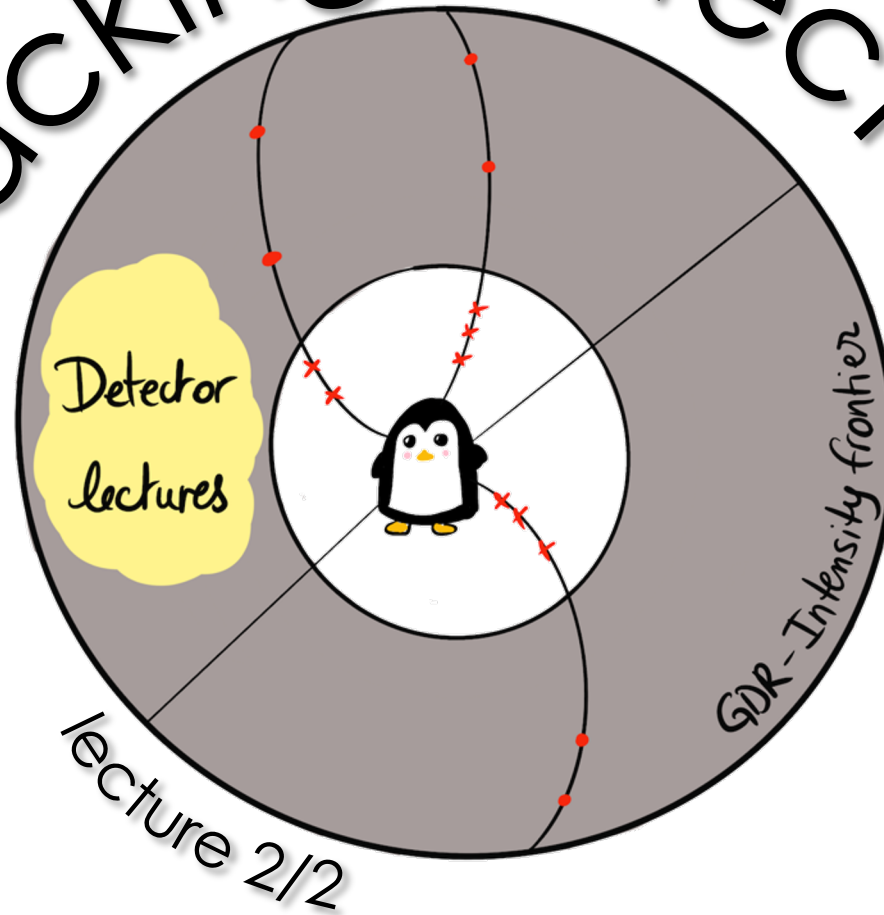


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Tracking detectors



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Beyond detectors:
lecture on [Tracking algorithms](#) by P.Billoir

Reminders from lecture 1

Tracking involves:

FINDING

&

FITTING

... and harsh
environment

- Granular sensors in time
- Granular sensors in space
- Low material budget
- Layer close to each other
- Many measurement points
- Measurement over large lever arm
- Radiation tolerance

Requirements

Various
implementations

- Large gas volume embedding many measurement points
- Thin gas volumes over large area
- Scintillators strips, straw tubes to build large area and/or volume
- Semi-conductor based sensors for individual, thin & inner layers

Technologies

Outline of lecture 2

- Generalities about resolution
- Large gas volume detectors
- Micropattern gas chambers
- Scintillators for tracking
- Silicon detectors
- Nuclear Emulsions

Resolutions

- Signals & electrode segmentation
- Segmentation & position resolution
- Timing

Charged particles...why?

- Tracking single particles required (at least) two points
 - Prevents detection after which particle is gone
- Neutrals?
 - Neutral hadrons detected through strong interaction => vanish after first point
 - Photons disappear after photo-electric effect or pair-creation or trajectory severely impacted after Compton scattering
- Ionization process ideal
 - Low energy loss: for MIP ($p \sim 1$ GeV) in 300 μm Silicon: $\Delta E \sim 100$ keV, much less in gas
 - Many points authorised
 - Quite democratic, $\sim$ independent of particle type
 - BUT electromagnetic process => **only for charged particles**
- Scintillation works as well
 - Detects also neutrals ... but still on shot (stopped or transformed)

Segmentation and signal formation

■ Basic signal formation with ionization:

- key parameters for initial nb of primary charges {
 - W_i = average energy for charge pair generation
 - F = fano factor (<1) $\Rightarrow$ variance_{#charges} = $F <\#charges>$
- Shockley-Ramo theorem: current on electrode INDUCED by charge movement
 $\Rightarrow$ electric field required

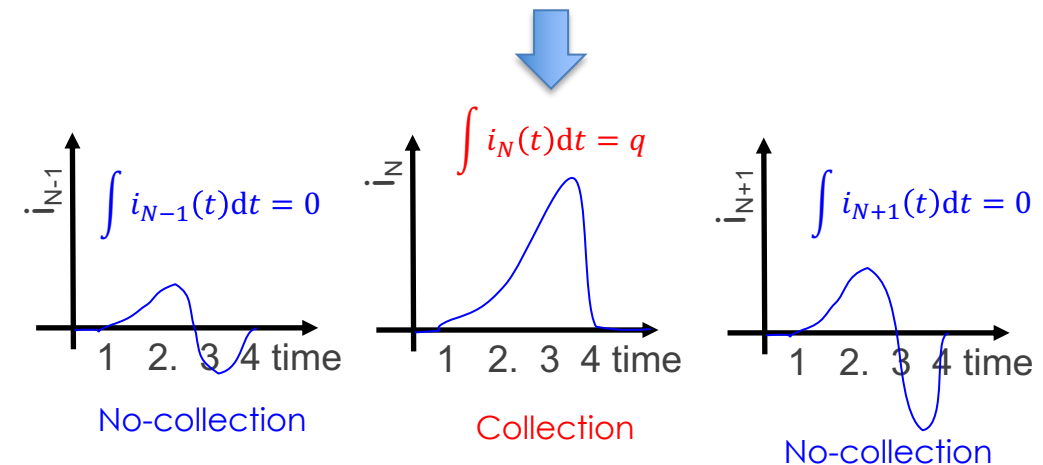
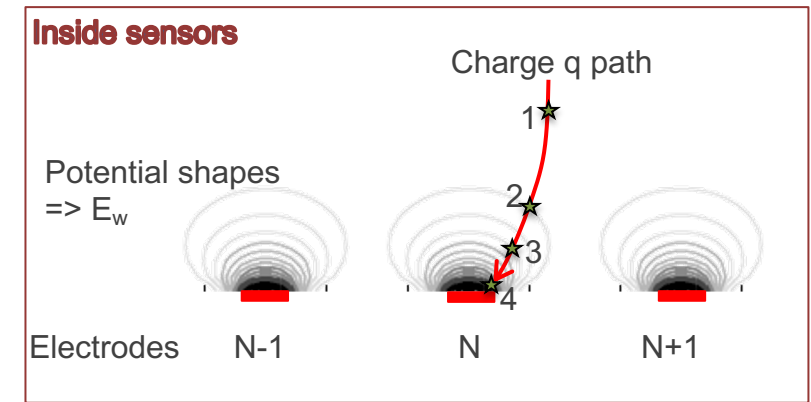
■ Collection and segmentation?

- $E_W(\vec{r})$ = field associated to ONE electrode at a position $\vec{r}$
- obtained with: THIS electrode has potential=1, all other electrodes have potential 0
- Current generated on THIS electrode for particle at $\vec{r}$ and with velocity $\vec{v}(\vec{r})$

$$i(\vec{r}) = q E_W(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{v}(\vec{r})$$

≠ Charge sharing:

- Many charges generated by one particle
 - BUT their collection are shared among electrodes
- $\Rightarrow$ each electrode collecting some charges and has some signal!



■ Position measurement comes from segmentation

- Pitch = segment size

■ Digital resolution

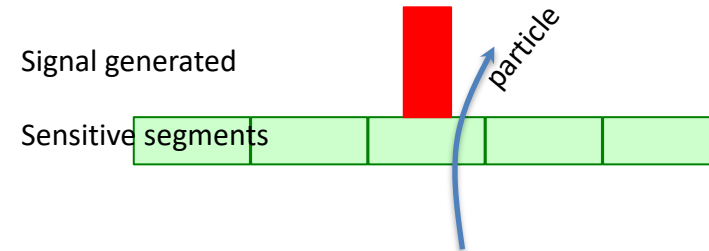
- Position = position of single fired segment

■ Improvement from signal sharing

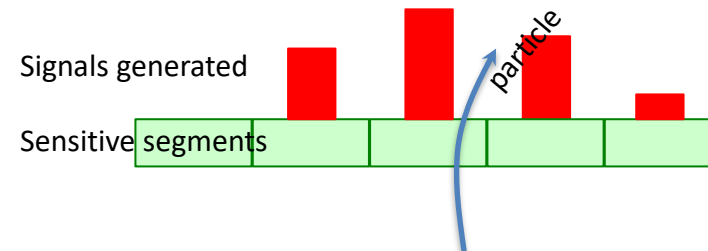
- Position = weighting average of segment positions
- Perfect algorithm if sharing linear with d(segment-hit)
... however never true

■ For real sensor

- Mixed of both cases

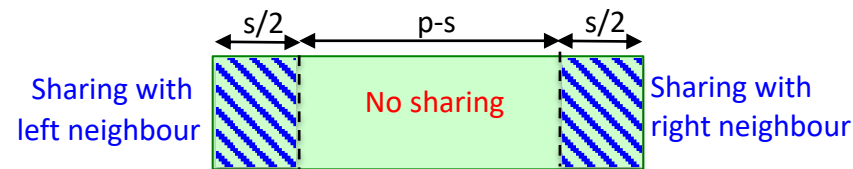


$$\sigma = \frac{\text{pitch}}{\sqrt{12}}$$



$$\sigma \propto \frac{\text{pitch}}{\text{signal/noise}}$$

SIMPLE model: zoom over 1 sensitive segment



$$\sigma_{sh} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{12}} \quad \sigma_{nosh} = \frac{p-s}{\sqrt{12}} \quad \sigma_{sh} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{12}}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{s^2 + (p-s)^2}{p\sqrt{12}}$$

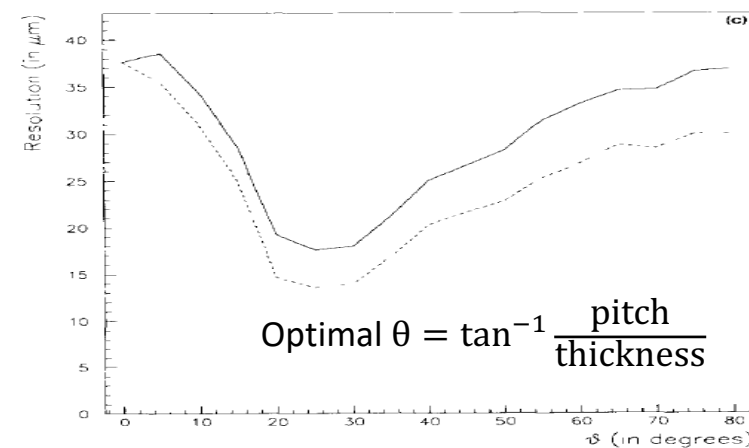
=> minimal for $s = p/2$

=> resolution always proportional to pitch
the proportionality factor depends on the details

Spatial resolution – additional effects

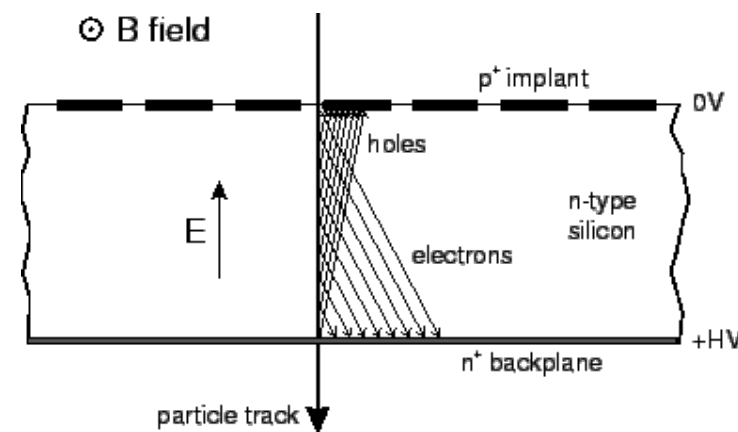
■ Incident angle

- In real life, particles seldomly cross $\perp$ sensor
=> charge sharing increases with angle
- Beneficial for low angle
 - when sharing still depends on distance (segment-hit)
- @ large angle, sharing is homogeneous over segments
 - change of algorithm compensates slightly



■ A necessary trouble maker

- Lorentz force from magnetic field B induces pseudo charge-sharing
- Systematic effect => measurable and correctible

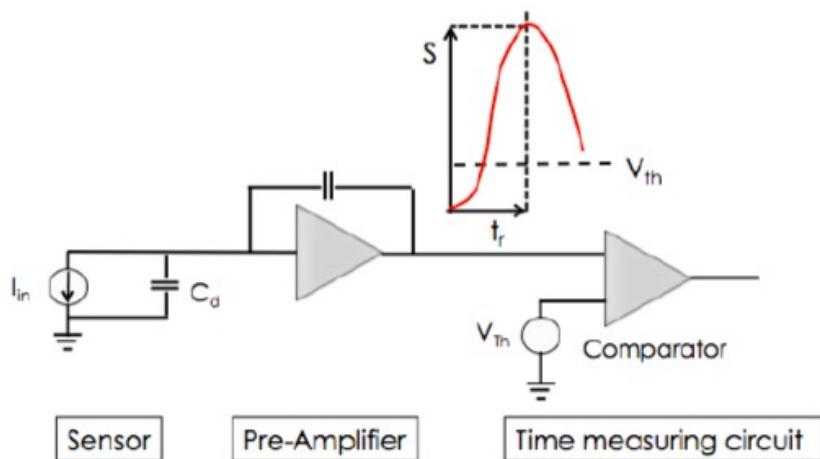


■ Various ways to qualify timing performance

- Integration time => Hit rate, potential bottleneck at data taking
- Time resolution => Track finder step

■ Time resolution for single layer

- Here from the silicon point of view (but similar for thin gas detectors)



Time is set when the signal crosses the comparator threshold

From N.Cartiglia, INFN

$$\sigma_t^2 = \left(\frac{\text{Noise}}{dV/dt} \right)^2 + (\Delta \text{ionization})^2 + (\Delta \text{shape})^2 + (\text{TDC, Clock ...})^2$$

Usual "Jitter" term

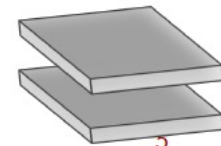
Amplitude variation:

Sensor design: very uniform signals

Subleading, ignored here

Encouraging remark by the expert 😊

This is the ONLY
good geometry



Large gas volume detectors

- Drift chambers
- Time projection chambers

Short reminder on gas-based detectors

■ Ionization

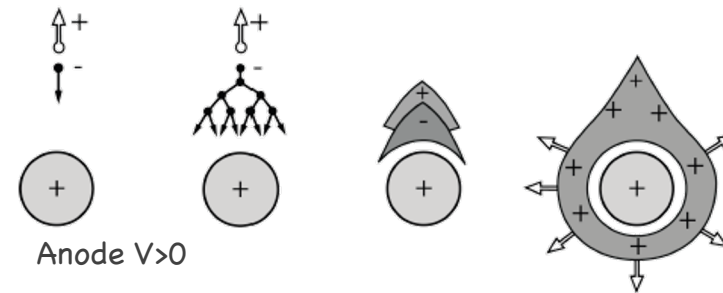
- Rather large W_i 20-40 eV combined with low density (gas). => primary nb of charges low
=> **amplification is needed for good SNR!**
- Due to additional non-ionizing energy loss (e.g. light) => smart gas admixture

■ Velocity-mobility $v_{\text{drift}} = \mu \frac{E}{P}$

- μ is the mobility (P the pressure) => very different for e- and ions !
 - Typical $v_{\text{drift}}(\text{e}^-) > 10 \text{ cm}/\mu\text{s}$
- Signal time characteristic quite different for e- and ions

■ Amplification

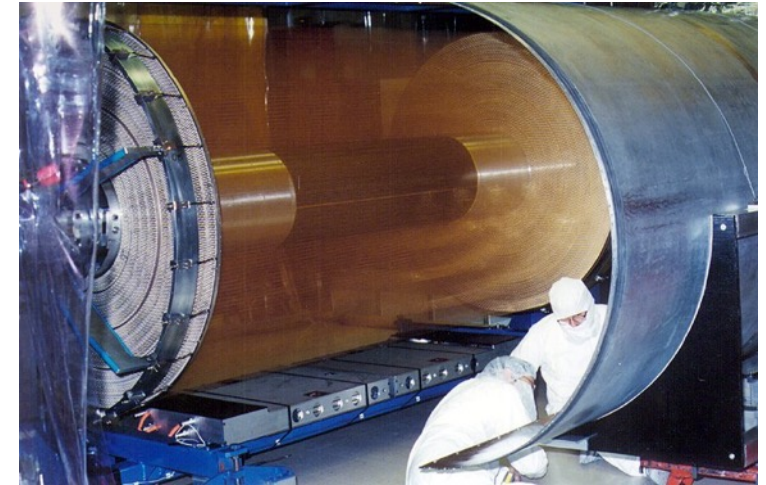
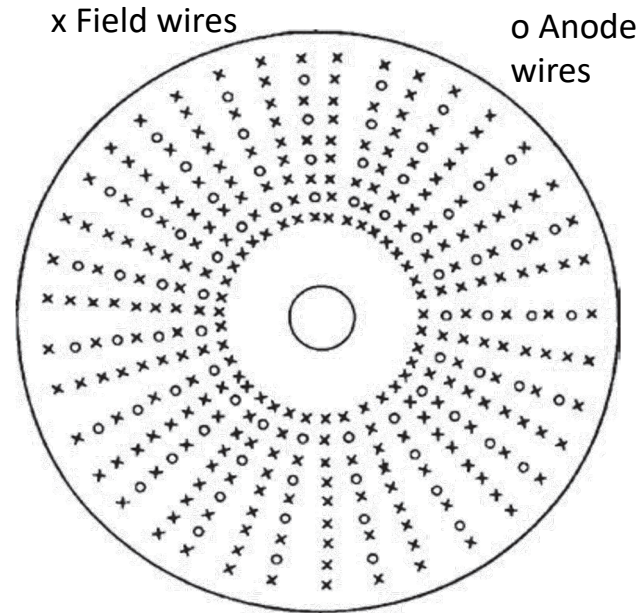
- With **avalanche** when large field ($E > 10^6 \text{ V/m}$)



Observe +/- different behaviour

■ Basic principle

- Alternate field and anode wires
 - Generate a drift
- Pressurize gas to increase charge velocity (few atm)
- 3D detector
 - 2D from wire position
 - 1D from charge sharing at both ends



Belle II drift Chamber

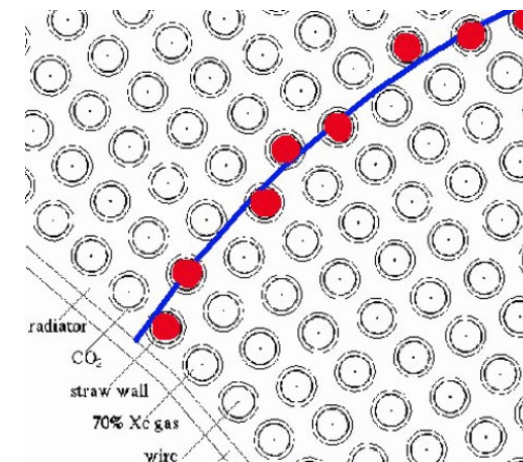
■ Spatial Resolution

- Related to drift path $\sigma \propto \sqrt{\text{drift length}}$
- Typically 100-200 μm

■ Remarks

- Could not go to very small radius
 - Mechanical precision for wires too difficult
 - Hit rate limitation due to charge density generated
- Aging process on wires (unwanted insulating layer)

Same principle
with straw tubes



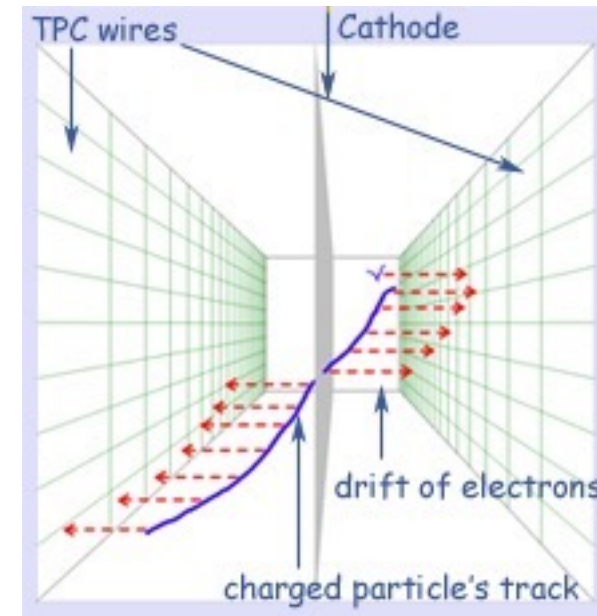
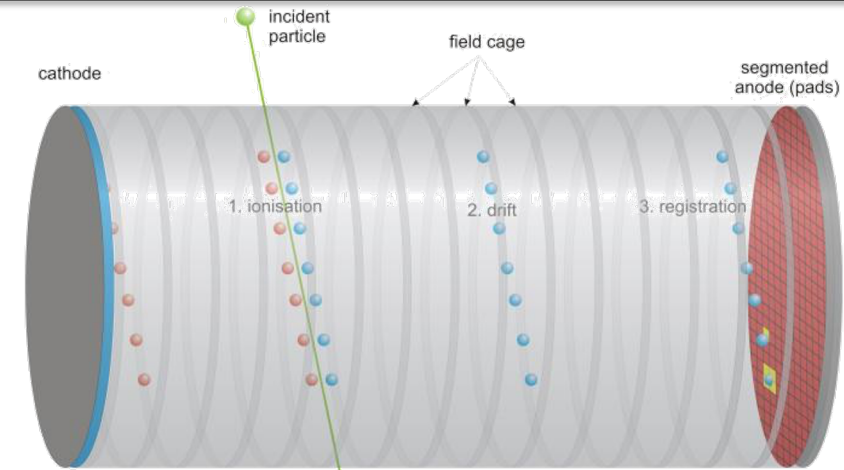
Time Projection Chambers - concept

■ Benefits

- Large volume available
- Multi-task: tracking + Part. Identification

■ Basic operation principle

- Gas ionization → charges
- Electric field → charge drift along straight path
- Information collected
 - 2D position of charges at end-cap
 - 3rd dimension from drift time
 - Energy deposited from #charges
- Different shapes:
 - rectangles (ICARUS)
 - Cylinders (colliders)
 - Volumes can be small or very large



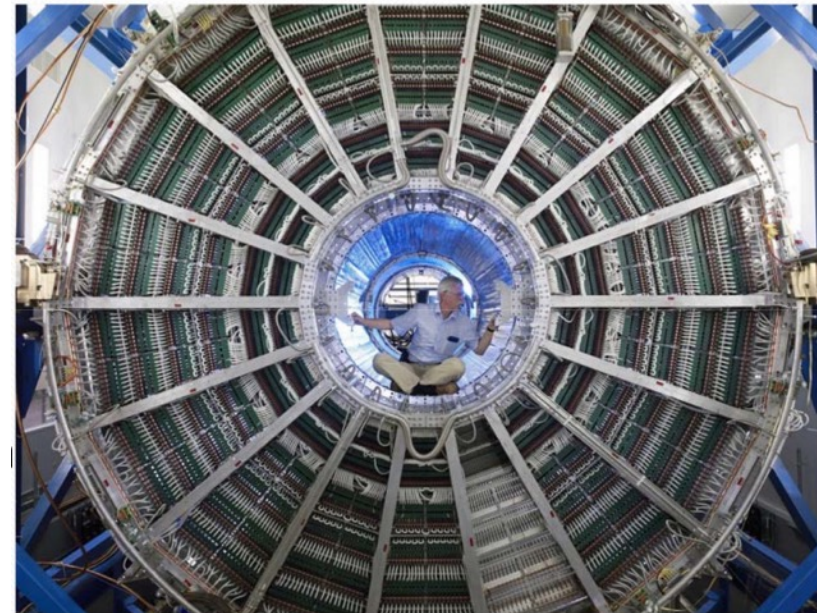
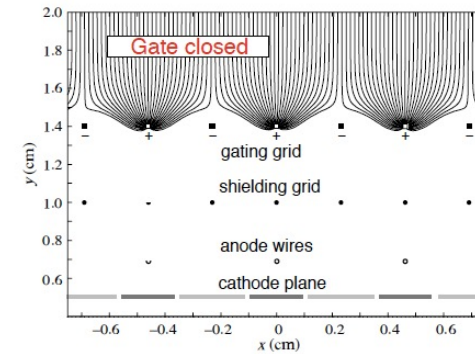
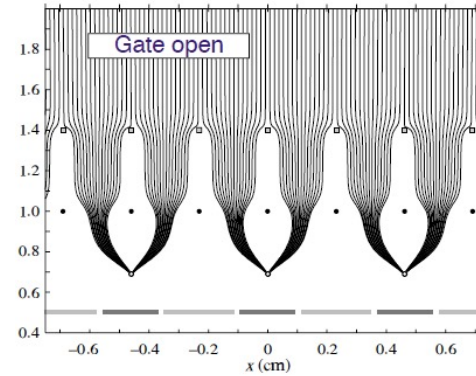
Time Projection Chambers 2/2

■ End cap readout

- Gas proportional counters
 - Wires+pads (old days)
 - GEM, Micromegas (see later): for

■ Performances

- Two-track resolution ~ 1 cm
- Transverse spatial resolution $\sim 100 - 200 \mu\text{m}$
- Longitudinal spatial resolution $\sim 0.2 - 1$ mm
- Longitudinal drift velocity: 5 to 7 cm/ μs
 - ALICE TPC (5m long): 92 μs drift time
- Pro
 - Nice continuously spaced points along trajectory
 - Minimal multiple scattering (inside the vessel)
- Cons
 - Limiting usage with respect to collision rate
 - Could not go to very small radius



Micropattern gas chambers

- Gas electron multiplier
- Micromegas
- Resistive plate chamber

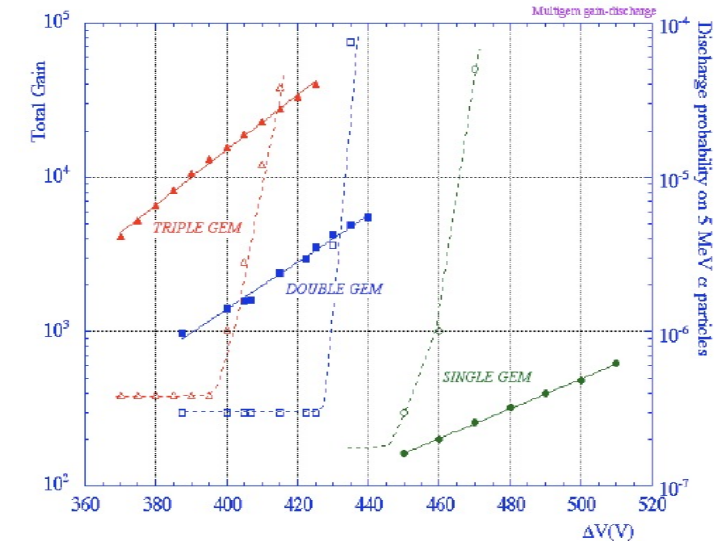
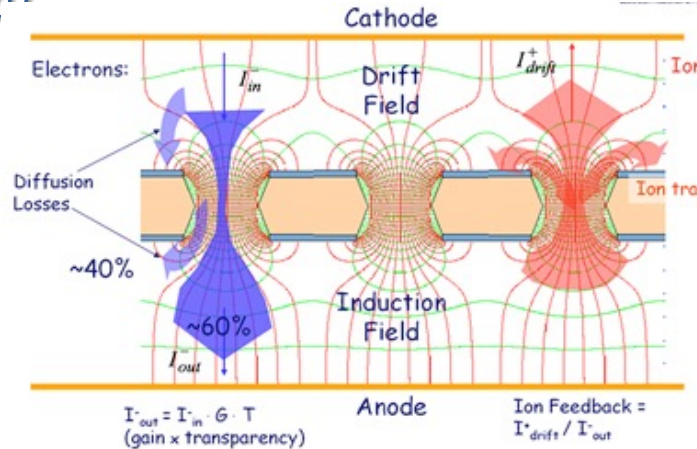
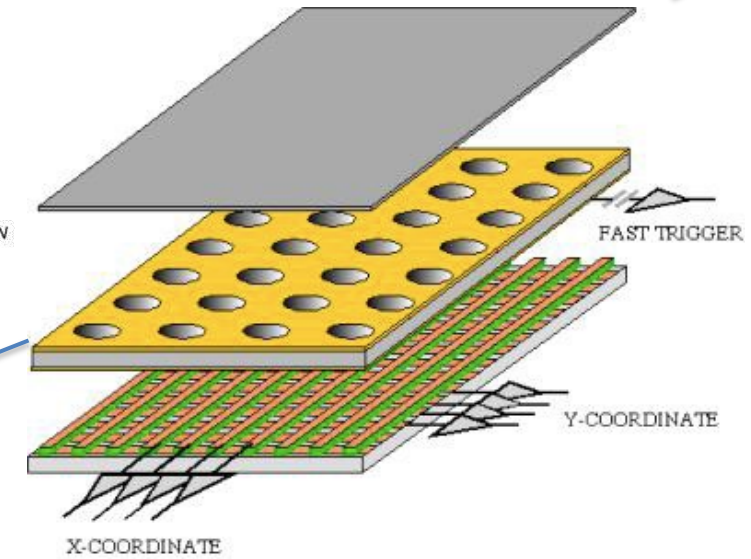
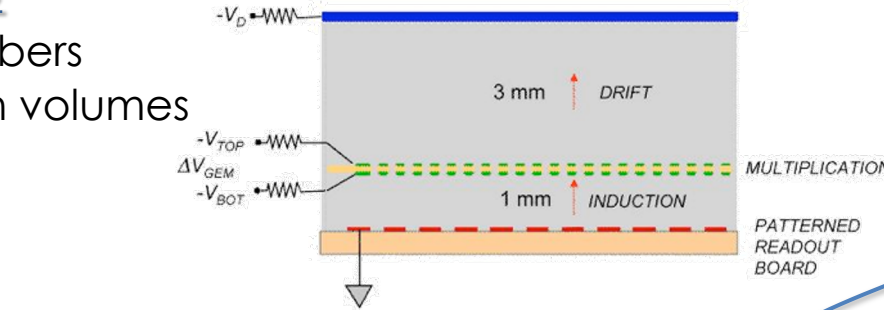
Wire chambers “advanced”

■ Goal: reaching high hit-rate

- Difficult with traditional gas chambers since drift volumes = amplification volumes
=>

■ Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM)

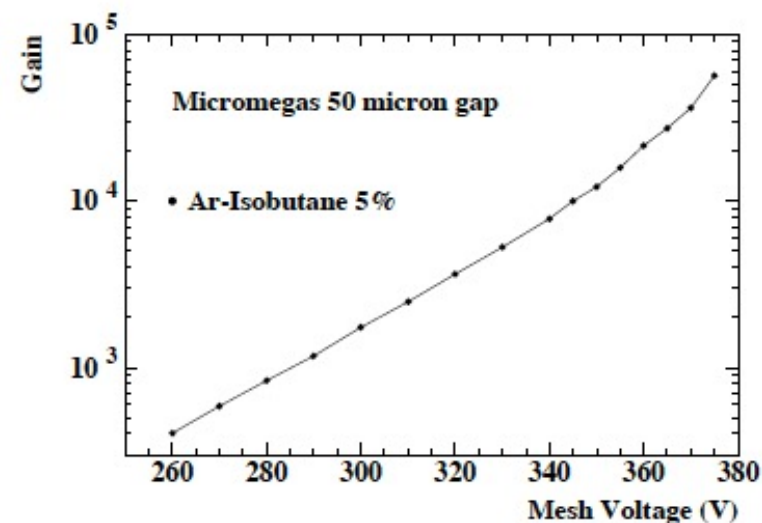
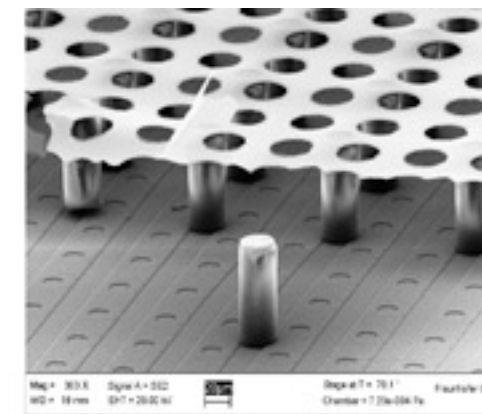
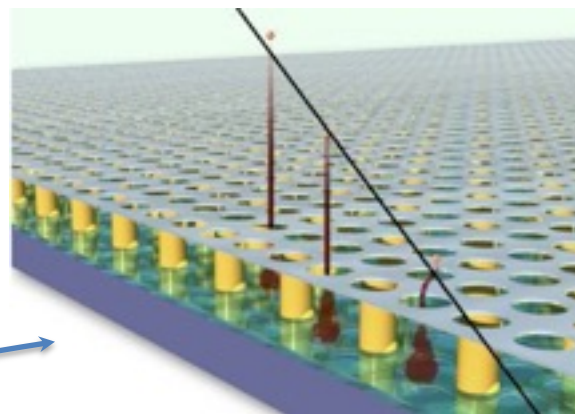
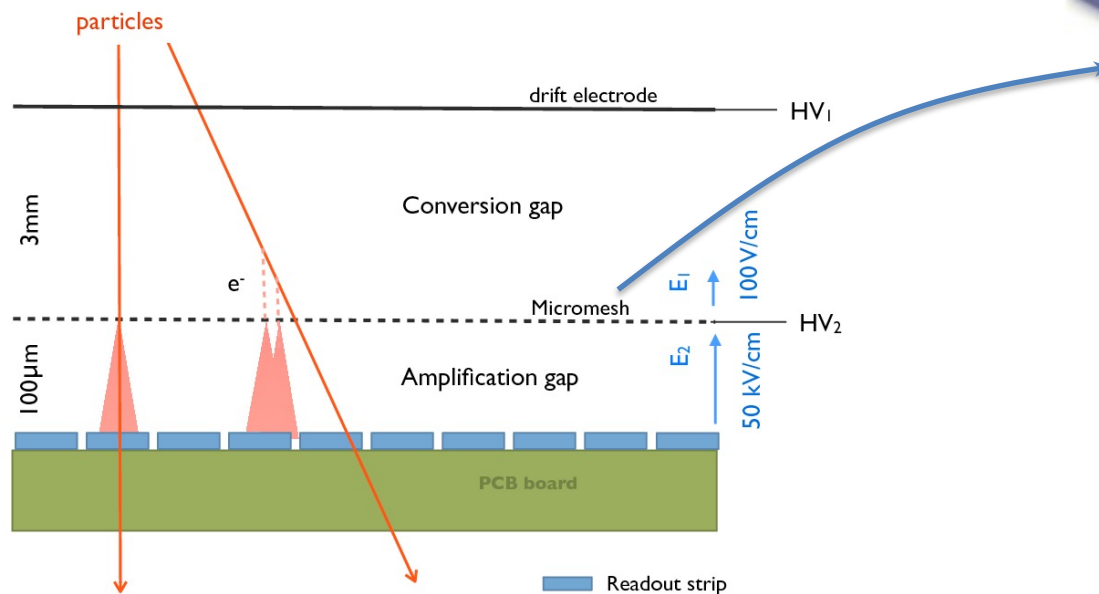
- Gain 10^5
- Hit rate 10^6 Hz/cm²



Wire chambers “advanced”

■ MICROMEAS

- Even smaller distance anode-grid / GEM
- Hit rate 10^9 Hz/cm²

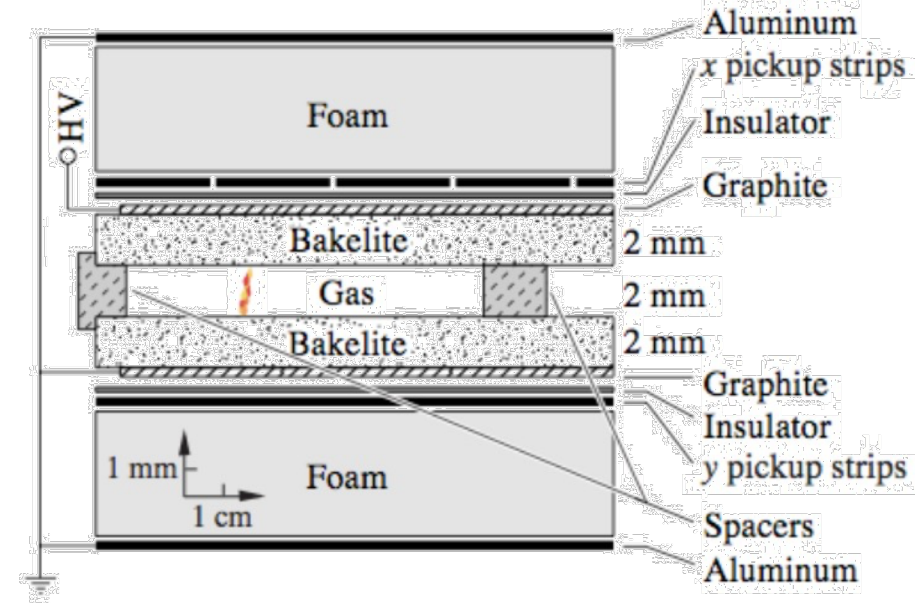
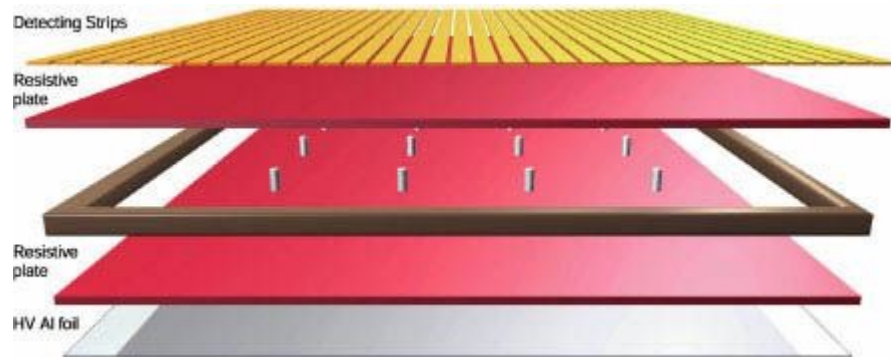


Resistive Plate Chamber

- Getting to large planar area & being very fast

■ Principle

- Electrodes = highly resistive material
 - Insulator => potential built up by static charge accumulation
 - Easy to built over many m²
- Small distance
 - large field => avalanche
 - fast collection => **time resolution << ns**



- Used in CMS, COMET, ...

Silicon detectors

- Detection in semiconductors
- Strip detectors
- (Hybrid) Pixel detectors
- Monolithic pixels: DEPFET / CMOS / SOI
- Low gain avalanche detectors

■ Ionization is large

- Small W_i range from 3 to 15 eV
- Signal for MIP in 300 μm Silicon ~ 25000 e-

■ 2 conditions to operate a solid as a ionization detector

- Induced current (Shockley-Ramo) $\Rightarrow$ cannot be insulator
- Minimal noise $\Rightarrow$ cannot be a conductor (huge I_{leak})



Solution = semiconductor
with depleted P-N junction

■ Depletion via junction reverse bias

- charge mobility granted: $v = \mu E > \text{few cm}/\mu\text{s}$ (μ =mobility)
 - Drift time over 300 μm Silicon $\sim \text{few } 10$ ns
- Leakage current small enough: typically $< \mu\text{A}$
- Reminder on depleted depth
 - Makes the sensitive volume (charge lifetime ~ 100 μs)
 - Driven by bias voltage (V) and resistivity (ρ)

Benefits from semi-conductor industry:

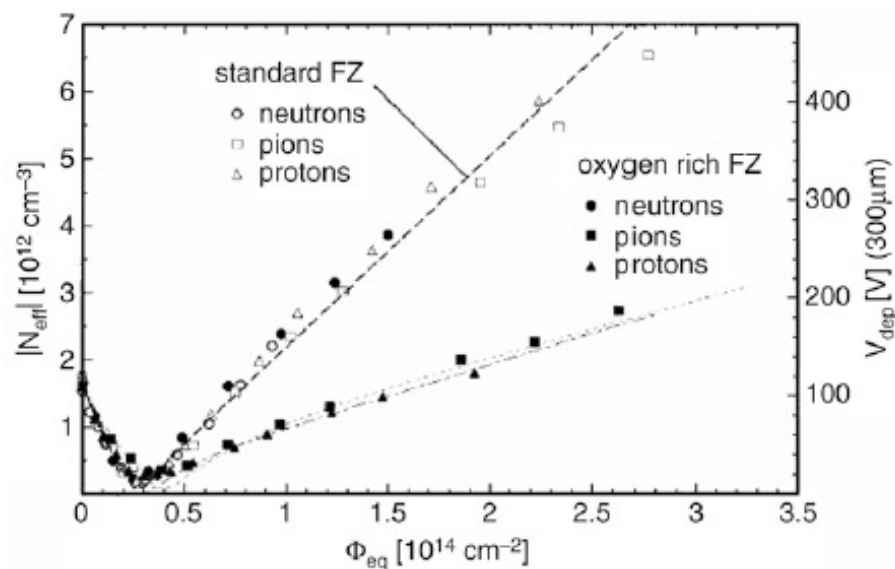
- Small details can be etched
 $\Rightarrow$ excellent spatial granularity
- Continuous R&D

For planar P-N junction:

$$d_{e/h} = \sqrt{2\mu\varepsilon V\rho} = \sqrt{\frac{2\varepsilon V}{e n_{e/h}}}$$

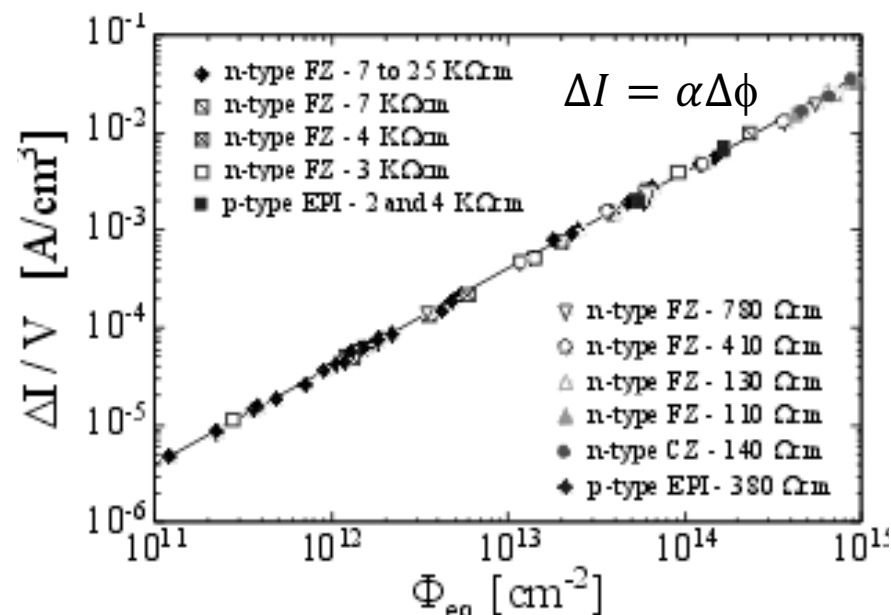
■ Non-ionizing energy loss

- Damage crystal network
 - Generates higher leakage current (noise)
 - Generates charge traps (lower signal)
- Modifies doping
 - Harder depletion (requires higher V_{bias})



■ Cumulated ionizing dose

- Parasitic charges trapped at interface with oxides
 - Released randomly $\Rightarrow$ Noise !
- Effect is temperature dependent
 - Mitigation by sub-0 cooling



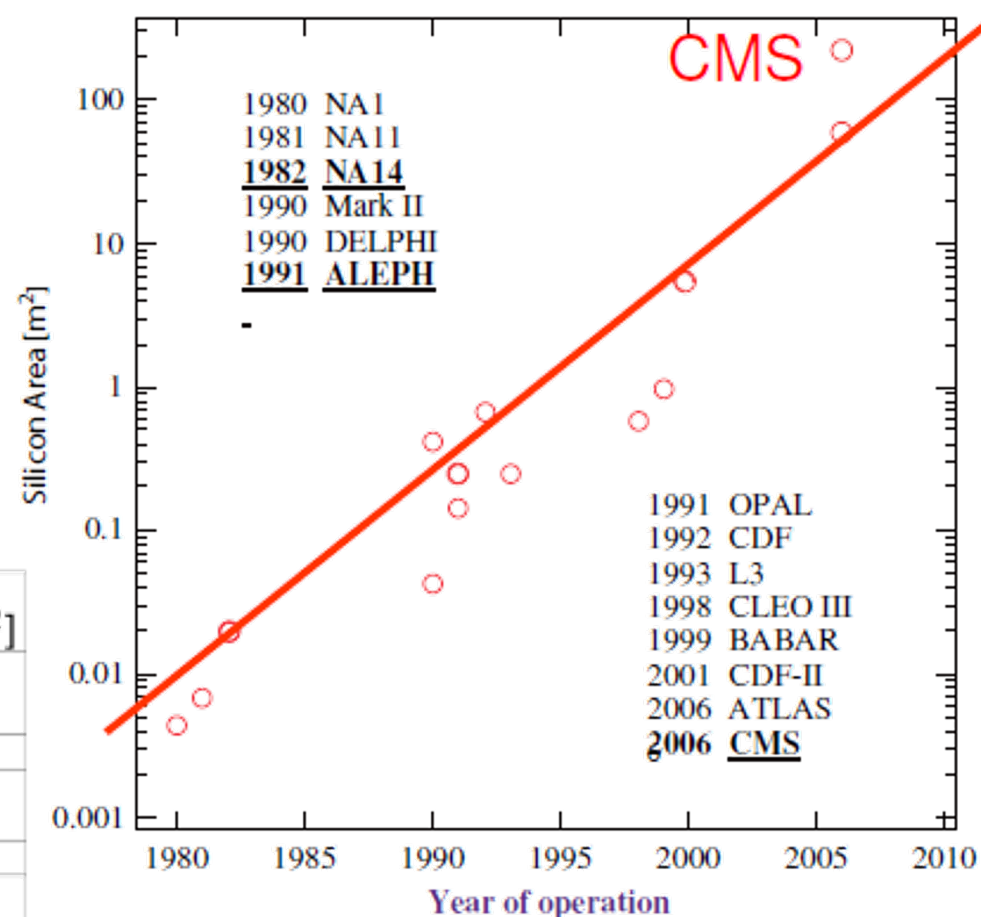
Silicon is spreading

■ Increasing popularity

- Initially restricted to vertexing
 - LEP, B-factories
- Gradually introduced for tracking
 - LHC
 - Possible due to dvpmnt of integration techniques (bonding, ...)

experiment	nb. of detectors	nb. of channels	silicon area [m ²]
CMS	15.95 k	10×10^6	223
ATLAS	16.0/2 k	6.15×10^6	60
AMS 2	2.3 k	196 k	6.5
DO 2		793 k	4.7
CDF SVX II	720	405 k	1.9
Babar		140 k	0.95
Aleph	144	95 k	0.49
L3	96	86 k	0.23

ALICE-ITS2 24 k 12×10^9 10 (2021)



Silicon strip detectors

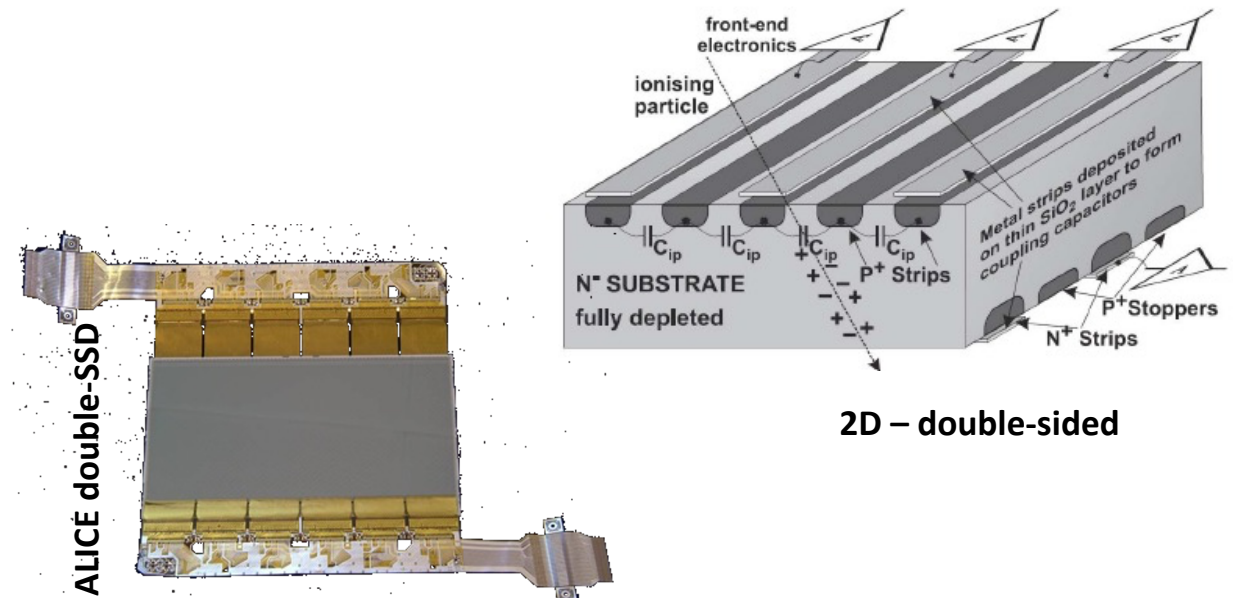
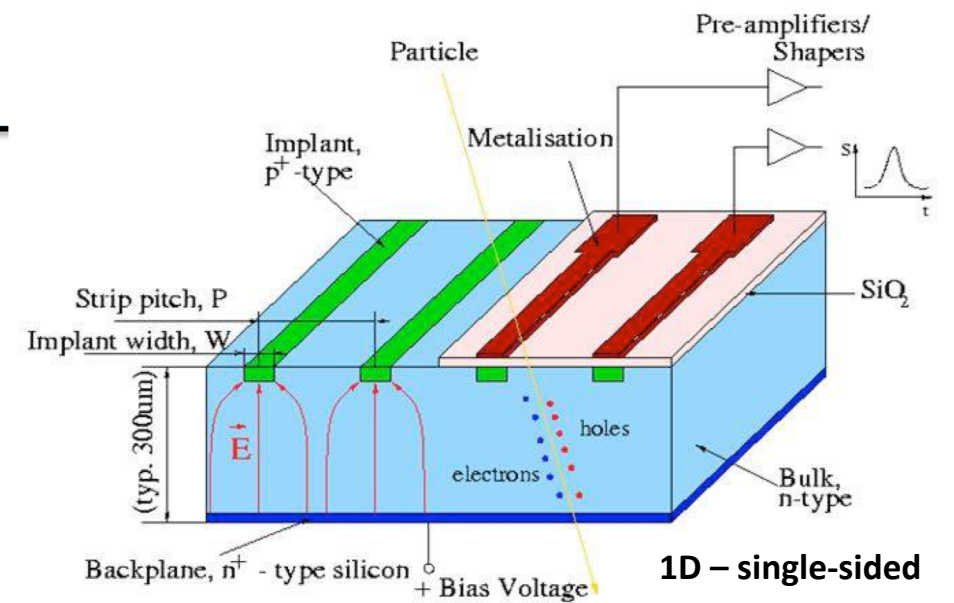
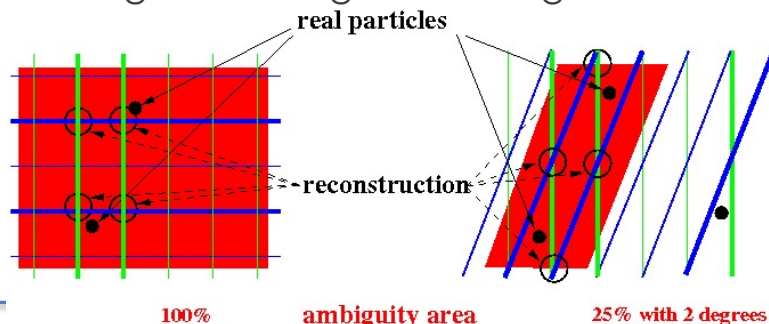
■ Concept

- Pattern P-N junction strips as collection electrodes
- Connects each strip to a read-out channel (Integrated circuit)
 - Floating strip every 2 strips
- Pitch from 25 μm to 100 μm
 - Spatial resolution down to $\sim 3 \mu\text{m}$ possible
- **Full depletion** (10 to 0.5 kV) over depth of few 100 μm
 - Usual depth 300-500 μm , 100 μm challenging / SNR
- Single detector area up to $\sim 10 \times 20 \text{ cm}^2$
 - Rectangular or trapezoidal shapes

- 1D if single sided

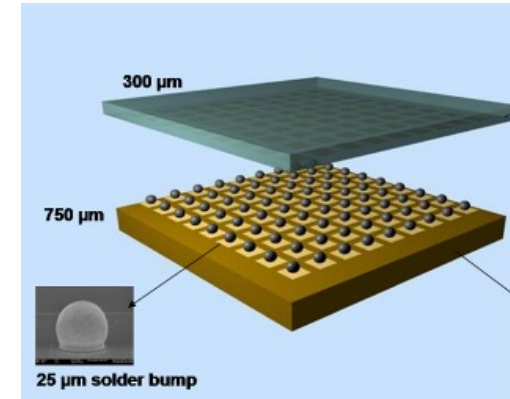
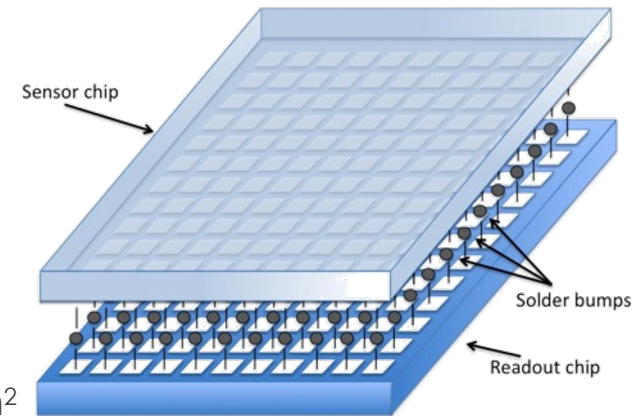
- Pseudo-2D if double-sided

- Stereo-angle useful against ambiguities



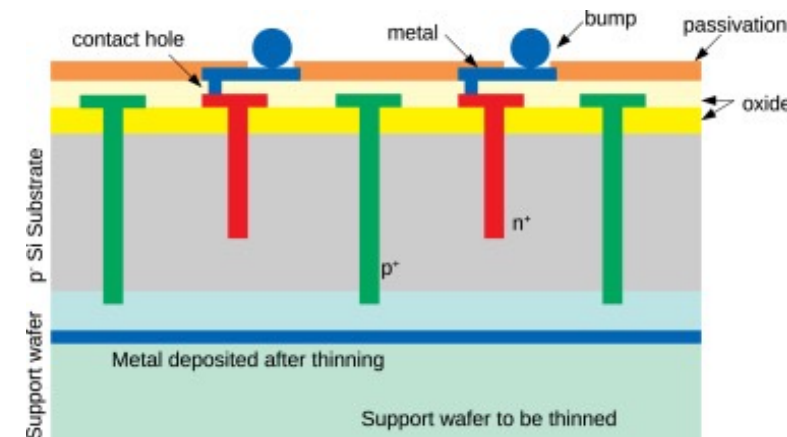
■ Concept

- Strips → pixels on sensor for real 2D
 - Large gain in hit-rate capability ($>100 \text{ MHz/cm}^2$)
- One to one connection from electronic channels to pixels => bump bonding
- Pitch size limited by physical connection and transistor density in read-out pixels
 - minimal (today): $25 \times 25 \text{ }\mu\text{m}^2$ / typical: 50×50 to $100 \times 150/400 \text{ }\mu\text{m}^2$



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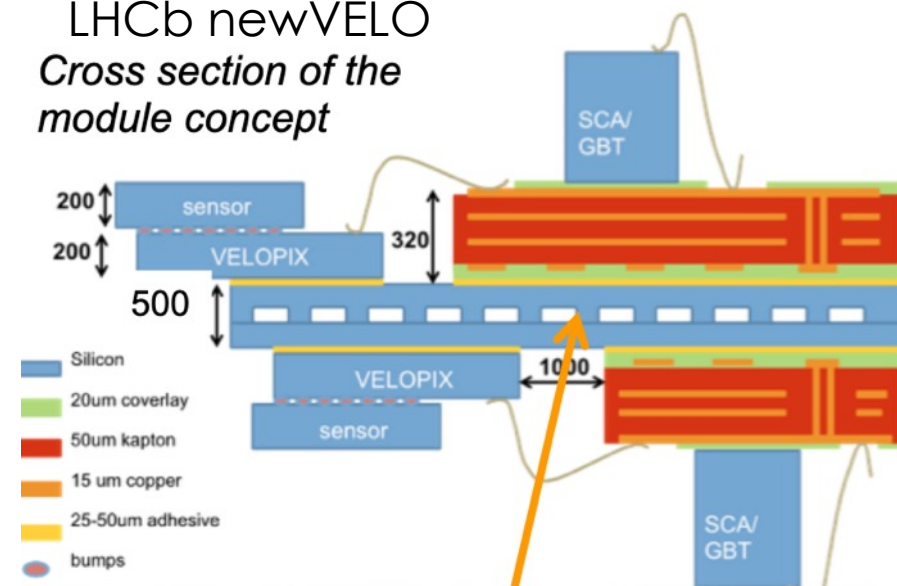
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■ Performance highlight

- Excellent radiation tolerance $\gg 10^{15} n_{\text{eq}(1 \text{ MeV})/\text{cm}^2}$
 - Only technology surviving LHC innermost layers environment
 - Strong development in sensor techno, 3D-technology
- Timing resolution easily in the ns range
 - NA62 GigaTracker reached $\sim 200 \text{ ps}$
- Material budget
 - Minimal(today): $100(\text{sensor}) + 100(\text{elec.}) \text{ } \mu\text{m}$
- Power budget: $\sim 10 \text{ } \mu\text{W/pixel}$
 - Require very active cooling strategy

LHCb newVELO Cross section of the module concept



μChannel cooling # -20°C

Monolithic pixel sensors

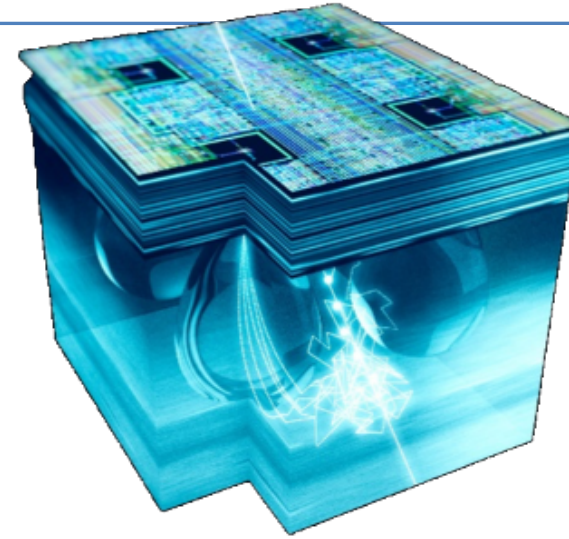
■ Rationale

- Limitations of hybrid-pixel sensors
 - material budget of sensor+read-out exceeds $\sim 200 \mu\text{m Si}$ -equivalent
 - Very challenging to get pixels below $50 \mu\text{m}$
- Can we combine sensitive layer and read-out layer?
=> going monolithic

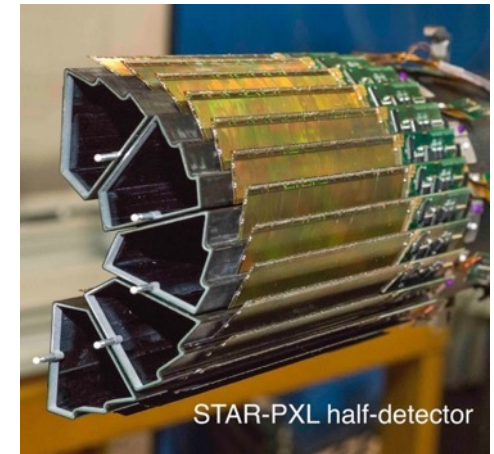
■ Various solutions

- Historic CCD (applied in SLD/SLC)
- CMOS (MAPS)
 - Developed since ~ 20 years
 - Applied since 2014 STAR, then ALICE, MU3e, ...
- SOI
 - Developed mainly in Japan for spectroscopic application
 - R&D toward ILC and Belle II vertex detector

Fully produced
in industry



MPAS 2x2 submatrix view
thickness $\sim 50 \mu\text{m}$



First MAPS detector (2014)

- DEPFET
 - R&D and sensor production in München
 - Not fully industrialized
 - Running in Belle II since 2019

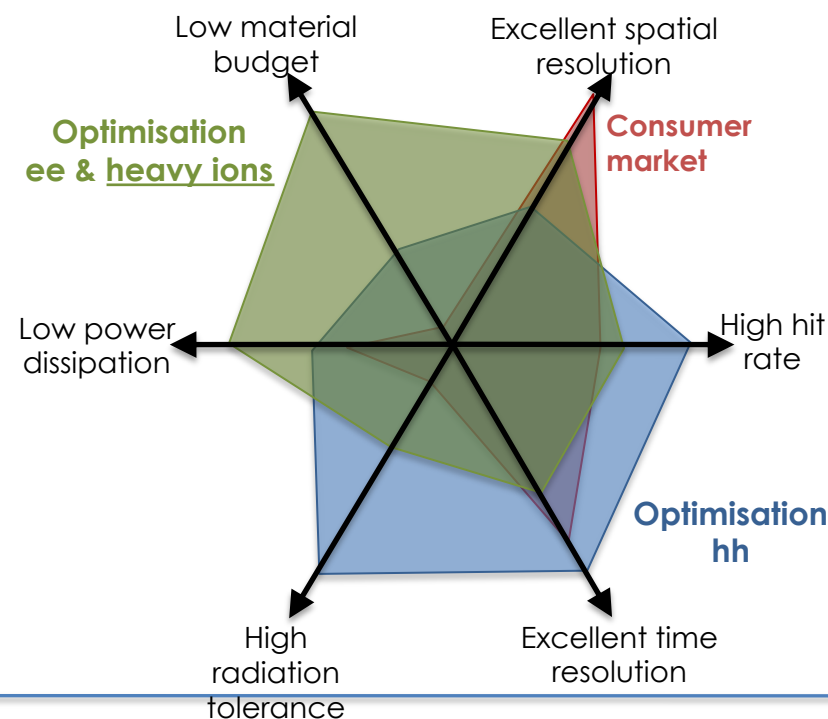
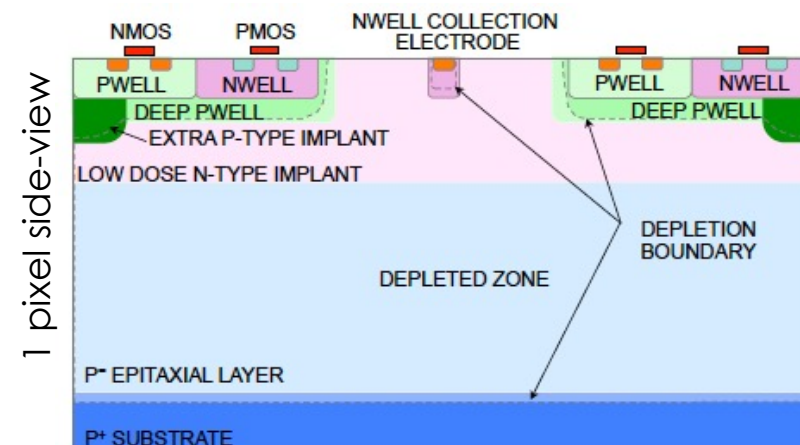
■ Concept

- Same technology as integrated circuit
 - with so-called low-doped epitaxial layer = sensitive volume
 - Read-out circuitry inside pixel (limitation / pixel size)
- Benefit to
 - granularity: pixel pitch down to $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$
 - Total thickness easily down to $50 \mu\text{m}$

■ Performance highlight

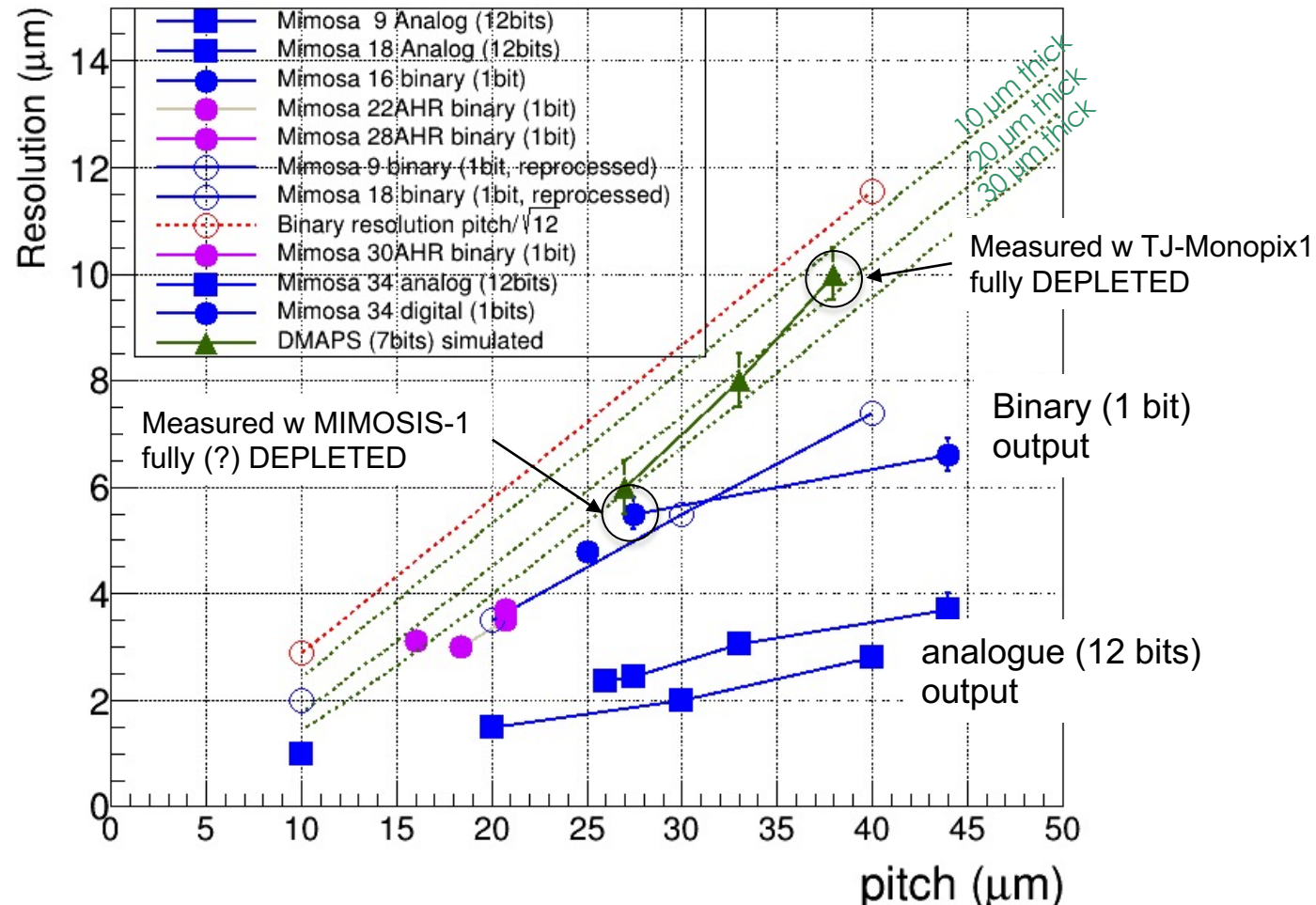
- Pixel pitch in range $10\text{-}100 \mu\text{m}$
- Other performances correlated to pitch
- Approach hybrid-pixel for pitch $> 30 \mu\text{m}$
- Reach unique granularity-material budget
 - $3\text{-}4 \mu\text{m}$ resolution with budget $\sim 0.1 \% X_0$
- R&D very active // industry push
 - Ex: ALICE-ITS2 ~ 2026
 $30 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2$ sensor thinned to $\sim 30 \mu\text{m}$
 - Ex: FASTpix R&D for $\sim 100 \text{ ps}$ time resolution

=>



Position resolution from MAPS

MAINLY from the MIMOSA series designed in Strasbourg
with thin non-depleted sensitive layers



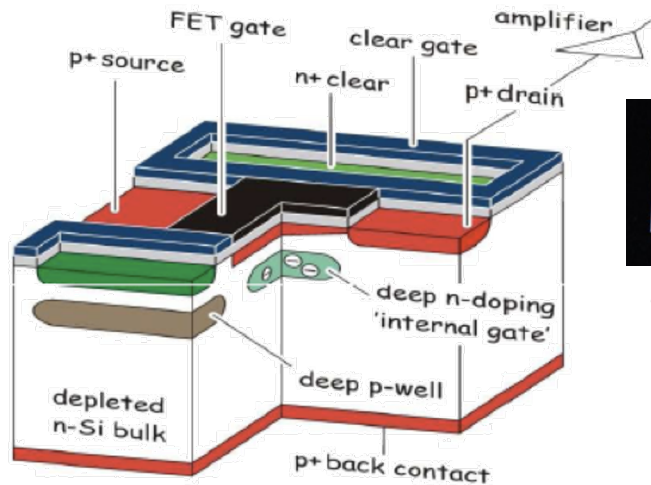
- Position derived from charge centroid
 - charge = 1 for binary output
- Resolution here = standard deviation of residuals = true – reconstructed pos.
 - For imaging ~ stdev of PSF

■ Key parameters

- Pixel pitch
- Charge digit precision
- Threshold for fired pixel detection
- Charge sharing, driven by $\sqrt{2D \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{velocity}}}$
 - Sensitive thickness (distance)
 - Level of depletion (velocity & distance)

■ DEPFET

- Depleted p-channel FET

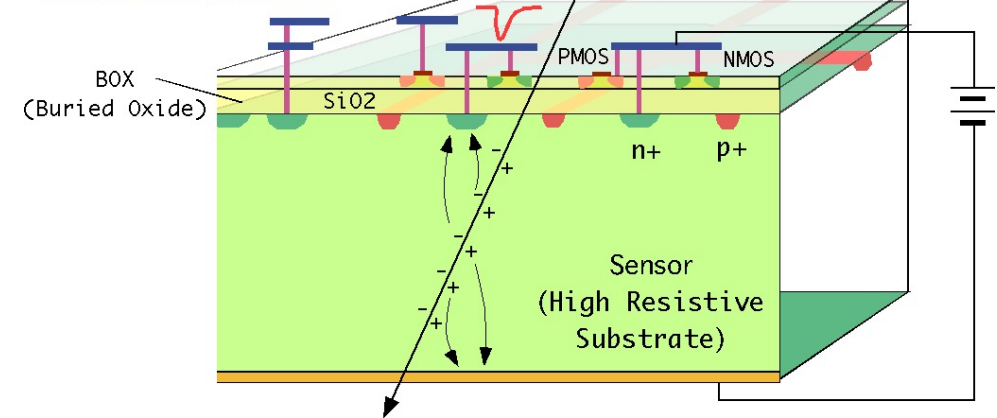


- Belle II DEPFET module
 - 50-70 μm pitch
 - 20 μs integration time
 - 0.2 % X0 material budget

- Fully depleted sensitive layer
- Large amplification
- Still require some read-out circuits
 - Not fully monolithic
 - Possibly limited in read-out speed

■ Silicon On Insulator (SOI)

SOI Pixel Detector



- Fully depleted sensitive layer
- Fully monolithic
- Electronics similar to MAPS
- DuTIP R&D for Belle II
 - 40 μm pitch for 60 ns time resolution
 - low power expected
- SOIPix R&D for ILC
 - 20 μm pitch for $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$ resolution

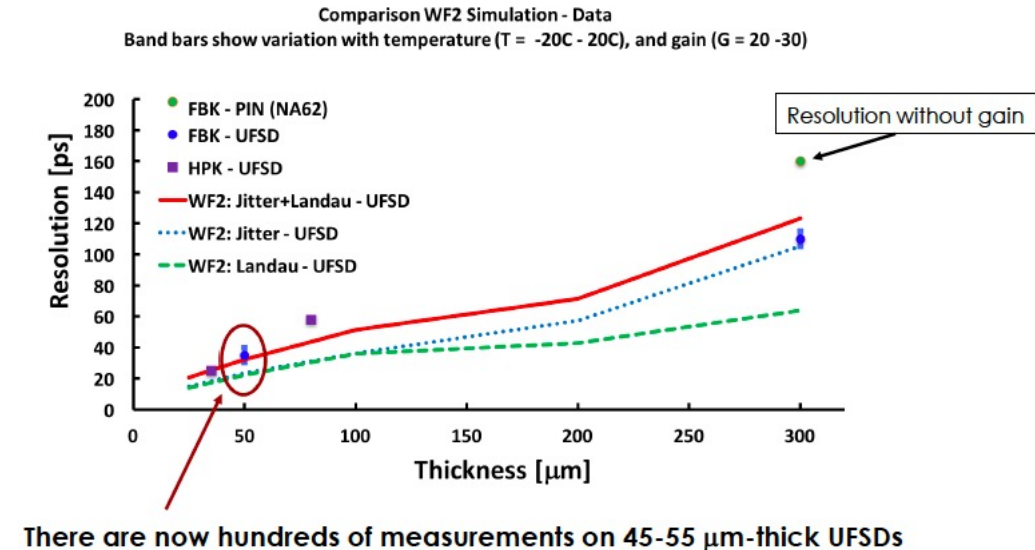
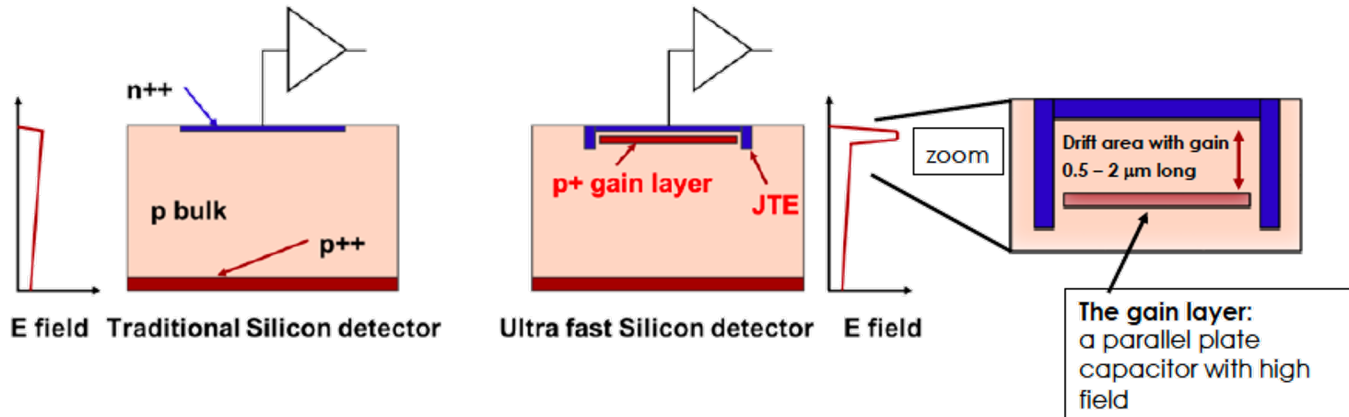
Low Gain Avalanche Detector (LGAD)

■ Goal

- Reach time resolution ~ 10 ps range, still with some segmentation $< 100 \mu\text{m}$
 - Ultimately combine $1 \mu\text{m}$ with 1 ps !!

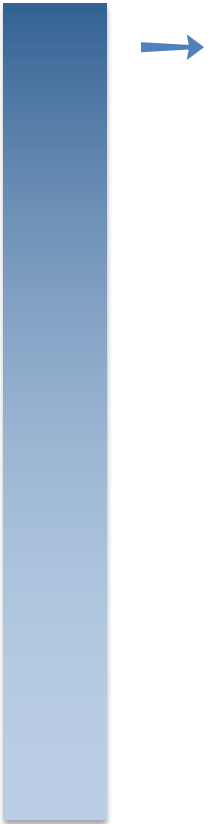
■ Principle

- Generate a controlled avalanche



- LGAD chosen by ATLAS & CMS for current upgrade
- Connected technology: SPADS (basic elements of SiPM)
 - Still suffer large dark count (temperature)

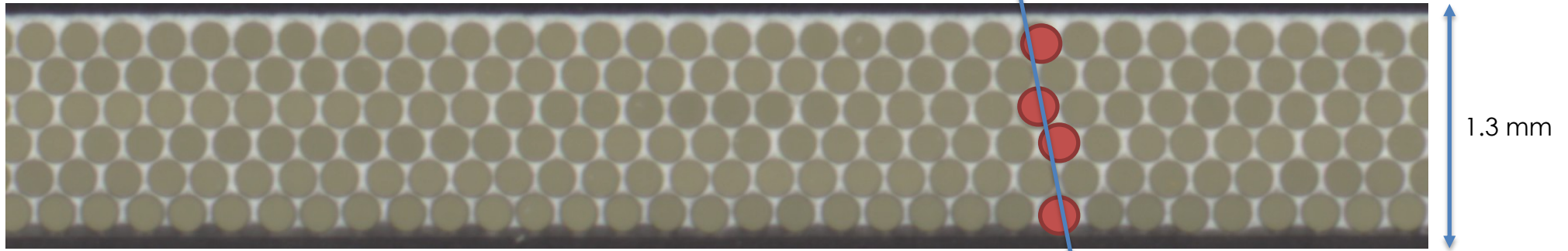
Scintillators for tracking



The example of the LHCb SciFi

■ Concept

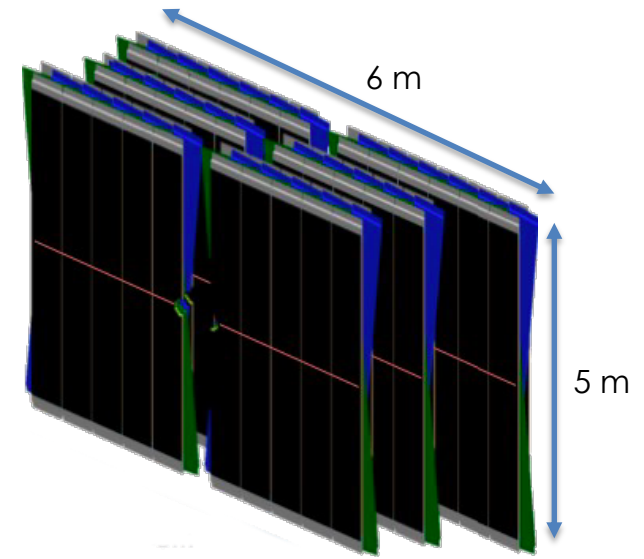
- Stack thin layers of scintillators (here fibers with 250 μm diameter) = 1 basic element



- Read at one (or both) ends with photosensors (here Silicon PhotoMultipliers)
- Combine basic elements, possibly with different fiber orientation (2D sensitivity)
- Spatial resolution $< 100 \mu\text{m}$ for material budget $< 1 \% X_0$
- Fast read-out @ 40 MHz

■ Benefits

- Cost effective technology (materials and nb of channels) for large area (340 m^2)
- Similar (but less precise) concept employed in OPERA target tracker (and JUNO)



Missing & Wrap-up

Missing in this discussion

■ Some detector technologies

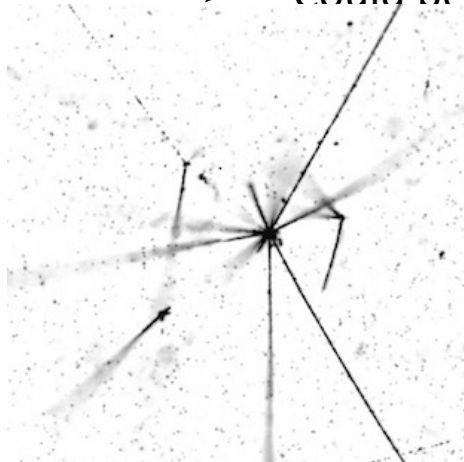
- Silicon drift detectors
 - Real 2D detectors made of strips
 - 1D is given by drift time
 - Rather complex to operate
- Diamond detectors
 - Very interesting for radiation tolerance
 - Comes in limited area
 - equip hybrid pixel detectors when suited
- Nuclear emulsion
 - Most precise ever $< 1 \mu\text{m}$
 - No timing information!
 - Requires long off-line image scan

○ Scintillators

Extremely fast (100 ps)

Could be arranged like
boxes

thick ($X_0 \sim 2$)

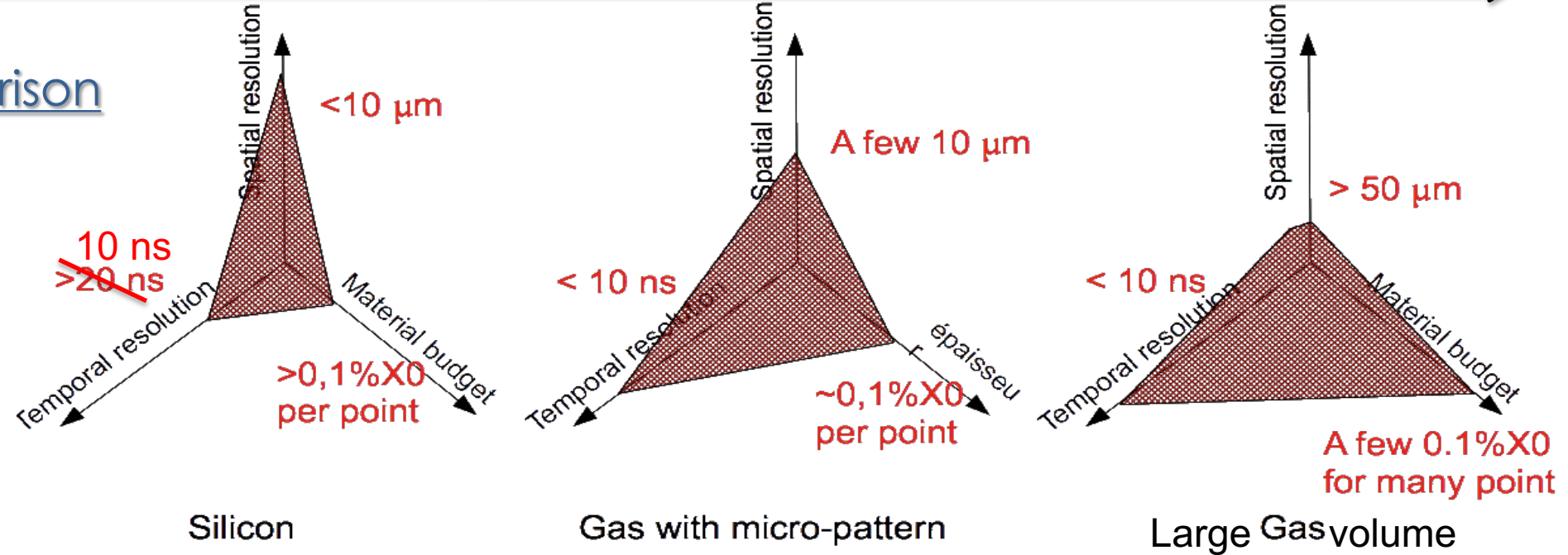


■ Sensors are not alone

- Read-out electronics
- Mechanical support
- Cooling
- Magnets!

Conclusion on technologies

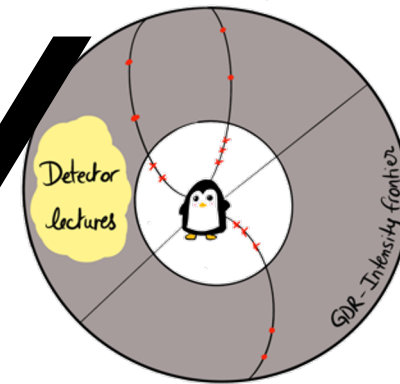
■ Tentative Comparison



■ Trend

- Faster collision rates and higher particle multiplicities favour
 - Fast silicon sensors and micro-pattern gas chambers
 - Pixelization (and miniaturisation)
- Still large gas volume suited for e^+e^- collider (BelleII, ILC, FCCee)
- If affordable (complexity) combining various technologies is very beneficial

THANK YOU!



Additional slides

■ Solenoid

- Field depends on current I , length L , # turns N
 - on the axis
$$B = \frac{\mu_0 NI}{\sqrt{L^2 + 4R^2}}$$
 - Typically: 1 T needs 4 to 8 kA
 - **superconducting** metal to limit heat
- Field uniformity needs flux return (iron structure)
 - Mapping is required for fitting (remember $B(\mathbf{x})$?)
 - Usually performed with numerical integration
- Calorimetry outside → limited material → **superconducting**
- Fringe field calls for compensation



■ Superconduction

- cryo-operation → quenching possible !
- Magnetic field induces energy:
 - Cold mass necessary to dissipate heat in case of quench

	Field (T)	Radius (m)	Length (m)	Energy (MJ)
ALICE	0.5	6		150
ATLAS	2	2.5	5.3	700
CMS	4	5.9	12.5	2700
ILC	4	3.5	7.5	2000

$$E \propto B^2 R^2 L$$

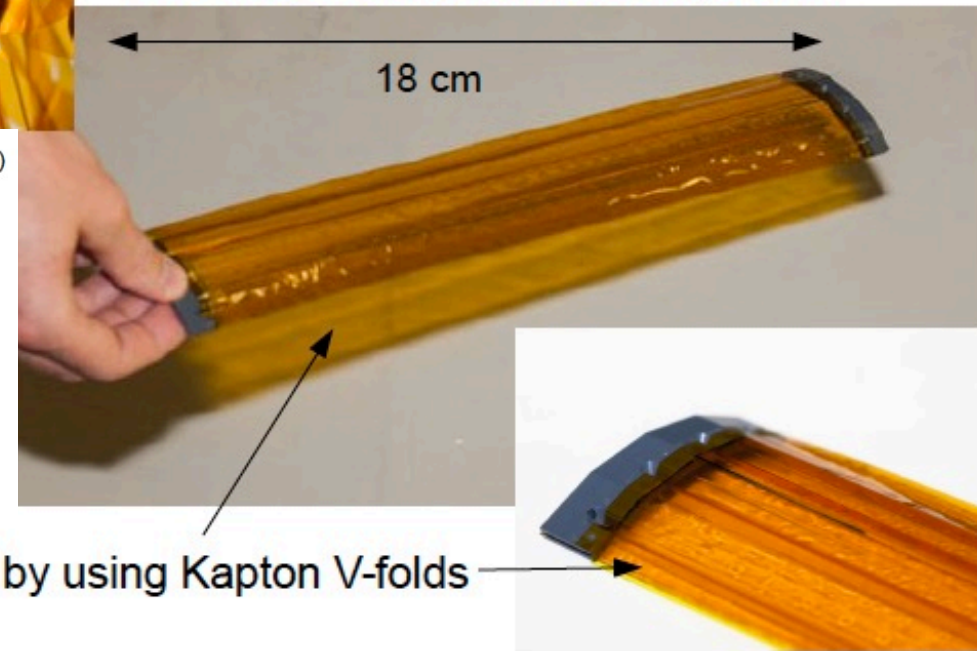
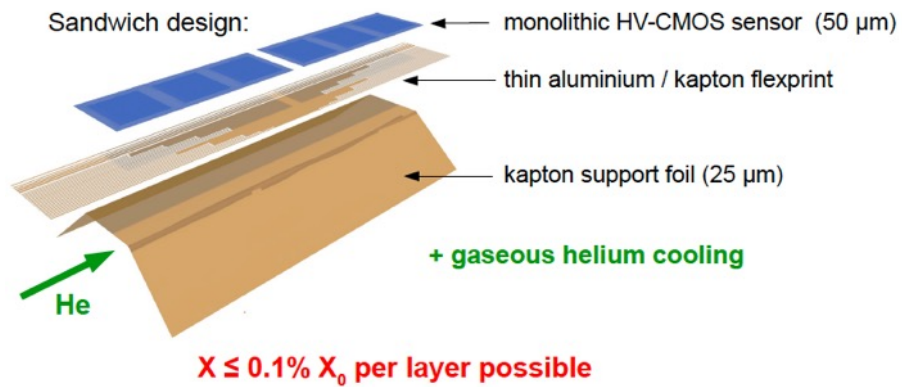
Mu3e – VTX concept



Ultra-thin mechanical mockup:

- sandwich of 25 μm Kapton[®]
- here 50 μm glass (instead of Si)

Even larger stable structures possible



André Schöning, Heidelberg (PI)

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Vertex2016, September 27, 2016

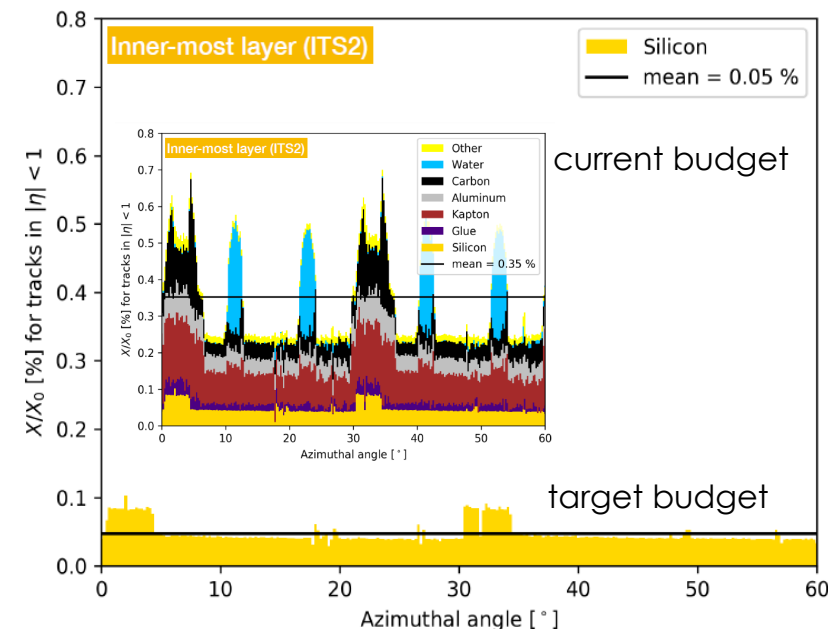
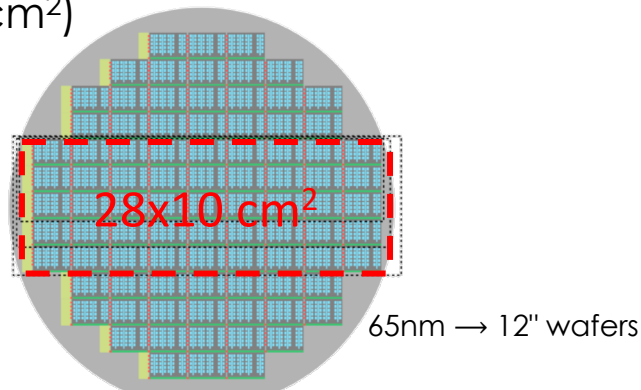
ALICE – ITS3 project

« Ultimate thinness » concept

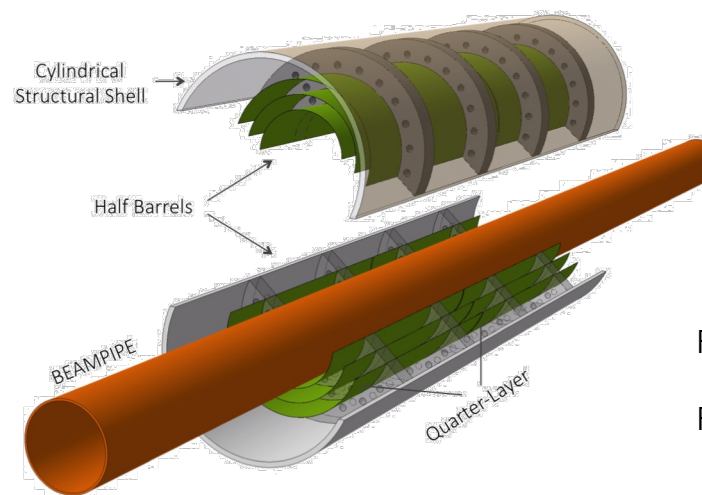
- Get rid of cables, mechanical support, cooling
- Requires: large $\sim 300 \text{ cm}^2$, thinned (20-40 μm) & bended, low-power sensor ($\sim 20 \text{ mW/cm}^2$)

=> Stitching with Tower-65 nm process

- Targets LHC long shutdown 3
 - 65 nm process exploration NOW
 - First stitched proto in 2022
 - Final sensor in 2024
 - Installation ~ 2026



Beam pipe Inner/Outer Radius (mm)	16.0/16.5		
IB Layer Parameters	Layer 0	Layer 1	Layer 2
Radial position (mm)	18.0	24.0	30.0
Length (sensitive area) (mm)	300		
Pseudo-rapidity coverage	± 2.5	± 2.3	± 2.0
Active area (cm ²)	610	816	1016
Pixel sensor dimensions (mm ²)	280 x 56.5	280 x 75.5	280 x 94
Number of sensors per layer	2		
Pixel size (μm^2)	15x15 to 25x25 μm^2		



Proposal
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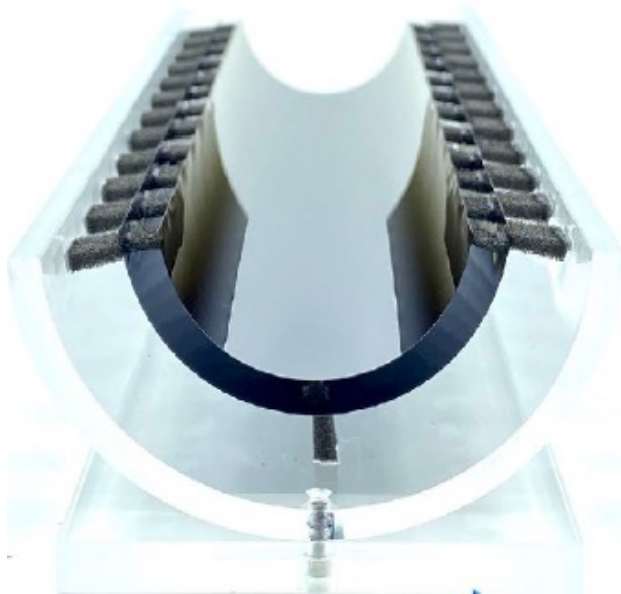
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Bending sensors

- Preparatory work

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2 layers assembled
with carbon foam

