

Performance of irradiated FBK 3D sensors for the ATLAS ITk pixel detector



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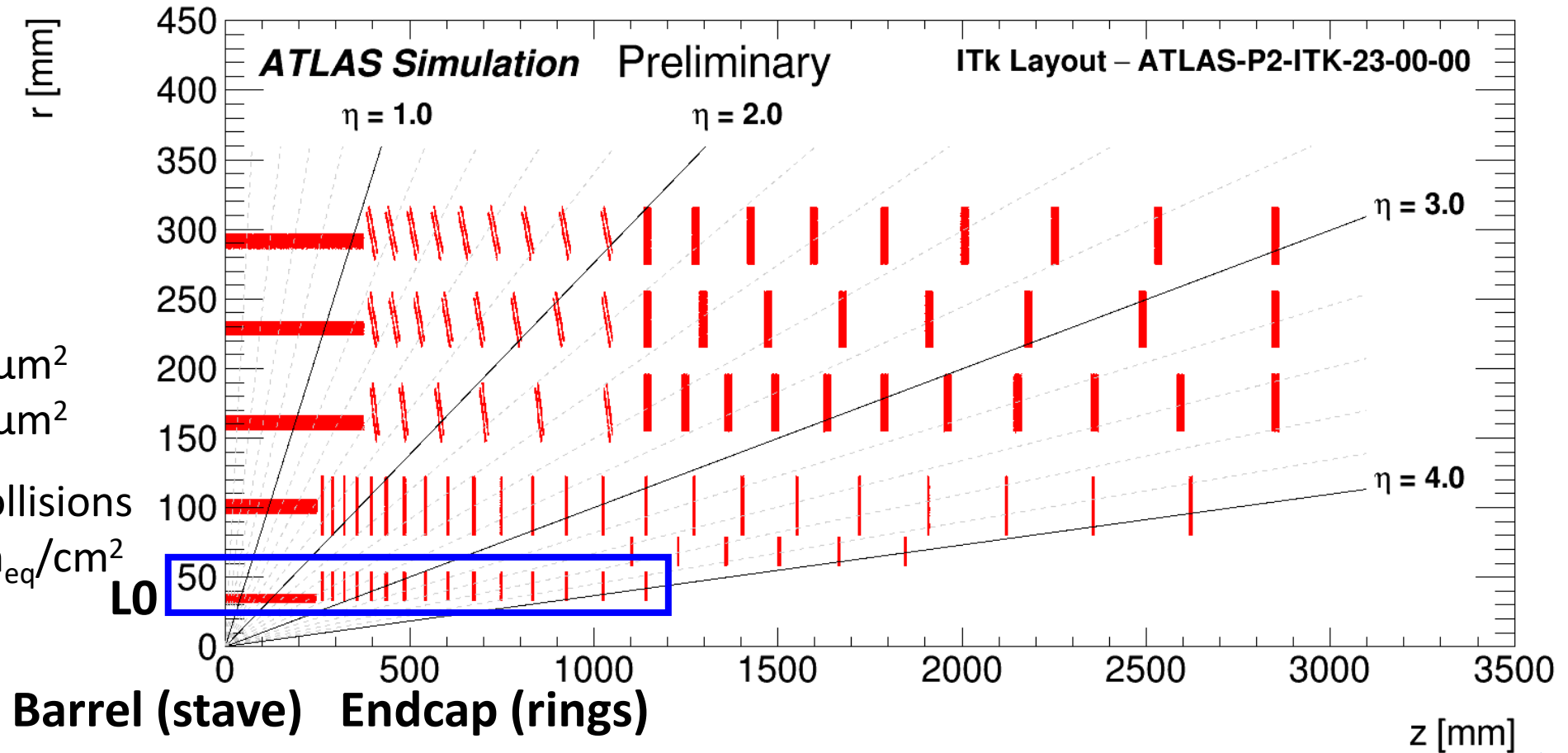
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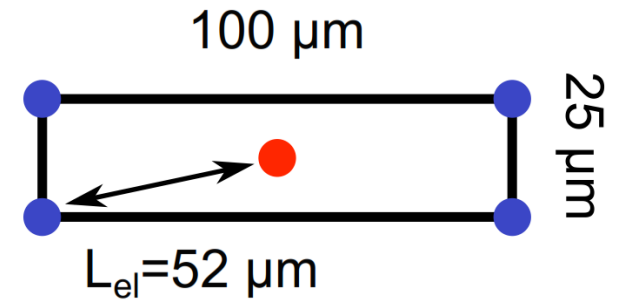
Introduction

- Inner Tracker (ITk): a new silicon tracking detector in preparation for the ATLAS upgrade at the HiLumi-LHC
- Pixel: R&D phase to find the best solution, as a compromise between radiation tolerance and performance
- Details of the latest design version: <https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/PLOTS/ITK-2020-002/>
- 5 layer of pixels:
 - **L4**: Planar sensors
 - **L3**: Planar sensors
 - **L2**: Planar sensors
 - **L1**: Planar sensors
 - **L0**: 3D sensors
 - Barrel: $25 \times 100 \mu\text{m}^2$
 - Endcap: $50 \times 50 \mu\text{m}^2$
- Barrel at 34 mm from collisions
 - Dose up to $1.8 \times 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$
- L0 triplet modules
 - barrel: 288
 - endcap: 900



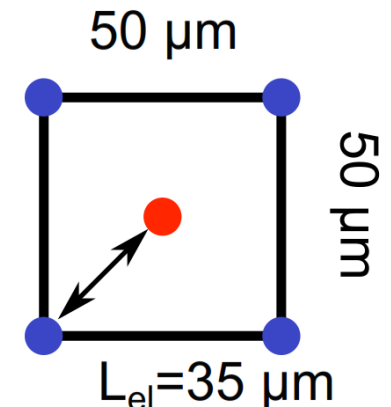
- L0 of the ITk Pixel detector will be equipped with 3D sensors
 - 25x100 μm^2 in the barrel \rightarrow linear triplet modules to be placed on stave
 - 50x50 μm^2 in the endcap \rightarrow curved triplet modules to be placed on ring
- In the last years, several R&D production of wafers by FBK
 - Batch 2: Mask aligner, 130 μm active thickness
 - 5 wafers: 2 to Leonardo and 3 to IZM
 - Batch 3: Stepper, 150 μm active thickness
 - 11 wafers: 2 to Leonardo and 2 to IZM
 - Sensors 1x2 cm^2 compatible with the RD53A chip
 - Assembled in modules (3D sensor + RD53A chip) on card (SCC)
- In this talk, a summary of results from FBK 3D sensor irradiated modules
 - Moreover, also diodes test structures irradiated and tested
- Meanwhile FBK, CNM and SINTEF foundries are preparing for pre-production
- ATLAS institutes are preparing for ITk module assembly and test
 - Briefly introducing the triplet module and an assembly method (Genoa)

25x100 μm^2 , 1E



L0 barrel

50x50 μm^2 , 1E



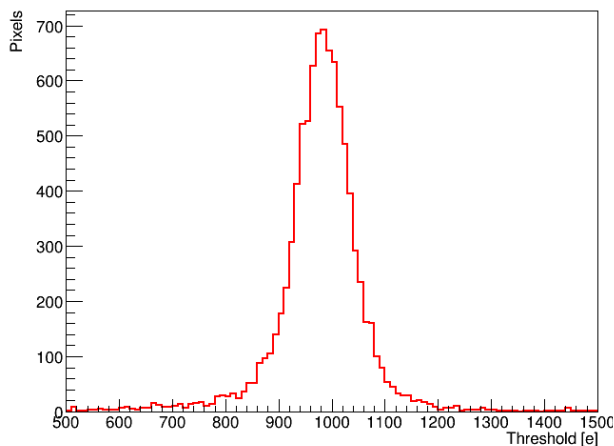
L0 rings

- Recent results from 6 RD53A modules built from batch 3 sensors (150 μm active thickness)
 - Irradiated uniformly at CYRIC (70 MeV protons)
 - Fluence: $1.0e16 n_{eq}/cm^2$
 - TID: 700 Mrad
- 2 sensors from wafer 27 (thinned)
 - F03_27_25x100-1E_D4.1 \rightarrow damages to chip WBs \rightarrow in lab, measured IV
 - F03_27_50x50-1E_E6.5 \rightarrow damages to chip WBs \rightarrow in lab, measured IV
- 2 sensors from wafer 27 (thinned)
 - F03_27_25x100-1E_D10.4 \rightarrow sensor OK, but problematic chip \rightarrow only IV
 - F03_27_25x100-1E_D11.2 \rightarrow sensor high current, while chip OK \rightarrow only IV
- 2 sensors from wafer 30 (not thinned)
 - F03_30_50x50-1E_E3.3 \rightarrow sensor and chip OK \rightarrow IV and testbeam data \rightarrow
 - F03_30_25x100-1E_D9.5 \rightarrow sensor and chip OK \rightarrow IV and testbeam data \rightarrow
- Testbeam data results shown today for E3.3 and D9.5
 - Data taking at DESY in October 2020

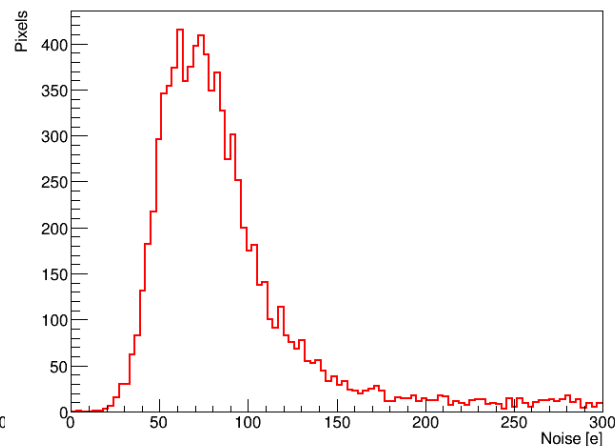


- Data taking at DESY II 6 GeV electron beam
- Chip tuning: Differential Front End
- Top right corner: bumps damaged → no hits recorded there

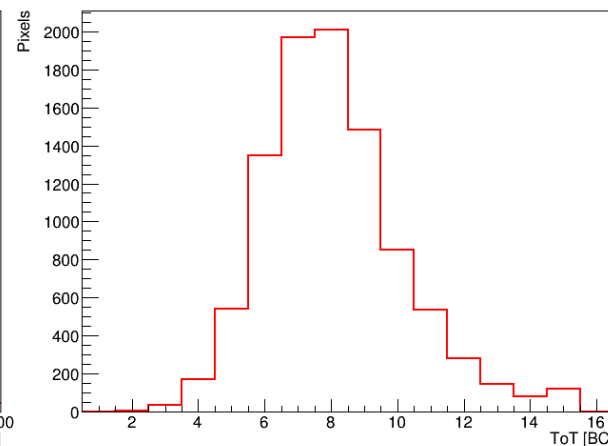
RD53A
Differential
Front End



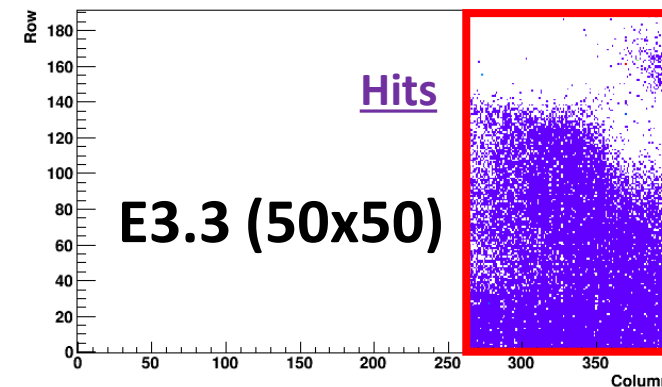
Threshold: 1ke



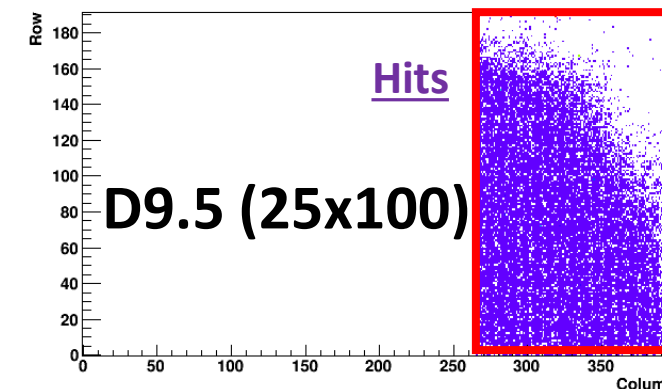
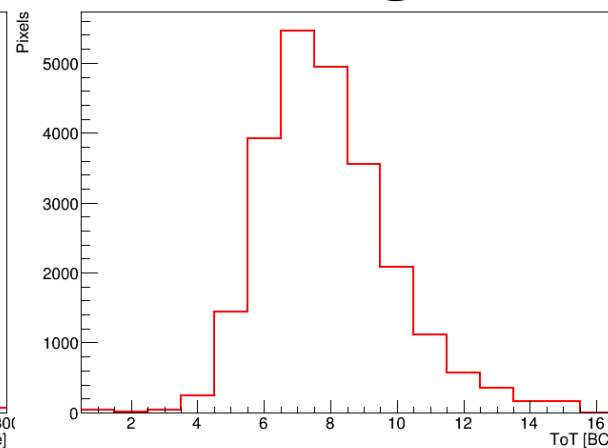
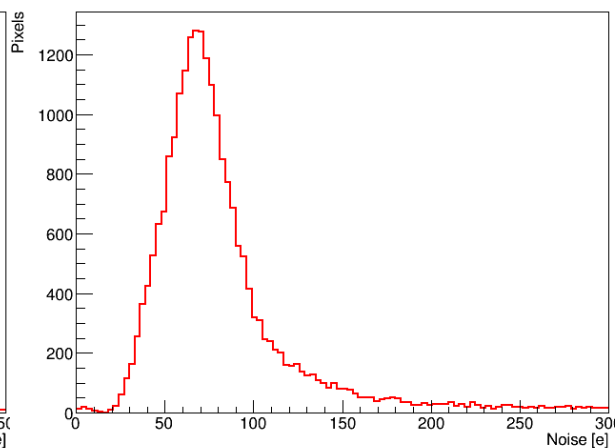
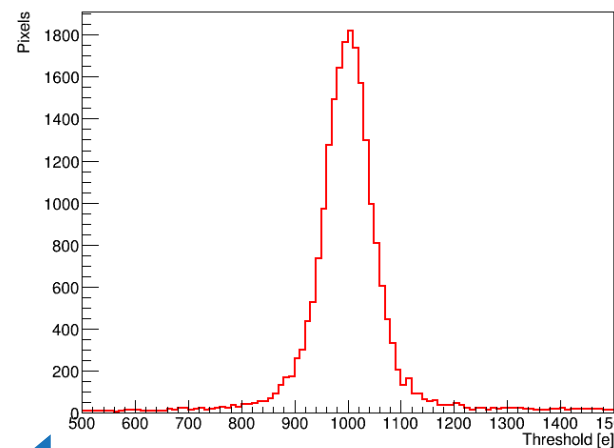
Noise: ~70e



ToT: 10ke @ 7 BC



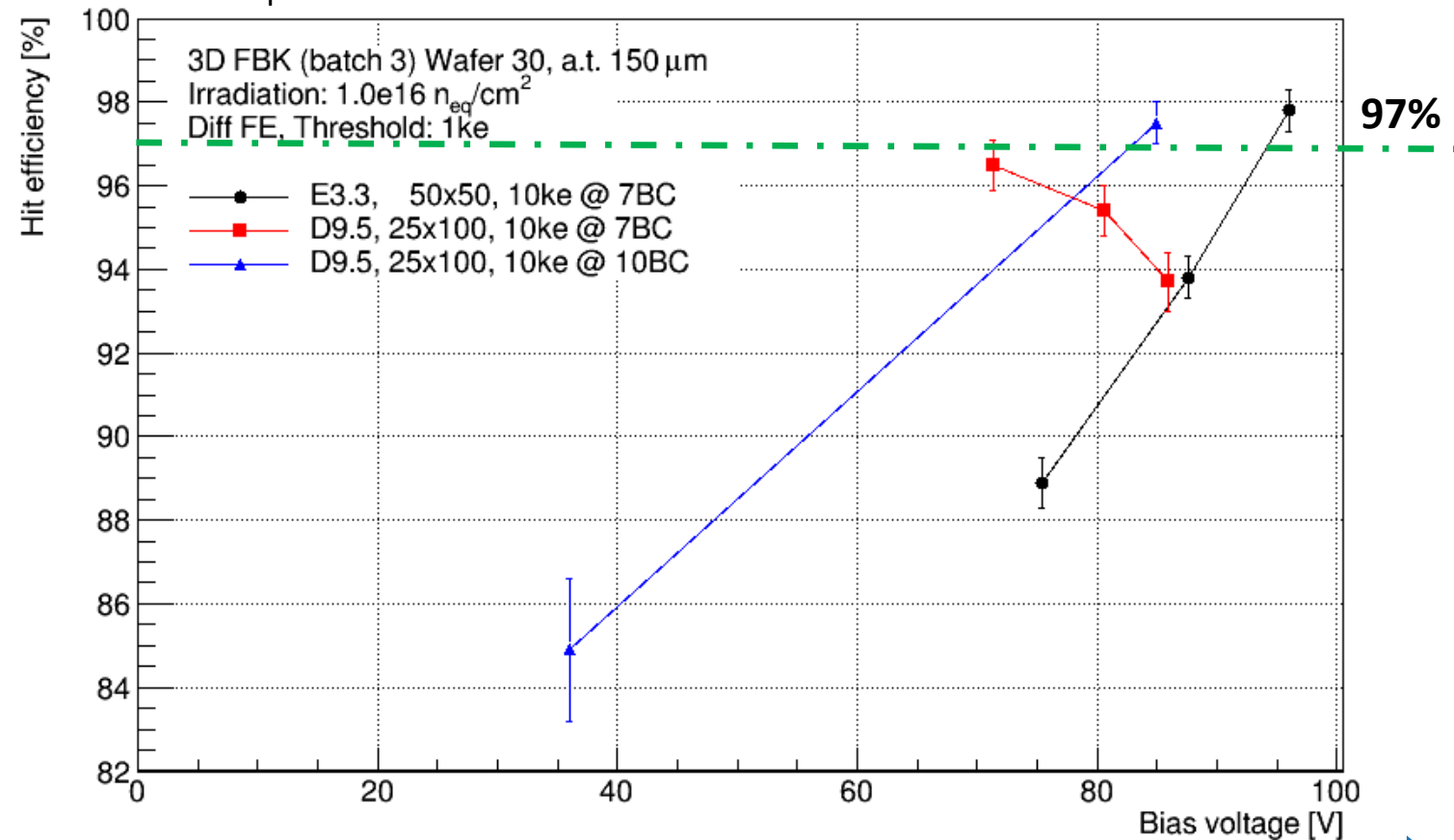
Data taking



- Hit detection efficiency higher than 97% above 90 V bias
 - Confirmation of many experimental results from other pixel modules irradiated to $1.0e16 \text{ n}_{eq}/\text{cm}^2$
 - Testing modules irradiated to $1.0e16 \text{ n}_{eq}/\text{cm}^2$ has become a routine
 - Planning an irradiation campaign up to $2.0e16 \text{ n}_{eq}/\text{cm}^2$ at Los Alamos in June 2021

- **Unexpected behaviour of D9.5**

- Decreasing efficiency at higher V_{eff}
- Let's take a look at the charge collection!

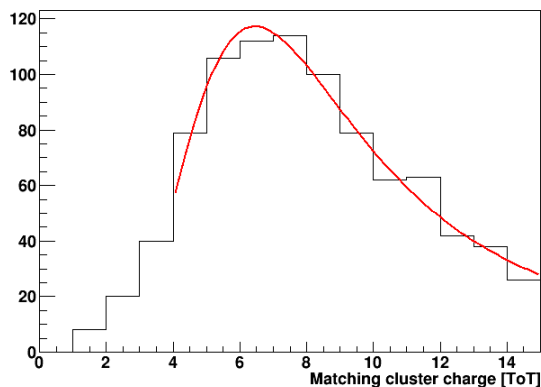


D9.5 ToT tuning 10ke @ 10BC

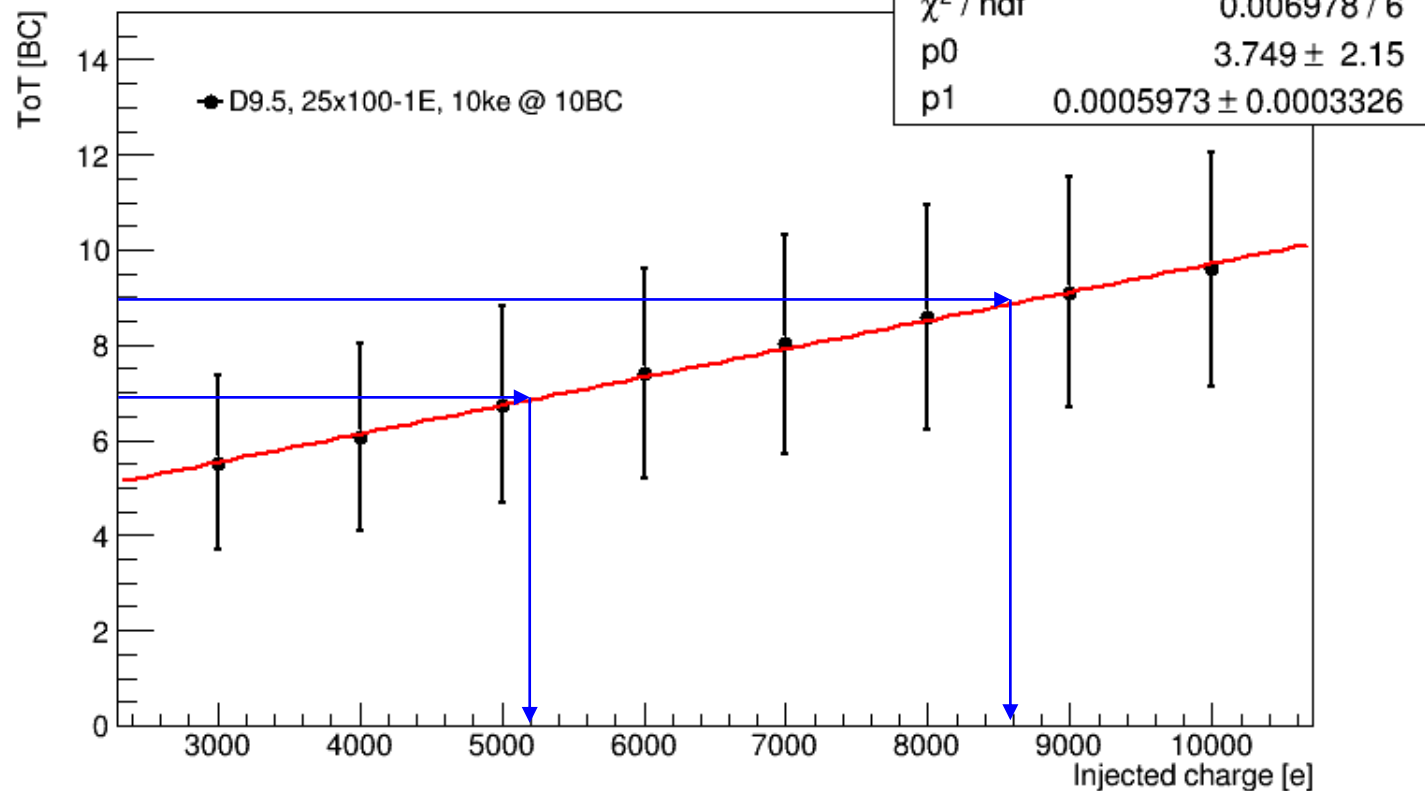
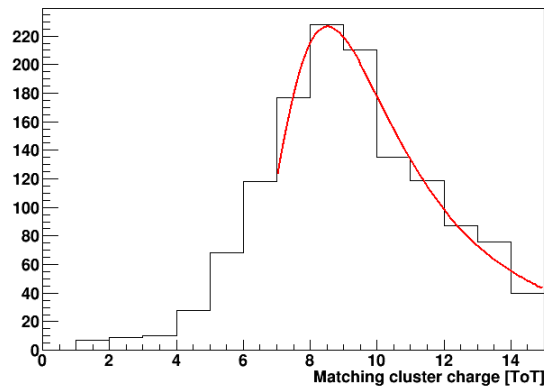
- D9.5 (25x100 μm^2) module, ToT tuning: 10ke @ 10BC
- ToT vs charge calibration extrapolated by injecting 3-to-10ke charge
- Cluster ToT converted in charge exploiting the calibration
- Higher V bias \rightarrow cluster ToT \rightarrow collected charge \rightarrow efficiency
 - At 97% efficiency, collected 8.5 ke charge (75% of 11ke expected)

V_{eff} [V]	Cluster ToT MPV	Charge [ke]	Eff [%]
36.0	6.8	5.2	84.9
85.0	8.8	8.6	97.5

$V_{\text{eff}} = 36 \text{ V}$
Eff = 84.9 %

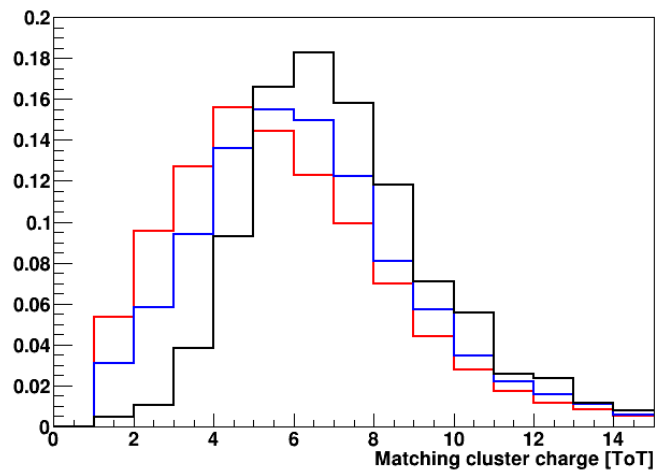
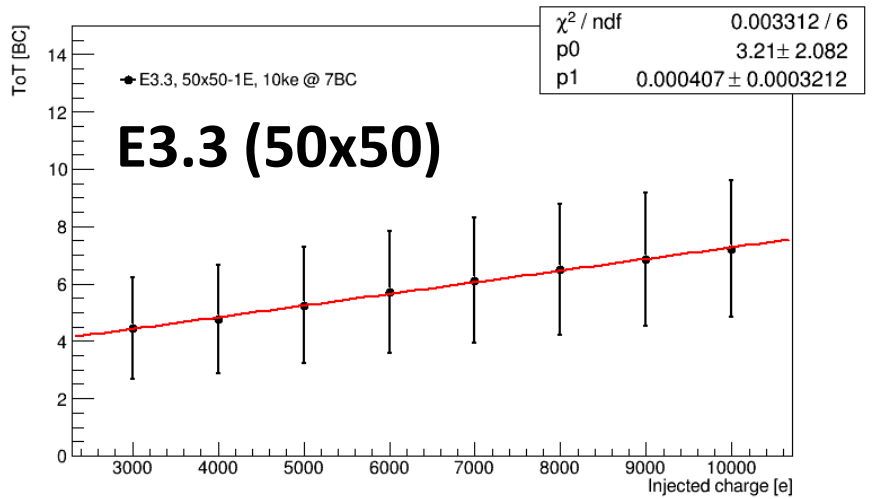


$V_{\text{eff}} = 85 \text{ V}$
Eff = 97.5 %



E3.3 - D9.5 ToT tuning: 10ke @ 7BC

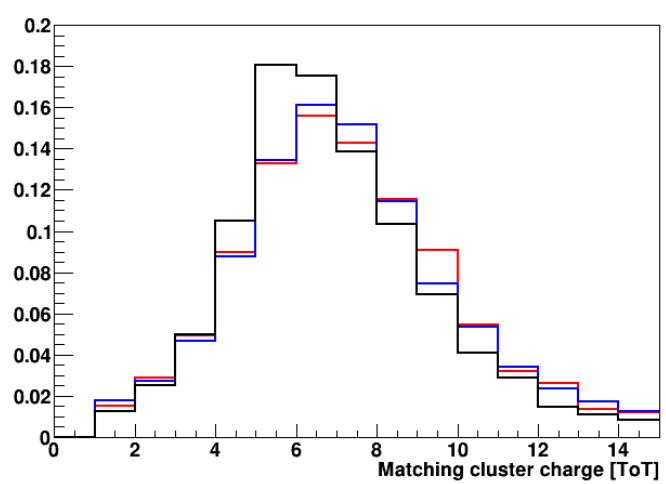
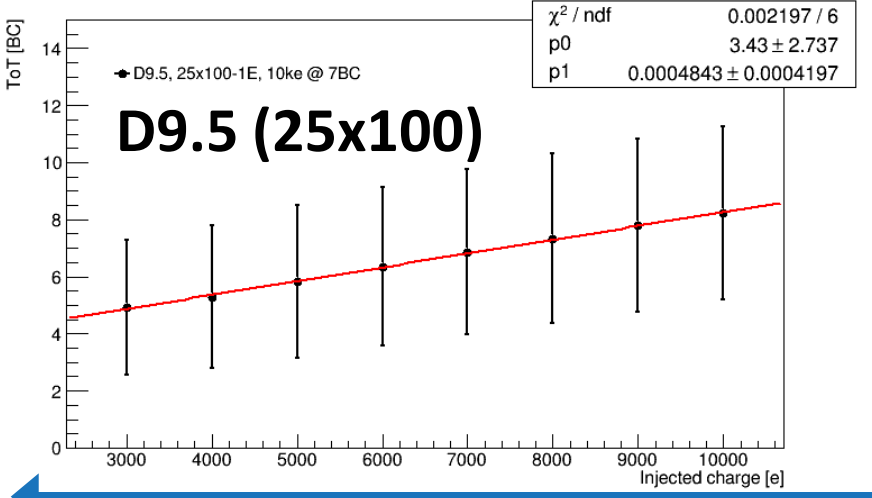
- Again, exploiting the calibration curve, the collected charge was extrapolated from the cluster ToT
- Tuning of D9.5 was not effective: ToT & charge decreased when increasing V bias → could explain eff. drop



V_{eff} [V]	Cluster ToT MPV	Charge [ke]	Eff [%]
75.4	4.8	4.2	88.9
87.6	5.7	6.1	93.8
96.0	6.4	7.5	97.8

↑ Eff.

(70% of 11ke expected in 150 μm)

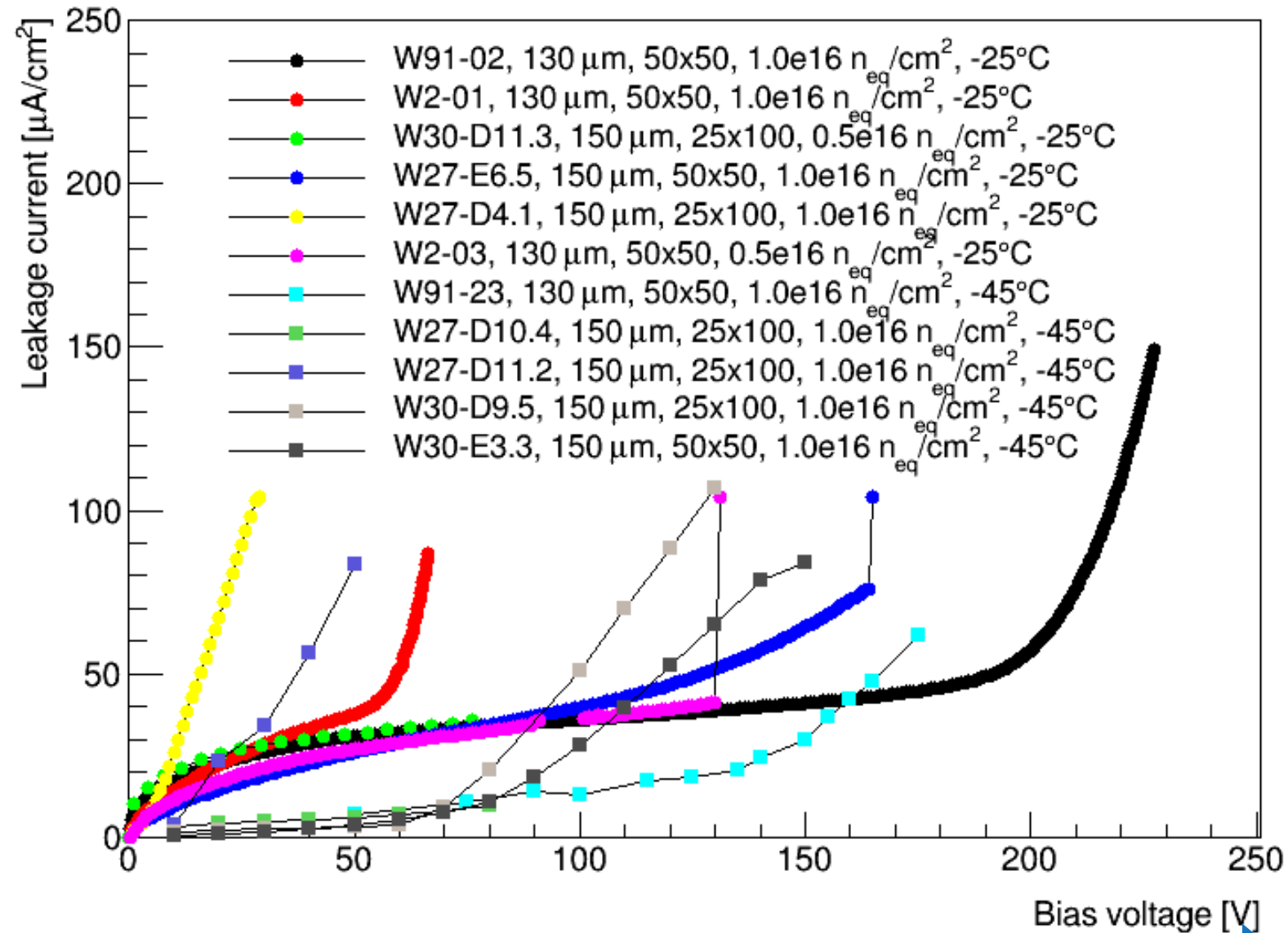


V_{eff} [V]	Cluster ToT MPV	Charge [ke]	Eff [%]
71.4	6.7	6.8	96.5
80.6	6.6	6.8	95.4
86.0	6.0	5.2	93.7

↓ Eff.

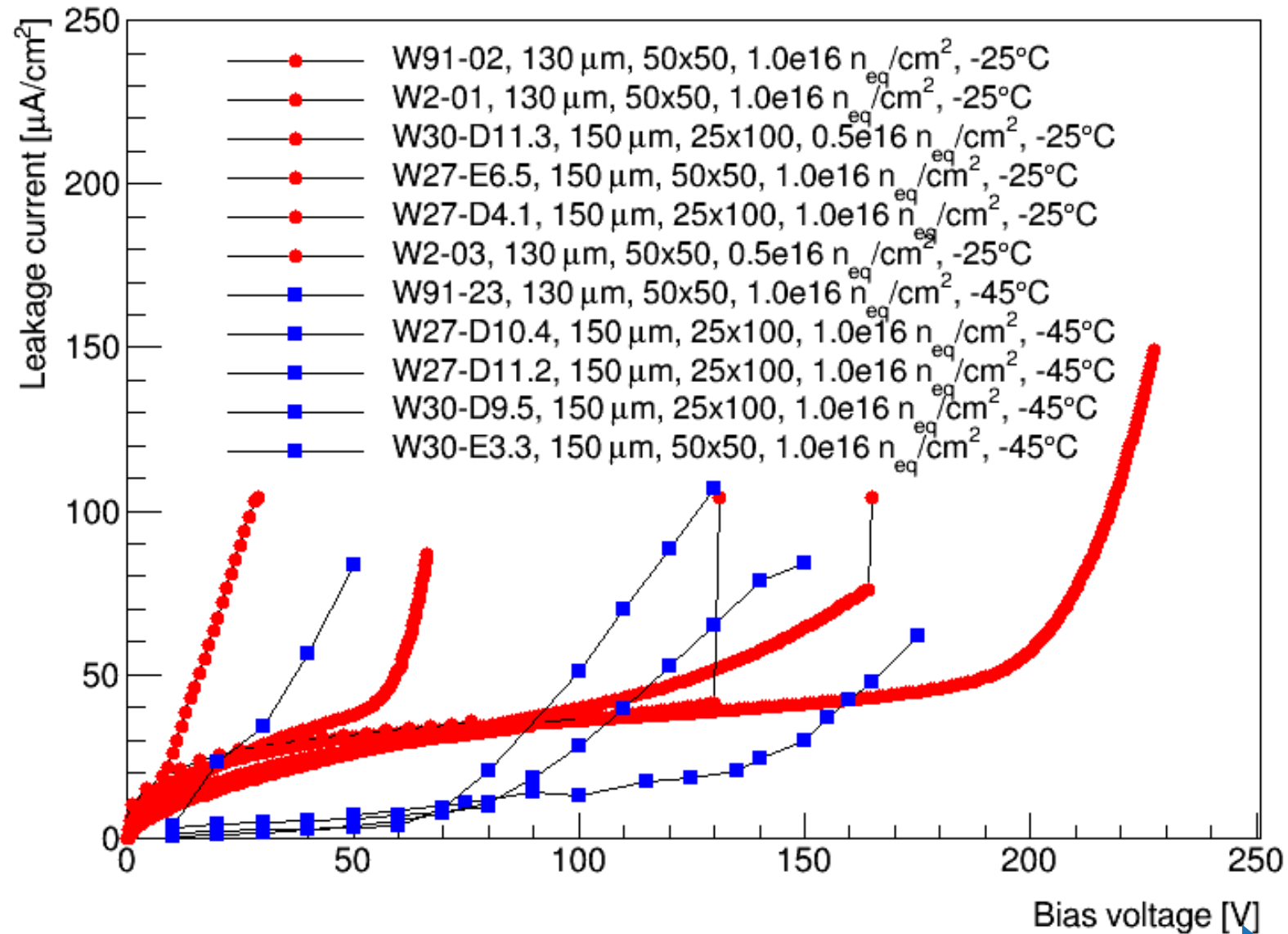
IV of irradiated 1x2 cm² sensors

- 3D sensor + RD53A chip modules
- Irradiated at different facilities
- Different annealing times

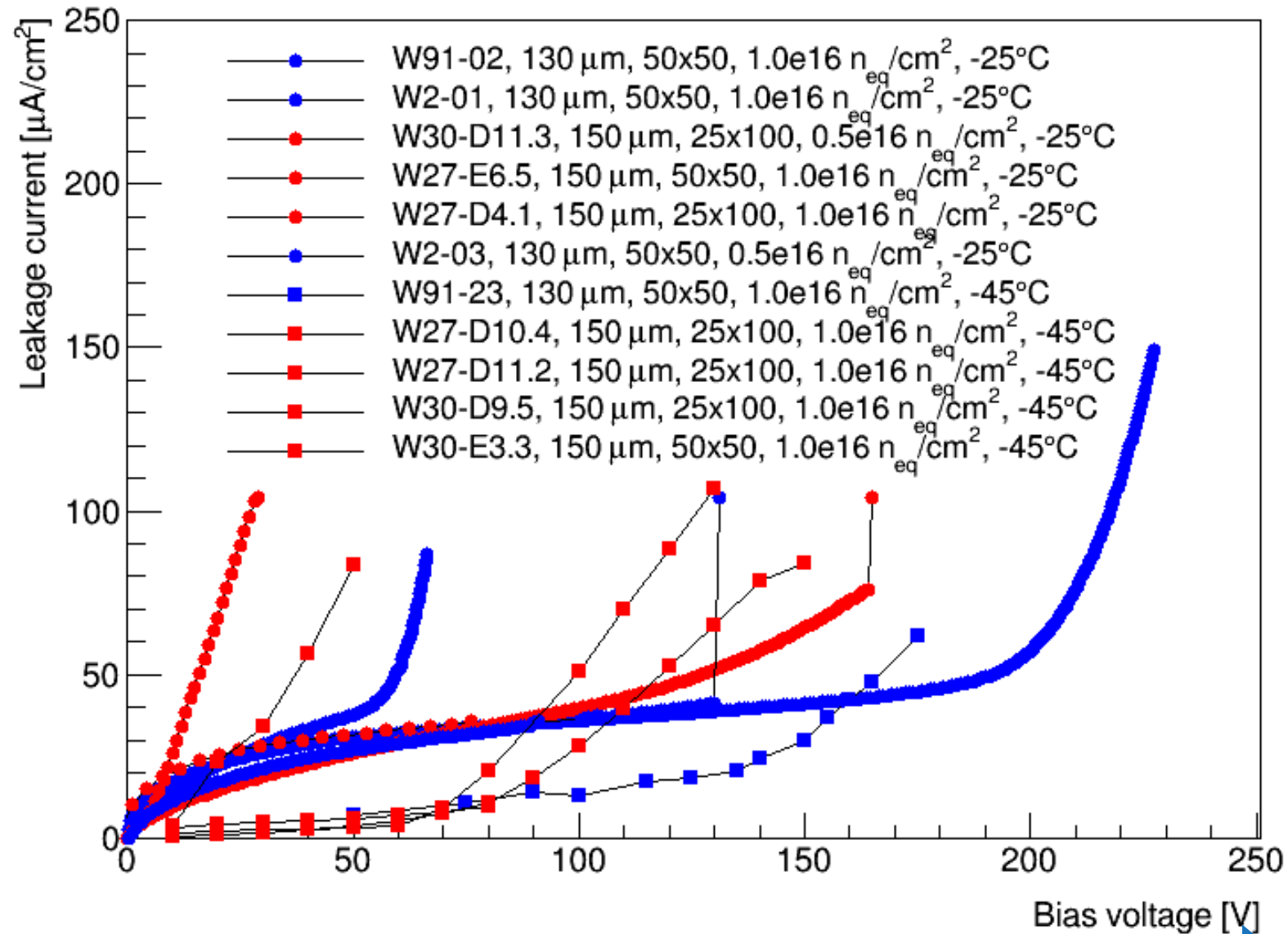


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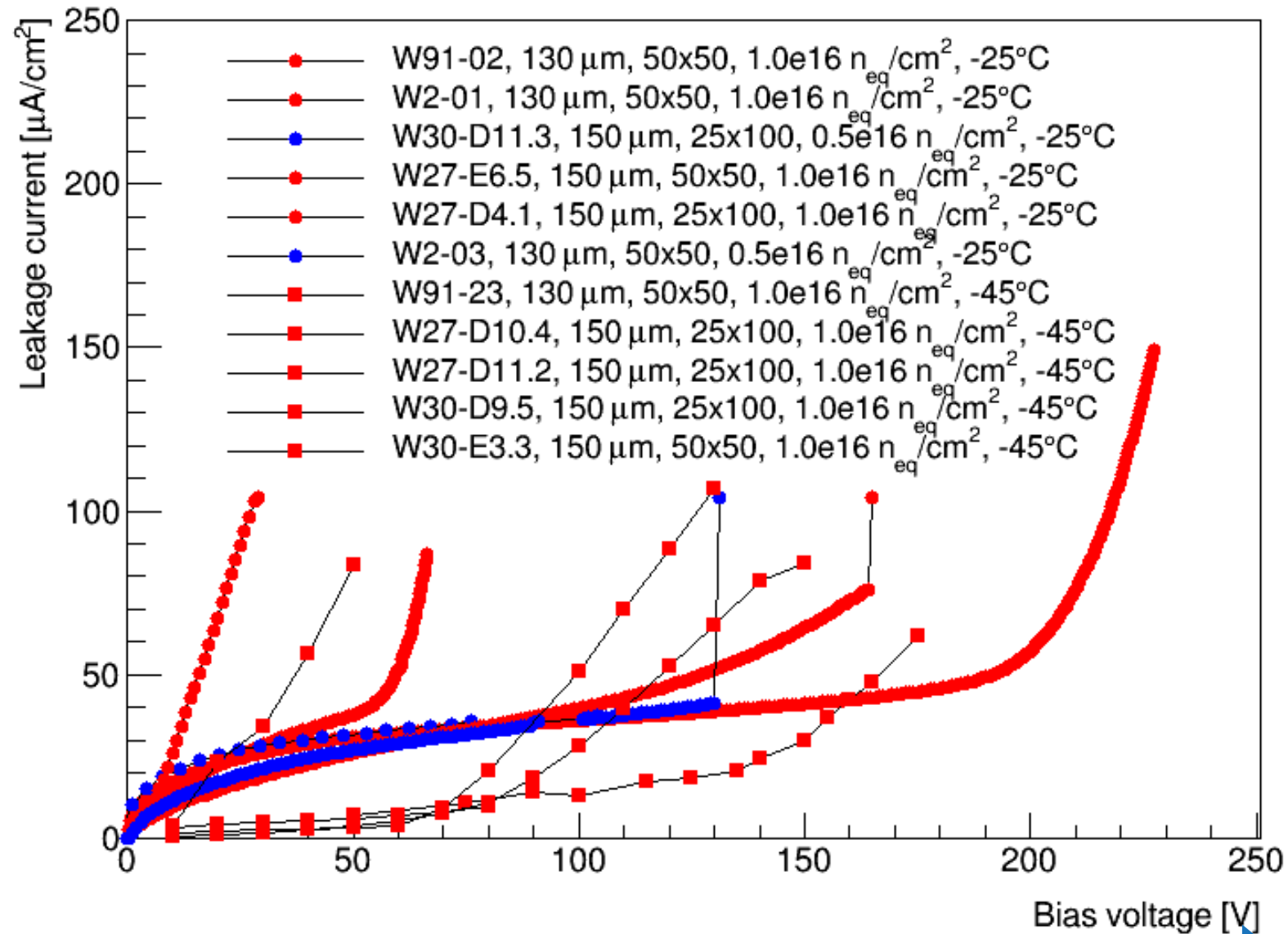
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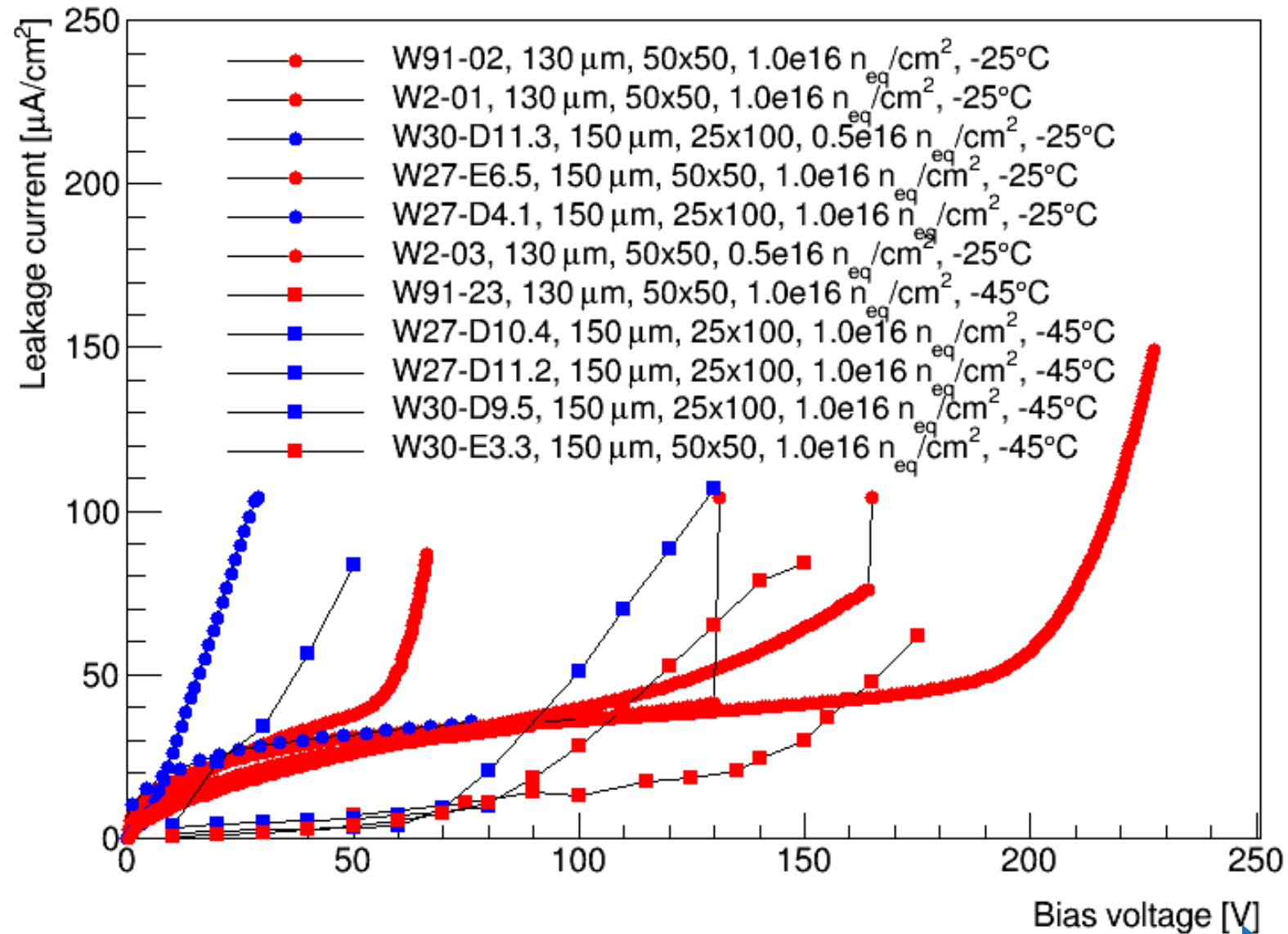
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- Not visible effect of active thickness:
 - **Blue: Batch 2, 130 μm a.t.**
 - **Red: Batch 3, 150 μm a.t.**



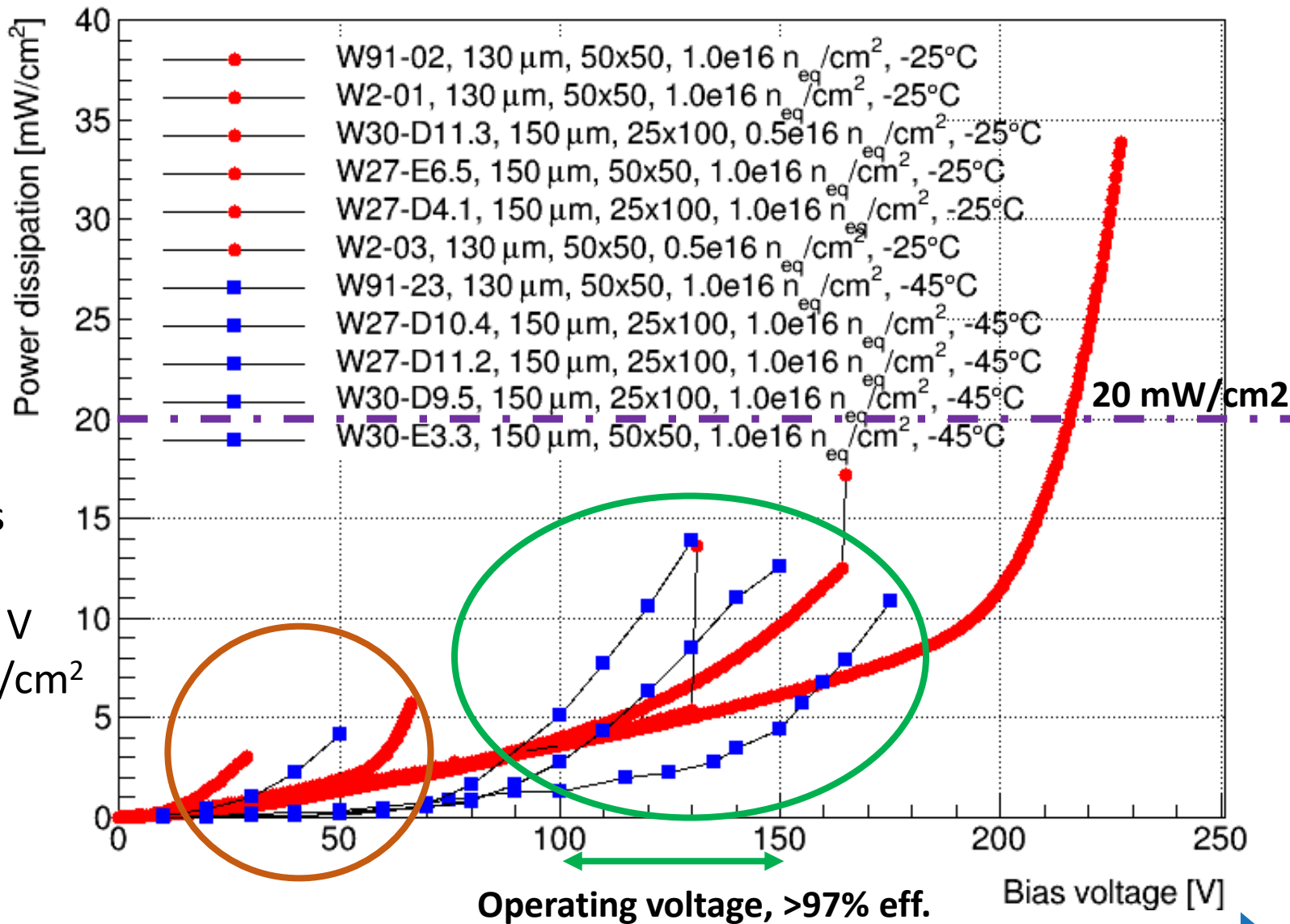
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- Not visible effect of active thickness
- Negligible effect of additional dose:
 - Blue: 0.5e16 n_{eq}/cm²
 - Red: 1.0e16 n_{eq}/cm²



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 - Dots: in lab, -25°C
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- Not visible effect of active thickness
- Negligible effect of different dose
- Not significant effect of pixel size:
 - **Blue: 25x100**
 - **Red: 50x50**

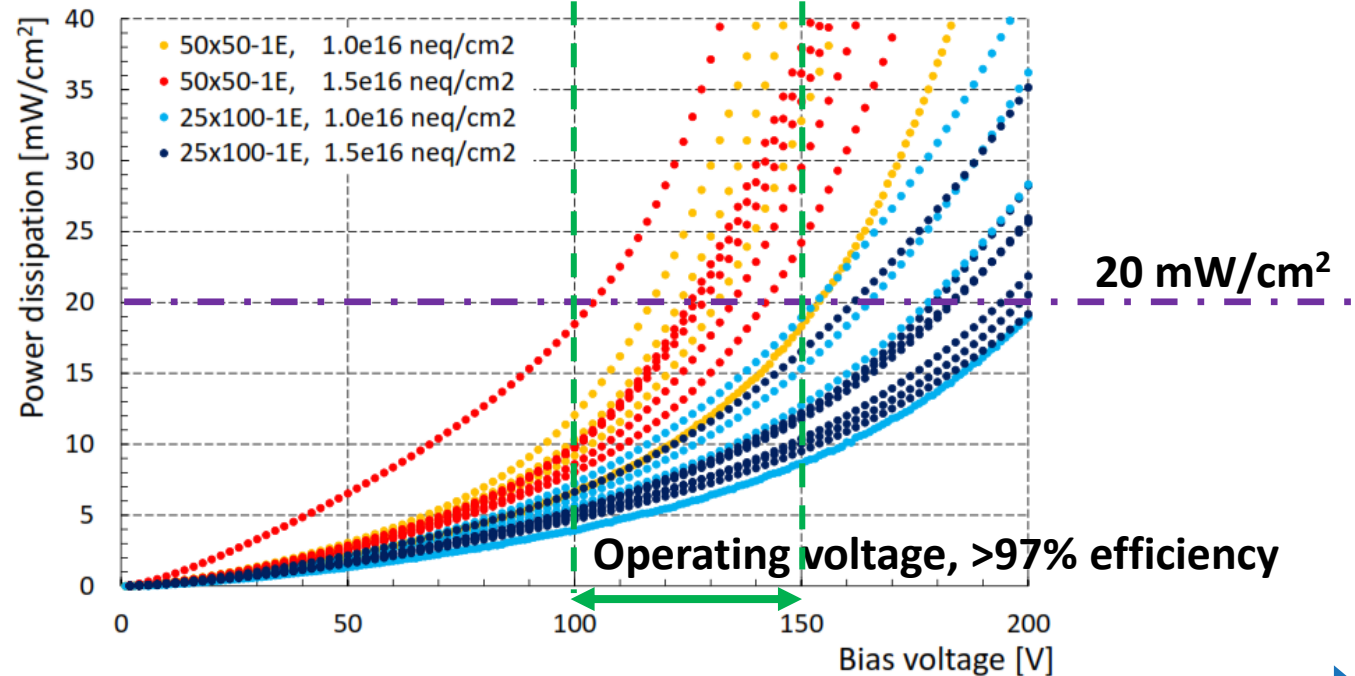
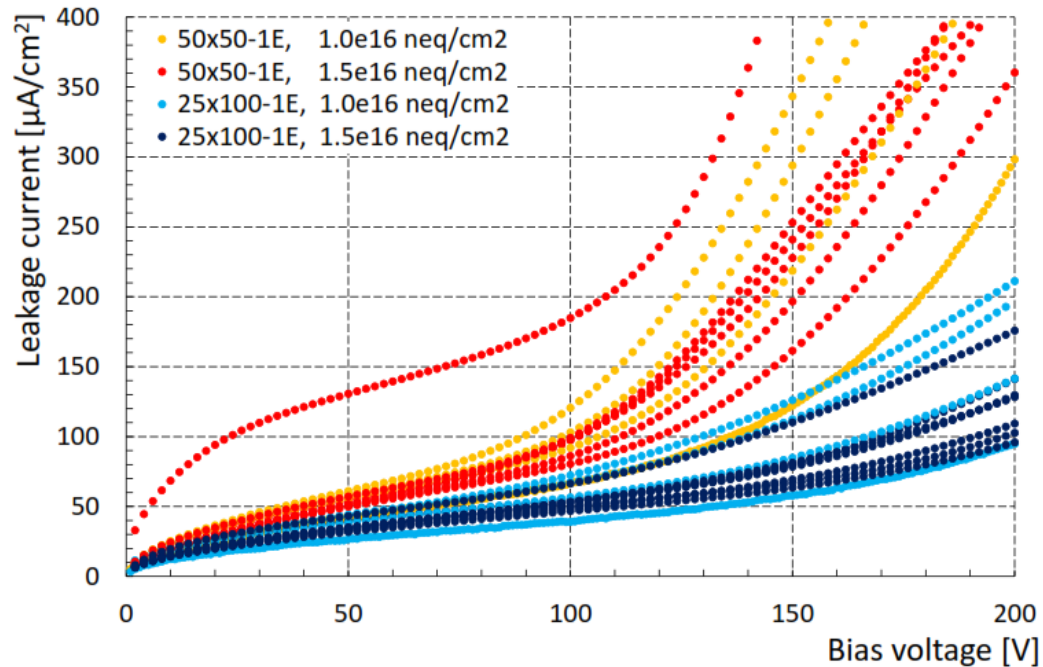


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- Irradiated at different facilities
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 - **Red dots: in lab, -25°C**
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- **Power dissipation:**
 - Not possible to disentangle effects
 - Some early breakdowns → avoid!
 - Most IVs increase around 100-150 V
 - Power diss. still below 20 mW/cm²

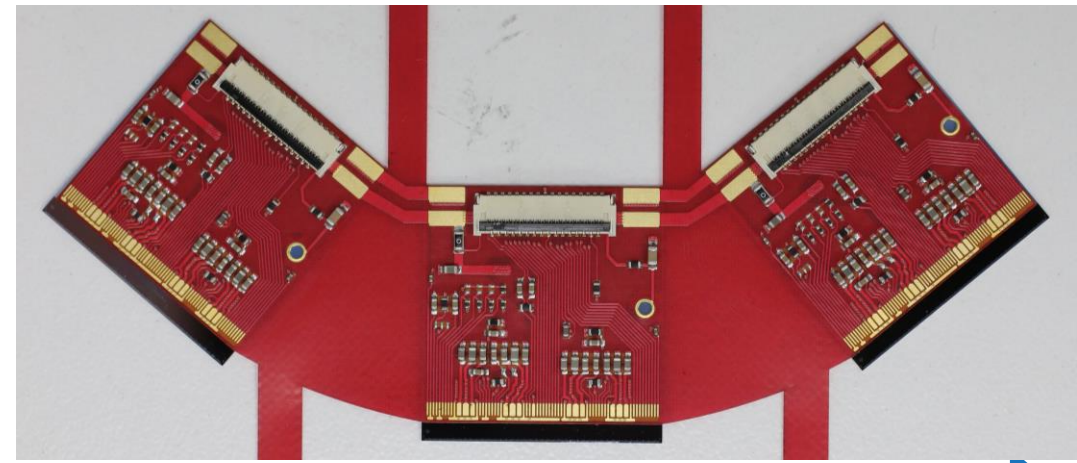
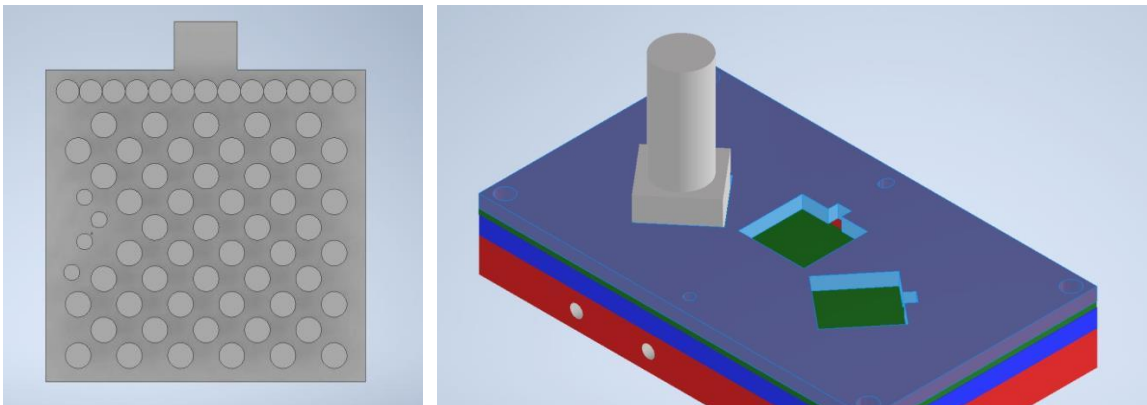
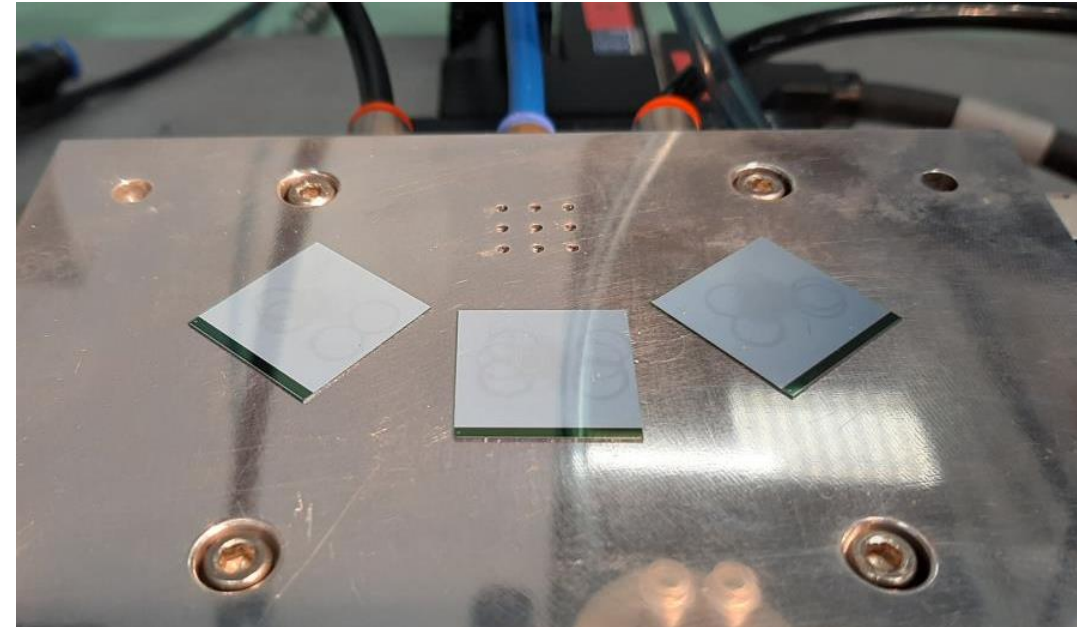


Diodes: IV and power dissipation

- 2 mm² diodes (n⁺ columns shorted together) were produced together with modules inside FBK wafers
 - Irradiated to 1.0 and 1.5e16 n_{eq}/cm² with neutrons at JSI reactor, Lubiana
 - IV measured at -25°C (ITk operation temperature) in climate chamber
 - Spread between different diodes higher than the effect of higher dose (1.0 to 1.5e16 n_{eq}/cm²)
 - 25x100 μm² performs better with respect to 50x50 μm² (lower current → lower power dissipation)
 - Power dissipation around 20 mW/cm² in the range 100-150 V of bias voltage (> 97% effic. since 80-90 V)
 - Small size diodes, contribution of the edges → 20 mW/cm² limit is therefore conservative



- While FBK, CNM and SINTEF produce pre-production sensors
- ITk institutes involved in the R&D on module assembly & test
- 6 teams: Genoa, Milan, Trento, Barcelona, Oslo, Bergen
- Assembly is done by gluing 3 bare modules to a flexible PCB
 - High precision in the bare module placement: $\sim 50 \mu\text{m}$
 - Uniform layer of Araldite 2011
 - Achieved by stamping the glue on the flexible PCB
 - Flexible PCB is placed on top of the 3 bare modules
- As soon as the assembly procedure is verified
 - First production of triplet modules (sensor + RD53A)
 - Then, modules with 3D sensor + ITkPixV1 chip will follow



- In the last years, several 3D sensor wafers were produced by FBK for R&D towards HiLumi-LHC application
- 1x2 cm² sensors bonded to RD53A chips were irradiated and tested
- Both 25x100 and 50x50 μm² sensors irradiated to 1.0e16 n_{eq}/cm² reach 97% detection efficiency at ~90V
- 97% efficiency is reached when the sensor collect at least ~8ke
 - This corresponds to a charge collection efficiency of the 70% (11ke deposited in 150 μm a.t. sensor)
- Leakage current very similar between 0.5 and 1.0e16 n_{eq}/cm²
 - Seen also in diodes irradiated to 1.0 and 1.5e16 n_{eq}/cm² (spread larger than effect of the radiation)
- At 1.0e16 n_{eq}/cm², operating voltage would be around 100-150 V
 - At this voltage, power dissipation below 20 mW/cm²
 - More systematical study with diodes (small area 2x2 mm²)
 - Clearly visible that 25x100 dissipate less than 50x50 μm²
- INFN Genoa started R&D for assembling triplet modules
- In the next months few triplet prototypes will be assembled
- Then, the pre-production of ITkPixV1 chip modules will follow
 - Ongoing pre-production of 2x2 cm² 3D sensors
 - FBK and SINTEF focusing on 50x50 μm²
 - CNM focusing on 25x100 μm²

Some of these results in a summary paper just accepted:

<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fphy.2021.624668/abstract>



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