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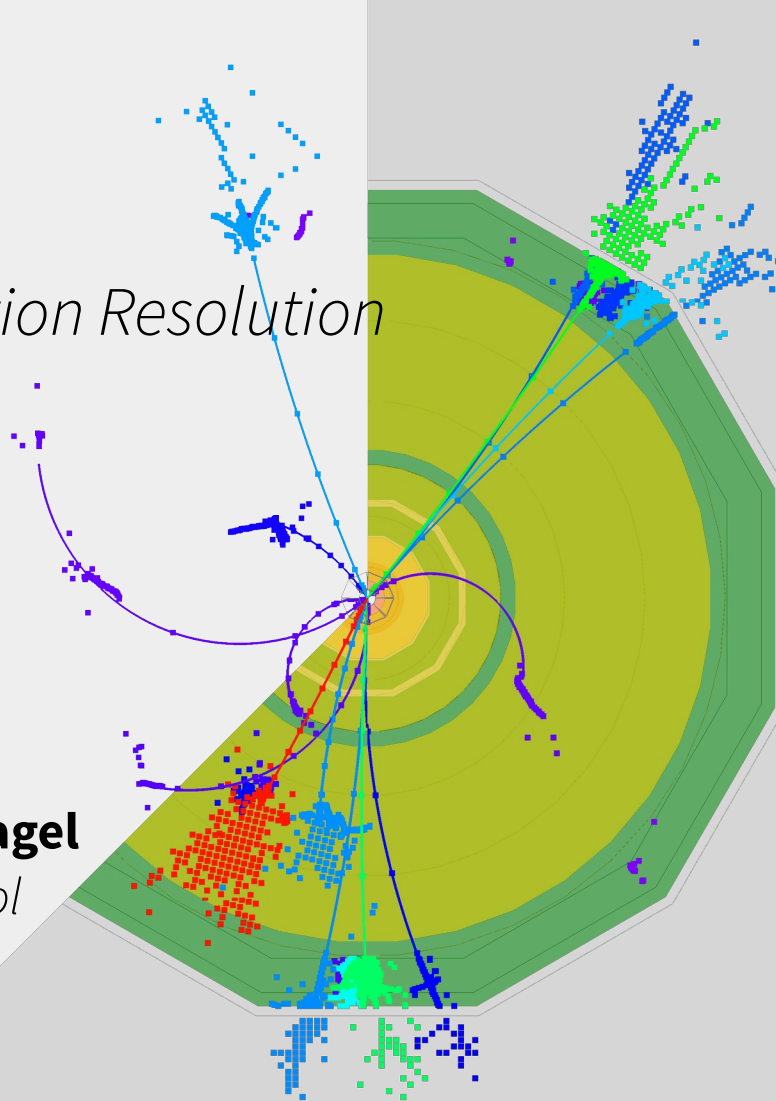
# Silicon Detectors II

## *Particle Detection & Position Resolution*

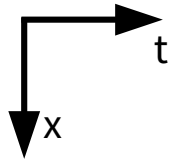
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# Particle Detection with Semiconductor Detectors



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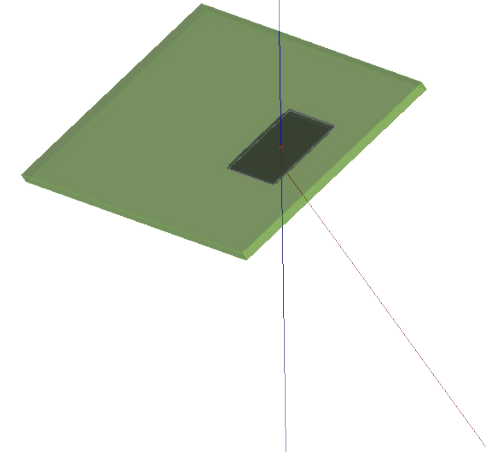


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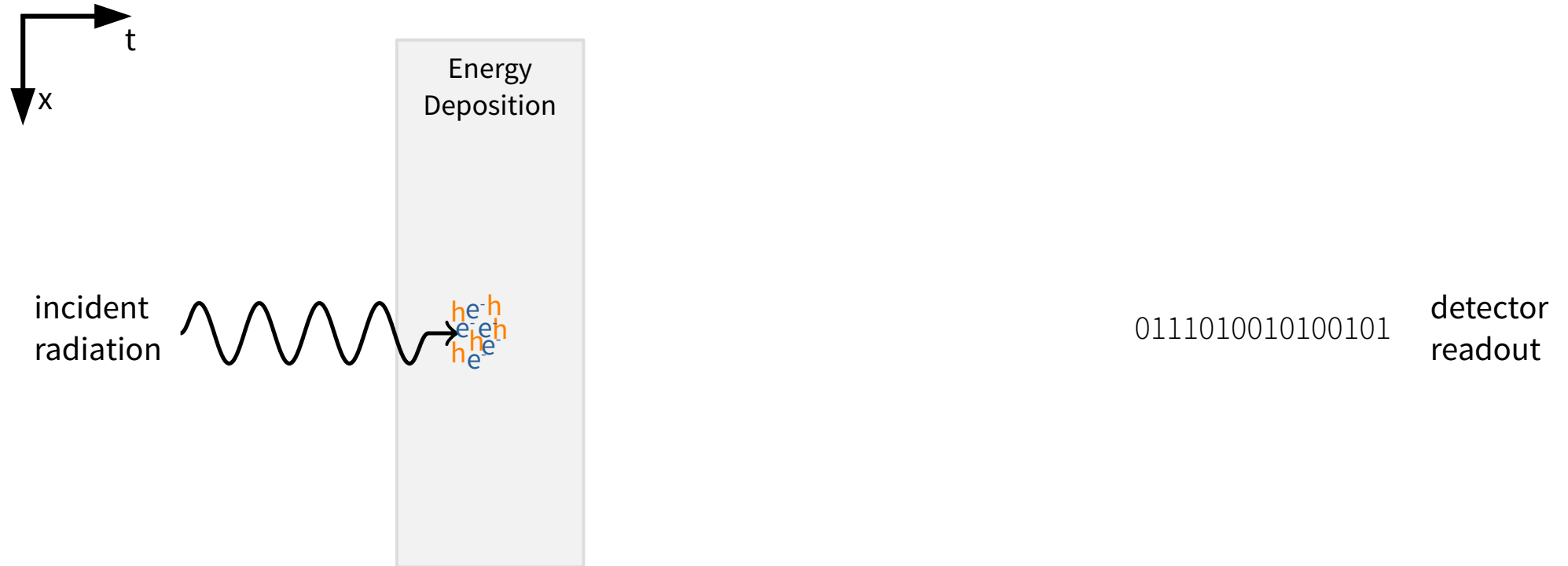
detector  
readout

## Recap:

Particle Interaction, e/h Pair Generation



# Particle Detection with Silicon Detectors



# Energy Deposition – Energy Loss

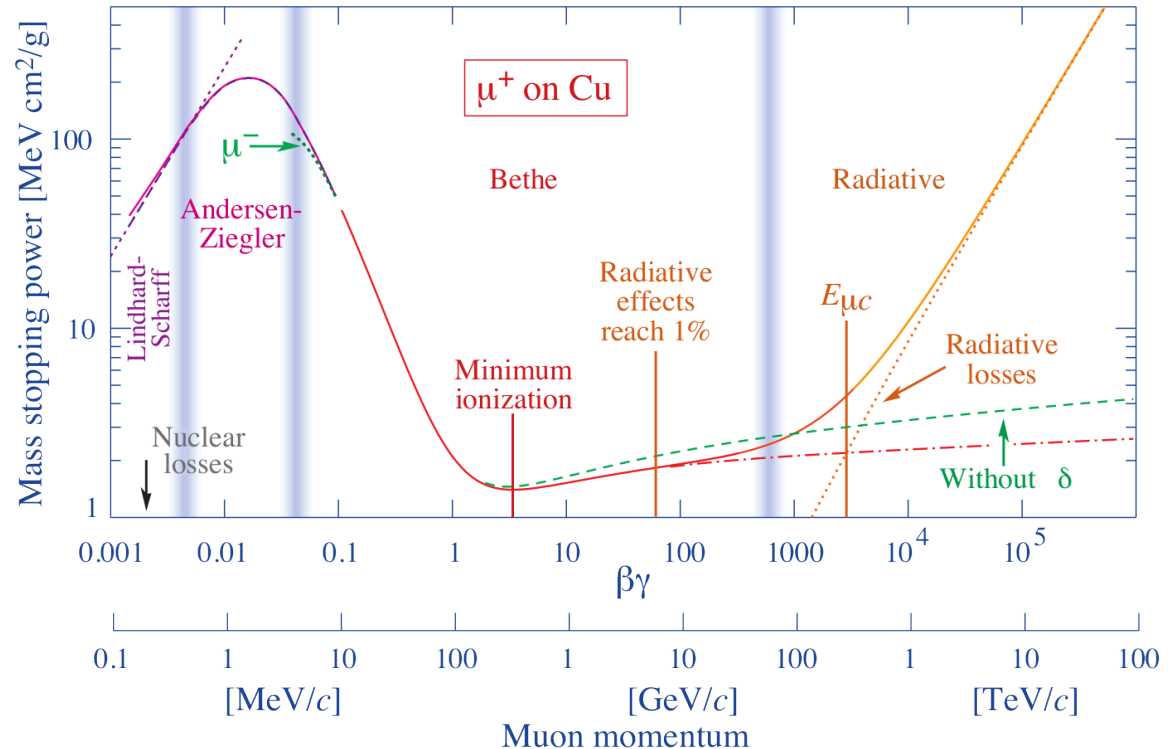
- (heavy) charged particles:  
Mean energy loss described by **Bethe** formula

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(sparing you the formula...)

- Definition of MIP:  
Minimum Ionizing Particle

$$\beta\gamma \approx 3$$



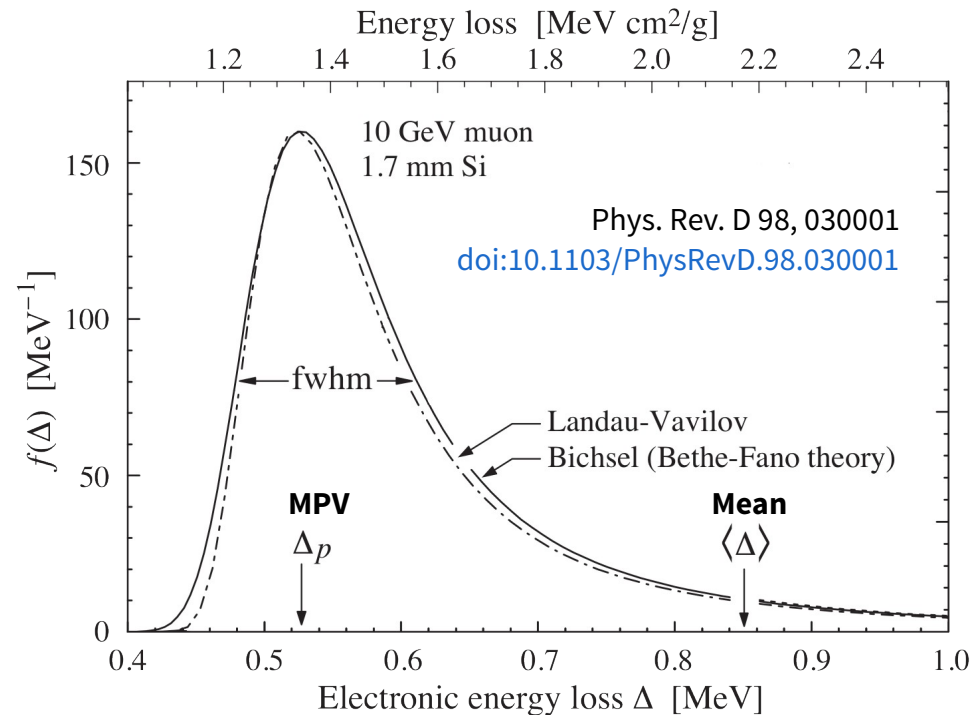
# Energy Deposition – Fluctuations

- Strong fluctuations of energy loss: **Landau-Vavilov** distribution / **Bichsel** model
  - Varying number interactions, energy transfer
  - Secondary particles (e.g. delta rays)
  - Most probable value (MPV) < Mean

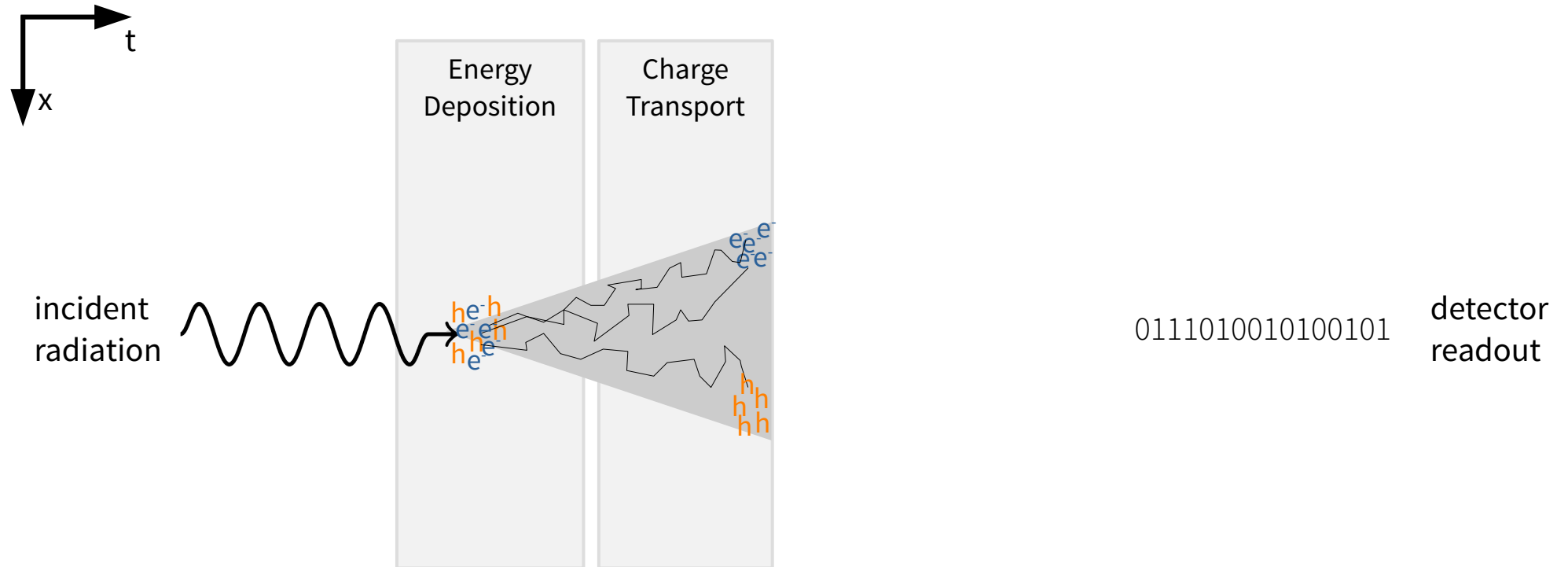
- Photons: Photo effect, Compton effect, pair production

- Creation of e/h pairs: 3.64 eV / pair

Fluctuations: **Fano** Factor  $\sigma_{e/h} = \sqrt{N_{e/h}} \sqrt{F}$



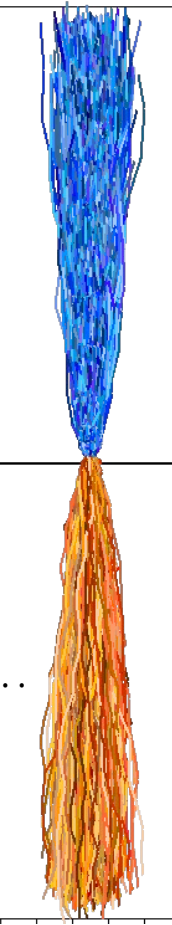
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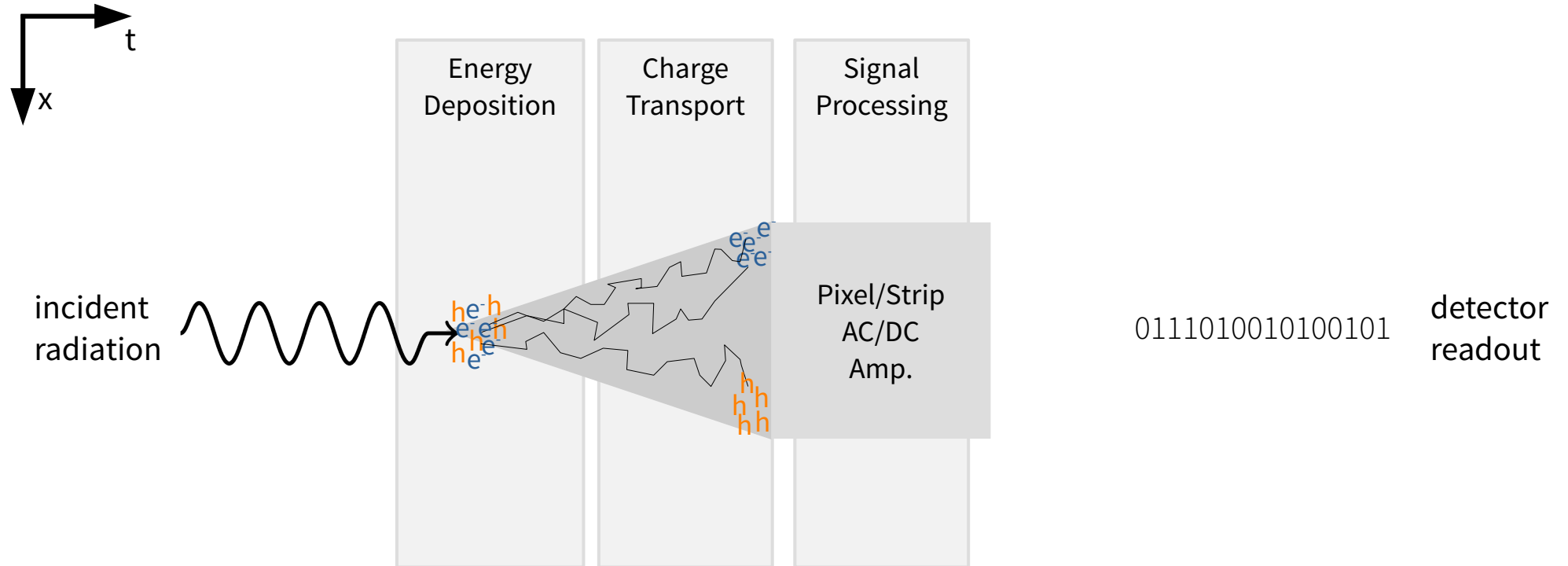


# Signal Formation

- Sensor operated as diode in reverse bias  $\rightarrow$  depleted volume
- Signal formed by motion of e/h pairs in electric field
- Contribution to motion:
  - **Diffusion** – Temperature-driven random motion, mean free path  $\sim 0.1 \mu\text{m}$ , mean 0
  - **Drift** – Directed motion, depending on electric field and charge carrier mobility, different parametrizations for mobility available, depending on temperature, silicon, ...
- Motion stops when...
  - Charge carriers reach readout electrode (conductor)
  - Charge carriers recombine/get trapped (depends on purity, doping, lattice defects, ...)



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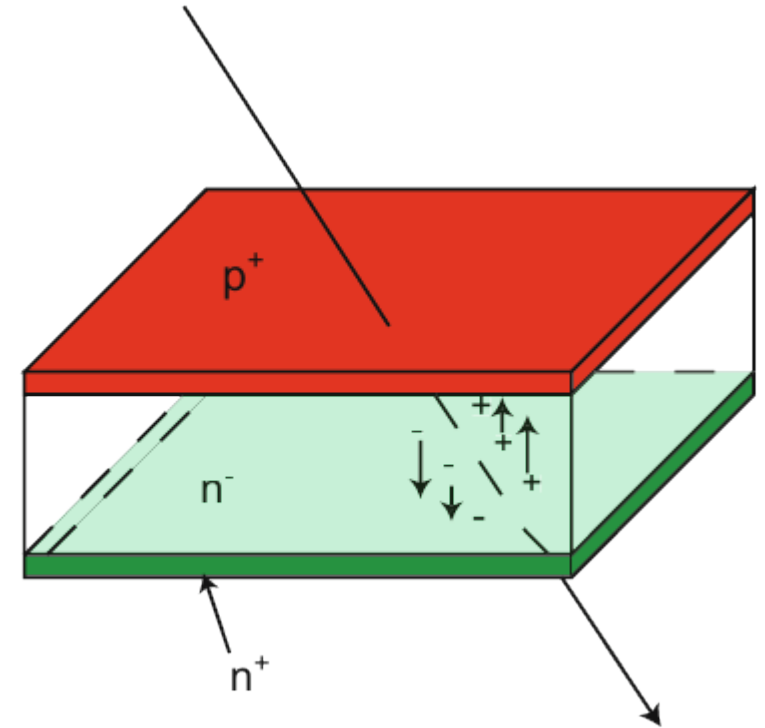


# **Segmented Silicon Sensors**

## for Position-Resolved Measurements

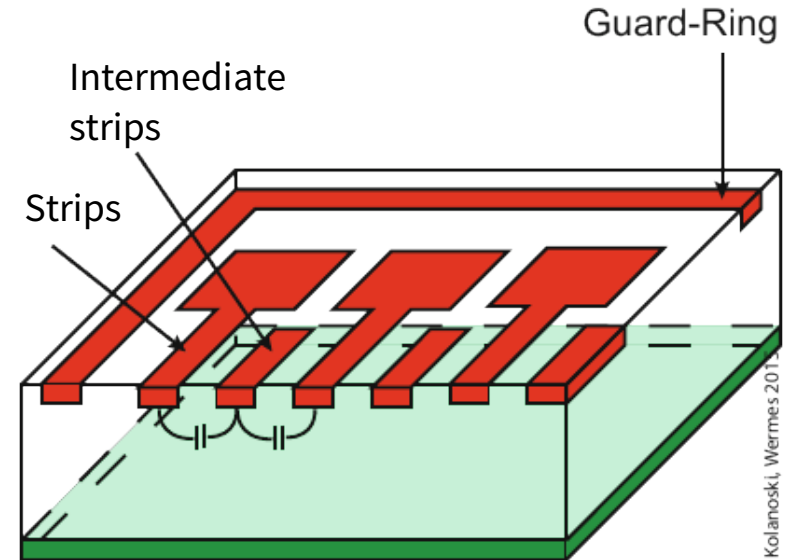
# The Diode

- Simplest semiconductor detector geometry
- Readout of a full area detector pad
- No spatial information
- Number of channels: 1
- Here:
  - Strong  $p^+$  and weak  $n^-$  doping create asymmetric pn-junction at the sensor surface
  - Strong doping ( $n^+$ ) at the backside for Ohmic contact to backside metallization



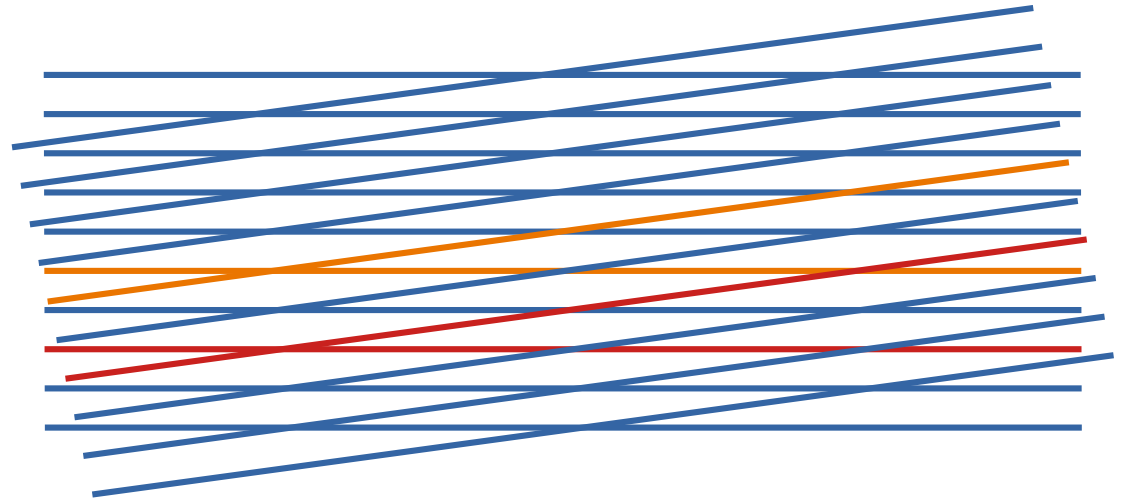
# Strip Detector

- Segmentation of sensor surface
- Implementation of strips
- Typical pitches: 50 – 100  $\mu\text{m}$   
typical strip lengths: mm – cm
- Number of channels: N
- Charge carriers propagate towards one or few strips
  - ➔ 1D spatial information on particle traversal
  - ➔ Add second layer for 2D information



# Strip Detector – Adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> Layer

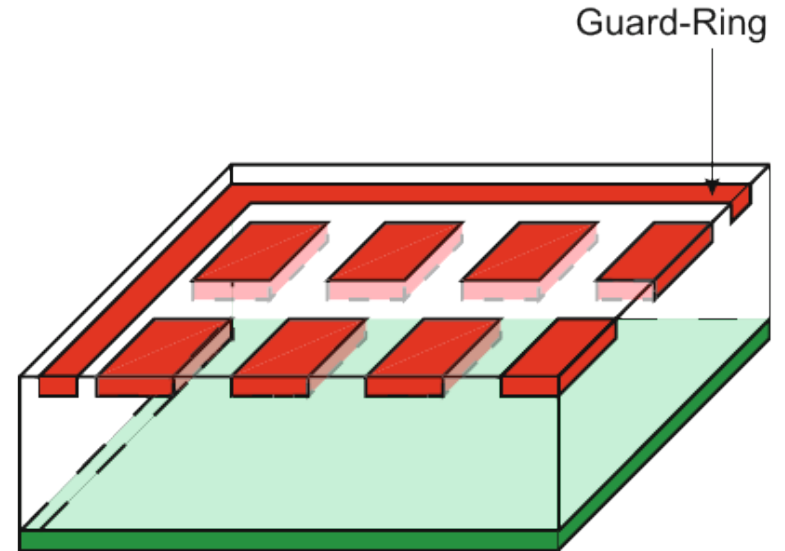
- 2D measurement using stereo angle
  - Two detector modules on top of each other with a **small relative rotation angle**
  - Limit on total particle rate due to ambiguities:
- “Ghost Hits”
  - Appear with > 2 particles crossing the sensor
  - Impossible to distinguish particle crossing point from other strip coincidences



→ Reason for **small stereo angle!** Reduce number of other strips crossed

# Pixel Detector

- Segmentation of sensor surface
- Implementation of pixels or pads
- Typical pitches: 25 – 400  $\mu\text{m}$
- Number of channels:  $N^2$
- Charge carriers propagate towards one or few pixels
  - ➔ 2D spatial information on particle traversal
  - ➔ Many channels to be read out!



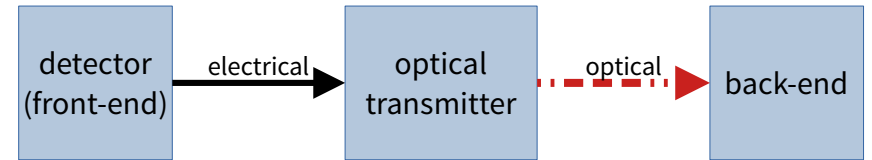
# Data Transmission

- Bandwidth & power consumption of data transmission **critical for future experiments:**

$$\frac{1 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ chip area}}{(15 \mu\text{m})^2 \text{ pixel pitch}} \geq 450 \text{ kPix} \rightarrow 450 \text{ kPix} \cdot 20 \text{ bit} \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ occupancy} \simeq 90 \text{ b} \rightarrow \frac{90 \text{ bit}}{20 \text{ ns}} \geq 4.5 \text{ Gb s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

- Electrical transmission** off-chip, conversion by optical transmitters

- Limited bandwidth  $\sim \text{Gb/s}$
- Driving signals is power consuming  $\sim \text{pJ/bit}$
- Additional material, electromagnetic interference, ...



- Silicon Photonics:** external laser, modulation on ASIC

- Increased bandwidth  $\gg 10 \text{ Gb/s}$
- Energy efficient, only modulation  $\ll \text{pJ/bit}$





# Strip vs. Pixel Detectors

	Strip Detectors	Pixel Detector
Readout channels	N	$N^2$
Position information	1D Ghost hits @ high occupancy	2D –
Typical sensor size	Wafer-scale	few centimeters
Production	Lower production cost per area	Higher production cost per area
Readout	Direct interconnect at sensor edge	Complex interconnects, many channels

# Combining Strip & Pixel Detectors

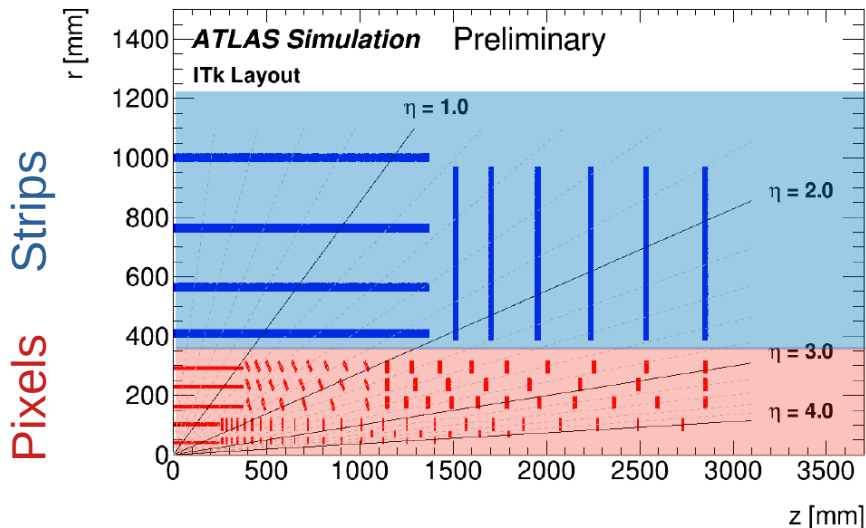
## Typical Compromise

- **Pixel detector** at center of experiment
  - Smaller size → reduces costs
  - Pixel detector can cope with high occupancy close to IP
- **Strip detector** at larger radii
  - Lower occupancy  
→ reduced probability for ghost hits
  - Reduction in number of readout channels

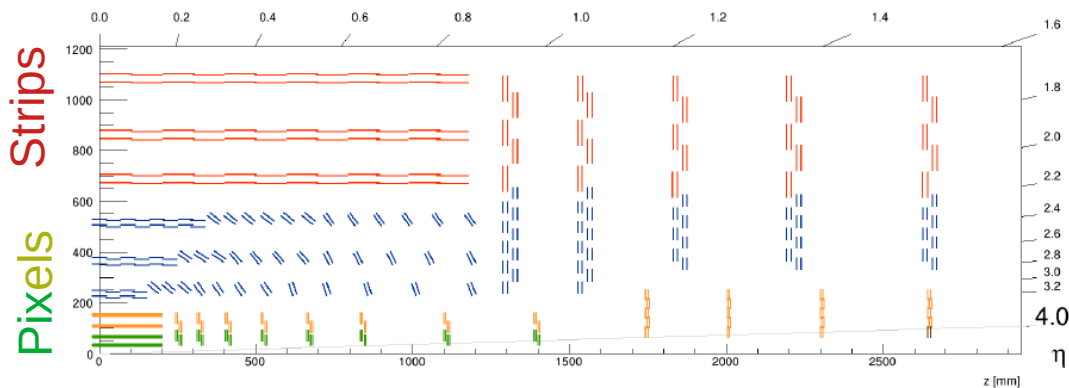
Strips+  
Pixels

Pixels

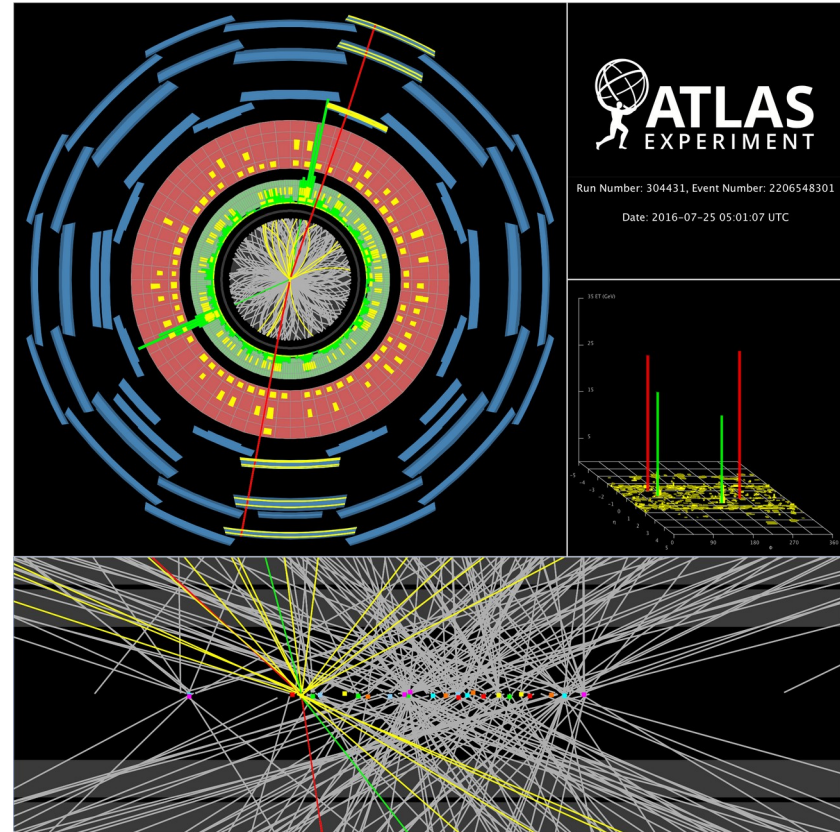
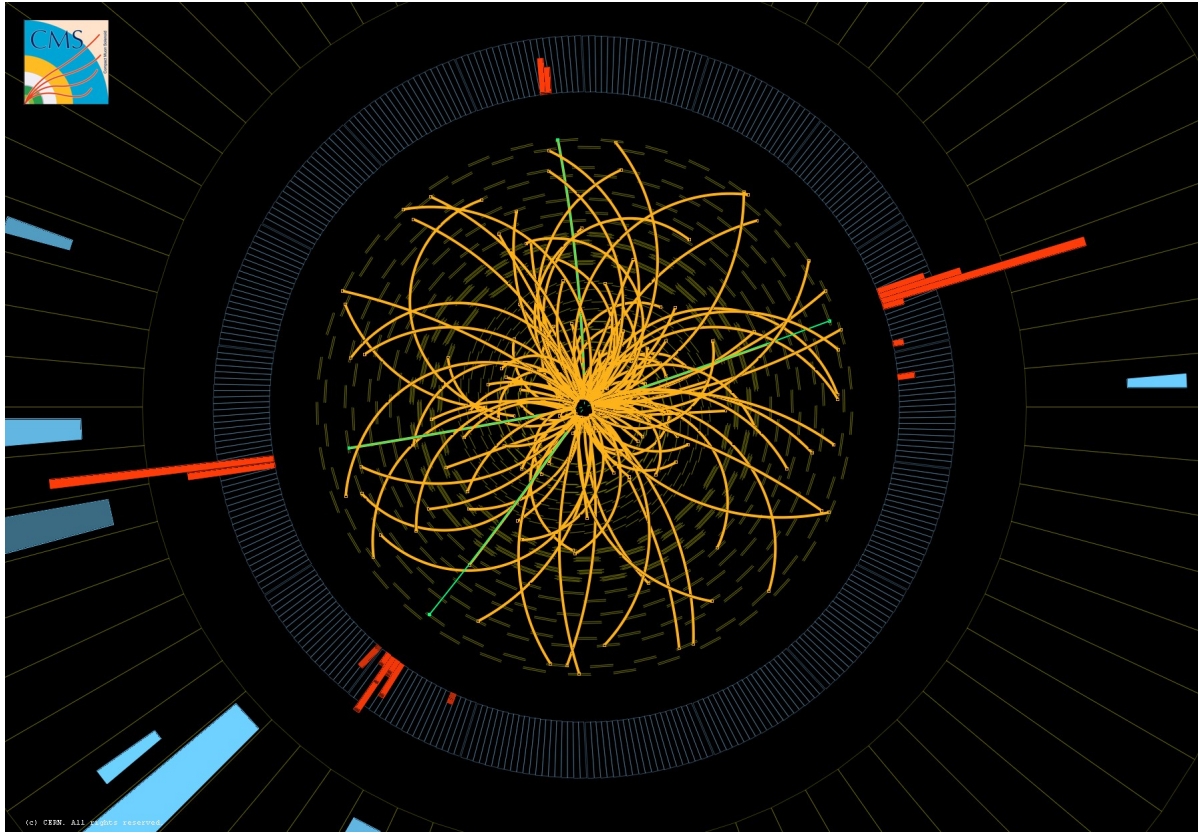
## ATLAS



## CMS

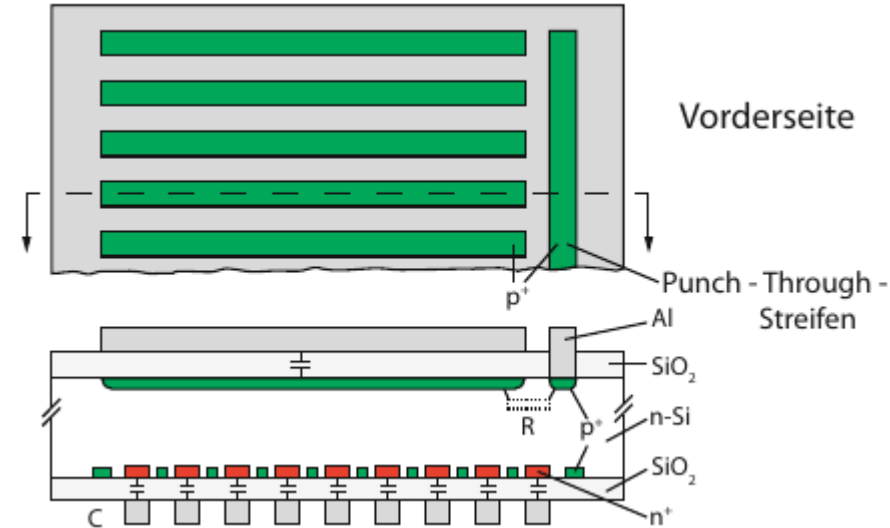


# Combining Strip & Pixel Detectors



# Double-Sided Strip Detectors

- Segmentation of both sensor surface and backside
- Orthogonal strips on both sides
- Electrons and holes propagate towards opposite segmented surfaces
  - ➔ 2D Spatial information on particle traversal



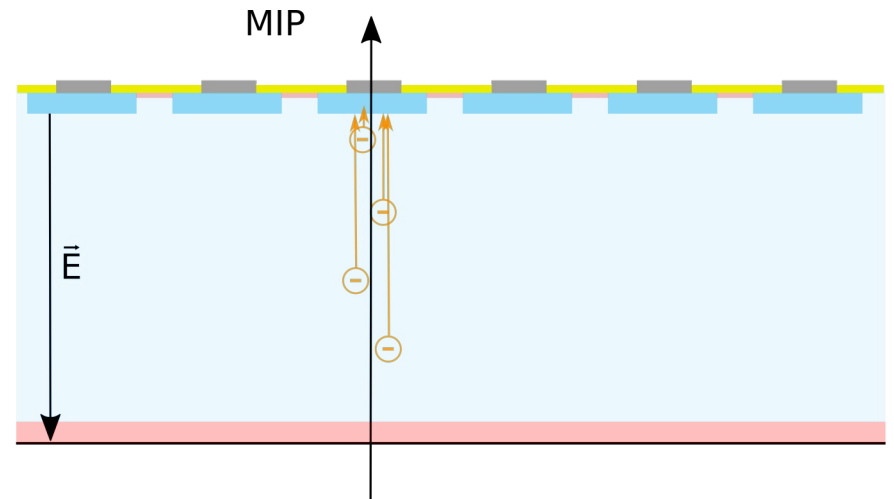
- ✓ Number of channels:  $2N$
- ✗ Disadvantage w.r.t. pixel detector:  
Ghost hits possible in case of simultaneous hits
- ✗ Re-introduces some production/connectivity complexity w.r.t strip sensors

# Resolution

Position Measurement, Charge Sharing et. al

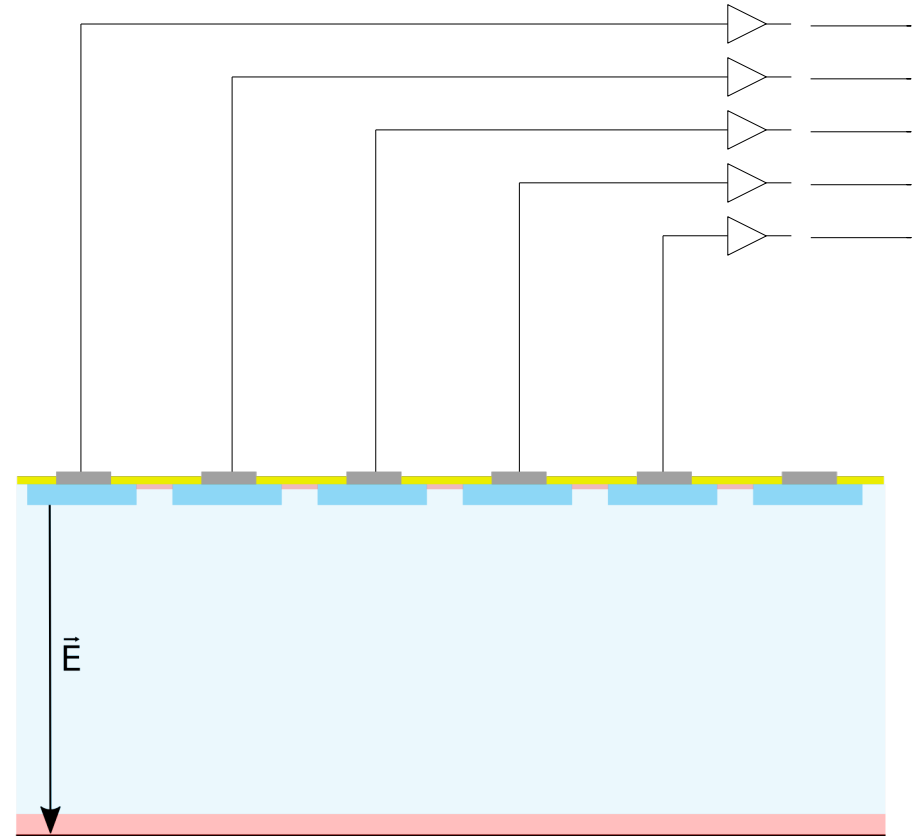
# Resolution

- How well can my detector reconstruct the lateral position of a traversing particle?
- **Spatial resolution**  $\equiv$  Width of residual
- **Residual**  $\equiv$  Distance between reconstructed position and true position



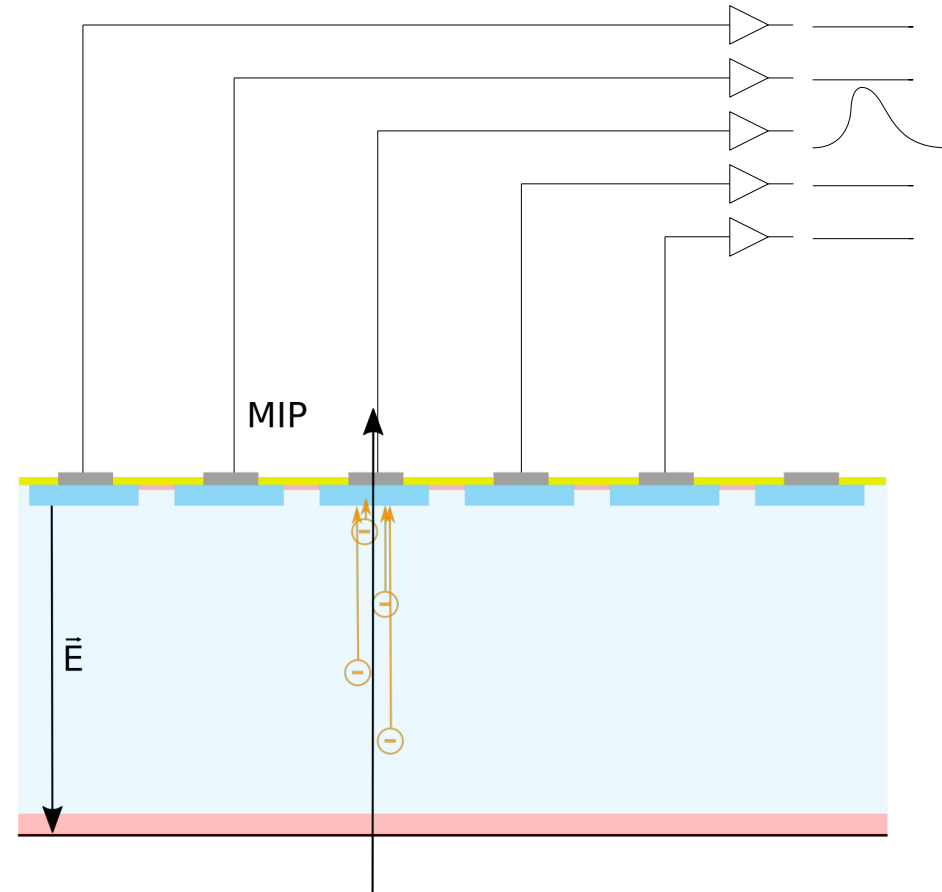
# Particle Position Reconstruction

- Estimation of the lateral position of the particle traversal
- Use information of signal per strip (pixel)



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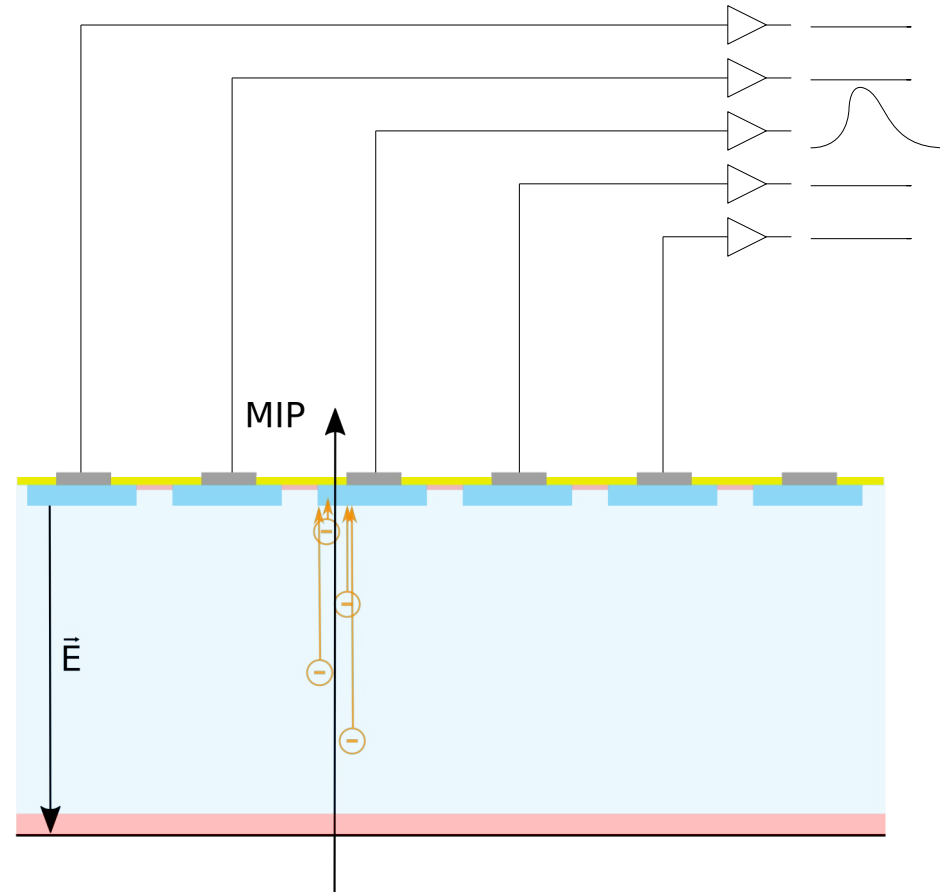
- Single responding pixel:
  - “This pixel was hit”
  - No information of where inside the pixel the particle was located





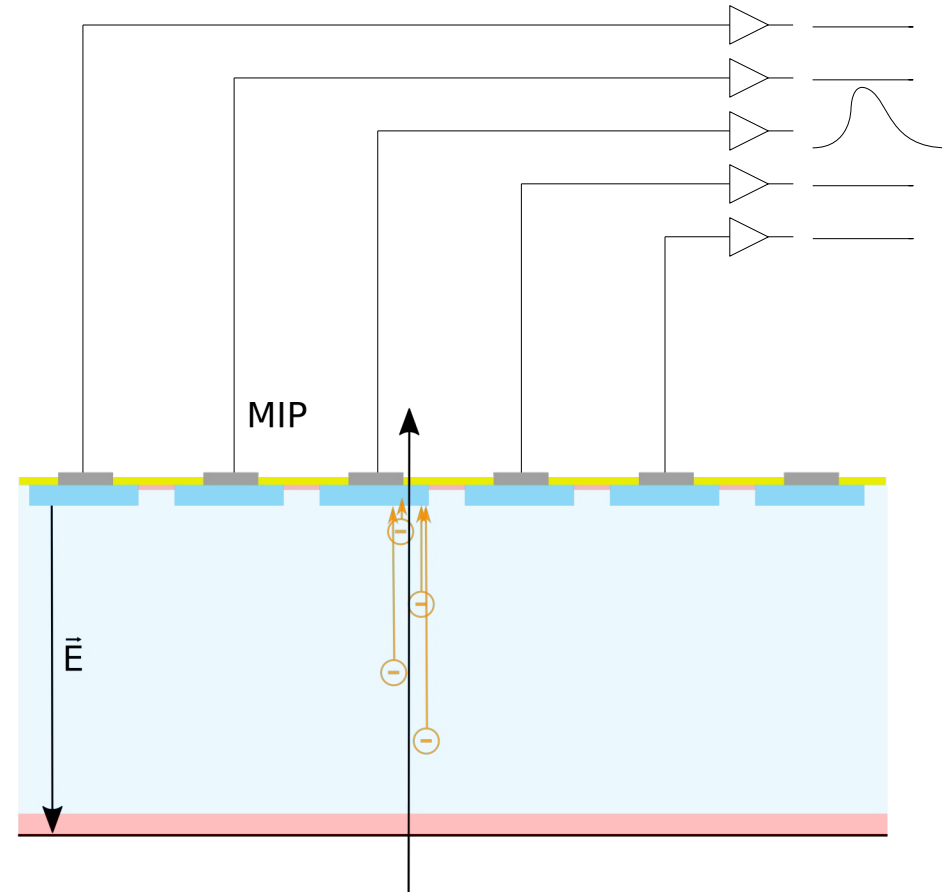
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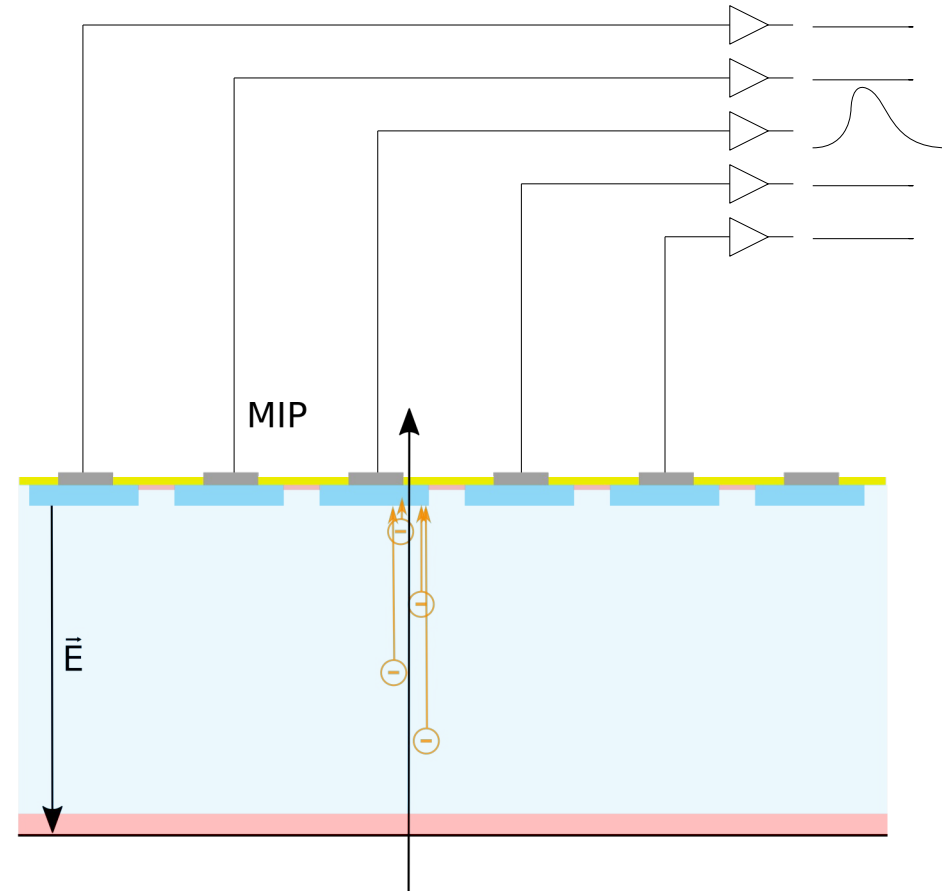
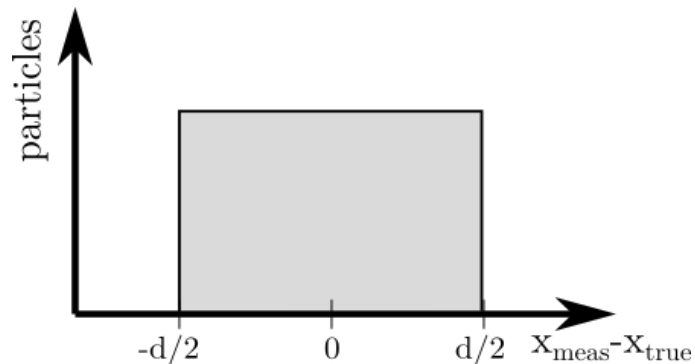
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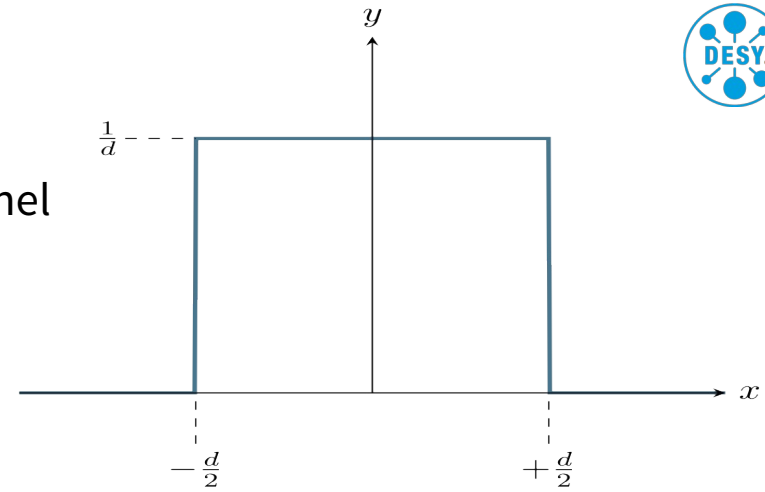
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- Resolution:  $\sigma = \frac{d}{\sqrt{12}}$



# Spatial Resolution

- The probability of particle crossing particular detector channel is uniformly distributed
- Normalized probability density function:

$$\int_{-\frac{d}{2}}^{\frac{d}{2}} f(x) dx = 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{d}$$



- Variance of position measurement:

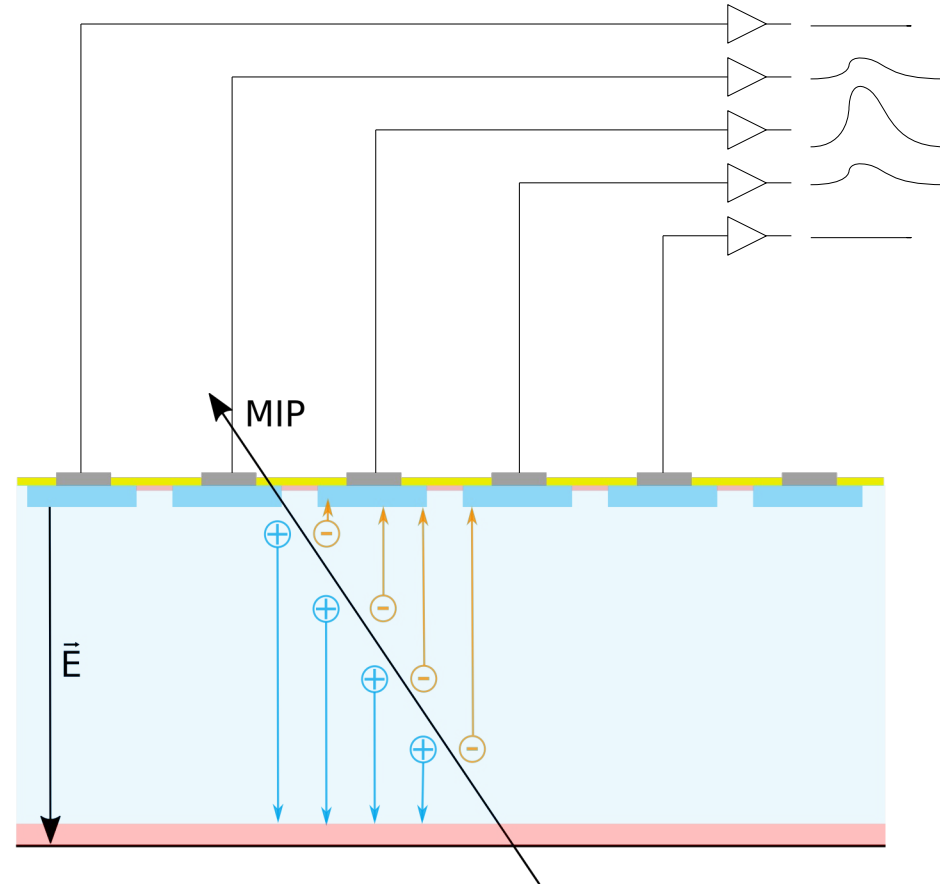
$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_x^2 &= E[x^2] - \langle x \rangle^2 = \int_{-\frac{d}{2}}^{\frac{d}{2}} x^2 f(x) dx - \left( \int_{-\frac{d}{2}}^{\frac{d}{2}} x f(x) dx \right)^2 = \frac{1}{d} \int_{-\frac{d}{2}}^{\frac{d}{2}} x^2 dx - \left( \frac{1}{d} \int_{-\frac{d}{2}}^{\frac{d}{2}} x dx \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{d} \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_{-\frac{d}{2}}^{\frac{d}{2}} - \frac{1}{d^2} \frac{x^4}{4} \Big|_{-\frac{d}{2}}^{\frac{d}{2}} = \frac{d^2}{12} \end{aligned}$$

- **Uncertainty:**  $\sigma_x = d/\sqrt{12}$

# Particle Position Reconstruction

- Several responding pixels:
  - a) Calculate center of hit pixels
  - b) Calculate **center of gravity** using signal amplitudes of individual pixels

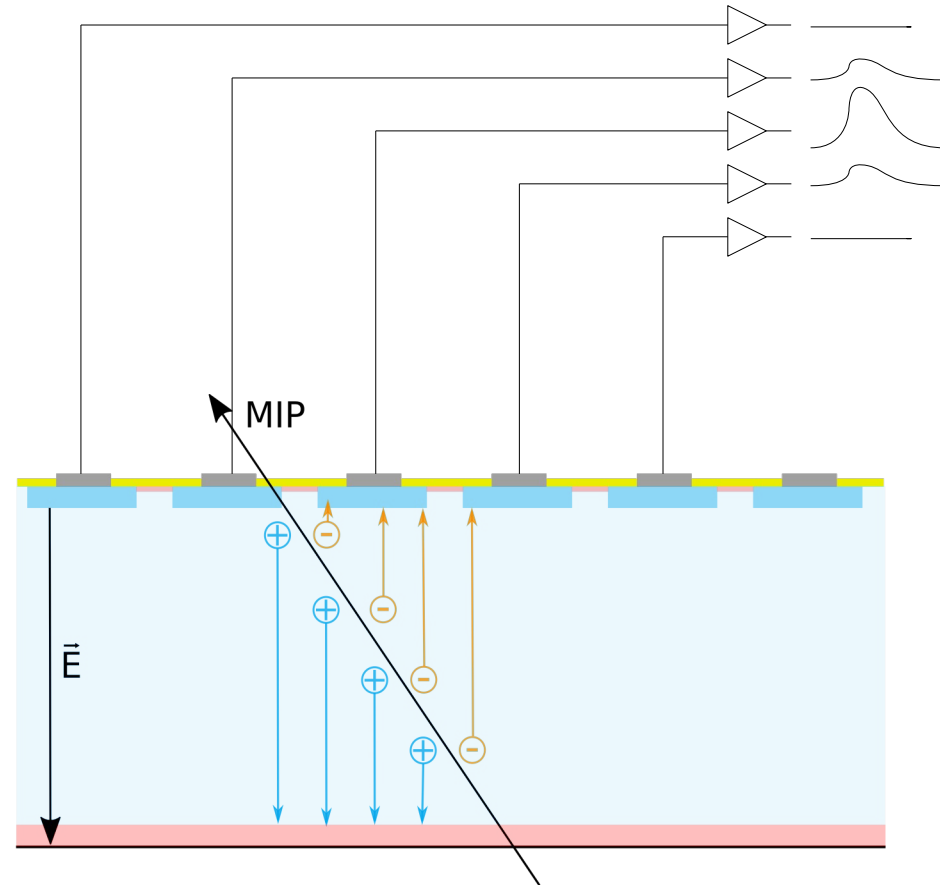
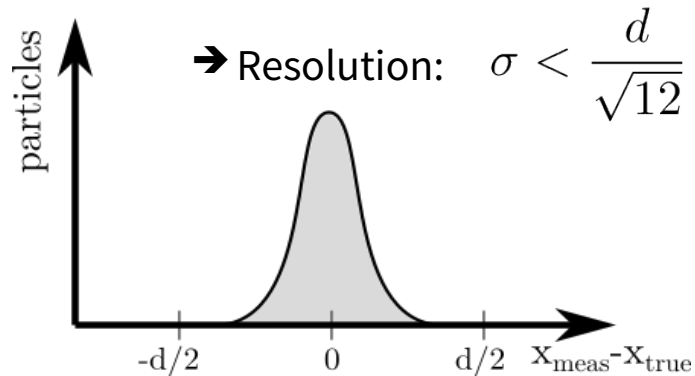
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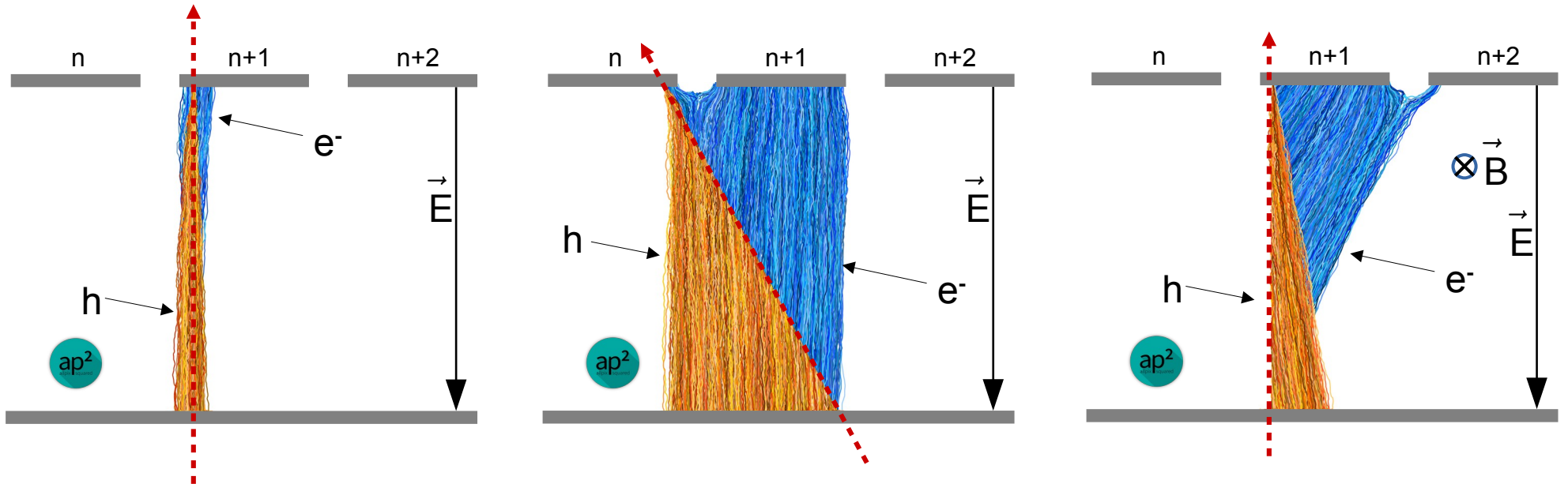
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# Charge Sharing – Inclined Tracks & Lorentz Drift

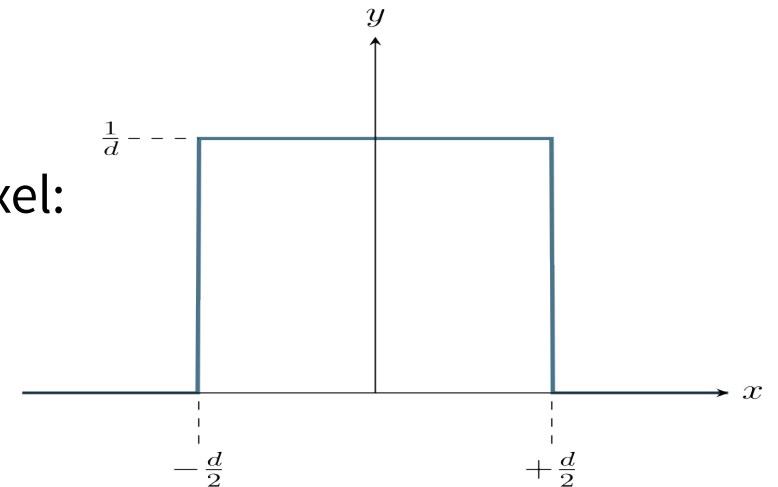
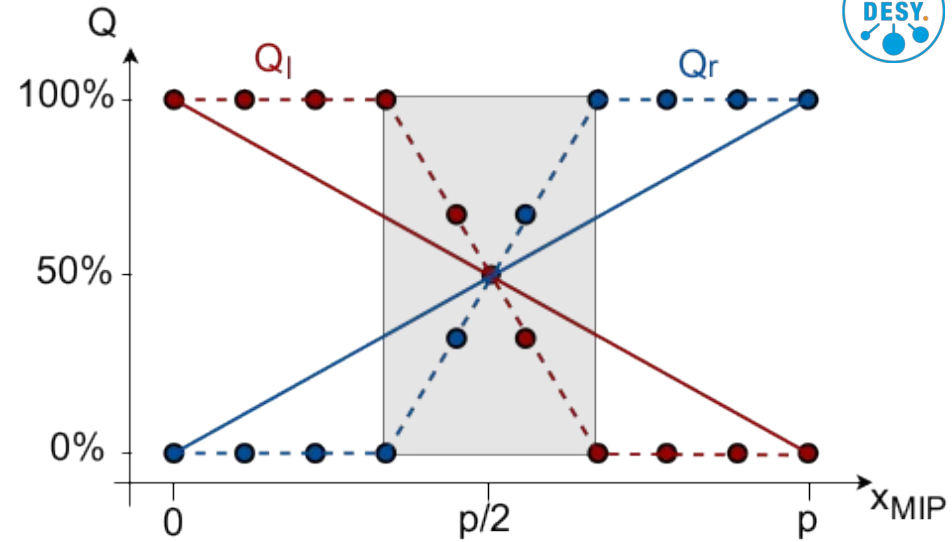
- Charge sharing: distribution of charge carriers / signal over several strips (pixels)
- Can significantly improve the spatial resolution
- Often used: Inclined particle incidence along  $x$  & Lorentz drift along  $y$



# The $\eta$ Correction

- COG (geometric mean) presumes linear charge sharing
- Mostly not the case: Sharing only at pixel edges
- $\eta$  (“eta”) distribution encodes actual charge sharing & allows for correction
- Prerequisite: same statistics idea as for single pixel:

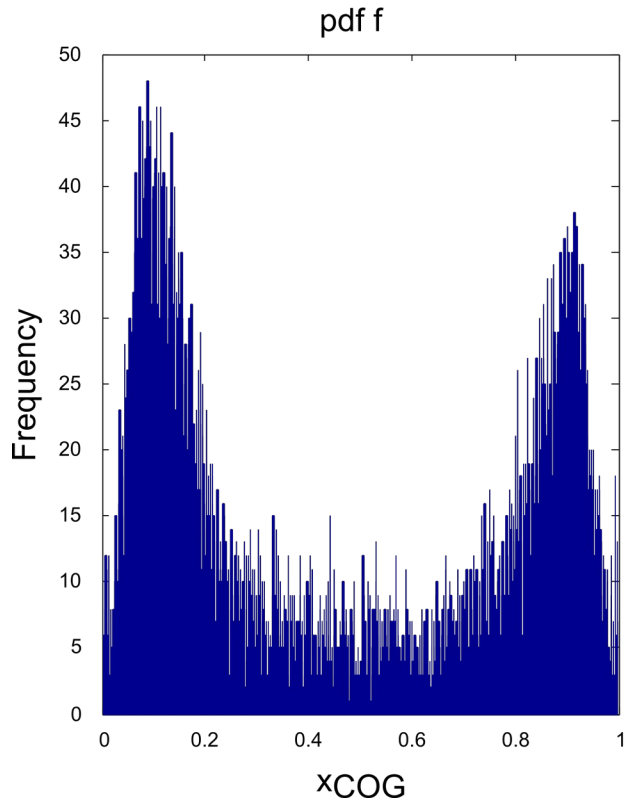
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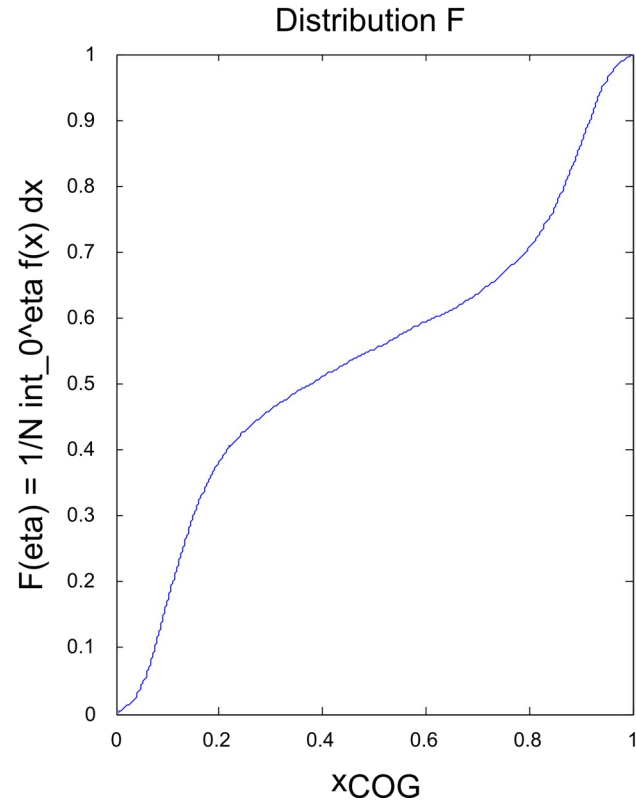


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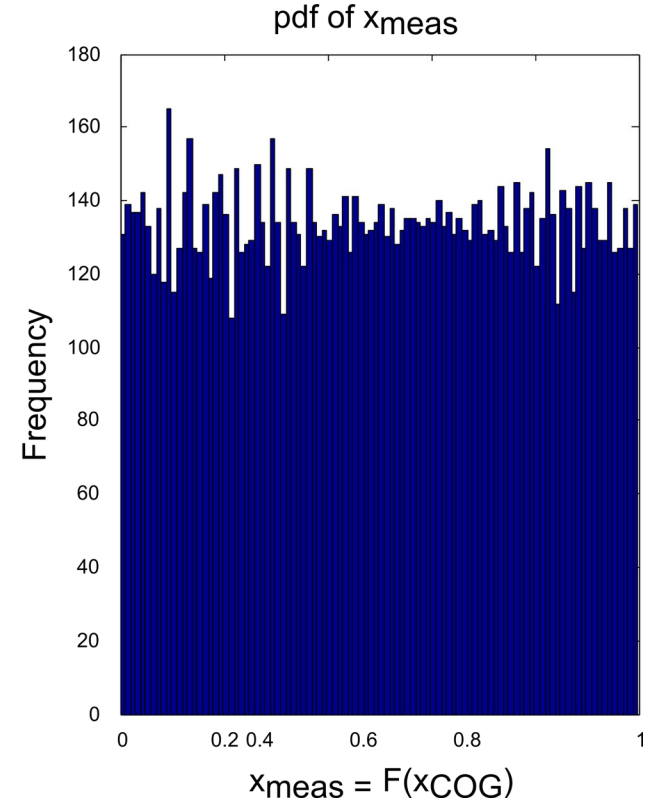
## Build eta distribution



## Calculate cumulative distr.



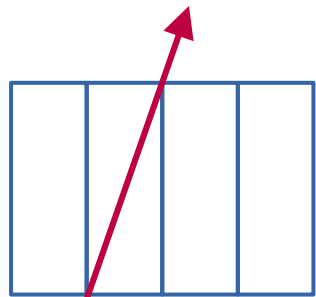
## Apply as correction



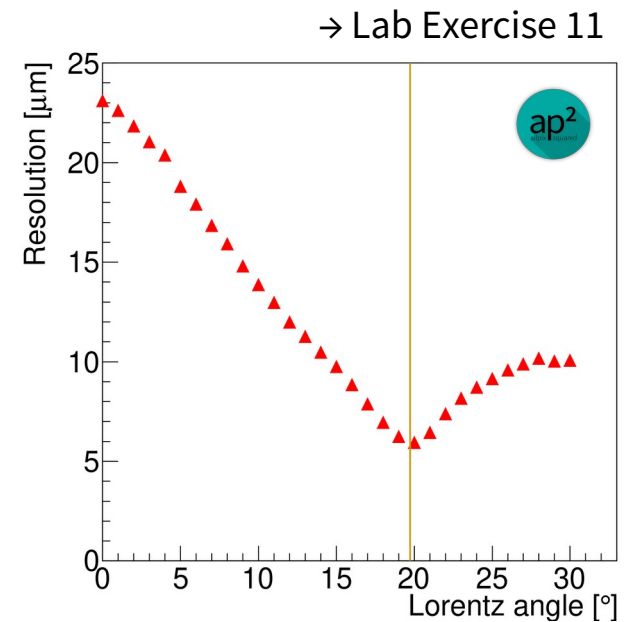
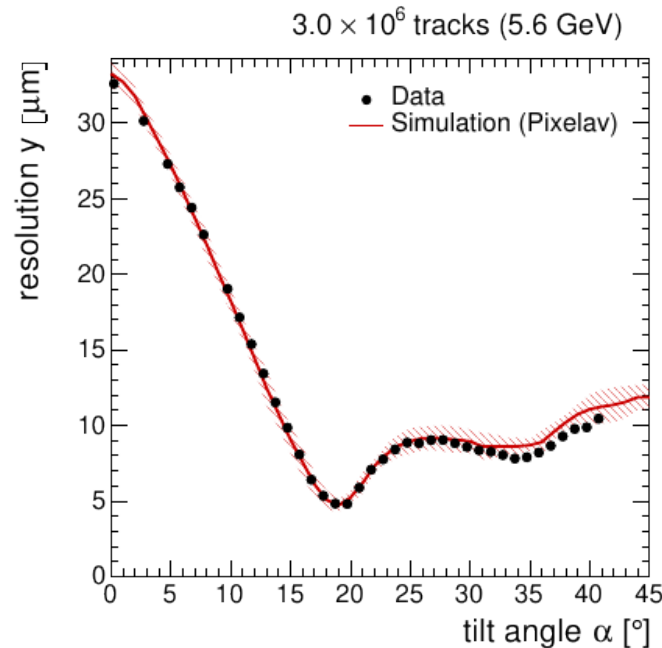
# Examples – Measurements & Simulations

- CMS Phase I Pixel Detector, data recorded in testbeam experiments
- Detector rotated relative to beam to emulate magnetic field in CMS experiment
- Simulations with Allpix Squared with 3.8 T magnetic field

$p_y = 100 \mu\text{m}$   
 $d = 285 \mu\text{m}$



$$\frac{100 \mu\text{m}}{285 \mu\text{m}} \approx 19.3^\circ$$



# Spatial Resolution – Summary

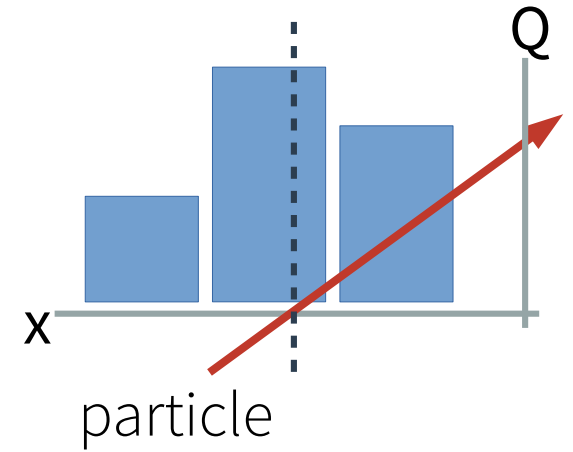
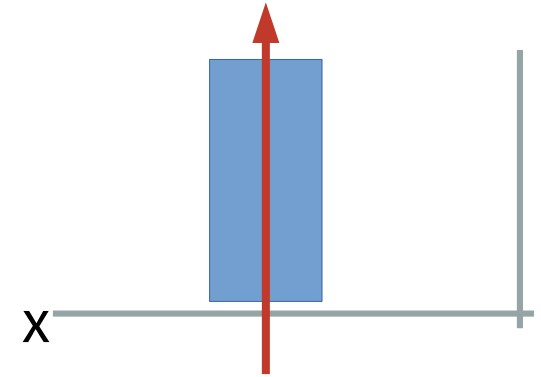
- Just a **single channel** struck:  
precision limited to variance of uniform distribution

$$x = x_i \quad \rightarrow \quad \sigma_x = d/\sqrt{12}$$

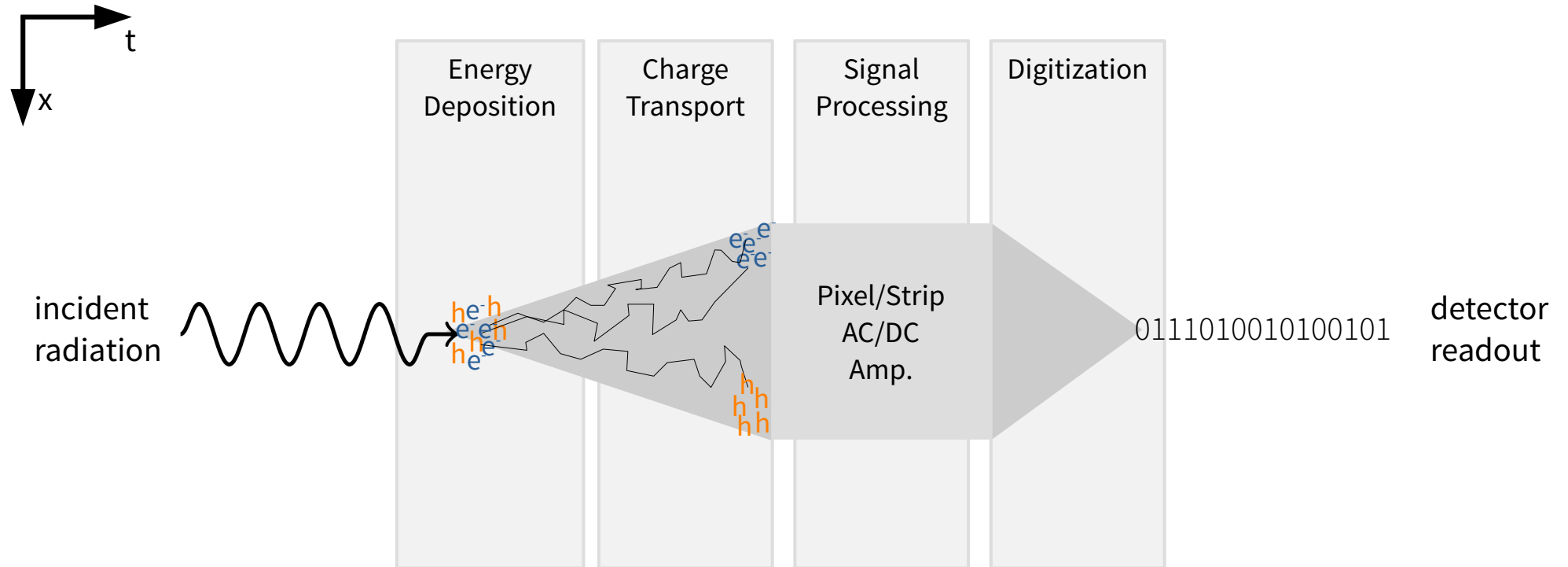
- **Multiple channels** struck (charge sharing):  
interpolation using relative energy / charge distribution

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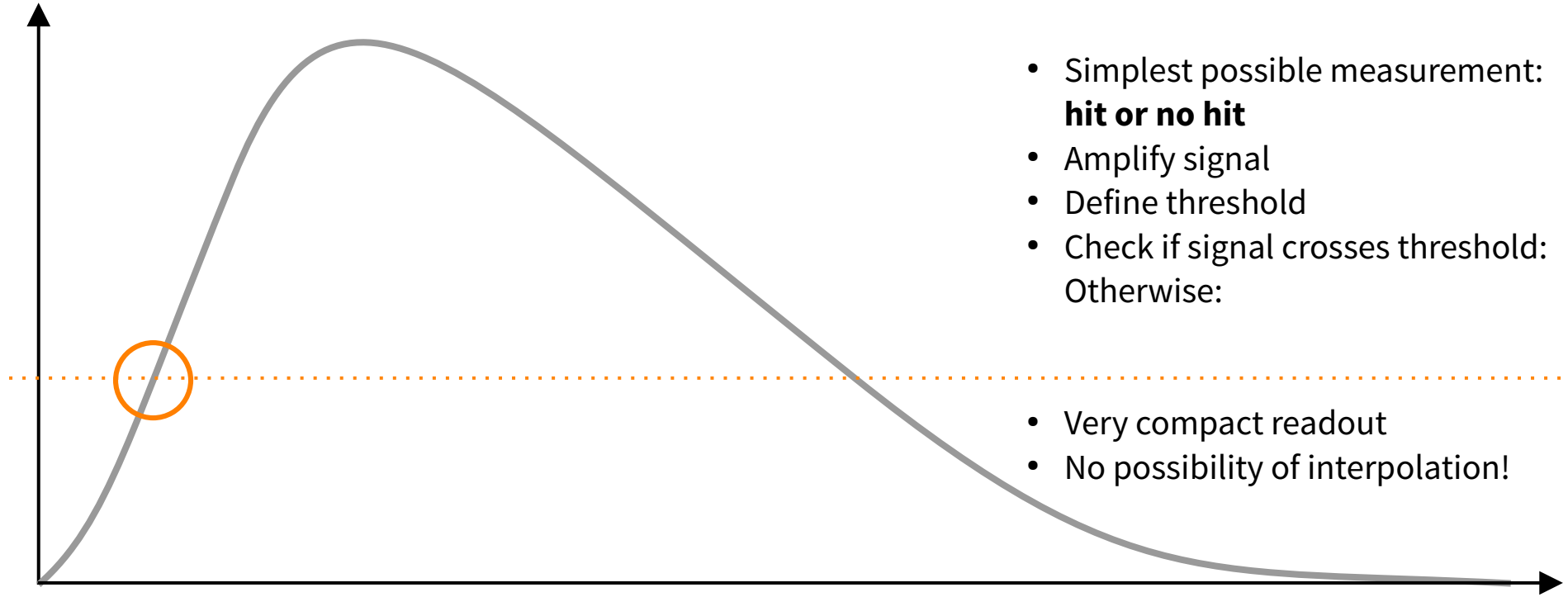
- Thinner sensors: less charge sharing...
- $\eta$  correction might be necessary...



# Particle Detection with Silicon Detectors



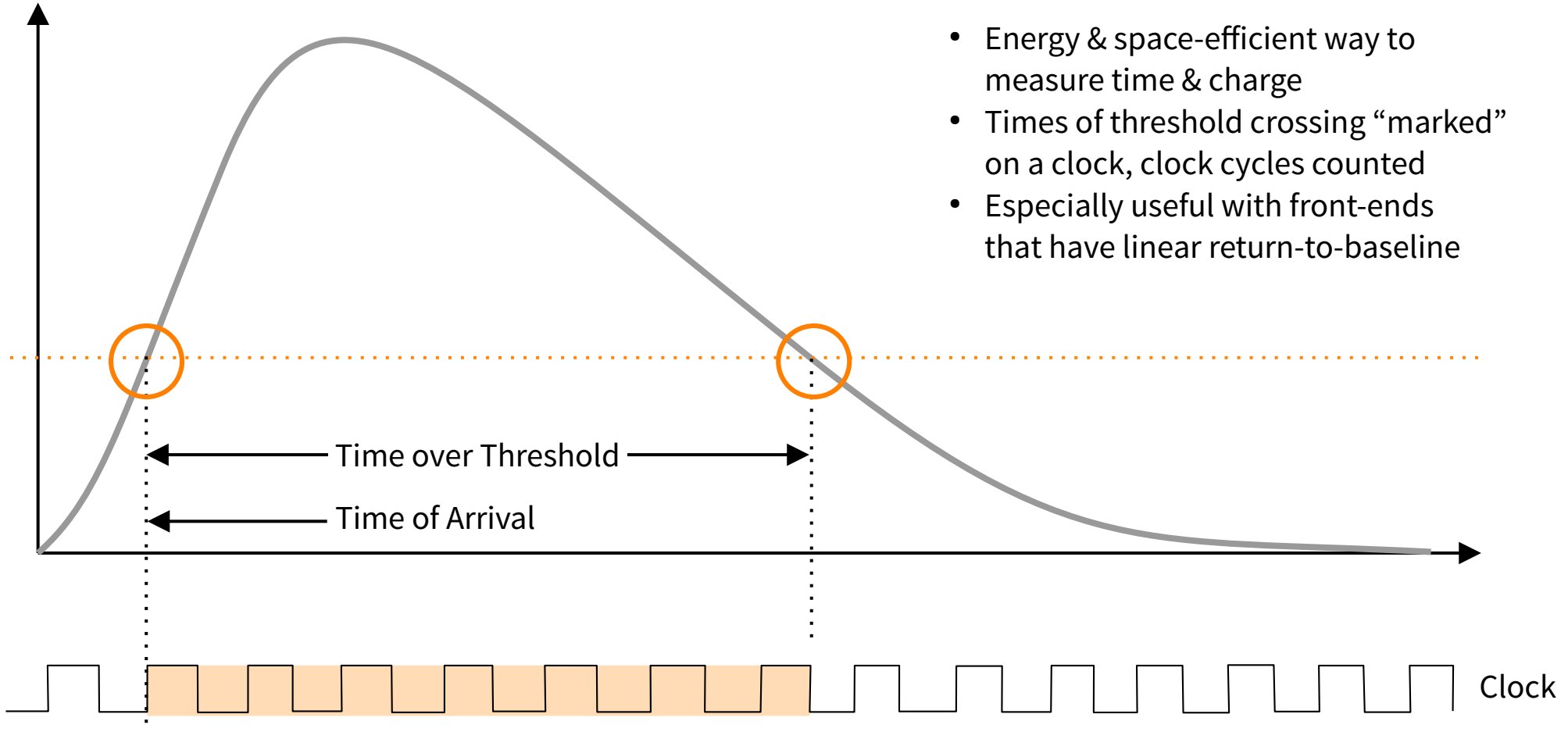
# Digitization: Threshold



- Simplest possible measurement:  
**hit or no hit**
- Amplify signal
- Define threshold
- Check if signal crosses threshold: **1**
- Otherwise: **0**

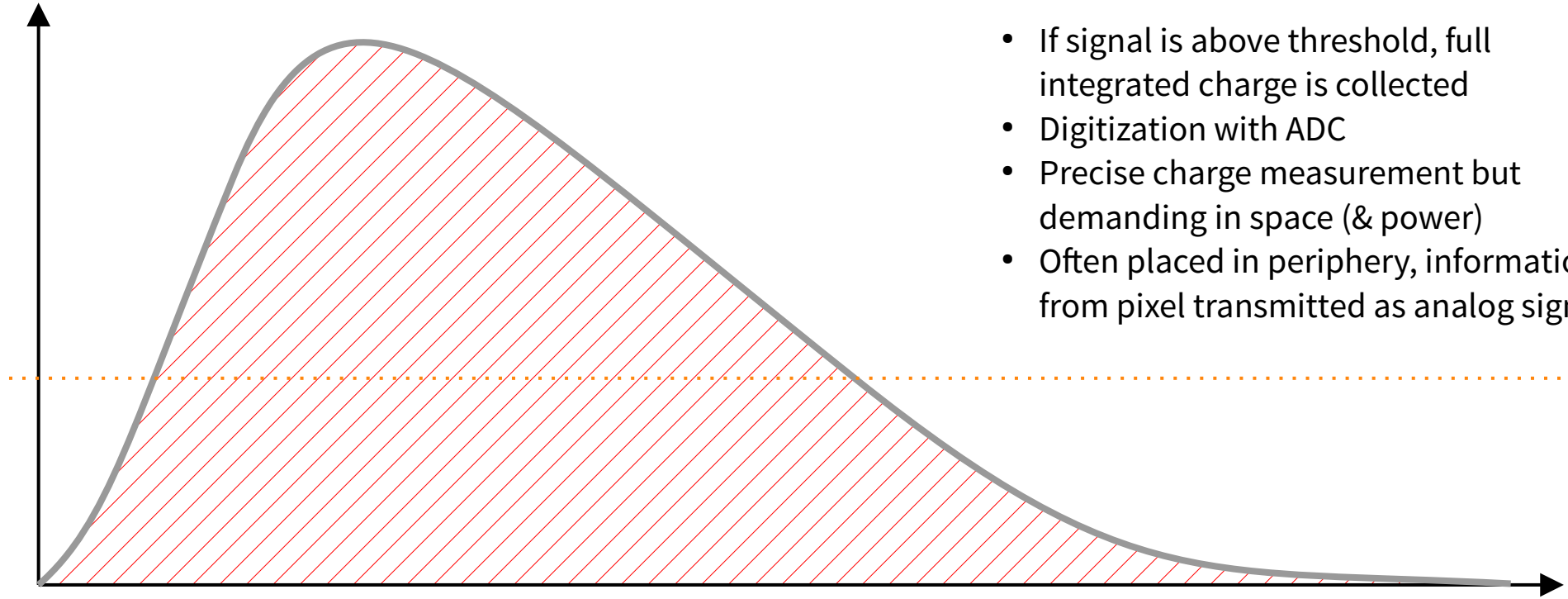
- Very compact readout
- No possibility of interpolation!

# Digitization: Time of Arrival & Time over Threshold



- Energy & space-efficient way to measure time & charge
- Times of threshold crossing “marked” on a clock, clock cycles counted
- Especially useful with front-ends that have linear return-to-baseline

# Digitization: Analog-to-Digital Converter



- If signal is above threshold, full integrated charge is collected
- Digitization with ADC
- Precise charge measurement but demanding in space (& power)
- Often placed in periphery, information from pixel transmitted as analog signals

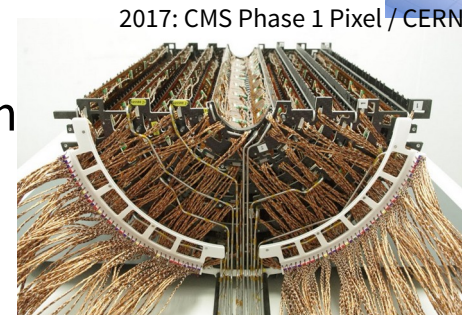
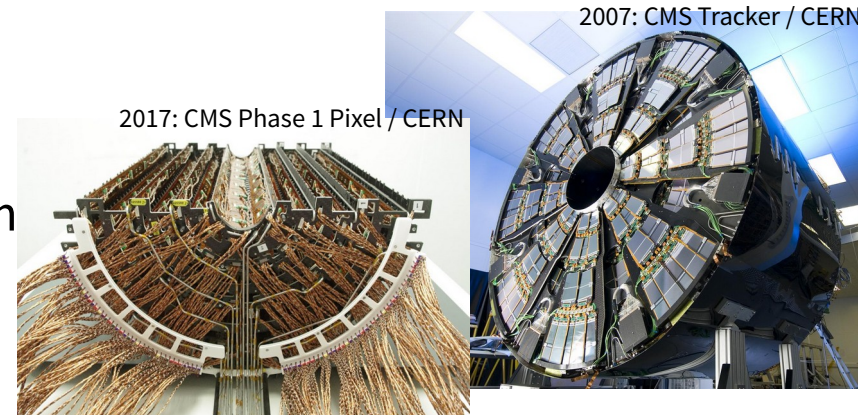
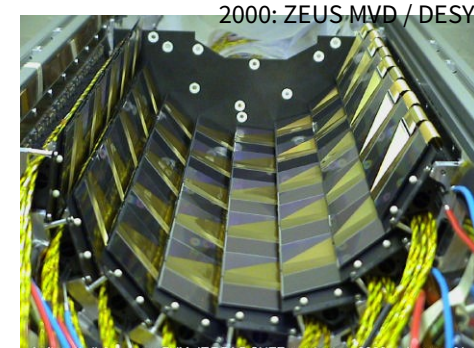
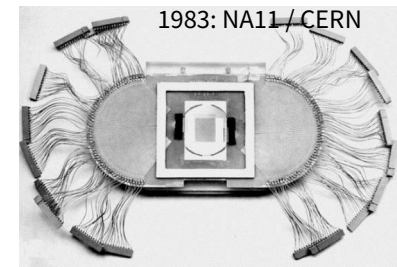
# Squaring the Circle

Requirements for Current & Future Tracking Detectors



# Silicon Tracking Detectors in Particle Physics

- Silicon tracking detectors have long history in particle physics
- Instrumental in discovery of Higgs boson at LHC
- Large detectors installed in ATLAS & CMS
  - Tracking detectors: strips, 200 m<sup>2</sup> silicon, 70M channels
  - Vertex detectors: pixels, 1 m<sup>2</sup> silicon, 140M channels
- Detector upgrades for HL-LHC in preparation
  - More resilient against radiation-induced damage
  - Additional capabilities (e.g. triggering)



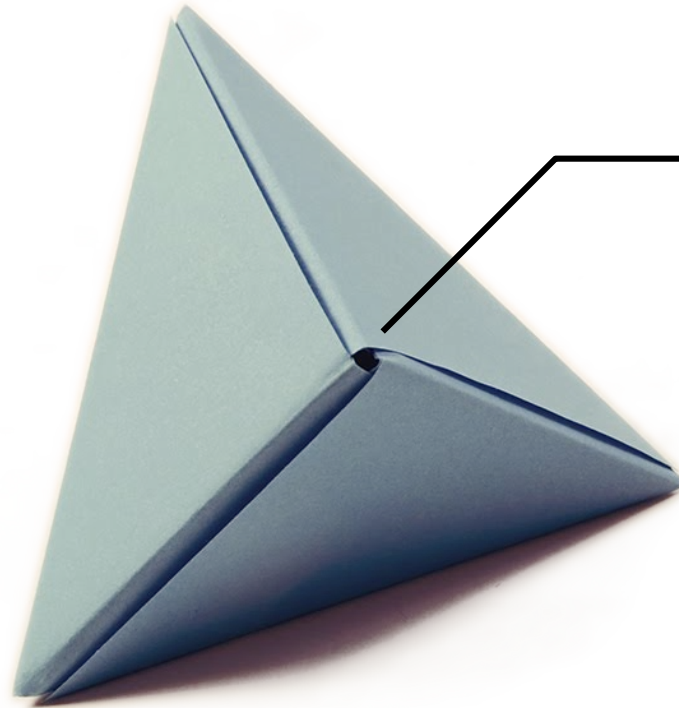
# Challenges for Silicon Detectors

Material Budget

Radiation Hardness

Resolution &  
Granularity

Readout Speed &  
Power Consumption

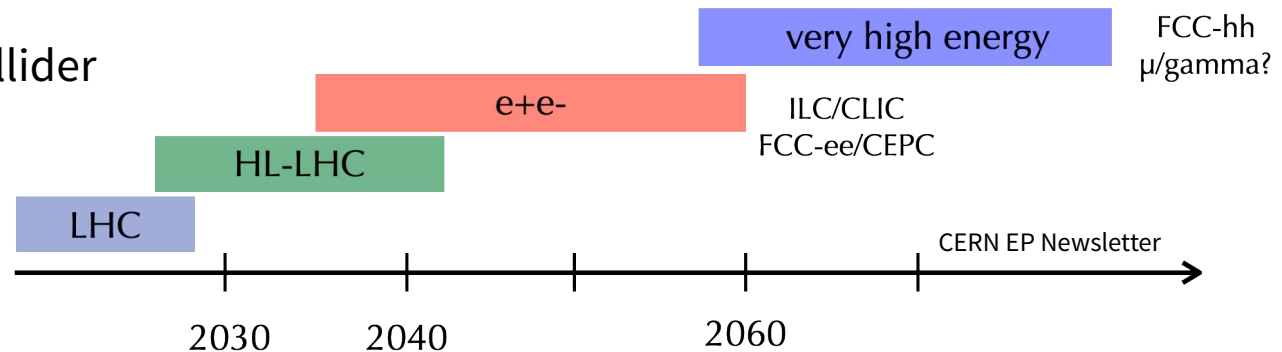


# The Future of High-Energy Particle Physics

- European Strategy Update: possible directions for particle physics
  - Importance of fundamental detector R&D specifically highlighted
- Higgs boson plays unique role in extending knowledge
  - Address questions within SM, provide sensitivity to new physics
  - Yukawa couplings, self-couplings, branching ratios
  - Precision measurements required



- Highest priority: future lepton collider
  - Different initial states
  - New opportunities & challenges



# Silicon Detector Requirements at a Lepton Collider

- Precision measurements especially demanding on vertex & tracking detectors
  - Momentum resolution – large lever arm, minimum scattering
  - Impact parameter resolution – high resolution, minimum scattering
  - Time resolution – fast sensor response, large S/N
- Physics studies for lepton colliders provide guidelines:

	Lepton Colliders	(HL-) LHC (ATLAS/CMS)
Material budget	$< 1\% X_0$	10% $X_0$
Single-point resolution	$\leq 3 \mu\text{m}$	$\sim 15\mu\text{m}$
Time resolution	$\sim \text{ps} - \text{ns}$	25ns
Granularity	$\leq 25 \mu\text{m} \times 25 \mu\text{m}$	50 $\mu\text{m} \times 50\mu\text{m}$
Radiation tolerance	$< 10^{11} n_{\text{eq}} / \text{cm}^2$	$O(10^{16} n_{\text{eq}} / \text{cm}^2)$

# Towards Next-Generation Tracking Detectors

## Prospective R&D

- Define requirements from physics program, precision targets
- Explore ideas, new concepts
- Technology evaluation
- Simulations
- Proof-of-principle

### Guided R&D

- Technology consolidation
- Demonstrators
- Design optimization
- Performance studies

### Targeted R&D

- Full-scale prototypes, engineering
- System integration

### Construction

### Collisions

