

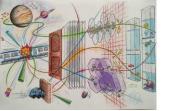


# DRD3 collaboration (R&D on Solid-state Detector Technologies )

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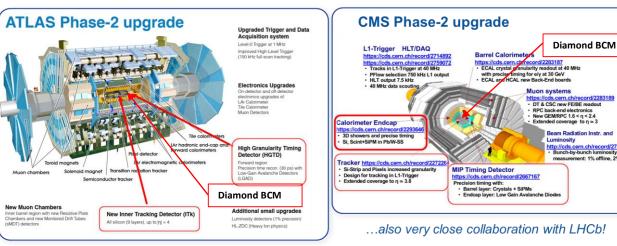
### Semiconductor sensors



### Semiconductor detectors are the cornerstone of all present and future experiments:

- Several R&D collaborations (RD39,RD42, RD48 and RD50) in the past with crucial contribution to the HL-LHC upgrades in all experiments
- Improvements:
  - position resolution (CMS/ATLAS hybrid pixels on p type silicon)
  - timing layers (ATLAS-HGTD, CMS-ETL)
  - large scale use in calorimeters (CMS HGCAL, p-type Si)
  - lightweight monolithic pixel detectors (ALICE ITS) with excellent position resolution

### Coming after the accelerator upgrade in 2029



### **New Major Challenges for the future:**

- FCC-ee/CEPC/ILC/STCF: vertex detectors with low mass, high resolution (Target per layer spatial resolution of  $\leq$  3-5  $\mu$ m and X/X<sub>0</sub> $\leq$  0.05%),
- FCC-hh/SppC: low power and high radiation hardness (up to 8·10 <sup>17</sup> n<sub>eg</sub>cm<sup>-2</sup>). Resolving many pp hits in a bunch by ultra-fast timing in O(10-100ps)
- Full integration with electronics, mechanics, services
- Large area sensors at low cost for calorimetry

### European Commission for Future Accelerators Road map document on sensors



ECFA Detector R&D roadmap [CERN CDS]

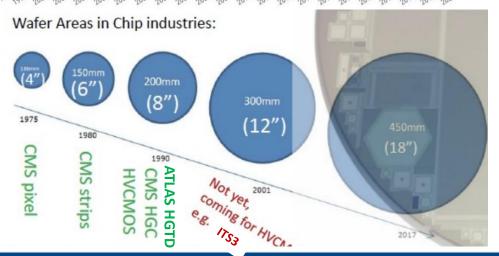


## **Evolution of Si particle sensors**

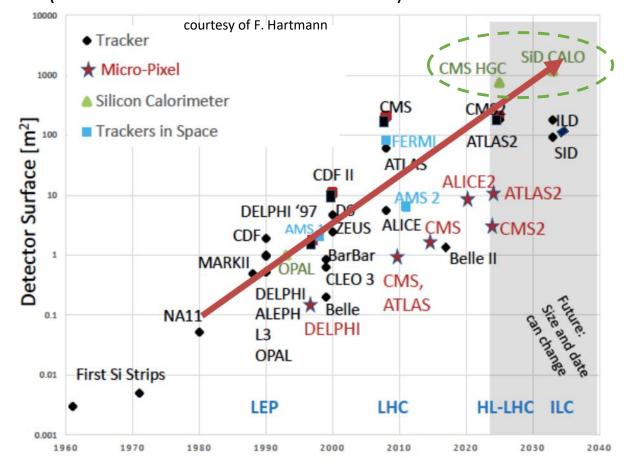


Remarkable advances in electronics. **HEP is still forefront** of the mixed/analogue electronics development.





Huge growth of semiconductor particle detectors in various fields **Detector area** increased by one order of magnitude each decade (1 m<sup>2</sup>  $\rightarrow$  10 m<sup>2</sup>  $\rightarrow$  200 m<sup>2</sup>  $\rightarrow$  600m<sup>2</sup>)

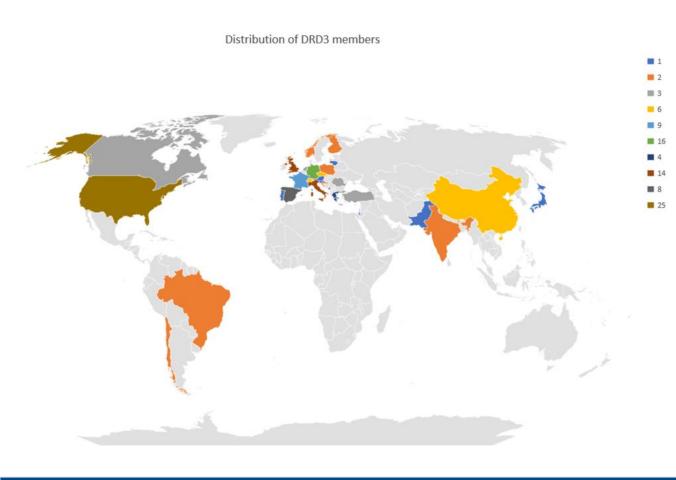




### The DRD3 collaboration

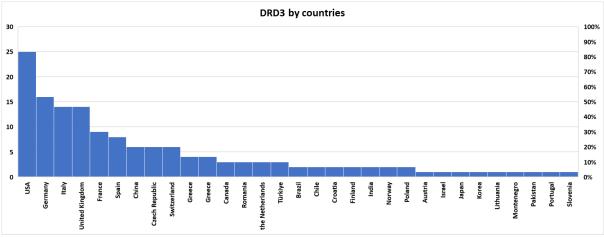


A large collaboration on semiconductor has been formed at CERN to guide and steer the developments of semiconductor sensor developments in the next decades. 148 Institutes currently involved with 700+ people



Large interests from the community:

- Integration of most RD39, RD48, RD50 groups
- Integration of the RD42 groups
- Larger number of institutions from outside

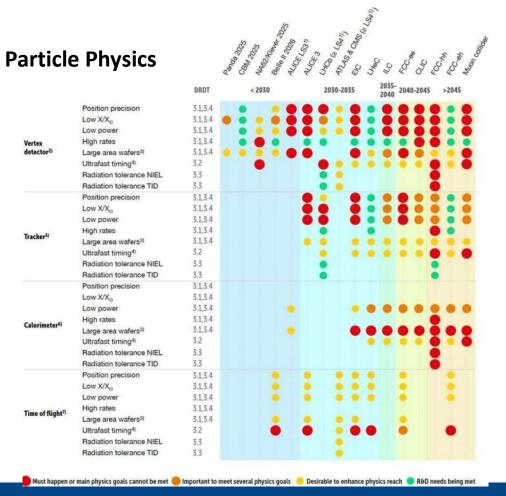


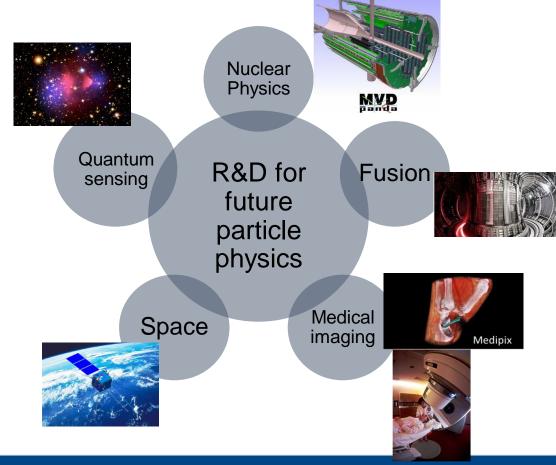


### Objectives of the collaboration



The DRD3 collaboration has the dual purpose of pursuing the realization of the **strategic developments** outlined in the ECFA road map and **promoting blue-sky R&D** in the field of solid-state detectors including the synergies with other fields of science where charged particle detection is a key ingredient.

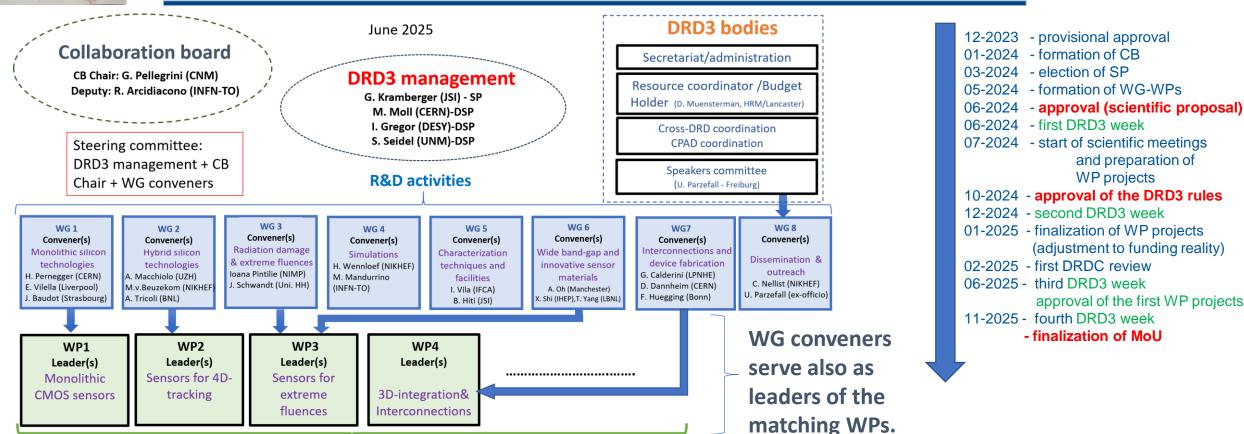






### Organizational structure





- Working Group (WG) = long term R&D activity (strategic or generic) linked to certain technology/purpose/application/method aiming to fulfil the research goals in scientific proposal
- **➢** Work Package (WP) = strategic R&D activity and is linked to DRD Tasks. It should pursue the goals listed there.

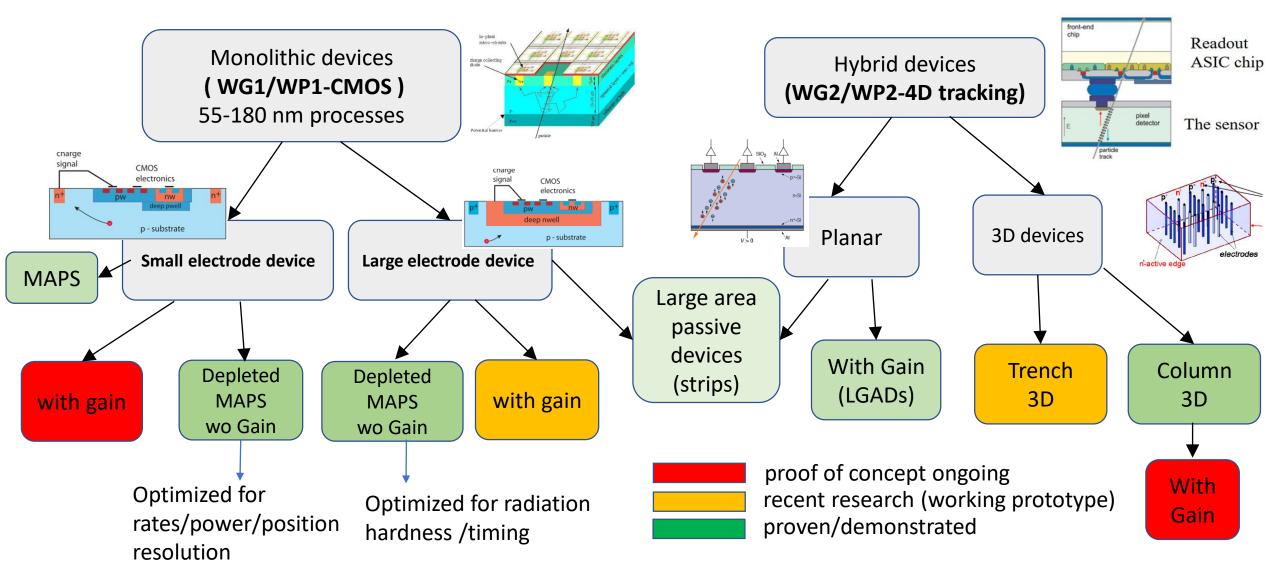
Each work package consist of several WP projects - not yet **fully** resource loaded at the moment.

Strategic/Targeted R&D projects



# Paths of present silicon sensor R&D DRD3







# WG1/WP1 Monolithic silicon sensors DRD3



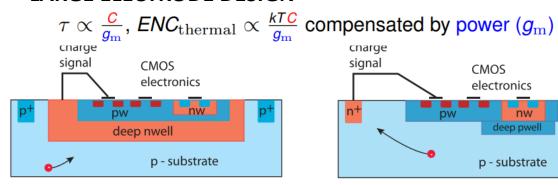
<u>Aim</u> is to advance the performance of monolithic CMOS, combining sensing and readout elements, for future **TWO** approaches tracking applications, tackling the challenges of:

- very high spatial resolution (≤3 μm)
- high data rate (~100 MHz/cm2)
- high radiation tolerance (10<sup>16</sup> n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup> NIEL and 500 Mrad)
- low mass ( $\sim 0.05\% X_0$ )
- Good timing (->20 ps/hit)
- covering large areas
- reducing power (few tens mW/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- keeping an affordable cost

Program shared between DRD3/7

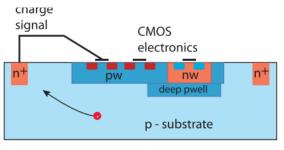
ASIC.
TCAD simulation
Architecture, design,
verification, testing
Digital-on-Top designs
Large scale demonstrators in selected/qualified technologies
Negotiated access framework, design flow, support

#### LARGE ELECTRODE DESIGN



- Large electrode:  $C \approx 300 \, \mathrm{fF}$
- Strong drift field, short drift paths, large depletion depth
- Higher power, slower
- Threshold  $\sim 2000\,\mathrm{e^-}$

#### SMALL ELECTRODE DESIGN



- Small electrode:  $C \approx 3 \, \mathrm{fF}$
- Low analogue power
- Faster at given power
- Difficult lateral depletion, process modifications for radiation hardness
- Threshold  $\sim 300\,\mathrm{e^-}$



# WG1/WP1 Monolithic silicon sensors DRD3

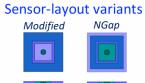


### Projects running, proposal draft submitted (work ongoing), proposals in preparation (work ongoing):

- > 55 nm SMIC
  - Development of HVCMOS sensors using 55nm process COFFEE
- ➤ 65 nm TPSCo technology (in co. with DRD7.6a):
  - > OCTOPUS Optimized CMOS Technology for Precision in Ultra-thin Silicon
  - MANTA Versatile MAPS
  - > TPSCo 65nm MCMOS with high precision timing
- > 150 nm LF technology
  - Towards large electrode CMOS sensors with intrinsic amplification for ultimate timing performance
  - Radiation hard HVCMOS detectors
  - Passive large area strip sensors
- > 180 nm TJ technology
  - CMOS Active SenSor with Internal Amplification "CASSIA"
  - Radiation hard read-out architectures

# Standard







### Main challenges (from DRD3 point):

- availability of the active volume (60-80 e-h/µm)
  - epitaxial layer decreases with smaller node processes (350 nm->28 nm). Also, the lateral drift becomes even bigger problem for thin epitaxial layers.
  - few foundries are/will be open to use high resistivity substrate wafer
- costs increase rapidly with the smaller node (MPW runs may not be available)
- allocating the vendors that are open to our needs
  - minimum information about the process-> difficult simulation of particle detection in the devices.
  - adaptation of the process to specific needs
- accessibility to the processes licensing (access to process development kits - PDK)
- requirements of additional processing (back side processing), back side metallization ...

#### The work is ongoing in all of the projects:

- Resources are at least partially secured
- TPSCo 65 nm (organization together with DRD7/ESE in 2026/27)
- LF15 run is coming in 2026 with resources secured (RD50 legacy)
- > TJ180 MPW runs

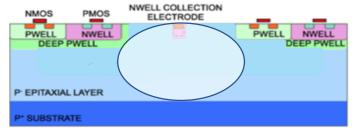


# An example of advances in the design MALTA (Tower Jazz 180 nm process)

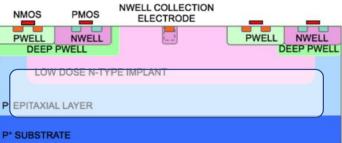


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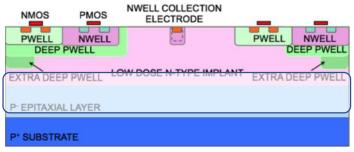


Standard (few V)



Modified implant (lateral collection)

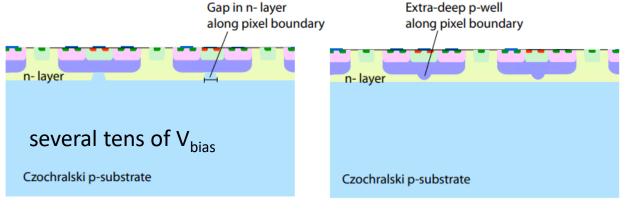
Figure 1. Improved pixel design with n-gap [8]

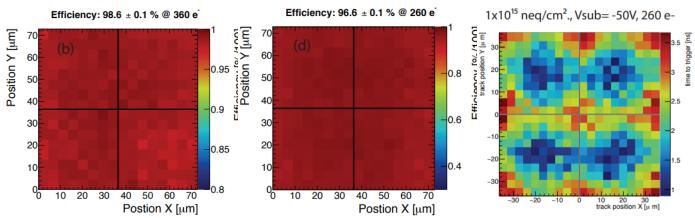


Modified implant

– additional notch

### MALTA-Cz – high resistivity substrate





- good efficiency over the pixels even after 3e15 cm<sup>-2</sup>
- ToA distribution shows differences in signal speed ~2 ns resolution

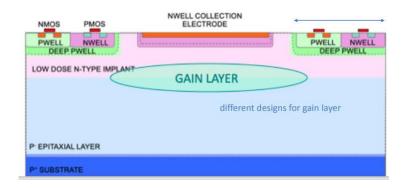


## Future advances – CMOS with gain



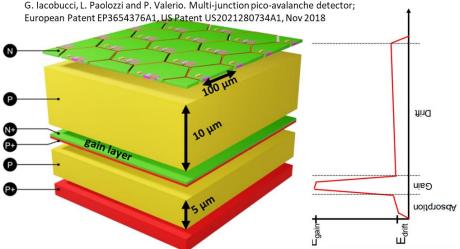
- > CMOS sensor with gain can the process be modified in the way that you create an internal gain structure
  - faster rise time and better S/N better timing
  - better position resolution
  - less power consumption
- > Examples of different approaches to reach gain layer multiplication (small electrode design seems more suitable)

### Cassia (DRD3 WP1 project)



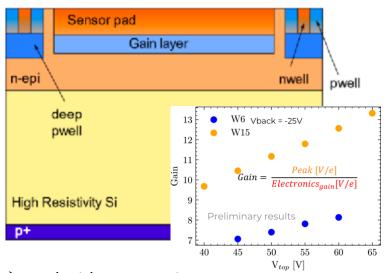
"deep junction" gain layer design

> TJ180 conventional LGAD



- ➤ SiGe bipolar amplifiers fast (good timing)
- ➤ CMOS for digital electronics (monolithic)
- ➤ Gain-layer removed from the surface allowing very good spatial resolution without dead area

### PicoAdd SiGe130 nm IHP (Uni-Geneve) ARCADIA LF110 nm (DRD 3.1/7.6 – INFN-TO)



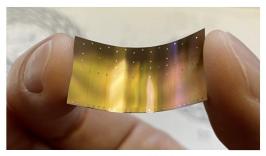
- ➤ Back side processing
- ➤ High-field grows from the back side high drift field at the back.
- First results Gain 7-13 more soon!

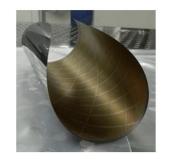


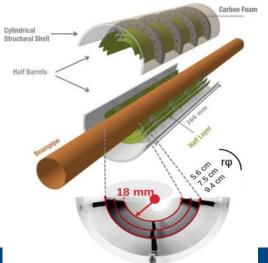
# Future advances – scaling up



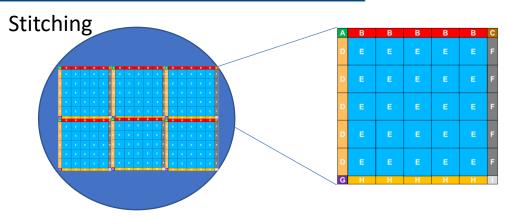
- Chip-Chip transmission and serial powering
- Stacking up the wafers better electronics
- Large-scale reticle stitching of thinned foldable MAPS







Most notable ITS3 CEPC, FCC-ee



### Large area strip/macro pixel sensors

- Reduced material budget
- Easier integration
- Potentially low cost and availability

Monolithic CMOS Strip Sensors for large area detectors (Dortmund, Freiburg, DESY, Bonn) LFA150 nm - Resistivity of wafer: >2000  $\Omega$ ·cm

Next step is implementation of the FEI4 like readout per strip





Planar silicon detectors

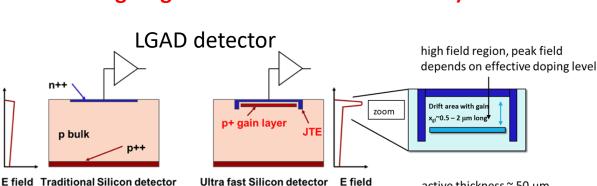
3D silicon detectors

### WG2/WP2: Hybrid silicon technologies and 4D tracking

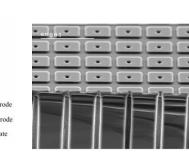


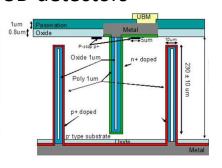
By "4D tracking" we mean the process of assigning a space and a time coordinate to a hit - ~10-30 μm position and ~10-30 ps time resolution – simultaneously (many benefits in dense particle environment for tracking and PID)

The above goals can be achieved in planar technology with gain (LGADs) or 3D detectors (key requirement - high signal and short collection time)



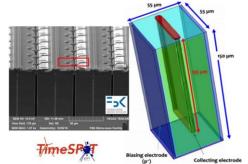
### Column-3D detectors





### Trench-3D detectors

active thickness ~ 50 μm

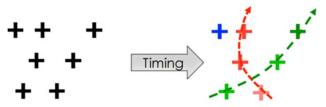


#### **HYBRID**

Readout ASIC chip

The sensor

4D tracking (not only track timing)



$ m WG2\ research\ goals < 2027$			
		Description	
	RG 2.1	Reduction of pixel cell size for 3D sensors	
	RG 2.2	3D sensors for timing $(50 \times 50 \ \mu \text{m}, < 50 \ \text{ps})$	
	RG 2.3	LGAD for 4D tracking $<$ 10 $\mu\mathrm{m}, <$ 30 ps, wafer 6" and 8"	
	RG 2.4	RSD for ToF (Large area, $< 30 \mu m$ , $< 30 ps$ )	



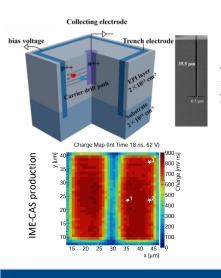
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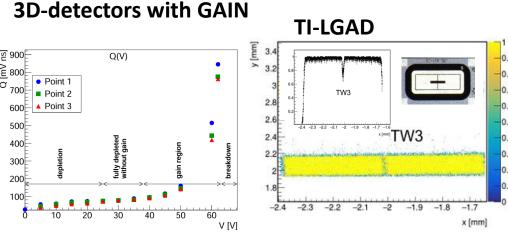


Projects running (resources at least partially secured), several WP projects and CCF in preparation

### LGAD projects

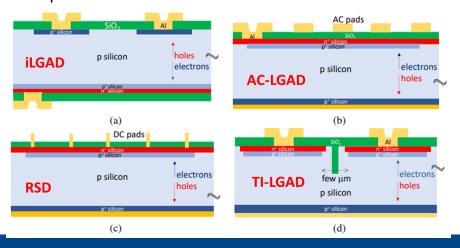
- ➤ LGAD based timing tracker development for future electron collider
- Development of Ultra Fast-Time Low Mass Tracking Detectors
- Development of TI-LGADs for 4D Tracking
- > 3D projects
  - Development of very small pitch, ultra rad- hard 3D sensors for tracking & timing applications at FBK
  - Novel silicon 3D-trench pixel detectors based on 8-inch CMOS





### Main challenges and developments: 3D detectors:

- increase of column-width/depth->100 narrower columns/trenches (~0.5-1 μm) that would allow for controlled multiplication/gain device (recently achieved within WP2 project)
- Scalability to 8" wafers (ongoing)
- Reduction of cell sizes to 25x25 μm<sup>2</sup> and thickness with gain leading to smaller capacitance (ongoing)
- Optimization of geometry for best timing performanceLGADs:
- Solution to fill factor problem 100% surface efficiency. Addressed in several WP2 projects: TI-LGADs, RSD (AC/DC) LGADs
- Addressing the radiation hardness defect engineering
  - Co-implantation of impurities (Carbon) addressed in WG3
  - Compensated LGADs addressed in WG3





### WG3,6/WP3 extreme fluence and WBS



Improve the radiation hardness of the semiconductor detectors and exploitation of the benefits of WGS for particle physics

Projects running, proposal draft submitted (work ongoing), proposals in preparation (work ongoing):

- Understanding silicon at extreme fluences (devices developed with in WP2)
  - Radiation damage in Si PiN and LGAD sensors
  - ➤ Many RD50 projects running on the radiation hardness
- Wide-Bandgap-Semiconductors
  - SiC LGAD Detector (one running one in preparation)
  - Development of radiation-hard GaN devices for MIP detection
  - Radiation hardness of 25 μm 3D diamond detectors
  - Graphene/SiC Detector

### Main challenges and developments:

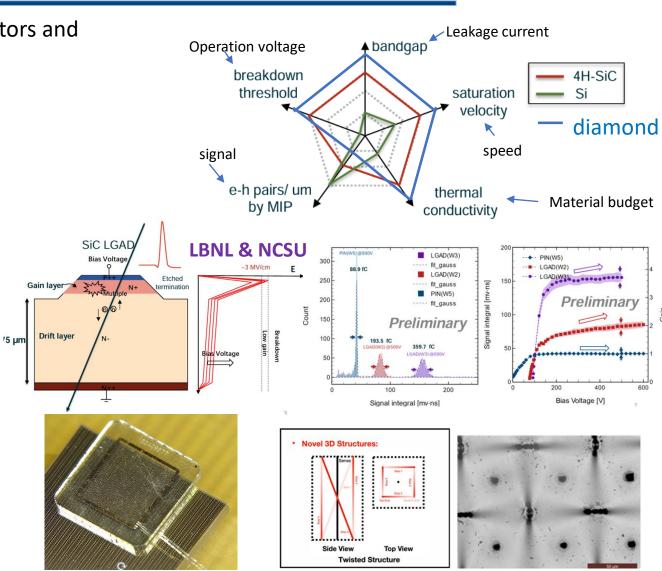
- Silicon at extreme fluences:
- understanding material properties (impact ionization, mobility, trapping...)
- understanding the operation

#### SiC/GaN

- understanding the material properties defects formation
- processing of large device SiC-LGADs

#### **Diamond:**

- scalability of 3D column processing
- availability of high quality large diameter wafers

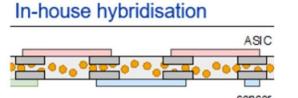




# WP4: 3D-integration and interconnections **DRD3**



The goal of the DRD3 interconnection task is to organize the different technological readiness levels of interconnection solutions and the effort towards future advances in the field to match the requirements of future detectors in a coherent and coordinated way.



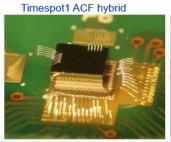


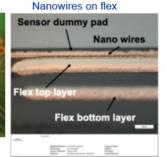
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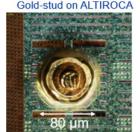
In-house plating, hybridization and module-integration technologies for pixel detectors

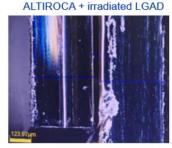
### CCF project:

CMOS Pixel Detector Demonstrator with Serial **Powering and Innovative Interconnections** 









#### In-house hybridization, module integration

- Exploring innovative bonding methods, adapted to the requirements of various projects
- Conductive adhesives (ACF / ACP) → good results for <1cm² devices and >~50 µm pitch
- Nano wires
- → successful bonding of MALTA2 to flex
- Gold studs + epoxy
- → successfully used for large (>100 µm) pitch
- → developed low-temperature bonding process suitable for irradiated samples

#### Wafer-to-wafer bonding

- Target: ultra-thin hybrid detectors with TSV
- •Pilot project U Bonn / IZM: passive CMOS sensors + Timepix3

Wafer-to-wafer bonding of daisy-chain test wafers with Cu pillars

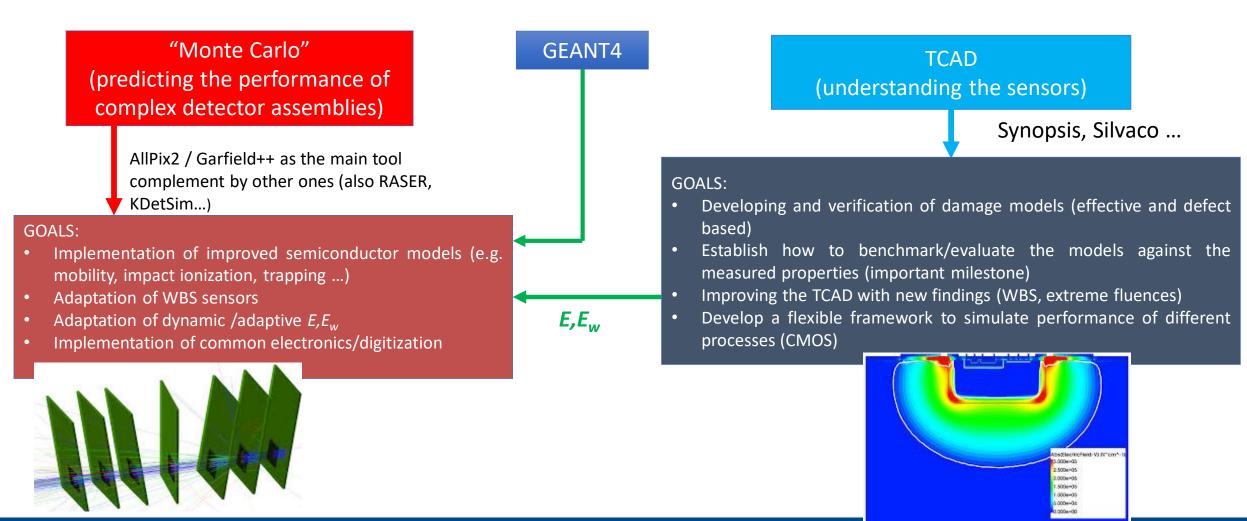




### WG 4: Simulations



Simulations are essential for planning, understanding the performance and designing of devices. Aim to develop tools that could be (easily) implemented to simulate any specific detector or measurement.





# WG5: R&D on new techniques, common infrastructures, and characterization facilities



#### **Lines of actions:**

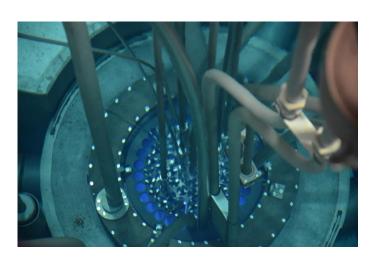
- Development/improvement/diffusion of methods and techniques for characterizing sensors (those for defects spectroscopy DLTS,TSC, EPR.... as well those for characterization TCT, Beta-scope...)
- Joint research activities for the delivery of common infrastructures for sensor testing (common sensor readers, jigs, test fixtures,...)
- Promoting the use of unique irradiation and characterization facilities.

### Activities in the last year:

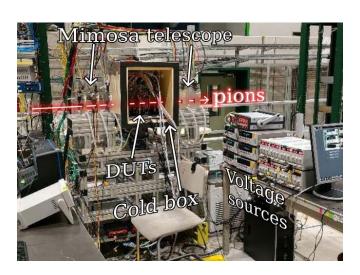
- Centrally organized irradiations to 10<sup>18</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> with reactor neutrons, now also PS and FNAL irradiations
- Organization centrally organized TB campaign (many DRD3 groups benefited)
- Setting up know-how and infrastructure at ELI-beams
- Development new techniques e.g DB-TCT

• ...

Irradiation facilities (e.g. JSI reactor)



Test beam activities (CERN/DESY)



fs high intensity laser facilities (ELI Prague, SGIKER Bilbao...)





## Outreach and visibility



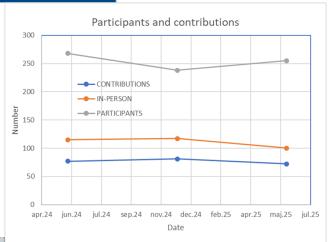
### We keep all he information in DRD3 www page (drd3.web.cern.ch):

- announcements of interesting events schools/conferences/ workshops
- open positions
- repository of relevant literature and documents
- > links to CDS records of proposals and internal documents

#### **Presentations:**

- at student lectures/schools
- > several overview presentations at various conferences/workshops

DRD3 weeks our main events open to everyone





### Schools organized within/by DRD3 in last year:

- → 1<sup>st</sup> DRD3 TCT School (March 2025)
- ➤ MAPS academy (July 2025)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> DRD3 TCT School (September 2025)





### Conclusions



- We are large collaboration still in shaping many RD39,42,50 groups are part of DRD3 collaboration.
- ➤ We have many project running (funded) from RD50 collaboration so a lot of R&D activities are a continuation of work
- ➤ The strategic funding of the activities (HEP detector R&D) are being shaped in the form of WP projects each WP is a framework for dedicated projects
  - > all semiconductor technologies are pursuit
  - > we welcome new ideas and collaborators
- The collaboration has a common fund from which many smaller R&D projects/schools/common activities (TB, laser, irradiations) will be supported also for synergies with other fields and Blu-Sky R&D
- ➤ Many activities are ongoing: 4 DRD3 weeks, DRD3 TCT Schools (two), MAPS academy
- More information can be found on drd3.web.cern.ch

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

-- Theodore Roosevelt, 1899

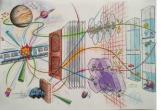
Thank you!

.... we dare mighty things ...





# Backup/additional slides



# WG3/WP3: Radiation damage characterization and sensor operation at extreme fluences



- WG covers 3 main areas around radiation hardening (see below)
- WG closely related to all other WGs

#### **WG4: Simulations**

Need for simulations in all areas

- on the material level Geant4, TRIM, NIEL, DFT, KMC, ...
- on the device & system level
   TCAD, AP2, Signal & MC simulators, generic sensor parameter simulations (e.g. Hamburg model)
- extrapolation to extreme fluences do models still deliver reliable results?

### **WG5: Characterization techniques**

Need for tools in all areas

- on the material level EPR, FTIR, PL, DLTS, TSC, ...
- on the device & system level TCT, CV, IV, IBIC, test-beams, ....
- extrapolation to extreme fluences which tools still deliver reliable results? radiation facilities,...



### Radiation hardening of material

understand fundamental damage process, defect formation, impact of defects on device performance (also non-silicon!), material and defect engineering

### Radiation hardening of devices and systems

understand device operation with radiation damage, device engineering

#### **Extreme fluences**

understand physics, possibilities for operation of detectors

#### WG6: Non-silicon based detectors

- Material & devices to be studied and understood as silicon in terms of radiation damage in all areas (simulations, material/sensor characterization, tool development)
- Developments for extreme fluence



### WG1 & WG2: Silicon based detectors

- Radiation hardness evaluation of all sensors with exposure to radiation (existing and newly developed sensors/sensor concepts)
- Developments for extreme fluence



### Synergies with other application areas in radiation fields

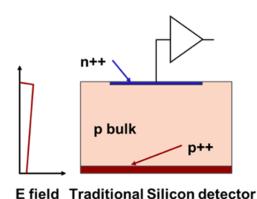
• Detectors for nuclear physics, space applications, fusion, medical applications, ...

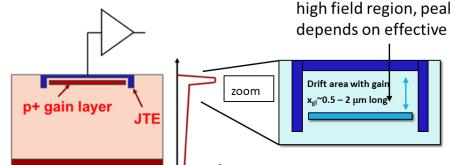




### WG2/WP2: LGADs







high field region, peak field depends on effective doping level

Typically 25-50  $\mu$ m thick with signals of 20fC (G~40)

### **Limitations for conventional LGADs:**

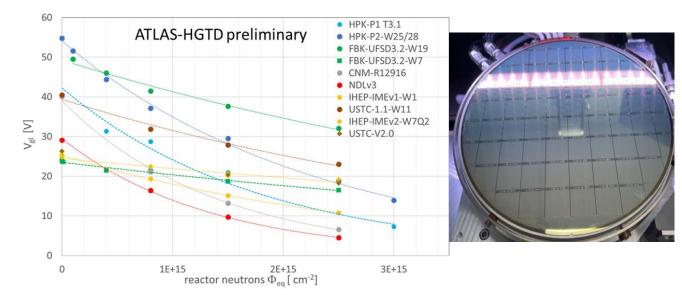
- > Fill factor (large cell devices) due to JTE
- ➤ Radiation harness currently to ~3e15 cm<sup>-2</sup>

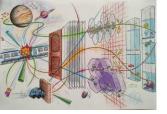
Ultra fast Silicon detector

active thickness ~ 50 μm

#### **Radiation hardness:**

- C-enrichment of the gain layer (prevention of B) removal – reduction of the field) - IME (USTC&IHEP) mastered the C-enrichment and has so far produced most radiation hard sensors for ATLAS-HGTD – is there still room for improvement?
- > Compensated LGADs use of compensated p+ silicon in gain layer which if carefully tuned would not suffer from reduction of negative space charge with irradiation (both P and B are removed)
- > Thermal treatment >200°C reactivation of space charge





### WG2: LGADs different flavors



### Several technologies were proposed and are investigated to overcome fill factor problem:

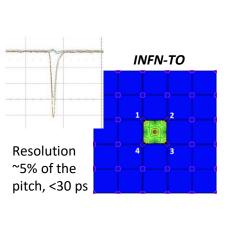
iLGAD – segment the side without multiplication no p-stop, JTE at the bottom (complex processing, radiation hardness, hole collection, ideal for high rate)

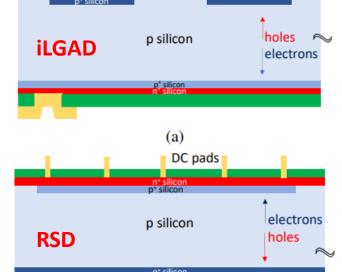
**TI-LGAD** – use SiO<sub>2</sub> trenches to isolate the pads, reducing the gap by an order of magnitude (C-enriched produced)

**AC-LGAD / RSD**— use AC coupling — bipolar signals:

- superb spatial and time resolution (order of magnitude better than pitch)
- rate limited, radiation hardness

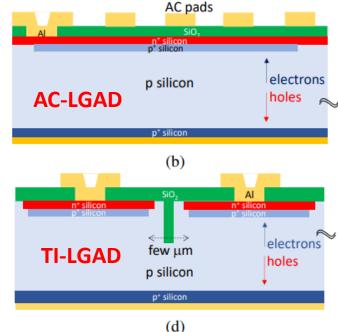
**DJ-LGAD** 

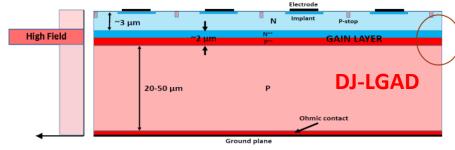




(c)

SiO.





LGADs are the only planar technology good enough for precise timing (<50ps), but excellent electronics is needed.

marriage of LGAD + CMOS

DJ-LGAD, CASSIA, MONOLITH, ARCADIA...



# WG2/WP2: 3D detectors

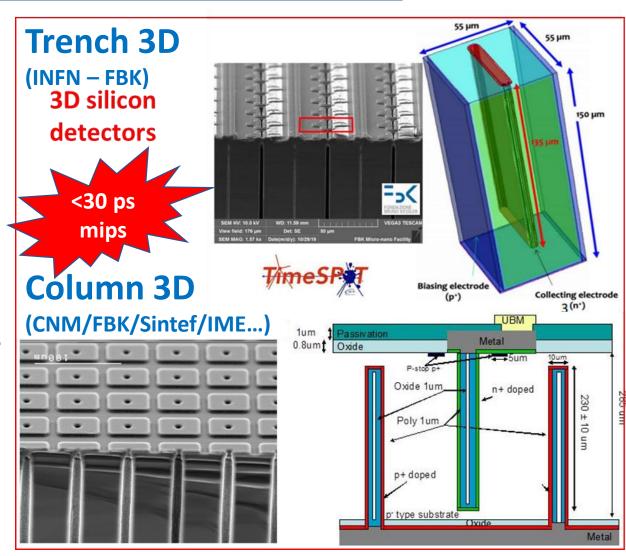


### 3D technology as timing detectors:

- > They have fill factor ~100% (inclined tracks ATLAS IBL)
- ➤ The radiation tolerance of small cell size (smaller depletion depth, lower bias, smaller power consumption) operation at the levels of up to ~1e17 cm<sup>-2</sup> were shown
- ➤ Technology is already mature-latest 3D detectors are done in single sided processing this simplifies to large extent the production

### **Challenges (most advanced is now IME-CAS):**

- ➤ Performance drawbacks is mainly in larger capacitance (hence noise and the jitter) particularly for thick sensors with large signals and to smaller extent fill factor
- $\triangleright$  Recent advances in very narrow columns/trenches (100:1 at IME) allow for columns/trenches of <1  $\mu$ m.
- > scalability of the processing to standard CMOS 8" line





# 3D with gain (4D tracking in harsh env.) DRD3

Can we progress from "solid state ionization chamber" to semiconductor "wire proportional chamber"?

An ideal 4D tracking sensors – thin 3D detector with gain

- very radiation hard
- low power consumption (small bias and current)
- low material budget
- very fast

WP2 project : Development of very small pitch ultra rad 3D sensors for 4D Tracking at FBK

3D-sensors with gain (FBK/UNM/INFN)

temporary metal bump pad contact hole overglass sio 12000

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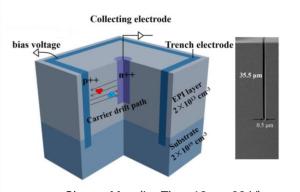
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Reverse Bias Voltage [V]

WP2 project: Novel silicon 3D-trench pixel detectors based on 8-inch CMOS process (IME)

Two proton absorption TCT



of the track

Simulation

