

LGAD developments for HGTD and for CEPC time of flight detector

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Outline

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- I. LGAD development for HGTD**
 - II. LGAD development for CEPC time of flight detector**



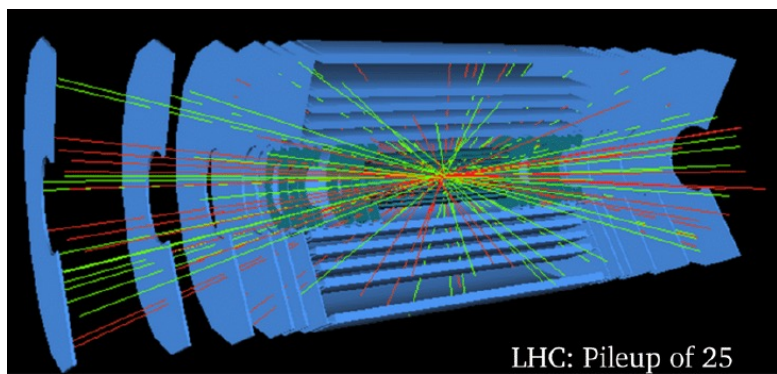
Challenges of HL-LHC

From ~2026, LHC will be upgraded, In ~2029, LHC will run in "high luminosity" , called HL-LHC

- increase the number of collisions per unit time
- The **instantaneous luminosity** will be approximately a factor of $\sim 5 - 7.5$ higher than the LHC nominal values
- 4000 fb^{-1} , collect **$\sim \mathbf{x10}$ more data than Run3** in the long term
- *Pileup* of ~ 200 vertices per interaction
- **Track reconstruction:** complexity increases **exponentially or worse with pileup**

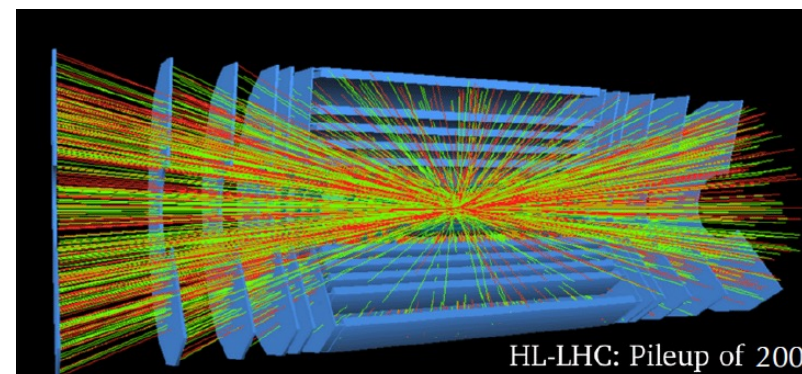
Several LHC experiment sub-systems will operate in the **high rate, hit occupancy and harsh radiation environment**

On average 1.6-2.35 vertices per mm



LHC: Pileup of 25

Pileup increases



HL-LHC: Pileup of 200



Why need the time information?

- **At High Luminosity -LHC**

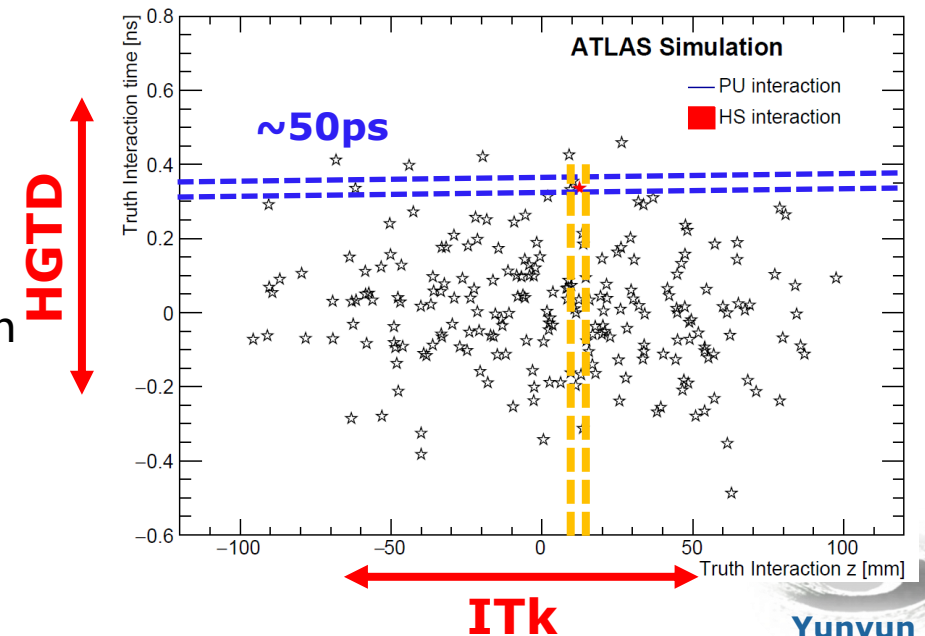
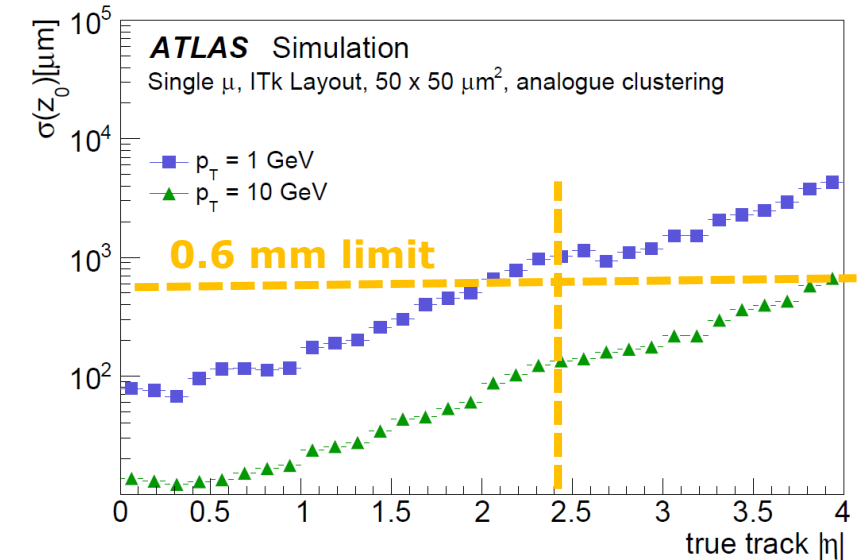
- Pileup: $\langle \mu \rangle = 200$ interactions per bunch crossing ~ 1.6 vertex/mm on average

- **Problems of the vertex reconstruction in ATLAS**

- degradation significantly in the forward region compared to the central region
- Need z_0 resolution < 0.6 mm
- Liquid Argon based electromagnetic calorimeter has coarser granularity
- New inner tracker (ITk) has poor z resolution in the forward region

- Using timing information easier to reconstruct vertices

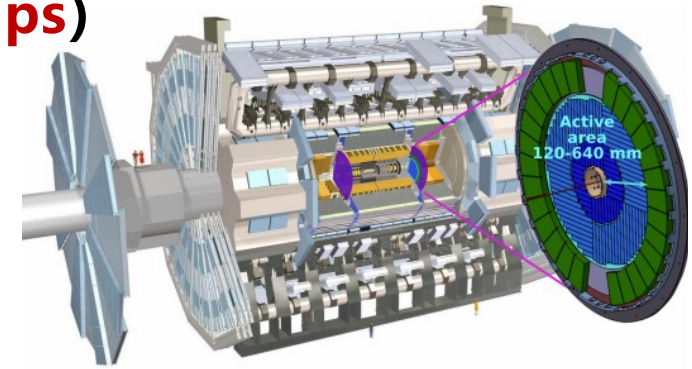
- **Timing information is necessary for the HL-LHC**



High Granularity Timing Detector (HGTD)

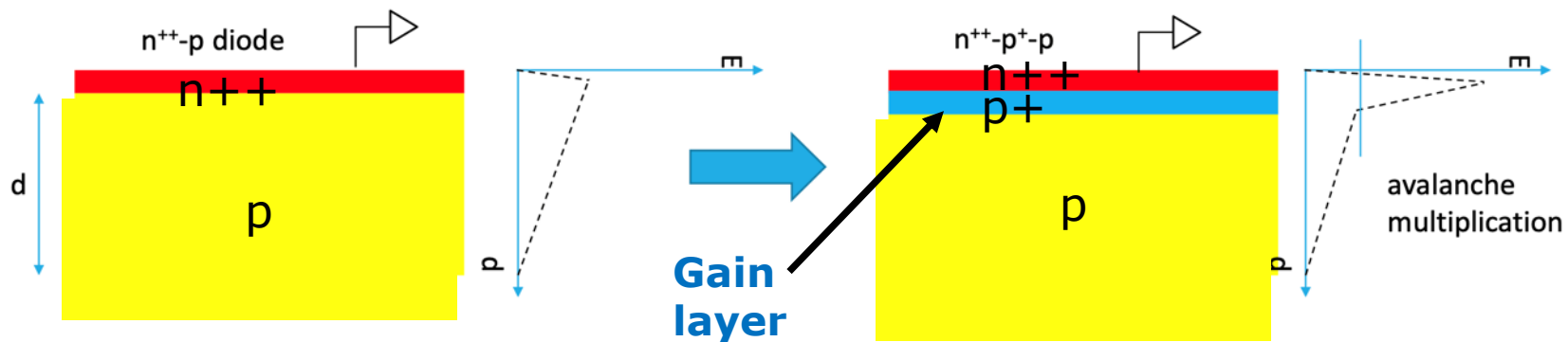
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- A High Granularity Timing Detector (HGTD) is proposed in front of the Liquid Argon end-cap calorimeters to reduce pileup
- Time resolution for particle 2 orders of magnitude higher (**ns**→**30 ps**)
- **Reduce the pileup in HL-LHC**
 - Detector area: **6.4 m²**, time resolution: **30 ps**
 - **mm** granularity, **3.6 million** readout channels
- **Detector can withstand the lifetime of the HL-LHC running (3 ring layout)**
 - Maximum n_{eq} fluences: **$2.5 \times 10^{15} n_{eq}/cm^2$**
 - Total Ionising Dose (TID): **2 MGy** at the end of HL-LHC (4000 fb⁻¹)
 - Average time resolution: **35 ps (start), 70 ps (end) per hit** / **30 ps (start), 50 ps (end) per track**
 - Collected charge per hit **>4 fC**
 - Hit efficiencies of **97% (95%)** at the start (end)of their lifetime



Low Gain Avalanche Detectors (LGAD)

- Silicon pixel detectors are especially important for the precise determination of tracks and vertices , enabling the selection of interesting events through the identification of b jets (b tagging)
- LGAD is a new silicon detector technology developed recent years, that could measure the particle time at ps precision (20 – 30 ps) mm position resolution before irradiation
- Compared with APD and SiPM, LGAD has moderate gain (10-50)
 - High S/N (high efficiency) , no self triggering
 - Thin depleted region decrease t_{rise} (fast timing) , increase the electric field and electron drift velocity



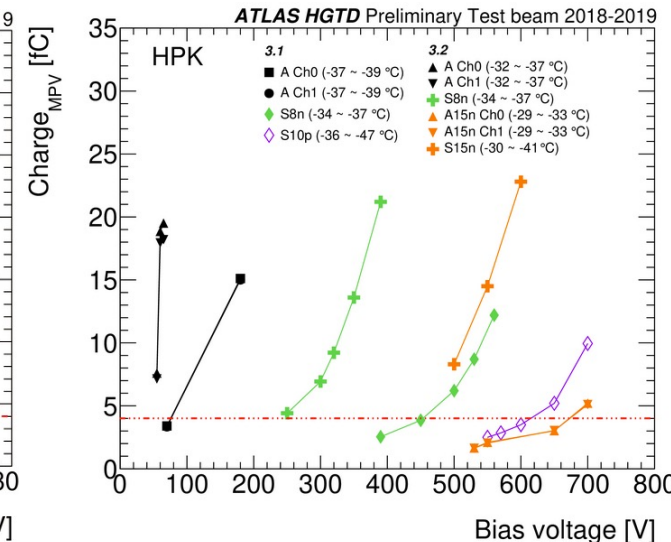
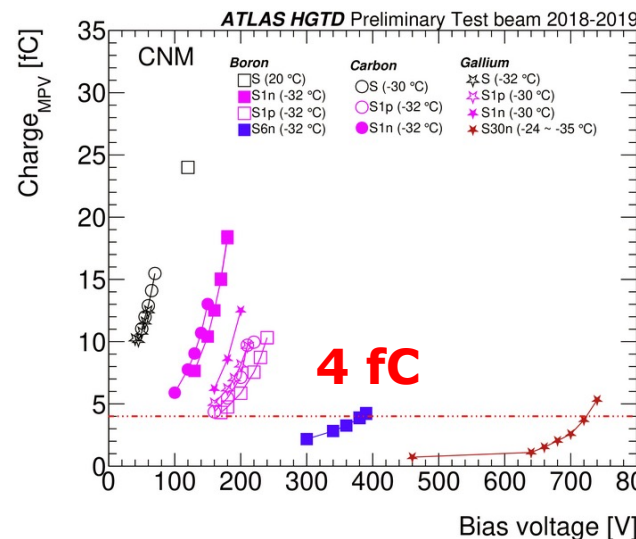


Toward Radiation Hard LGAD

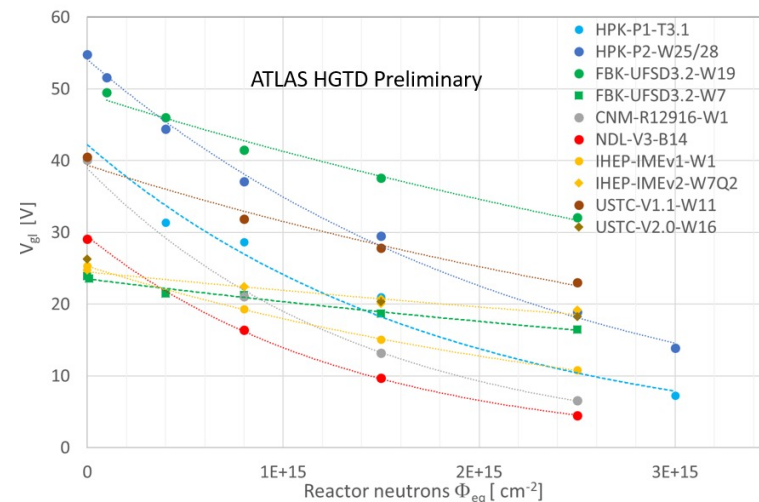
■ **Could (LGADs) operate at harsh HL-LHC radiation environment of high fluences beyond $10^{15} n_{eq}/cm^2$?**

- LGAD sensors have been extensively studied during the R&D phase of the HGTD project
 - Performance degrades due to loss of the gain layer
 - Increase the bias voltage to maintain performances, leads to single event burnout (SEB)
 - Key parameter of the gain degradation is the **acceptor removal coefficient**

$$V_{gl} = V_{gl0} \times \exp(-c \times \Phi_{eq})$$



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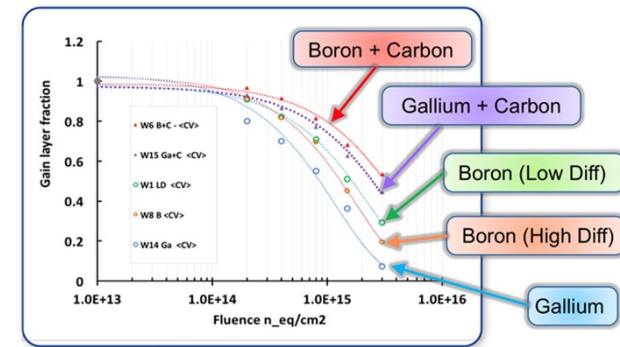
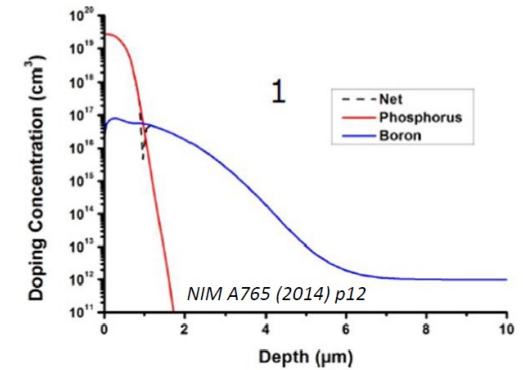
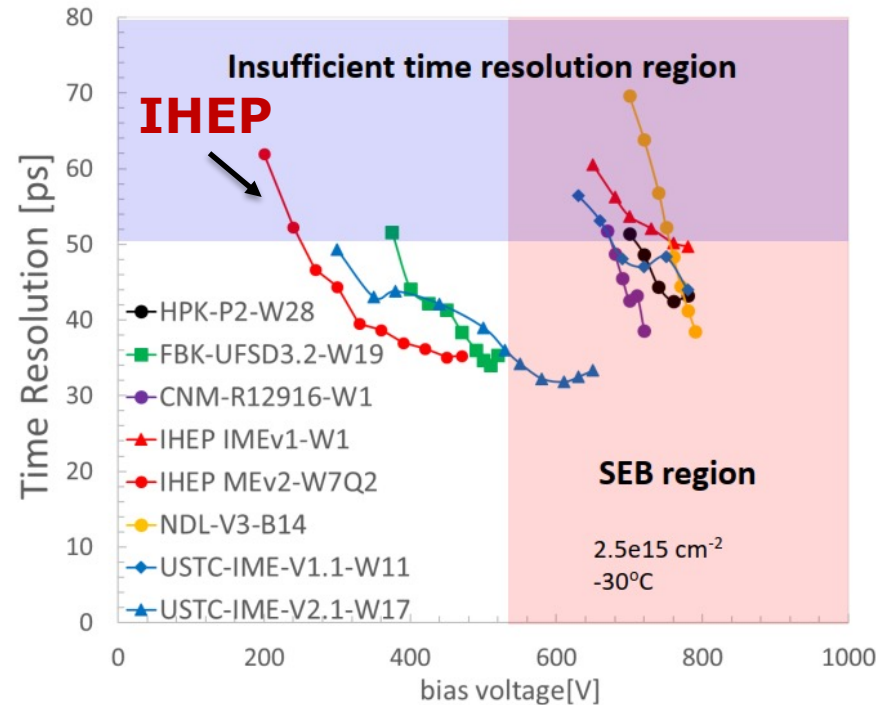
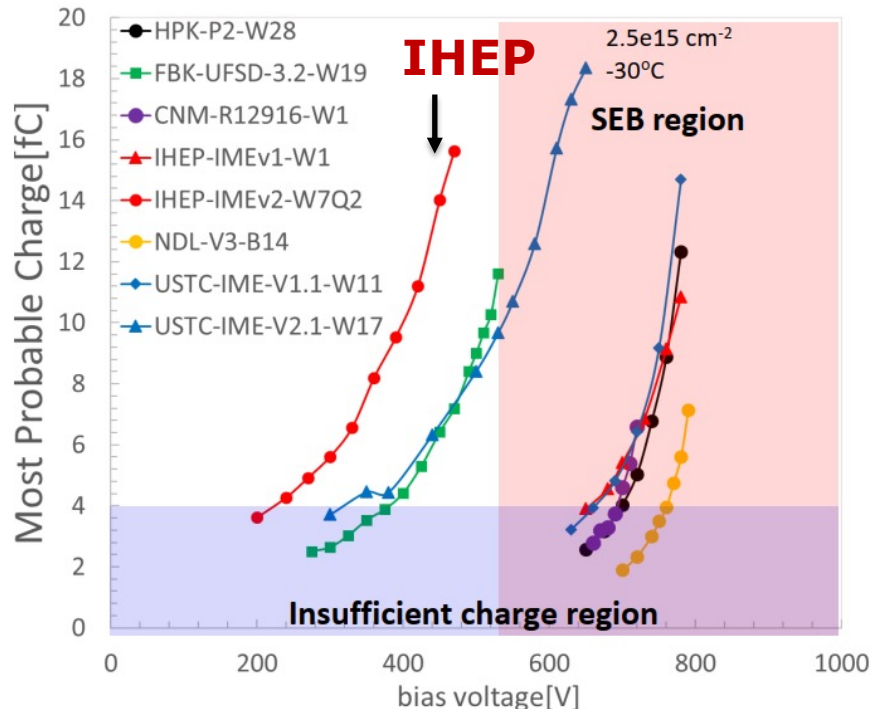
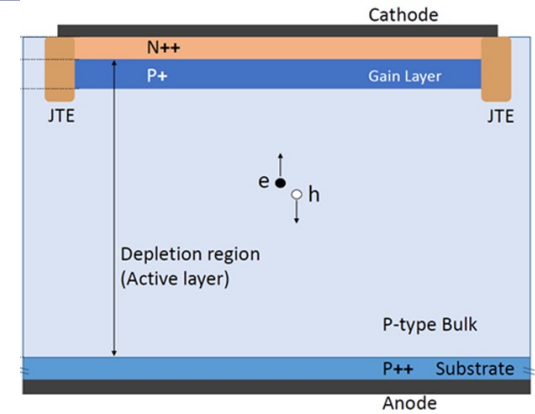
- Aim to **develop radiation hard LGADs** for HGTD

Improve the gain layer design, acceptor removal coefficient targeting $1 - 2 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$

- I. Geometry design, such as increase the doping concentration, depth, width, shape
- II. Different doping materials, add the Carbon, Ga to gain layer

- Performance of LGAD: B+C > B > Ga**

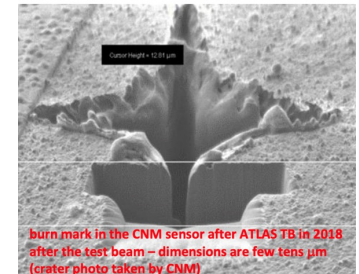
– Simultaneously show good enough CC/timing/efficiency after $2.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$





LGAD Measurements with Particle Beams

- **Motivation** : check the performance in real beam conditions and compare with the results from lab measurement from Sr90
- **Goal** :
 - Qualify sensor performance (timing resolution, efficiency, collected charge) from different manufacturers
 - How to avoid **"single event burnout" (SEB)**
- **3 testbeam campaigns** in 2021 and early 2022:
 - SEB studies at DESY and CERN SPS
 - Performance studies (timing resolution, efficiency, collected charge)
 - Time reference : SiPM+quartz bar, CNM unirradiated LGAD
 - Track reconstruction : EUDET-type telescope (DESY) , MALTA telescope (CERN)



complete irrecoverable failure

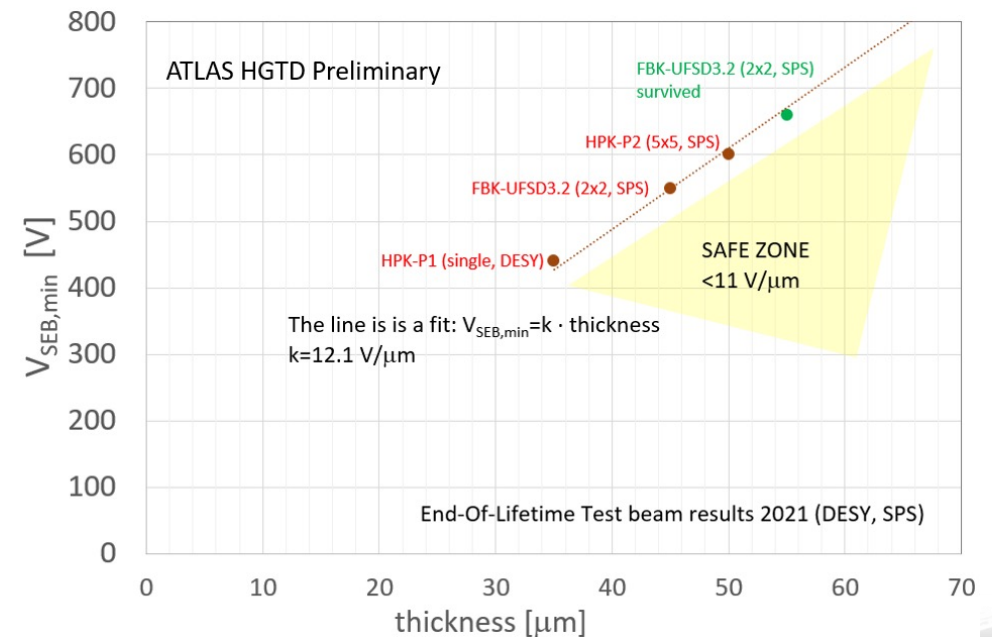


Safe Operational Voltage

- According to DESY and SPS , **"safe zone" at $<11\text{V}/\mu\text{m}$ exist**
 - 74 sensors tested, 55 survived to voltages expected to meet HGTD specs
 - SEB only appears above a certain bias voltage while the 4 fC is obtained at the same time, even after irradiation
 - Carbon helps to reduce the gain layer degradation, thus reduce the operation bias voltage of highly irradiated sensor

- **The SEB probability**

- **DESY in June 2021 (6 GeV electrons)**
about 10^{-6} to $\sim 10^{-5}$ depending on irradiation, for $\sim 12\text{ V}/\mu\text{m}$
- **SPS in November 2021 (120 GeV pions)**
below 10^{-5}



Could the sensor performances still meet the HGTD specs in this safe zone?



LGAD Prototypes for HGTD

- **Tested most promising LGAD** : C-enriched prototypes from 3 vendors(FBK, USTC-IME and IHEP-IME)
- Sensors irradiated up to $1.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ and $2.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ at the TRIGA reactor in Ljubljana, Slovenia with fast neutrons
- Qualify sensor performance (timing resolution, efficiency, collected charge)
- Bias voltages were kept lower than the SEB voltage

Device name	Vendor	Sensor ID	Implant	Irradiation type	Fluence [n _{eq} /cm ²]	Tested at
CNM-0	CNM	W9LGA35	boron	unirradiated	—	DESY/CERN
FBK-1.5	FBK	UFSD3.2 W19	boron + carbon	neutrons	1.5×10^{15}	DESY/CERN
FBK-2.5	FBK	UFSD3.2 W19	boron + carbon	neutrons	2.5×10^{15}	DESY/CERN
USTC-1.5	USTC-IME	v2.1 W17	boron + carbon	neutrons	1.5×10^{15}	DESY
USTC-2.5	USTC-IME	v2.1 W17	boron + carbon	neutrons	2.5×10^{15}	DESY
IHEP-1.5	IHEP-IME	v2 W7 Q2	boron + carbon	neutrons	1.5×10^{15}	DESY/CERN
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IHEP-IME sensor with shallow carbon

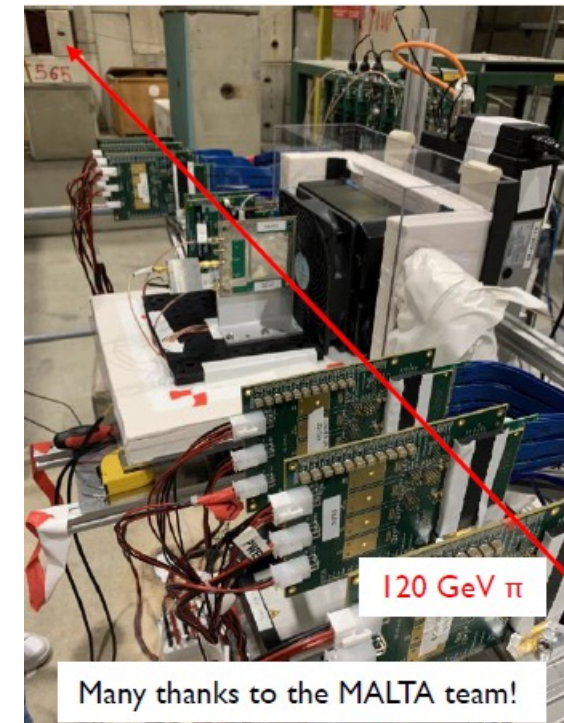
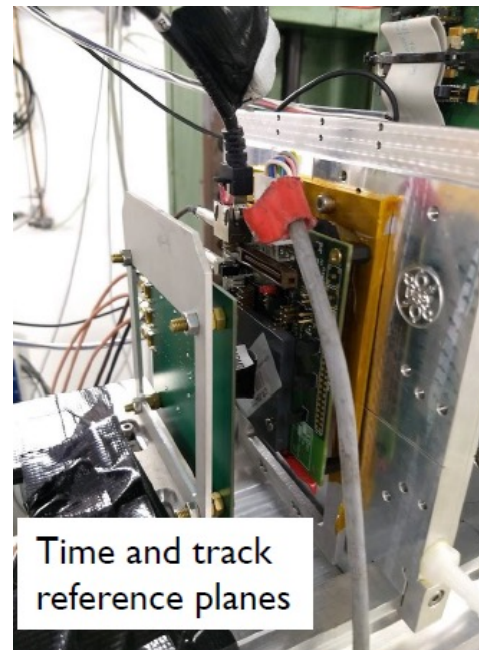
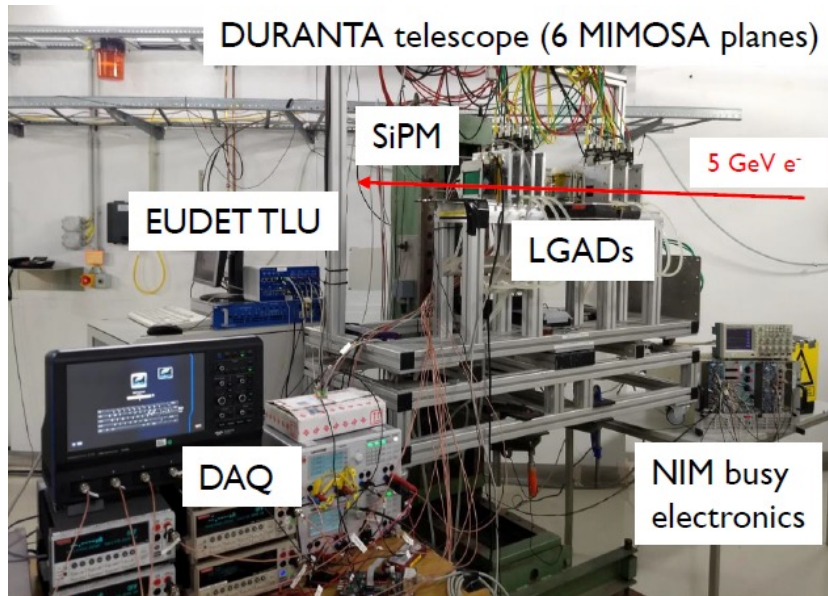
Device name	V _{gl0} [V]	Diffusion	c [cm ²]
FBK-1.5/2.5	50	H	1.73×10^{-16}
USTC-1.5/2.5	27	L	1.23×10^{-16}
IHEP-1.5/2.5	25	CHBL	1.14×10^{-16}





Performance Study

- **Test beam @DESY and @SPS in 2021 (setup)**
 - CERN North Area SPS H6A beamline (120 GeV pion beam)
 - DESY T22 beamline (5 GeV e-beam)
 - Tracking Use of beam telescopes for tracking (EUDET-type 10 um/MALTA 5um)
 - Time reference : LGAD (CNM 0) used as a time reference in some tests (CERN SPS) as well as a SiPM device (DESY)

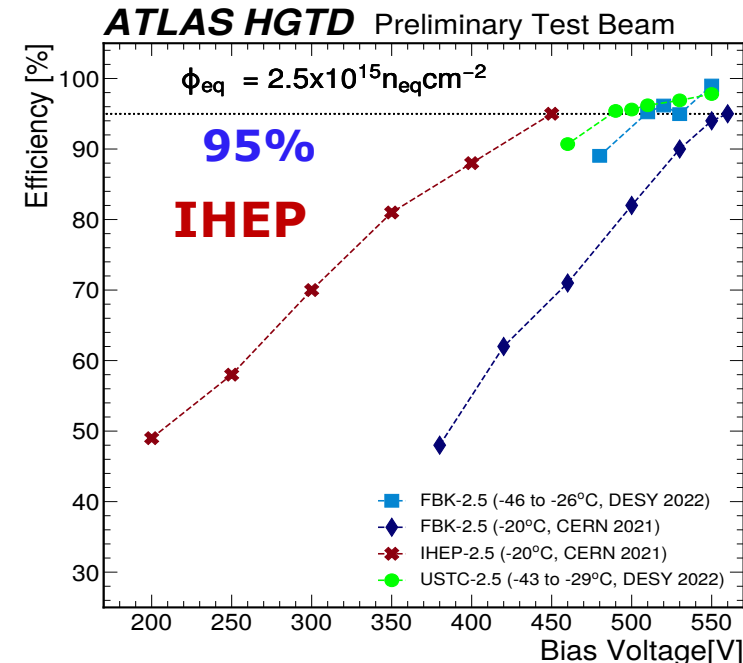
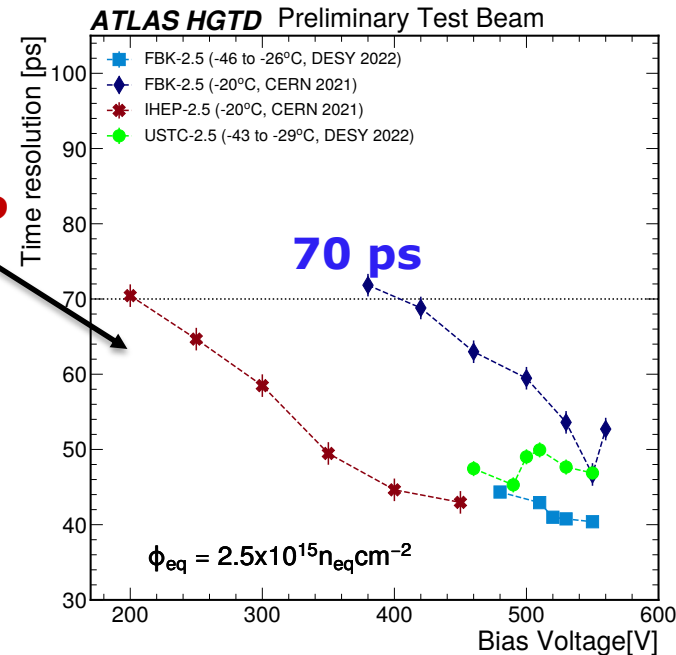
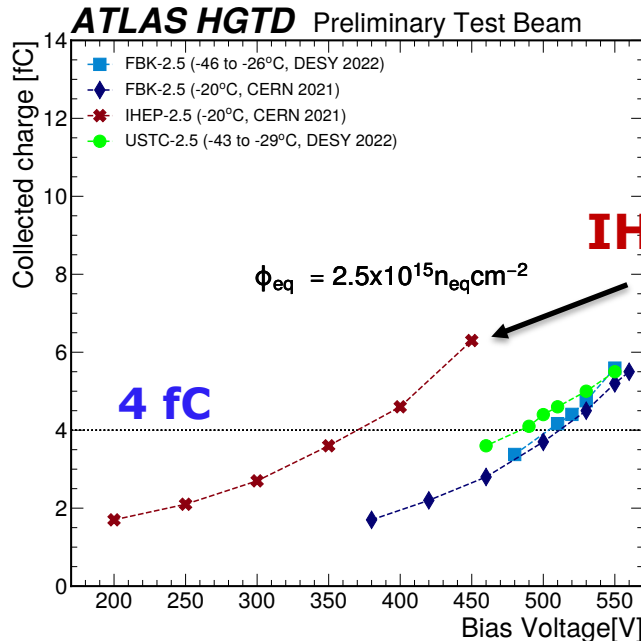




Collected Charge & Time Resolution

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 - Collected charge of more than 4 fC while guaranteeing an optimum time resolution below 70 ps
 - An efficiency larger than 95% uniformly over sensors' surface is obtained with a charge threshold of 2 fC
- **These results confirm the feasibility of an LGAD-based timing detector for HL-LHC**
- **Ongoing studies on the performance of ALTIROC2+full sensor**

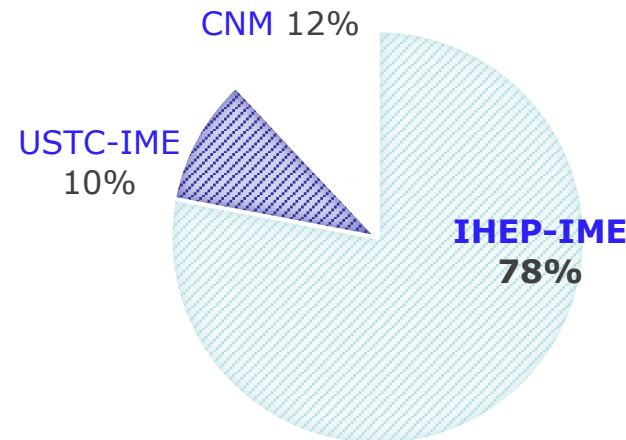
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Production of LGAD sensors

- LGAD sensors passed the FDR
- HGTD project of ATLAS needs > 20,000 LGAD sensors (6.4 m²)
- **2023 IHEP-IME got all the share of the order from CERN tendering**
 - > 10,000 LGAD (54%, **will be produced by IME according to IHEP design**)
 - Compete with HPK, FBK et al.
- **The share of the contribution of the LGAD sensors in HGTD**
 - **IHEP-IME: 78%** (54% from CERN tendering+24% in-kind sensors)
 - UCSC-IME: 10% in-kind sensors
 - CNM: 12% in-kind sensors





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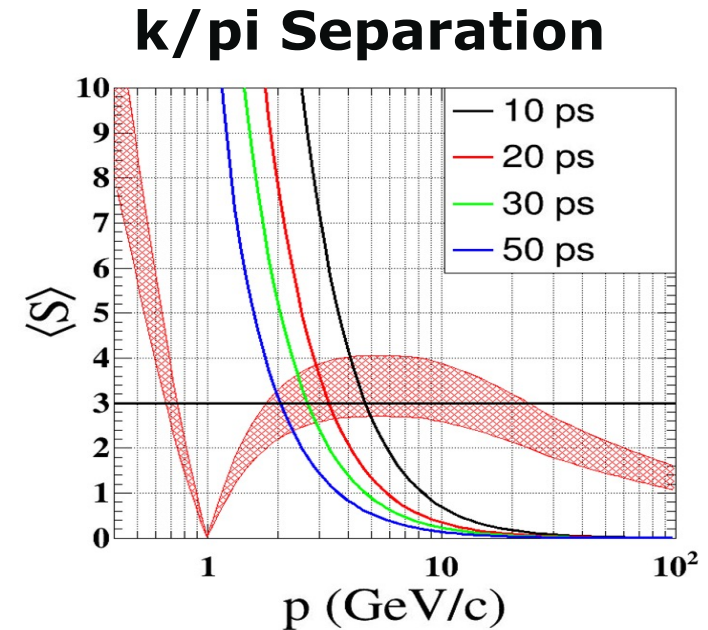
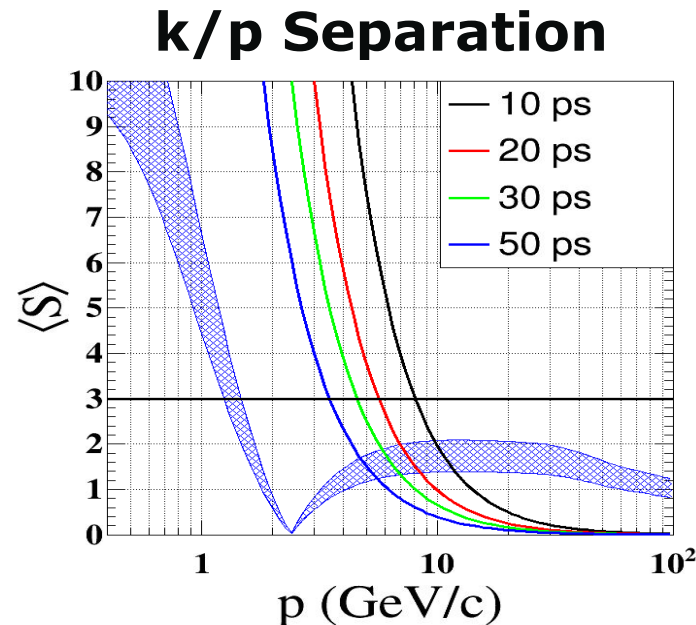
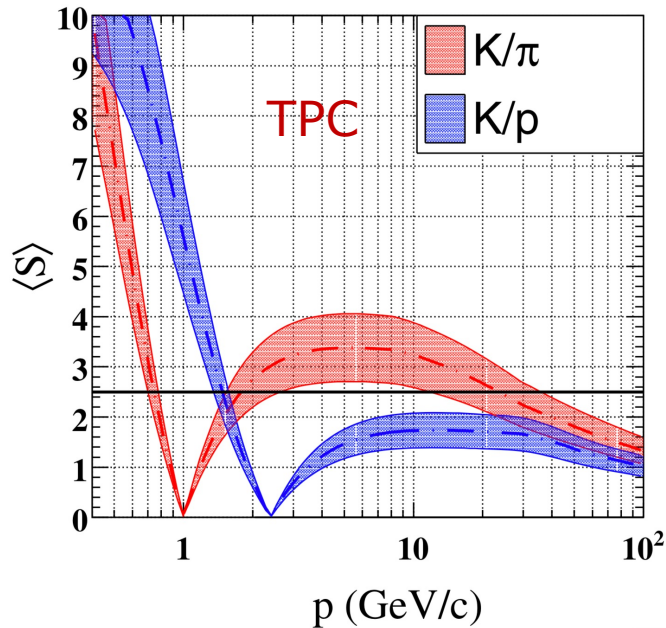
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II. LGAD development for CEPC time of flight detector



Motivation

- **CEPC will produce 10^{12} Z boson at Z pole: Rich flavor physics program**
- **Particle separation problems of Gas detector (dE/dx) for CEPC flavor physics:**
 - **0.5-2 GeV for K/pi separation, >1.5 GeV for K/p separation**
- **CEPC International Advisory Committee: one of the key recommendations**
Precision timing detector should be determined as a matter of urgency (4D track)
- **Timing detector is complementary to gas detector: improves the separation ability**
0 - 4 GeV for K/pi separation, 0 - 8 GeV for K/p separation





CEPC timing detector: Concept

Two concept designs of the timing detector:

I. Only offer the time information, between tracker and calorimeter

✓ **Large area LGAD** : high timing resolution (20 ps) serve as timing detector, low gain, high S/N, large pixel size to reduce the readout electronics, put near the SET

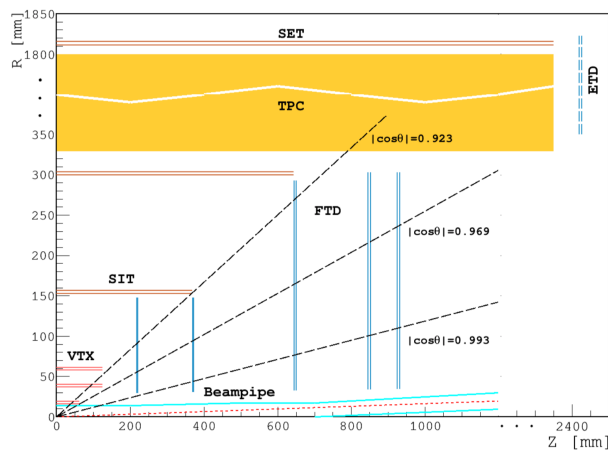
II. Offer the time and spatial information (**4D track**) replace the SET

✓ **AC-LGAD** : 4 dimension detection (spatial and time resolution) , 20 pico-second (ps) , 7-10 μm

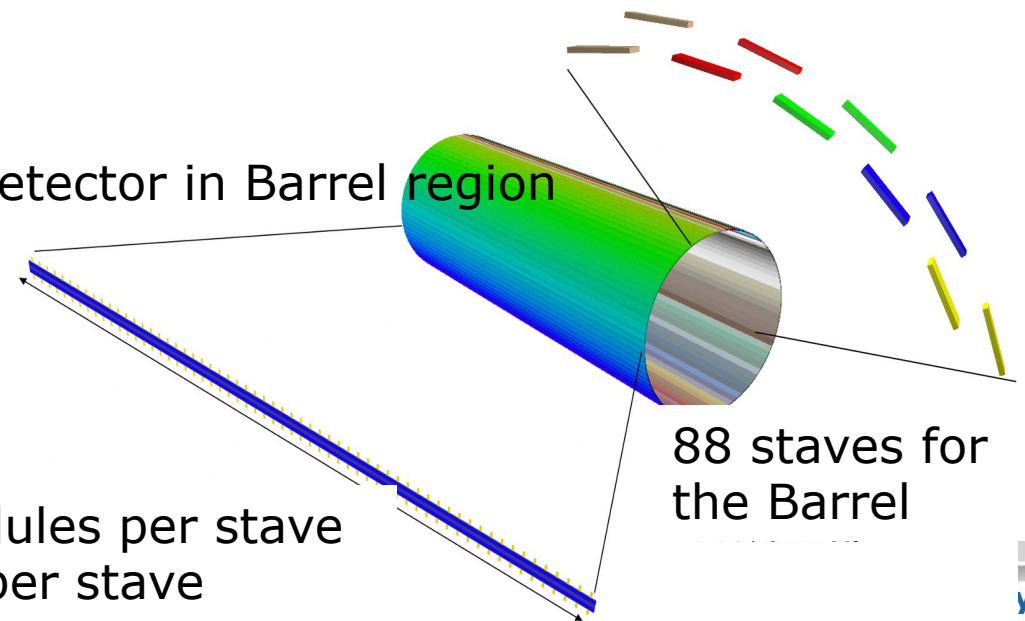
Close to SET tracker, Radius **$\sim 1.8\text{ m}$**

Area of detector (**Barrel : 50 m² , Endcap 20 m²**)

Baseline detector concept in CDR



Timing detector in Barrel region



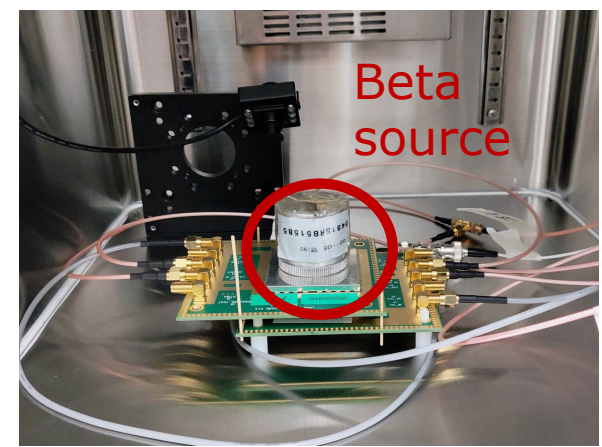
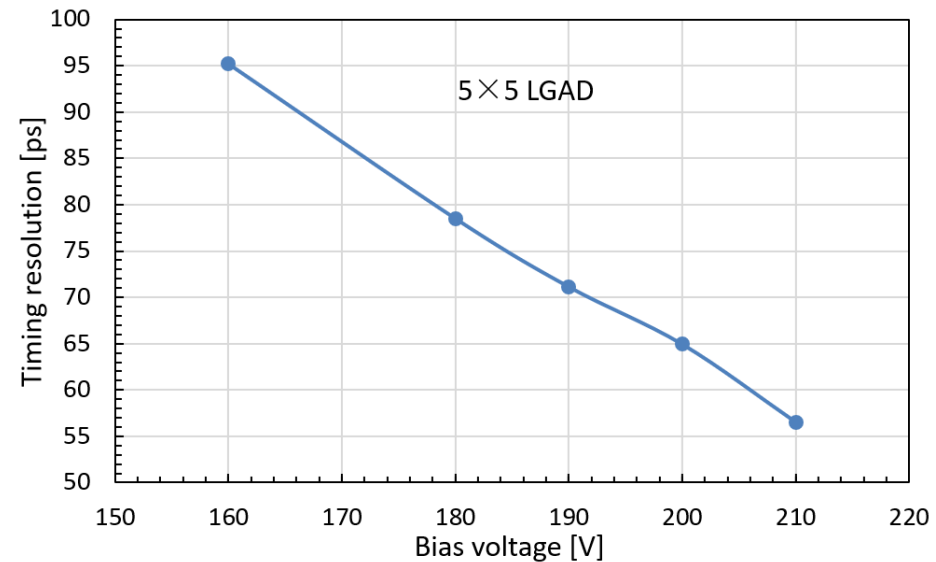
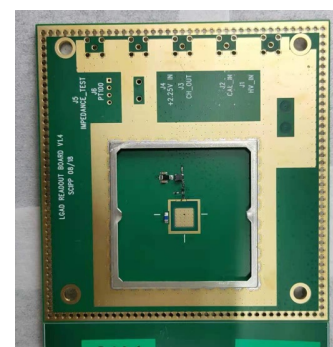
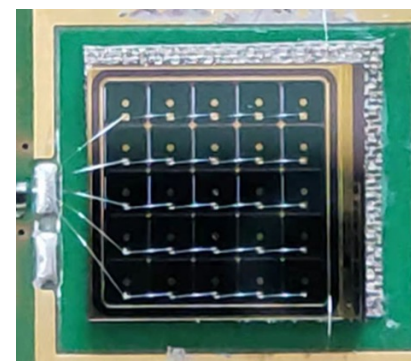
60 modules per stave
2.4 m per stave

Time Resolution of the Large Aera LGAD

- **Time resolution test of large area LGAD: 20 ps**
 - Beta source (Sr90)
 - Under test large area LGAD :
 - 6.5 mm x 6.5 mm LGAD
 - 5*5 LGAD connected by wire bonding to mimic the large area LGAD
 - 1 channels readout board designed by UCSC
- **Best time resolution of large area LGAD is 56 ps**
- Still need optimize the design of IHEP-IME LGAD to improve the time resolution.

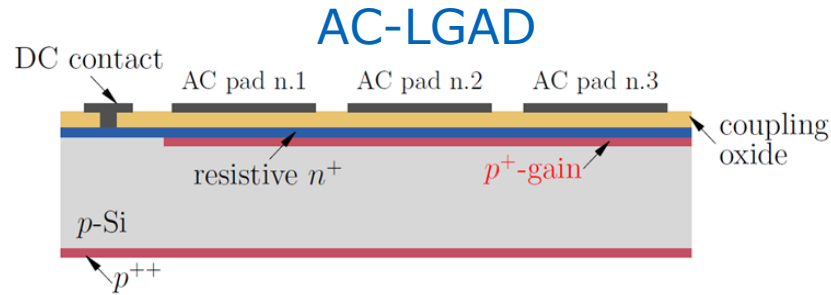
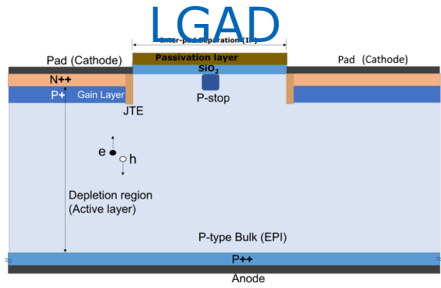
5*5 Large area LGAD sensor
Connected by wire bonding

Readout board

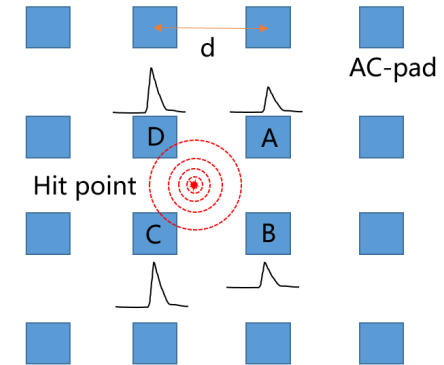


Design and Production of AC-LGAD

- Aim to 4D track : 20 ps , 7-10 μm
- AC-LGAD: 4D information, no dead region



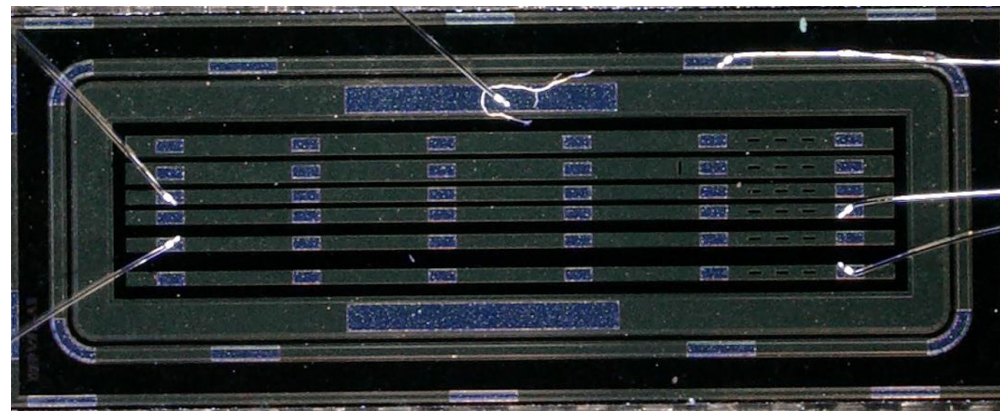
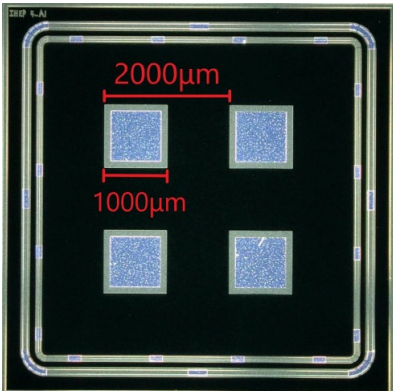
Signal of AC-LGAD



- Different designs of AC-LGAD in IHEP
 - ✓ Pixels AC-LGAD : reduce the material budget
 - ✓ Strip AC-LGAD : no bump bonding , easy to produce

Strip AC-LGAD

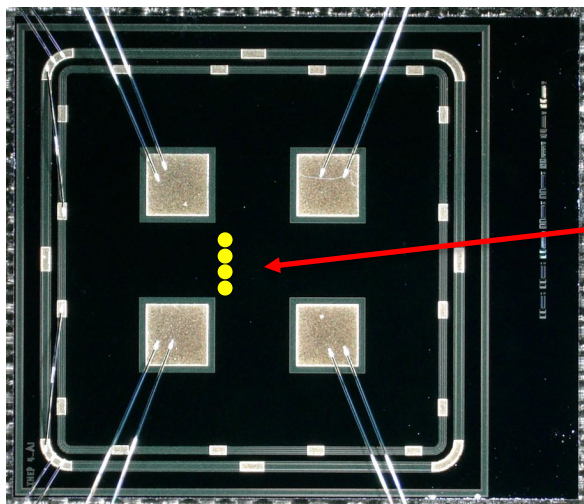
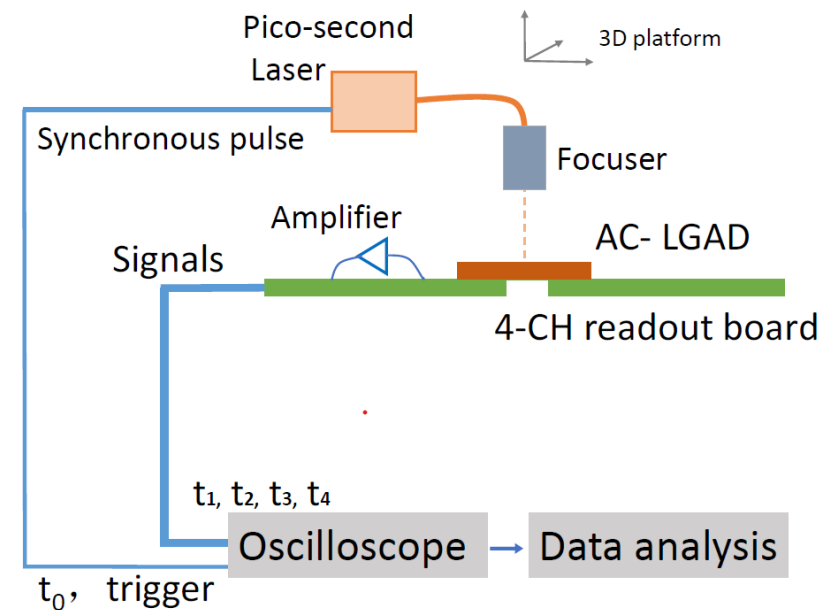
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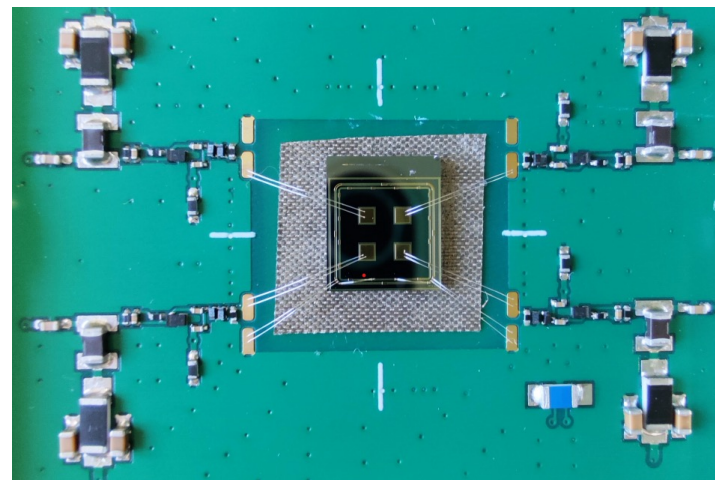
Performance Test Setup of AC-LGAD

- **Timing and spatial resolution test of AC-LGAD**
- **Transient current technique (TCT)**
- Picosecond Laser: 1065 nm , spot size 10 μm (3σ)
- **4 channels readout board designed by IHEP**
 - 470 Ω Broadband inverting trans-impedance amplifie
 - Reference of 1 channel board designed by UCSC



Laser spot

4 channels readout board designed by IHEP

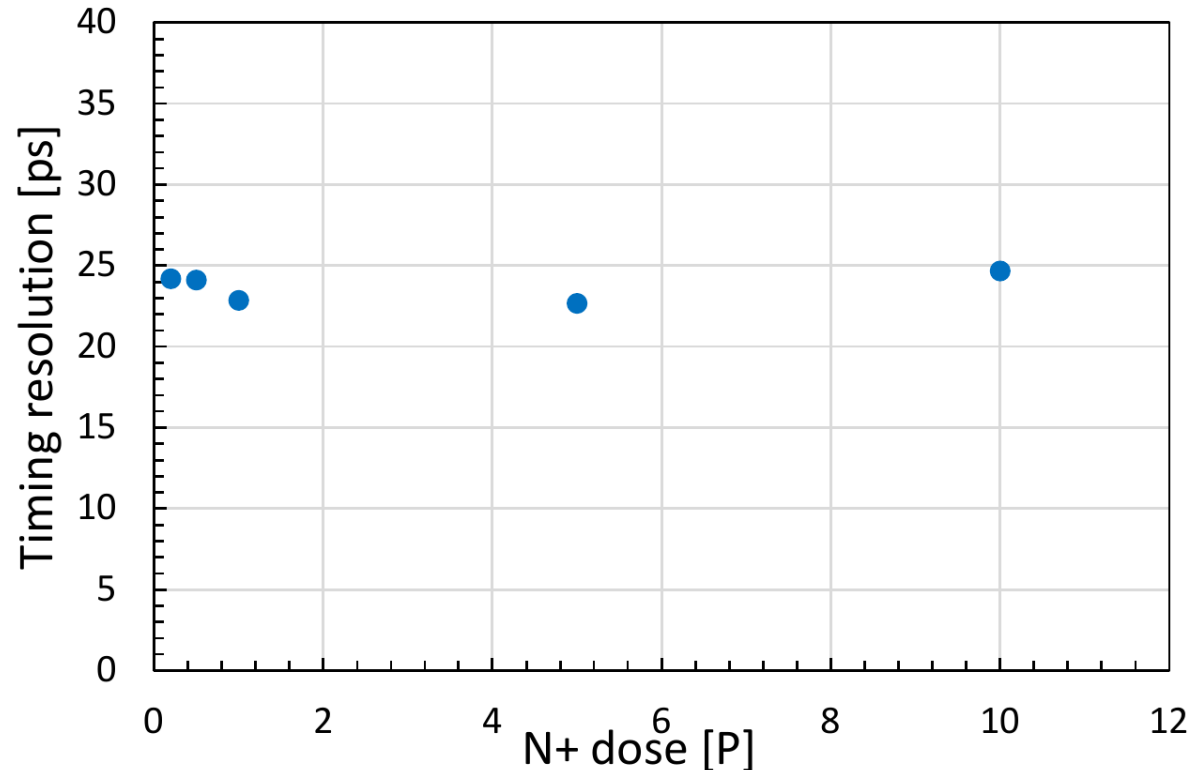




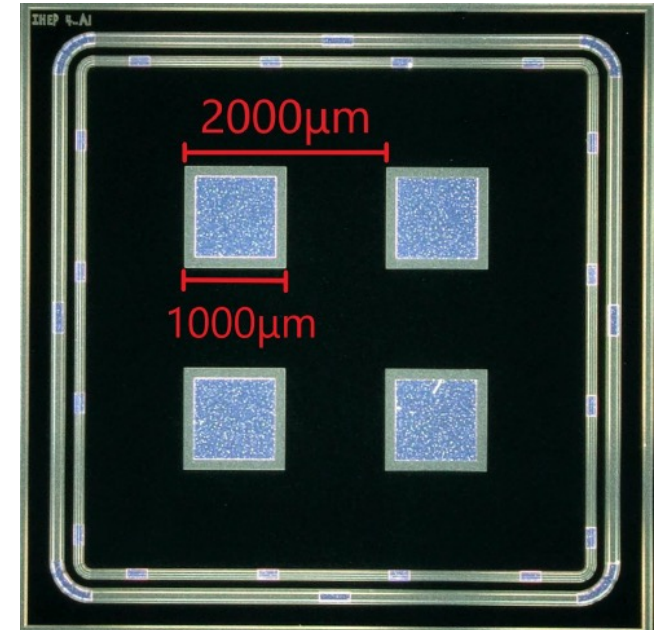
Timing resolution of AC-LGAD

- Timing resolution of AC-LGAD with different N+ dose
 - 22~25 ps
 - N+ very slightly affects the time performance

Timing resolution of AC-LGAD with different N+ dose



Tested AC-LGAD

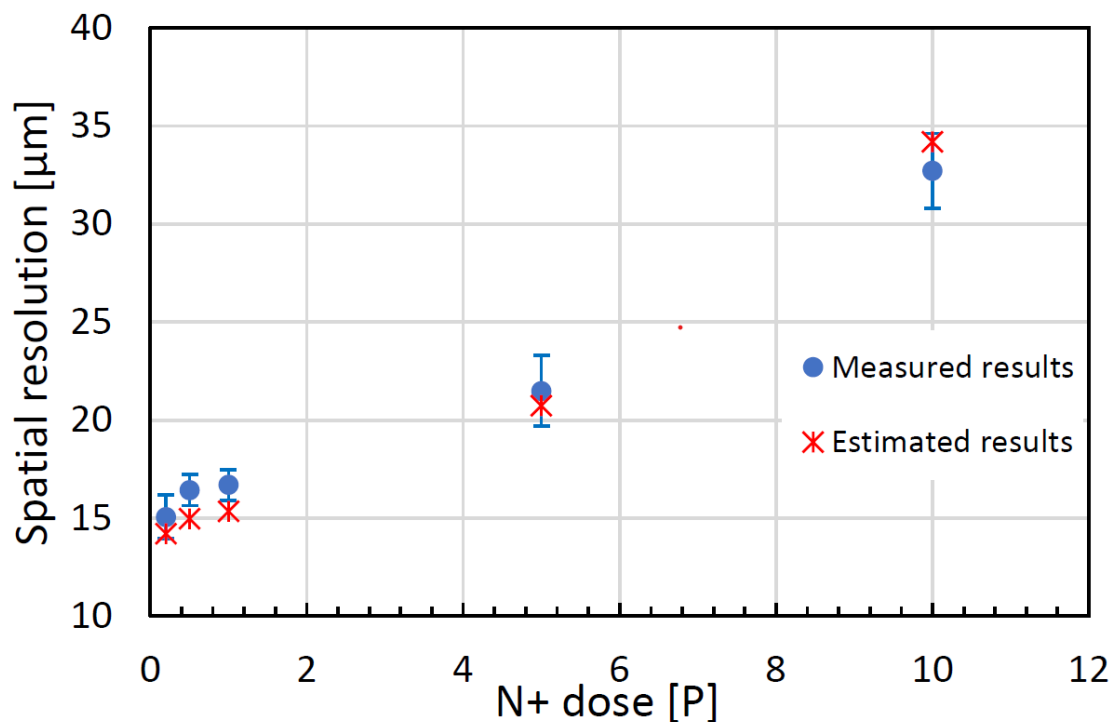




Spatial resolution of AC-LGAD

Spatial resolution vs N+ dose

- 10 P \rightarrow 0.2 P, spatial resolution \uparrow 15 μm (minimum)
- Estimated laser point positions fit the measured well
- **Better than the FBK design** even with 2 times larger pitch



Sensors	Pitch size [μm]	Spatial resolution [μm]	Time resolution [ps]
IHEP AC-LGAD	2000	15	22 (laser)
FBK AC-LGAD	500	11	32 (laser)
BNL AC-LGAD	100	-	45 (beta source)



Summary

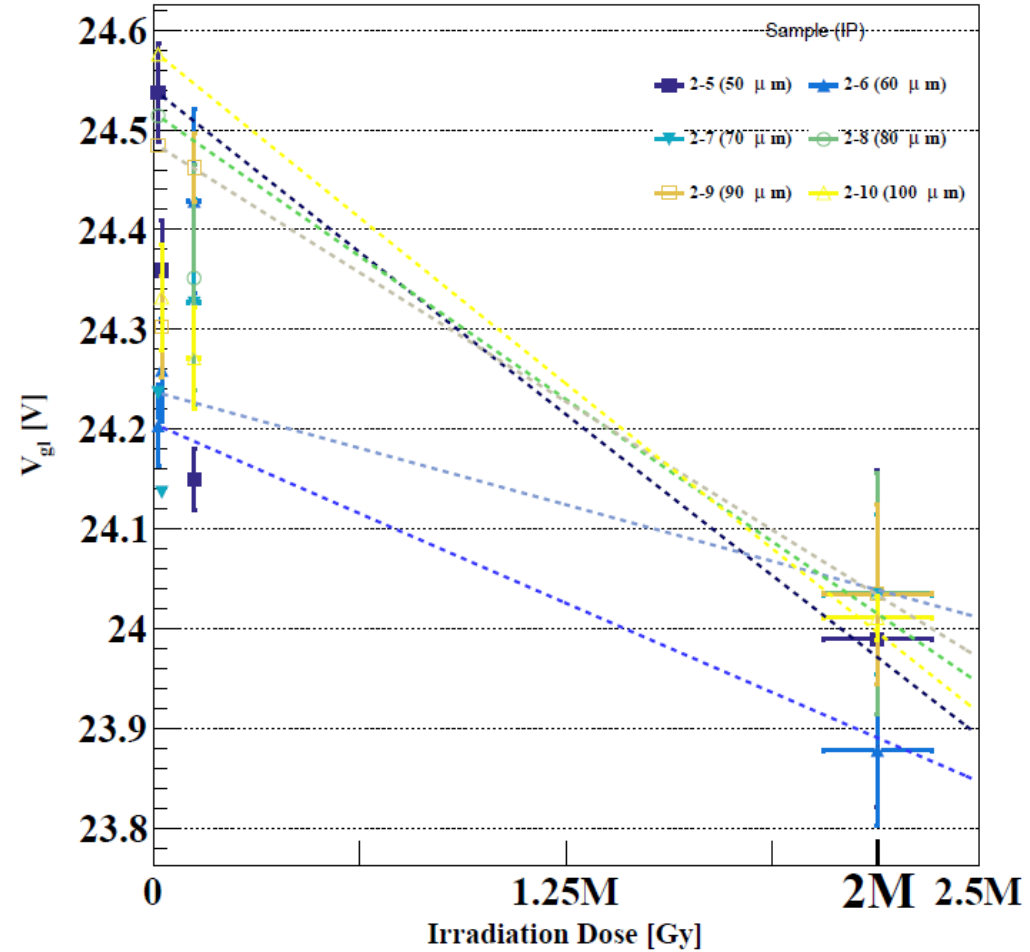
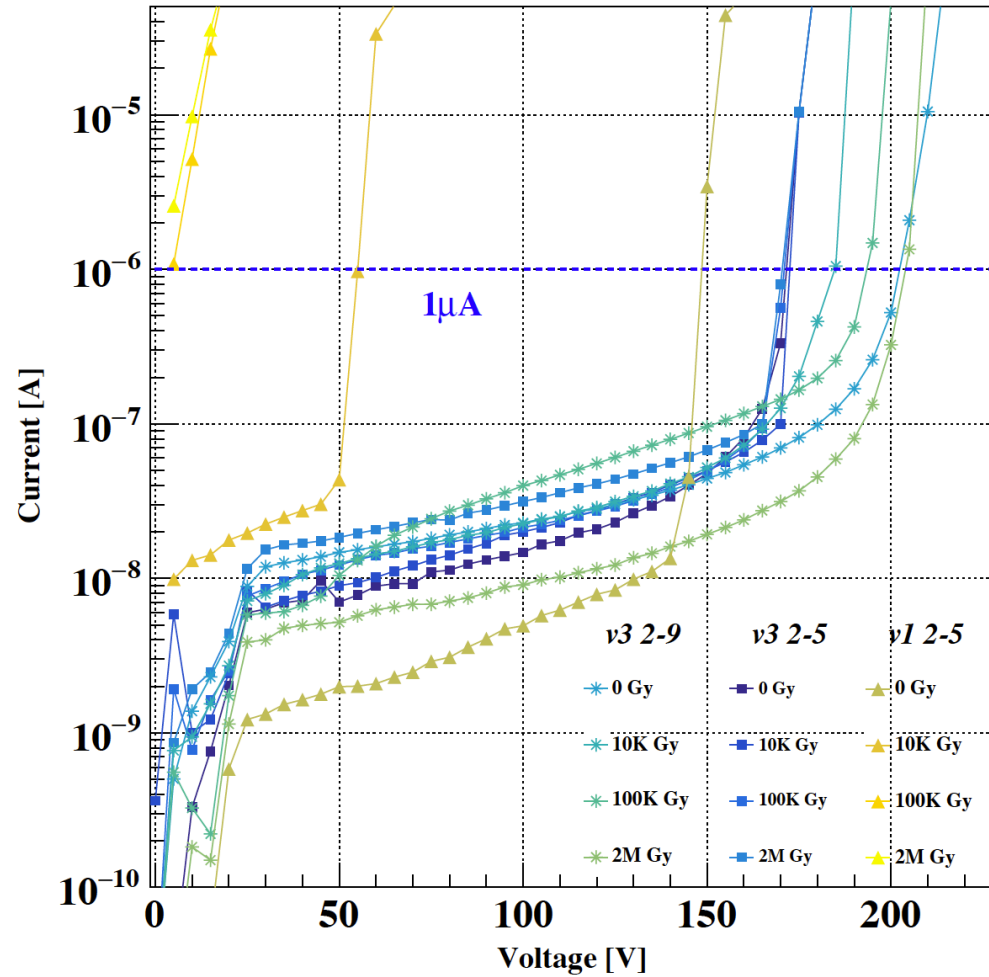
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- **IHEP-IME will contribute 78% LGAD sensors**(54% from CERN tendering+24% in-kind sensors) **in the HGTD project**
- **For the CEPC ToF study, two concept designs were mentioned**
 - A. **Pure ToF with only time information :**
 - ✓ Aim 20 ps
 - ✓ The time resolution of large area LGAD is **about 56 -100 ps** in Beta test. Need optimization in the future
 - B. **ToF with track information :**
 - ✓ Aim 20 ps , 10 μm
 - ✓ the time resolution and spatial resolution of AC-LGAD could be **22~25ps and 15 μm** according to the laser test

Thanks for your attention !



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- **Back up**

- The leakage currents of IHEP-IME LGAD sensors after 2MGy TID dose



Statusing

Testing with ASIC Contract Award

QA/QC preparation

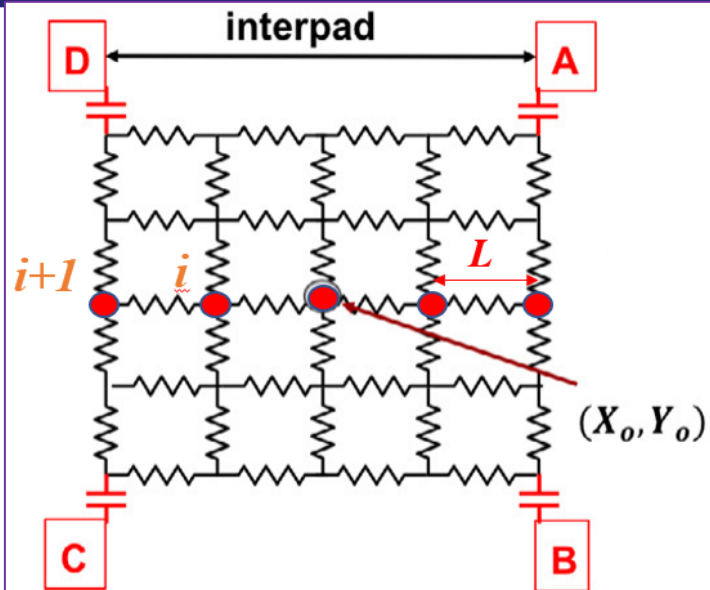
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Activity: LGAD Sensors Title: Testing of prototypes bump bonded to ALTIROC2 P2UG ID: R3-SEN-M6-1 ID/UID: 4/4083 Type: Schedule Task	Baseline: 2022-04-25 Working: 2022-06-24 Actual/Expected: 2022-06-24	Baseline: 2022-10-20 Working: 2023-04-28 Actual/Expected: 2023-06-30	Duration: 218d Free Slack: 617d Total Slack: 1014d	Complete(%): 70 COVID Delay(%): 0	
Activity: Tendering Title: Contract Award P2UG ID: SEN-17 ID/UID: 29/3062 Type: Schedule Task	Baseline: 2022-12-30 Working: 2023-03-02 Actual/Expected: 2023-03-02	Baseline: 2023-03-01 Working: 2023-04-14 Actual/Expected: 2023-05-03	Duration: 30d Free Slack: 0d Total Slack: 258d	Complete(%): 100 COVID Delay(%): 0	Notification of the award of the Contract to the Contractor at 3th May. contract modification ongoing, will be finished in June
Activity: Tendering Title: Development of QC system for sensor production P2UG ID: R3-SEN-17-1 ID/UID: 30/4085 Type: Schedule Task	Baseline: 2022-09-26 Working: 2022-11-01 Actual/Expected: 2022-11-01	Baseline: 2023-04-21 Working: 2023-05-30 Actual/Expected: 2023-07-14	Duration: 147d Free Slack: 0d Total Slack: 278d	Complete(%): 60 COVID Delay(%): 0	probe card fabrication ongoing, switch box will be delivered to testing sites
Activity: Tendering Title: Development of DAQ and DB interface for sensor production P2UG ID: R3-SEN-17-2 ID/UID: 31/4086 Type: Schedule Task	Baseline: 2022-09-26 Working: 2022-11-01 Actual/Expected: 2022-11-01	Baseline: 2023-05-18 Working: 2023-06-26 Actual/Expected: 2023-07-31	Duration: 165d Free Slack: 90d Total Slack: 260d	Complete(%): 50 COVID Delay(%): 0	
Activity: Sensors pre-production Title: pre-production (China In-kind) P2UG ID: R3-SEN-18-1 ID/UID: 33/4087 Type: Schedule Task	Baseline: 2022-10-21 Working: 2023-02-06 Actual/Expected: 2023-02-06	Baseline: 2023-04-24 Working: 2023-07-26 Actual/Expected: 2023-07-26	Duration: 119d Free Slack: 0d Total Slack: 170d	Complete(%): 80 COVID Delay(%): 0	Most process finish, sensors without UBM and thinning will be delivered at July for testing.
Activity: Sensors pre-production Title: pre-production (Spain In-kind) P2UG ID: R3-SEN-18-2 ID/UID: 34/4088 Type: Schedule Task	Baseline: 2023-03-16 Working: 2023-05-19 Actual/Expected: 2023-07-03	Baseline: 2023-08-28 Working: 2023-10-26 Actual/Expected: 2023-11-30	Duration: 114d Free Slack: 0d Total Slack: 251d	Complete(%): 0 COVID Delay(%): 0	radiation testing of last run ongoing
Activity: Sensors pre-production Title: pre-production (CERN Procurement) P2UG ID: R3-SEN-18-3 ID/UID: 35/4089 Type: Schedule Task	Baseline: 2023-03-02 Working: 2023-04-17 Actual/Expected: 2023-05-04	Baseline: 2023-08-30 Working: 2023-10-17 Actual/Expected: 2023-10-31	Duration: 130d Free Slack: 7d Total Slack: 258d	Complete(%): 10 COVID Delay(%): 0	Detailed Design File and Quality Plan accepted at 9th June. Pre-production fabrication start.

- **7 tasks ongoing**
- **Tendering almost finish. Notification of the award of the Contract to the Contractor at May. Contract modification ongoing, will be finished in June**
- **Pre-production(China in-kind), IHEP-IME and USTC-IME, first batch will finish at July**
- **Pre-production(Spain in-kind), start date is unclear, testing of radiation hardness(JSI, CNM, CERN TB) ongoing**
- **Pre-production(CERN Procurement), start after Notification of the award of the Contract to the Contractor**

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The calculation of the timing and spatial resolution



$$X = X_0 + k_x \left(\frac{q_A + q_B - q_C - q_D}{q_A + q_B + q_C + q_D} \right) = X_0 + k_x m$$

$$Y = Y_0 + k_y \left(\frac{q_A + q_D - q_B - q_C}{q_A + q_B + q_C + q_D} \right) = Y_0 + k_y n$$

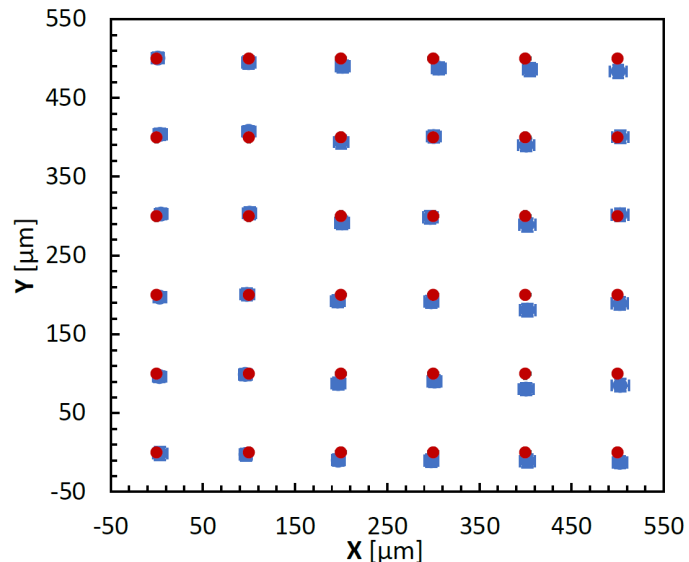
$$k_x = L \frac{\sum(m_{i+1} - m_i)}{\sum(m_{i+1} - m_i)^2} \quad k_y = L \frac{\sum(n_{i+1} - n_i)}{\sum(n_{i+1} - n_i)^2}$$

Discretized Positioning Circuit model (DPC)

- Assuming resistance

Position reconstruction with the center mass method

Position reconstruction



Spatial resolution

$$\sigma_{spatial}^2 = \sigma_{reconstruction}^2 - \sigma_{platform}^2$$

Timing resolution :

$$\sigma_t = \sigma_{t1+t2+t3+t4}$$