

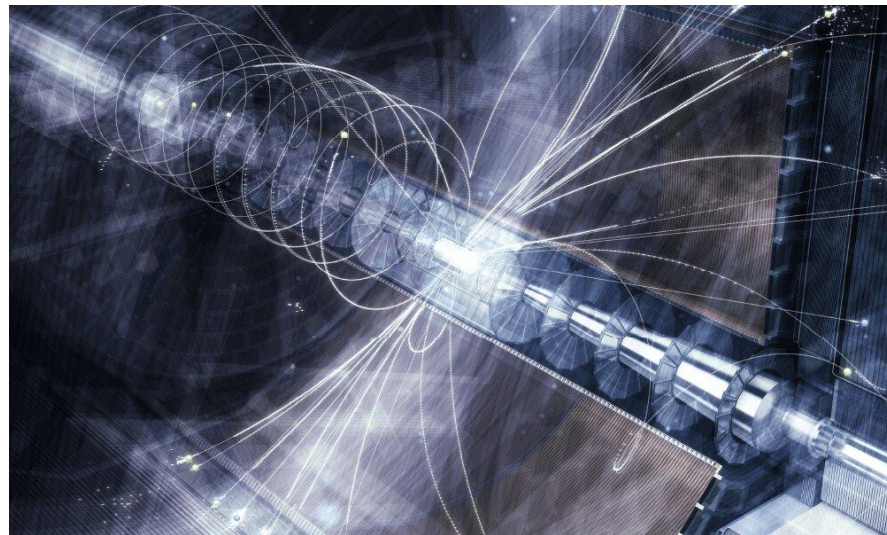
# Vertexing and tracking semiconductor detectors for the ILC

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# Outline

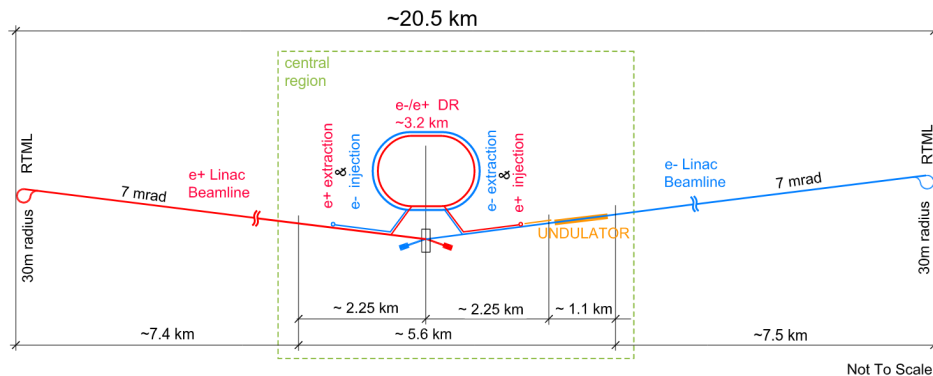
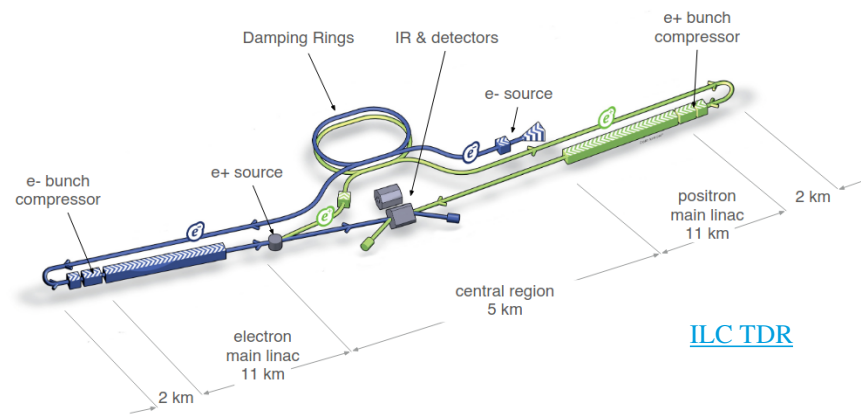
- The International Linear Collider
- ILC detector tracking concepts
  - Challenges and requirements
- Silicon technologies for vertexing and tracking
  - Current and emerging developments
- Tools for R&D
- Detector support and infrastructure
- Summary and conclusions



<https://linearcollider.org/>

# The International Linear Collider

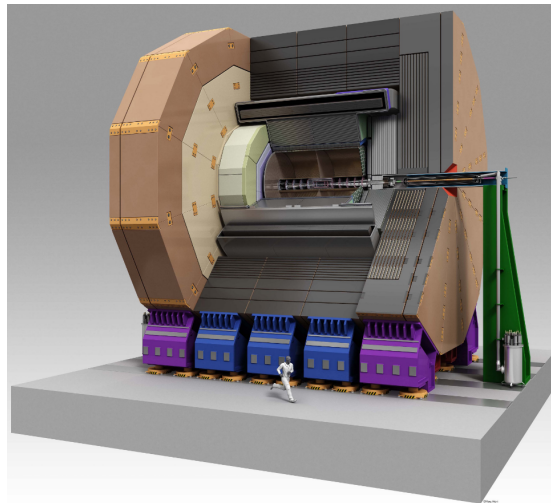
- Proposed 20 km long **linear accelerator**, suggested site is Kitakami mountains in Japan
- Initial baseline centre-of-mass energy of **250 GeV**, but upgradeable to 1 TeV
- Colliding **polarised beams** of electrons and positrons
  - 80%  $e^-$  polarisation, 30%  $e^+$
- Creates a **high-precision complement** to the LHC and HL-LHC
  - Well-known initial state
  - Relatively small backgrounds (no QCD)
  - Precise detectors
  - High-luminosity Higgs factory**



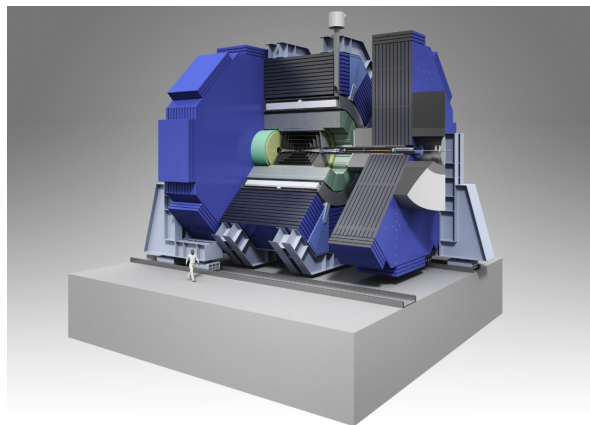
<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1903.01629.pdf>

# Detector concepts

- **Two detectors** envisaged for a single IP, in a push-pull configuration
  - Allows for **complementarity** and result **cross-checking**
- Two main detector concepts; **ILD** (International Large Detector) and **SiD** (Silicon Detector)
  - This talk focused on the **silicon tracking subsystems** of the detectors
- Both based on the “**particle flow**” paradigm - optimised combination of tracking and calorimetry
  - **Highly segmented detectors** and **sophisticated reconstruction techniques**, of both charged and neutral particles
  - Dedicated **fast timing layers** in tracker are considered and actively studied, to aid in particle identification
- **High magnetic field** to improve momentum resolution and get rid of **beamstrahlung** electrons



ILD concept



SiD concept



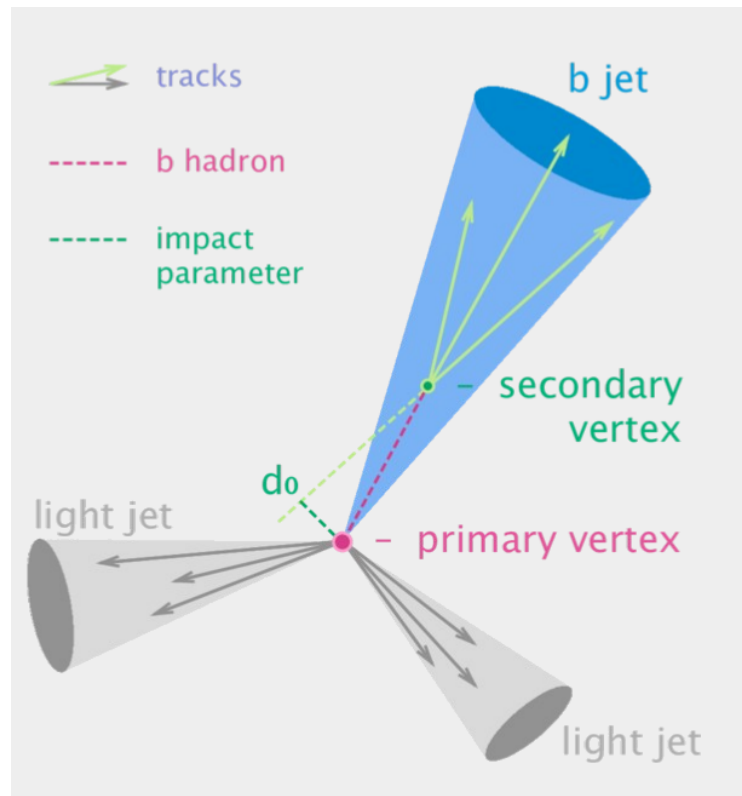
# ILC tracking detector requirements

- Precision measurements are demanding on vertexing and tracking detectors
  - Momentum resolution: needs **large lever arm**, and minimal scattering
  - Vertex position resolution: needs **excellent detector resolution**, and minimal scattering
  - High **bandwidth** needed to cope with expected data rate;  $O(50\text{-}100 \text{ MHz/cm}^2)$
- Physics studies for lepton colliders provide requirement guidelines
- Table on the right shows requirements compared to LHC experiment requirements
- Notably: **lower material budget** and **better resolution** required at the ILC, but **radiation is less of an issue**
  - Similar to **heavy-ion experiments** (ALICE, EIC); can benefit from synergies!

	ILC	(HL-)LHC (ALICE/CMS)
Single-point res.	$\leq 3 - 7 \mu\text{m}$	5 - 30 $\mu\text{m}$
Time resolution	$\sim 1 \text{ ns (SiD)}, \sim 1 \mu\text{s (ILD)}$	25 ns
Material budget (vertexing)	$\sim 0.15\% X/X_0$ per layer + 0.14% $X/X_0$ beampipe	10 - 15% $X/X_0$ total
Material budget (tracking)	10 - 15% $X/X_0$ total	30 - 40% $X/X_0$
Min. granularity	$< 20 \times 20 \mu\text{m}$	50 x 50 $\mu\text{m}$
Radiation tolerance	$< 10^{11} n_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ /year $O(100 \text{ krad/year})$ TID	$\sim 10^{16} n_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$
Power consumption	Average of $< 20 \text{ mW/cm}^2$	

# Vertexing and flavour tagging

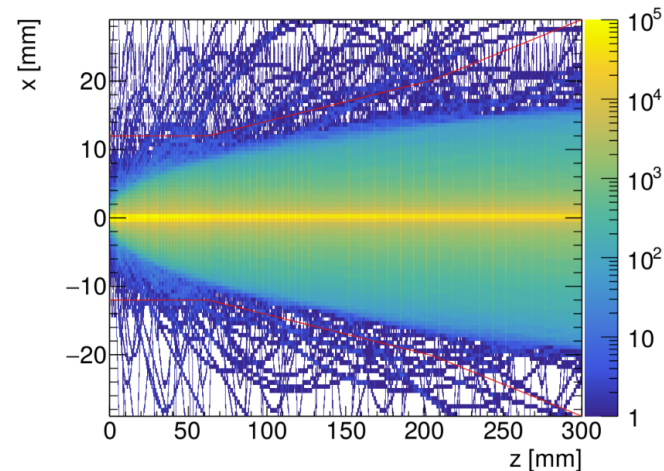
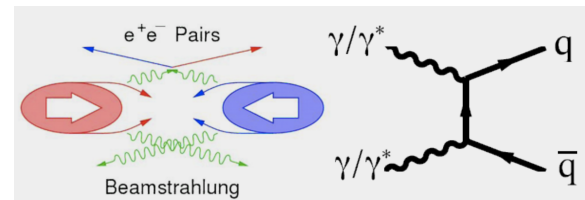
- Pixel detectors at collider experiments are closest to the interaction point
- **Crucial** for most analyses;
  - Primary vertex reconstruction
  - Low- $p_T$  track reconstruction ( $< 100 \text{ MeV}/c$ )
  - Vertex/jet charge determination
- Useful for **flavour tagging**
  - Identifying quarks (b and c) by locating secondary **decay vertices**
- Requires **excellent pointing resolution** to resolve impact parameter, and **low material budget** to maintain both pointing and momentum resolution



[QU future pixel detectors](#)

# Beam-induced background and bunch structure

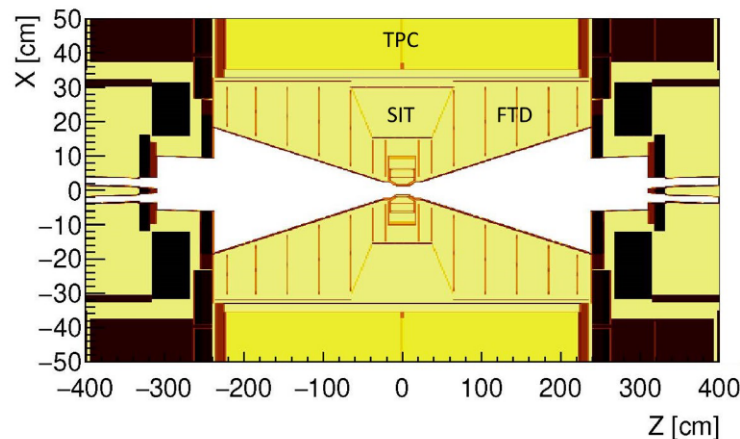
- Running conditions (small beams) lead to “**beamstrahlung**” - beam-beam interactions generating  $e^+e^-$ -pairs or hadrons
  - Generates significant rate of **background particles**
    - Incoherent  $e^+e^-$ -pairs lead to **high vertex detector occupancy**; ~6 hits per  $\text{cm}^2$  per bunch crossing
    - Problem mitigated by **high sensor granularity**, good **time resolution**, and/or **several storage cells** enabling readout during quiet times
- The ILC will operate in **bunch trains**
  - 1312 bunches per train, ~550 ns apart
  - Repetition rate of 5 Hz -> ~199 ms between trains
- **Low duty cycle**: triggerless frame-based readout possible
- Possibility for **power-pulsing**; switch detector components off between trains to reduce heat dissipation



Cone of background from incoherent  $e^+e^-$ -pairs;  
<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2203.07622.pdf>

# ILC tracking detector concepts - ILD

- The ILD vertexing and tracking detectors **combine silicon** (SIT, FTD) and **gas-based** (TPC) detectors
  - **Silicon detectors** focus of this talk
  - Innermost layers and disks consist of **silicon pixel sensors**, outer tracker is a time projection chamber
  - **Single layer of silicon** (strip) detectors covers the outside of the TPC, providing a high-granularity final tracker position, improving momentum resolution
- The ILD solenoidal field will be 3.5 - 4 T
  - A **high magnetic field** helps with **momentum resolution** and rejection of beamstrahlung particles
    - Low-energy  $e^+e^-$ -pairs spiral within the beampipe
- Requirements for vertexing layers:
  - Single-point resolution  $< 3 \mu\text{m}$
  - Less than 0.15%  $X/X_0$  per layer
  - Low power consumption to minimise cooling needs

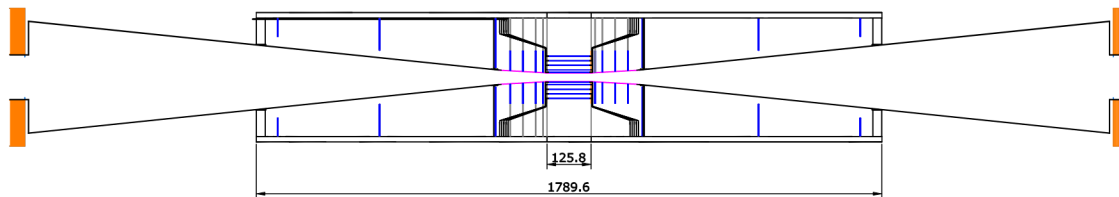


ILD tracker layout; <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2003.01116.pdf>

- Design of silicon parts:
  - 3 vertexing (double) layers, focused on resolution
  - 2 tracking layers, bridging gap to TPC
  - 7 disks in the forward and backward directions for extended coverage
- Possible silicon technologies:
  - CMOS pixels, DEPFET pixels, Fine-pixel CCD, SOI

# ILC tracking detector concepts - SiD vertexing

- The SiD vertexing and tracking detectors are fully silicon-based
- Solenoidal field will be 5 T
- Requirements for vertexing layers:
  - Single-point resolution  $< 5 \mu\text{m}$ 
    - Implies a pixel size  $< 17 \mu\text{m}$  for single-pixel events, can be larger with charge sharing
  - Less than 0.3%  $X/X_0$  per layer
  - Power consumption  $< 20 \text{ mW/cm}^2$  to allow for air cooling
  - Time-stamp bunch crossings (big difference compared to ILD vertexing)

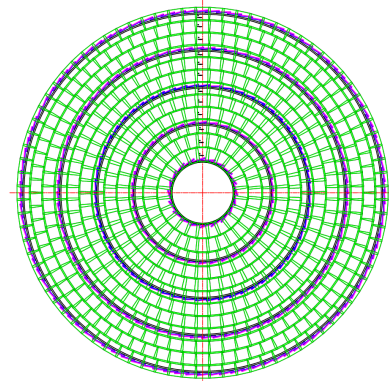
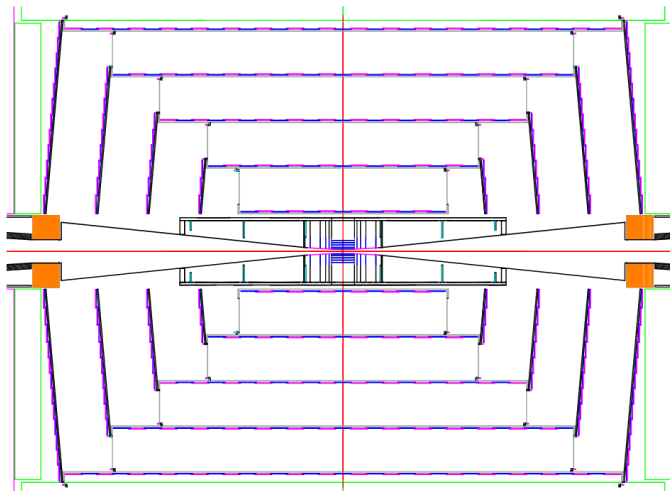


SiD vertexing layer layout; <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1306.6329.pdf>

- Design of silicon parts:
  - 5 vertexing layers, focused on resolution
  - 4 disks in the forward and backward directions for extended coverage
- Possible silicon technologies:
  - CMOS pixels

# ILC tracking detector concepts - SiD tracking

- Requirements for tracking layers:
  - Single-point resolution  $< 7 \mu\text{m}$
  - Less than 15%  $X/X_0$  total
  - Good momentum resolution
  - Time-stamp bunch crossings
- Design of silicon parts:
  - 5 tracking layers of varying lengths
    - Outermost layer 300 cm long
    - Outermost barrel layer radius 122 cm
  - 4 disks in the forward and backward directions for extended coverage
- Possible silicon technologies:
  - Silicon strip sensors, CMOS pixels
    - Trend towards **CMOS pixels everywhere**



SiD tracking layer layout; <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1306.6329.pdf>

- Tracker prototype: the [LYCORIS](#) beam telescope at the DESY II test beam facility, based on silicon strip sensors
- Performance expected to improve using CMOS pixels

# Silicon technologies for vertexing and tracking at the ILC

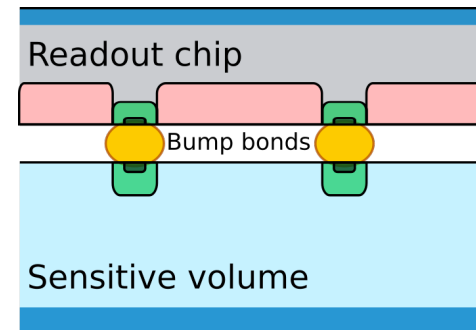
**Note: this is an overview of a few select sensor types; not all developments can be covered in this talk**



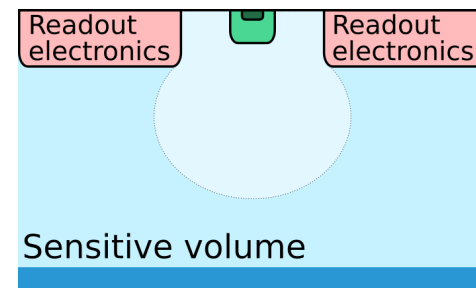
# Silicon sensor technologies - broadly

- Two main categories;
  - Hybrid sensors
  - Monolithic sensors
- Hybrid sensors have **physically separated parts**; sensitive volume and readout electronics in separate chips
  - Allows for **separate optimisation** of sensor and readout
  - Parts **bonded together** by e.g. bump bonds
  - Allows extensive on-pixel functionality using mixed-mode CMOS circuits
- Monolithic active pixel sensors (MAPS) combine **sensitive volume and readout electronics in a single wafer**
  - This enables **lower material budget**, reduced complexity, and reduced production cost compared to hybrid sensors
  - A low material budget is essential for precise relatively low-energy particle tracking applications
  - Allows **less sophisticated** readout electronics compared to hybrid sensors (space constraints and transistor type constraints)

Hybrid sensor sketch



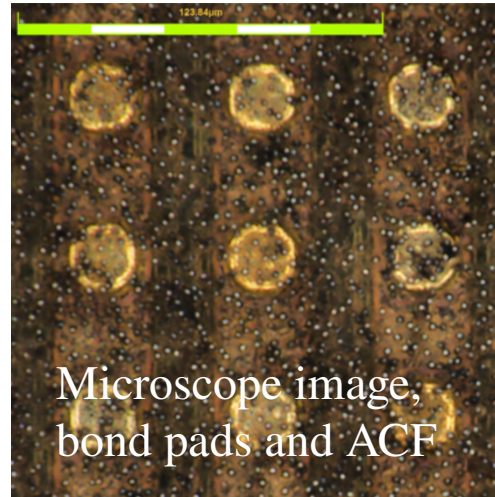
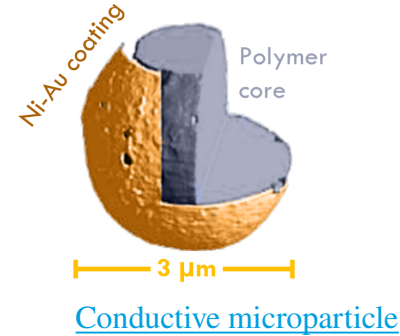
Monolithic sensor sketch



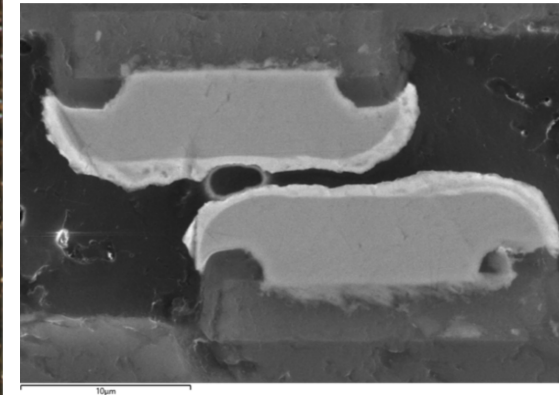
# Hybrid sensors using Anisotropic Conductive Film



- Hybrid sensor interconnects **limit pixel size** - bump bonds must make a solid connection but not touch each other
- Anisotropic conductive film (ACF) is a possible workaround
  - Adhesive film with **conductive microparticles**
    - **Randomly distributed** in film
    - Activated when **compressed** and deformed - under bond pads
- Widely used in display industry
- Testing and R&D for use in particle physics **ongoing**



Microscope image,  
bond pads and ACF

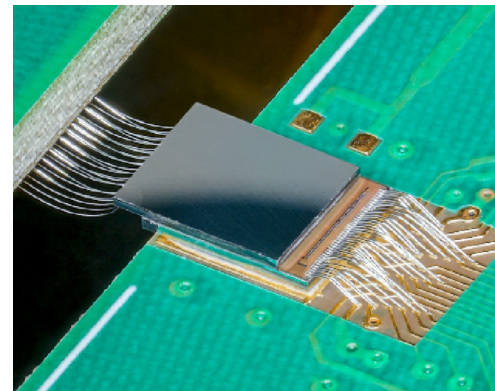


SEM cross-section

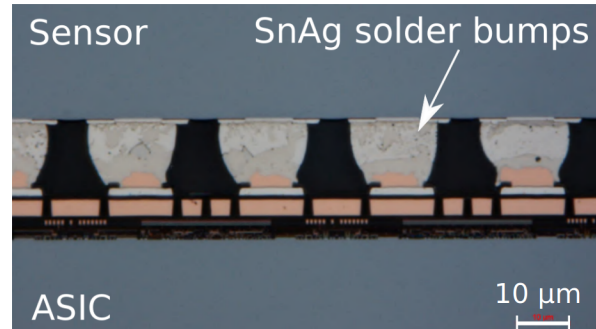
# CLICpix2 hybrid prototype



- Pixel readout chip for **small pixel pitch** and **fast time tagging**
  - 128x128 pixels, with a  $25 \times 25 \mu\text{m}^2$  pixel size
  - 65 nm CMOS process
- Developed for use at **linear e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>-collider experiments**
- Power-pulsing capabilities
- Provides per-pixel **charge measurement** and time-of-arrival
- Challenge: small-pixel interconnect bonding
  - Low yield with bump bonds, ACF may facilitate
- Challenge: achieving  $3 \mu\text{m}$  resolution with thin sensors
  - Material budget needs to be kept low



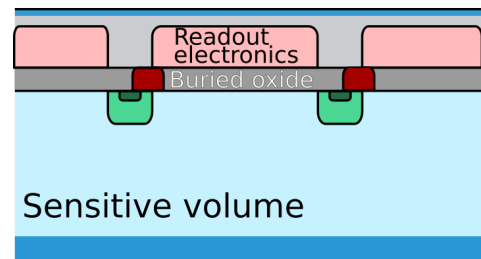
[CLICpix2](#) bump-bonded to sensor



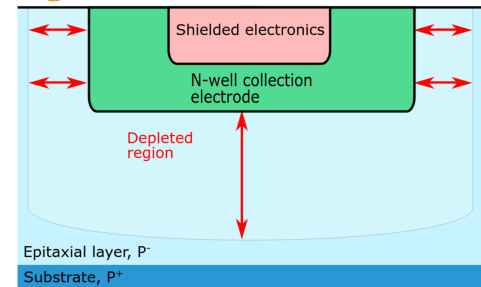
# Monolithic sensors

- Three common ways of incorporating **full CMOS readout electronics** and sensitive volume in a single piece of silicon, while keeping electronics **shielded**:
- Silicon-on-insulator (SOI)
  - **Insulation oxide layer** separates sensor and electronics, connected via vias
- Large collection electrode MAPS
  - Readout electronics located in wells **inside** the collection electrode
- Small collection electrode MAPS
  - Utilising a **quadruple-well** technology
  - Readout electronics shielded by deep wells **outside** the collection electrode
- MAPS advantages: simplified construction, can use commercial CMOS imaging processes (cheaper large-scale production)

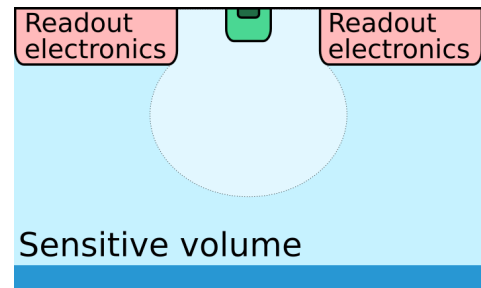
## SOI sketch



## Large collection electrode sketch

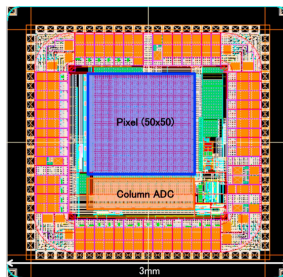


## Small collection electrode sketch



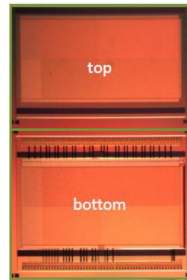
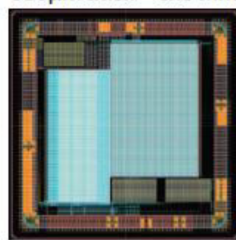
# SOI sensors

- Thin and fast, can be fully depleted
- Challenge: complex production process, connecting sensitive volume to readout electronics
- Several SOI developments targeting linear collider experiments, for example
  - **SOFIST** prototypes in LAPIS 200 nm process
    - 20x20  $\mu\text{m}^2$  pixel size, demonstrated excellent single-point resolution ( $\sim 1.3 \mu\text{m}$ )
    - See talk by [A. Ishikawa](#)
  - IPHC and KEK LAPIS **SOI test chip**
    - Complementary developments to SOFIST
  - Double-tier **3D developments** at IPHC
  - **Cracow SOI** test chip in LAPIS 200 nm process
    - 30x30  $\mu\text{m}^2$  pixel size, single-point resolution down to  $\sim 1.5 \mu\text{m}$



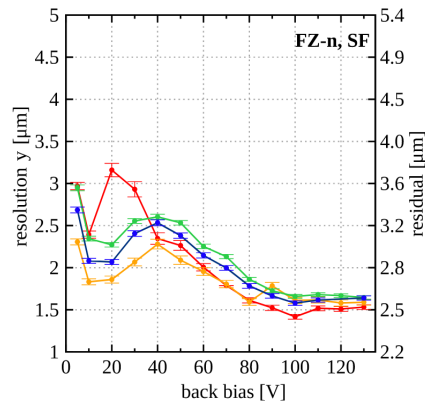
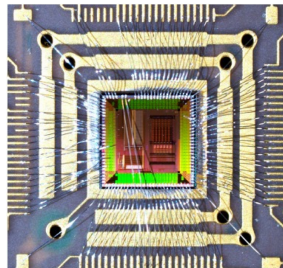
[SOFIST](#) prototype

300µm thick - 6x6 mm<sup>2</sup>



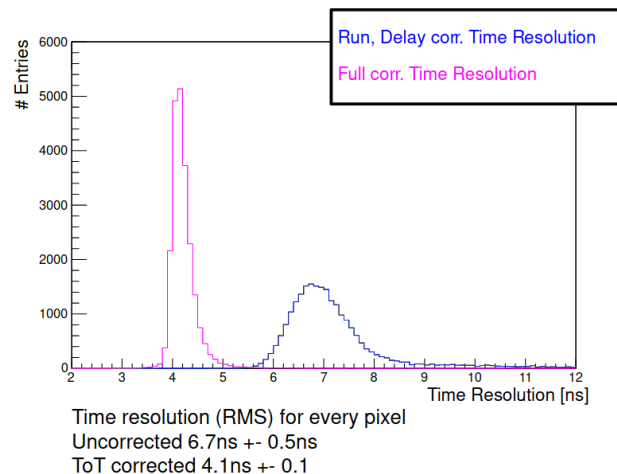
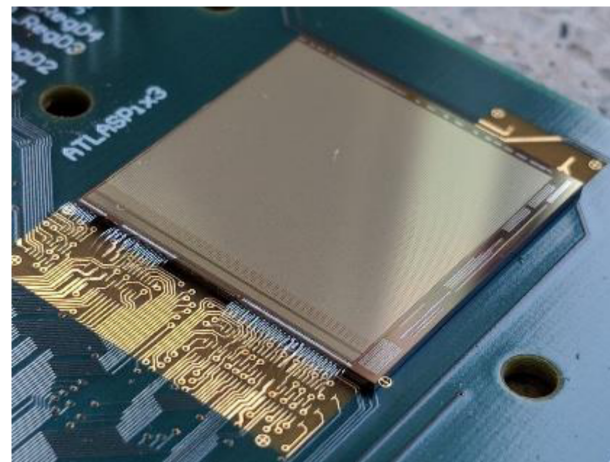
[IPHC/KEK](#) SOI test chip, and double-tier 3D developments

[Cracow SOI](#) test chip, resolution in y for different clustering methods



# Large collection electrode MAPS

- Full CMOS readout electronics **inside collection electrode**
- Allows **high bias voltage**
  - Large **depleted volume**, **fast and large signal**
- Challenges: large collection electrode leads to
  - Large input **capacitance**
  - Increased **power consumption**
- Technology used in e.g. the **Mu3e experiment** (MuPix variants)
- Example development: **ATLASpix3**
  - Made in a 180 nm CMOS process, with a pixel pitch of  $50 \times 150 \mu\text{m}^2$
  - Chip size of  $2.2 \times 2.0 \text{ cm}^2$
  - Power consumption of  $140 \text{ mW/cm}^2$
  - Time resolution down to **~4 ns**

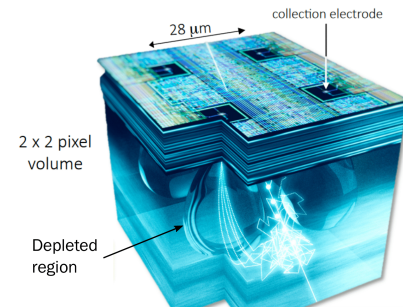


ATLASpix3 results

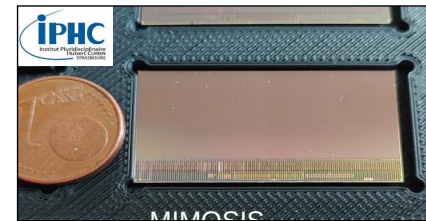


# Small collection electrode MAPS - 180 nm CIS

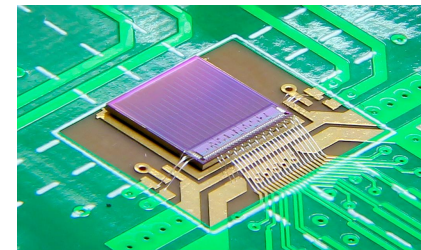
- Many fully-integrated sensors developed in the **TowerJazz 180 nm CMOS imaging technology**
- **ALPIDE**: Used in the recent ALICE ITS upgrade
  - First **large-area MAPS detector** at the LHC, pixel size  $\sim 29 \times 27 \mu\text{m}^2$
- **MIMOSIS**: Prototype for the CBM-MVD
  - Targets a  $5 \mu\text{m}$  spatial resolution,  $5 \mu\text{s}$  time resolution,  $0.05\%$   $X/X_0$ ,  $70 \text{ MHz/cm}^2$  bandwidth (improved w.r.t. ALPIDE)
  - Pixel size  $27 \times 30 \mu\text{m}^2$
  - 4 prototypes planned, the third being submitted around this time
- **CLICTD**: Targets **linear collider** developments
  - $37.5 \times 30 \mu\text{m}^2$  pixel size, spatial resolution  $\sim 4.5 \mu\text{m}$ , time resolution  $\sim 5 \text{ ns}$
- **PSIRA proposal**: Targets **linear collider** developments, specifically ILD vertex
  - Evolution of the MIMOSIS design
- **MALTA developments**: see talk by [H. Pernegger](#)



Artistic view of [ALPIDE](#)



The [MIMOSIS-1](#) prototype



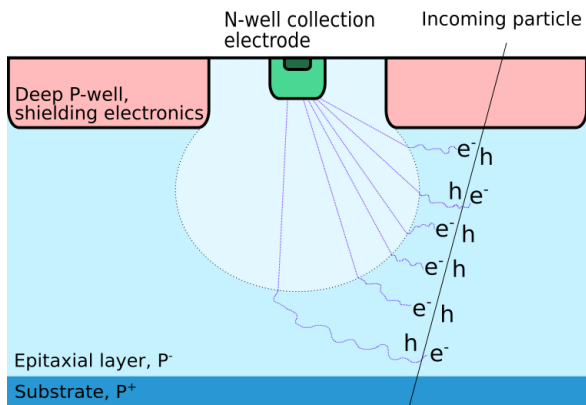
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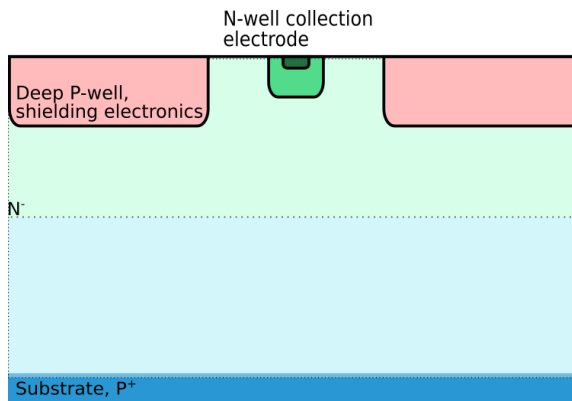
# Sensor design - optimising signal collection

- **Fast signal formation** and **complete charge collection** crucial for efficiency and time resolution
  - Requires **depleted** sensor volume
- **Layout modifications** aid in this; adding a deep planar pn-junction allows for depletion **under deep p-wells**
  - Further modifications can add **lateral field components** to improve charge collection from edges (note: **reduces charge sharing**)
  - Modifications used in several of the developments on the previous slide
- Standard layout
  - ALPIDE-like



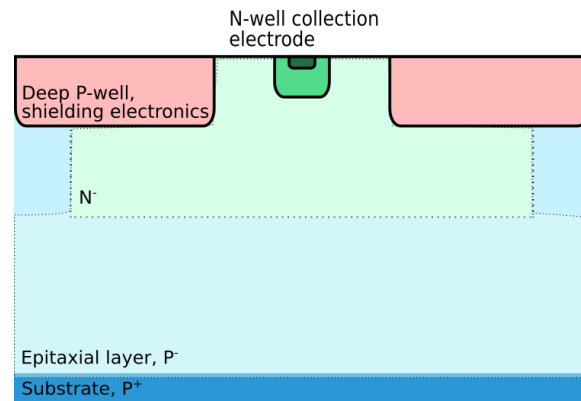
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- N-blanket layout
  - Blanket layer of n-doped silicon, creating a **deep planar junction**



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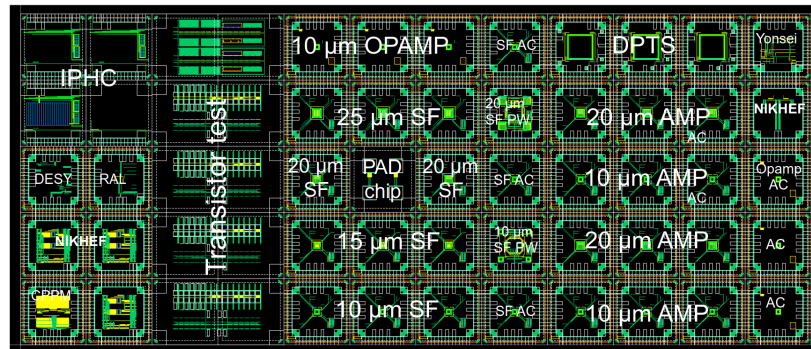
- N-gap layout
  - Blanket n-layer **with gaps at pixel edges**



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# Increasing logic density: new CMOS technology nodes

- Recently, the **65 nm** CMOS imaging process has become available for use in monolithic sensor developments, building on from the 180 nm developments
- Allows for a **higher logic density**
  - Smaller pixels or more in-pixel functionality
- Allows for **lower overall power consumption**
  - Reduces cooling need
- Allows for larger wafers
  - With **stitching**, this implies **larger sensors**
- Technology envisioned to be used for the next **ALICE inner tracker upgrade** sensor (ITS3), see talks by [F. Carnesecchi](#) and [P. Becht](#)
- Currently a **multi-institute effort** ongoing in characterising the technology
  - It is so far **unused in particle physics applications**. It is **crucial** to test it
  - First prototypes are available, and second sensor submission recently finalised



First monolithic 65 nm submission, [MLR1](#)

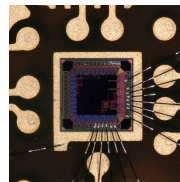
# The Tangerine project (Towards next generation silicon detectors)

- Helmholtz Innovation Pool project, aims to **develop and investigate particle detection sensors in new silicon technologies**
- Work Package 1 of the project, based at DESY, pertains to **monolithic active pixel sensors** in a novel CMOS imaging technology (**65 nm**)
  - The project encompasses **all aspects** of sensor developments: electronics design, sensor design, prototype test chip characterisation
- The goal is development of a sensor with **high precision and low material**
  - Spatial resolution **below 3  $\mu\text{m}$**
  - Time resolution of **less than 10 ns**
  - Very **low material budget**, corresponding to at most 50  $\mu\text{m}$  of silicon (0.05%  $X/X_0$ )
  - Per-pixel **charge measurement**
- Primary initial goal: development of a sensor for telescope use, for testbeams
  - This will **demonstrate the capabilities of the 65 nm technology in a particle physics context**
- Longer-term goal: potential usage at  **$e^+e^-$ -collider experiments**

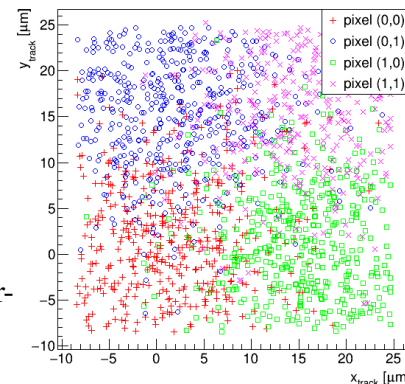


# Tangerine project results

- Tangerine MLR1 sensor mainly for testing a newly designed **charge-sensitive amplifier**
  - Successfully done in labs and at testbeams
- Sensor contains a 2x2 pixel matrix with a pixel size of  $16.3 \times 16.3 \mu\text{m}^2$ , also investigated at testbeams
- **Second prototype submission** recently done
  - Will investigate a new **full in-pixel analogue front-end**
  - Larger pixels ( $25 \times 35 \mu\text{m}^2$ ) in the **n-gap layout**, with **varying gap sizes**
- Part of the project is an **extensive simulation campaign**
  - Using **generic doping profiles**, a combination of **TCAD** and **Monte Carlo** simulations can give accurate predictions of the **performance of different sensor layouts and configurations**
  - Arrays of sensors have also been simulated, e.g. **beam telescopes** using future Tangerine sensors



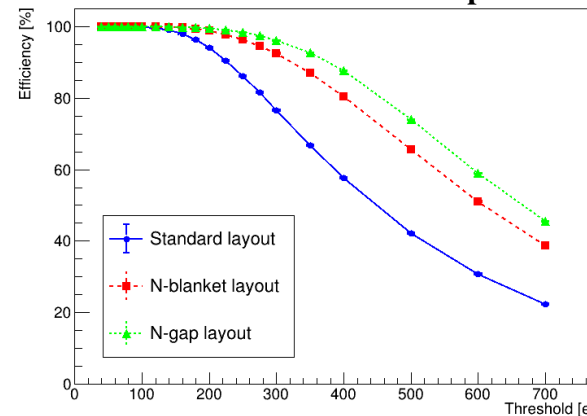
The [Tangerine](#) MLR1 prototype



Associated hit positions, colour-coded by pixel

Simulation of different sensor layouts, showing the efficiency vs threshold.

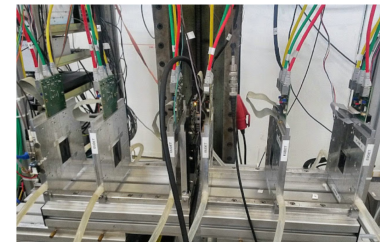
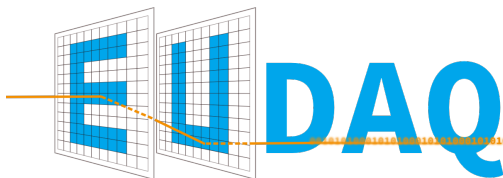
**Trend is clear and matches experiments**



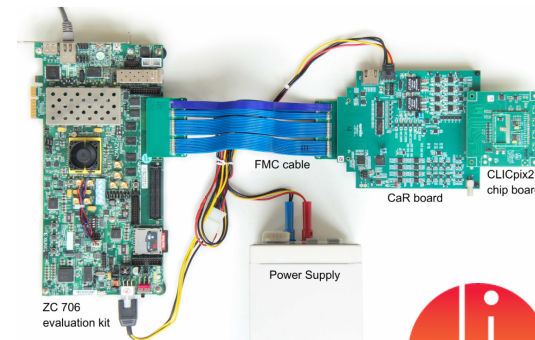
# Tools for testing and characterisation used in the community

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- Linear collider R&D has helped create many **widely-used tools**
- Beam telescopes and improvements thereof
- [EUDAQ2](#) data acquisition framework
- AIDA-2020 [Trigger Logic Unit](#)
- Readout systems
  - Caribou; **versatile DAQ system**, minimising effort of new sensor integration
- Reconstruction software
  - **Corryvreckan**; flexible and light-weight modular framework for test beam data reconstruction
- Simulation software
  - **Allpix Squared**; modular framework capable of **Monte Carlo** simulations of the **full chain** of signal formation in a semiconductor detector
    - Detailed simulation of **charge carrier propagation** gives realistic signal estimates



EUDET-type beam telescope



[Caribou](#) DAQ setup



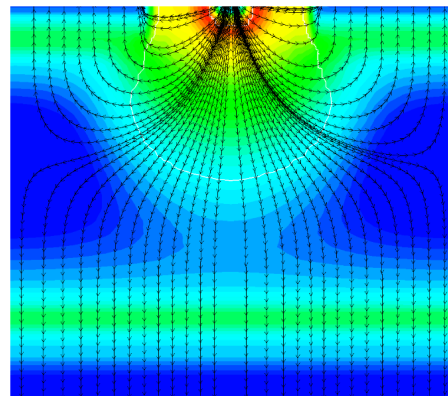
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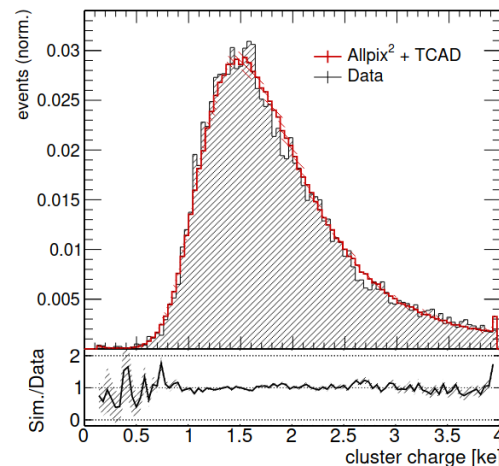
[Allpix Squared](#)

# Detailed sensor simulations

- Electric fields in MAPS are often **highly non-linear**, so detailed simulations are required for understanding them
  - Performed using “technology computer-aided design” (TCAD)
    - Numerically solves Poisson equations using sensor doping information
- **High-statistics Monte Carlo simulations** can be performed using Allpix Squared
  - Simulates **charge deposition** (via interface to Geant4), charge carrier **creation** and in-sensor **propagation**, and finally **digitisation**
  - **Complex geometries** are possible, including different pixel shapes and passive material, and simulations are relatively fast
  - Electric fields and doping concentrations can be imported from TCAD
- Together TCAD and Allpix Squared are a **powerful combination!** Detailed sensor behaviour and performance can be simulated **accurately** with **high statistics**



Electric field strength and streamlines in TCAD, and comparison of simulation and experiment for [small collection electrode MAPS](#)

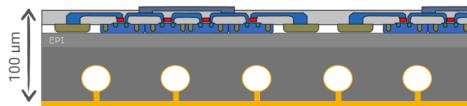




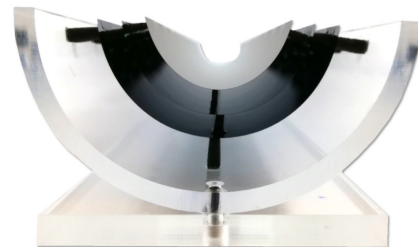
# Developments in detector support and infrastructure

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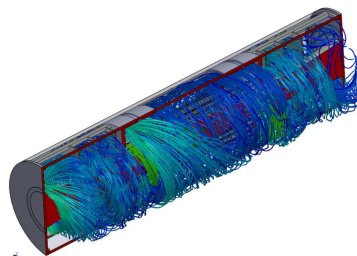
- Vertexing and tracking development is **not only sensors**
  - Material budget needs to be minimised; **cooling, cabling, and structural support** taken into account
- **Forced air-flow cooling** very attractive for the ILC
  - No added cooling material, but low power dissipation needed
  - Care needs to be taken to minimise vibrations and direct the air correctly
- Integrated **micro-channel cooling** is an alternative
  - Channels in **CMOS sensor substrate**, carrying cooling medium
  - Implemented in [MALTA variant](#)
- Support structure developments in **carbon fiber** and **carbon foam** can be used
  - Recent developments in e.g. Belle II, ALICE ITS, CBM@FAIR useful also for the ILC



- Eliminating majority of material: ALICE ITS3
  - Stitching allows creation of **wafer-scale** sensors
  - Thinning makes silicon **flexible** - can bend large sensors around the beampipe
  - Low power allows for air cooling - material budget becomes **only silicon** and local **carbon foam** support



ALICE ITS3 three-layer large-sensor mockup  
(see talk by [L. Lautner](#))

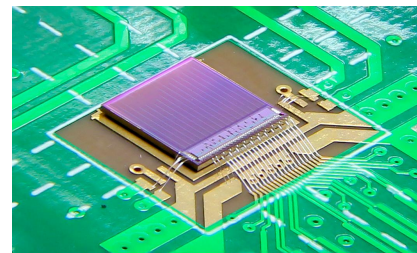
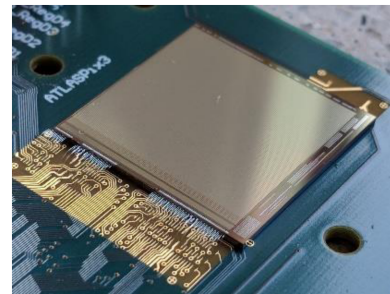


Linear collider vertexing layers [air flow simulation](#)

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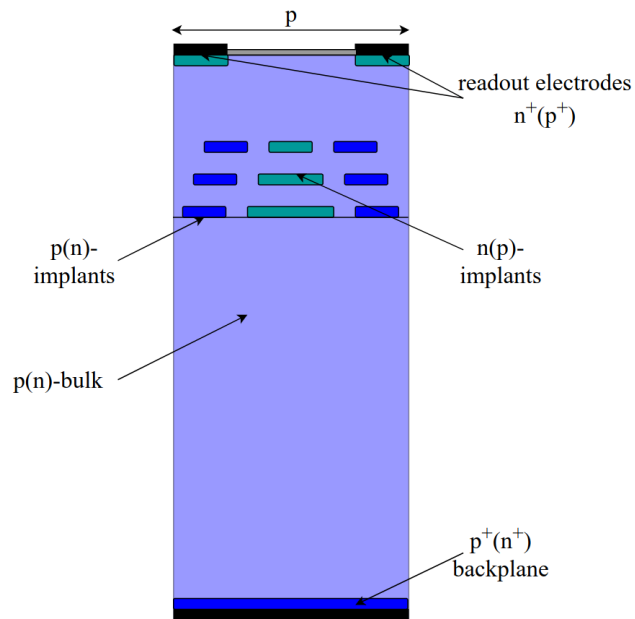
- Silicon detectors at linear colliders have **unique challenges**
  - Ultra-low material budget
    - Low sensor thickness and low power consumption essential
  - High spatial and temporal resolution sensors
- Several design goals are already achieved, but **no current sensor meets all demands simultaneously**
  - This presentation covered a **selection** of developments, not time to cover all of them (3D sensors, DEPFETs, FPCCD, LGADs, ...)
- Trend is towards “**pixels everywhere**”
  - New hybridisation technologies can overcome hybrid limitations
  - Monolithic sensors in novel CMOS imaging technologies show great promise
- ILC detectors can benefit from synergies with heavy-ion experiments
- Linear collider R&D offers great opportunity to **use and develop new technologies**
  - R&D of inner tracking systems generic enough to also cover **other Higgs factory requirements** (e.g. for FCC-ee detectors)



# Backup slides

# Enhanced Lateral Drift Sensors (ELADs)

- Optimising the sensor part of a hybrid for **improved charge collection**
- Position resolution without charge sharing limited to pixel pitch /  $\sqrt{12}$
- ELADs aim to **enhance charge sharing** by adding **deep implants** in the sensor
  - Introduces **lateral electric fields**
  - Shaping the electric field to get **linear charge sharing** between pixels (theoretical optimum)
- Charge sharing improves position resolution via interpolation
  - Charge-weighted mean position
  - Cluster size of 2 gives optimal resolution
- Challenges: complex production process, and low-field regions have to be avoided



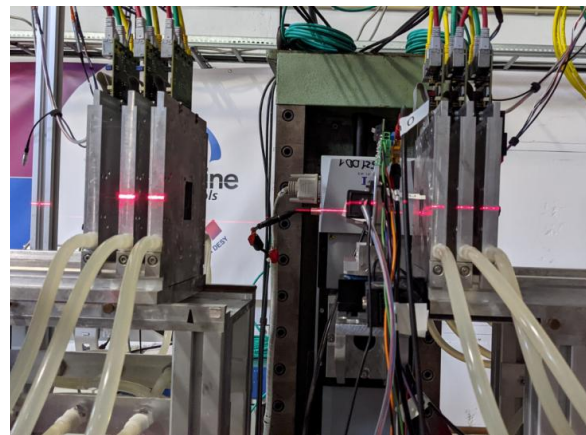
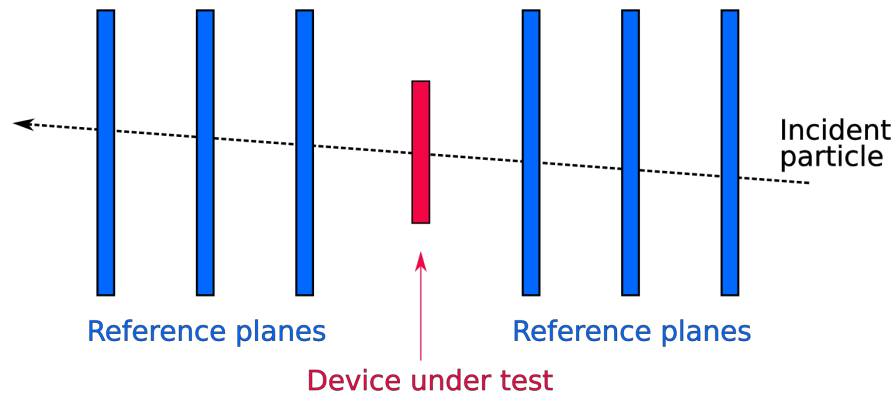
ELAD layout



Simulation of the charge cloud of a MIP in an ELAD

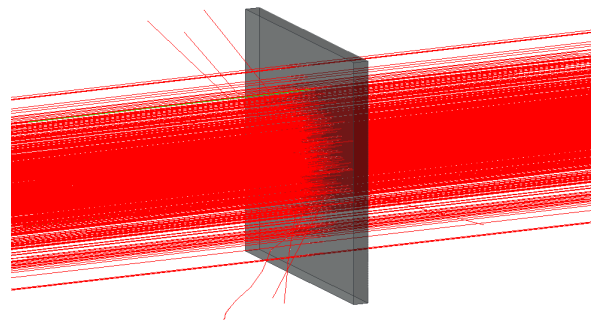
# Testbeam setup

- The device under test is surrounded by reference planes (which form a telescope)
- A beam of particles is shot through the reference planes and the device under test
- A **reference track** is reconstructed by using particle hit data from the reference detector planes
- Device under test placed between reference planes
  - Can thus find **particle position at device under test** from using the reconstructed track



# High-statistics Monte Carlo simulations using Allpix<sup>2</sup>

- Using **Allpix<sup>2</sup>** to generate incident particles and simulate their energy deposits in a **pixellated sensor model** (via an interface to GEANT4)
  - Each pixel in the sensor model contains the electric fields and doping concentrations from TCAD
- Deposited energy generates electron-hole pairs, and the individual **charge carrier propagation** is simulated
- This finally gives the **charge** per incident particle event that reaches the collection electrode **in each pixel**
- A threshold is then set in simulations, to exclude pixels that would not produce a hit with this threshold level
  - Noise is also added to the signal in this step
- The Monte Carlo truth information is stored along with the simulated per-pixel output, and analysis is performed
- Allpix<sup>2</sup> allows the simulation of a particle hit to be performed quickly, and thus makes it practical to generate **many particles hitting many different sensor positions**
  - High-statistics data are obtained
  - Makes it relatively easy to test and compare different configurations and setups
- The framework is well-tested and validated against known data and experiments, e.g. for small collection electrode MAPS sensors;  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0168900220303181?via%3Dihub>



Particle beam passing through a single sensor, in Allpix<sup>2</sup>