

# Disruptive Inventions

WWW + PC (phone) + WiFi + mass production Si chips  
→ revolutionary change in people's habits  
and the world economy

CMOS integrated circuits (+electricity) now essential  
try to exploit this in our experiments

## Considerations for ECFA Detector R&D Roadmap

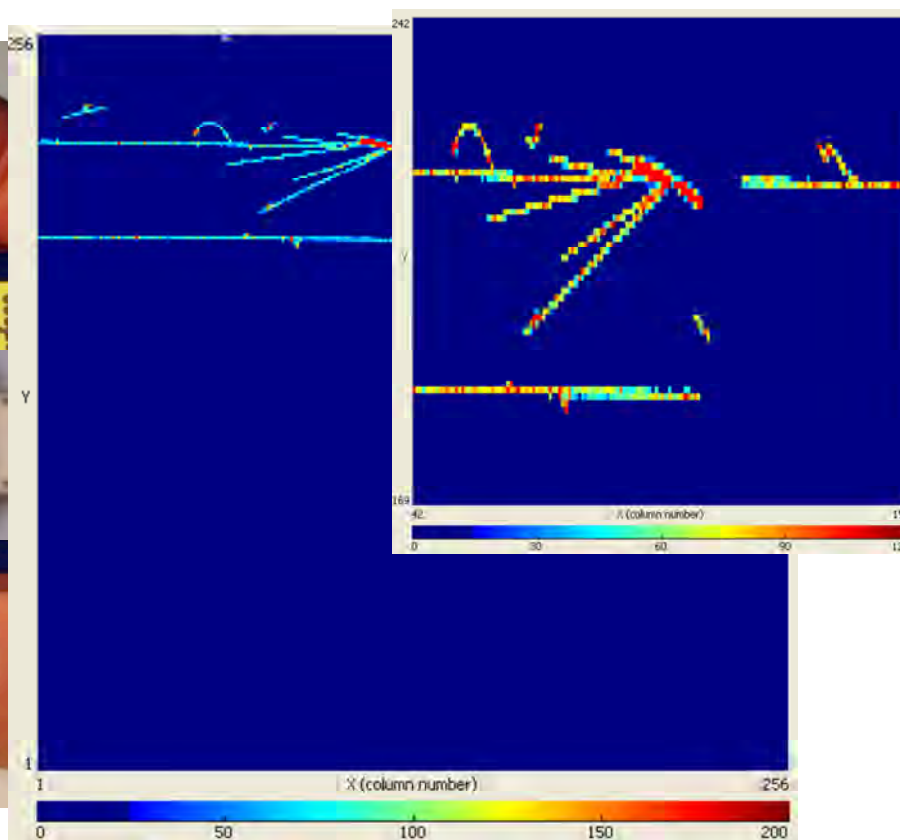
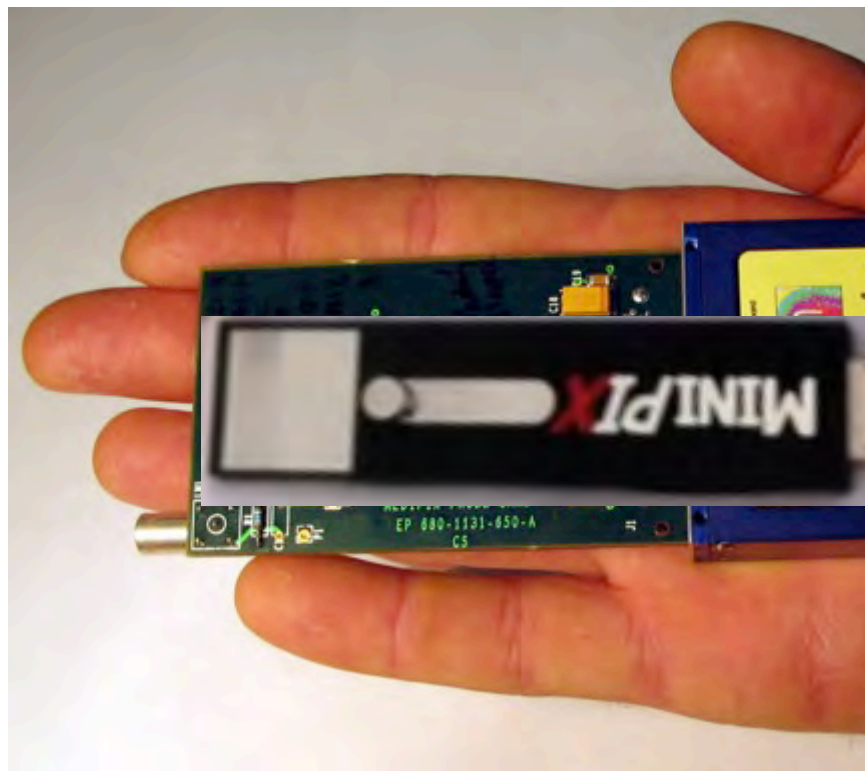
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# nano-BUBBLE CHAMBER in your hand : TIMEPIX USB laptop, tablet or raspberry-pi

MiniPixAdvacam + CERN + IEAP-CTU



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# Instruments for Particle Physics

Historically, progress made via **'disruptive' inventions:**

nuclear emulsions	precision imaging of decays
plastic scintillator	fast signals, MHz rate, electrical
bubble chamber	1 Hz rate, larger volume
multi-wire proportional chamber	>kHz rate, electrical
calorimeter	directly energy, larger volume
silicon microstrip	$\mu\text{m}$ precision, >MHz rate
silicon hybrid pixel	multiplicity $\gg 10/\text{cm}^2$

radhard CMOS integrated circuits became essential overall

**My first point: how to accomodate  
disruptive ideas in a roadmap?**

**Plan for sufficient flexibility.....even if impossible**



# Can ‘revolutionary’ innovation be facilitated ?

Open windows towards different  
technical/scientific disciplines

Hiring of specialists besides ‘own’ scientists

Encourage (young) people (also the ‘technical’) to  
build their personal worldwide network  
‘sabbatical’, conferences, visits, ...

Boundary conditions: sufficient staff for baseload  
travel is not a luxury, but a duty

**2nd point: exchange is critical component (EU Erasmus)**



# Nano- and pico integrated electronics **3<sup>rd</sup> point**

Suppose: for new physics we need dreaming:

higher statistics (cut 1.2ns crossing in <100ps time-slots)

better precision in energies (see 24/3 LHCb result )

larger dynamic range (also downward: dark matter MeV ?)

**on-detector intelligence** (reduce transmission & off-line)

More effort for exploiting **advanced** silicon technologies

adequate budget for dealing with foundries (>>MCHF)

collaboration CERN & member-state institutes

more experienced staff, also from outside

(working conditions competitive with chip industry)

Efforts ought to be at same level as those for accelerator

compare with R&D for superconductivity LHC/FCC magnets



# MEDIPIX identifies elementary Quanta

256 x 256 PIXELS  
300  $\mu\text{m}$  THICK Si

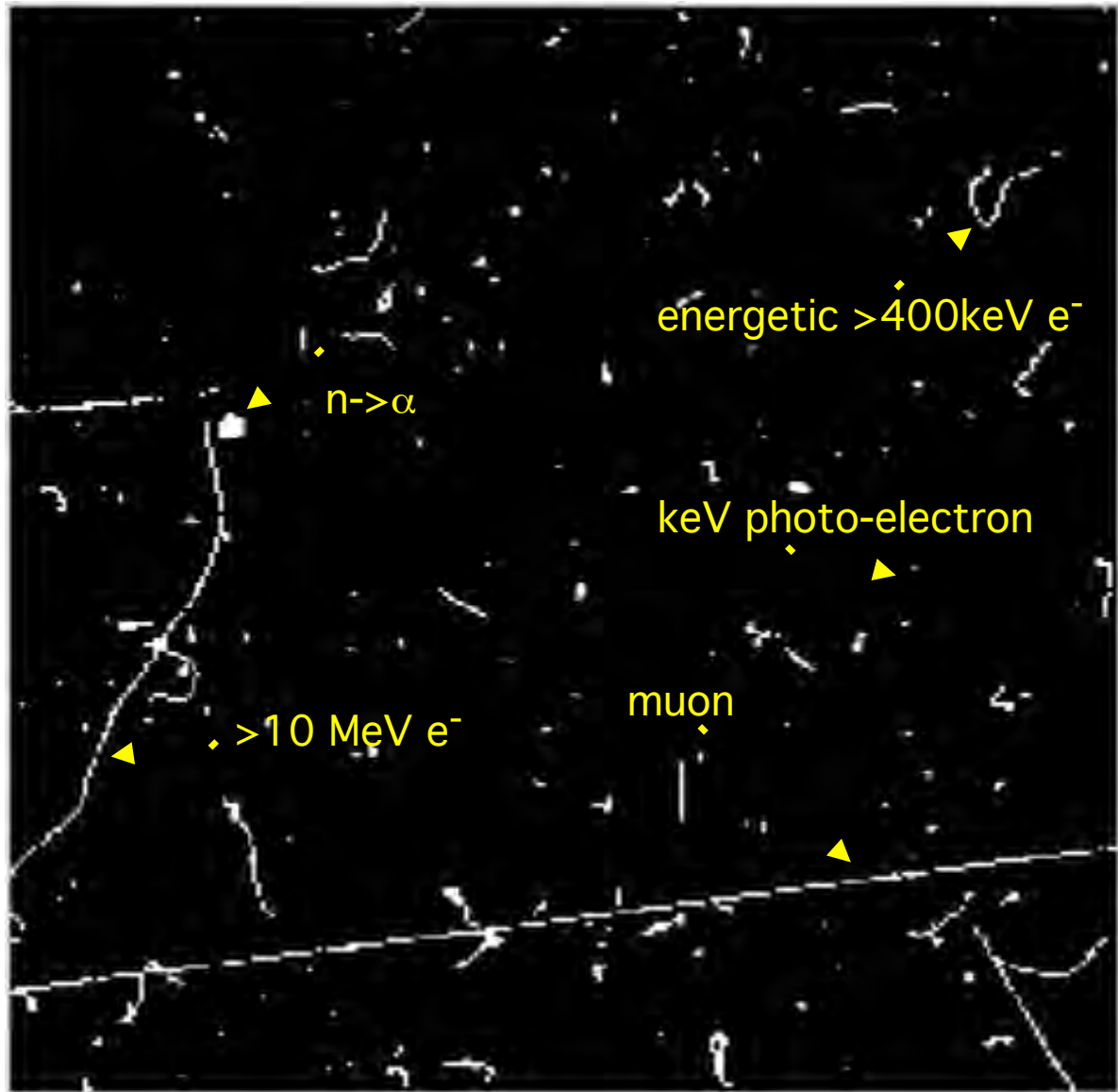
traversing particle  
gives  $\sim 15\text{keV}/\text{pixel}$   
pixel threshold  $< 5\text{keV}$

## SPECIFIC QUANTA

- electrons
- photo-electrons
- MIPs
- muons
- (hadrons)
- neutrons via Alpha's

typical frame  
 $\sim 400\text{s}$  exposure

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# Blue sky examples

Very thin pixelated trackers:  $3\mu\text{m} \times 3\mu\text{m} \times 3\mu\text{m}$   
compare with industrial imagers for visible

Thicker 0.5mm silicon trackers with on-detector  
4D pattern recognition & cluster classification

nm transistor gates themselves (aF capacity) as sensing elements  
(as in DNA nanopore arrays)

Combine ionization and optical effects (TRD, Cerenkov, ..??)

Application of lasers for interferometry? (such as for gravity waves)

Chemical processes (also as in DNA .....

**bubble chambers lasted 1955-1985, maybe there is an end for Si ?**





# Future – Thinking BIG

small steps earlier, decisive discoveries needed





# Smaller steps      final point

Even if significant efforts in nm/3D Si technology will be costly, expenses (100-500Mchf) much lower than the future accelerator

Better precision, higher rates, etc. may already lead to discovery  
remember: Sam Ting found J/psi at 'old' BNL AGS, using 'new instrument' : muon pairs behind iron shielding maybe, dark matter is 'under our nose....'

Advanced instrumentation is prelude to future experiments at FCC

Advancing instrumentation helps to keep enthusiasm

Spin-off in quantum radiation applications can support funding  
Medipix/Timepix is good example, now spin-back into LHCb

Roadmap: Bon Voyage to atto/zepto world

