

# Detector Physics at Hadron Colliders (Part II)

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- Introduction to tracking detectors
- Gaseous tracking detectors
- Semiconductor tracking detectors

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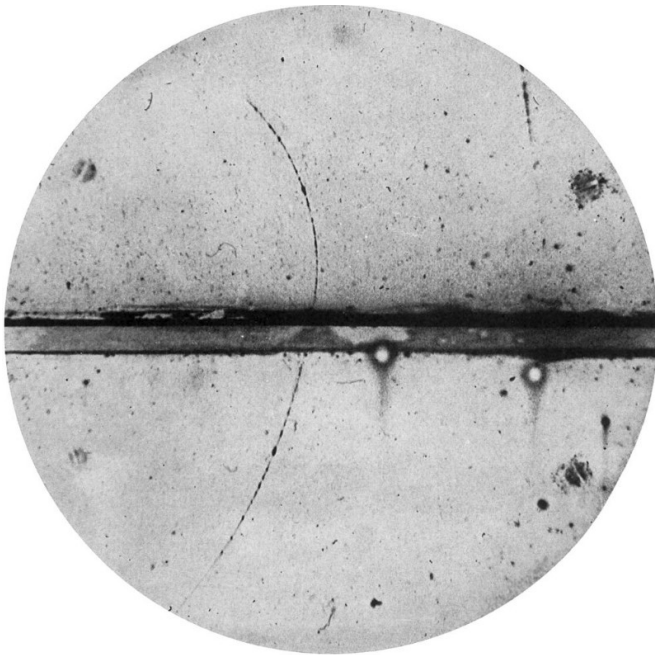
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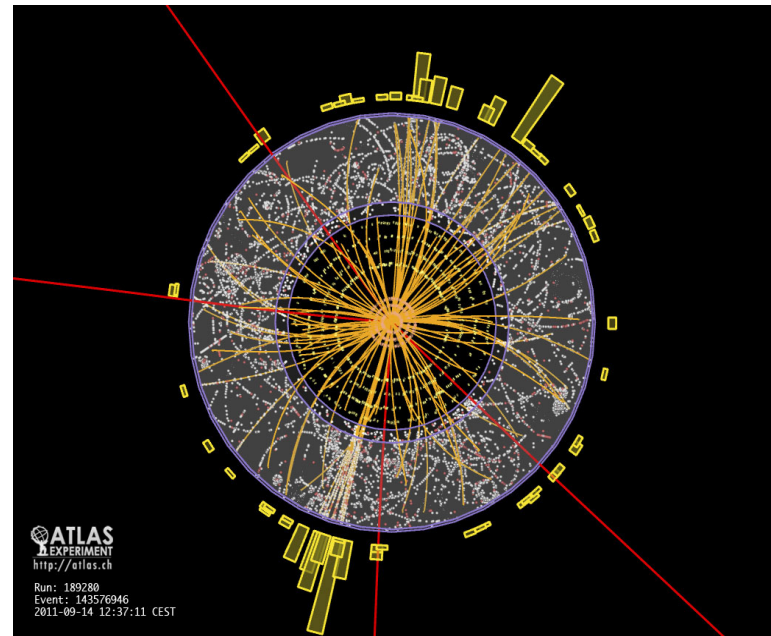


# Tracking Detectors

- Tracking: reconstruction of trajectory (or track) of electrically charged particles in a detector (tracker), from patterns of measured hits
  - Important for: measurement of particle properties (momentum & charge – with B field), heavy flavor identification (via identification of primary and secondary vertices) and aid in jet reconstruction (track separation inside jets). [*also:  $dE/dX$  in low momentum tracks*]



Cloud chamber  
(positron discovery 1932)

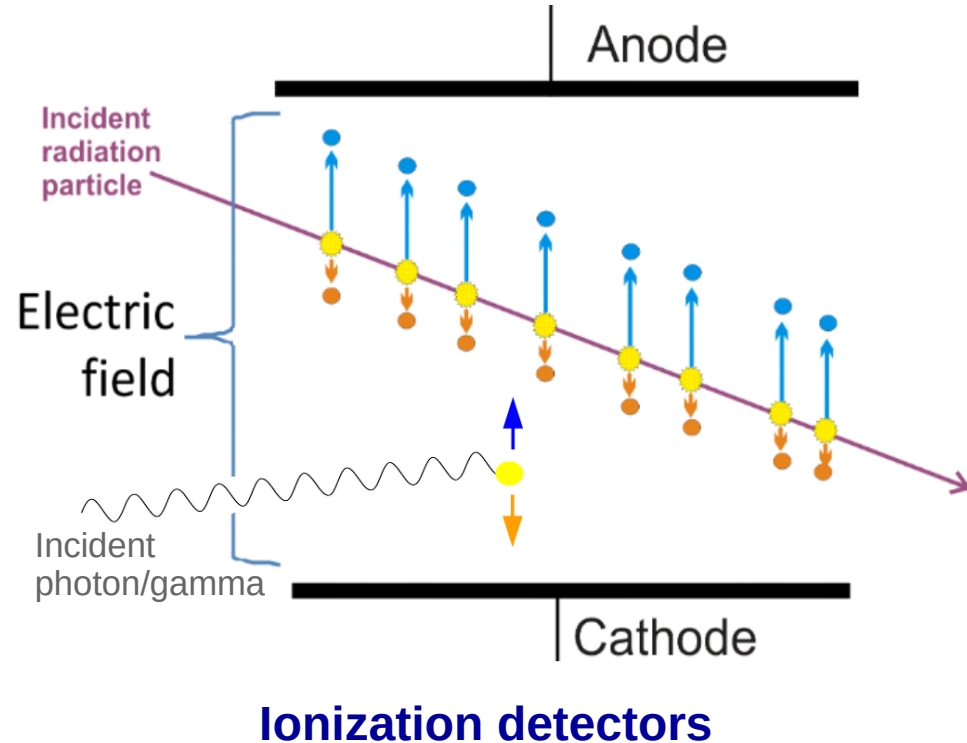
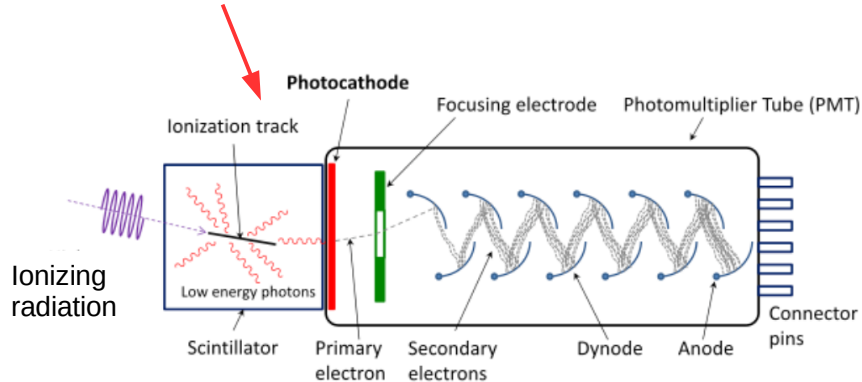


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(Run 1 - 2011)

# Tracking Detectors

Two basic detector types:

- **Gaseous** (liquid) detectors
  - Ionization, proportional or Geiger mode operation
- **Solid-state** detector
  - Semiconductor-based
  - Scintillators



## Ideal detector:

- High/good: efficiency and position resolution
- Low: fake rate, material budget, operational requirements and cost

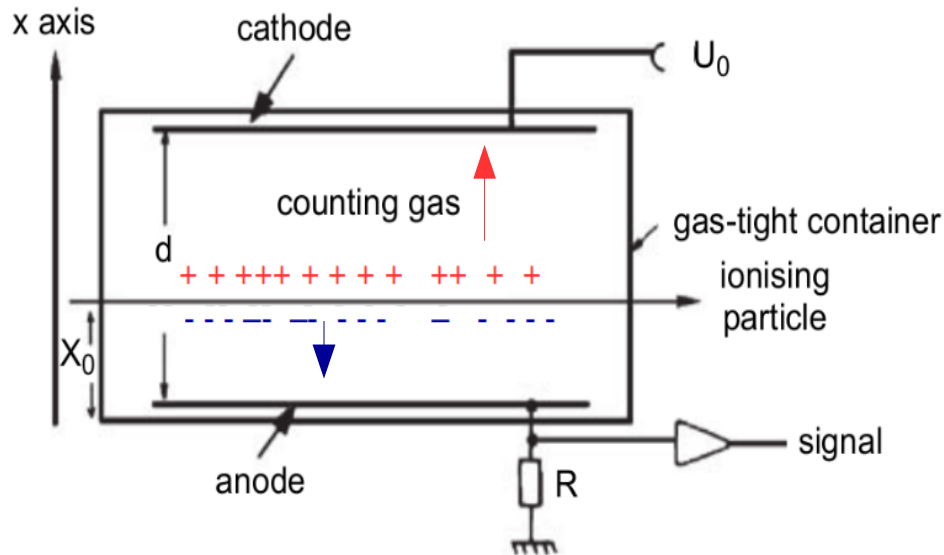
# Gaseous Tracking Detectors



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# Gaseous Detectors

“Simplest” detector:



## Ionization counter

- Measures the amount of (primary) ionization produced by charged particle

## Collected charge:

- Parallel plate capacitor:  $Q = N e \rightarrow V = N e / C$  (C: capacitance of detector)
- Typical signal (for a ~few cm size detector)
  - 5 MeV  $\alpha$ -particle in Ar (e-ion energy  $W=26$  eV) with  $C = 10$  pF  $\rightarrow V=3$  mV
  - But: MIP in 4cm or Ar  $\rightarrow V=7$   $\mu$ V (too small!  $\rightarrow$  will need to address this)

## Signal formation:

- How does the signal look like?

# Signal Formation

## Shockley-Ramo theorem

- Given  $n$  electrodes in the detector, one wants to know the current  $i_k$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) injected in one of these electrodes by the motion of a charge  $q$  somewhere between the electrodes

- The theorem says that current injected in this electrode is 
$$i_k = \frac{dQ_k}{dt} = q \vec{u}_q \cdot \vec{E}_k$$

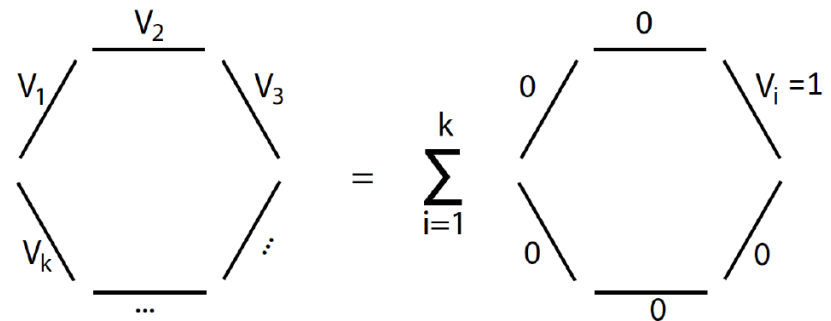
- Where  $Q_k$  is the induced charge on the electrode  $k$ ,  $u_q$  is the velocity of the charge  $q$  and  $E_k$  is the electric field at the point occupied by charge  $q$  when the electrode  $k$  is at 1 V potential and all other electrodes are set at zero potential (weighting field)

- Parallel plate capacitor:

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{V_0}{d} \vec{e}_x, \quad C = \frac{\epsilon \epsilon_0 A}{d}$$

$E_k = 1/d$ , and for low  $E$  fields:  $v = \mu E$

- mobility  $\mu$
- constant  $E$  field,  $\sim$ constant drift velocity
- at high  $E$  field,  $v$  saturates  $v = \text{constant}$

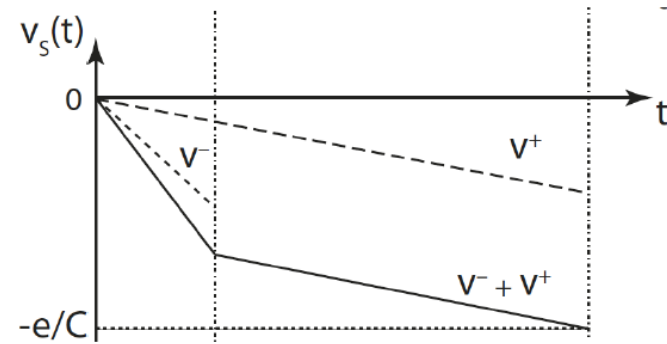
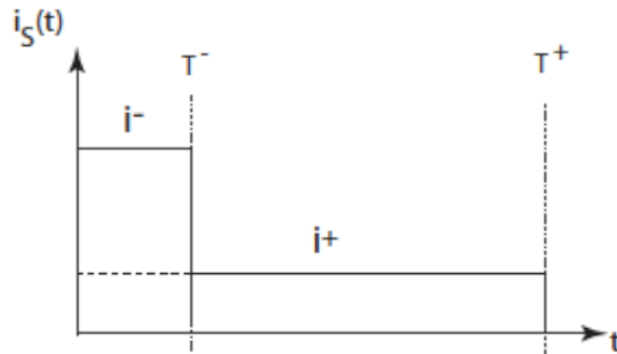


# Signal Formation

- Using Shockley-Ramo for parallel plate capacitor (with  $E_a$  weighting field and  $u$  charge velocities)
- Electron drift velocity  $\gg$  ion drift velocity (different mobilities)

$$i_- = -e\vec{u}_- \vec{E}_a = e \frac{u_-}{d}$$

$$i_+ = e\vec{u}_+ \vec{E}_a = e \frac{u_+}{d}$$



$$Q^{tot} = Q^- + Q^+ = -\frac{Ne}{d} \left( \int_0^{T^-} u_- dt + \int_0^{T^+} u_+ dt \right) = -\frac{Ne}{d} u_- \left( \frac{d - x_0}{u_-} \right) - \frac{Ne}{d} u_+ \left( \frac{x_0}{u_+} \right) = -Ne$$

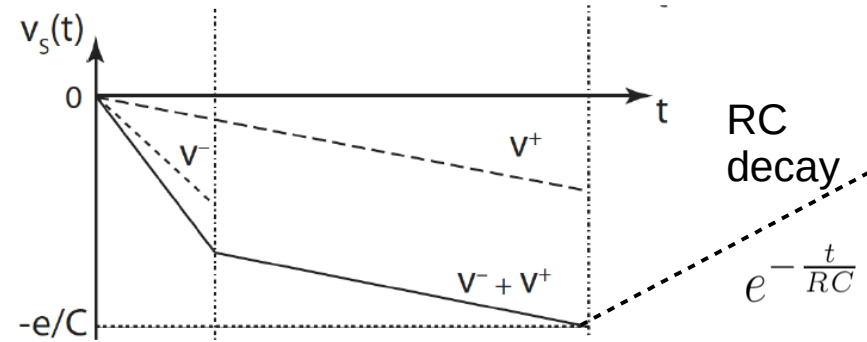
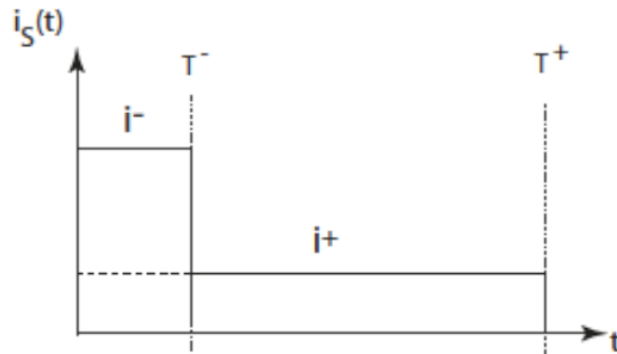
As expected,  $Q=Ne$   
(note that both electrons and ions contribute to signal)

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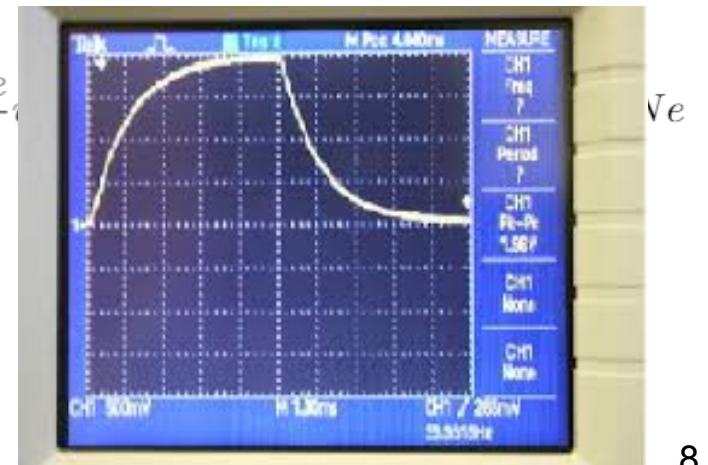
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## Typical:

$E = 500\text{V/cm}$

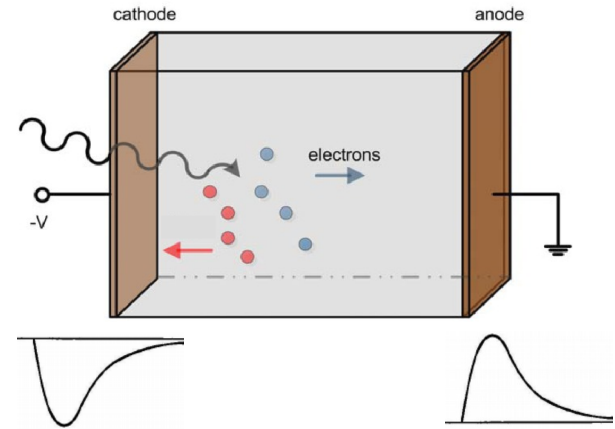
$u_- = 5 \text{ cm}/\mu\text{s}$ ,  $u_+ = 5 \text{ cm/ms}$ ,  $d \sim 10\text{cm}$

$T^- = 2 \mu\text{s}$ , while  $T^+ = 2 \text{ ms}$



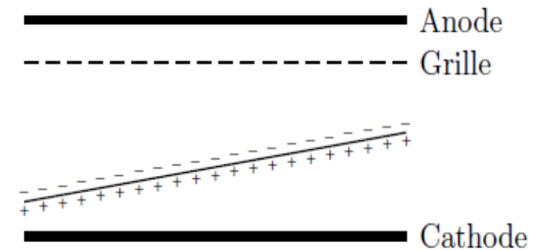


# Signal Formation

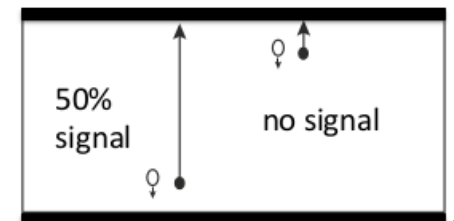


- Movement of both electron and ion charge create signals on both electrodes
- On each electrode a total charge of  $Q=Ne$  is induced

- If the produced charges have very different mobilities then part of the signal is lost (or comes too late) and the signal becomes dependent on where the charge was deposited!



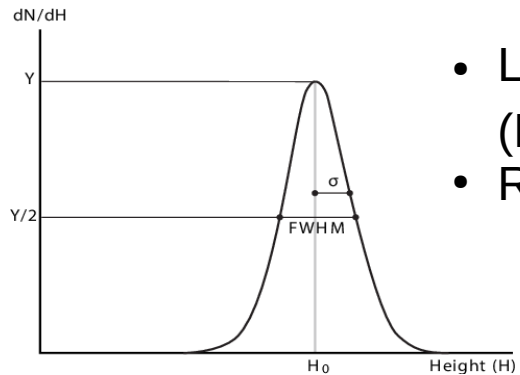
- In gases, ion mobility  $\ll$  electron mobility  $\Rightarrow$  one solution would be to add a grid to define a new charge collection region (Fricsh grid)



- Another example is CdTe (high Z material for X-ray detectors)

# Energy Resolution (Fano Factor)

- The production of pairs of charge carriers for a given energy loss is a statistical process. If, on average, N charge-carrier pairs are produced one would expect this number to fluctuate according to Poisson  $\sqrt{N}$
- The fluctuation around the average value is smaller by a factor F depending on the material, since for a given energy deposit, the number of produced charge carriers is limited by energy conservation
- Fano factor:  $F = (\text{observed variance in } N)/(\text{Poisson predicted variance}) < 1$ 
  - Material specific (Ar  $\sim 0.17$ , Xe  $\sim 0.17$ ; Si  $\sim 0.12$ , Ge  $\sim 0.13$ )



- Limiting resolution:  $(FWHM)/H_0$   
( $FWHM = 2 \sqrt{(2 \ln(2))} \sigma = 2.35 \sigma$ )
- Resolution:  $\sigma_{N_i}^2 = F N_i$   
 $\left(\frac{\sigma_{N_i}}{N_i}\right)^2 = \frac{F}{N_i}$

Example:

- $\alpha$  particle with  $E = 5.5 \text{ MeV}$  completely stopped in Ar gas with  $W \sim 30 \text{ eV}$

$$N_i = \frac{E_{abs}}{W} = \frac{5.5 \times 10^6}{30} = 1.83 \times 10^5 \text{ pairs} \quad R = 2.35 \sqrt{\frac{F}{N_i}} = 0.213\%$$

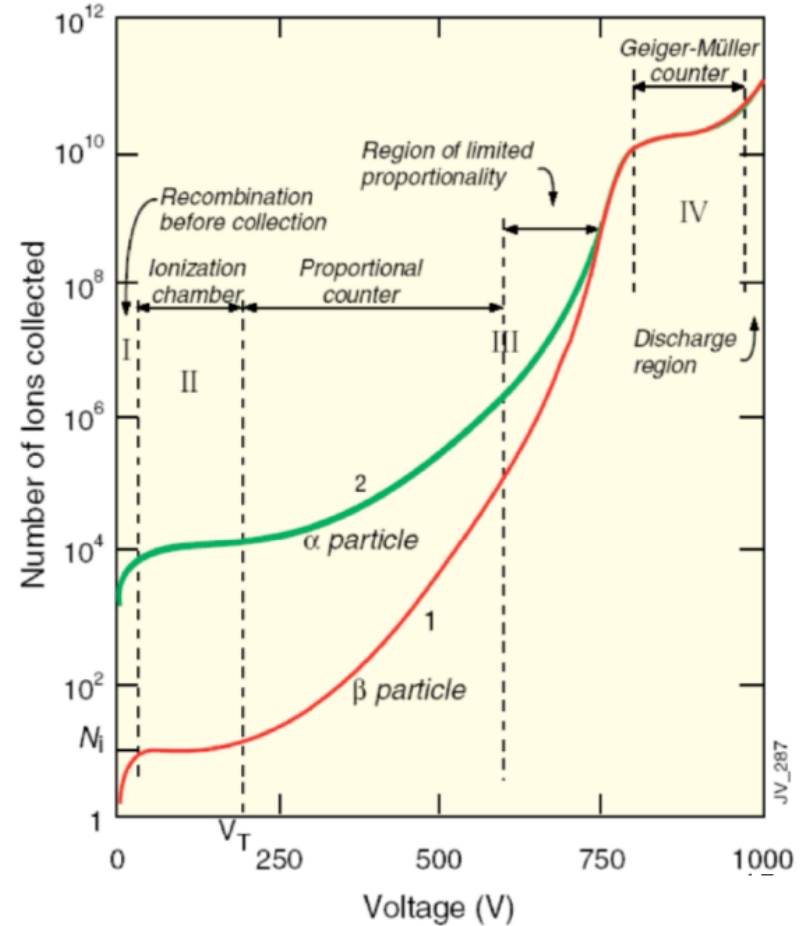
Corresponding to a width of  $R \times 5500 \text{ keV} = 11.7 \text{ keV}$

# Gaseous Detectors

- Ionization chambers do not yield enough signal for mip detection
- How to improve?
  - Reduce capacitance or, better, get more charge! ( $V = Q / C$ )
  - **Increase HV to obtain signal gain**

If field strength in some region of the counter volume is high, an electron can gain enough energy between two collisions to ionize another atom.

- Recombination before collection
- Ionization range
  - Collect ionization
- Proportional regime
  - Signal is amplified
  - Signal is proportional to primary ionization
- Geiger-Müller region
  - Photo-electron production dominates, loss of proportionality

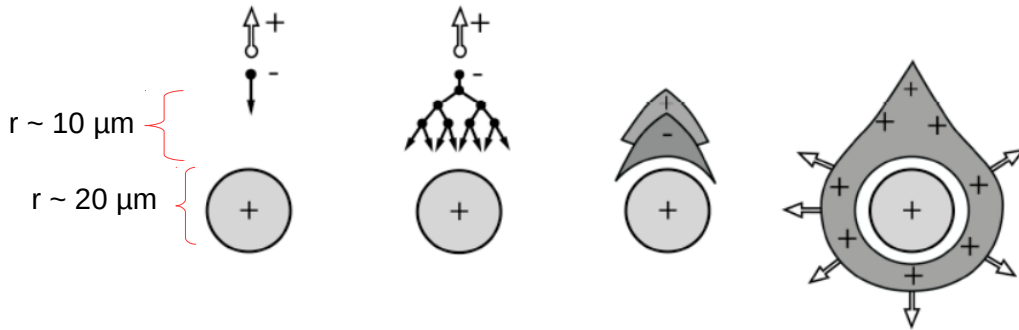
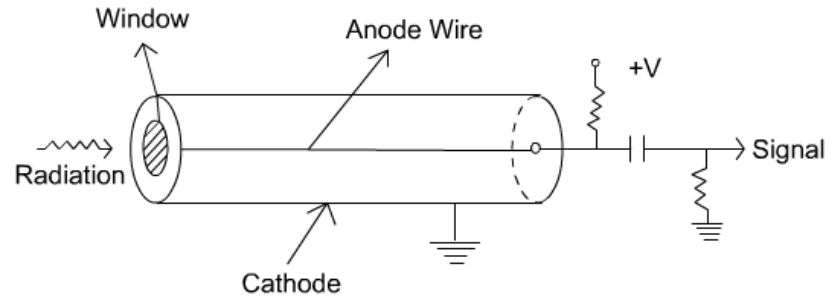


# Gas Choice

- Gas should **not** contain any electronegative component since electronegative molecule tends to form negative ions → no charge multiplication
- Since oxygen is electronegative → no air
- Noble gases are a good choice: not electronegative, easily purified and single atoms → no rotation or vibration states that can absorb electron energy → avalanche occurs at a lower voltage than in other gases
- Argon is the least expensive → very frequent use
  - However:
    - De-excitation by photon emission (UV) → possibility of UV absorption and re-emission → avalanche repeat
    - Ions that reach the cathode may liberate new electrons → avalanche repeat
    - Solution: add “quenching” gas, typically polyatomic gas: isobutane ( $C_4H_{10}$ ), methane ( $CH_4$ ),... which have many degrees of freedom of rotation and vibration to disperse energy

# Proportional Counters

- Wire surrounded by a tube with gas
- Electric field strong in vicinity of wire ( $E \sim 1/r$ )
- Further ionizations generated close to wire
  - Drift time to wire proximity introduces “delay” in the signal
- Secondary ionizations proportional to the number of primary ionizations



$$dN(x) = \alpha N(x) dx$$

$$N(x)/N_0 = e^{\alpha x} = A \quad (\text{Gain})$$

$$\alpha = \sigma_{ion} n = \frac{1}{\lambda_{ion}} \quad \text{1st Townsend coefficient}$$

- $\alpha$  depends on free path, ionization energy, electric field, pressure...
- Note that ionization caused by electrons (not ions)
- In proportional regime,  $A = \text{constant} \sim 10^4 - 10^6$ 
  - $A$  can be easily measured, example:
  - X ray of energy  $E$  in gas with  $W$  energy for ionization:  $N_0 = E/W$  and  $Q = e N_0 A$

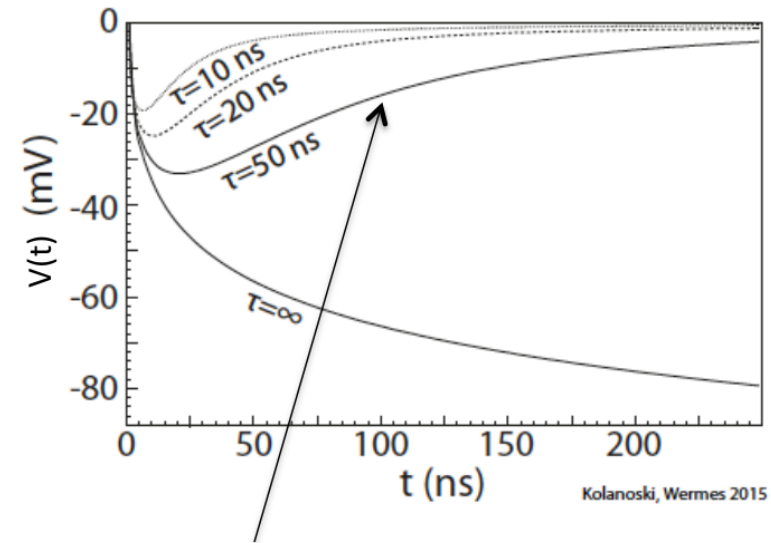
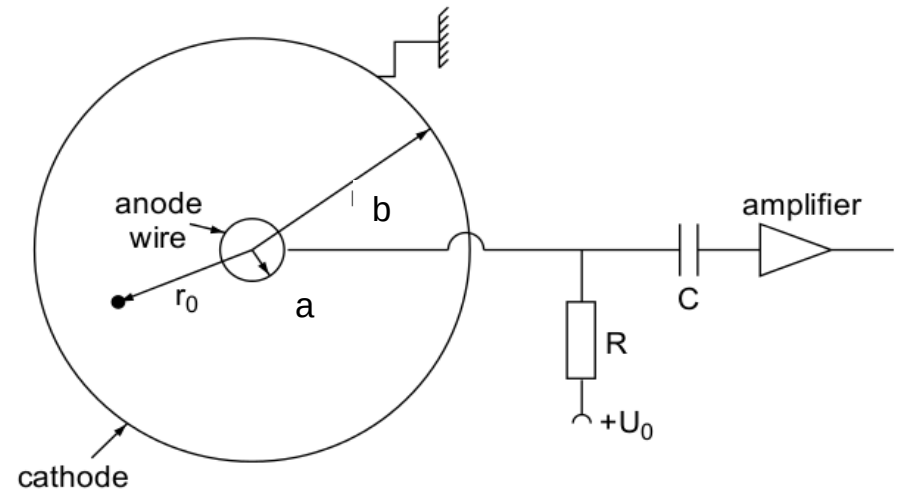
Gain key for mip detection:  
can do tracking

# Proportional Counters

- To obtain the signal formation one can apply Shockley-Ramo
- The ratio of electron and ion charge:

$$\left( \frac{Q_S^-}{Q_S^+} \right)_{r_0} = \frac{\ln r_0/a}{\ln b/r_0}$$

- For  $a=10 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $b=1 \text{ cm}$ 
  - $r_0 = 13 \mu\text{m}$  :  $Q_S^- / Q_S^+ = 0.01$  (near wire)
  - Away from wire, no multiplication, no signal..



with RC filter

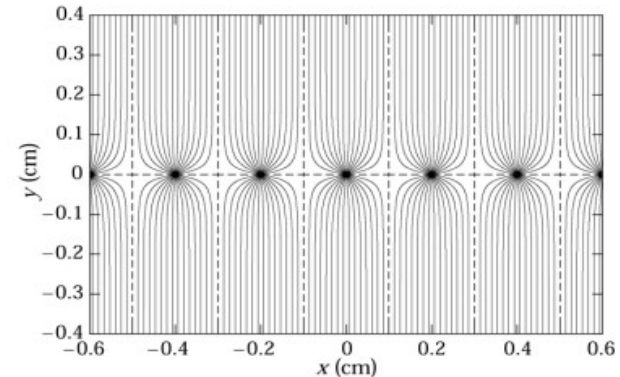
## Summary

- Signal induced by electrons is small
- Signal (on wire) governed by the ion cloud moving away from the wire to the cathode
- Signal only induced after avalanche close to the wire

Note that PC does not give position information!

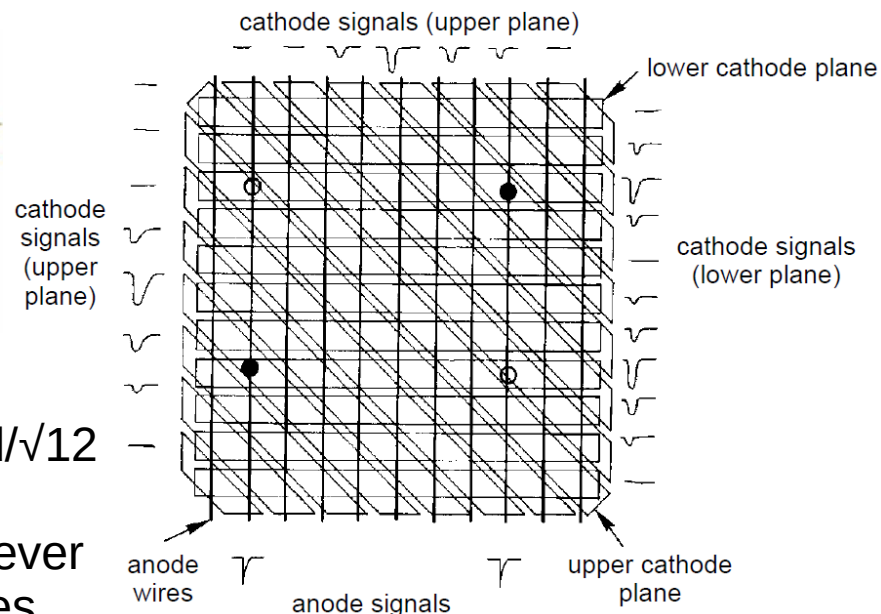
# Multi-Wire Proportional Chambers (MWPC)

- Back to “tracking”, reconstructing trajectory of particles...



- Two cathodes planes with series of anode wires between the planes
- E field and gas properties chosen so that chamber operates in proportional mode (avalanche near wires, signal collected from wires and corresponding strips)
- The electric field geometry close to the anode wires is very similar to the field in a proportional counter → each individual anode wire behaves as a proportional counter
- Anode wires: 20  $\mu\text{m}$  thick Au-plated W, Al; 2 mm spacing  
Counting gas: Ar, Kr, or Xe with admixture of  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ , isobutane, ... (high electron mobility)  
Amplification:  $10^5$ ; efficiency:  $\sim 100\%$

# Multi-Wire Proportional Chambers (MWPC)



## Position resolution

- Given by pitch, inter-wire distance,  $d$ :  $\sigma(x) = d/\sqrt{12}$ 
  - $\sigma(x) = 577 \mu\text{m}$  for  $d = 2 \text{ mm}$
- To improve resolution one can reduce  $d$ , however limited by electrostatic repulsion between wires
- Charge division to determine other coordinate (use wire resistivity, needs readout from both sides)

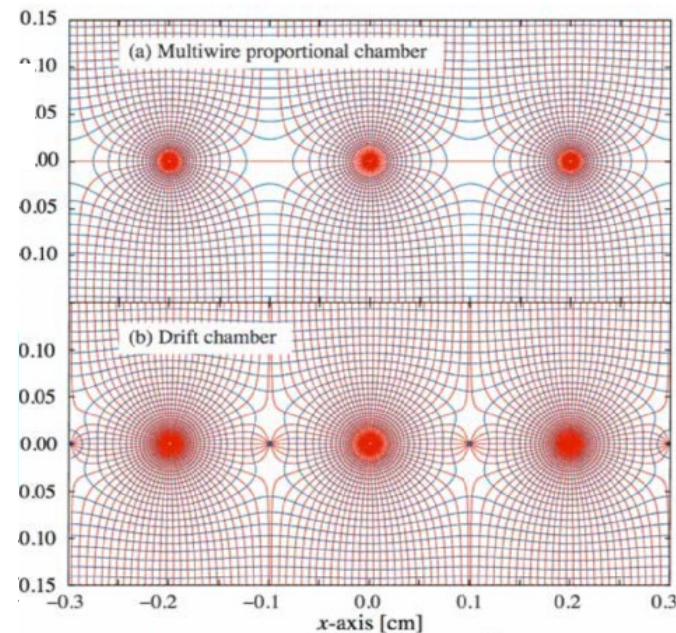
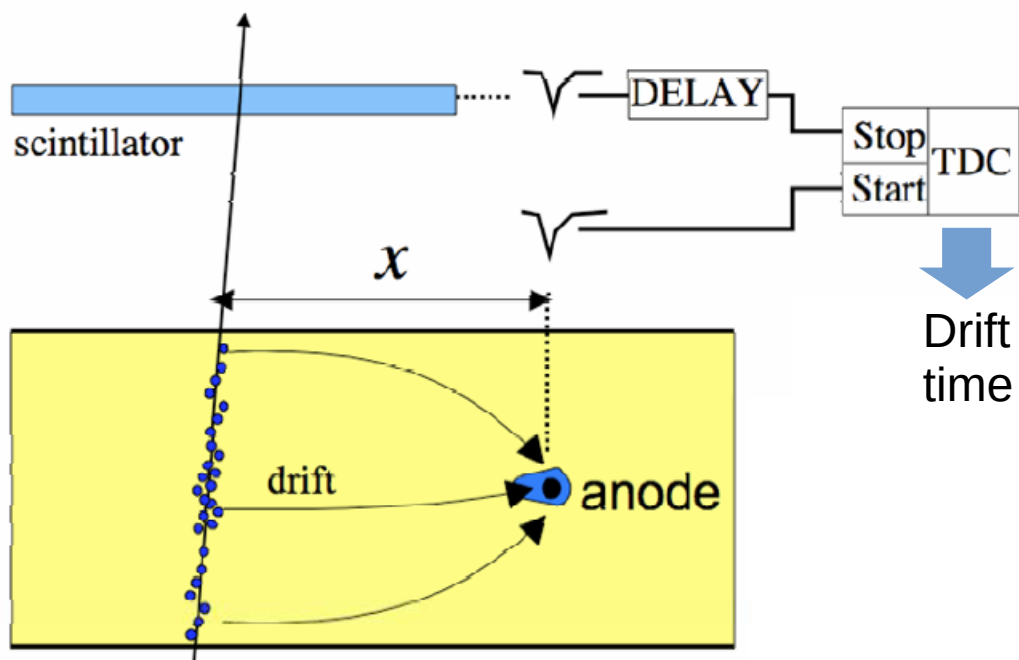
## Further improve position resolution

- Segment cathode planes into strips; strips run perpendicular (on one cathode) and at an angle or parallel (in the other) to the anode wires
  - Signal spread into several strips, use center of gravity to obtain position
  - Can achieve  $\sigma(x) = 50\text{-}100 \mu\text{m}$  (depending on chamber size)
  - Improve further...: 2D cathode segmentation!



# Drift Chambers

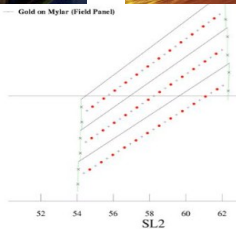
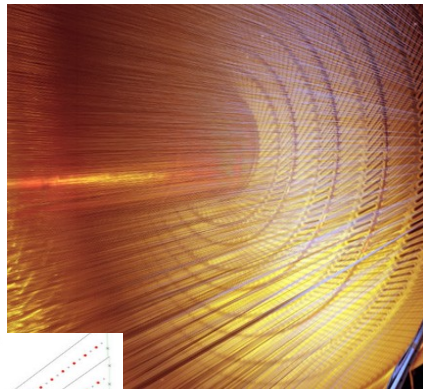
- Another way to get position information: measure drift time of electrons to anode
  - Time measurement started by an external (fast) detector (scintillator counter)
- If constant drift velocity, then  $x = v \Delta t$  ( $\rightarrow$  constant electric field is needed)
  - Introduce potential wires to produce suitable drift field



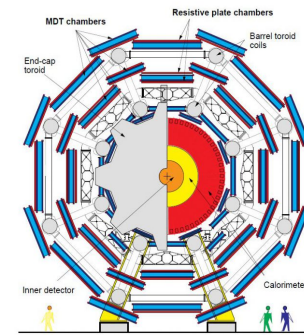
- Typical of gas  $\text{Ar-C}_4\text{H}_{10}$
- Use slower drift velocity to optimize spatial resolution
- Can achieve: for large DC: 50-200  $\mu\text{m}$ , small DC: 30-70  $\mu\text{m}$

# Drift Chambers

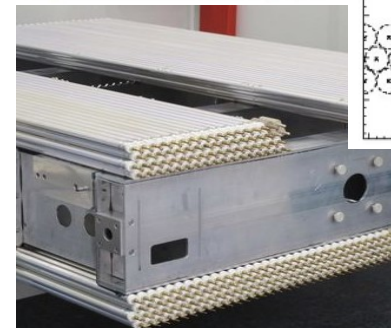
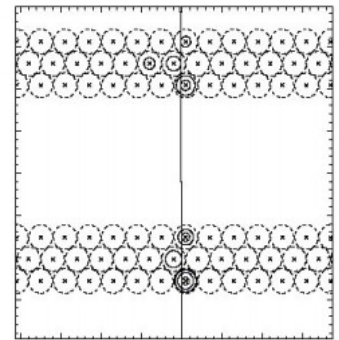
- Large drift chambers as central tracker in various collider experiments
  - Continuous segmentation allows powerful pattern recognition
  - Good solid angle coverage
  - Low material budget
  - Radiation hard (but not suitable for very high rates)
    - Gas flows through chamber, can react to chamber “aging” by tweaking gas
- Various geometries define cell sensing volumes



CDF  
Drift chamber  
(central tracks)

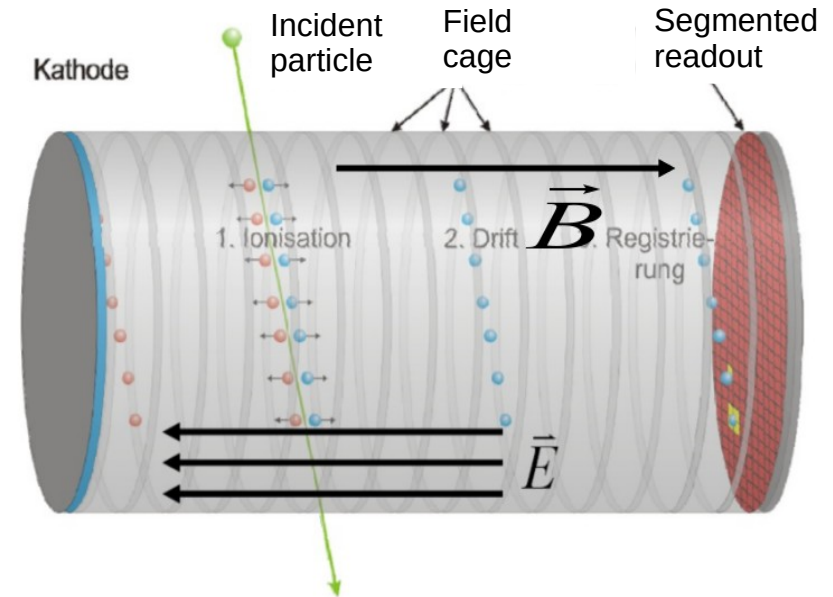
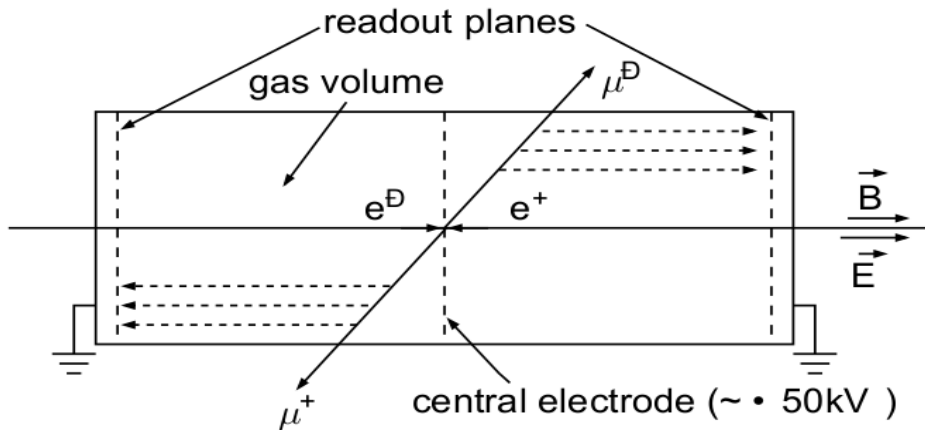


ATLAS  
Proportional drift tubes ( $\mu$  tracks)



# Time Projection Chamber (TPC)

- The **Time Projection Chamber** combines principles of a **drift chamber** & **proportional chambers** to measure **3-dimensional space points**
- Get **X-Y** information from segmented readout in end-caps, **Z** information from drift time measurement (full 3D reconstruction)

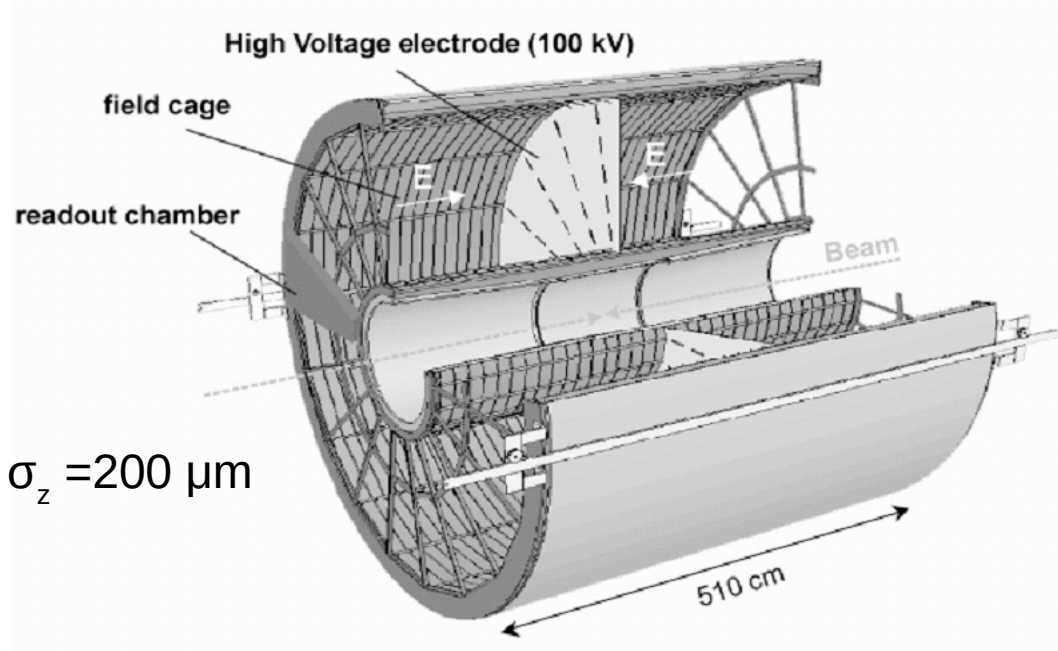


- Central electrode separated chamber in two
- If B field (usually // to E field) → then momentum determination
  - Also reduces diffusion perpendicular to the field

# Time Projection Chamber (TPC)

- **ALICE TPC:**

- MWPC as segmented readout
- Vol = 90 m<sup>3</sup>, 845 < r < 2466 mm and 2 x 2.5m drift length
  - max drift time 95 μs
- 550k readout channels
- Spatial resolution:  $\sigma_{r\phi} = 180 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\sigma_z = 200 \mu\text{m}$

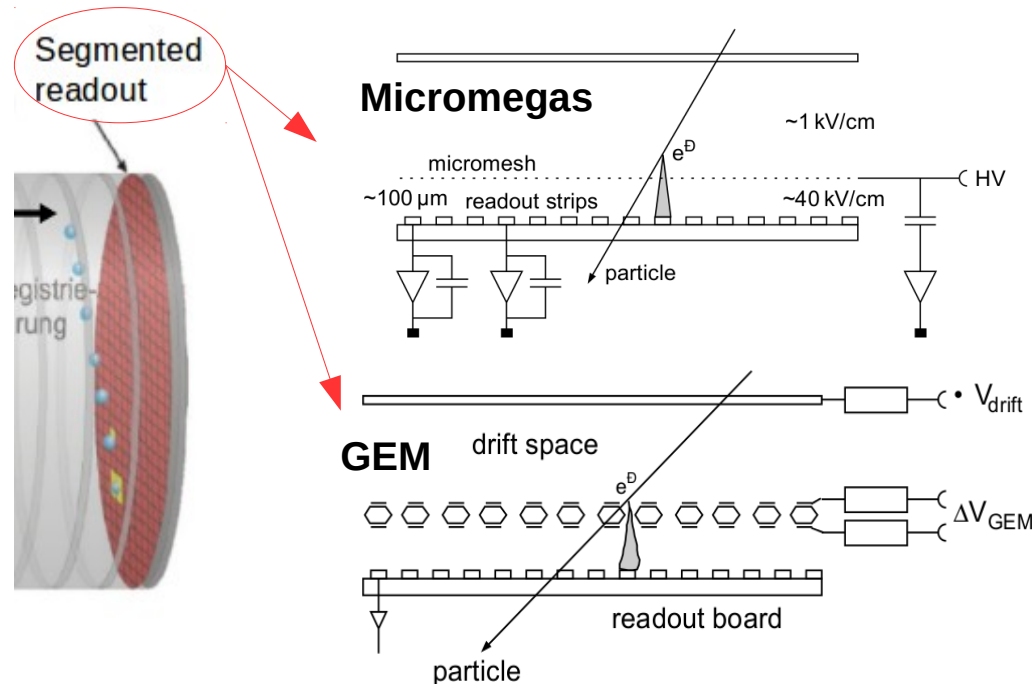


- **Some limitation of wire-based readout**

- Limited by diffusion and space charge effects to accuracies of 50-100 μm
- Low rate capability

# Micro Pattern Gas Detectors (MPGDs)

- Stability/flexibility of systems can be enhanced if anodes made in the form of strips or pads on insulating or semi-conducting surfaces instead of anode wires
- Two approaches in this direction
  - Foil with copper on both sides and large number of holes
    - **GEM:** Gas Electron Multiplier
  - Wire mesh just above the anode plane
    - **Micromegas:** micro mesh gaseous structure



## MPGDs offer:

- excellent spatial resolution (smaller segmentation)
- low dead time: positive ions produced in avalanche drift a very short distance to cathode strips in vicinity of the anodes)
- improved the rate capability
- reduced radiation damage (smaller sensitive area per readout element)

# Summary on Gas Detectors

## Why gas-based tracking detectors?

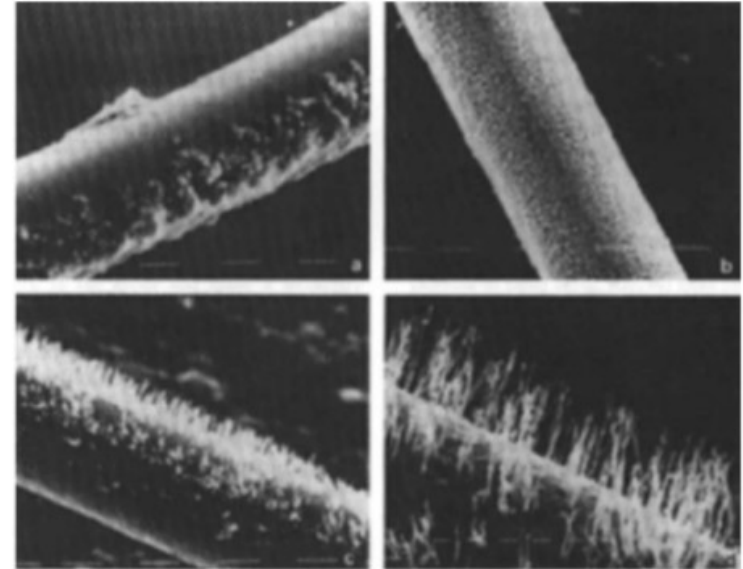
- Can be fully sensitive
- Offer good solid angle coverage
- Can achieve  $\sim 50 \mu\text{m}$  position resolution, but usually in the  $\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$
- Cost effective technology to cover large area

## However:

- Need tracking at high particle rates
- Usually better position resolution is required (e.g., for flavor tagging)

## What technology can improve above?

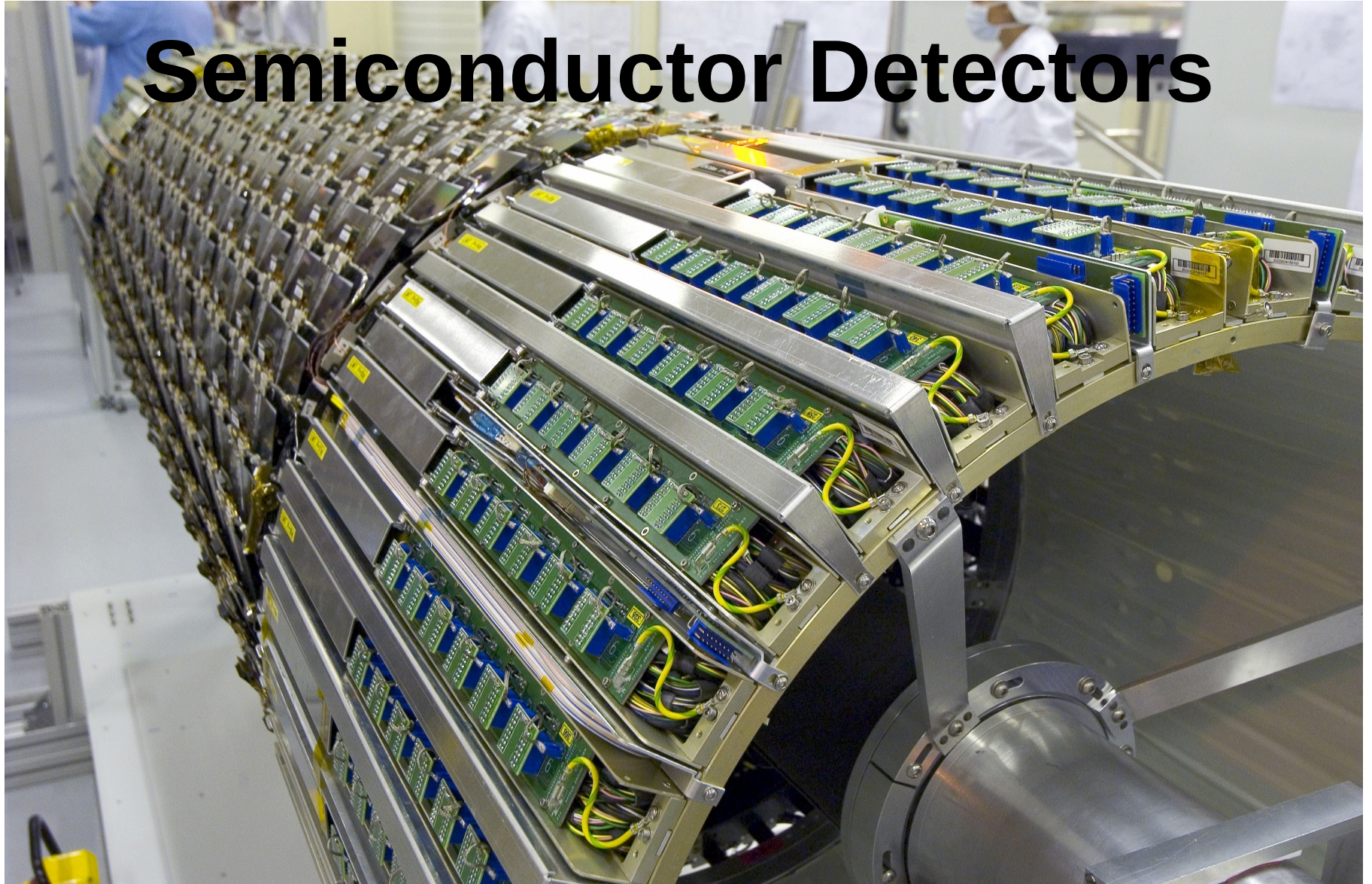
- Solid state detectors



## ***Aging:***

- *Caused by gas impurities (or from detector)*
- *avalanche formation  $\rightarrow$  micro plasma discharge  $\rightarrow$  create molecule fragments (polymers)*
  - $\rightarrow$  *may attach to the electrodes*
  - $\rightarrow$  *reduce gain*

# Semiconductor Detectors

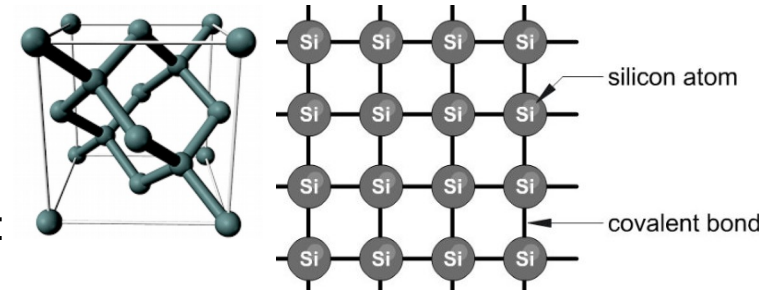


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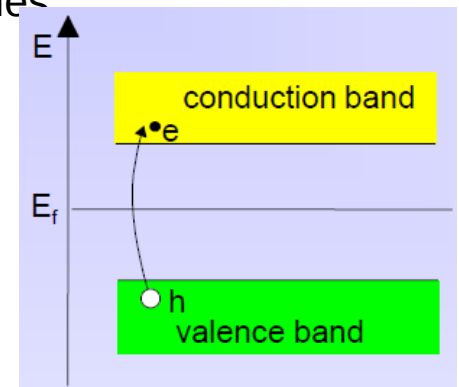
# Solid State Detectors

## What solid?

- Several materials used depending on specific needs...
- But silicon specially attractive for many HEP applications:
  - Silicon semiconductor that has 4 valence electrons
  - **Small band gap:**  $E_g = 1.12 \text{ eV}$ ;  $E(\text{e-h pair}) = 3.6 \text{ eV}$  ( $\approx 30 \text{ eV}$  for gas detectors)
  - **High specific density:**  $2.33 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ;  $dE/dx (\text{mip}) = 3.8 \text{ MeV/cm} \rightarrow 100 \text{ e-h}/\mu\text{m}$  (average)
  - **High carrier mobility:**  $\mu_e = 1450 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ ,  $\mu_h = 450 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$   $\rightarrow$  fast charge collection ( $< 10 \text{ ns}$ )
  - **Very pure**  $< 1 \text{ ppm}$  impurities and  $< 0.1 \text{ ppb}$  electrical active impurities
  - **Rigidity** of silicon allows thin self supporting structures
  - Detector production by **microelectronic techniques**



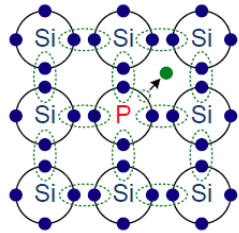
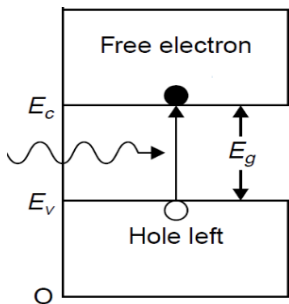
	Diamond	SiC (4H)	GaAs	Si	Ge
Atomic number Z	6	14/6	31/33	14	32
Bandgap $E_g$ [eV]	5.5	3.3	1.42	1.12	0.66
$E(\text{e-h pair})$ [eV]	13	7.6-8.4	4.3	3.6	2.9
density [ $\text{g/cm}^3$ ]	3.515	3.22	5.32	2.33	5.32
e-mobility $\mu_e$ [ $\text{cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ ]	1800	800	8500	1450	3900
h-mobility $\mu_h$ [ $\text{cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ ]	1200	115	400	450	1900



Well known industrial technology, relatively low price, small structures easily possible



# Silicon Detectors

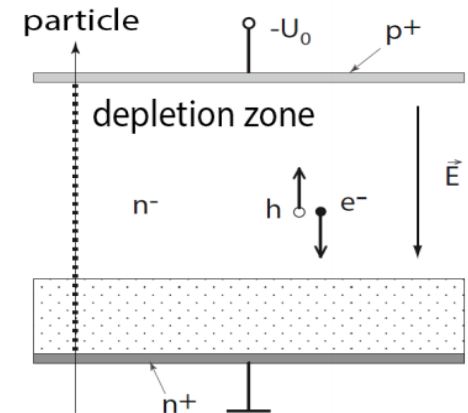


- Incident radiation generates e-h pairs that are collected by electric field
- However, in pure intrinsic silicon electron (n) and hole (p) densities are equal and  $n = p = 1.45E10 /cm^3$  (at room temp.)
  - But expected signal in typical (200  $\mu m$  thick) sensor is much smaller, 20000 e-h pairs
  - Solution: dope Si to form a p-n junction  $\rightarrow$  zone that is free of charge carriers (depleted), enlarged by applying a voltage
    - Elements with 3 valence e- (p-type, B)
    - Elements with 5 valence e- (n-type, P)

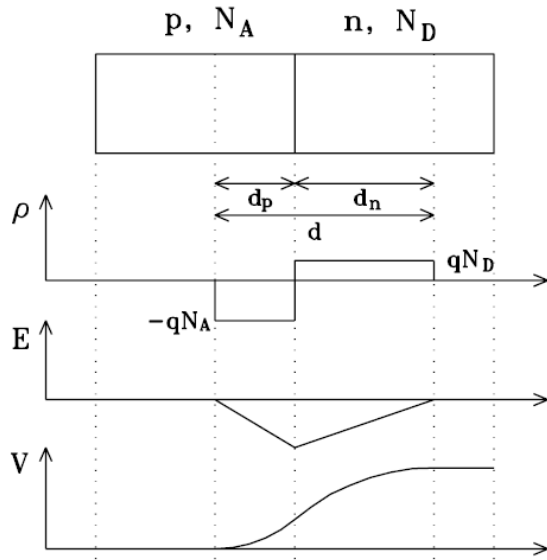
$$n = 2 \left( \frac{2\pi m_n k_B T}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} e^{-(E_C - E_F)/(k_B T)}$$

Electron concentration in conduction band

- Silicon detector is basically a reverse biased p-n junction
- Depleted region (ionization collection region) depends on external voltage
- *Key to sensor sensitivity is depletion depth, which can be adjusted with reverse bias and resistivity (both technology dependent)*



# Silicon Detectors



$$d = x_p + x_n \quad (1) \quad N_A x_p = N_D x_n \quad (2) \text{ charge neutrality}$$

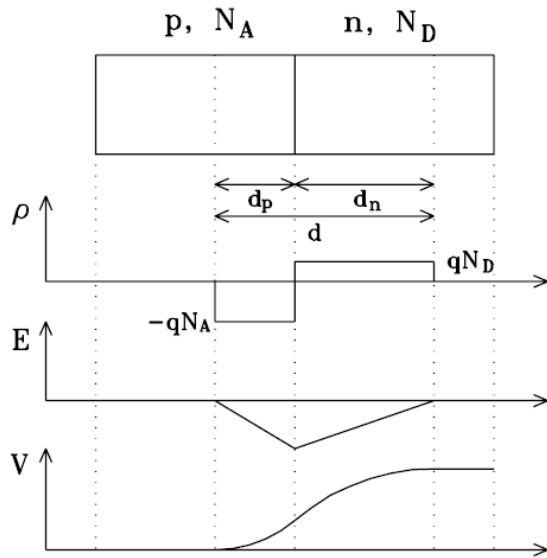
$$\rho(x) = \begin{cases} -eN_A, & -x_p < x < 0 \\ eN_D, & 0 < x < x_n, \\ 0 & \end{cases} \quad \frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{\rho(x)}{\epsilon}$$

$$E(x) = \begin{cases} -eN_A(x + x_p)/\epsilon, & -x_p < x < 0 \\ eN_D(x - x_n)/\epsilon, & 0 < x < x_n, \\ 0 & \end{cases}$$

$$V_{bi} = - \int_{-x_p}^{x_n} E(x) dx = \frac{e}{2\epsilon} (N_A x_p^2 + N_D x_n^2) \quad (3)$$

→ using (1), (2) and (3): 
$$d = \sqrt{\frac{N_A + N_D}{N_A N_D} \frac{2\epsilon}{e} V_{bi}}$$

# Silicon Detectors



$$d = \sqrt{\frac{N_A + N_D}{N_A N_D} \frac{2\epsilon}{e} V_{bi}}$$

Usually,  $N_A \gg N_D$  or  $N_D \gg N_A$ :

$$d = \sqrt{2\epsilon V_{bi} / (e N_{eff})} \approx \sqrt{V \rho}$$

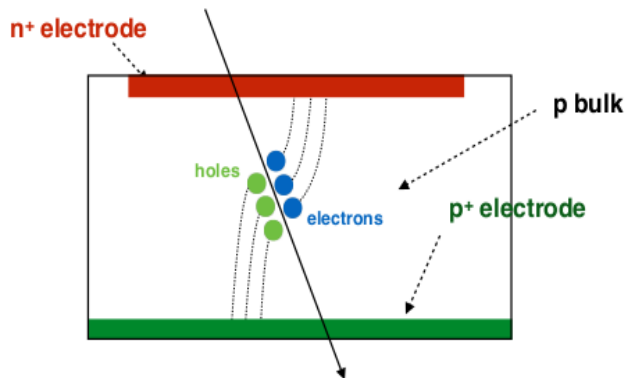
$\rho$  is resistivity  
[ $\Omega \text{ cm}$ ]

- For some typical values ( $N_{eff} \sim 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $V_{bi} \sim 0.5 \text{ V}$ )  $\rightarrow d \sim 20 \mu\text{m}$
- Apply external voltage to increase depletion region into the low (high) doped (resistivity) substrate
- **Example:**
  - $d = 300 \mu\text{m}$
  - $N_{eff} = 1.5 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  ( $\rho = 1/(\mu e N) = 3 \text{ k}\Omega \text{ cm}$ )
  - $V_{dep} = 100 \text{ V}$

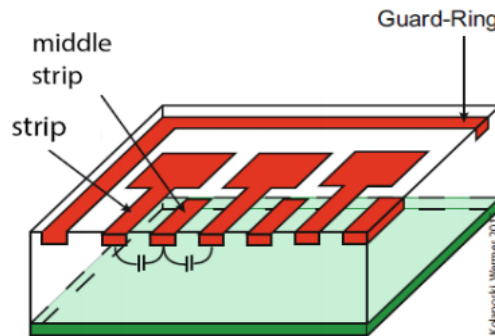
$$V_{dep} = \frac{e}{2\epsilon} N_{eff} d^2$$

# Types of Silicon Detectors

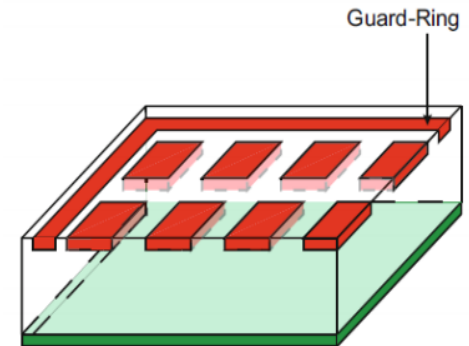
- Ideal silicon detector:
  - Provides excellent position resolution ( $\sim 10\mu\text{m}$ )
  - Has  $\sim 100\%$  efficiency
  - Sustain large radiation doses (both ionizing and non-ionizing radiation)
  - Maintain low fake trigger rate
  - Operate at 25ns clock (fast charge collection, fast electronics)



**Pad detectors:**  
easiest to fabricate but poor position resolution

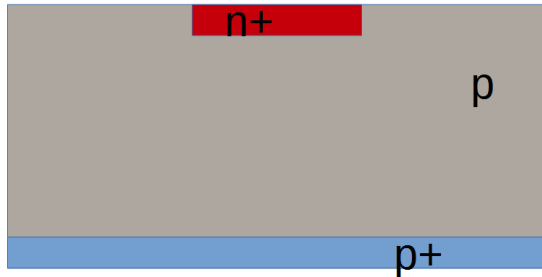


**Strip detectors:**  
Pitch  $\sim 80\mu\text{m}$ , but difficult to provide excellent 2D resolution

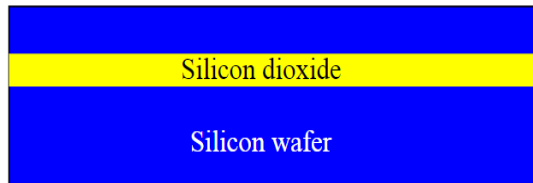


**Pixel detectors:**  
Best position resolution, but: large power consumption & assembly cost

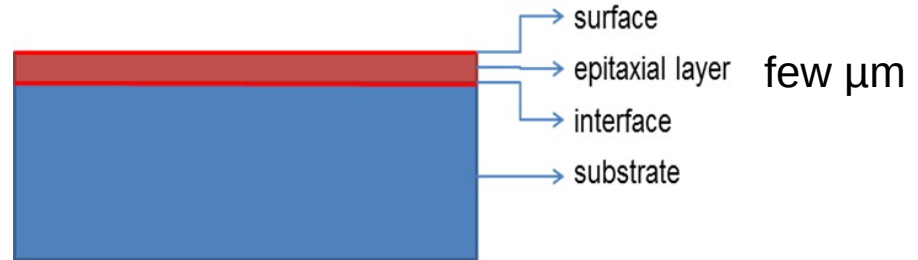
# Types of Silicon Detectors: Substrates



- Standard HEP detector on **high  $\rho$  silicon substrate**
- **n-on-p** for e collection (faster)

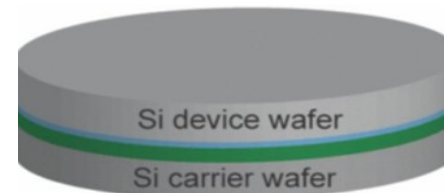


- **Silicon On Insulator (SOI)**
- SiO<sub>2</sub> reduces parasitic capacitance
- Top layer varies with application
- Used in specialized processes



- **Epitaxial layer** on silicon bulk
- Usually deposited through CVD
- Used in CMOS processes

- Wafer to wafer bonding

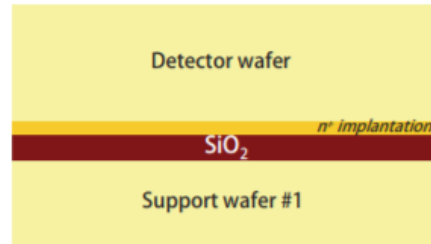


- **Technology selection** driven by experimental **conditions & requirements** and sensor fabrication strategies

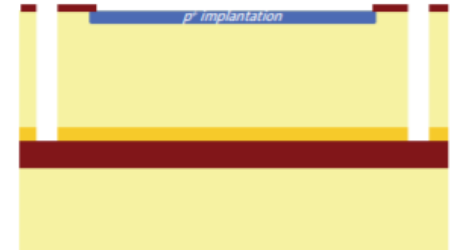
# Silicon Detectors: Fabrication



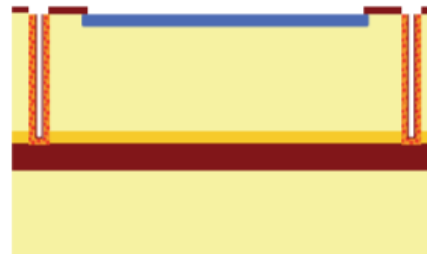
Silicon ingots → wafer starting point



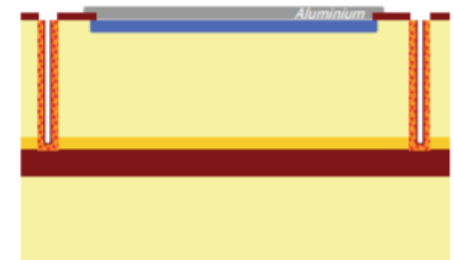
SOI wafer or fused wafers (detector + support) with buried n<sup>+</sup> implantation



Boron implantation  
DRIE for trenches



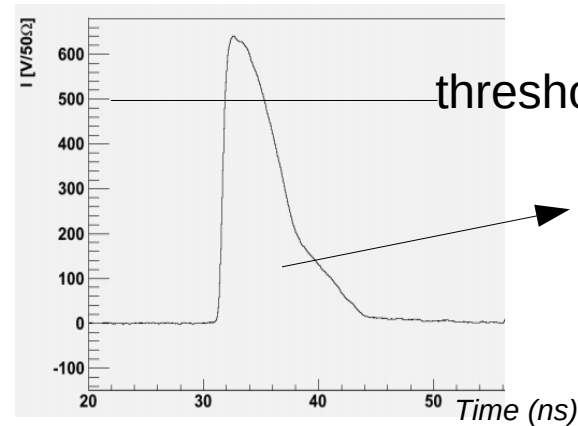
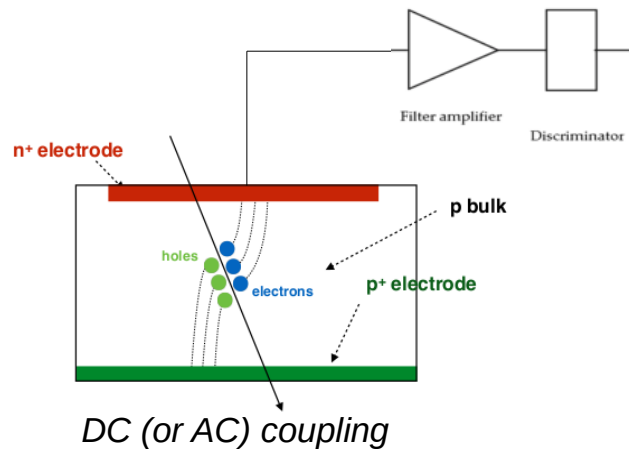
Polysilicon deposition + doping P  
Sidewall doping diffusion



Metal deposition

Sensor fabrication takes about ~50-100 steps of processing (patterning, passivation, etching, etc) in dedicated facilities.

# Signal Processing



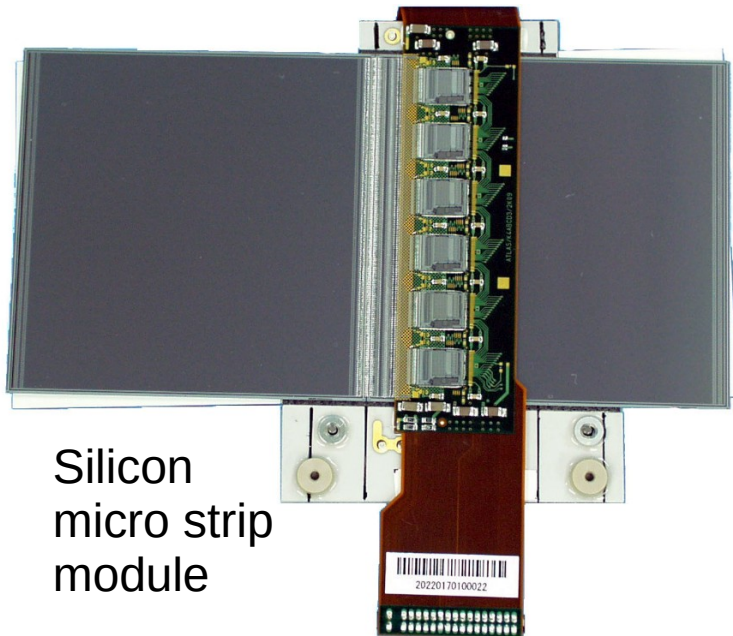
Charge is the integral, typical  $Q \sim 2.5$  fC (200 $\mu$ m thick)

$$I_i(t) = q\vec{v}_{dr}(\vec{E}(\vec{r}(t))) \cdot \vec{E}_{i,w}(\vec{r}(t))$$

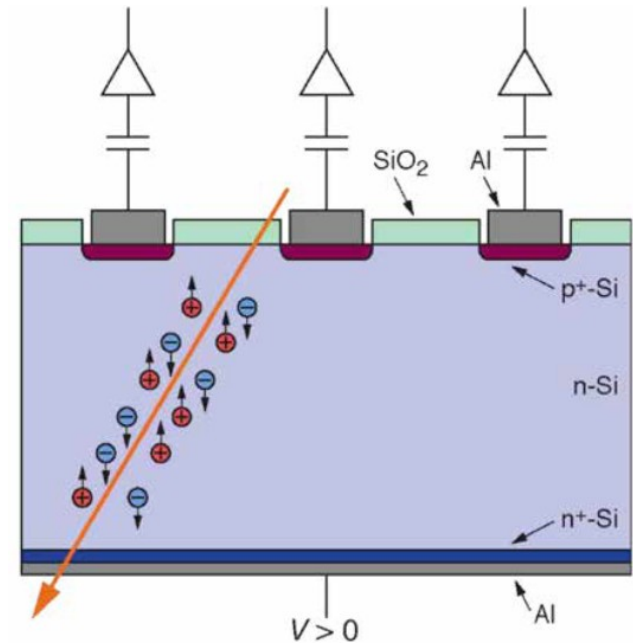
- Relatively small signals (20ke)
- Current induced in readout electrode as charge drift towards electrodes
- Need to amplify and discriminate signal
- Signal processing done by electronics next to sensor (“front end”, Application-Specific IC: ASIC)
- Noise is an important factor to determine detector performance
  - For silicon detectors most important contribution given by  $C_{det}$ :  $\sigma \sim C_{det}/\tau$  ( $\tau$  is the peaking time of the shaped signal)
- Signal-to-Noise: typical values >10-15, Radiation damage degrades the S/N

# Silicon Micro-Strip Detectors

- Segmented electrode into strips on one side
- Using n type silicon with a resistivity of 2 k $\Omega$ cm ( $N_D \sim 2.2 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ) results in a depletion voltage  $\sim 150 \text{ V}$
- Typical pitch about  $\sim 80 \mu\text{m}$ 
  - For a position resolution  $\sigma \sim p/\sqrt{12} \sim 20 \mu\text{m}$
  - Better for cluster size  $> 1$  with center of gravity method



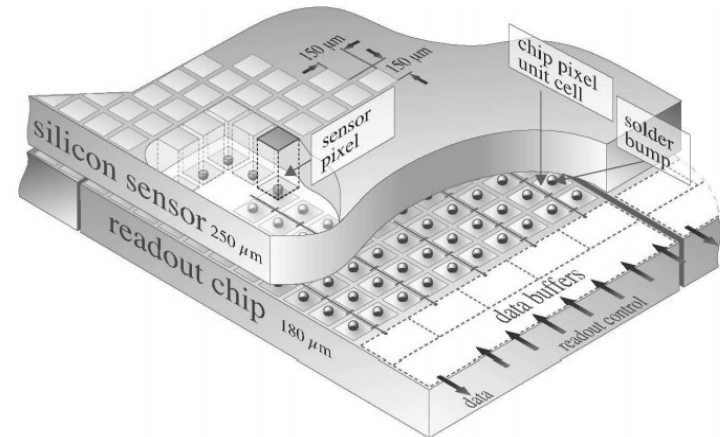
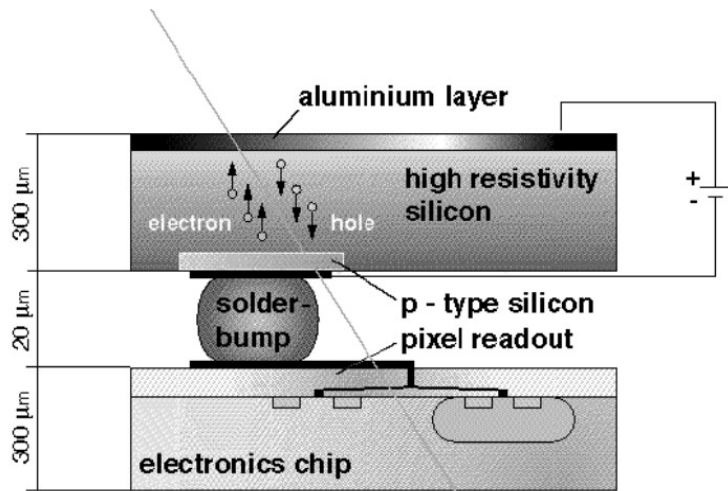
Silicon  
micro strip  
module



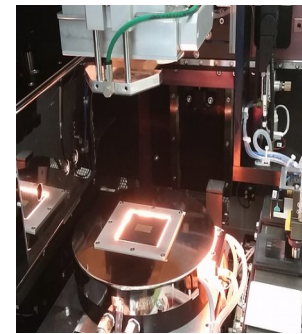
- Silicon strip detectors are frequently the core of the **tracking** detectors in hadron colliders



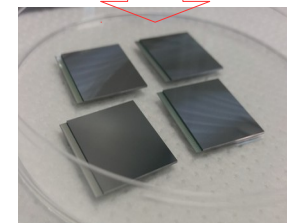
# Pixel Detectors



- Best position resolution needed for flavor tagging
  - Innermost layers critical for impact parameter resolution
- Typical (current) pixel size  $\sim 50 \times 50 \mu\text{m}^2$
- Need to connect each pixel to a readout channel
  - Hybrid pixel module
    - Allows optimization of design of ASIC and sensor (radiation hardness)
  - Usually done through a solder ball ( $\sim 25 \mu\text{m}$  diameter)
  - Expensive process,  $\sim$ same as (ASIC+sensor)/ $\text{cm}^2$ 
    - *Can we avoid hybridization?*



Flip-chip process



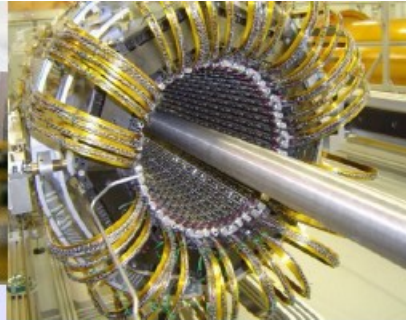
# Silicon Detectors in Operation



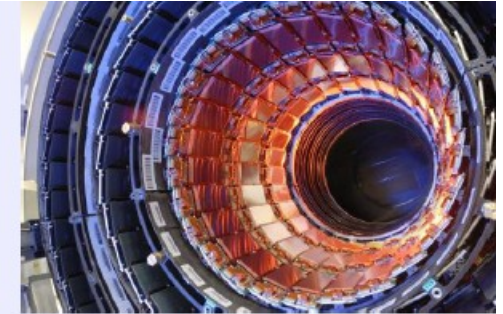
ALICE Pixel Detector



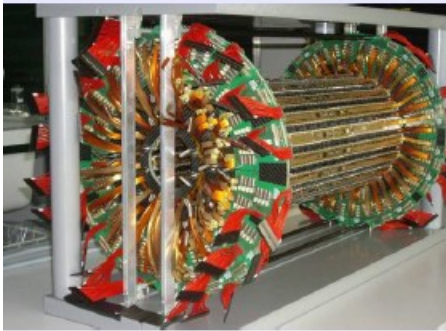
LHCb VELO



ATLAS Pixel Detector



CMS Strip Tracker IB



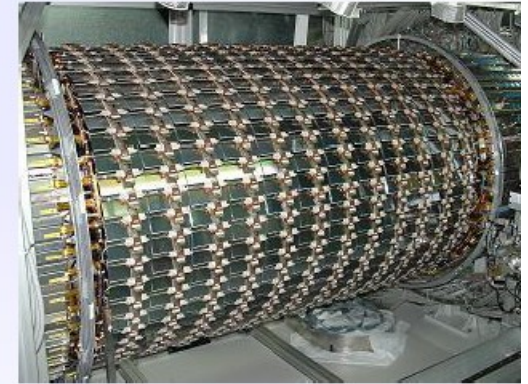
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ALICE Drift Detector



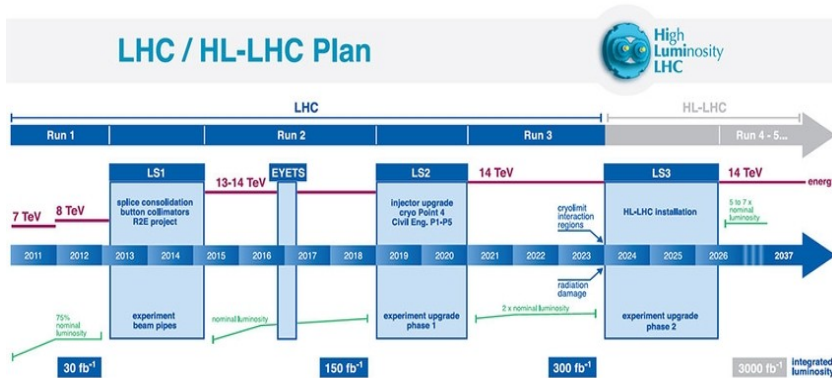
ALICE Strip Detector



ATLAS SCT Barrel

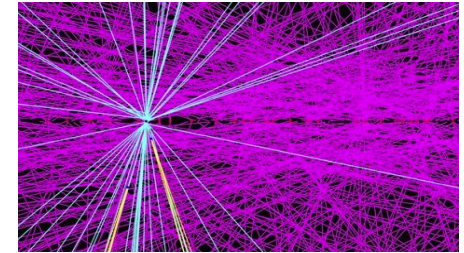
- Silicon tracking detectors are used in all LHC experiments:
- Different sensor technologies, designs, operating conditions,....

# Radiation Damage



LHC accelerator upgraded periodically to keep exploring energy frontier

- Thus increase the amount of radiation experiments have to sustain



Two general types of radiation damage to the detector material:

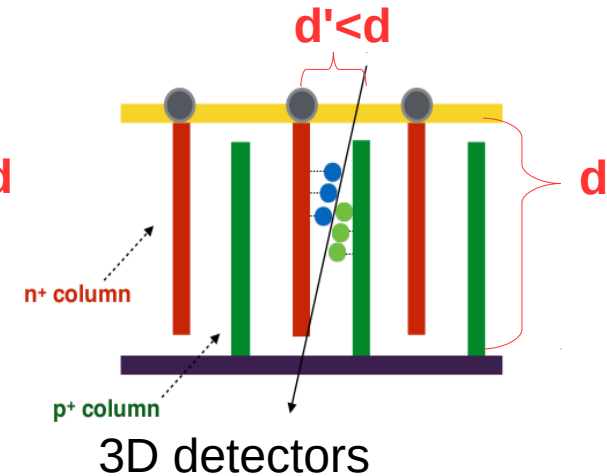
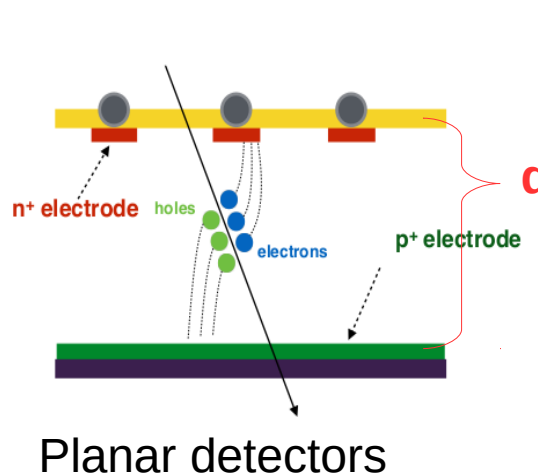
- Bulk (crystal) damage due to Non Ionizing Energy Loss (NIEL)
  - Change of effective doping concentration & acceptor/donor removal (higher depletion voltage, under-depletion)
  - Increase of leakage current (increase of shot noise, thermal runaway)
  - Increase of charge carrier trapping (loss of charge)
- Surface damage due to Ionizing Energy Loss (IEL)
  - Accumulation of positive charge in the oxide (SiO<sub>2</sub>) and the Si/SiO<sub>2</sub> interface
    - Affects: inter-strip/pixel capacitance (noise factor), breakdown behavior, ...

~1E15 1-MeV neutron (equivalent)/year  
~100Mrad/year (1MGy)

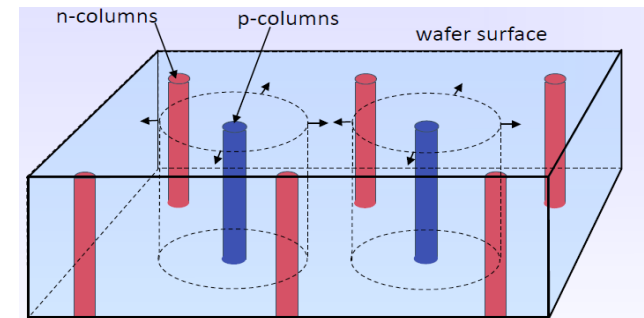
Impact on detector performance and charge collection efficiency (depending on detector type and geometry and readout electronics).  
Radiation damage: usually **critical** factor in hadron colliders.

# Other detector topologies: 3D sensors

- To reduce charge trapping, one should reduce the distance between electrodes
- But in standard planar sensors, this would reduce the amount of charge collected



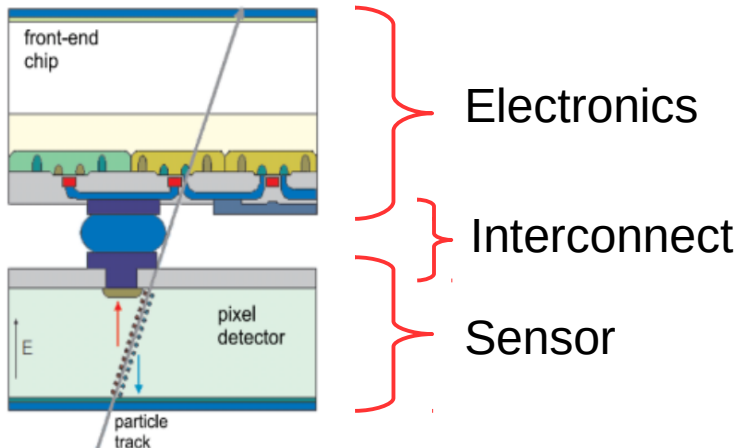
- One could add a multiplication layer (à la APD), but:
  - Large multiplication is not desirable (no time for quenching, want to maintain  $E \sim Q_{coll}$ , increase of noise...)
- 3D sensors improve radiation hardness through electrodes that penetrate the silicon bulk, thus decoupling the sensor thickness to the electrode distance
  - More radiation hard
  - But: more expensive (lower fabrication yield)



- Column diameter  $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$
- Inter column distance  $\sim 20 \mu\text{m}$

# Other detector technologies: monolithic devices

## Hybrid detectors

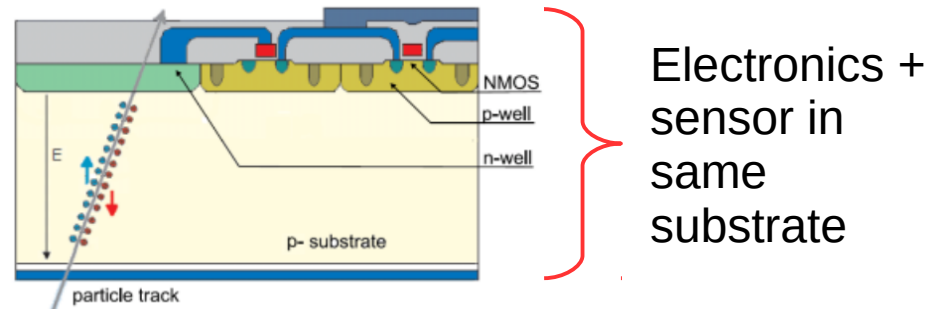


Electronics

Interconnect

Sensor

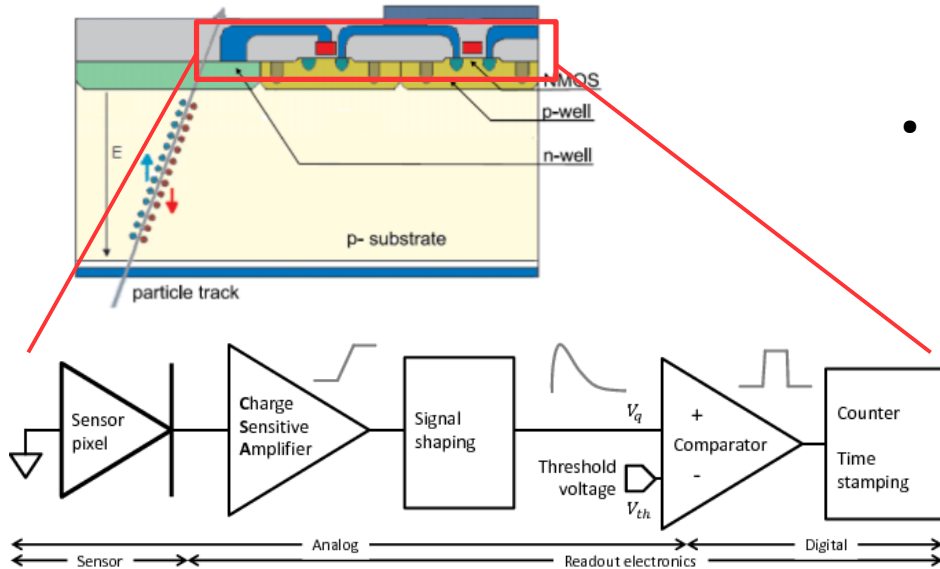
## Monolithic detectors



Electronics +  
sensor in  
same  
substrate

- Standard in current experiments
- Design allows for optimization of electronics and sensor
  - Radiation hardness, rate, power...
- Less material, less complexity
  - And cost...
- Smaller pixel possible
  - No pixel size limitation due to interconnection

# Other detector technologies: monolithic devices



## • Why CMOS camera $\neq$ HEP-CMOS?

- “CMOS camera” ~ little depletion/mostly diffusion of charge
- Diffused charge slow and not collected after irradiation
- Need to increase depletion region for HEP, two approaches
  - Increase  $V$  (HV-CMOS)
  - Increase resistivity (HR-CMOS)
  - Common name: Depleted Monolithic Active Pixels (DMAPS)

*Comparator and digital part can be in periphery of chip*

- Future of silicon detectors at low to intermediate fluences?

$$d \sim \sqrt{\rho \cdot V}$$

# Timing with Silicon in HEP

- To reduce “pile-up” (effect of secondary interactions) LHC experiments plan to deliver silicon-based timing detectors
  - Timing+rad hardness+compactness
- The target is to achieve about ~60 ps/mip/layer resolution: **beyond standard silicon** devices

$$\sigma_{det}^2 = \sigma_{Landau}^2 + \sigma_{elec}^2$$

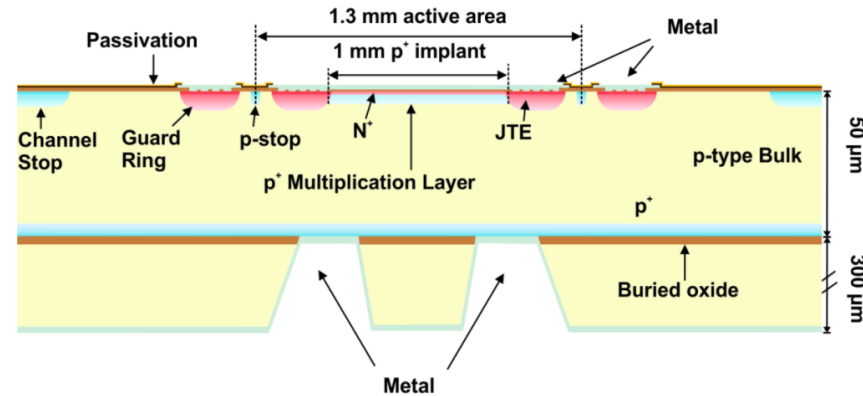
$$\sigma_{elec}^2 = \left( \frac{t_{rise}}{S/N} \right)^2 + \left( \left[ \frac{V_{thr}}{S/t_{rise}} \right]_{RMS} \right)^2$$

*Jitter*

*Time-walk*

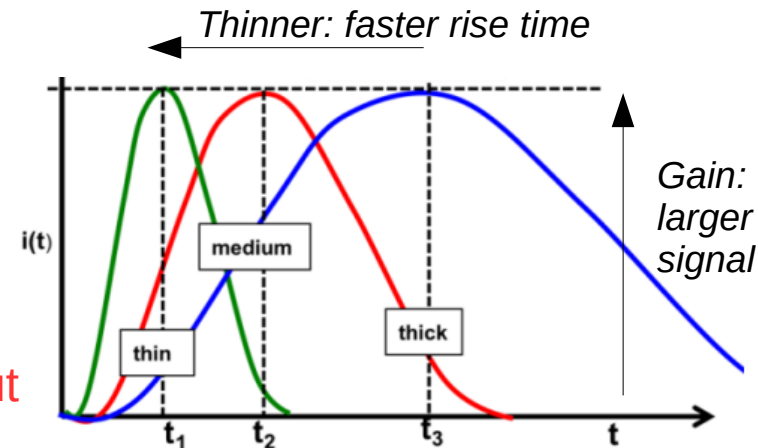
- Need fast signal and excellent S/N
  - A multiplication layer increases signal slope
  - Time-walk contribution negligible with CFD
- Thin sensors (50 μm) to reduce intrinsic Landau contribution to resolution

LGAD achieve 30ps resolution before irradiation, but degrades after irradiation (on-going R&D).



Low Gain Avalanche Detector (LGAD)

- Low gain (G=10-20): improve signal slope but control noise



# Summary

- Instrumentation at LHC experiments critical to carry out physics program
- Tracking detectors fundamental for, well, track reconstruction and heavy flavor identification
- Both gaseous and semiconductor detectors undergoing heavy R&D to cope with LHC upgrades and future colliders
- In particular:
  - MPGD: fabrication, stability, long term operation...
  - Semiconductors: radiation hardness, further improve resolution...

*HAVE FUN!*



**THE END**