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Silicon Detectors III

Sensors for Hybrid Detectors

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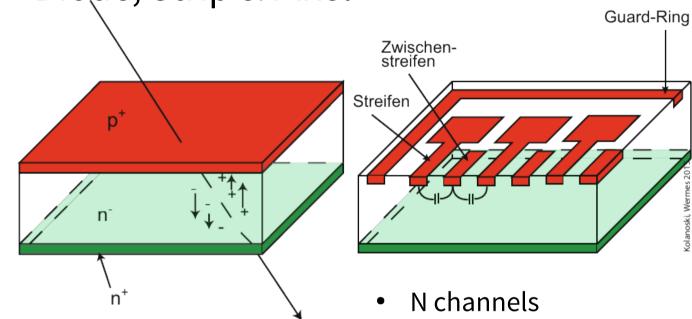


Recap: Segmented Silicon Detectors

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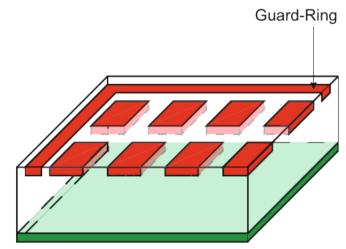
Diode, Strip & Pixel





- Simplest geometry •
- No position • measurement

- Straight-forward • connection to ASIC
- Problem of ghost hits •



- N² channels •
- Intrinsic 2D • measuremtent
- Issue connecting • channels

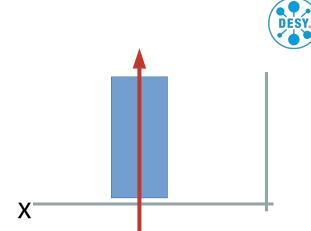
Spatial Resolution – Summary

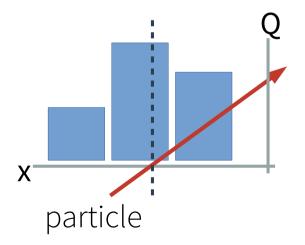
• Just a **single channel** struck: precision limited to variance of uniform distribution

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

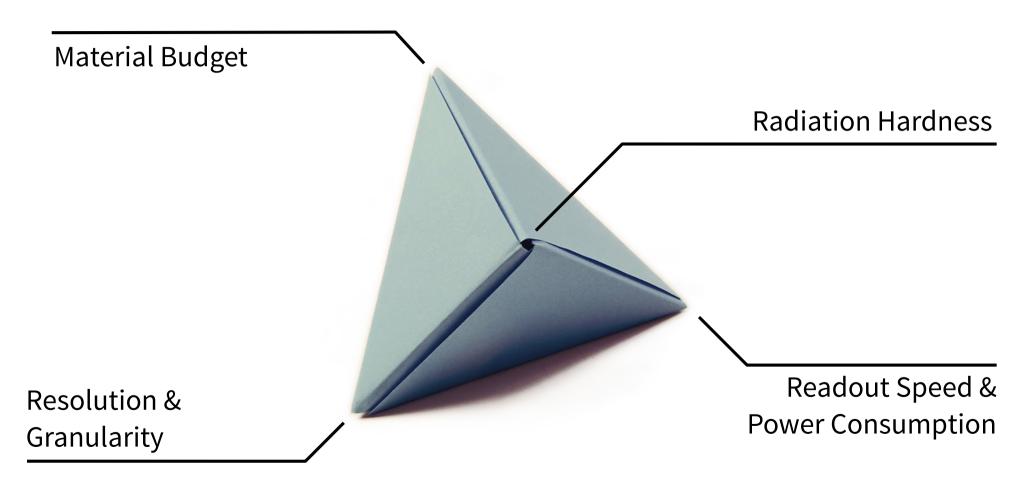
• **Multiple channels** struck (charge sharing): interpolation using relative energy / charge distribution

$$x = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} q_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} q_i}$$



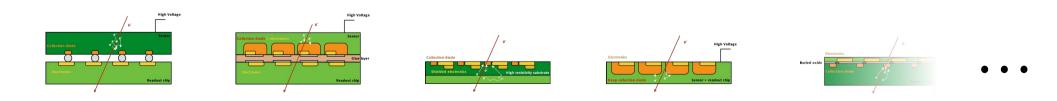


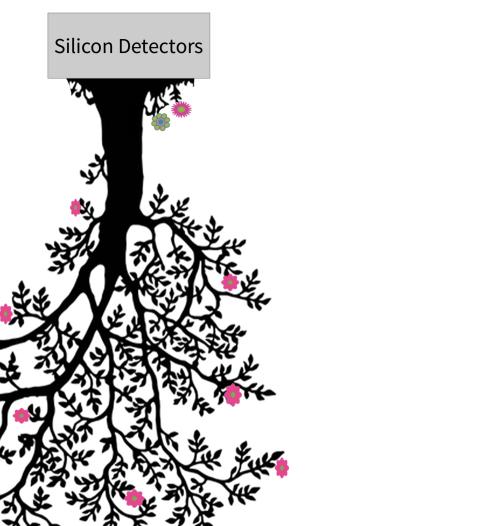
Challenges for Silicon Detectors





(Some) Silicon Sensor Technologies for Vertex & Tracking Detectors





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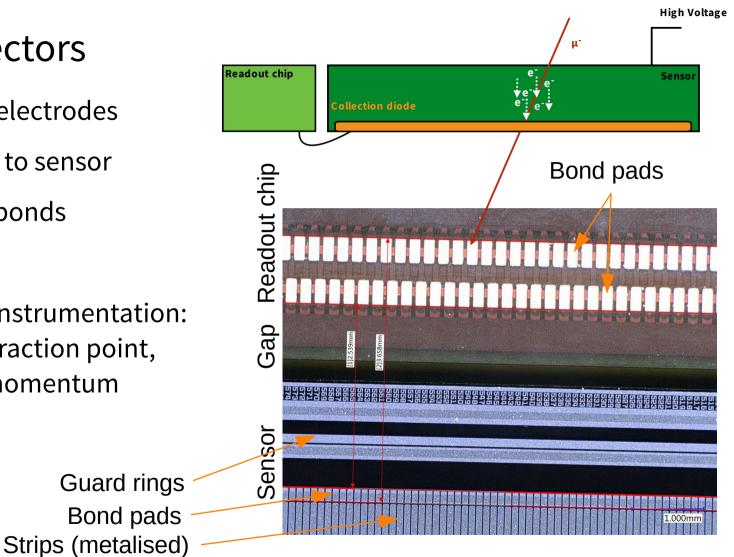


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Silicon Strip Detectors

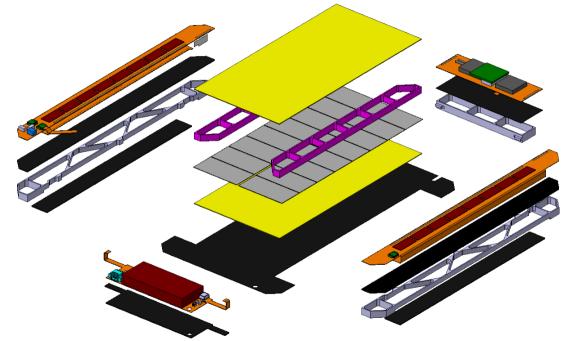
- 1D segmentation of electrodes
- Electronics adjacent to sensor
- Connection via wirebonds

 Used for large-area instrumentation: Large radii from interaction point, large lever arm for momentum measurements



Detector Modules – Complex Structures

- Sensor is only one part of complex system, that contains...
 - Readout ASICs
 - DC-DC converters
 - Optical transmitters
 - Electrical interconnects / flexprints
 - Mechanical support, spacers
 - Thermal contacts



• Very complex to assemble at micrometer precision level!



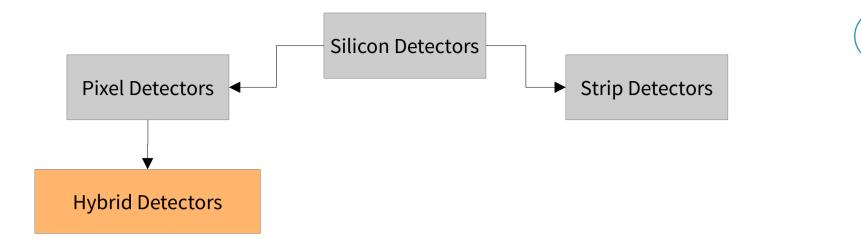


CMS Phase 2 Tracker Upgrade

PS Module exploded view

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200 m² Silicon Strip Detector CMS Tracking Detector Barrel



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Hybrid Pixel Detectors

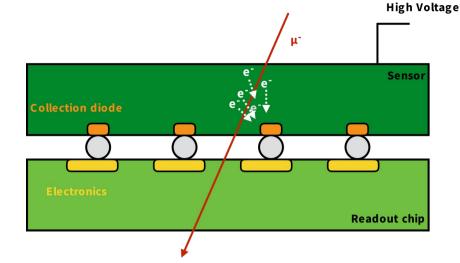
- Traditional design of HEP silicon pixel consist of sensor and separate readout chip
 - Sensor: pn-junction
 - Readout chip: front-end (amp, ...)
 - Connection: e.g. small solder spheres bump bonding
- Small pixel cell sizes achieved, ~ 25 μ m often limited by interconnects



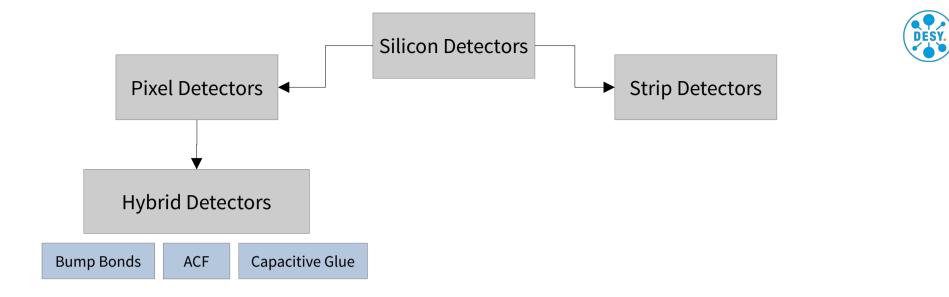
Established mixed-mode CMOS Complex circuits possible Small technology nodes available



Relatively high material budget Interconnects: cost-driver, limits pixel pitch & thickness (stability)

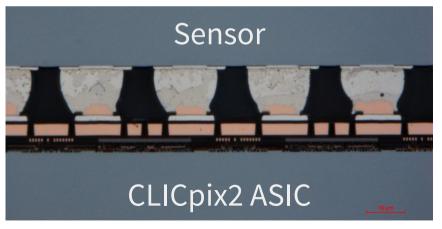


Hybrid Silicon Pixel Detector 100 μm Timepix on 100 μm Sensor

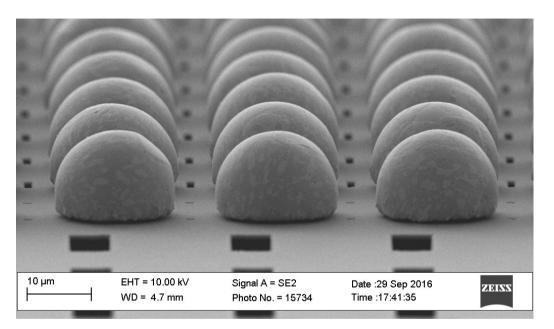


Hybridization: Bump Bond Interconnects

- Different technologies available
- Very common: Bump bonding
 - Size: ~ 20 µm
 - Material: Lead-Tin, Indium, ...



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- Different placement techniques
 - Solder spheres \rightarrow individual chips
 - Via lithography → wafer-level



Alternative to traditional solder-bump bonding

Hybridization: Anisotropic Conductive Film

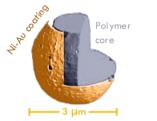
- Adhesive film with conductive micro-particles
 - Stochastically distributed in film
 - Some spheres end up under bond pads, get deformed, establish contact
- Widely used in display industry in one dimension, challenge: 2D distribution
- Requires careful optimization of
 - Film thickness
 - # spheres/area
 - Bonding force...
- Currently in R&D phase

240

200

180

160 140

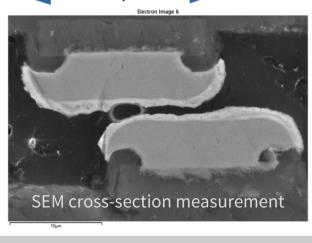


10⁵

10⁴

10³

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~20um

Microscope image

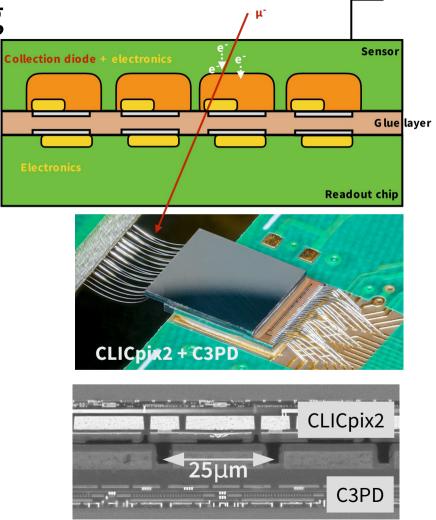


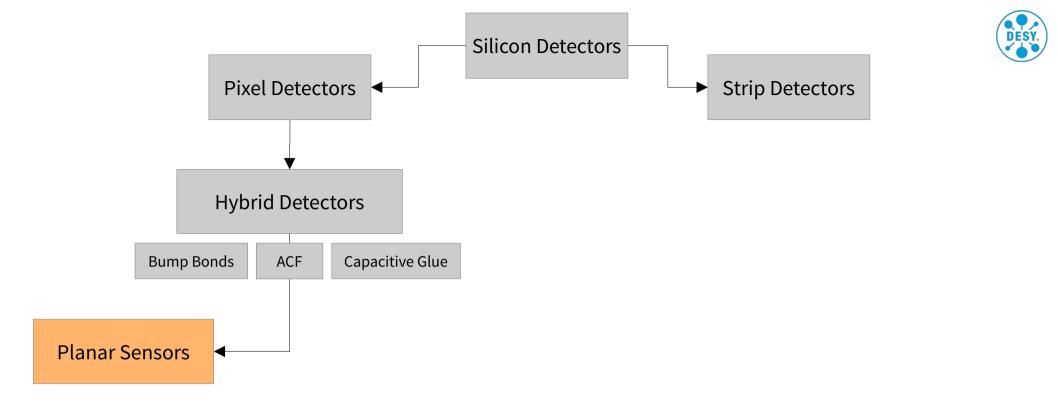


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Hybridization: Capacitive Coupling

- Combination of "traditional" readout chip and active sensor
- Only analog part (amplification) in sensor
- Advantages:
 - Large signal from amplifier while rather simple circuitry in sensor
 - Can use full feature set of readout chip CMOS process
- Challenges:
 - Gluing requires precise alignment
 - Main influence: distance good uniformity required
 - Requires connecting & powering two chips

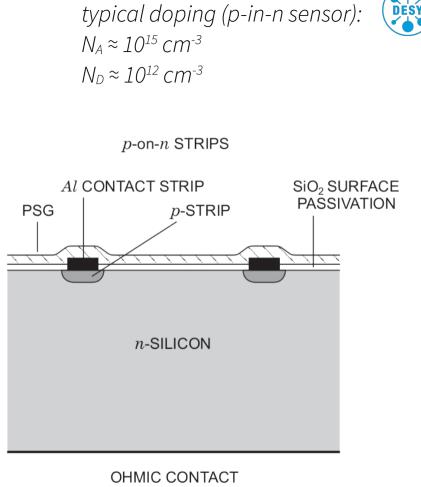




Planar Silicon Sensors

- Asymmetric pn-junctions, here: *p*-in-*n*
- Lightly doped *n* bulk sensor material
- Thin, highly-doped *p* implant
- Segmentation of implant: separate channels
- Backside: layer of highly doped *n*⁺ as ohmic contact
- Straight-forward production,
 Well-studied sensor designs
- 100% "fill factor" / fully efficient
- X Long drift times lead to charge loss after irradiation

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Example: CMS Pixel Detector

Twisted pair cable

HDI (High Density Interconnect, signal and power handling)

n+-in-n silicon sensor

16 readout chips, bump bonded to sensor

Base strips for mounting

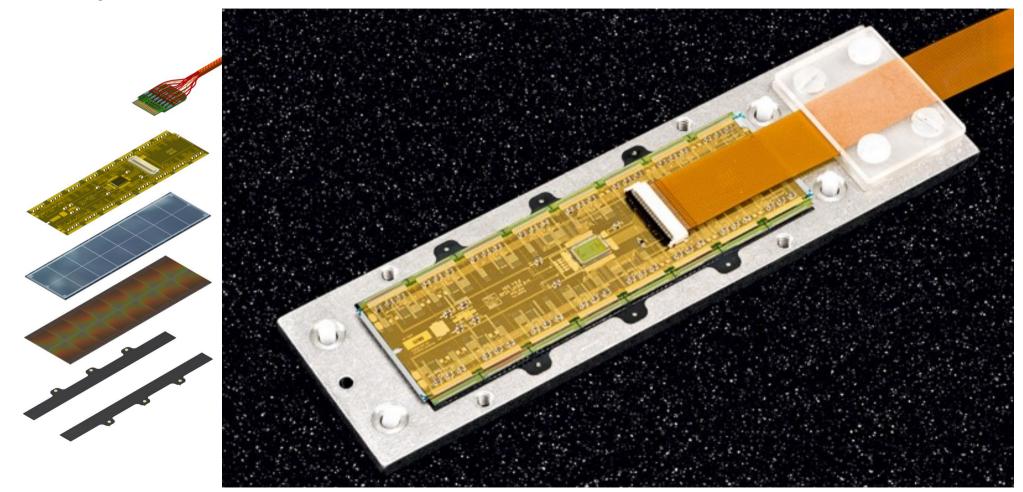
- Sensor:
 - n⁺-in-n sensor technology
 - 285 µm thickness
 - 150 x 100 µm pitch
- Module:
 - 52 x 80 = 4160 pixels/chip
 - 16 chips \rightarrow 4160 x 16 = 66560 pixels/module
 - Total size: 64.8 x 16.2 mm





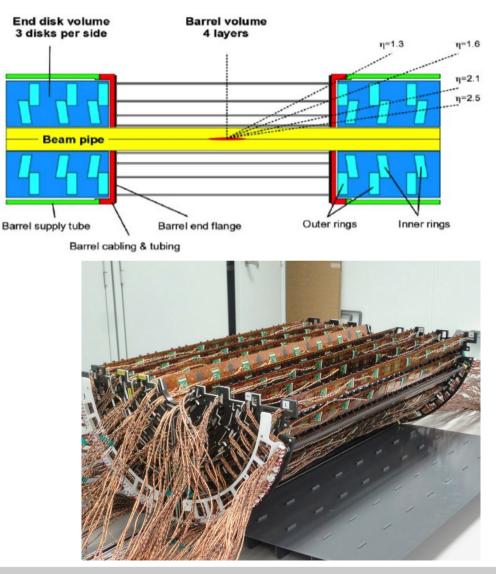
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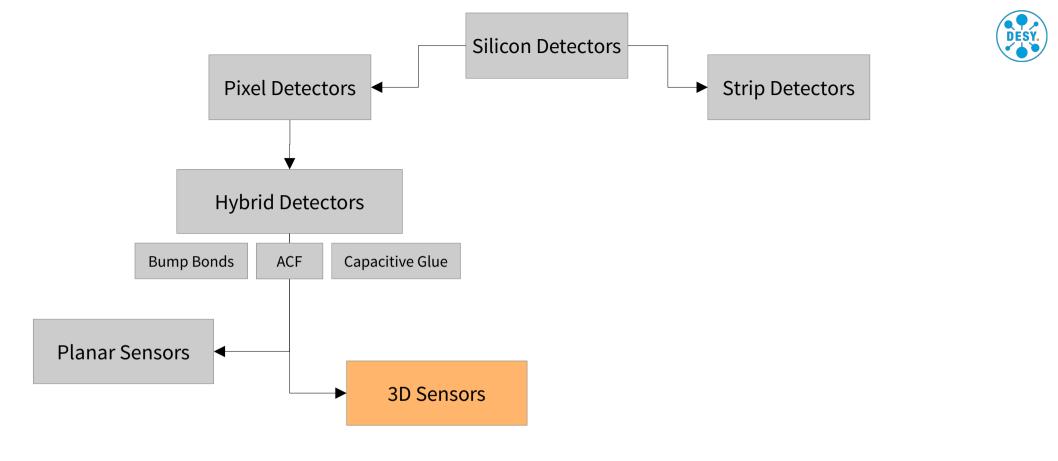
- Innermost part of the CMS Detector
 - Four *barrel* layers
 - Radii: 3.0, 6.8, 10.2, 16.0 cm
 - Length: 54.9 cm
 - Three endcap layers per side
 - Radii: 4.5 16.1 cm
- Total number of modules: **1856**
- *124 MPix* with 25 ns time resolution
- Spatial resolution: > 5 µm



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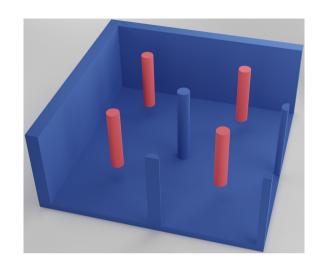
Installation of the Phase I Pixel Detector CMS Experiment @ LHC

Endcap and Halfbarrel CMS Phase I Pixel DeteCtor

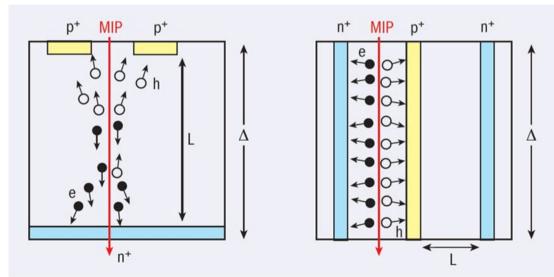


3D Silicon Sensors

- p- and n-implants implemented as columns
- Vertical implants: horizontal pn-junction
- Electric field forms horizontally between columns

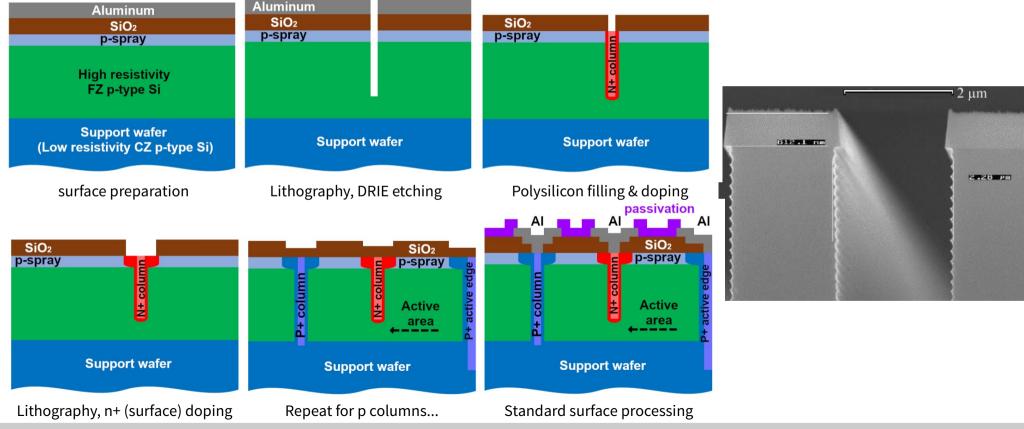


- ✓ Short drift time → fast!
- High radiation tolerance
- High production costs & time
- Inefficiencies at vertical incidence



3D Silicon Sensors: Production

• DRIE (Deep Reactive Ion Etching): used in industry for MEMS, TSVs, ...



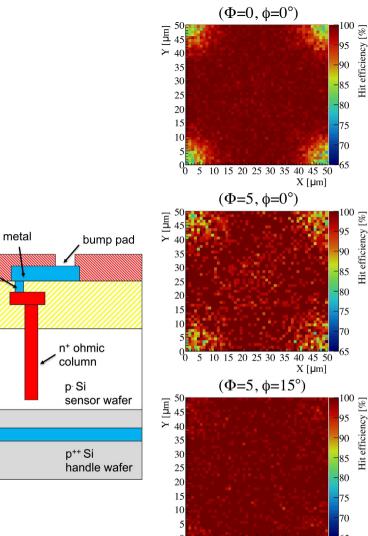
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Example: ATLAS ITk 3D Pixel Sensors

- Sensor for new inner tracker of ATLAS experiment
- 3D sensors for innermost layer of pixel detector
 - Very radiation hard (short drift times)
 - Different sensor layouts:
 50 x 50 μm
 25 x 100 μm

- At vertical incidence: inefficiencies at backside columns
- Recovered even at slight inclination



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contact hole

passivation

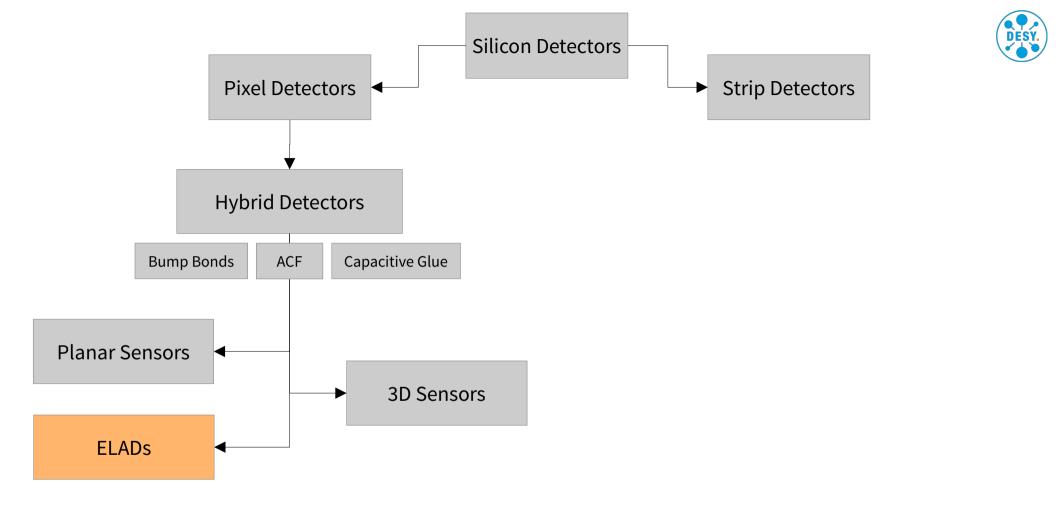
oxide

p⁺ junction

(after thinning)

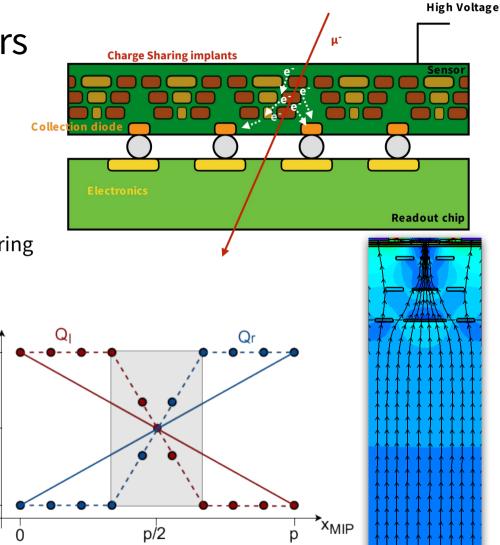
column

Metal



Enhanced Lateral Drift Detectors

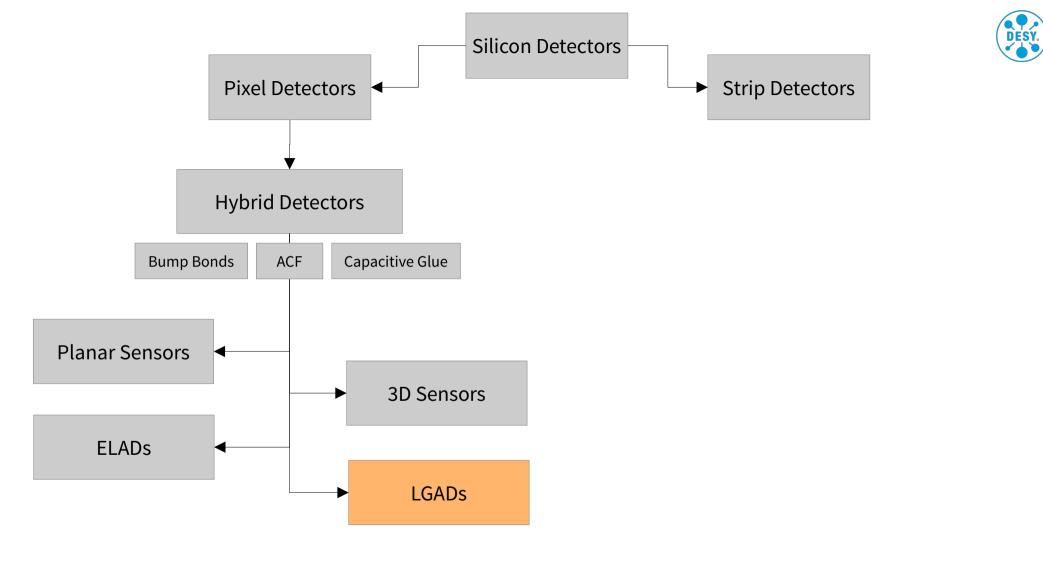
- Position resolution in thin sensors limited to d / √12 (almost no charge sharing)
- Concept: **enhance charge sharing** in Enhanced LAteral Drift sensors (ELAD)
 - Close to theoretical optimum: linear charge sharing
 - Deep implants to alter field, improve resolution
 - Lateral spread of charges during drift
- Challenges:
 - Complex production process: epi-growth / implant / epi-growth / implant ...
 - Low-field regions (recombination)



100%

50%

0%

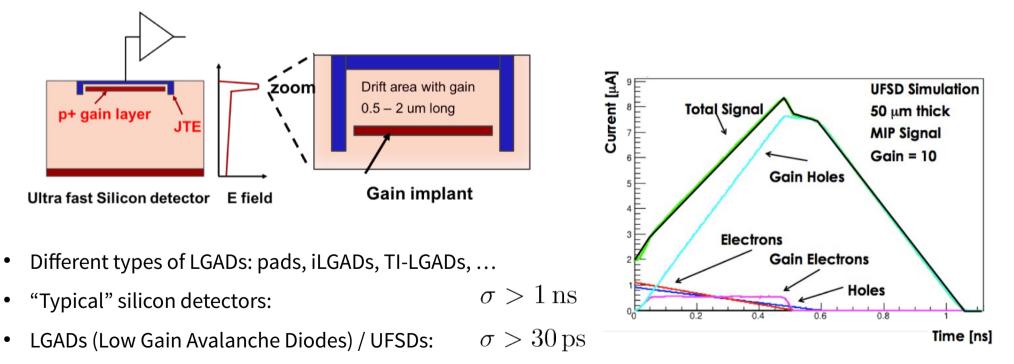


Low Gain Avalanche Diodes (LGADs)



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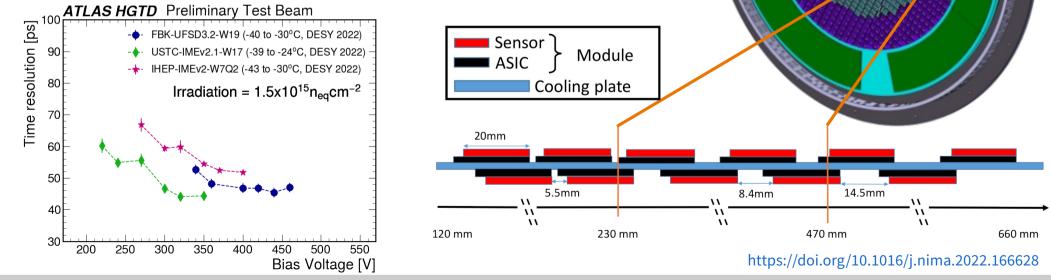
- High electric fields: secondary ionization by charge carriers becomes possible \rightarrow **Impact Ionization** ٠ - Similar to charge multiplication in gaseous detectors
- High electric fields in small sensor volume fraction generated via thin doping layer ٠

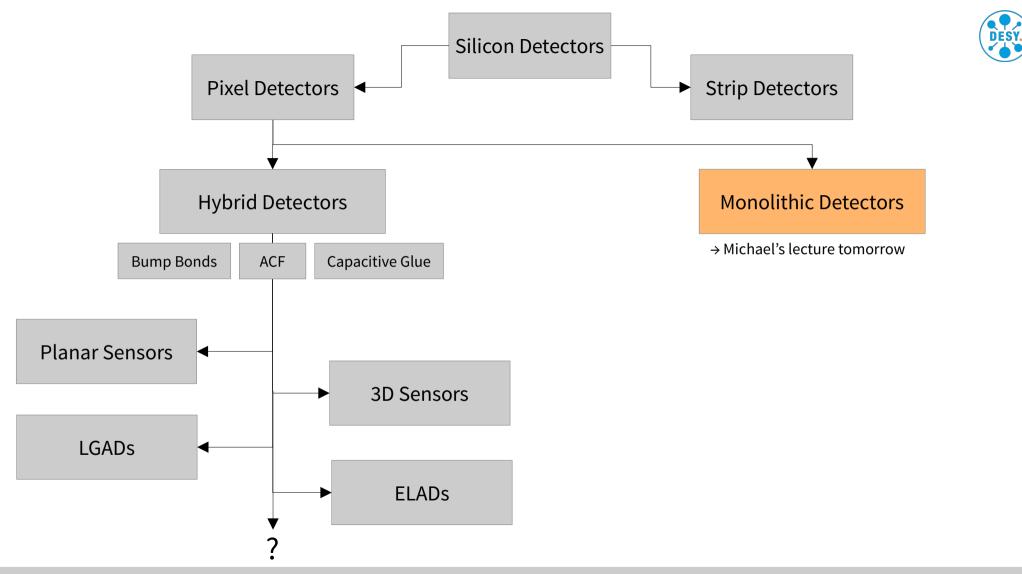


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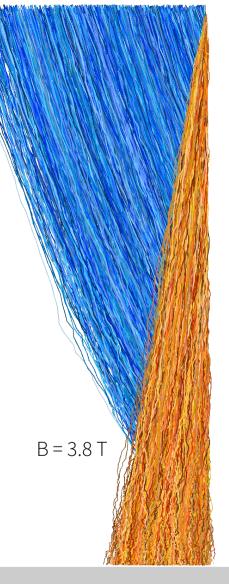
The ATLAS High Granularity Timing Detector

- Mitigate tracking issues from high pile-up at HL-LHC
 - Required timing resolution better than 50 ps/track
 - $\sim 3.7 \times 10^6$ channels with 6.4 m² area
 - * Radiation hardness $2.5\times10^{15}\,N_{eq}/cm^2$ and 2.0 MGy
- LGADs with dedicated readout ASIC (ALTIROC)



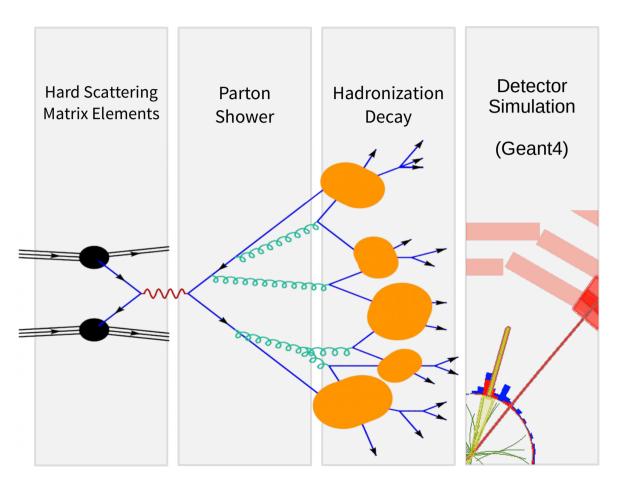


Understanding Your Detector ...by Means of Monte Carlo Simulations





Monte Carlo from Start to End





Geant4 – GEometry ANd Tracking

- Toolkit to simulate interaction of particles with matter
- Open Source project, written in C++ using Object Orientation
- Typically new feature versions are released once a year
- It is a **toolkit** \rightarrow a collection of tools for simulations
 - Coding is *always* required for simulations
 - There is not such concept as "Geant4 defaults"
- Learning-by-reading: examples in source code
 - Basic examples: overview of the Geant4 tools
 - Extended examples: showing specific Geant4 functionalities
 - Advanced Examples: Geant4 tools in real-life applications



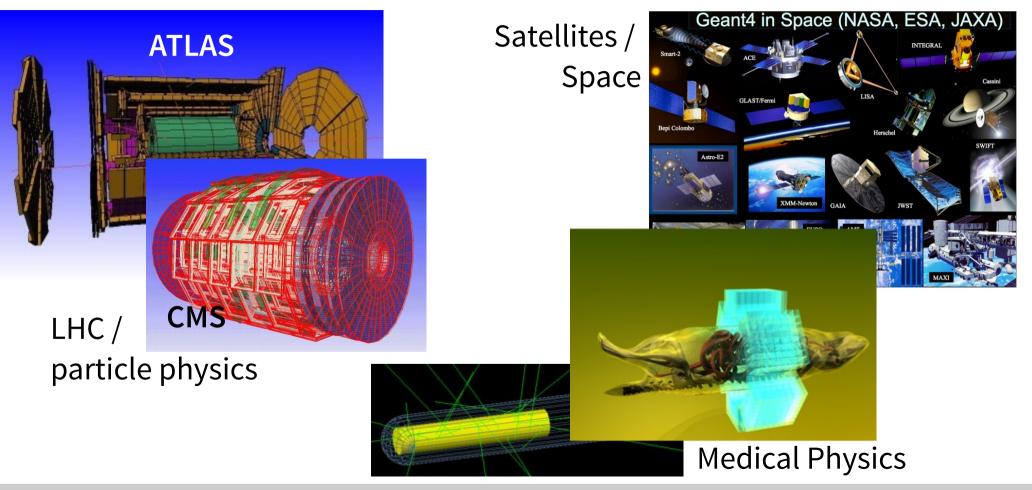
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int main(int argc, char** argv) {
   G4RunManager* runManager = new G4RunManager;
   runManager->SetUserInitialization(new MyDetectorConstruction());
```

```
// Physics list
G4VModularPhysicsList* physicsList = new MyPhysicsList;
physicsList->SetVerboseLevel(1);
runManager->SetUserInitialization(physicsList);
```

// User actions initialization
runManager->SetUserInitialization(new MyActionInitialization());

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Applications wherever particles are involved...



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Core Concepts of Geant4



The Basic concepts at the core of Geant4 are:

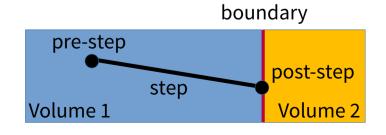
- The run represents a set of events which share a common setup: geometry, beam type and configuration of physics processes.
- **The event** represents all information (tracks, interaction) that result from one or more initial particles
- **A process** is usually a physics process something which results from the interaction of a particle with an atom of the material it is crossing.
- **The track** represents the snapshot of the current state of simulating one particle track, and stores information on the particle creation
- **The step** represents how the current particle is being moved

Tracking in Geant4



Following particles is done by stepping:

- Initializing of the track
- Polling of all processes (interactions) to see how far each one will occur next (free path)
- Determination of the minimum length, which is the length of the next step. This identifies also the winning process, the one which occurs at the end point of the step
- Calculating amount of energy lost along the length of the step
- Calling of the winning process to obtain results of the interaction including change in energy, momentum direction, new particles created, ...
- Determination of volume the track enters next at the end of a step (if on boundary)



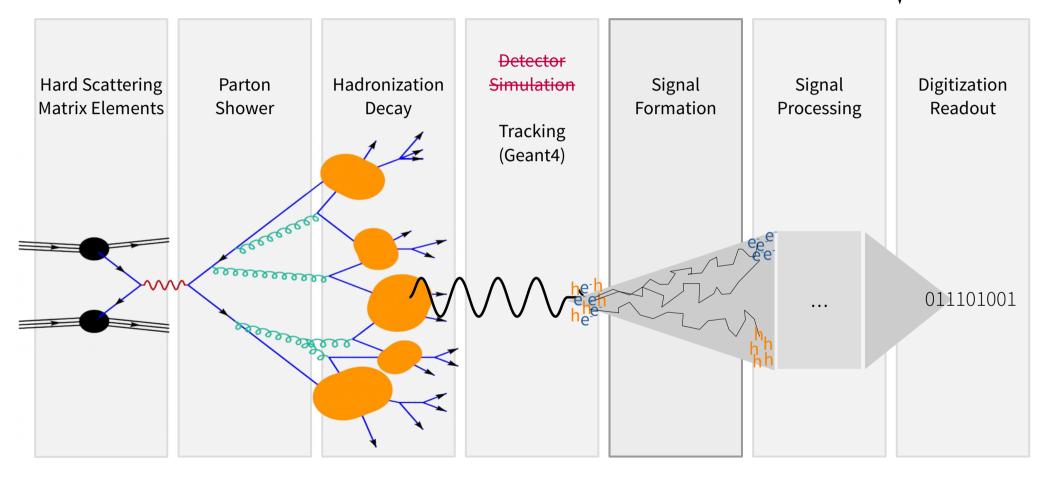
Example: Visualization of Geant4 Tracking

- Seven silicon detectors in a Pion beam
- Particle types by color:
 - Blue: Pions
 - Red: Electrons
 - Green: Gammas
- Scattering, secondary particle creation



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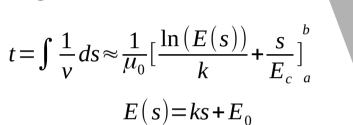




O(1) – Projecting Charge Carriers

- With linear electric field, calculate approximate total drift time via analytical approximation of mobility integral
- For each (group of) charge carrier,
 - Calculate total drift time
 - Calculate total diffusion offset for this time
 - Put charge carrier on sensor surface, with offset drawn from Gaussian distribution of width σ_x
- Very fast simulation, few calculations
- Only works for linear electric field approximations (reasonable for many thick planar sensors) and without magnetic field

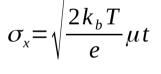




O(N) – Integration of Equations of Motion

- Successive integration of charge carrier motion
- Take each (group of) charge carrier
 - Calculate mobility µ from local electric (and magnetic) field (e.g. using Jacoboni/Canali parametrization)
 - Calculate velocity
 - Make step, add diffusion offset from Gaussian distribution
 - Repeat N times until sensor surface is reached
- Using 4th order Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg method
 - Adaptive step size according to position uncertainty (embedded 5th order)
 - Method allows description of drift in complex field configurations

$$\mu = \frac{v_m}{E_c} \frac{1}{(1 + (E/E_c)^{\beta})^{1/\beta}}$$





O(2xNxM) – Induced Signal at Electrodes

- Successive integration of motion, calculating induced charge per step
- Take each (group of) charge carrier
 - Calculate mobility & velocity from local fields
 - Make step, add diffusion offset from Gaussian distribution
 - Get induced charge from weighting potential difference for M neighbors
 - Repeat N times until sensor surface is reached
- Allows time-resolved simulation

$$Q_n^{ind.} = \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} I_n^{ind.} dt = q[\phi(X_n) - \phi(X_{n-1})]$$

- Requires weighting potential, might not be trivial to obtain
- Time consuming:
 - Calculation for all neighboring electrodes for every step
 - Requires propagating both electrons and holes (x2)

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