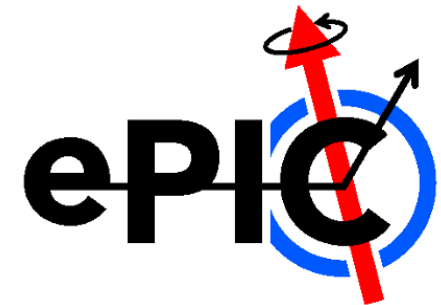


Barrel TOF technical status

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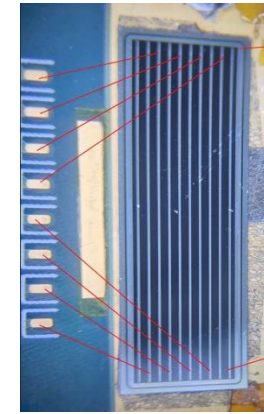
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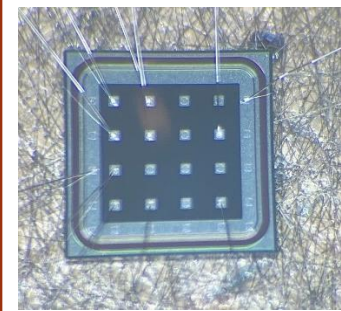
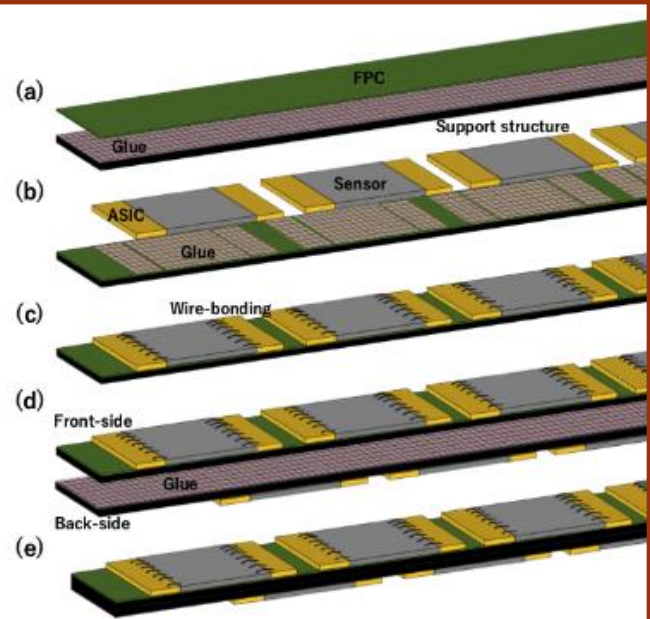
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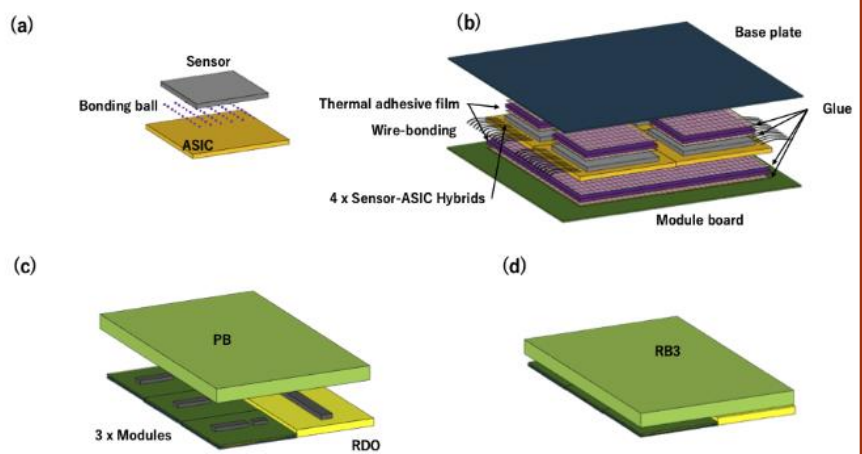
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Sensors: strips
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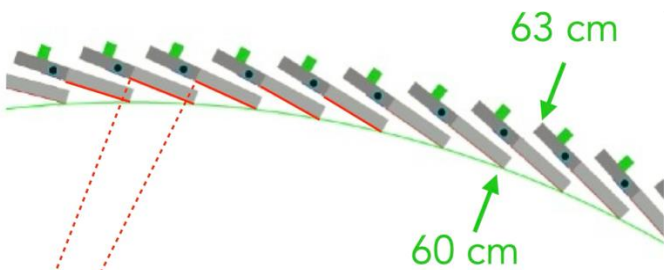


Sensors: pixels
Readout: EICROC

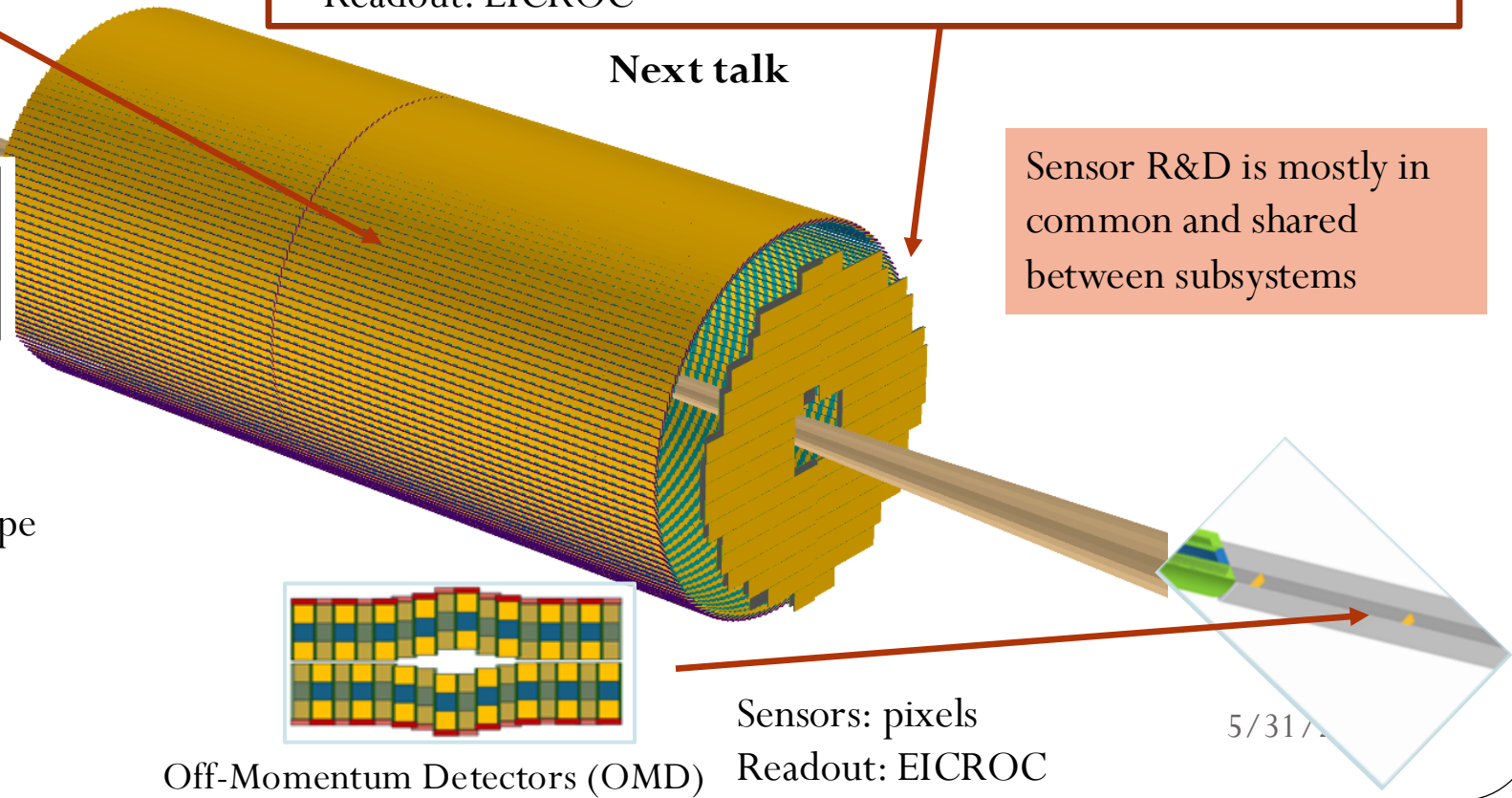


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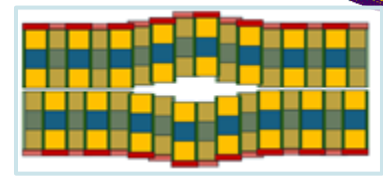
Subsystem	Area (m ²)	dimension (mm ²)	channel count	timing σ_t (ps)	spatial σ_x (μ m)	material budget (X/X ₀)
Barrel TOF	12	0.5*10	2.4M	35	30 ($r \cdot \phi$)	3%
Forward TOF	1.1	0.5*0.5	3.2M	25	30 (x, y)	5%



Make cylindrical shape by tilted staves



Sensor R&D is mostly in common and shared between subsystems



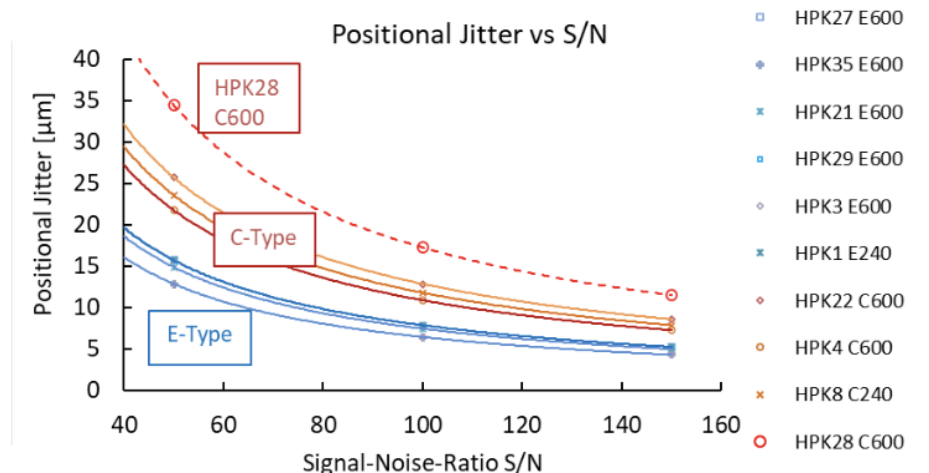
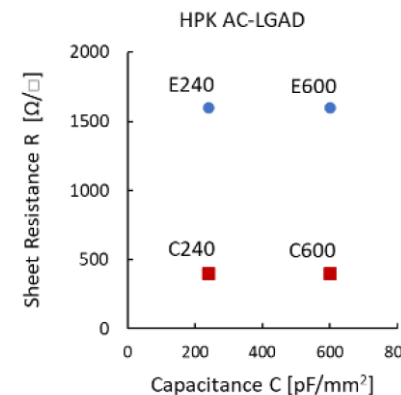
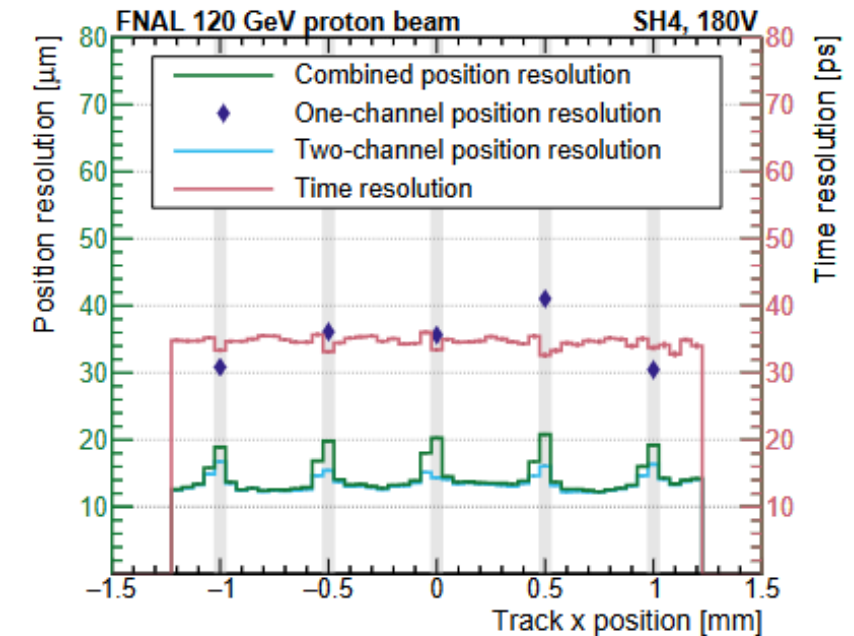
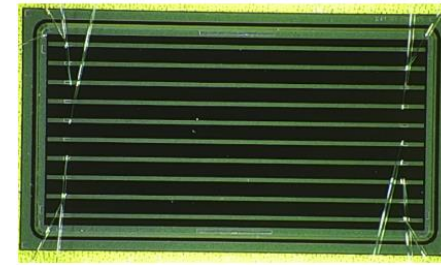
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Sensors: pixels
Readout: EICROC

Sensors for the ePIC BTOF

2023 HPK production

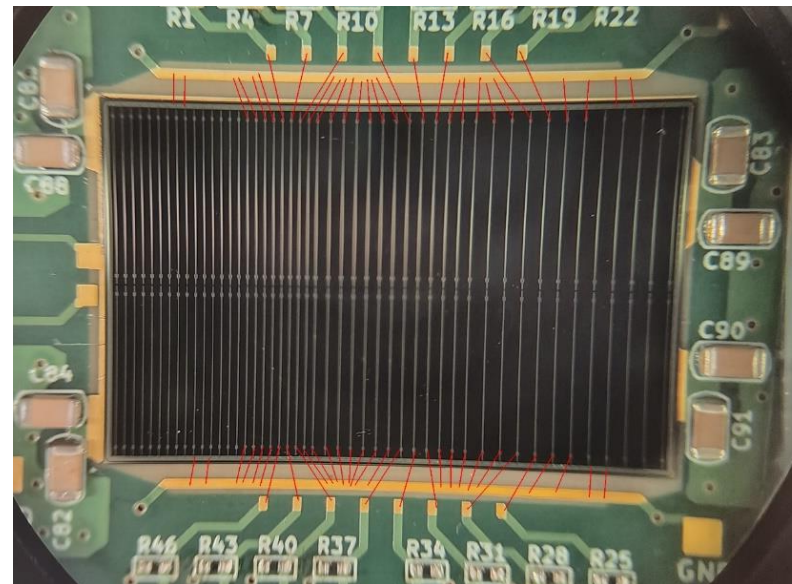
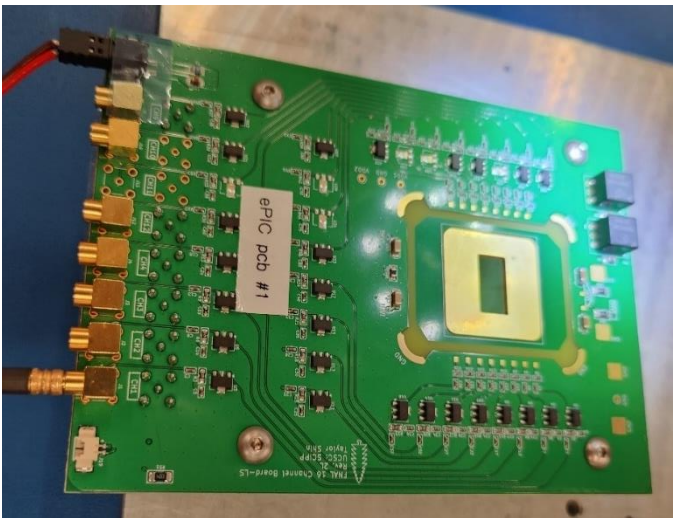
Q1, Q2

- Test beam and laboratory campaign to characterize HPK sample
 - Matrix of different pitch/size metal, different N⁺ resistivity and oxide thicknesses
- FNAL test beam results from HPK 2023 production, most ePIC requirements are met
 - Time resolution ~ 35 ps, and positioning resolution $\sim 15\mu\text{m}$ for 1cm x 500 μm strips
- Laboratory studies done with TCT laser
 - Type E strips (more resistive) have better performance
 - 1cm strip length is the best compromise



2024 HPK production

- ePIC full-size production of strip AC-LGADs from HPK with devices up to **3.2x4 cm**
 - Nominal size **3.2x2.2 cm** with 1cm strip 'segments'
 - Strip width: 50um, strip pitch 500, 750, 1000 um
- **First ever large prototype production of AC-LGAD**
- 8 wafers in hand, four 50um thick and four 30um thick
 - Low yield of 50 um has been solved
- Produced a new 16ch discrete component board that can house larger sensors

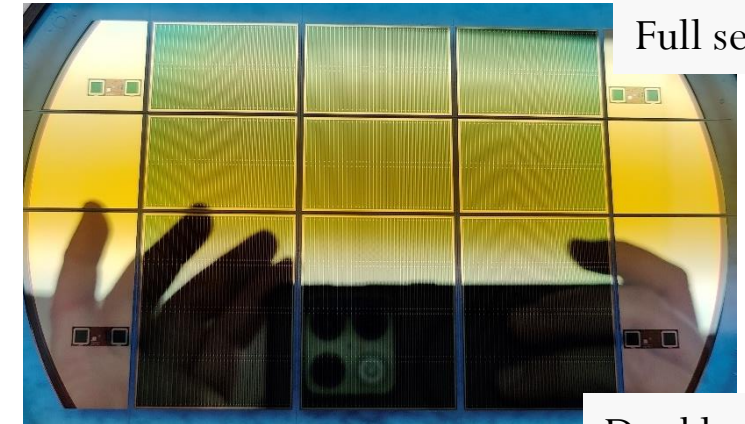


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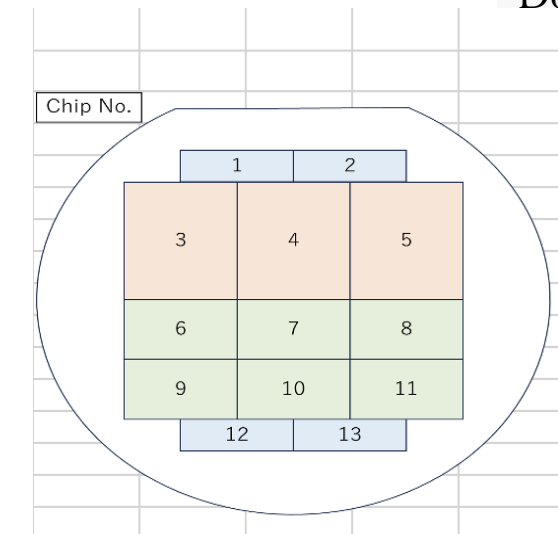
Half sensors



Full sensors



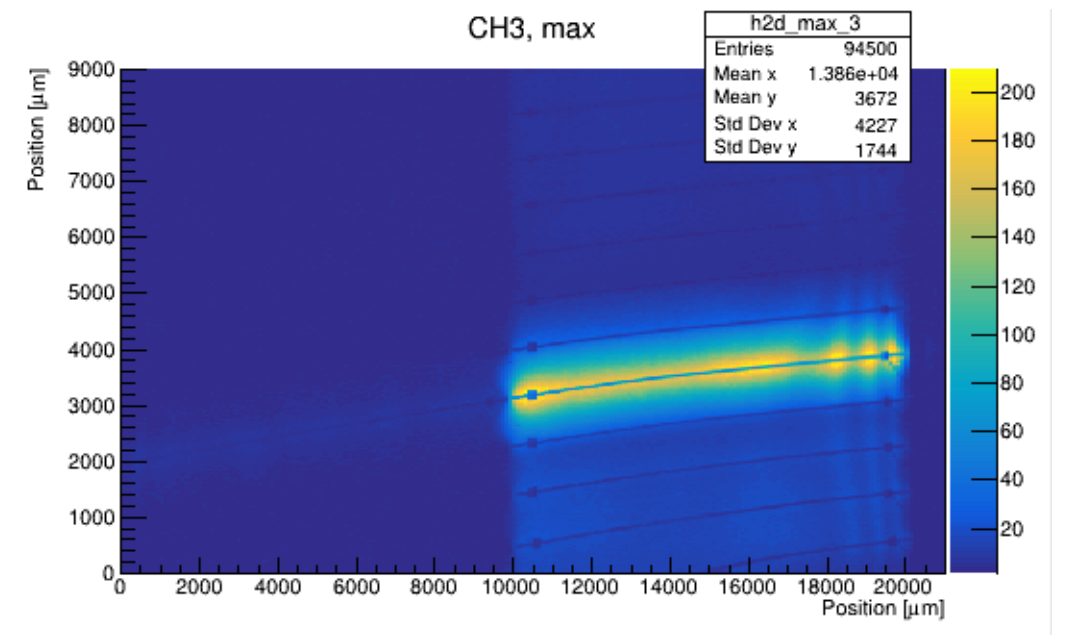
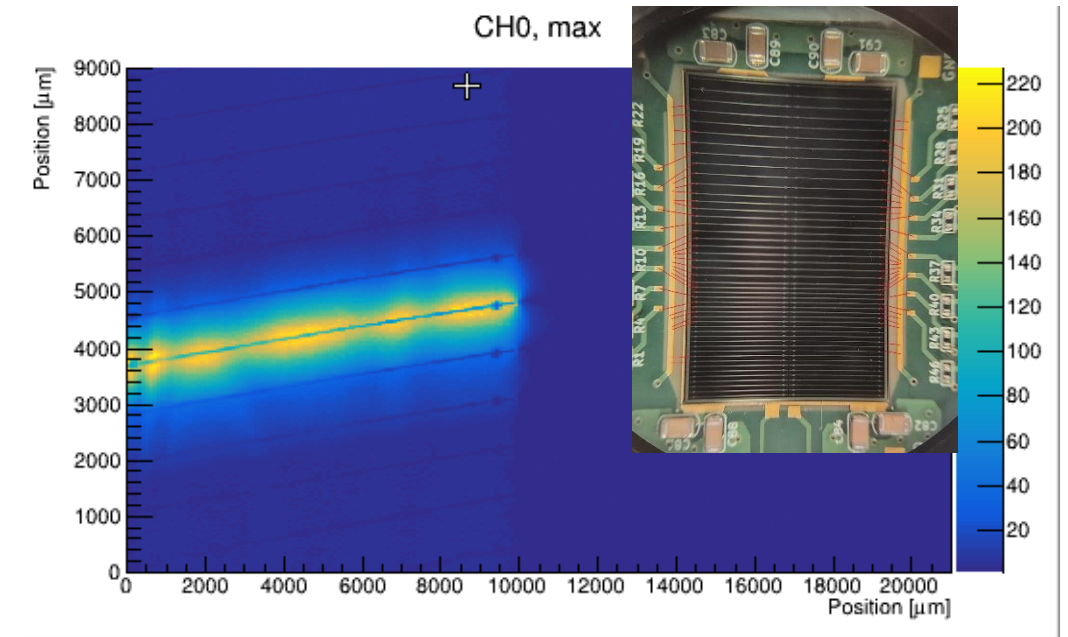
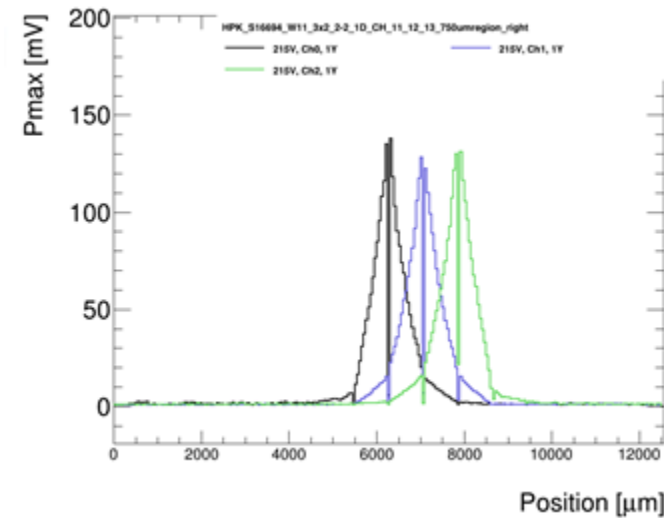
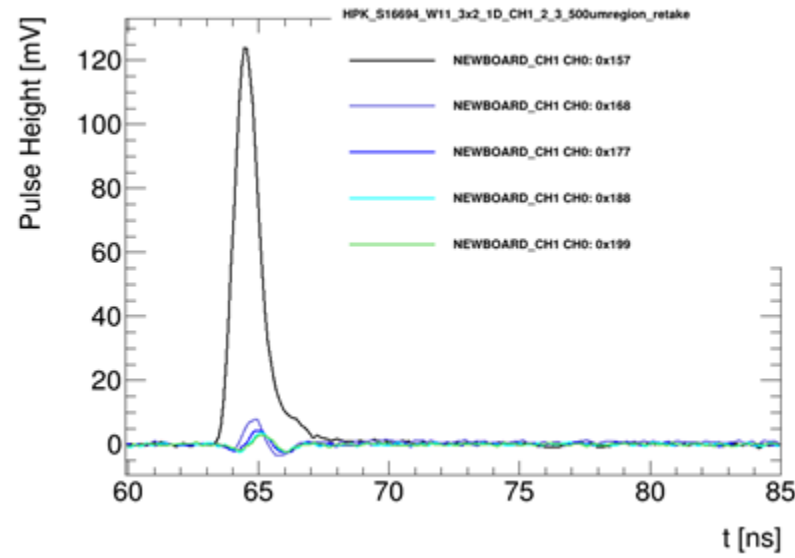
Double sensors



HPK production results - TCT

Q1, Q2

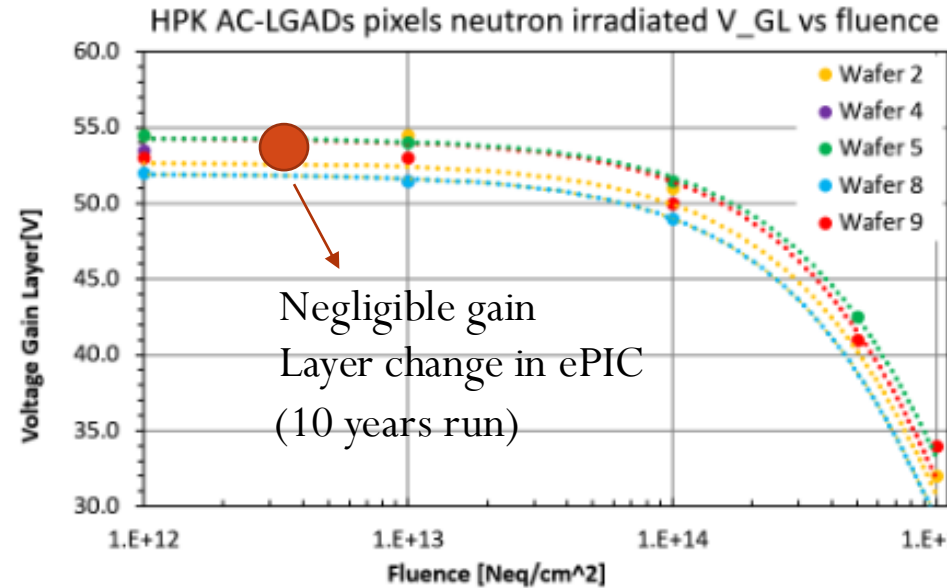
- Full size sensors tested on a large board with laser TCT
 - Both 50um and 30um thicknesses, show similar performance
- Sensor works well, some gain variation across strip but it's unclear if due to laser reflections, will verify at test beam
- Pulse as expected with rise-time 600-700 ps
- Signal for 1000um, 750um and 500um pitch is similar
 - Higher S/N loss between strips for 1000um



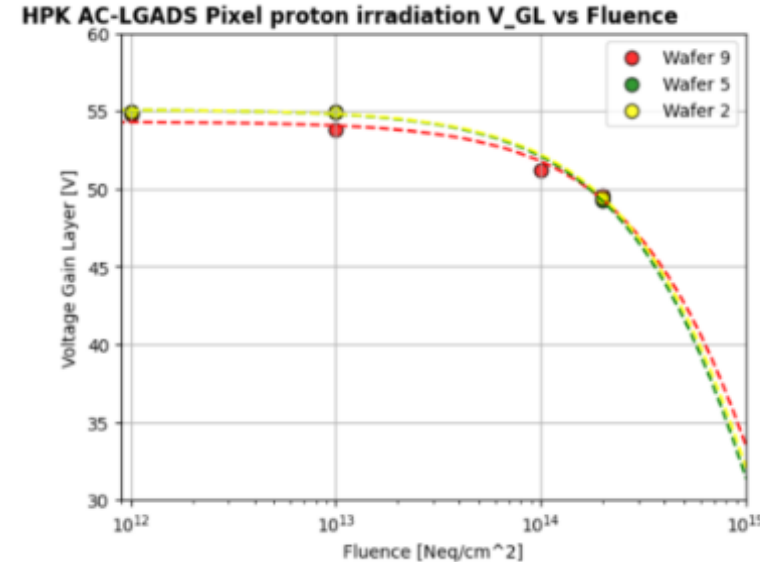
Irradiation effects on AC-LGADs

Q1, Q2

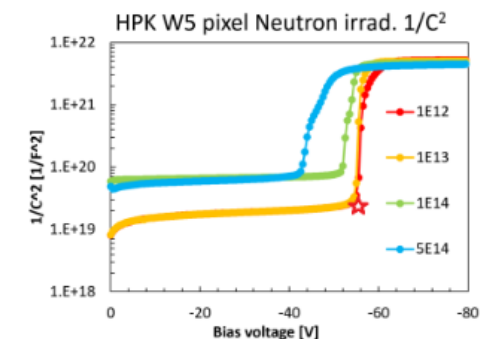
- Up to $1e13$ Neq, no significant change in sensor IV properties and gain layer doping
 - Leakage current scales with bulk volume
 - Current and breakdown voltage increases with fluence (as expected)
- Gain layer doping proportional to V_{gl} (gain layer depletion voltage) or 'foot' (star in the plot)
 - Degradation parameter, 'c' factor, from fit on the distribution vs fluence
- Behavior across wafers is consistent
- Comparable results for protons and neutrons



Wafer	C factor	$\frac{cm^2}{Neq}$
W2	5.38×10^{-16}	
W4	3.69×10^{-16}	
W5	4.93×10^{-16}	
W8	5.81×10^{-16}	
W9	4.54×10^{-16}	



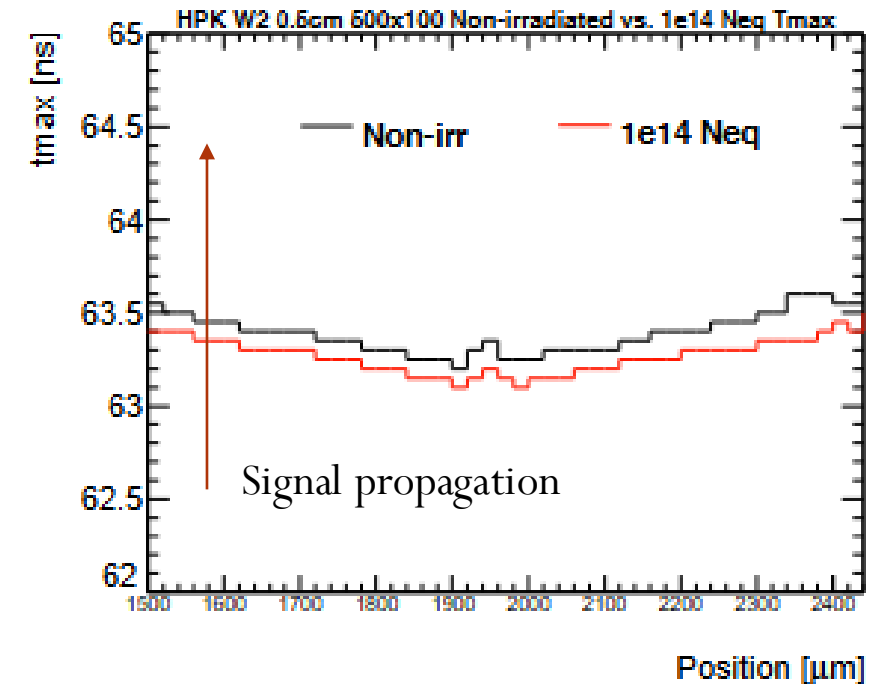
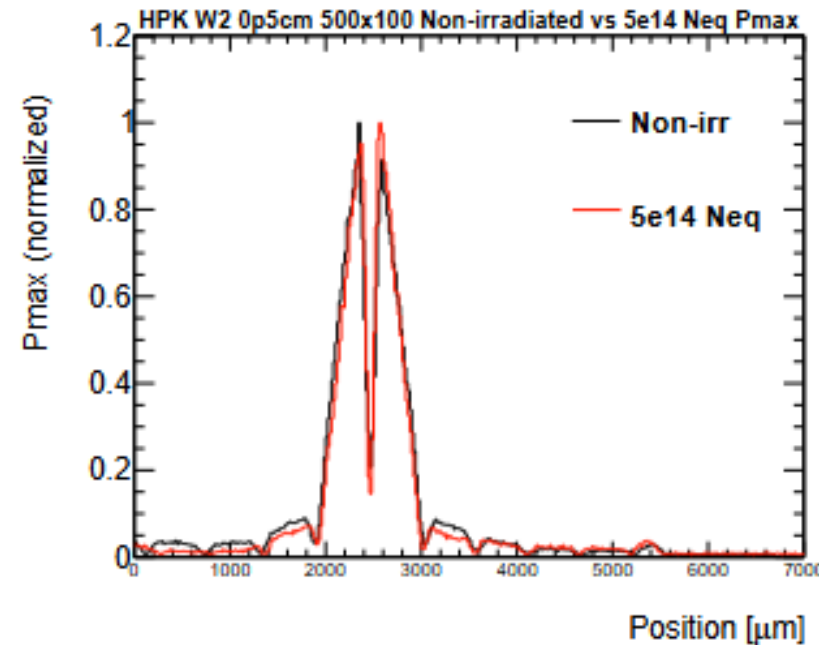
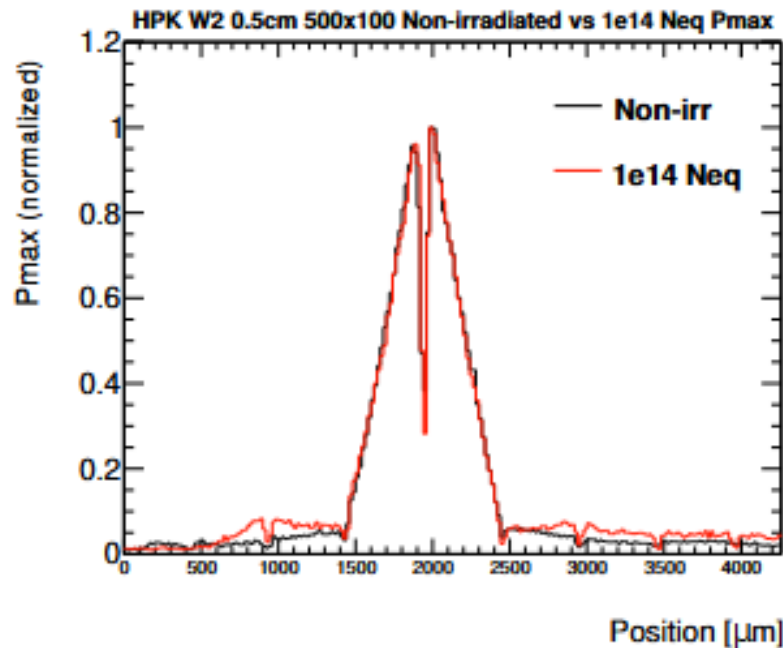
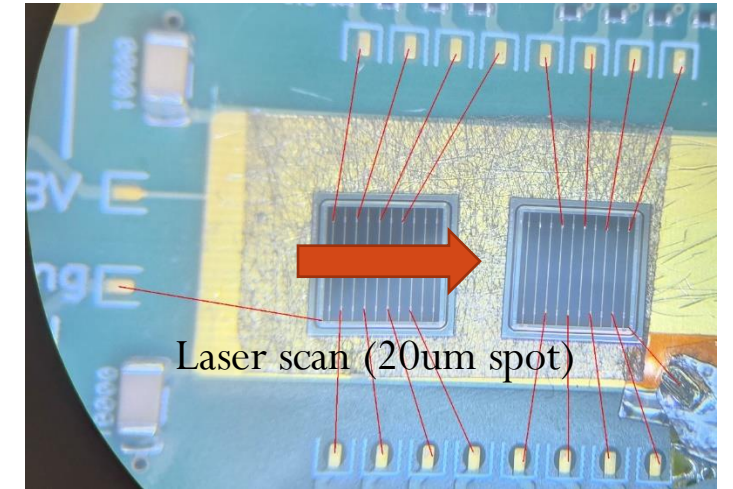
Wafer	C factor	$\frac{cm^2}{Neq}$
W2	5.42×10^{-16}	
W5	5.63×10^{-16}	
W9	4.85×10^{-16}	



TCT laser studies - Neutrons

Q1, Q2

- Using laser TCT setup with cooling plate and FNAL 16ch board
- Direct AC-LGAD strips comparison non-irradiated and irradiated sensors
 - Two sensors types at two neutron fluence points $1e14\text{Neq}$ and $5e14\text{Neq}$
 - Irradiated sensor was biased to higher voltages
- **At first order, the charge sharing distribution is unchanged**
- **Signal propagation in resistive N+ is the same**



Sensors plans

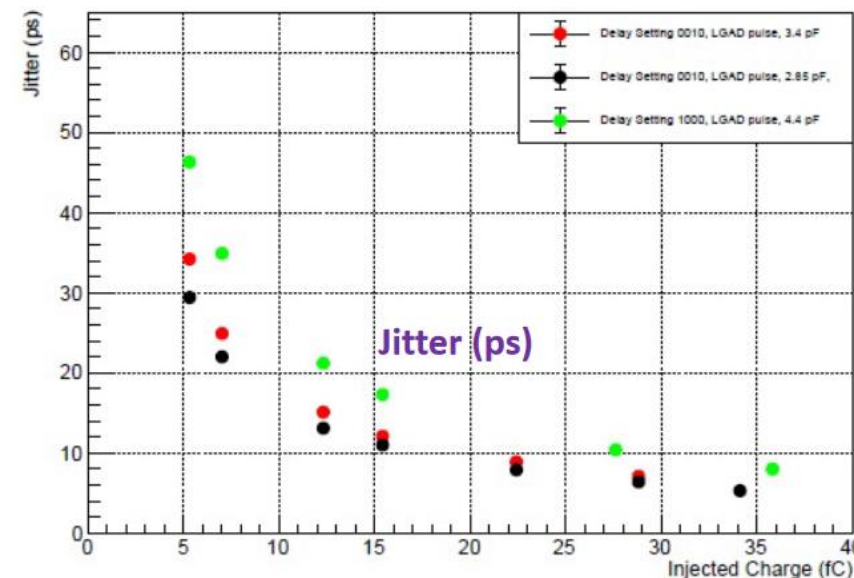
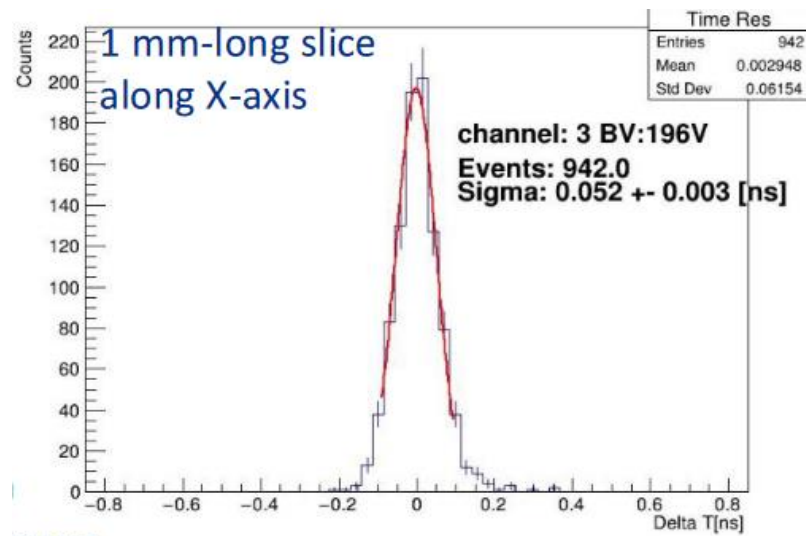
- An additional HPK production with improved yield and optimize design is being organize with Japanese funds
- Organizing a fraction of an FBK production (multi-institution, common RD50 funds)
 - Strips and pixels
 - Plan to have a 'large' 1x1cm strip sensor
- Test beam plans this summer/fall at JLAB and KEK to characterize sensors

Electronics for the ePIC BTOF (frontend/backend)

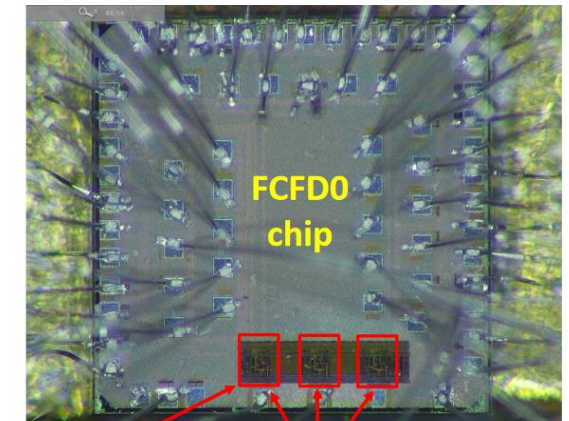
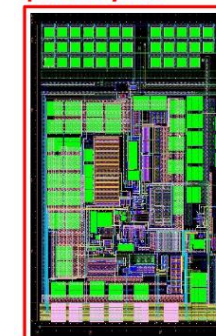
AC-LGAD strip readout – FCFD (FNAL)

Q1, Q2, Q3

- EICROC being developed for pixel AC-LGADs: target capacitance few hundred fF
 - But EICROC is not suitable for strips where capacitance can be $\sim 10\text{pF}$
- AC-LGAD strip readout developed at Fermilab: variation of FCFD (calo readout)
 - Can accept higher input capacitance with target Jitter $< 10\text{ps}$
- FCFDv1 – 6 channel received Jan 2024: Tested at FNAL in May/June 2024, AC & DC-LGAD (1 mm)
 - DC-LGAD @ 50 ps; AC-LGAD @ 52 ps
 - AC-LGAD should get $< 35\text{ps}$ with improved comparator
- FCFDv1.1 with full-size sensor – TSMC May 2025; DESY tests in July 2025.
 - FCFDv2 with digital block will be available in Summer 2026
 - FCFDv3 (final design) will be available in 2027



TSMC 65 nm pixel layout

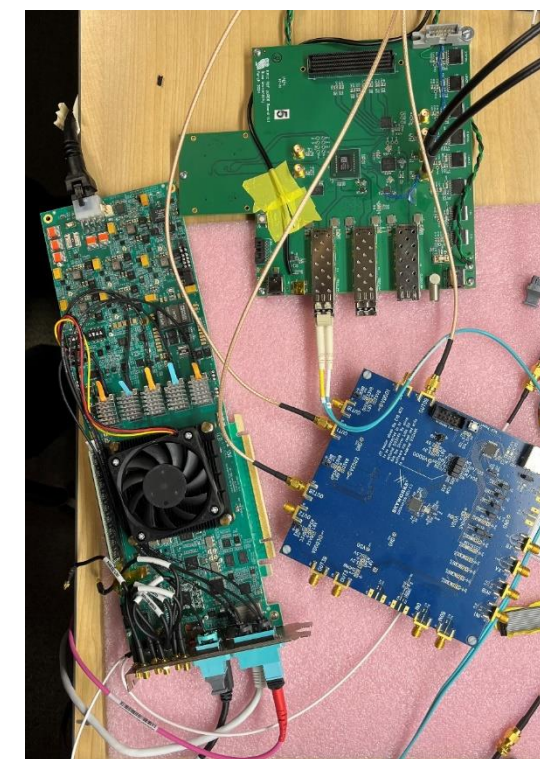
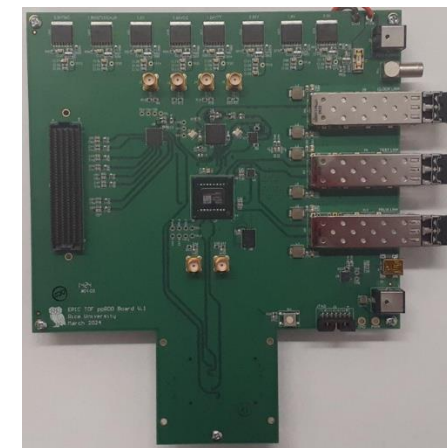


3 pixels per test chip

High Precision Clock Distribution

Q1, Q2, Q3

- ppRDO – pre-prototype Readout Board:
 - Generalized to allow readout from various ASICs – FMC connector
 - Xilinx Artix+ FPGA (low cost, CERN TCLK compatible)
 - Clock Jitter cleaner – 5 ps
 - Clock recovery on Rx of SFP or direct clock on dedicated fiber
 - Establish procedures to readout ePIC's ASICs prototype PCBs
 - Develop common streaming readout scheme with DAQ's protocols
 - Platform for radiation tests (SEU measurement and handling)
- Produced and tested 6 PCBs.
 - Jitter measured at 3 ps (Ref clock – FLX182 Tx serializer – ppRDO)

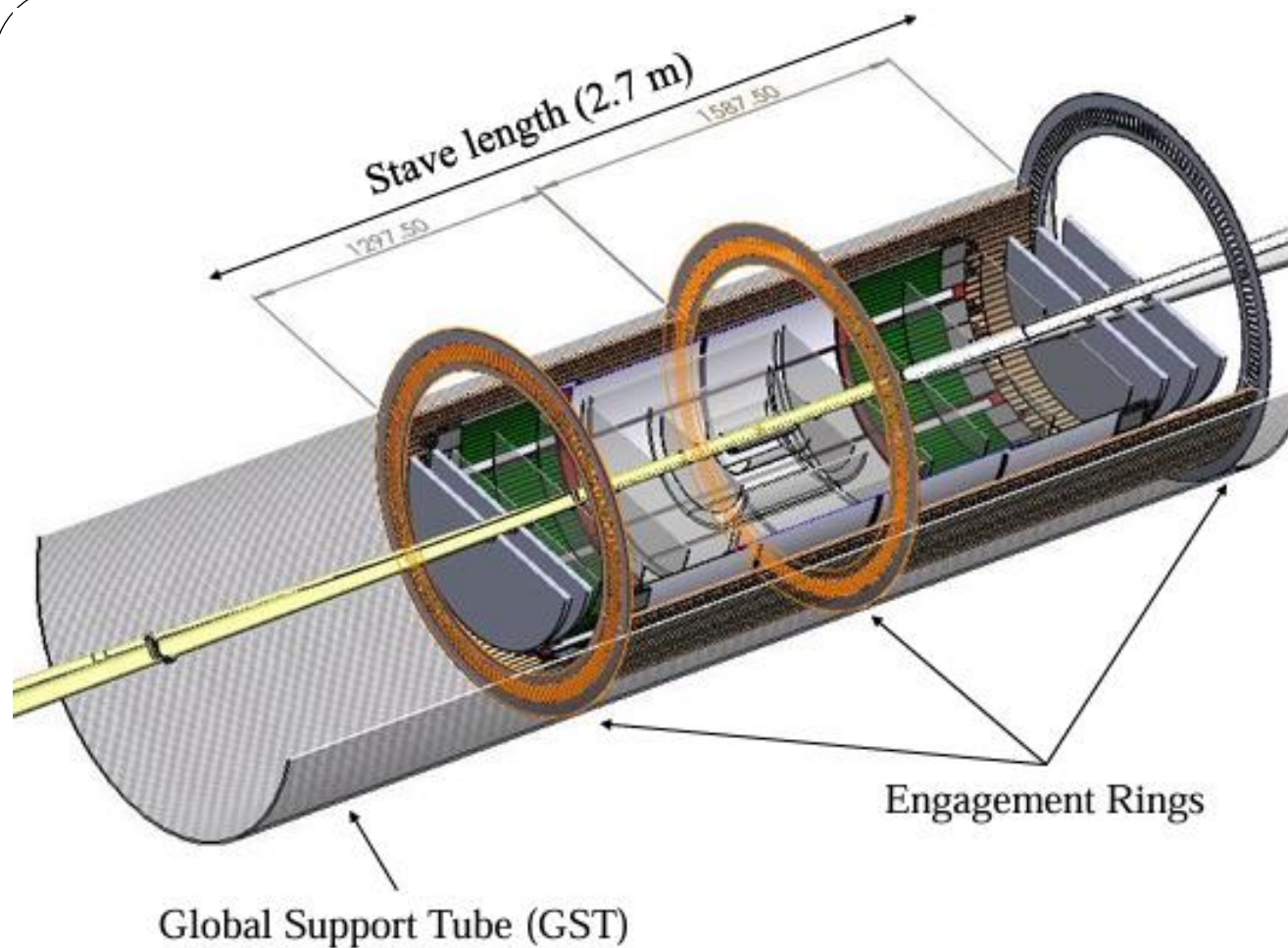


ppRDO
(ADCLK944)

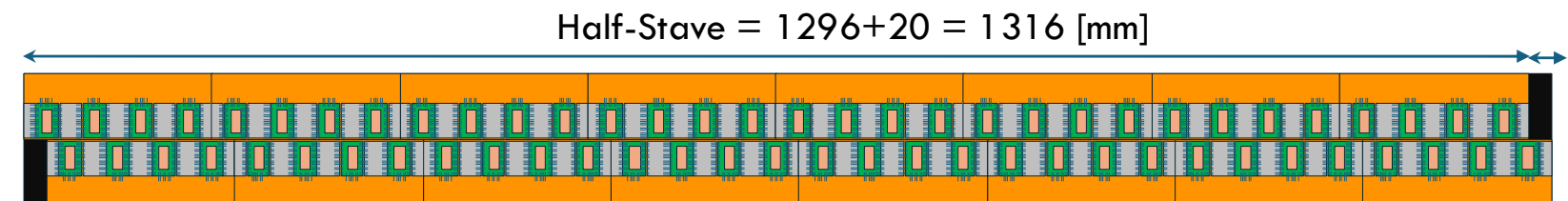
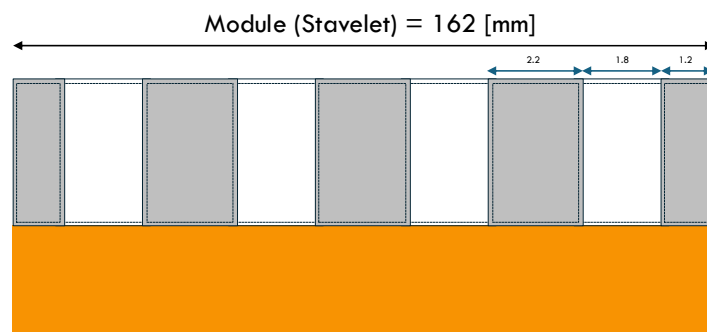
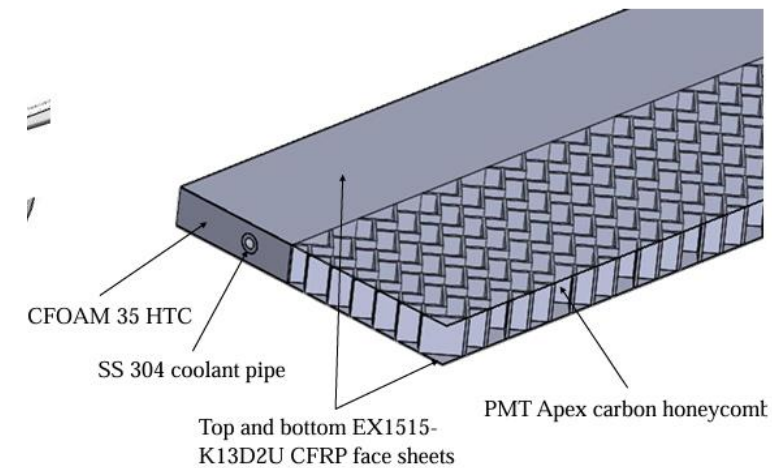
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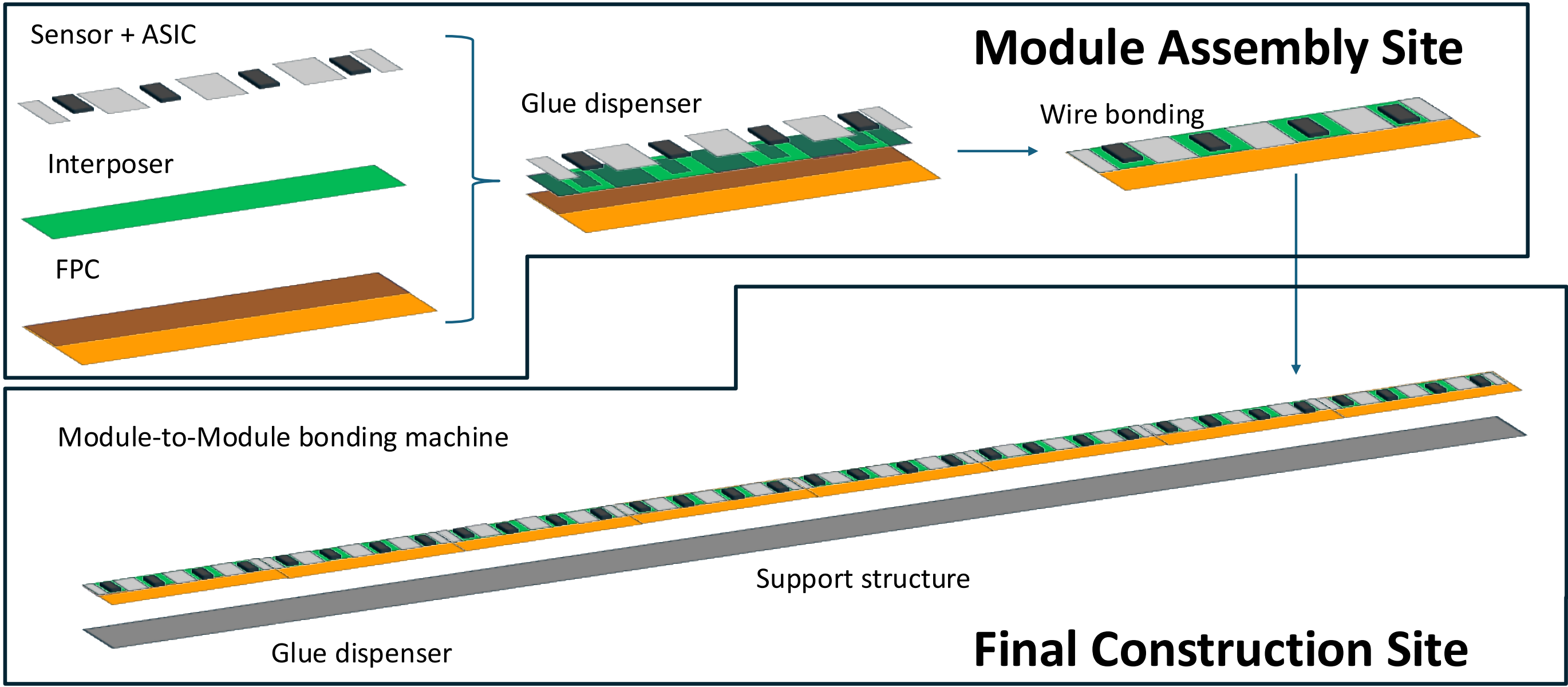
FLX182

Mechanics and assembly



- “Pinwheel” structure of the barrel, divided in two symmetric stave section
- Support in carbon honeycomb with active pipe cooling
- Modular ‘stavelets’ assembled separately and mounted
- Peripheral board at the edge of the staves

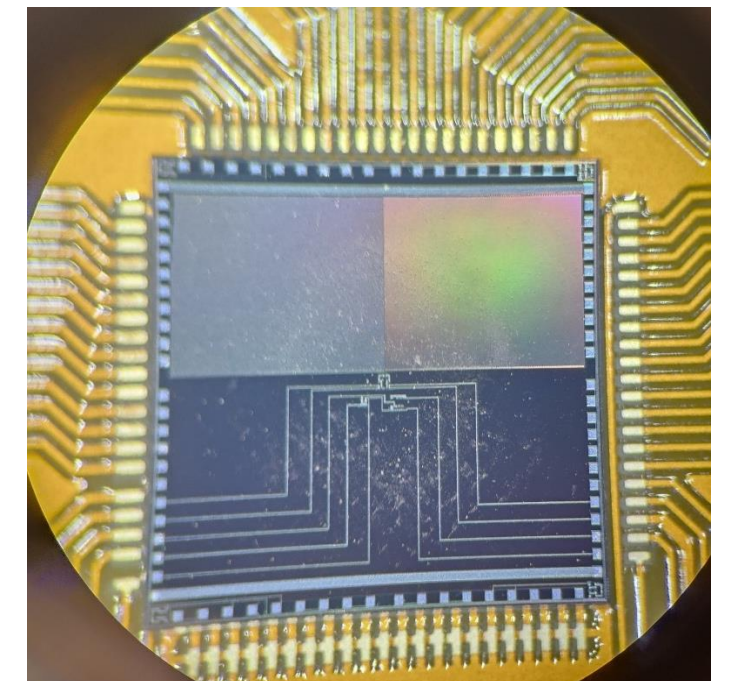
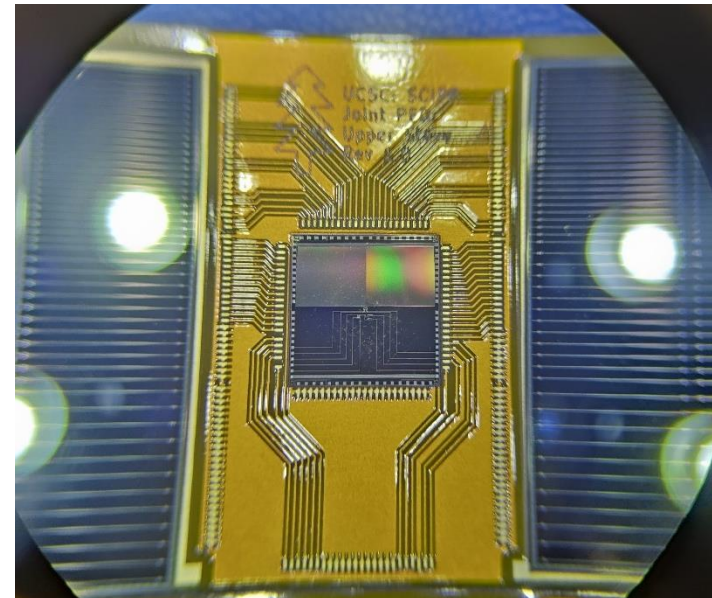
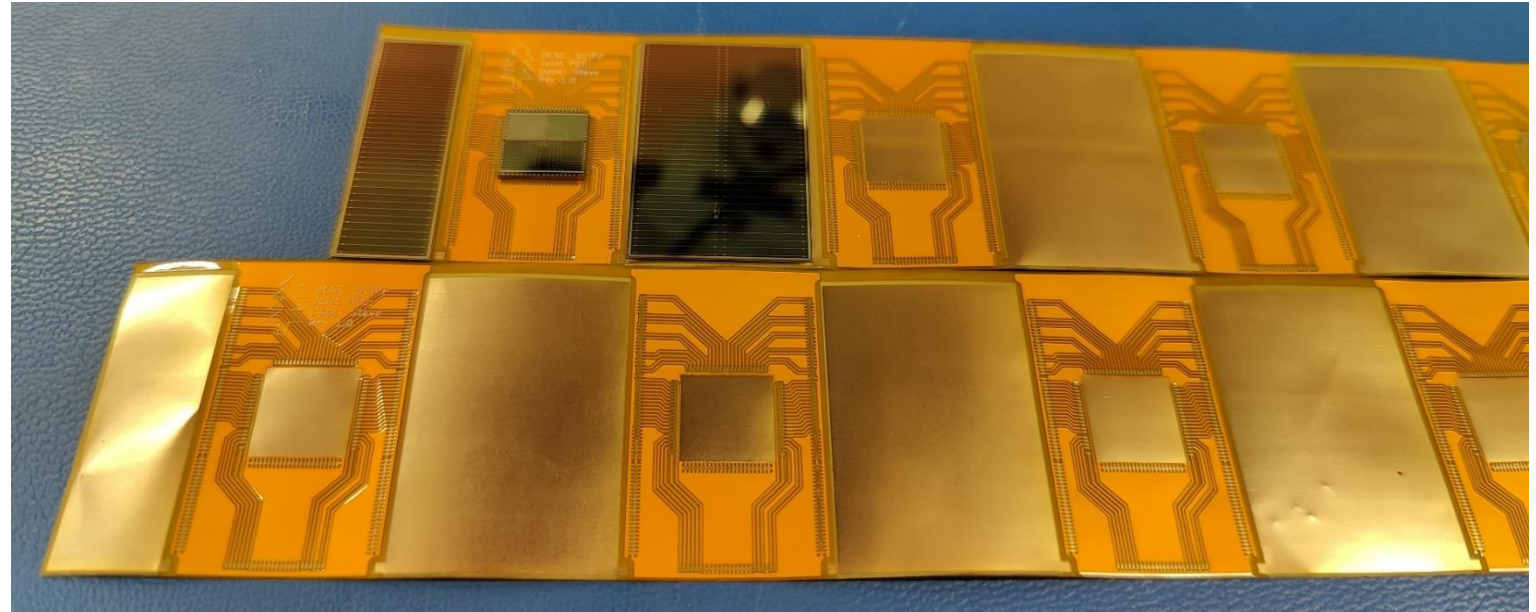




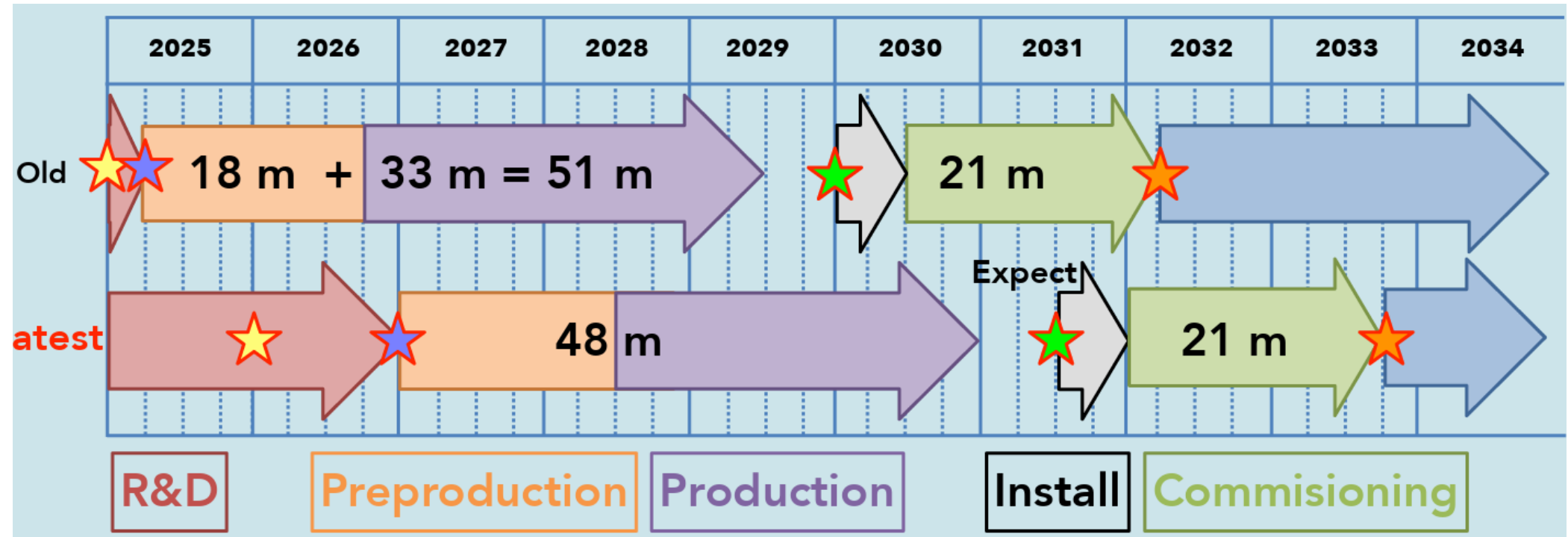
Demonstrator project

- Plan to demonstrate the assembly procedure and study the thermal characteristic of a stavelet
- First prototype of interposer board produced
- Using non working full size detectors from the HPK production
- Since no full-size ASIC available yet, using Si heaters
- Fully load a double-sided stavelet with active pipe cooling and check thermal dissipation in prototype

Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4



BTOF road-to-assembly



Demonstrator assembly

Develop tooling

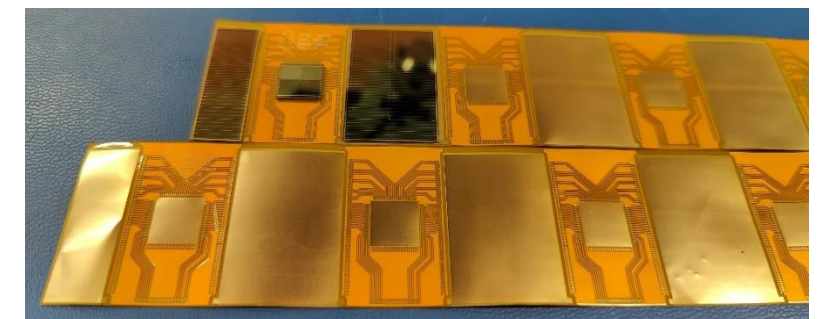
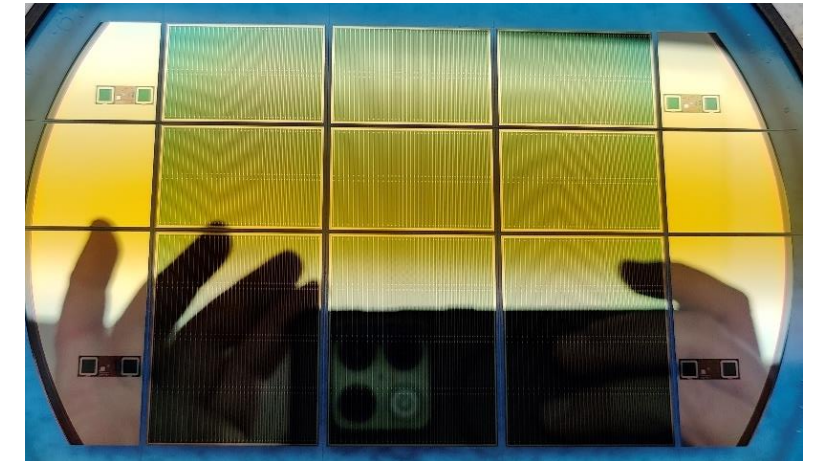
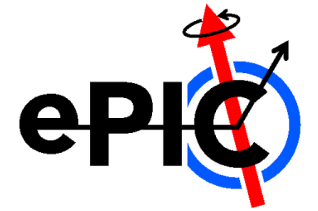
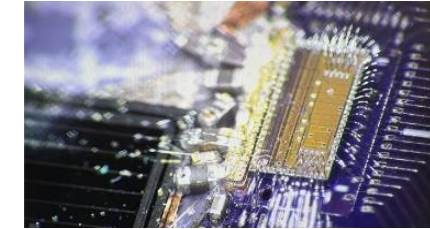
Pre-production: assembly N stavelets

Full assembly

ITk (ATLAS) assembly

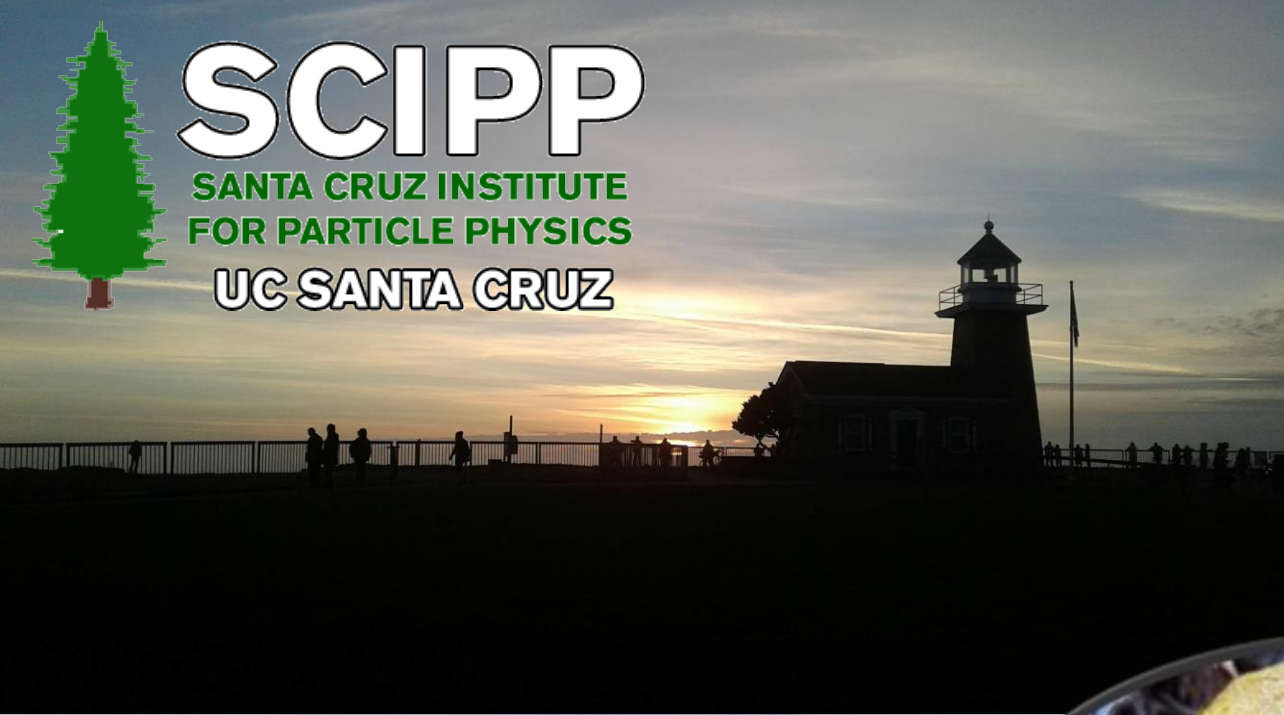
Conclusions

- Components and design of the ePIC BTOF layer is reaching maturity: TDR expected by the end of the year
- Ongoing development of AC-LGAD strips for the ePIC TOF layers
 - Received first large-scale AC-LGAD production from HPK, first results are optimistic
 - A FBK production is ongoing, an additional HPK production will start soon as well
- Readout chips currently being designed and tested: FCFD for BTOF
 - First test with full-size sensor and FCFD in July this year
 - Test beam planned for full-size sensor testing and readout electronic testing this Autumn
- Assembly procedure is being developed and organized
 - “Stavelet” is baseline design to facilitate the assembly and more serviceable
 - A thermo-mechanical demonstrator is expected by the end of summer



Charge questions

- Is the design of the ePIC detector and its sub-systems appropriate and progressing well?
 - **Yes, the design of its subsystems is progressing well, with the main bottlenecks being the availability of ASICs. The results of the first full-size sensor test conducted in the lab showed no problems. First full-size sensor + FCFD (ASIC for BTOF) will be tested this year. Assembling procedure and several properties related to thermal and electrical will be tested by using demonstrator this year.**
- Are the remaining work and technical, cost and schedule risks adequately understood? Are there opportunities?
 - **Remaining work is well understood. Main schedule risks are related to availability of ASIC. FBK sensors will also be tested to reduce the risk of manufacturing the sensors that form the core of this detector.**
- Will the detector be technically ready for baselining by late 2025?
 - **The detector baseline is well established, and we aim to resolve the remaining open questions**
- Are the detector integration and planning for installation and maintenance progressing well? Are there areas where further ideas should be pursued?
 - **We have a plan for a set of demonstrator staves that will lead us to higher level integration steps. It is crucial that ASIC, Sensor production and mechanical design progress on schedule.**
- Will the detector be ready for start of construction by late 2026?
 - **YES, but correlated with ASIC availability**



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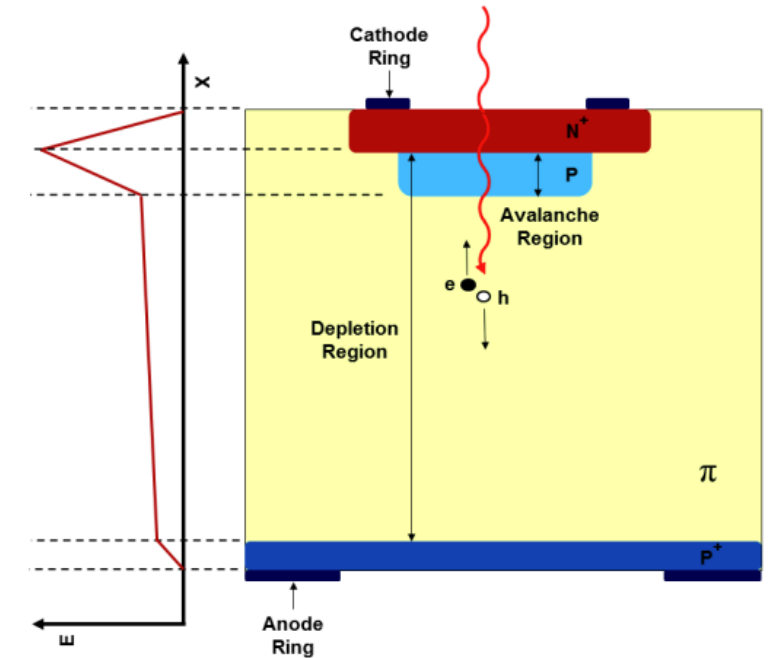
Backup

Low Gain Avalanche Detectors, LGADs

- LGAD: silicon detector with a thin ($<5\ \mu\text{m}$) and highly doped ($\sim 10^{16}$) multiplication layer
 - High electric field in the multiplication layer
 - Field is high enough for electron multiplication but not hole multiplication
- LGADs have intrinsic modest internal gain (10-50)
 - $\text{Gain} = \frac{Q_{\text{LGAD}}}{Q_{\text{PiN}}}$ (collected charge of LGAD vs same size PiN)
 - Not in avalanche mode \rightarrow controlled tunable gain with applied bias voltage
 - Thanks to gain LGADs can be thin (20 μm , 50 μm)
- **Great hit time resolution reach: $<20\ \text{ps}$!**
- LGADs are a great device to allow 4D tracking (x,y,z,t)

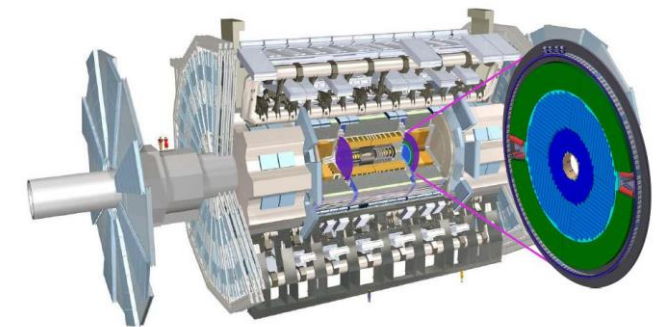
First application HL-LHC timing layers for ATLAS and CMS

- Several producers of experimental LGADs around the world
 - CNM (Spain), HPK (Japan), FBK (Italy), BNL (USA), NDL (China)



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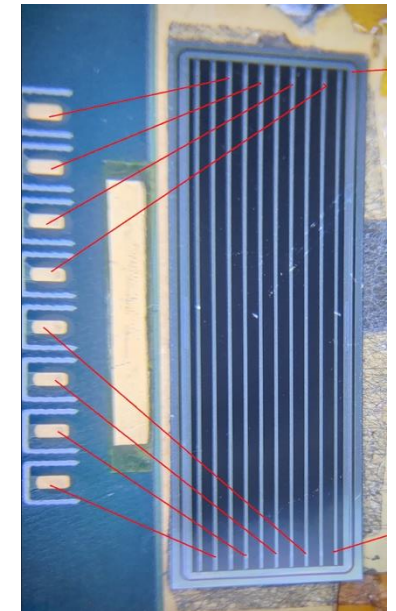
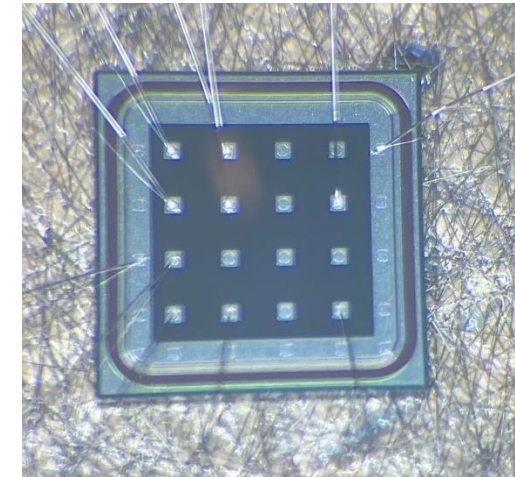
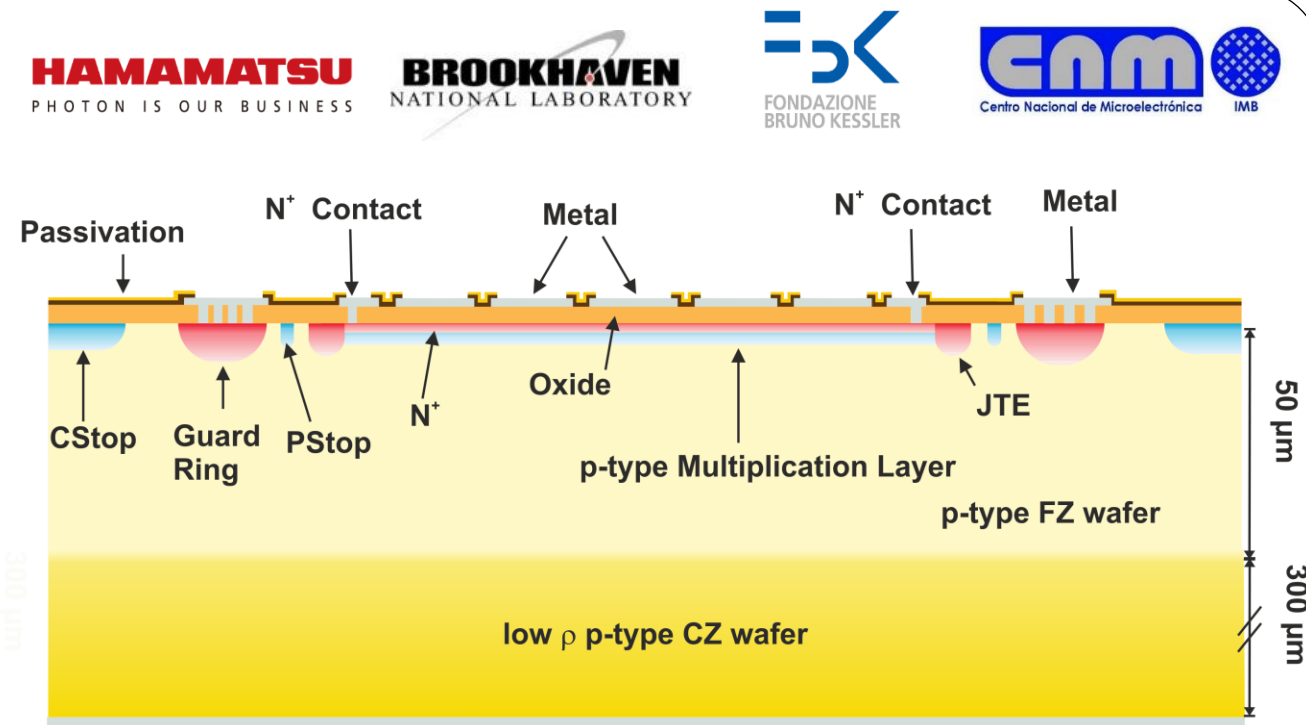


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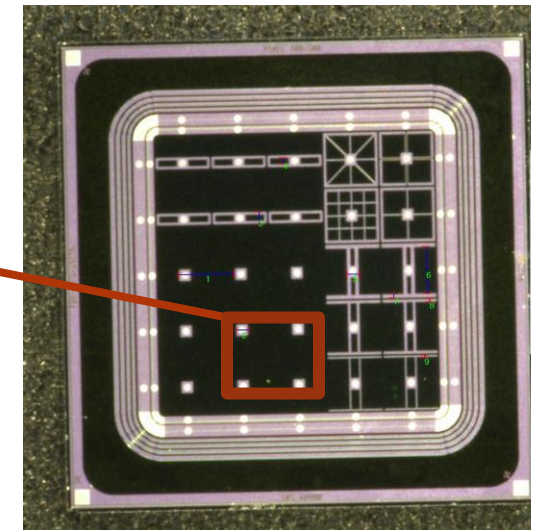
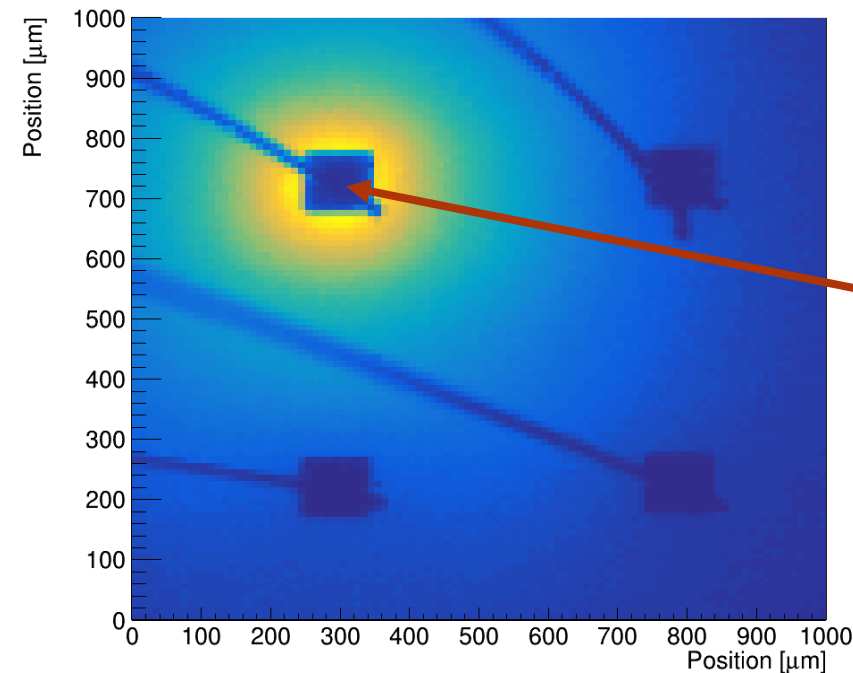
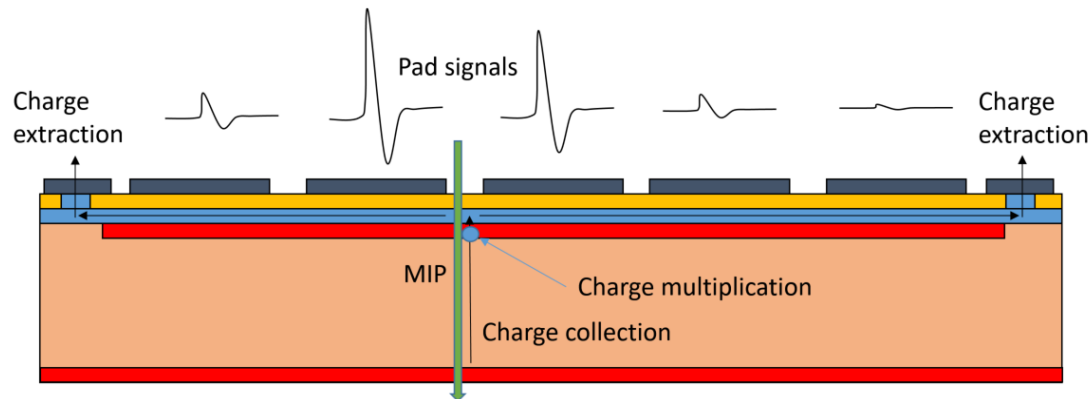
AC-LGADs

- ‘Standard’ LGADs has granularity limited to \sim mm scale due to the high field on the surface
- Most advanced high-granularity prototype is the **AC-coupled LGAD**
 - Finer segmentation and easier implantation process
- Continuous multiplication layer coupled with resistive (low doping) N⁺ layer
- **Readout pads are AC-coupled**, insulator layer between N⁺ and pads
 - Any surface metal geometry is possible



AC-LGAD hit reconstruction

- AC-LGAD has **intrinsic charge sharing**
 - Gain increases the S/N and allows for smaller metal pads
- Charge sharing can be a great feature for low density tracking environment
 - Using information from multiple pixels/strips for hit reconstruction
- Sparse readout is extremely useful to reduce channel density and power dissipation (issue for fast timing) while maintaining good resolution

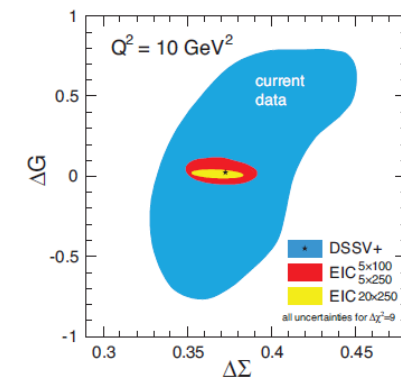
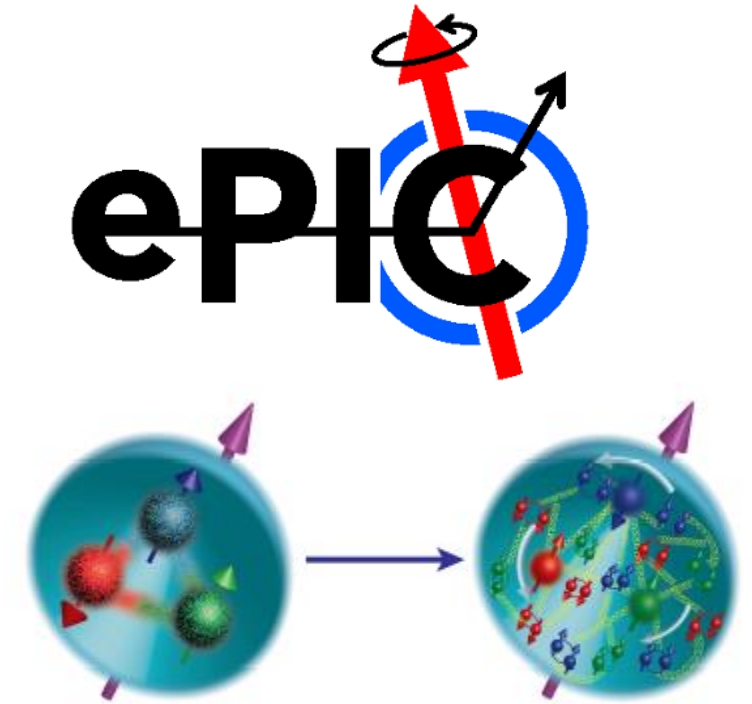


Electron-Ion collider

- Electron-Ion collider will be the biggest NP effort in the U.S. at BNL
 - Running conditions will be from 20-100 GeV c.d.m. to 140 GeV with polarized nucleon and electron beams and $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ luminosity
- **ePIC** is the detector 1 design currently under review

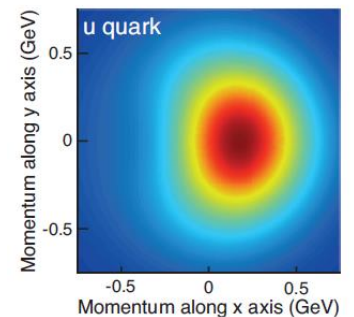
ePIC will provide key measurements:

- **Proton spin:** decisive measurements on how much the intrinsic spin of quarks and gluons contribute to the proton spin. Only 30% proton spin is accounted for by quark-antiquark!
- **The motion of quarks and gluons in the proton:** study the correlation between the spin of a fast-moving proton and the transverse motion of both quarks and gluons. Nothing is currently known about the spin and momentum correlations of the gluons and sea quarks.
- **The tomographic images of the proton:** detailed images of the proton gluonic matter distribution as well as images of sea quarks. Reveal aspects of proton structure that are connected with QCD dynamics at large distances.
- **QCD matter at an extreme gluon density:** first unambiguous evidence for a novel QCD matter of saturated gluons, Color Glass Condensate.



Gluon helicity contribution vs quark helicity contribution

X-Y u quark motion
For proton traveling in Z



Time resolution

Sensor time resolution main terms

$$\sigma_{\text{timing}}^2 = \sigma_{\text{time walk}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{Landau noise}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{Jitter}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{TDC}}^2$$

- **Time walk:**

- Minimized by correcting the time of arrival using pulse width or pulse height (e.g., use 50% of the pulse as ToF)

- **Jitter:** from electronics

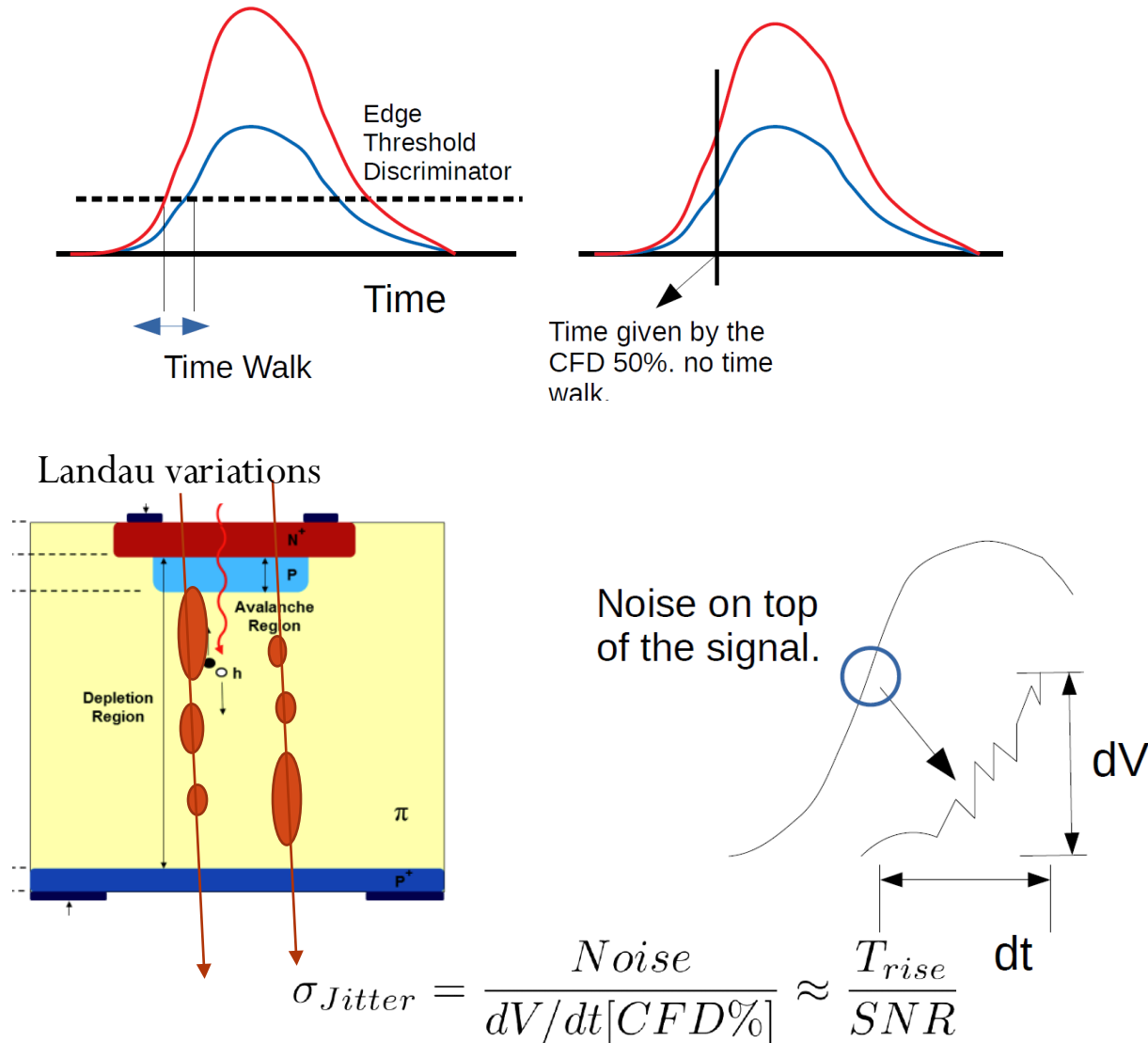
- Proportional to $1/\frac{dV}{dt}$
- Reduced by increasing S/N ratio with gain

- **TDC term:** from digitization clock (electronics)

- **Landau term:** proportional to silicon sensor thickness

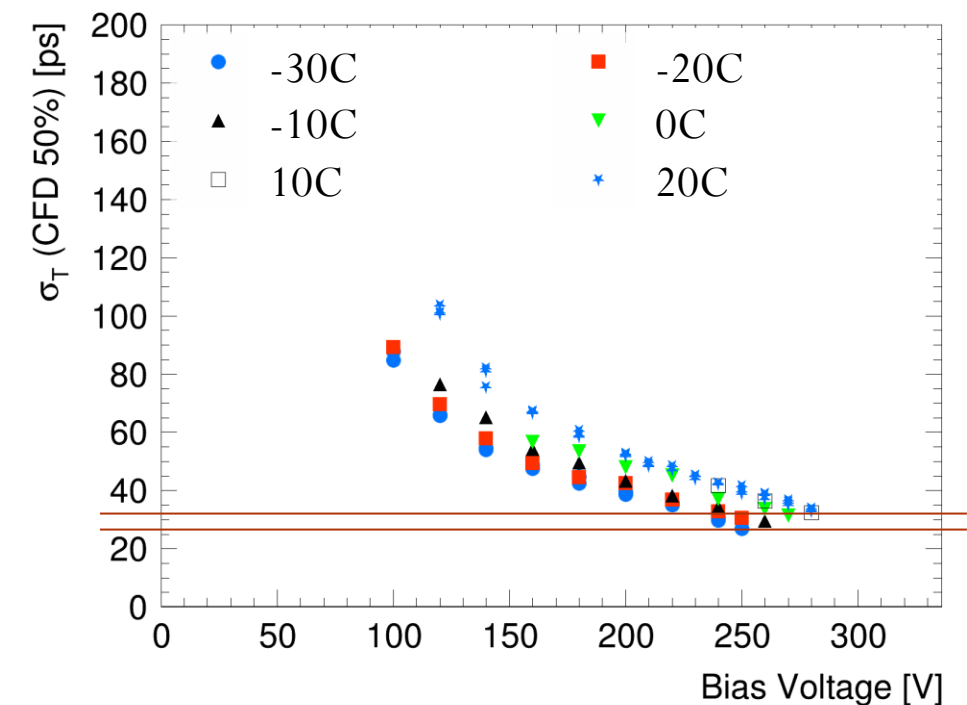
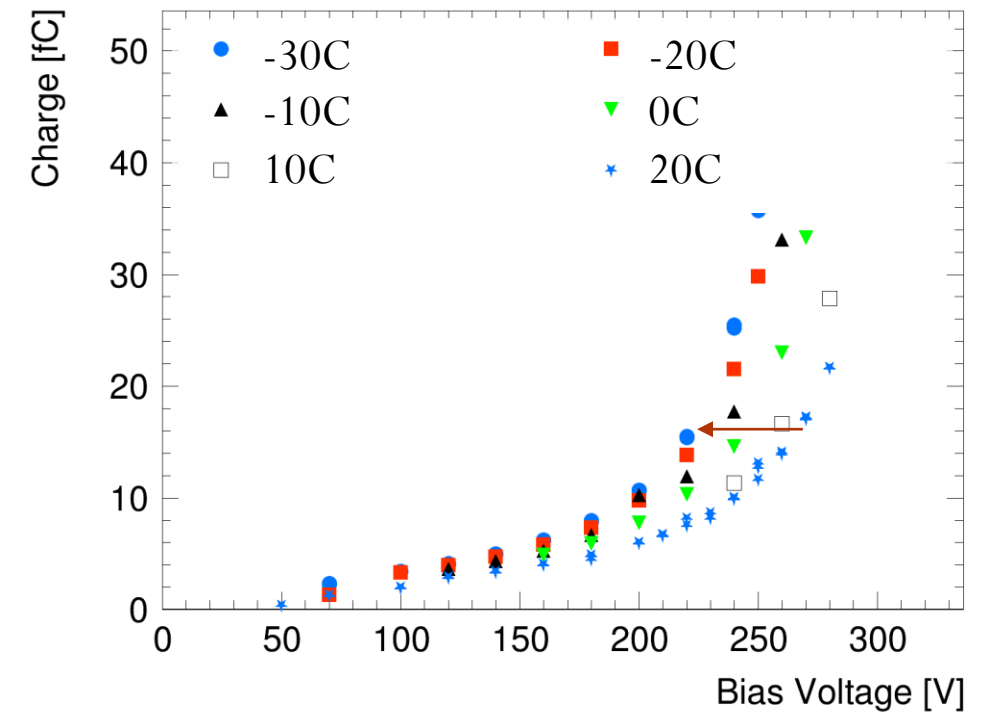
- Reduced for thinner sensors
- Dominant term at high gain

- **Bottom line: thin detectors with high S/N**



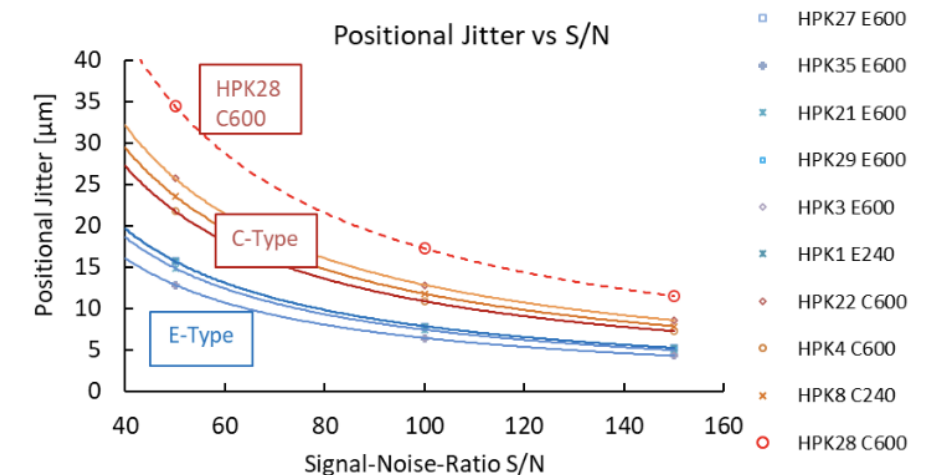
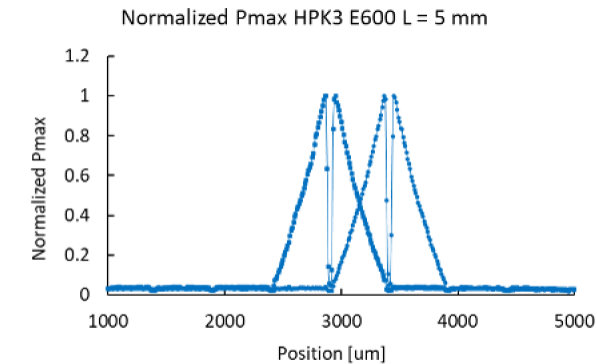
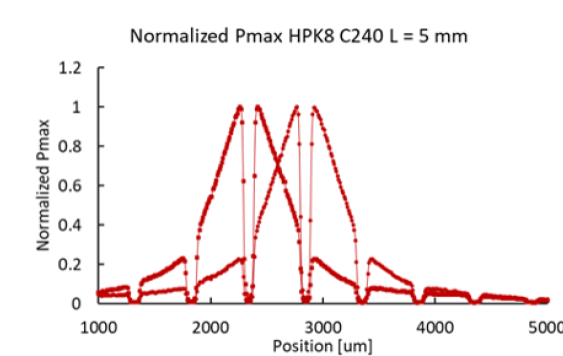
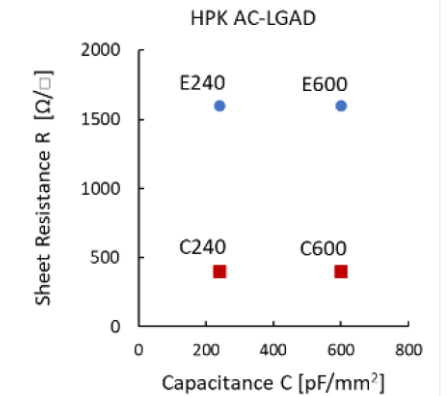
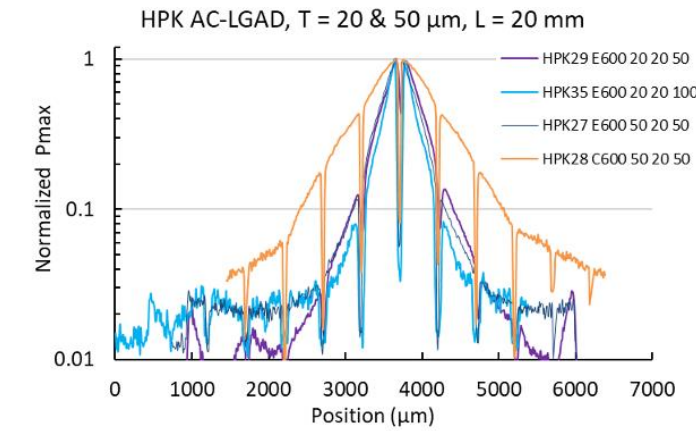
LGAD temperature dependence

- LGAD gain depends on temperature due to impact ionization dependence on e/h drift speed
- On a large temperature range the effect is significant
 - The same sensor has a $\sim 50V$ breakdown variation over a $50C$ temperature change
 - Data from ATLAS/CMS prototype UFSD3.2 (FBK)
 - Similar study foreseen for ePIC AC-LGADs (laser station almost ready)
- The time resolution suffers slightly from the non-saturated drift velocity if the breakdown is too early (5ps worse for $-30C$)
 - Electric field in the bulk is too low between Gain layer depletion and breakdown
- In the case of ePIC the running temperature and temperature variation should not as extreme
 - However the breakdown voltage is $<150V$ for most ePIC prototypes, (fairly low)
 - **Once the running temperature is set we should start testing devices at that temperature to measure realistic performance**
 - Then adjust the sensor design accordingly, a similar study happened for ATLAS with HPK (4 gain layer doping tunes)



HPK 2023 lab studies

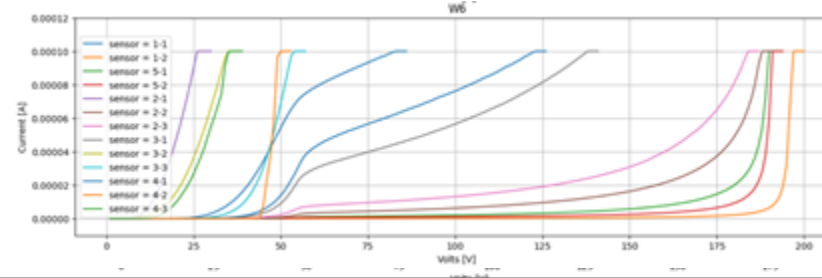
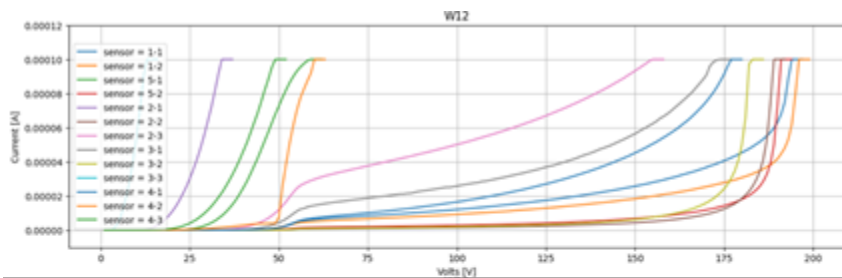
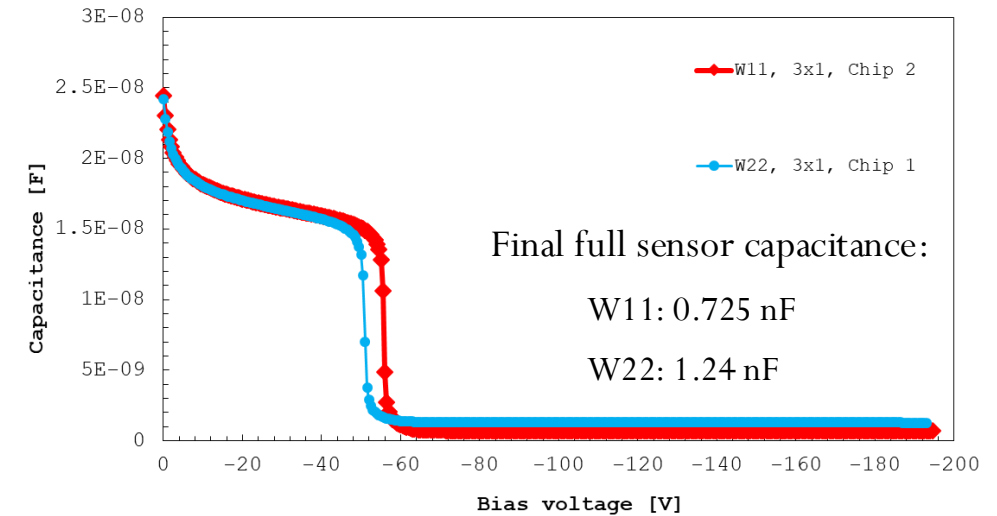
- Previous lab results from 2023 HPK production
 - <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2024.169478>
 - Based on laser TCT studies
- Conclusions:
 - Type E strips (more resistive) perform much better, oxide thickness has less impact but thinner is better.
 - Long strip length degrades both signal (rise time, Pmax) and has worse charge sharing. 1cm length was best compromise.
 - Another issue is the input capacitance which degrade the ASIC performance
 - 20um strips were abandoned for now due to decreased signal and increased input capacitance
- Pitch of 500um \rightarrow \sim 20um hit precision ($<5\%$ of pitch)



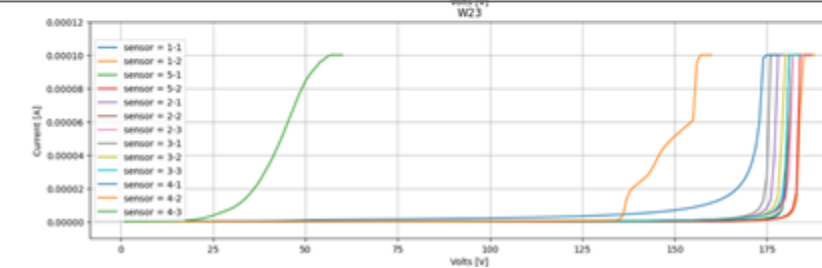
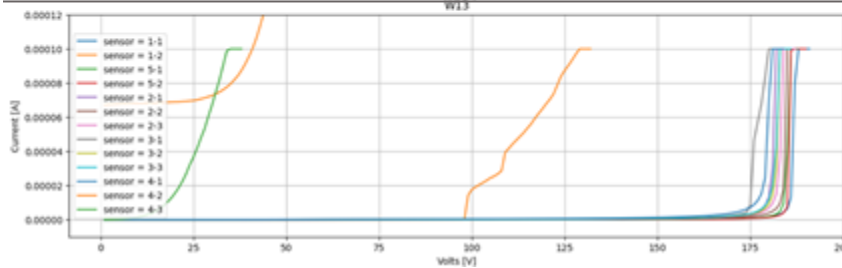
HPK production results – IV/CV

- Yield is not optimal, somehow better for 30um wafer
- Capacitance of full detector scales with thickness
- Measurement of strip capacitance (input capacitance to the amplifier) is not an easy task
 - Significantly changing with probing frequency
 - Several measurements ongoing with TCAD simulation support

HPK S16694 DC at 10 kHz (W11, 3x1, Chip 2 vs W22, 3x1, Chip 1)

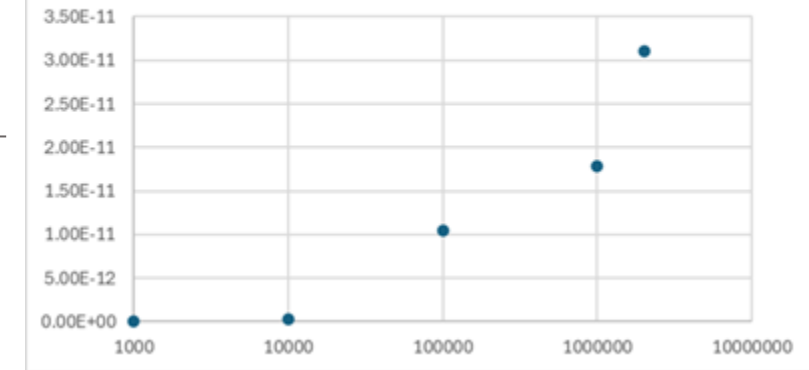


50um



30um

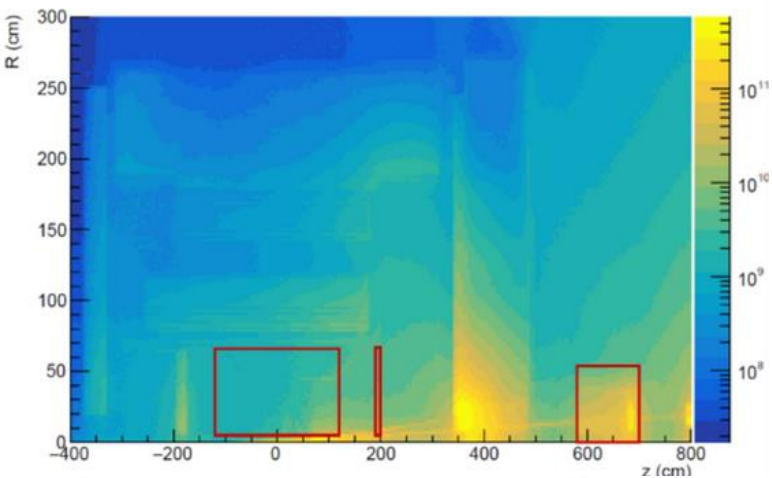
Final capacitance vs frequency (W11, 500um grounded neighbours)



Radiation levels at ePIC



- Radiation hardness of LGADs has been studied and optimized extensively for the HL-LHC timing end cap upgrades in ATLAS and CMS
 - Relatively large-pad, conventional (DC-coupled) LGADs
- At the EIC radiation levels will be much lower than at the LHC ($< 5 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ over their lifetime)
 - AC-LGADs with resistive n^+ layer, which may be susceptible to radiation damage by changes in the n^{++}/n^+ electrode and the coupling dielectric
- HPK (and BNL) strip and pixel sensors were irradiated with reactor neutrons at JSI/Ljubljana and at FNAL ITA
- Total fluences between 1×10^{12} and $1 \times 10^{15} \text{ Neq}$ – some much higher than envisioned at the EIC over the full time of life
- Thanks to G. Kranberger and I. Mandic for the JSI irradiation
 - Funded by EUROLABS
- Thanks to S. Seidel and J. SI (UNM) for the proton irradiation



RAW fluence			
System	Average	Min	Max
Barrel	5.4×10^{10}	3.4×10^{10}	5.9×10^{11}
End-cap	1.3×10^{11}	5.1×10^{10}	1.6×10^{12}
B0 trackers	3.9×10^{11}	3.3×10^{10}	1.8×10^{12}

NEQ fluence			
System	Average	Min	Max
Barrel	3.6×10^{10}	1.1×10^{10}	1.3×10^{12}
End-cap	1.2×10^{11}	3.2×10^{10}	8.4×10^{11}
B0 trackers	4.5×10^{11}	2.7×10^{10}	4.2×10^{12}

Table 8.2: RAW and NEQ fluence per system for the lifetime of the ePIC experiment, assuming 10 years of data taking at 50% time.

Fluence	V(GL)						Pixels
	W2	W4	W5	W8	W9	W11	
Thickness	50 μm	50 μm	50 μm	50 μm	20 μm	20 μm	
Capacitance	240	240	600	600	600	600	
N+ resistivity	2	0.5	2	0.5	2	0.5	
1.00E+12	54.5	52	54.5	52	53		
1.00E+13	54.5	51.5	54	51.5	53		
1.00E+14	51	50	51.5	49	50		
5.00E+14	41		42.5		41	38.5	
1.00E+15	32				34	31	

Strips
W2

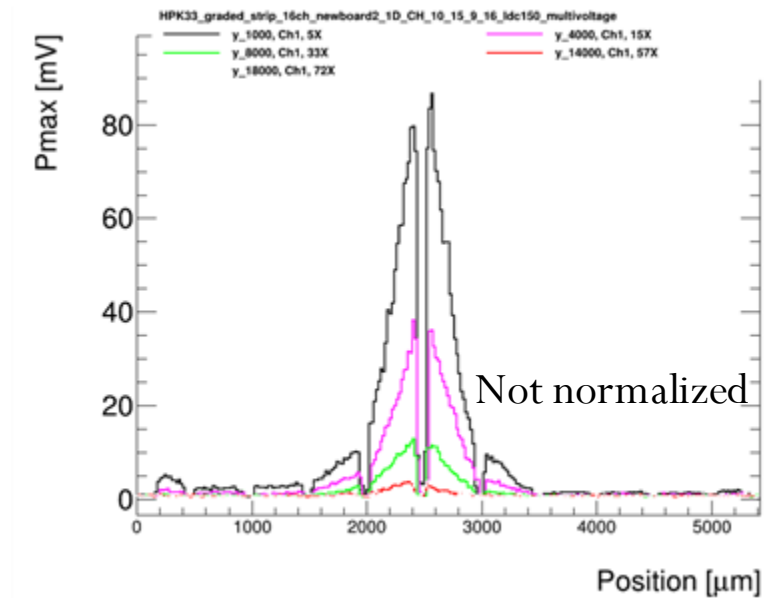
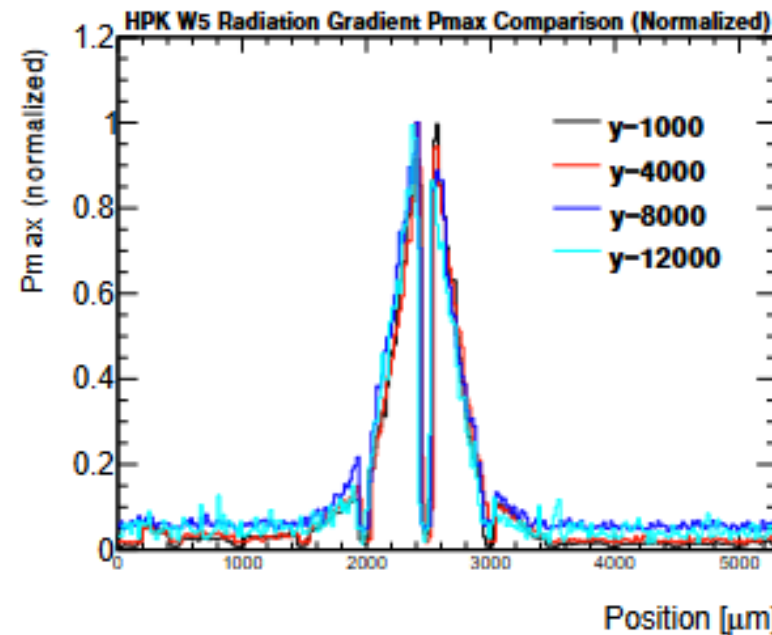
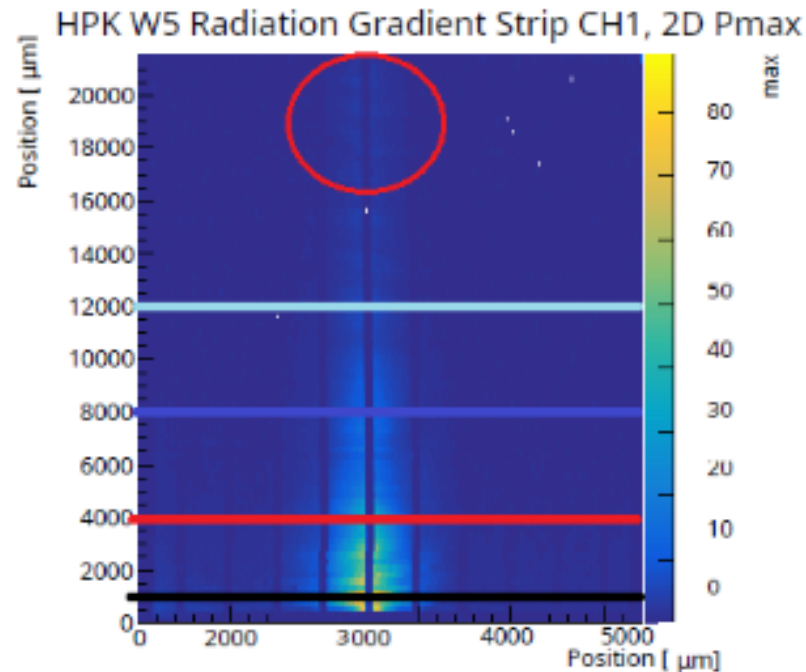
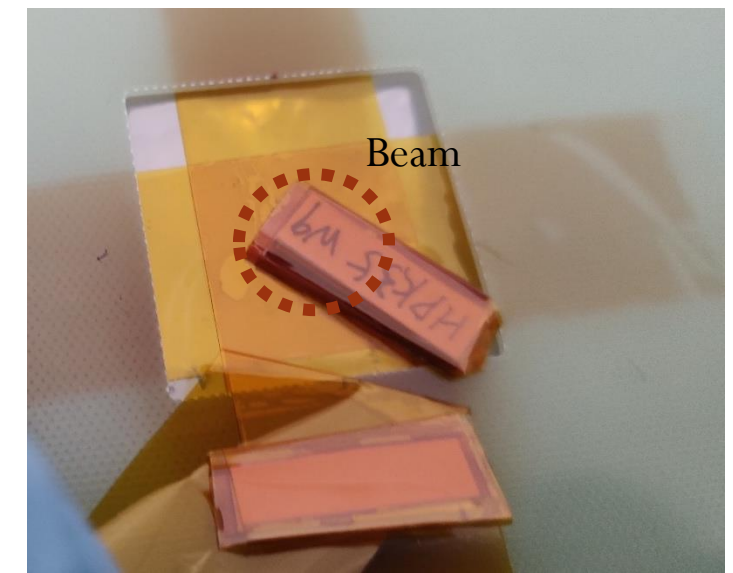
Fluence	0.5 cm	1 cm	2 cm
1.00E+14	52	52	
5.00E+14	44		48
1.00E+15		38	42

Strips
W5

Fluence	0.5 cm	1 cm	2 cm
1.00E+12	54	54	
1.00E+13	42		54
1.00E+14		52	53

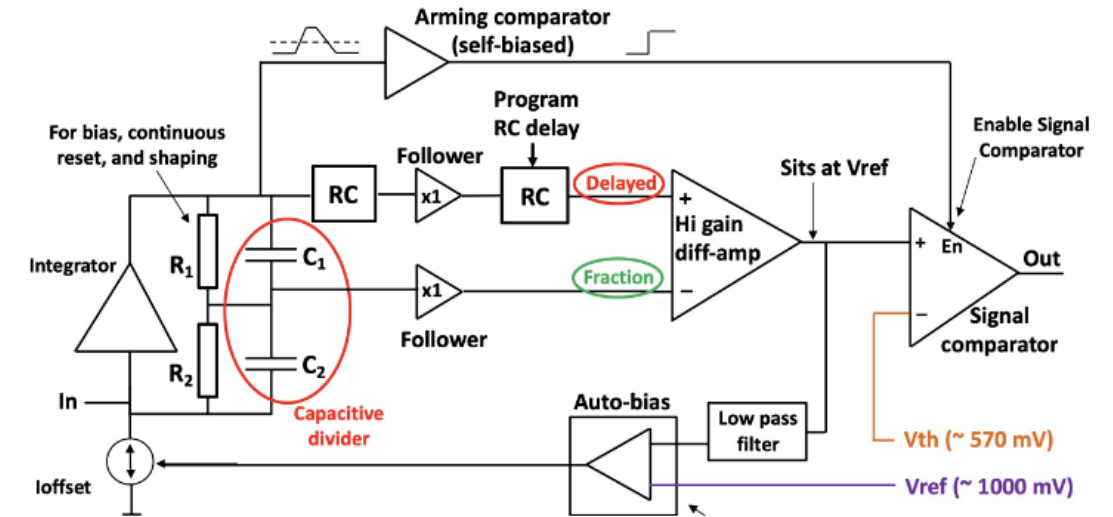
TCT laser studies - Protons

- Graded irradiation on an HPK 2cm strip sensor (500um pitch, 50um)
 - Fluence parallel to the strip each $\sim 0.5\text{cm}$: $4.4\text{E}+14\text{Neq}$, $3.5\text{E}+14\text{Neq}$, $1.8\text{E}+14\text{Neq}$, $7.8\text{E}+13\text{Neq}$
- Circle in image and plot indicates the beam position
- Effect of the irradiation clear in the gain layer signal degradation
 - However, the charge sharing profile doesn't change \rightarrow good!

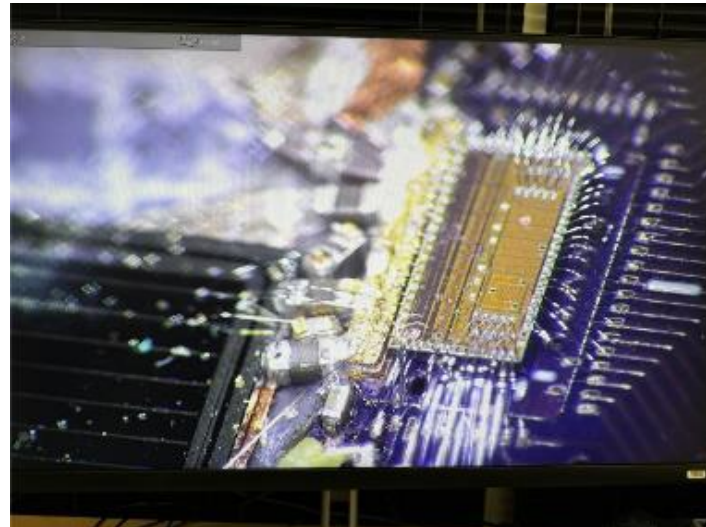


FCFD

- FCFDv1 – 6 channel received Jan 2024.
- Tested at FNAL in May/June 2024, AC & DC-LGAD (1 mm):
 - DC-LGAD @ 50 ps; AC-LGAD @ 52 ps
 - AC-LGAD should get ~35 ps with improved comparator.
- FCFDv1.1 – TSMC May 2025; DESY tests in July 2025.



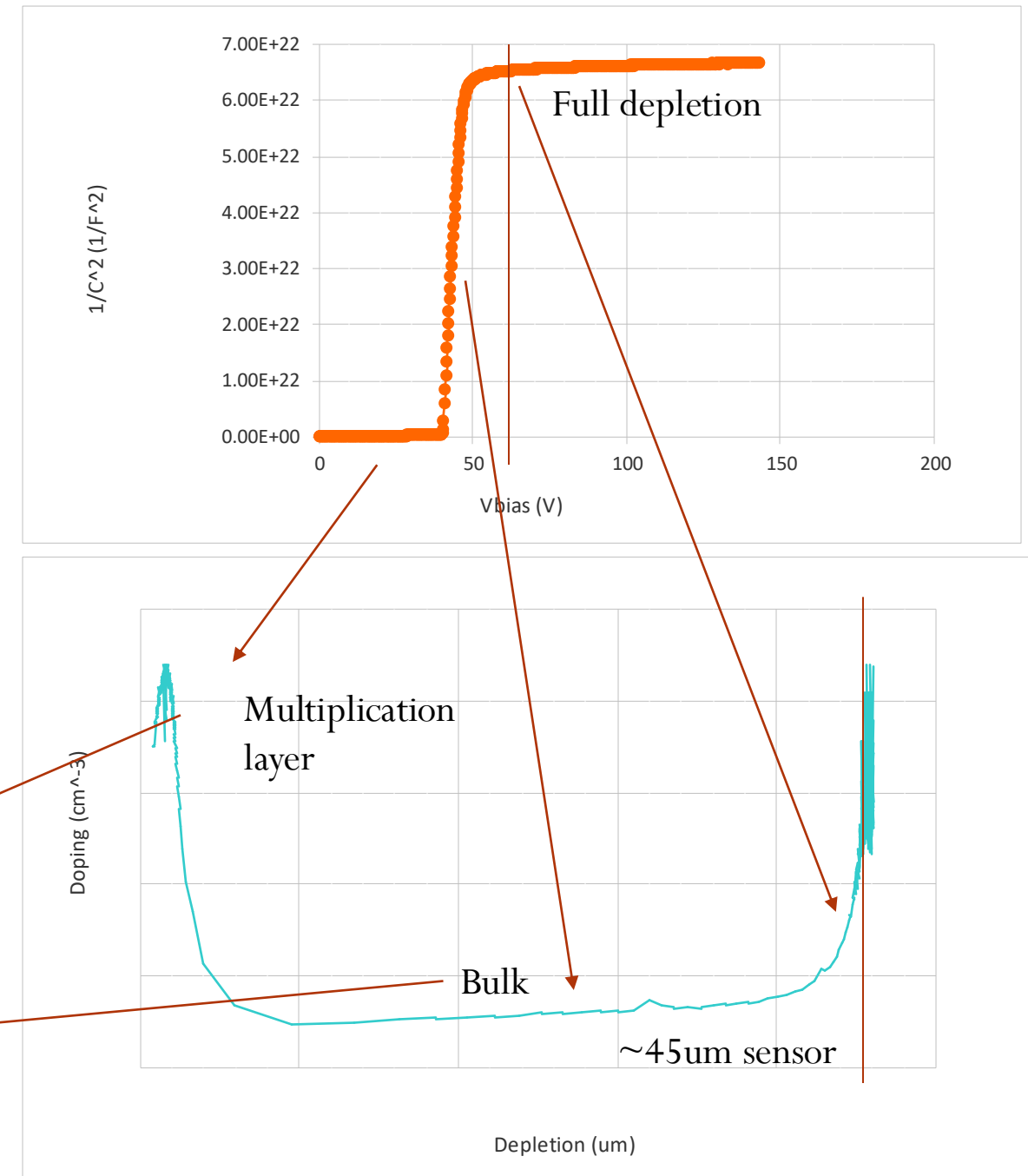
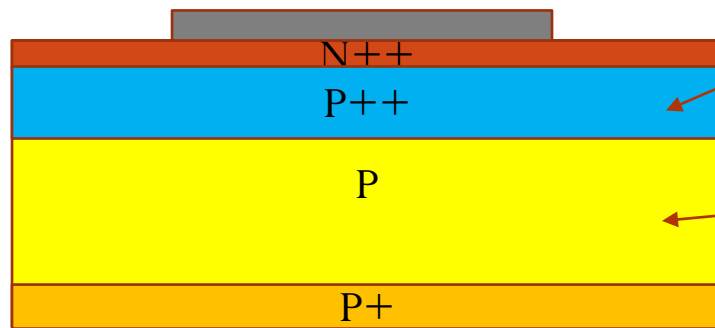
- 128 ch strip readout
- 65 nm CMOS
- Constant Fraction Discriminator
- Plus TDC, ADC, interfaces
- C_{din}: <15 pF
- Dynamic Range: 5-40 fC
- Timing: 10-30 ps
- Links: ~Gbps, multiple
- Radiation tolerant.



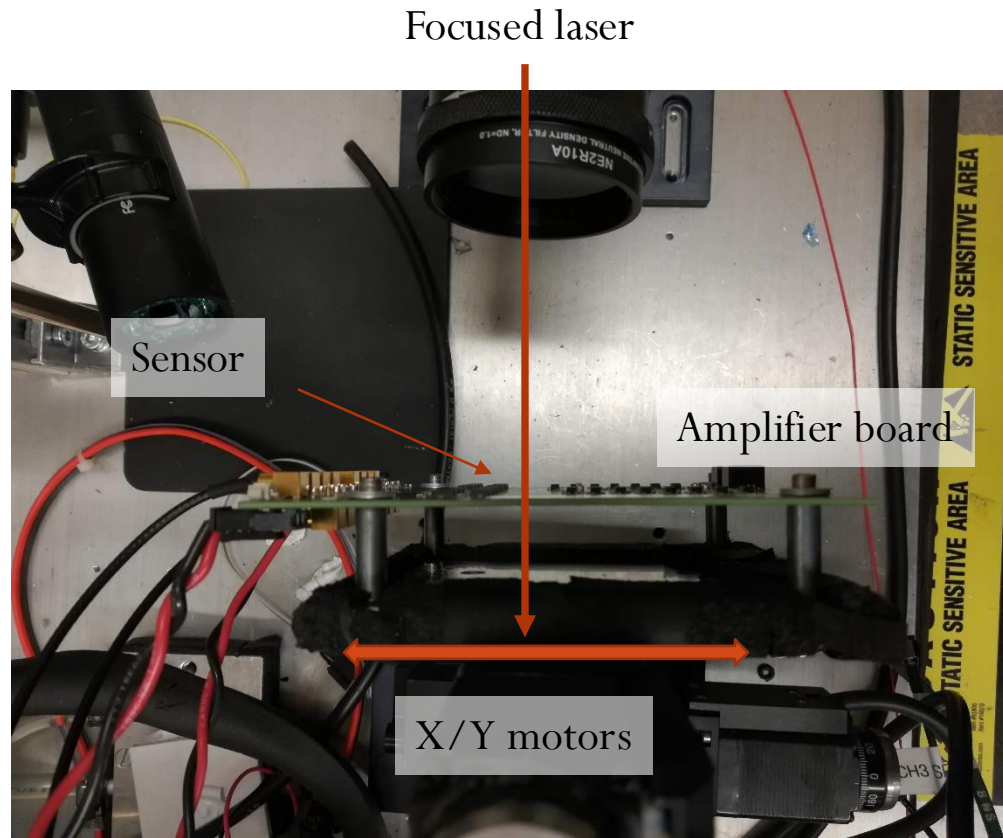
- FCFDv1 (6 ch): FY23 – FY24
- FCFDv1.1 (6ch): May 2025
- FCFDv2: FY25 – FY26
- FCFDv3: FY27 Production

Sensor testing – IV/CV

- Capacitance over voltage (CV)
 - Study doping concentration profile and full depletion of the sensor
 - Doping profile can be extracted from the $1/C^2$ derivative
- Study of the “foot” for LGADs on $1/C^2$
 - $1/C^2$ is flat until depletion of multiplication layer because of the high doping concentration
 - Proportional to gain layer active concentration
- Bulk doping concentration proportional to the derivative of $1/C^2$ before depletion



Sensor testing – Laser TCT setup



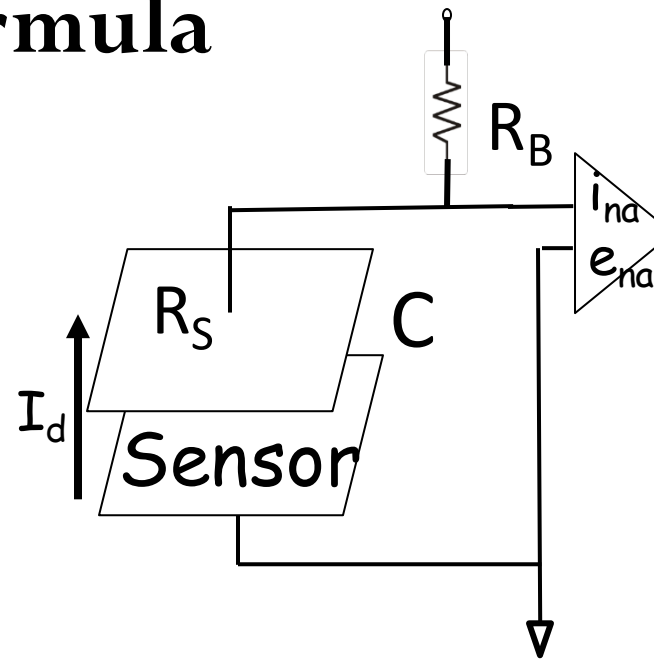
- Sensors are mounted on a multi-channel analog amplifier board with bandwidth ~ 1 GHz
- Response is readout by 2 GHz/20 Gs oscilloscope
- **IR laser (1064 nm)** mimics charge deposit of a Minimum Ionizing Particle (MiP)
 - Focused laser beam with spot width ~ 20 μm
- Amplifier board is mounted on X/Y moving stages
 - Charge injection as a function of position
- Metal is not transparent to IR so no response can be seen when laser is on top of metal
 - Only the sensor response in-between metal pads is visible



Readout noise master formula

Define some quantities that are associated with sources of **readout noise**:

C = Sensor capacitance
 R_S = electrode resistance
 i_{na} = amplifier current noise
 e_{na} = amplifier voltage noise
 R_B = bias resistance
 I_d = Sensor leakage current
 $4kT$ = temperature term

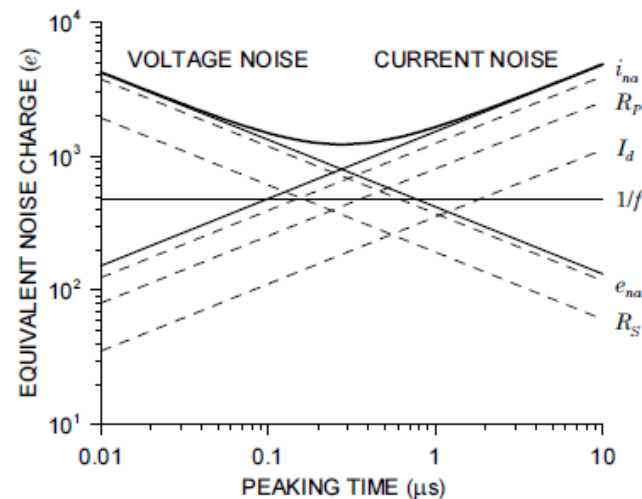


Noise level in equivalent electrons

- Strictly speaking, applies to “lumped elements” (separate C , R_S)

General rule of thumb: signal-to-noise of 12:1 for efficient operation

Signal-shape parameters (of order 1)



(For a particular set of parameters)

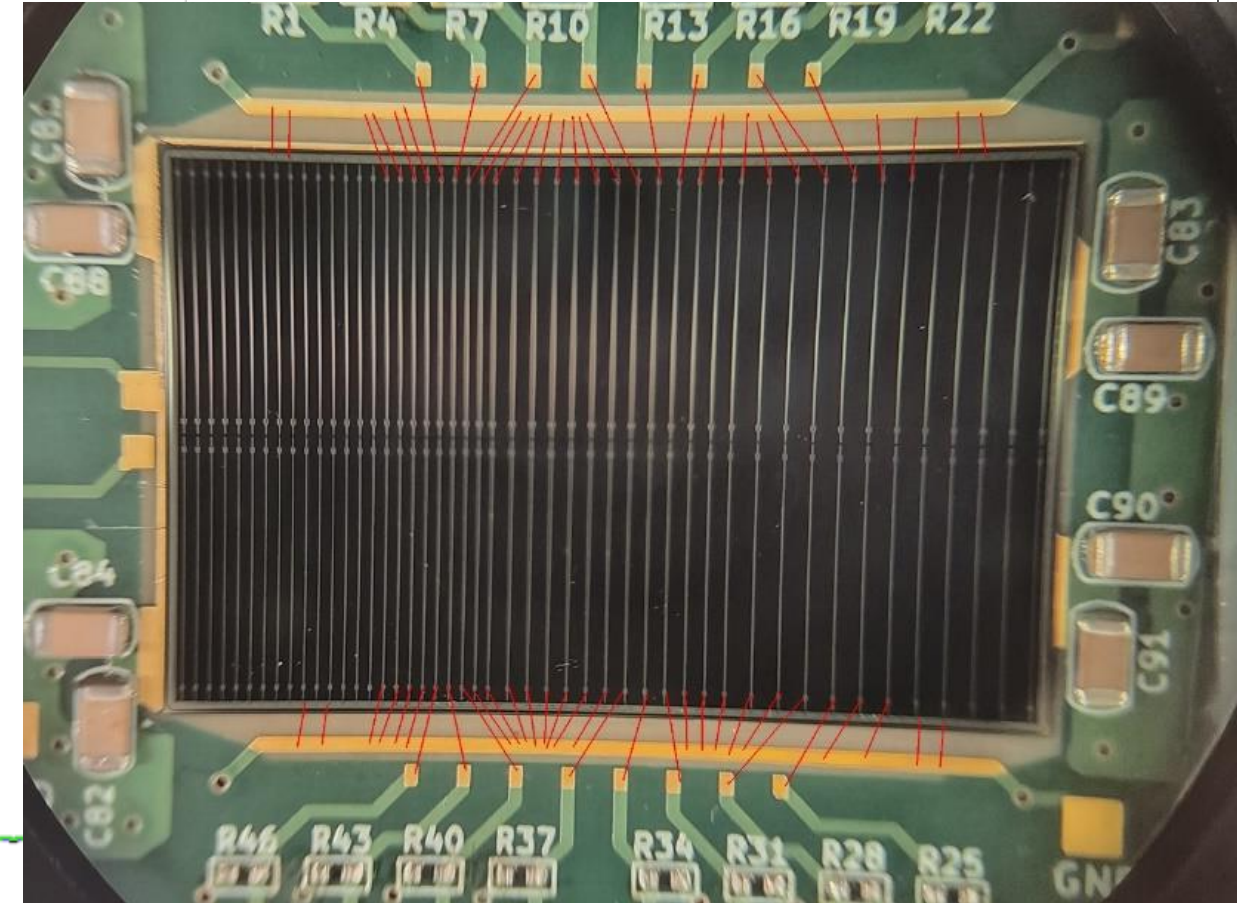
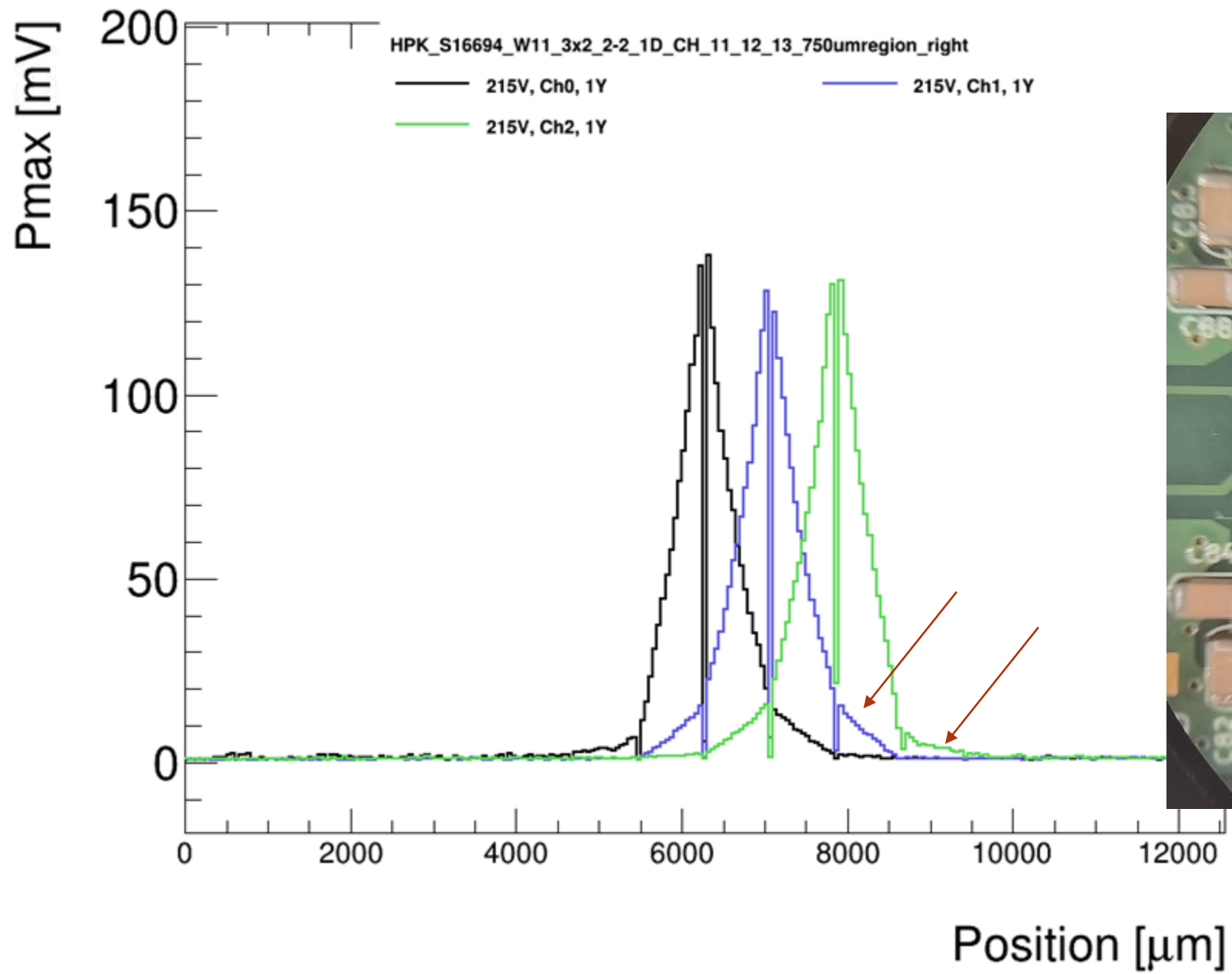
Noise current sources

Noise voltage sources

$$Q^2 = F_i \tau \left(2eI_d + \frac{4kT}{R_B} + i_{na}^2 \right) + \frac{F_v C^2}{\tau} (4kTR_S + e_{na}^2)$$

Amplifier shaping time (1/Bandwidth)

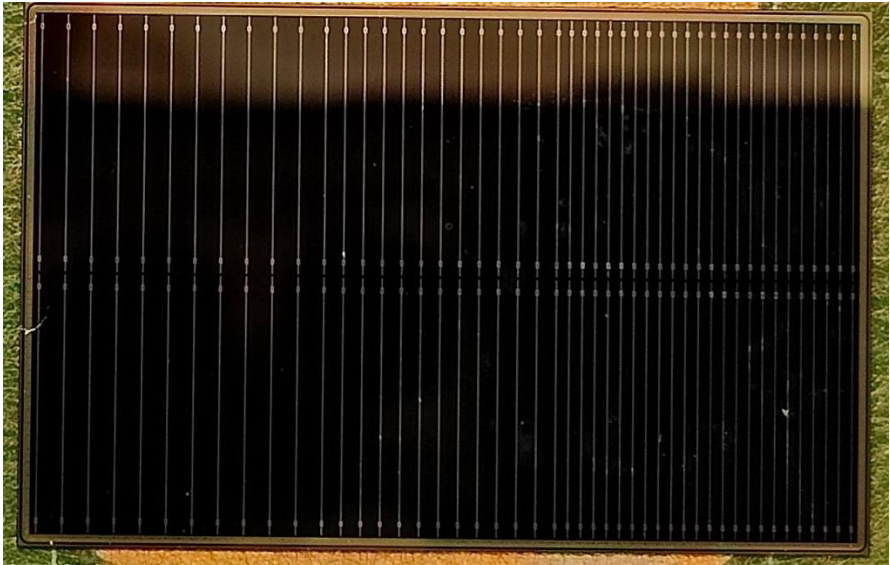
$(F_v/\tau) C^2 e_{na}^2 \rightarrow$ Beware of sensor capacitance, esp. for fast signals!



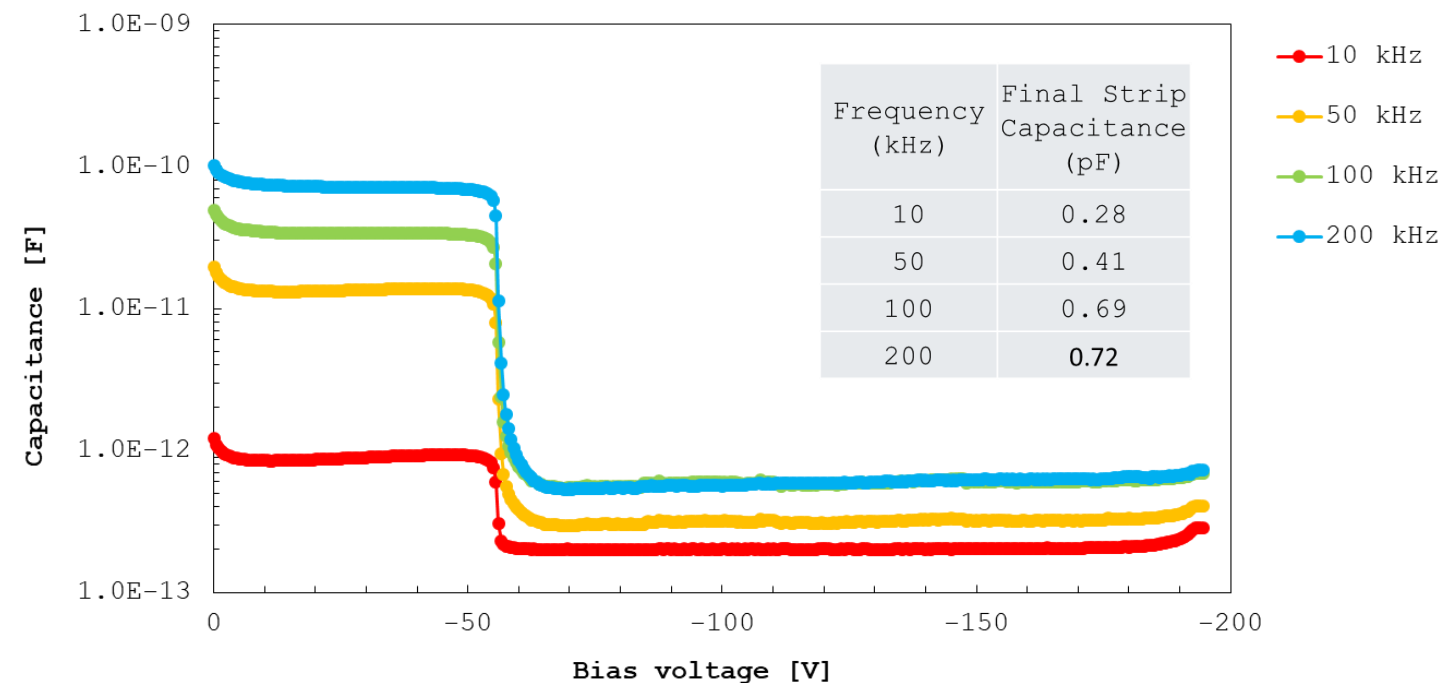
New HPK production

- Capacitance of AC strips with backside measurements, test on edge strip near N+ connection
- As always it's tricky to pinpoint a number as result vary wildly with frequency
- Final capacitance of the order of few pF for both wafers
 - This seems suspiciously low, studies ongoing

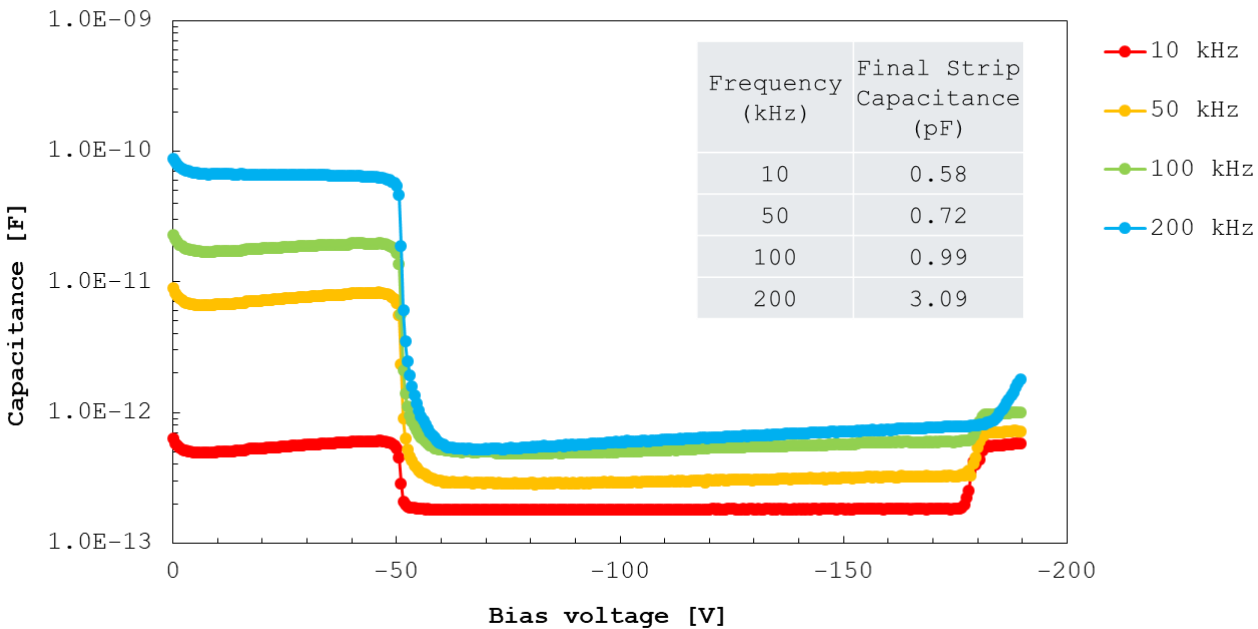
Full sensors



HPK S16694 W11, 3x1, Chip 2, AC Comparison (log scale)



HPK S16694 W22, 3x1, Chip 1, AC Comparison (log scale)



Angled charge injection

- Strip modules in ePIC barrel-TOF are layered with a 18-degree tilt angle in the design baseline, forward disk region also get tracks with large incident angle (up to 30-degree)
 - Laboratory characterization and beam tests so far have been conducted at normal incidence
 - Added a angular stage to our TCT laser setup to study the effects of angle of incidence
- Tested a strip AC-LGAD with the new setup (Pixel next)
 - **At larger angles, signal profile in neighboring strips also shows shift with rotational angle, but effect is small and can be corrected if angle is known**
 - Laser light is shone under strips
- Differences in time-of-arrival and rise time are minimal for the angles measured

