

Charge Collection of the ATLAS ITk Prototype Silicon Strip Sensors ATLAS17LS for the HL-LHC

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The Phase II ATLAS inner tracker (ITk) will be composed of

- PIXEL (5 layers in barrel) and
- STRIP
 - 4 layers of barrel
 - 6 rings each in the endcaps

The strip pitch:

75.5um in barrel

69.9~80.7um in endcap

The strip length:

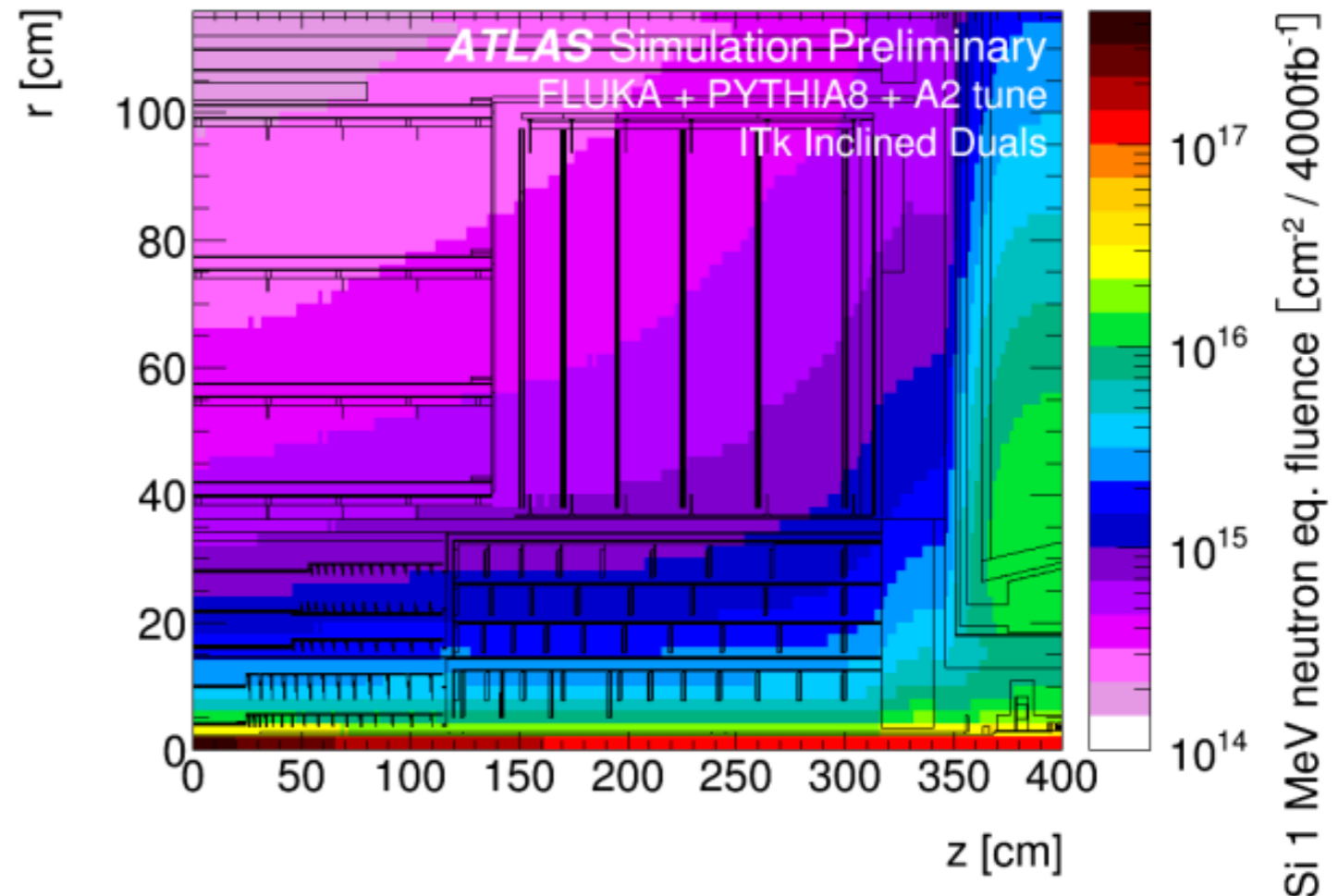
24.1 mm in barrel L0-L1

48.2 mm in barrel L2-L3

18.1~54.6 mm in endcap

to maintain hit occupancy below 1%

ITk Fluence after 4000/fb



Maximal fluences: 3.4×10^{14} at barrel L2
 6.4×10^{14} at barrel L0
 10.6×10^{14} at endcap

We design to keep $S/N > 10$ as precision tracker

N: the detector noise depends on the strip length,

S: charge collection after irradiation

Estimate the Charge Collection of irradiated sensors

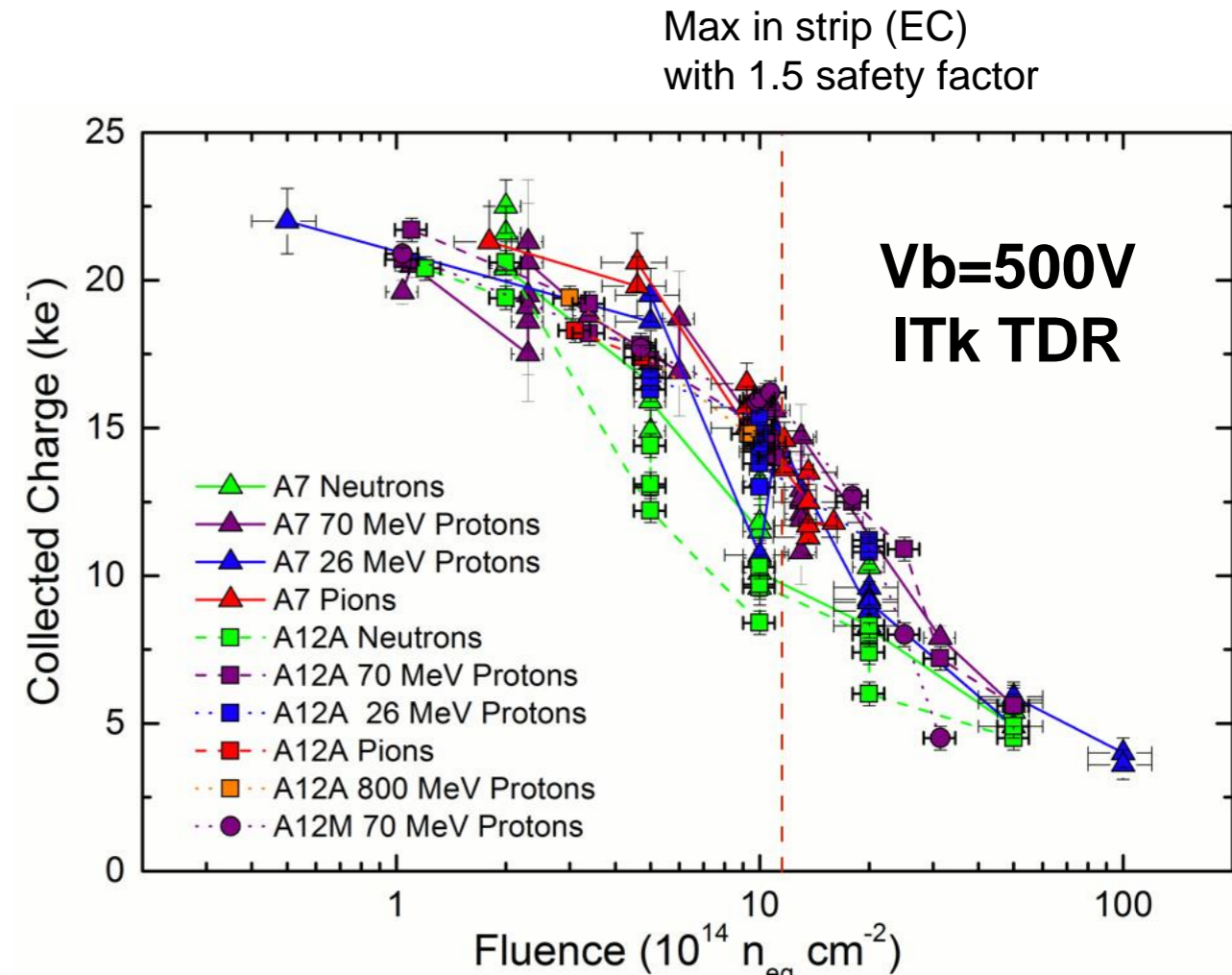
- depletion
- degradation due to charge trapping

We tested (irradiated) 1cmx1cm mini samples using penetrating β -rays

Signal read out with LHC compatible fast electronics => Alibava system

Cluster size distribution also provides signal isolation properties

Evaluate if the latest prototype (ATLAS17LS) agrees with the previous study results



ATLAS has evaluated CCE in two major batches (ATLAS07 and ATLAS12, both by HPK)

- **Small difference between protons with 26-800 MeV and pions**
- **Larger damage (by ~30%) by neutrons**

We take neutron damage conservatively to estimate the post irradiation performance

- **Irradiations (fluence, facility)**
- **CCE measurement with Alibava system**
- **Proton damage comparison**
 - **CCE - post annealing comparison PS vs CYRIC-B'ham**
 - **Active thickness (std and thin)**
- **CCE (p,n) comparison with previous A12**
- **Cluster size comparison (p,n)**
- **CCE of gamma irradiated samples**
- **Conclusions**

Irradiation Campaign

nominal fluence points n_{eq}/cm^2



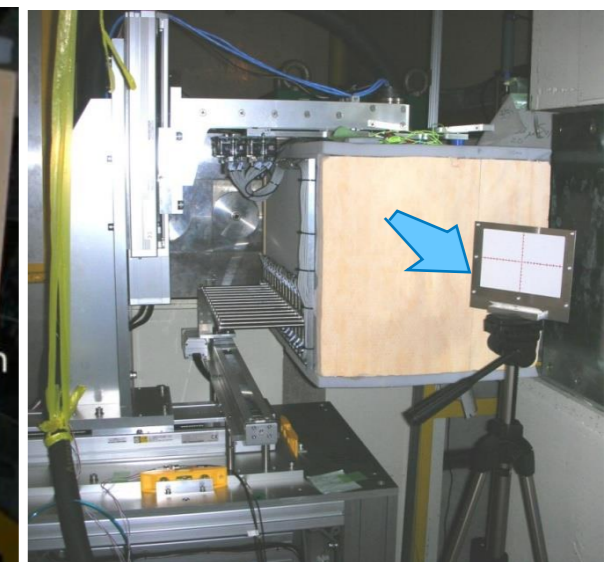
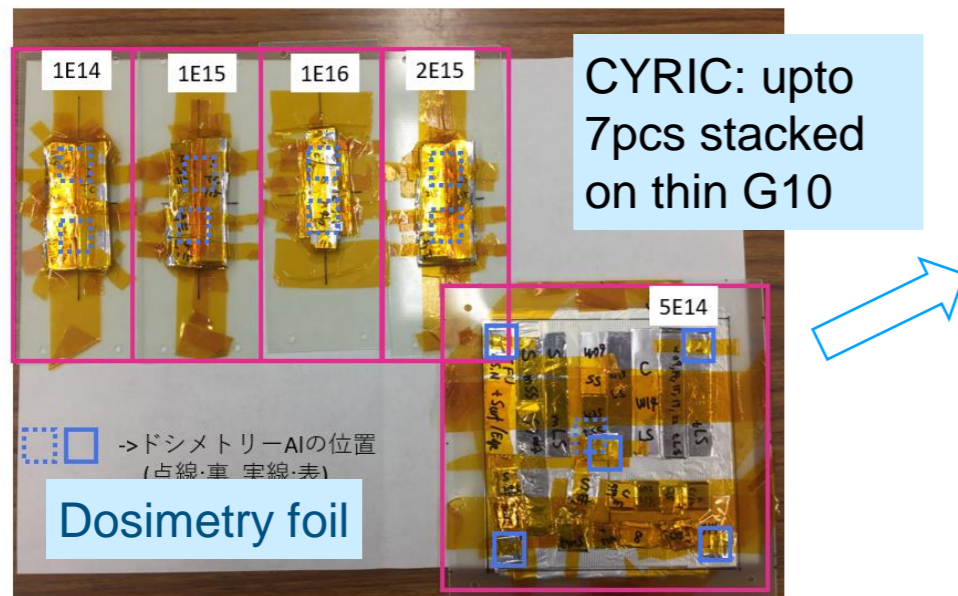
LS(5×10^{14}) SS (0.96×10^{15}) EC(1.6×10^{15})
max expected including x1.5 safety factor

✓ Proton irradiation*

CERN-PS (24GeV, $\sigma \sim 5mm$) -20C

CYRIC Tohoku U (70MeV cyclotron, $\sigma \sim 3mm$) -15C

Samples were scanned to irradiate uniformly: actual fluences are from Al dosimetry



Thermal box scanned laterally

Birmingham cyclotron: 28 MeV protons (23 MeV at sample), cold box at -30C

Ni foil for dosimetry or Faraday cup current for point-to-point irradiations (more details later)

✓ Neutron irradiation

TRIGA reactor in Ljubljana

✓ Gamma irradiation

Terabalt, UJP Praha (^{60}Co :Temp<40C, $\sim 14kGy/h$)

QST Takasaki (<20kGy/h)

Max dose: 0.29 MGy in barrel
0.44 MGy in endcap

*ionizing dose in proton irradiation is equivalent to or more

much less in neutron irradiation:
 $10^{15} n/cm^2 \sim 100Gy$

β -ray test with Alibava

ALIBAVA (A Liverpool, BArcelona and VAlencia) System, development supported by RD50

- Portable evaluation board based on LHC compatible 40MHz analog electronics built around the LHCb Beetle chip.
- Signal shaping adjusted to 20ns (see next page)
- Signal triggered by penetrating β -rays off ^{90}Sr
- Time cut on the asynchronous β -signal using Alibava TDC info (see next page)

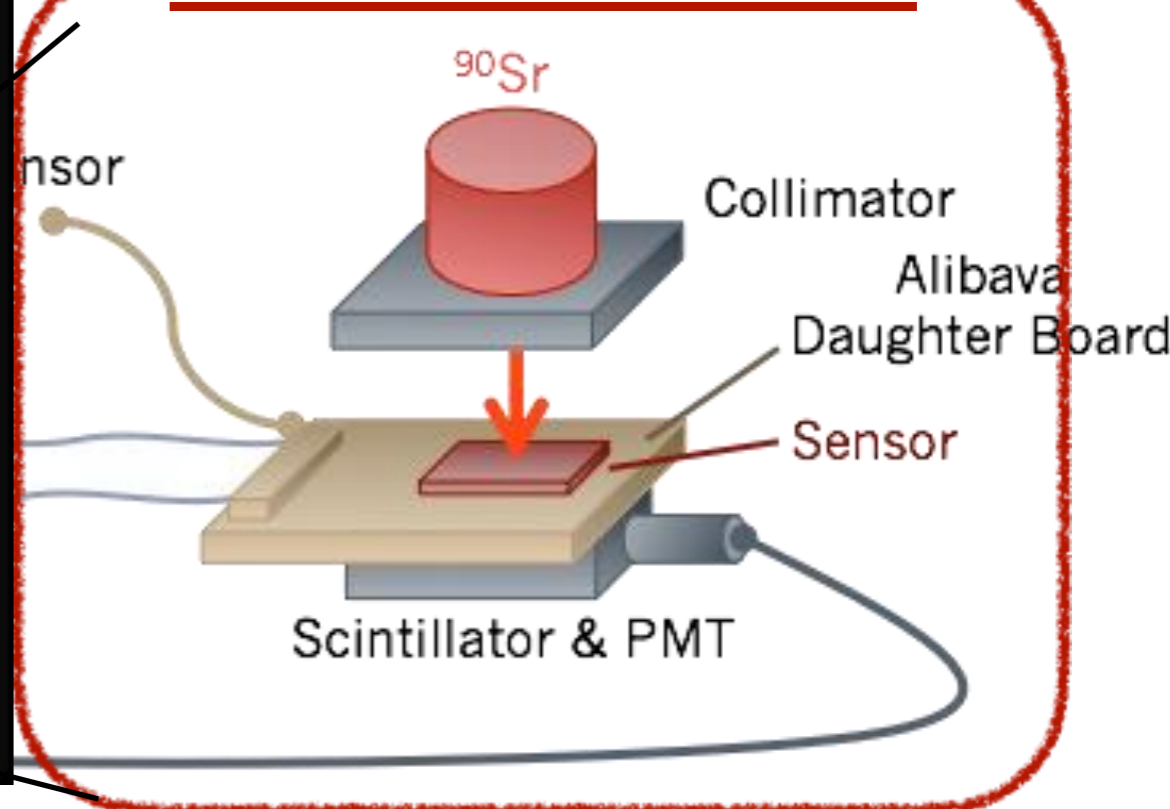
- MPV (300um active thickness, non-irrad) assumed to be 23ke* for CC calibration

*H. Bichsel, Rev. Mod. Phys. 60-3 (1988) 663.

from Alibava homepage



Environm. chamber



Alibava Raw Data examples

Time profile btw trigger and Alibava clock

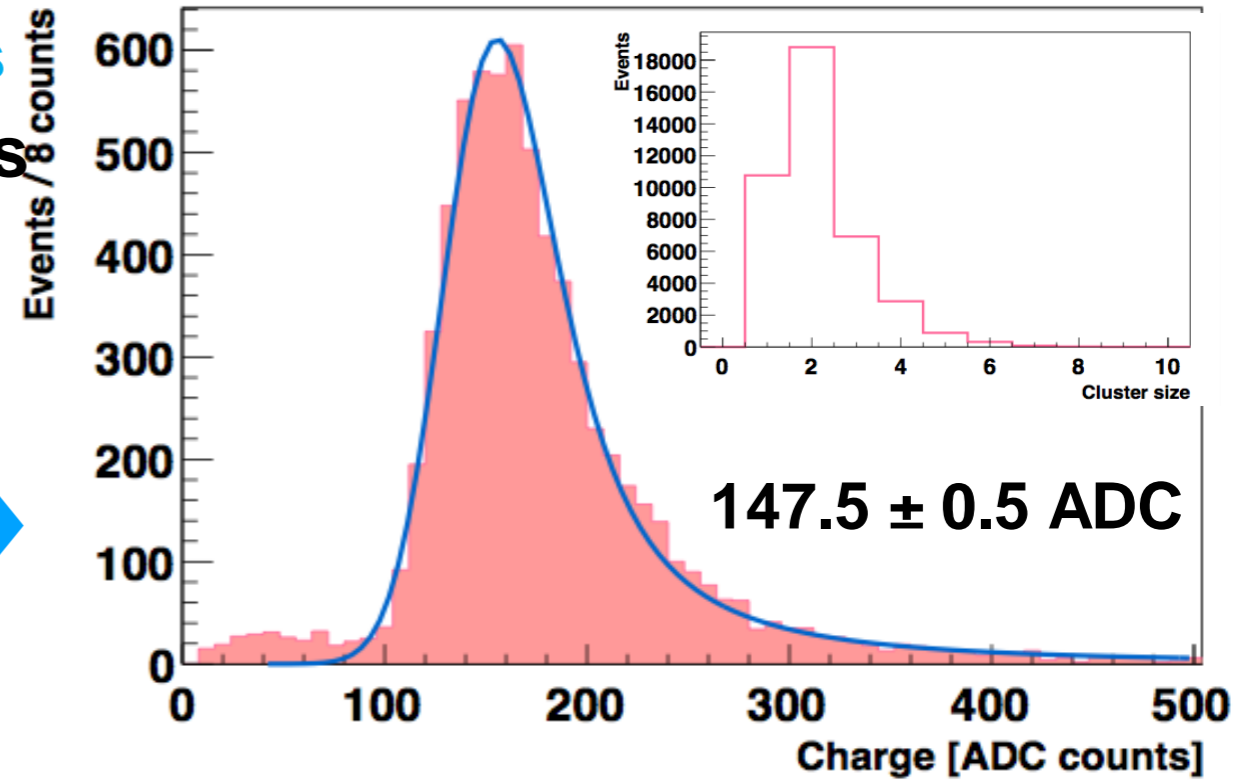
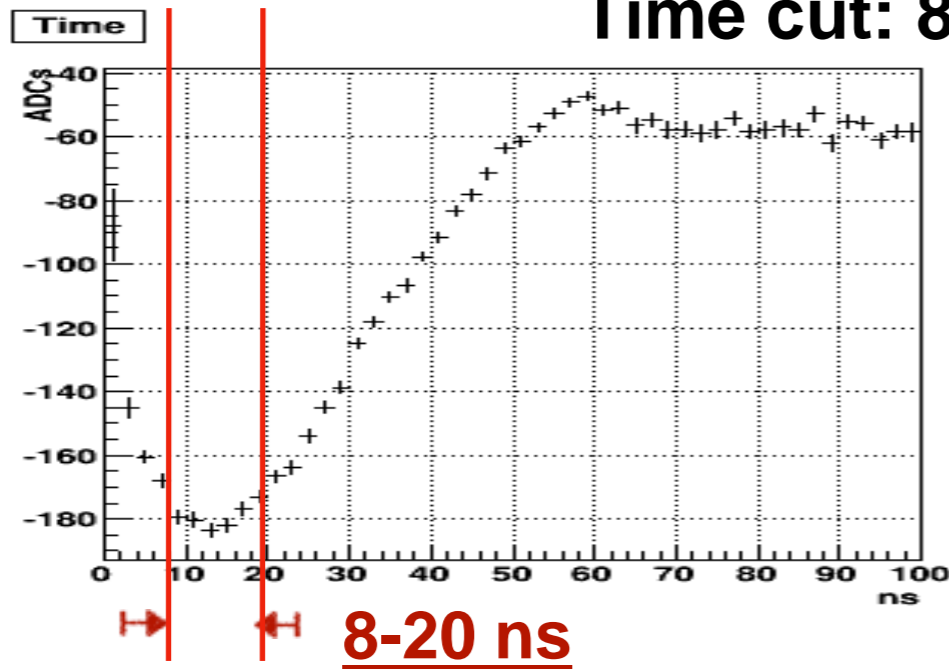
Cluster charge:

Seed $> 3.5\sigma$, Neighbor $> 1.5\sigma$

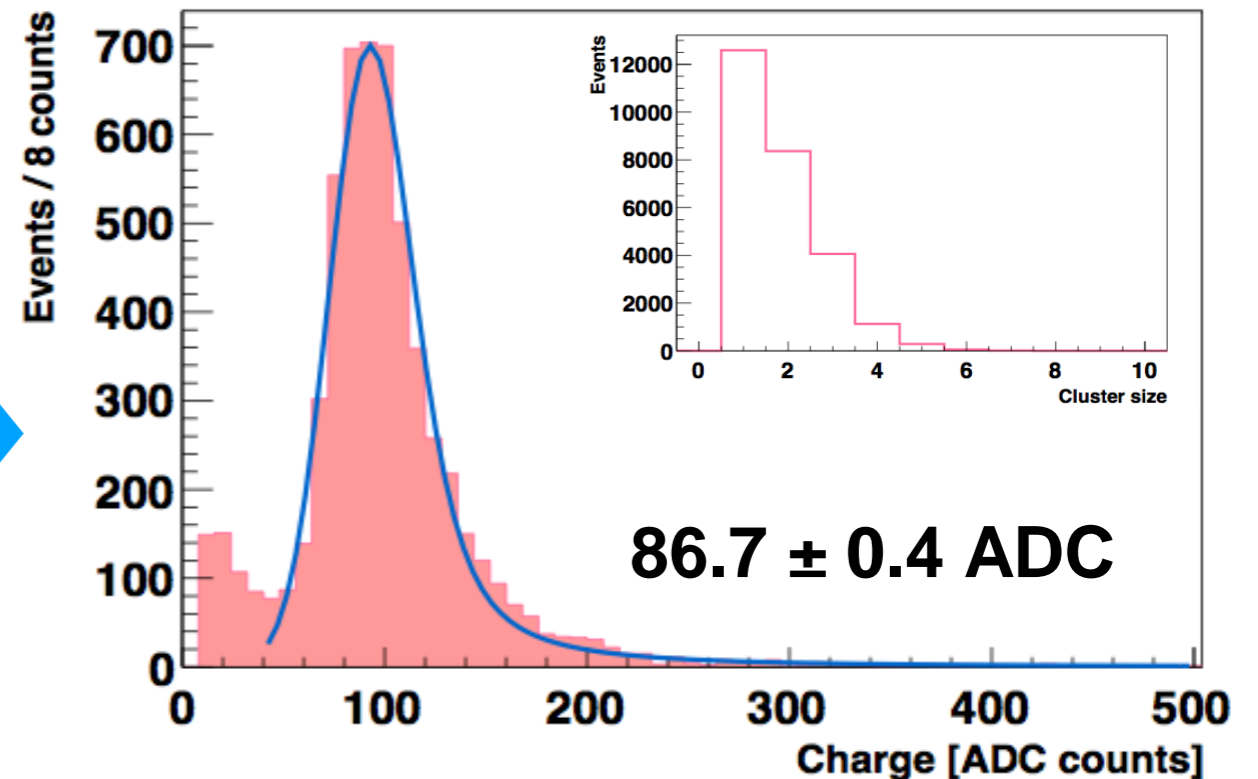
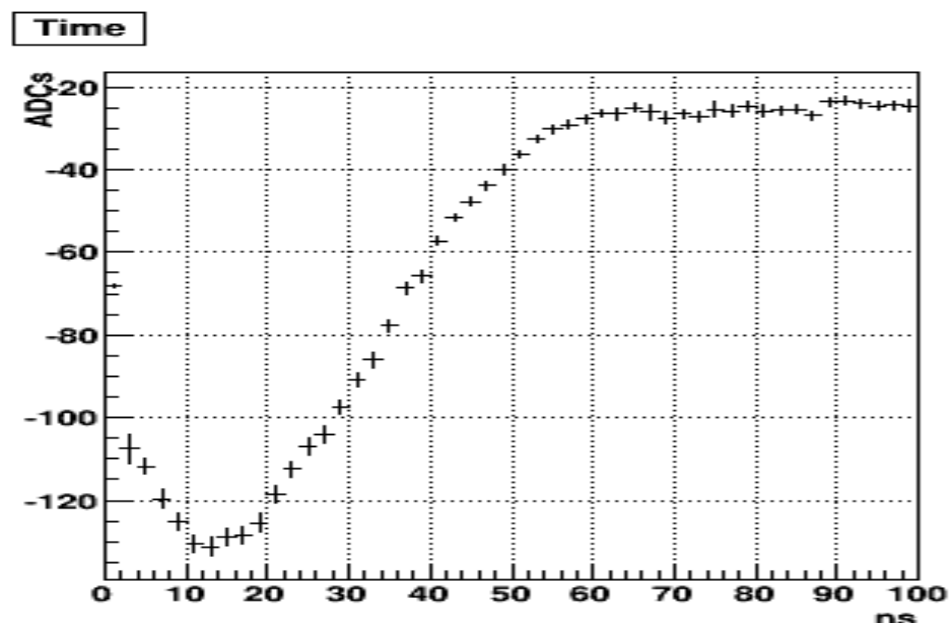
Non-irrad. Sample -400V

or peak $\pm 5\text{ns}$

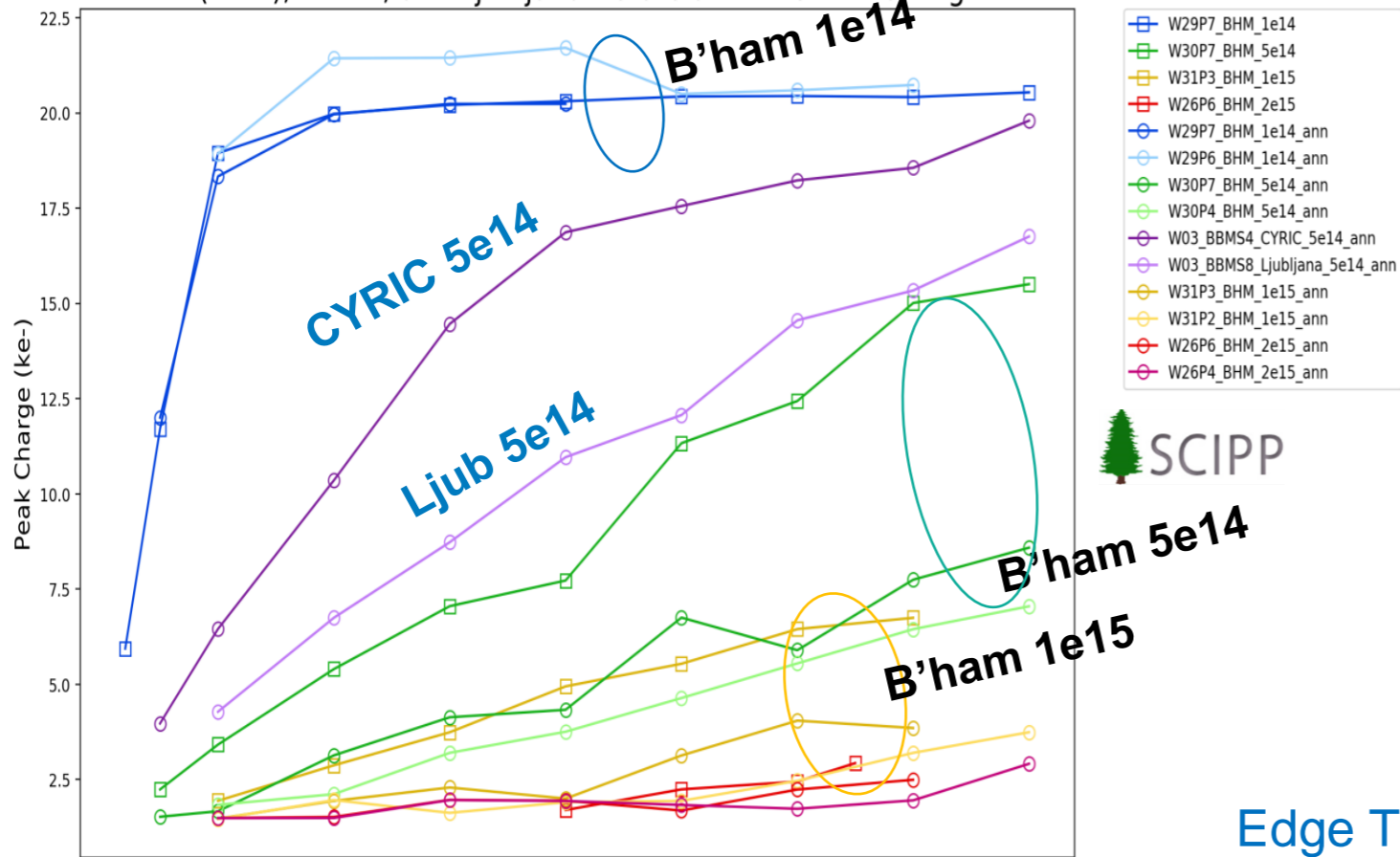
Time cut: 8-20 ns



1E15-irrad. Sample -400V



Peak charge collection for Irradiated Sensors from Birmingham (BHM), CYRIC, and Ljubljana Before and After Annealing

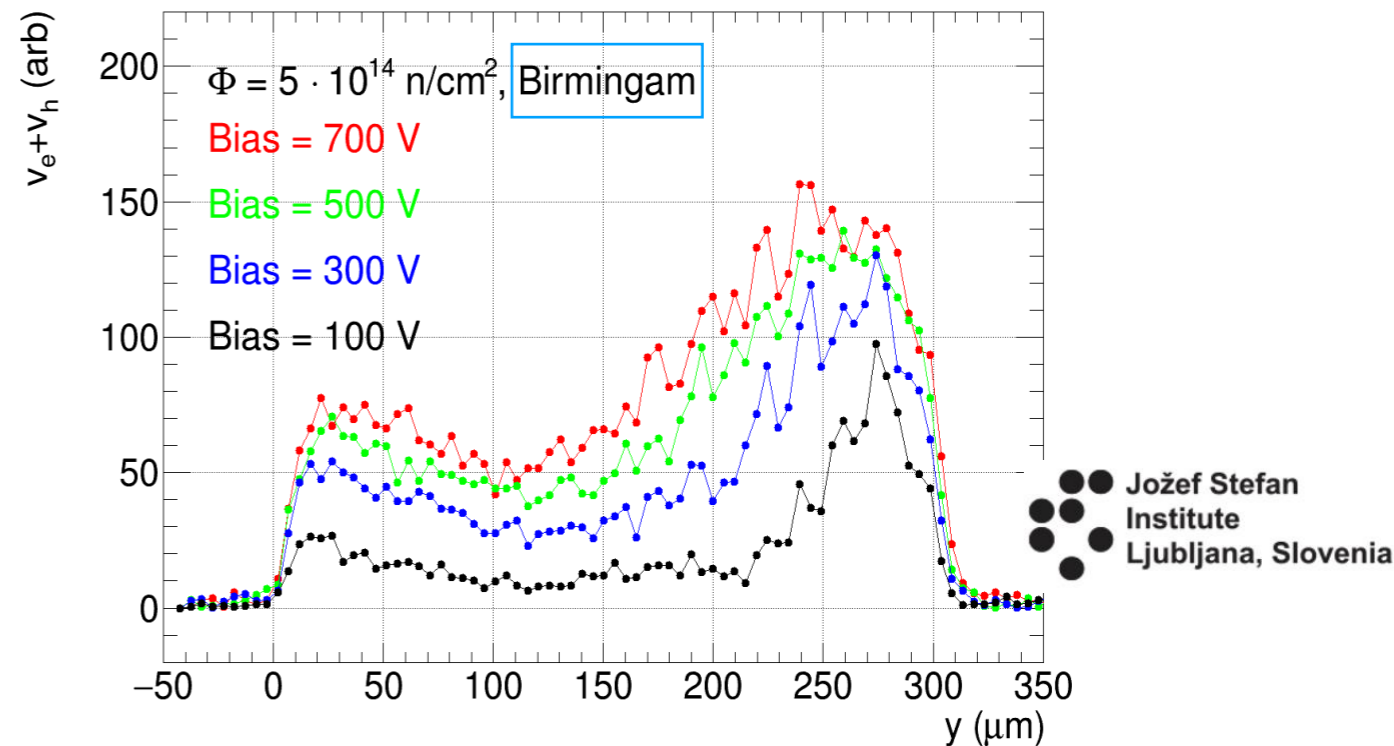
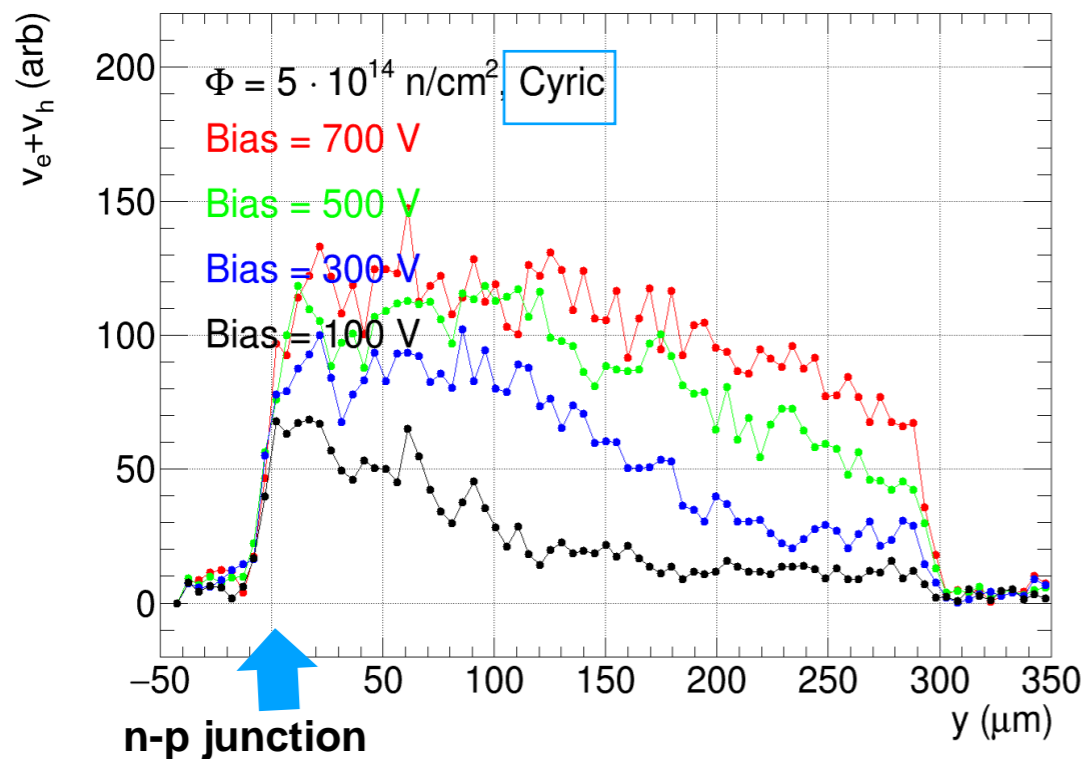


Wide variation of B'ham 5e14 <green> samples
Almost no signal out of B'ham 1e15 <orange>.

Ljubljana (n) and CYRIC (p) show higher CCE compared to those of the same fluence at B'ham. (The n/CYRIC-p difference is consistent with TDR observation)

Suspect some strange component in the B'ham beam (>5e14) as also confirmed by other groups (JSI and Freiburg)

Edge TCT suggests unusual E-field in B'ham sample

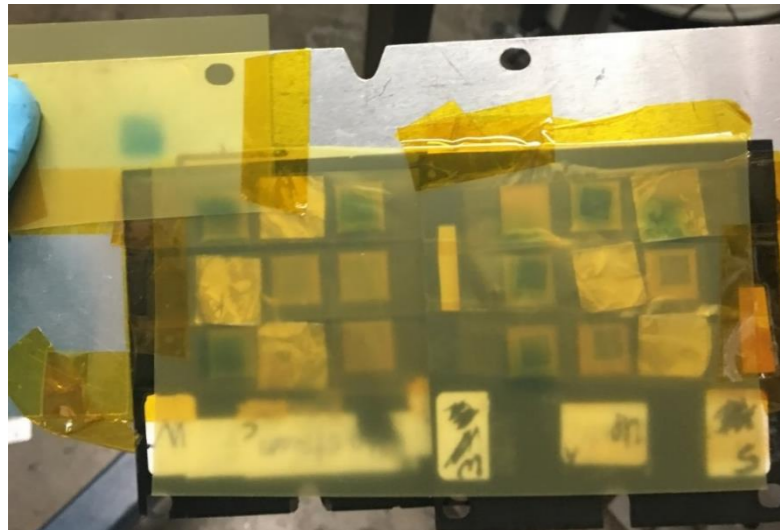


Birmingham Irradiation

at campaign

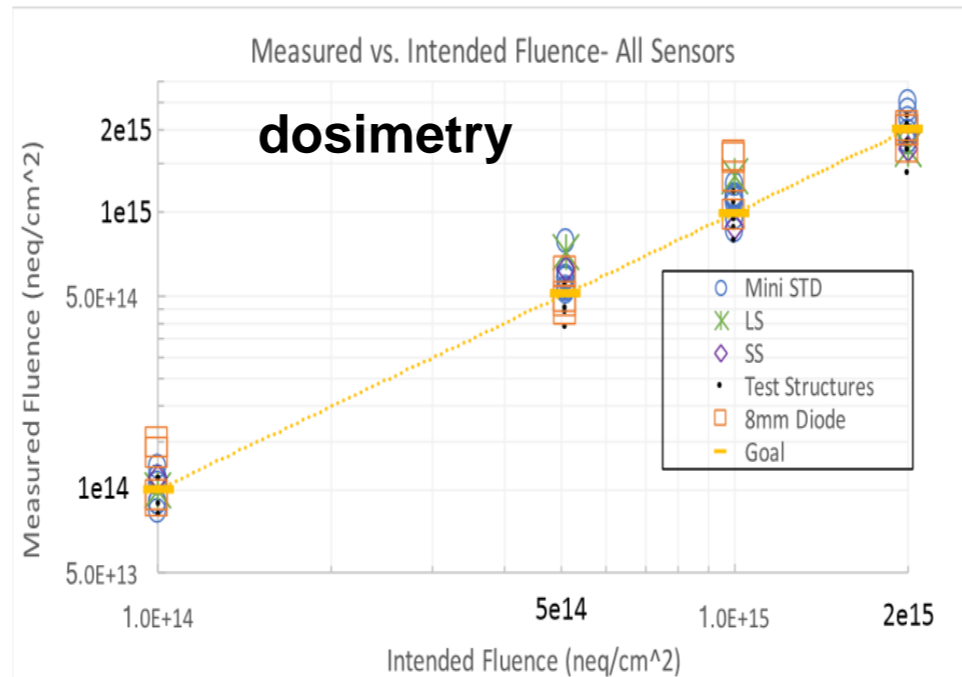
Birmingham cyclotron: 28 MeV protons, cold box at -30C

- Nickel foils for dosimetry
- Dosimetry calculated from counts in Faraday cup if no nickel foil (point-to-point irradiations)



samples

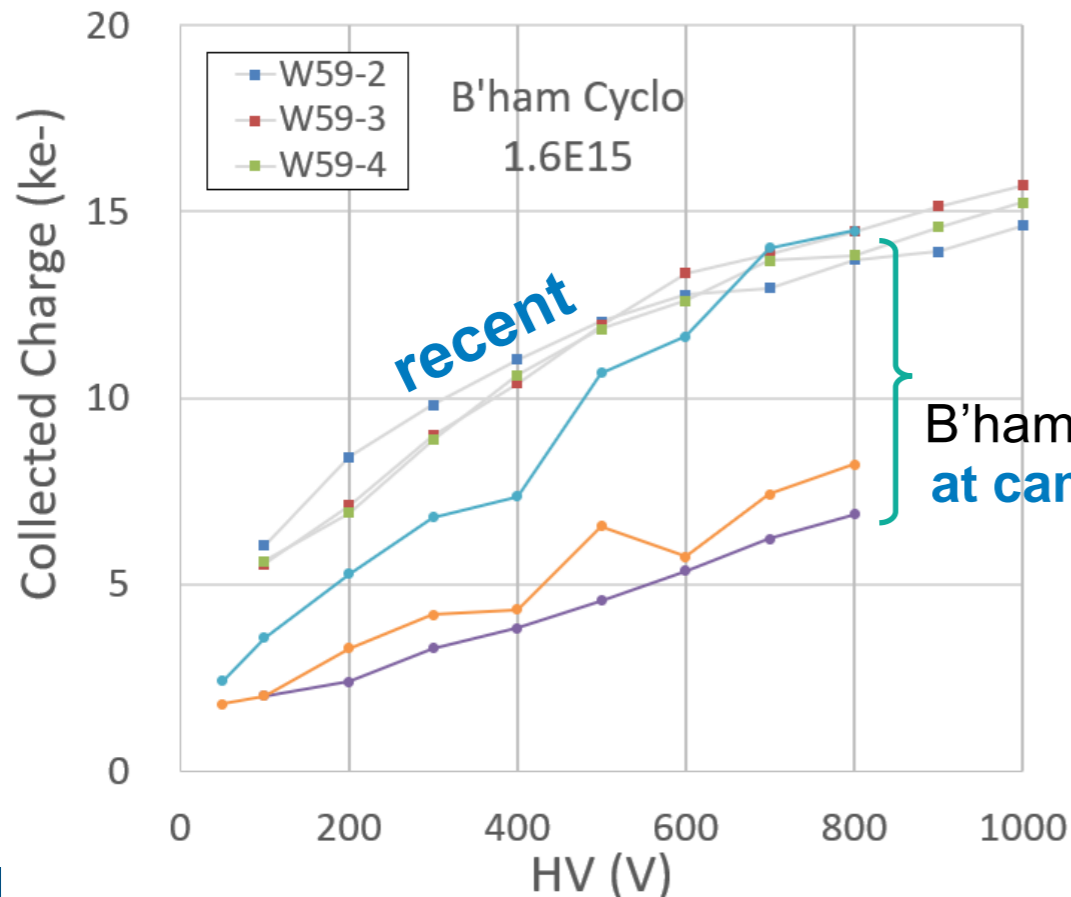
beam masked to 1cmx1cm area



I=100nA

Suspects:

- Heating effect due to point-to-point irradiation
- Change in low-energy contamination due to higher beam energy/steering



Three ATLAS17 mini sensors irradiated to **1.6E15 n_{eq}/cm²**

- **27 MeV** protons, **400 nA** beam current, **scanning mode**
- Different Al shielding thickness on each sensor: **300, 400, 500 μm**

Consistent CC is obtained
300 μm Al shielding seems enough

recently

Data compiled for p/n irradiations are:

Put the Birmingham irradiation campaign data aside but include recent data only

UCSC (Birmg'm, Ljubljana, CYRIC-p)

Uni. Freiburg (Birmingham-Cyclo)

University of Tsukuba (CYRIC-p)

IFIC (CERN-PS)

University of Toronto (CERN-PS)

U of Birmingham (B'ham-Cyclo, recent B'ham-Cyclo-p)

JSI-Ljubljana (TRIGA-n)

CCE proton irradi (PS)

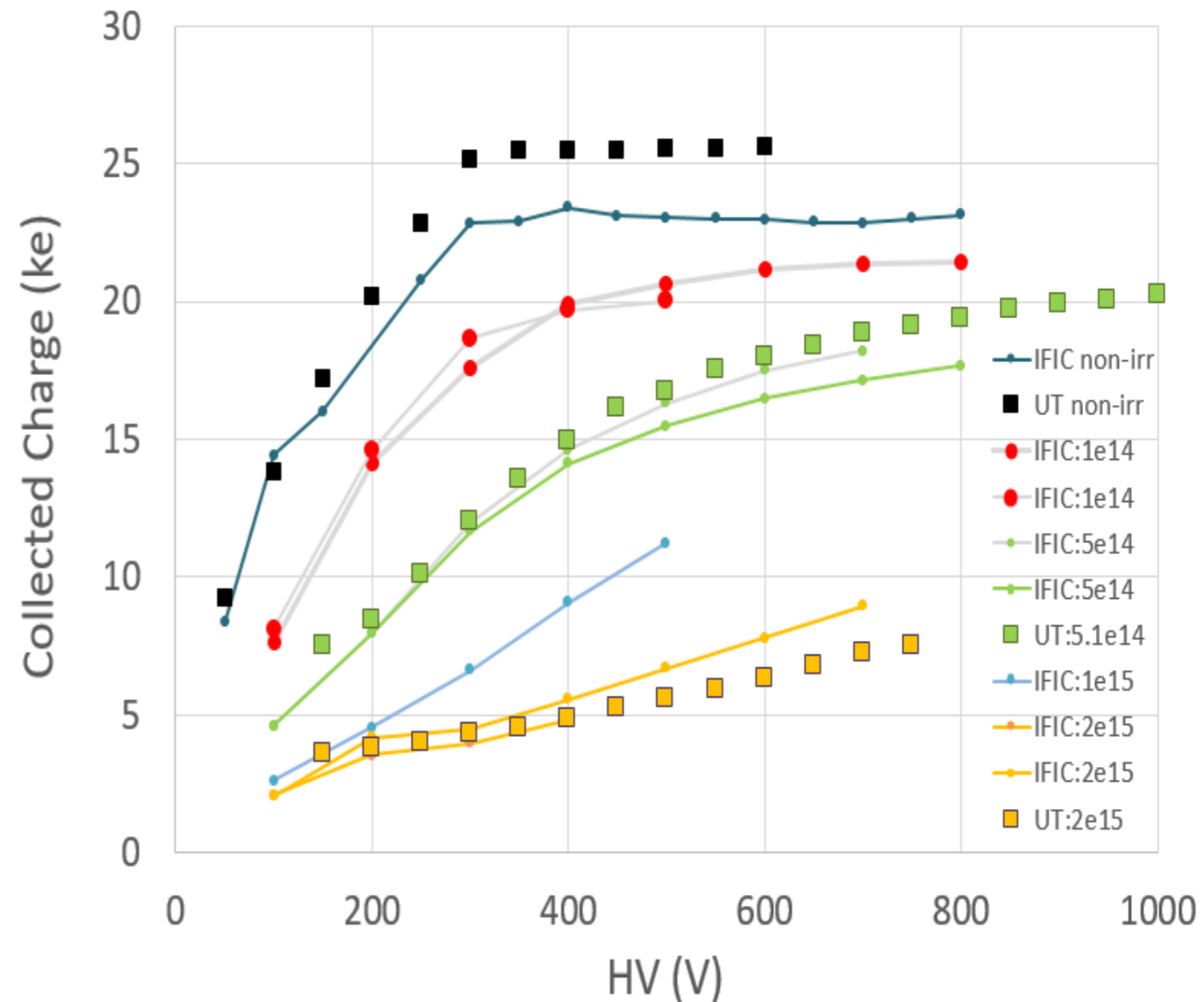
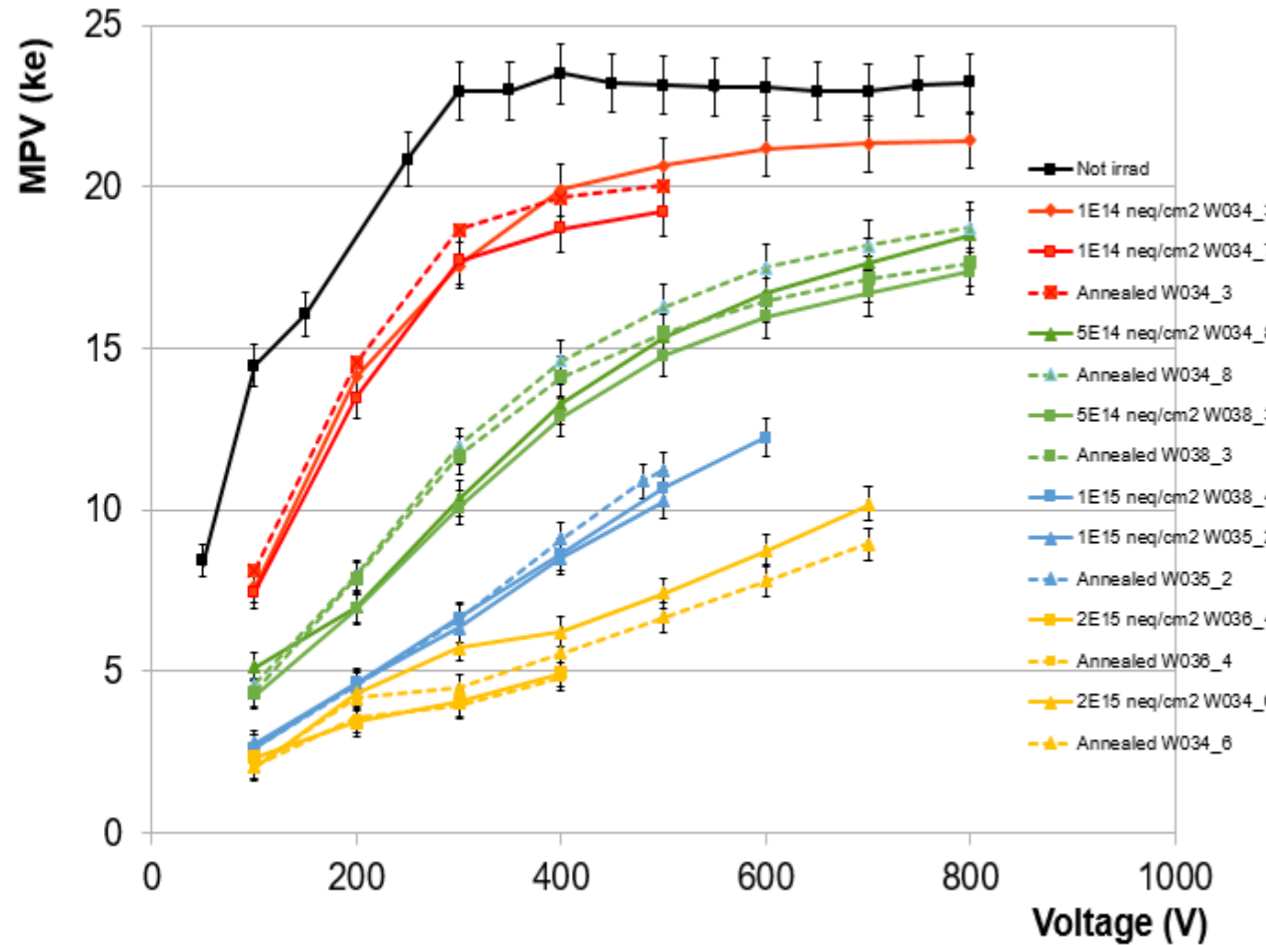
CERN-PS (24 GeV protons)



- ▶ Time cut 10ns
- ▶ Seed cut 3.5
- ▶ Neighbour 1.8
- ▶ Freezer at -25°C

- ▶ Annealing: 60°C / 80min
- ▶ Alibava system
- ▶ Beta source: ⁹⁰Sr

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- ▶ Freezer at -20°C



Two groups measured CCE of PS samples: good agreement within 10%

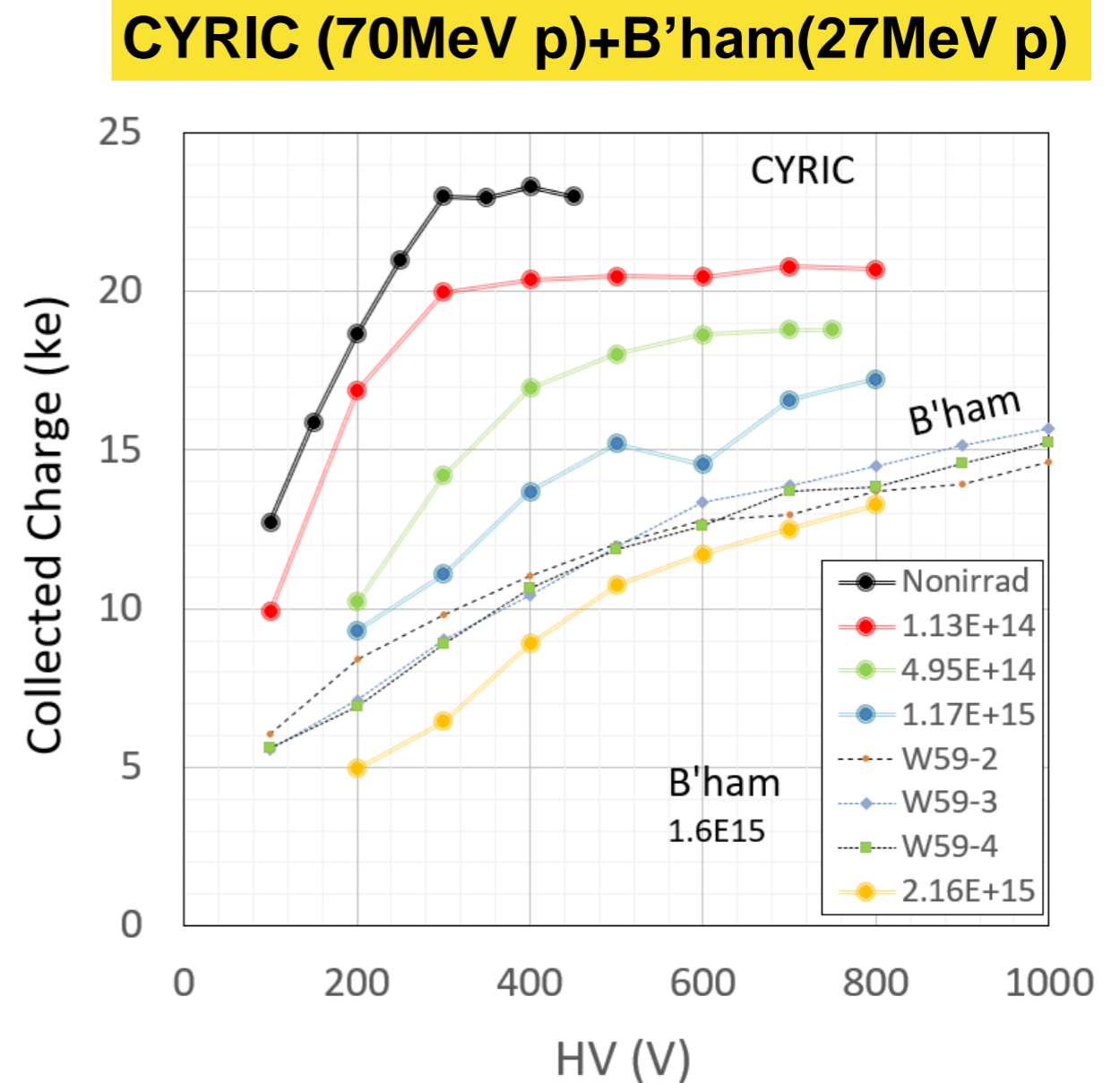
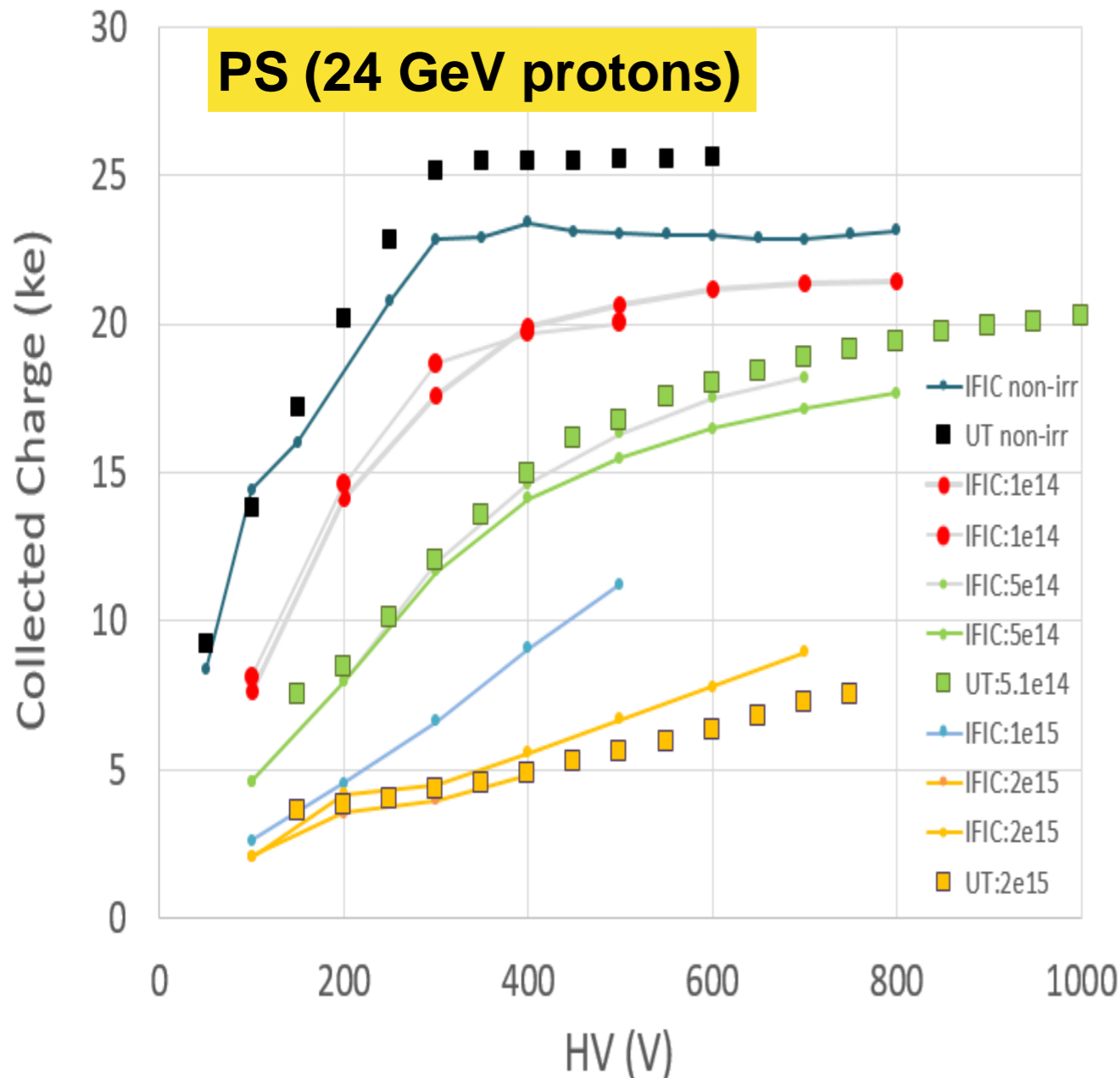
CCE proton irradi (PS/CYRIC-B'ham) 12 /21



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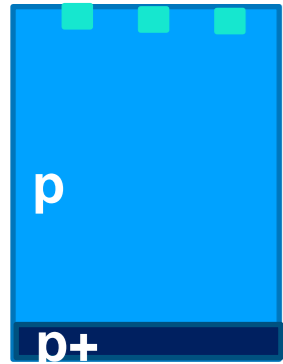
- ▶ Time cut 12ns
- ▶ Seed cut 3.5
- ▶ Neighbour 1.8
- ▶ Freezer at -20°C



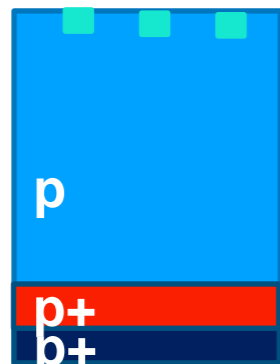
PS and CYRIC-B'ham are in agreement in overall – detail comparison comes later

Active thickness (Ljub-neutron)

Standard:
n+



“Thin”:
n+



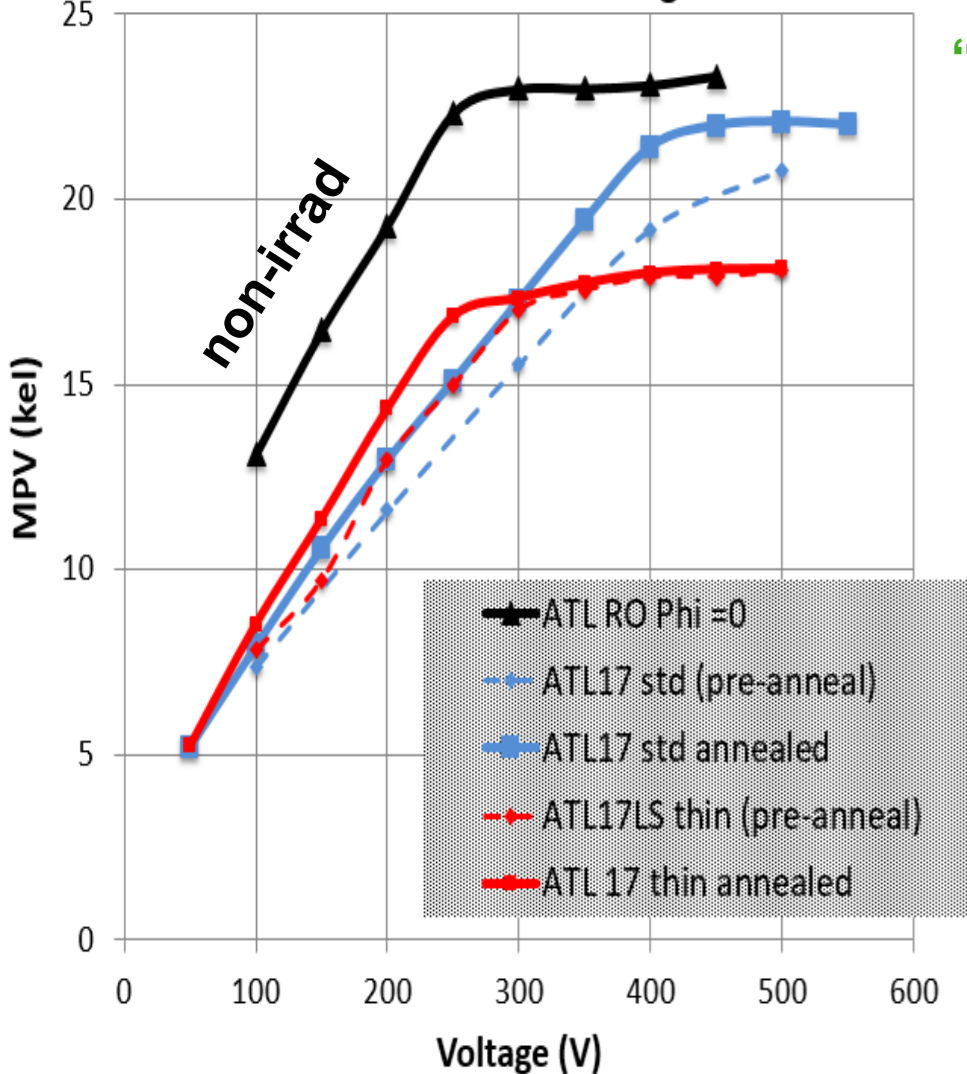
The active thickness variation (>270um in specification) should not deteriorate the performance significantly after irradiation

To demonstrate it, we tested sensors with two active thicknesses

HPK ATLAS17LS:
300 um (std) and 240 um (“thin”)

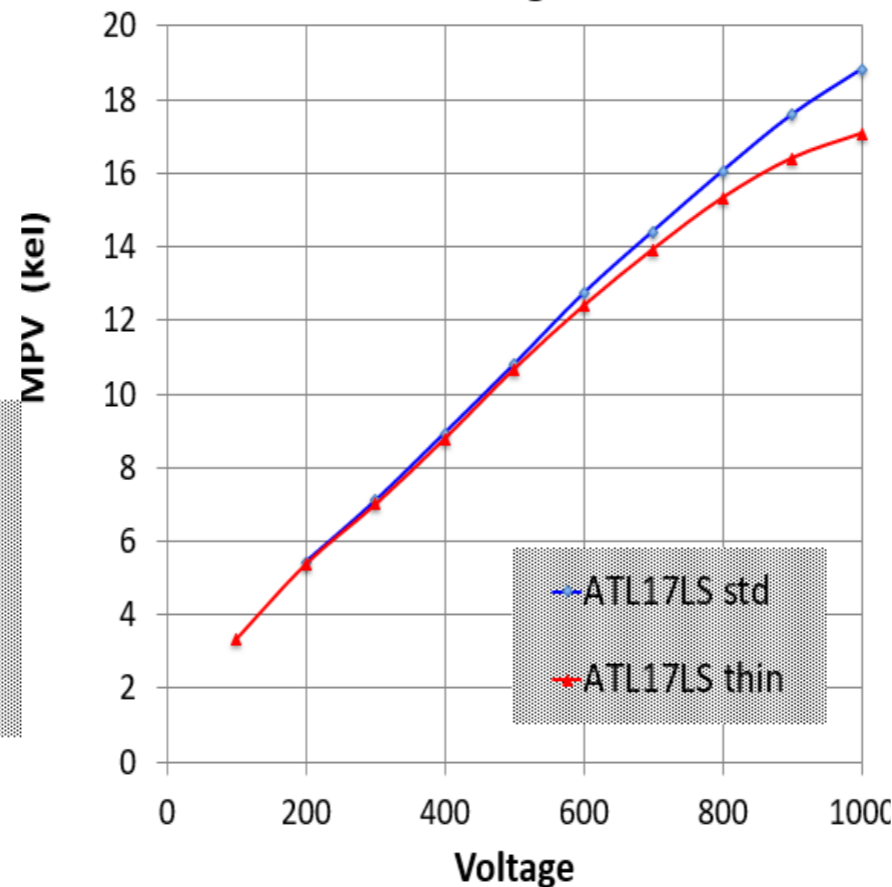


1E14 before and after annealing

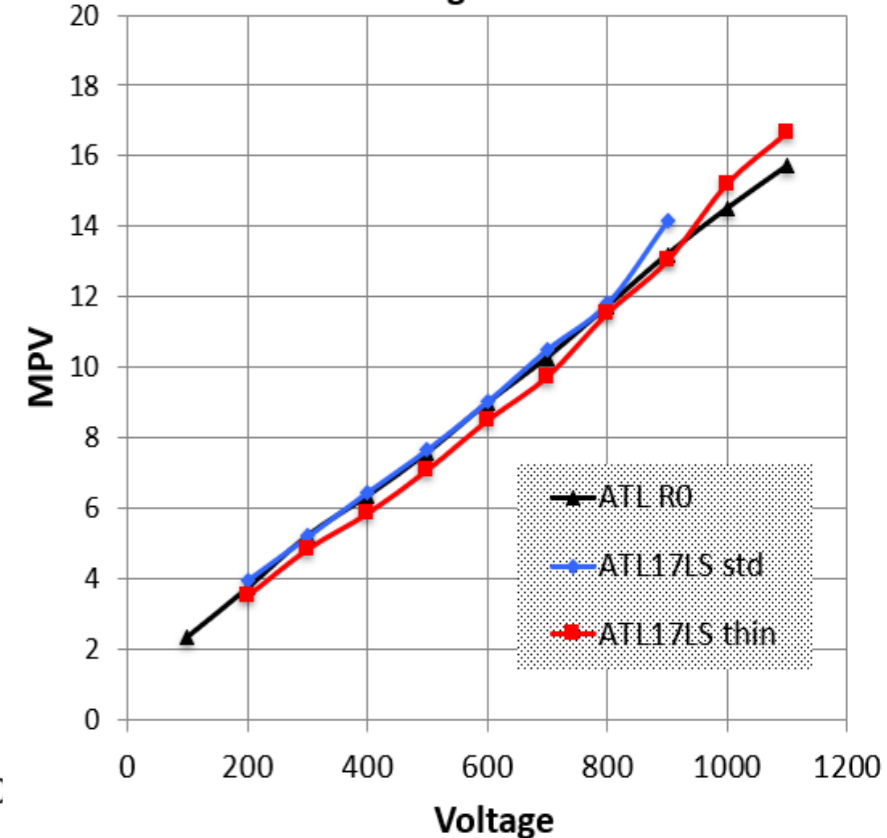


“thin” and standard sensors have very similar signal at high fluence

1e15 after annealing

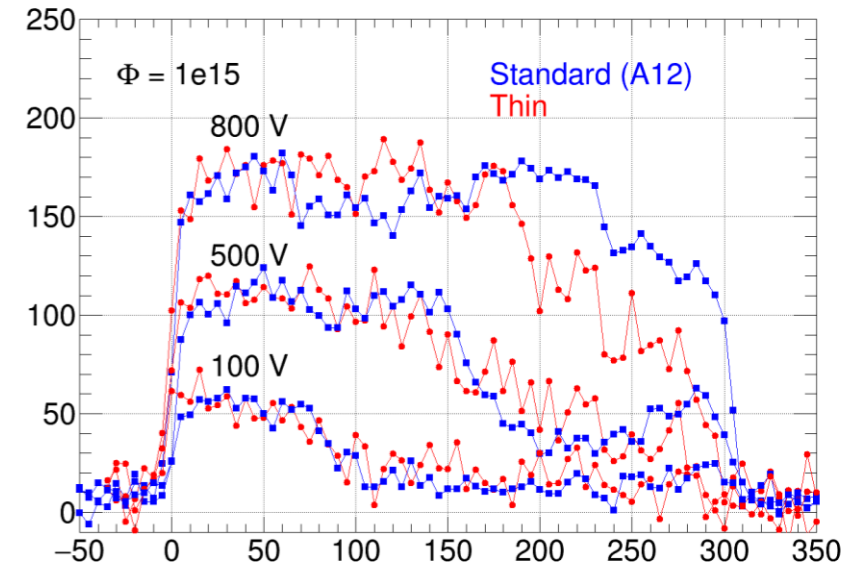
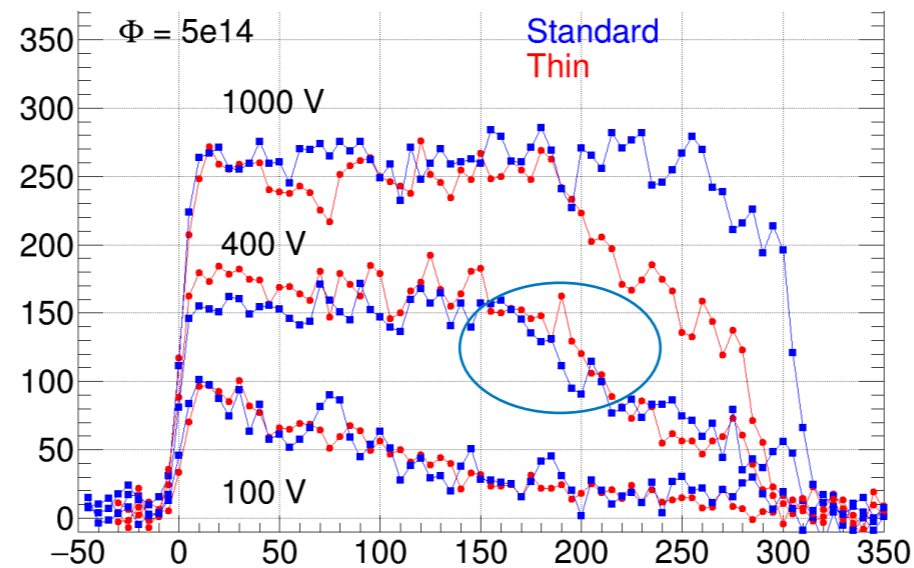
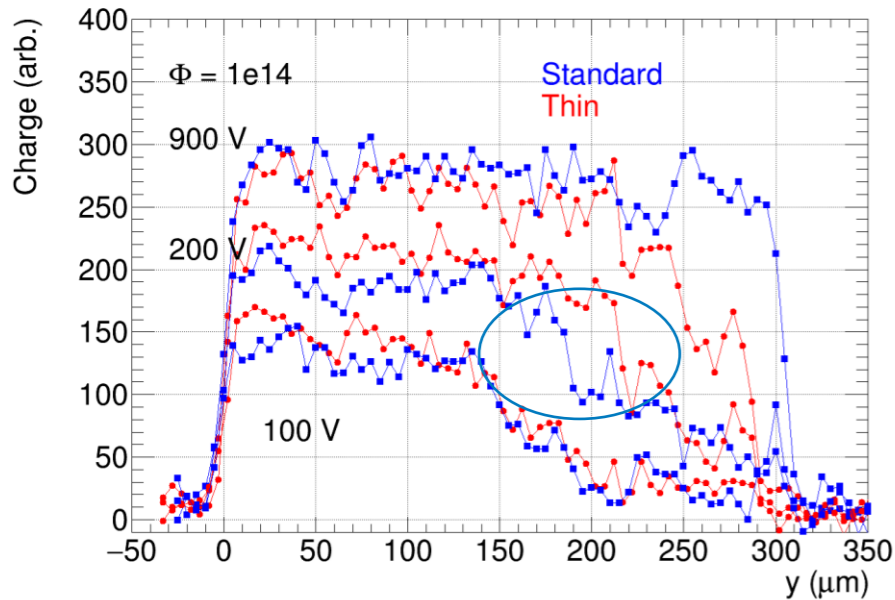


2E15 after annealing



Active thickness (Edge-TCT n)

Neutron irradiation

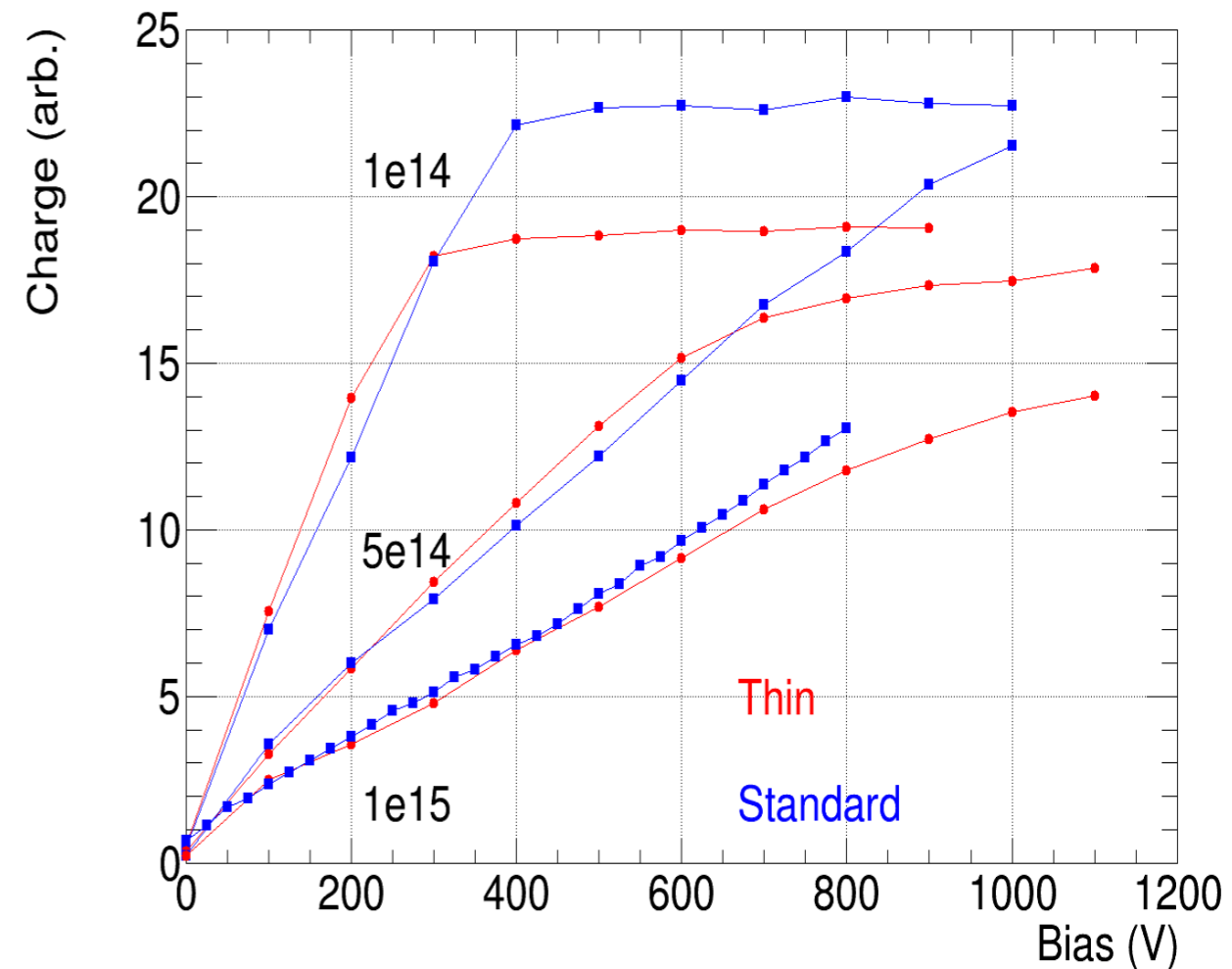


Charge collection as function of depth

Some difference seen at low fluence ($1E14$) disappears at $5E14$ and higher (circled)

although more charge collection possible at higher bias voltages ($>800V$ for $5E14$)

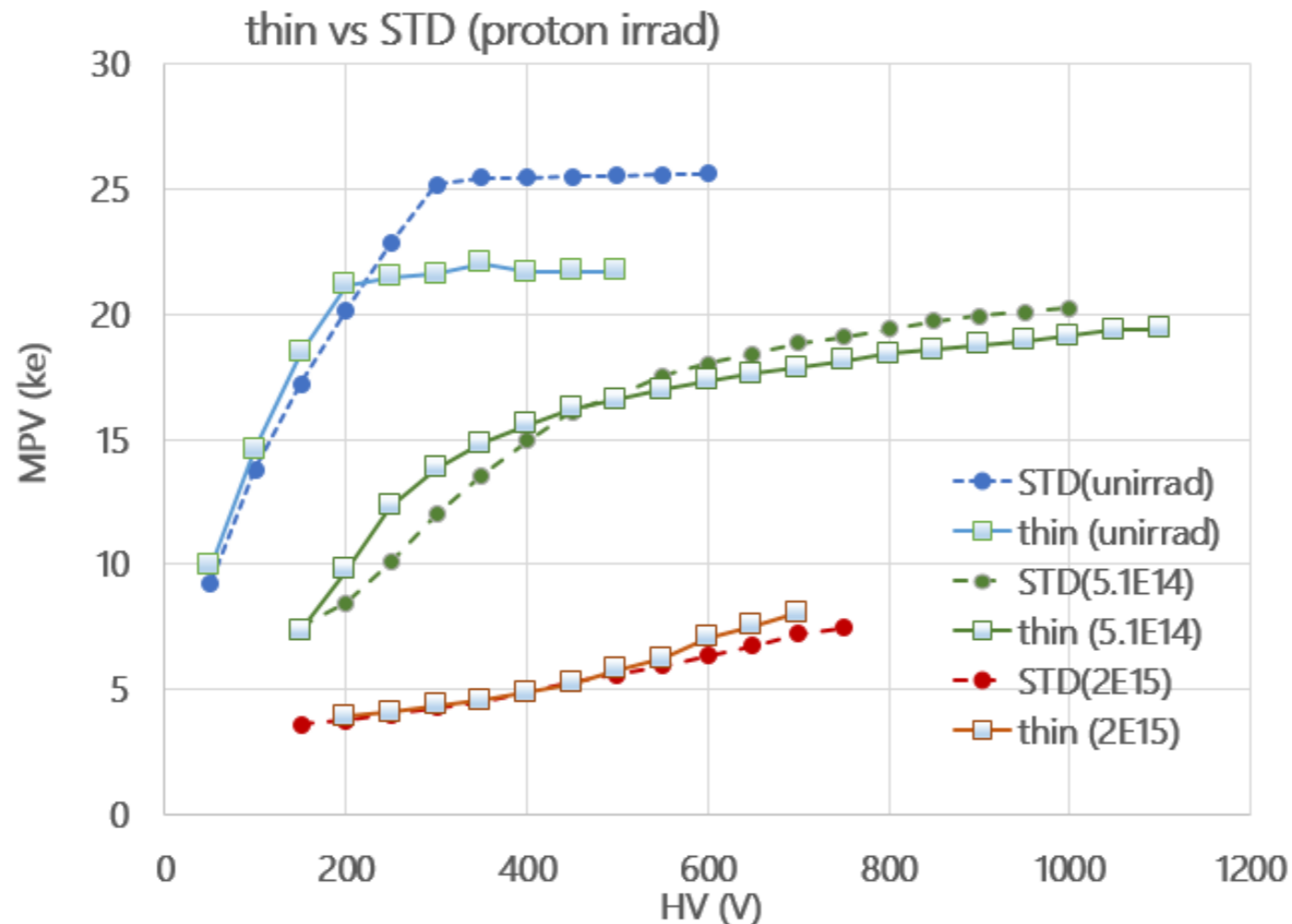
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Proton irradiation



After annealing

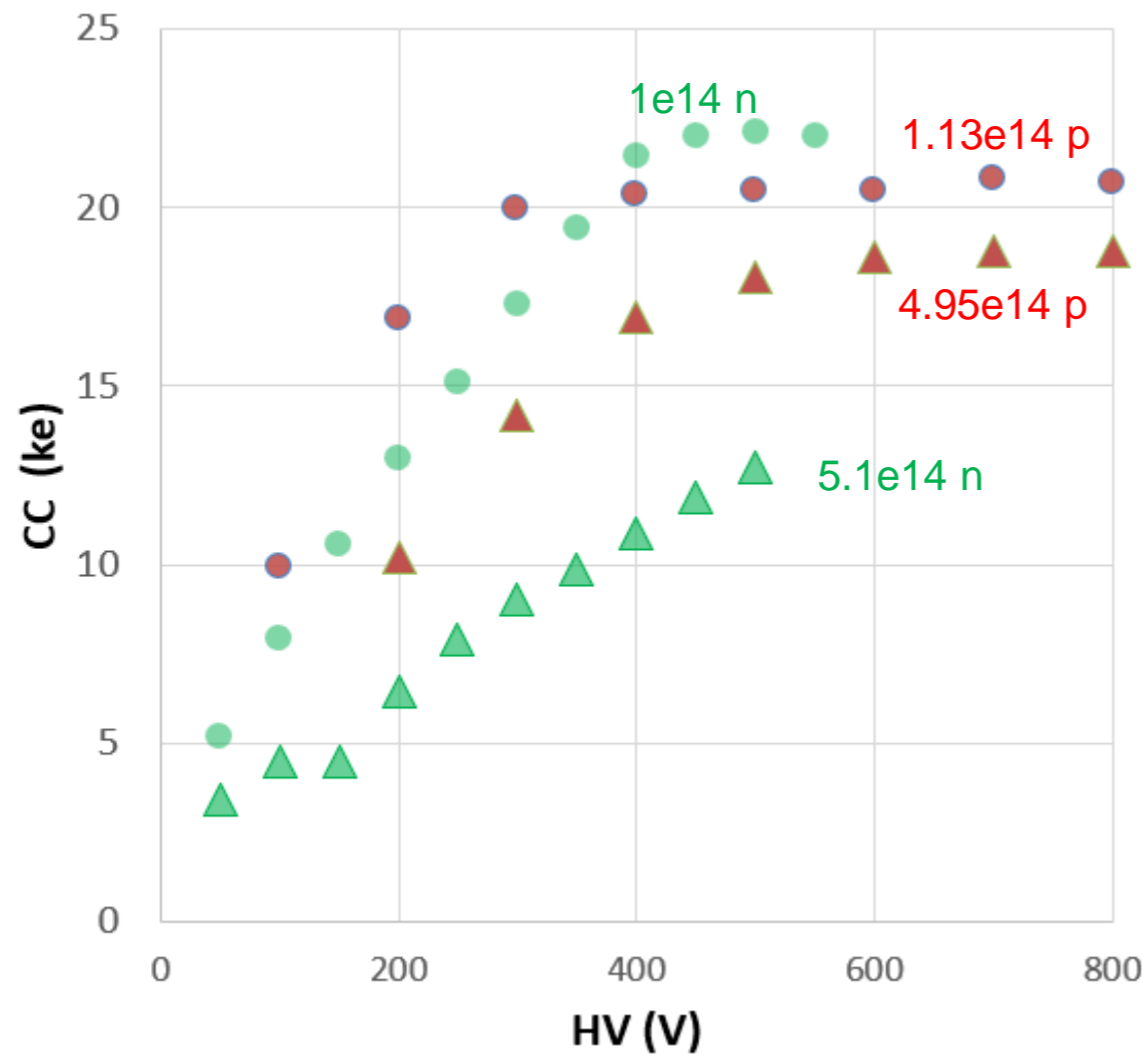


“thin” and standard sensors have very similar signal at high fluence

Active thickness specification (>270um) is not crucial

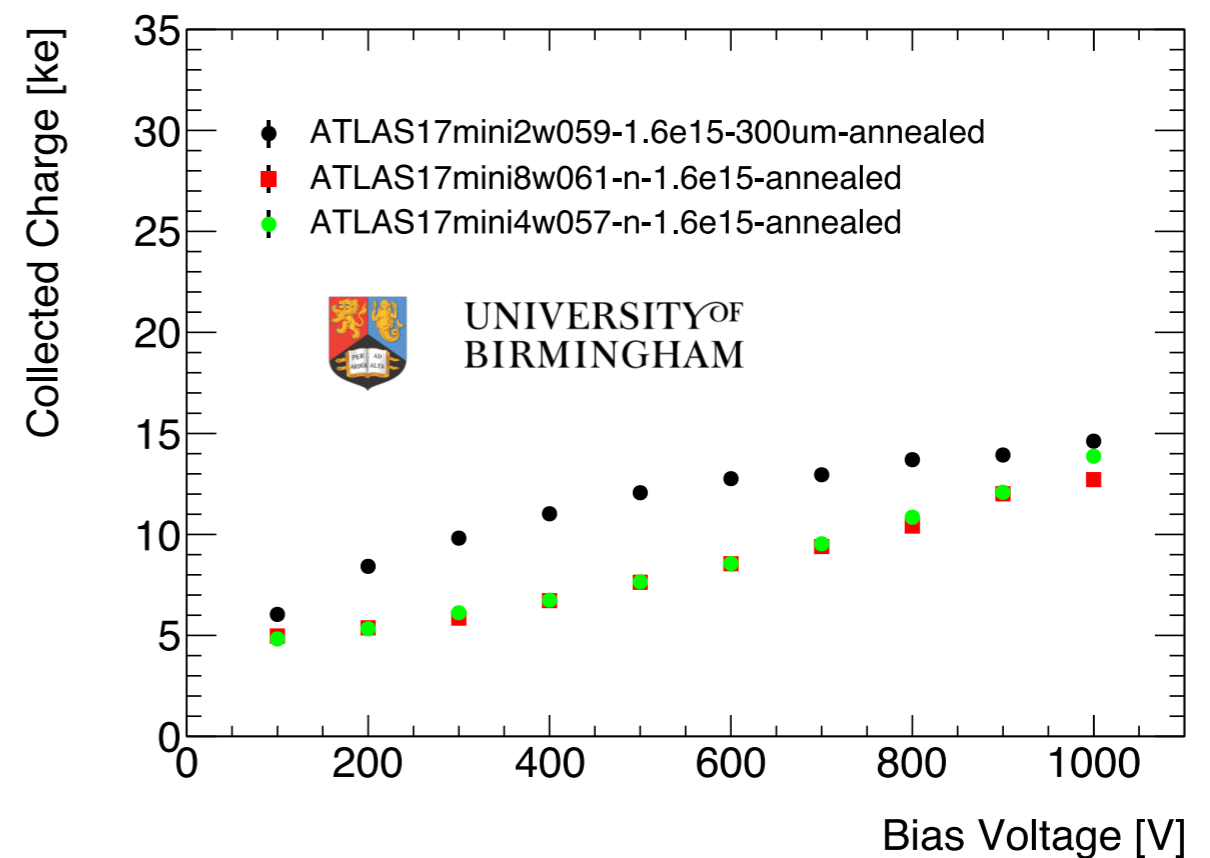
We may prefer physically thin sensors for reducing material and dark current, but further thinning is not practical for time and cost required for large scale sensor production

Proton vs Neutron damage



CCs of proton and neutron irradiations are not identical. More reduction in neutron samples especially for the fluence $>5e14$ 1-MeV n_{eq}/cm^2 . However, CCE evaluation sites were not same ...

Recently @Fluence = $1.6e15$ 1 MeV n_{eq}/cm^2 , CC was measured at UoB for the two irradiations



Ljubljana neutron



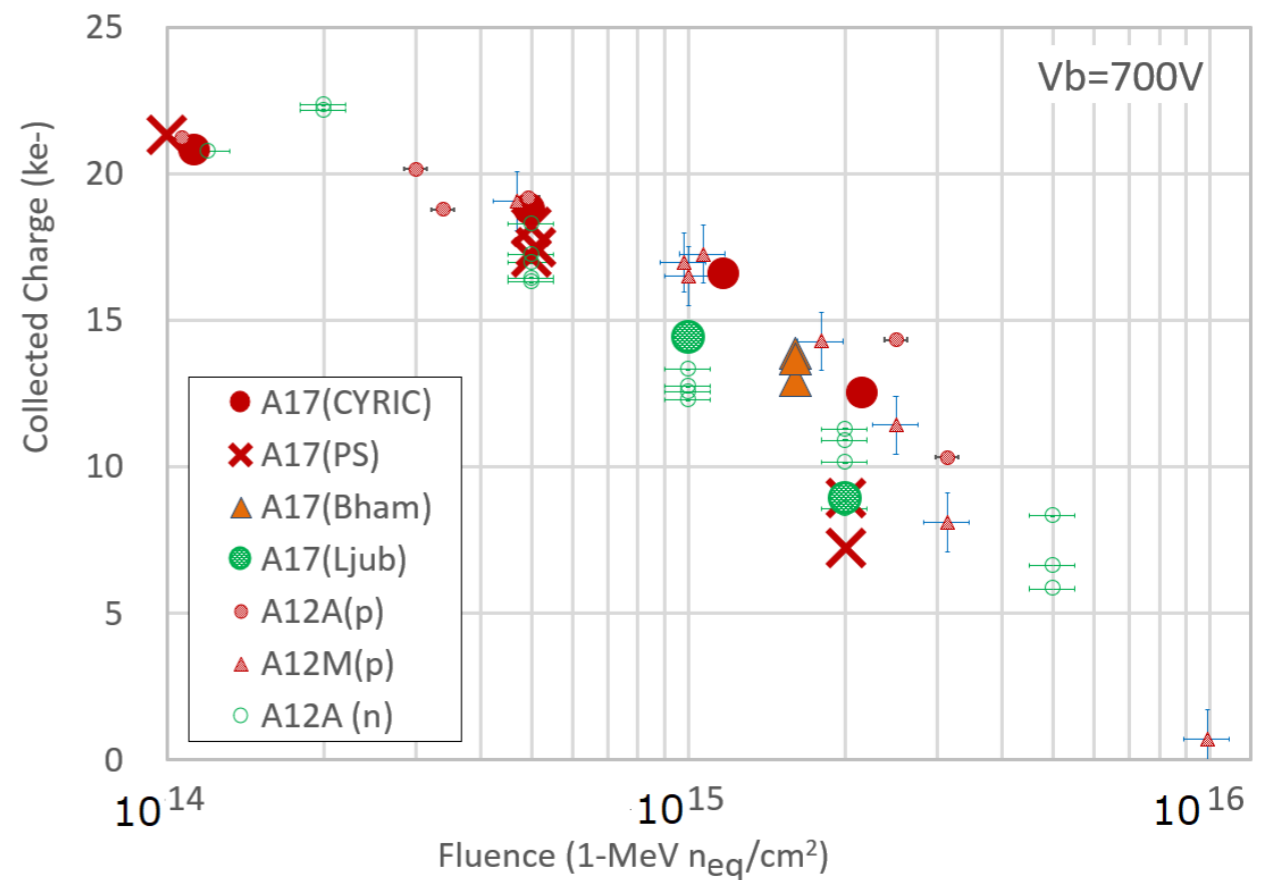
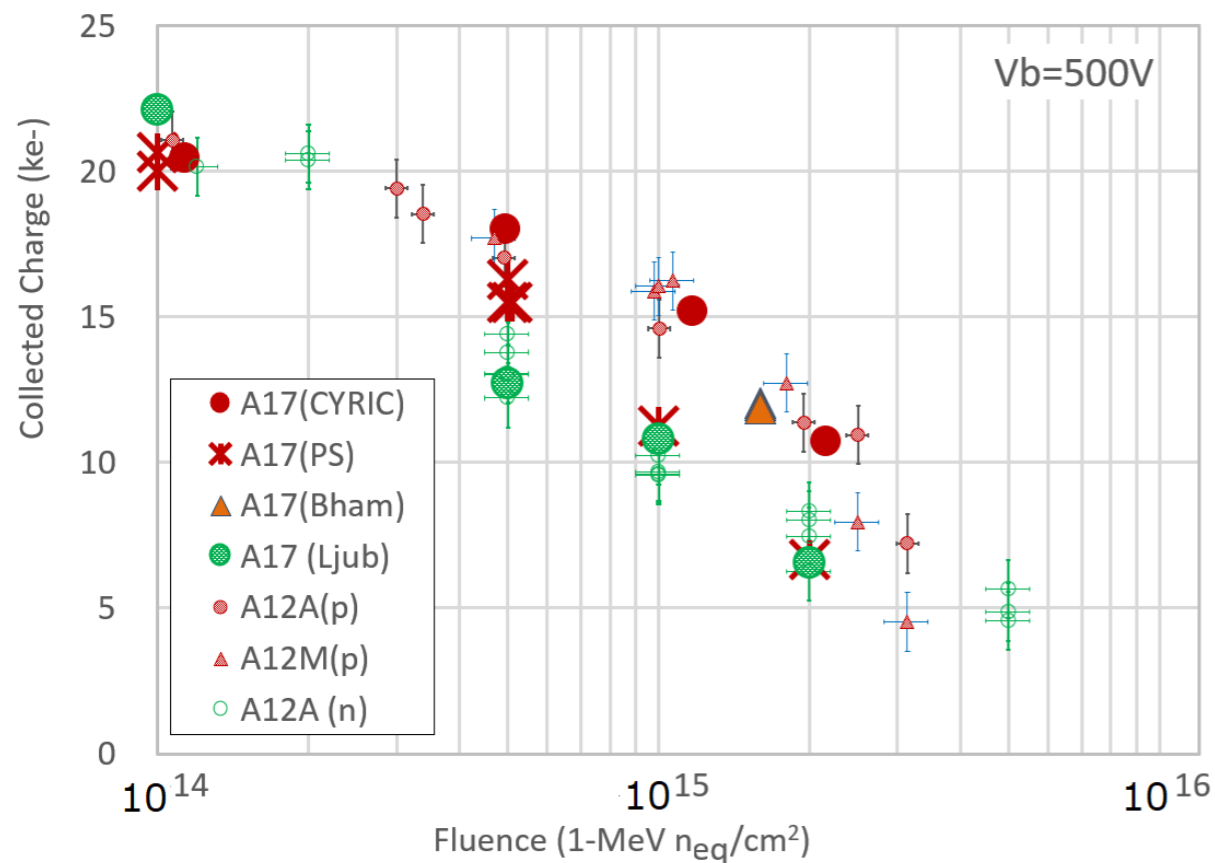
CYRIC proton

More damage by neutrons as observed for ATLAS12 => next page

CCE comparison with A12

ATLAS carried out irradiation campaign for previous prototypes ATL12A and ATL12M, reported at HSTD10

CCE at 500V and 700V



A12A/M proton data points are averages of all TDR data with variations represented as uncertainties

Neutron damages are in good agreement

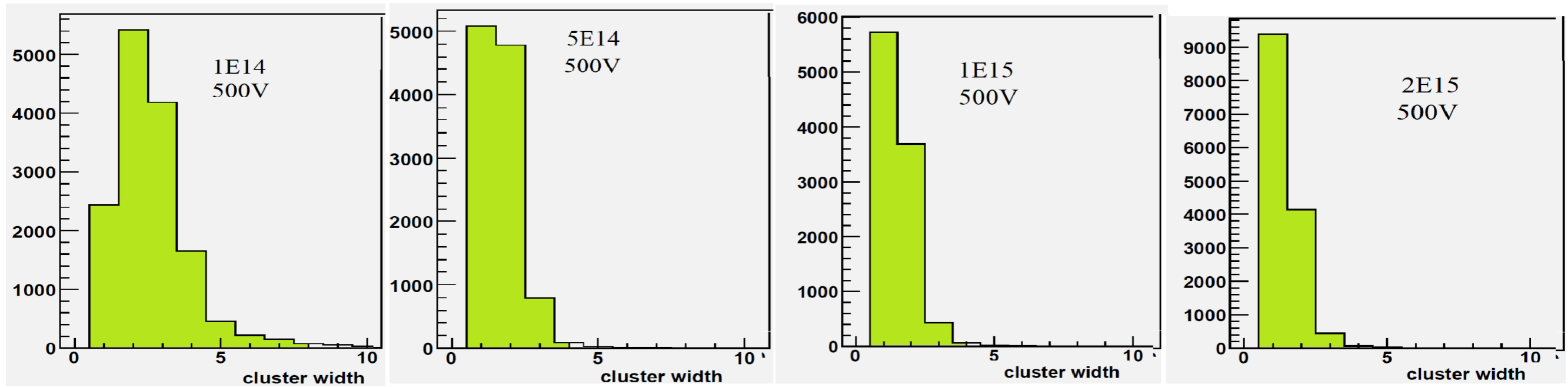
Proton damages are also in fair agreement (possible deviation for PS(x) >1e15 irradiation)

TDR Post irradiation performance evaluated conservatively from neutron damage is still valid.

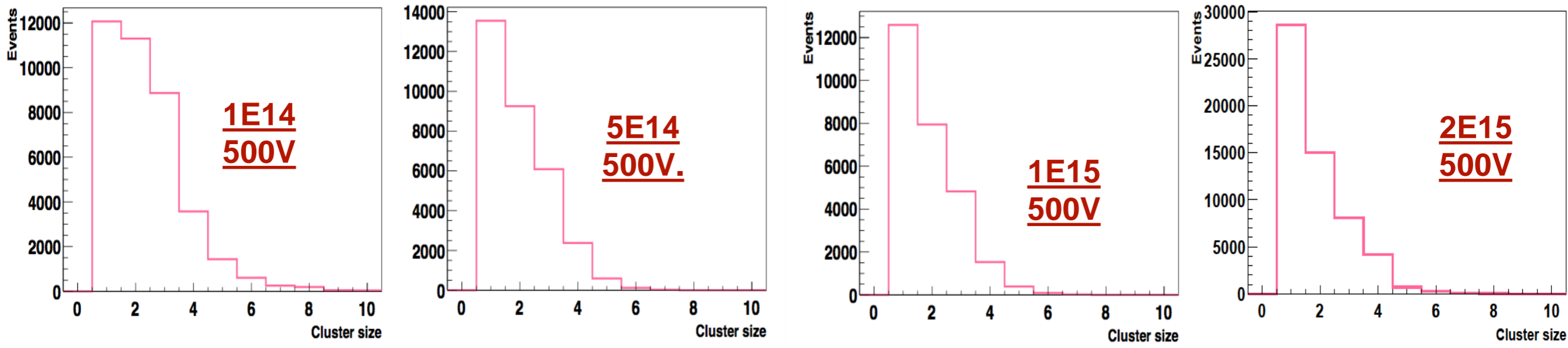
ClusterSize n/p irradiation (A17)



Ljubljana-n A17LS sensors neighbor/seed=1.5/3.5



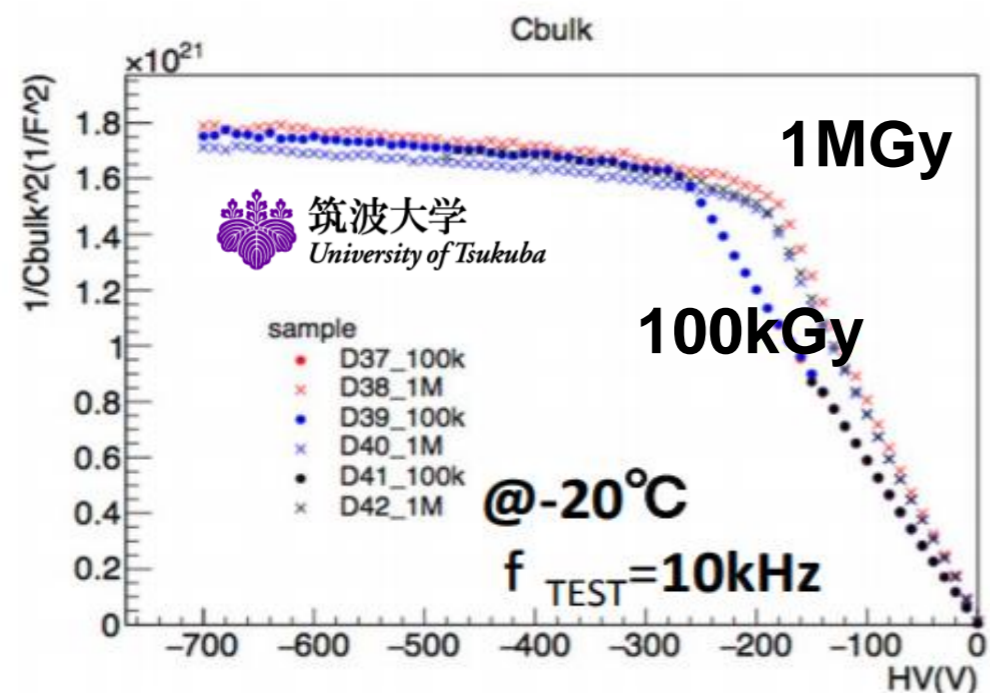
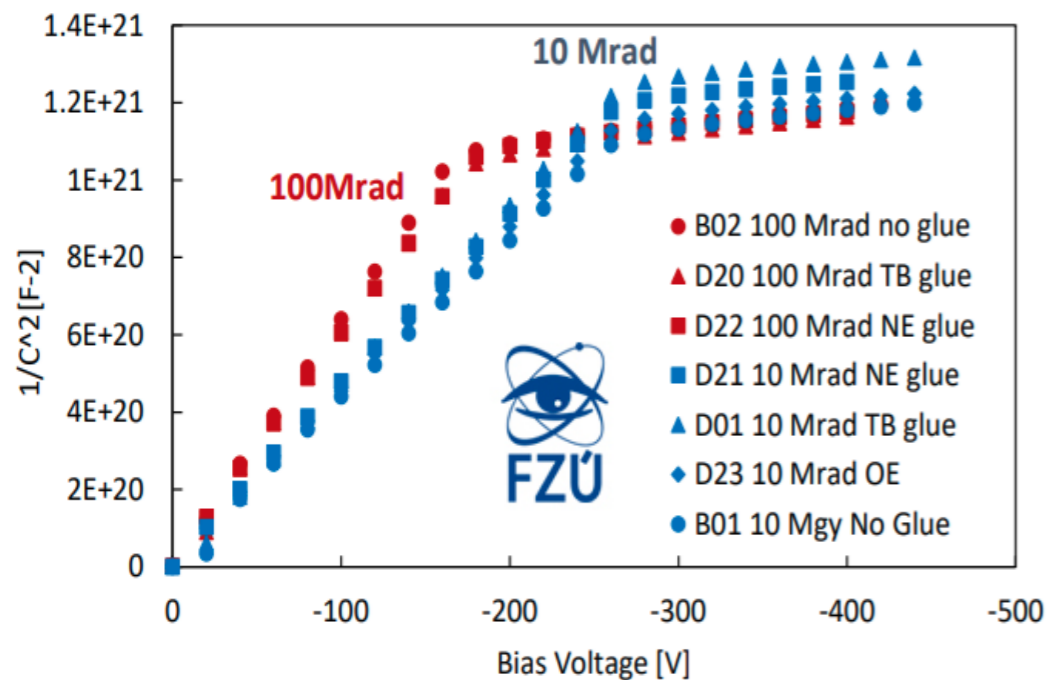
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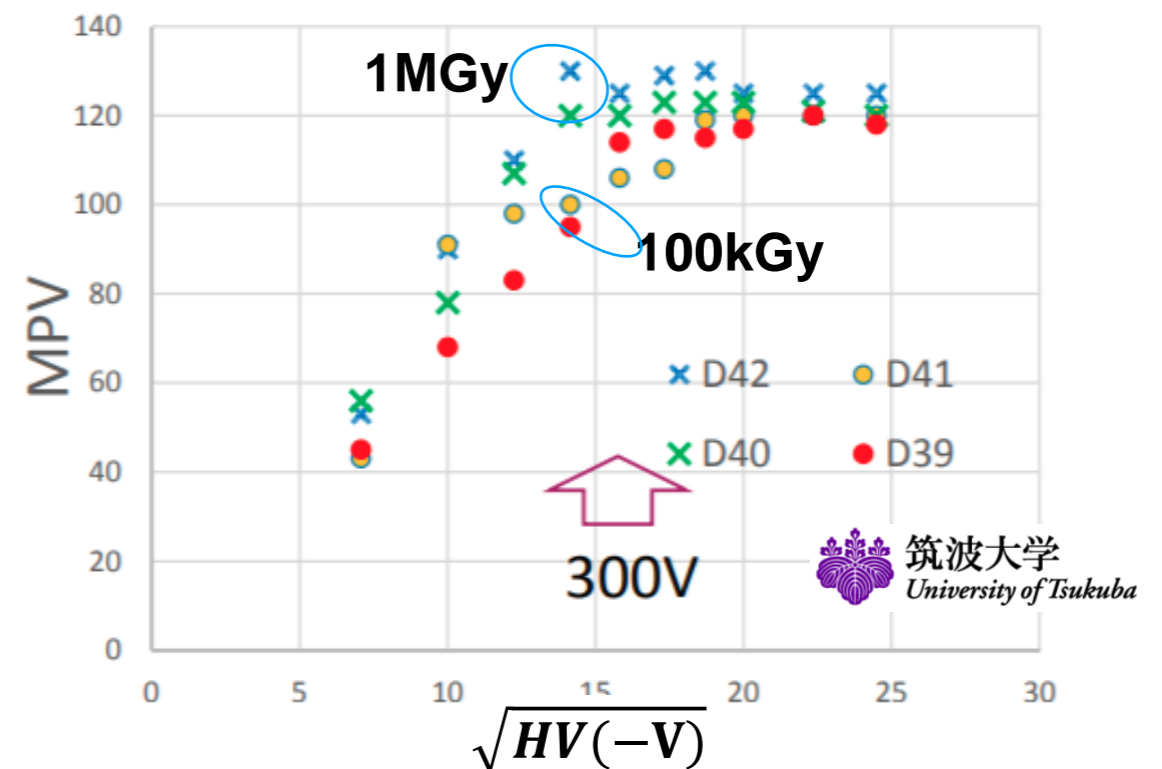
Smaller clustersize for n is as expected from more damage in CCE
Precise comparison requires understanding of collimation: distributions are reasonable

Still a lack of studies of gamma irradiated high resistivity p-type silicon sensors

Decrease in FDV and N_{eff} was observed in n-in-p sensors (ATL12) irradiated by ^{60}Co up to 1 MGy



- Initial FDV ≈ -350 V
- From CV: 100 kGy FDV ≈ -260 V ... 26% decr.
1 MGy FDV ≈ -170 V ... 51% decr.
- From CC: 100 kGy FDV ≈ -250 V
1 MGy FDV ≈ -200 V



Displacement damage caused by ^{60}Co gammas is primarily due to Compton electrons having a max energy of 1.2 MeV. Cluster production is not possible – mini.required ~ 8 MeV

Damage mechanism is different from damage caused by hadrons

Gamma irradiation (A17LS)

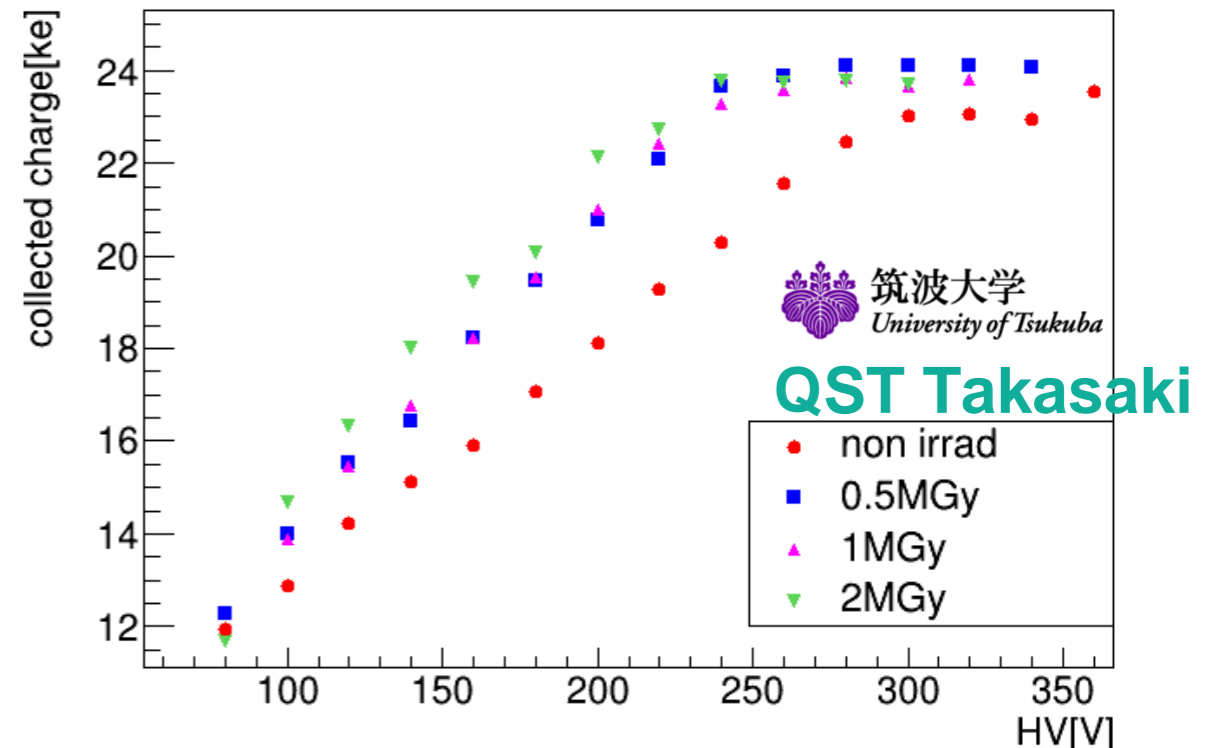
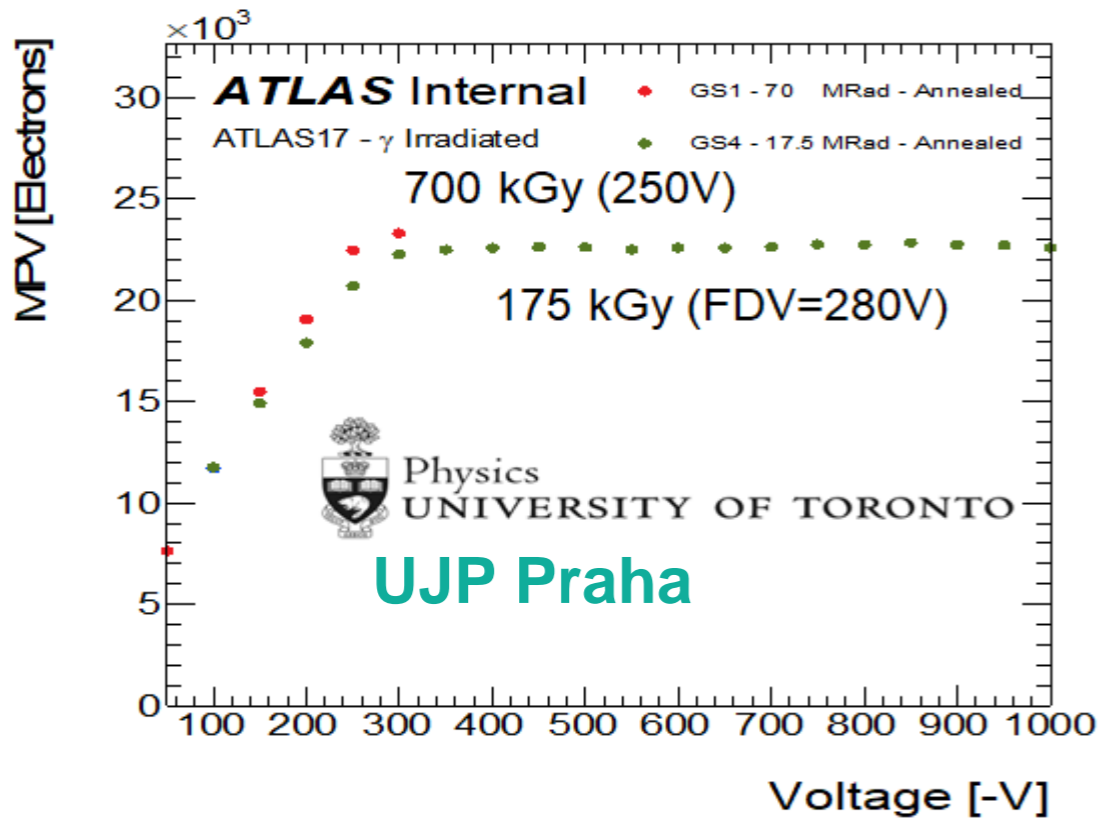
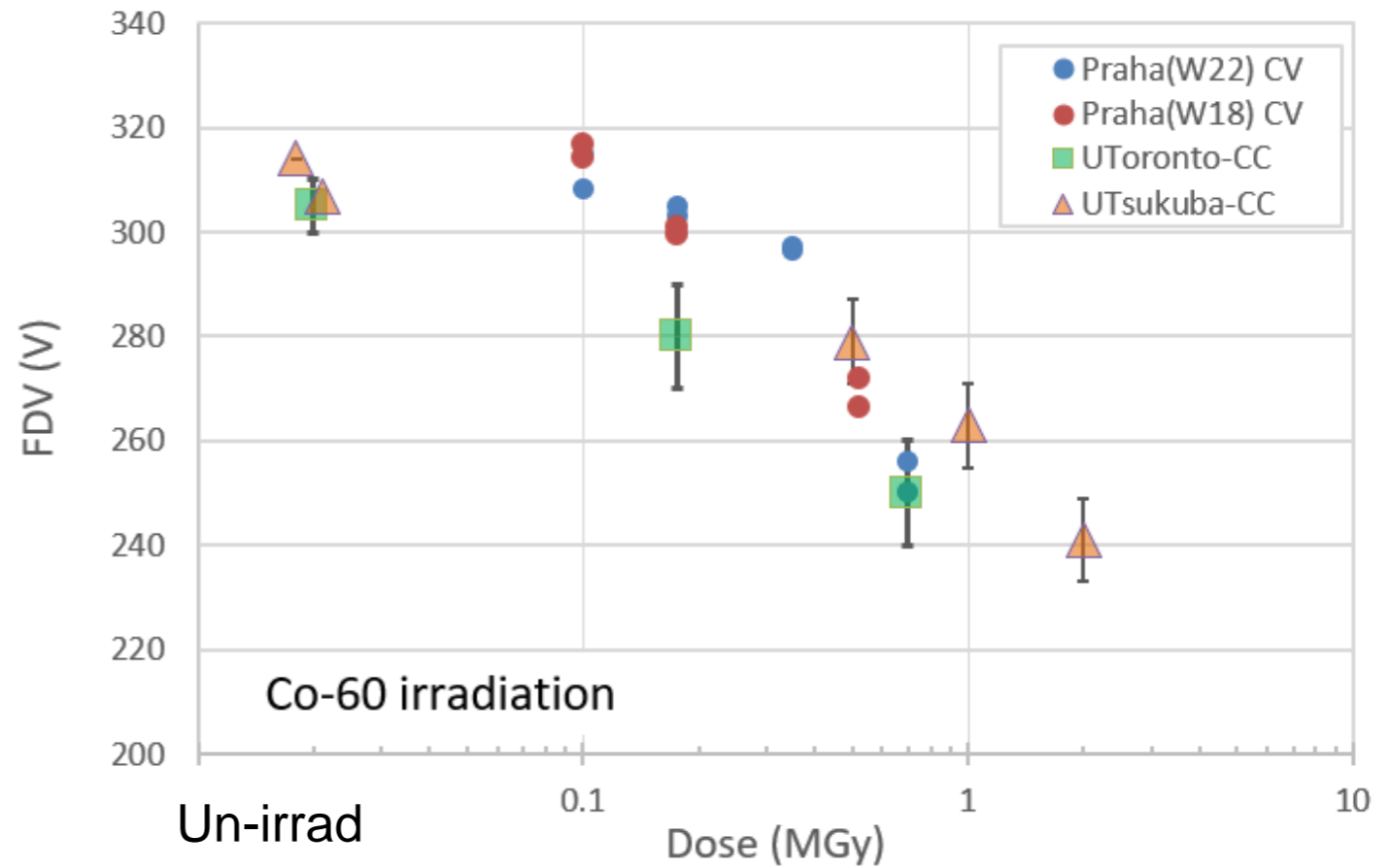
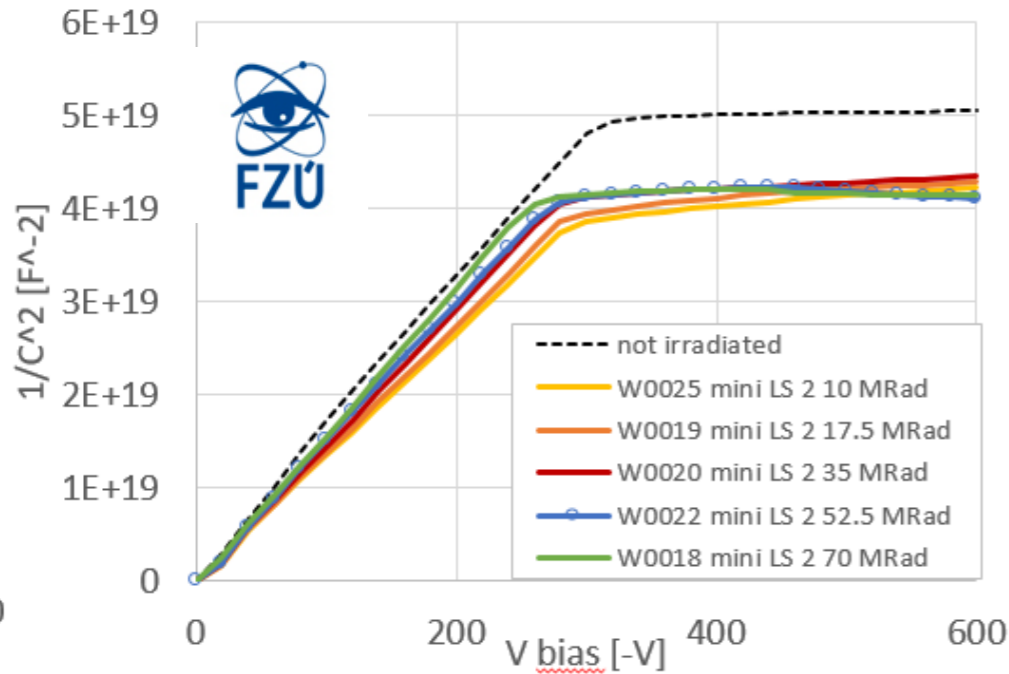
Non-irradiated sensors

- Same slope of $1/C^2 \Rightarrow$ uniform N_{eff}
- Full depletion voltage -302 ± 4 V

Irradiated sensors show smaller slopes

For extended study from CV, see M. Mikeščíková et al., "Preliminary results of bulk damage study in ^{60}Co irradiated n-in-p silicon strip sensors", presented at RD50 meeting Lancaster 2019

CV



ATLAS17LS mini's have been irradiated with protons, neutrons and gammas. CCE measurement results from various institutes are compiled.

- **ATLAS17LS behaves similar to ATLAS12. Performance evaluation presented in TDR is still valid**
- **Std (300um) and thin (240um) thick sensors behave similarly at high fluence and at moderate HV (<800V), therefore no stringent specification on active thickness is required.**
- **ClusterSize distributions are reasonable, consistent between proton and neutron irradiations, although precise comparison requires better understanding of the β collimation.**
- **Vdep decrease with gamma dose, damage probably caused by Compton electrons**

During sensor production periodical irradiation is scheduled as QA

B'ham (p), Lujb (n), Praha (γ) monthly or more frequently, and CYRIC (p) every half year to monitor any changes in bulk quality

see poster M.Ullan et.al., "Quality Assurance Methodology for the ATLAS ITk Strip Sensor Production"

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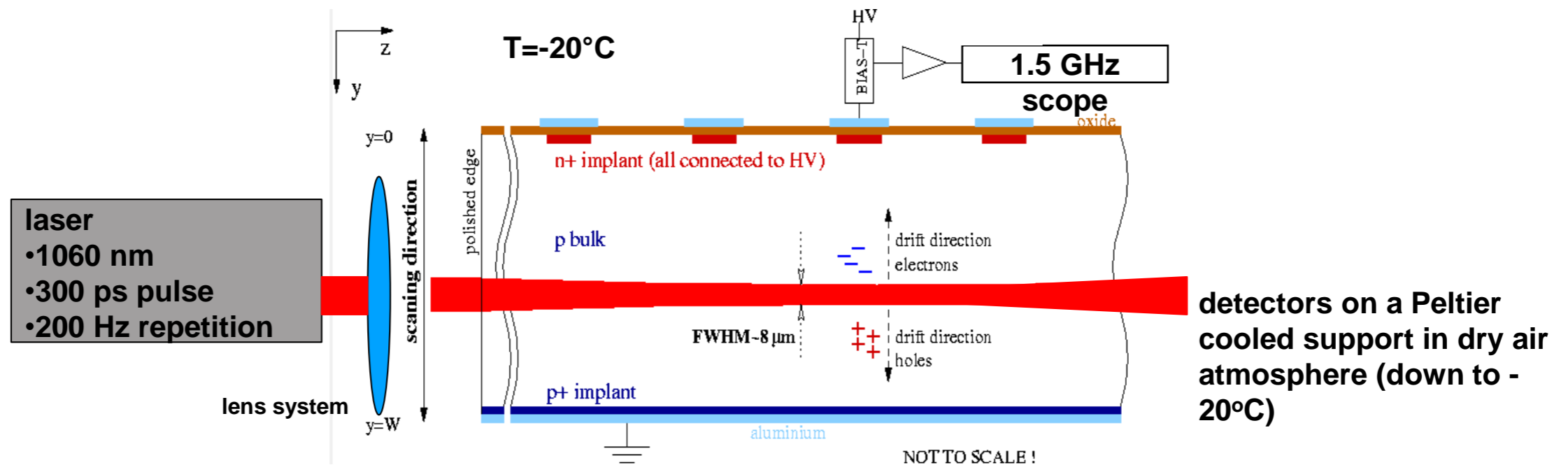
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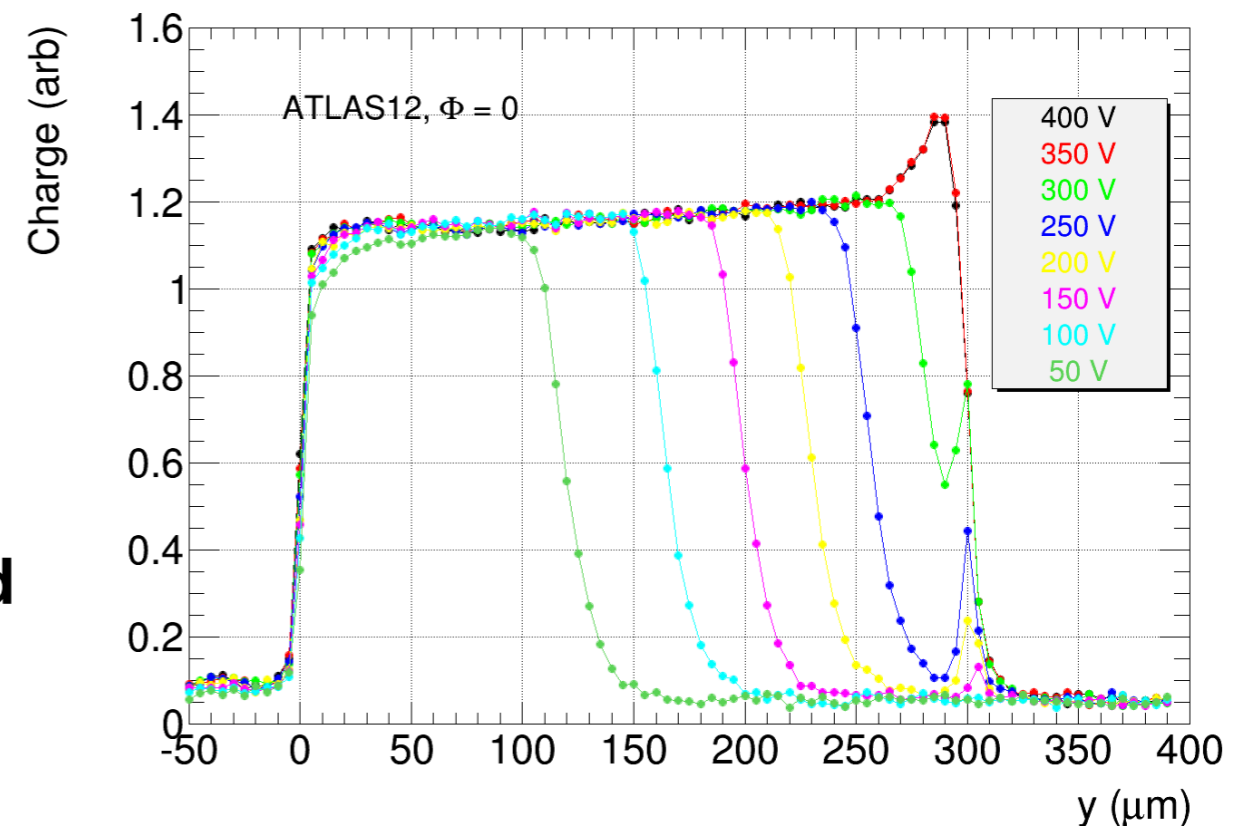
edge TCT (transient current technique)

G. Kramberger et al., PoS (VERTEX2012) 022



IR laser injected from polished side
scanning depthwise to investigate
the charge collection dependence in
depth
=> E-field distribution in depth

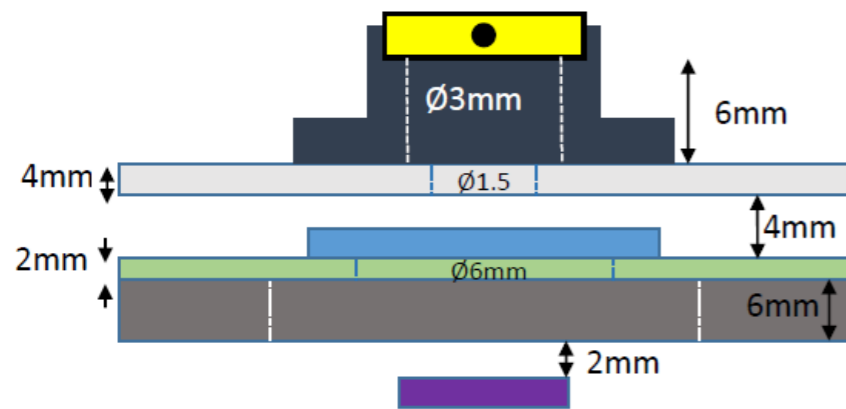
Charge collection (un-irrad
sensor) for various bias
voltages



Collection of beta setup drawings



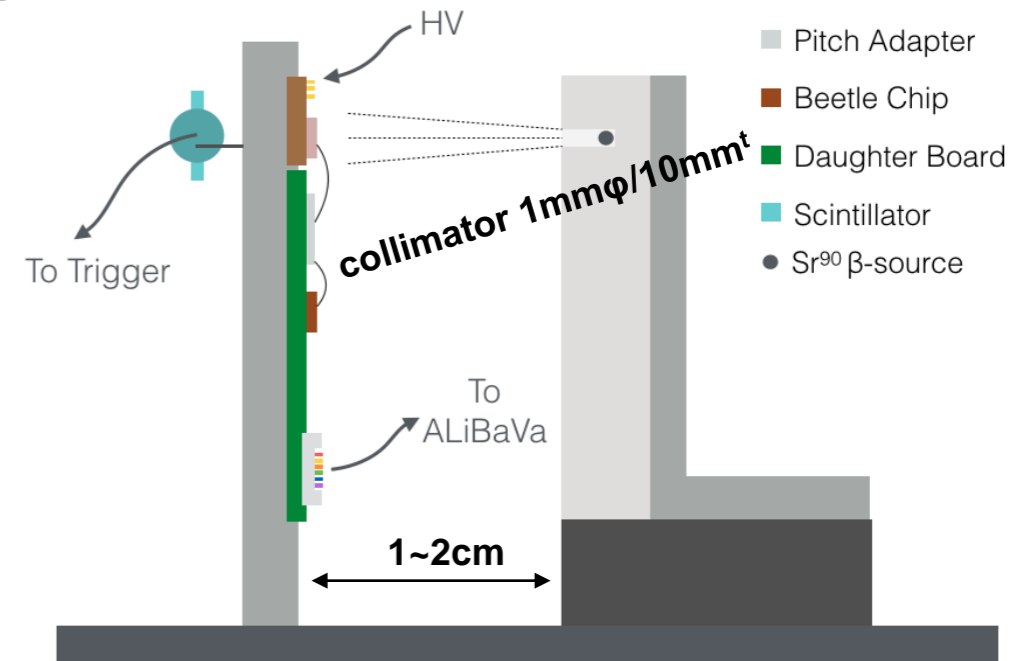
New collimator



- Sr90 source
- Plastic holder
- Al collimator
- Sensor
- PCB
- Al base
- Scintillator



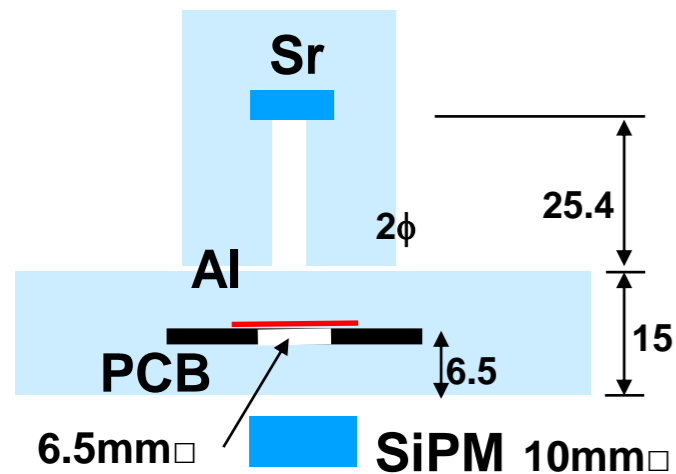
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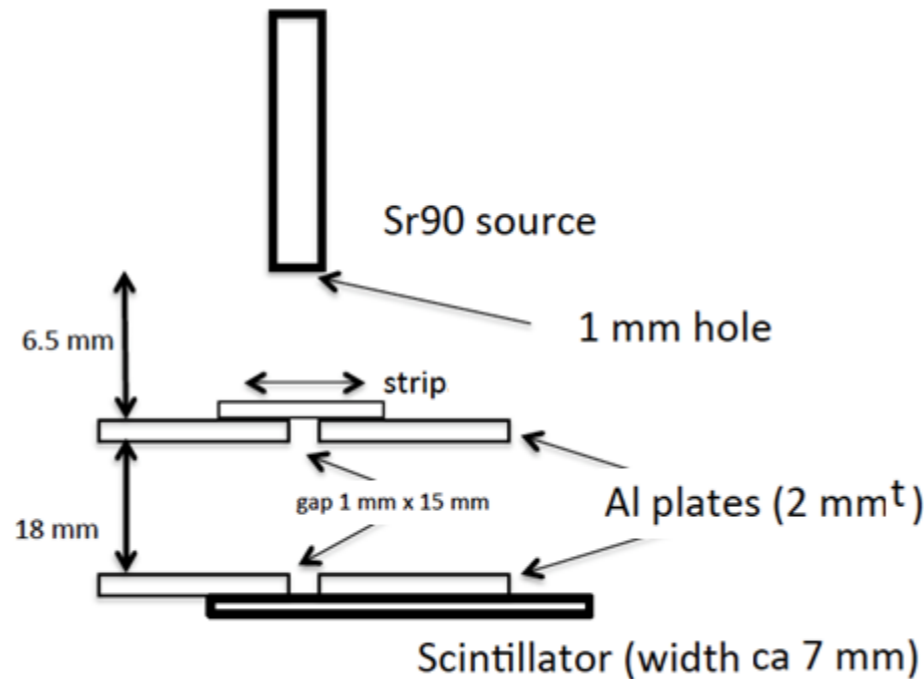
- Sensor
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- Daughter Board
- Scintillator
- Sr⁹⁰ β-source



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