

# EP-R&D Silicon Working Group 1.1

## Hybrid Detectors

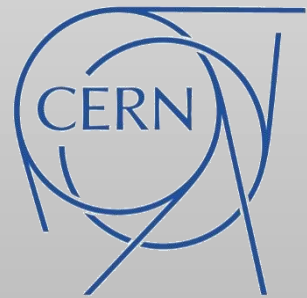
### Sensor Characterization: from process to timing

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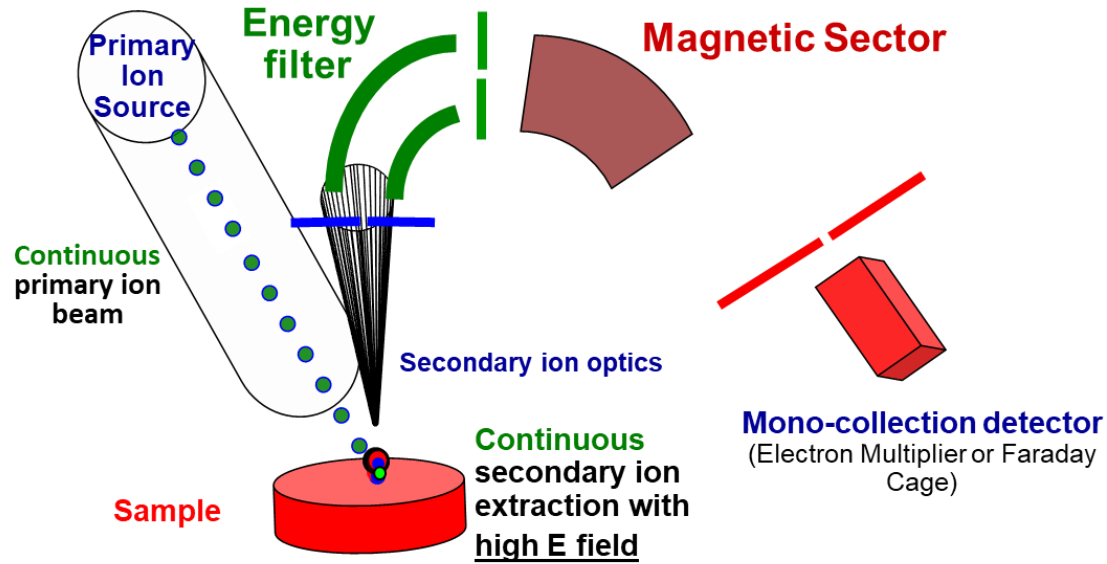
# Process Characterization

## Secondary Ion Mass Spectroscopy

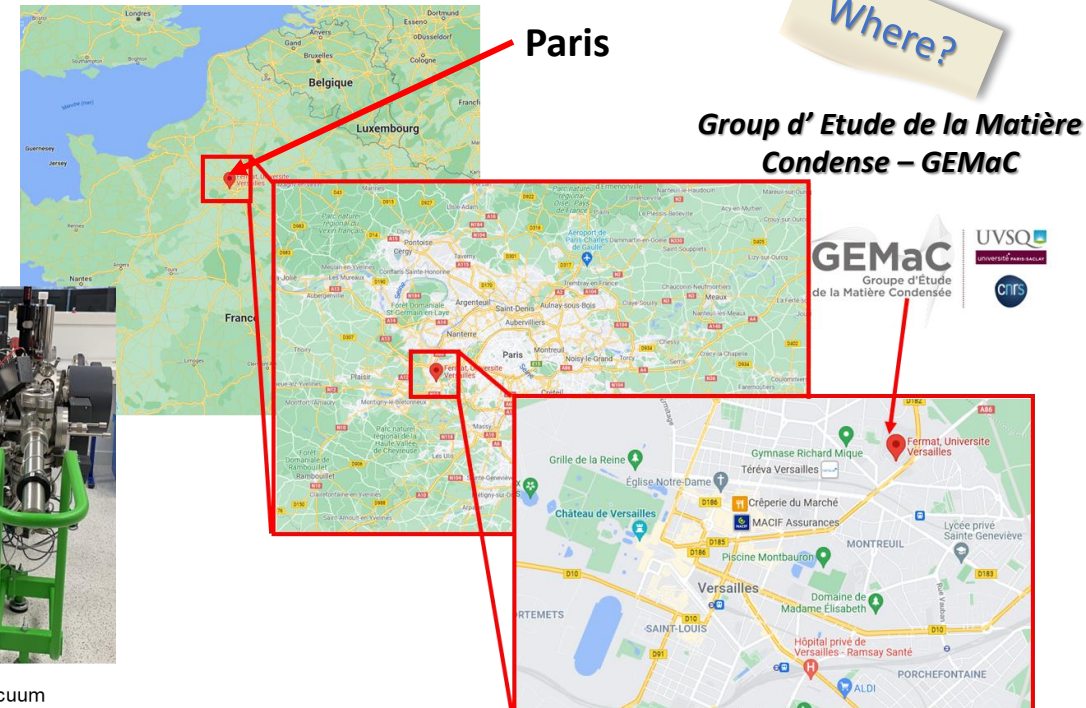
Why?

Accurately study gain layer to correctly reproduce impact ionization in TCAD simulations

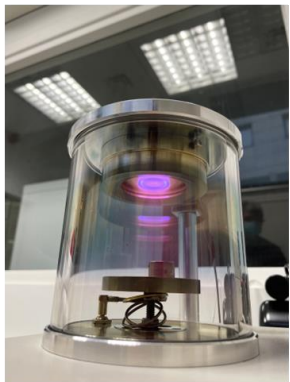
- Understand radiation damage and acceptor removal vs gain layer geometry
- Test Carbon concentration and its relation to radiation damage improvement
- Evaluate process flow in case of issues and establish failure point (see Jakob's presentation about ADVACM planar)



Where?

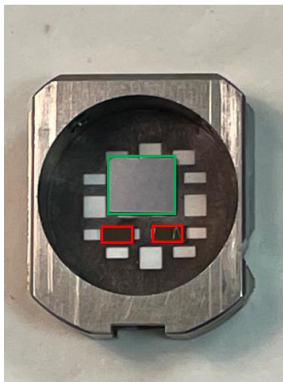


Step 1: Metallization



PECVD deposition of 50nm Au on sample surface using Ar plasma

Step 2: Mounting



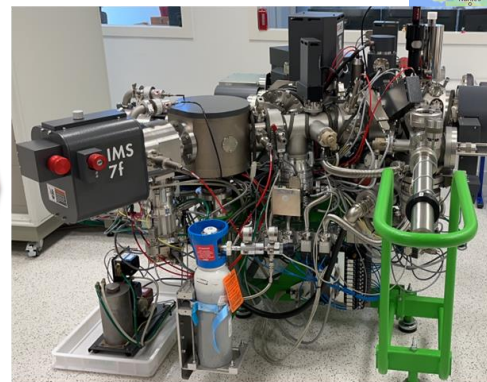
Placement in holder with appropriate calibration sample

Step 3: Fixing-Tensioning



Vertical mounting via spring loaded pressure plate and inspection of planarity

Step 4: Measurements



Introduction to machine secondary vacuum  
 $4.7 \times 10^{-8}$  mbar introduction vacuum,  $6.3 \times 10^{-10}$  mbar primary vacuum,  $O_2$  or  $Cs$  ions

# •Process Characterization

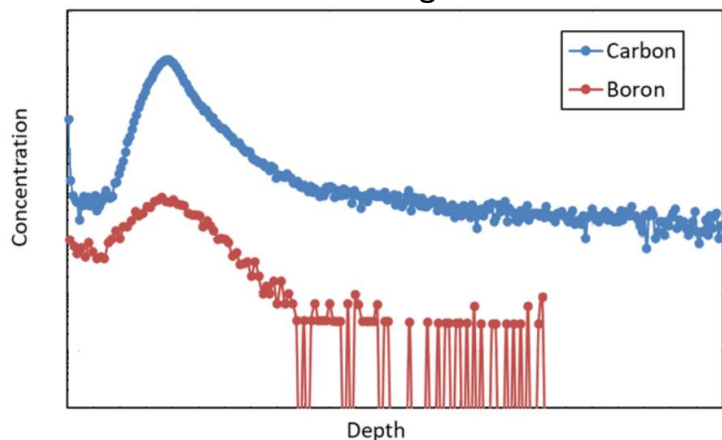
Presentation: V. Gkougkousis, "Detailed process characterization of carbonated LGADs through Secondary Ion Mass Spectroscopy", 17<sup>th</sup> Trento workshop on advanced silicon radiation detectors ([link](#))

## Carbonated LGAD Profiles

### Carbon Content

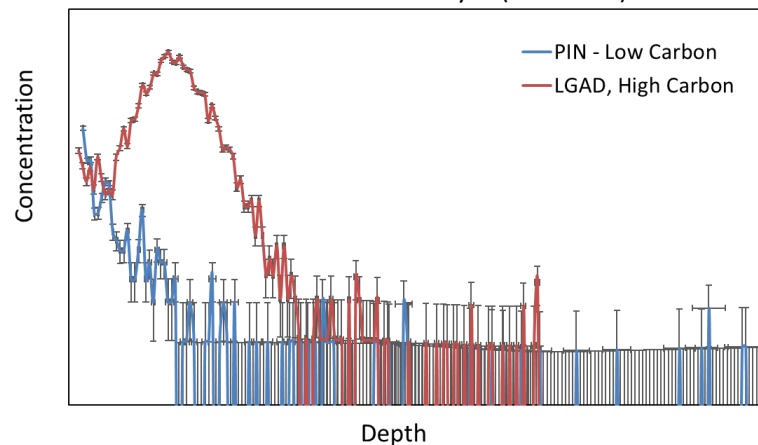
FBK

FBK UFSD2 High Carbon



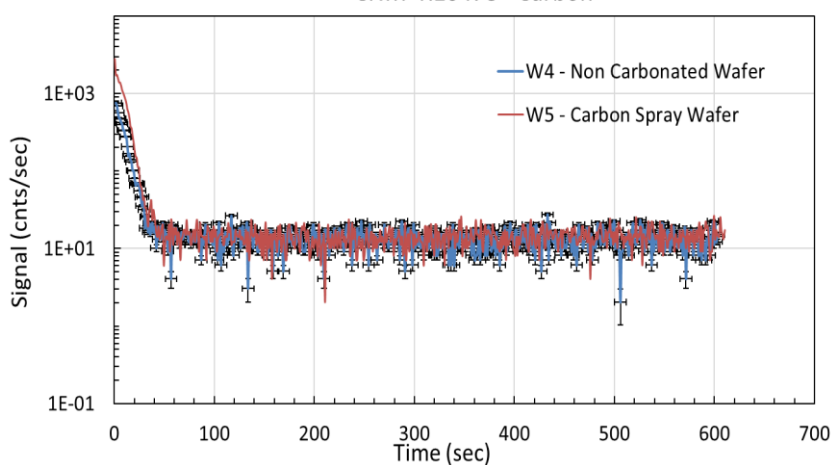
### Gain Layer

FBK UFSD 2 - Gain Layer (In-Silicon)

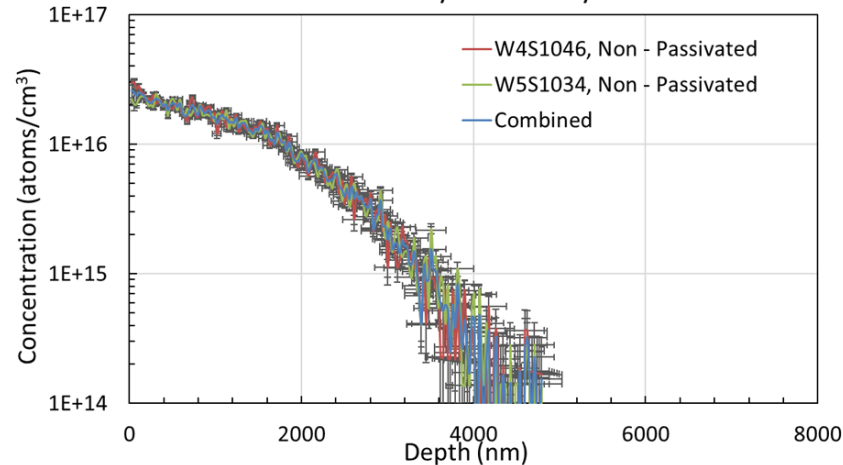


CNM

CNM R10478 - Carbon



CNM Run10478 - Gain Layer - Linearly reduced Profiles



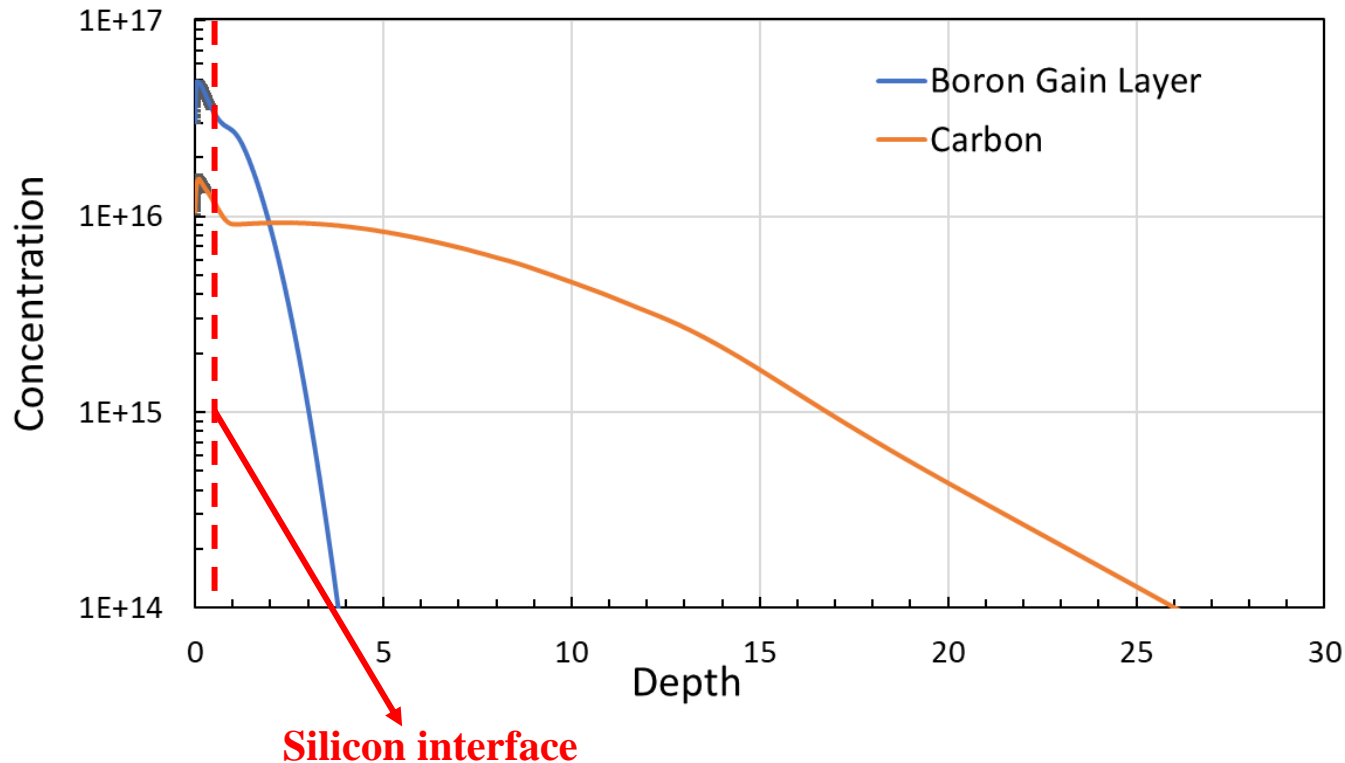
- ✓ No Carbon detected to the level of  $> 4 \times 10^{16}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> for the CNM samples
- ✓ CNM Carbonated vs. Non-carbonated samples at the same background level concerning carbon signals
- ✓ FBK Carbon peak in agreement with gain layer peak as expected though their process
- ✓ Carbon tails at higher end due to measurements and crater edge effects
- ✓ Highly accurate detection limits of  $4 \times 10^{16}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> for carbon and  $1.3 \times 10^{14}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> for Boron with 5 nm layer precision

# •Process Characterization

## Carbon Simulation – Boron Deactivation

- ✓ Complete TCAD Simulation of the total thermal budget and implantation step for boron and Carbon
- ✓ Results for Boron in agreement with SIMS measurements in both depth and dose
- ✓ Carbon Profile deep diffused with average concentrations at the limit of detection

CNM R10478 - TCAD Process simulation

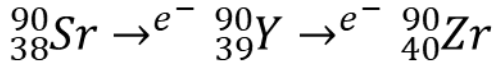
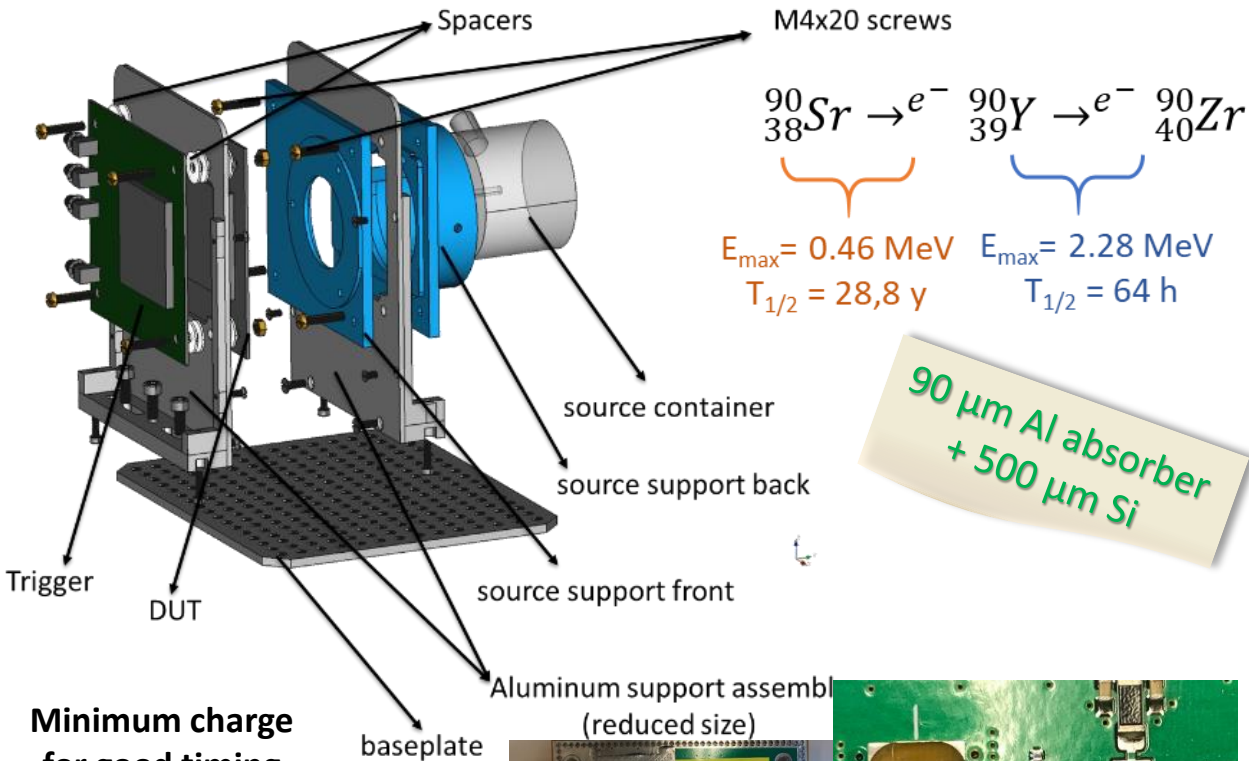


Simulation Parameters

- **Cz High Resistivity Si substrate**
  - <100> orientation (dicing, radiation hardness)
  - Resistivity  $>4 \text{ k}\Omega\text{cm}$
  - P concentration of  $10^{12} \text{ atoms/cm}^3$
  - Active thickness  $50 \mu\text{m}$
- **Native oxide: 1.9 nm**
- **Screen Oxide: 50 nm (deposited)**
- **MC implantation:**
  - ✓ 3000 tracks
  - ✓ Max track splits 6, splints per element 3
  - ✓ CristalTRIM algorithm
  - ✓ Clock seed randomization
  - ✓ Optimization error:  $\pm 10^{14} \text{ atoms/cm}^3$
  - ✓ Full cascade BCA damage (binary collision approx.)
- **Diffusion (Transport) Mode: Dopant dependent**
  - Boron → Charged Pair
  - Phosphorus → Charged Pair
  - Carbon → Neutral React
- **Activation Models (See next slide)**
- **Synopsys info**
  - ✓ Version 2019.12 with Advanced Calibration
  - ✓ MGOALS meshing algorithm

# Laboratory Measurements

## $\beta$ Source Characterization



$E_{\max} = 0.46 \text{ MeV}$   $E_{\max} = 2.28 \text{ MeV}$   
 $T_{1/2} = 28,8 \text{ y}$   $T_{1/2} = 64 \text{ h}$

90  $\mu\text{m}$  Al absorber  
+ 500  $\mu\text{m}$  Si

Minimum charge for good timing

5  $\sigma$  from noise

- High frequency SiGe (~2GHz) amplifier
- Mean sensor + amplifier noise < 1.5 mV
- 5000 recorded events per point

## Timing Configuration & Automation Software (TiCAS)

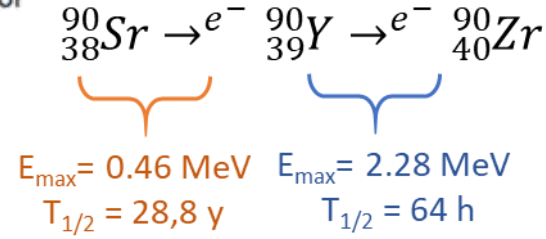
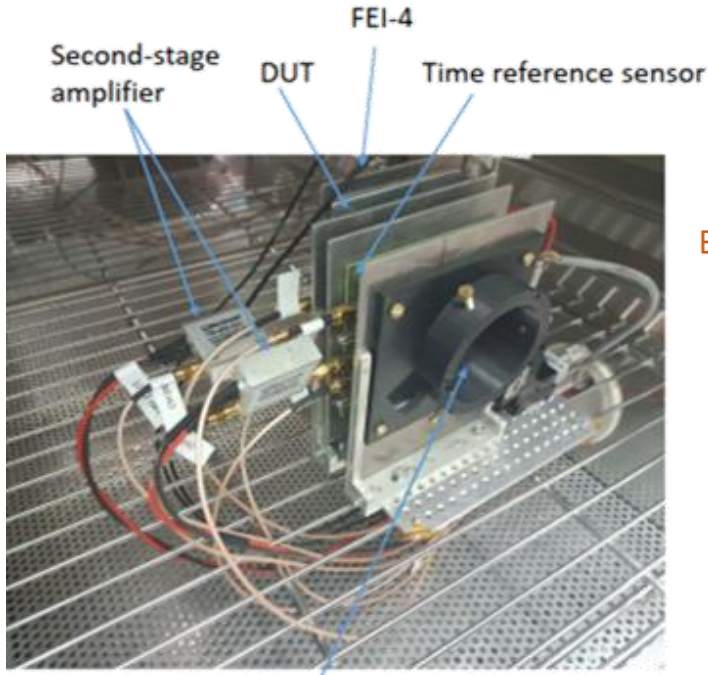
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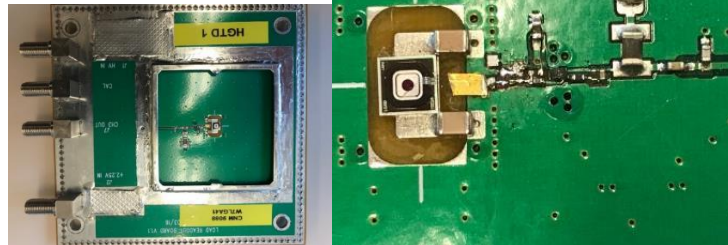
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# •3D Sensors

## Timing at Extreme Fluences

### Pixel Size vs Field Uniformity

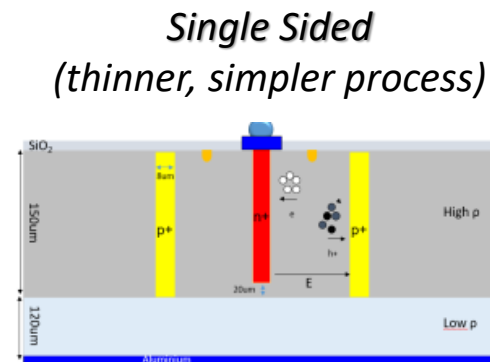
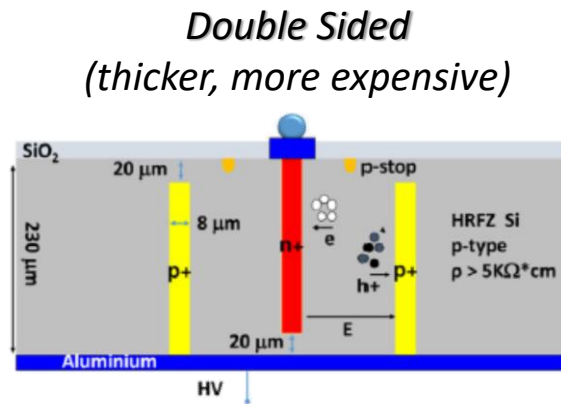
**3D Sensors:** Decoupling of charge generation and drift volume  
(Standard columns, TimeSpot, Hex geometries ect.)

#### Pros

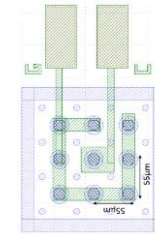
- High radiation tolerance up to several times  $10^{16} n_{eq}/cm^2$
- Short drift distances with fast rise times
- Reduced Landau fluctuation, practically non-existent for perpendicular tracks

#### Cons

- Non-uniform field geometry
- High cost
- Increased cell capacitance

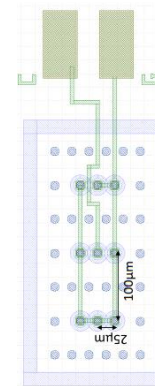


#### ATLAS IBL Type

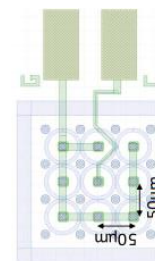


- ✓ Double sided n-on-p process
- ✓ Pixel Size  $55 \times 55 \mu m^2$
- ✓ Active thickness 230 µm
- ✓ High Resistivity ( $> 2 k\Omega m \times cm$ ) Fz silicon

#### ATLAS Pre-Production type



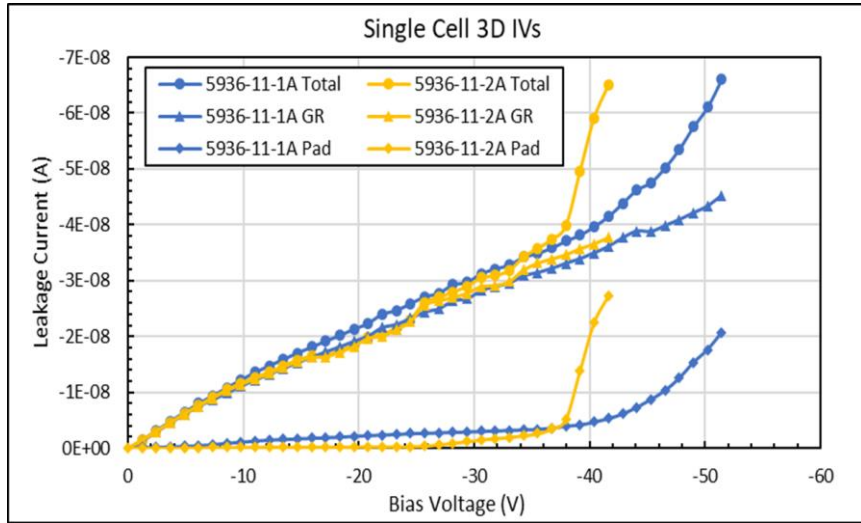
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# Laboratory Characterization

**Presentation:** V. Gkougkousis, "Single cell 3D timing: Time resolution assessment and Landau contribution evaluation via test-beam and laboratory measurements", 17<sup>th</sup> Trento workshop on advanced radiation silicon detectors ([link](#))



- Initial results demonstrate a 40 psec time resolution
- Uniform response across all thresholds

## Irradiations

Neutron @ JSI (Ljubljana)

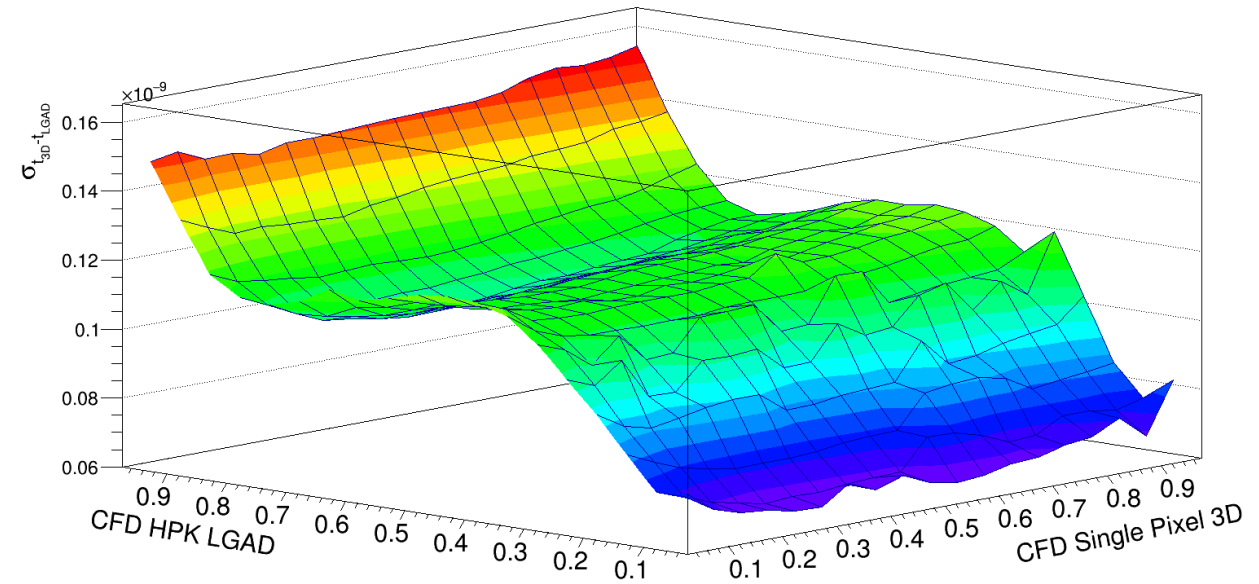
- ✓  $1 \times 10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$
- ✓  $8 \times 10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$
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Proton @ PS

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$$(\sigma_{\text{Dut}})_{\text{CFD}_{ij}} = \sqrt{(\sigma_{\text{Tot}})_{\text{CFD}_{ij}}^2 - (\sigma_{\text{Ref}})_{\text{CFD}_i}^2}$$

CFD Map, LGAD - Single Pixel 3D (-20°C, 20V)



2D optimization plot – 0.5% binning

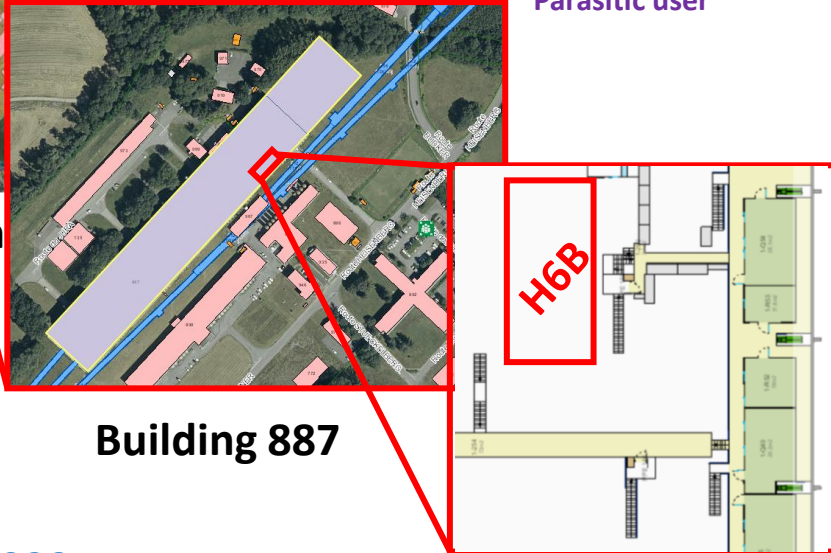
Time Resolution:  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2 = \underbrace{\sigma_{\text{timewalk}}^2}_{\sigma_{\text{Dist.}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{Landau}}^2} + \underbrace{\sigma_{\text{jitter}}^2}_{\left(\frac{t_{\text{rise}}}{S/N}\right)^2} + \underbrace{\sigma_{\text{conversion}}^2}_{\left(\frac{TDC_{\text{bin}}}{\sqrt{12}}\right)^2} + \underbrace{\sigma_{\text{Clock}}^2}_{\text{Fixed Term } \sim 5-7 \text{ psec}}$



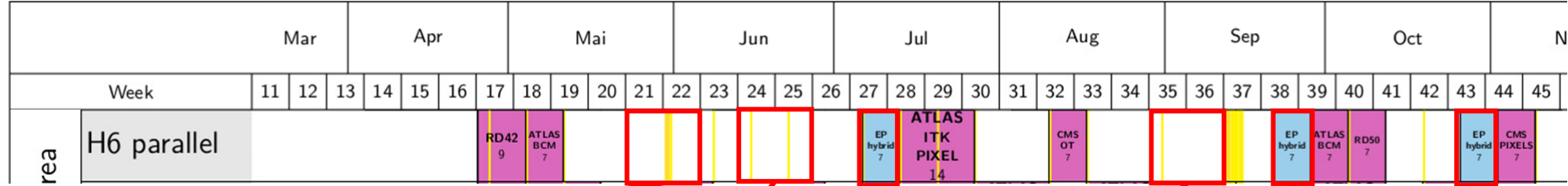
# •Test Beam



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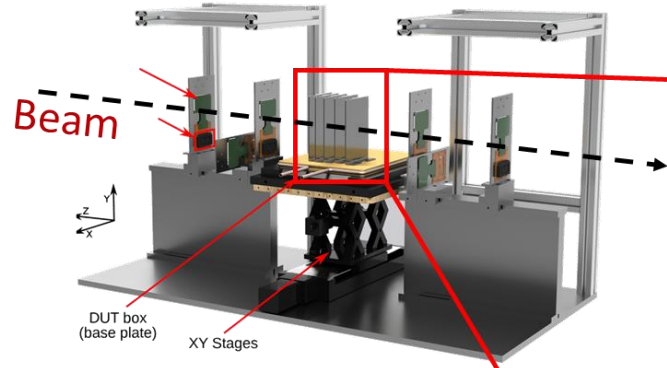


Building 887



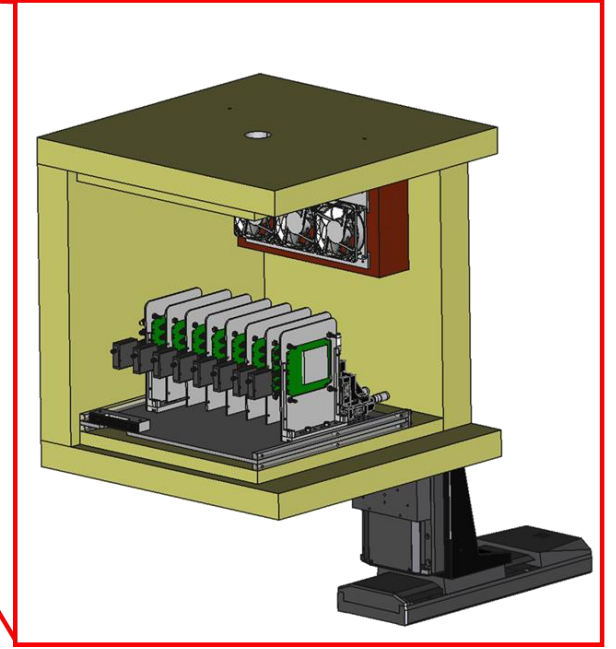
**Primary user**  
**Parallel user**  
**Parasitic user**

**25 May – 8 June**  
**15 – 29 June**  
**6 July – 13 July**  
**31 August - 14 September**  
**20 - 27 September**  
**17 – 24 October**



## The Setup

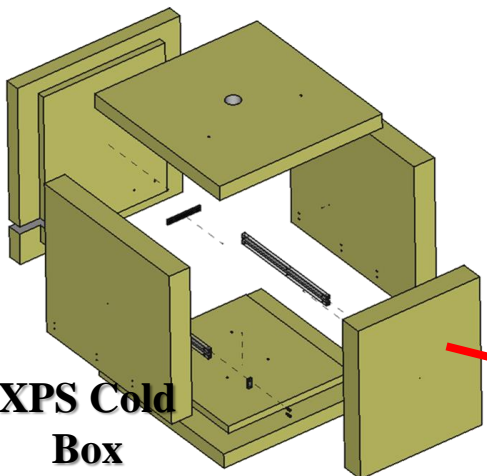
- AIDA Telescope
- Custom Cold Box
- DUTs on individual stages
- Discrete electronics and Oscilloscope



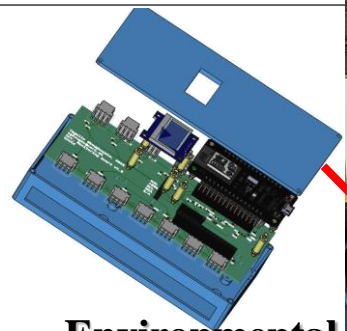
## Tet Beams 2022

- Several periods but only two as primary user
- Main target irradiated Planar / 3D sensors
- No / Limited possibility of extension
- Extensive infrastructure developments

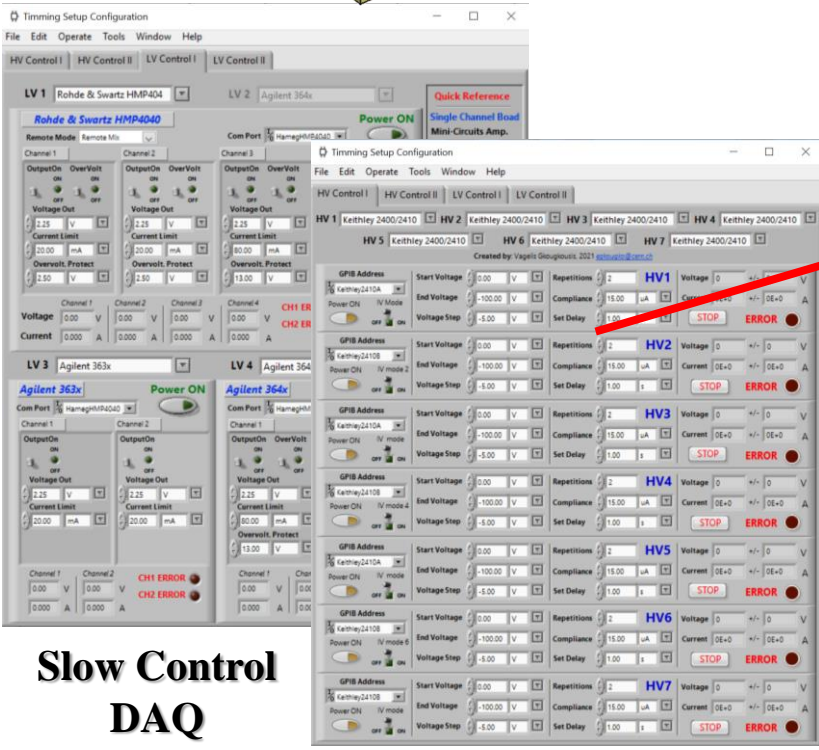
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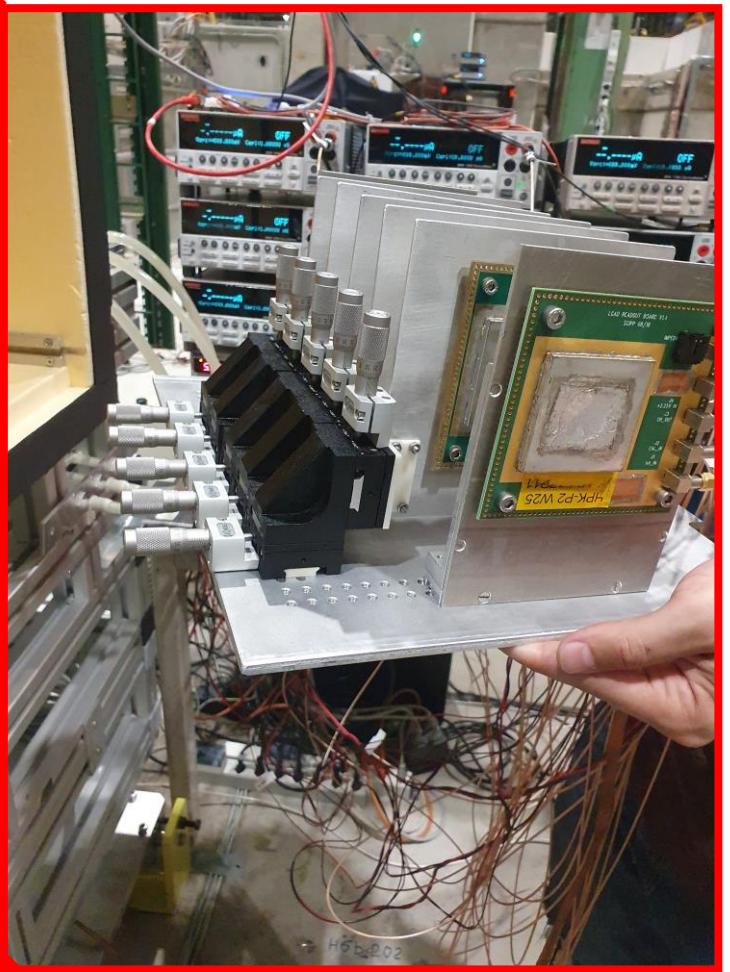
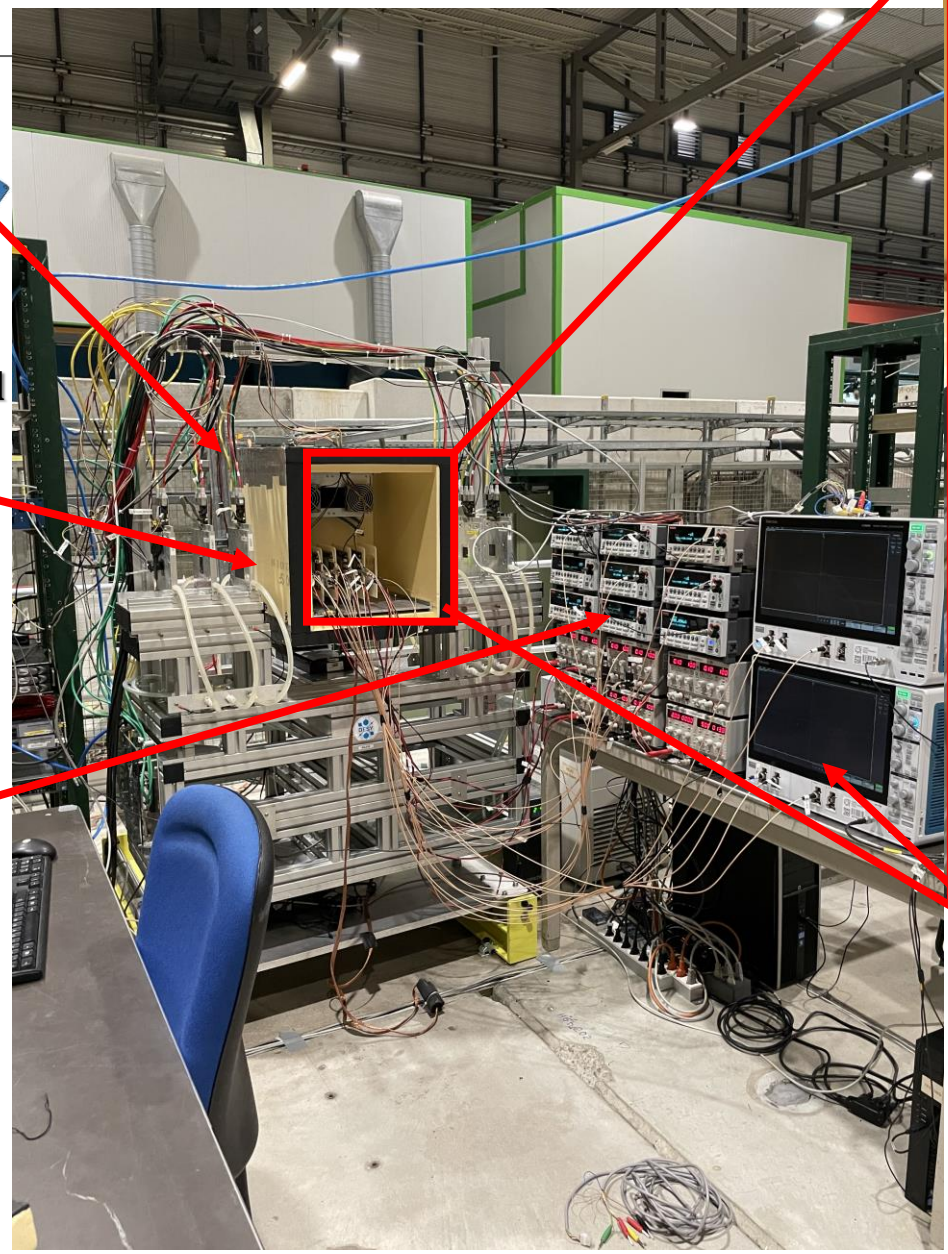
**XPS Cold Box**



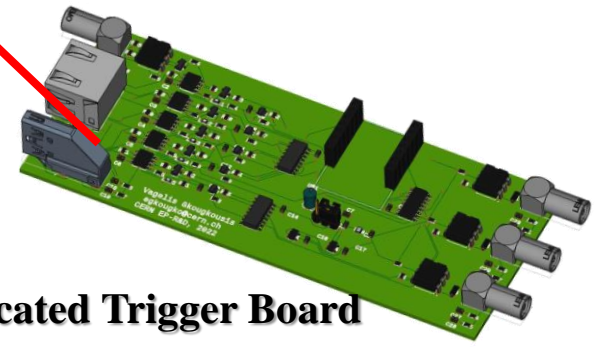
**Environmental Control**



**Slow Control DAQ**



**Dedicated Trigger Board**

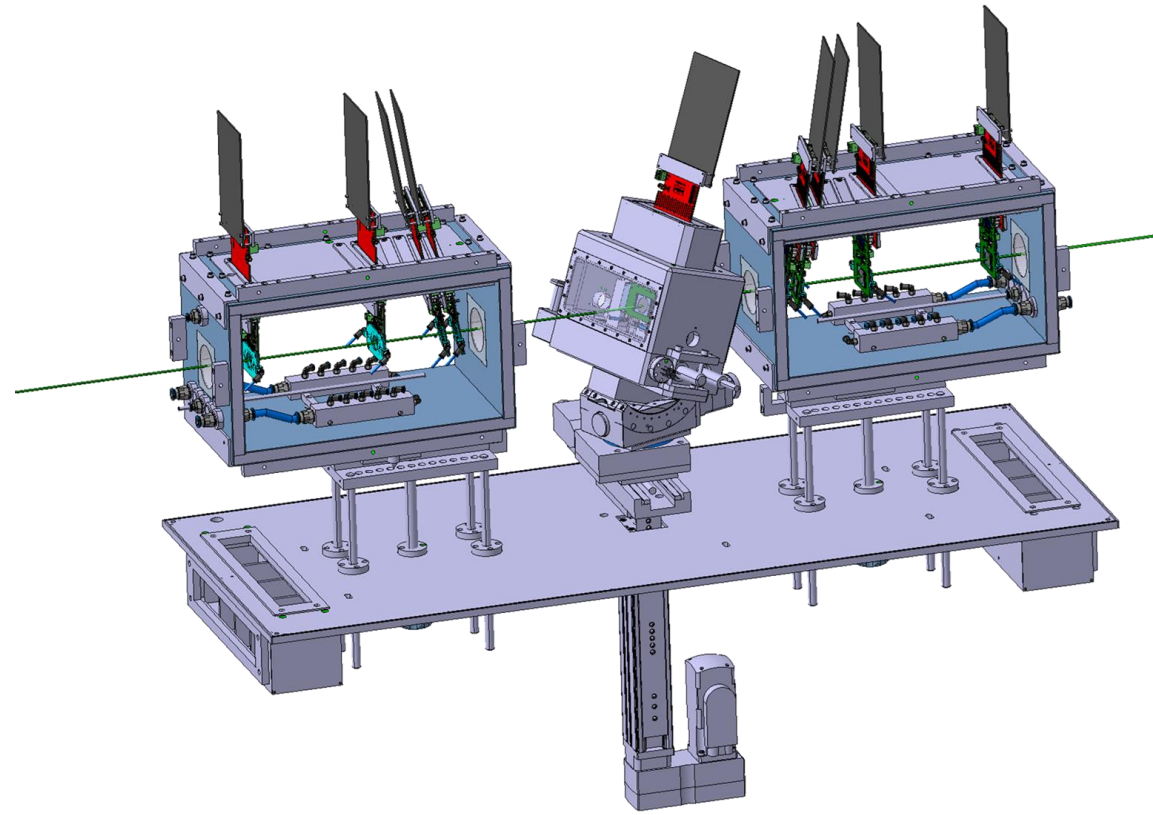
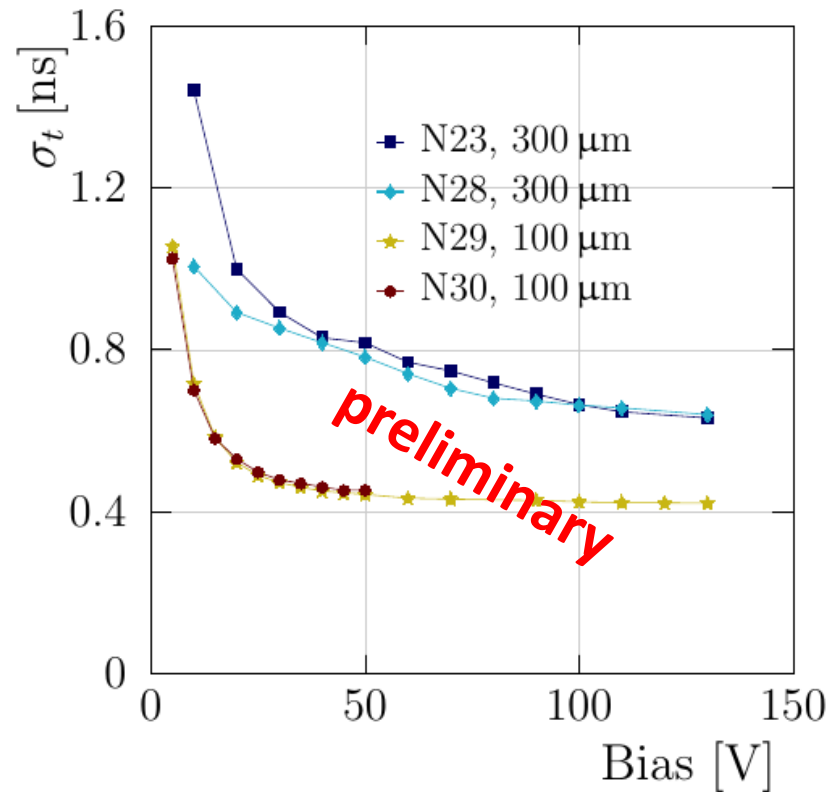


# •TimePix 4 Telescope



- Only one arm with 3 Planes in 2021
- Already preliminary results available
- Result with time walk and per pixel corrections  
( $\sim 600$  psec improvement)

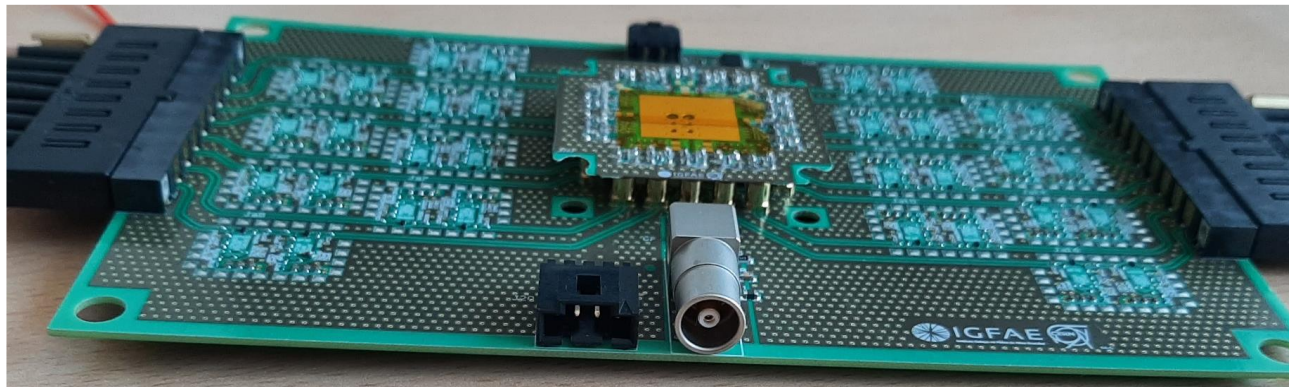
- Plan for 2022 for 6 planes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July next beam time slot
- Expecting DUT operation at the end of the year



# •16 Channel Board

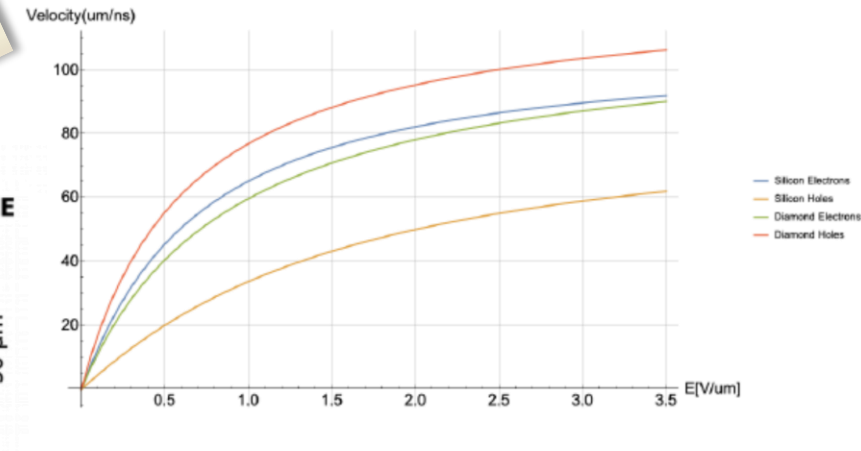
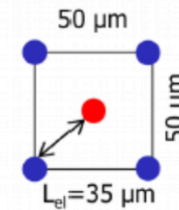
## The solution

- High Frequency SiGe technology discrete electronics with 12 GHz bandwidth
- 2 Stage configuration with a transimpedance followed by a voltage amplifier
- Low max current ( $\sim 10\text{mA}$ ) with well behaved gain linearity vs  $V_{DD}$
- Independent Shielding per channel
- Ruggers 3000 High Frequency substrate
- Sensor Daughter board for versatile operation
- Pre-assembled miniaturized coaxial edge connectors with panel-mounted SMA plugs (1m cable length)
- 140 mm x 140 mm outer dimensions



## The issue....

50x50  $\mu\text{m}^2$ , 1E



- Assuming a linear field dependence and a -15 V operation point at 35  $\mu\text{m}$  column distance:

$$|E| \cong 0.43 \text{ V}/\mu\text{m}$$

- Estimating drift velocity for electrons:

$$v_{drift}^e = \frac{\mu_{0,e} \times E}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{\mu_{0,e} \times E}{v_{sat}^e}\right)^{\beta_e}\right]^{1/\beta_e}}$$

with  $v_{sat}^e = 107 \mu\text{m}/\text{ns}$ ,  $\mu_{0,e} = 1417 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{Vs}}$ ,  $\beta_e = 1.109$

$$v_{drift}^e \approx 41.4 \mu\text{m}/\text{ns}$$

- Extrapolated Rise time and Frequency:

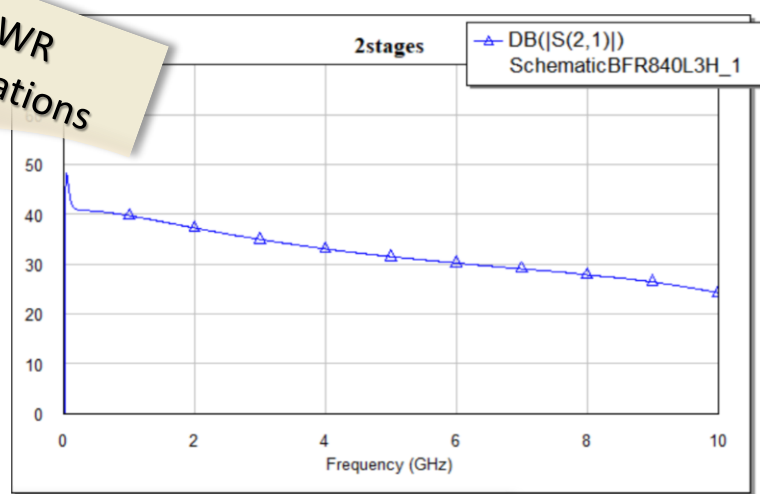
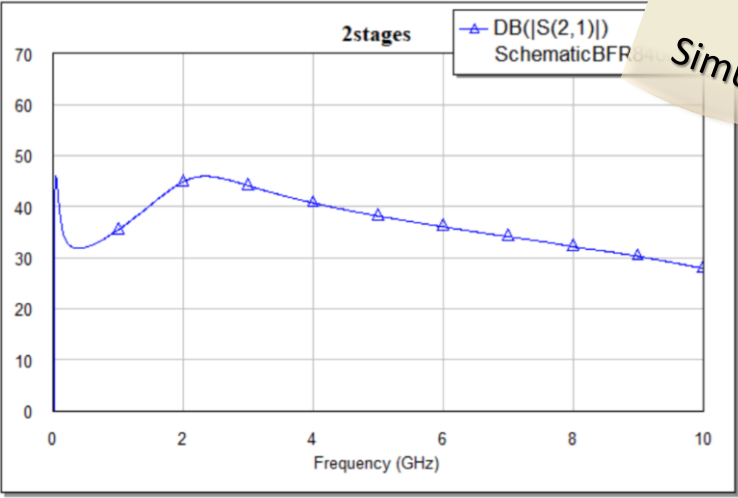
$$t_{Rise} \approx \frac{1}{3} \times t_s = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{d/2}{v_{drift}^e} \approx 140 \text{ psec} \Rightarrow \boxed{2.3 \text{ GHz}}$$

# •16 Channel Board

Initial design

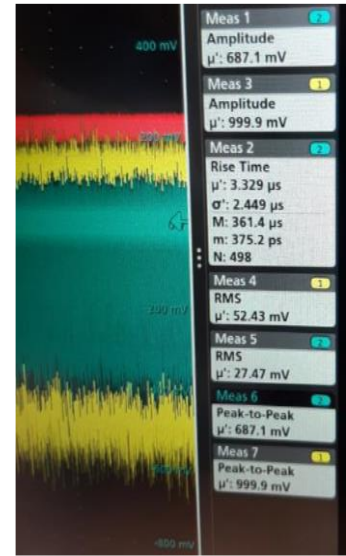
Modified –Uniform design

AWR Simulations

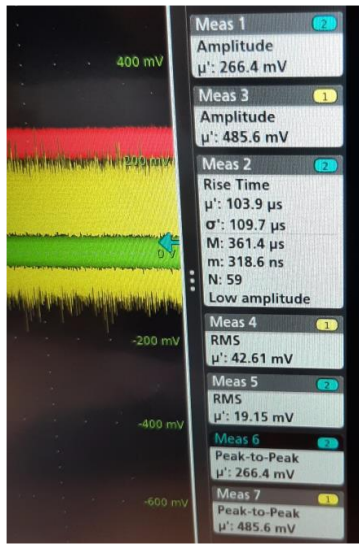


- Optimized design for uniform response with frequency
- No sharp gain change discontinuities
- No undershoot/overshoot observed
- Gain moderated to ~70 for a two-stage configuration
- 20% Higher SNR than UCSC board (with both stages)
- 2 x SNR with respect to UCSC board + miniCircuits second stage amplifier
- On going energy and transimpedance simulation

With signal injection

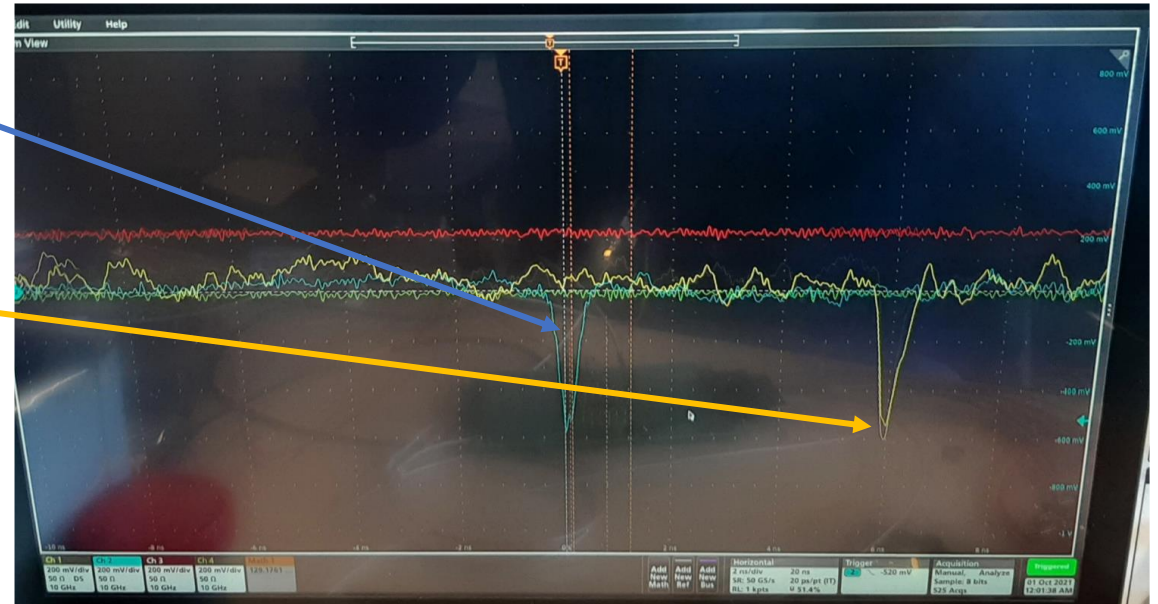


Without signal injection



Blue: 16 channel board

Yellow: UCSC board (only one stage)



# •Conclusions

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## Characterization Systems

- **Beta Source Setup:** Three object system with a pixelated plane and alignment matrices for “true” efficiency measurements
- **SiMS:** Detailed Process Characterization and Simulation of delivered sensors
- **Test beams:** Unbiased Timing and detailed efficiency and timing (field maps)

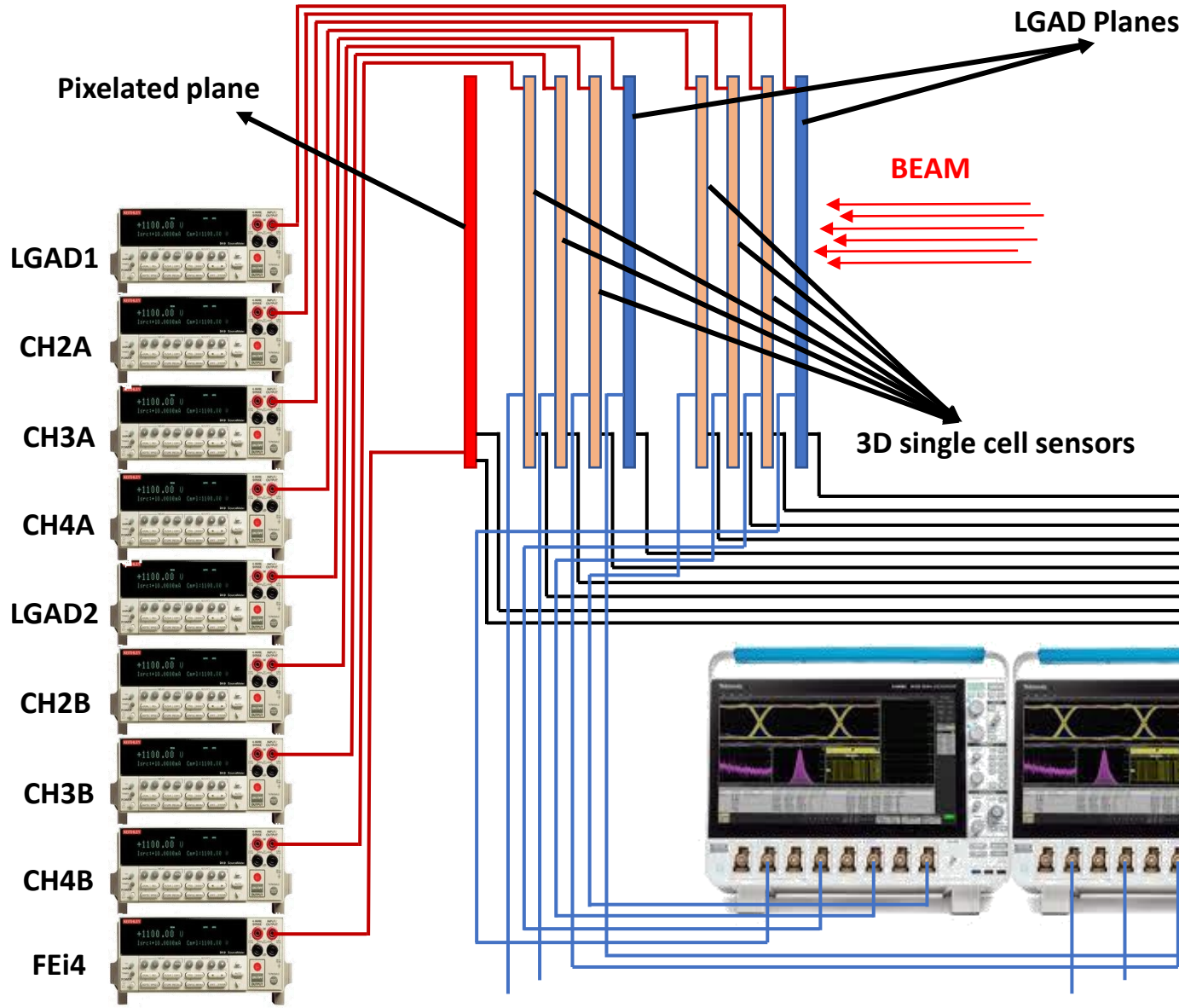
## 3D Pixels

- **3 different productions under investigation**
- **Estimate field non-uniformity impact on time resolution with respect to pixel size**
- **Determine minimal acceptable thickness for time resolution applications**
- **Investigate effects after irradiation at  $1e17$  in protons and neutrons**

# •Backup

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# •May Test-Beam Planning



DUT List				
Type	Sample no.	Fluence ( $n_{eq}/cm^2$ )	Status	Actions
n-in-p, 2 sided 230 $\mu m$ active 120 x 120 $\mu m$ pixel 55 $\mu m$ pillar pitch	1	$1 \times 10^{15}$ neutron	Wire bonding	Lab testing
	1	$4 \times 10^{15}$ neutron	@IFAE	Verification
	1	$8 \times 10^{15}$ neutron	Wire bonding	Lab testing
	1	$6 \times 10^{16}$ neutron		Lab testing
	1	$1 \times 10^{17}$ neutron		Lab testing
	1	Unirrad.		Ready
HPK 1 x 1 mm LGADs 50 $\mu m$ active	1	Unirrad.	On Board Timing References	Ready
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## Equipment List

- 2 x Oscilloscopes
- 9 x Keithley 2410
- 6 x TTI PL303
- 8 Second stage amplifiers
- 6 micro-positioning stages
- Humidity – Temperature monitoring system (EnViE)
- Cold Box for -20°C operation
- Trigger Interface Board V2.0
- SMA Cables