

# FOCAL PAD R&D

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# The FOCAL proposal

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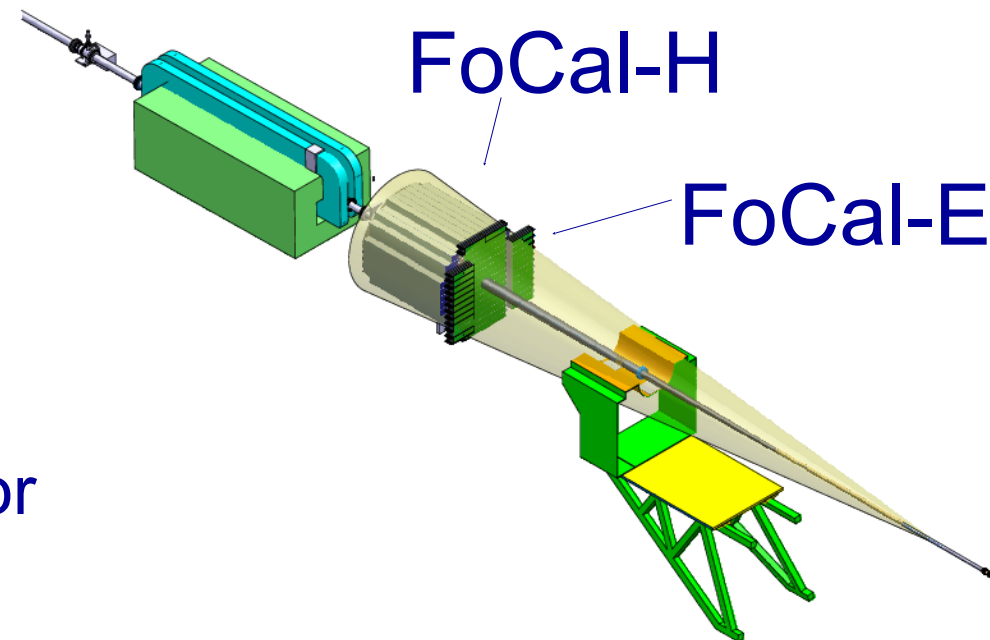
(baseline design @ 7m)

**FoCal-E:** high-granularity Si-W calorimeter for photons and  $\pi^0$

**FoCal-H:** hadronic calorimeter for photon isolation and jets

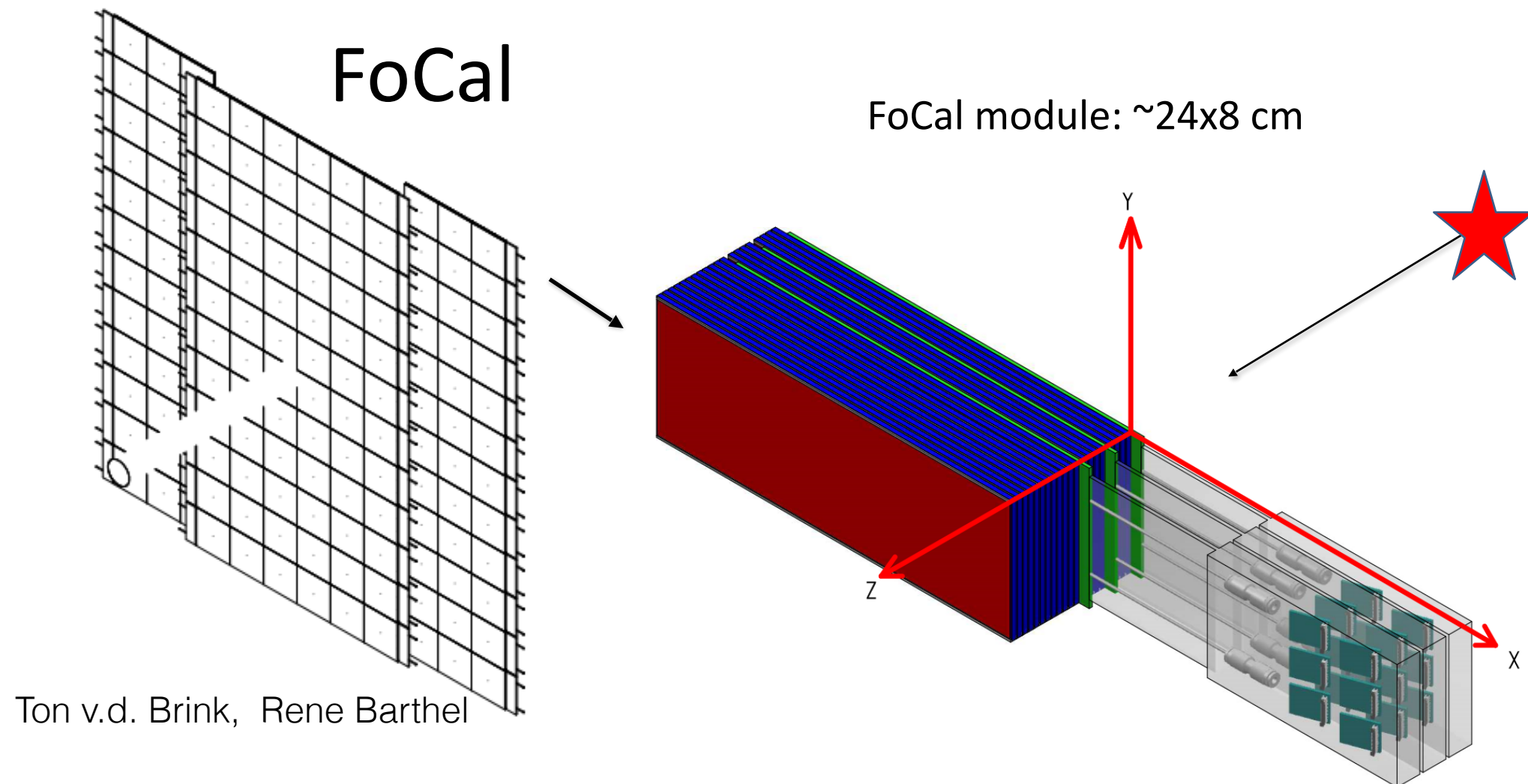
Observables:

- $\pi^0$
- Direct (isolated) photons
- Jets



Advantage in ALICE:  
forward region not instrumented;  
'unobstructed' view of interaction point

# FOCAL-E design concept

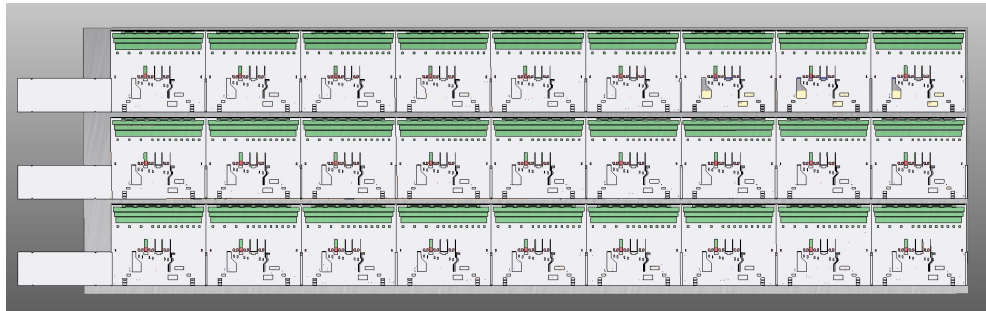


Goal/idea: build modules with 3 'towers'  
Minimize gaps between towers  
Stacked vertically into 'slabs'

PAD layers  
+ pixel layers for position resolution

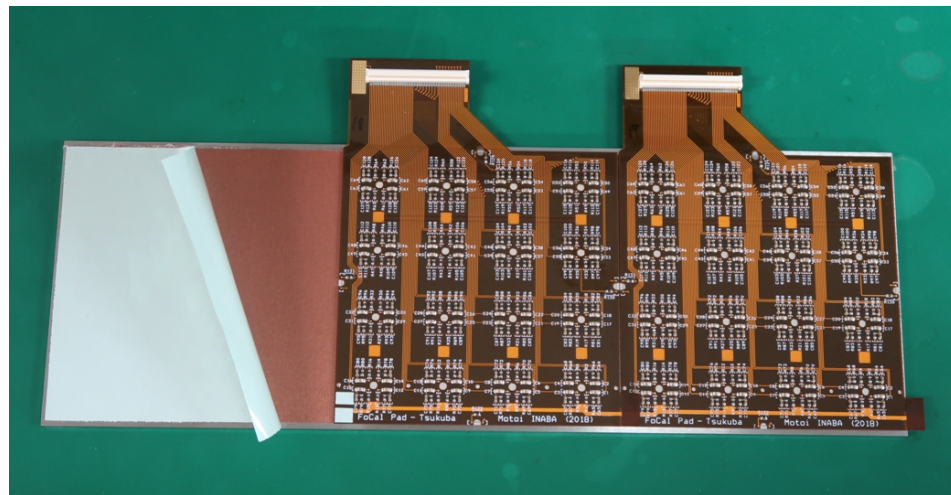
# Overall conceptual design is settled/understood

## Layout concept for pixel layer

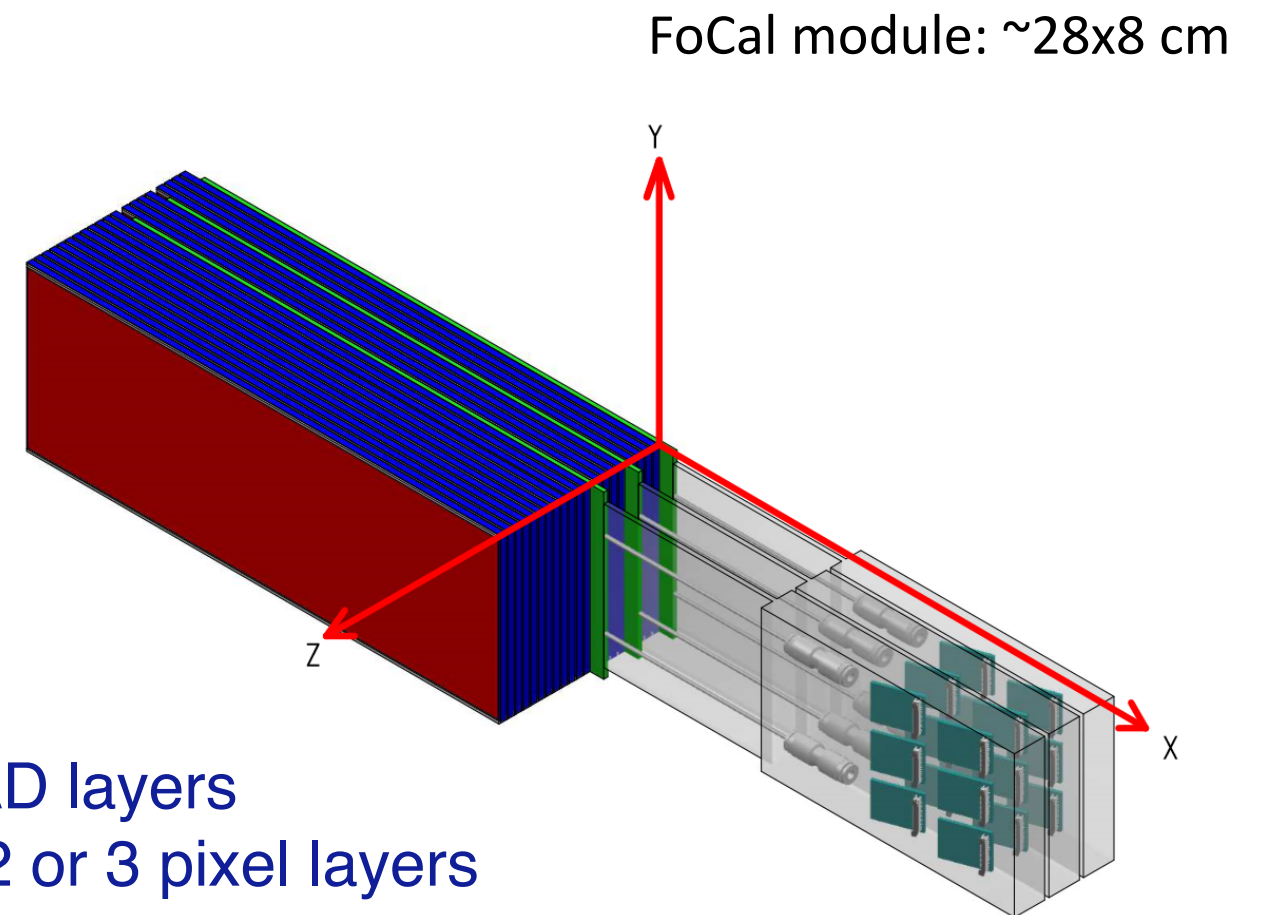


6x9 ALPIDE sensors (2 or 3 layers)

## PAD module prototype



3 sensors: ~9x8 cm



FoCal module: ~28x8 cm

PAD layers  
+ 2 or 3 pixel layers  
for position resolution

Services/connections  
to 1 side for integration



# PAD readout requirements

- Large dynamic range: 1 MIP to 2 TeV
  - 3 fC - 5 pC
- Good linearity/precision
  - Aim to achieve 1% energy resolution at high end; need few per cent resolution per pad
- Rate: expect to read out at up to 1 MHz in pp, p-Pb
  - Can be untriggered; event selection in HLT
  - LHC: 40 MHz bunch spacing
- Radiation: expected load 100-1000x smaller than ATLAS/CMS;  
does not seem to be critical

# Options for PAD readout ASIC

Two approaches: ADC+TDC (HGCROC) or two ADCs with dual range setup

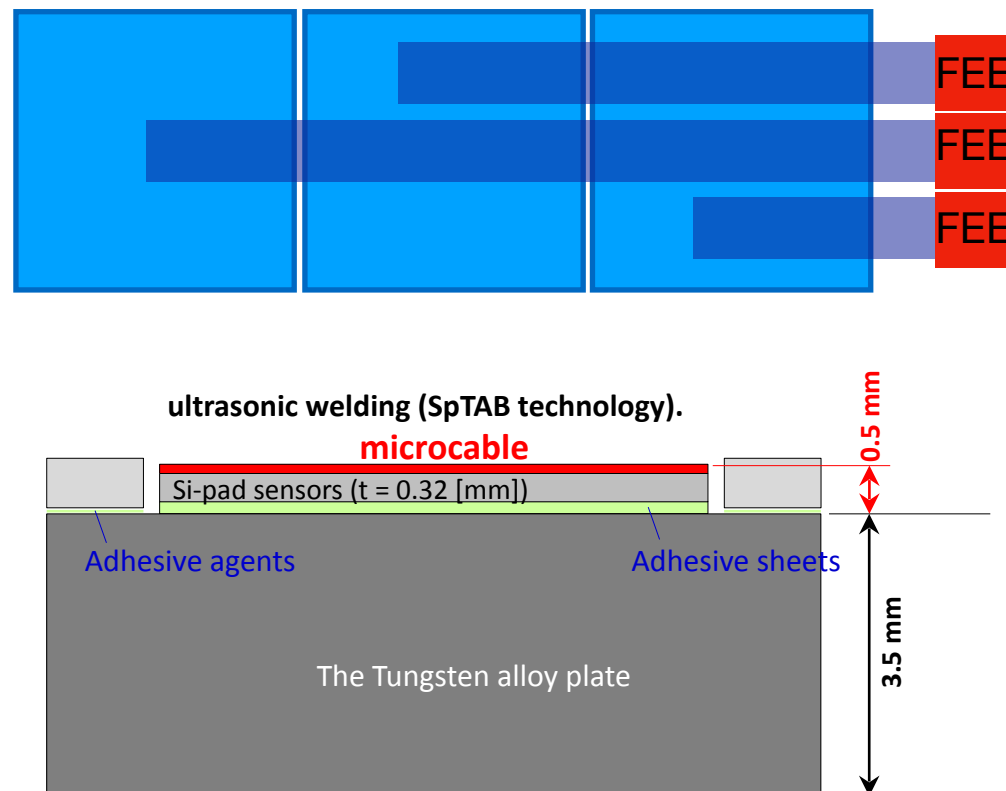
- **HG-CROC:**
  - Under development by CMS for this purpose; time line tight
  - ADC for small signals (  $< 100$  MIP) + TDC for large signals
- **SAMPA**
  - Developed for ALICE TPC, MUON arm; available
  - Would need dual-range readout with attenuation
- **VMM**
  - Developed for ATLAS 'small wheels'; a version is available, not fully tested
  - Would need dual-range readout with attenuation

Still under discussion; several options pursued in parallel

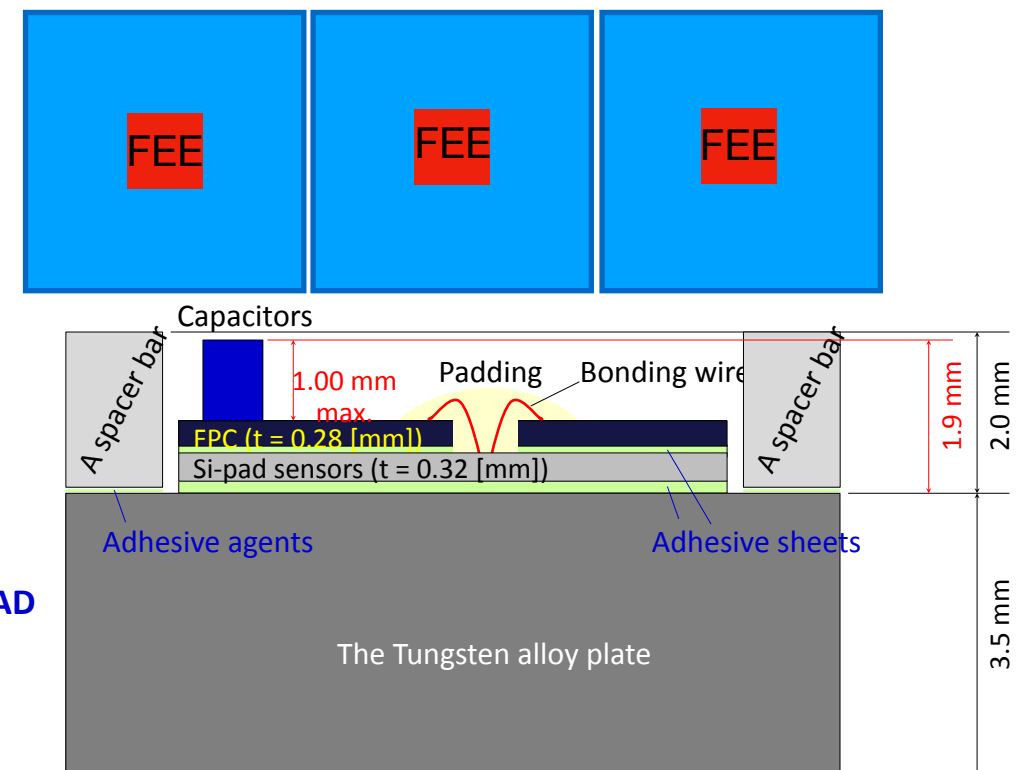
# Design question: Distance between W layers

Distance between layers dictated by placement of electronics

## Electronics outside layer



## Electronics inside layer



Current PAD prototype

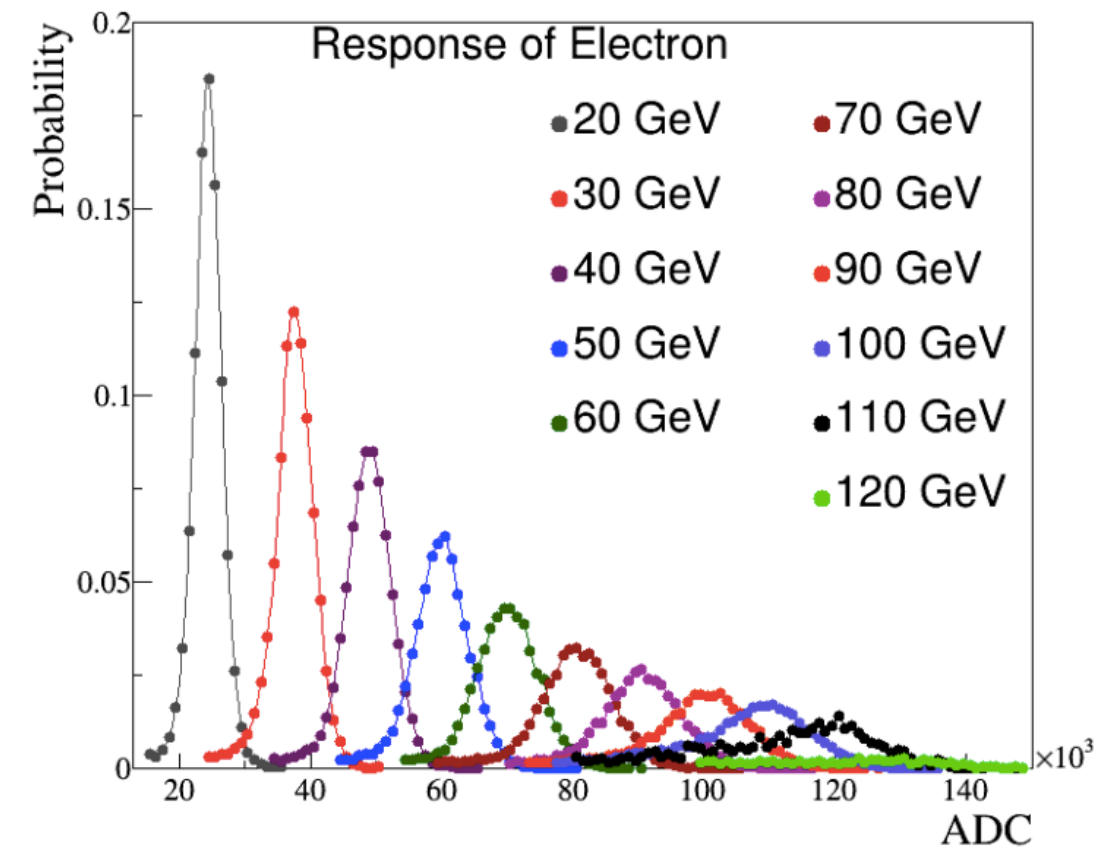
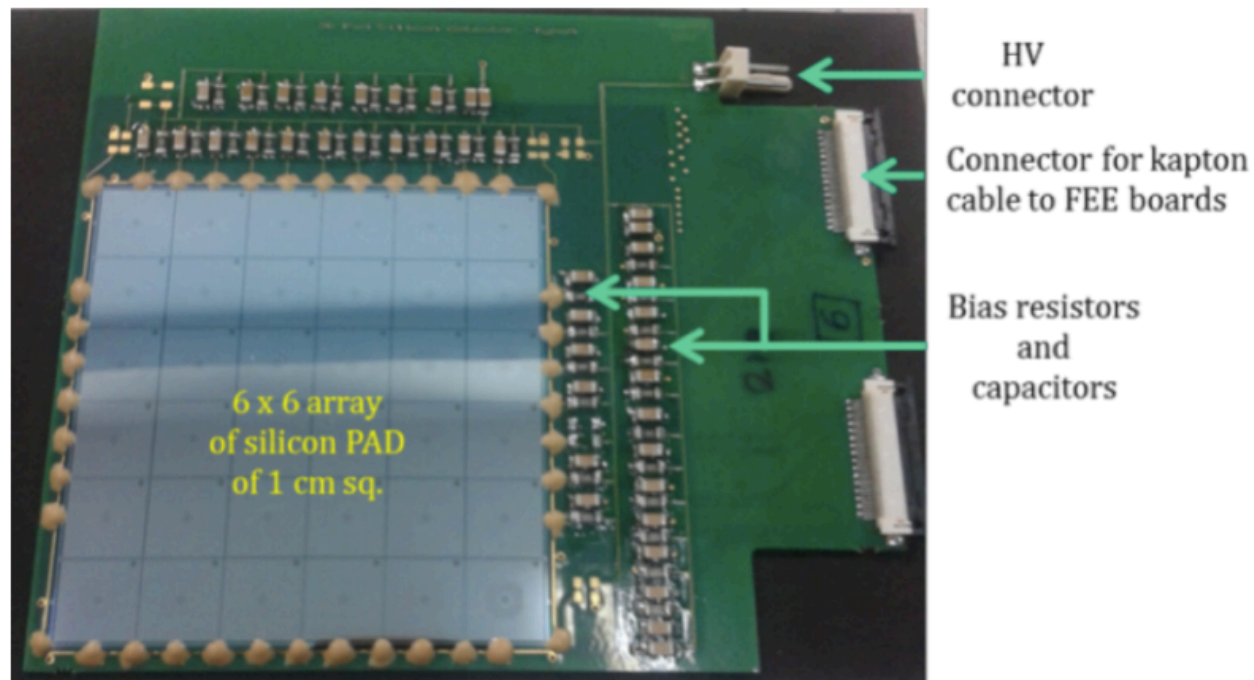
Advantage: compact detector, small Molière radius,  
good spatial resolution  
Disadvantage: long signal cables; risk of noise, cross-talk

Advantage: shorter signal paths; good signal integrity  
Disadvantage: worse spatial resolution;  
cooling may be challenging

Expect effect on Molière radius, two-shower separation  
Performing simulations to understand the effect

# PAD prototypes

Activity in India: VECC, Kolkata and BARC Mumbai



Large dynamic range achieved

Resolution under study

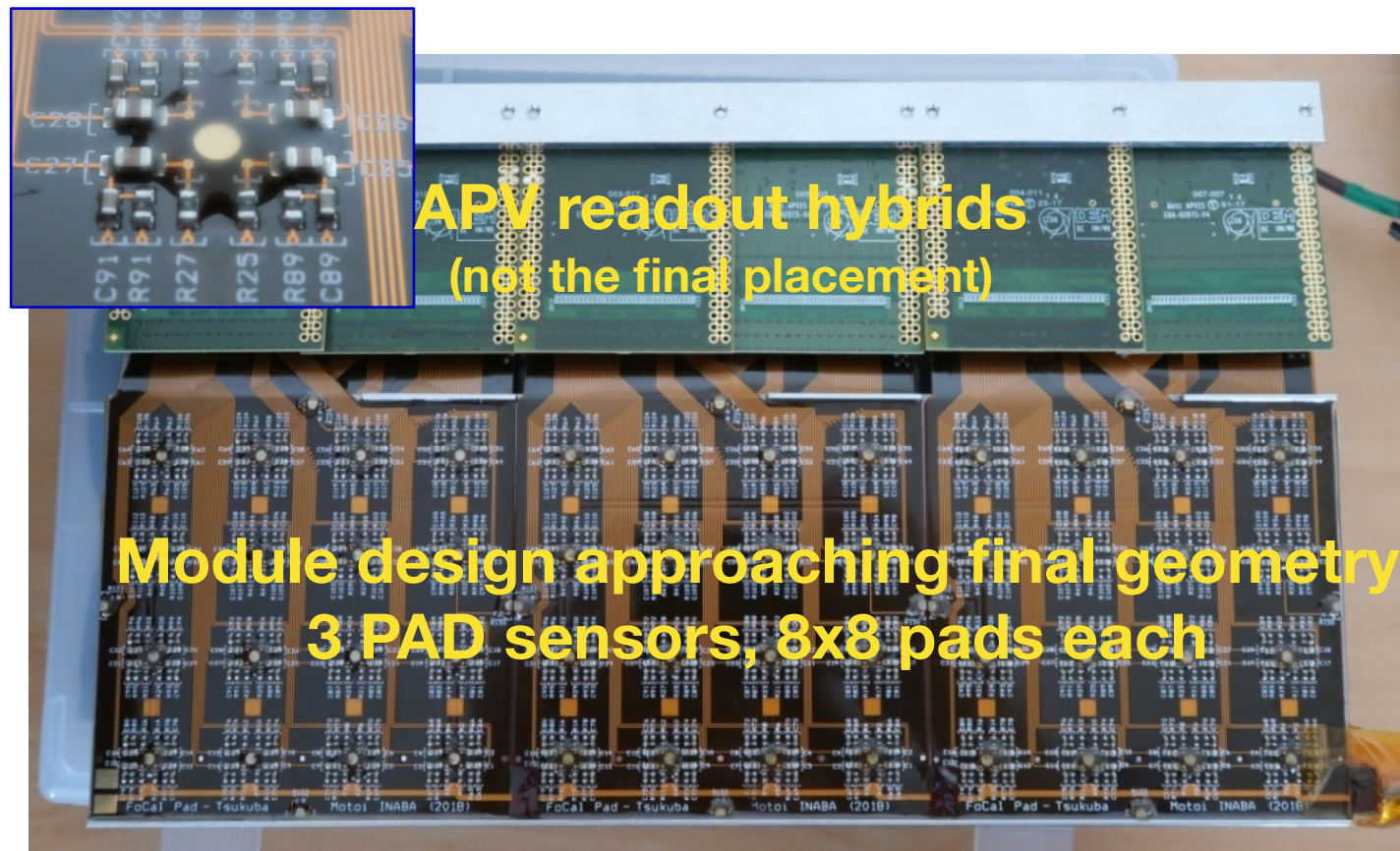
Challenge: pad-by-pad calibration/response

Pad sensor and analog readout development:  
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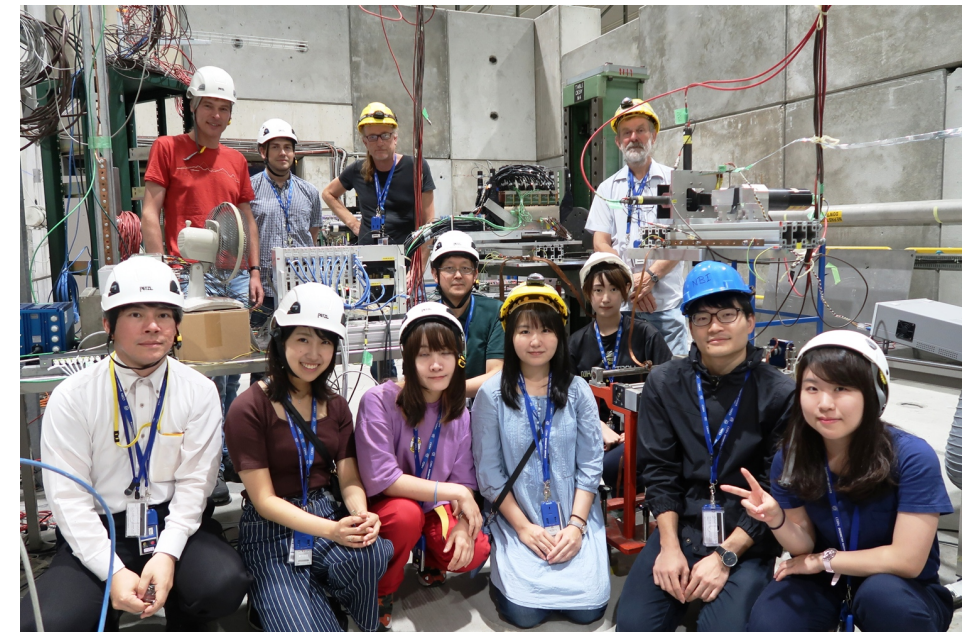


# PAD Prototypes

Pads connected to flex PCB



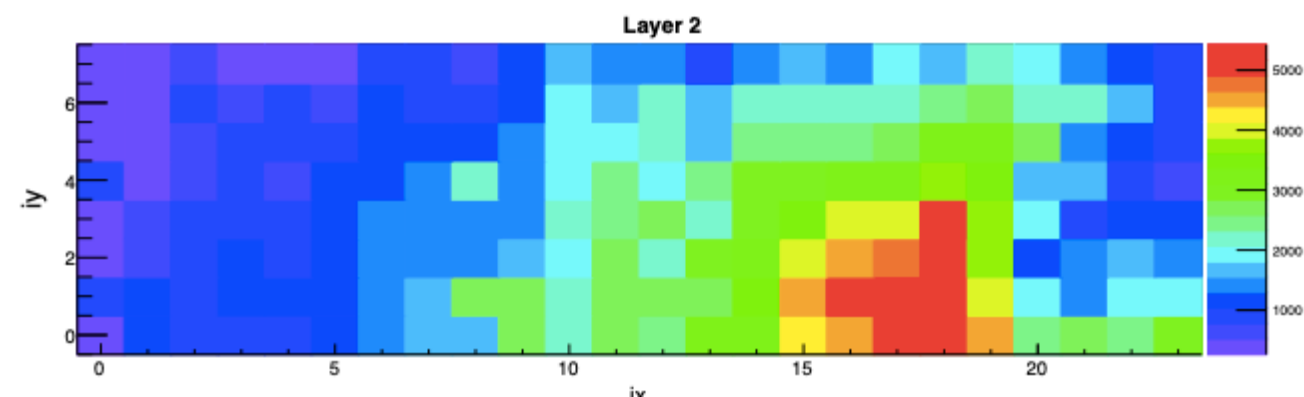
Large activity in Japan (Tsukuba)



Several test runs; design approaching final geometry

Hit Map from test run in ALICE

Pad sensors: Hamamatsu  
Readout: currently APV (limited range)  
testing new readout options





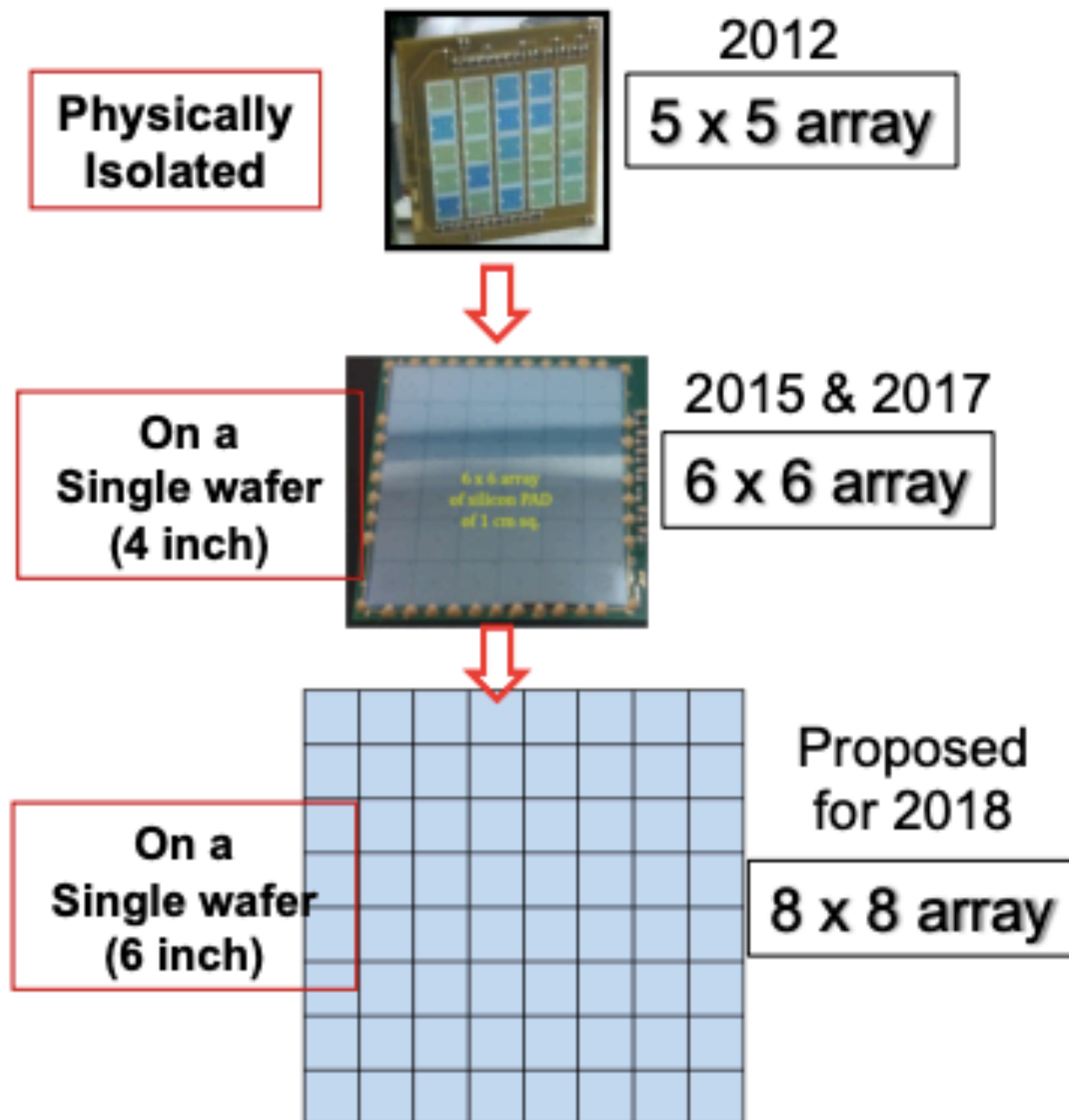
# Summary/conclusions

- FOCAL conceptual design: pad + pixel sensors
- Pad sensor and readout development ongoing
- Test beam to finalise design, test performance
  - Results being analysed
- Various solutions for ASIC under consideration:
  - HGCROC
  - SAMPA
  - VMM
- Design question: inter-layer distance and effective Molière radius
  - Under study

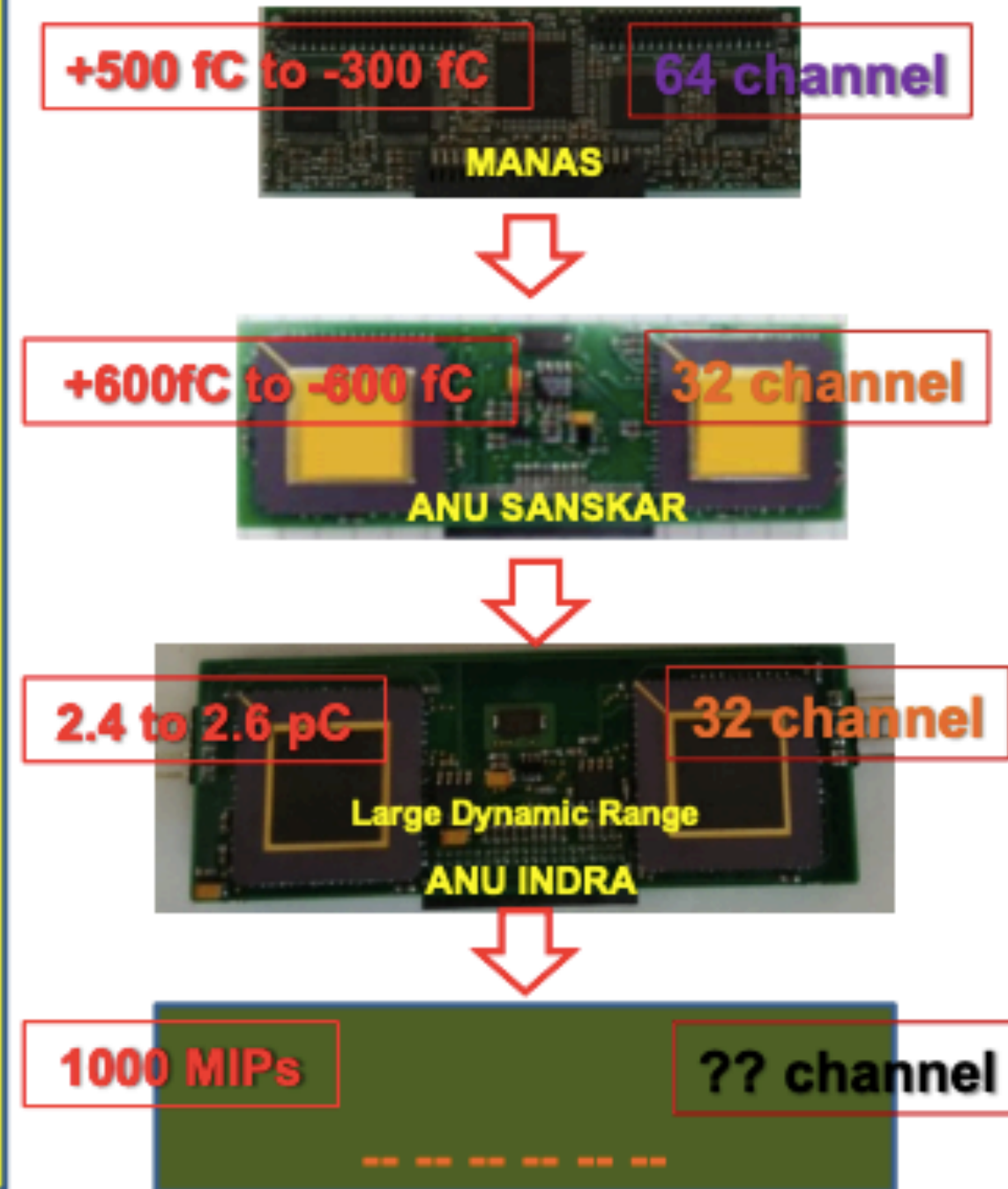
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# Pad sensor and readout development

## Silicon Pad Detectors

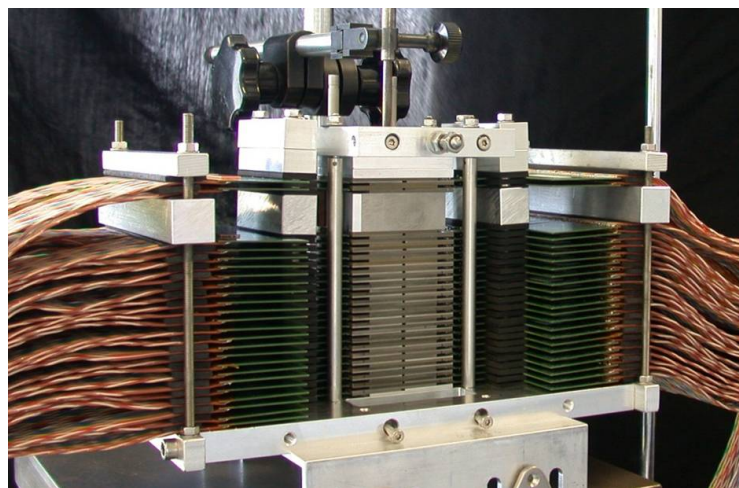


## ASIC Development

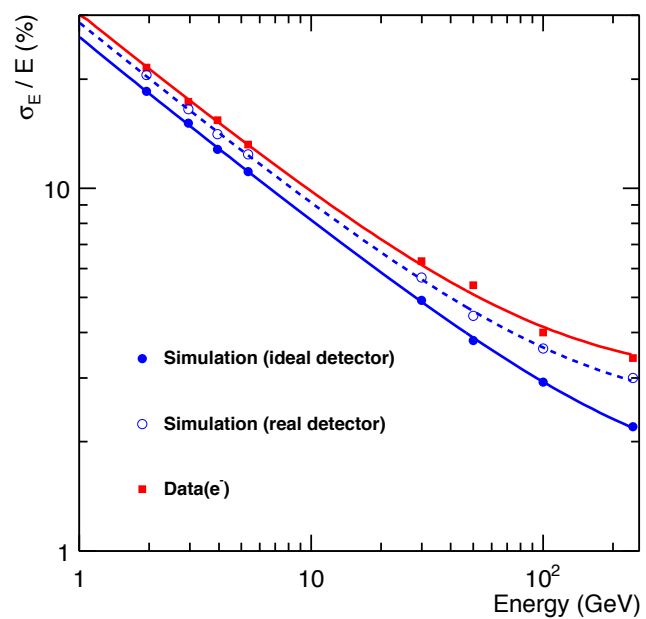


# PIXEL prototypes

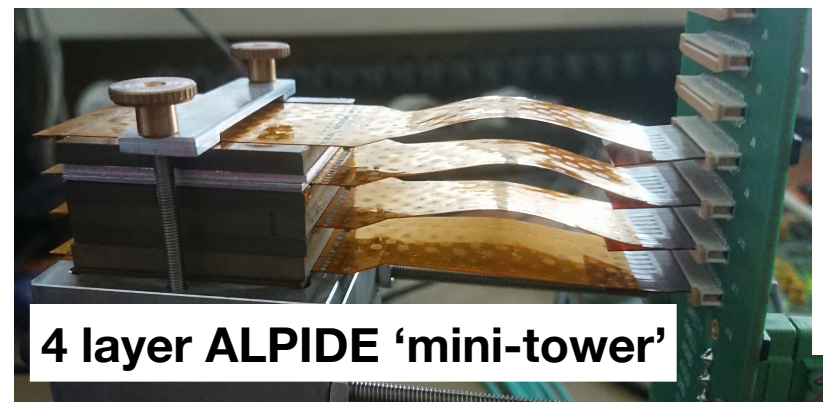
Full pixel - MIMOSA tower



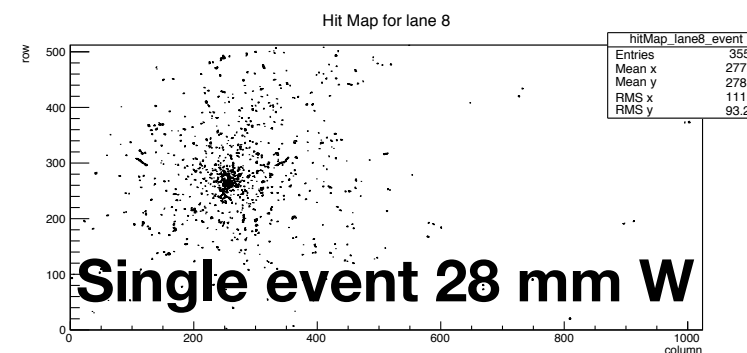
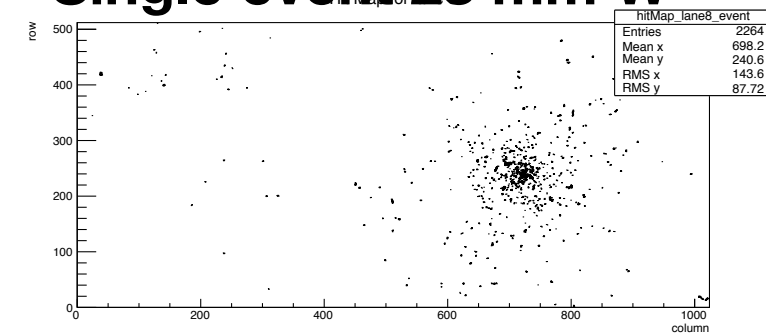
39M pixels



ALPIDE developments



Single event 28 mm W



Energy resolution:

$$\frac{\sigma}{E} = \frac{30}{\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}} + \frac{6.3}{E(\text{GeV})} + 2.8$$

9-string produced at LTU



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