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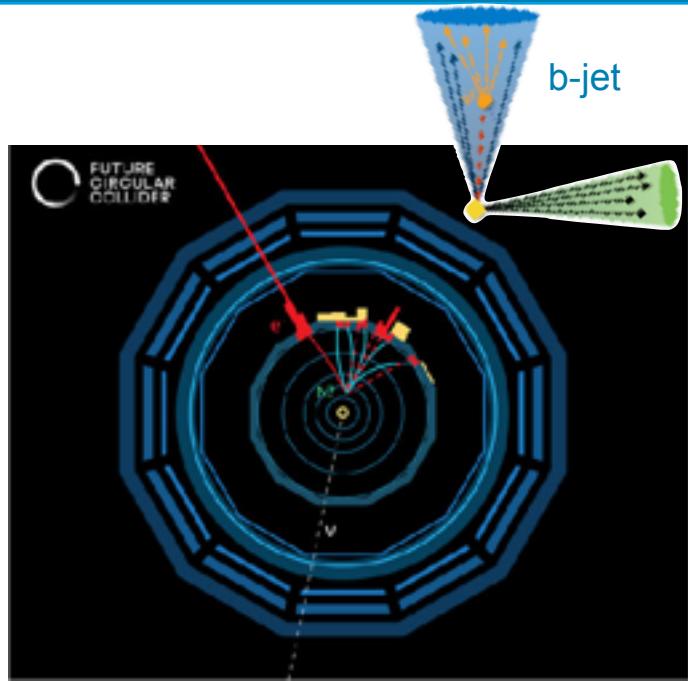
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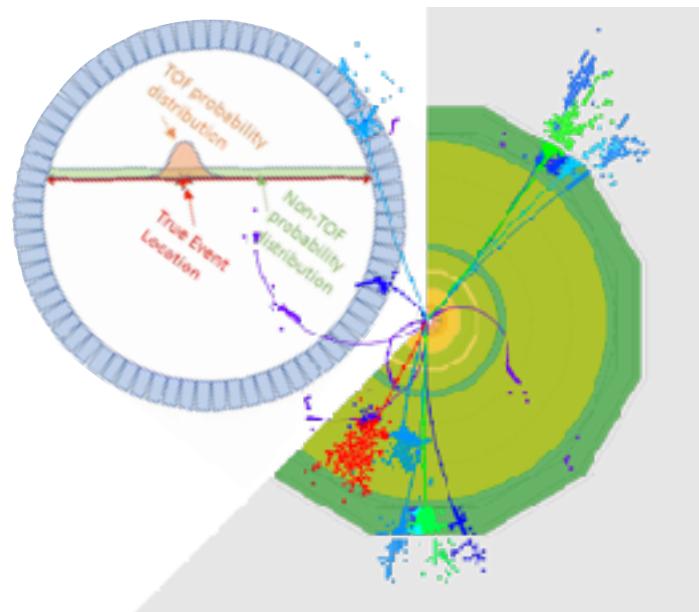
# TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION DRIVES DISCOVERY POTENTIAL

MICRO



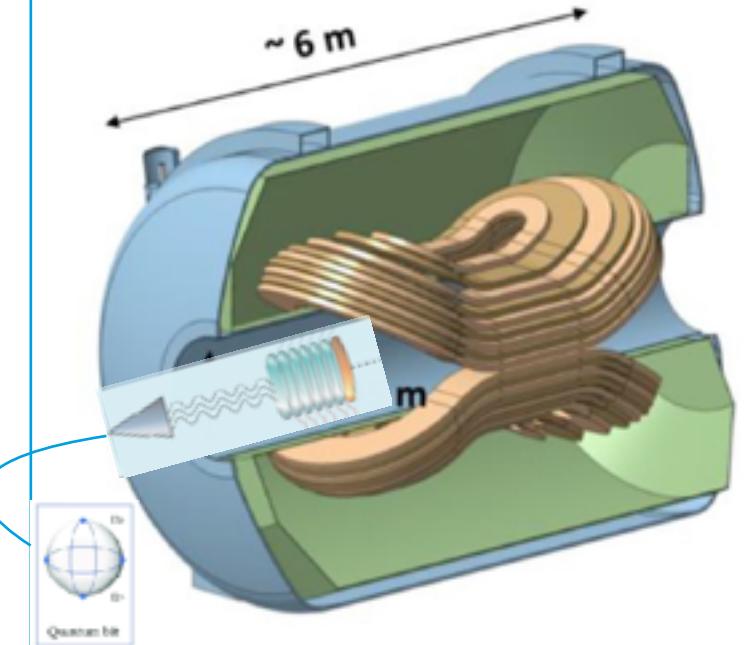
1  $\mu\text{m}$  project

PICO



10 ps challenge

QUANTUM



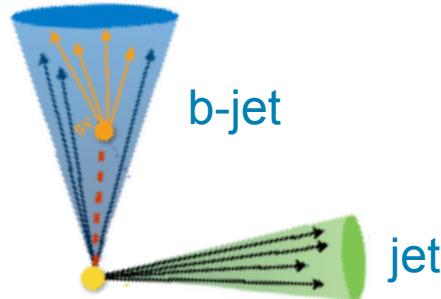
single photon detection frontier

Disclaimer: only covering my group activities, further covered at UHH gaseous detectors (K. Nikolopoulos), ML on FPGA for trigger (G. Kasieczka)

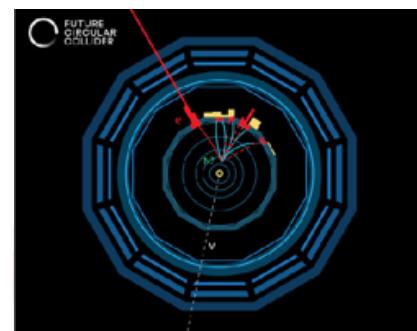
# MICRO

# MICRO - SPATIAL RESOLUTION

High precision vertex reconstruction  
required for flavour tagging

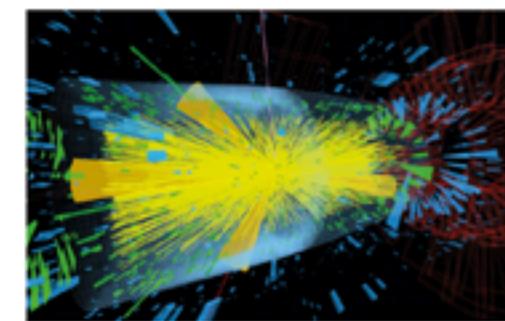


e+e- colliders, non-collider



dominated by  
*physics performance*

hadron colliders



dominated by  
*running conditions*

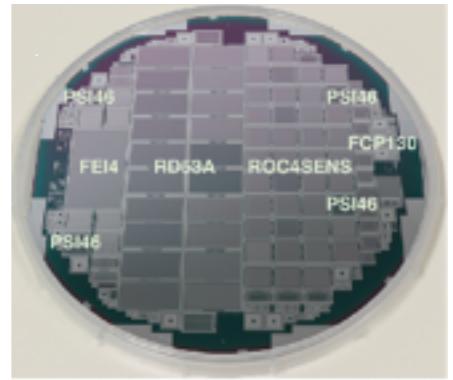
	Lepton Colliders	(HL-) LHC (ATLAS/CMS)	
Material budget	< 1% $X_0$	10% $X_0$	* 2% for ALICE
Single-point resolution	$\leq 3 \mu\text{m}$	$\sim 15 \mu\text{m}$	
Time resolution	$\sim \text{ps} - \text{ns}$	25ns	
Granularity	$\leq 25 \mu\text{m} \times 25 \mu\text{m}$	50 $\mu\text{m} \times 50\mu\text{m}$	
Radiation tolerance	$< 10^{11} n_{\text{eq}} / \text{cm}^2$	$O(10^{16} n_{\text{eq}} / \text{cm}^2)$	
Max. hit rate	20 MHz / $\text{cm}^2$	2-4 GHz / $\text{cm}^2$	)

Performance  
optimisation

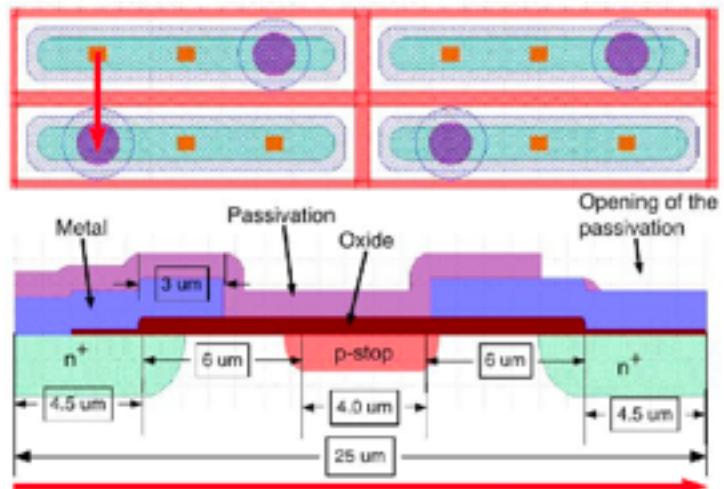
Survival  
optimisation

\*) max. output rate for LHCb

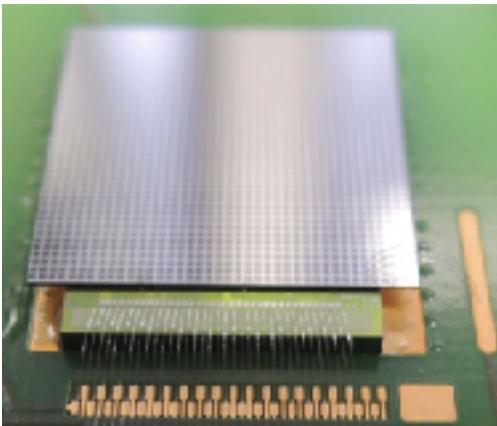
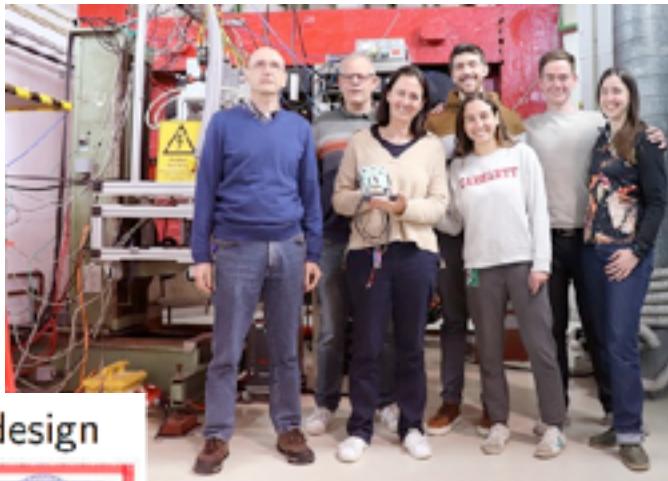
# CMS PHASE-II PIXEL DETECTOR



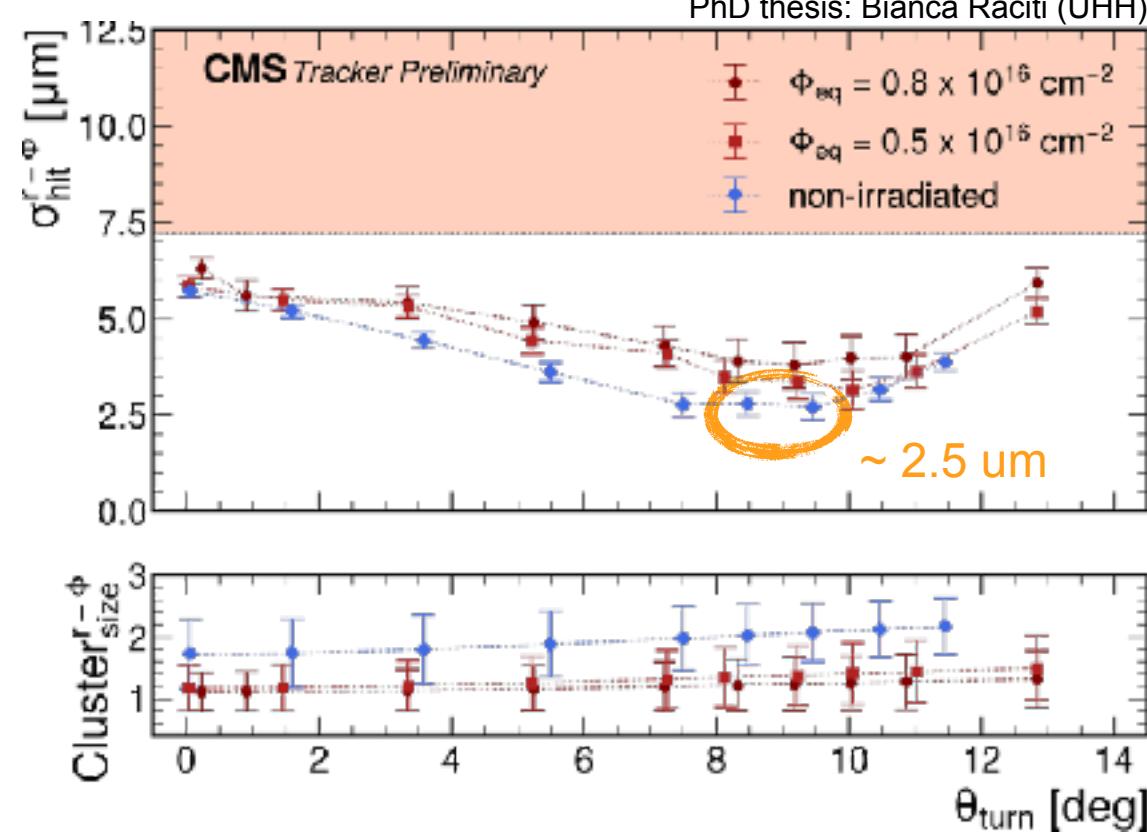
Top view  $100 \times 25 \mu\text{m}^2$  default design



Cut image along red arrow



Lead by Georg Steinbrück, and the CMS team

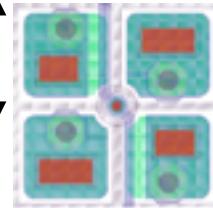


UHH committed to produce 500 pixel modules for CMS pixel phase-II upgrade till 2027

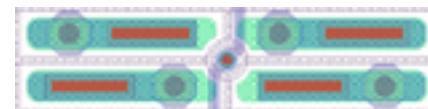
# NEXT: LIMITS ON SMALL PIXEL SIZE

- Pixel size in hybrids is limited by **technology node and bonding techniques**
- 17  $\mu\text{m}$  pixels successfully tested

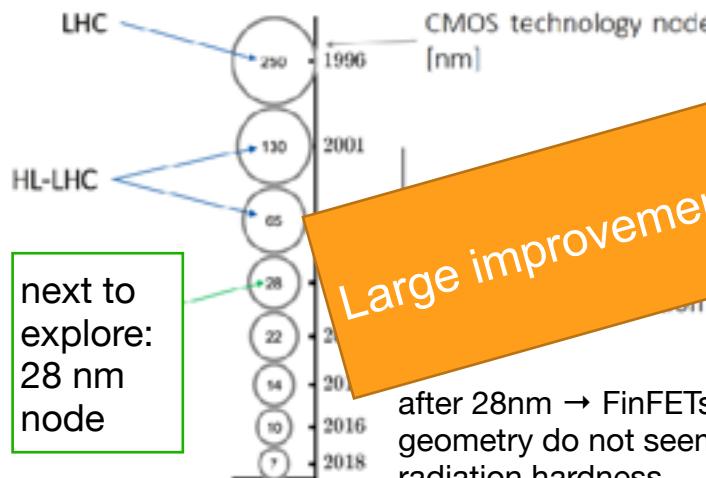
50  $\mu\text{m}$



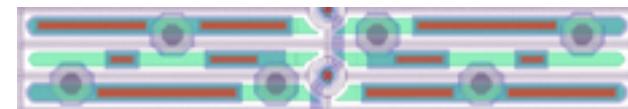
"ATLAS" phase II pixel size



CMOS technology for readout chips

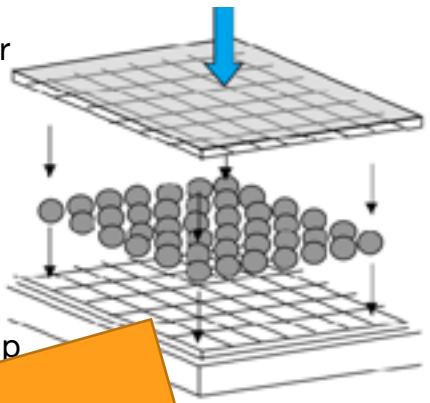


after 28nm → FinFETs have a completely different geometry do not seem so promising in terms of radiation hardness

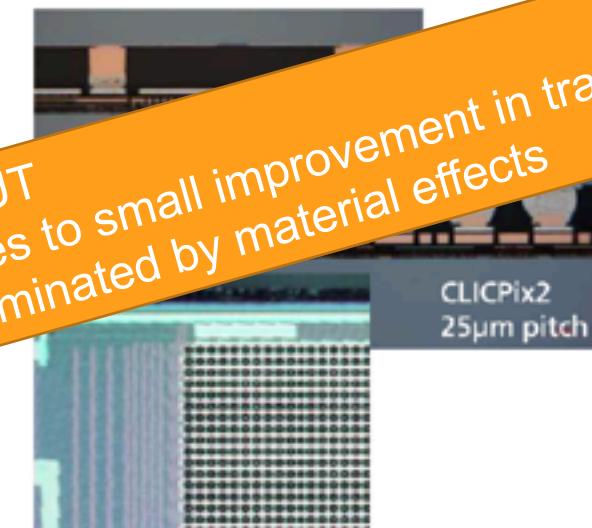


Small pixels

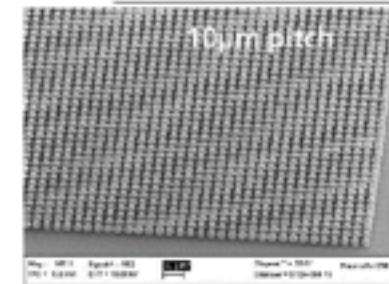
Sensor



RO Chip



$\mu$ -bumping:  
Pitch 50...20  $\mu\text{m}$   
Bump size: 25...12  $\mu\text{m}$   
Material: Solder bumps, pillar bumps



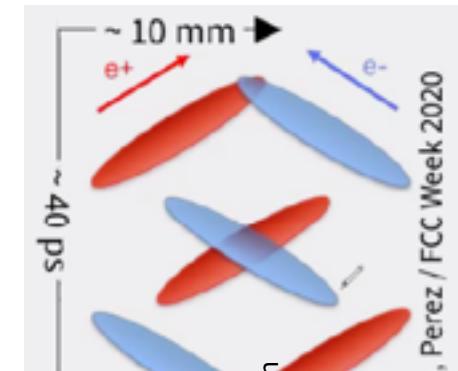
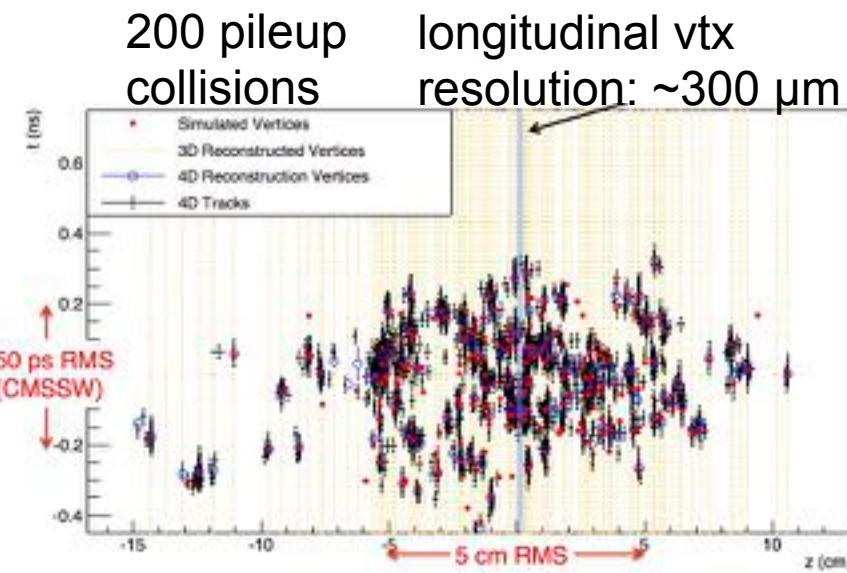
Sub-10  $\mu$ -pitch:  
Pitch 10...2  $\mu\text{m}$   
Bump size: 6...1  $\mu\text{m}$   
Material: pillar bumps, metal pins

Large improvement in hit resolution translates to small improvement in tracking resolution  
Tracking resolution is dominated by material effects  
BUT

**PICO**

# PICO - TIME RESOLUTION

- Hadron collider:
  - timing layers for pile-up mitigation
  - long-lived particle searches
- Lepton collider / non-collider:
  - PID, e.g. for heavy flavour, CP violation, heavy-ion physics
  - Chromatization:  $\sqrt{s}$  depends on bunch position     $\sigma_t \sim 6 \text{ ps}$
- Medical / societal applications:
  - reconstruction-less PET
  - proton range monitoring in hadron therapy
- LIDAR: laser imaging detection and ranging     $\sigma_t \sim 50 \text{ ps}$

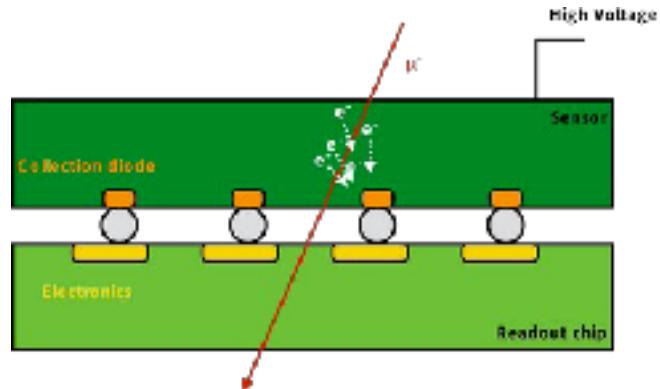


Johan Nuyts, University of Leuven

# PICO - TWO AVENUES

## Charged Particle Detection

- Hybrid silicon detector

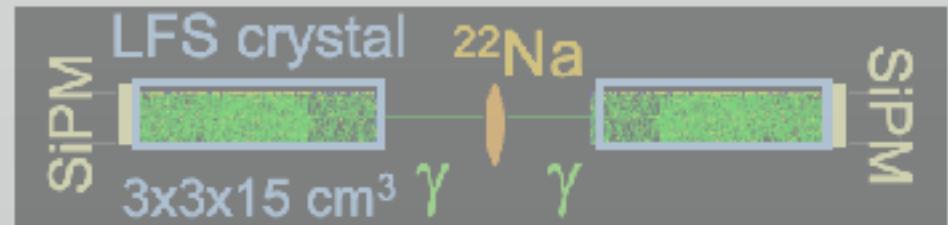


## LGAD project within:

- DRD3
- Si-D Consortium

## Photon Detection

- Silicon Photomultiplier coupled to an scintillators or Cherenkov emitter



## SiPM project within:

- DRD6
- High-D-Calor Consortium

# LGAD TIMING LAYER

UHH & DESY program  
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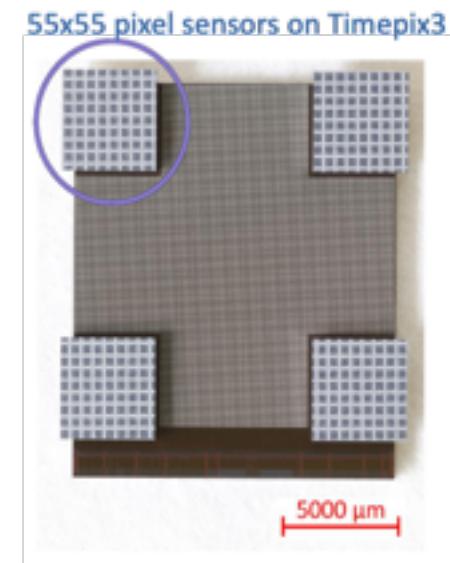
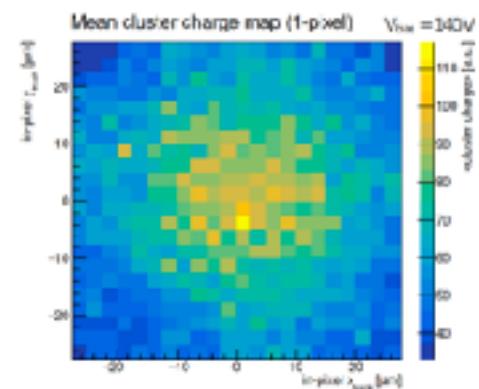
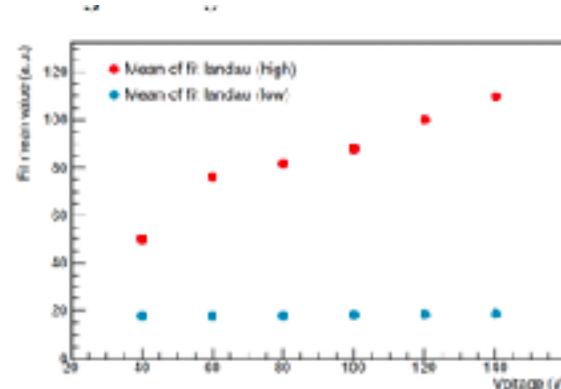
Technology choice: Low Gain Avalanche Diodes

- Short term: read out with Timepix3
- Long term: Timepix4?



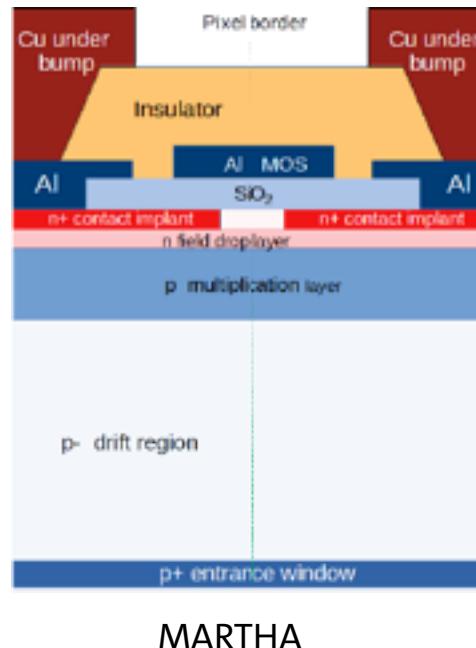
First prototypes: Trench-Isolated LGADs (FBK)

- small 2x2 pixel samples for characterisation in the lab  
→ measurements with IR laser
- 55 µm pitch pixel samples bonded to Timepix3  
→ first test in the DESYII test-beam



Lead by Annika Vauth and Joern Schwandt,  
and the LGAD team

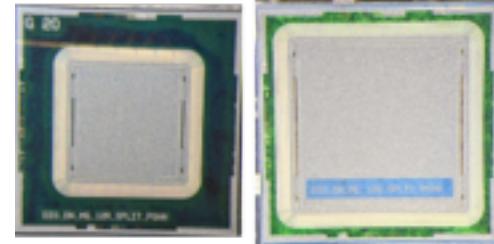
- Increase sensitivity - 100% fill-factor
- Continuous multiplication layer to avoid gain degradation in the pixel gap region
- Field drop layer (n-doped) to prevent break down at n+ pixel edges



Monolithic Array of Reach THrough Avalanche photo diodes  
R. H. Richter et al. (HLL / MPI)



Joern Schwandt, Constanze Wais



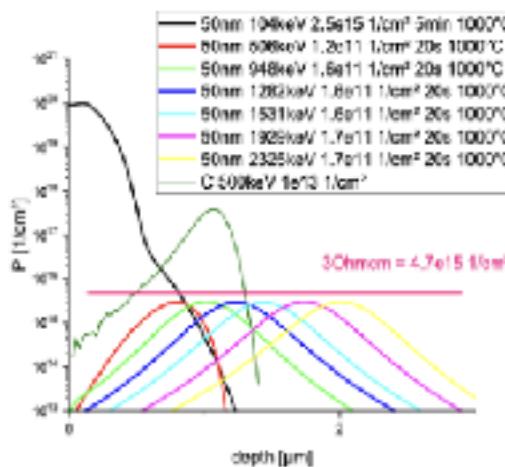
- UHH: design and characterisation of a MARTHA for particle physics application
- Collaboration on MARTHA for photon science (H. Graafsma)

Long term quest:  
Can a 10 ps silicon detector reach  
1 μm space resolution ?

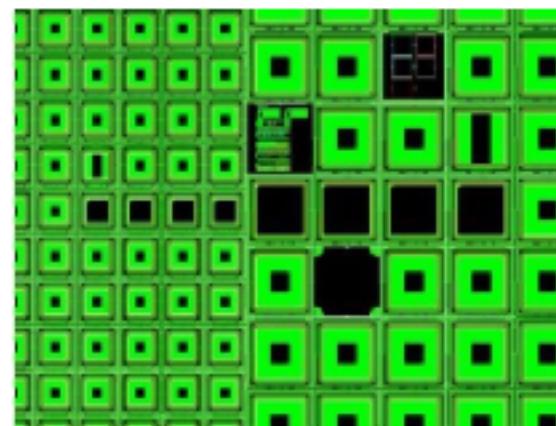
# RADIATION HARDNESS

- RD50 project “Defect engineered diodes mimicking the gain layer in LGADs”
- 18 differently defect engineered wafers with respect to B, O and C impurities as well as with P in compensated n++-p+ diodes

P and C implantations in compensated n<sup>++</sup>-p<sup>-</sup> diodes with 50 nm of oxide



layout design including samples for Hall measurements and diodes with fully transparent electrodes.



## Expected results

- Reveal the microscopic radiation induced effects above  $10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  and identify the reasons for losing the gain in LGADs.
- Reveal the role of O, C and P impurities in low resistivity B doped Si and of defects impacting on the gain layers in LGADs
- Detection and characterization of new defects induced by irradiation above  $10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  (e.g. 2<sup>nd</sup> order defects)
- provide real inputs for modelling the radiation damage above  $10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ , allowing the development of accurate parametrization models validated on the entire range of fluences, from low to extreme;

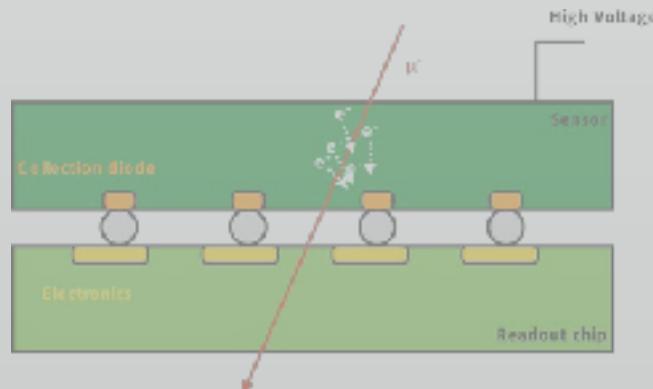
- First samples expected in Feb. 2025 (project will continue within DRD3)

Joern Schwandt

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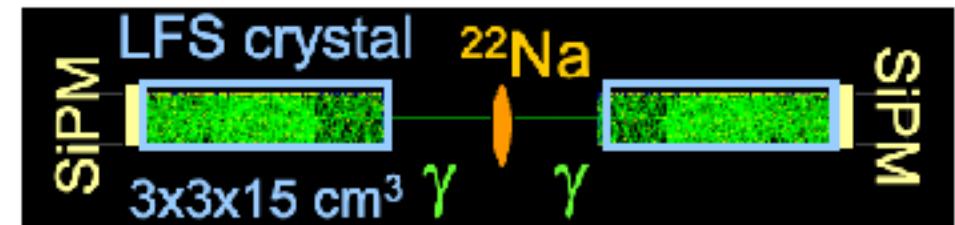


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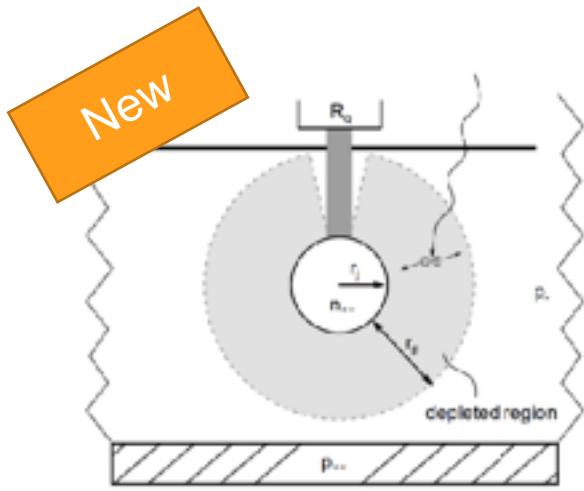
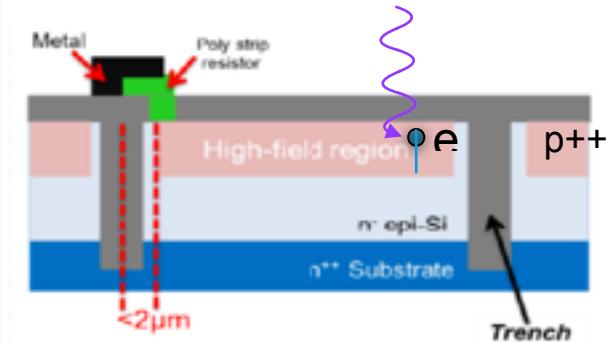
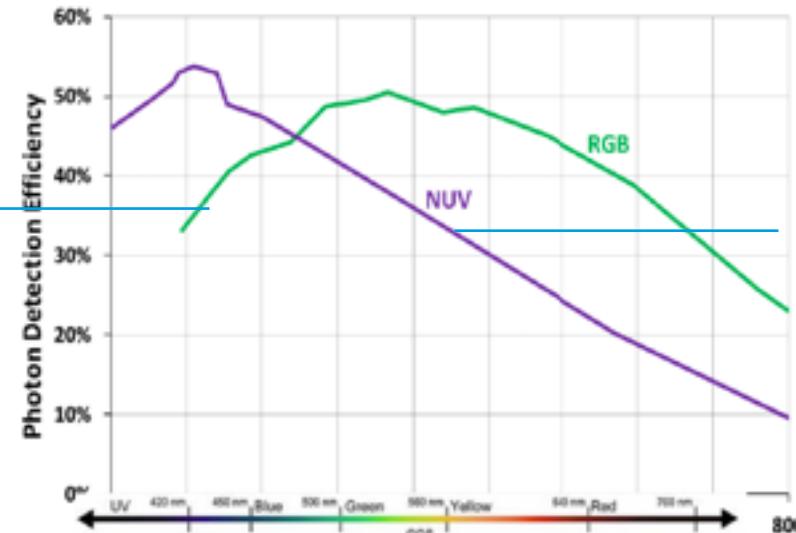
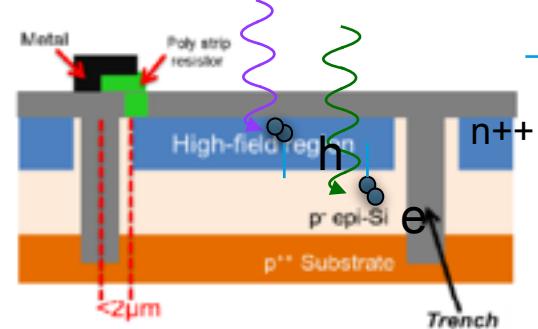
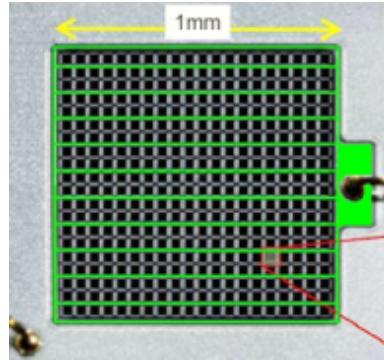


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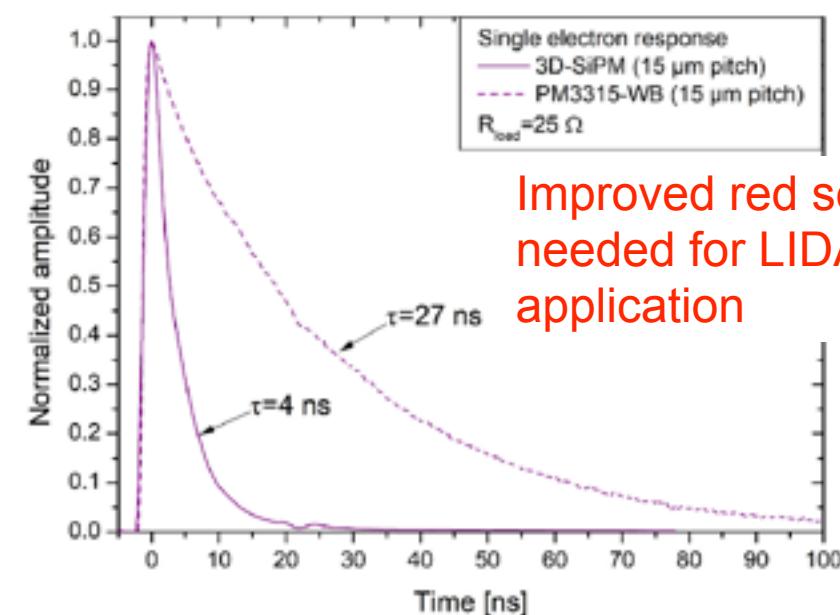
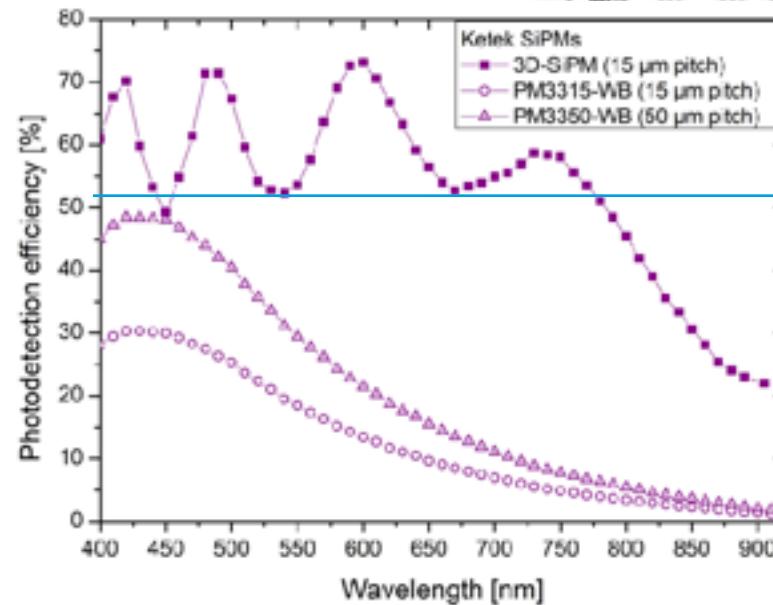
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- High-D-Calor Consortium

# SILICON-PHOTOMULTIPLIERS

**SiPM**



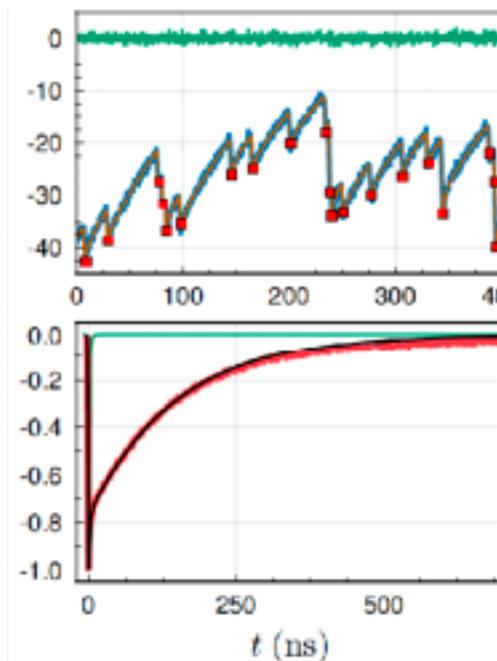
PhD thesis E. Engelmann (KETEK)  
arXiv:2010.10183



Improved red sensitivity  
needed for LIDAR  
application

## Analysis and modelling tools for fundamental characterisation and optimisation

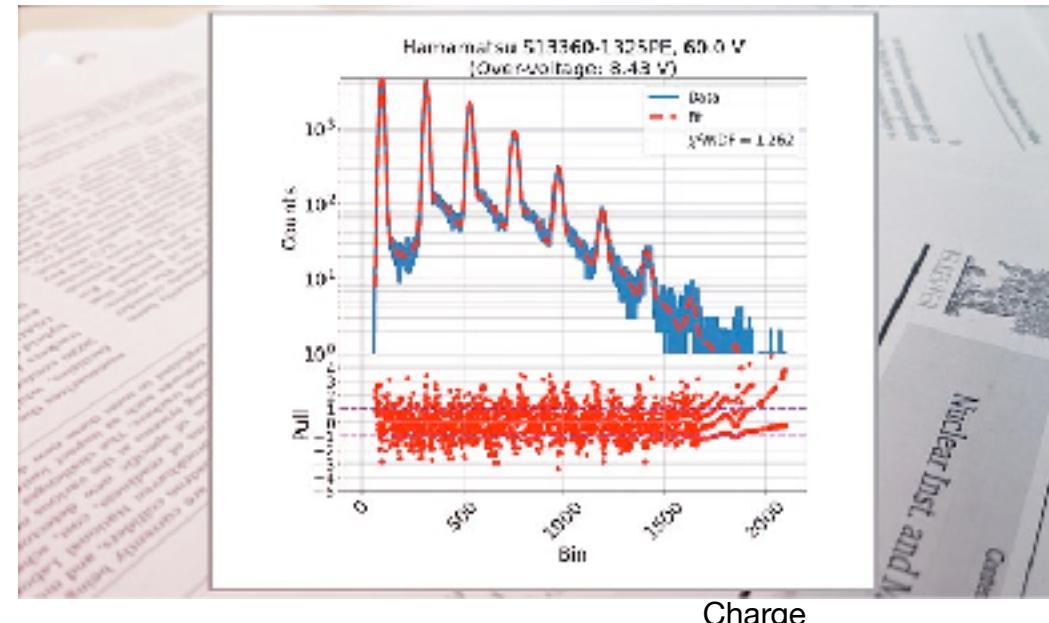
Model SiPM waveform for operations with very high dark rate



[SiPM signal processing via multiple linear regression](#)

W. Schmailzl, C. Piemonte, E. Garutti, W. Hansch

Model SiPM response to low and high light intensity  
→ extract fundamental parameters  
→ investigate effect of radiation damage

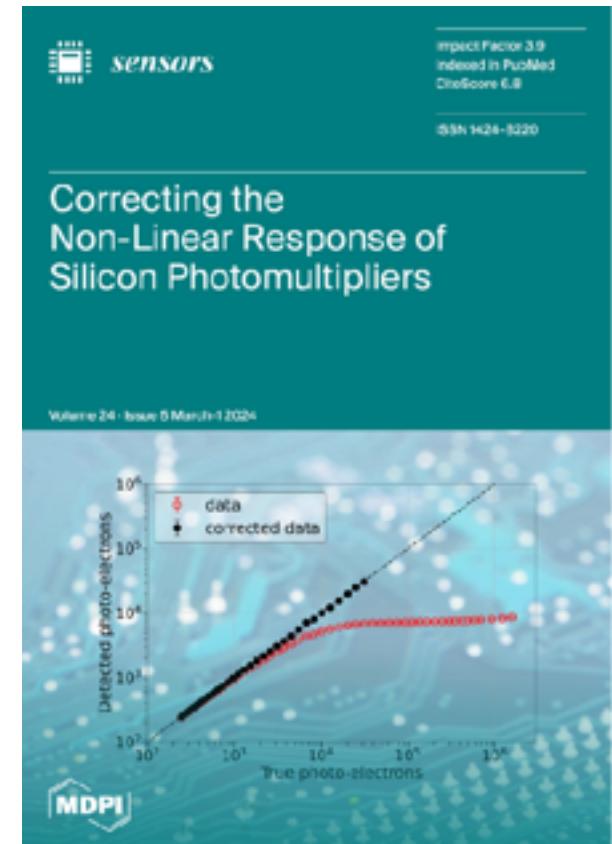


[PeakOTron: A Python Module for Fitting Charge Spectra of Silicon Photomultipliers](#)

J. Rolph, E. Garutti, R. Klanner, T. Quadfasel, J. Schwandt

PeakOTron: 10.5281/zenodo.10014537

LightSintastic: 10.5281/zenodo.10019688



[Correcting the non-Linear Response of Silicon Photomultipliers](#)

L. Brinkmann, E. Garutti, S. Martens, J. Schwandt

# SILICON-PHOTOMULTIPLIERS: RESPONSE MODEL

## 01. Single cell signal

Real data, electric circuit simulation, physical models

## 02. SiPM key parameters

$N_{cell}$ , PDE, T, G, DCR, OCT, AP,  $V_{ov}$ , etc.

## 03. Light source

Source type, photons arrival time and spatial distributions



## 01. Non-linear response and saturation

Perform **systematic studies** on the non-linear response correction as:

- > T and V dependence.
- > Fluence dependence.
- > Variation across SiPMs.
- > Etc.

## 02. SiPM response with scintillation light

Obtain a **non-linear response correction combining SiPM precise lab calibration and light emission spectrum from scintillator using SUM (validated)**.

## 03. SUM model and framework

Develop the framework in **Julia** and make it ready also for further **system optimisation studies**.



Lead by Massimiliano Antonello, and the SiPM team

## SiPM response

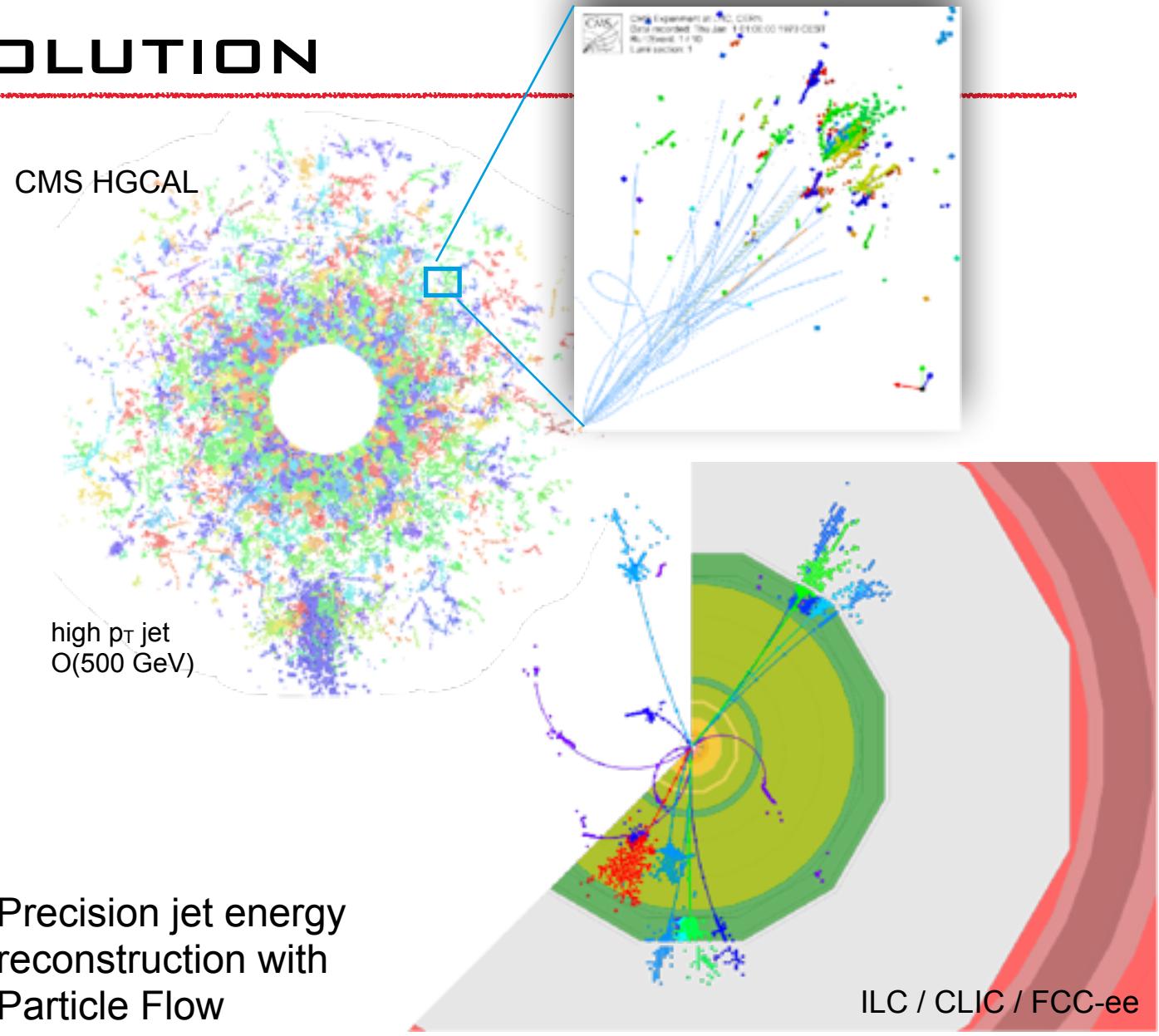
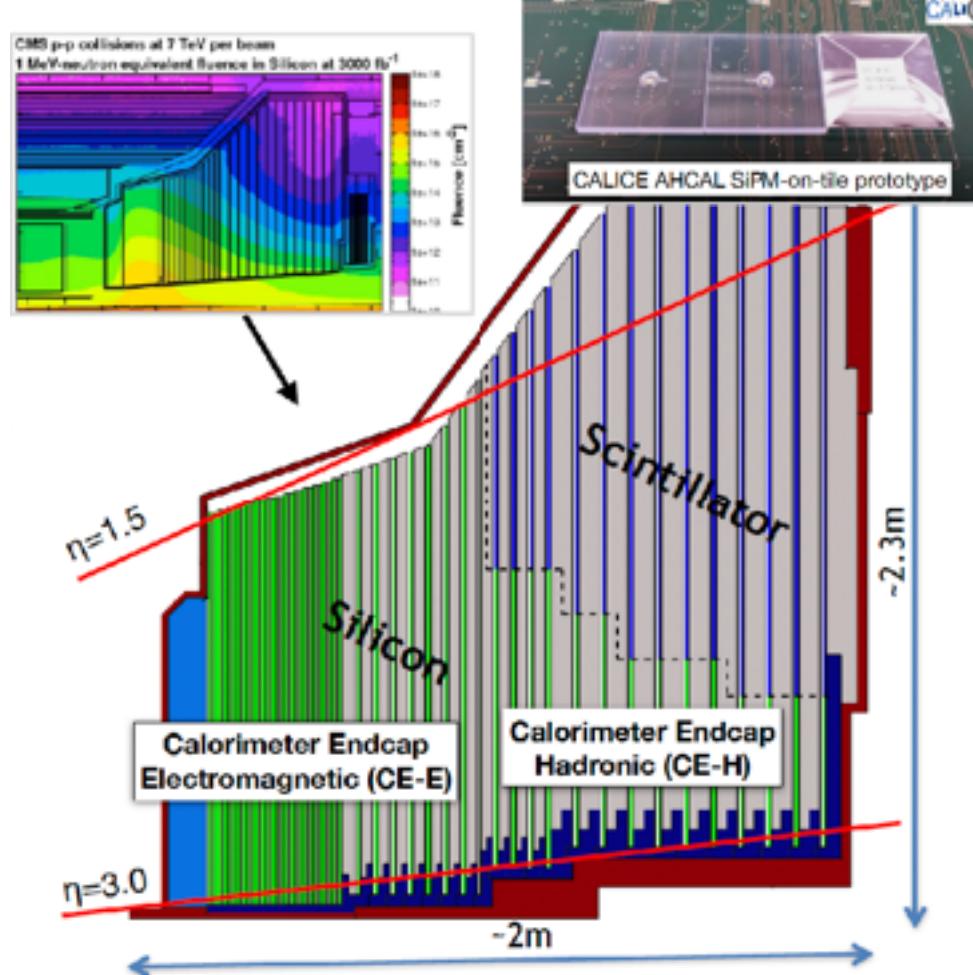
- The "Geiger Array" (GA).  
For every event and Geiger discharge:
  - > Time of arrival.
  - > Signal amplitude.
  - > Cell ID.
  - > Type (light, DCR, OCT, AP).
- Transient for every event (from GA).

connect to DESY  
development:



# SPATIAL + TIME RESOLUTION

## = 5D CALORIMETRY



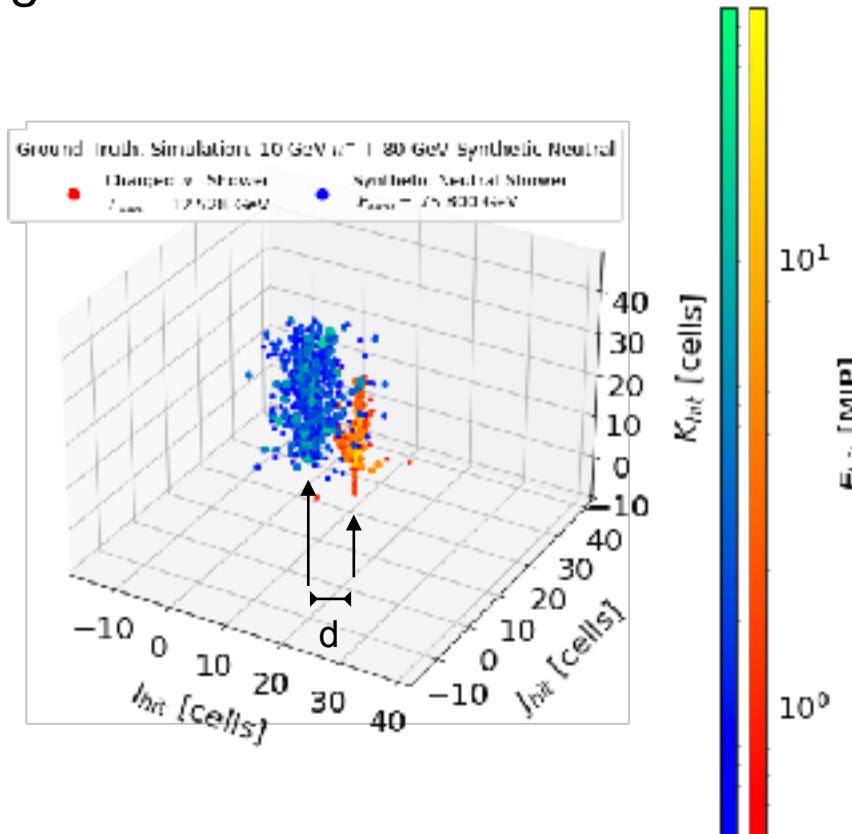
# PARTICLE FLOW - DOES TIME MATTER ?

Quantify the impact of single hit time resolution on:

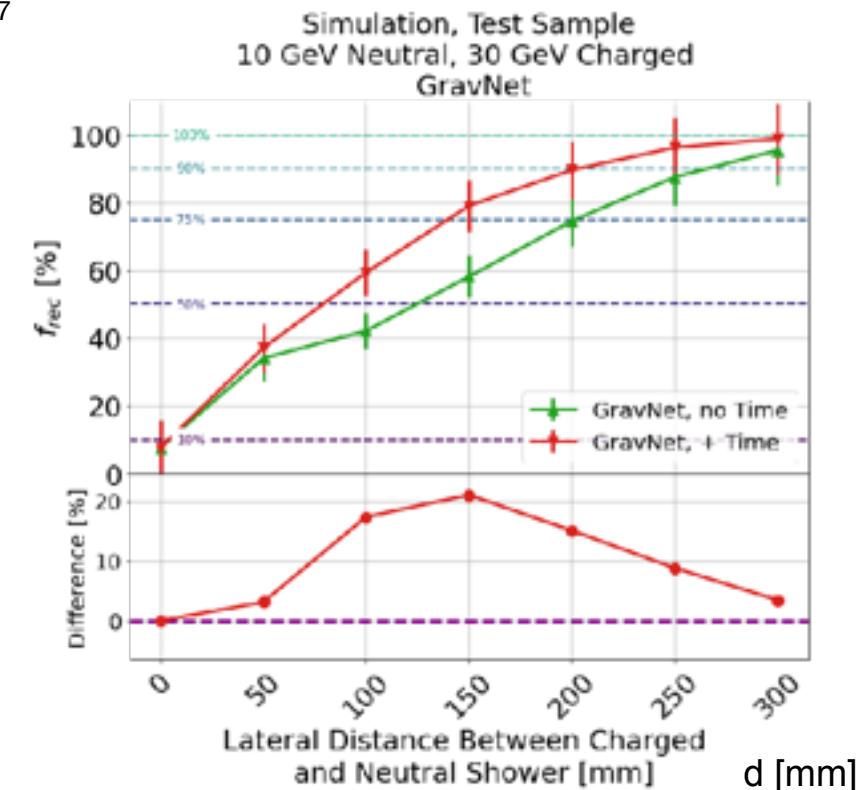
- 1) shower separation
  - 2) energy compensation
- using 5D ML algorithms

[Shower Separation in Five Dimensions for Highly Granular Calorimeters using Machine Learning](#), CALICE, *in revision*

[Software Compensation for Highly Granular Calorimeters using Machine Learning](#), CALICE, JINST 19 (2024) P04037



Fraction of neutral hadrons reconstructed with energy within one sigma from truth



PhD thesis J. Rolph (UHH)

- **Improve**
  - Reach 10 ps time resolution on a system
- **Quantify**
  - Quantify the improvement of time in jet energy resolution and PID
  - Employ ML to best exploit time in particle flow
- **Optimise**
  - Accordingly optimise future collider detector systems

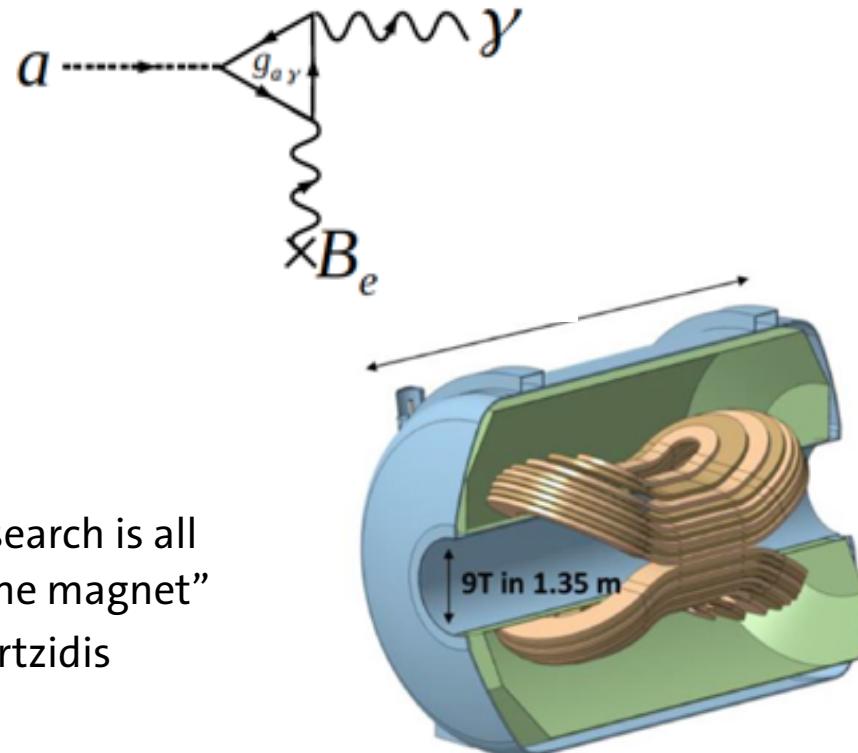
Considering alternatives for a  
medium time scale application  
project before the future  
collider —  
best together with DESY

# QUANTUM

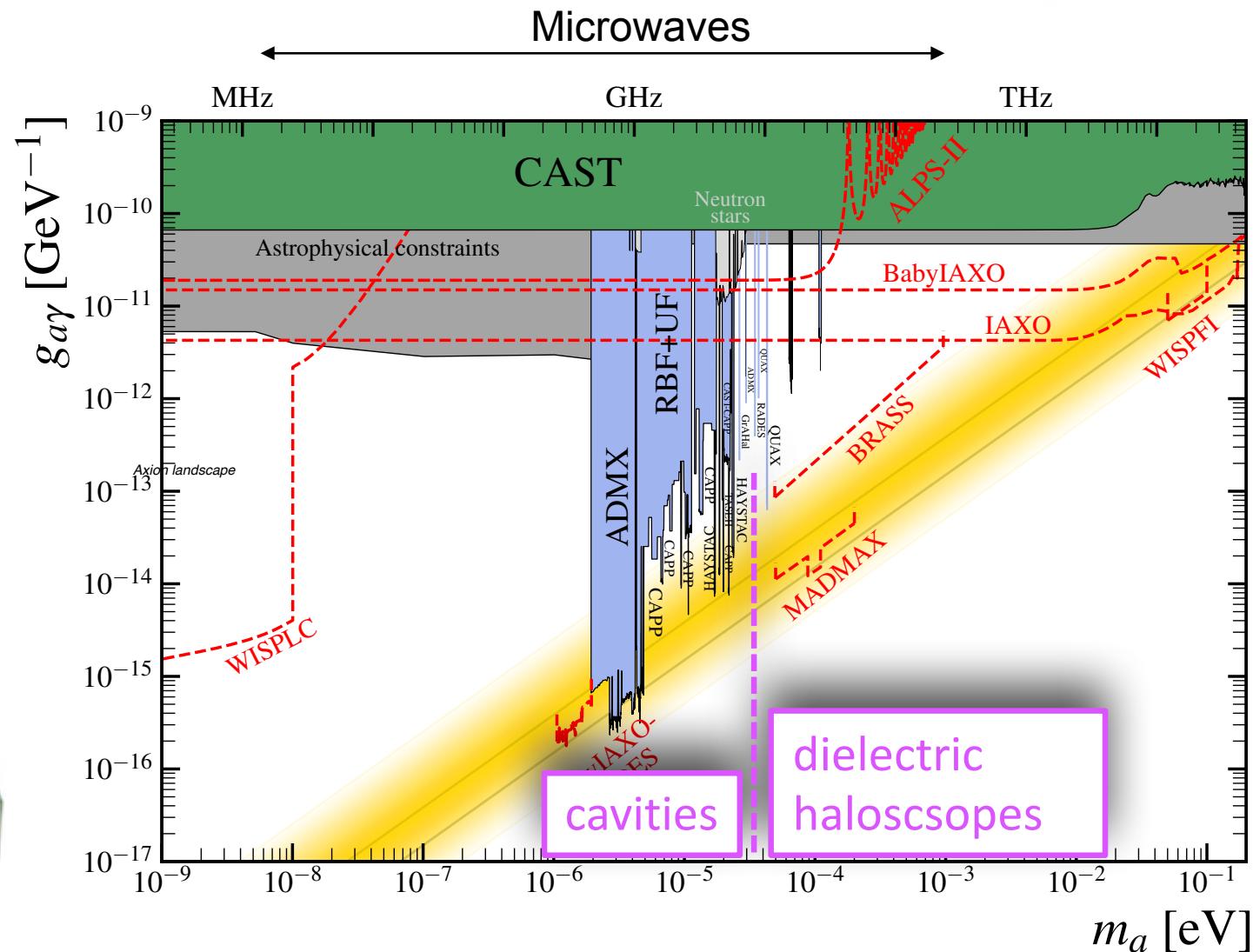
# QUANTUM: SINGLE MICROWAVE PHOTON DETECTION

## Motivation:

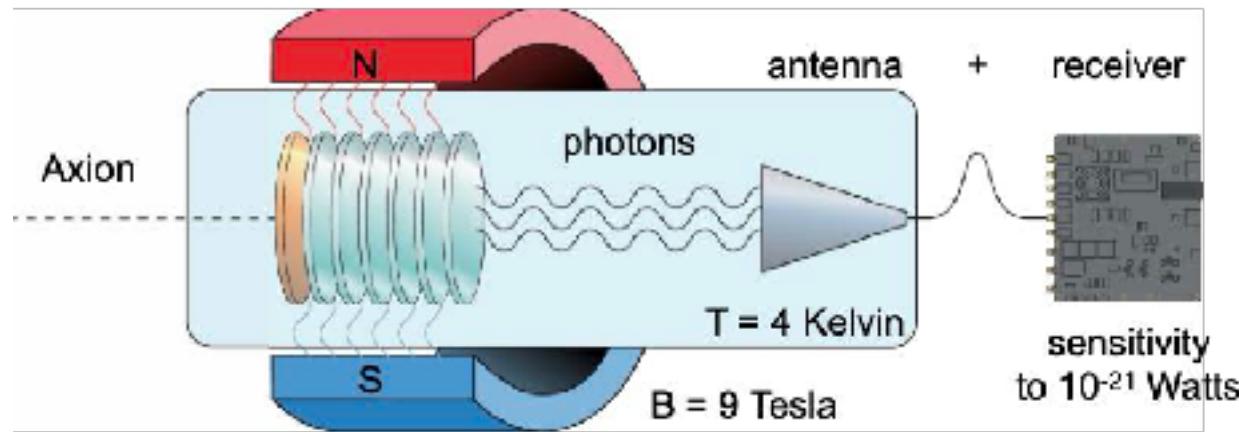
Axions Dark Matter Searches in microwave range



"Axion search is all about the magnet"  
Y. Semertzidis



# MAGNETIZED DISC AND MIRROR AXION EXPERIMENT



- Tunable in frequency coverage:  
 $\sim 10\text{-}100 \text{ GHz}$  ( $40\text{-}400 \mu\text{eV}$  axion mass)
- Boost emitted power through:
  - coherent emission from multiple interfaces
  - constructive interference effects

Lead by Christoph Krieger, and the MADMAX team

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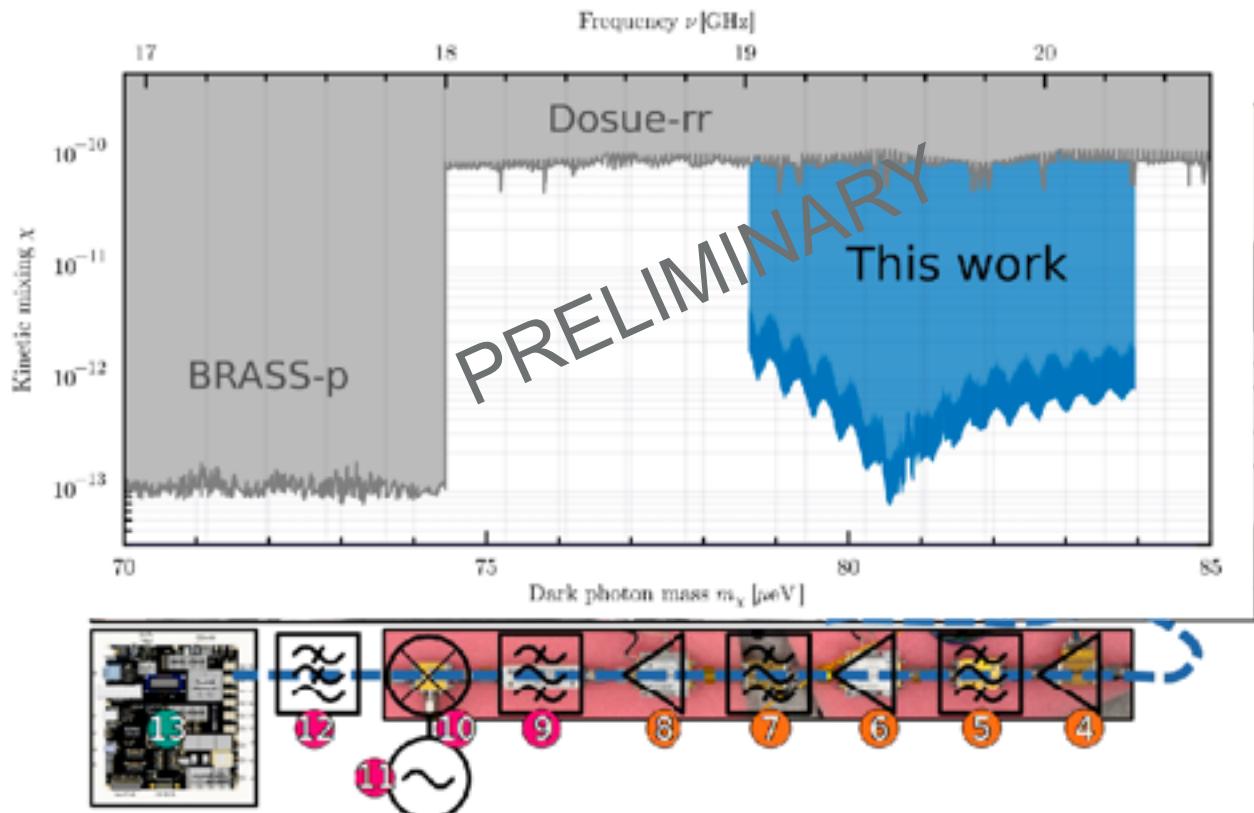
$$g_{a\gamma} = 2.04(3) \times 10^{-14} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{\text{SNR}}{5}} \sqrt{\frac{400^2}{\beta^2}} \sqrt{\frac{1\text{m}^2}{A}} \sqrt{\frac{T_{\text{sys}}}{8\text{K}}} \frac{10 \text{ T}}{B_e} \sqrt{\frac{0.8}{\eta}} \left(\frac{1.3 \text{ days}}{\Delta t}\right)^{1/4} \sqrt{\frac{300 \text{ MeV}^2}{\rho_0}} \left(\frac{m_a}{100 \mu\text{eV}}\right)^{5/4}$$

reach the QCD band

System Temperature limited by receiver chain

Currently used: Heterodyne receiver chain with  
FPGA-based online FFT

$$\chi = 1.43 \times 10^{-13} \left(\frac{400}{\beta^2}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{707 \text{ cm}^2}{A}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{T_{\text{sys}}}{290 \text{ K}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{11.7 \text{ d}}{\Delta t}\right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{\text{SNR}}{5}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{m_\chi}{80 \mu\text{eV}}\right)^{1/4},$$



# SENSITIVITY

UHH & DESY program  
Supported by QU-II



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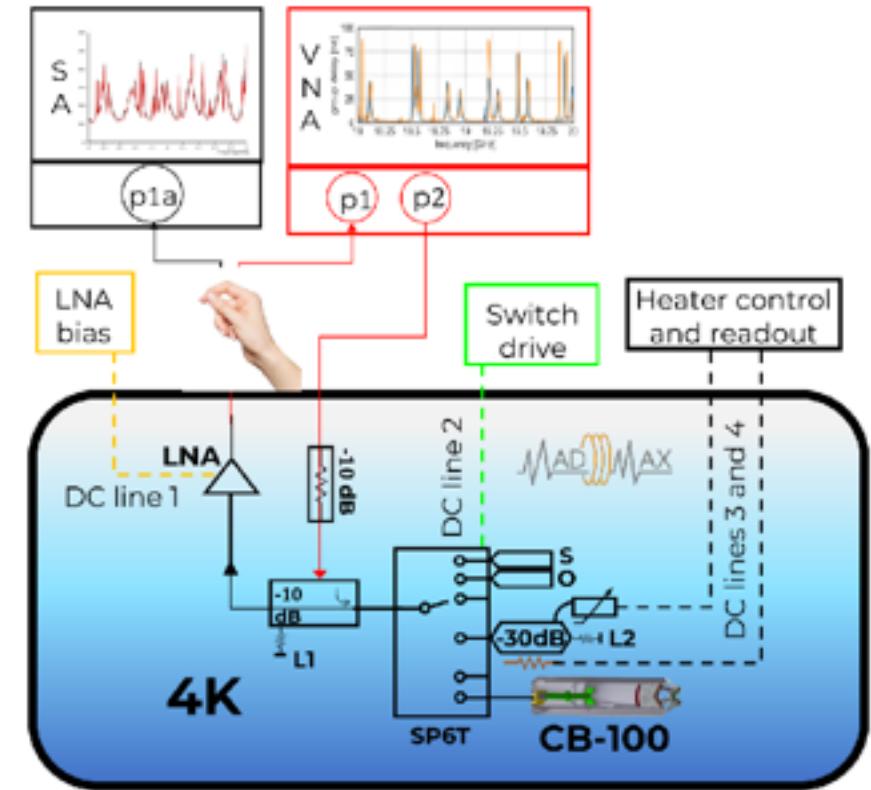


CB100 operated in G10 cryostat @Morpurgo

Dagmar Kreikemeyer Lorenzo, Juan Maldonado, et. al

Low Noise Amplifier  
or HEMT (high-electron-mobility transistor):  
Field Effect Transistor with heterojunction

MPP

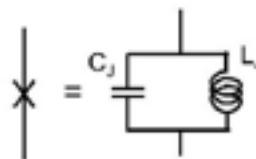
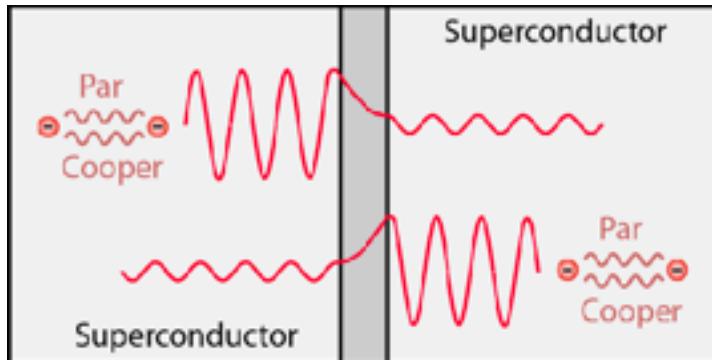


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# NEXT - QUANTUM-LIMITED AMPLIFIER

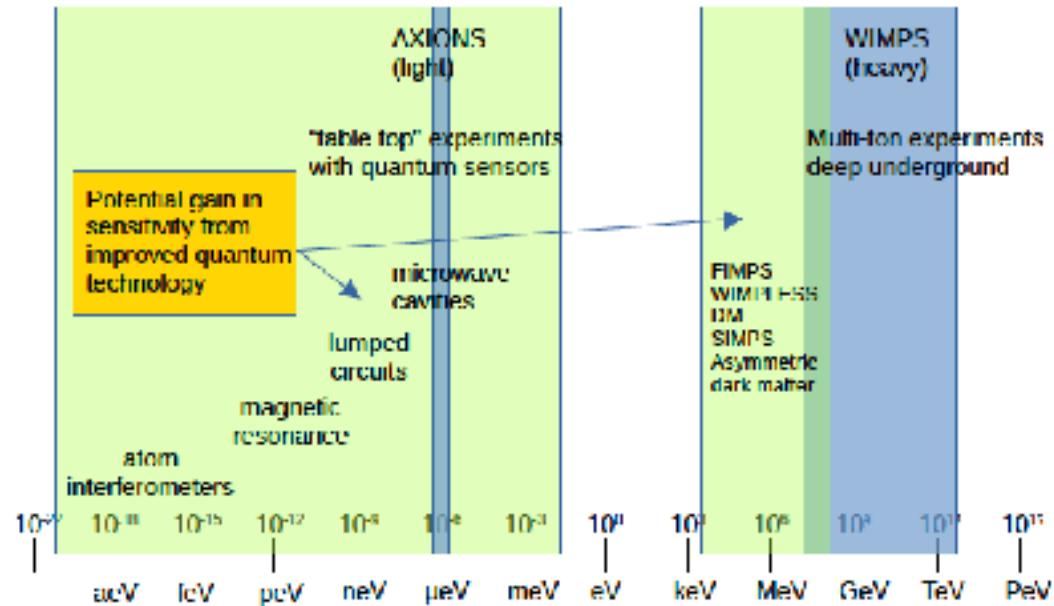
Photon counting via Q bits to beat the quantum noise limit and greatly improve sensitivity

## Josephson Junction (JJ)

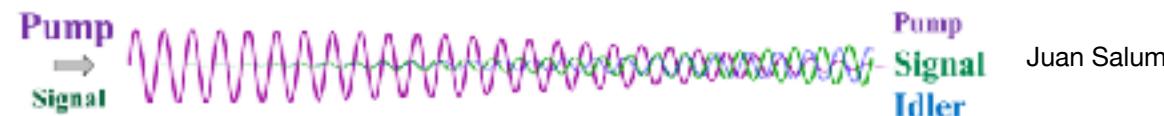
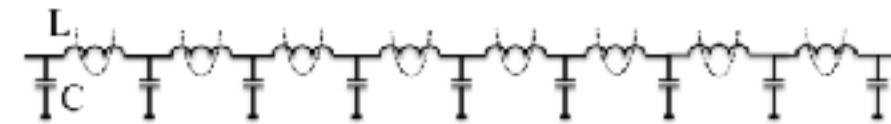


JJ symbol and  
electrical model

Discovered by Brian Josephson in 1962.  
Application in SQUIDs, superconducting  
qubits, and amplifiers.



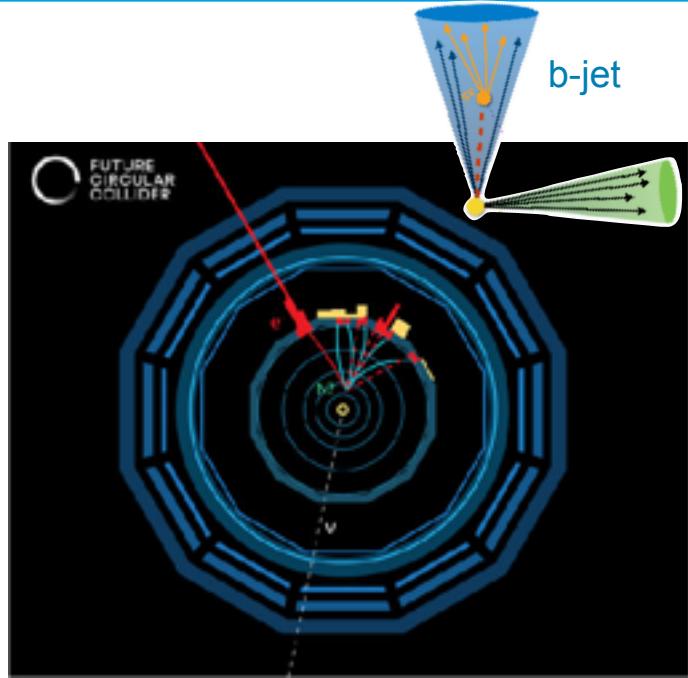
## Josephson TWPA



Based on a non-linear transmission line of Josephson junctions

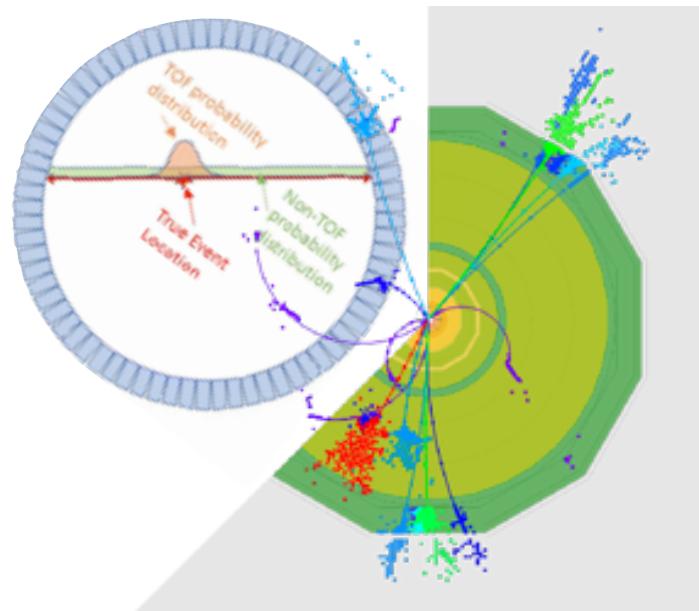
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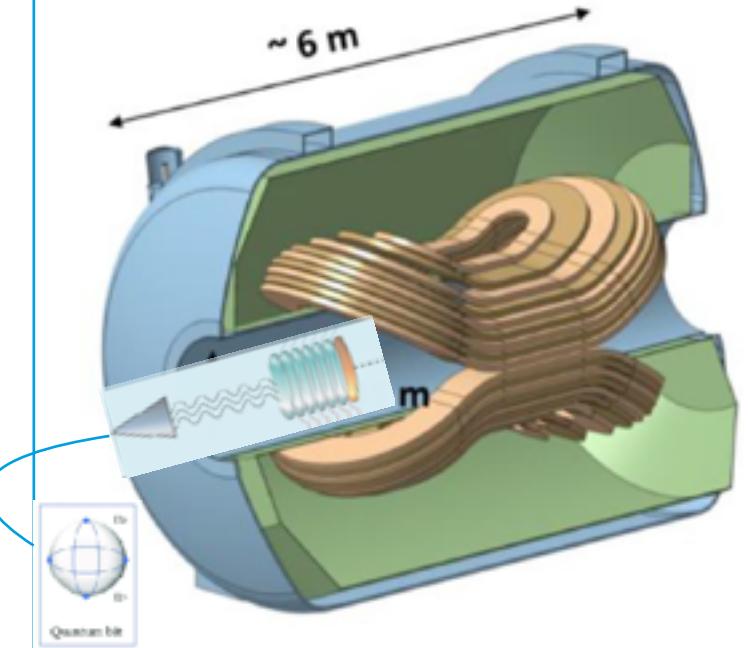
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10 ps challenge

QUANTUM



single photon  
detection frontier