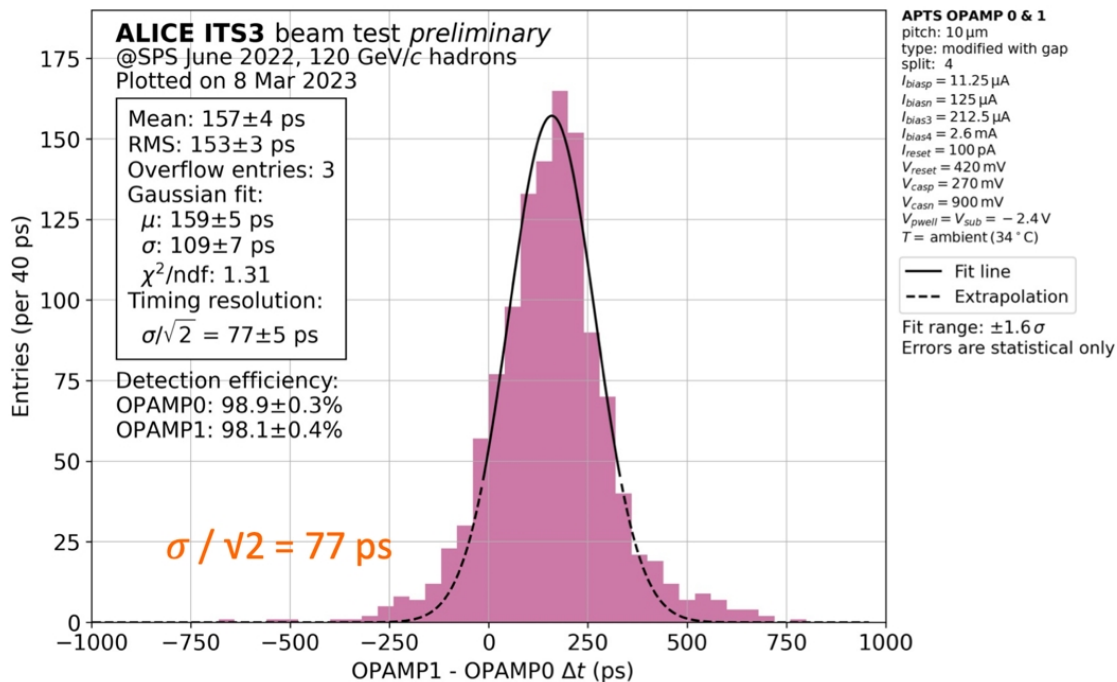
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## ■ Timing resolution

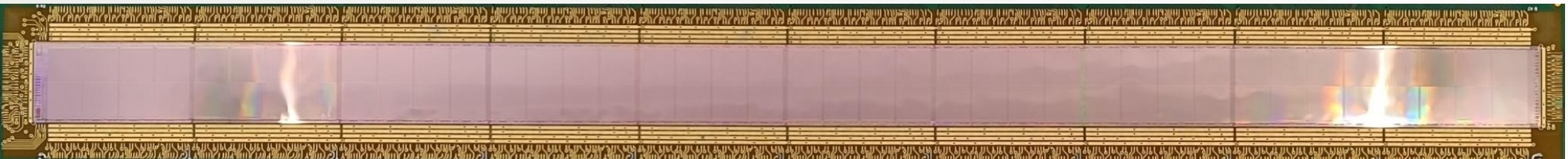
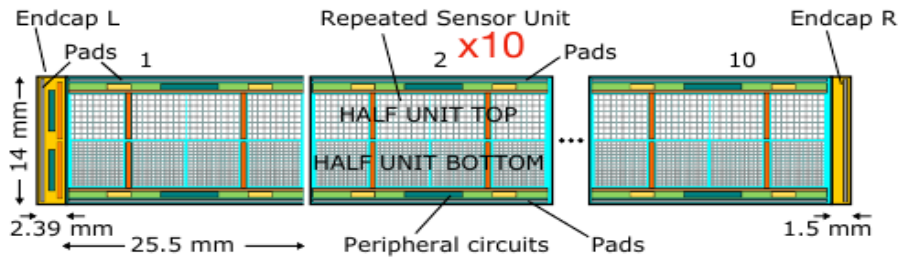
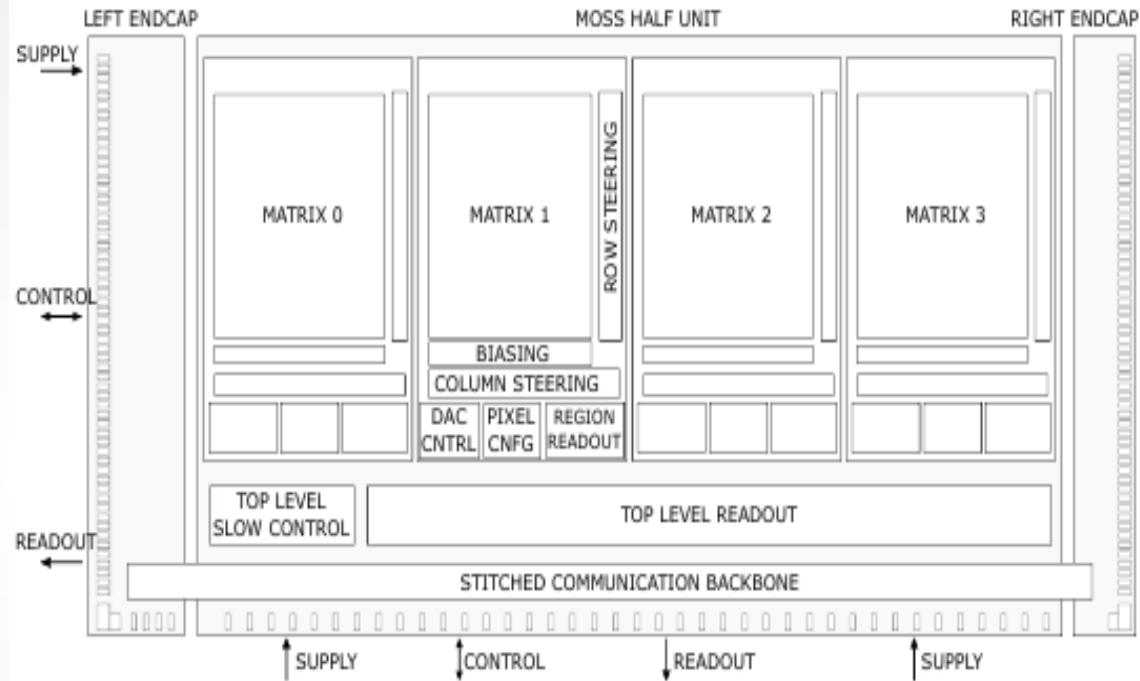
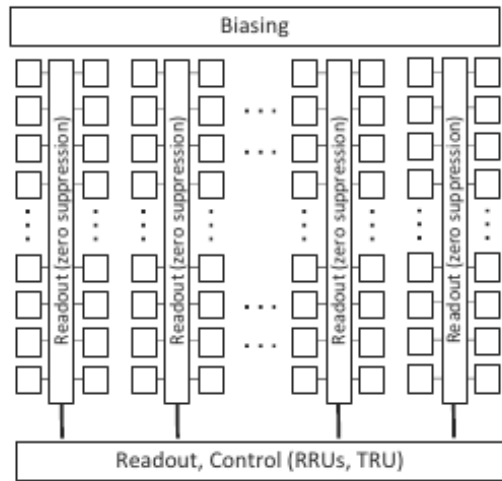
C. Ferrero @ TWEPP 2023

- Based on APTS, CE-65, DPTS: talks at [IWORIN2022](#) [TRFDI 2023](#) [ULTIMA 2023](#)

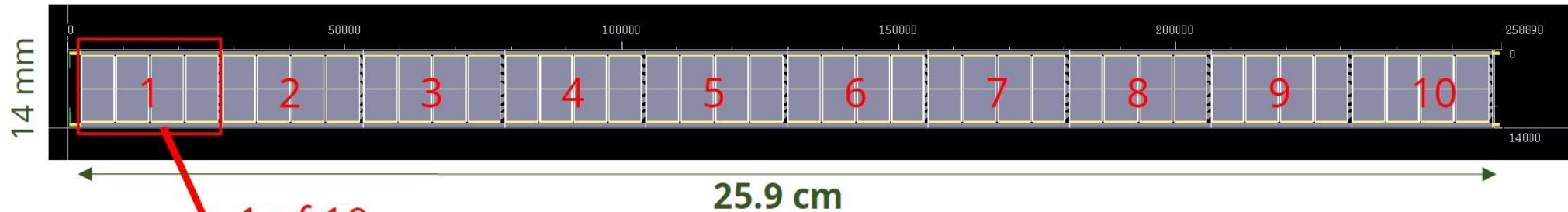
- Variety of pixel pitches: 10-25  $\mu\text{m}$
- Successful sensitive layer depletion
- Promising radiation tolerance
- Promising time resolution



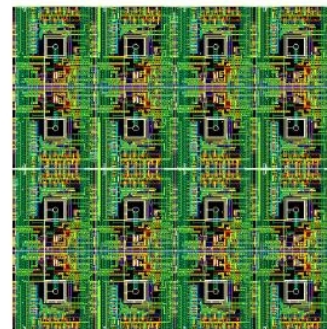
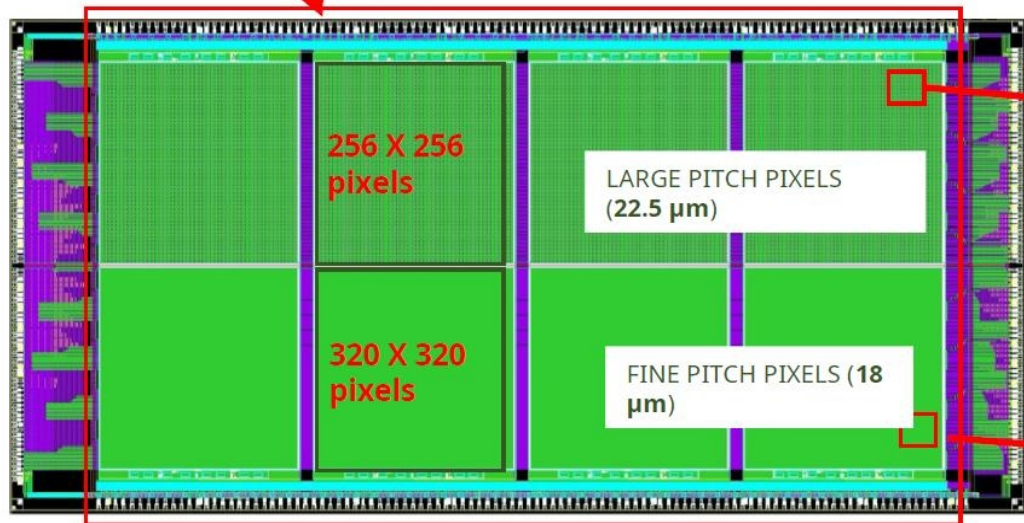
# MOSS design



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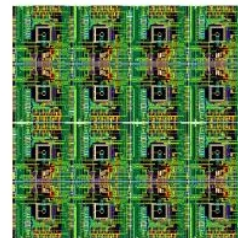


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Pitch 22.5  $\mu\text{m}$

- Conservative layout
- 7 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> (analog FE)
- 1  $\mu\text{s}$  peaking time



Pitch 18  $\mu\text{m}$

- Compact layout
- 11 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> (analog FE)
- 1  $\mu\text{s}$  peaking time

- 1.4 x 26 cm monolithic stitched sensor



# Sensor requirements

-- Goal is to develop high **granular** and **radiation hard** depleted monolithic active pixel sensors for future experiments such as ALICE ITS3, FCC-ee, etc.

## Sensor spatial resolution

$\sigma_{sp} \lesssim 3 \mu\text{m}$  → for Higgs-factories  
~ 5  $\mu\text{m}$  → for ALICE  
~ 5-10  $\mu\text{m}$  → for Belle II

⇐ critical benefit of small feature size in 65nm for task 5.2

## Hit rate and time resolution (depends on experiment)

-- few 10 MHz/cm<sup>2</sup>/s for Higgs-factories  
-- 100 MHz/cm<sup>2</sup>/s for Belle II  
-- Time resolution ~ns for CLIC  
-- time resolution in 10-100ps range (Specific for PID or 4D tracking)

⇐ requires new readout architectures, critical for both tasks 5.2+5.3

⇐ benefit of thin sensitive layer in 65nm, critical for task 5.3

## Radiation tolerance and NIEL fluence

-- Up to  $10^{12} n_{eq(1MeV)}/\text{cm}^2$  for task 5.2  
-- Minimum  $10^{15} n_{eq(1MeV)}/\text{cm}^2$  and beyond for task 5.3

⇐ 65nm tolerance to be checked, critical for task 5.3