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Phil Allport

# Cambridge and the OPAL Microvertex Detector

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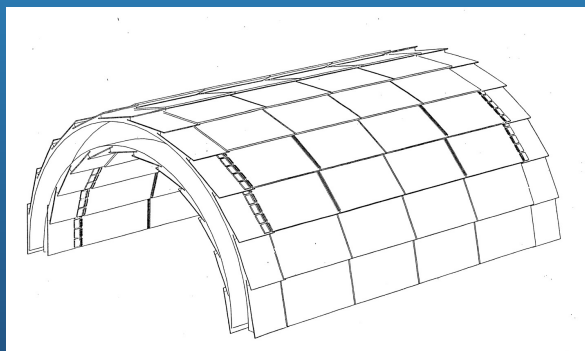
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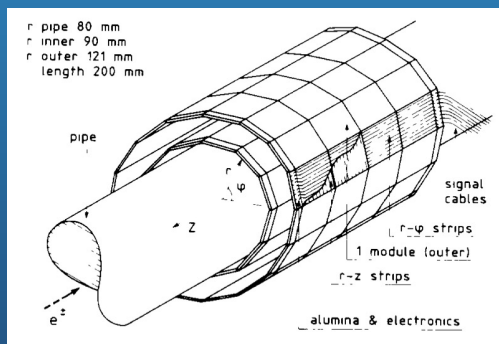
# History of Silicon Detectors

Early 1980's: Silicon microstrip detectors with better than  $3\mu\text{m}$  spatial resolution had been developed and used in charm and beauty search experiments at the CERN SPS and the Tevatron at Fermilab.

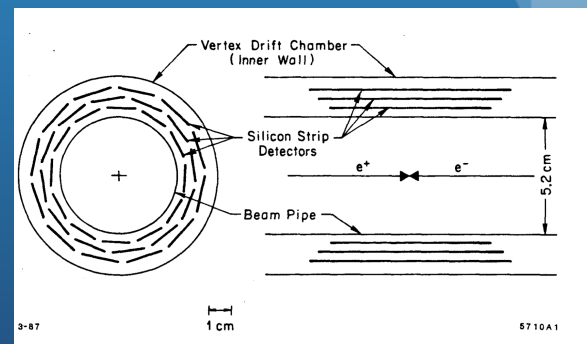
Mid 1980's: Silicon microvertex detectors were being developed for LEP and the SLC.



DELPHI microvertex detector  
DELPHI 86-86 GEN-52



ALEPH minivertex detector  
NIM A257 (1987) 587



Mark II silicon strip  
vertex detector  
NIM A265 (1988) 93

**A LOW POWER CMOS VLSI MULTIPLEXED AMPLIFIER FOR SILICON STRIP DETECTORS**

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A low power CMOS VLSI circuit has been designed and built for the readout of 25  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch silicon strip detectors. Each detector strip is connected directly to one of 128 electronic channels on the chip. A channel consists of a charge sensitive amplifier incorporating correlated double sample and hold for noise reduction. There is a single differential multiplexed output for the 128 channels on each chip. Results are presented on the performance of a detector equipped with the VLSI circuits.

Planned vertex detectors requirements:  
Readout in confined space,  $10^5$ - $10^6$  channels  
low power, low noise, radiation hard

Each 6.4 mm  $\times$  6.4 mm VLSI circuit, fabricated with 5  $\mu\text{m}$  CMOS technology, consists of 128 individual amplifiers and a single multiplexed differential output. The outputs from several devices can be daisy-chained together to allow readout of multiples of 128 channels along a single twisted pair lead.

First results:

Power 55 mW, noise 2000e- connected to 25 $\mu\text{m}$  strip  
Crosstalk <1%, readout rate 3 MHz, works up to 3krad

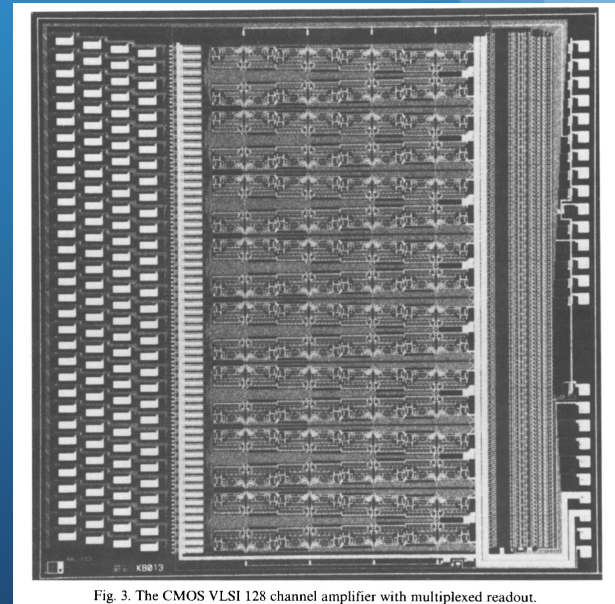


Fig. 3. The CMOS VLSI 128 channel amplifier with multiplexed readout.

MX series



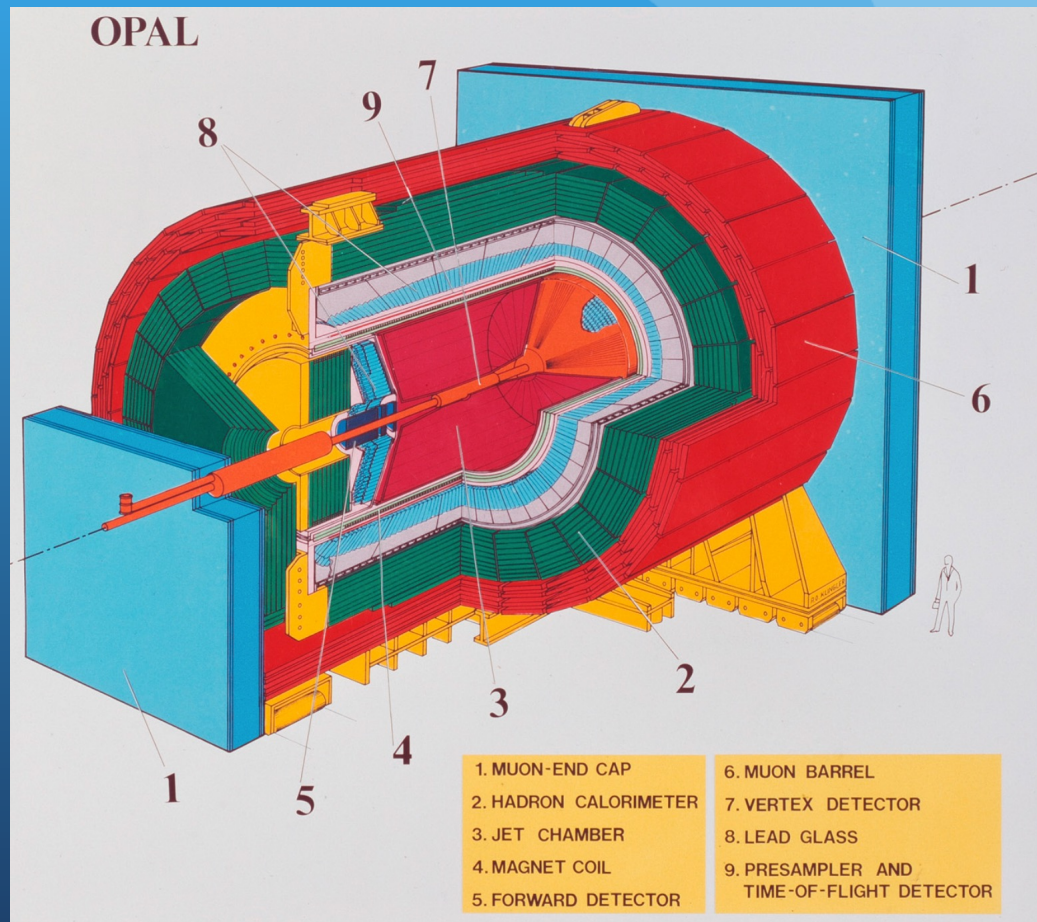
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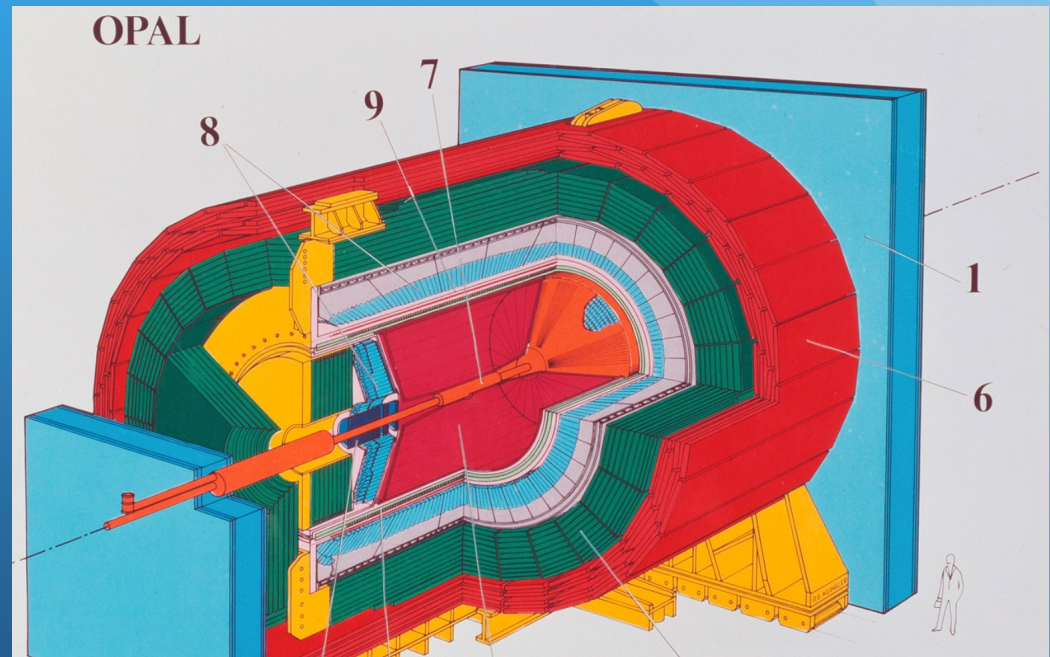
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Discussions were also ongoing to insert a silicon microvertex detector around a reduced diameter (53mm) beam-pipe



**A SCHEME FOR UPGRADING THE CENTRAL TRACKING OF OPAL  
BY THE ADDITION OF AN INNER SILICON MICROVERTEX  
DETECTOR**

Cambridge University, Queen Mary College London  
and Electronics Development Group Rutherford Appleton Laboratory

BEAM PIPE  
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DETECTOR  
VERTEX DRIFT  
CHAMBER  
TRACK TRIGGER  
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CALORIMETER  
SUPPORT STRUCTURE



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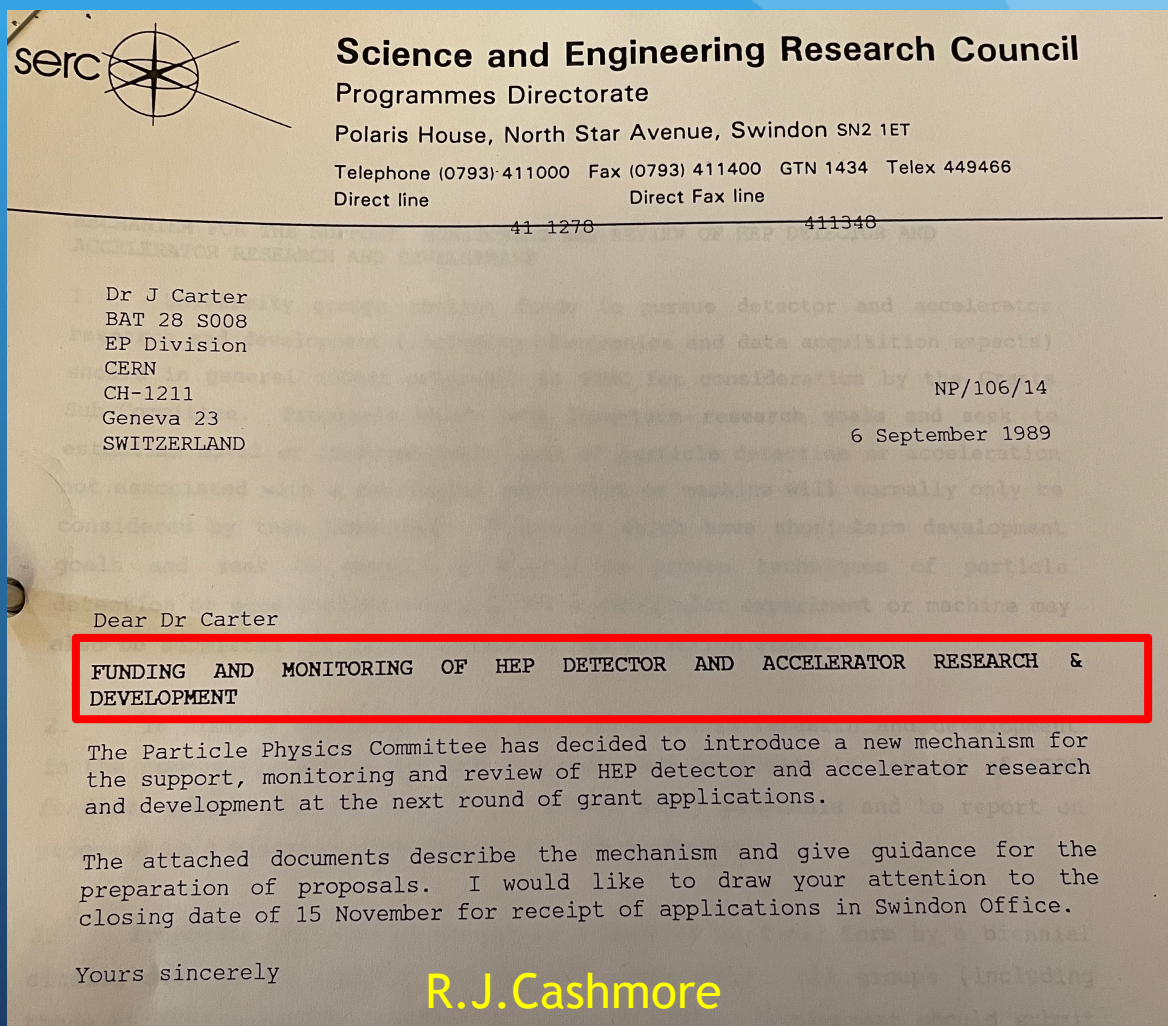


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## Cambridge Silicon Detector Development.

**Abstract.** The following is a list of items needed to establish the envisaged facilities at Cambridge for silicon detector work. Funding is also required for the cost of device fabrication.



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## **FOXFET biased microstrip detectors**

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### Previous approaches:

- Polysilicon resistors - reliable strip connection, but high resistor values ( $>2M\Omega$ ) requires intricate fabrication
- Punch-through - leakage current dependent dynamic resistance affects resolution





# CAD

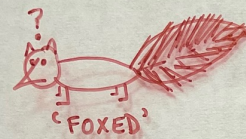
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(Computer Aided Design - Silicon Masks)

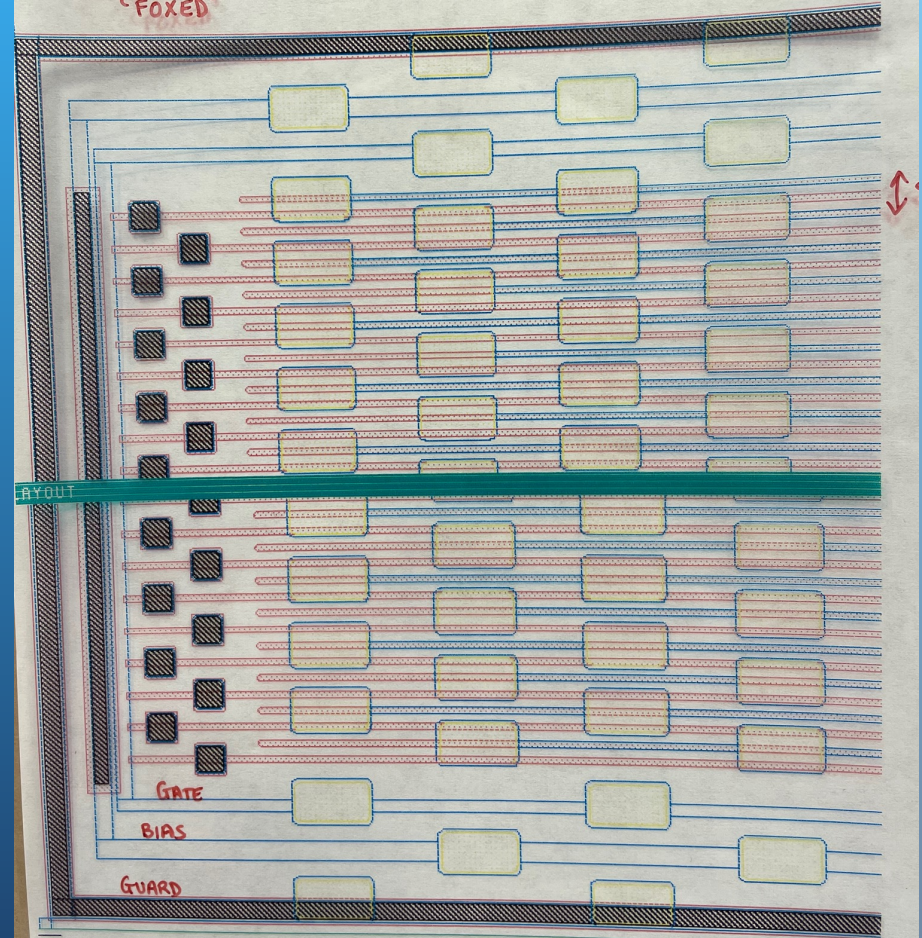


- A novices view !
- Silvar Lisco - Computer Aided Design System  
PRINCESS - Mask layout  
Cambridge -  $\mu$ VAX 2000 colour workstation  
VMS 5.2, VWS 4.0 only.  
Versatec Plots via RAL
- Single-sided detectors (FOXFET biased)  
General layout of all detectors

Silicon  $r-\phi$  detector  
FOXFET



4 masks { p implant - red  
metal - blue  
contact - black  
passivation - yell



'left hand side'



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However, I since was informed that one definition of an “expert” is someone who has made every possible mistake. - On that definition I am proud to say I probably do qualify!”

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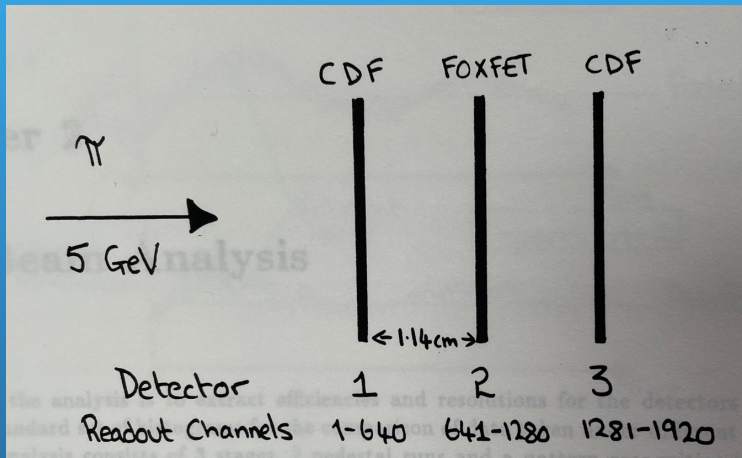
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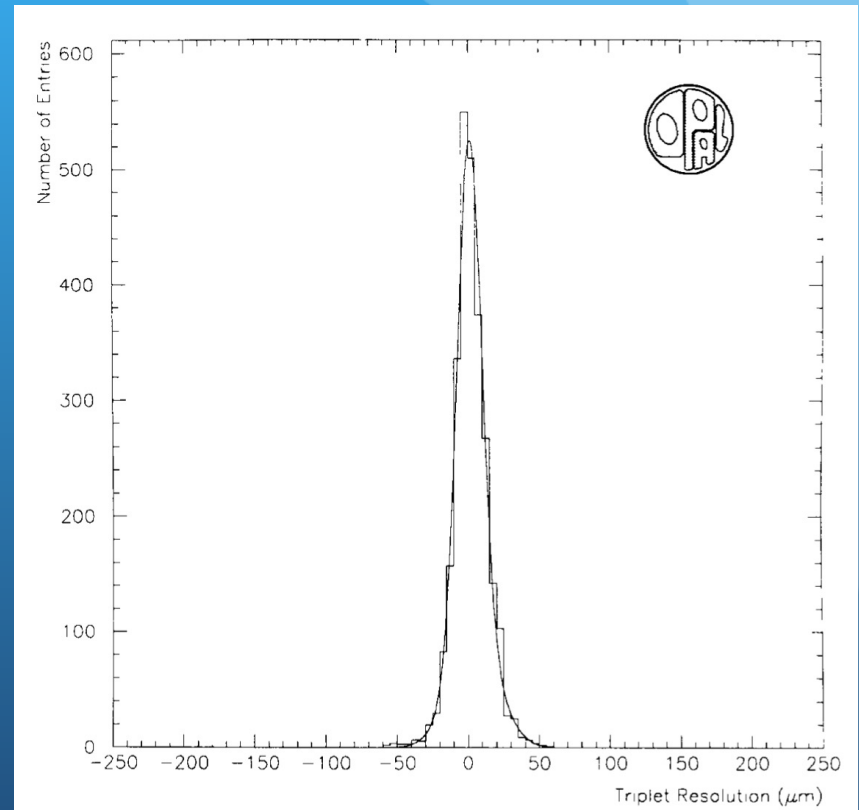
# Test beam

August 1990 started beam tests of prototype detectors:



3 detectors separated by  $\sim 1\text{cm}$   
in 5 GeV charged pion beam:

Resolution  $\sim 6\mu\text{m}$



# OPAL Microvertex Detector

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**NUCLEAR  
INSTRUMENTS  
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IN PHYSICS  
RESEARCH**  
Section A

## The OPAL silicon microvertex detector

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# OPAL Microvertex Detector

Two layers single-sided silicon devices separated by 14mm

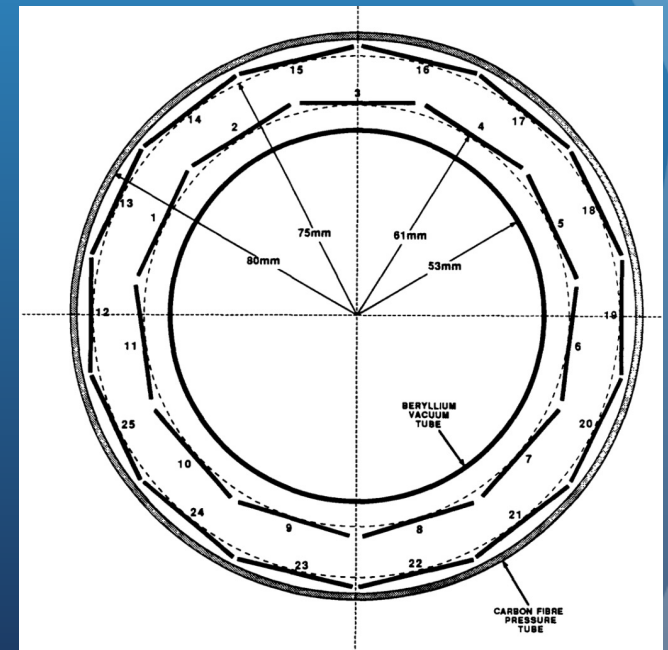
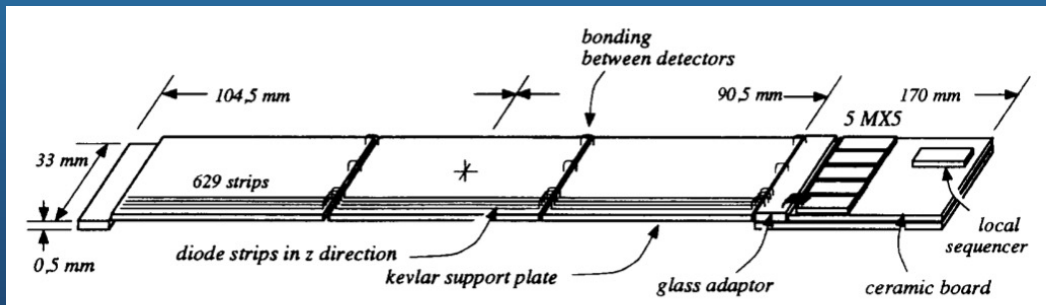
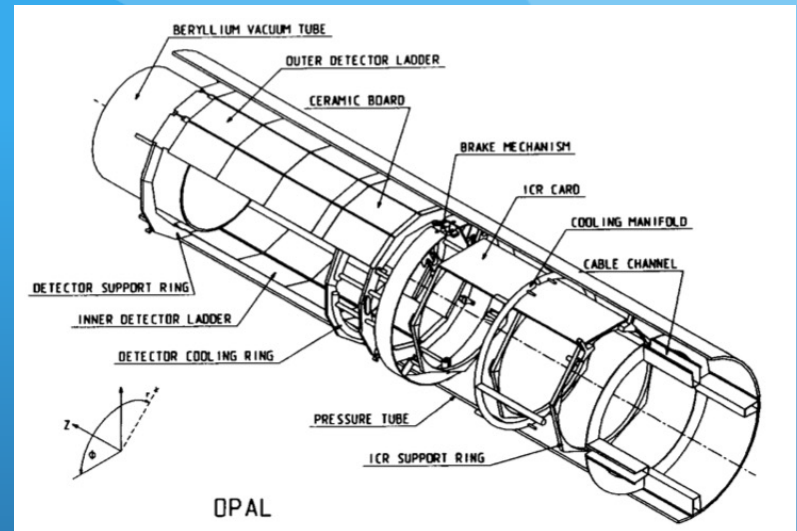
11 inner and 14 outer ladders

Dimensions: 33 x 60mm

Thickness: 300 $\mu$ m

Strip pitch: 25 $\mu$ m

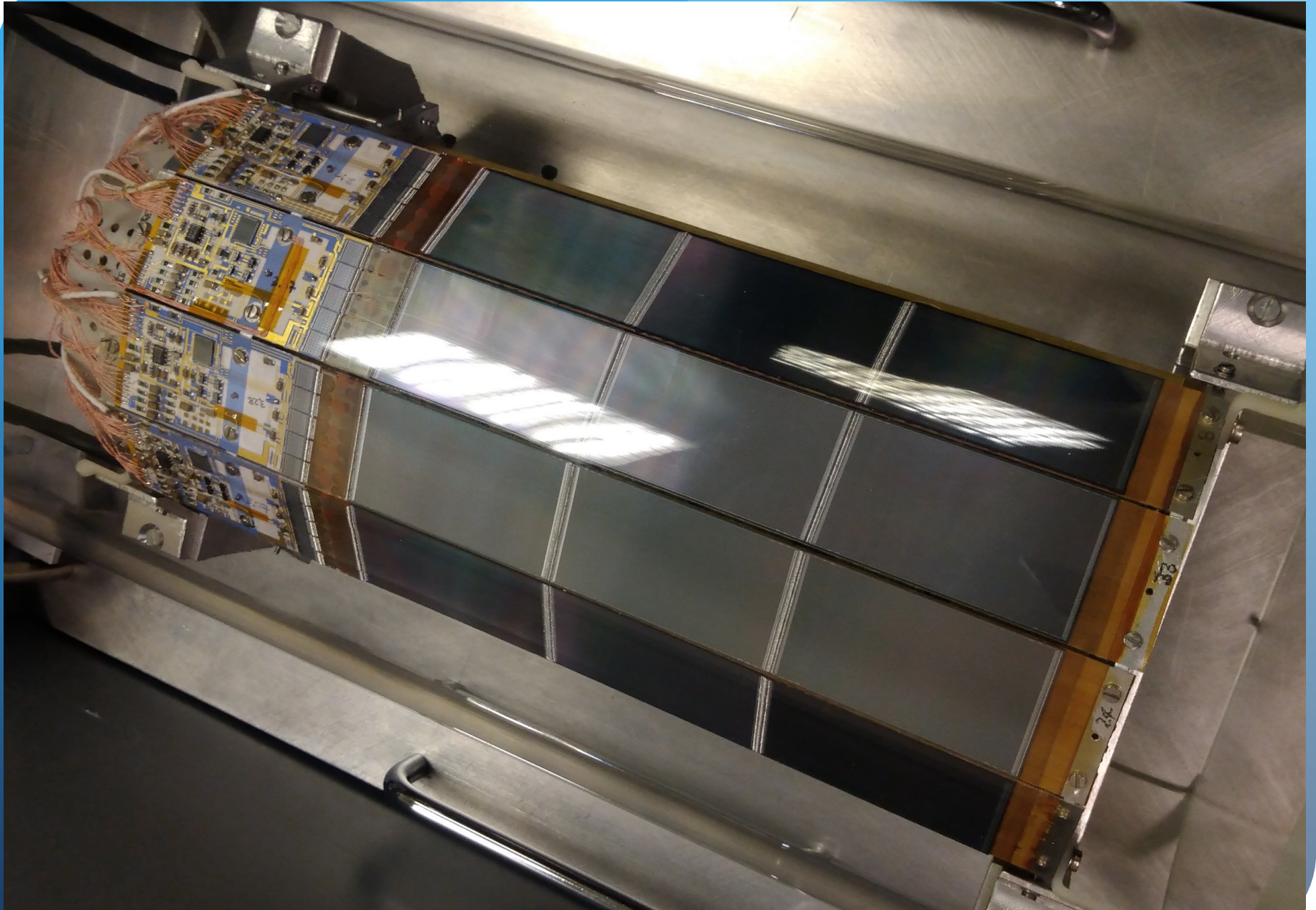
Readout: 50 $\mu$ m, 629 channels









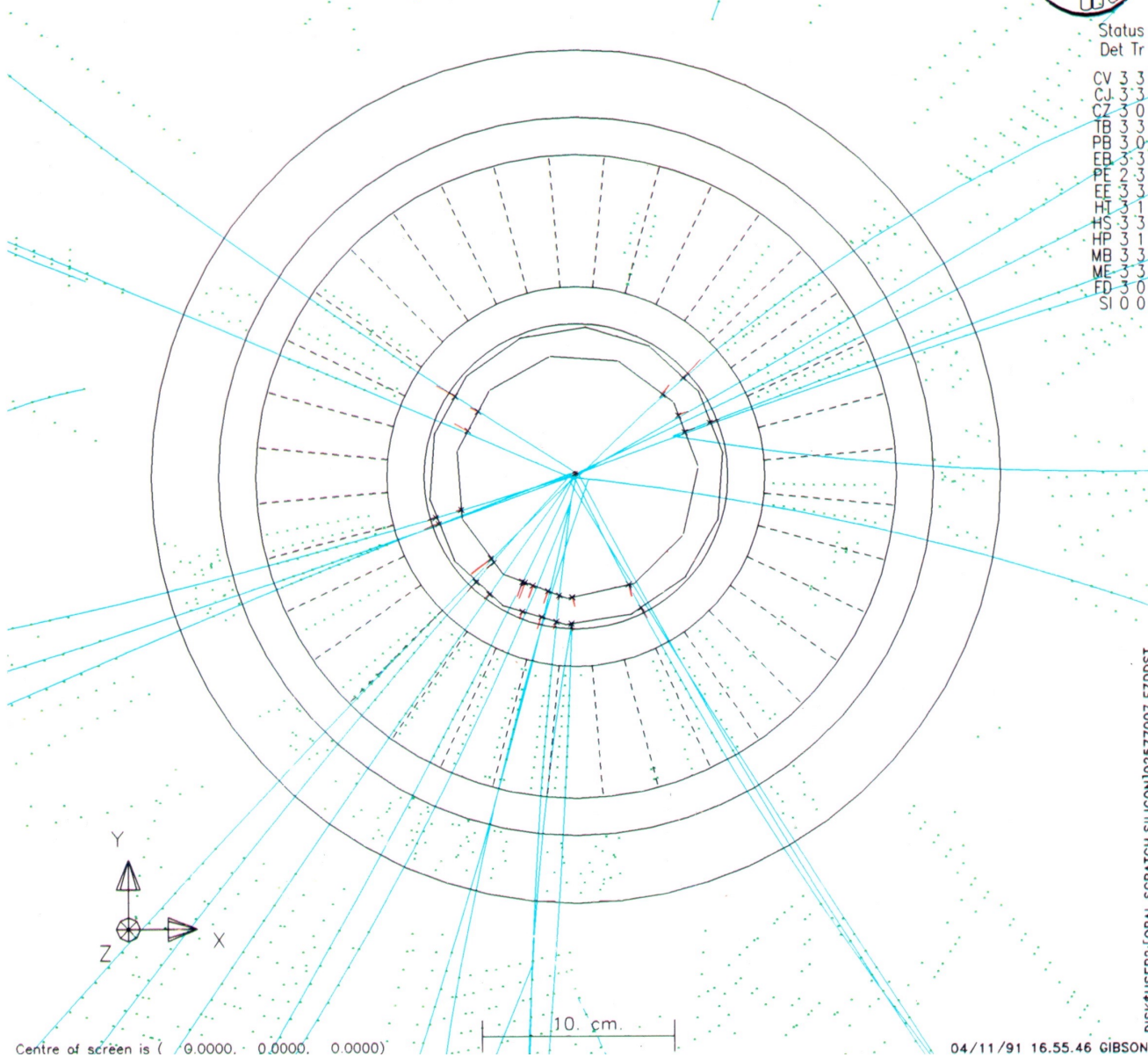




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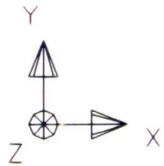
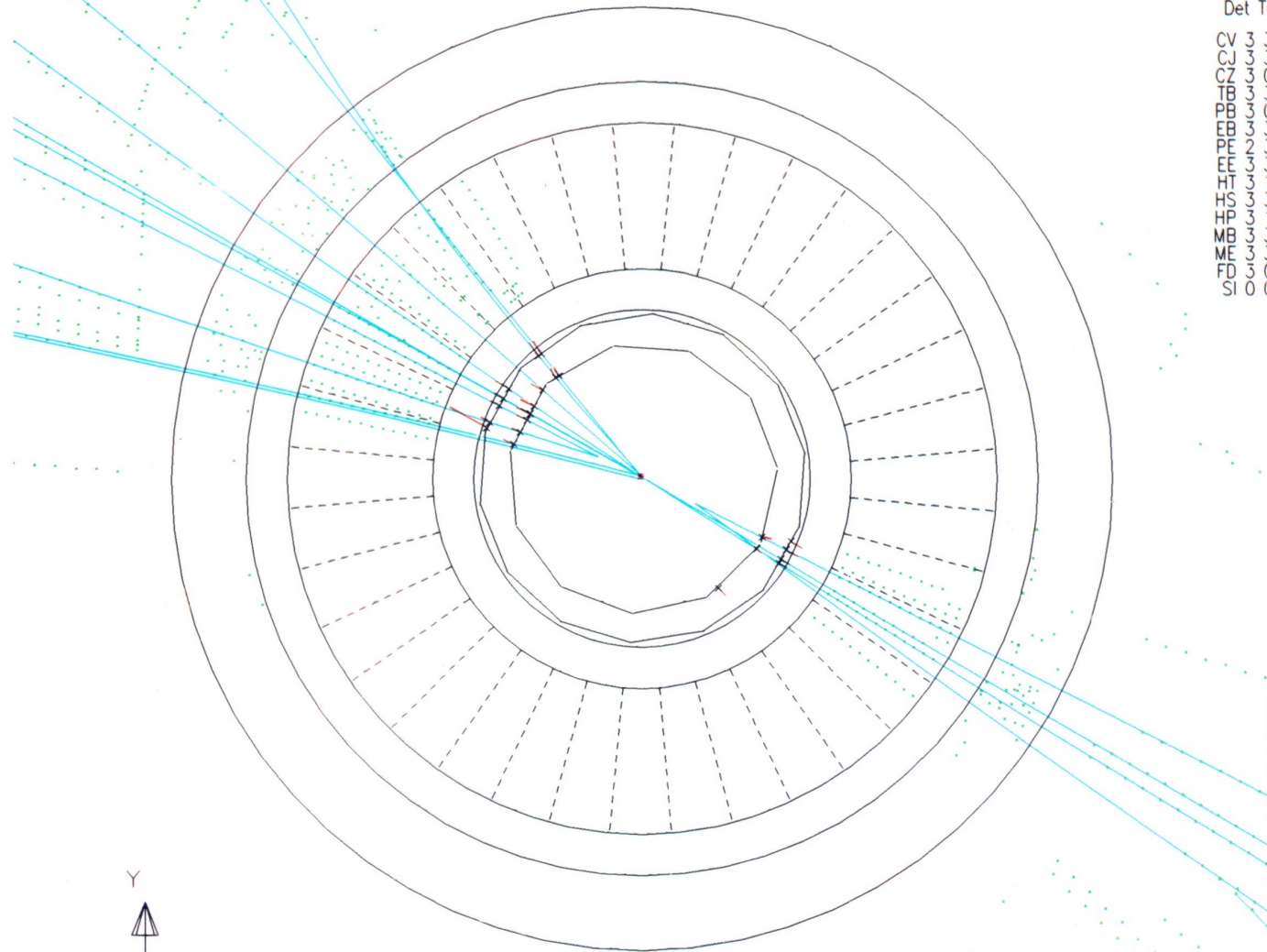
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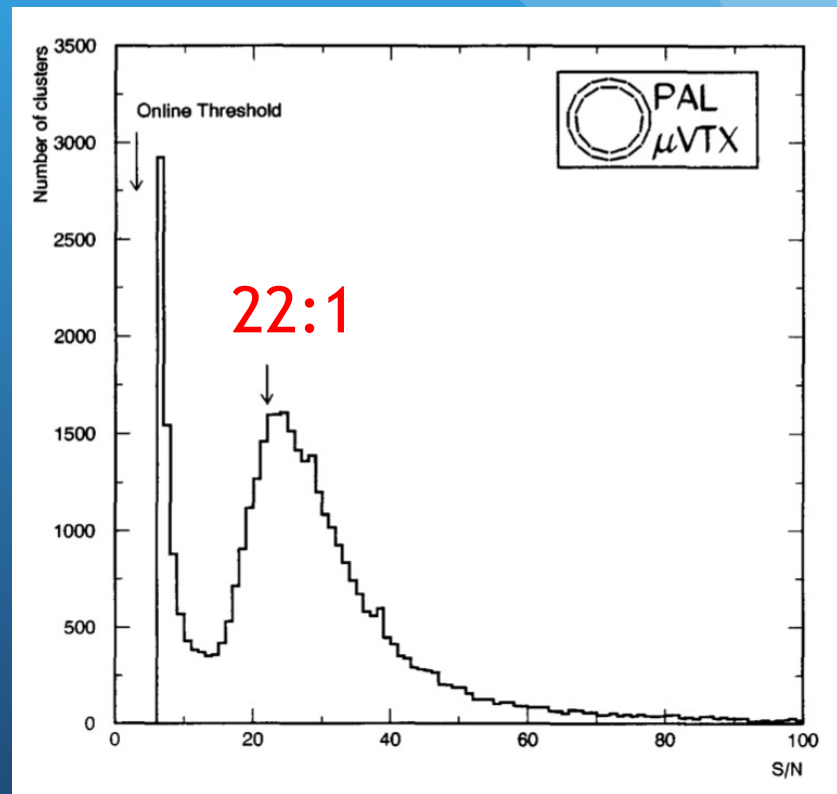
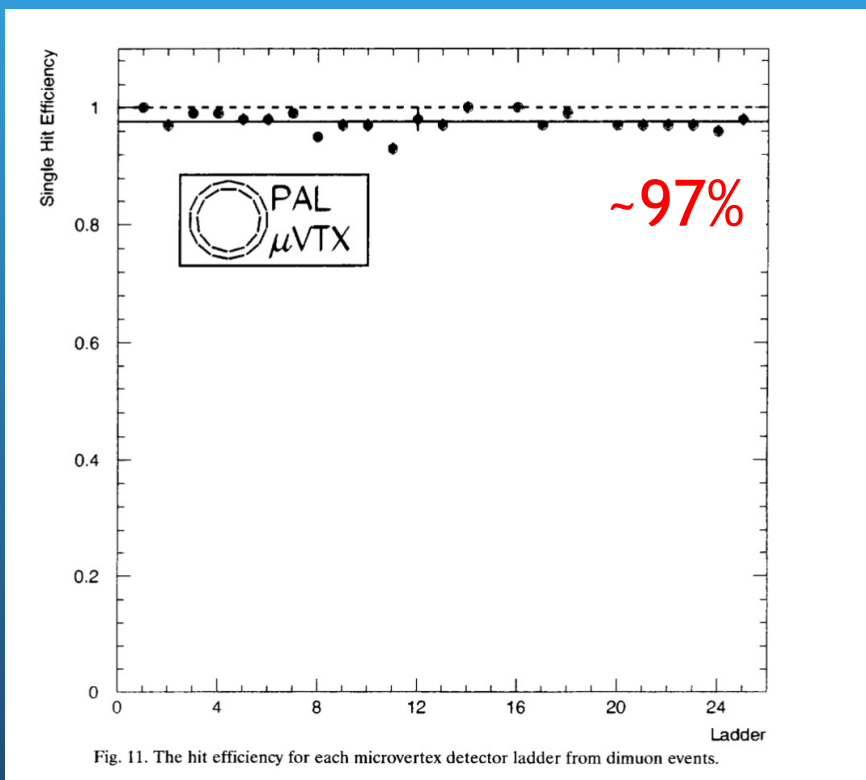


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## Dilepton events

### Ladder hit efficiencies

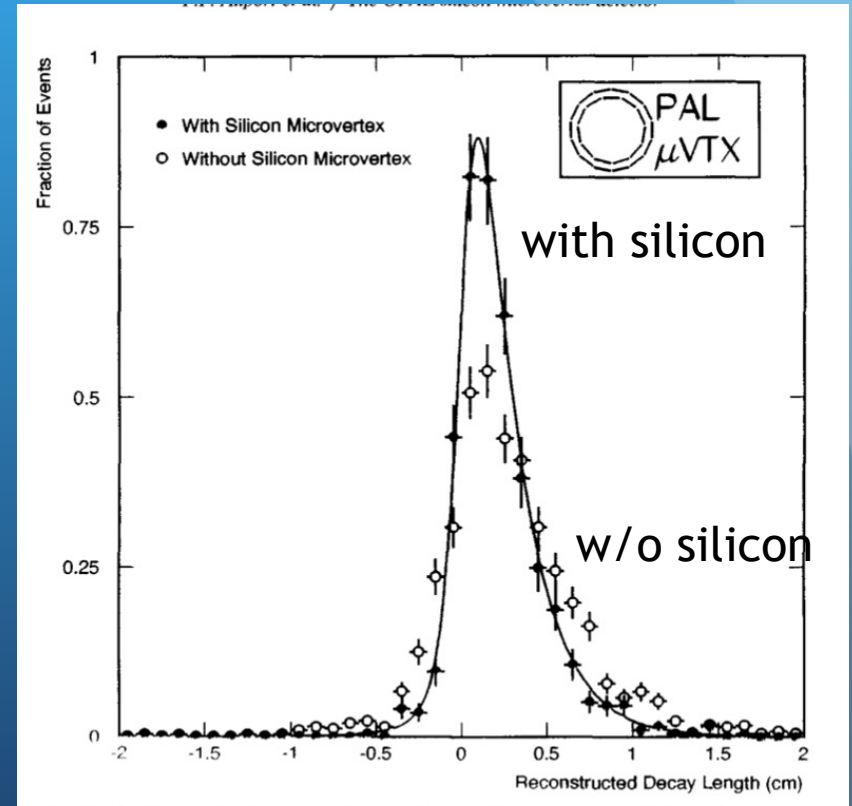
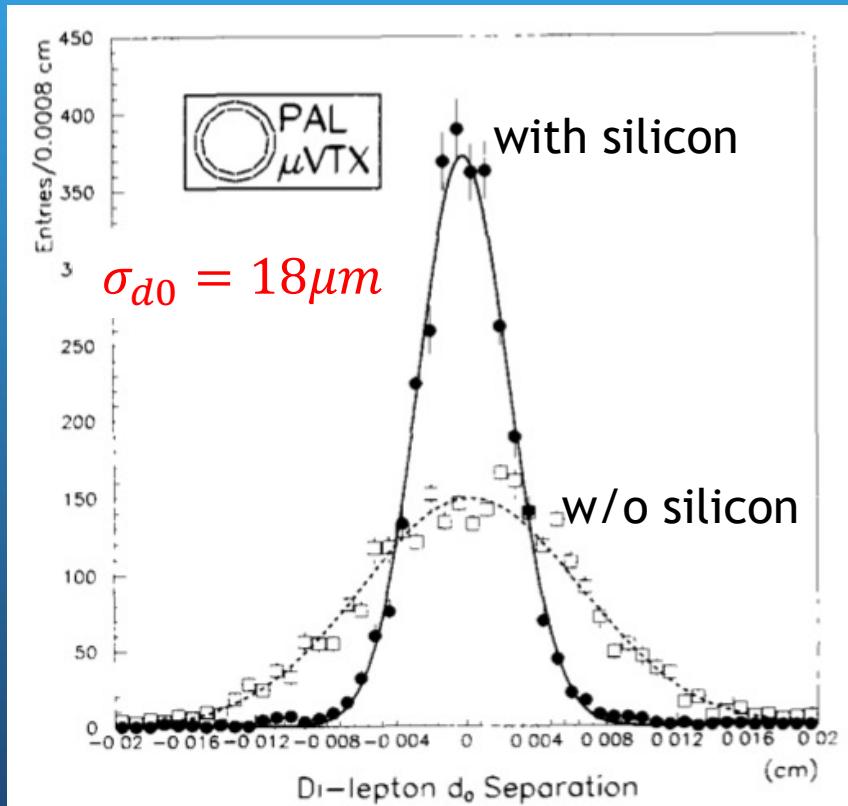
### Signal/Noise



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Dilepton separation at interaction point

Decay length 3-prong  $\tau$  decays



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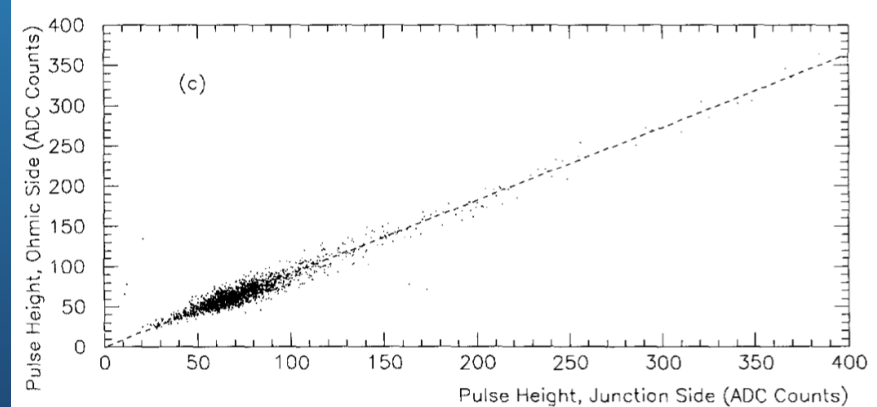
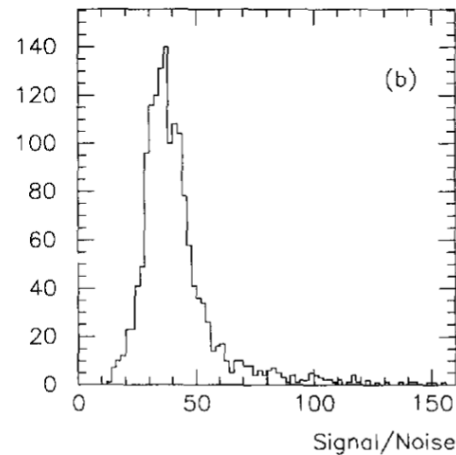
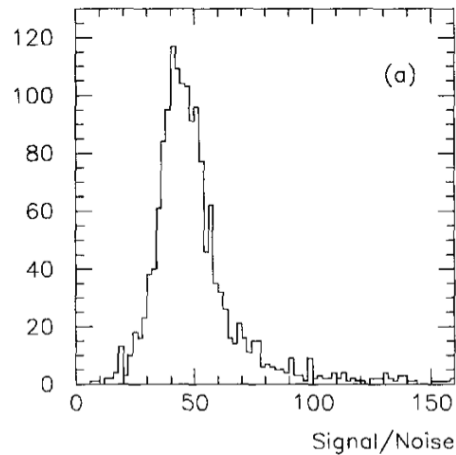
## Double-sided FoxFET biased microstrip detectors

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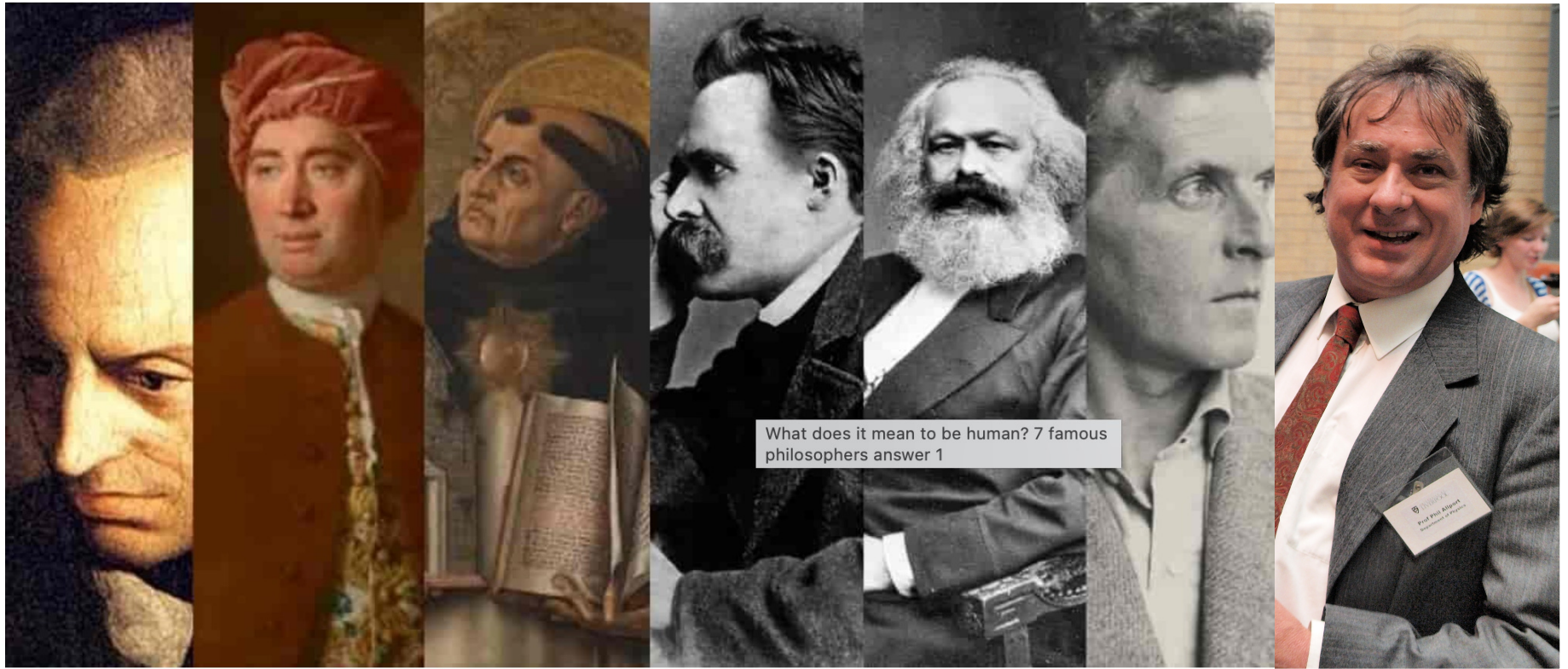
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I recall he wrote a super paper on the nature of fundamental physics (as a critique of views of Cartwright); with super quotes eg Nietzsche and Camus. It is a most excellent essay!”

Jeremy Butterfield 2023



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Section A

## The OPAL silicon strip microvertex detector with two coordinate readout

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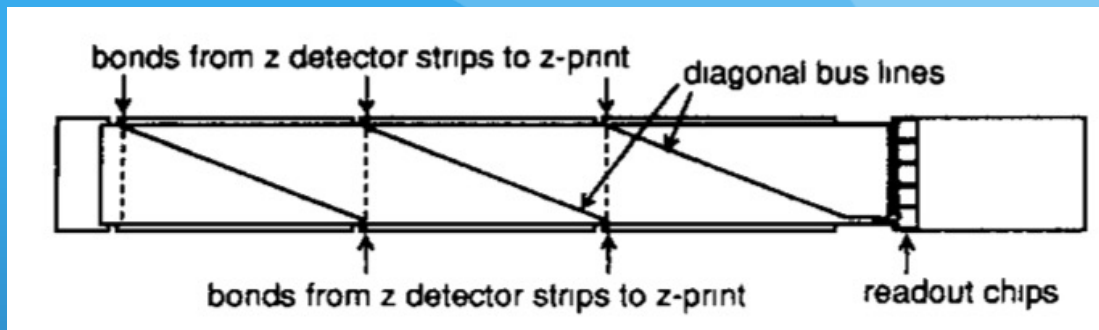
Installed and commissioned by March 1993

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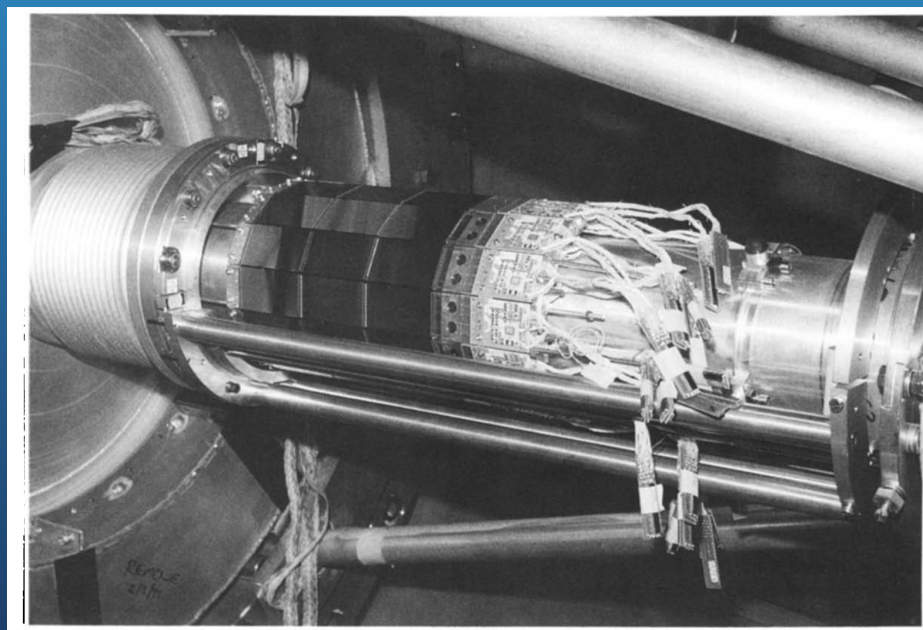
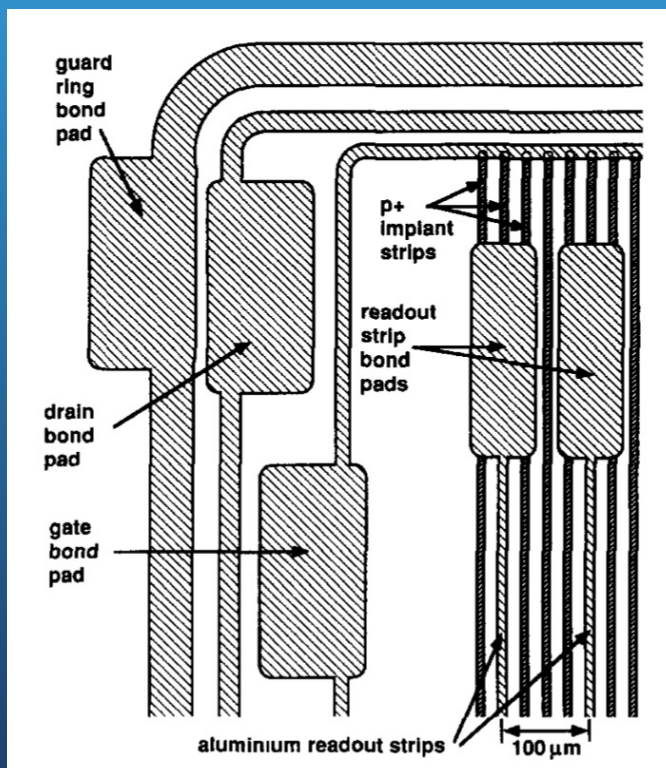
Thickness:  $250\mu\text{m}$

Readout: r- $\phi$ :  $50\mu\text{m}$

r-z:  $100\mu\text{m}$

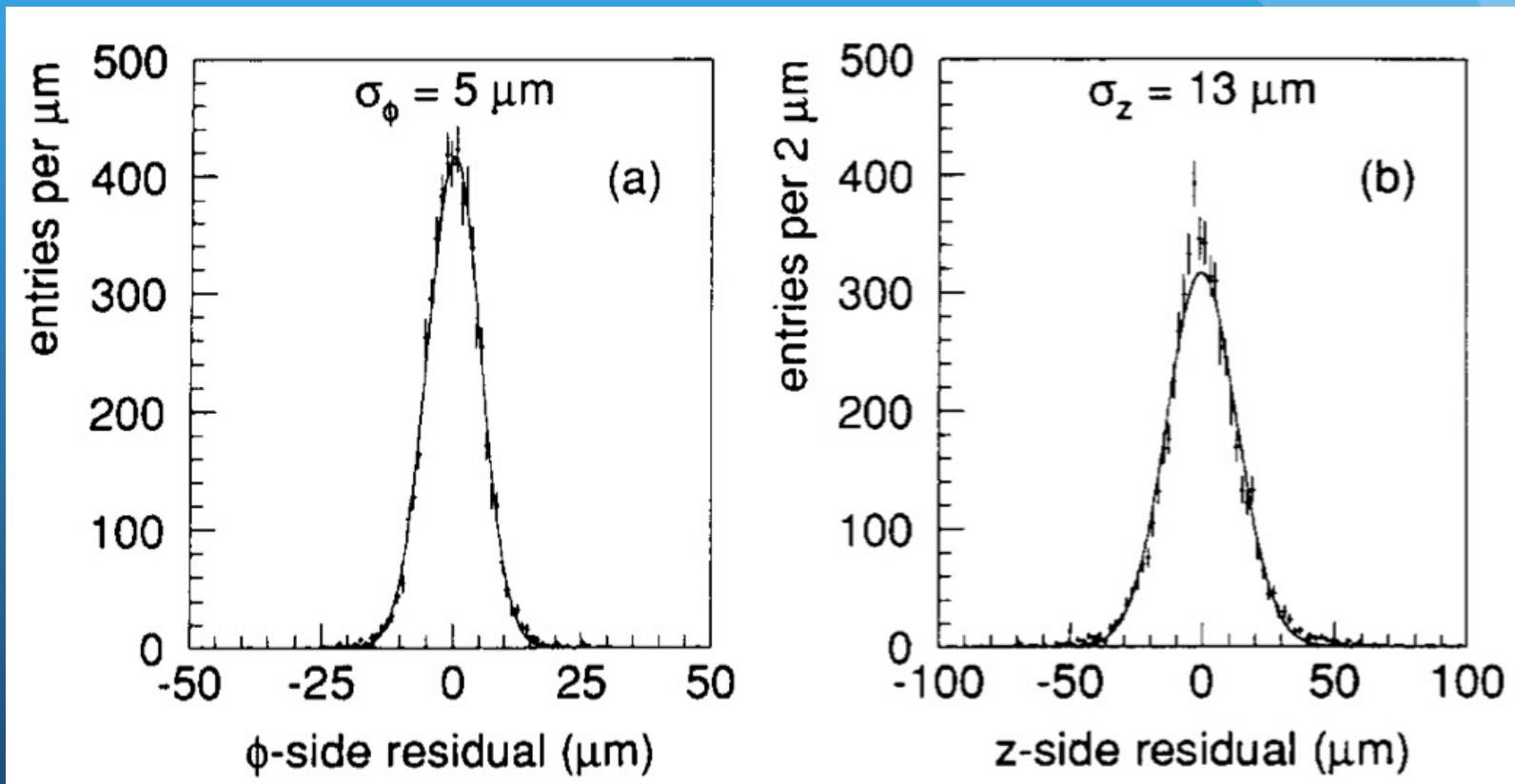


z readout routed via gold printed circuit on thin glass substrate



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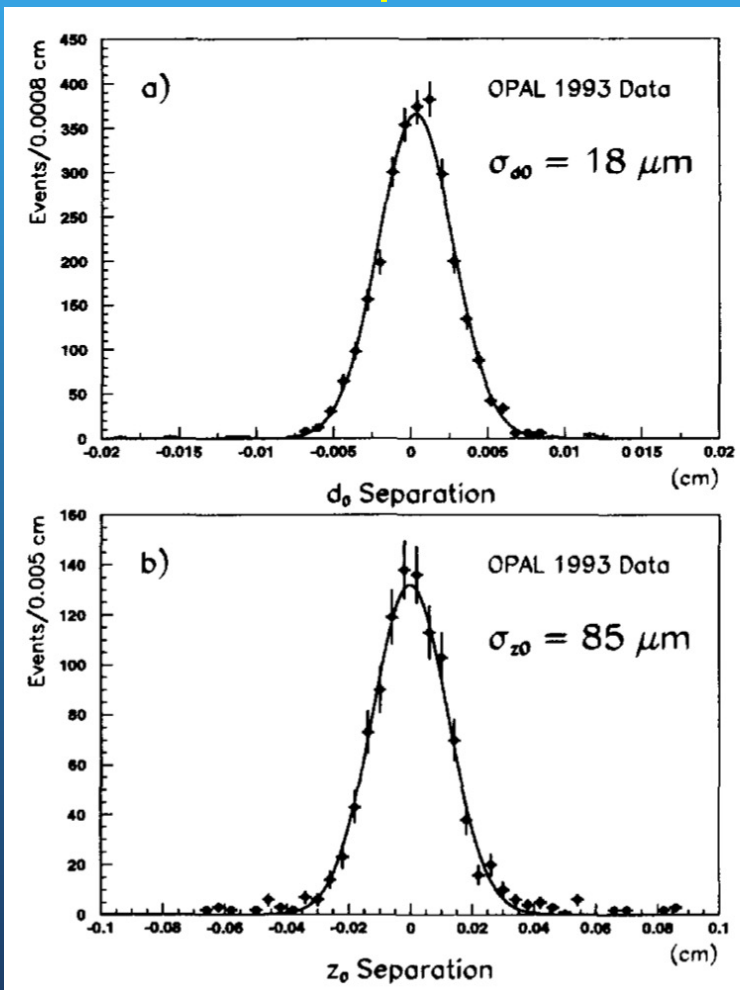
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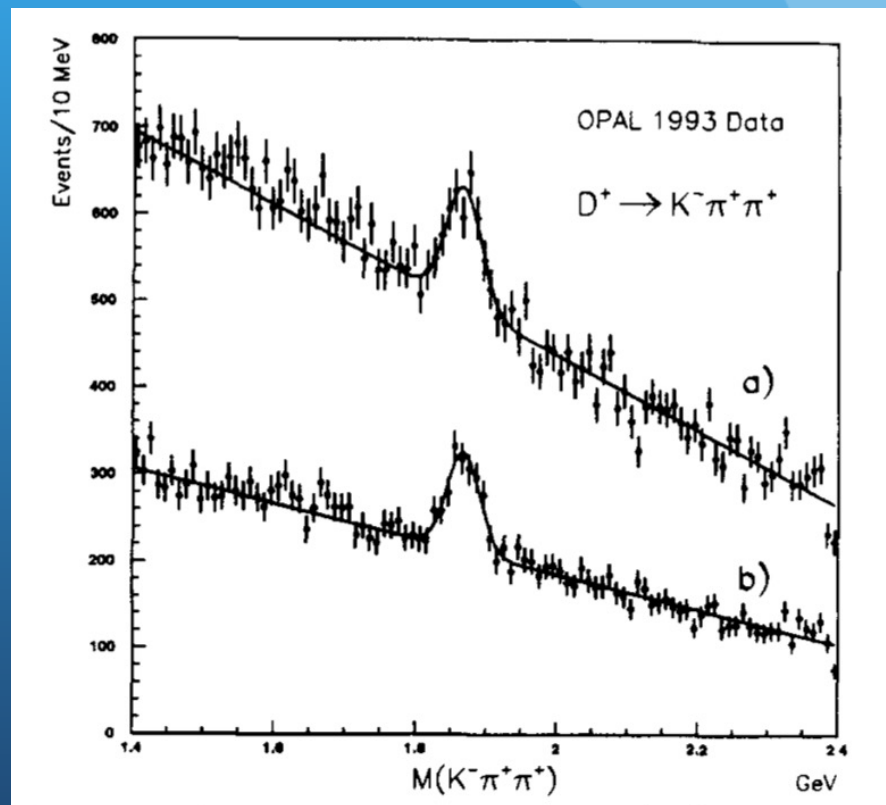


# OPAL Microvertex Detector II

## Dilepton separation at interaction point



## Effect of z-hit information on $D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ invariant mass



# OPAL Microvertex Detector III

The final extended silicon microvertex detector was installed in OPAL for the 1995 LEP2 running.



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Janet (and Tony) Carter would have liked to be here today....

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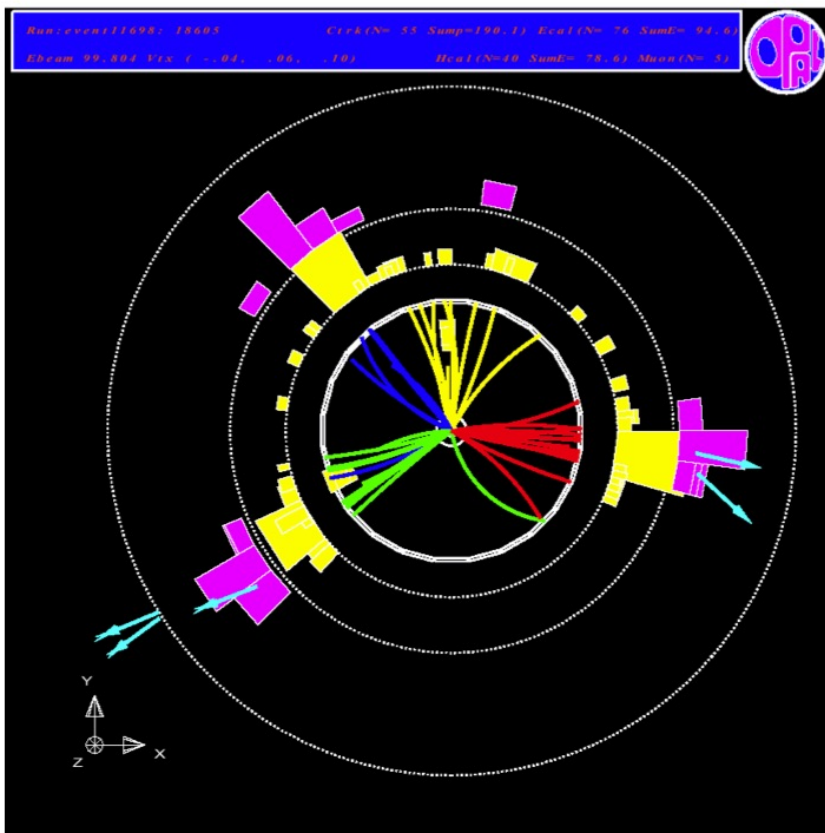
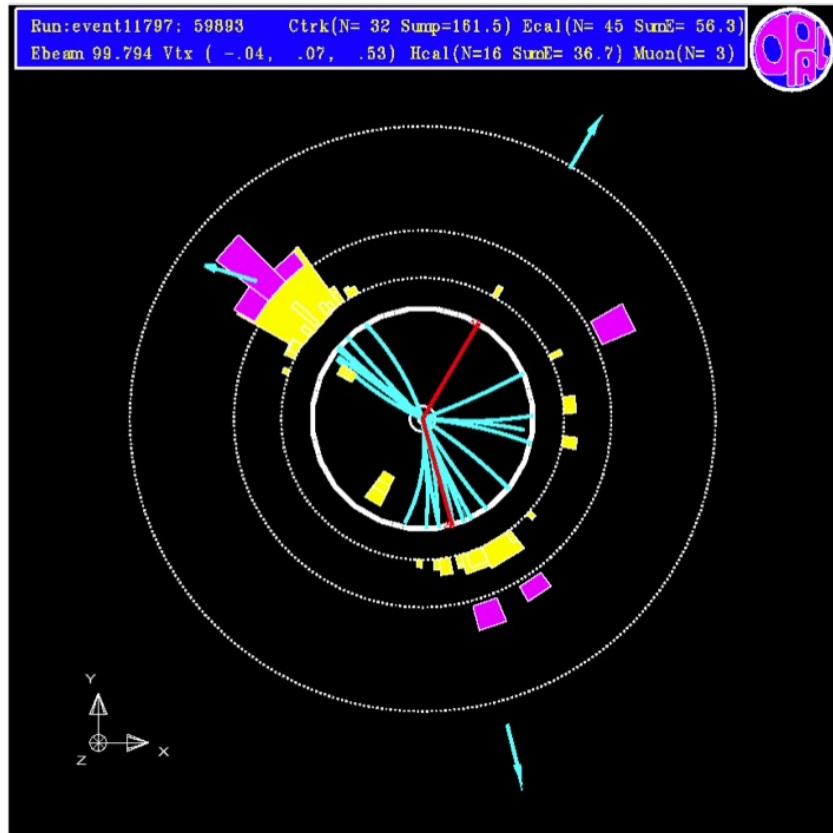
All **truths** are easy to understand  
once they are discovered;  
the point is to **discover them.**

– *Galileo Galilei*



...and to discover truths you need the best experimental  
scientists like Phil!





# OPAL Microvertex Detector II

Characteristics of OPAL  $\mu$ VTX2 Ladders

Ladder parameter	$\phi$ side	$z$ side
Silicon thickness [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	250	250
Implant strip pitch [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	25	25
Readout strip pitch [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	50	100
Intrinsic resolution [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	$\approx 5$	$\approx 13$
Number of readout channels	629	584
Signal to noise ratio (peak)	24	20

Characteristics of the new OPAL microvertex detector

$\mu$ VTX2 parameter	Value
Number of ladders/layer	11 (inner), 14 (outer)
Effective radius of layer [mm]	61 (inner), 75 (outer)
maximum $ \cos \theta $ acceptance	0.83 (inner), 0.77 (outer)
$\phi$ acceptance	88% (inner), 91% (outer)
Avg. material [rad. lengths]	1.5% at normal incidence
Strip biasing method	FoxFET (gated reachthrough channel)
2 coord. detection	back-to-back $\phi$ and $z$ single-sided detectors
$z$ readout scheme	gold printed circuit on 200 $\mu\text{m}$ thick glass
Number of active channels	30325
Readout chip, noise, power	MX7, 350 e + 15 e/pF, 2 mW/channel
Radiation hardness	about 500 Gy (MX7 chip)
Cooling method	water cooling
Number of good channels	$\approx 99\%$

