

# Towards the production of the 3D pixel detectors for the upgrade of the ATLAS Inner Detector

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# Introduction

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# The HL-LHC and the Inner Tracker (ITk)

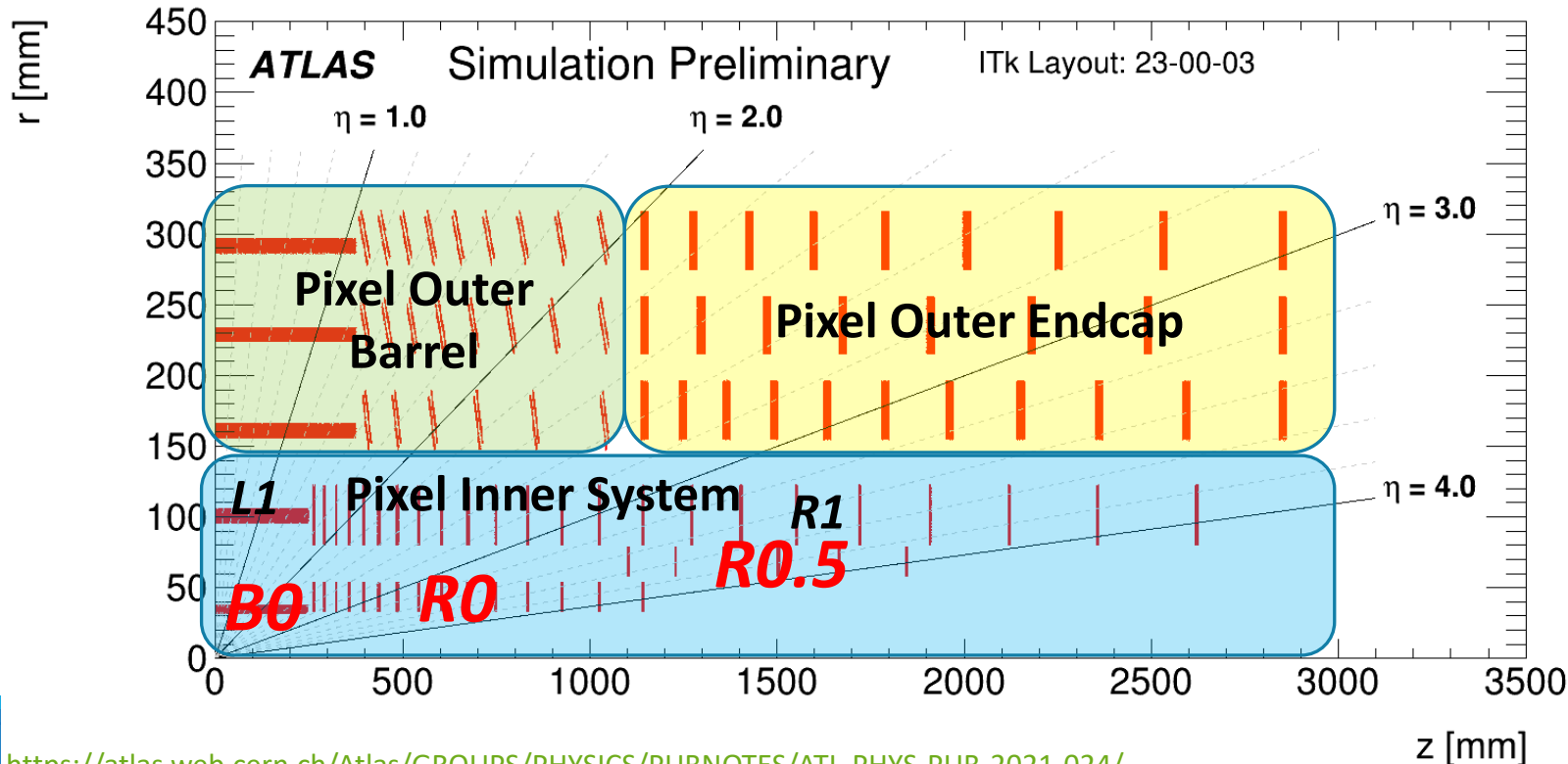
**HL-LHC:** after 2026 luminosity up to  $5-7.5 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

- $4000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  int. luminosity in 10 years : more statistics to study rare physics processes
- Harsher operational conditions for the detectors:
  - Pile-up collisions increase from 20-50 to 150-200  $\rightarrow$  challenging for tracking
  - Higher radiation environment  $\rightarrow$  radiation-hard detectors

$\rightarrow$  Impossible to operate the current ATLAS tracking system (ID) during HL-LHC  
 $\rightarrow$  **will be completely replaced with the ATLAS Inner tracker (ITk):**

**ITk Pixel detector:** see [S.Mobius's talk](#)

- Innermost part of ITk
- 5 layers of pixel detectors
- Planar sensors in the 4 outer layers (100  $\mu\text{m}$  and 150  $\mu\text{m}$  active thickness)
- Inner System to be replaced after  $2000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (1.5 safety factor on max fluence):
  - **Fluence up to  $1.9 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$**
  - **TID up to 1 Grad**
  - **3D sensors in the innermost layer L0 (B0, R0, R0.5)**

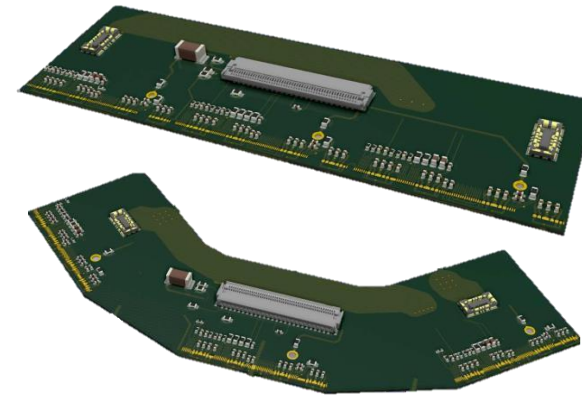


# 3D pixel sensors in ITk

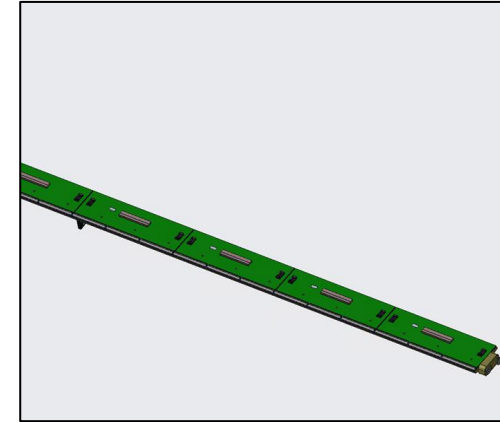
3D sensors in the innermost layer L0:

- Barrel at 34 mm from collisions
- Endcap rings down to 33.2 mm from beam
- Single bare modules (1 sensor tile to 1 readout ASIC) of size  $2 \times 2 \text{ cm}^2$  arranged in triplets
- Thickness: **150  $\mu\text{m}$  active** + 100  $\mu\text{m}$  support
- **Two pixel cell sizes:**
  - **50x50  $\mu\text{m}^2$**  (endcap rings R0 & R0.5, 900 sensors)
  - **25x100  $\mu\text{m}^2$**  (barrel flat stave B0, 288 sensors)
- Total:
  - **1188 modules (installed)**
  - 210 pre-production
  - To be produced including yield ( $\sim 1.6$ ):  
**0.80  $\text{m}^2$ ,  $\sim 2000$  sensors**

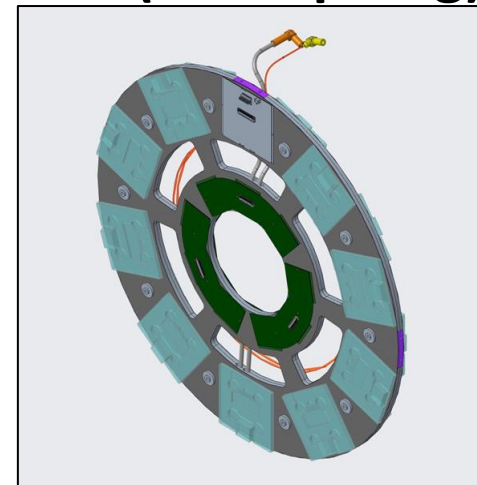
*Ring and barrel triplet module flexible PCB*



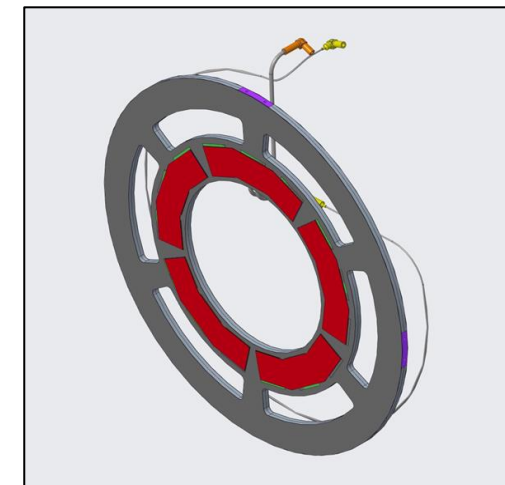
**L0 (barrel stave)**



**R0 (endcap ring)**



**R0.5 (endcap ring)**



# 3D sensors pre-production flow

## Sensor vendors:

- **FBK** (25x100  $\mu\text{m}^2$  and 50x50  $\mu\text{m}^2$ )
- **SINTEF** (50x50  $\mu\text{m}^2$ )

## Quality Control (QC):

- IV (all sensors)
  - IV and CV (sub-sample)
- See also [S.Ronchin's talk](#)

## ITk requirements (after irradiation at final fluence):

- **>96% (97%) efficiency** for normal (tilted 15°) incidence
- with **<3% masked pixels**
- Operating at  $V_{\text{bias}} < 250 \text{ V}$
- Power dissipation **<40 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>**



## Hybridization:

- IZM (Fraunhofer)
- LEONARDO

## (Thinning) + dicing

a few sensors are not flip-chipped and sent to ITk institutes for QA

## ITK institutes:

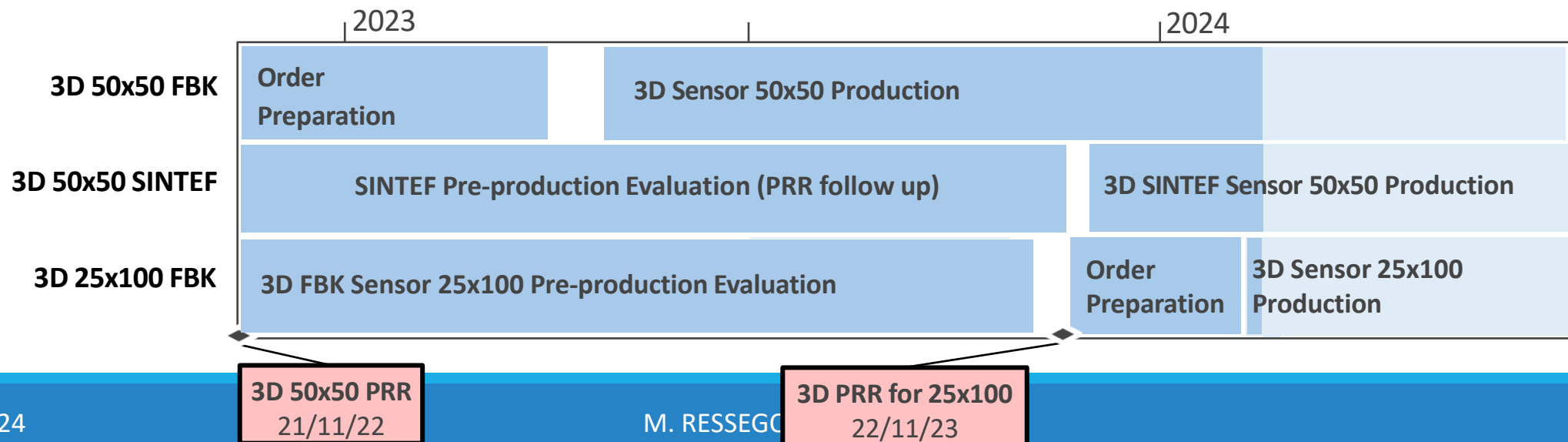
- University of Trento
- University of Bergen
- University of Oslo
- IFAE

## Quality assurance (QA)

- Electrical tests
- Irradiations of bare sensors and test structures (diodes, strips, ...)

# 3D sensors production schedule

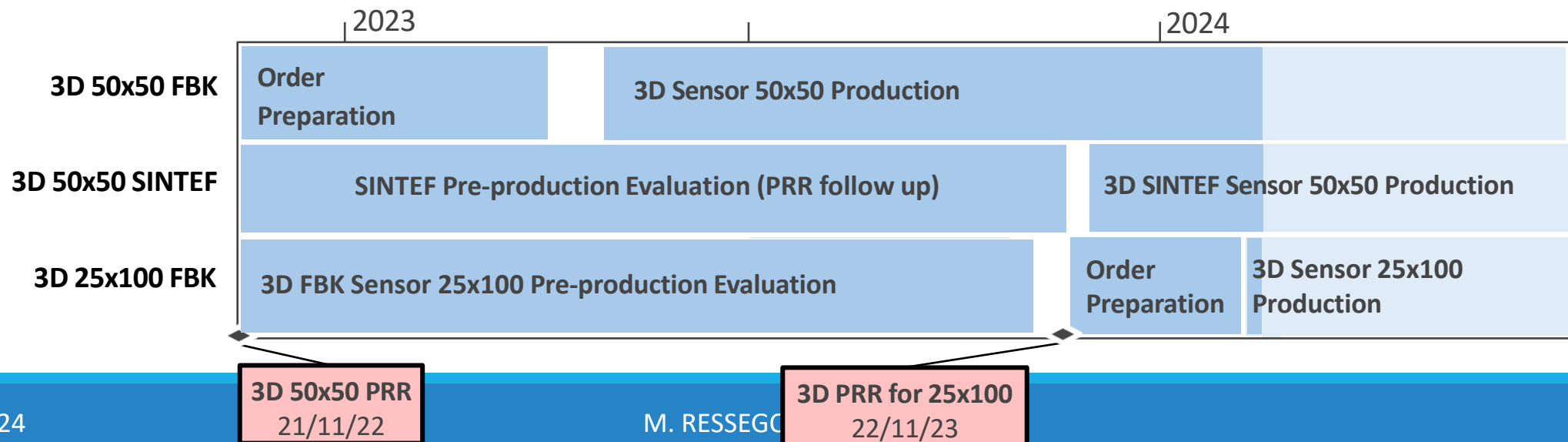
- **Pre-production (completed):**
  - **FBK completed and Production Readiness Review passed** in November 2022 (50x50) and November 2023 (25x100)
  - **SINTEF (50x50) still under review** due to sensor bow out of specs after back-thinning, problematic for flip-chipping at IZM. **Different path investigations ongoing (encouraging results):** 1) changing the passivation at SINTEF, 2) Hybridization at Leonardo (indium bumps), 3) Flip-chipping at IZM with glass support
- **Pre-production sensors assembled with ITkPixV1.1 chip (RD53B)**
  - **TimeOverThreshold (ToT) not usable**
  - ITkPixV2 chip (final version) submitted at the end of 2023, qualification measurements recently finished, production officially started



# 3D sensors production schedule

- **Production (ongoing):**

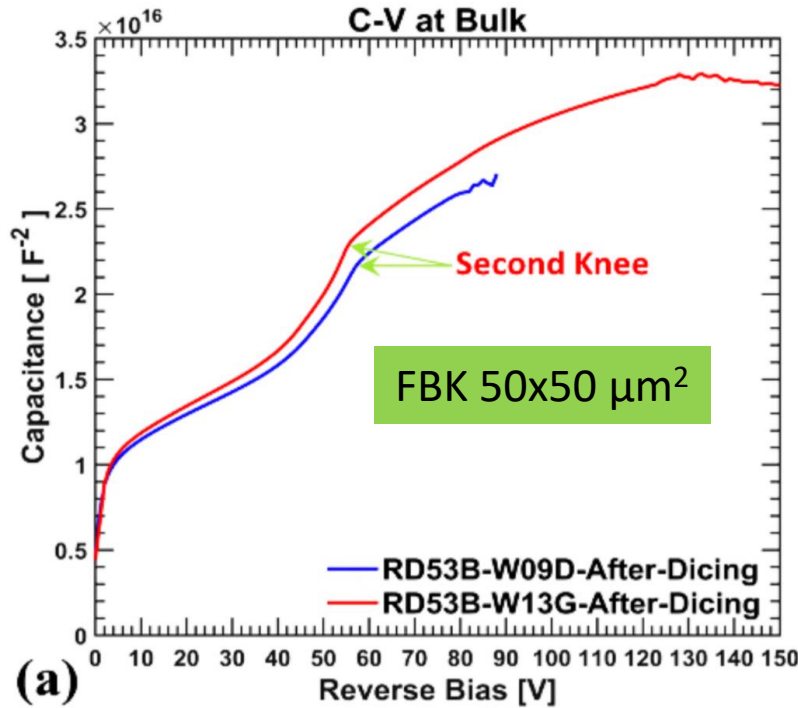
- FBK 50x50 production started May 2023 until end mid-2024
- SINTEF (50x50) in-kind production started November 2023 until end 2024
- FBK 25x100 production starting in February until end 2024



# Results before irradiation

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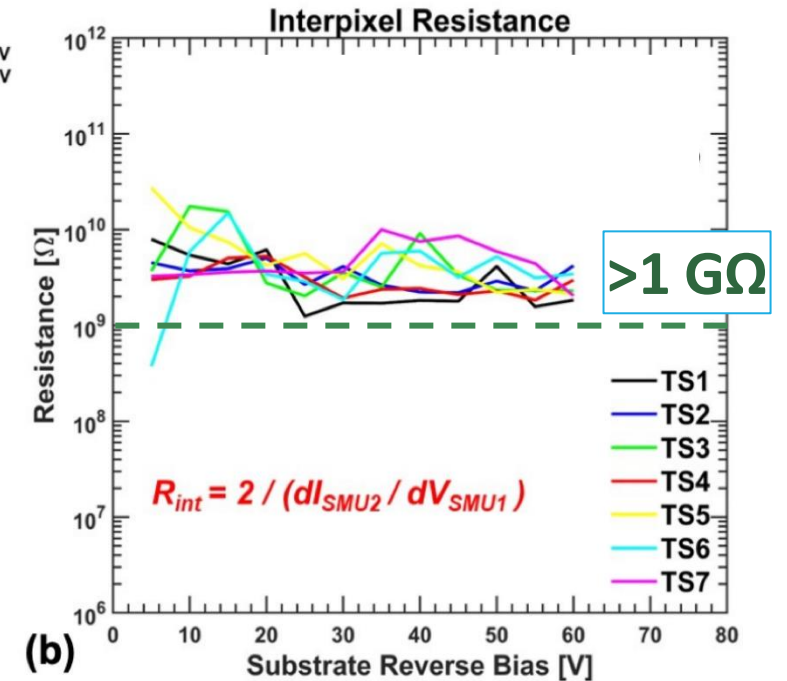
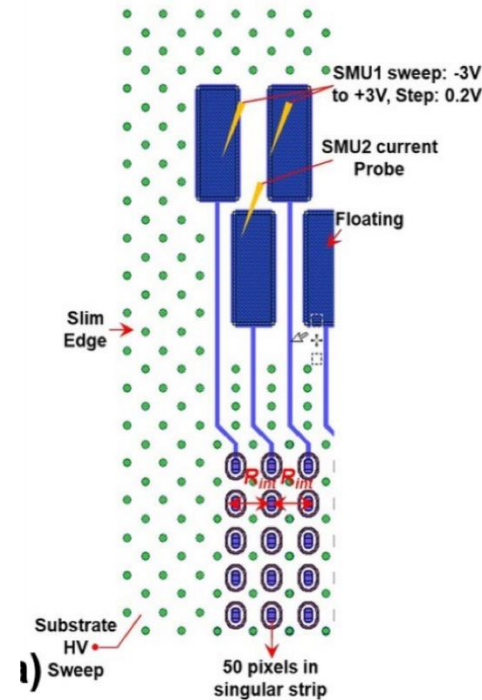


- **Depletion voltage**

- from capacitance vs voltage curves
- on a sub-sample of diodes out of each wafer
- QC measurements values show **depletion voltage <5 V**

- **Inter-pixel resistance**

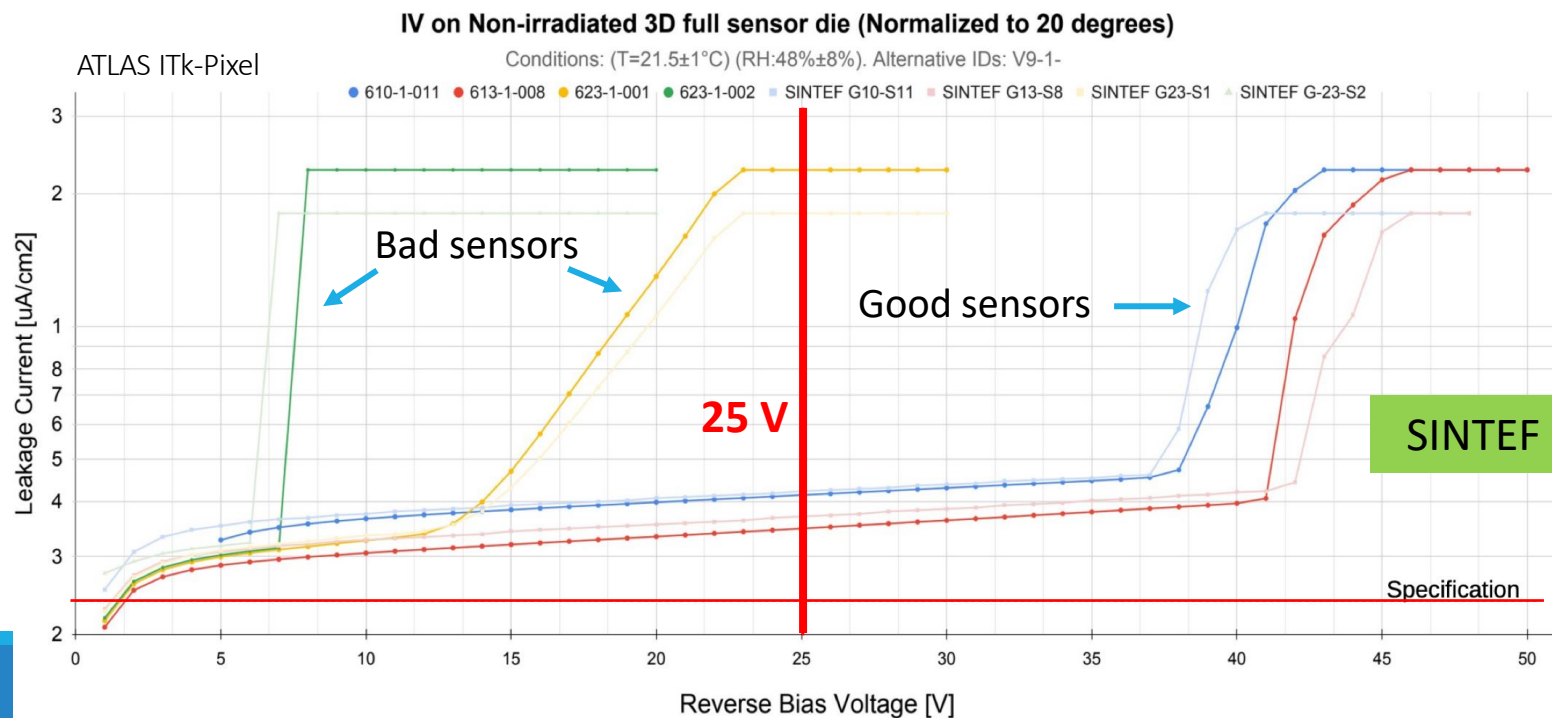
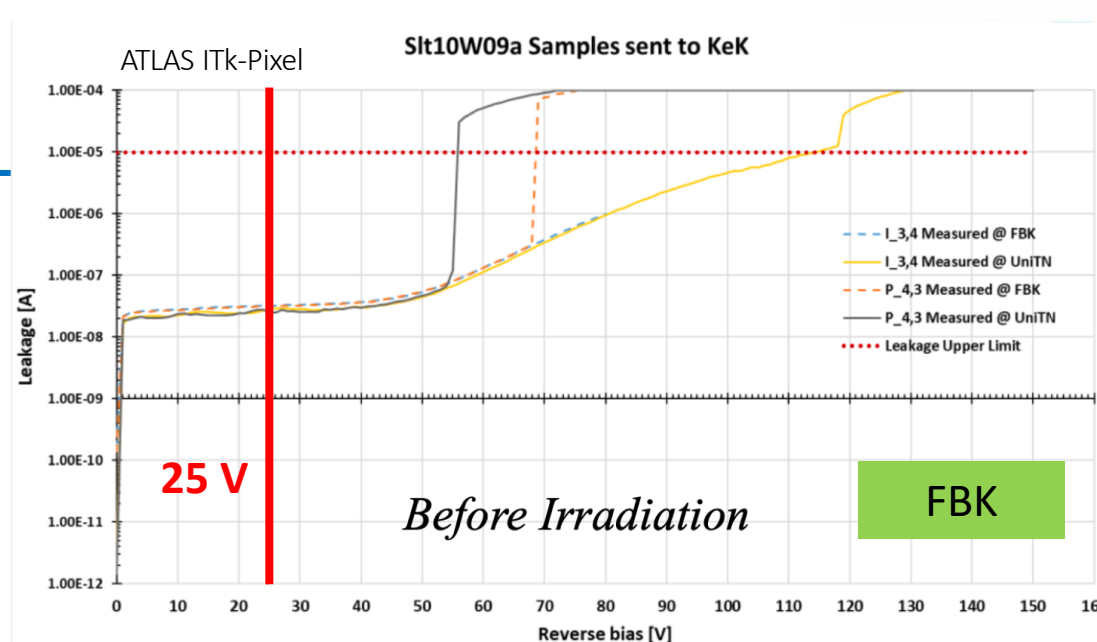
- with special “strip” test structures that short together pixel structures, then result scaled by number of pixels in a strip
- 3D sensors must have  $R_{int} > 1 \text{ G}\Omega$



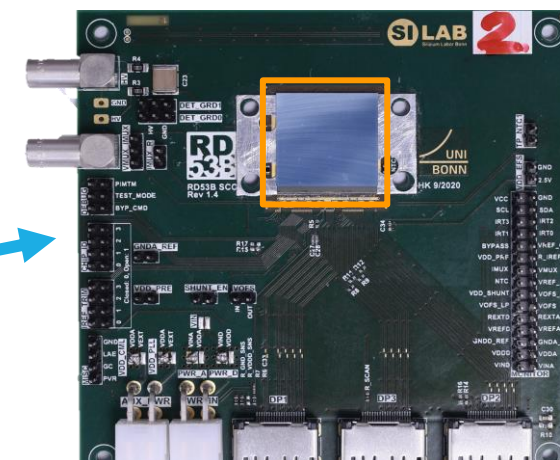
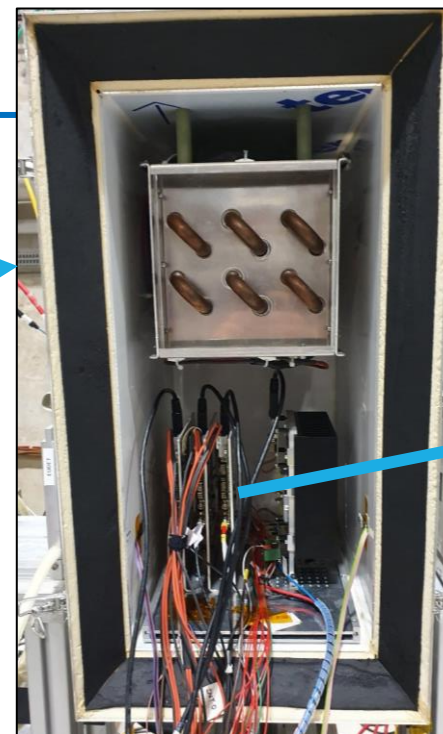
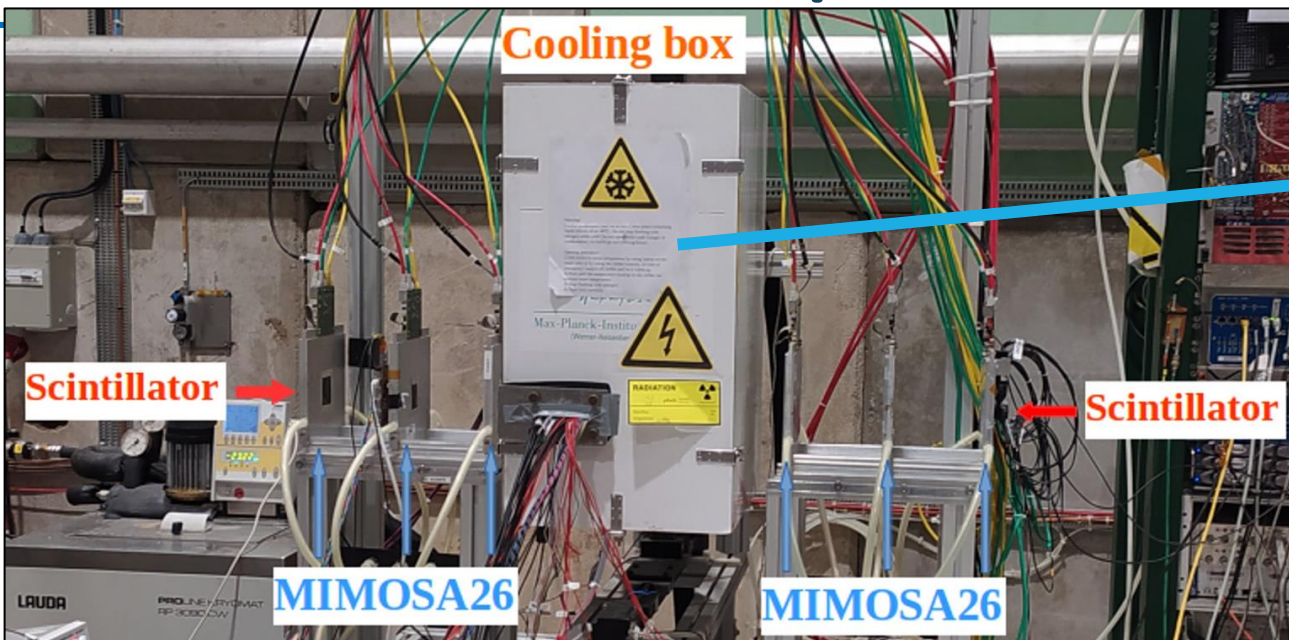
# Leakage current

See also [S.Ronchin's talk](#)

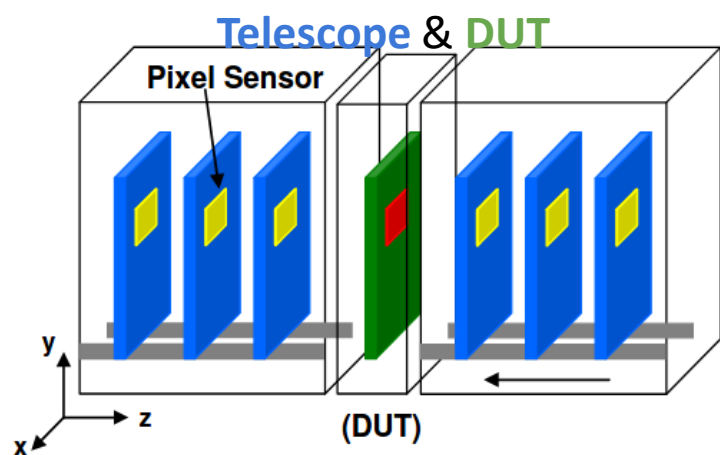
- **ITk requirements:**
  - Breakdown voltage > 25V
  - Leakage current < 2.5  $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$
- **Measurements on wafer:**
  - FBK within specs
  - SINTEF leakage current higher than specs, but excellent yield based on breakdown
  - ITk considering to relax leakage current specs



# Test beam setup

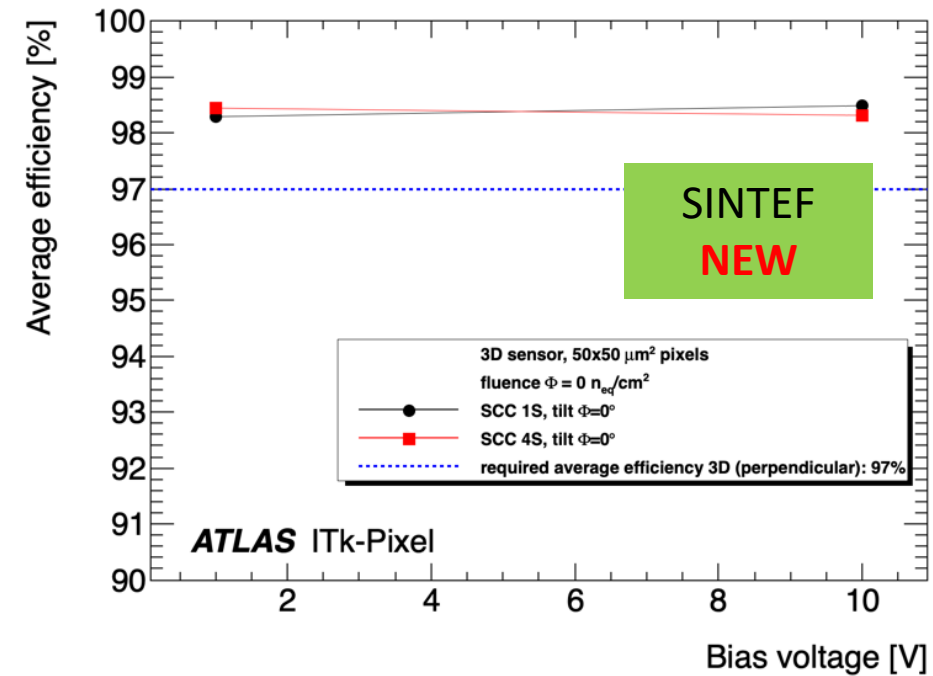
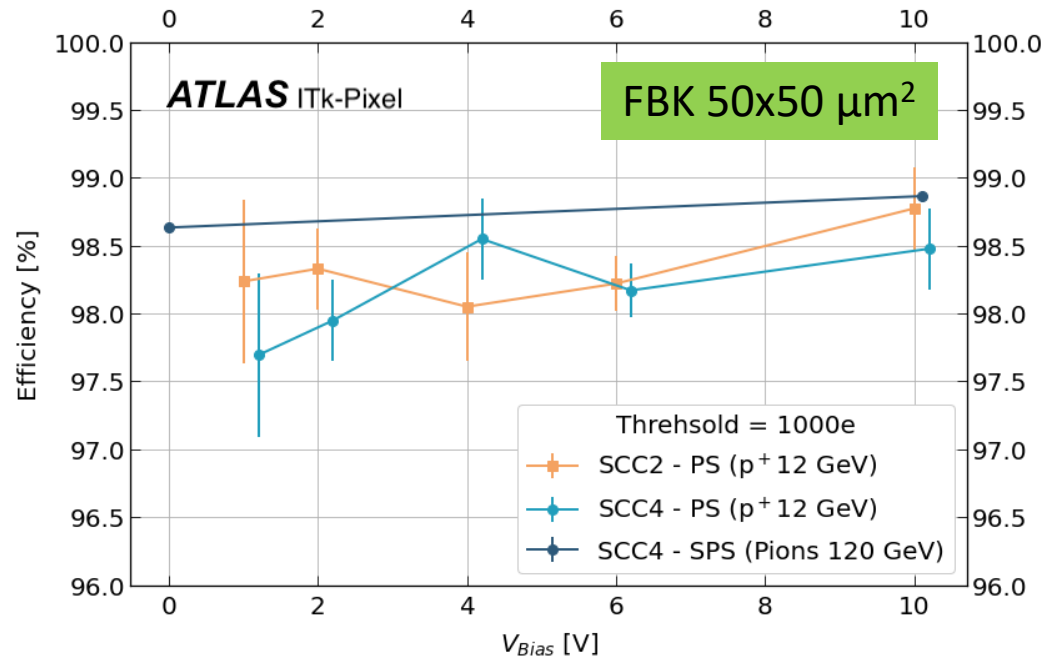


Module on SCC



- 3D with ITkPixV1.1 tested on **Single Chip Cards (SCCs)**: dedicated PCBs hosting a single module
- Test beams at CERN (PS (12 GeV p) and mainly) SPS (120 GeV pions)
- Efficiency calculation:
  - with tracks on DUTs that **meet spatial and time cuts w.r.t. reconstructed track**
  - **disabled, masked pixels and neighbouring ones are not taken into account**

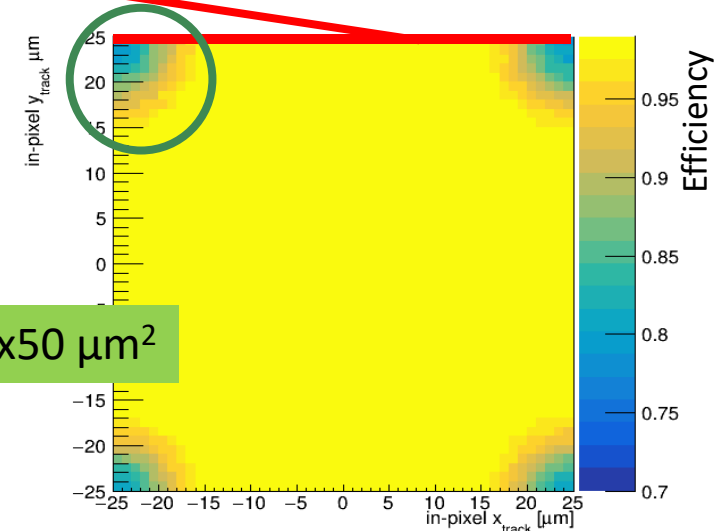
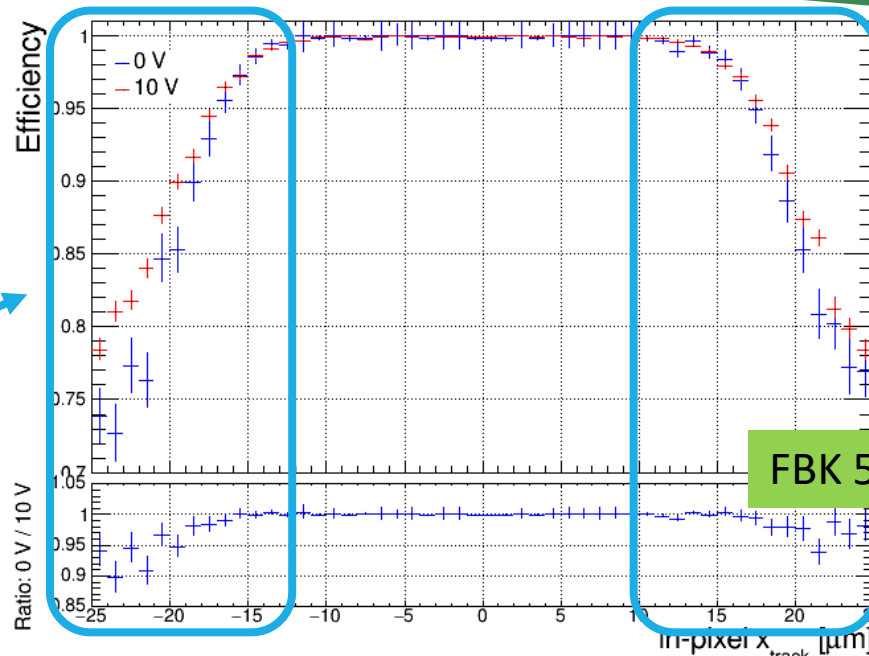
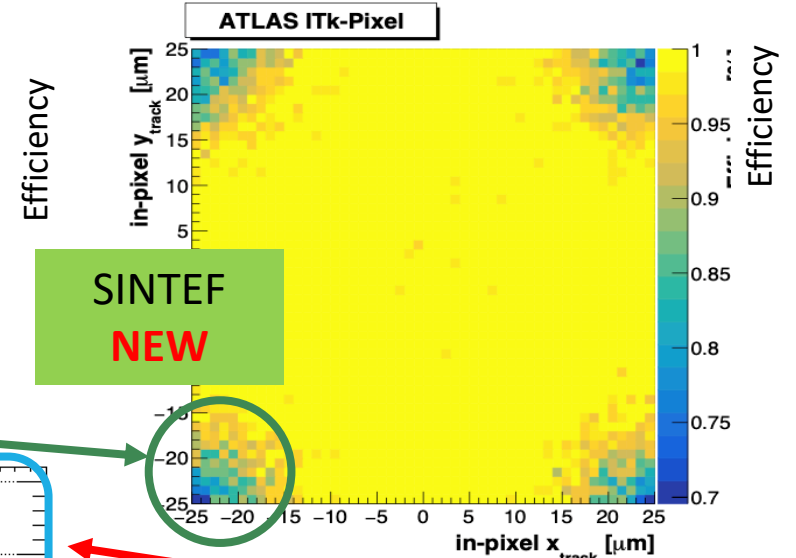
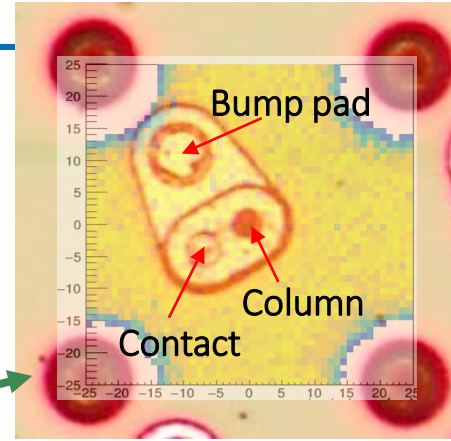
# Efficiency vs V bias (unirradiated): 0 – 10 V



- Unirradiated modules tested at PS (12 GeV protons) and SPS (120 GeV pions), perpendicular to beam:
  - **Average Efficiency 97.5%-99%**
  - **Meets the ITk requirement >96%** for normal incidence (already **at few volts** bias unirradiated)
- Results compatible with 50x50  $\mu\text{m}^2$  prototype (RD53A chip + FBK 3D sensor) previously tested at DESY (6 GeV electrons) [reported in <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2815570>]

# In-Pixel efficiency map (unirradiated): 0 – 10 V

- **Similar results by FBK and SINTEF**
- **Average in-pixel efficiency > 99%** for normal incidence for both vendors at full depletion
- **Central area: higher than 99% efficiency**
- **Lower efficiency zones visible in corners** for normal incidence:
  - Effect (75% – 99%) radius: 10  $\mu\text{m}$
  - $\text{p}^+$  columns max radius: 4  $\mu\text{m}$
- No other structure visible (e.g. polySilicon cap)
- No evident differences between 10 V and 0 V bias in terms of the extension of the low efficiency zone



# Results after irradiation

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## NEW RESULTS from 2023 TB campaign data:

- SINTEF
- FBK 25x100  $\mu\text{m}^2$  pixel cell

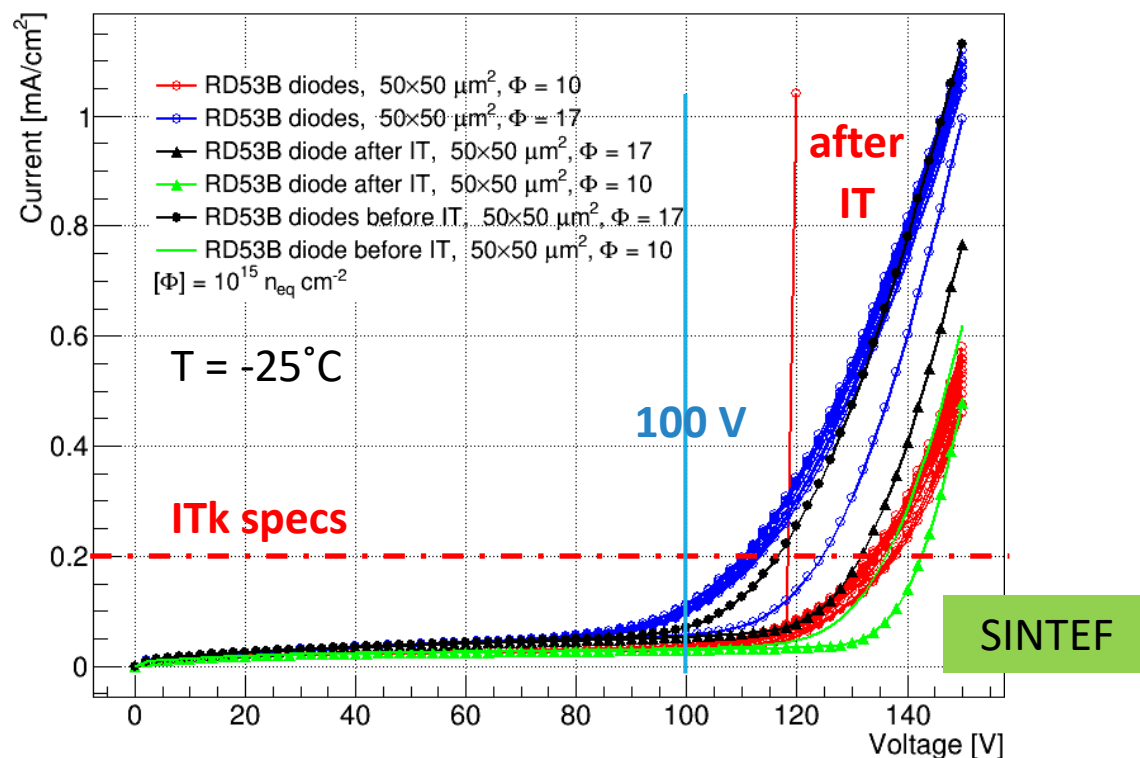
for previous results see also:

- S.Ravera, [Qualification of irradiated 3D pixel sensors produced by FBK for the pre-production of the ATLAS ITk detector](#), VERTEX 2023
- S.Hellesund, [Qualification of irradiated 3D pixel sensors produced by Sintef for the pre-production of the ATLAS ITk detector](#), VERTEX 2023
- S.Ravera, [Pixel cell local efficiency of FBK 3D pre-production pixel sensors after irradiation up to 1.9  \$10^{16}\$  n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>](#), TREDI 2023
- M.Ressegotti, [Qualification of the first preproduction 3D FBK sensors with ITkPixV1](#), PIXEL 2022
- A.Lapertosa, [Test of ITk 3D sensor pre-production modules with ITkPixv1.1 chip](#), iWoRiD 2022
- A.Lapertosa, [Performance of irradiated FBK 3D sensors for the ATLAS ITk pixel detector](#), TREDI 2021

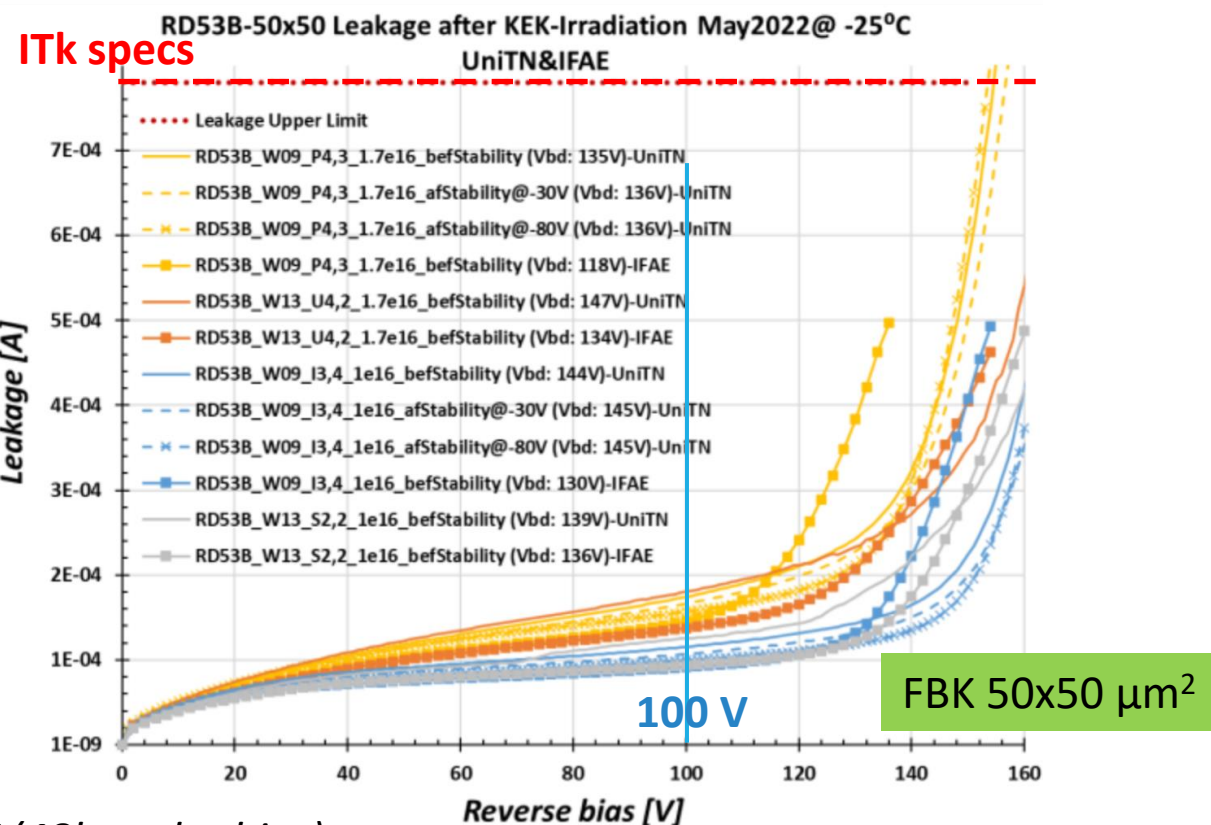
# Leakage current

- 3D diodes and bare sensors with temporary metal irradiated to  $1 \times 10^{16}$  and  $1.7 \times 10^{16}$   $n_{eq}/cm^2$  at CYRIC (protons)
  - Breakdown **>100 V**
  - Breakdown **shifts** towards higher voltage **after annealing and/or stability tests** (IT - 48h under bias)

SINTEF Diodes IV

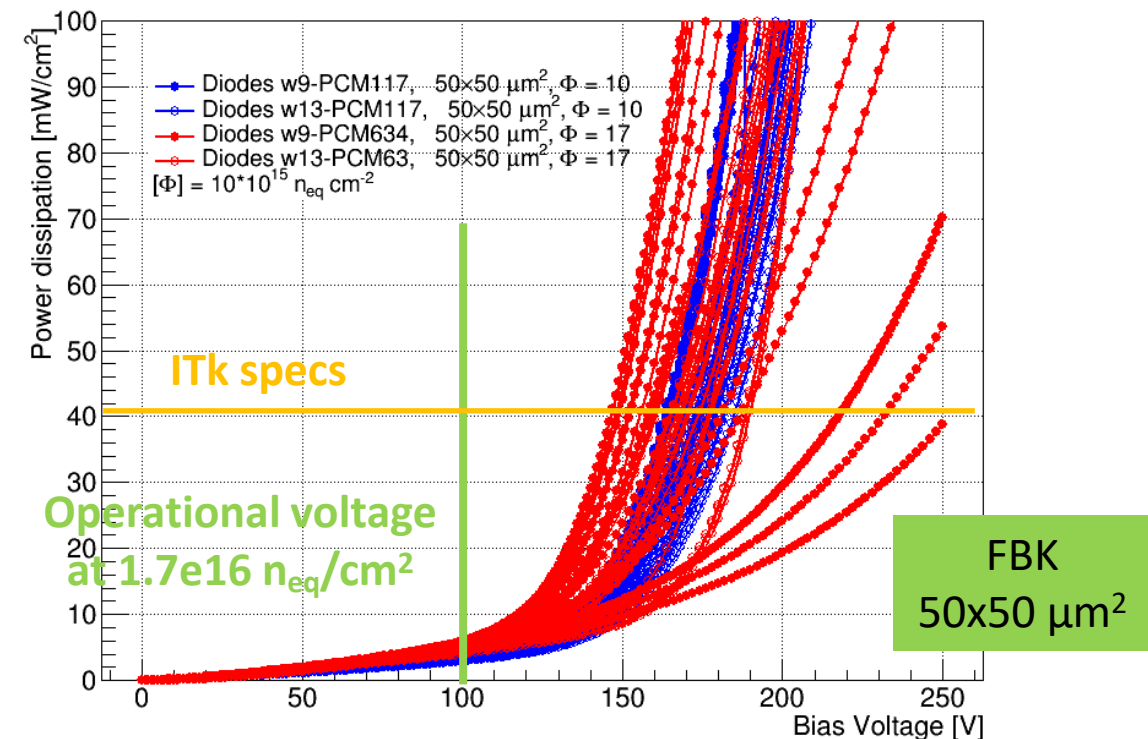
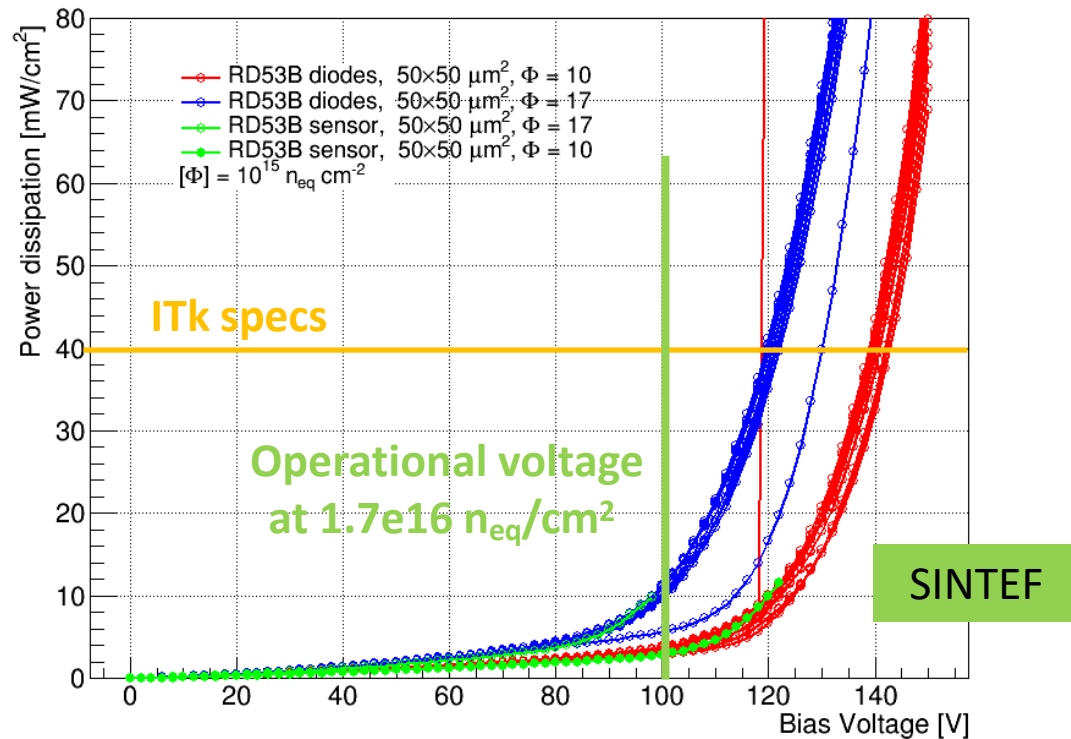


IV curves before/after IT (48h under bias)



# Power dissipation

- ITk requirement:  $<40 \text{ mW/cm}^2$  at the operational voltage (efficiency  $>96-97\%$ )
  - power dissipation (at operational voltage)  $<10 \text{ mW/cm}^2$  at  $-25^\circ\text{C}$  up to  $1.7\text{e}16 \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$



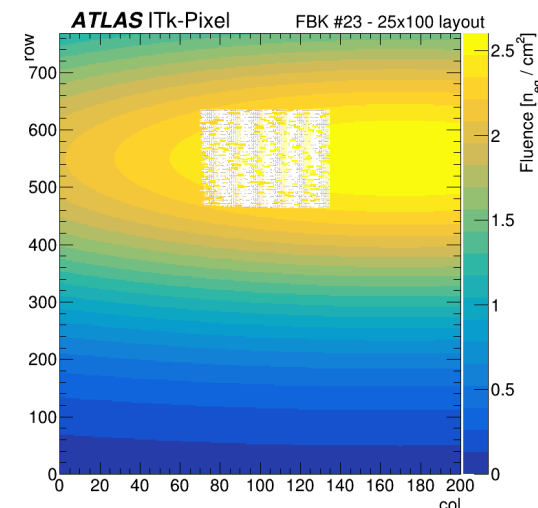


# SCCs irradiations summary

- Modules irradiated with protons of different energy at different facilities (Bonn, KIT, IRRAD) to **different fluences**
- Some of them irradiated two times to accumulate higher fluence gradually, studied after each irradiation
- **Some irradiations (at CERN IRRAD) are not uniform**

Module	Irradiation facility	Fluence
FBK 50x50 $\mu\text{m}^2$	Bonn (14 MeV protons)	$0.6 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ uniform
	Bonn (14 MeV protons) + IRRAD (12 GeV protons)	$1.9 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ (peak) not uniform
SINTEF 50x50 $\mu\text{m}^2$	KIT (23 MeV protons)	$1 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ uniform
	KIT (23 MeV protons) + IRRAD (12 GeV protons)	$1.8 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ (peak) not uniform
FBK 25x100 $\mu\text{m}^2$	KIT (23 MeV protons)	$1 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ uniform
	IRRAD (12 GeV protons)	$2.4 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ (peak) not uniform

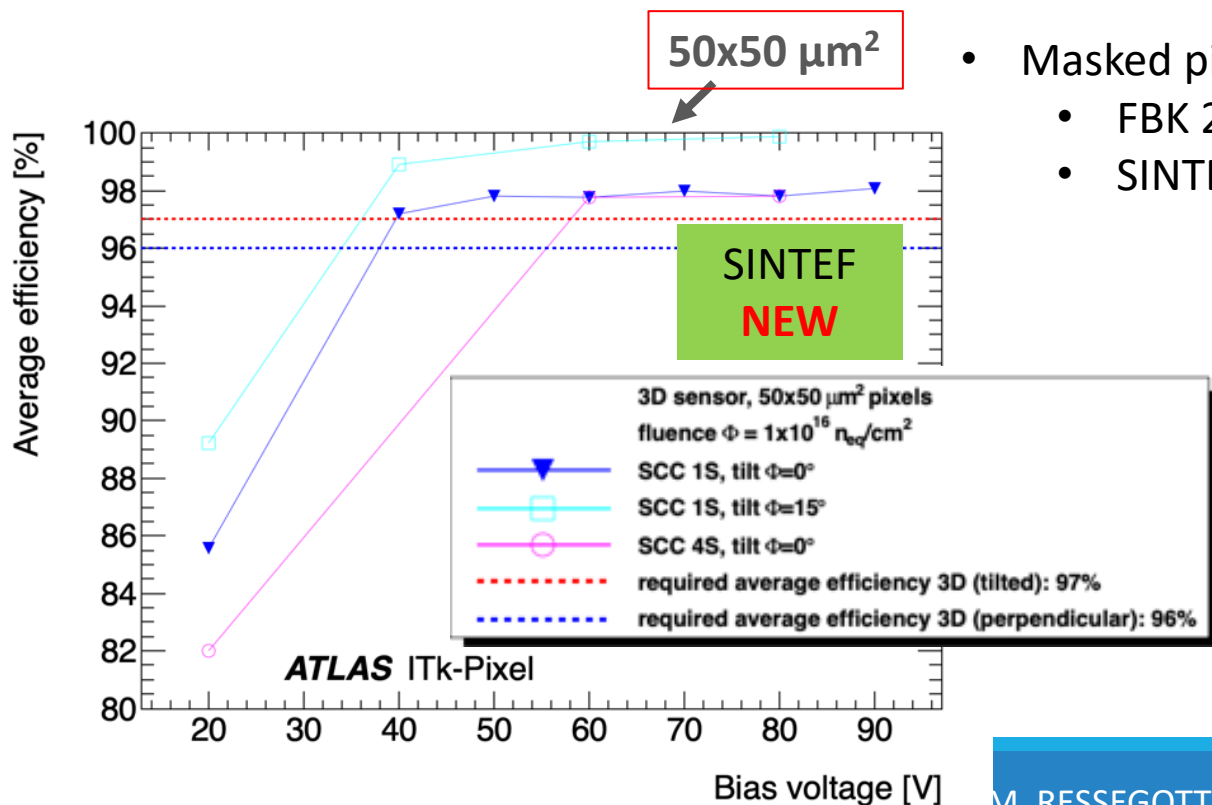
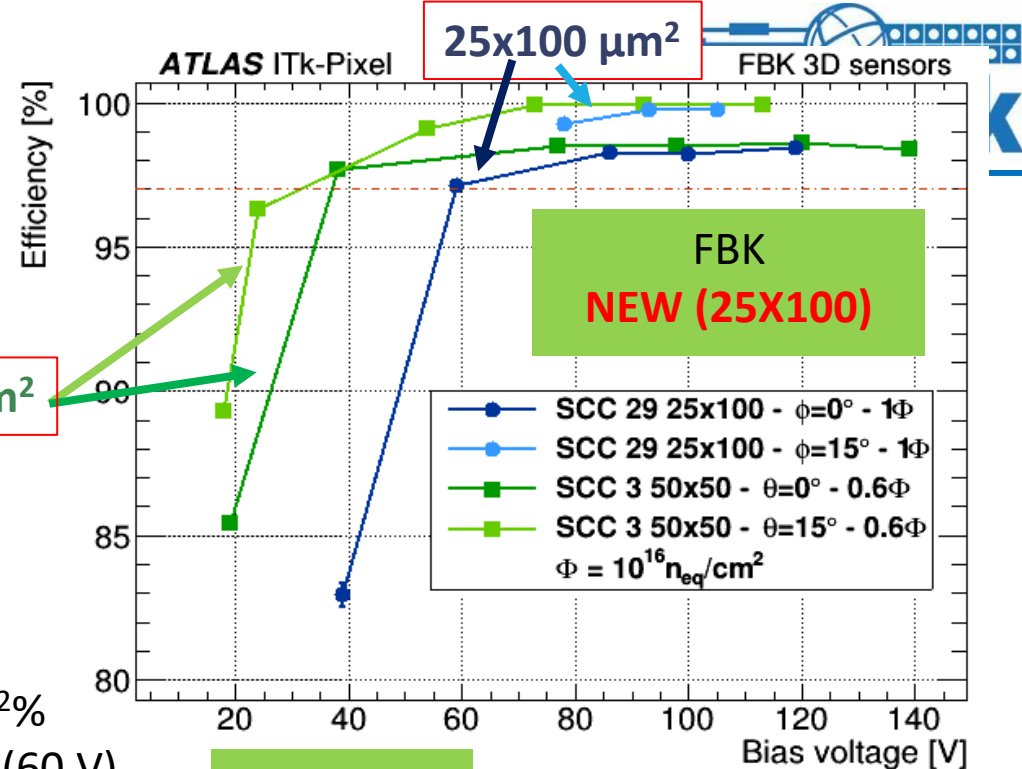
- Not uniform irradiations:
  - Note that the average and peak fluence are provided together with the results
  - Not uniform fluence used to map efficiency measurements to different fluence values  $\rightarrow$  **results at different fluence values with the same module**



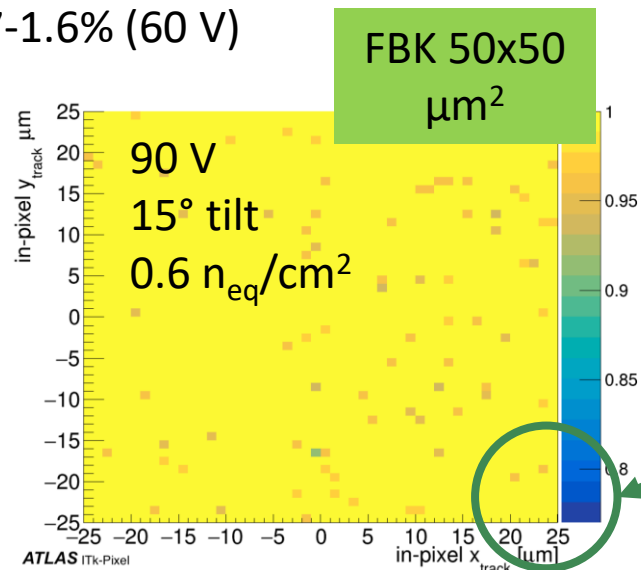
Example of reconstructed **fluence map** (from Al dosimeter foil activation matched to efficiency map)

# Fluence up to $10^{16} n_{eq}/cm^2$

- Sensors with  $25 \times 100 \mu m^2$  pixel cell depleted at higher  $V_{bias}$  wrt  $50 \times 50 \mu m^2$
- **No evident difference between FBK and SINTEF** for same pixel cell and similar fluence
- Maximum efficiency is higher for  $15^\circ$  tilt angle w.r.t. beam  
 → **saturation value of 99.9%** reached  
 → confirmed by in-pixel efficiency
- All results with modules uniformly irradiated



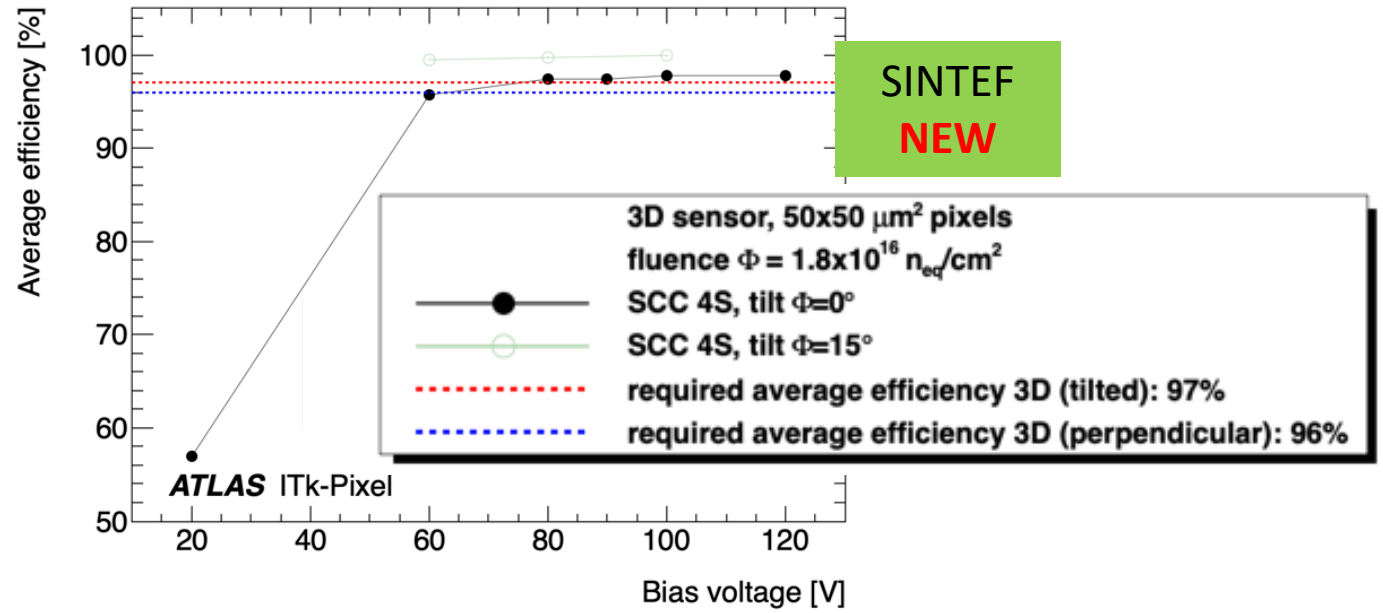
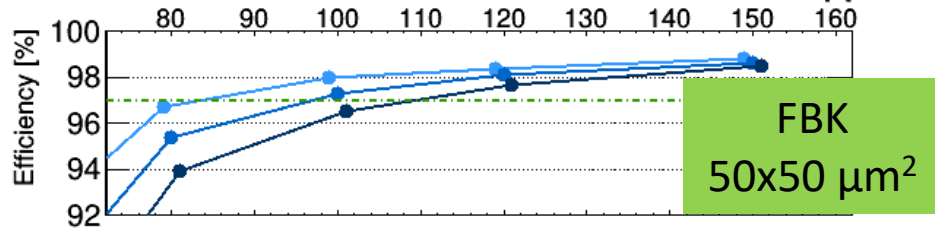
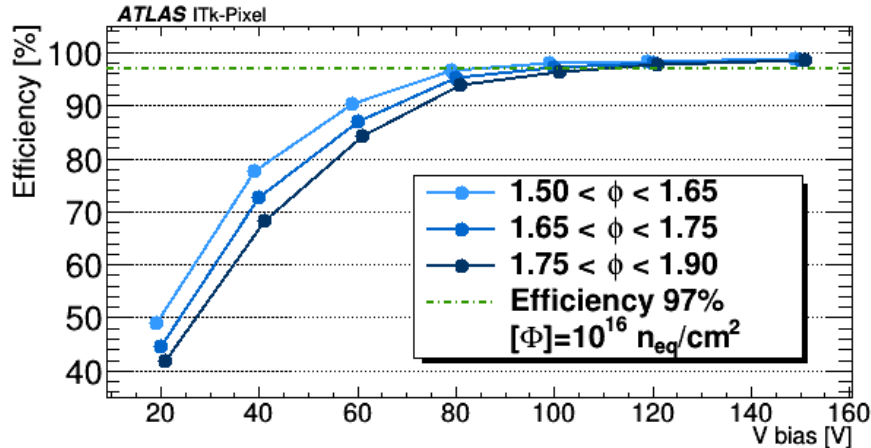
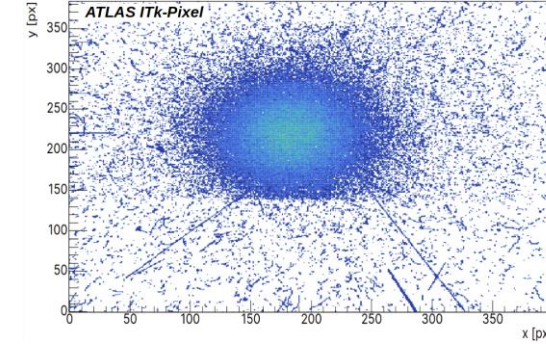
- Masked pixels:
  - FBK  $25 \times 100$ :  $\sim 10^{-2}\%$
  - SINTEF: 0.7-1.6% (60 V)



- Efficiency drop in corners of in-pixel efficiency disappears for  $15^\circ$  tilt angle (as expected)

# Fluence up to $1.9 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$

- Fluences studied **closest to end-of-life fluence** ( $1.9 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  with 1.5 safety factor)
- **Depletion at  $\sim 100 \text{ V}_{\text{bias}}$**  (within ITk specs)
- Confirmed depletion obtained at increasing  $\text{V}_{\text{bias}}$  for increasing fluence and efficiency is higher for  $15^\circ$  tilt angle
- Results with modules **NOT** uniformly irradiated



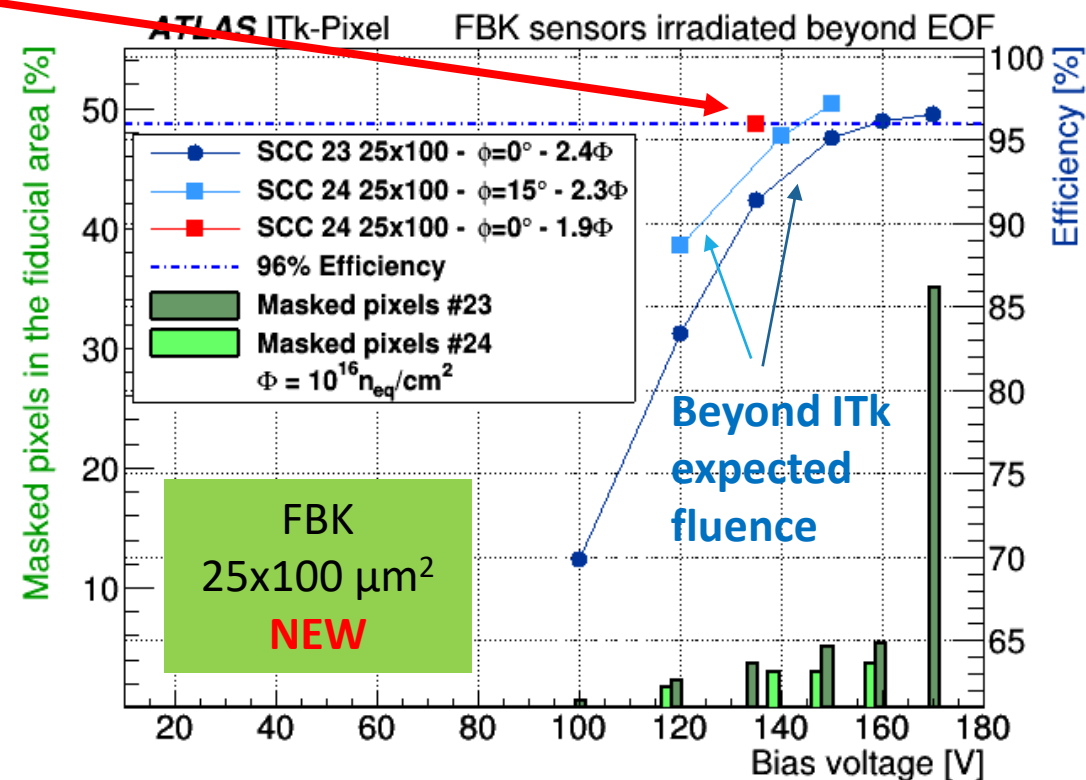
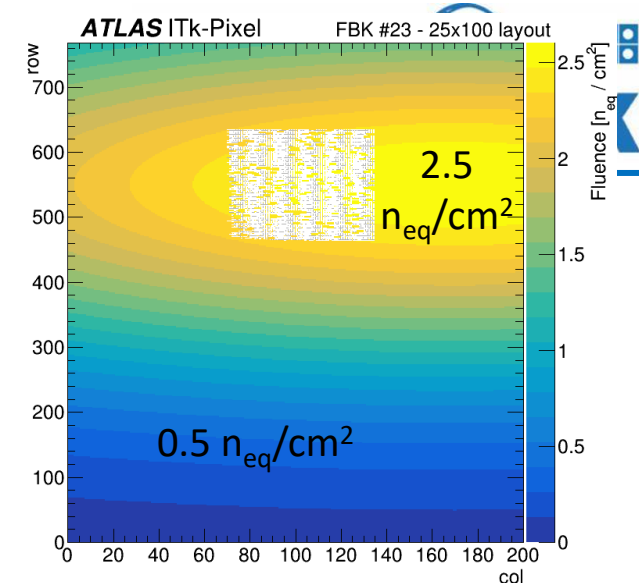
- **Average efficiency in the area hit by beam (no fluence map)**
- Fluence:  $1.8 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  (peak),  $1.5 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  (average)
- Masked pixels: 0.7% (80 V) at  $1.8 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$

- Efficiency in different fluent ranges from **reconstruction of fluence map**

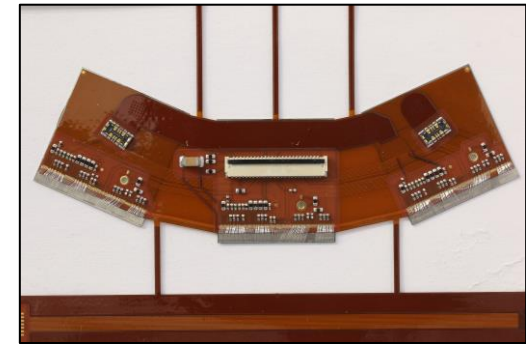
# Beyond end-of-life fluence

- Results with fluence at **end-of-life with safety factor** ( $1.9 n_{eq}/cm^2$ ) and beyond (up to  $2.4 \cdot 10^{16} n_{eq}/cm^2$ )
- On same modules NOT uniformly irradiated, with test beam hitting in different zones
  - at  $1.9 \cdot 10^{16} n_{eq}/cm^2$  (EOL with 1.5 safety factor): only **one point taken, at the efficiency requirement (96%)**
  - at  $2.4 \cdot 10^{16} n_{eq}/cm^2$  (**beyond EOL**): still operable in a small  $V_{bias}$  range where efficient with  $\sim 4-6\%$  masked pixels (average)
    - **Number of noisy pixels rapidly increases at higher  $V_{bias}$**
- Show that sensors are operable up to **very high fluences, but next to the limit** of the voltage range in which nr. of noisy pixels rapidly increases
- Difficult to precisely evaluate with not uniform irradiations  $\rightarrow$  **further uniform irradiation planned to clarify**

**ITk end-of-life fluence with SF**



- **Sensor Production Readiness Review (PRRs)** in November 2022 and November 2023
  - FBK passed PRR, SINTEF follow-up working on bow issue
  - Production for FBK and SINTEF (SINTEF in-kind, hybridization to be verified) ongoing
  - First pre-production triplets with 3D modules are being produced
- 3D modules **from pre-production evaluation**:
  - **Efficiency and power dissipation** requirements at fluences up to the expected end-of-life **meet the ITk requirements**
    - More **uniform irradiations planned** to confirm results
    - Studies on stability of noisy pixels also ongoing
  - Considering to **relax specs on breakdown voltage** (improved after annealing and/or stability tests)
  - Further studies with **ITkPixV2 FE chip** including ToT when modules available
  - Working on follow-up of SINTEF issues for the PRR



*First assembled triplet for R0.5 with sensor and FE (assembled in Genoa)*

# Thank you for the attention!

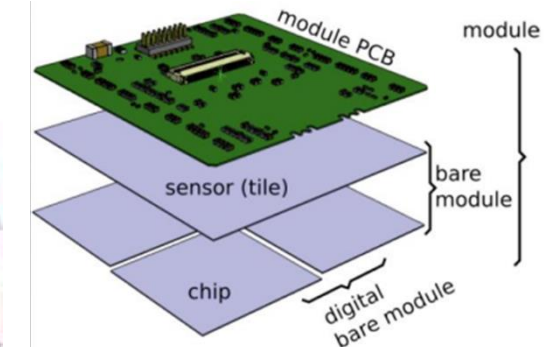
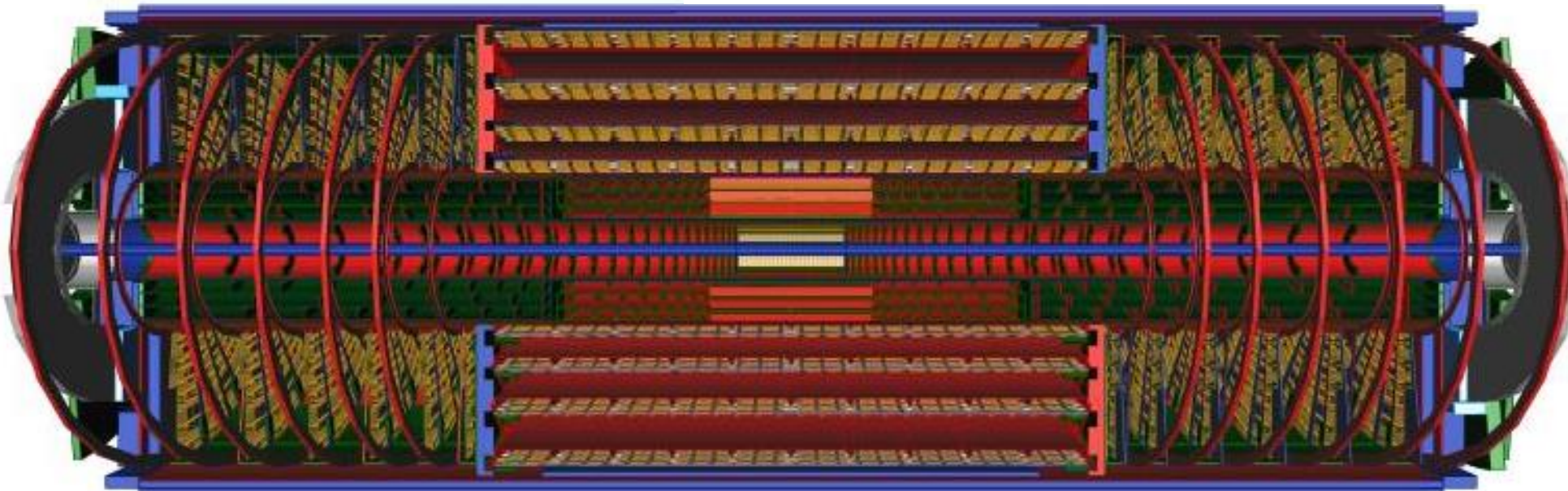
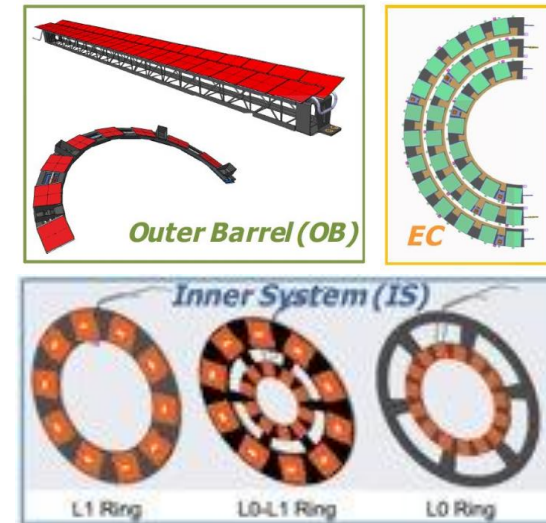
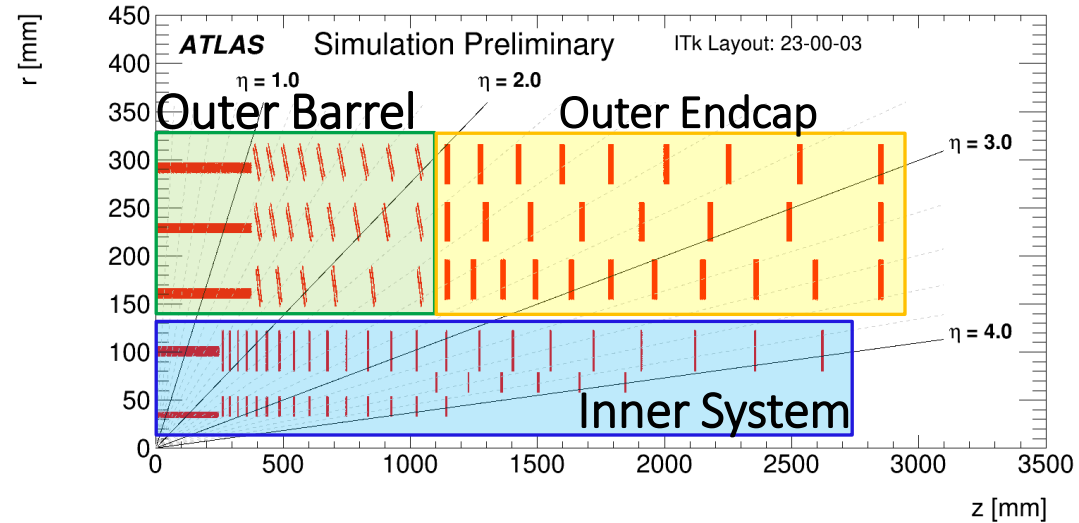
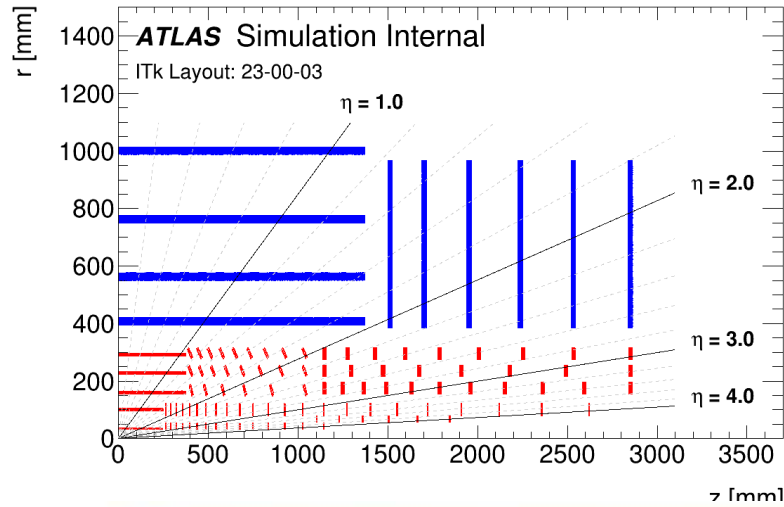
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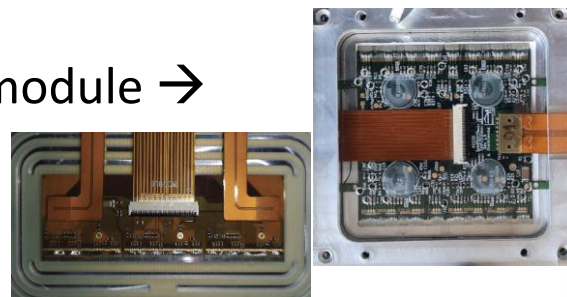
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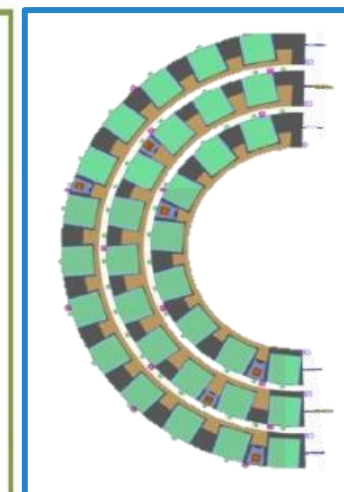


# Pixel: detector structure and modules

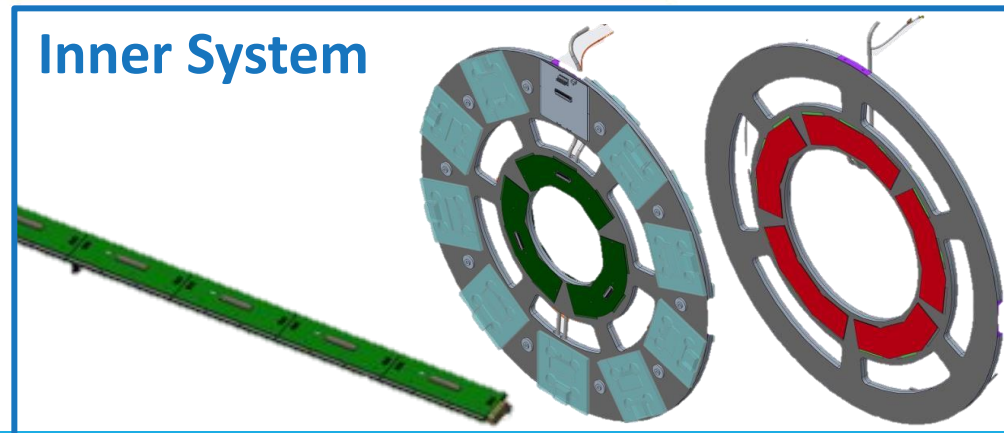
- Design: completed! → Prototypes: done! → Pre-production: ongoing!
- Pixel detector made up by 3 main parts: **Outer Barrel**, **Outer Endcap**, **Inner System**
- Two different module concepts:
  - All the external layers (L1-4): Quad-module →
  - Innermost layer (L0): Triplet mod. →
- Modules glued to carbon structures
- Titanium pipes for CO<sub>2</sub> cooling



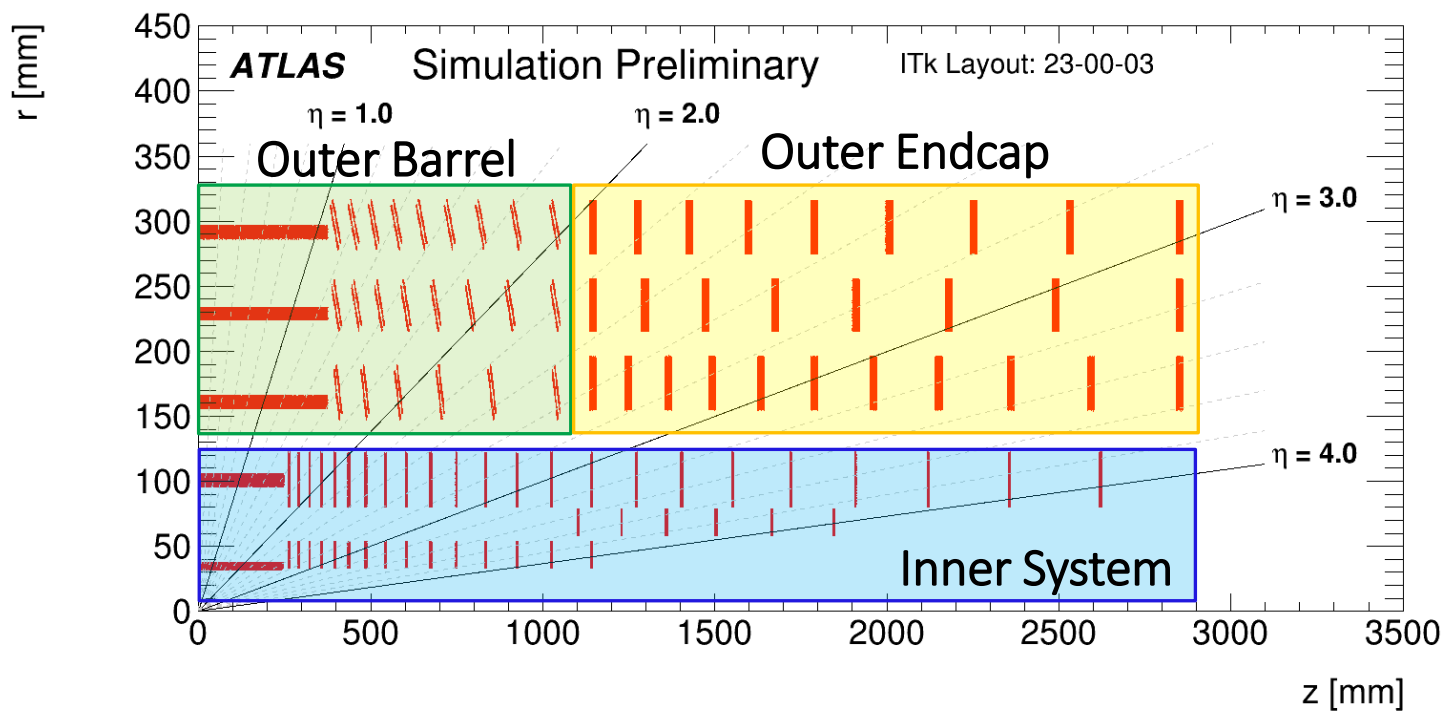
### Outer Endcap



### Outer Barrel



### Inner System

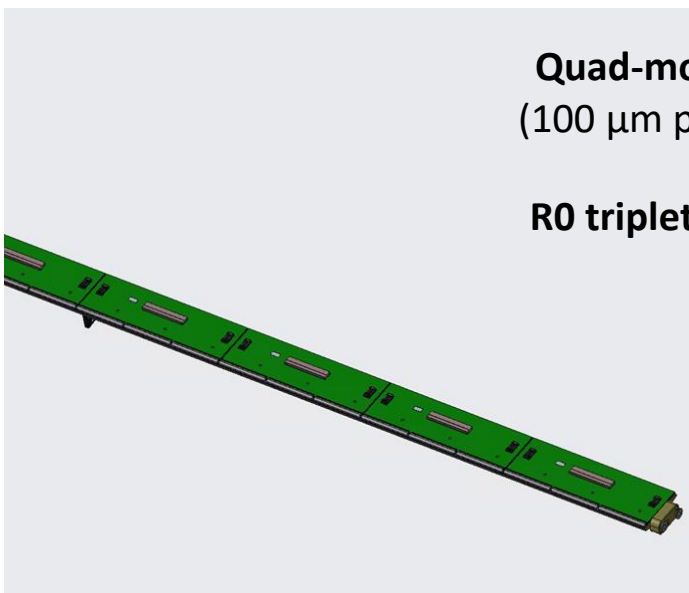


# ITk pixel: triplet modules

## Barrel (stave)

**L0: 96 triplets**

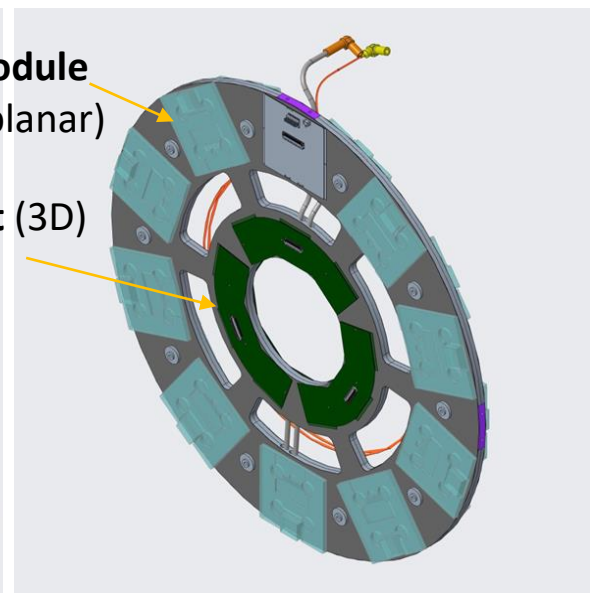
12 staves x 8 triplets



## Endcap (rings)

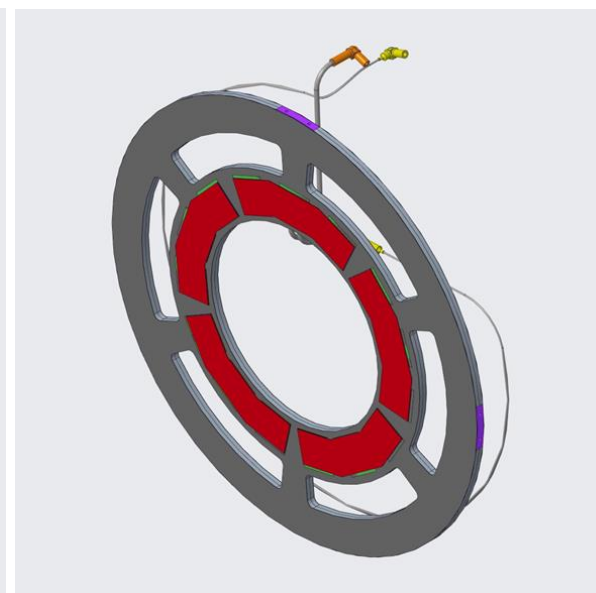
**R0: 180 triplets**

30 rings x 6 triplets

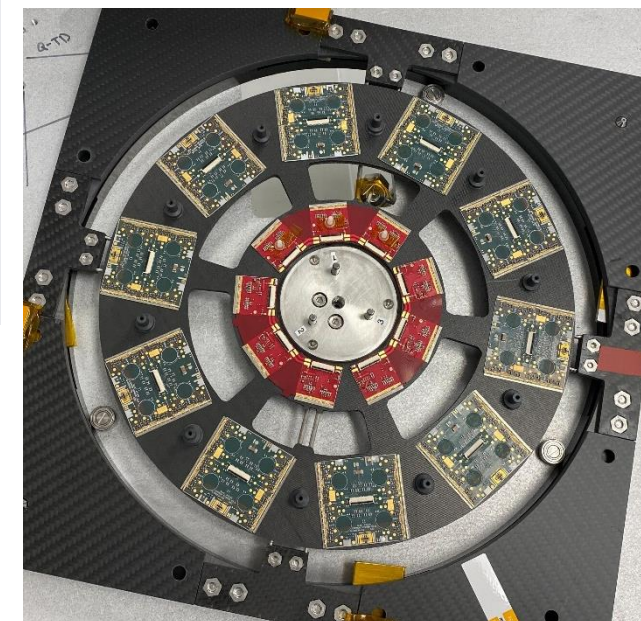


**R0.5: 120 triplets**

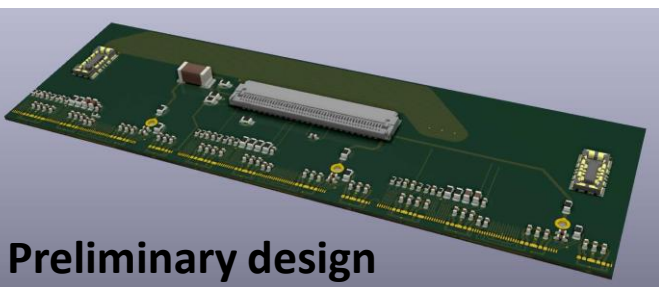
12 rings x 10 triplets



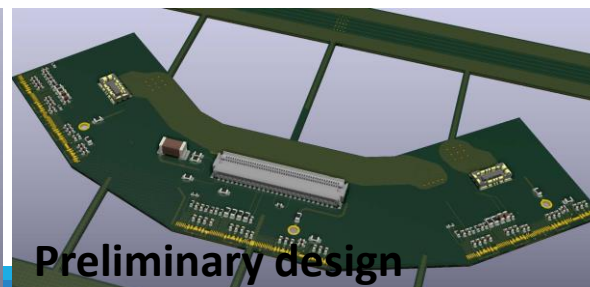
**Prototype of  
ITk R0 ring with  
RD53A modules:  
10 quad-modules  
3 R0 triplets**



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



Preliminary design

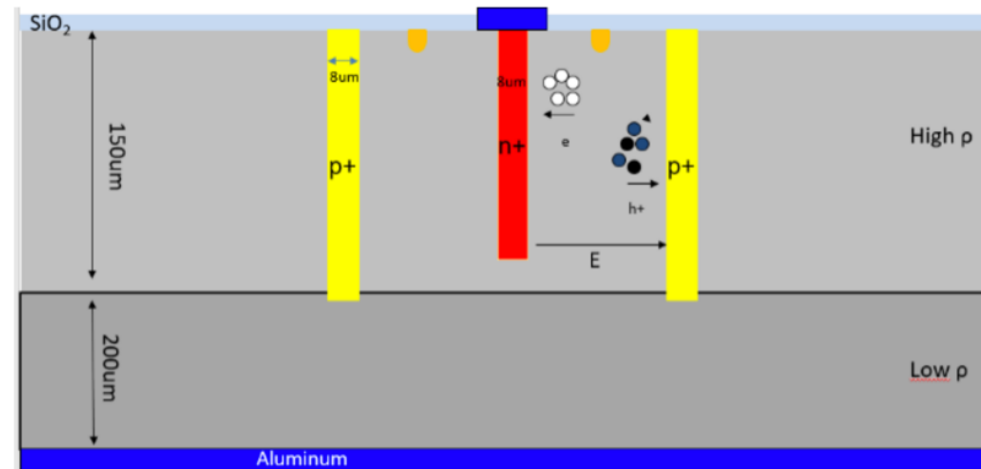


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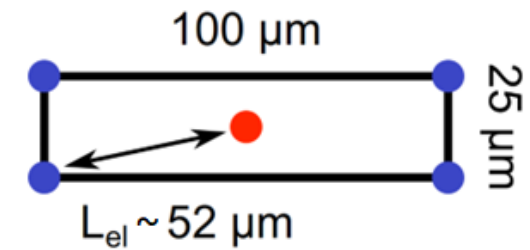
Design ongoing

# 3D sensor technology

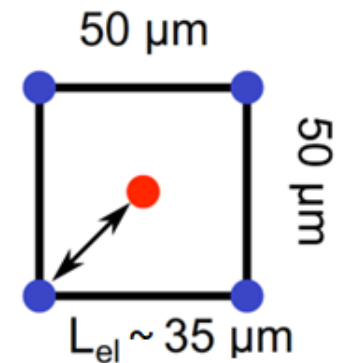
- ATLAS ITk will use 3D technology in L0 with 2 different pixel cell dimensions
  - $25 \times 100 \mu\text{m}^2$  in the barrel triplet modules (B0, 288 sensors)
  - $50 \times 50 \mu\text{m}^2$  in the endcap triplet modules (R0 & R0.5, 900 sensors)
- **Pros:** low depletion voltage, fast response rise, less trapping probability  
→ **RAD-HARDNESS**
- **Cons:** iniform spatial response, higher capacitance w.r.t. to planar, cost, yield



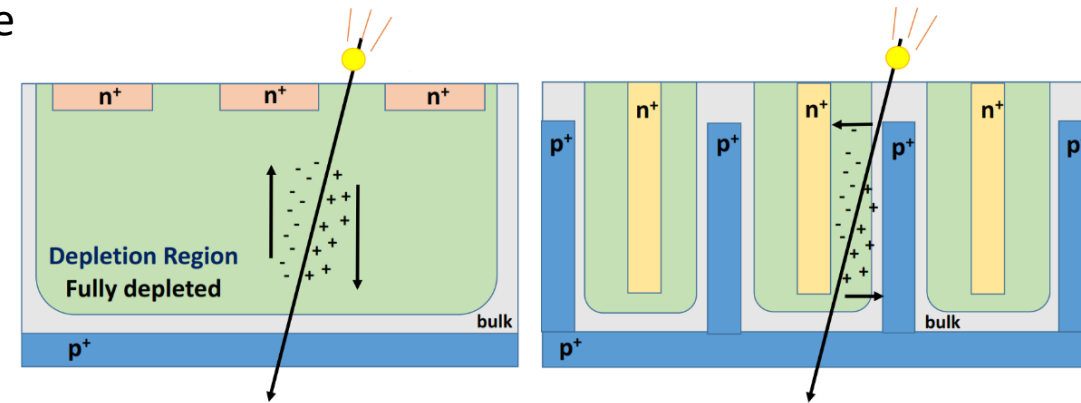
$25 \times 100 \mu\text{m}^2$ , 1E



$50 \times 50 \mu\text{m}^2$ , 1E



- **Planar sensor:** standard pixel technology, n+ implants on p bulk surface
- **3D sensor:** n+ and p+ columns implanted vertically in p bulk substrate
  - Reduced distance between electrodes → Shorter path of e/h
    - Lower impact of charge trapping along charge carrier path
    - Improved radiation hardness: perfectly OK @  $1e16 n_{eq}/cm^2$  NIEL
  - Lower depletion voltage → Lower power dissipation after irradiation

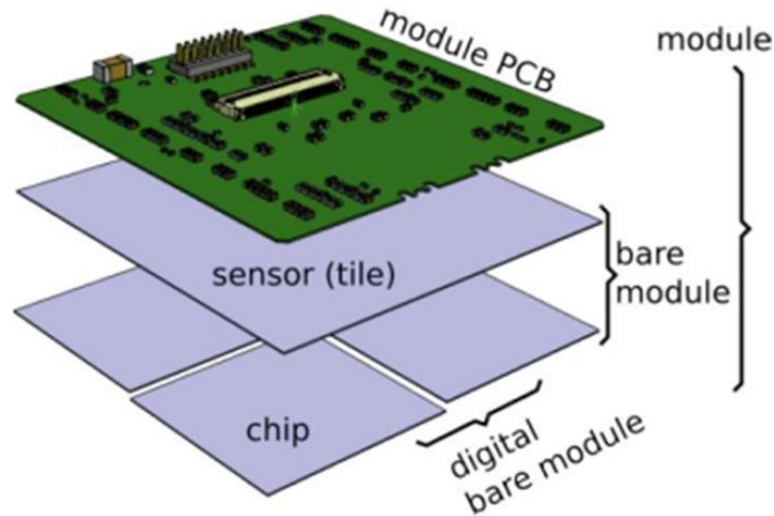


**Planar sensors arranged in quad-modules:** 1 bare module (4 chips + 1 planar sensor) + 1 flexible PCB

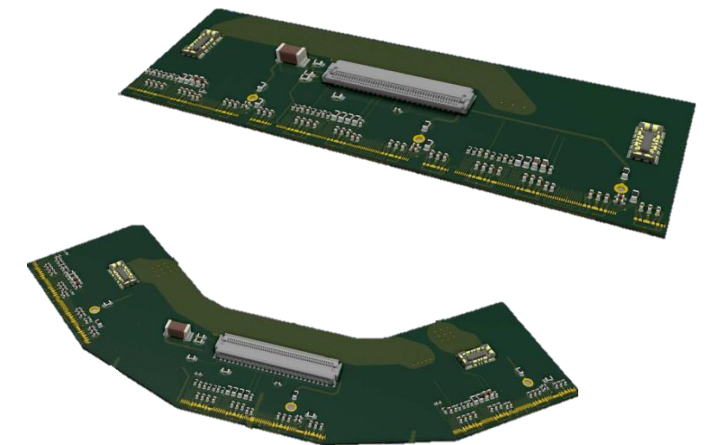
**3D sensors arranged in triplet modules:** 3 bare modules (1 chip + 3D sensor) + 1 flexible PCB

- Both ring and barrel triplet assembly exercised with RD53A prototypes

Quad-module stack-up



Ring and barrel triplet module flexible PCB



# SINTEF PRR follow up issues

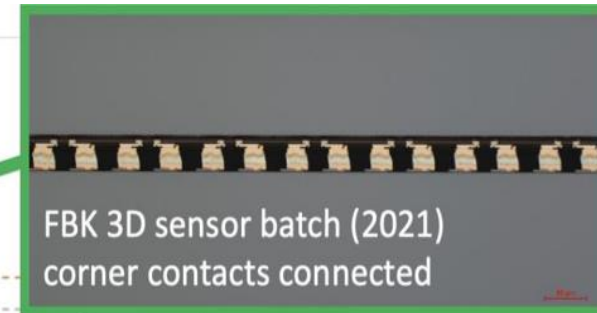
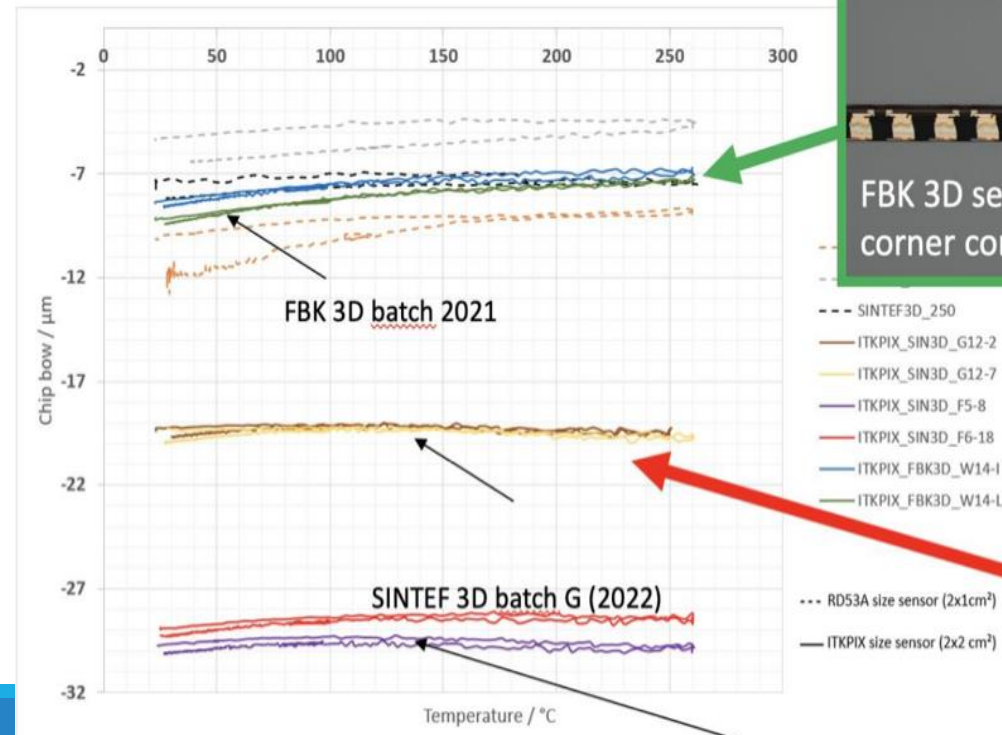
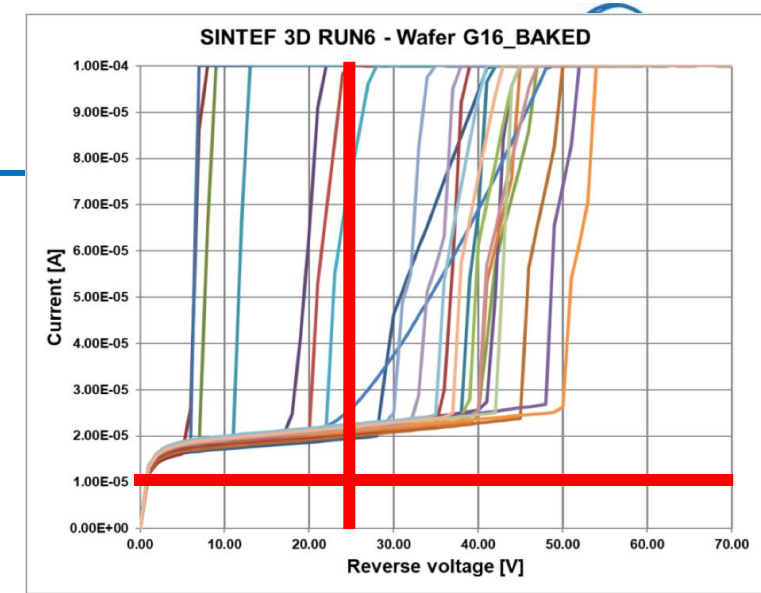
## SINTEF high leakage current

- Leakage current of SINTEF sensors before irradiation outside specs (~2 times over the limit)
- Leakage current within specs after irradiation
- Plan to relax the specifications for this production

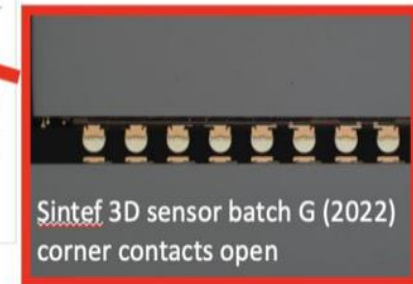
## SINTEF large bow after back-thinning

- After back-thinning the sensor bow is out of specs
  - Problematic for flip-chipping at IZM
- Possible solutions under investigation
  1. Changing the passivation at SINTEF
    - A few wafers have been reworked, two wafers sent to IZM to hybridize
  2. Hybridization at Leonardo (indium bumps):
    - First results expected soon (bare modules in institutes for module assembly)
  3. Flip-chipping at IZM with glass support
    - Few modules produced, being assembled in modules, results very encouraging.

Sensor in-kind started: acceptance will be considered based on the results



FBK 3D sensor batch (2021)  
corner contacts connected



Sintef 3D sensor batch G (2022)  
corner contacts open

SINTEF 3D batch F (2020)

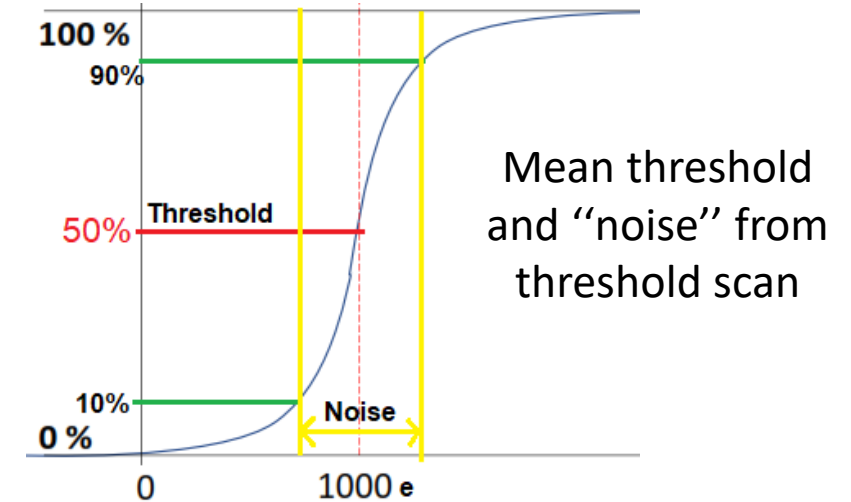
- RD53A chip (by RD53A collaboration) largely used to build module prototypes before 2022
- ITkPixV1.x chip (RD53B): **ToT not usable**
  - Most of results shown done with ITkPixV1.1
  - ITkPixV1.1: noise of bare FE  $\sim 40e$  ( $\sim 10e$  dispersion)
- **ITkPixV2** chip submitted at the **end of 2023**
  - qualification measurements recently finished
  - production officially started
- Main ITkPix features:
  - 65 nm CMOS,  $2 \times 2 \text{ cm}^2$  area
  - $384 \times 400$  pixels ( $50 \times 50 \text{ }\mu\text{m}^2$ )
  - Differential Analog FE
  - Power consumption:  $0.56 \text{ W/cm}^2$
  - Shunt Low Drop Output regulators (I const.)
  - Timewalk  $< 25 \text{ ns}$  (charge  $> 1000 \text{ e}$ )
  - **Radiation hardness  $> 1 \text{ Grad}$**
  - **Standard threshold:  $1000e$**  ( $30e$  dispersion)

# Summary of the 3D FBK 50x50 $\mu\text{m}^2$ assembled modules (+2 bare chip)

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

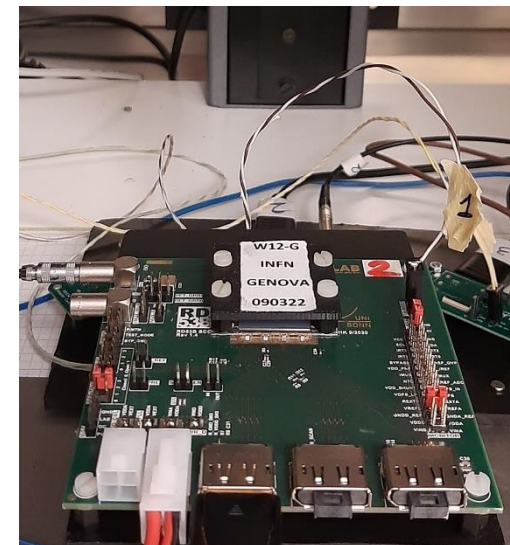
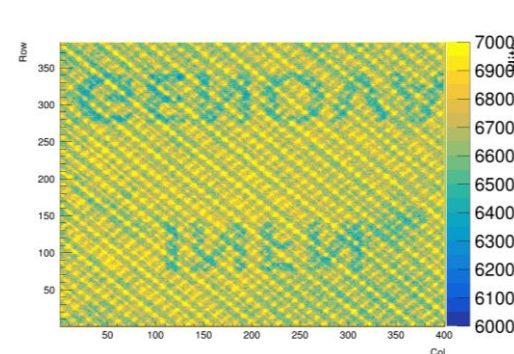
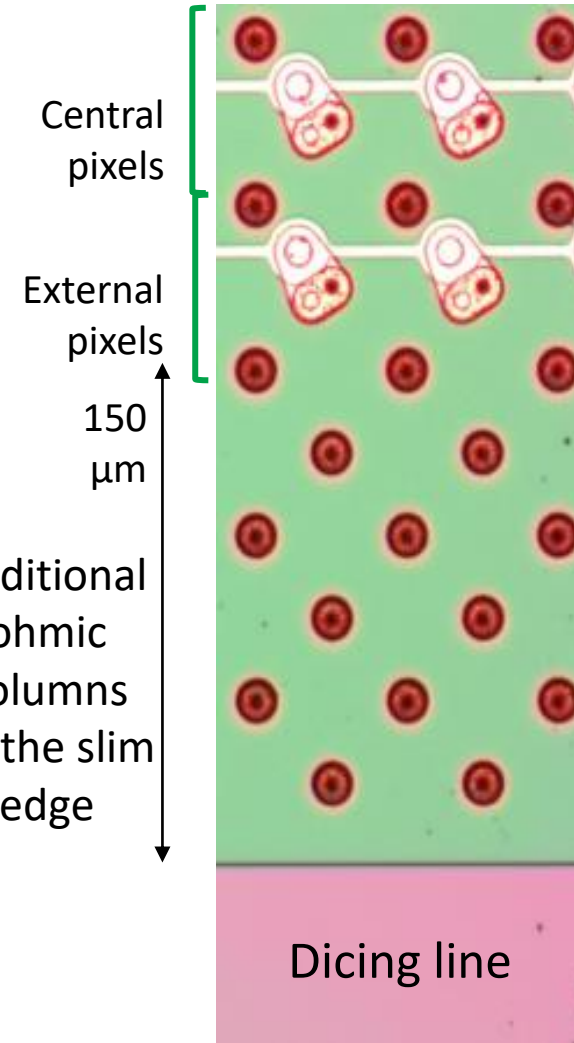
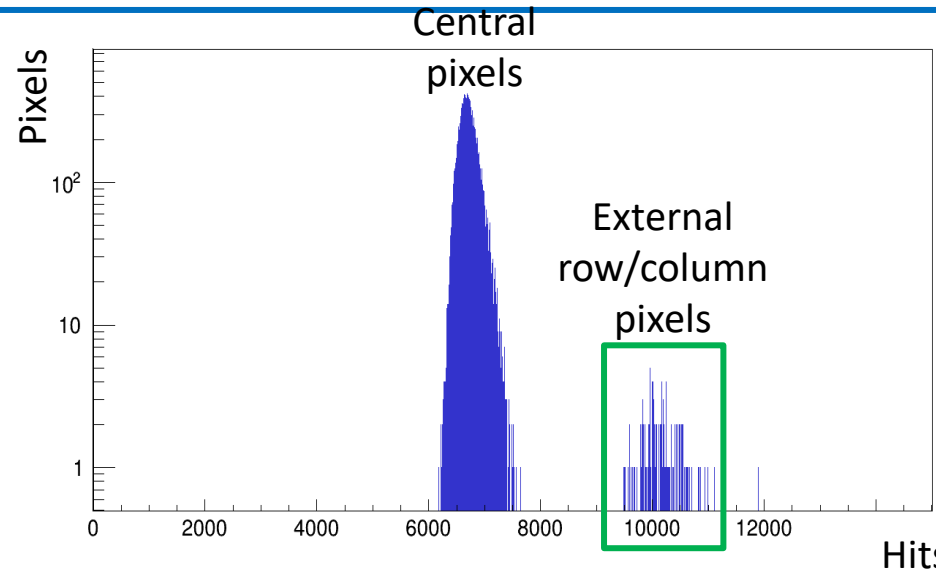
SCC	Module	Mean Threshold	Sigma Threshold	Mean Noise	Sigma Noise
2	3D + ITkPixV1.1	974	28	71	10
3	3D + ITkPixV1.1	979	31	67	9
4	3D + ITkPixV1.1	971	31	70	9
5	3D + ITkPixV1.1	969	31	73	10
6	3D + ITkPixV1.1	973	29	70	10
8	3D + ITkPixV1.1	962	31	75	10



- Leakage current:
  - at sensor level (on wafer):  $< 1 \mu\text{A}$  ( $3.84 \text{ cm}^2$ ) up to 80 V
  - on bare module (on SCC):  $< 0.2 \mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$  (compatible)
- Breakdown voltage  $V_{bd}$ :
  - $V_{bd} > 80 \text{ V}$  (requirement:  $V_{bd} > 25 \text{ V @ } V_{depl} + 20 \text{ V}$ )

# X-ray scan

- Source: X-ray tube (Amptek Mini-X2), with Ag anode
- Masking noisy pixel (X-rays OFF): 60 seconds random trigger scan (40 kHz)
- Data taking (X-rays ON): 60 seconds self-trigger scan (HitOR)
  - Central pixels: 6700 hits/pixel in 60 s (110 Hz)
  - **Edge pixels: 10000 hits/pixel in 60 s**
    - **30% more hits due to extension of the electric field**
- 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





- Data analysed with the C++ based framework Corryvreckan
- Procedure:
  1. Telescope (6 planes) alignment with track  $\chi^2$  minimization  $\rightarrow$  stops when telescope residuals comparable to plane resolution ( $\sim 5 \mu\text{m}$ )
  2. DUTs alignment with track  $\chi^2$  minimization  $\rightarrow$  stops when the DUTs residuals are of the order of the device resolution ( $\sim 14 \mu\text{m}$ )
  3. The efficiency is calculated
    - with tracks on DUT that **meets spatial and time** cuts w.r.t. reconstructed track
    - disabled, masked pixels and neighbouring ones are not taken in account



the resulting efficiency is valid for pixels that are not masked or disabled

# FBK Irradiations in 2022 details

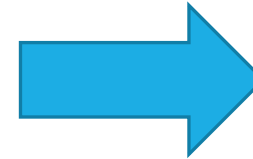
Two ITkPixV1.1 + 3D FBK 50x50  $\mu\text{m}^2$  have been irradiated at two different facilities in 2023:

- **First irradiation:**

- in Bonn (May-June 2022) to uniform fluence (uniform)  $1 \times 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$
- 14 MeV protons beam, 1 Grad

- **Second irradiation:**

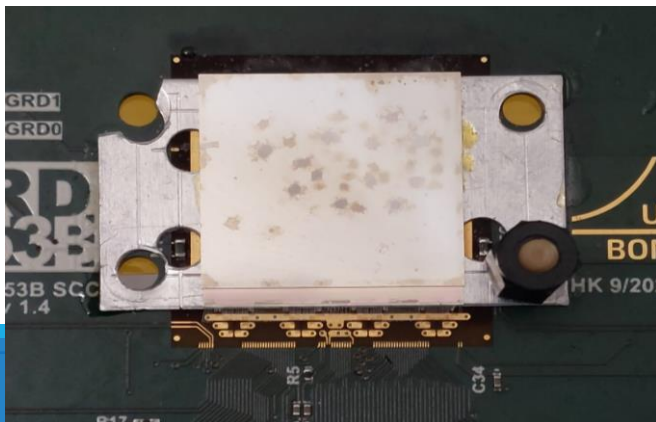
- at IRRAD (CERN, 7-27 September 2022) to add to fluence (not uniform)  $0.9 \times 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  (peak),  $0.5 \times 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  average
- devices inclined to increase irradiated area, scanning horizontally  
→ quite uniform irradiation along x, gaussian along y (beam profile)
- Visual inspection: visible dark shape in a  $\sim 1 \times 2 \text{ cm}^2$  area, not vertically centered, dots on the sensor surface
- Received fluence (local and average) measured from the activation of Al dosimeters placed on the back of the sensor



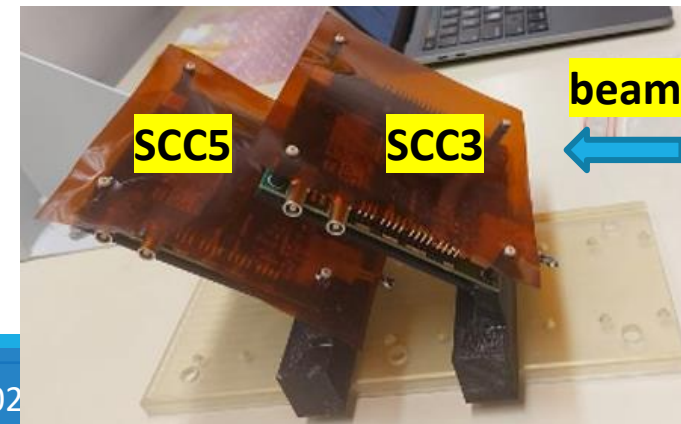
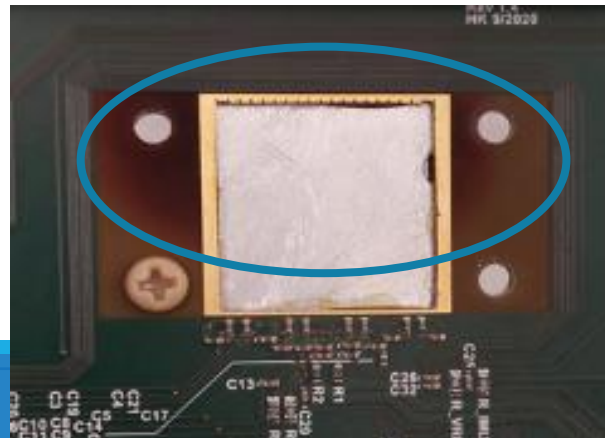
Total integrated fluence:

- $1.9 \times 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  (peak),  $1.5 \times 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  average
- Not uniform fluence used to **map efficiency** measurements to **different fluence values**

Front

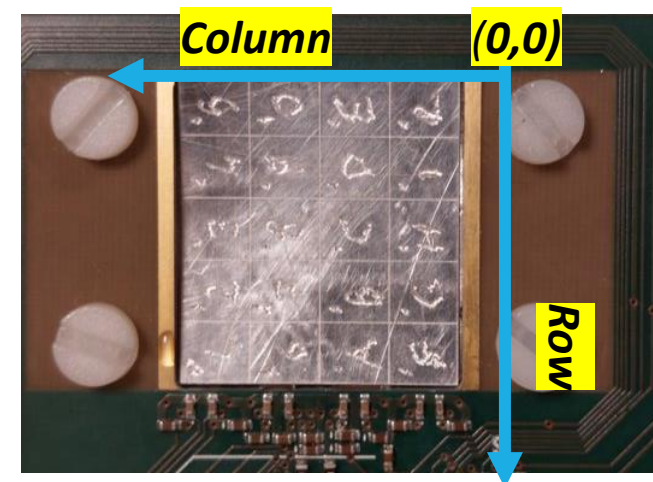


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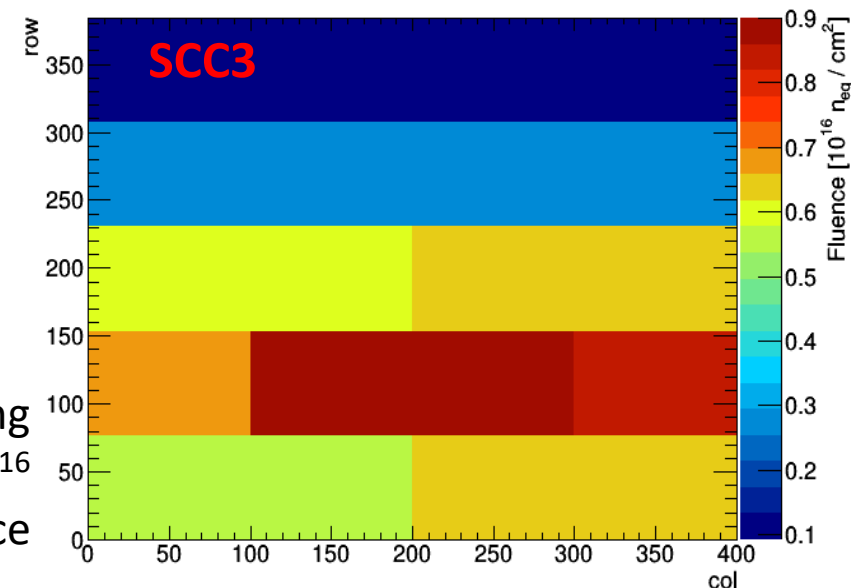


# Evaluation of local fluence

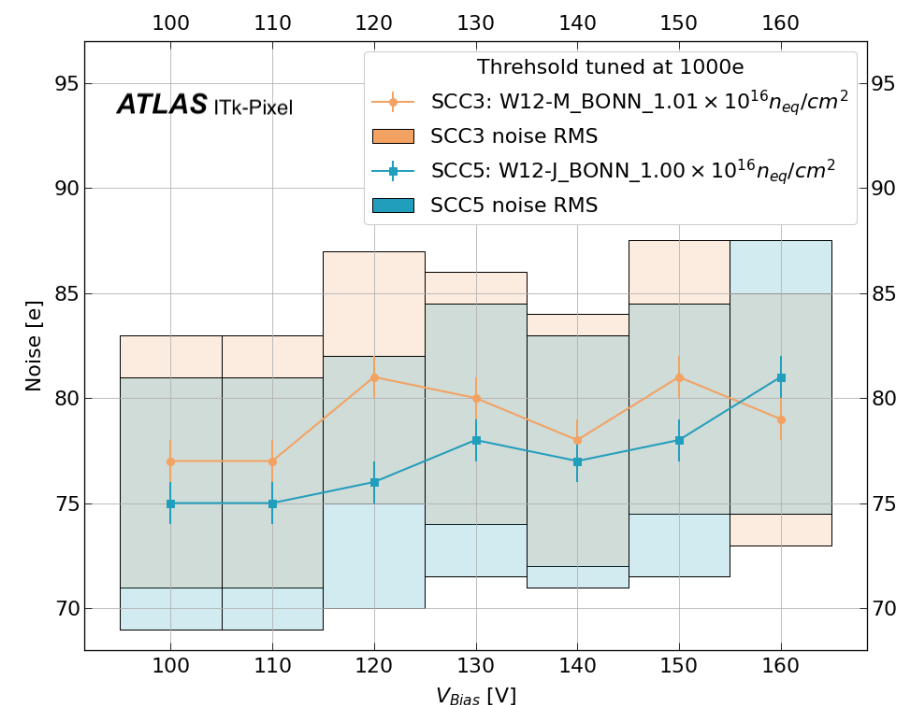
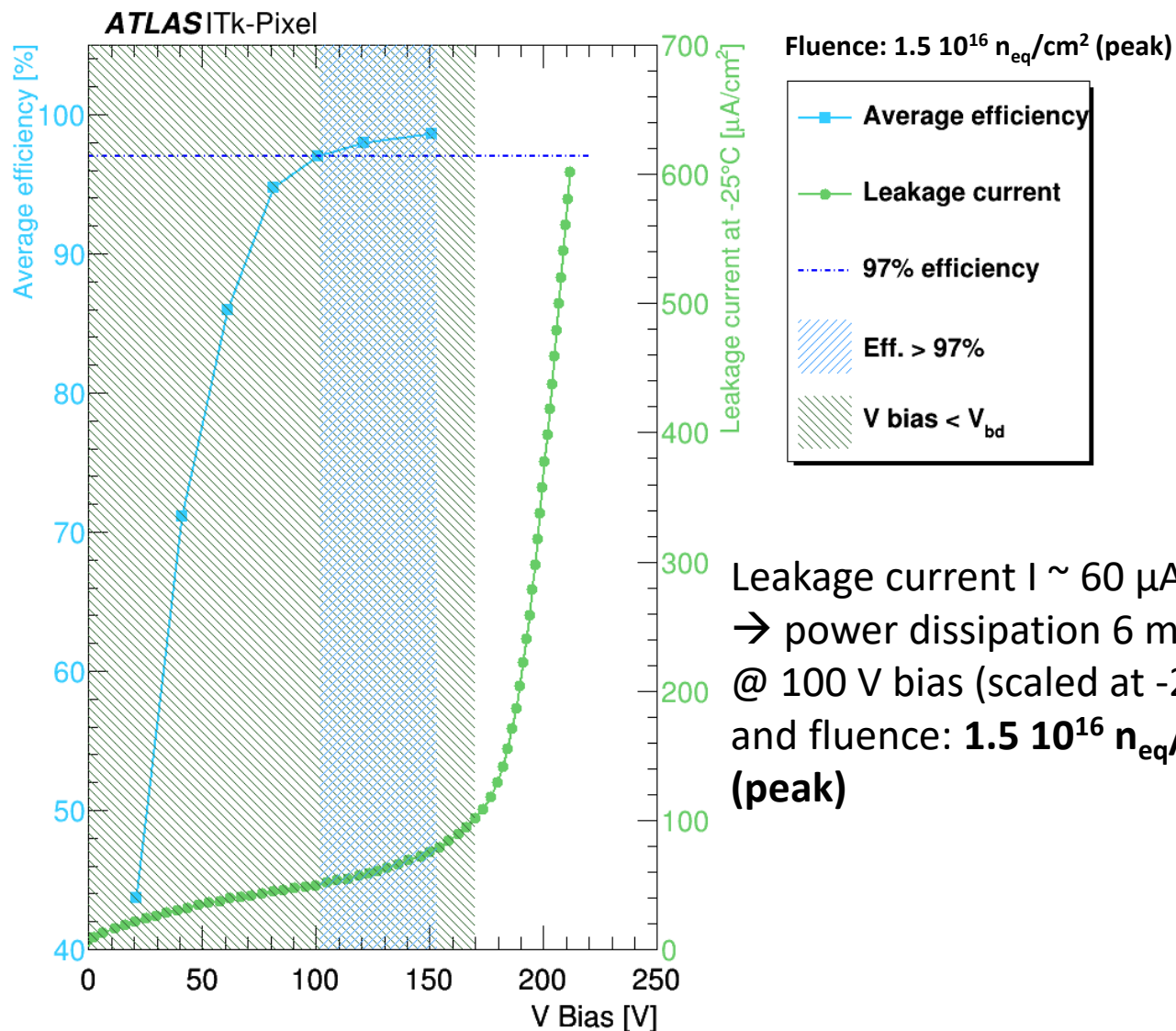
- Aluminium dosimeters were placed on the back of the sensors during irradiation
- After irradiation, dosimeters are cut in smaller pieces
  - Measured activity of Na-22 with Ge detector, from which the fluence is calculated
  - → a map of local measured fluence is obtained with granularity of squares / strips
- Fit the 2D map with a 2D gaussian distribution to obtain a map of fluence vs individual pixel
- Improve the map by correlating it to the noise map or efficiency map



Fluence accumulated during second irradiation, add  $10^{16} n_{eq}/cm^2$  for total fluence



# IV curve and noise

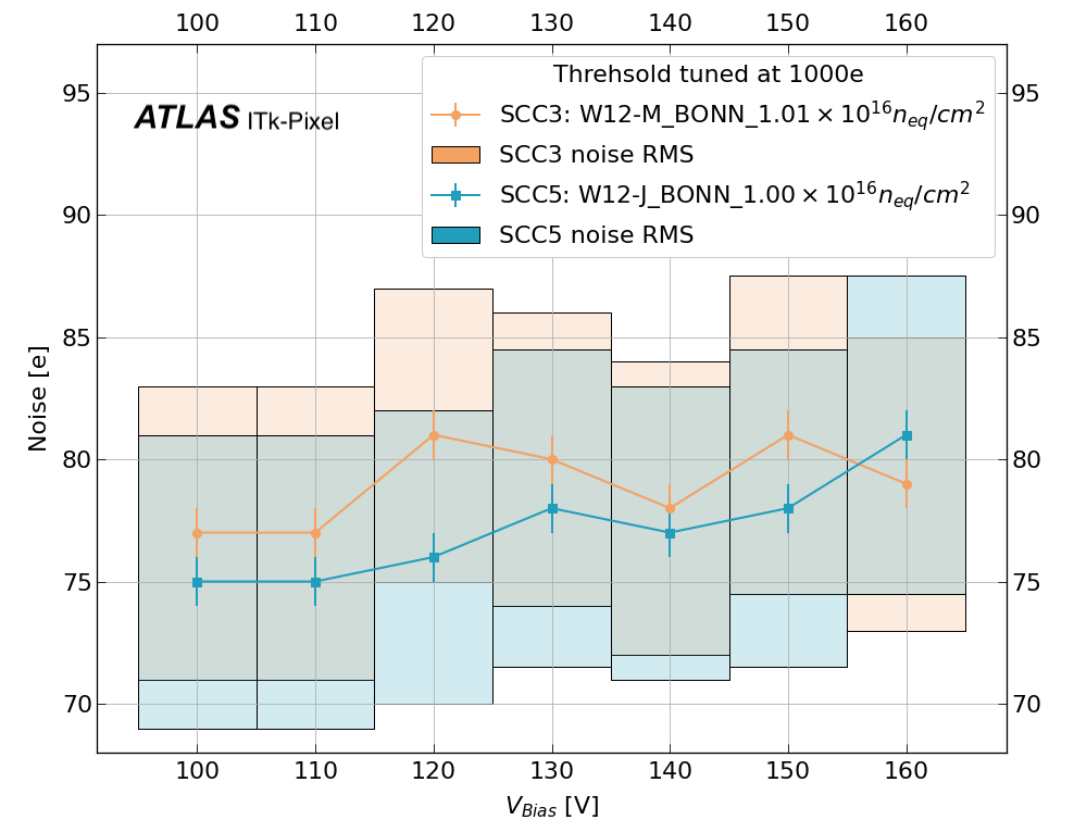
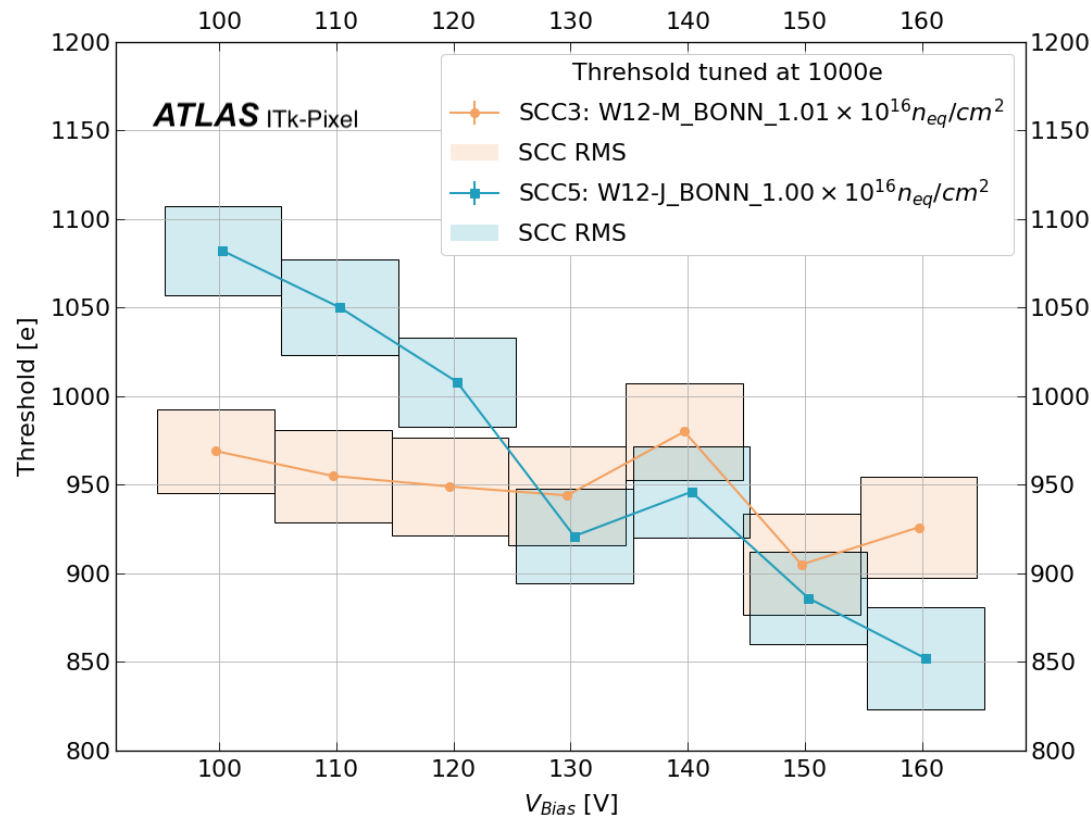


Sensor noise at fluence  $10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  stable over the entire  $V_{\text{bias}}$  range used in data taking at  $\sim 80\text{e}$  (same tuning done at 100V used for all  $V_{\text{bias}}$  values)

# Tuning strategy and stability at test beams in 2022

SCCs studied in test beams at CERN SPS after each irradiation

- Strategy (2022 TB campaign): tuned with target 1000e at 100V bias, same tuning used for all V bias
- Threshold and Noise distributions verified to be reasonably stable over a large V bias range



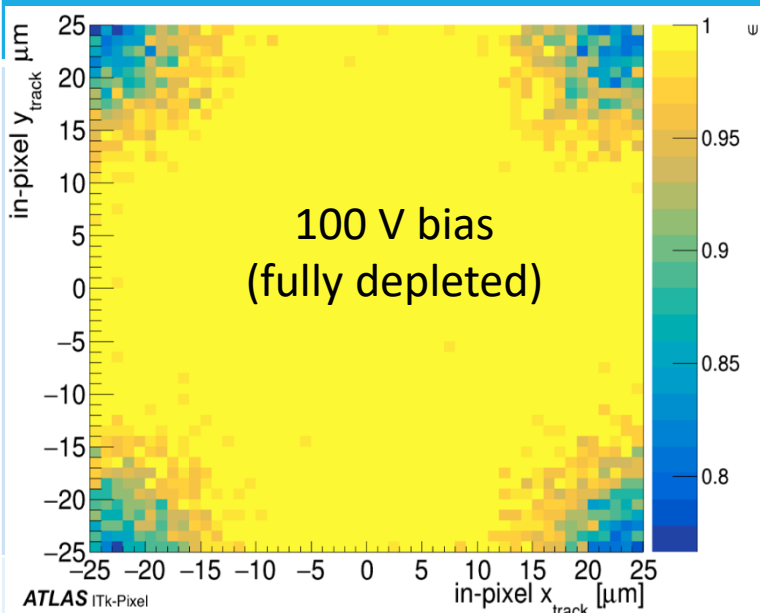
Plots with modules irradiated at  $10^{16} n_{eq}/cm^2$ , similar results after second irradiation

# In-pixel efficiency after irradiation

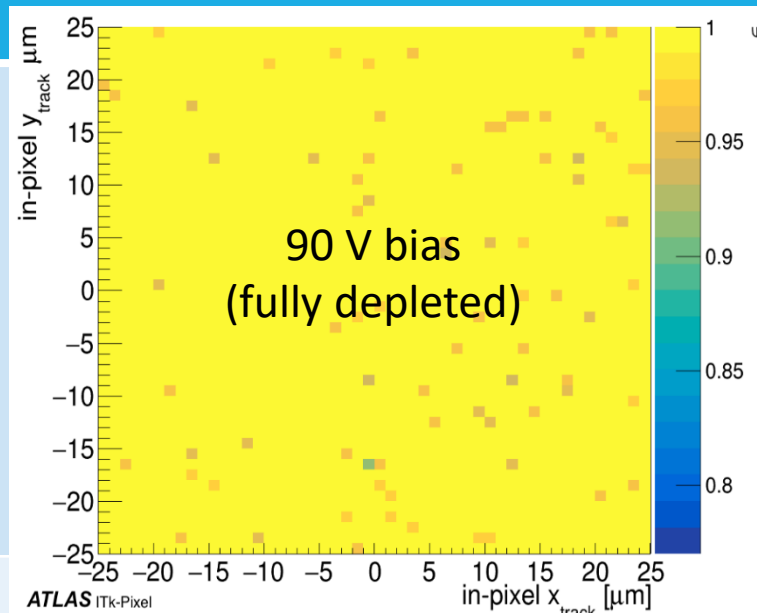
Fluence  
[ $\phi = 10^{16} n_{eq}/cm^2$ ]

$\Phi = 1$

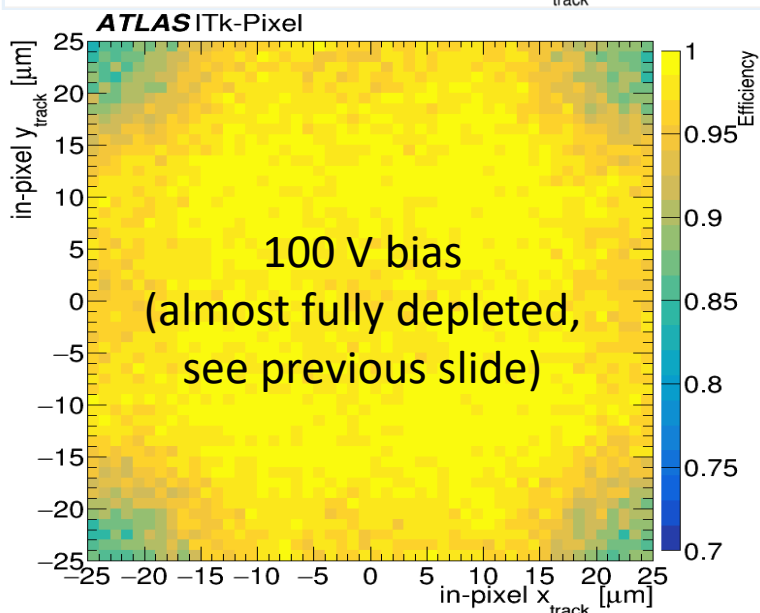
Tilt  $\Theta = 0^\circ$  w.r.t. beam direction



Tilt  $\Theta = 15^\circ$  w.r.t. beam direction



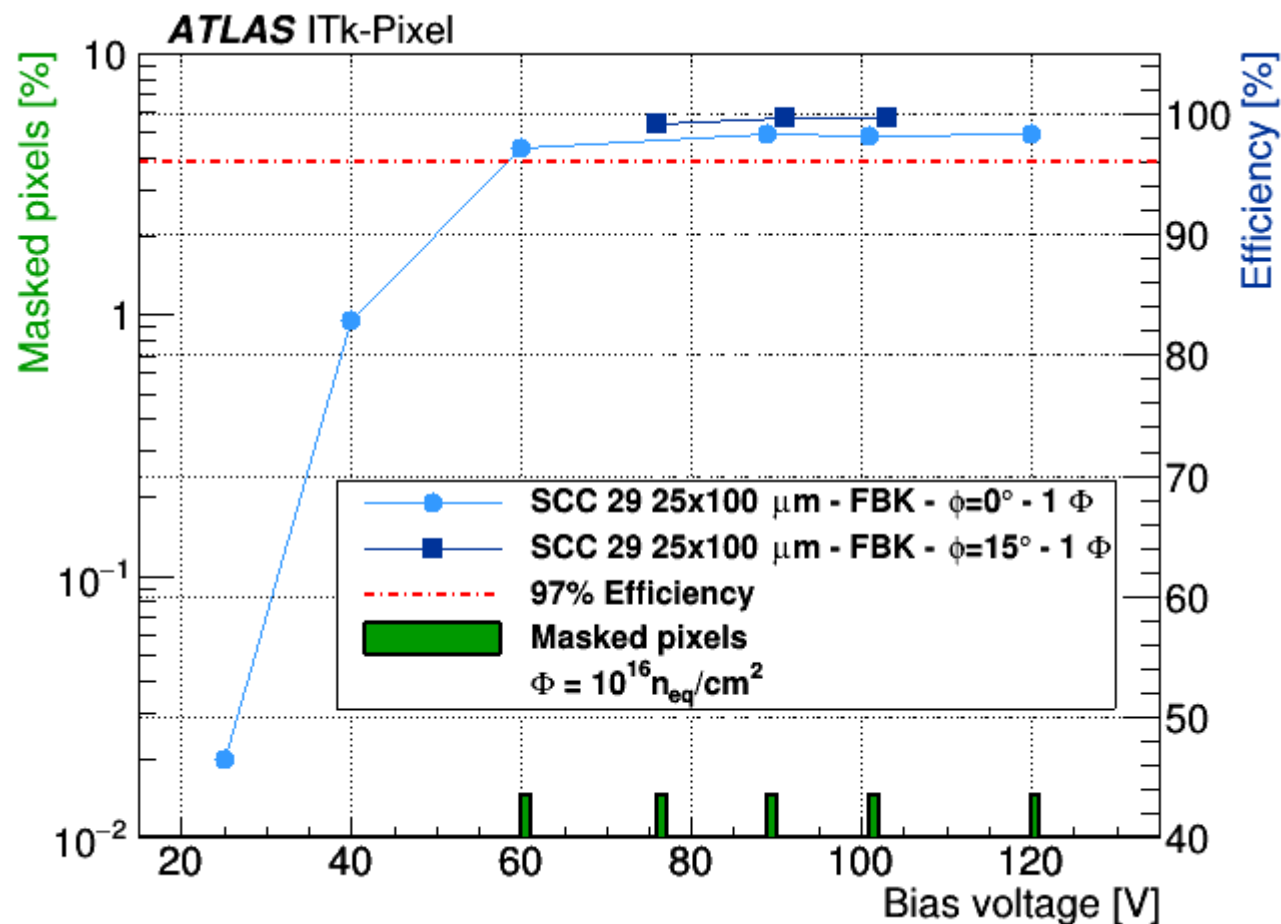
$\Phi =$  up to 1.9  
(Average  $\Phi \approx 1.6-1.7$ )



- Effect of  $p^+$  columns confirmed in perpendicular configuration
- Effect of  $p^+$  columns not visible in tilted configuration as expected
- Comparable max efficiency in central area

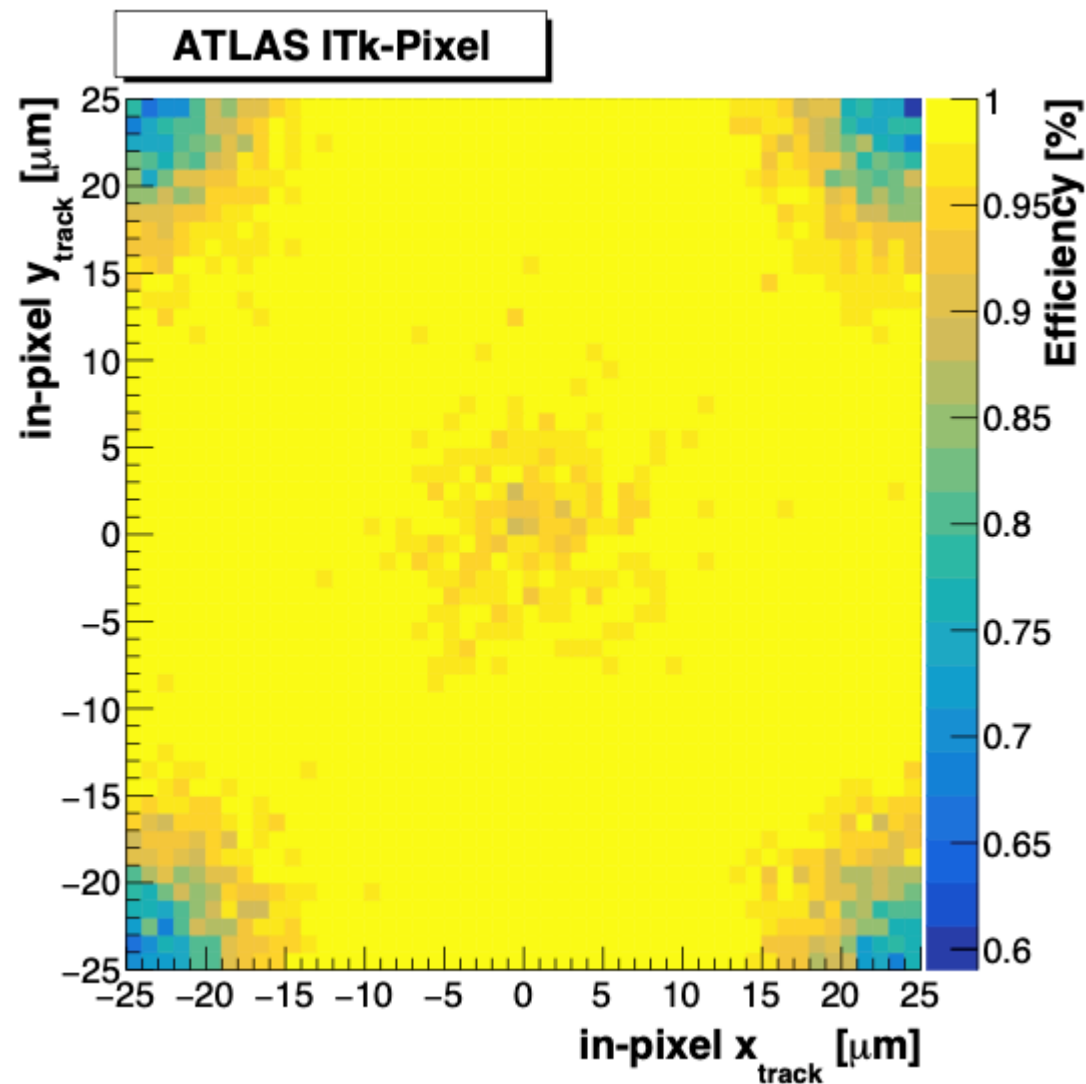
# Efficiency and masked pixels

Efficiency of FBK 25x100  
with fraction of masked  
pixels



# SINTEF irradiated in-pixel efficiency

SINTEF at  $10^{16} n_{eq}/cm^2$





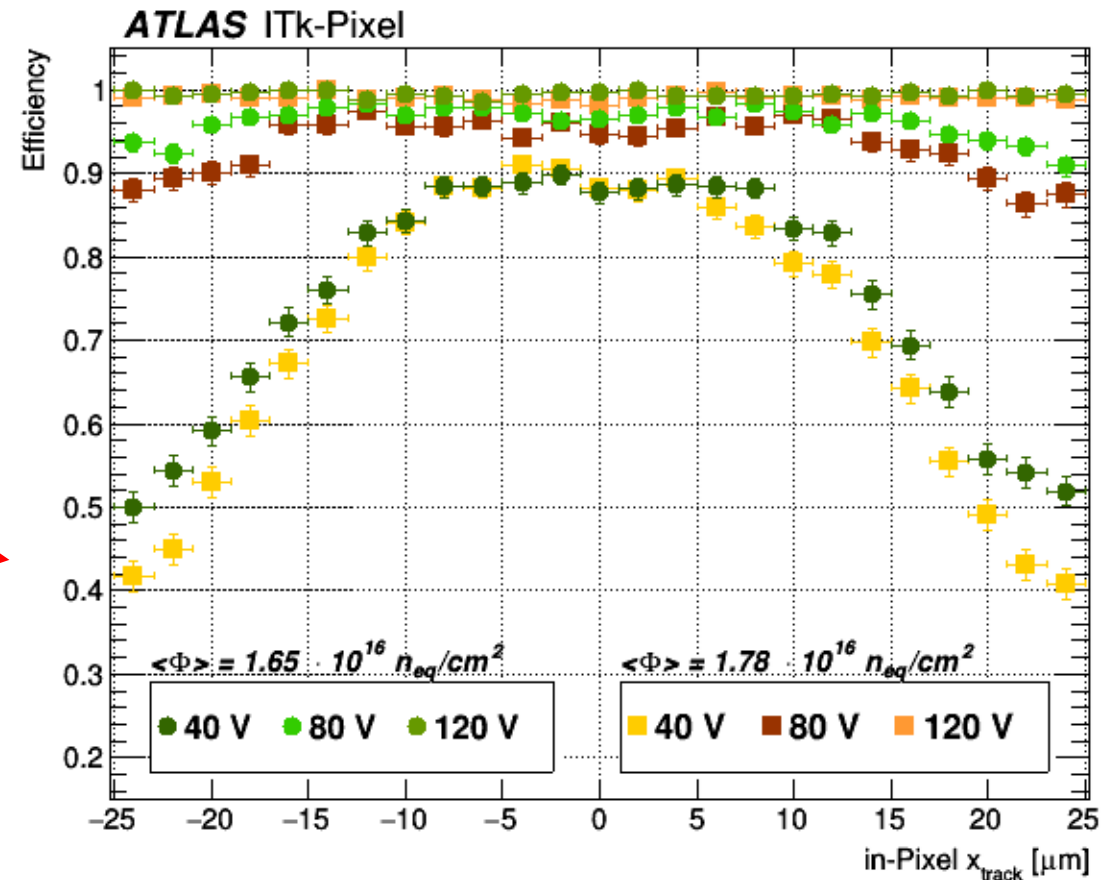
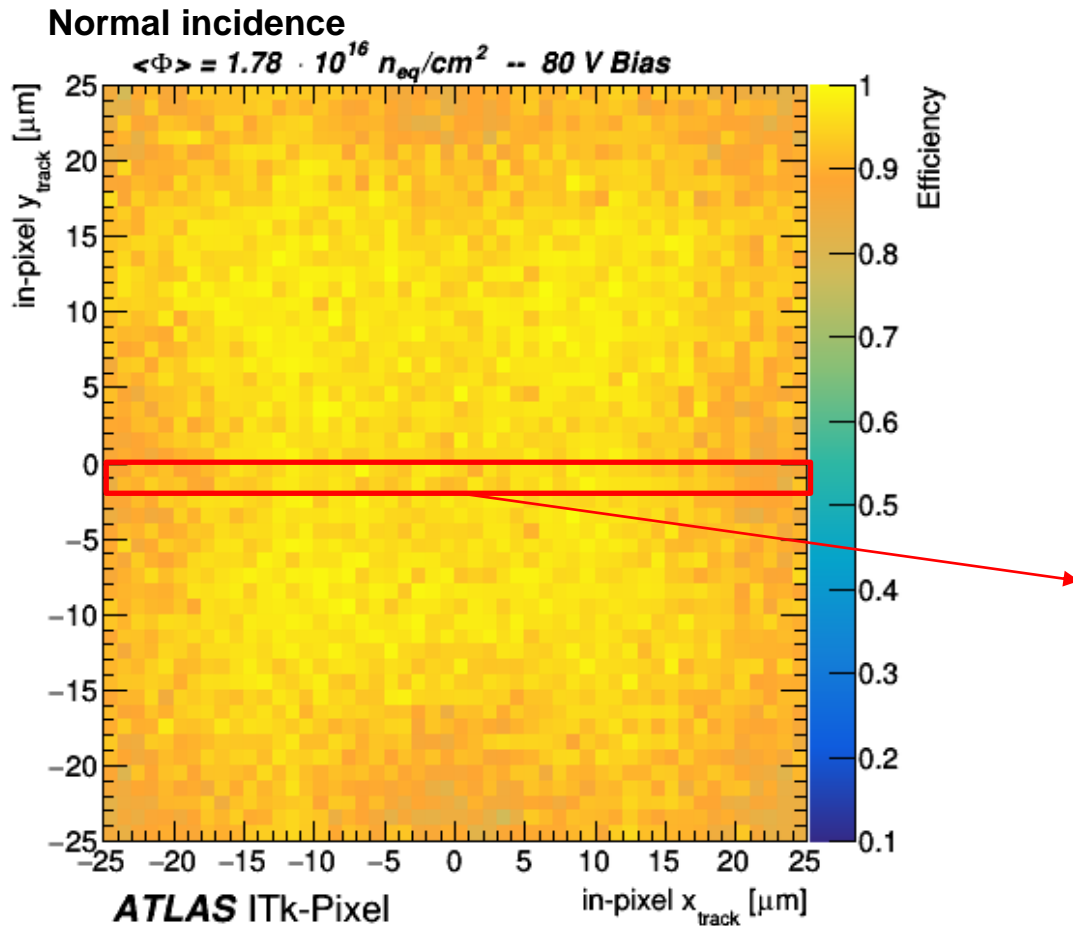
# Irradiated 3D pixel cell efficiency projections

Projection of the central row of the local efficiency map for different bias Voltages and fluences

FBK 50x50  $\mu\text{m}^2$

- Efficiency is lower for pixels which received higher fluence
- At 120V Bias no significant differences between the to fluence ranges
- At low bias (< 120 V) partial inefficiency in the middle of the cell ( $n^+$  column)

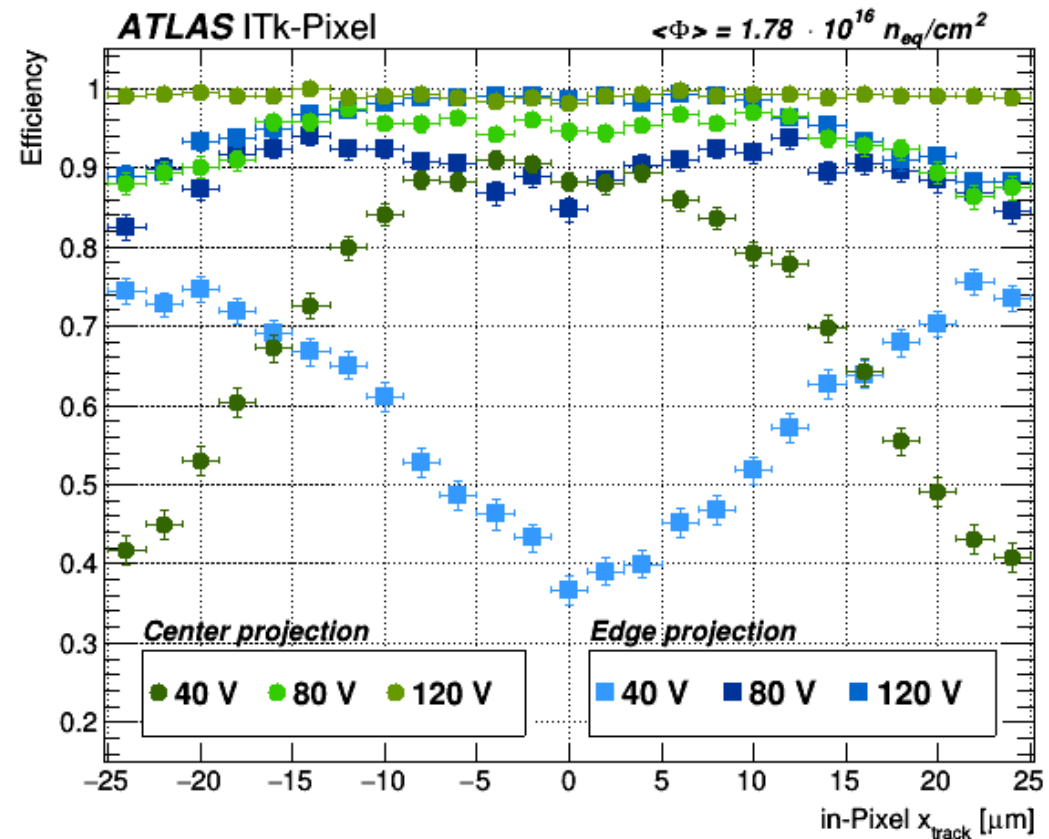
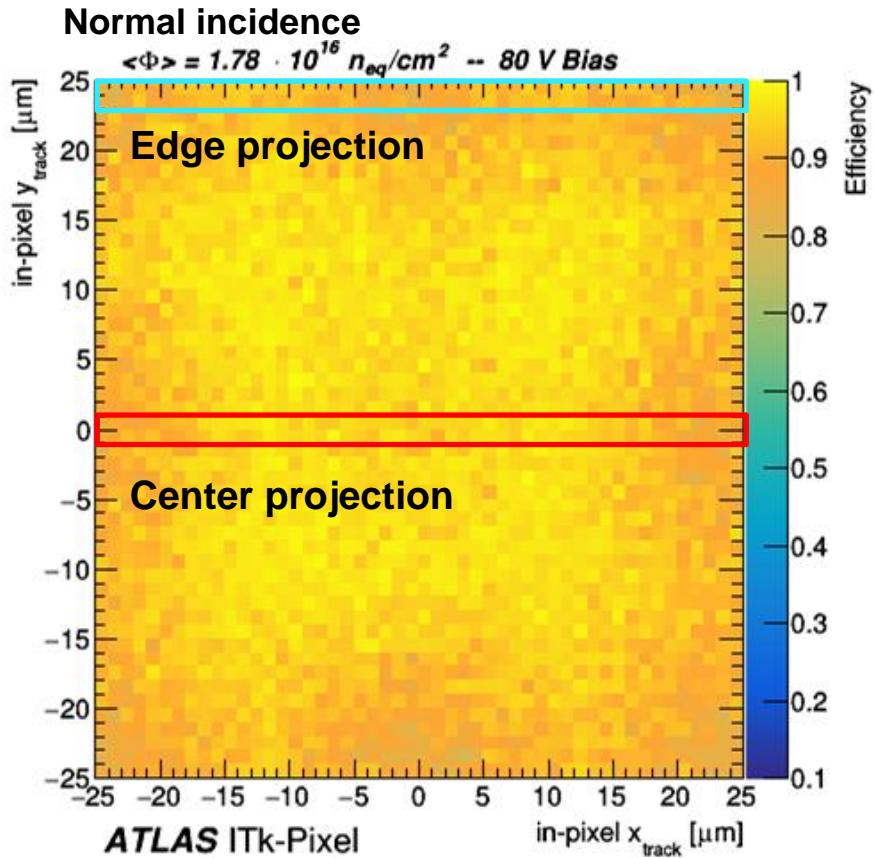
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# Irradiated 3D pixel cell efficiency projections

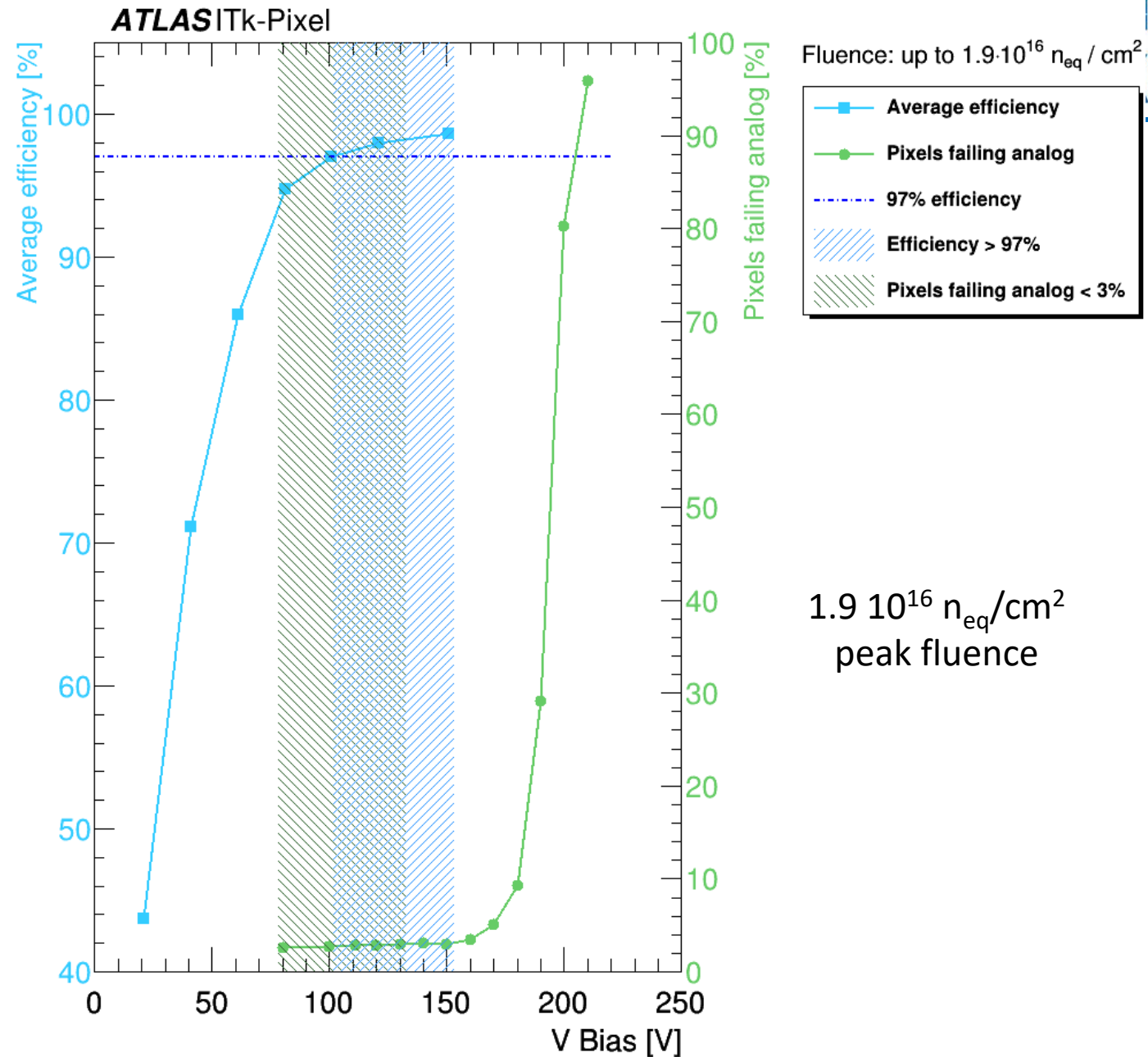
Projection of the central and top rows of the local efficiency map for different bias Voltages

- In the edge projection **lower efficiency areas are visible in corners** ( $p^+$  columns) also at 120 V
- At **120 V Bias** the **central region is fully depleted**
- The **lower efficiency in the middle of the edge** is related to a **lower electric field** in this region



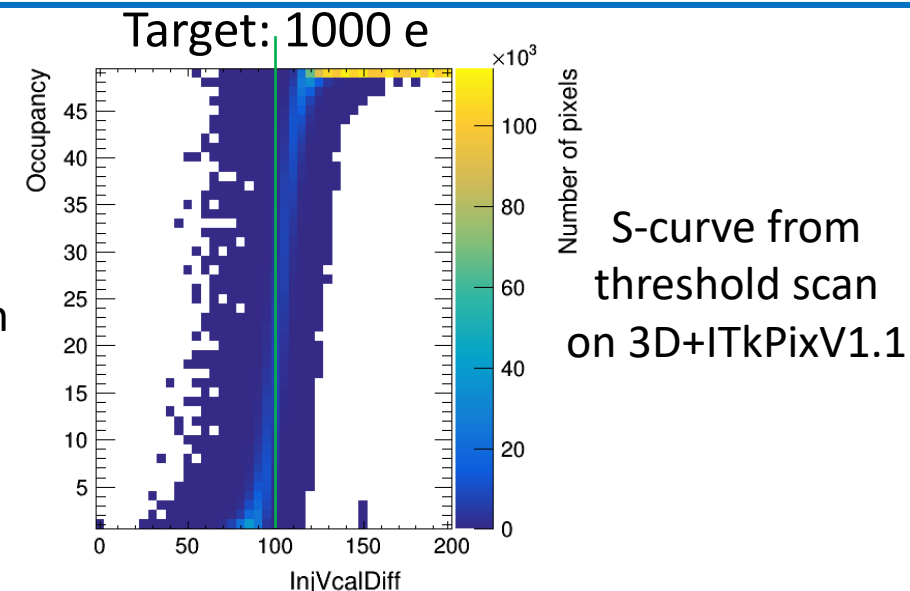
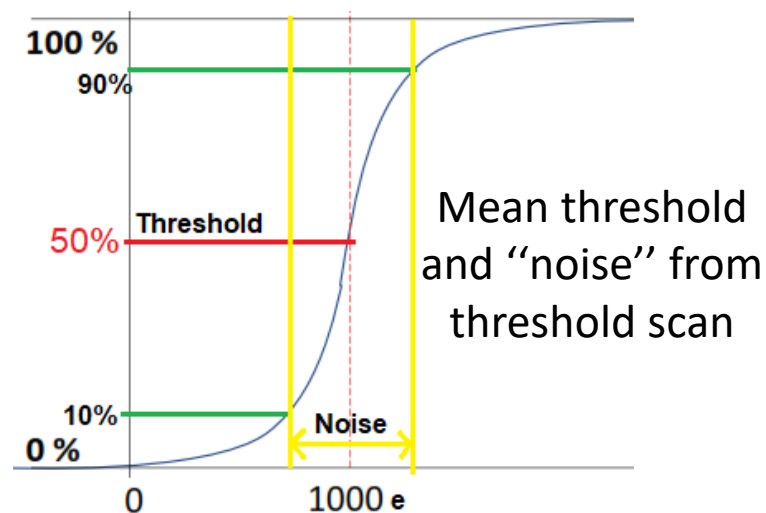
# Operability window

- Observed number of noisy / disabled pixels increasing at high voltages (>120V bias)
  - same tuning (1000e @ 100V bias) used for all V bias → may be reduced by tuning at each voltage → under investigation
- performed **analog scan vs V bias** to study the effect systematically
  - Slow increase at around ~3% failing pixels up to about ~150V bias
  - Faster rise next to breakdown voltage
  - Possibility to improve the 3% failing plateau under investigation
- The operability window is reasonably the overlap between the region at high efficiency and the region with low fraction of failing pixels: ~100V to ~160V bias in this example

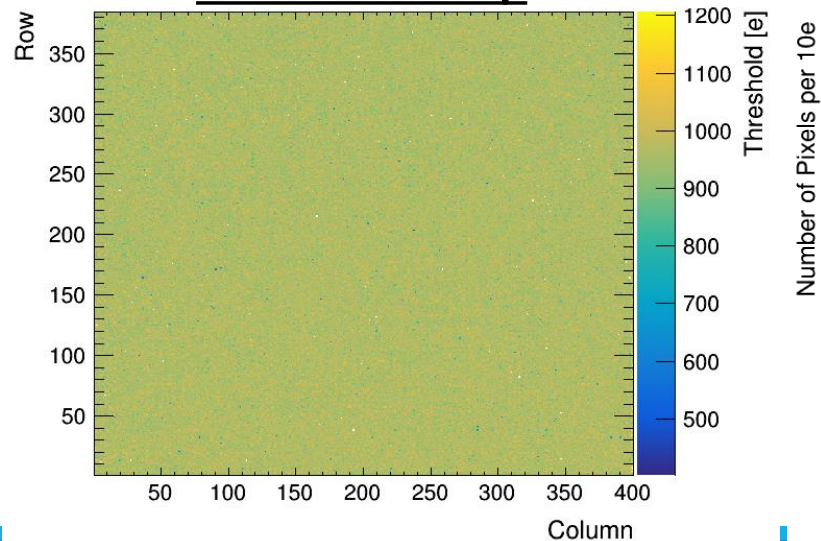


# ITkPixV1.1 chip: threshold tuning

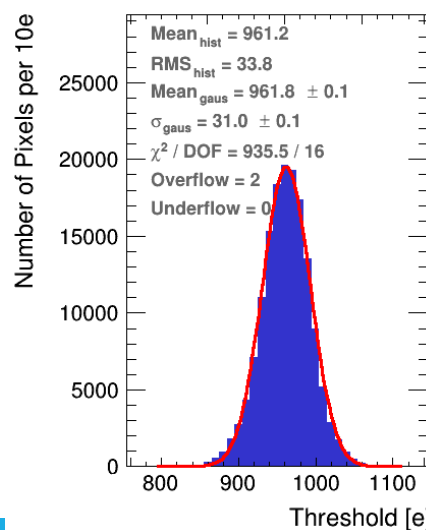
- Test with YARR DAQ @ 640 Mbps
- Threshold tuned to 1000 e
- Homogeneous distribution
  - ITkPixV1.1 cell:  $50 \times 50 \mu\text{m}^2$
  - Matrix: 384x400 pixels



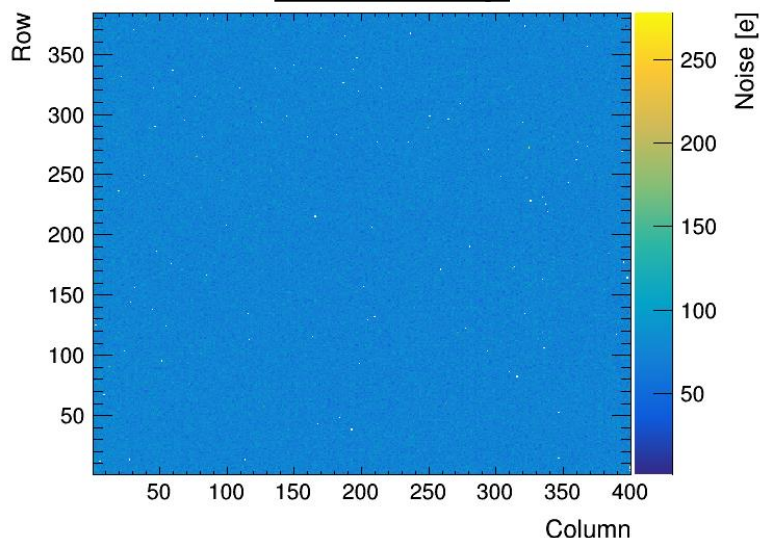
### Threshold map



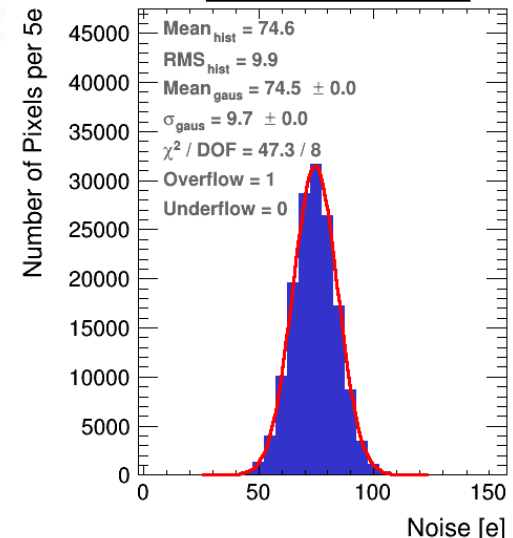
### Distribution



### Noise map



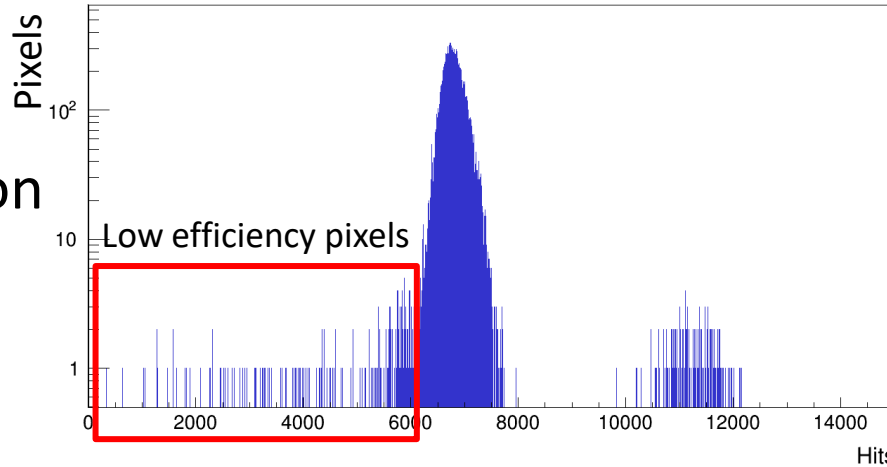
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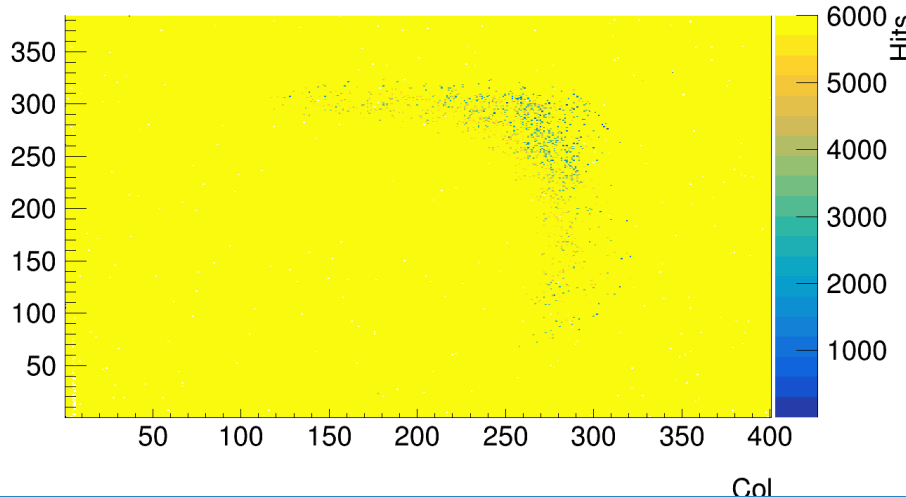
# X-ray scan results: issues on SCC 5 and 6

- 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

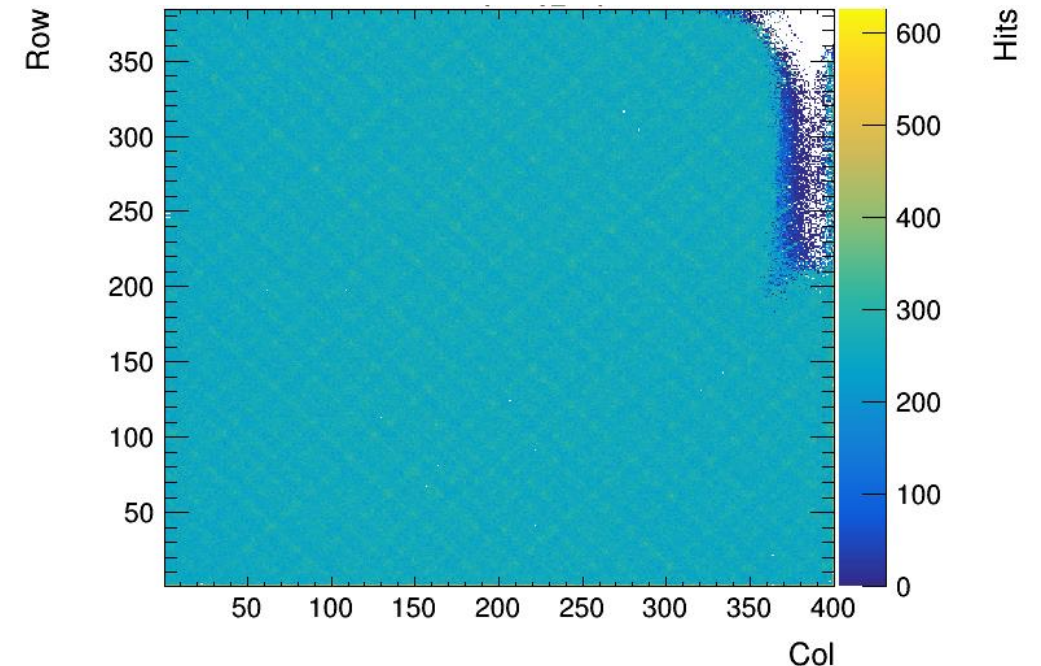


**SCC 5:**  
About 1000  
low  
efficiency  
pixels  
( $< 6000$  hits)



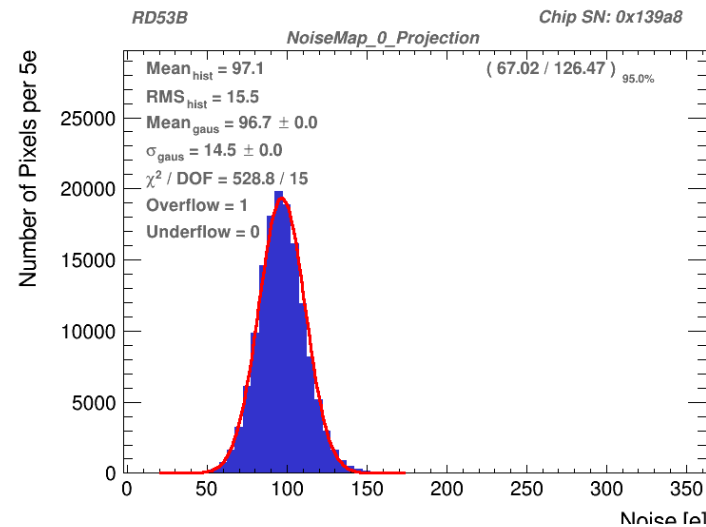
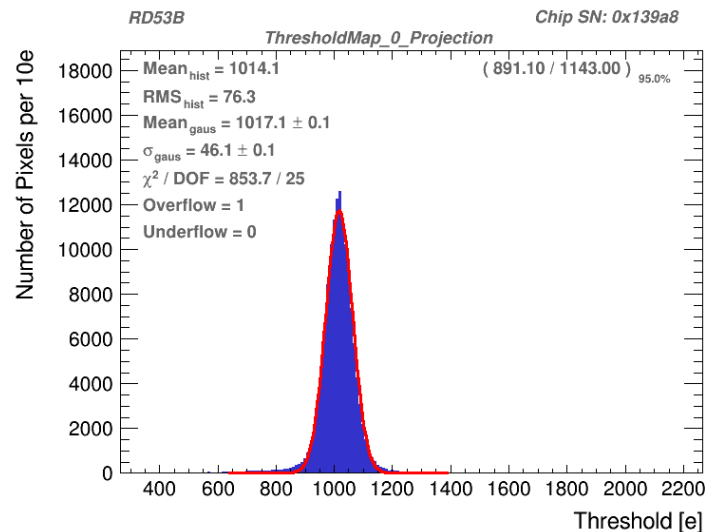
- Large bump disconnection area in the corner

**SCC 6:** hit map

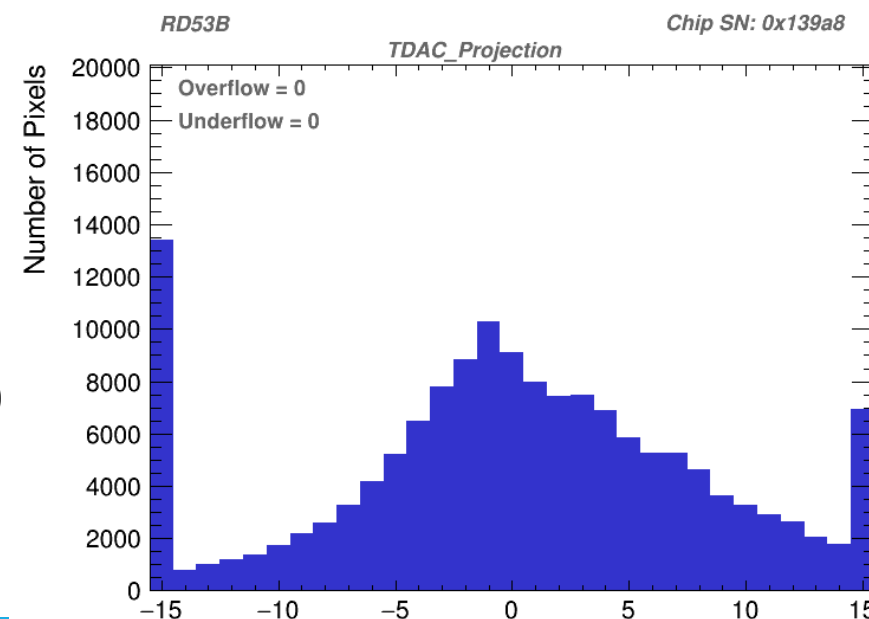
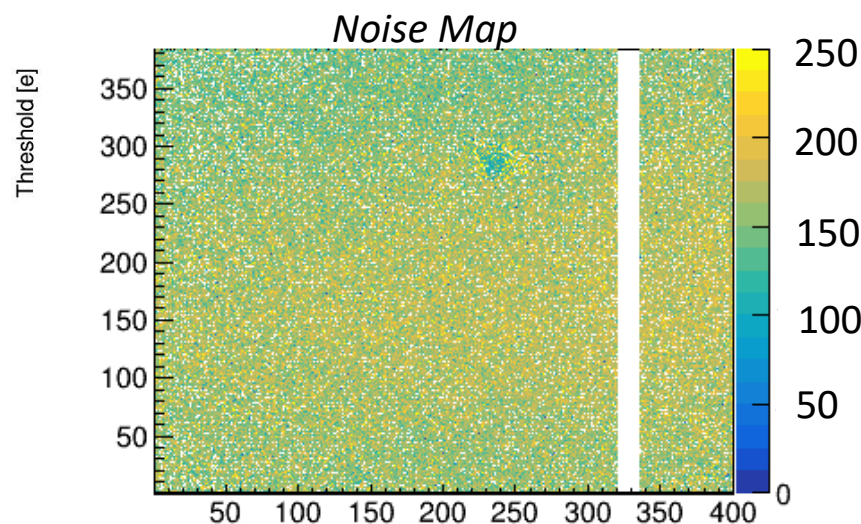
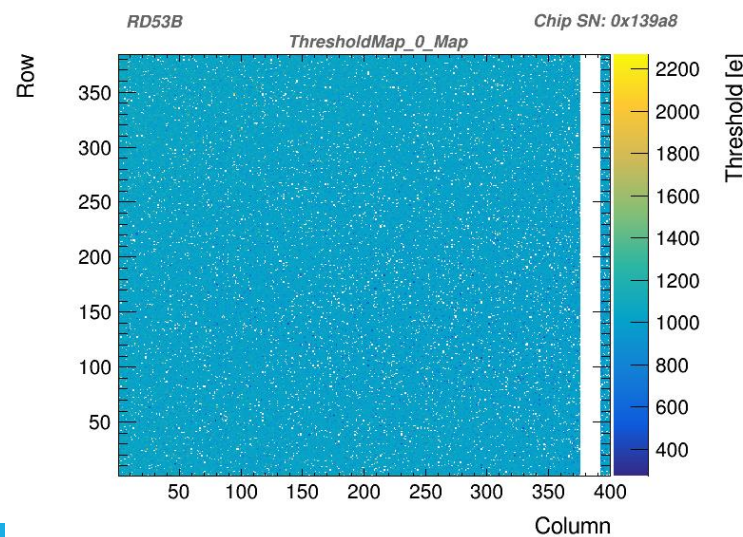


# SCC 3: irradiated 1e16 (Bonn) + up to 0.9e16 (IRRAD)

- 100 V bias → Threshold scan after tuning to 1000 e → 2 disabled core columns

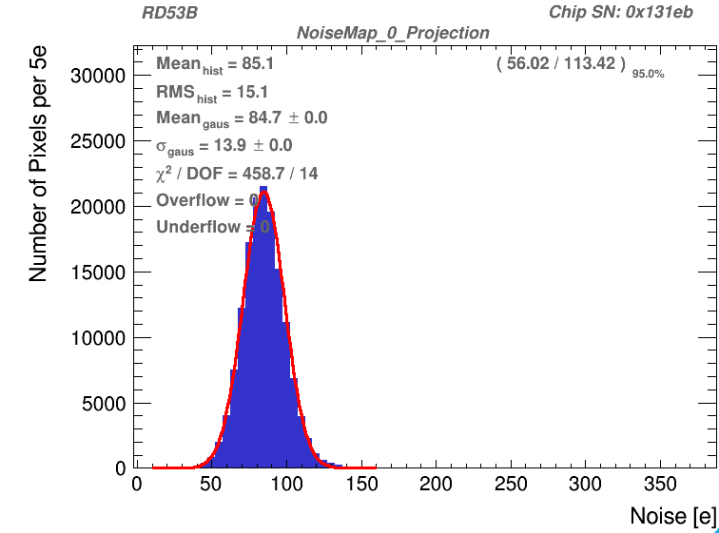
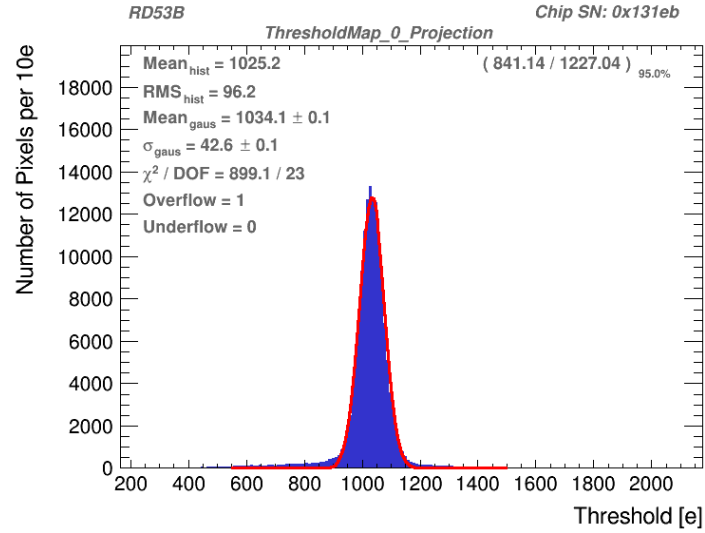


Visible irradiation profile --> to be fitted to improve the fluence map

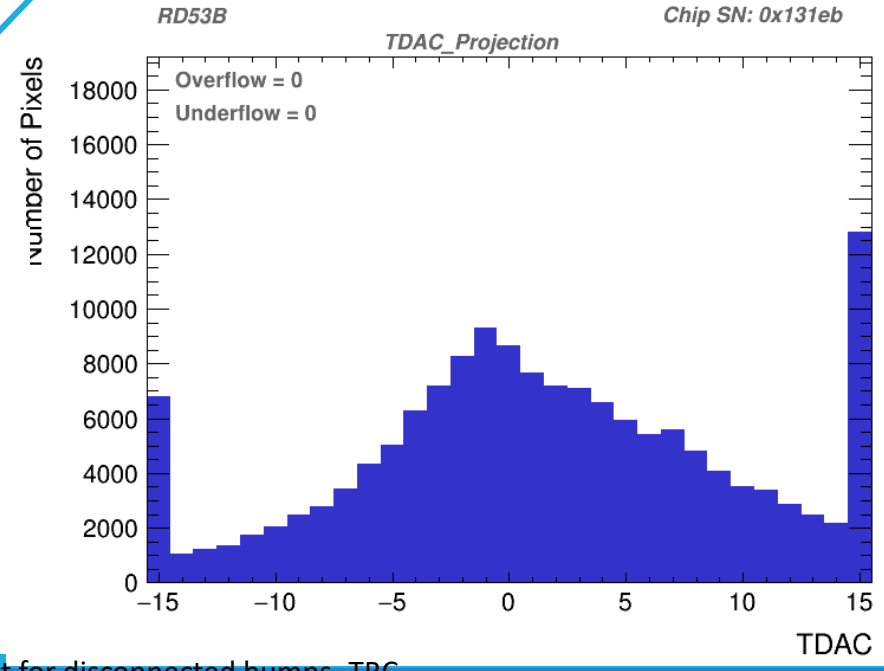
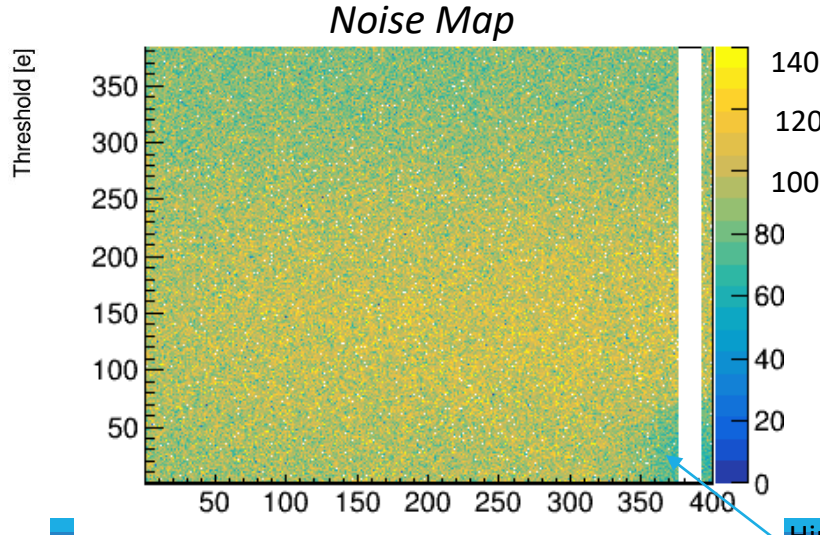
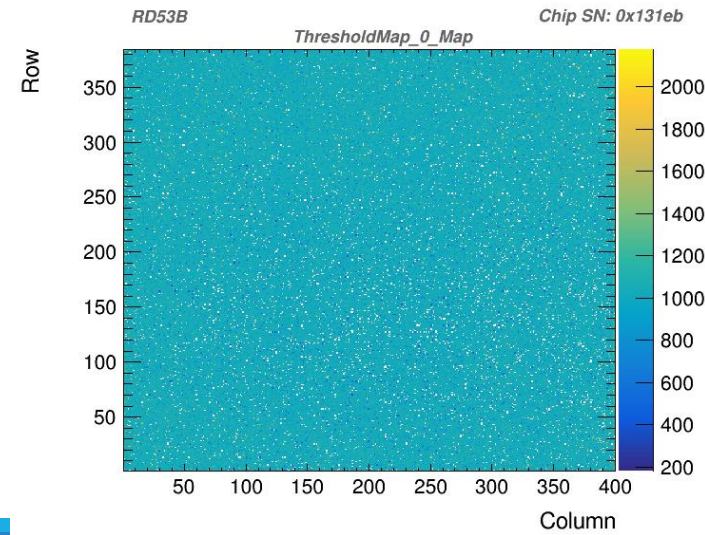


# SCC 5: irradiated 1e16 (Bonn) + up to 0.9e16 (IRRAD)

- 100 V bias → Threshold scan after tuning to 1000 e



Visible irradiation profile --> to be fitted to improve the fluence map

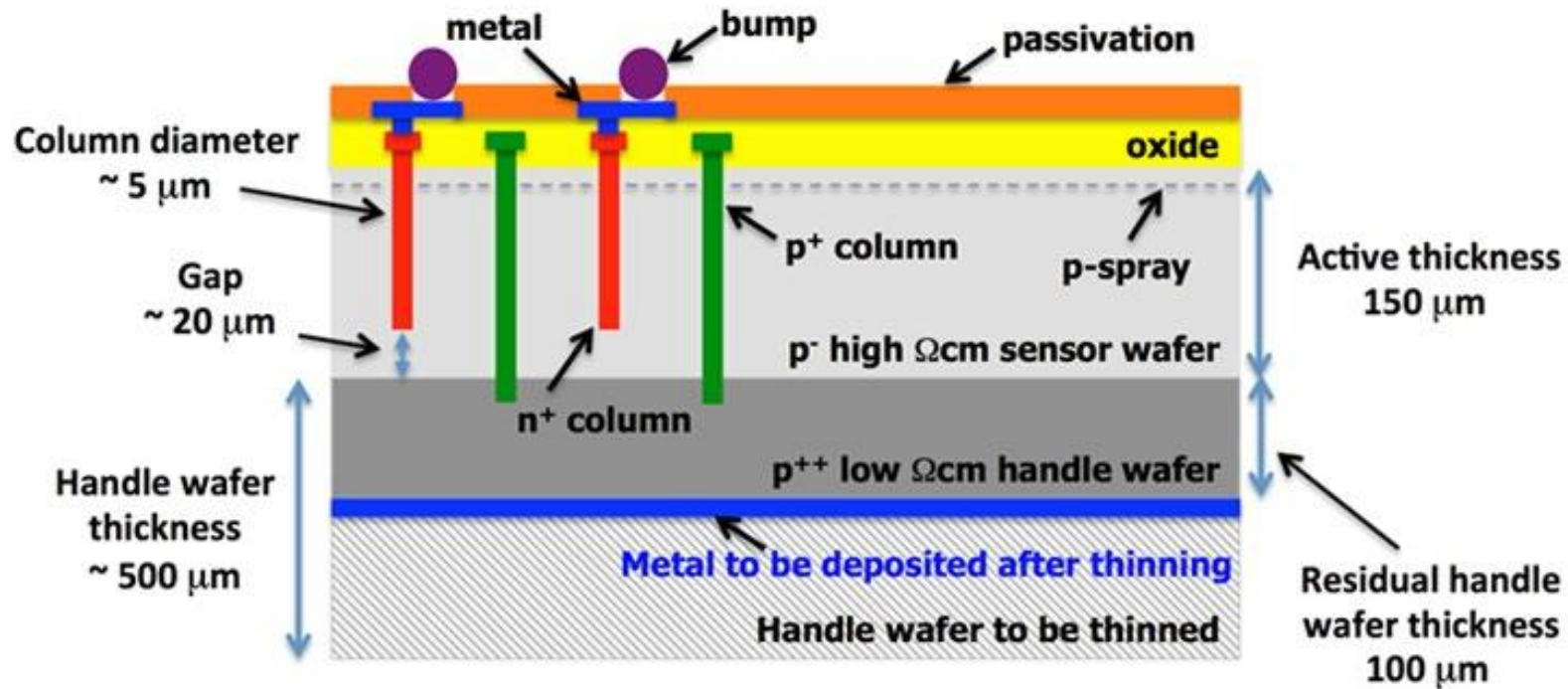


Hint for disconnected bumps- TBC

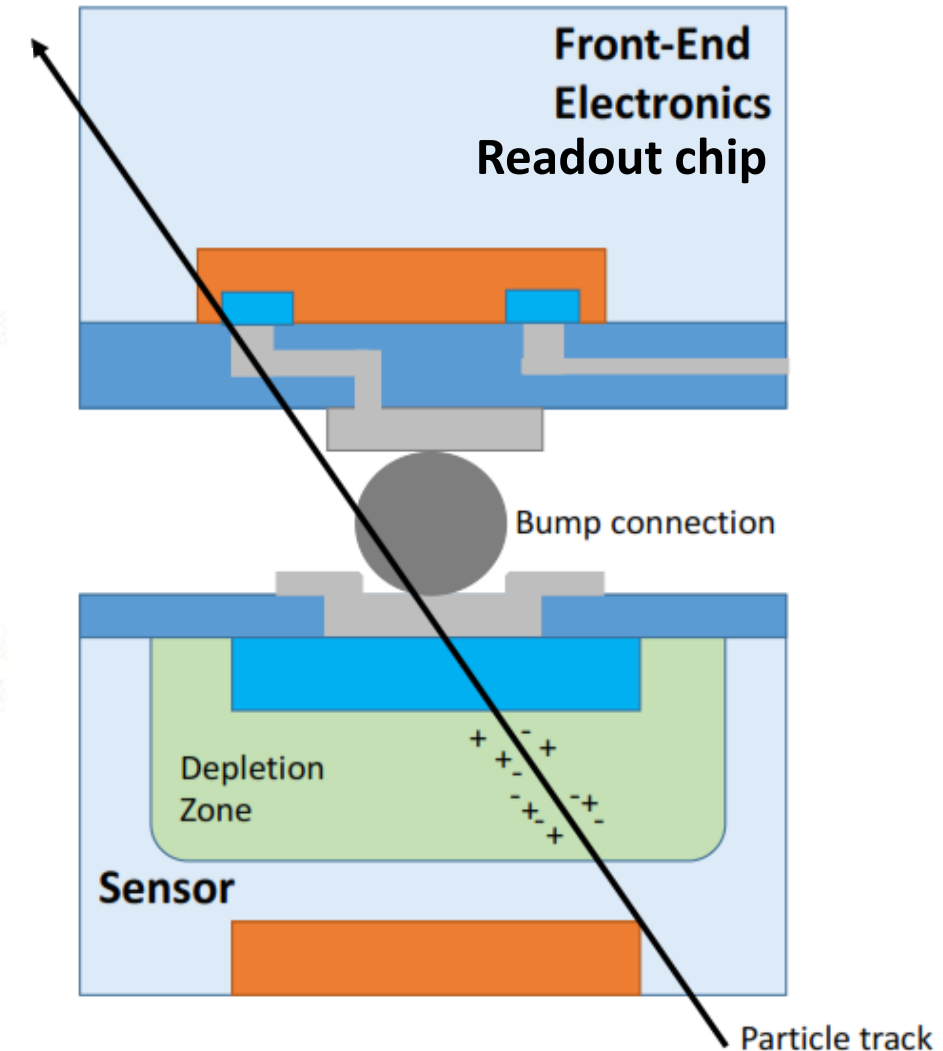




## 3D Sensor

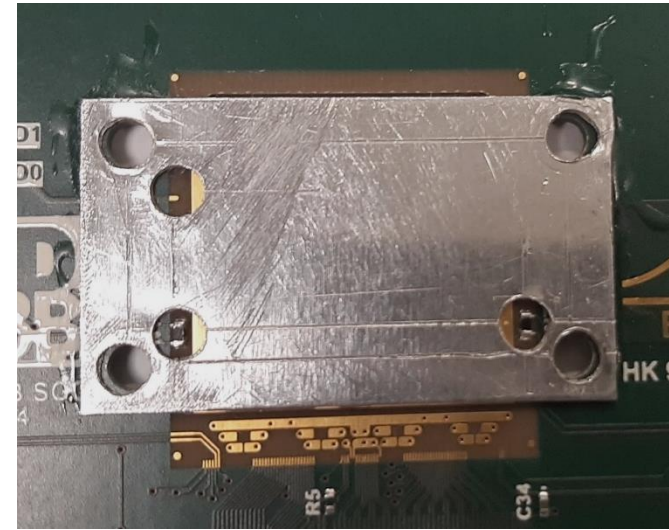
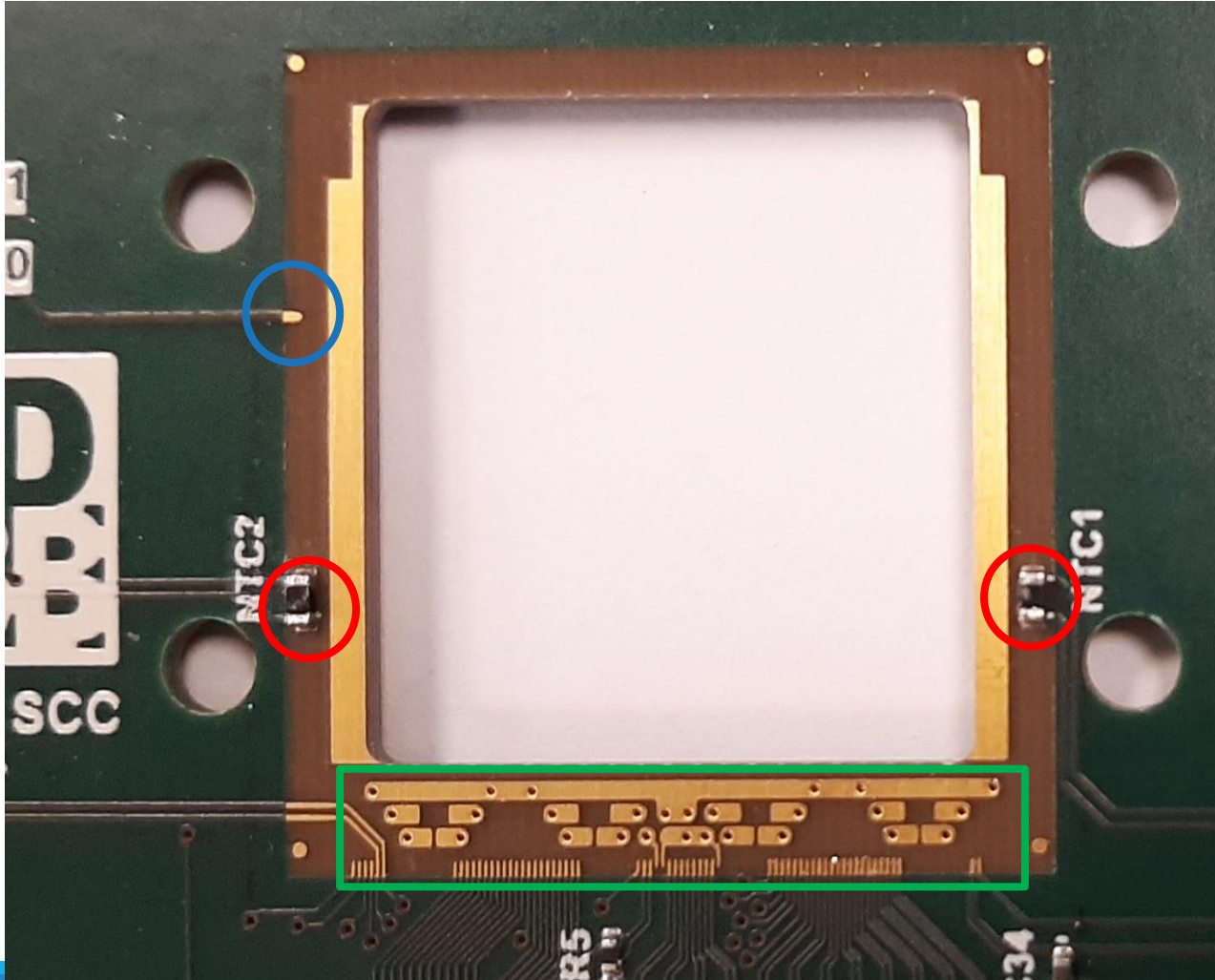


## Bare module

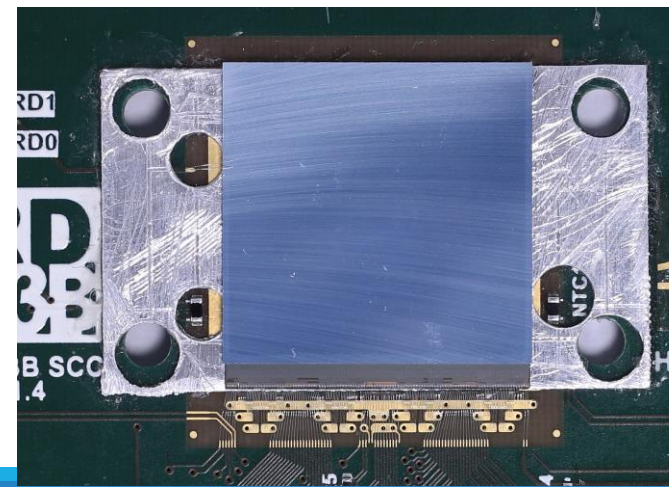


# Preparation of the SCC for the assembly

- SCC have been prepared in Genova for irradiation → removed material behind bare module
- SCC v1.4: **NTCs**, **HV bond pad**, **WB pads**



- Thin (0.5 mm) Aluminum plate glued with Araldite 2011



- Bare module glued with Araldite 2011 and wirebonded