

IFMP WORKSHOP IN IONIAN UNIVERSITY, CORFU, GREECE

Friday 10/11/2017 11:00

INNOVATION IN BIOENGINEERING

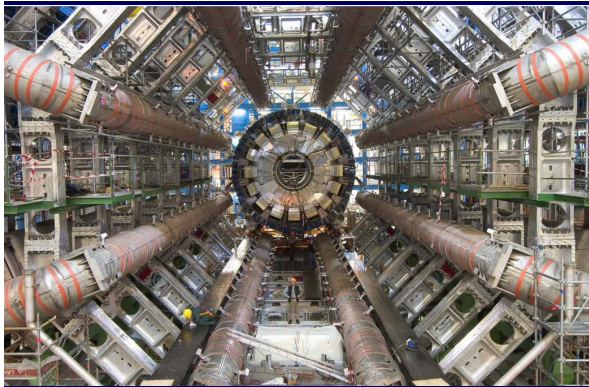
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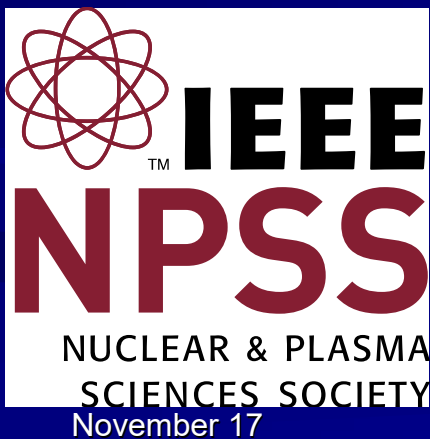
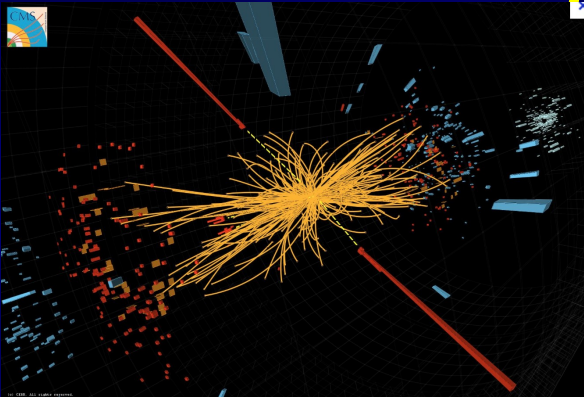
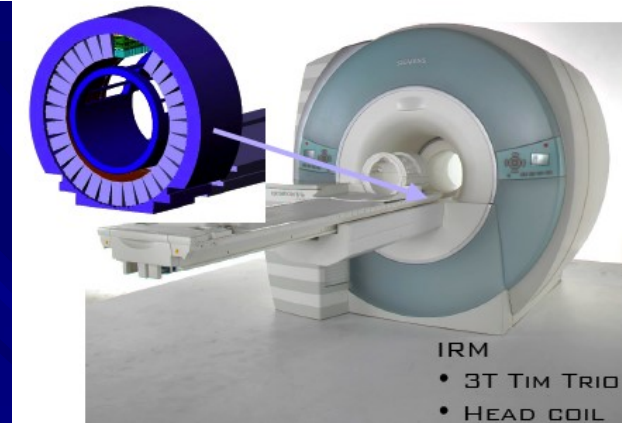
Using my own experience during the last 47 years of working on radiation detectors in particle physics experiments, I will try to give an overview of what were the evolution and the application of the recent developments in the biomedical field especially in tomography (TEP) and Xray imaging.

The topics developed are :

- Radiation detectors material
- Photodetectors
- Electronics
- Data acquisition
- Computing , simulation and data sciences

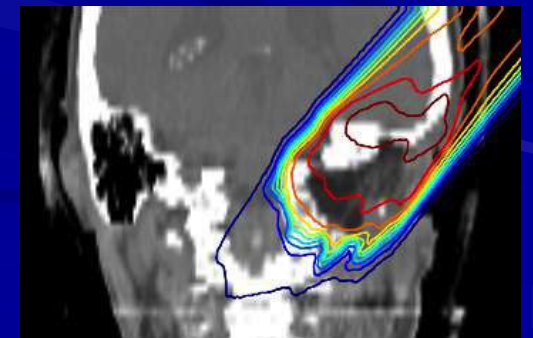


Innovation in bioengineering



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Goals of this presentation

- Using my own experience during the last 47 years of working on RI detectors → try to give a flavor of what could be the application of the recent evolution and developments in the biomedical field



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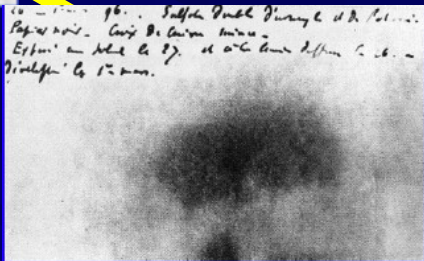
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How physics discoveries have impacted our life (1)



1895
W.C. Rontgen
Discovery of X Ray



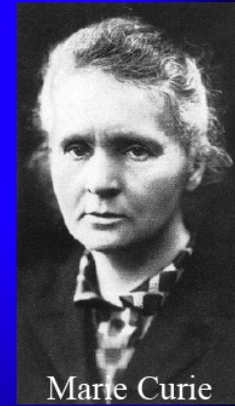
1896 - Discovery of the natural radioactivity by Henri Becquerel

First image of potassium uranyl disulfide

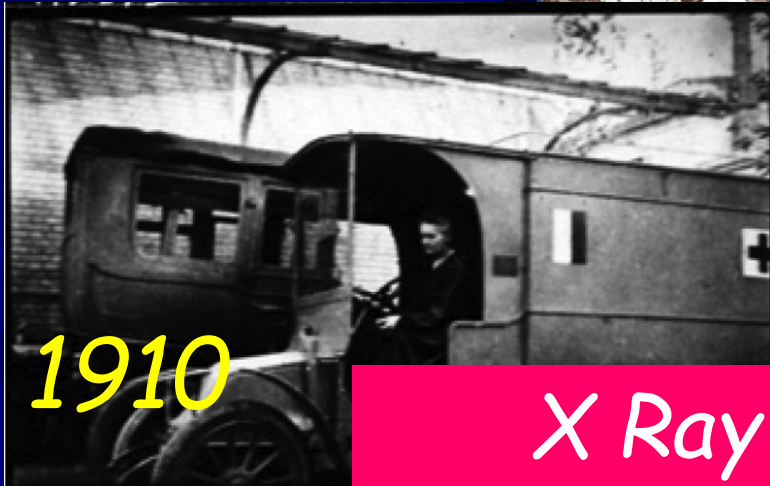


RADIOACTIVITY

- 1898 Polonium
Radium
- 1903 Nobel Prize
together with Pierre
- 1911 Nobel Prize
allone



1898
Pierre and Marie Curie
the Radioactivity
Polonium, Radium



1910

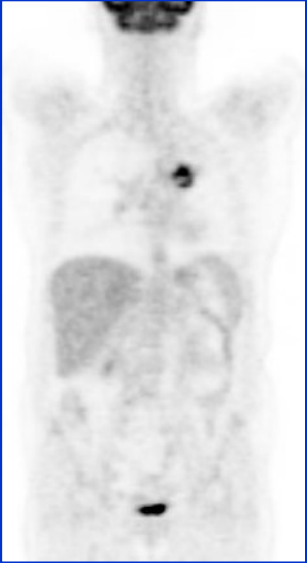
X Ray
Radiography

1923 - The Tracer principle
'G.V.Hevesy- the father of
nuclear medicine

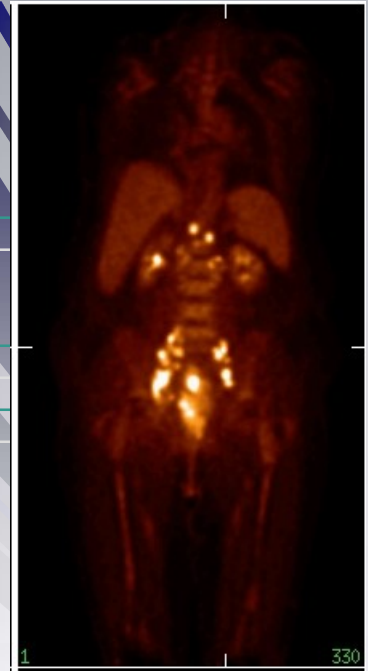


Tracer

G.V.HEVESY



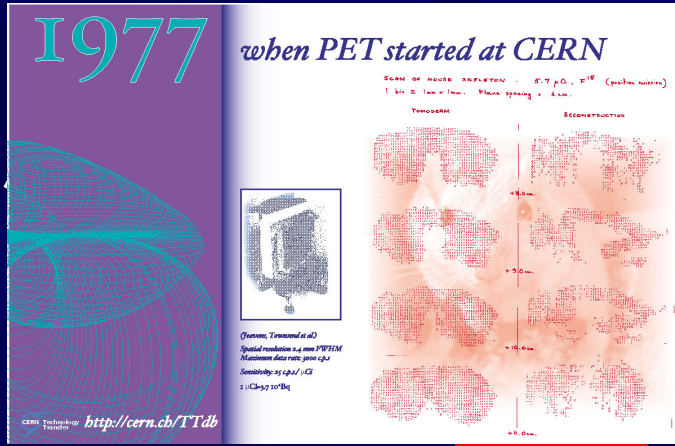
The best 'typical example → The PET



PET imaging From past, present to future

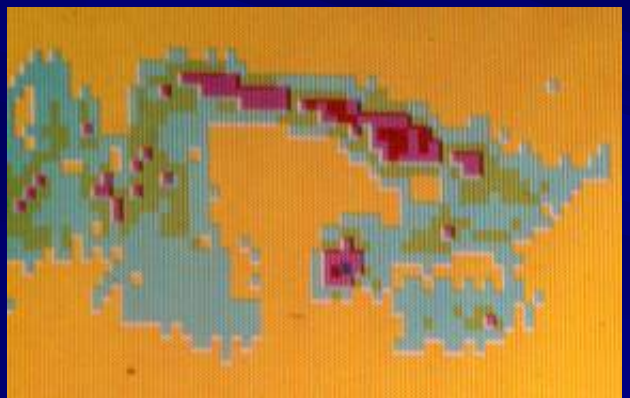


Historical Evolution of PET



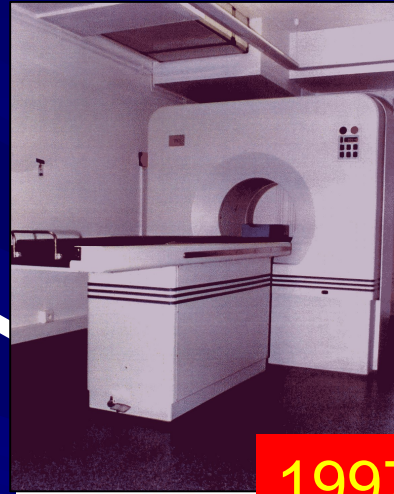
First Steps
Townsend & Jeavons

1977

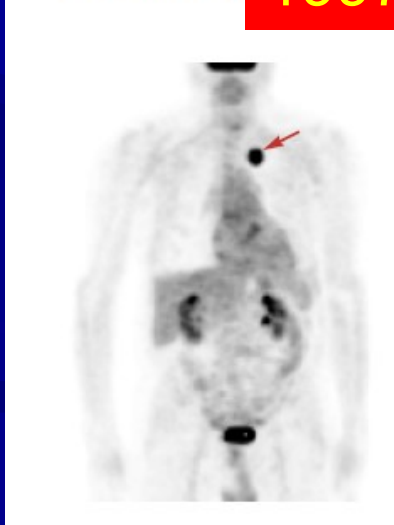
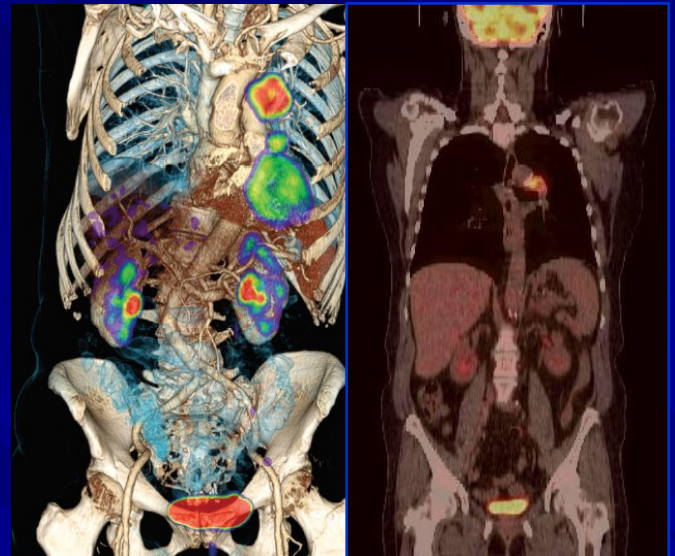


First mouse imaging with ^{18}F

C-PET Philips



1997



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2007

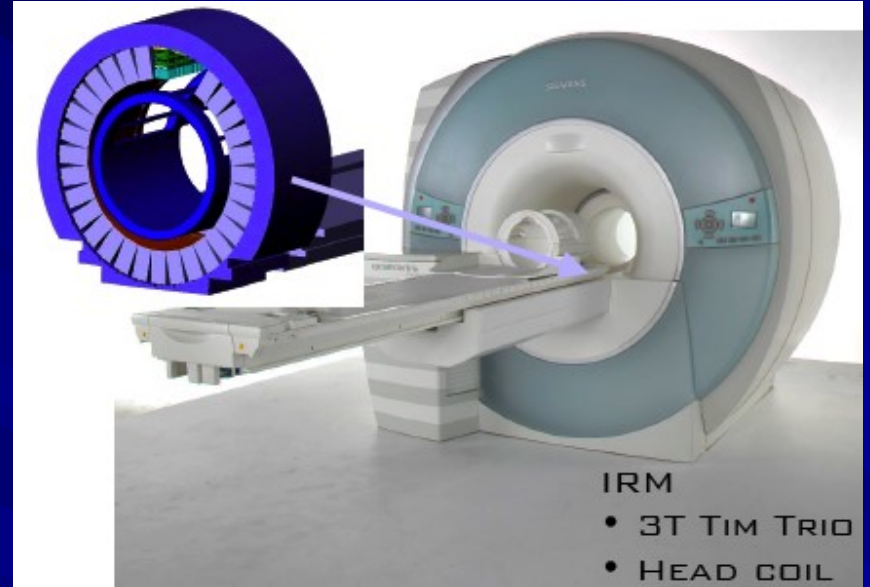
Biograph PET + X ray-CT

From Today ---> Tomorrow Challenge



TDM/PET-TOF (300 psec)

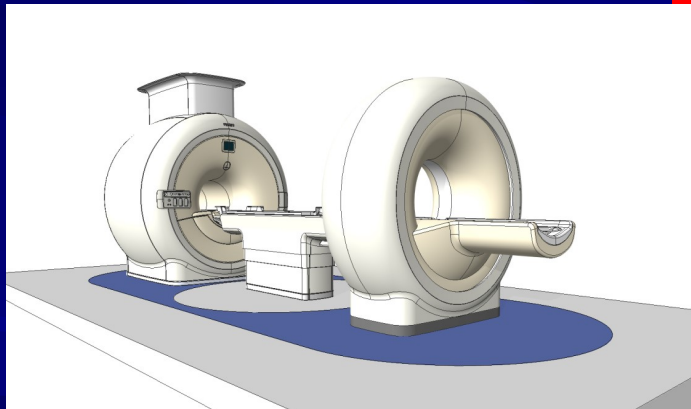
Today
2017



IRM

- 3T TIM TRIO
- HEAD COIL

Siemens



Philips

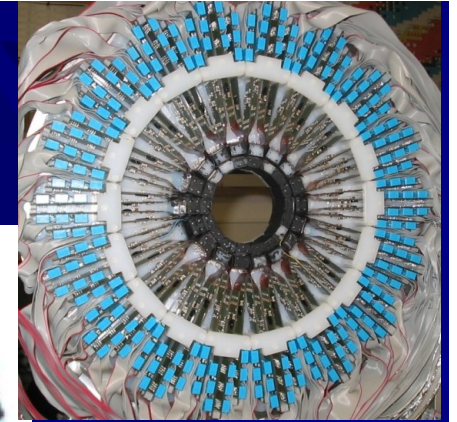
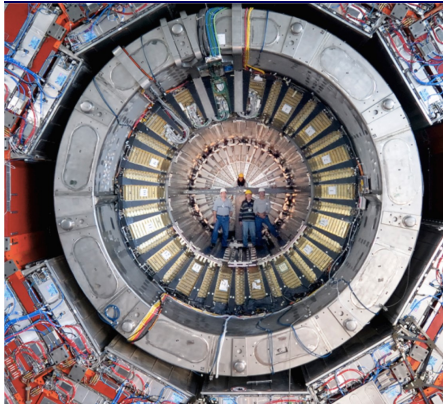
PET-MRI

2027 ?



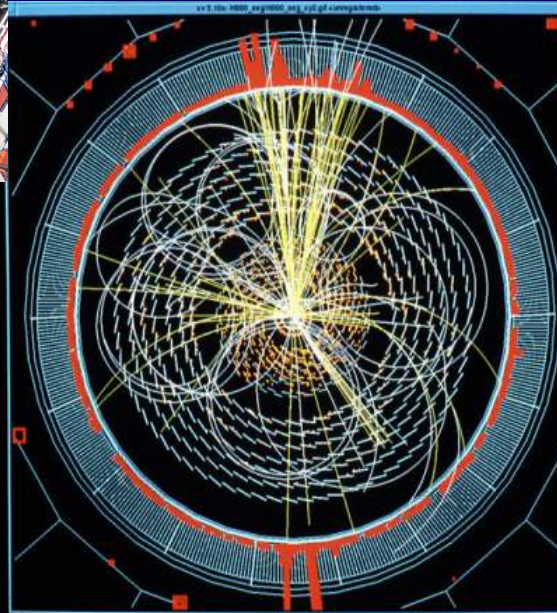
HEP & PET

Similarities and differences

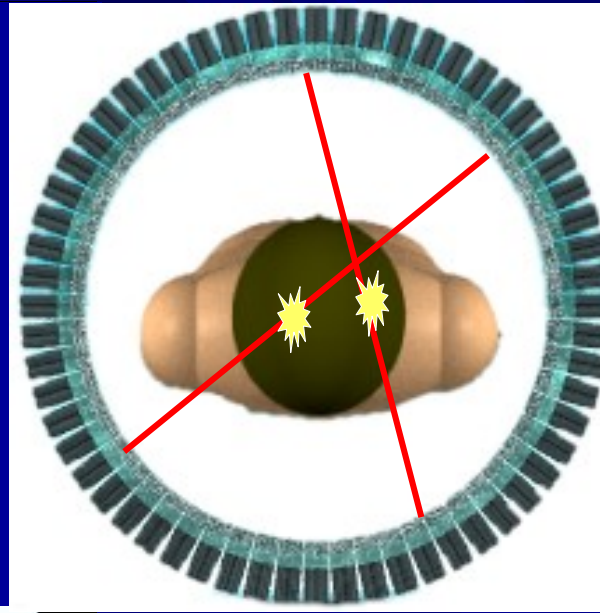


Calorimeter

HEP



$M_{\text{Higgs}} = 100 \text{ GeV}$

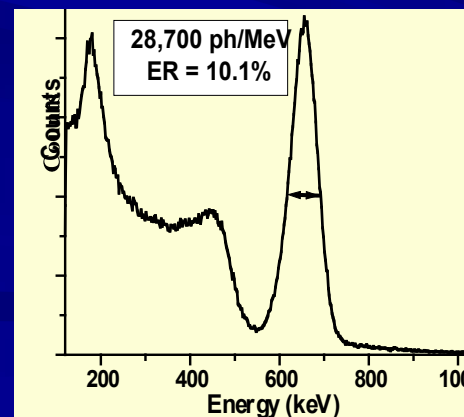


PET
Camera

Biomedical
Imaging

Similarities

Geometry and granularity
 Detector (Crystals & scintillator)
 Sensor Photodetectors (PMT, APD)
 Digitizers: ADC, TDC,
 Data volume (Gbytes)



Differences

Energy range
 (10 GeV \rightarrow -511 keV)
 Event Rate 40 \rightarrow 10 MHz

No synchronization
 Self triggered electronics
 Multiple vertices

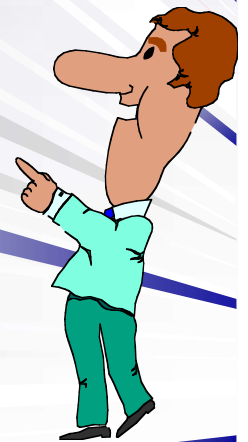
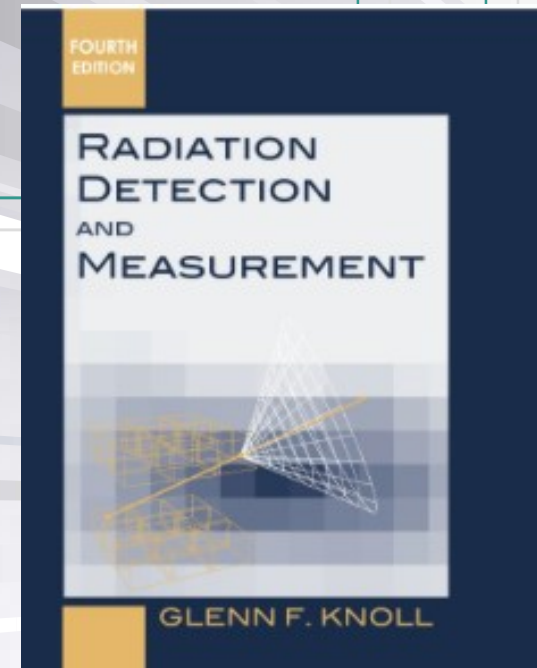
Few words about Particle Physics Detector

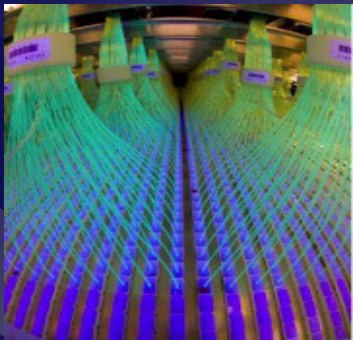
**Radiation
Instrumentation
The Bible
Glenn Knoll**



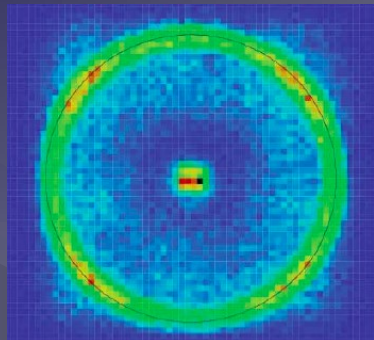
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Osaka Real Time System School



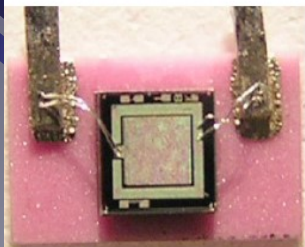


T2K
scintillators
WLS fiber
60000 SiPM



Belle2 RICHs
single γ

SiPM: MEPHI /PULSAR



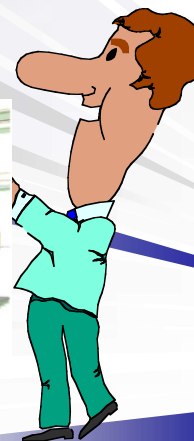
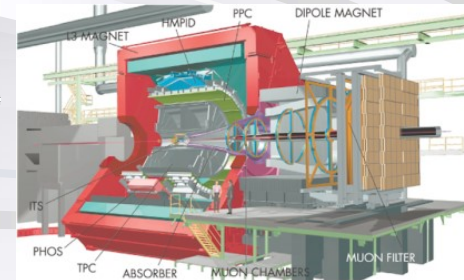
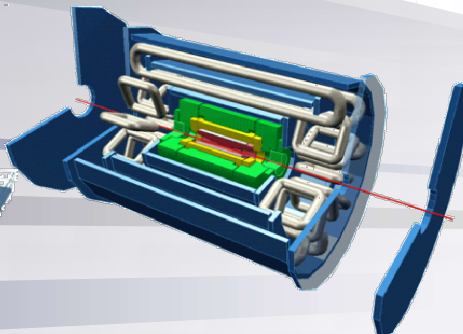
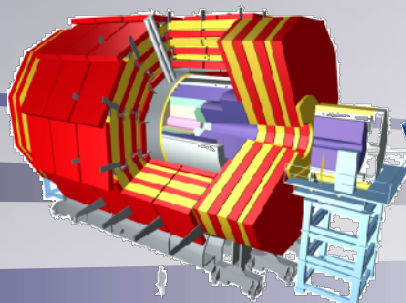
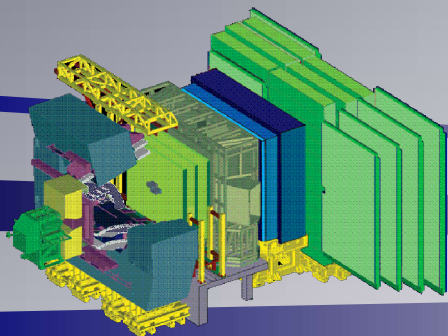
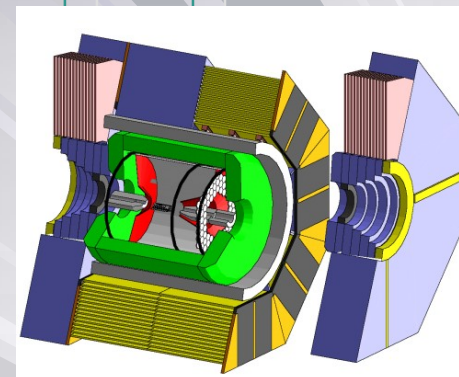
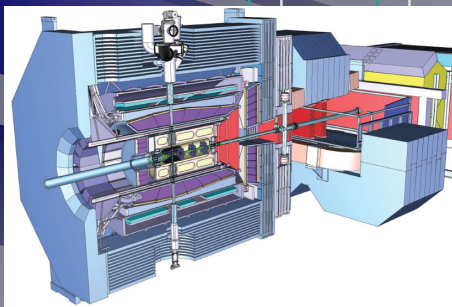
1x1 mm² 1156 pixels

ILC - CALICE
8x10⁶ SiPM



CMS HCAL
2 x10³ SiPM

Some technologies that can make a breakthrough

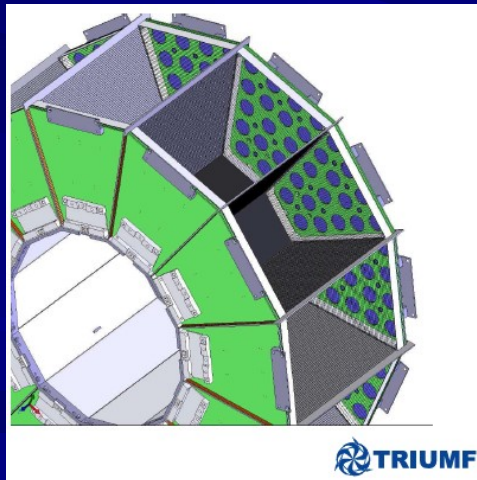


Material for photon detection



LSO

- Standard : Crystal
 - From LEP/ L3 BGO ,LHC/ CMS PbO4
 - → Crystal Clear Collaboration.
- Possible 'exotics' alternatives: LXenon, MG-RPC's ... ????



Liquid Xenon

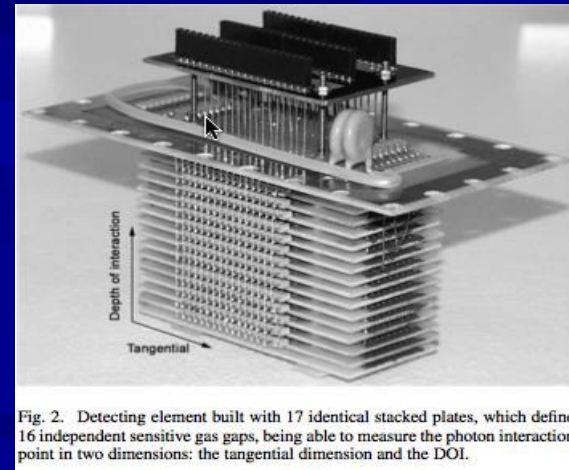


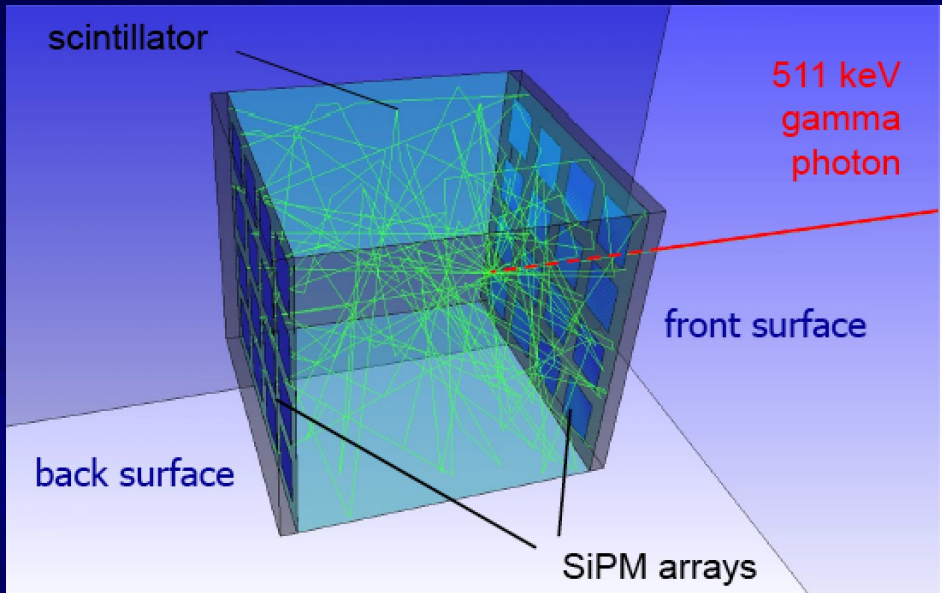
Fig. 2. Detecting element built with 17 identical stacked plates, which define 16 independent sensitive gas gaps, being able to measure the photon interaction point in two dimensions: the tangential dimension and the DOI.

Scintillators for PET

	1962	1977	1995	1999	2001	2003	2007
	NaI	BGO	GSO:Ce	LSO:Ce	LuAP:Ce	LaBr ₃ :Ce	LuAG:Ce
Density (g/cm ³)	3.67	7.13	6.71	7.40	8.34	5.29	6.73
Atomic number	51	75	59	66	65	47	63
Photofraction	0.17	0.35	0.25	0.32	0.30	0.13	0.30
Decay time (ns)	230	300	30-60	35-45	17	18	60
Light output (hv/MeV)	43000	8200	12500	27000	11400	70000	>25000
Peak emission (nm)	415	480	430	420	365	356	535
Refraction index	1.85	2.15	1.85	1.82	1.97	1.88	1.84

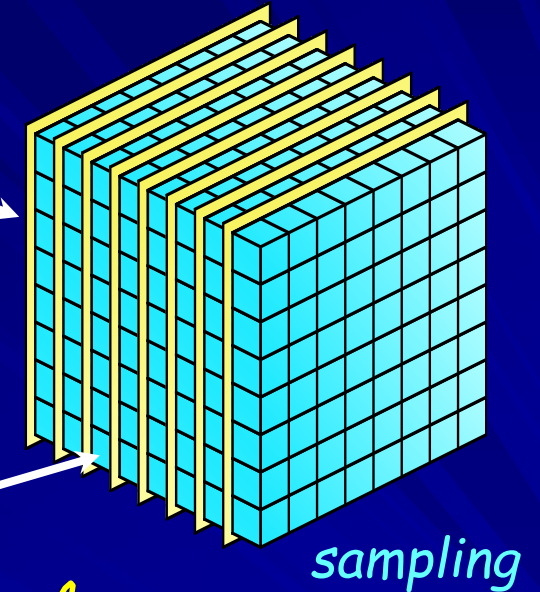
■ No Scintillator with Superior Properties in All Aspects

On going DOI development



Photodetector Array (SiPM/LAMCP)

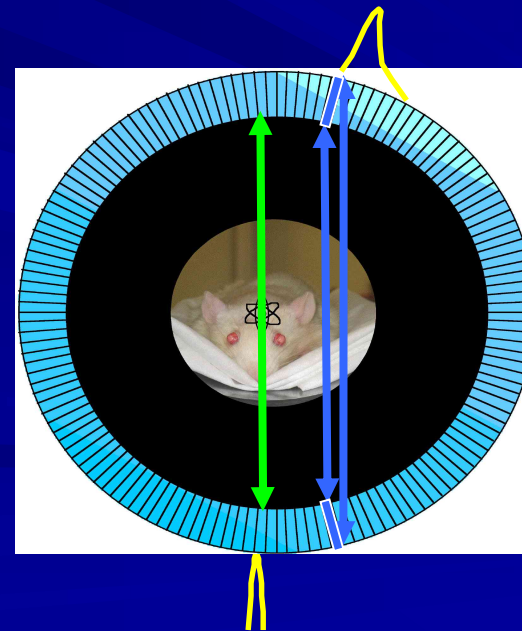
Scintillator Array



*Monolithic scintillator
D;Shaart TUDelf*

■ Goal

- _ TOF: 100 psec resolution
- _ Position : 1 mm
- _ DOI* capability



*Depth Of Interaction

What is the limit for TOF ?

Hardware	Δt (ps)	TOF Gain
BGO Block Detector	3000	0.8
LSO Block (non-TOF)	1400	1.7
LSO Block (TOF)	550	4.2
LaBr ₃ Block	350	6.7
LSO Single Crystal	210	11.1
LuI ₃ Single Crystal	125	18.7
LaBr₃ Single Crystal	70	33.3

~350 ps Intrinsic Detector Resolution today

New 'picosecond development → 100 psec goal

Photodetectors



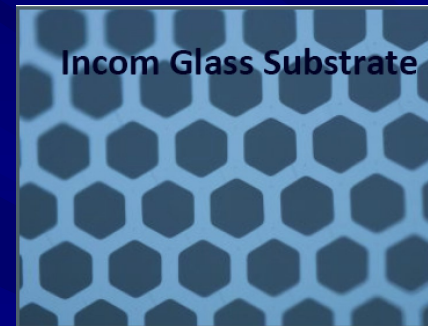
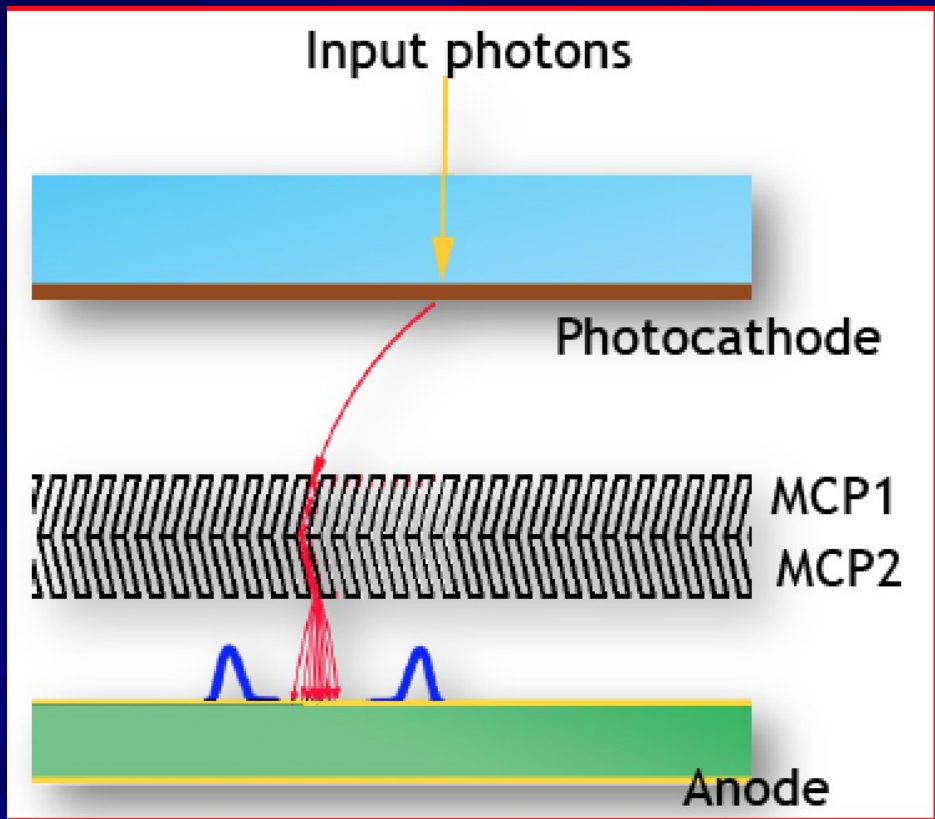
Photomultiplier tubes (PMT)

- Standard : PMT → Use since 75 years (RCA 1936)
 - Large gain, high QE, and stability.
 - But bulky, sensitive to magnetic field
- In 70"s → > 10 manufacturers (EMI, RCA ...)
- 2000's → 75% production for medical (Spect/, PET)
- Today only 2 (Hamamatsu & Photonis)
 - -> **closing their main PMT factories**
- However → New technological developments
 - LAPPD (UC Chicago & Argonne)
 - Tynode (H. Van Der Graaf)

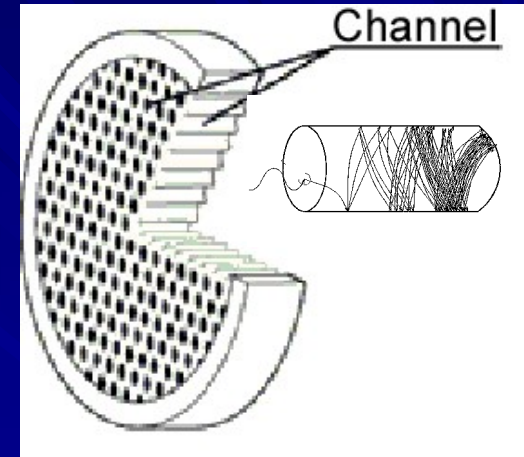


Micro Channel Plate → How does it work ?

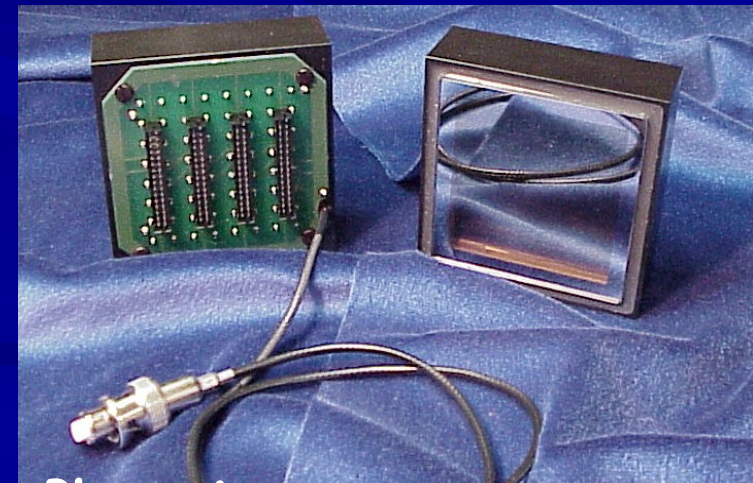
- High, gain $> 10^7$, low noise, low power, $\sigma(t) < 10$ psec, $\sigma(x) < 1$ mm
- Goal → large area, low cost:
(since intrinsic time and space scales are set by the)



Atomic Layer
deposition (ALD)



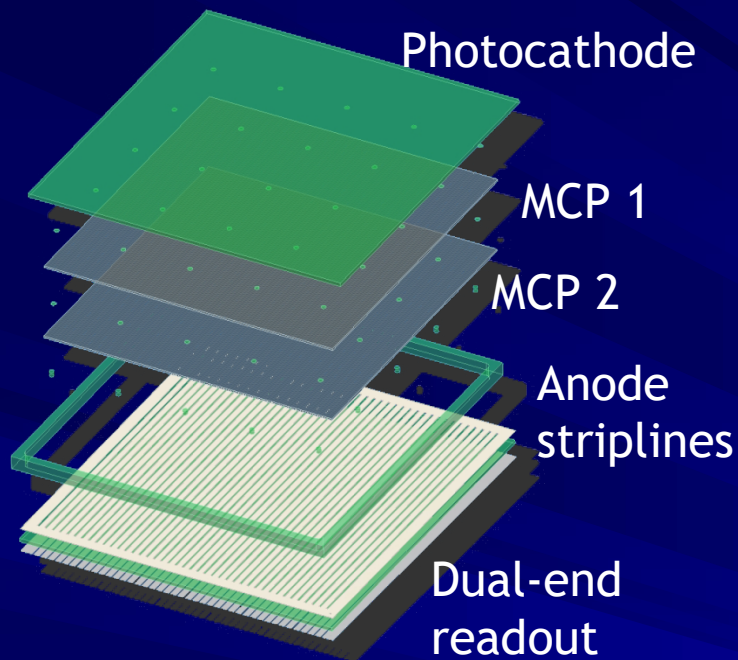
pore sizes 2-20 μm



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Large Area Micro-Channel Plates Devices



LAPPD project : Chicago-ANL-Hawaii

Large Area: 200 x 200 mm²

- Flat Geometry
- PMT Sensitivity: QE >20% w/bi-alkali photocathode
- Picosecond Timing: resolution <60 pS,
- Sub-mm spatial resolution
- Lower Cost per Unit Area

Transmission lines 2D readout:

limits the number of electronic channels compared to pixels

Electronics

- GigaSample/s Waveform Sampling and Digital Processing

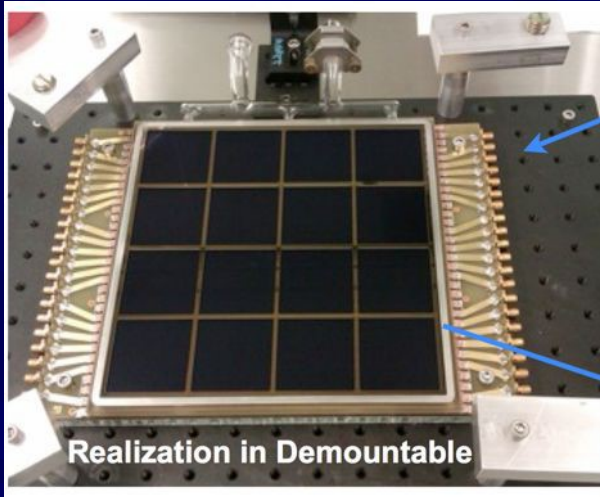


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Coming
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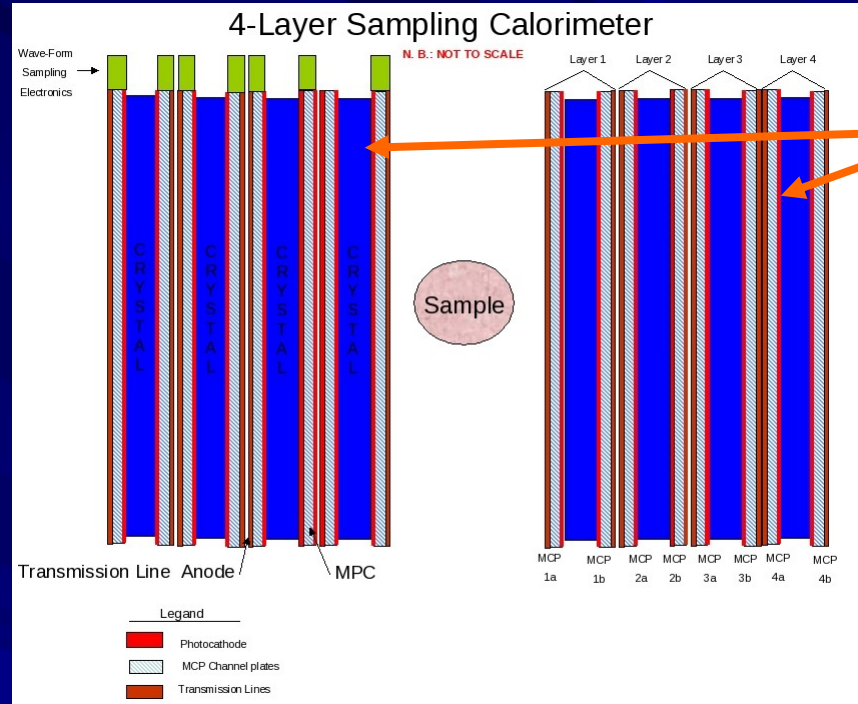


A Super Module holds 12 tiles in 32 rows. 15 waveform sampling ASICs on each end of the tray. Digitize 90 strips. 2 layers of local Processing (Altera) measure extract Charge, time, position, goodness of fit

<http://psec.uchicago.edu/>

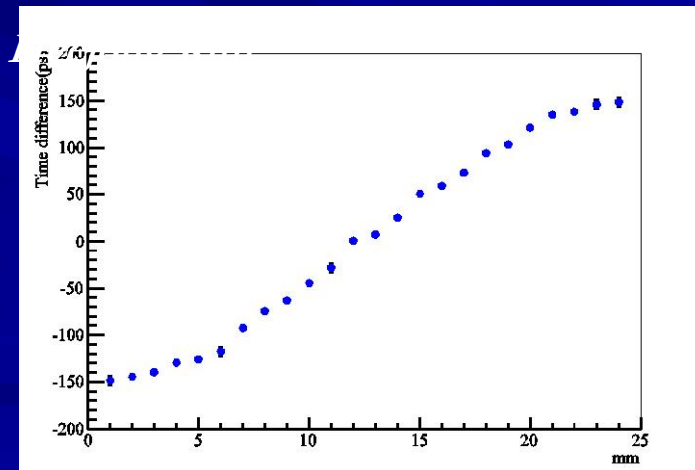
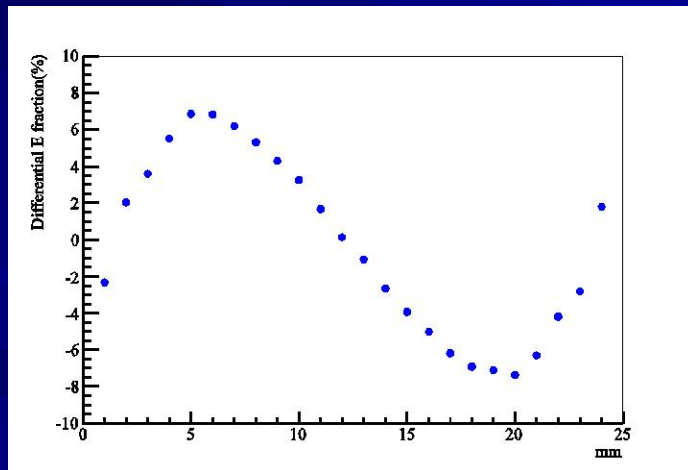
Application in Medical Imaging (PET)

Can we solve the depth-of-interaction problem and also use cheaper faster radiators?



Alternating radiator and cheap 30-50 psec planar mcp-pmt's on each side

Simulations by Heejong Kim (Chicago)



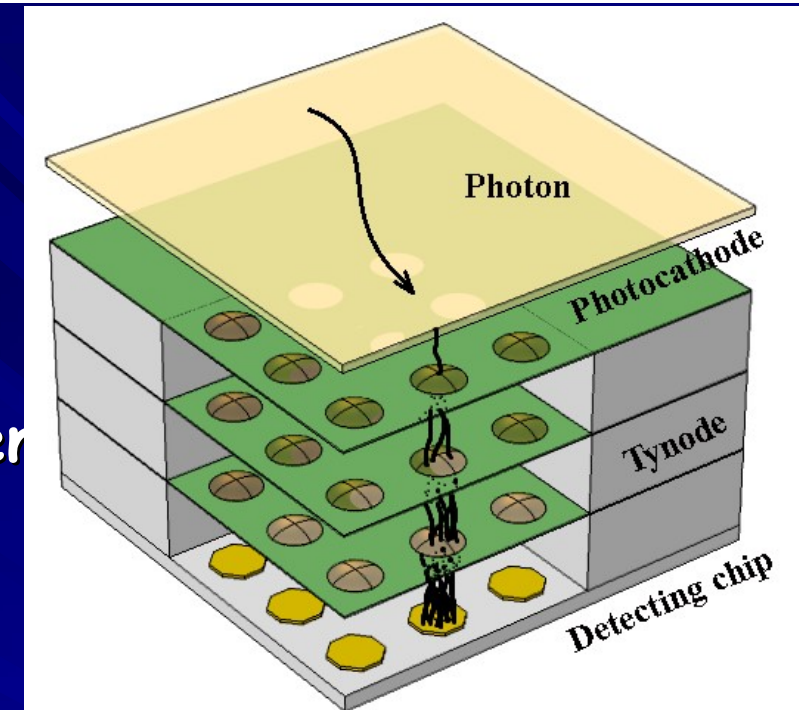
November 17 11/24/2017 *Depth in crystal by time-difference*

Corfu-2017IFMP- *Depth in crystal by energy-asymmetry*

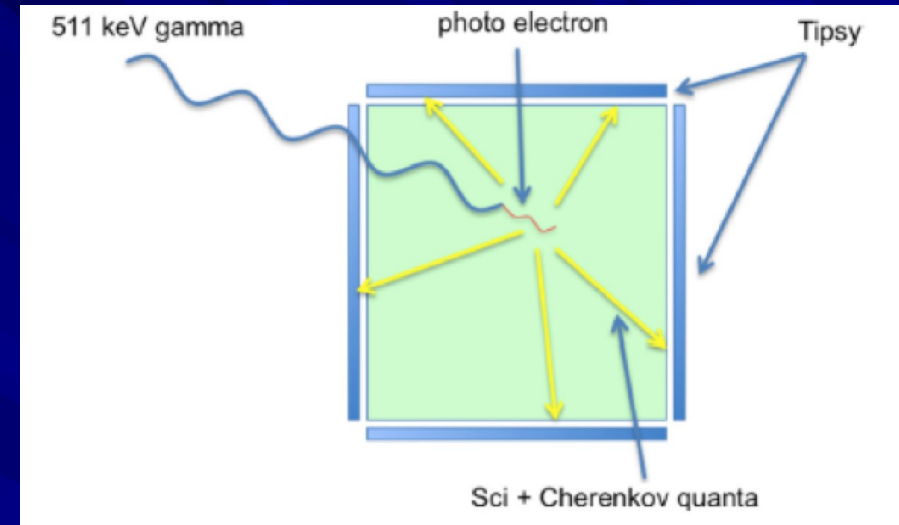
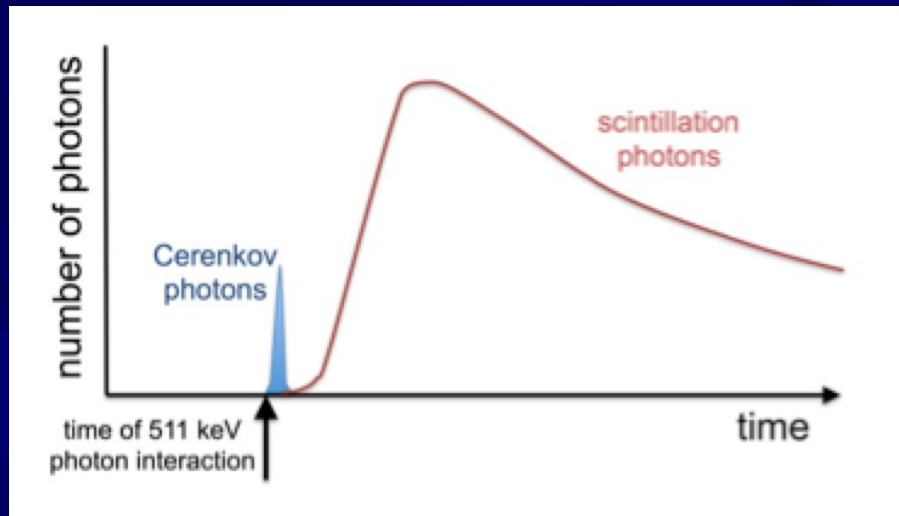
TYNODE:typsi Membrane Project (H.Van Der Graaf) Nikhef-TU Delft-BNL-Photonis

- detection efficiency: Quantum Efficiency
- single (digital) soft photon detectors
- time resolution
- 2D spatial resolution
- Principle = **active photocathode**

- → drift field pushing electrons to emission vacuum surface
- electric field created in between by potential defining graphene planes
- all layers build up individually by *atomic layer deposition ALD*
- electron emission stimulated by negative electron affinity by *termination*
- First designed after *ab initio* simulations of 3D atomic building blocks
- <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2016.11.064>.



Principle of Cherenkov PET-TOF with Large MCP or Tynode



- Cherenkov photons created after the absorption a 511 Kev annihilation photon in a lead glass cube are read out all the sides
- 4D (X,Y,Z,t) measurement of conversion point of 511 keV quantum
- Needs:
 - • Dense materials with high index of refraction and high transparency in blue/UV like PbF₂ → **single photondetection**
 - • Photodetectors with high blue/UV sensitivity and low noise

Solid State Photodetectors

- 1980 → PIN diode for SLAC SLD calorimeter
- 1985 → APD's EGG (McIntyre)
 - First Sherbrooke animal PET (Roger Lecomte)
 - SDC and CMS EM calorimeter read out
- 2000 → SiPM (MPPC ..) arrays in Geiger mode
- 2005 → DSiPM
- Today → Many providers & development (Philips, Hamamatsu, RMD ...)
- **New commercial whole body PET use intensively SiPM & DSiPM**

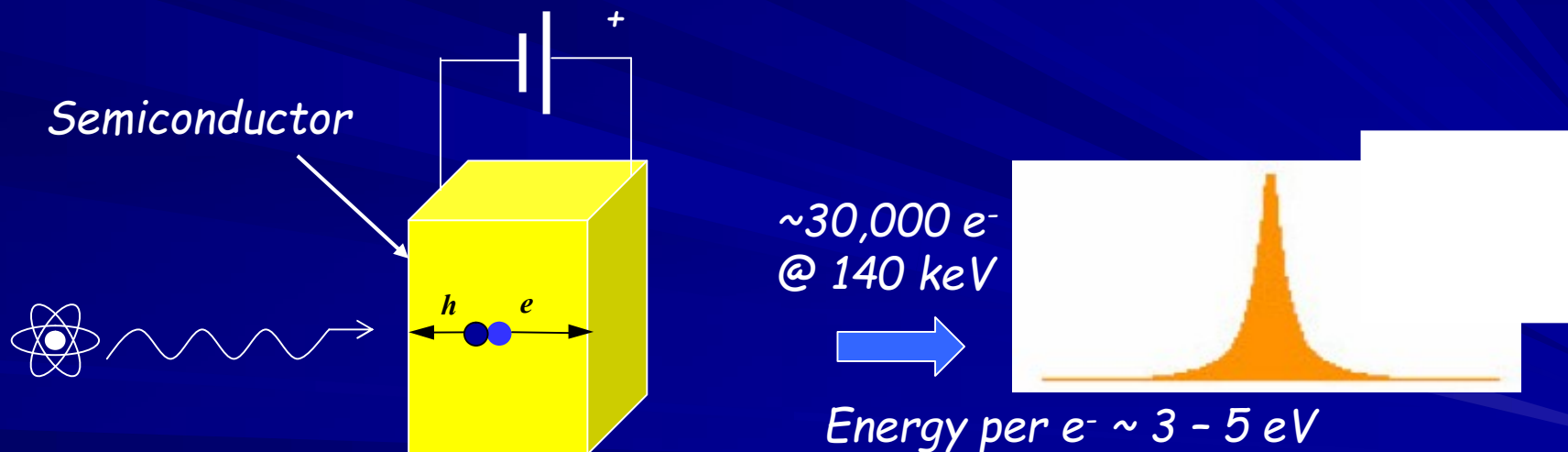
Photodetector Technologies: A Comparison

Photo detector	PMT	PIN	APD	SiPM
Technology	Vacuum-Based	Solid-State	Solid-State	Solid-State
Gain	High	Poor	Moderate	High
Detection Efficiency	Low to Moderate	High	High	Moderate to High
Noise	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Timing Response	Moderate to Fast	Slow	Slow	Fast
Packaging	Bulky	Compact	Compact	Compact
Sensitivity to Magnetic Field	Yes	No	No	No
Bias Voltage	>1kV	~50V	100–1000V	~50V

Scintillation Detectors vs Solid-State Detectors



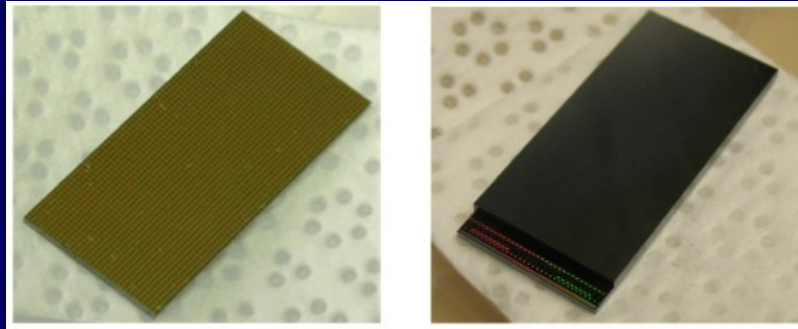
Gamma Ray --> Visible Light --> Electrical Signal (Indirect Detection)



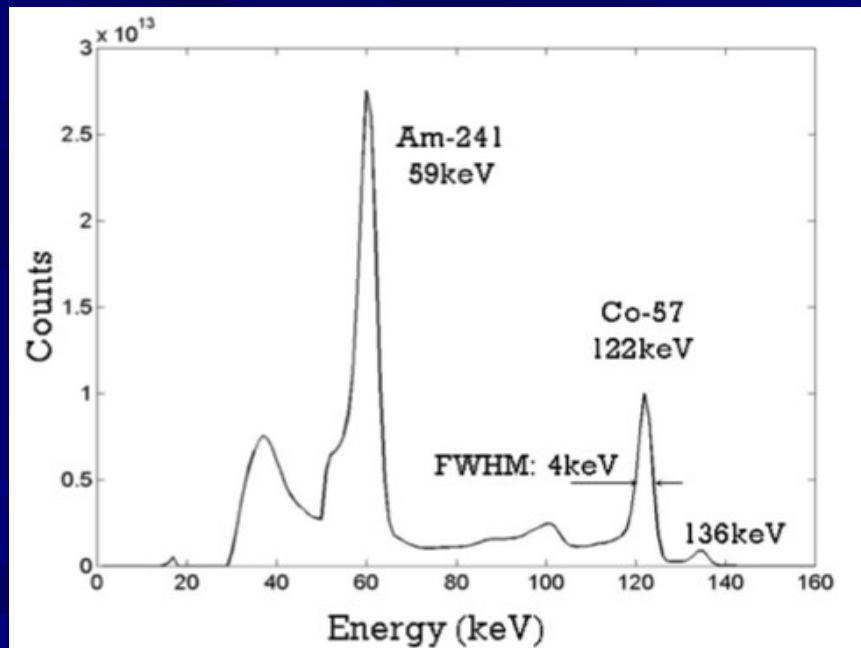
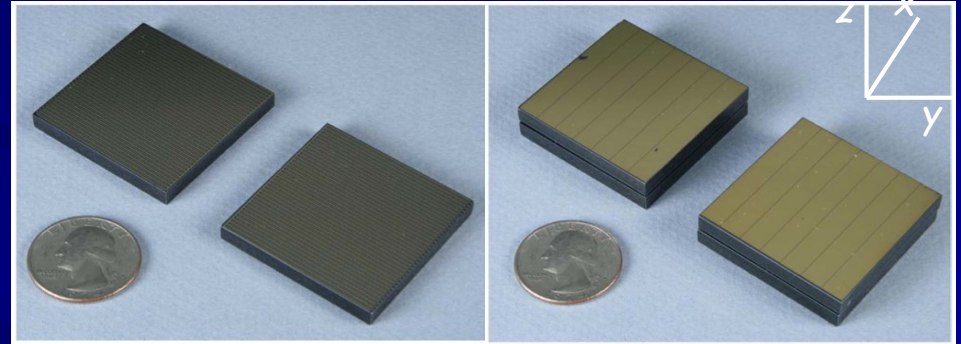
Gamma Ray --> Electrical Signal (Direct Detection)

Examples of CdTe/CdZnTe Detectors for SPECT and PET

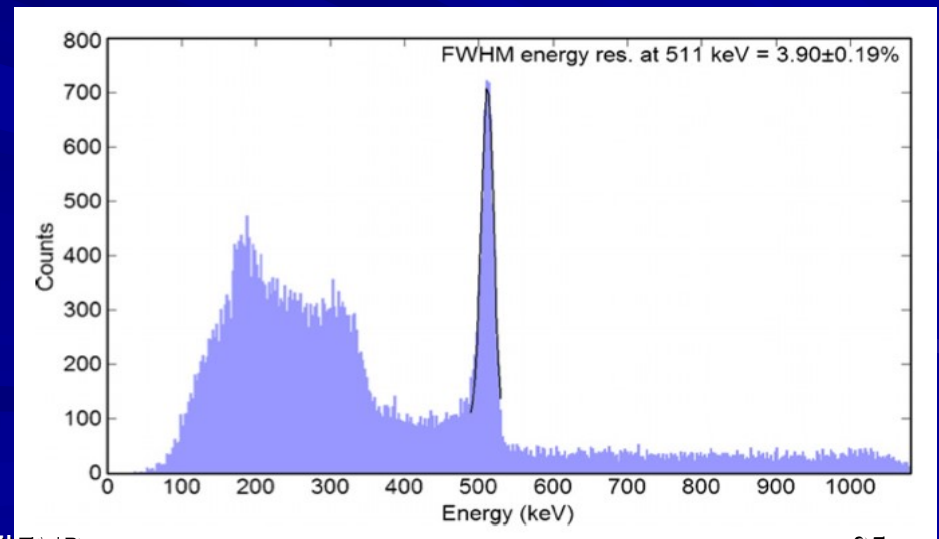
CdTe: 11x22x1 mm³, 350 μ m pixels



CdZnTe: 39x39x5 mm³, double-sided strip

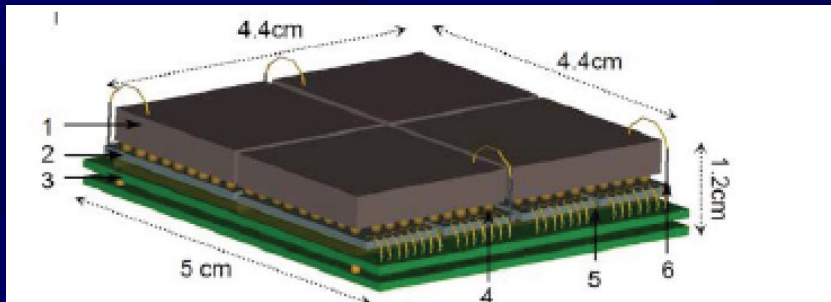


Edge-on geometry, 3-D positioning
X position: anode strip, 1 mm pitch
Z position: cathode-anode ratio, ~1 mm
Y position: cathode strip, 5 mm pitch

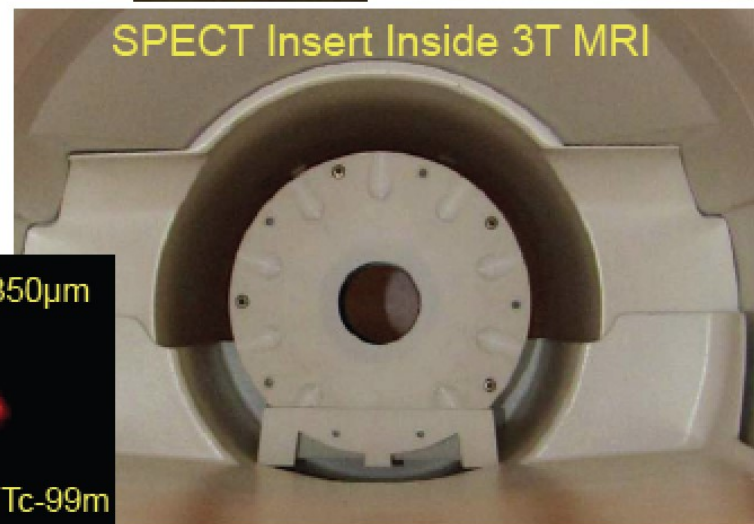
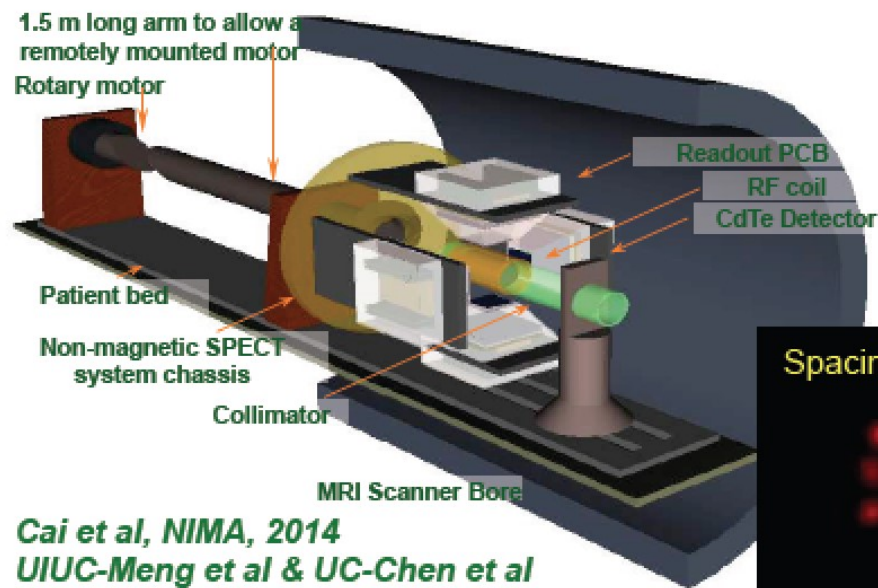
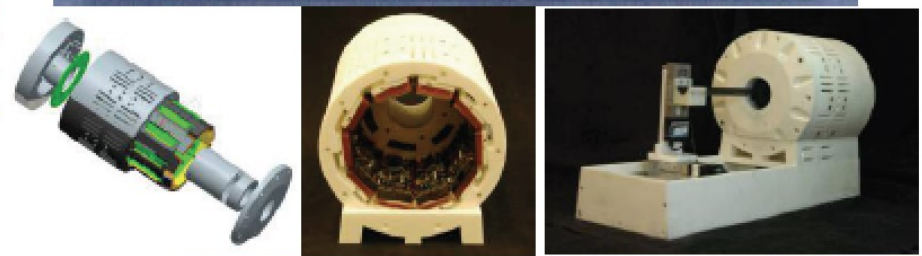
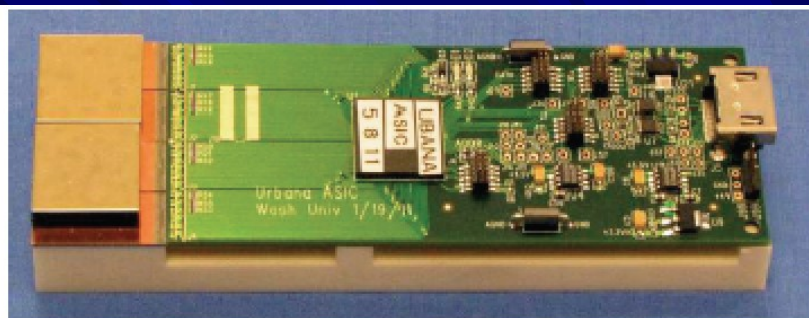


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CZT/CdTe SPECT insert for MRI



The proposed energy-resolved photon-counting (ERPC) detector. (1) CZT crystals of 4.4cm x 4.5 cm x 2-4 mm in size, (2) ERPC ASICs, (3) Readout PCBs, (4) indium bump-bonding between CZT detector to the ASIC, (5) wire-bonds between the ASIC and the PCBs and (6) Cathode signal out.



Courtesy of Chin Tu Chen (University of Chicago)

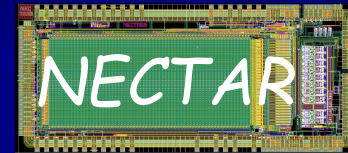
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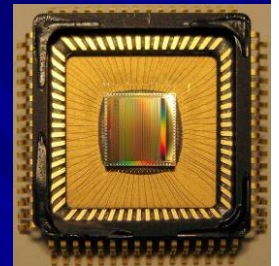
A survey of common area (cont't)

■ Front end electronics & signal treatment

- Fast shaping, integrated, low noise, low power, self trigger
- Digital filtering and signal analysis
--> Waveform Digitizer :SCA



Giga sampling chip
LAL-Saclay)



DRS4 (PSI)

■ Read Out, Trigger & DAQ

- Pipeline and parallel read-out → FPGA
- Feature extraction techniques → like Time Of Flight (TOF)
- Real Time selection → GPU's image processing
- High bandwidth networks → new telecom standard (xTCA)

■ Computing & software : handling high quantity of data

- Reconstruction, simulation & modelling --> GATE

■ Global design

- Compact integration of large number of channels

Analog memories → Waveform digitizers

Switched Capacitor Arrays (SCA)

Store signal on capacitors (~pF)

High speed (up to 5 GHz)

Slower readout (~10MHz)

High channel density

9 channels on 5x5 mm²

Dynamic range : 10-13 bits

Depth : 100-2000 cells

Low power (10-40 mW / channel)

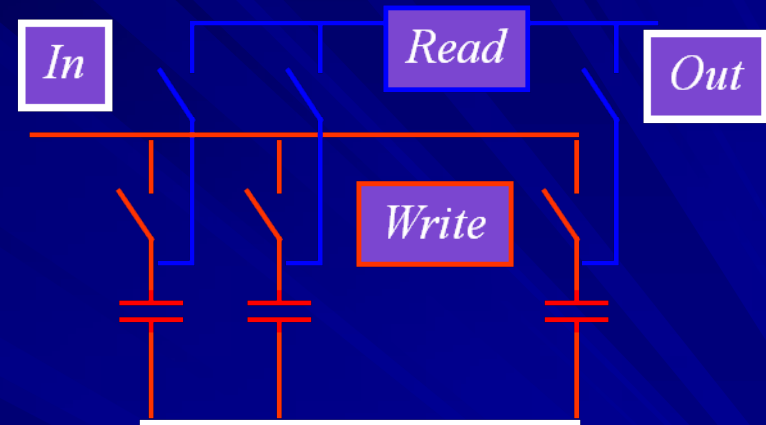
Low cost (~ 10€ / channel)

But possible loss of data integrity

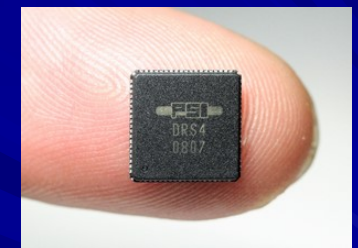
limited depth

leakage current,

non linear timing

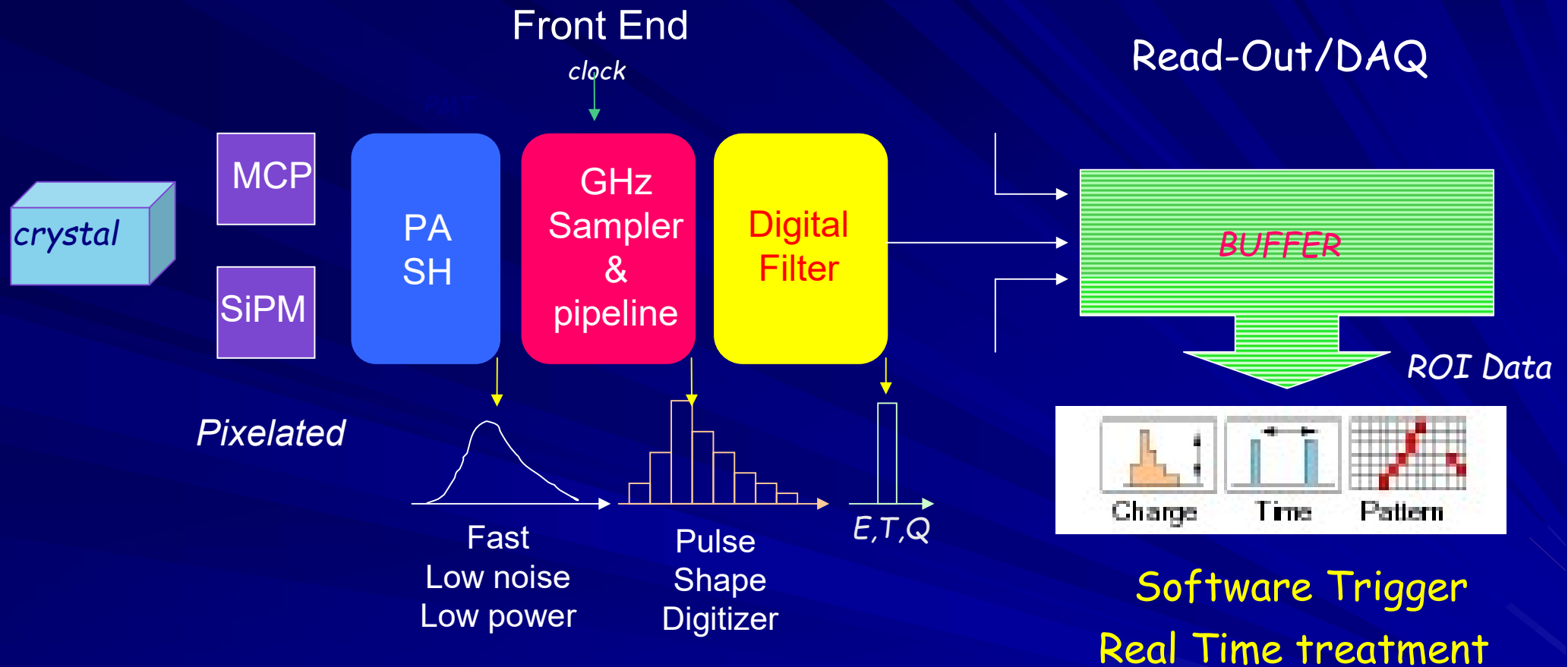


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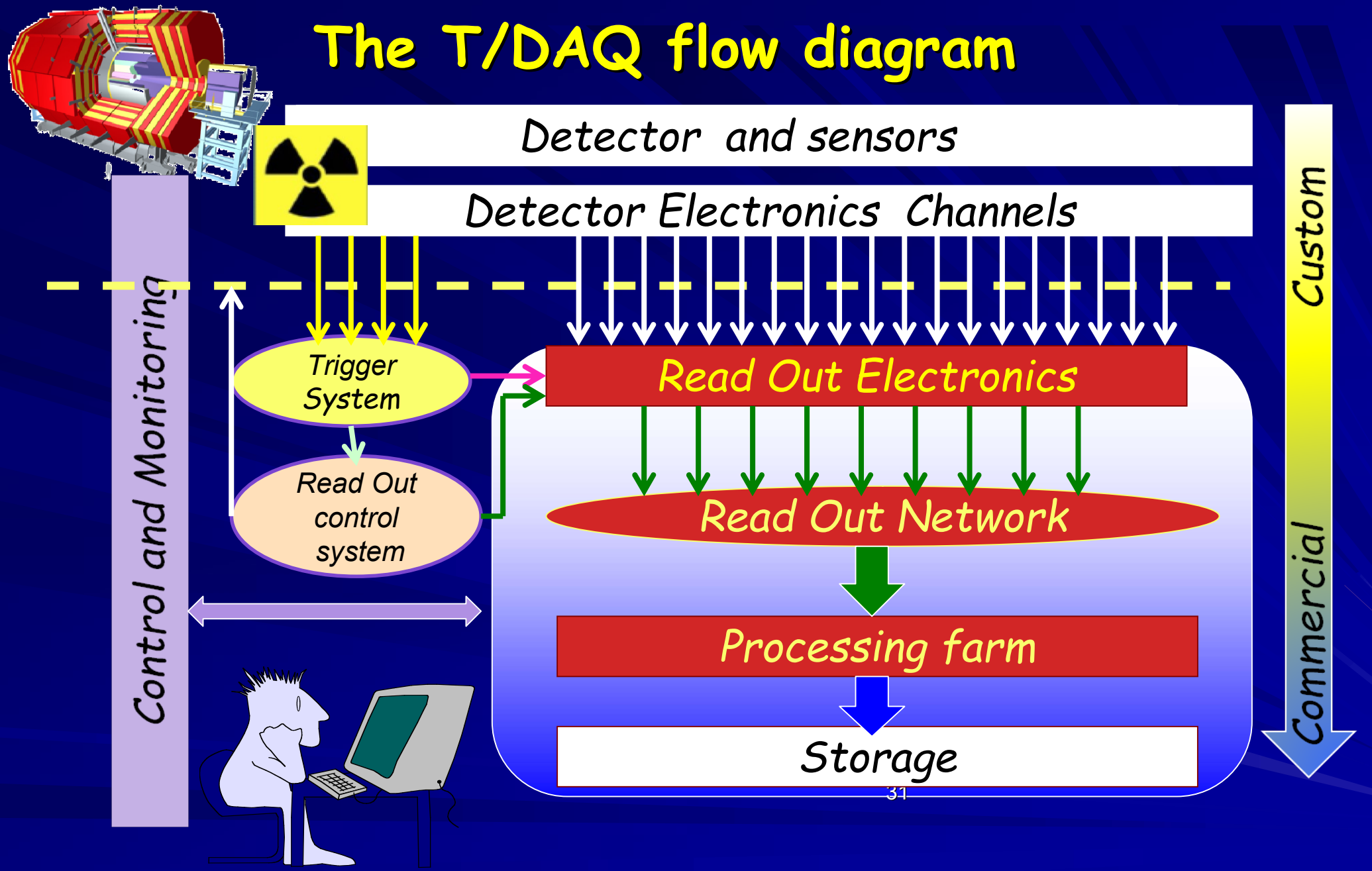
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Exemple of Conceptual TOF-PET architecture model

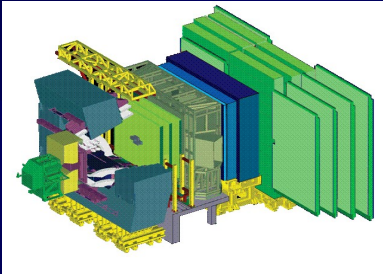


- ◆ Free-running analog waveform sampling and digitizer (SCA)
- ◆ Digital filter used to extract pulse amplitude and high resolution timing (FPGA)
- ◆ Pipelined processing architecture to avoid deadtimes (GPU's)
- ◆ Parallel digital read out
- ◆ Terabit network for communication and processing (xTCA)

The T/DAQ flow diagram

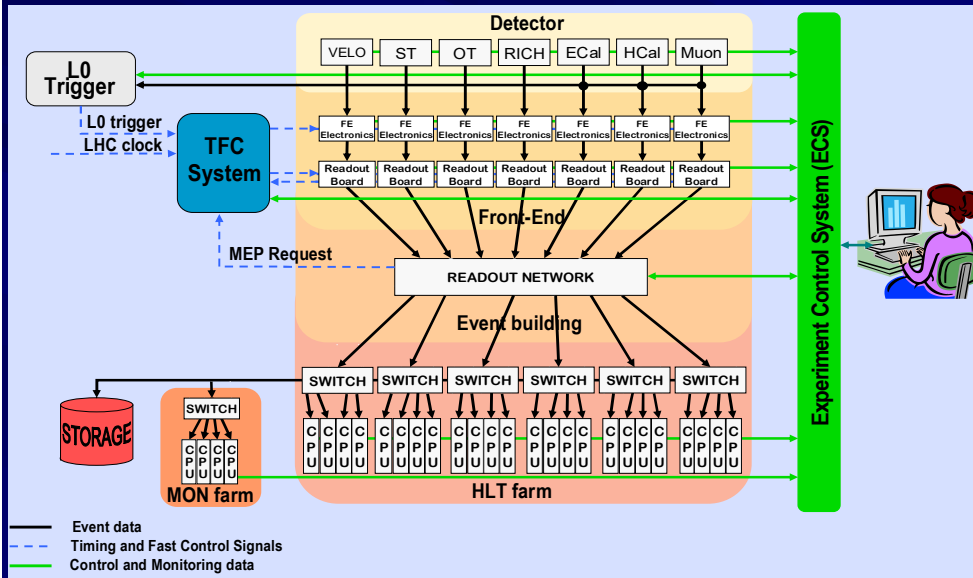


DAQ = The evolution of architecture

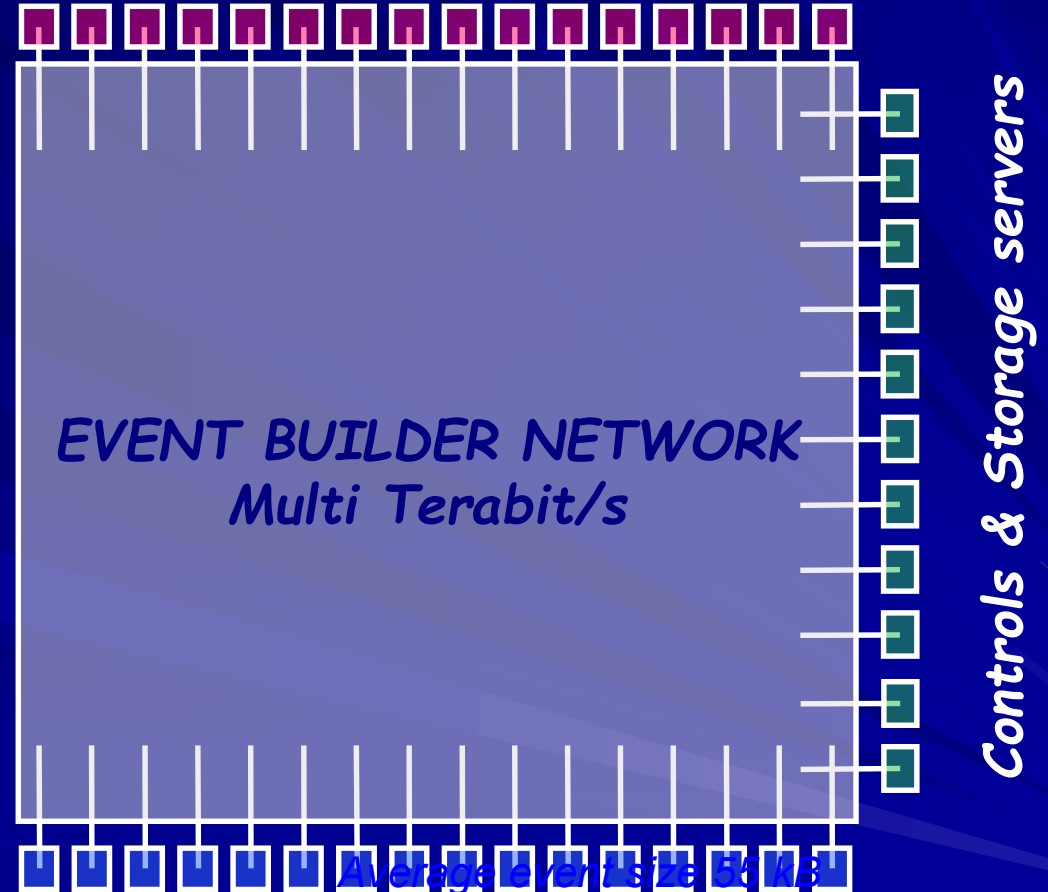


LHCb

Direct network access From Detectors and Machine



Average event size 55 kB
 Average rate into farm 1 MHz
 Average rate to tape 4 – 5 kHz



Trigger Farms & Analysis

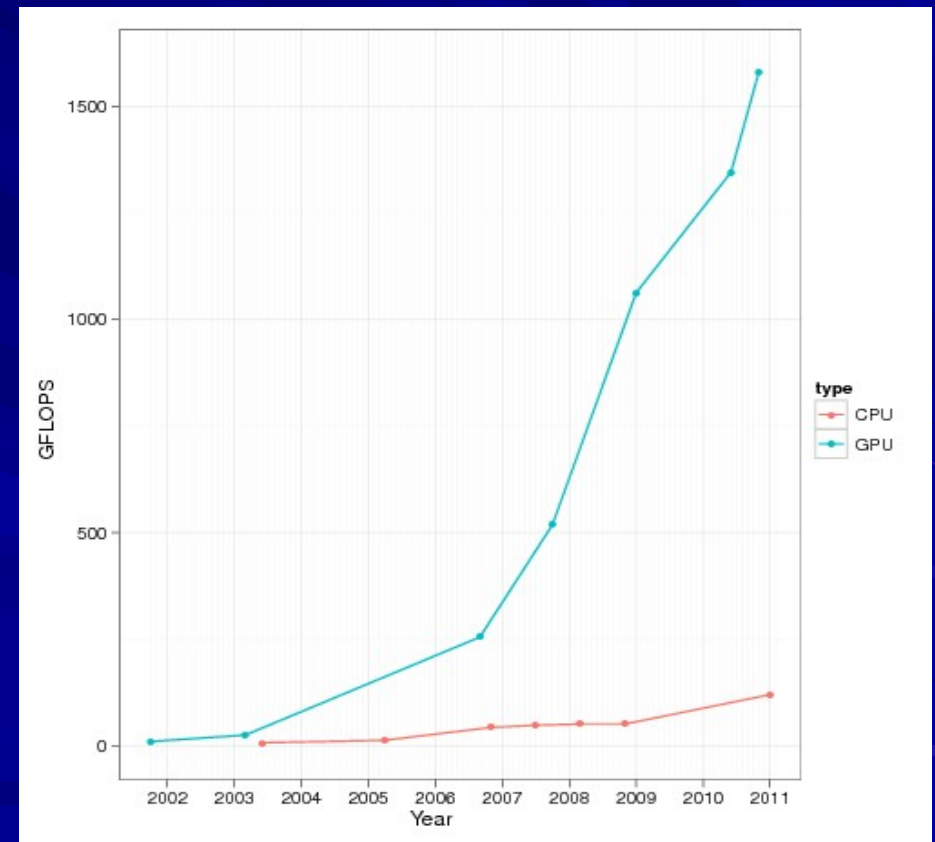
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Computer farm evolution → GPU's

- GPUs: Graphical Processor Units : highly parallel, multi-threaded, multicore processors with remarkable computational power and high memory bandwidth: promising candidate for fast track fitting at high luminosity



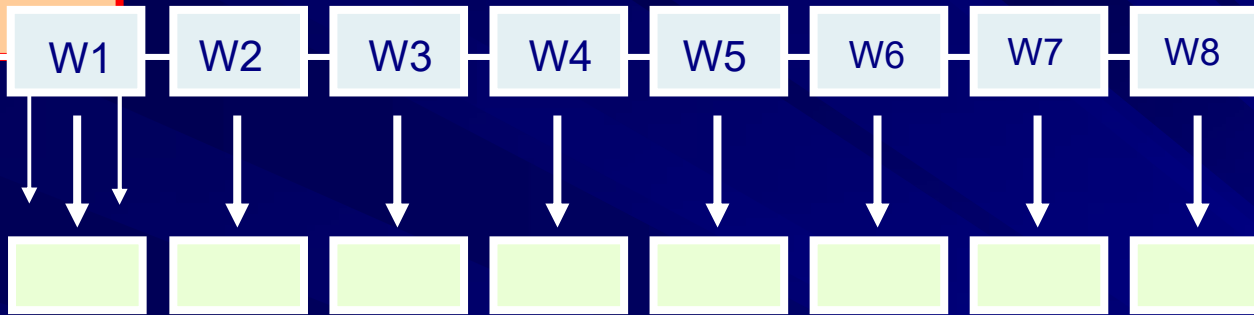
From the video game world



« Advanced » TEP Data Flow

Synchro

Front End DUAL Buffer



Wedge Buffering

Event manager & Control

Event Building Network

xx Gbit/sec



Processor farm (one time window per processor)

Data Steams Logger and Mass Storage

Front End
 Signal processing & digitization
 no trigger interrupt
 Active pipeline and Dual Local Buffer

?KHz 1 ms

Read Out Node
 Wedge Buffer

xx Mbyte/sec few ms

Processing
 Software Selection of 'Event Of Interest'
 Event building, TOF
 Classification and analysis according to selected criterias

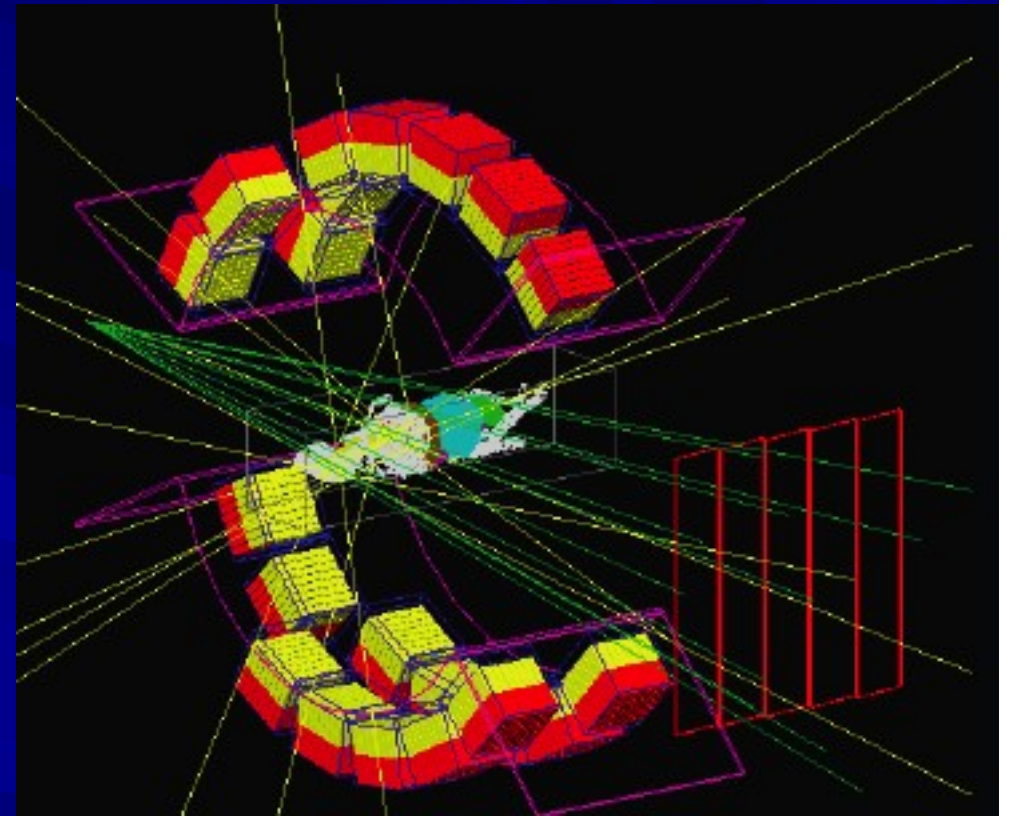
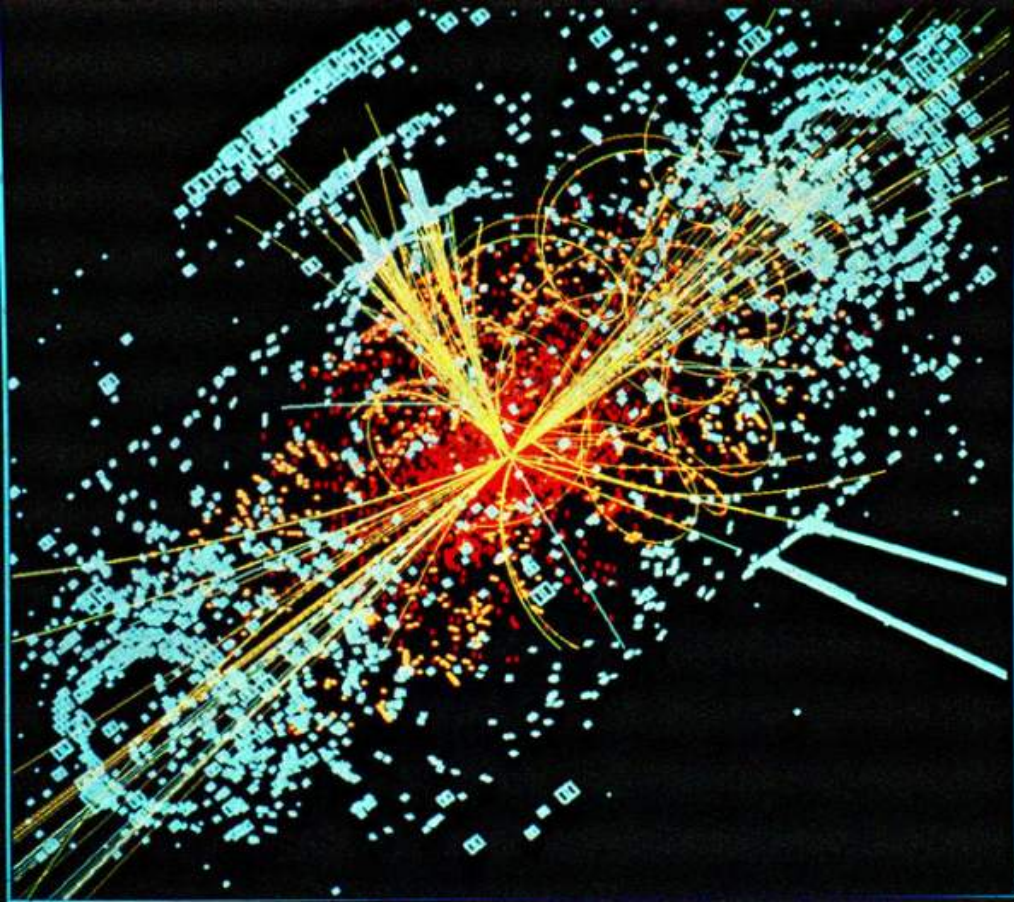
Sec ?

Storage

Simulation

Higgs event at LHC (CMS) with Geant4

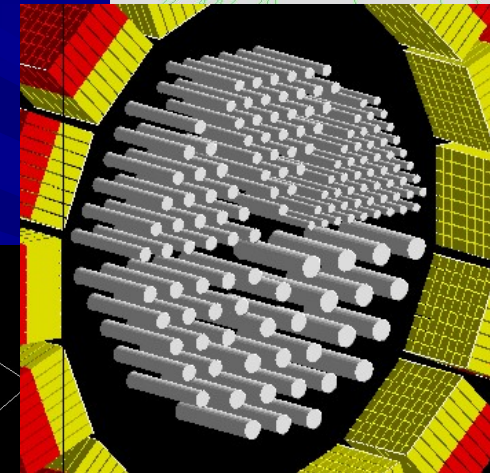
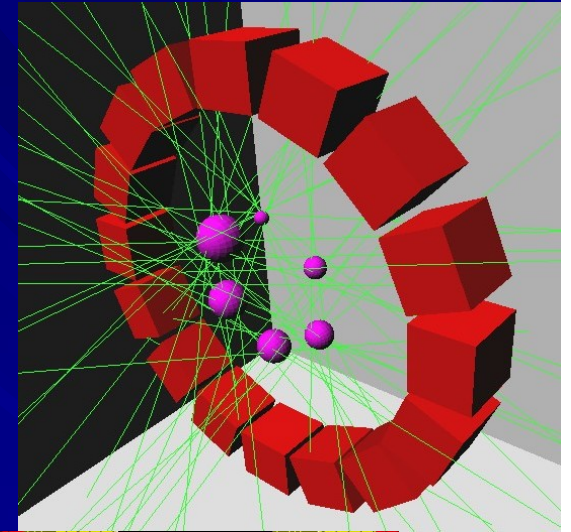
PET with GATE: Geant4 Application for Tomographic Emission



GATE : Geant4 Application for Tomographic Emission

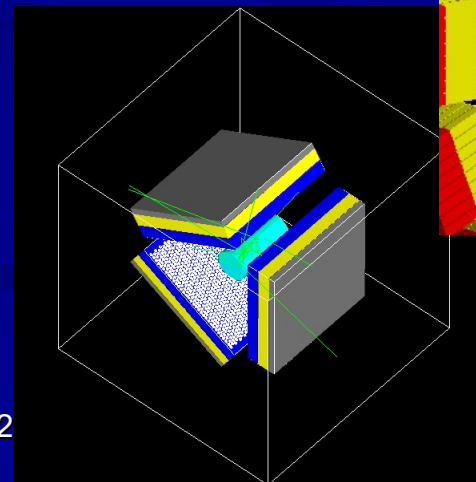
Monte-Carlo simulation allowing to :

- ✓ define geometries
(size, materials,...)
- ✓ define sources
(geometry, nature, activity)
- ✓ choice of physical process
(low energy package of G4)
- ✓ follow track point by point



GATE specificities:

- ✓ CERN GEANT4 libraries
- ✓ Time modelling
(sources , movement, random...)
- ✓ Script language (avoid C++)
- ✓ Code interactivity
- ✓ Sharing development



Some 'exotic ideas'



Using PET detector for CT

■ Motivation

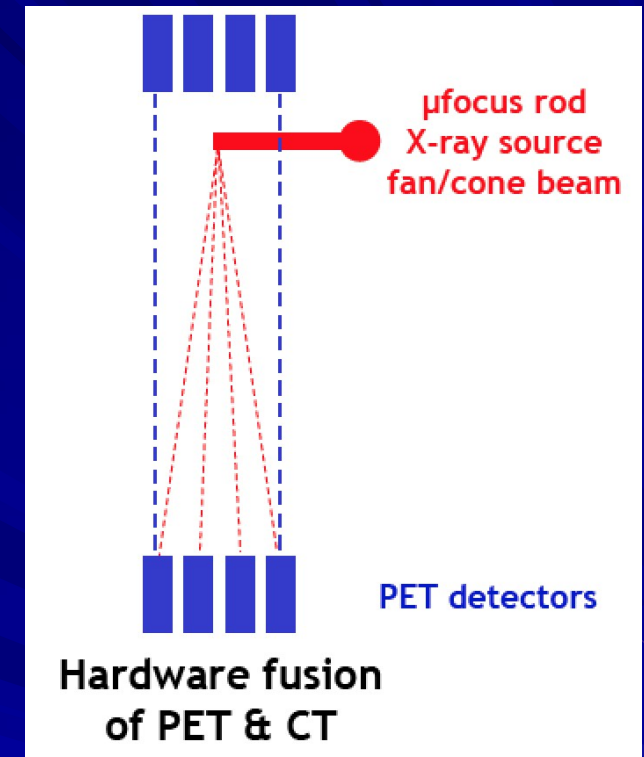
- Common detection system
- Reduce cost
- Concurrent (simultaneous,)imaging of anatomy
- Perfect co-registration of PET and CT image in **space and time**
 - Correction of motion in CT image
 - Co-registered dynamic image series

■ Challenges

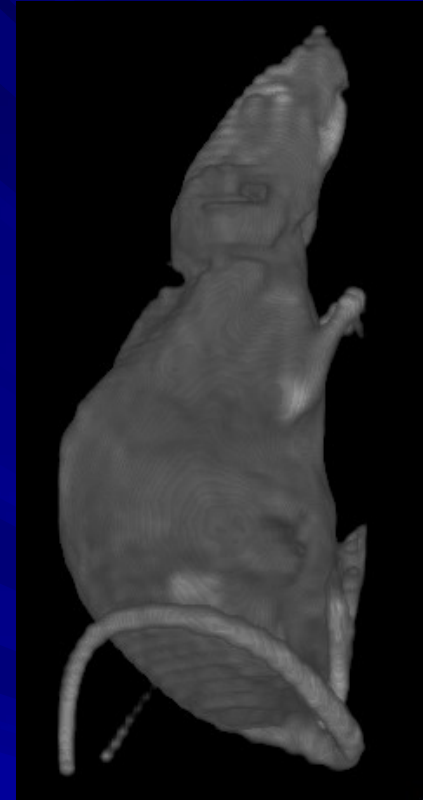
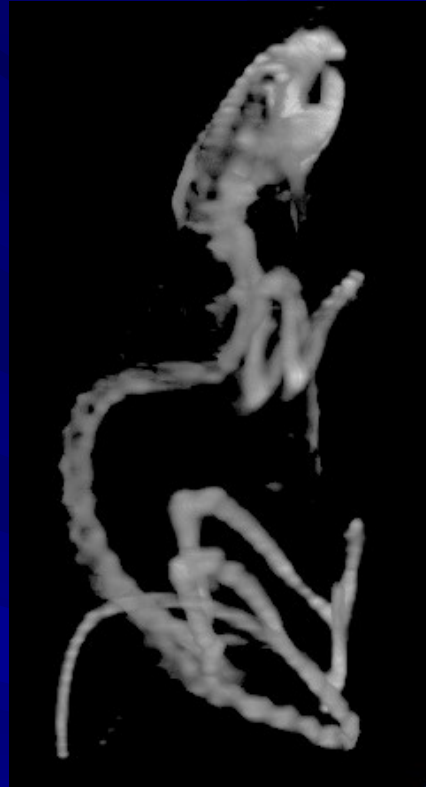
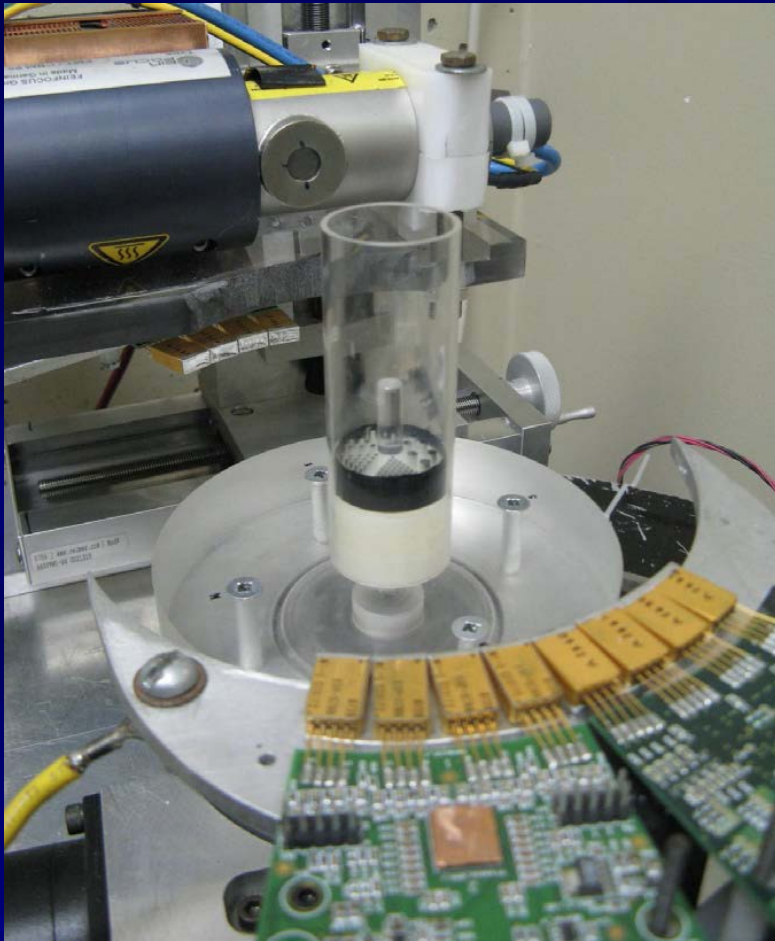
- ? Compromise on PET,CT or both

■ Opportunity

- PET detector are **photon counting**

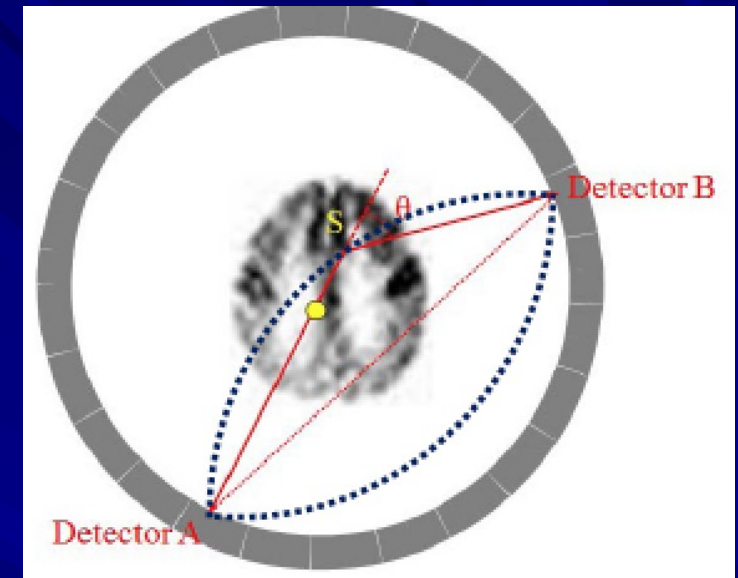
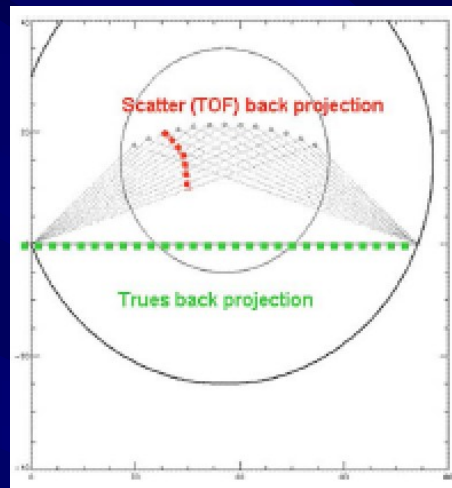
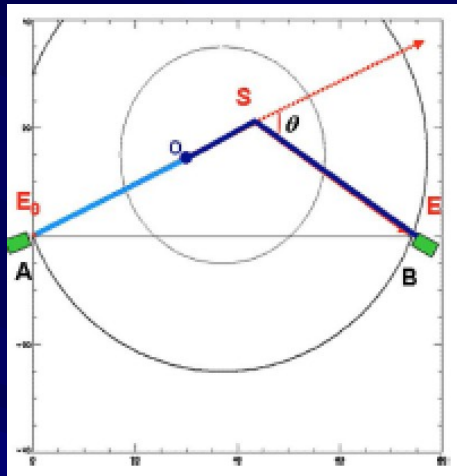


Counting CT imaging - Proof of principle



*Sherbrook LABPET detector and electronics
R Lecomte courtesy*

Scater recovery in TOF-PET



- Backprojection along circular arc
- Iterative reconstruction of both unscattered and scattered events
- Image of trues (unscattered) can be used as a *priori* information
- •Object boundaries allows rejection of one arc
- •LE threshold ~ 250 keV
- •*Very high energy resolution* required

Some 'today' State of art project

*Nuclear
Magnetic
Resonance*

X-rays

MRI

CT

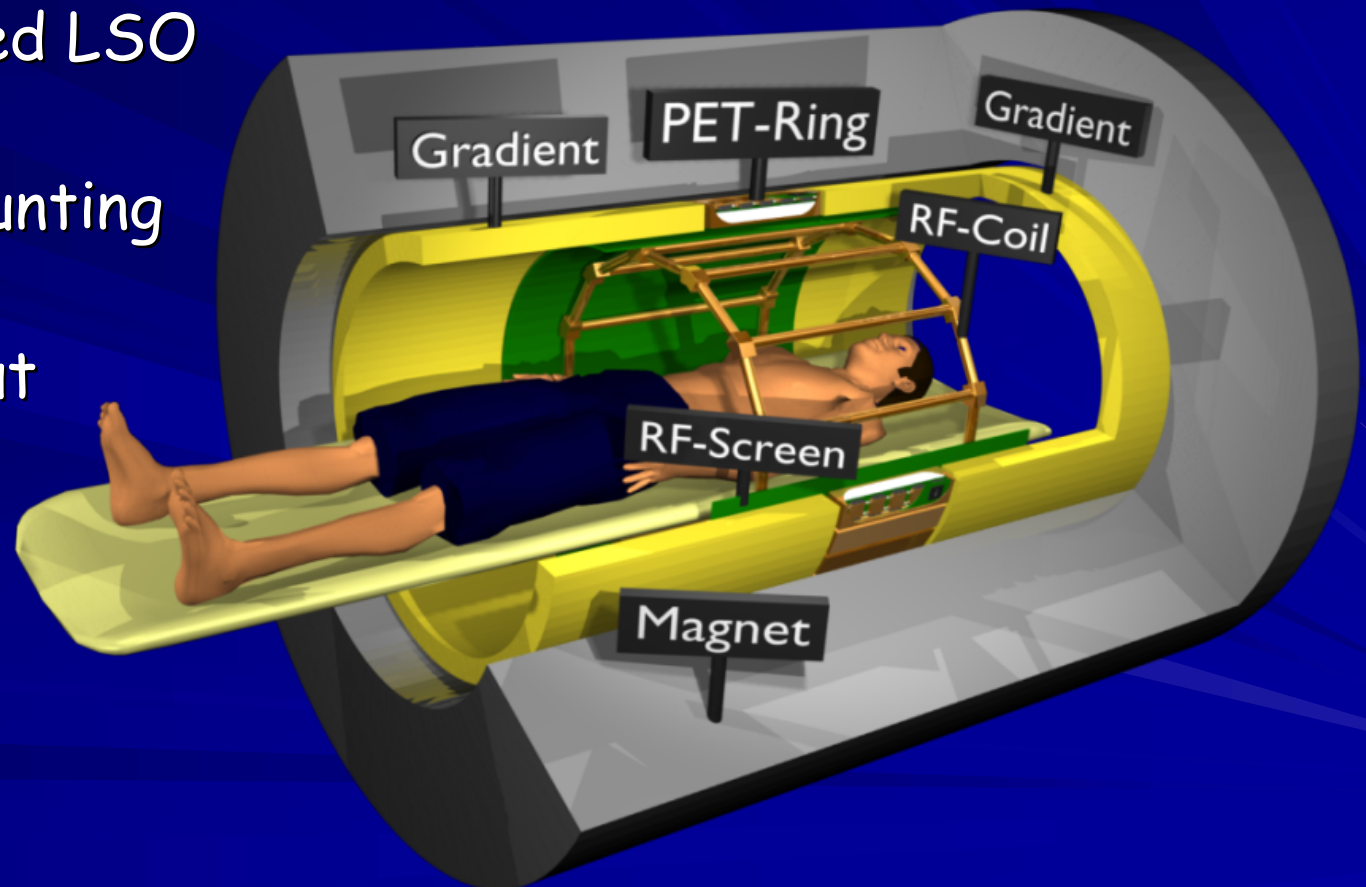
PET



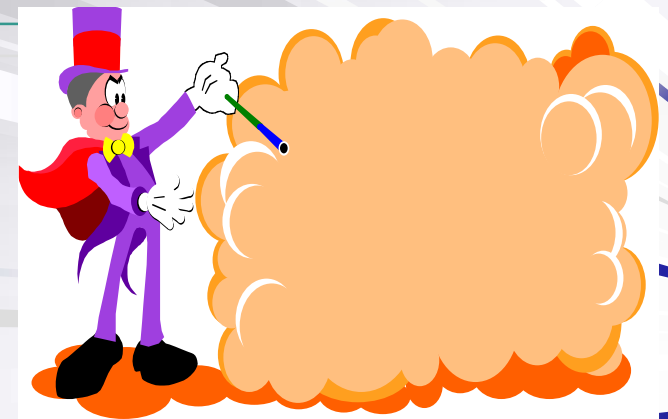
The *SUBLIMA* project: High resolution TOF-PET / MRI

www.sublima-pet-mr.eu

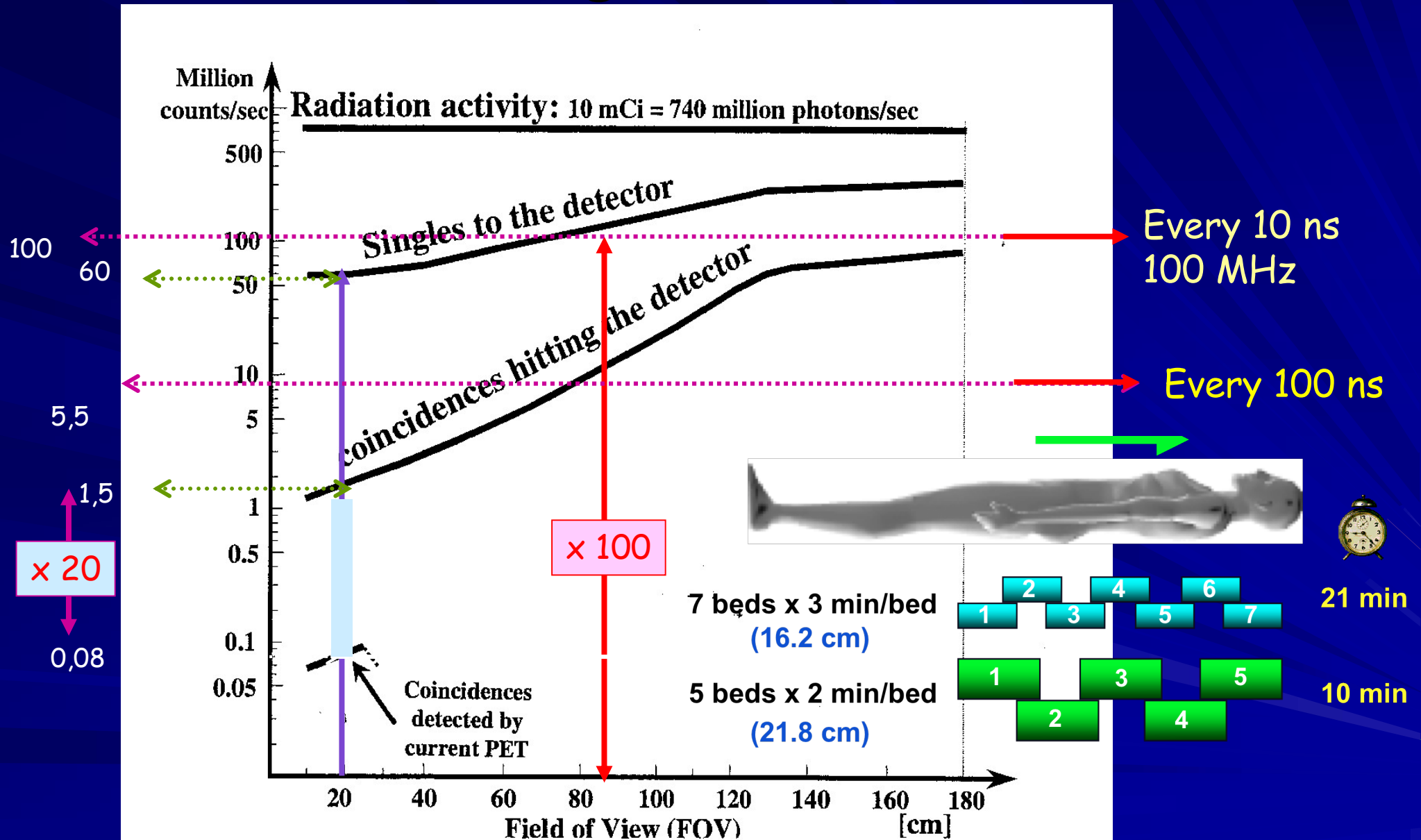
- Monolithic TOF/DOI detector
- Improved performance due to Ca co-doped LSO scintillator,
- Digital photon counting (dSiPM)
- Optimized readout algorithms



The Physician dream ' the minute PET'



Counting rate estimate



The Physician Dream

Courtesy of D.Townsend

Combined whole-body PET/CT or PET/MR.....

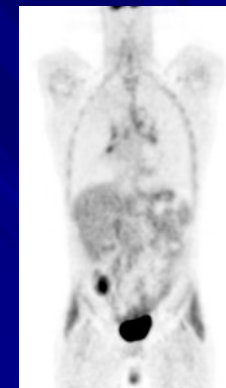
Minute PET/CT



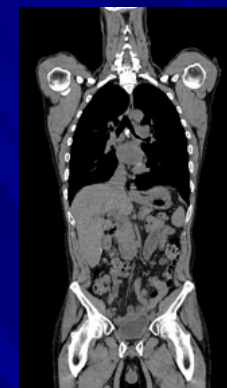
Less dose
Less movement correction
Screening capability



MDCT



PET



CT

Image In Real Time !

PET/MRI

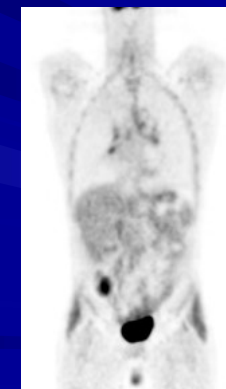
Magnet

PET

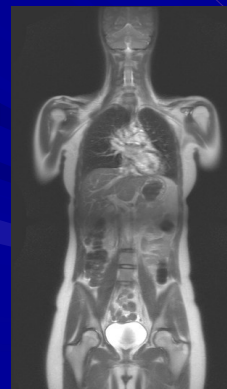


PET Insert with
Semiconductor photodetectors

PET



PET



MR

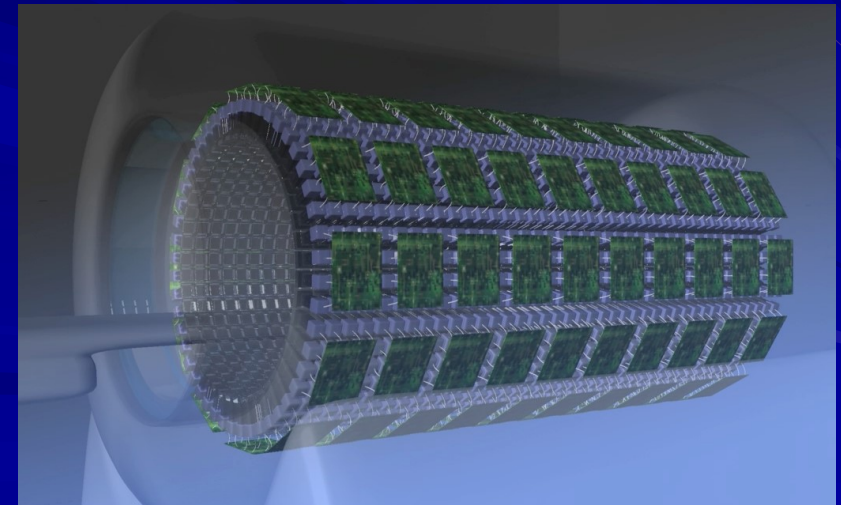
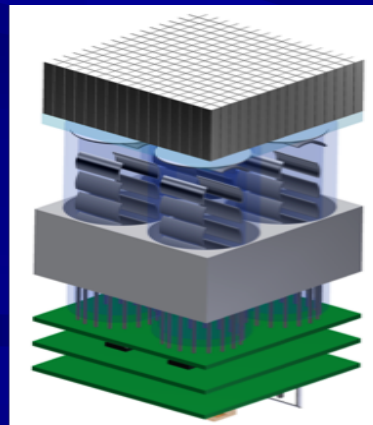
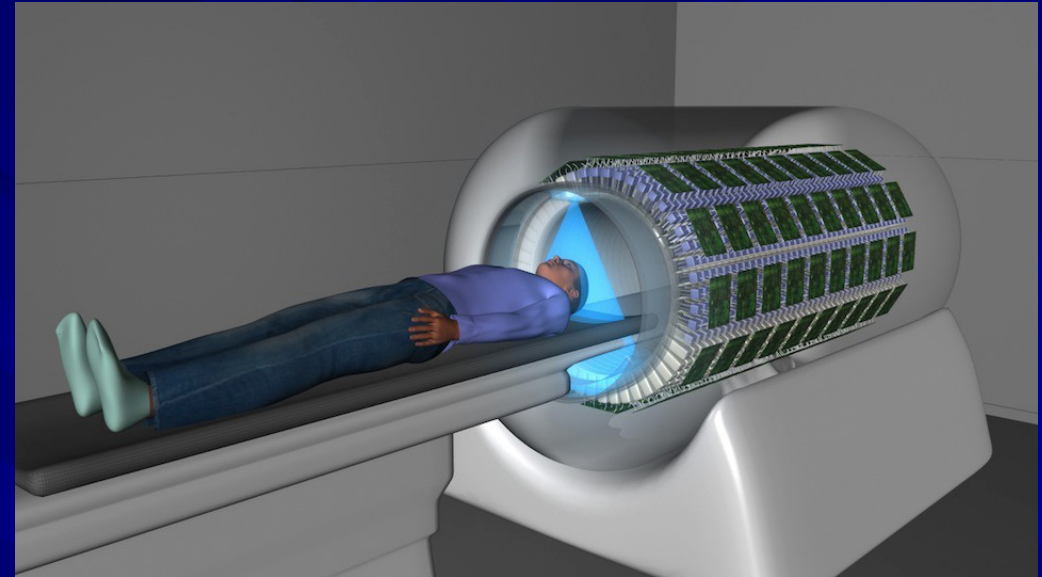
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The total body 'explorer' project

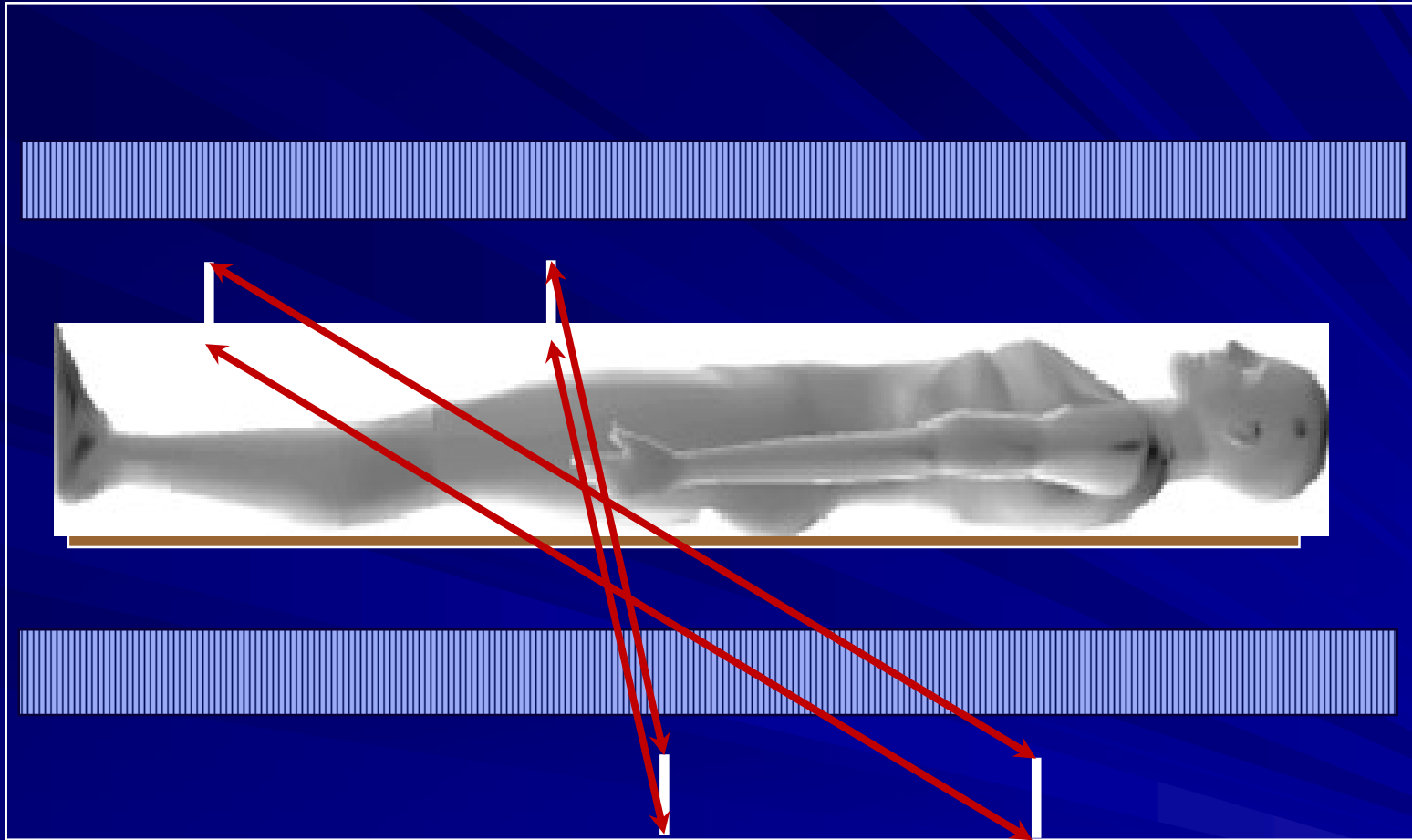
Davis, LBL, Upenn

- Modular "Block" Detectors
- $\sim 3.1 \times 3.1 \times 20$ mm L(Y)SO
 - 880 kg of L(Y)SO!
- PMT (possibly SiPM) readout
- Time of flight and 1-bit DOI
- 40 rings, 48 detectors/ring
- ~ 78.6 cm ring diameter
- 215 cm axial FOV
- OpenPET electronics

*S. Cherry, J3-7
NSS-MIC 2013 Seoul*



Estimated data production



Singles: 164 MHz
Prompts: 47 MHz
Randoms: 34 MHz

DOI needed

The Challenge

Total-Body “Explorer” Project

- Very large number of channels (20 → 2m FOV)
~ 500 k channels (2x2 mm² pixels)
- High trigger rate ~ 10 MHz
(10 mCi, 20% sensitivity)
- High data rate
~ 10 Gbyte/s (1 kbyte event size)
- Large number of events
 - 160 x 160 x 1000 image matrix
 - Large data volume per image
 - 1 billion events
- **Real Time analysis**
- Simultaneous merging of multimodality data
 - CT- MRI



Looks like



1910

2010



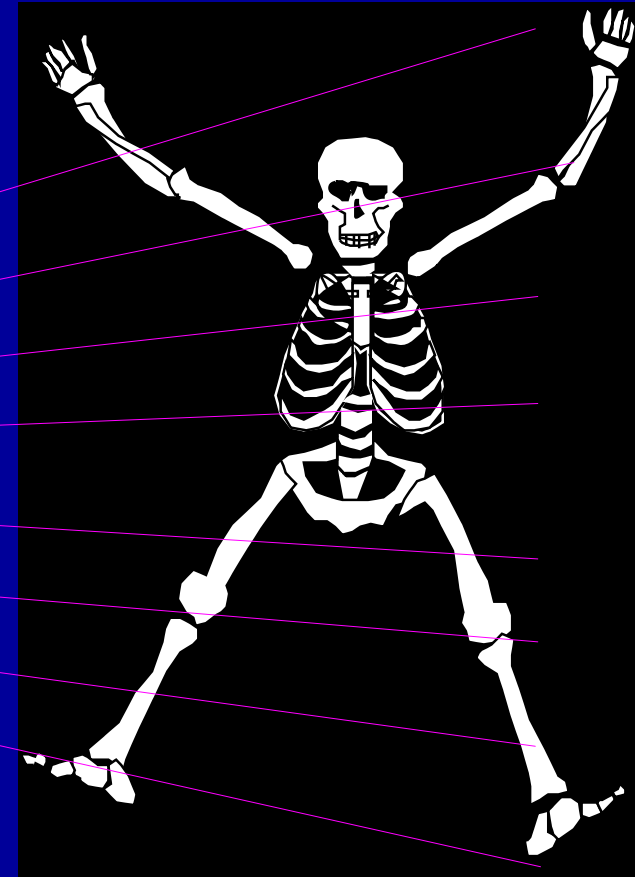
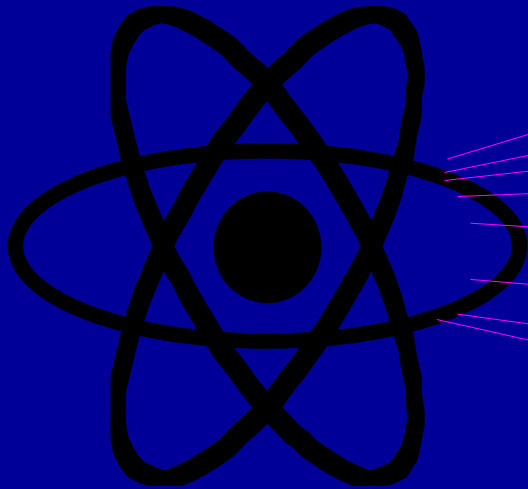
Radiography X Ray imaging



CT

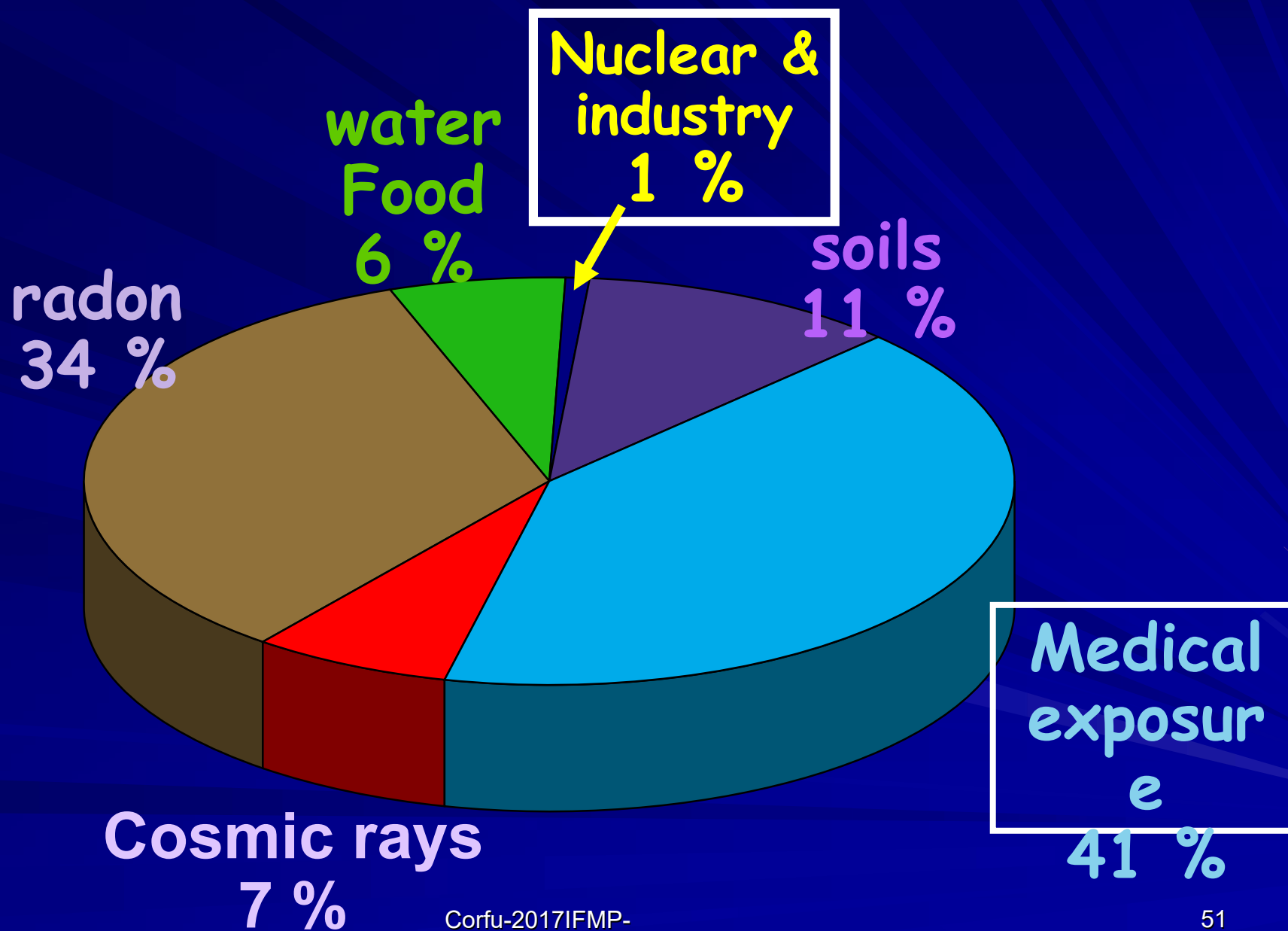


Patient Radiation Dose is Limited!



- Image Noise Is Limited by Counting Statistics
- Cannot Increase too much Source Strength

Natural versus medical irradiation



Exposure for radiological exams

■ Some examples

organ	dose skin mGy	effective dose mSv
Thorax, face	0,2 - 0,5	0,015 - 0,15
Lumbar region	4 - 28	1,5
Urography	40 - 60	3
Brain scan	7 - 78	1
Whole Body scan	30 - 60	4 - 10
Mammography	7 - 25	0,5 - 1

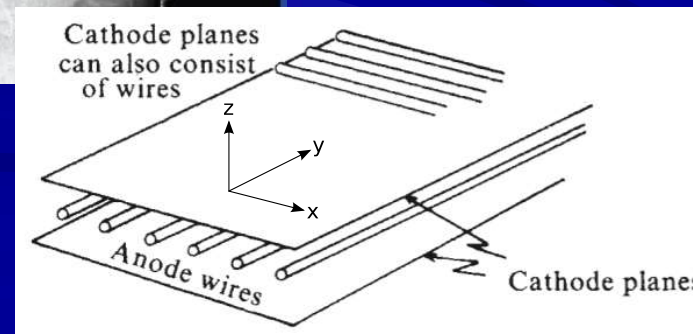
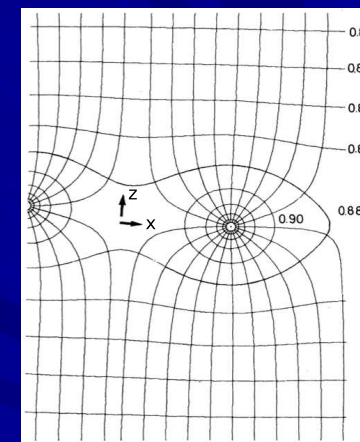
The 1970's dream : Digital radiography with MWPC

A tribute to George Charpak

■ With 10 time less dose



G. Charpak, F. Sauli and J.C. Santiard



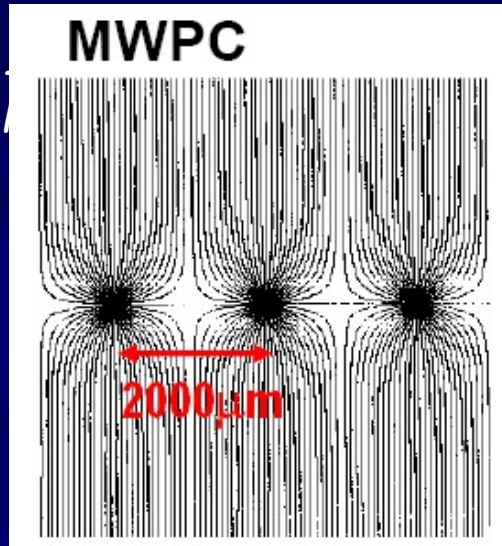
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From MWPC's to MGPD's

MGPD

MWPC



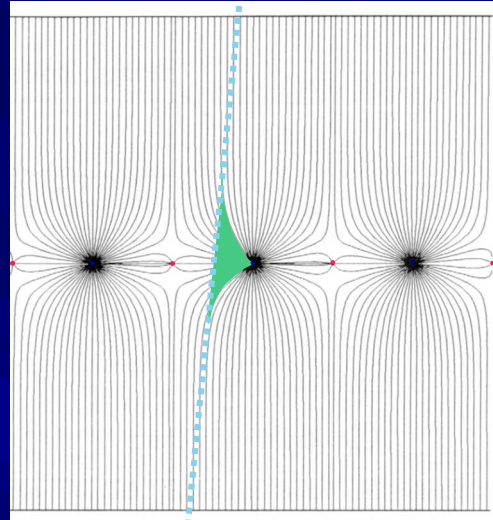
1975 - 1995

UA2-LEP

Multiwire Proportional Chamber

Georges Charpak 1968

Drift Chamber

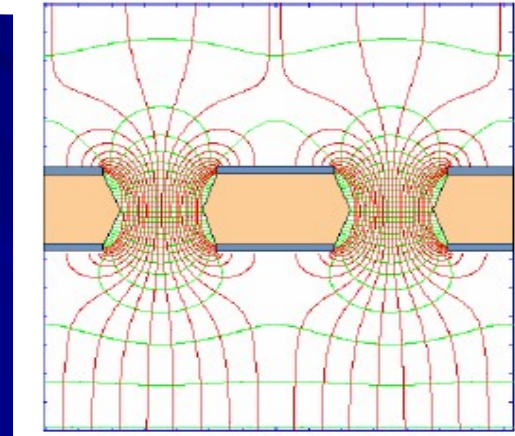


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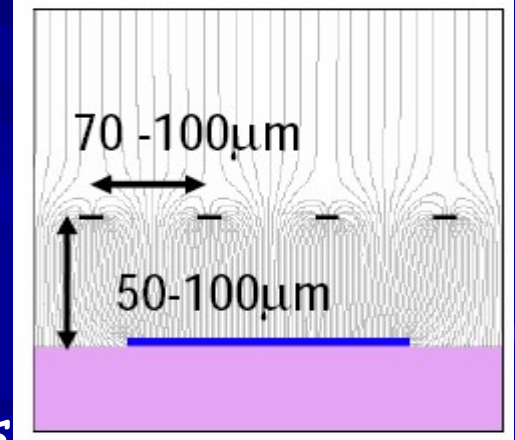
GEM F.Sauli)

Micromegas Y. Giomataris

GEMs



Micromegas



MPGD

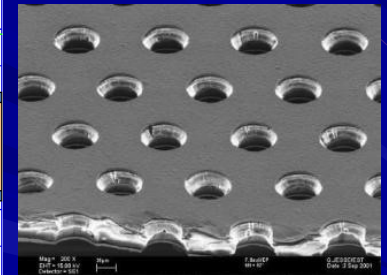
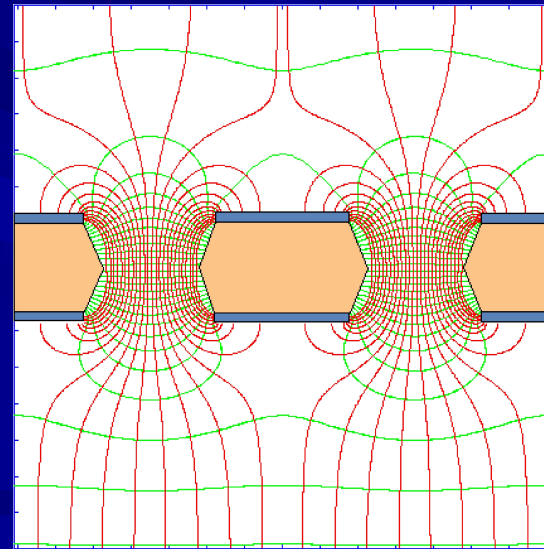
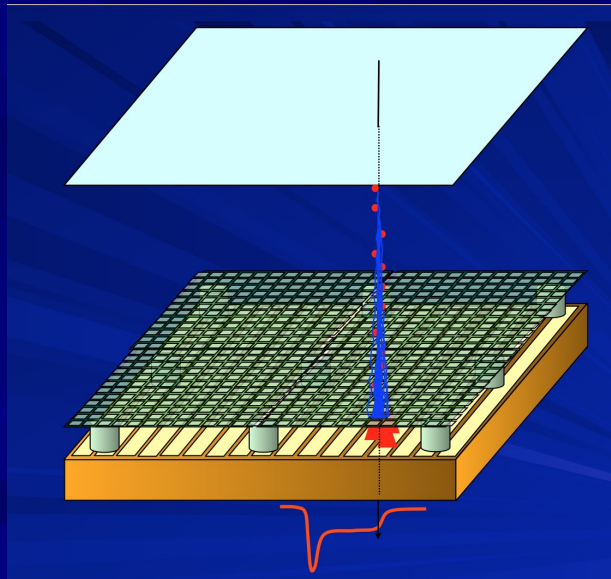
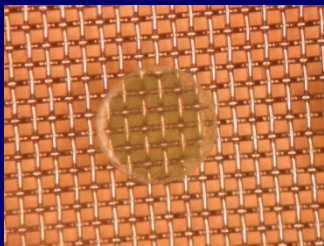
■ From 1988-1998 Micro-technologies and etching techniques allowed development of **Micro Pattern Gaseous Detectors**

■ **MICROMesh GASEous Structure (MICROME GAS)**

- Thin gap Parallel Plate Chamber: micromesh stretched over readout electrode.

■ **Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM)**

- Thin, metal-coated polymer foil with high density of holes, each hole acting as an individual proportional counter.



To summarize X Ray imaging

Wire Chamber Radiography:



Position resolution $\sim 250 \mu\text{m}$

A. Bressan et al, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A
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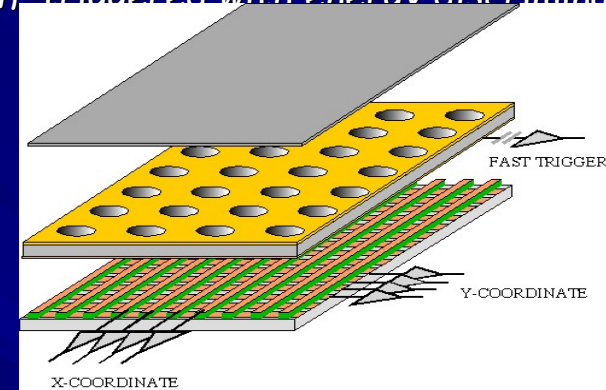
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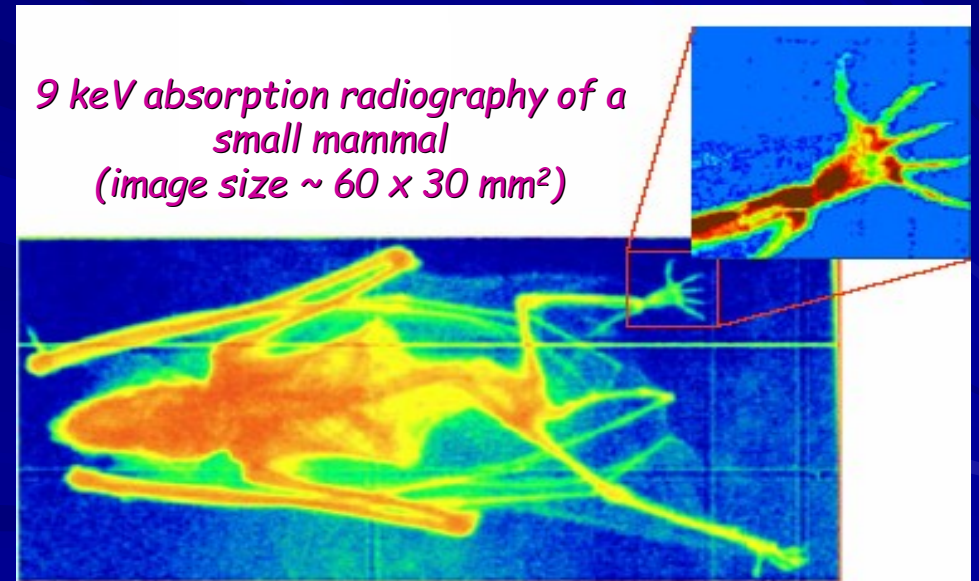
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GEM for 2D Imaging:

Using the lower GEM signal, the readout can be self-triggered with energy discrimination:



9 keV absorption radiography of a
small mammal
(image size $\sim 60 \times 30 \text{ mm}^2$)

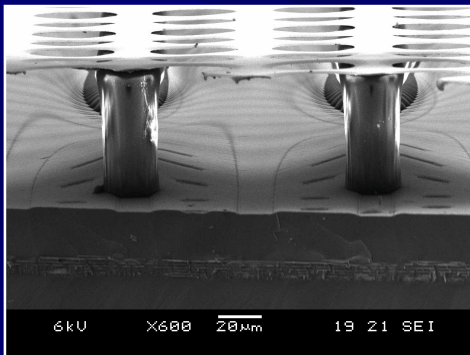


Position resolution $\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$

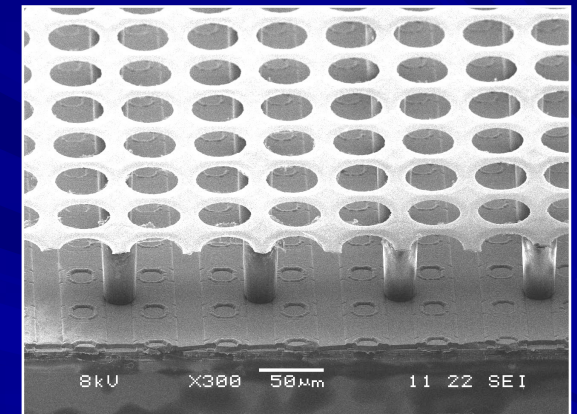
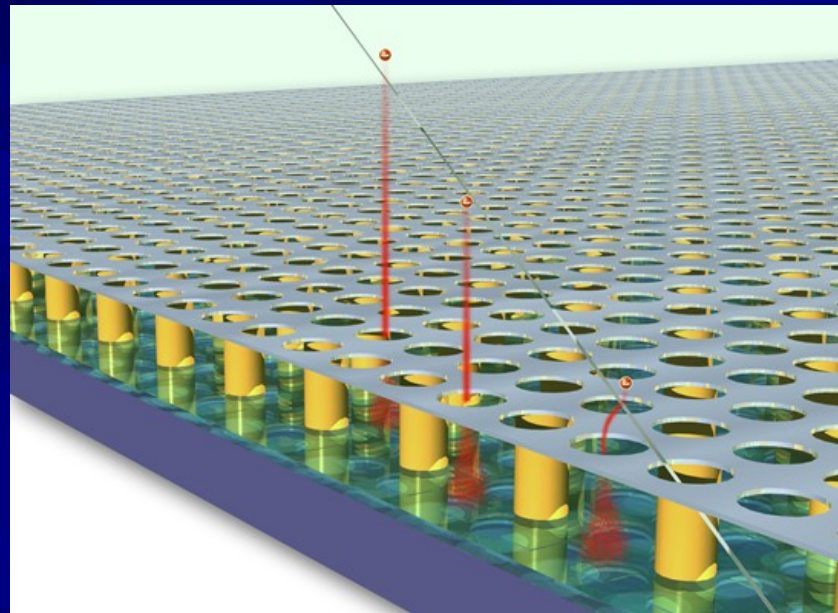
Corfu-2017IFMP (limited by photoelectron range in the gas) 56

Next → INGRID

- **InGrid** : integrate the Micromegas/GEM concept on top of a MediPix pixel CMOS chip (Timepix)
 - pixel size: $55 \times 55 \mu\text{m}^2$
 - per pixel: preamp - shaper - 2 discr. -
 - Thresh. DAQ - 14 bit counter



metalized foil
 $\sim 100 \mu\text{m} \sim 1\text{mm}$



57Cmos Medipix chip

- Use → Large Trackers - Calorimeters @ MI devices

Summary & Conclusions (1)

- HEP has considerable acquired knowledge, expertise and resources that can, **when transferred properly**, significantly impact the practice of medical imaging and therapy
- A lot of exciting ideas and developments!
 - **Should attract young 'experimentalists'**
- Activity that need to be 'promoted' actively outside our community for the benefit of us...in these hard time !
 - **HEP is not only hunting the Higgs !**

Summary & Conclusions (2)

- It takes some time between the discovery and initial ideas.
- But when the technology is mature, it can make a gigantic breakthrough in the development of a technical device or system
- Collaboration between various scientists and experts is fundamental and the key factor for success.
- **Building a community (network) about a specific subject is the way to integrate students and experts**

Final Conclusions

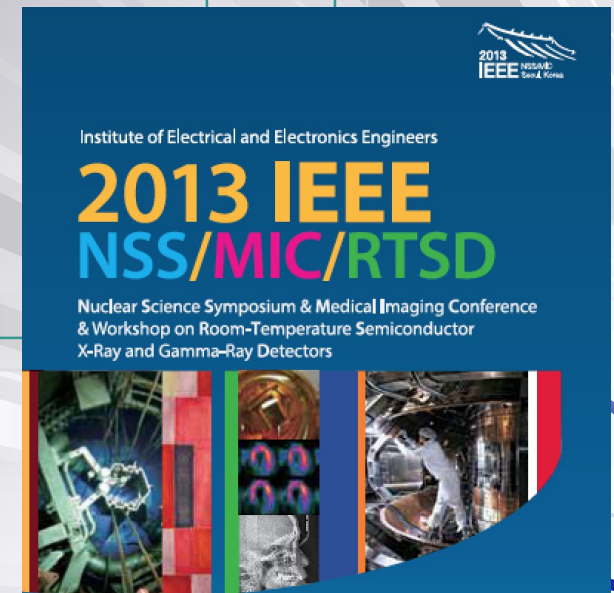


*There is a lot to do
Particularly
for students*

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Photodetector Technologies: A Comparison

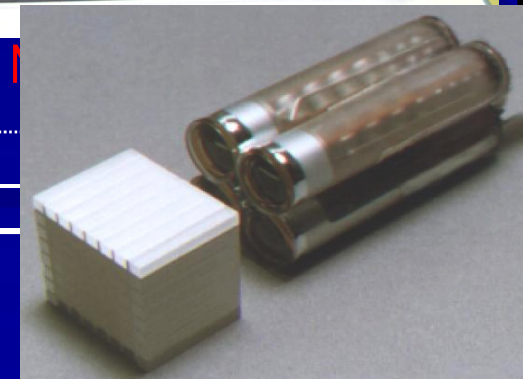
Photo detector	PMT	PIN	APD	SiPM
Technology	Vacuum-Based	Solid-State	Solid-State	Solid-State
Gain	High	Poor	Moderate	High
Detection Efficiency	Low to Moderate	High	High	Low to Moderate
Noise	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Timing Response	Moderate	Fast	Fast	Fast
Packaging	Bulky	Compact	Compact	Compact
Sensitivity to Magnetic Field	Yes	No	No	No
Bias Voltage	>1kV	~50V	100–1000V	~50V

Good choice for both TOF PET, PET/MRI & SPECT/MRI

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Conventional SPECT & PET detectors has been dominated by the use of PMT.



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Cannot be used in PET/MRI & SPECT/MRI. The timing response is fast, but may be the limiting factor in next generation TOF PET.

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Detection Efficiency	High	Moderate	High	Moderate to High
Noise	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Timing Response	Slow	Fast	Slow	Fast
Packaging	Bulky	Compact	Compact	Compact
Sensitivity to Magnetic Field	Yes	No	No	No
Bias Voltage	>1kV	~50V	100–1000V	~50V

Has low SNR and not suitable for TOF PET.