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# MegaTile studies: with a focus on simulation

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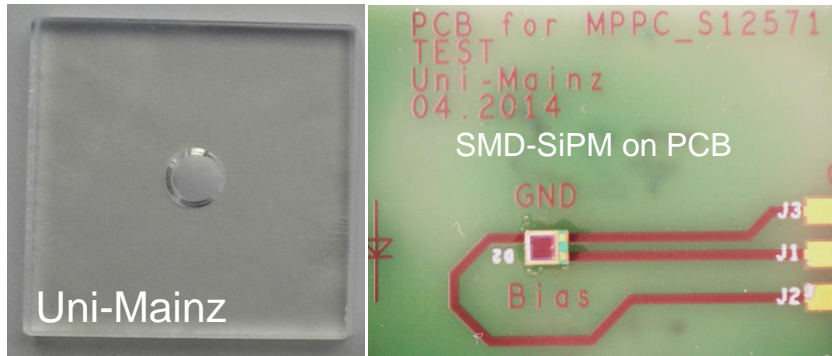


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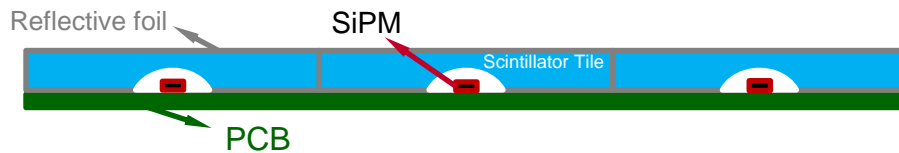
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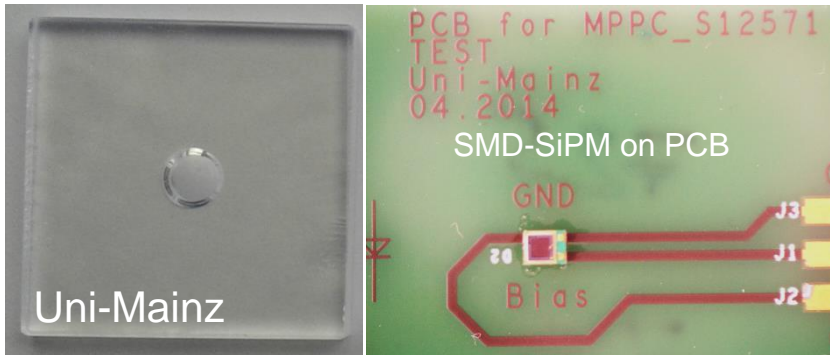
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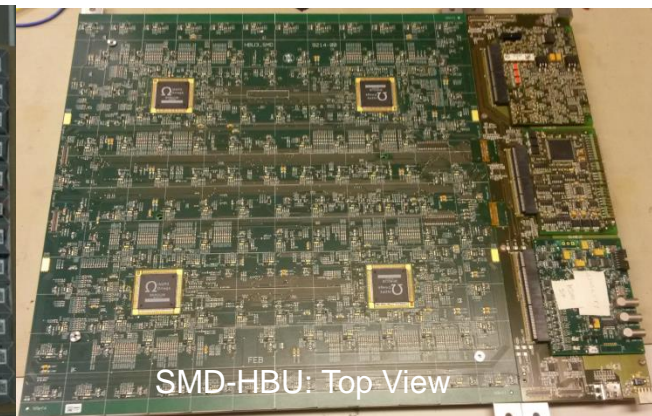
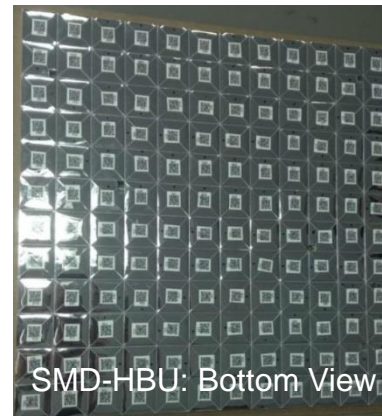
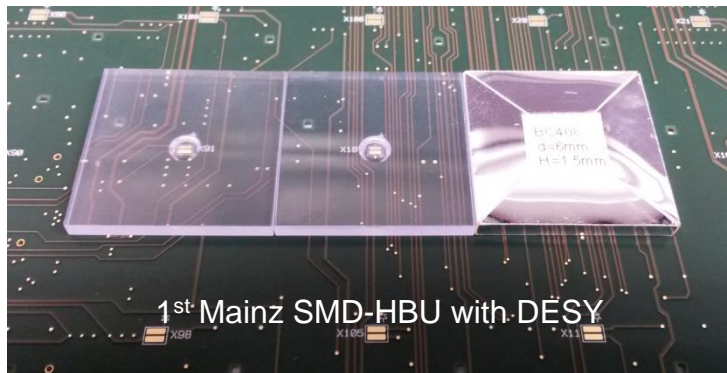
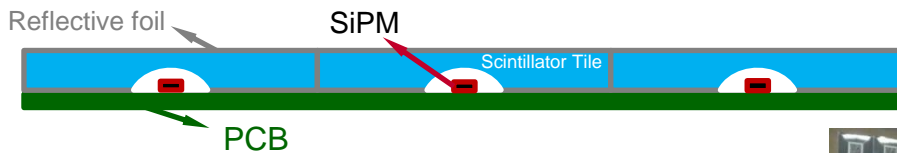
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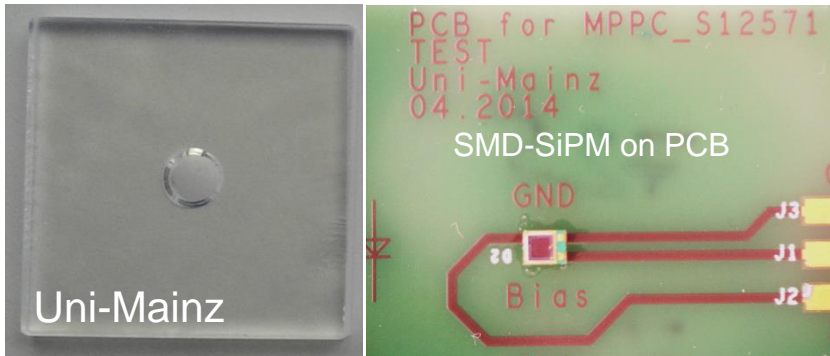
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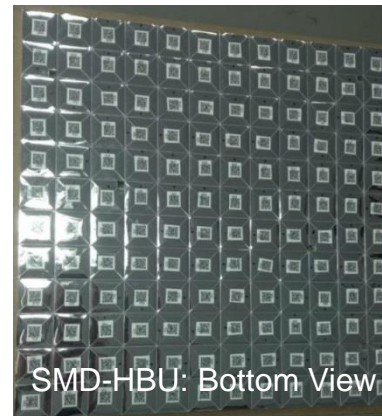
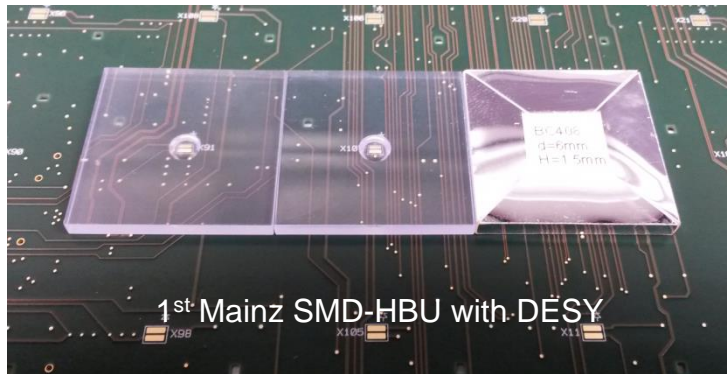
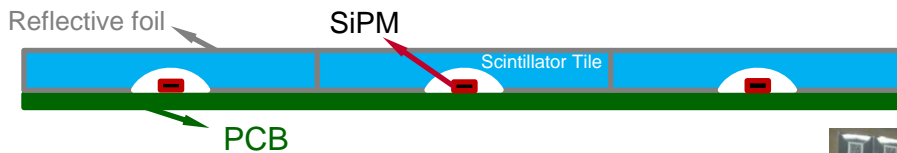


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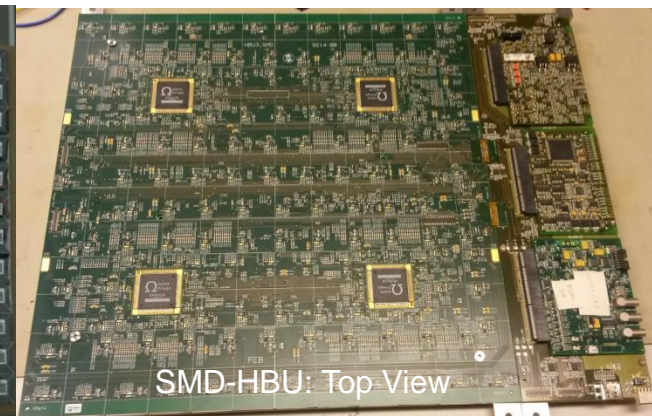
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SMD-HBU: Bottom View



SMD-HBU: Top View

- Surface-mount tile design
  - Optimized with Geant4 full simulation
  - 1<sup>st</sup> board built successfully in 2014
  - Adopted as a baseline design for the tech. prototype (2015-2018)
  - 6 new SMD-HBUs fully assembled
    - New SiPMs and updated tile design
    - Tile assembly at Mainz

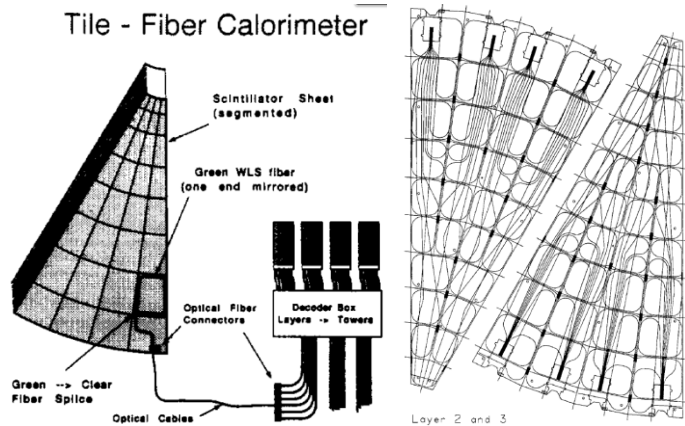
Details in talks from Katja and Phi

Can we further simplify the design for more efficient mass assembly?

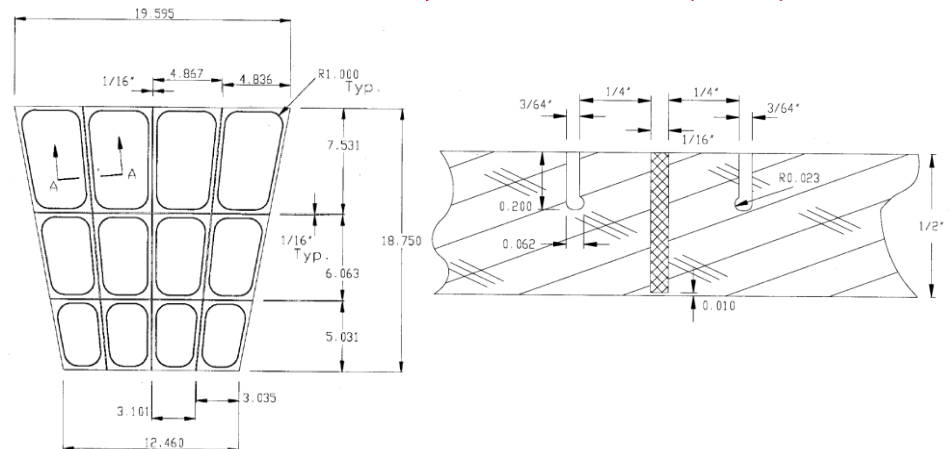


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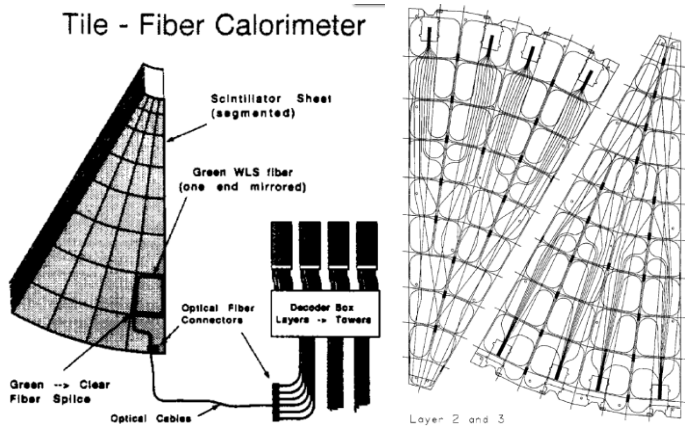
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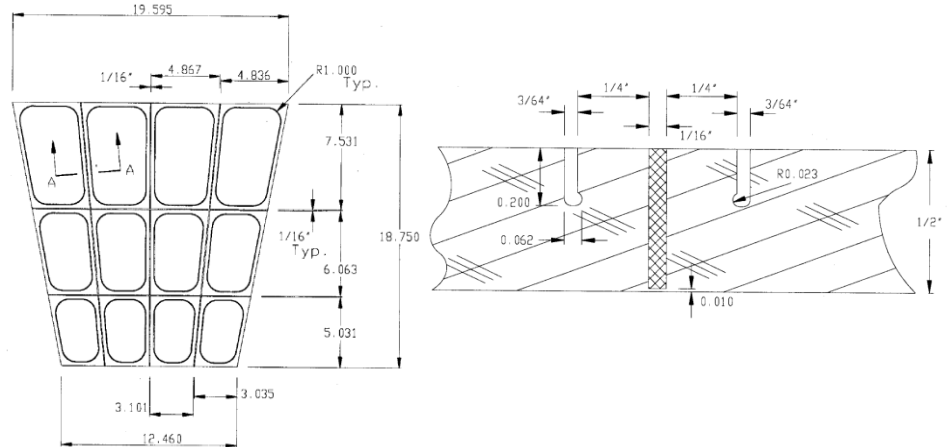
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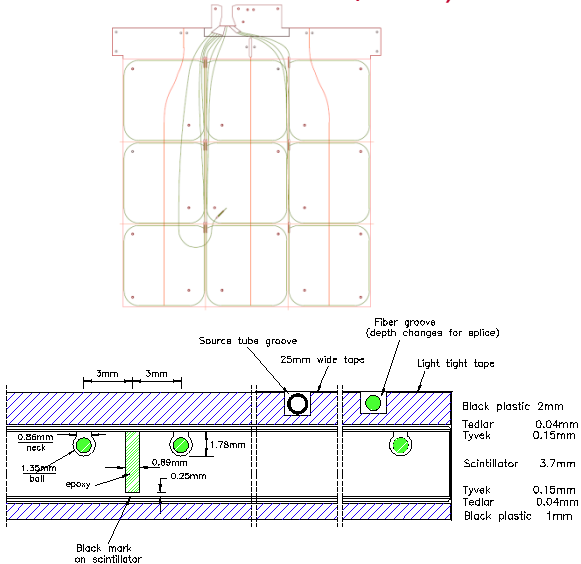
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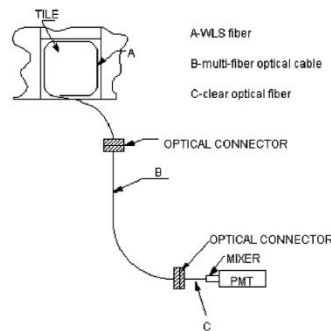
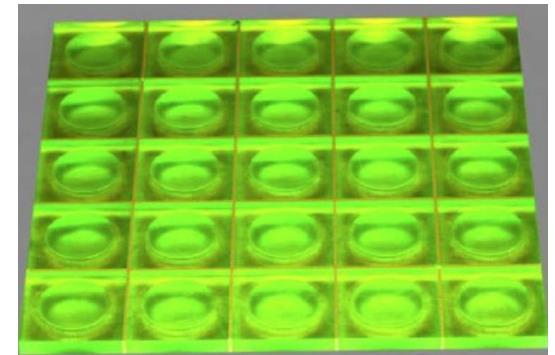


Fig. 5. Schematic diagram of the BEMC optical system illustrated for a single tile.

## NIU Integrated Readout Layer (2009)



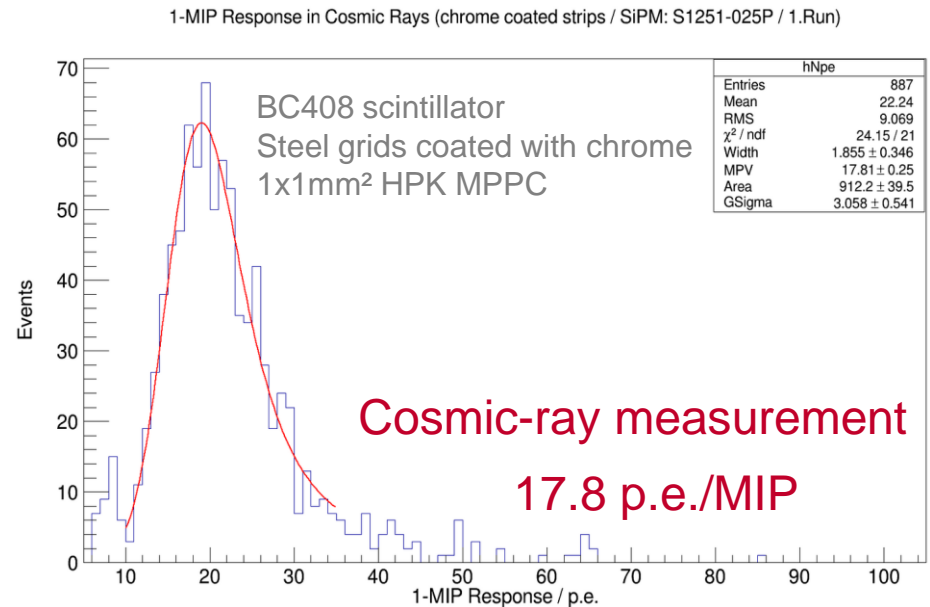
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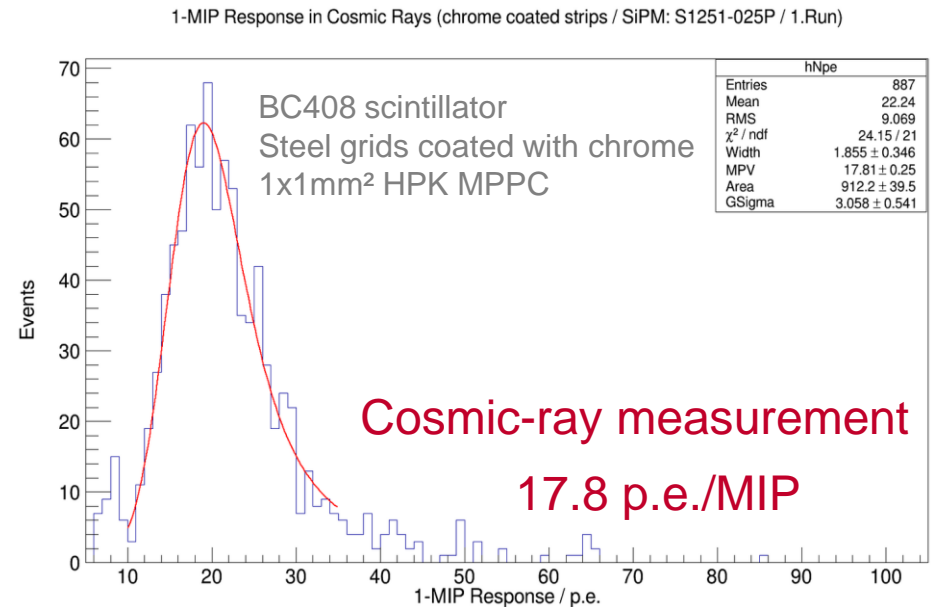
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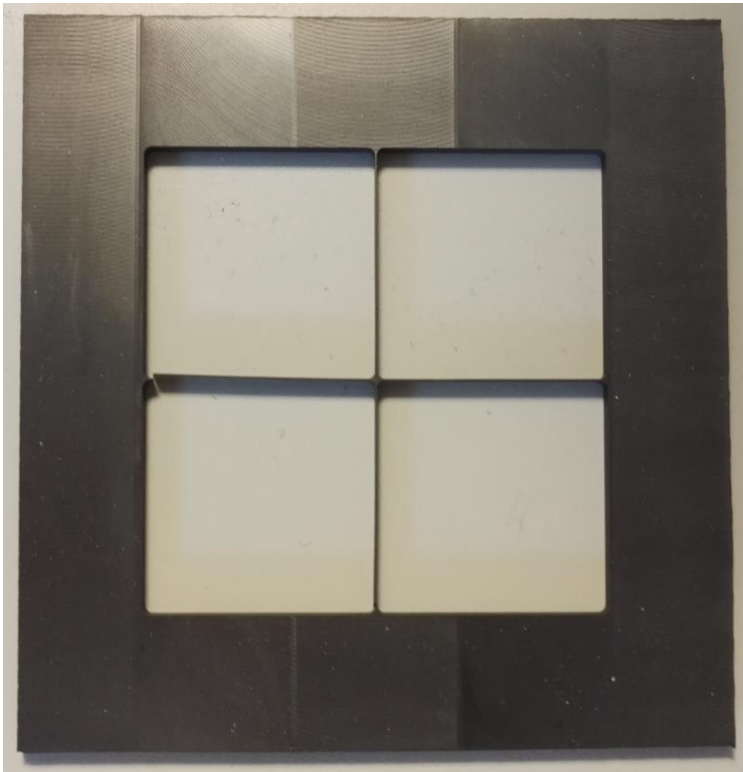
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- Many manufacturers tried, but could not produce the steel grids with sub-mm thickness at the size  $\sim 36 \times 36 \text{ cm}^2$



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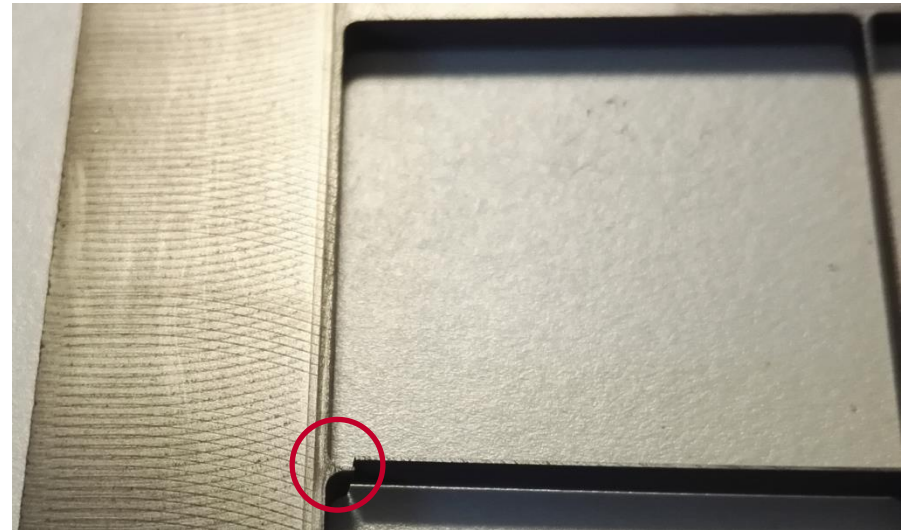
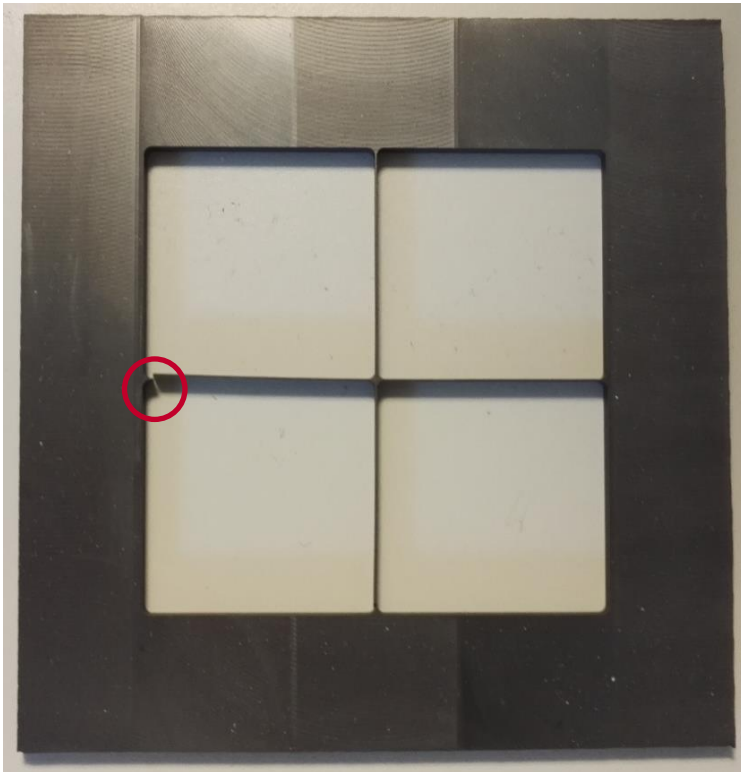
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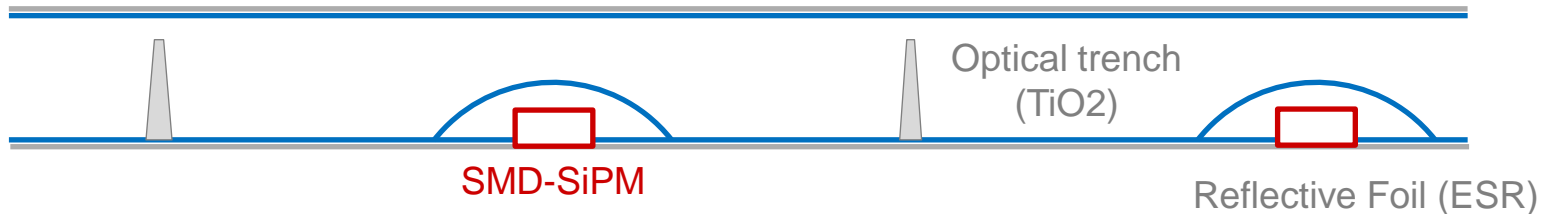
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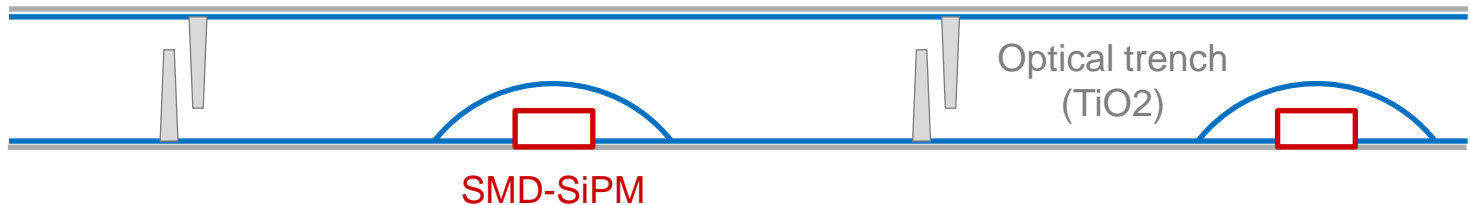
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- Designs
  - Trench arrays: single vs double
  - Trench free variables: shapes, depth, width(s)
    - Double trenches: position offset of top and bottom trenches

Trench schematics (side view): not in scale

Single trench arrays



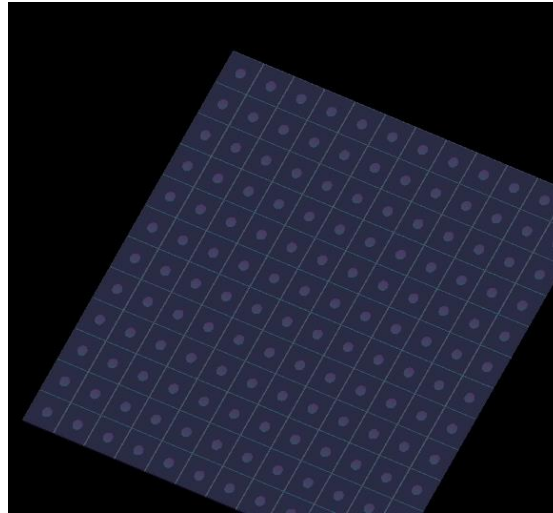
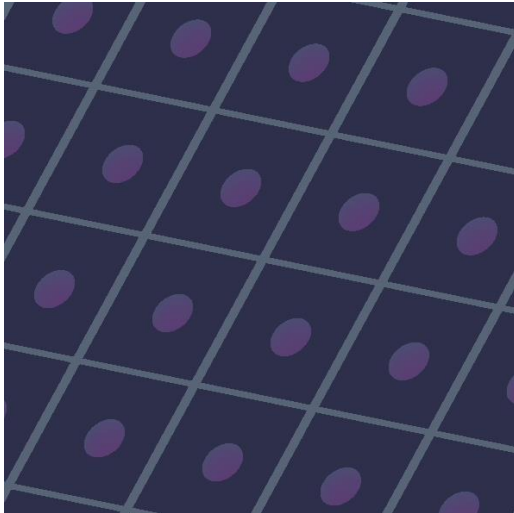
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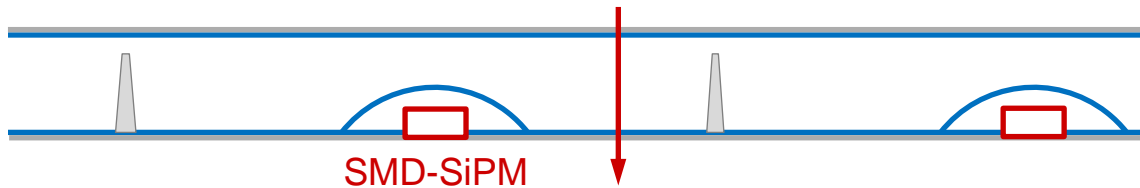
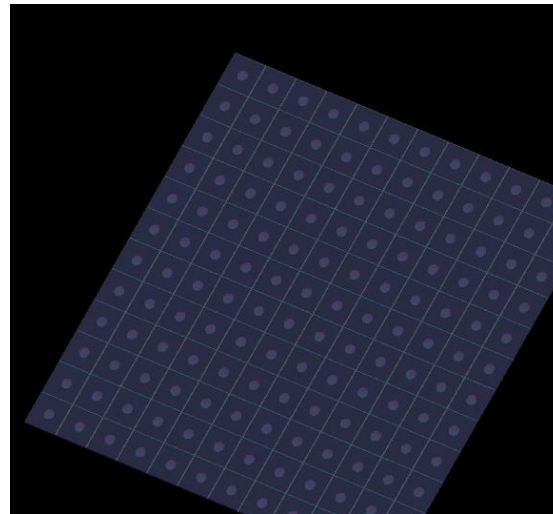
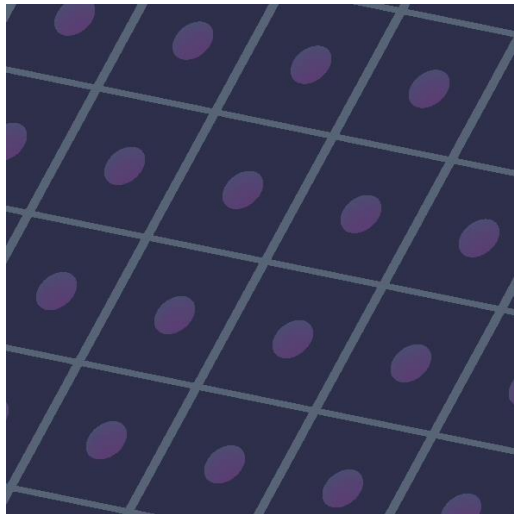
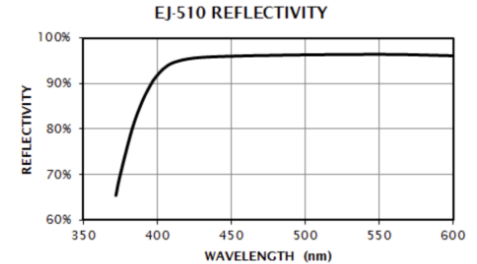




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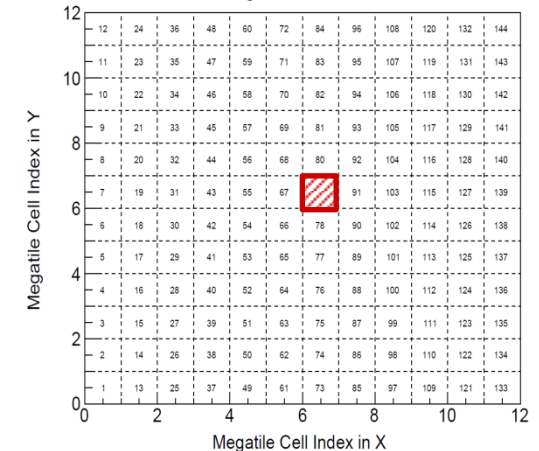
Trenches filled in with TiO<sub>2</sub>, presumed to be ideally diffuse



Response of each SiPM is read out and averaged by the number of events

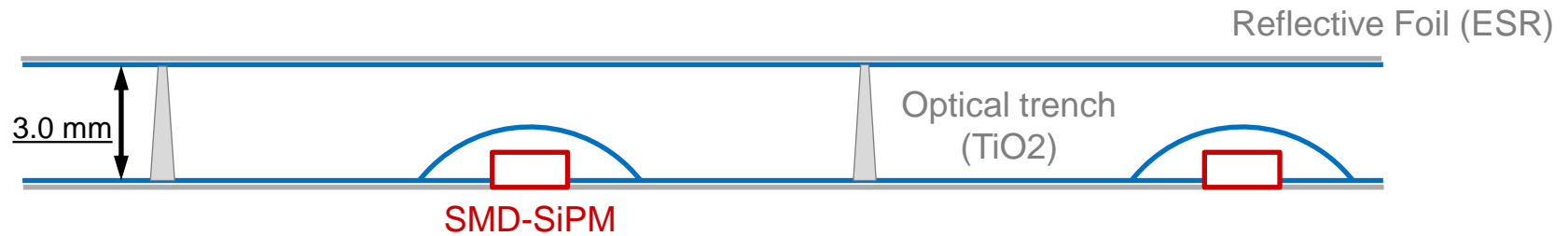
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Megatile: Cell Index



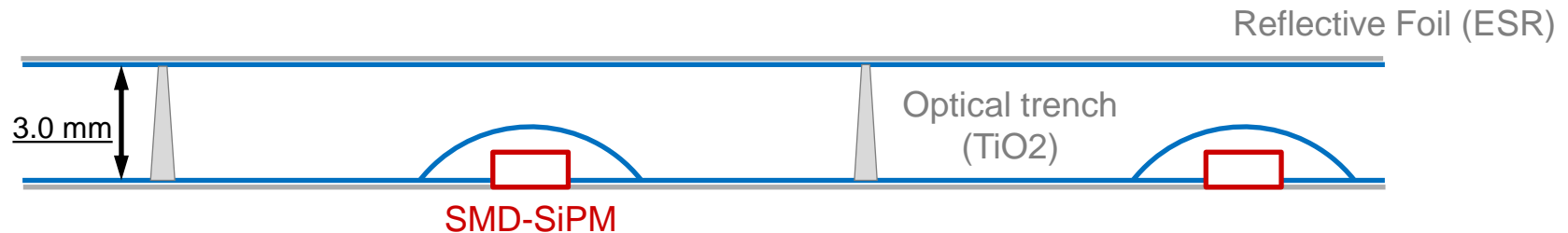
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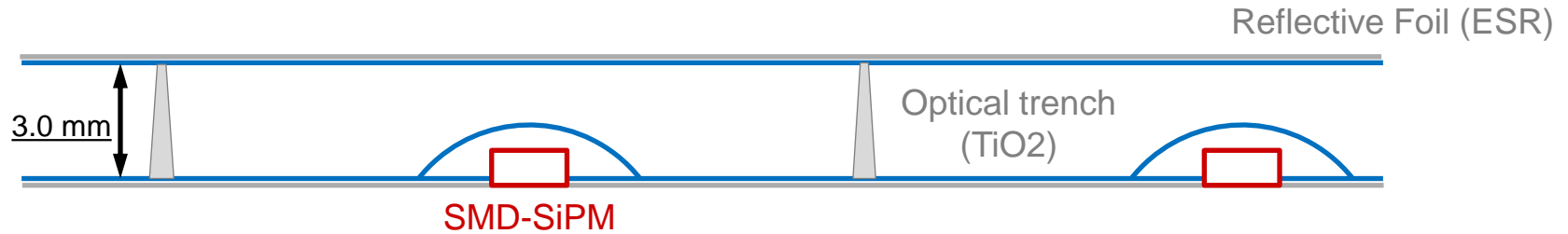
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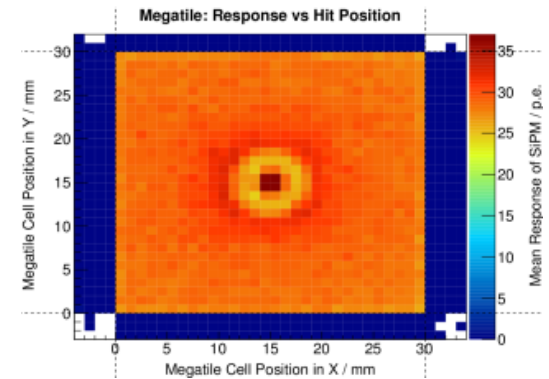
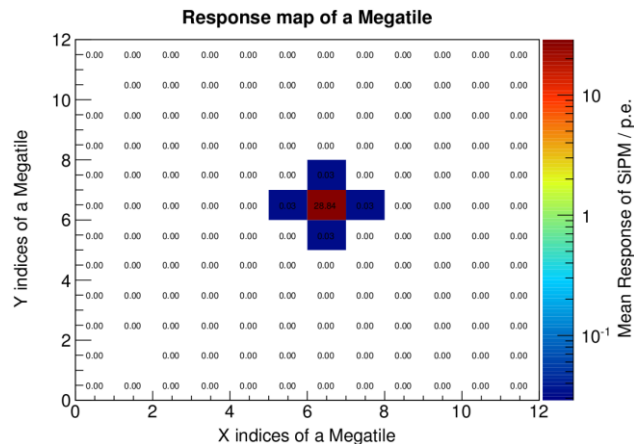
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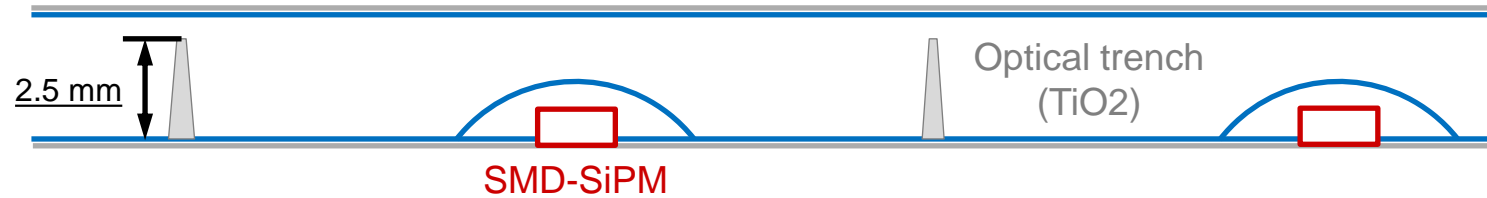
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Central cell details:  
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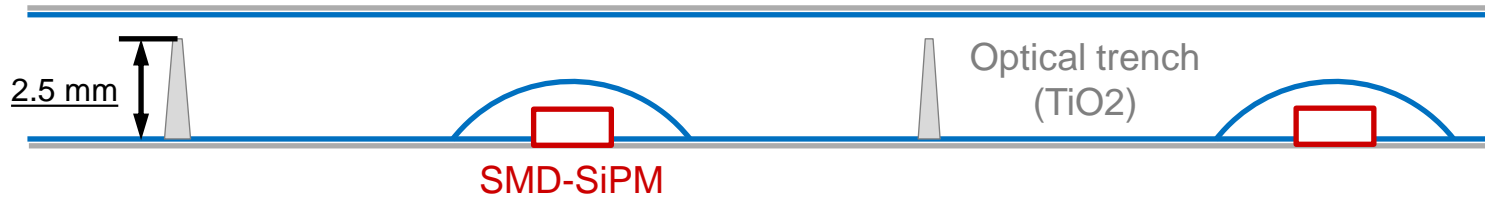
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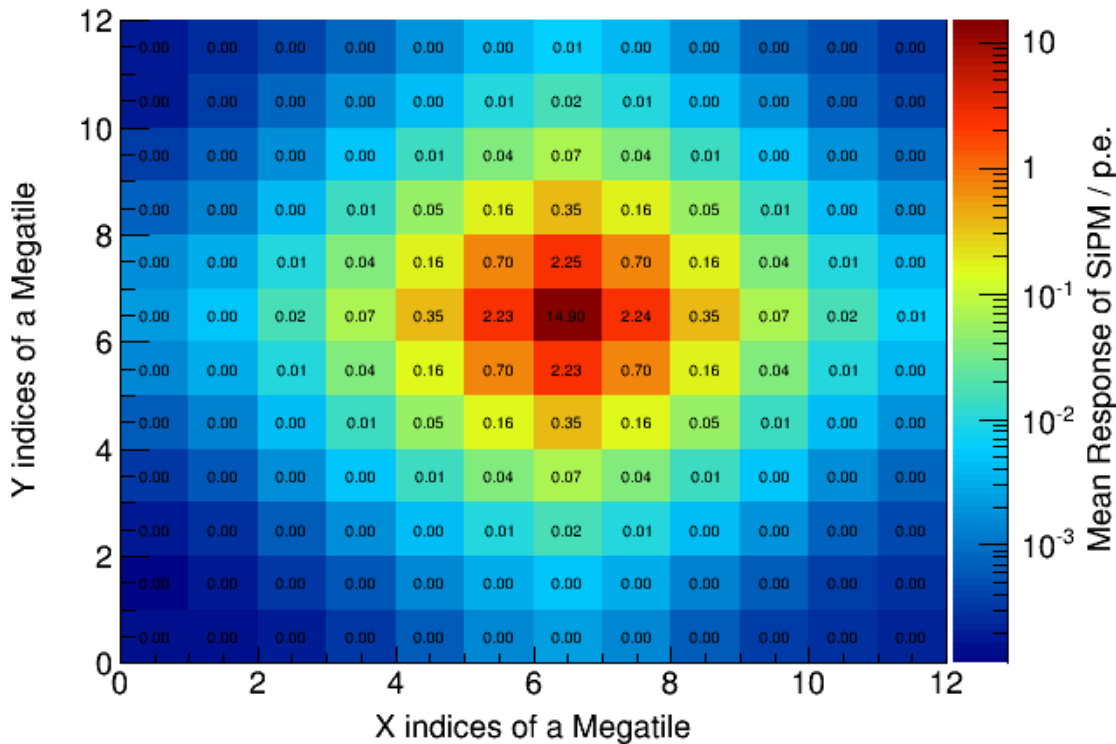
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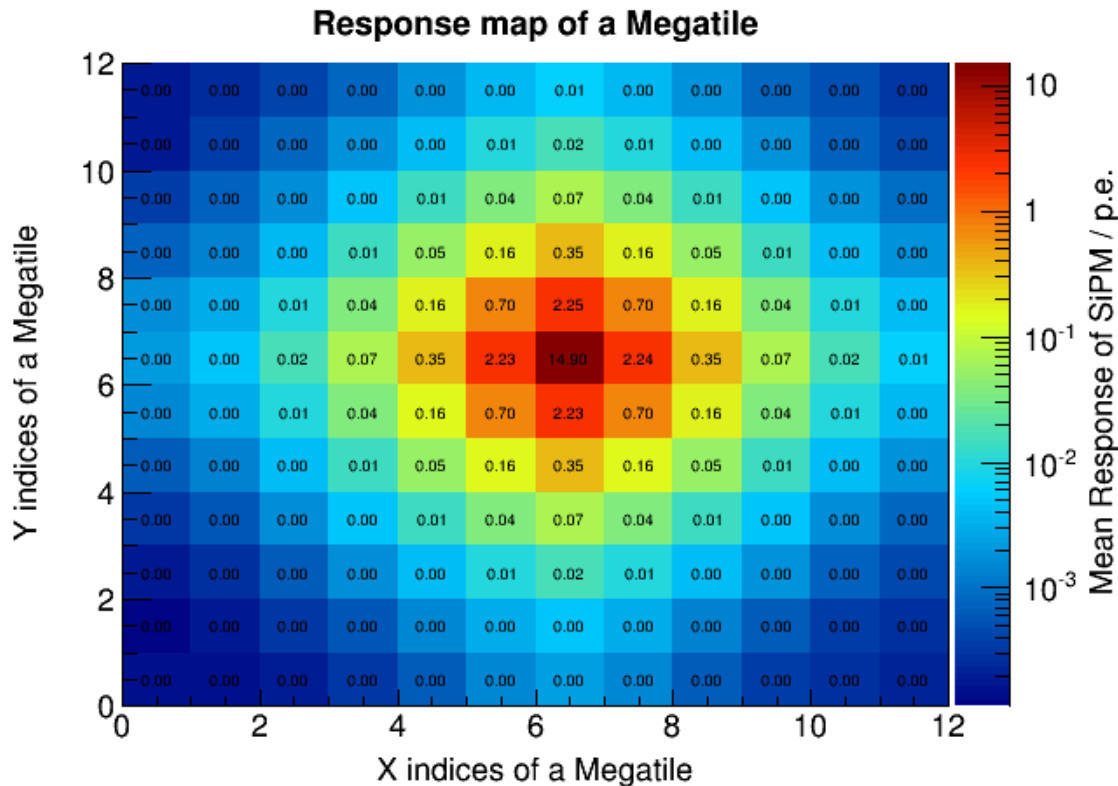
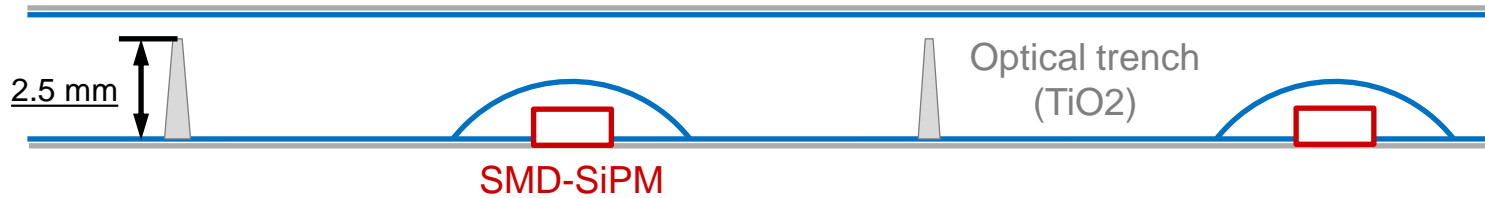
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  - 1-MIP Response: 14.9 p.e.
  - Compared to scenario of 3mm depth: 28.8 p.e.

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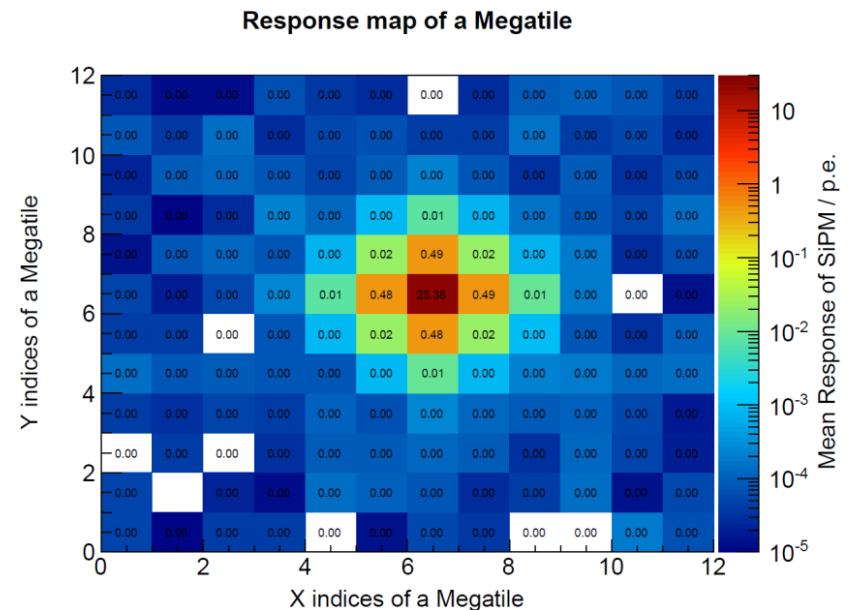


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- Geant4 results

- 2-cell crosstalk: 1.9 %
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  - Neighboring cell: 0.49 p.e./MIP
  - Boundary effects removed
    - Cut away hit positions within 2 mm from cell boundary



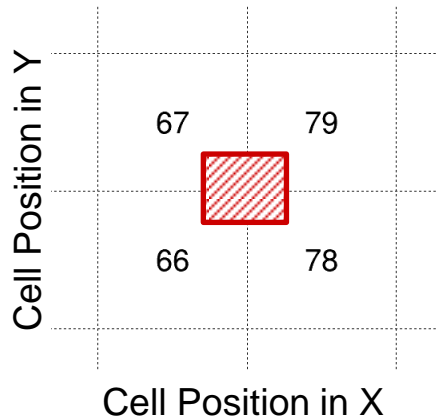
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Also interesting to see what are boundary effects (next page)

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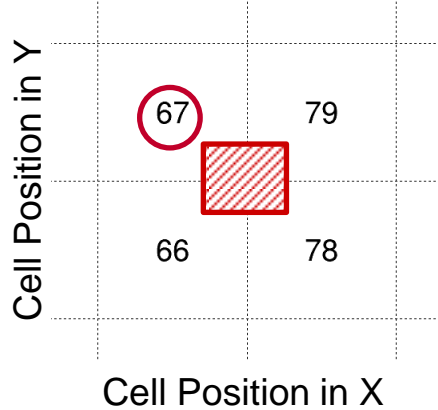
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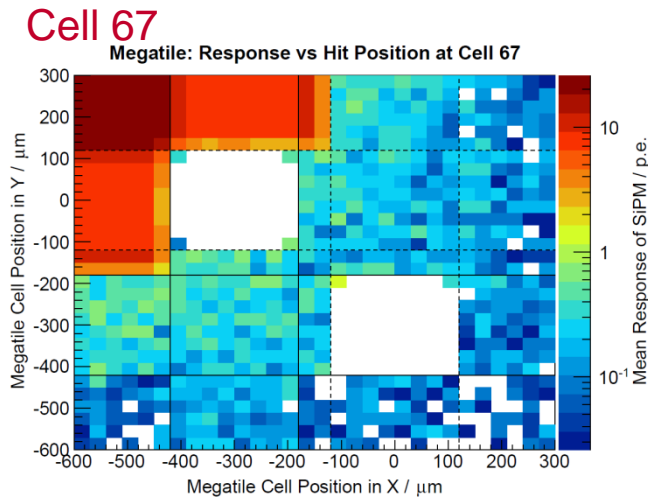
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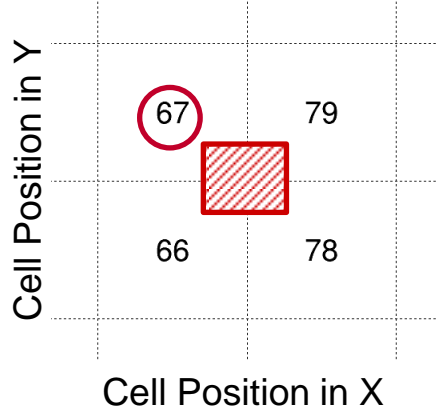


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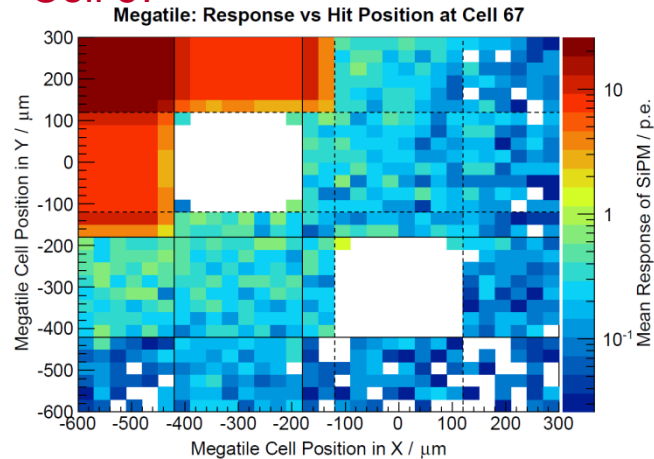
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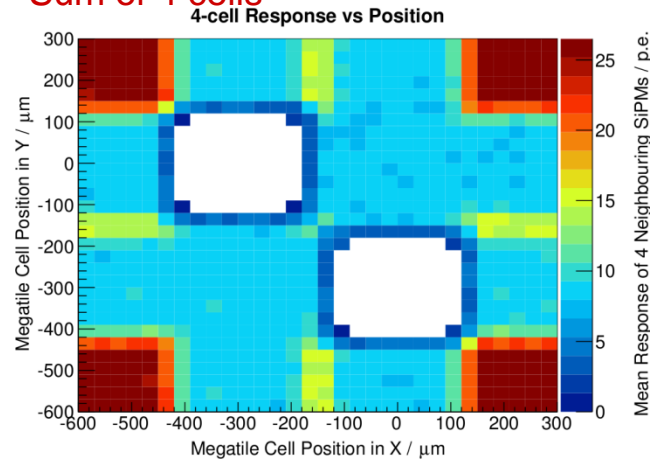
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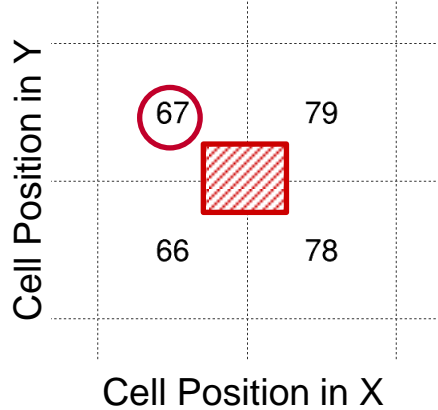
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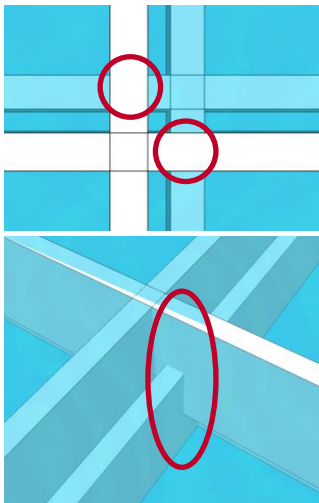
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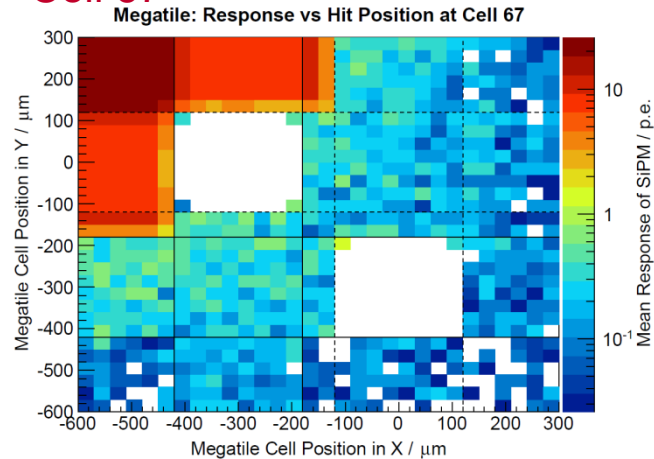
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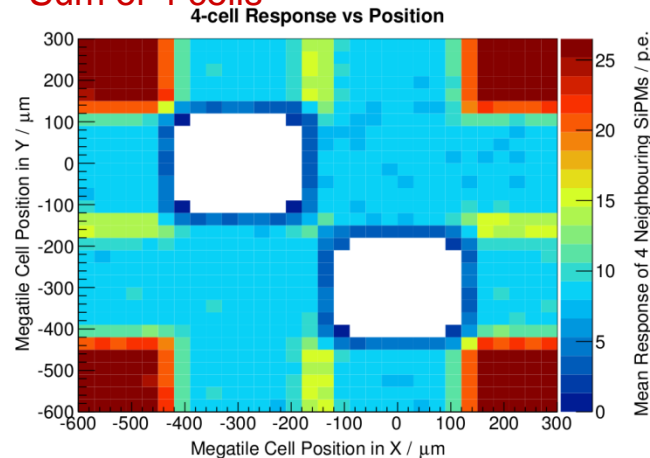
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Current tile size:  $29.6 \times 29.6$  mm<sup>2</sup>  
dead area per tile:  $23.84$  mm<sup>2</sup>  
( $\sim 2.6\%$  of a tile)

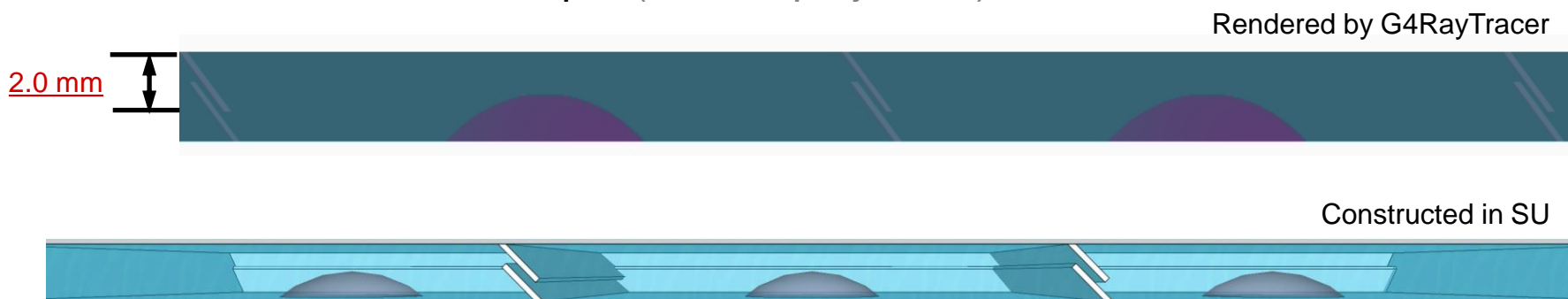
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- Tilted trenches: only one design shown
  - Tilted 45°, 2mm depth (vertical projection)



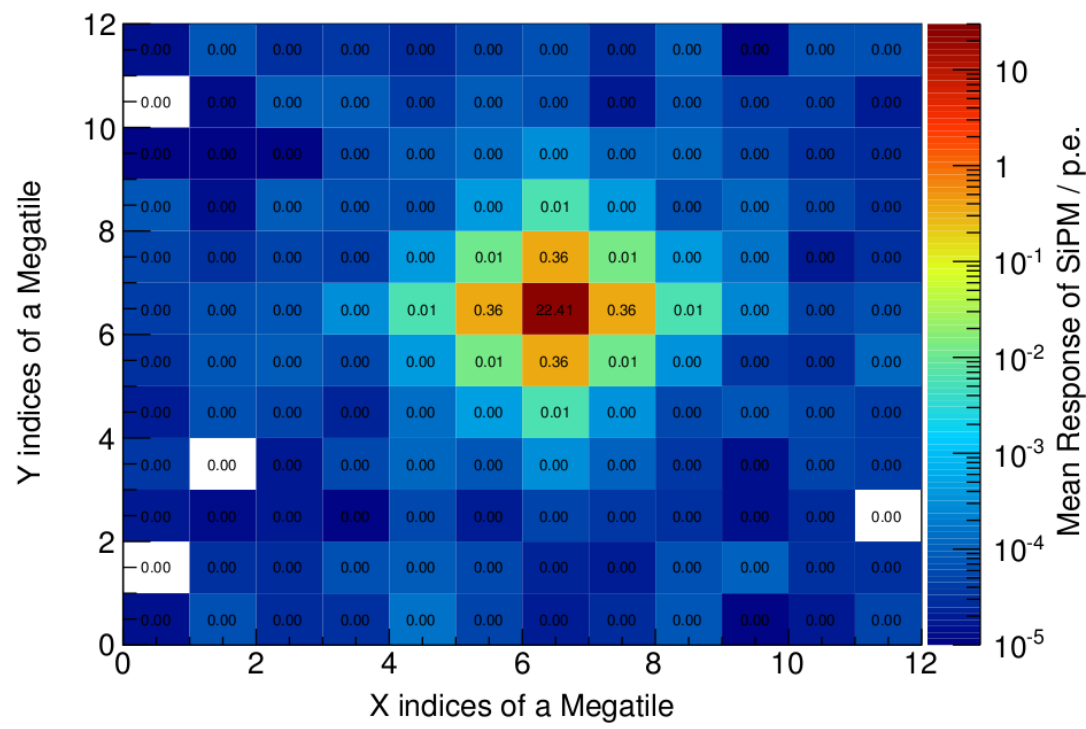


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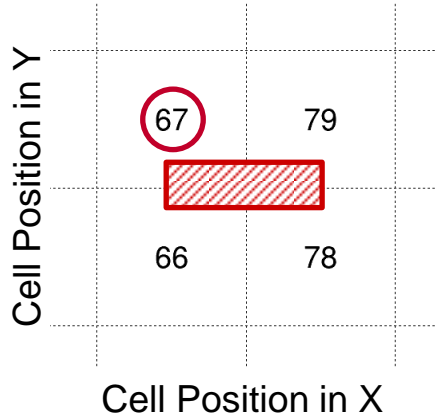


- Crosstalk
  - 2-cell crosstalk 1.9 %
  - Same as straight trenches
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  - Lower response than straight trenches (25.4 p.e.)

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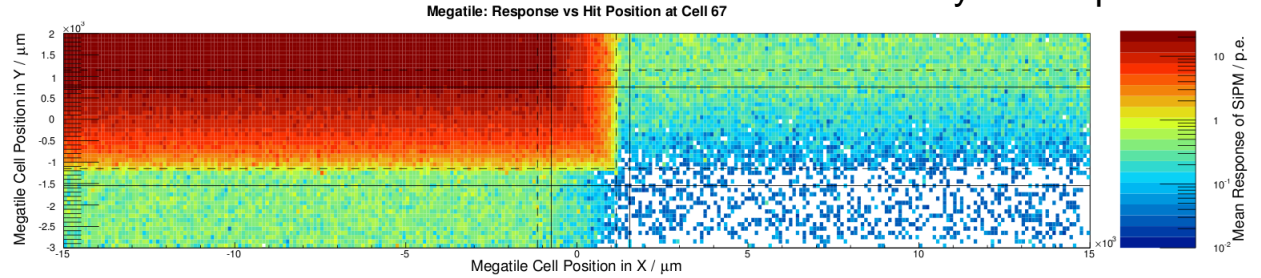
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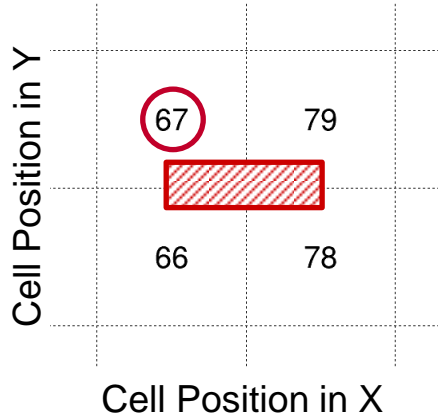
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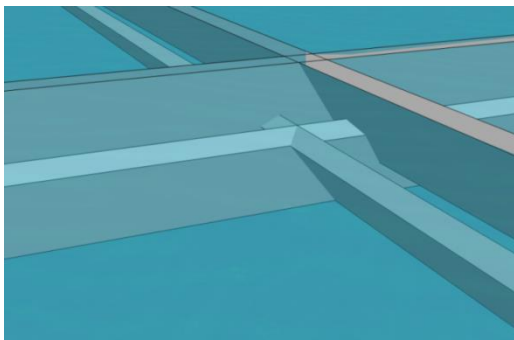


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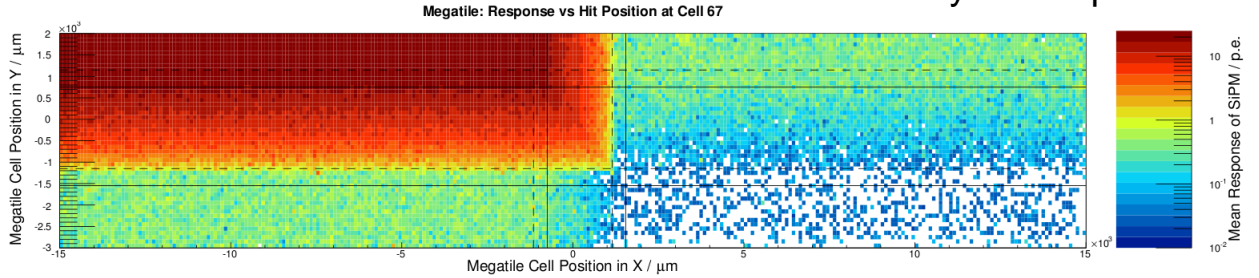
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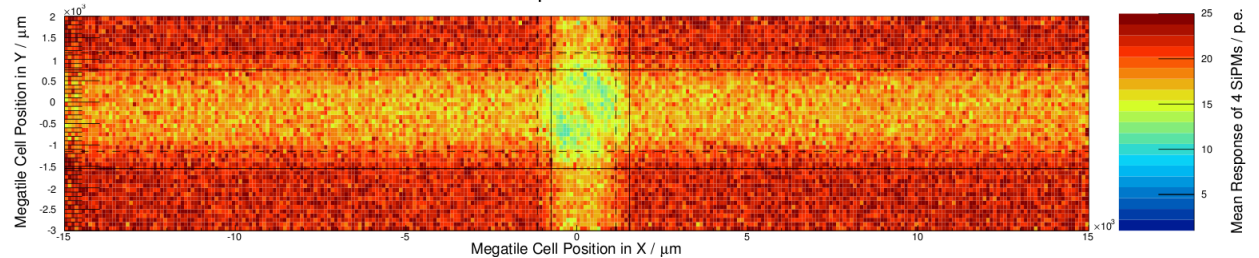
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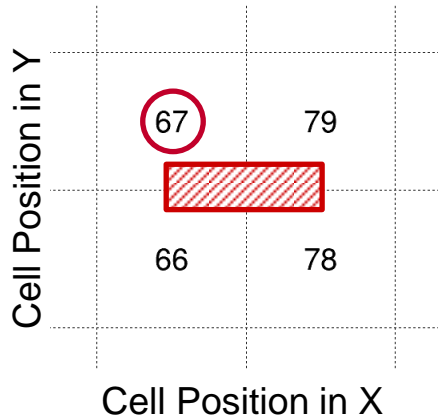
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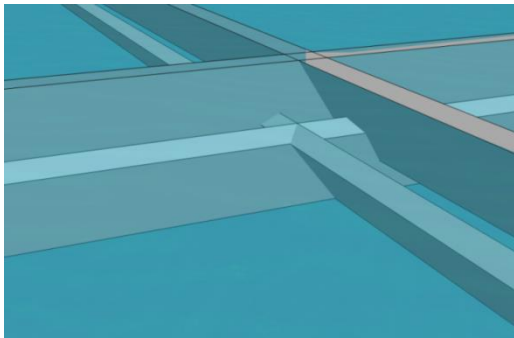
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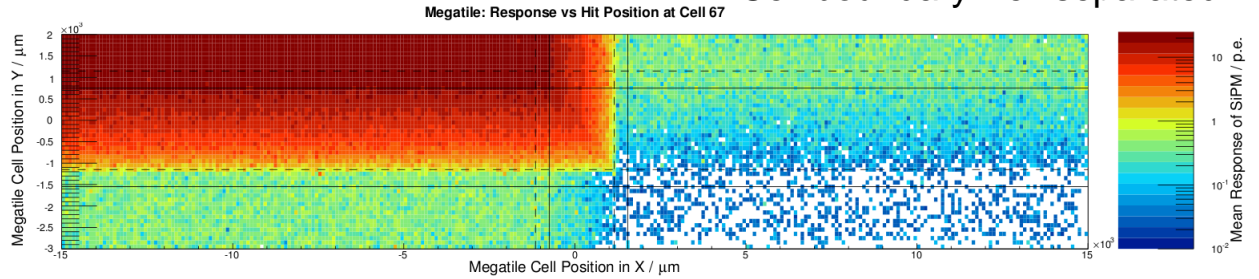
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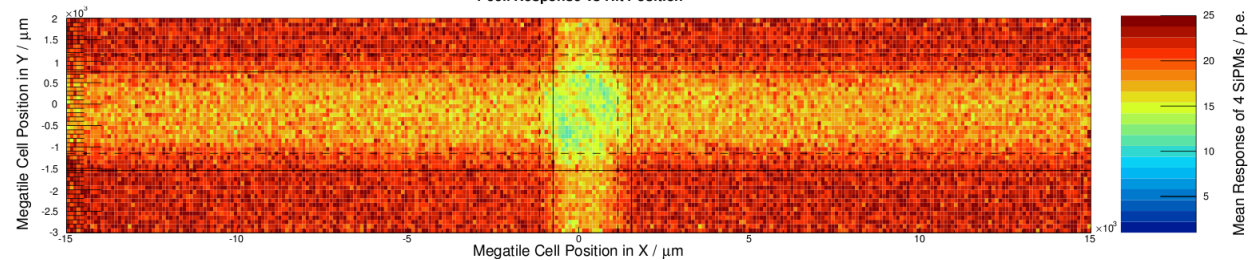
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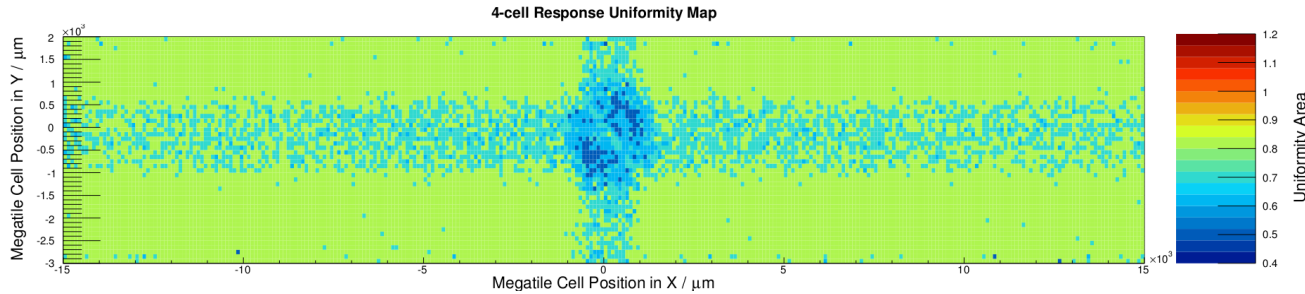


- Boundary areas: also high response
- Impact from particle incidence angle
  - Perpendicular: no dead area (as shown)
  - Oblique: very small dead area foreseen
    - Only ~ 45° incident tracks, but these tracks also lead to higher energy depositions in the scintillator

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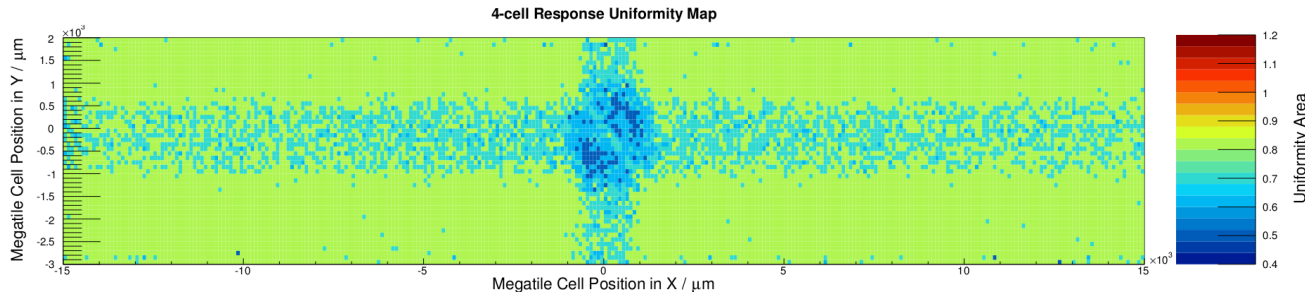
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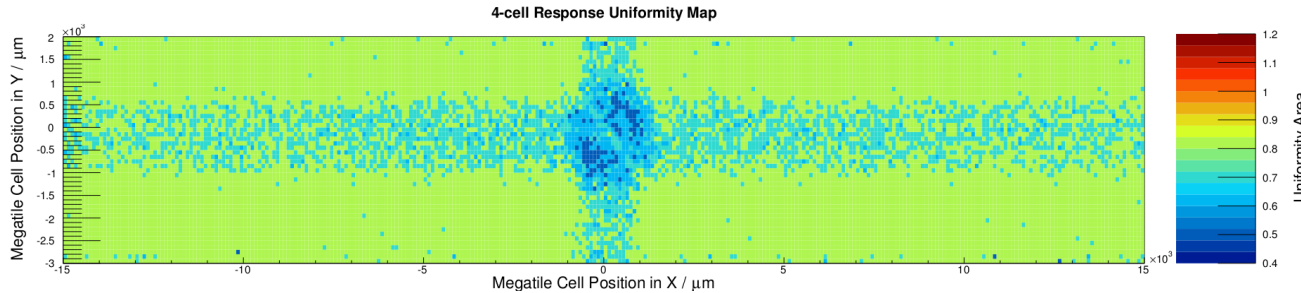
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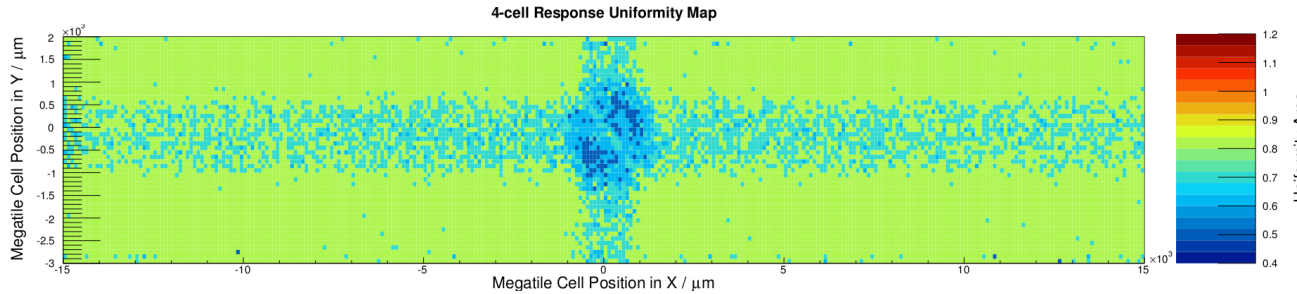
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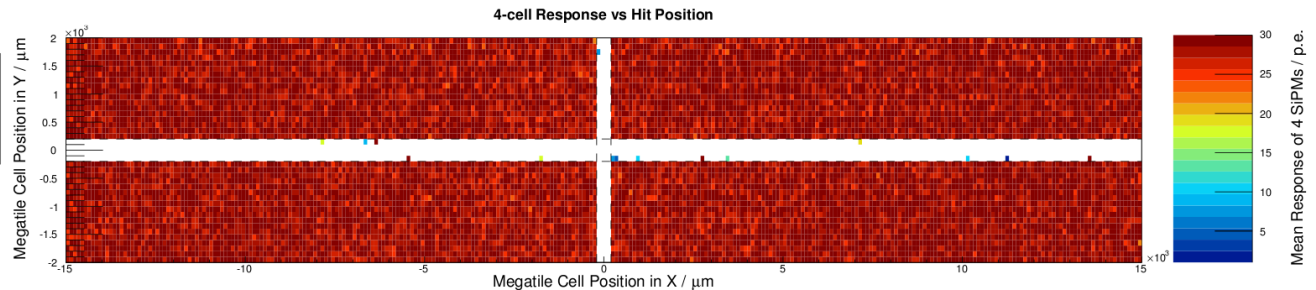
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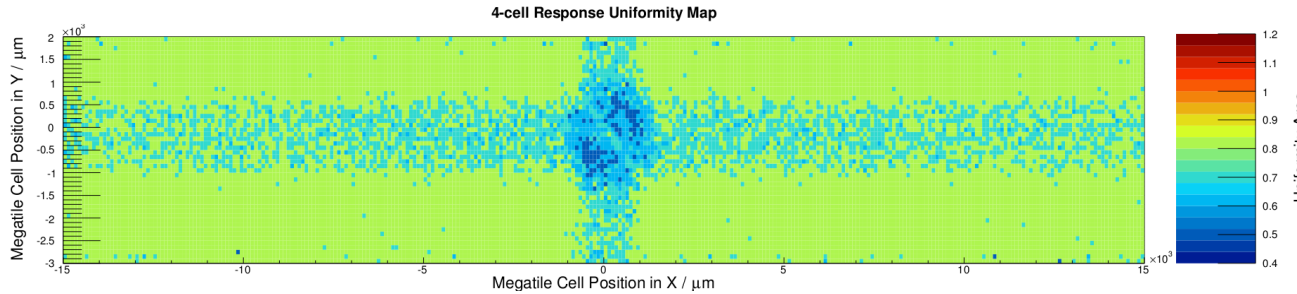
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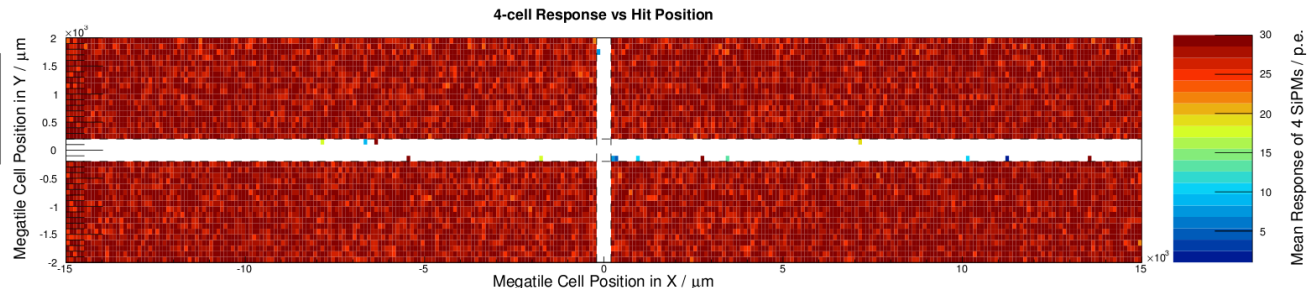
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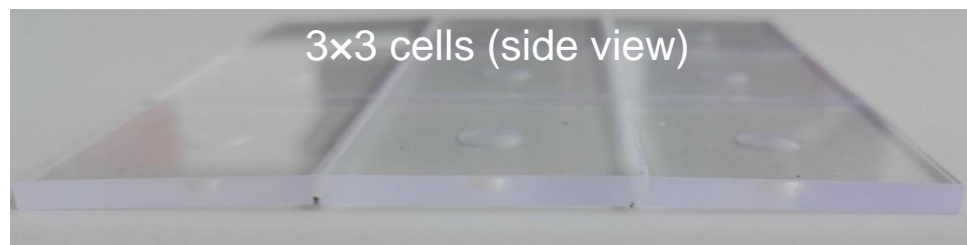
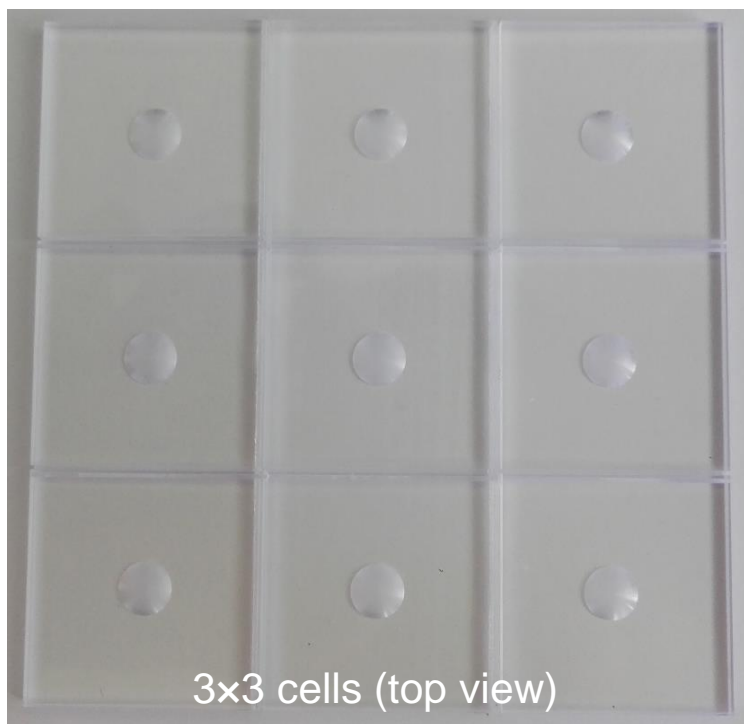
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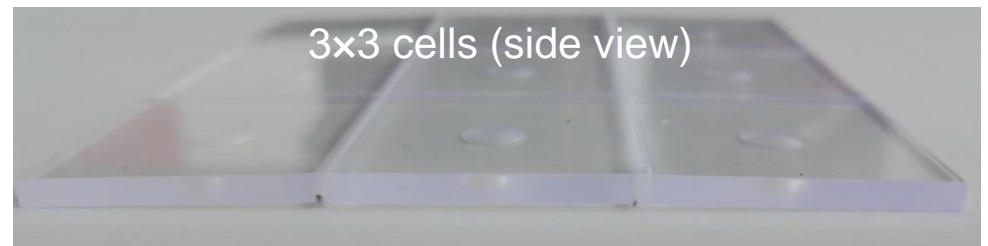
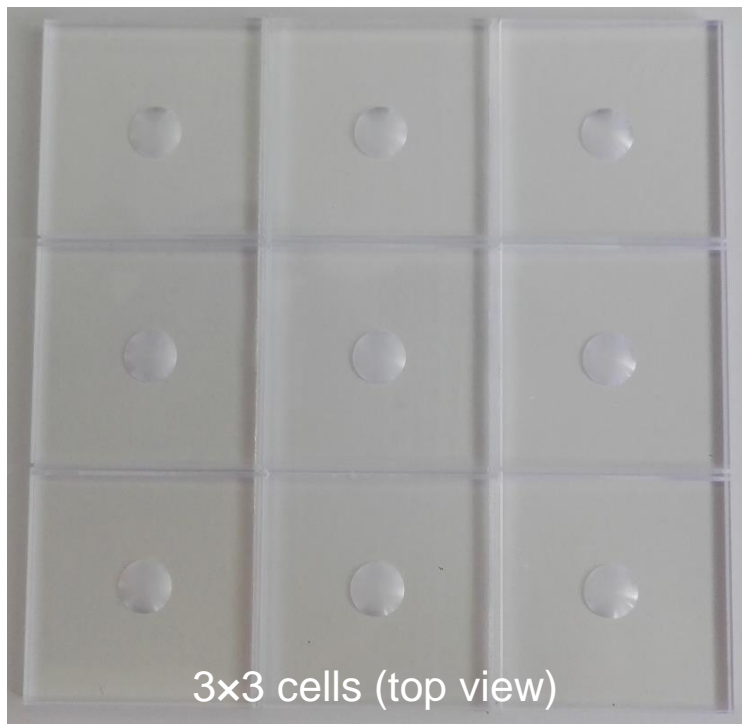
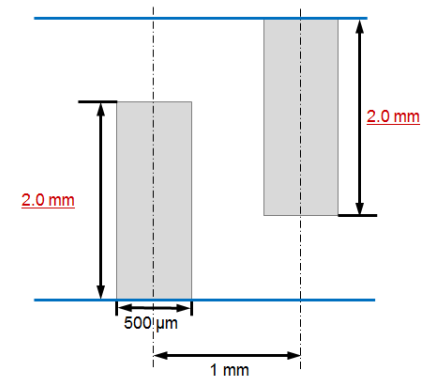
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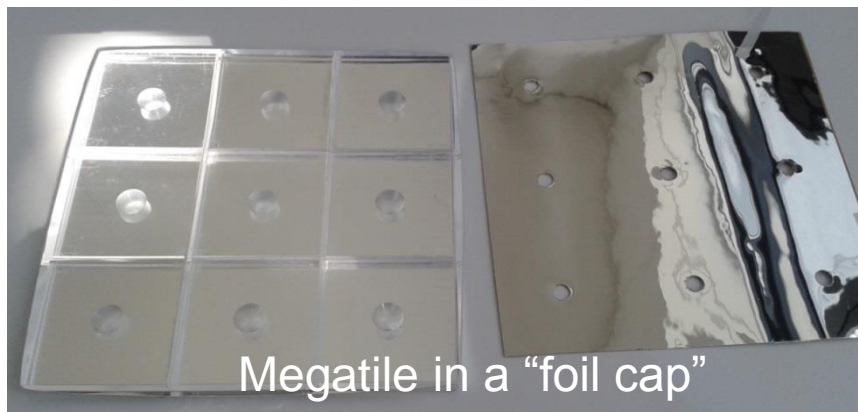
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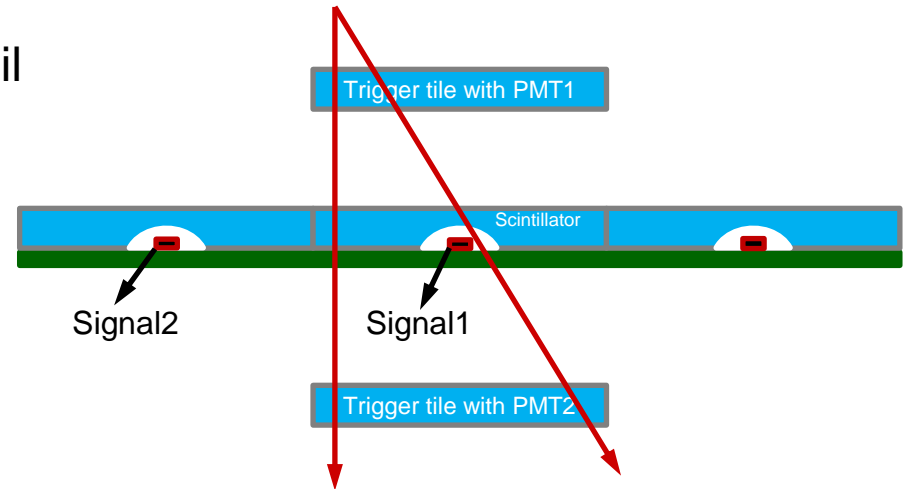
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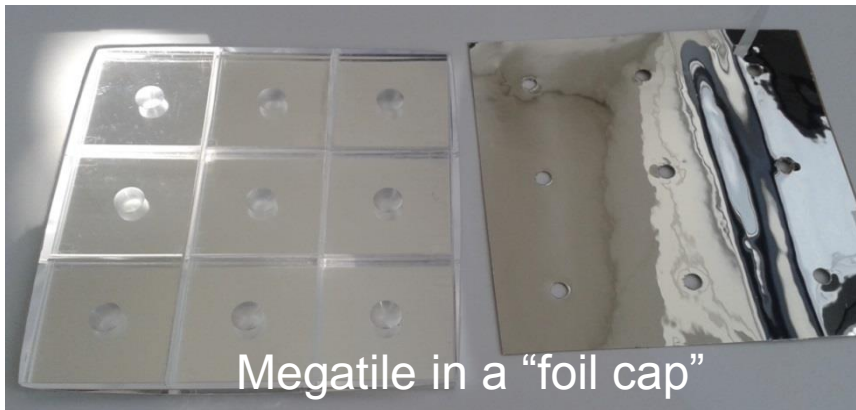


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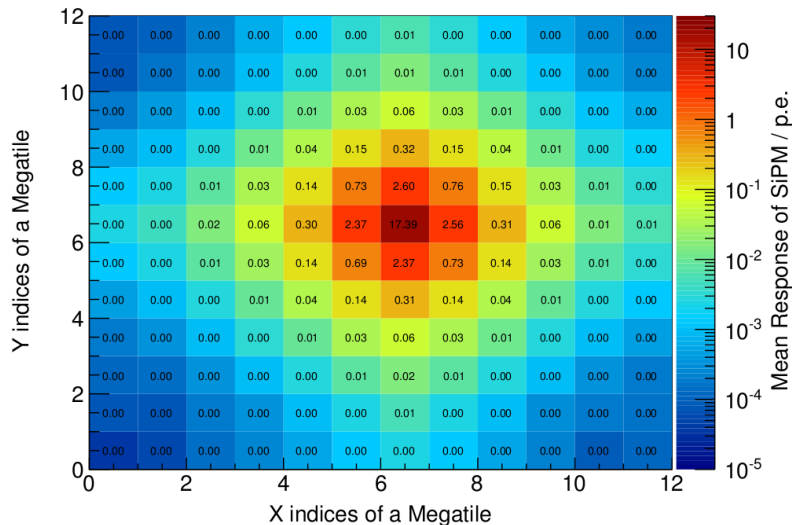




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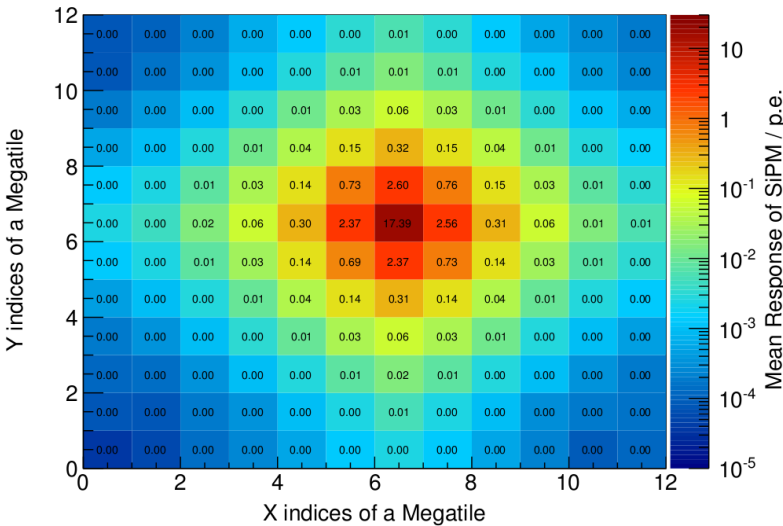
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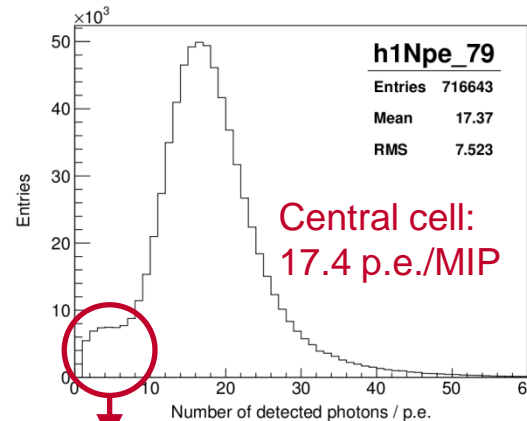
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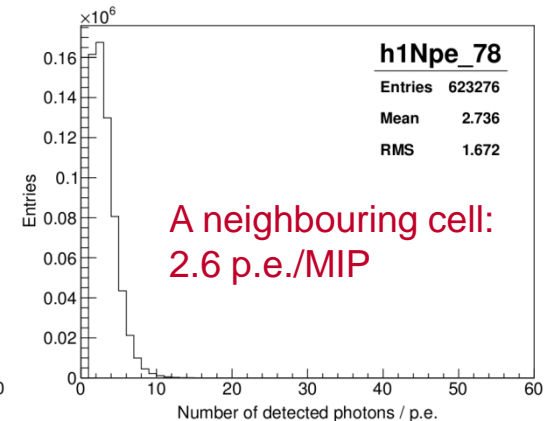
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Tracks passing through boundary

Entries with 0 p.e. exist (no noises), just not plotted;  
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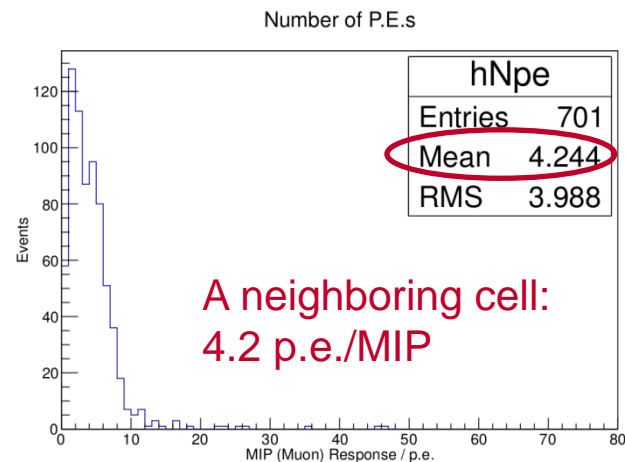
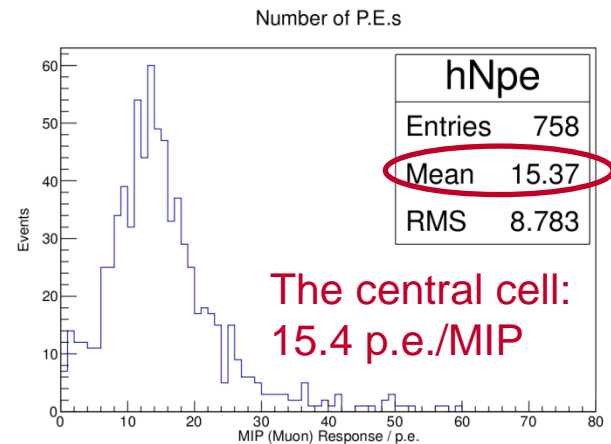
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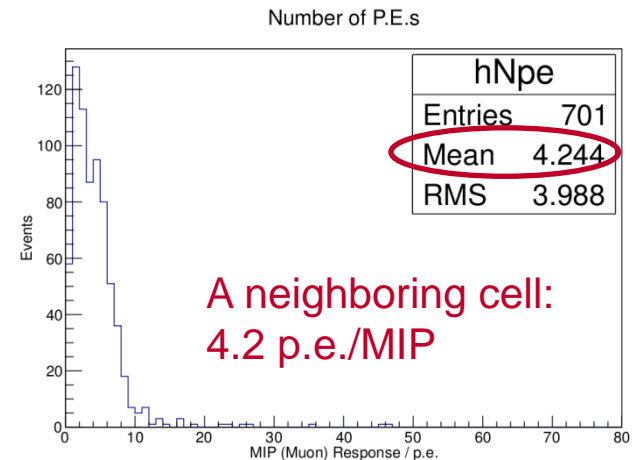
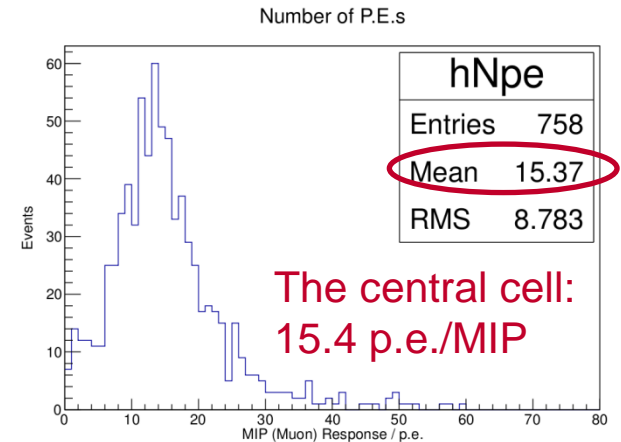
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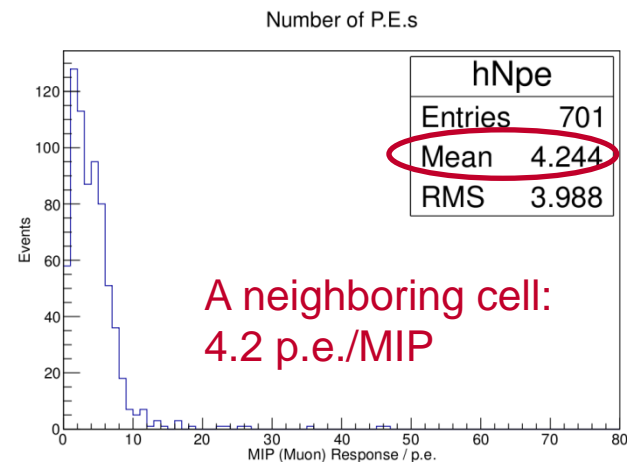
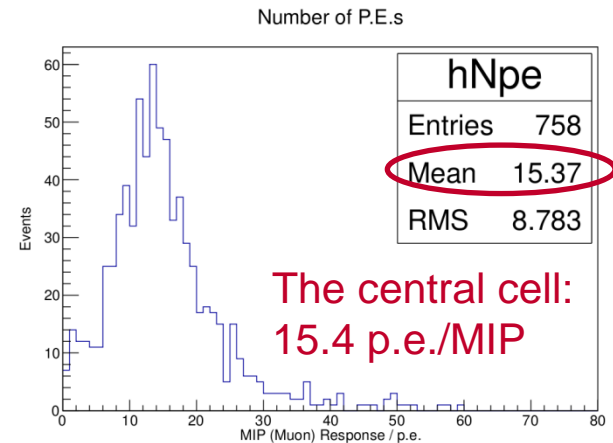
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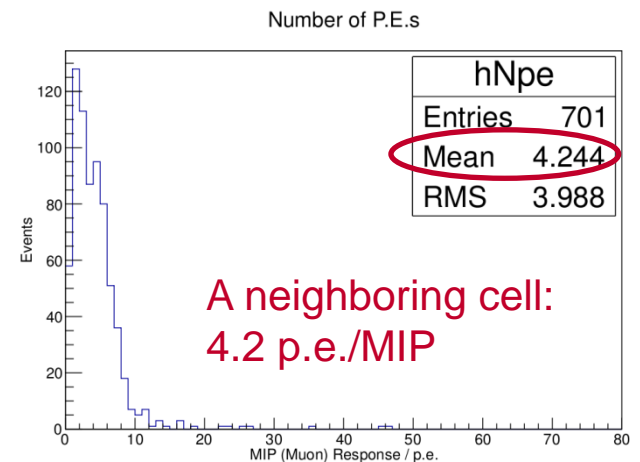
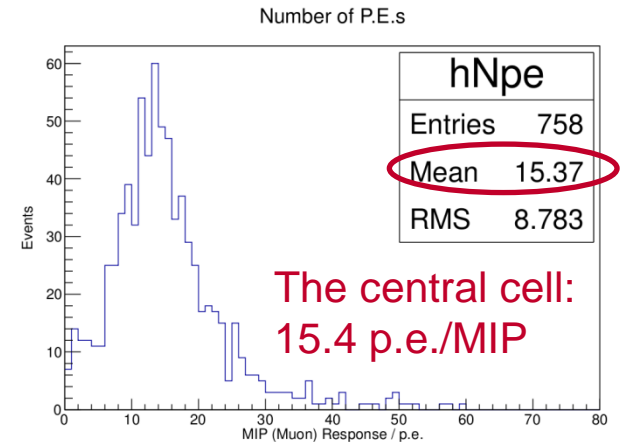
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Thank you!



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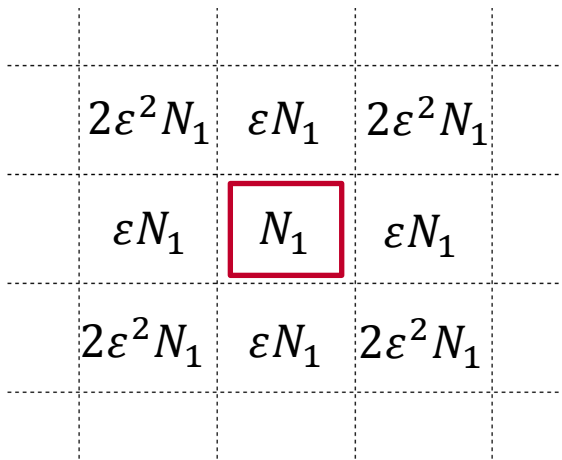


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# Backup

# Crosstalk: different definitions

- Crosstalk can be defined by response ratio
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  - or between the **central cell** and all 3x3 cells ( $\varepsilon_{3 \times 3}$ )

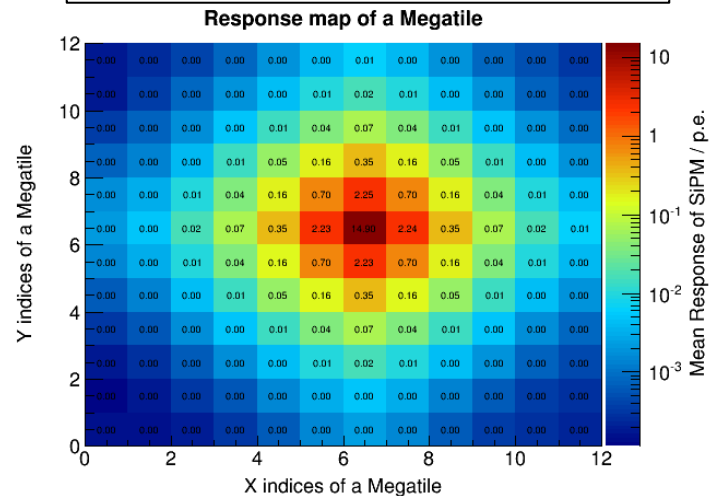


Only consider crosstalk between cells which share one side

$\varepsilon$  is the 2-cell crosstalk probability;  
 $N_1$  is the response in the central cell

$$\varepsilon_{3 \times 3} = \frac{N_1}{N_1 + 4\varepsilon N_1 + 8\varepsilon^2 N_1} = \frac{1}{1 + 4\varepsilon + 8\varepsilon^2} \quad \text{For } \varepsilon = 15.1\%, \varepsilon_{3 \times 3} = 56.0\%$$

Single trench arrays, 2.5mm deep



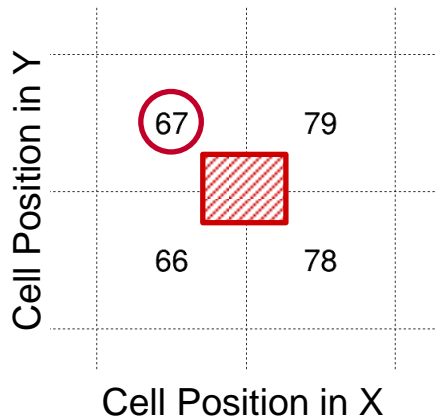
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$$3 \times 3 \text{ cells crosstalk: } \frac{14.90}{14.90 + 8.95 + 2.80} = 55.9\%$$

2 definitions are equivalent

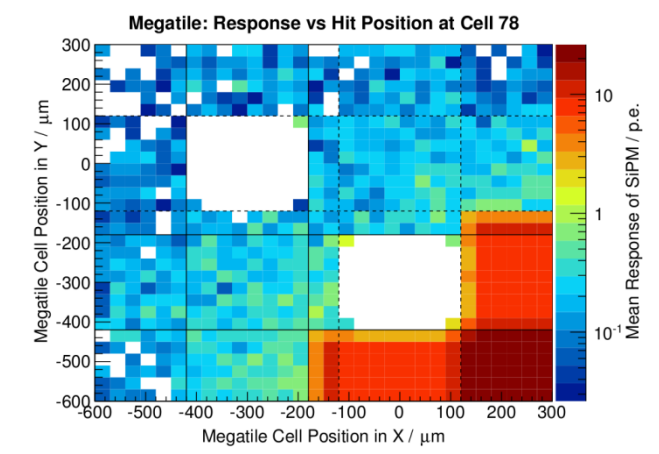
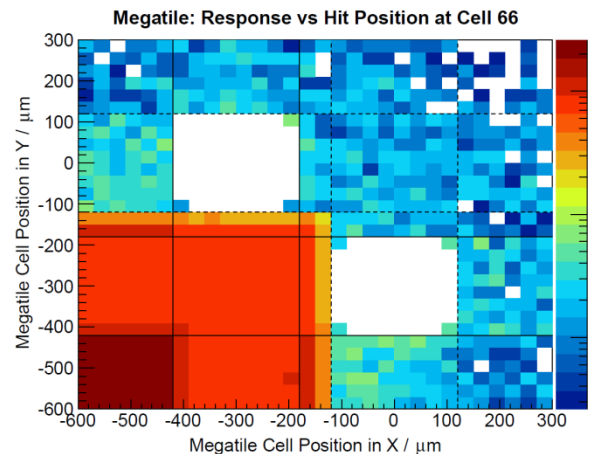
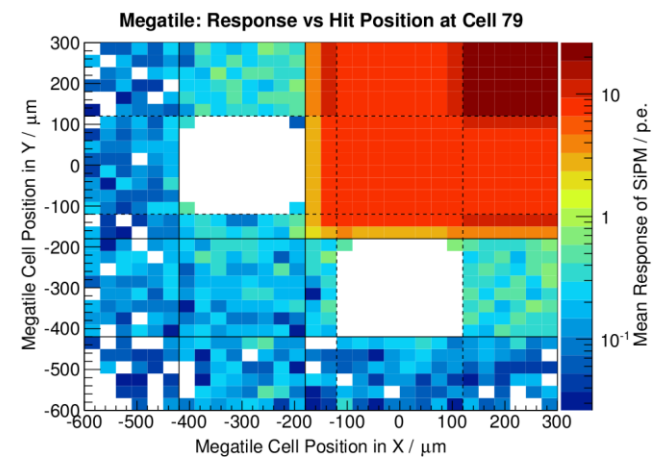
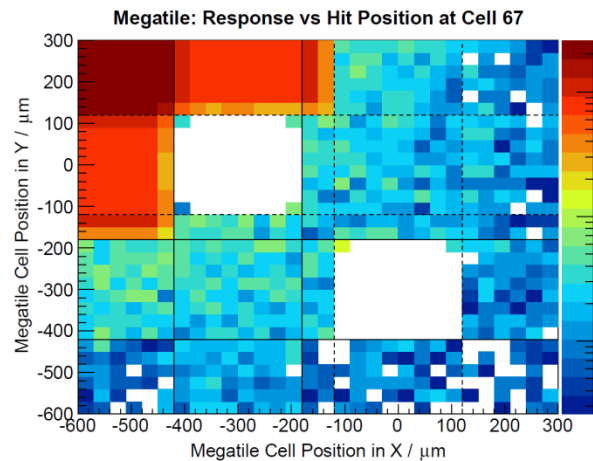
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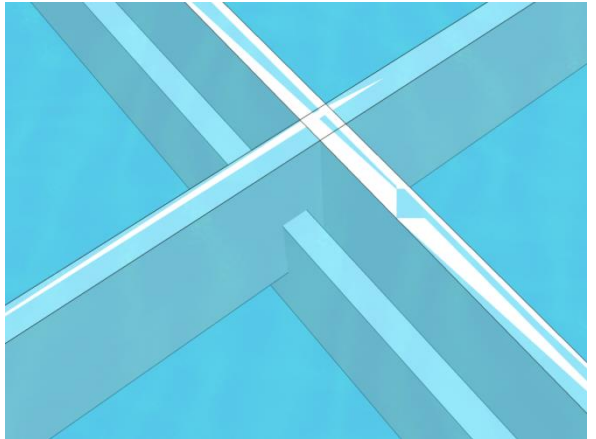
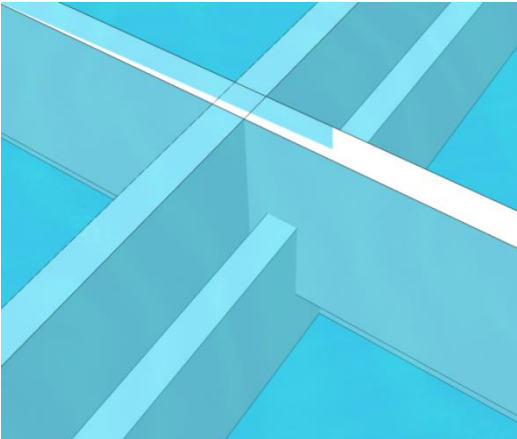
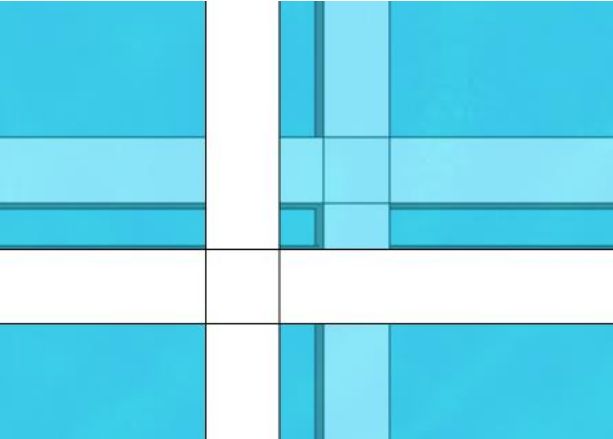
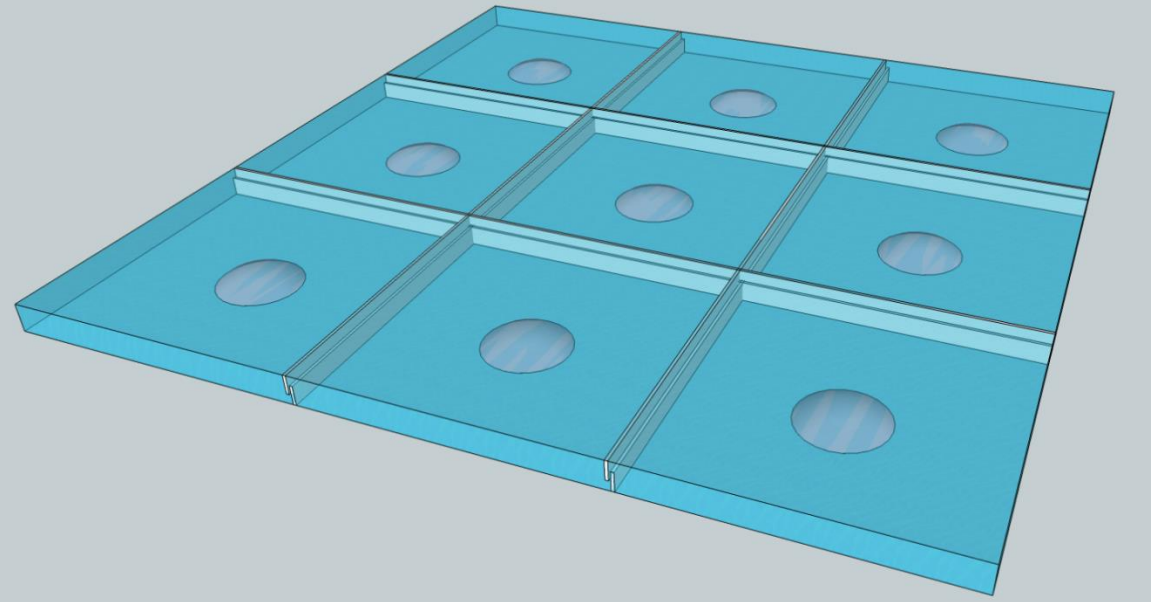
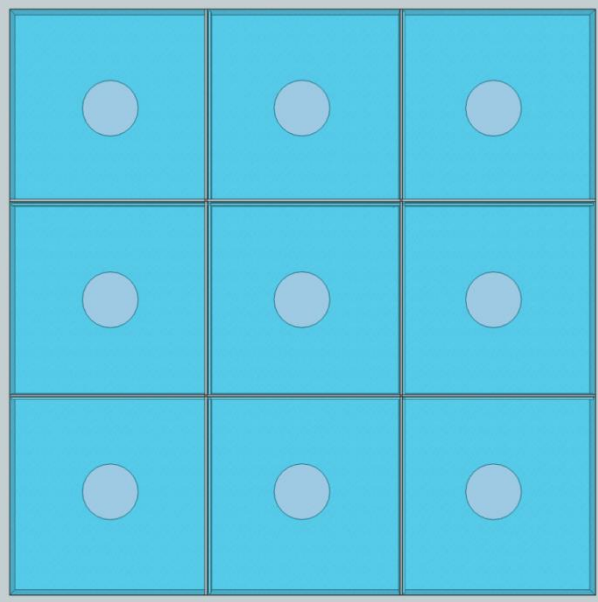


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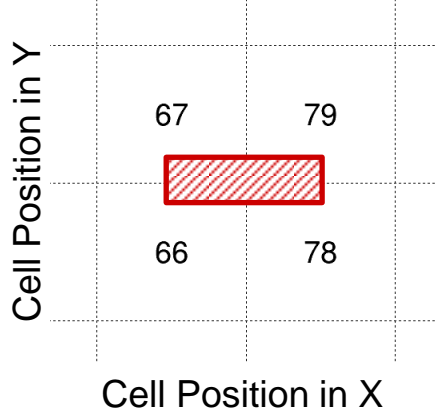


# Details of straight trenches



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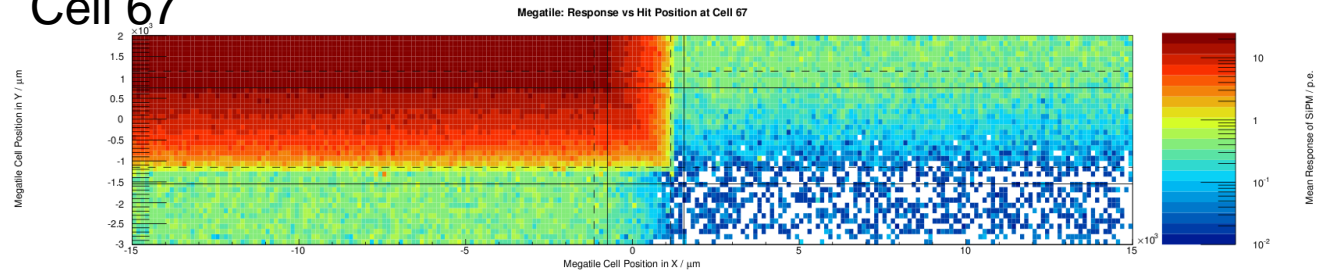


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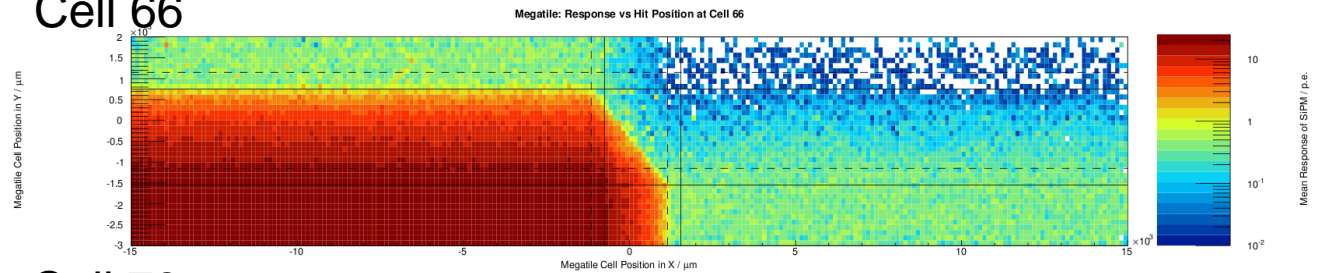
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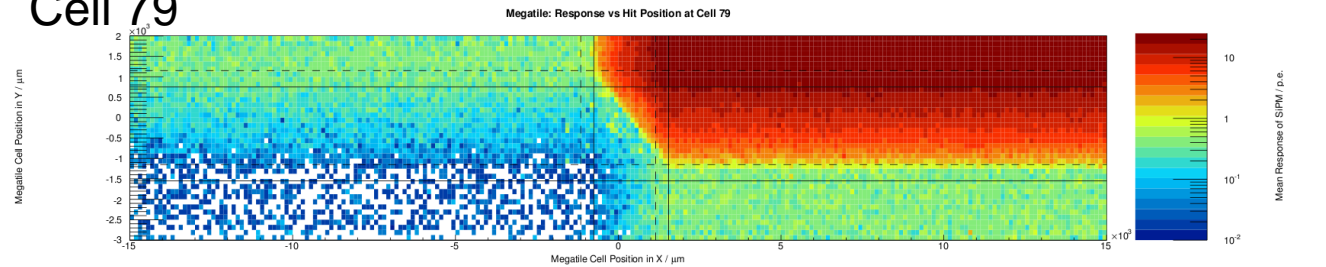
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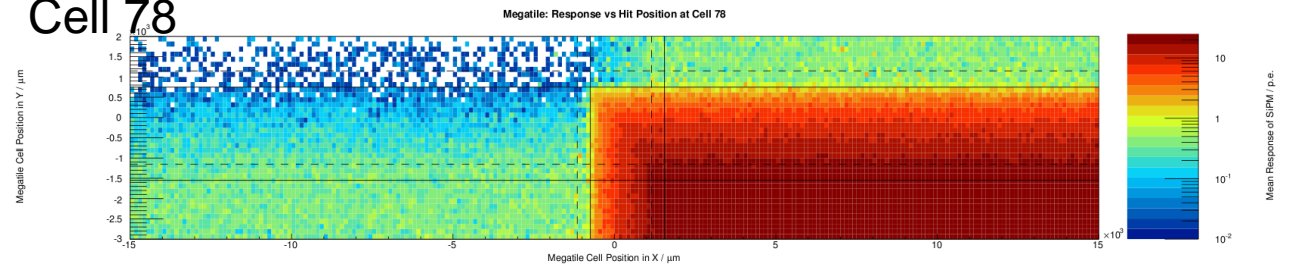
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