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# JRA9-Tracking and Ions Identifications with Minimal Material budget: TIIMM

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# Outline

- Context = combining Tracking & Identification
- Schedule overview / **sensor prototypes**
- First prototype: requirements & status
- Current activities: tests & second prototype

**JRA9  
WP27  
team**

- DKFZ, Heidelberg
- INFN, Bari
- GSI, Darmstadt
- INFN, Trento
- IPHC, Strasbourg
- LNF / INFN, Frascati

**TIIMM target**

**Precision tracking**  
 $\sigma_{\text{pos.}} \leq 10 \mu\text{m}$

**Low material budget**  $\ll \% X_0$

**Energy loss measurement**  
 $1\text{-}10^3 \text{ MIPs}$

**Current achievements**

**Hybrid detectors**

- At the limit of feasibility 😞

- Limit around  $1 \% X_0$  😞

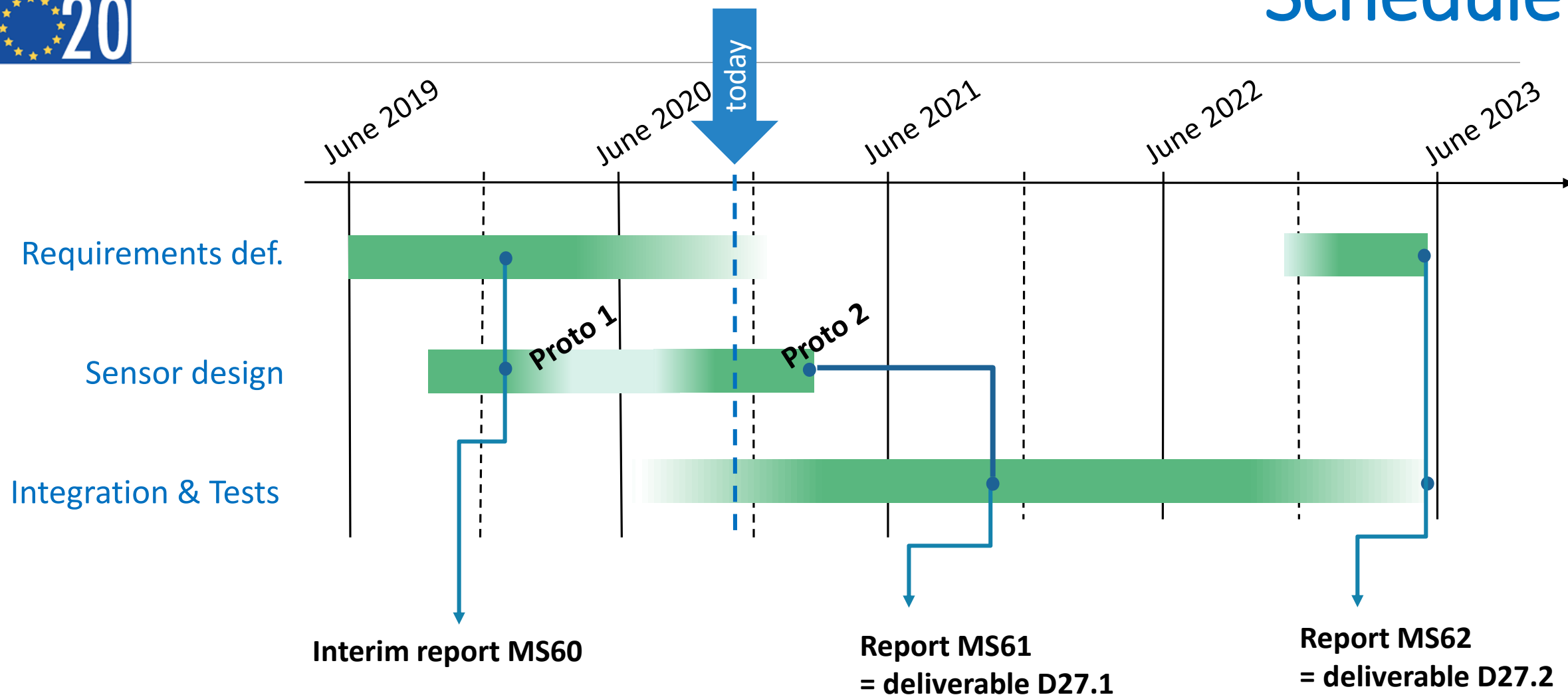
- Strong point** 😊
  - Thick substrate  $300\text{-}1000 \mu\text{m}$

**Monolithic sensors**

- $\sim 5 \mu\text{m}$  ALICE – ITS2
  - with  $1\text{-}10 \text{ MIPs}$  😊
- $5\text{-}10 \mu\text{m}$  FIRST, hadrontherapy
  - Ions  $150\text{-}300 \text{ MeV/u}$

- $0.3 \text{ to } 0.8 \% X_0$  😊
  - ALICE – ITS2 over  $10 \text{ m}^2$
- $\sim 0.2 \% X_0$ 
  - FOOT prototype over  $30 \text{ cm}^2$

- Available for MIP level
  - $\sigma_E$  not investigated
- Initial work for  $\gg \text{MIPs}$ 
  - Indirect estimation of  $\Delta E$  😞





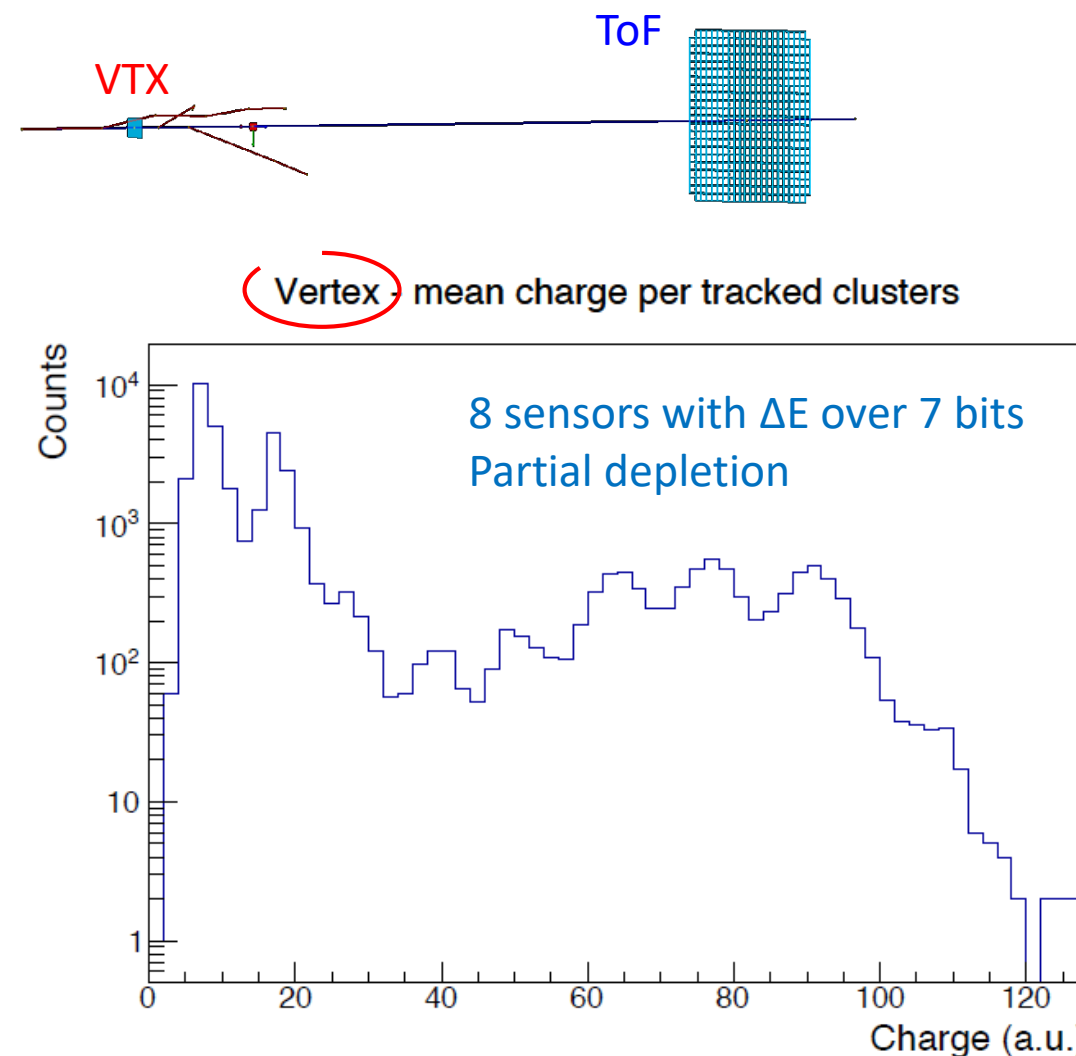
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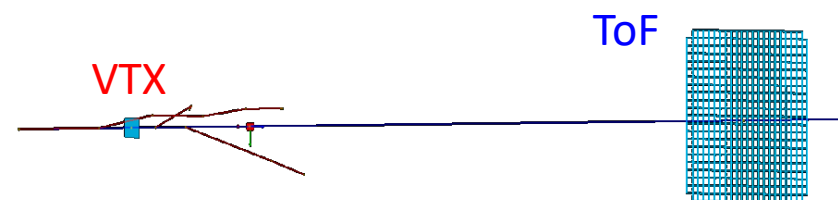
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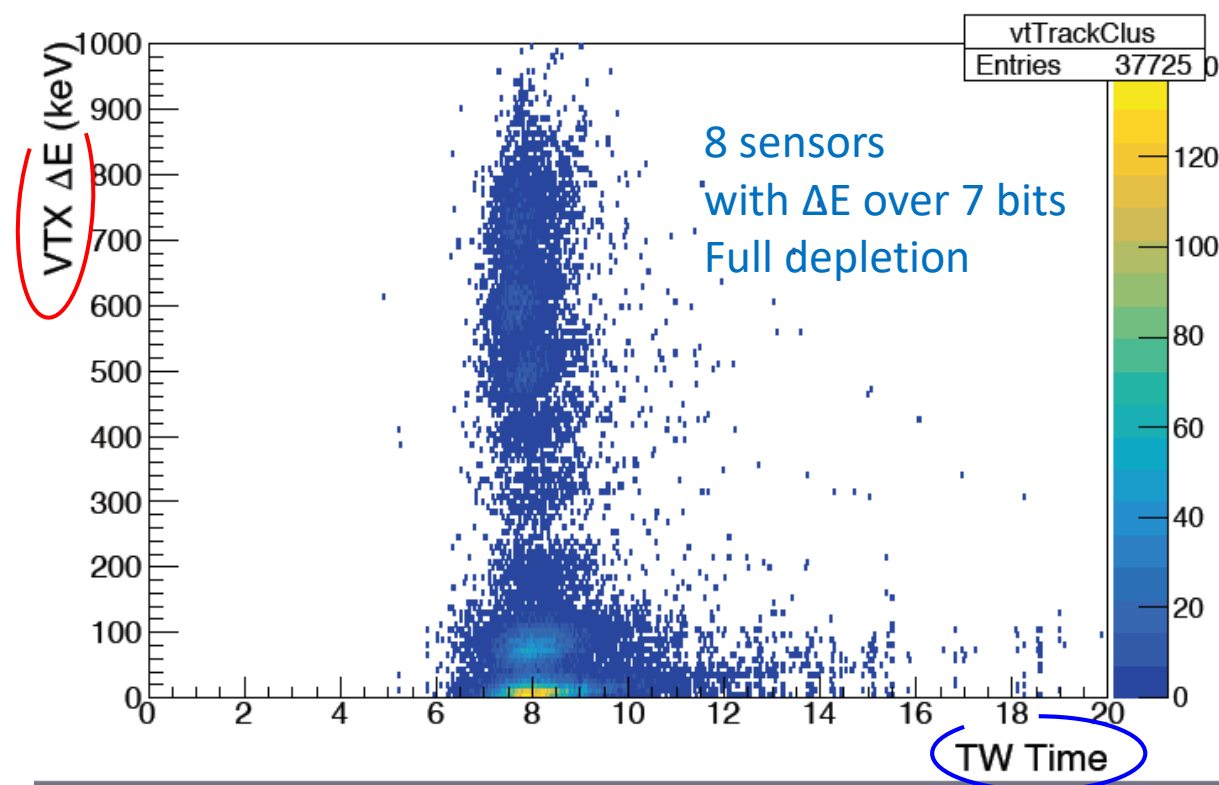
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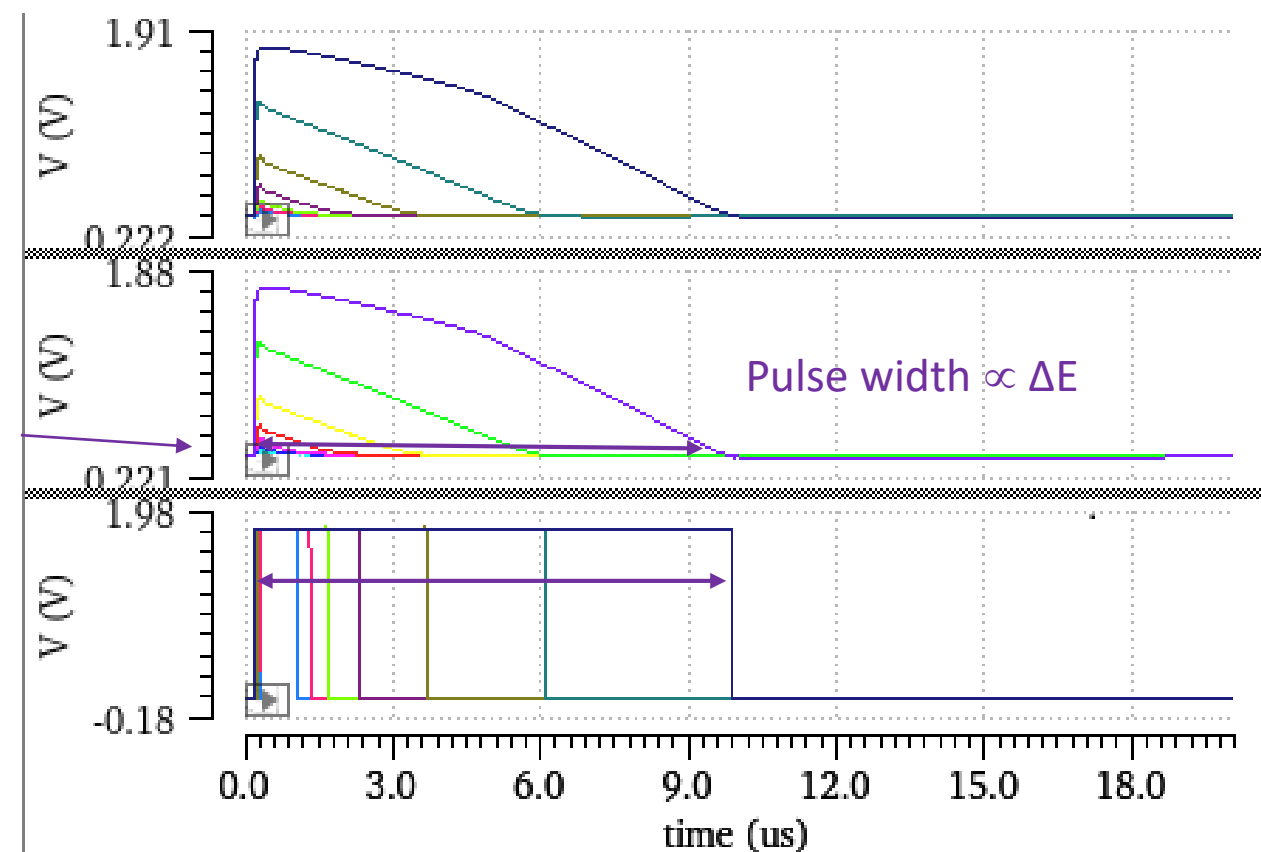
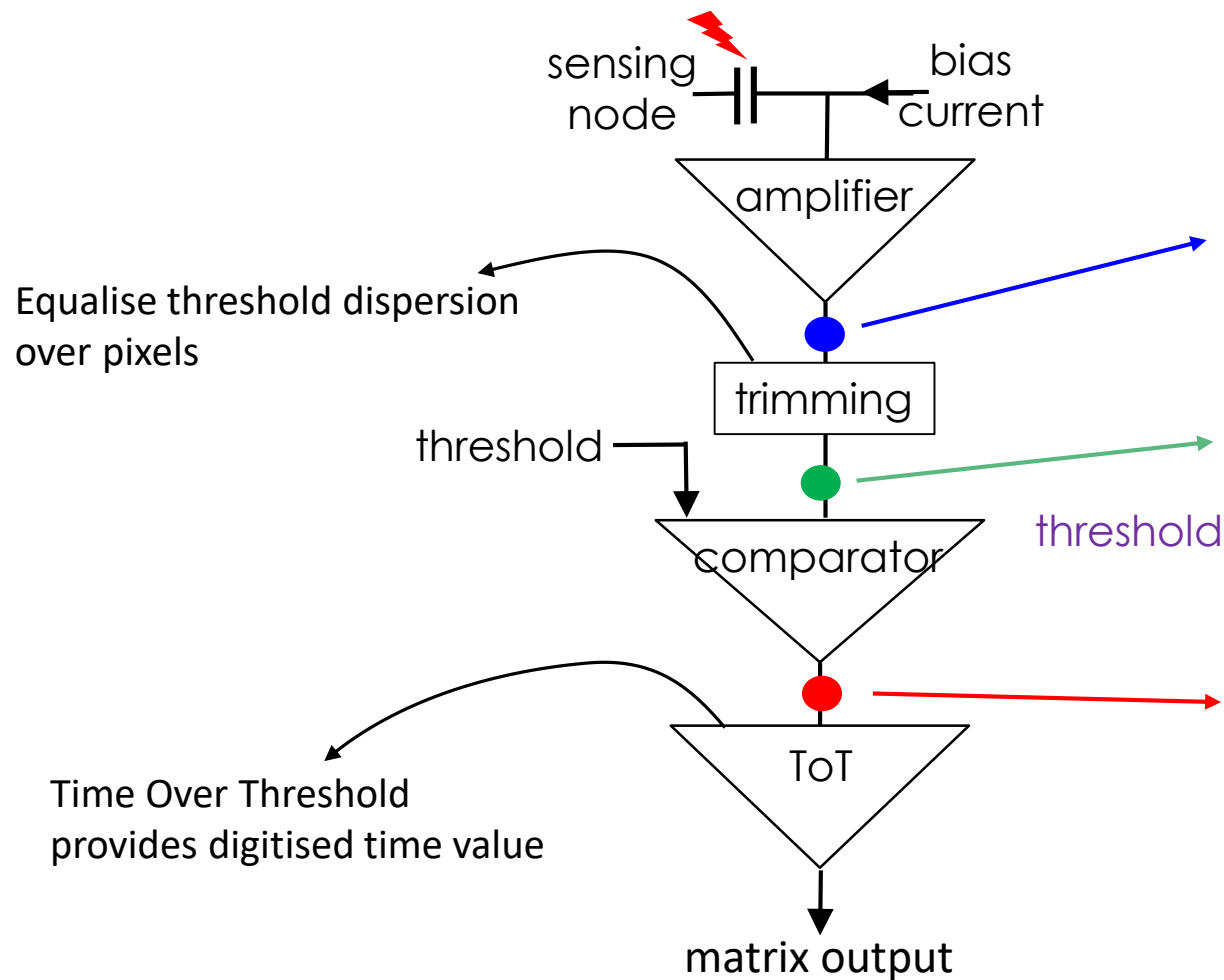
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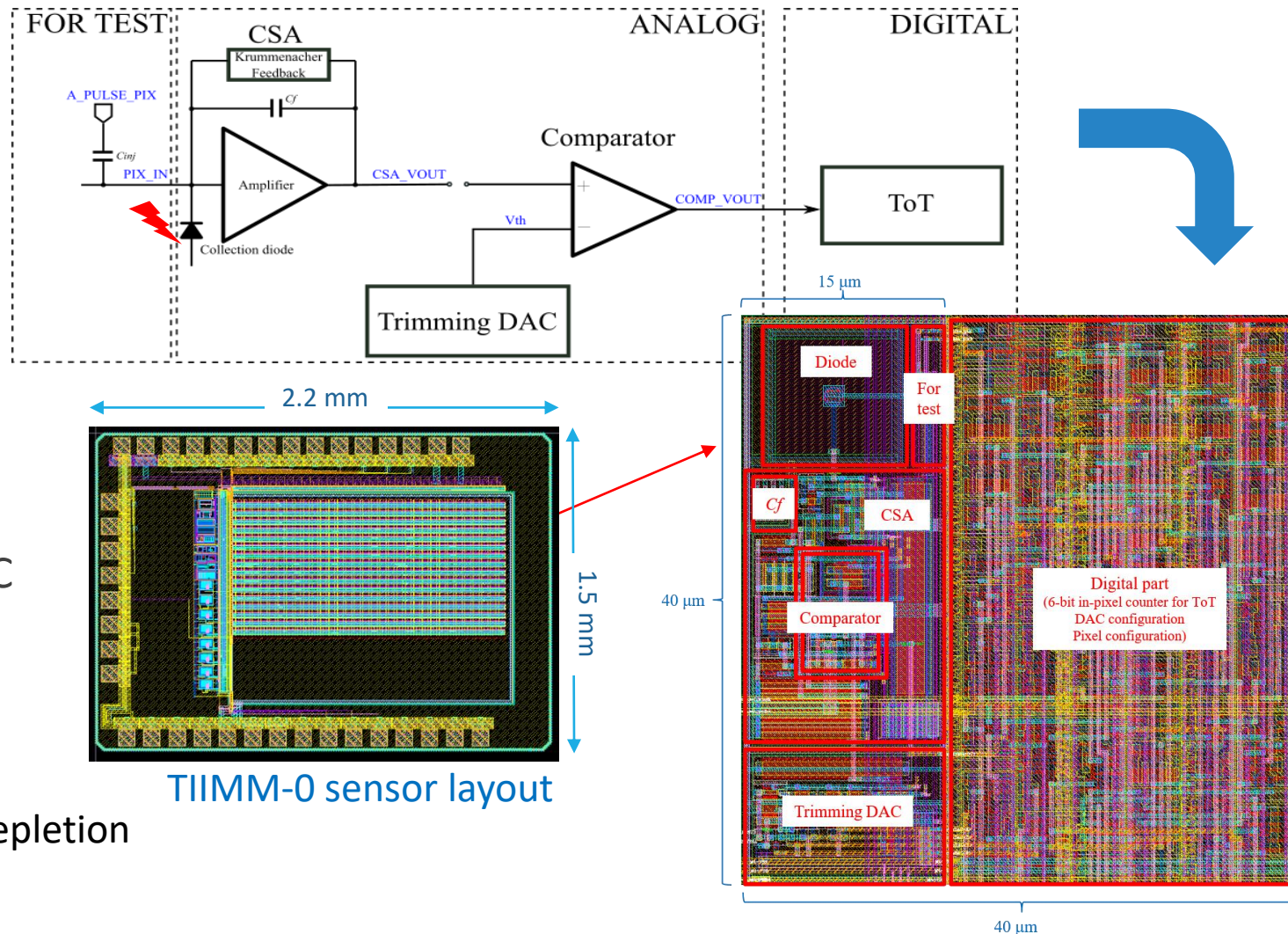


## Features

- Pixel pitch 40  $\mu\text{m}$
- Matrix: 32 rows x 16 columns
- ToT output over 6 bits
  - +1 column with analogue out
- Trimming DAC with 4 bits

## Design & Fabrication

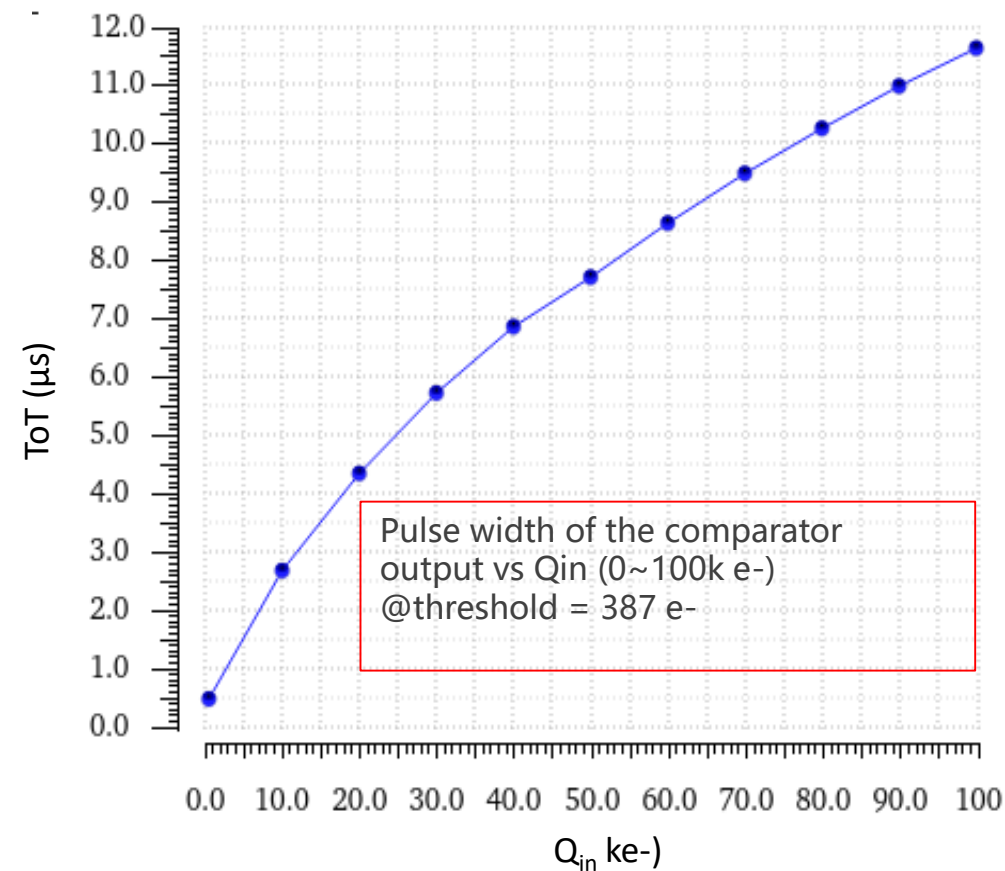
- Maciej KACHEL & Weiping REN @ IPHC
- Submitted March 2020
- 180 nm technology
- 4 sensing layer variants
  - Thickness  $\sim 20 \mu\text{m}$ , from partial to full depletion
- Back from foundry July 2020





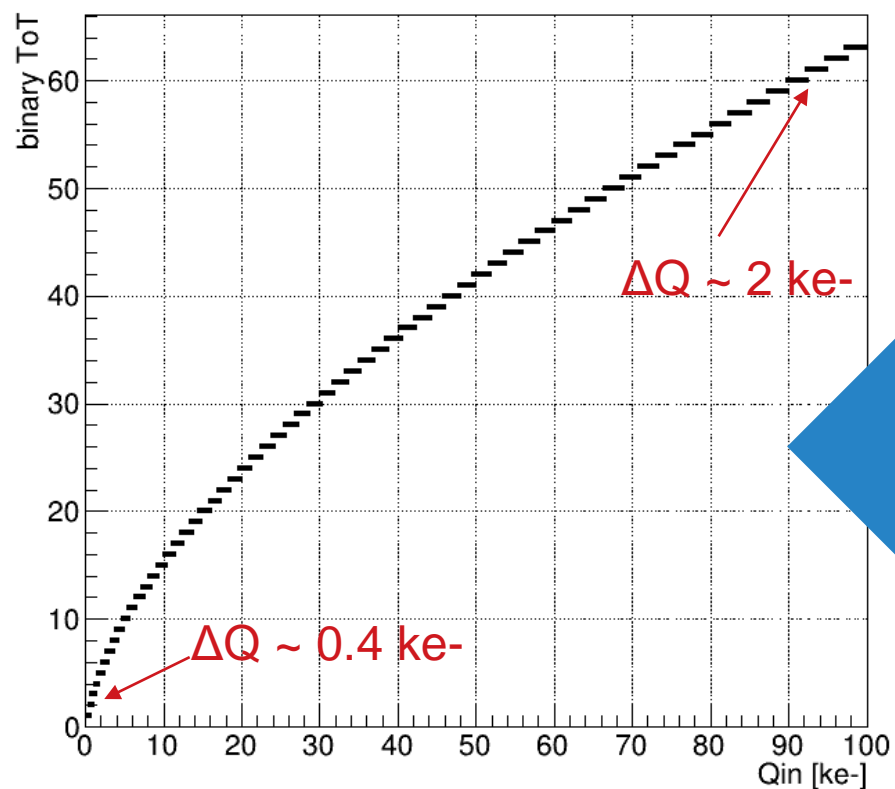
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- Equivalent Noise Charge  $\sim 42 \text{ e-}$
- Comparator offset stdev sizeable but within trimming trimming-DAC range
- Non-linearity for  $Q_{in} > 6 \text{ ke-}$  ( $\Delta E$  for few MIPs)
- **But still useful relation  $Q_{in}$  – Time Over Threshold  $\Rightarrow$**

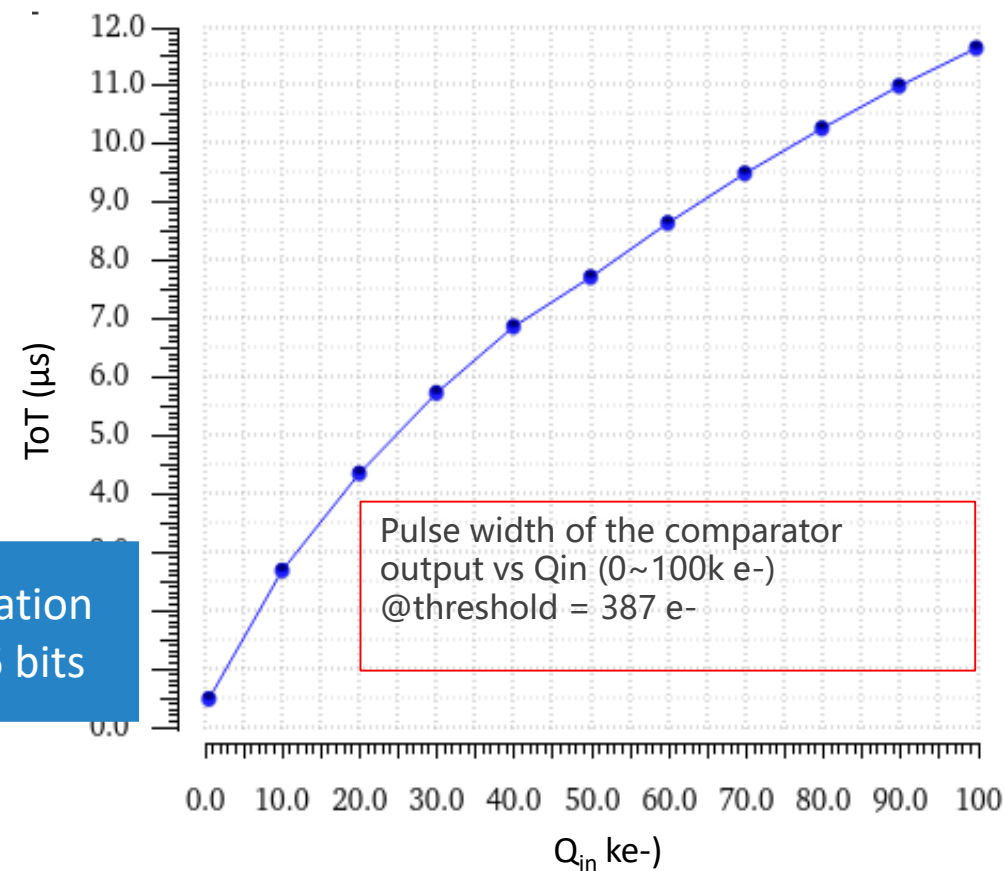


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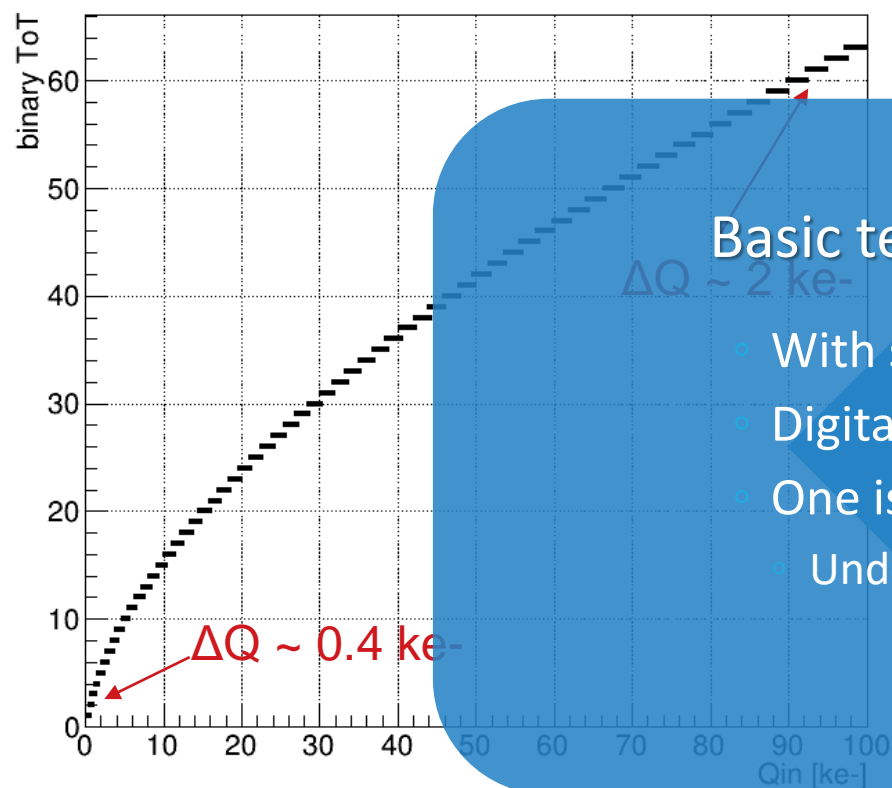


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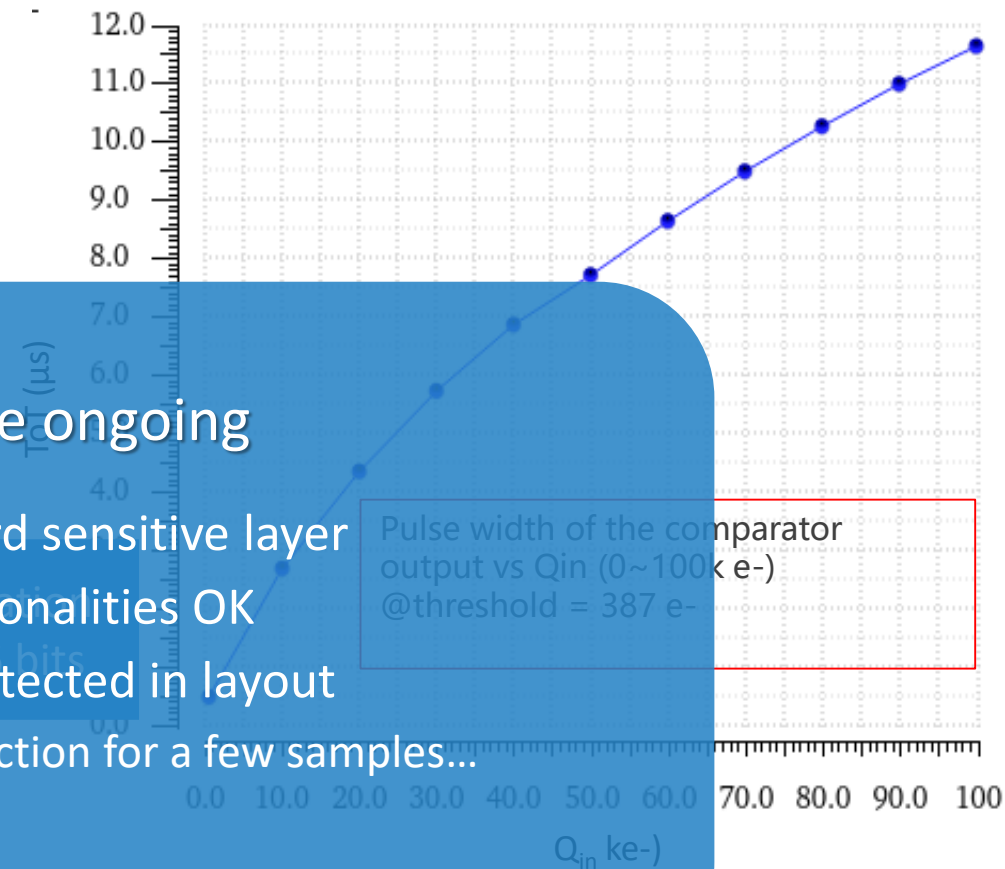
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- Digital functionalities OK
- One issue detected in layout
- Under correction for a few samples...

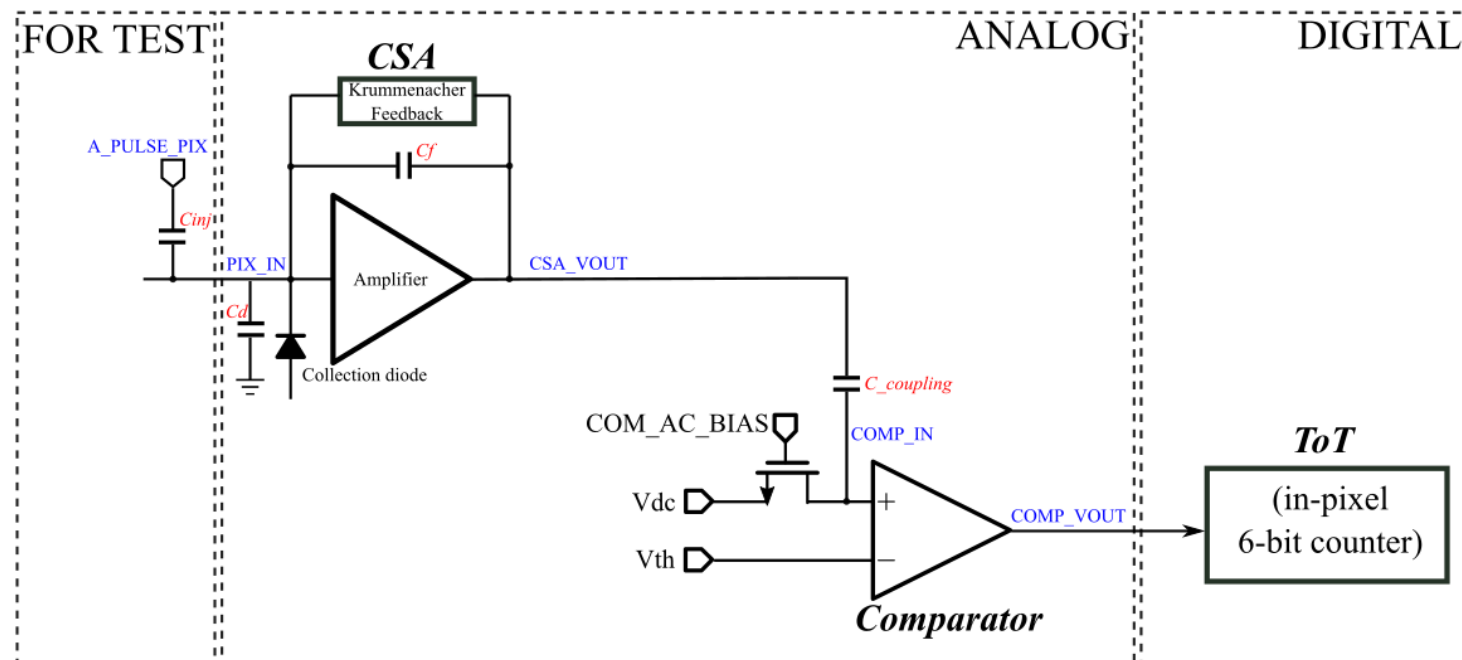


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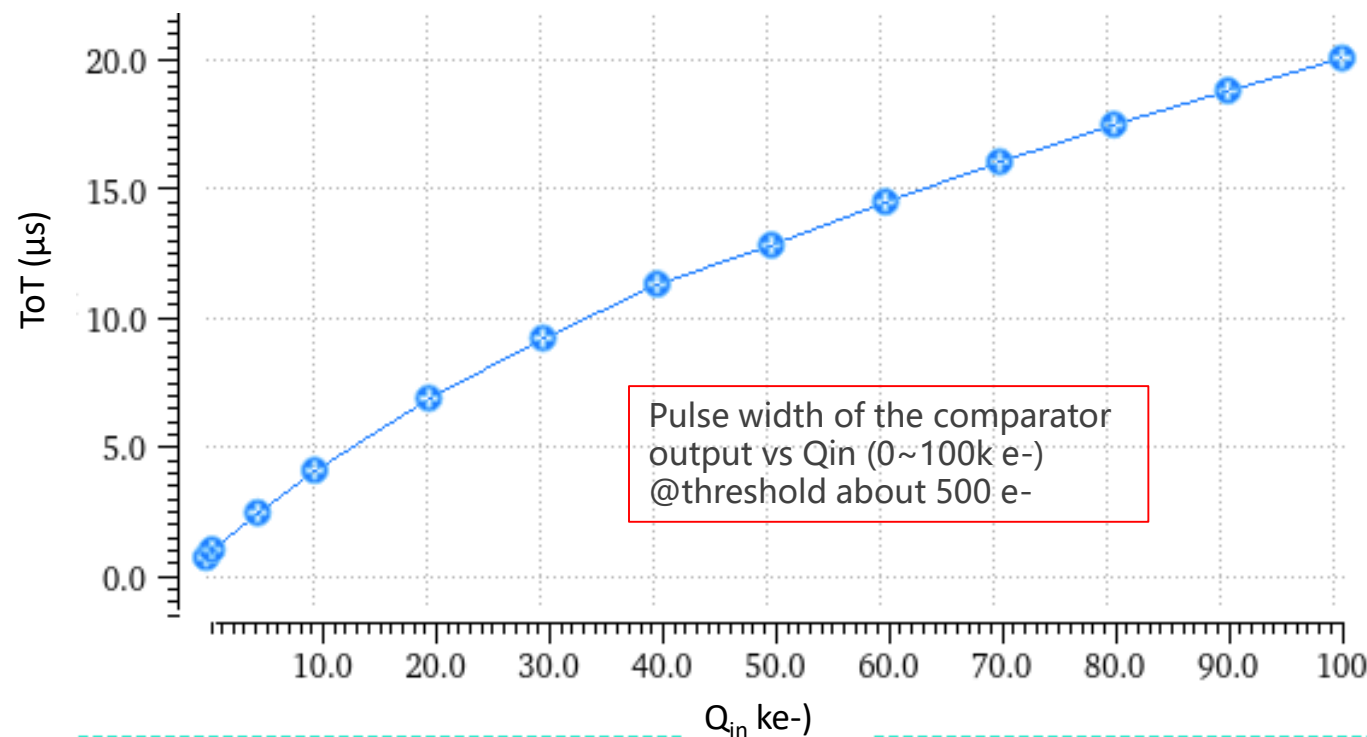


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## Project on time / sensor design

- First prototype fabricated & currently on test
- Second prototype well on track
  - Still need test outcome to be finalized

## More difficult with testing due to pandemic situation

- Lab test more or less OK
- Beam tests not easy to plan ...

## Simulation activities / tracking & identification

- Excellent early start
- Need test results for further developments