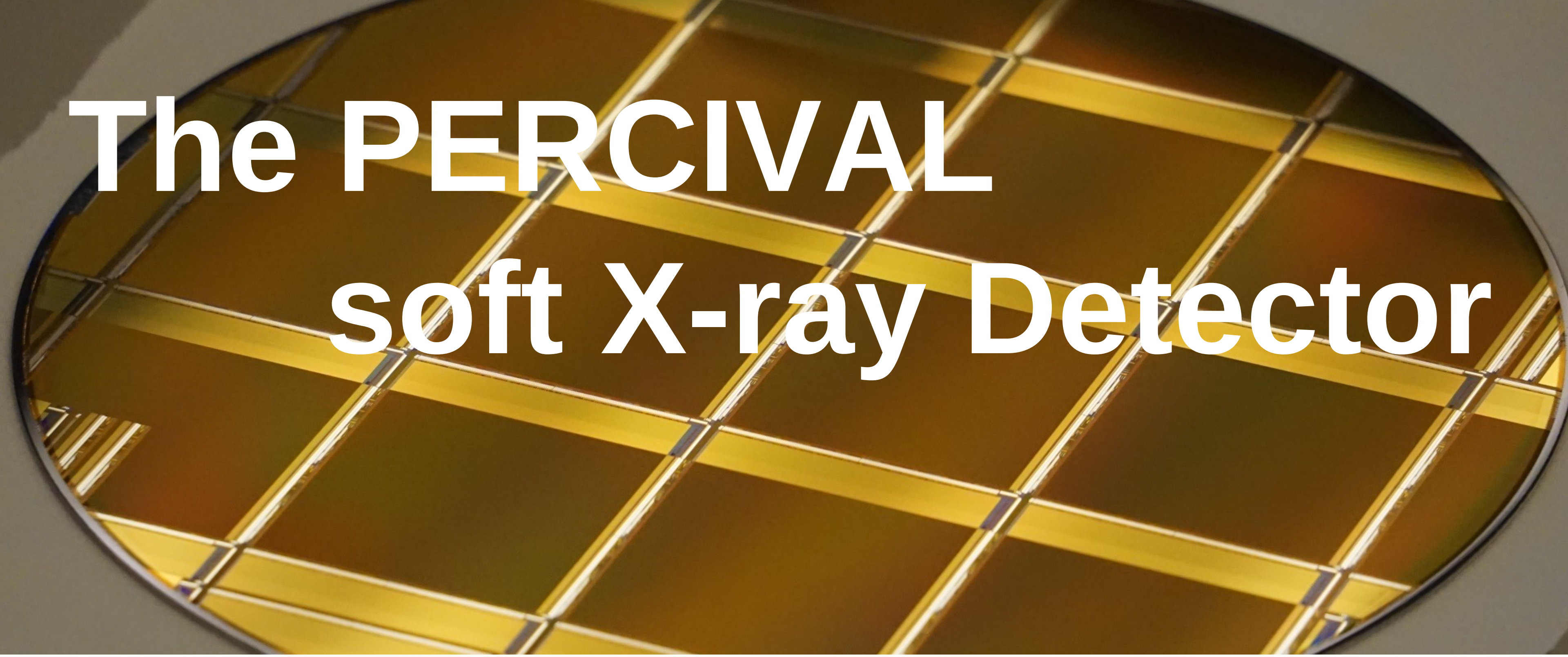

The PERCIVAL soft X-ray Detector

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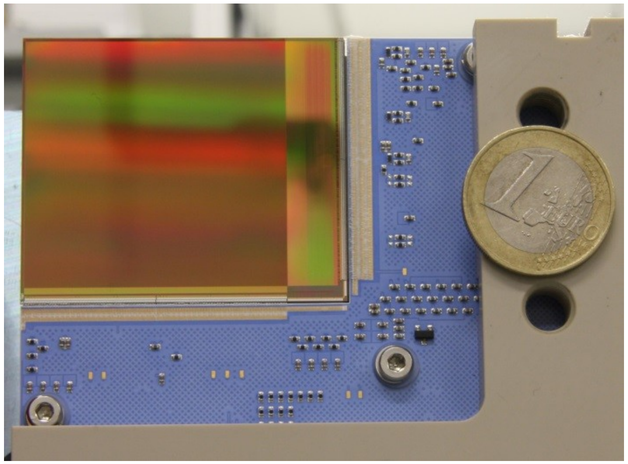
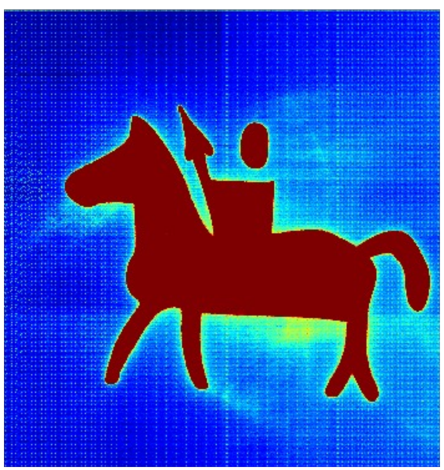
PERCIVAL

in a nutshell



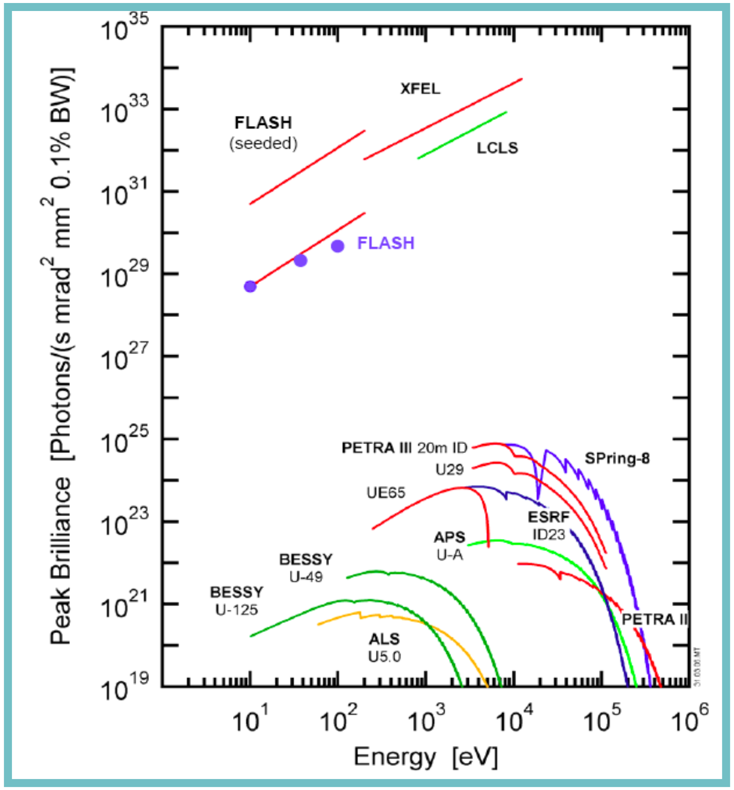


Energy Range	Primary: 250eV – 1keV Extended: 100eV - 3keV
Quantum Efficiency	> 85%, uniform over pixel
Pixel Size	27 um^2
Active Area	1440 x 1484 pixels / 4 x 4 cm^2
Frame Rate	120 / 300 Hz
“Full Well”	> 10^7 e-
Resulting Dynamic Range	10^5 photons (@ 250eV)
Sensor Output	Digital, LVDS
Buttability	2-side (adjacent edges)
Exposure Mode	FEL: all photons in < 300 fs Synchrotron: Quasi-continuous

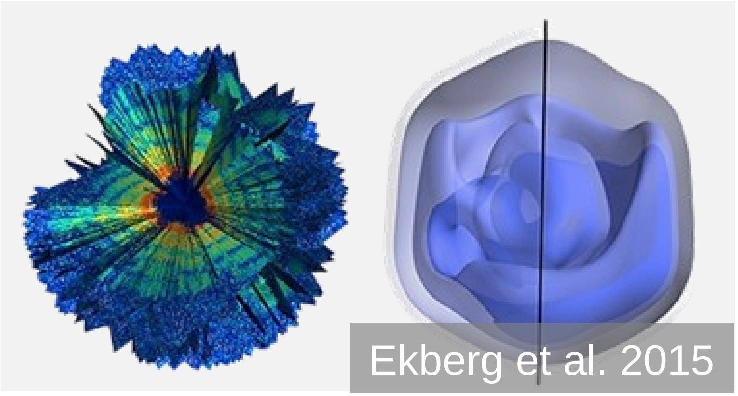
Science Motivation

Watching biomolecules in action … and more

- Making optimal use of the brilliance of today’s photon sources requires
    - Single-shot imagers with suitable frame rates
    - Very large dynamic range
      - single-photon discrimination to
      - 10^4 photons/pixel/frame and more
    - Millions of pixels with little/no dead area



- In the soft X-ray regime
    - Scientific interest e.g. biosystems, weakly scattering samples
    - Particular challenge: small signal requires very low noise
    - Particular challenge: sensor surface

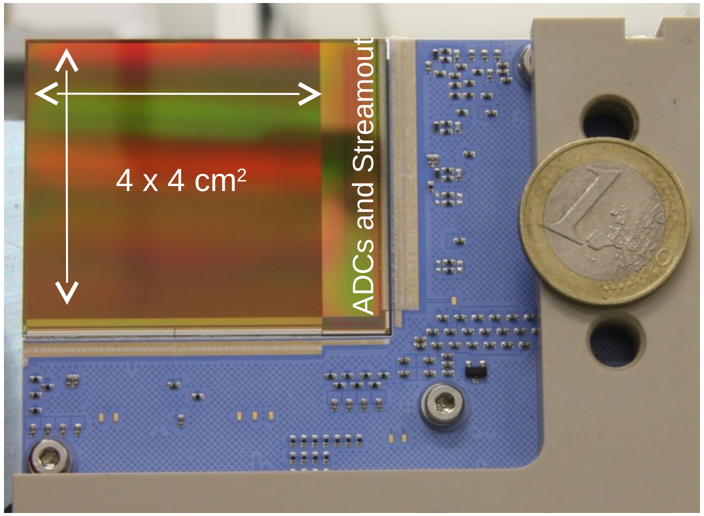


Ekberg et al. 2015

P2M Sensor

Designed by partner Rutherford Appleton Lab / STFC

- CMOS imager (180nm technology)
- On-chip digitization (11520 ADCs)
- 3 auto-adjusting gain levels
  (per pixel, per frame, overflow)
- 1408 × 1484 pixels, 27μm × 27μm
- 4 × 4 cm² continuous imaging area
  (stitched sensor)
- Data rate at 300Hz frame rate is 20 Gbit/s,
  streamed out over 45 LVDS lines
  (240 MHz, double data rate)



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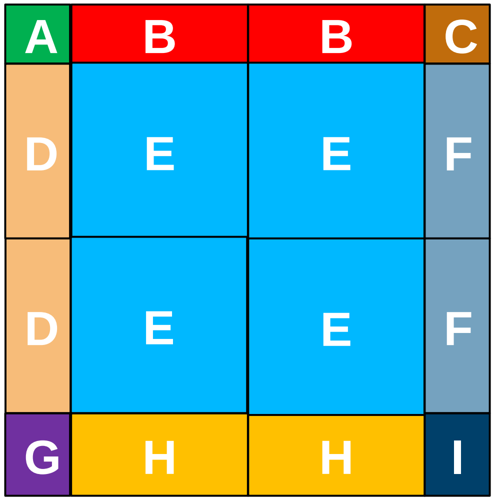
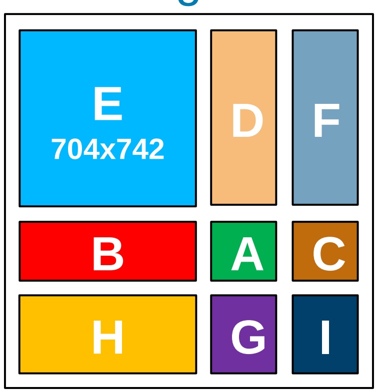
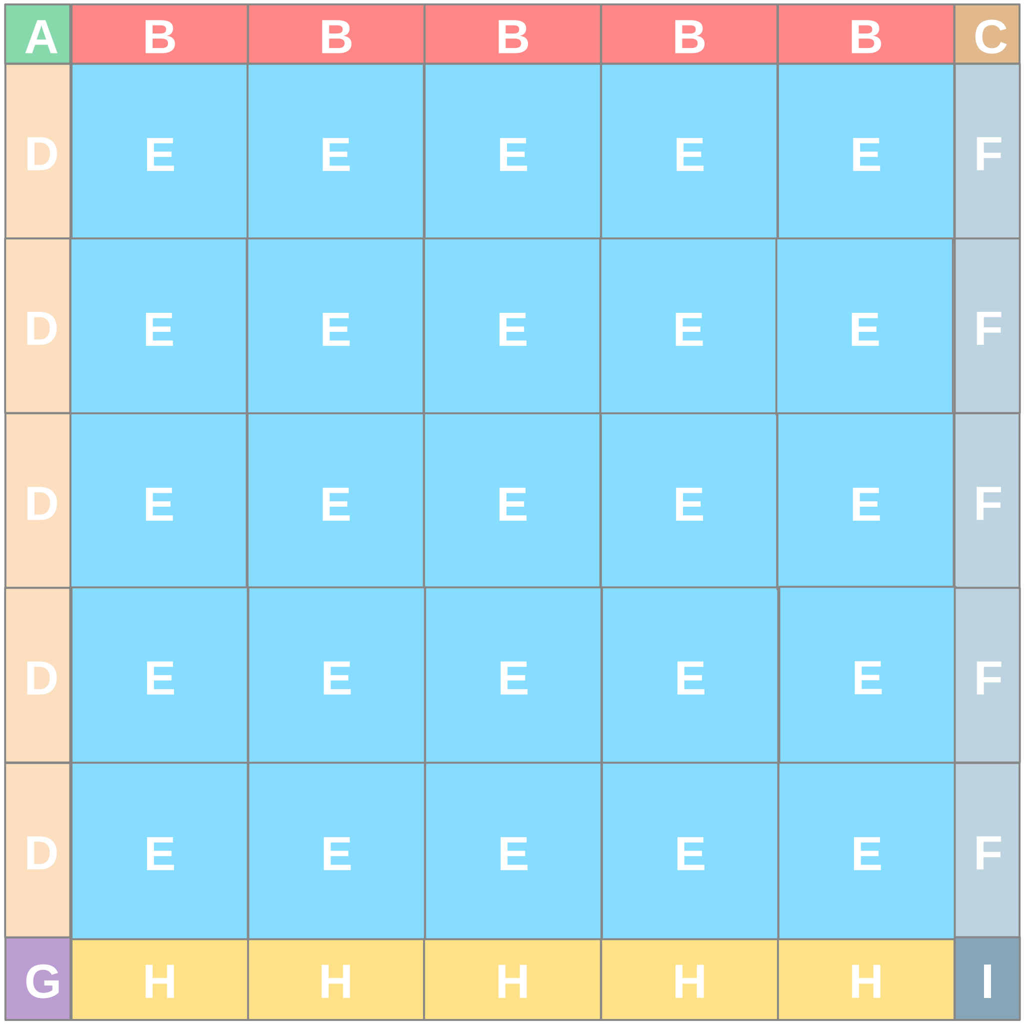
1408 x 1484 pixel P2M



stitching blocks



3520 x 3710 pixel variant, P13M ~ 10x10cm^2



P2M Sensor

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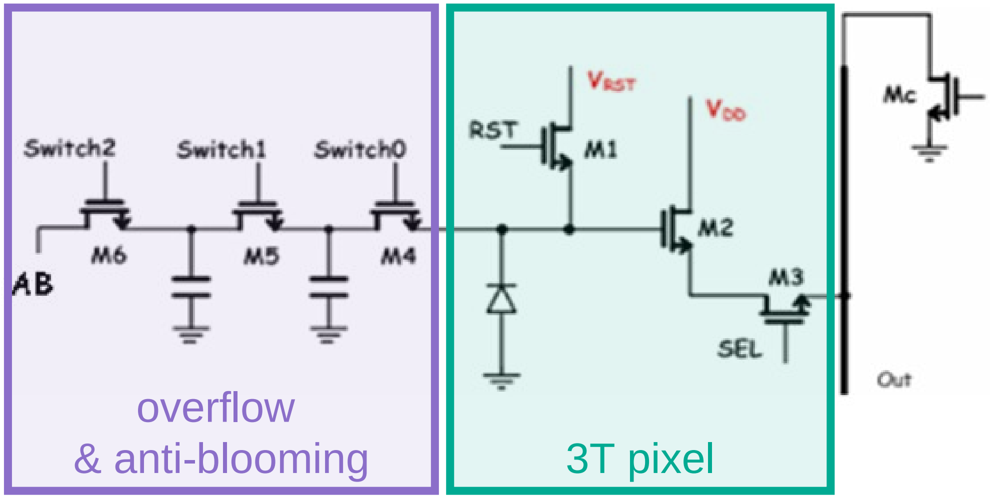
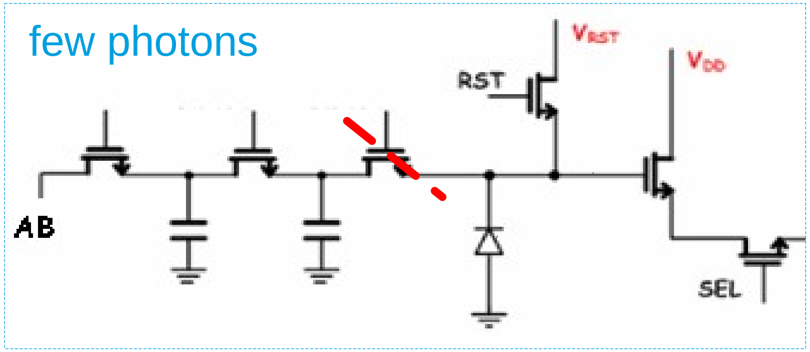
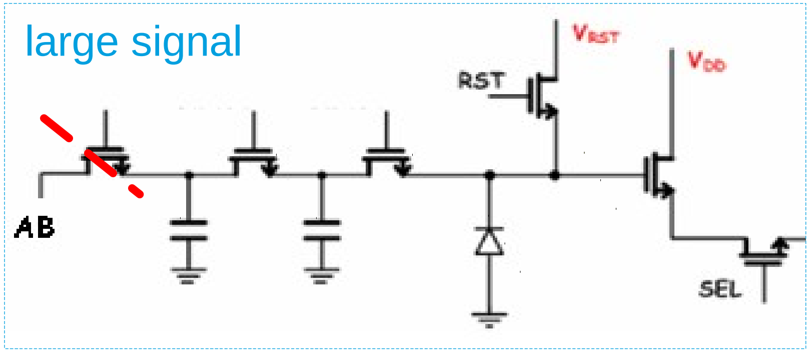
- 3 auto-adjusting gain levels(per pixel, per frame, overflow)
- Readout sequentially tests all three overflow configurations for each pixel against threshold
- Only best candidate digitized & sent to DAQ

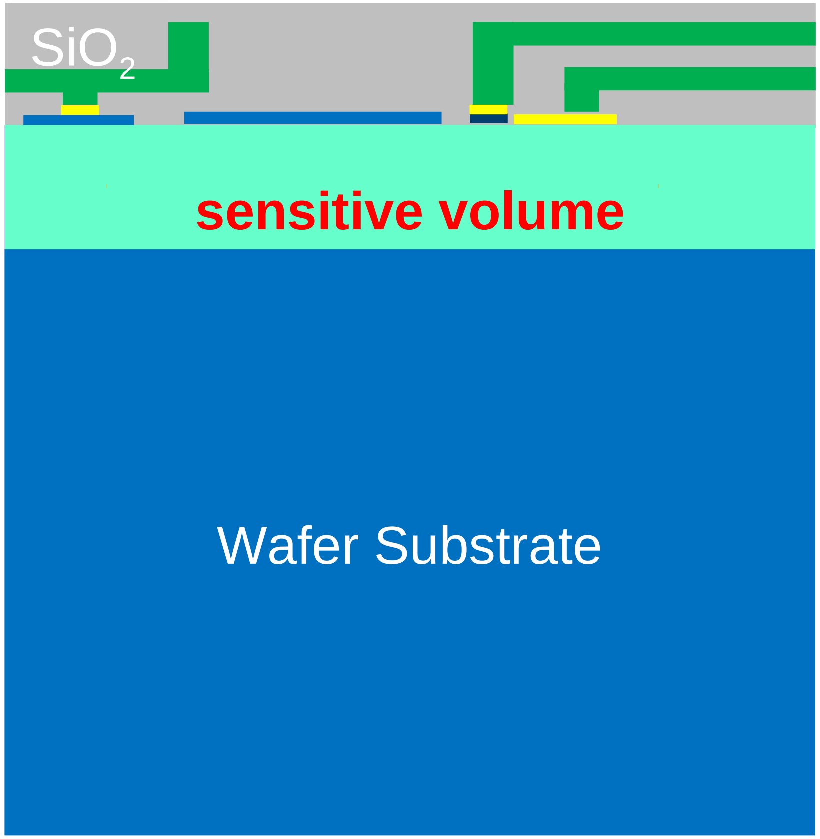






Backside Illumination

How to enable soft X-rays to interact in the sensitive volume



~ 10 μm SiO_2 & metals

~ 10 μm epi Si

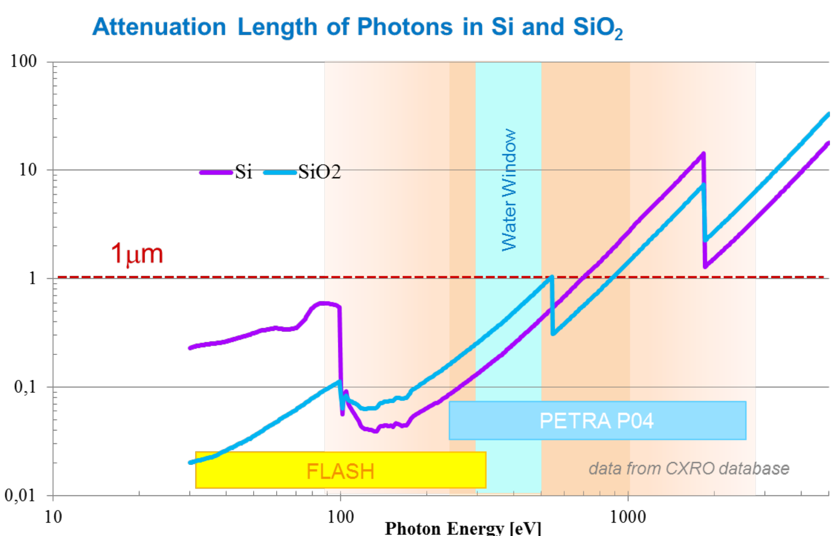
~ 700 μm low-resistivity Si

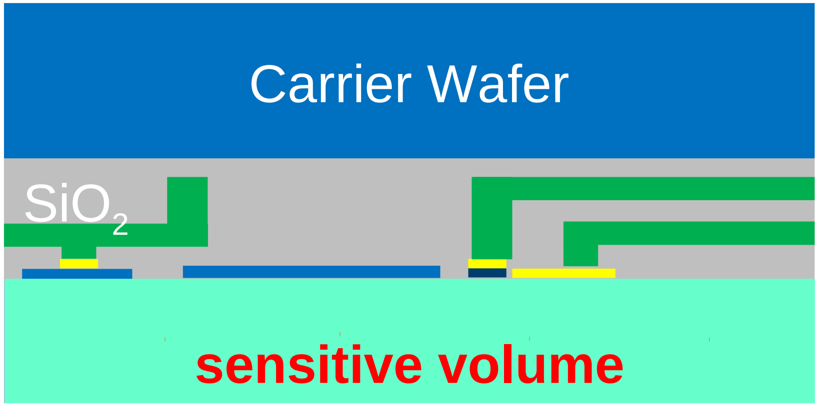
Entrance Window Post-processing

How to enable soft X-rays to interact in the sensitive volume

High sensitivity to low-energy radiation requires:

- Absence of passive material and traps
- Optimized field geometry at sensor surface



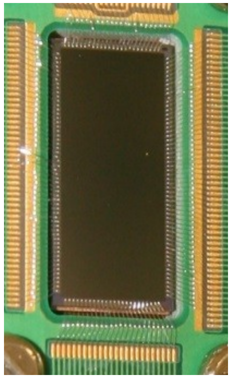


e.g. 50 nm of SiO_2:
loss of 25% of 250 eV photons

High-quality backside processing is crucial!

Post-Processing for PERCIVAL

- Prototype Sensor post-processed by NASA's JPL "delta-doping"
  - Pioneered ultra-thin entrance windows (few nm)
  - Bureaucratic difficulties mainly make access difficult & time-consuming
  - TS sensors processed by JPL give nice soft X-ray performance



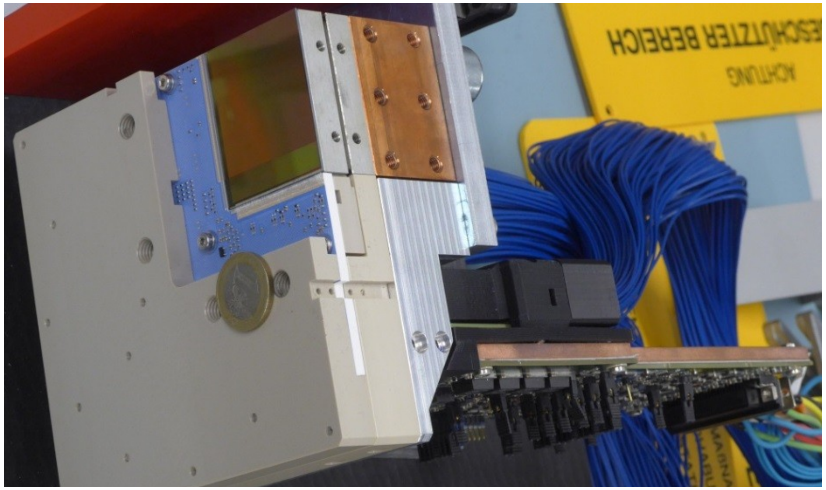
- P2M sensor post-processing
  - JPL remains a key partner and will process wafers
  - Exploring alternate routes to "good" post-processing (for some applications 10s of nm are acceptable)
  - EMFT currently a partner in tests (bonding, thinning, pad exposure)
  - Some routes to thicker dopant layers (10s to 100s of nm) exist, not tried yet
  - Easier-to-access MBE-based post-processing capable of processing both wafers and single (prototype) sensors direly needed

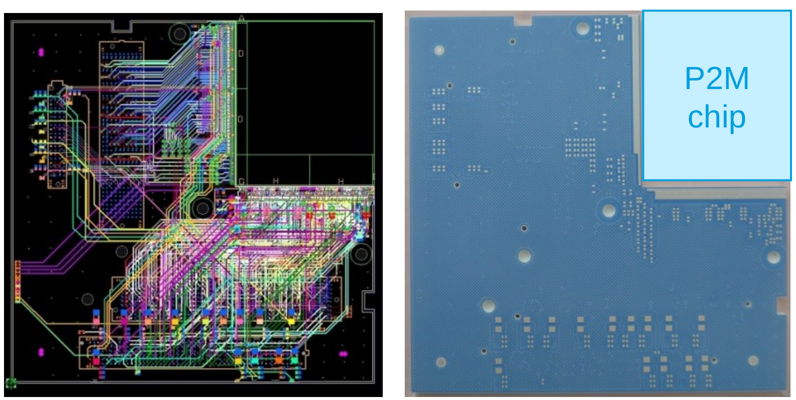
P2M
backthinned & pads exposed
by Fraunhofer EMFT Munich

P2M System

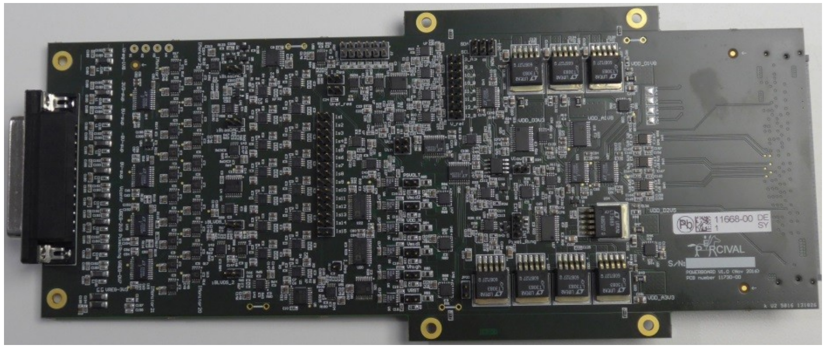
Currently undergoing benchtop tests in front-illuminated configuration

- In-vacuum detector head
  - sensor
  - Includes sensor biasing board
  - Several hundred LVDS control & data lines, are (re)distributed here
  - Sensor will be cooled to ~ -30°C
  - 2-side buttable
  - movable





LTCC routing & actual board



PowerBoard for sensor supply & biasing

P2M System

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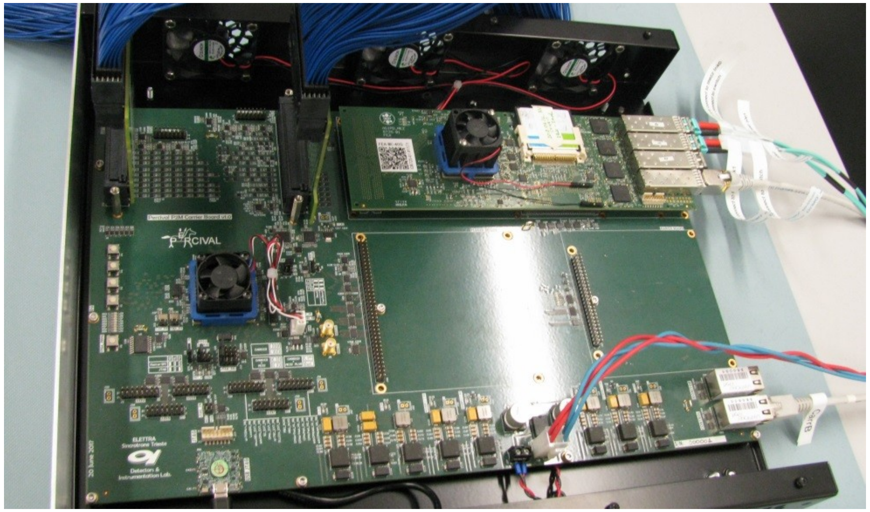
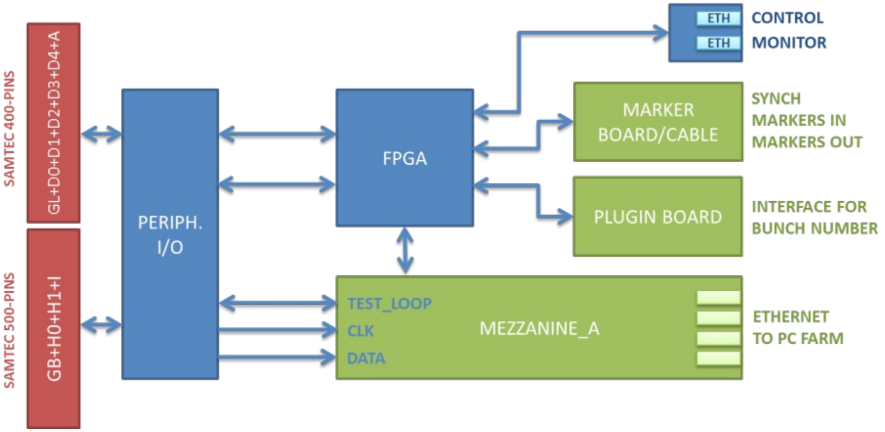
- Carrier board hosts
  - FPGA running finite state machine
  - Mezzanine board (also AGIPD, Lambda) reordering data for easier processing streaming out 20 Gbit/s data
  - Interface to slow control, facility information, trigger



Mezzanine for data streamout
shared by AGIPD, LAMBDA, and Percival



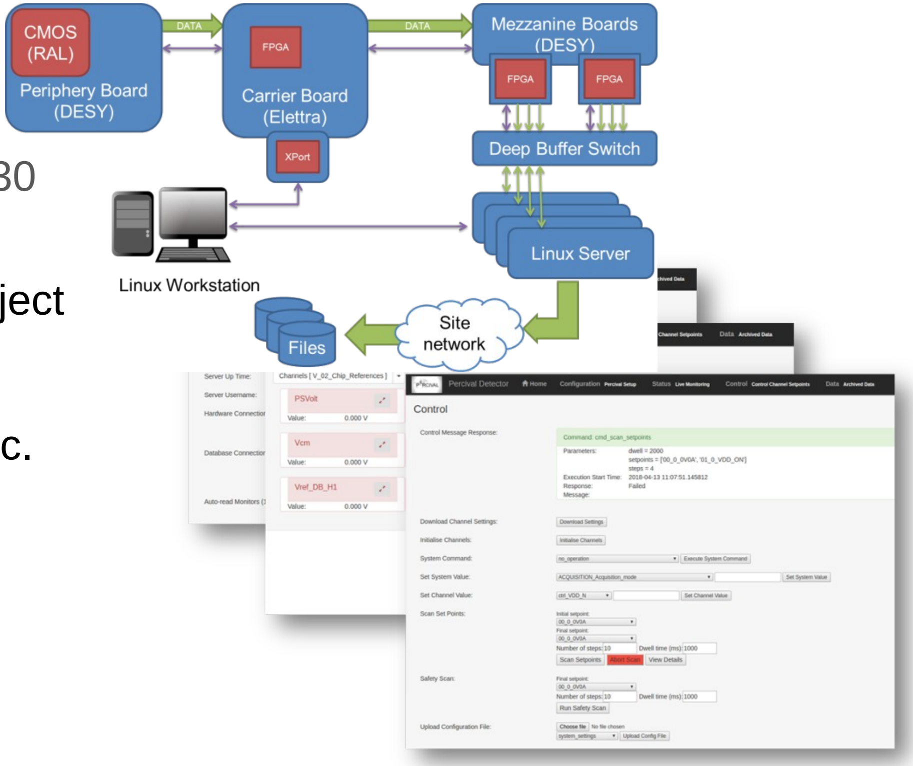
P2M System

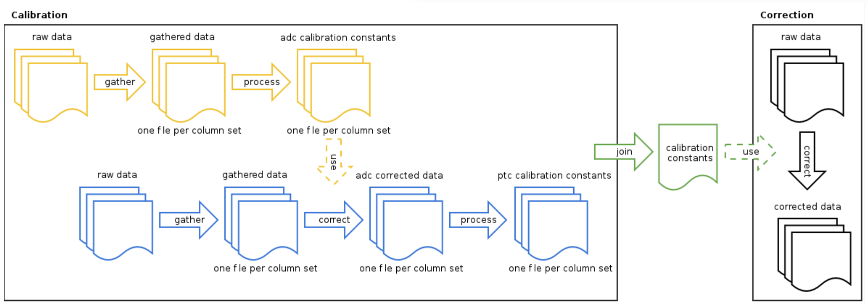
Currently undergoing benchtop tests in front-illuminated configuration

- Control & DAQ
  - 20 Gbit/s from one sensor (reading full images: 300 Hz, 2M pixels, 30 bit/pixel incl. CDS)
  - Virtual hdf5 developed in part for this project
  - Python interface & Odin GUI interface
  - API for link to Tango, DOOCs, EPICS, etc.

- Software Framework for Characterization
  - Data validation
  - Calibration constants
  - Sensor characterization

- Testing

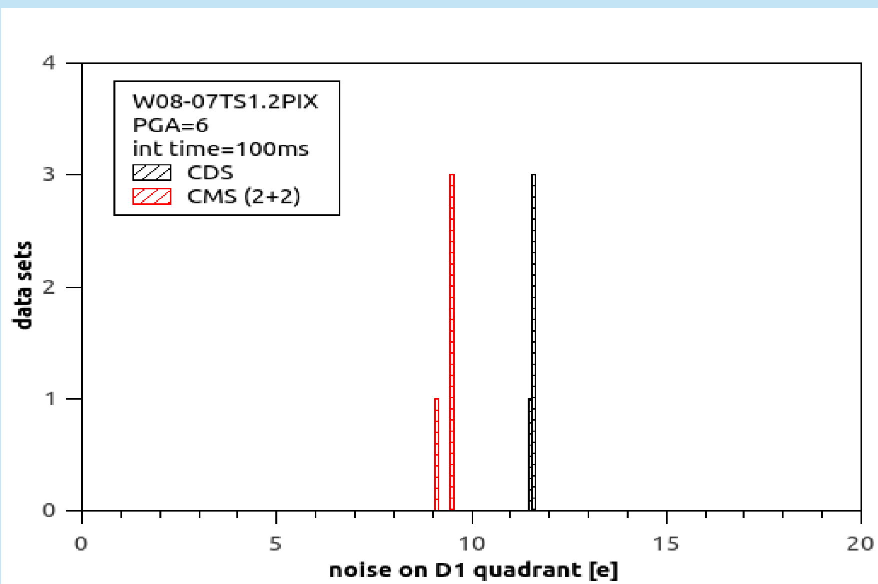




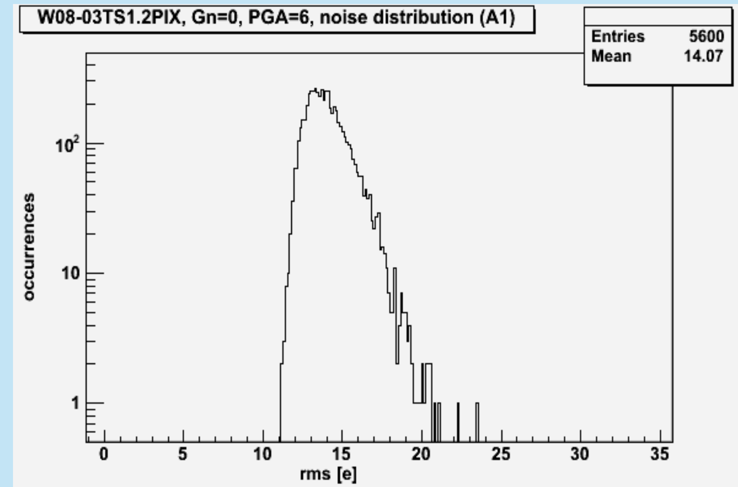
Prototype Performance - Noise

Noise

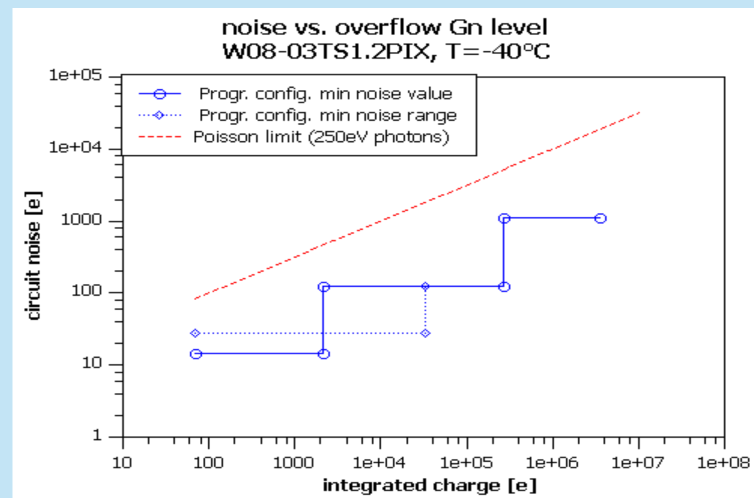
- reasonably low parameter dispersion between different samples (and wafers)
- Noise below Poisson limit
- preliminary tests indicate ~10 e^- rms reachable by multiple sampling



Multiple Sample Trial: Proof of principle.



Dispersion of pixel noise values (TS1.2)

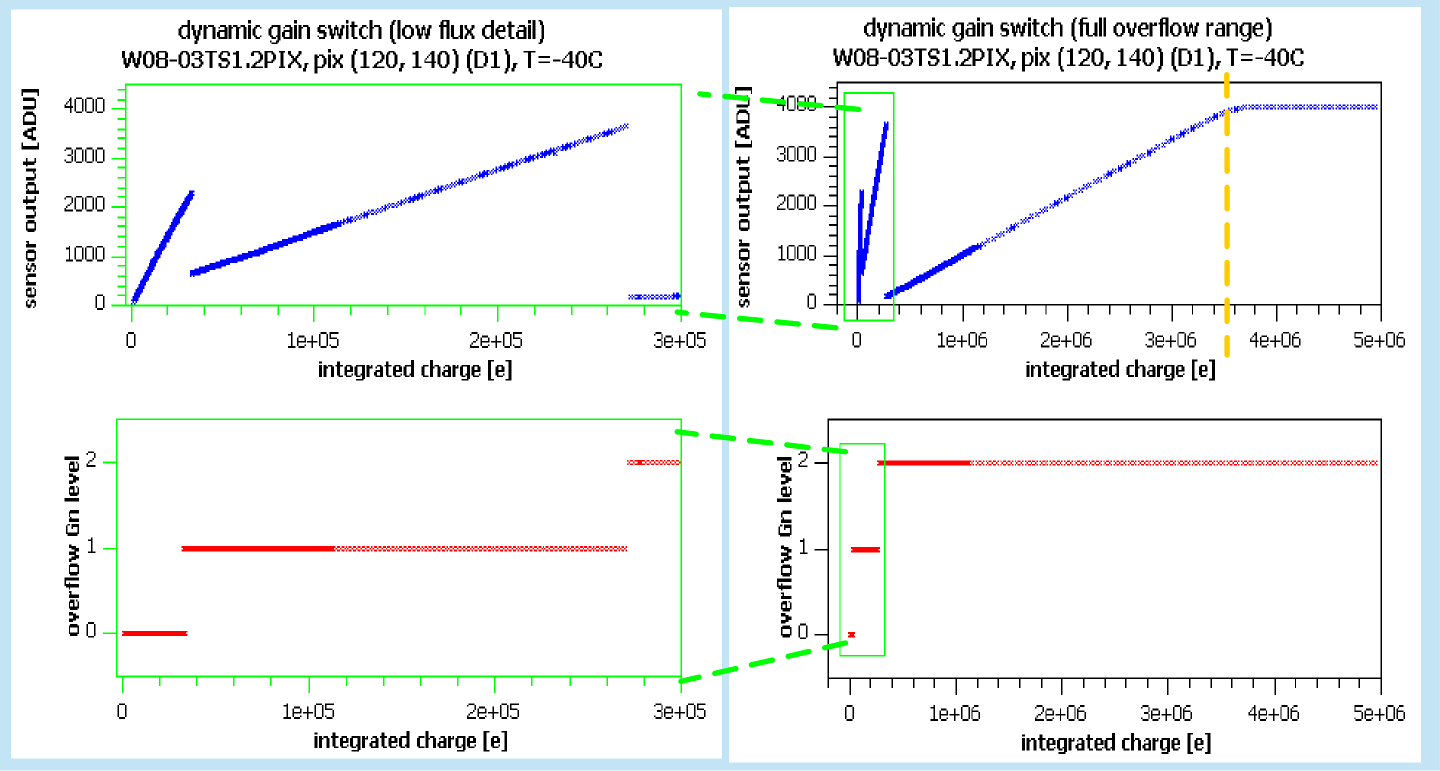


Noise well below Poisson shot noise at all times

Prototype Performance

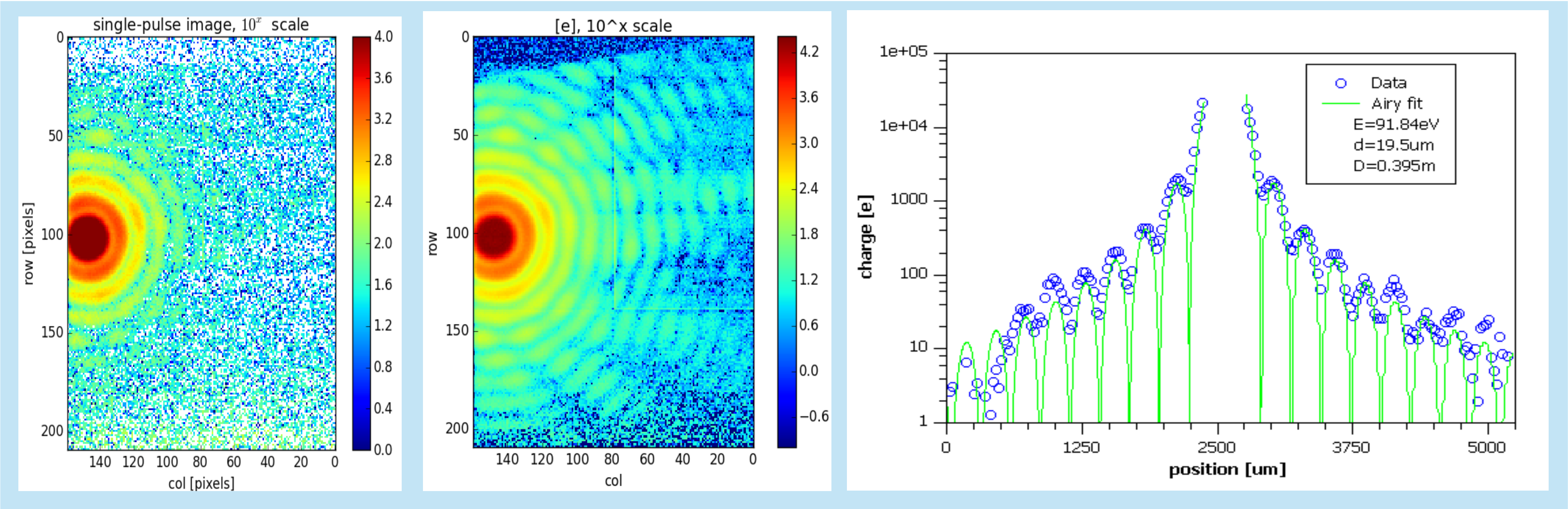
Gains

- Automatic gain adjustment works
- 3 gains accessible via overflow switch architecture
- Dynamic range to 3.5 Me$^-$ i.e. 50k photons at 250eV

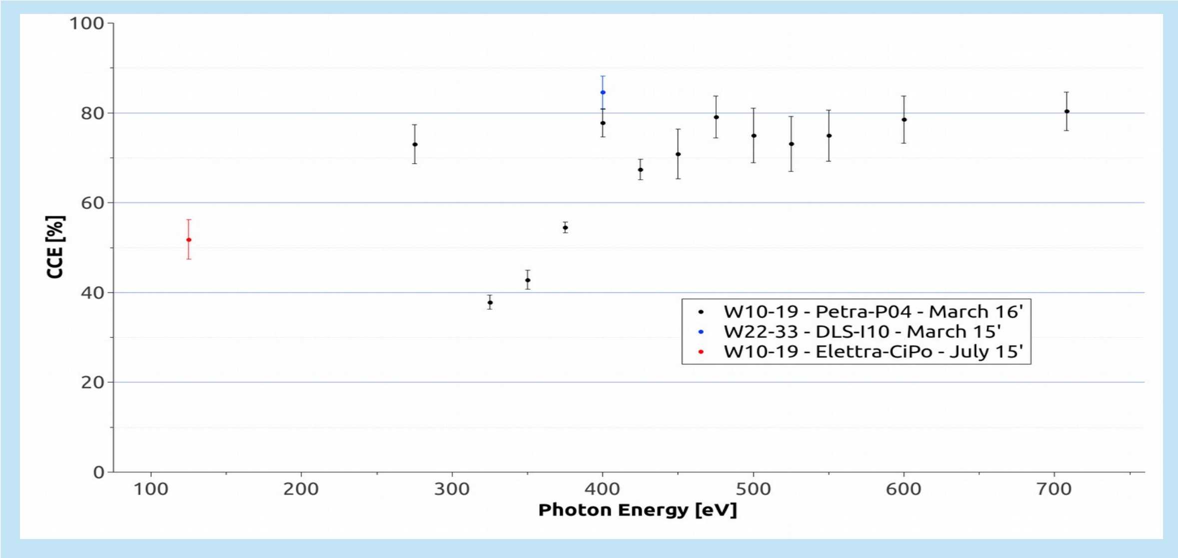


Prototype Performance

Backside-illuminated (BSI)



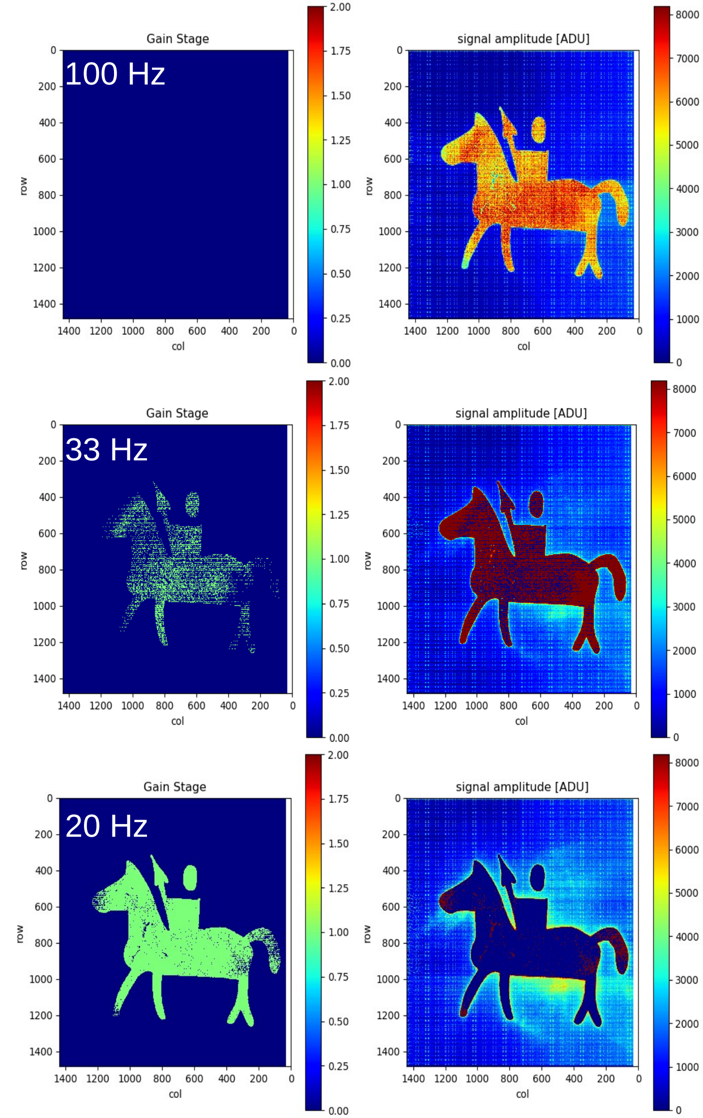
- Imaging at 92 eV, single-shot at FLASH
- Airy rings matching output
- CCE (lower limit to QE) measured at ~70% above 400 eV

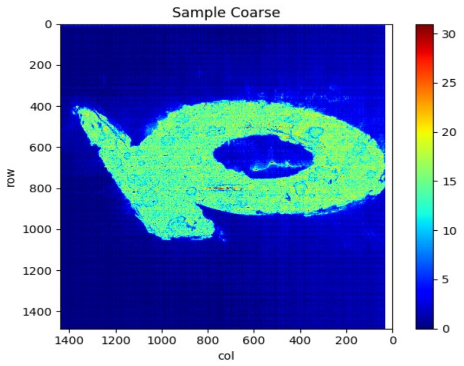


P2M Operation

- First light
- Visible light, room temperature
- 100Hz frame rate (stream-out speed of full acquisition system still ramping up)
- Automatic gain switching works
- Deployment. Two more system working and providing, last one at Elettra: 150Hz

- Gain
- ADUs

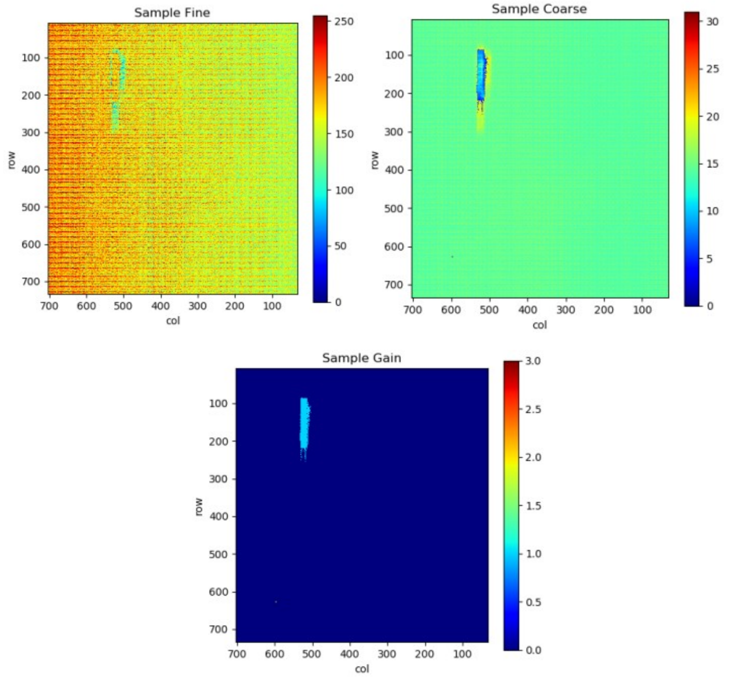


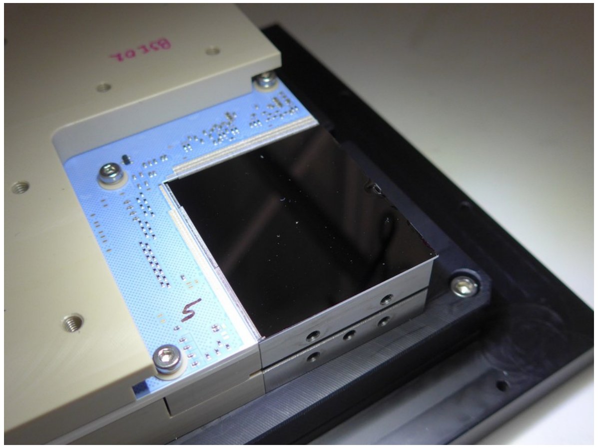


Project Status & Outlook

P2M FSI undergoing bench-top testing & BSI

- P2M system operates, saw first light and demonstrated auto gain switching in response to illumination
- P2M system obtained first results at a beam-line in December (P04 @ Petra III). Detailed characterisation and data analysis ongoing
- Chip functionality at 300Hz frame rate demonstrated, full readout & system ramping up





- P2M backthinned sensor wirebonded and calibrated
- First BSI tests starting this Friday
- First delta-doped P2M BSI ~ July 2019

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P2M FSI undergoing benchtop testing

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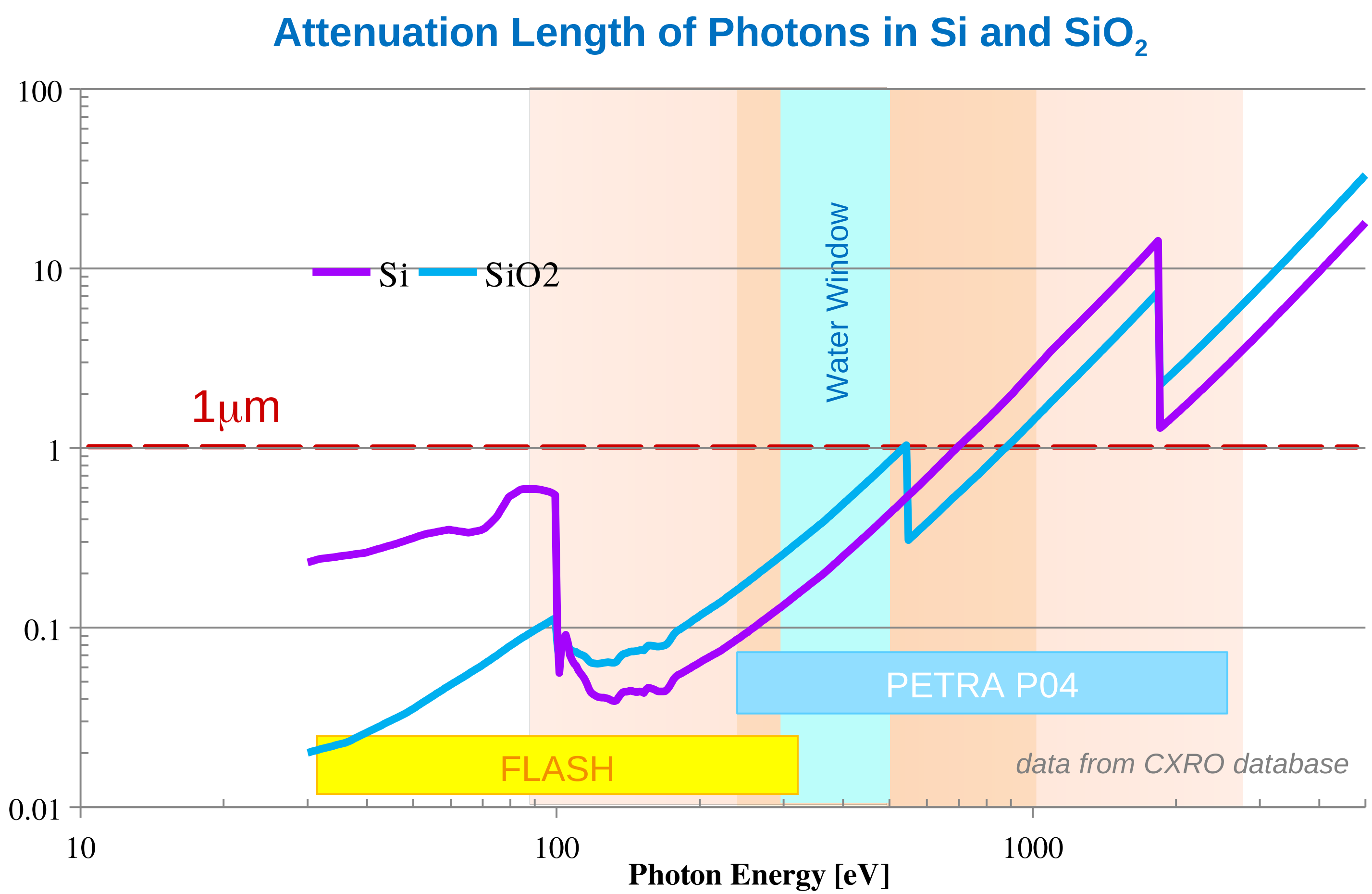
Backup Slides

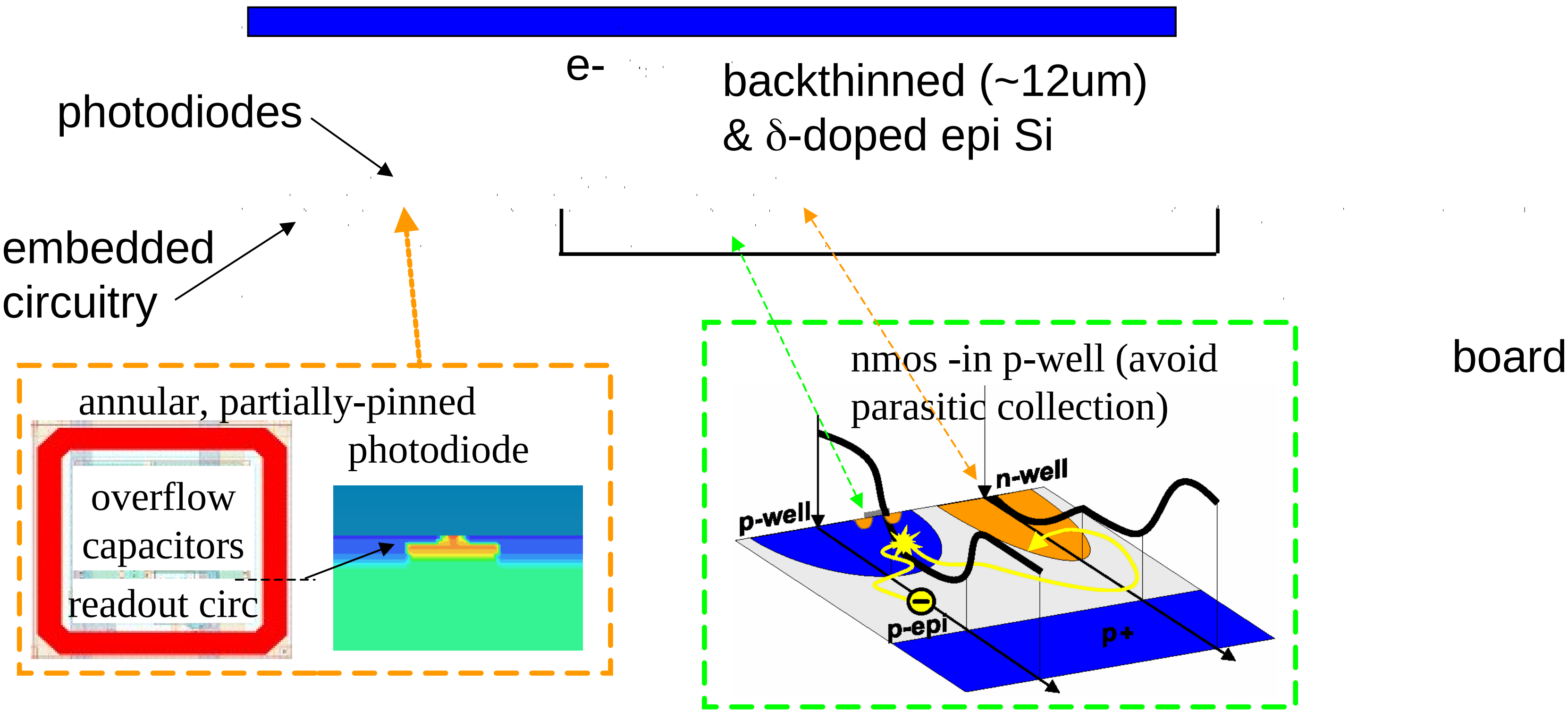
Soft X-ray Challenges – reaching the sensor



At (very) soft X-ray energies, QE is limited by passive window thickness!

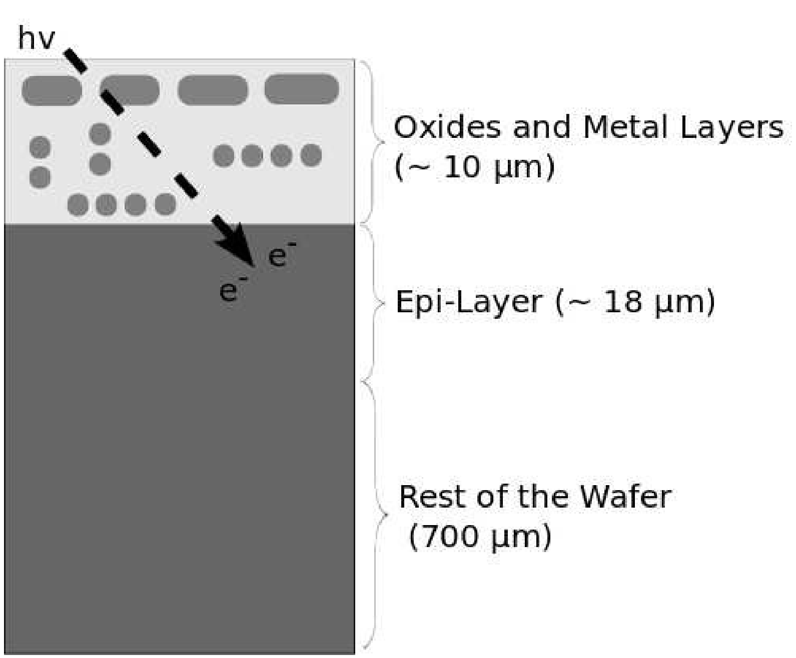
e.g. 50 nm of SiO_2: loss of 25% of 250 eV photons

Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor

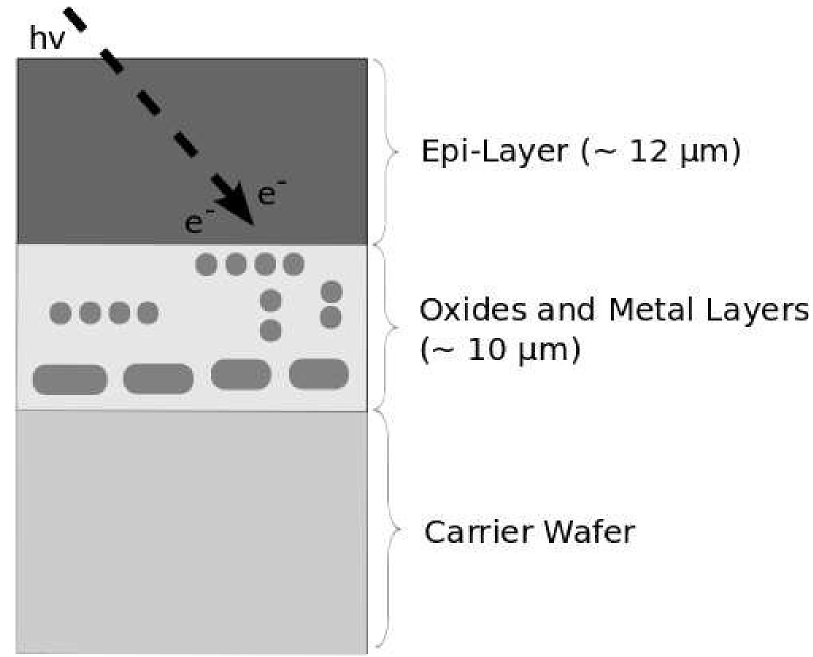


Monolithic: Collecting diodes & readout circuitry share the same substrate
commercial standard 0.18um CMOS techn, over high-resistance thick epi
Coupled to handling wafer, back-thinned, back-illuminated: 100% fill factor
Back surface delta-doped, post-processed: almost no entrance window

Back-side Illumination



- Front-side illuminated (FSI) sensor
- Photons have to traverse oxides and metals
- Limited and non-uniform sensitivity to soft X-rays



- Back-side illuminated (BSI) sensor bonded to carrier wafer
- High and uniform soft X-ray sensitivity possible
- Percival prototypes are BSI-processed at JPL (delta-doping)

Noise vs Poisson Limit