



# MPG Halbleiterlabor: Precision Sensors for Basic Research

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## ● MPS Semiconductor Laboratory (in German: MPG Halbleiterlabor - HLL)

At present @ Siemens Campus Neuperlach Munich



- 1000m<sup>2</sup> of clean room area
- 330m<sup>2</sup> of ISO3 area
- Full 6 inch silicon process line

From end 2023 @ Research Campus Garching



- 1500m<sup>2</sup> of clean room area
- 600m<sup>2</sup> of ISO3 & ISO4 area
- 8 inch silicon process line

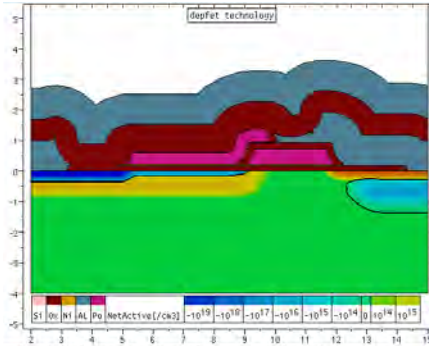
From 2023 HLL is part of  
Munich Quantum Valley

Central facility of the Max Planck Society  
with 40 employees: scientists, engineers and technicians + guest scientists, engineers and students

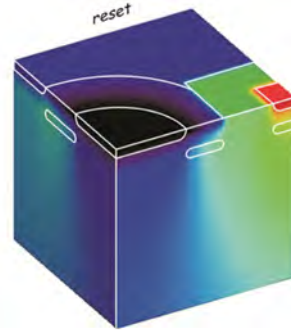
MPG HLL is developing and producing fully depleted silicon radiation sensors  
with integrated electronics optimized for different scientific projects

# ● Inside HLL – Sensors and Systems : Design, fabrication & Test

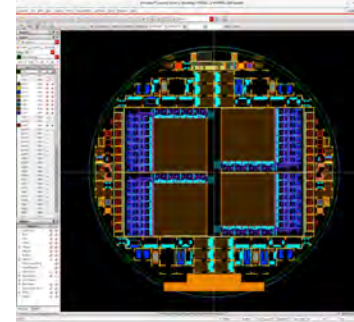
### Process simulation



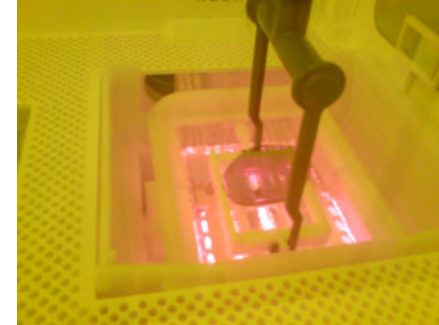
### Device simulation, 2D and 3D



### State-of-the-art layout tools



### In house fabrication



### Wire bonding, hybrid assembly



### @ HLL:

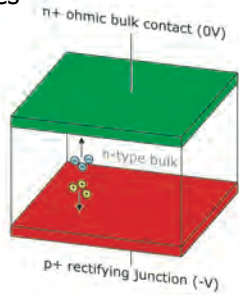
- sensor design and fabrication
- interconnection
- system/camera design and test

### System test facilities

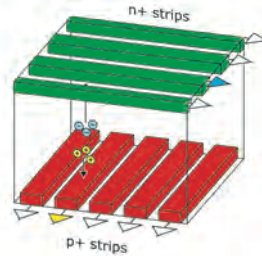


● **Building blocks**

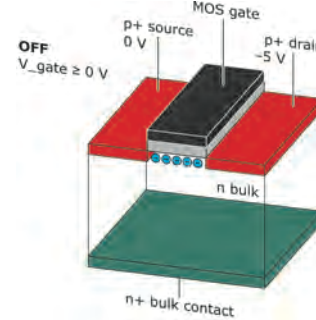
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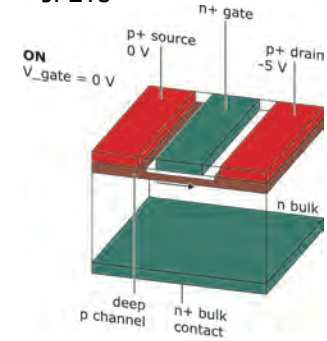
Strip detectors



MOSFETs

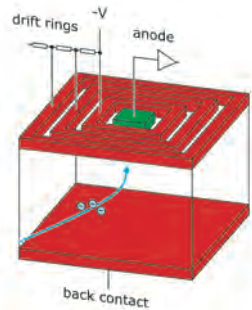


JFETs

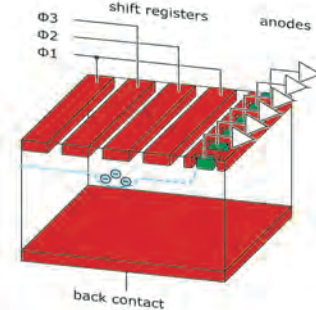


● **Devices**

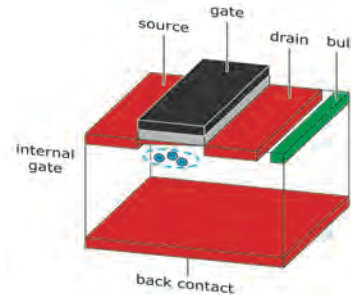
Silicon drift detectors (SDD)



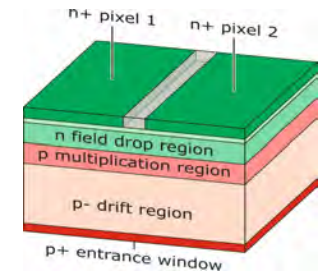
pnCCDs



DEPFETs



Avalanche devices



# ● Highlights from SDD projects

## Mini SDD - DSSC @ EuXFEL (imaging of X-ray diffraction patterns)



M. Porro et al., *The MiniSDD-based 1-Megapixel Camera of the DSSC Project for the European XFEL*, IEEE TNS 68(6), pp. 1334 - 1350, June 2021

camera	<b>1024 x 1024 pixels</b> 21 x 21 cm <sup>2</sup> 32 sensor chips 4 quadrants central hole for direct beam
sensor	mini-SDD cells 128 x 256 pixels 3.0 x 6.2 cm <sup>2</sup> (chip)
hex. pixel pitch	204 μm × 236 μm
energy range	<b>0.25 keV – 6 keV</b>
noise	60 el. r.m.s.
peak frame rate	<b>4.5 MHz</b>
frame storage	800 frames

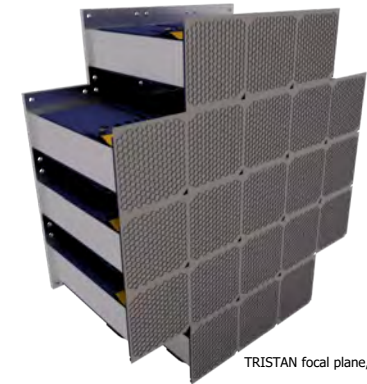
## eXTP (enhanced X-ray Timing and Polarimetry) SFA (spectroscopic focusing array) (space based fast time-resolved X-ray spectroscopy)



SDD layout plot

SFA instrument	11 telescopes & sensors sensors out of focus
sensor	<b>19-cells SDD</b>
SDD cell	hexagonal 3.2 mm side length <b>30 mm<sup>2</sup> area</b>
energy resolution	< 180 eV (FWHM @ 6 keV)
time resolution	< 10 μsec

## TRISTAN (tritium sterile anti-neutrino) @ KIT sterile neutrino search by electron spectroscopy



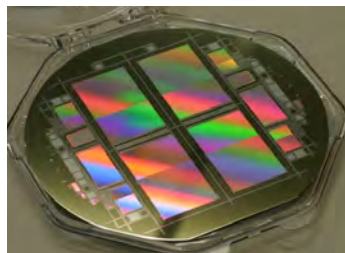
TRISTAN focal plane, 21 modules.

system	21 sensors <b>20 cm diameter</b>
sensor	SDD with integrated FET <b>166 cells (~ 14 x 12 array)</b> <b>3.8 x 4.0 cm<sup>2</sup> (chip)</b>
SDD cell	hexagonal, 3 mm side length 7 mm <sup>2</sup> area
energy resolution	< 300 eV FWHM @ 20 keV
count rate	≤ 10 <sup>8</sup> /sec on focal plane ≤ 10 <sup>5</sup> /sec on sensor cell
dead layer	<b>as thin as possible</b>

- Highlights from pnCCD projects

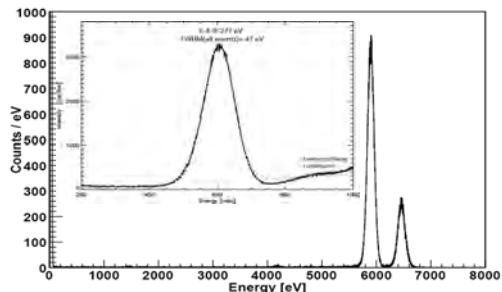
### eROSITA

space based X-ray imaging & spectroscopy



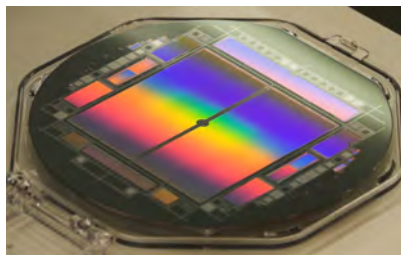
Sensor: 3 x 3 cm<sup>2</sup>  
384 x 384

Pixel size: 75 x 75 μm<sup>2</sup>  
Frame time: 50msec (20Hz)



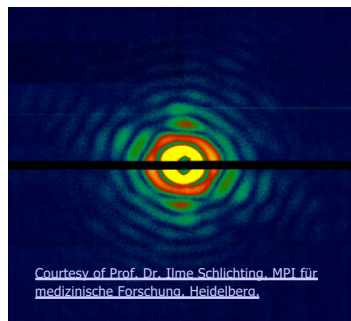
### CAMP / LAMP

Soft X-ray camera for Photon science



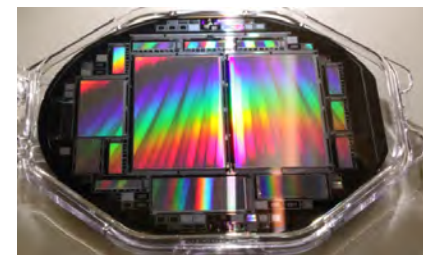
Sensor: 3.7 x 7.8 cm<sup>2</sup>  
1024 x 512 pixels.

Pixel size: 75 x 75 μm<sup>2</sup>  
Frame time: 8 msec (up to 120Hz)



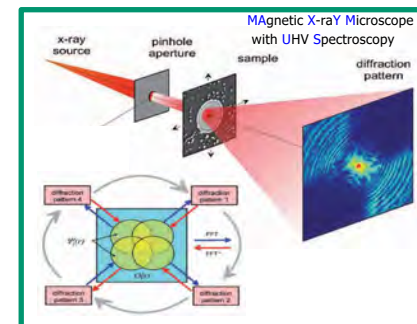
### FSP – TNG for MAXIMUS@BESSY

Fast Small Pixel – The Next Generation  
X-ray microscopy



Sensor: 3.7 x 7.4 cm<sup>2</sup>  
1024x1024 +(2x512) pixels

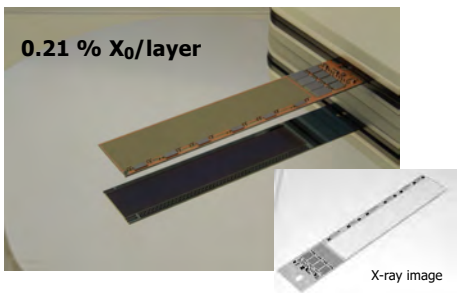
Pixel size: **36 x 36 μm<sup>2</sup>**  
Frame time: 2.5 msec (**400Hz**)



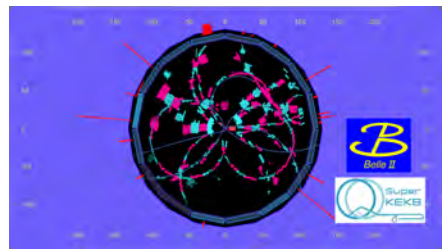
# ● Highlights from DEPFET projects

## BELLE II pixel detector

High energy particle vertexing

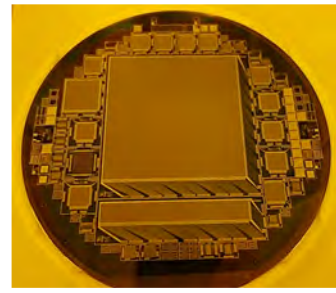


Active area 12.5 x 44.8(61.44)mm<sup>2</sup>  
 250 x 800 pixels  
 Thickness: **75 μm**  
 rolling shutter mode  
 Pixel size: 50 x 55(85) μm<sup>2</sup>  
 Frame time: 20ms (50kHz) (10MHz -row)

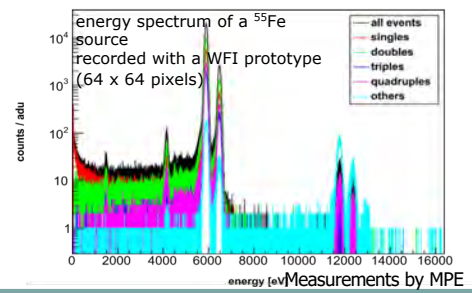


## ATHENA Wide Field Imager

the **Advanced Telescope for High-Energy Astrophysics** as ESA's next-generation X-ray astronomy observatory

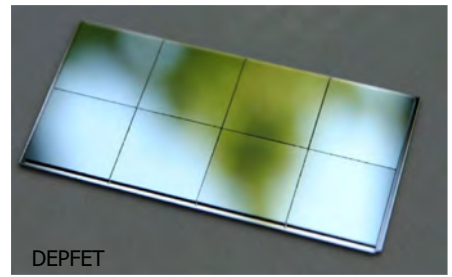


Sensor: 512 x 512 pixels  
**78.00 x 76.15 mm<sup>2</sup>**  
 rolling shutter mode  
 Pixel size: 130x 130 μm<sup>2</sup>  
 Frame time: **1.28 msec, i.e. 2.5 μsec / row**  
 with 128 eV (singles) & 136 eV (all)



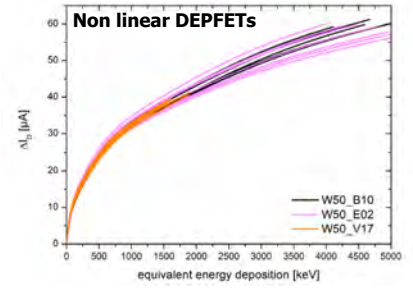
## DSSC @ EuXFEL

DEPFET Sensor with **Signal Compression** (imaging of X-ray diffraction patterns)

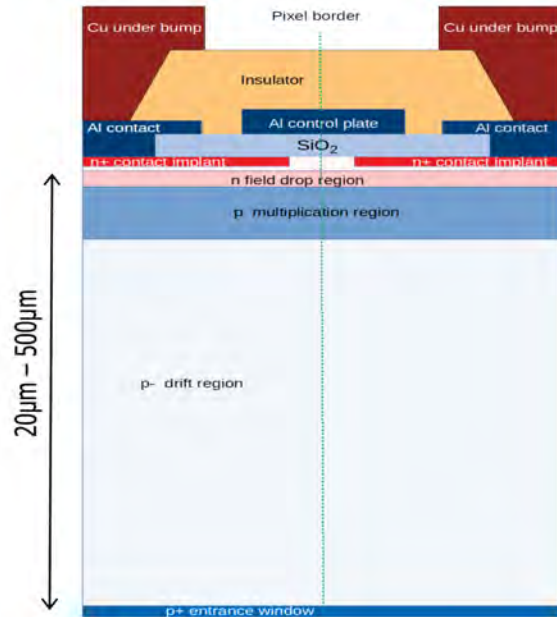


Sensor **2.56 x 10.24 cm<sup>2</sup>**  
 512 x 128 pixels

Hybrid detector with 8 readout ASICs (64x64)  
 Pixel size: 204 x 236 μm<sup>2</sup>  
 Frame time: **220ns (4.5MHz)**



## ● Monolytic Array of Reach Through APDs (MARTHA)



operated in **proportional** mode  
**no inter pixel dead space**  
suitable for large pixel arrays

### Expected features

Gain up to 20

Collection efficiencies: > 99%

Pixel pitch: given by bump bond technology and read out electronics (ATLAS 50µm)

Position resolution:  $\ll pitch/\sqrt{12}$

Time resolution: Application dependent

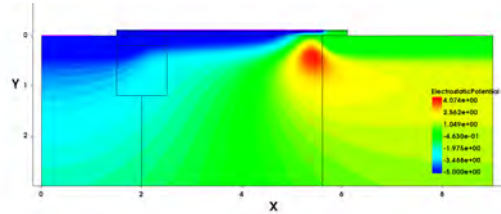
- Leading edge trigger: <50ps
- Full signal formation 50ns (500µm)



# DEPFETs – advanced concepts

## Super $g_q$ DEPFETs – Super high S/N

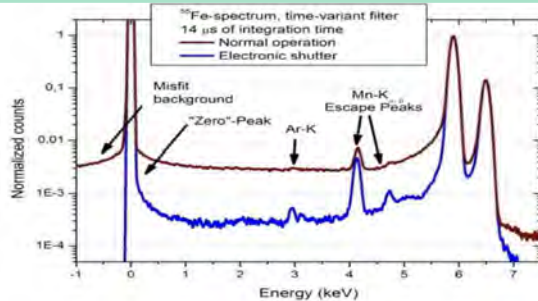
- New DEPFET technology allows **improved S/N** of a factor of 3
- better S/N -> better spectroscopic applications (**ENC > 1e-**)
- **High speed** readout devices
- **High precision** devices
- **High dynamic range** DEPFETs
- thinner detectors
- Smaller bias current - **less power** in pixel area
- Thinner gate isolator - **higher radiation** tolerance



Combine different conceptual features  
Create devices with multiple capabilities

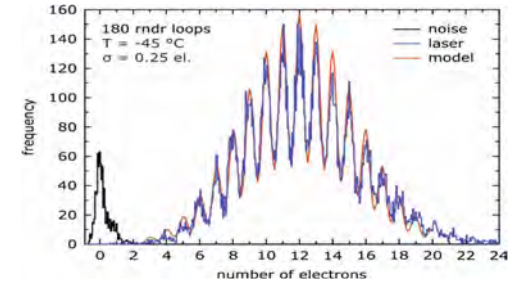
## Gated DEPFETs - precise timing

- allows replacement of external shutters → better timing properties
- Sensors for experiments requiring **selective sensitivity**, e.g. light curve measurements, LIDAR, AO etc.



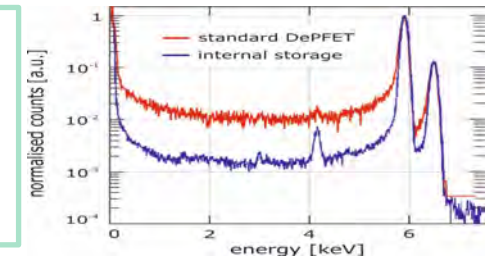
## Repetitive readout – sub $e^-$ resolution RNR DEPFETs

- an equivalent noise of 0.2  $e^-$  is achieved in  $\sim 6$ ms with 180 transfers
- **Extremely low noise** and background suppression
- Experiments w/ single electron sensitivity (e.g. low light level astronomy)
- Extremely low background applications (e.g. dark matter detection)



## Multiple DEPFET structure – NO deadtime

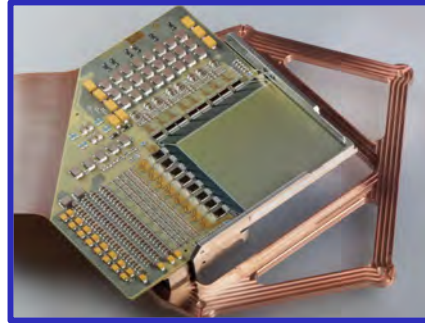
- superpixel is composed of two or more standard or advanced DEPFET subpixels, which are alternately used for the detection of charge.
- one subpixel is read out, while the other one is collecting new charge



## ● Interconnection technologies

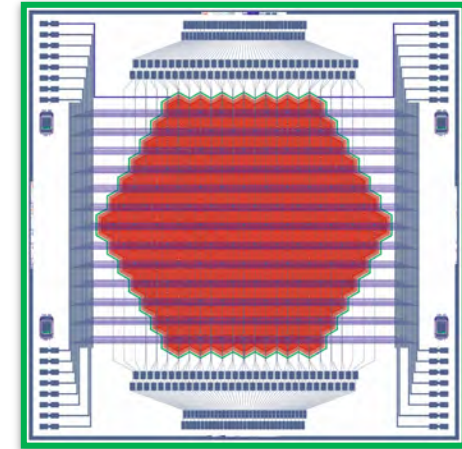
### Standard wire bonding (Al and Au)

Frame time: 1.28 msec,  
i.e. 2.5  $\mu$ sec / row



### Athena WFI module

Courtesy MPE



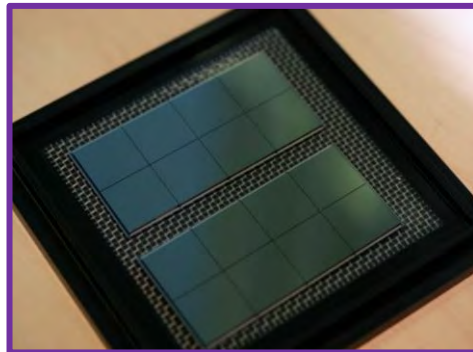
### Full parallel readout

dedicated wire routing

flip chip technology – hybrid detectors



DSSC module  
With 8 CMOS chips  
Frame rate: 4.5MHz



### Full frame read-out DEPFET detector

application **ultra-fast X-ray timing & imaging**  
frame rate **> 100 kHz**

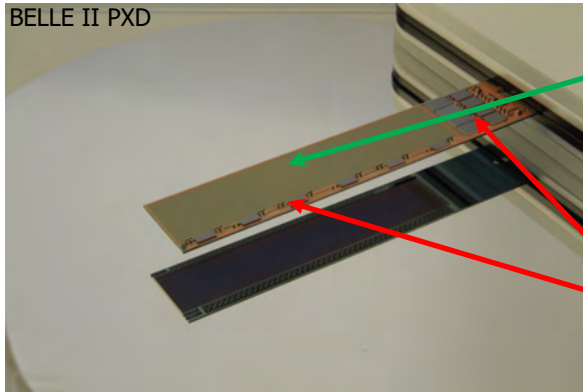
sensor 127 hexagonal hexagonal pixels  
cell diameter 800  $\mu$ m

DePFET with internal storage

# ● Interconnection technologies – All Silicon Module (ASM)

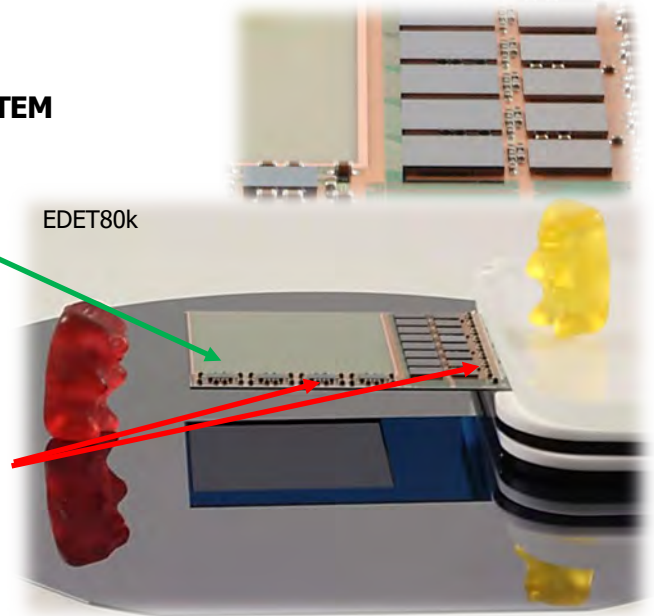
## Sensor and Hybrid in one silicon piece

- Belle II Pixel detector – **tracking of high energy particles**
- EDET80k project – development of **ultra fast direct electron detectors for TEM**



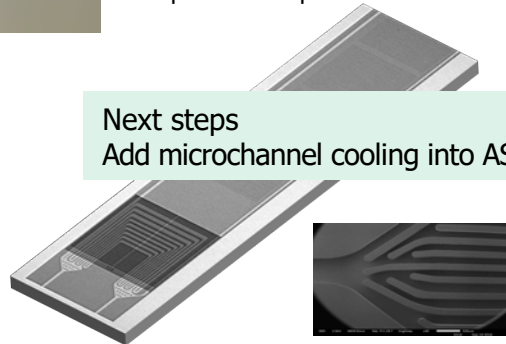
Thin sensitive area with DEPFTs

Thick silicon area for cooling and landing pads and interconnection for the read out and steering electronics and all passive components.

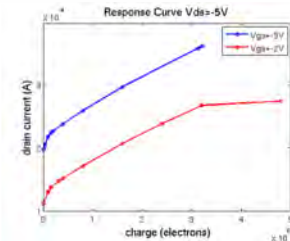


Next steps  
Add microchannel cooling into ASM

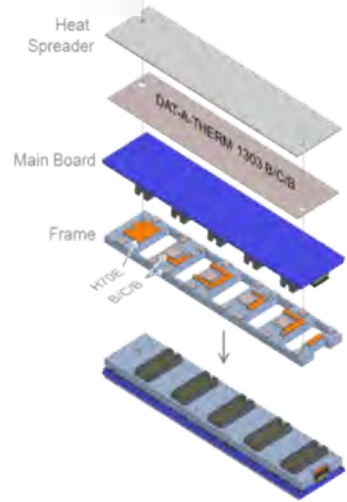
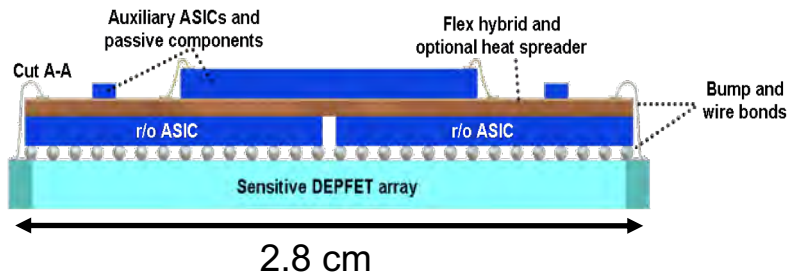
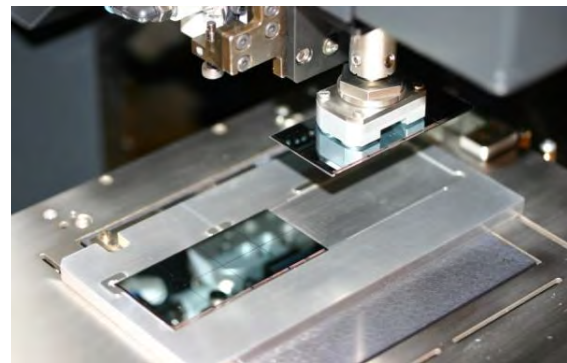
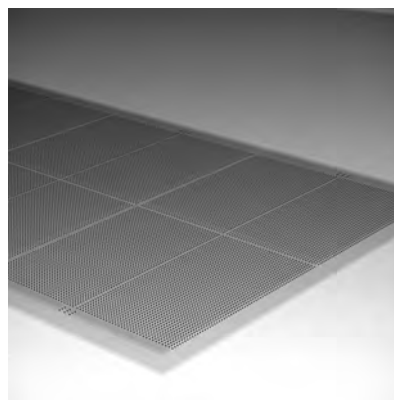
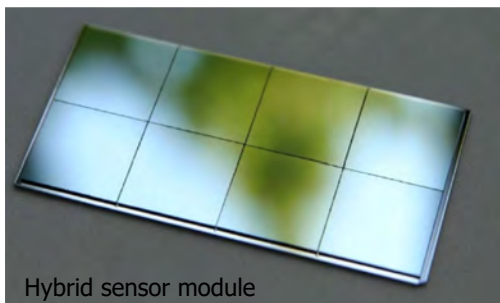
~50 $\mu$ m pixel size  
8M pixel detector  
50kHz frame time  
**75  $\mu$ m** thin detectors  
Linear DEPFTs



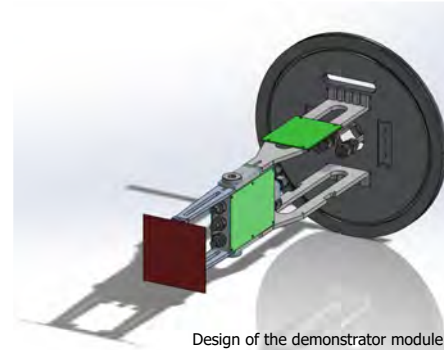
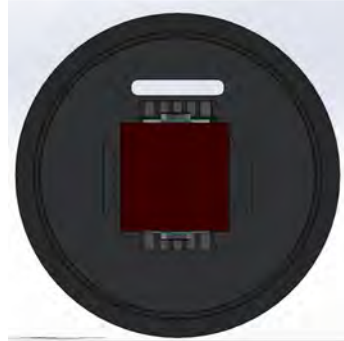
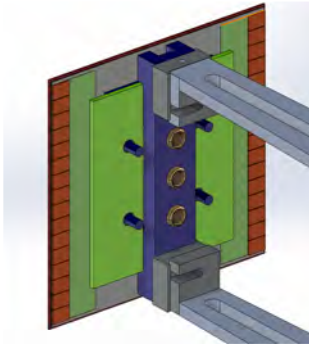
60 $\mu$ m pixel size  
1M pixel camera  
80kHz frame time  
**30 and 50  $\mu$ m** thin detectors  
**Nonlinear** DEPFTs



# ● Macro/Micro assemblies



## ● 4 side buttable module development @ HLL



### TrueTile:

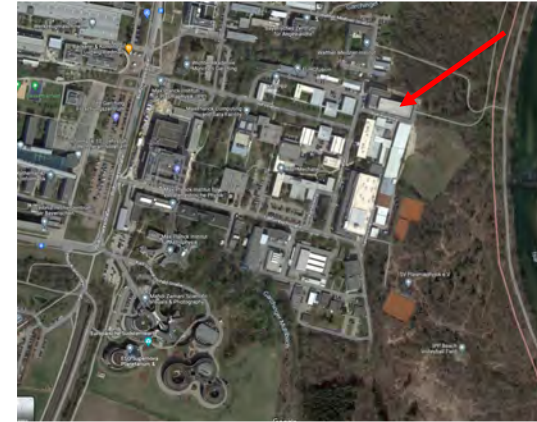
- **Novel concept** for sensor integration
  - **Compact and modular** for high-density sensor integration
  - **4-side buttable** devices - large sensor areas with extremely low sensitivity gaps
  - Core element: **Active interposer (AI)** for frontend supply integration and cooling
  - Multi-level development project
- Large area pnCDD as demonstrator device
    - 1 MPixel with  $75 \times 75 \text{ mm}^2$  pixels,  $76.8 \times 76.8 \text{ mm}^2$
  - Active interposer with microchannel cooling structures
  - Compact camera interior for standalone operation

See talk from S. Stadler

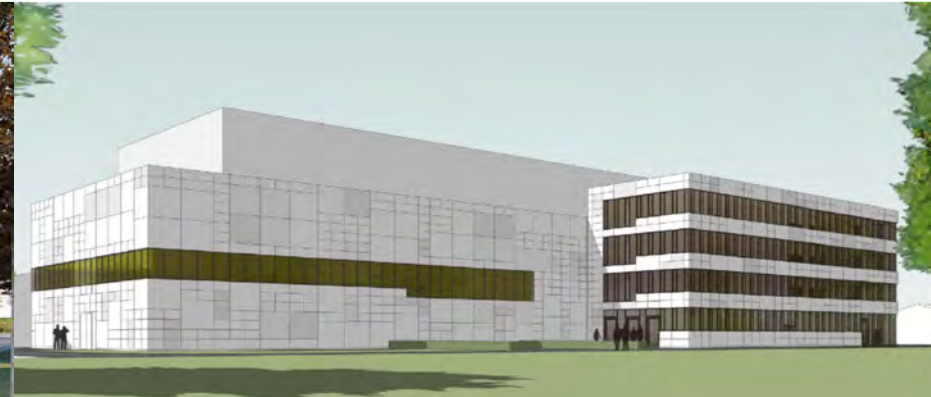


## ● Building description

- New HLL building on research campus Garching
- Building divided into two parts:  
laboratory with technical areas & offices with meeting rooms



Front view



Rear view

- Impressions from the site – Move in November 2023

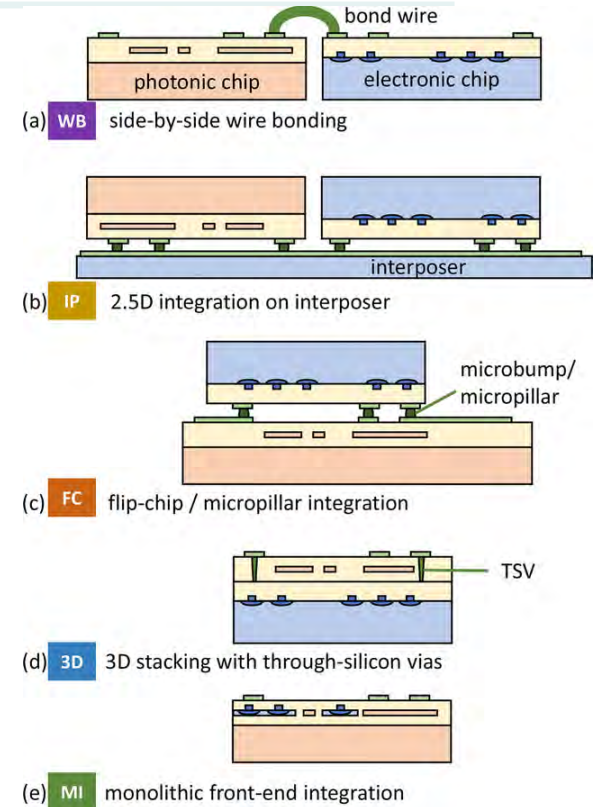




# ● Munich Quantum Valley : Integrated photonics @ MPG HLL

- Post processing of CMOS wafers
- Wafer-wafer and wafer-chip bonding
- Interconnection and assembly

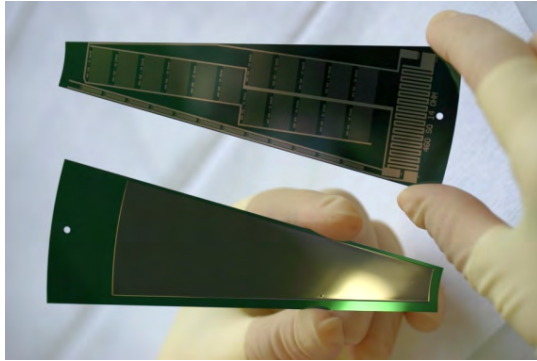
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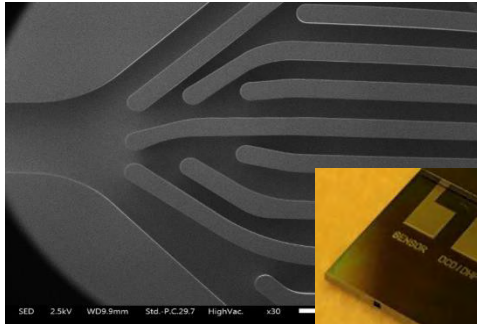
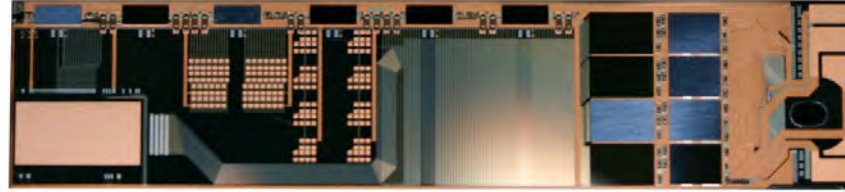
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- Non sensor components

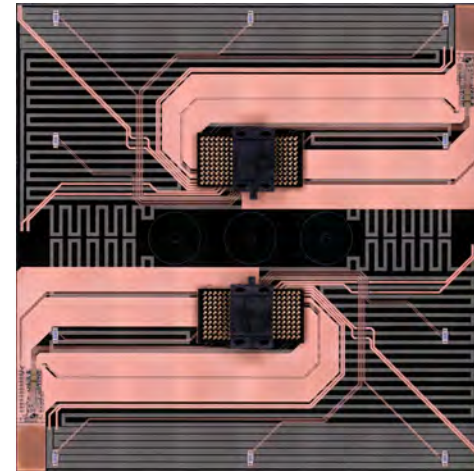
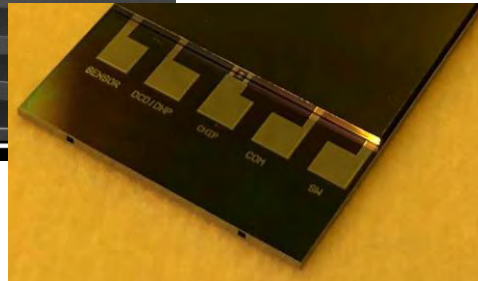
## Thermo-mechanical modules



## Electrical – Multi – Chip – Modules



Micro-channel-cooling

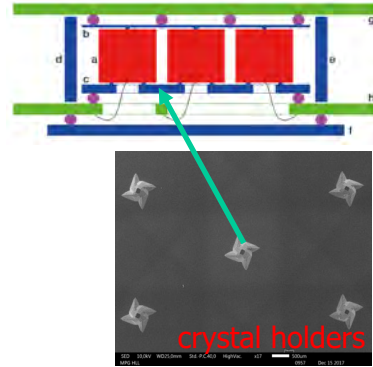
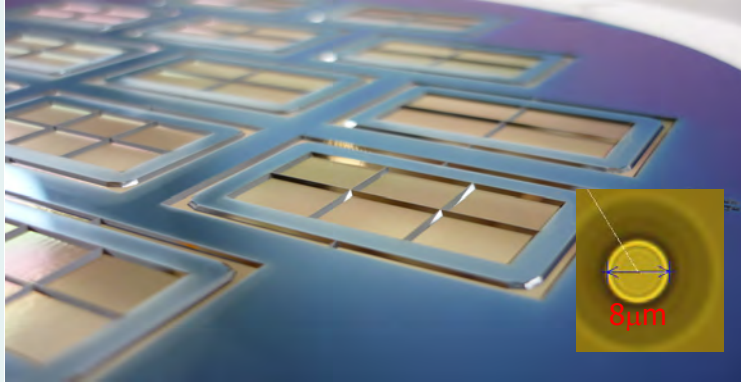


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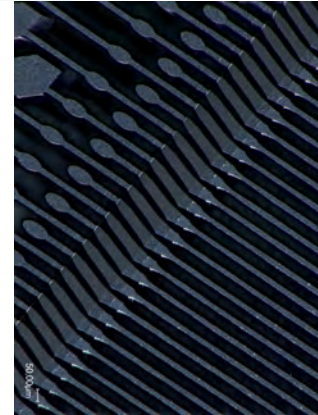
- up to 3 metal layers
- Micro channel cooling
- TSV
- UBM

- Non sensor components

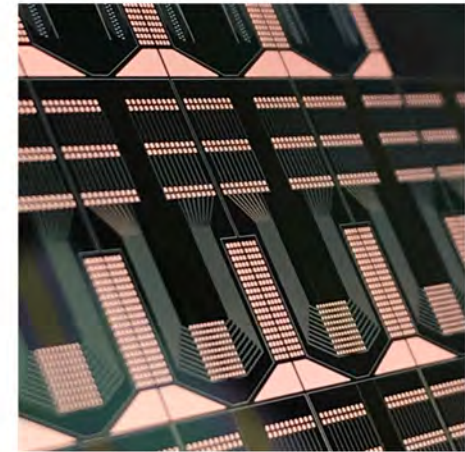
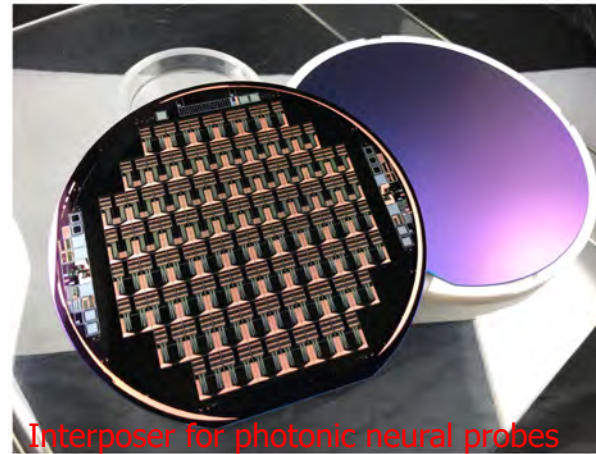
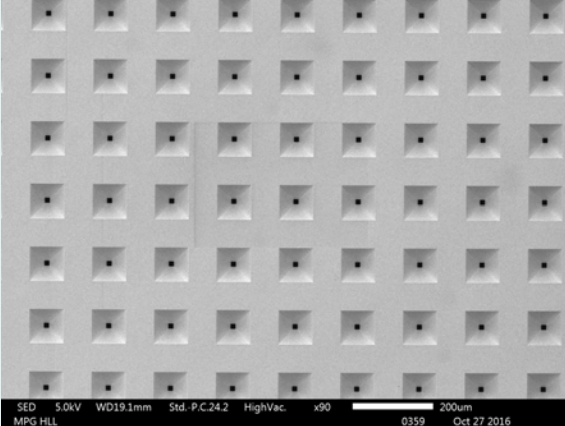
Perforated thin membranes as sample holders



Metallization over extreme topography  
"Molecular traps"



Sample holders for FEL studies



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