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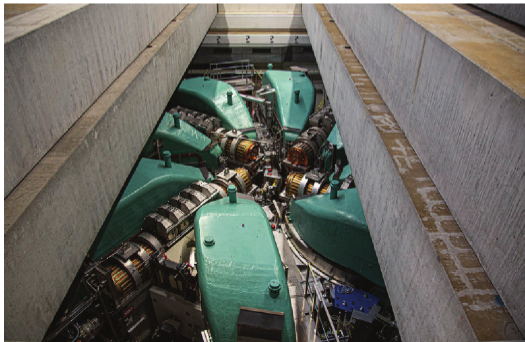
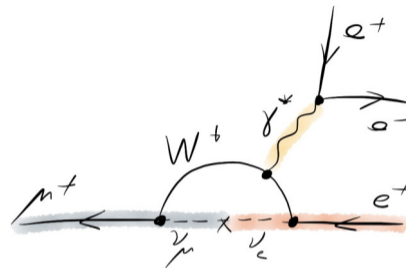
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Searching for $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+$ (Mu3e)



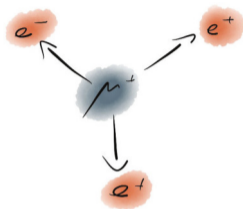
- charged lepton flavor violating decay heavily suppressed to a $BR \leq 10^{-54}$
- excellent probes for new physics
- current upper limit set by SINDRUM (1988) to $\leq 10^{-12}$ [[doi.org/10.1016/0550-3213\(88\)90462-2](https://doi.org/10.1016/0550-3213(88)90462-2)]



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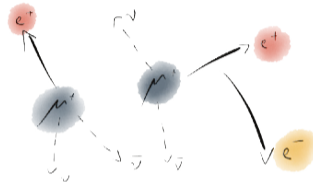
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- Mu3e: aimed sensitivity of 1 in $10^{15(16)}$ decays in Phase-I(II)
- high intensity muon beam of $10^9 \mu^+ / s$ provided by Paul-Scherrer Institut (PSI) in form of the "High Intensity Muon Beam" (HIMB)



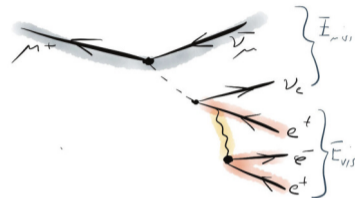
Signal decay:

- $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+$ at rest
 - share same vertex
 - $\sum p_e = m_\mu$
- $\rightarrow p_e \leq \frac{1}{2} m_\mu \approx 53 \text{ MeV}/c$



Accidental Background:

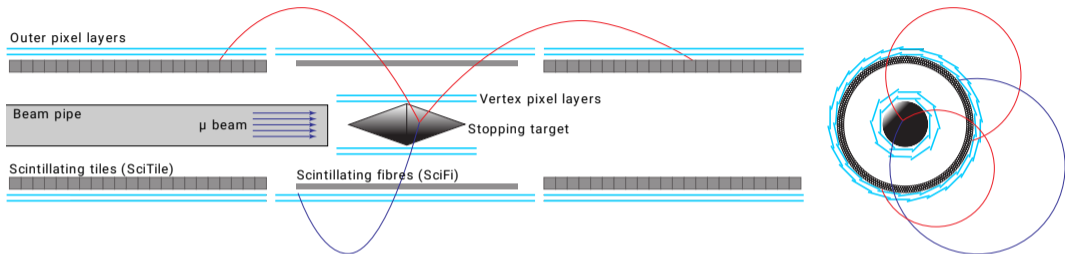
- composition of multiple muon decays
- demands good vertex and time resolution



Internal Conversion

- $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$
- demands excellent momentum reconstruction to detect missing energy carried by neutrinos

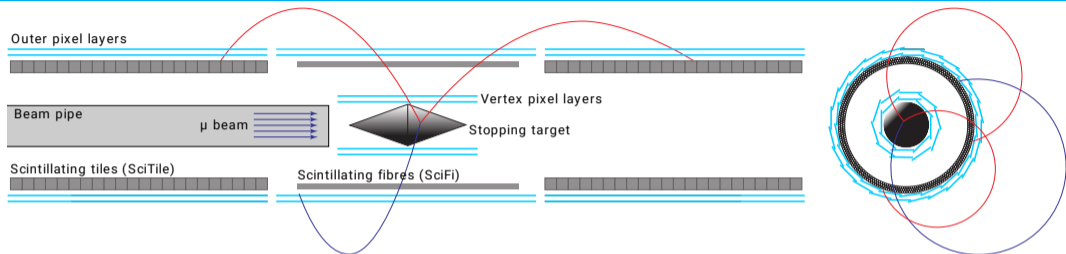
The Mu3e Detector (Phase-I)



[F. Meier Aeschbacher et al. arXiv:2003.11077]

- muons stopped at mylar target and decay at rest within 1 T solenoid field
 - helium atmosphere for cooling and material minimisation
 - ultra thin layers of pixel sensors ($x/X_0 \approx 0.1\%$) \rightarrow HV-MAPS
 - scintillating fiber and tile detector for precise timing information
 - recur stations for precise momentum reconstruction
- \rightarrow scattering $\sim \frac{1}{p} \sqrt{\frac{x}{X_0}}$

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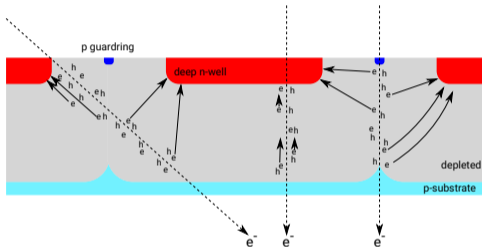
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Mu3e pixel sensor specifications [Mu3e TDR Phase-I arXiv:2009.11690]:

pixel size [μm^2]	80×80
sensor size [mm^2]	20×23
active area [mm^2]	20×20
sensor thickness [μm]	50
maximum bandwidth [Gbit/s]	3×1.6

spatial resolution [μm]	≤ 30
time resolution [ns]	≤ 20
efficiency [%]	≥ 99
noise rate [Hz/Pixel]	≤ 20
power consumption [mW/cm^2]	≤ 350

High-Voltage Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor (HV-MAPS)



Monolithic design:

- active matrix & readout in one entity
- in-pixel electronics

Commercially available processes:

- HV-CMOS processes up to 120 V
- AMS 180 nm & TSI 180 nm

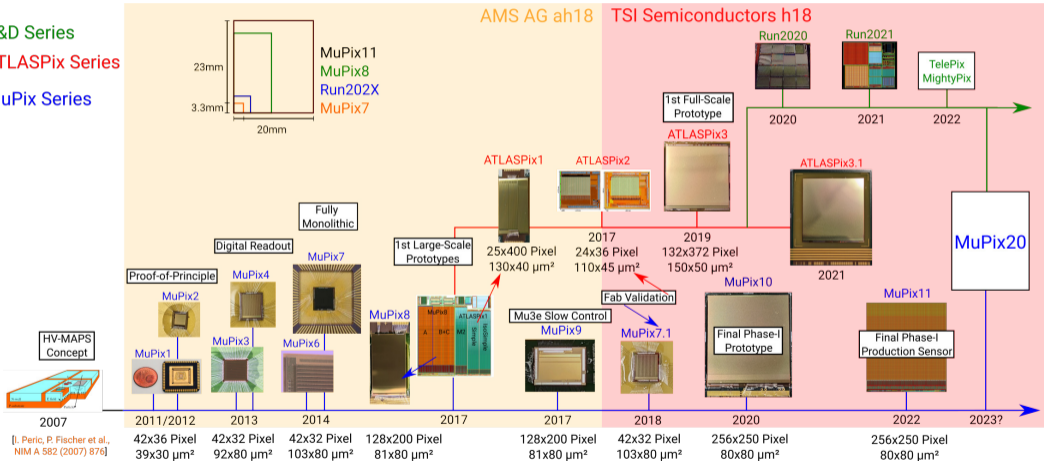
Characteristics:

- low-ohmic substrate ($10\text{-}200\ \Omega\ \text{cm}$)
- deep n-well diode is reversely biased
→ $\sim 10\text{-}30\ \mu\text{m}$ depletion zone allows fast charge collection via drift
- chips can be thinned to $50\ \mu\text{m}$

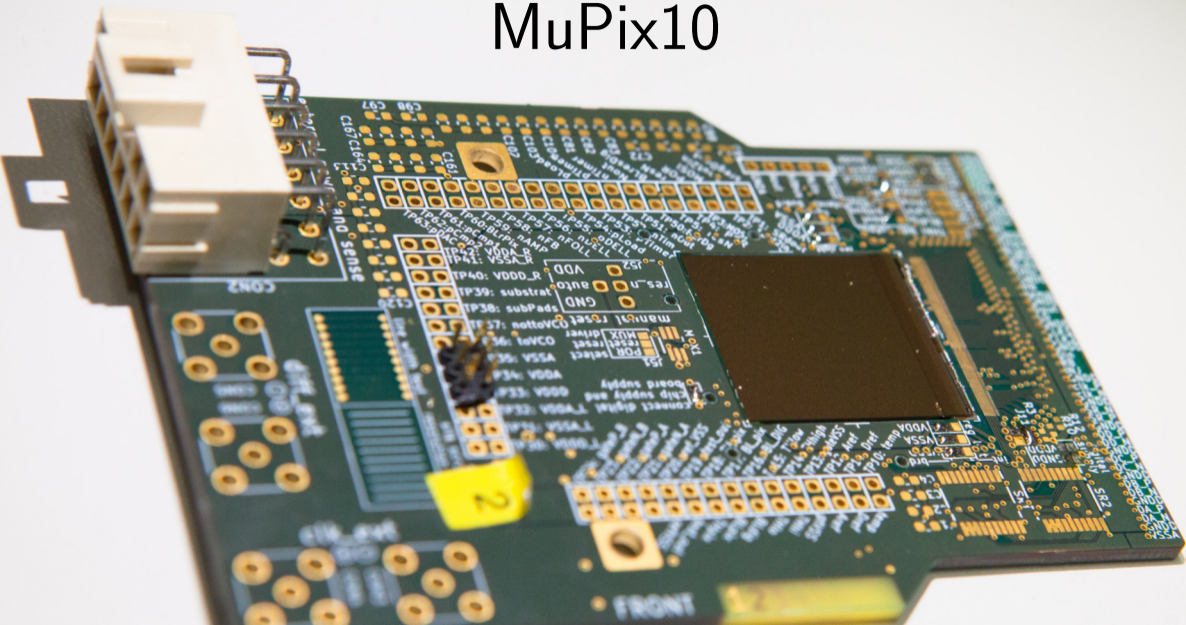
HV-MAPS Roadmap



R&D Series
 ATLASPix Series
 MuPix Series



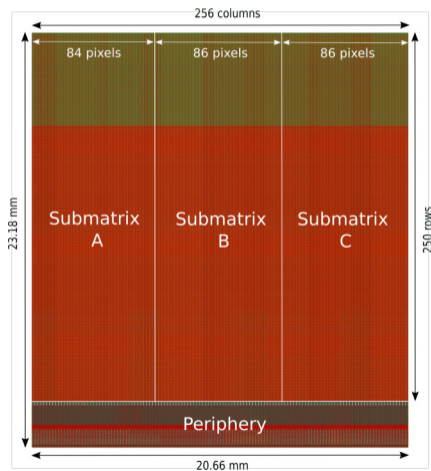
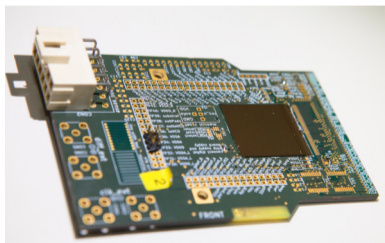
MuPix10



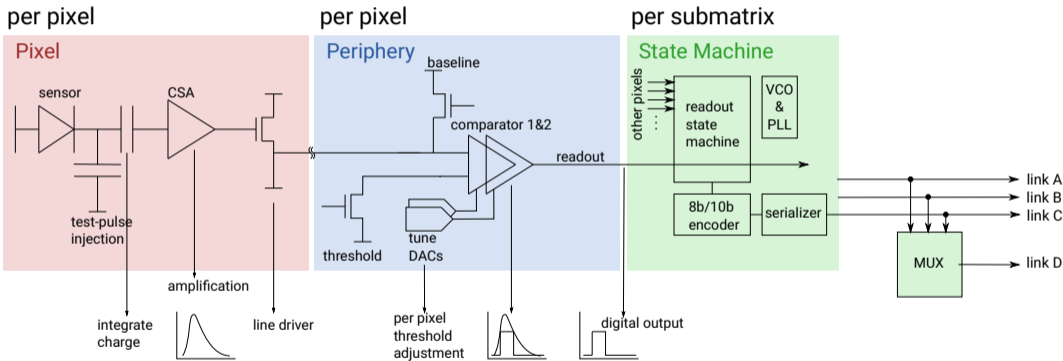
MuPix10 Specification



Substrate [Ω cm]	20, 200
Thickness [μ m]	50-70, 100, 650
Matrix [pixel]	256 \times 250
Pixel size [μ m ²]	80 \times 80
Active area [mm ²]	20.48 \times 20.0
ToA+ToT [bits]	11+5
Tuning+Masking [bits]	2 \times 3+1
LVDS links	3+1

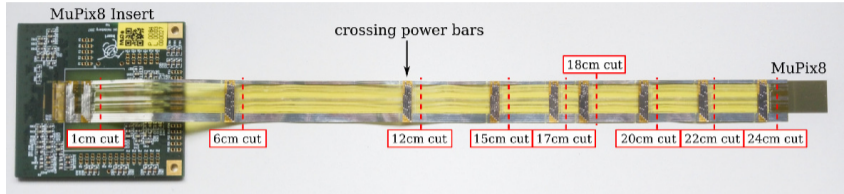


Readout Structure: MuPix10



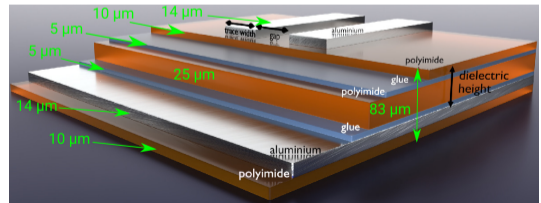
[H. Augustin arXiv:2012.05868]

High Density Interconnects (HDI) Flexprints



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- provides all electrical connections
- SpTa-bonded to Sensors
- provides HV, bias voltage, clock, differential input & output links for up to 6(18) sensors in the inner(outer) layers



[L.O.S. Noehte Master Thesis] (modified)

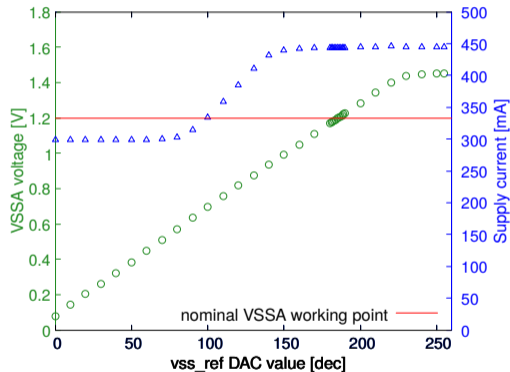
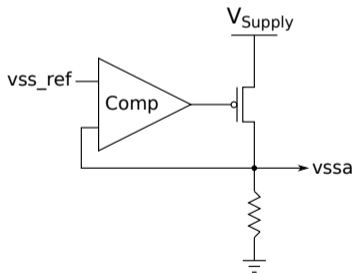
VSSA Regulator: Powering of the CSA



- linear series regulator with differential amplifier for level adjustments (see [[PhD Thesis A. Weber](#)])

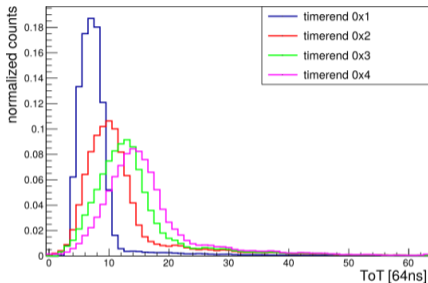
→ configurable by the reference value v_{ss_ref}

⇒ MuPix10 operational via 1 supply voltage (+HV)

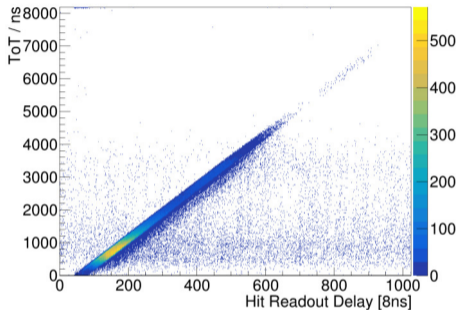


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Time-over-Threshold (ToT) Sampling



[J. Hammerich Master Thesis]



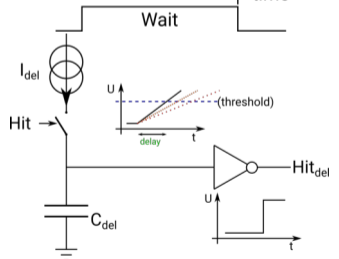
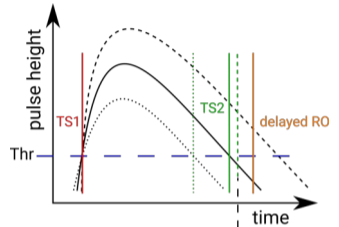
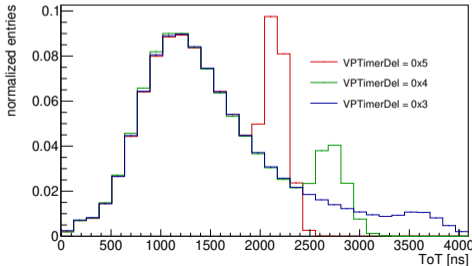
- MuPix8: Falling Edge Timestamp (TS2) is sampled when hit is read out
⇒ affected by speed of state machine (decreases readout Speed)

- ATLASPix3: Hit read out after TS2 sampling
⇒ readout latency of hit depends on ToT (disturbs data chronology)

ToT Sampling: Maintain Data Chronology & RO-Speed



1. hit is registered and its readout is withheld
2. current source (adjustable by 6 bit DAC: VPTimerDel) charges a capacitance
3. discriminating element enables RO if rising voltage crosses threshold (ToT is sampled now at the latest)



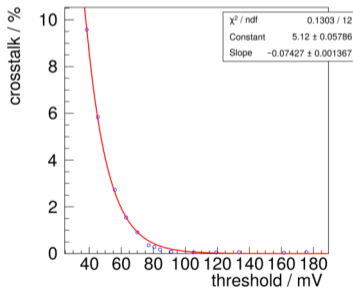
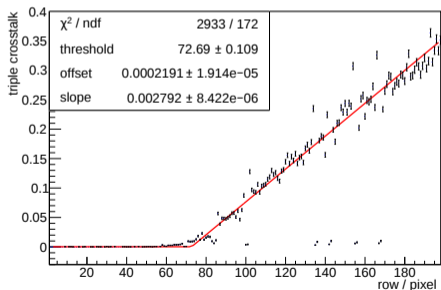
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Signal Line Crosstalk MuPix8



- neighbouring lines form parallel plate capacitor \rightarrow scales with adjacent length

\Rightarrow a signal can create cross talk pulses in neighbouring signal lines



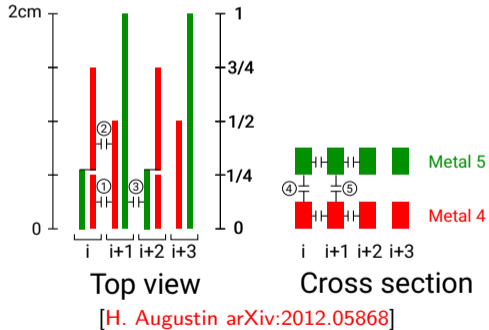
Active Pixel Matrix
Periphery

[L. Huth doi:10.11588/heidok.00025785]

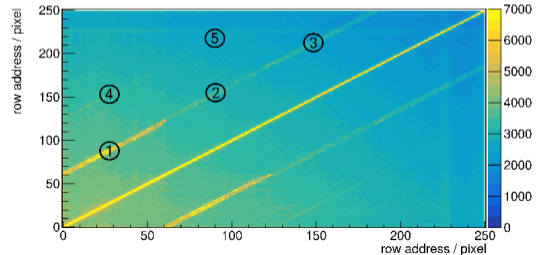
Minimise Signal Line Crosstalk for MuPix10

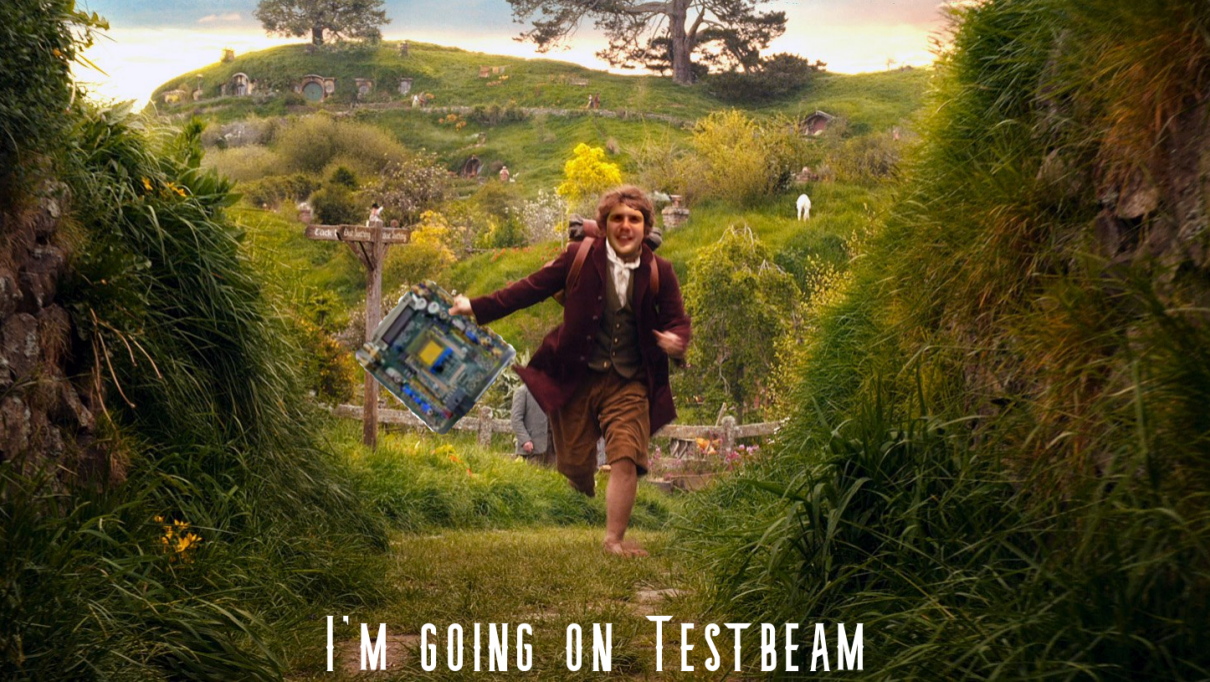


2 metal layers: each 125 lines/column



1. reduce neighbouring line length (1/4 of maximal length)
2. distinguish cross talk hits with recognisable patterns
 - off diagonal correlation \rightarrow cross talk \Rightarrow Estimated crosstalk probability $< 1.5\%$





I'M GOING ON TESTBEAM

First Results of MuPix10 (100 μm , 200 Ωcm) [Oct. 2020]

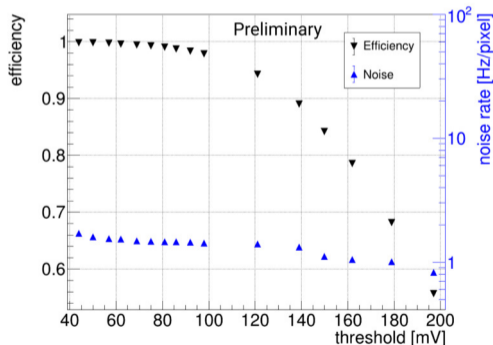
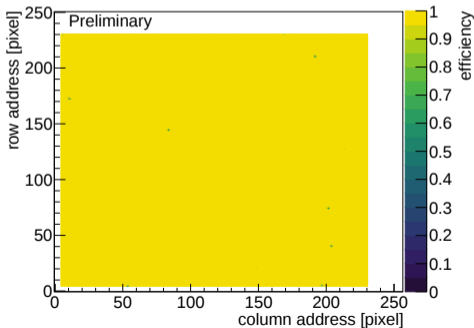


- 1 external supply voltage (usage of VSSA regulator) + HV
- w/o threshold tuning or pixel masking

Efficiency $> 99\%$

Noise Rate $< 2\text{ Hz/Pixel}$

Power Consumption $< 200\text{ mW/cm}^2$



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Efficiency	> 99 %
Noise Rate	< 2 Hz/Pixel
Power Consumption	< 200 mW/cm ²
Time resolution RAW	25.7 ns
Time Resolution corrected	13.3 ns

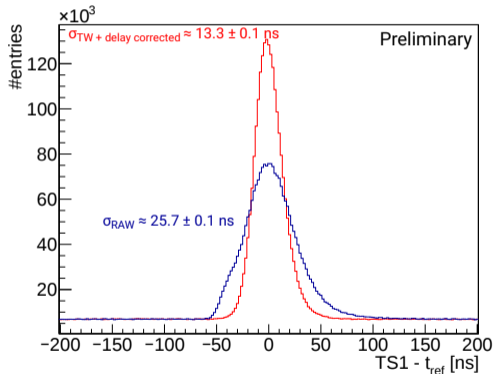
- the measured time resolution on test beam is worse than expected

→ MuPix8:

time resolution raw $\mathcal{O}(11\text{ ns})$

time resolution corrected $\mathcal{O}(7\text{ ns})$

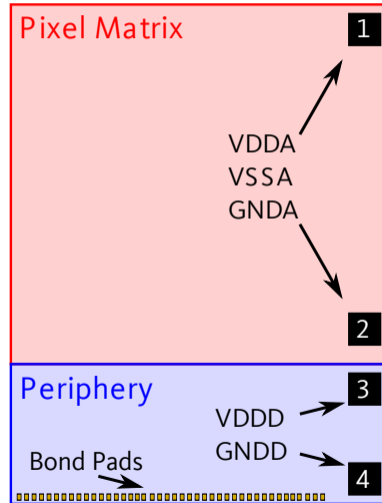
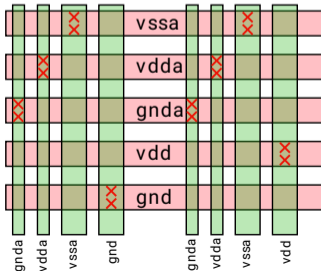
[J. Hammerich, Master Thesis]



On-Chip Voltage Drop Observation



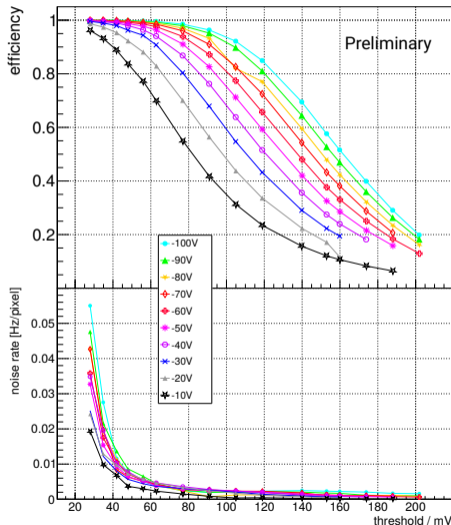
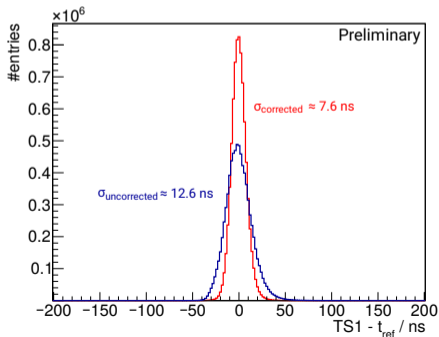
- test outputs for internal voltages levels at different points on the chip
- negligible voltage drops within power grid: $\mathcal{O}(1 - 4 \text{ mV})$
- significant voltage drop from bond pads to power grid: $\mathcal{O}(200 \text{ mV})$



Updated Results of MuPix10 (100 μm , 200 $\Omega\text{ cm}$) [April 2021]



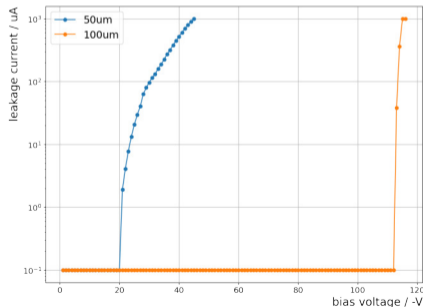
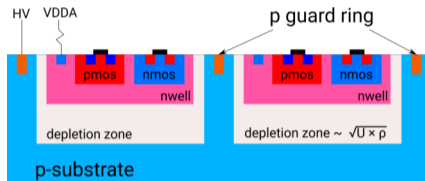
Efficiency	> 99 %
Noise Rate	< 2 Hz/Pixel
Power Consumption	< 350 mW/cm ²
Time Resolution uncorrected	$\mathcal{O}(13\text{ ns})$
Time Resolution corrected	$\mathcal{O}(8\text{ ns})$



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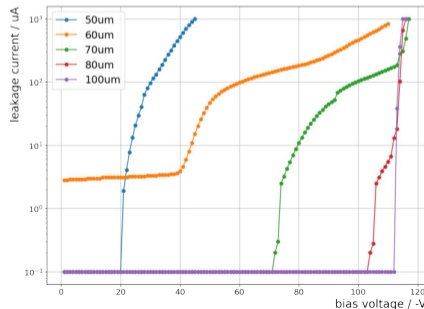
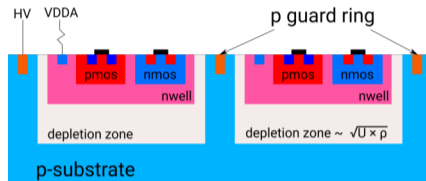
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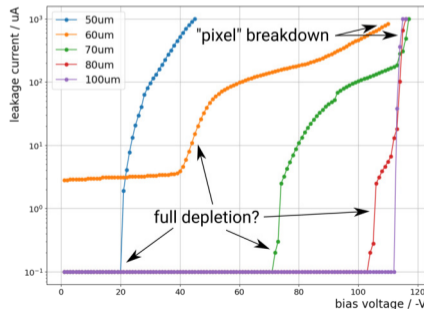
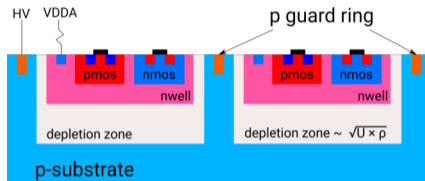
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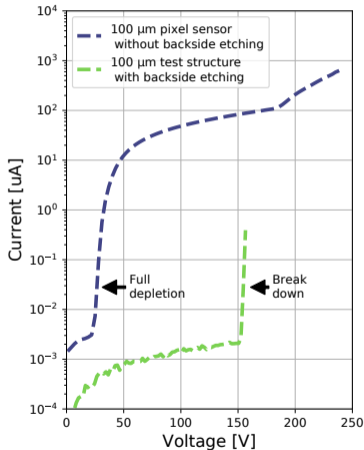
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- ⇒ supplier provided us a substrate resistivity measurement of $370 \pm 20 \Omega \text{ cm}$



Observation with LFoundry passive CMOS Sensor Prototypes

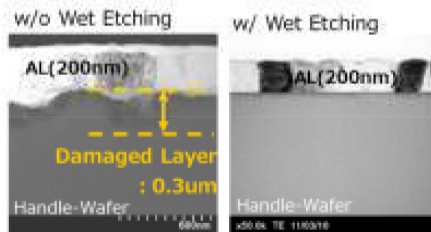


- 100 μm , 5.5 $\text{k}\Omega\text{cm}$: an increased leakage current when full-depletion is reached (23 V)

→ caused by damaged layer of silicon after grinding

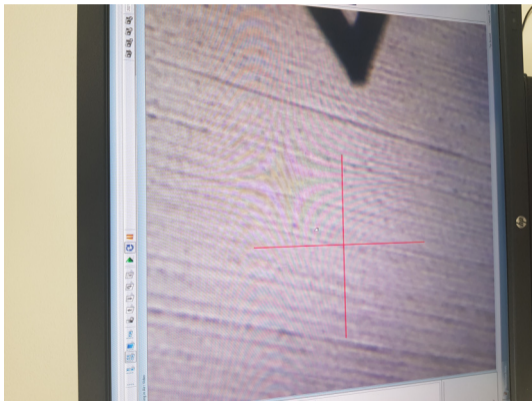
⇒ solution: "The 0.3 μm -thick damaged layer can be removed by wet etching. In this case, it is confirmed the abnormal leakage current can be suppressed."

[arXiv:1511.05224]



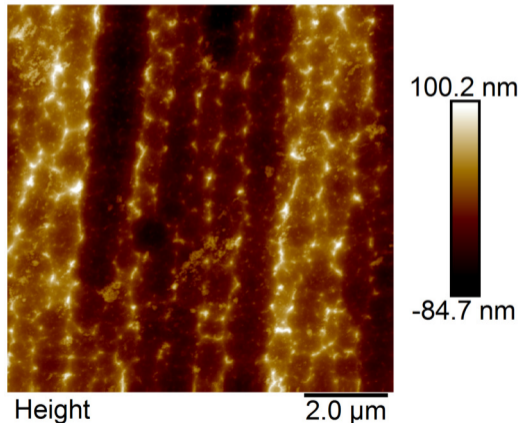
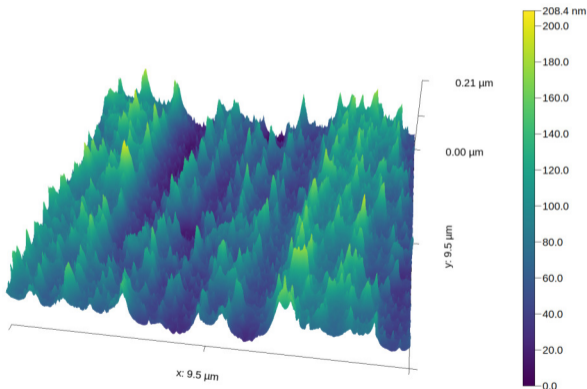
[PhD Thesis David-Leon Pohl]

Atomic Force Microscopy Measurement of 50 μm MuPix10

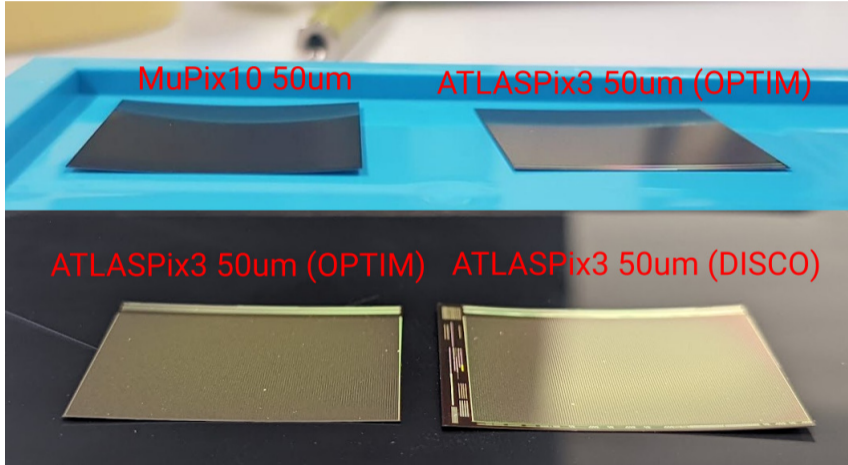


- Prof. Dr. ir. Martijn Kemerink (CAM, Uni Heidelberg) was so nice to help out
 - together with Priya Mariam Viji (PhD Student), an AFM measurement of a 50 μm MuPix10 was performed
- clear structures from grinding already visible under the microscope

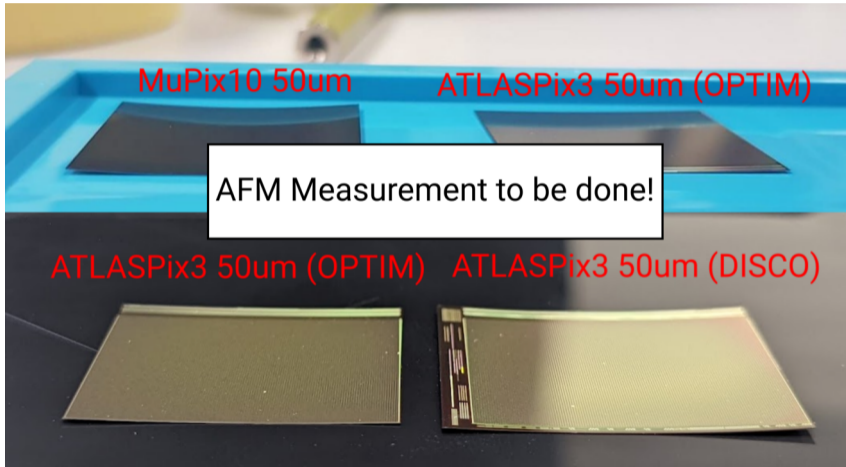
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Thinning Large Silicon Sensors to 50 μm



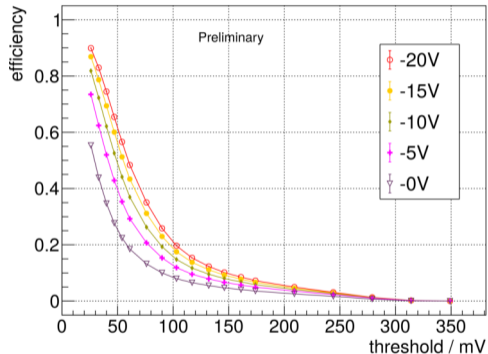
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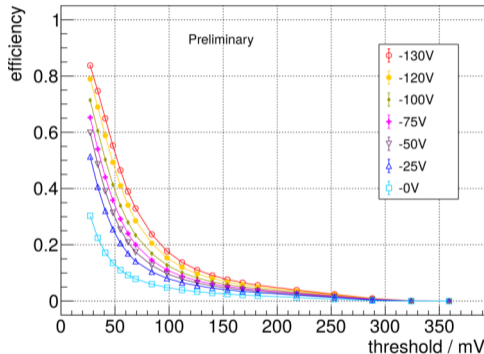
Efficiency Study of 50 μm MuPix10 [Aug. 2021]



50 μm -200 Ωcm -w9-p12



50 μm -20 Ωcm -w18-p17



- measurement campaign at PSI with varying sensor thickness & (high) bias voltage performed (analysis on-going)
- both substrates of 20&200 Ωcm for 50 μm did not reach acceptable efficiencies!!

Efficiency Study of 50 μm MuPix10 [Aug. 2021]



- provided substrate resistivity statements:

$$20 \Omega \text{ cm} \approx 10\text{-}20 \Omega \text{ cm}$$

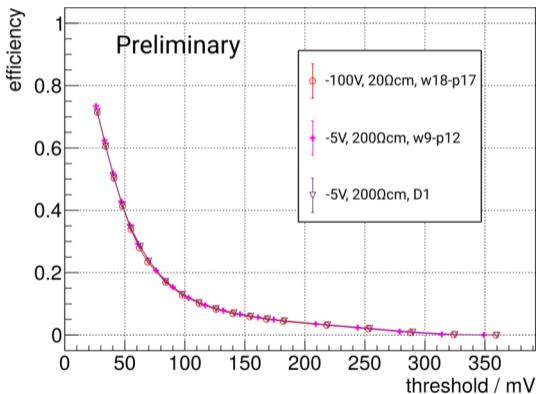
$$200 \Omega \text{ cm} \approx 370 \pm 20 \Omega \text{ cm}$$

→ depletion: $w \sim \sqrt{U \times \rho}$ (ρ : resistivity)

⇒ "same" efficiency curve at:

$$20 \Omega \text{ cm}: U \approx -100 \text{ V}$$

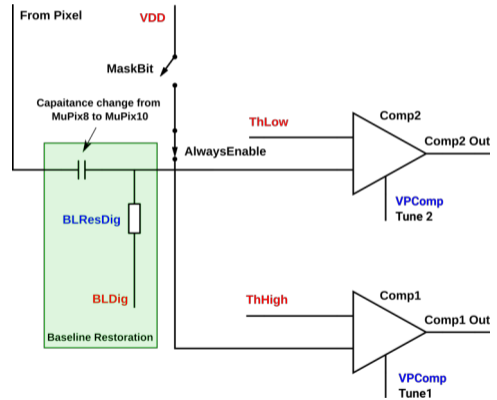
$$370 \Omega \text{ cm}: U \approx -5 \text{ V}$$



Digital Cell MuPix10

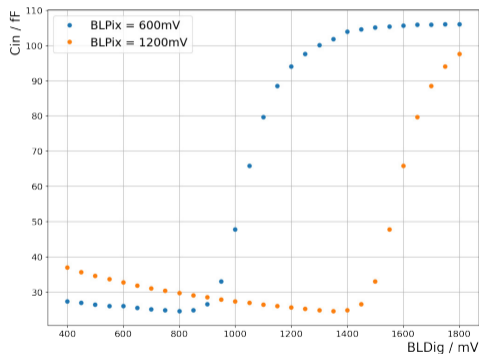


- capacitance change of baseline restoration, which acts as high-pass filter, from MuPix8 to MuPix10
- shaping element for the analog pulse coming from the pixel

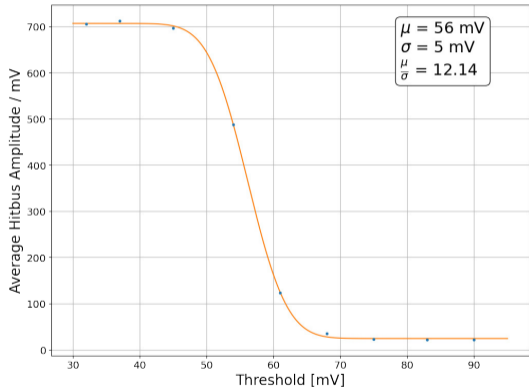




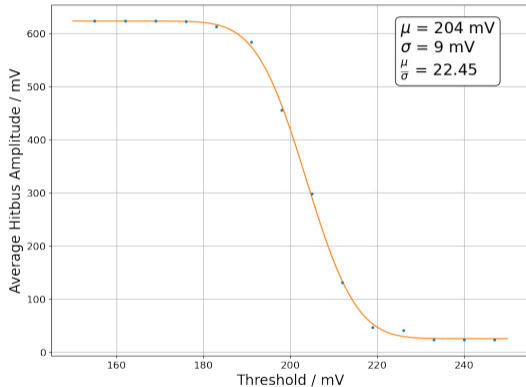
- capacitance change of baseline restoration, which acts as high-pass filter, from MuPix8 to MuPix10
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- capacitance depends on the levels of the analog & digital baseline (initially too small)
- ⇒ for now new operational setting has to be found to bypass this problem



Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) Comparison

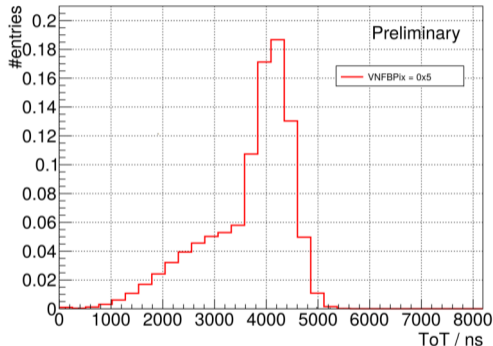
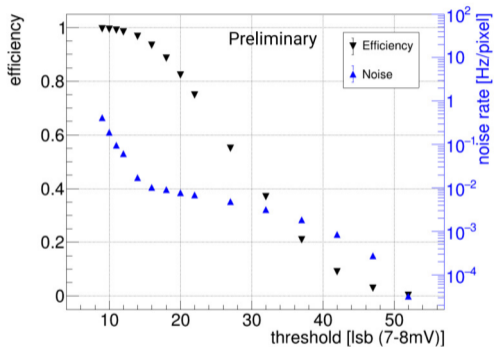


old setting



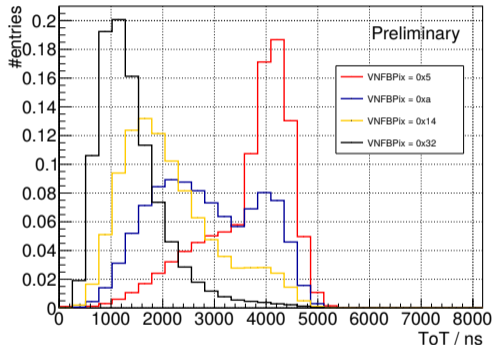
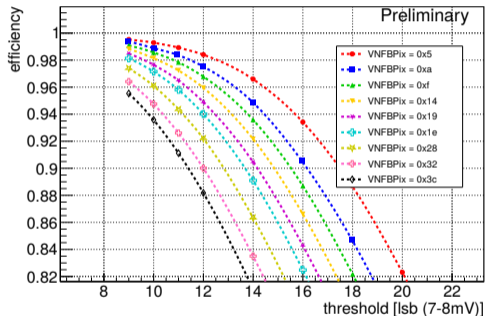
new setting

Efficiency Scans of 50 μm MuPix10 ($200 \Omega \text{ cm}$) [Dec. 2021]



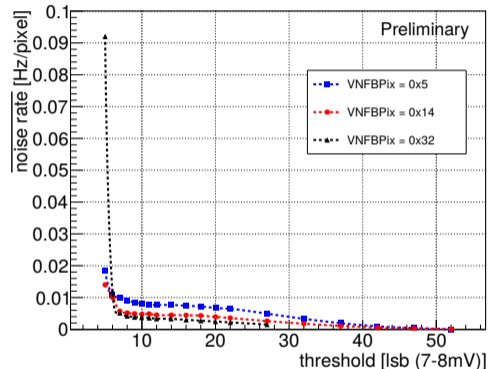
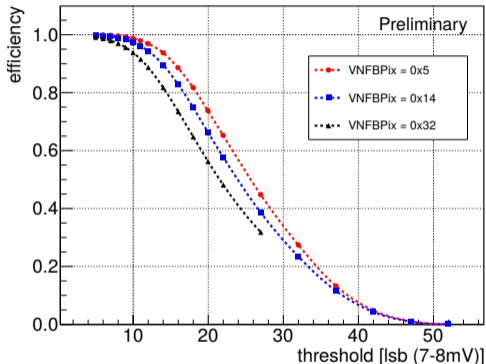
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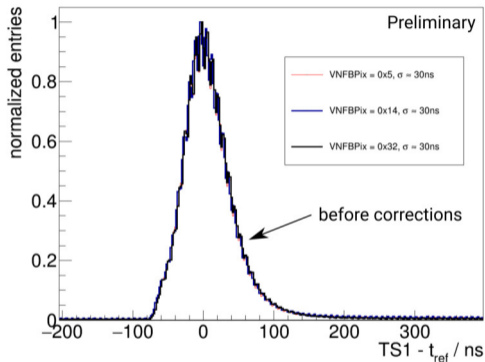
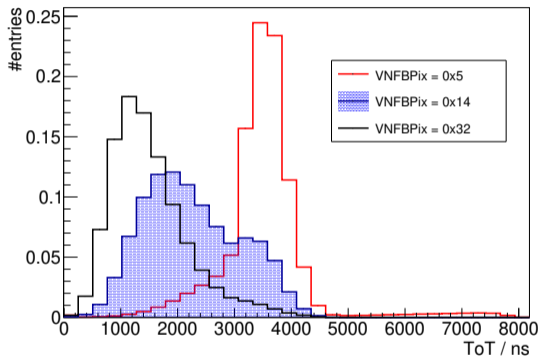
Tuned Efficiency Scans of 50 μm MuPix10 (200 $\Omega\text{ cm}$) [Dec. 2021]



- even for strongest feedback (VNFBPix = 0x32) an efficiency of above 99 % is achieved (only lowest threshold)

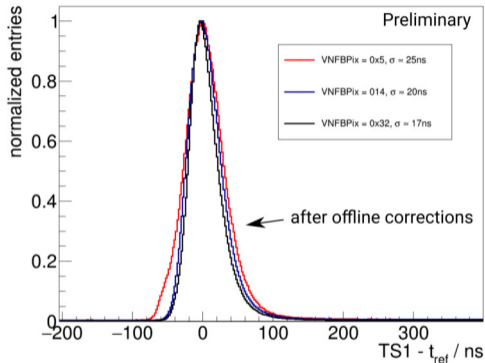
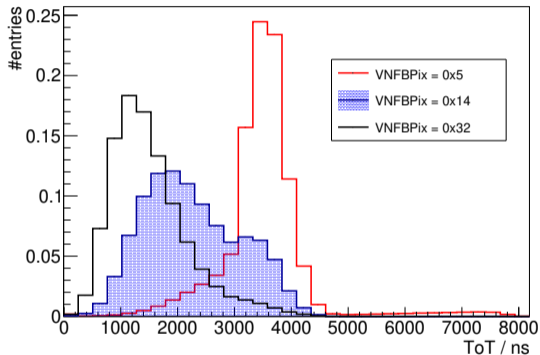
→ the efficiency is recovered and the plateau increased

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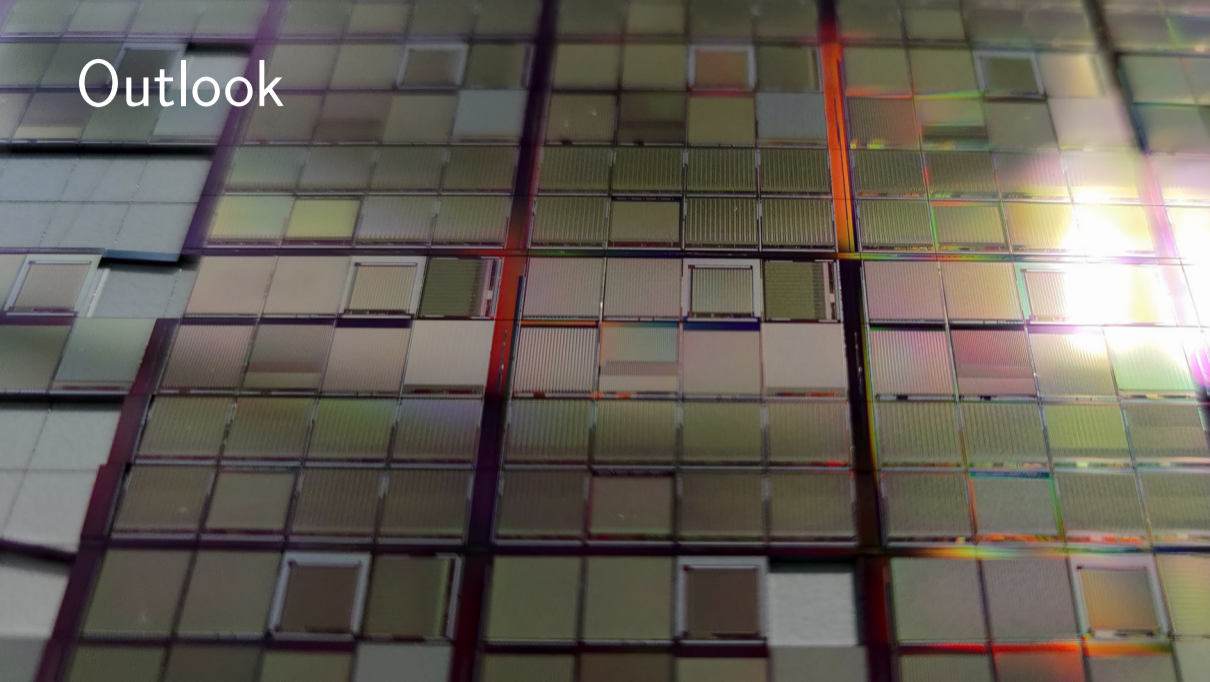
- MuPix10 has some problems, but temporary solutions could be found for them
→ solution for aforementioned problems are implemented in MuPix11
- with MuPix10 it is demonstrated that this technology can fulfill the requirements for Mu3e Phase-I
→ better time resolution is expected by using the 2-Threshold method (analysis on-going)

	sensor thickness [μm]	efficiency [%]	noise rate [Hz/pixel]	time resolution [ns]	power consumption [mW/cm ²]
Requirement	50	≥ 99	≤ 20	≤ 20	≤ 350
MuPix10	50 ✓	> 99 ✓	≤ 2 ✓	$\approx 17 - 20^{\ddagger}$ ✓	≤ 250 ✓

[‡] after offline corrections: study for FPGA-based online implementation on-going

MuPix11 submitted in January 2022 → expected return this Summer

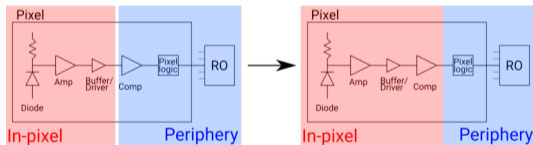
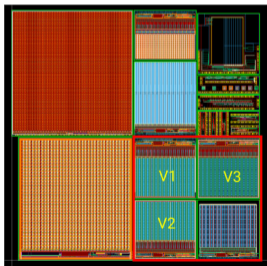
Outlook





Version	Matrix [pixel]	Pixel size [μm^2]	Substrate [$\Omega\text{ cm}$]	Amplifier Type [‡]	Comparator	ToA+ToT [bits]	LVDS links
Run2021v1	29×124	165×25	20, 200-400, 5k	NMOS	CMOS	2×10 [†] +10	1
Run2021v2	29×124	165×25	20, 200-400, 5k	CMOS	CMOS	2×10 [†] +10	1
Run2021v3	29×62	165×50	20, 200-400, 5k	NMOS	Distributed	2×10 [†] +10	1

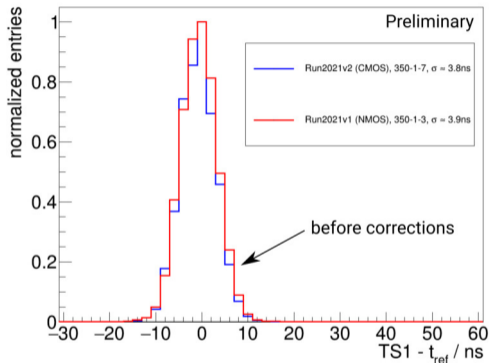
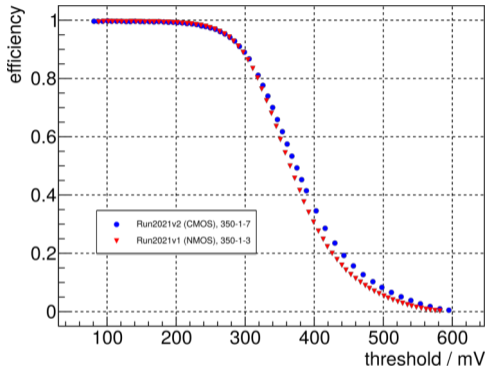
[‡] Amplifier naming scheme refers to the type of the input transistor [†]ToA is sampled on the rising (10 b) and falling (10 b) clock edges



MuPix Series

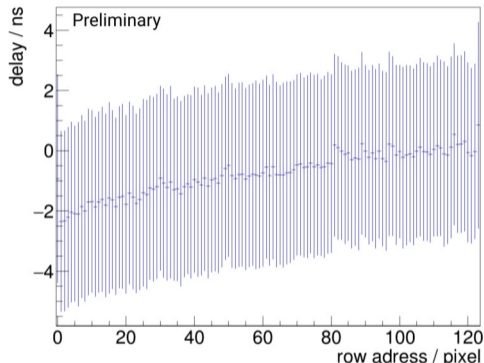
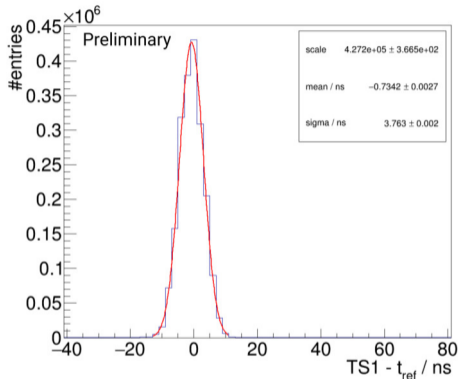
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Preliminary Results of Run2021 (200 Ω cm, 100 μ m) [Feb. 2022]



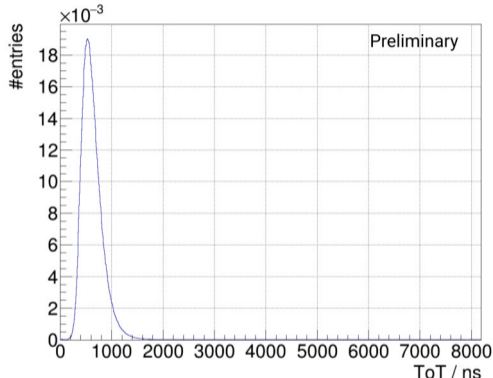
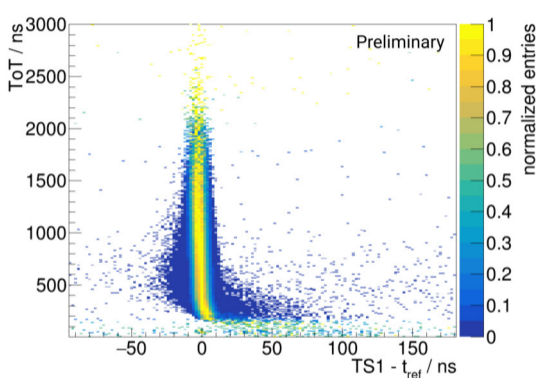
- both sensors show very promising results from the commissioning testbeam
- a large efficiency ($\geq 99\%$ plateau is observable for both sensors while keeping the noise below 1 Hz/pixel (not shown)

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Take-Away Message



- the $200 \Omega \text{ cm}$, $100 \mu\text{m}$ Run2021 sensors show promising results in terms of efficiency and time resolution
- a detailed study of different thicknesses and substrate resistivities is planned for up-coming april/may

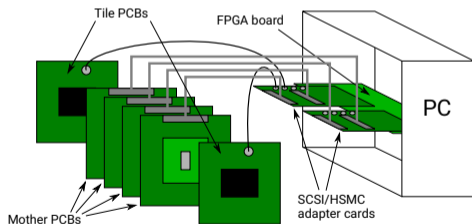
Version	Amplifier Type	efficiency [%]	noise rate [Hz/pixel]	time resolution [ns]
Run2021v1	NMOS	≥ 99	≤ 1	$\approx 3.9 \text{ ns}$
Run2021v1	CMOS	≥ 99	≤ 1	$\approx 3.8 \text{ ns}$

- take note that these sensors are still small scale and later large scale prototypes have to proof similar performance!!
- ⇒ combining these with the features of MuPix10/11 will lead to the development of MuPix20

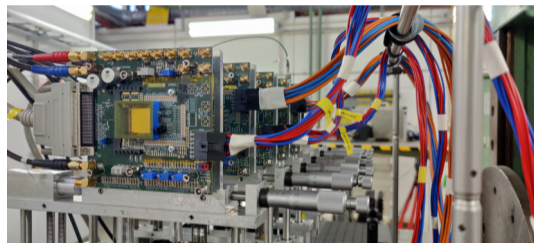


DESY Testbeam Facility:

- electron beam with 1 to 6 GeV
- measurements performed at 4 GeV
- ⇒ trade-off between rate and scattering

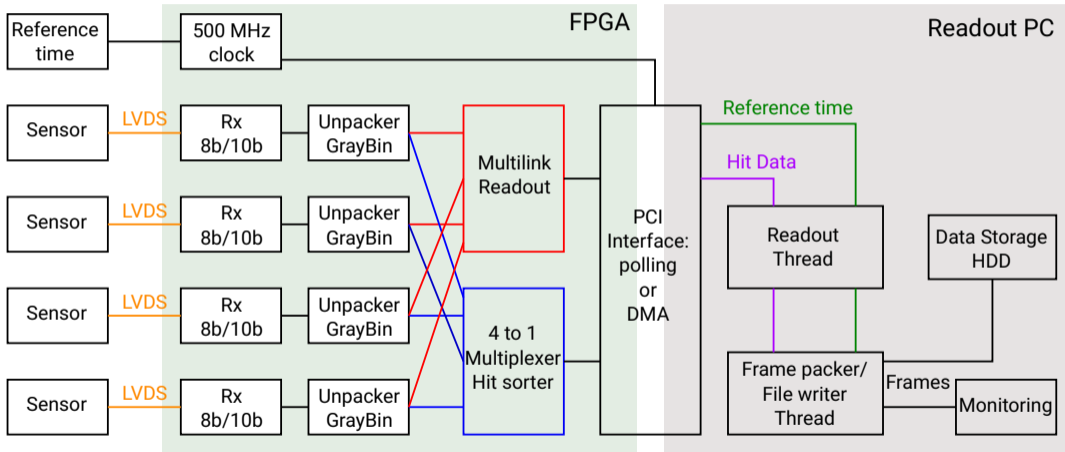


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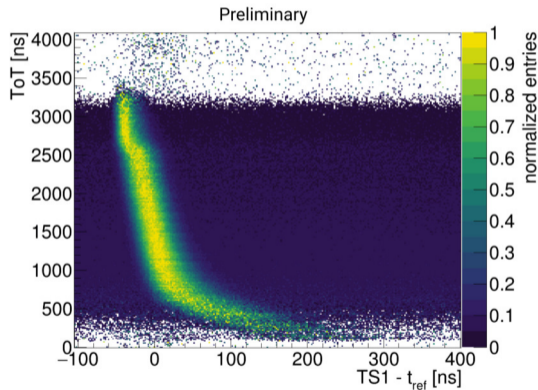
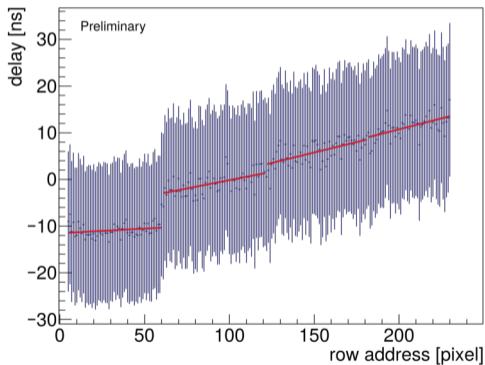
- study of several HV-MAPS prototypes
- 4-8 layers + 2 scintillating tiles for time reference

Readout: From Sensor to Disc



[L. Huth doi:10.11588/heidok.00025785] (modified)

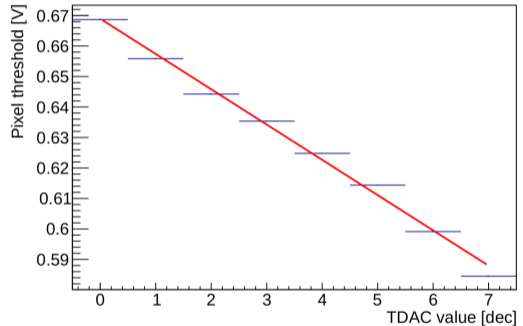
MuPix10 Signal Line Delay & Time Walk



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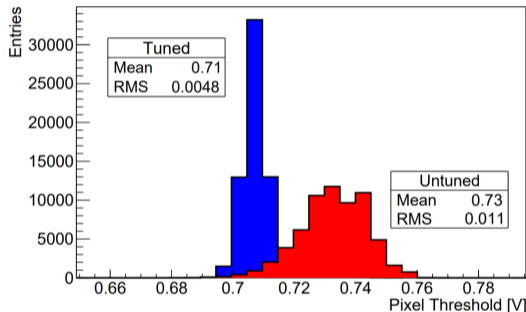


[H. Augustin arXiv:2012.05868]

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 - threshold dispersion minimized from 11 mV ($240 e^-$) to 4.8 mV ($79 e^-$)
- effect to be studied on future test beam



[H. Augustin arXiv:2012.05868]