

Test of ITk 3D sensor pre-production modules with ITkPixV1.1 chip



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Inner Tracker (ITk) for High Luminosity (HL-LHC)



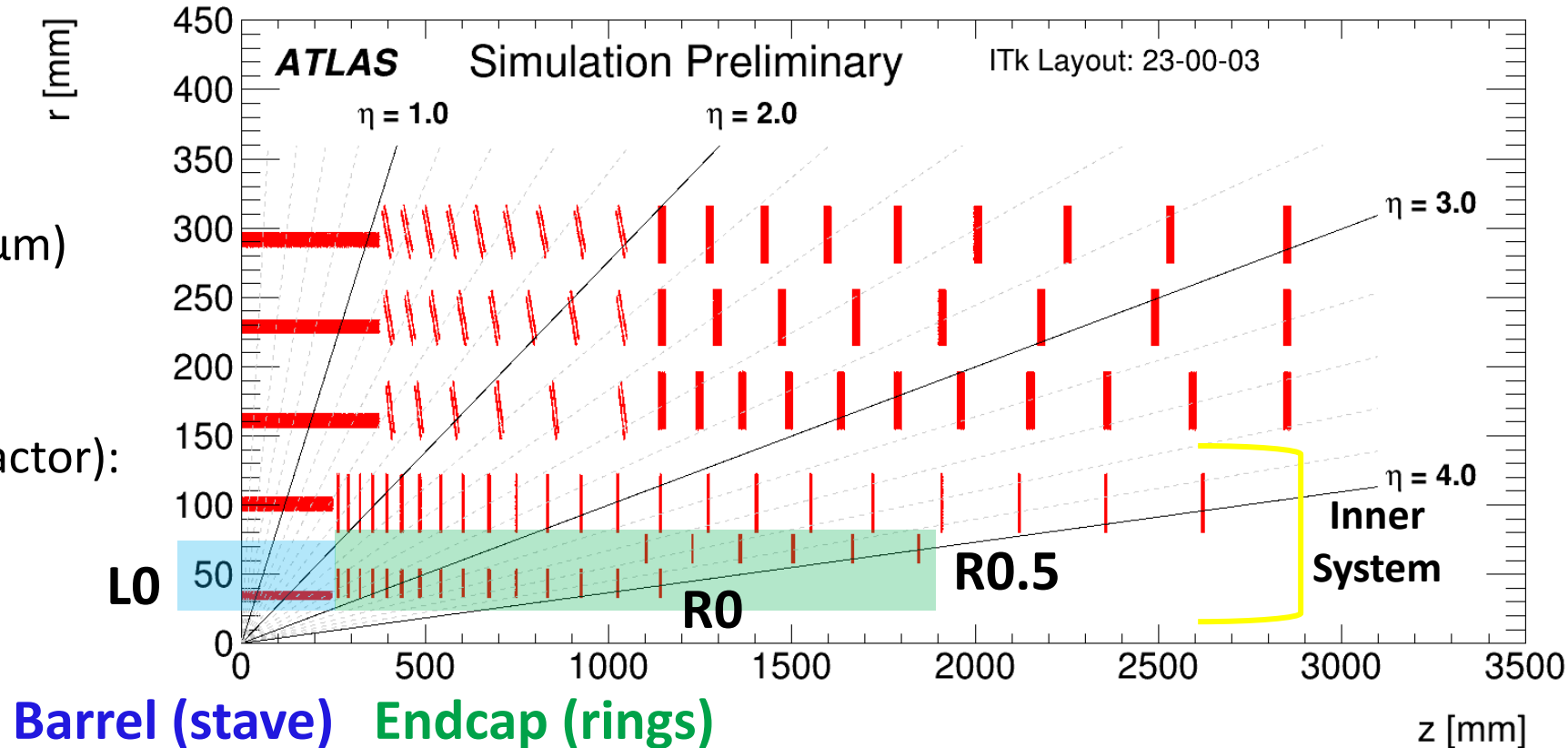
- Inner Tracker (ITk): a new silicon tracking detector in preparation for the ATLAS upgrade at the HiLumi-LHC
- Details of the latest design version: <https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/PUBNOTES/ATL-PHYS-PUB-2021-024/>
- ITk Pixel detector status: prototypes assembled and tested → improved designs → pre-production phase
- Nice overview talk about ITk detector by A. L. Heggelund: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1120714/timetable/?view=standard#127-atlas-itk-pixel-detector-o>

- 5 layers of pixel:

- **L4**: Planar sensors (150 μm)
- **L3**: Planar sensors (150 μm)
- **L2**: Planar sensors (150 μm)
- **L1, R1**: Planar sensors (100 μm)
- **L0, R0, R0.5**: 3D sensors

- Inner System will be replaced
- HL-LHC @ 2000 fb^{-1} (1.5 safety factor):
 - Fluence up to $1.9\text{e}16 \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$
 - TID up to 1 Grad

- Barrel at 34 mm from collisions
- Endcap rings down to 33.2 mm

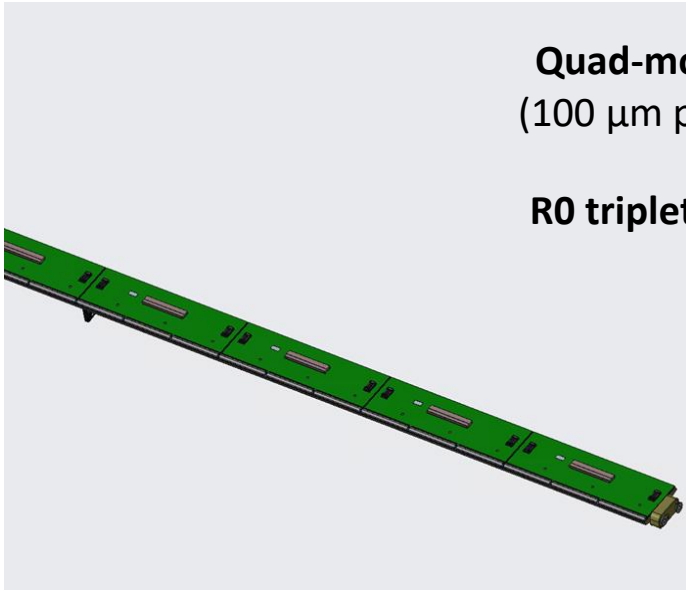


Inner Tracker (ITk) triplet modules

Barrel (stave)

L0: 96 triplets

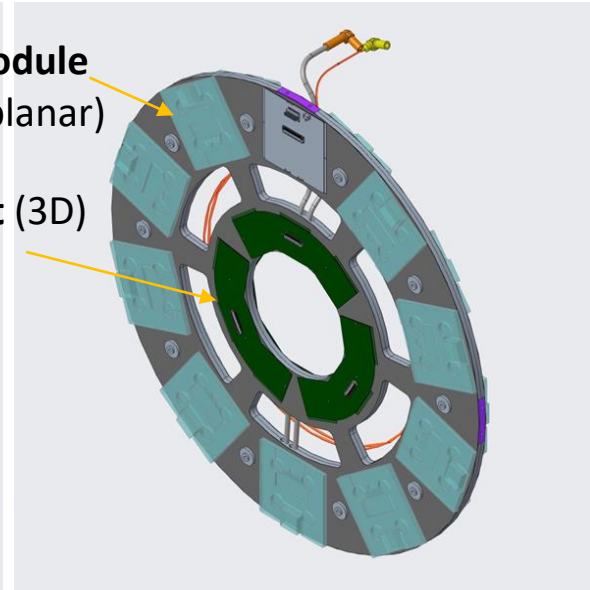
12 staves x 8 triplets



Endcap (rings)

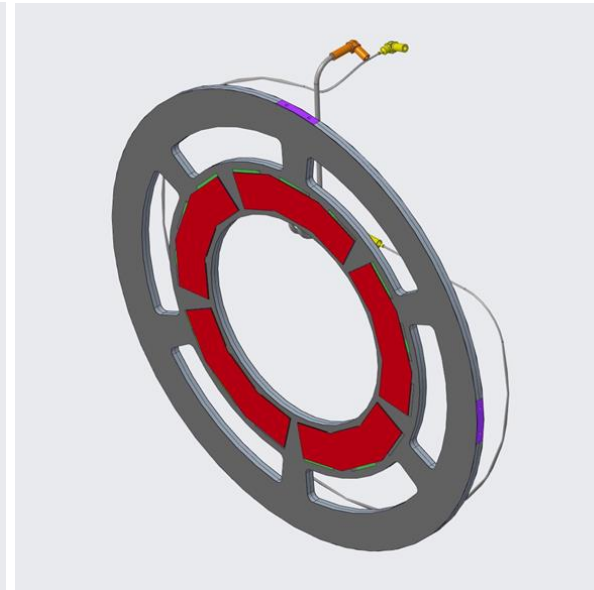
R0: 180 triplets

30 rings x 6 triplets



R0.5: 120 triplets

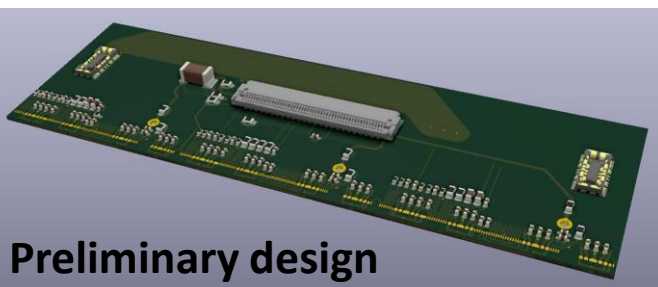
12 rings x 10 triplets



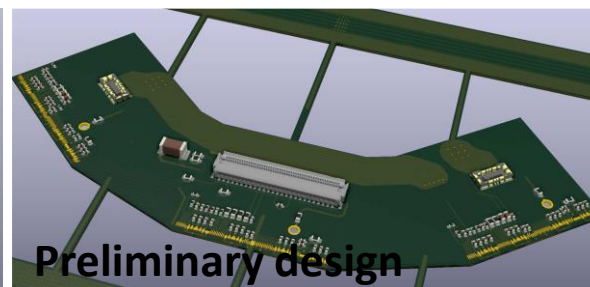
**Prototype of
ITk R0 ring with
RD53A modules:
10 quad-modules
3 R0 triplets**



- 3D sensors will be assembled in triplet modules (1 flex + 3 bare modules)



Preliminary design

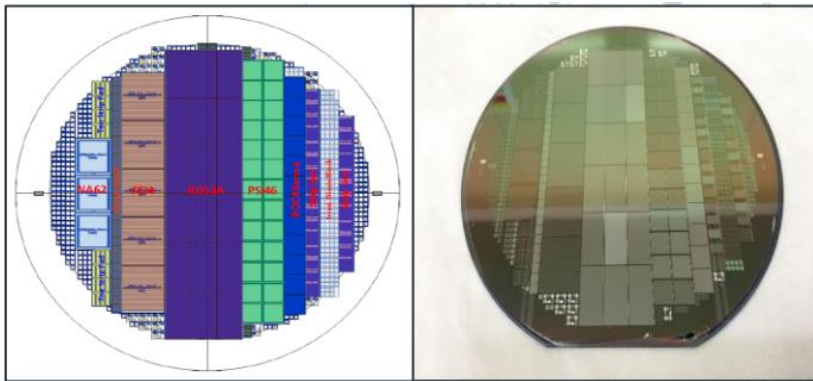
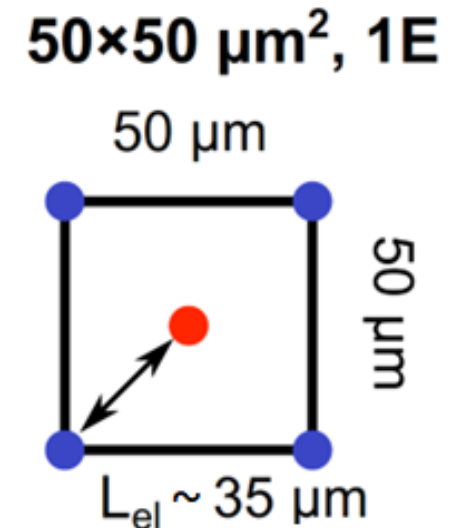
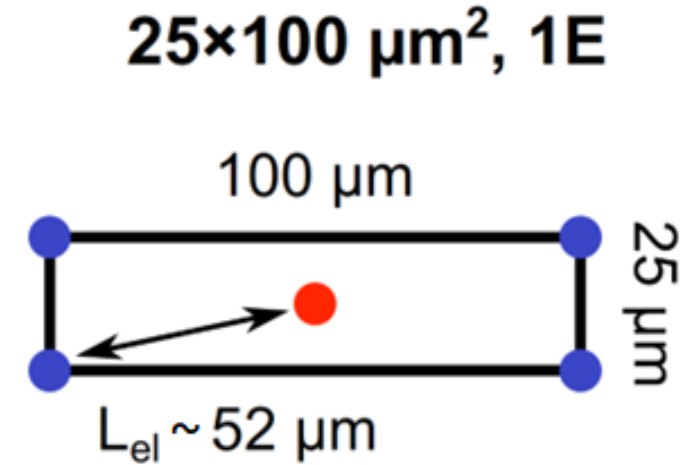


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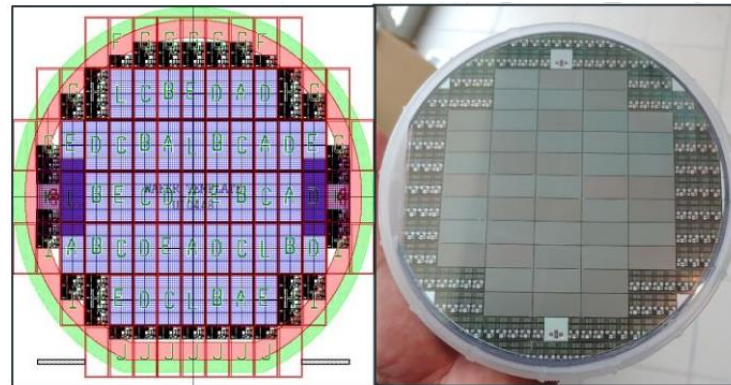
Design ongoing

Sensor wafer: R&D prototypes

- 2 different pixel cell dimensions for the 3D sensors (2x2 cm² pieces):
 - 25x100 μm² in the barrel triplet modules (288 sensors needed)
 - 50x50 μm² in the endcap triplet modules (900 sensors needed)
- In the last years, several R&D production of wafers by FBK:
 - Sensors 1x2 cm² compatible with the RD53A chip
 - Batch 2: Mask aligner, 130 μm active thickness
 - Batch 3: Stepper, 150 μm active thickness
 - Details at: [S. Terzo et al 2021 Front. Phys. 9:624668](#)
 - Bare modules (3D sensor + RD53A chip) assembled on card (SCC)
 - Tested before and after irradiation at DESY, up to 1e16 n_{eq}/cm²
 - Details at: [Md.A.A. Samy et al 2021 JINST 16 C12028](#)

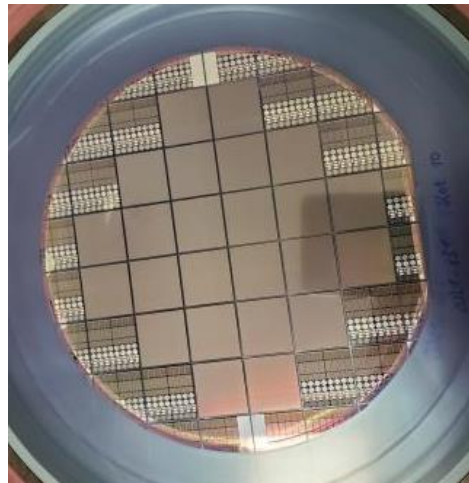


2nd 3D-SS batch also “New RD53A” ROCs
With Mask Aligner Lithography Technique

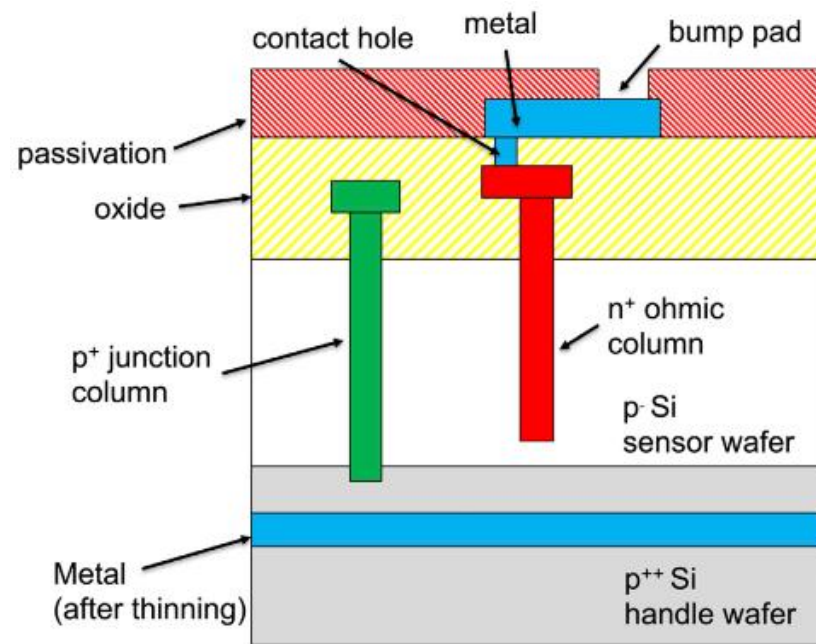
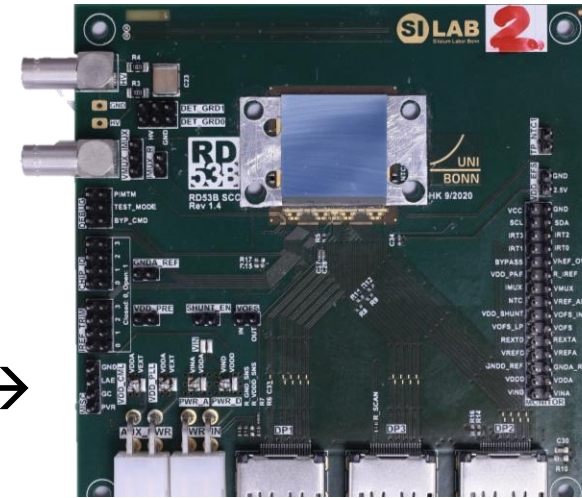


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With Stepper Lithography Technique

Sensor wafer: pre-production

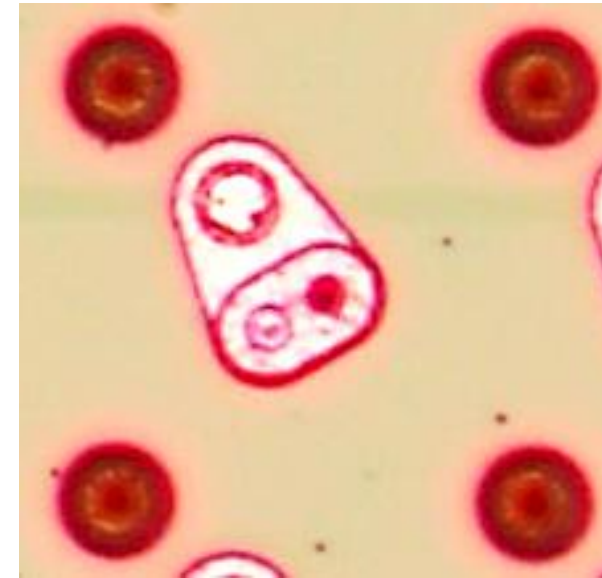
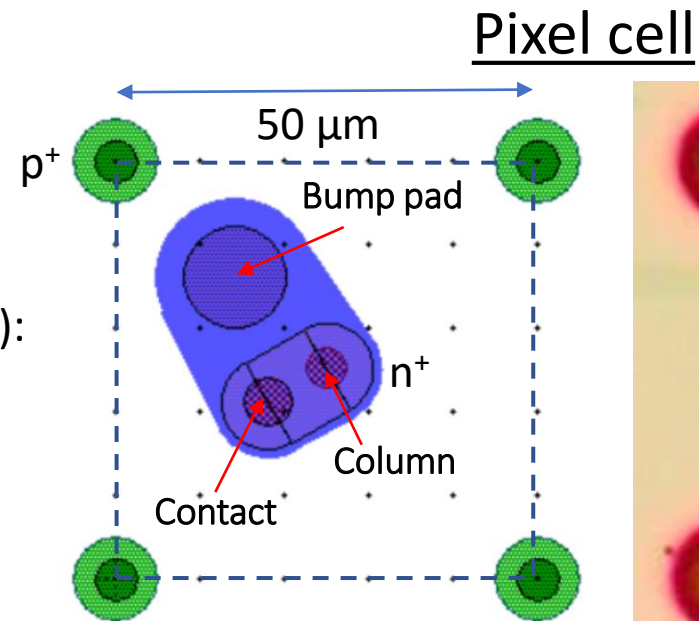


- FBK pre-production wafers
 - 24 sensors per wafer + several test structures
 - 7 wafers delivered to CERN (5 + 2 with temp. metal)
 - 20 sensor tiles bonded at IZM to ITkPixV1.1 chips
 - 10 received in Genova
 - 6 assembled on Bonn Single Chip Card (SCC) →
 - https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/viewauth/RD53/RD53BTesting#RD53B_Bonn_Single_Chip_Card_SCC



3D sensor thickness (after backside thinning):

- Total: 250 μm
- Active: 150 μm
- Support: 100 μm



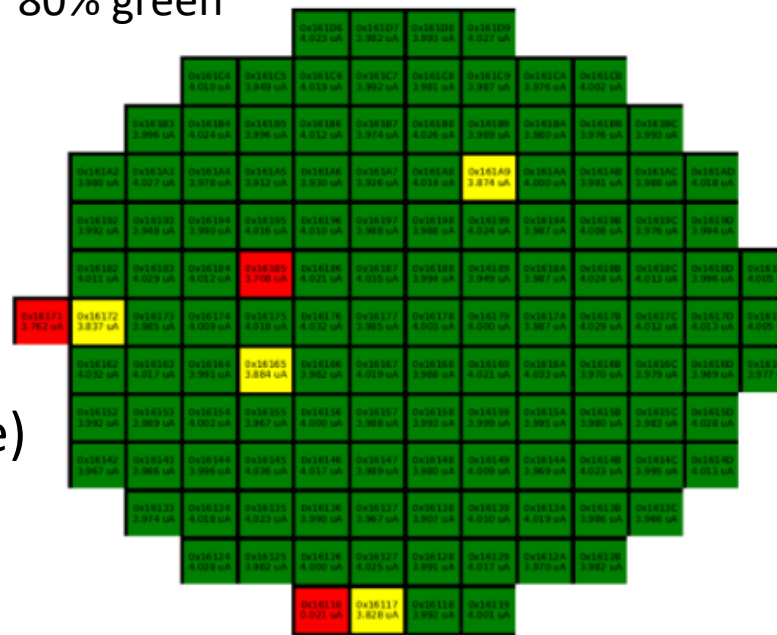
Chip wafer: ITkPixV1 (RD53B)

- ITkPixV1.0 chip: bug in ToT memories → induces high digital current (not possible to use ToT)
 - ITkPixV1.1 chip: patch fixed high current (ToT still not usable)
 - Several wafers produced, probed, thinned (150 μm) and diced → 80% green yield (wafer)
 - Summary of chip studies: H. Yang TIPP 21 https://indico.cern.ch/event/981823/contributions/4295325/attachments/2250597/3817670/ITkPixV1_analog_FE_testing_Hongtao_Yang.pdf

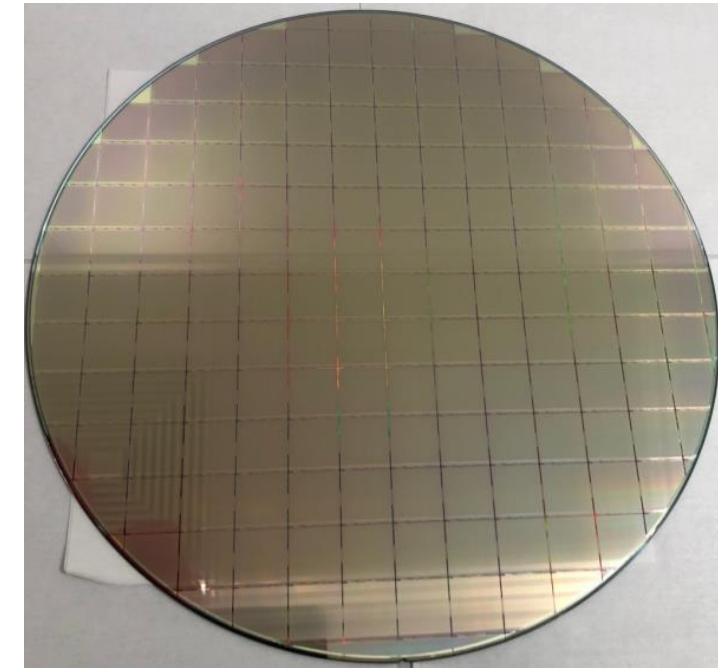
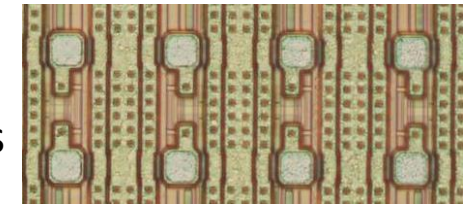
- Main features:

- About 2x2 cm² area
- 384 x 400 pixels (50x50 μm²)
- Differential Analog FE
- Power < 1 W/cm²
- Standard threshold: 1000 e
 - No noisy pixels @ 600 e
 - 1% noisy pixels @ 400 e
- Timewalk < 25 ns (charge > 1000 e)
- Radiation hardness > 1 Grad

V1.1 good yield
80% green

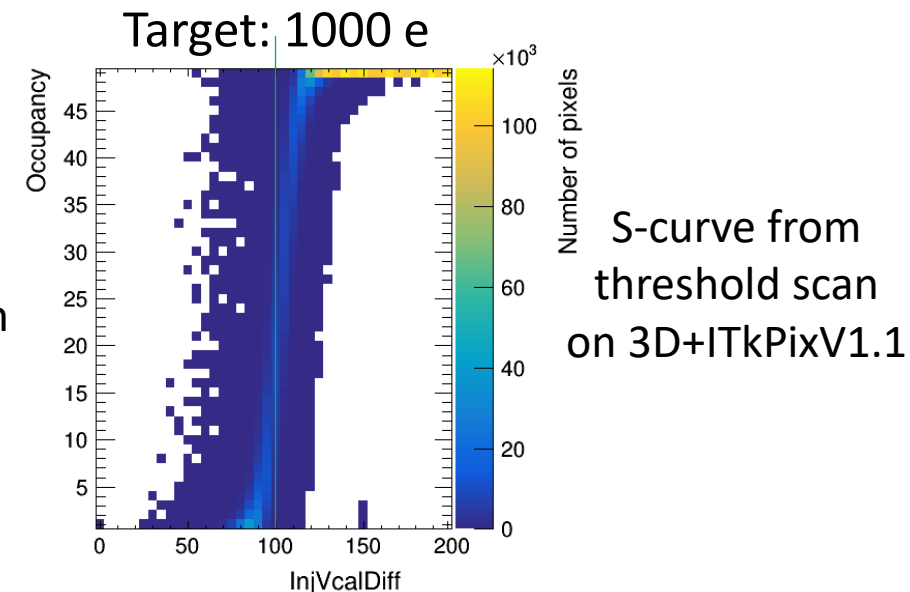
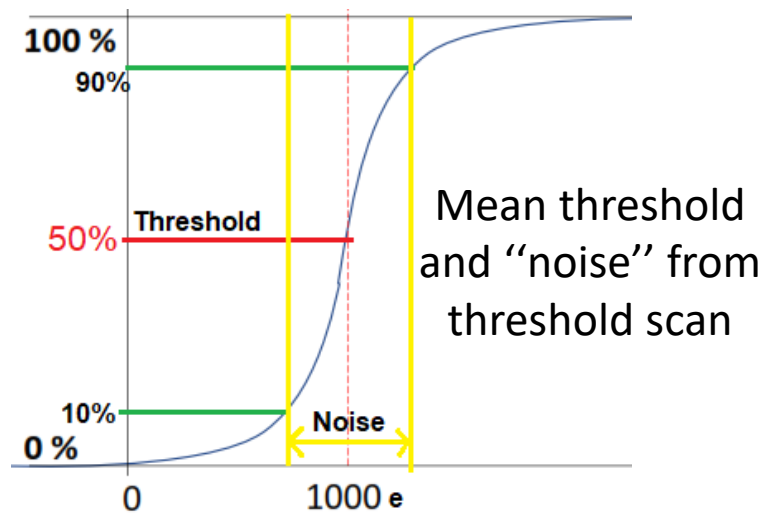


ITkPixV1
bump pads

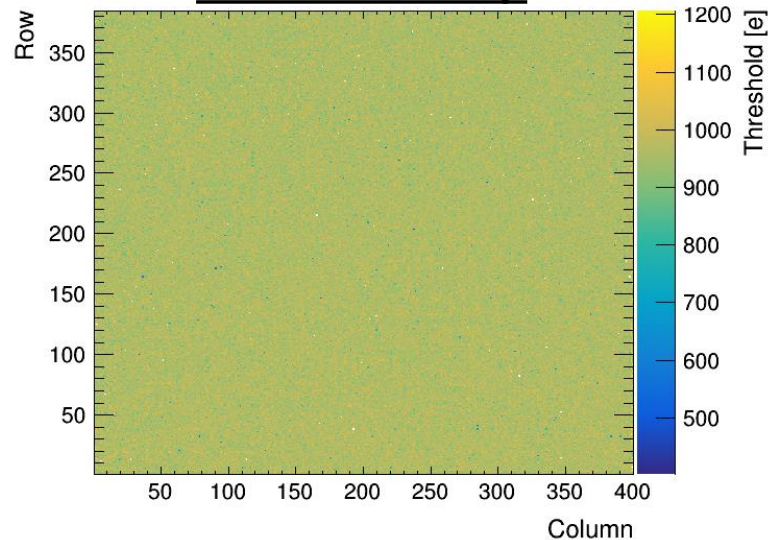


ITkPixV1.1 chip: threshold tuning

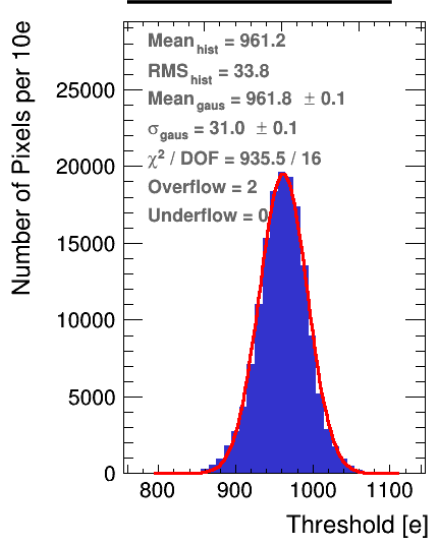
- Test with YARR DAQ @ 640 Mbps
- Threshold tuned to 1000 e
- Homogeneous distribution
 - ITkPixV1.1 cell: $50 \times 50 \mu\text{m}^2$
 - Matrix: 384x400 pixels



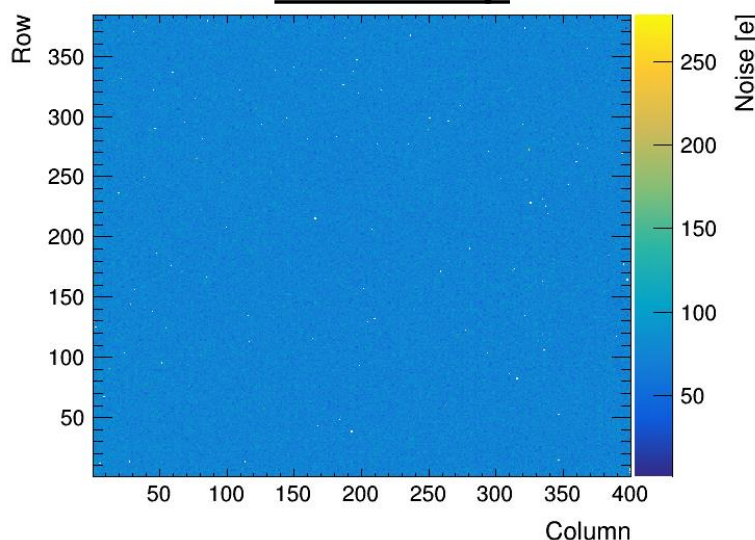
Threshold map



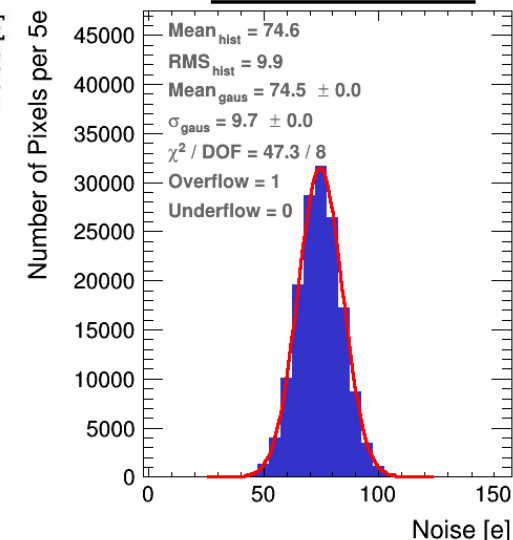
Distribution



Noise map



Distribution

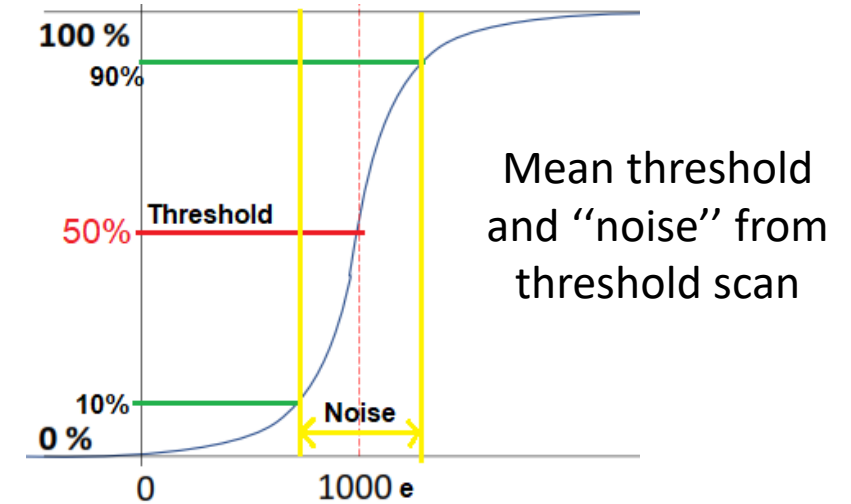


Summary of the 6 assembled modules (+2 bare chip)

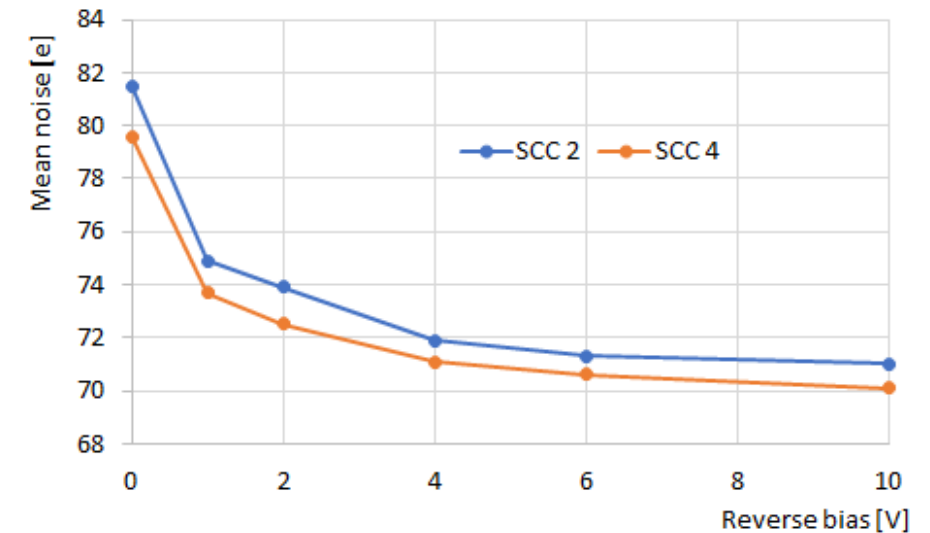
- Threshold tuning to 1000 e \rightarrow Threshold dispersion: 30 e
- Mean “noise” from S-curve:
 - Bare chip (no sensor) \rightarrow Average: 40 ± 7 e
 - Module (10 V bias) \rightarrow Average: 70 ± 10 e

| SCC | Bare chip | Mean Threshold | Sigma Threshold | Mean Noise | Sigma Noise |
|-----|------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| A | ITkPixV1.1 | 969 | 31 | 39 | 7 |
| B | ITkPixV1.1 | 961 | 29 | 41 | 7 |

| SCC | Module | Mean Threshold | Sigma Threshold | Mean Noise | Sigma Noise |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| 2 | 3D + ITkPixV1.1 | 974 | 28 | 71 | 10 |
| 3 | 3D + ITkPixV1.1 | 979 | 31 | 67 | 9 |
| 4 | 3D + ITkPixV1.1 | 971 | 31 | 70 | 9 |
| 5 | 3D + ITkPixV1.1 | 969 | 31 | 73 | 10 |
| 6 | 3D + ITkPixV1.1 | 973 | 29 | 70 | 10 |
| 8 | 3D + ITkPixV1.1 | 962 | 31 | 75 | 10 |

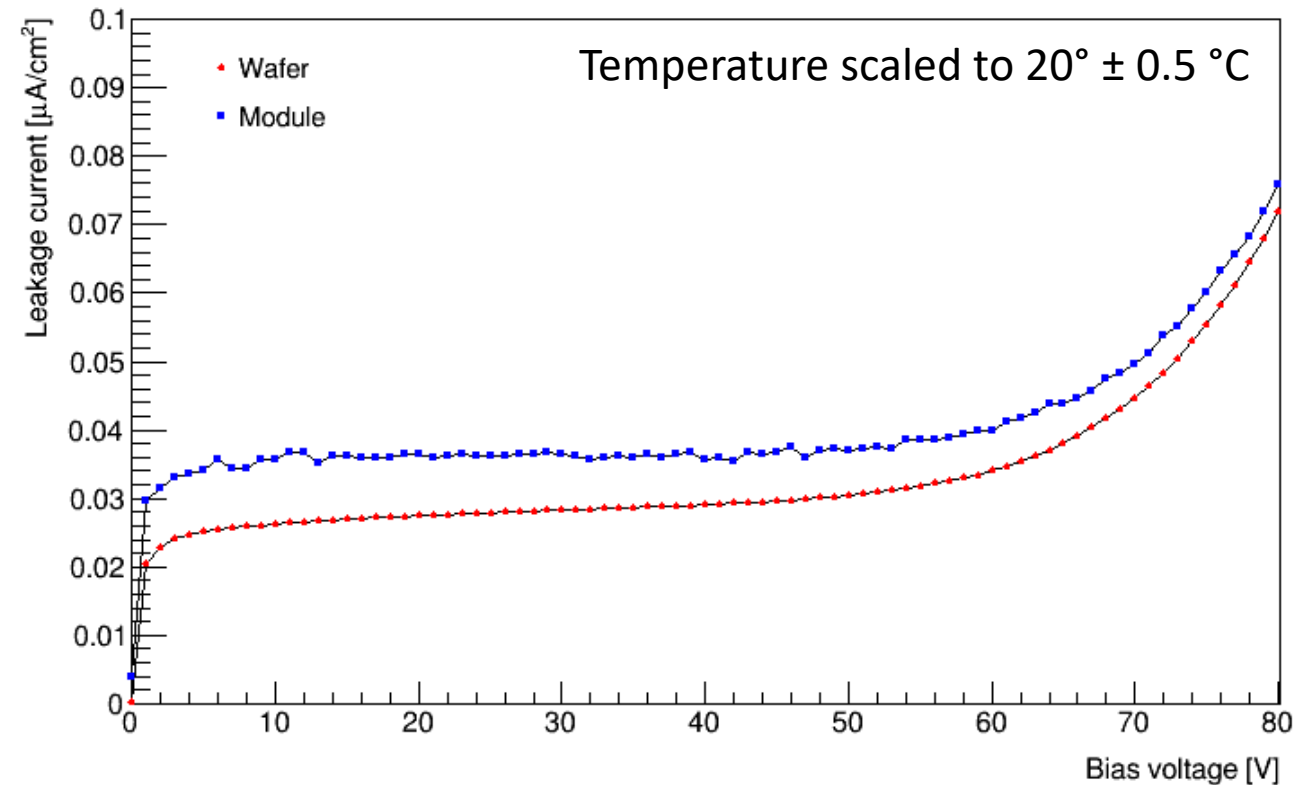


Mean “noise” decreasing with V bias



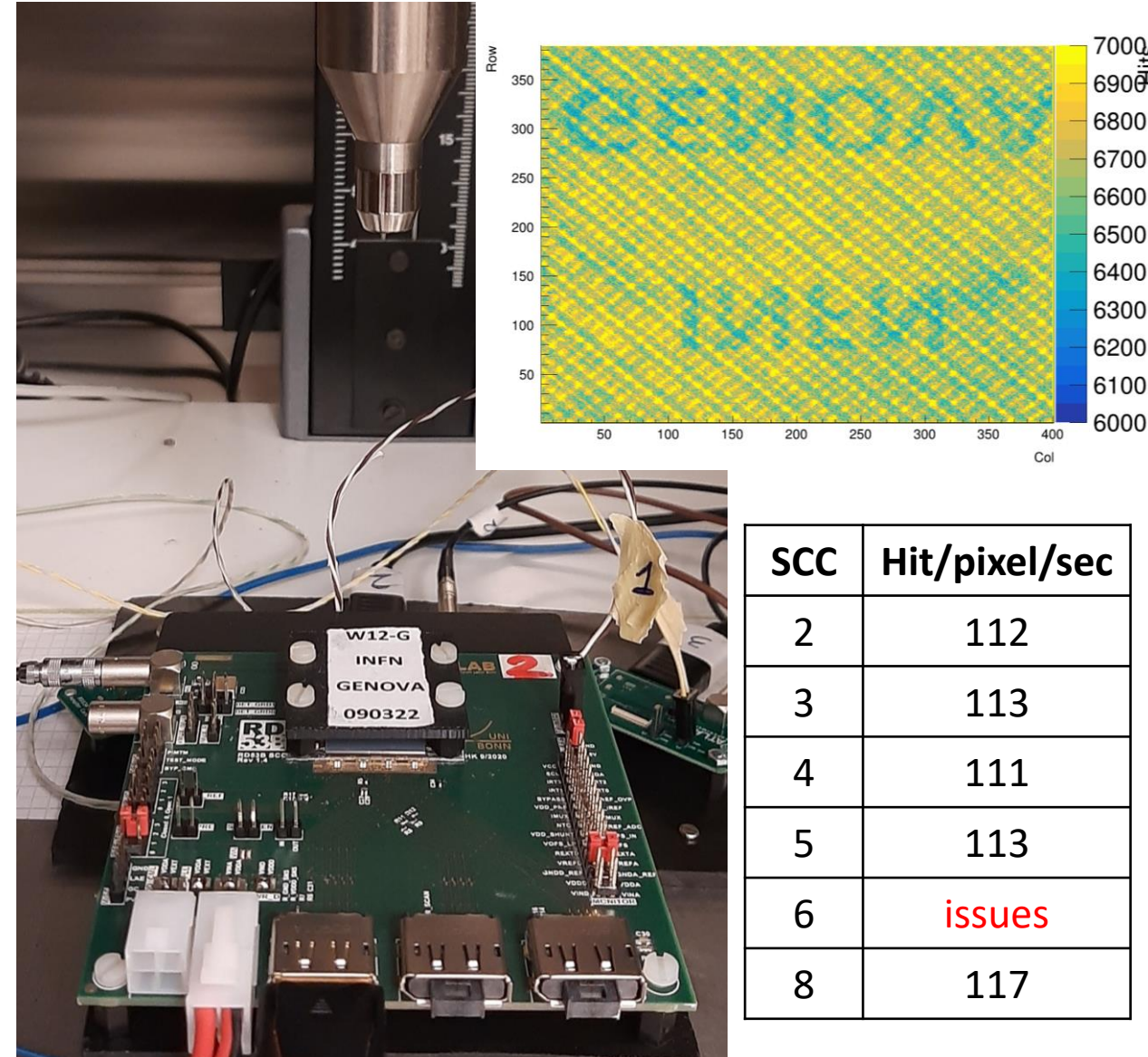
IV: wafer and bare module measurements

- IV measured up to 80 V at sensor level (on wafer) in Trento
 - Leakage current always below 1 μA (3.84 cm^2)
- Measured again on bare module (assembled on SCC) in Genova
 - Compatible current, below $0.2 \mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$
 - Slight increase at bare module level, not worrisome
- “Green” sensors used in these bare modules:
 - Breakdown voltage V_{bd} :
 - Defined as V bias at which:
$$I_{leak}(V + 10 \text{ V}) / I_{leak}(V + 5 \text{ V}) < 2$$
 - Requirement: $V_{bd} > 25 \text{ V}$ ($V_{depl} + 20 \text{ V}$)
 - These sensors: $V_{bd} > 80 \text{ V}$
 - Leakage current I_{leak} :
 - Requirement: $I_{leak}(V_{depl} + 20 \text{ V}) < 2.5 \mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$.
 - These sensors: $I_{leak}(25 \text{ V}) < 0.05 \mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$



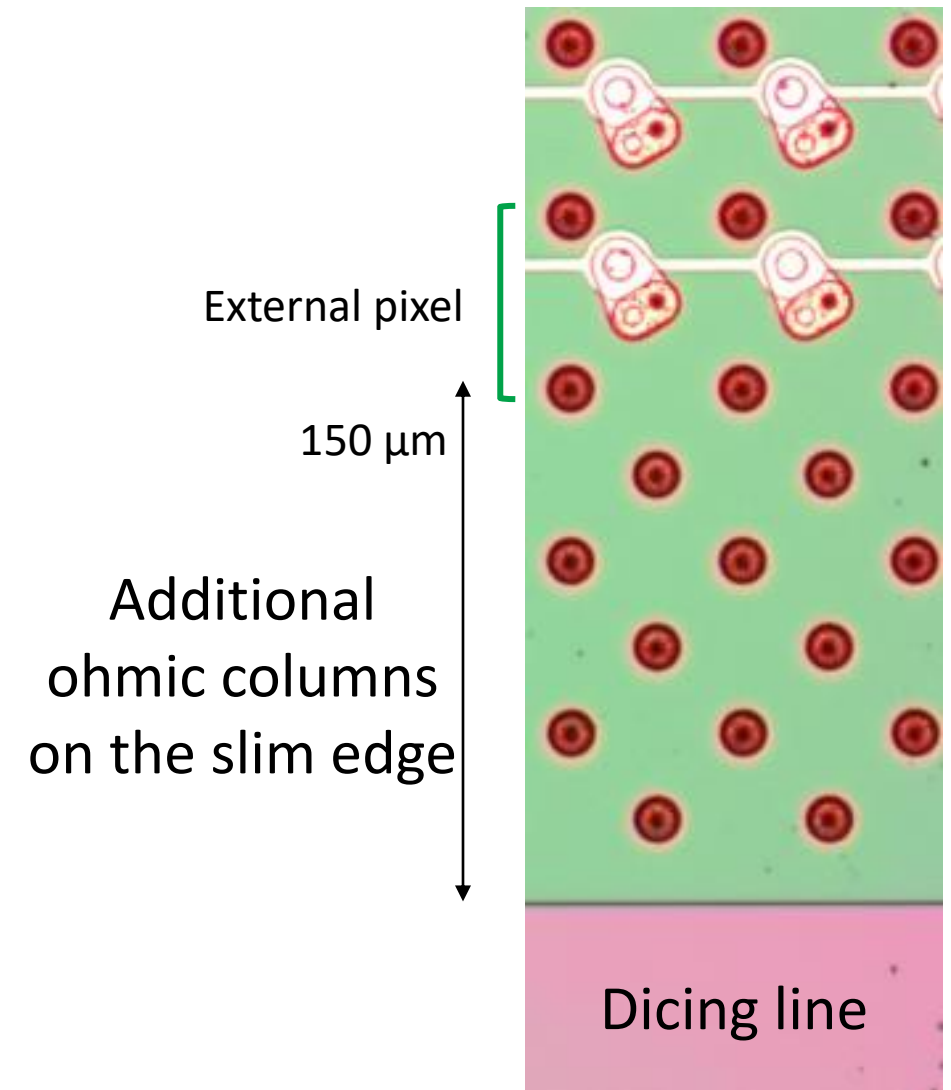
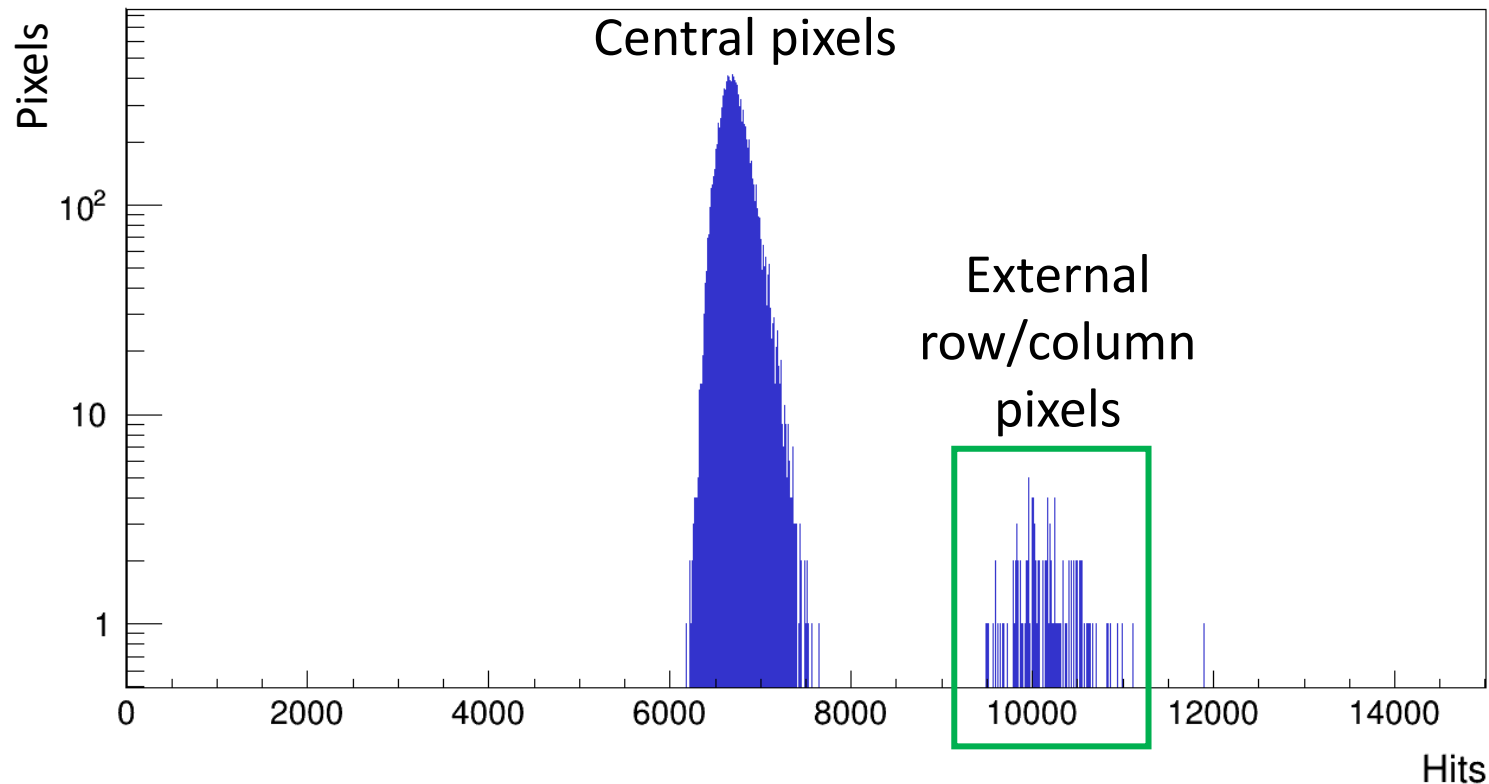
X-ray scan: setup and data acquisition

- X-ray tube (Amptek Mini-X2) used as source
<https://www.amptek.com/products/mini-x2-x-ray-tube>
- Anode: Ag
- Operating point: 50 kV, 80 μ A (4W, max energy)
- Distance: about 15 cm
- Masking noisy pixel (X-rays OFF):
 - 60 seconds random trigger scan (40 kHz)
- Data taking (X-rays ON):
 - 60 seconds self-trigger scan (HitOR)
- In these conditions: 6700 hits/pixel in 60 seconds (110/sec)
- 3D printed plastic cover between X-ray tube and the sensor
 - Visible pattern of the 3D printed filament
 - Visible pattern of the ink on printed label INFN Genova



Hit collection: central and edge pixels

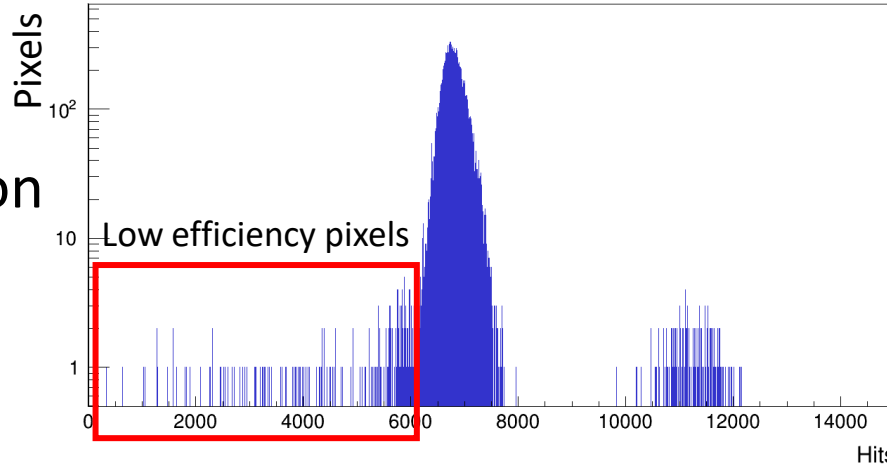
- Hit distribution (60 seconds acquisition):
 - Central pixels: 6700 hits/pixel
 - Edge pixels: 10000 hits/pixel
 - 30% more hits due to extension of the electric field



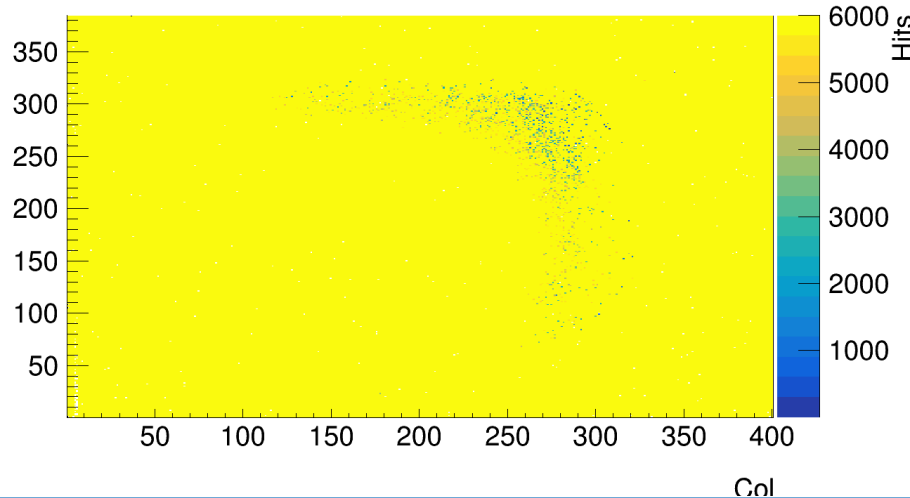
X-ray scan results: issues on SCC 5 and 6

- Bump disconnection area in the center
 - Due to damage to bump structures by handling during hybridization (?)
 - 1000 pixels record lower amount of hits (not noisy pixels)

SCC 5:
hit distribution

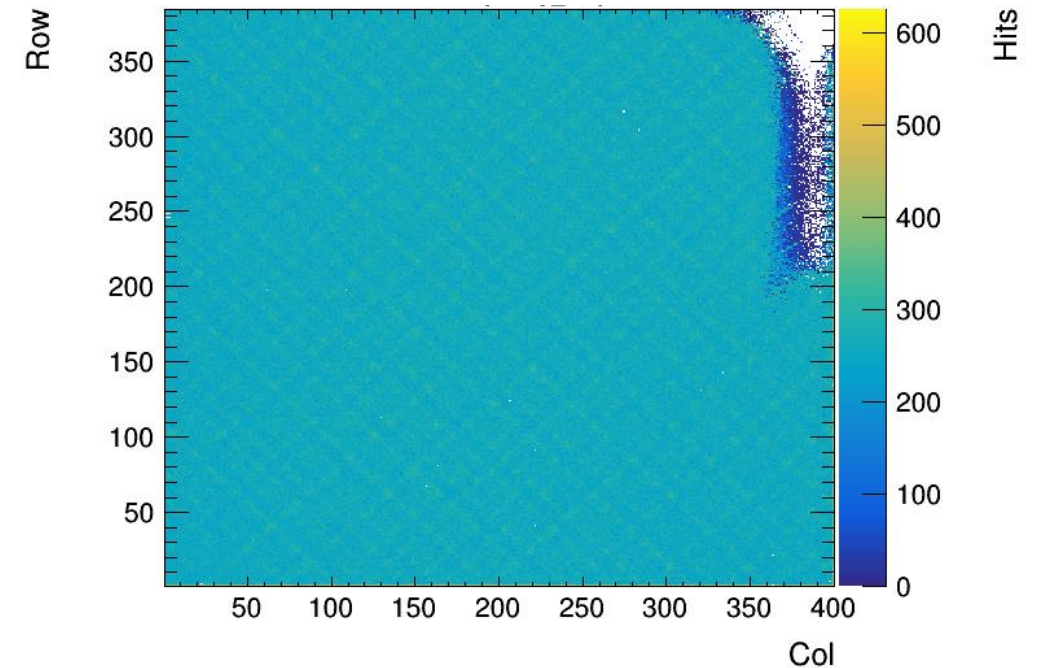


SCC 5:
About 1000
low
efficiency
pixels
(< 6000 hits)



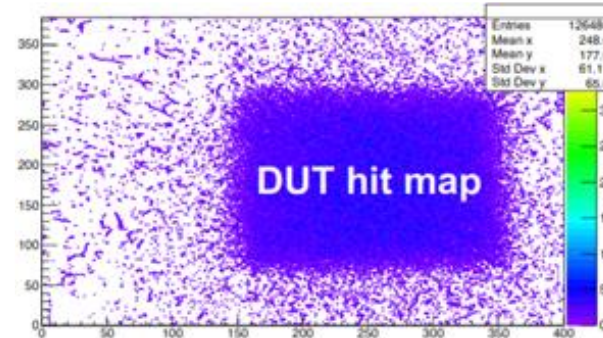
- Large bump disconnection area in the corner

SCC 6: hit map

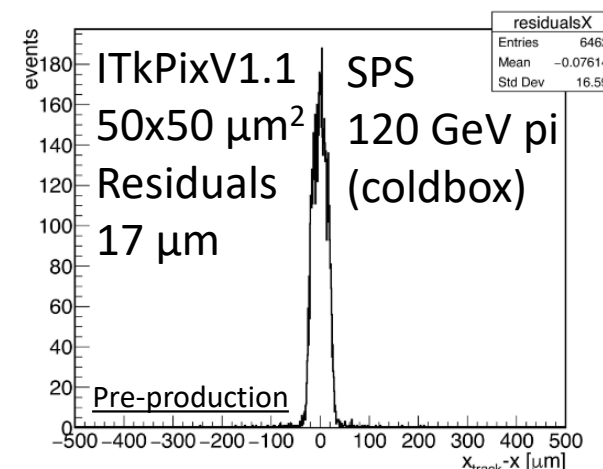
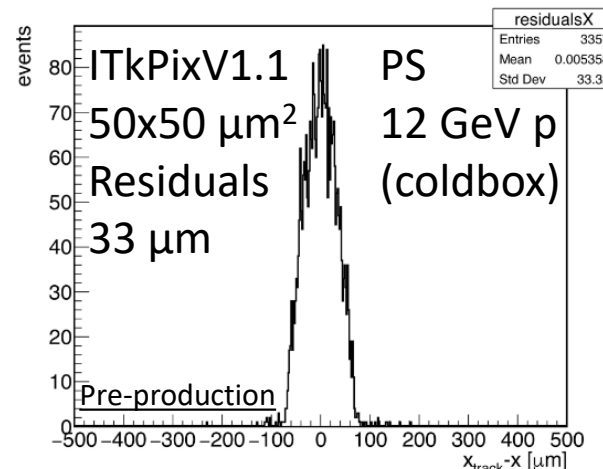
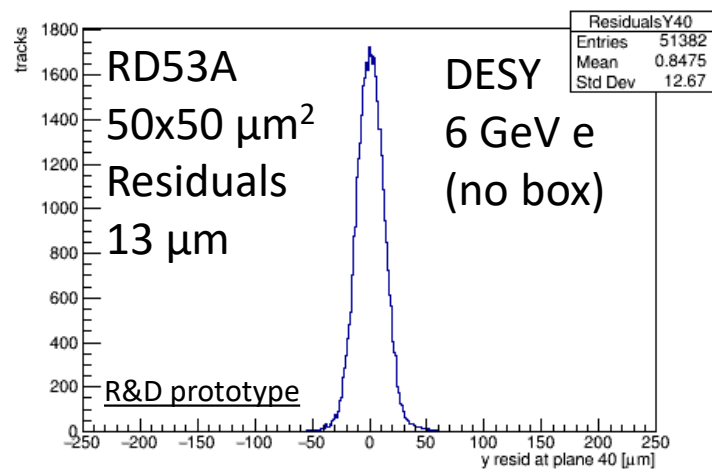


First ITkPixV1.1 testbeam results @ PS and SPS

- SCC 2 and 4 tested at CERN beamlines → Work of many people along several weeks! Huge Thanks!!!
- First ITkPixV1.1 testbeam, a lot of debug of YARR DAQ
- During development, profited of beam to take data:
 - PS (12 GeV protons): 1, 2, 4, 6, 10 V bias
 - SPS (~120 GeV pions): 0, 10 V bias
- Pixel cell 50x50 μm^2 :
 - Expected resolution (no ToT): $50 \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{12} = 14 \mu\text{m}$
 - PS: DUT residuals higher (33 μm) than expected (14 μm)
 - Probably due to multiple scattering (lower beam energy)
 - SPS data (higher energy) confirms expected residuals (17 μm)



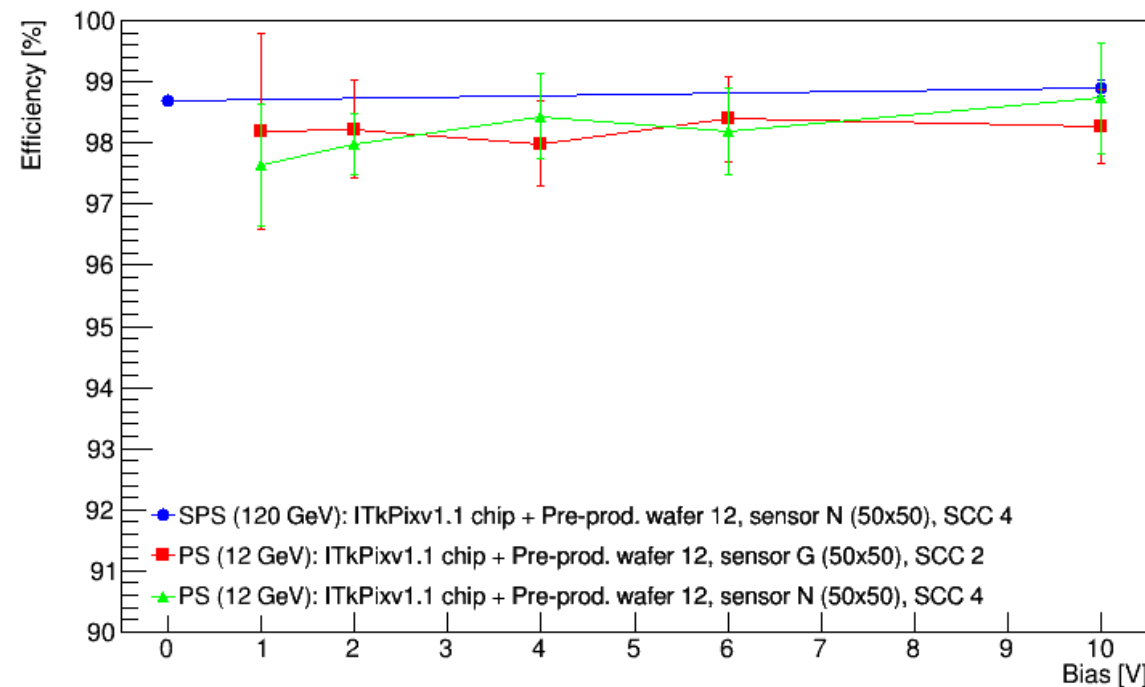
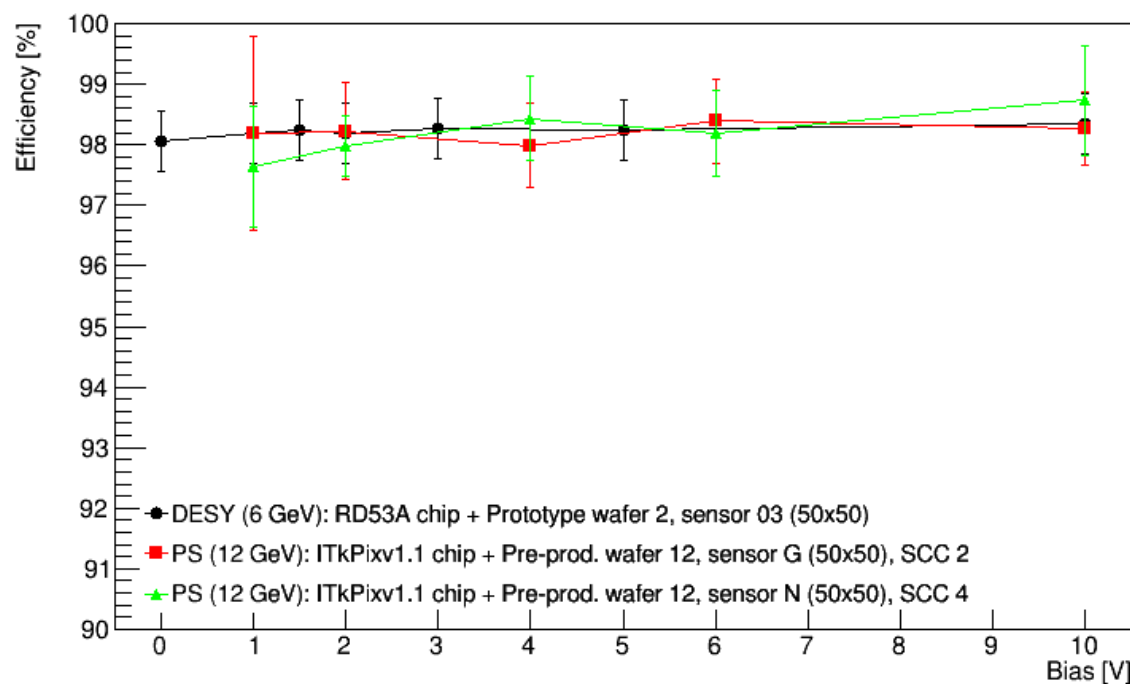
Scintillators used for the trigger



Constant Temp: 15°C
 Modules were kept in Aluminum coldbox with plastic windows (chiller for cooling)

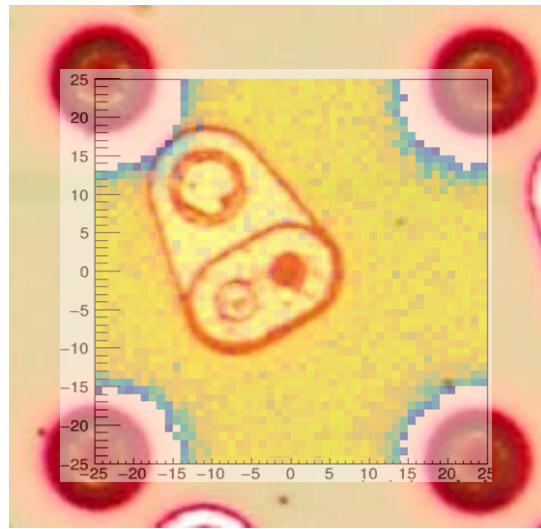
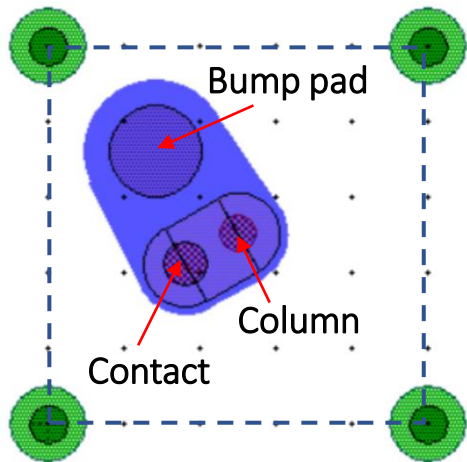
Efficiency vs V bias (unirradiated): 0 – 10 V

- Unirradiated modules tested at PS and SPS → Efficiency > 97.5 % already at 0 V bias
 - Uncertainty evaluated as variation among different data taking runs
- Results compatible with 50x50 μm^2 prototype (RD53A chip + FBK 3D sensor) previously tested at DESY:
 - **DESY** (6 GeV electrons) : 0, 1, 1.5, 2, 3, 5, 10 V bias
 - **PS** (12 GeV protons): 1, 2, 4, 6, 10 V bias
 - **SPS** (~120 GeV pions): 0, 10 V bias
 - Higher efficiency, DAQ software and firmware optimized with respect to PS datataking

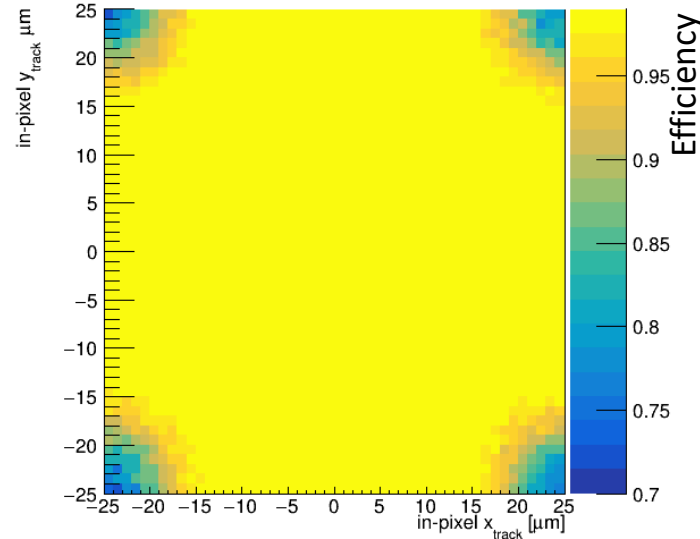


Pixel efficiency map: 0 V vs 10 V bias

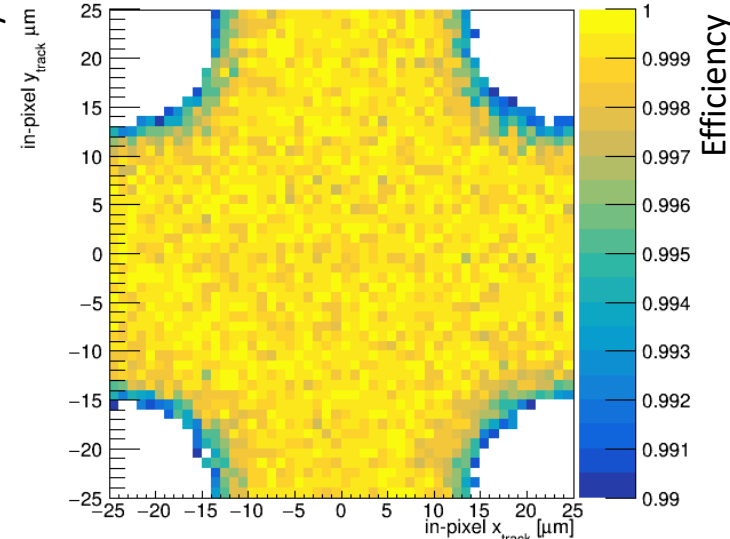
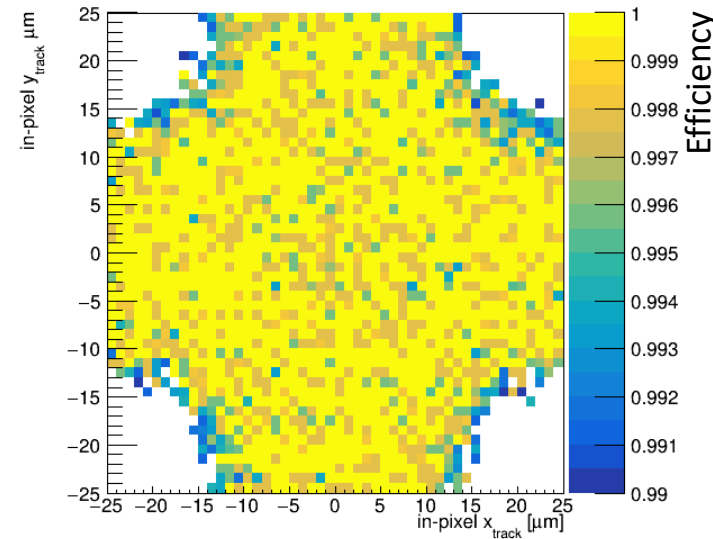
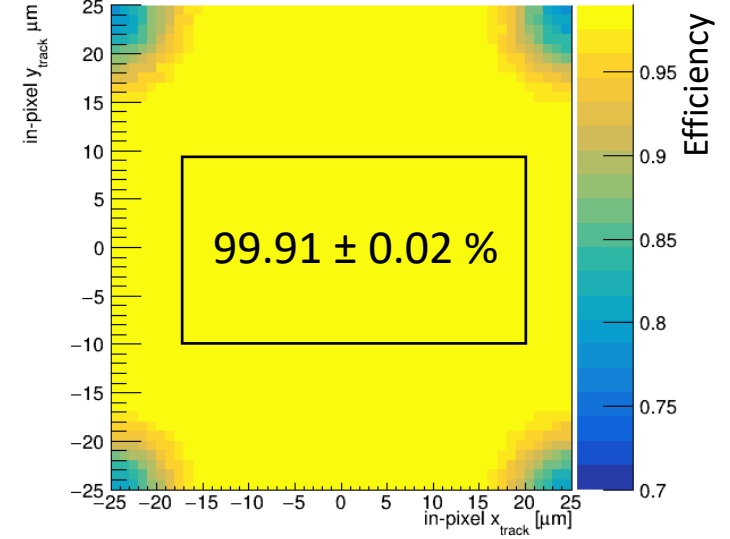
- SPS proton beam perpendicular to DUT:
 - 0 V : $98.7 \pm 0.1 \%$
 - 10 V: $98.9 \pm 0.1 \%$
- Central area: higher than 99% efficiency
- Lower efficiency zones visible in corners:
 - Effect (75% – 99%) radius: $10 \mu\text{m}$
 - p^+ columns max radius: $4 \mu\text{m}$
- Surface: polySilicon cap visible (no effect)
- No other structure visible



0 V

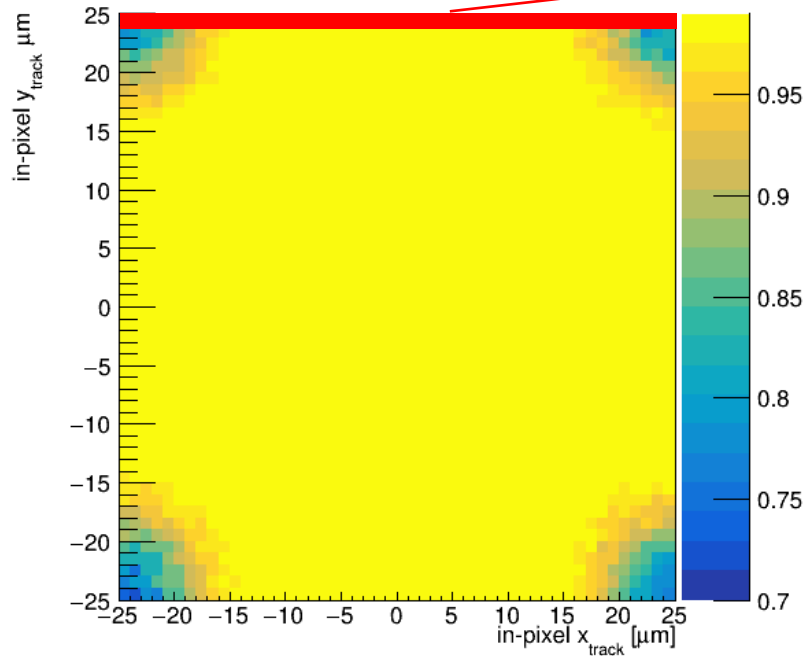


10 V



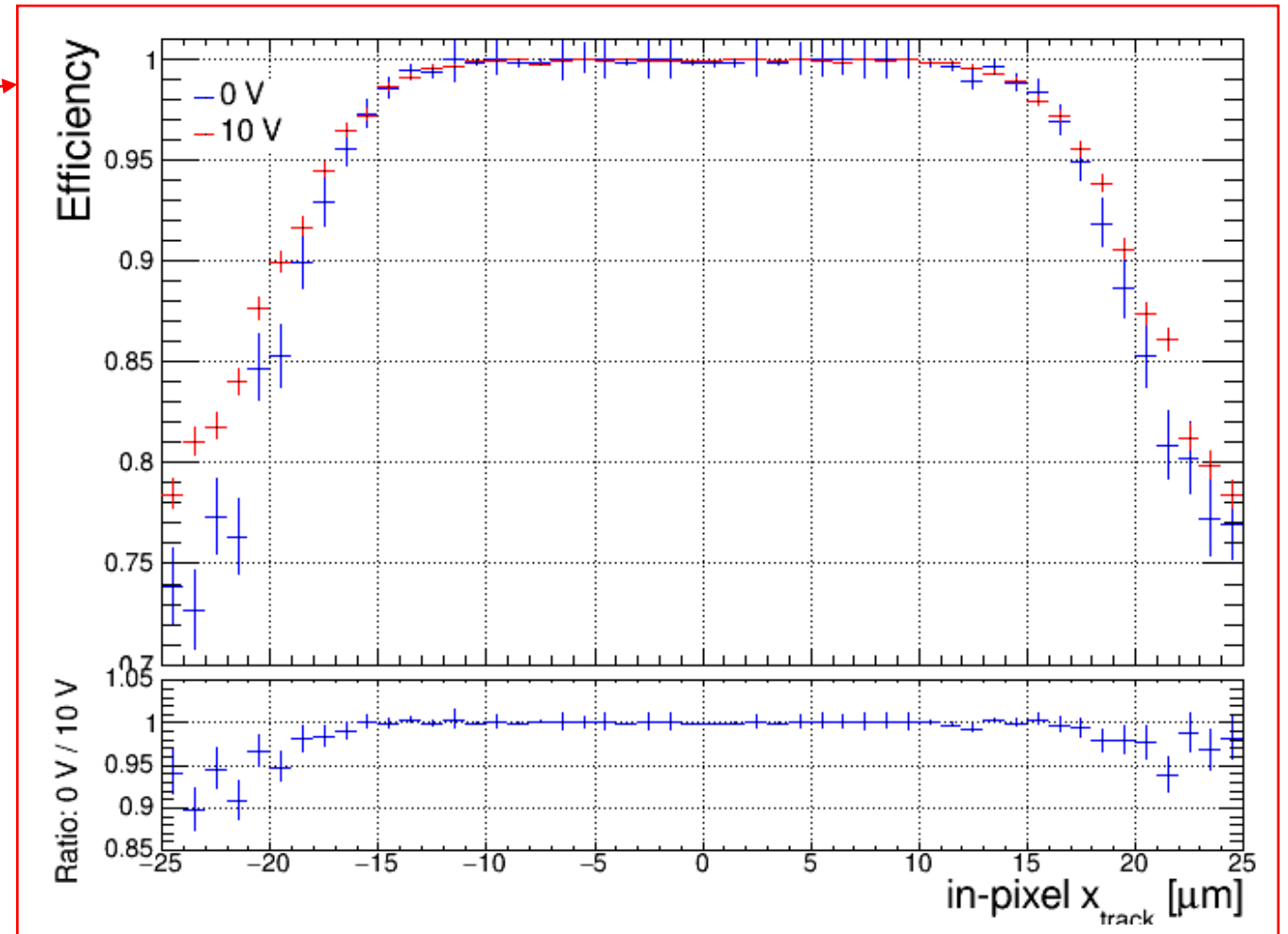
Projection of first row: 0 V vs 10 V bias

- 3D sensor is already efficient at 0 V bias
- Not evident differences between 10 V and 0 V bias in terms of the extension of the low efficiency zone



- From sensor CV measurements:
 - Lateral (col. sides) depletion at ~3 V bias
 - Complete depletion under n+ col at ~60 V bias

Efficiency: Projection of the first row of the pixel cell



Summary: ITkPixV1.1 chip + FBK 3D sensor

- ITk detector will be equipped with 3D sensor modules in the innermost layer (33-34 mm from collisions)
 - Expected radiation at HL-LHC after 2000 fb^{-1} , including 1.5 safety factor:
 - Max fluence = $1.9 \times 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$
 - Max TID = 1 Grad
- 8 SCC assembled in Genova: 2 bare chip (ITkPixV1.1) + 6 modules (ITkPixV1.1 + FBK 3D sensor)
 - Chips are responding properly, tuned to 1000 e threshold: $70 \pm 10 \text{ e}$ mean noise @ 10 V bias
 - Sensors IV are compatible with wafer level measurements: leakage current $< 0.05 \mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ @ 25 V bias
- Testbeam data with proton beam perpendicular to SCC, unirradiated devices:
 - PS (1, 2, 4, 6, 10 V bias): efficiency $> 97.5 \%$
 - SPS (0, 10 V bias): efficiency = $98.9 \pm 0.1 \%$ @ 10 V bias
 - Central area: efficiency = $99.91 \pm 0.02 \%$ @ 10 V bias
 - Lower efficiency zones visible in corners (75% – 99%): 10 μm radius (4 μm p⁺ columns)
- Irradiation ongoing (SPS testbeam expected in summer)
 - 2 SCC to $1 \times 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ (Bonn, 14 MeV protons)
 - 2 SCC to $1.7 \times 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ (IRRAD, 24 GeV protons)

Thank you for the attention!

Posters:

D M S Sultan et al. *“Quality Control of FBK 3D Si Sensors from the ATLAS ITk Preproduction”*

Md Arif Abdulla Samy et al. *“Cold Temperature characterization of Ring Triplets based on RD53A readout chip”*

Credits:

T. Heim, H. Yang: *Chip operations with YARR SW & FW*

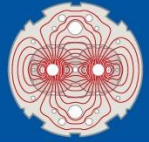
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S. Hadžić, Y. Tian: *Testbeam data analysis with Corrywreckan*

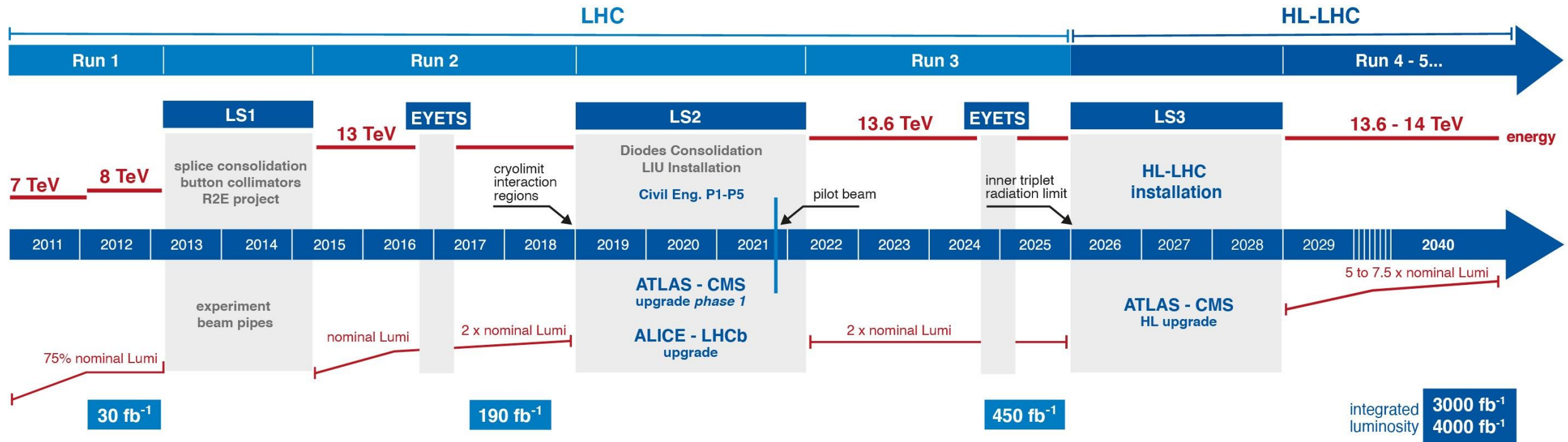
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A. Rummler, F. Guescini: *Testbeam coordination*

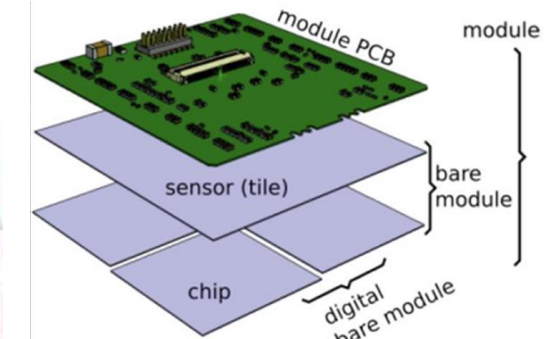
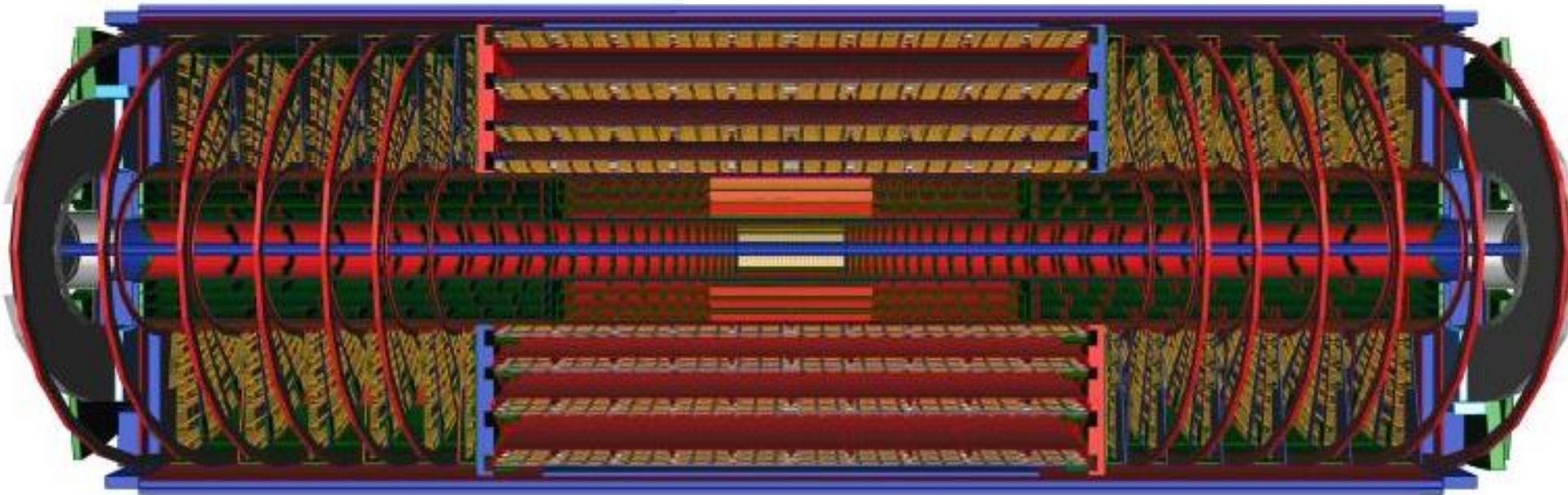
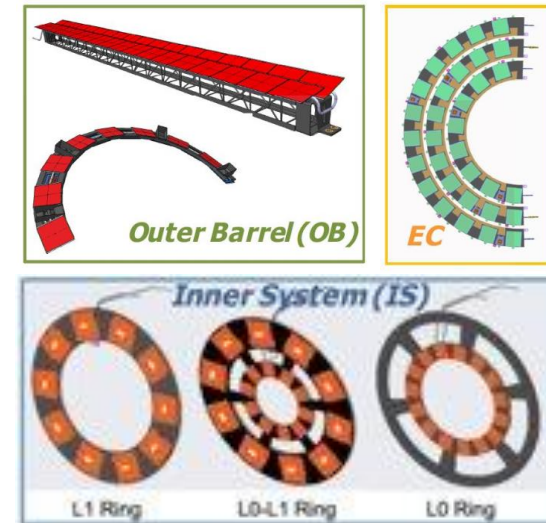
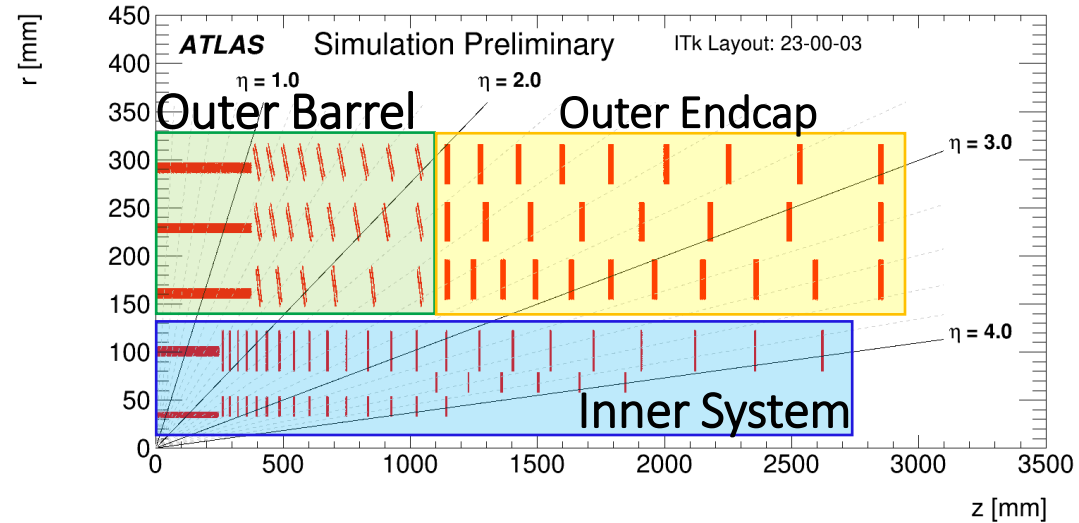
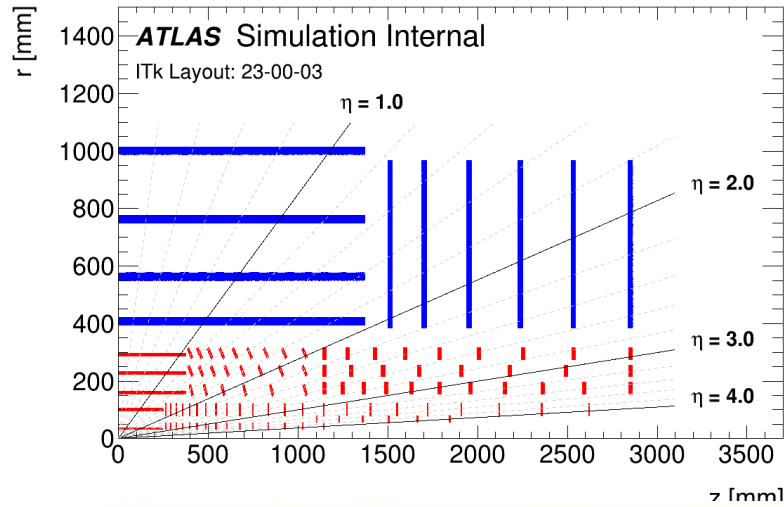
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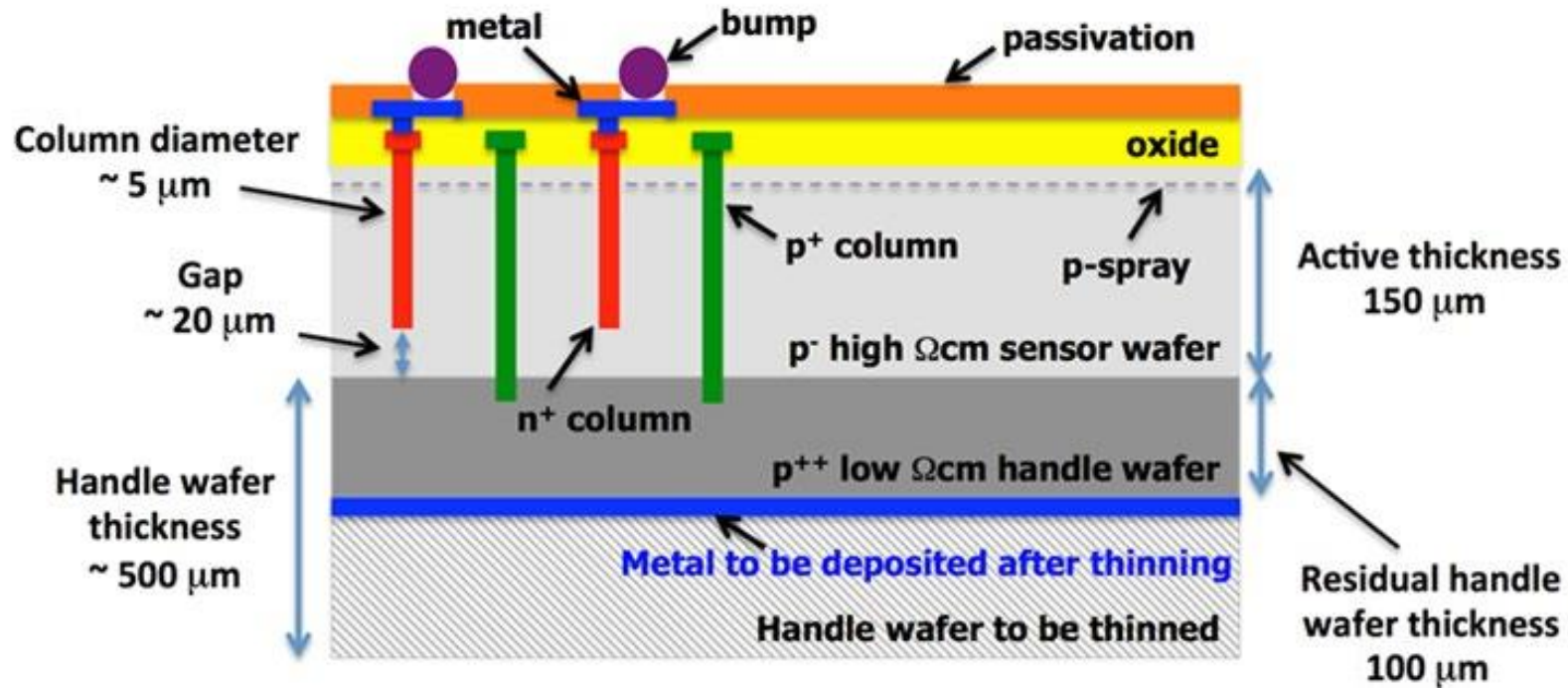


Inner Tracker layout



3D sensor detail – Bare module assembly

3D Sensor



Bare module

