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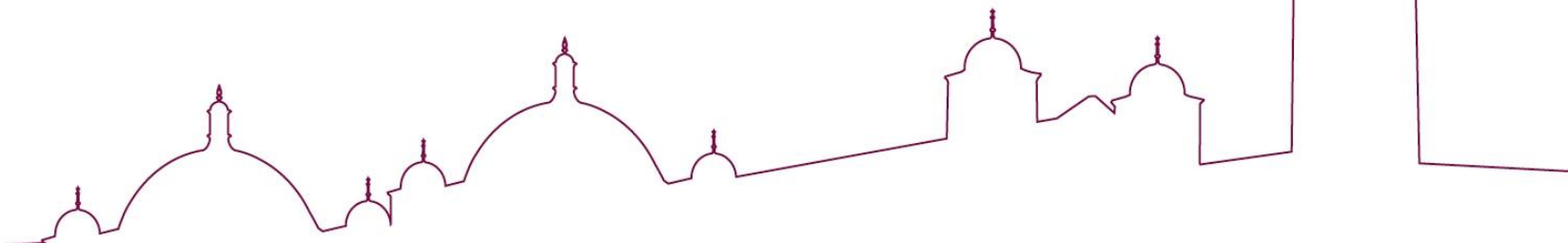


ePIC SVT sensor development

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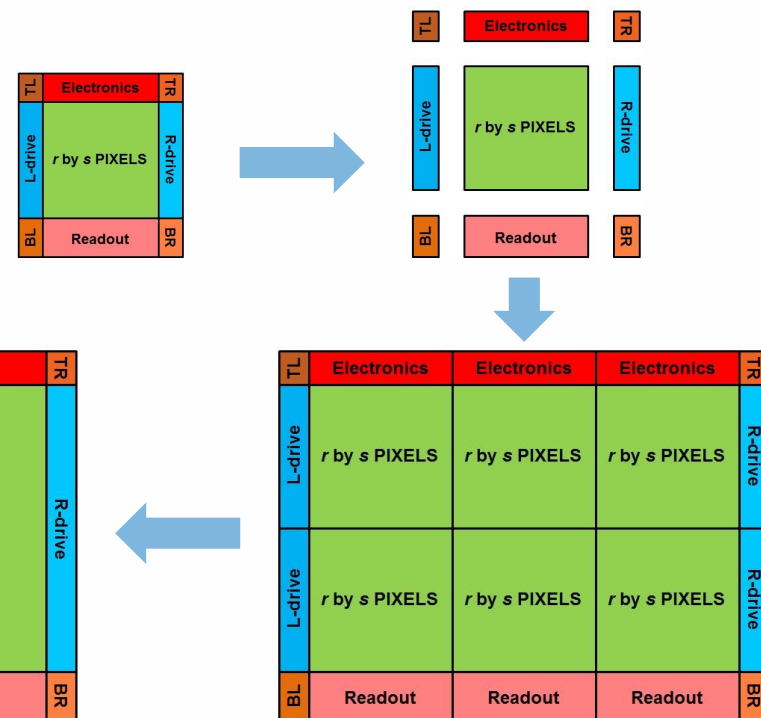
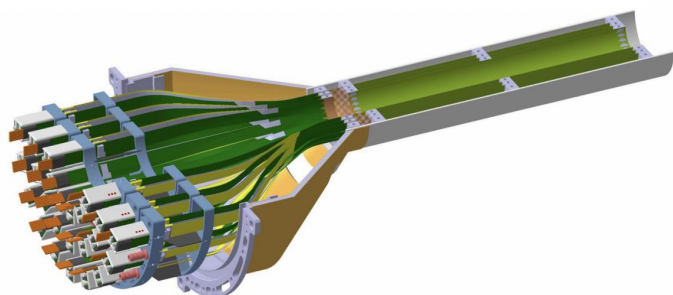
EIC-UG UK meeting @ York

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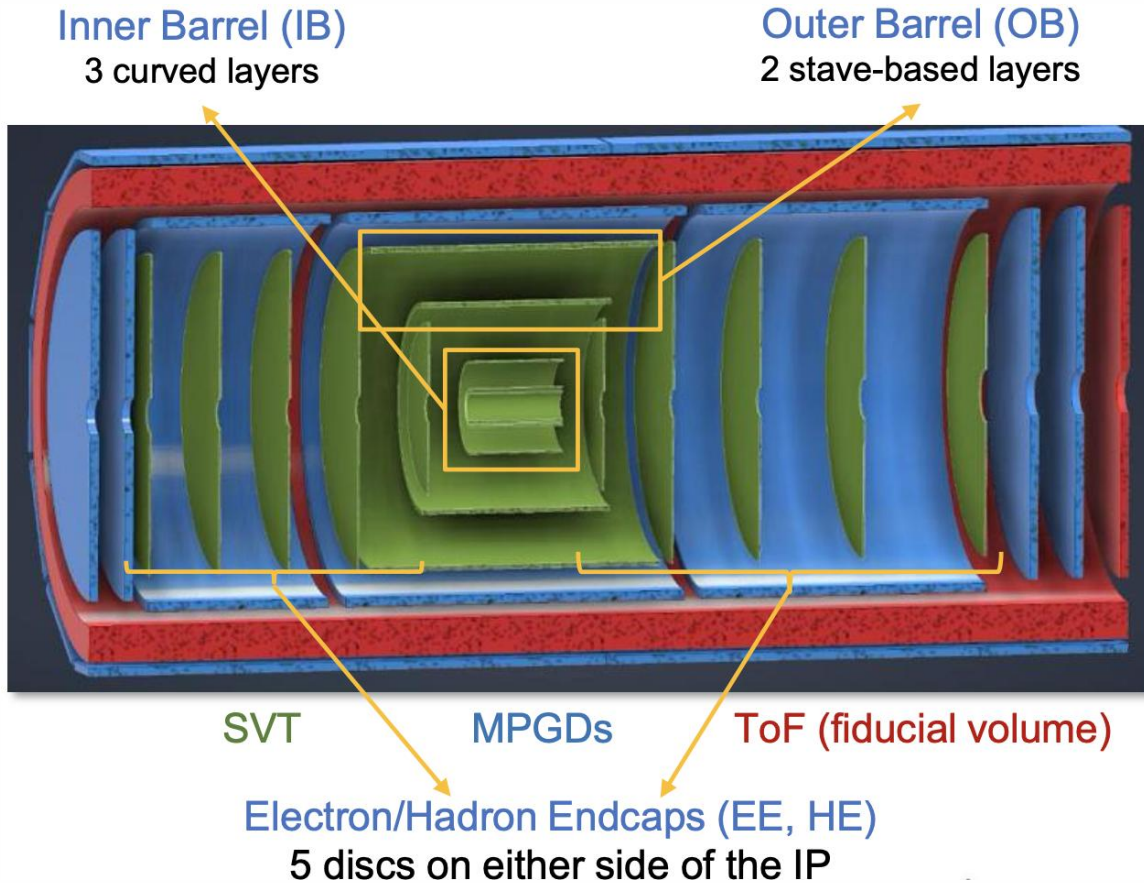


MAPS with stitching technology

- Traditional Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor (MAPS) was constrained in the size of a single reticle (~ cm²).
- Stitched MAPS sensor could achieve larger active area
 - Lithography elements can be applied separately
 - To stitch these element up to a wafer scale
 - The thinned, curved and stitched MAPS could serve as the tracker on HEP experiments to increase the coverage and reduce the material budget
 - Not applied on HEP yet, but a 65 nm CMOS imaging sensor process is being developed with a partnership between ALICE-ITS3 and ePIC-SVT groups.



ePIC Silicon Vertex Tracker

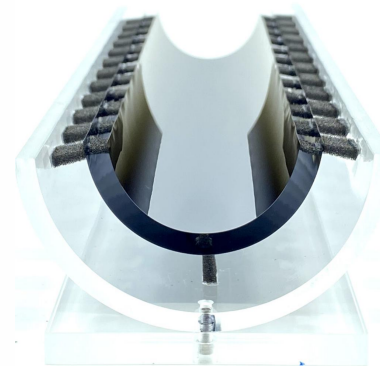


Total active area $\sim 8.5 \text{ m}^2$
 Radius $\sim 0.45 \text{ m}$
 Length $\sim 2.5 \text{ m}$

ePIC SVT target specifications	
Spatial resolution	$\sim 5 \mu\text{m}$
Power	$< 40 \text{ mW/cm}^2$
Frame rate	$\leq 2 \mu\text{s}$
Material budget(per layer)	IB: 0.05% X/X_0
	OB: 0.25%, 0.55% X/X_0
	EE/HE: 0.25% X/X_0

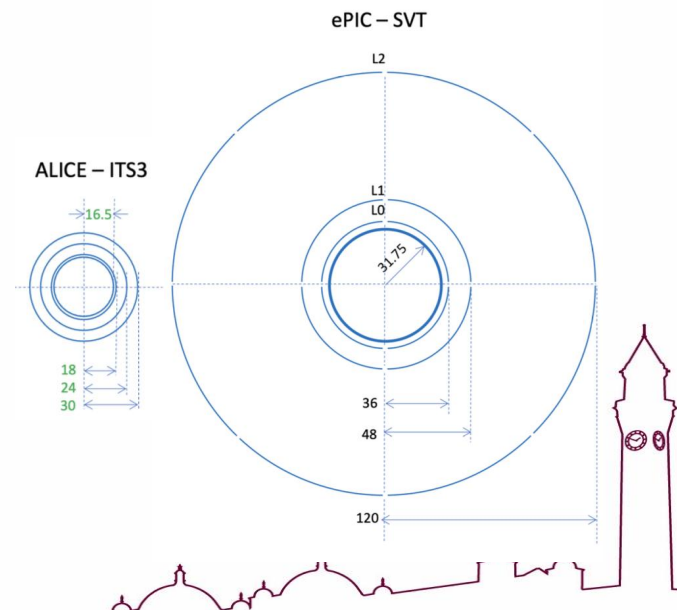
ePIC SVT Inner Barrel layers

- Inner barrel layers will utilise the full wafer scale sensor and ultra-thin detector concept.
 - Three layers of stitched, wafer scale, thin and bent sensors
 - Minimal mechanical support, air-cooling, no services in the active area



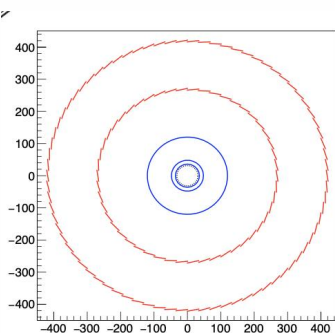
ALICE ITS3, [arXiv.2105.13000](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.13000)
ALICE ITS3, [arXiv.2212.08621](https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.08621)

IB	r [mm]	l [mm]	X/X ₀ %
L0	36	270	0.05
L1	48	270	0.05
L2	120	270	0.05



ePIC SVT Outer Barrel layers & Disks

- ❑ SVT outer barrels (**Foucs of EIC-UK WP1**)
 - Two layers of EIC Large Area Sensor (**EIC-LAS**) staves.
 - **EIC-LAS** is modification of the ITS3 sensor for high yield, low cost and large area coverage:
 - stitched but not wafer scale
 - possible modification in the periphery (LEC) to reduce number of readout links



Left EndCap
data & power

EIC-LAS

Right EndCap
stitching plan
termination



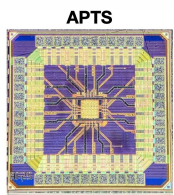
- ❑ SVT EE/HE Endcaps
 - 5 disks of **EIC-LAS** sensors (same optimized sensor as OB) on either side of IP.
 - Disk inner opening defined by the beam pipe bake-out constains and off-centered where beam pipe diverges, details in [Peter's slides](#)

BARREL	r [mm]	l [mm]	X/X0 %
Layer 3	270	540	0.25
Layer 4	420	840	0.55

DISKS	+z [mm]	-z [mm]	r_out [mm]	X/X0 %
Disk 0	250	-250	240	0.25
Disk 1	450	-450	420	0.25
Disk 2	700	-650	420	0.25
Disk 3	1000	-850	420	0.25
Disk 4	1350	-1050	420	0.25

R&D of ALICE-ITS3 & EIC-LAS

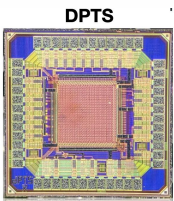
MLR1: qualification of CMOS 65 nm technology, prototype for circuit blocks



Charge collection study



Mismatches defect densities

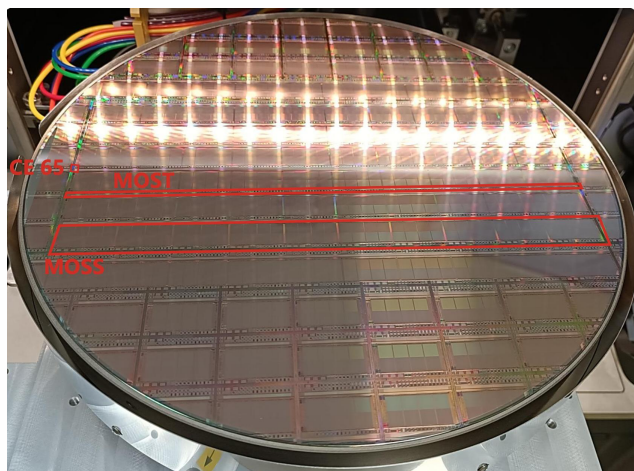


Digital readouts
Time-over-Threshold
information

ER1: Stitching technology demonstrator (MOSS & MOST), yield studies

ER2: Fully functional sensor that satisfy ITS3 requirement

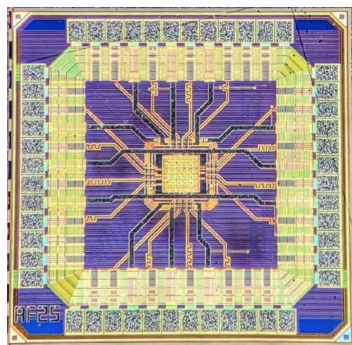
ER3: Final production and bug fix from ER2



- Monolithic stitched sensor (MOSS)
- feasibility and yield factors study of wafer-scale sensors
- Monolithic stitched sensor with Timing (MOST)

EIC-LAS will also be designed and qualified simultaneously.

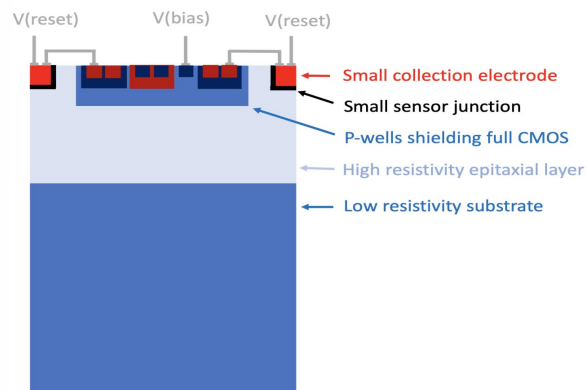
Development of MLR1 APTS sensor in UK



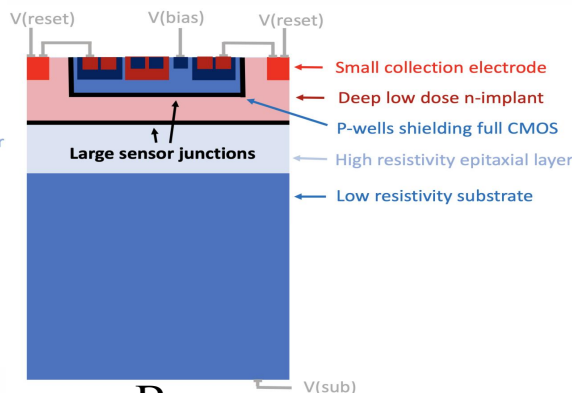
Analog Pixel Test Structure

- ❖ 65 nm CMOS technology
- ❖ 4 × 4 pixel readout
- ❖ Charge collection properties study

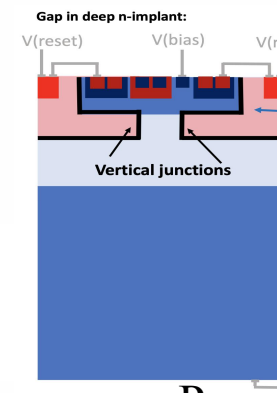
Flavor	Pitches	splits
Standard	10, 15, 20, 25	1, 2, 3, 4
B	10, 15, 25	1, 2, 3, 4
P	10, 15, 20, 25	1, 2, 3, 4



Standard



B
Deep low dose n-implant introduced to provide full depletion



P
Based on B type sensor, gap in deep n-implant to optimise the electric field at the pixel edge to have fast charge collection

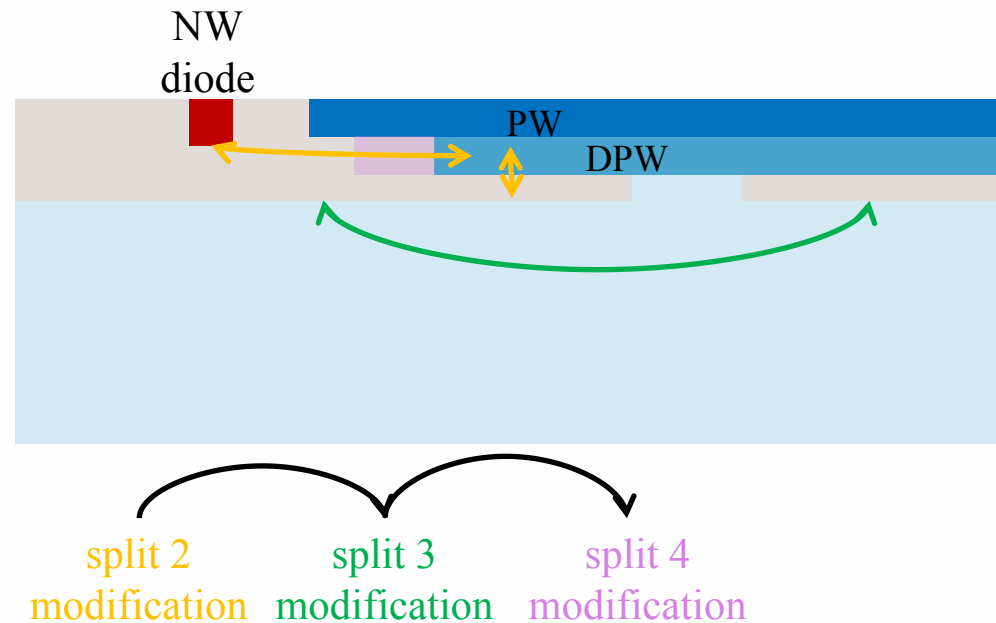
Process modifications for better charge collection

split 1: No extra modifications

split 2: Modification of deep P-well to improve isolation between circuit and sensor and prevent punch-through between deep N-well and circuits

split 3: Modification of the doping level of deep N-well to achieve full depletion on basis of **split 2**.

split 4: Modification of deep P-well to form better lateral e-field to improve charge collection based on **split 3**.



Optimization of a 65 nm CMOS imaging process for monolithic CMOS sensors

Test setup & sensors bonded at Bham



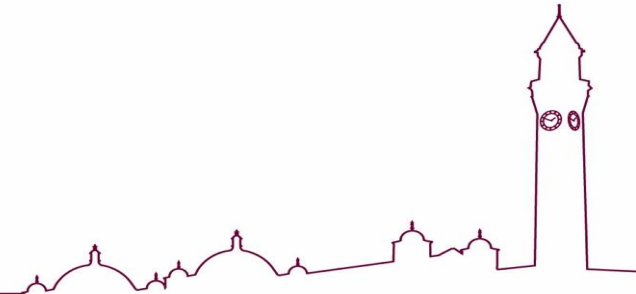
flavour	pitch	Wafer 16 (split 2)	Wafer 19(split 3)
B	10	AF10B_W16B1	AF10B_W19B6
		AF10B_W16B4	
	15	AF15B_W16B2	AF15B_W19B1
		AF15B_W16B6	AF15B_W19B2
	25	AF25B_W16B3	AF25B_W19B4
		AF25B_W16B5	
P	10	AF10P_W16B1	AF10P_W19B8
		AF10P_W16B2	
	15	AF15P_W16B3	AF15P_W19B1
		AF15P_W16B4	
	20	AF20P_W16B8	AF20P_W19B3
			AF20P_W19B9
			AF20P_W19B10
	25	AF25P_W16B7	AF25P_W19B5

+ AF15P_W22B3

- FPGA: MLR1-044
- Proximity: APTS-013(re-calibrated)
- Power supply: R&S HMP2030
- Sensors:
 - 22 sensors bonded at bham from splits 2 and 3.
 - 1 chip at least for each configuration (flavour, pitch, split).
 - All sensors passed the visual inspection and resistance test.
 - Sensors characterised using Fe-55 source @ Liverpool

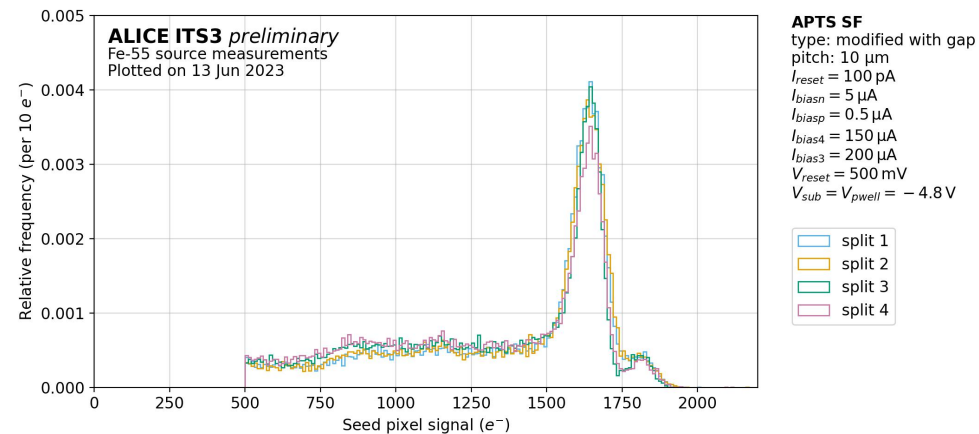
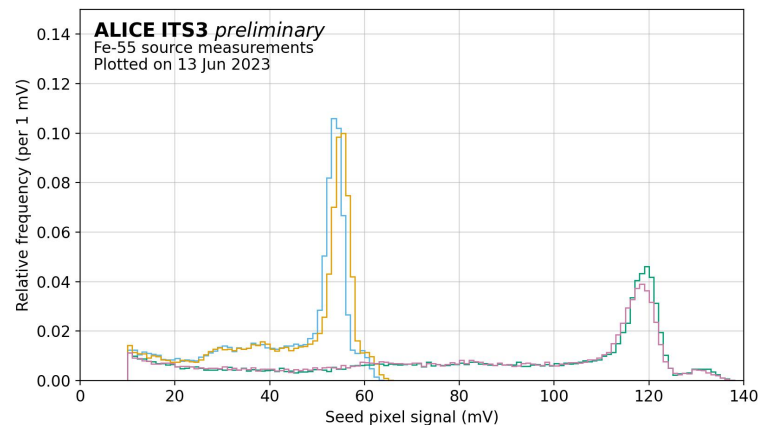
Chips highlighted in yellow selected for this presentation. More results in the backup slides.

Split comparison of Fe-55 measurements (P-types)



Seed pixel signal of pitch 10 μm

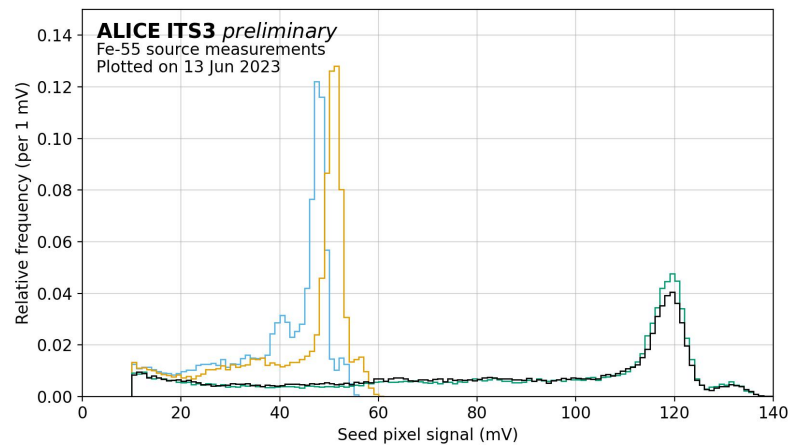
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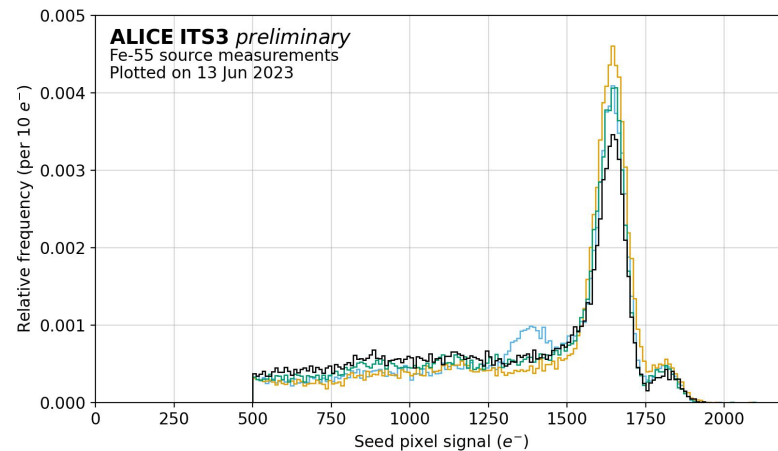
- 150K events were recorded for the spectra reconstruction in mV unit.
- Different signal amplitudes were observed between split 1&2 and split 3&4.
- Spectra converted to electron unit, after the sensor calibration using Fe-55 k- α peak.
- Similar charge collection was observed among all splits in electron unit.

Seed pixel signal of pitch 15 μm

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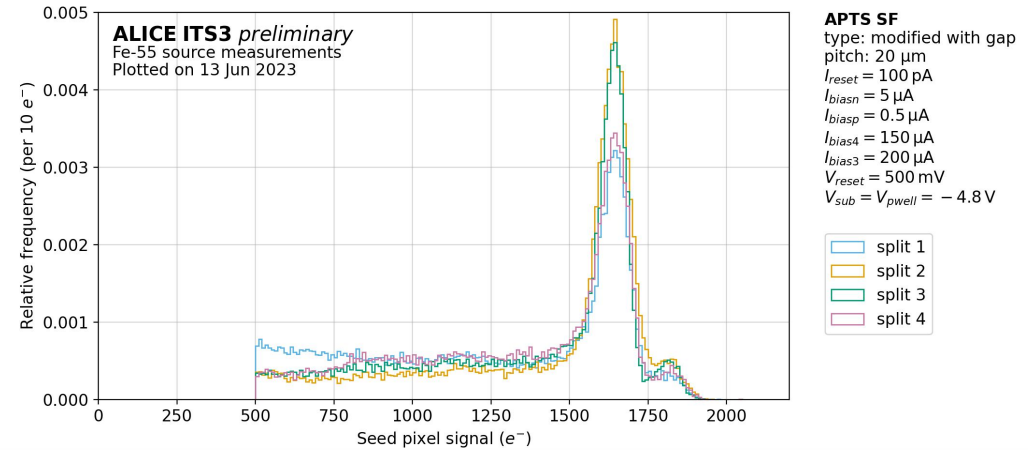
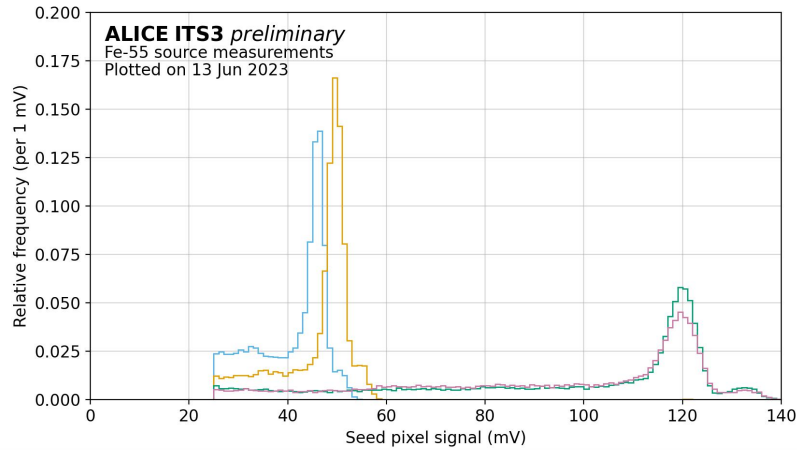
APTS SF
type: modified with gap
pitch: 15 μm
 $I_{\text{reset}} = 100 \text{ pA}$
 $I_{\text{biasn}} = 5 \text{ }\mu\text{A}$
 $I_{\text{biasp}} = 0.5 \text{ }\mu\text{A}$
 $I_{\text{bias4}} = 150 \text{ }\mu\text{A}$
 $I_{\text{bias3}} = 200 \text{ }\mu\text{A}$
 $V_{\text{reset}} = 500 \text{ mV}$
 $V_{\text{sub}} = V_{\text{pwell}} = -4.8 \text{ V}$



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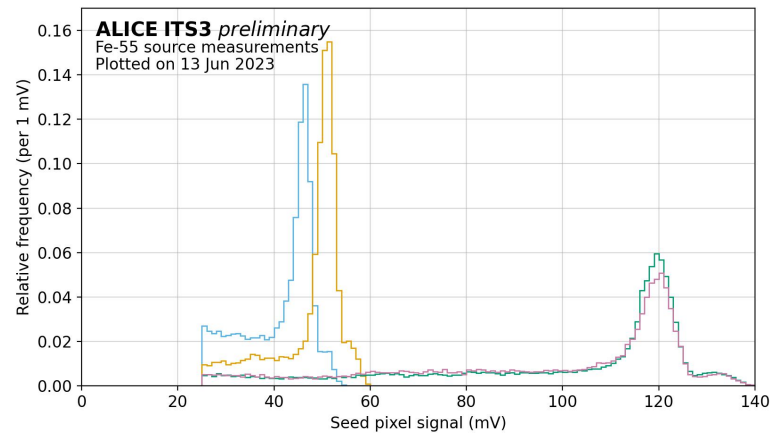
Seed pixel signal of pitch 20 μm

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- For pixel pitches $\geq 20 \mu\text{m}$, a tail of smaller charges appears in split 1, indicating worse charge collection properties.
- The electric field weakens at the edges of the pixel, leading to smaller charge collected.

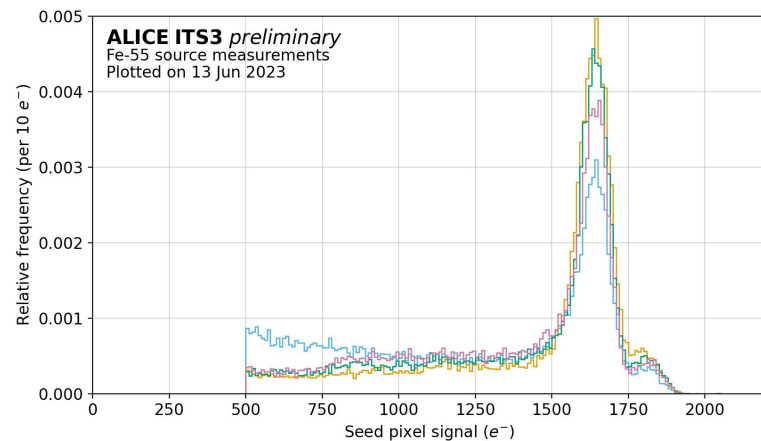
Seed pixel signal of pitch 25 μm



APTS SF
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pitch: 25 μm
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 $I_{biasp} = 0.5 \text{ }\mu\text{A}$
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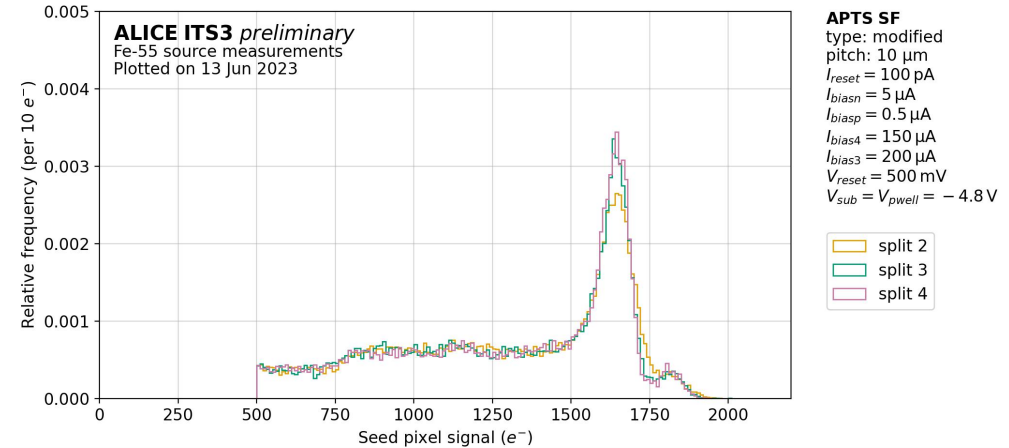
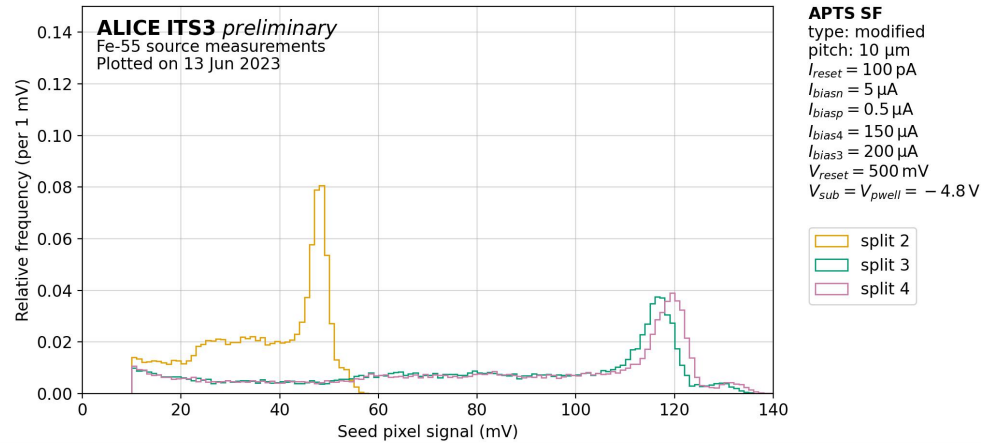
APTS SF
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pitch: 25 μm
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Split comparison of Fe-55 measurements (B-types)

Seed pixel signal of pitch 10 μm

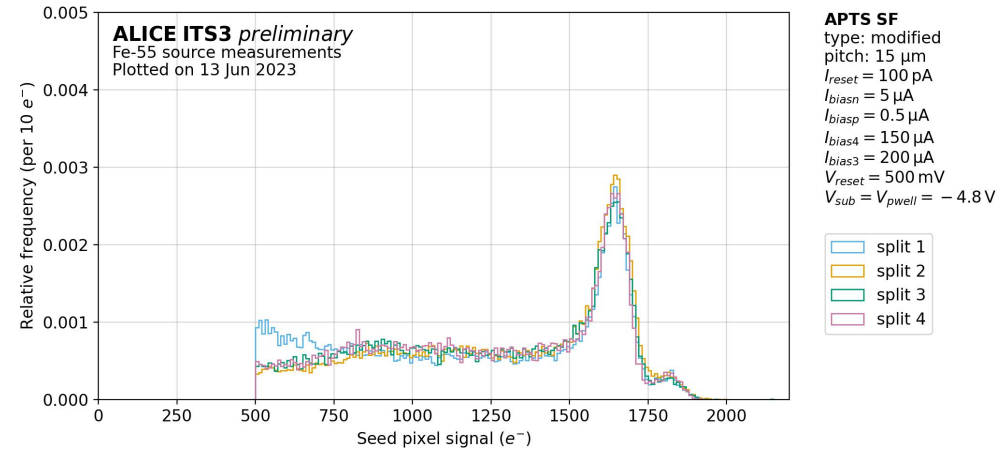
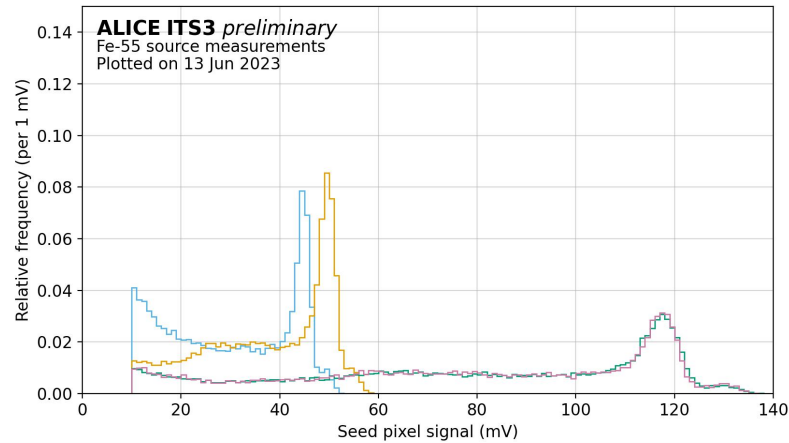
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- No measurements from split 1
- Different signal amplitude were observed between split 2 and split 3&4 in mV unit.
- Similar charge collection was observed among all splits in electron unit.

Seed pixel signal of pitch 15 μm

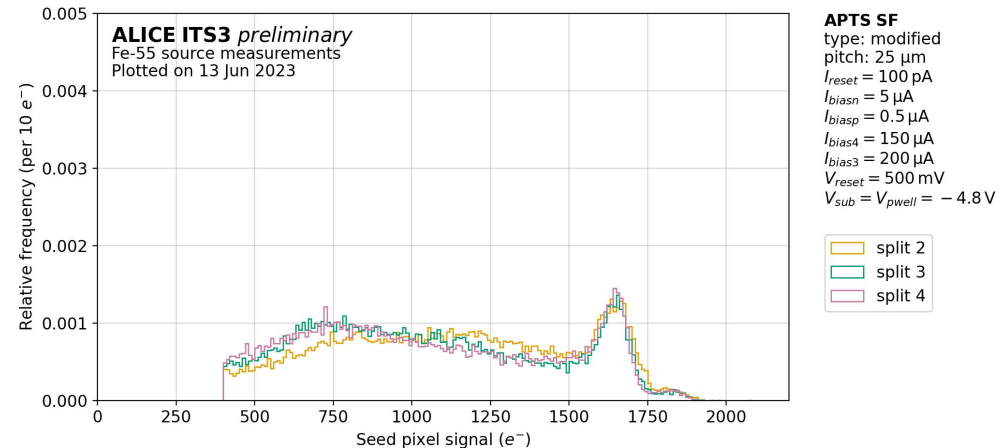
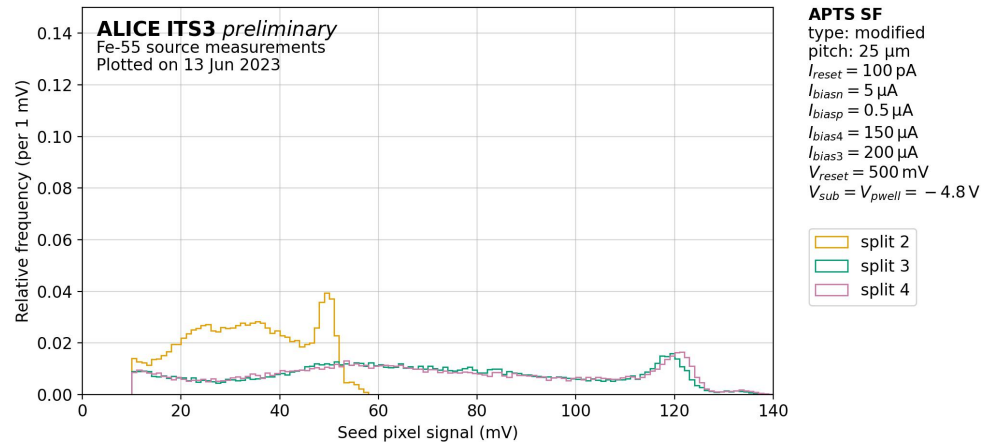
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For pixel pitch of 15 μm , a tail of smaller charges appears in splits 1 which is also the result of weak e-field at the pixel edge.

Seed pixel signal of pitch 25 μm

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Bumps at the lower ends of the spectra were observed in all splits which are the result of charge sharing with adjacent pixels.

Summary & outlook

❖ Summary

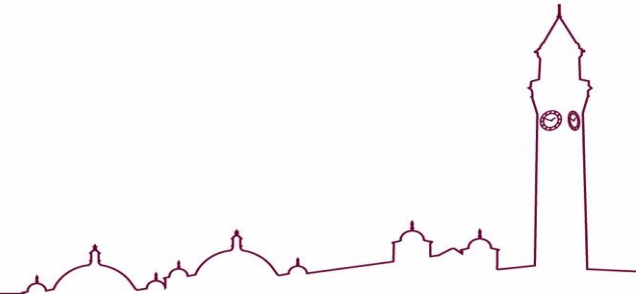
- ❑ The ePIC-SVT detector will be realised with stitched MAPS
 - Implemented in a 65 nm CIS process which is also used in ITS3 sensor.
 - Wafer scale sensors as ITS3 for SVT IB.
 - EIC-LAS, the modification of ITS3 sensor, will be designed and produced for OB/endcaps, considering OB geometry, material budget and readout requirements.
- ❑ Fe-55 measurements of MLR1-APTS sensor:
 - Worse charge collection is observed in split 1 with larger pixel pitches, this indicates the charge loss due to the weak e-field at the edge of the pixel.
 - Optimised charge collection in split 3&4 was varfied through the comparison among splits

❖ Outlook

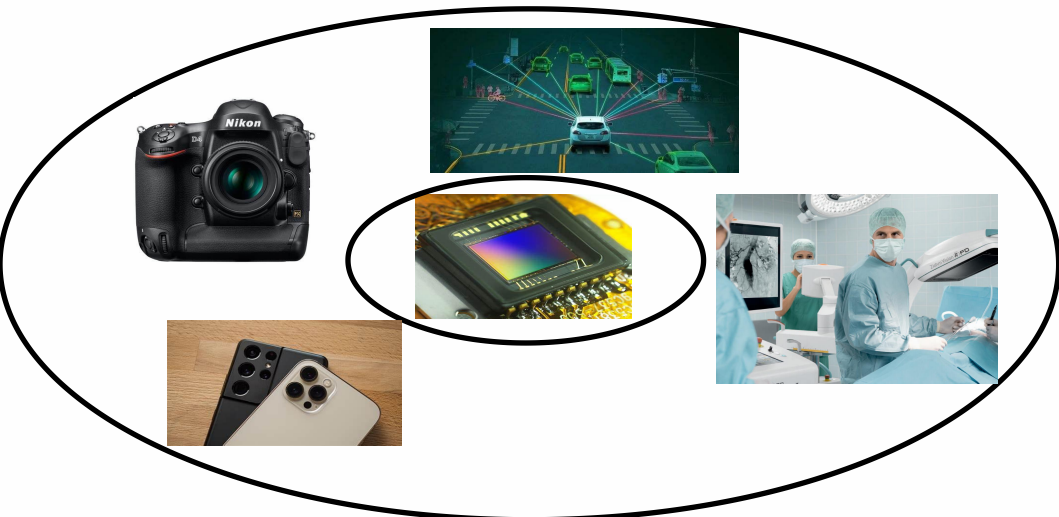
- ❑ Measurement of ER1 sensors(MOSS, MOST, baby MOSS & baby MOST) collaborating with ALICE ITS3 group is in plan.
- ❑ Stitching technology, uniformity of sensor performance and sensor yield will be tested.

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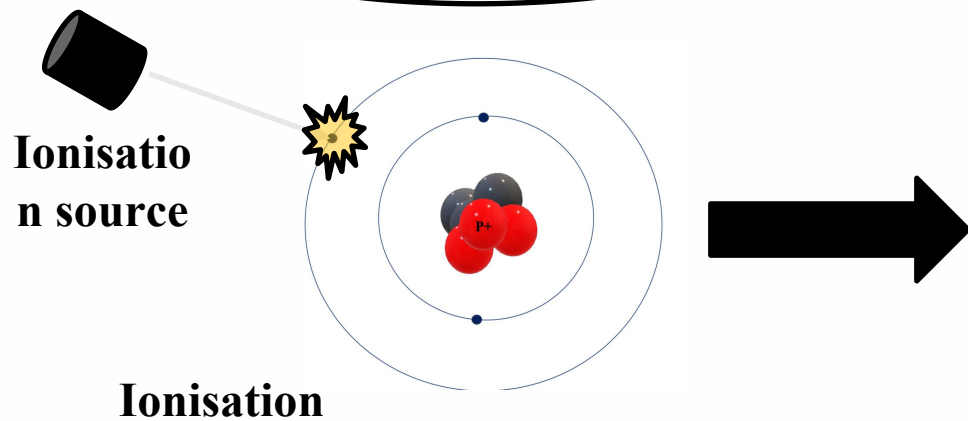
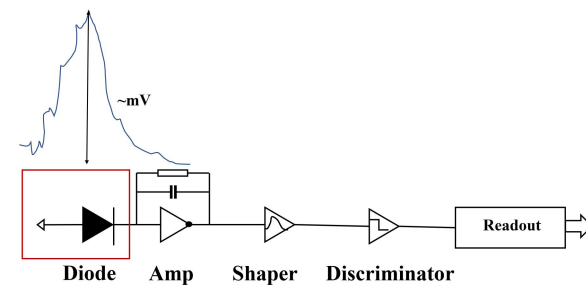
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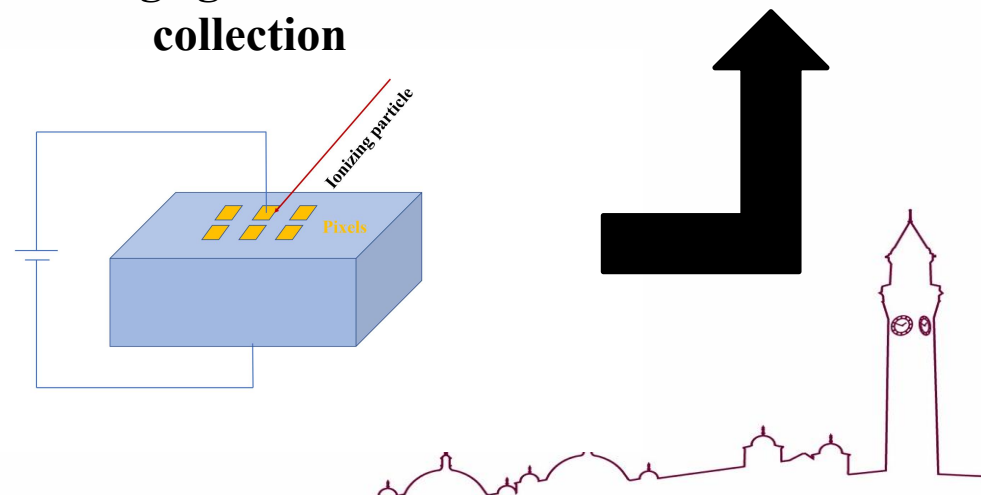
Working principle of MAPS



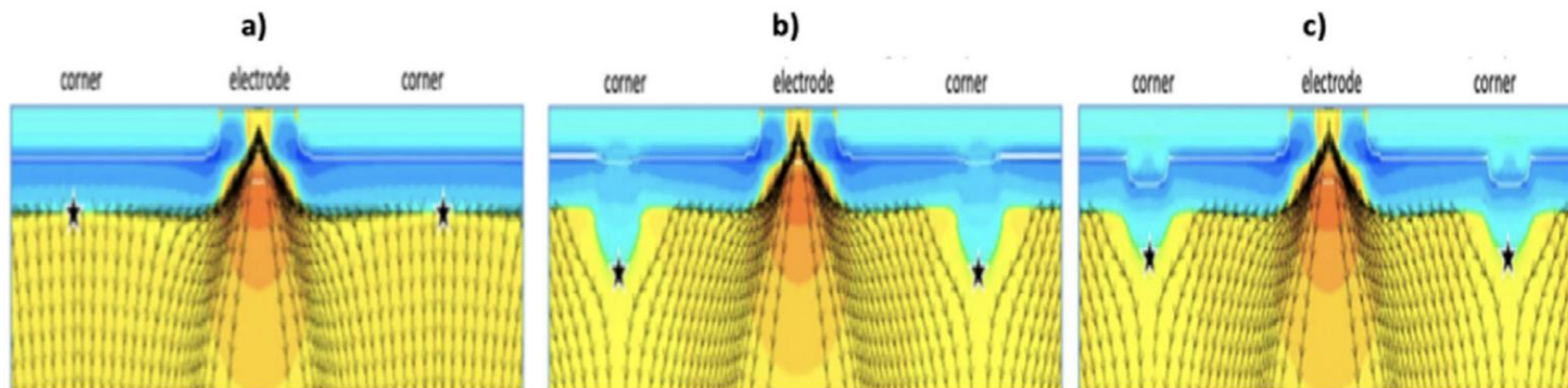
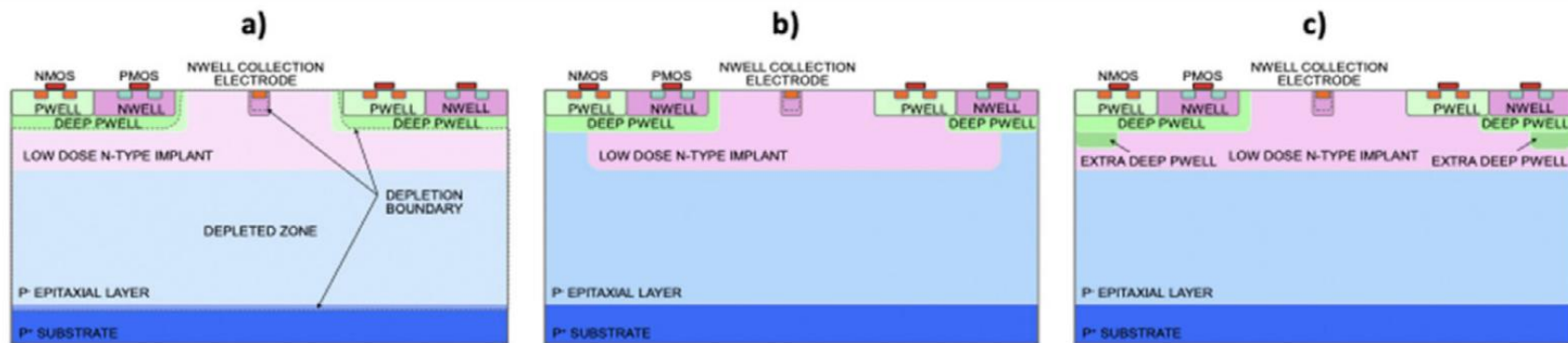
Signal processing & reconstruction



Charge generation & collection



TCAD simulation of the lateral e-field in various modified process



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