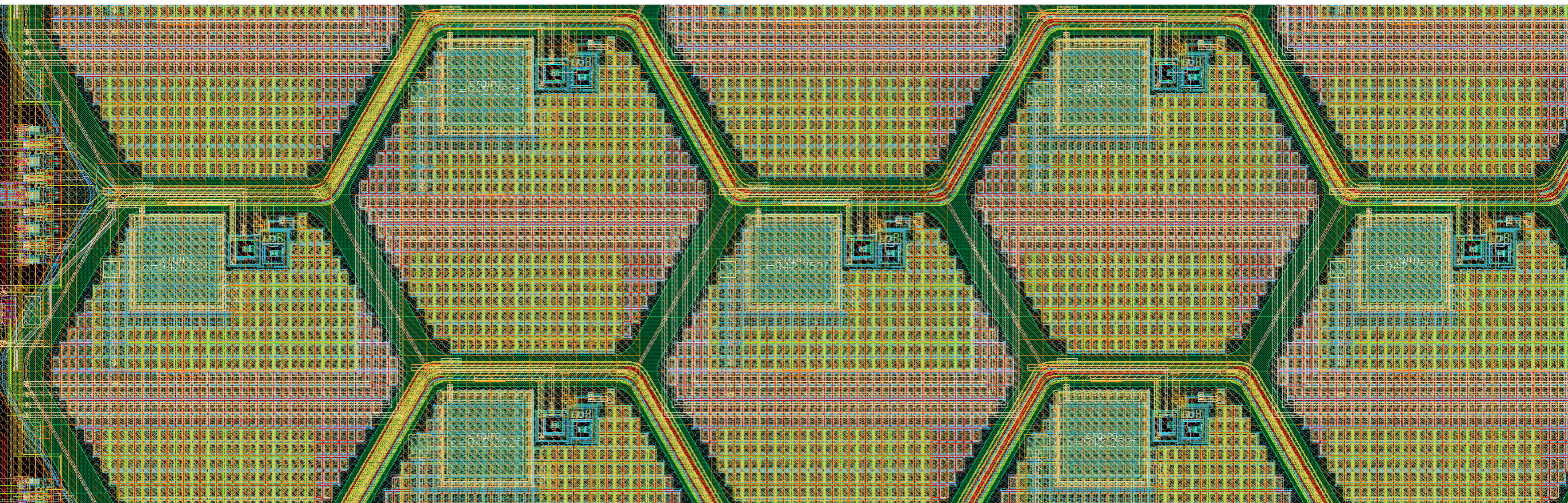


Time resolution and radiation hardness of monolithic pixel sensors in BiCMOS technology

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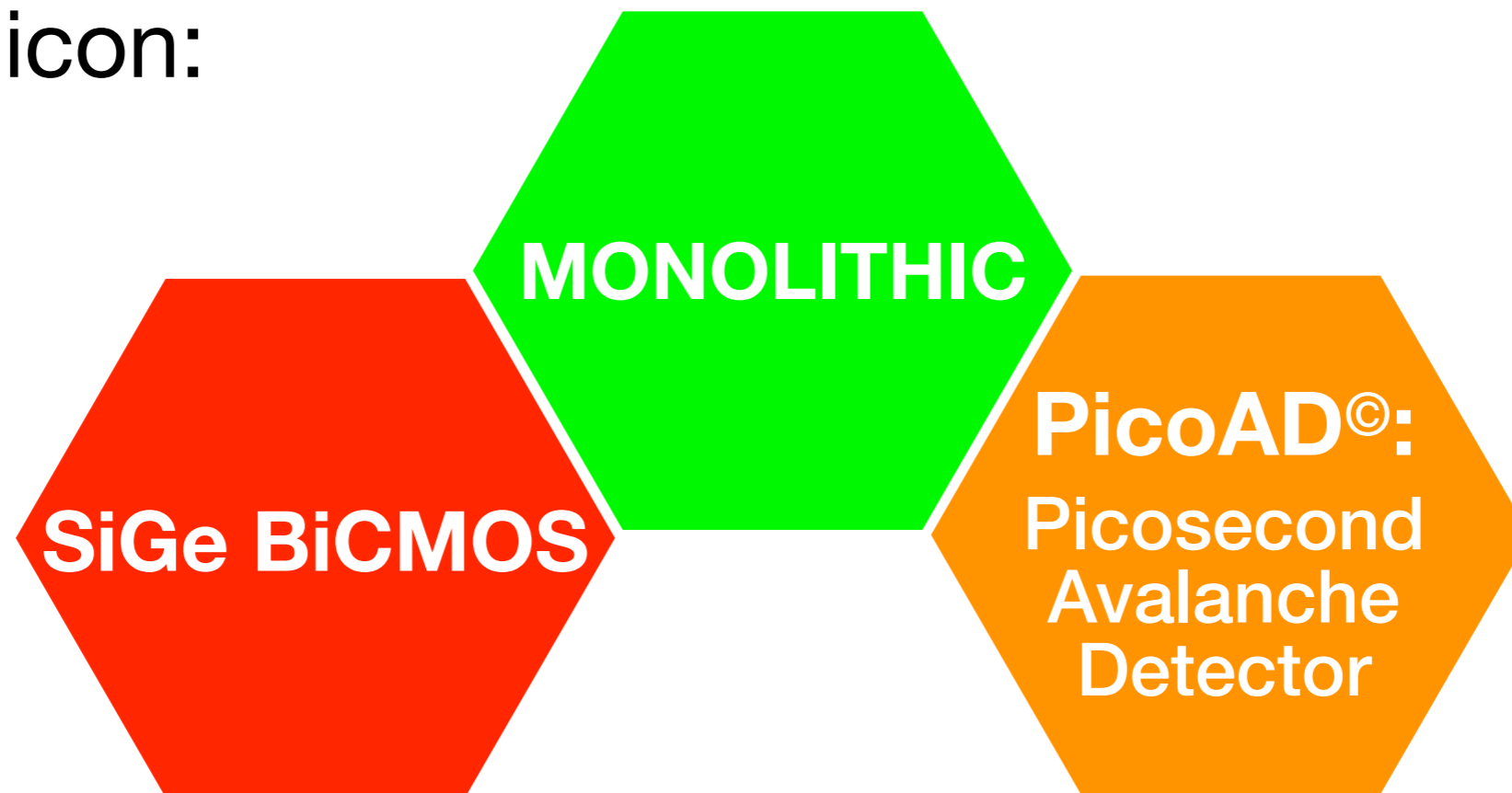
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Our recipe for
picosecond timing
with silicon:



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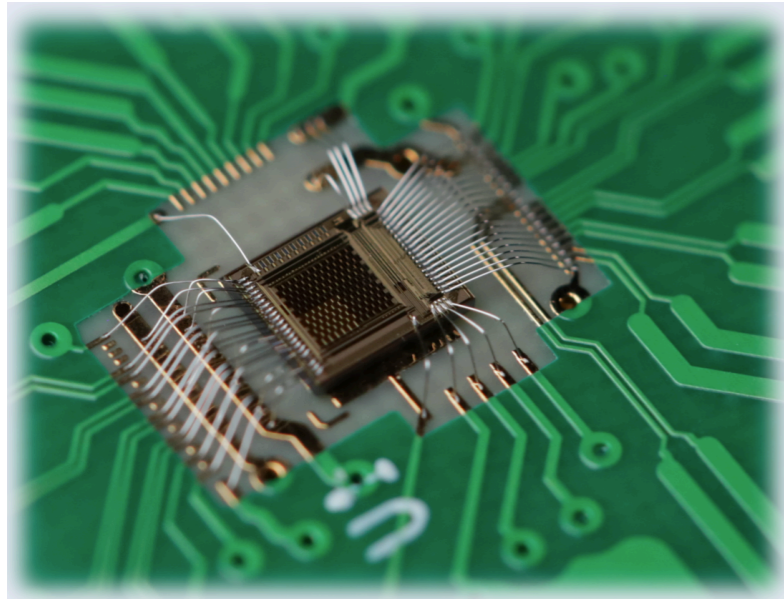
1. the **2022 prototype WITHOUT GAIN LAYER** with improved SiGe electronics, and the effects of proton irradiation up to **1×10^{16} 1MeV n_{eq}/cm^2**
 ➔ PicoAD version back from foundry in December
2. the **PicoAD proof-of-concept**, produced on SiGe electronics of 2020 prototype

All ASICs were produced in the 130nm SiGe BiCMOS SG13G2 process by



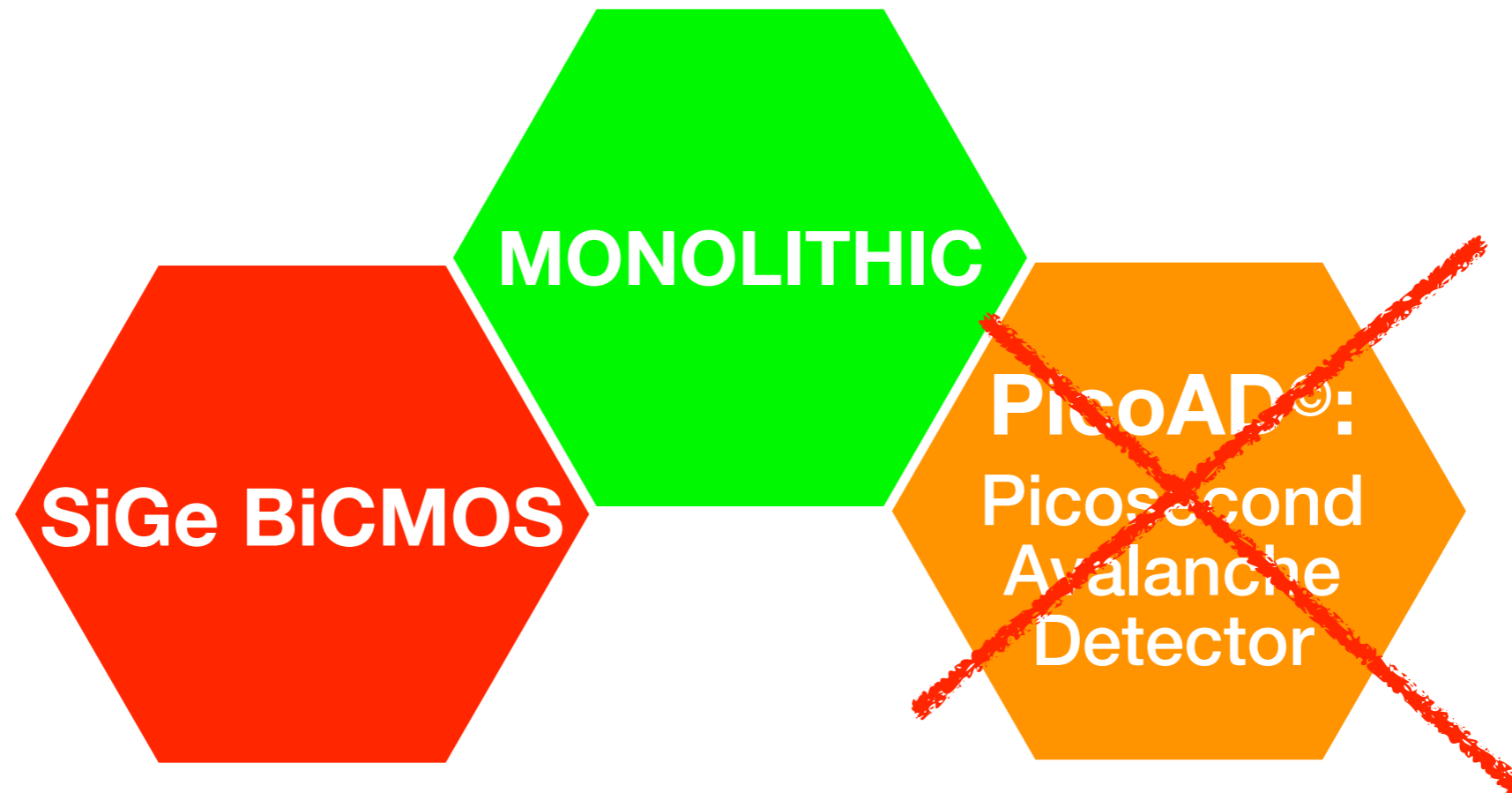


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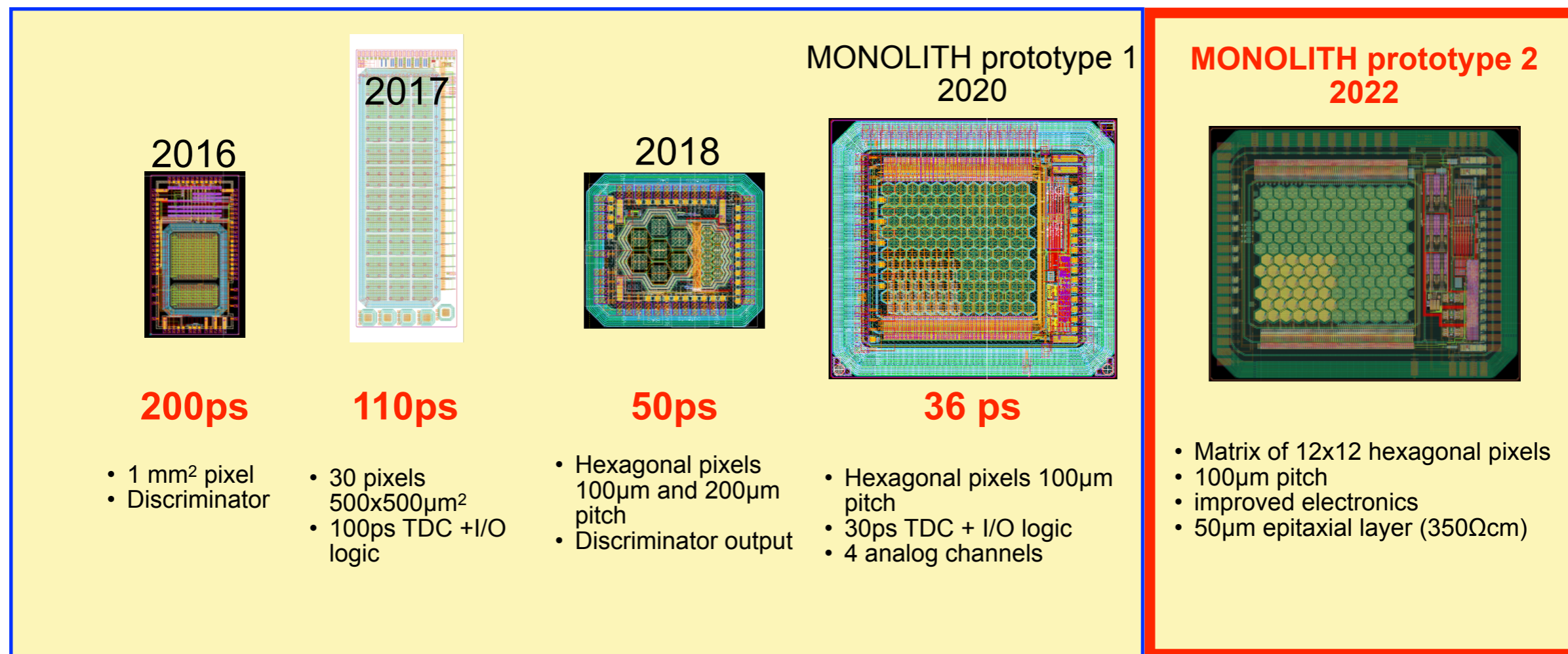


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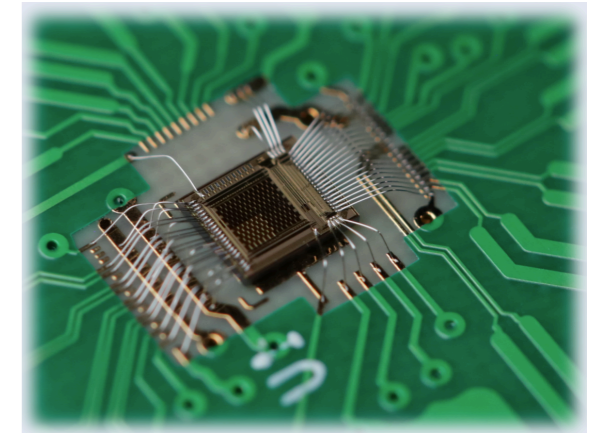
2022 prototype
no gain layer



Monolithic prototypes in SiGe BiCMOS (without internal gain layer)

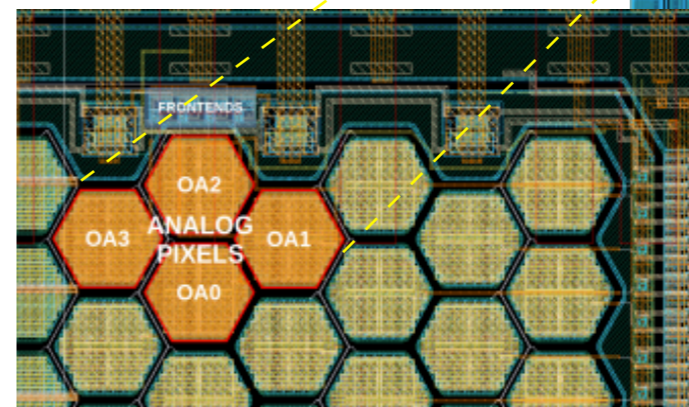
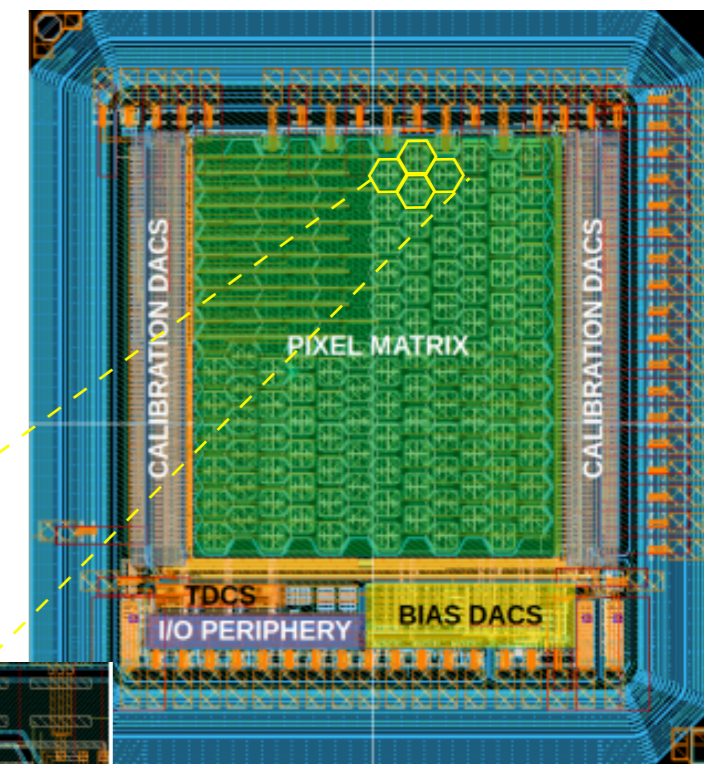


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evolution of 2020 prototype

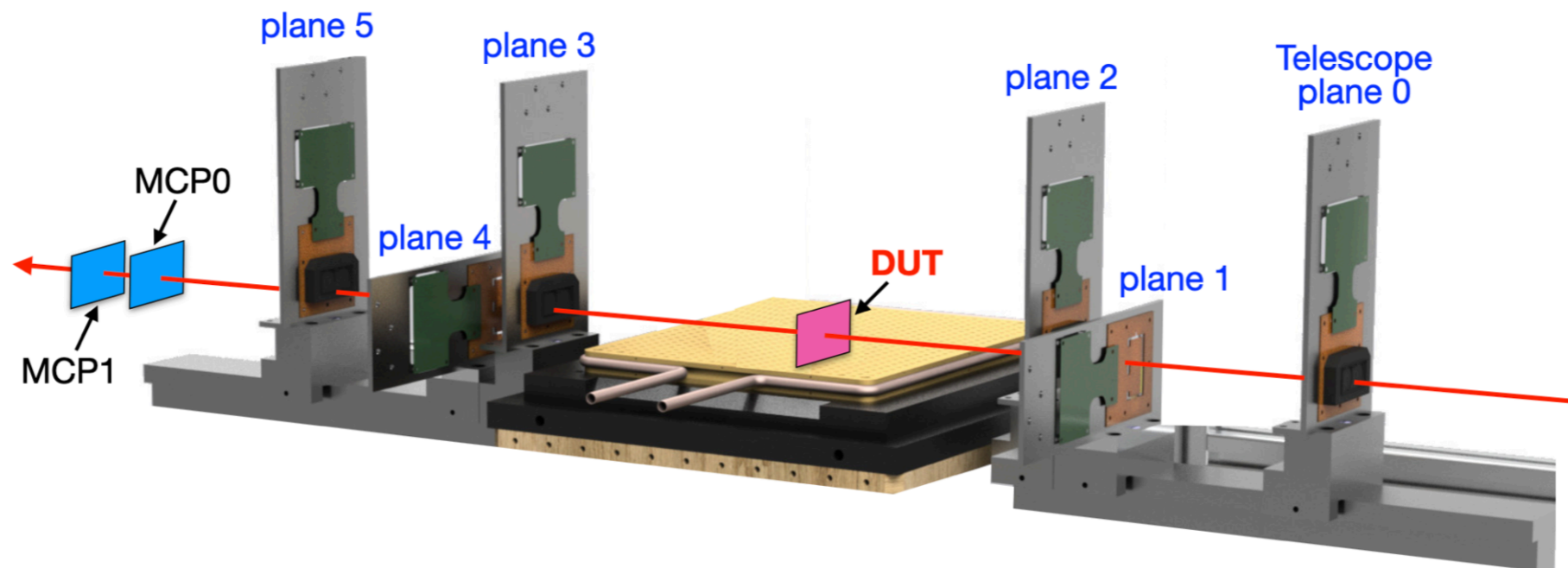


- Same matrix configuration as prototype1, but

- ▶ **Substrate:** $50\Omega\text{cm} \rightarrow 350\Omega\text{cm}$ epilayer, $50\mu\text{m}$ thick on low-res ($1\Omega\text{cm}$)
 - ➔ smaller pixel capacitance
 - ➔ depletion $23\mu\text{m} \rightarrow 50\mu\text{m}$
 - ➔ larger voltage plateau
 - ➔ can operate sensor with v_{drift} saturated everywhere
- ▶ **Preamp and driver** voltage decoupled
 - ➔ was limiting optimal amplifier operation
 - ➔ was creating cross-talk, removed
- ▶ **Optimised FE layout, differential output,**
 - ➔ high-frequency cables
 - ➔ better rise time ($600\text{ps} \rightarrow 300\text{ps}$)



Mid October SPS testbeam with 120 GeV/c π to measure **efficiency** and **time resolution**

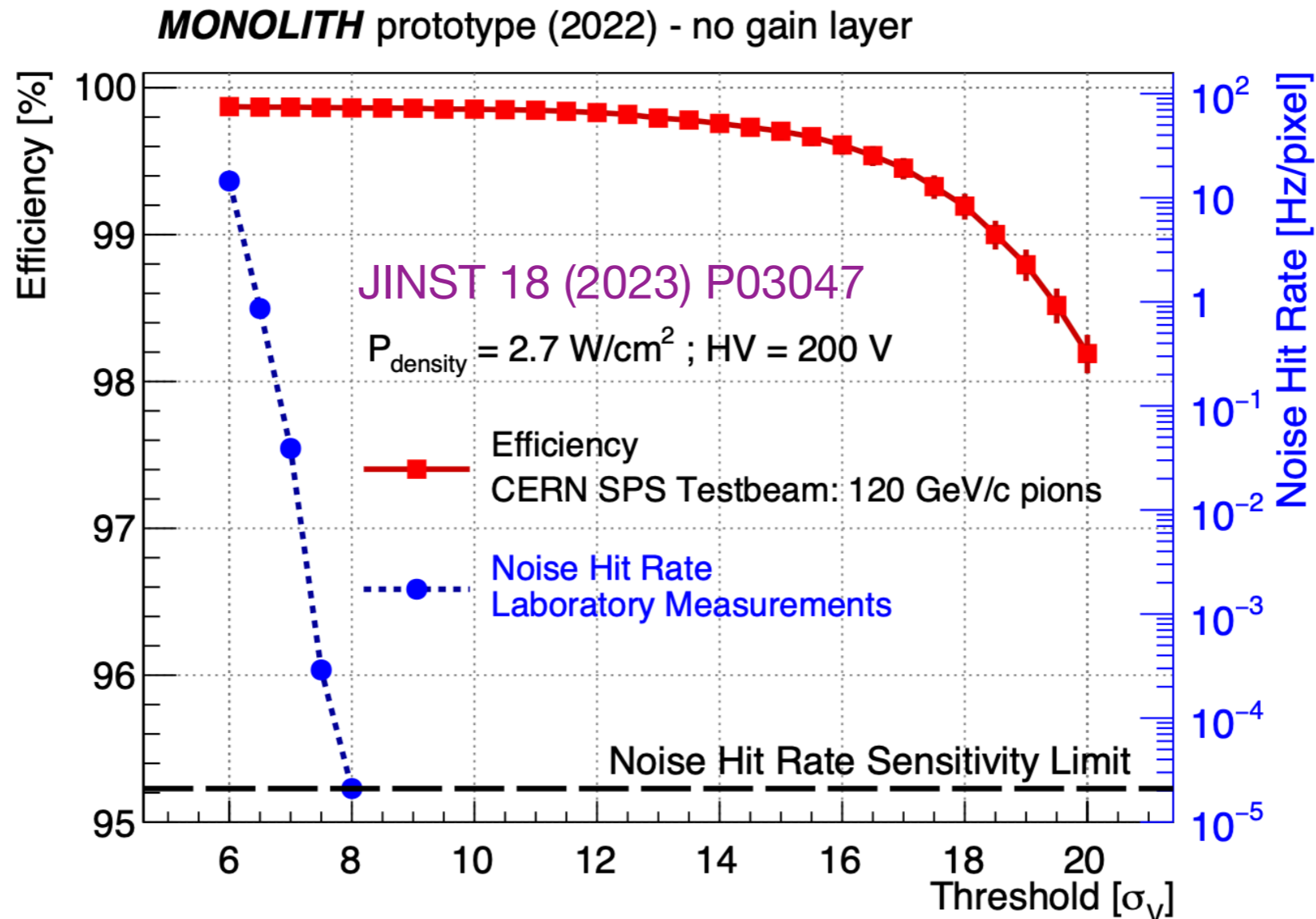


UNIGE FE-I4 telescope to provide spatial information ($\sigma_{x,y} \approx 10 \mu\text{m}$)

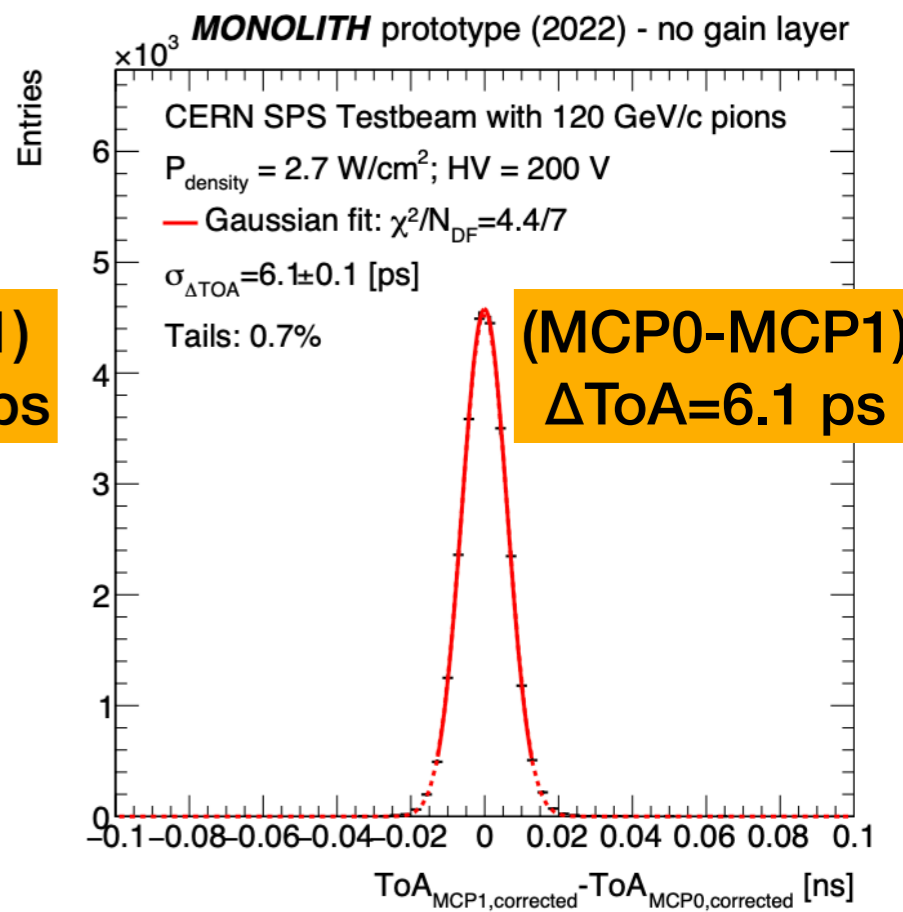
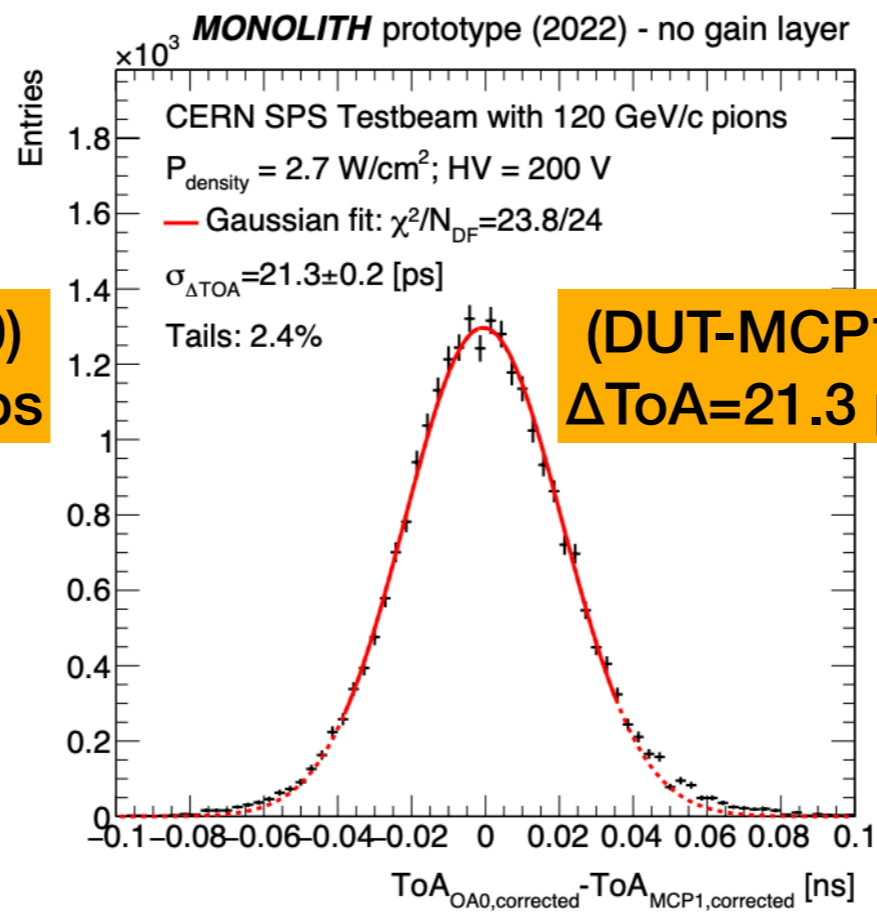
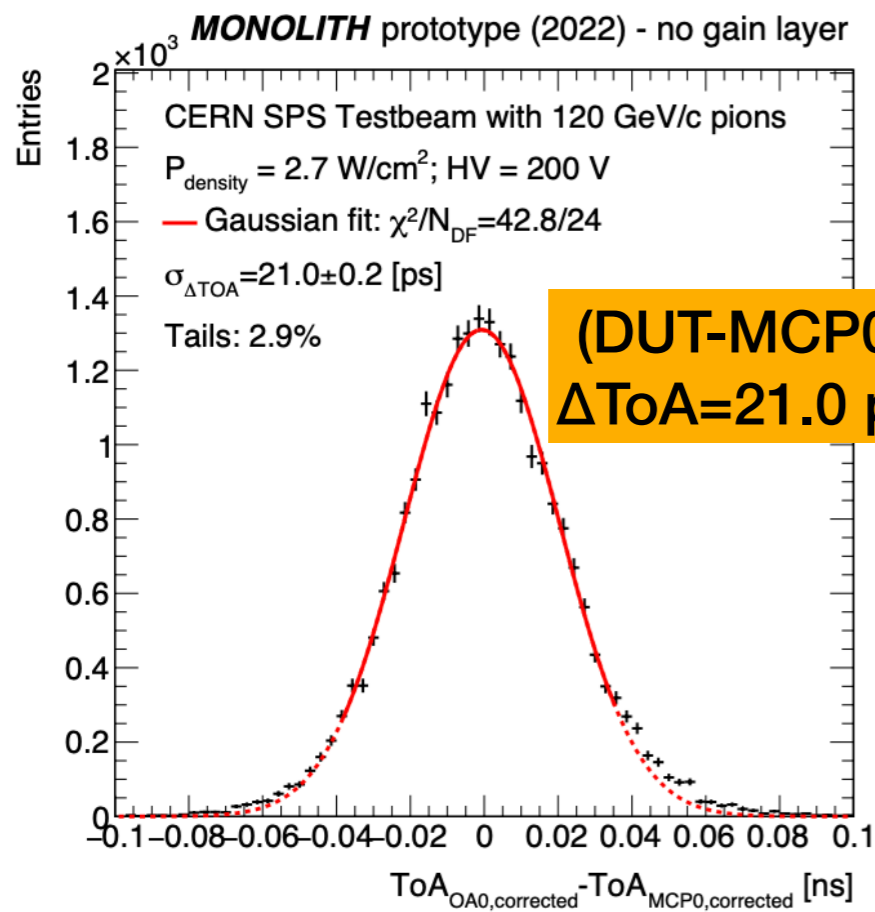
Two MCPs ($\sigma_t \approx 5 \text{ ps}$) to provide the timing reference

Lots of data taken: results in **JINST 18**





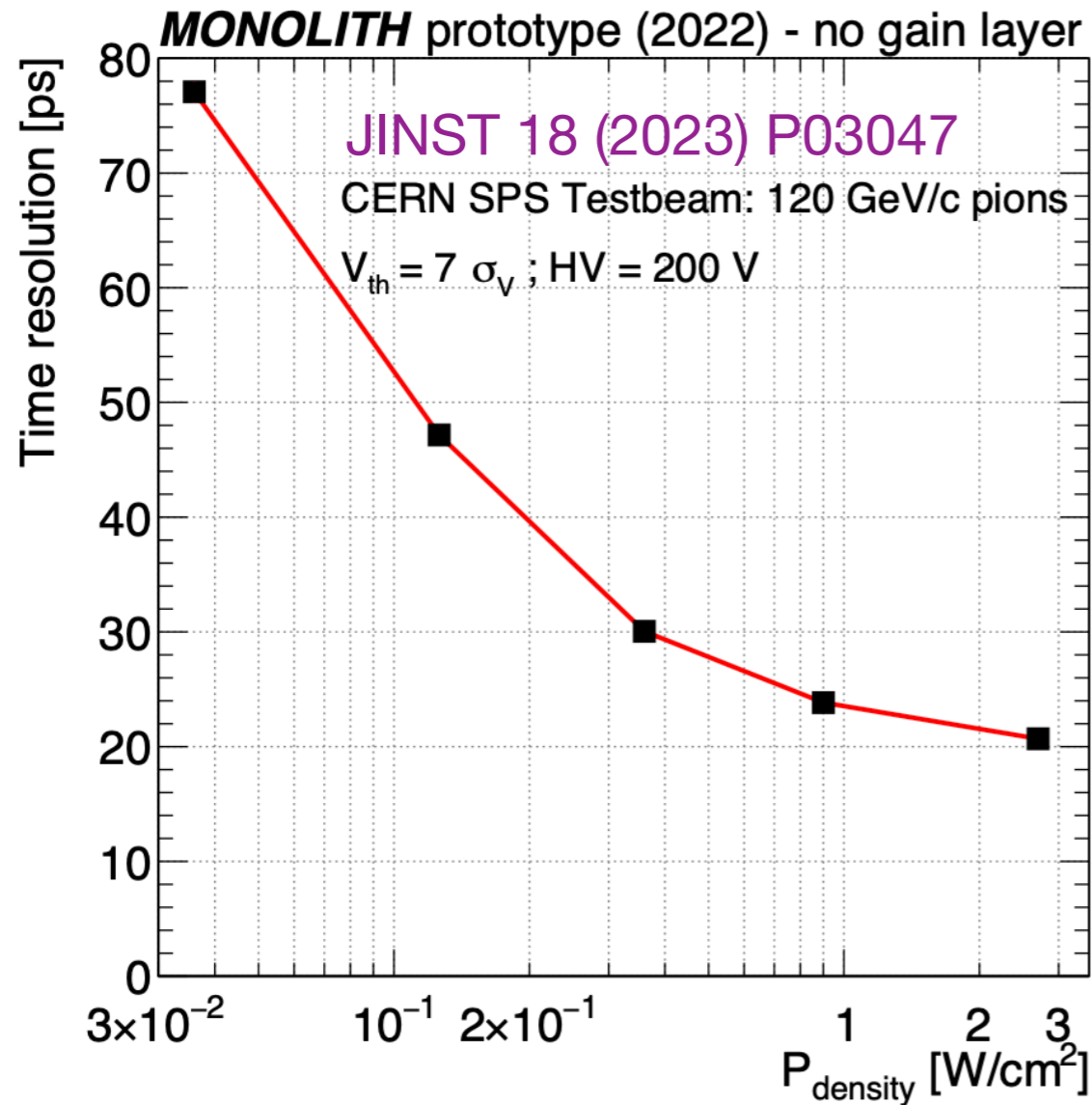
Large efficiency plateau at \approx **99.8%**,
that allows operation at very low noise-hit rate



• Simultaneous fit to extract time resolutions of the DUT, MCP0, MCP1:

Fit results: MCP0 $\sigma_T = (3.6 \pm 1.5) \text{ ps}$
 MCP1 $\sigma_T = (5.0 \pm 1.1) \text{ ps}$

$\sigma_T = (20.7 \pm 0.3) \text{ ps}$
 non-Gaussian tails $\approx 3\%$

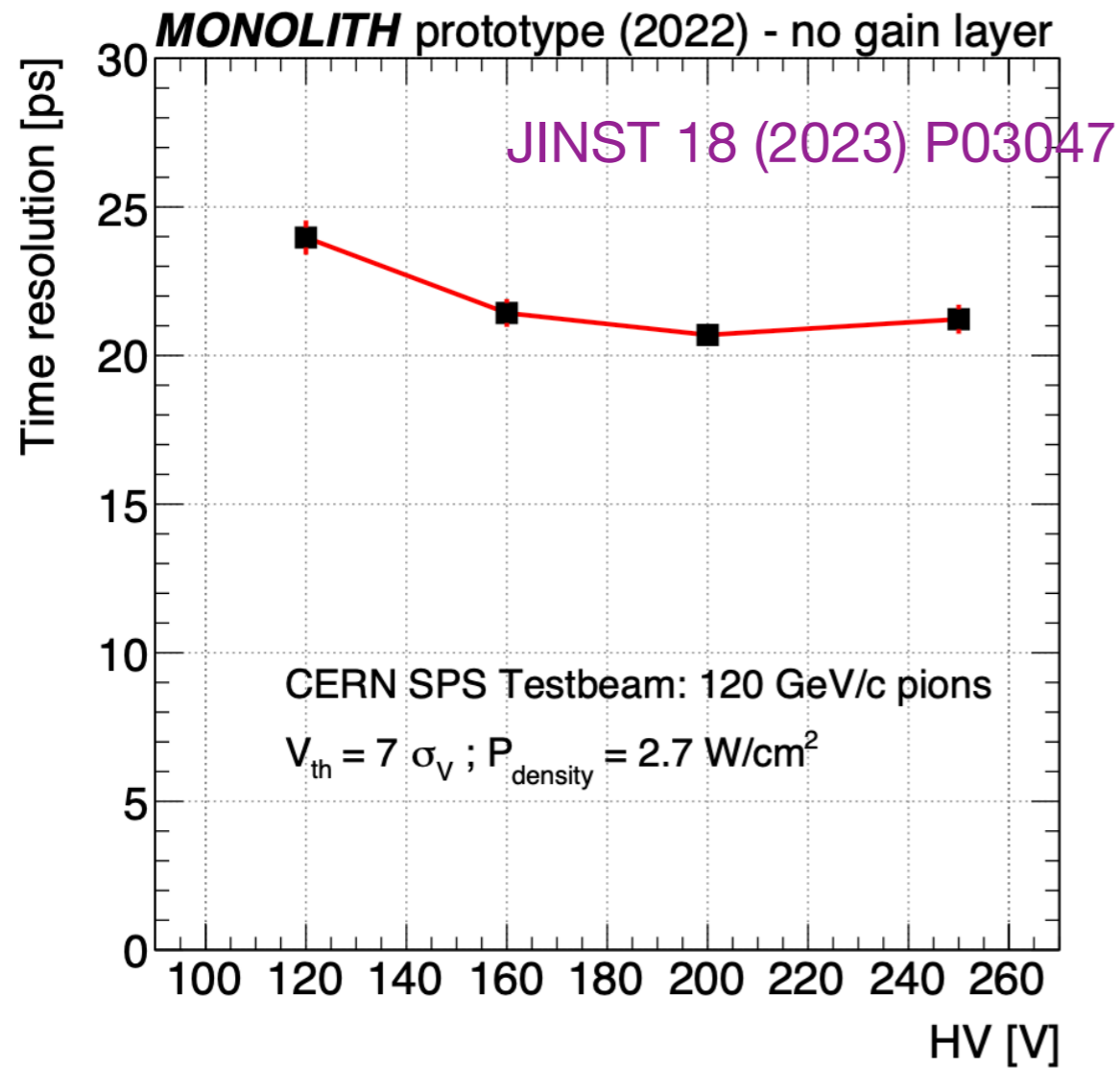


DUT operated at $HV = 200$ V and $V_{th} = 7\sigma_V$

$P_{density}$ [W/cm ²]	Amplitude MPV [mV]	Time Resolution [ps]
2.7	48.6 ± 0.5	20.7 ± 0.3
0.9	35.8 ± 0.5	23.8 ± 0.3
0.36	22.6 ± 0.4	30.1 ± 0.4
0.13	14.2 ± 0.3	47.2 ± 0.7
0.04	16.2 ± 0.3	77.1 ± 0.9

20 ps at 2.7 W/cm²
50 ps at 0.1 W/cm²

Without gain layer.



Plateau of 100V with
time resolution of
 $\approx 20 \text{ ps}$

Without gain layer

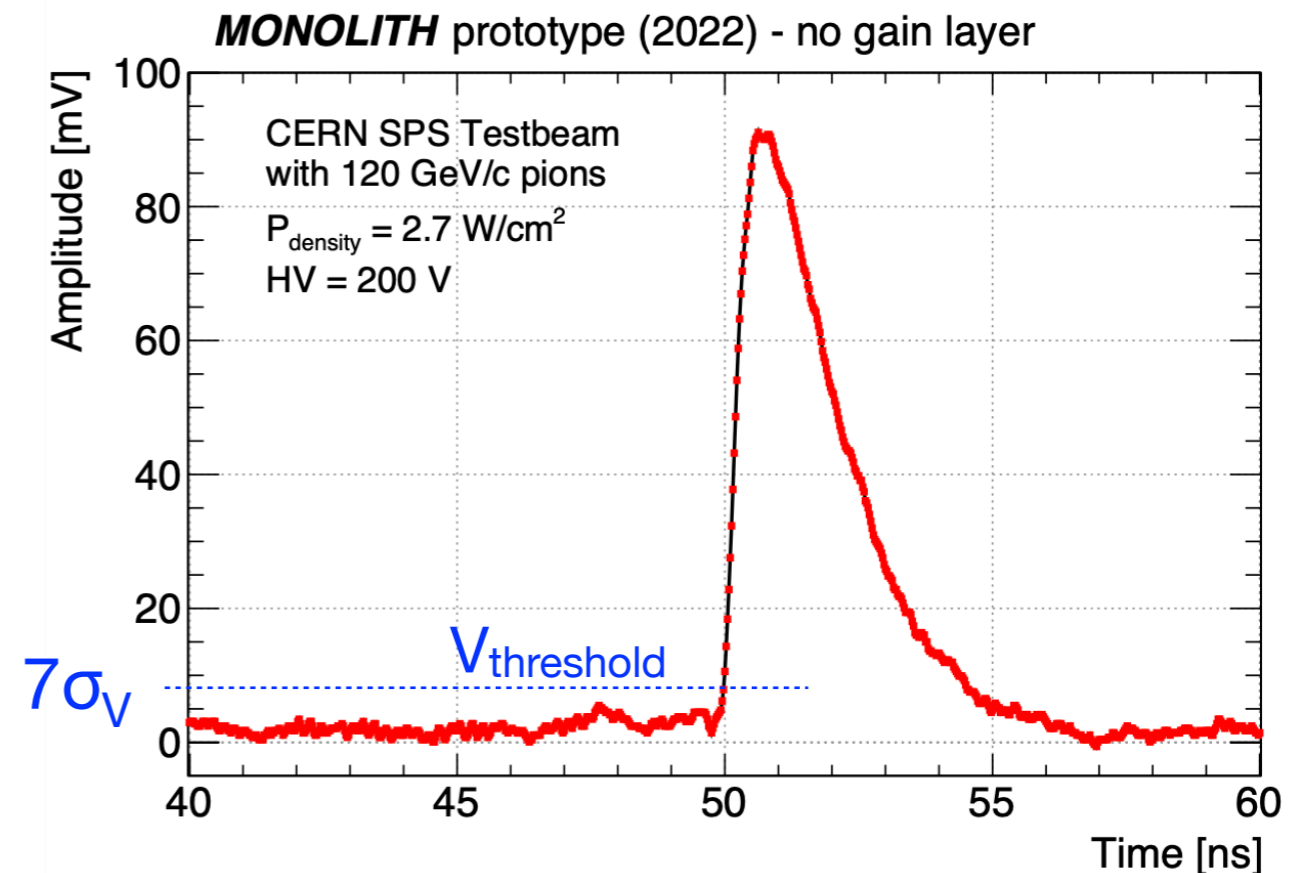
Results obtained with
simple analysis and
simple signal processing

Time resolution measurements

Remark :

20.7 ps obtained with very simple analysis:

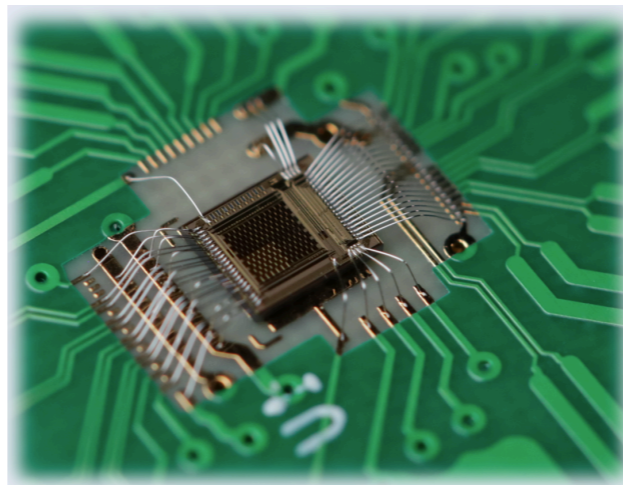
- **Linear interpolation** of oscilloscope samplings (25ps)
- Time Of Arrival (ToA): time at $V_{\text{threshold}} = 7\sigma_V$
- Δ_{ToA} distributions are **time-walk corrected**

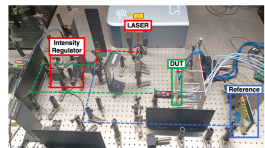


More complex analysis (spline interpolation, filtering, ...) reaches **17.7 ps**

Laser measurements

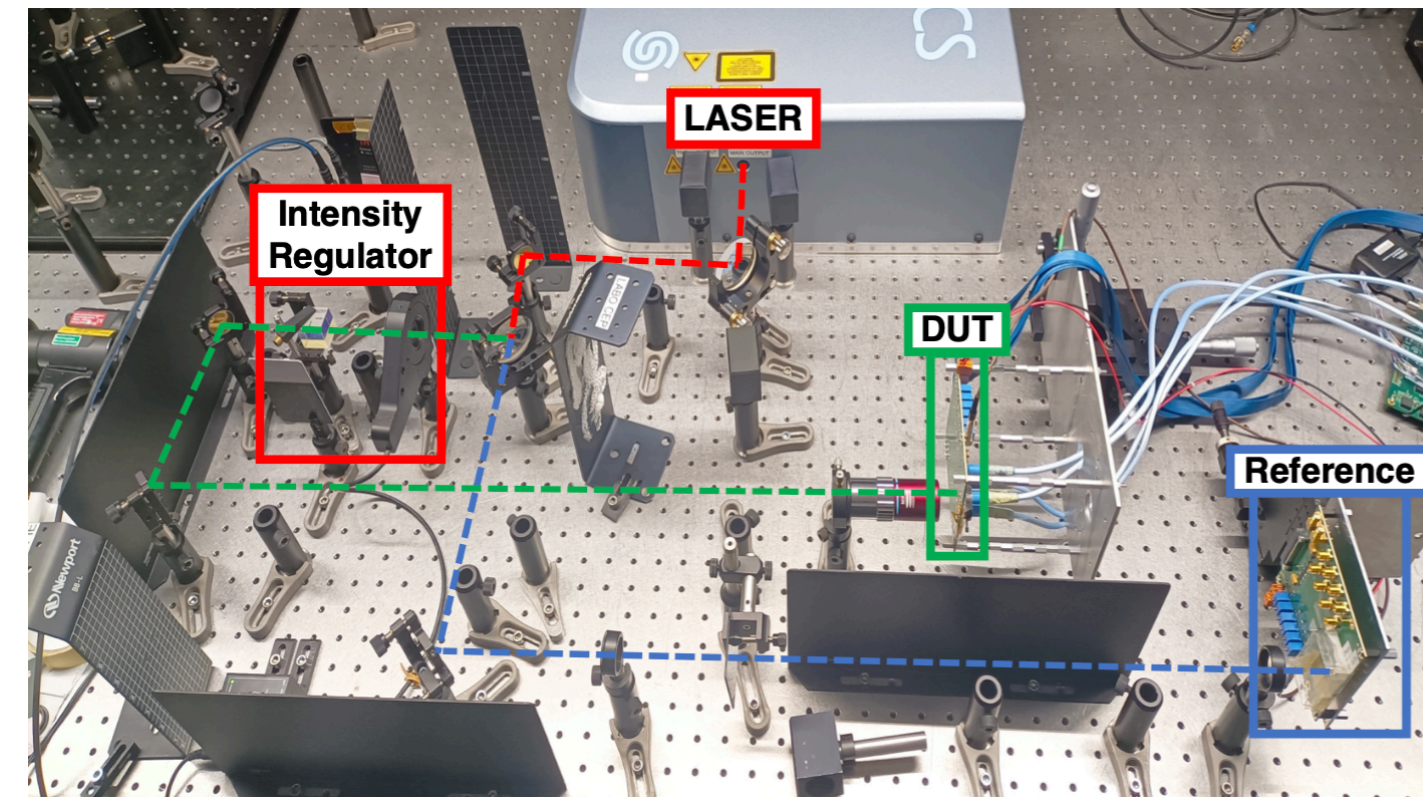
with the 2022 prototype2 without gain



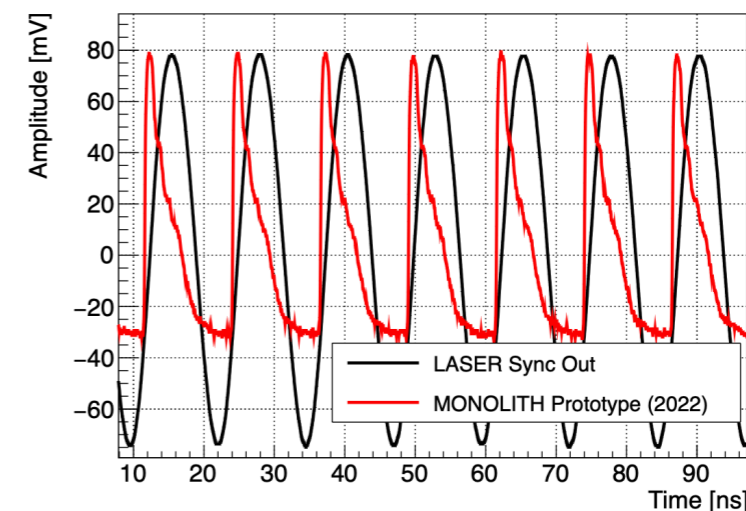


Laser Measurement

Measurement with a **laser** with a jitter of **100 fs**
(repetition frequency = **80 MHz**)

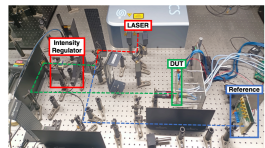


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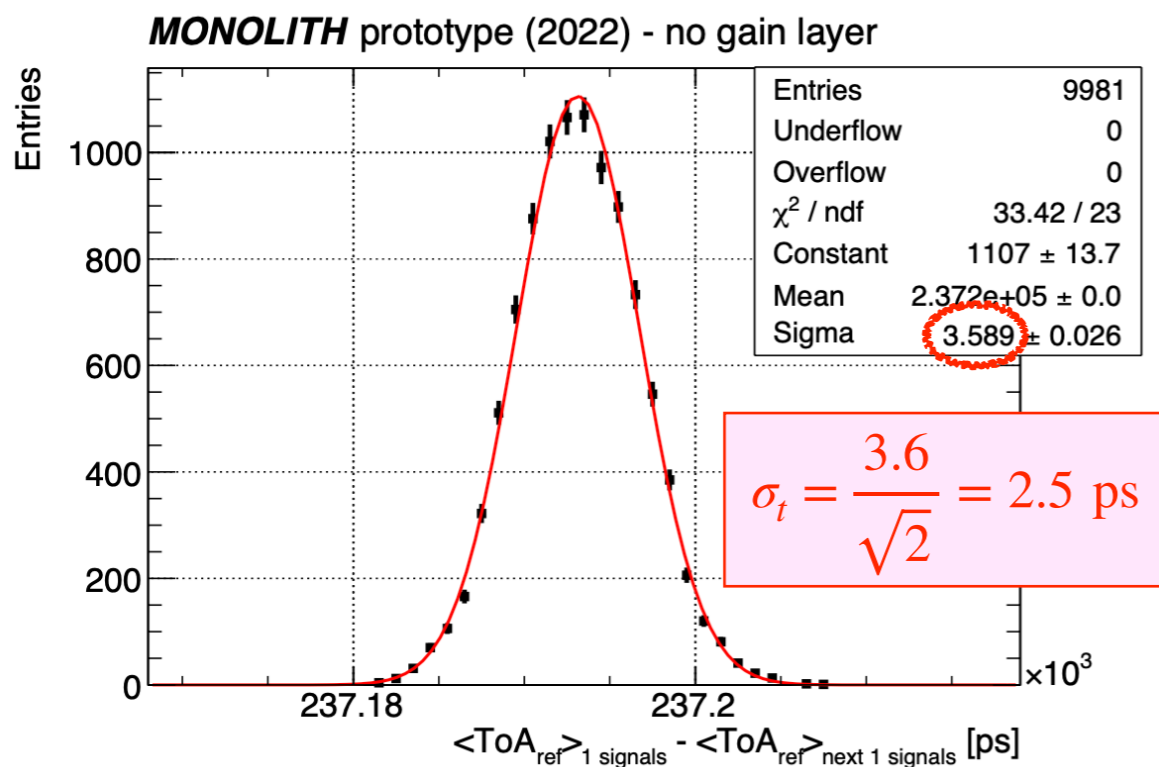
Time coincidence between two of our samples:

- ➔ “**Reference**” receiving always large laser pulse producing 17k electrons ($\sigma_t = 2.5$ ps)
- ➔ “**DUT**” receiving variable laser power, to study the performance vs. amplitude

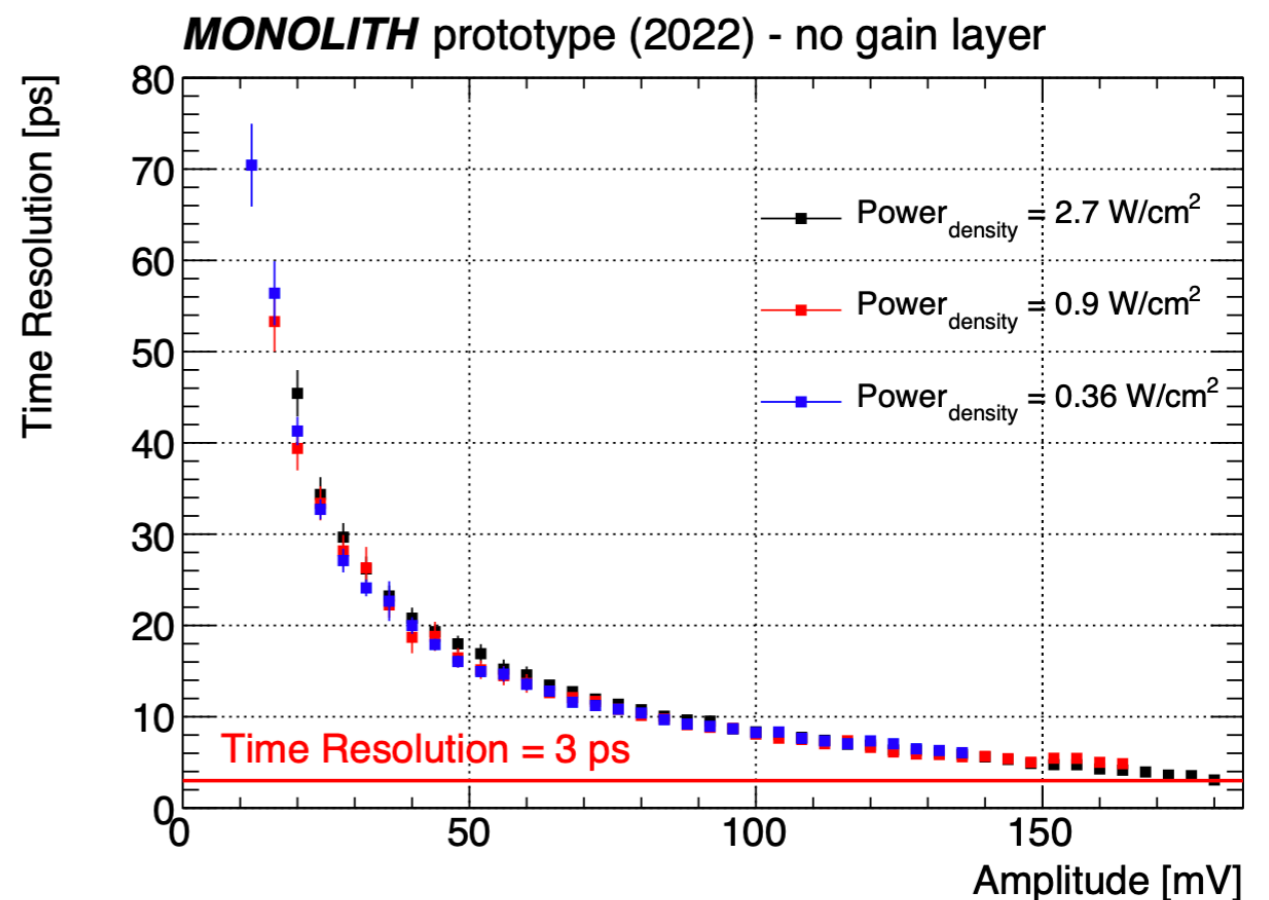


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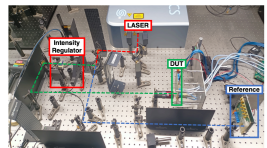
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Our prototype **“Reference”**:
Time resolution = 2.5 ps
 with **17k e⁻** (5—6 mips)



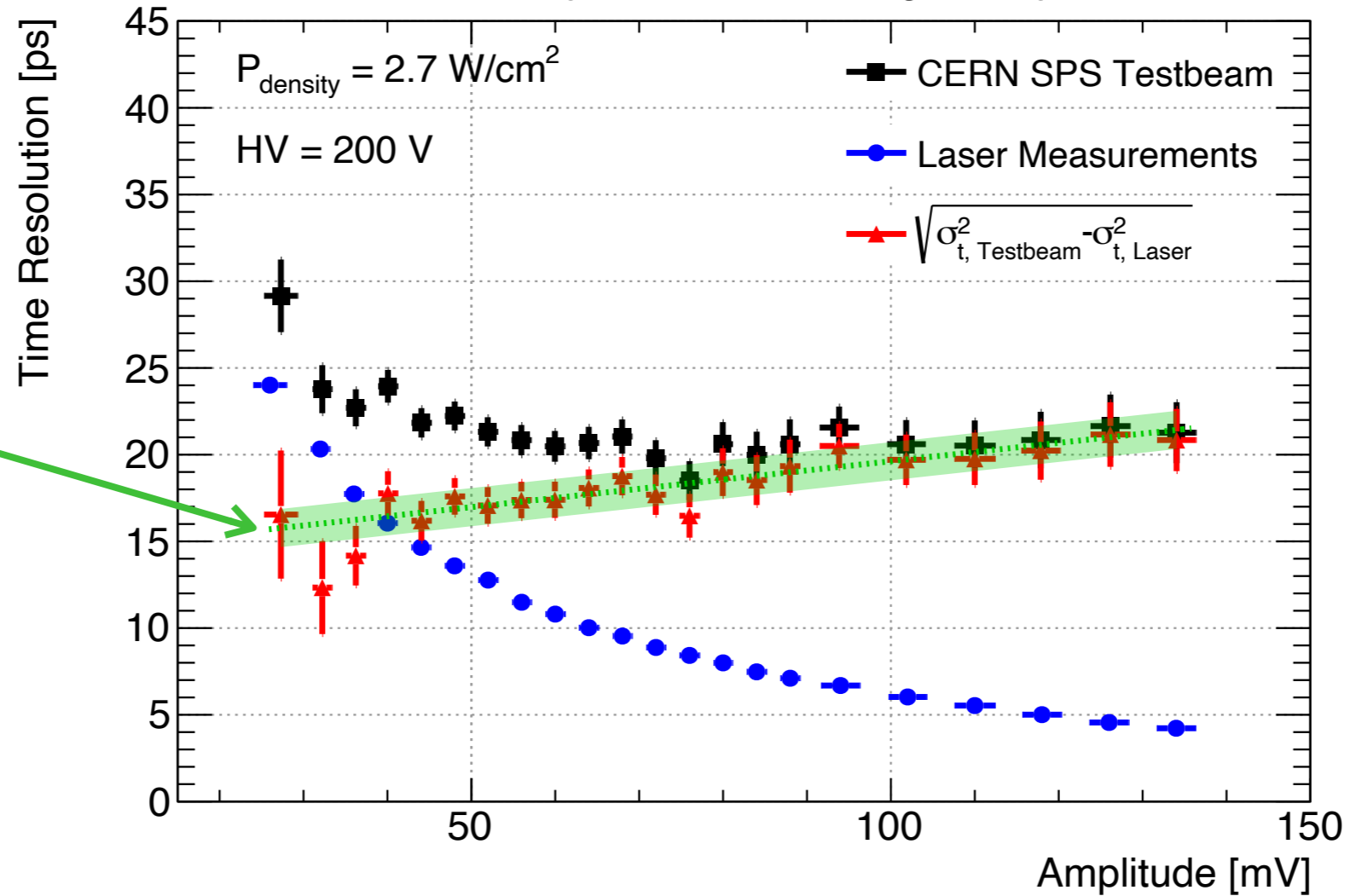
Our prototype **“DUT”**:
 with **max 11k e⁻** (\approx 4 mips)



Laser Measurement

Laser Measurement

MONOLITH prototype (2022) - no gain layer



Estimate of the charge-collection (“Landau”) noise



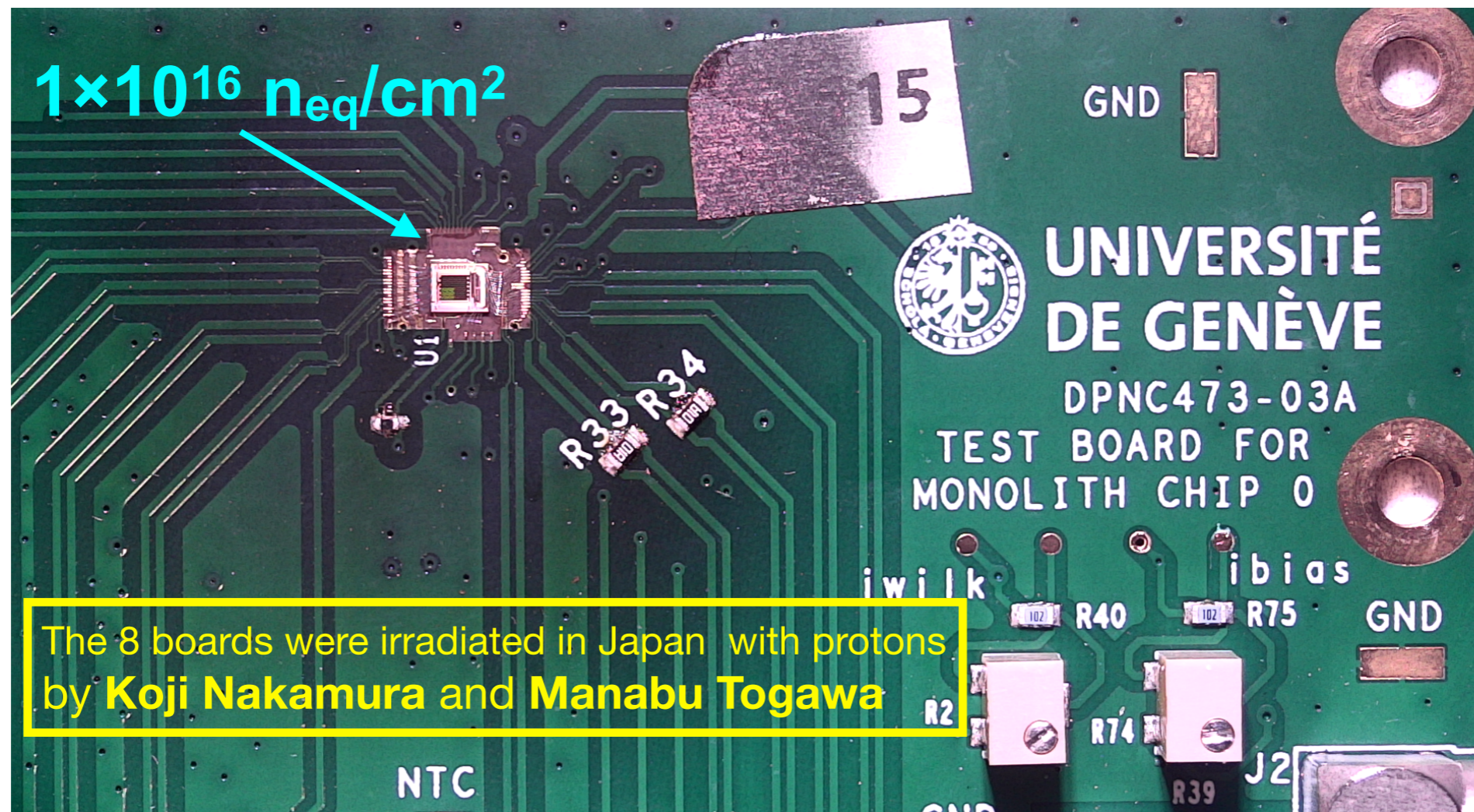
Radiation hardness studies

with the 2022 prototype2 without gain

Total of 40 analog pixels studied

Radiation tolerance studies in collaboration with **KEK** and **IHP** colleagues.

8 samples of prototype2 ASIC were irradiated in Japan up to $1 \times 10^{16} n_{eq}/cm^2$.



The 8 boards were irradiated in Japan with protons by **Koji Nakamura** and **Manabu Togawa**

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.19398>

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7 out of the 8 irradiated boards had **damaged voltage regulators: bypassed** with wire bonds

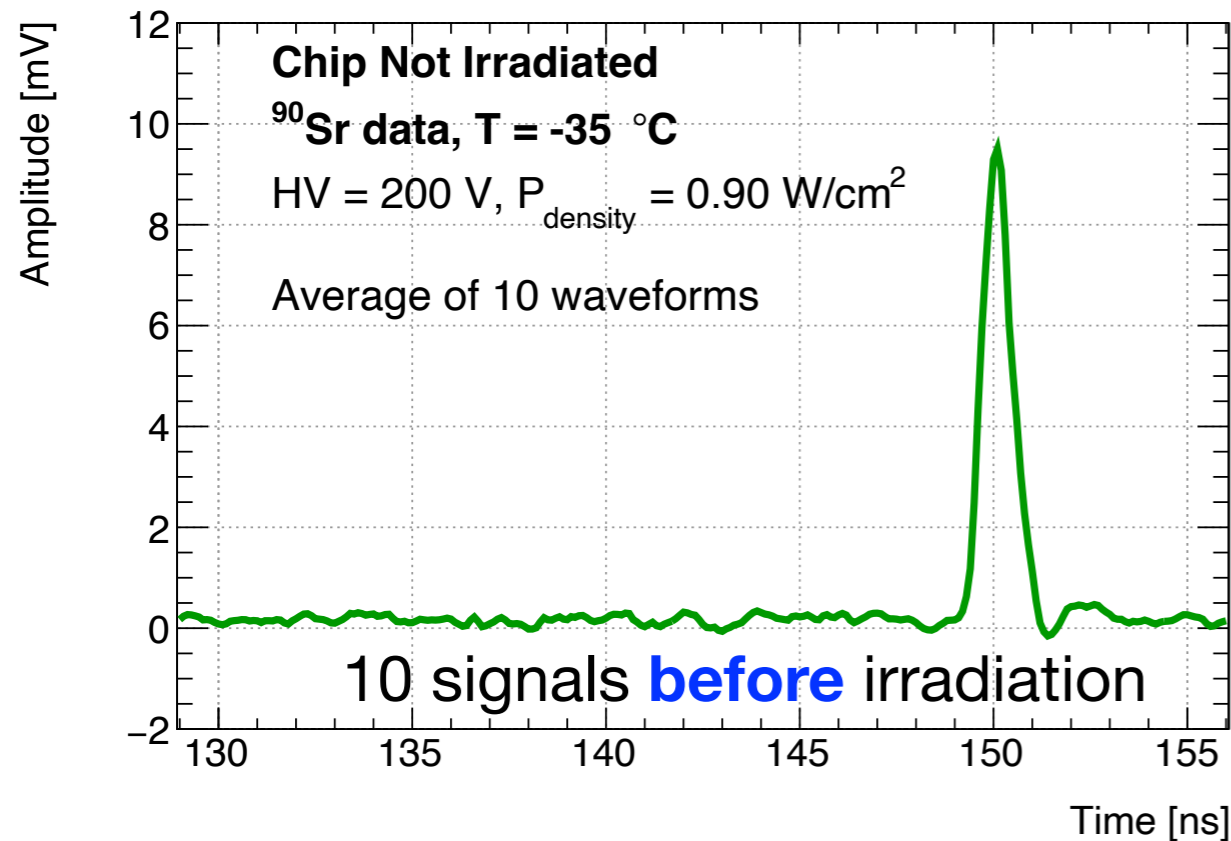
One board **not configurable**: short on the digital logic. Not used

Three unirradiated boards.
(one is the **same of the CERN testbeam**, results published in **JINST 18 (2023) P03047**)

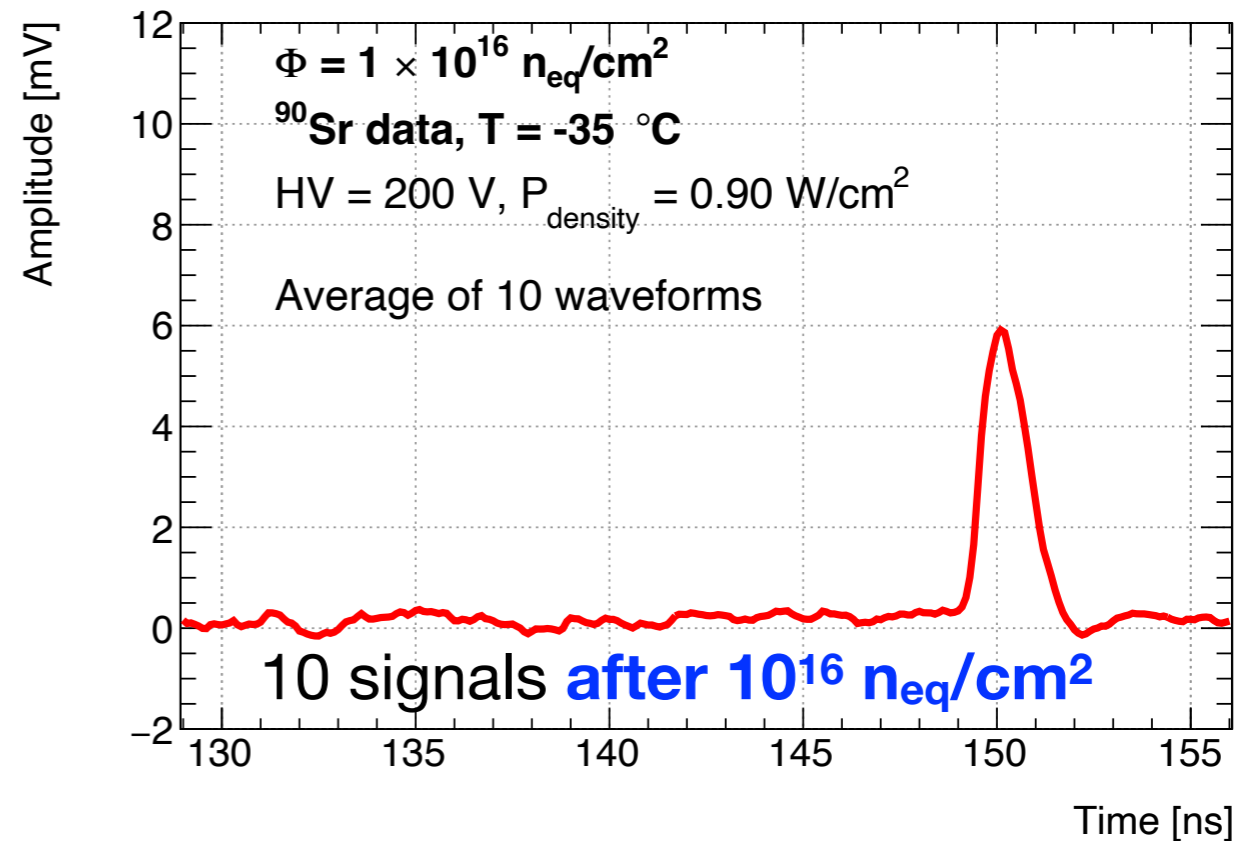
Board Name	Fluence [1 MeV $\text{n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$]
M23	$2 \cdot 10^{13}$
M22	$9 \cdot 10^{13}$
M21	$6 \cdot 10^{14}$
M19	$6 \cdot 10^{14}$
M18	$3 \cdot 10^{15}$
M17	$3 \cdot 10^{15}$
M16	$1 \cdot 10^{16}$
M15	$1 \cdot 10^{16}$
M06	not irradiated – for comparison
M05	not irradiated – for comparison
M07	not irradiated – for comparison

**Very good news:
even after $1 \times 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ the ASICs work !!!
although signals are clearly degraded**

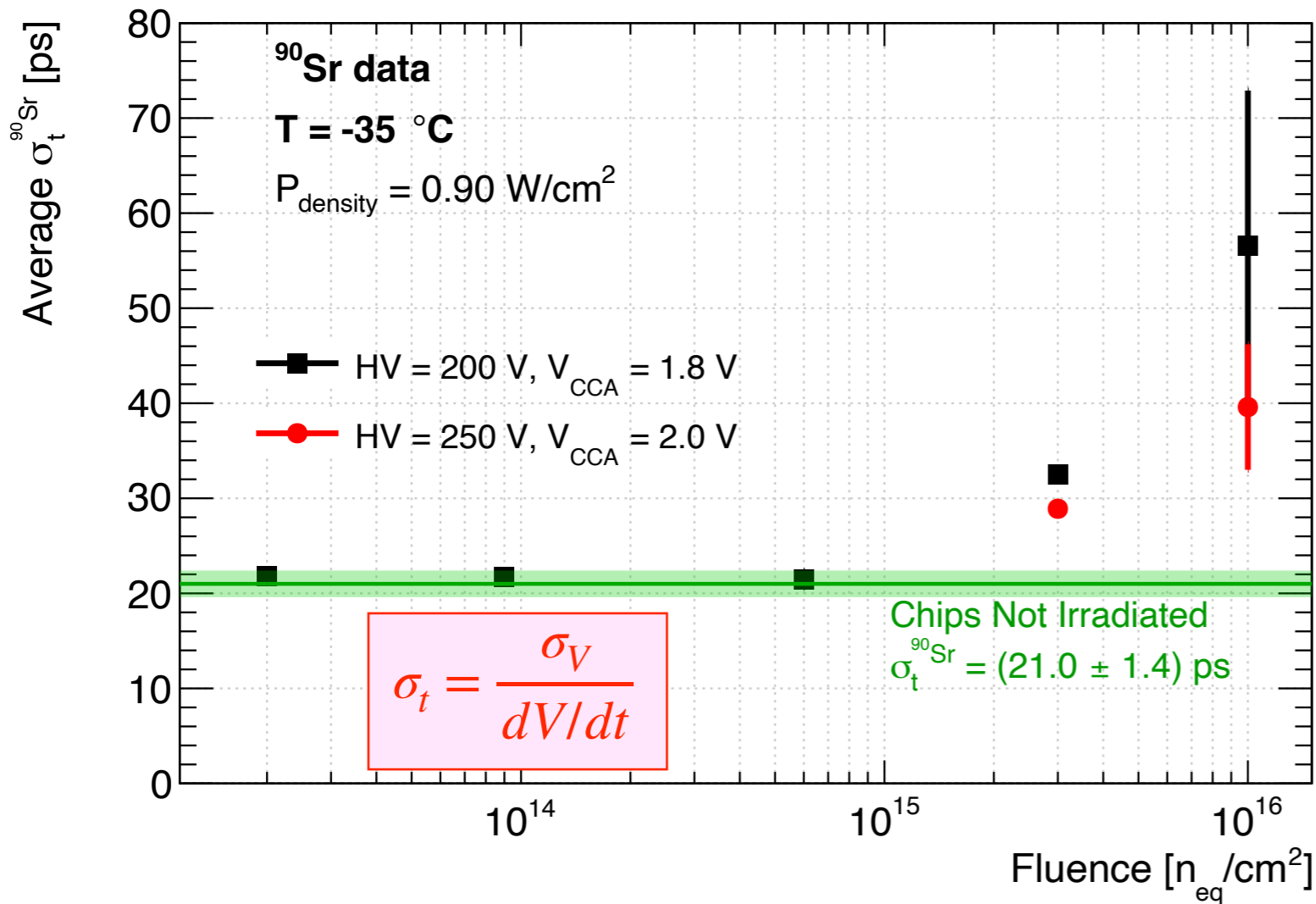
MONOLITH prototype2 (2022) - no gain layer



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Excellent news from radiation tolerance studies:

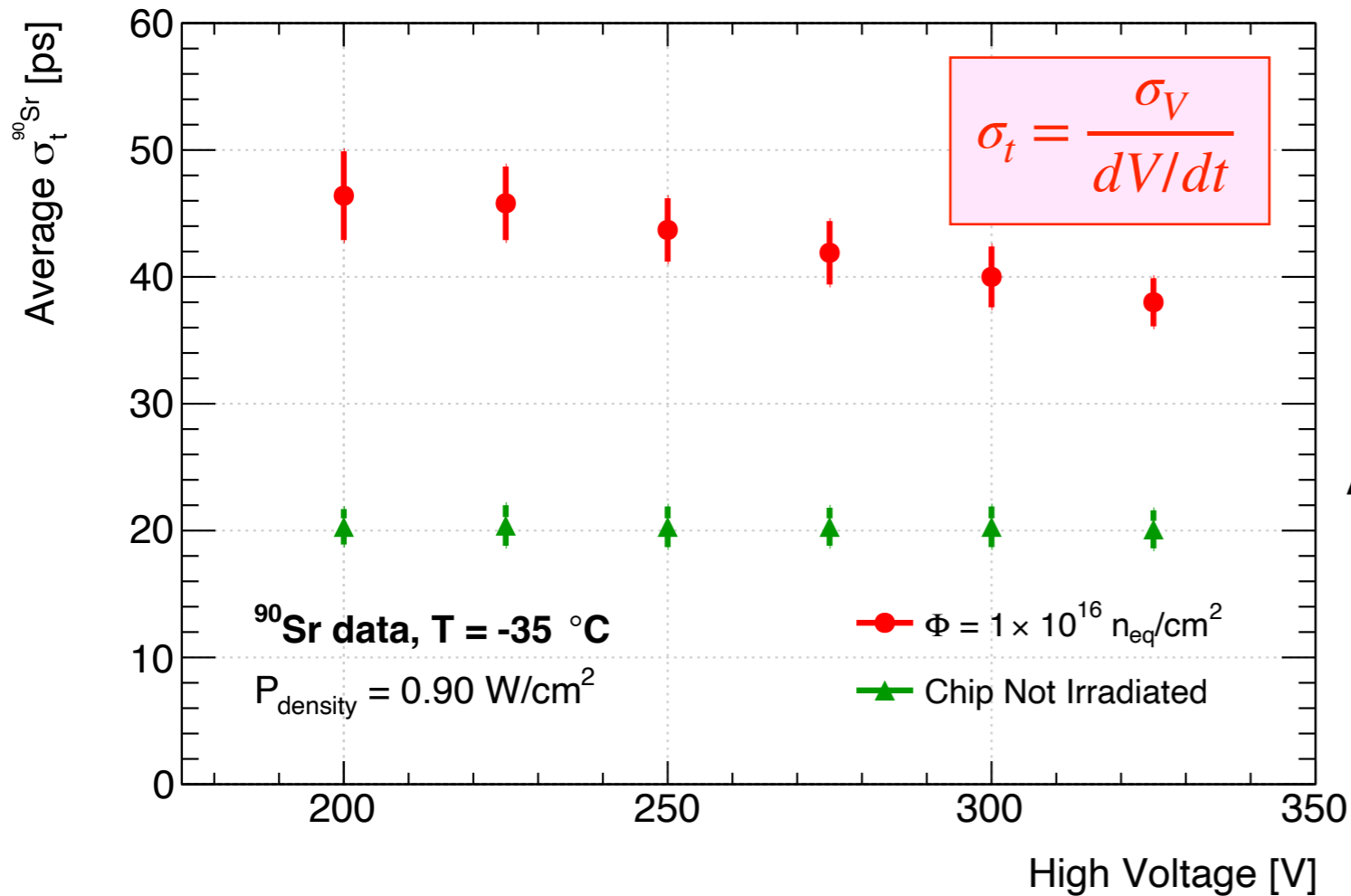
The time jitter with ⁹⁰Sr increases
from 21ps (unirradiated)
to 40ps (at 10¹⁶ n_{eq}/cm²)
 at **HV = 250V** and **0.9 W/cm²**

Total of **40 pixels studied** with ^{90}Sr , at different proton fluence.
 At a given proton fluence,
 pixel-to-pixel **time jitter variations within 20%**.
 (quoted uncertainties on the averages are the standard deviations)

Fluence [$\text{n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$]	$\sigma_t^{90\text{Sr}}$ [ps]				Average $\sigma_t^{90\text{Sr}}$ [ps]
	pixel 1	pixel 2	pixel 3	pixel 4	
HV = 200 V, $V_{\text{CCA}} = 1.8$ V					
0	22.1	20.5	18.8	19.9	21.0 ± 1.4
	22.1	22.7	19.5	19.6	
	22.9	22.2	21.1	20.7	
2×10^{13}	21.4	22.2	21.2	22.4	21.8 ± 0.6
9×10^{13}	21.4	22.5	21.0	21.8	21.7 ± 0.6
6×10^{14}	21.5	22.4	20.2	20.9	21.5 ± 0.8
	20.7	22.3	22.6	21.3	
3×10^{15}	32.7	33.2	31.4	32.8	32.5 ± 0.8
1×10^{16}	43.3	50.9	44.0	47.5	56.6 ± 16.3
	84.9	79.6	48.9	53.7	
HV = 250 V, $V_{\text{CCA}} = 2.0$ V					
3×10^{15}	28.7	29.0	28.5	29.5	28.9 ± 0.4
1×10^{16}	33.2	36.2	35.5	33.6	39.6 ± 6.6
	51.4	46.9	38.4	41.7	

Depletion voltage has changed

MONOLITH prototype2 (2022) - no gain layer



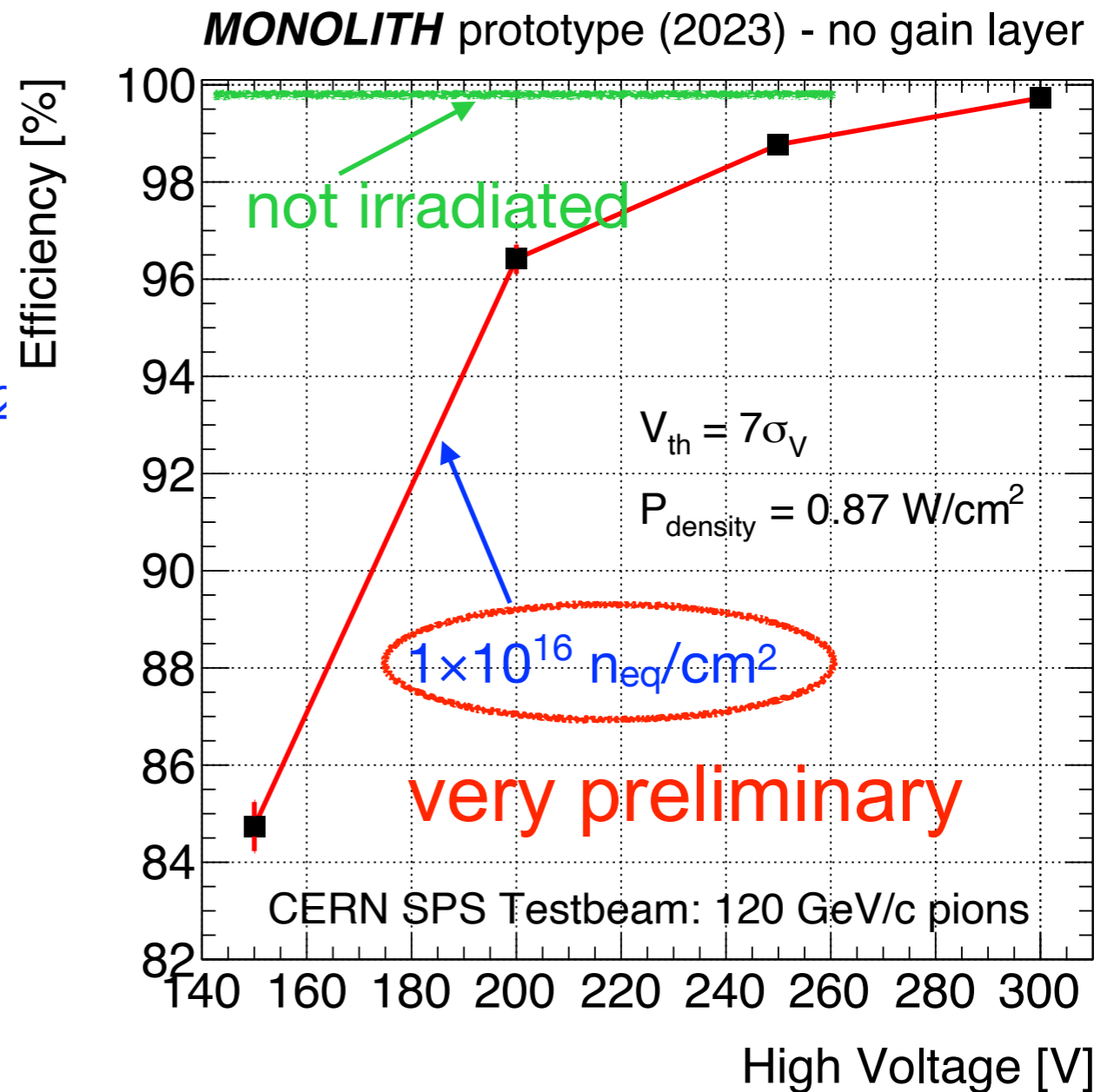
Rate measurements with ^{109}Cd source show that after $1 \times 10^{16}\text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ the sensor is not fully depleted at HV = 200 V

At 0.9 W/cm^2 the time jitter with ^{90}Sr at $\Phi = 1 \times 10^{16}\text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ decreases
from 46ps at HV = 200 V
to 40ps at HV = 325 V

Very preliminary

August 2023 testbeam at
CERN SPS

Board irradiated $1 \times 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$
:
efficiency still $\approx 99\%$
for HV $\approx 250 \text{ V}$
at $0.9 \text{ W}/\text{cm}^2$

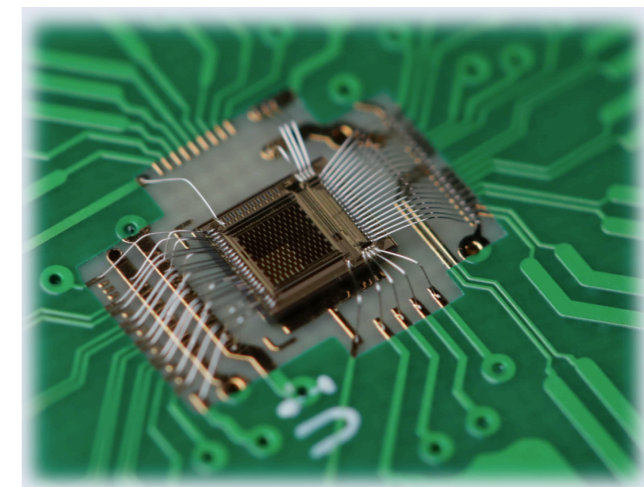


A monolithic prototype ASIC without gain produced in SiGe BiCMOS provided:

- ▶ **Efficiency of 99.8%** and **time resolution of 21 ps**
- ▶ **Laser** measurement: **down to 2.5 ps.**

After proton fluence of **10^{16} 1MeV n_{eq}/cm^2** :

- ▶ Increasing HV from 200 V to 325 V gives
Efficiency up to 99.7 % and **time resolution of 40 ps**



This performance was obtained **without gain layer**

SiGe BiCMOS is a serious candidate for future 4D trackers (and much more)

The **MONOLITH**

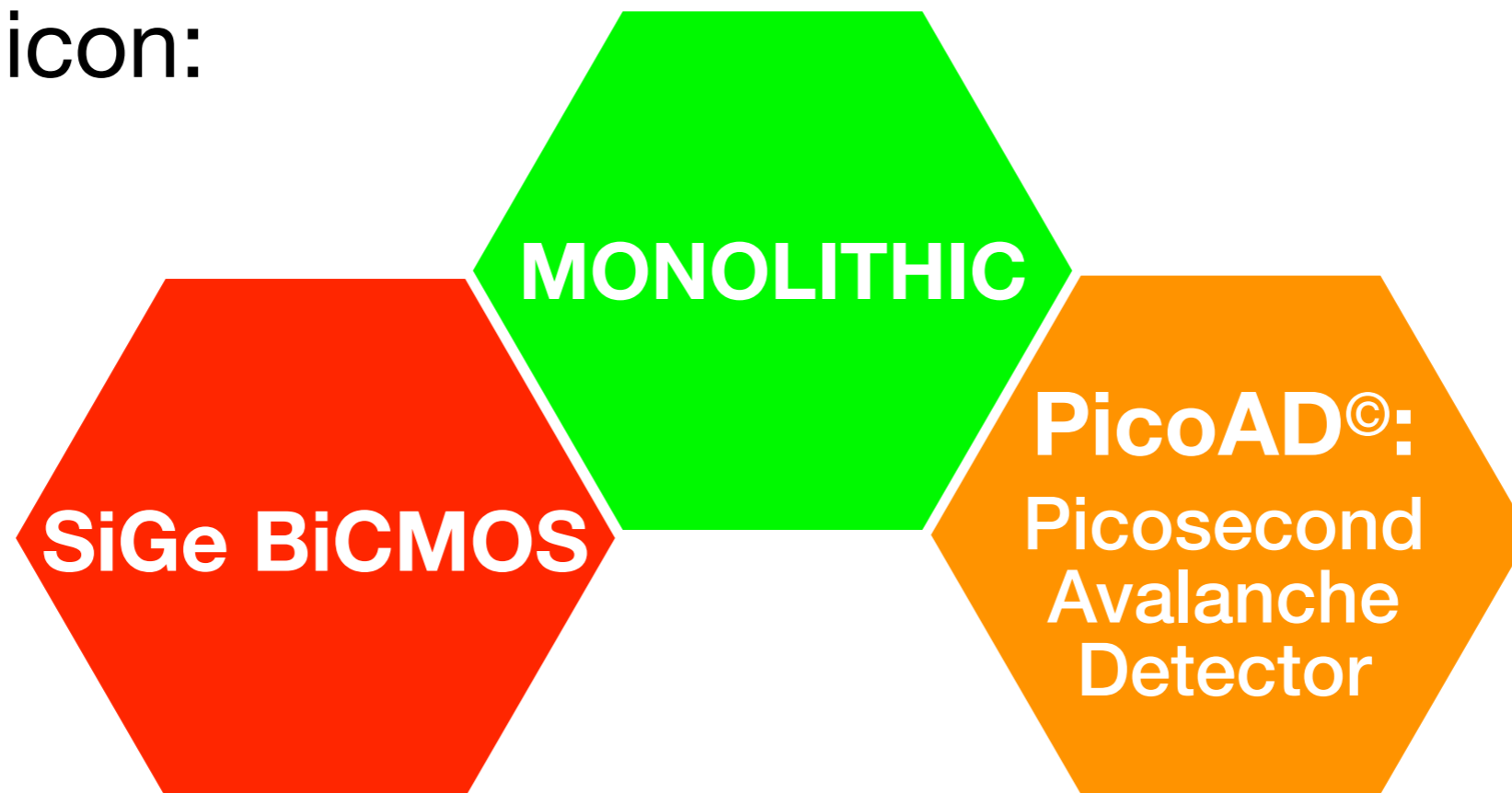
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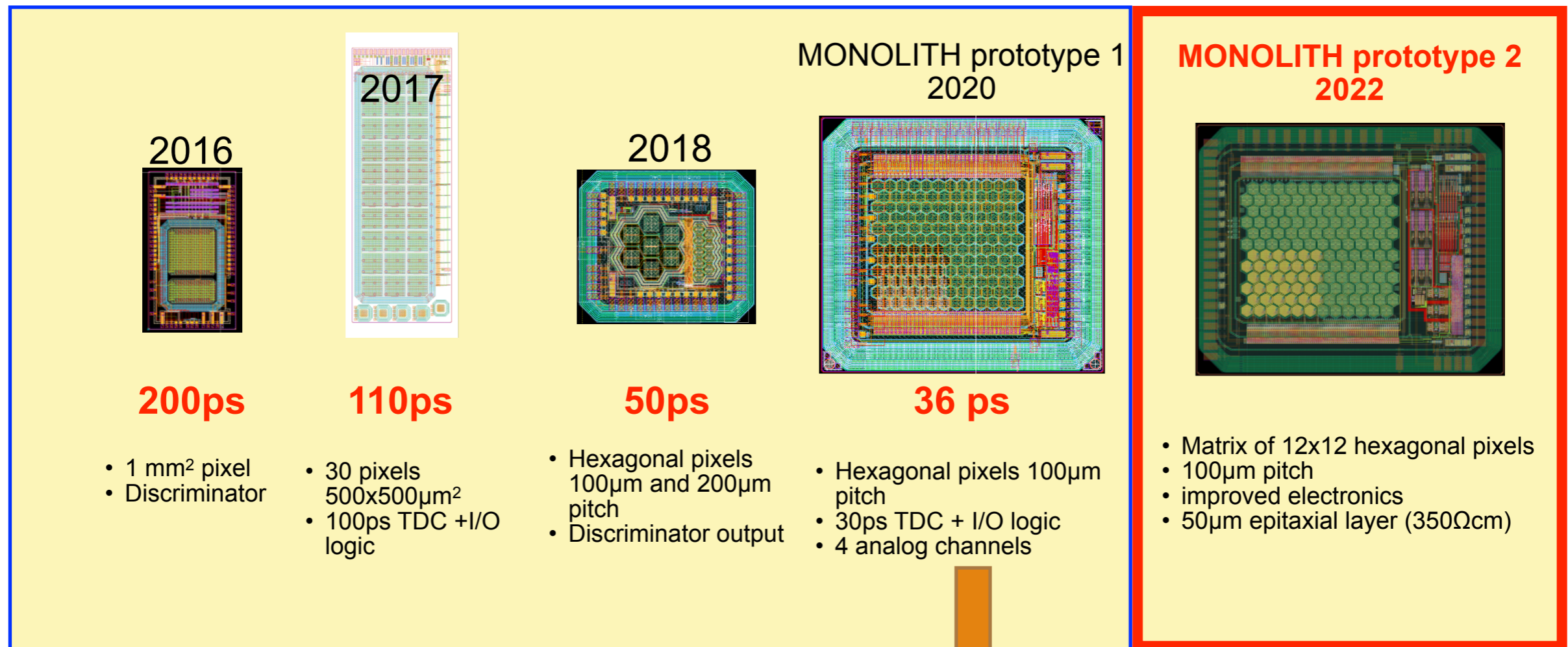
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Monolithic prototypes in SiGe BiCMOS (without internal gain layer)



In 2022 : **proof-of-concept** monolithic prototype **with internal gain layer** (using 2020 masks)

PicoAD
special wafers produced internally by IHP (not optimised yet)

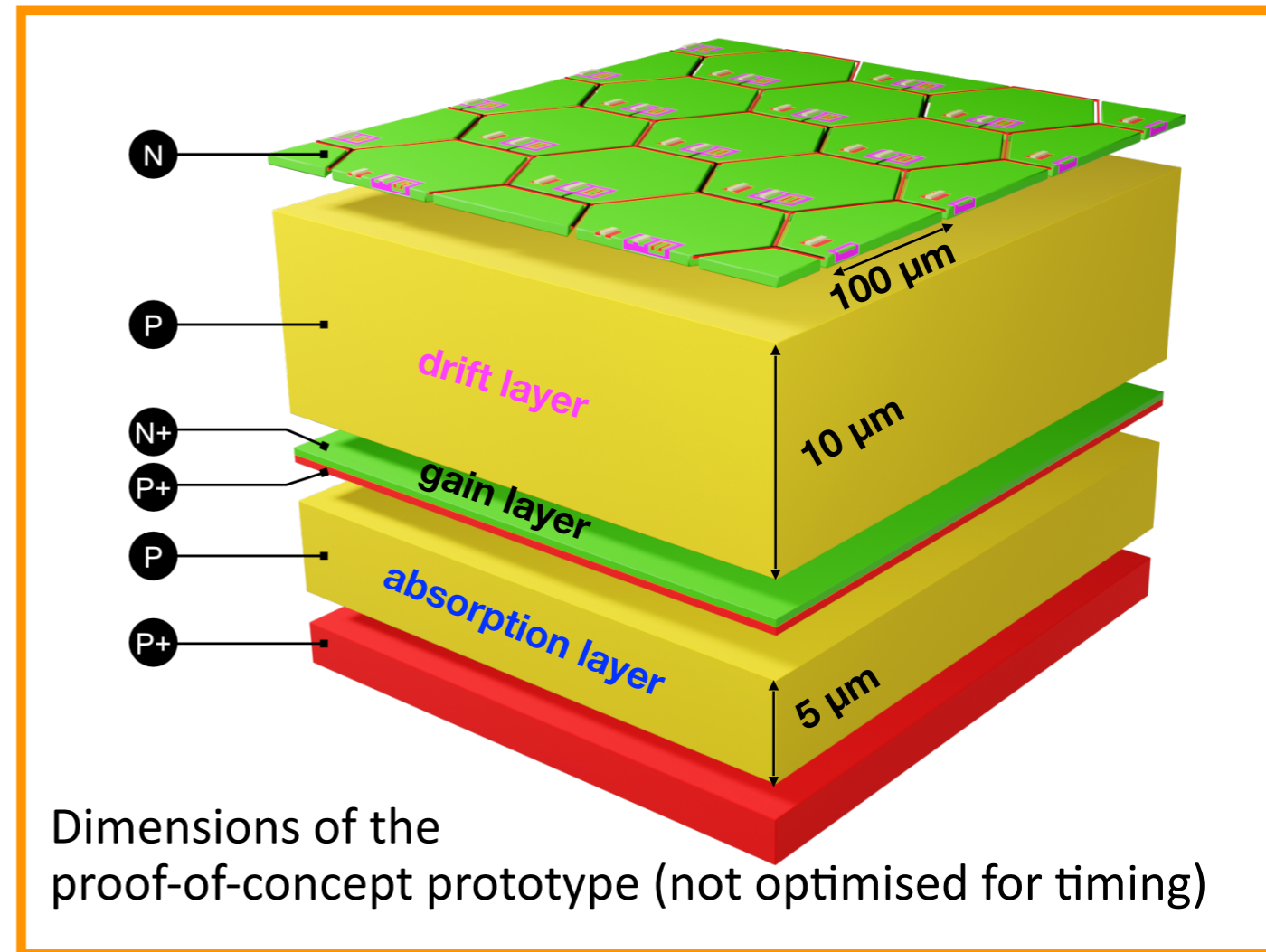
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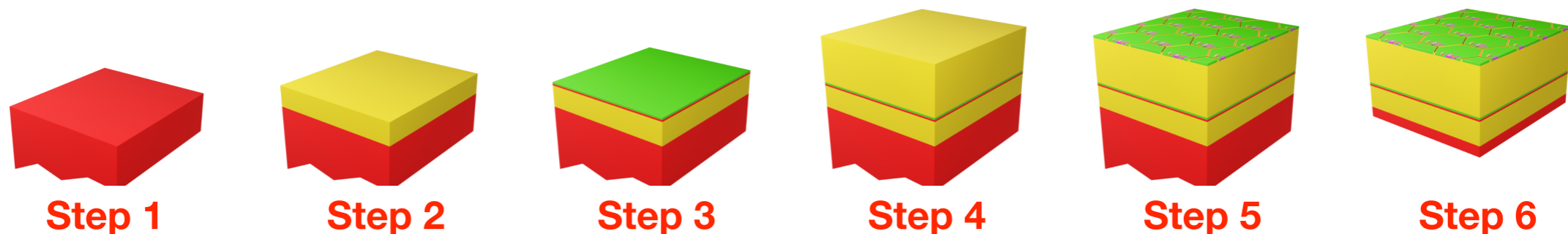
Multi-Junction Picosecond-Avalanche Detector[©]

with continuous and deep gain layer:

- De-correlation from implant size/geometry
→ **high pixel granularity and full fill factor**
(high spatial resolution and efficiency)
- Only small fraction of charge gets amplified
→ **reduced charge-collection (Landau) noise**
(enhance timing resolution)
- L. Paolozzi et al., 2022 *JINST* 17 P10032 [arXiv:2206.07952].
- G. Iacobucci et al., 2022 *JINST* 17 P10040 [arXiv:2208.11019].



Wafer-production procedure:



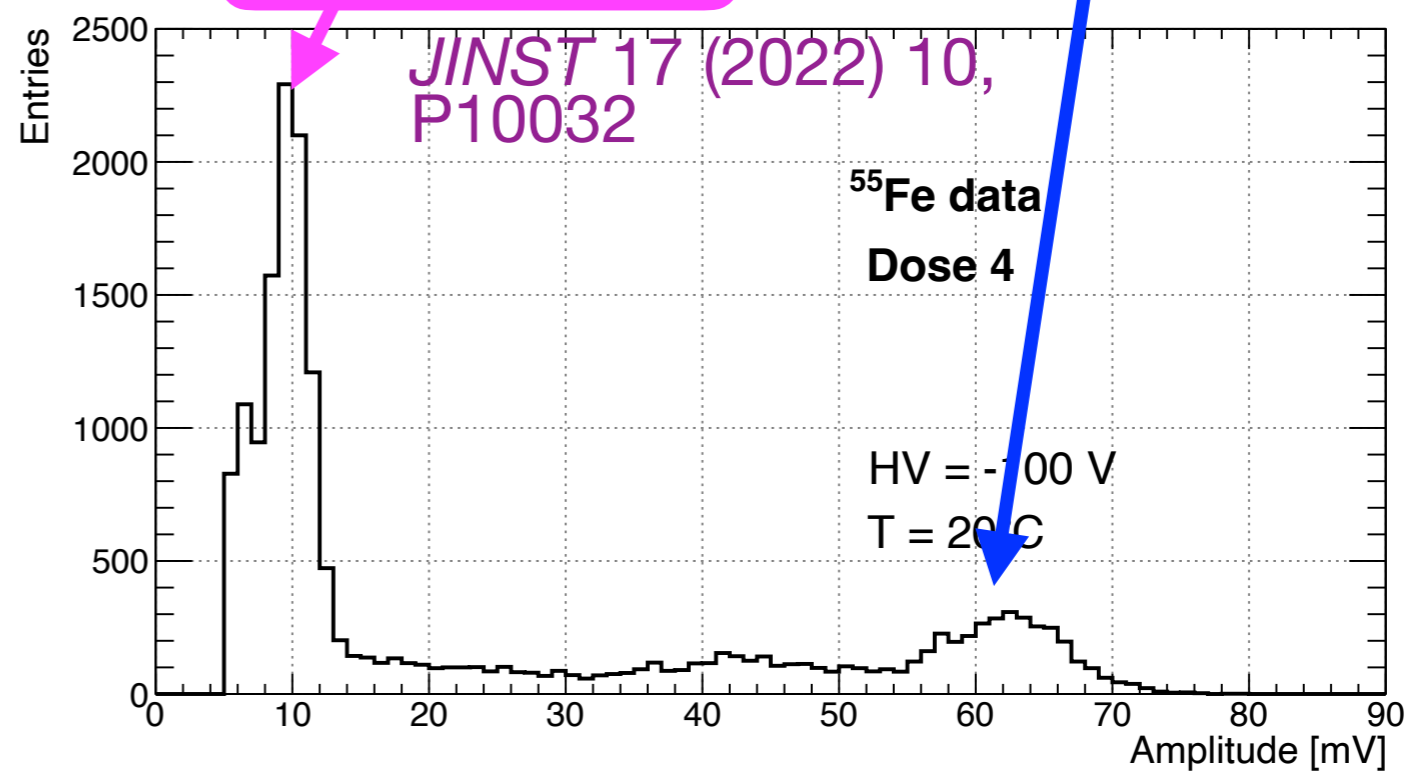
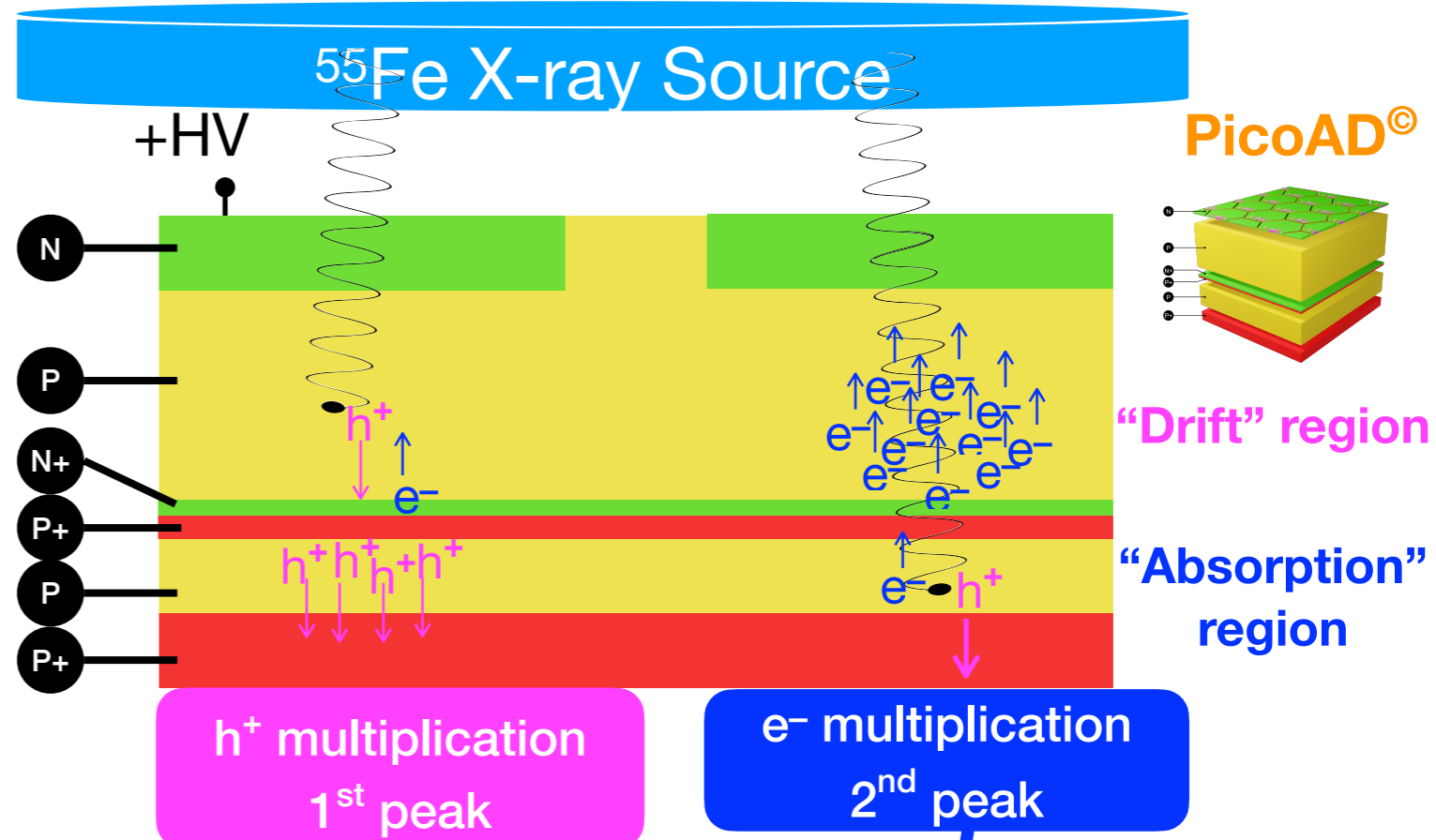
X-rays from ^{55}Fe radioactive source:

- ▶ mainly ~ 5.9 keV photons
- ▶ point-like charge deposition

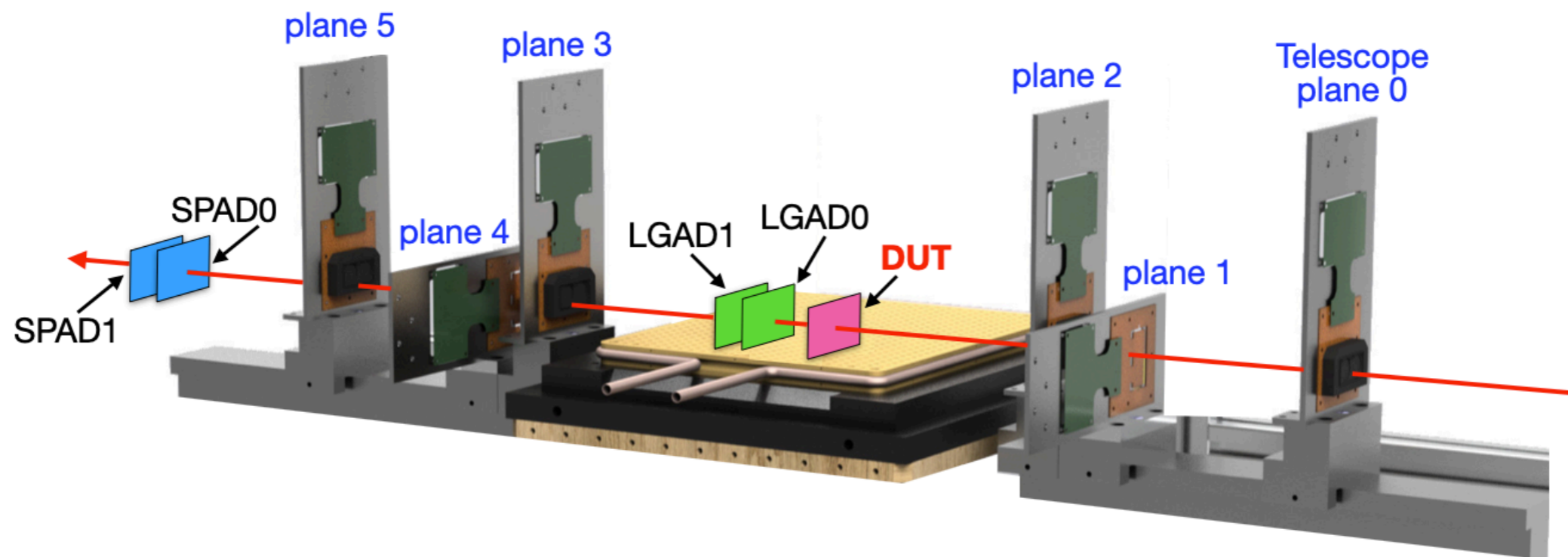
We found a **double-peak spectrum**

- ▶ photon absorbed in **drift region**
 - ➔ **holes** drift through gain layer & multiplied
 - ➔ **first peak** in the spectrum
- ▶ photon absorbed in **absorption region**
 - ➔ **electrons** through gain layer & multiplied
 - ➔ **second peak** in the spectrum

Gain measured: ~ 20 for ^{55}Fe
(corresponding to ~ 60 for a m.i.p.)



CERN SPS Testbeam with 180 GeV/c pions to measure **efficiency** and **time resolution**

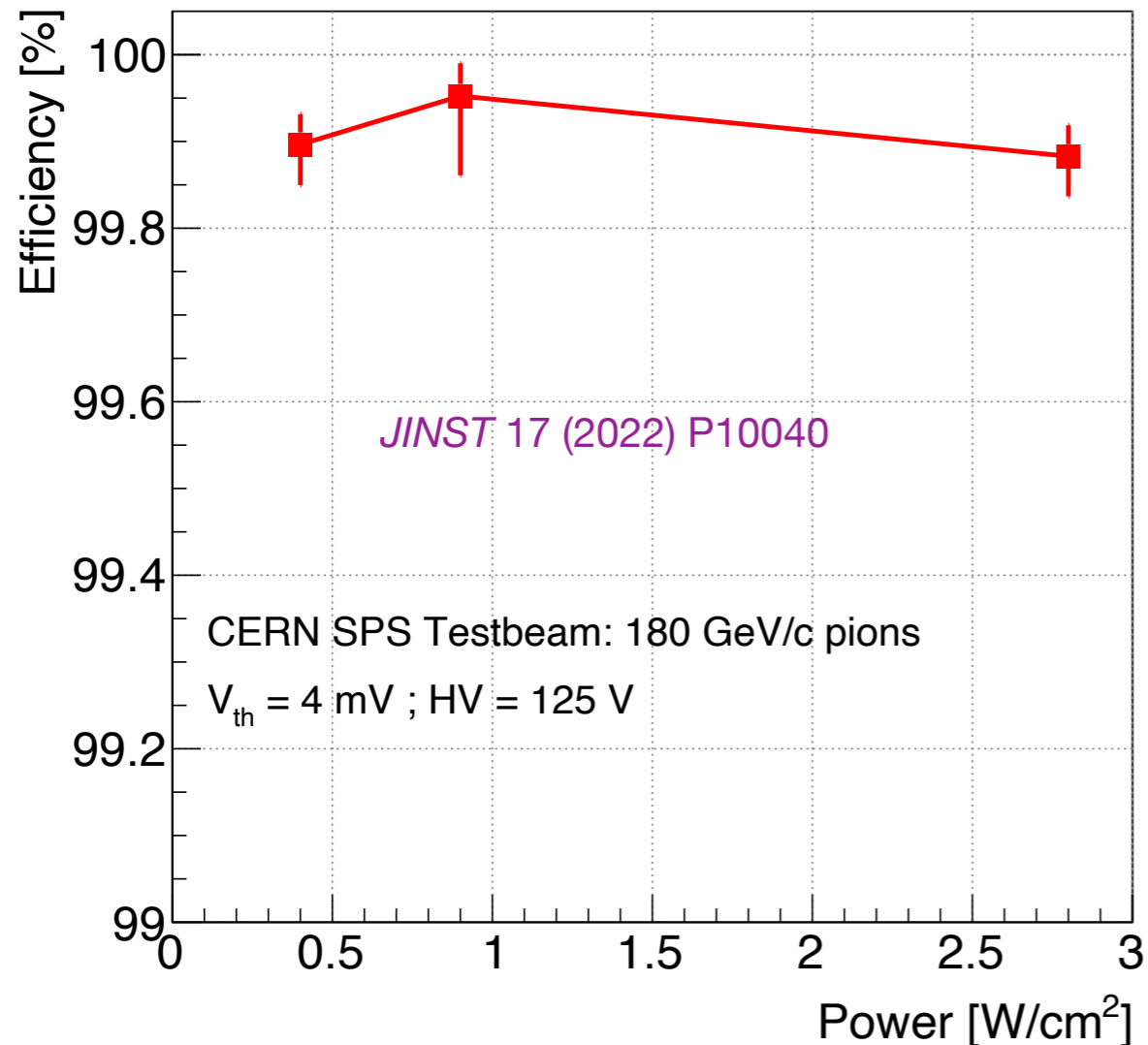


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Two LGADs ($\sigma_t \approx 35 \text{ ps}$) to provide the timing reference (and **two SPADs** with $\sigma_t \approx 20 \text{ ps}$)

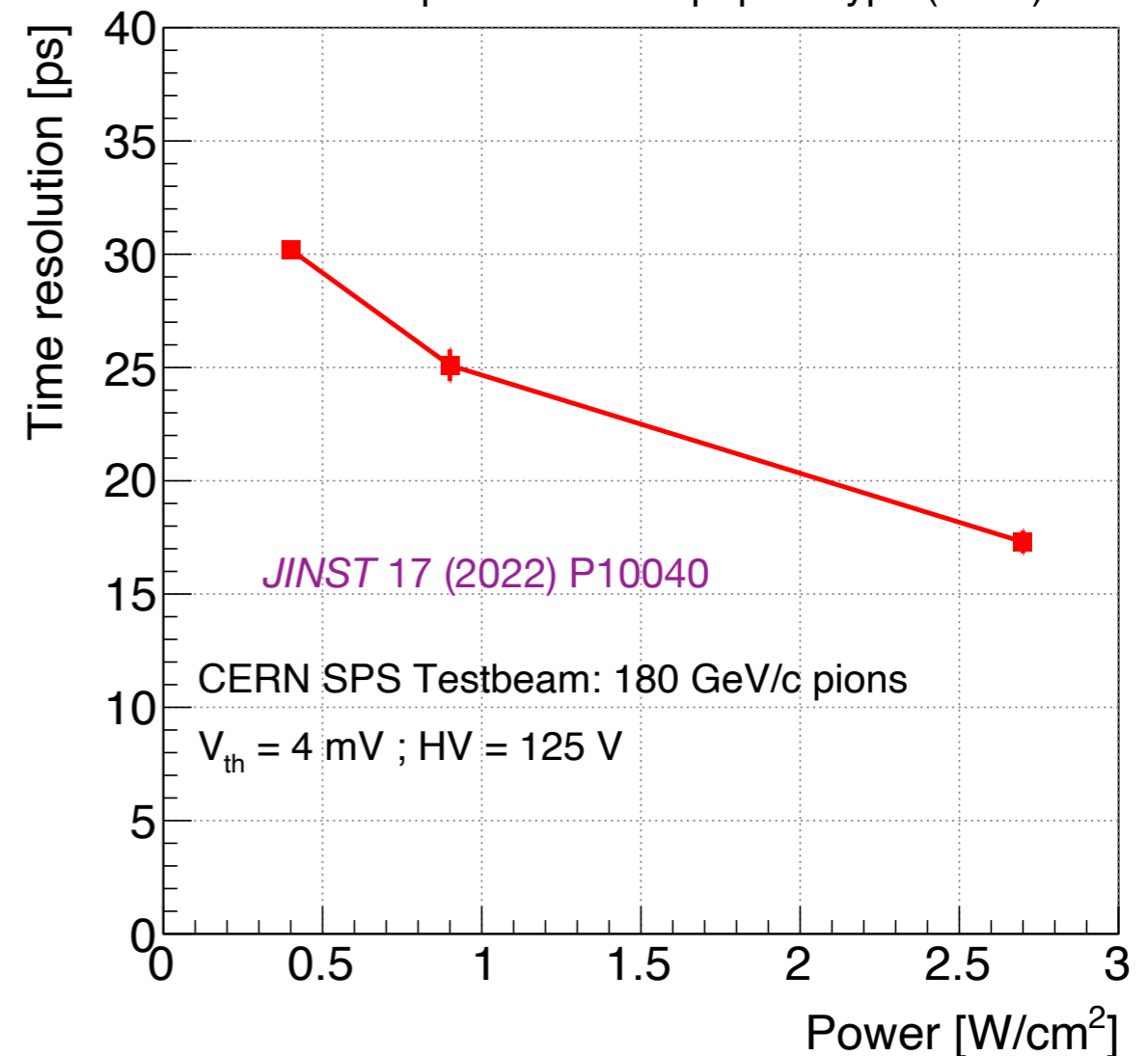
99.9% for all power consumptions

PicoAD proof-of-concept prototype (2022)

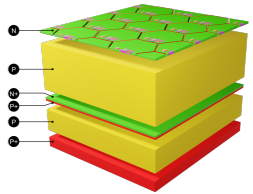


17 ps at 2.7 W/cm²
30 ps at 0.4 W/cm²

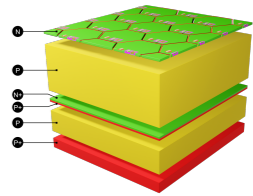
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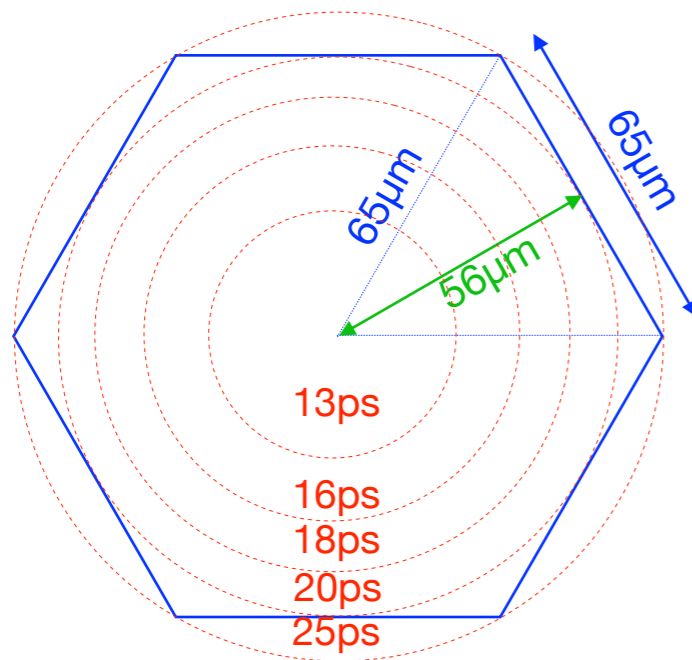
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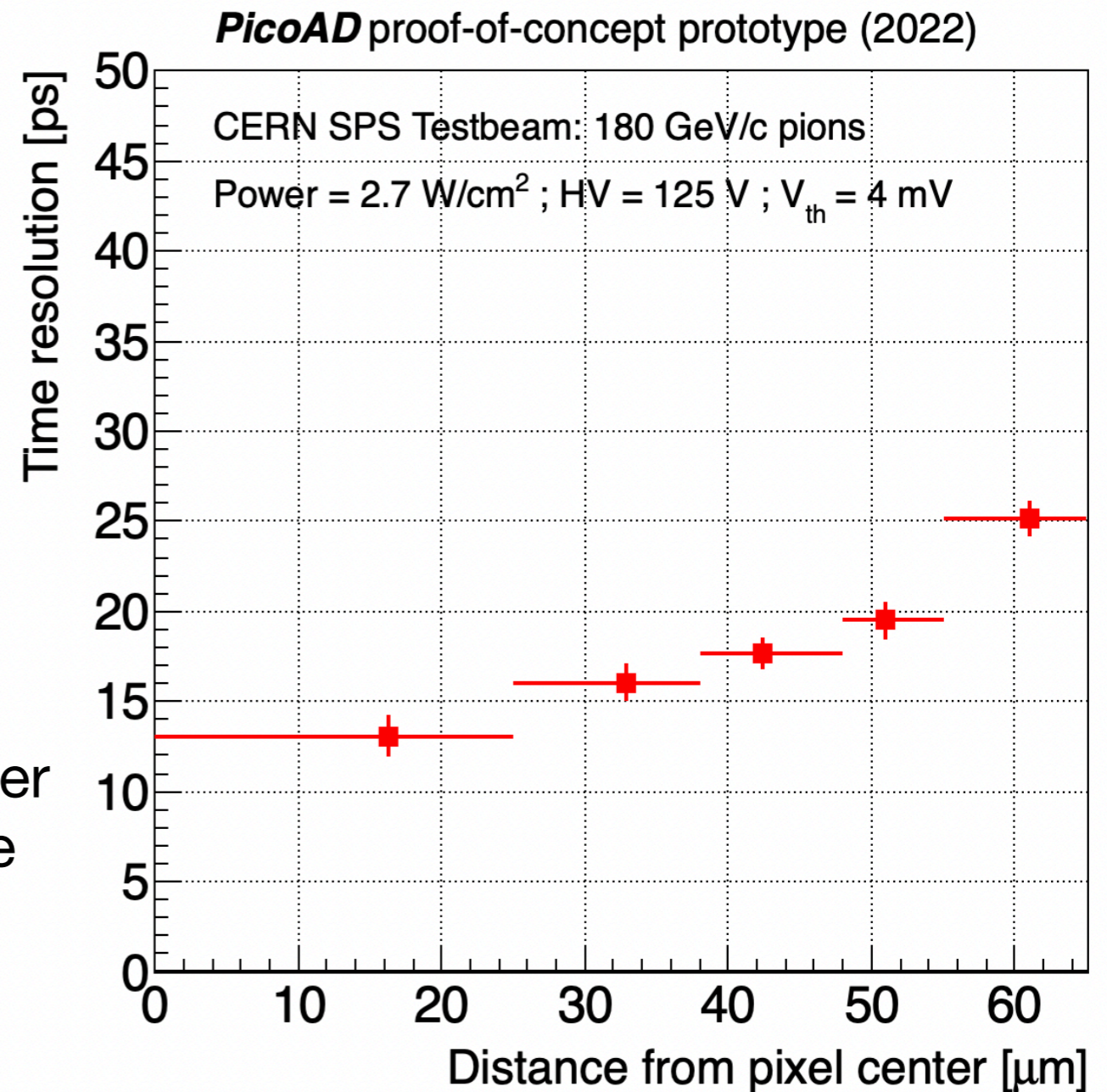


Pixel surface divided in 5 radial areas:

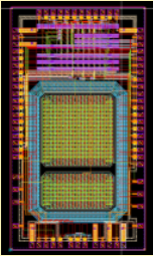
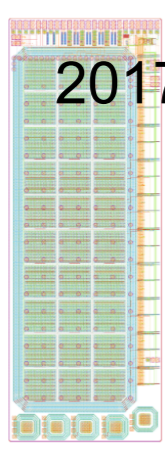
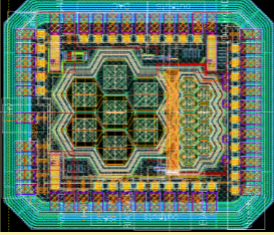
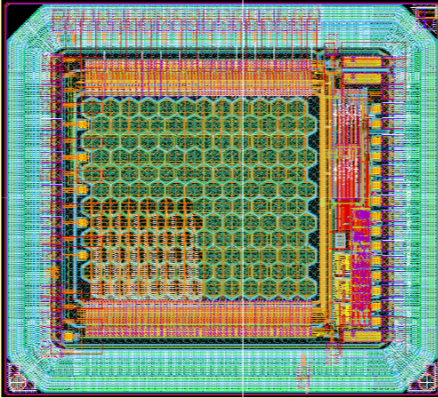
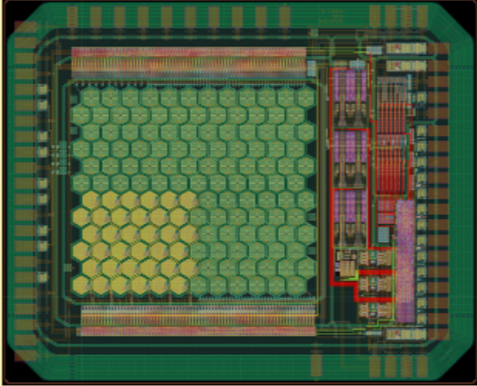
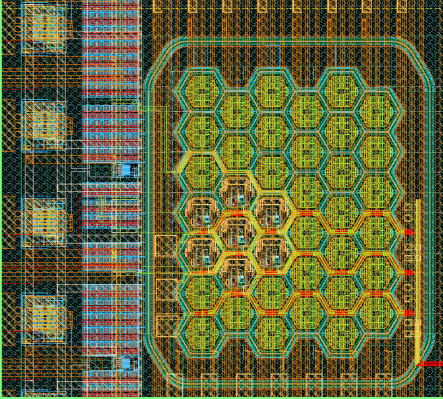


Time resolutions: **13 ps** at the pixel center
25 ps at the pixel edge

To be improved in future prototypes.



What comes next?

 2016	 2017	 2018	 MONOLITH prototype 1 2020	 MONOLITH prototype 2 2022	 MONOLITH prototype 3 2023
200ps	110ps	50ps	36 ps		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 mm² pixel • Discriminator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 pixels • 500x500μm² • 100ps TDC + I/O logic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hexagonal pixels 100μm and 200μm pitch • Discriminator output 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hexagonal pixels 100μm pitch • 30ps TDC + I/O logic • 4 analog channels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matrix of 12x12 hexagonal pixels • 100μm pitch • improved electronics • 50μm epitaxial layer (350Ωcm) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hexagonal pixels 40μm pitch • improved electronics (4 times less power consumption)

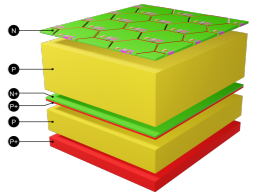
Monolithic prototypes with internal gain layer:

PicoAD version
(proof-of-concept)
17 ps

PicoAD version
in production
(back: **Dec. 2023**)

PicoAD version
expected
Summer 2024

PicoAD[©]



The **PicoAD[©] sensor works** (*JINST 17 (2022) 10 P10032 ; JINST 17 (2022) 17 P10040*)

Testbeam of the monolithic **proof-of-concept** ASIC provided:

- ▶ **Efficiency = 99.9 %** including inter-pixel regions
- ▶ **Time resolution $\sigma_t = (17.3 \pm 0.4)$ ps**
13 ps at center and **25 ps** at pixel edge
(although sensor not yet optimized for timing)

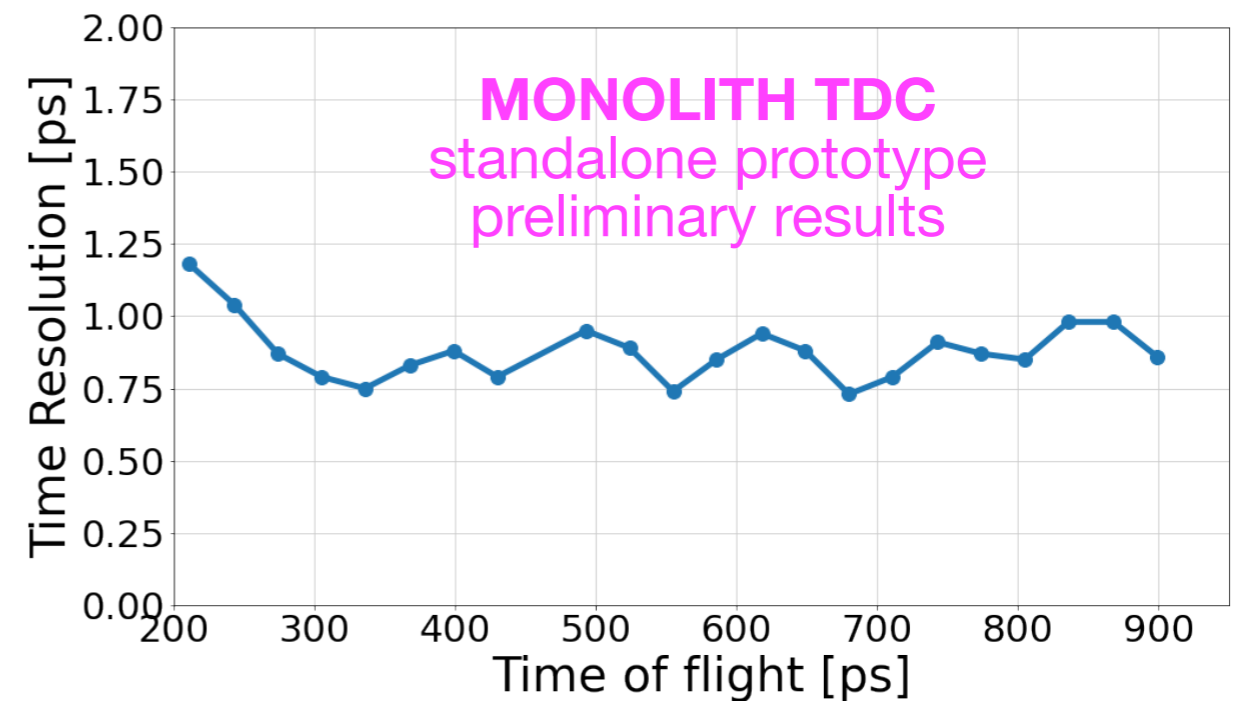
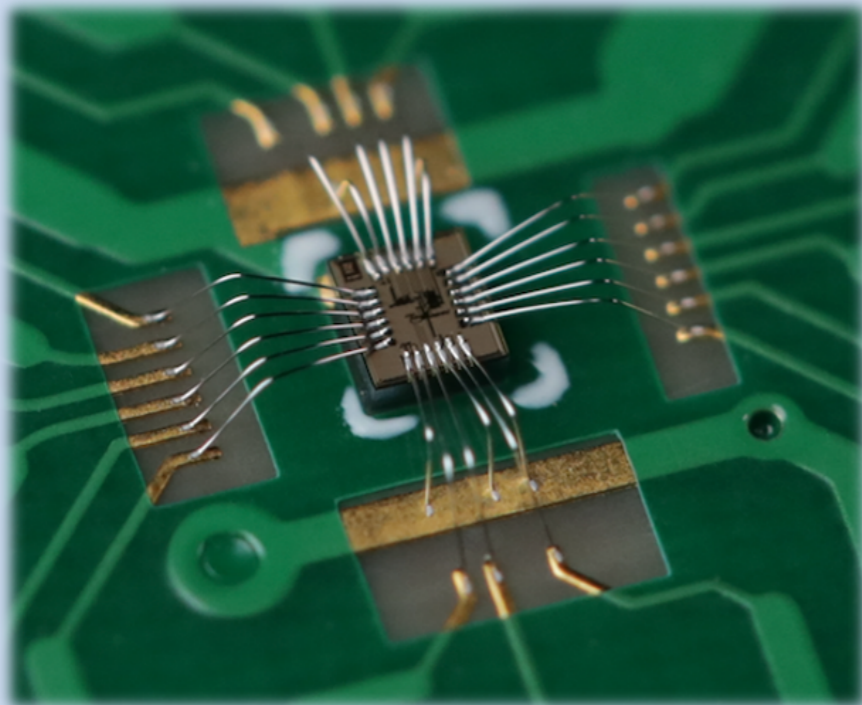
New **PicoAD** prototypes optimised for timing back from foundry in **December 2023**
NOW DICING!

Deliverable of MONOLITH ERC project:

- ▶ Full-reticle monolithic ASIC in **Summer 2025** with 50 μ m pitch and 10ps timing

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

© 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.



It was integrated in MONOLITH 2022 prototype2 ASIC

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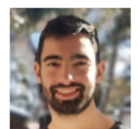
- project P.I.
- System design

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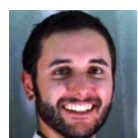
- Lead chip design
- Analog electronics

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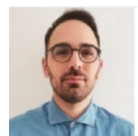
- Laboratory tests
- Data analysis

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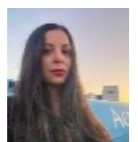
- Detector simulation
- Laboratory tests

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- Data analysis

**Antonio Picardi**

- Chip design
- Firmware

**Rafaella Kotitsa**

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- Data analysis

**Carlo Alberto Fenoglio**

- Chip design
- Firmware

**Lorenzo Paolozzi**

- Sensor design
- Analog electronics

**Roberto Cardella**

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- Chip Analog/Dig design

**Mateus Vicente**

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- Laboratory tests

**Chiara Magliocca**

- Laboratory tests
- Data analysis

**Théo Moretti**

- Laboratory tests
- Data analysis

**Jihad Saidi**

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- Data analysis

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**Yannick Favre**

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- RO system

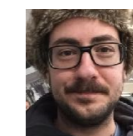
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- Laboratory tests

**Stéphane Débieux**

- Board design
- RO system

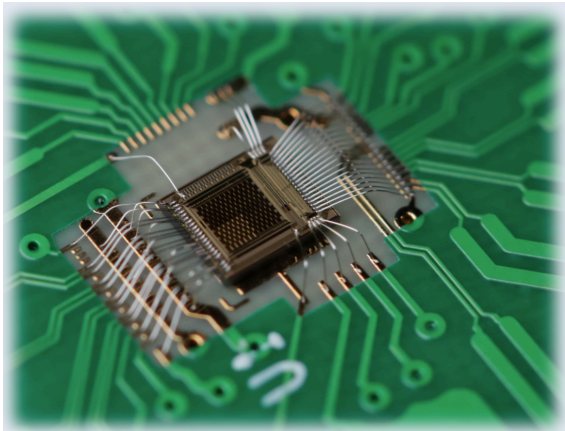
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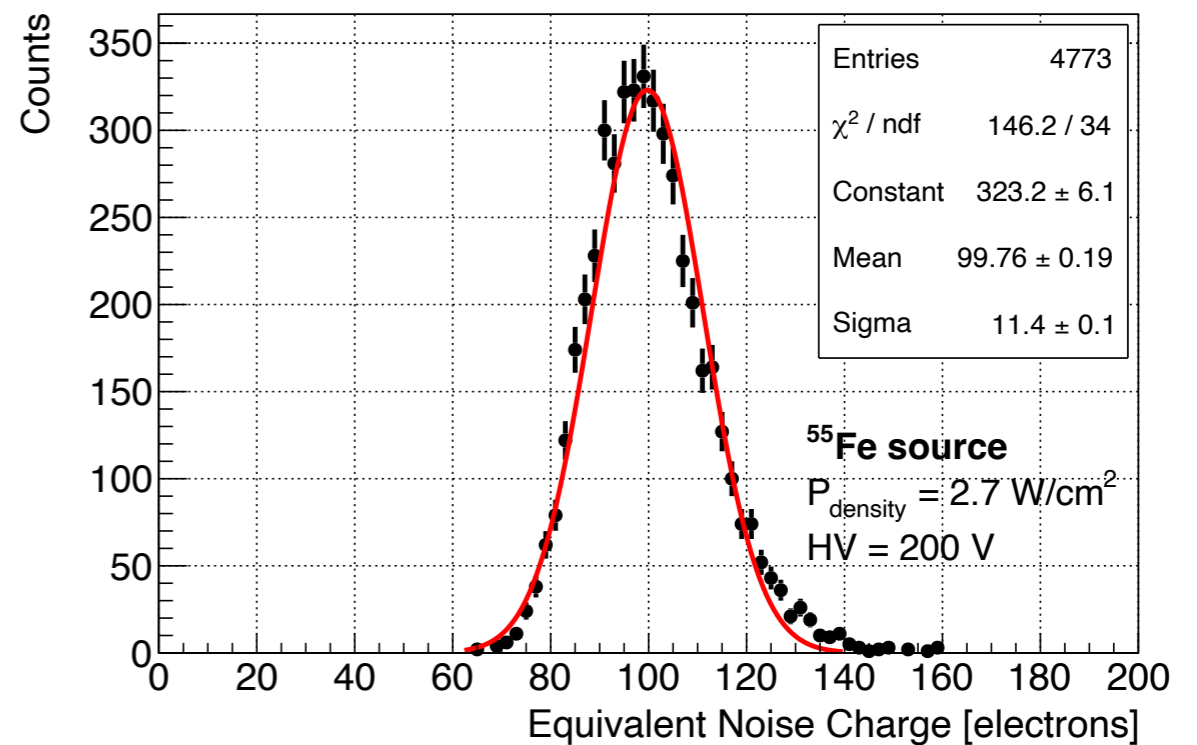
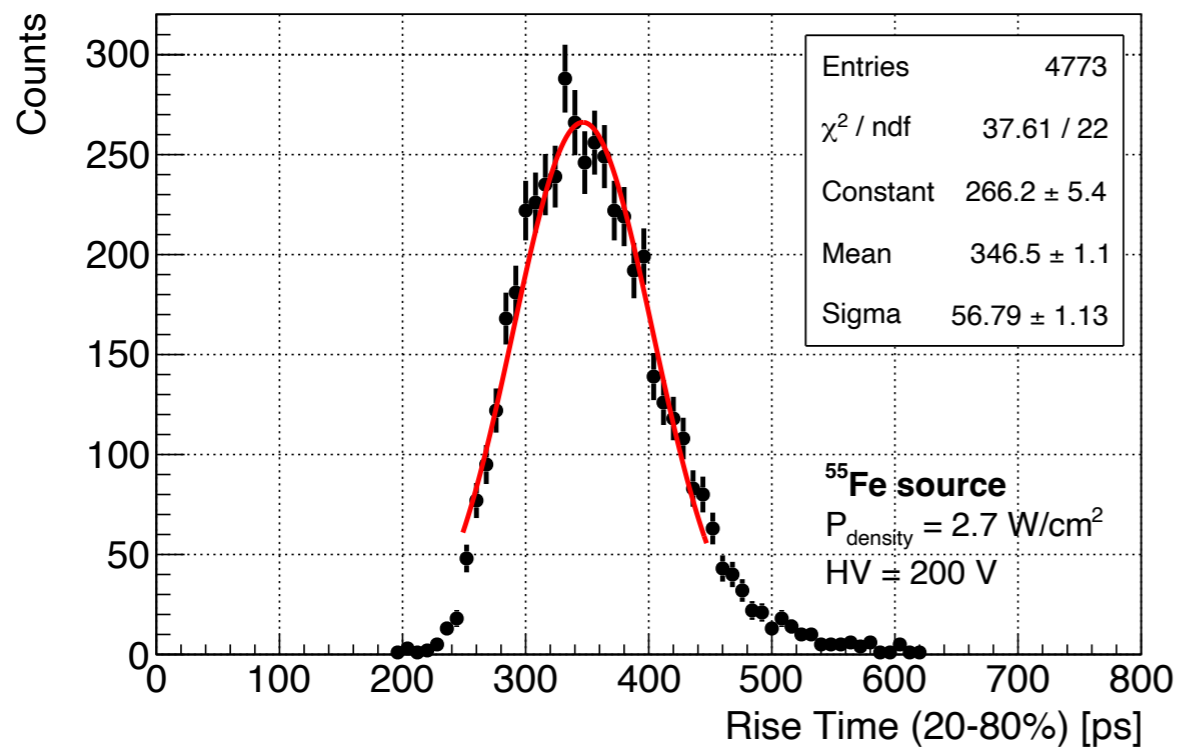
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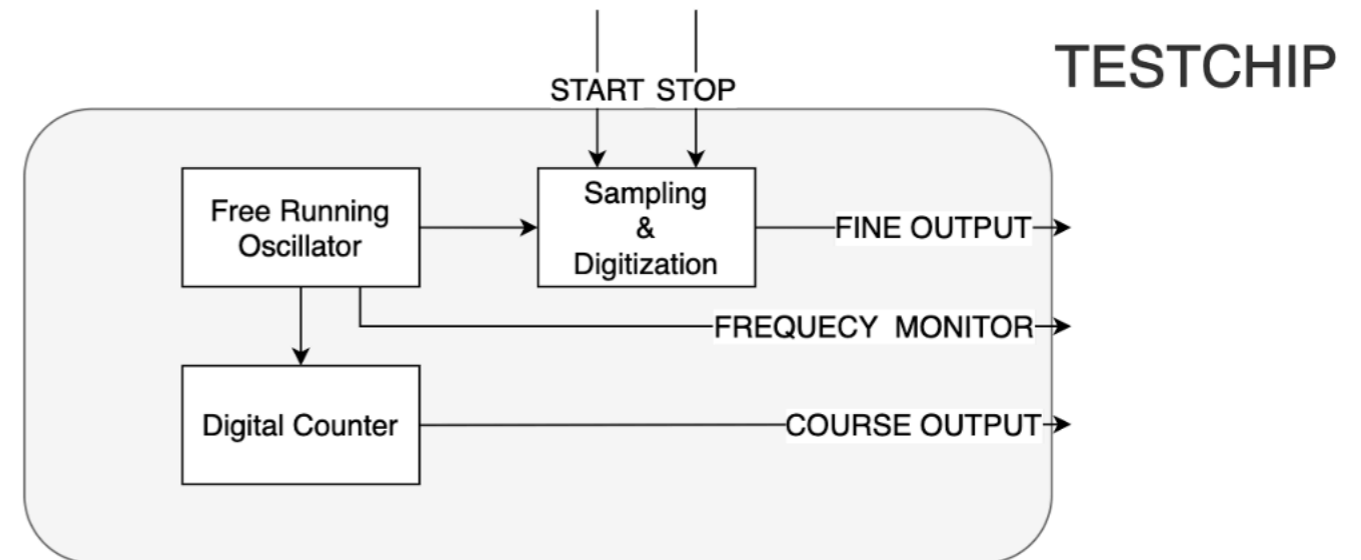
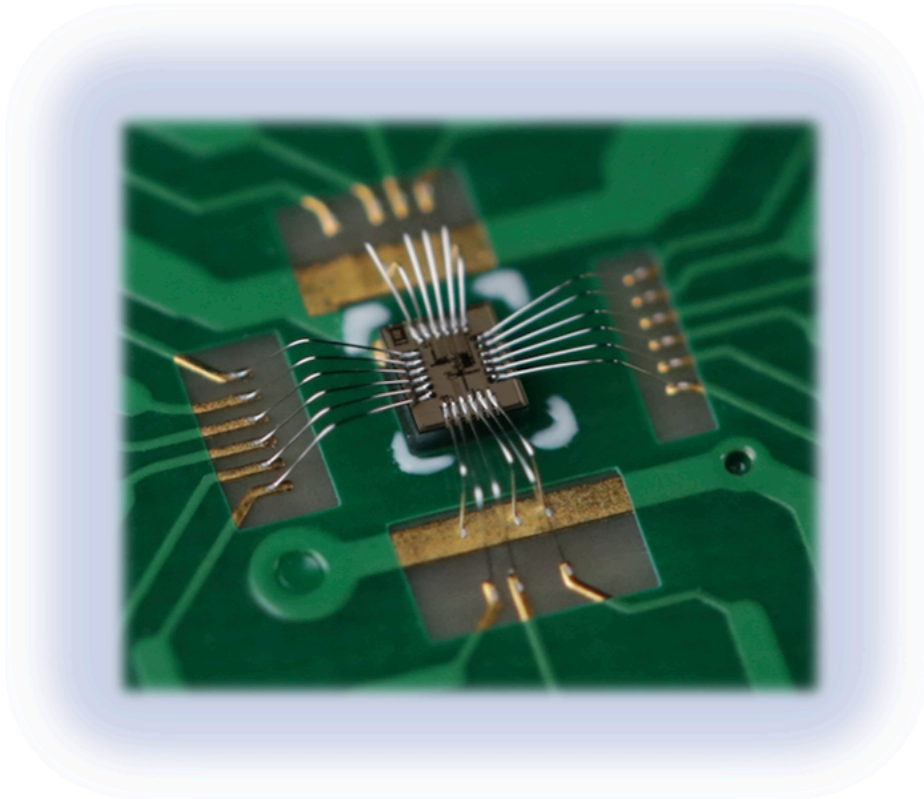


^{55}Fe measurements in cleanroom:

Risetime (20%–80%) \approx 350 ps

ENC \approx 100 e^-





Proof of concept test chip:

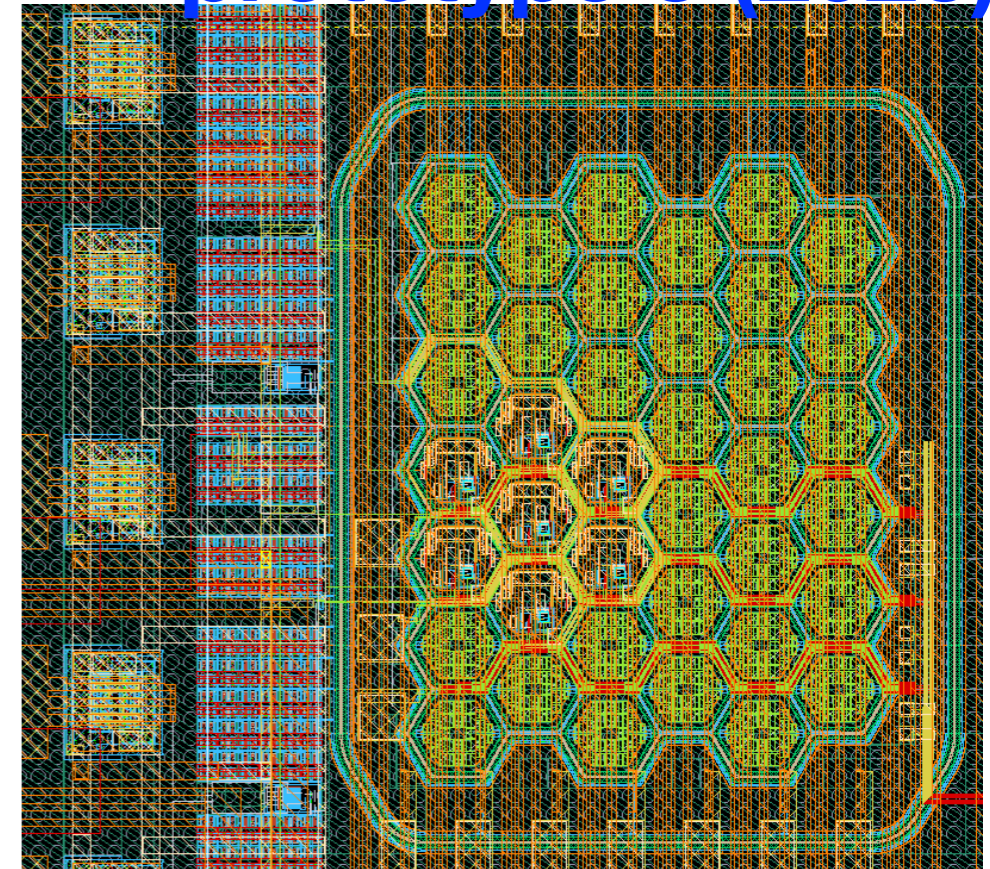
Test chip AREA 1mm x 1mm

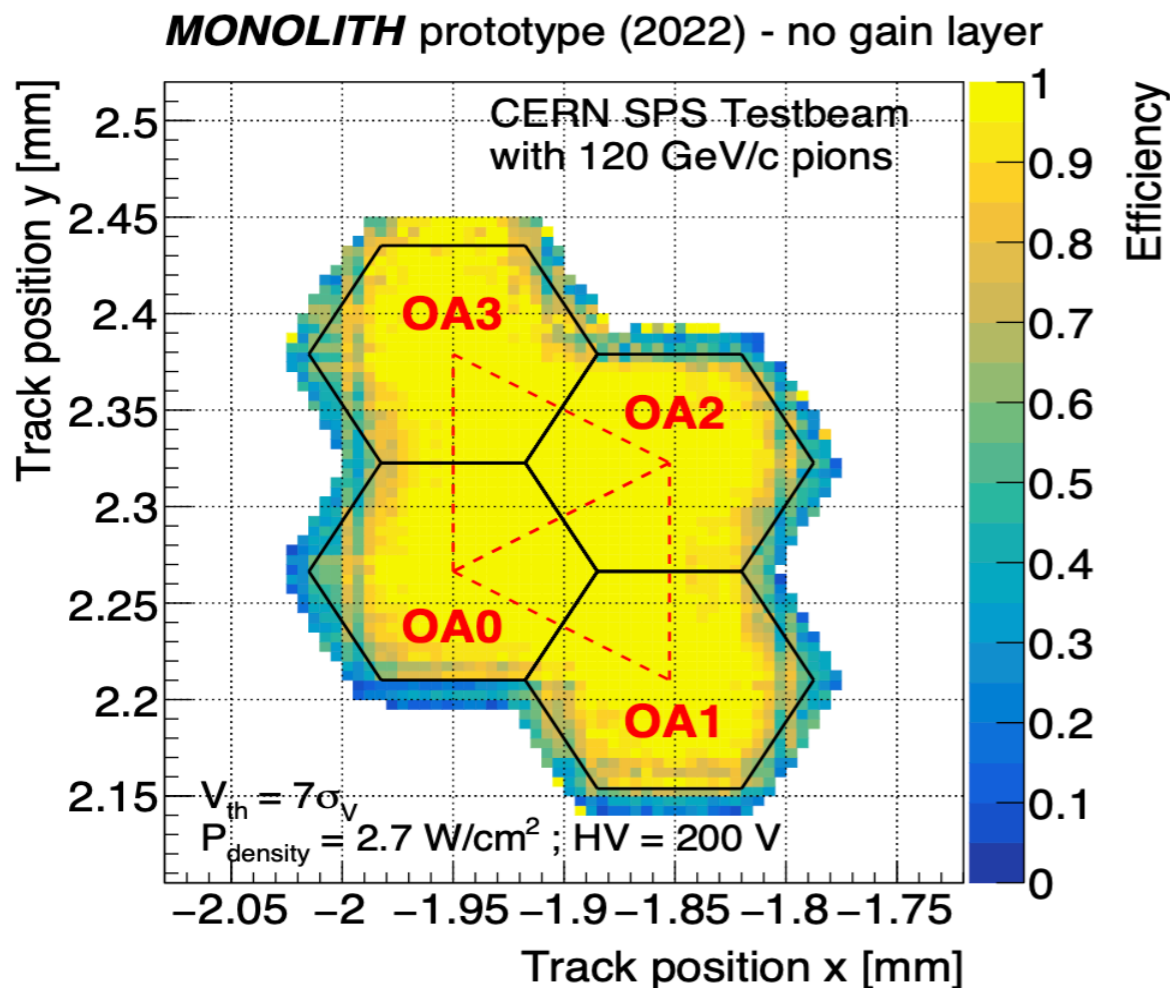
Oscillator AREA 900 μm^2

Power Consumption Oscillator $\approx 3.8\text{mW}$

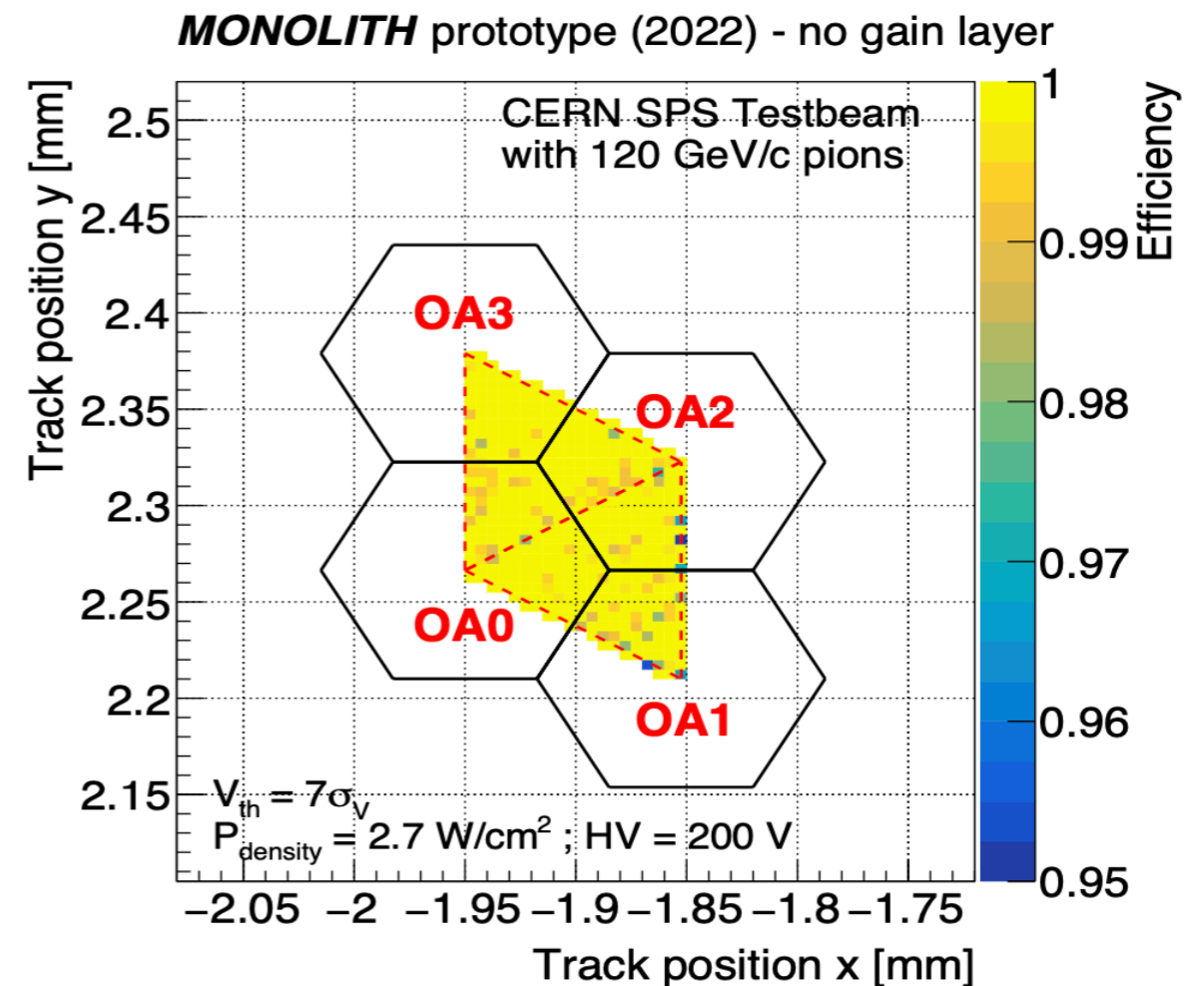
- New prototype: pixels with **50 μ m pitch**
 - ▶ smaller capacitance
- **improved FE electronics**
 - ▶ same timing performance with **4-times less power**
 - ▶ 3 different configurations:
 - ➔ analog output with FE in pixel
 - ➔ analog output with FE off pixel
 - ➔ discriminated output with FE and discriminator in pixel
 - ▶ **reduced inter-pixel distance** from 10 μ m to 6 μ m to maintain time resolution at pixel edges
- Back from foundry in June 2023; testbeam at CERN SPS late August 2023.

prototype 3 (2023)





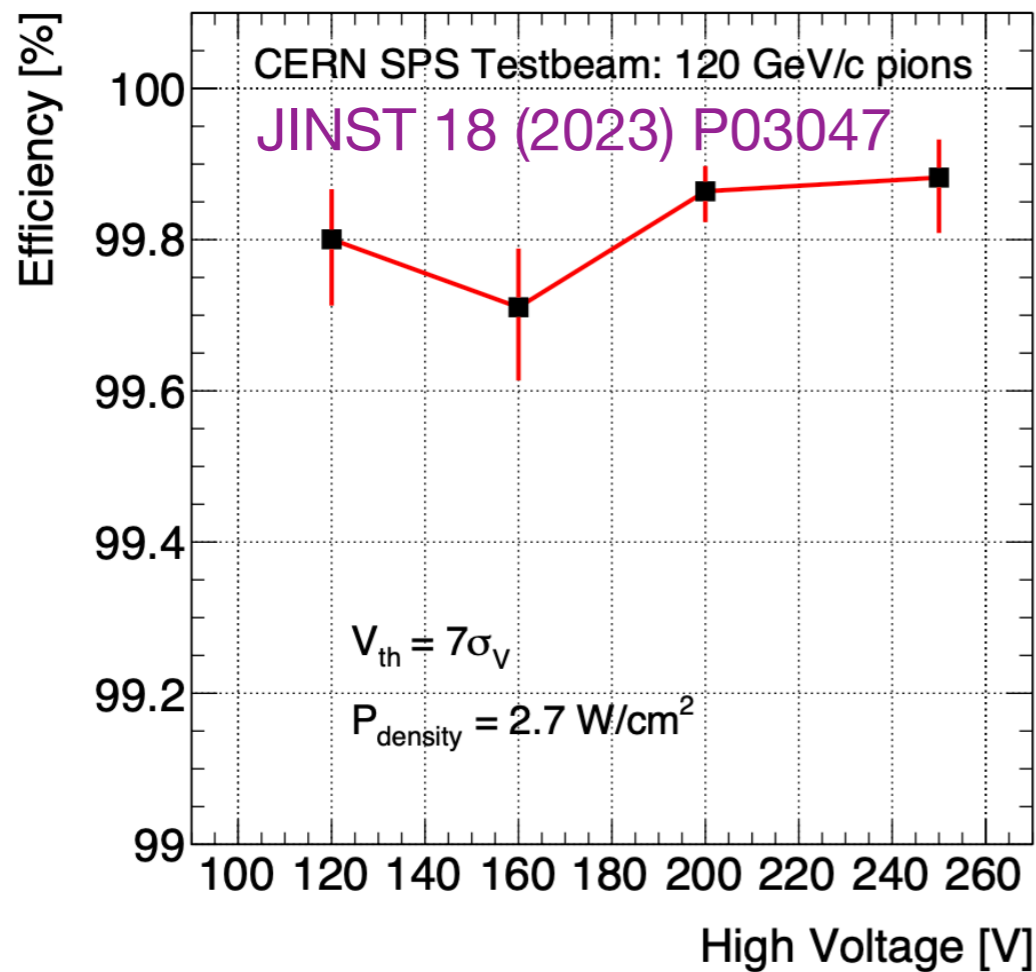
Efficiency at the external edges affected by the telescope resolution of $10 \mu\text{m}$



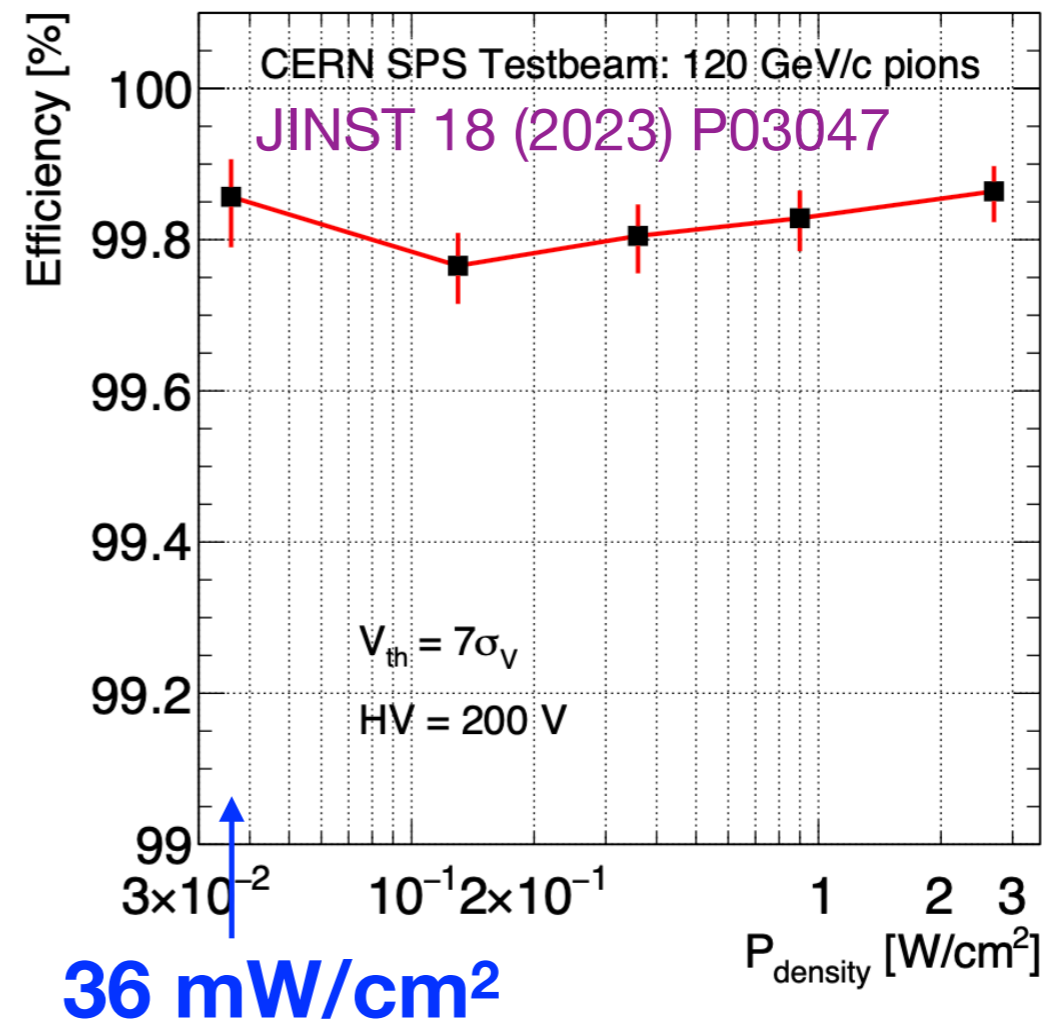
Full efficiency (yellow is 99.8%) in the two triangles unaffected by telescope resolution

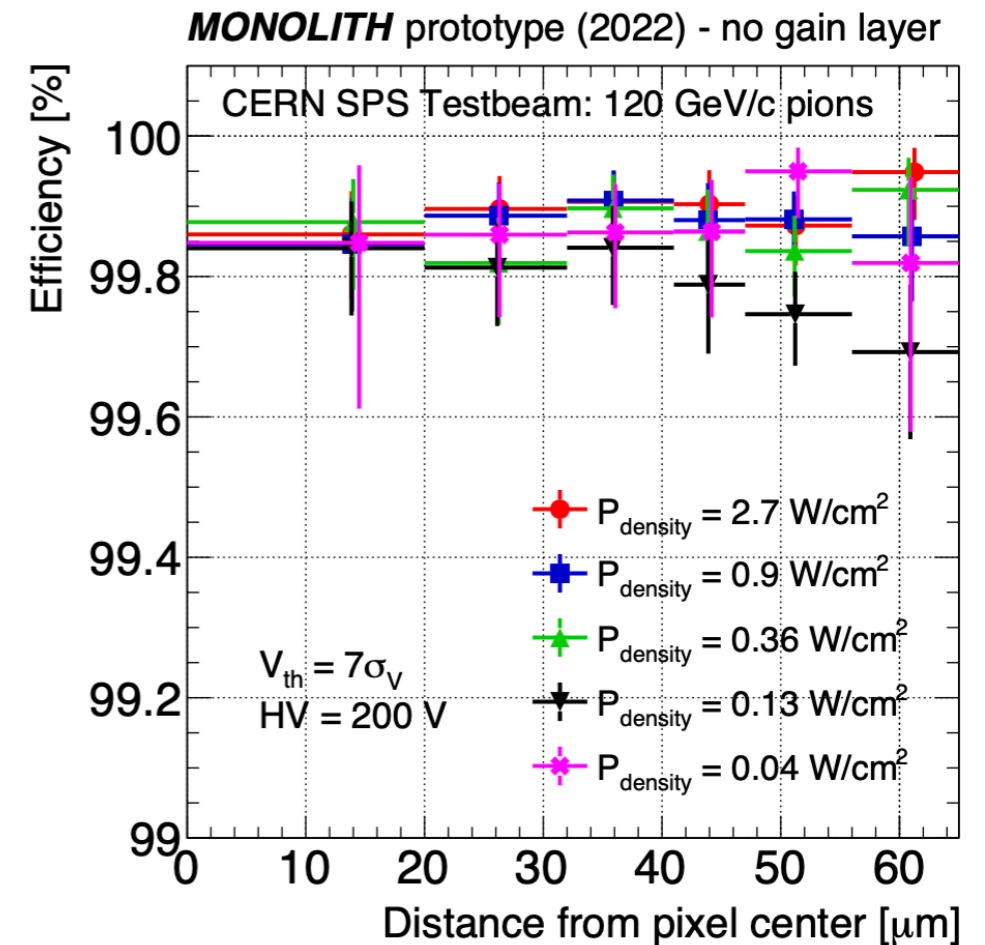
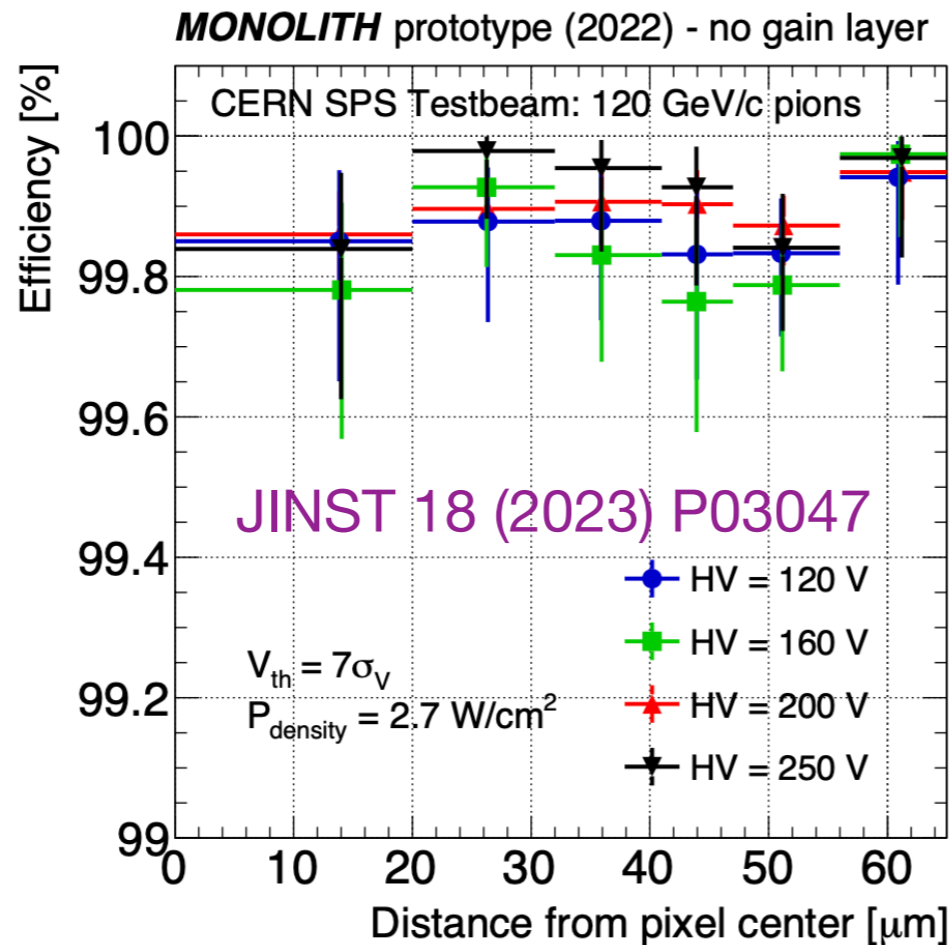
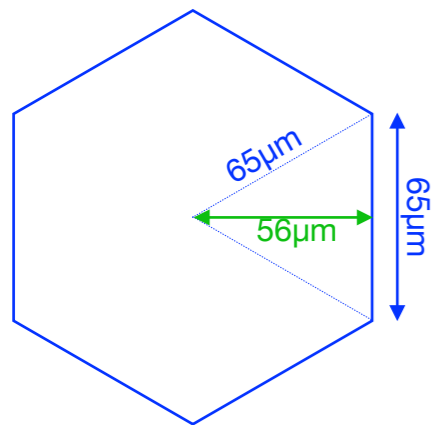
8 working points (HV, power consumption) taken at the testbeam

MONOLITH prototype (2022) - no gain layer



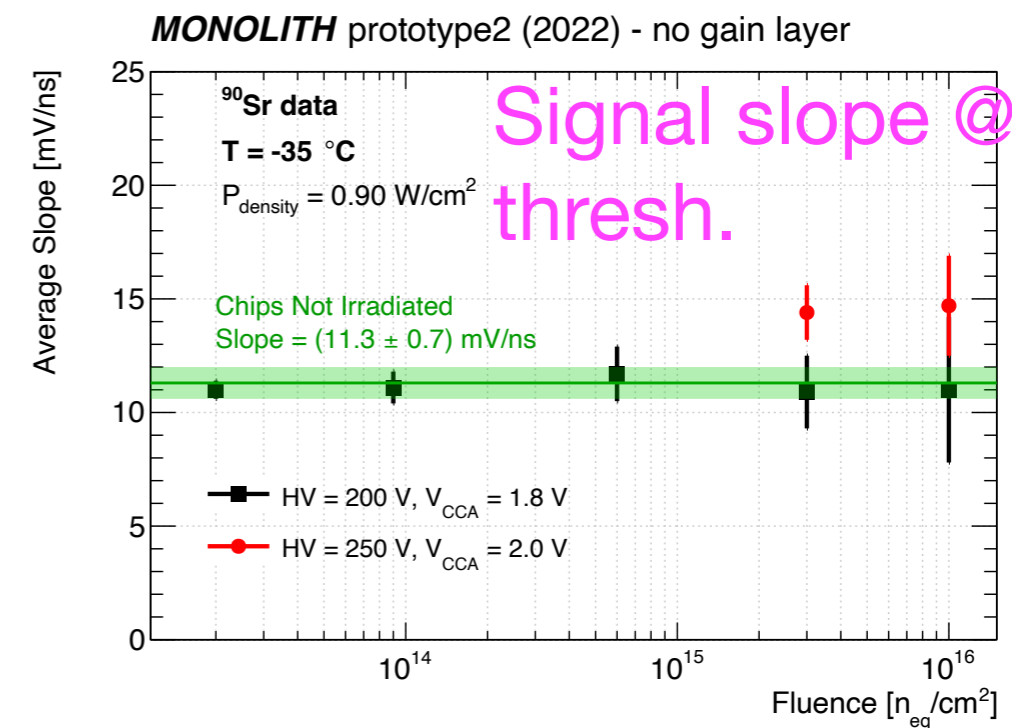
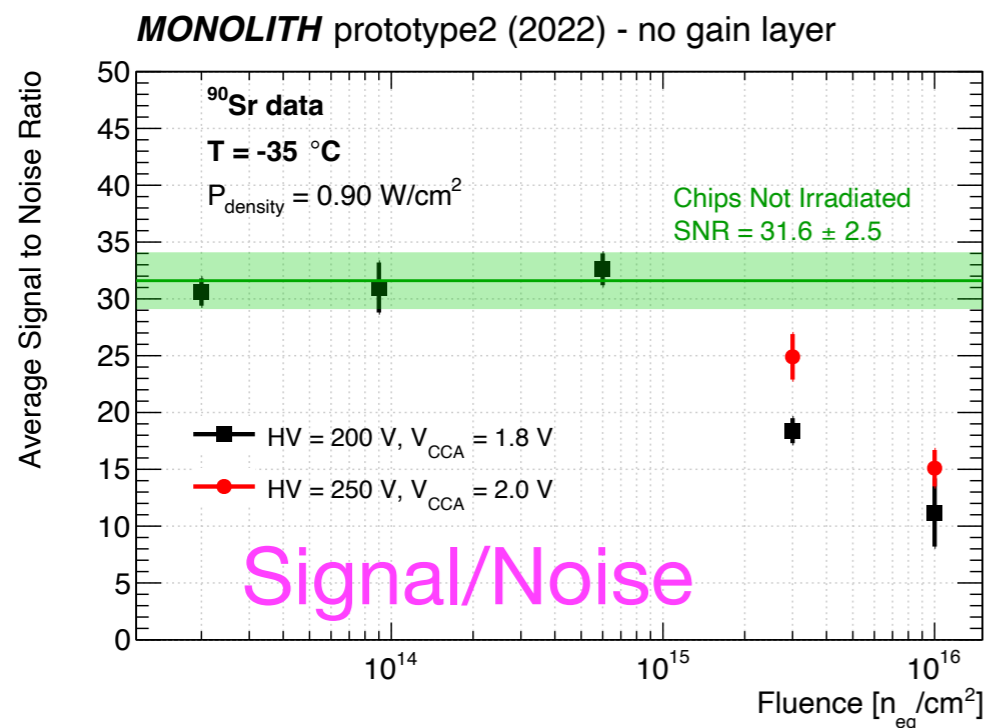
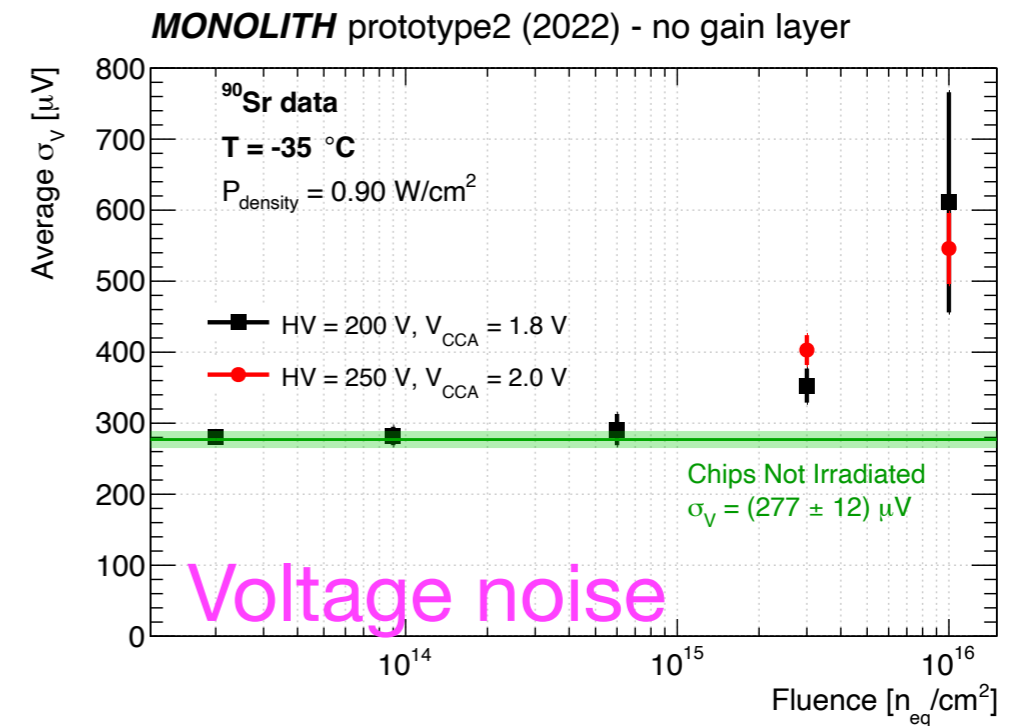
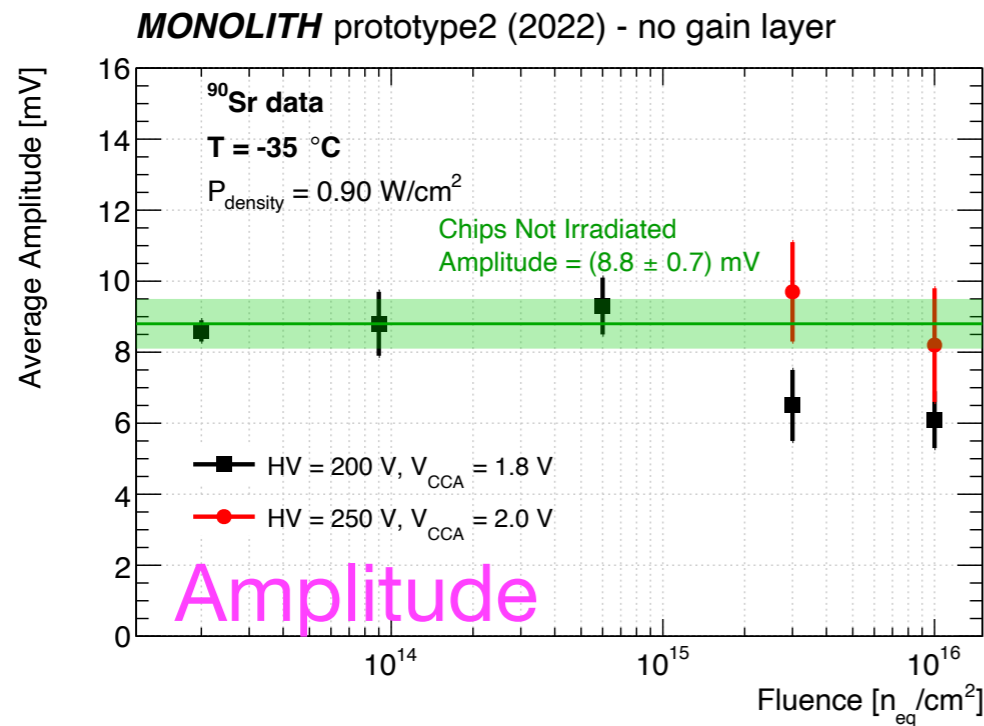
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Efficiency \approx **99.8%** even in the **inter-pixel region**, for all working points

Characterisation with ^{90}Sr source of boards irradiated up to $10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ Averages of the 4 analog pixels ($T = -35^\circ$)

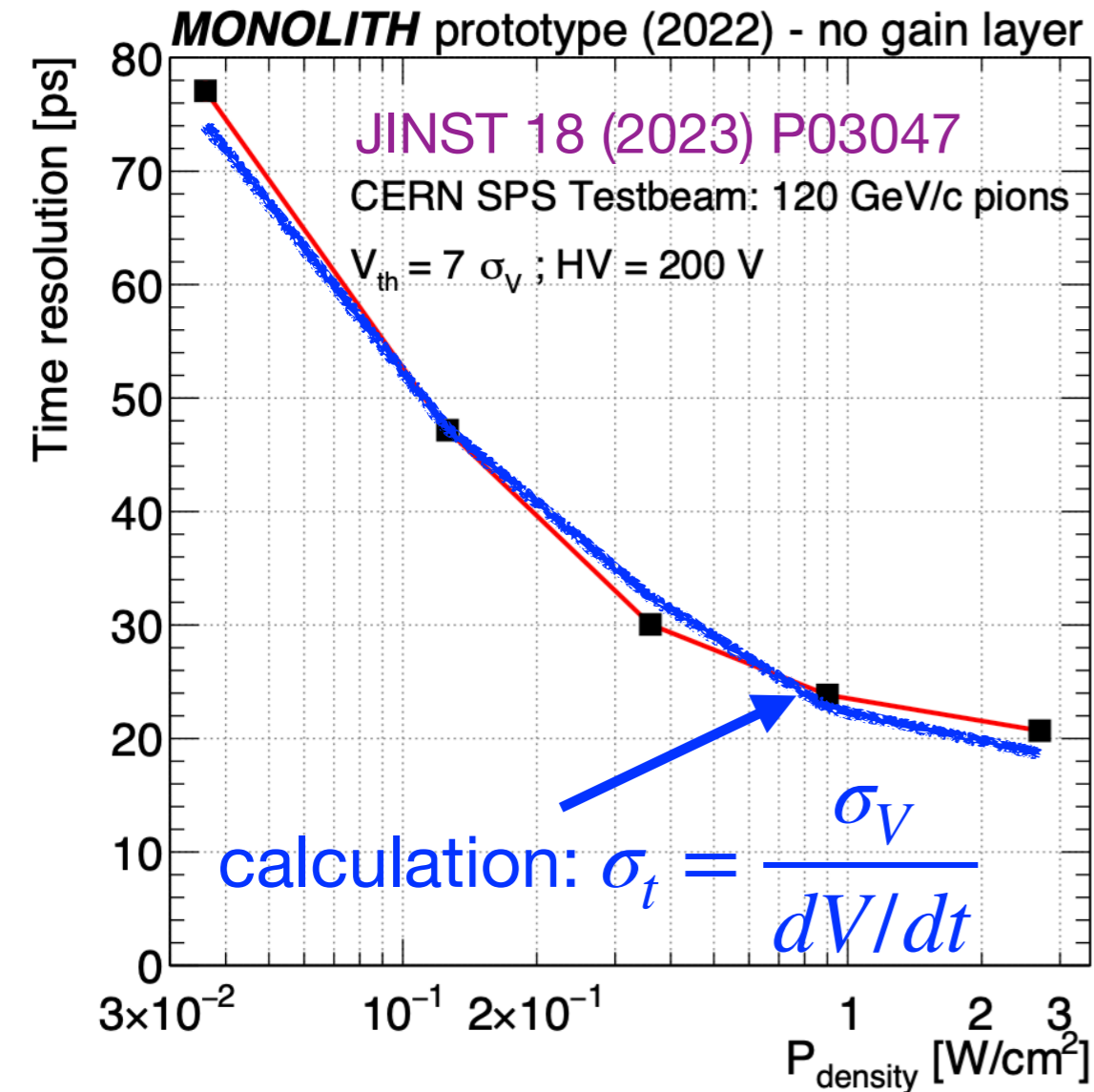


The method used to calculate the time resolution

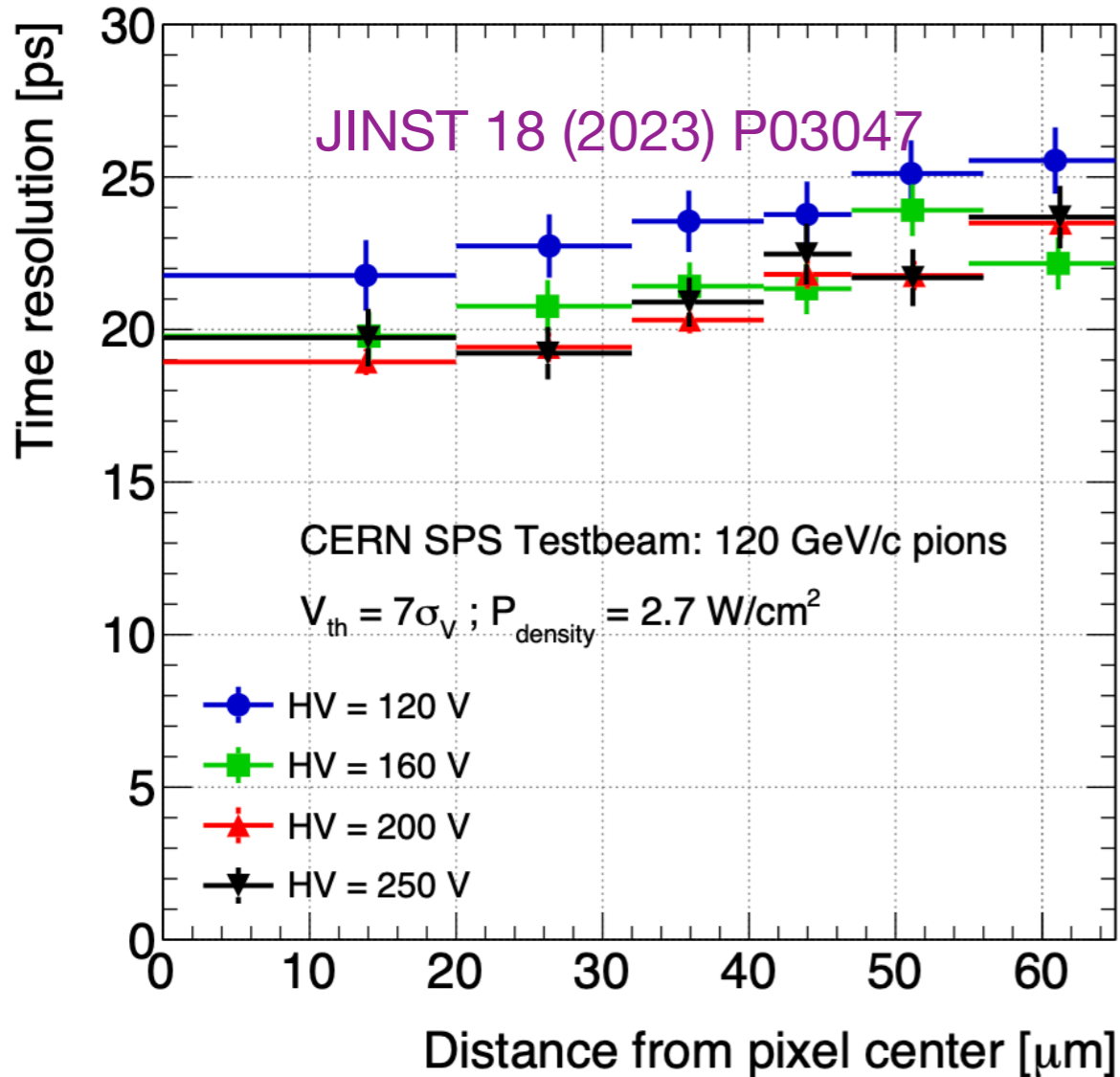
$$\sigma_t = \frac{\sigma_V}{dV/dt}$$

using the ^{90}Sr source was validated with the testbeam data.

The results compare very well within 10%



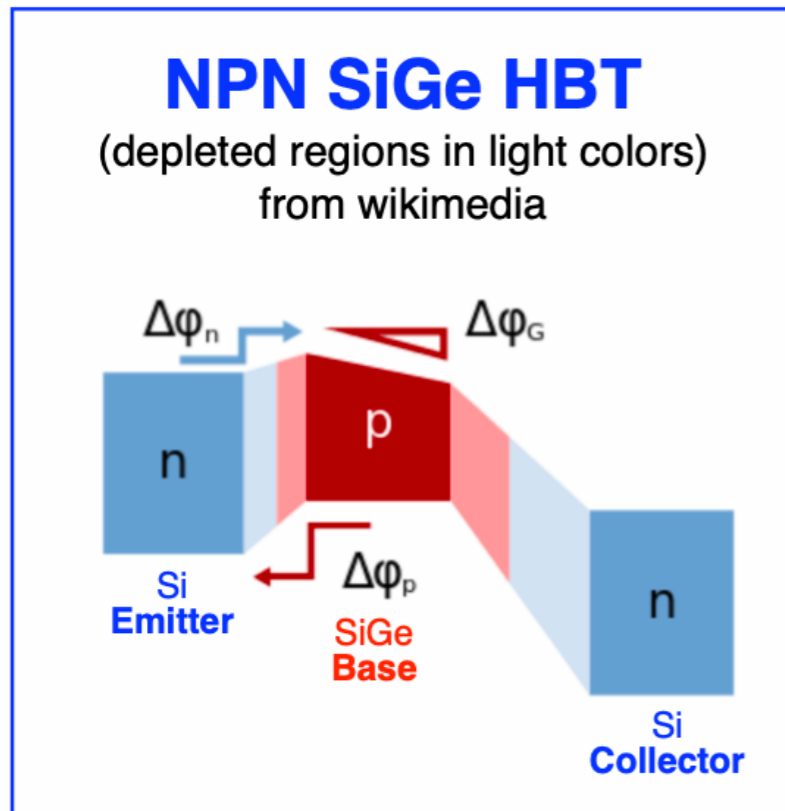
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For $HV \geq 160\text{V}$, time resolution ranges from $\approx 19 \text{ ps}$ at the center to $\approx 23 \text{ ps}$ at the edge of the pixel

Still something to improve with the weighting field far from pixel center.

For $HV = 120 \text{ V}$: $\approx 3 \text{ ps}$ worse.



SiGe HBT = BJT with Germanium as base material.

Grading of Ge doping in base:

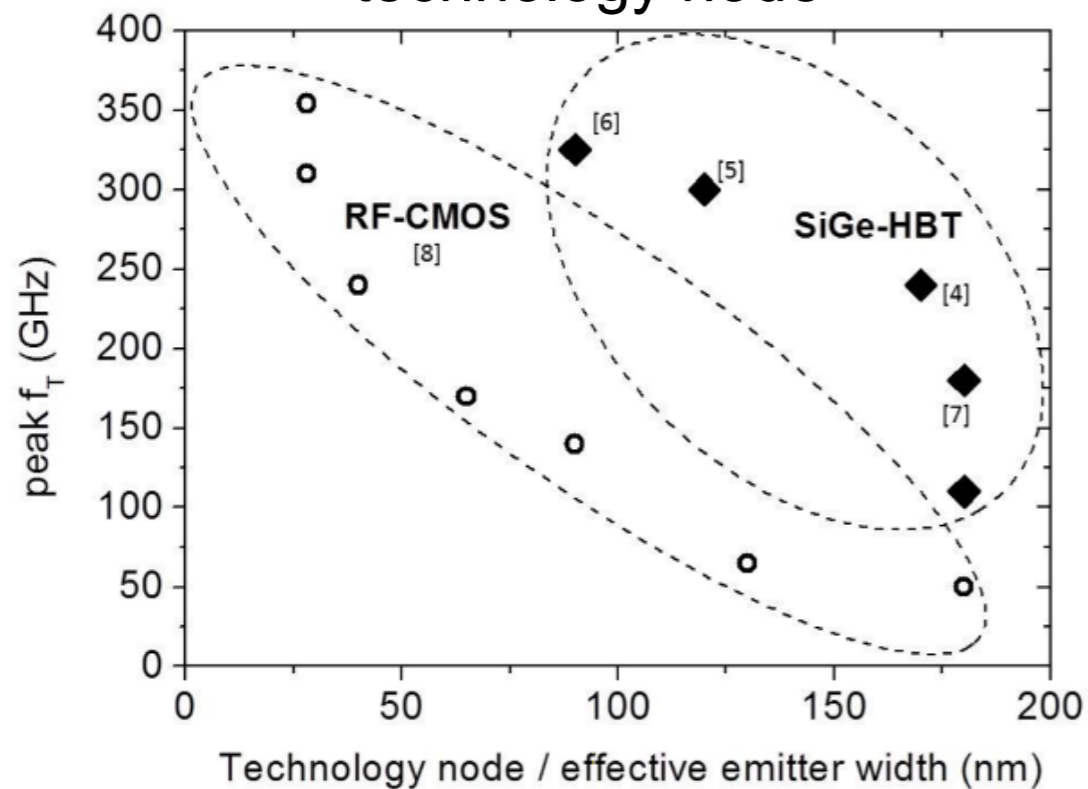
- charge-transport in base via **drift**
 - reduced charge-transit-time in base
 - **high current gain β**
- **High doping in base is possible:**
 - thinner base
 - **reduced base resistance R_b**

$$ENC_{series\ noise} \propto \sqrt{k_1 \frac{C_{tot}^2}{\beta} + k_2 R_b C_{tot}^2}$$



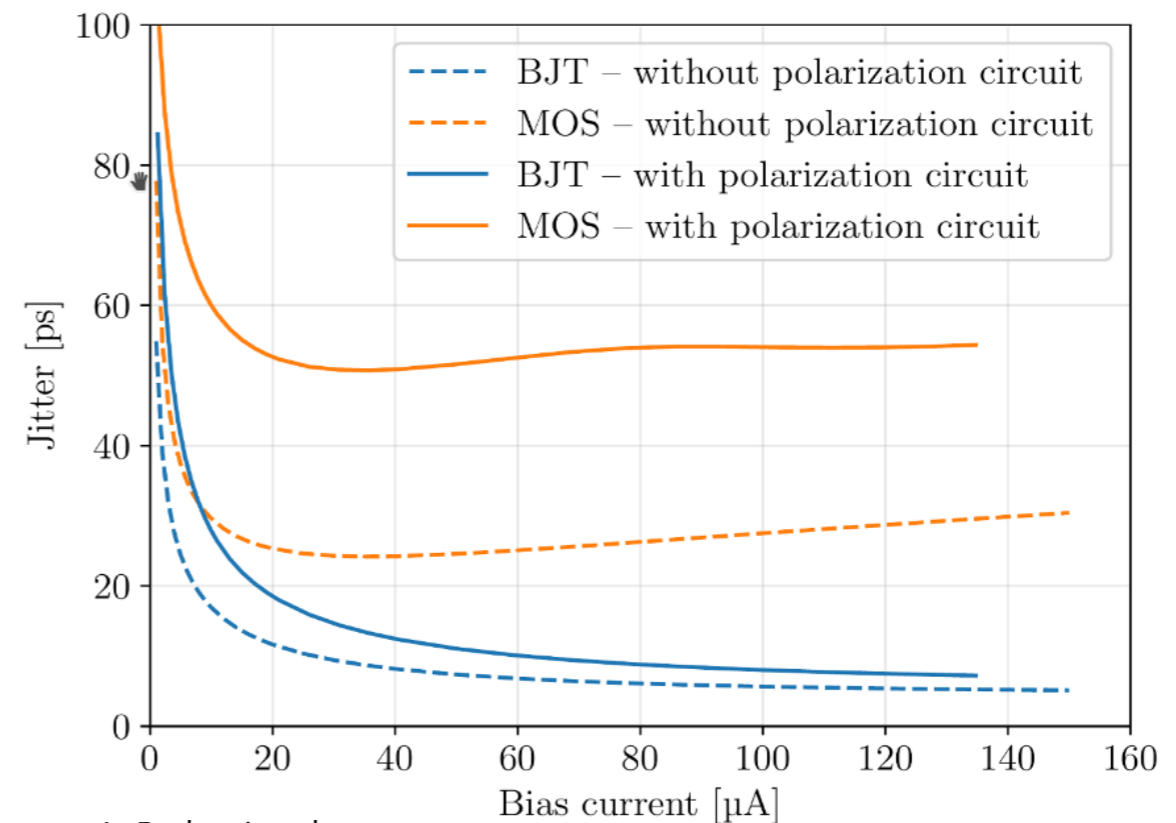
Leading-edge **IHP SG13G2** technology, **130 nm** process featuring **SiGe HBT**

Peak transition frequency vs. technology node



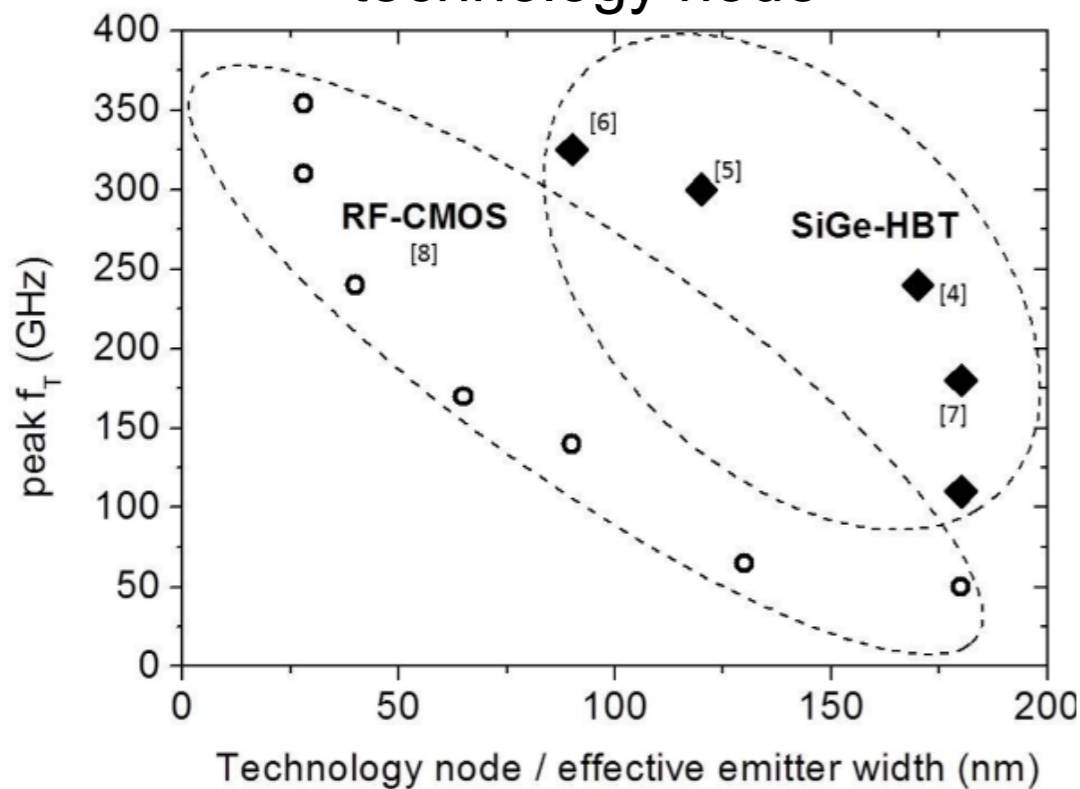
A. Mai and M. Kaynak,
SiGe-BiCMOS based technology platforms for mm-wave and radar applications.
DOI: [10.1109/MIKON.2016.7492062](https://doi.org/10.1109/MIKON.2016.7492062)

Intrinsic amplifier jitter: common emitter (source) configuration in a 130nm technology



L. Paolozzi et al.,
Time resolution and power consumption of a monolithic silicon pixel prototype in SiGe BiCMOS technology, JINST 15 (2020) P11025, <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/15/11/P11025>

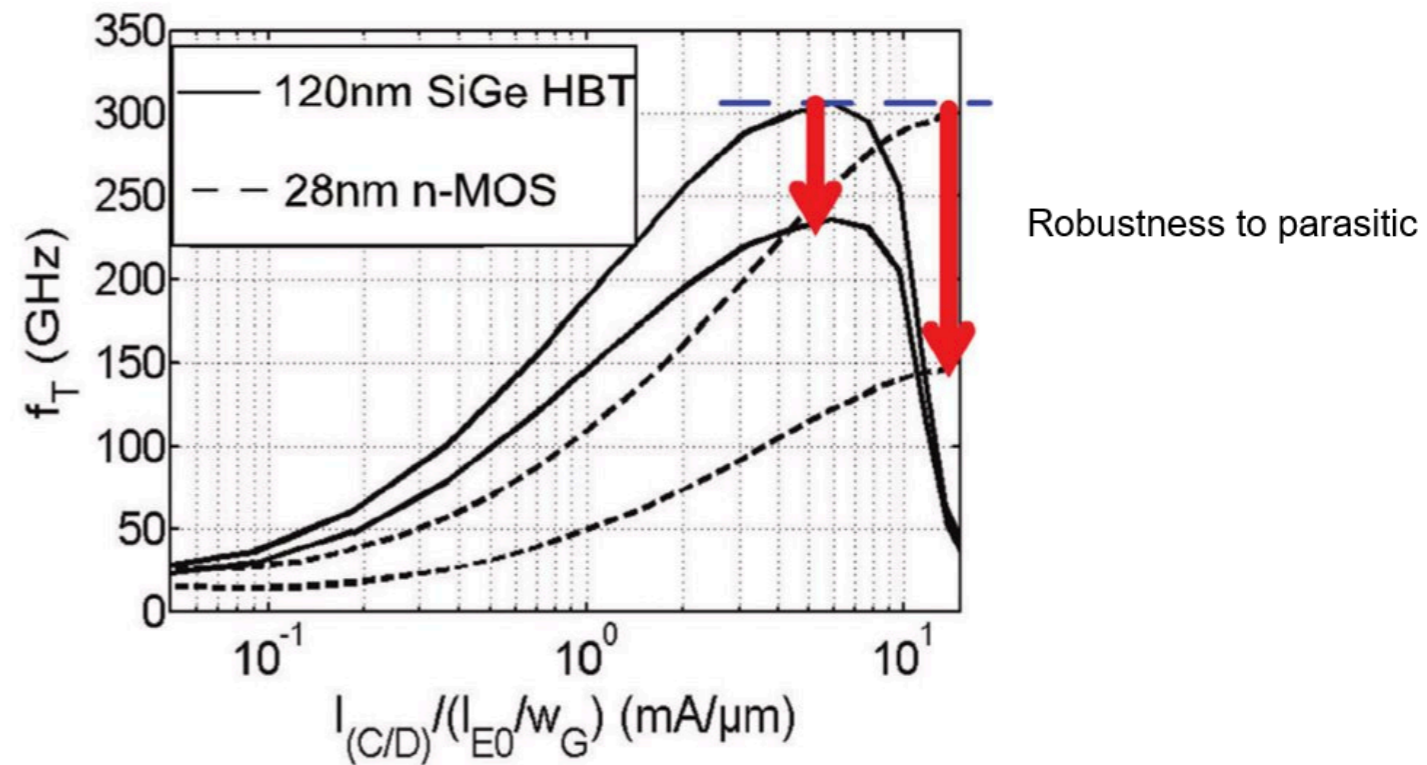
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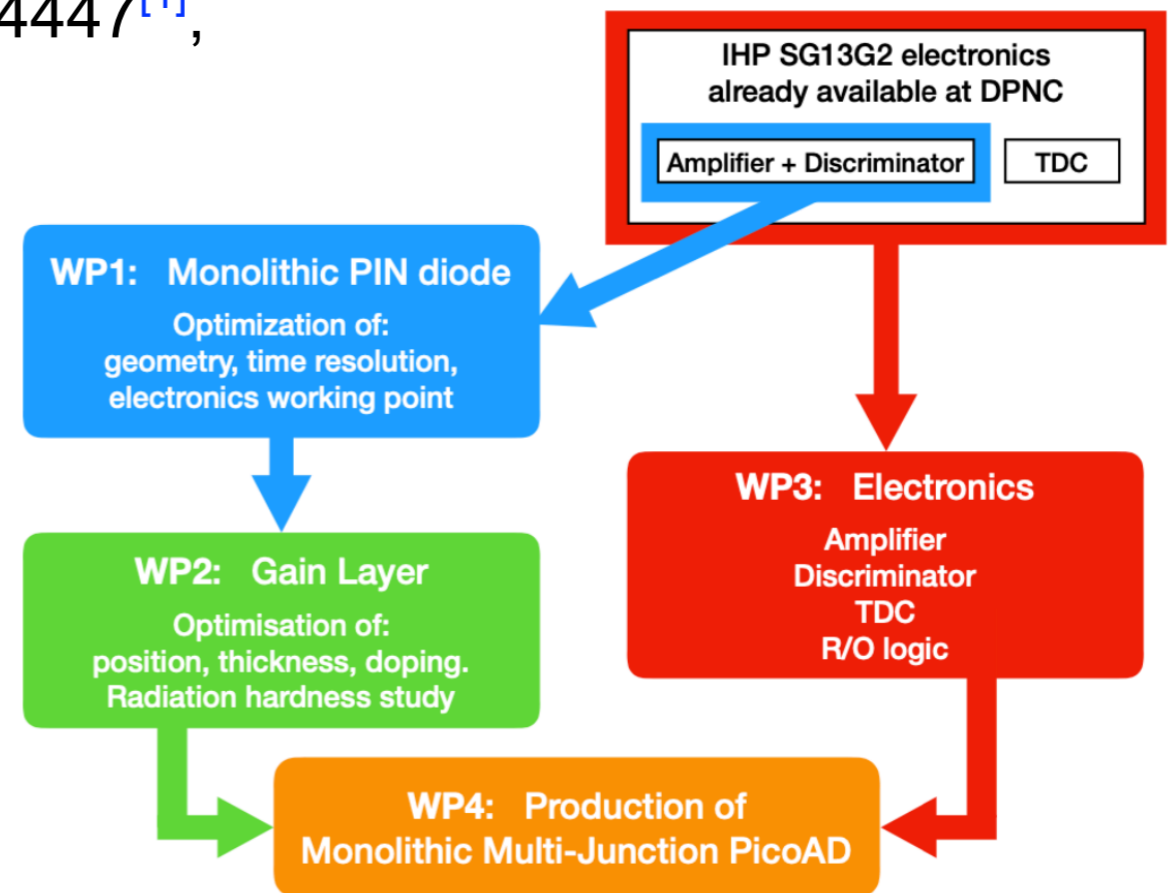
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Peak transition frequency vs. current density

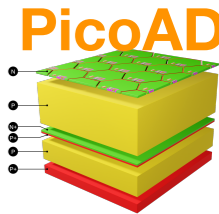
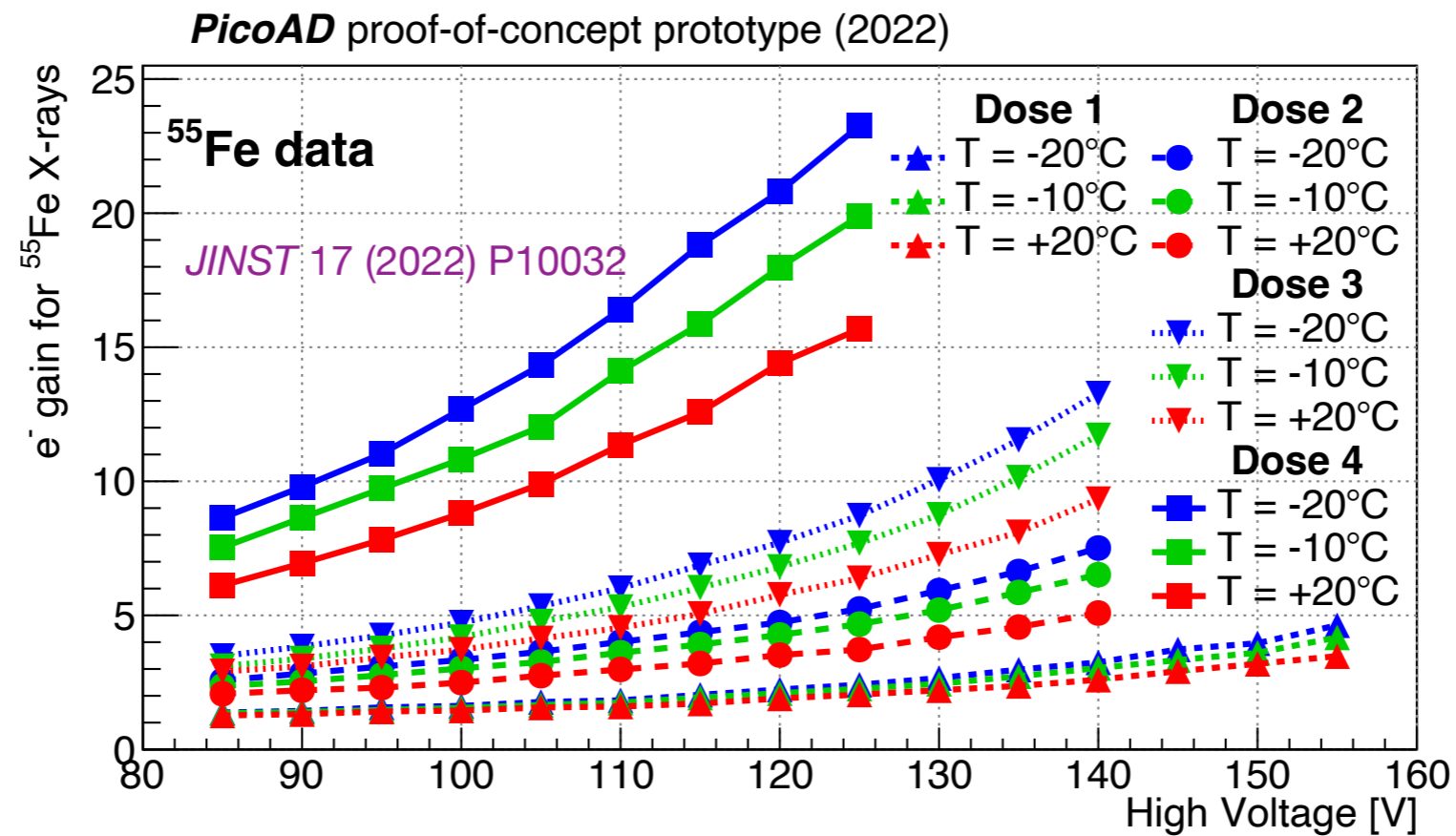


M. Schröter, U. Pfeiffer and R. Jain, Silicon-Germanium Heterojunction Bipolar Transistors for mm-Wave Systems: Technology, Modeling and Circuit Applications.

- Funded by the H2020 ERC Advanced grant 884447^[1],
July 2020 - June 2025
- Monolithic silicon sensor able to:
 - ▶ precisely measure 3D spatial position
 - ▶ provide picosecond-level time resolution
- Four working packages:
 1. Optimisation of **sensor geometry for timing**
 2. Optimisation of **gain layer, radiation hardness**
 3. Fast and low-noise **SiGe BiCMOS electronics**
 4. Novel sensor concept:
the Picosecond Avalanche Detector (**PicoAD**)



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

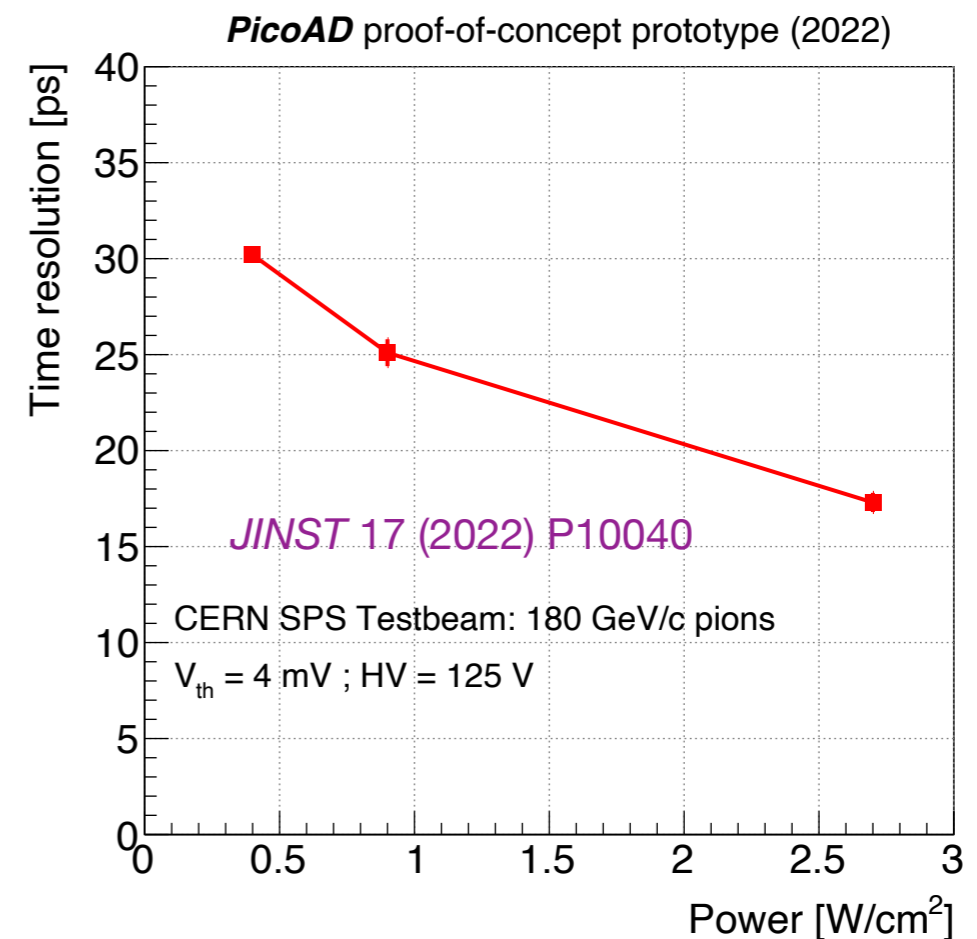
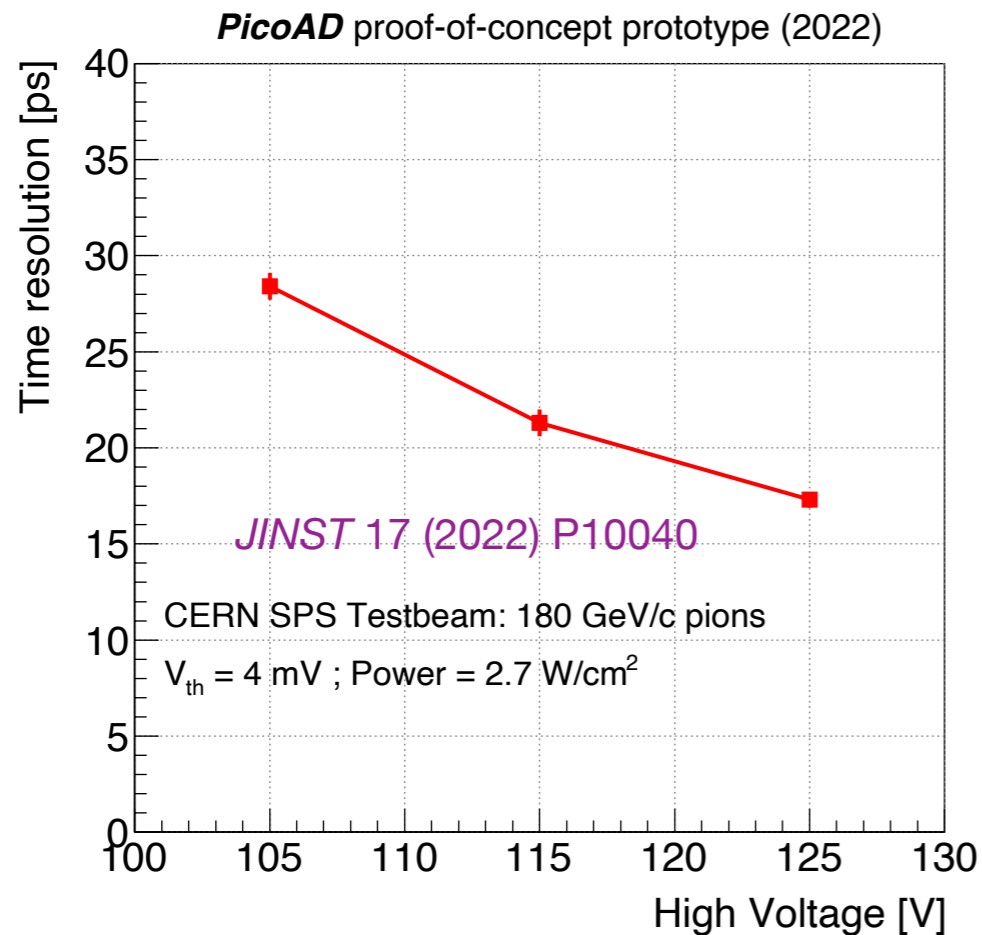
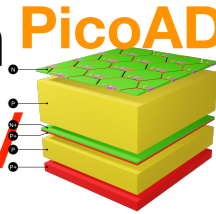


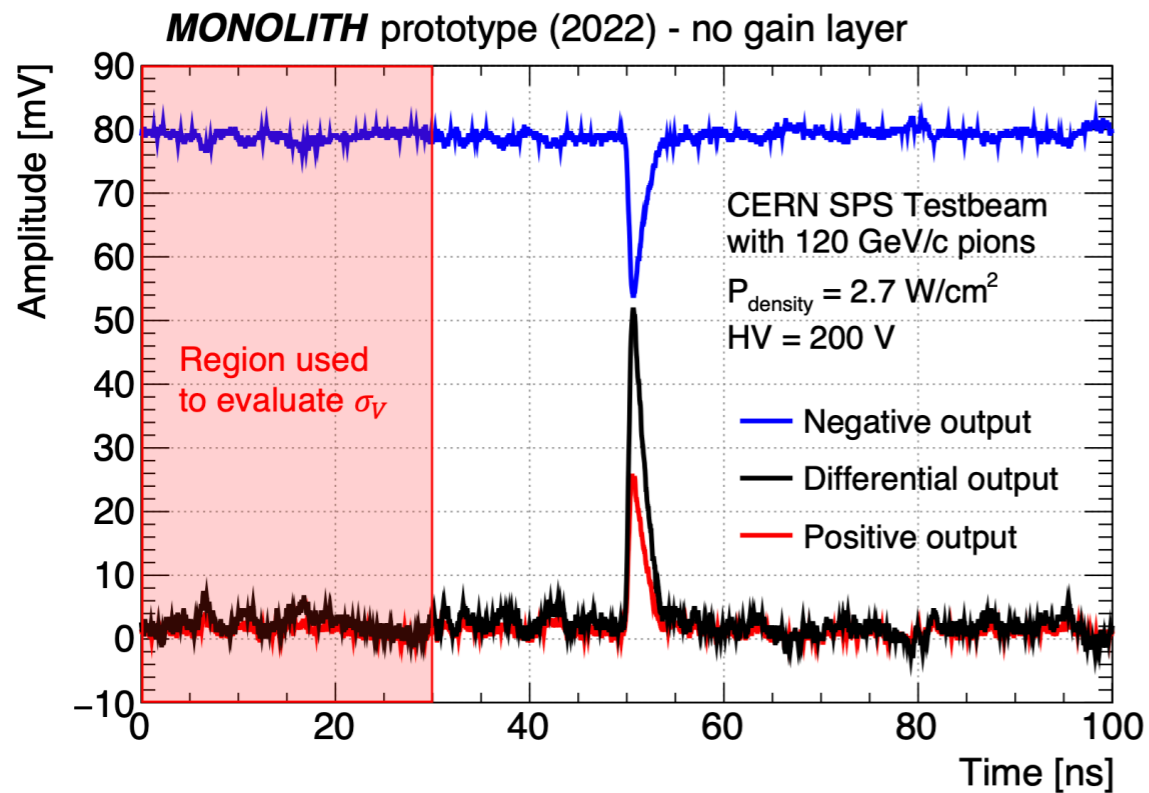
A **gain up to ≈ 20 for ^{55}Fe X-rays** obtained at HV = 120 V and T = -20 °C

We estimated that ^{55}Fe gain of ≈ 23 corresponds to **gain 60–70 for a MIP**

Best performance: (17.3 ± 0.4) ps
for HV=125 V and Power = **2.7** W/cm^2

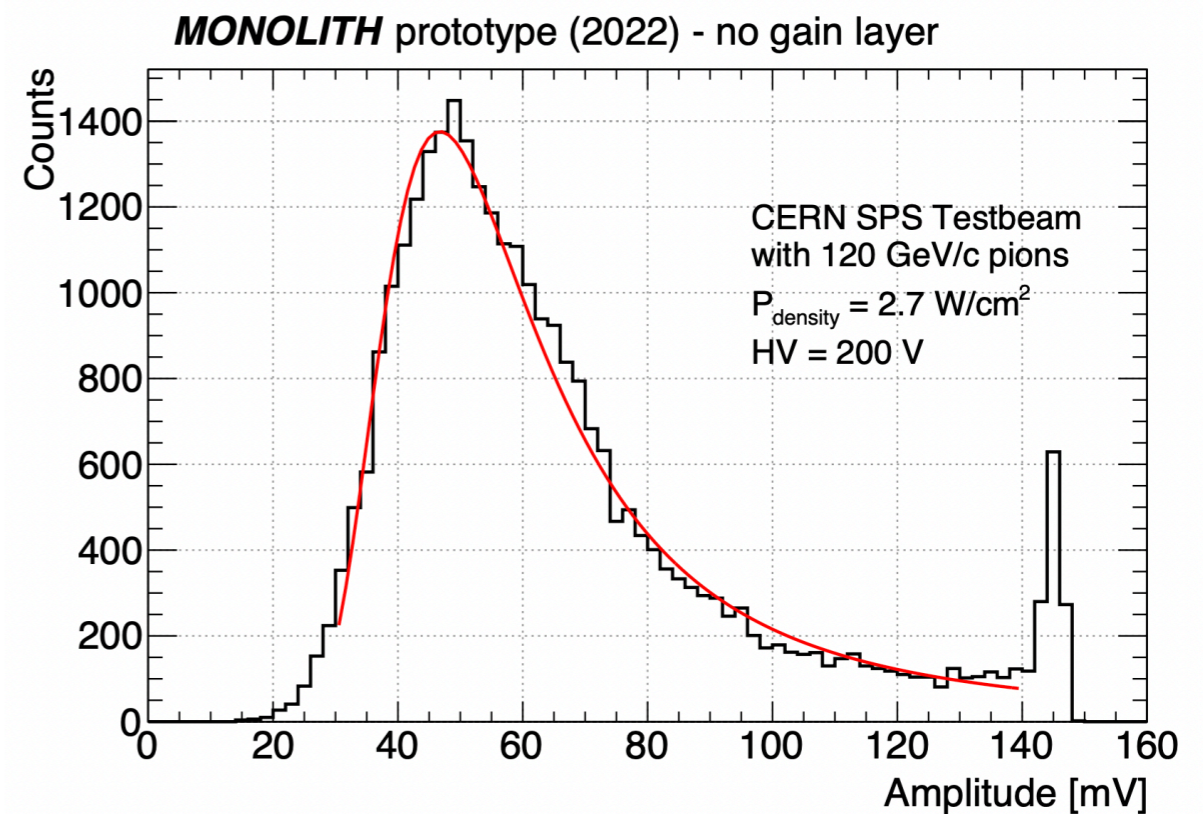
Timing resolution of **30 ps** even **PicoAD**
at power consumption of **0.4 W/cm^2**





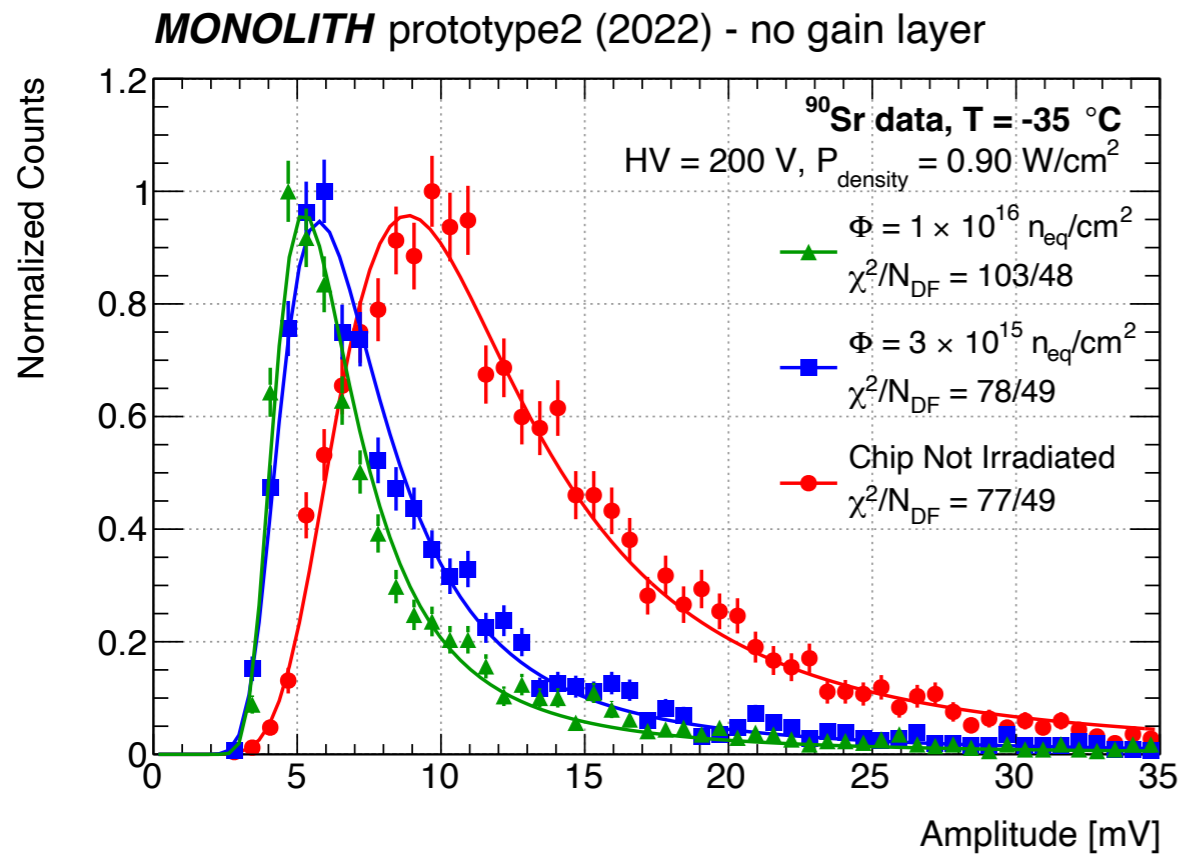
Voltage noise of the differential signal:

$$\sigma_v \approx 1 \text{ mV}$$

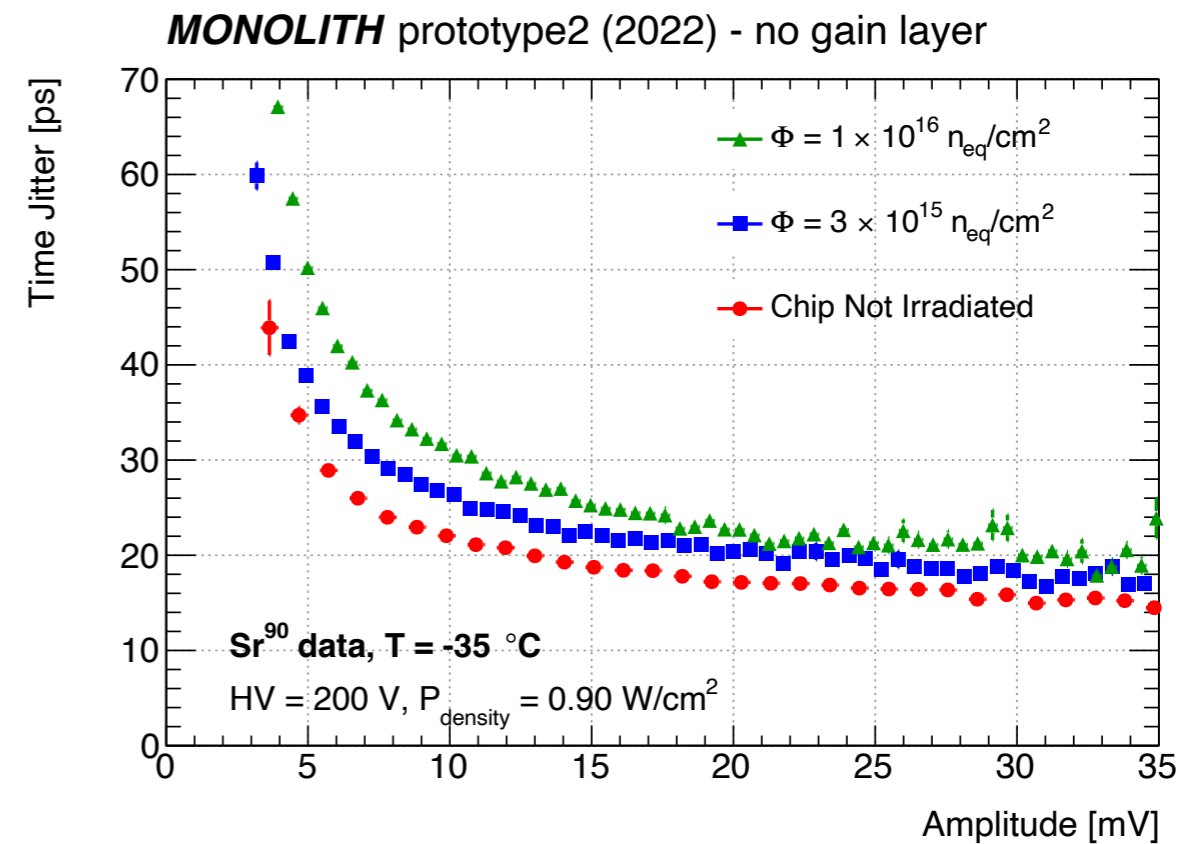


Amplitude distribution of differential signal:

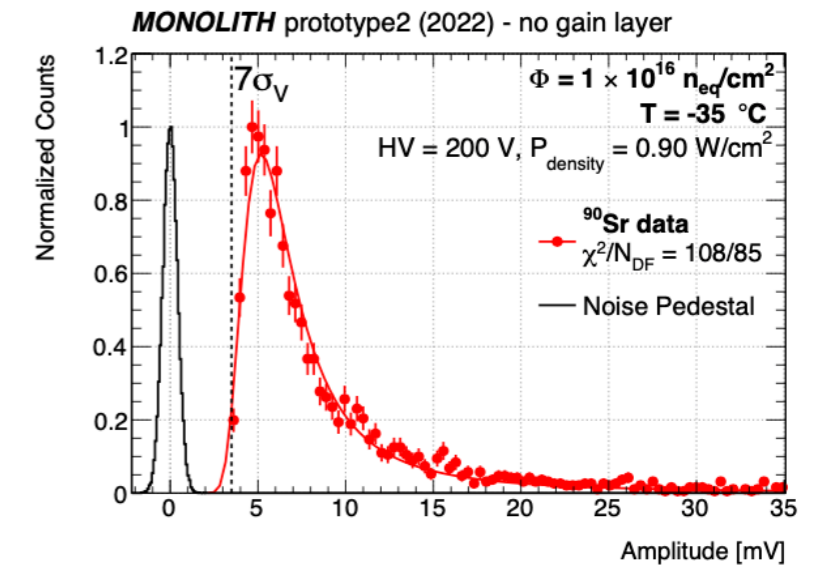
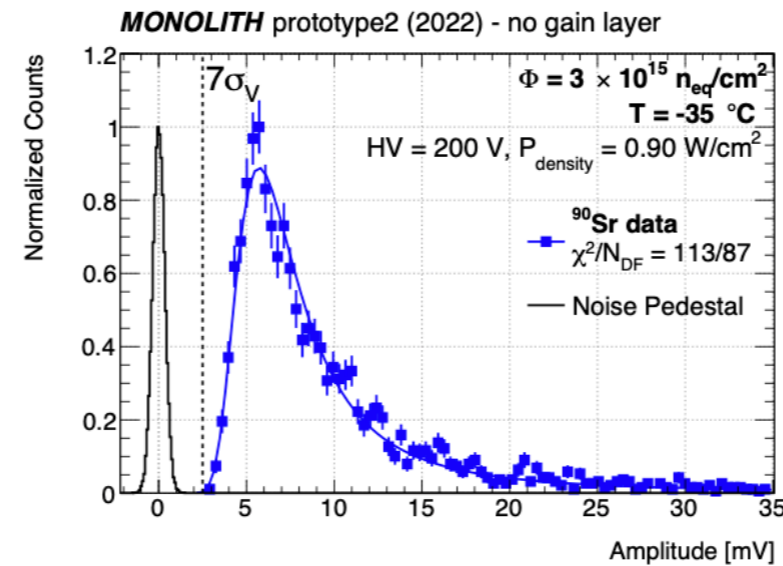
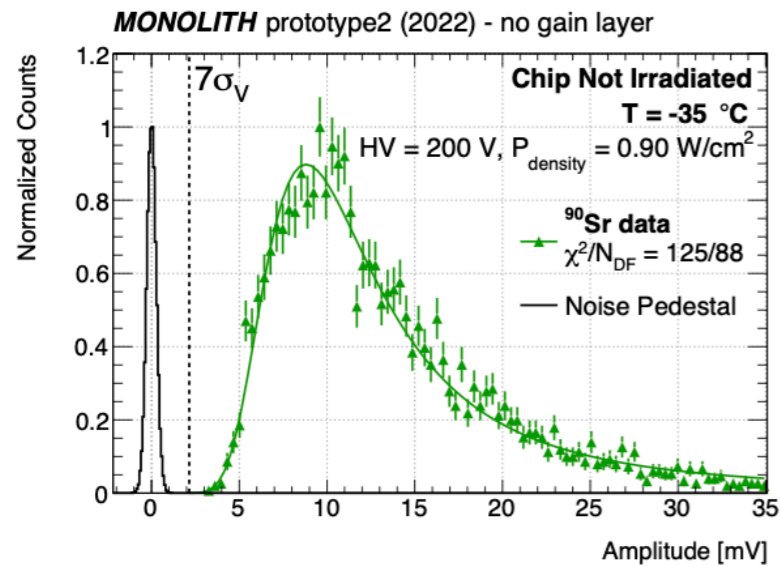
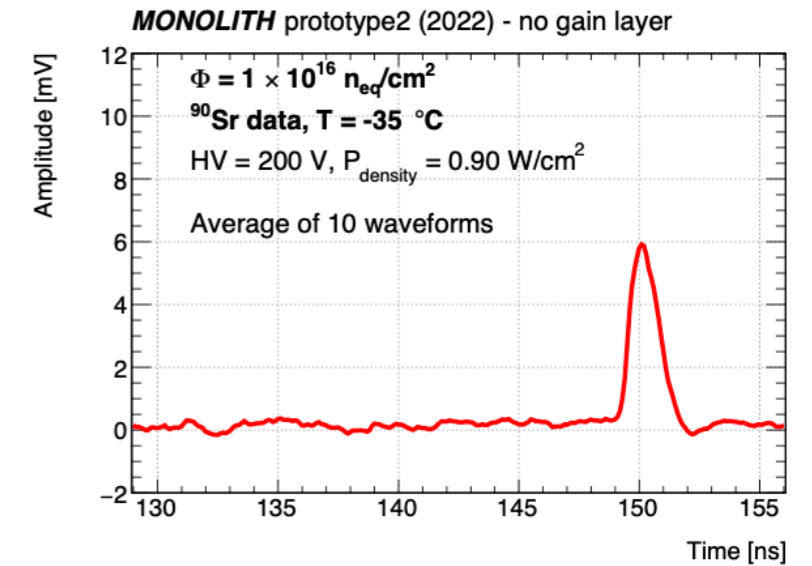
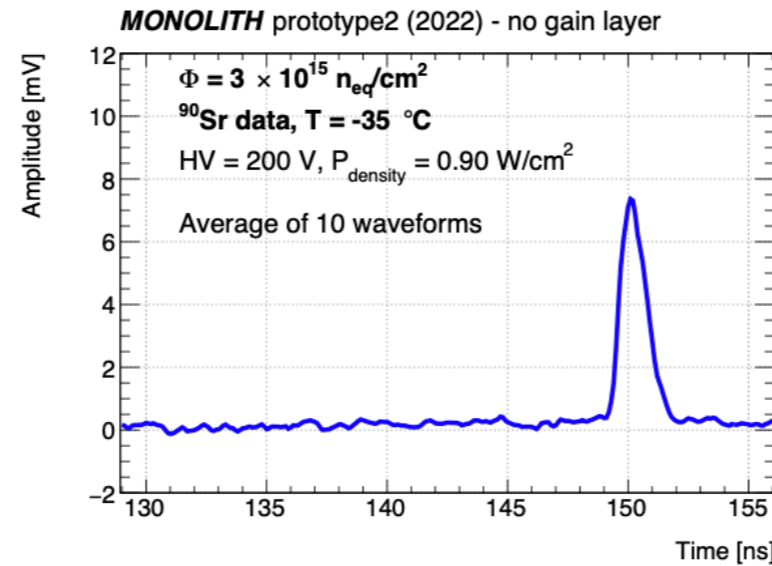
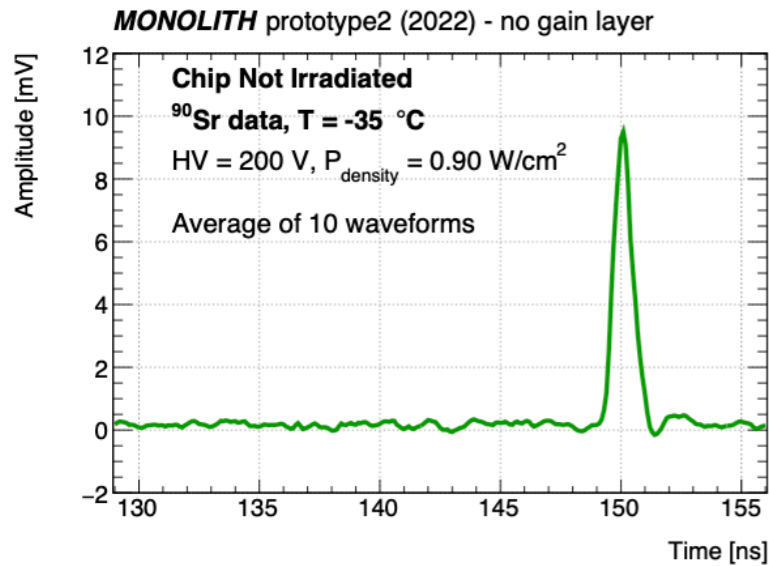
Landau with most probable value $\approx 50 \text{ mV}$

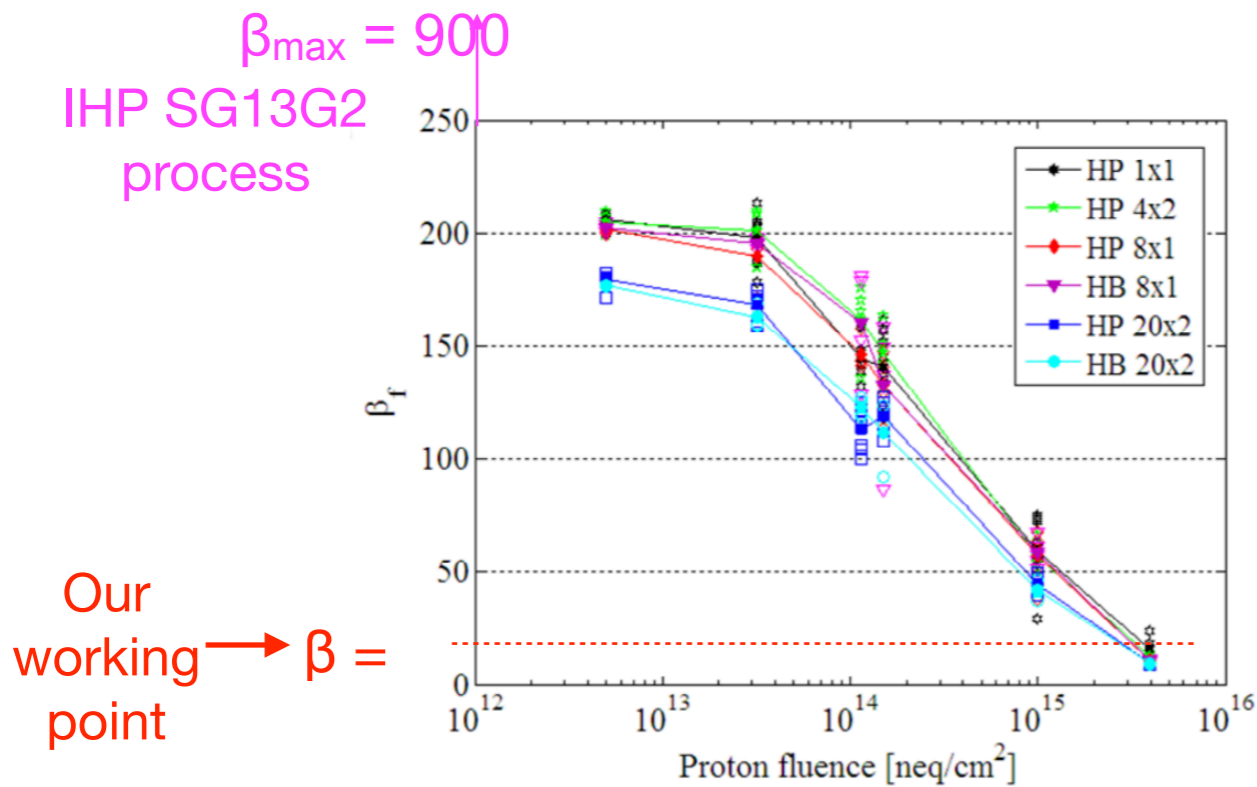


Signal amplitude distributions were fitted with a Landau functional form

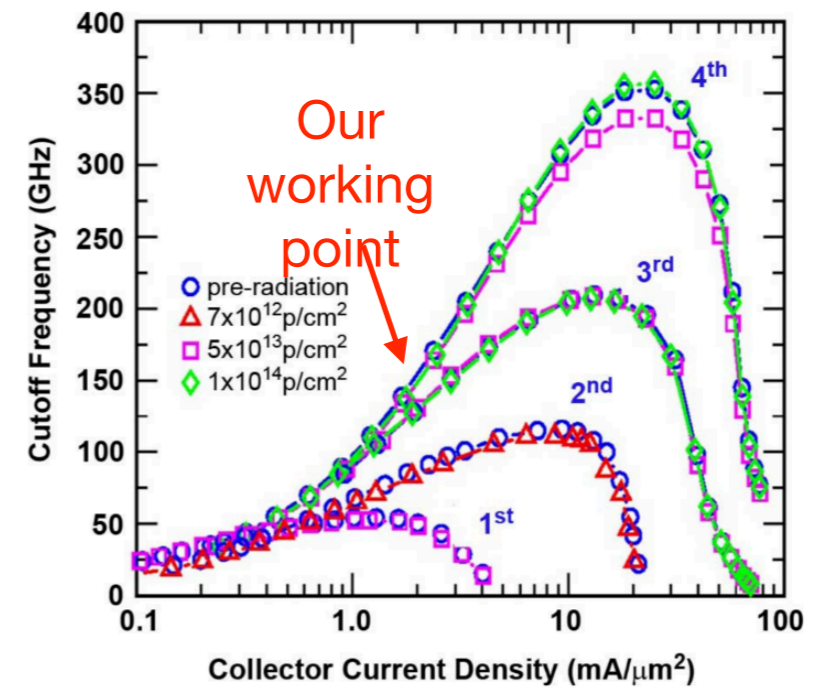


The time jitter ($\sigma_V/dV/dt$) at the mode of the Landau distribution was quoted (accurate within 10% w.r.t. the testbeam data)

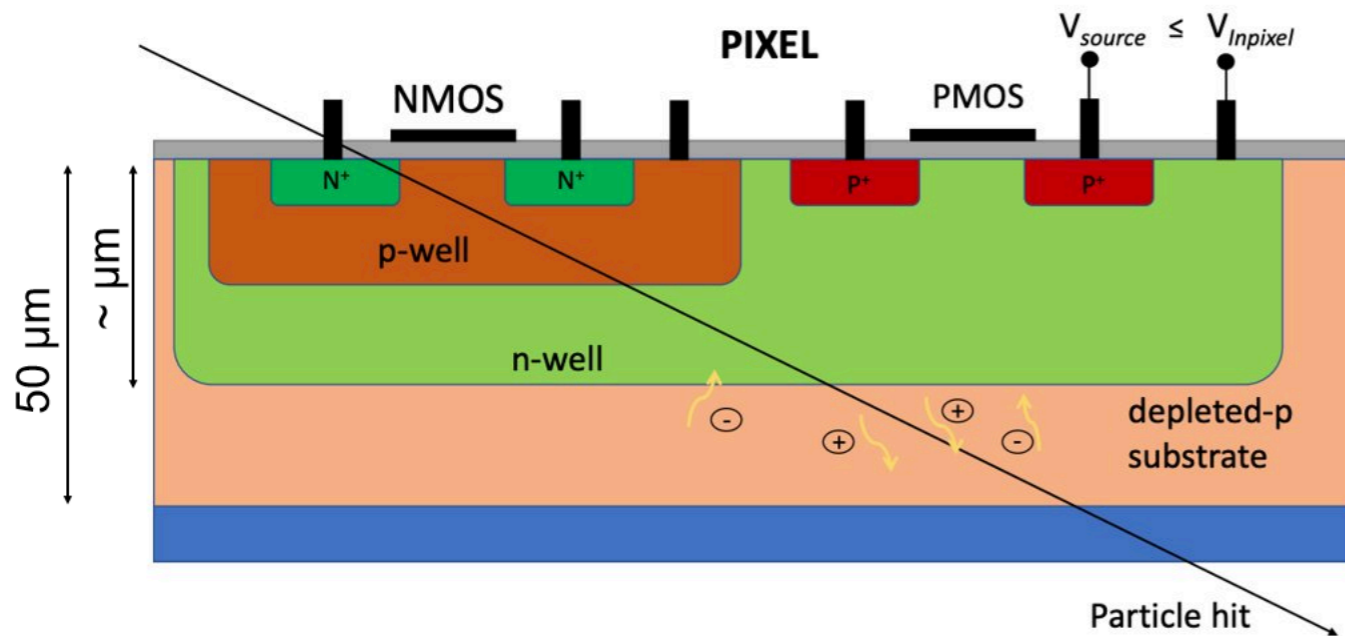




S. Díez et al, IEEE Nuclear Science Symposium & Medical Imaging Conference, Knoxville, TN, 2010, pp. 587-593, doi: 10.1109/NSSMIC.2010.5873828.



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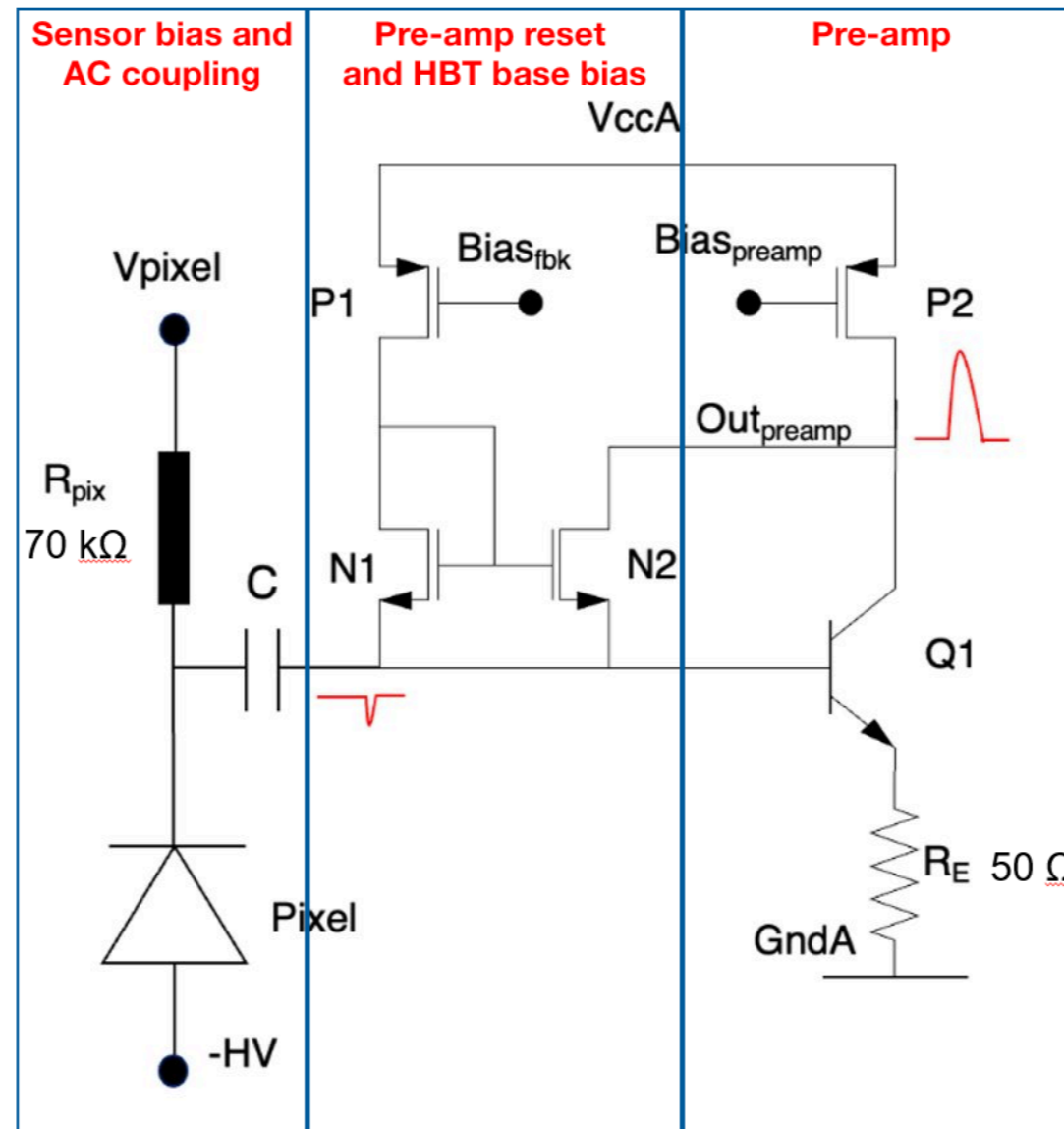
Large n-well collection electrode (parallel plates) for uniform electric field

Electronics inside the n-well electrode:

- NMOS in isolated p-well
- PMOS in the collection n-well
 - Bias condition:

$$\underline{V_{pixel}} \approx \underline{V_{inpixel}} \geq \underline{V_{ccA}}$$
- PMOS in isolated n-well: developed by the foundry, soon available.

Parasitic capacitance dominated by p-well – n-well junction



I_{bias_preamp} : 2 μ A to 150 μ A
 I_{bias_fbk} : nominal 400 nA

$C_d = 80$ fF
 (100 μ m pitch, electronics outside the pixel)