

Switzerland interests in FCC

- Detectors and systems:
 - Tracker, Vertex, TDAQ
- Groups interested in vertex detectors for FCC-ee:
 - Bern, ETH, PSI, UZH
- Funding in the past 5 years:
 - One SNF grant for a postdoc (UZH) and 2 PhD students (UZH/VUB)
- Funding 2025-2029:
 - CHEF: Swiss High Energy Physics for the FCC
 - Partly (1/2) supported by the Science, Education, Research, Innovation ministry (SERI)
 - Consortium of Institutions: Basel, Bern, ETHZ, EPFL, Geneva, PSI, Zurich
 - About 20 PhD students + 10 postdocs
 - Mostly for detectors
 - Computing, Theory, Physics studies also covered



September 2025

UZH



Experiment HEP groups (Canelli and Kilminster)

- Groups currently consists of
 - 2.5 senior scientists
 - 7 postdocs
 - 13 PhD students (+3 PSI +1 CERN)
- Department funds our access to:
 - Well-equipped mechanics shop (9 staff & apprentices)
 - Electronics shop (4 engineers)

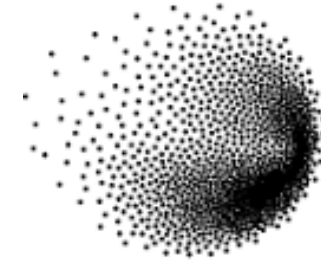


HEP group within laboratory of particle physics (LTP) at PSI

- Group currently consists of
 - 6 senior scientists
 - 5 postdocs
 - 4 PhD students (1 ETHZ + 3 UZH)
 - 3 technicians and engineers

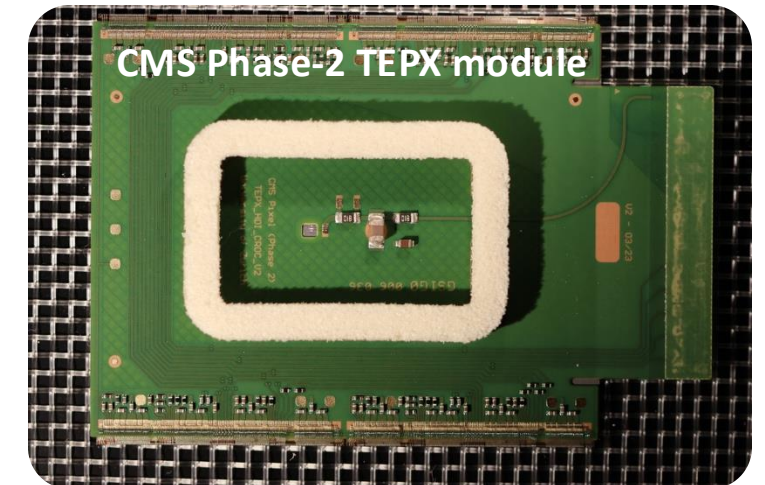
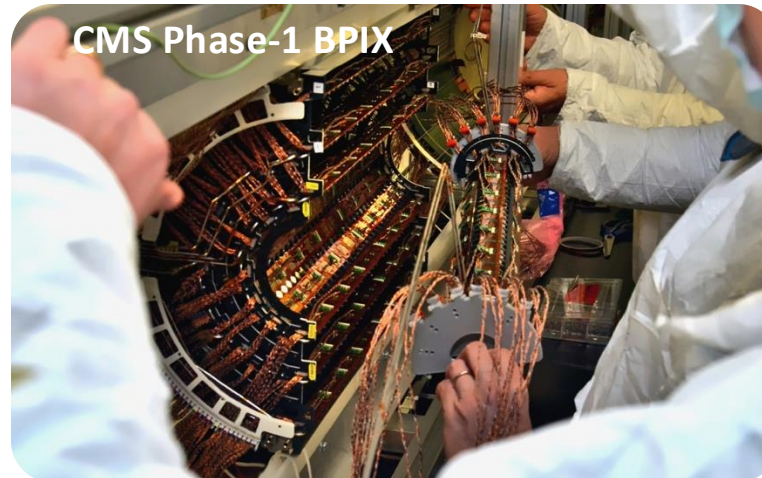


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PSI

- Main focus of these groups: CMS experiment
 - Physics analysis
 - Pixel detector operation and upgrade
- CH consortium (PSI, ETH, UZH) led design, construction, integration and commissioning of original and Phase-1 CMS barrel pixel detector
- UZH/PSI currently constructing TEPX Phase-2 upgrade





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Competences & Infrastructure

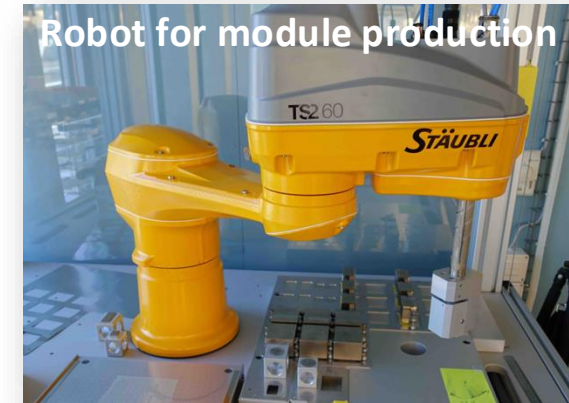


Key competences for pixel detector development at UZH and PSI

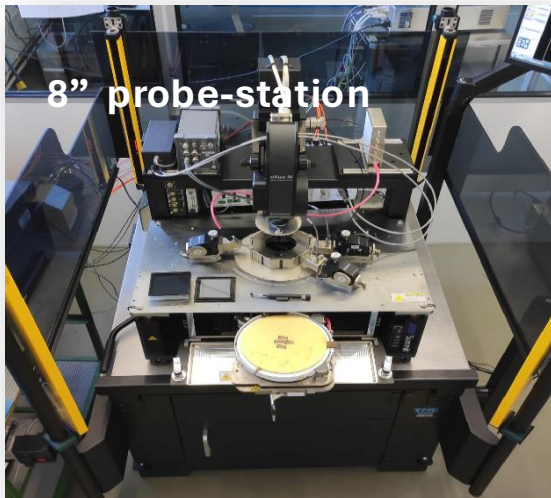
- Design of planar silicon sensors
- Hybrid pixel detector module design
- System conception of pixel detector control and readout
- Design and construction of lightweight mechanical structures
- Design of readout ASICs and planar silicon sensors (PSI)

Available infrastructure

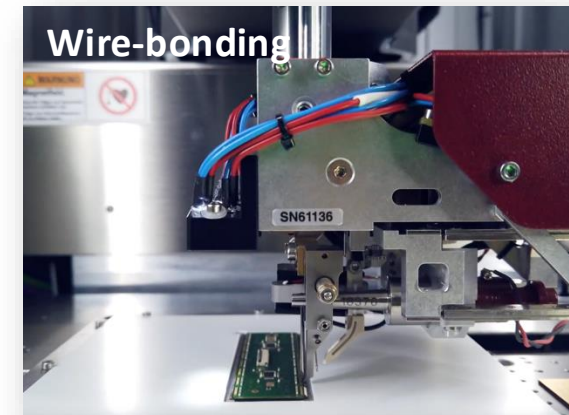
- UZH DEMETER center for silicon detectors R&D
 - Clean room facility
 - 8" wafer probe-station
 - Semi-automatic wire bonder
 - Two Photon Absorption system to be acquired in 2026
 - MARTA and Lucasz CO2 cooling systems
- PSI
 - In-house bump-bonding and wire-bonding
 - Wafer-level testing of ASICs and sensors
 - Module assembly lines (manual and robotic)
 - Clean room facilities



Robot for module production



8" probe-station



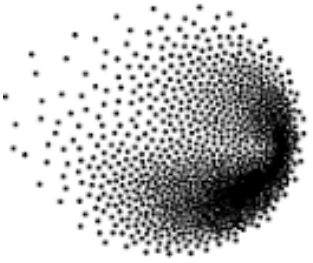
Wire-bonding



UZH - R&D for future detectors

R&D in view of future upgrades of CMS and FCC-ee detectors:

- **Vertex and silicon wrapper simulation:** development of versatile tracking detector constructor algorithms in DD4hep, enabling detailed performance evaluation (slide 9 – see A. Ilg's talk)
- **OCTOPUS and its predecessors:** characterization of APTS and CE-65 structures in 65 nm CMOS by doing calibrations with radioactive source and test beam studies (slide 10 – in IPHC's talk)
- **Silicon Wrapper Timing Layer:** Feasibility study of pixelated LGAD sensors for time-of-flight detectors, aiming at a spatial resolution of $\approx 10 \mu\text{m}$ and a timing resolution of $\approx 30 \text{ ps}$ for use as a silicon wrapper – and also study of possible alternative: monolithic CASSIA timing MAPs, also an option for the final vertex layer (slide 11)
- **Quantum sensors:** validation of superconducting nanowire particle detectors (SNSPDs) of different material and geometries for detecting charged particles (slide 12 – a different workshop)
- **Wireless communication:** prototyping implementation of wireless data transmission for vertex detector using 60 GHz transmission (slide 12 – A. Macchiolo's talk)



PSI - R&D for future detectors

R&D in view of future upgrades of CMS, FCC-ee detectors, and low-energy experiments at PSI

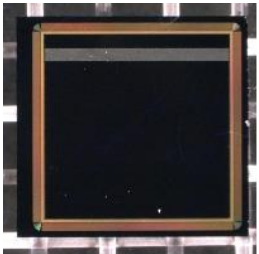
Two main R&D lines:

1) Development of depleted monolithic active pixel sensors (DMAPS) with timing capabilities (currently targeting $O(100\text{ps})$) (with ETHZ)

MOTIC (LF 110 ARCADIA, 2022)

A. Ebrahimi et al.

[Proceedings VERTEX2023](#)

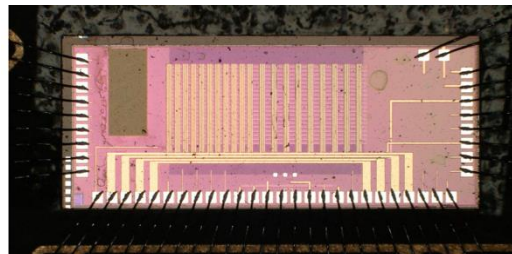


80x64 pixels
 $50 \times 50 \mu\text{m}^2$

MAPSI (TSI 180nm, 2023)

T. Rohe et al.

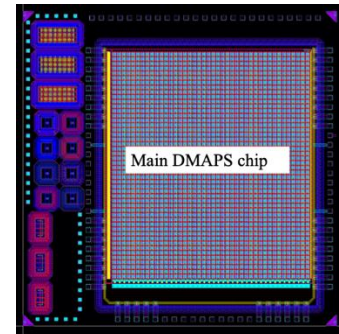
[43rd RD50 meeting](#)



20x20 pixels
 $50 \times 150 \mu\text{m}^2$

PANTHER (LF150, 2025)

Currently under test

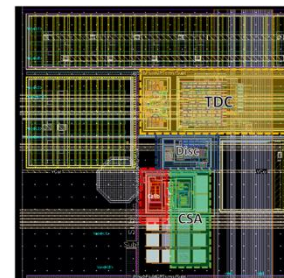


PANTHERv2 (LF150, 2025)

Submission early 2026
shared within DRD3

2) Development of readout electronics for fast silicon timing detectors (with resolution $<30\text{ps}$) (with UZH)

- Started from test structures of TDCs in 110nm to fit in pixels of $100 \times 100 \mu\text{m}^2$
 - Demonstrated that $O(10\text{ps})$ can be achieved
- M. Senger et al. <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2302.06711>



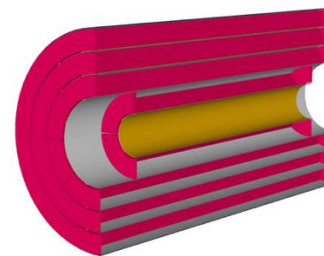
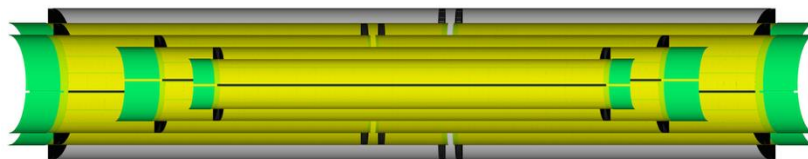
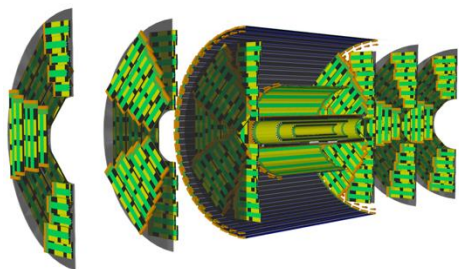
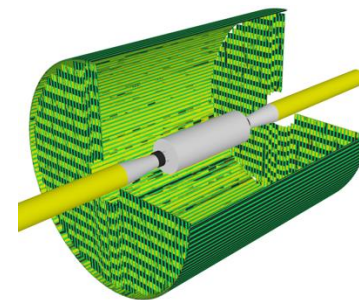
LIGHT (28nm CMOS, 2025)

- First small-scale chip
- 8x8 pixels of $100 \times 100 \mu\text{m}^2$
- For TI-LGAD sensors
- submitted yesterday

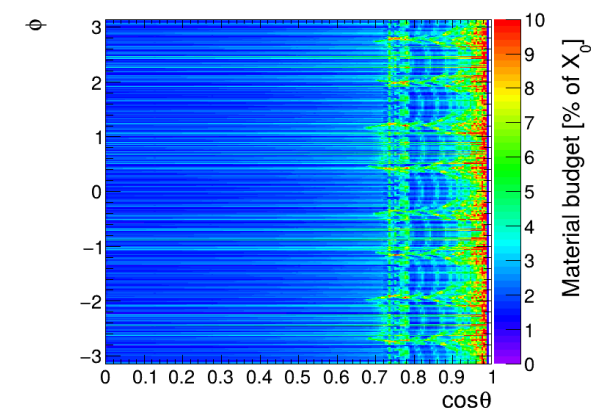
Backup

Vertex and silicon wrapper simulation

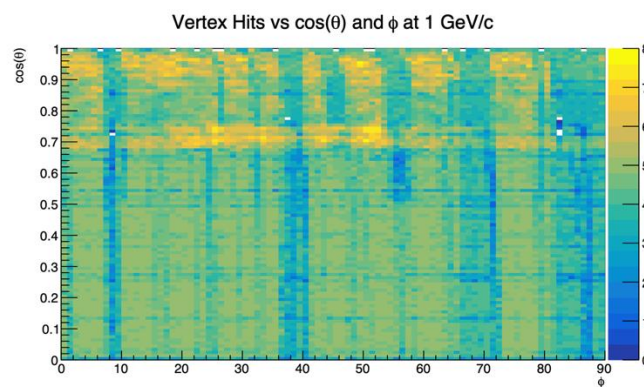
Development of versatile tracking detector constructor algorithms in DD4hep, enabling detailed performance evaluation



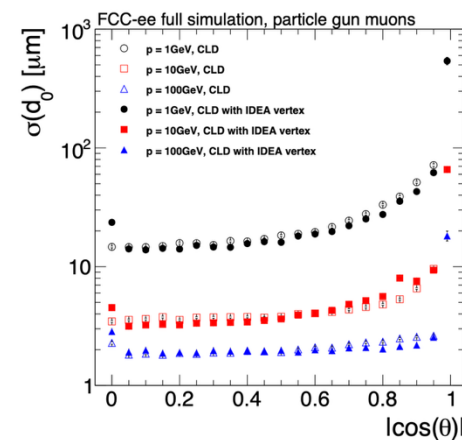
- Plans for the future:
 - Optimise VXD layouts in DD4hep
 - Compare IPC hit rates in different sensor designs technologies (high vs. low charge sharing)
 - Reassess vertexing performance using track reconstruction chain of VTXD + gas tracker + SiWr
 - $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau^+ \tau^-$ full simulation study



IDEA classic mat. Budget distribution



Number of hits in ultra-light concept

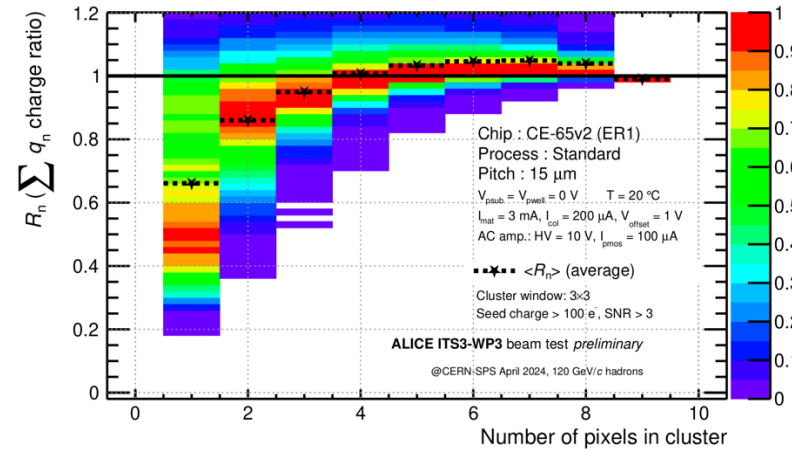
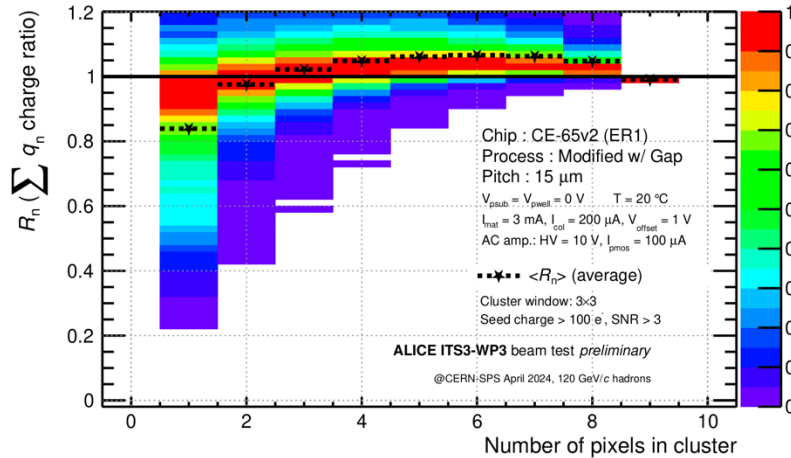


IDEA vertex detector perf.

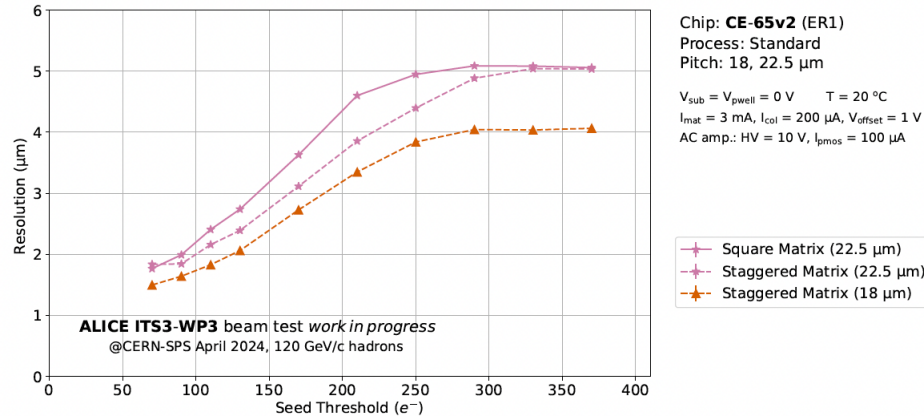
OCTOPUS and its predecessors

- In-depth characterization of APTS and CE-65 structures in 65 nm CMOS
 - Calibrations with radioactive source and test beam studies

CE-65 : Study of charge sharing in the Modified with Gap and Standard Proces



CE-65 : Study of spatial resolution as a function of the process and pixel size (see Eduardo's talk)



- Plans for the future:
 - Participate to the characterization of the SPARC prototype chip and of Wolfi
 - Simulation of the detector response: digitization
 - Development of DAQ SW for the Caribou board

4D Tracking for the Silicon Wrapper



LGADs for 4D tracking and ToF within DRD3 WG2

WG2 research goals <2027	
	Description
RG 2.3	LGAD for 4D tracking < 10 μm , < 30 ps, wafer 6" and 8"
RG 2.4	LGAD for ToF (Large area, < 30 μm , < 30 ps)

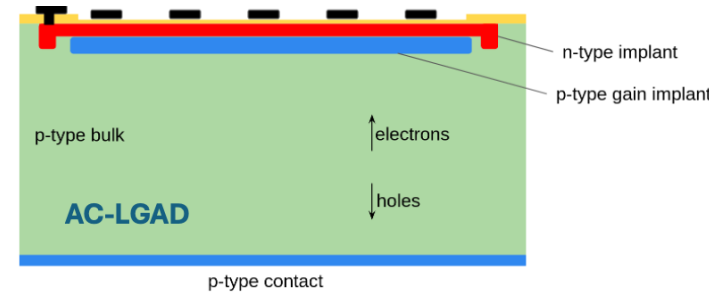
• Goal: demonstration of the feasibility of producing pixelated LGAD sensors to achieve a position resolution around 10 μm , with a timing resolution of the order of 30 ps before irradiation.

• Plans: characterize full modules (PSI chip LIGHT, INFN IGNITE in 28 nm CMOS) and study system aspect (power dissipation and cooling)

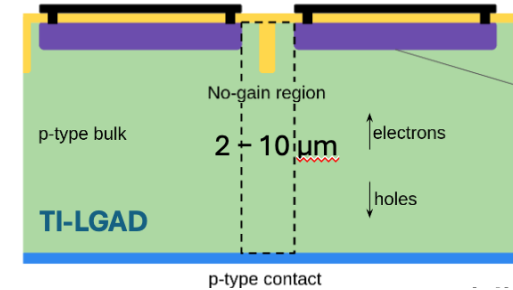
CASSIA timing MAPs within DRD3 WG1

Goal:

- Validation of the technology
- Study the feasibility and the physics case of implementing monolithic timing sensors as last Vertex layer before the drift chamber

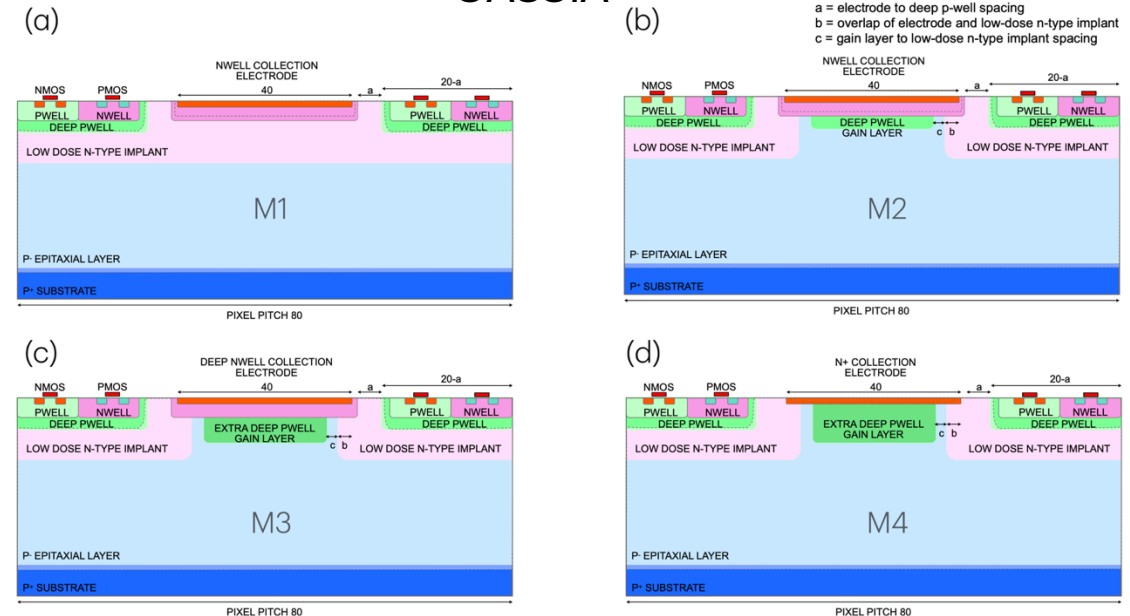


Collaboration with BNL/Brown



UZH coordination of DRD3 project

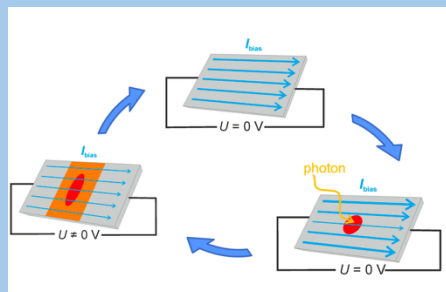
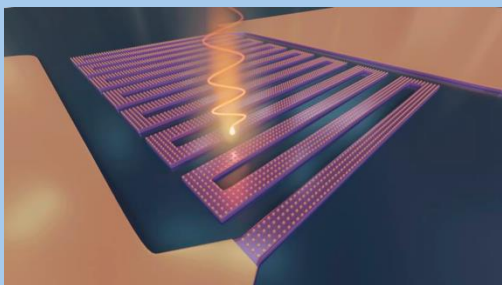
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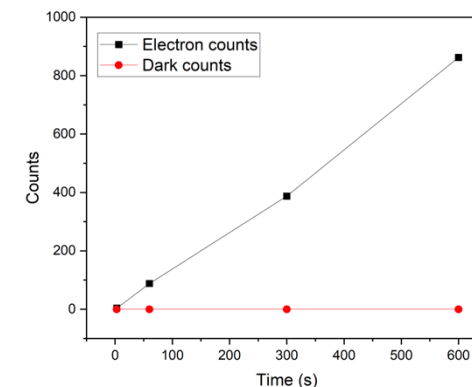
Quantum sensors and wireless communication



- NSSPD: validation of superconducting nanowires SPDs of different material and geometries for detecting charged particles
 - Study of hit efficiency and timing properties in comparison to silicon sensors
- Investigation of the feasibility of applying the technology to FCC luminometers
 - Understanding MDI constraints for detector concept & providing cryogenics
 - Study possible improvements in the determination of the fiducial region thanks to 100 nm wire size and in the background rejection by using correlated timing measurements



Measurements with a ^{90}Sr



- Wireless communication: *prototype implementation of wireless channels using commercial 60 GHz integrated circuits*
 - Antenna design and link optimization
 - Study interference between links in the FCC environment topology, test in a mock-up
 - Study interlayer intelligence for a fast-track trigger

