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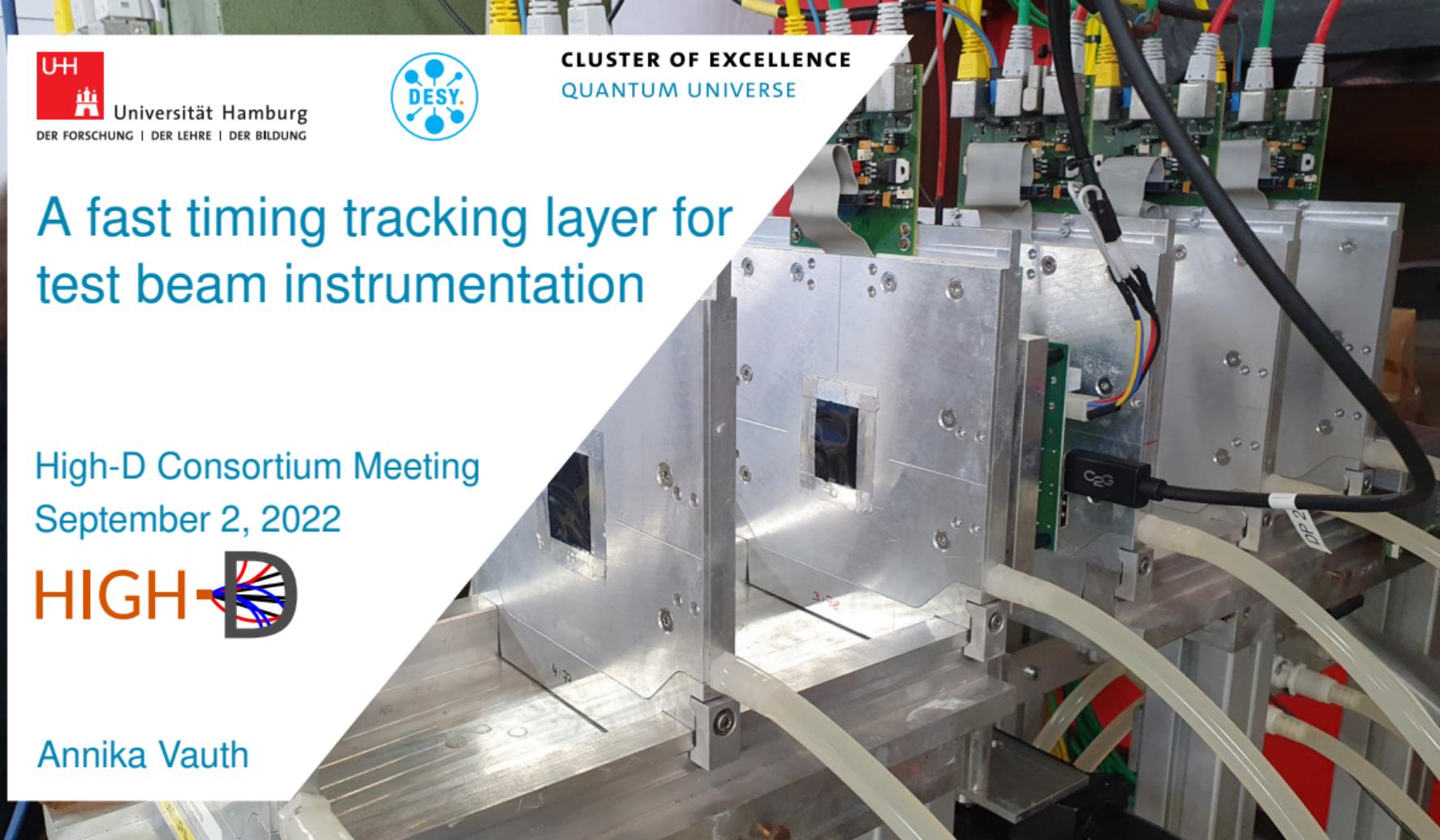
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# A fast timing tracking layer for test beam instrumentation

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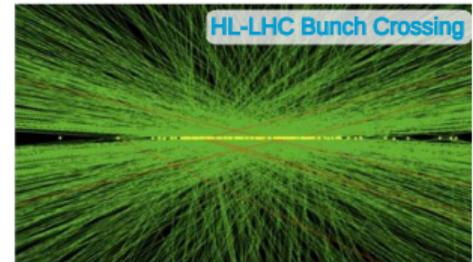
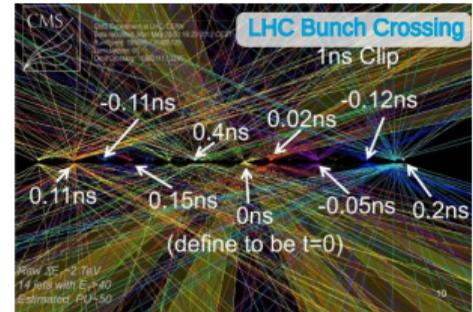
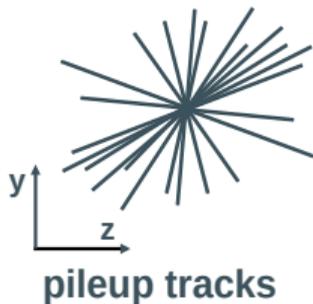
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## Example



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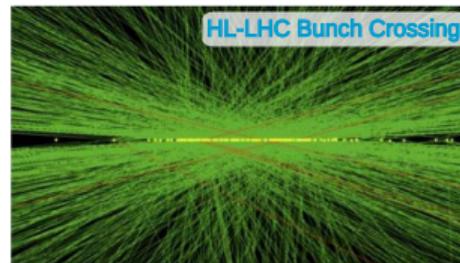
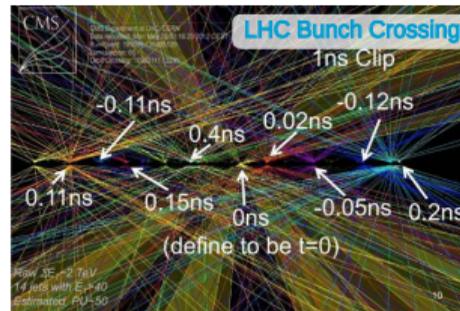
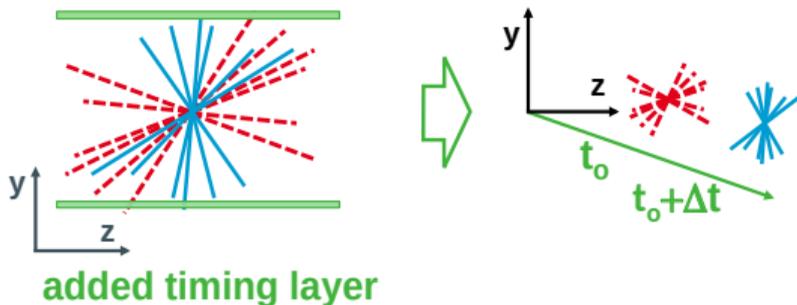
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## Example with timing info



# Future detectors

Particle physics at high energy frontier:  
What comes beyond HL-LHC?

Future hadron colliders:  
Very high luminosity operation

→ Challenges from extreme pile-up,  
track density, radiation load and data

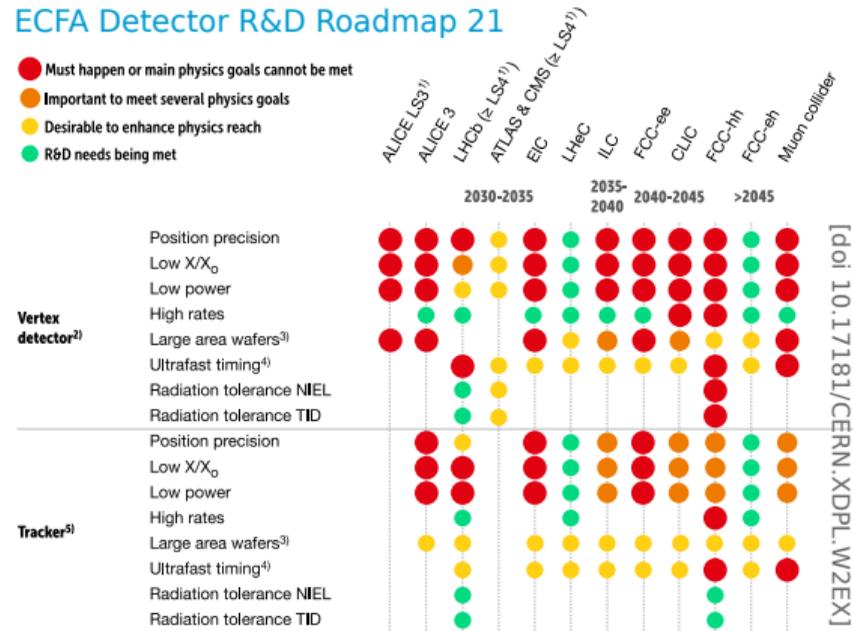
R&D in many areas necessary

Radiation hardness, power consumption,  
spatial and timing resolution, ...



## ECFA Detector R&D Roadmap 21

- Must happen or main physics goals cannot be met
- Important to meet several physics goals
- Desirable to enhance physics reach
- R&D needs being met



# Test beam

HEP detector R&D: dedicated beam tests for conceptual / technical design, calibrations, commissioning, ...

- ▶ Measurements of efficiency, resolution, ...
- ▶ Irradiation studies
- ▶ Integration tests with multiple detectors

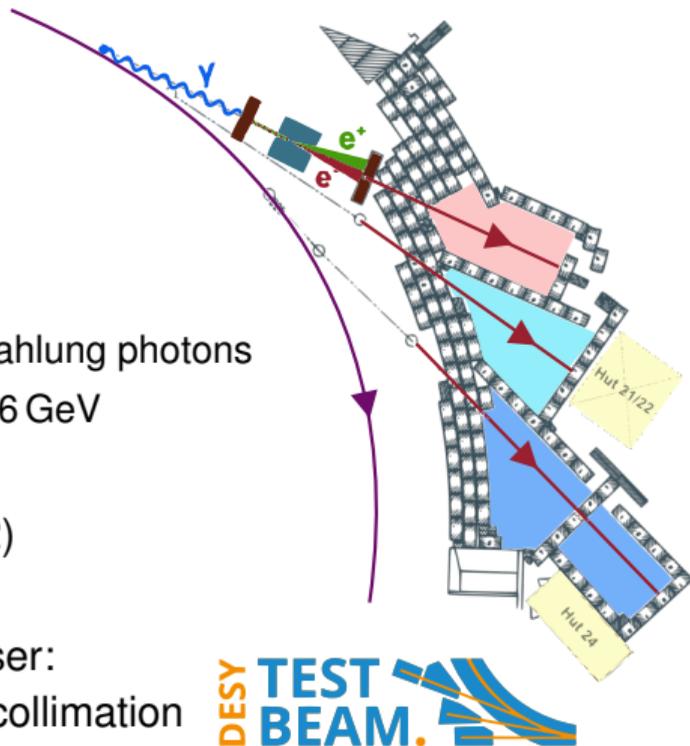
Studies with Minimum Ionising Particles → e.g. at DESY II Testbeam Facility



# DESY II facility

Testbeam parasitically fed by DESY II synchrotron  
(PETRA III injector)

- ▶ Very high availability ( $\sim 99\%$  uptime)
- ▶ Test beam generation:
  - ▶ Primary carbon fiber targets generate bremsstrahlung photons
  - ▶ Conversion at secondary target to  $e^+/e^-$  up to 6 GeV
  - ▶ Energy selected with dipole / collimator
- ▶ Single electrons, rates  $\mathcal{O}(10\text{k particles s}^{-1}\text{s}^{-2})$  depending on beam line settings
- ▶ Three individual beam lines, controlled by the user: shutter, area interlock, converter, momentum + collimation



# Test beam infrastructure

- ▶ Movable stages, hall crane
- ▶ Magnet (dipole, solenoid)
- ▶ Dry nitrogen, cooling water
- ▶ Gas cabinets
- ▶ Laser alignment, weather station, cameras
- ▶ **Beam telescopes:**
  - ▶ Common infrastructure to study prototype detectors
  - ▶ Used to precisely define particle track in test beam
  - ▶ Resolution should be better than intrinsic resolution of DUT  
(device under test)

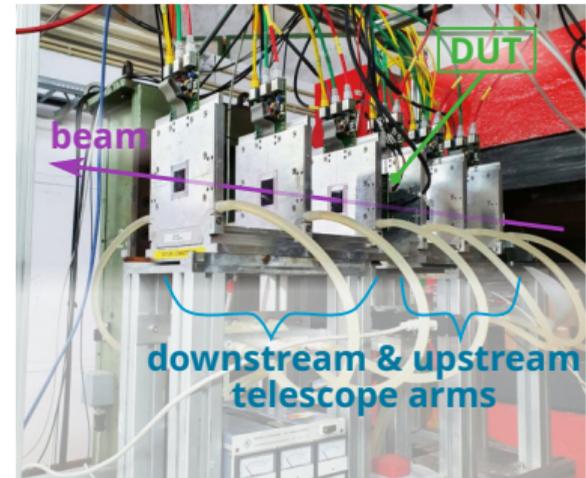


→ EUDET-type telescopes (copies at DESY, CERN, Bonn, SLAC)

# Status: MIMOSA telescopes

6 layers of MIMOSA26 pixel sensors

- ▶  $1152 \times 576$  pixels, pitch:  $18.4 \mu\text{m}$ , i.e.  $\sim 2 \text{ cm} \times 1 \text{ cm}$  area
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- ▶ A decade of successful operation!  
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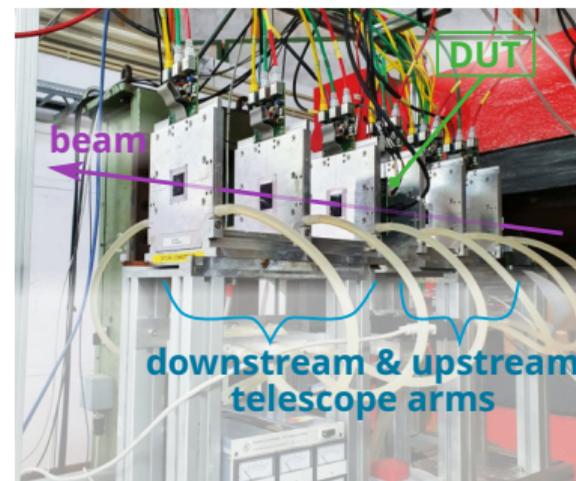
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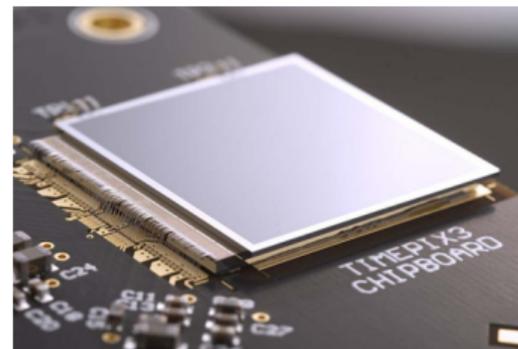
“No“ time resolution  $\rightarrow$  **upgrade needed**  
to meet requirements of future detector test campaigns

Add faster device for time stamping the tracks  
 $\rightarrow$  Timing layer

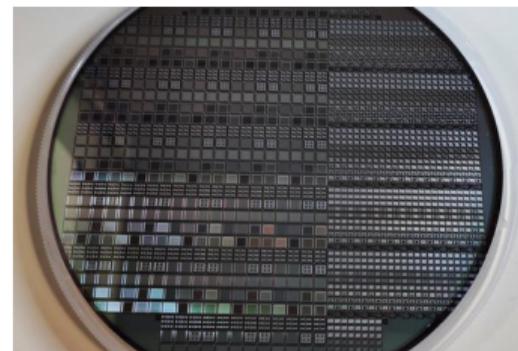


# Upgrade Plans

- ▶ Short term: existing sensor as intermediate solution
  - ▶ Timepix3
  - ▶ Already existing and functional
  - ▶ Timestamps  $\mathcal{O}(1 \text{ ns})$
  
- ▶ Long term: develop next-generation timing layer
  - ▶ LGAD
  - ▶ Allow for picosecond-timing
  - ▶ Requires R&D
  - ▶ Dedicated ROC?  
Start with Timepix3(/4) for first prototypes



[CERN-PHOTO-201702-048-4]



[FBK RD50 TI-LGAD wafer]

# LGAD

## Low Gain Avalanche Diodes

Ultra Fast Silicon Detectors  
optimised for timing measurements:

Thin multiplication layer

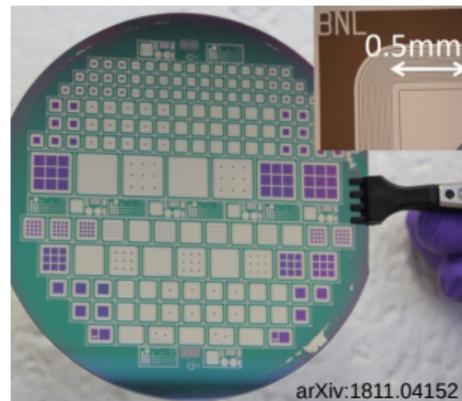
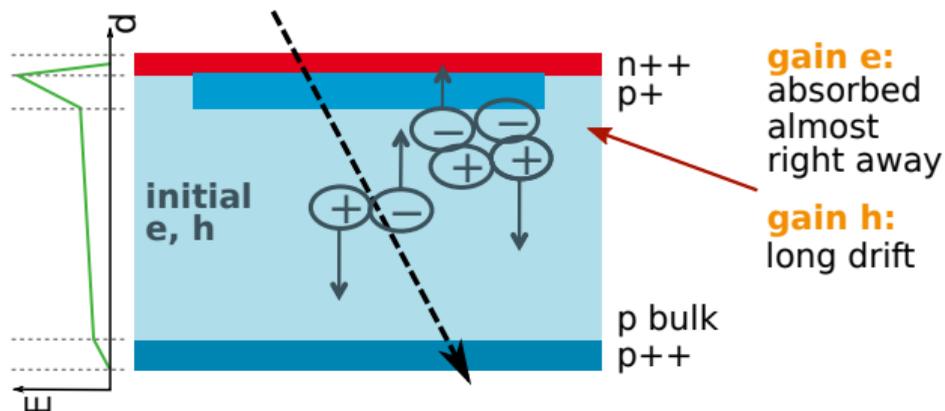
→ High field

→ Increase signal by factor  $\sim 10$

LGADs are routinely produced in various sizes and pad numbers

(e.g. by CNM, FBK, HPK)

$\mathcal{O}(30 \text{ ps})$  time resolution possible



# LGAD timing layer - technology options

Low Gain Avalanche Diodes suitable to measure both time and space

- ▶ Preferred for timing: 30-50  $\mu\text{m}$  thickness, gain  $\mathcal{O}(10)$
- ▶ Segmentation to improve spatial resolution
- ▶ Interpad regions with no gain  $\mathcal{O}(\approx 30 \mu\text{m to } 70 \mu\text{m})$

→ R&D challenge: finer segmentation, with improved fill factor

Several technology options:

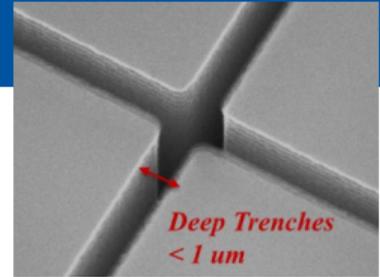
- ▶ Trench-isolated LGAD
  - ▶ Inverse LGAD
  - ▶ Resistive AC-Coupled LGAD
- } Options for first timing layer prototypes  
55  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch, read out with Timepix3

# TI-LGAD

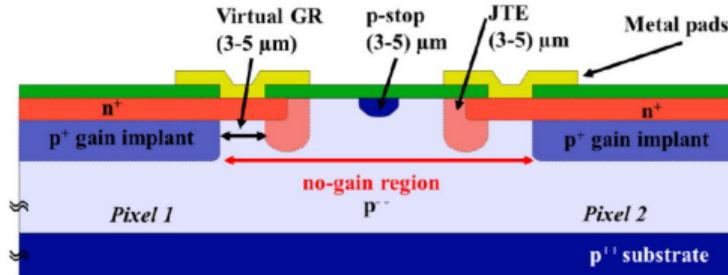
## Trench isolation:

- ▶ Barrier structures replaced by trenches to isolate the pixels
- ▶ Filled with SiO<sub>2</sub>, Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, Polysilicon
- ▶ Typical trench width < 1 μm, much smaller than conventional segmentation  
→ smaller no-gain region

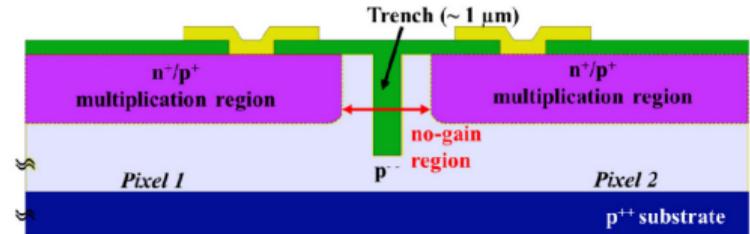
$\mathcal{O}(\approx 4 \mu\text{m to } 7 \mu\text{m})$



### a) Standard segmentation



### b) Trench-isolated LGAD

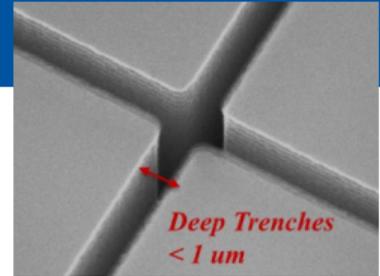


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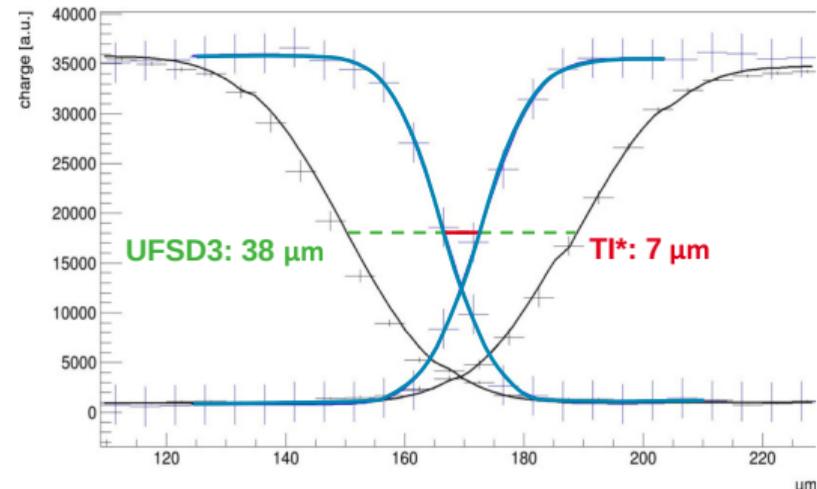
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Comparison of FBK productions: UFSD3 vs Trench-Isolated



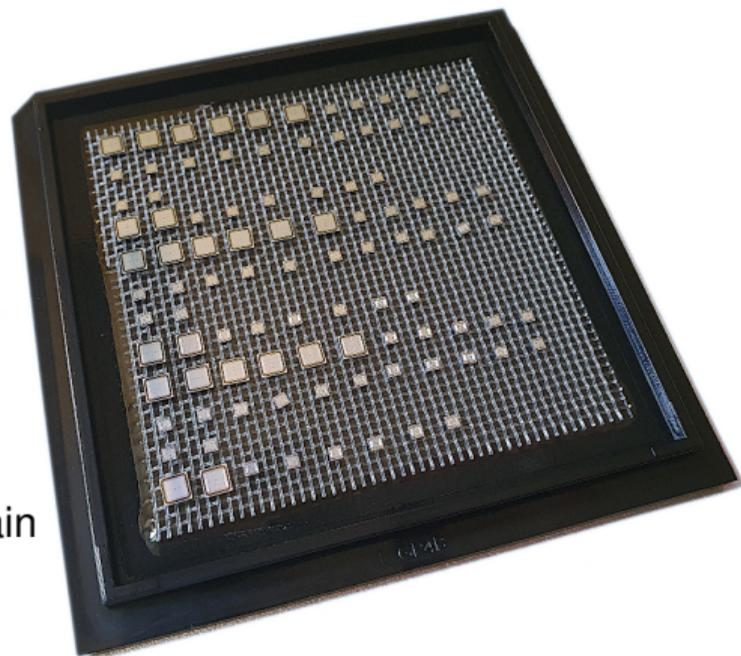
# First LGAD samples

FBK, trench isolated: received first test structures

General properties: 45  $\mu\text{m}$  substrate, trench depth "D2", no carbon

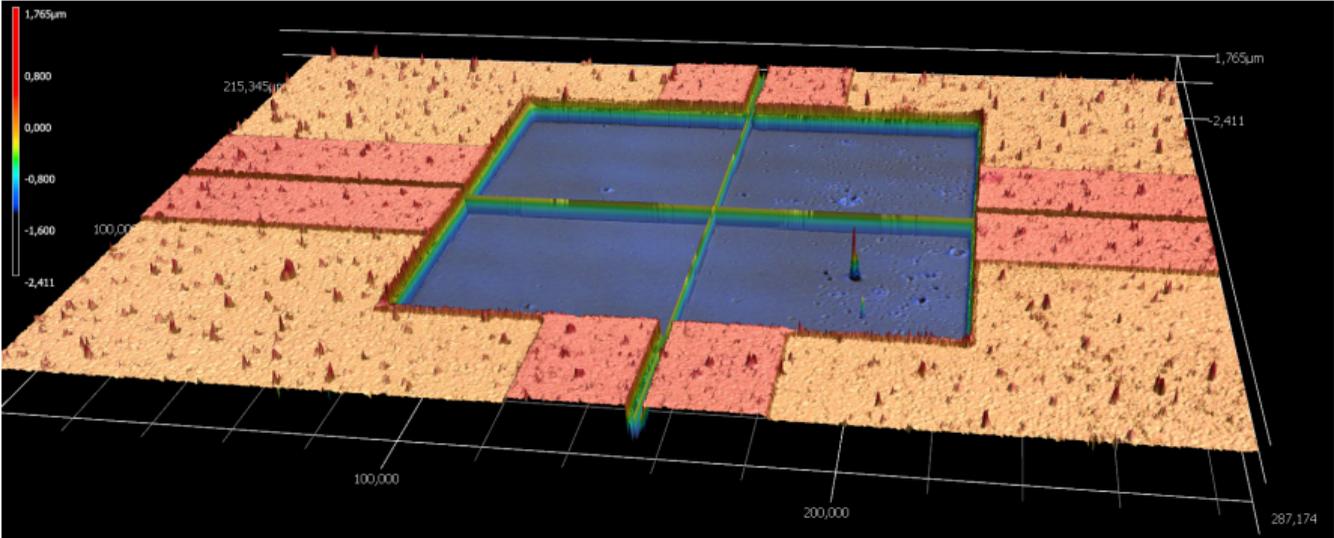
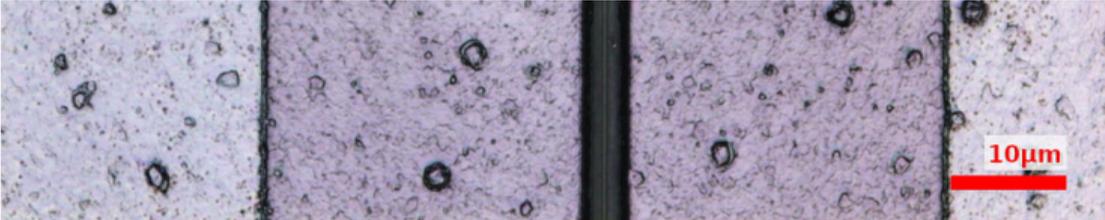
Samples from three different wafers  
(low/high diffusion, different trench processes)

- ▶ The "big ones":  
4 mm x 4 mm, pixels 2x2 (1300  $\mu\text{m}$  x 1300  $\mu\text{m}$ )  
all single trench, 18 with (6 without) gain
- ▶ The "small ones":  
2 mm x 2 mm, pixels 4x4 (250  $\mu\text{m}$  x 250  $\mu\text{m}$ )  
some single/double trench, 54 with (18 without) gain



# First LGAD samples (2)

First look with the laser microscope:

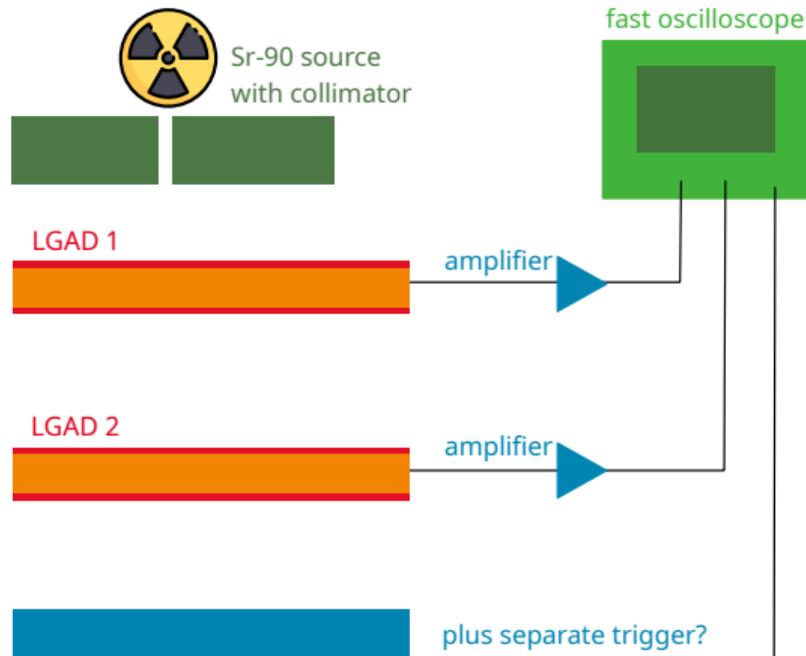




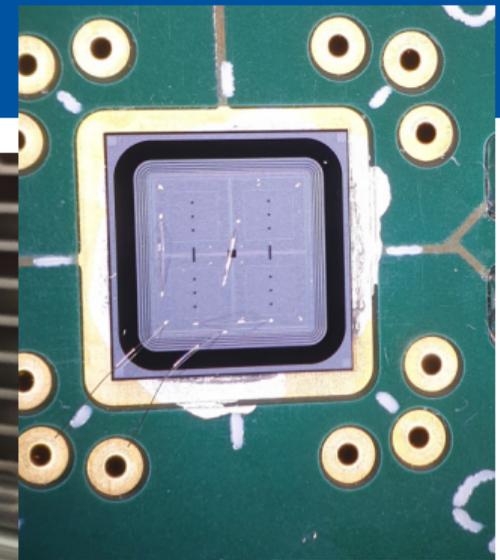
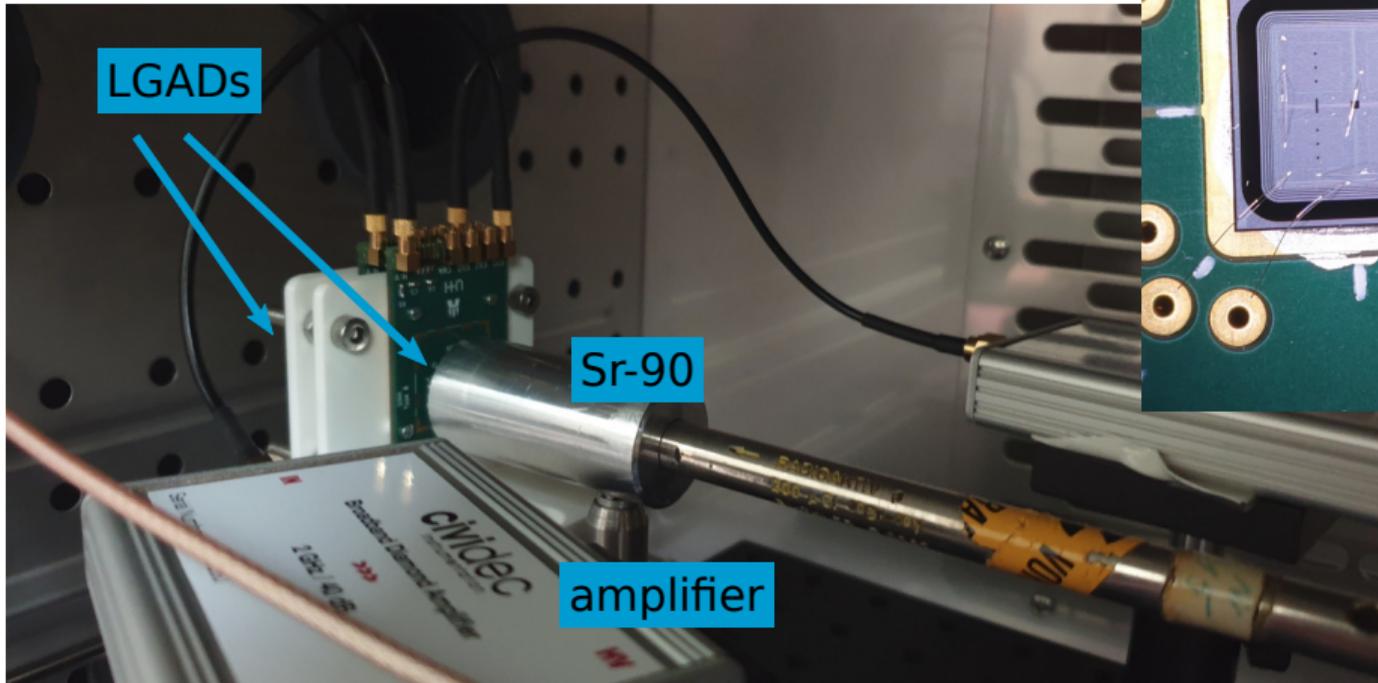
# Time resolution measurement

Beta setup for timing measurements under construction:

- ▶ Two LGADs (parallel to each other)
- ▶ Beta source with collimator in front
- ▶ Each detector connected to an amplifier
- ▶ Signals fed into oscilloscope, triggers on signal in both
- ▶ Measure  $\Delta t$  distribution, Combinations of three LGADs  
→ time resolution



# Beta setup in Hamburg



2x2 LGAD  
(pads  
bonded  
together)

New UHH Beta setup in commissioning right now

# Summary & Outlook

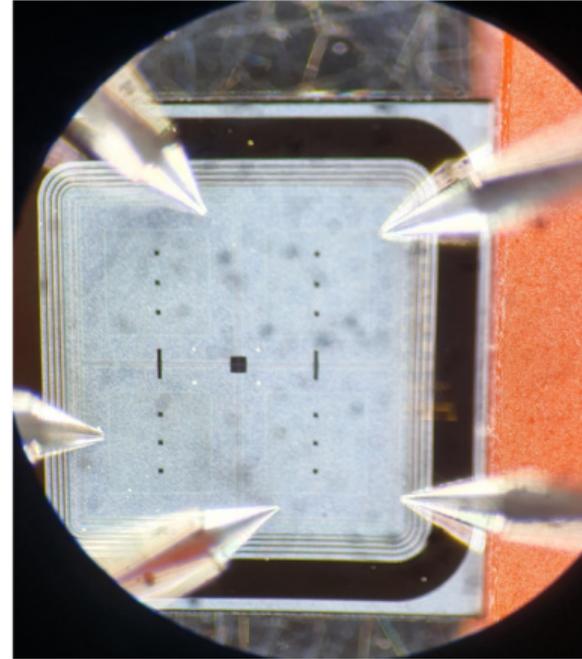
- ▶ Test beams: tool for detector development
- ▶ TB infrastructure: EUDET beam telescopes
- ▶ More and more R&D on fast timing detectors  
→ growing need for timing layer to test them
- ▶ Short term:  
Timepix3 plane for improved timing  $\mathcal{O}(1 \text{ ns})$
- ▶ Long term:  
LGAD+TP3(TP4?) layer for  $\mathcal{O}(\text{tens ps})$  timing
- ▶ First test structures available
- ▶ Setup of LGAD characterisation tools in progress
- ▶ Next step: 55  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch structures



# Backup Slides

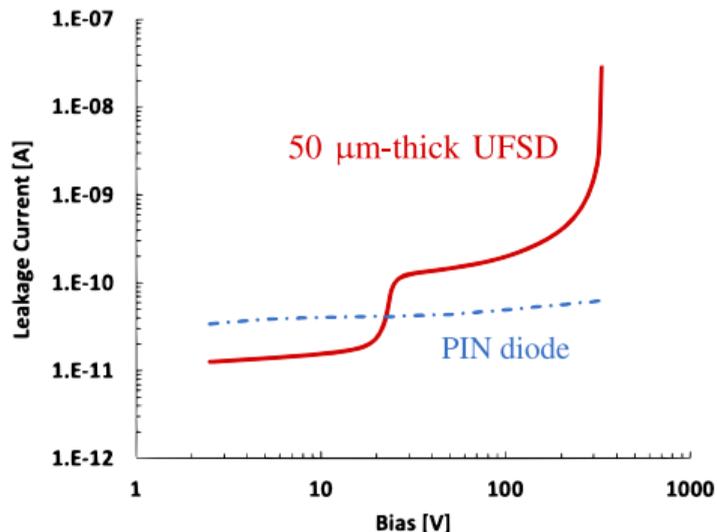
# LGAD characterisation

Setup for IV and CV measurements:

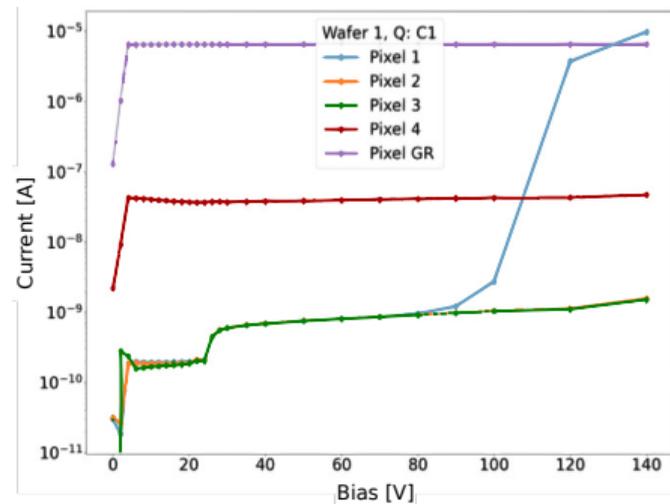


# Current-Voltage measurement

## IV-curves (textbook and reality)



[M. Ferrero, R. Arcidiacono, M. Mandurrino, V. Sola, N. Cartiglia, 2021  
"An Introduction to Ultra-Fast Silicon Detectors", ISBN 9780367646295]



FBK measurement with automatic probe (before dicing)

# Solving for LGAD time resolution

Use three LGADs measured in three combinations to compute individual time resolutions

$$\sigma_{12}^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2, \sigma_{13}^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_3^2, \sigma_{23}^2 = \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2$$

$$\sigma_{12}^2 - \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = \sigma_{23}^2 - \sigma_3^2, \sigma_3^2 = \sigma_{13}^2 - \sigma_1^2$$

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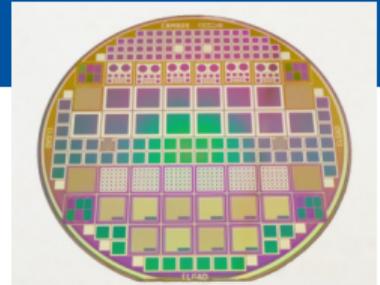
$$\sigma_1^2 = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_{12}^2 + \sigma_{13}^2 - \sigma_{23}^2)$$

(and equivalent for the other two)

**to can determine time resolution of all three LGADs**

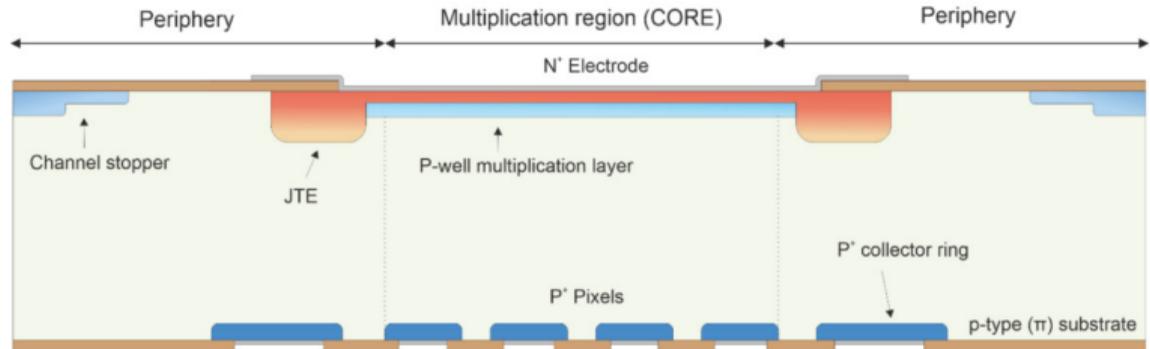
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- ▶ Hole collection
- ▶ Complex double side process (first generation)

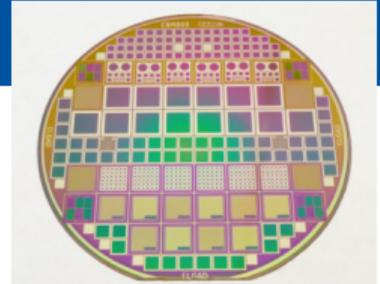


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## inverse LGAD (CNM first generation)



[A. D. Moreno, 16 th Trento Workshop, Feb 2021]

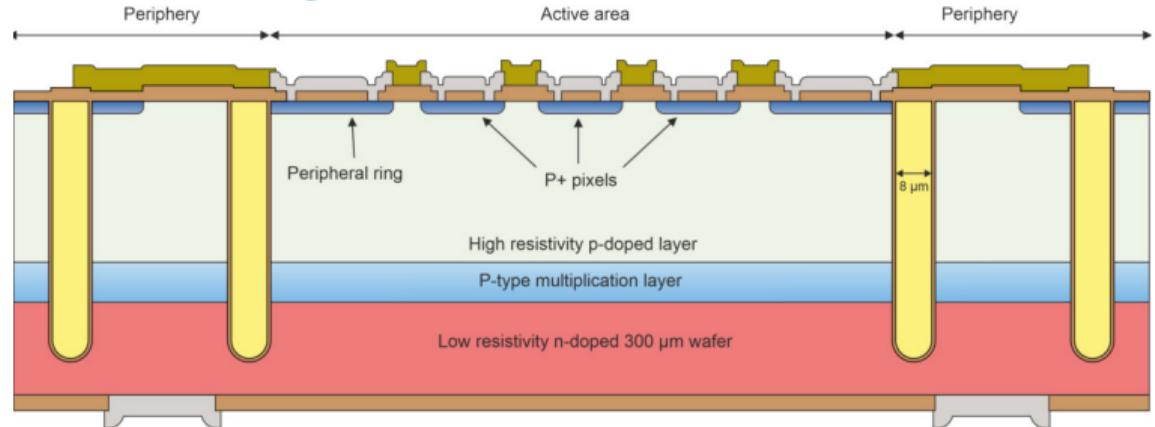


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- ▶ Trenches to isolate the active area (third generation)
- ▶ Single-side process

### inverse LGAD (third generation)



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# Beam tests with Timepix3

Testbeam time 2021:

- ▶ No LGADs, but three different Timepix3 assemblies
- ▶ Test readout, DAQ and reconstruction chain

→ Two weeks (plus some bonus time) in area 21

W5\_E2 (TB 1)  
100um Si, n-in-p



W43\_I3 (TB 1)  
300um Si, p-in-n, ACF



W19\_K6 (TB 2)  
500um Si, n-in-p

