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MONOLITH

The logo for MONOLITH features the word in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letters 'I', 'T', and 'H' are connected to a stylized, glowing blue hexagonal structure on the right. This structure consists of multiple concentric hexagonal lines, with small circles at the vertices, resembling a molecular or crystalline lattice. Below the word, there are three horizontal blue lines of varying lengths, creating a sense of motion or a base.

workshop



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Giuseppe Iacobucci

- project P.I.
- System design



Lorenzo Paolozzi

- Sensor design
- Analog electronics



Didier Ferrere

- System integration
- Laboratory test



Sergio Gonzalez-Sevilla

- System integration
- Laboratory test



Thanushan Kugathasan

- Lead chip design
- Digital electronics



Magdalena Munker

- Sensor design
- Laboratory test



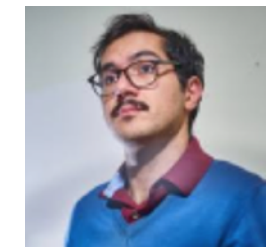
Yannick Favre

- Board design
- RO system



Stéphane Débieux

- Board design
- RO system



Roberto Cardella

- Sensor design
- Laboratory test



Stefano Zambito

- Laboratory test
- Data analysis



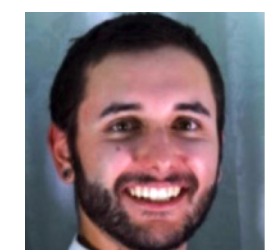
Mateus Vicente

- System integration
- Laboratory test



Fulvio Martinelli

- Chip design
- Firmware



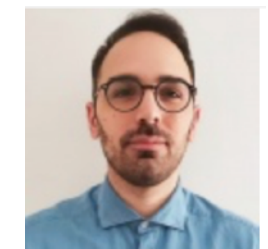
Matteo Milanesio

- Laboratory test
- Data analysis



Théo Moretti

- Laboratory test
- Data analysis



Antonio Picardi

- Chip design
- Firmware



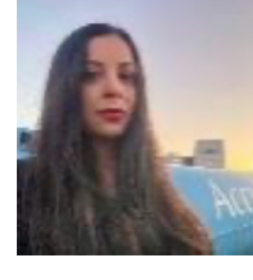
Chiara Magliocca

- Laboratory test
- Data analysis



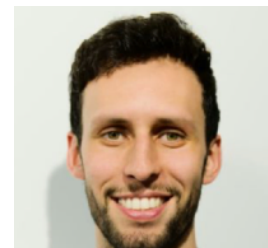
Jihad Saidi

- Laboratory test
- Data analysis



Rafaella Kotitsa

- Sensor simulation



Carlo Alberto Fenoglio

- Chip design
- Firmware



Luca Iodice

- Chip design
- Firmware

Main research partners:



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INFN Rome2 & UNIGE



Holger Rücker
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Marzio Nessi
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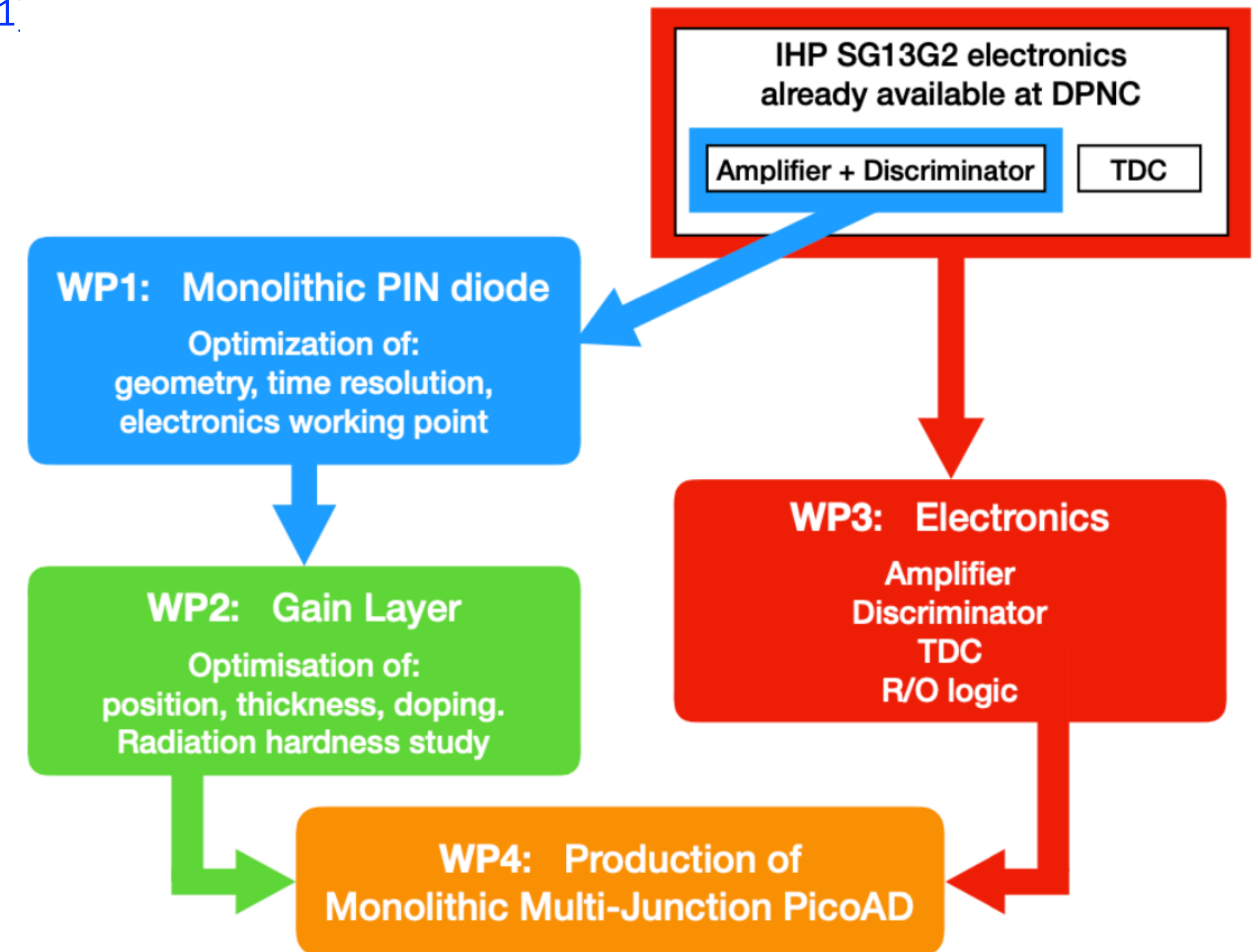


Sinergia



Funded by the H2020 ERC Advanced grant 884447^[1]
2020 - June 2025, to produce:

- **Monolithic silicon sensor** able to:
 - precisely measure 3D spatial position of charged particles and at the same time
 - provide picosecond time resolution
- **NEEDS:**
 1. Fast and low-noise **SiGe BiCMOS electronics**
 2. Novel sensor concept:
the **Picosecond Avalanche Detector (PicoAD)**

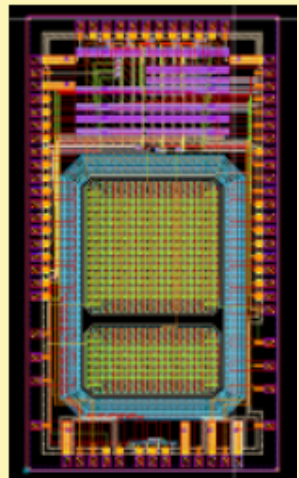


- **Summer 2025:** delivery of full-reticle chip with 50 μ m pitch

^[1] MONOLITH H2020 ERC Advanced Project Web Page - <https://www.unige.ch/dpnc/en/groups/giuseppe-iacobucci/research/monolith-erc-advanced-project/>

Prototypes without internal gain layer

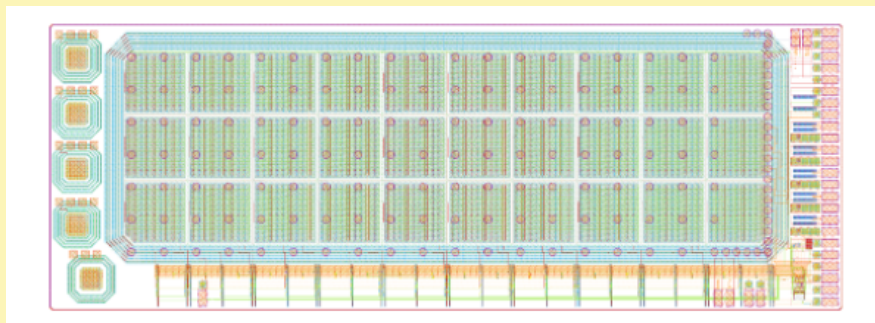
2016



200ps

- 1 and 0.5 mm² pixels
- Discriminator output

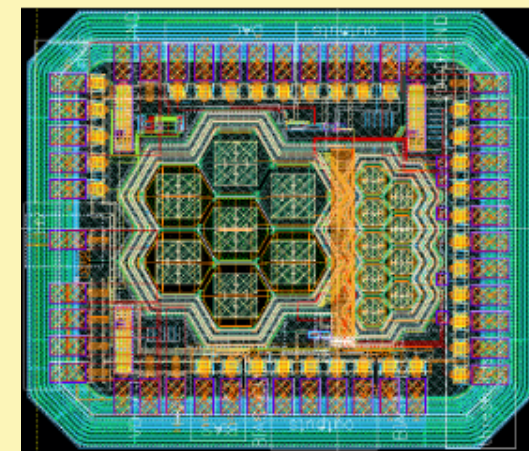
2017



110ps

- 30 pixels 500x500µm²
- 100ps TDC +I/O logic

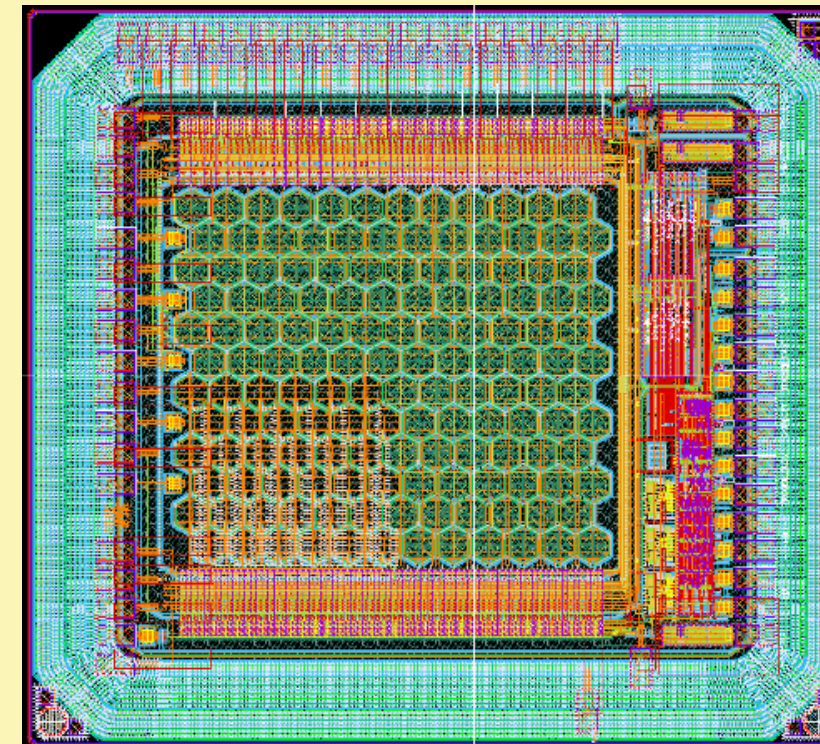
2018



50ps

- Hexagonal pixels 65µm and 130µm side
- Discriminator output

2019



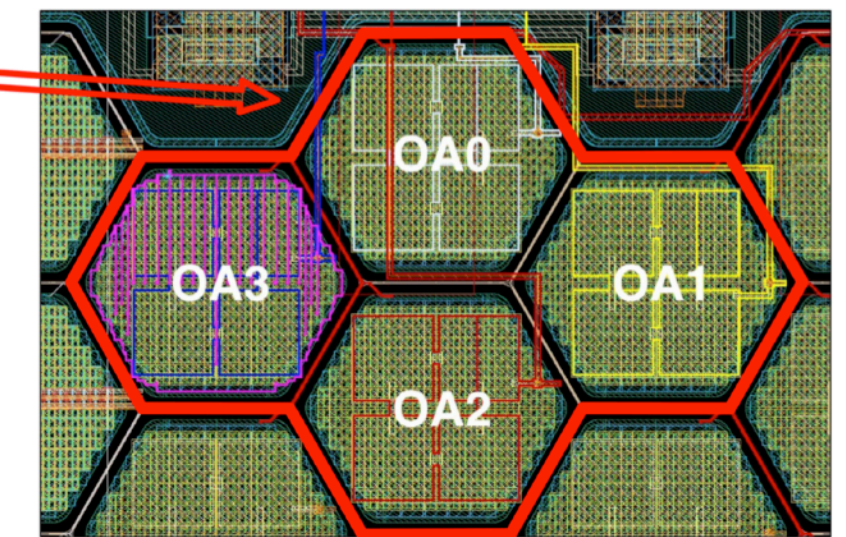
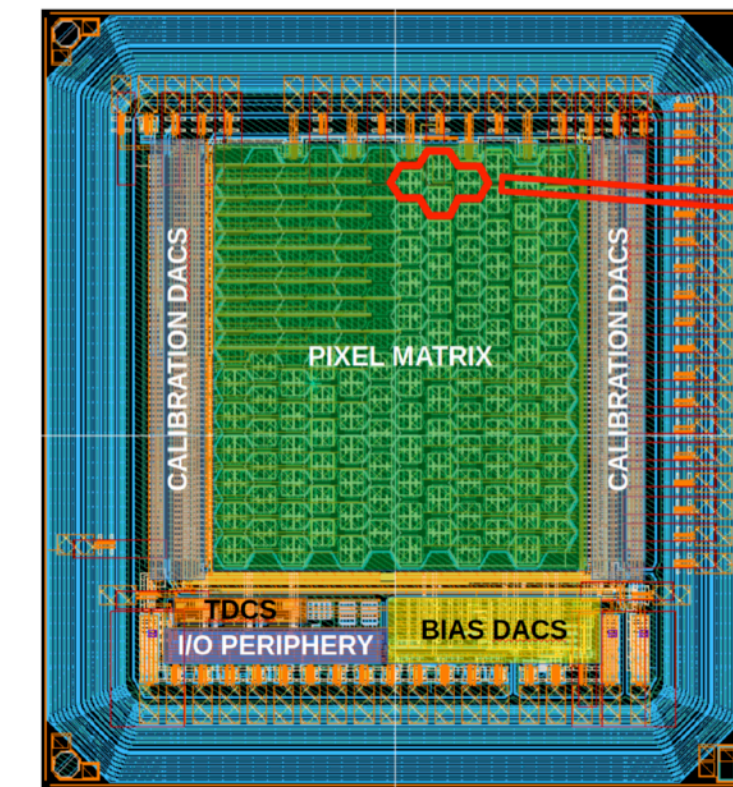
36 ps

- Hexagonal pixels 65µm side
- 30ps TDC +I/O logic
- Analog channels

Sensor with no gain test beam results: JINST **P02019** 2022

PicoAD Proof-Of-Concept Prototype

2021



17 ps

- Same electronics as 2019 prototype
- Epitaxial layers + **gain layer**
- 4 different gain-layer doses

PicoAD proof-of-concept prototype: arXiv:2206.07952, June 2022

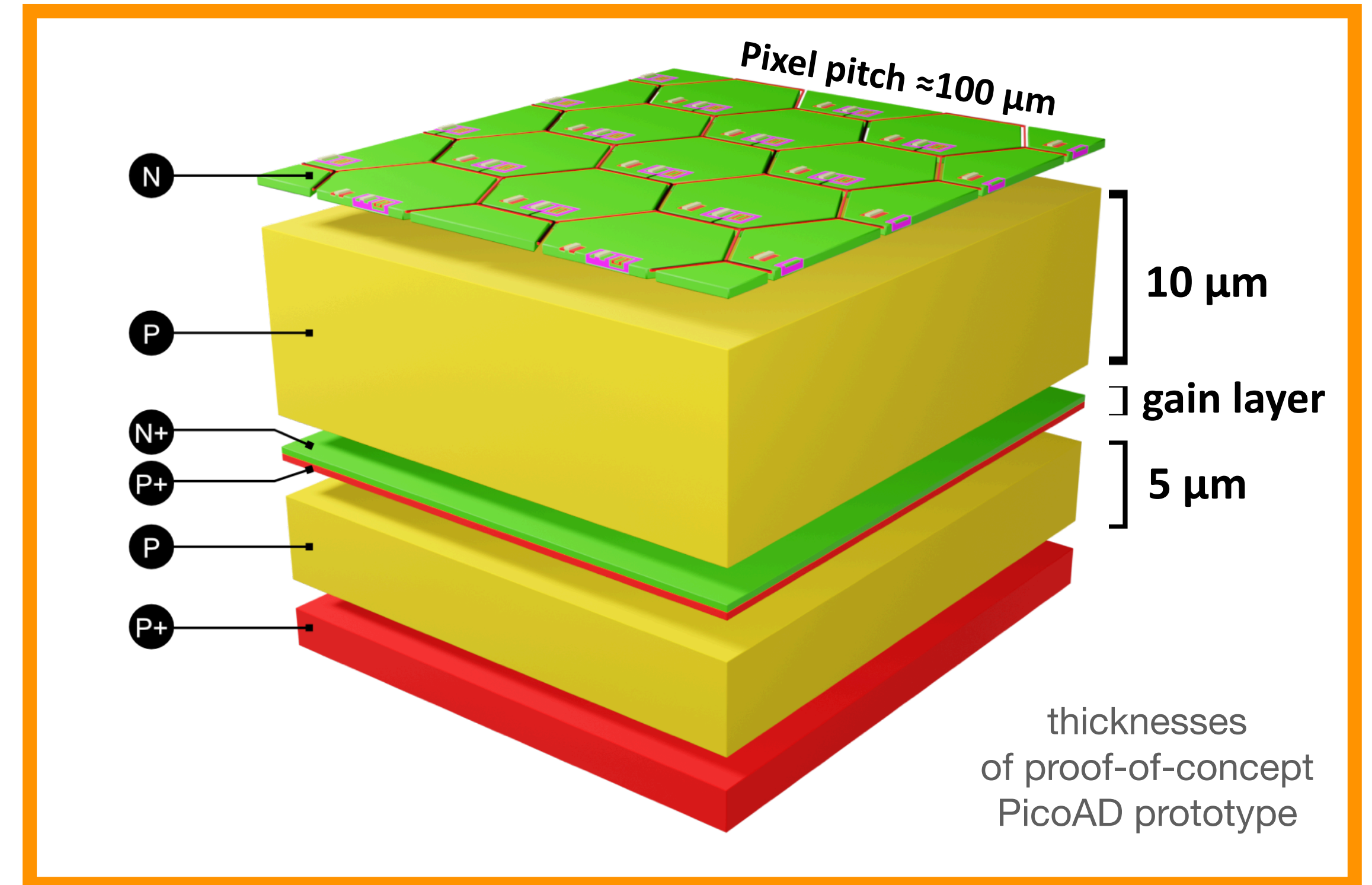
Testbeam results: arXiv:2208.11019, August 2022

PicoAD:

Multi-Junction **Picosecond-Avalanche Detector**^[2]

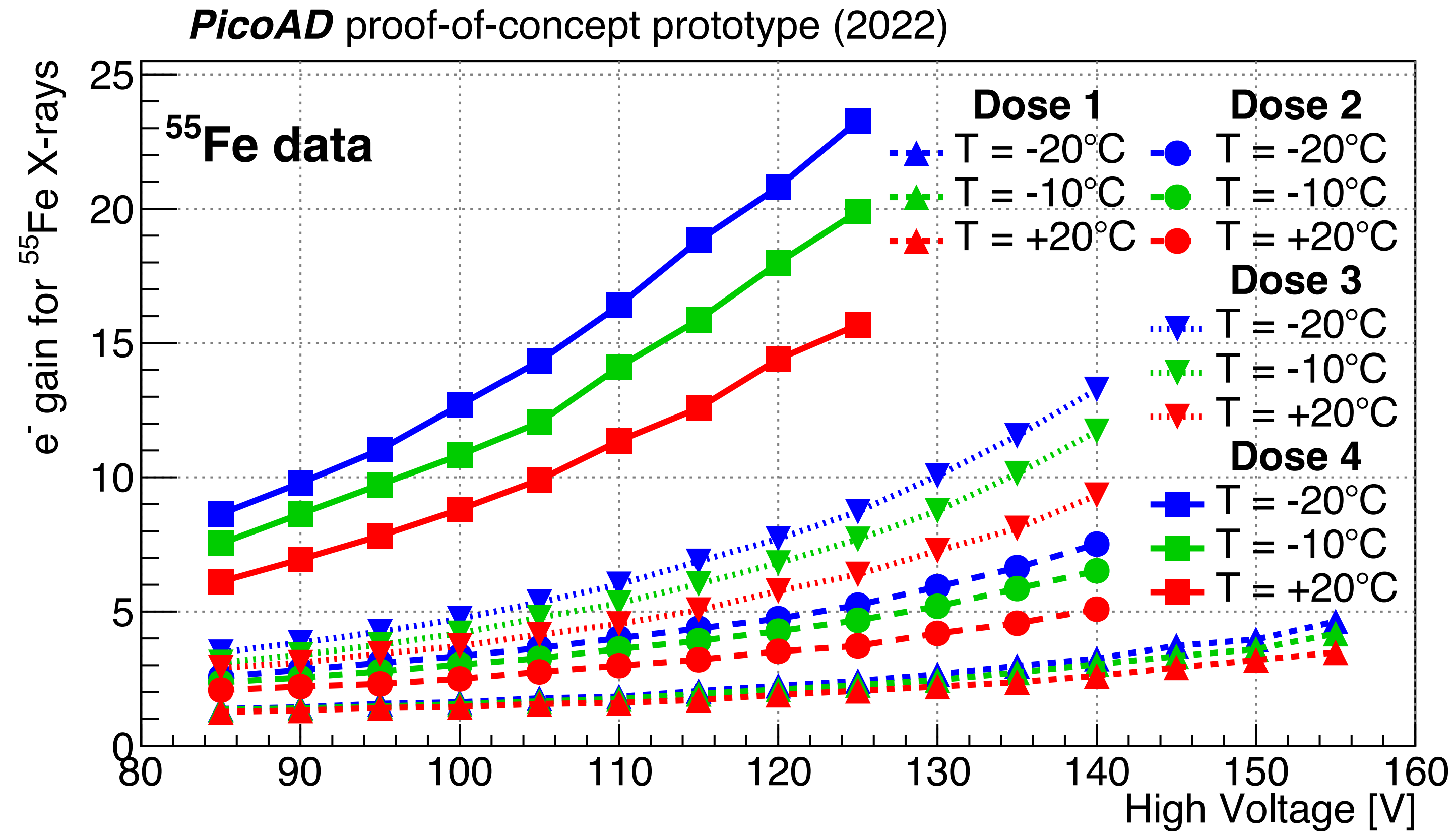
Continuous and deep gain layer

- De-correlation from implant size/geometry
→ **high pixel granularity and full fill factor**
(high spatial resolution)
- Only small fraction of charge gets amplified
→ **reduced charge-collection noise**
(enhance timing resolution)



^[2] G. Iacobucci, L. Paolozzi and P. Valerio. Multi-junction pico-avalanche detector; European Patent EP3654376A1, US Patent US2021280734A1, Nov 2018

A gain of ≈ 20 for ^{55}Fe X-rays is reached at HV = 120 V and T = -20 °C^[3]

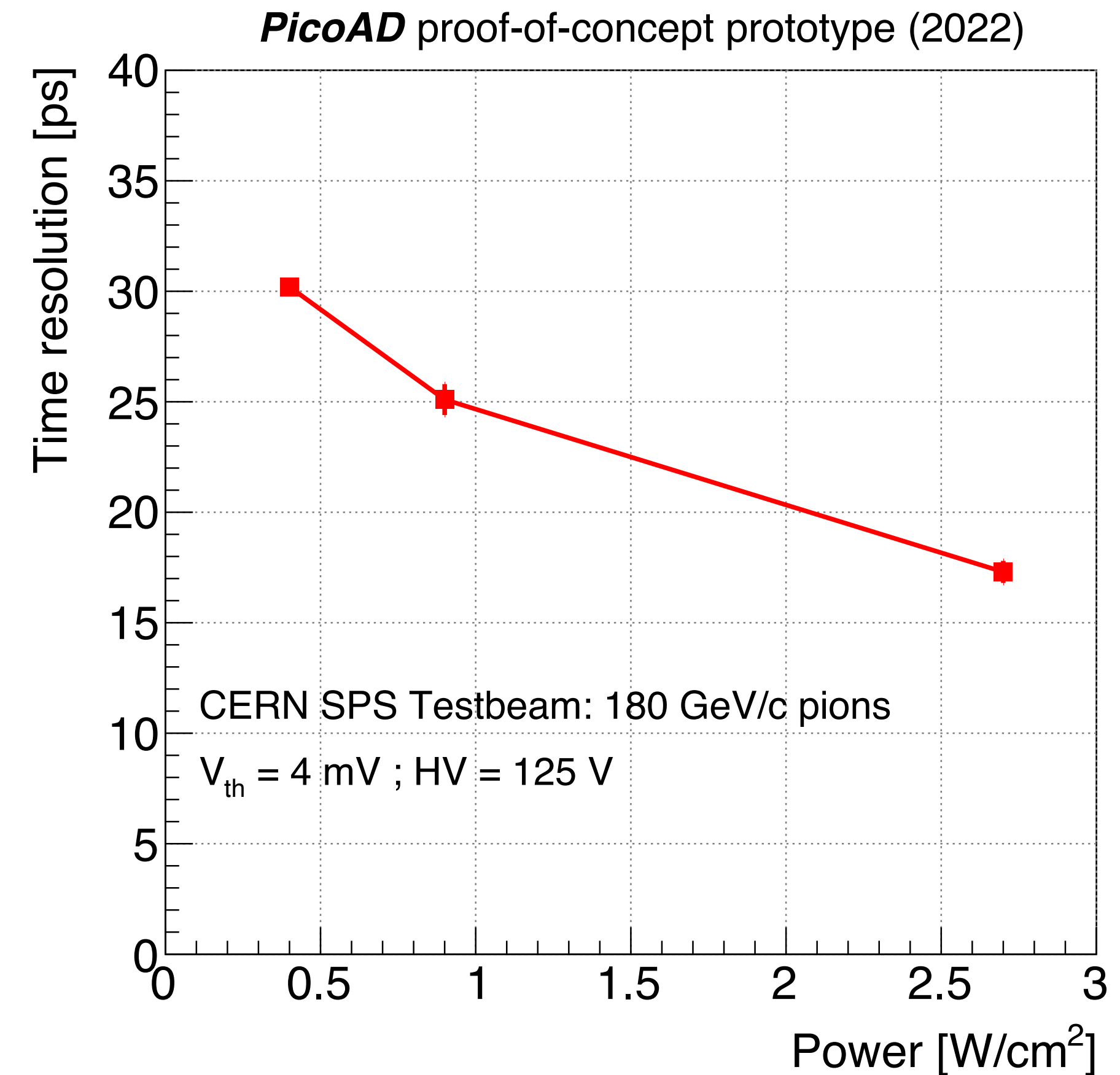
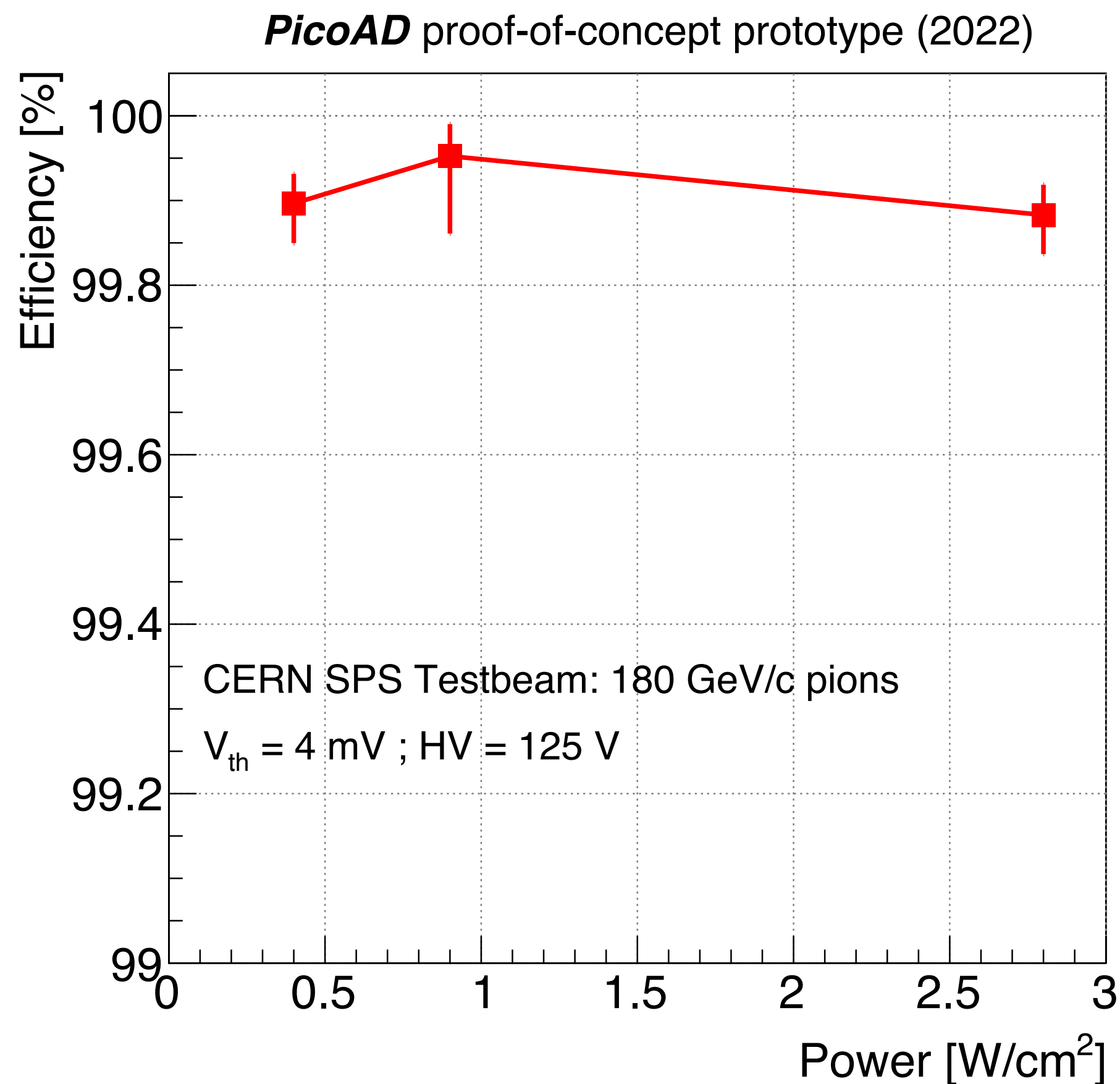


[3] L. Paolozzi et al. Picosecond Avalanche Detector - working principle and gain measurement with a proof-of-concept prototype. arXiv:2206.07952, June 2022

[4] G. Iacobucci et al., Testbeam Results of the Picosecond Avalanche Detector Proof-Of-Concept Prototype. arXiv:2208.11019, August 2022

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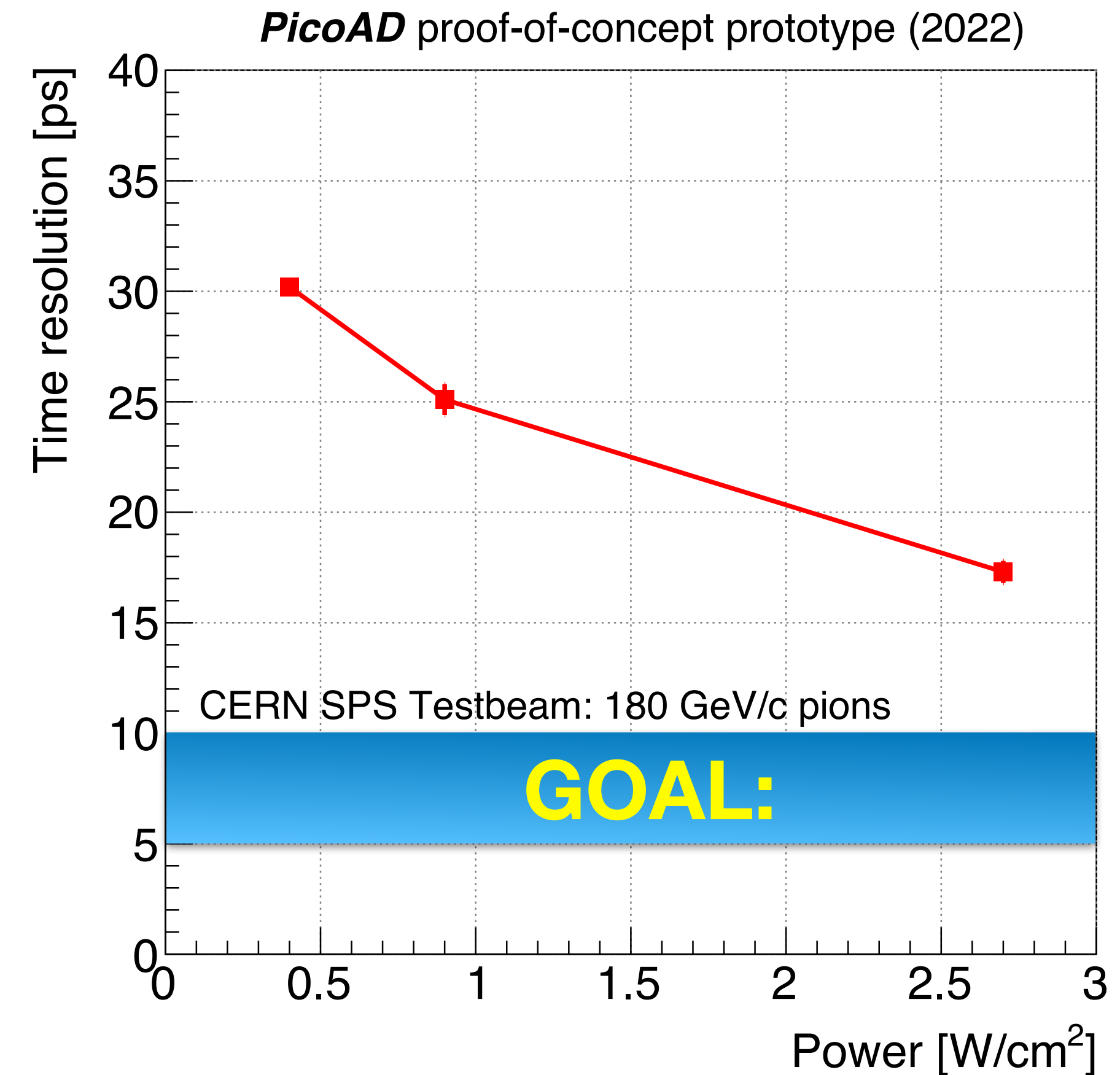
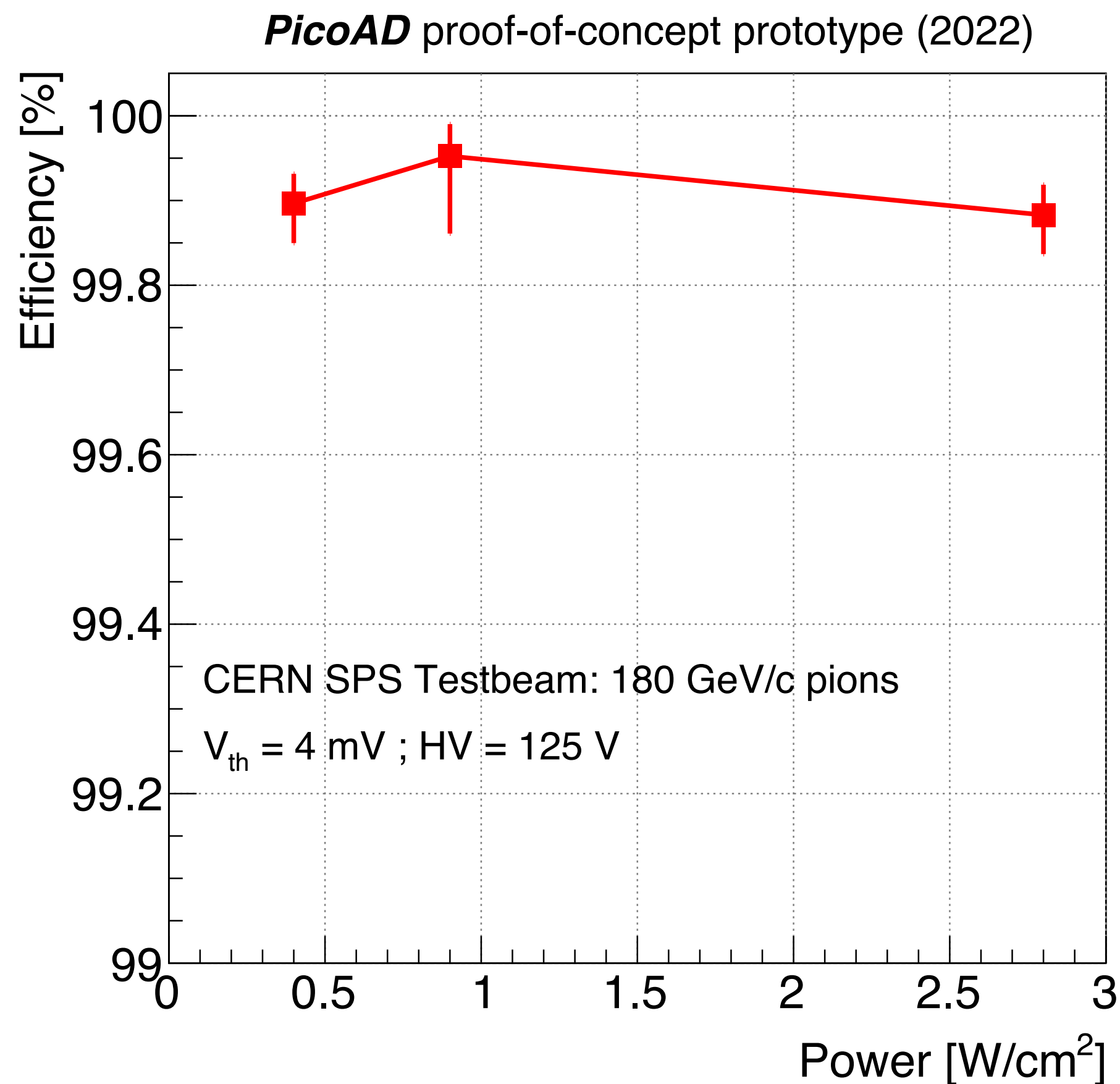
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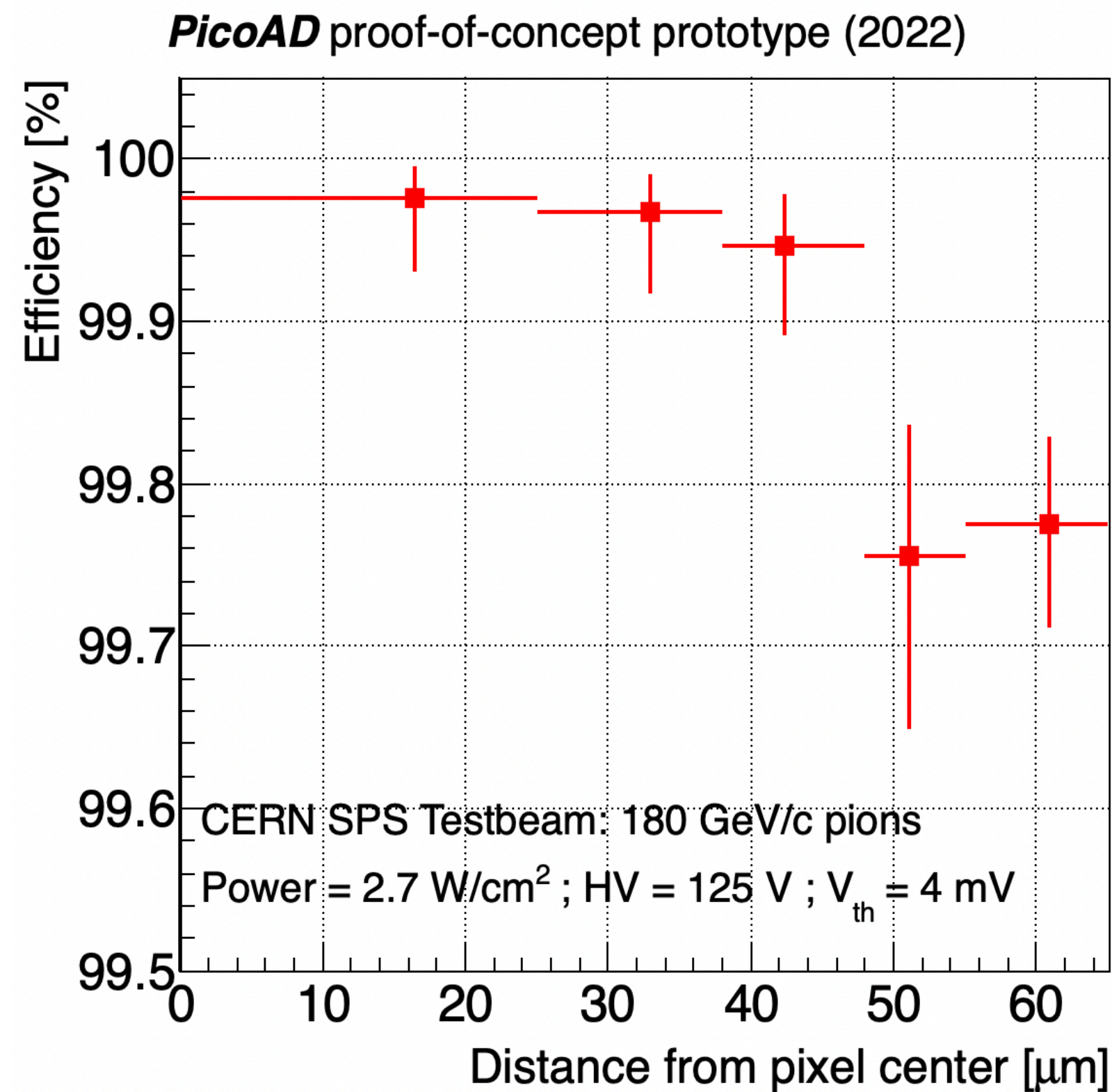
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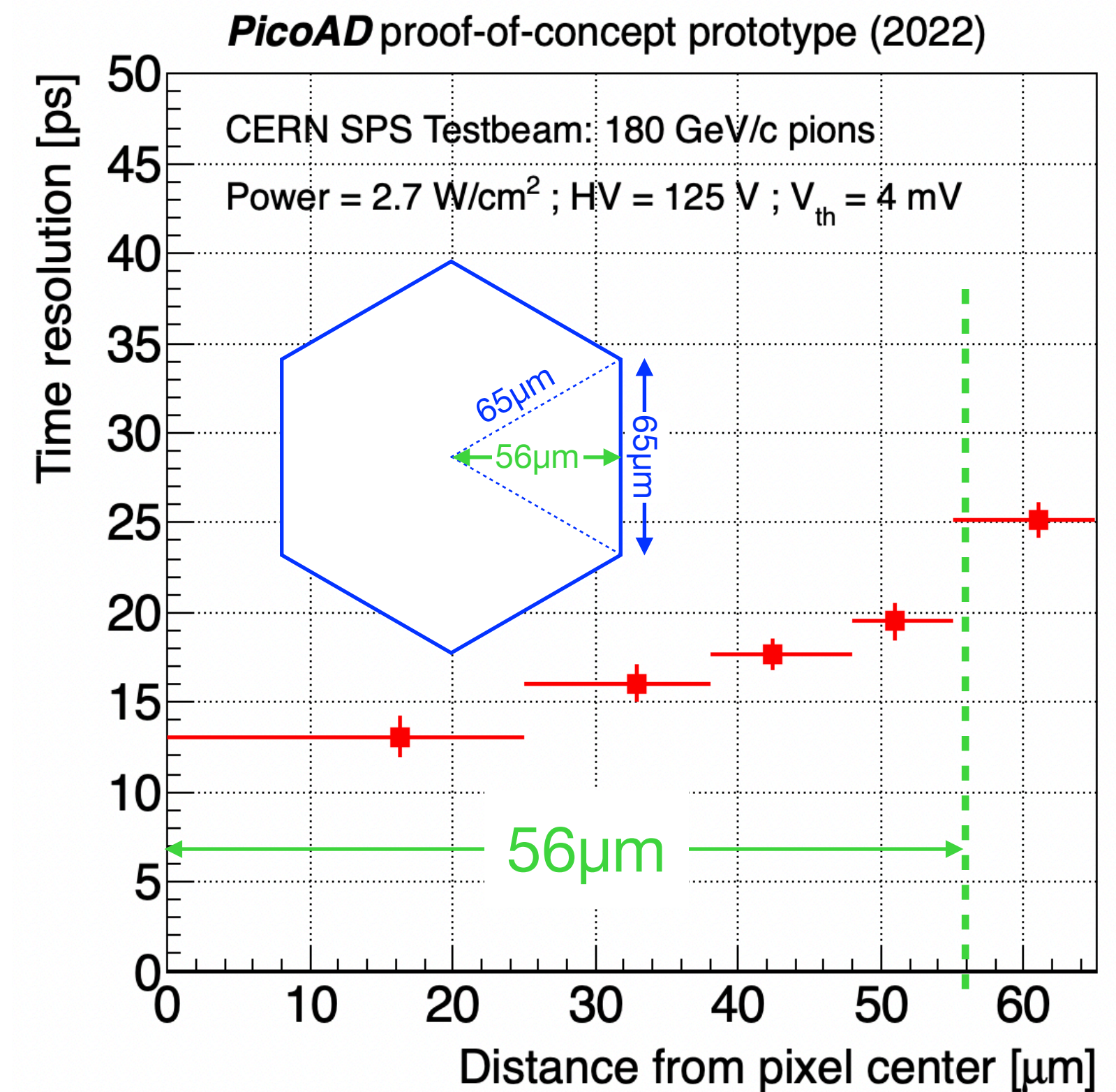


Small performance degradation toward pixel edges

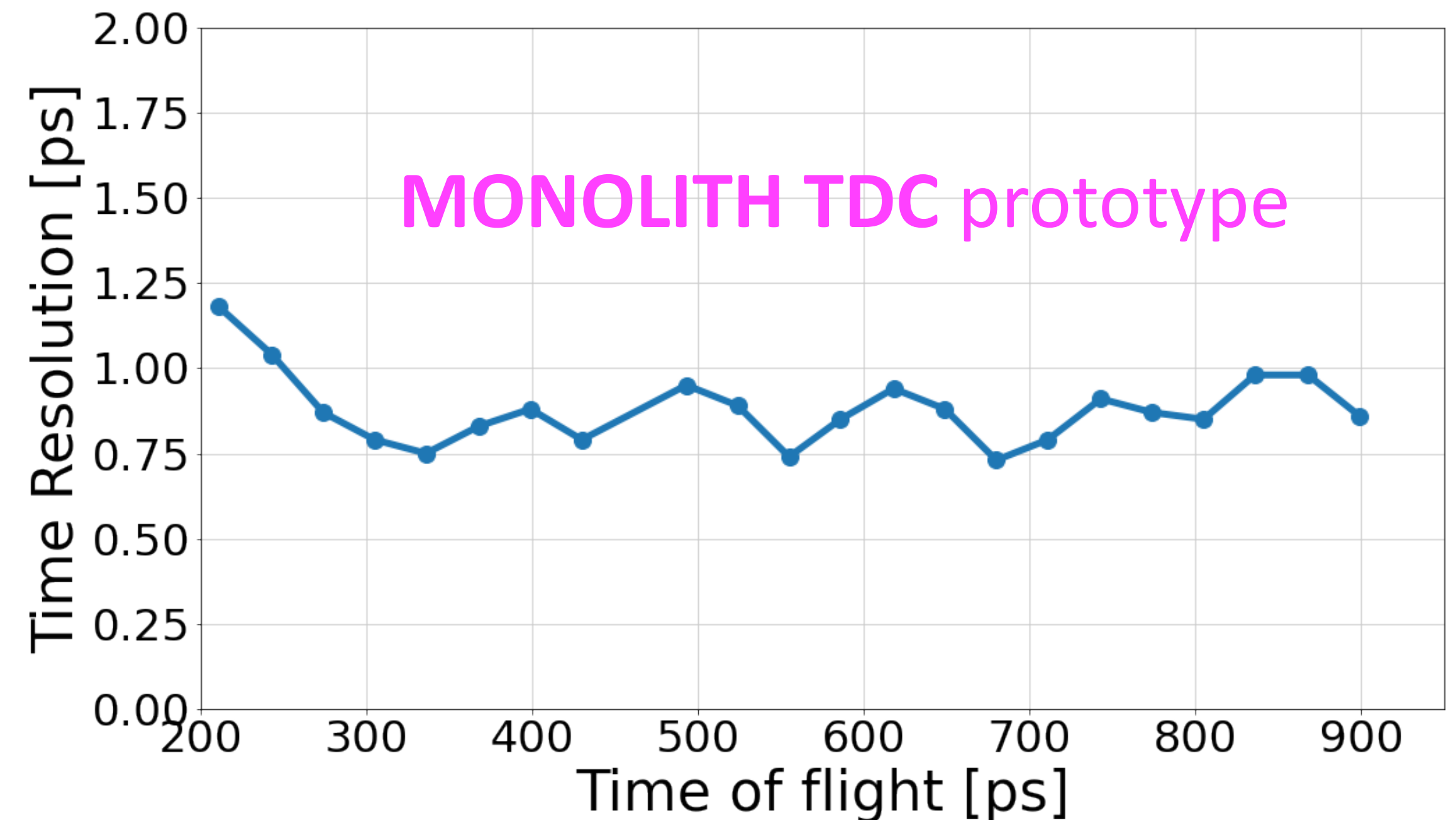
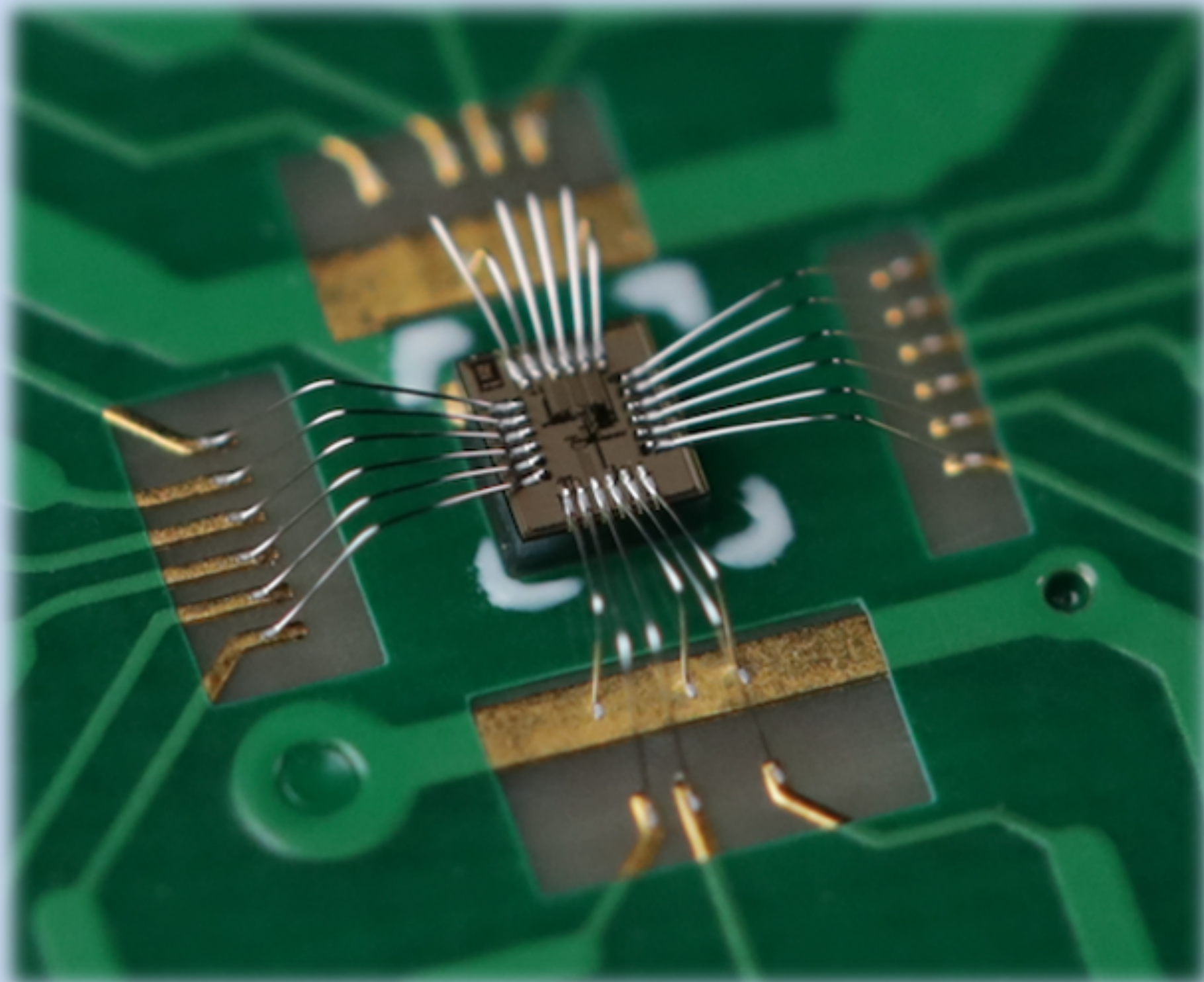
Efficiency



Time resolution



We are developing a sub-picosecond TDC based on a novel design (our patent^[5] & more):



Standalone prototype still under test at UNIGE.
Integrated in MONOLITH 2022 monolithic ASIC.

[5] R. Cardarelli, L. Paolozzi, P. Valerio and G. Iacobucci, European Patent Application / Filing - UGKP-P-001-EP, Europe Patent EP 18181123.3. 2 July 2018.

- **Spirit of the workshop:** maximize exchanges in an informal environment
 - Short presentations
 - Long discussions
 - Extra interventions (with slides) during discussions are welcome
- If you really need to use internet, please use **EDUROAM** or register to **guest-unige**
- Coffee and lunches will be served outside the seminar room

MONDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER

09:00 → 12:45 Timing with silicon

- 09:00 **Welcome – Coffee and croissants**
Speaker: Giuseppe Iacobucci (Universite de Geneve (CH))
- 09:10 **Simulations + numerical calculations for fast timing sensors**
Speaker: Werner Riegler (CERN)
- 09:30 **Design of fast CMOS in 65 nm TJ**
Speaker: Walter Snoeys (CERN)
- 09:50 **Timespot project testbeam results and simulations**
Speaker: Adriano Lai (Universita e INFN, Cagliari (IT))
- 10:10 **Discussion**
- 10:50 **Coffee break**
- 11:05 **MONOLITH project simulations and testbeam results**
Speaker: Magdalena Munker (University of Geneva)
- 11:25 **Overview LGAD technology at FBK**
Speaker: Giovanni Paternoster (Fondazione Bruno Kessler)
- 11:45 **AC-coupled LGAD with HPKK technology**
Speaker: Koji Nakamura (High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (JP))
- 12:05 **Discussion**

12:45 → 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 → 15:10 Gain layers

- 14:00 **Summary on IHP experience with gain layers**
Speaker: Mr Matteo Elviretti (IHP microelectronics)
- 14:20 **Gain layer performance degradation after irradiation**
Speaker: Michael Moll (CERN)
- 14:40 **Discussion**

15:10 → 18:20 Fast electronics

- 15:10 **The PicoPix project**
Speaker: Xavi Llopart Cudie (CERN)
- 15:30 **INFN project on fast electronics**
Speaker: Angelo Rivetti (INFN - National Institute for Nuclear Physics)
- 15:50 **Coffee break**
- 16:00 **Group picture**
- 16:05 **Overview talk on HBTs**
Speaker: Dr Holger Ruecker (IHP microelectronics)
- 16:25 **Fast, low noise frontend in SiGe BiCMOS**
Speaker: Lorenzo Paolozzi (CERN)
- 16:45 **The FastIC project**
Speaker: Rafael Ballabriga Sune (CERN)
- 17:05 **Development of novel sub-picosecond TDC**
Speaker: Dr Roberto Cardella (Universite de Geneve (CH))
- 17:15 **Discussion**

TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER

09:00 → 12:20 Applications in HEP and space experiments

- 09:00 **The NA62 GigaTracker**
Speaker: Mathieu Perrin-Terrin (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (FR))
- 09:20 **UZH plans for CMS Phase3 and in AIDAInnova**
Speaker: Anna Macchiolo (University of Zurich (CH))
- 09:40 **LHb plans for LS4 (TBC)**
Speaker: Paula Collins (CERN)
- 10:00 **Mu3e silicon timing upgrade**
Speaker: Andre Schoening (Ruprecht Karls Universitaet Heidelberg (DE))
- 10:20 **Coffee break**
- 10:35 **DUNE cryogenic electronics**
Speaker: Hucheng Chen (Brookhaven National Laboratory (US))
- 10:55 **Potential use of combined ToF-tracking sensors for Proton Computer Tomography**
Speaker: Prof. Federico Sanchez (Universite de Geneve (CH))
- 11:15 **Discussion**

12:05 → 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 → 16:20 Cryogenic applications

- 14:00 **EPFL AQUA Lab cryogenic projects**
Speaker: Prof. Edoardo Charbon (EPFL)
- 14:20 **IHP PDK + models for cryogenic applications**
Speakers: Dr Anton Datsuk (IHP), Holger Ruecker (IHP microelectronics)
- 14:40 **IDQuantique projects**
Speaker: Dr Félix Boussières (IDQuantique)
- 15:00 **Discussion**