

# ARCADIA

FDMAPS development with  
LFoundry 110nm CIS



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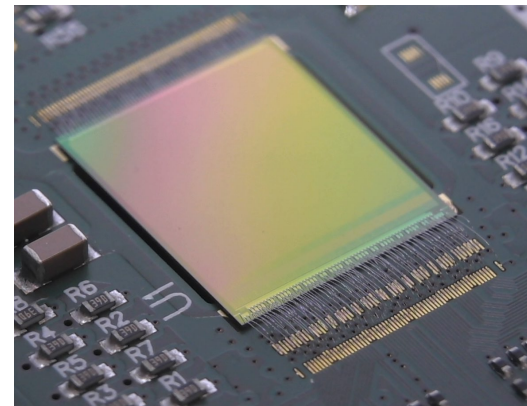
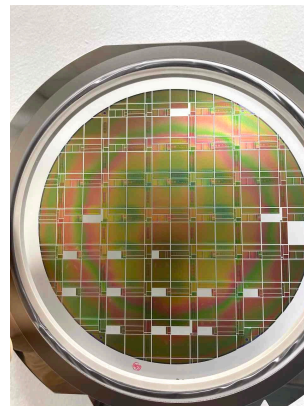
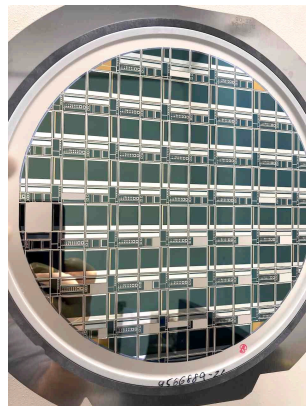
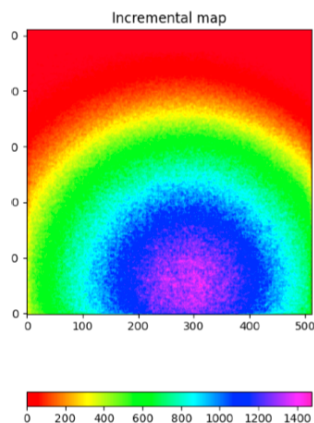
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# ARCADIA DMAPS R&D at INFN

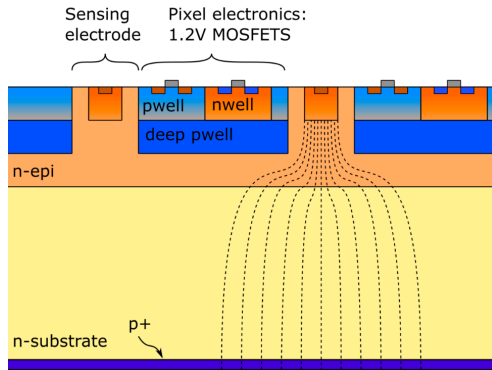
Advanced Readout CMOS Architectures with Depleted Integrated sensor Arrays

\* **ARCADIA:** CMOS sensor design and fabrication platform on **LF11is** technology

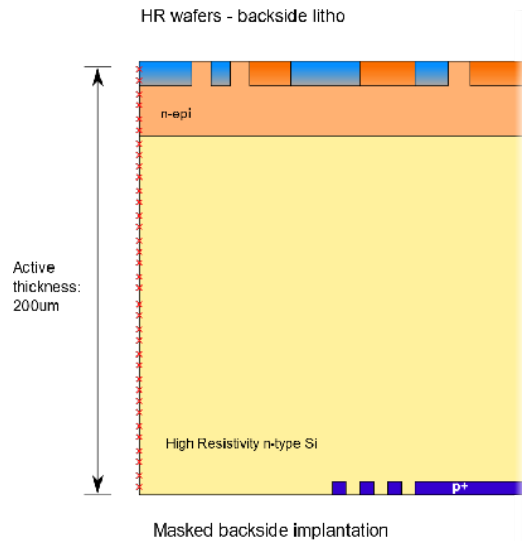
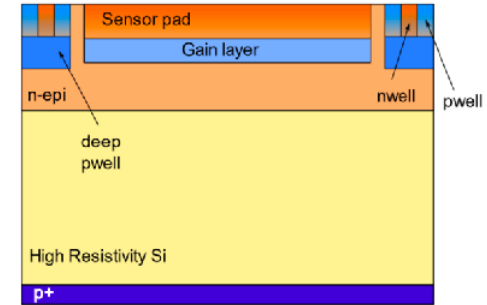
- ▶ Sensor R&D and Technology, CMOS IP Design and Chip Integration, Data Acquisition
- ▶ **MD3:** demonstrator full-chip **FDMAPS** for Medical (pCT), Future Leptonic Colliders and Space Instruments
- ▶ Scalable FDMAPS architecture with very low-power: **10 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>**
- ▶ **Fully-depleted monolithic active micro strips** with fully-functional embedded readout electronics
- ▶ Ongoing R&D for the implementation of monolithic **CMOS sensors with gain layer** for **fast timing**
- ▶ Custom BSI process allow to develop fully-depleted thick sensors (400 $\mu$ m) for X-ray imaging



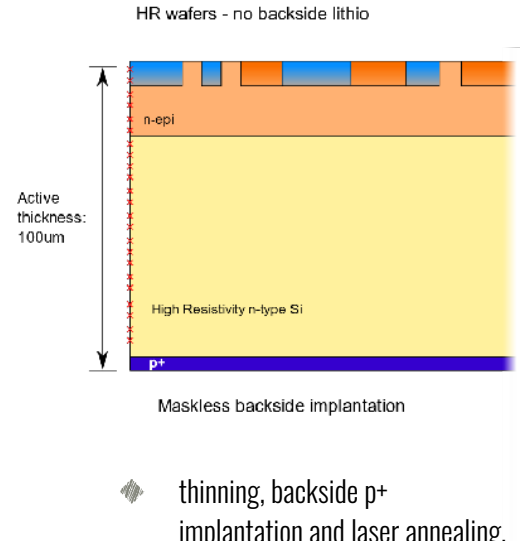
# Sensor Concepts and post-processing



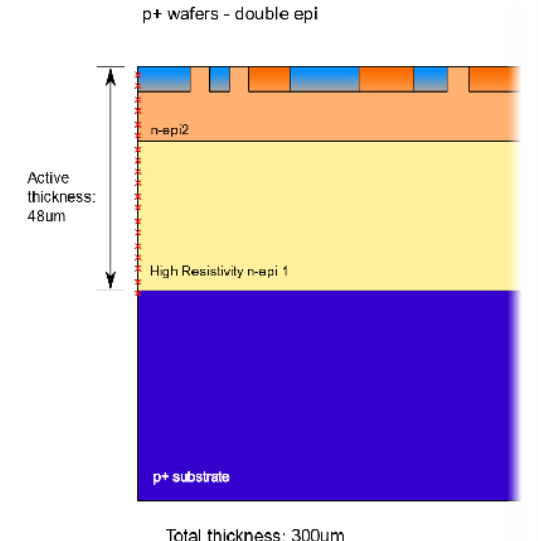
- n-type high resistivity active region + n-epi layer (reduces punch-through current between p+ and deep pwells)
- sensing electrodes can be biased at low voltage (< 1V)
- BSI Reverse-biased junction: depletion grows from back to top
- Ongoing R&D: Fully Depleted PAD sensors with gain layer



◆ thinning, lithography, backside p+ implantation and laser annealing, insulator and metal deposition to create backside guarding structures

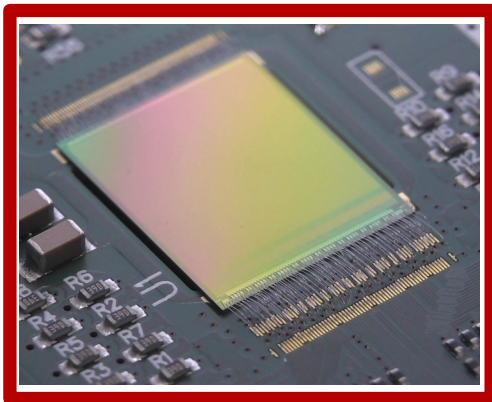
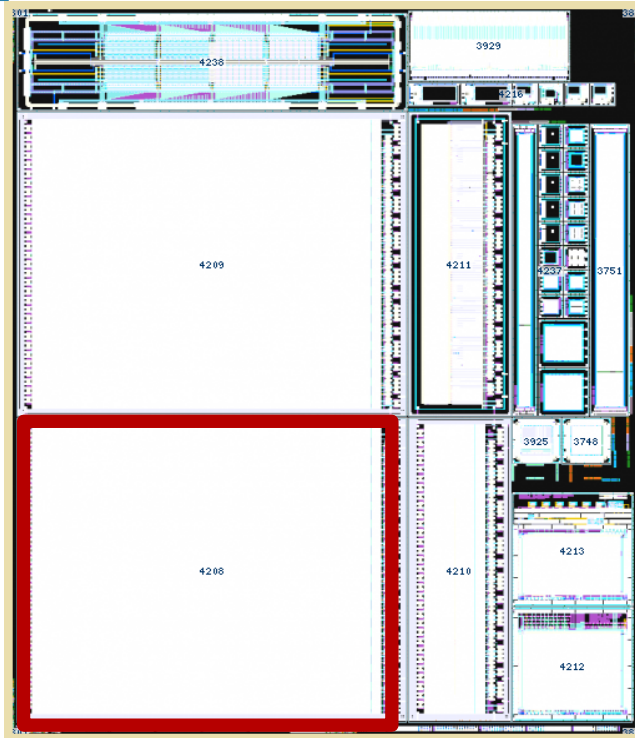


◆ thinning, backside p+ implantation and laser annealing, no patterning on backside



◆ thinning down to 100µm total thickness on a p+ starting substrate, active thickness below 50µm

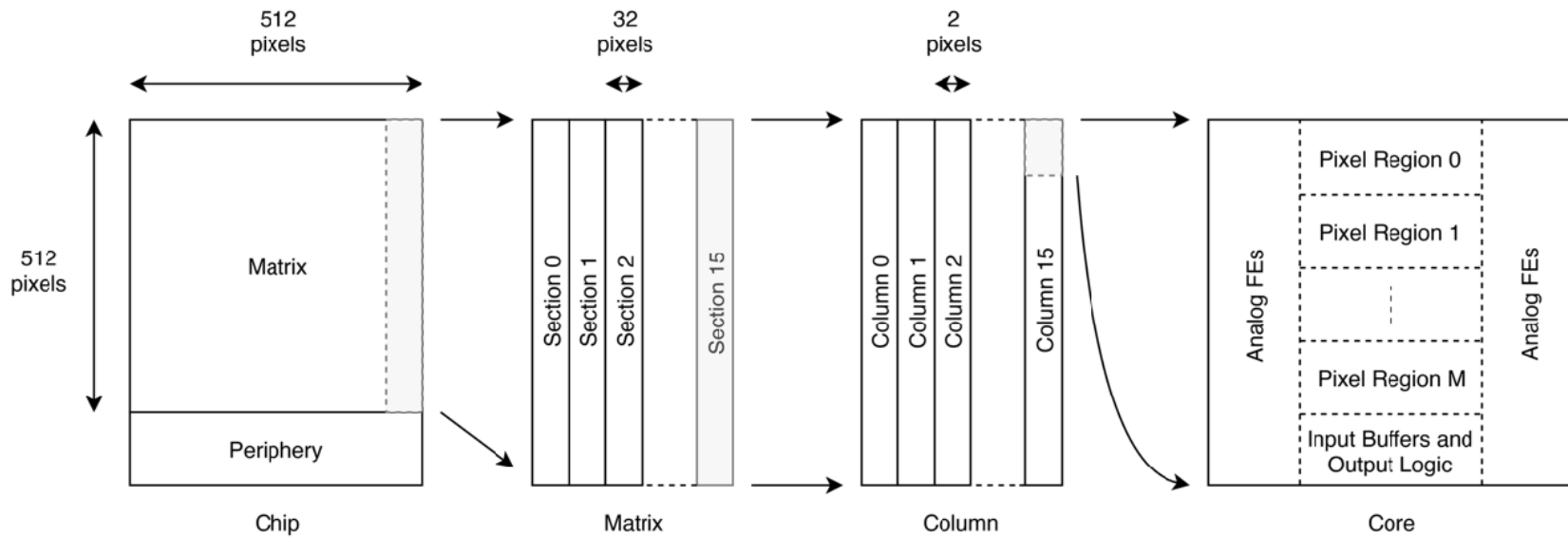
# ARCADIA Technology demonstrators



- ▶ **ARCADIA-MD3** Main Demonstrator (512 x 512 pixels)
- ▶ MAPS and test structures for PSI (CH)
- ▶ MATISSE Low Power (ULP front-end for space instruments)
- ▶ pixel and strip test structures down to 10 $\mu$ m pitch
- ▶ ASTRA 64-channel mixed signal ASIC for Si-Strip readout
- ▶ 32-channel monolithic strip and fully-functional readout electronics
- ▶ (ER2) HERMES: small-scale demonstrator for fast timing
- ▶ (ER3) Small-scale demonstrator of a X-ray multi-photon counter
- ▶ (ER3) **Wafer splits with timing layer**, new R&D towards <<50 ps timing performance: test structures and
- ▶ (ER3) **MADPIX: multi-pixel active demonstrator chip for fast timing**



# ARCADIA-MD3: Chip Architecture

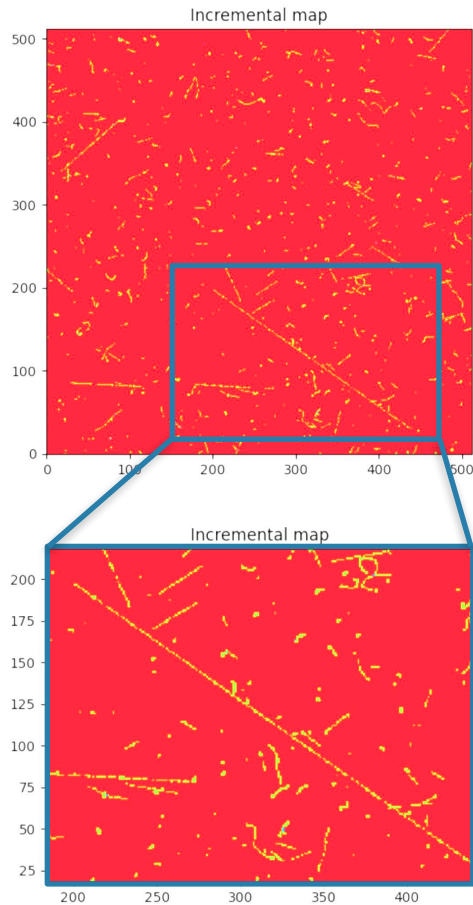


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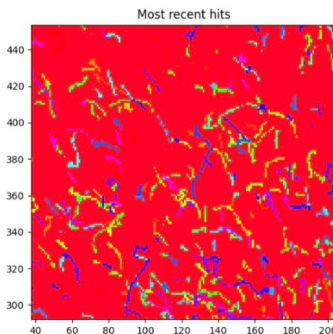
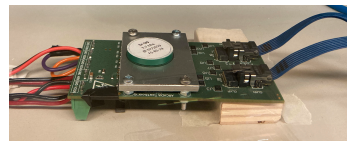
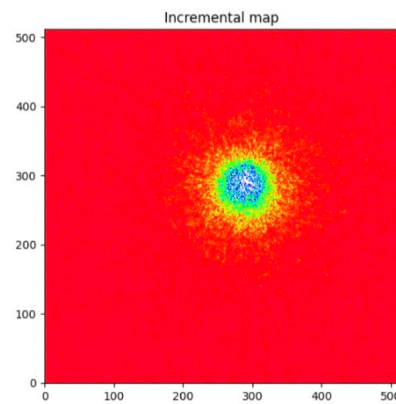
- \* Pixel size  $25 \mu\text{m} \times 25 \mu\text{m}$ , Matrix core  $512 \times 512$ ,  $1.28 \times 1.28 \text{ cm}^2$  silicon active area, “side-abutable”
- \* Triggerless data-driven readout and low-power asynchronous architecture with clockless pixel matrix
- \* Event rate up to  $100 \text{ MHz/cm}^2$  (design post-layout simulations)
- High-rate operation (16 Tx):  $17\text{-}30 \text{ mW/cm}^2$  depending on transceiver driving strength (measured)
- Low-power operation (1 Tx):  **$10 \text{ mW/cm}^2$**  (all data conveyed in 1 transceiver, others turned-off)

# ARCADIA-MD3: charged particles

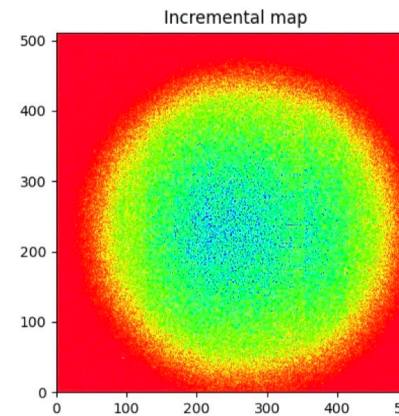
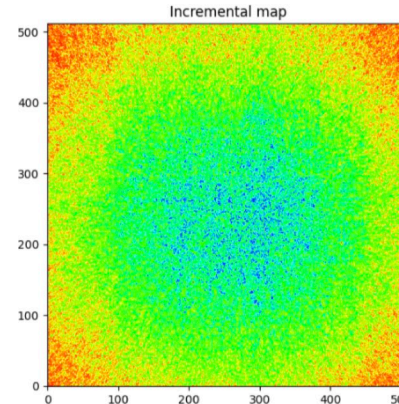
**Cosmic rays**  
(tilted sensor)



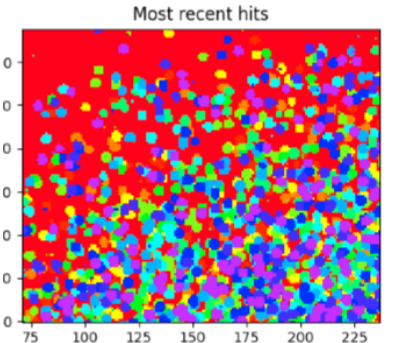
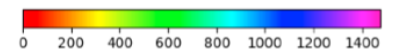
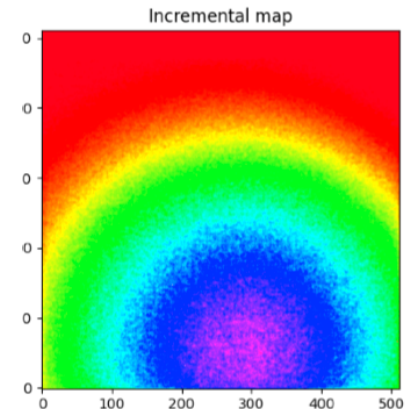
**$^{90}\text{Sr}$**   
(collimated 1mm)



**$^{90}\text{Sr}$**   
(uncollimated)

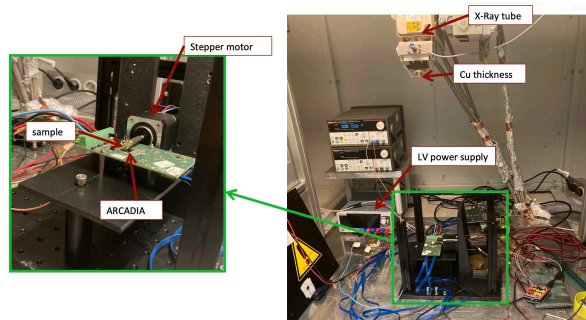
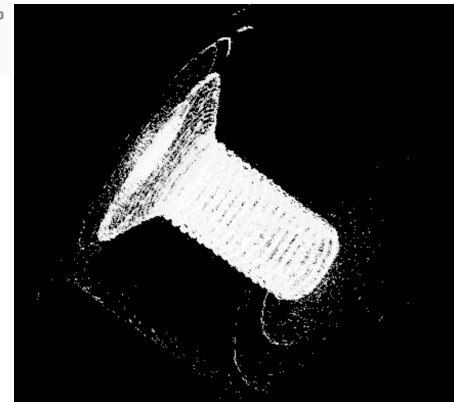
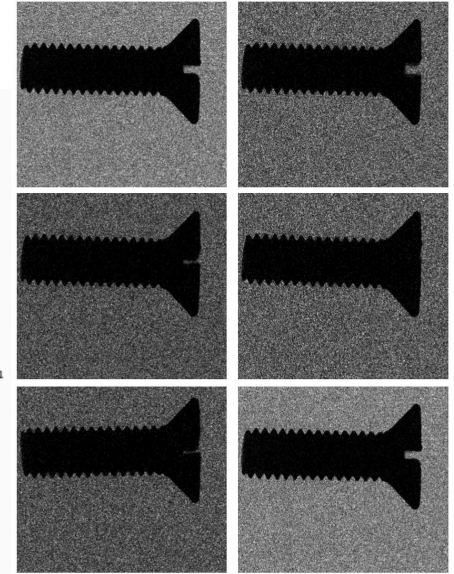
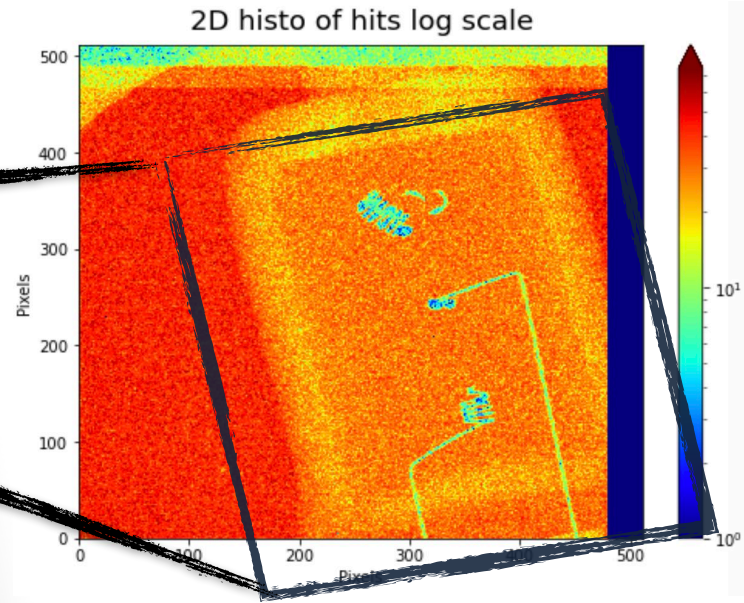


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# ARCADIA-MD3: X-ray tube and CT

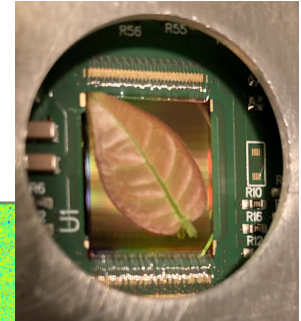
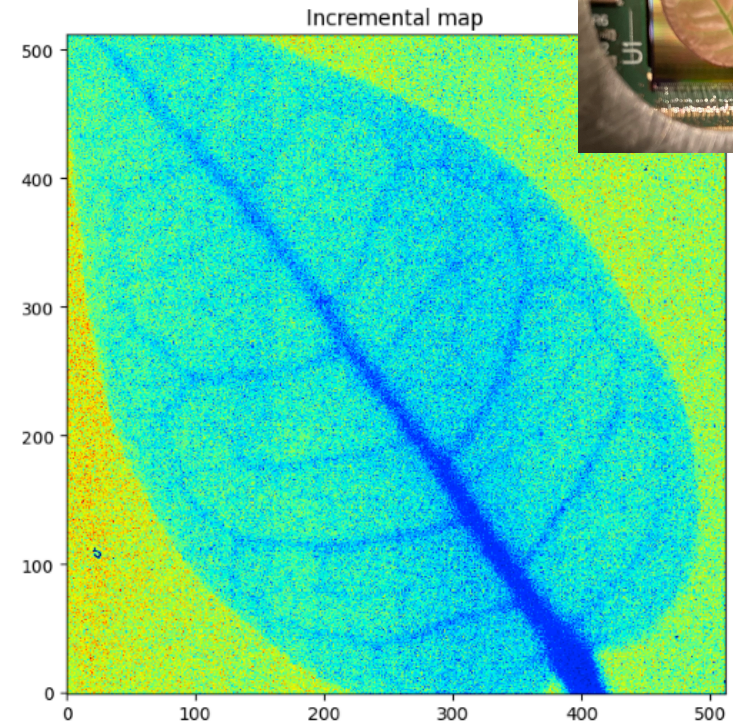
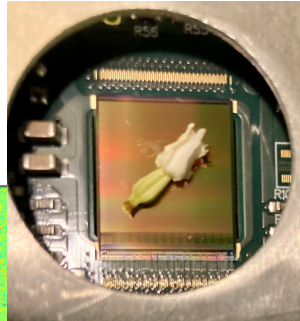
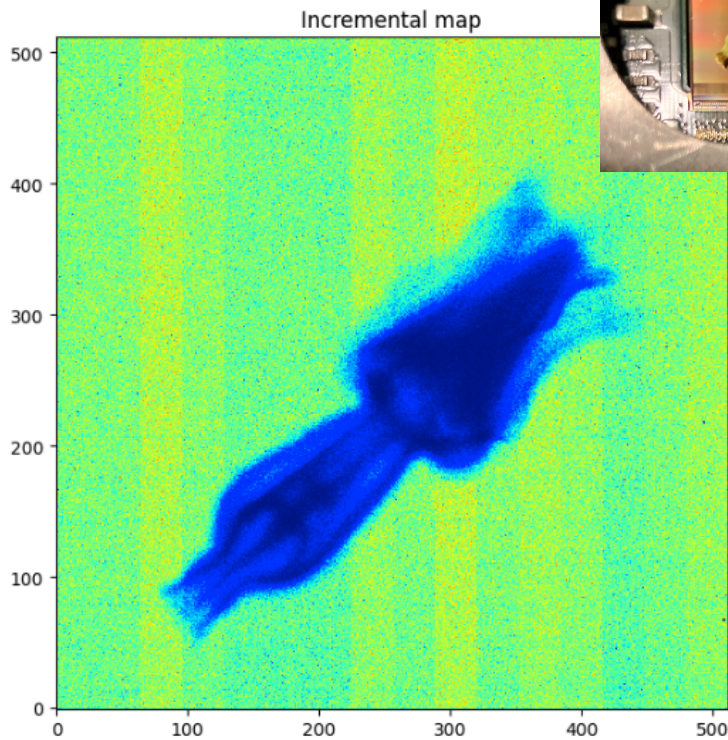
- X-ray setup (2 mA, 40 kV) with W tube (8.40 keV and 9.67 keV)
- Radiography samples and CT reconstruction (stepper motor, 1.8 deg)





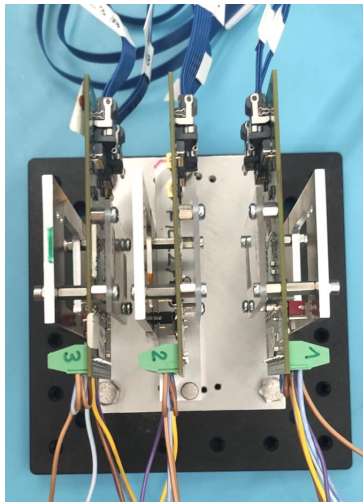
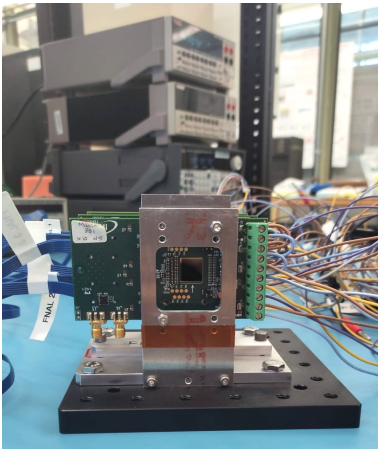
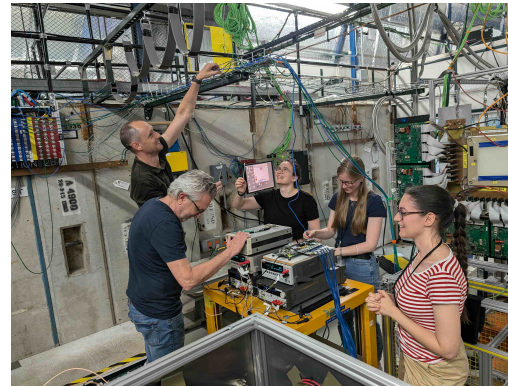
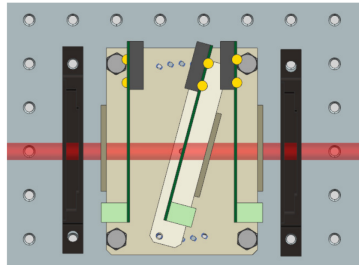
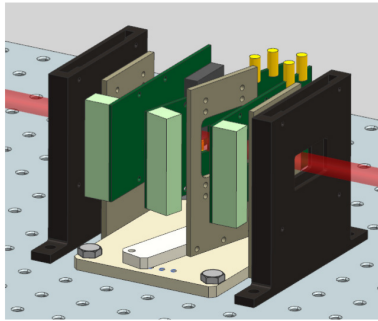
# ARCADIA-MD3: X-ray radioactive source

- $^{55}\text{Fe}$  radioactive source (6 keV)



# Test beam with ARCADIA-MD3

- Test beam at FNAL (120 GeV protons): very good results from data analysis ongoing
- mini-telescope with 3 ARCADIA-MD3 200  $\mu\text{m}$  thick sensors
- Threshold, sensor HV and incidence angle parametrisation: study of cluster size, collection efficiency, spatial resolution



## **The INFN-PD Test-beam Team:**

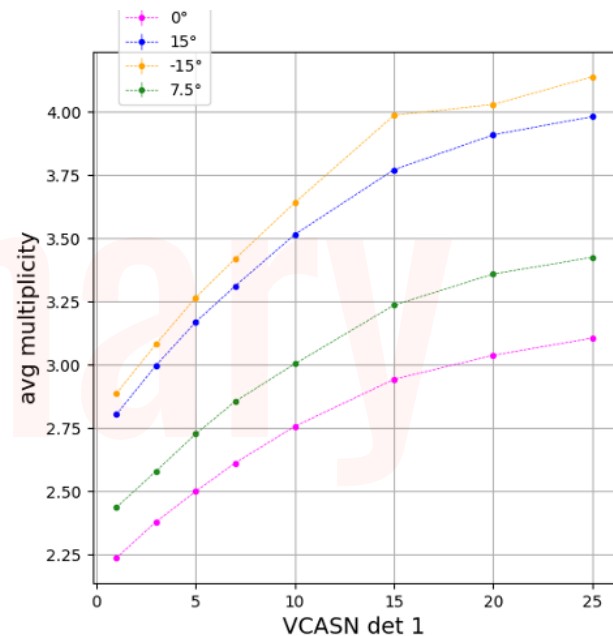
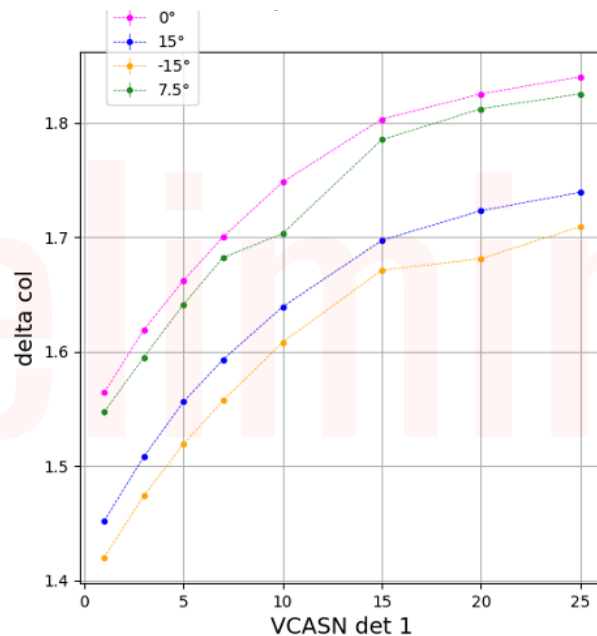
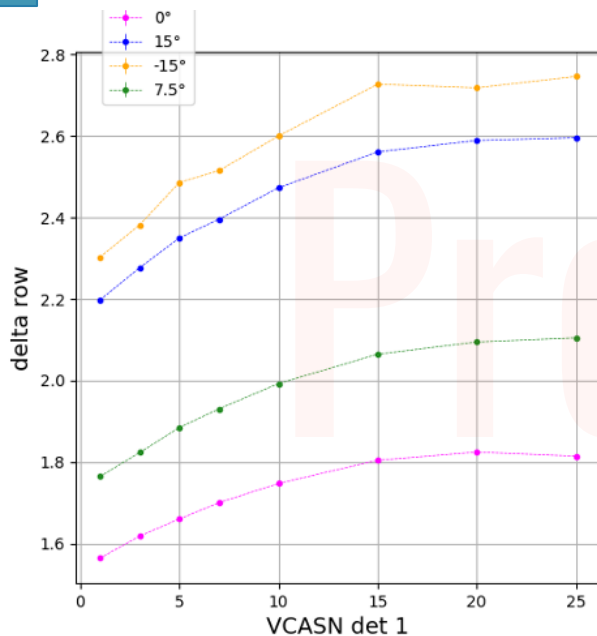
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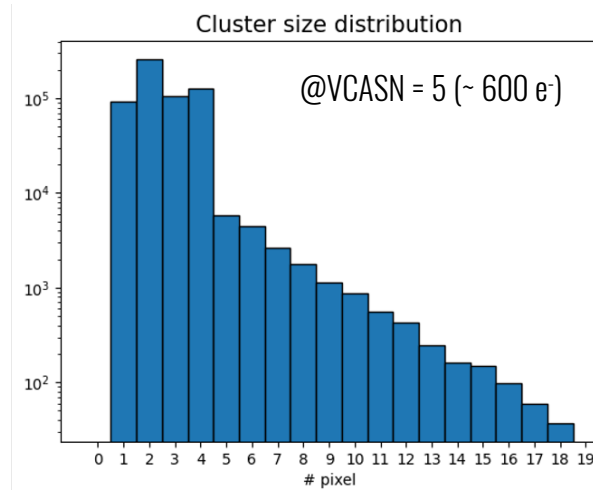
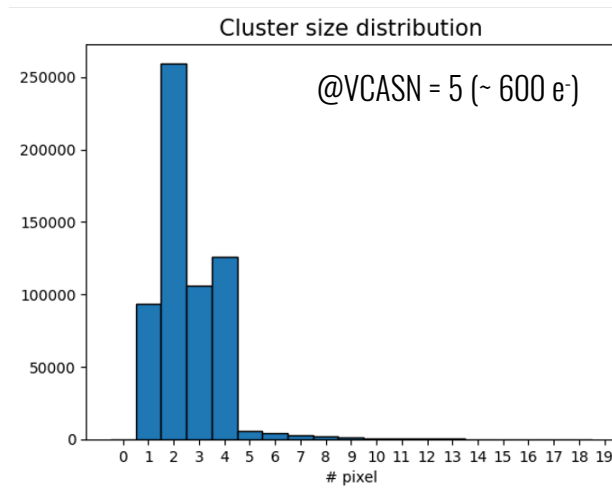
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# MD3 TB Data Analysis: Cluster size



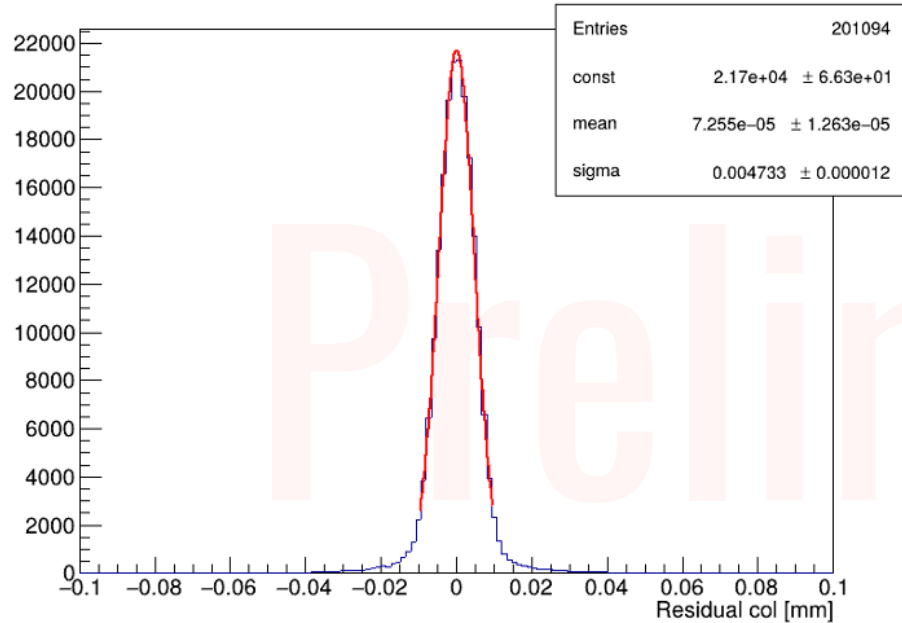
- Cluster dimensions on the DUT as a function of the discriminator threshold and incidence angle
- Clusters are hits close in time and in adjacent pixels
- \* (Top) Cluster analysis is pre-tracking
- \* (Right) Multiplicity histograms - linear and log scale - from data sets used for tracking



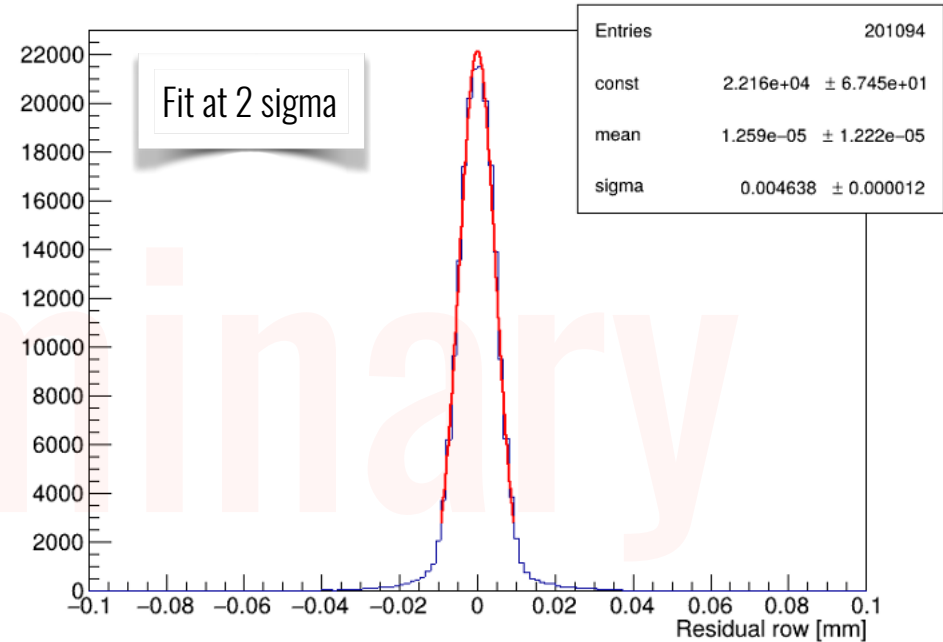


# MD3 TB Data Analysis: Spatial Resolution

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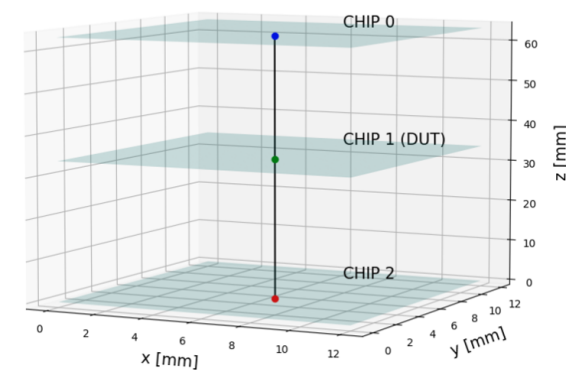
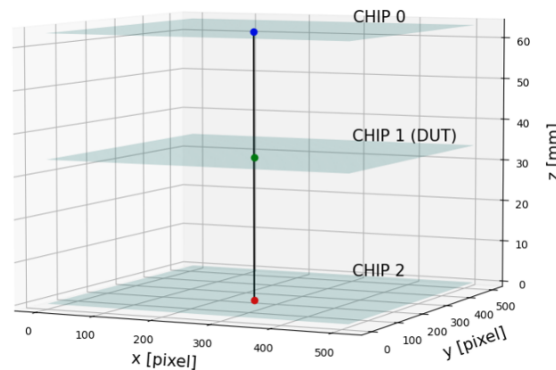


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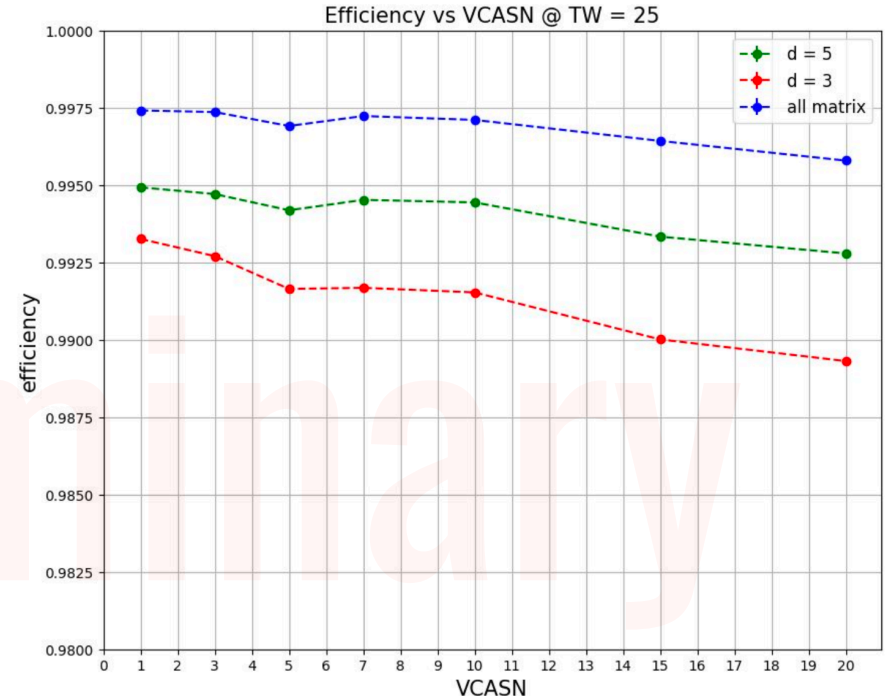
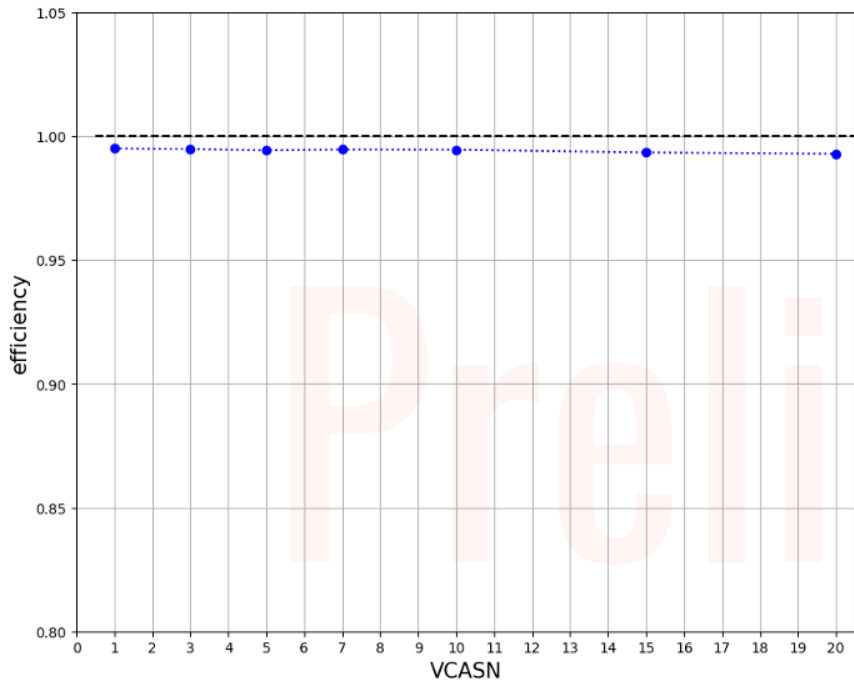


- Residuals plots @VCASN = 5 (~ 600 e<sup>-</sup>), still includes contributions from tracking planes
- angle of tilt = 0°
- Data with 1 cluster per plane, excluding clusters with multiplicity above 20

*Single-point resolution ~ 4.7 μm*



# MD3 TB Data Analysis: Efficiency

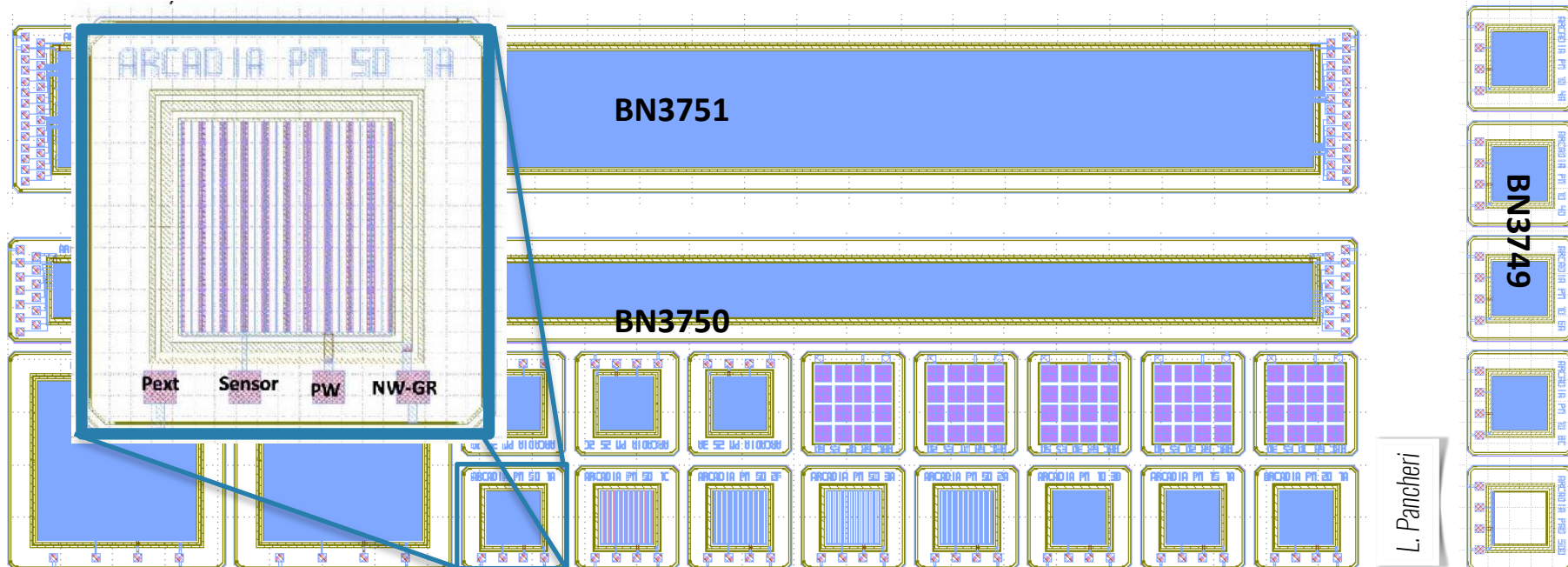


- Efficiency plot vs. Threshold, scanned from 800 down 300 e<sup>-</sup>
- Time Window = 5 μs, Spatial cut = 5 [pixels]

*average efficiency 0.9941 +/- 0.0003*

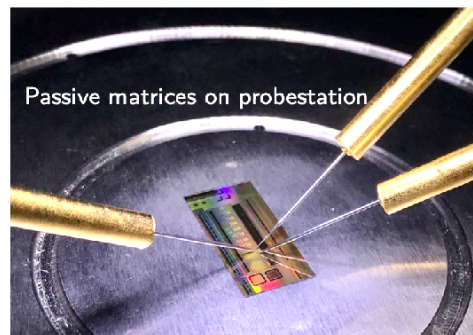
- d = spatial cut on DUT hits (pixel)
- d = 5 → 11x11 matrix
- d = 3 → 7x7 matrix

# Pixel/Strip Test Structures



## \* pixels come in different flavours:

- Pseudo-Matrices of 1x1 and 2x2 mm<sup>2</sup>
- 50 μm (5 variants)
- 25 μm (3 variants)
- 10 μm (6 variants)

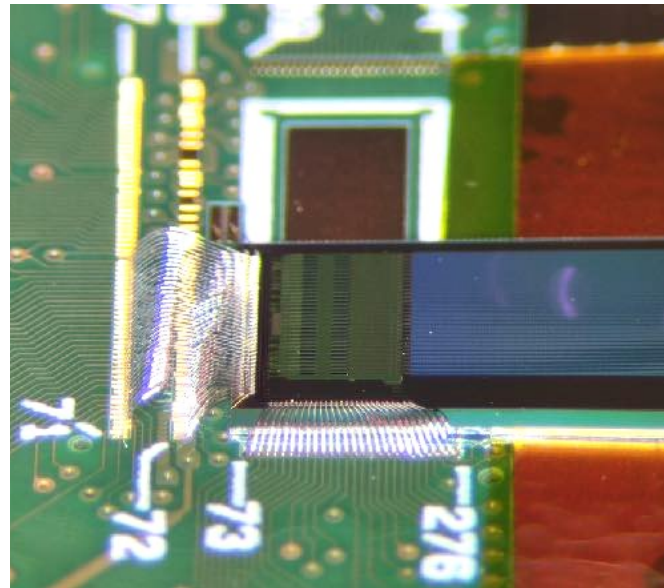
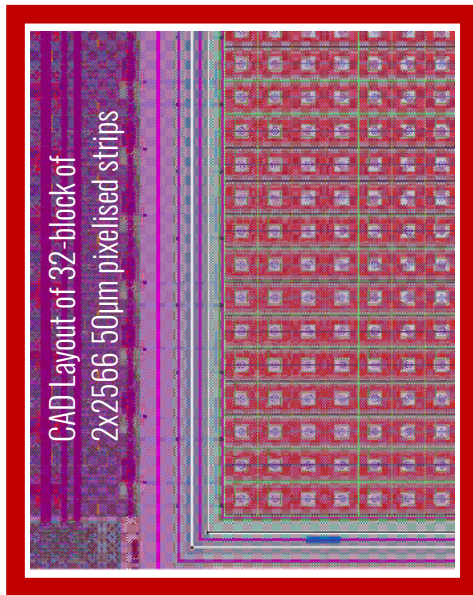


## \* and strips as well:

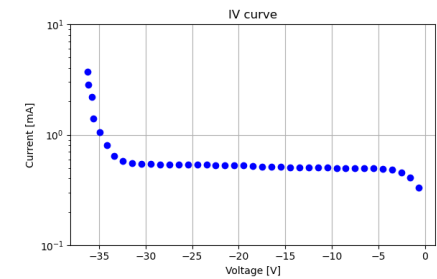
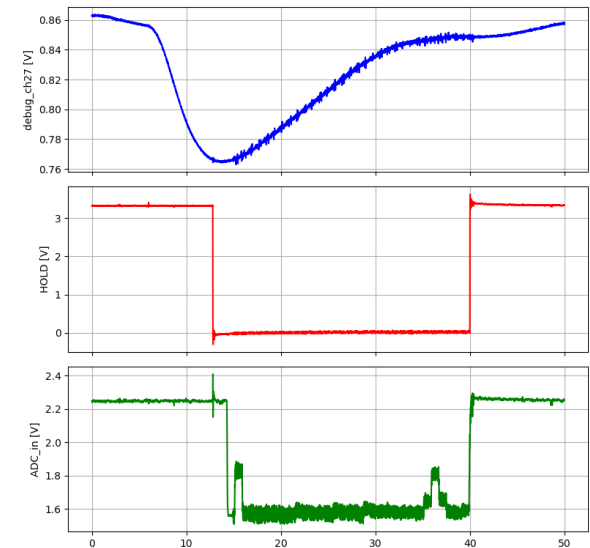
- 25 μm pitch pixelated + 25 μm continuous (10+10) [2 variants]
- 10 μm pixelated (4 groups of 12 strips connected to pads) [4 variants]

# CMOS FD Monolithic Active Microstrips

- Design and Production of continuous and “pixelised” strips, range 10 - 100 $\mu$ m pitch
- **Proof-of-concept: CMOS monolithic strips and embedded readout electronics** (active sensor area is 12,8  $\times$  3,2 mm<sup>2</sup>)
- **Analogue** (MUX-differential output buffer) and **Digital** readout (Wilkinson ADC + serialiser)



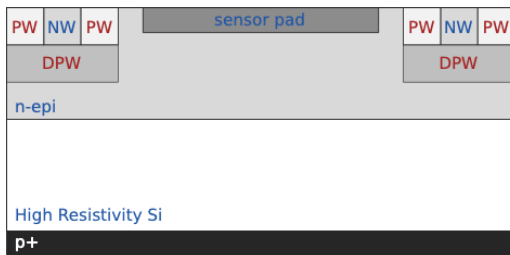
Example of event with beta-emitter radioactive source



Fully Depleted Monolithic Active Microstrip Sensors: TCAD Simulation Study of an Innovative Design Concept. Sensors 2021, 21, 1990. <https://doi.org/10.3390/s21061990>

# ARCADIA: R&D for fast timing

## development of fully-depleted MAPS



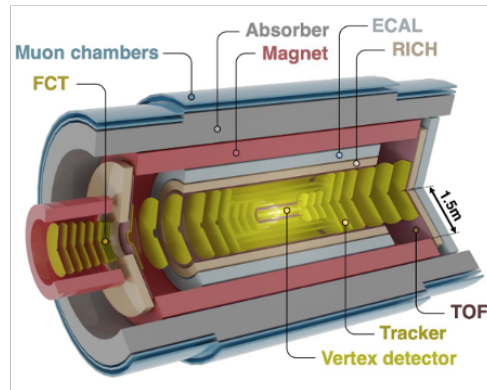
Standard 110 nm CMOS process at LFoundry

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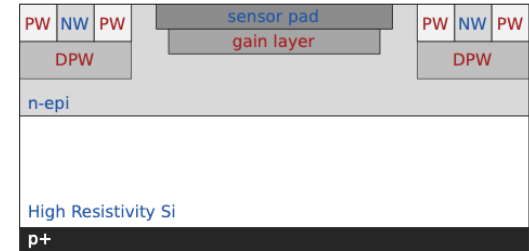


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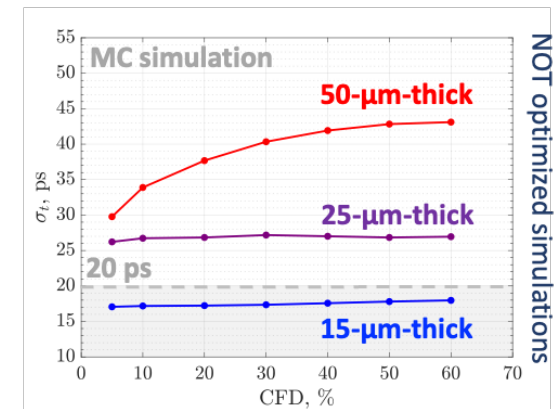
- ▶ high-resolution tracking
- ▶ particle ID with low  $p_T \Rightarrow \sigma_t \sim 20$  ps



## CMOS-LGAD



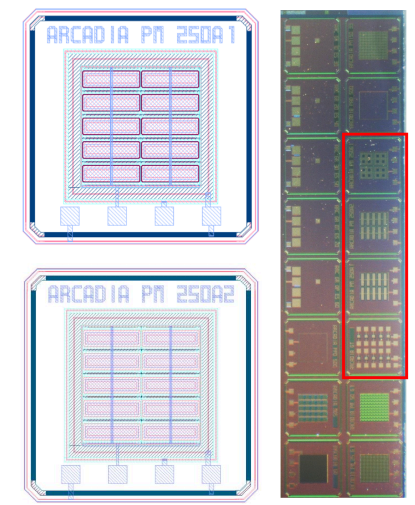
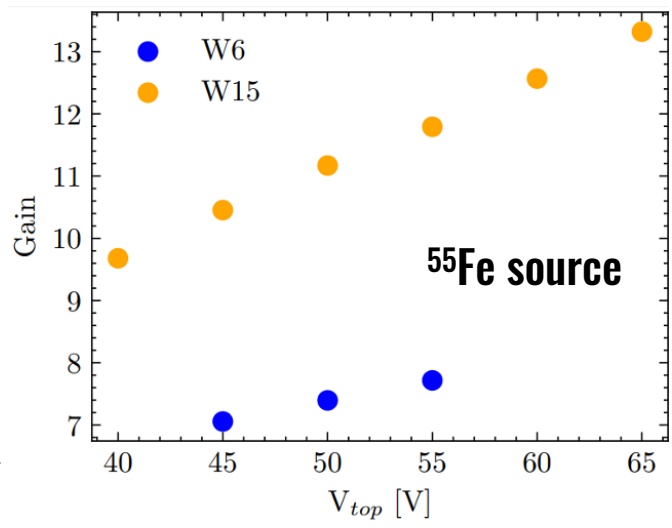
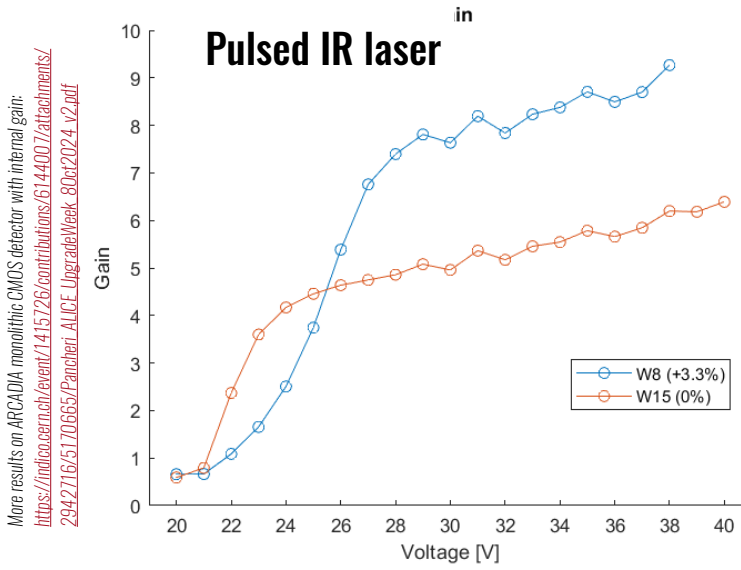
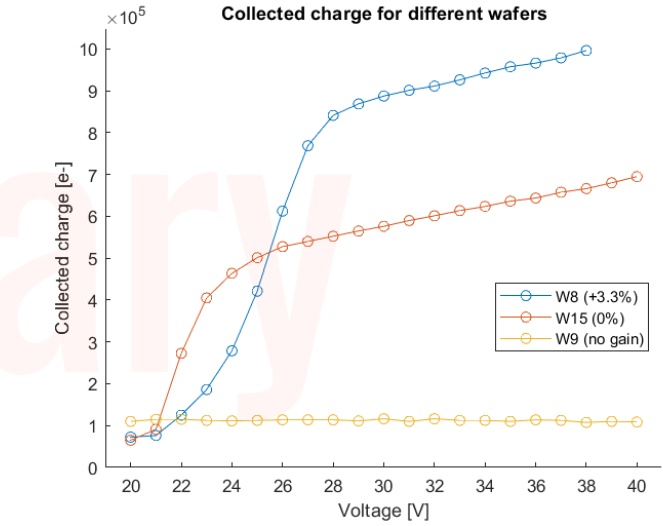
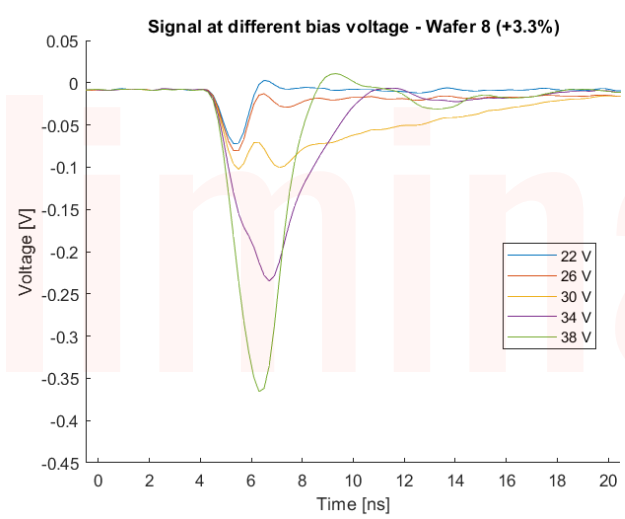
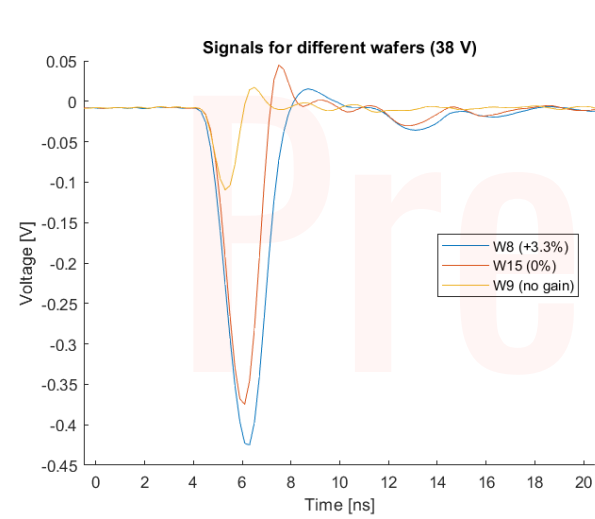
Add-on *p*-gain implant (gain target: 10 – 30)



- ◆ Add-on *p*-gain implant underneath the *n*+ collecting electrode to push the timing performances
- ◆ Productions on ARCADIA-ER3 (25 wafers), ER4 (16 wafers) and ER5 (16 wafers, just delivered)



# ARCADIA CMOS LGADs - data from test structures

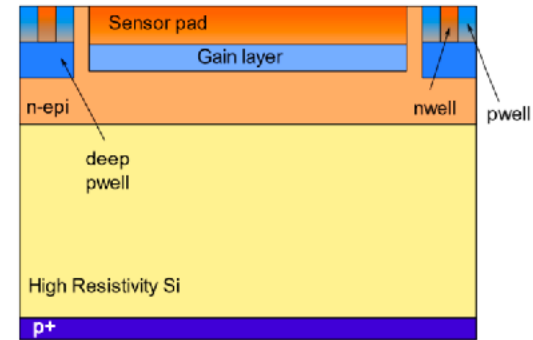


More results on ARCADIA monolithic CMOS detector with internal gain:  
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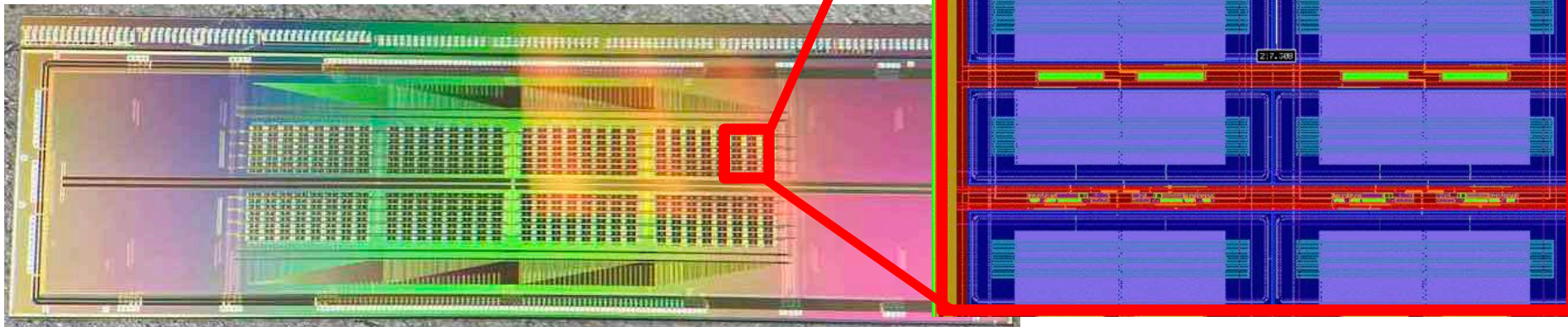


# MadPix CMOS LGAD multi-pixel prototype

- ◆ MadPix prototype with gain layer and integrated electronics
- ◆ first small-scale demonstrator 4 x 16 mm<sup>2</sup>;
- ◆ 8 matrices (64 pixel pads each) implementing different sensor and front-end flavours;
- ◆ 250 x 100 μm<sup>2</sup> pixel pads;
- ◆ 64 analogue outputs on each side, rolling shutter of single matrix readout;



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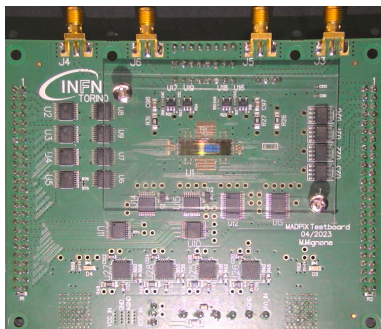
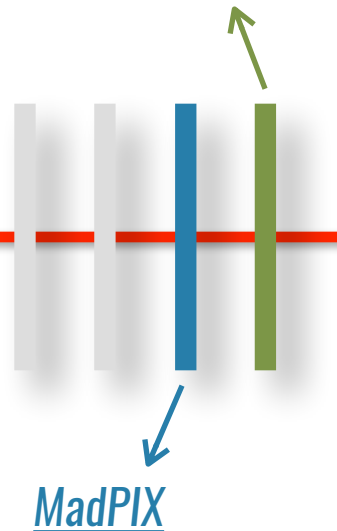


# MadPix CMOS LGAD Test Beam

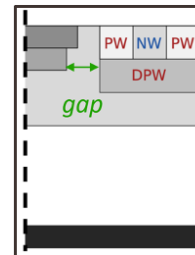
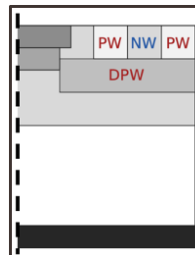
ALICE3 TOF Test beam @ CERN PS - October 2024



Trigger:  
 LGAD 1x1 mm 50 $\mu$ m  
 reference (28 ps r.m.s.)



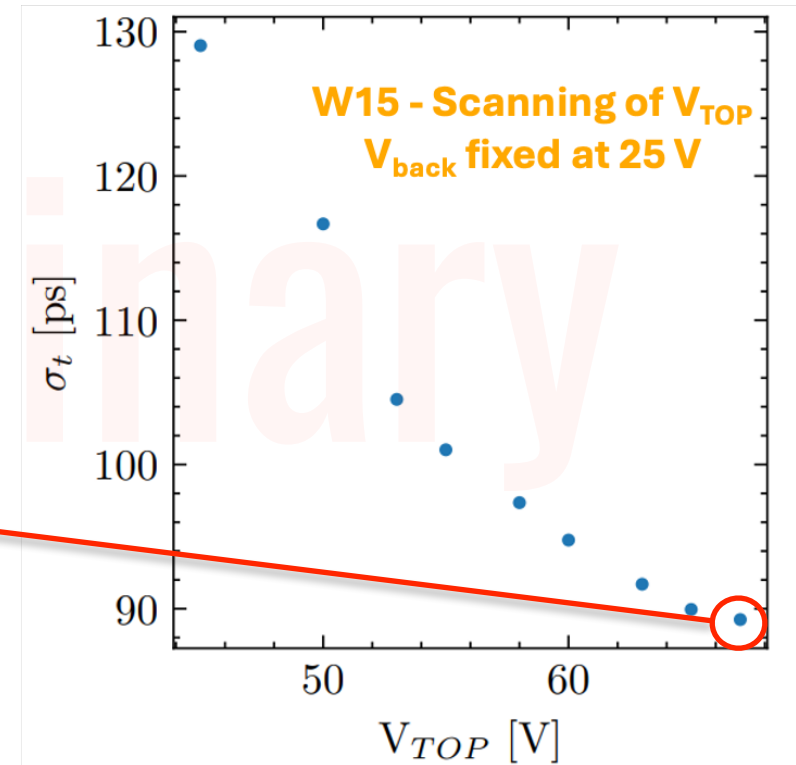
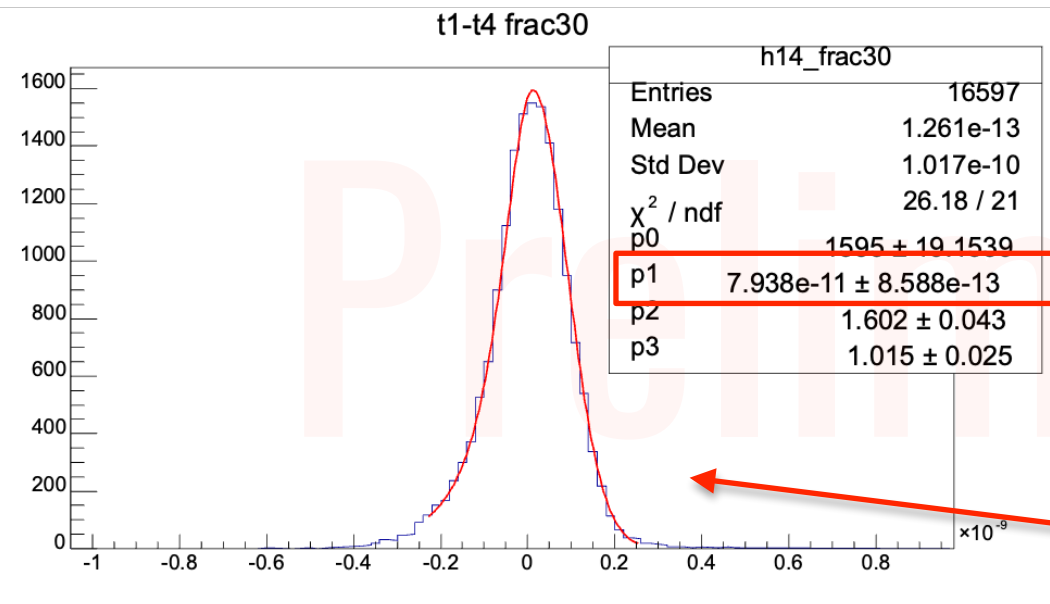
- 3 Test boards
- 2 Flavours
  - A1 and A2
- 4 Pixels
  - J3, J4, J5, J6



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# MadPix CMOS LGAD Test Beam



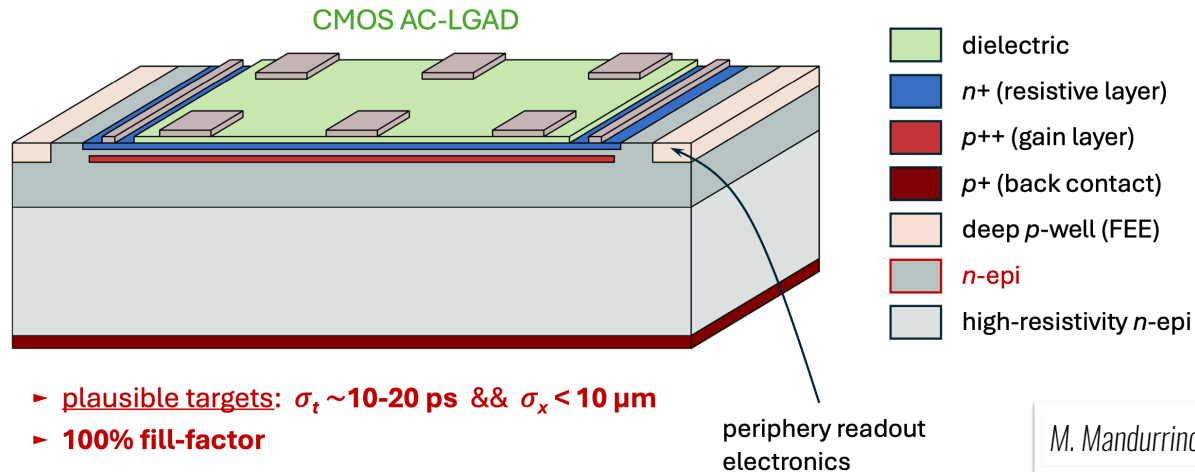
Measured timing resolution (sensor) ~ 72 ps r.m.s.

- ◆ Gain layer implemented (5-15) with very good matching with TCAD simulation framework
- ◆ MadPix test beam just concluded, timing resolution measured < 75 ps (very preliminary results)
- ◆ 48  $\mu\text{m}$  thick active layer on a p+ substrate, timing resolution is sensor limited (FEE jitter ~ 20 ps r.m.s.)
- ◆ Up next: new short-loop with ARCADIA mask set and thinner n-epi active layer, start full-chip IP design for ALICE3 TOF



# R&D for a Si-Wrapper with AC-LGADs

More info on RSD: project,  
[10.48550/arXiv.2003.04838](https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.04838),  
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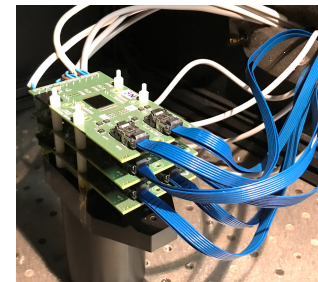
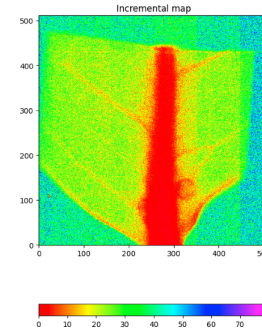
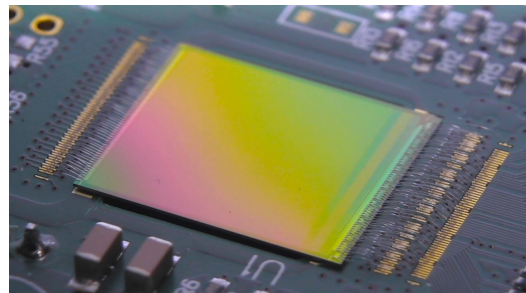
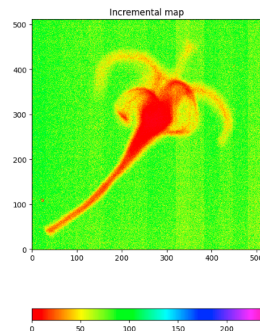
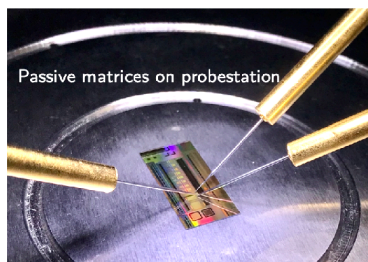


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- LGAD detector with continuous gain layer (RSD), charge collection through resistive  $n$ -layer and readout by induction on AC coupled pads, for a
- fully active detector, avoiding isolation implants (used to prevent early breakdown) in segmented LGADs
- Timing resolution approximatively independent from pixel pitch
- CMOS integration of the LGAD technology already demonstrated (in LF11is) with the ARCADIA masksets
- Up next for CMOS AC-LGAD: demonstrate the compatibility between the RSD readout scheme and the LF11is ARCADIA CMOS process flow, first prototypes in next silicon production runs - paper on the numerical proof-of-concept describing the CMOS integration is in preparation.

# ARCADIA FD-MAPS: Status and Perspectives

- \* **ARCADIA**: CMOS sensor design and fabrication platform on **LF11is** technology
  - ▶ Scalable FDMAPS architecture with very **low-power: 10 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>**
- \* Ongoing R&D for the implementation of **monolithic CMOS sensors with gain layer** for fast timing, baseline technology for the ALICE3 Time-of-Flight detector
  - ▶ Scheduled runs for IP design and optimisation of the sensor technology towards excellent timing performance
- \* Funding available to start new joint **R&D programs towards system-grade chips for FCC**
  - ▶ IP development (shunt LDOs, chip-to-chip data transmission blocks), optimisation towards system-grade I/O interface, optimisation of the front-end intrinsic timing performance
- \* **ARCADIA LF11is** FD-MAPS technology support through **DRD7.6a** (*Common Access to selected imaging technologies*)



# LF11is FDMAPS development through DRD7

## DRD7.6 – Complex Imaging ASICs and Technologies

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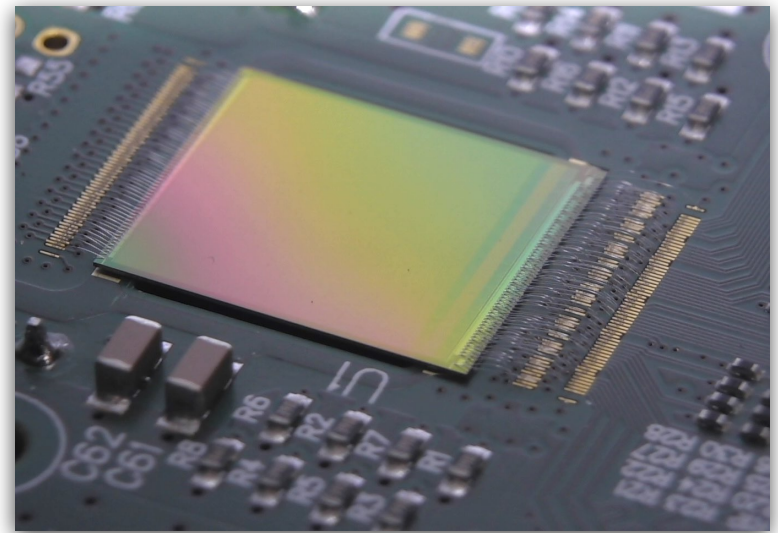
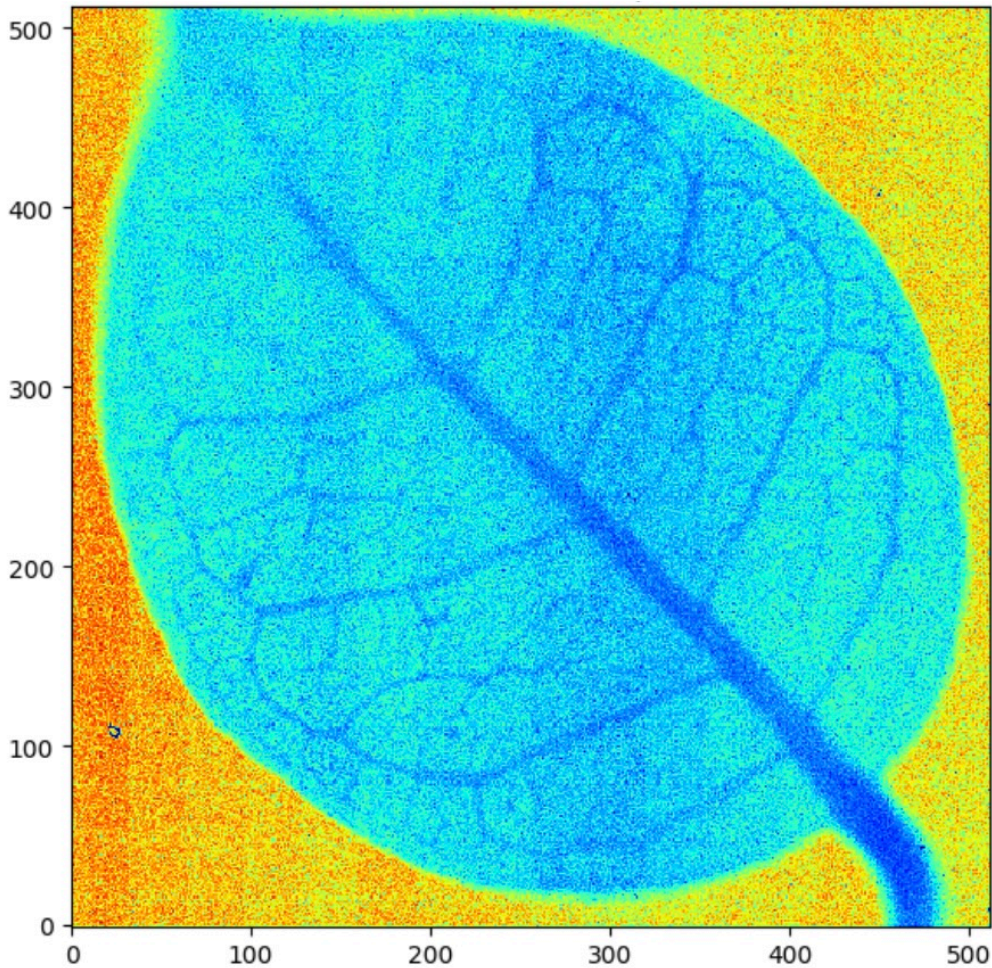
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- Possibility to explore **multiple wafer splits**: n-epi thickness, n-type or p-type starting substrate, substrate resistivity, FSI or BSI process on different wafer thicknesses, use of a gain layer for the implementation of monolithic CMOS LGADs.
- INFN and LFoundry agree on the terms to allow for the participation of third-party design groups to joint LF11is production runs, enabling straightforward and low-risk ramp-up of the R&D on FDMAPS using LF11is technology for new design teams.
- **Silicon-proven sensor concepts and CMOS IP** available (Serialisers, c-LVDS Transceivers, bandgap/LDO, SPI, DAC/ADCs).

Further information on DRD7 workshop 25-26 September 2023: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1318635/>





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Thank you for your time!



# ARCADIA-MD3 TB Data Analysis

- **Tracking** done with events with just one cluster per plane
- **Alignment**: one external plane as reference + one cluster per plane to calculate residuals
  - Other external plane aligned using correlation plots
  - Central plane DUT aligned with residuals
  - Tilt correction done using plot expected coord-x vs residual coord-y and viceversa
  - Realignment after tilt correction with residuals
  - Final Alignment to center residual in zero
- **Clusters** are hits close in time (in a certain time window) and in adjacent pixels (no “holes”)
- **Efficiency** calculated with a fiducial region 11x11 pixel (275  $\mu\text{m}$ ) considering hits arrived in the sensor area [0,512]
  - after alignment some row or col values are shifted outside the sensor area
  - If more than one cluster is found on DUT, consider the closest one respect to the expected hit in the efficiency calculation.

