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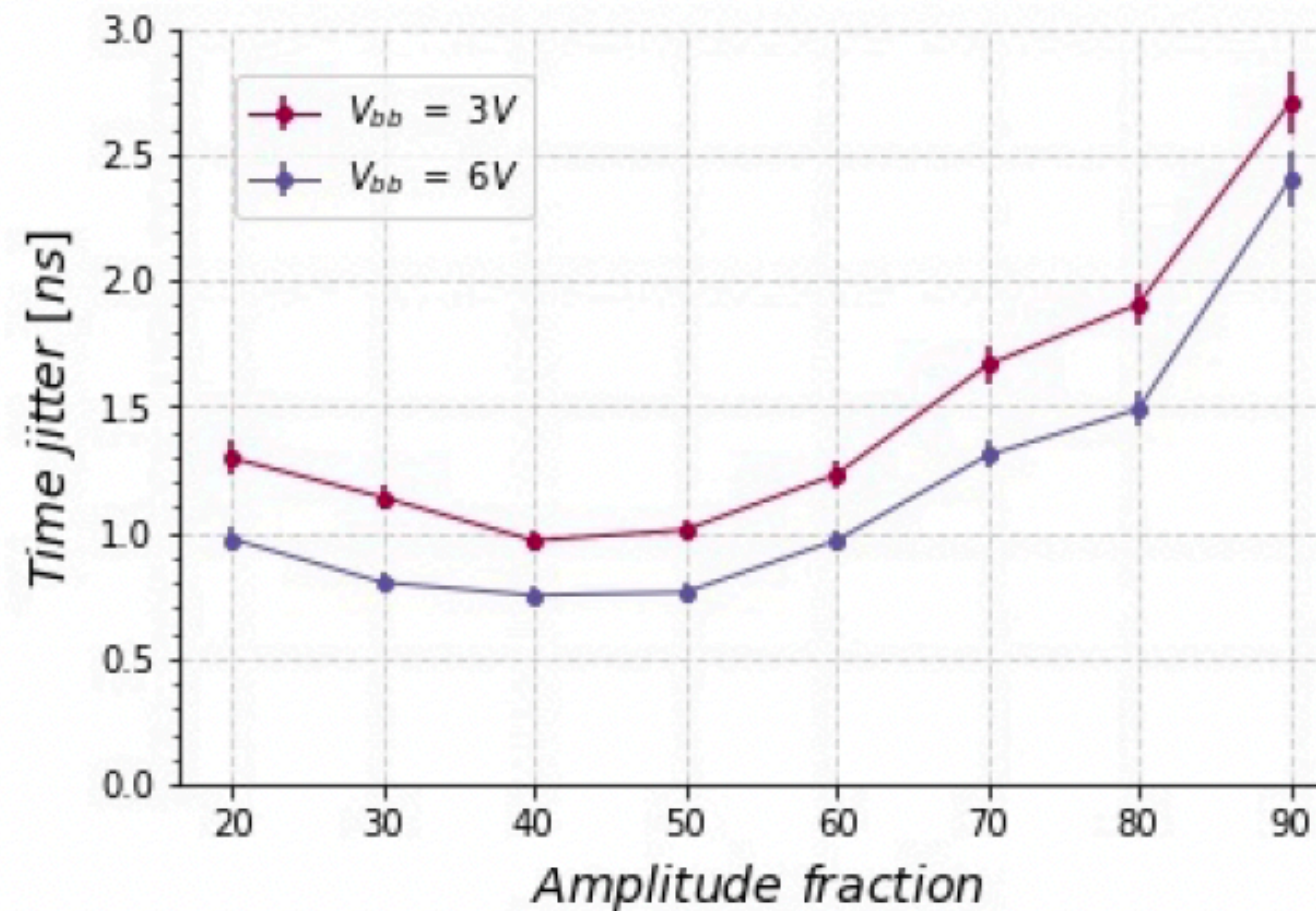


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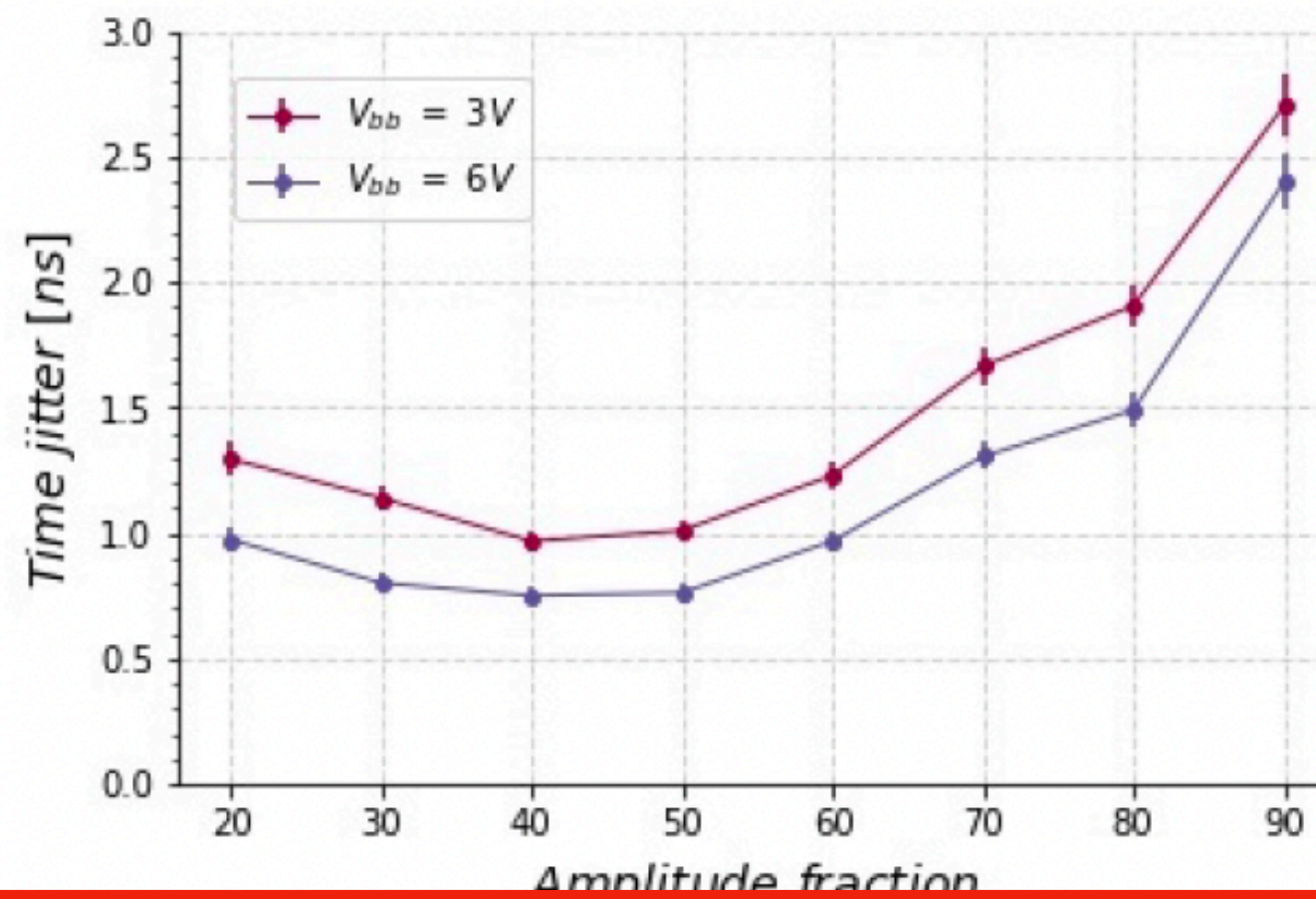


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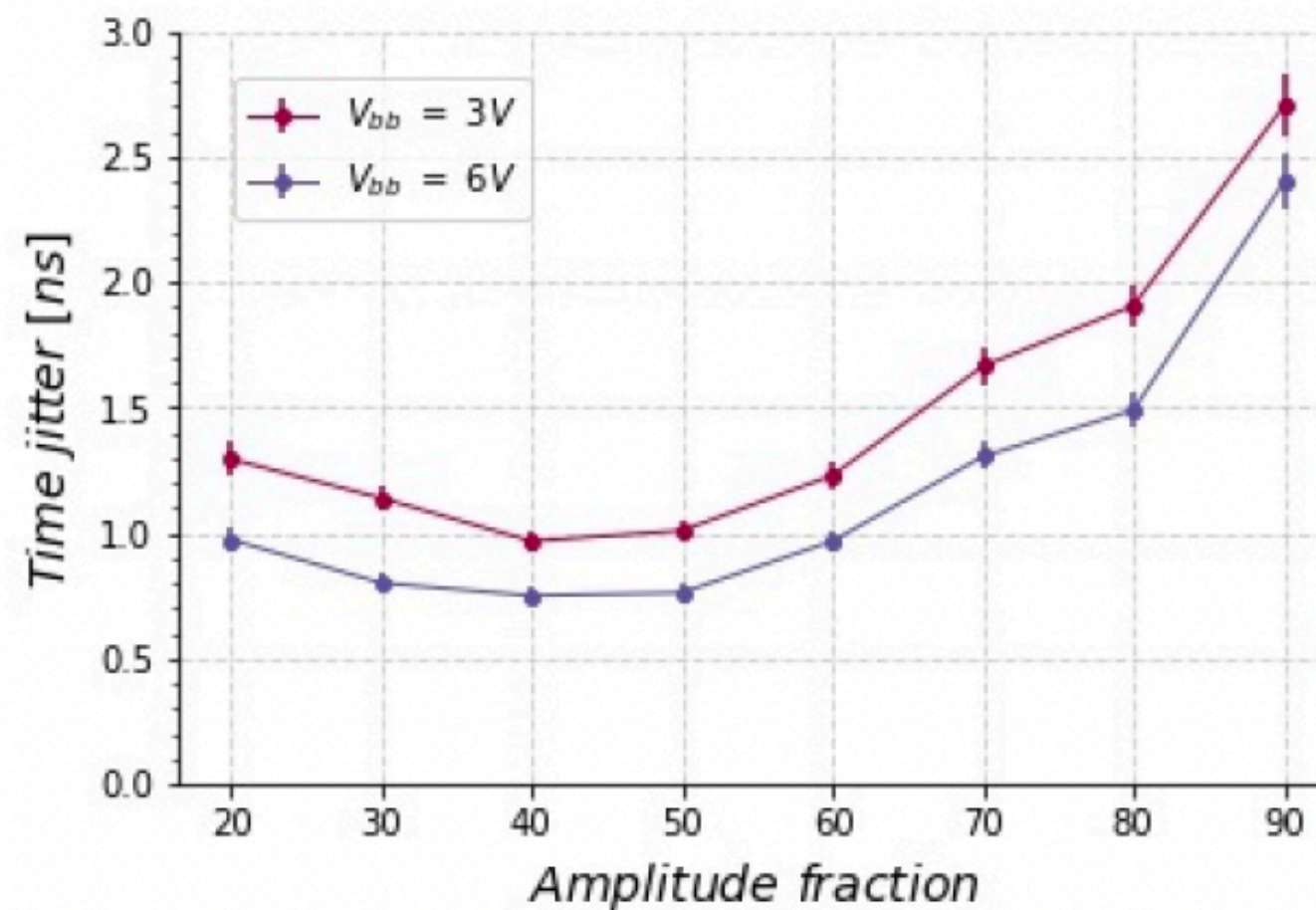
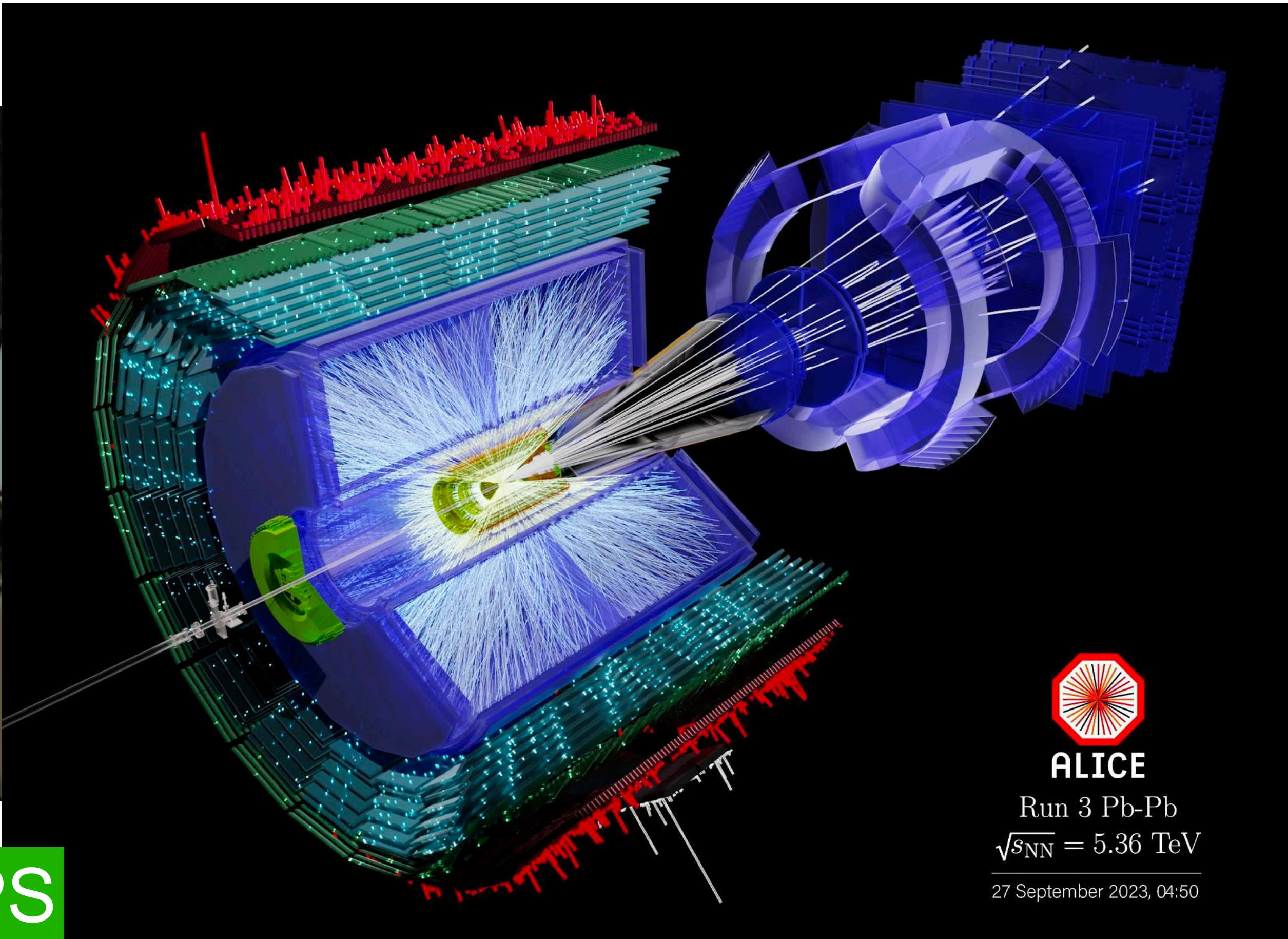
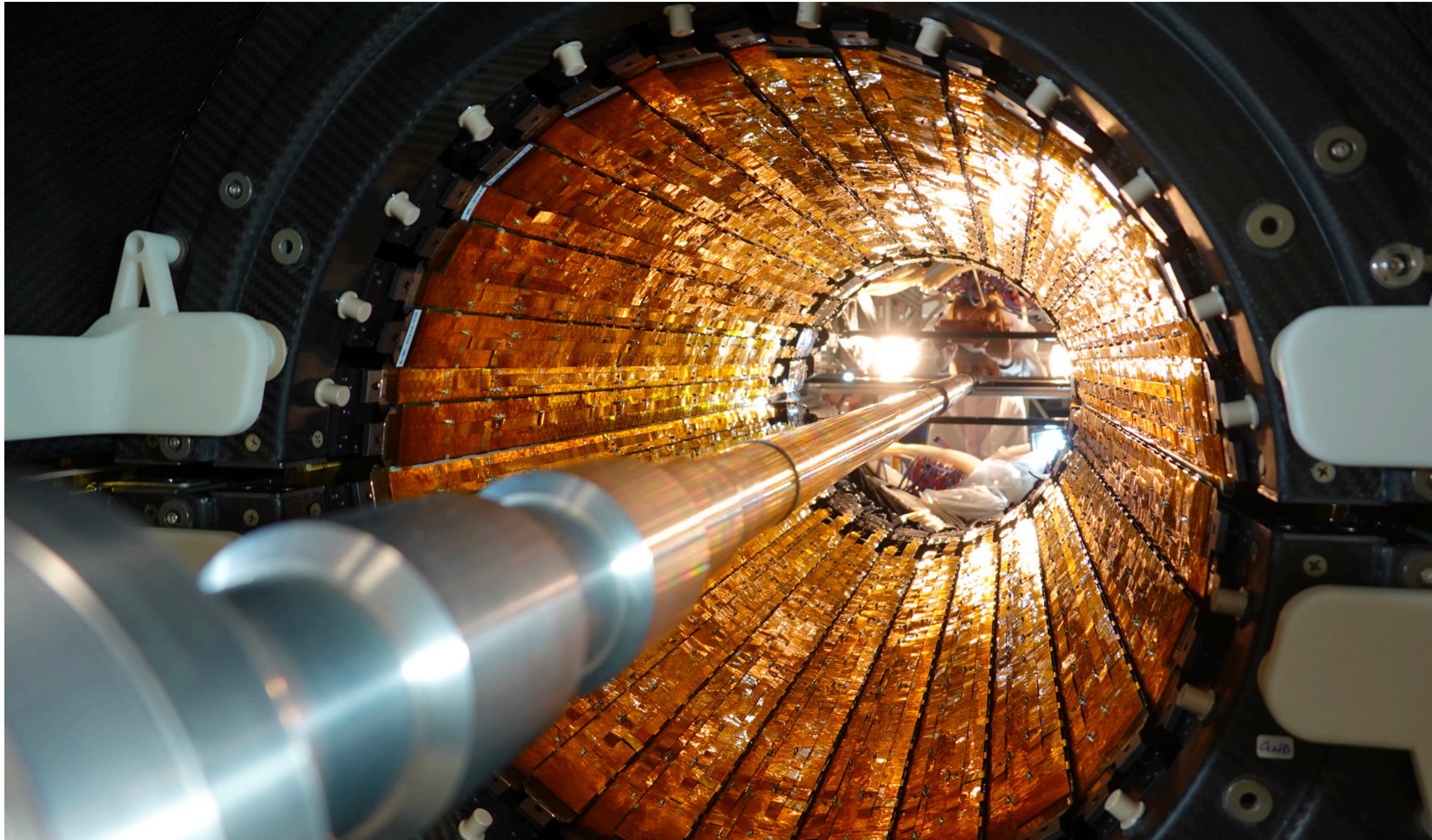



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- ☑ Applications for ALICE3 and beyond (blue sky)

Status in 2020: ALICE ITS2



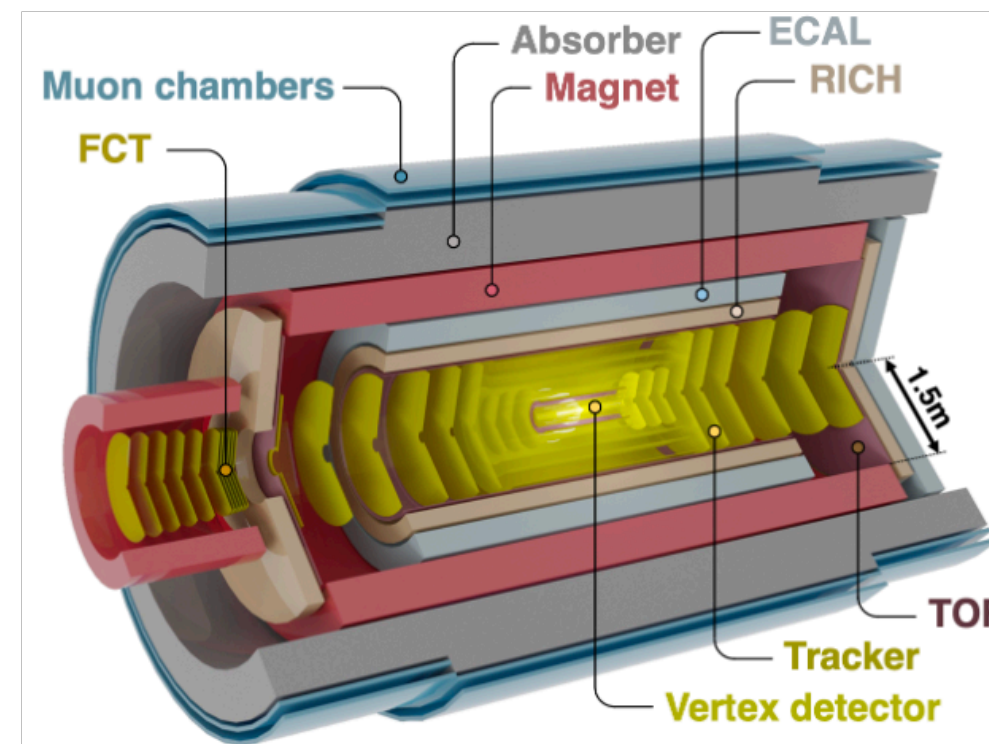
Largest tracker ever built with MAPS


ALICE
Run 3 Pb-Pb
 $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.36$ TeV
27 September 2023, 04:50

Status in 2020



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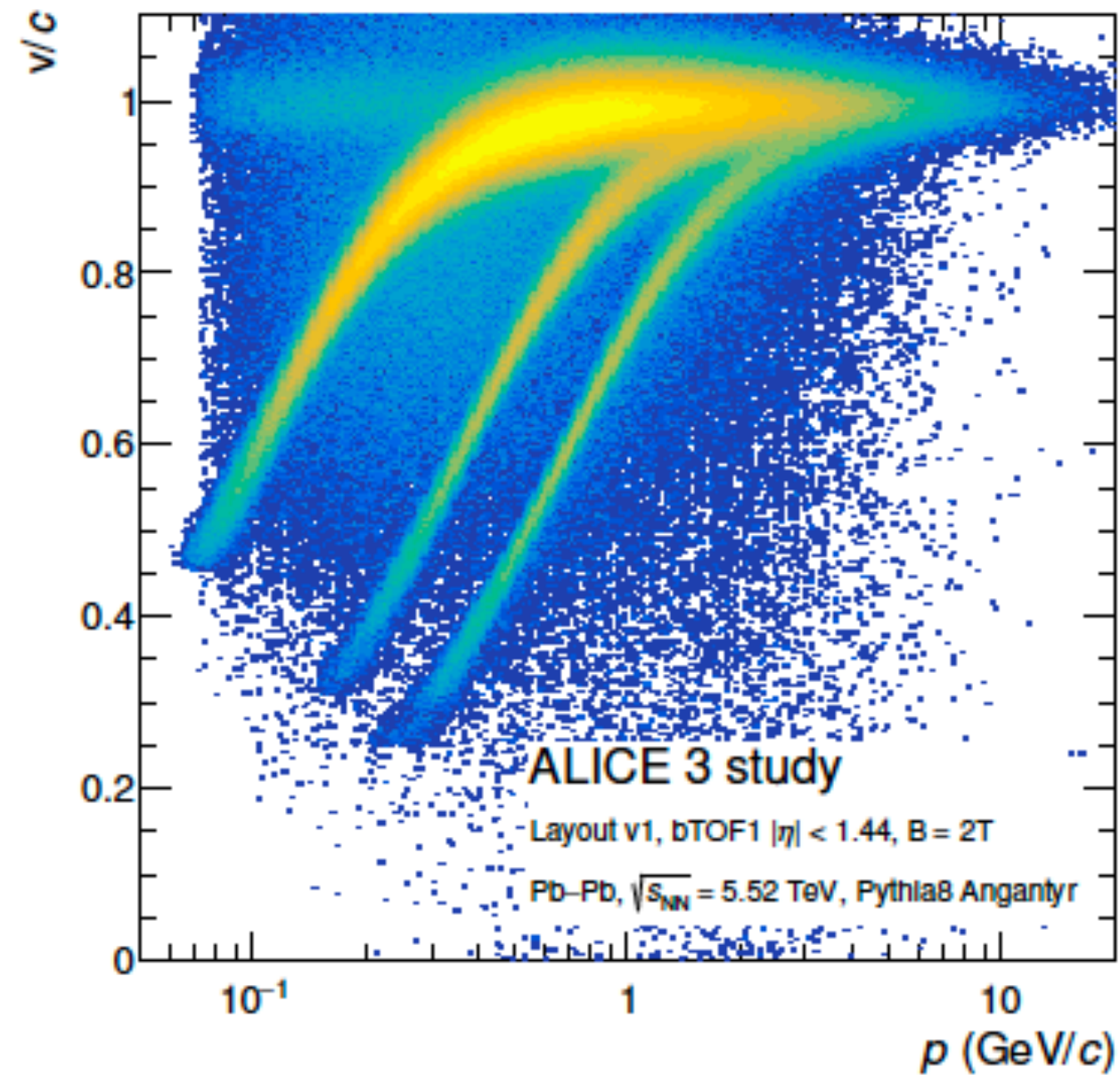


Requirements: Radiation $> \sim 5 \times 10^{15}$, 20-50 ps, xy pointing resolution @1 GeV/c of $4 \mu\text{m}$

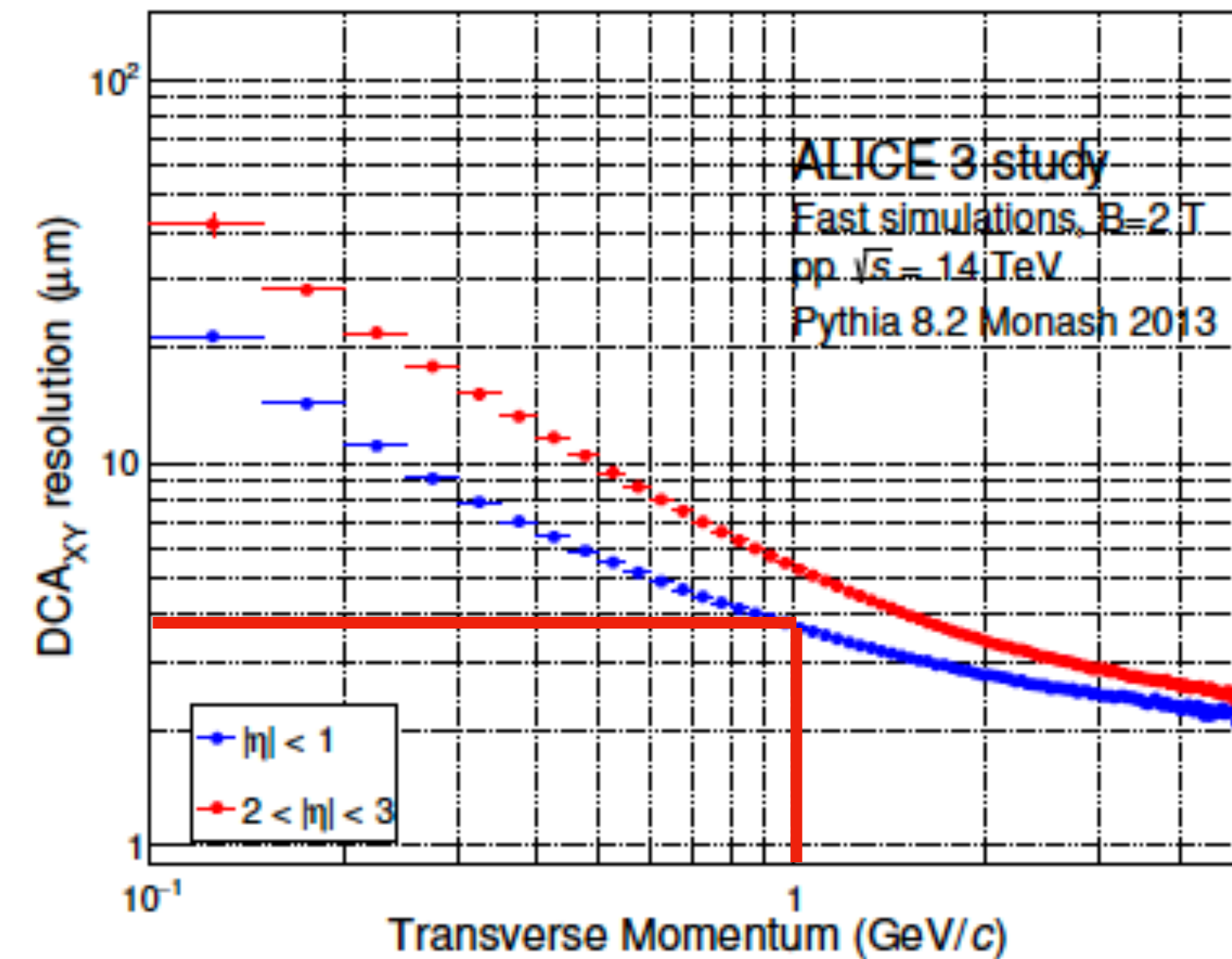
Why those requirements?

- ☑ Among the others ALICE3 aims to:
 - ✓ Investigate chiral symmetry restoration (*you need very low momentum tracks*)
 - ✓ Investigate multi-charm hadrons (*you need state of heart pointing resolution and particle identification, PID*)

PID via time-of flight, 20-50ps resolution

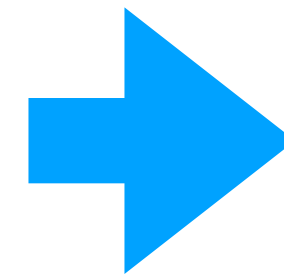
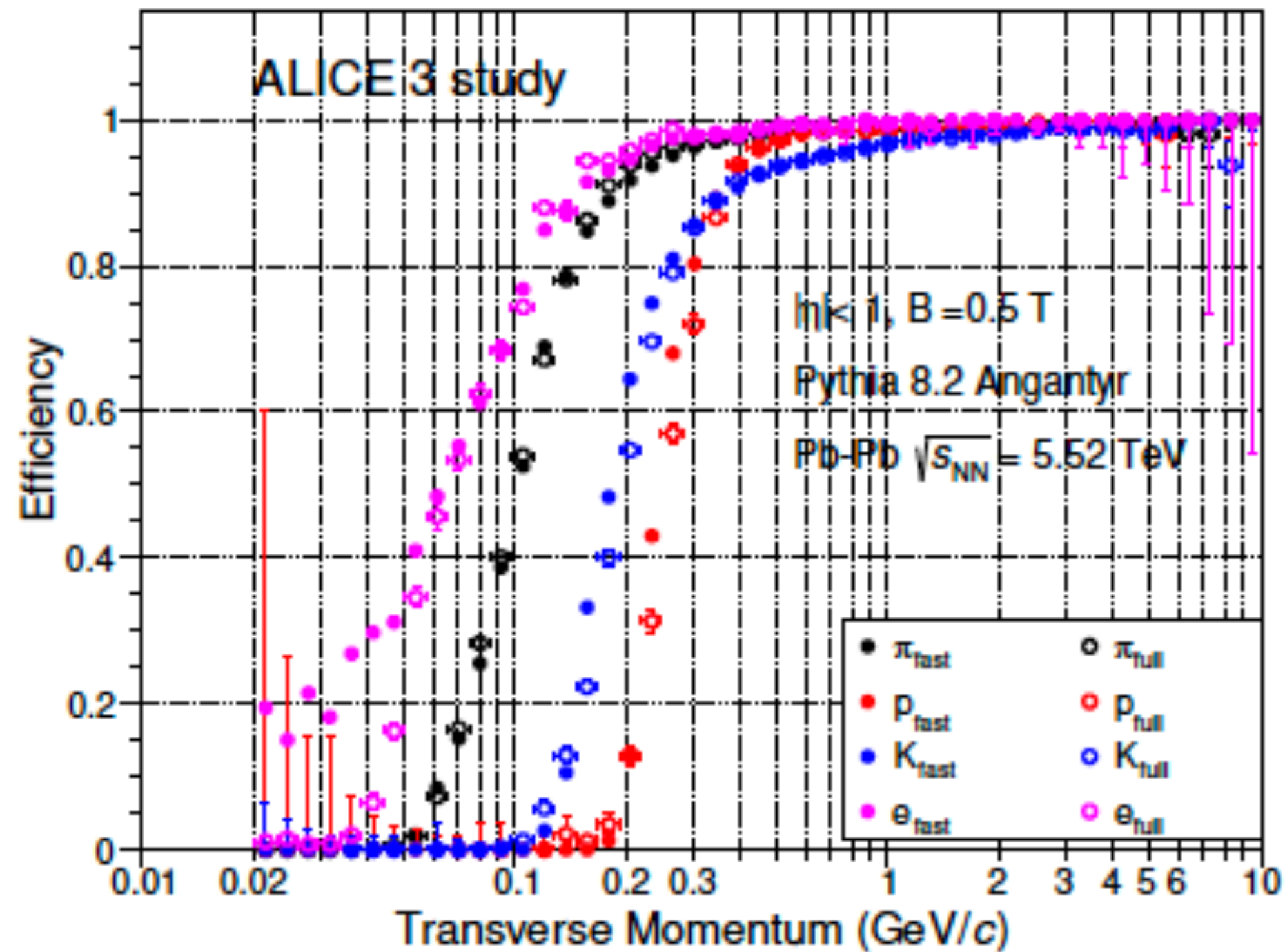


Pointing @~4 μ m at 1 GeV, need low material budget

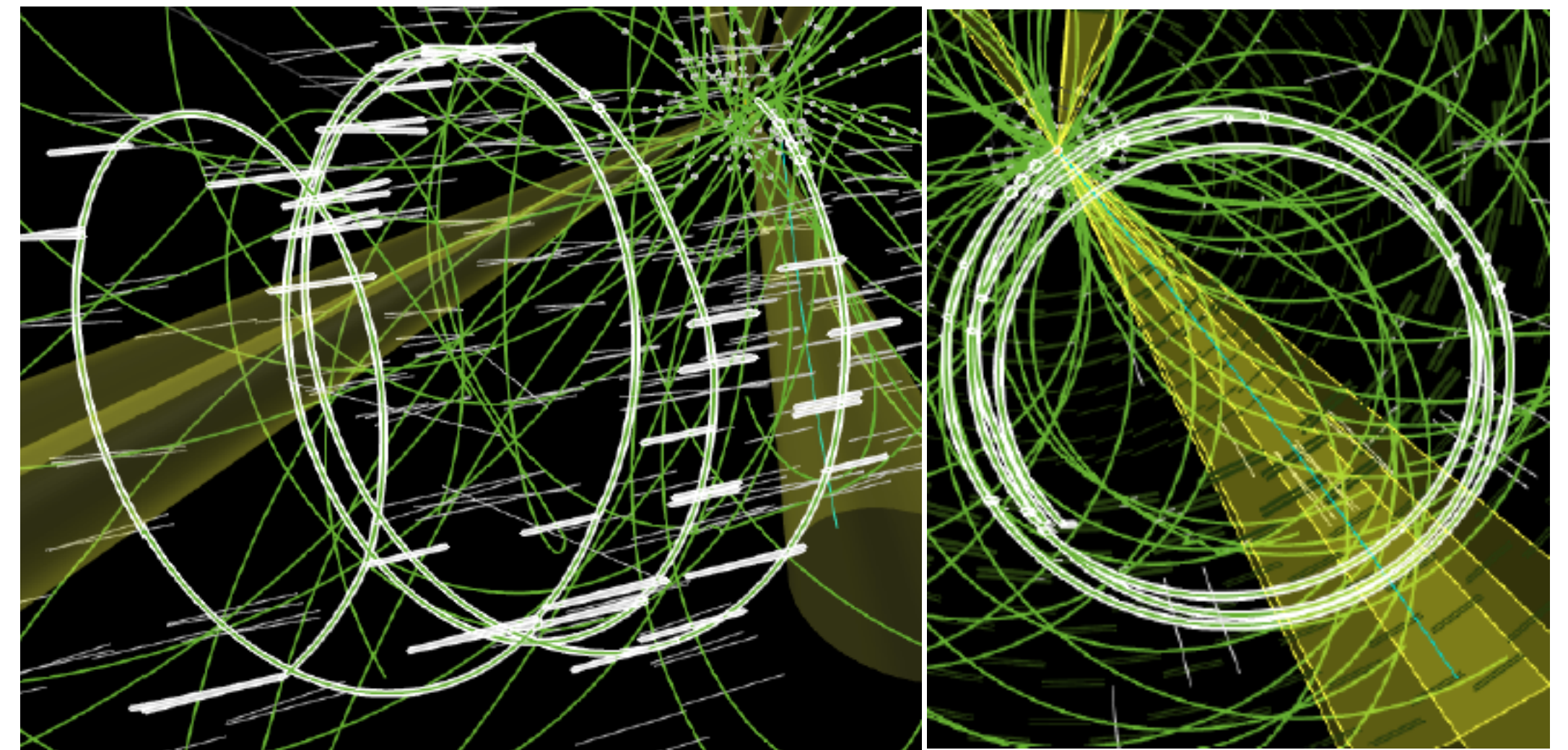


Why those requirements?

- ☑ And, most importantly needs to track till unprecedented low momentum (*requires low material budget, timing(?)*)



Just an example of loopers ... actually from CMS



- ☑ Can time information help? i.e can we tag loopers?

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R&D radiation hardness/speed

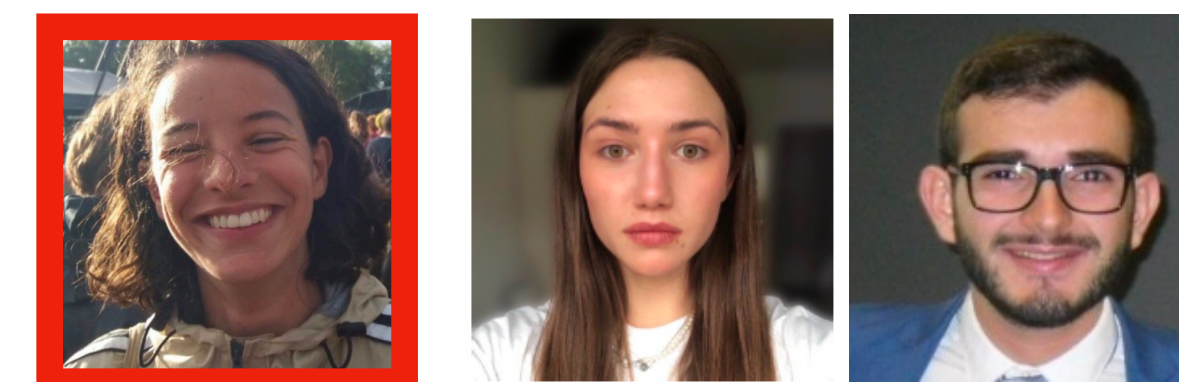
Our PhDs



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R&D timing

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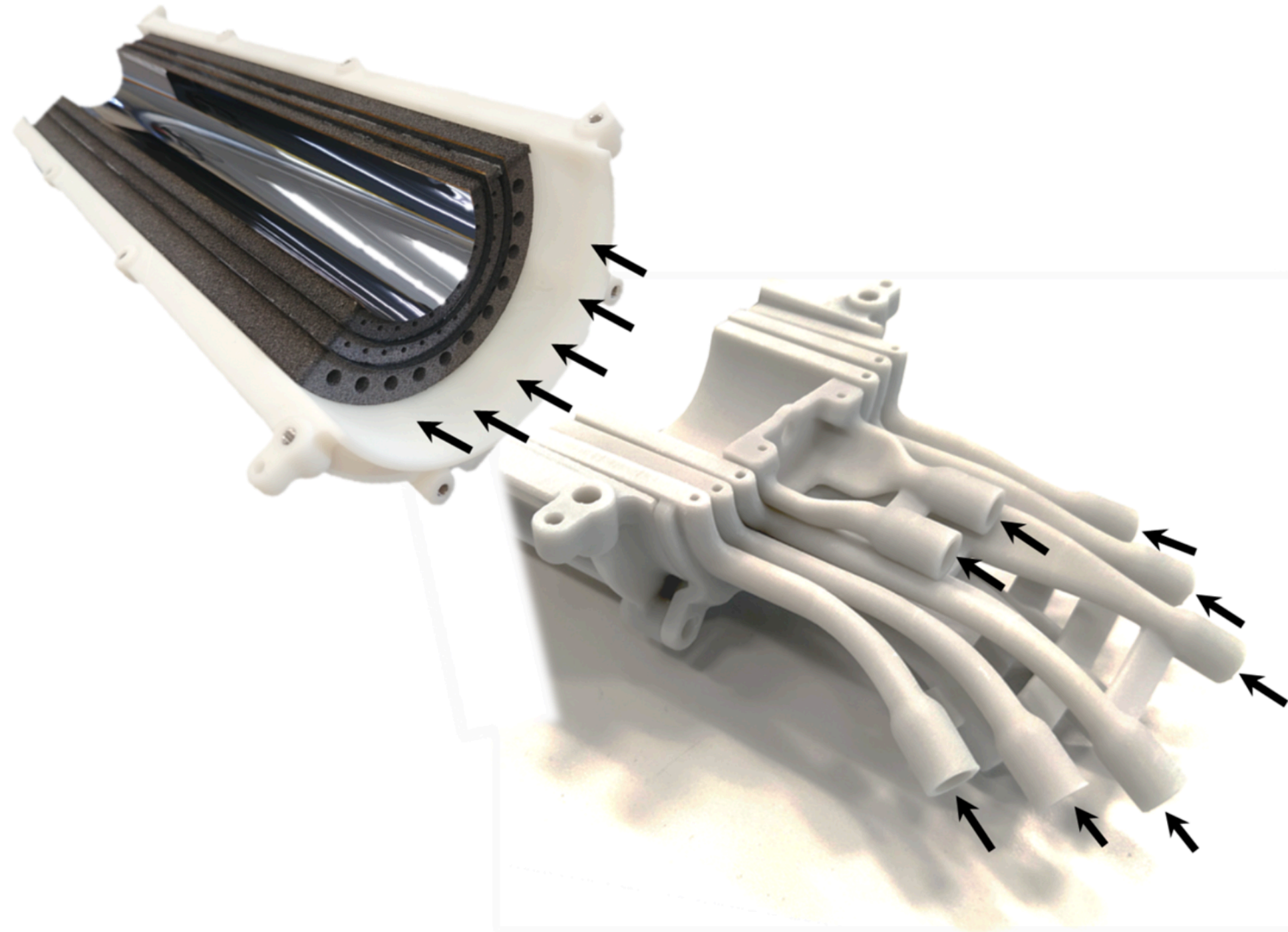


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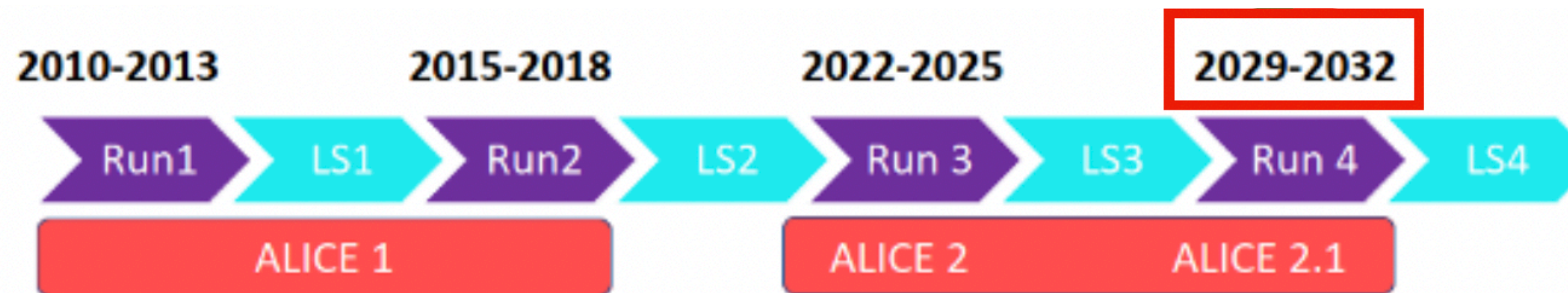
And of course thanks to all the R&D, ET and UU staff involved!

Radiation hardness and time resolution

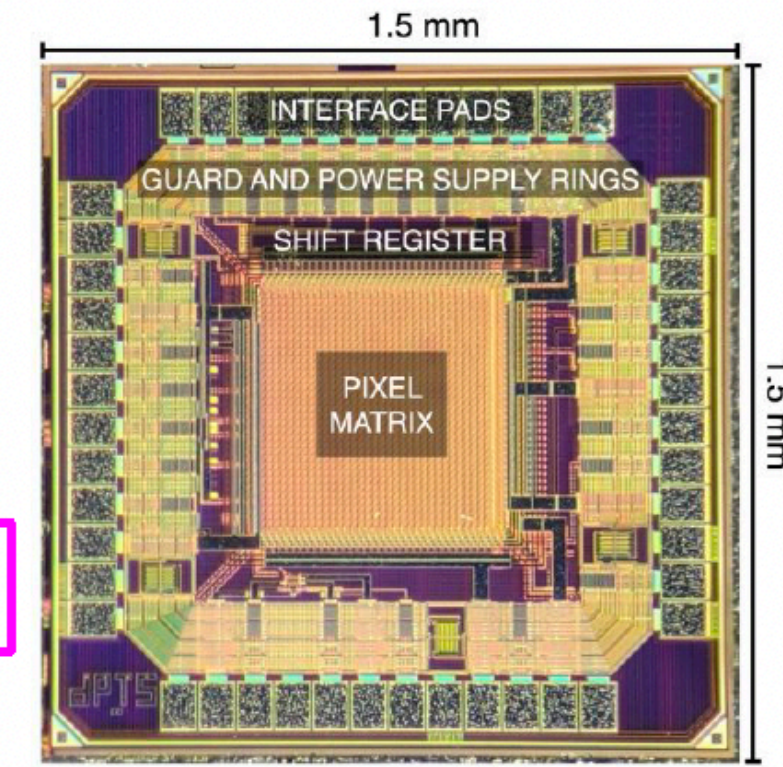
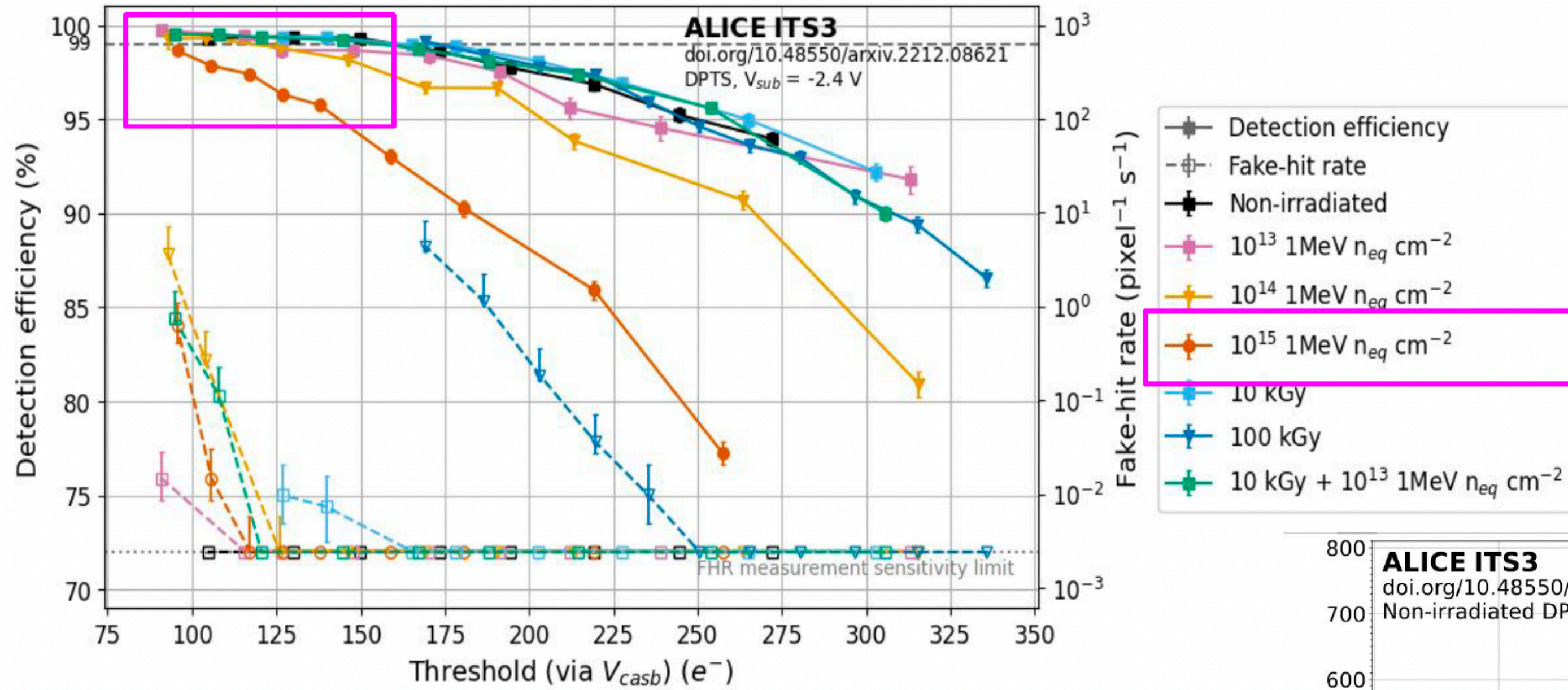
The impulse behind R&D: ITS3



- ☑ ITS3: 3 layers of vertex tracker
- ☑ Material budget: $0.05\%X_0$
- ☑ $15\mu\text{m}$ at $p_T = 1 \text{ GeV}/c$ pointing resolution
- ☑ Low power -> air cooling
- ☑ Truly cylindrical: minimal support frame



Status at Nikhef (DPTS)



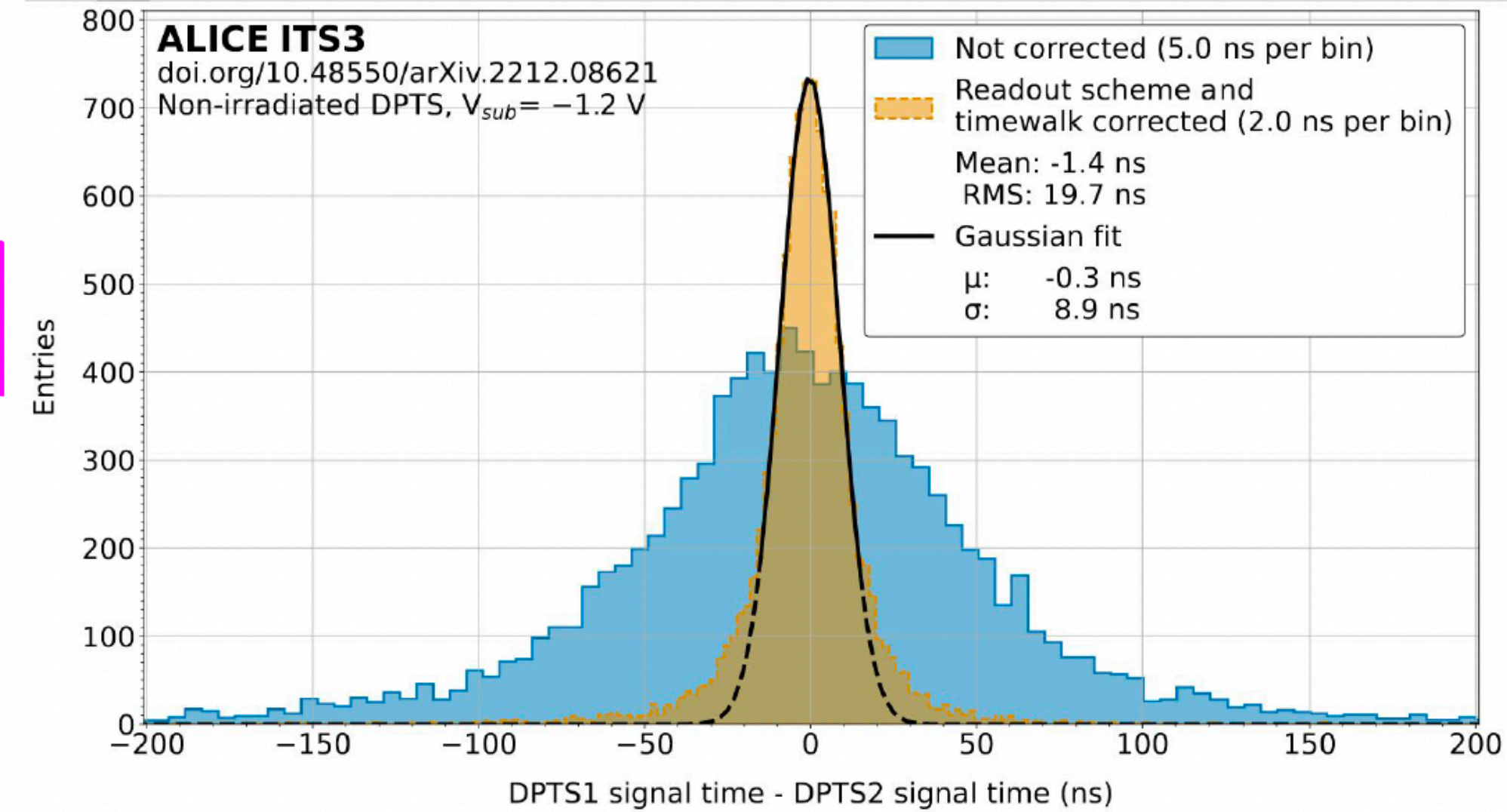
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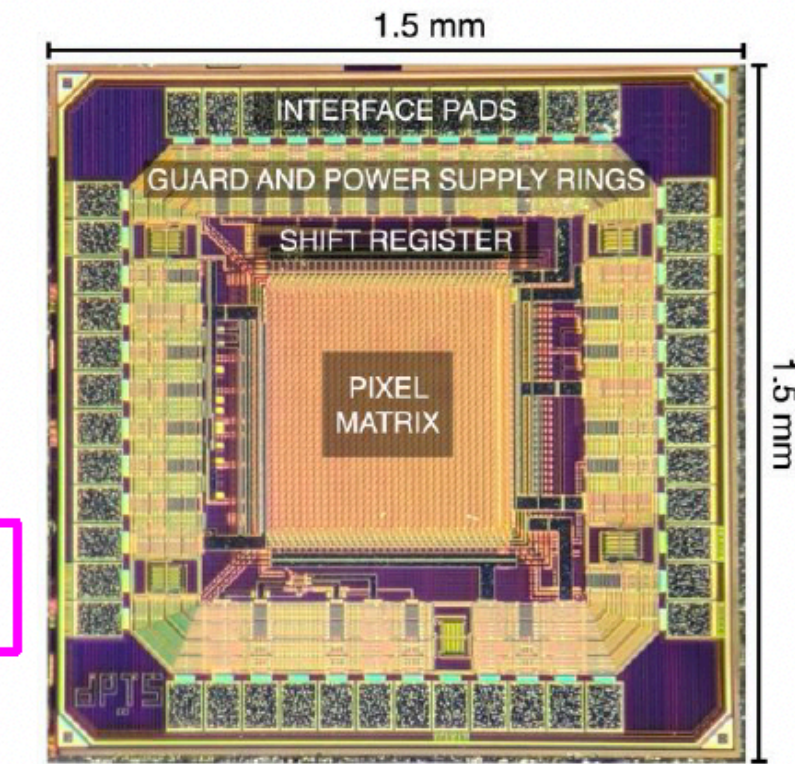
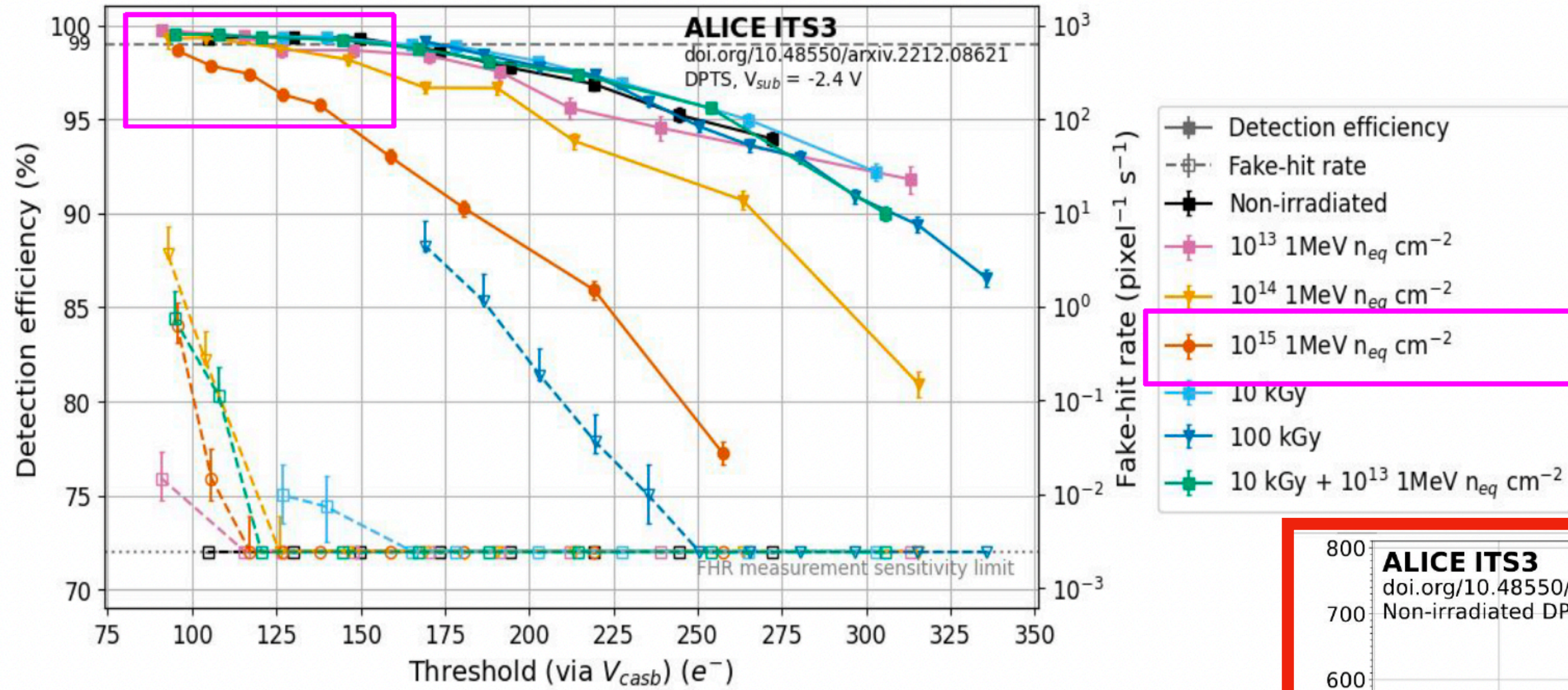


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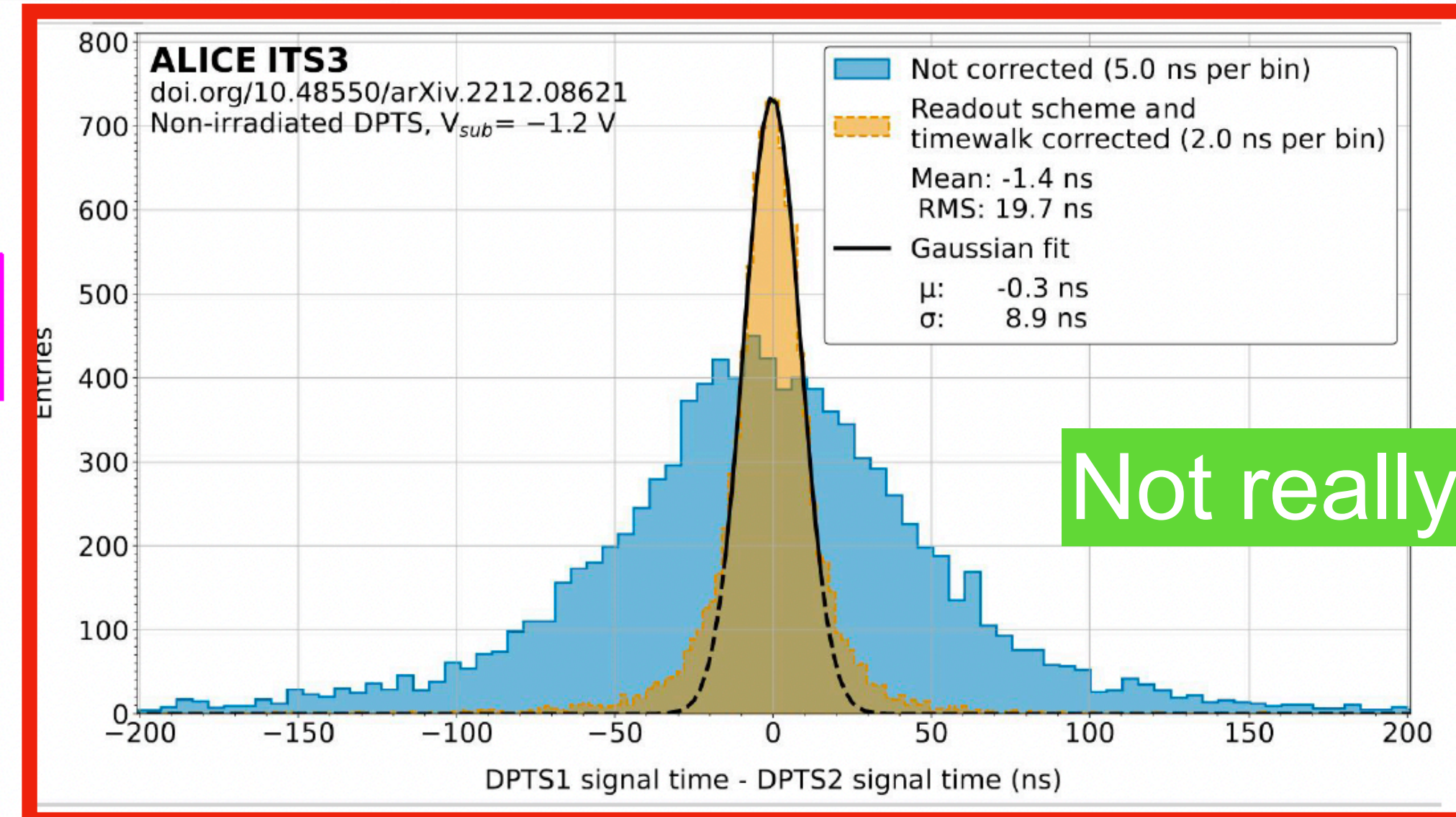
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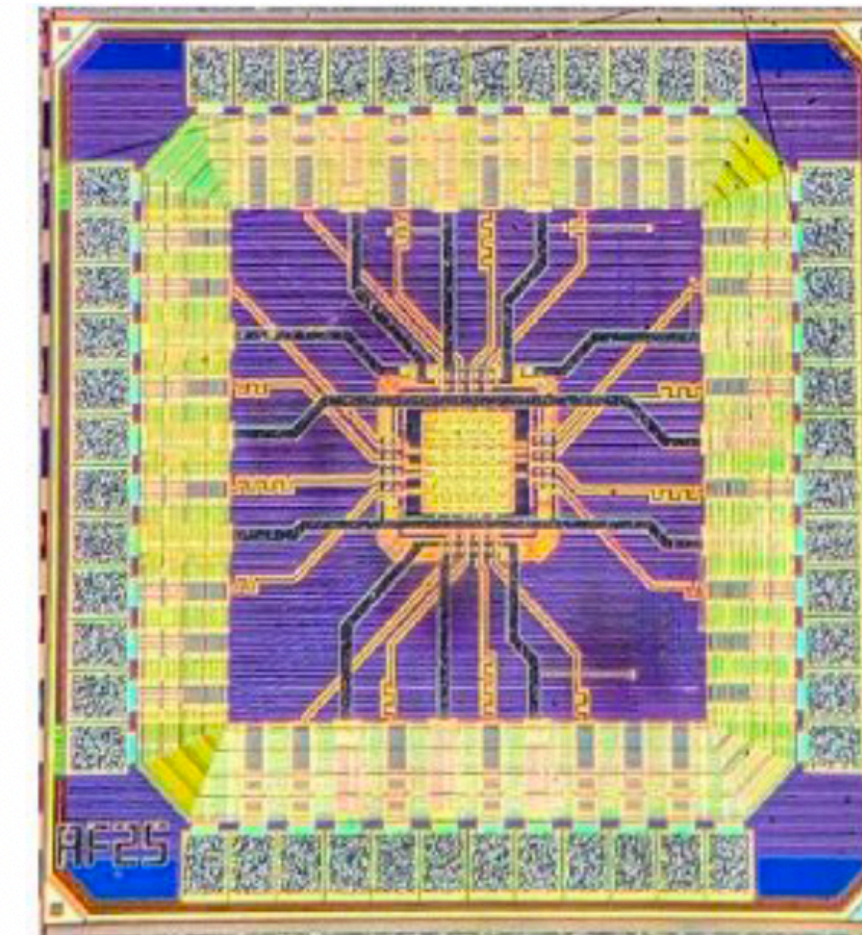
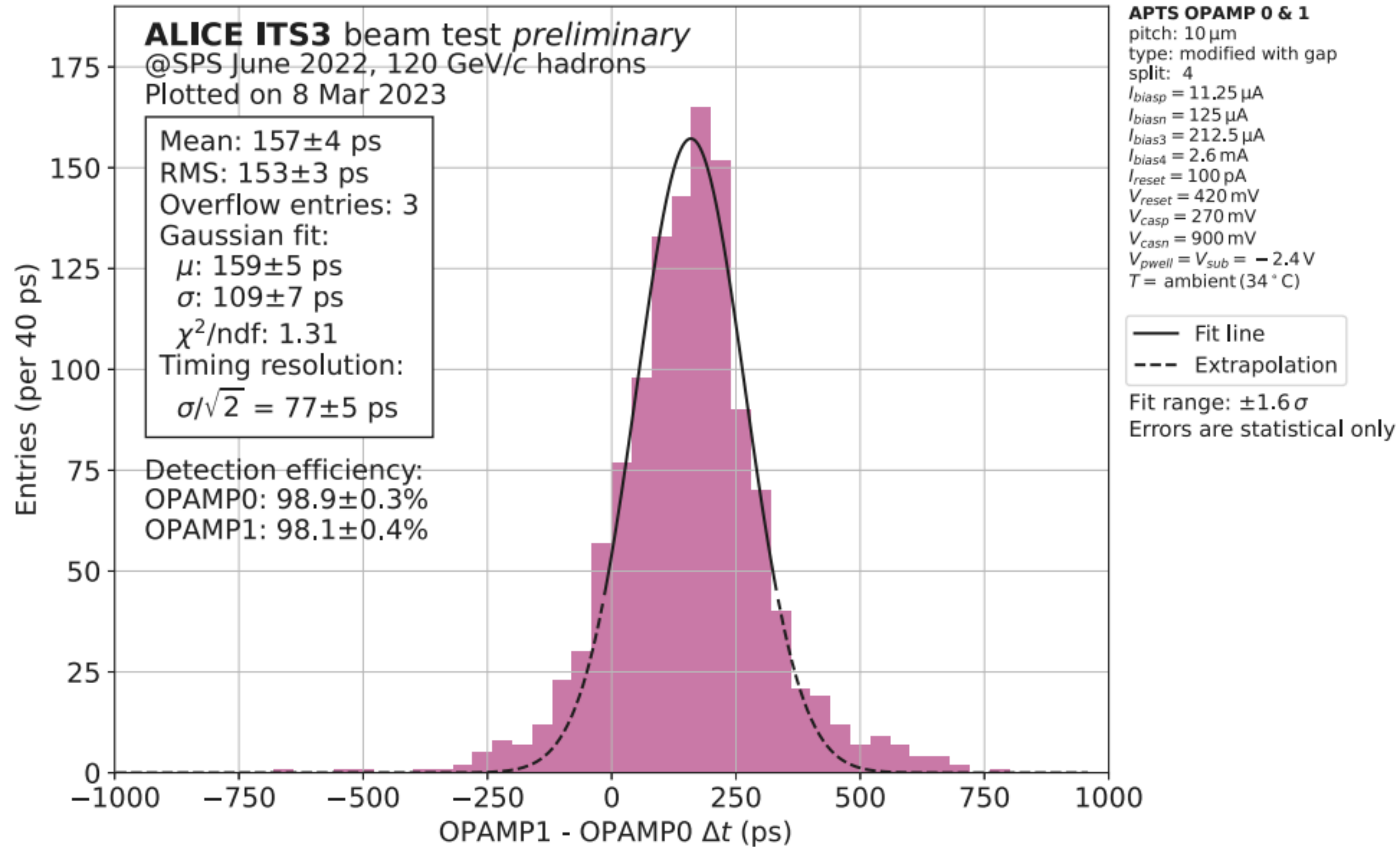


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1.5 mm

matrix: 6x6 pixels
readout: direct **analogue**
readout of central 4x4
pitch: 10, 15, 20, 25 μm
process: all 3 variants
total: 34 dies

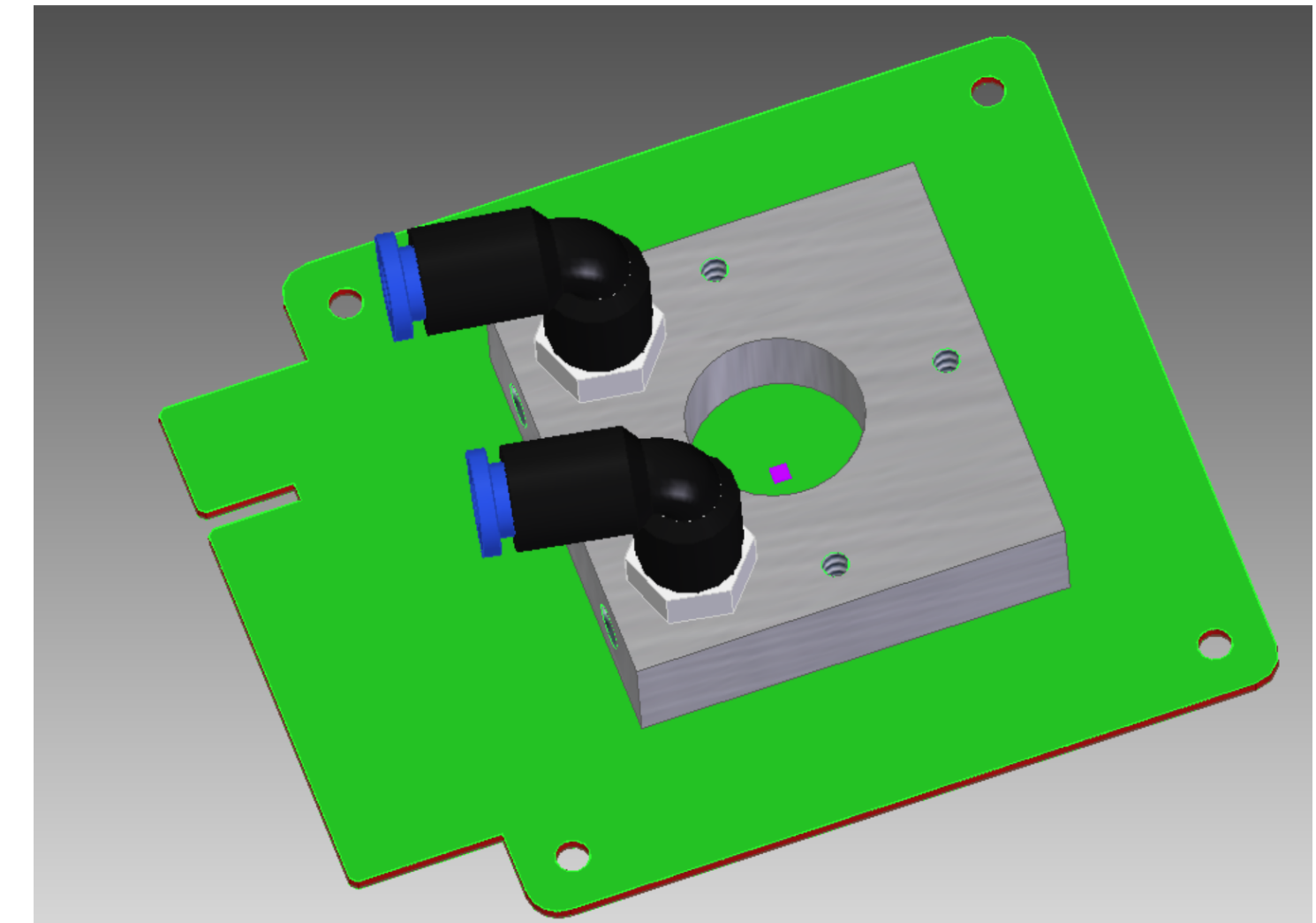
☑ ~70 picoseconds resolution at pixel level

Status at Nikhef (APTS)



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- ☑ APTS opamp sensors irradiated at 5×10^{15} and 10^{16} sent @Nikhef. *Are they alive?*
Quite an interesting characterisation ahead

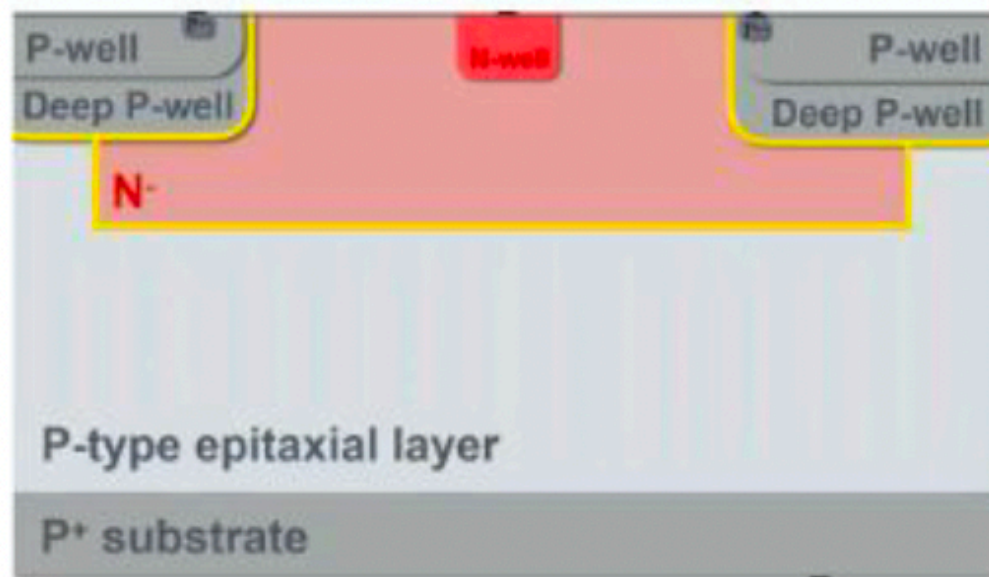


- ☑ And a nice startup project!

Status at Nikhef (TCad)

- ☑ With the actual production process seems ~70ps (pixel level) is close to the limit.
- ☑ How to progress further?

70 ps → <~20 ps

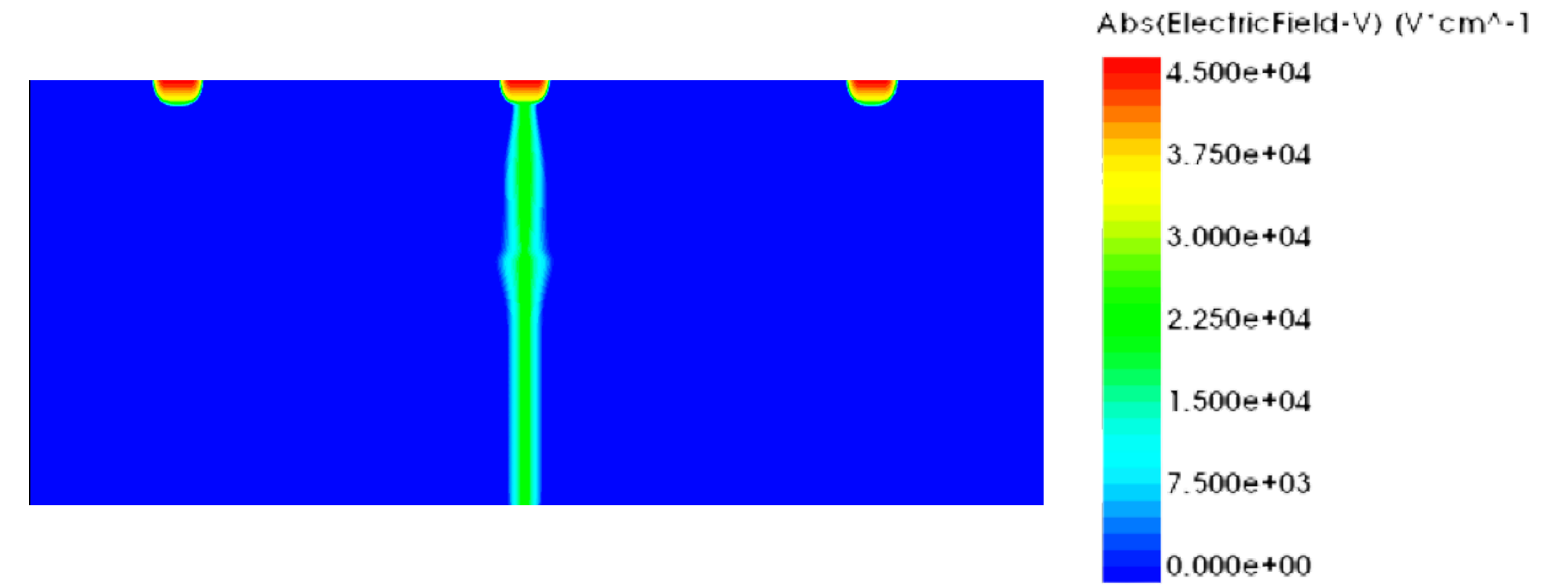


Gap in deep n-implant, 65nm :

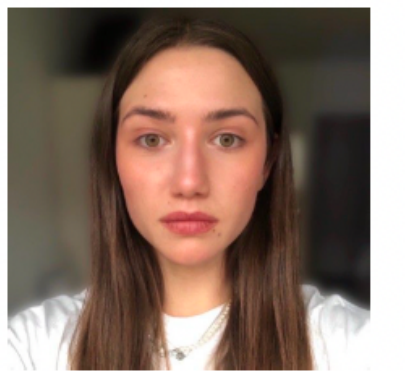
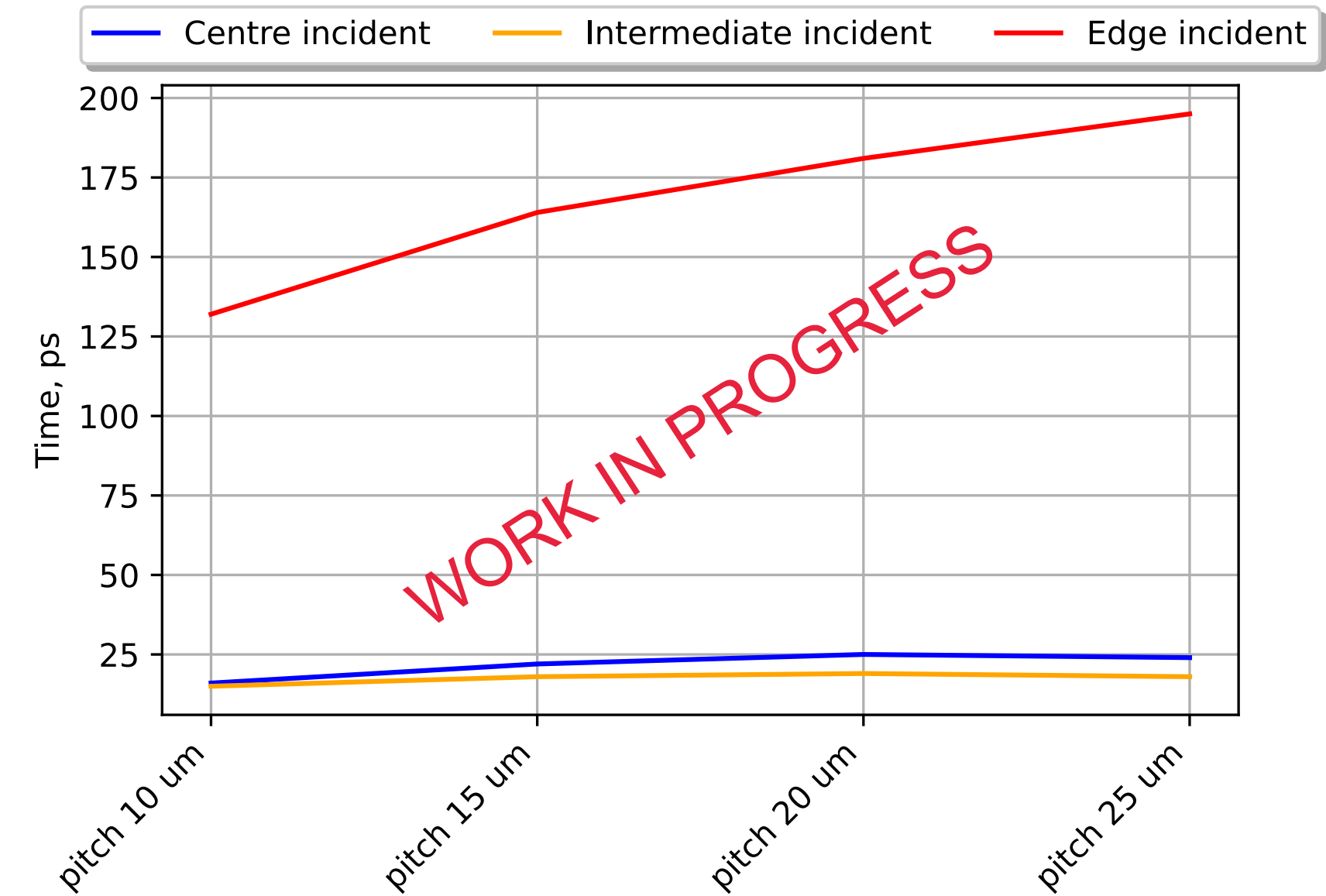


- ☑ Investigate new geometries for improved/faster charge collection

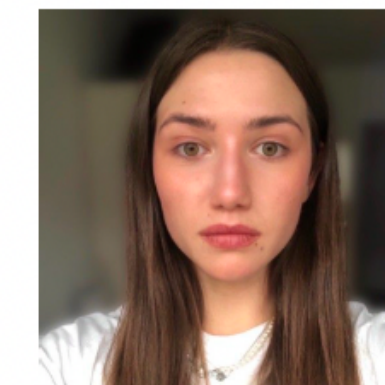
Can we find a smart way to be below 20ps?



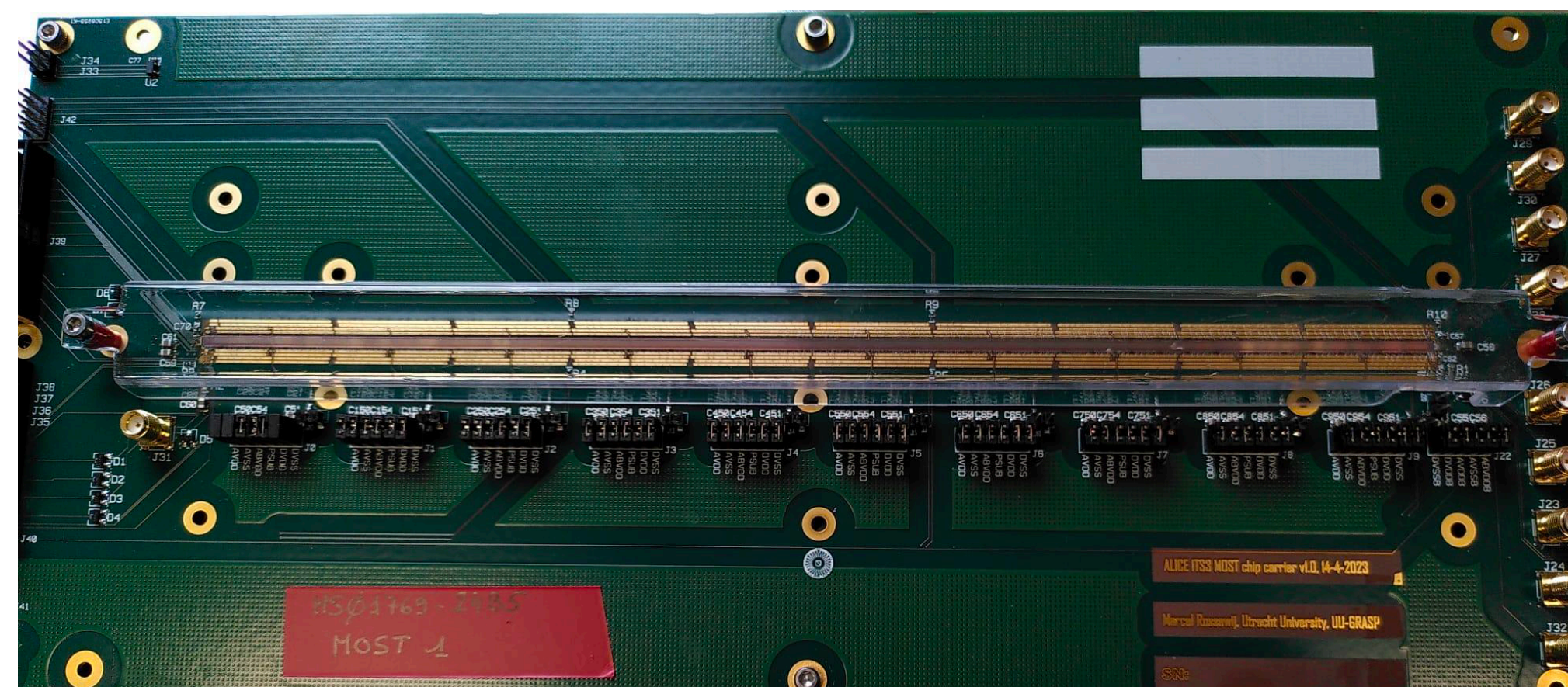
Modified with gap, collection time of 100e comparison



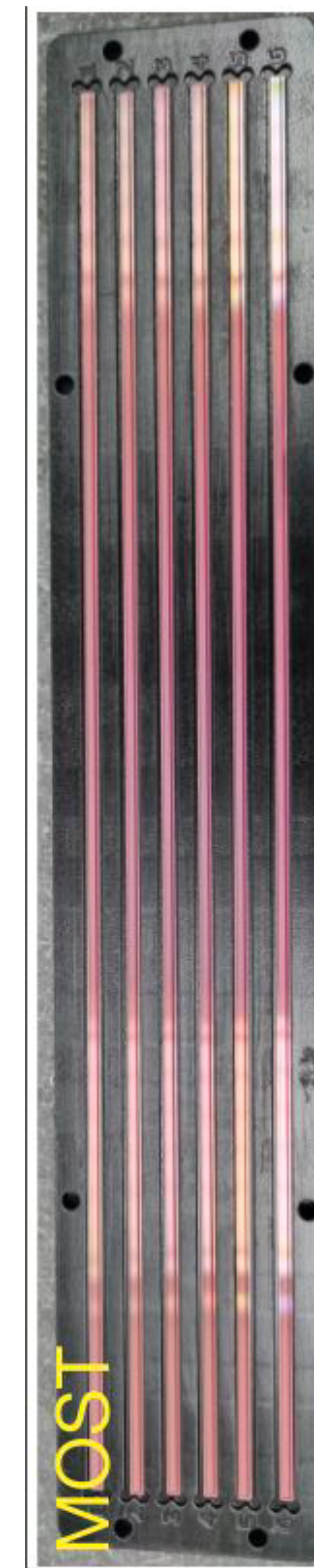
Status at Nikhef (MOST)



- First MAPS for high energy physics using stitching
- First full structures at Nikhef
- “MOST”: 2.5 x 259 mm, 0.9 MPixel ($18 \times 18 \mu\text{m}^2$)
- Carrier board designed at Nikhef/Utrecht



- Characterisation of MOST starting at Nikhef: does the stitching process work? How powering works on 20cm lines? What is the time performance?

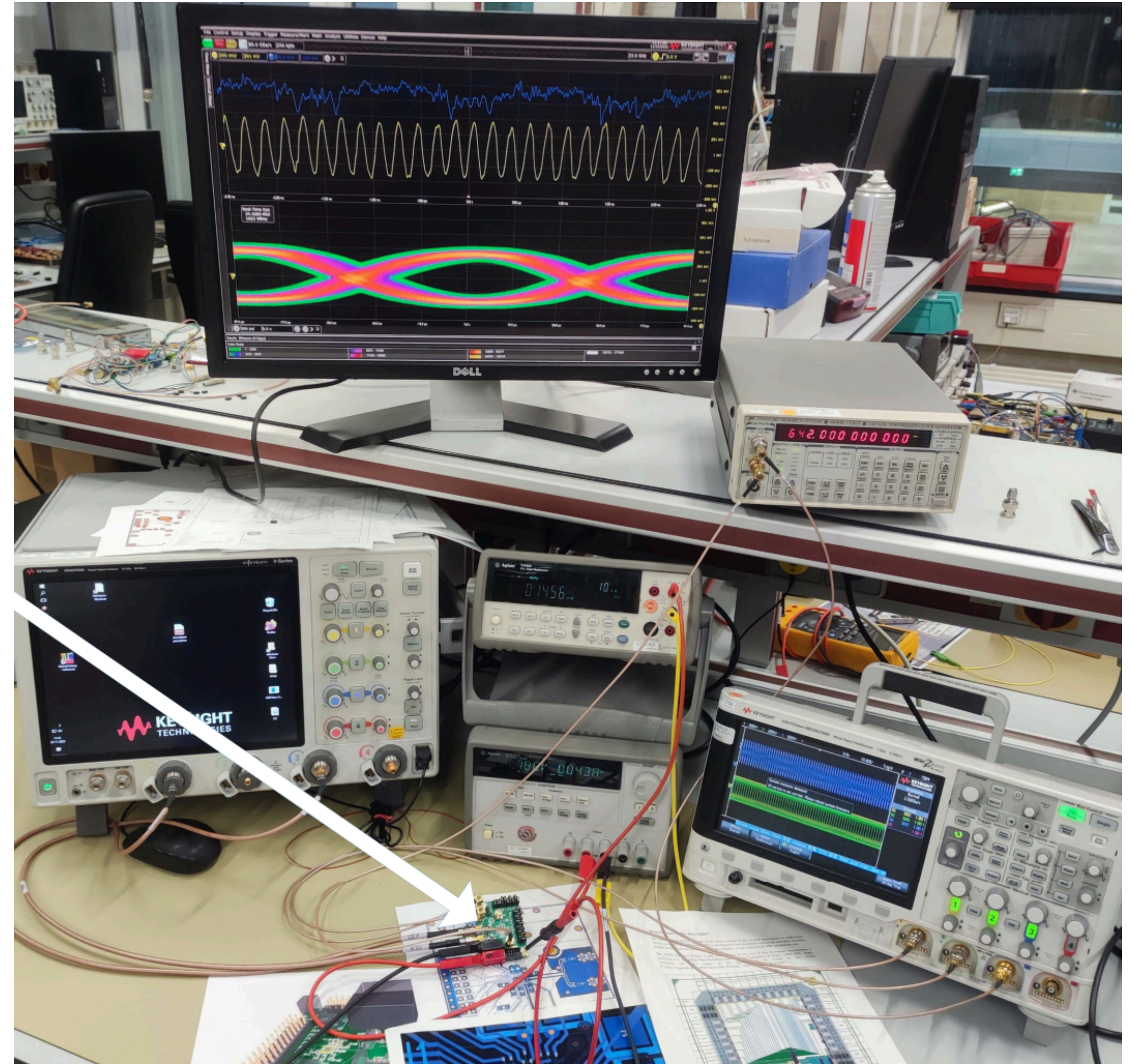


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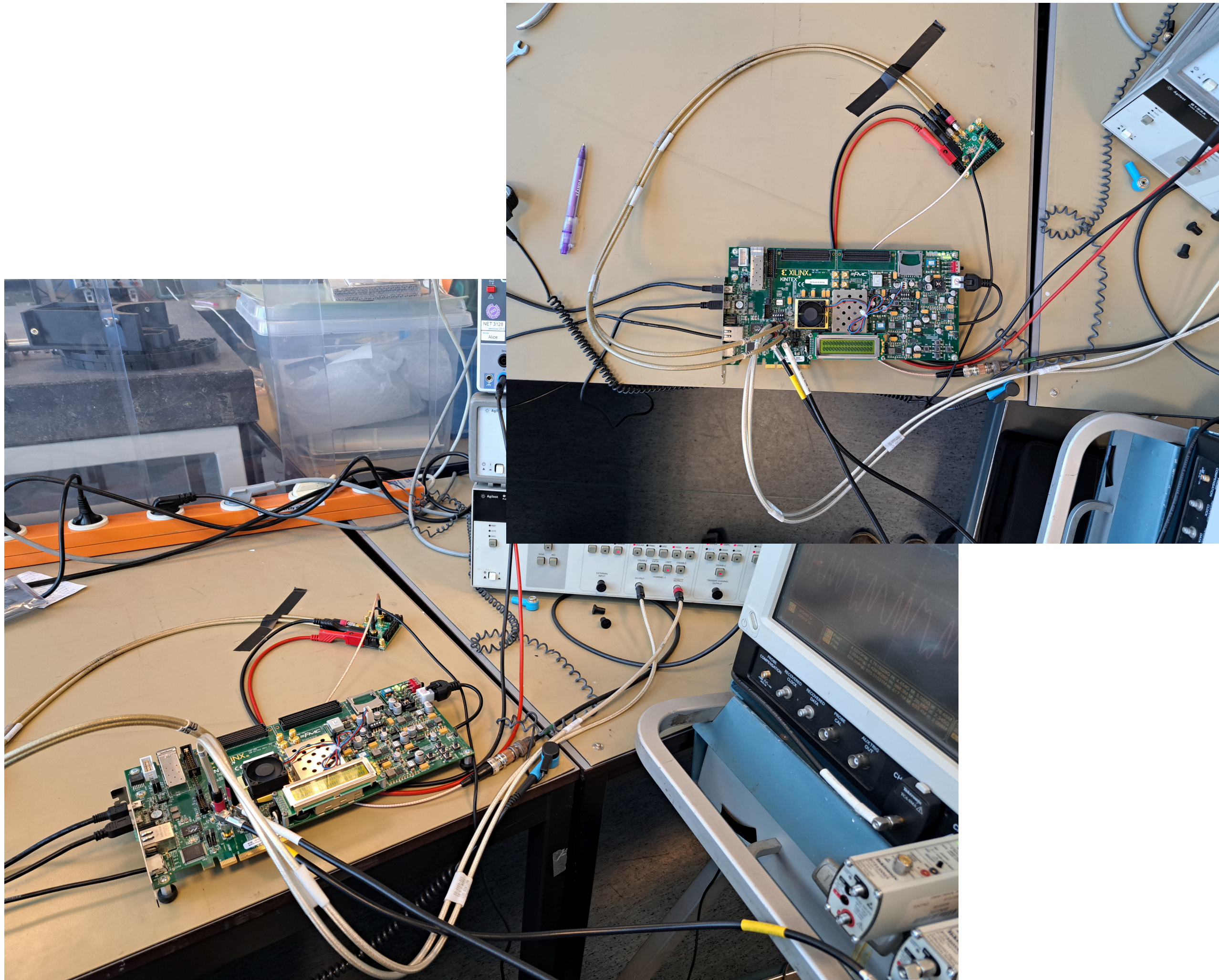
Serialiser @10Gb/s

- ☑ Nikhef responsible for the ITS3 serialiser (10 Gb/s)
- ☑ Analog blocks designed last submission and under characterisation
- ☑ Full serialiser to be completed by 2024

Thanks to the ET team!



Serialiser @10Gb/s



- ☑ Bit error rate tested in ideal situation (no jitter), proved to be $< 10^{-15}$
- ☑ Jitter simulation will be included as soon as the new structures will be bonded (~this week)
- ☑ Test beam for single event upset under preparation



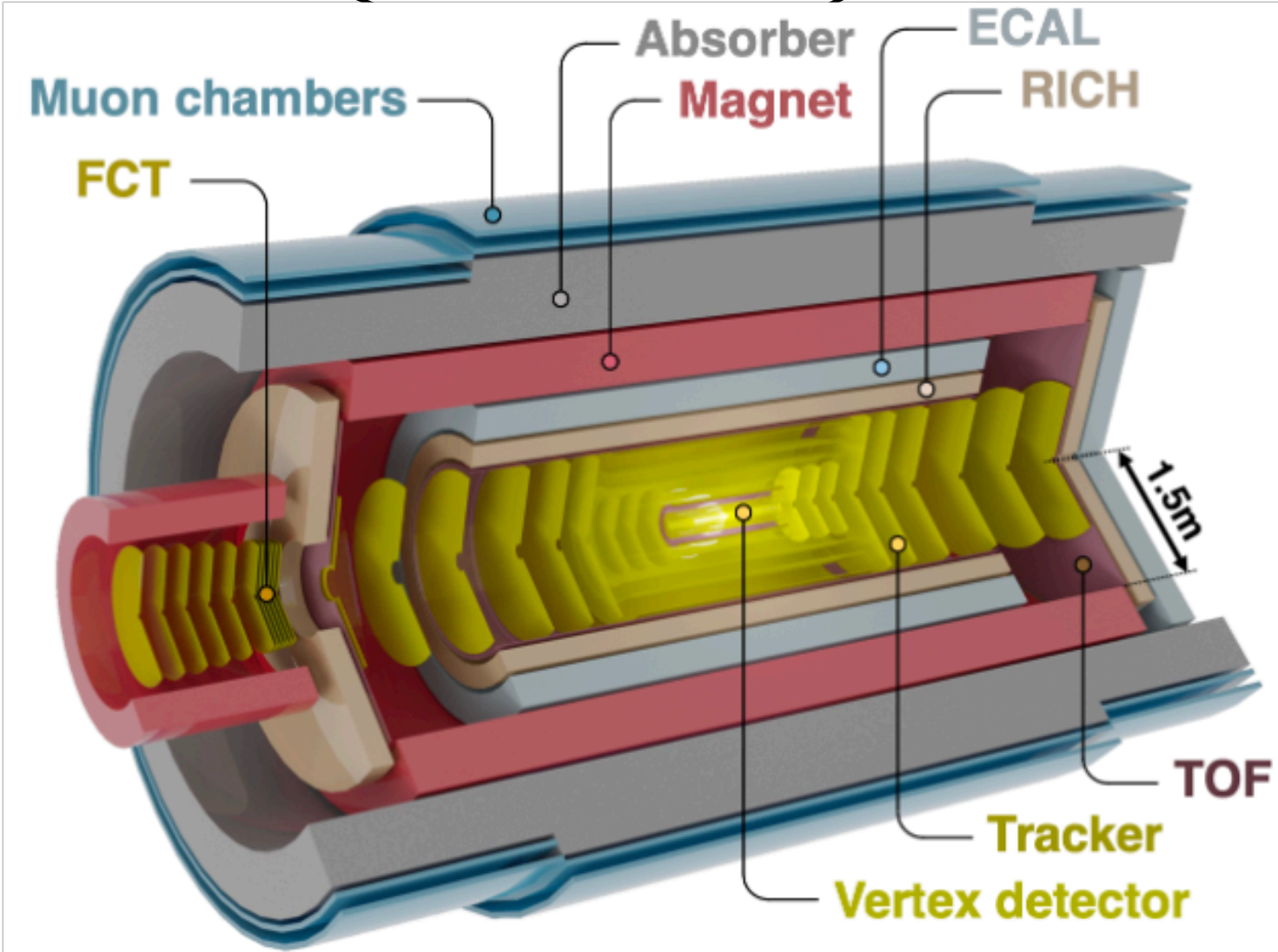
In summary

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Long term goals

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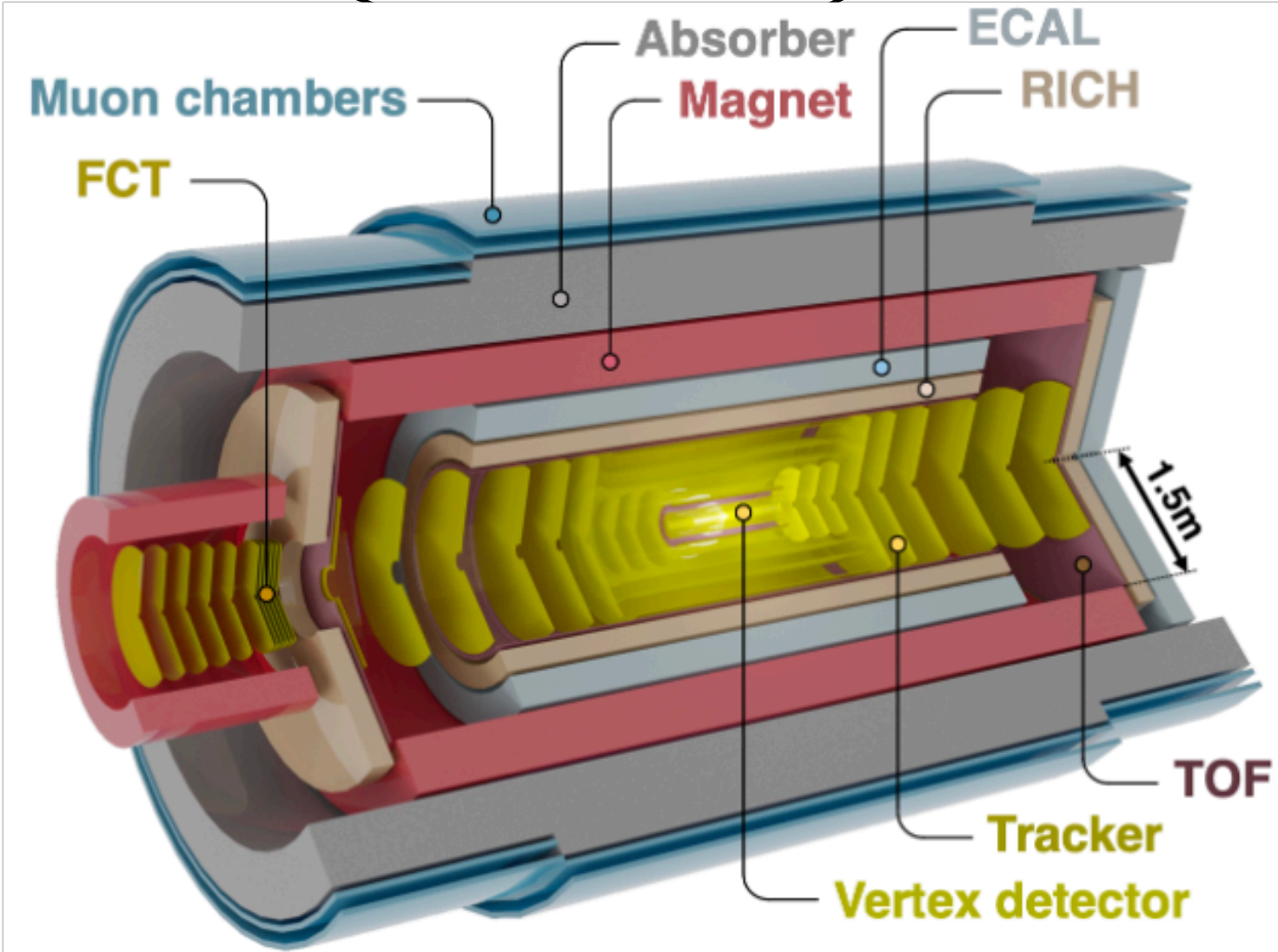
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Algorithmic developments



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But this is a story for WP3



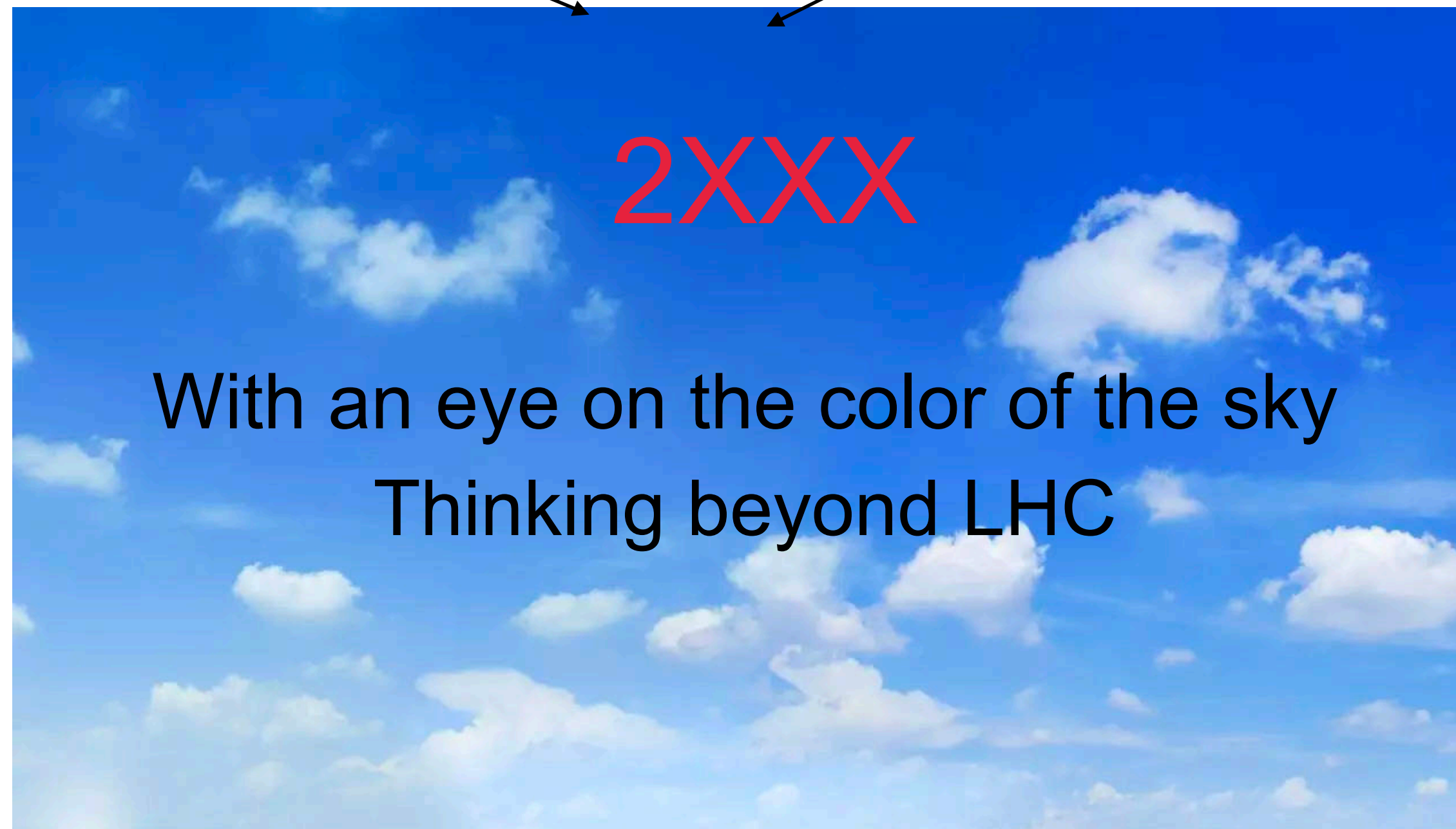
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Concluding

- ☑ Large R&D work ahead to match requirements
- ☑ Faster PhD students folded in the MAPS group and already starting the first projects
- ☑ Their support fundamental to secure the future of MAPS R&D and algorithmic development expanding the reach of Nikhef MAPS research.