

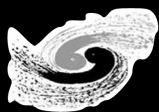
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# DEVELOPMENT OF LGAD BASED 4D OUTER TIME-TRACKER FOR CEPC

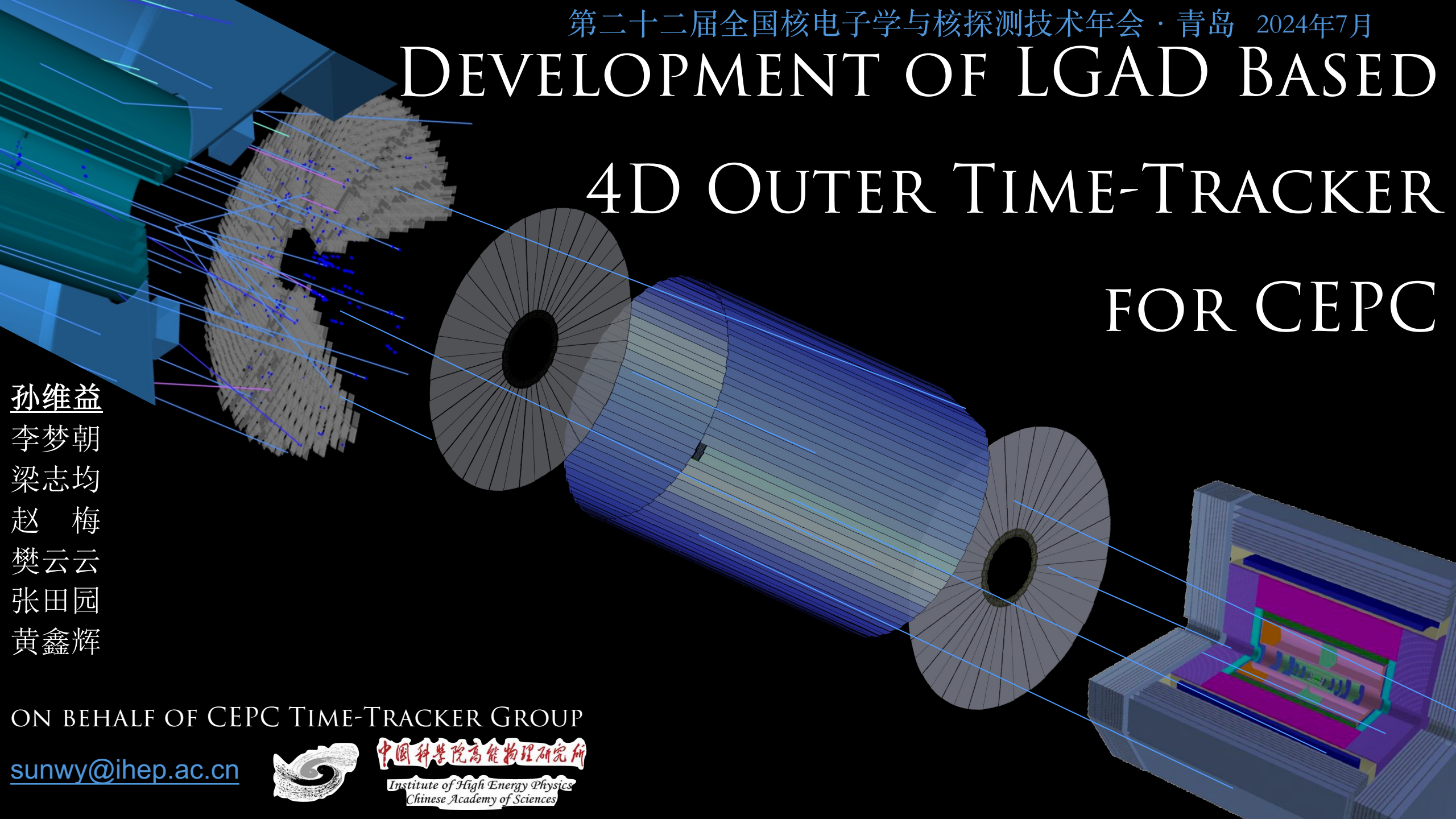
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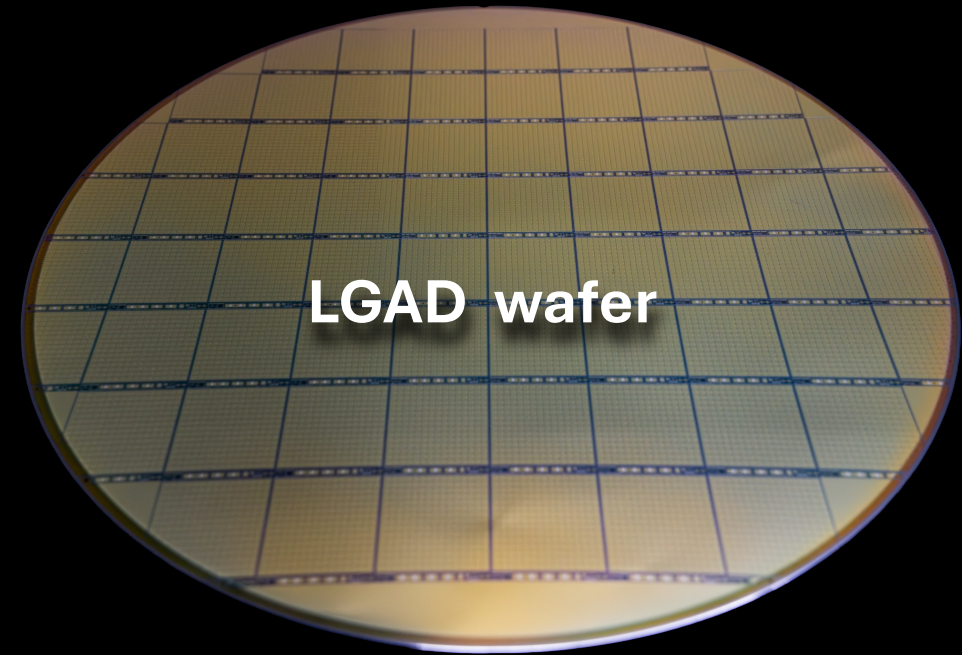
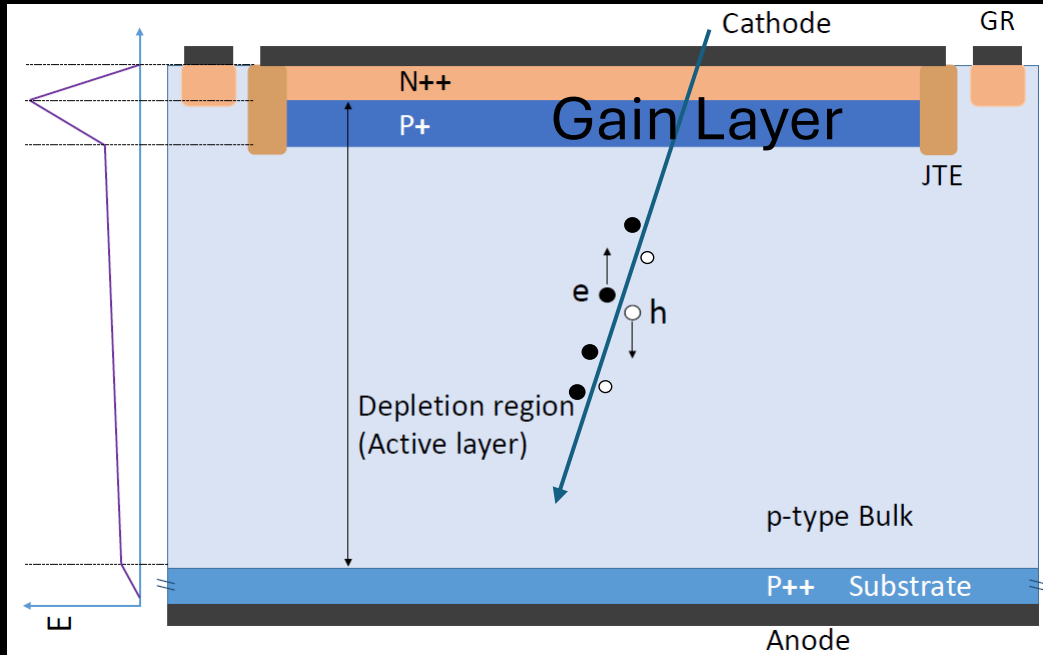
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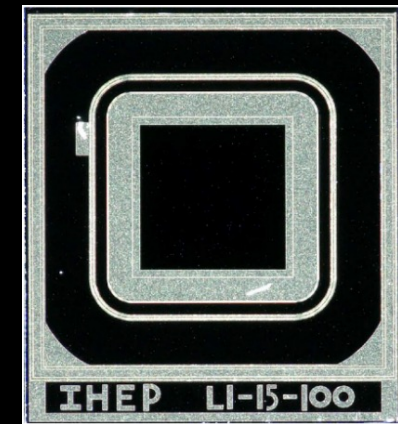
# I Introduction | LGAD Overview



LGAD wafer

## LGAD (Low-Gain Avalanche Diode)

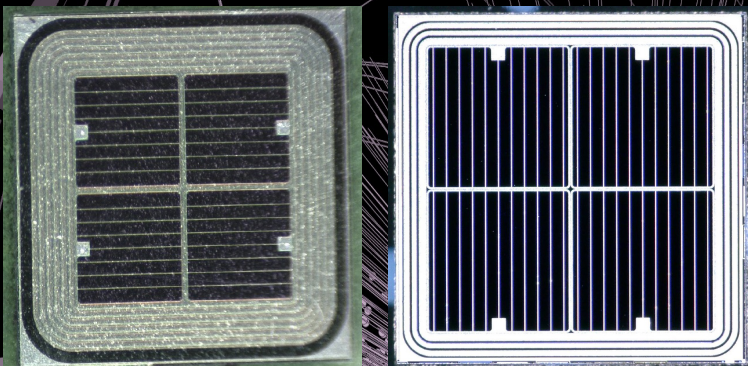
- N-on-P silicon diode, with highly doped **p-layer** beneath N++
- Excellent time resolution for MIP particles
- **Active thickness 50  $\mu\text{m}$**
- Low Gain **10-50** with fast signal and good signal to noise ratio
- **Time resolution ~ 30-50ps**



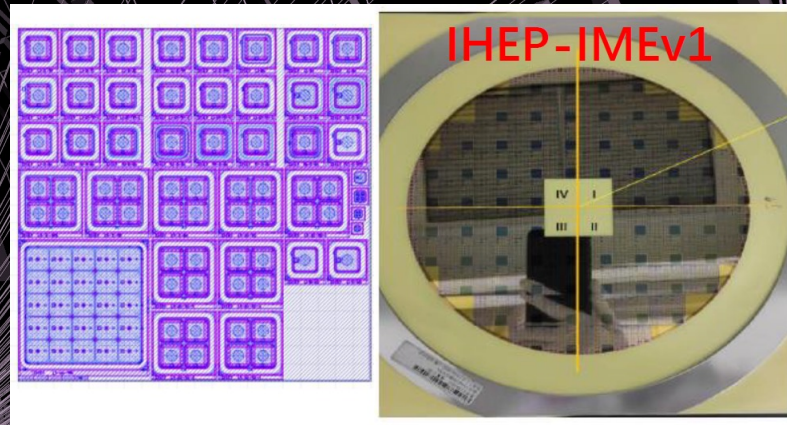
Single LGAD sensor

# I Introduction | IHEP LGAD Timeline

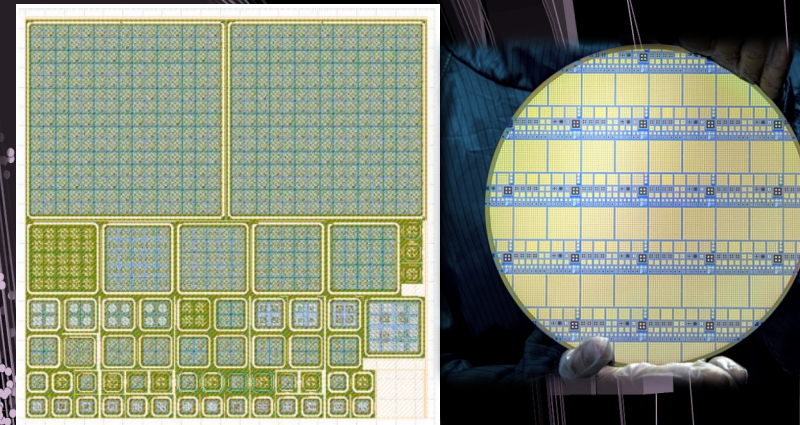
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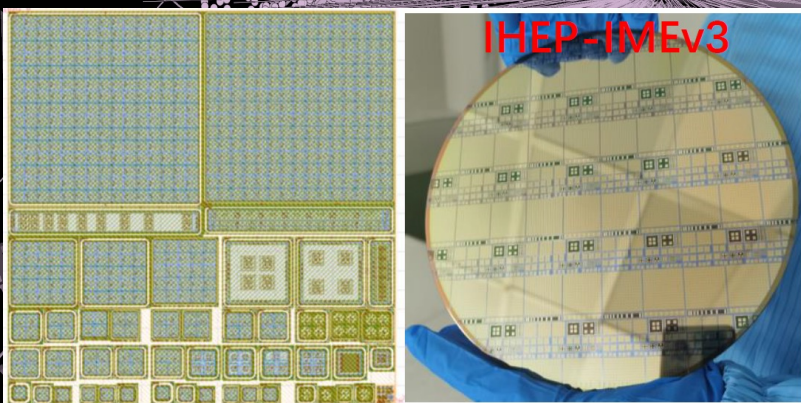
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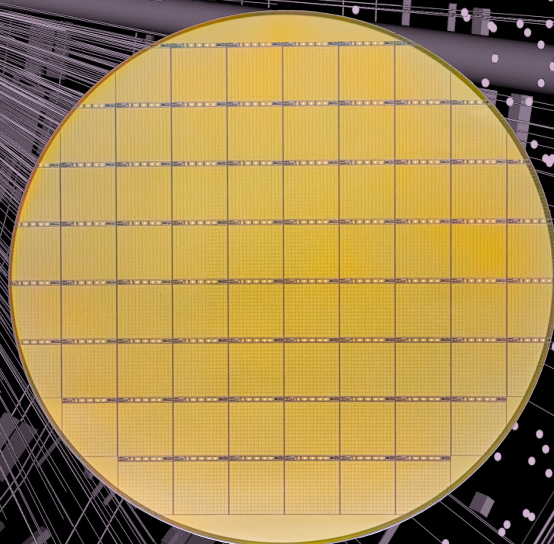
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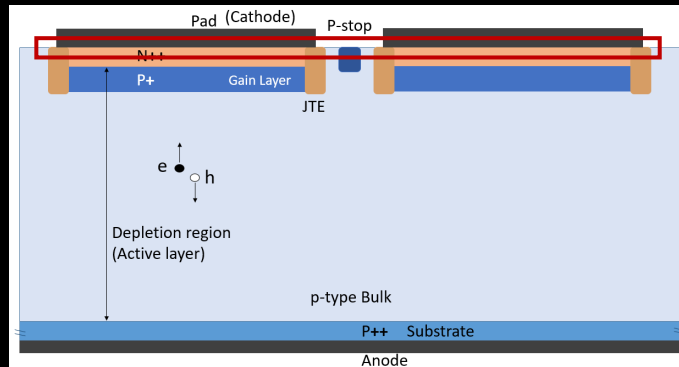


Pre-production for ATLAS (2023.7)



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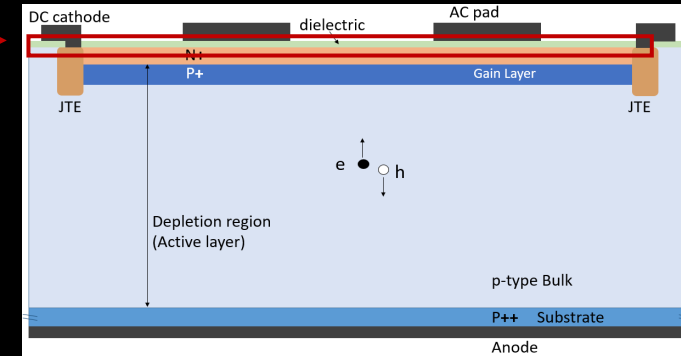
# I Introduction | AC-LGAD



**LGAD (Low-Gain Avalanche Diode)**

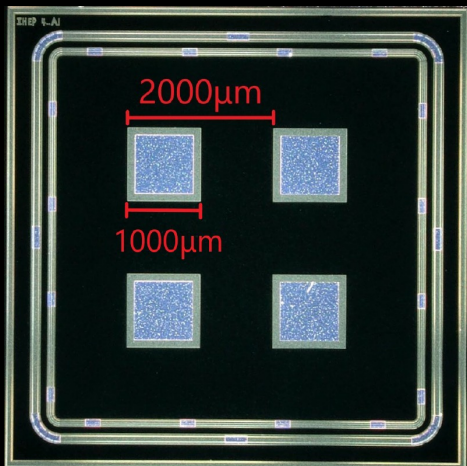
- Metal pads are connected to n++ layer
- Time resolution ~ 30ps
- Position resolution: pixel size/ $\sqrt{12}$
- Radiation hardness:  $10^{15} \sim 10^{16} n_{eq}/cm^2$

*Dielectric*



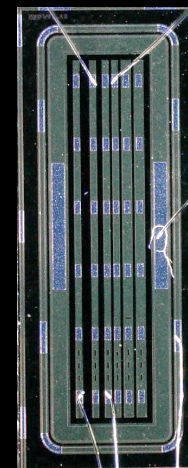
**AC-LGAD (AC-coupled LGAD)**

- Metal AC-pads are separated
- No dead zone (100% fill factor)
- Time resolution ~ 30ps
- Position resolution: 5~10  $\mu m$
- Radiation hardness:  $10^{15} \sim 10^{16} n_{eq}/cm^2$



**Pixels AC-LGAD:**

- Pitch size 2000 $\mu m$
- pad size 1000 $\mu m$



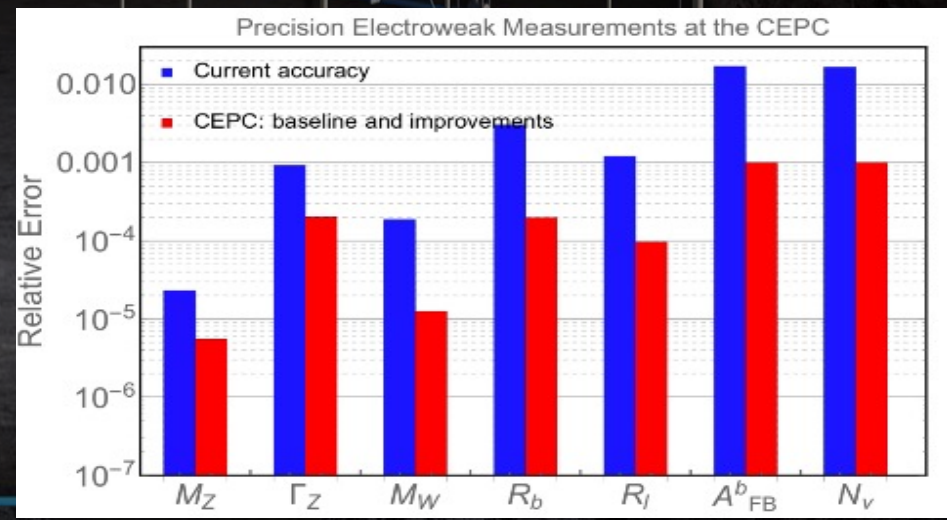
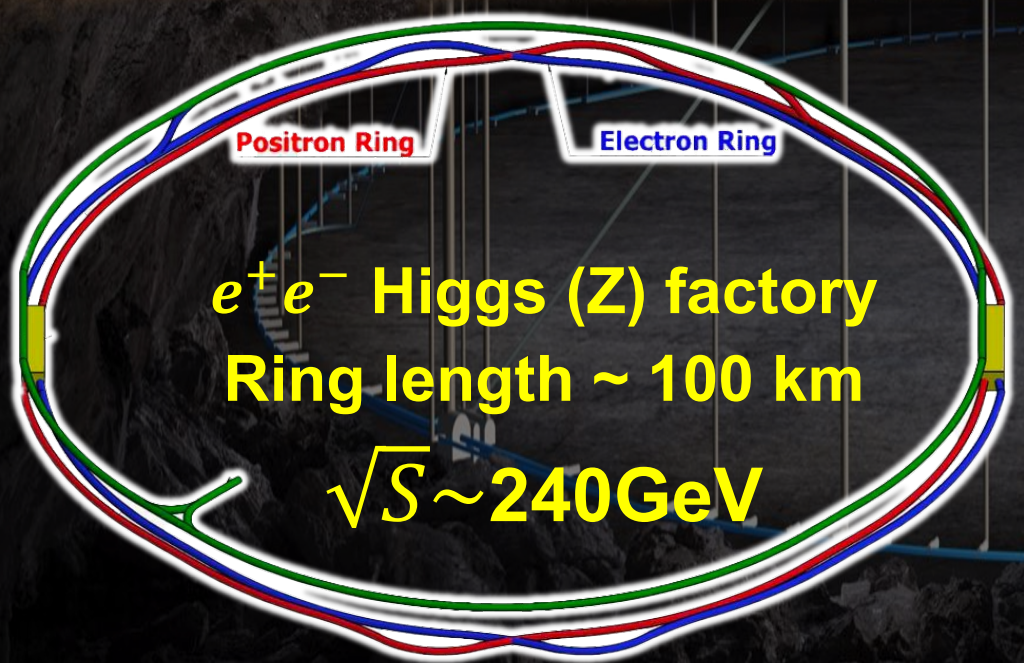
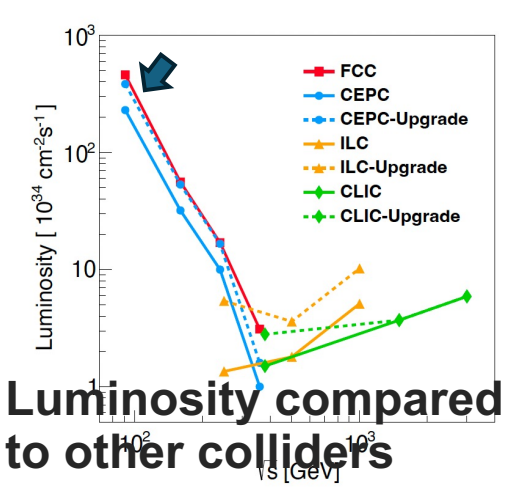
**Strips AC-LGAD:**

- Strip length 5.6mm, width 100 $\mu m$
- Different Pitch size:
  - 150 $\mu m$ 、200 $\mu m$ 、250 $\mu m$

# II CEPC | Overview

## Circular Electron-Positron Collider--CEPC

- Highest Energy
- Higgs factory
- Producing Higgs / W / Z bosons and top quarks
- Precision measurement
- Discovering new physics beyond the Standard Model



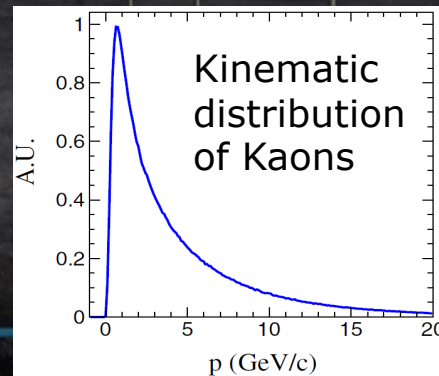
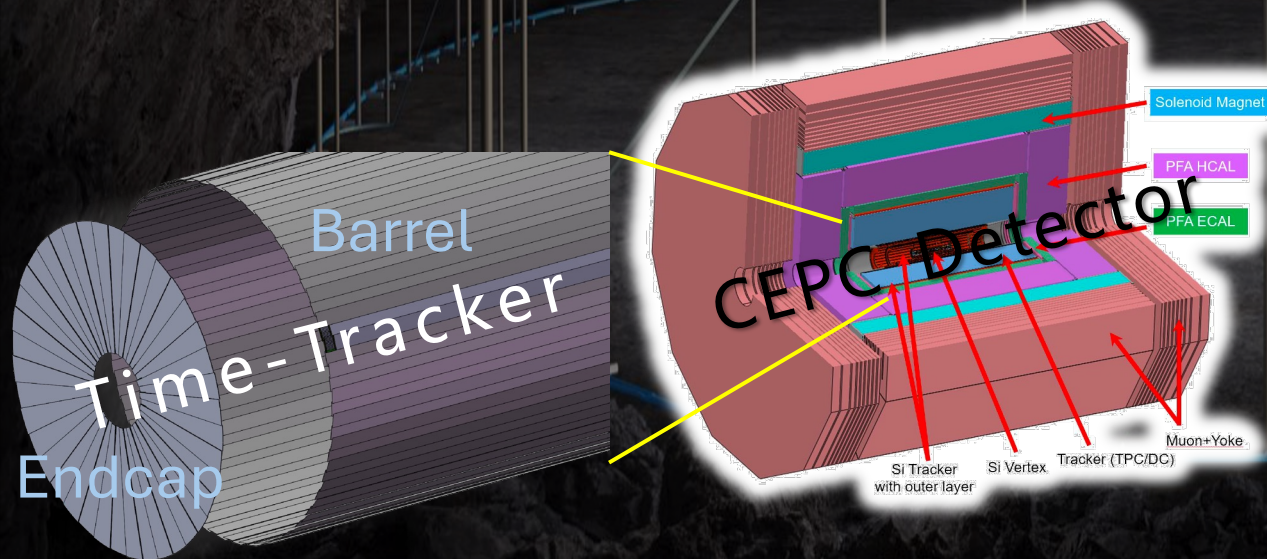
Improvement of EW measurement (lower is better)

# II CEPC | Overview

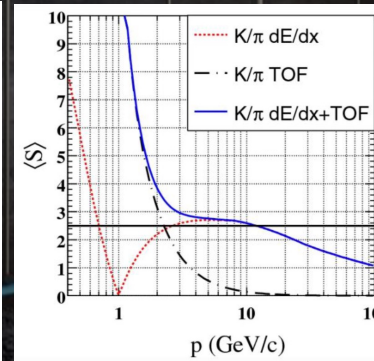


- CEPC--huge measurement potential for precision tests of SM: Higgs, electroweak physics, **flavor physics**, QCD/Top

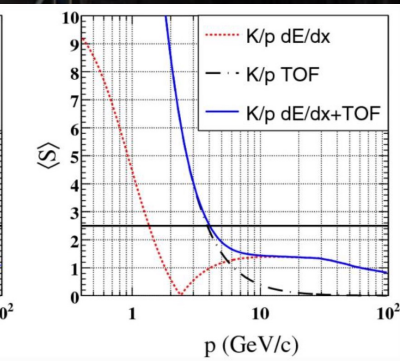
- Produce  $10^{12}$  Z boson at **Z pole**: Rich **flavor physics** program
- Particle separation problems of Gas detector (dE/dx) :
  - **1 GeV for K/pi separation, 2 GeV for K/p separation**
- CEPC International Advisory Committee: one of the key recommendations Precision timing detector should be determined as a matter of urgency (**4D track**)
- **Timing detector is complementary to gas detector**: improves the separation ability
  - 0 - 4 GeV for K/pi separation, 0 - 8 GeV for K/p separation**
- **Outer layer adjacent to TPC, Barrel : 50 m<sup>2</sup>, Endcap 20 m<sup>2</sup>**



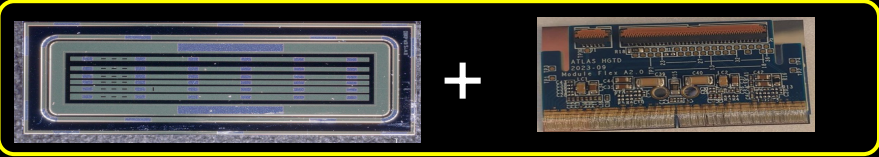
K/pi separation



K/proton separation

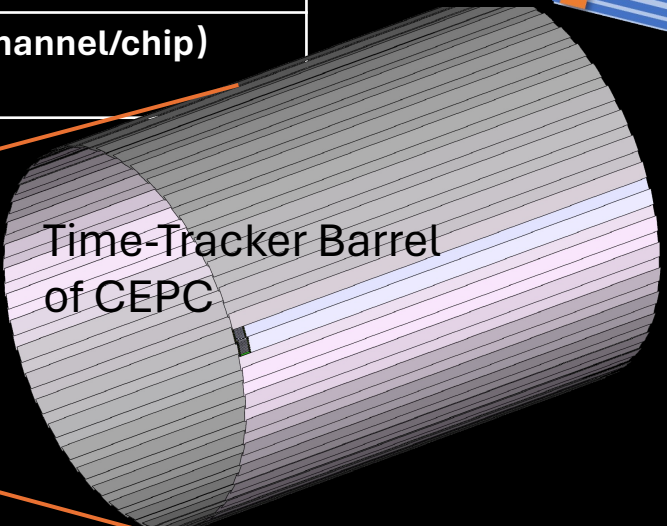
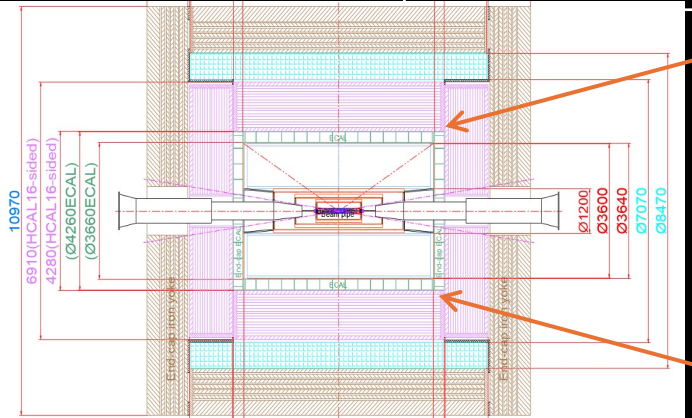
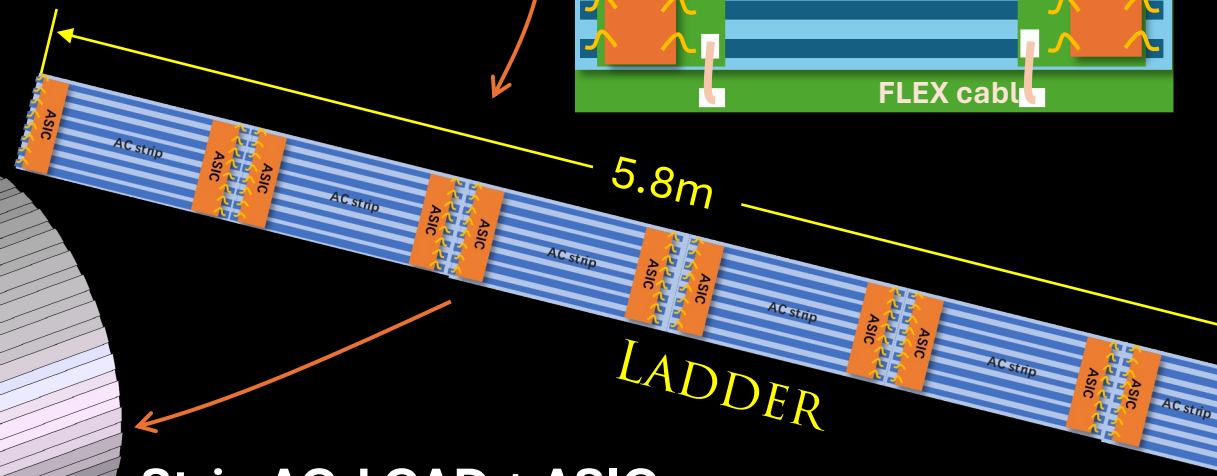
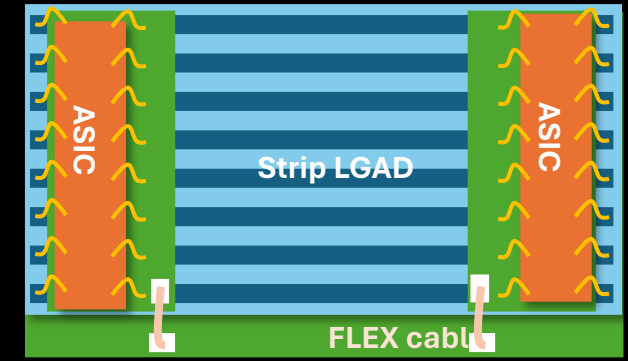
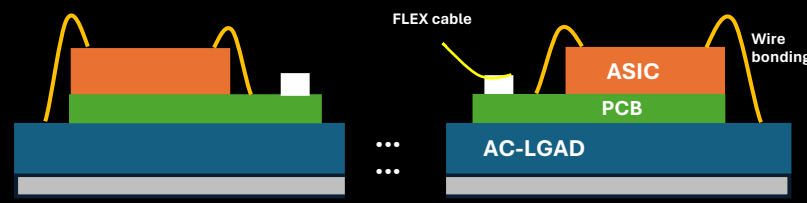


# II CEPC | Time-Tracker Barrel



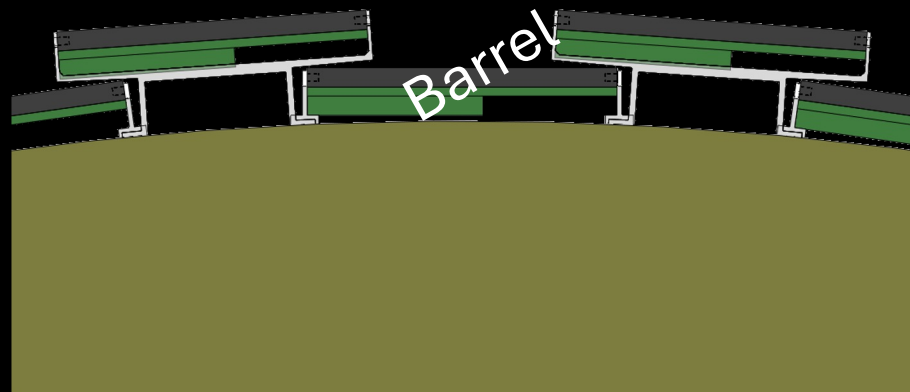
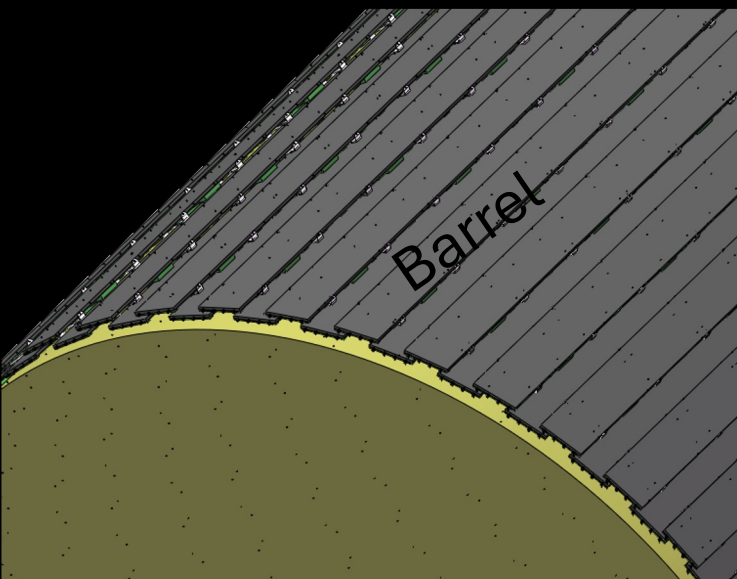
Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	~ 70 m <sup>2</sup>
Radius	1.8m
Length	5.8m
Granularity	70mm × 0.1mm (10cm <sup>2</sup> , 128channel/chip)
Channel number	~ 1 × 10 <sup>7</sup> channels
MIP Time resolution	~50 ps
Spatial resolution	~ 10 μm (R-Φ) ~ 1 mm R-Z direction)
LGAD Sensor Area	14cm*14cm
Number of channels per module	2816 (22 chip, 128channel/chip)

*Time-Tracker Barrel Parameters*

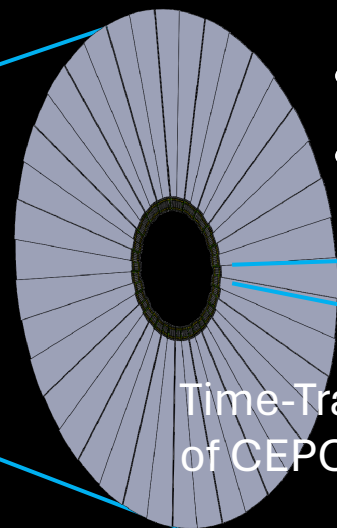
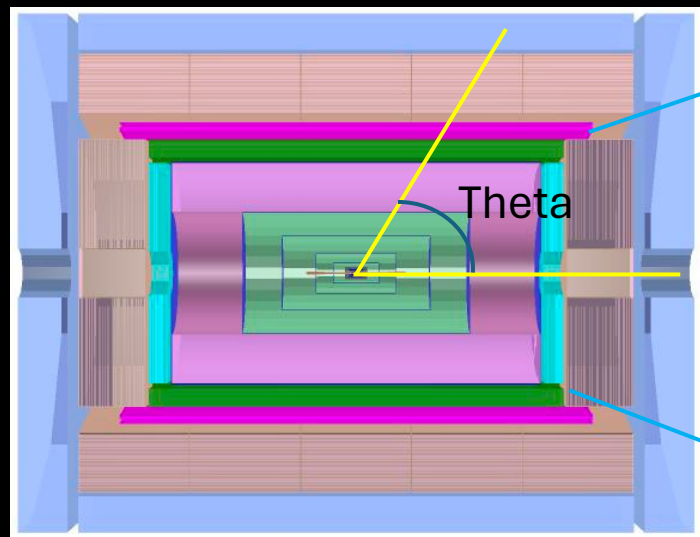


- Strip AC-LGAD + ASIC :**
- TOT->amplitude->charge sharing->position
  - TOA+TOT->timing (time-amplitude correction)

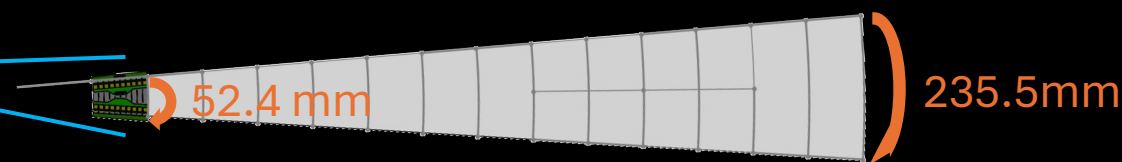
# II CEPC | Time-Tracker Barrel & End-Cap



- two layers of ladders
- Partially overlapped
- ladder thickness 35 mm: 25 mm of sensors and electronics
- 10 mm of support embedded with cooling tubes



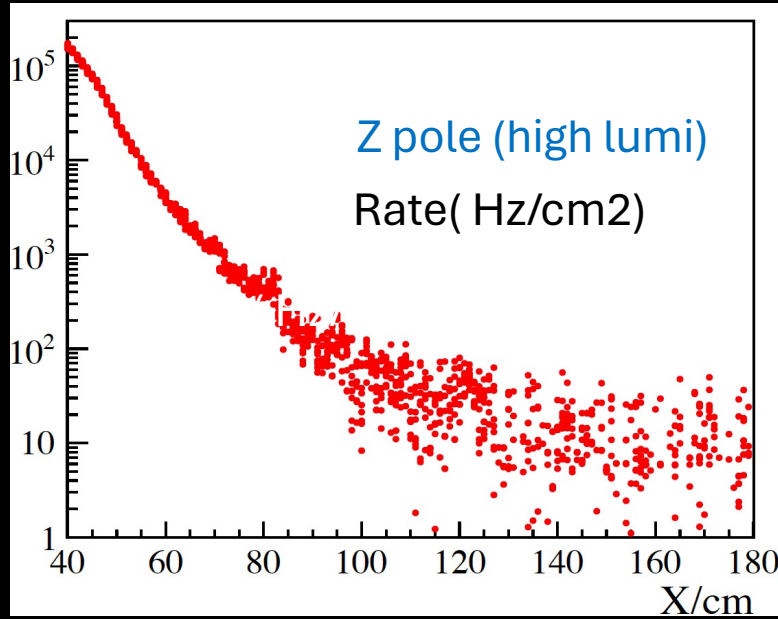
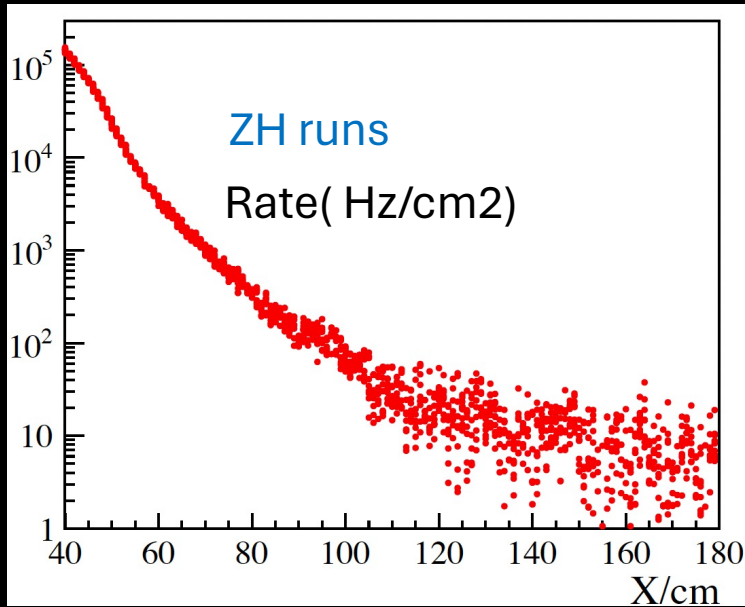
- Petals: one petal each  $7.5^\circ \times 48 = 360^\circ$
- R: 400 mm - 1800 mm , 10 layers



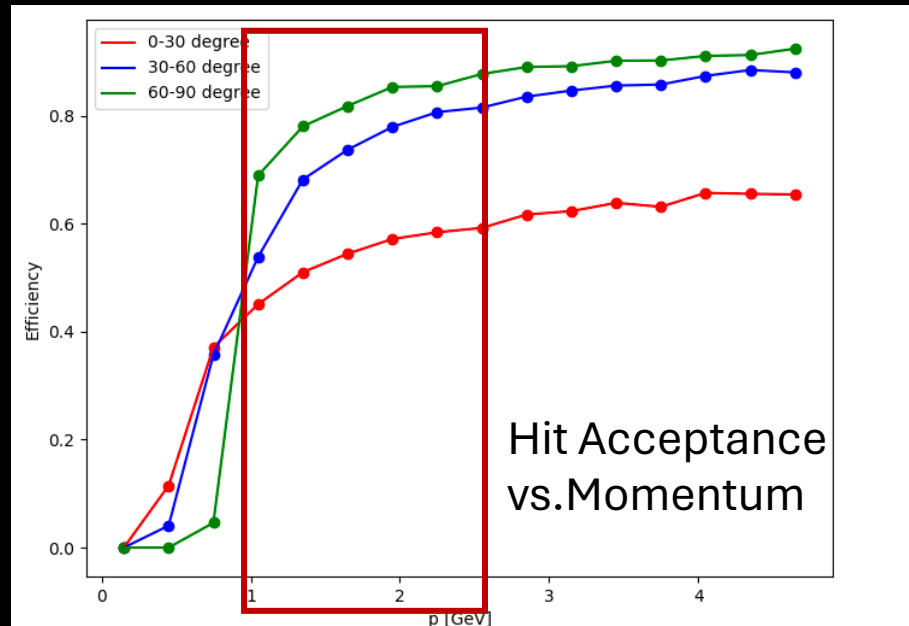
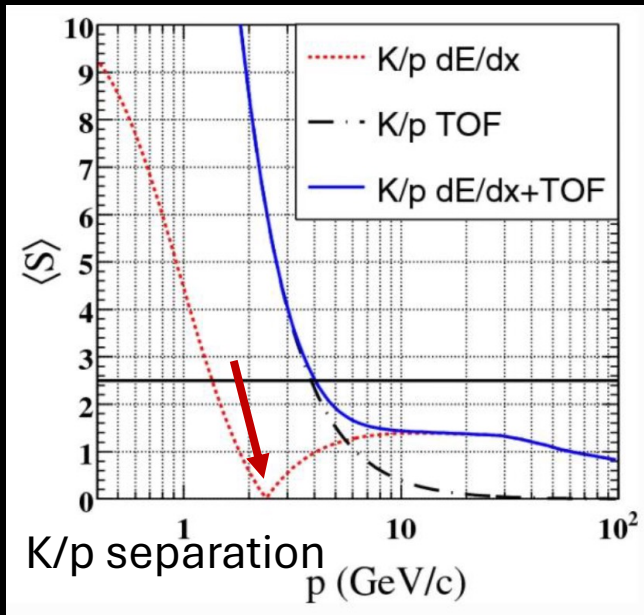
Time-Tracker End-Cap  
of CEPC



# II CEPC | Hit Acceptance



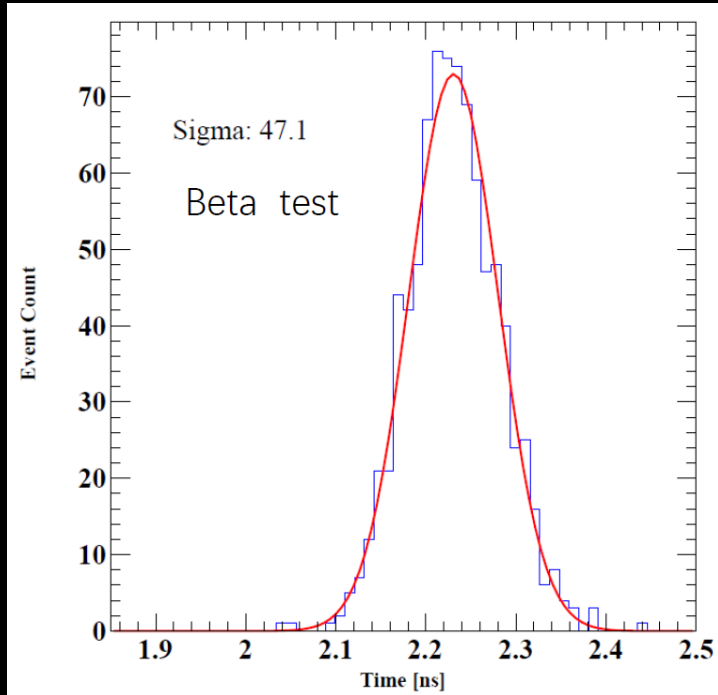
- Overall pair production background of ZH and Z Pole
- Large hit rate
- Up to  $1E5 \text{ Hz/cm}^2$



- 1-2.5 GeV is critical
- Overall hit acceptance for Kaon @2GeV **>0.7**

# III Performance of AC-LGAD | Timing Resolution

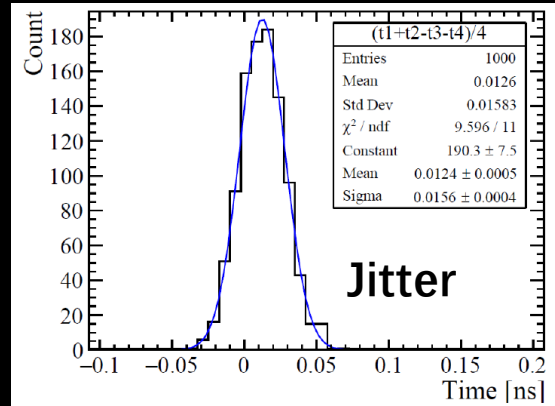
Time resolution



Sigma  $\Delta t = 47.1$  ps

Sigma AC-strip : **37.5 ps**

Jitter  $\sim 15$ ps



Time Resolution

$$\Delta T = T_{trigger} - \frac{\sum_i a_i^2 T_i}{\sum_i a_i^2}$$

Time resolution of trigger

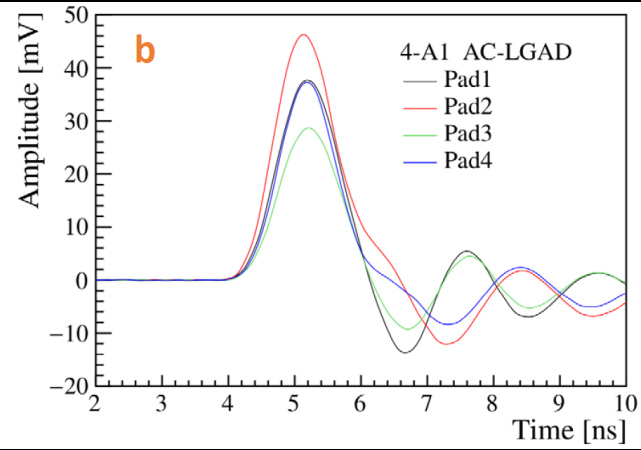
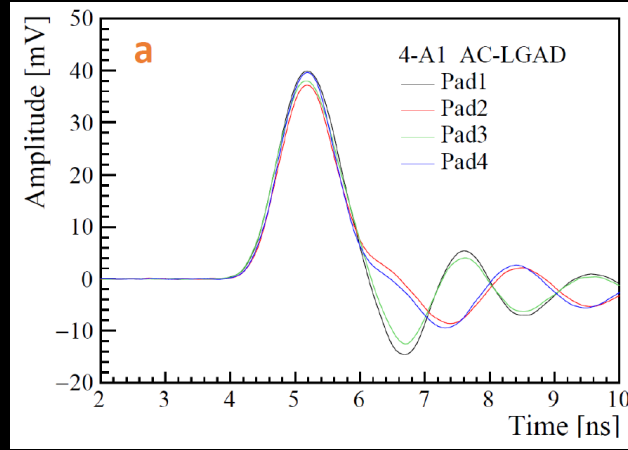
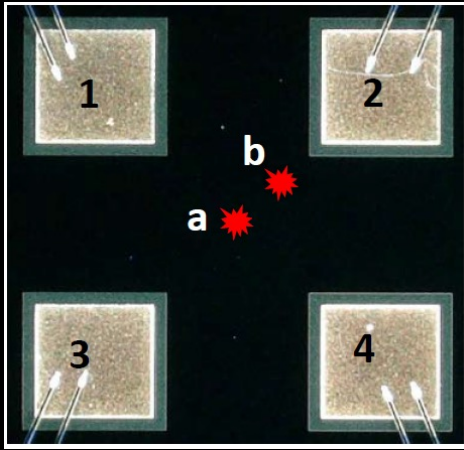
Weighted time resolution of AC-LGAD

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Length	5.8m
Granularity	70mm $\times$ 0.1mm (10cm <sup>2</sup> , 128channel/chip)
Channel number	$\sim 1 \times 10^7$ channels
<b>MIP Time resolution</b>	<b><math>\sim 50</math> ps</b>
<b>Spatial resolution</b>	<b><math>\sim 10</math> <math>\mu</math>m (R-<math>\Phi</math>)</b> <b><math>\sim 1</math> mm R-Z direction)</b>
LGAD Sensor Area	14cm*14cm
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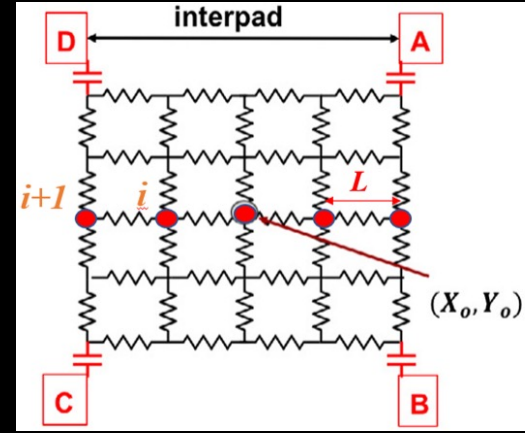
- No significant change in timing resolution was observed among pixel and strip LGADs.
- Timing resolution improves as increasing in SNR, same trend as in spatial resolution.
- Saturation may be observed in jitter,  $\sim 10$  ps.
- **37.5 ps timing resolution, via Beta source test.**

$$\sigma_t^2 = \sigma_{TimeWalk}^2 + \sigma_{Landau}^2 + \sigma_{Jitter}^2$$

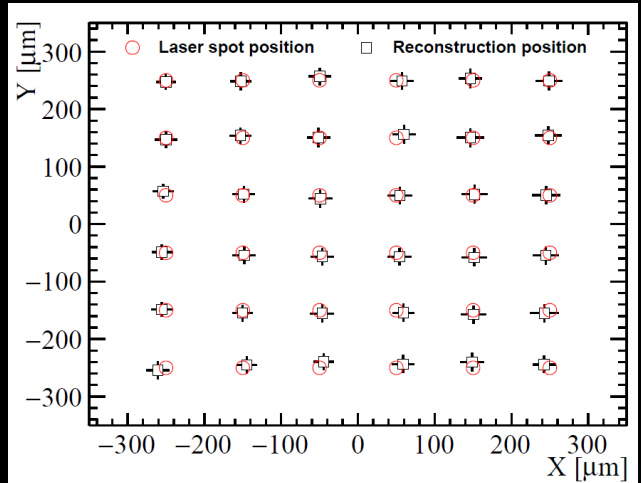
# III Performance of AC-LGAD | Spatial Resolution--Pixel



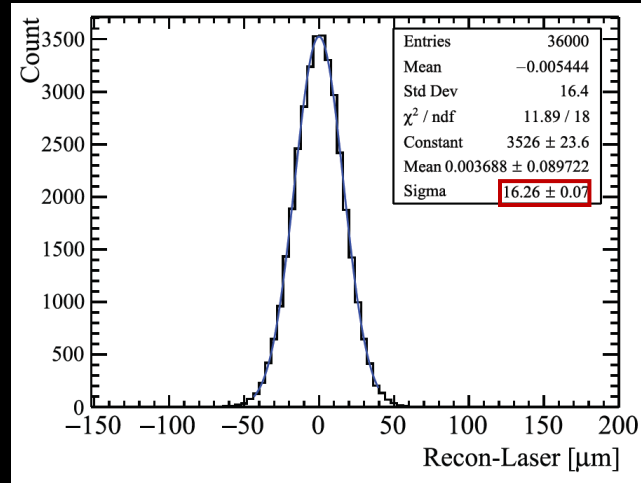
Signal Waveforms @ hit a and b



Discretized Positioning Circuit model (DPC)



Reconstructed 6x6 positions



Difference between reconstruction and laser

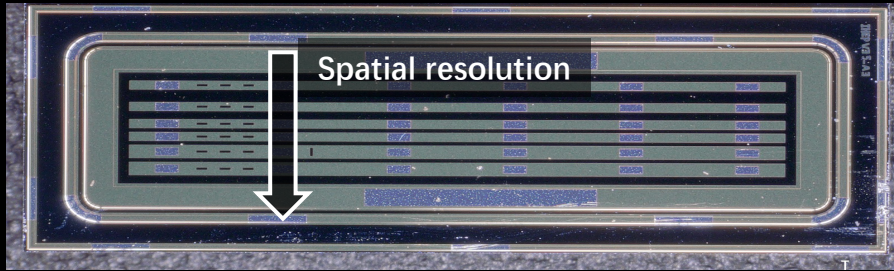
**Barrel Spatial Resolution Target**  
 ~ 10 μm (R-Φ)  
 ~ 1 mm (R-Z direction)

Spatial resolution  
**16 μm with 2mm x 2mm pitch**

- Spatial resolution :
- the sigma of the difference between the laser and the reconstructed position

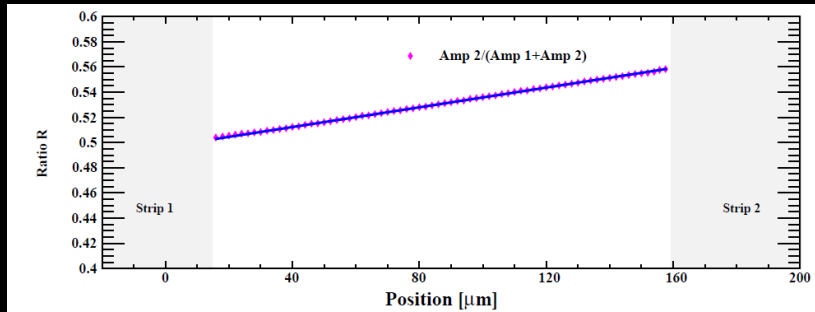
$$\sigma_{spatial} = \sigma_{reconstruction-laser}$$

# III Performance of AC-LGAD | Spatial Resolution--Strip

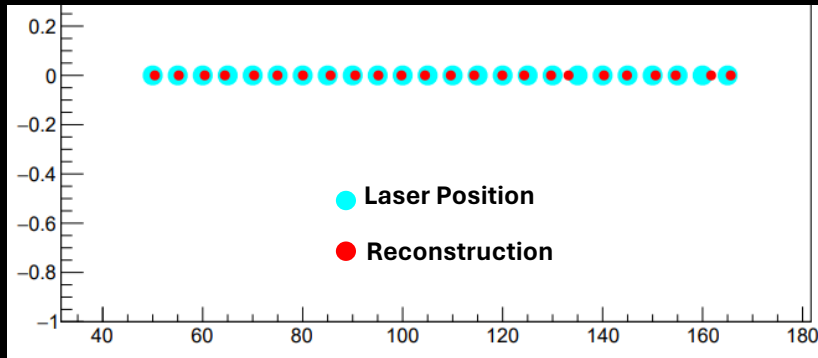


$$R = \frac{Amp_2}{Amp_1 + Amp_2}$$

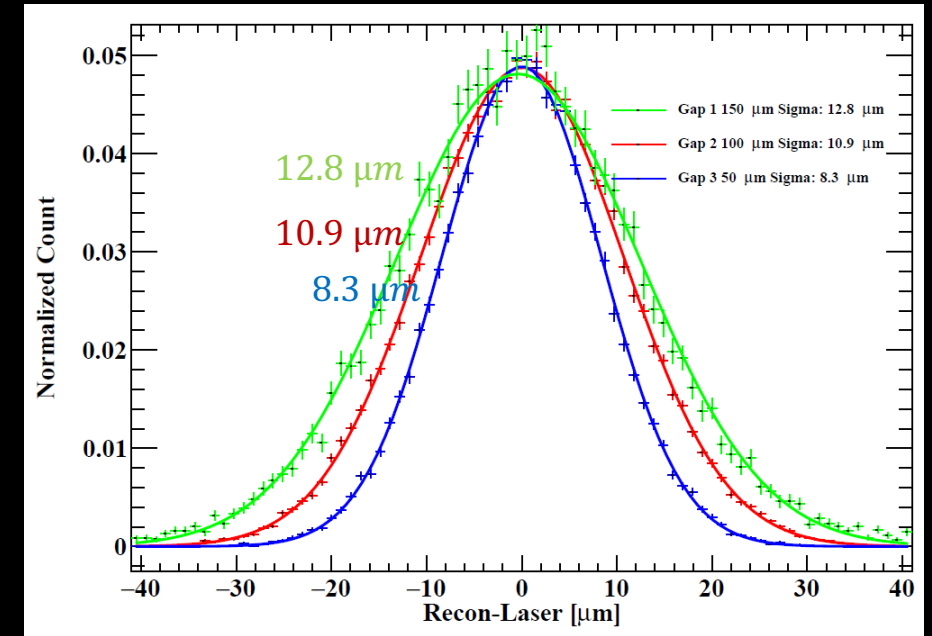
Spatial resolution :  
**8.3  $\mu m$**   
 with 150  $\mu m$  pitch



Linear distribution of R



reconstructed positions



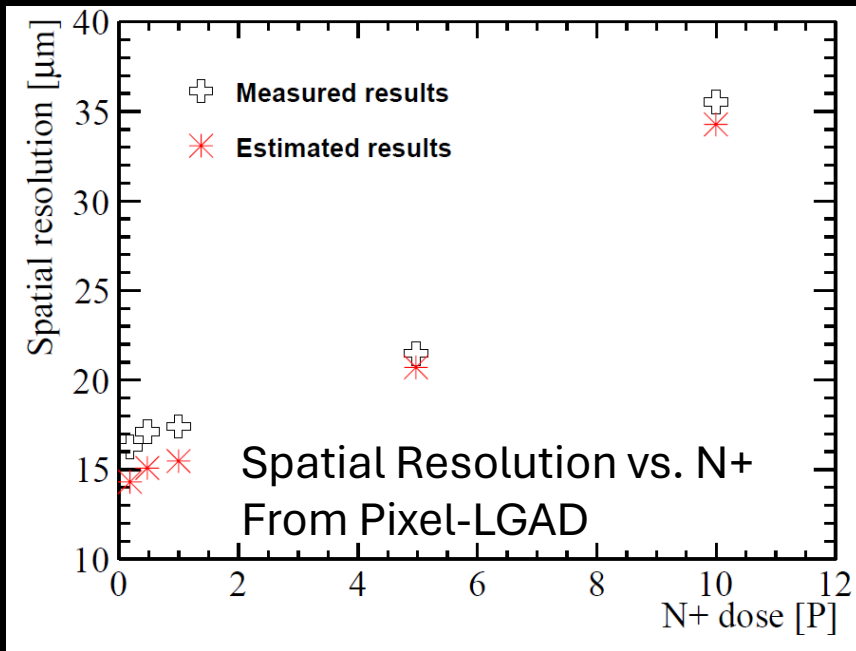
<b>Barrel Spatial Resolution Target</b>	<b>~ 10 <math>\mu m</math> (R-<math>\Phi</math>)</b> <b>~ 1 mm (R-Z direction)</b>
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## Position reconstruction:

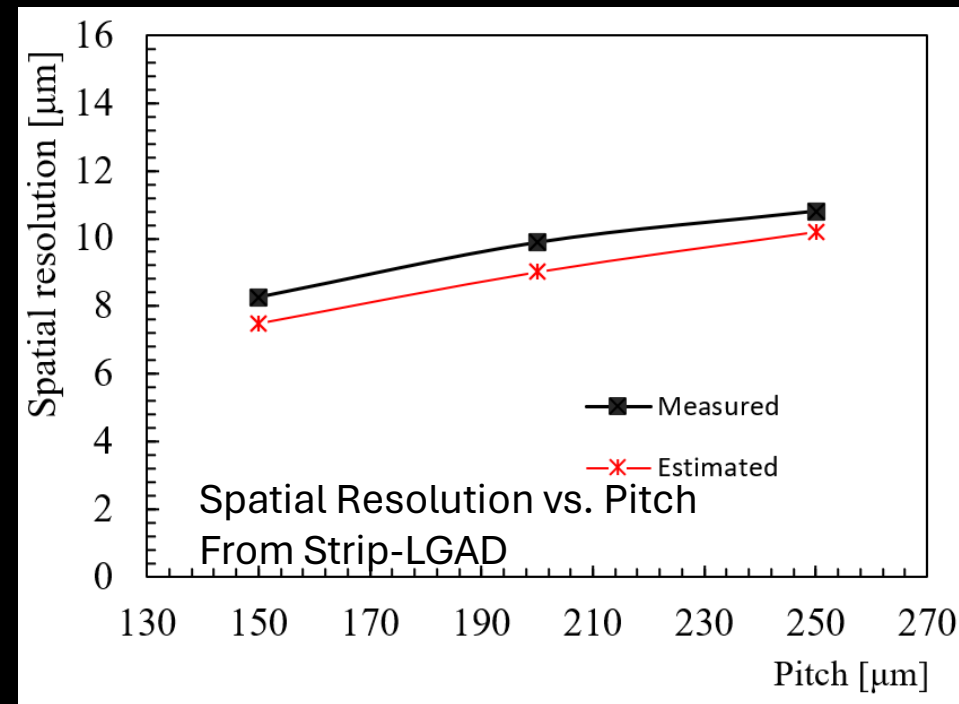
- The fraction of the signal ( $R$ ) changes linearly with the movement of the laser.
- Good consistency between the reconstruction position and the laser position
- The smaller the pitch size, the better the spatial resolution

# III Performance of AC-LGAD | Optimization

Spatial resolution Vs. N+ dose



Spatial resolution Vs. pitch size



## Resolution estimation:

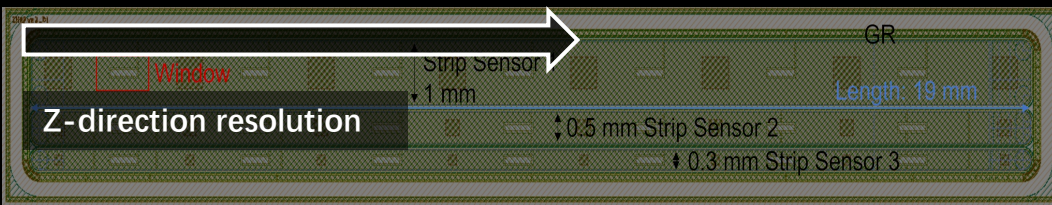
$$\sigma_{spatial} \approx \frac{N}{A}$$

A: signal attenuation factor

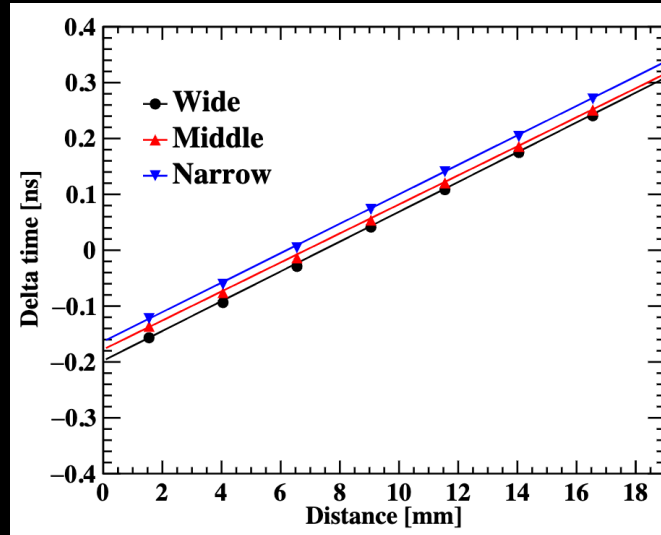
N: noise RMS (sensor + electronics)

- N+ dose 10 P  $\rightarrow$  0.2 P, spatial resolution 36  $\rightarrow$  16  $\mu\text{m}$  (Pixel).
- **Lower N + dose** has higher resistivity and larger attenuation factor,  $\rightarrow$  **better spatial resolution**.
- Pitch size 250 $\mu\text{m}$   $\rightarrow$  150 $\mu\text{m}$ , spatial resolution 11  $\rightarrow$  8  $\mu\text{m}$  (Strip).
- **Smaller pitch sizes** result in faster signal attenuation and larger attenuation factor,  $\rightarrow$  **better spatial resolution**

# III Performance of LGAD | Trial in Z-direction

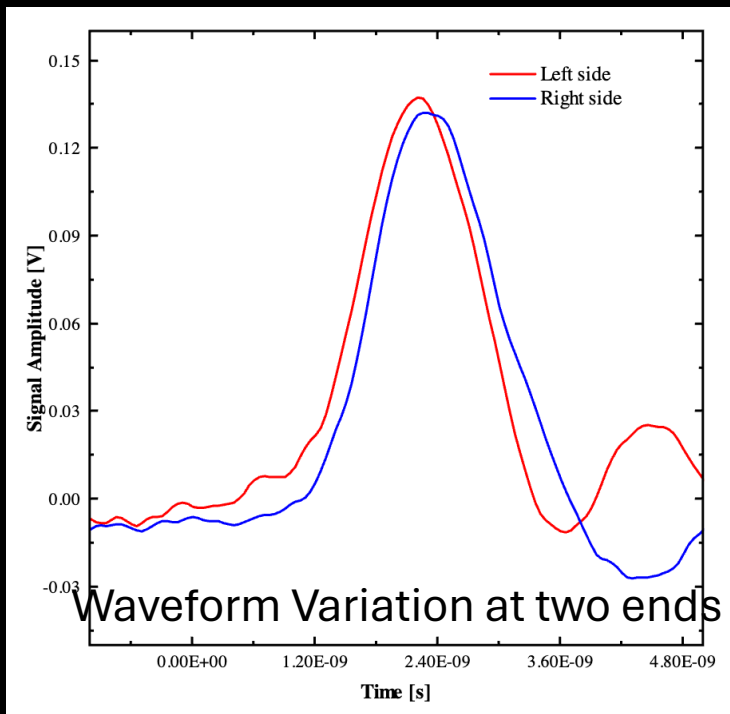


## Double-end Readout

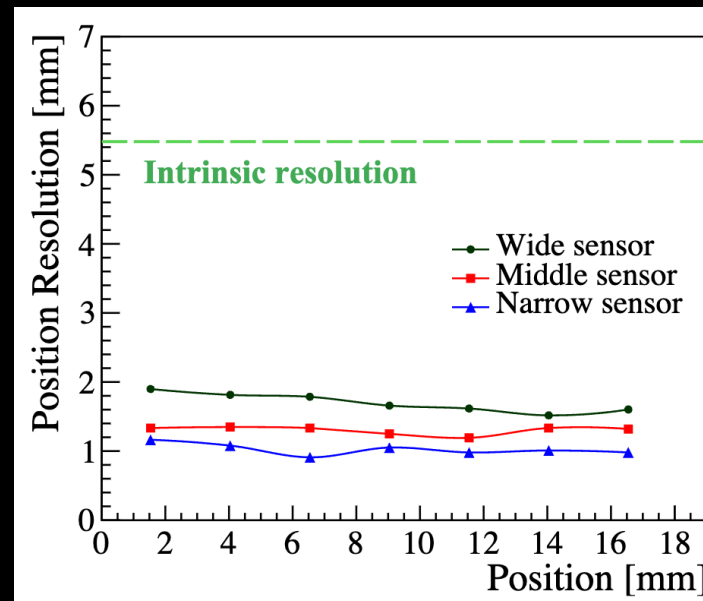


### Position reconstruction:

- Based on time-lag between two ends
- Good linearity



<b>Barrel Spatial Resolution Target</b>	~ 10 $\mu\text{m}$ (R- $\Phi$ ) ~ 1 mm (R-Z direction)
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### Position resolution along Z

**0.9 mm**

**Intrinsic: 5.5 mm**

**Total length: 19mm**

# Summary

- AC-LGAD is a new 4D detector (**position + time**), pixel and strip are designed
- **Strip AC-LGAD has been determined as the baseline scenario of CEPC Time-Tracker**
- **The best spatial resolution of strips AC-LGAD  $\sim 8\mu\text{m}$**
- **Jitte  $\sim 15$  ps test by laser, time resolution **37.5ps** test by beta source**
- **AC-LGAD satisfied all requirements of Time Tracker**

Time-Tracker Parameters

Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	$\sim 70$ m <sup>2</sup>
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Granularity	70mm $\times$ 0.1mm (10cm <sup>2</sup> , 128channel/chip)
Channel number	$\sim 1 \times 10^7$ channels
<b>MIP Time resolution</b>	<b><math>\sim 50</math> ps</b> <b>LGAD:37.5ps</b>
<b>Spatial resolution</b>	<b><math>\sim 10</math> <math>\mu\text{m}</math></b> (R- $\Phi$ ) <b>LGAD:8<math>\mu\text{m}</math></b> <b><math>\sim 1</math> mm</b> (R-Z direction) <b>LGAD:0.9mm</b>
LGAD Sensor Area	14cm*14cm
Number of channels per module	2816 (22 chip, 128channel/chip)

## The next plan of IHEP AC-LGAD

- Test beam
- Oblique AC electrode
- Advanced algorithms for the reconstruction
- Ultra Low Noise Electronics
- CEPC Time-Tracker Reference-TDR Design
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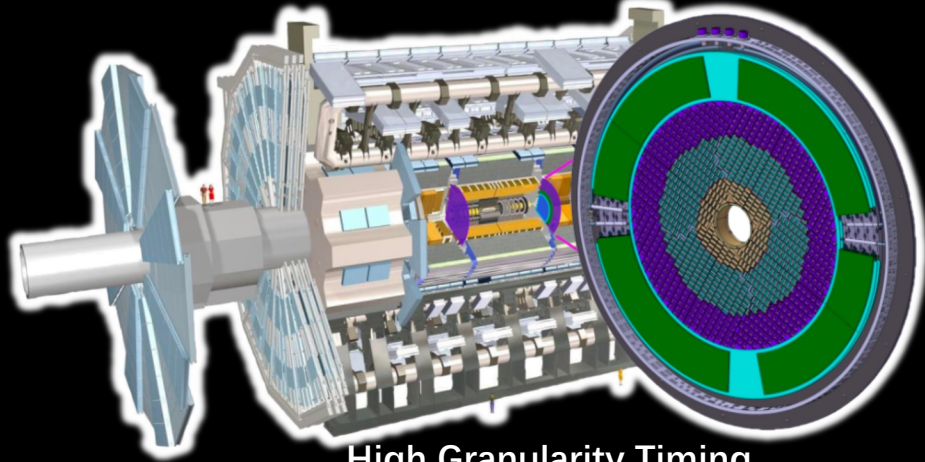
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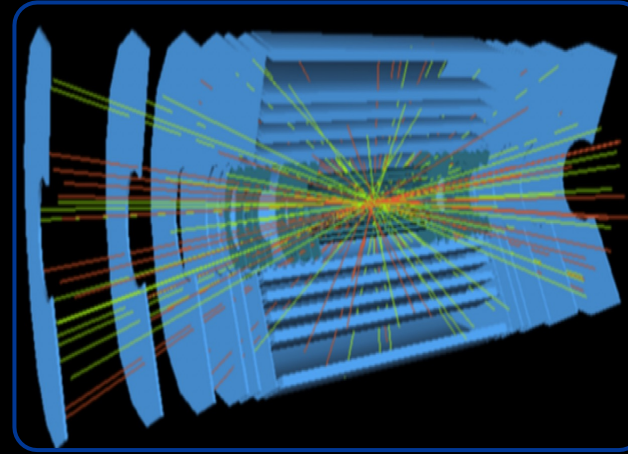
# Motivation & HGTD

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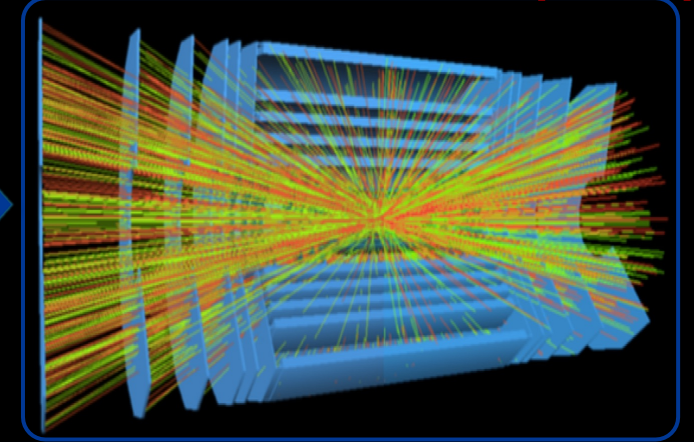


High Granularity Timing Detector (HGTD)

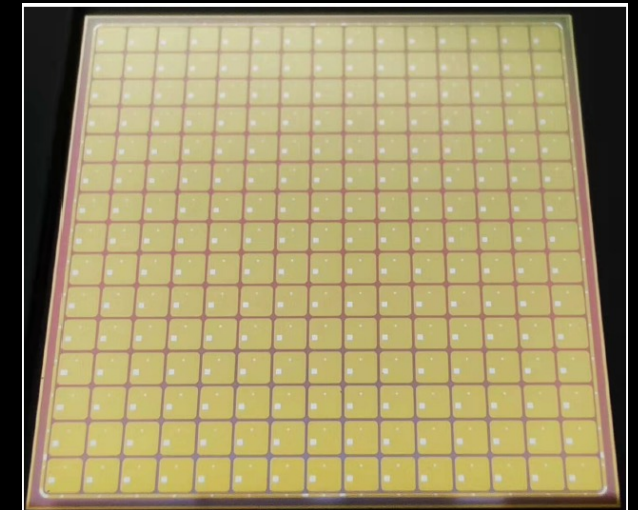
ATLAS @ LHC (Now)



ATLAS @ HL-LHC (2029)



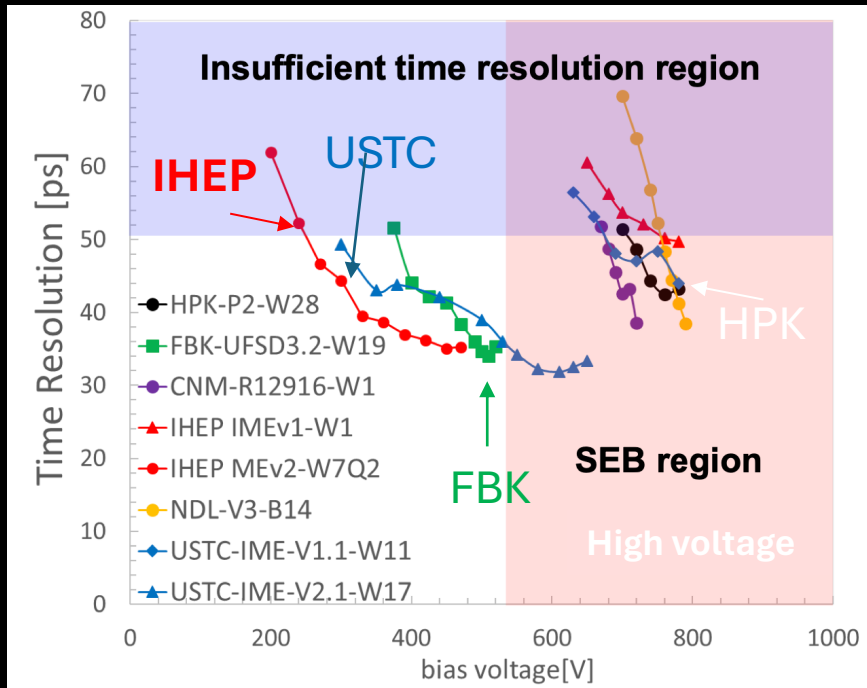
- **The pile-up problem:** High Time Resolution Devices
- **ATLAS High Granularity Timing Detector (HGTD)**
- **LGAD (Low-Gain Avalanche Diode)**
  - 15x15 LGAD sensors (2 cm×2 cm)
  - **Area 6.4 m<sup>2</sup>, time resolution 30 ps**
  - Granularity ~mm, **readout channel > 3M**
  - **Irradiation fluence  $2.5 \times 10^{15} n_{eq}/cm^2$**



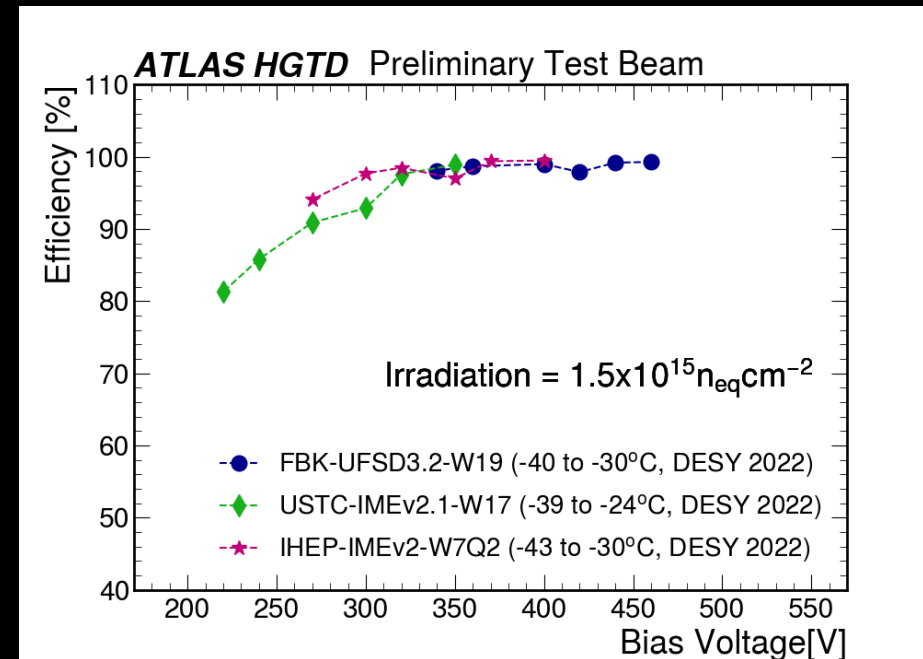
15x15 LGAD arrays for ATLAS HGTD

# Performance of AC-LGAD | Irradiation Hardness

Time resolution @  $2.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$

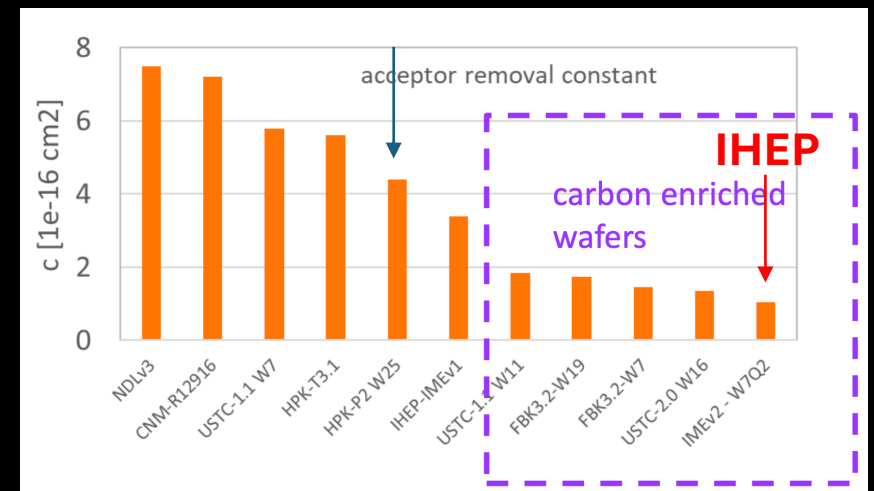


Efficiency >99% @  $2.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$



## IHEP LGAD sensors after irradiation

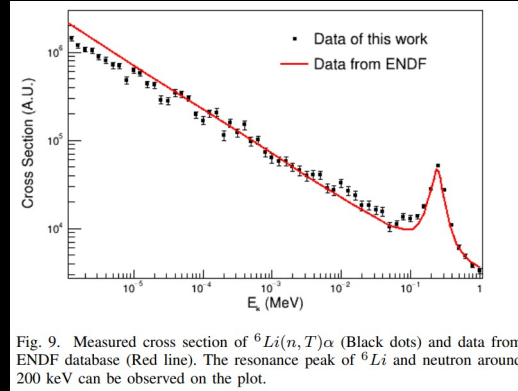
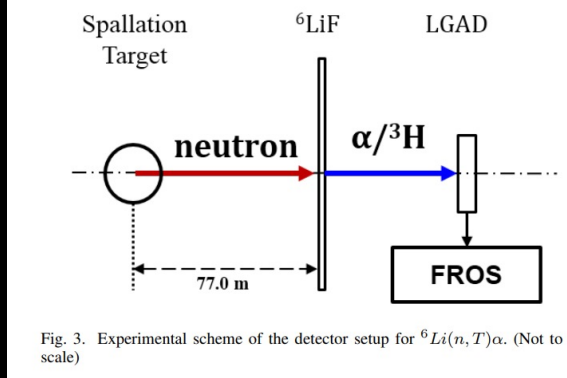
- Unique radiation resistant process
- Currently, the world's smallest acceptor removal constant  $C$  ( $1.01 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$ )
- The time resolution reaches  $34.5 \text{ ps}$ , and the highest collected charge is  $12 \text{ fC}$
- Operating voltage  $350 \text{ V}$  @  $4 \text{ fC}$ , this is currently the lowest internationally and can avoid the single particle burn (SEB) problem
- Strong irradiation performance compared to Japanese HPK and Italian FBK
- The shallow carbon process avoids the problem of carbon boron deactivation in FBK



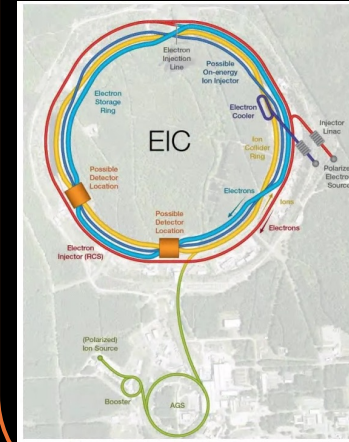
Acceptor removal constant  $C$

# Application

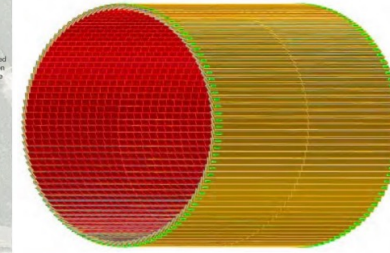
## Neutron Source: Neutron Flux Monitor



## Electron-Ion Collider (EIC): Timing-tracker

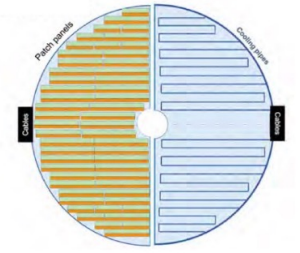


Barrel AC-LGAD detector



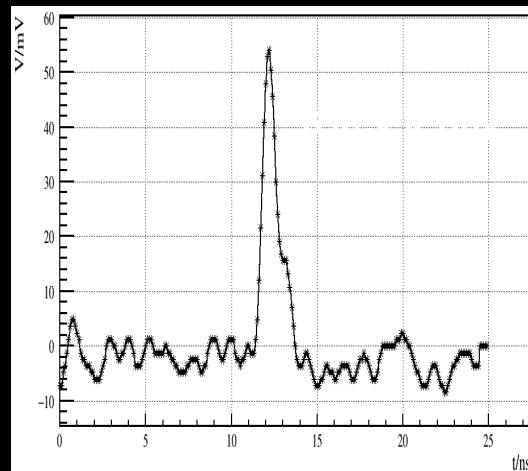
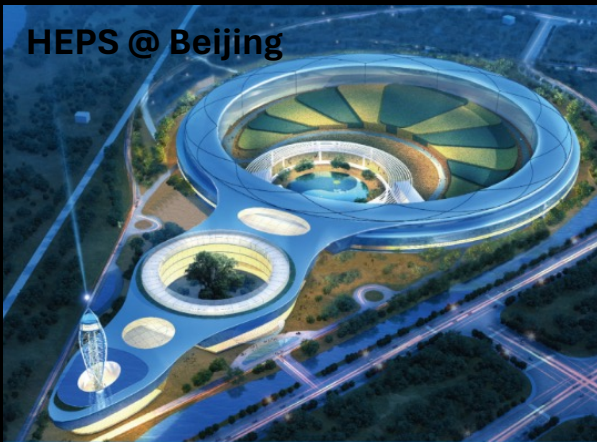
10.9 m<sup>2</sup>

Hadron endcap AC-LGAD detector



2.22 m<sup>2</sup>

## X-ray detectors @ advanced light sources

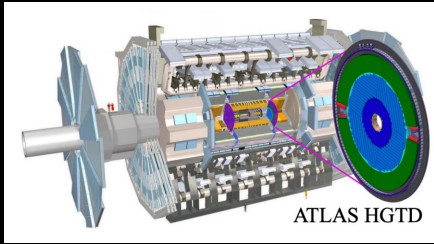
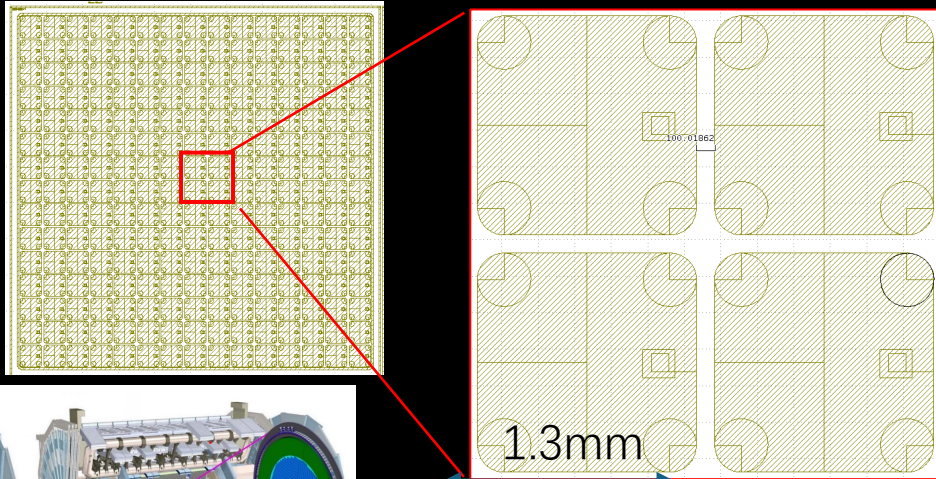


## other applications

- Beam Telescope for Beam Test Platform
- LiDAR: Positioning and Navigation
- Track and time detectors in other particle physics and nuclear physics experiments
- ...

# Introduction to AC-LGAD

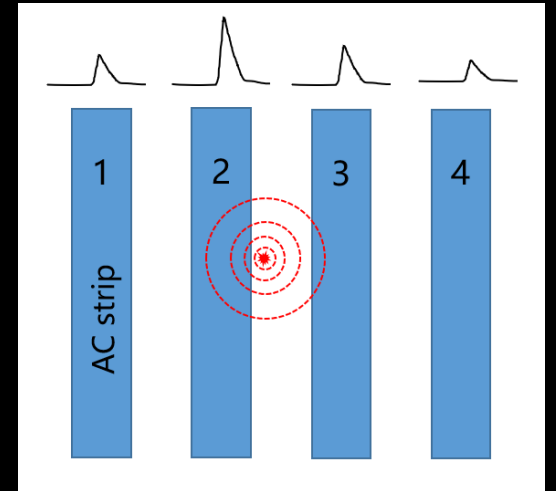
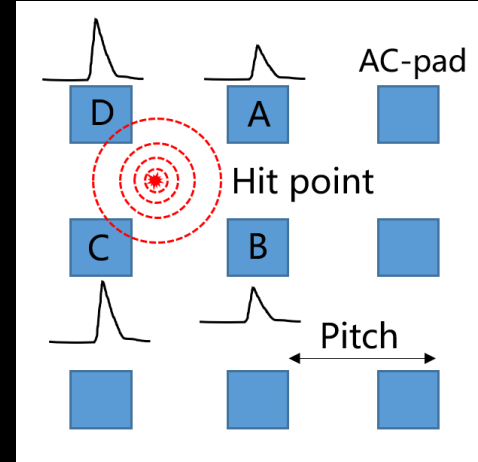
## 15×15 LGAD for ATLAS HGTD project



- Dead zone : ~0.1mm
- Pixel size: 1.3mm

Smaller Pixel LGADs -> Lower fill factor

## AC-LGAD: two layout schemes for AC-pads



### Pixels AC-LGAD:

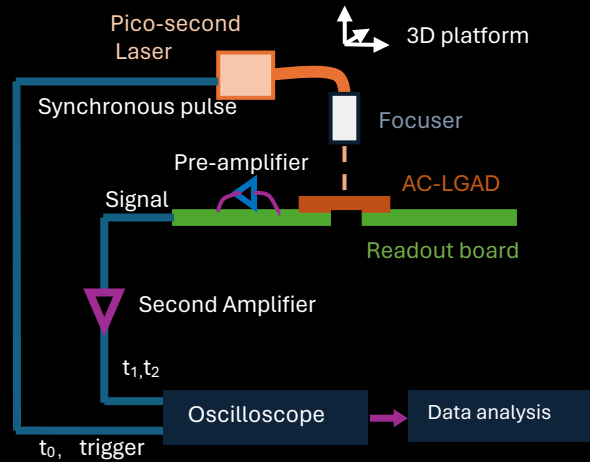
- Position information: 1 layer (x,y)
- Bump bonding

### Strips AC-LGAD:

- Lower readout electronics, no bump bonding
- Position information: 2 layers for (x,y)

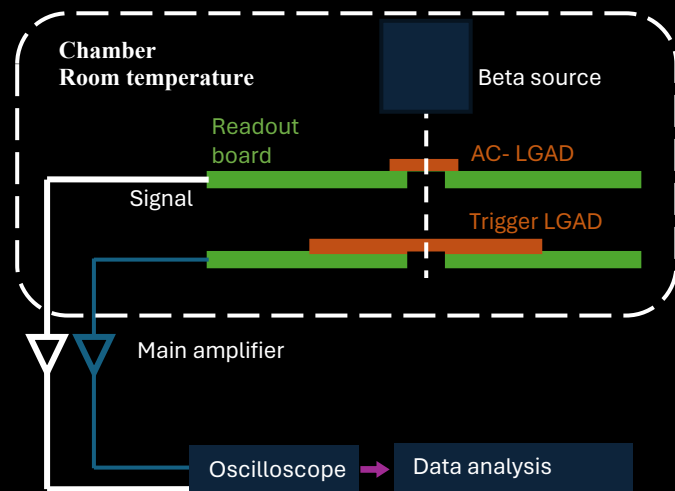
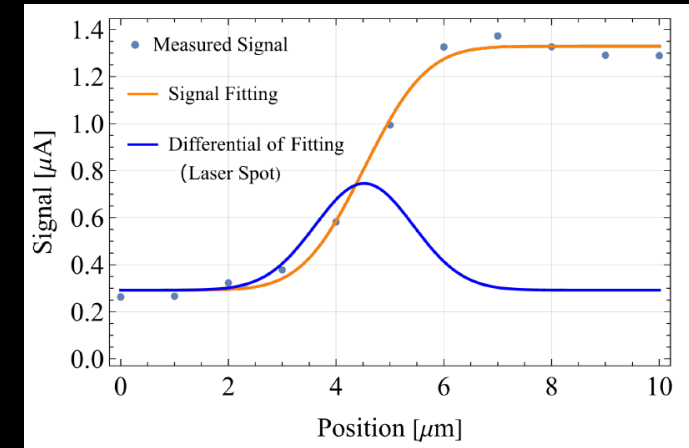
Spatial resolution  
Timing resolution  
Irradiation Hardness

# Performance of AC-LGAD | Test Platform



## Picosecond laser scanning system

- Displacement accuracy  $1 \mu\text{m}$
- Automated scanning
- Picosecond laser  $1064\text{nm}$
- Spot size  $2\sim 5 \mu\text{m}$

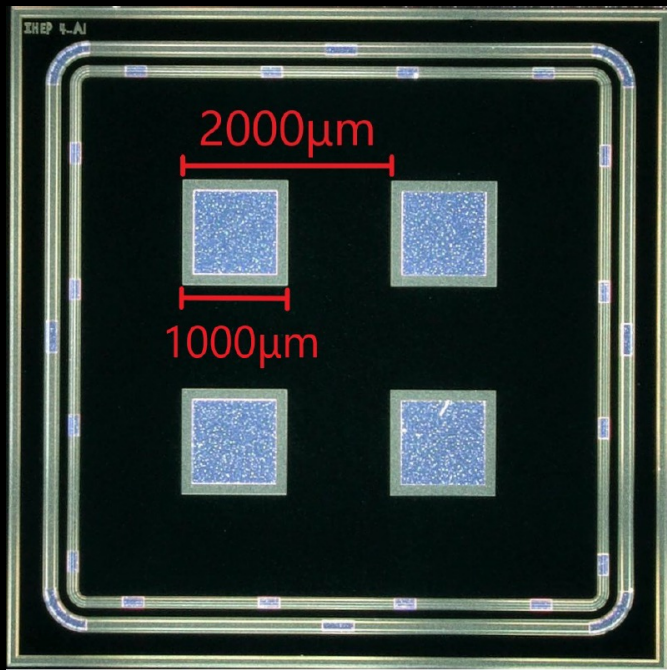


## Beta Source Telescope

# AC-LGAD sensors development by IHEP

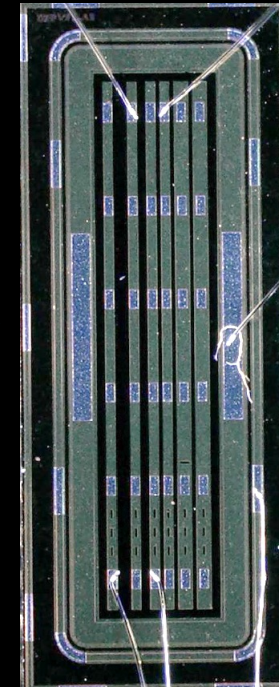
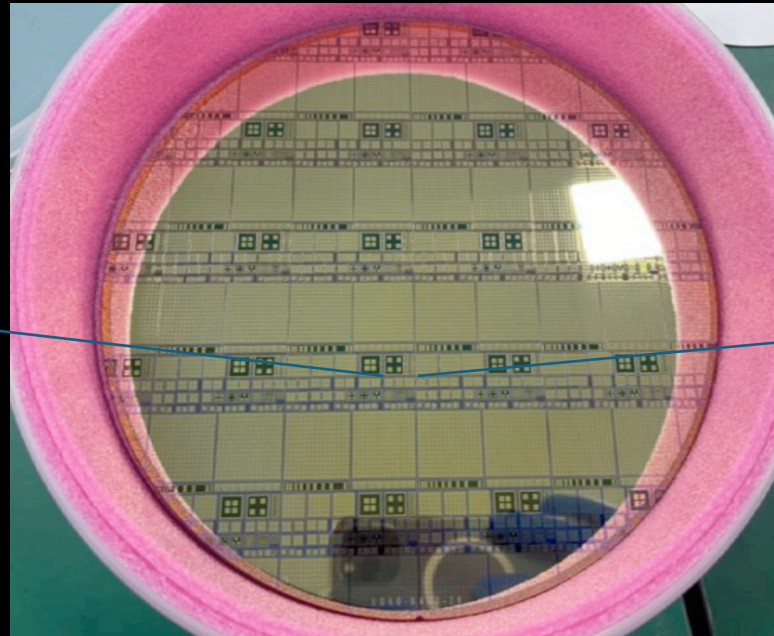
## Pixels AC-LGAD:

- Position information: 1 layer
- Pitch size 2000um, pad size 1000um



## Strips AC-LGAD:

- Position information: 2 layer
- Strip length 5.6mm, width 100um
- Different Pitch size:
  - 150um、200um、250um



Spatial resolution  
Timing resolution  
Irradiation Hardness