



# *I-LGAD*

## *A thin microstrip sensor with signal amplification for ILD tracking*

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# Outline



- Low Gain Avalanche Detector Basics:
  - \_ motivation and technology description
- Pad devices characterization (See S. Hidalgo talk)
  - \_ Gain, noise, uniformity.
  - \_ Neutron radiation tolerance.
- Microstrip devices:
  - \_ Single sided n-in-p strips (results and simulations)
  - \_ Double sided p-in-p strips (simulation and design)
- Inverted-LGAD (I-LGAD) manufacturing run description
- Summary and Plans

# Motivation(s)

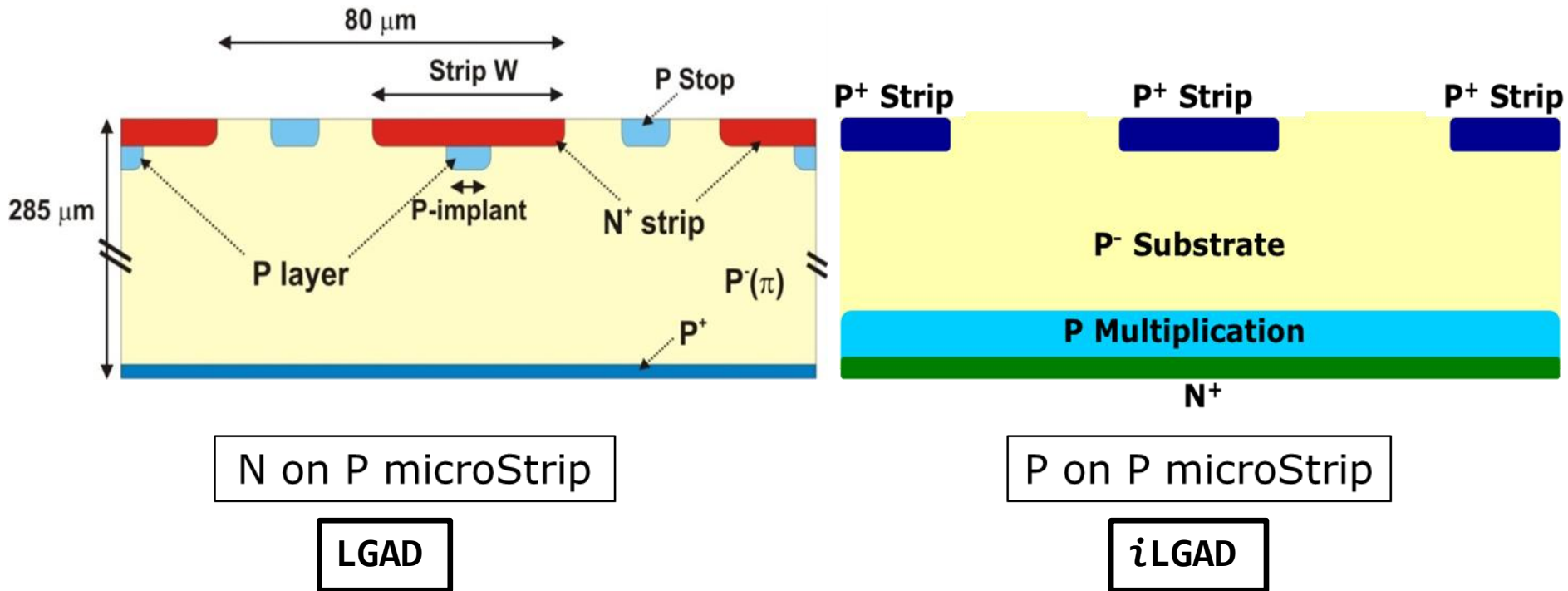


- **Proposal:** a small signal (5-10) gain integrated in the sensor while maintaining similar noise levels and avoiding readout front-end saturation.
- **Low-mass and low-power tracking systems** with thinner microstrips sensors conserving the same SNR (Covered here)
- **Timing:** ToF, primary interaction vertex timestamping (high pileup environments), medical, etc.

(Not covered here, see H. Sadrozinski, talk on Ultra-Fast Silicon Detectors at the CPAD Instrumentation Frontier Meeting 2015)

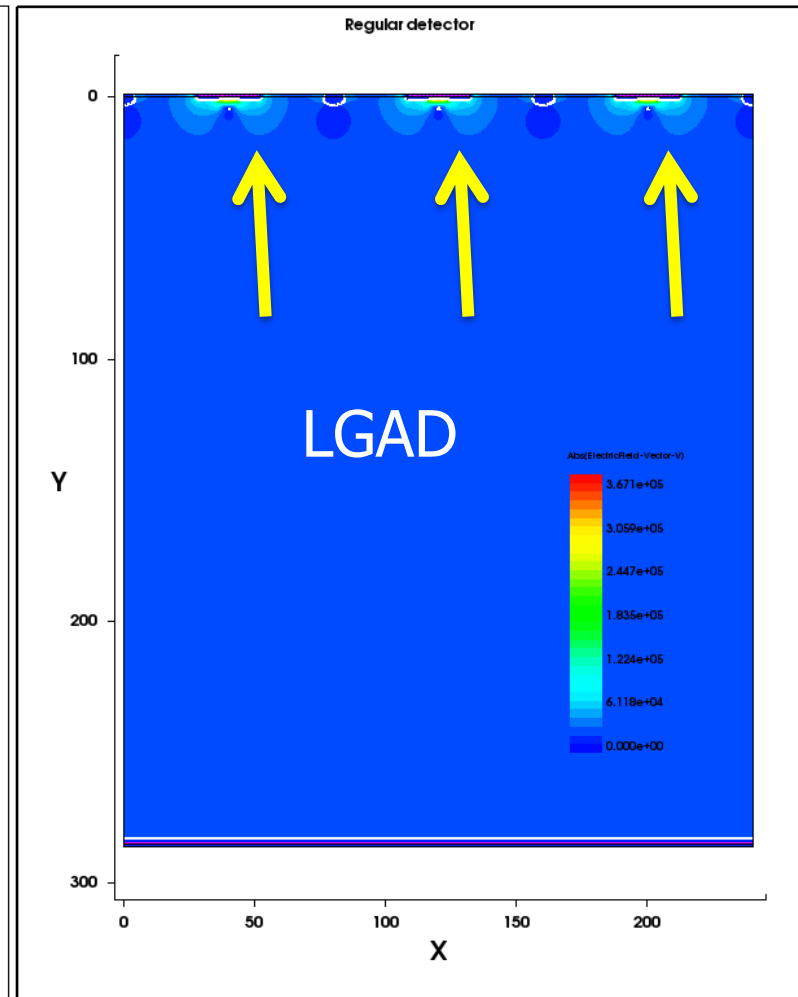
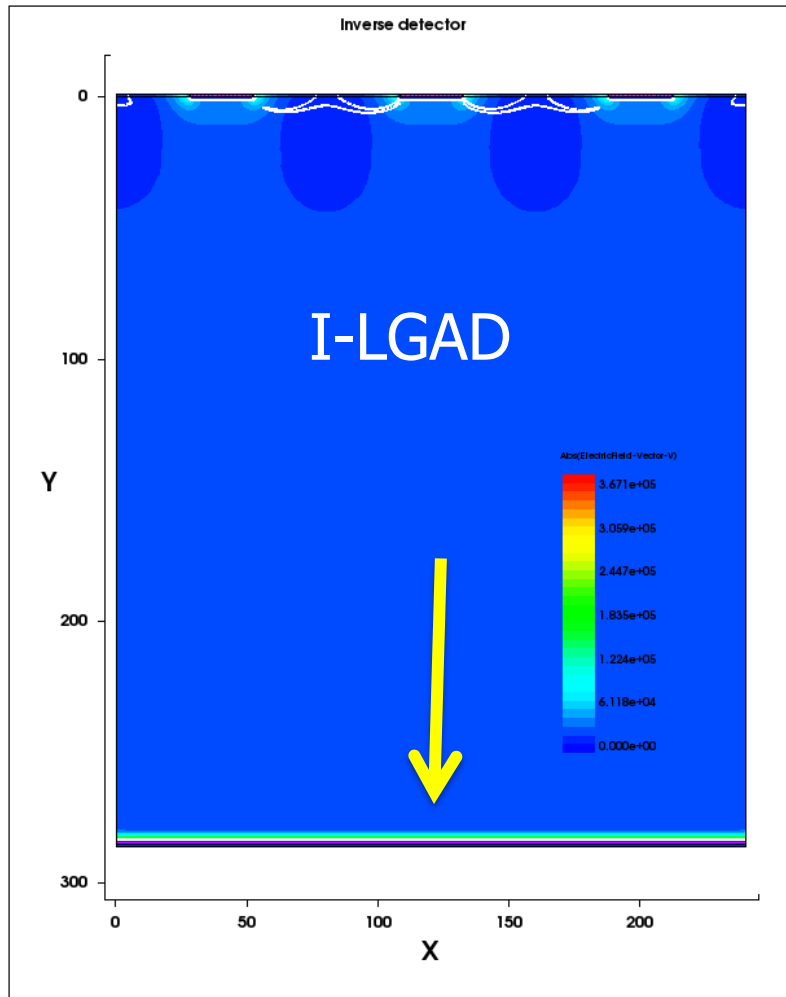
# Microstrips LGAD

- Based on the technology adjustments from the pad LGAD run now aiming to strips and pixel like segmentation of the readout electrodes.
- Two options:



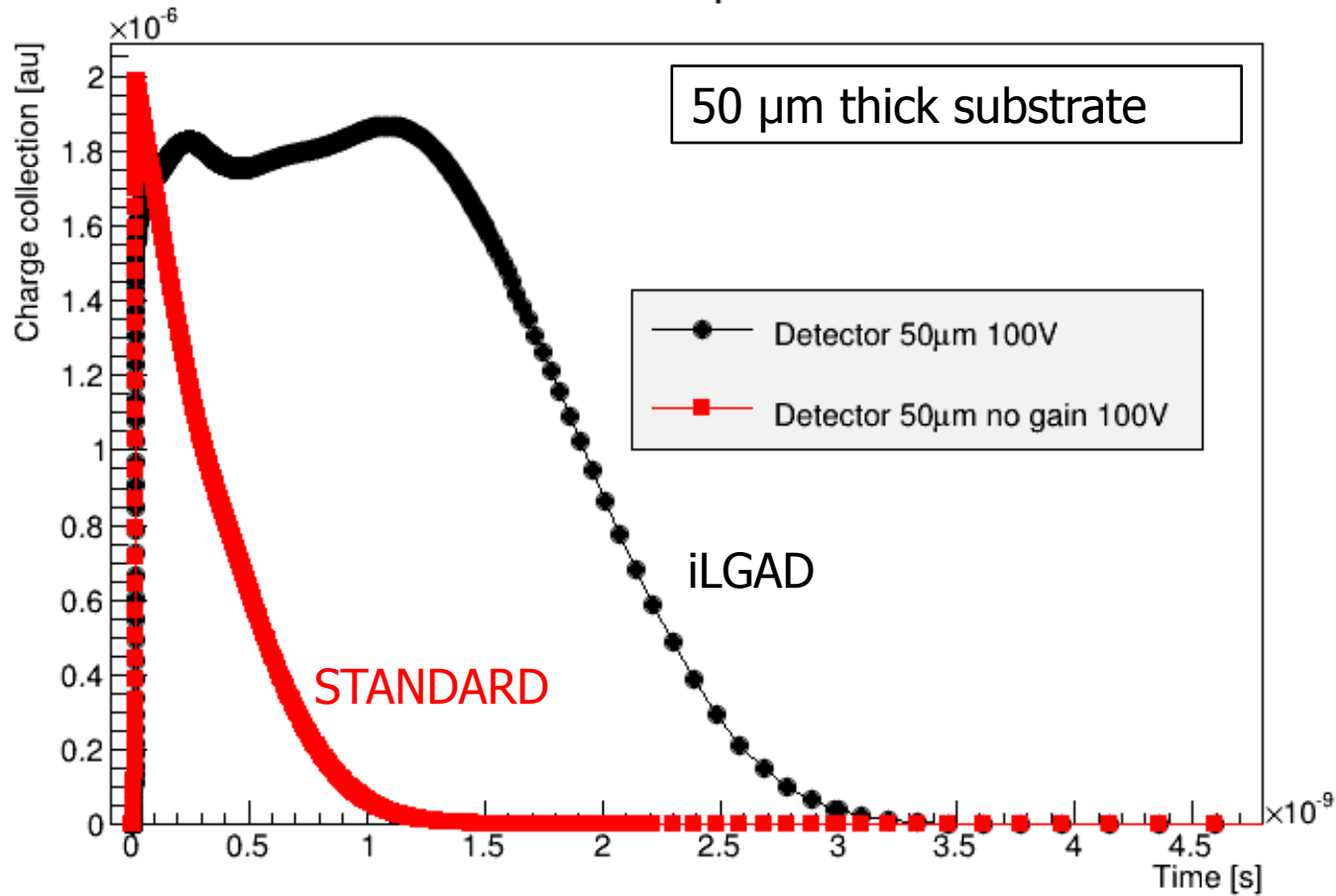
# ustrips LGAD comparison: $V_{BD}$ voltage

- I-LGAD design ensures that the maximum field remains in the multiplication layer.



# MIP through central strip @ 100 V

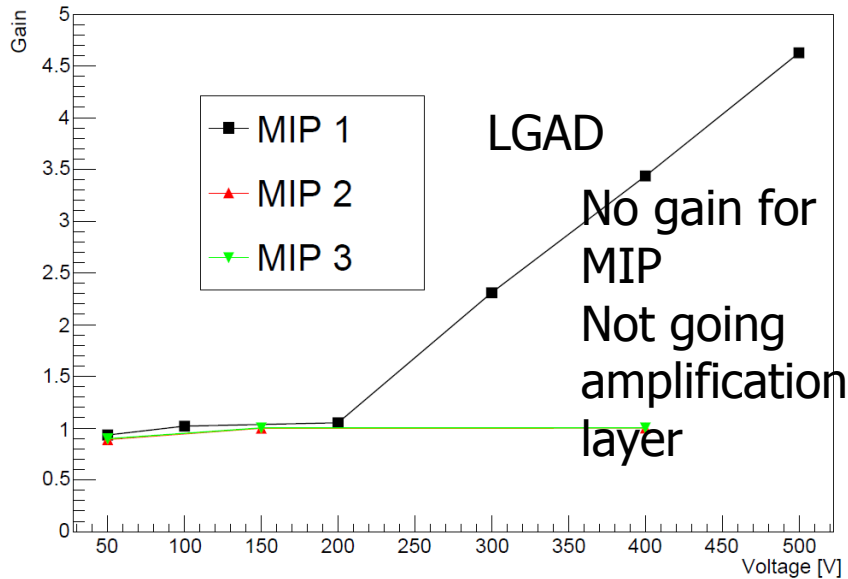
Simulation MIP particle 100V



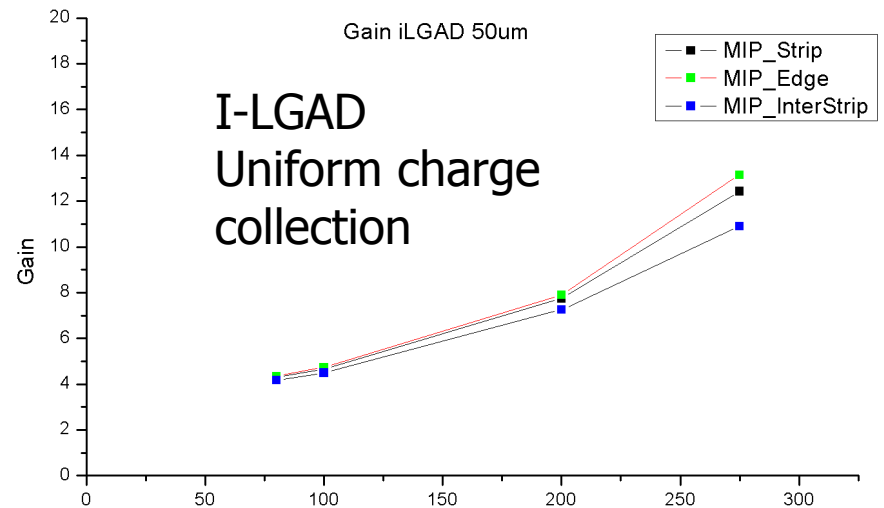
# ustrips LGAD comparison: response spatial uniformity.

## I-LGAD design provides signal response uniformity

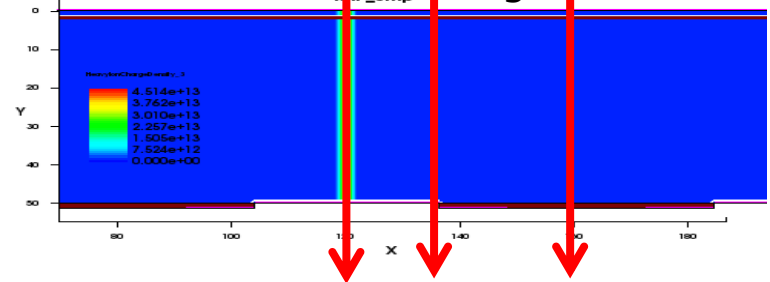
Simulation MIP in different positions for strips LGAD



MIP1 MIP2 MIP3



MIP strip MIP edge MIP interstrip





# uscript LGAD vs ILGAD: in brief.



## – ILGAD advantages:

- \_ more uniform charge amplification.
- \_ Breakdown voltage at the main diffusion
- \_ Combination of well established technologies.

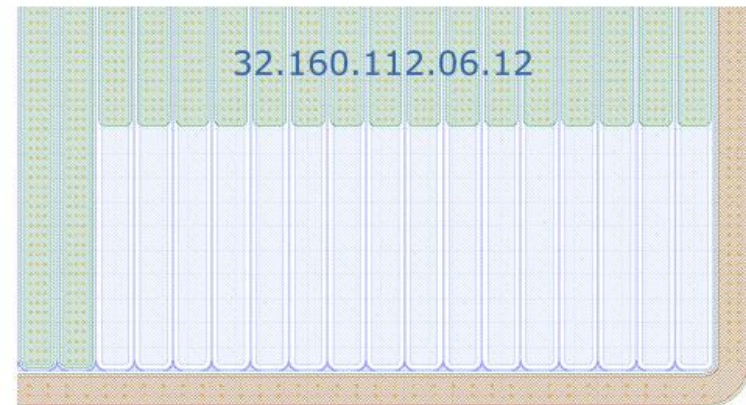
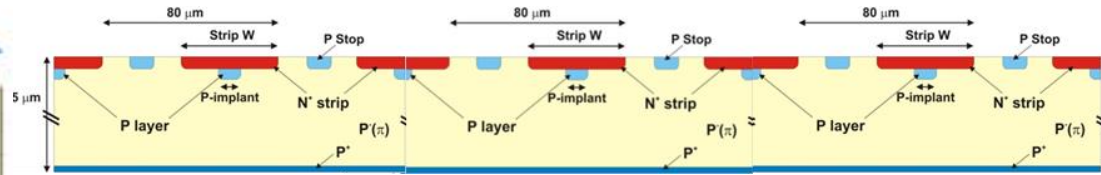
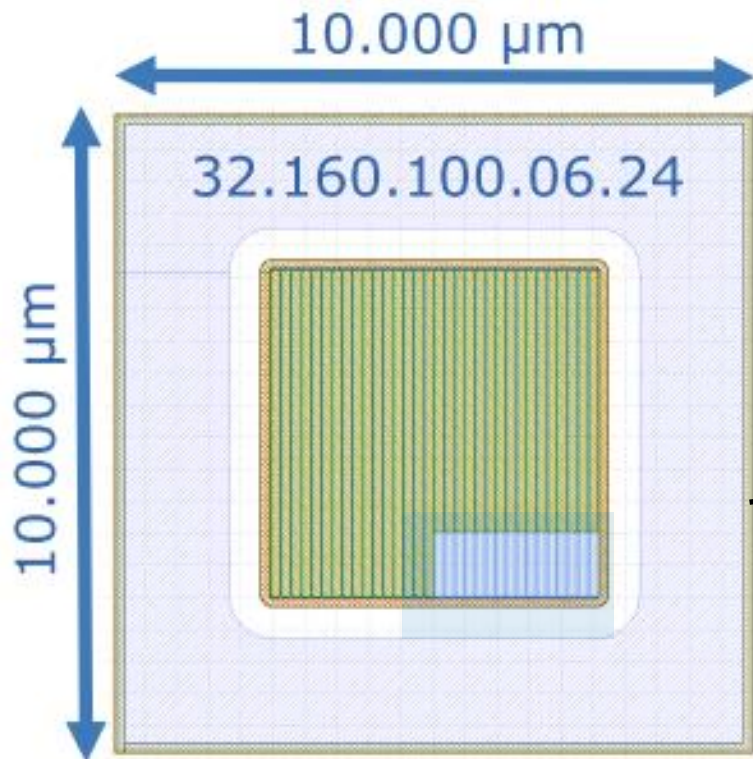
## – ILGAD drawbacks:

- \_ More complex (double-sided) processing.
- \_ Relatively slower collecting time (holes dominated).

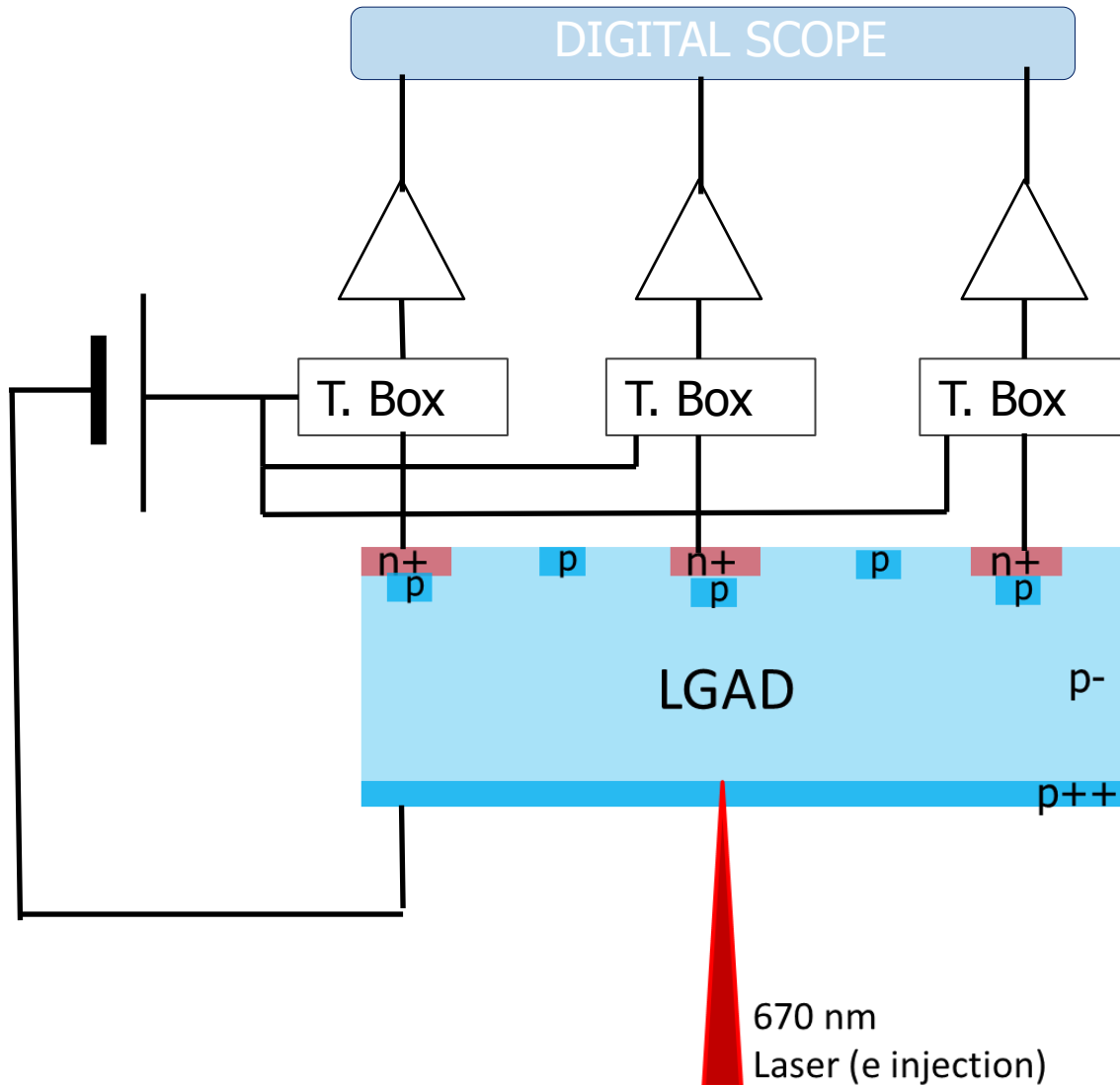
## – Action taken:

- \_ First, manufacturing of much simpler ustrip LGAD (existing photolithographic masks).
- \_ Detailed design of dedicated mask set for a new I-LGAD production run (under production).

# Microstrip LGAD



# Characterization lay-out

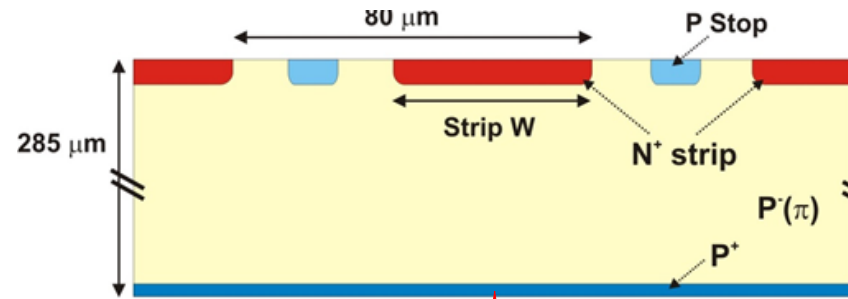


Simultaneous read out  
of three strips

Comparing PIN strip vs  
LGAD Strip transient  
Photoinduced currents

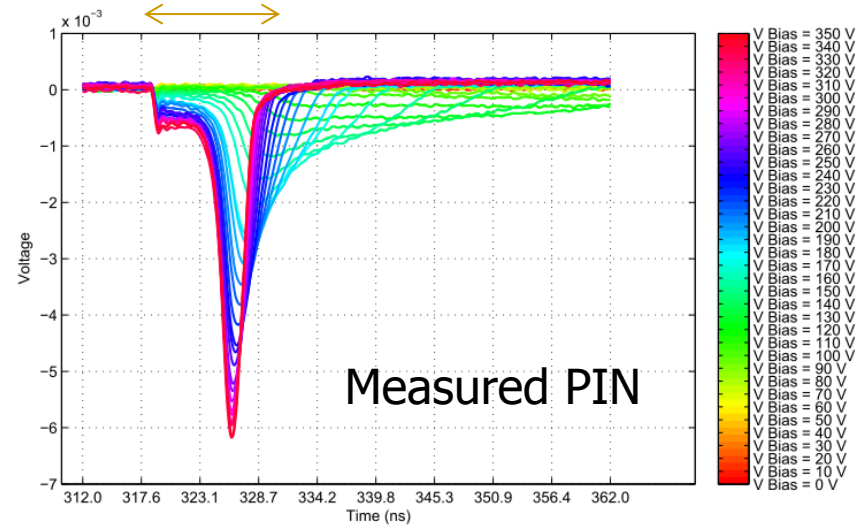
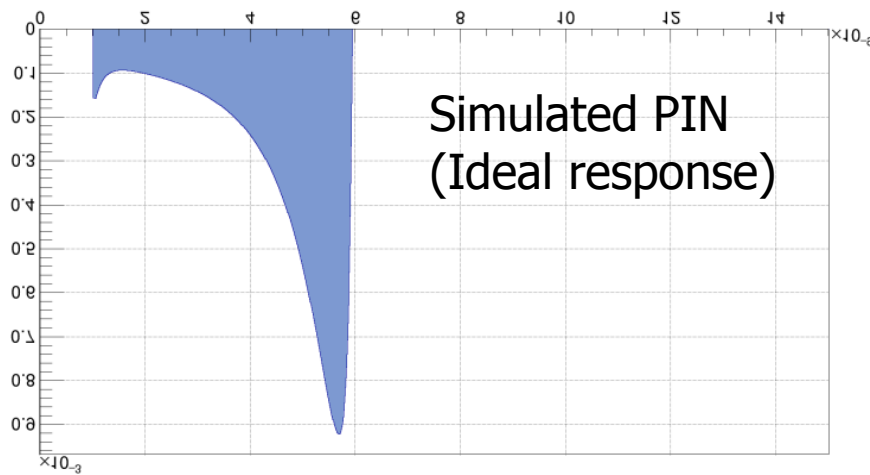
Electron injection (read  
Laser back-side illumination)

# Microstrip LGAD: TCT PIN strip



670 nm 50 ps laser

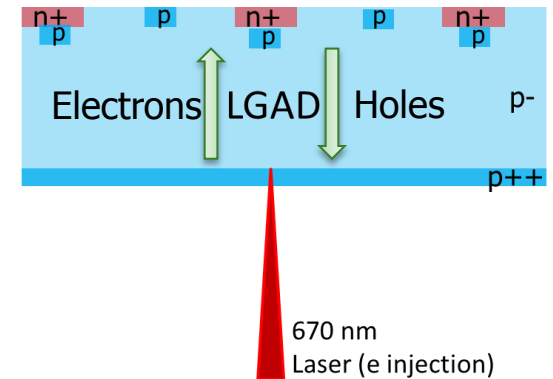
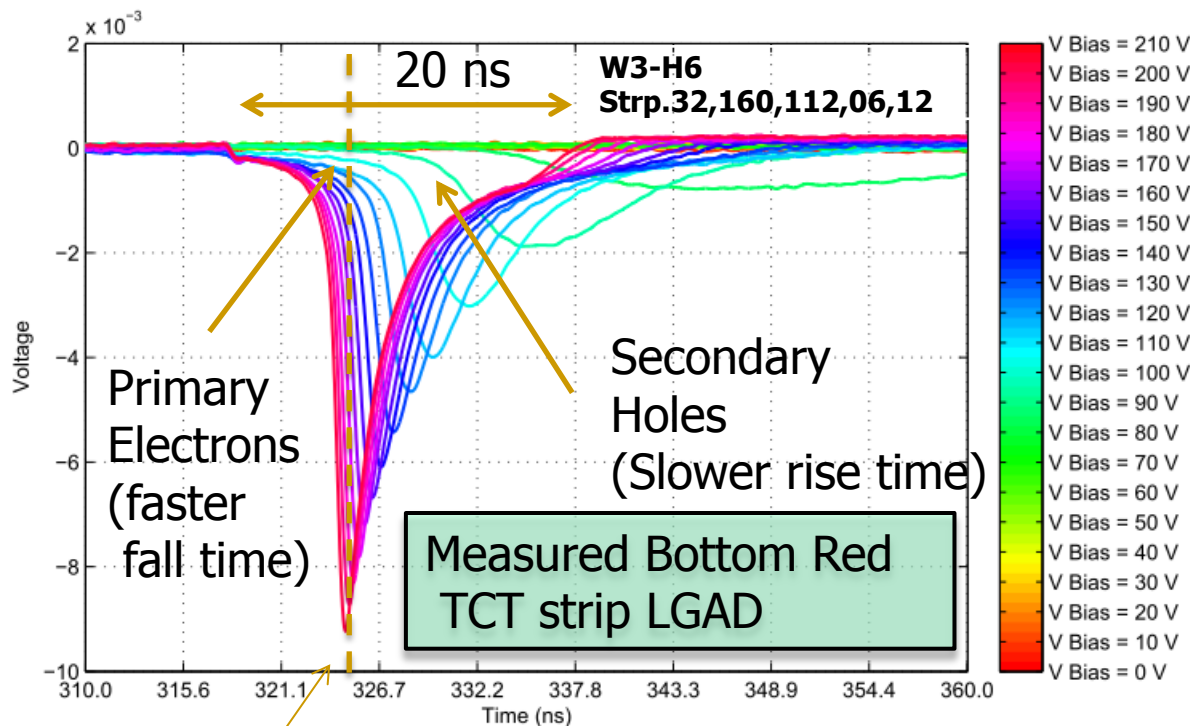
8 ns



W2-G9 Strp.32,160,100,06,24,Pin

# Microstrip LGAD: TCT LGAD strip

- Signal gain requires:
  - Wider TCT pulses wrt to PIN
  - Charge increases vs HV
- Strip current waveform shows clear sequential electron and hole drift (handle to extract the signal gain)

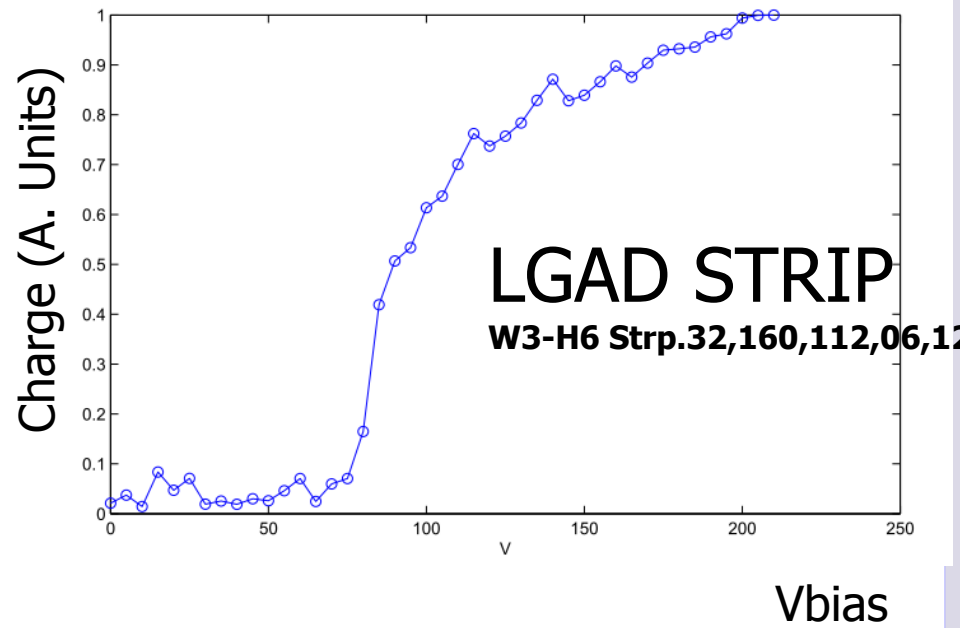
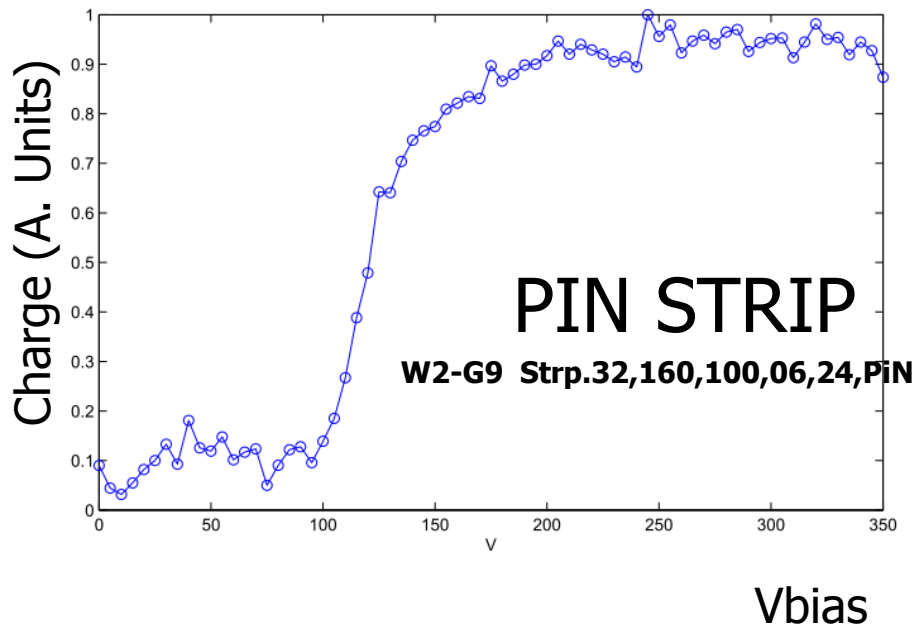


Multiplication on-set

# Microstrip LGAD: Charge vs Vbias



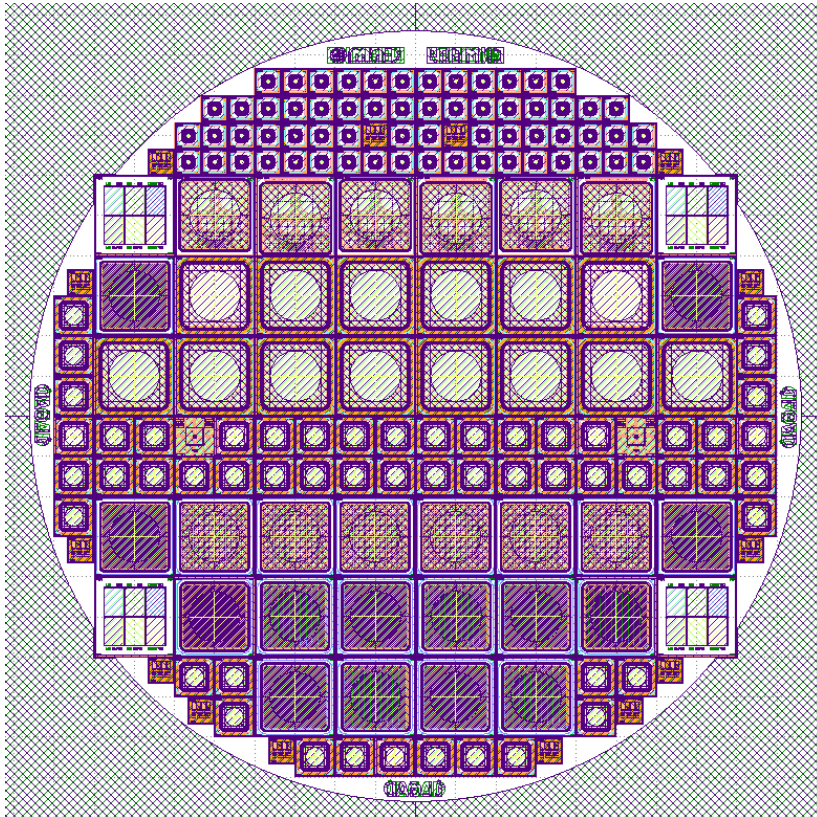
- Red laser – bottom TCT (Integrated current waveforms)





# I-LGAD Run: Mask description

- **176 Chips**
  - ✓ **44** (10 x 10 mm, total area)
  - ✓ **56** (5 x 5 mm, total area)
  - ✓ **76** (3.3 x 3.3 mm, total area)



- **113 LGAD Pad Detectors**
  - ✓ **12** (8 x 8 mm mult area)
  - ✓ **49** (3 x 3 mm mult area)
  - ✓ **52** (1 x 1 mm mult area)
- **17 PiN Detectors**
  - ✓ **2** (8 x 8 mm active area)
  - ✓ **5** (3 x 3 mm active area)
  - ✓ **10** (1 x 1 mm active area)
- **8 iLGAD pStrips Detectors**
  - ✓ **4** (45 Channels)
  - ✓ **4** (90 Channels)
- **2 PiN pStrips Detectors**
  - ✓ **1** (45 Channels)
  - ✓ **1** (90 Channels)
- **6 Pixelated iLGAD Detector (6 x 6 pixels)**
- **4 Pixelated iLGAD MediPix Detector (145 x 145 pixels)**
- **6 iLGAD for Timing Applications**
  - ✓ **3** (720  $\mu\text{m}$  to cut line)
  - ✓ **3** (370  $\mu\text{m}$  to cut line)
- **4 Specific Test Structure (SPR, SIMS, XPS)**
- **16 CNM Test Structures (Microsection, CBR, Kelvin, Capacitors, Diodes)**



# Summary



- Low Gain Avalanche Detectors implemented as reach-through avalanche diodes as a way to maintain the SNR while reducing very significantly material budget.
- Tuning of the technological process (at IMB-CNM) using pad LGAD devices: Proven gain reproducibility and uniformity; radiation resistance (up to  $1E13$  neq/cm<sup>2</sup>, gamma tolerance assessment in progress); and no significant excess noise.
- Preliminary results on n-in-p strips LGAD showed non-uniform gain (behavior reproduced by TCAD simulation).
- New design of a p-in-p strip sensor with pad-like multiplication layer to solve the non uniformity issue



# Next year foreseen activities.



- New batch of LGADs detectors on a 200um substrate available (since last week).
- Complete the p-n-p strip run (ILGAD) by May 2016
- Dedicated gamma irradiation campaign.
- Full test of I-LGAD devices.
- Design of a new devices integrating LGAD technology and resistive electrodes (Charge division for longitudinal position resolution

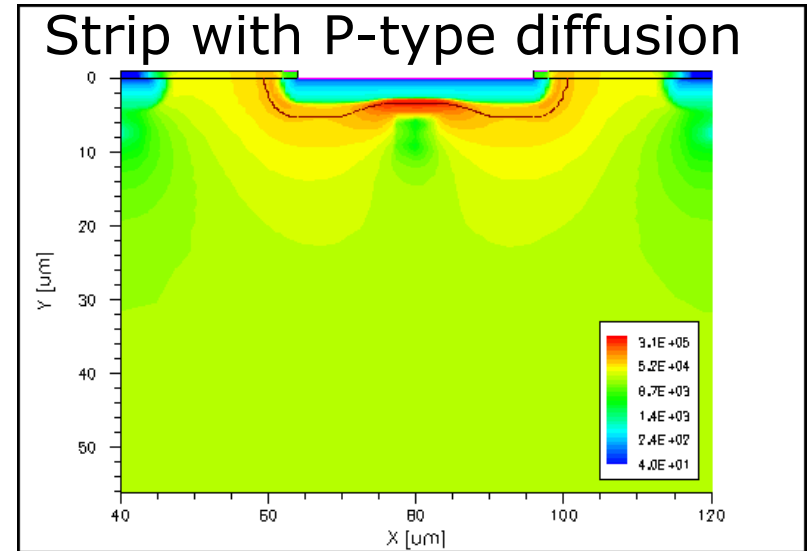
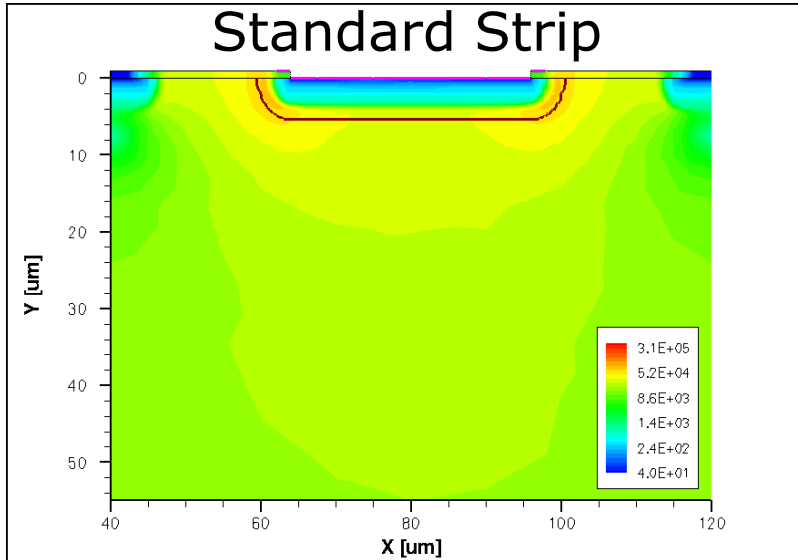
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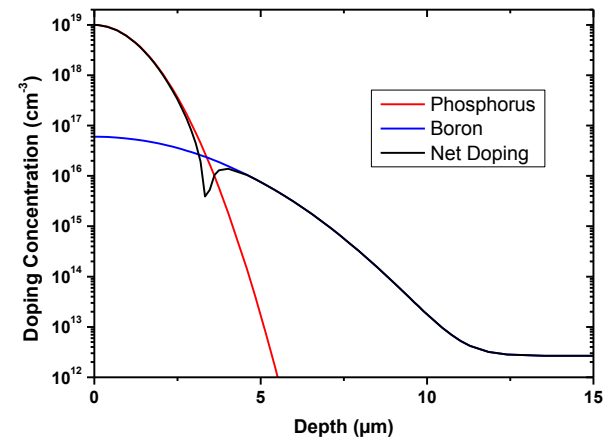
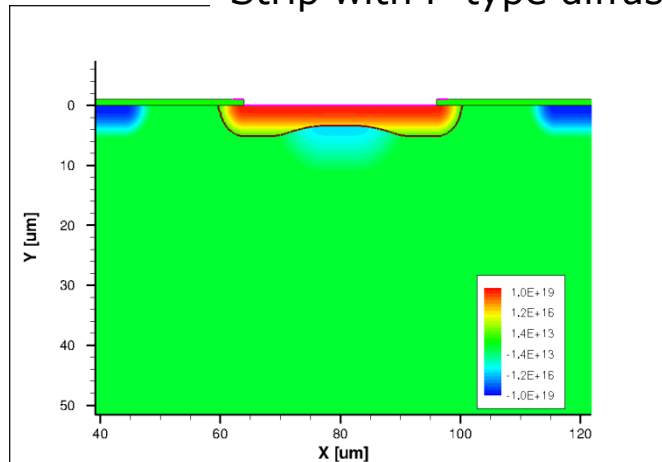
# BACK UP

# Strip LGAD: Electric Field

- To obtain the manufacture parameters (doping profiles)



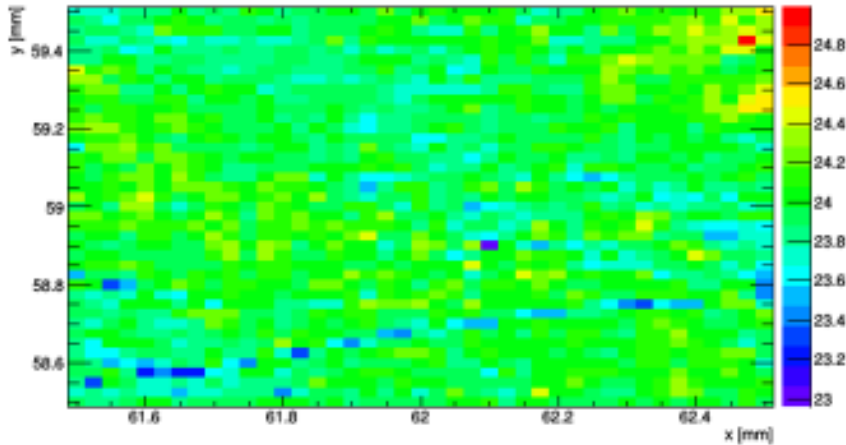
Strip with P-type diffusion: 2D and 1D doping profiles



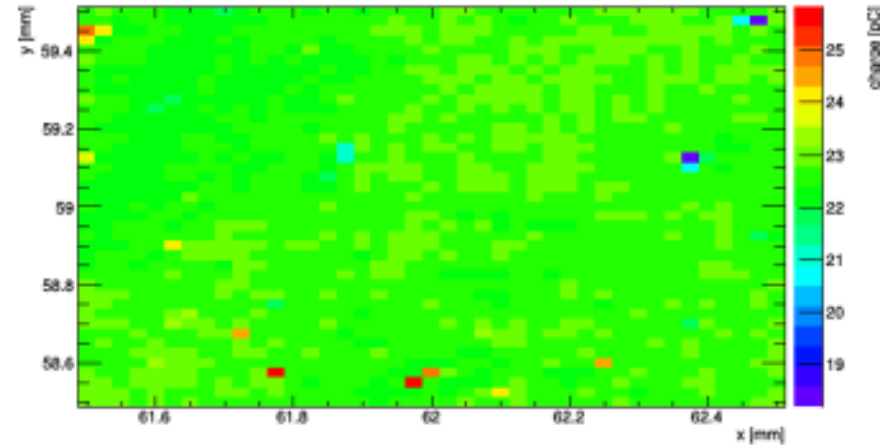
# Gain Uniformity: LGAD 2.0 at 100Vs



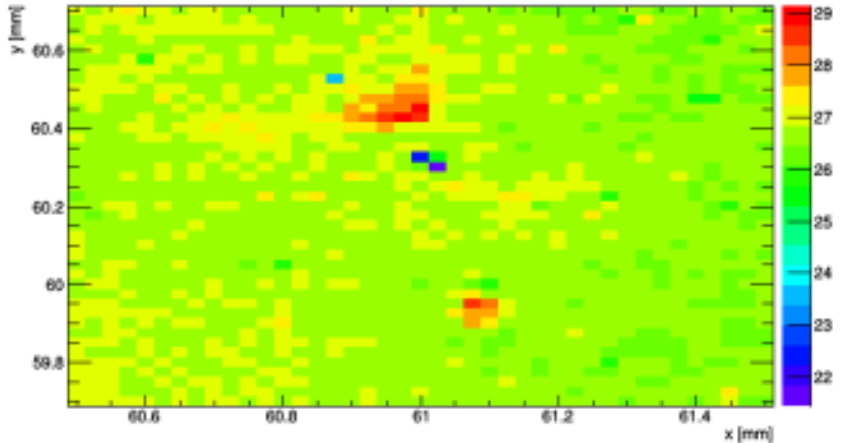
7 W3 C2-3 Red back



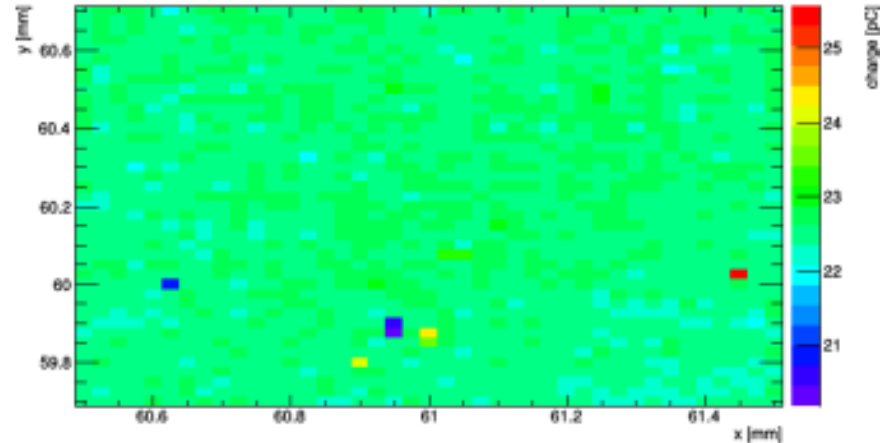
4 W4 I3-1 Red back



7 W3 C2-3 Red front



4 W4 I3-1 Red front



# Low Gain Avalanche Detectors 101

- Signal amplification implemented as reach-through Avalanche Diode structure [Web74].

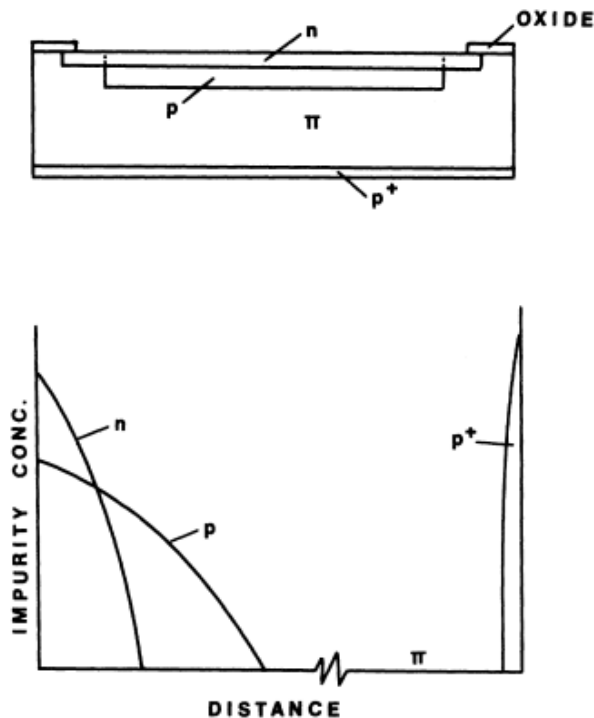


Fig. 1 - Reach-through avalanche diode structure and impurity concentration profile. The starting material is p-type silicon of about 5000 ohm-cm, resistivity. The p and n diffusions are, respectively, boron and phosphorus.

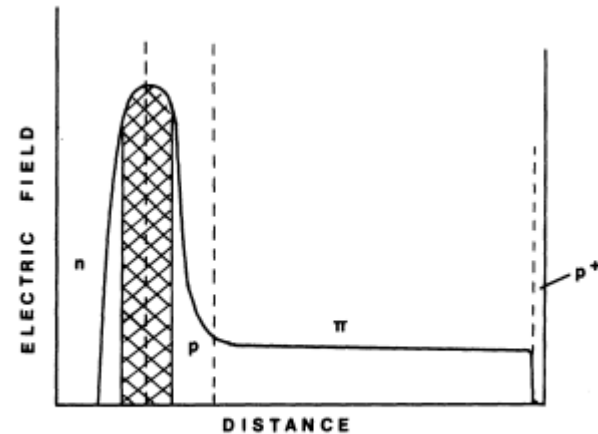


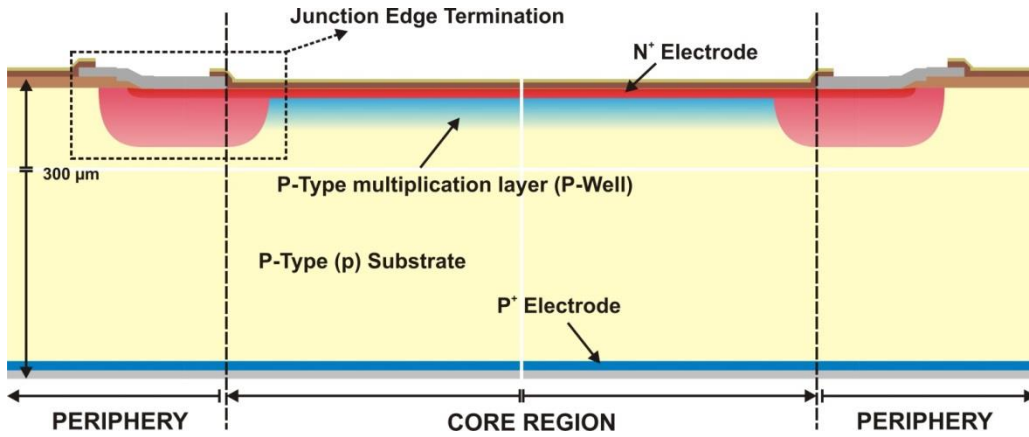
Fig. 2 - Electric field profile for a reach-through avalanche diode.

High electric field to trigger the production of secondary carriers by impact ionization.

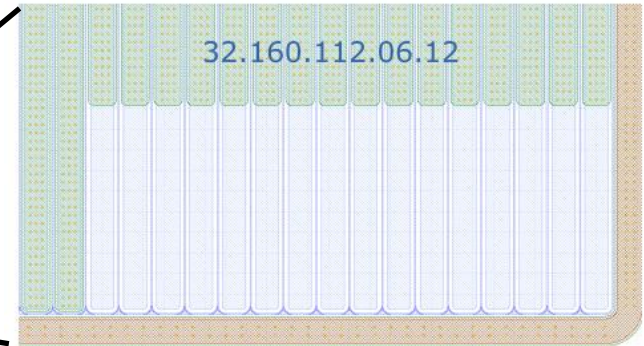
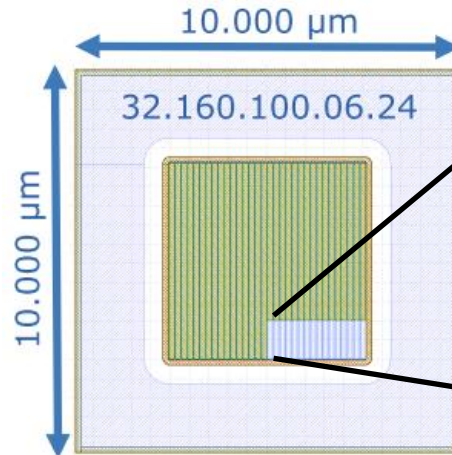
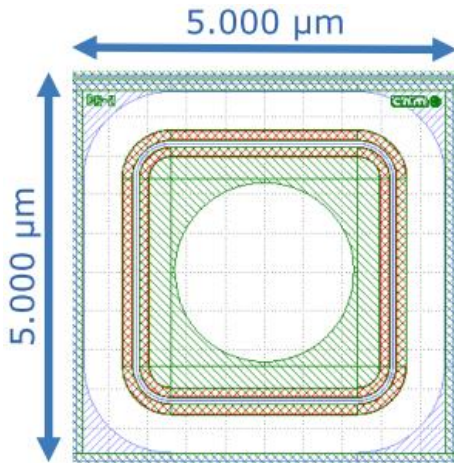
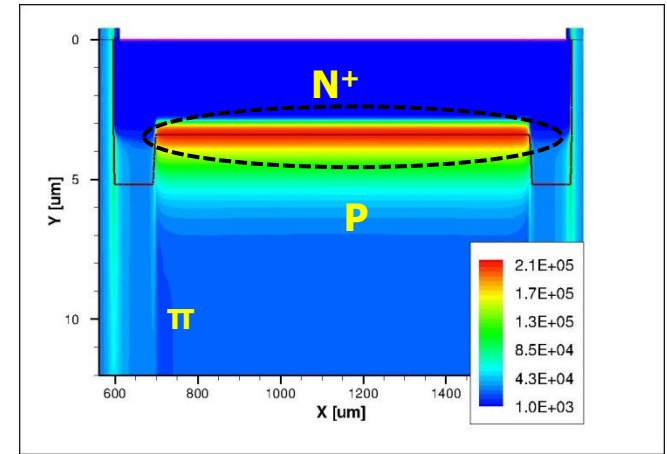


# Low Gain Avalanche Detectors 101 (2)

## Implementation @ IMB-CNM as pad and microstrips

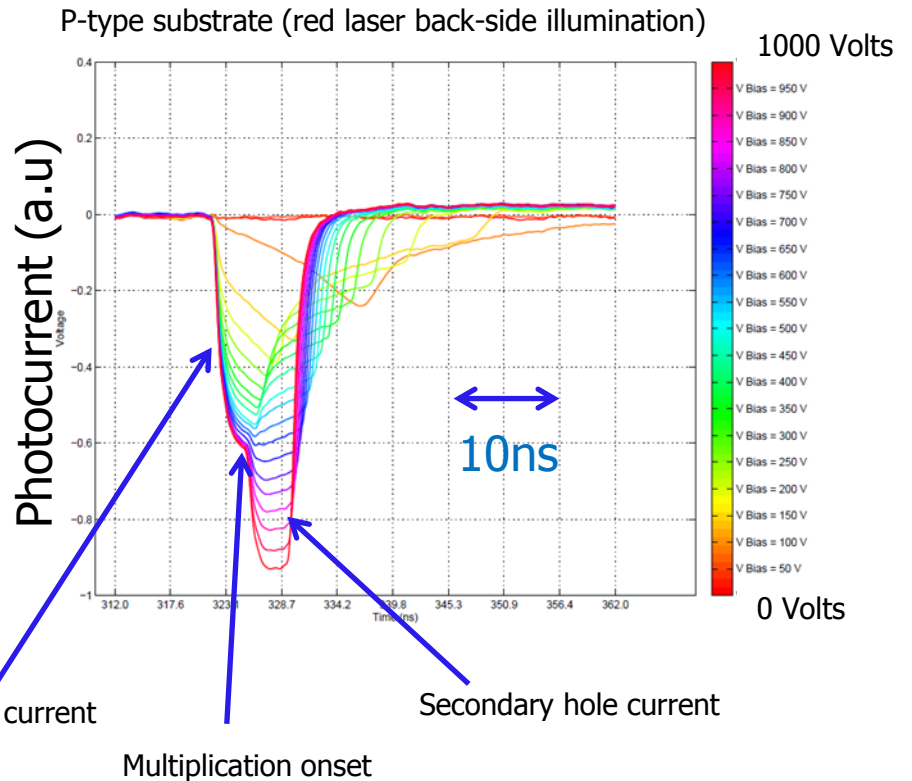
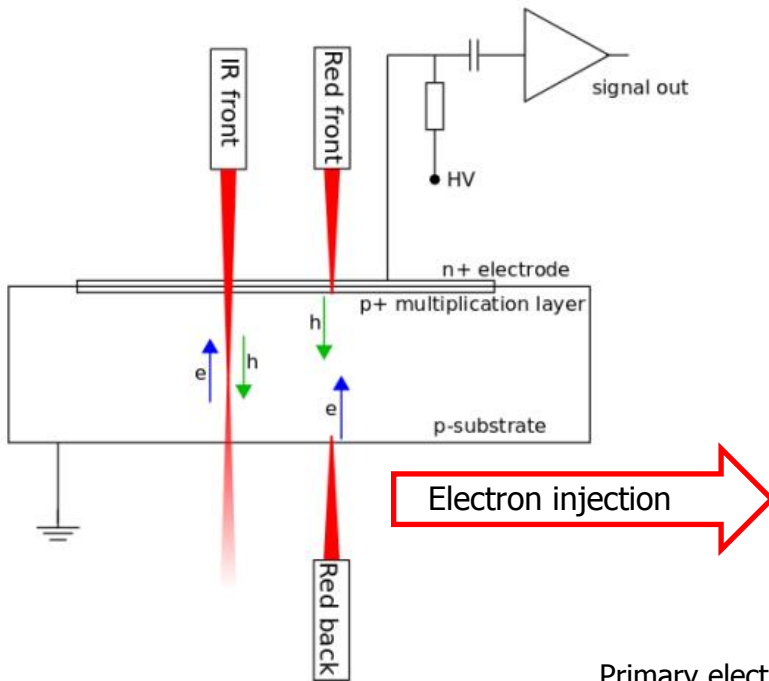


Electric Field @ 400 V



# Charge multiplication in pad LGAD

- Time-resolved photo-current generated by low penetration depth (670nm, red) picosecond laser pulses (TCT technique) shows a clear charge multiplication footprint.



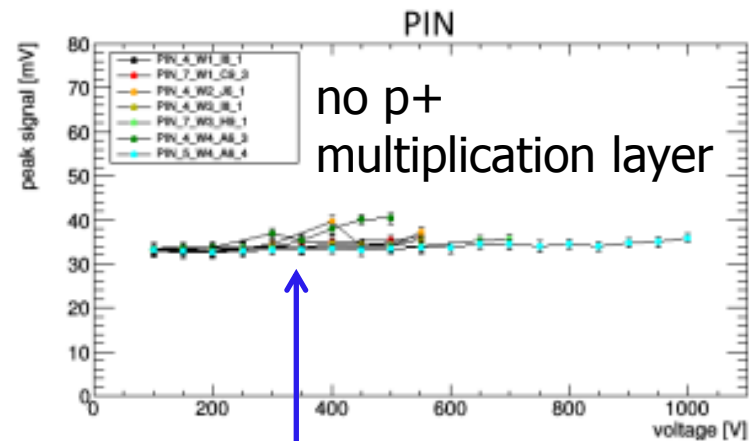
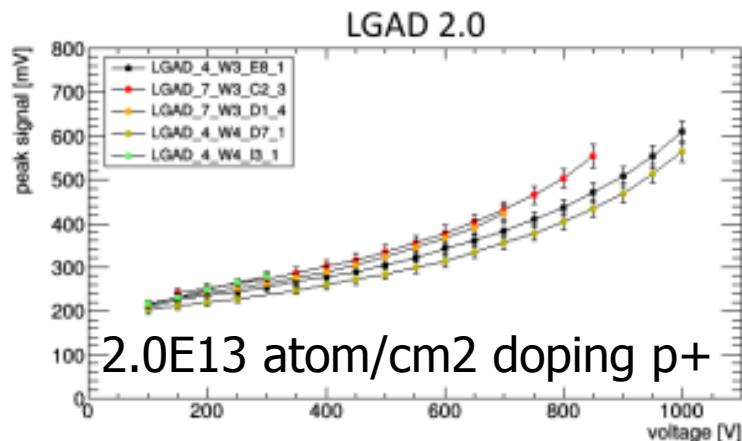
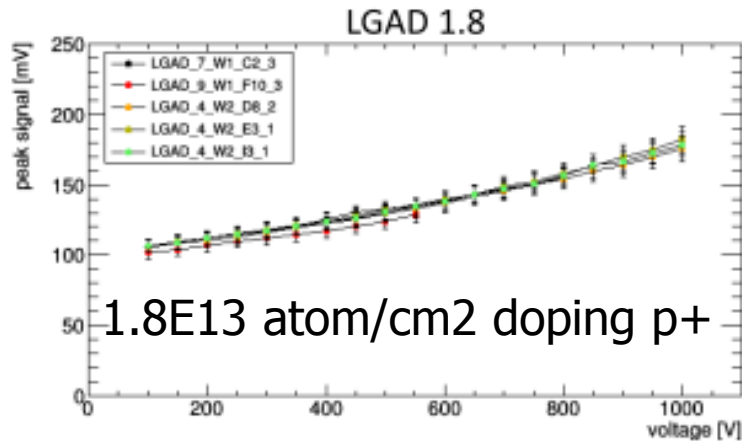


# Charge multiplication in Pad LGAD(2)



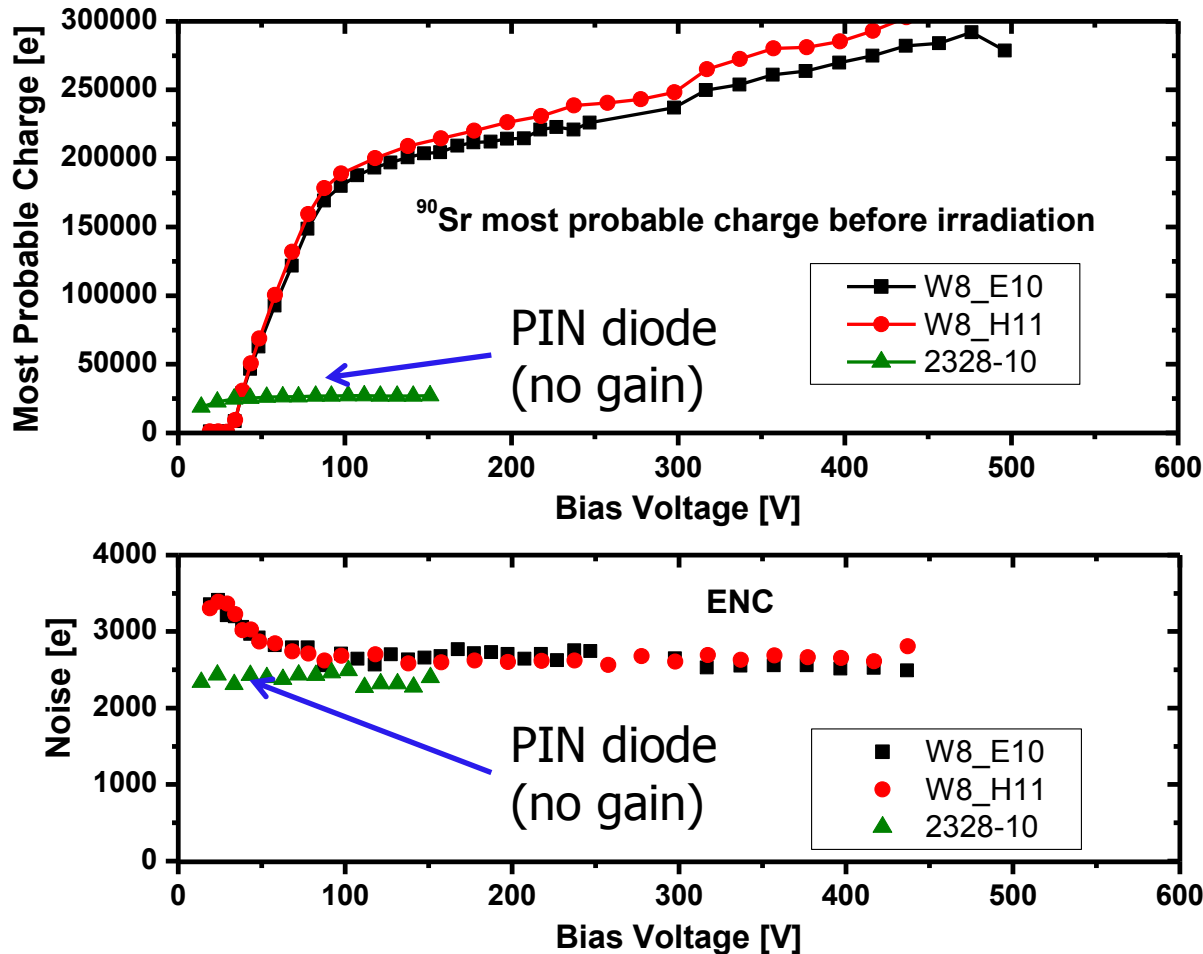
Collected charge vs voltage

Sr90 radioactive source + CSA



- Reference signal in PIN diode
  - About 34mV
- Gain in LGAD1.8
  - 200V -> about 3.2
  - 1000V -> about 5.3
- Gain in LGAD2.0
  - 200V → about 7.3
  - 1000V → about 17.6

# Excess noise in pad LGAD.



## 90Sr Setup (done at JSI):

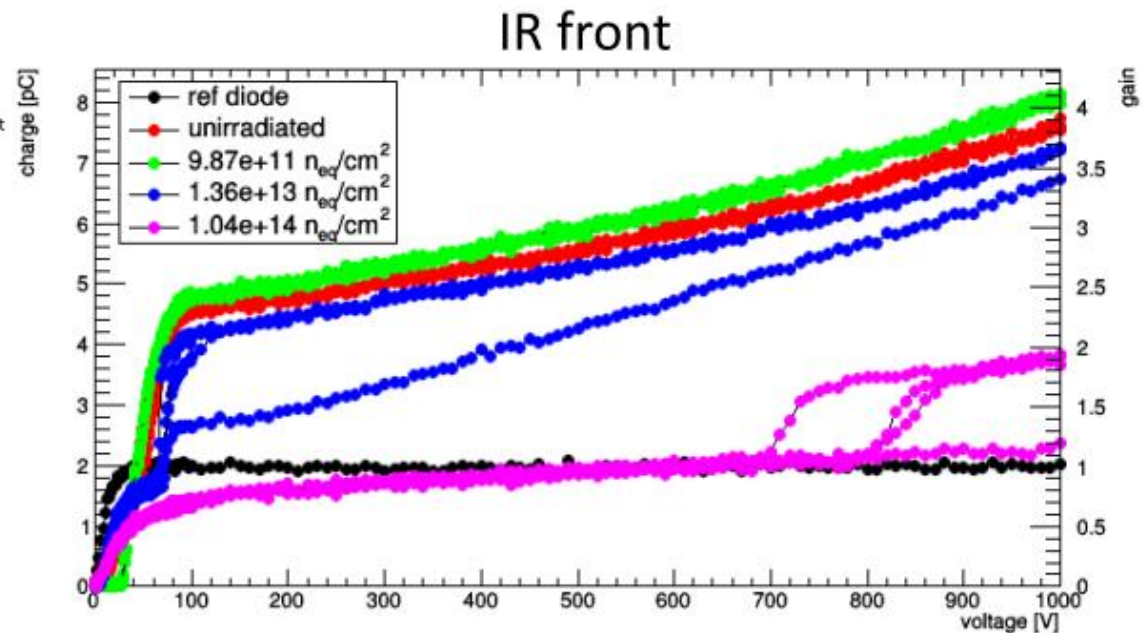
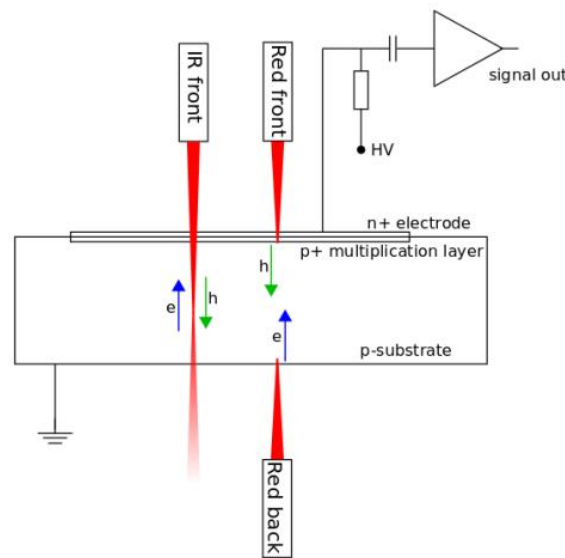
Measuring absolute charge collection for MIP with LHC-type electronics.

Improvement of signal for a **factor 8** at 300 V before irradiation

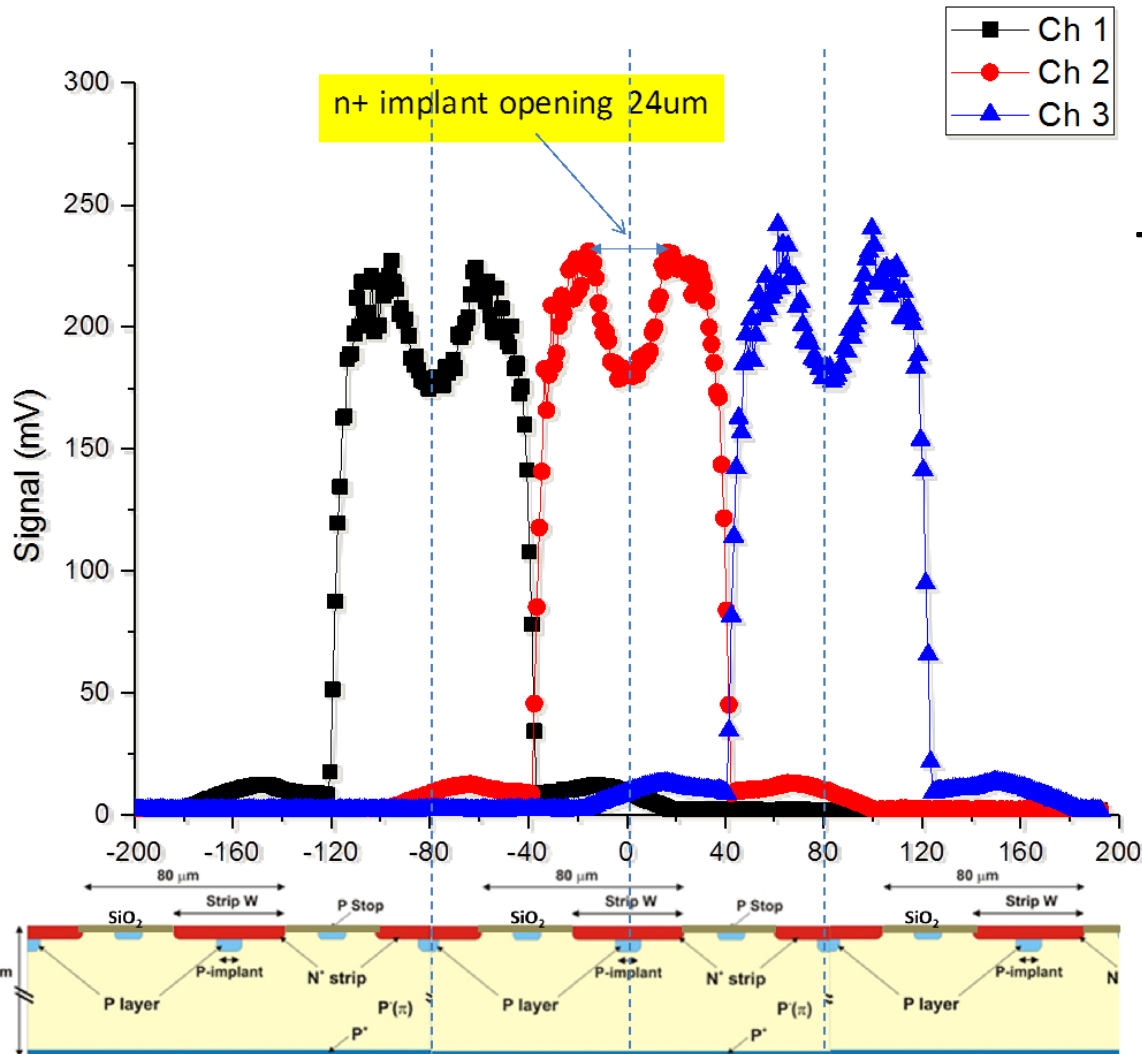
No significant increase of noise – dominated by series noise

# Pad LGAD radiation tolerance (neutrons)

- Neutron radiation tolerance assessment with IR laser measurement (gamma campaign in preparation).
- No gain degradation observed up to  $1E13$   $n_{eq}/cm^2$



# ustrip PIN: Laser transversal scan



PIN structure no p++ layer

TCT Basic Information:

100 V

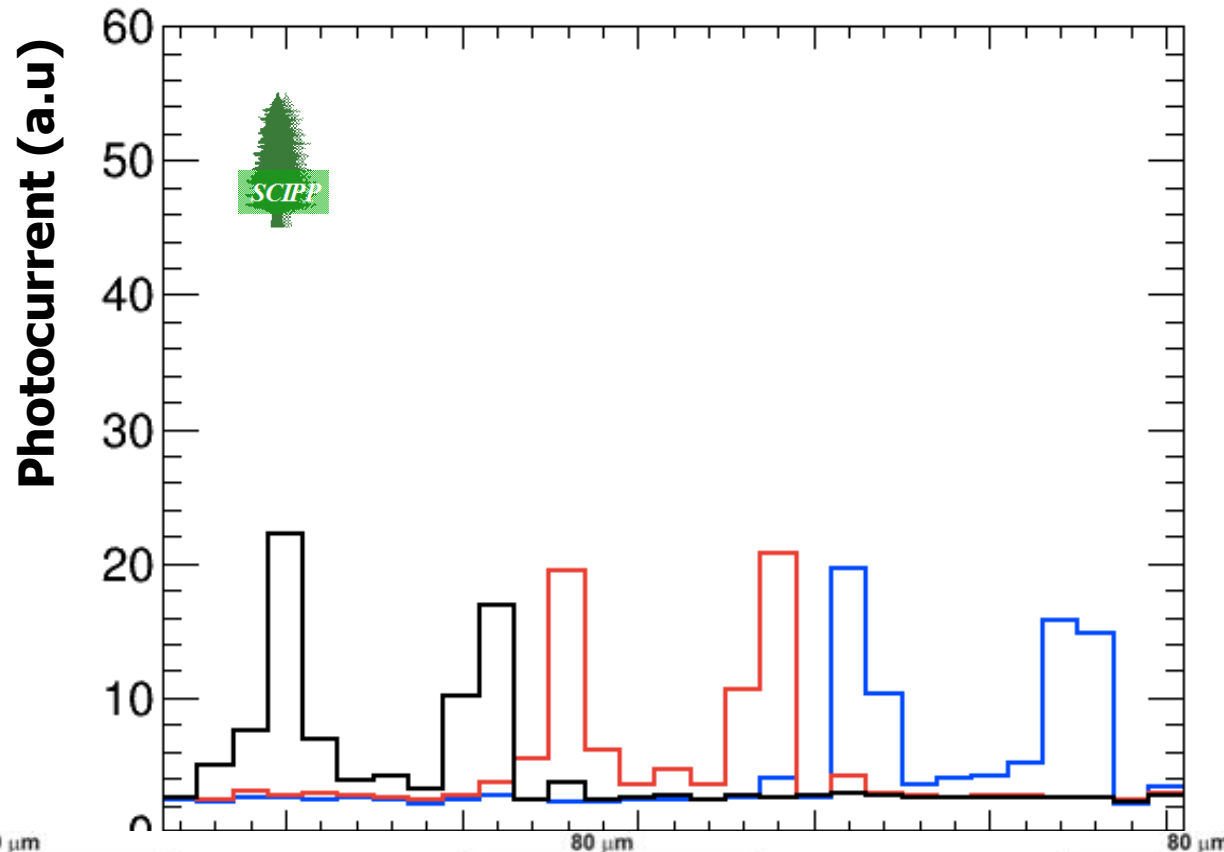
Red Laser from Top

All 3 Channels Connected to CSA

Strips **Without Metal**

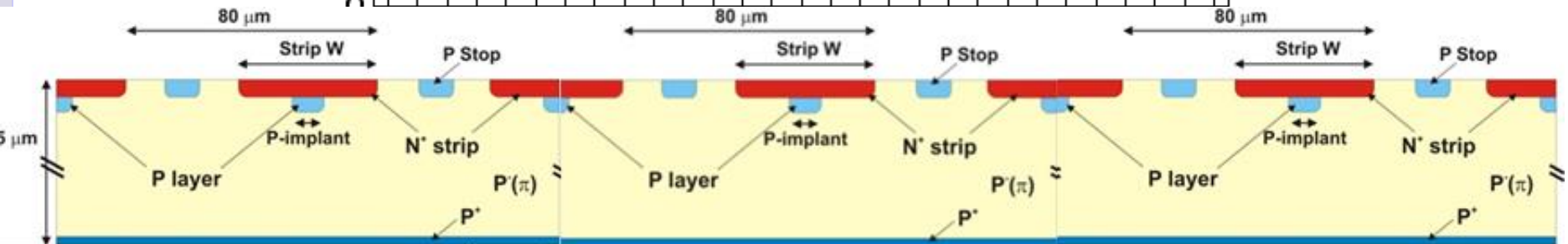


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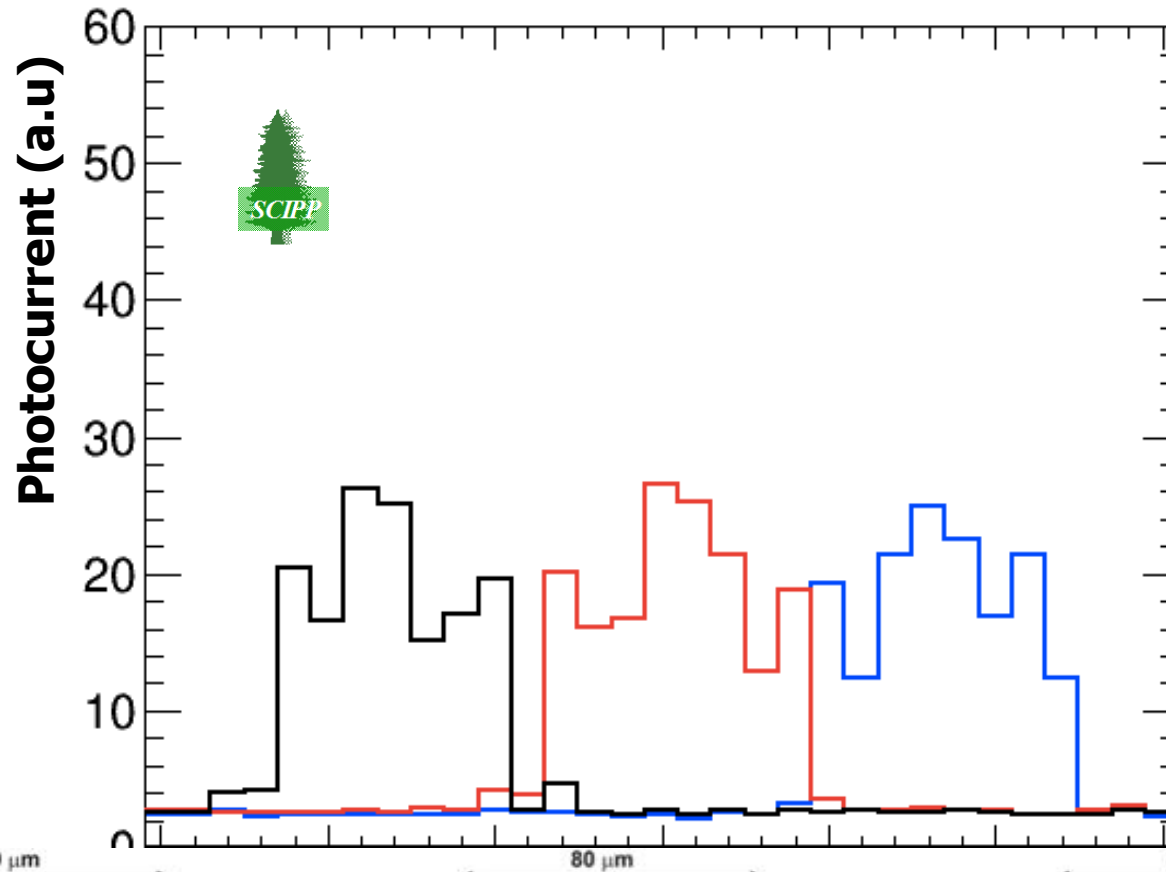


Vbias  
50 V

**Small signal**  
Drop at center  
of the strip  
(n++ doping)

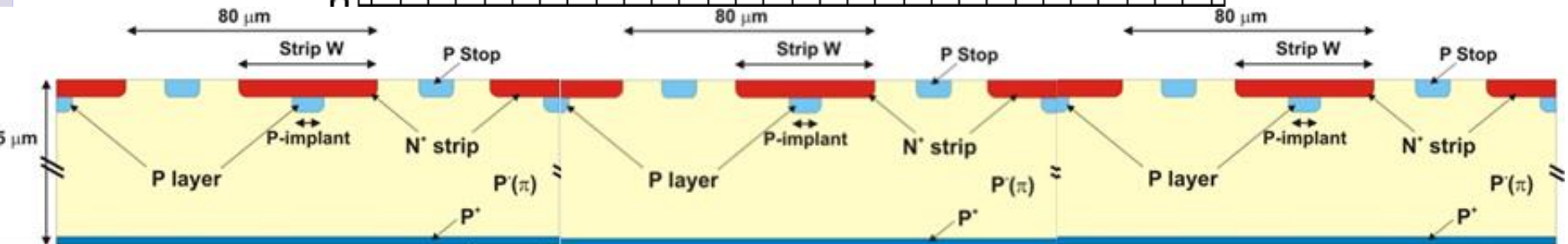


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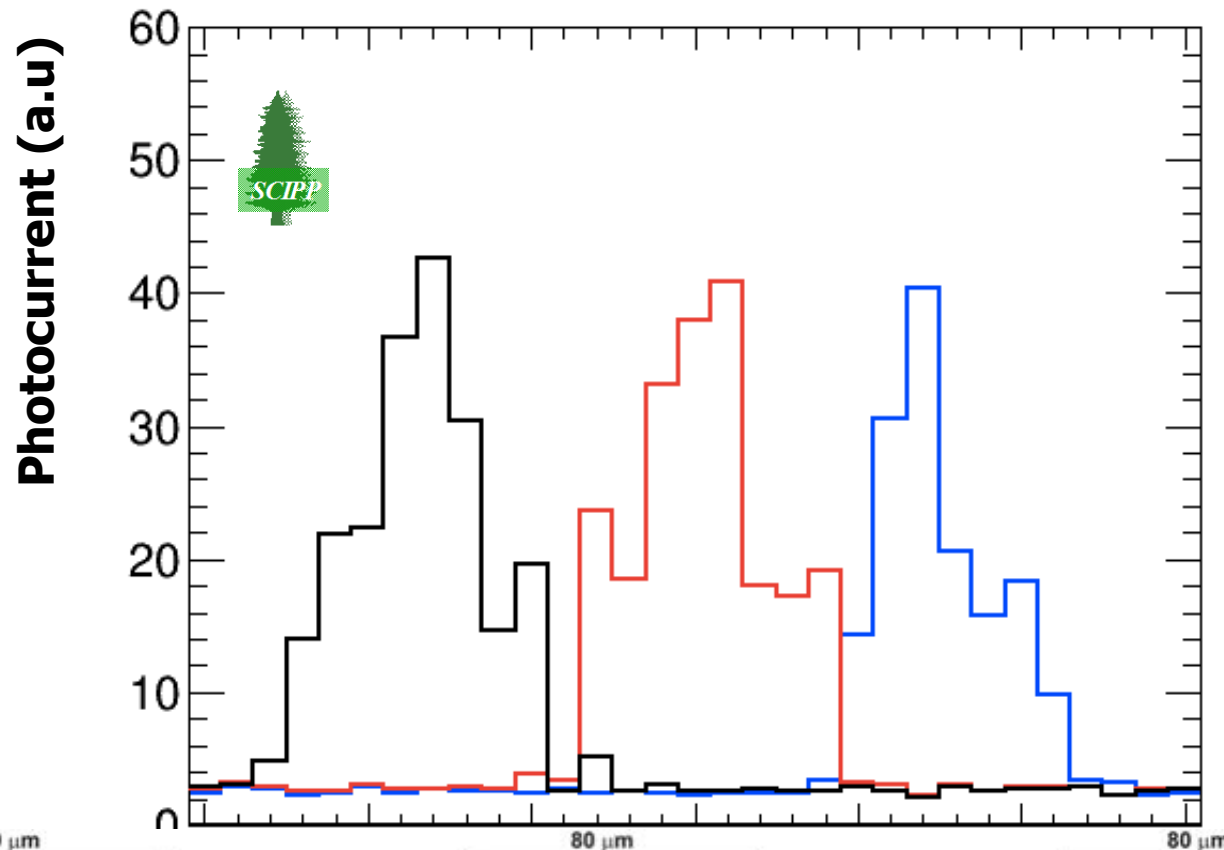


Vbias  
100 V

**Clear signal**  
at center of  
the strip  
(multiplication  
layer)



# ustrip LGAD: Transversal Red laser scan



Vbias  
150 V

**Larger signal**  
at center of  
the strip  
(multiplication  
layer)

