

# From Bubble Chamber to TPC: Where are we going next with detectors?

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**70** YEARS OF  
**DISCOVERY**

A CENTURY OF SERVICE



- Where are we now?

- How did we get here? A glimpse at the history ...

- What challenging developments do we see in the future?

## *Disclaimer :*

... there is no up to date list of detectors. A new detector is being developed somewhere at this time ... in many institutions ...

Only a few will be mentioned in this talk ....

**No, I may not mention your valuable work!**

## *Caveat ...*

... about any historical account given by a participant:

*"History will be kind to us ...*

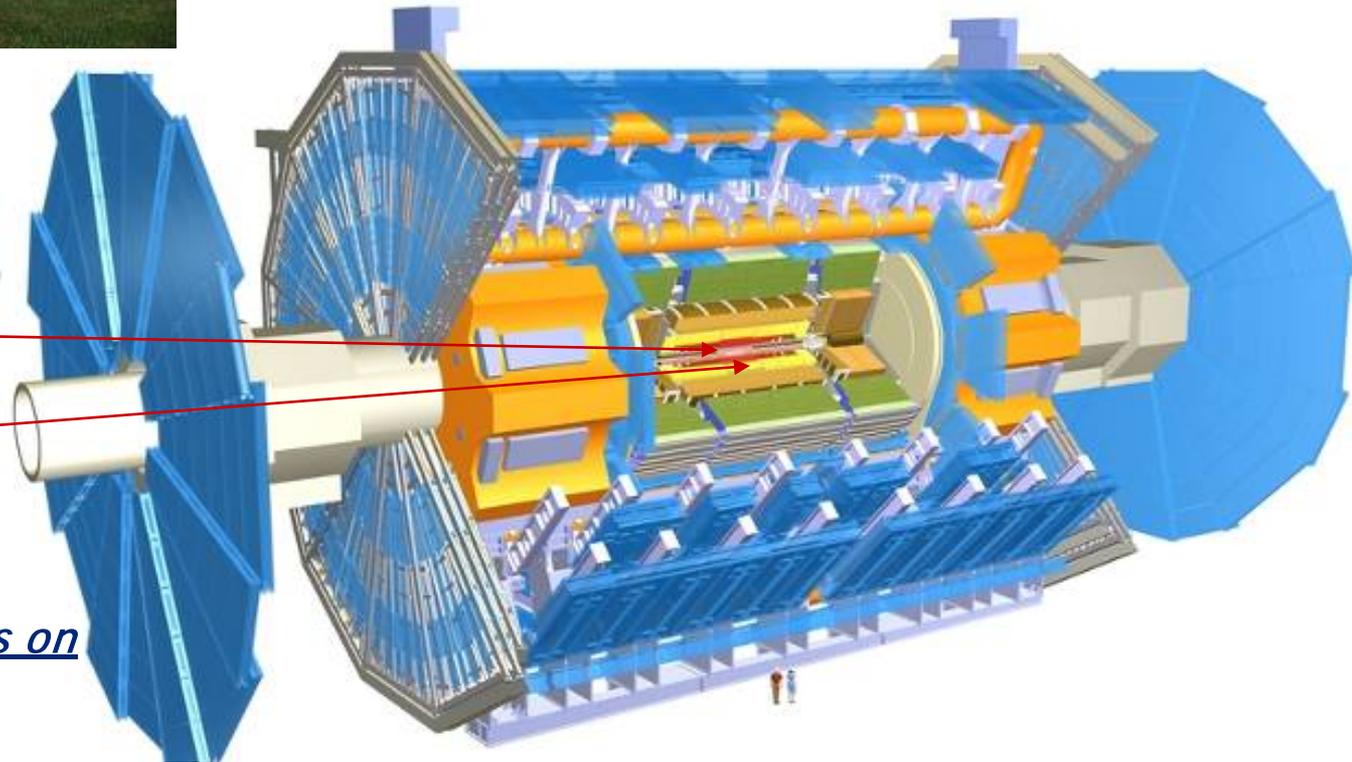
*... I intend to write it"*

( W.C. ~1945)

# ATLAS



<i>Diameter</i>	<i>25 m</i>
<i>Barrel toroid length</i>	<i>26 m</i>
<i>End-cap end-wall chamber span</i>	<i>46 m</i>
<i>Overall weight</i>	<i>7000 tons</i>
<i>Power</i>	<i>~10 megawatts !!</i>



*~1 million detector elements and signal channels + ~100 million silicon det. pixels*

*LAr calorimeter, fine granularity (~180,000 channels), uniformity, stability, calibration → Highest confidence limits on Higgs*

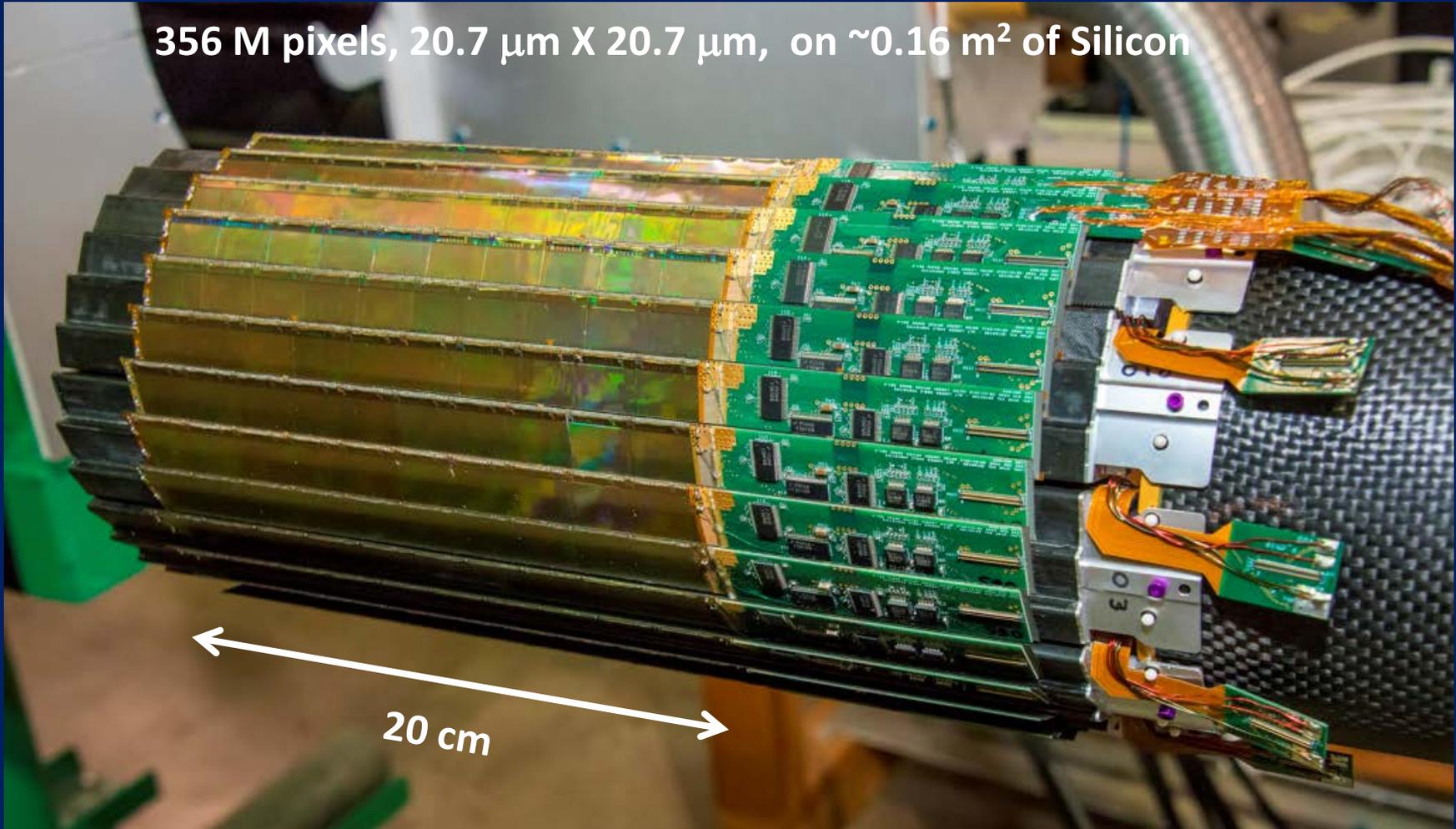
BNL has played a key role in the concept and construction of Liquid Argon (LAr) Calorimeter and Cathode Strip Chambers (CSC)

# Si Vertex Detector based on MAPS – at RHIC STAR

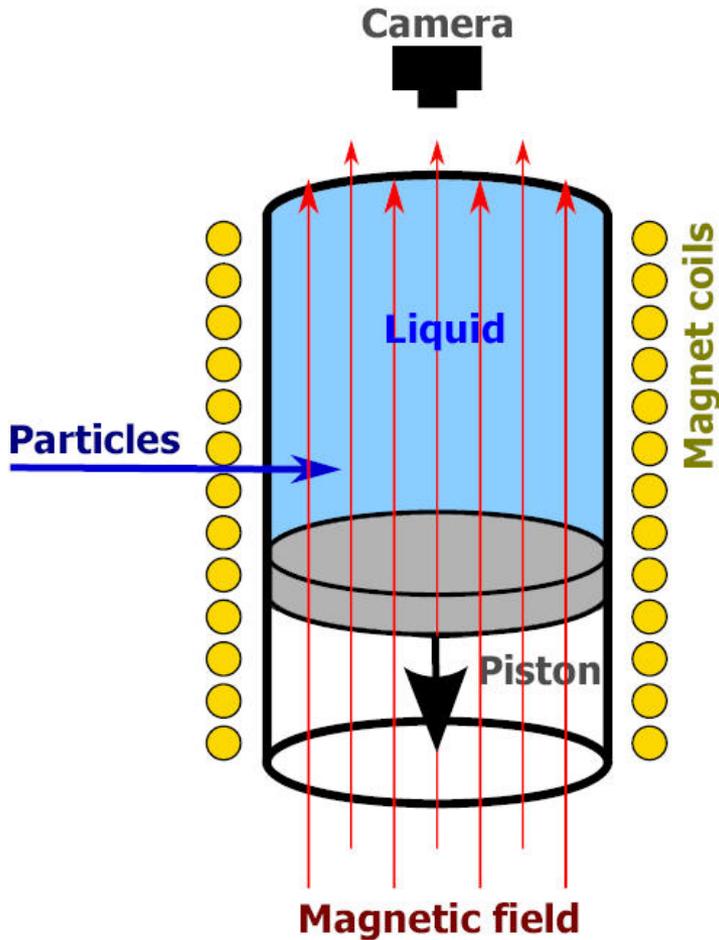
MAPS by IPHC-Strasbourg

SVT construction by LBNL and UT Austin, Tx

356 M pixels,  $20.7\ \mu\text{m} \times 20.7\ \mu\text{m}$ , on  $\sim 0.16\ \text{m}^2$  of Silicon



# Particle Tracking-Imaging Detectors, 1947 - 1975



## Cloud Chamber (Wilson 1911)

Super-saturated, **super cooled vapor**  
(temperature just below the boiling point):

- ions act as centers for **droplet** formation

## Bubble Chamber (Glaser 1952)

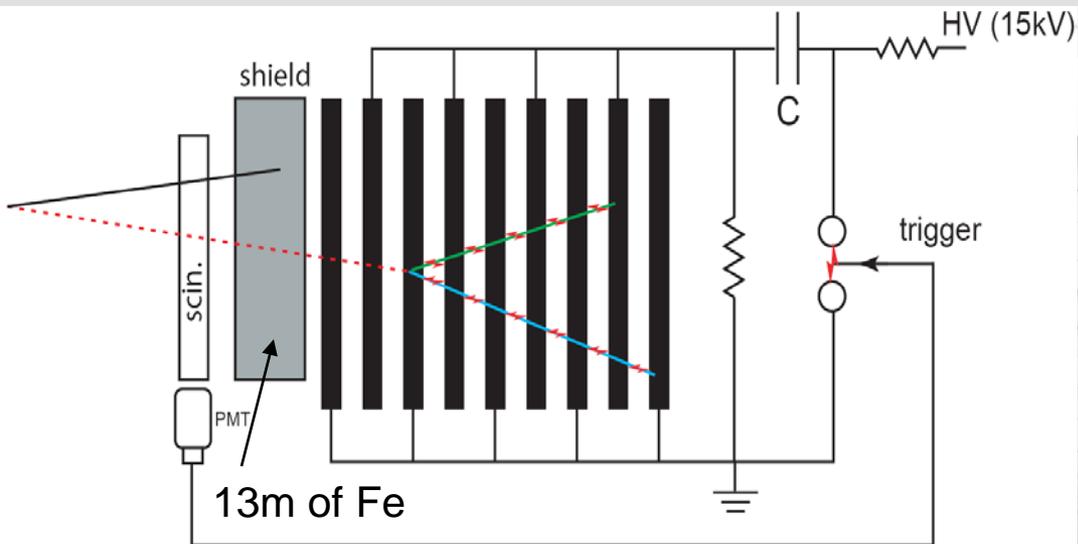
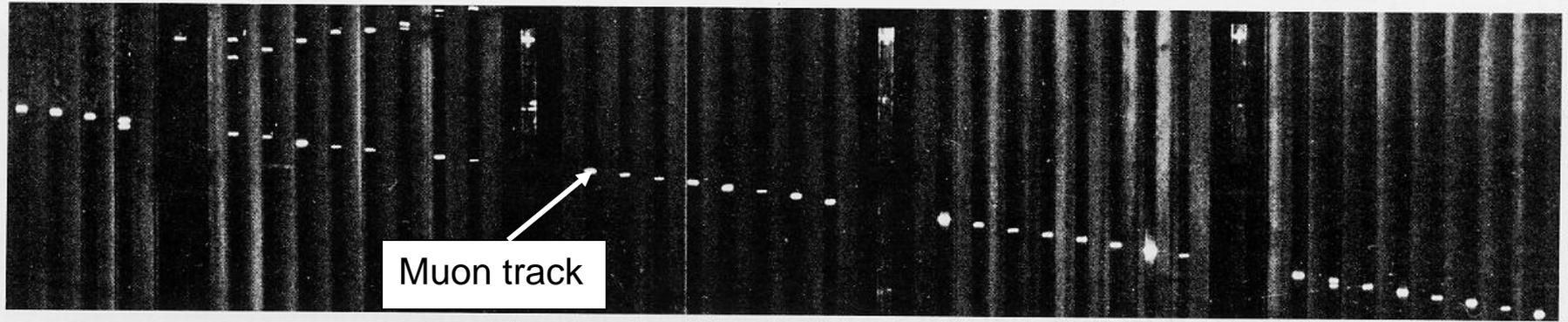
**Super-heated liquid**  
(hydrogen at temperature just above the boiling point):

- **gas bubbles** form along the particle track

**Particle discoveries → Nobel Prizes**

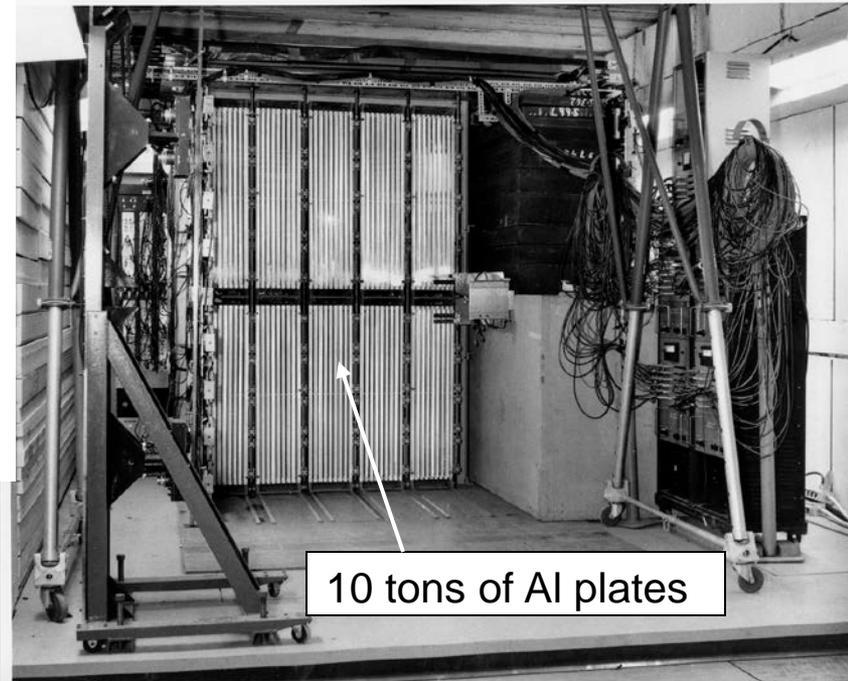
# Spark Chambers in Muon Neutrino Discovery

Lederman, Schwartz, Steinberger, 1962, Nobel Prize 1988

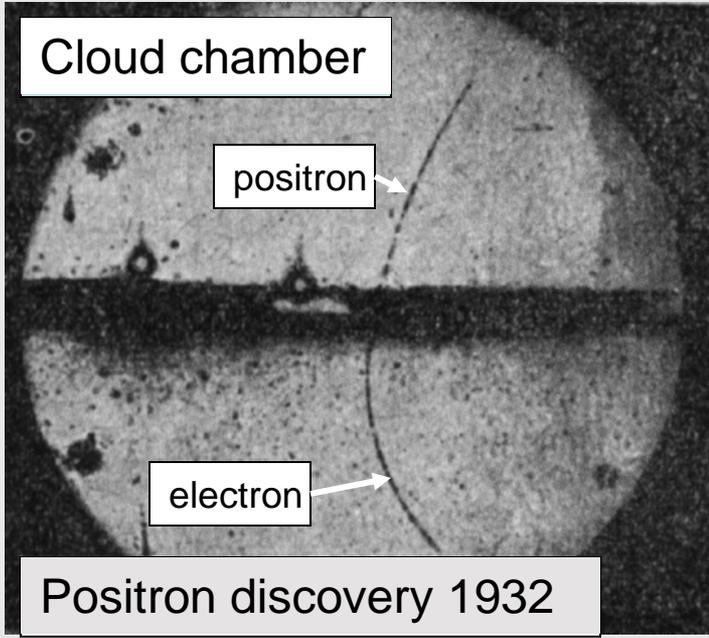


Spark Chambers also in CP Violation Experiment, Fitch and Cronin, 1964, Nobel Prize 1980

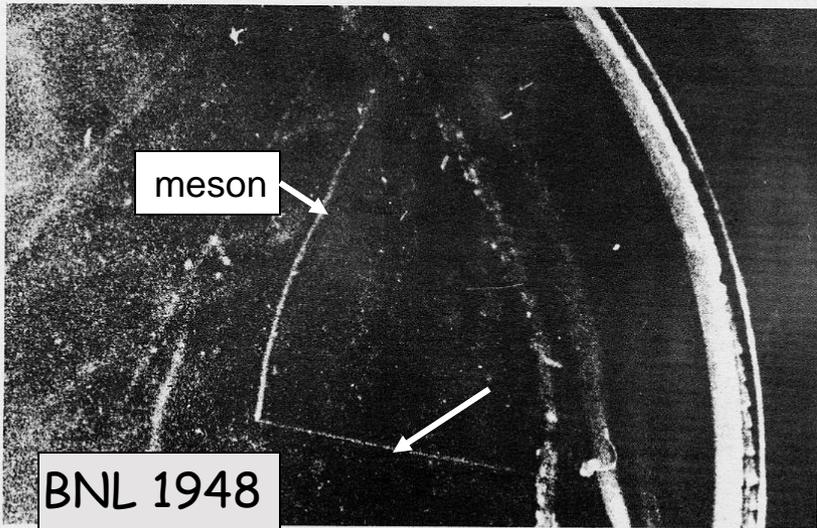
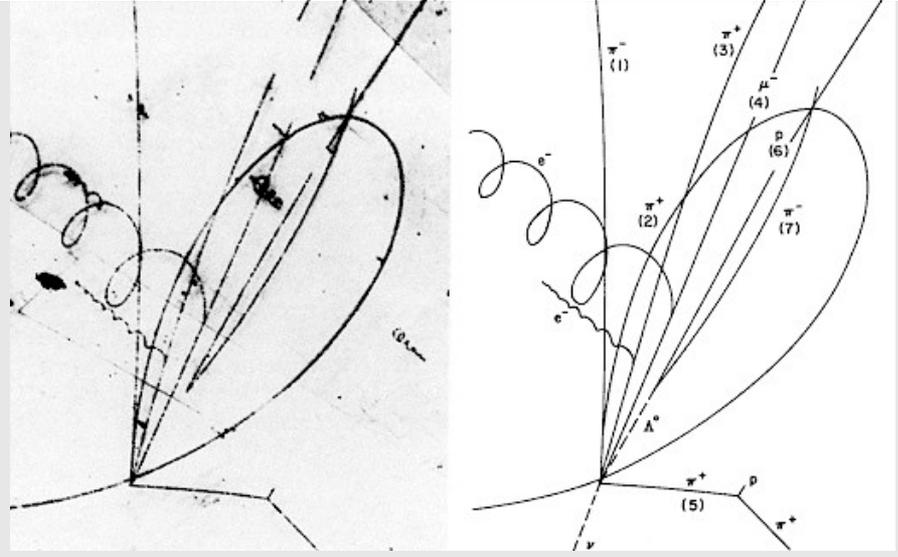
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# (R)evolution of Tracking Detectors Photographic to Electronic

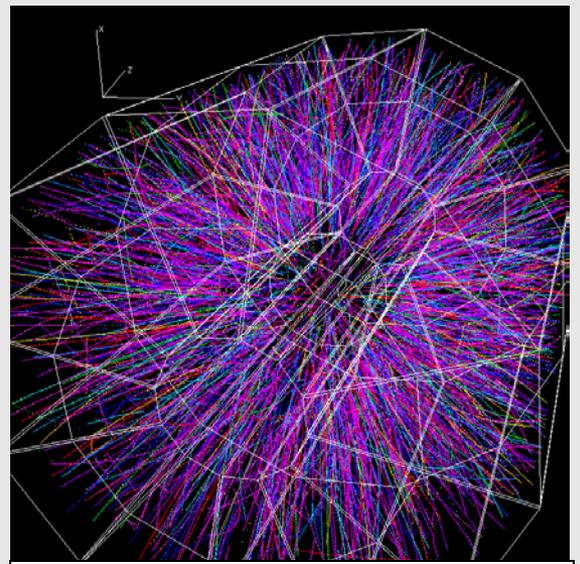


Bubble chamber: charmed baryon decay 1975

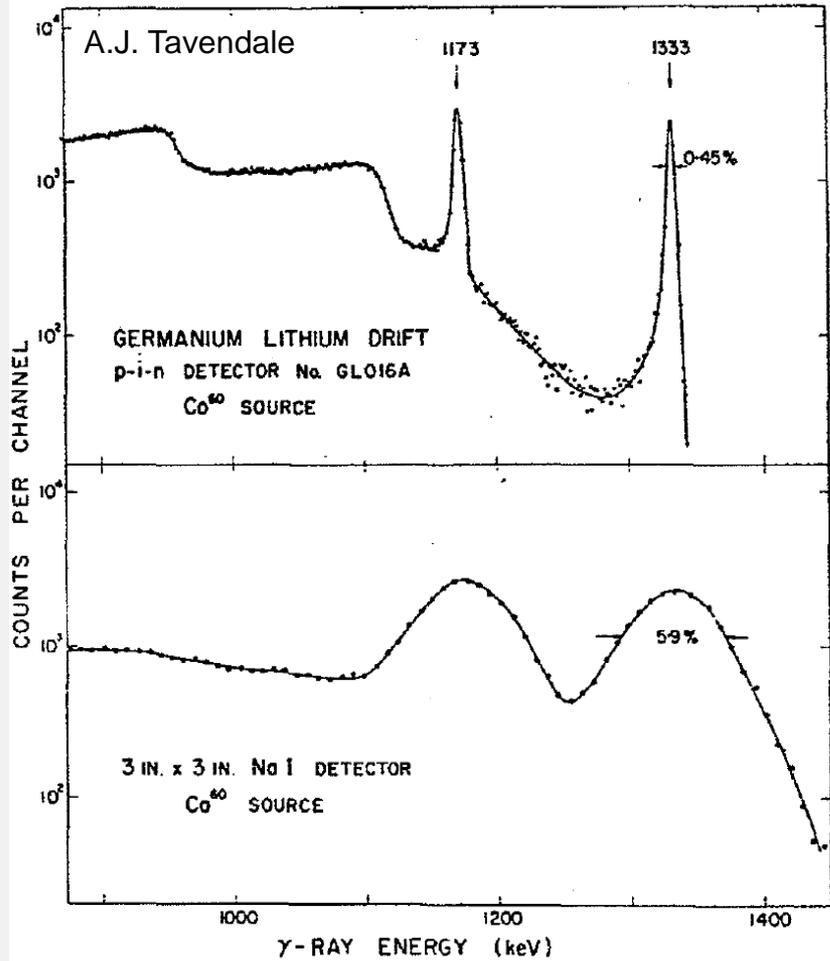


REPRODUCTION of a photograph taken in a high-pressure cloud chamber. The heavier line starting near the top is a meson being slowed down by the gas in the chamber. The thin track running to the right from the end of the meson track is an electron of high energy created when the meson disintegrated.

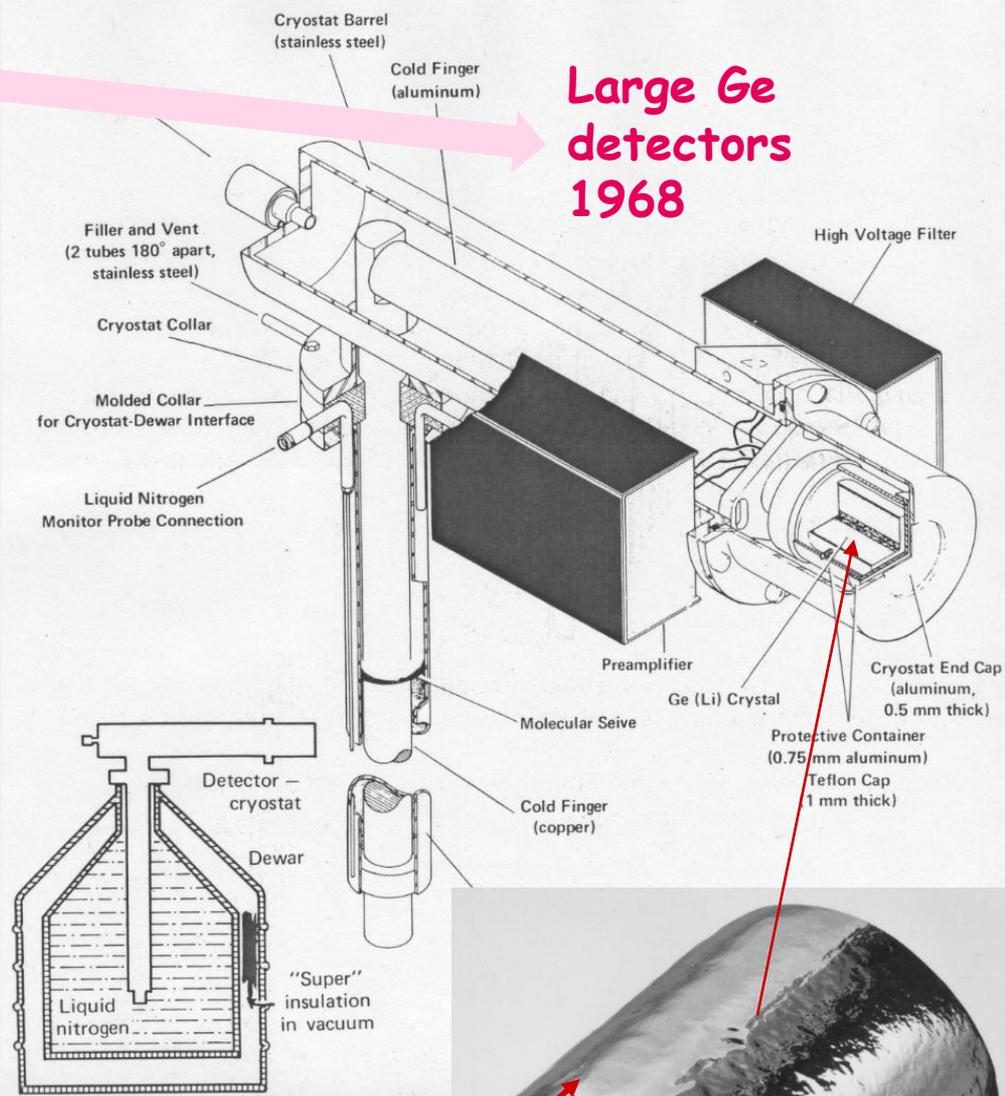
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# Germanium Detector Breakthrough 1963



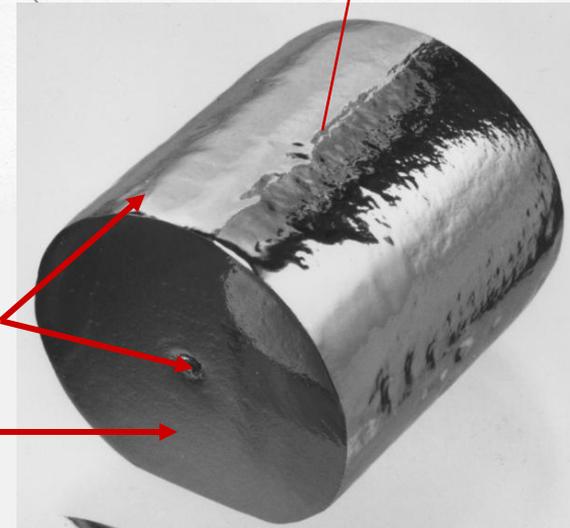
**BNL charge preamp with JFET at ~120K, 1968**



**Large Ge detectors 1968**

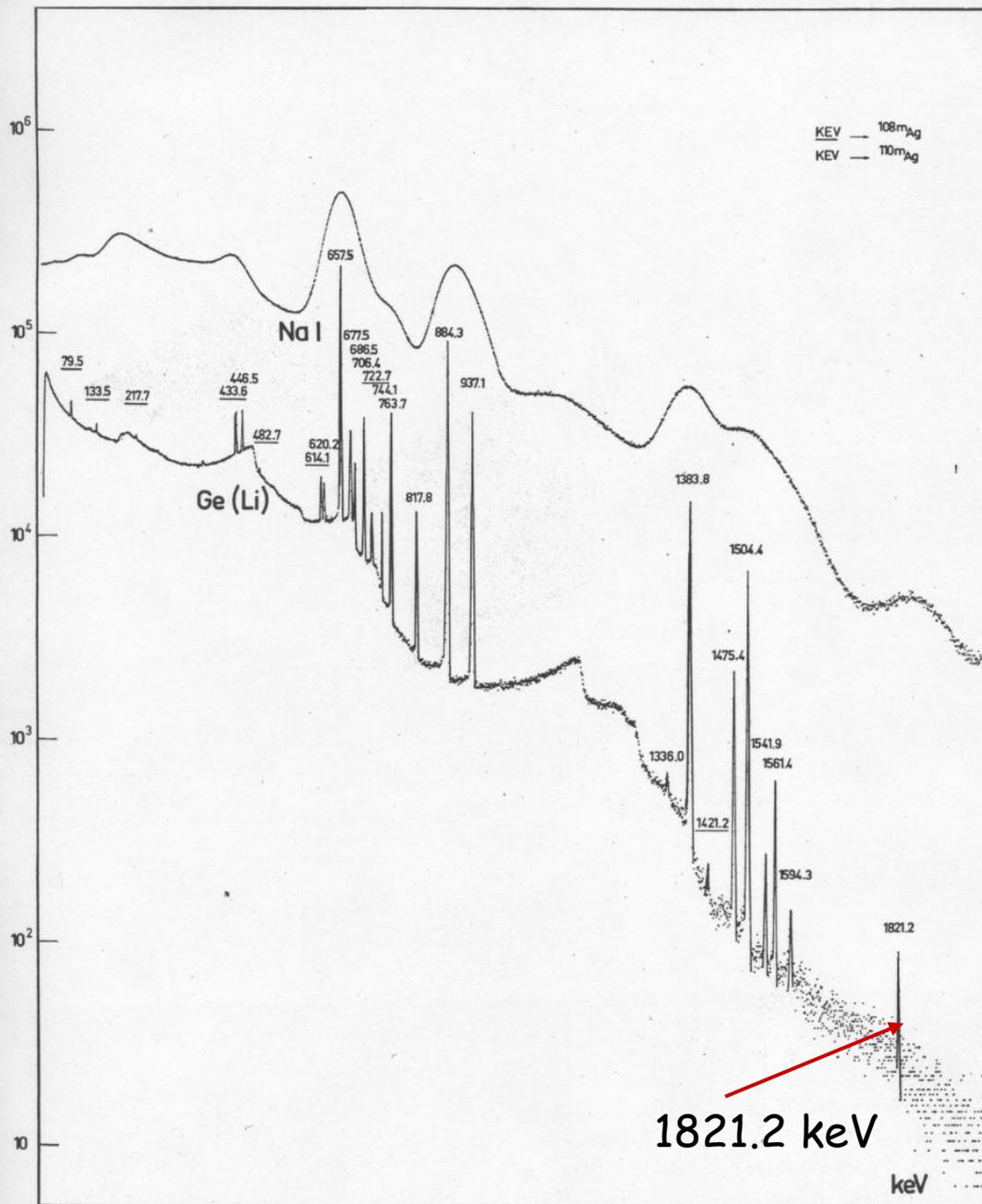
**Coaxial det. contacts**

**Ge-crystal ~50-100 cm<sup>3</sup>**



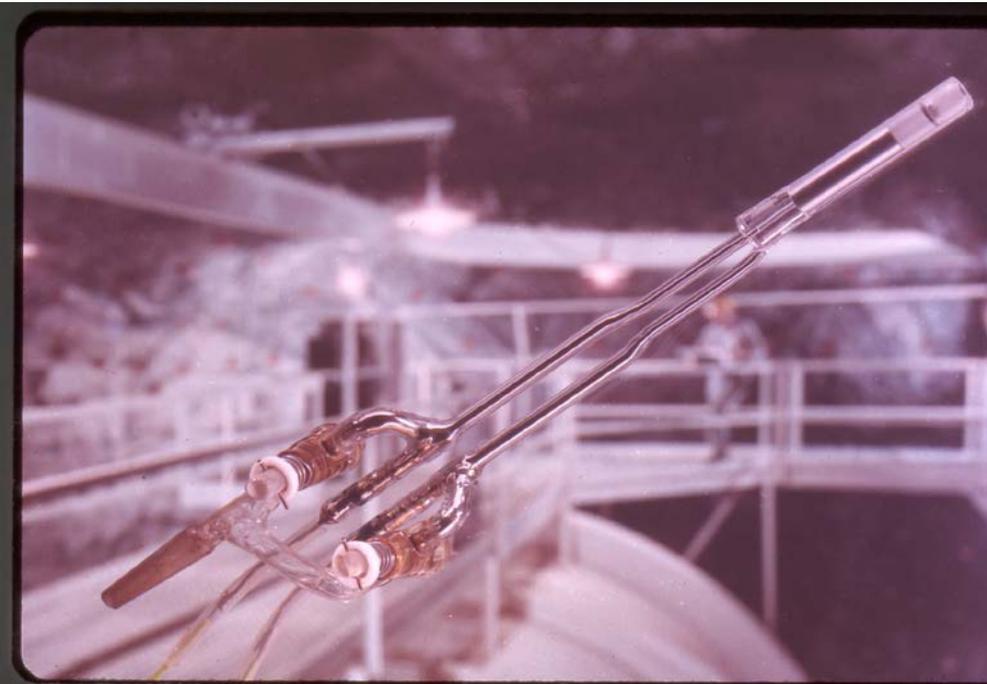
# Germanium vs Sodium Iodide for gamma-ray spectrometry

Low noise electronics (first cold JFETs) and signal processing (for gamma ray energy resolution of  $\sim 0.1\%$ ) developed for germanium detectors in  $\sim 1965-1970$ . It provided the basis for later use of these techniques in particle physics, and almost all detectors in use presently.



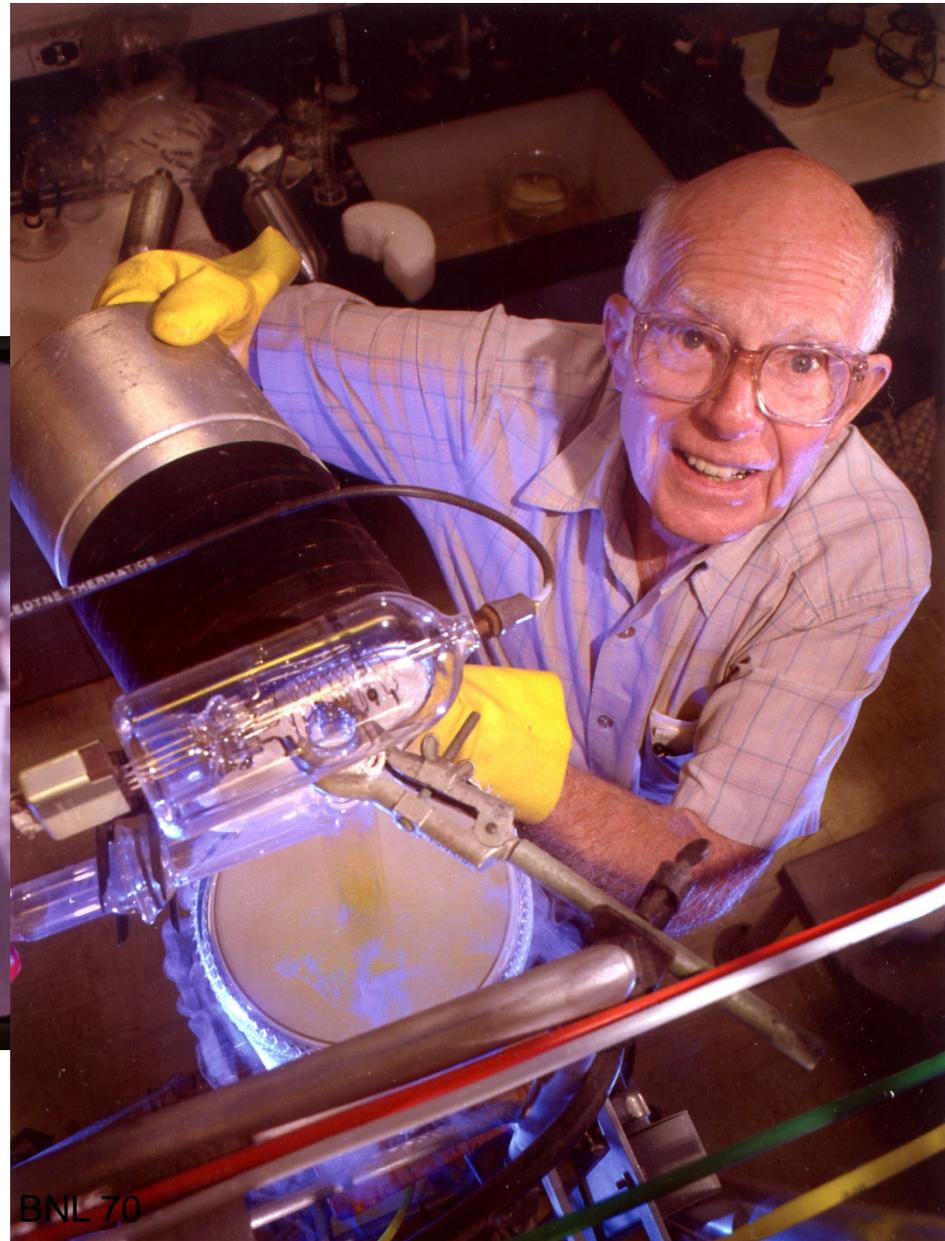
# Solar Neutrino Detection, Ray Davis, Nobel 2002

Gas proportional counter  
used to count  $^{37}\text{Ar}$  decays by  
detecting 2.8 keV Auger  
electrons



Nanosecond charge detection to  
distinguish  $^{37}\text{Ar}$  decays from background

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# Select events in detector technology with long lasting impact ...

- Germanium p-i-n detector, Tavendale (1963-4), gamma-ray and x-ray spectroscopy
- Liquid Argon Ionization Calorimetry (1972) → ATLAS
- **TPC, Nygren (1974), lasting impact through gas and noble liquid TPCs**
- Planar processing of silicon detectors, Kemmer (1980), basis for future silicon detectors
- Silicon Drift Detector, Gatti and Rehak (1983), p-n CCD, x-ray spectroscopy,
- Back Illuminated Fully Depleted MOS CCD, Holland (1988), astrophysics
- Transition Edge Sensors, (1940s→1990s), astrophysics (CMB, BiCEP, x-ray spectroscopy)
- CMOS 0.25 $\mu$ m node (1993), 5nm gate oxide →radiation resistance opens the door for integration of sensors with electronics at LHC (1990-)
- **Geiger mode avalanche photo diode, SiPM, (1960s→1990),**
- **Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors (MAPS), IPHC-Strasbourg (~2000)**
- Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM), Sauli (1997)
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# Where is prediction on detectors possible for the next ~ 20 years?

LHC upgrades I  
and II:  
Increasing level 1  
trigger rate from  
LAr calorimetry;  
new all-silicon  
tracking

$e^+e^-$   
collider  
 $e$ -ion  
collider

SLHC  
TPCs for  $0\beta\beta$ -  
decay, dark  
matter :  
scaling up to  
ton size

LAr TPCs:  
**scaling up to  
10-40 kton  
range**

Detectors for  
astrophysics;  
photon  
science; PET;  
neutron  
scattering, ...

## Integration of “Chambers” and Microelectronics

### Silicon:

- **Strips/pixels**  
(bump/directly bonded)
- **MAPS**
- **SiPMs**

### TPCs

- **Gas and noble  
liquid**, charge  
and light

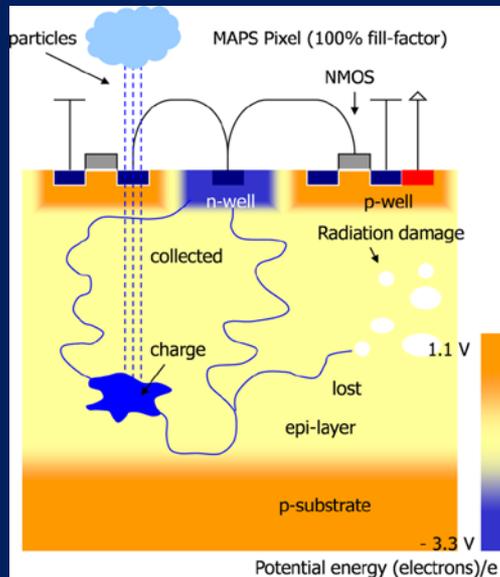
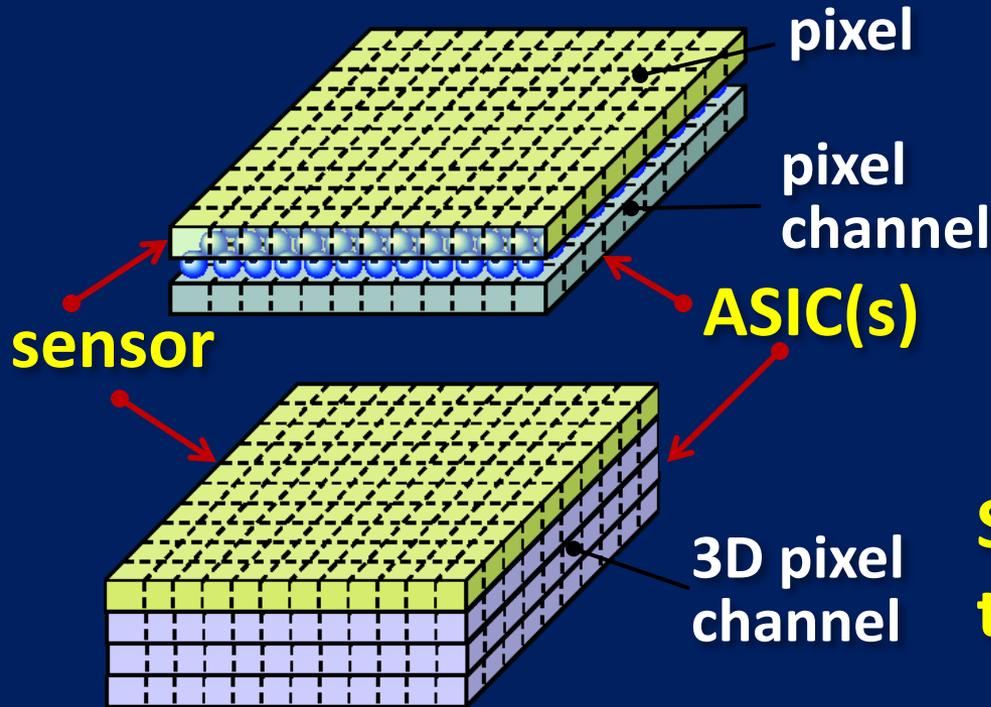
### “Microelectronics”

**Beyond CMOS??**

# Si "Pixel" Detectors

Sensor pixels  
bump-bonded to ASIC  
pixels

Sensor pixels fusion-bonded  
to (2D or 3D) ASIC pixels



Monolithic Active Pixel  
Sensors (MAPS): sensor and  
transistors in "standard"  
CMOS technology – new  
developments for ALICE  
and sPHENIX

# Advances in MAPS

- From diffusion to drift for charge collection  $\rightarrow$   $\sim 100\text{ns}$  to  $<10\text{ns}$
- Increased epitaxial layer resistivity from  $\sim 20\text{ohm cm}$  to  $1\text{kohm cm}$
- From rolling shutter to faster readout  $\rightarrow$   $\sim 170\text{mW/cm}^2$  to  $5\text{mW/cm}^2$

2014-2016

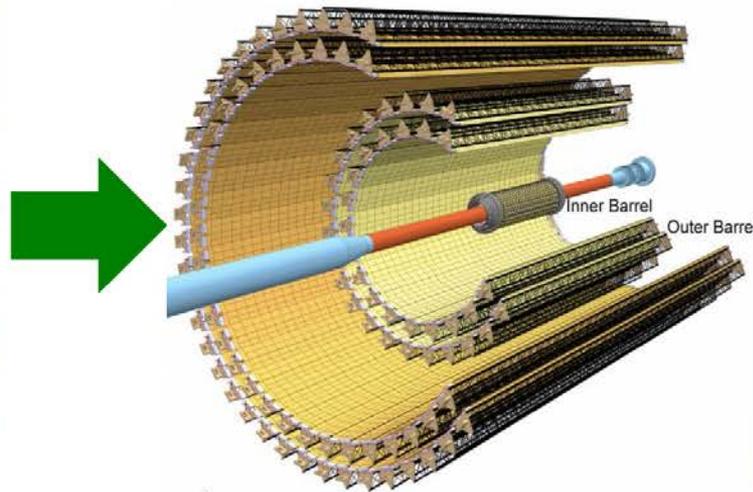
2021+

STAR HFT/PXL (Current)



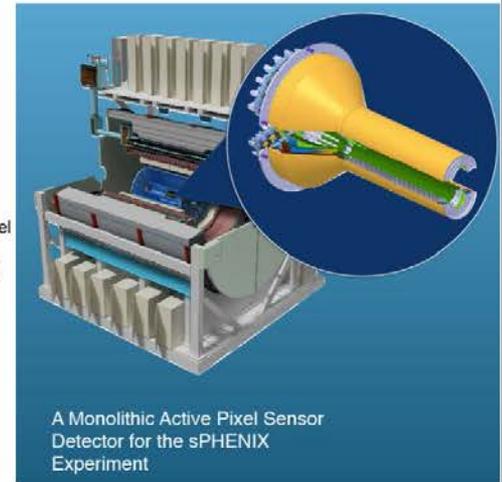
Integration time: **186  $\mu\text{s}$**   
Thickness first layer:  $0.4\%X_0$

ALICE ITS Upgrade



Integration time:  **$<20 \mu\text{s}$**   
Thickness first layer:  $0.3\%X_0$

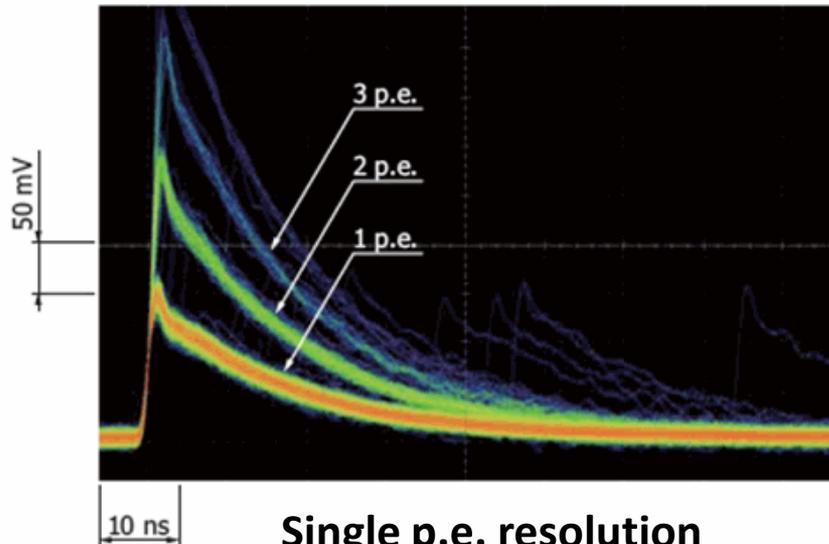
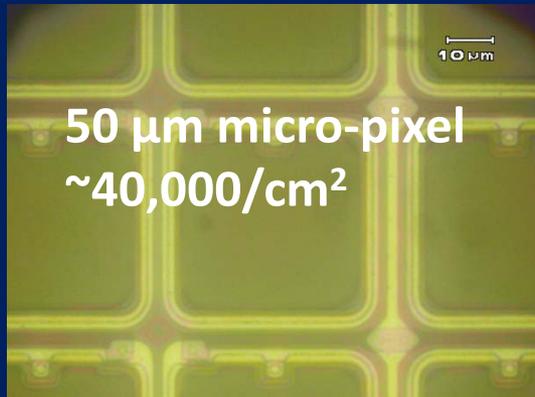
sPHENIX MAPS



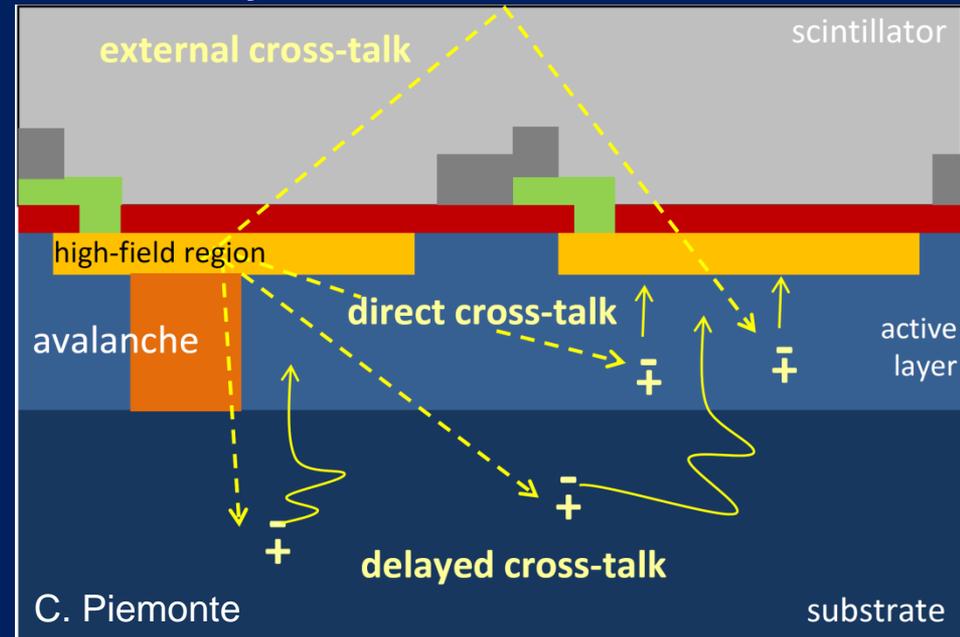
# Silicon Photo Multiplier (SiPM)

- "Geiger-mode": avalanche spends itself ("quenches") by reducing the cell voltage
- **Principal advantage: single electron produces  $\sim 10^6$  electrons**
- **Principal disadvantage: single electron produces  $\sim 10^6$  electrons**

Large arrays



## Secondary electrons $\propto$ avalanche size

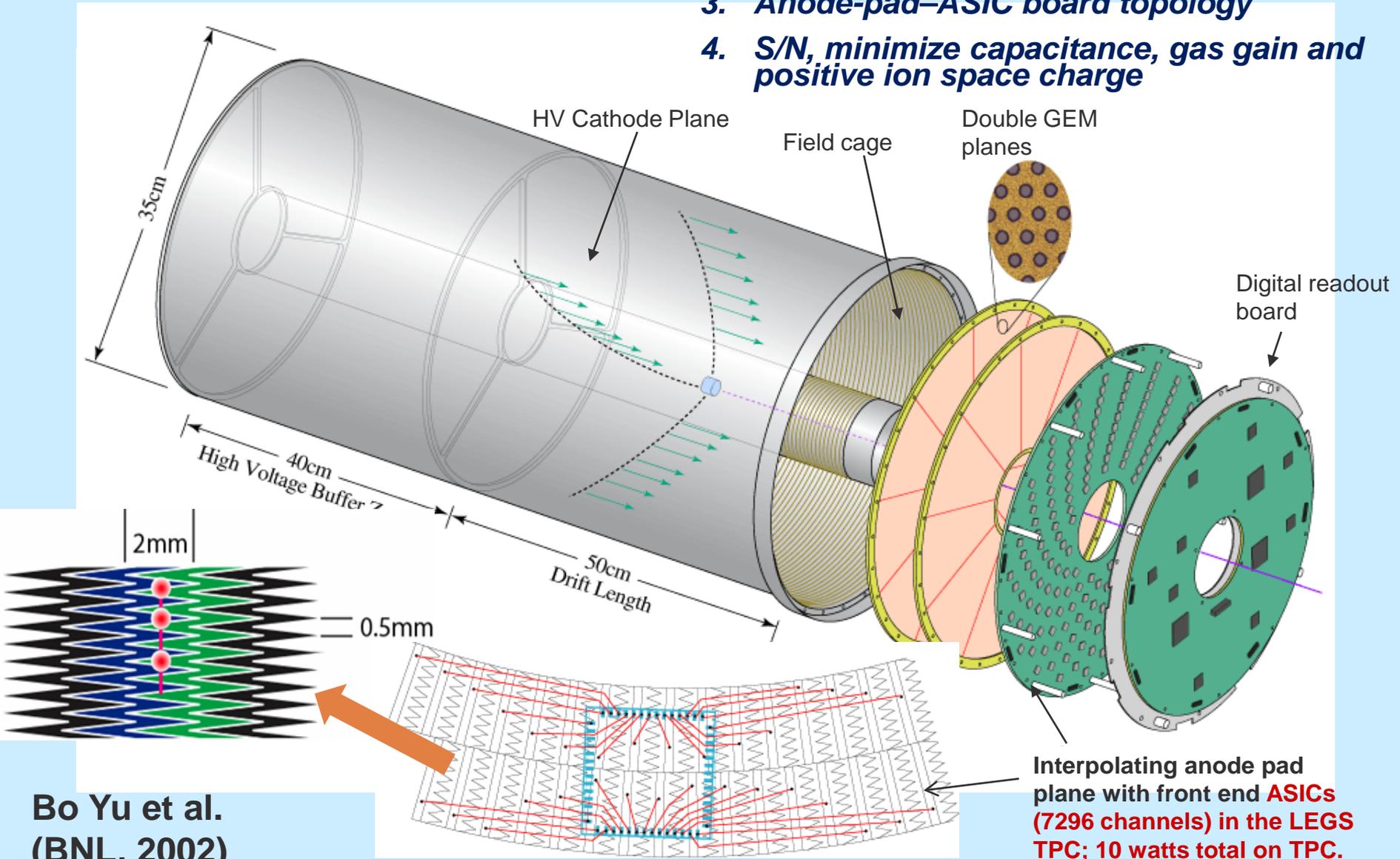


Future: Diverse applications, innovation in device design and integration with readout electronics

Time Projection Chambers (TPCs)  
with  
Gas or Noble Liquids  
“Electronic Bubble Chambers”

# Fine Granularity Gas TPCs:

1. **GEM**
2. *Interpolating anode configuration - chevron*
3. **Anode-pad-ASIC board topology**
4. **S/N, minimize capacitance, gas gain and positive ion space charge**

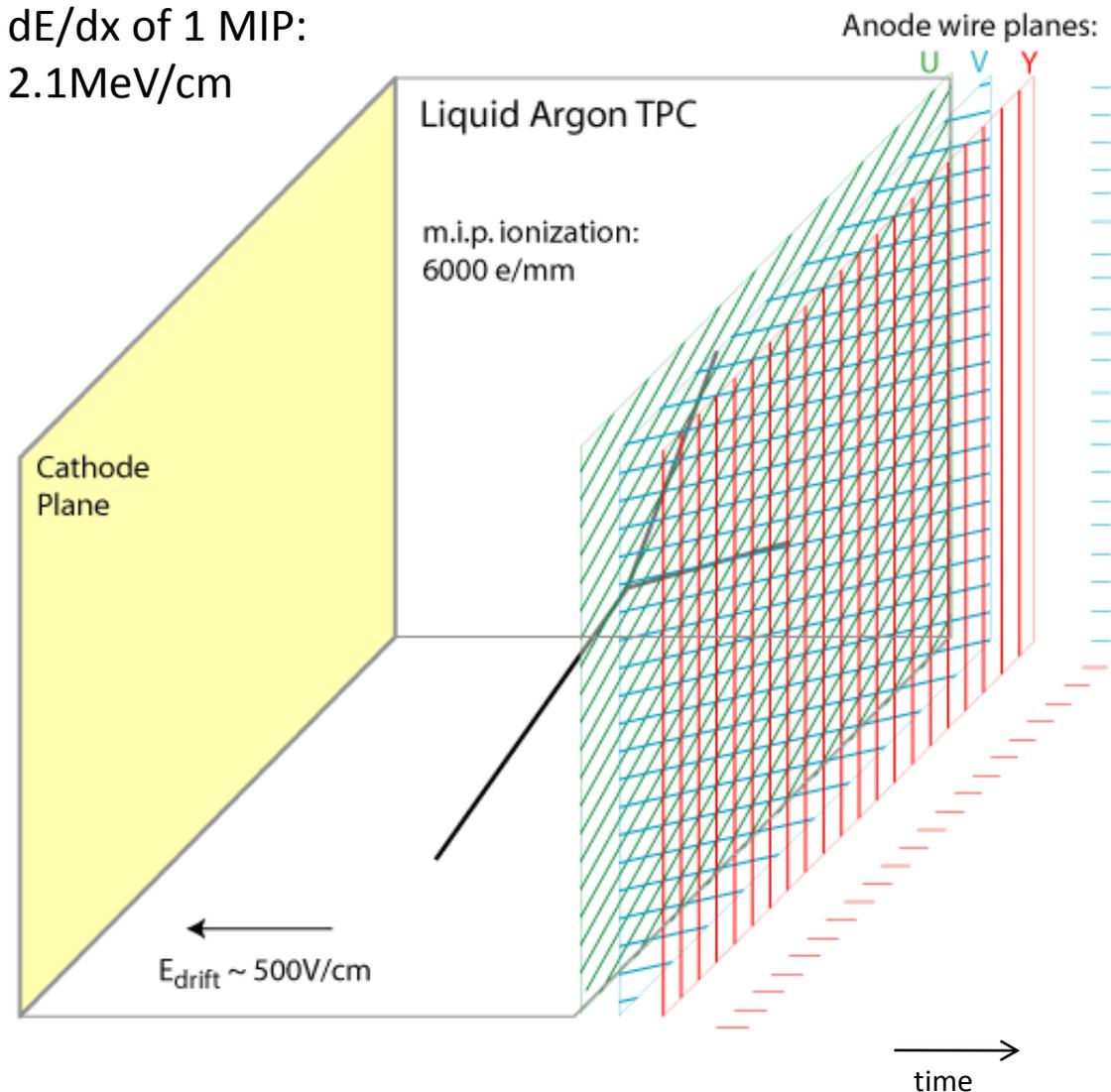


Bo Yu et al.  
(BNL, 2002)

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# LAr TPCs on Multi-kiloton scale

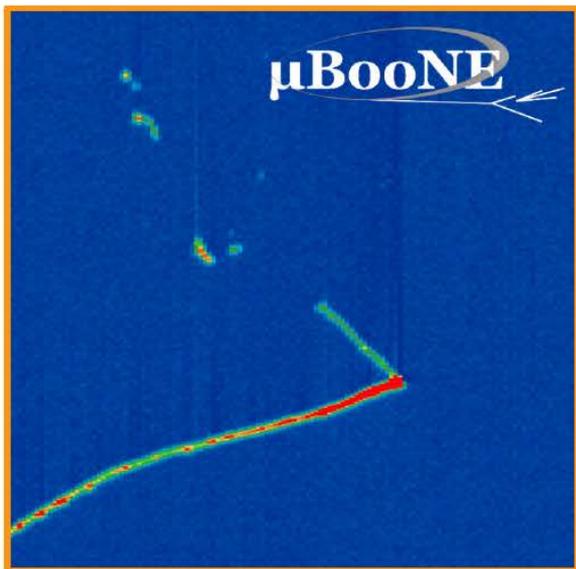
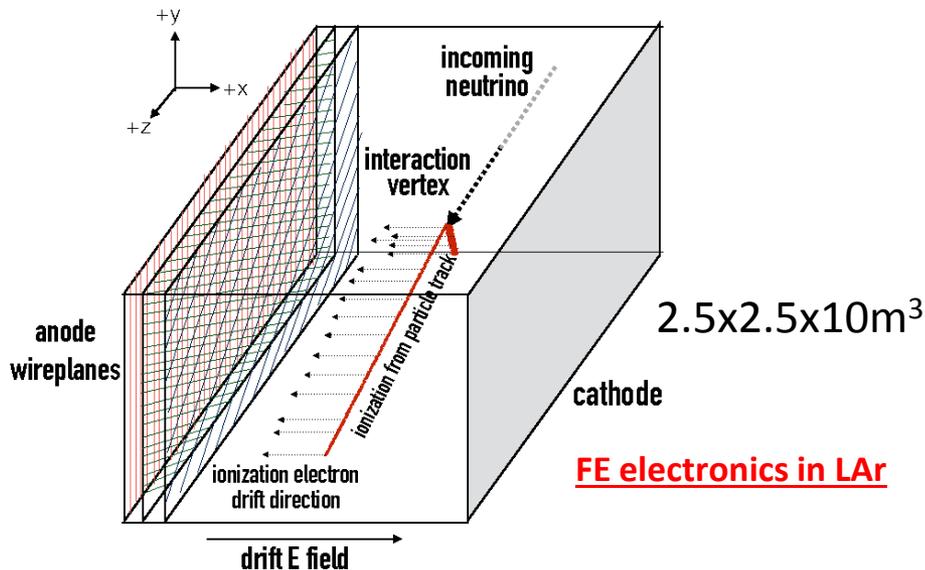
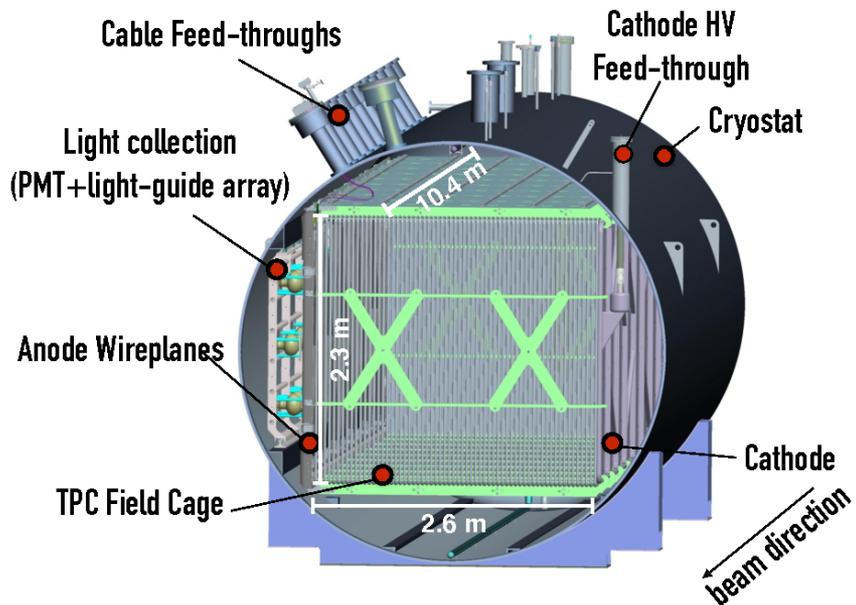
dE/dx of 1 MIP:  
2.1MeV/cm



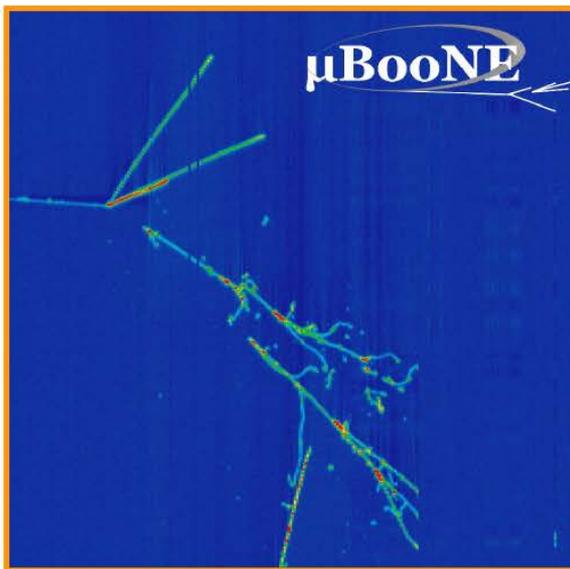
First proposed by C. Rubbia, 1977

- Sense (anode) wires (up to  $\sim 10\text{m}$  long):
  - $\sim 14\text{-}31$  **kwires/kton**
- position resolution  $\sim 1\text{mm}$ 
  - charge sensitivity
  - range  $\sim 100$  fC
  - ENC  $< 1,000 e^-$
- digital multiplexing
- data rate: 1terabit/s/kton
- electronics in LAr
  - $> 30$  years

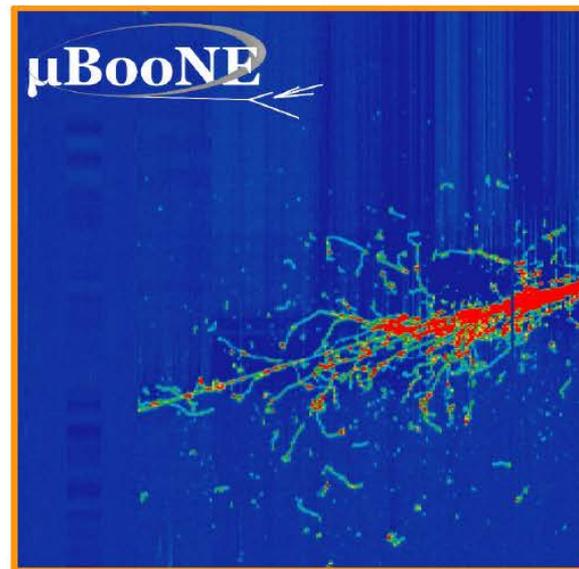
# MicroBooNE LAr TPC: 62 m<sup>3</sup> fiducial vol. (87 tons)



Michel electrons [0-55 MeV]

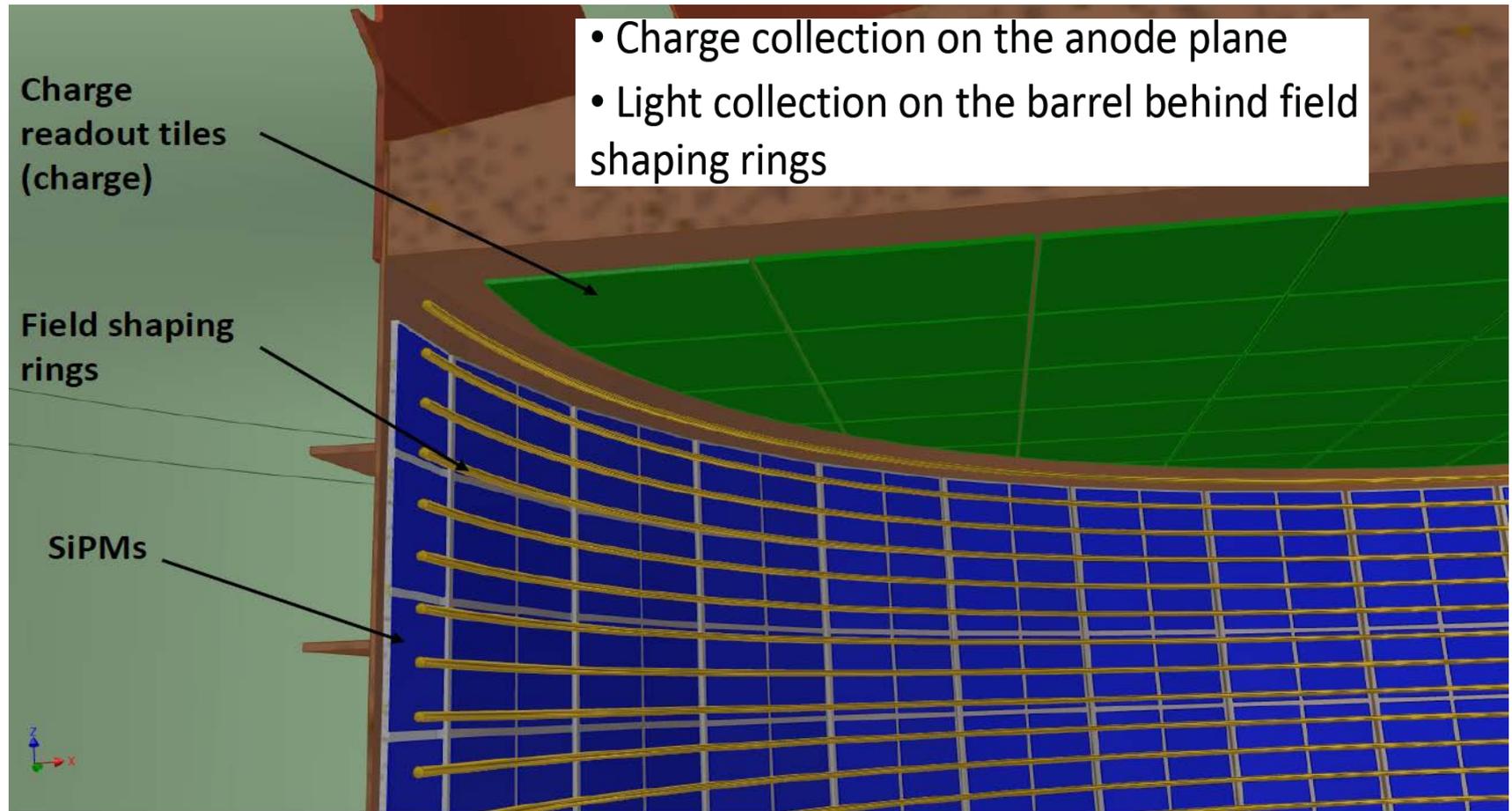


Beam  $\pi^0$  [tens-hundreds MeV]



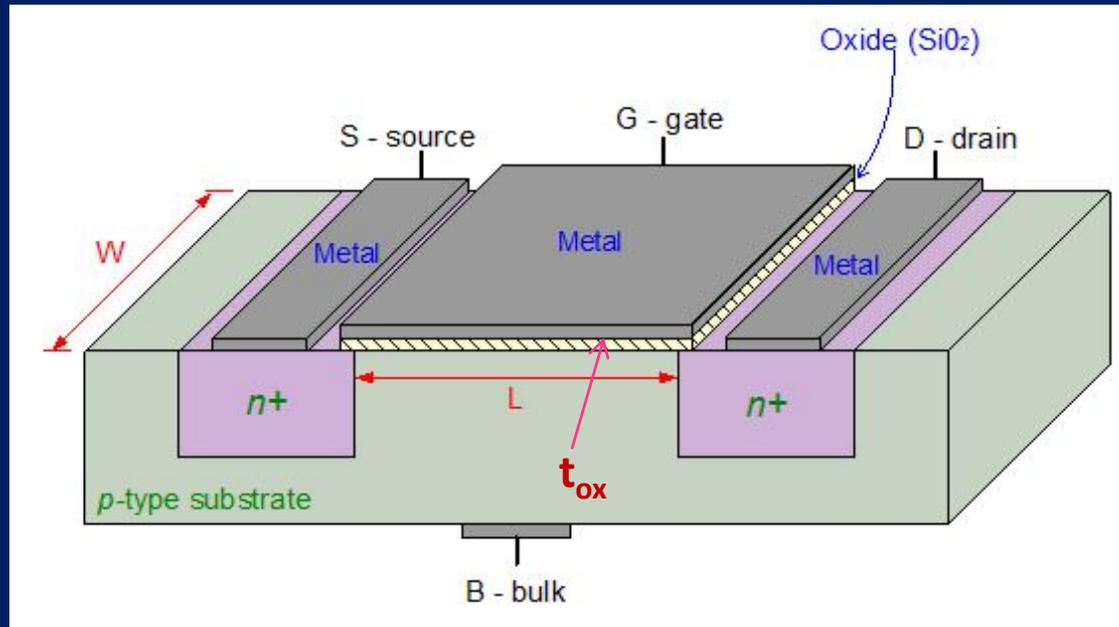
cosmic EM activity

# LXe TPC with Charge and Light sensing (e.g., $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay experiment) ~2 ton scale (nEXO)



**Challenge:** SiPMs to cover large areas (~5 sq. meters) in noble liquid detectors → large number of SiPMs to read out ( $>10^4$ , dark count rate  $\sim 10^8/s$ )  
Electronics in LXe (~160K) for both charge and light

# CMOS and Device Future



$$L/t_{ox} \sim 50$$

$$W/L \sim 0.1 - 10^6$$

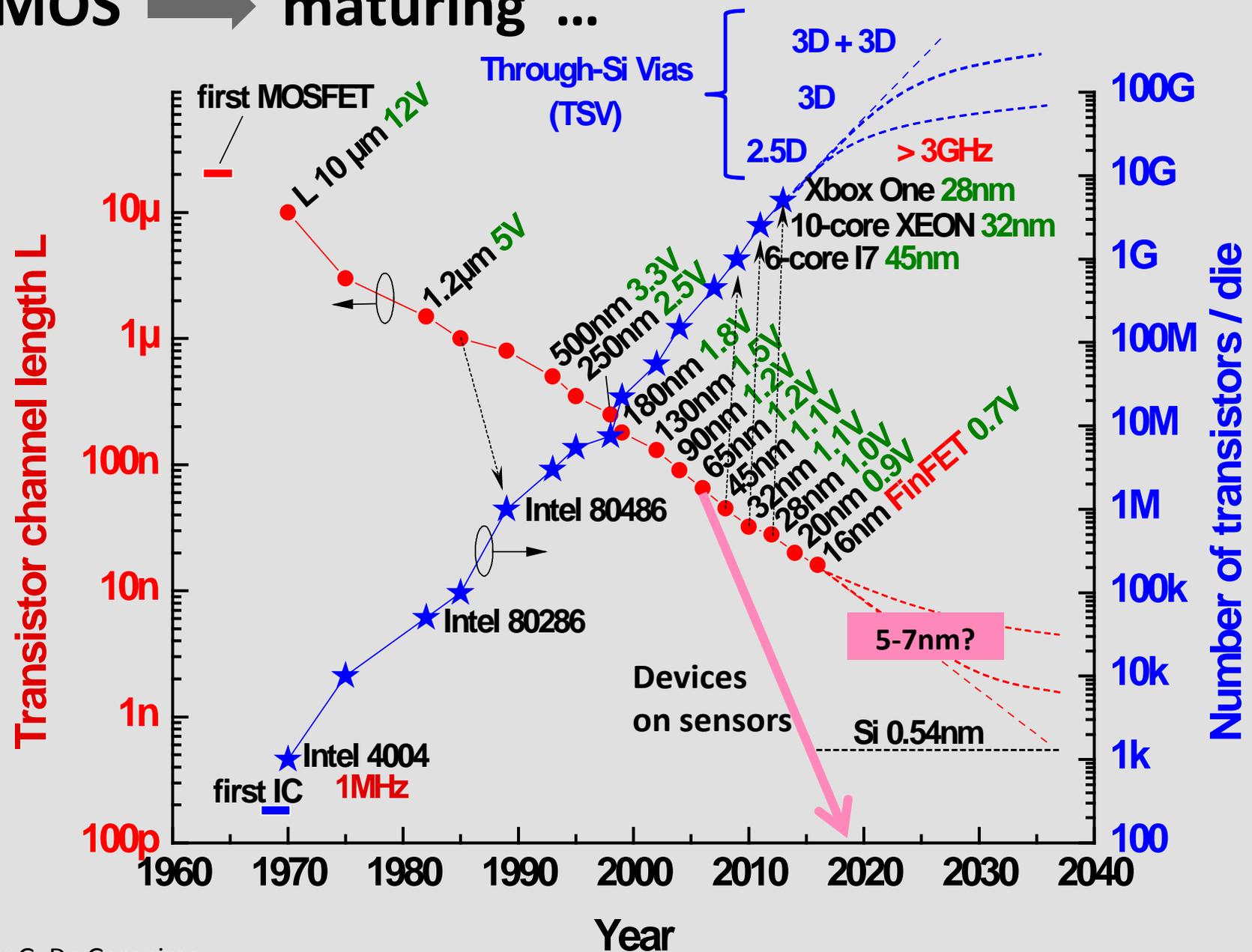
**End of Moore's Scaling?**

**Beyond CMOS?**

**What after CMOS?**

- Number of transistors/die  
→ functionality  $\propto 1/L$
- speed  $\propto 1/L$
- cost/transistor  $\propto 1/L$
- power dissipation/area

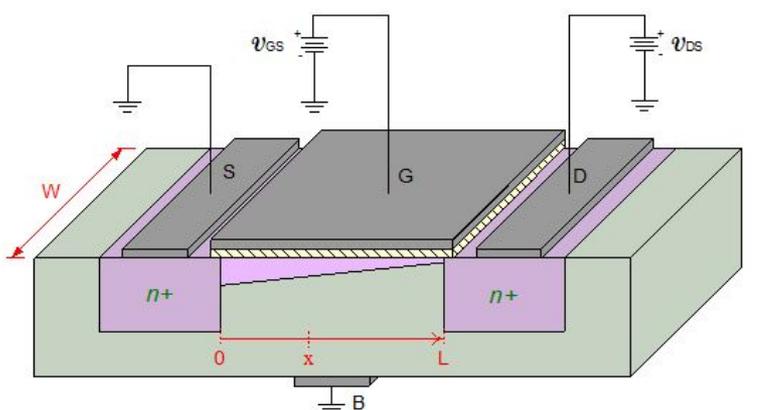
# CMOS maturing ...



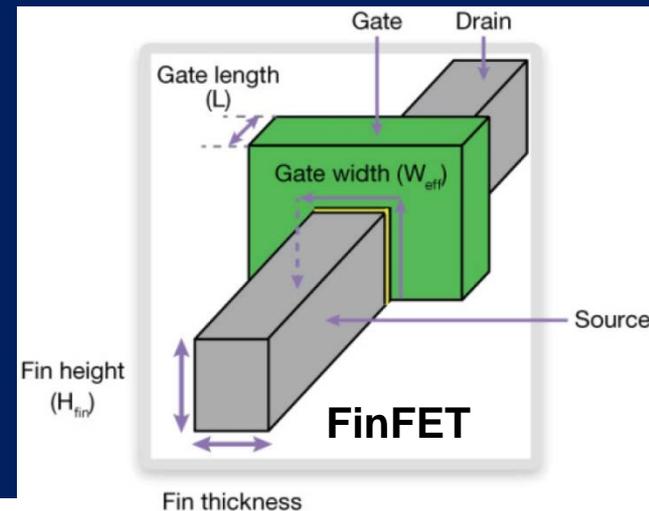
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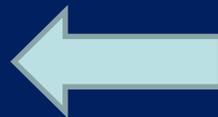
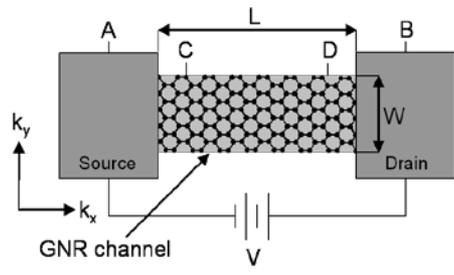
# Electrostatic Channel Control with Short Gate (<20nm) Goal: $I_{ON}/I_{OFF} > 10^6 \rightarrow$ Low Subthreshold Leakage



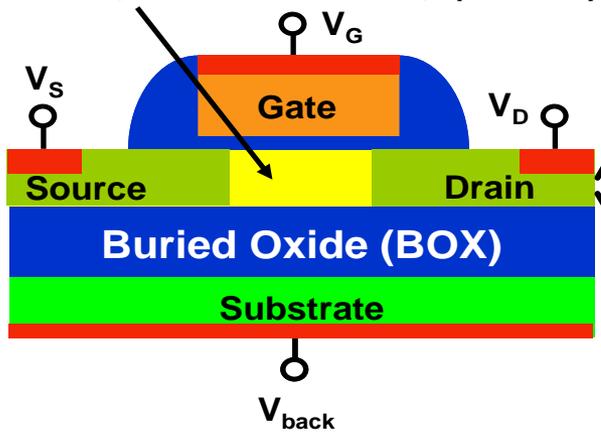
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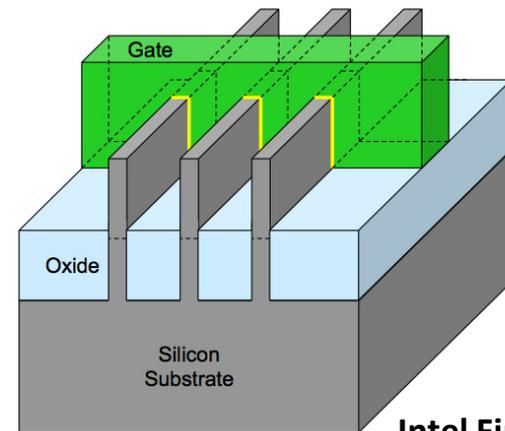
22 nm Tri-Gate Transistor



Fully-depleted body (FD SOI)



Adapted from: S.K. Gupta, FEE2014



Intel FinFETs

Tri-Gate transistors can have multiple fins connected together to increase total drive strength for higher performance

# Alternate Device Concepts

Physical (computational) variables: charge, current, voltage, electric dipole, magnetic dipole, orbital state

## Devices considered by NRI:

- tunnelling FET
- graphene nanoribbon FET
- bilayer pseudospin FET
- SpinFET
- spin transfer torque/domain wall
- spin majority gate
- spin transfer torque triad
- spin torque oscillator logic
- all spin logic device
- spin wave device
- nanomagnet logic
- III-V tunnel FETs

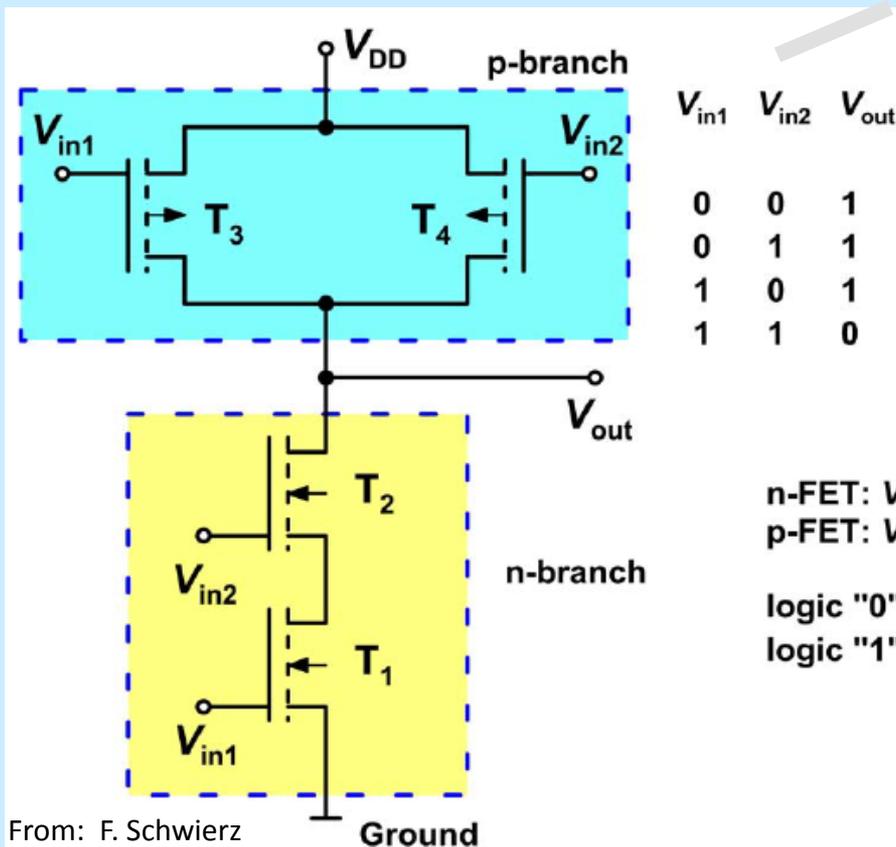
Upon analysis: *Spintronic devices have longer switching delays and higher switching energies, due to inherent time of magnetization propagation ...*

## Entirely new concepts (... and dreams):

- **Selfassembly of nanoscale devices** (single-port devices possibly, no three-terminal devices yet)
- **Stochastic computing:** no longer deterministic logic with **defective devices** acceptable,

# “Beyond CMOS?” Why is it so difficult to find a “better” (smaller, faster, lower power) device?

CMOS NAND Gate:



Any “Beyond CMOS” device should have many of the same characteristics as CMOS devices :

- power gain  $>1$
- ideal signal restoration and fanout
- high ON/OFF current ratio  $\sim 10^{5-7}$   
(low static power dissipation)
- compatibility with Si CMOS devices for mixed functions

The consensus : ***No new device is on the horizon with a potential to completely replace CMOS***

**More likely, a gradual evolution:** *New, or special functions (e.g., memories) may become possible in the nanoscale devices by new physics and such devices may be merged into CMOS circuits to enhance overall performance. Impedance matching may be necessary from the quantum resistance values (kohm) down to the 50-100ohm range. The overall logic operations and communications will still be based on CMOS.*

# What to expect for electronics integrated into particle detectors?

- It will remain CMOS based (albeit with new materials) well into the mid-century.
- The channel length will level off somewhere below 10nm in semiconductor industry with expansion into 3D and new channel and gate dielectric materials.
- Science community has followed the minimum channel length with a delay in actual use of  $\sim 10$  years. This may increase.
- The choice of technology node (e.g., 10nm vs 65nm) for high resolution detectors may depend on device parameter variations which increase with  $1/L$ .
- Minimum noise for capacitive sensors (science applications) will require channel lengths longer than minimum feature size (for  $1/f$  noise in particular).
- The time and effort for design of more complex ASICs has been increasing steeply with scaling: increasing functionality+growing design rules+more complex and costly design tools, more costly prototyping, extensive testing effort, unique design features for particle detectors.

# Concluding remarks:

The future of particle detectors to be developed with advancing electronics technology is exciting.

To take full advantage (or, just to keep up) will be a challenge for research institutions and funding agencies ...

... with all this you can work happily into 2050s !

Thank you!