

# Recent development of finely segmented AC-LGAD sensors



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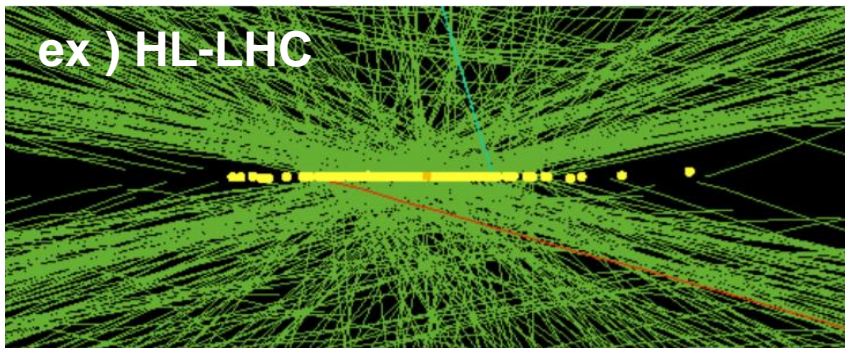
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# Motivation

## Issues

Future hadron collider → → High luminosity



HL-LHC : 200 interactions in an event  
FCC : **1500** interactions in an event

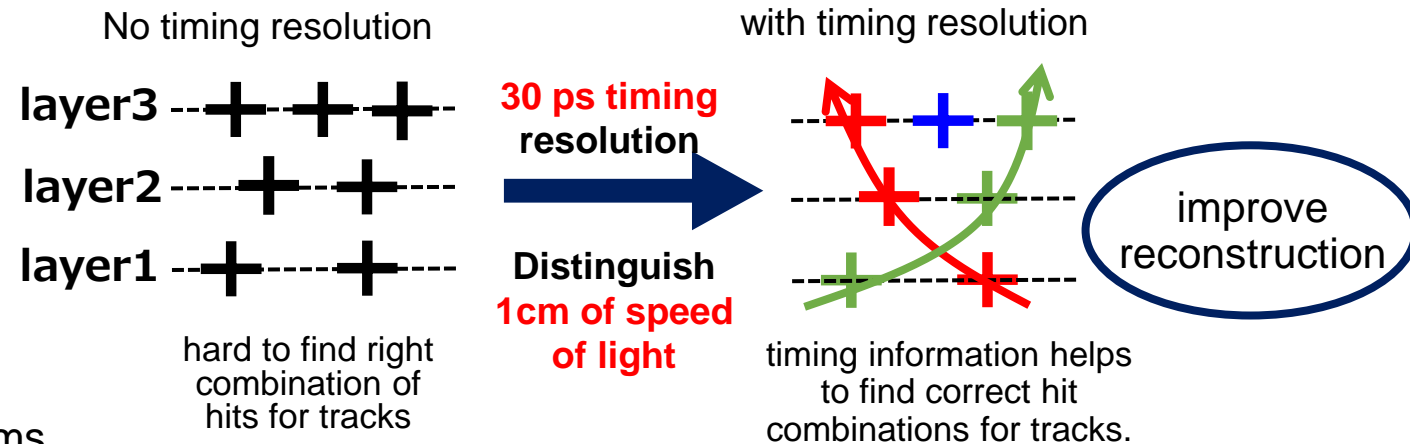
At high luminosity collider, inner tracker has problems

- 1. Pile up
  - 2. High occupancy
  - 3. High radiation
- } difficult tracking  
need radiation tolerance

## solution

Tracking detector with **30ps timing resolution** is one solution.

multi-layer tracking detector

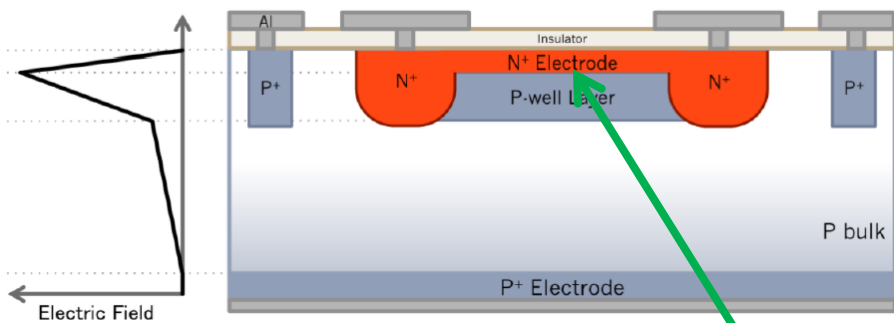


Inner tracker detector for future hadron collider must have...

1. High **spatial resolution** :  $\sim o(10)$   $\mu\text{m}$
2. High **timing resolution** : 30ps
3. High **radiation tolerance** :  $1 \times 10^{16}$   $n_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$

# Low-Gain Avalanche Diode detector

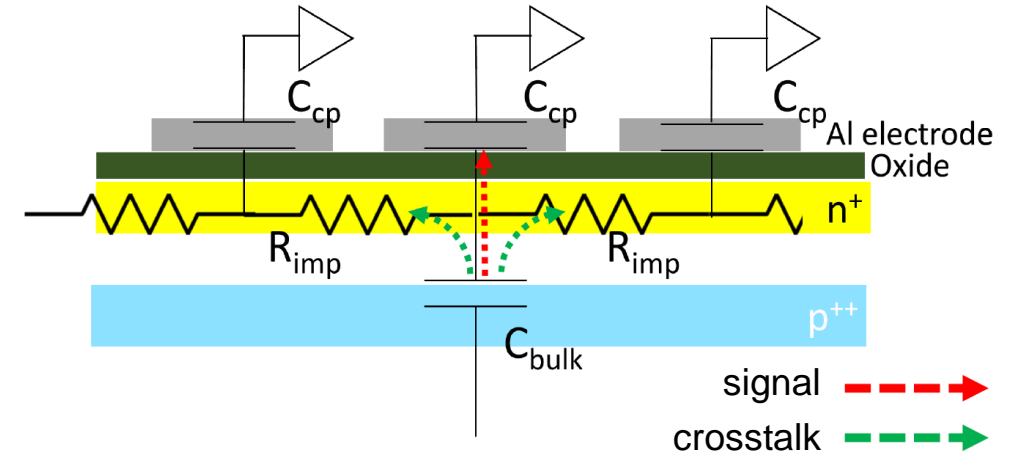
Normal LGAD detector



Make electrode pitch fine for **precise spatial resolution**

High electric field : **Avalanche**  
→ **Precise timing resolution**

AC-LGAD signal readout model

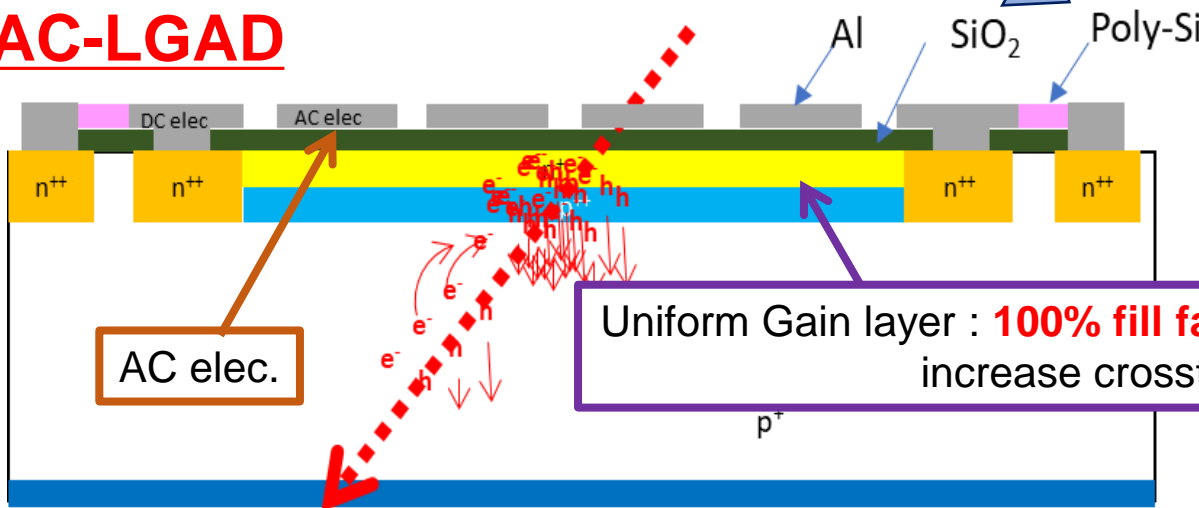


**Signal size**

implant resistivity and coupling capacitance

$$\text{charge readout as signal } Q = \frac{Z_{R_{imp}}}{Z_{R_{imp}} + Z_{C_{cp}}} Q_0 \text{ charge created in bulk}$$

## AC-LGAD

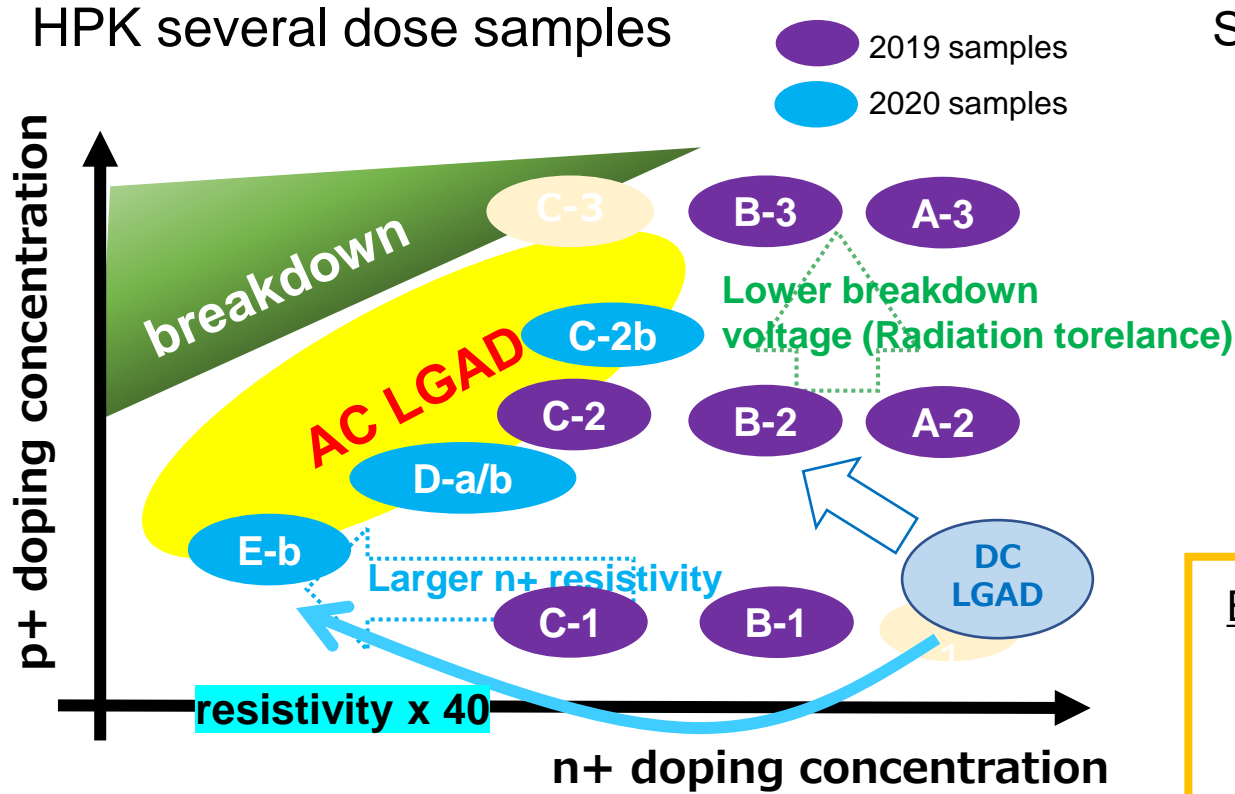


Uniform Gain layer : **100% fill factor**  
increase crosstalk ?

Finer pitch electrode  
: small signal and large crosstalk

# Goal and samples

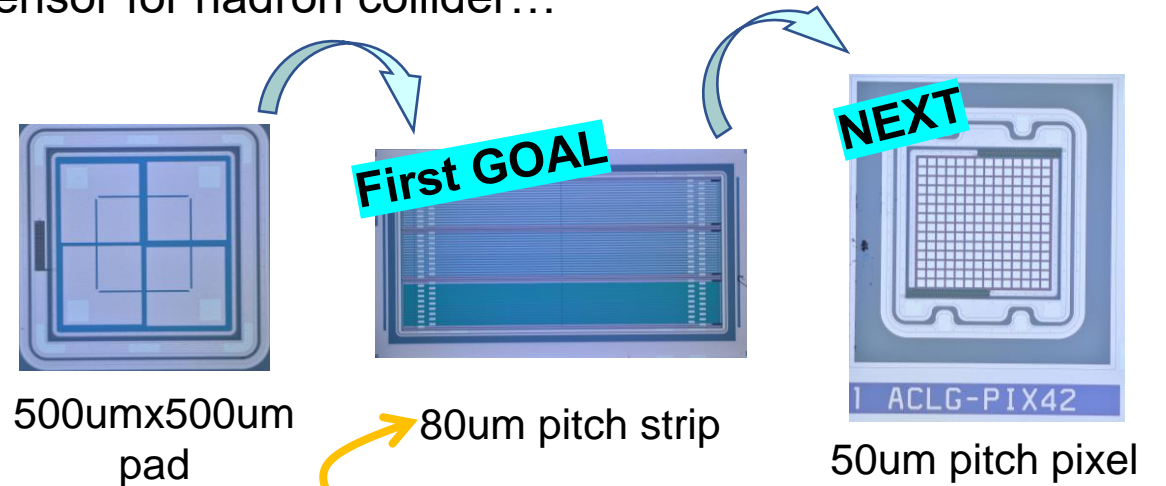
HPK several dose samples



## Our samples

- ✓ electrode type x 3 : pad, strip, pixel
- ✓ dose type x 11 : A2~E-b

Sensor for hadron collider...



E-b type (resistivityx40, coupling capacitance x 1.5)

- SN : Signal efficiency 99.98% @ noise rate  $10^{-4}$
- Crosstalk :  $82.68 \pm 0.06 \mu\text{m}$
- Spatial resolution :  $20.3 \pm 3.2 \mu\text{m}$   
(binary readout, pitch/sqrt(12))
- Timing resolution : ~37ps (C2 pad type, FNAL testbeam)

**Can use for collider experiment if low radiation condition !!  
(outer tracker of hadron collider or e+e- collider)**

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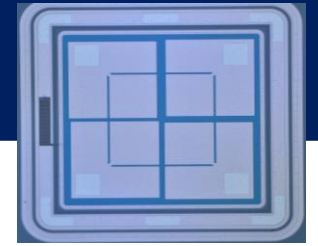
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# Timing resolution measurement

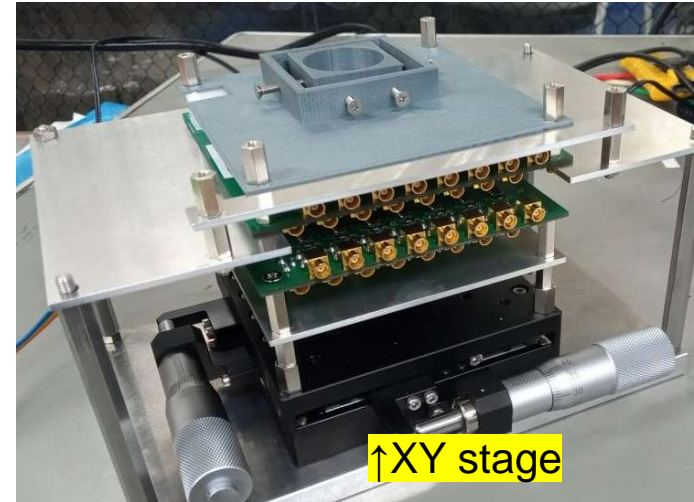
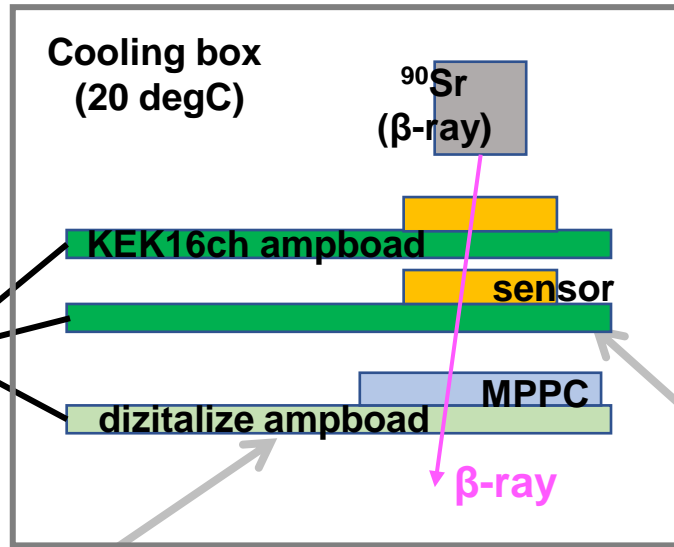
Pad sensor  
(500x500um)



Timing resolution : calculated time difference of two stacked sensors

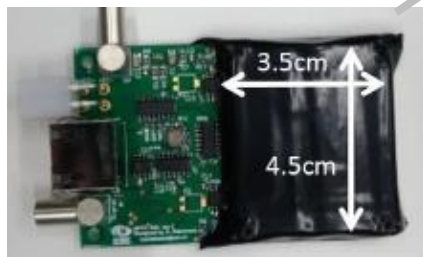
## Setup

WaveRunner 8208HD  
2GHz, 8ch, 10GS/s, 12bit



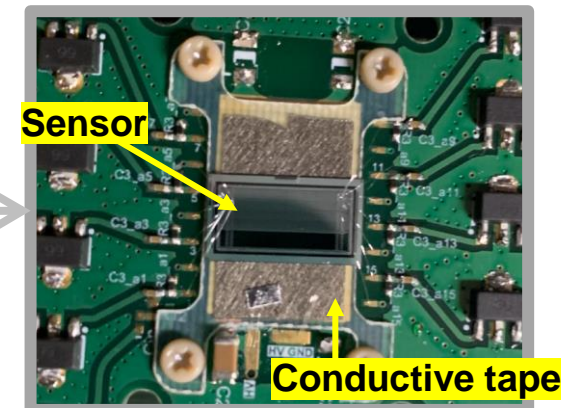
Designed and produced metal frame

- get closer distance of two sensors
- align position precisely



Modified amp board  
→ improve SN

KEK 16ch amp board



Trigger : Scintillator with MPPC

# Timing resolution measurement

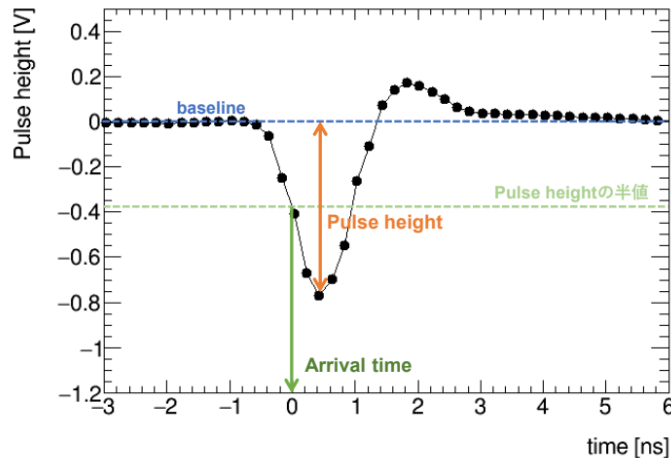
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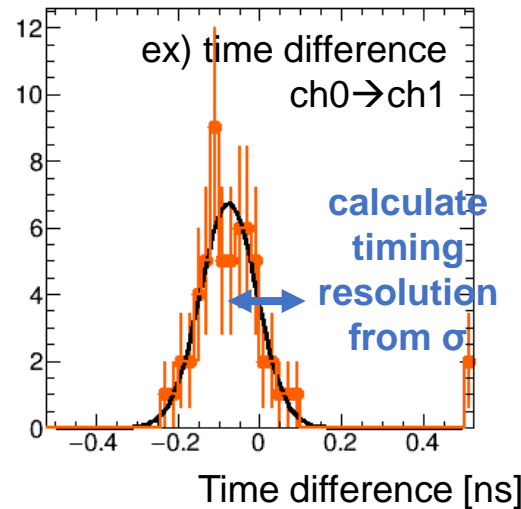
resistivity  
E-b : high  
C2 : low

## ➤ Analysis

definition of arrival time  
(pulse shape)

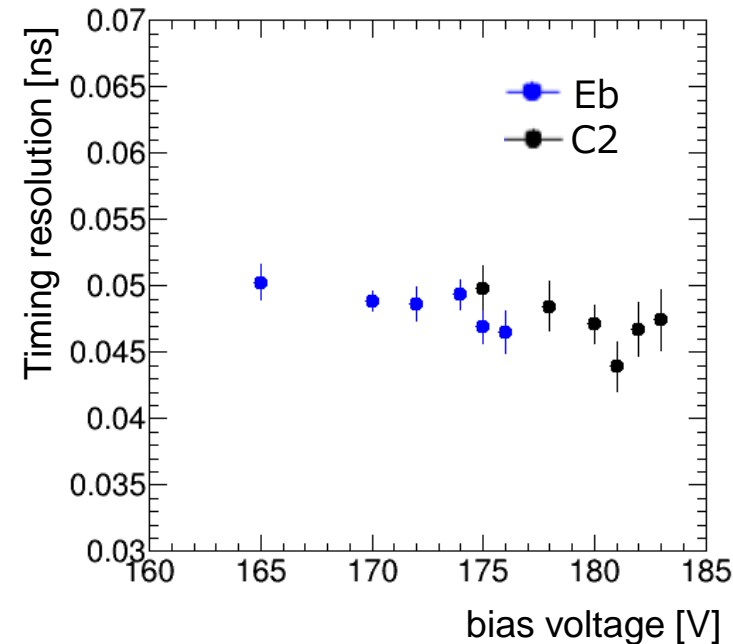


fit arrival time  
difference by gaussian



## ➤ Result

Timing resolution with threshold  
60mV(C2), 100mV(E-b)

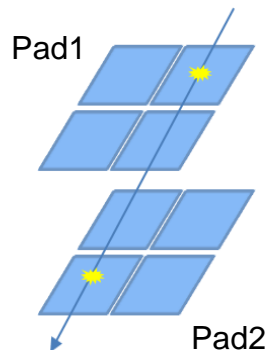


Best timing resolution  
(signal efficiency > 99%)

**C2**  $43.9 \pm 1.9$  ps  
(181V)  
**E-b**  $44.2 \pm 1.5$  ps  
(176V)

High timing  
resolution !!!

FNAL testbeam : ~37ps



**Timing resolution**  
 $\sigma_t = \sigma(T_1 - T_2) / \sqrt{2}$

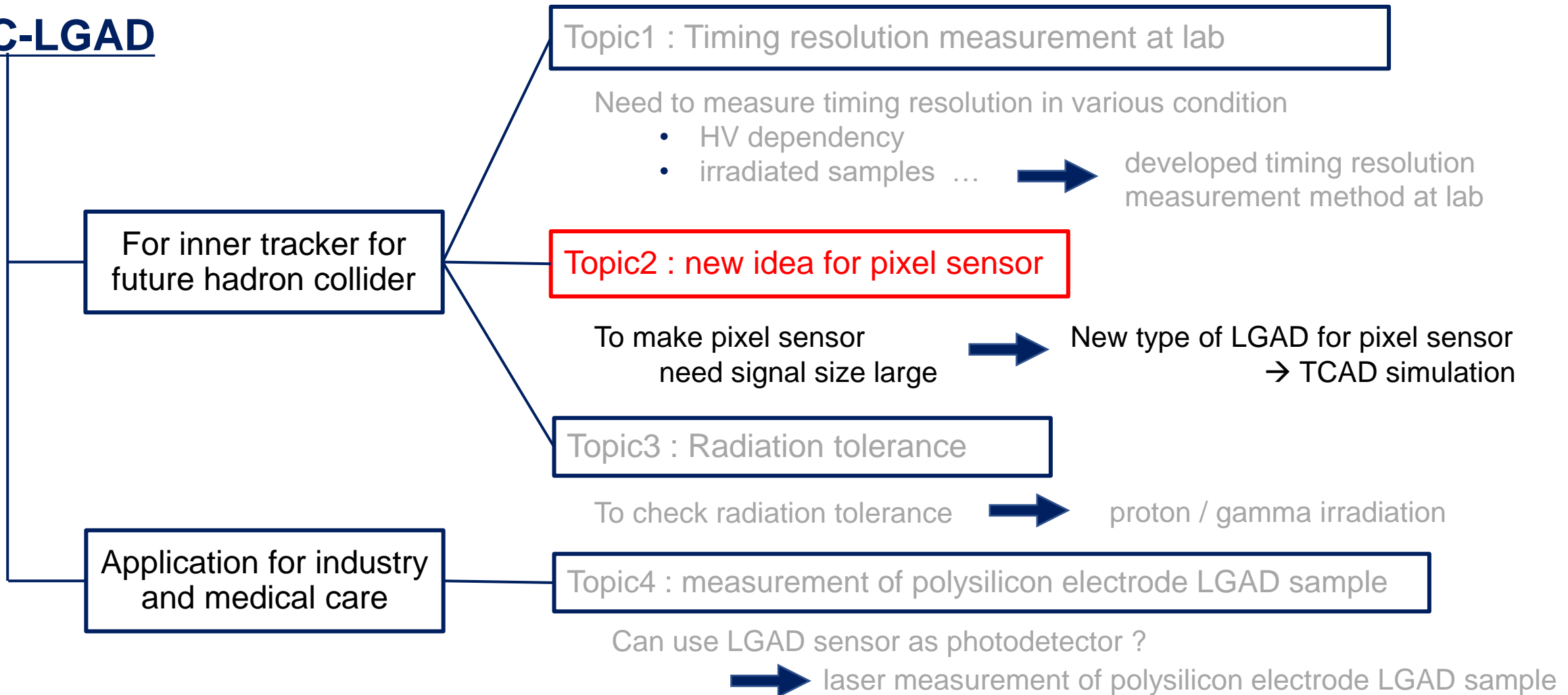
Evaluate time resolution for each  
combination then combined  
(cable route length difference considered)

- ✓ C2 and E-b have high timing resolution
- ✓ method of measurement timing resolution at lab.



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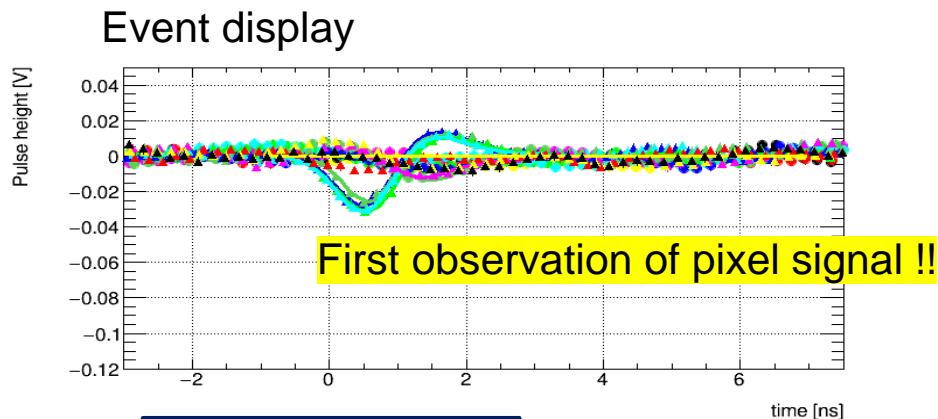
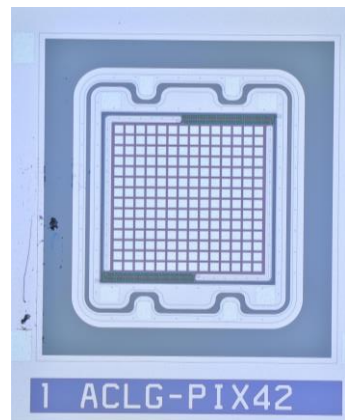
## AC-LGAD



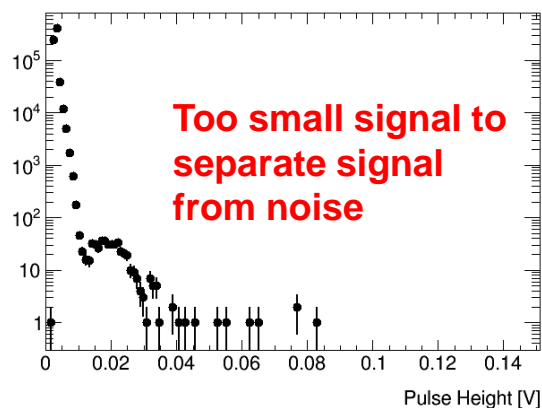
# Pixel sensor challenge!

Toward fine pitch... → 50um pitch pixel sensor

E-b type (high resistivity, high coupling capacitance)



Pulse height distribution



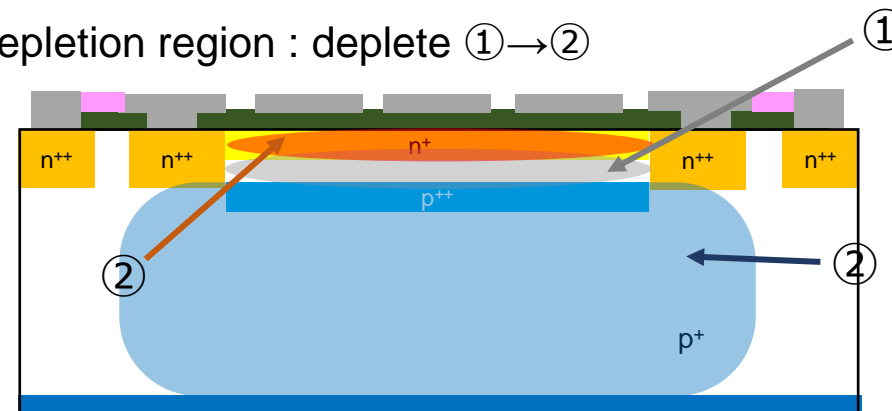
**For pixelate...**

need improvement to make signal larger

**Idea for improvement**

- ✓ To make larger Ccp  
→ thinner oxide thickness  
(next sample)
- ✓ **To make larger n+ resistivity**  
→ limitation of Foundry process

depletion region : deplete ①→②



depleted region is spread into n+ layer

$$W_n = \sqrt{\frac{2\epsilon}{eN_D} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{N_D}{N_A}} V_D}$$

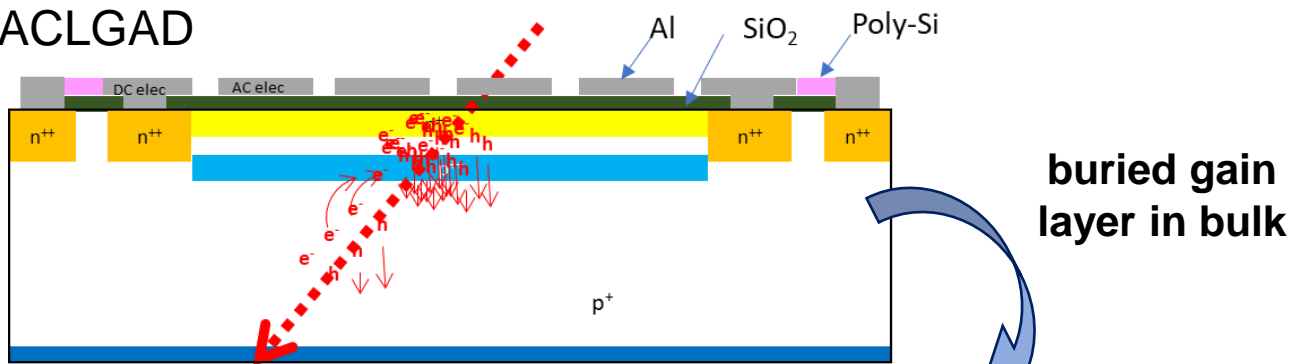
$\epsilon$  : permittivity  
 $e$  : elementary charge  
 $V_D$  : Diffusion potential  
 $N_A$  : p+ doping concentration  
 $N_D$  : n+ + doping concentration

reduce n+ doping concentration (=large n+ resistivity)  
→ early breakdown due to reaching depletion layer to front surface.

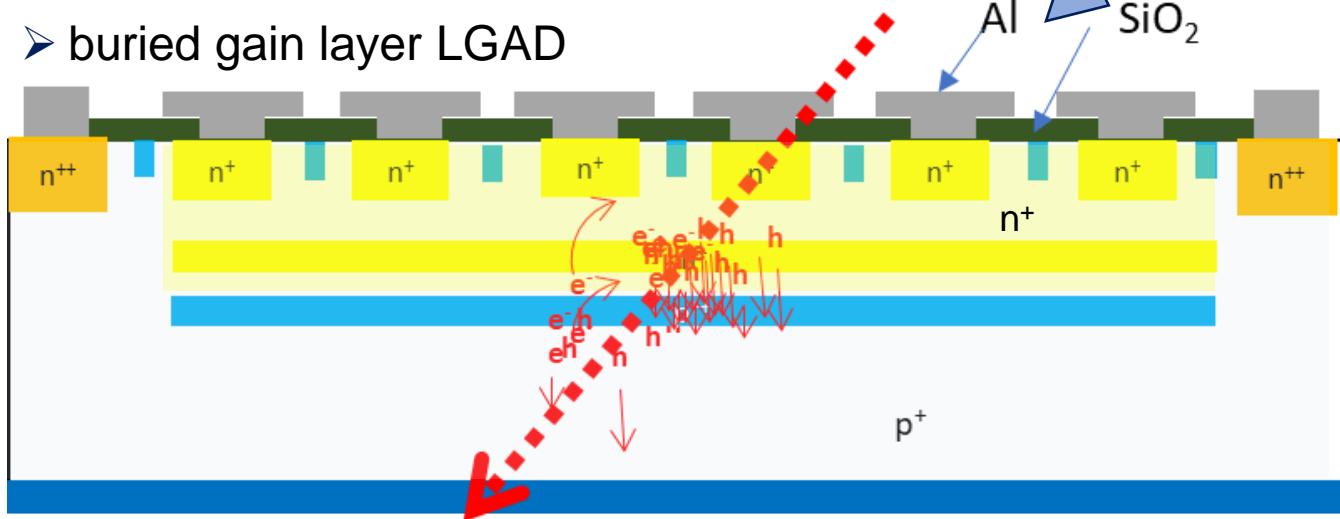
**Need some idea to make signal larger for pixel sensor...**

# New idea and simulation model

## ➤ ACLGAD

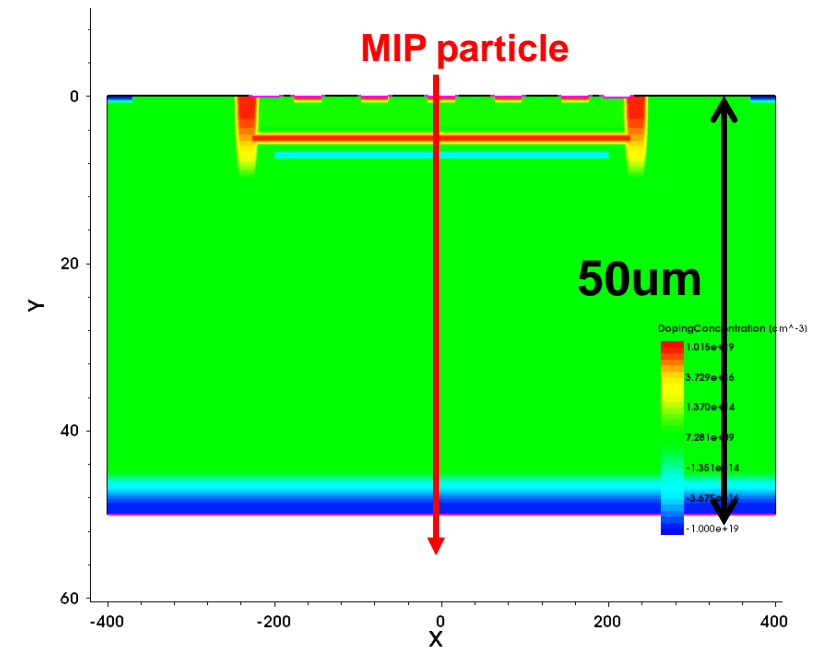


## ➤ buried gain layer LGAD



buried gain layer LGAD : suppress early breakdown due to reach depletion layer to surface of the sensor ??

## ➤ TCAD model



## MIP simulation

MIP injected center electrode of five

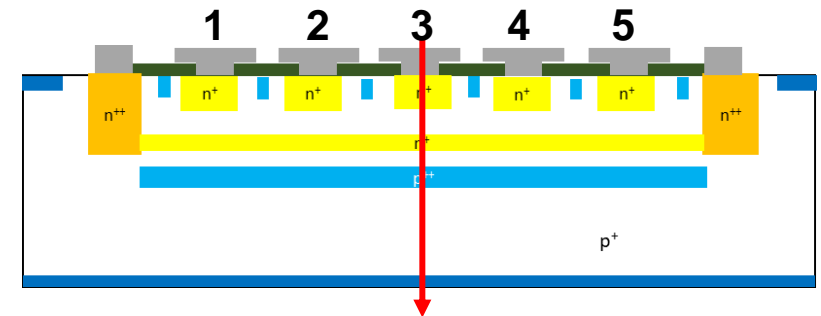
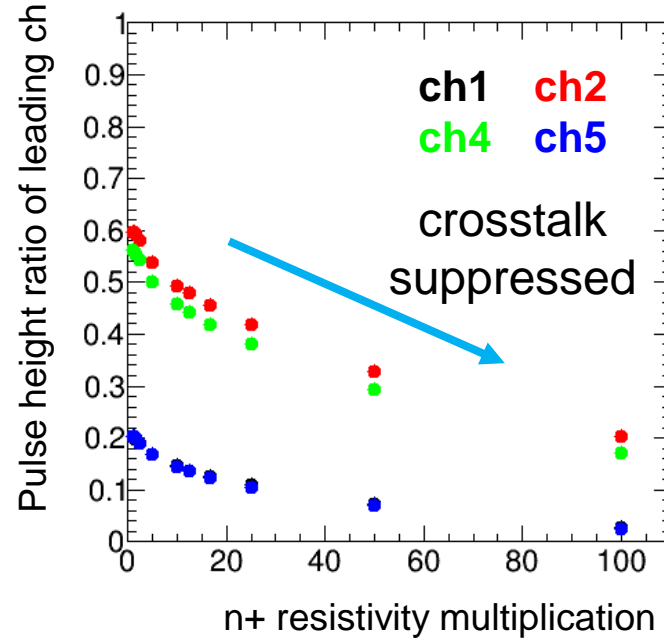
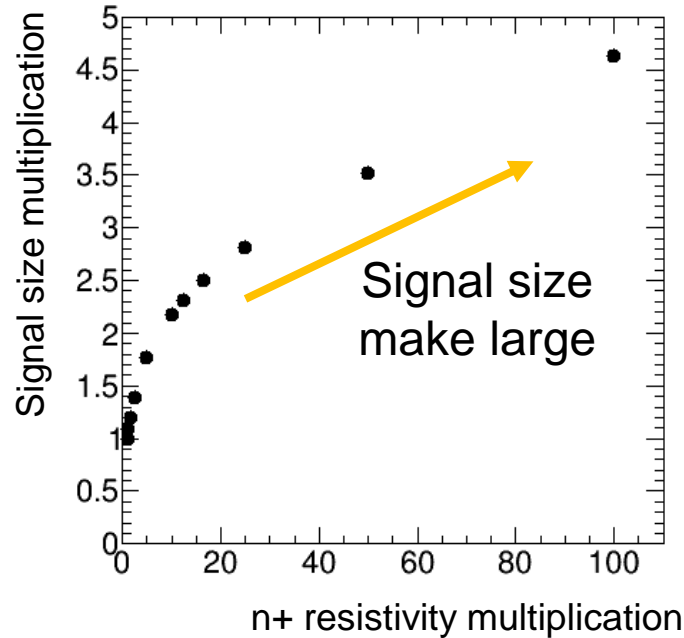
## Make sure

- ✓ if it works as LGAD sensor
- ✓ signal size change with n+ doping concentration ?

# Signal size and crosstalk simulations

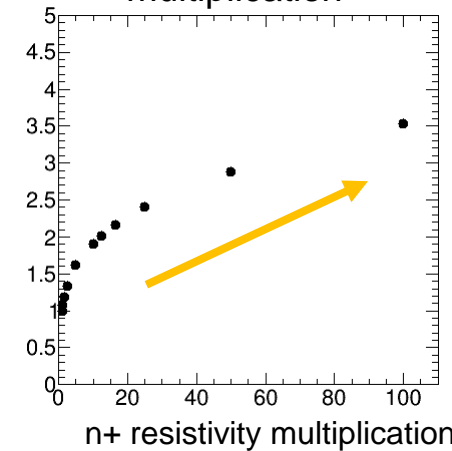
Signal size and crosstalk change with n+ resistivity ?

→ change n+ doping concentration  
( $1e17 \text{ cm}^{-3} \sim 1e19 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ )

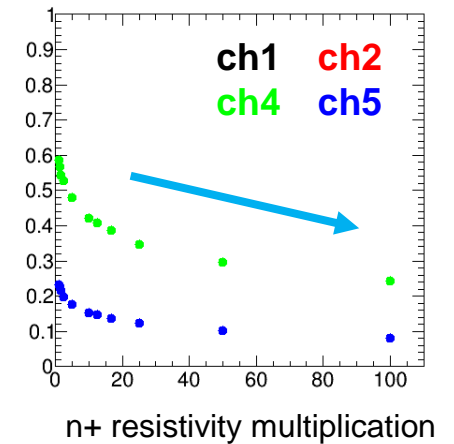


Simulated result of ACLGAD  
(same condition)

Signal size multiplication



Crosstalk size



n+ resistivity make large  
→ signal size large, crosstalk suppressed

buried gain layer LGAD

- ✓ It works as LGAD sensor
- ✓ signal size and crosstalk feature is similar to AC-LGAD

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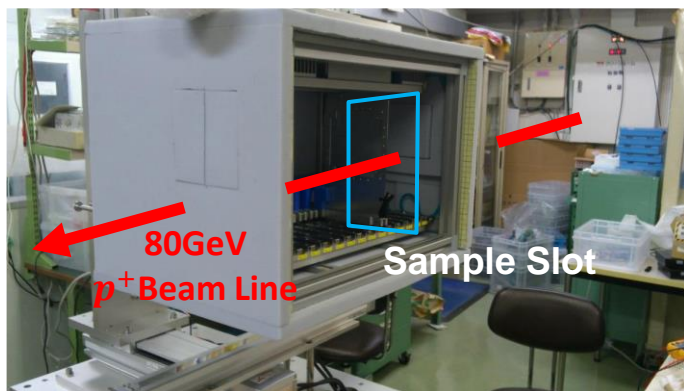
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# Proton irradiation sample

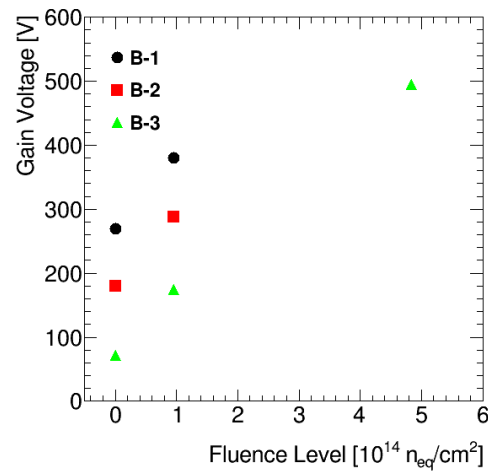
## Radiation damage

- ✓ NIEL : Bulk damage
- ✓ TID : Surface damage
- ✓ acceptor removal (decrease p+ doping conc)

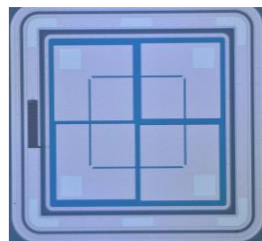
## Irradiation at CYRIC (Tohoku University)



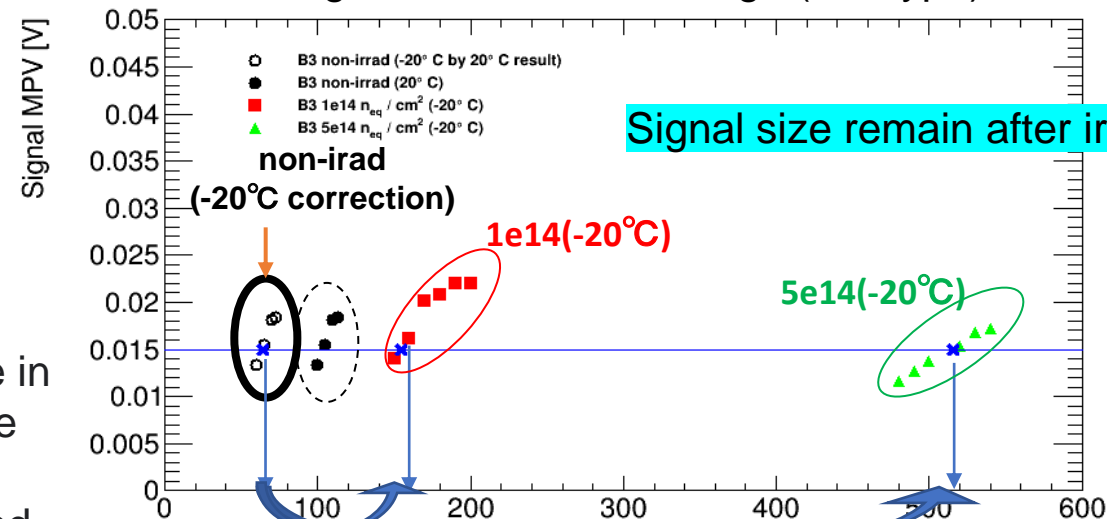
The amount of increase in gain voltage is the same even if the p+ doping concentration is changed.



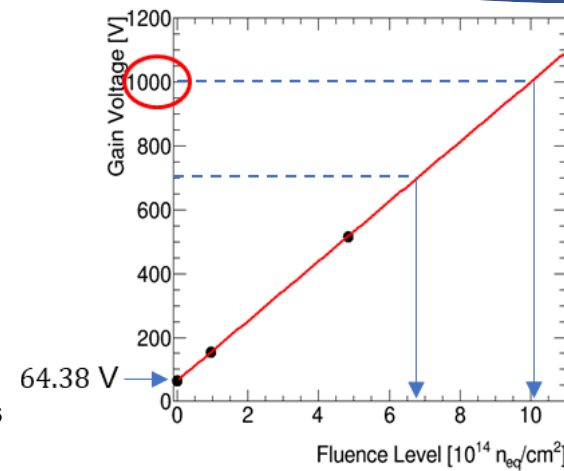
Pad sensor (B-1, B-2, B-3)  
 less ← → much  
 p+ doping concentration



## Signal size vs bias voltage (B-3 type)



Signal size remain after irradiation



$$\frac{dV_G}{d\phi} = 93.57 \pm 0.03 \text{ V} / 10^{14} n_{eq}/cm^2$$

$$700 \text{ V} \rightarrow 0.67 \times 10^{15} n_{eq}/cm^2$$

$$1e15 n_{eq}/cm^2 : \text{need } >1000\text{V}$$

need to find a way to reduce gain voltage increase by radiation damage (acceptor removal)

# Gamma irradiation sample

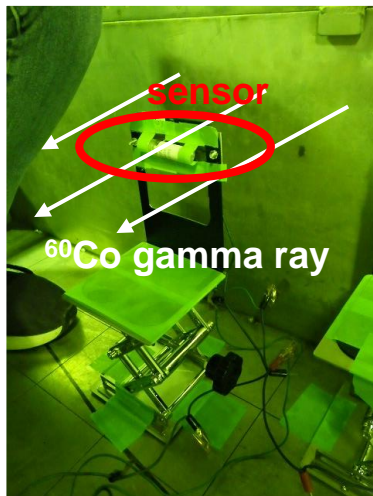
Strip sensor (E-b)



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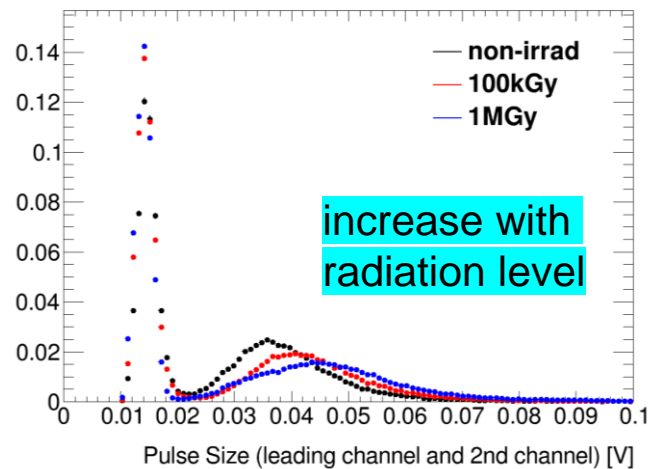
## Irradiation at facility in Takasaki



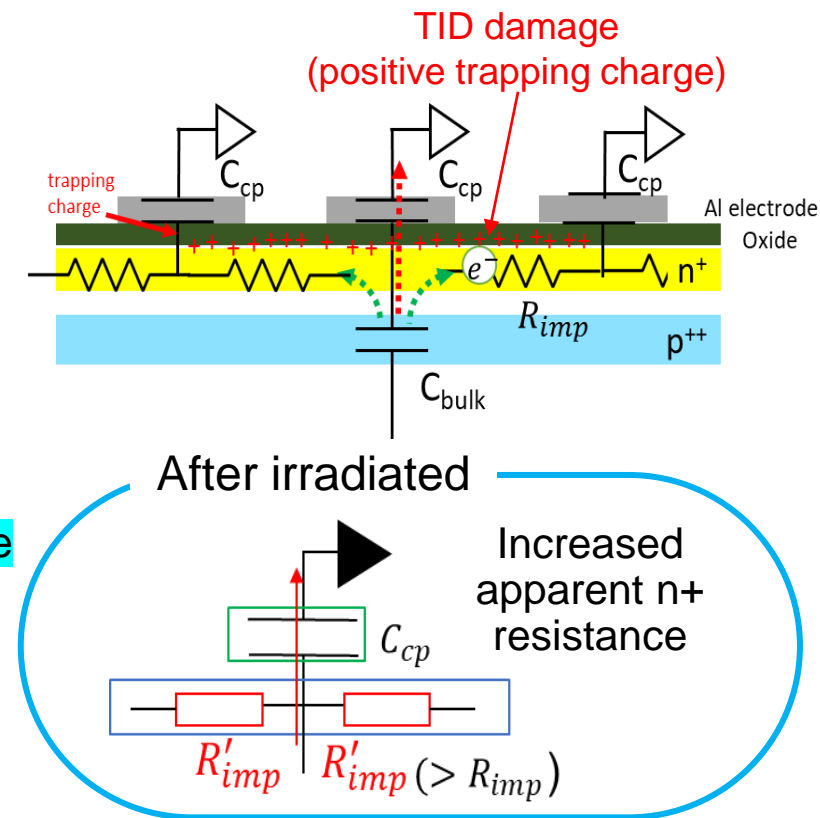
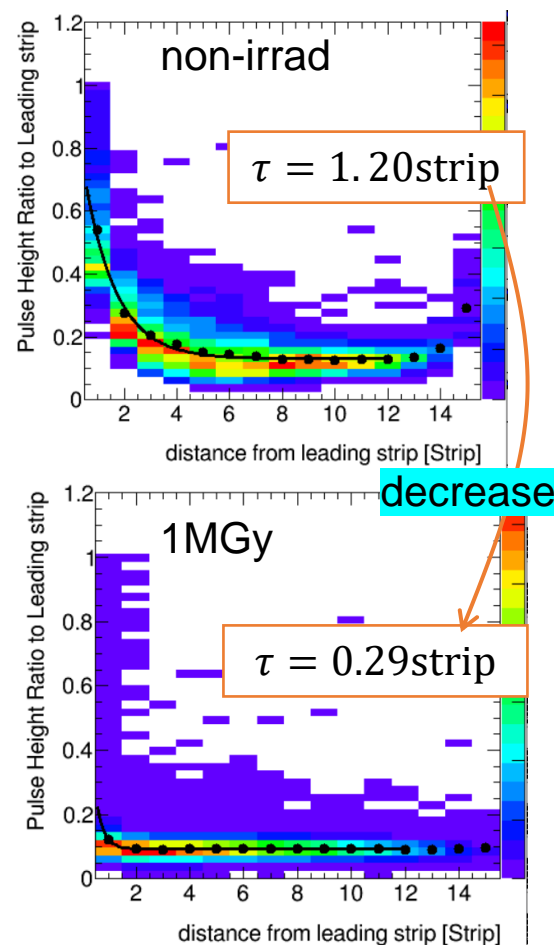
### irradiated level

- ✓ 1MGy
- ✓ 100kGy

## Signal size



## Crosstalk



TID sample      Signal size : large  
Crosstalk : small

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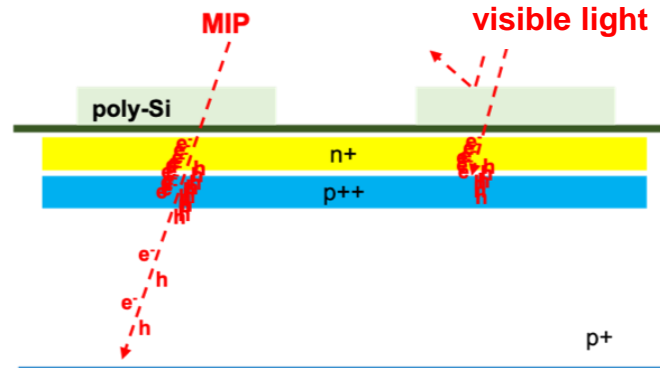
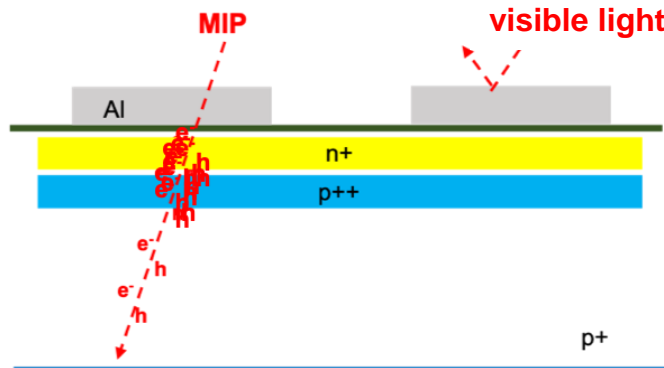
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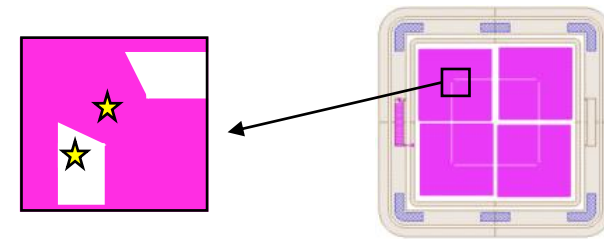
# Application to LGAD photodetector

LGAD photodetector : Al electrode → polysilicon electrode

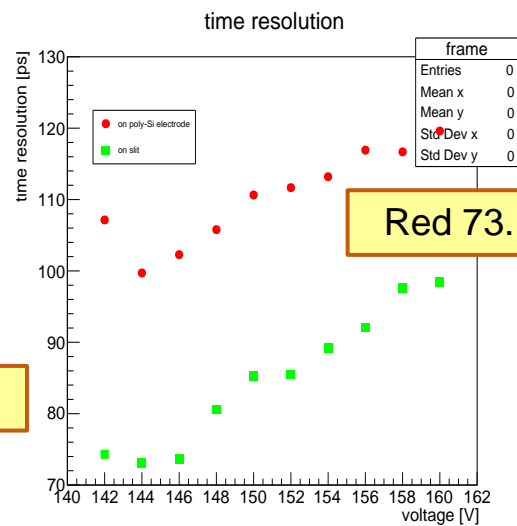
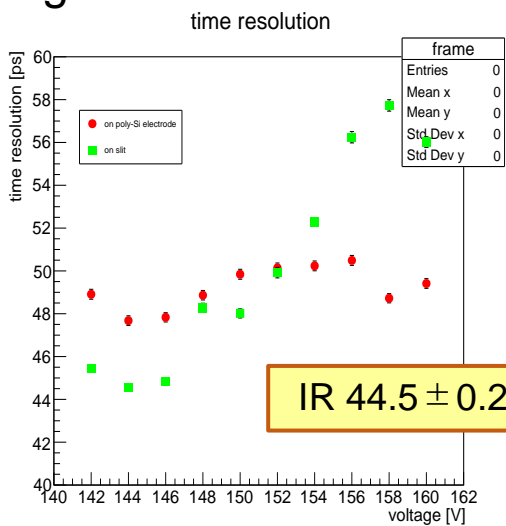


Transmittance measurement @ red laser

Transmittance (red laser)  
 $76.16 \pm 0.15 \%$

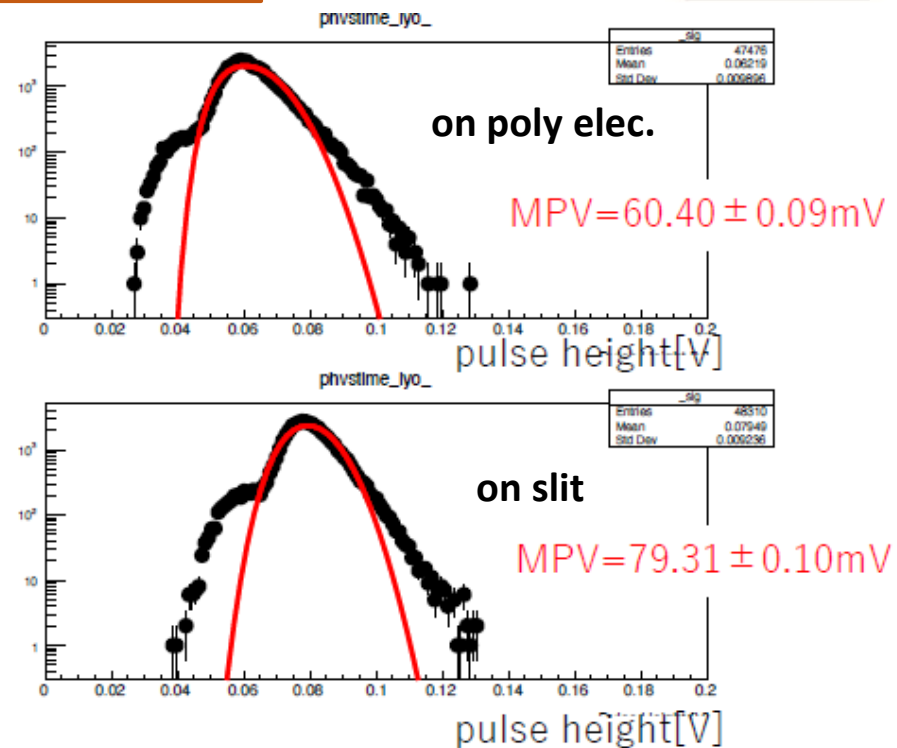


Timing resolution measurement



Red  $73.1 \pm 0.3$  ps

Timing resolution  
 Red > IR  
 On elec. > slit

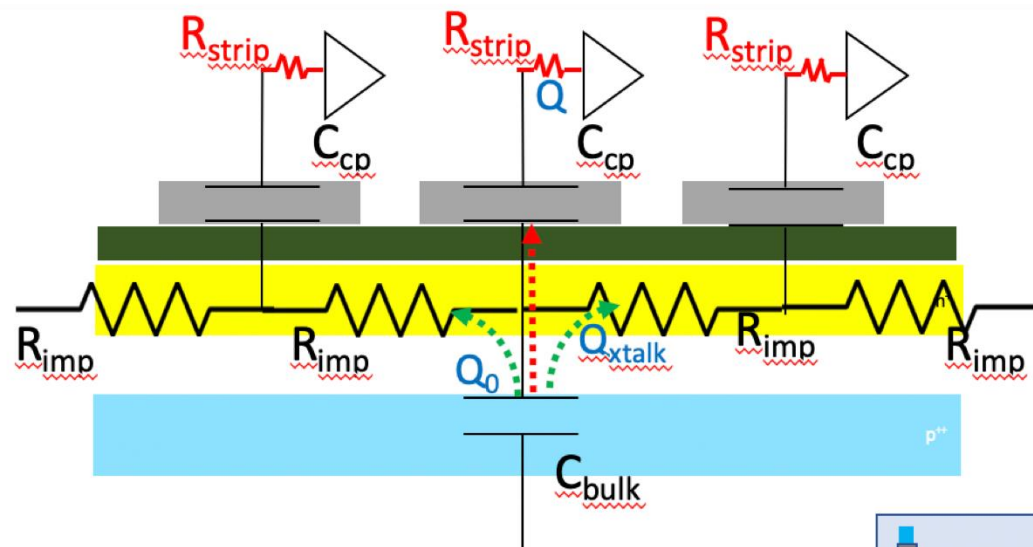


# Signal attenuation by electrodes

Strip sensor  
(80um pitch)



Signal readout model (polysilicon elec. version)



Signal size : poly-Si elec. < Al elec.

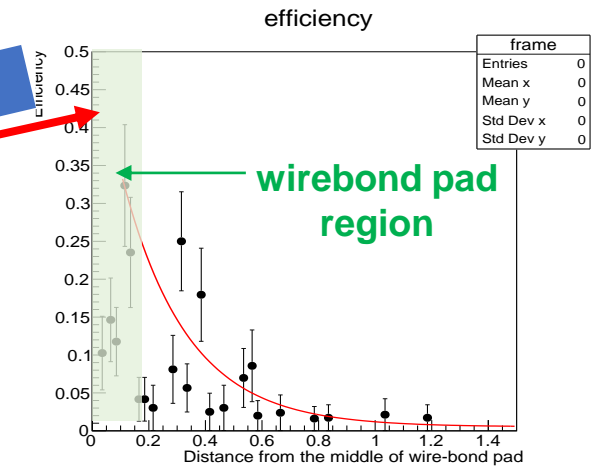
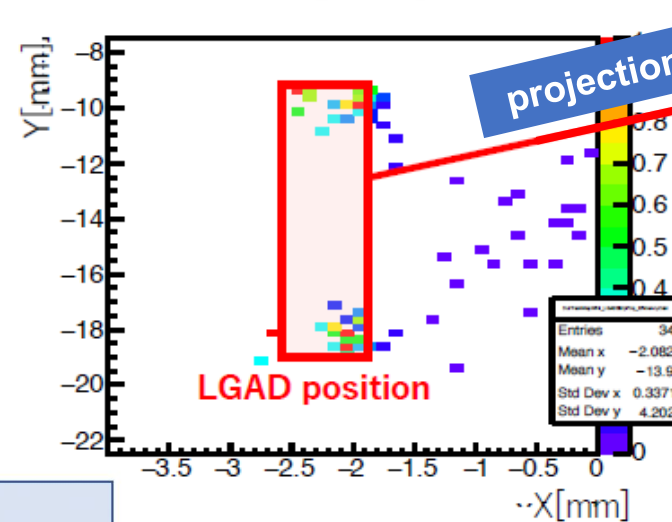
- ✓ Signal cannot separate from noise.
- ✓ Reason : Large resistance of poly-Si ??

$$Q = \frac{Z_{R_{imp}}}{Z_{R_{imp}} + Z_{C_{cp}} + Z_{R_{strip}}} Q_0$$

$Z_{R_{strip}}$  increases in proportion to the distance from the wirebond pad



Testbeam @ ELPH  
efficiency map



$$y = A \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\tau}\right) + B$$

$0.23 \pm 0.05 \text{ mm}$

Signal was attenuated due to the resistance of poly-Si elec. itself  
→ make sample with reduced polysilicon resistance

# Conclusion

LGAD detector : precise timing and position resolution

Topic1 : Method of timing resolution measurement at lab

Timing resolution measurement

C2  $43.9 \pm 1.9$ ps (181V)

E-b  $44.2 \pm 1.5$ ps (176V)

Established method of timing resolution measurement at lab

**Important step for developing**

Topic2 : new idea for pixel sensor

buried gain layer LGAD

TCAD simulation → confirm to work as a sensor

**produce prototype sample**

Topic3 : Radiation tolerance

Proton irradiation

Signal size : not reduced

Gain voltage : large



**need improvement for hadron collider**

Gamma irradiate

Signal size : larger

crosstalk : smaller

Topic4 : measurement of polysilicon electrode LGAD sample

Measurement poly-Si elec. sample

Transmittance :  $76.16 \pm 0.15$  % (red laser)

Timing resolution :  $44.5 \pm 0.2$ ps (IR laser)

**Serious study for the application is performed**