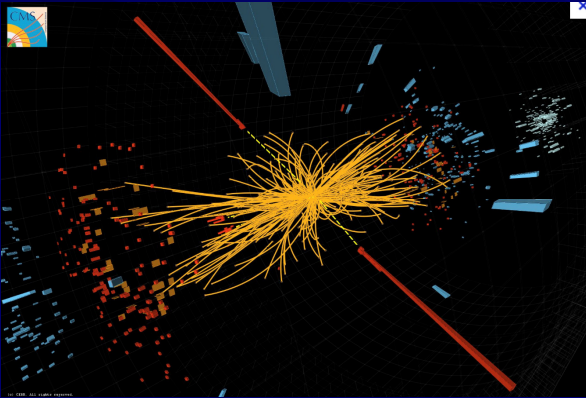
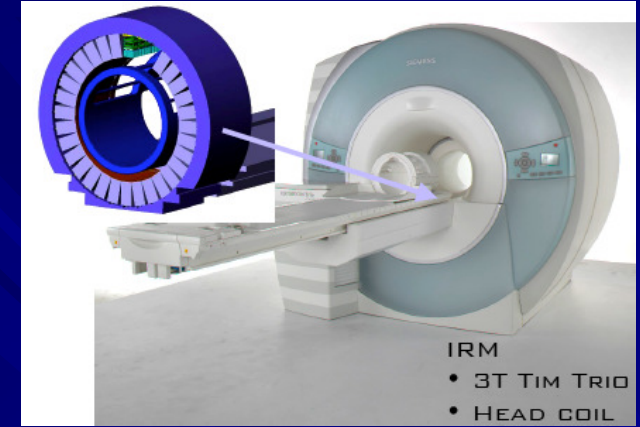
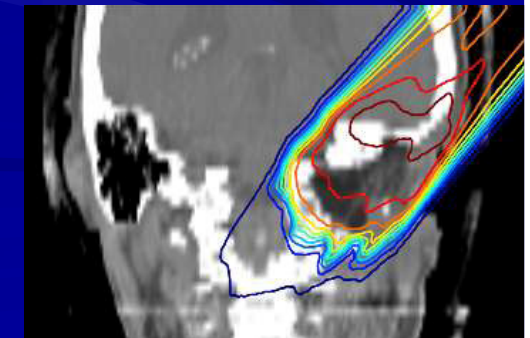
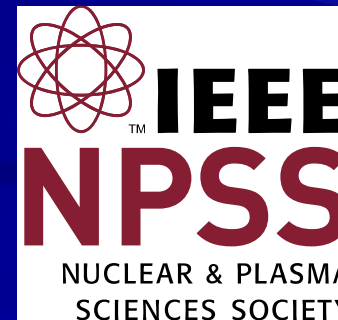


# Application of fundamental physics in medicine



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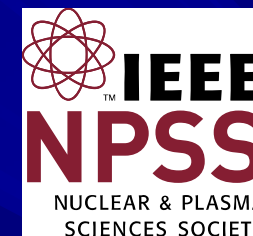
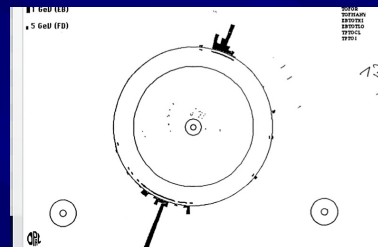
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# Who I am ? -



*Experimental Physicist*  
-CEA Saclay (1969-2008)  
-IN2P3-IPN Lyon (2009 ..)

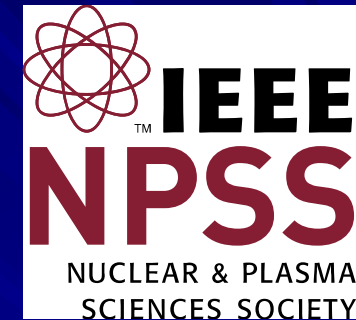
- NA3 @ CERN (Di-Muon Drell Yan) : 1974-1980
  - Large MWPC (4x4 m<sup>2</sup>)
  - **Trigger & DAQ**
- LEP - OPAL @ CERN (1980-1990)
  - TOF system
  - **Trigger & DAQ → First Z<sup>0</sup>**
- SSC- SDC @ Dallas/LBL Berkeley (1990-1994)
  - **Trigger L2**
  - Shower Max Detector electronics (APD & SCA)
- LHC- ATLAS @ CERN (1994-2000)
  - **L2 trigger** & LARG calorimeter Read Out electronics (SCA)
- D0 @ FNAL (1996-2005)
  - **L1 Calormeter trigger and L2 trigger.**
- ILC study group (1996-2008)
  - **Trigger & DAQ convener → Software trigger**
- 2000→Technology transfer advisor for medical application (PET & Particle therapy)
- Ultra fast (picosecond) timing



*NPSS ADCOM*  
-RITC Chair

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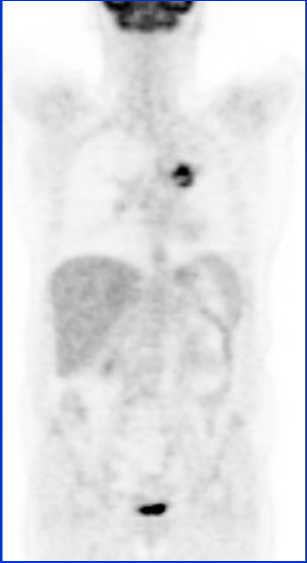
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- Conferences  
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- Publications  
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- Network

# Goals of this presentation

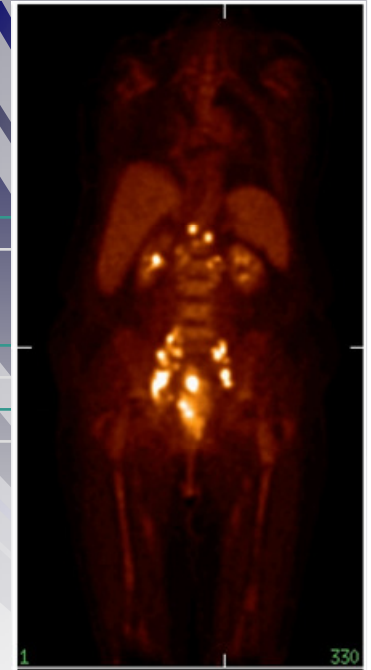


- A flavor of valorisation of Particle Physics
  - Can we use the tools and techniques and state of the art technologies developed for HEP experiments in another field ?
- Illustrate using successful examples in the most challenging and innovative biomedical field for diagnostic and treatment of cancer (PET and particle therapy)
- X Ray Radiography and dose reduction (CT)





*The best 'typical example → The PET*



# PET imaging From past, present to future



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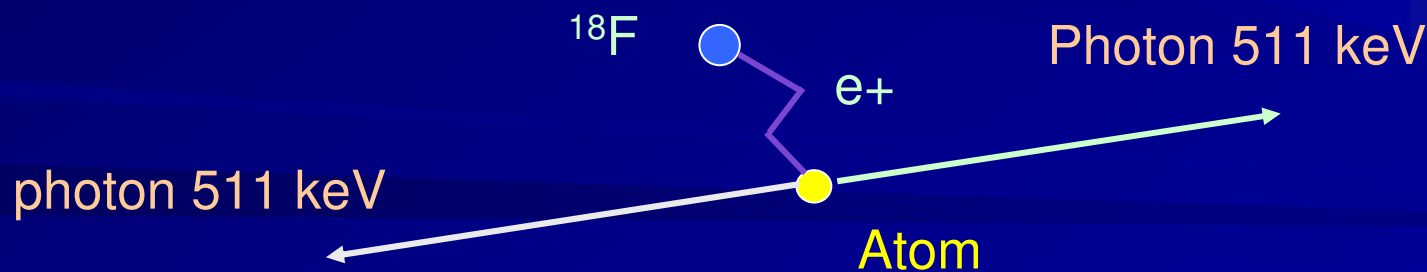
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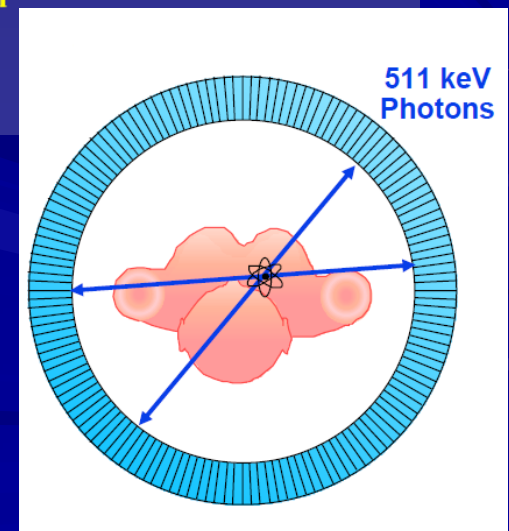
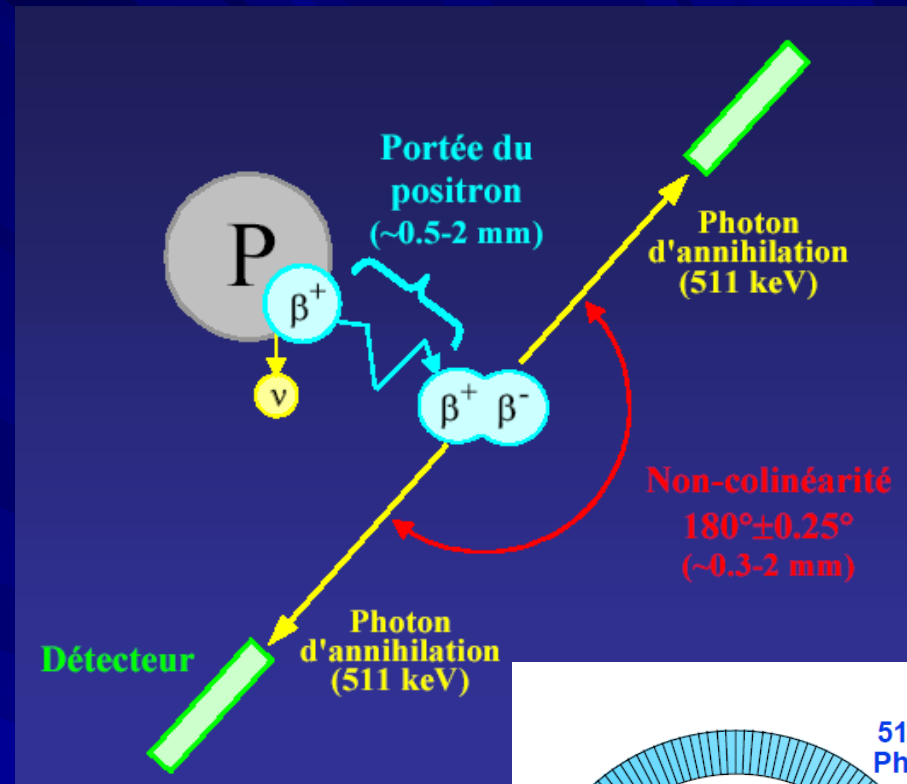
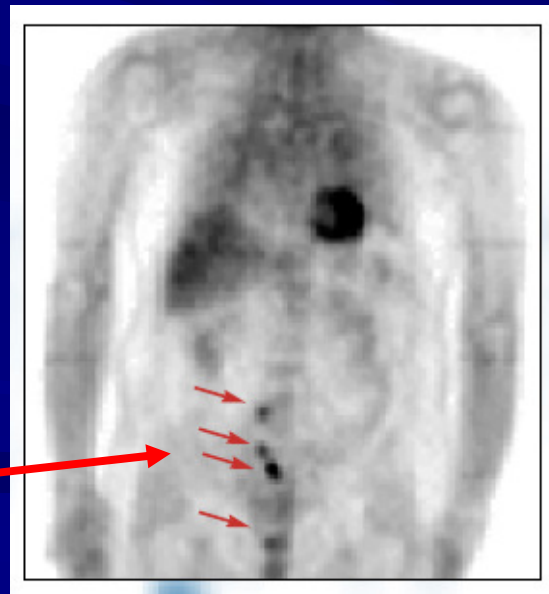
# Positron Emission Tomography principle

- Functional imaging device
- Molecular tracers with doped beta + emitters
  - $^{11}\text{C}$ (20 min),  $^{15}\text{O}$  (2min) ,  $^{13}\text{N}$  (10 min),  $^{18}\text{F}$  (2h)
  - Produced by a 18 Mev Proton cyclotron
  - The most common  $\rightarrow$   $^{18}\text{F} \Rightarrow$   $^{18}\text{FDG}$  fluoro-deoxy-glucose
    - Sign the degree of activity of an organ hungry of glucose
- annihilation positron with an electron
  - emission of two 511 keV photons back to back



# Positron Emission Tomography principle

- Sign the degree of activity of an organ hungry of glucose ----> show abnormal glucose metabolism like cancer tumour cells



# The PET sequence



*Produce radio-  
active sugar (FDG)*



*Intravenous  
injection*

*10mCi*

*Wait for  
accumulation  
in target site*

*Detect  
coincidence  
events*



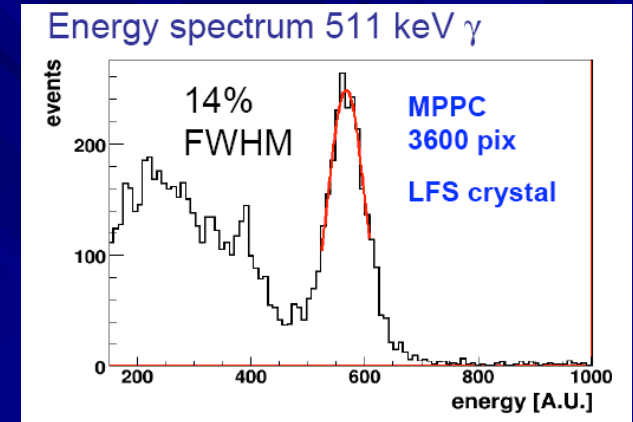
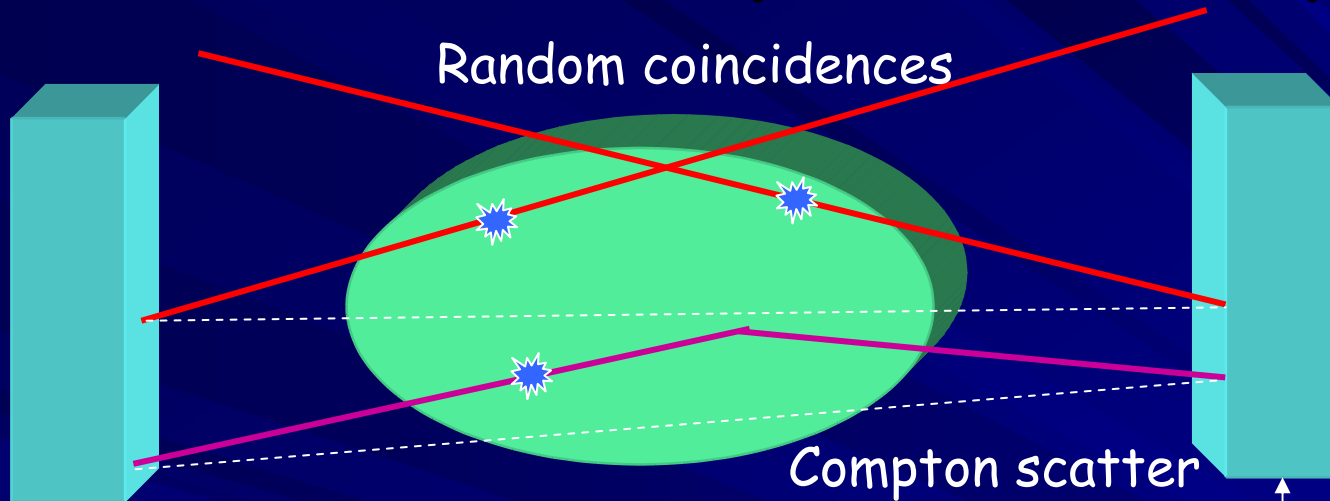
*Get 2 gamma  
events*

*Reconstruct  
image coincidence  
events*





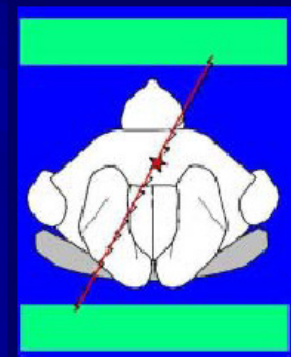
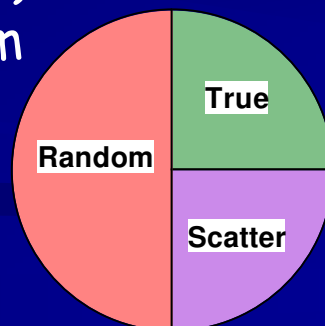
# The experimental aspect



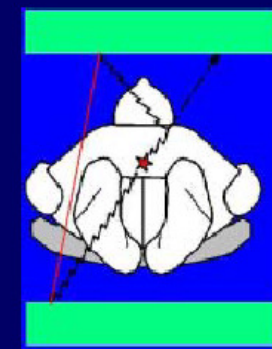
Detector in coincidences  
 Energy window around 511keV  
 Time window < ns  
 Limited Acceptance (Field Of View)

Signal : true coincidences (25%)  
 Background: Compton + Random

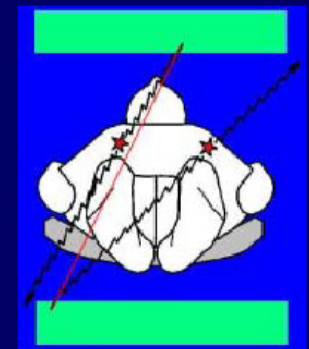
**Efficiency  $\approx 0,01$   
 (1 photon / 100)**



TRUE coincidences

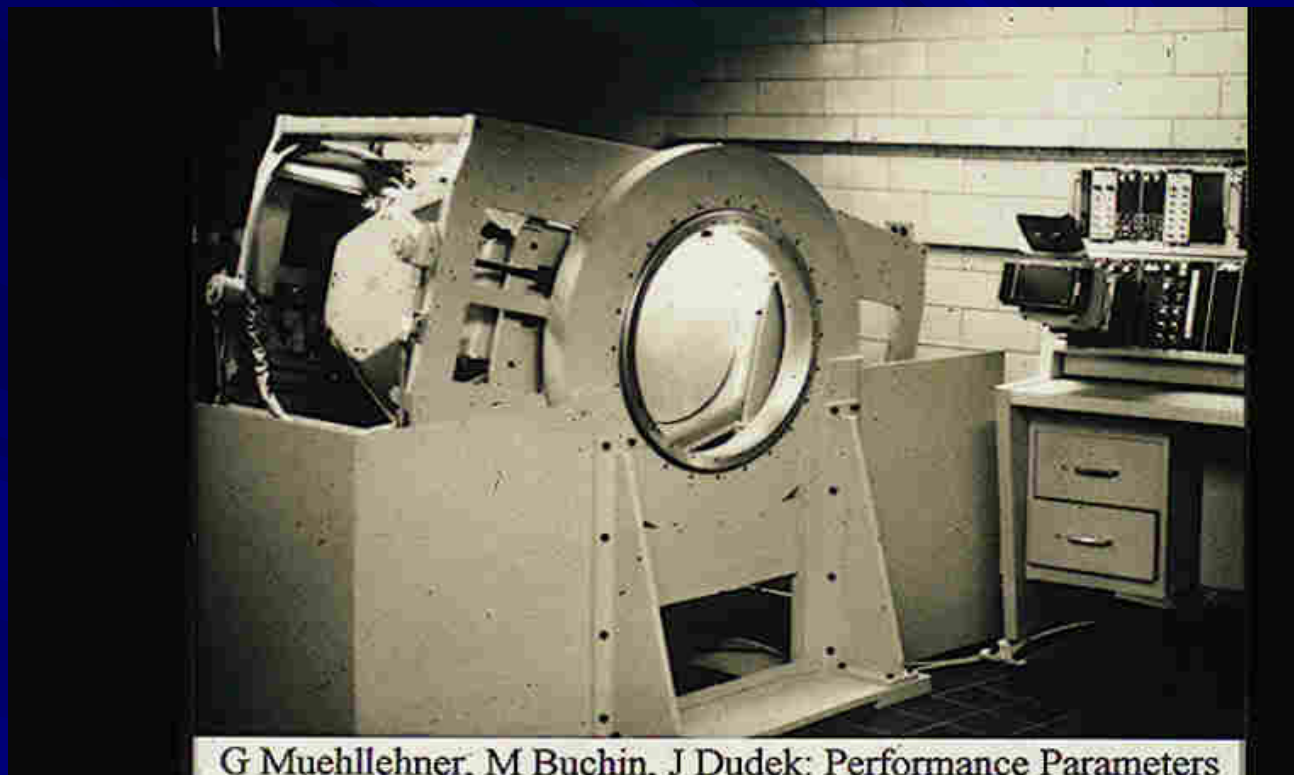


Scattered coincidences



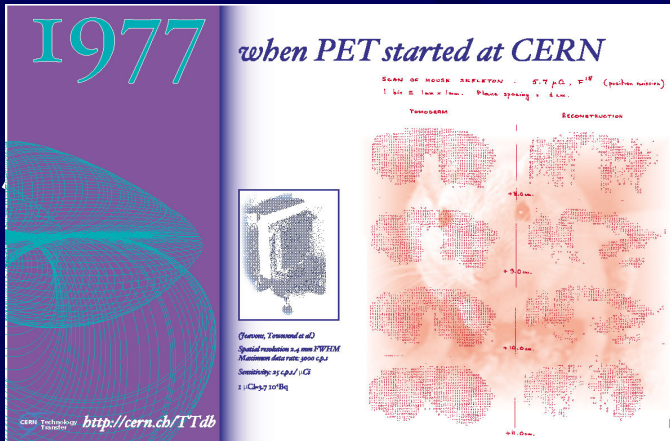
Random coincidences

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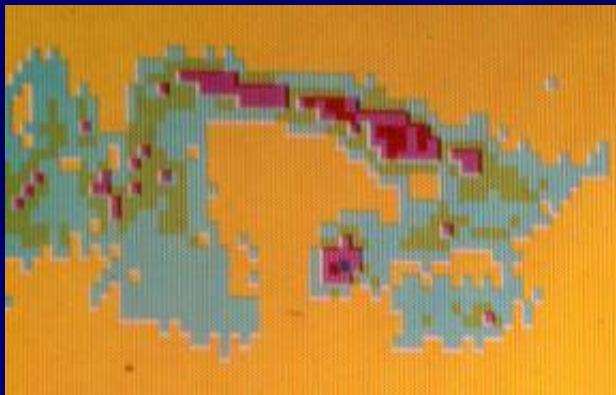
*University of Chicago 1975*

# Historical Evolution of PET



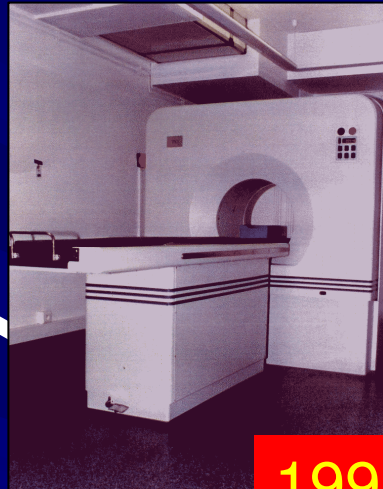
First Steps  
Townsend & Jeavons

1977

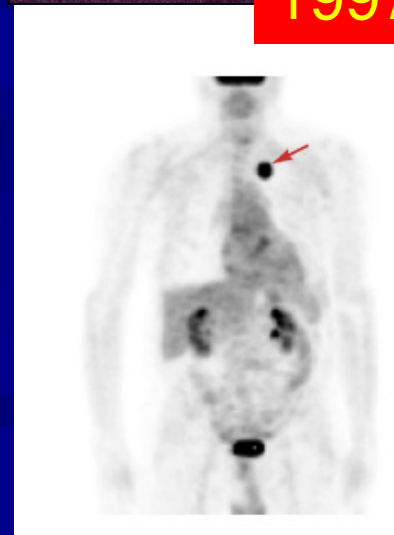
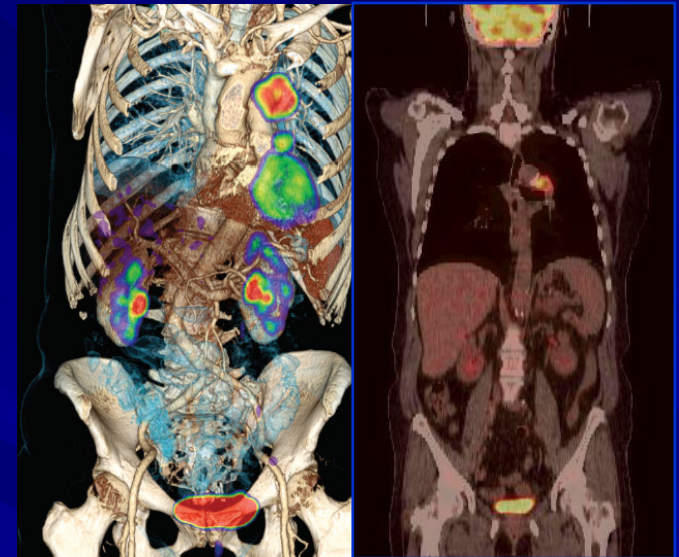


First mouse imaging with  $^{18}\text{F}$

C-PET Philips



1997



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2007

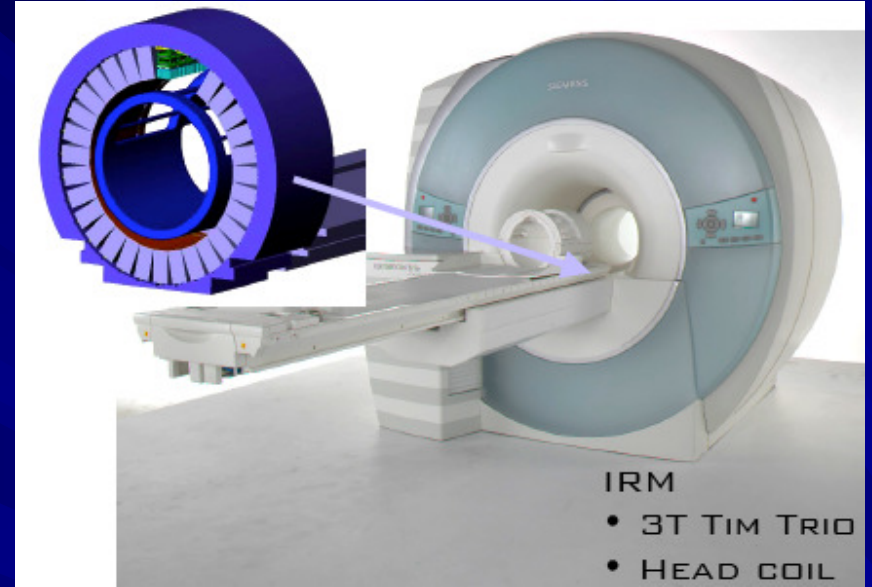
Biograph PET + X ray-CT

# From Today ---> Tomorrow Challenge

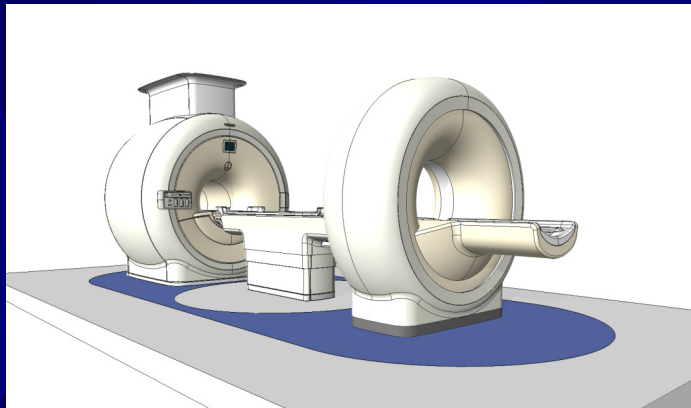


TDM/PET-TOF (500 psec)

Today



Siemens



Philips

PET-MRI

Next ?



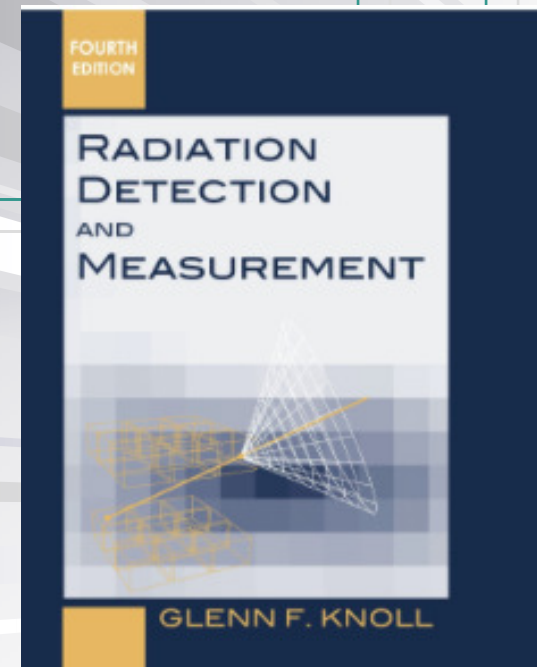
# *Few words about Particle Physics Detector*

*Radiation  
Instrumentation  
The Bible  
Glenn Knoll*



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Osaka Real Time OSYS 2015 school

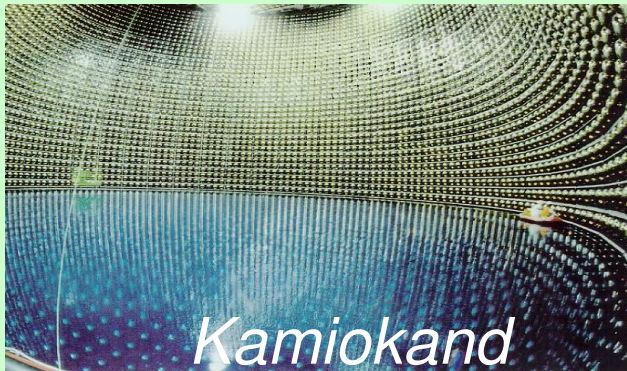


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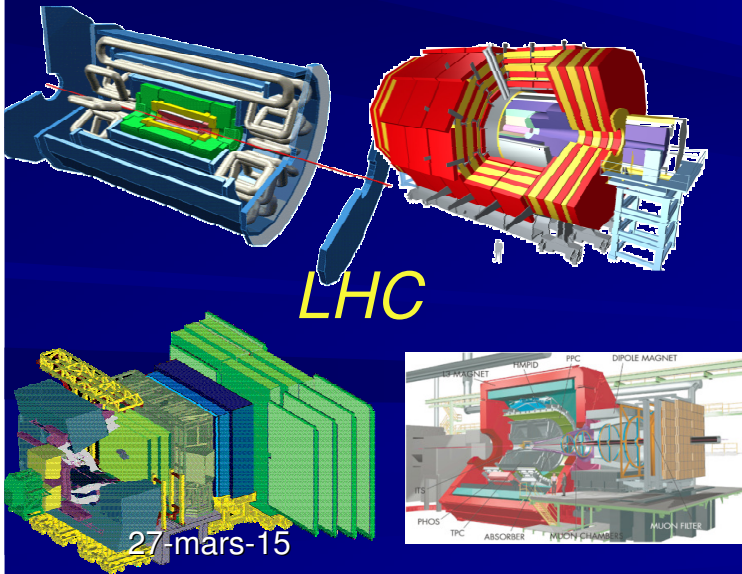
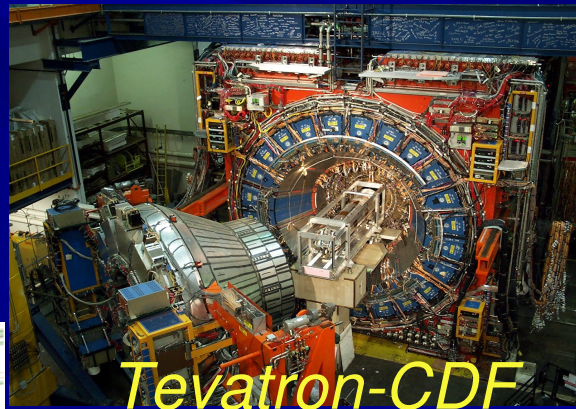
# Particle detectors

## ■ Colliders

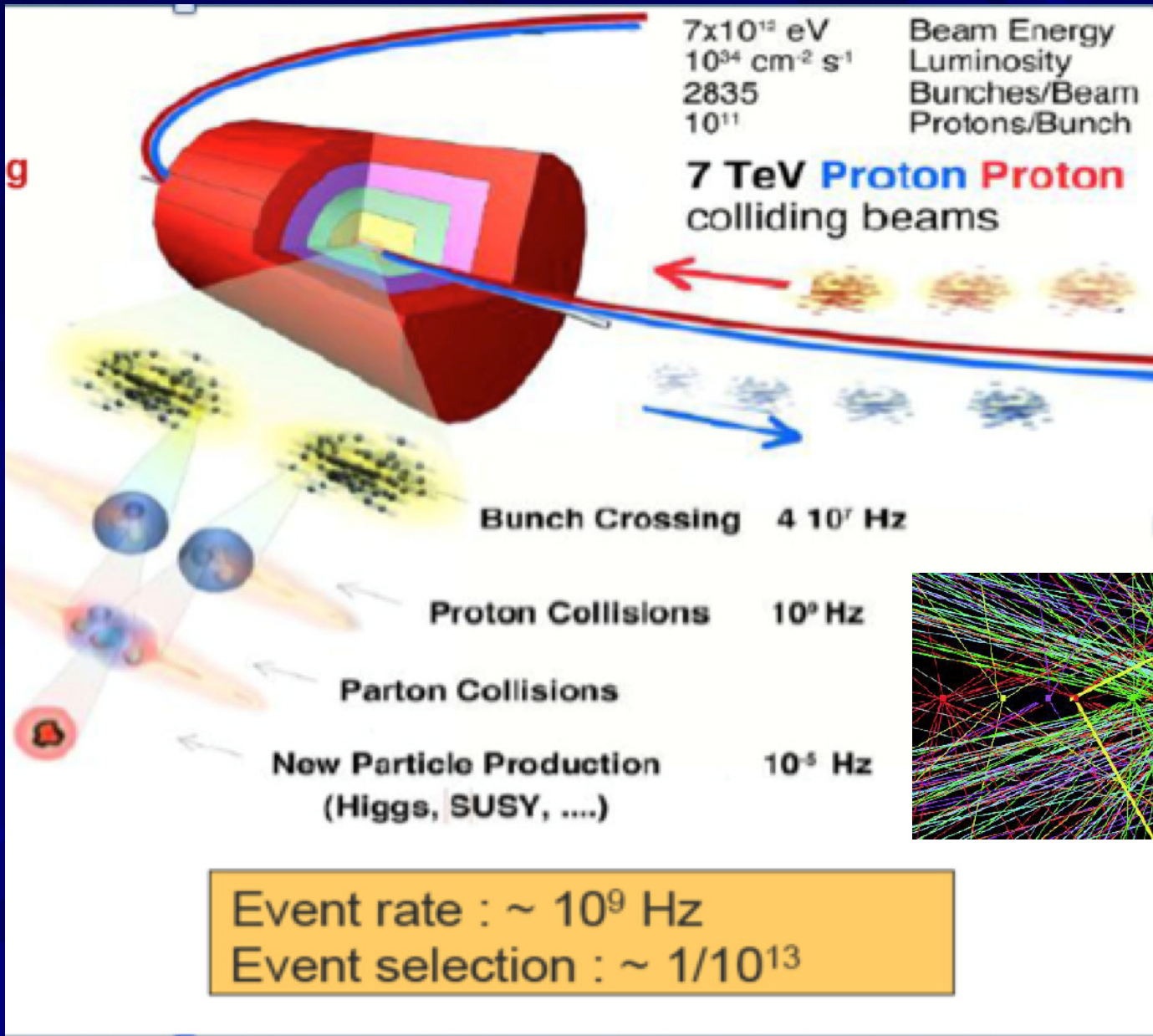
### ■ Fixed target



### ■ Non accelerator



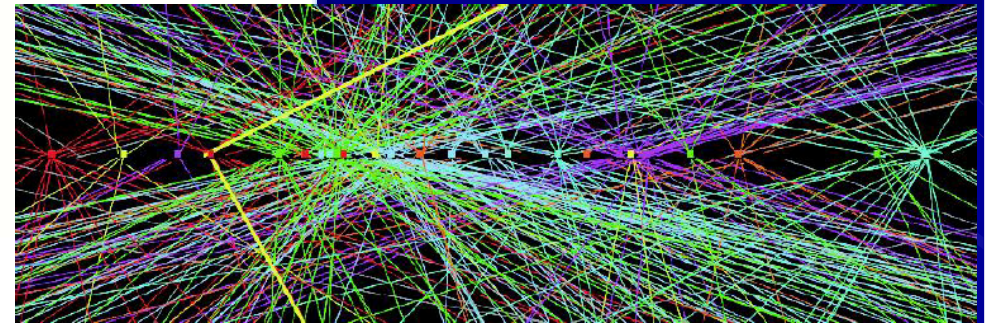
# Challenging : The LHC



Quark-Quark collisions

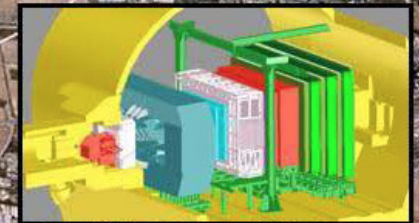
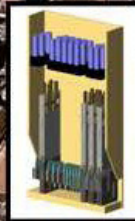
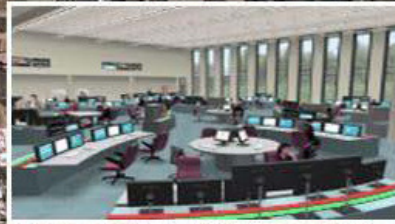
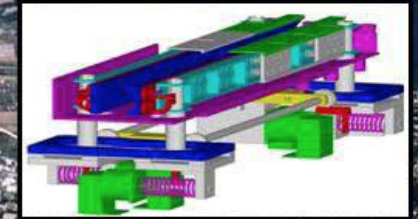
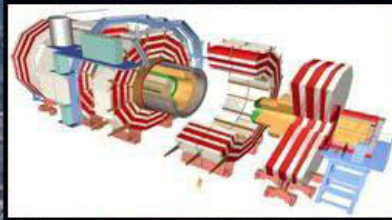


Collision Every 25 ns



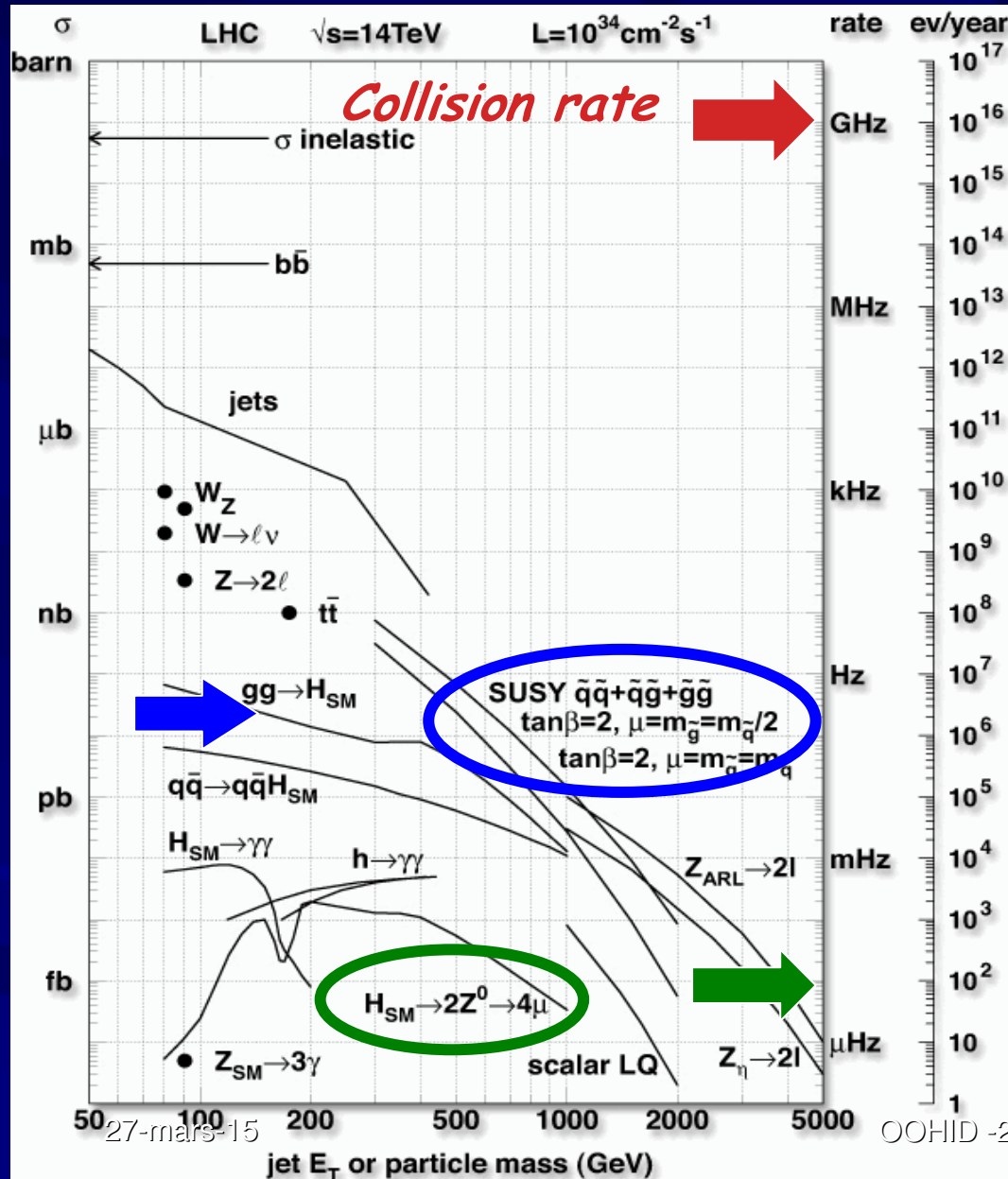
*Z -> μ μ event at LHC ATLAS 15 April 2012*

# CERN-LHC



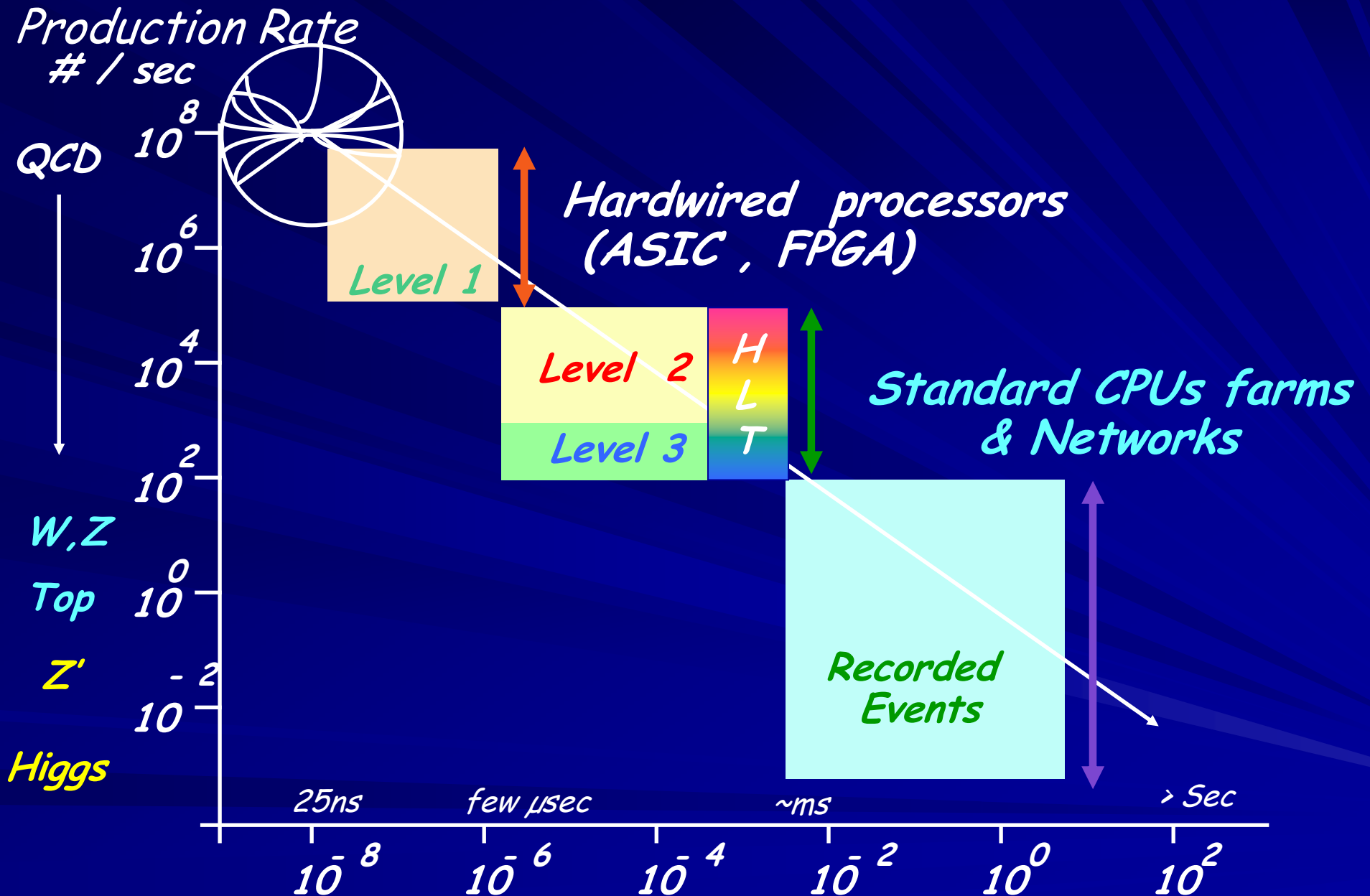


# The LHC challenge

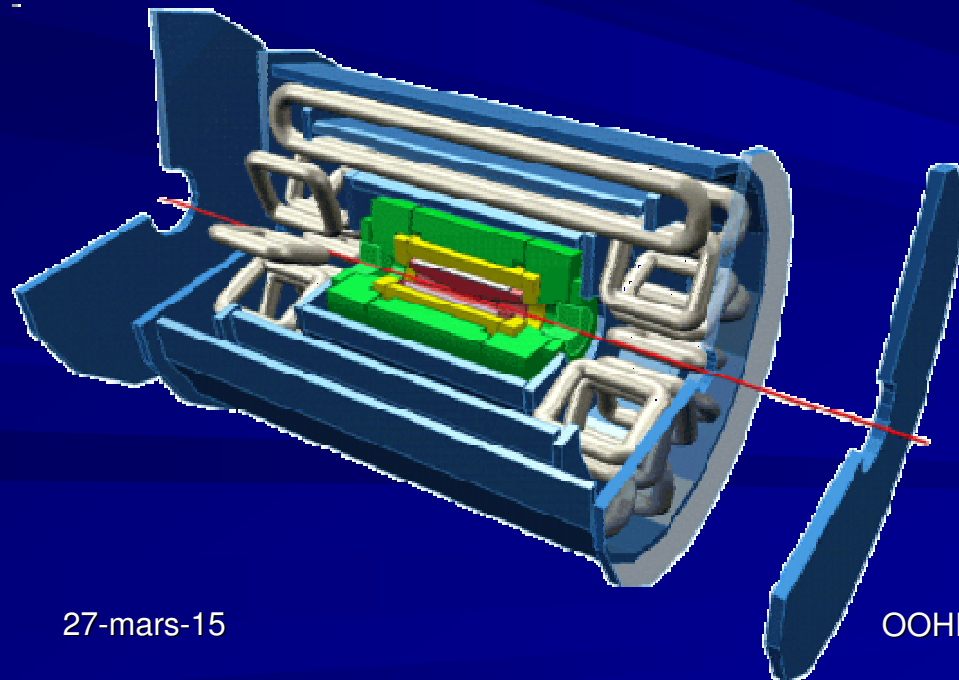
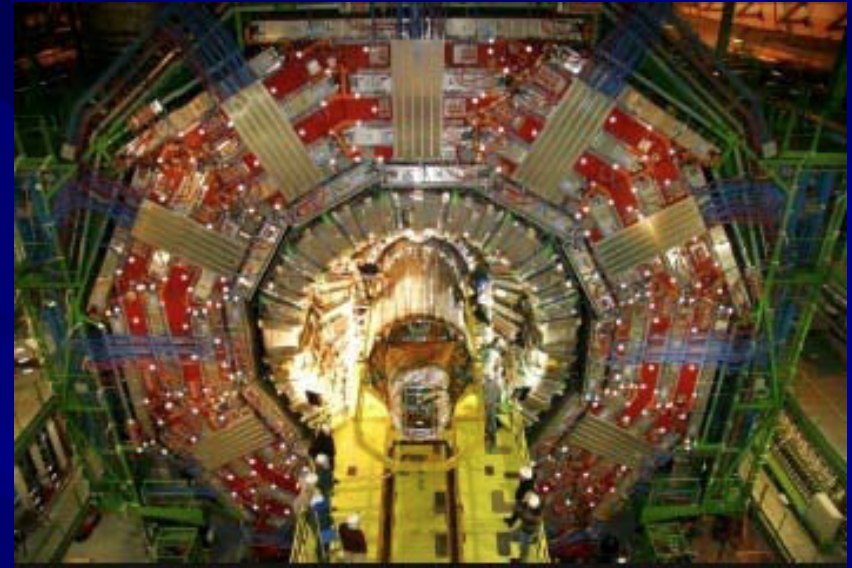
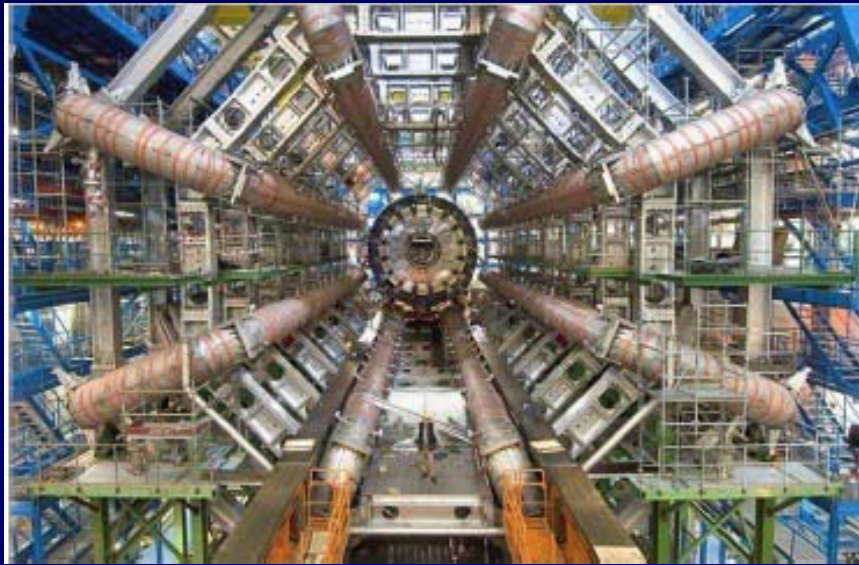


- "Interesting" physics is about 6-8 orders of magnitude below (EWK & Top)
- "Exciting" physics involving new particles/discoveries is  $\geq 9$  orders of magnitude below  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$
- We *just* 😊 need to efficiently identify these rare processes from the background before reading out & storing the whole event
- Conclusion: Need to watch out for high transverse momentum electrons, jets or muons

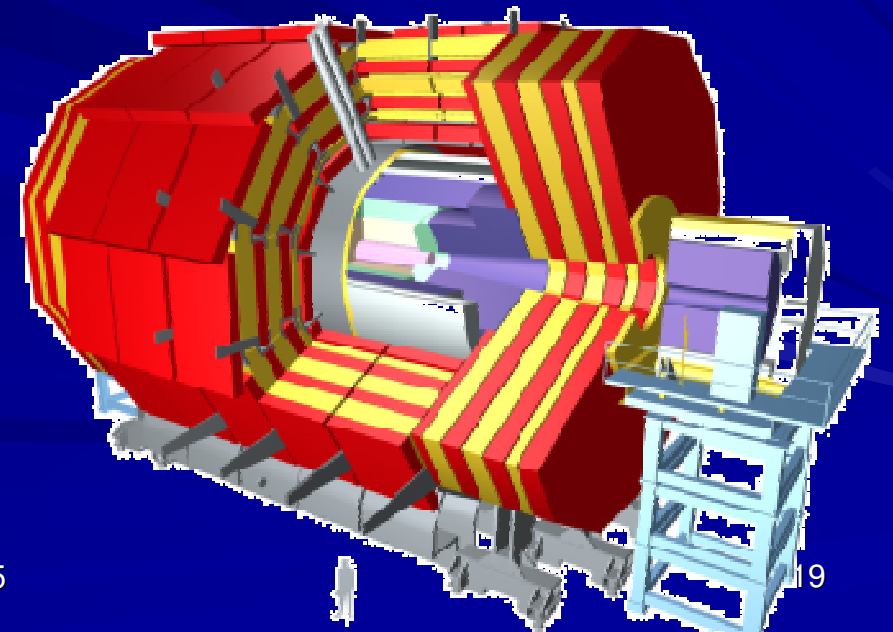
# LHC Multilevel Selection scheme



# LHC Detectors

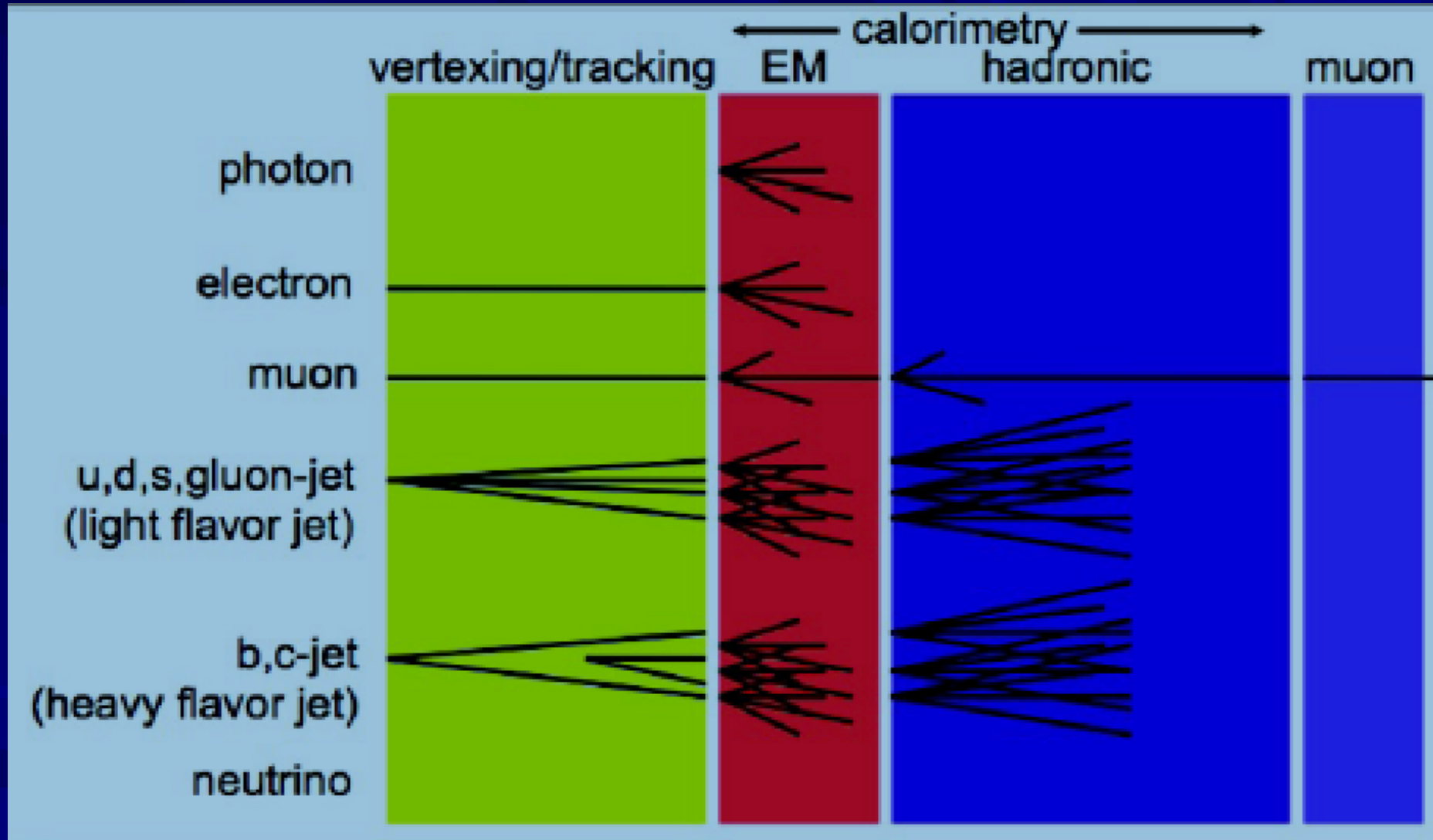


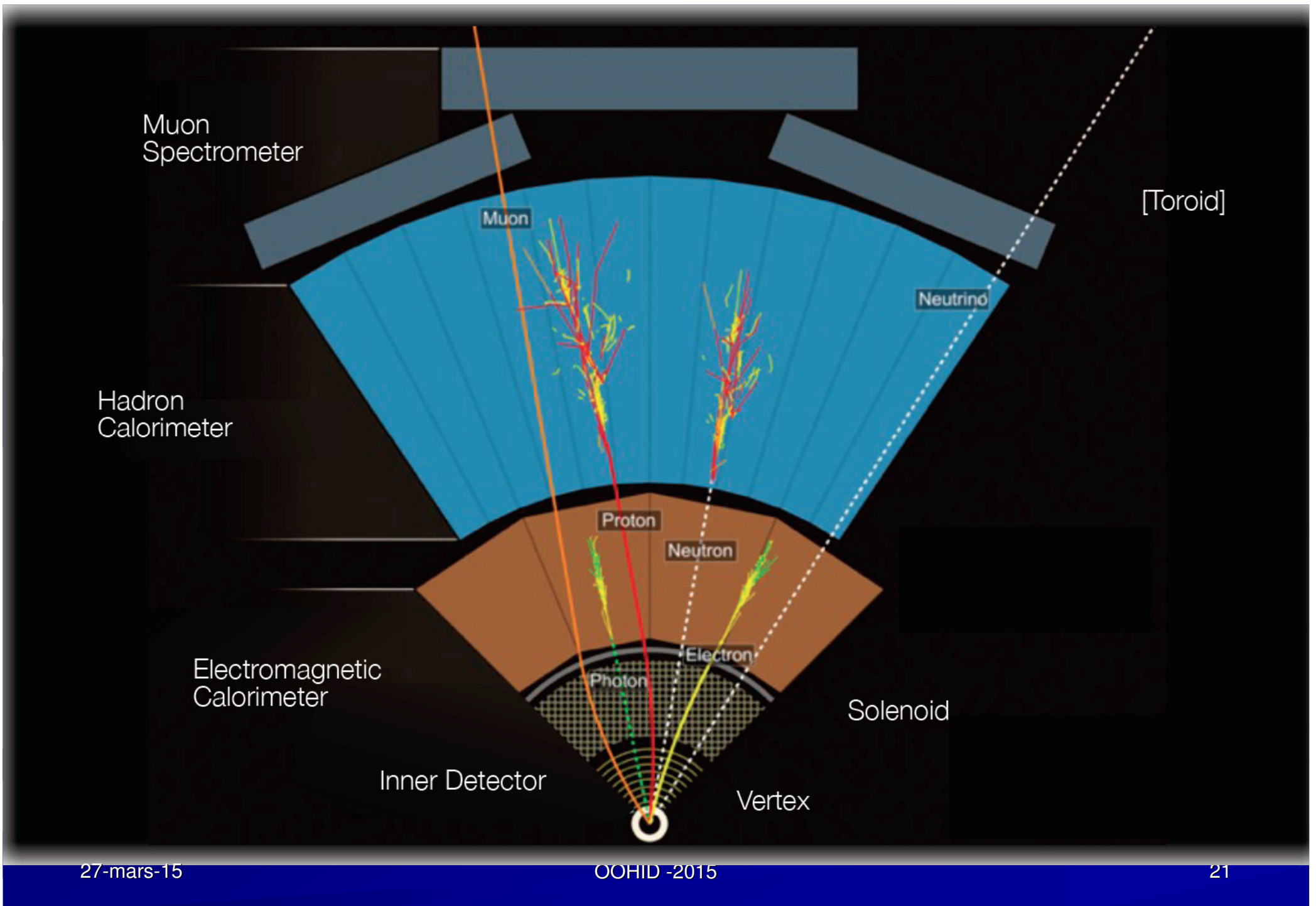
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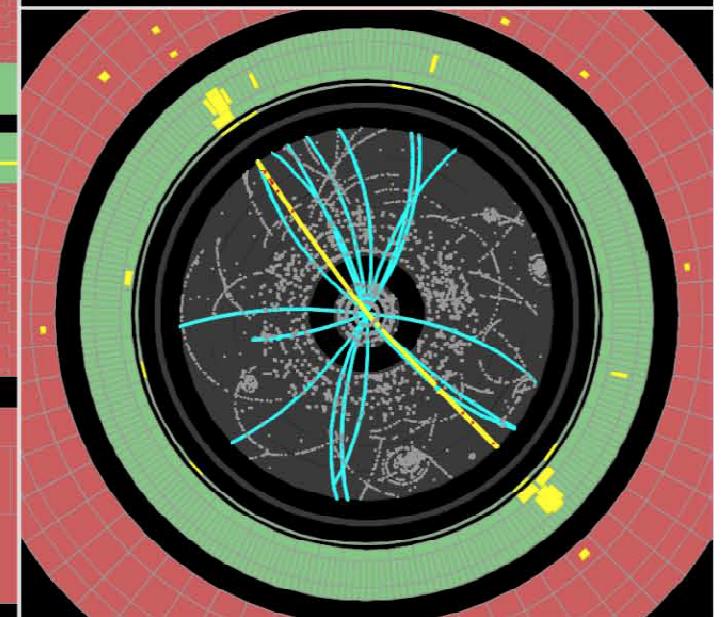
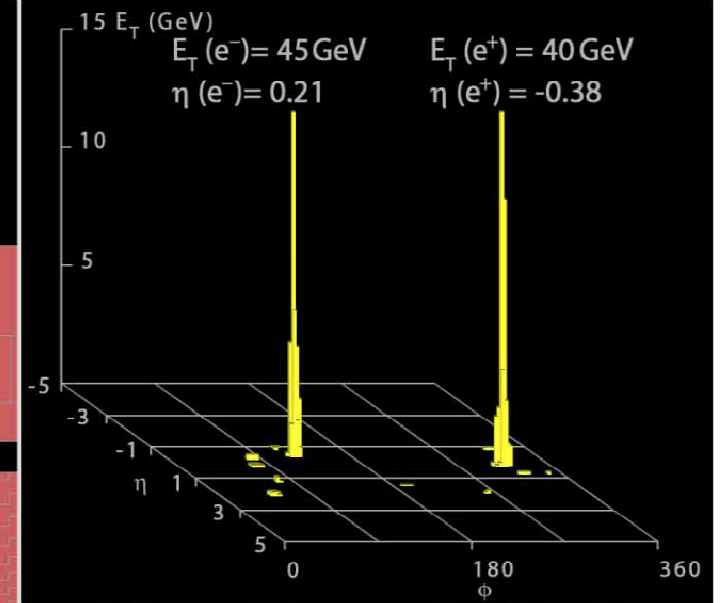
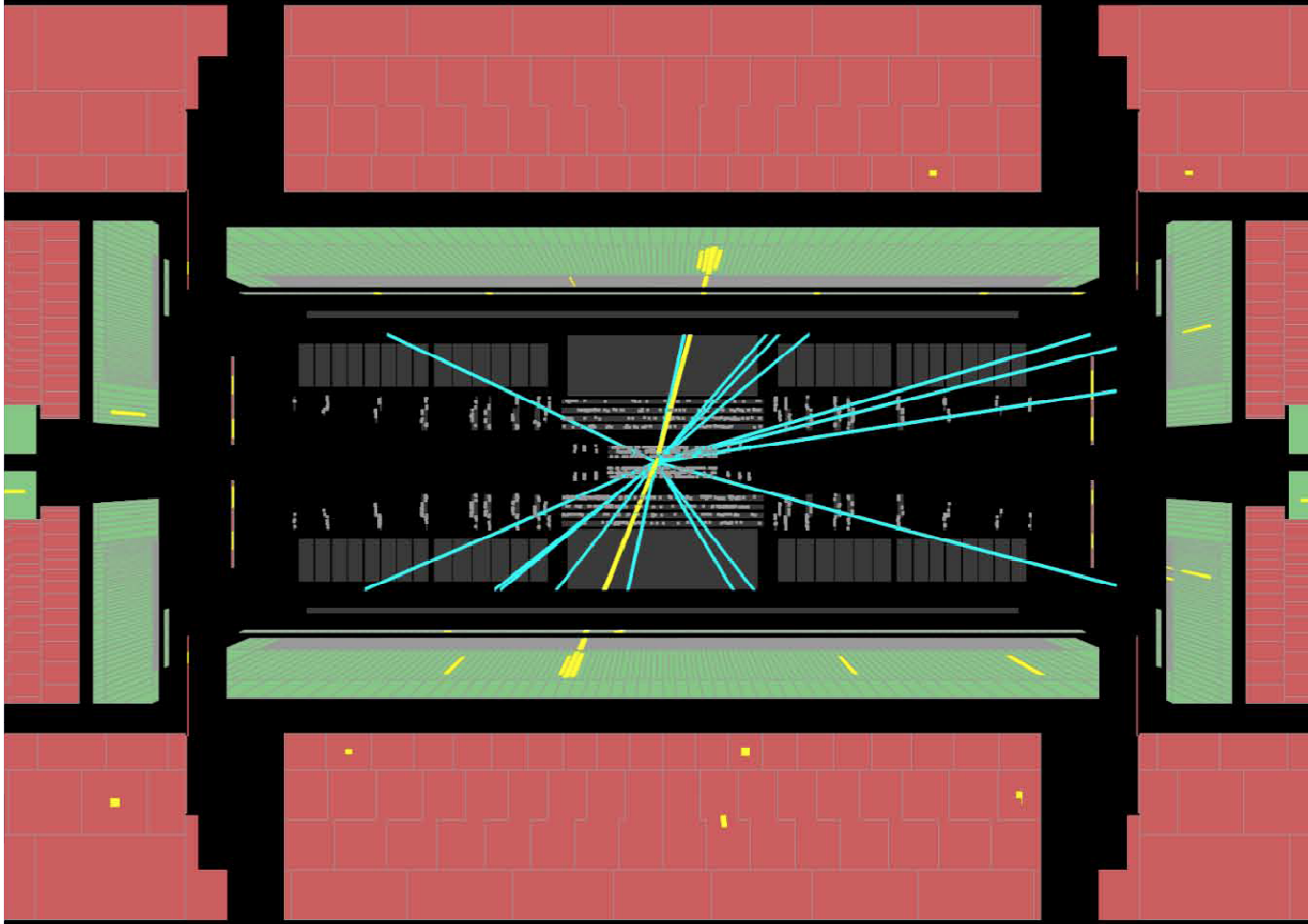


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# Physics signals & Trigger signatures







# HEP ' state of the art ' parameters

## ■ *Beam*

- *230 superimpose event every 25 ns @ SLHC*
- *700 picosecond collision time @ CLIC*

## ■ *Tracking and vertexing*

- *The Micron or less*

## ■ *Energy*

- *From Kev to Tev with very good resolution*

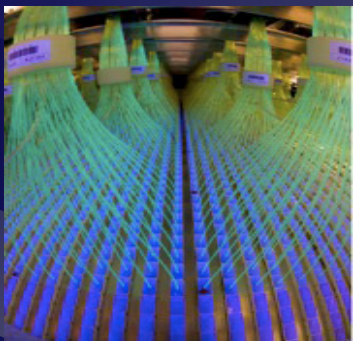
## ■ *Timing*

- *We are speaking today to achieve the **PICOSECOND***

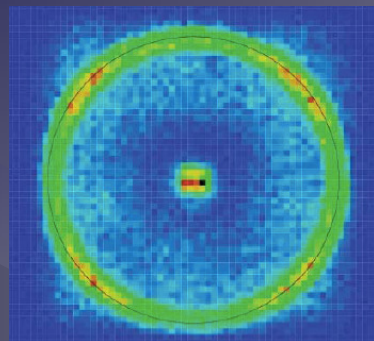
## ■ *# Channels*

*- Billions due to 'pixellated & high granularity detectors*

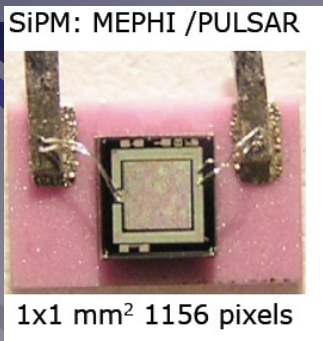
■ *integration, large scale apparatus*



**T2K**  
scintillators  
WLS fiber  
60000 SiPM

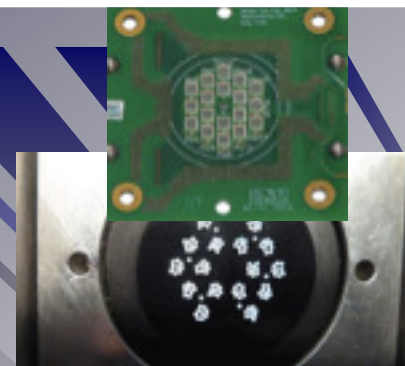


**Belle2 RICHs**  
single  $\gamma$



SiPM: MEPHI /PULSAR  
1x1 mm<sup>2</sup> 1156 pixels

**ILC - CALICE**  
 $8 \times 10^6$  SiPM



**CMS HCAL**  
 $2 \times 10^3$  SiPM

**Some technologies  
that can make a  
breakthrough**

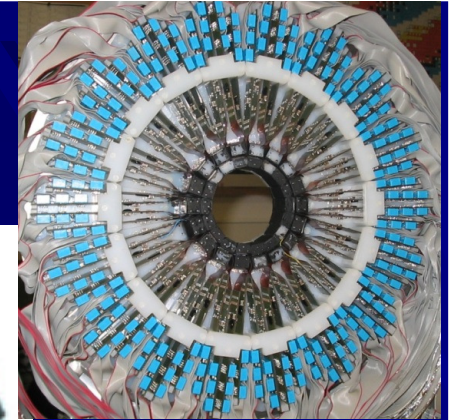
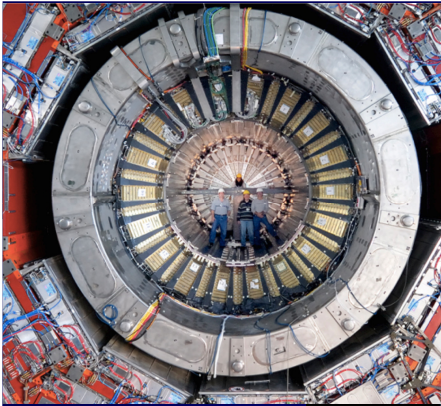
***Why a lot of experimental physicists  
are interested to TEP ?***





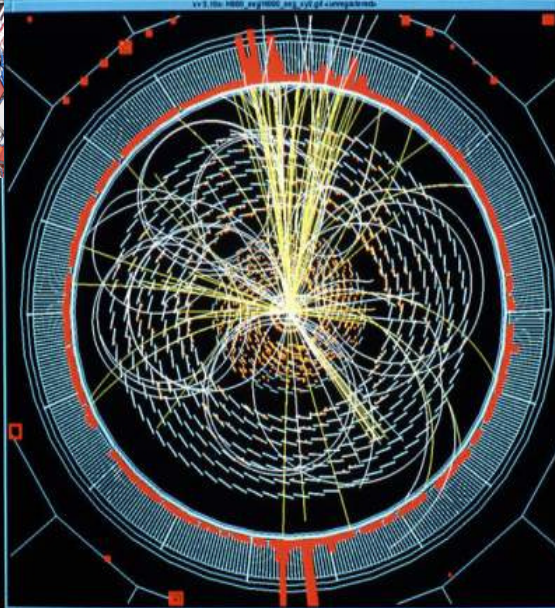
# HEP & PET

## Similarities and differences

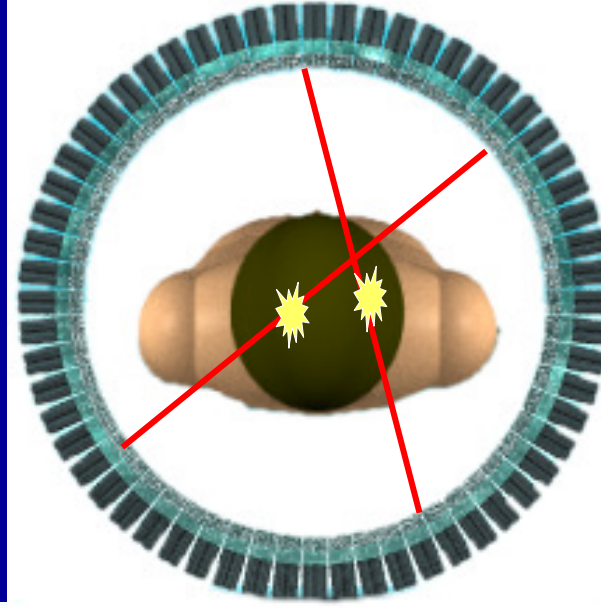


Calorimeter

HEP



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

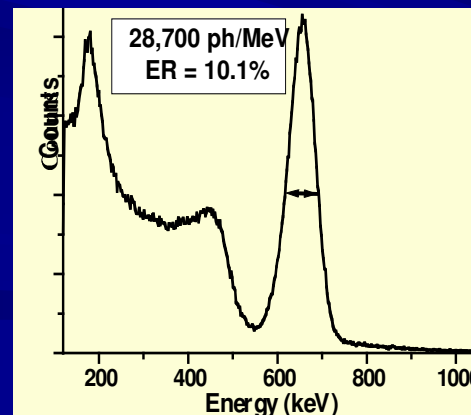


PET  
Camera

Biomedical  
Imaging

### Similarities

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



### Differences

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

No synchronization  
 Self triggered electronics  
 Multiple vertices

# A survey of common areas



LSO

## ■ Material for photon detection

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

## ■ Photon detectors :

compact, high QE, high gain and stability

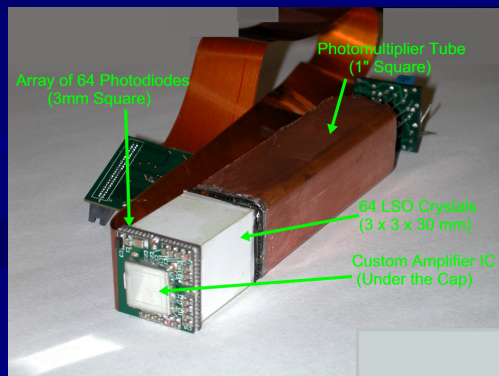
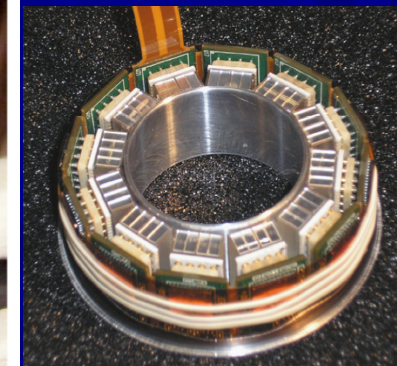
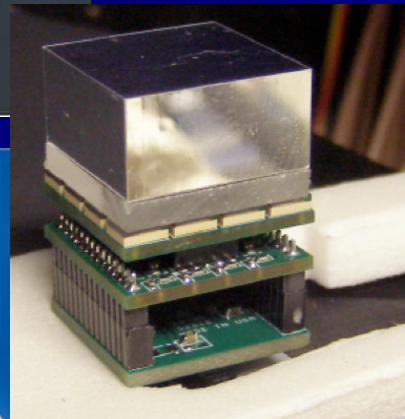
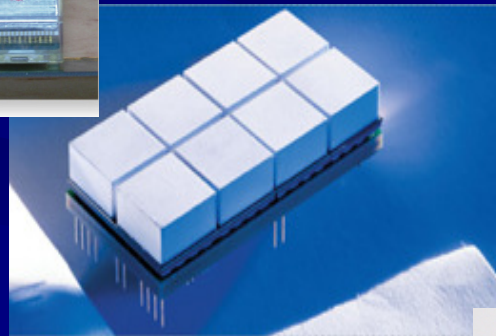
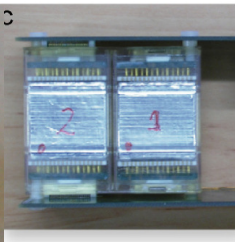
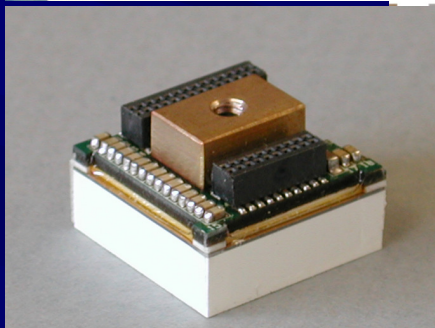
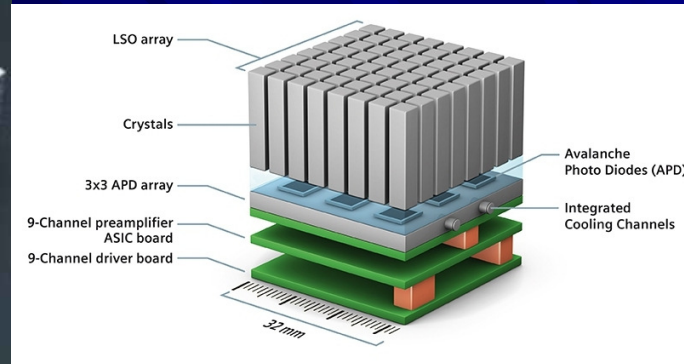
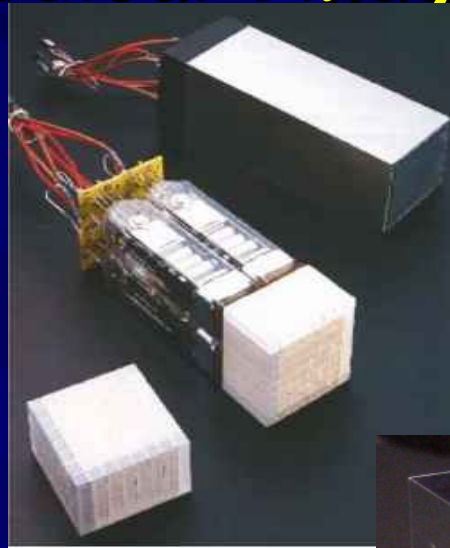
- Standard : PMT ---> MAPMT --> MCP
- Semiconductor : APD --> SiPM/MPPC,DSiPM

# Scintillators for PET

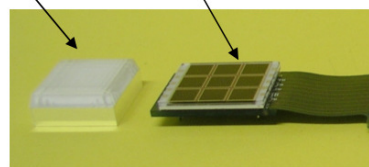
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	NaI	BGO	GSO:Ce	LSO:Ce	LuAP:Ce	LaBr <sub>3</sub> :Ce	LuAG:Ce
Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	3.67	7.13	6.71	7.40	8.34	5.29	6.73
Atomic number	51	75	59	66	65	47	63
Photofraction	0.17	0.35	0.25	0.32	0.30	0.13	0.30
Decay time (ns)	230	300	30-60	35-45	17	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

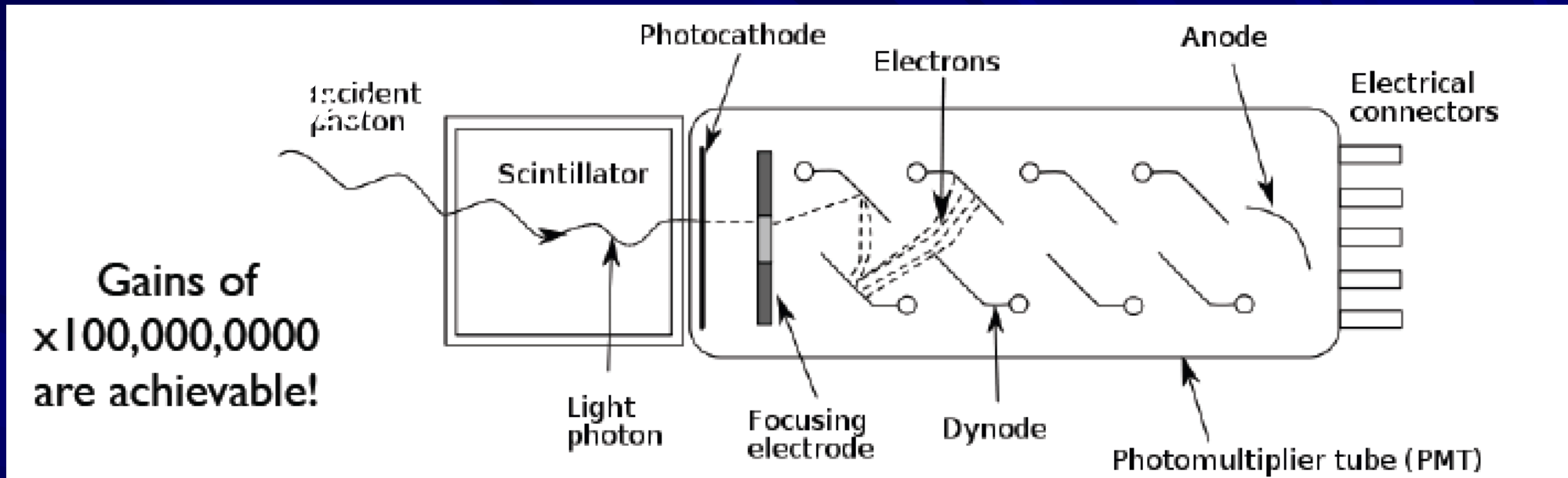
# Scintillation Detectors in Nuclear Medical Imaging



LSO block 3x3 APD array

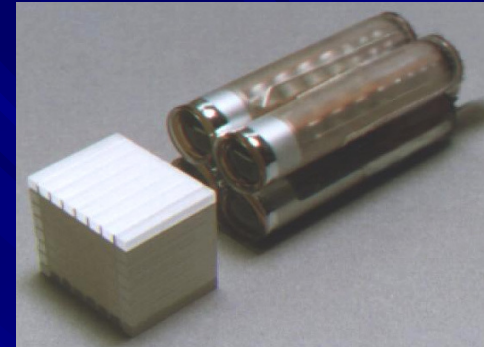


# Photomultiplier Tube (PMT)

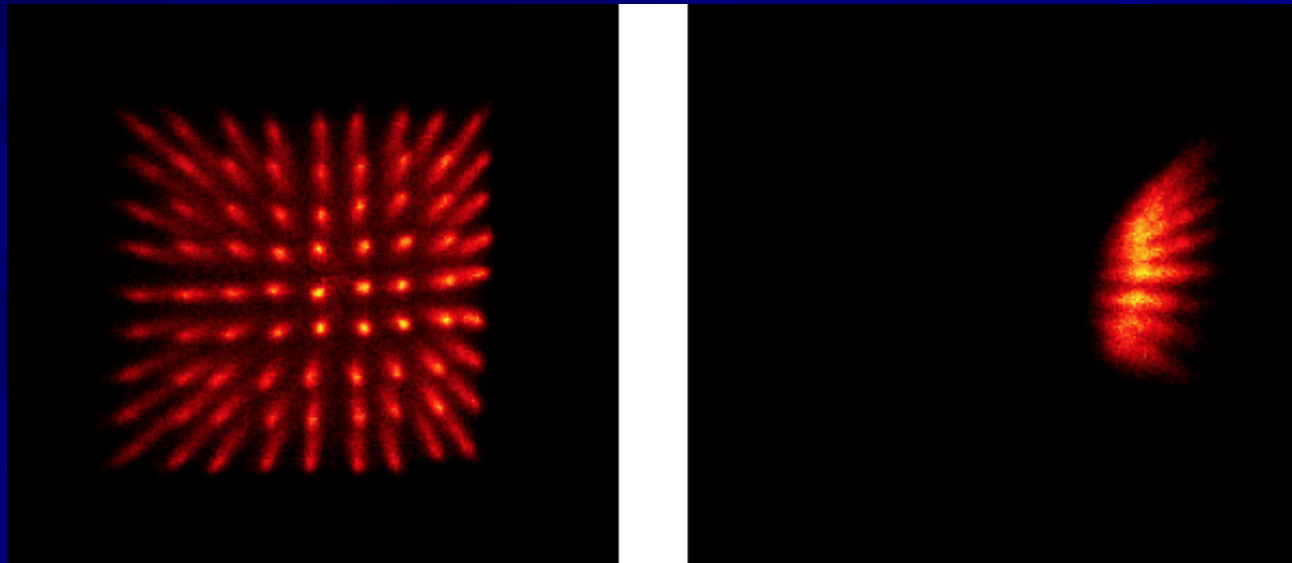


*Use since 75 years*  
*Large gain*  
*Bulky*  
*Sensitive to magnetic field*

# Effect of PMT Inside Magnetic Field



*Conventional PET Detector Block*

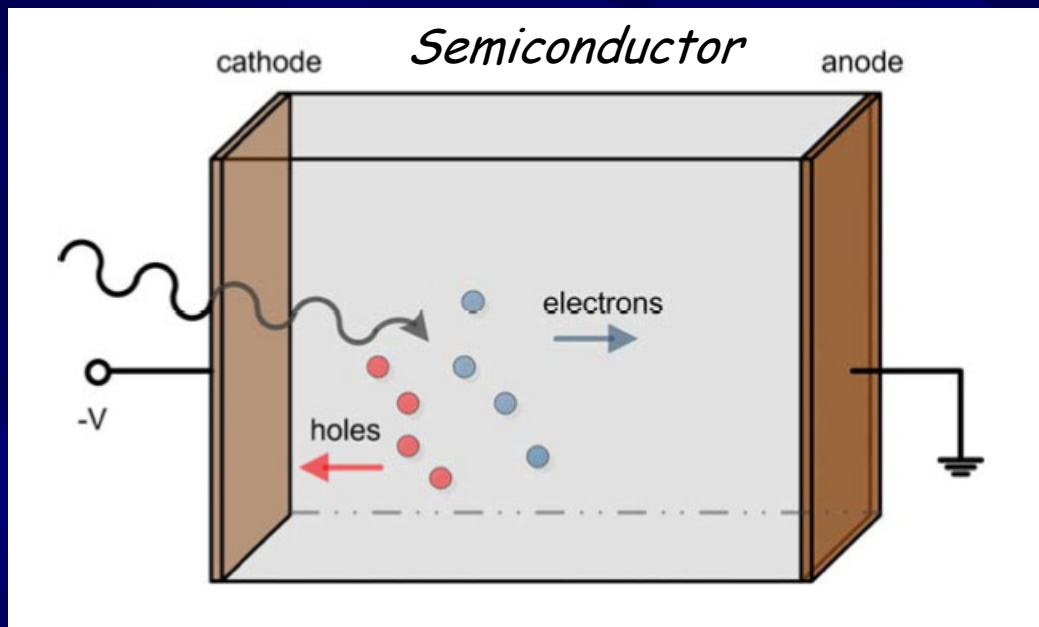


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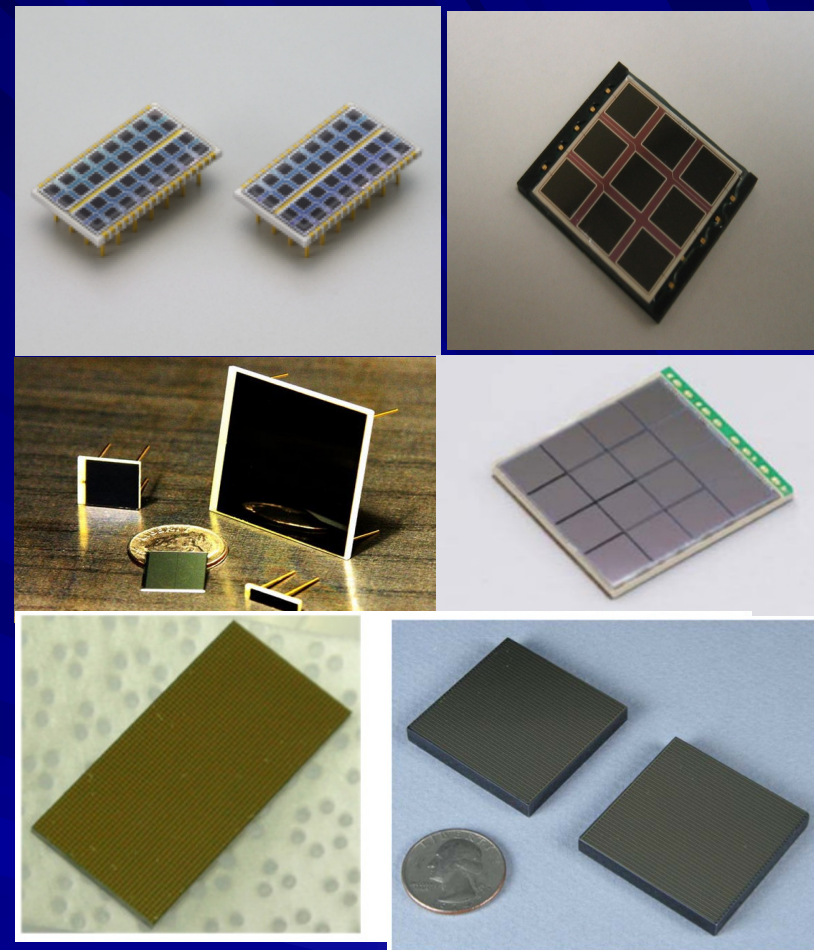
$B \neq 0$

*PMT does not work inside magnetic field!!*

# The 'solid state' photodetector



- *Electric field is created by an applied bias voltage*
- *e-h pairs are created by incoming radiation*
- *Electrons move to the anode and holes move to the cathode*
- *Electrical signal is induced on the electrodes by the moving charges*



*Photodiode (PIN)*  
*Avalanche Photodiode (APD)*  
*Silicon Photomultiplier (SiPM)*  
*CdZnTe*  
*CdTe/*

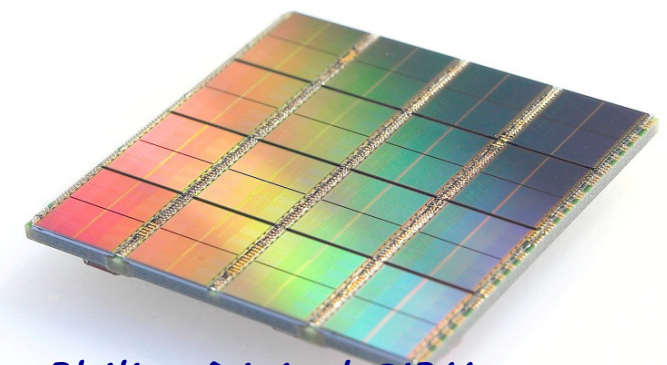
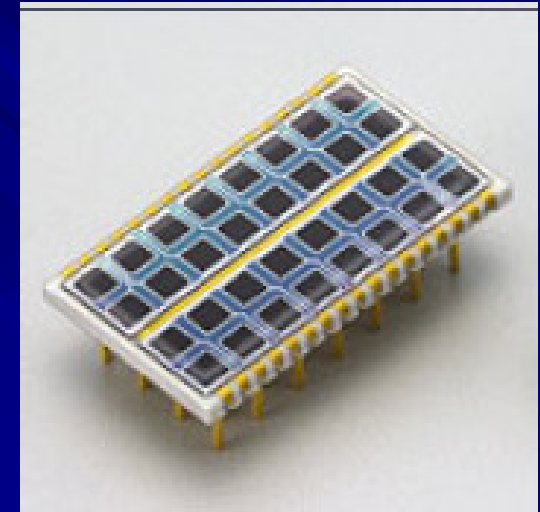
# Evolution: PMT → Silicon photodetectors : SiPM

## **Advantages:**

- High QE ( $>70\%$  for 400–600 nm)
- APD operating in Geiger mode
- High internal gain ( $10^5 - 10^6$ )
- Very fast response ( $\sim 100$  ps rise time)
- Capable of detecting single photoelectron
- **Insensitive to magnetic field**

## **Drawbacks:**

- Geometric fill factor
- Limited micro-cell  $\Rightarrow$  limited dynamic range
- Sensitive to temperature and voltage fluctuations in analog mode, but not in purely digital mode
- **Cross-talk and after-pulses issues**



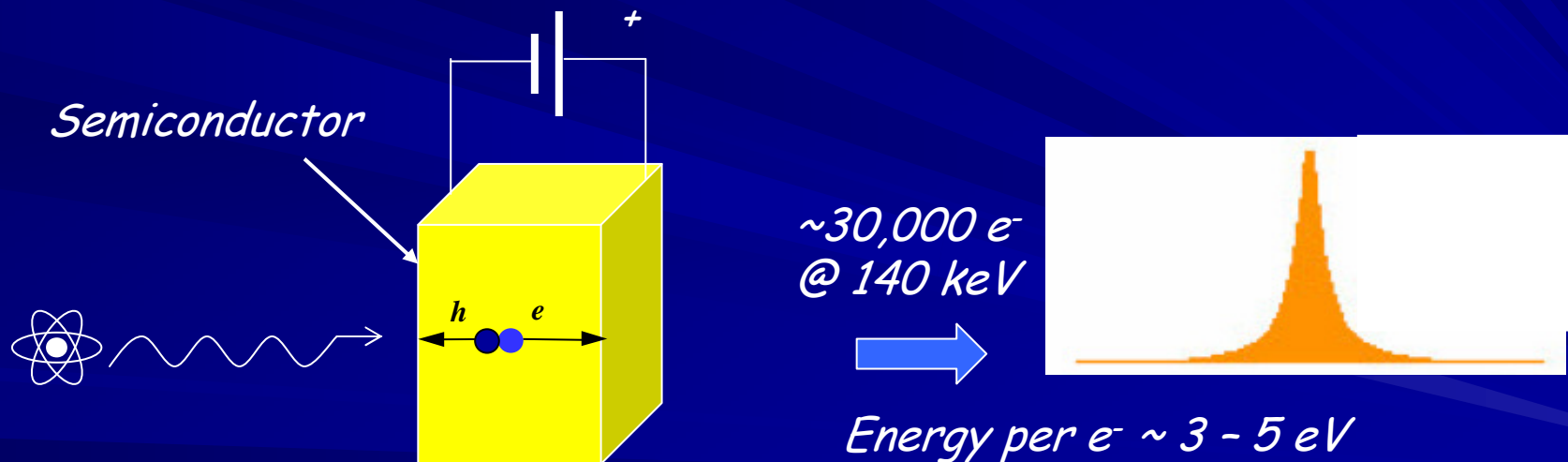
*Philips Digital SiPM  
32x32 mm<sup>2</sup>*



# Scintillation Detectors vs Solid-State Detectors



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

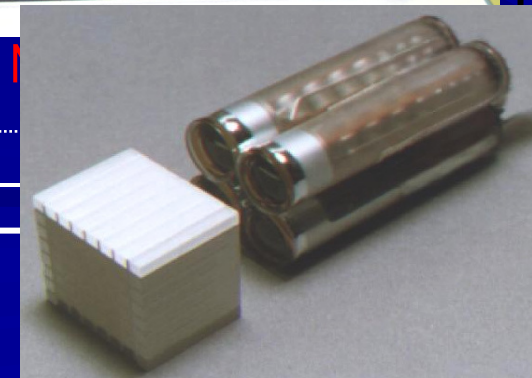


*Gamma Ray --> Electrical Signal (Direct Detection)*

# Photodetector Technologies: A Comparison

Photo detector	PMT
Technology	Vacuum-Based
Gain	High
Detection Efficiency	Low to Moderate
Noise	Low
Timing Response	Moderate to Fast
Packaging	Bulky
Sensitivity to Magnetic Field	Yes
Bias Voltage	>1kV

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



# Photodetector Technologies: A Comparison

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

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

# 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	High	Poor	High	Moderate to High
Noise	High	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.*

# Photodetector Technologies: A Comparison

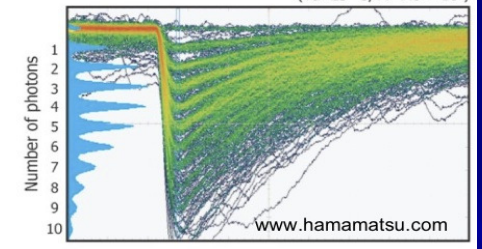
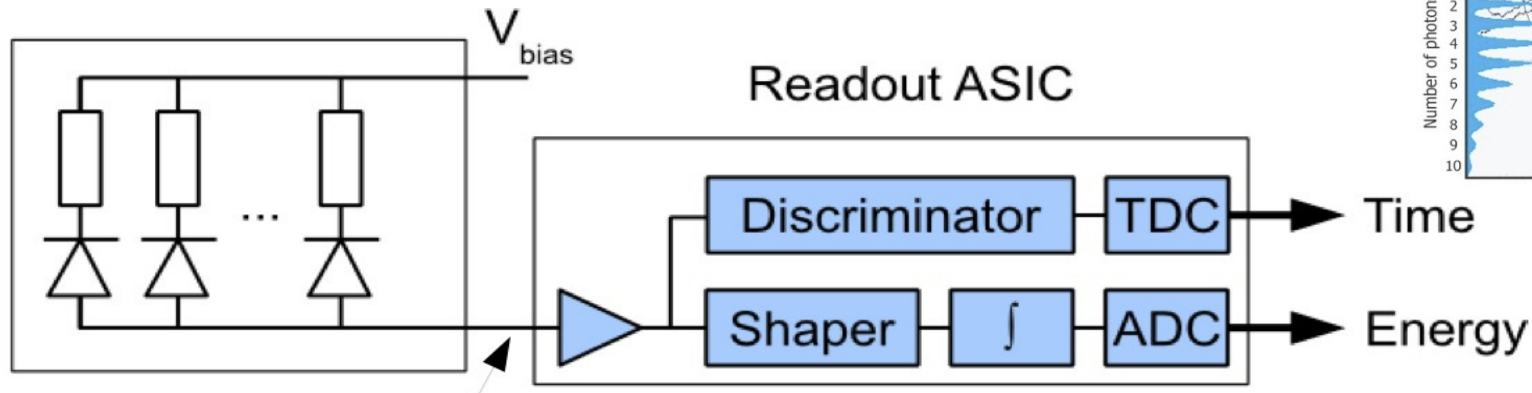
Photo detector	PMT	PIN	APD	SiPM
Technology	Vacuum-Based	Solid-State	Solid-State	Solid-State
Gain	High	Poor	Moderate	High
Detection Efficiency	Low to Moderate	High	High	Low to Moderate
Noise	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Timing Response	Moderate	Fast	Fast	Fast
Packaging	Bulky	Compact	Compact	Compact
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*

# Digital SiPM detectors (PDPC)

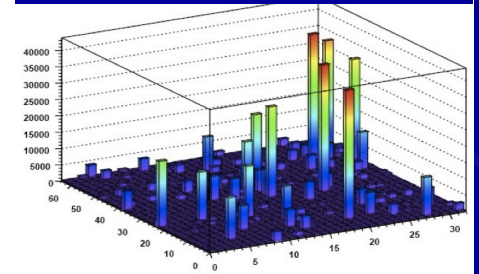
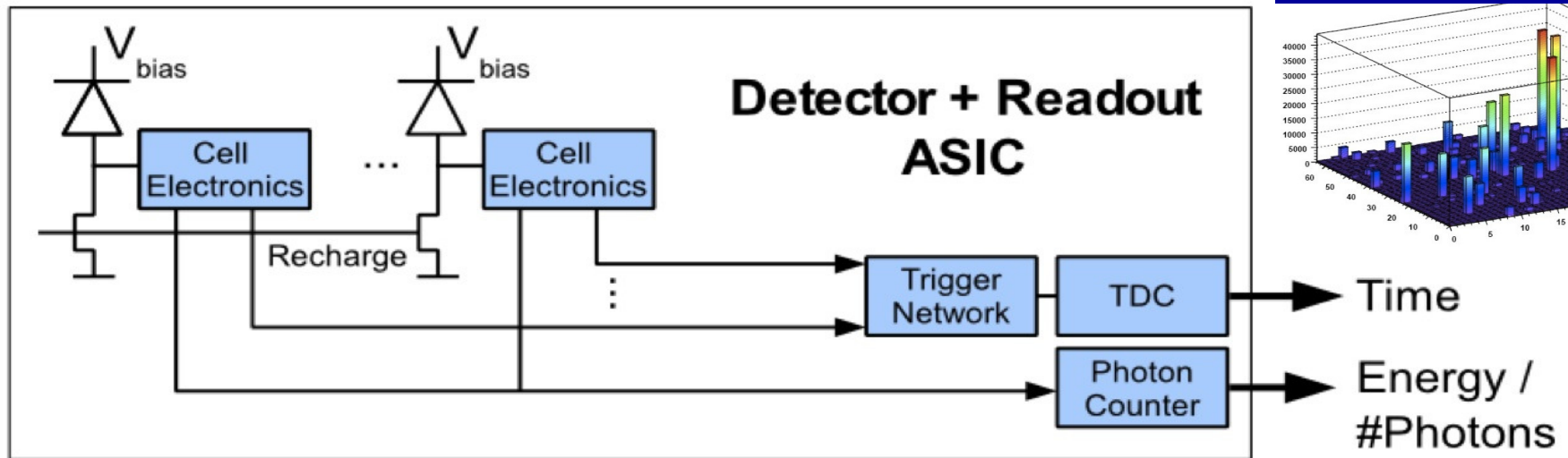
Analog signal sums many photons

## Analog Silicon Photomultiplier Detector



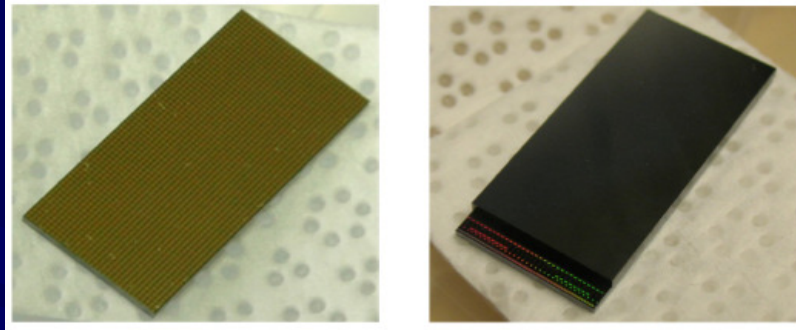
## Digital Silicon Photomultiplier Detector

Selectively disable cells with high dark noise

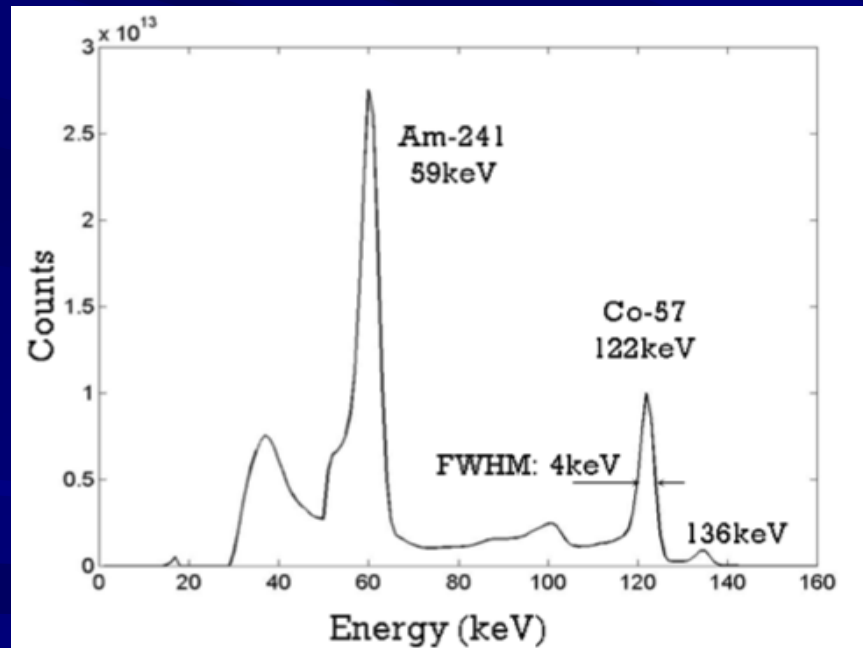
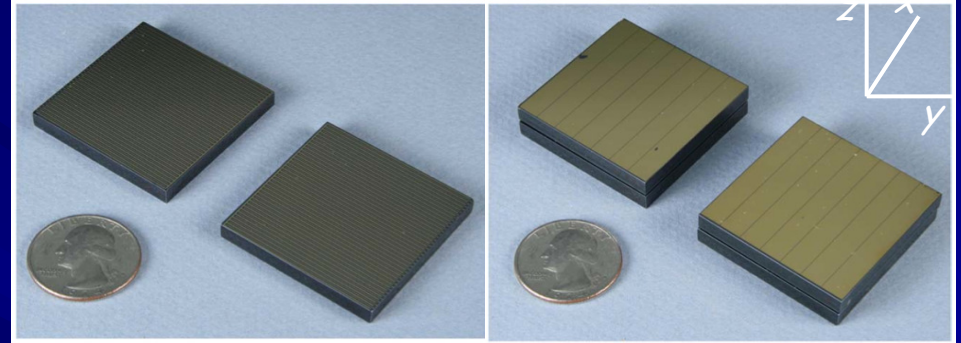


# Examples of CdTe/CdZnTe Detectors for SPECT and PET

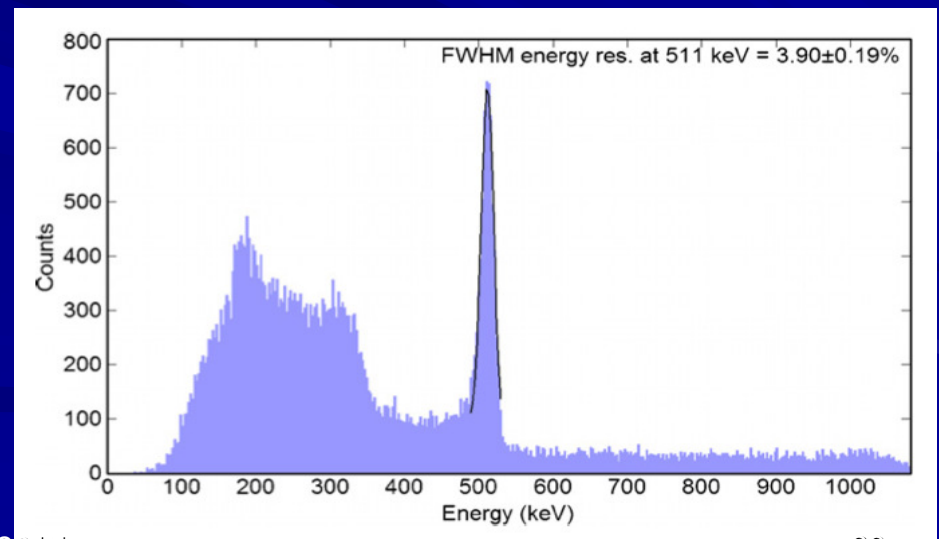
*CdTe: 11x22x1 mm<sup>3</sup>, 350 μm pixels*



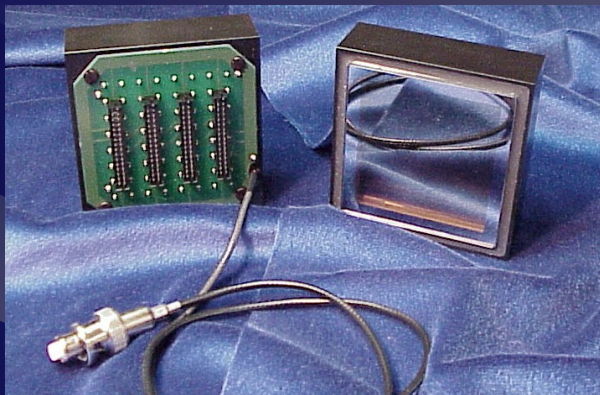
*CdZnTe: 39x39x5 mm<sup>3</sup>, double-sided strip*



*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*



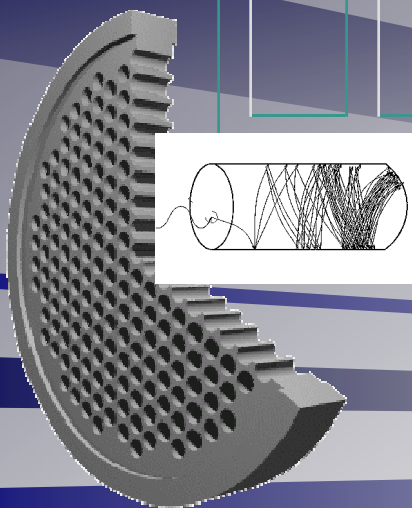
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Photek, HPK, Burle-  
Photonis 2" x 2"

# The large area Micro Channel Plate Coming soon !

ALD Nanolayer



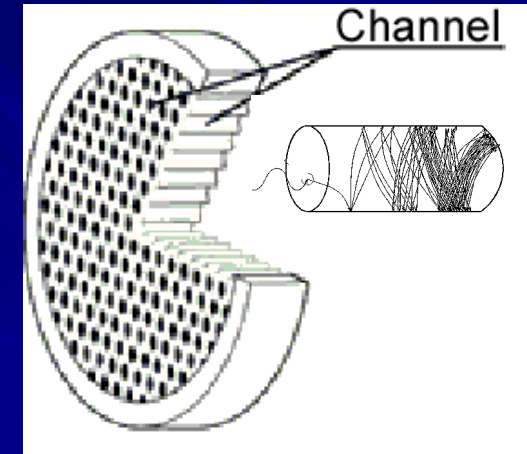
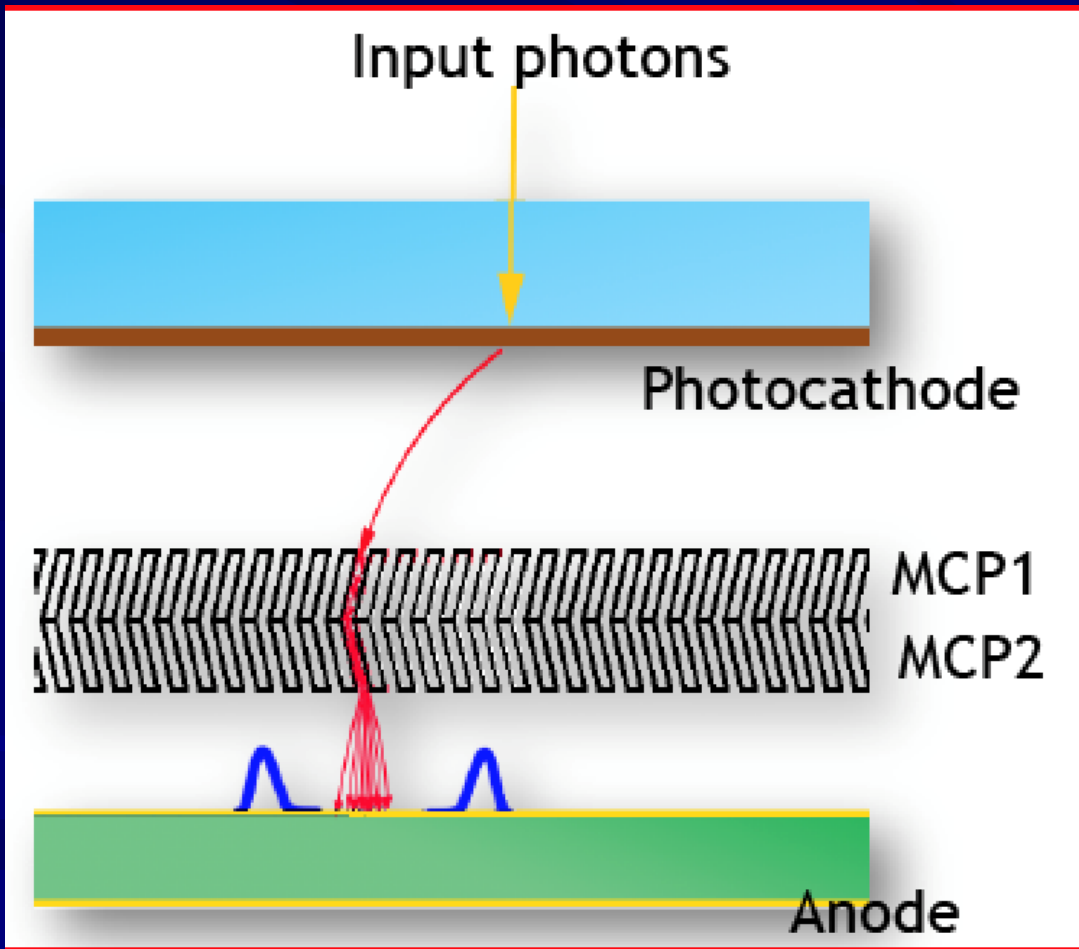
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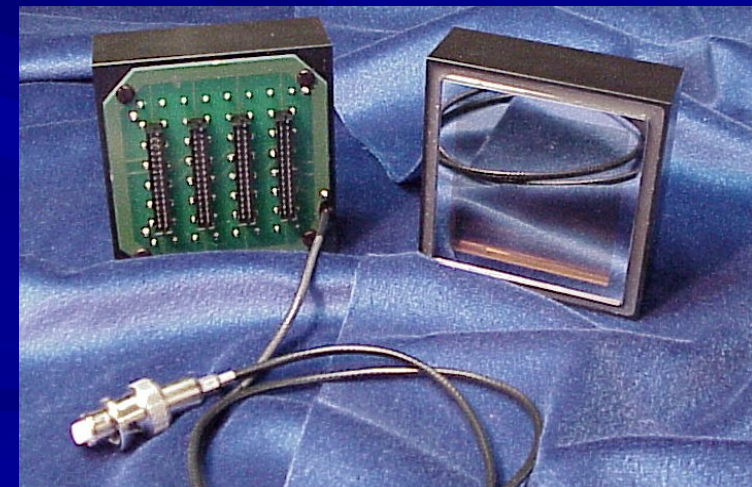


# Micro Channel Plate → How does it work ?

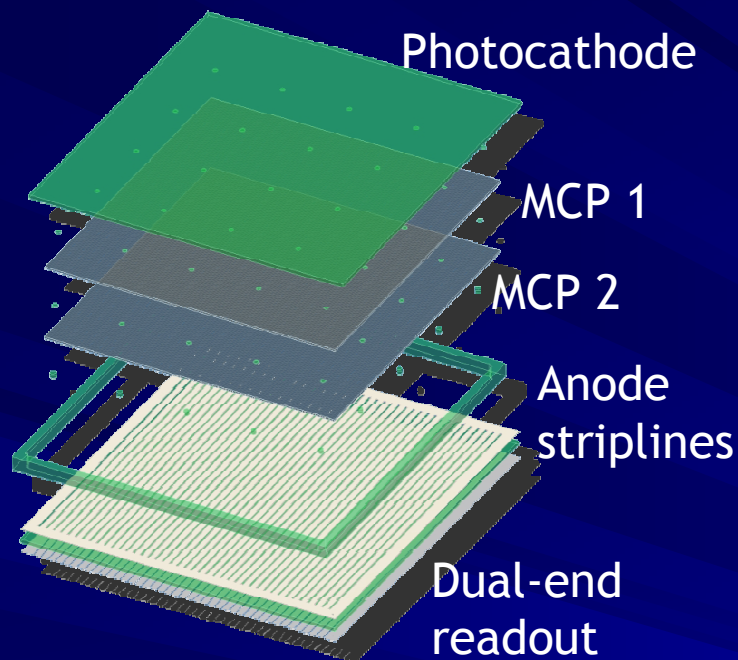
- High, gain  $> 10^7$ , low noise, low power,  $\sigma(t) < 10$  psec,  $\sigma(x) < 1$  mm
- Goal → large area, low cost:



*pore sizes 2-20  $\mu$ m*



# Large Area Micro-Channel Plates Devices



*LAPPD project : Chicago-ANL-Hawaii*

*Large Area MCP pad 8" x 8"*

*Transmission lines 2D readout:*

*limits the number of electronic channels compared to pixels*

*Goal: Both position  $\sigma(\text{mm}^2)$  and timing  $\sigma$  (10-100ps)*

## *Electronics*

*PSI, Orsay/Saclay, Chicago-Hawaii*

*- GigaSample/s Waveform Sampling and Digital Processing*

*Workshop on Pico-second sensors,  
LPC Clermont-Ferrand March 12-14th 2014*

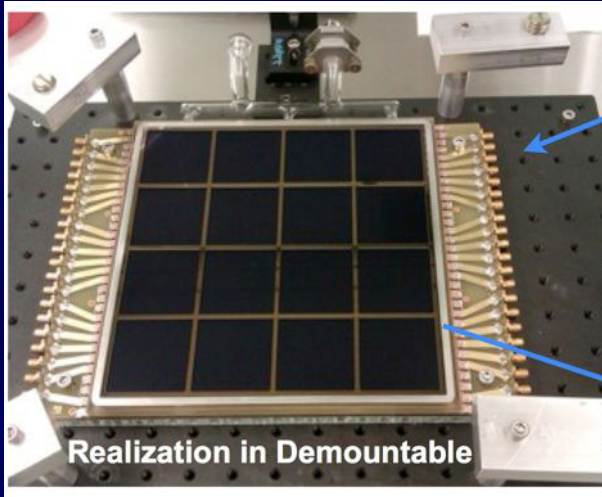


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Coming  
soon



*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*



■ *Application in tracker sampling calorimeters & PET*

# Some words about electronics

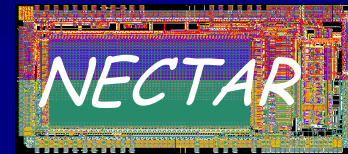


# A survey of common area (cont't)

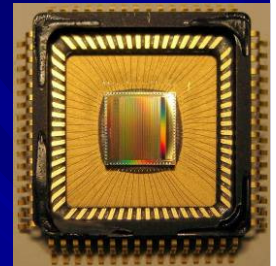


## ■ Front end electronics & signal treatment

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



Giga sampling chip  
LAL-Saclay)



DRS4 (PSI)

## ■ 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

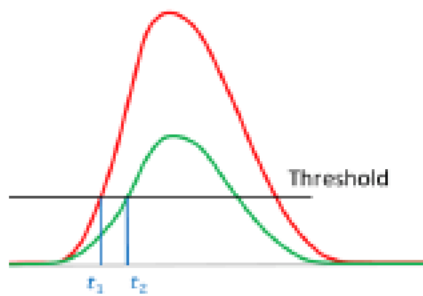
- Reconstruction, simulation & modelling --> GATE

## ■ Global design

- Compact integration of large number of channels

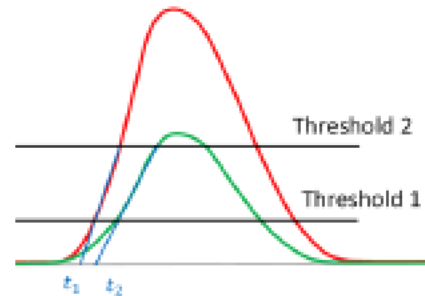
# Timing extraction method

## Single threshold



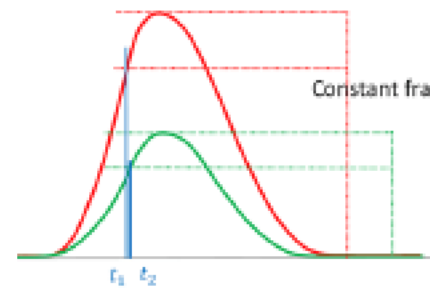
The single threshold is the least precise time extraction measurement. It has the advantage of simplicity.

## Multiple threshold



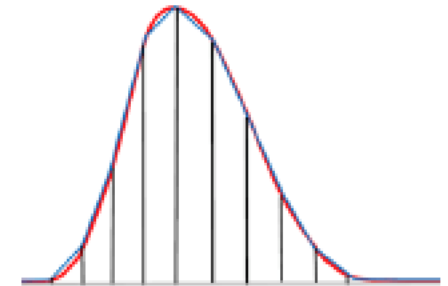
The multiple threshold method takes into account the finite slope of the signals. It is still easy to implement.

## Constant fraction



The constant fraction algorithm is very often used due to its relatively good performance and its simplicity.

## Waveform sampling



The waveform sampling above the Nyquist frequency is the best algorithm since it preserves the signal integrity.

# 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 mm<sup>2</sup>

Dynamic range : 10-13 bits

Depth : 100-2000 cells

Low power (10-40 mW / channel)

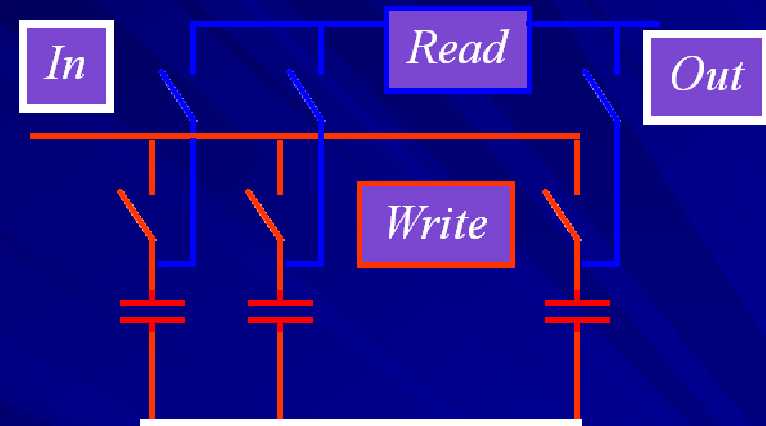
Low cost (~ 10€ / channel)

But possible loss of data integrity

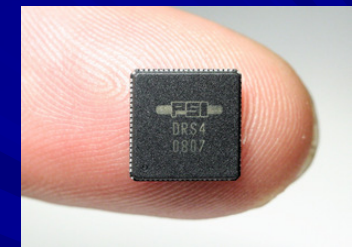
limited depth

leakage current,

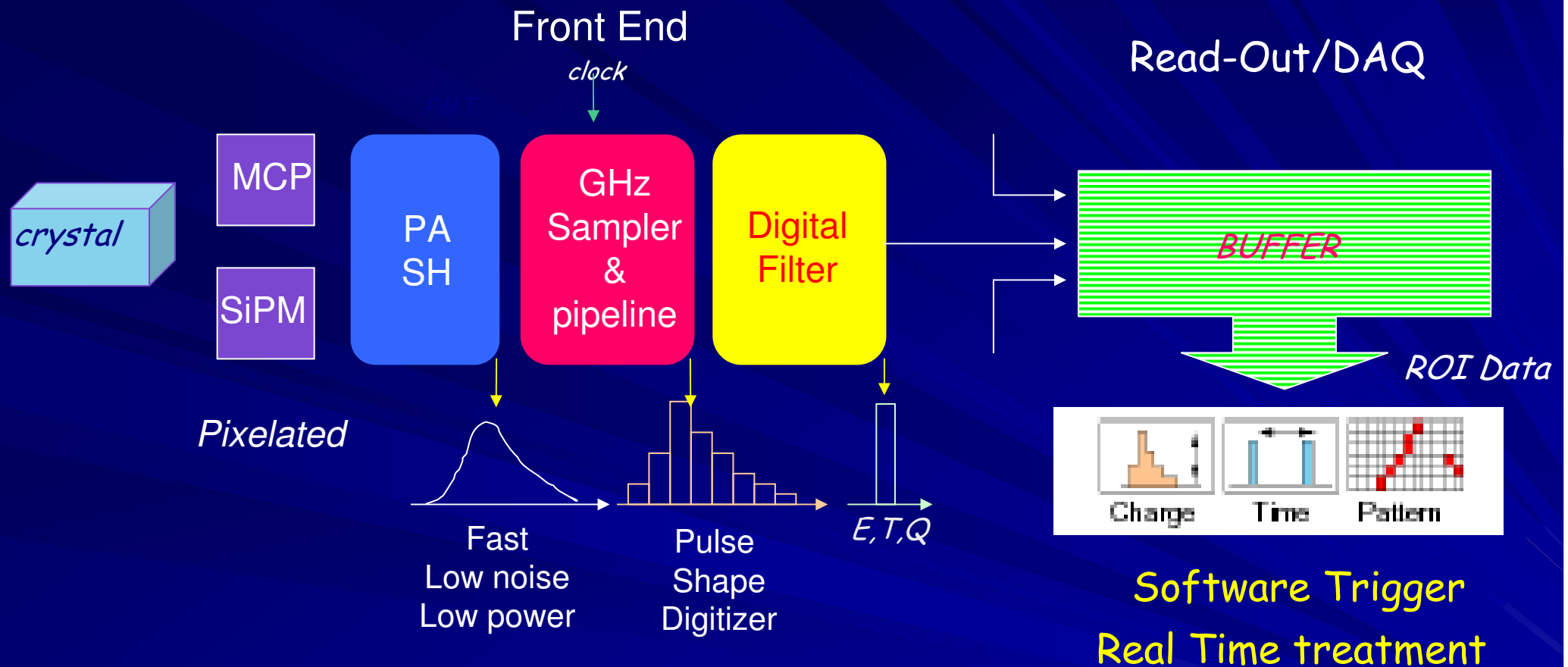
non linear timing



DRS4



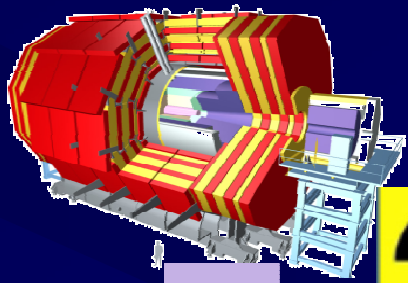
# Exemple of Conceptual TOF-PET architecture model



- ◆ 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



*Detector and sensors*

*Detector Electronics Channels*

*Control and Monitoring*

*Trigger System*

*Read Out control system*

*Read Out Electronics*

*Read Out Network*

*Processing farm*

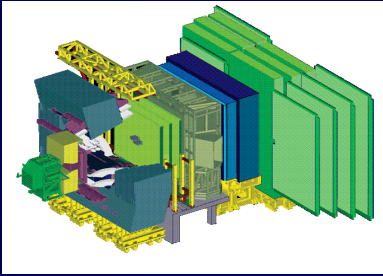
*Storage*

*Custom*

*Commercial*

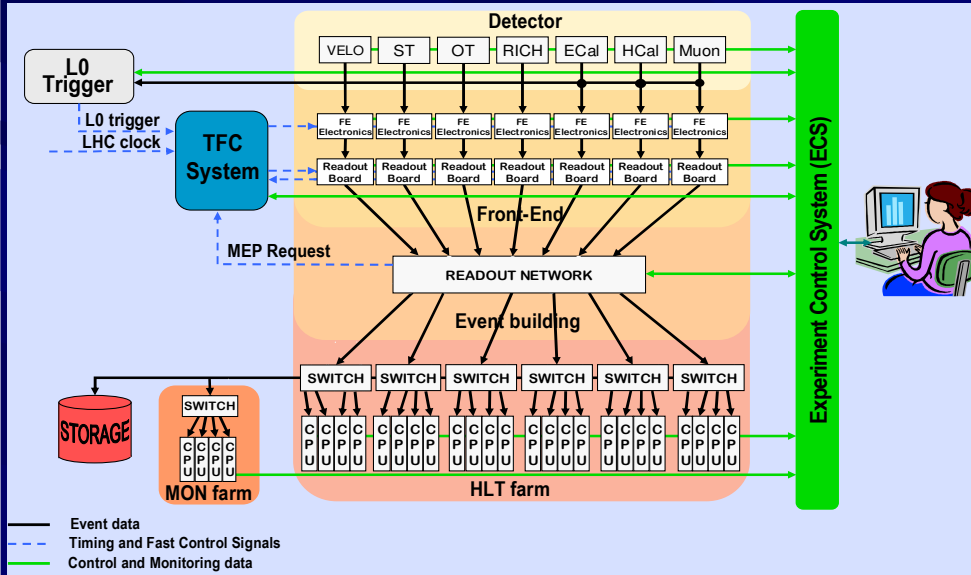


# DAQ = The evolution of architecture

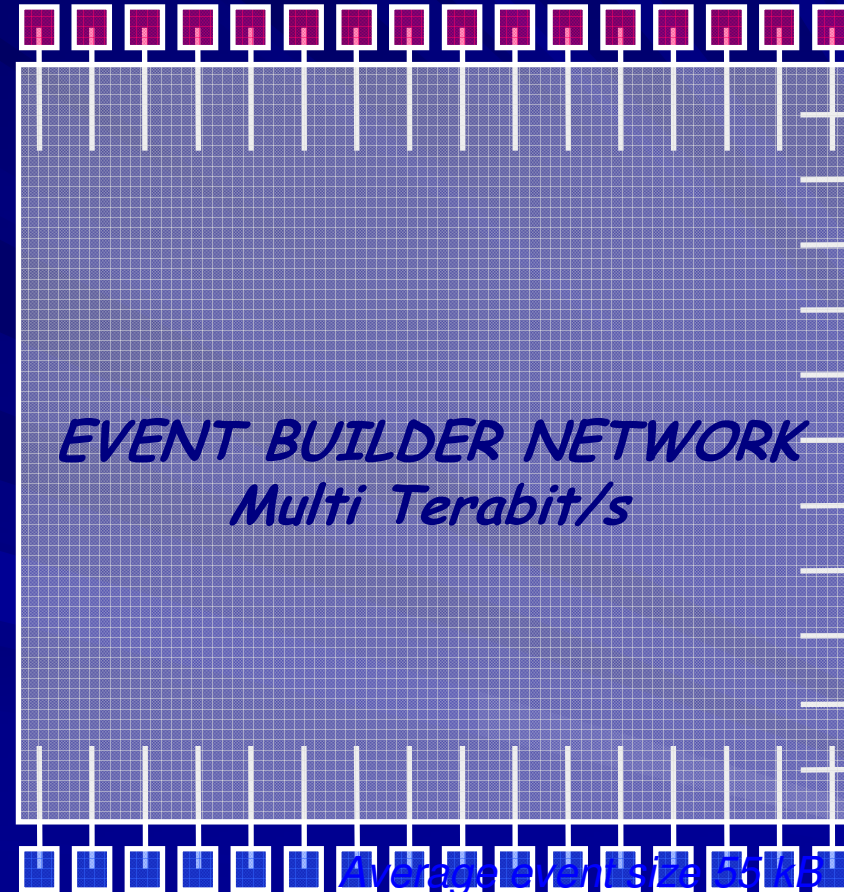


LHCb

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



Controls & Storage servers

Trigger Farms & Analysis

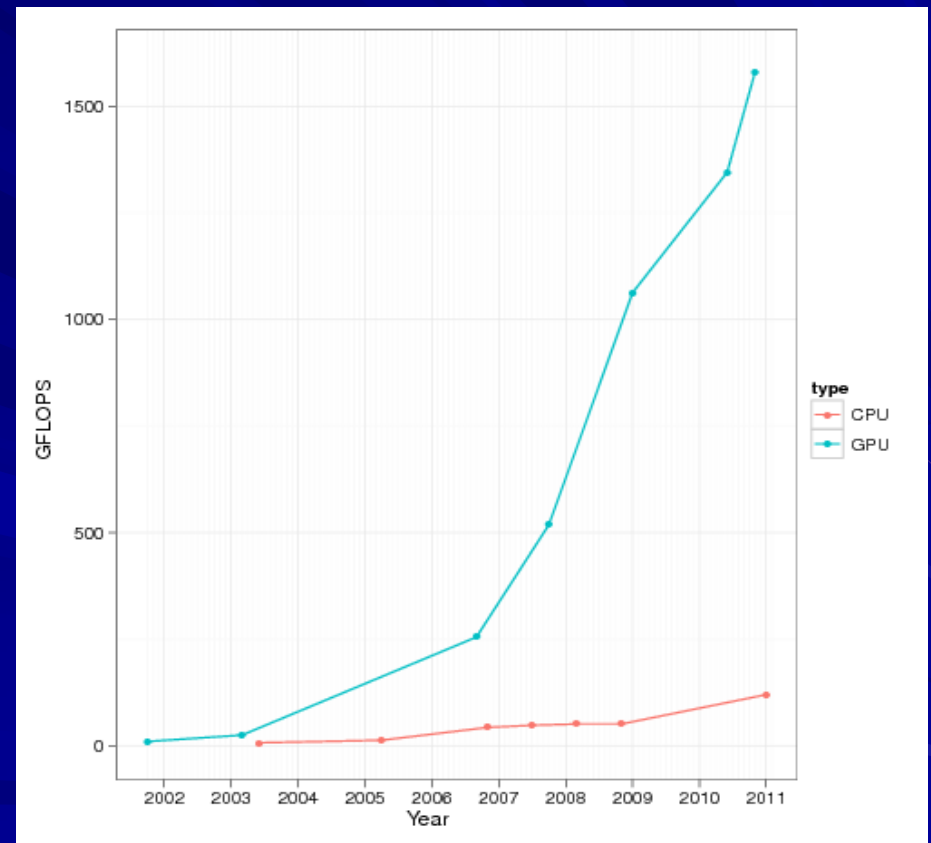
Average event size 55 kB  
 Average rate into farm 1 MHz  
 Average rate to tape 4 – 5 kHz

# 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

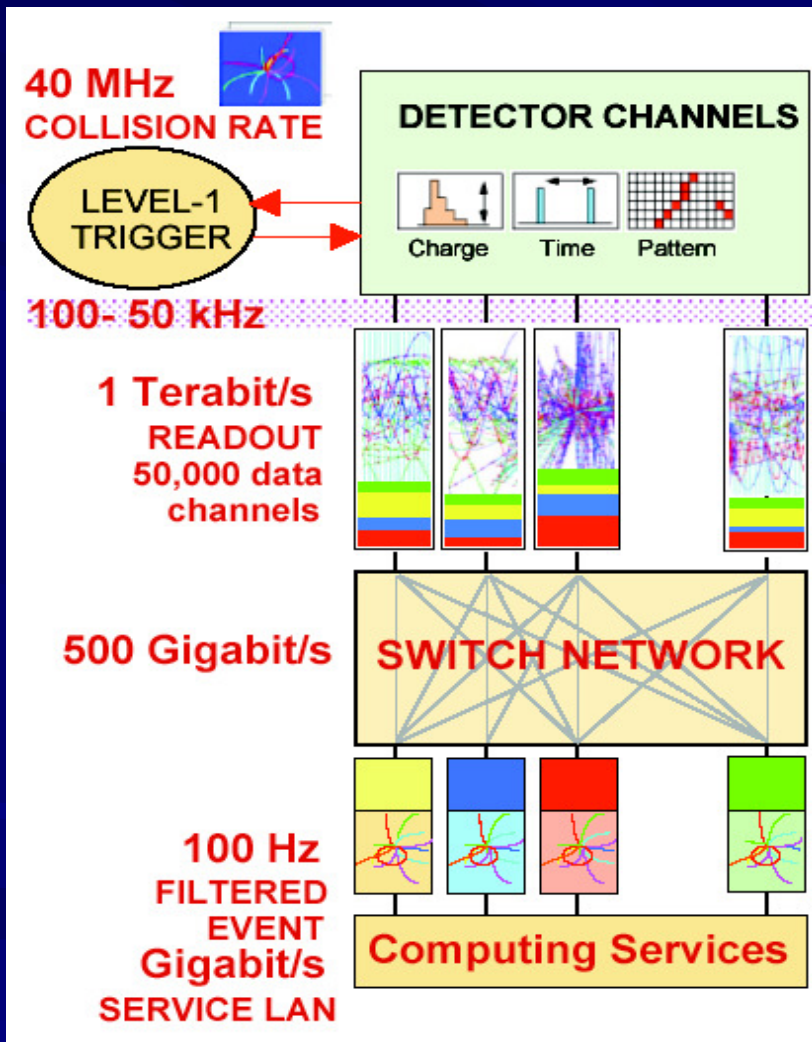


*From the video game world*

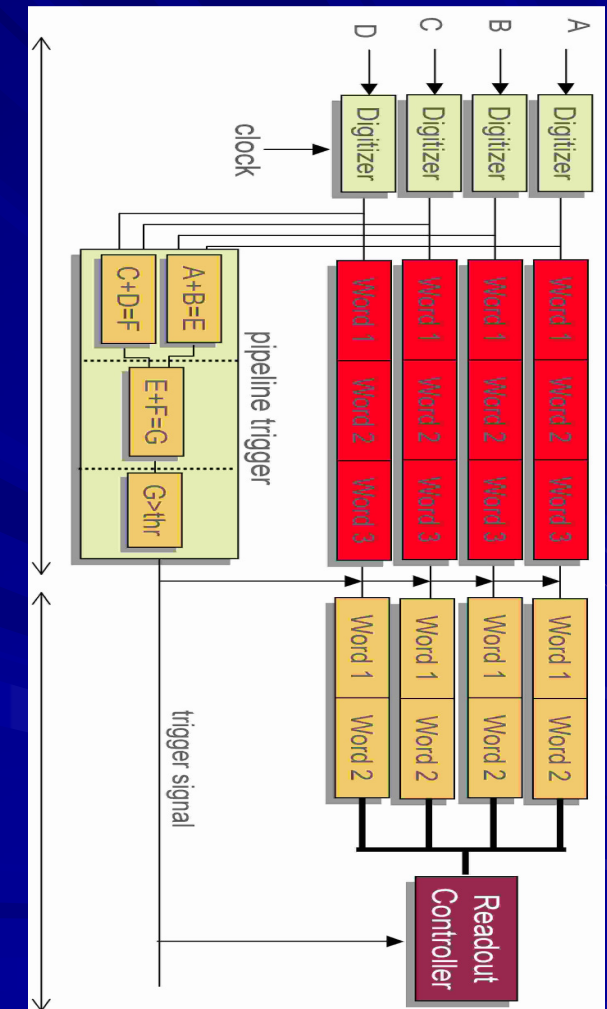


# DAQ = Pipeline Architectures

## LHC



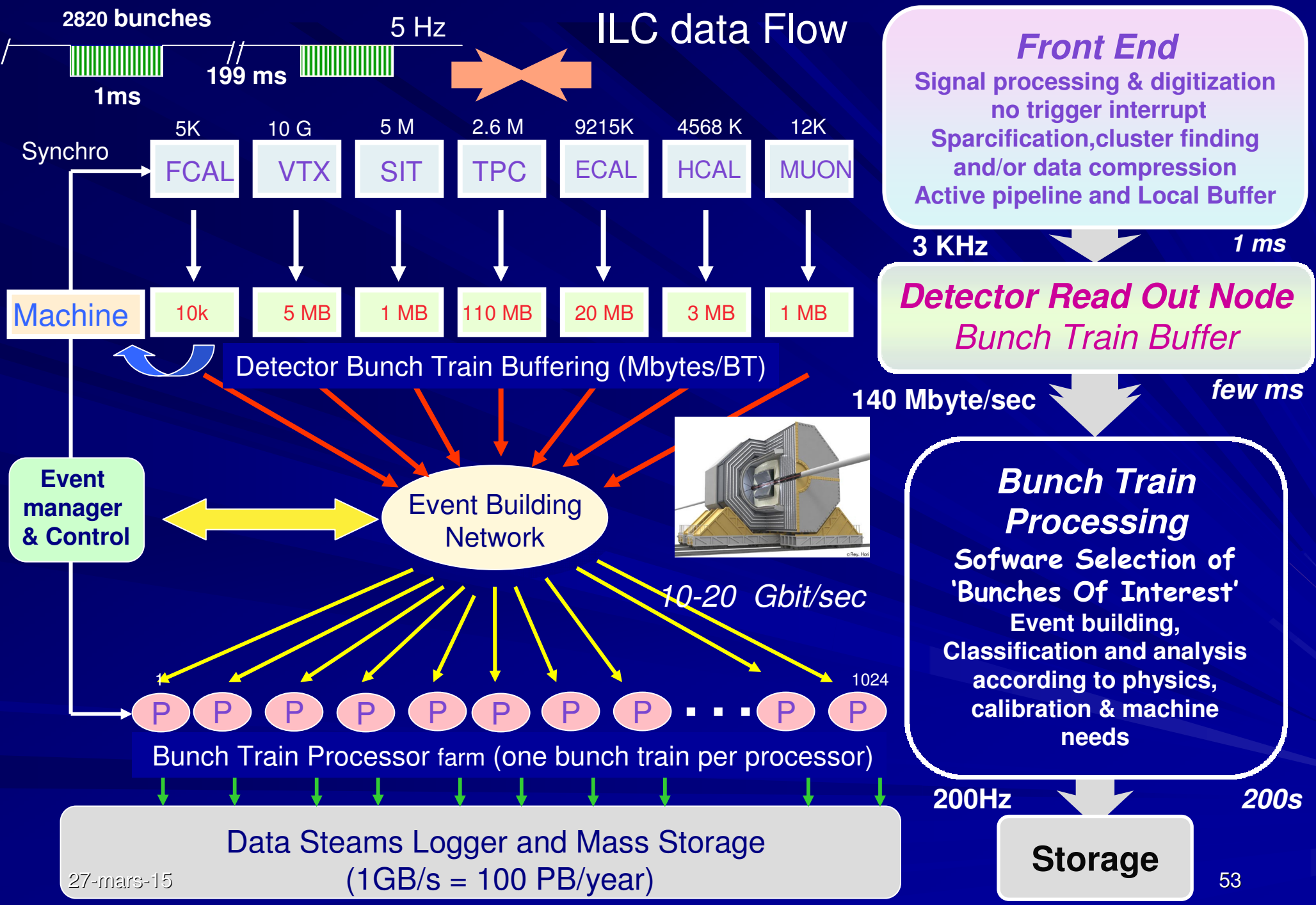
## Future PET



*Digitisation*

*Pipeline*

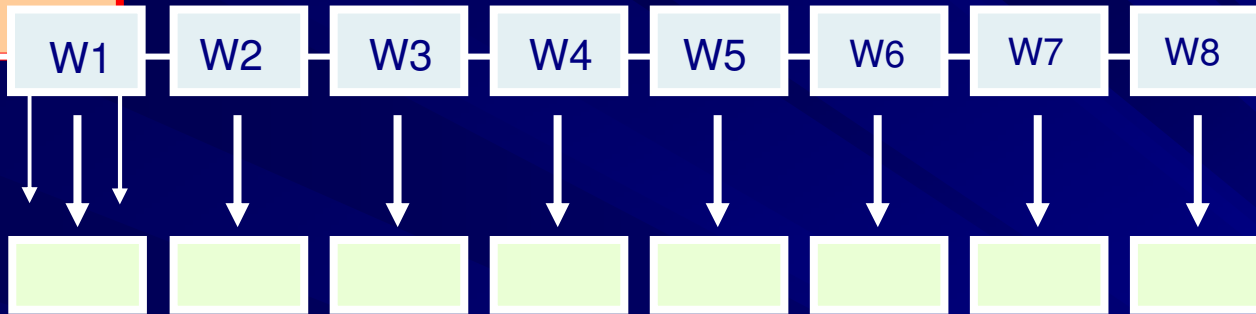
*Event builder*



# « Advanced » TEP Data Flow

Synchro

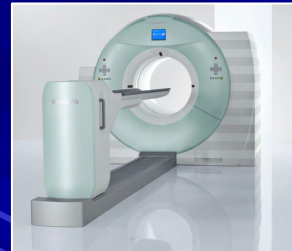
Front End DUAL Buffer



Wedge Buffering

Event manager & Control

Event Building Network



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**

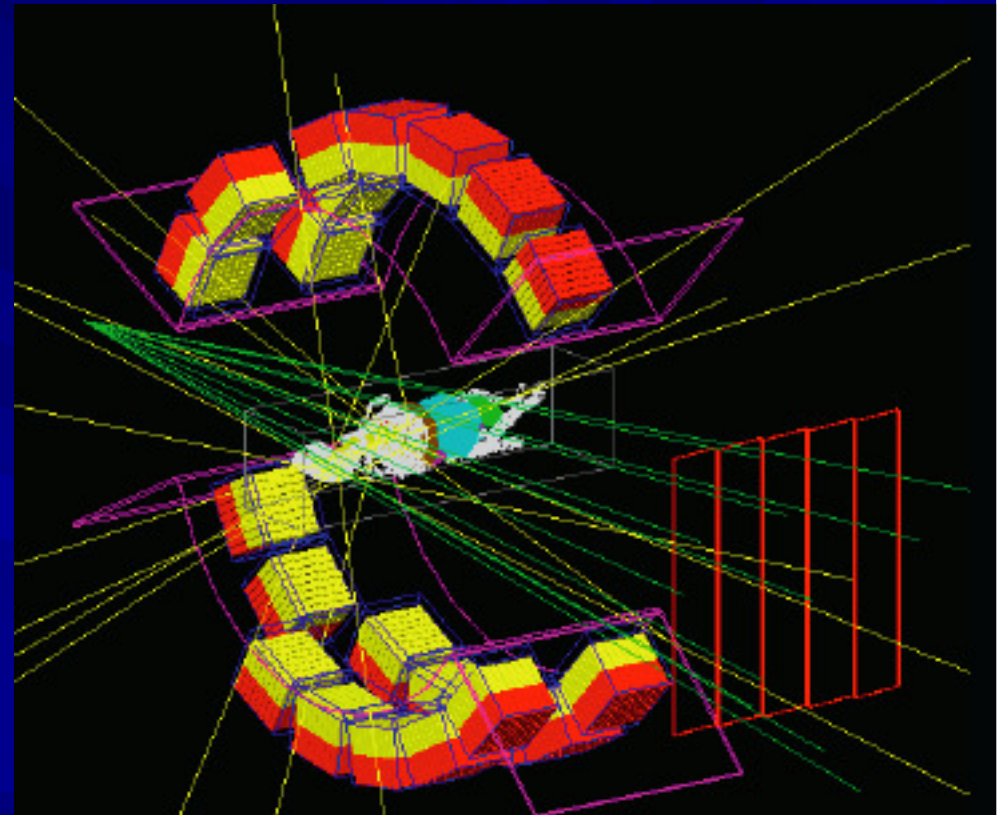
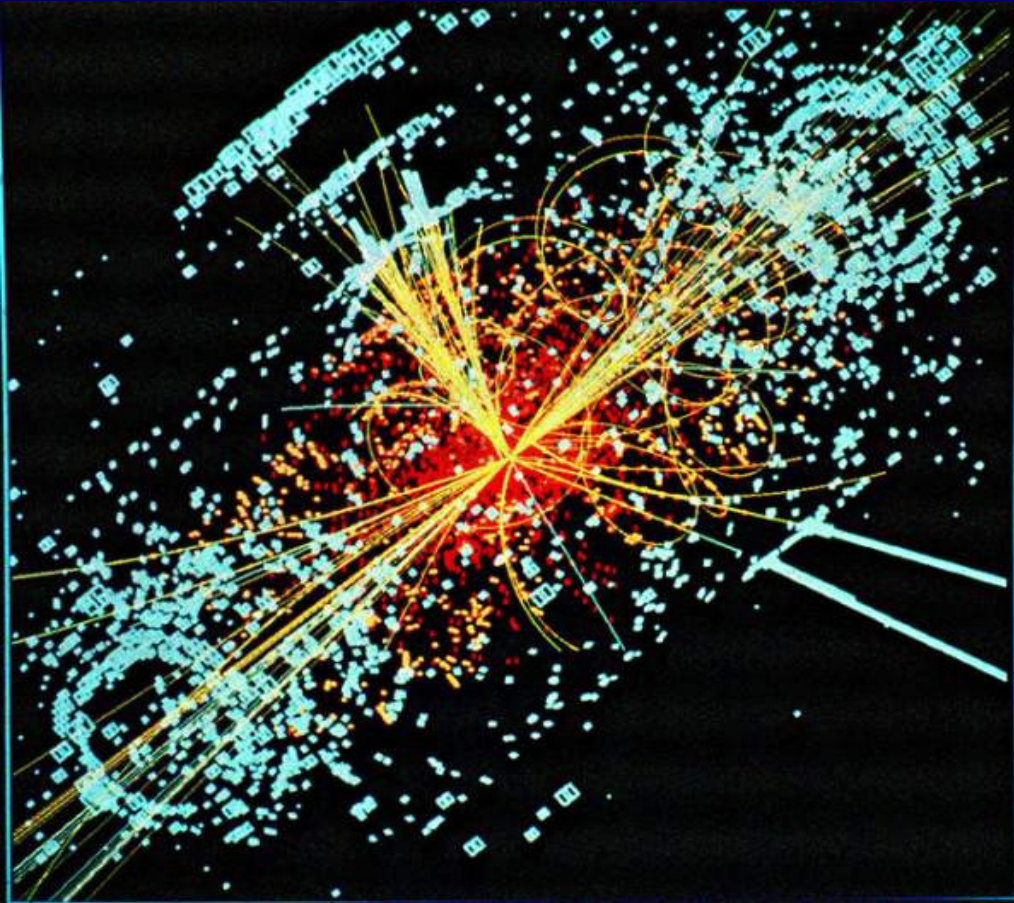
# Simulation



# Simulation

Higgs event at LHC (CMS) with Geant4

PET with GATE: Geant4 Application for Tomographic Emission

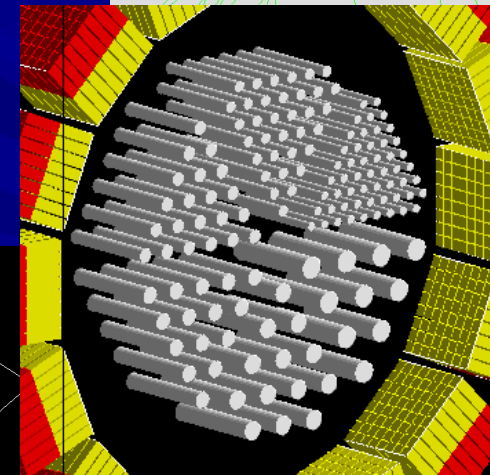
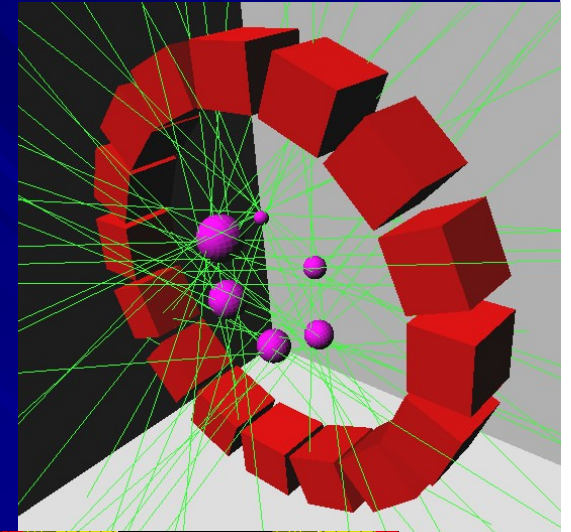




# GATE : Geant4 Application for Tomographic Emission

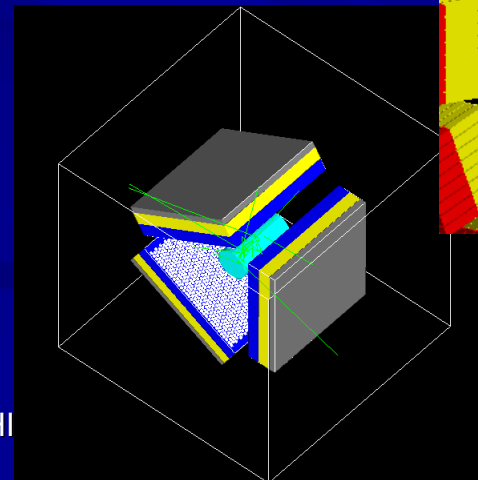
Monte-Carlo simulation allowing to :

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

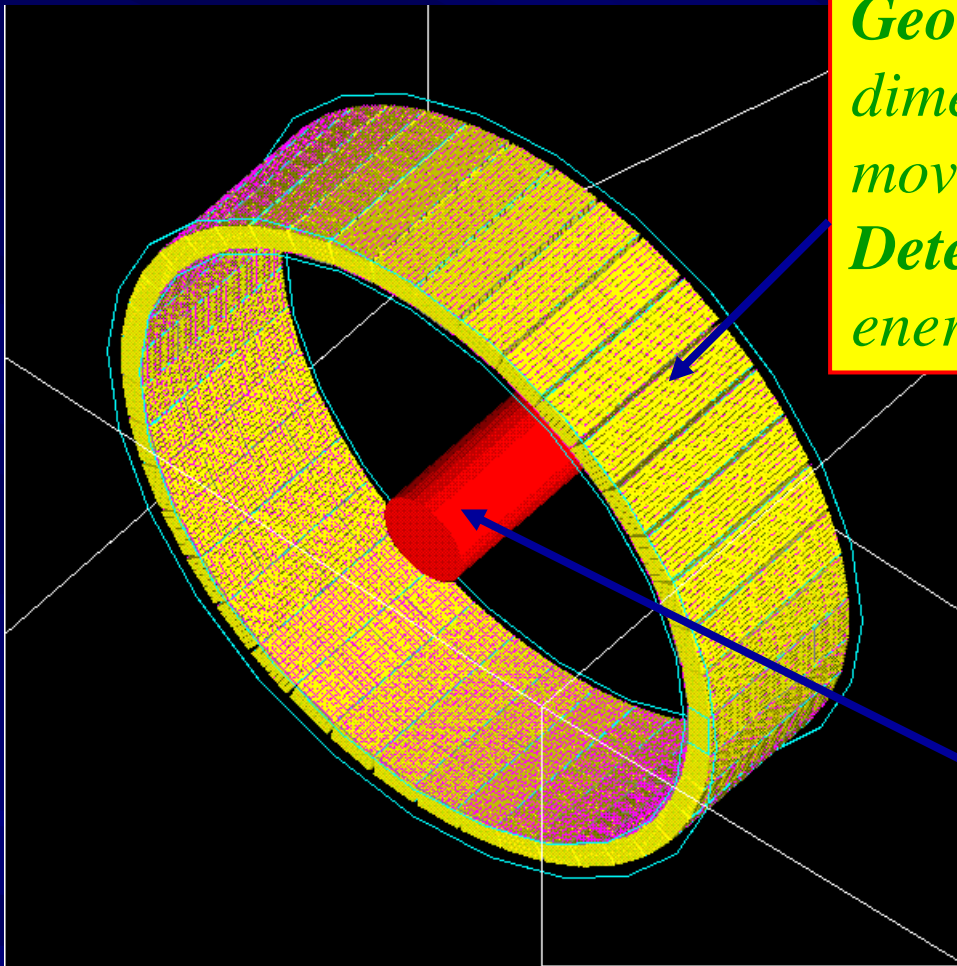


## GATE specificities:

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



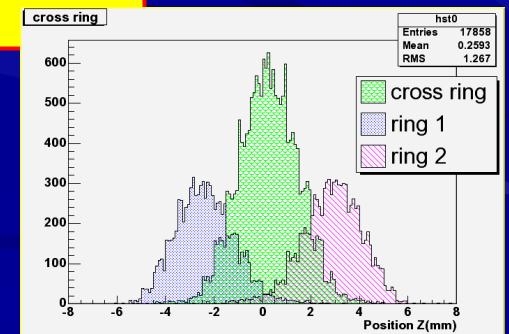
# Typical PET simulation



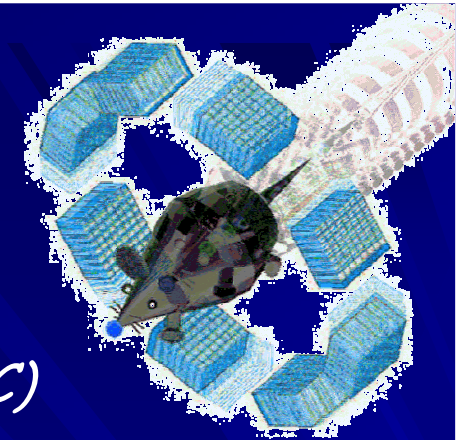
*Geometry: number of detectors, dimension, Materials, movements...*

*Detection chain: light yield, energy threshold, energy resolution...*

*Source: nature, activity, movements, ...*



# GATE 'early 'Collaboration 2004)



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*Uni Joseph Fourier (LPSC) Grenoble*

*Forschungszentrum-Jülich (IME)*

*Uni. Massachusetts, Worcester*

*CHU Morvan (LATIM) Brest*

*Uni California (CRUMP) Los Angeles*

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*Uni Ghent (ELIS)*

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*CEA (SHFJ) Orsay*

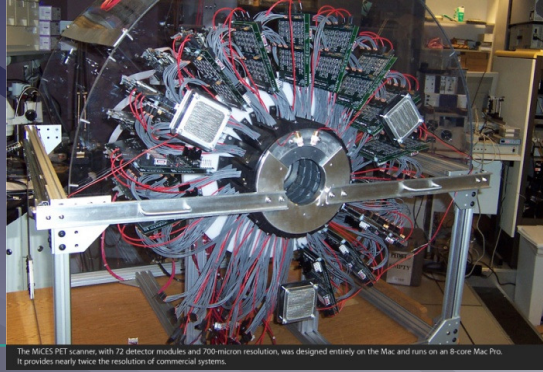
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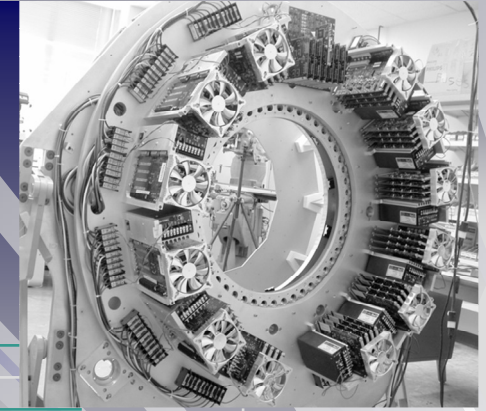
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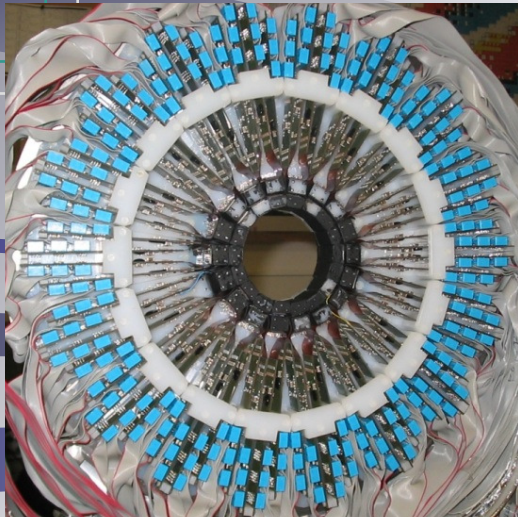
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S. Jan (CEA - Orsay, F)*



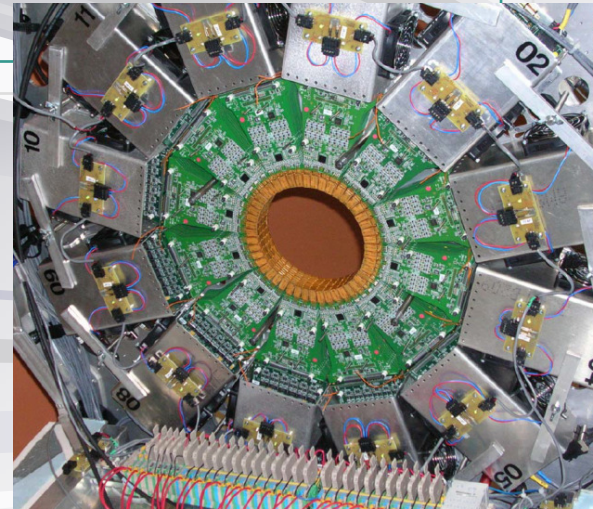
The MICES PET scanner, with 72 detector modules and 700-micron resolution, was designed entirely on the Mac and runs on an 8-core Mac Pro. It provides nearly twice the resolution of commercial systems.



## Some 'dedicated PET examples

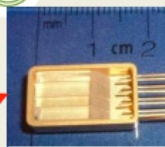
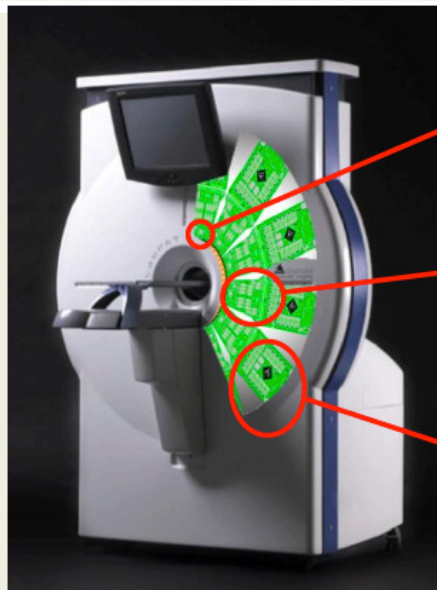


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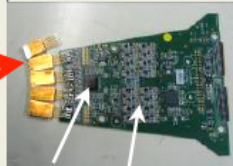


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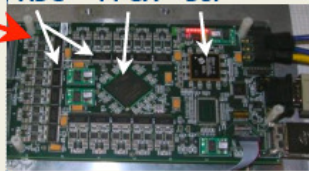
# MicroPET for small animals



- APD-based detectors
- $2 \times 2 \times 12/14 \text{ mm}^3$  LGSO<sub>20% Lu</sub>/LYSO



ASIC Bias regulators  
ADC FPGA DSP



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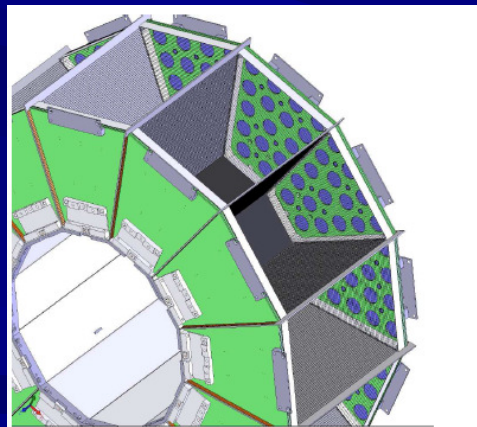
- $\Phi = 20 \text{ cm}$
- FOV few cm
- Development
  - Radio pharmacology
  - Tracer development



CLEARPET  
RAYTEST

Crystal Clear Col.

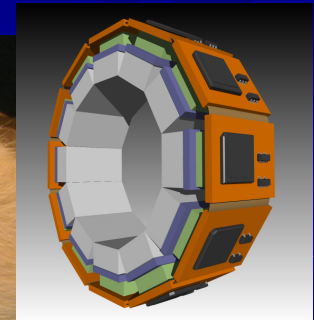
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Liquid Xenon

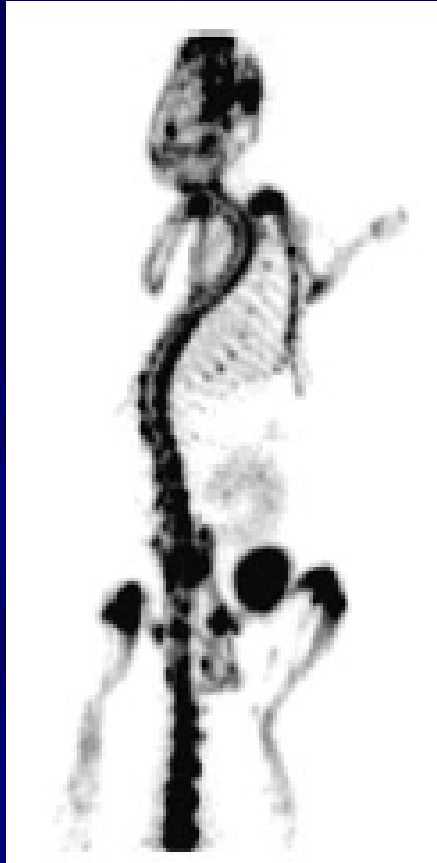
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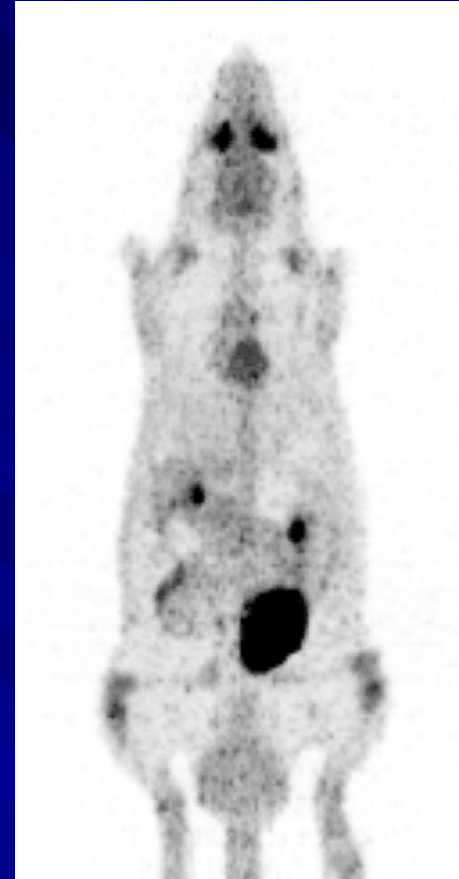
RatCap  
BNL

*The Rat Conscious  
Animal PET scanner*

# Small animal PET images



31 g mouse  
1 mCi  $^{18}\text{F}$ -

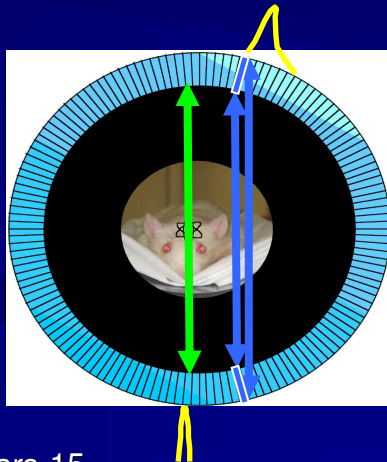


Whole-body  
FDG-PET scan  
250 g rat  
(Sherbrooke APD)



# $\mu$ PET vs whole body PET → different requirements

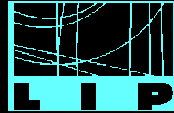
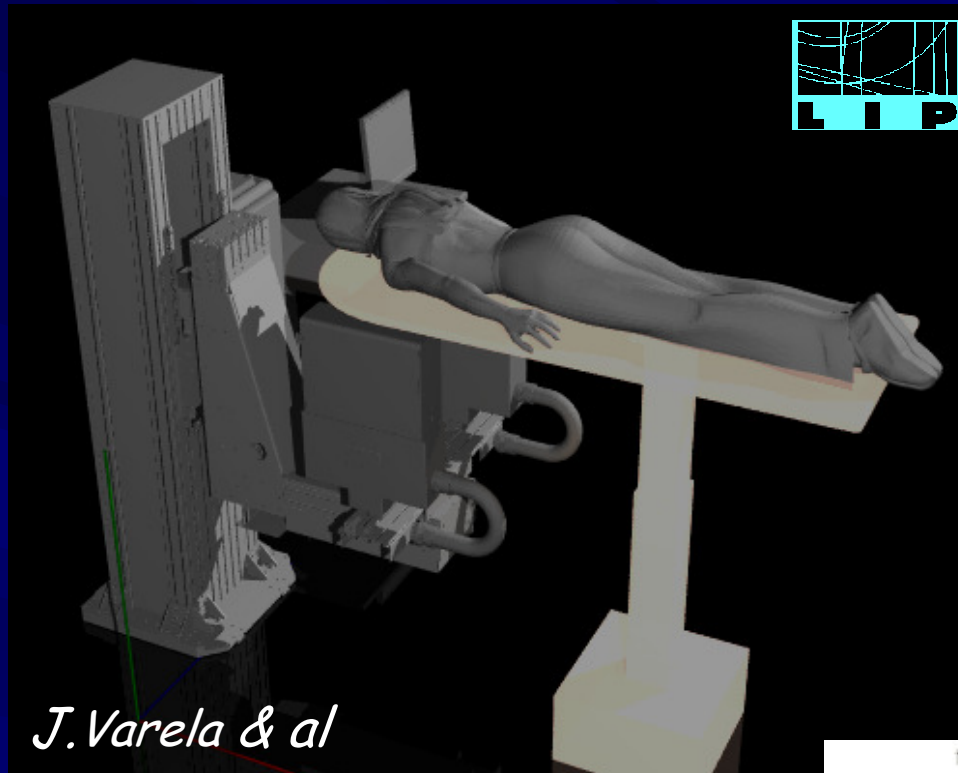
- High Spatial resolution  
→ fundamental
  - Objective ~ 1mm or less
  - Today → 1,2 mm
- High sensitivity
  - Less Compton event
  - Small dose
- Parallax correction  
→ Depth Of Interaction Technique



- High Efficiency (>85%)
- Good Spatial Resolution (<5 mm)
- Low Cost (<\$100/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Short Dead Time (<1  $\mu$ s)
- High Timing Resolution (< ns fwhm)
- Good Energy Resolution (<100 keV fwhm)

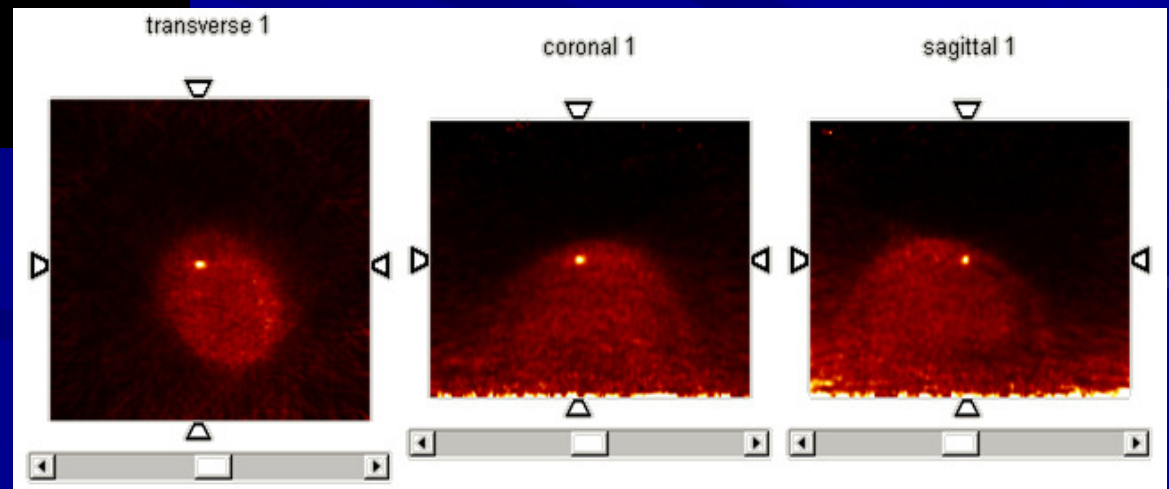
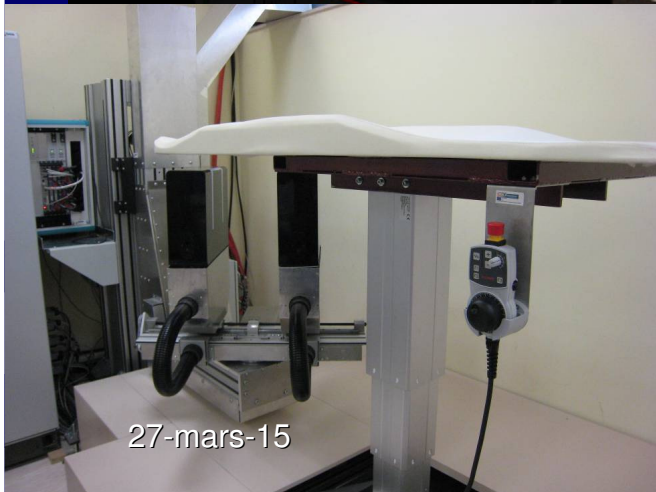


# The ClearPEM Breast Imaging Scanner



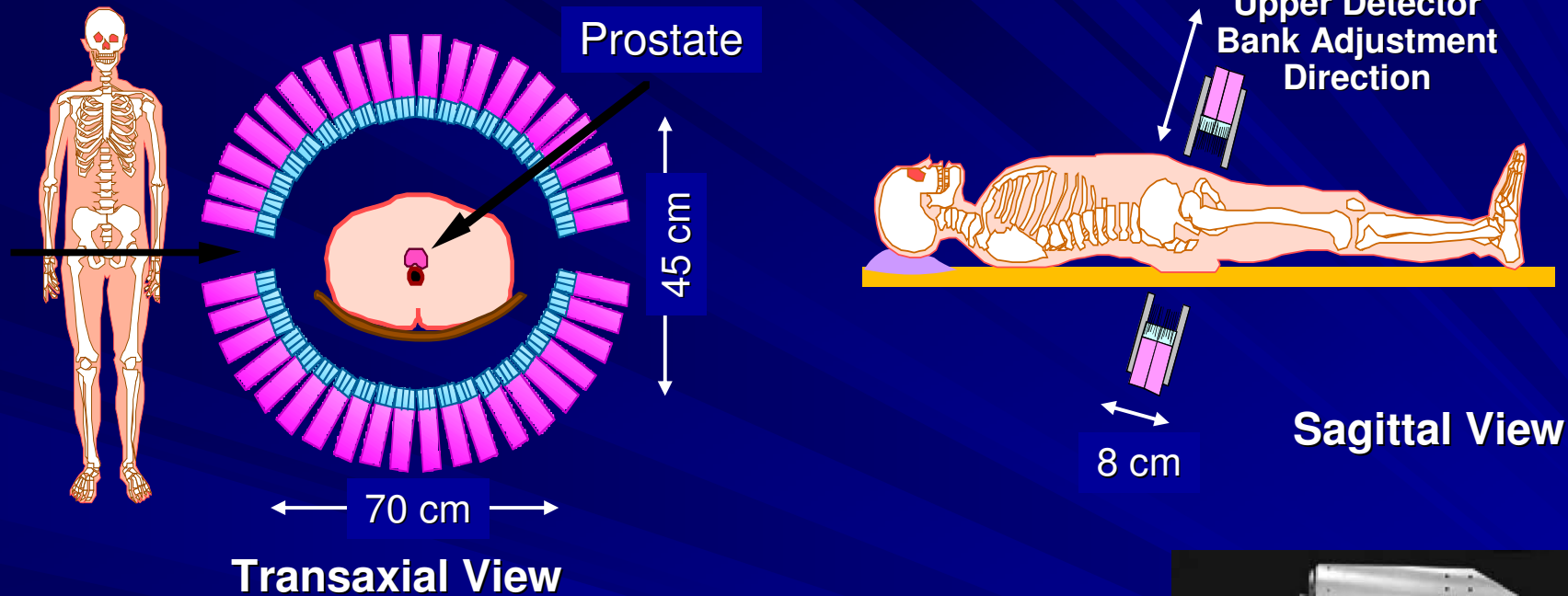
- *160 x 180 mm<sup>2</sup> active area*
- *6144 scintillation crystals LYSO:Ce*
- *12288 APD pixel channels*
- *Double readout of crystal pixels for Depth-of-Interaction measurement (to minimize parallax effect)*

*--> Reach 1,2 mm patial resolution*

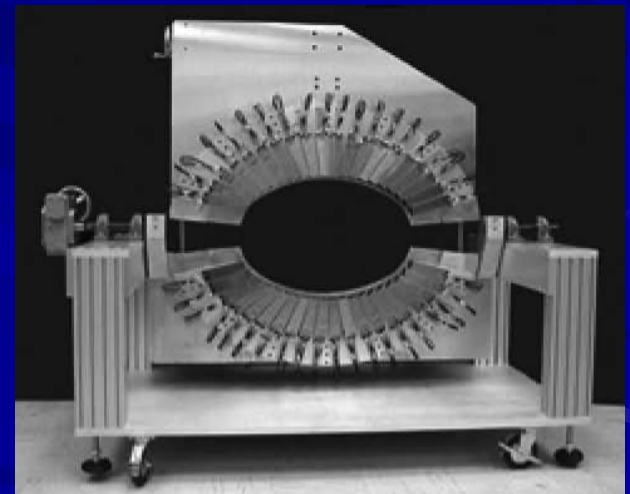




# Prostate PET (LBL)



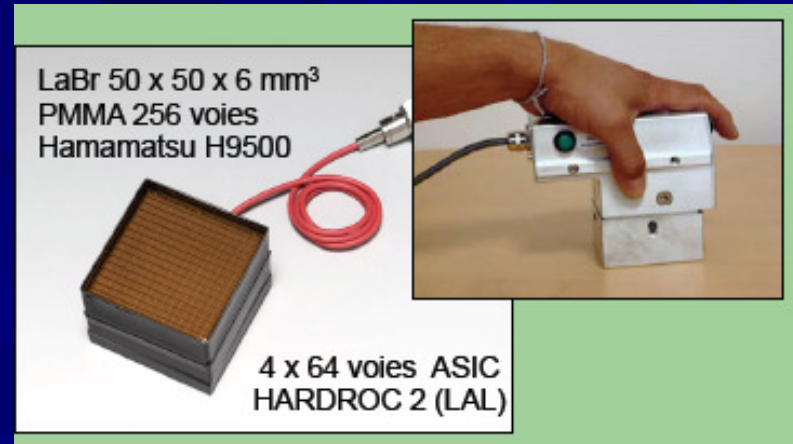
Lower cost and higher performance than conventional commercial PET camera



*W.Moses & al.*

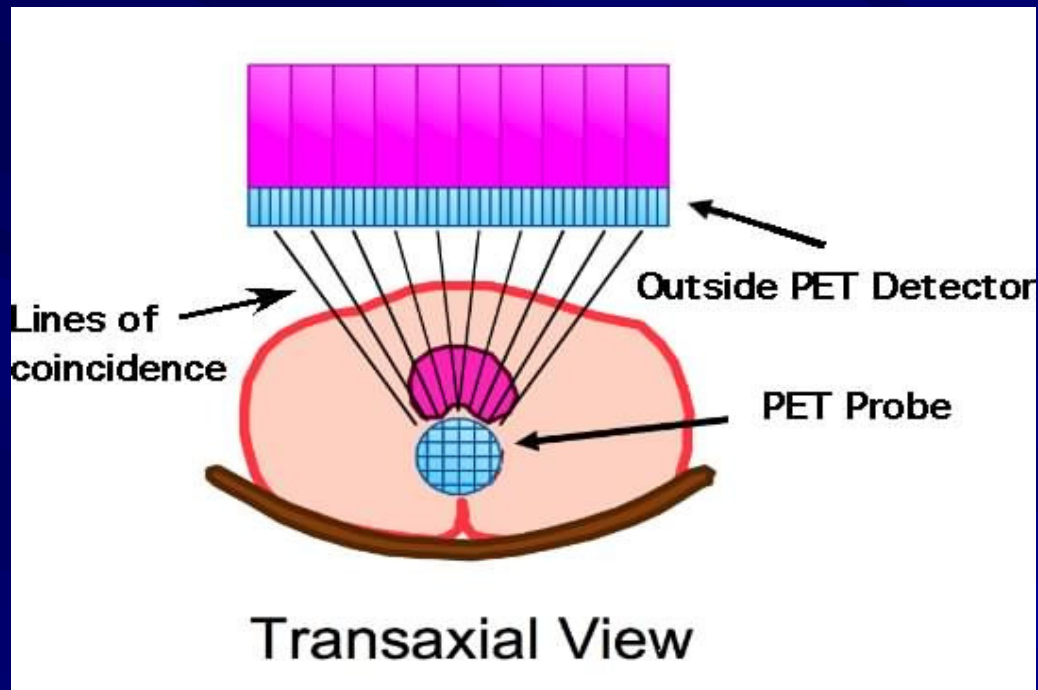
# Surgical portable probes

- Development of very sensitive detectors, miniaturized and ergonomics with a great capability of rejecting noise and background
  - Based on SiPM, CMOS pixels, Scintillating crystals LaBr<sub>3</sub>:Ce, LuI<sub>3</sub>:Ce, ..., and integrated electronics
- Objectives : portable small imaging systems for beta/gamma probes adapted to new tumor tracers



POCI : PHRC 162 patientes (Hôpital Tenon)  
Barranger et al, 2007 Bull Cancer 94(5)  
Barranger et al, 2007 The Breast 16

# High resolution PET Imaging probes



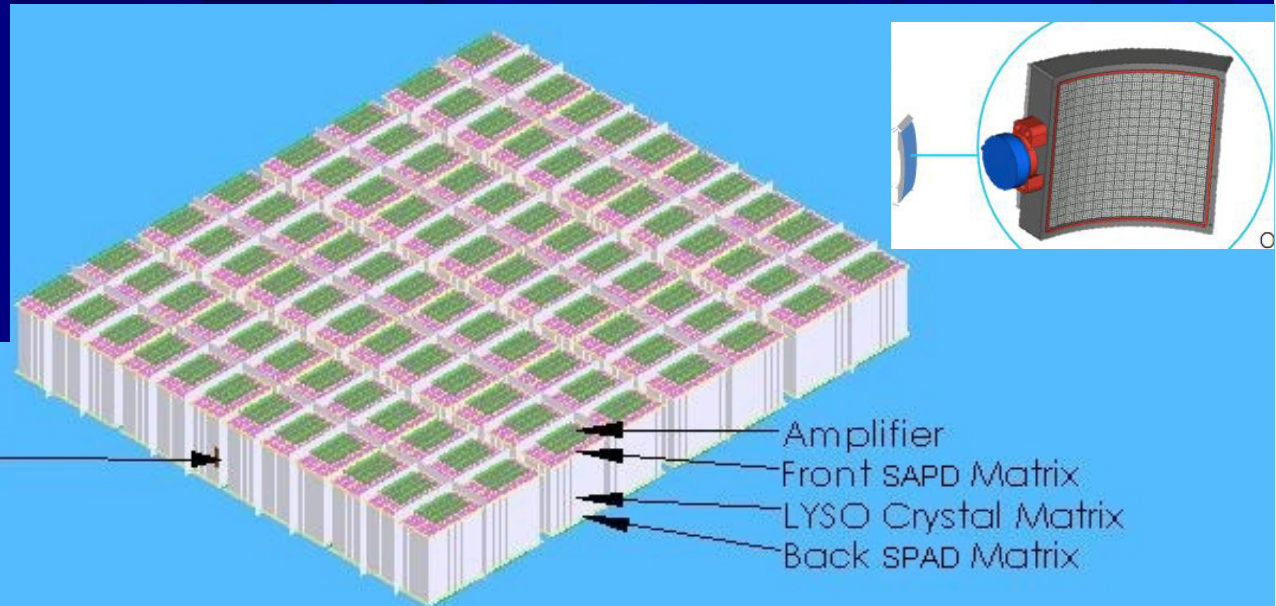
*Prostate PET probe principle*

- *Non-conventional PET configuration*
- *Assymetric: one PET head in near contact to ROI*
- *Endoscopic: one PET head inside the body*
- *Miniaturization*
- *High background from other organs (heart, bladder,...)*
- *Variable geometry*
- *Reconstruction problems*

*Novel multimodal  
endoscopic  
probes for simultaneous  
PET/ultrasound imaging  
for image-guided  
interventions*

# TOFPET-US

EU FP7 project,  
call Health 2010



Magnetic Position Sensor

Amplifier

Front SPAD Matrix

LYSO Crystal Matrix

Back SPAD Matrix

External PET Plate (16cm X 16cm)

Ultrasound Transducer

Biopsy Needle

Cable

Crystal Fiber Matrix

Diffractive Optics Film

Photodetector

Magnetic Position Sensor

Endoscopic Probe (diameter  $\leq$  25mm, length  $\leq$  5m)

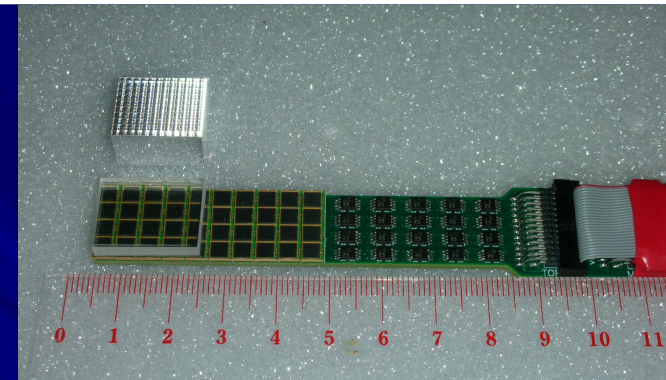
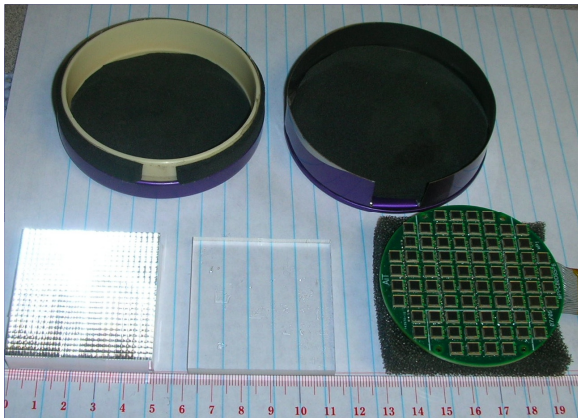


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Courtesy P.Lecoq et al.

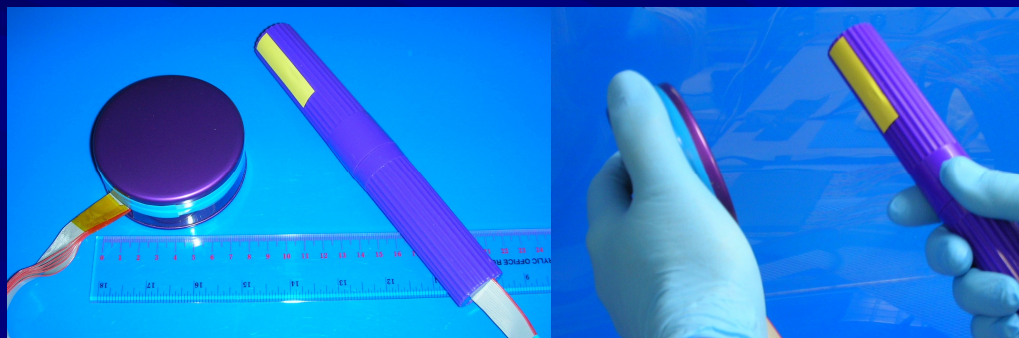
EndoToFPET US  
Diagnostic System  
© DESY / Sluhmann

# SiPM hand-held PET probe



- The 'Central' part
  - 64 MPPC
  - LYSO crystals

- The photosensor 'stick' part
  - 4x10 array of Hamamatsu MPPC
  - Amplifier and connector banks are in the handle region of the probe



S. Majewski et al.  
(WVU)

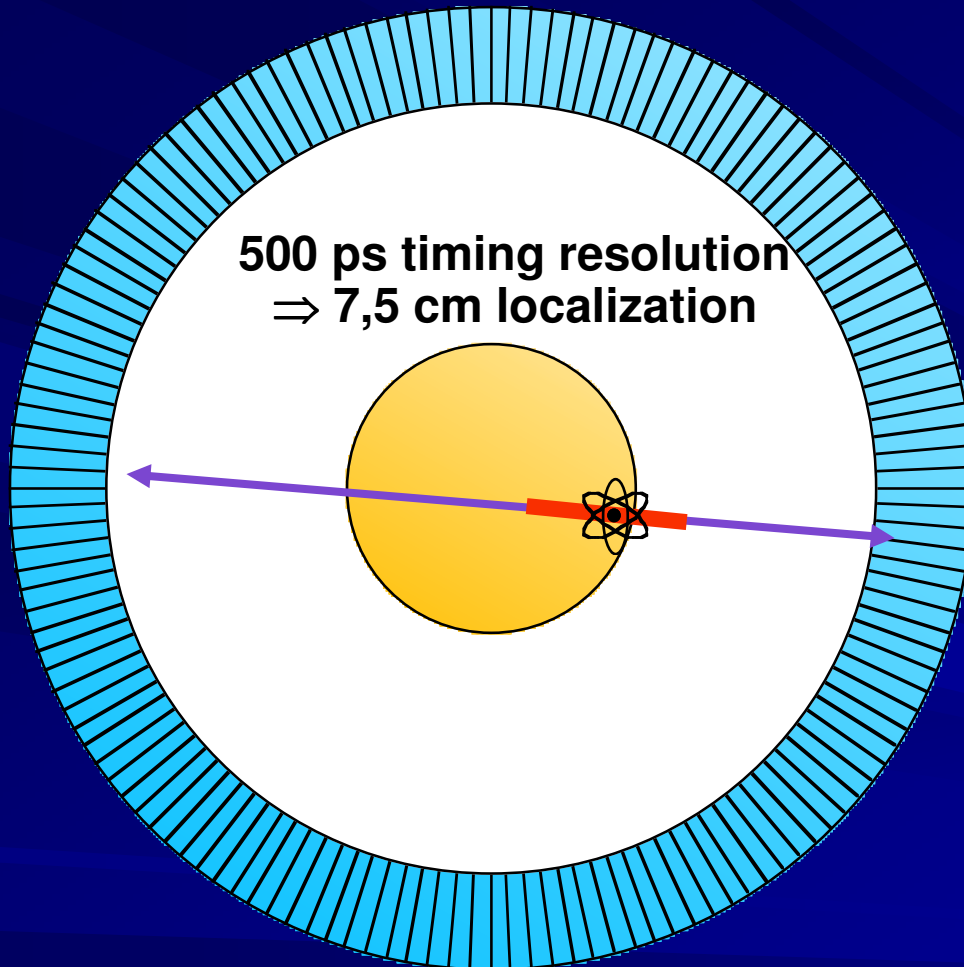
- Biopsy guidance
- Surgical imaging with radio-guided surgery procedures in breast, melanoma, head and neck, pulmonary, pancreas and prostate cancer cases

# A succesfull transfer the TOF technique



# Time-of-Flight in medical PET

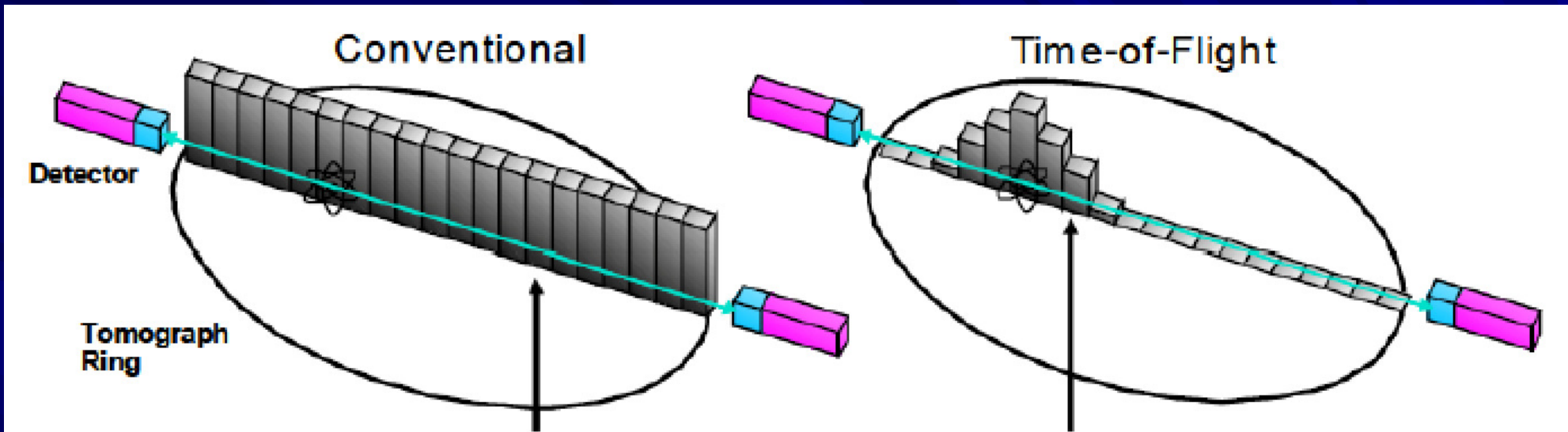
- Can localize source along line of flight.
- Time of flight information reduces **noise** in images.
- **Line Of Response** ---> list mode



	$\delta t$ (ps)	$\Delta d$ (cm)	SNR*
	100	1.5	5.2
	300	4.5	3.0
Today	500	7.5	2.3
	600	9.0	2.1

\* SNR gain for 40 cm phantom  
=  $SNR_{TOF} / SNR_{non-TOF}$

# TOF technique (Con't)



- But need to use list mode data
- More complex data analysis and computing power



# TOF PET Cameras Built in the 1980's

- *~One dozen TOF cameras constructed*
- *Some were commercial cameras*
- *500 ps timing resolution*
- *BaF<sub>2</sub> scintillator*
- *~1 cm spatial resolution*
- *1-4 layers*
- *Advantages of TOF were experimentally verified*

*TOF PET Demonstrated*

## Problems With TOF in the 1980's

- *CsF & BaF<sub>2</sub> have drawbacks (compared to BGO)*
  - *Lower density & atomic number (worse spatial resolution & efficiency)*
  - *“Fast” emission of BaF<sub>2</sub> is in UV (quartz PMTs, no transparent glues)*
- *Few “fast” PMTs (most 2” diameter, all expensive)*
- *GHz electronics was “beyond state-of-the-art”*
  - *Time alignment and stability problems*

**Non-TOF PET with BGO Dominates**

# The 2000's — The LSO Explosion in PET

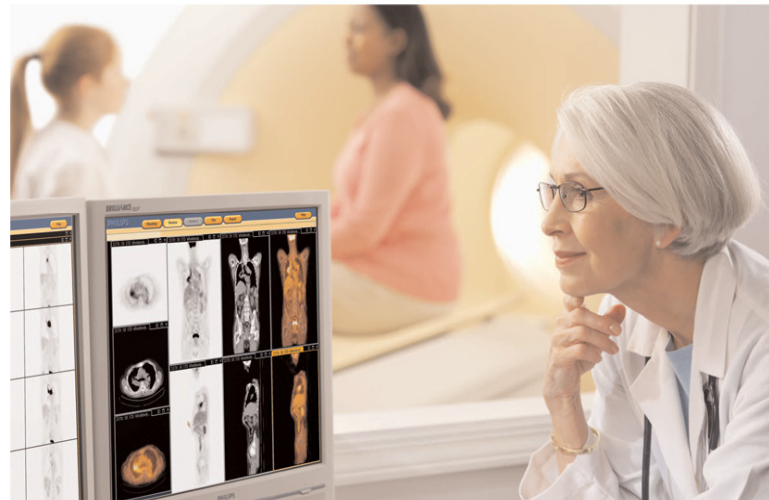
- *220 ps coincidence timing resolution demonstrated with small crystals*
- *350 ps coincidence timing resolution demonstrated with PET-shaped crystal*
- *550 ps coincidence timing resolution demonstrated for PET detector module*
- *First Commercial LSO PET camera in 2001*

- *Camera not designed for TOF run in TOF mode*
  - *1.2 ns timing resolution (electronics limited)*

# Commercial TOF PET Available in 2006

Can time of flight change PET/CT imaging?

PET/CT Satellite Lunch Symposium  
Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, Vienna, Austria

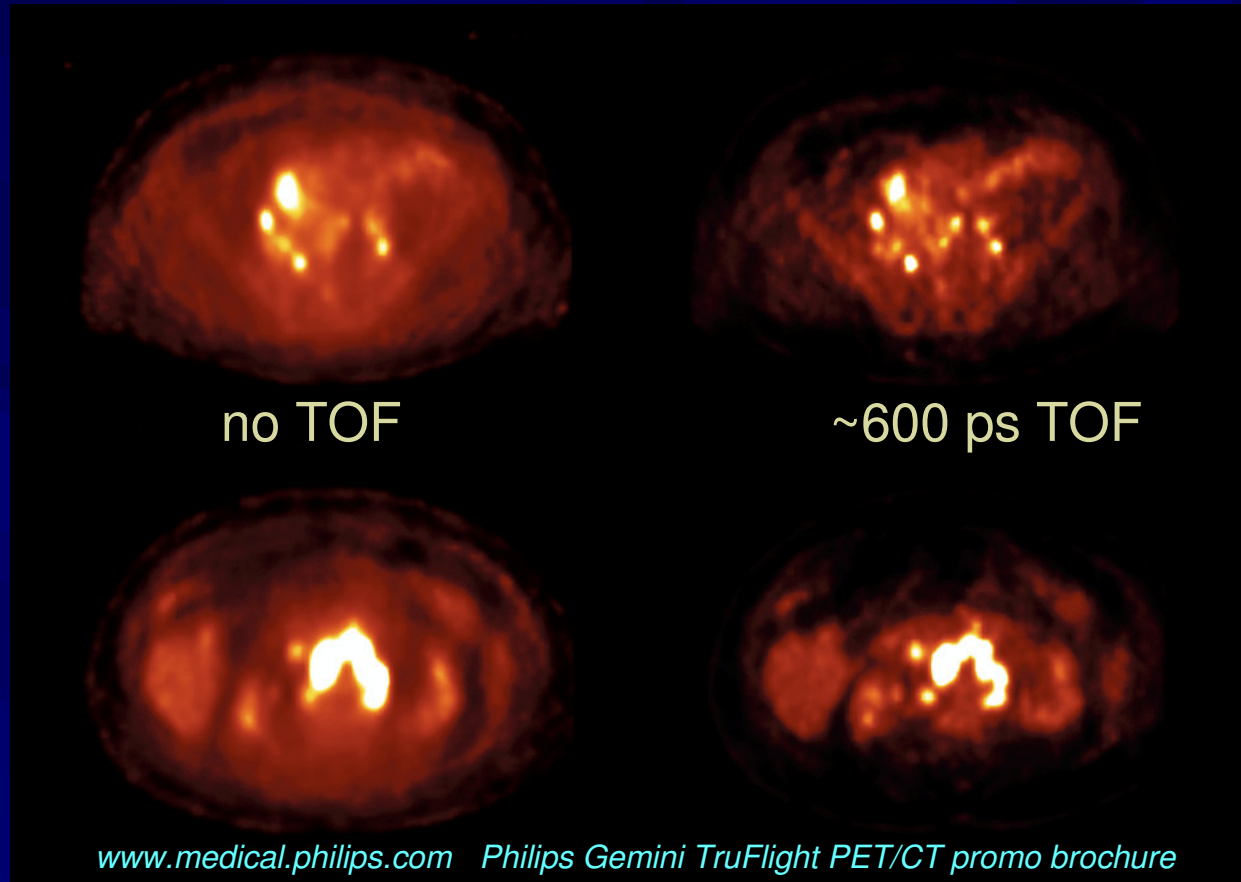


**PHILIPS**



- *Uses LYSO: ~550 ps Timing Resolution*
- *Similar Prototype Camera Developed by Siemens*

# TOF PET example



- TOF-PET allows
- better images
  - shorter scans
  - smaller radiation dose to patients

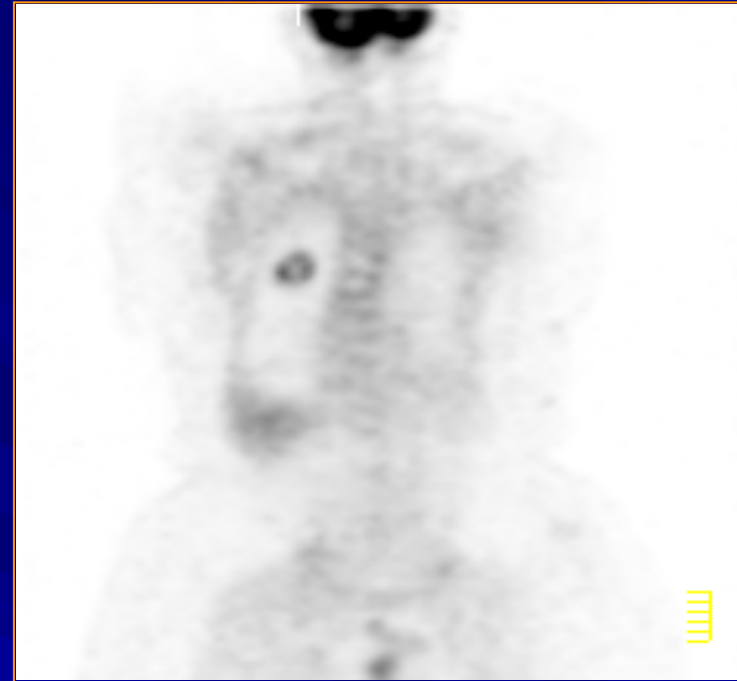
- Time of Flight provides a Huge performance increase
- Largest improvement for large patients

# However: Impaired Image Quality in Larger Patients

Slim Patient



Large Patient



For an equivalent data signal to noise ratio, a 120 kg person would have to be scanned 2.3 times longer than a 60 kg person

*Courtesy*

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# What is the limit ?

Hardware	$\Delta t$ (ps)	TOF Gain
BGO Block Detector	3000	0.8
LSO Block (non-TOF)	1400	1.7
LSO Block (TOF)	550	4.2
LaBr <sub>3</sub> Block	350	6.7
LSO Single Crystal	210	11.1
LuI <sub>3</sub> Single Crystal	125	18.7
<b>LaBr<sub>3</sub> Single Crystal</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>33.3</b>

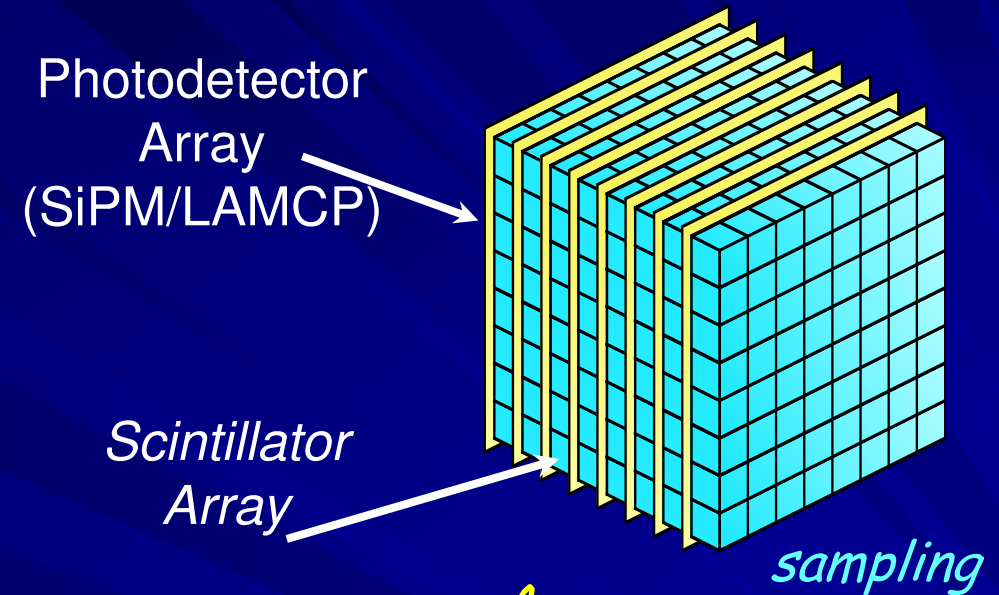
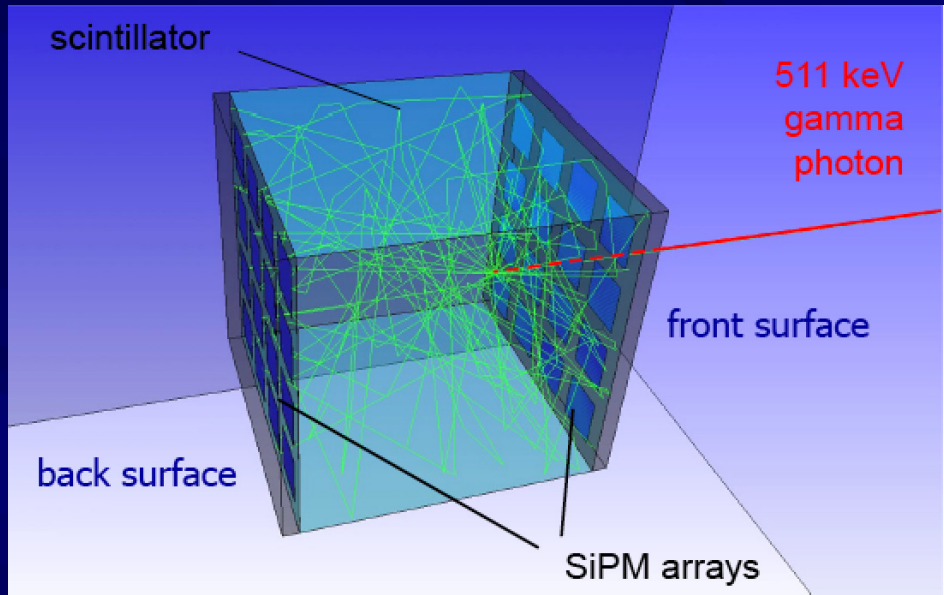
Research LaBr<sub>3</sub> Camera Built by U. Penn

~350 ps Intrinsic Detector Resolution

420–500 ps Camera Resolution (Electronics Limited)

New 'picosecond development → 100 psec goal

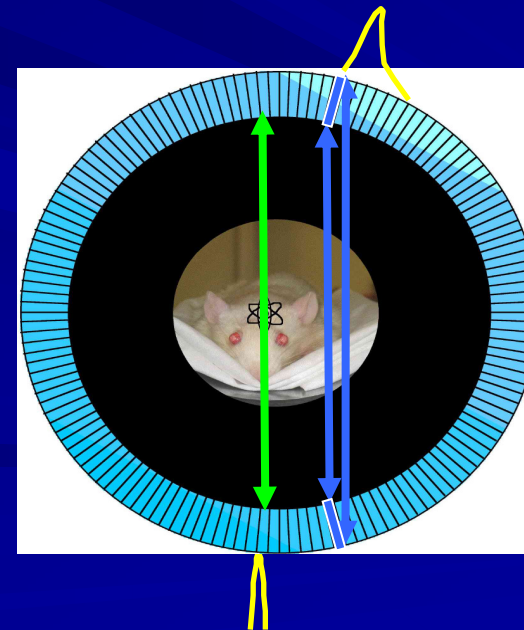
# On going TOF-PET module development



*Monolithic scintillator TUDelf)*

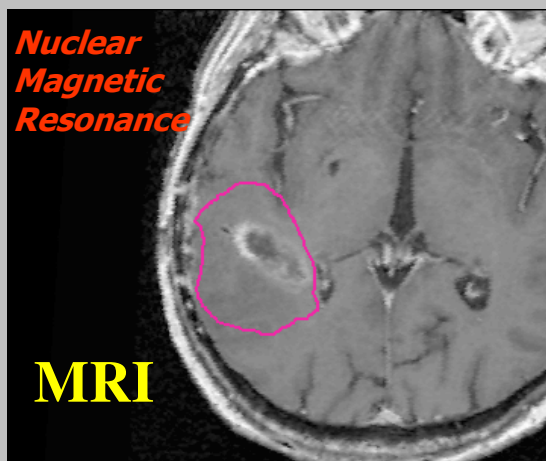
## ■ Goal

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

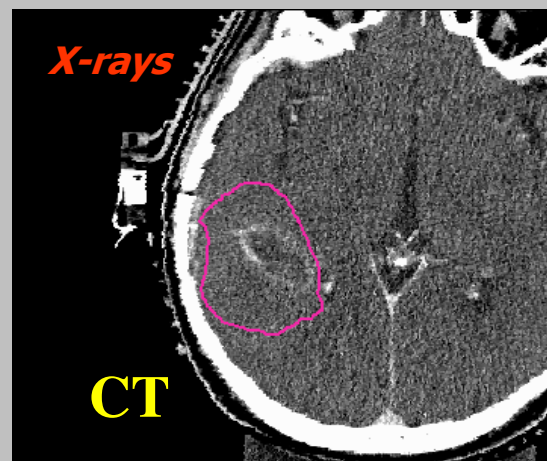




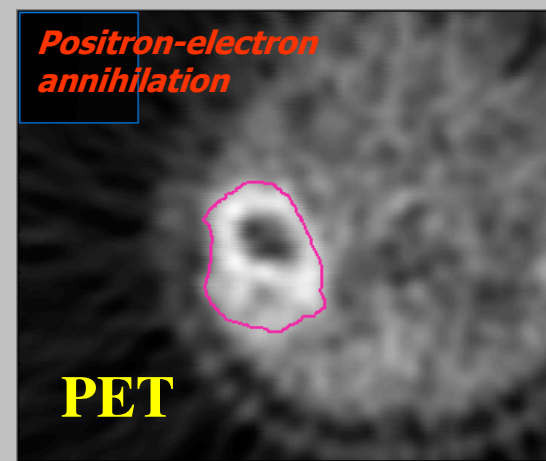
# Multimodality



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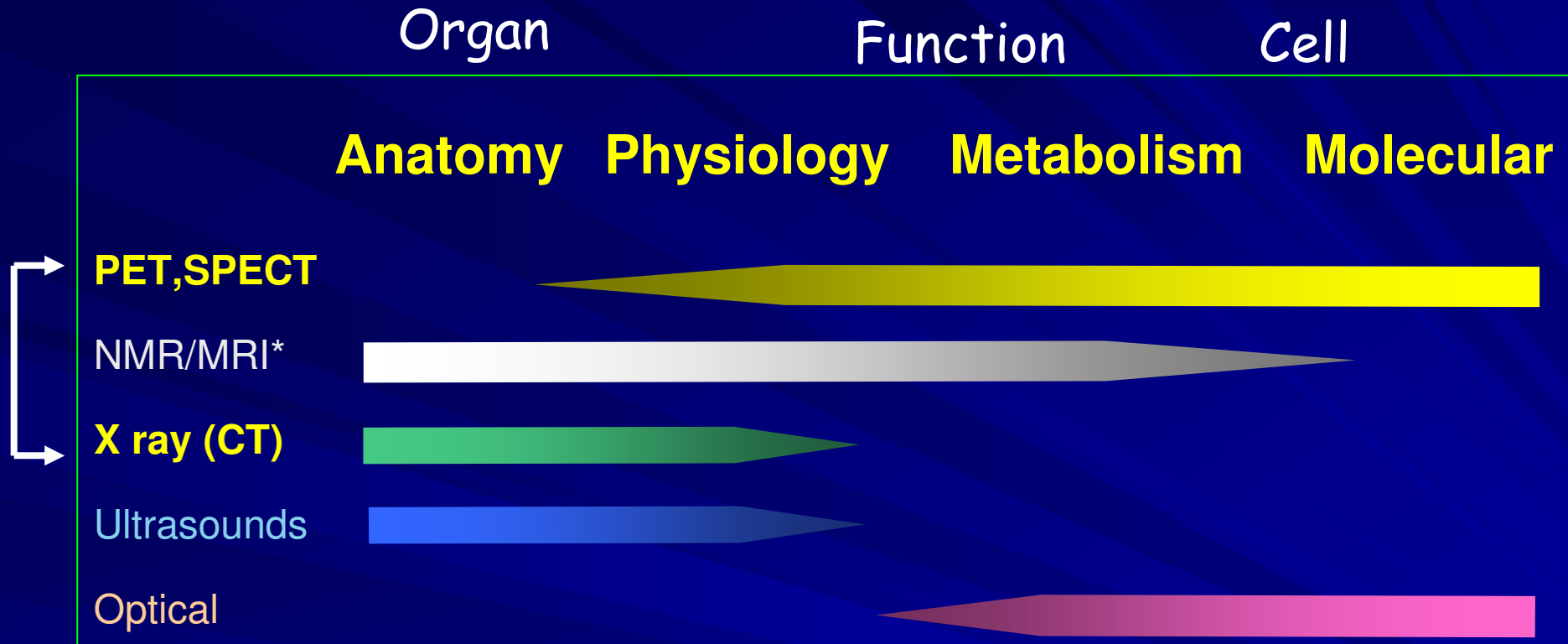


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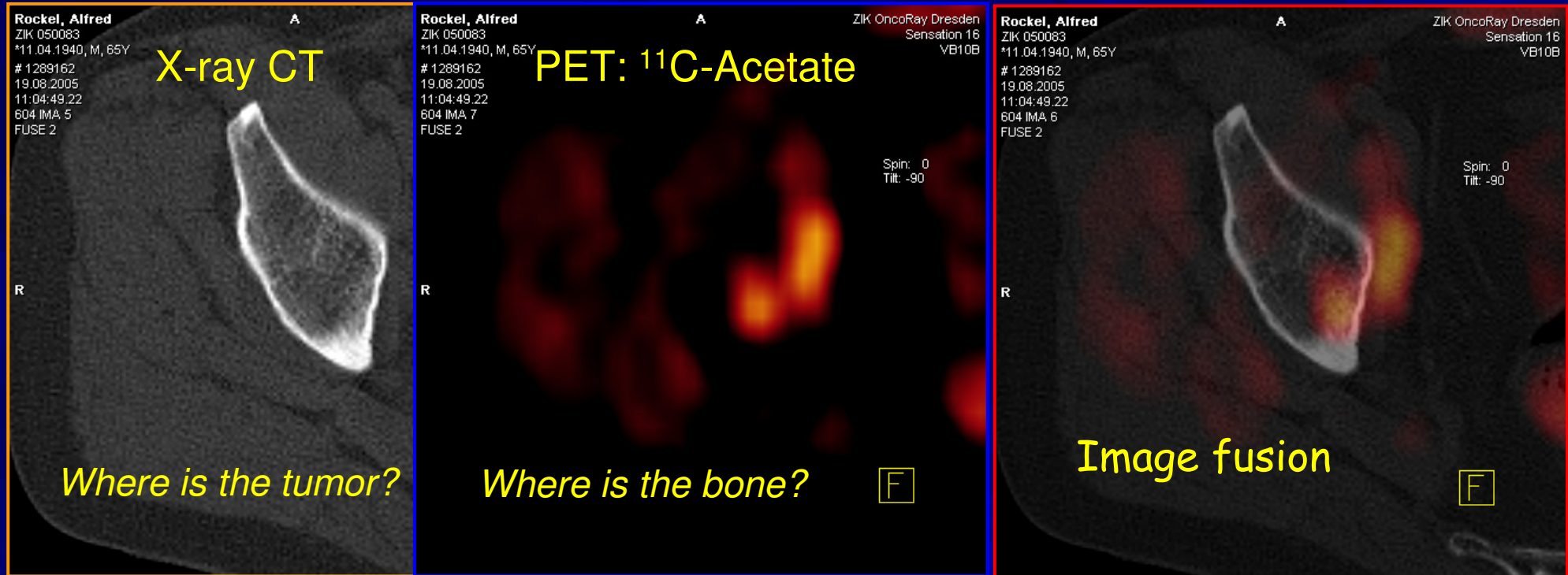
# The various types (modalities) of imaging



- Complementary !
- Depends on what you want to see

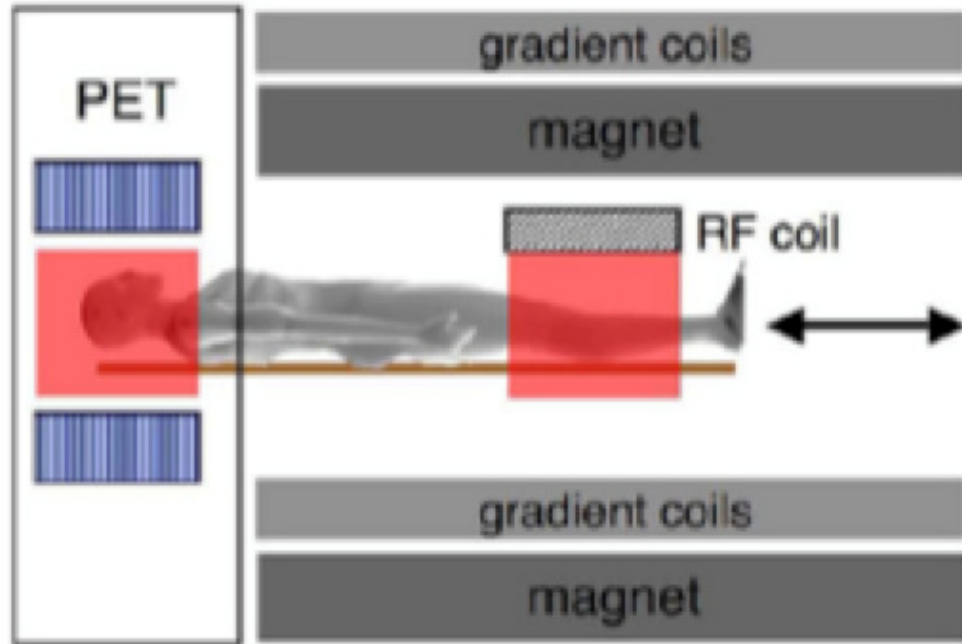
*MRI/MMR\* = Magnetic resonance*

# Multimodalities issues --> Image fusion

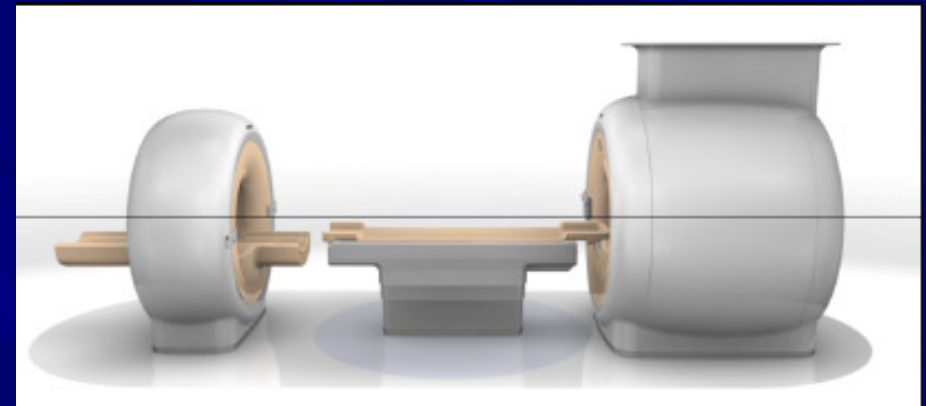


Metastases of a prostate carcinoma  
Courtesy: N. Abolmaali, OncoRay Dresden

## (a) "tandem" PET/MRI



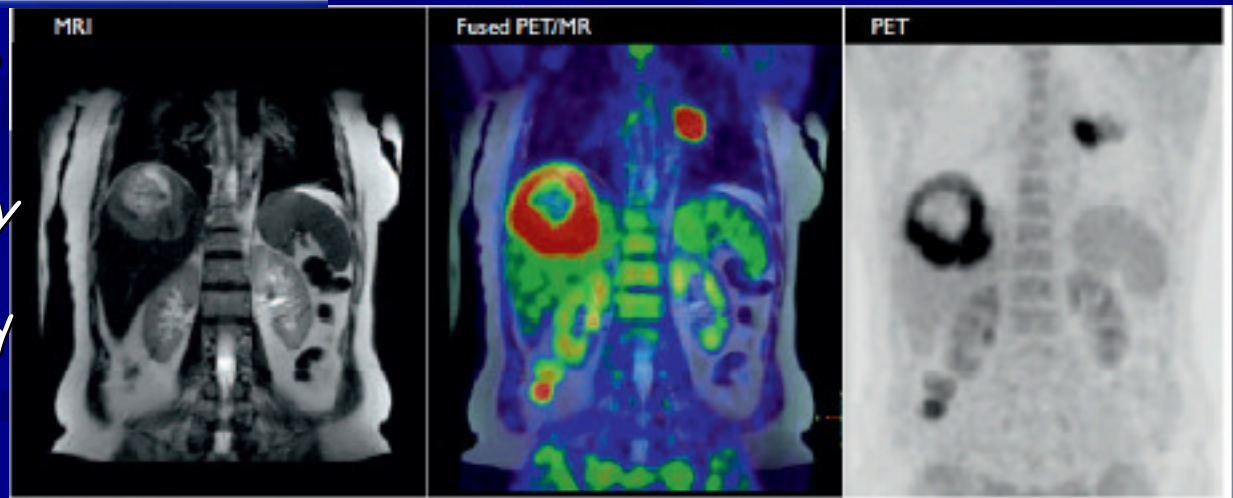
## PET-MRI



Philips Gemini TF (PET) and Achieva 3T (MRI)

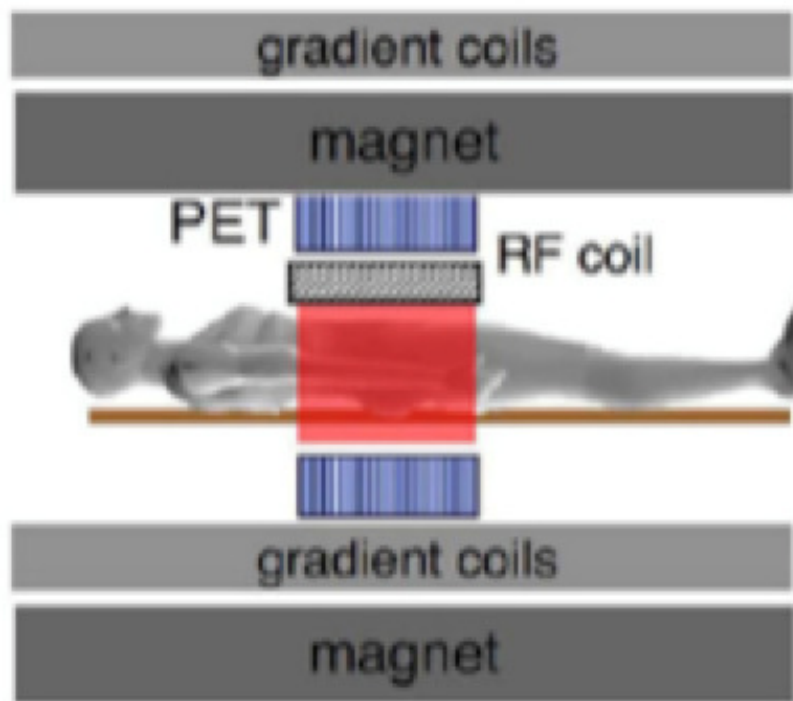
### ■ *Standard 'old' approach*

- Existing technologies
- PET design not limited by geometrical constraints
- Interferences minimized
- *Require image fusion*
- *Not simultaneous*



Courtesy Philips and University Hospital of Geneva

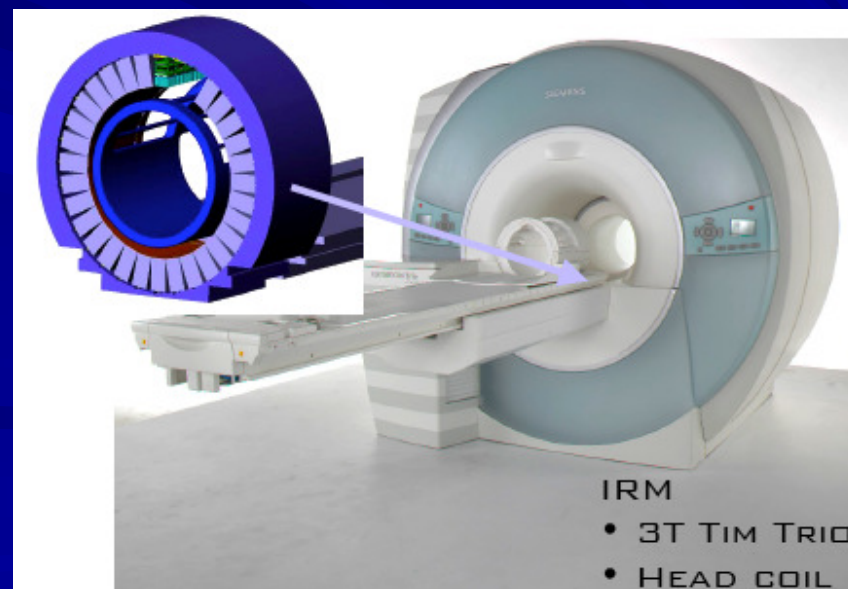
## (b) "integrated" PET/MRI



## PET/MRI

- **New approach**
  - Simultaneous image acquisition
  - Shorter acquisition time geometrical constraints
  - **Some geometrical constraints**
  - **System interference**

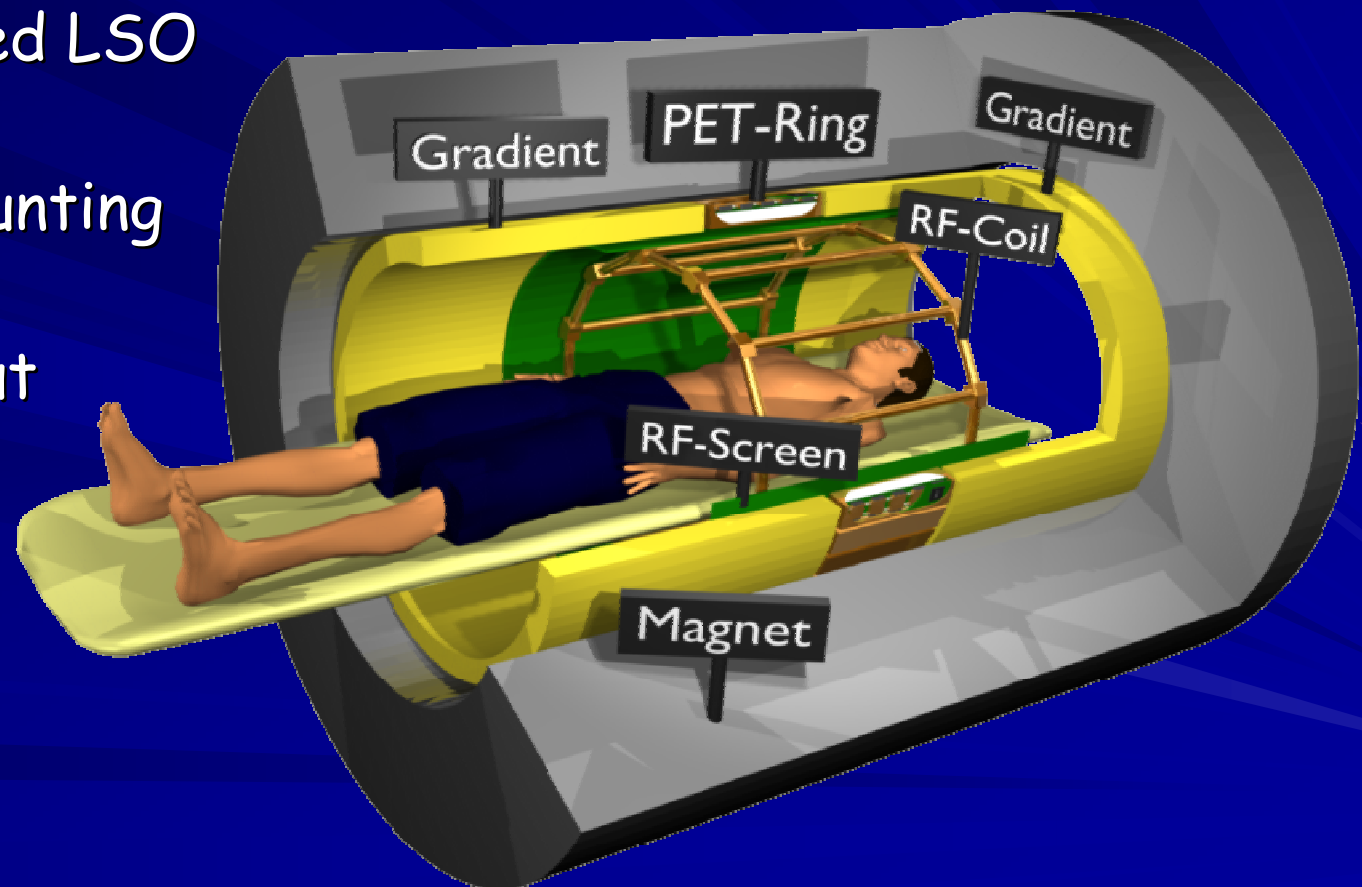
*A lot of developments  
Since SiPM availability*



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

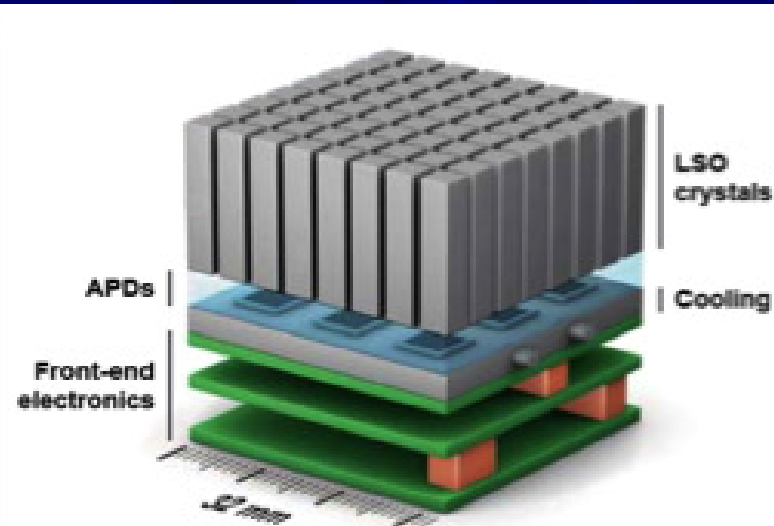
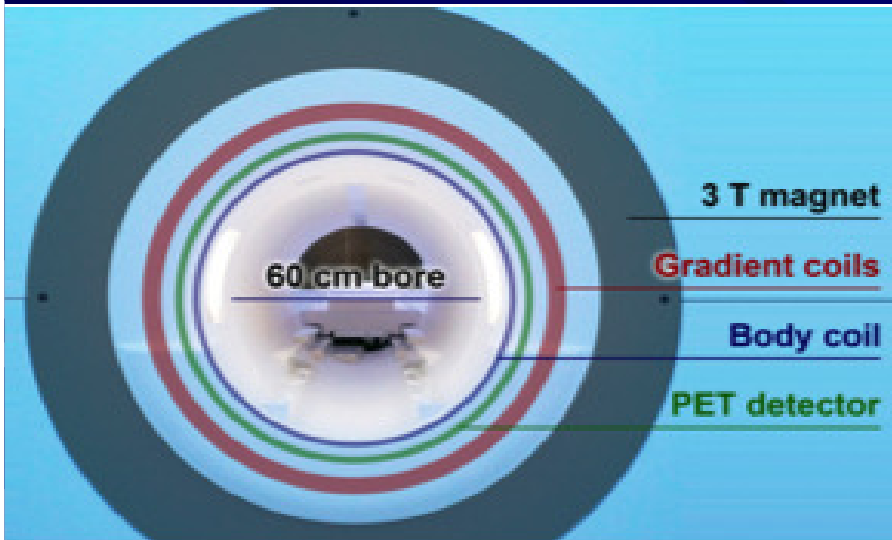
[www.sublima-pet-mr.eu](http://www.sublima-pet-mr.eu)

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



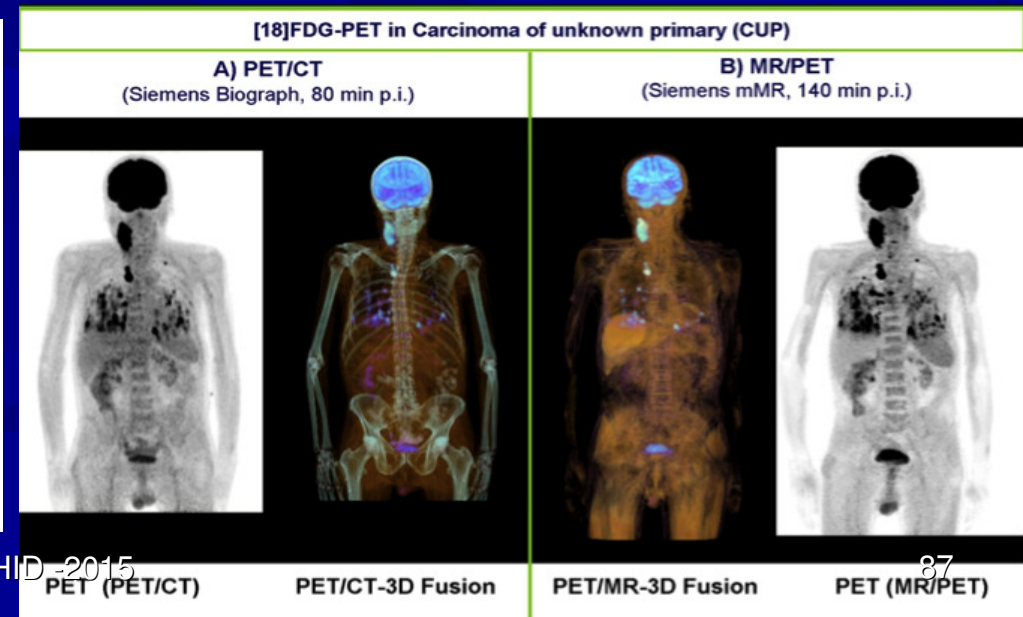
# APD detectors in human PET/MRI

Siemens Biograph mMR

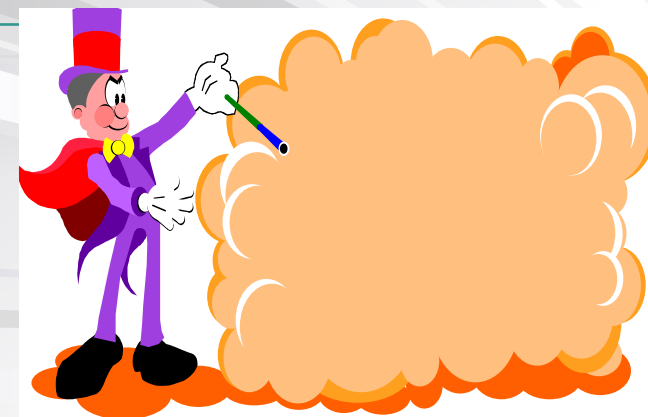


Drzezga SNM 2011

		Biograph mMR
Ring diameter		65.6 cm
Axial FOV		25.8 cm
Energy window		430 – 610 keV
Sensitivity	(0 cm)	1.47 % (1.47 %)
	(10 cm)	1.38 % (1.38 %)
Scatter fraction <sup>1</sup>		36.7 %
Spatial resolution <sup>2</sup>		4.3 mm (4.3 mm)

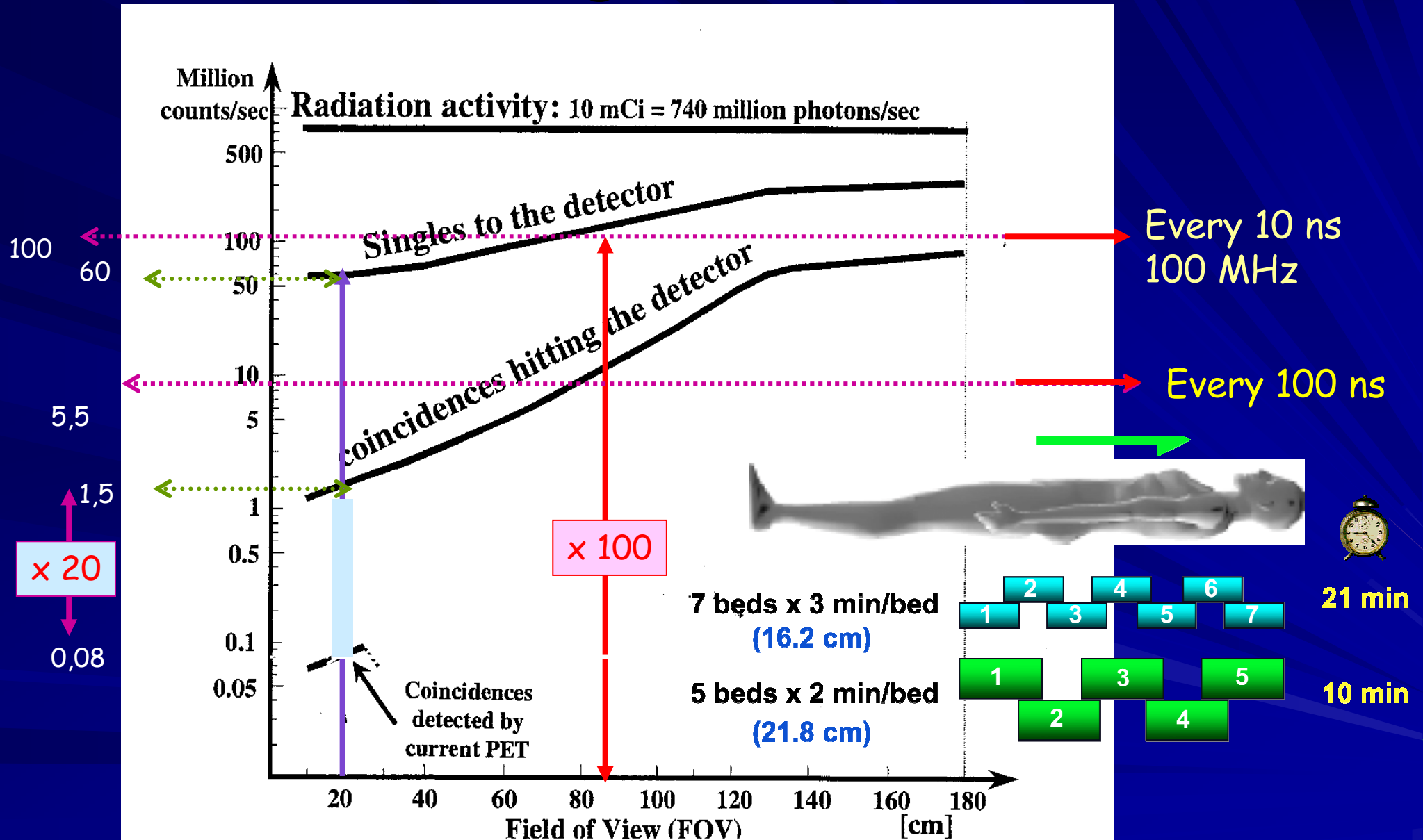


# The Physician dream ' the minute PET'





# Counting rate estimate



# The Physician Dream

Courtesy of D.Townsend

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

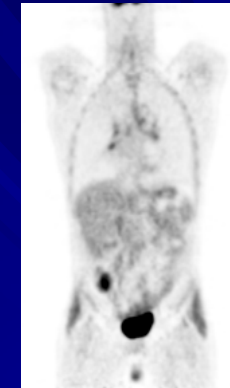
## Minute PET/CT



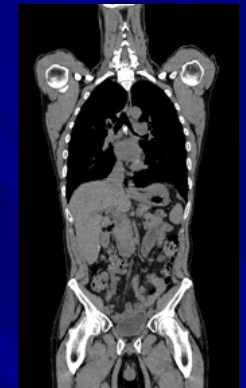
Less dose  
Less movement correction  
Screening capability



MDCT



PET



CT

**Image In Real Time !**

## PET/MRI

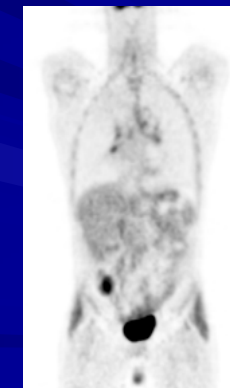
Magnet

PET

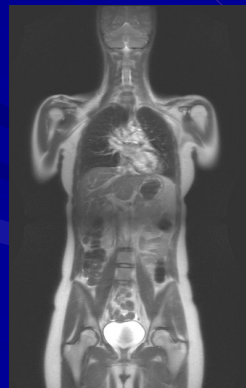


PET Insert with  
Semiconductor photodetectors

PET



PET



MR

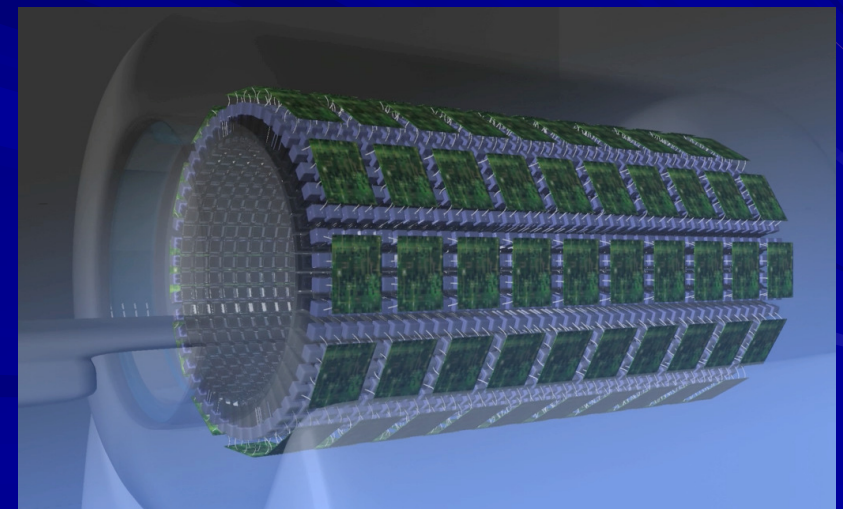
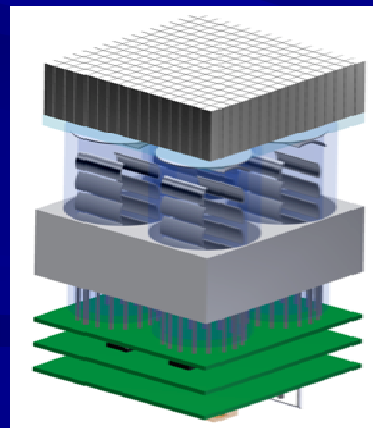
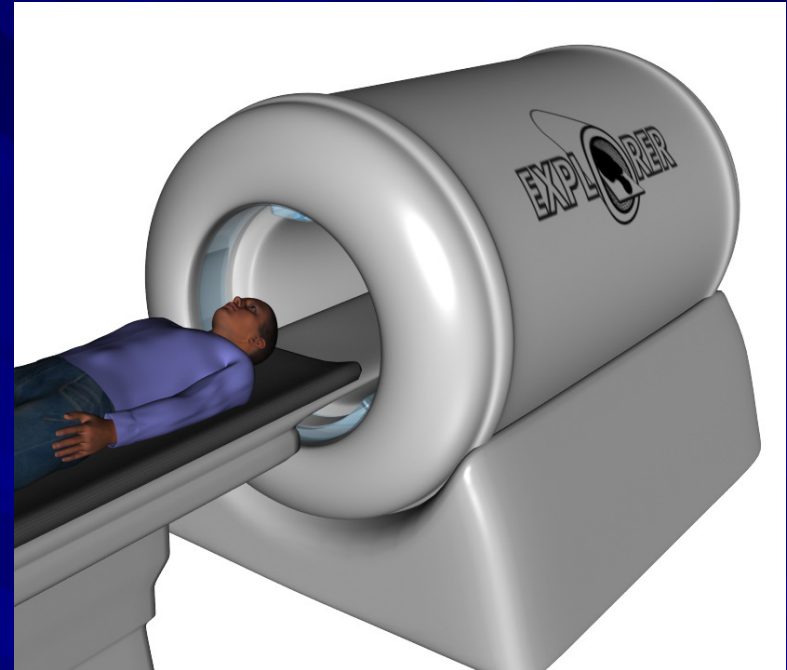
Magnet

# The total body 'explorer' project

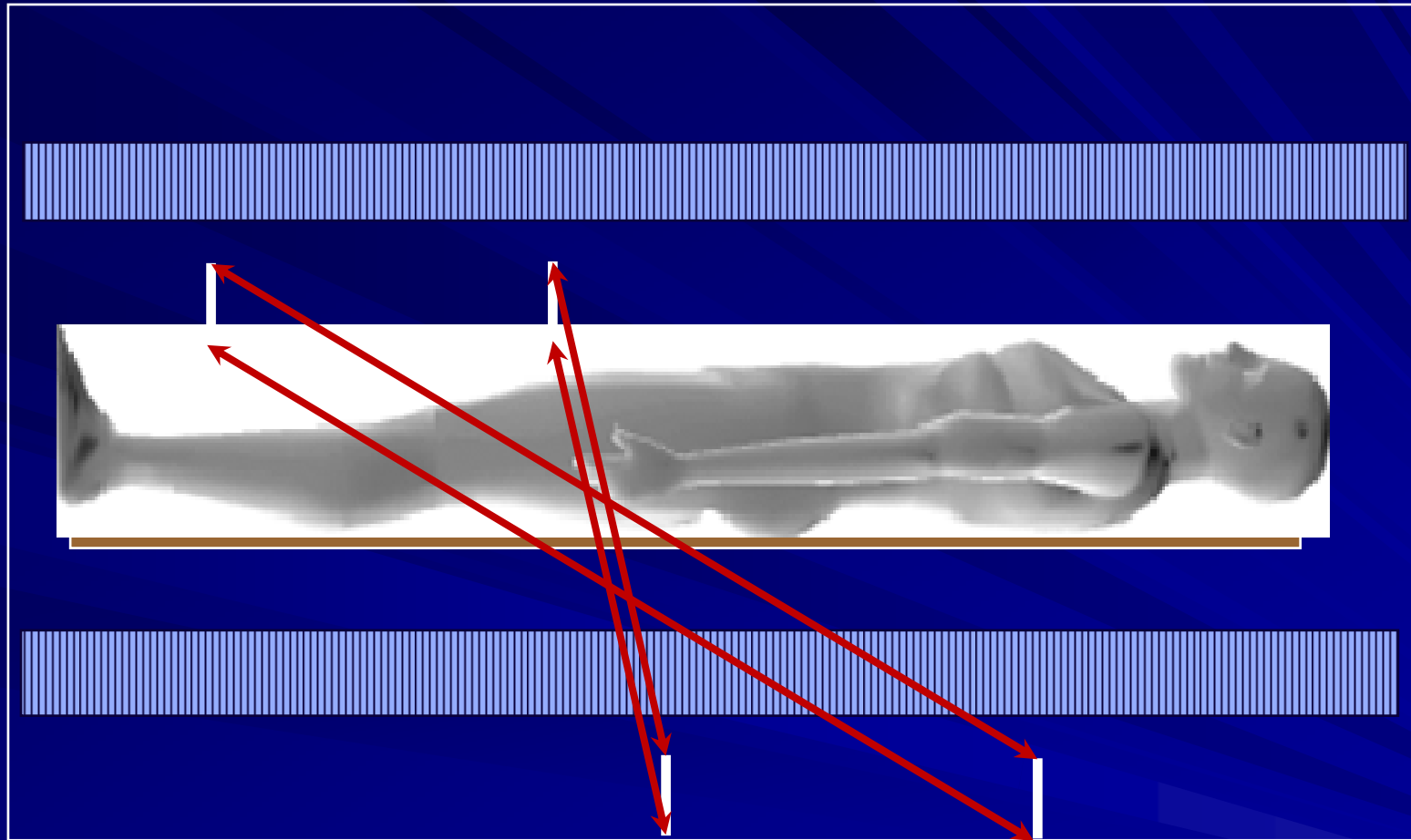
*Davis, LBL, Upenn*

- Modular "Block" Detectors
- $\sim 3.1 \times 3.1 \times 20$  mm L(Y)SO (16 x16)
  - 880 kg of L(Y)SO!
- PMT (possibly SiPM) readout
- Time of flight and 1-bit DOI
- 40 rings, 48 detectors/ring
- $\sim 78.6$  cm ring diameter
- 215 cm axial FOV
- OpenPET electronics

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



# Estimated data production

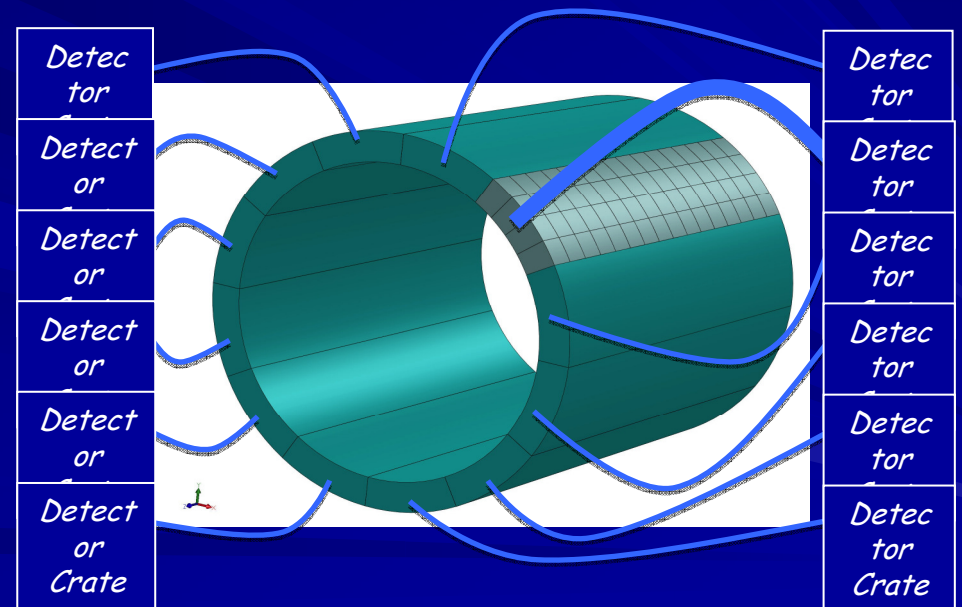
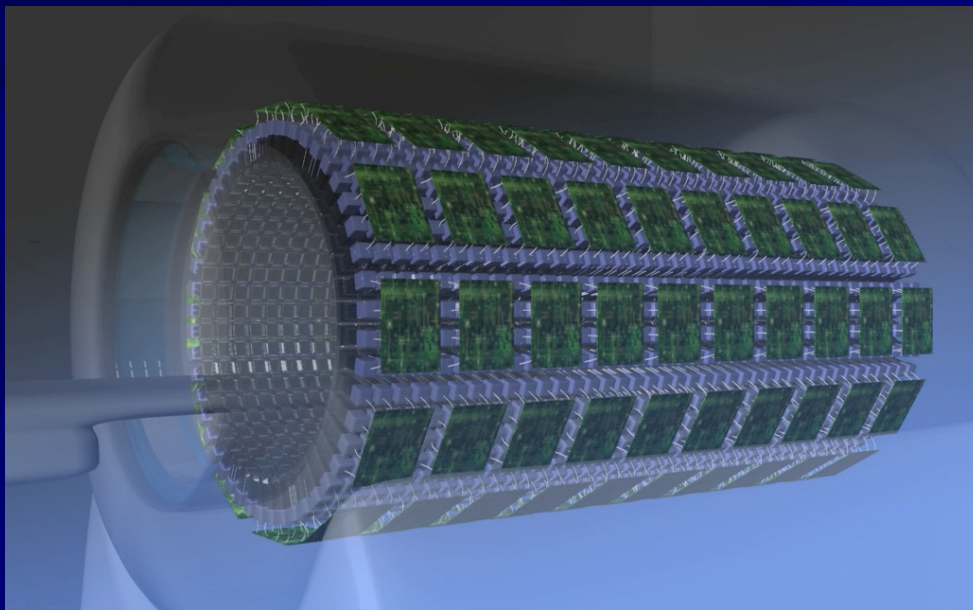
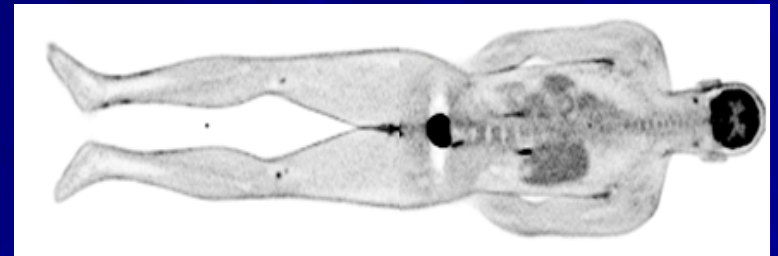
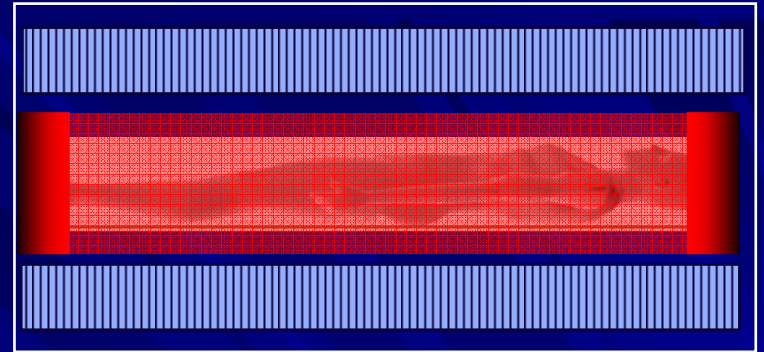


*Singles: 164 MHz*  
*Prompts: 47 MHz*  
*Randoms: 34 MHz*

*A very interesting subject  
for T/DAQ experts*

# This idea is coming .....

## ■ The Total body PET



# The Challenge

## Total-Body “Explorer” Project

- Very large number of channels (20 → 2m FOV)  
~ 500 k channels (2x2 mm<sup>2</sup> 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

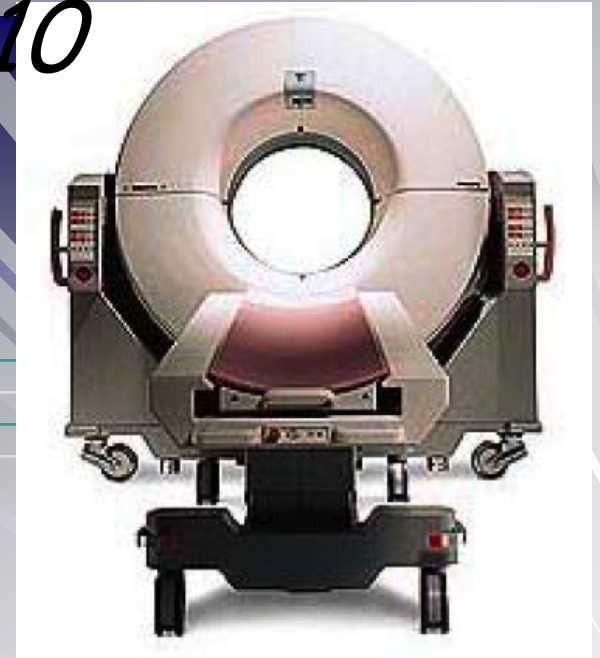


Looks like



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## X Ray imaging

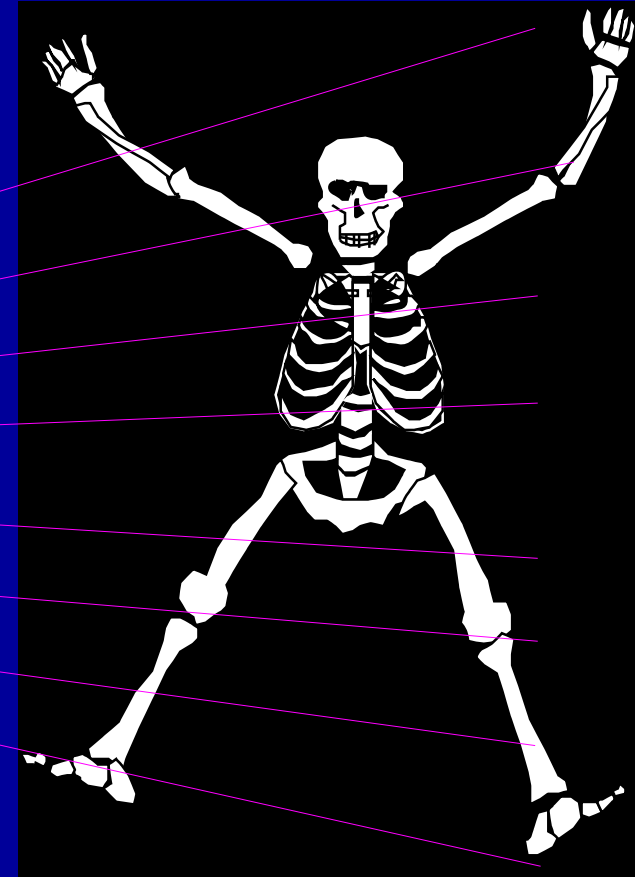
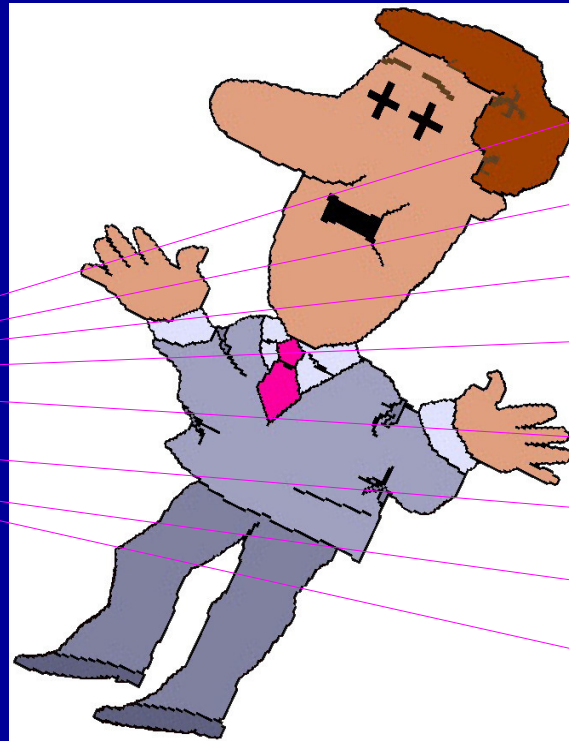
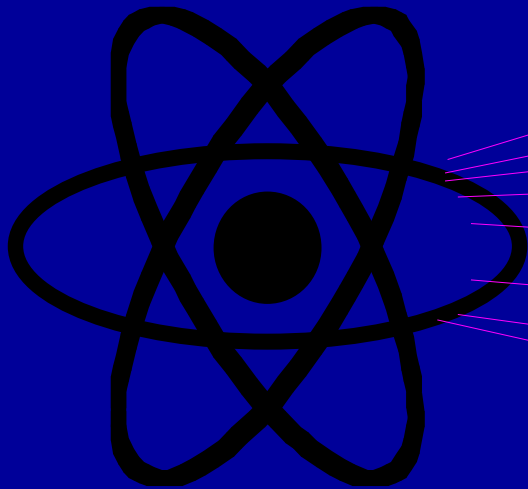
Decreasing the dose  
with HEP Gaseous detector

CT





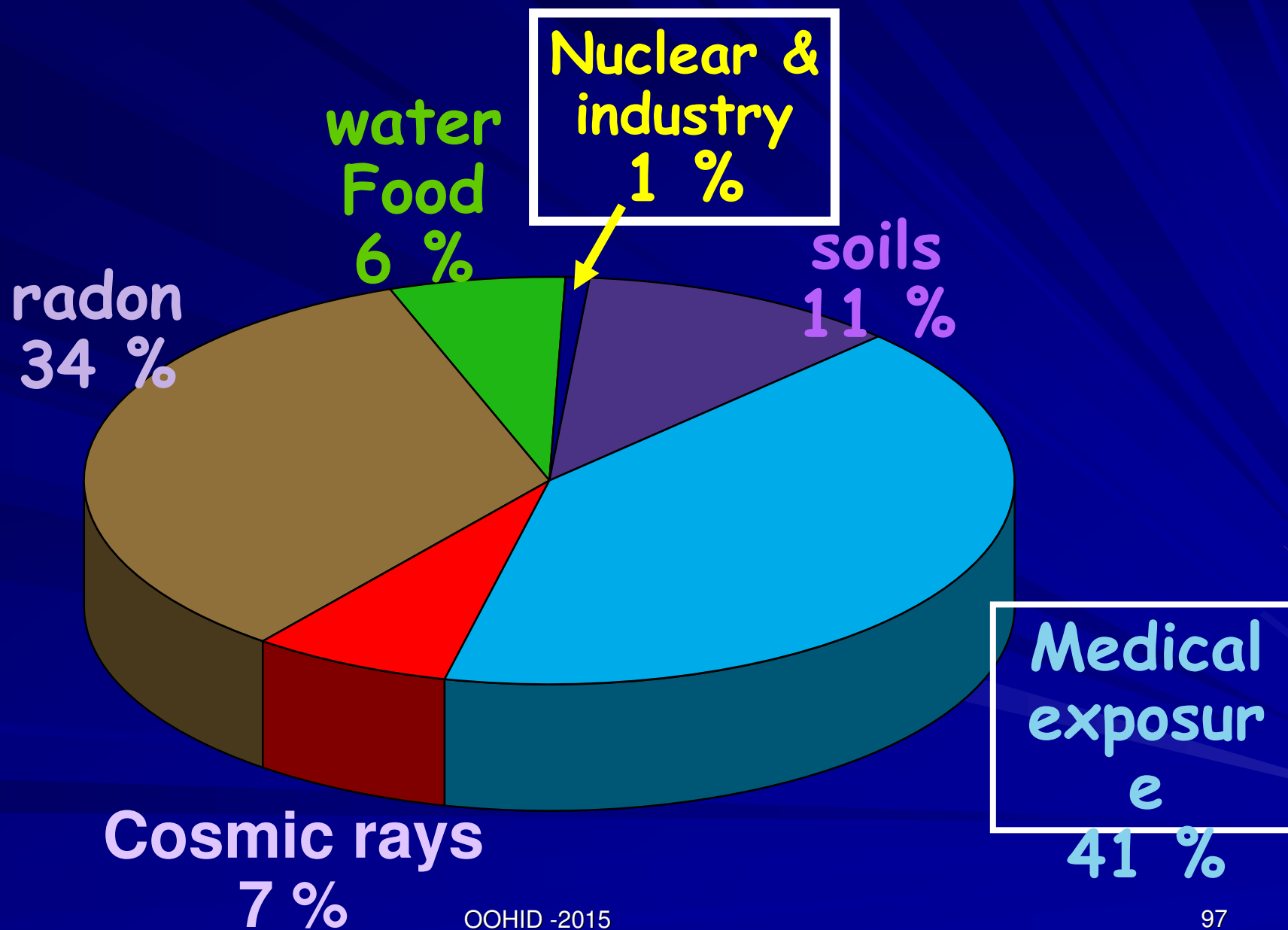
# Patient Radiation Dose is Limited!



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



# Natural versus medical irradiation

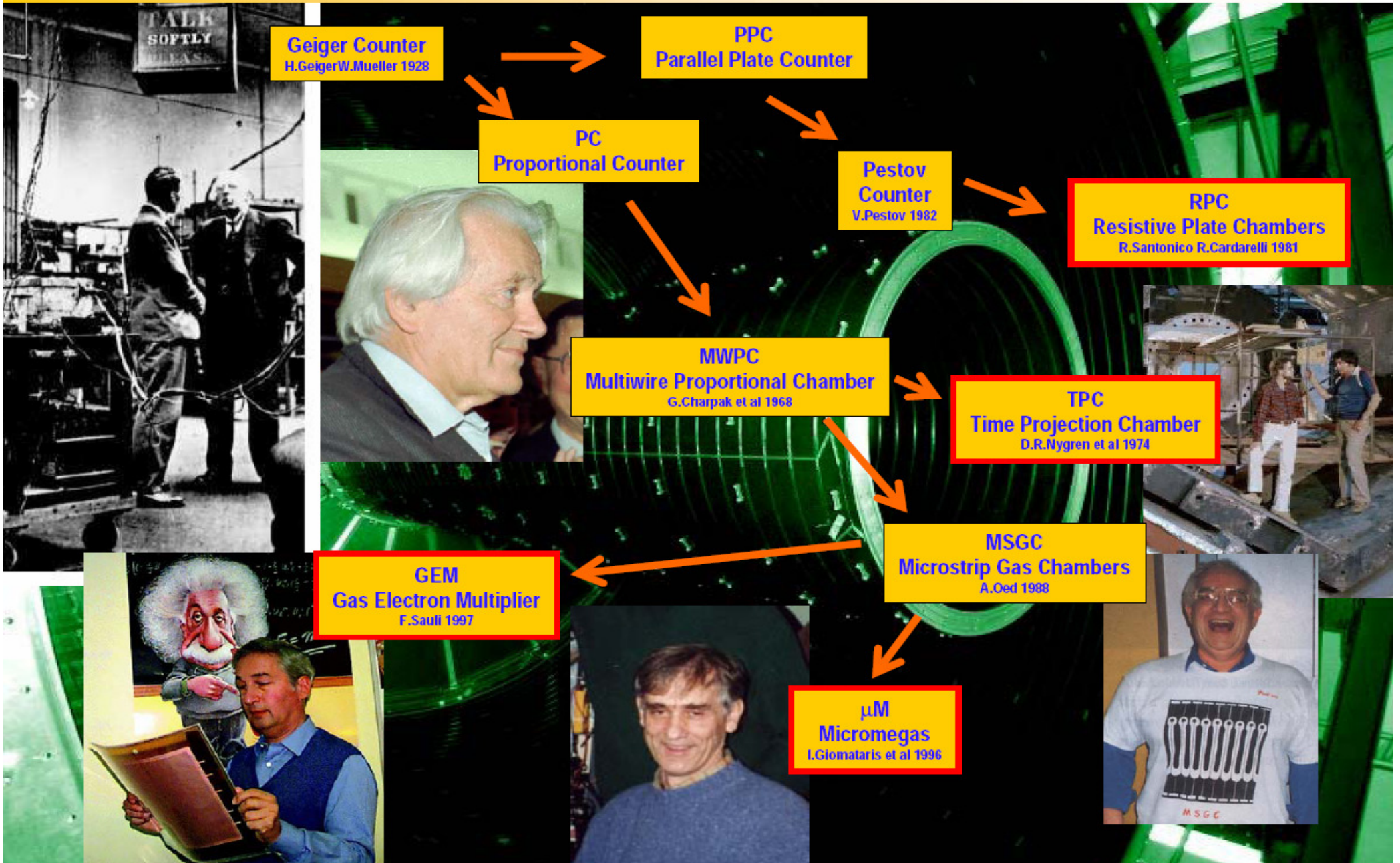


# Exposure for radiological exams

## ■ 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

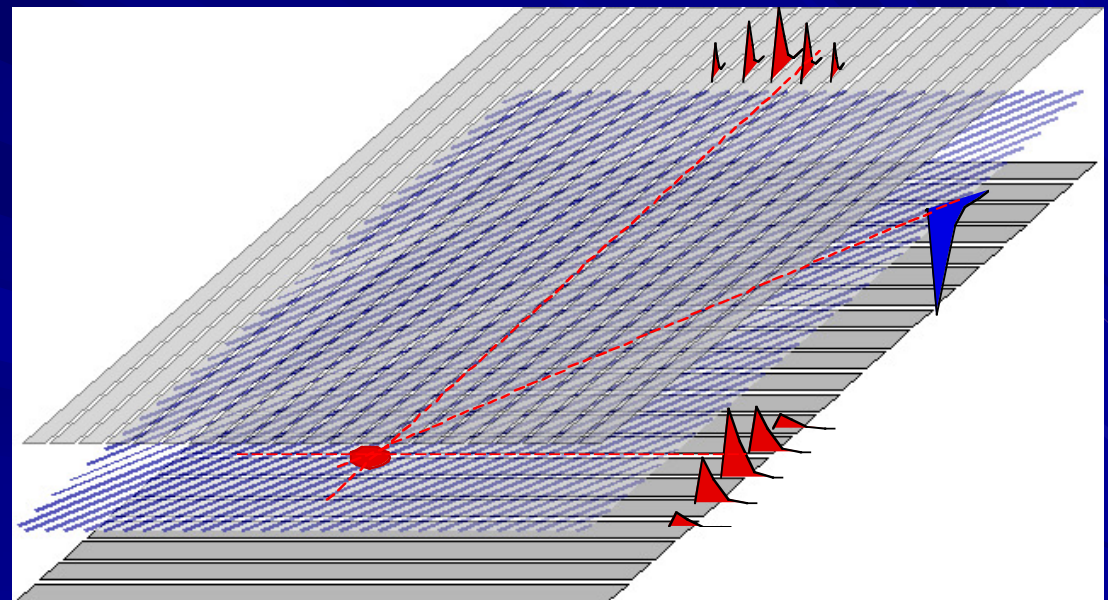
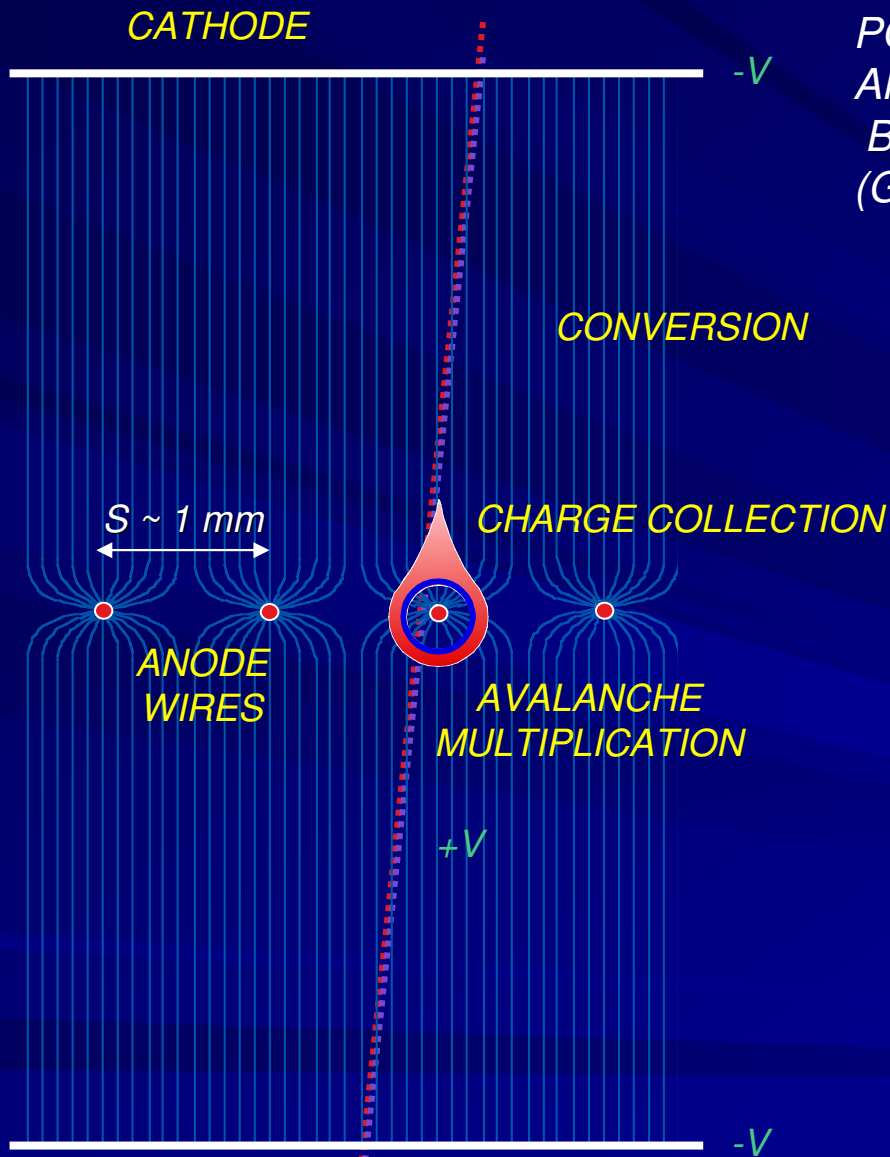
# Gas Detector History



# Multi Wires Proportional chambers MWPC

MODERN GASEOUS DETECTORS:  
POWERFUL TOOLS FOR RADIATION DETECTION  
AND LOCALIZATION IN PARTICLE PHYSICS,  
BASED ON THE MULTIWIRE PROPORTIONAL CHAMBER  
(Georges Charpak, 1967)

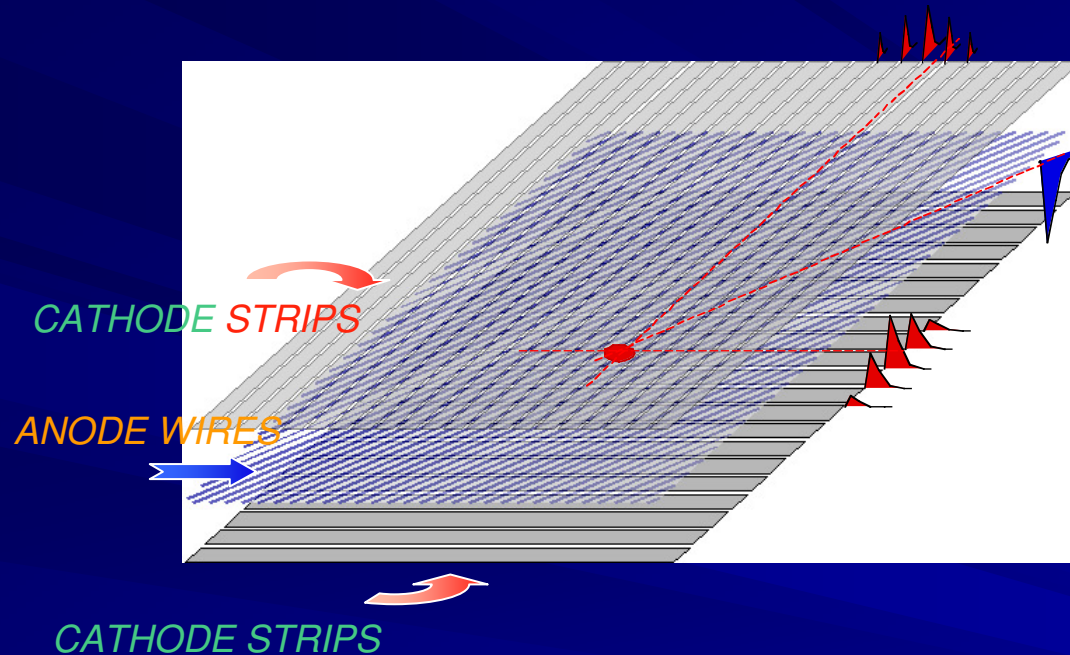
TWO-DIMENSIONAL MWPC READOUT CATHODE  
INDUCED CHARGE (Charpak and Sauli, 1973)



Spatial resolution determined by: Signal / Noise Ratio  
Typical (i.e. 'very good') values:  $S \sim 20000 e$ : noise  $\sim 1000e$   
Space resolution  $< 100 \mu\text{m}$

## TWO-DIMENSIONAL LOCALIZATION

TWO-DIMENSIONAL LOCALIZATION FROM SIGNALS INDUCED ON CATHODE PLANES (Charpak & Fabio Sauli, ~1973)



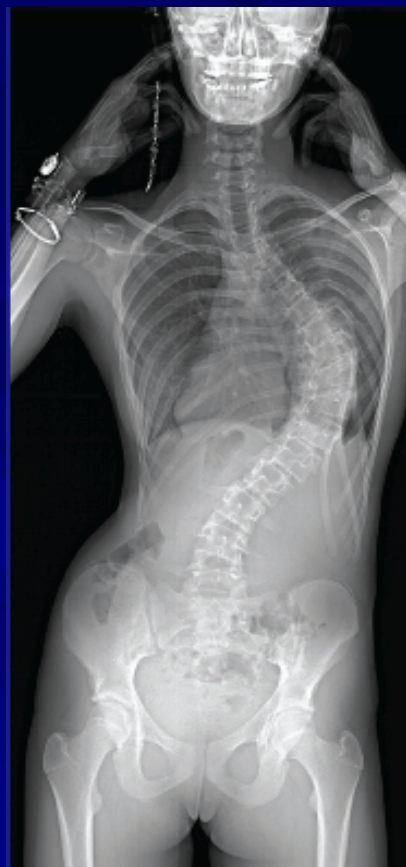
LOW-DOSE DIGITAL RADIOGRAPHY  
WITH MWPC:  
CHARPAK'S HAND (2002):



# The 1970's dream : Digital radiography with MWPC

## A tribute to George Charpak

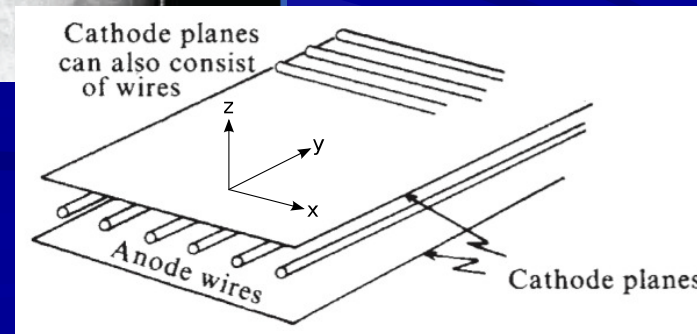
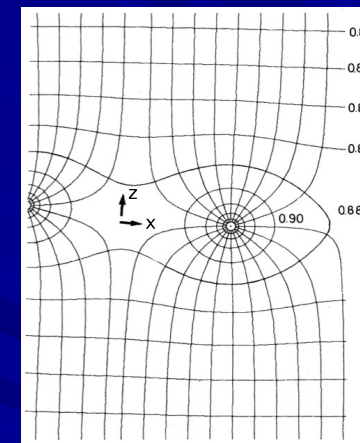
■ With 10 time less dose



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# X Ray imaging

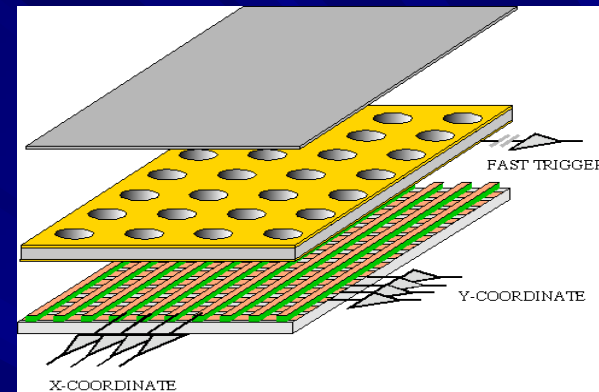
## GEM for 2D Imaging:

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

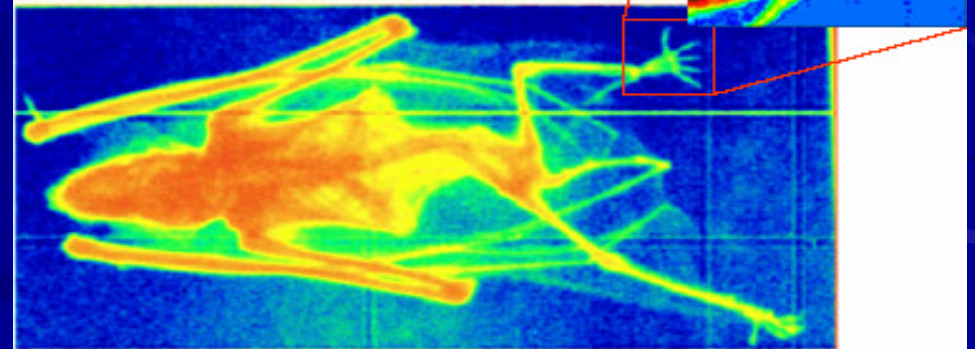
## Wire Chamber Radiography:



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



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



Position resolution  $\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$   
(limited by photoelectron range in the gas)

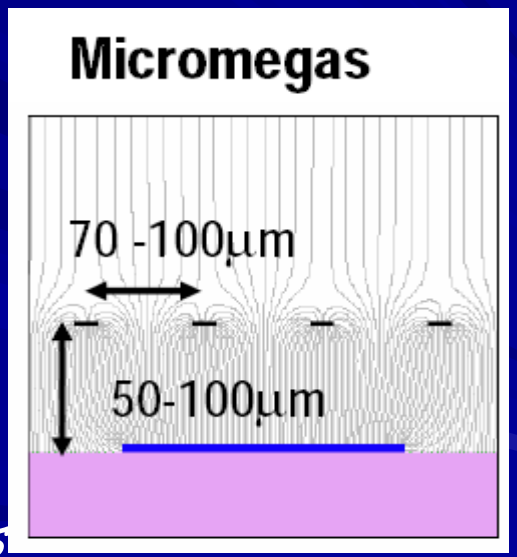
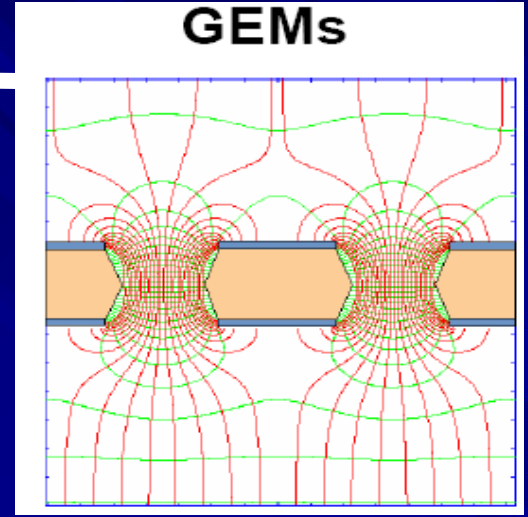
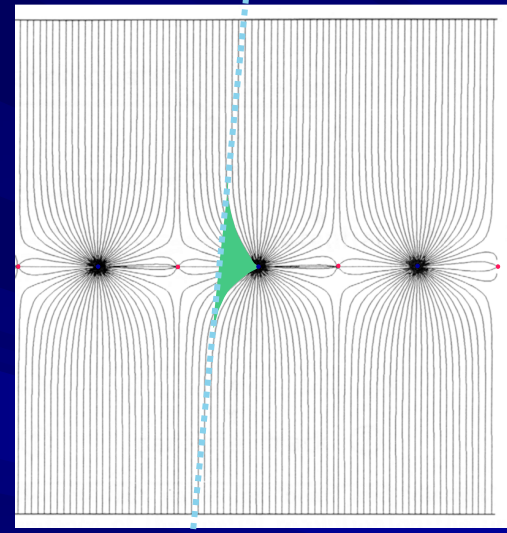
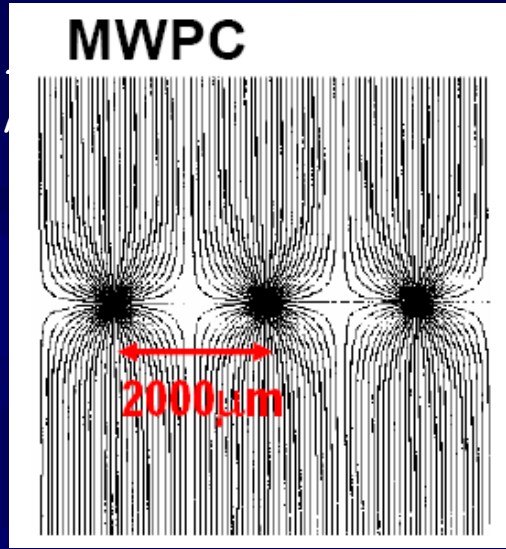
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# From MWPC's to MGPD's

**MGPD**

**MWPC**

**Drift Chamber**



1975 - 1995

1990 -

*UA2-LEP*

Multiwire Proportional Chamber

Georges Charpak 1968

*GEM F.Sauli)*

*Micromegas Y. Giomataris*



# MPGD

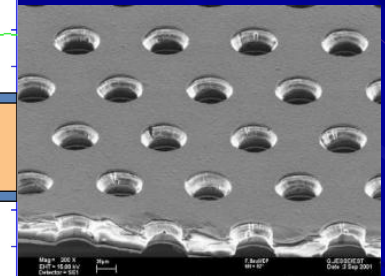
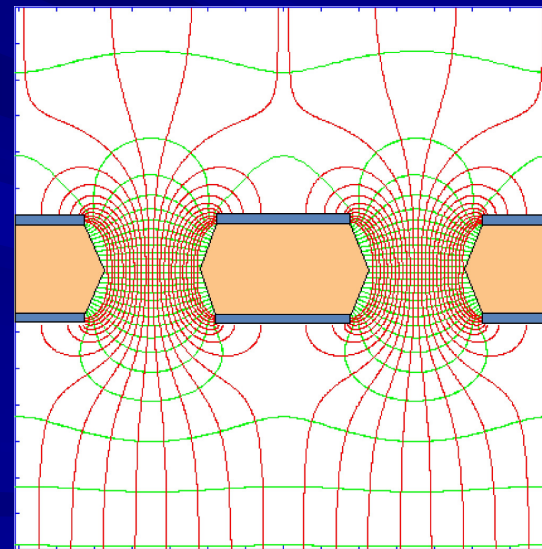
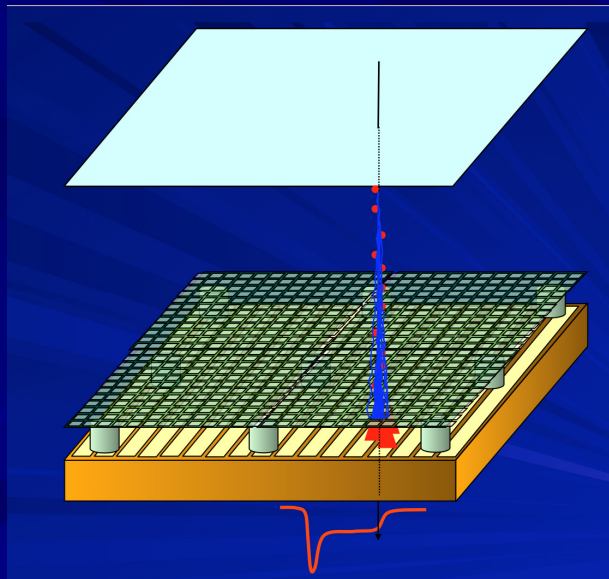
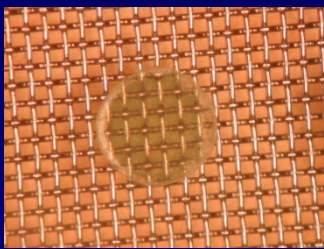
■ From 1988-1998 Micro-technologies and etching techniques allowed development of **Micro Patter Gaseous Detectors**

■ **MICROMesh Gaseous Structure**

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

■ **Gas Electron Multiplier**

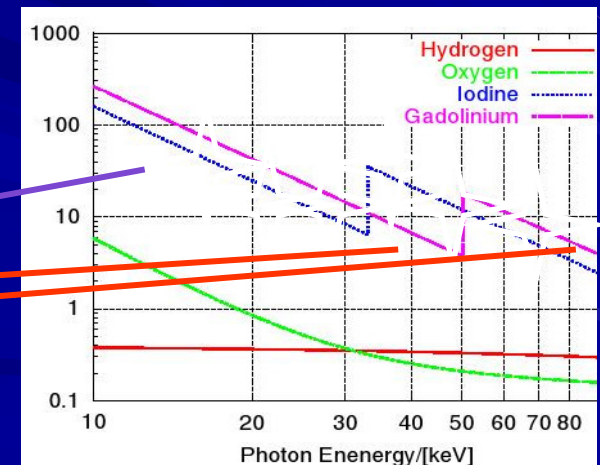
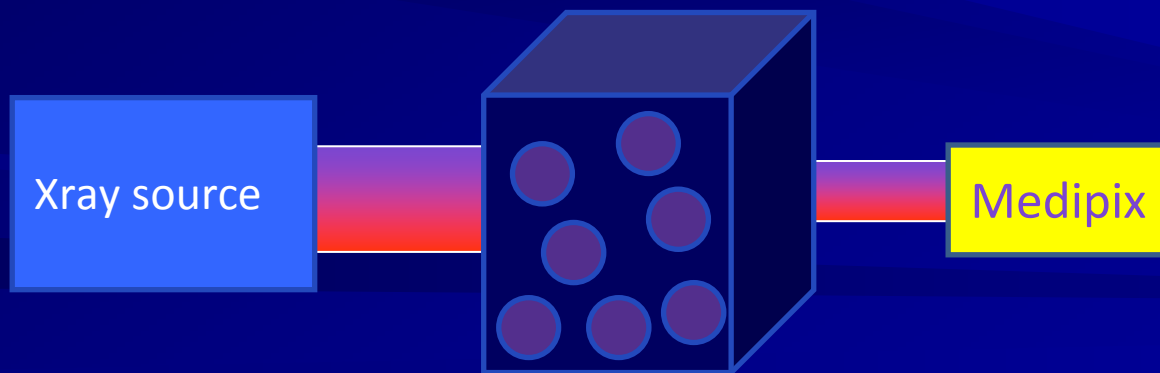
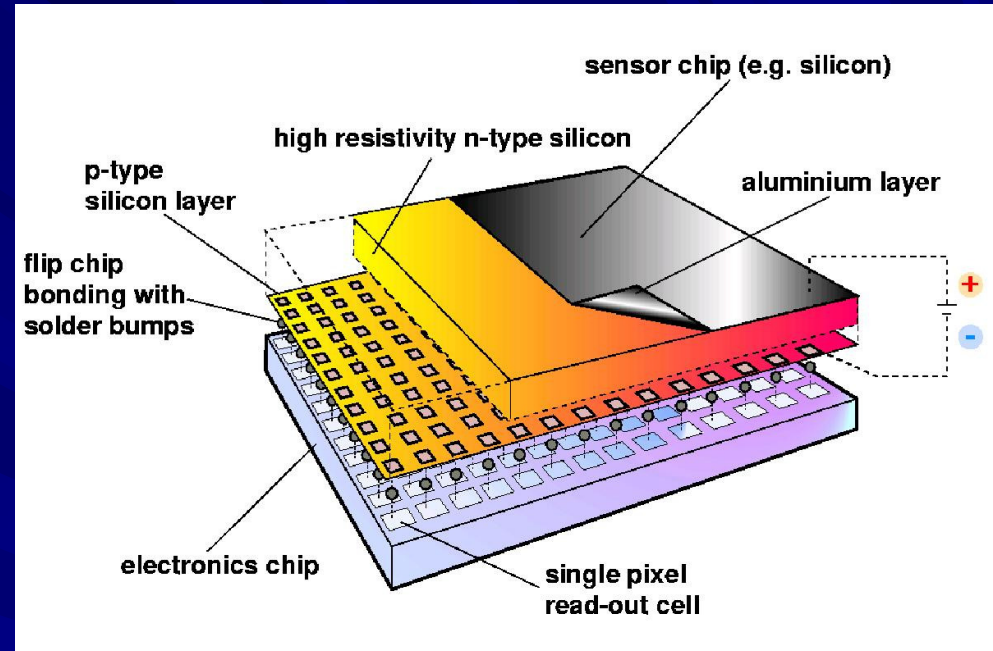
- Thin, metal-coated polymer foil with high density of holes, each hole acting as an individual proportional counter.



# The Future : New Si detector and signal processing On the way to photon counting?

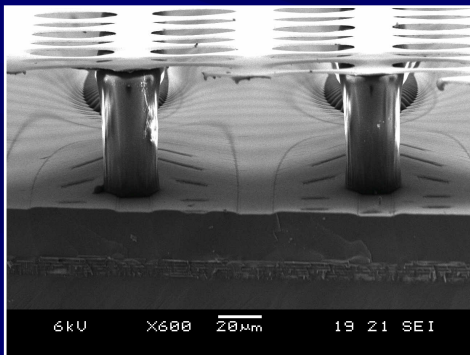
## Medipix3

- 8 simultaneous energies
- 55  $\mu\text{m}$  isometric resolution
- Excellent energy resolution
- $10^8$  photons per second per  $\text{mm}^2$

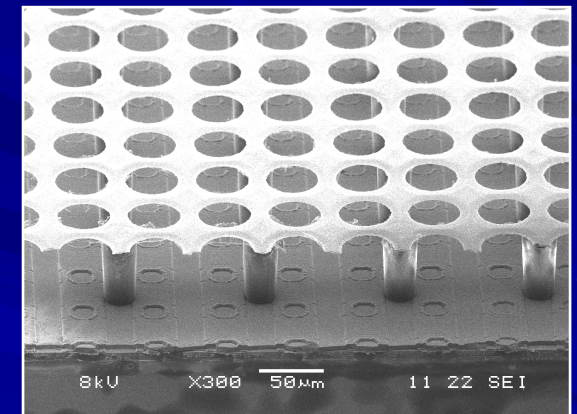
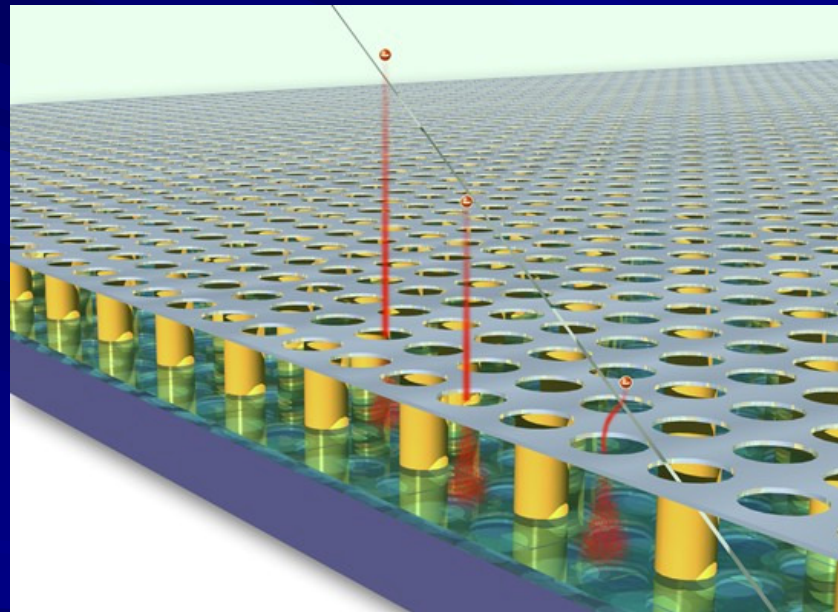


# Next → INGRID

- **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  
~100  $\mu\text{m}$  ~1mm



107Cmos Medipix chip

- Use → Large Trackers & Calorimeters

# Timepix Hybrid detector

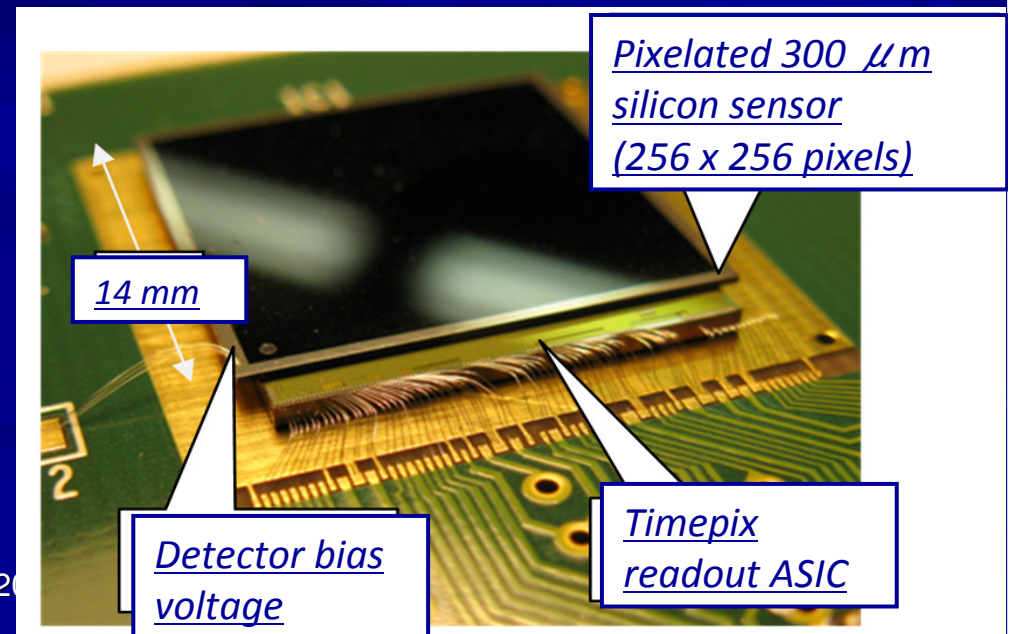
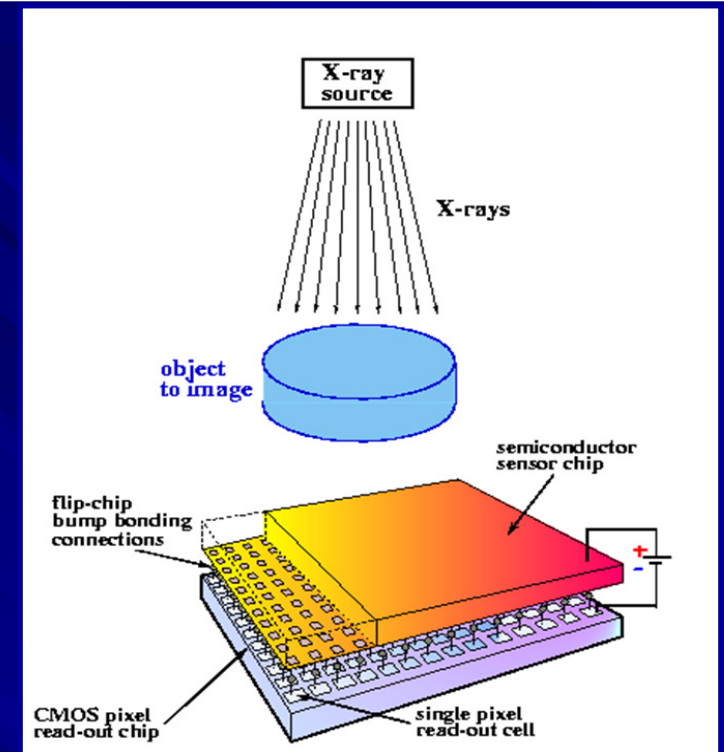
## On the way of photon counting

- Medipix is a Silicon pixel-based detector technology AND signal processing that can be employed to measure charged particles, photons, and neutrons.
- It is based on a read-out chip that embeds the electronics for each pixel within the pixel's footprint!
- Detector and electronics readout are optimized separately
- developed for use in the CERN LHC Central Trackers
- **Medipix 3/TimePix** This technology is an extension of designs originally
  - Integrate a TDC ...

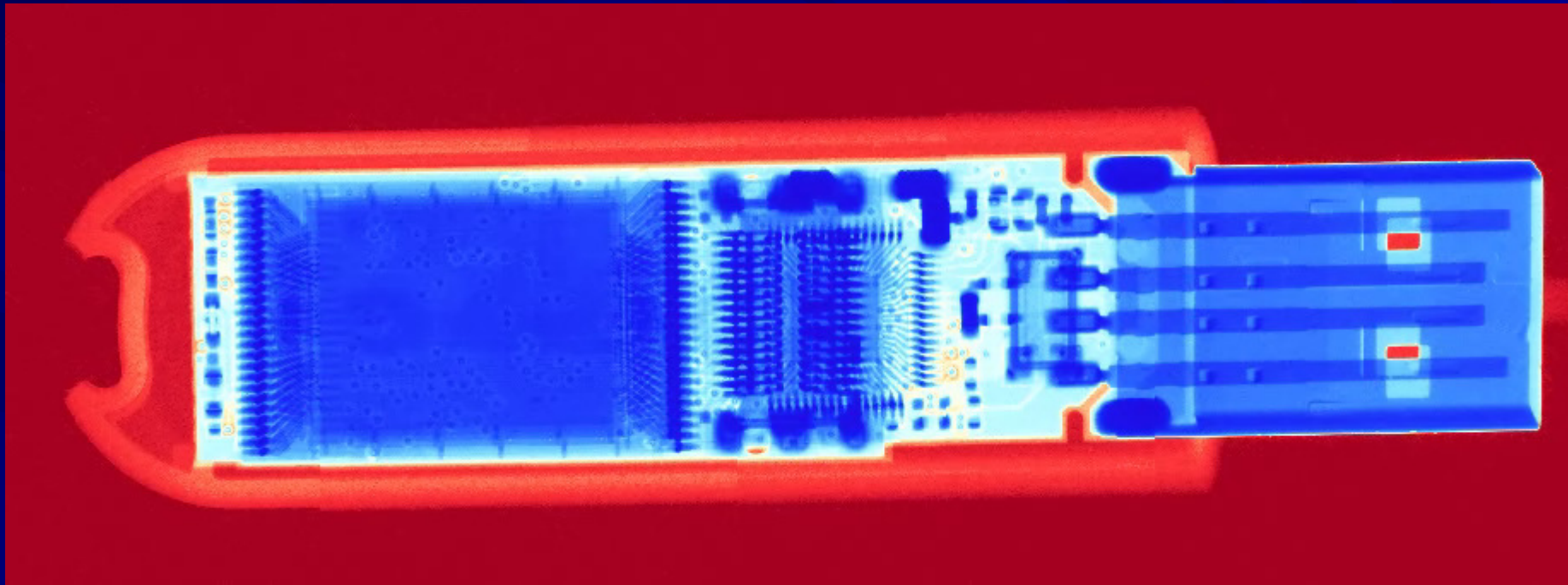
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Medipix-CT setup for detector  
investigations & material analysis  
Example → USB flash drive



TPX 110 $\mu$ m + CdTe 2mm  
8x2 tiles / mag. 1.5x  
65kV / 200 $\mu$ A

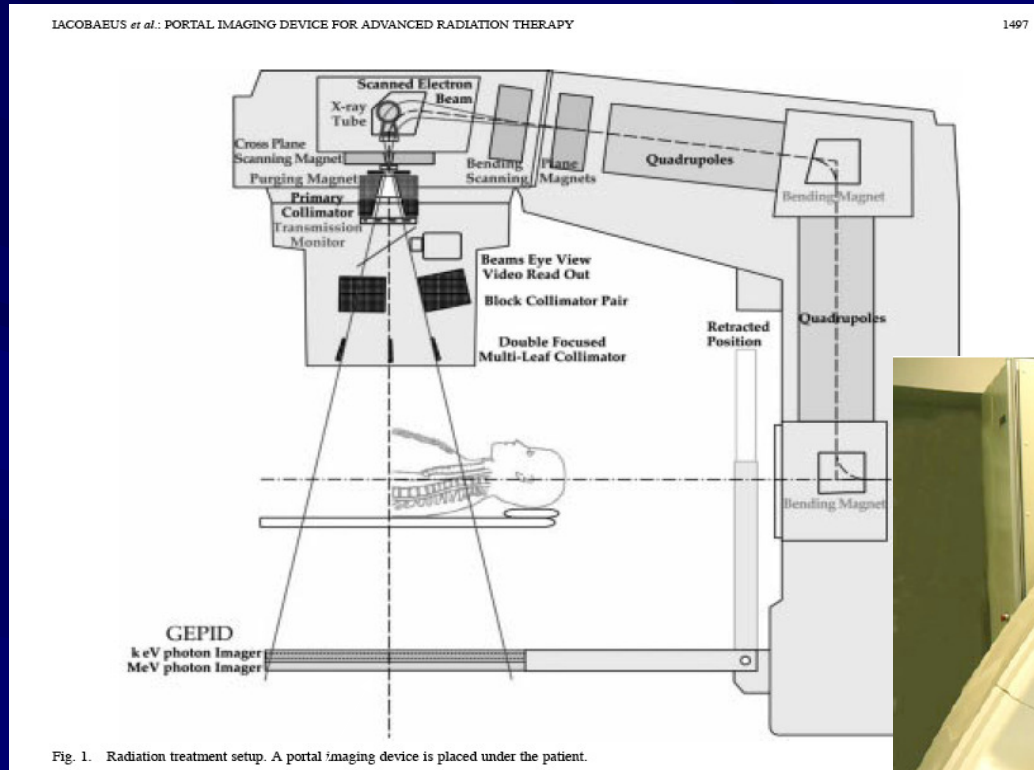
# Example



# PORTAL IMAGING

PORTAL IMAGING: VERY HIGH RATE GAMMA RAYS DETECTION

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND KAROLINSKA HOAPITAL (STOKHOLM)



*Real Time Imaging  
and Dosimetry*



*GEM-BASED PIXEL DETECTOR*

*C. Iacobaeus et al, IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci. NS-48 (2001)1496*

# 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*

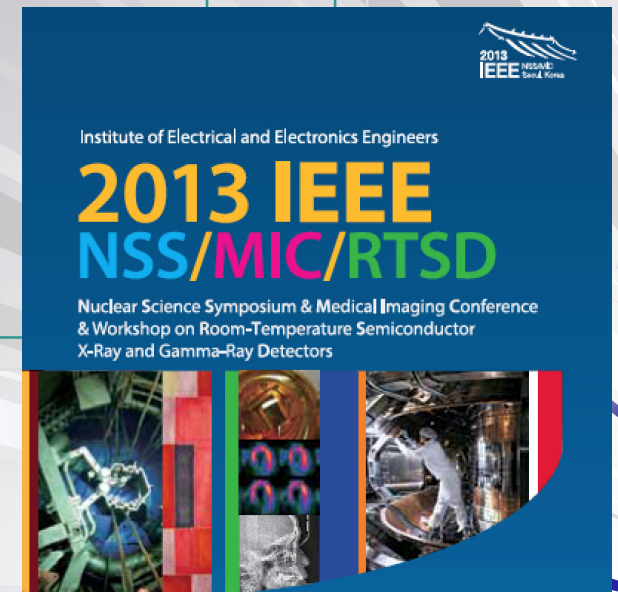


*There is a lot to do  
Particularly  
for students*

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