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BNL Instrumentation Division

Mission

- Develop state-of-the-art instrumentation for current and future Laboratory programs
- Technology transfer

Established

1948

Division Head

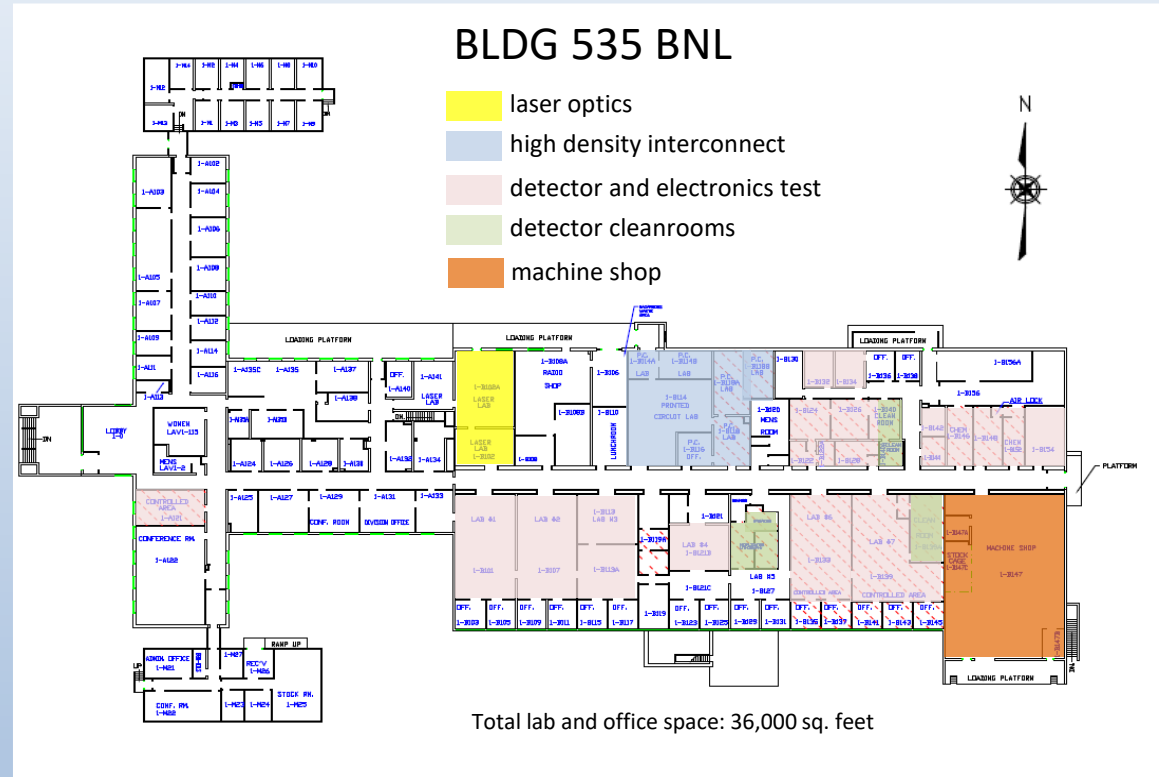
Dr. David M. Asner

Staff

- 16 Scientific
- 3 Post Doctoral
- 8 Professional
- 13 Technical
- 4 Administrative

Research Areas

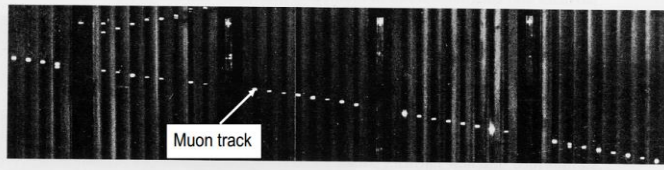
- Semiconductor detectors
- Gas and Noble liquid detectors
- Microelectronics
- Lasers and Optics
- Micro/Nano fabrication



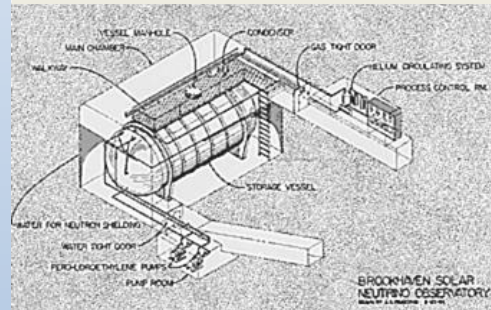
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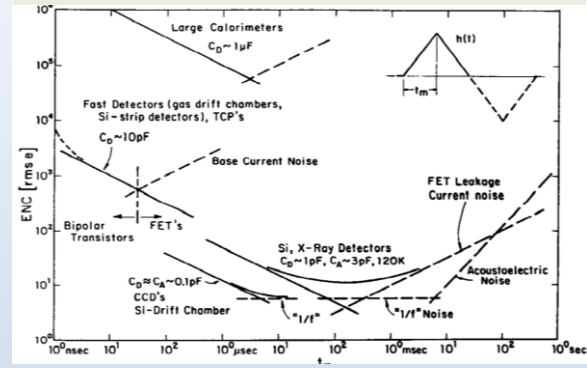
Spark Chambers in Muon Neutrino Discovery
Lederman, Schwartz, Steinberger, 1962, Nobel Prize 1988



Solar Neutrinos at Homestake Mine
Davis 1967-1985, Nobel Prize 2002



Preamp optimal filtering 1983



Silicon drift detector 1983

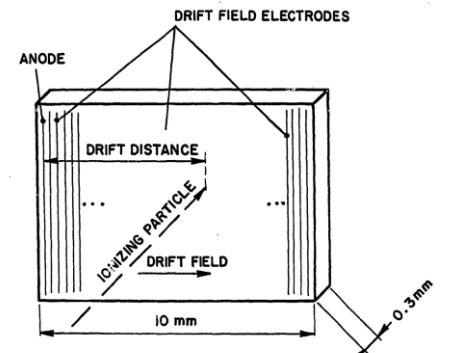
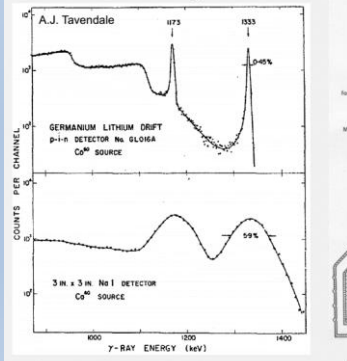
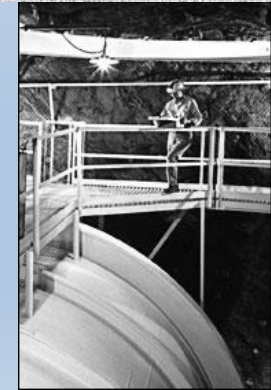
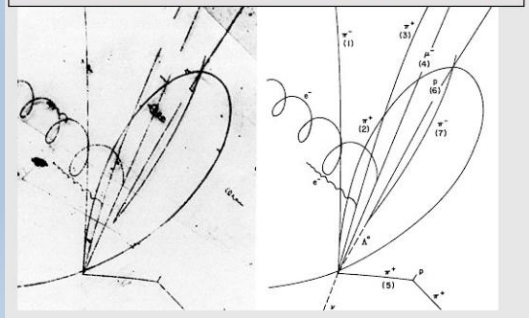


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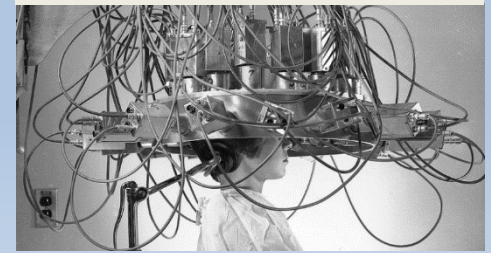
Germanium Detector Breakthrough 1963



Bubble chamber: charmed baryon decay 1975



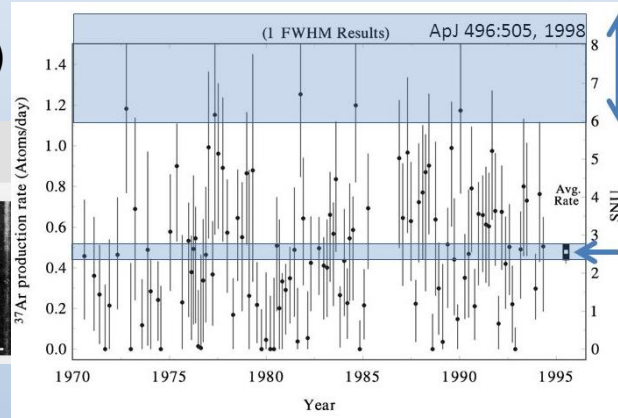
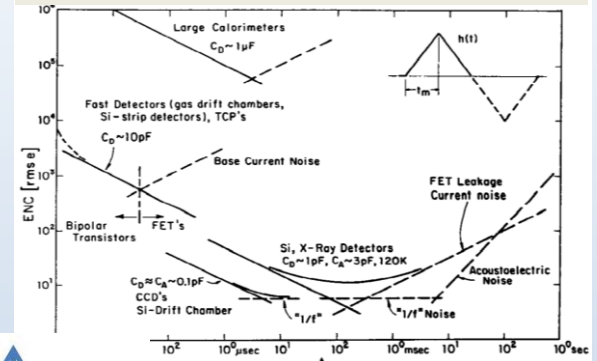
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Theoretical Expectation

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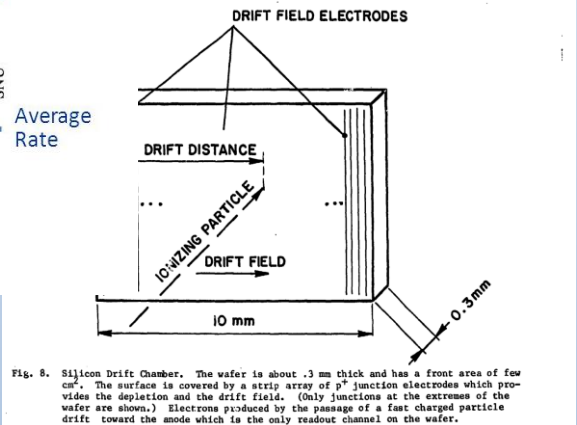
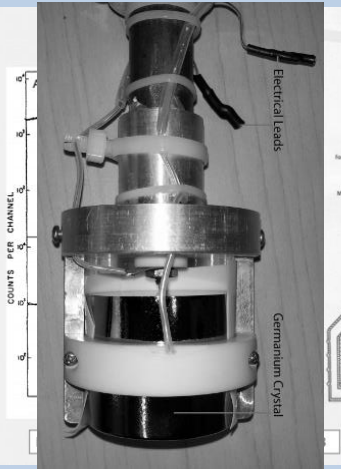
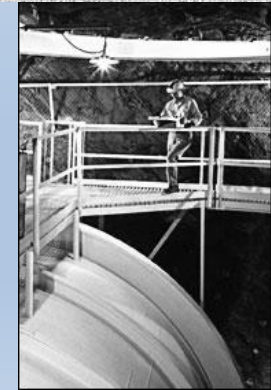
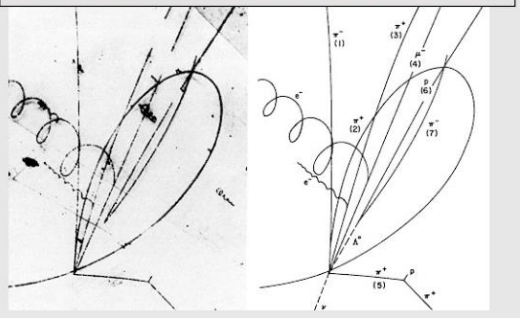


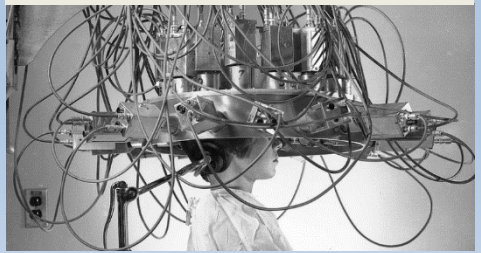
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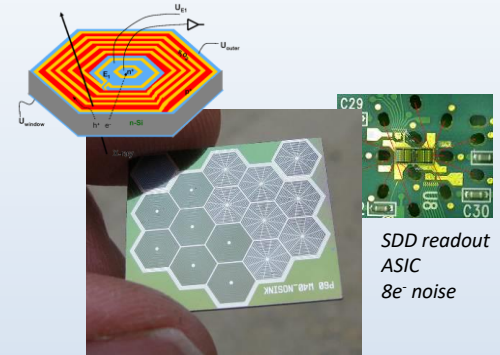
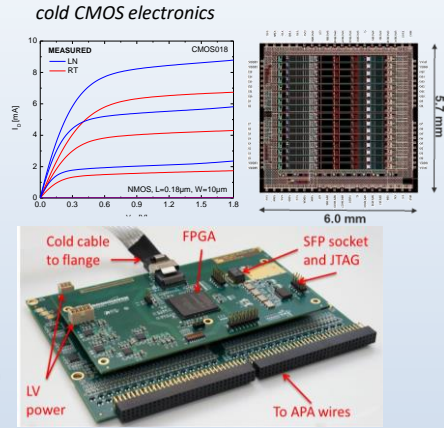


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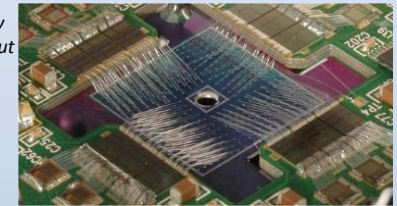
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- Cryogenic electronics - (1984)
- Lasers in accelerator technology - (1985)
- Si detectors for HEP/NP - (1986)
- Gas detectors for heavy ion physics - (1986)
- Long Trace Profiler - (1987)
- Monolithic low-noise circuits - (1990)
- LAr, LKr ionization chambers, SSC, LHC: - (1993)
- Nanostructures - (1994)
- Deep sub-micron low-noise circuits - (1997)
- Ultrafast optical techniques - (2000)
- Neutron/Gamma detectors for Homeland Security - (2002)
- Small animal imaging - (2003)
- Silicon detectors for synchrotron radiation - (2004)
- Fully-depleted CCD arrays and readout for astronomy - (2005)
- Beam diagnostics - (2006)
- Diamond detectors – (2009)
- LAr Time Projection Chambers - (2009)
- Low Temperature Microelectronics - (2010)

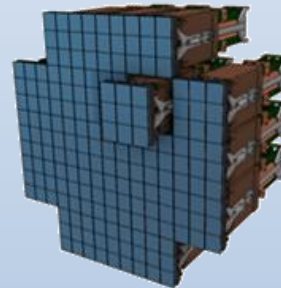


high resolution hexagonal SDD array

384-element EXAFS array
 HERMES/SCEPTER readout



LSST focal plane



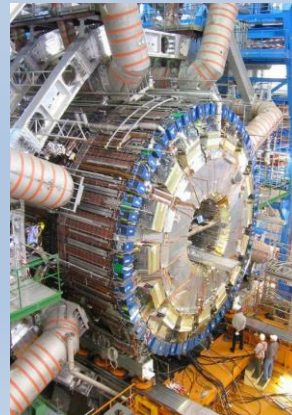
LSST raft tower module



PHENIX Time Expansion Chamber/TRD



ATLAS EM calorimeter



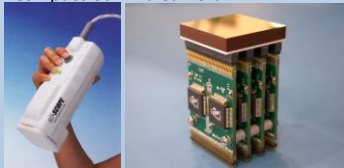
70-ton LAr TPC (MICROBOONE)



Diamond detector for x-ray beam position monitor



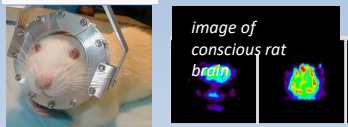
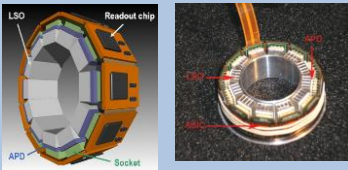
Compact Gamma Camera



silicon vertex tracker



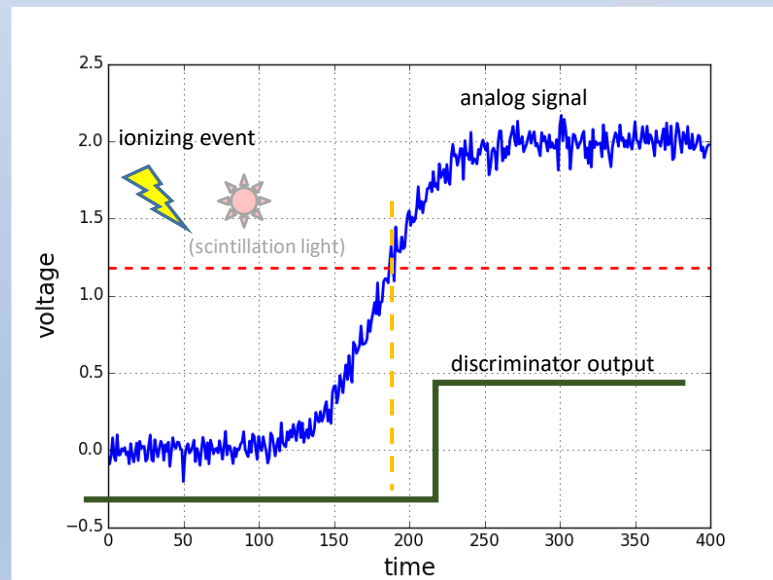
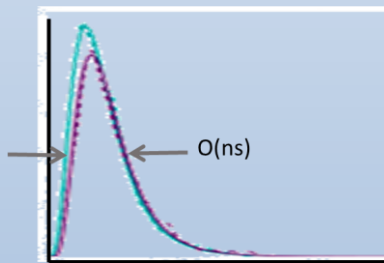
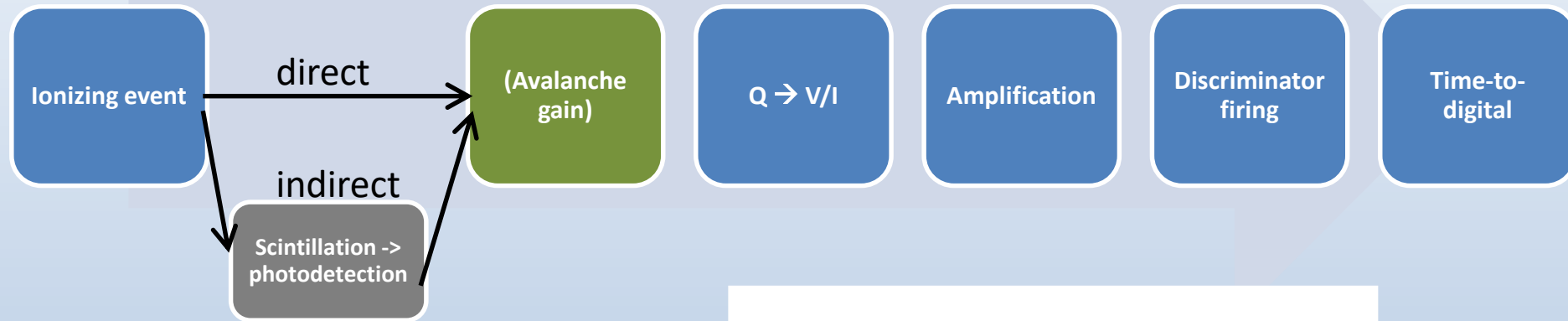
240-channel multichip module



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Time resolution/rate capability

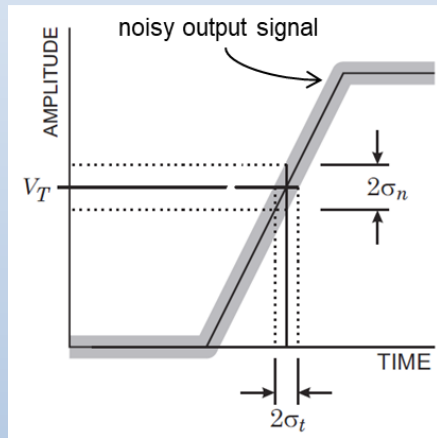
Detecting the time of occurrence of an ionizing event involves a chain of events, each of which has a duration with statistical fluctuations:



Contributions to timing resolution

- Ionization: prompt (< 1ps)
- Transport of ionization charge
- If using scintillator: generation and transport of scintillation photons; photon statistics noise
- Amplifier noise – see below
- TDC quantization noise $\sim \text{binsize}/\sqrt{12}$

Electronics noise/speed tradeoff (white noise)



$$\sigma_T = \frac{\sigma_Q}{\left(\frac{dv_0}{dt}\right)} \rightarrow \text{time resolution improves as the slope of the waveform at the threshold crossing increases}$$

$$\text{Slope at z.c. } \frac{dv_0}{dt} \sim \frac{V_0}{t_{\text{rise}}} \sim \frac{V_0}{\sqrt{t_{\text{amp}}^2 + t_{\text{signal}}^2}}$$

$$\text{for white series noise } \sigma_Q \sim t_{\text{amp}}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\sigma_T = \frac{\sigma_Q}{\frac{dv_0}{dt}} \sim \frac{\frac{1}{V_0} \sqrt{t_{\text{amp}}^2 + t_{\text{signal}}^2}}{\sqrt{t_{\text{amp}}}} = \frac{\sqrt{t_{\text{signal}}}}{V_0} \sqrt{\frac{t_{\text{amp}}}{t_{\text{signal}}} + \frac{t_{\text{signal}}}{t_{\text{amp}}}}$$

minimum when $t_{\text{amp}} = t_{\text{signal}}$

Solid-state detectors with internal multiplication

APD (“Avalanche PhotoDiode”)

- Direct ionization charge is drifted to a high-field region where avalanche multiplication takes place.
- (Linear) multiplication factor M depends on reverse bias; typically $M \sim 20-200$.
- Avalanche mechanism has statistical fluctuation \rightarrow excess noise, but at low signal level overall S/N is improved because input-referred electronics noise is reduced by M .
- Custom fabrication process

SPAD (“single photon avalanche diode”)

- an APD operated in breakdown, with quenching mechanism to allow fast recovery. Single ehp can be amplified to mA current level. Loss of linear response but fast. Custom fabrication process

SiPM (“silicon photomultiplier”)

- an array of $\sim(10^3)$ SPADs connected in parallel to a common output. Analog output is analog sum of charge pulses \sim number of photons.

Digital SiPM

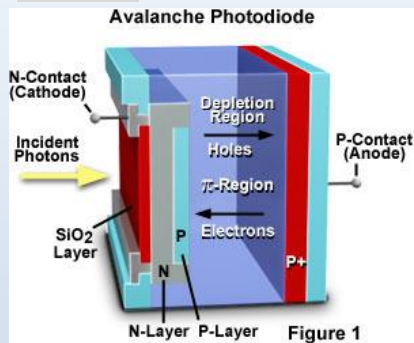
- array of SPADs with embedded electronics; arranged to generate 2 digital outputs encoding (a) number of photons and (b) timestamp. Standard CMOS fabrication process.

Solid-state avalanche devices increasingly replacing vacuum photomultiplier tubes (PMT), which are bulky, fragile, expensive, and inoperable in magnetic fields.

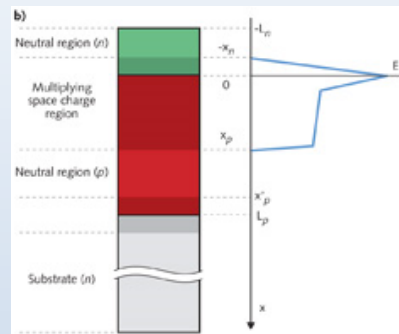
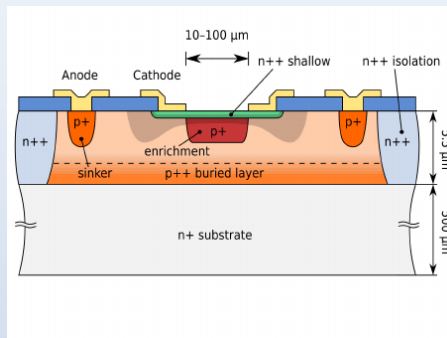
Commercial sector push for automotive LIDAR, TOF-PET, optical communications.

Solid-state detectors with internal multiplication

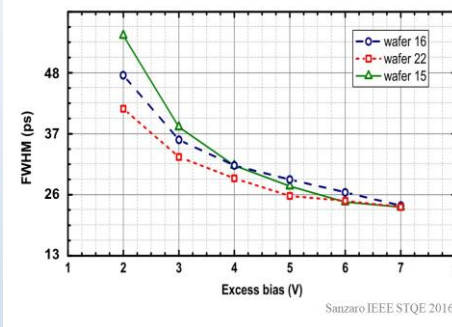
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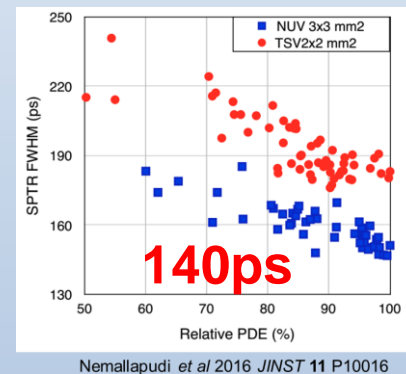
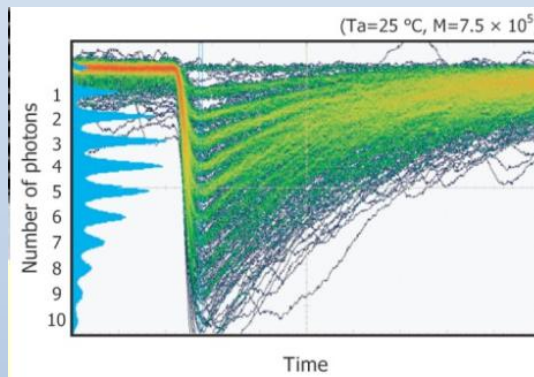
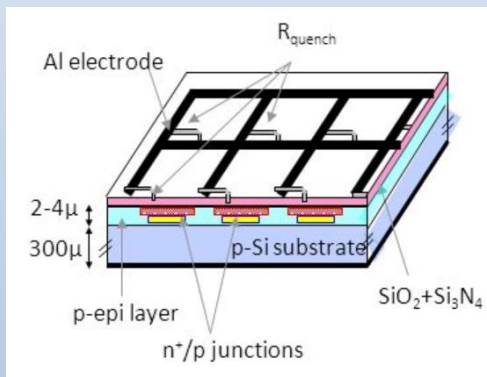
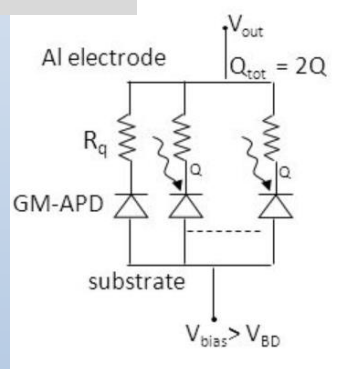
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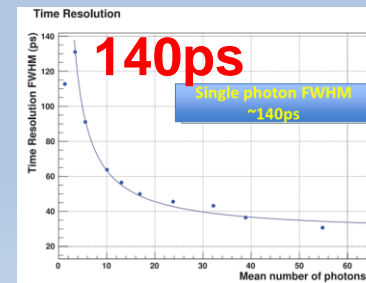
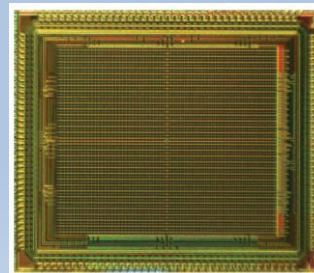
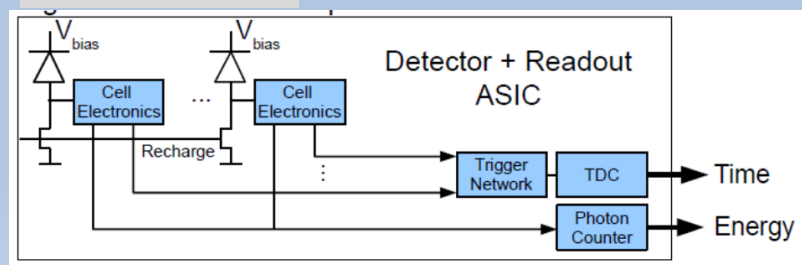
SPTR 24ps FWHM



SiPM



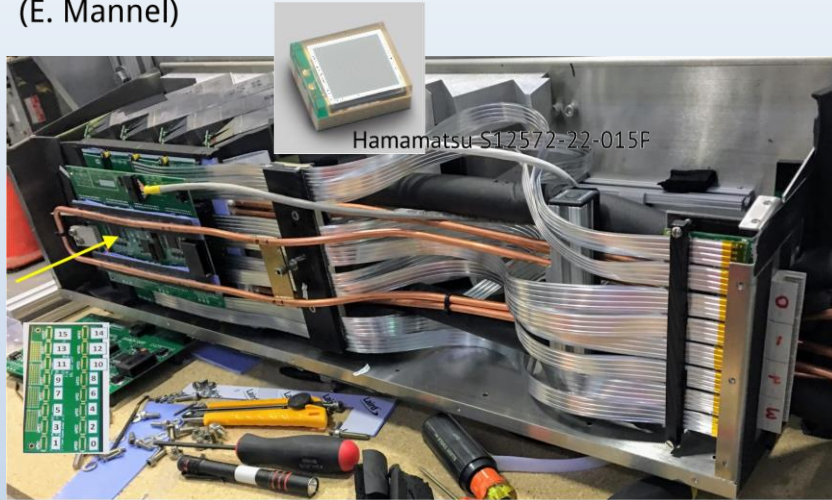
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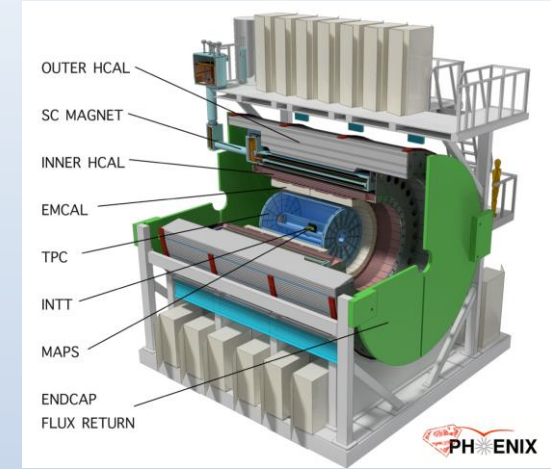
Large-scale SiPM application in collider detectors

Near-term: sPHENIX calorimeter at BNL ~2020

- >120k used in calorimeter of sPHENIX (E. Mannel)



EMCal

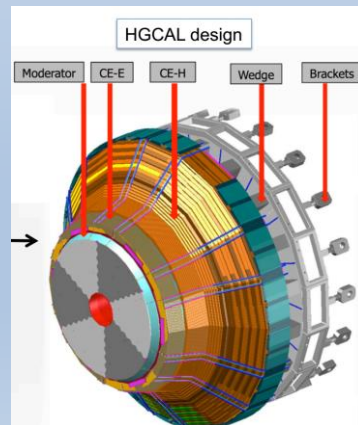


Longer-term:

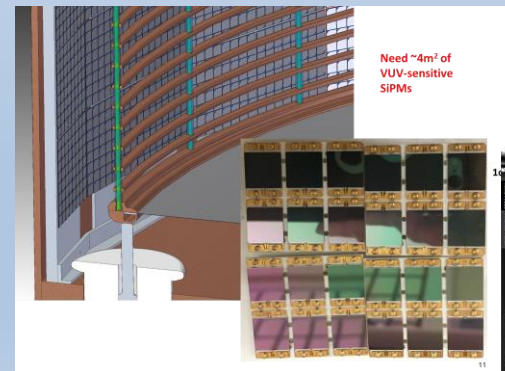
CMS high-luminosity upgrade at LHC ~2024

MIP timing detector: thin scintillator + 250K chan SiPM

High granularity endcap hadronic calorimeter: 500m² plastic scintillator with SiPM on-tile readout

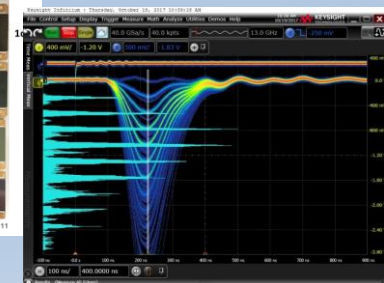


nEXO 5-ton I-¹³⁶Xe TPC 0νββ



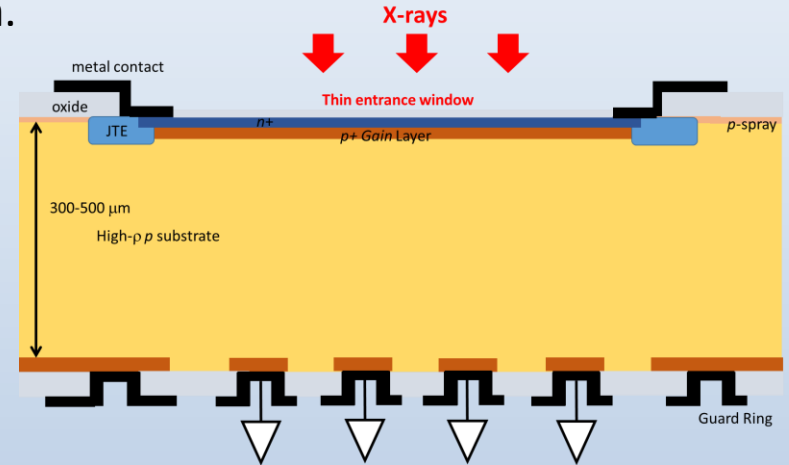
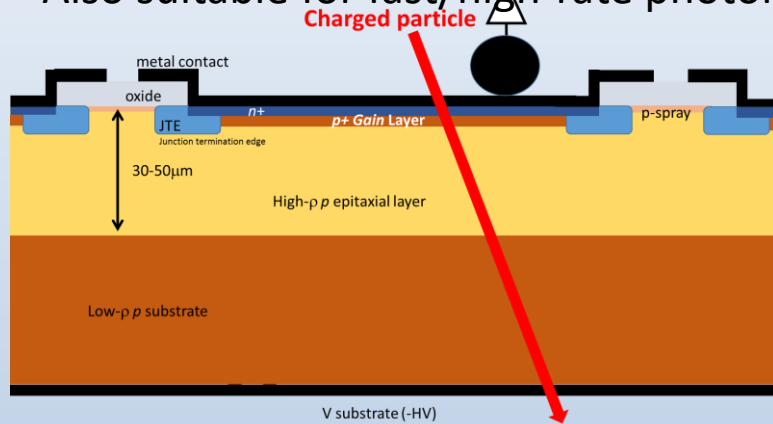
HPK VUV4

Test at BNL with pulsed 177nm light source

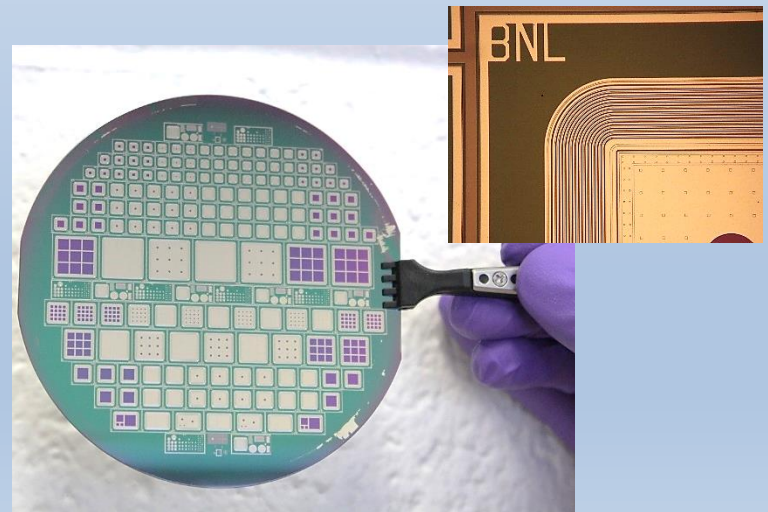
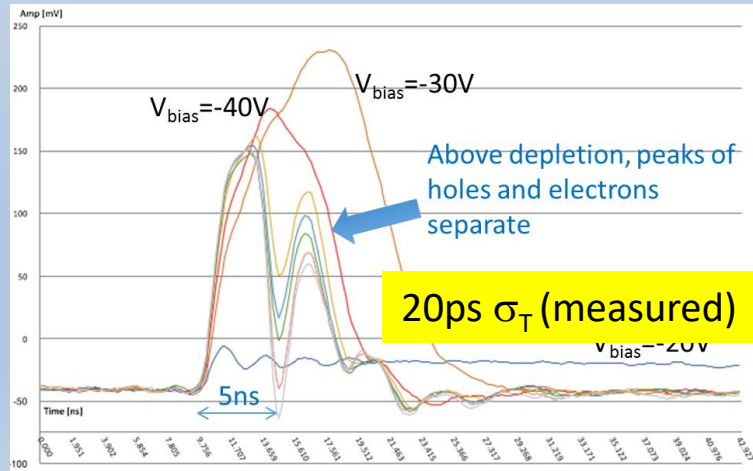


Low Gain Avalanche Photodiode (LGAD)

- APD engineered for fast ($O(10\text{ps})$) timing.
- Target application: high granularity timing detector for determining longitudinal vertex position in HL-LHC.
- Also suitable for fast/high-rate photon detection.

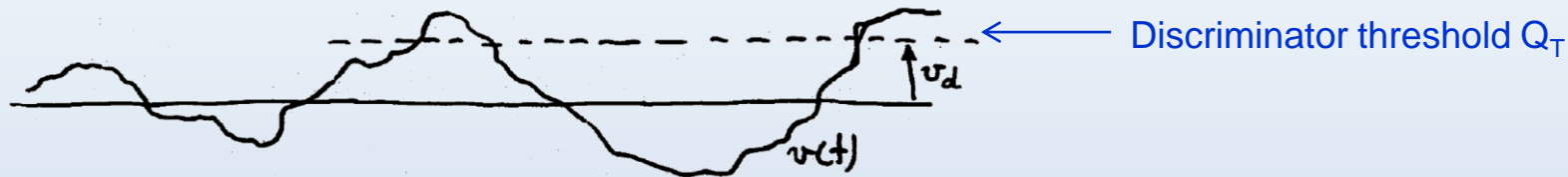


BNL technology demonstrated:



Giacomini 2018 pers. comm.

Threshold detection: noise rate



Equivalent noise rate:

$$ENR = f_0 \exp\left(-\frac{Q_T^2}{2Q_N^2}\right)$$

Q_T = threshold
 Q_N = noise

f_0 = rate of positive zero crossings:

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} * \left(-\frac{K'(0)}{K(0)}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{\int_0^\infty \omega^2 W(\omega) d\omega}{\int_0^\infty W(\omega) d\omega}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

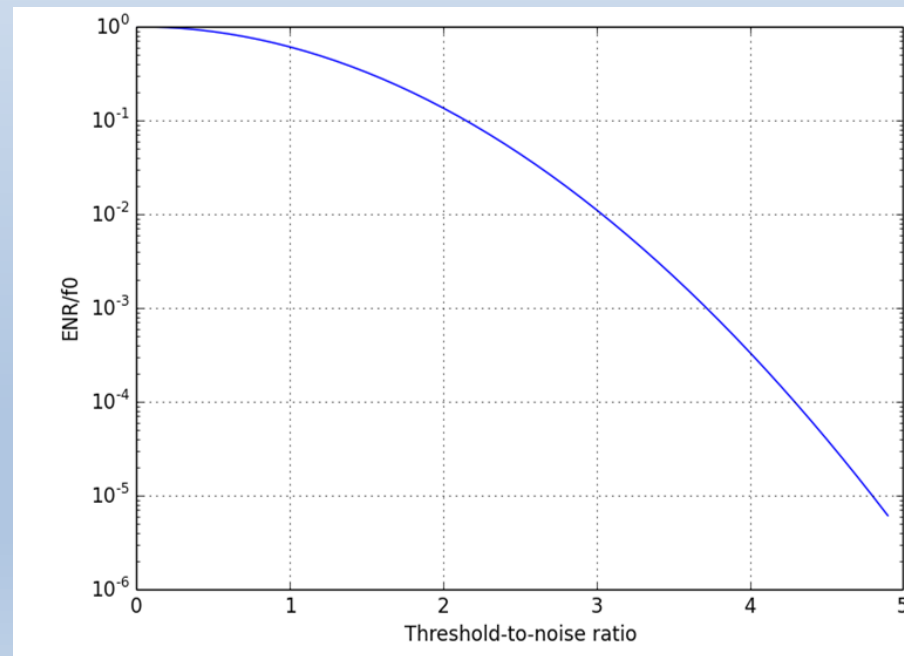
$$\approx 1/2\pi T_p$$

$W(\omega)$ = spectral density

$K(\tau)$ = autocorrelation function

$$K(0)^{\frac{1}{2}} = Q_N$$

T_p = pulse peaking time



Threshold detection: example

Pulse peaking time

$$T_p = 500\text{ns}$$

Number of channels

$$N_{\text{ch}} = 100,000$$

Requirement

$$\text{ENR} < 1\text{kHz}$$

$$\text{ENR} = f_0 \exp\left(-\frac{Q_T^2}{2Q_N^2}\right) < 10^3 \text{ Hz}$$

$$f_0 \approx \frac{1}{2\pi T_p} = 318\text{kHz per channel} \quad (\text{white noise, semiGaussian shaper})$$

$$\frac{Q_T}{Q_N} > 2 \sqrt{-\ln\left(\frac{10^3}{3.18 \cdot 10^5 \cdot 10^5}\right)}$$

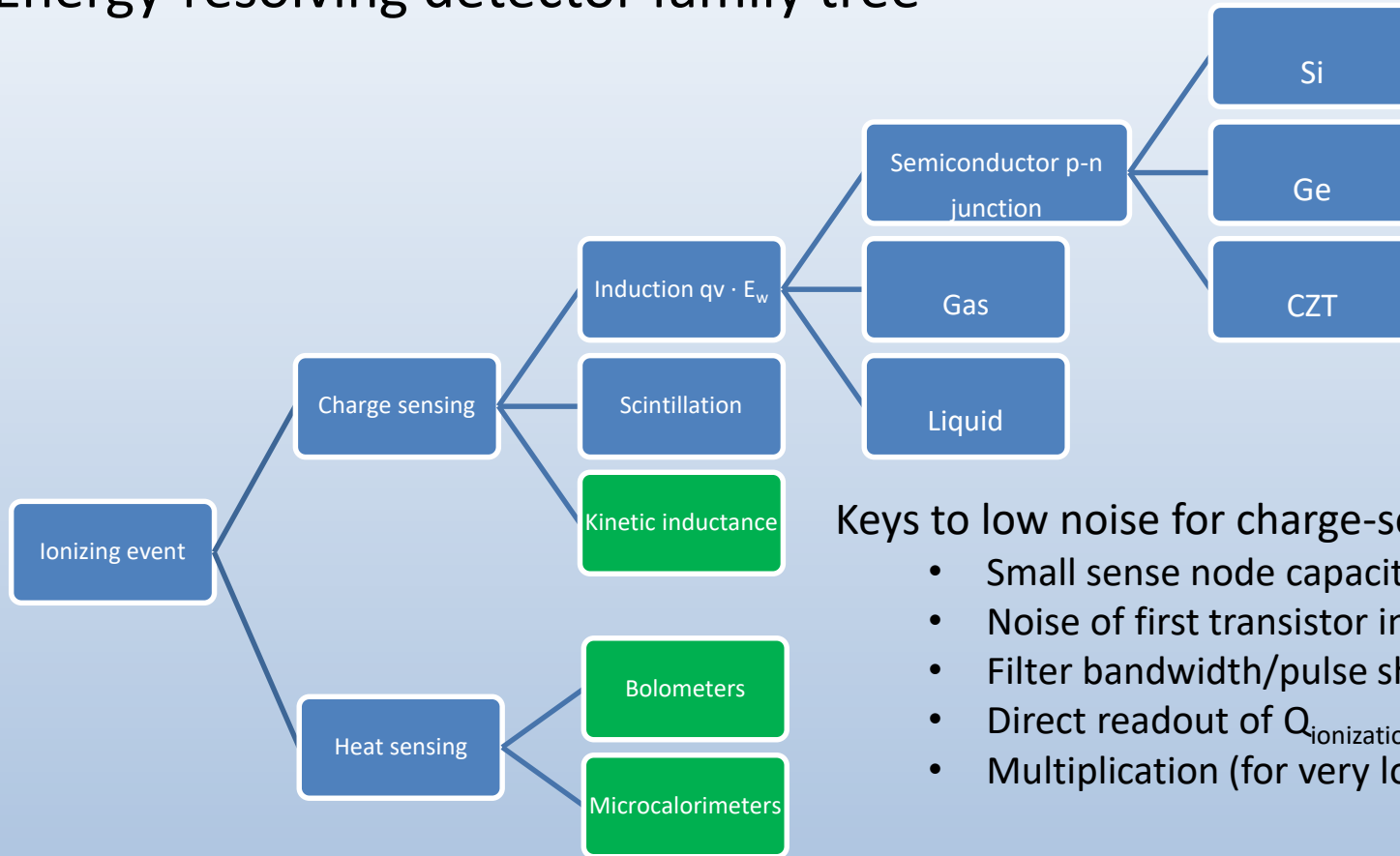
$$\frac{Q_T}{Q_N} > 8.3$$



Low electronics noise more critical for detection limit in large- N_{ch} systems

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Energy-resolving detector family tree

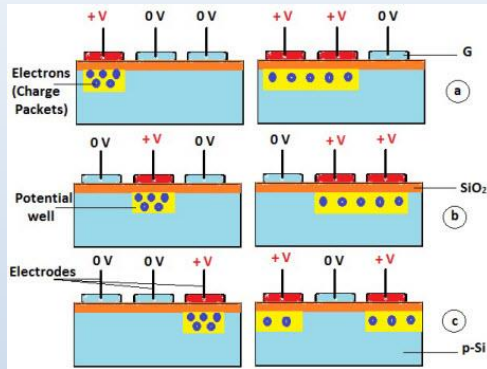


Keys to low noise for charge-sensing detectors:

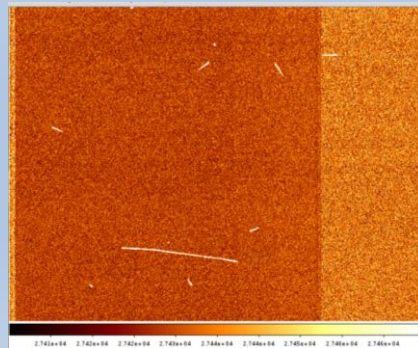
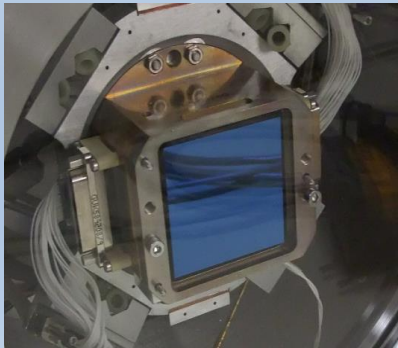
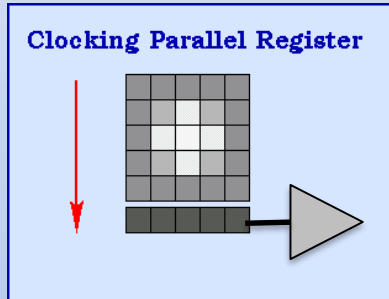
- Small sense node capacitance C_{det}
- Noise of first transistor in readout chain
- Filter bandwidth/pulse shaping time
- Direct readout of $Q_{\text{ionization}}$ where possible
- Multiplication (for very low signals)

Si-based detectors

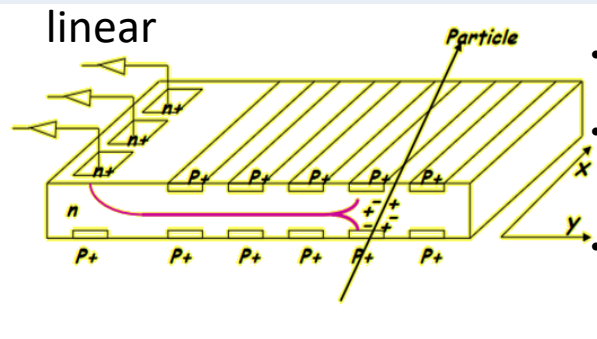
CCD Charge Coupled Device



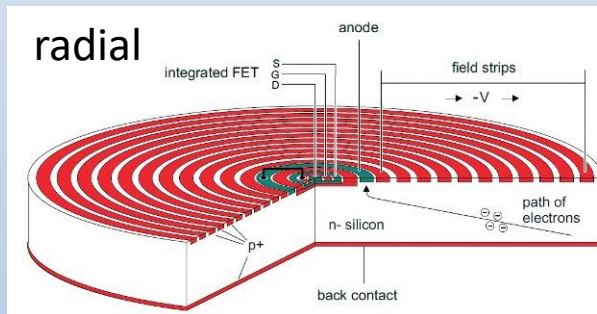
- Charge integrated in potential wells formed by polysilicon gates and implant boundaries
- After integration, gate potentials are sequenced to transfer charge to low-capacitance sense node and on-sensor amplifier
- Noise performance:
 - $\sim 3e^-$ at 100kpix/s
 - $\sim 10e^-$ at 1Mpix/s
- Custom fabrication process



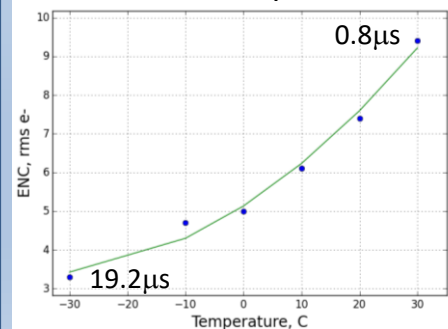
SDD Silicon Drift Detector



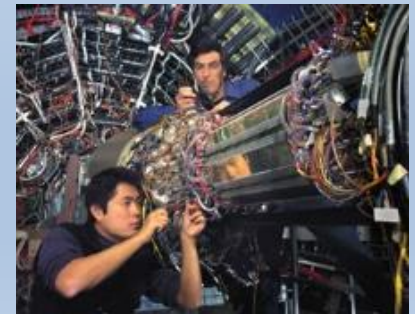
- Inbuilt depletion and drift fields.
- Potential minimum in center of wafer
- Anode capacitance small despite large sensitive area



Noise vs. temp.



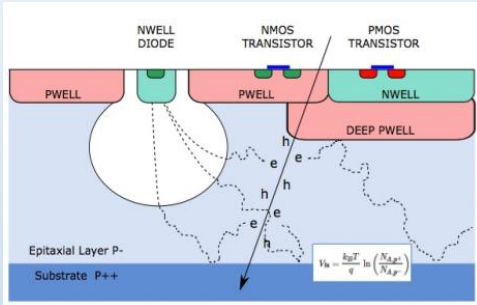
STAR SVT @ BNL (2003)



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Si-based detectors with integrated electronics

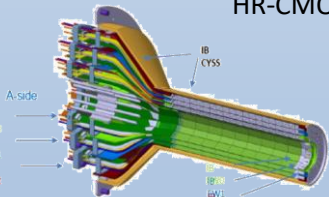
MAPS Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor



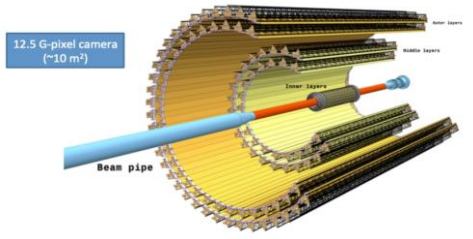
STAR HFT @ RHIC 2014 360Mpix



sPHENIX MVTX @ RHIC 2020 225Mpix
HR-CMOS

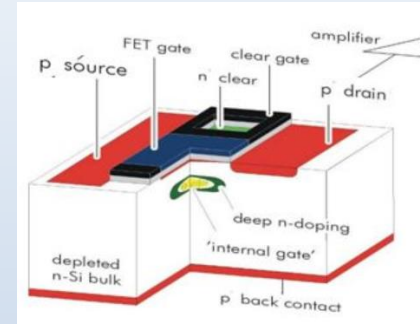


ALICE ITS @ LHC 2021



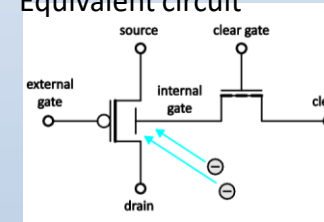
- Conventional CMOS fabrication process using shallow depleted bulk as photodiode.
- In-pixel amplification, reset, output switching.
- Sometimes, incorporate single-stage CCD in pixel for CDS noise reduction
- Arbitrary amount of CMOS circuitry outside sensing area
- Extensive use in commodity/consumer cameras
- Hope – to replace hybrid pixels for cost, compactness, lower power, lower material budget in trackers
- Challenges – small depletion thickness in standard CMOS process; radiation intolerance. HV-CMOS under intensive study

DEPFET Depleted Field Effect Transistor

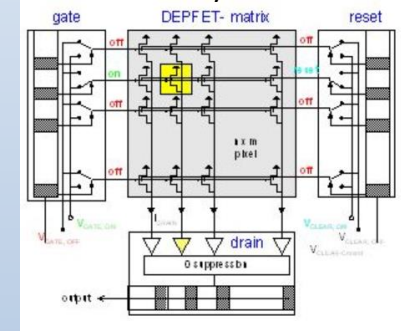


- Built-in potential minimum causes e- charge to be steered to the “back gate”/“internal gate” of a JFET transistor.
- Directly control JFET current, minimal capacitance.

Equivalent circuit



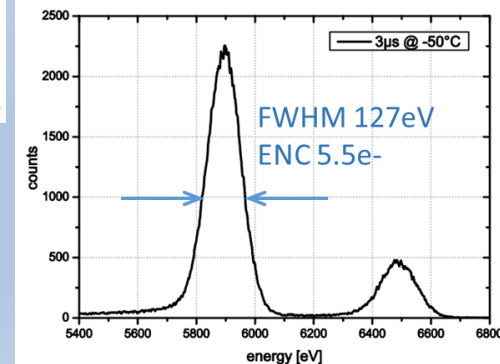
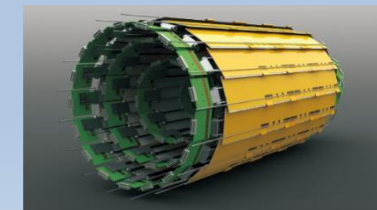
DEPFET array



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BELLE II PXD



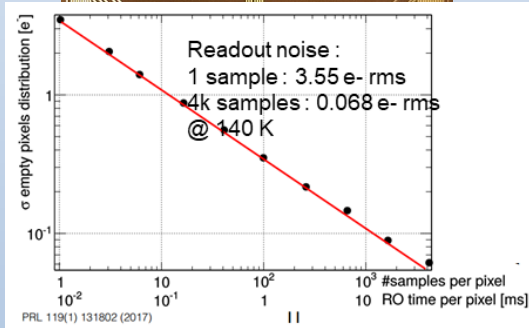
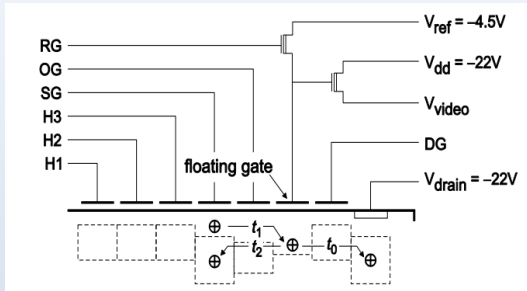
Aschauer *et al* 2017 JINST 12 P11013

Noise reduction by repetitive non-destructive readout (RNDR)

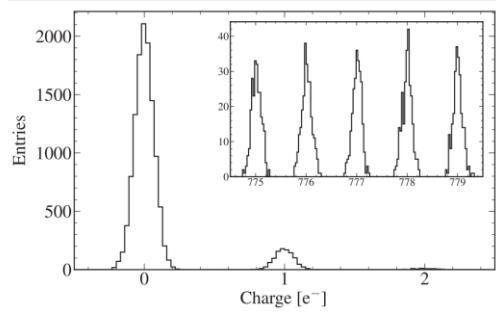
- RMS noise of a single measurement is typically determined by the electronic noise of the first amplifier transistor.
- In detectors where charge motion can be deterministically controlled (CCD, DEPFET) it is possible to introduce multiple, statistically independent measurements (N) of the same charge packet. White noise contribution from the front end electronics can be averaged down as \sqrt{N} (“Skipper”).
- Charge carrier lifetime at moderately reduced temperature (140K) is O(minutes) → charge loss can be virtually excluded.
- “Skipper” CCDs and DEPFETs have recently demonstrated *sub-0.2e-* read noise and opened the possibility for sensitive measurements of low-mass neutral particle – nucleus interactions where extremely low thresholds are required. Particular interest focused on DM candidates in the MeV mass region, experimentally largely unexplored.
- DAMIC: low-noise standard CCD for low-mass Dark Matter search
- SENSEI: skipper CCD for low-mass Dark Matter search.
 - *Has already established tightest constraints on DM cross section in the 0.5 – 4MeV mass range after only 0.019 gram-days surface run.*
- DANAE: skipper DEPFET for low-mass Dark Matter search
- CONNIE: low-noise standard CCD for Coherent Elastic Neutrino-Nucleus Scattering.

CCD and DEPFET results with RNDR

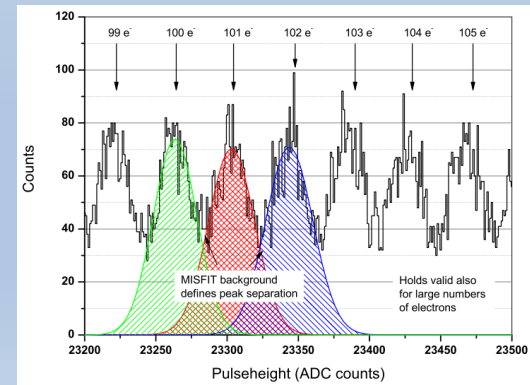
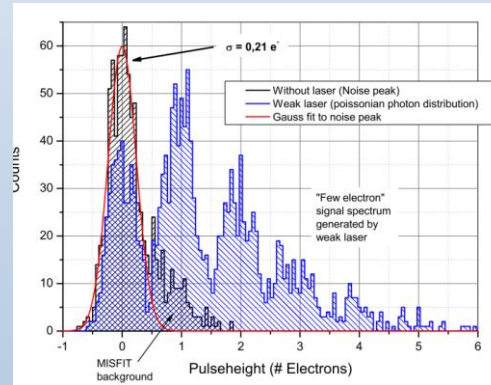
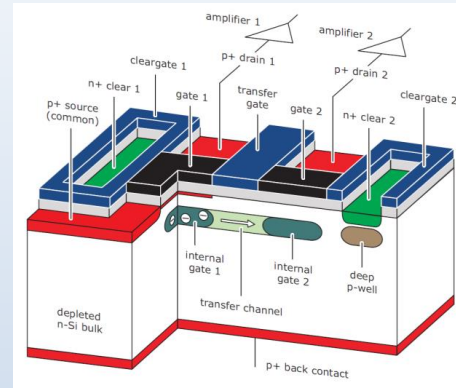
Skipper CCD



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Skipper DEPFET



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Superconductor-based detectors

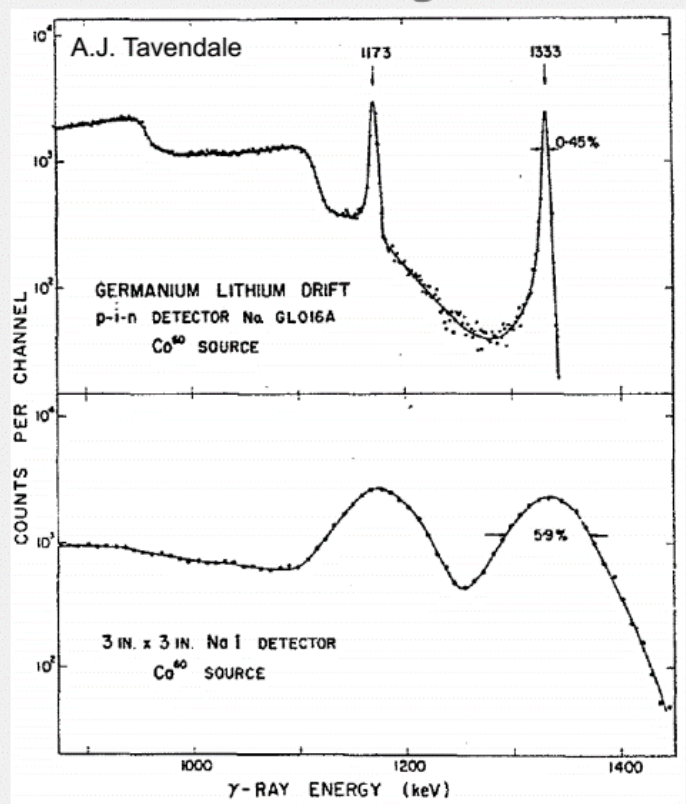
Microwave Kinetic Inductance Detectors (MKIDs)

Bolometers and microcalorimeters with Transition Edge Sensor thermometry (TES)

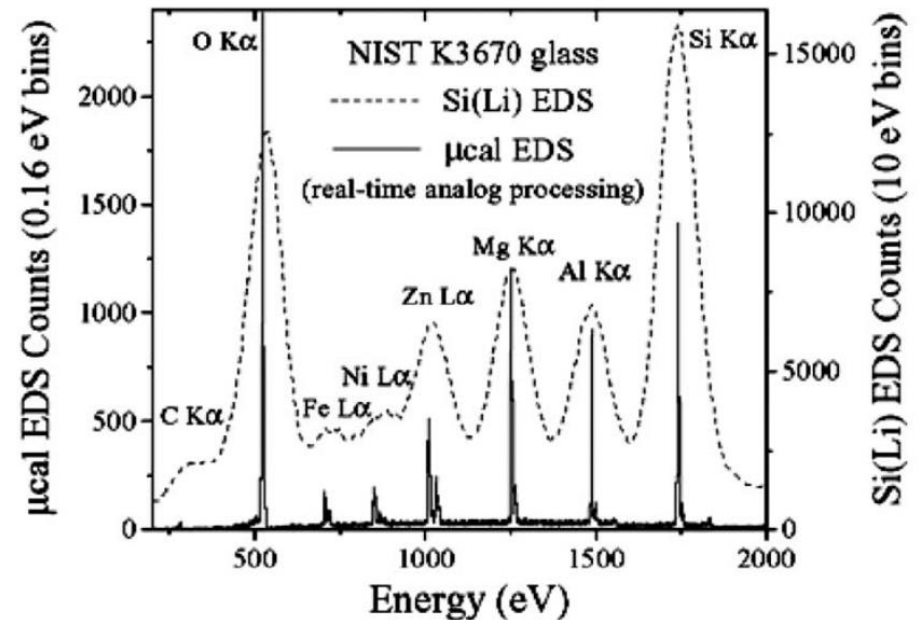
Require operating temperatures $O(10^{-3}K)$

Thermal, time, and frequency multiplexing techniques for minimizing cryostat penetrations

Ge detector (1963): 100X improvement over NaI scintillator at $\sim MeV$



TES bolometer (2013): 100X improvement over Si(Li) at $\sim keV$

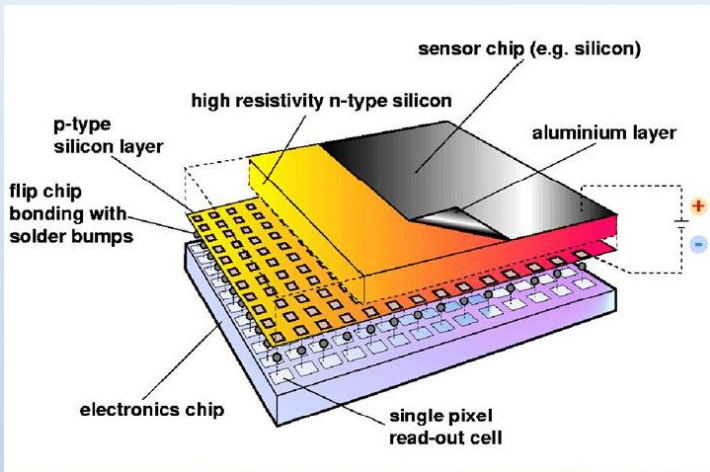


Energy resolution of the microcalorimeter, compared with a lithium drifted silicon detector.

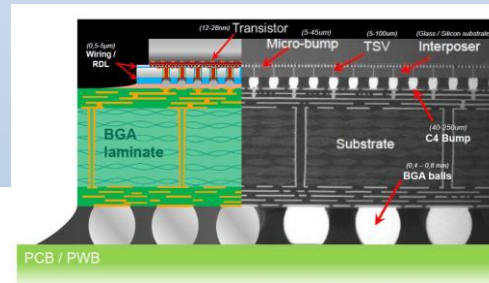
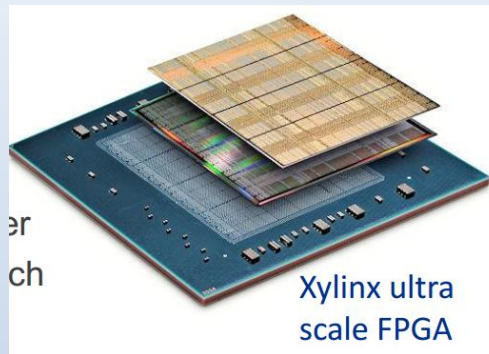
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Approaches towards finer pitch pixel sensors, dissimilar technologies

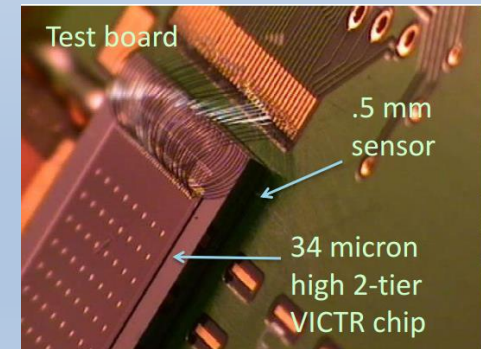
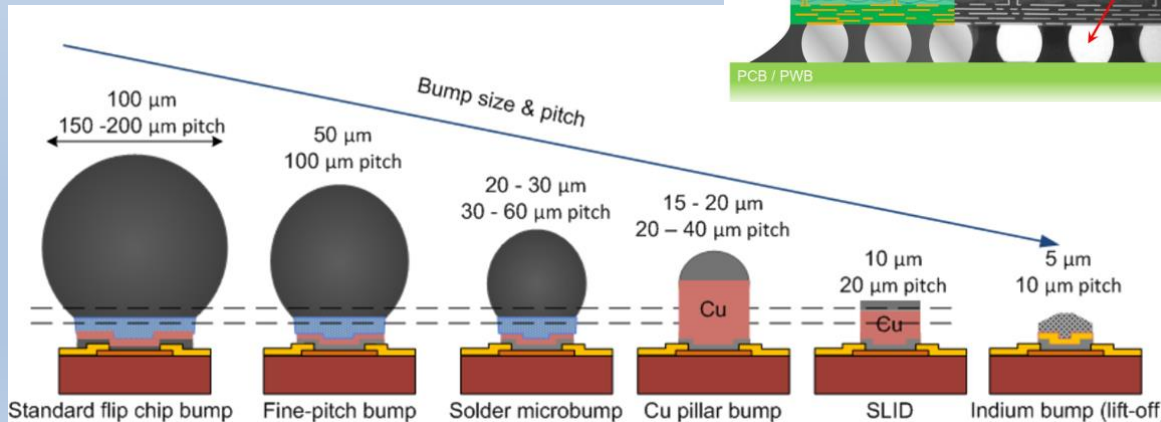
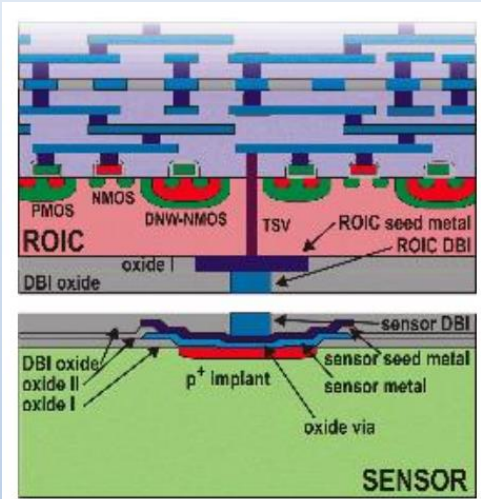
Hybrid bump-bonding of sensor to ASIC



“2.5D” hybrid using glass or Si interposer

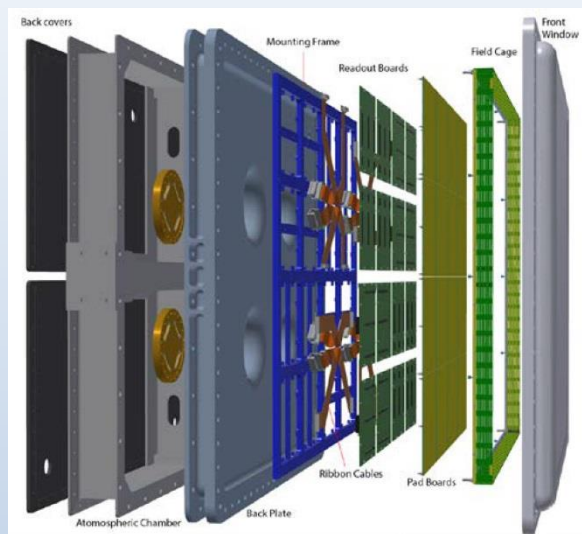
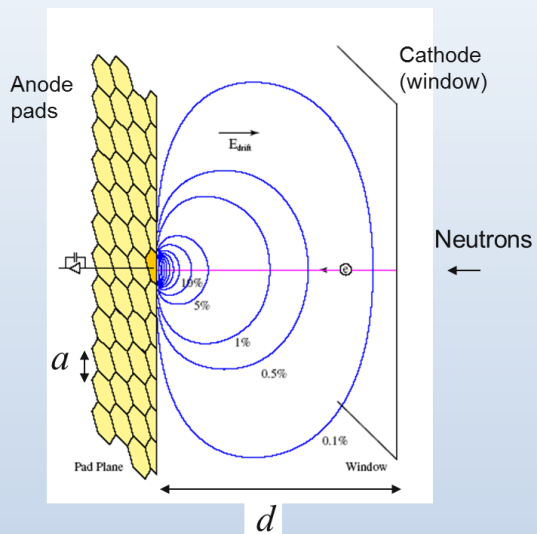


“3D” hybrid: direct wafer bond, multiple CMOS layers possible

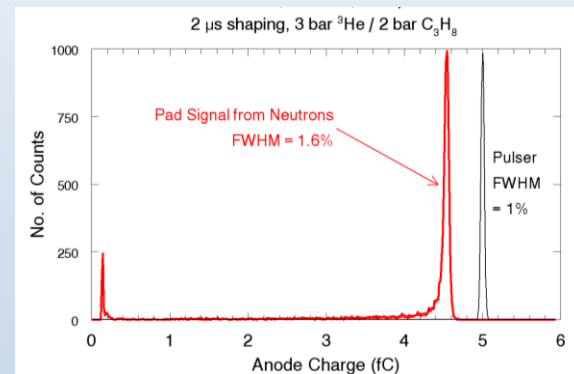


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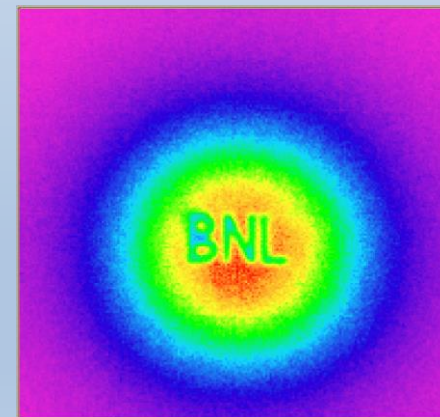
Anode pad readout for ^3He Ionization mode neutron detector



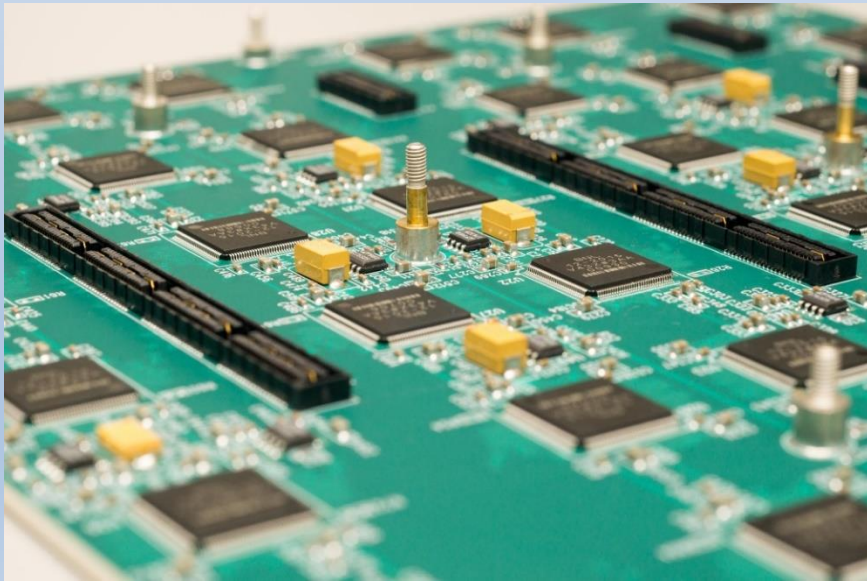
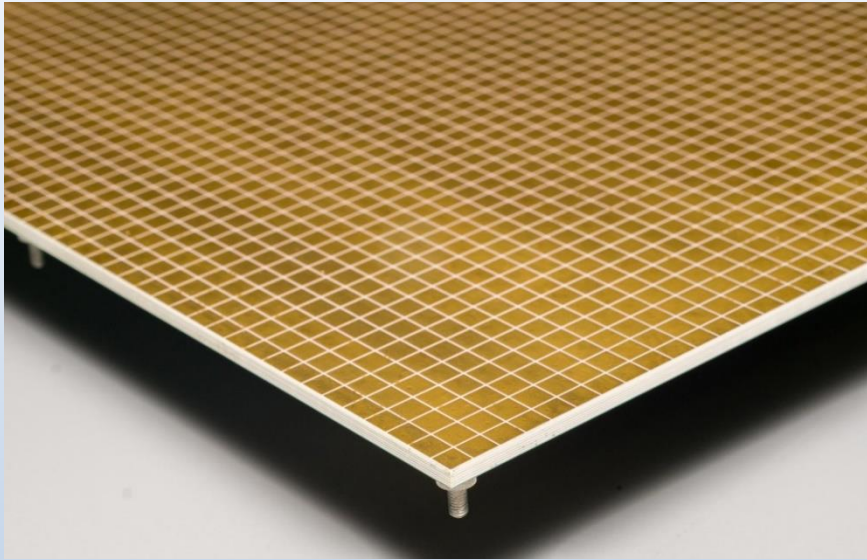
With low noise electronics, 5fC detectable with unity gas gain. Pixelated anode plane only achievable with ASICs



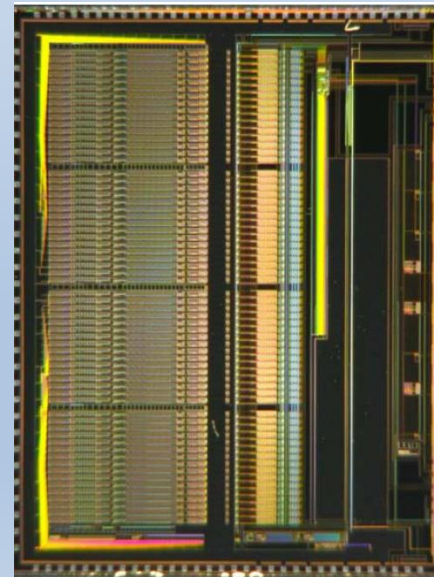
First image using Cd mask (BNL) and 1mCi ^{252}Cf source
22.5M hits



Neutron pad board front/back with ASICs



64-channel ASIC
All-digital output of charge/time/channel



^3He pad detector - output data format

List mode data generated for each ionizing event

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1		Timing	Peak detect	Channel #	Chip #	Board #			
2	168	70623	12	34	27	15			
3	168	70620	8	35	27	15		34	
4	168	70625	9	38	27	15			
5	168	70624	5	39	27	15			
6	20	195008	10	46	0	9			
7	20	195006	5	46	10	9		36	
8	20	195008	9	51	0	9			
9	20	195006	11	17	11	9			
10	27	139023	7	42	34	1			
11	27	139026	9	45	34	1			
12	27	139023	5	50	34	1		37	
13	27	139027	15	55	34	1			
14	139	21652	12	14	16	7			
15	139	21656	7	50	15	7			
16	139	21652	8	9	16	7		37	
17	139	21652	10	13	16	7			
18	20	204339	15	52	35	10			
19	20	204336	6	53	35	10			
20	20	204342	10	56	35	10			
21	20	204336	8	57	35	10		39	
22	200	255288	8	58	32	7			
23	200	255290	14	59	32	7			
24	200	255291	10	60	32	7		40	
25	200	255295	8	35	32	7			
26	234	93852	6	31	33	4			
27	234	93852	6	3	33	4			
28	234	93854	6	4	33	4			
29	234	93854	13	27	33	4		31	

Sum of peaks
in column C

Hits identified by time coincidence and adjacency

- New generation of ^3He –based, pixel ionization chambers (**unity gas gain**), enabled by microelectronics, makes possible **high count rate capability, 10^5 /s per pixel, $>10^8$ /s per detector**, flexible geometry, absence of ageing effects, extraordinary stability and reliability, the narrowest neutron signal peak.
- The technology provides powerful discrimination, n/ γ by pulse height, and n/particles by magnitude of charge and # of pads generating simultaneous signal.
- Time stamp applied to each signal provides TPC like operation – 3D rendition of events and tracks
- Systems can be fabricated in which front-end and DAQ are contained within the detector vessel, with only Gbit ethernet to a PC and power cables the only outside items.

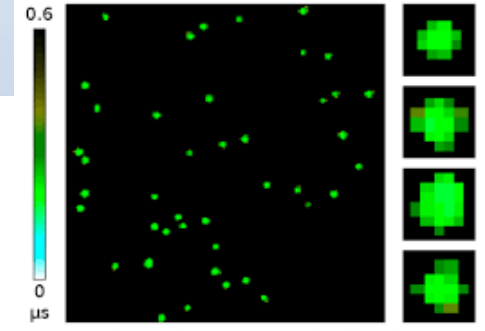
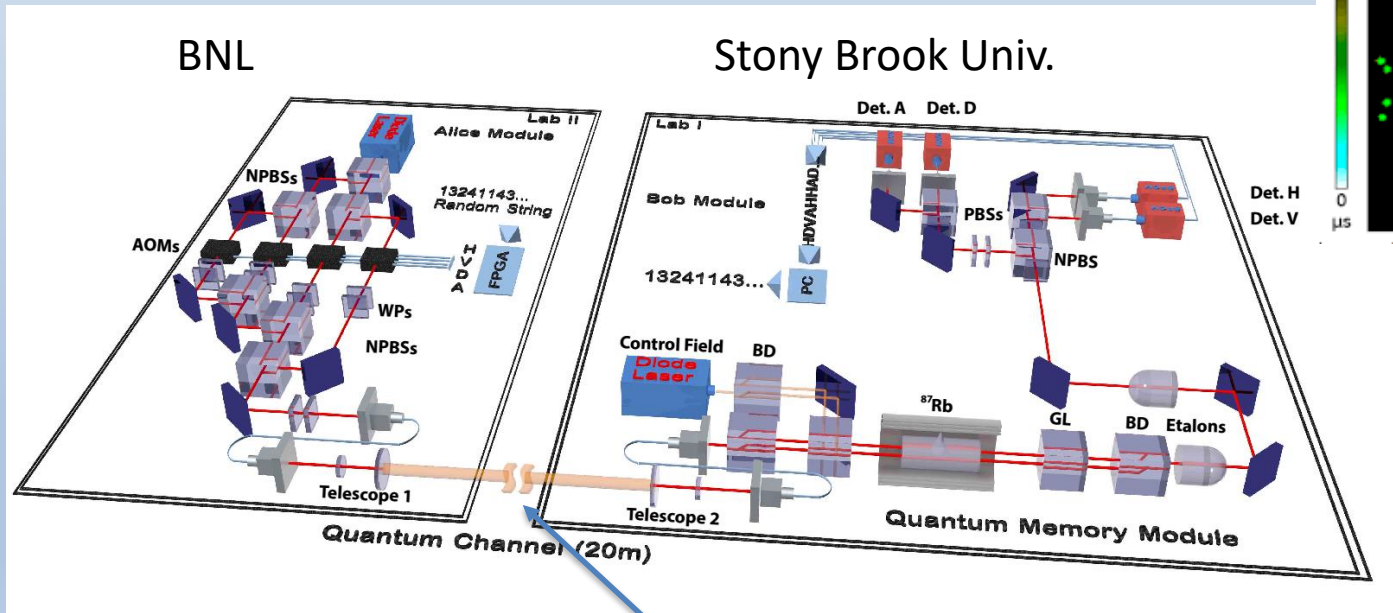
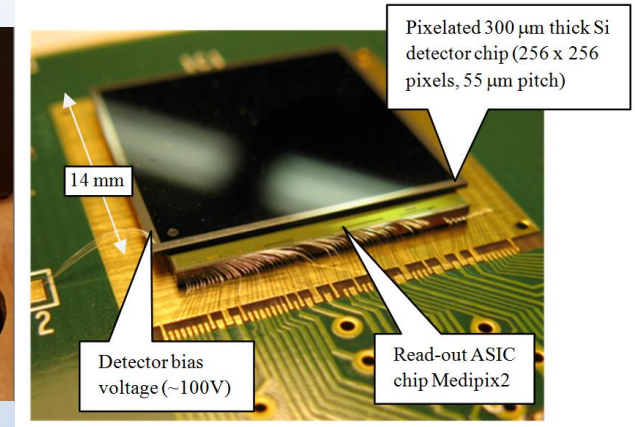
Fast single-photon imager

CERN pixel chip "Timepix" hybridized to Si pixel sensor

Image intensifier for single-photon sensitivity
 ~10ns timing/20um position for single photons
 (1.5ns version in development)

Applications:

- Fluorescence decay chemical analysis
- Quantum communications (detect entangled photons)



Free-space link

Multisite event reconstruction in CZT

- CdZnTe (CZT) room temperature semiconductor gamma ray detector produced up to $\sim 2\text{cm}$ thickness
- Has significant material nonuniformities
- Can be corrected by 3D calibration of entire detector “cube”
- Compton events contained within crystal (or crystal array) can be reconstructed
- Compton kinematics allows source localization (Compton telescope)

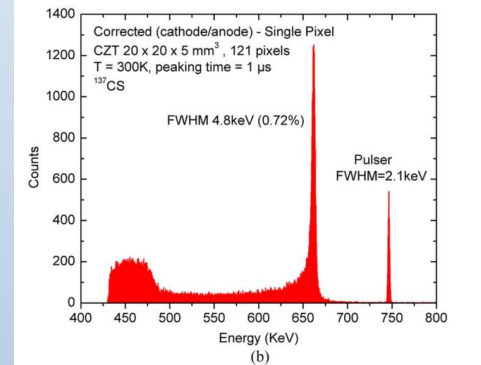
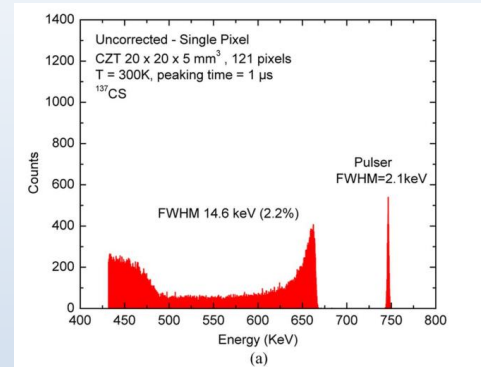
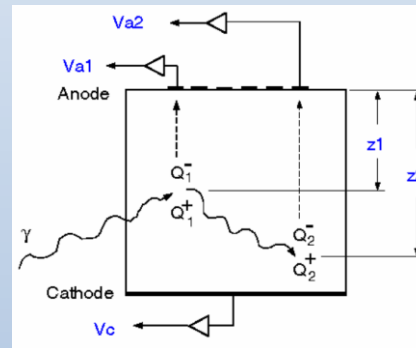
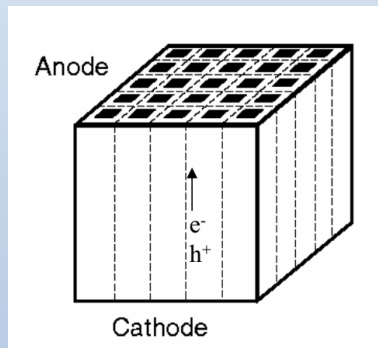
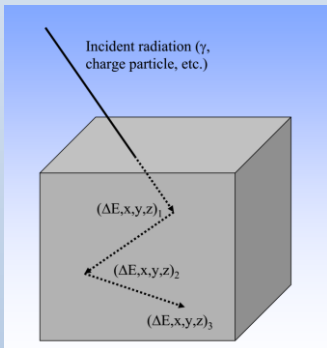
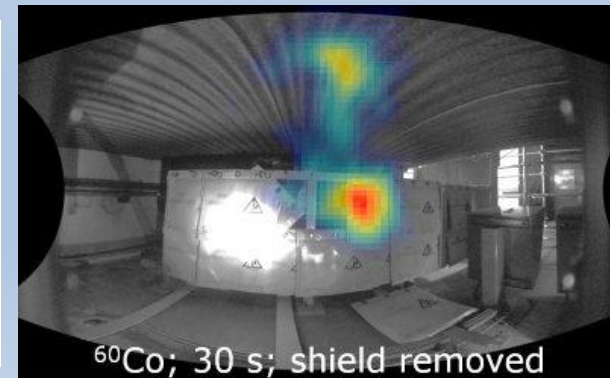
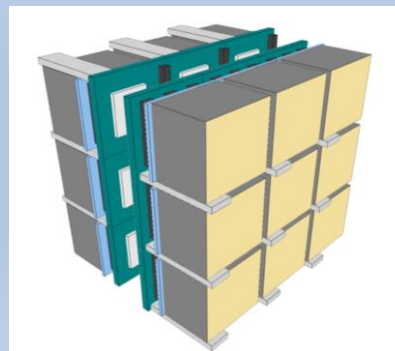
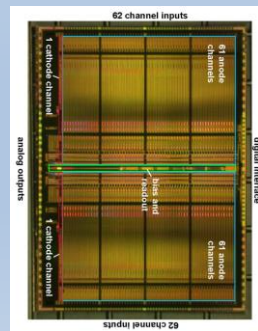
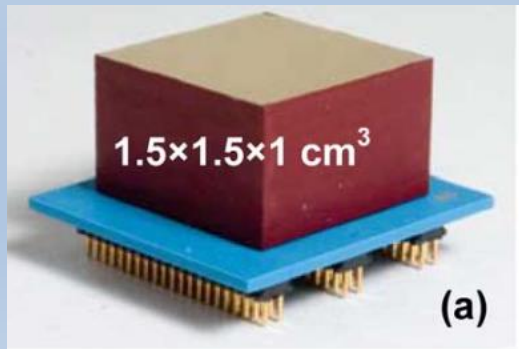


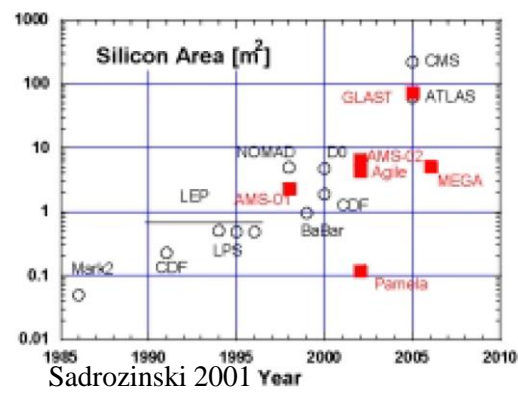
Fig. 16. Single pixel spectrum from a ^{137}Cs source: (a) uncorrected, and (b) corrected using the cathode/anode ratio.



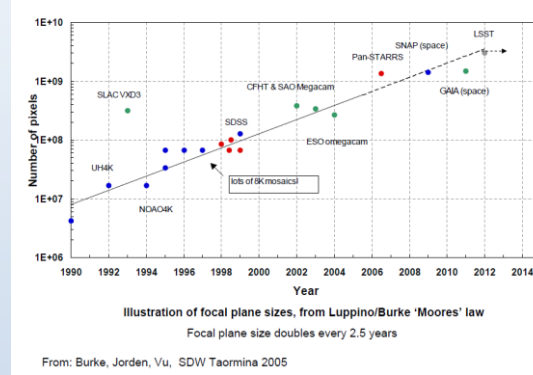
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Detectors getting larger over time

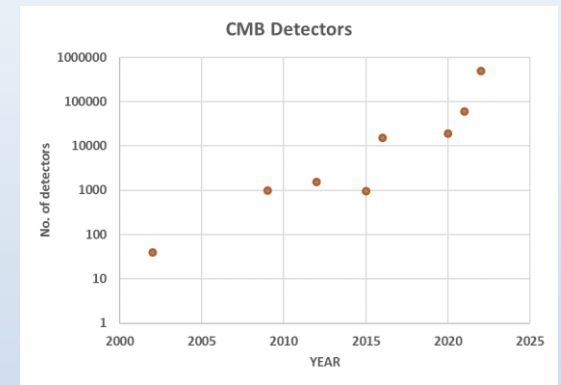
Silicon tracking @ colliders



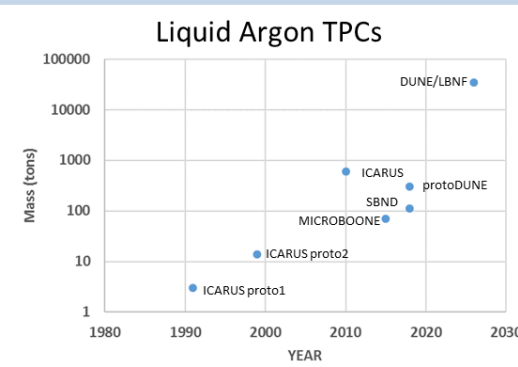
Astronomical mosaic cameras



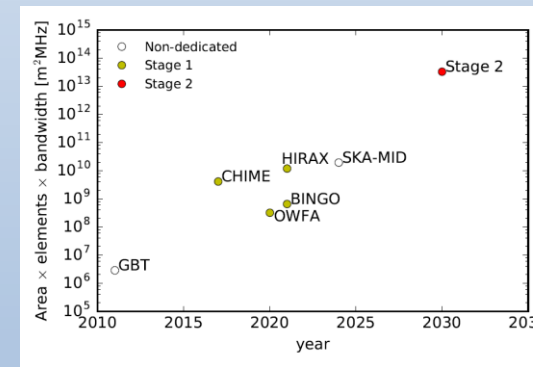
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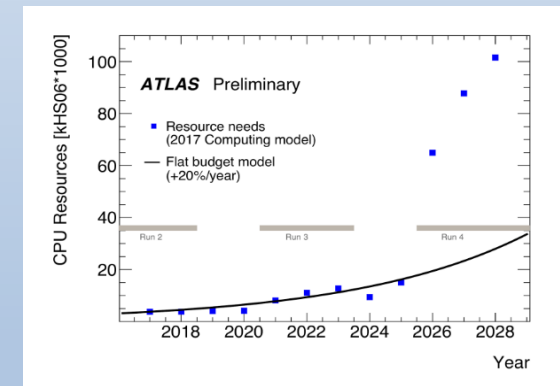
LAr TPCs



21cm radio arrays



Computing needs



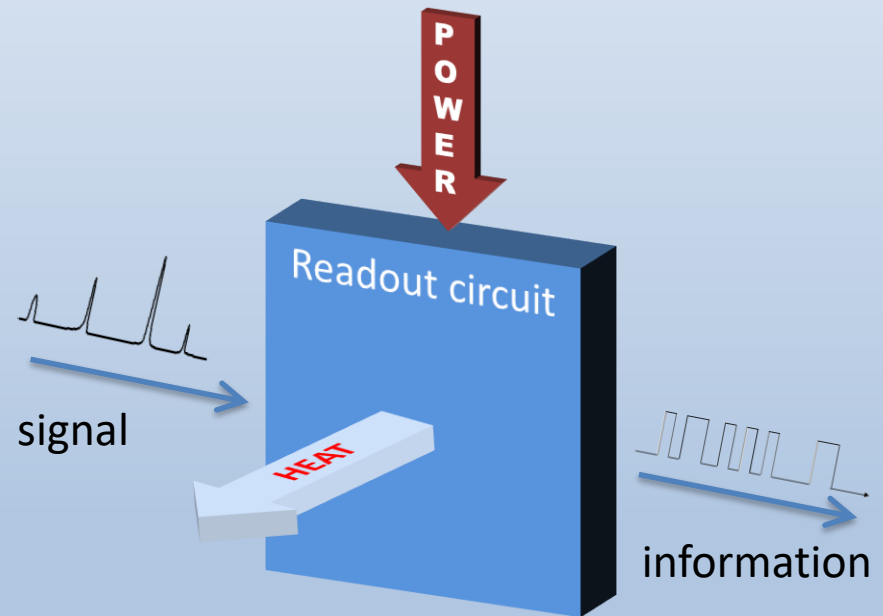
Detector services (*power*, cooling, data I/O) consuming a larger share of R&D and construction effort

Importance of power planning

- Electronic circuits are usually regarded as manipulators of signals and information
- Frequently neglected is that they are also thermodynamic machines and the electrical manipulations incur a cost in power dissipation

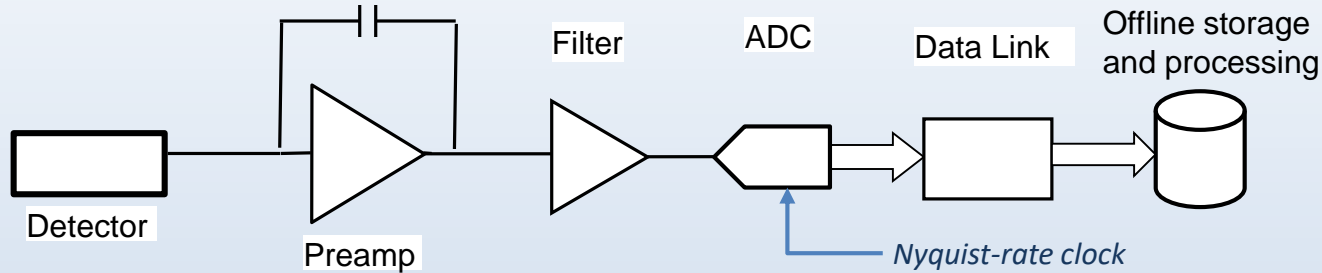
Awareness of power tradeoffs is needed at the transistor/technology, circuit, and system level:

- *Many performance parameters have a steep dependence on expended power*
- *For large, highly integrated systems it is easy to underestimate the engineering challenges of managing power delivery and heat removal*



Is there more efficient way to extract the information in the signal?

Conventional signal chain



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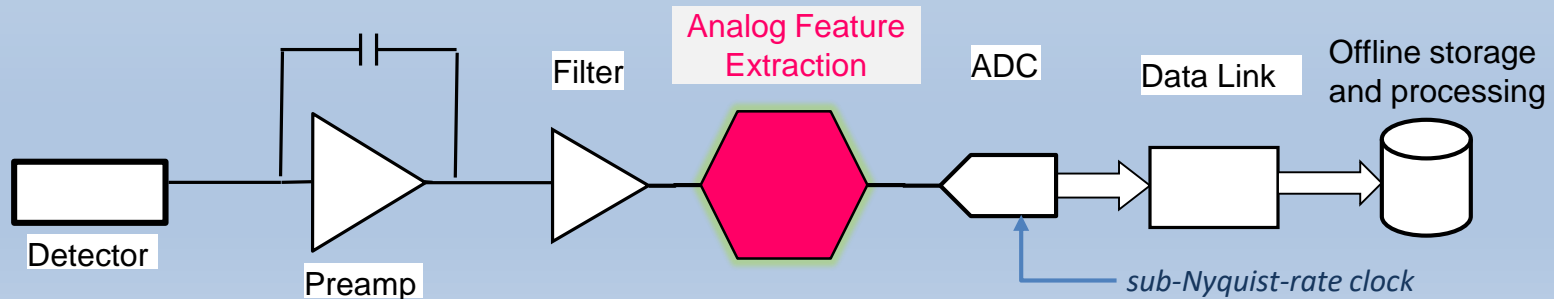


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One can regard the possibility of digital compression as a failure of sensor design.

If it is possible to compress measured data, one might argue that **too many measurements were taken**

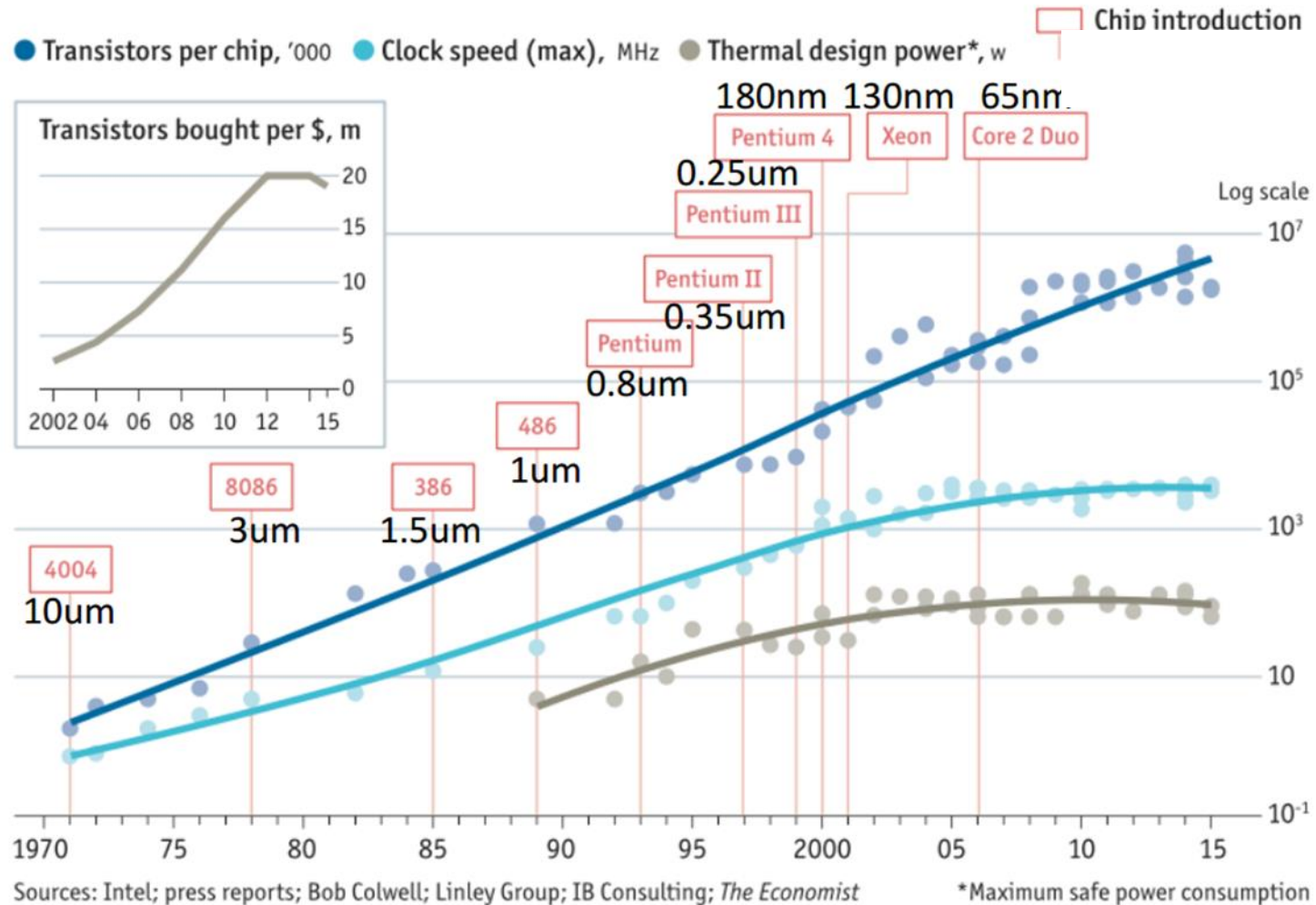
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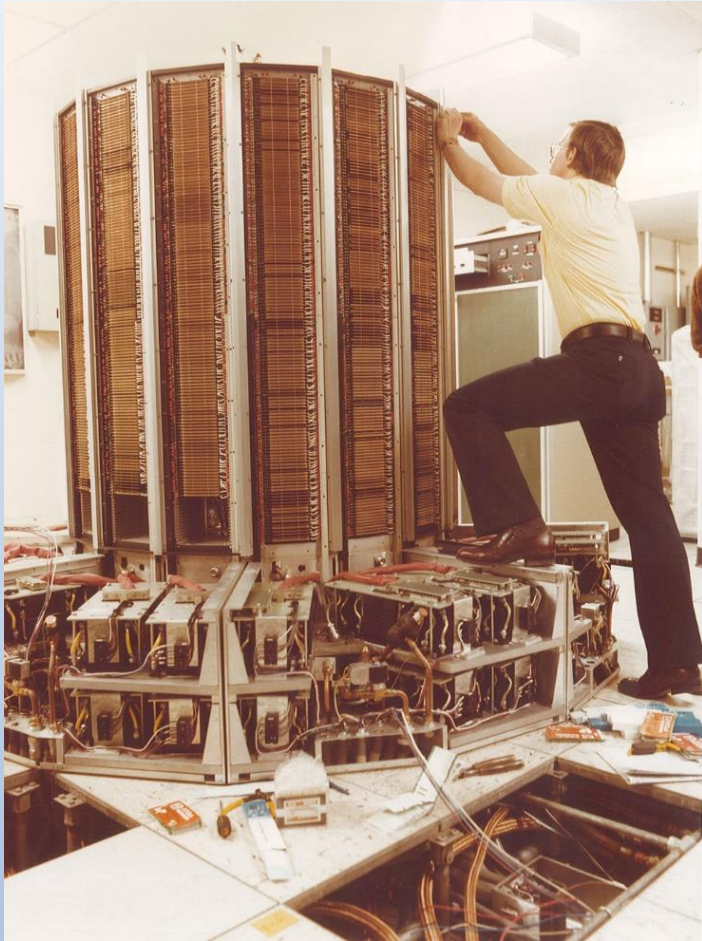
- Dramatic recent progress in energy-resolving (RNDR, TES) and time-resolving (SPAD, LGAD) opening new experimental opportunities
- Technology advances permitting ever-finer detector granularity, and closer integration of sensor and front-end electronics
 - Fine-pitch bump bonding, 3D integration of Si and readout ASIC
 - Microwave multiplexing enabling large TES arrays
 - Power dissipation / power density constraints increasingly being realized
- Opportunities for borrowing power-efficiency techniques from commercial world
 - Conditional powering, activity detection
 - Analog feature extraction
 - Machine learning/deep learning
 - Compressive sensing
- Larger projects / larger budgets bringing sociological change to experimental groups
- New focus area of quantum sensing receiving attention

Hope to see you at BNL
next Wednesday!

Microprocessor speed and power trend



Cray-2 supercomputer (1985)



- 4 processors
- 1.9 GFLOPS peak
- Clock speed 0.25GHz
- 2500kg
- 200kW



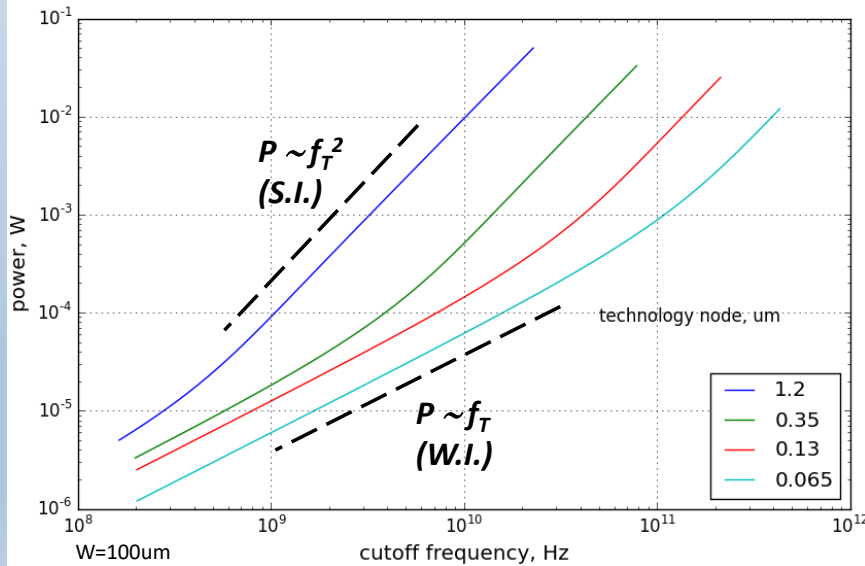
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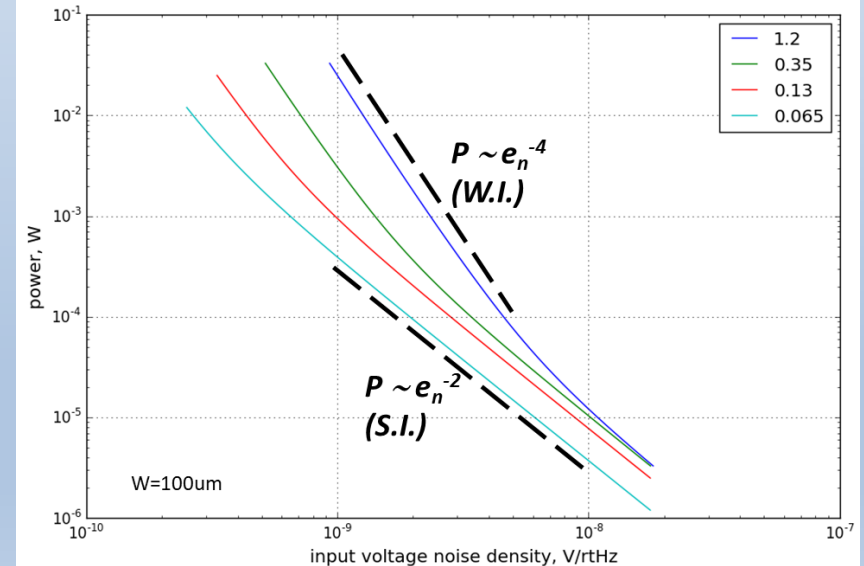
Transistor power vs. speed and noise

- In analog CMOS, designer selects technology feature size, transistor geometry (gate length and width), transistor polarity (NMOS/PMOS), and bias current
- Current density (I/W) determines state of inversion (weak/moderate/strong)
- In deep submicron technologies, weak/moderate inversion is typical bias condition

Power vs. cutoff frequency

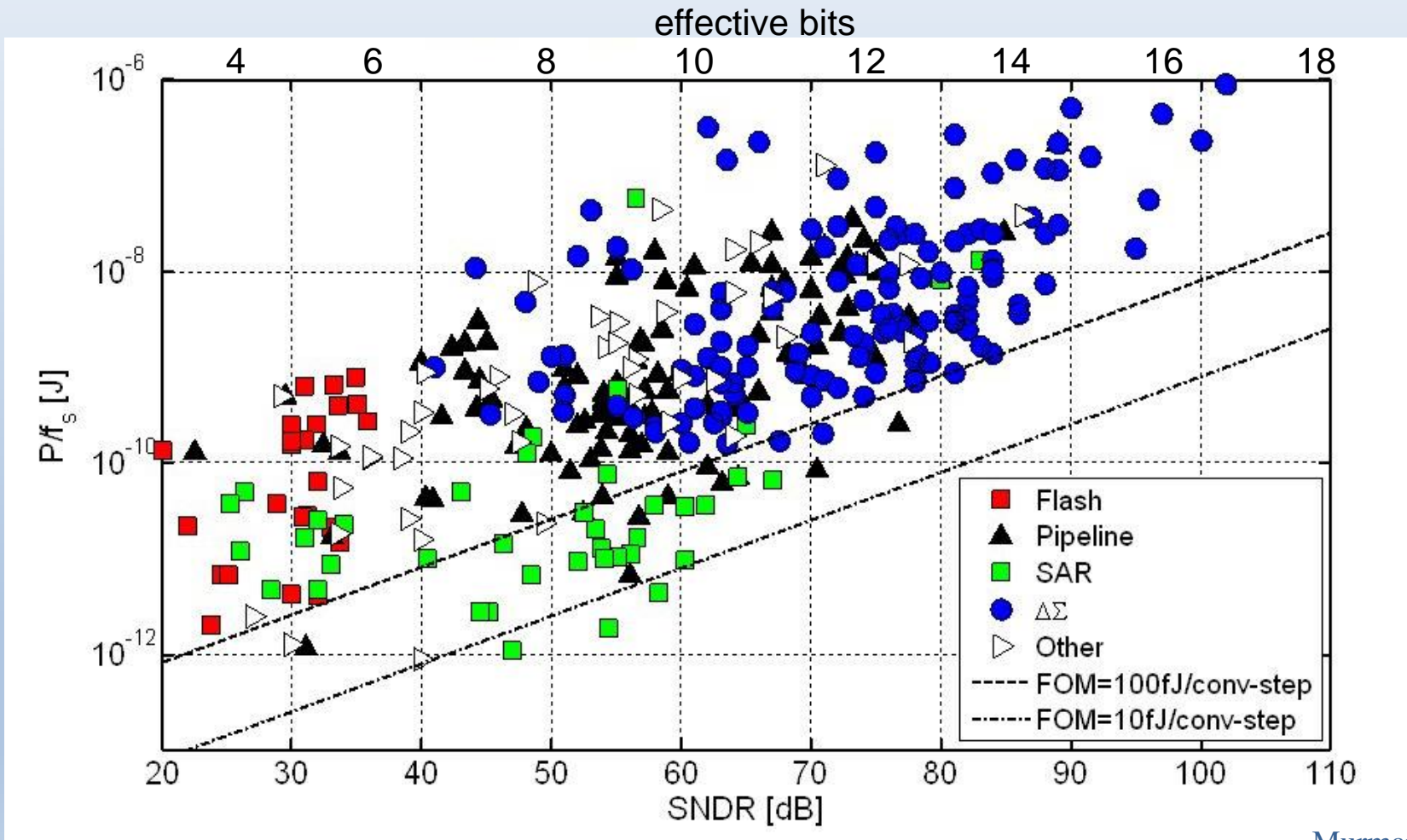


Power vs. input noise density



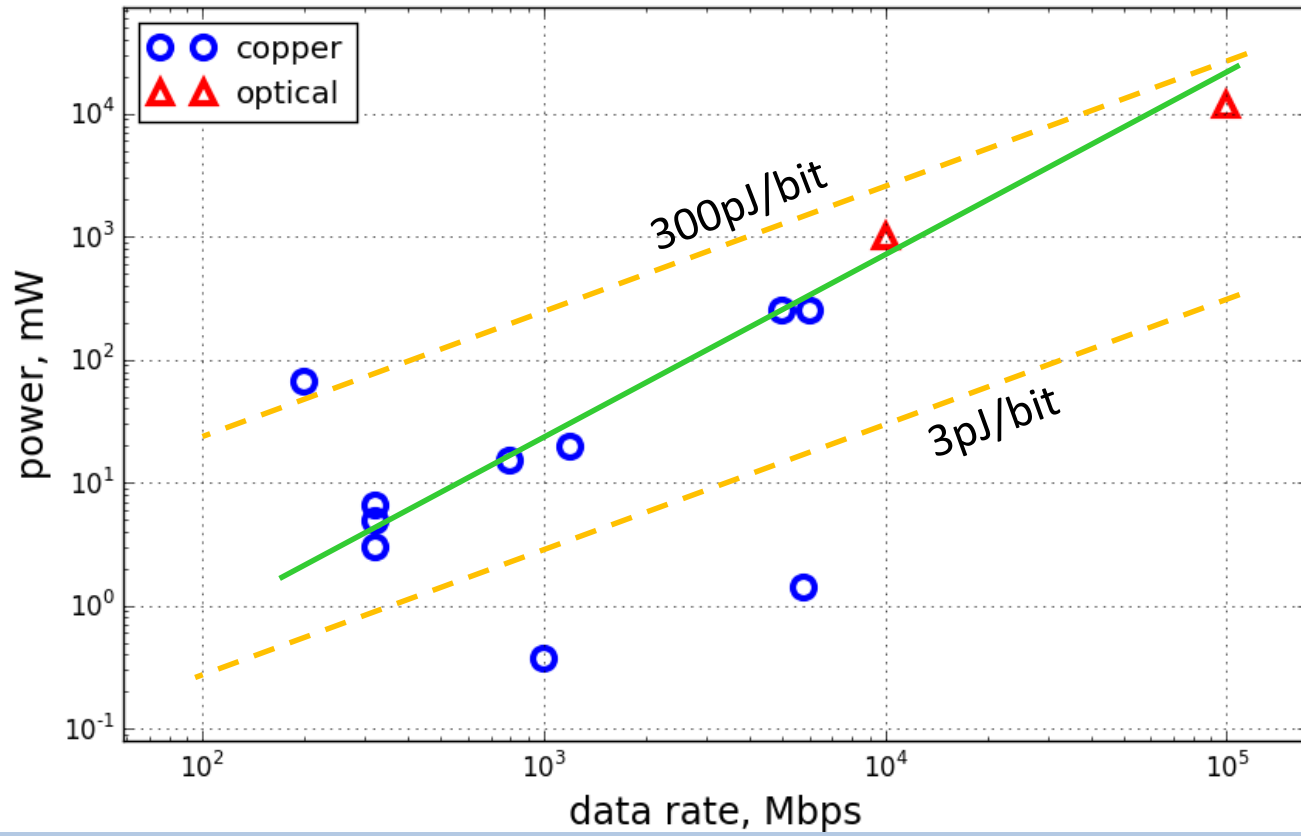
Analog-to-digital conversion energy

- Figure-of-merit for AD converters (energy per conversion): $FOM = \frac{P_{diss}}{f_s}$
- Thermal limit: $\frac{P}{f_s} \geq 4 \cdot kT \cdot SNR$



Murmann 2008

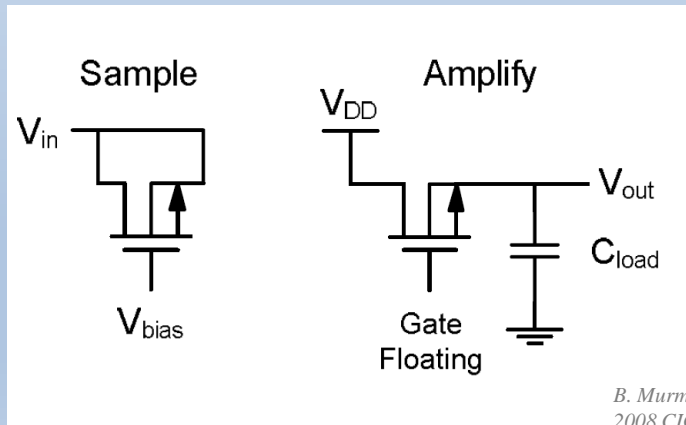
Digital data link power



Digitally-assisted analog

- in 90nm CMOS, more than 2,000,000 gates would need to switch to consume the energy an A/D conversion at 16b resolution
- It pays to take advantage of the availability of abundant digital resources to enhance the performance and precision of analog circuits
 - Mismatch correction
 - Nonlinearity correction
 - Correction of dynamic errors allowing the use of “mimimalistic” analog topologies

Single-transistor residue amplifier



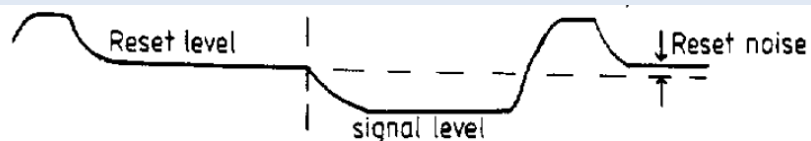
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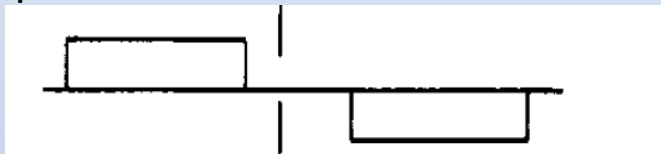
Measurement of step height (CCD)

Dual-slope integrator (differential averager) is the matched filter for step waveform with white noise
 As long as the pixel frequency is greater than the $1/f$ noise corner, noise is within 5% of ideal

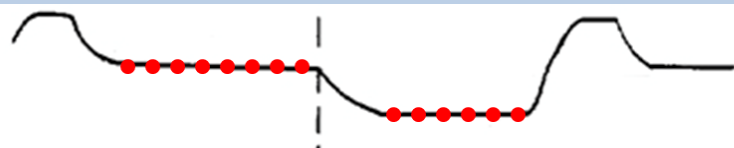
CCD signal



Optimal filter



Digital CDS implementation

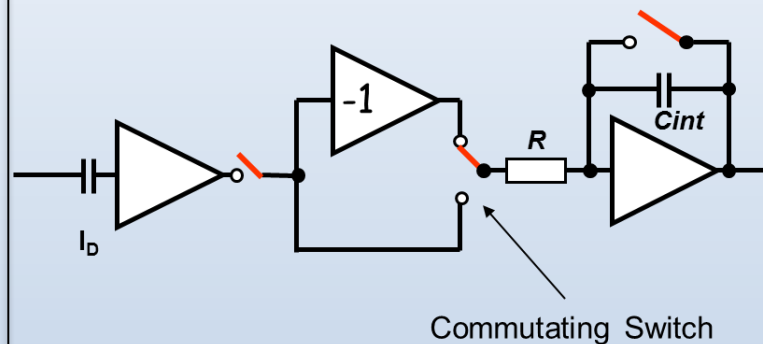


~ 20 samples/pixel

Total energy per pixel:

$$20 \times 10.7\text{nJ} + 360\text{b} \times 100\text{pJ/bit} = \underline{250\text{nJ}}$$

Analog dual-slope integrator

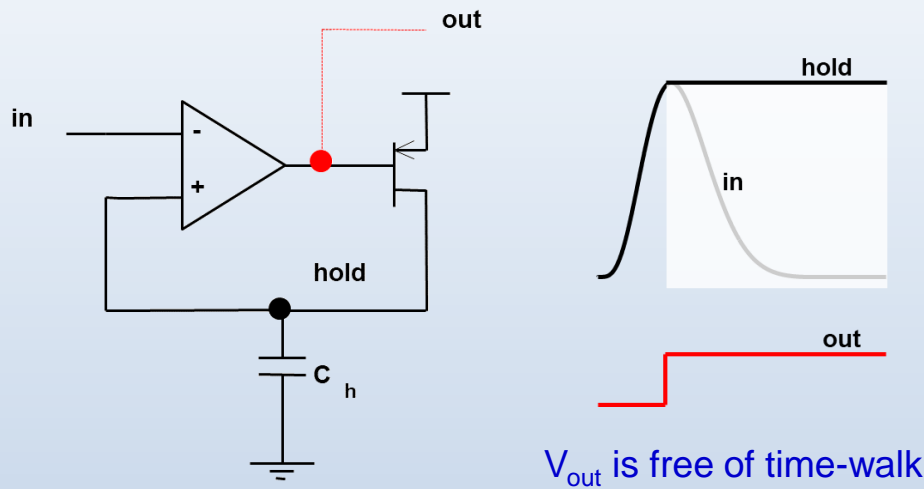


1 sample/pixel

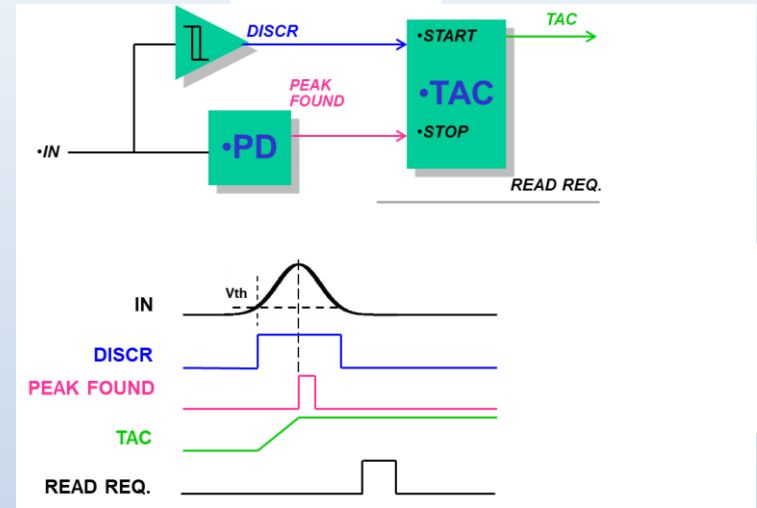
Total energy per pixel:

$$35\text{mW}/560\text{kHz} + 1 \times 10.7\text{nJ} + 18\text{b} \times 100\text{pJ/bit} = \underline{75\text{nJ}}$$

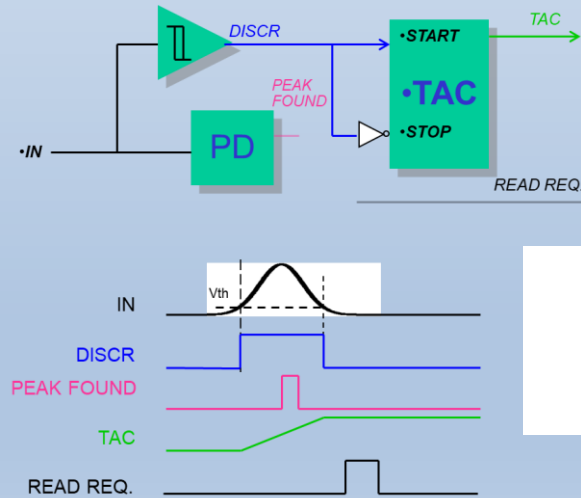
CMOS peak detector



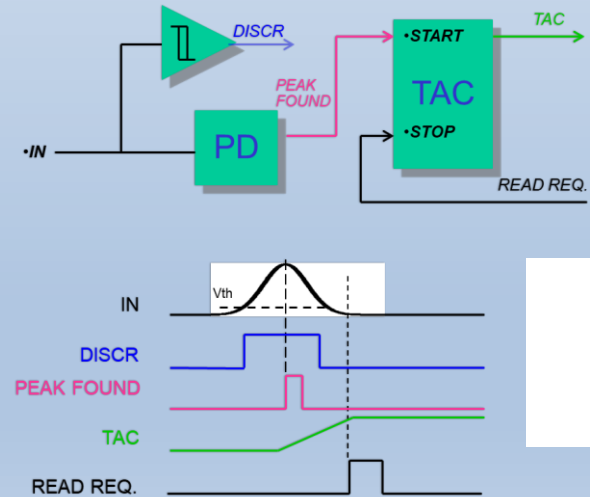
Risetime



Time-over-threshold

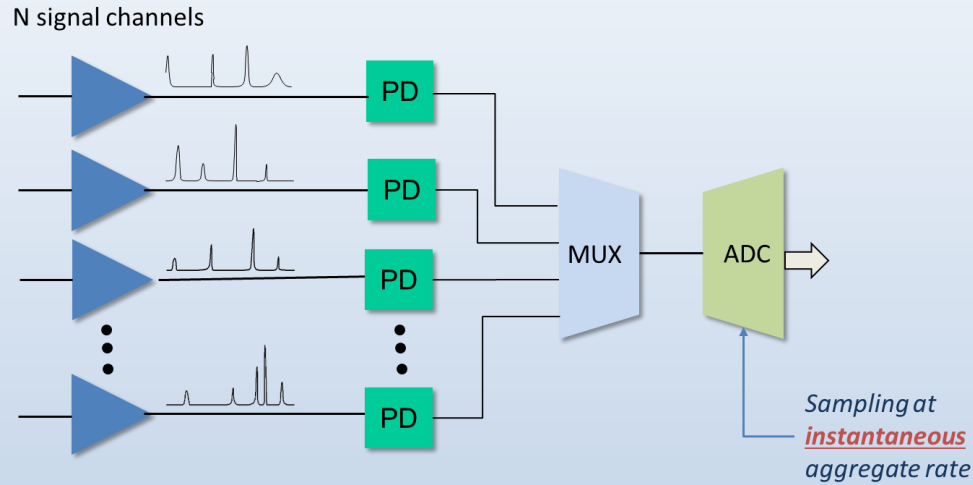


Time of occurrence

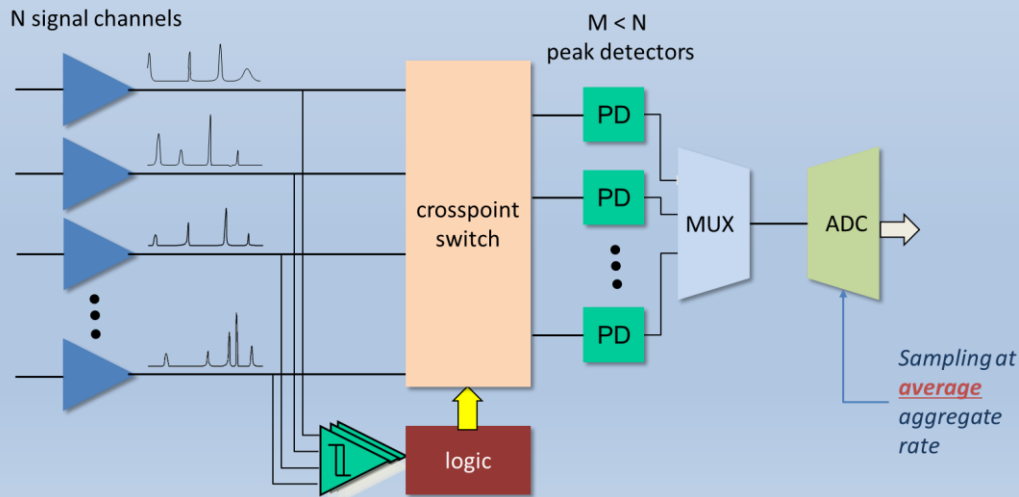


Multichannel system – sharing of peak detectors

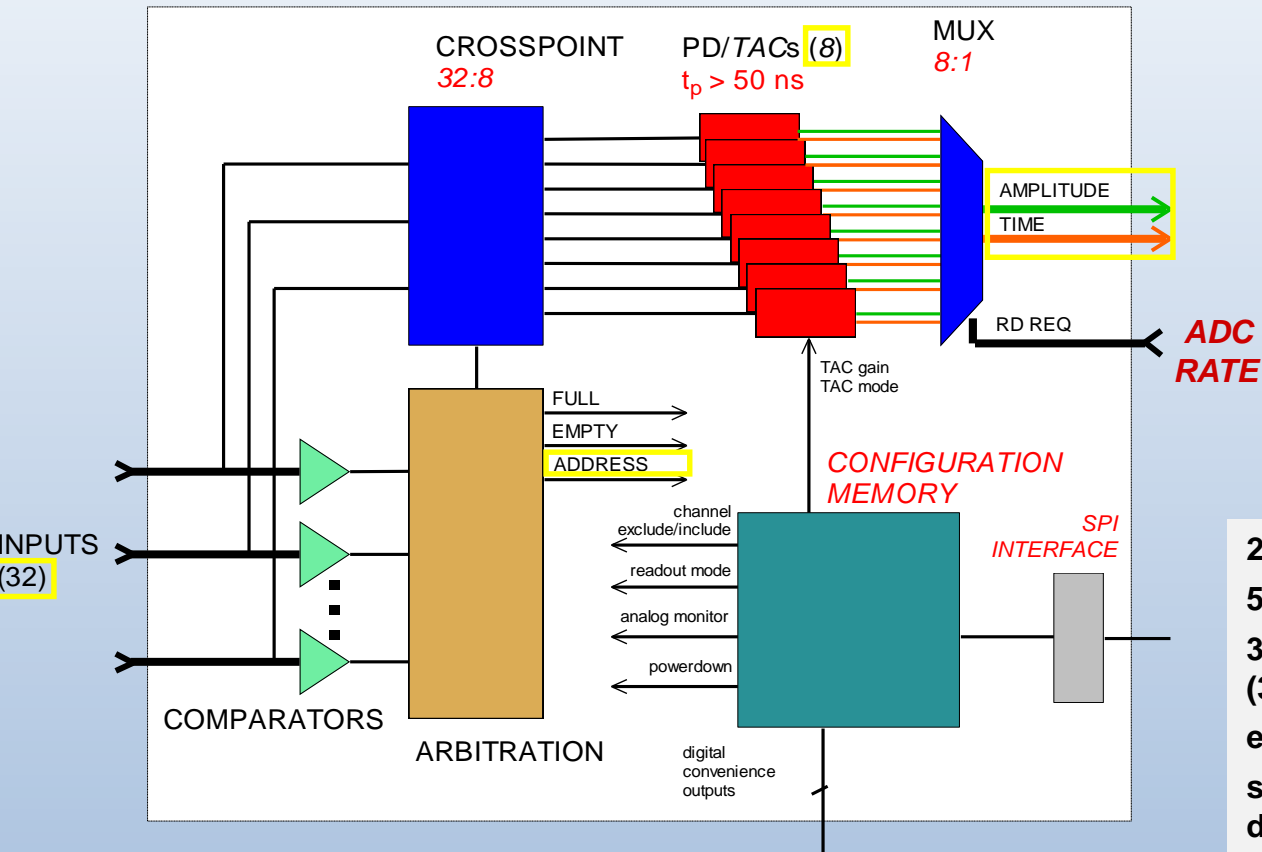
Peak detector per channel



Shared peak detector bank with activity detection



SCEPTER ASIC

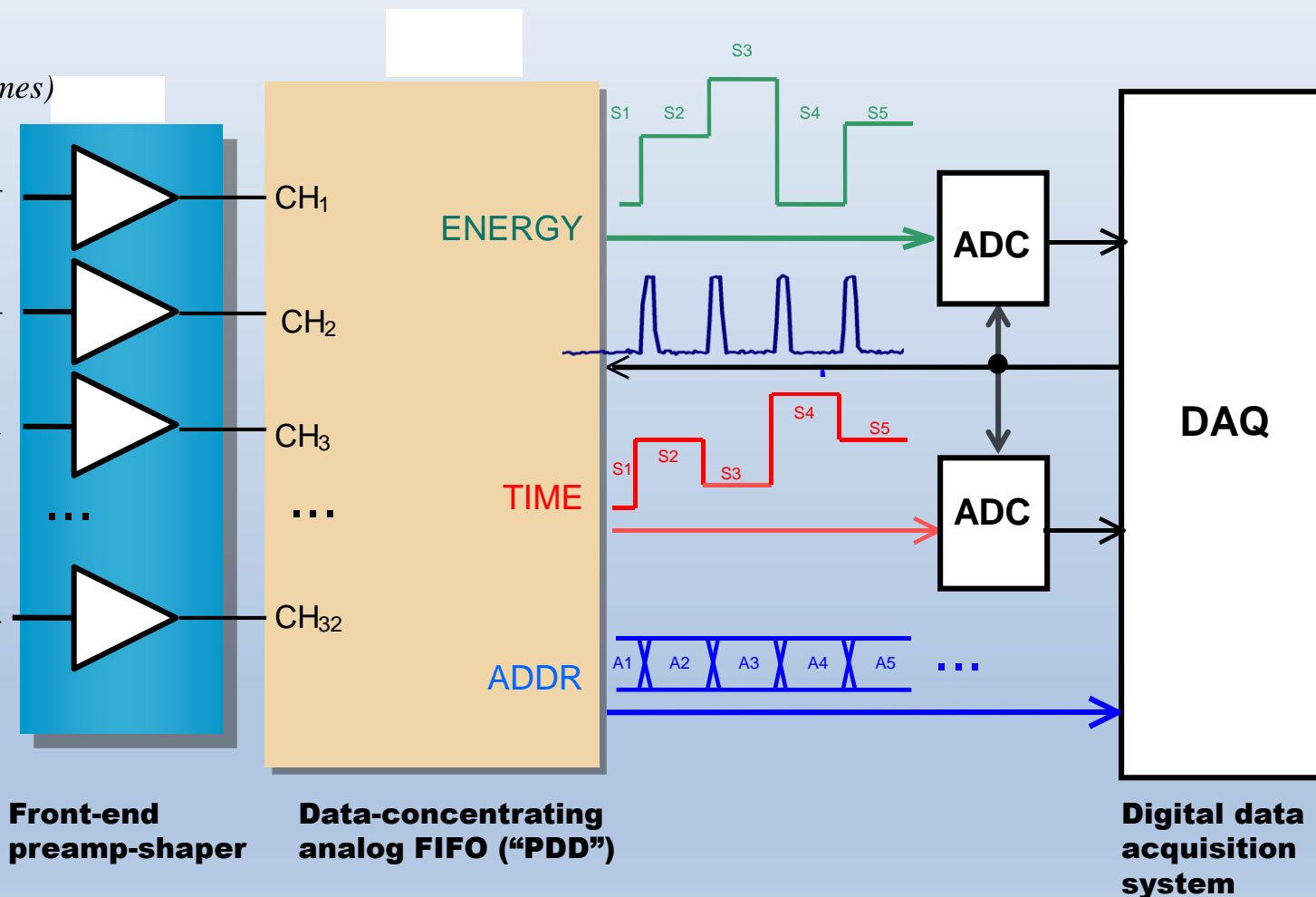
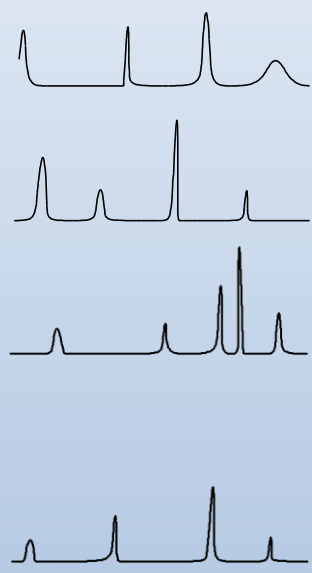


- 2 mW / channel**
- 50 MS/s rate capability**
- 32:1 multiplexing of shaped input signals (30ns peak time)**
- event amplitude, timing, address**
- self-triggering, sparsification, derandomization, data concentration**
- 0.35um CMOS 3.3V**
- 3.2 x 3.2 mm²**

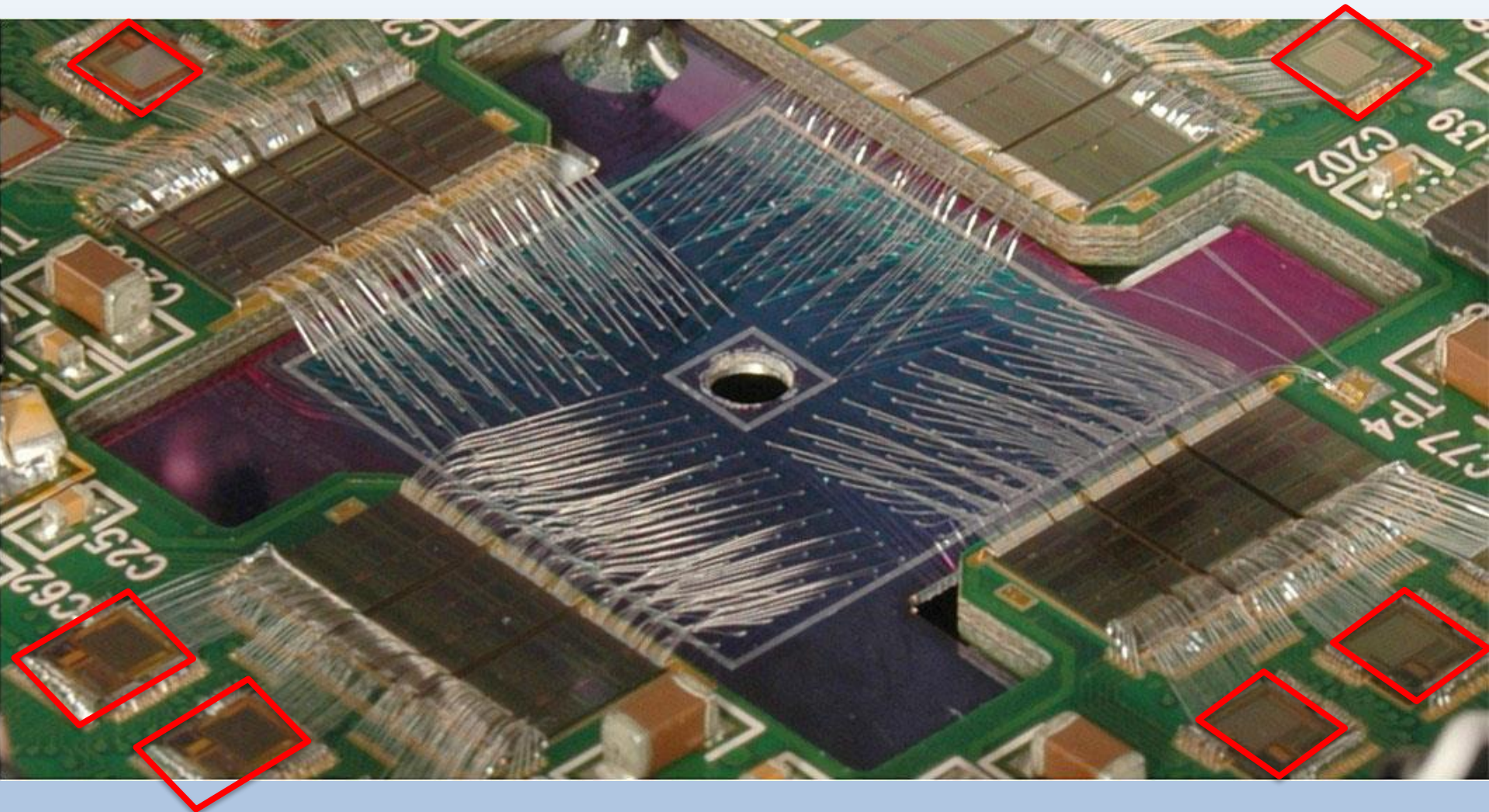
P. O'Connor, G. De Geronimo, A. Kandasamy, IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci. 50(4), pp. 892-897 (Aug. 2003).

Peak- and time-detector with analog derandomization

Signals from 32
detector elements
(random arrival times)



SCEPTER ASIC in MAIA Detector



SCEPTER measurements

Peaking Time

Sensor:

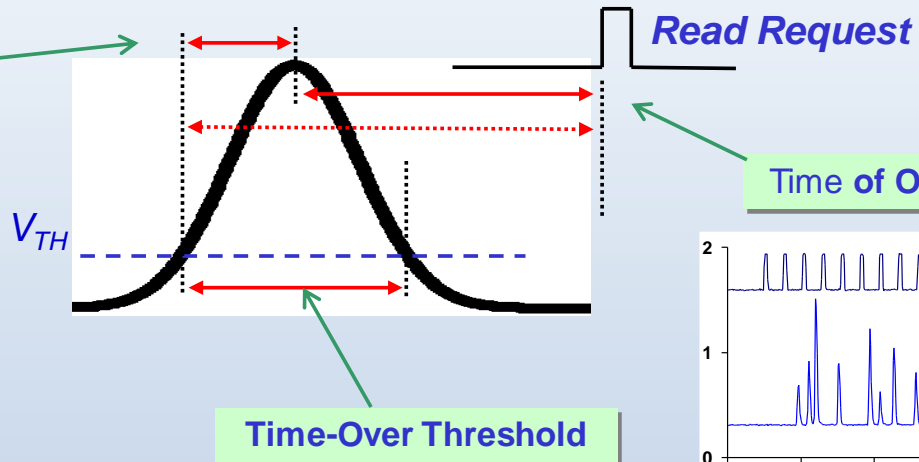
CZT pixelated linear array
32 elements, 16x3x3 mm³

Rate:

~ 4.5 Mcps overall
~ 210 kcps single pixel

Resolution:

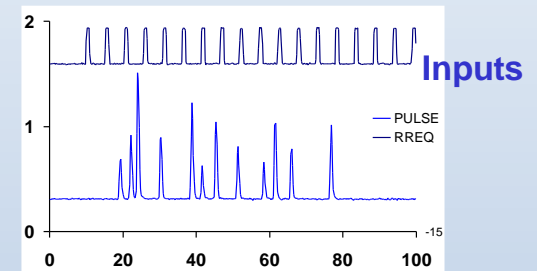
~ 3.4% (2.0keV) @ 60 keV



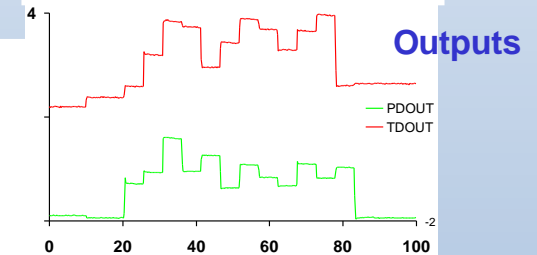
Time of Occurrence

Time-Over Threshold

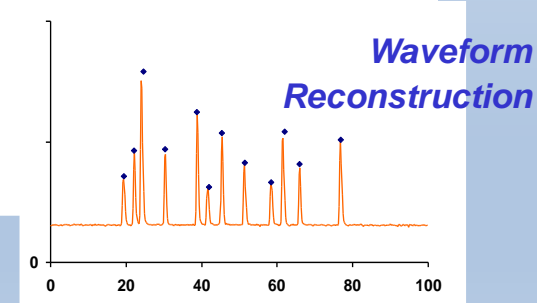
Pile-Up Rejection



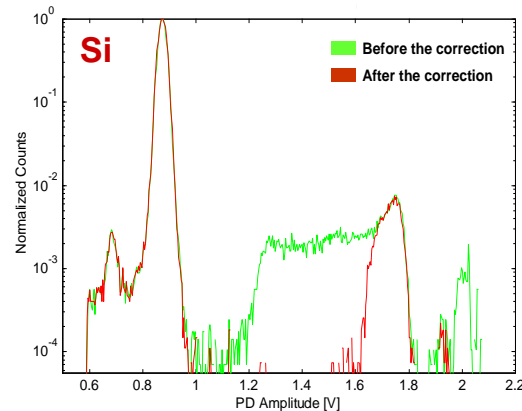
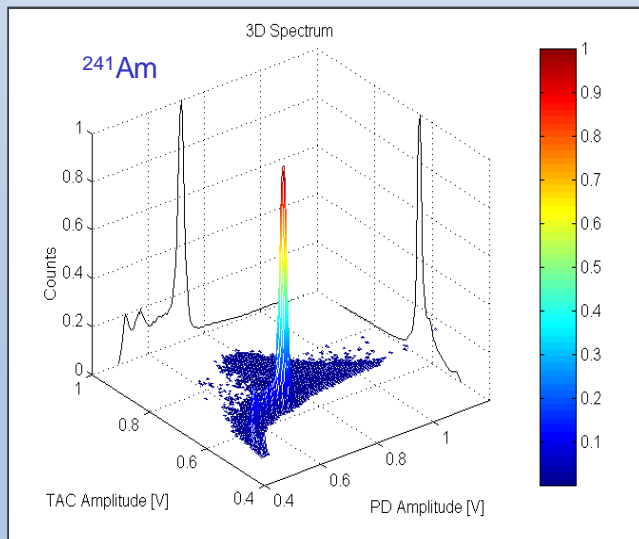
Inputs



Outputs



Waveform Reconstruction

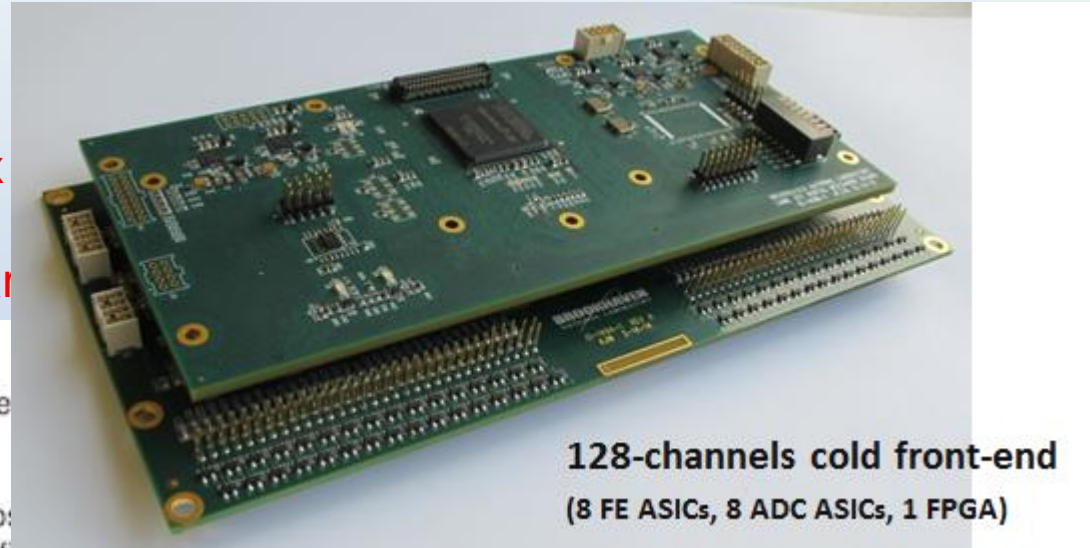


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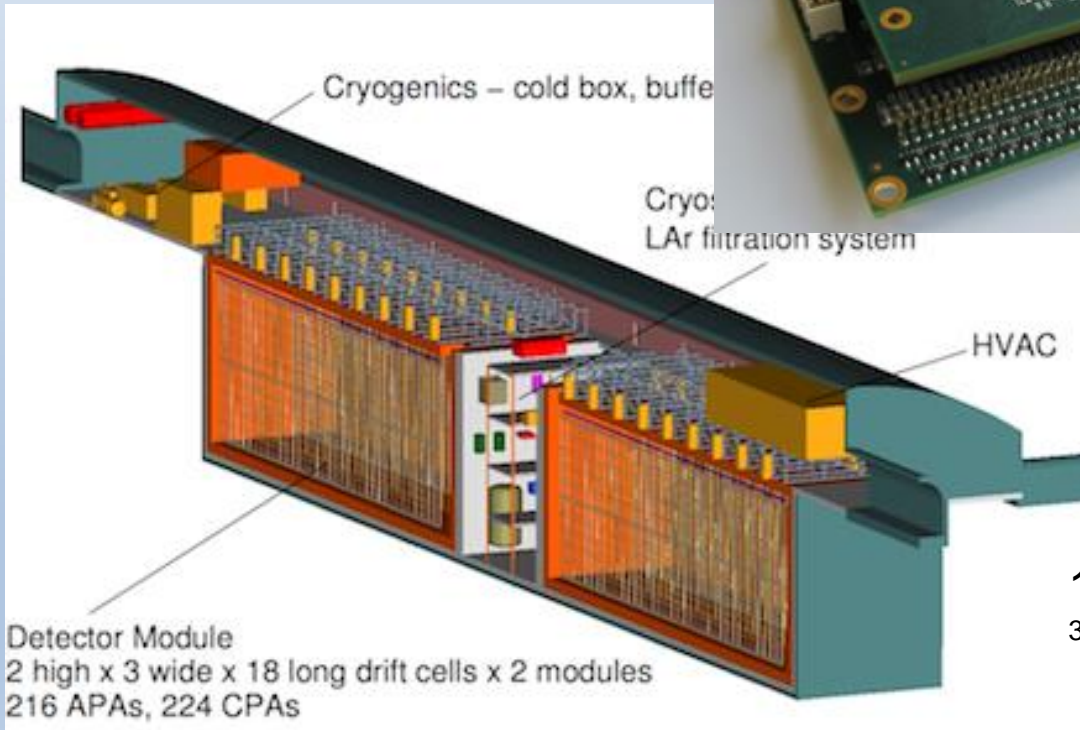
40 kTon LAr

DUNE (SP): 2 MHz sampling x
x 1536000 channels = 37 TB/s

For all data this is 145 EB/year



128-channels cold front-end
(8 FE ASICs, 8 ADC ASICs, 1 FPGA)



Detector Module
2 high x 3 wide x 18 long drift cells x 2 modules
216 APAs, 224 CPAs

15.1 (W) x 14.0 (H) x 62 (L) m
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