



# Megapixels @ Megahertz

## High-Speed Cameras for the European XFEL and beyond

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## The AGIPD System

European XFEL  
Single molecule imaging  
Requirements

## AGIPD 1.1 Readout ASIC

Architecture  
Dynamic gain switching  
Performance

## AGIPD Detector systems: SPB & MID

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Cooling and mechanics

## ecAGIPD for HiBEF

Electron-collecting AGIPD  
AGIPD06 demonstrator

## Beyond AGIPD

Limits of analogue readout  
Digital architectures  
Speed limits

## Conclusion

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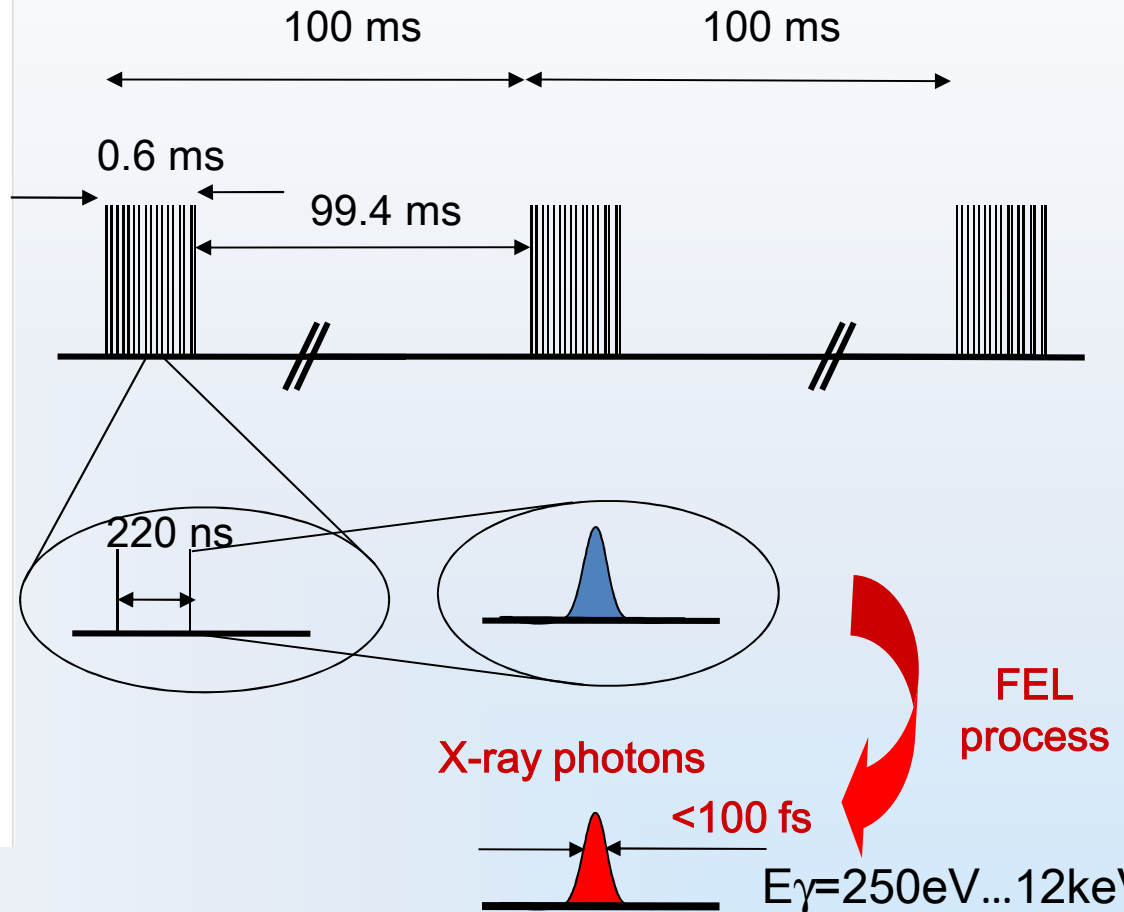
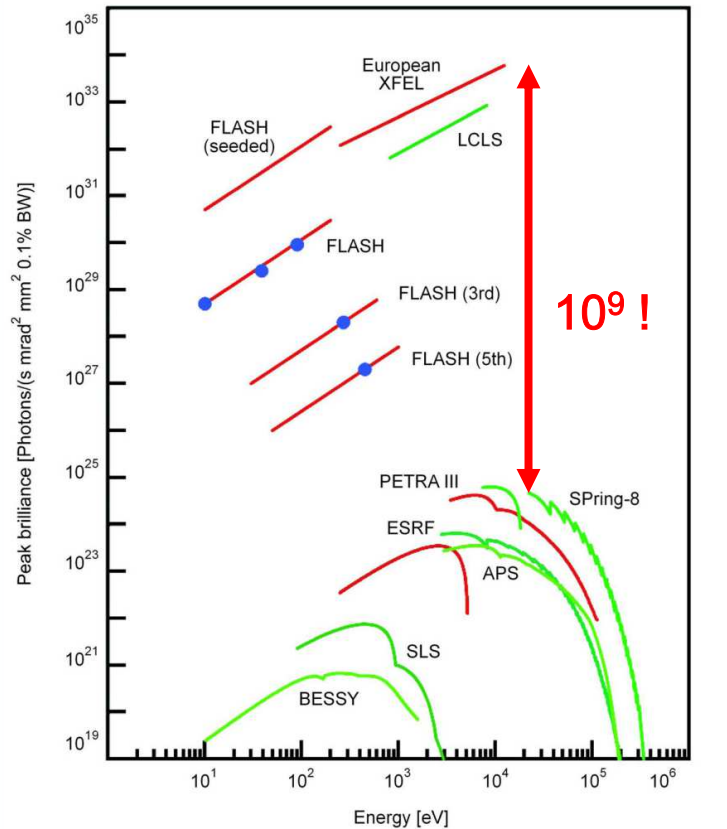
European XFEL  
Inaugurated September 1<sup>st</sup> 2017



AGIPD online event display



# European XFEL properties



## Detectors:

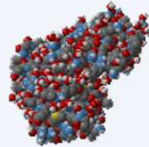
- LPD (500 $\mu\text{m}$  x 500 $\mu\text{m}$ ) - 1Mpix installed
- AGIPD (200 $\mu\text{m}$  x 200 $\mu\text{m}$ ) - 1Mpix installed, 1Mpix commissioning, 4Mpix & 1Mpix under construction
- DSSC (230 $\mu\text{m}$  x 200 $\mu\text{m}$ ) - 1Mpix under construction

- $E_\gamma = 250\text{eV} \dots 12\text{keV}$   
 av. Rate:
- 27kHz XFEL
  - 120Hz LCLS
  - 60Hz SCSS

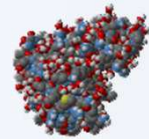
# AGIPD Scientific Case: Single Molecule Imaging & SFX



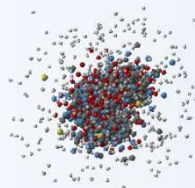
Just before  
XFEL pulse



During the  
pulse



After pulse



Single  
photons

$10^4$  photons  
@ 12keV

352 images

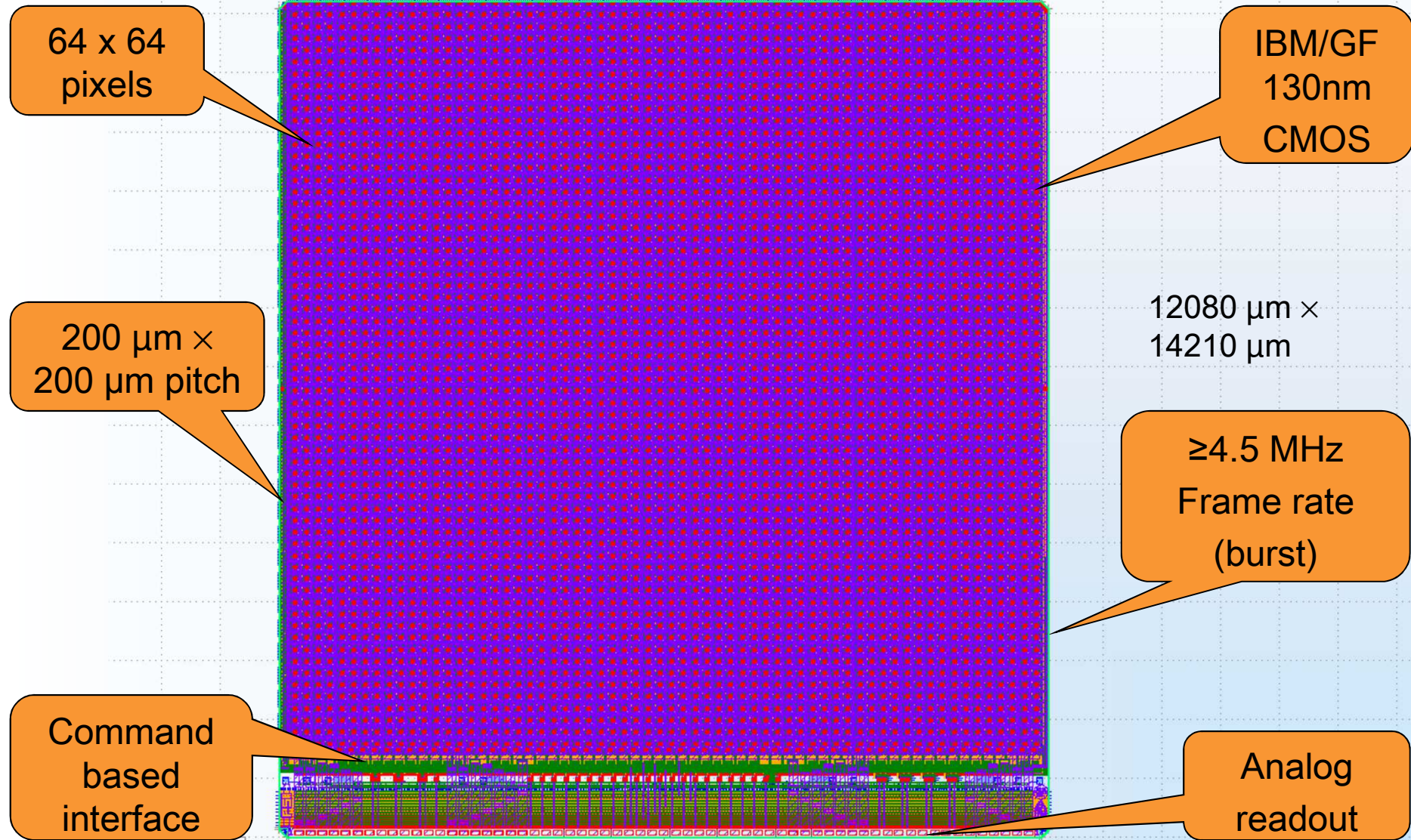
1k x 1k pixels  
(or more)

4.5 MHz

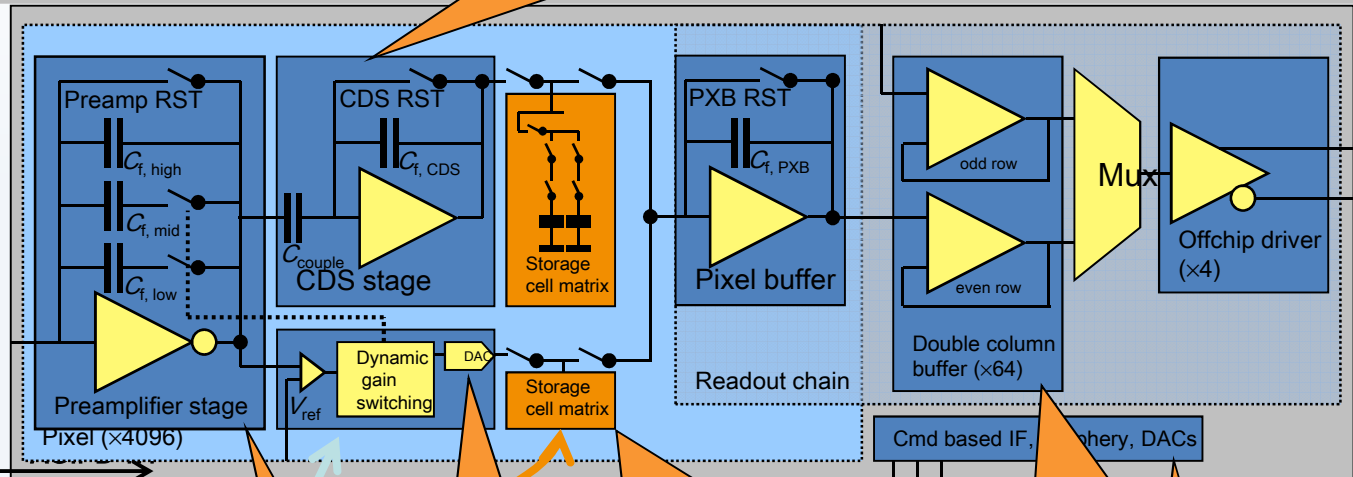
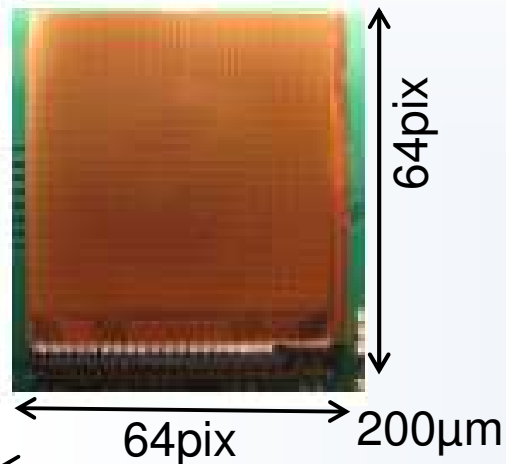
- Time structure of the photon signals
  - Pipelined architecture
  - Random access mode
  - External veto capability
- High radiation dose at small angles:  $10^4$  photons/(pixel shot)
- over 3 years: 1 GGy @sensor
  - Radiation damage of silicon sensor
  - Radiation damage of underlying electronics ( $\gg 10$  MGy)
  - Radiation hard design
- 500  $\mu\text{m}$  silicon sensor
- 200  $\mu\text{m}$  square pixels
- Vacuum compatibility
- Detector with central hole



# AGIPD 1.1 ASIC



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Correlated double sampling

Analogue RAM for 352 images

Interleaved row  
Double column readout

Analogue encoding of gain

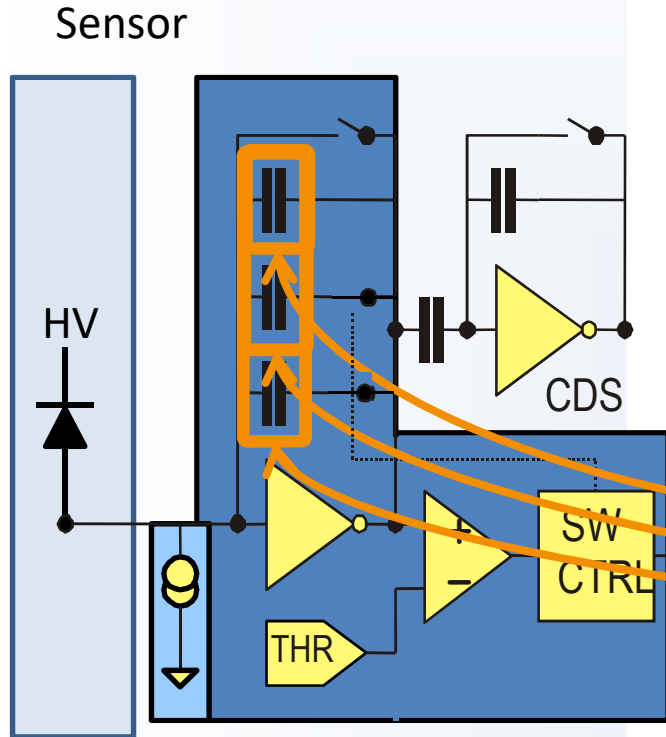
Adaptive gain  
 $C_f = 60\text{fF}, 3\text{pF}, 10\text{pF}$

Command based control via serial IF

## Remaining Issue:

- Separation between med/low gain signals disappearing with burst length  $\rightarrow$  AGIPD 1.2

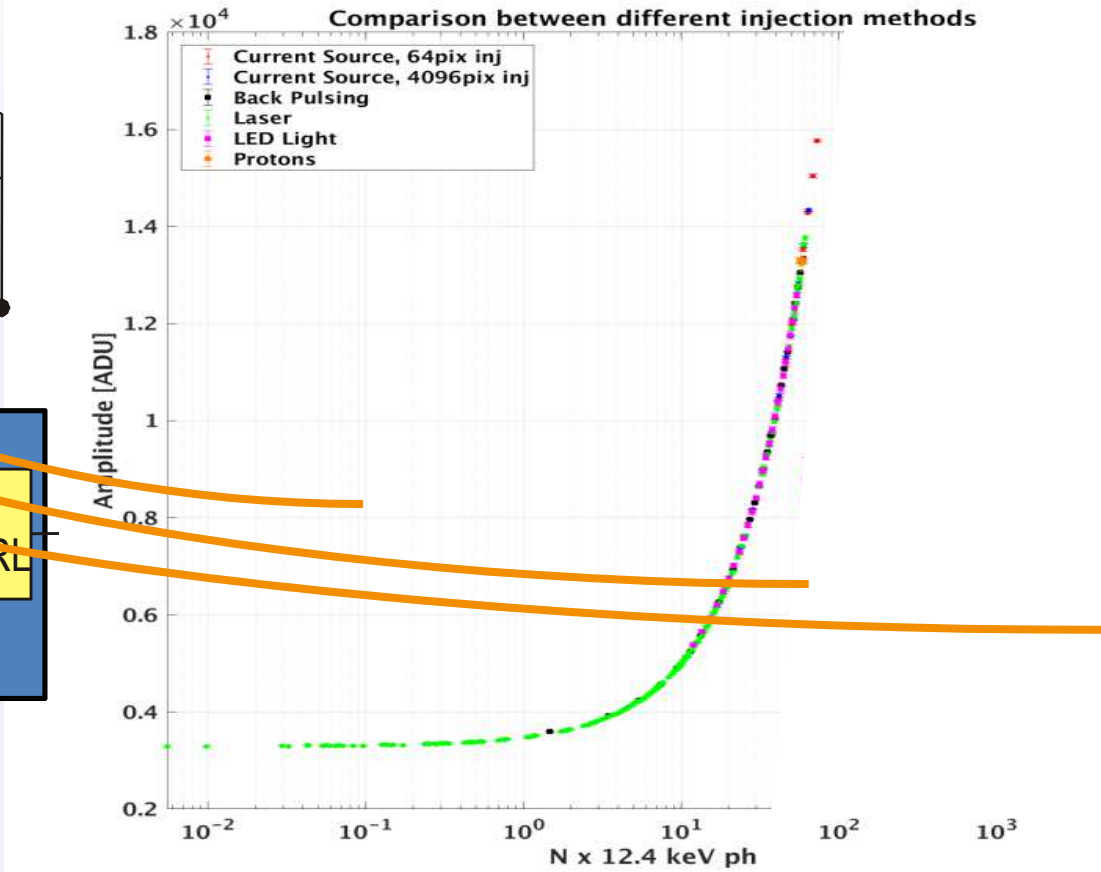
# Adaptive gain switching



Calibration circuitry

Adaptive gain amplifier

Line spectra covering all 3 gains with (1MeV) Protons@LABEC



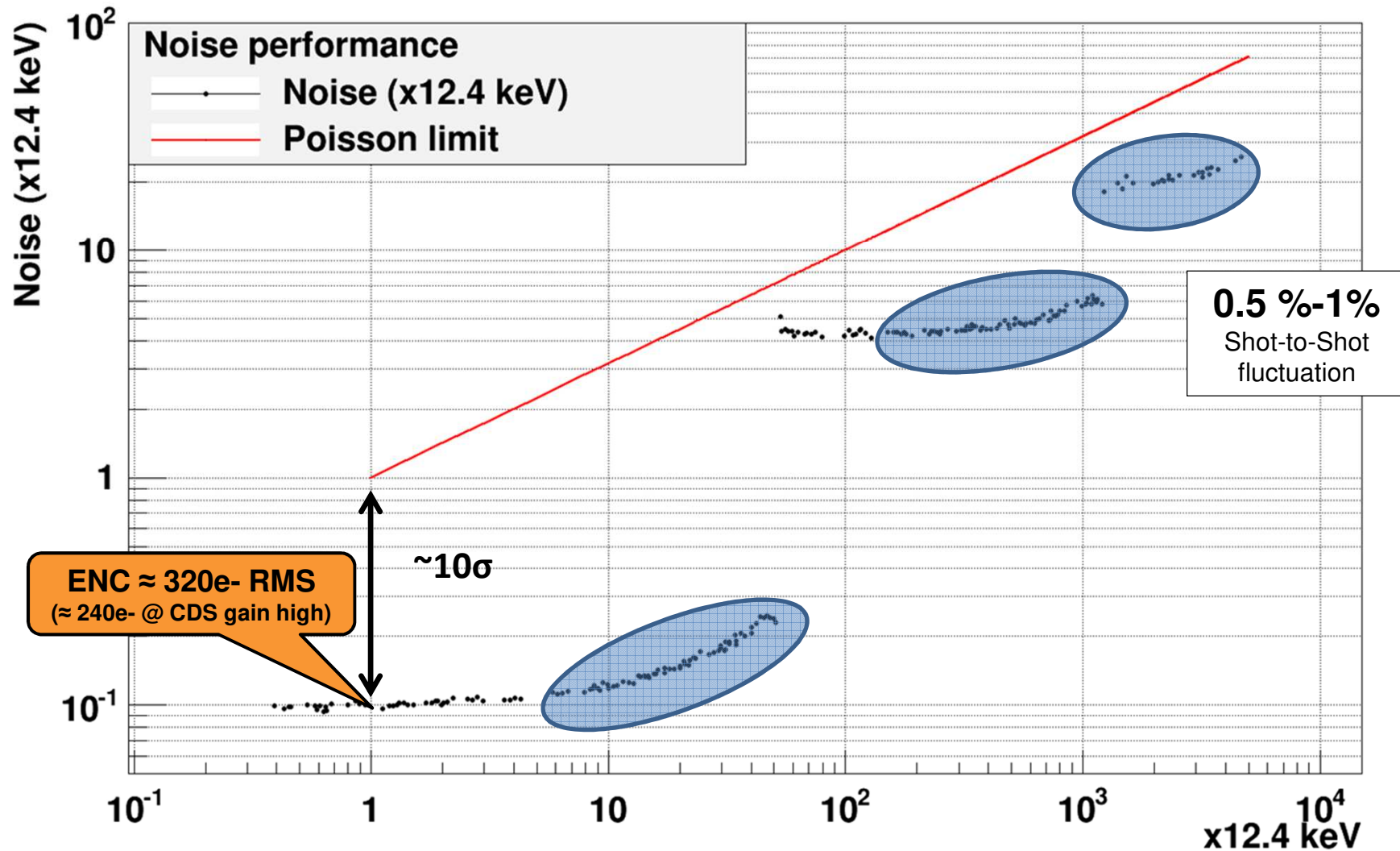
High gain: 50-80 Photons with single photon sensitivity.  
Low gain: 5000 photons with linear gain  
 +5000 photons with 1% nonlinearity.





# AGIPD Detector noise

AGIPD1.0 - Chip 1 - Noise over Dynamic Range (x12.4 keV) - LASER (IR)

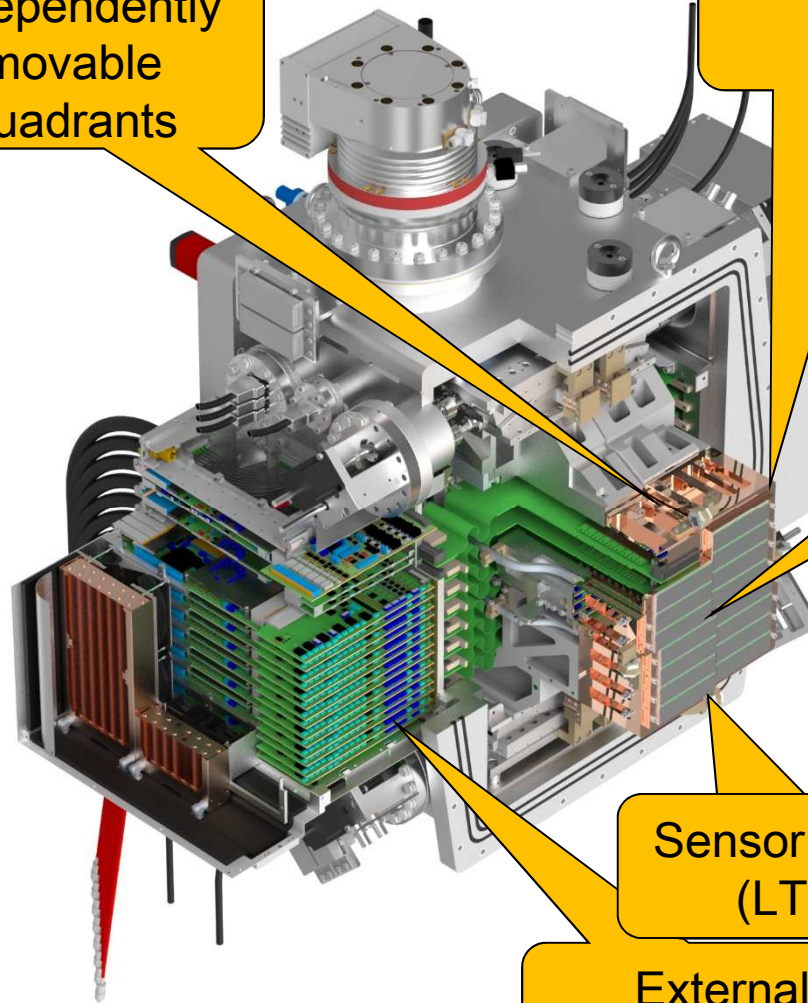


# AGIPD 1Mpix Systems

(SPB and MID Beamlines at European X-ray Free Electron Laser)

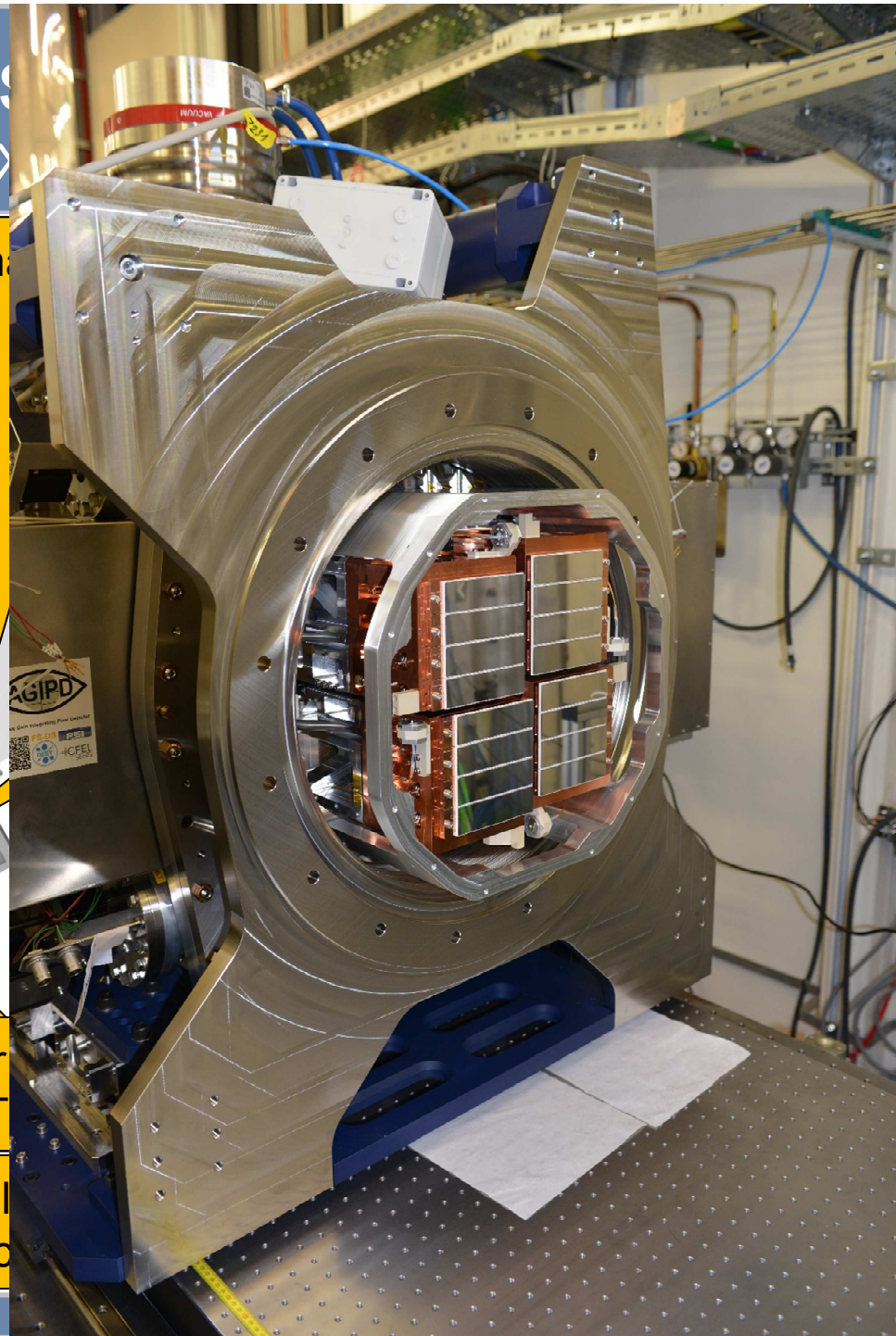
Independently  
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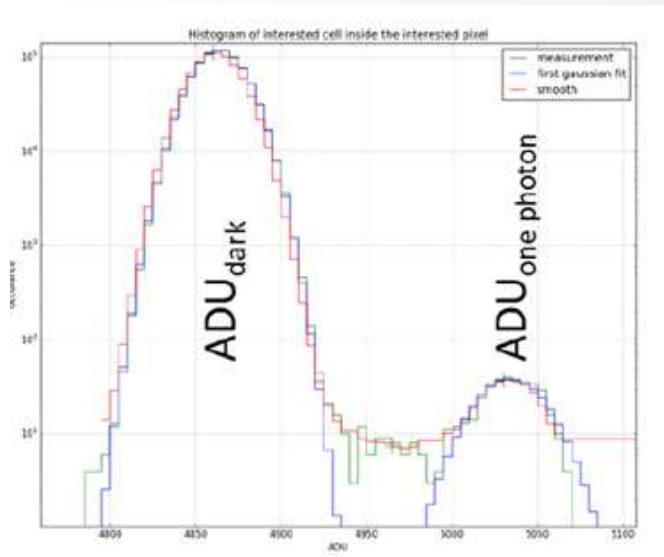
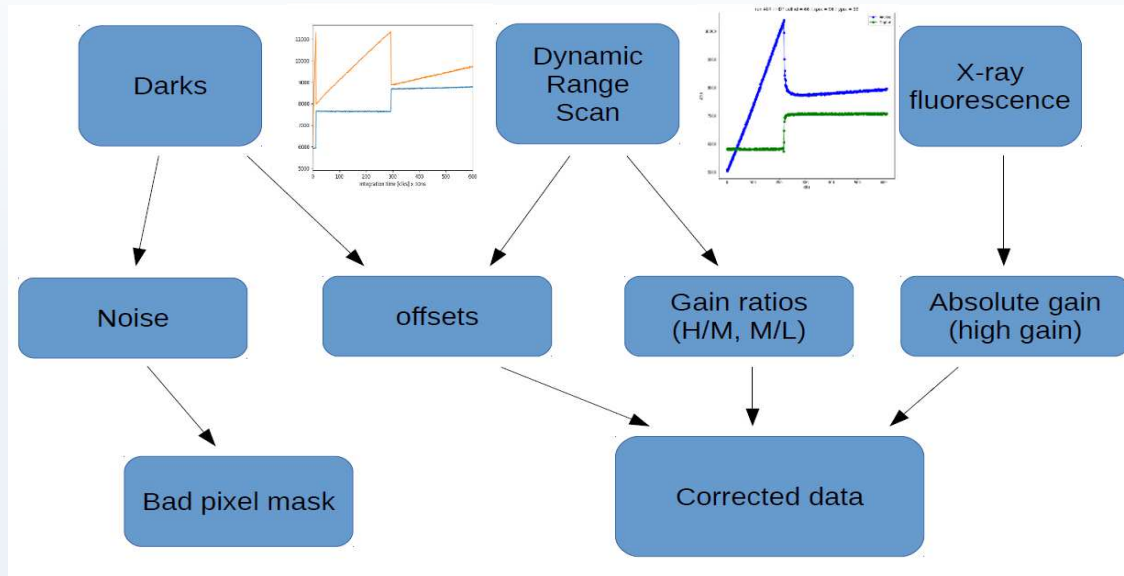


# AGIPD 1Mpix Systems: Calibration



Feed calibration framework with

- Pulsed capacitor dynamic range scans for all memory cells used
- Cu-K $\alpha$  data at XFEL
- Dark data for High and Medium gain level



Calibration framework follows a modular concept and allows removing, adding and exchanging building blocks

- Huge number of fits!
- 65,536 pixels
- 352 memory cells
- 3 Gains + 3 Offsets
- $\approx 138,000,000$  fits / module
- 16 Modules  $\rightarrow 2.2 \times 10^9$  constants
- computation time, fit quality, non-constant fit ranges

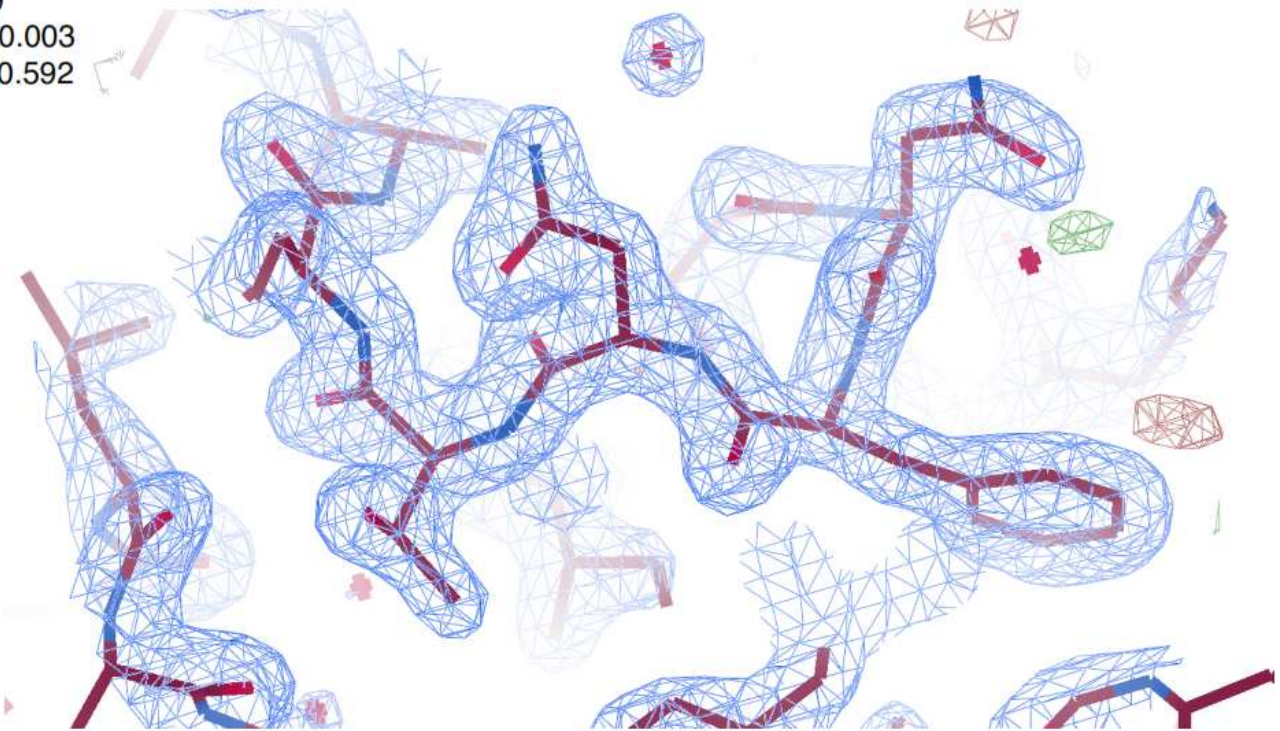


# First User Experiment: XFEL2012 (14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2017)

The first round of reflection intensities from XFEL2012 data are accurate enough to produce a structure

Results from XFEL2012, initial refinement:

$R_{work}/R_{free}$ : 0.168 / 0.193  
Average  $B_{iso}$ : 34.9  
RMSD bonds (Å): 0.003  
RMSD angles (°): 0.592



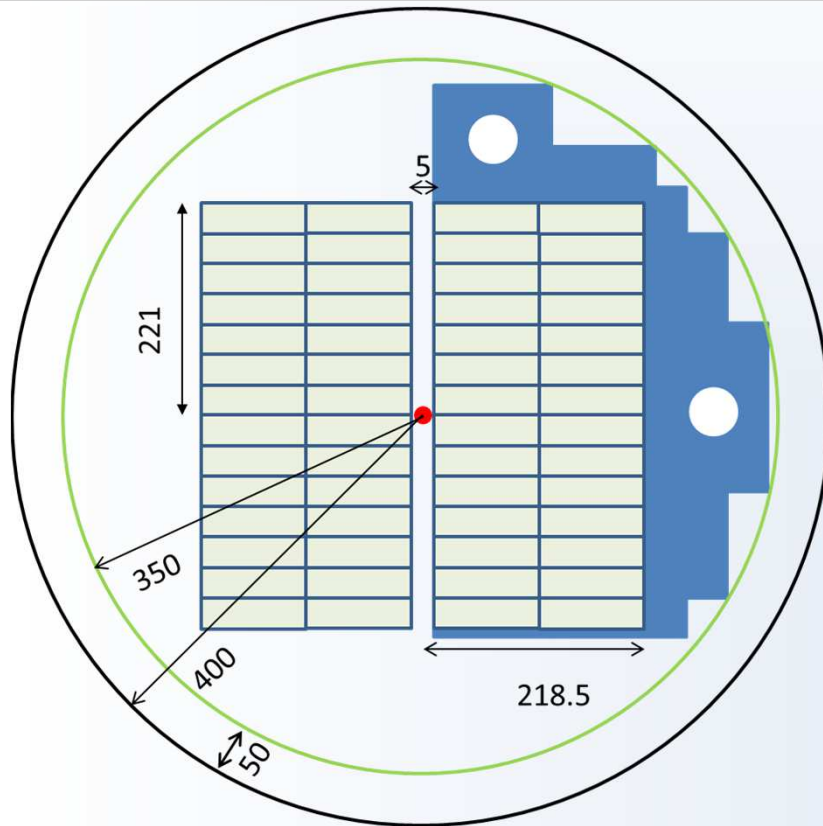
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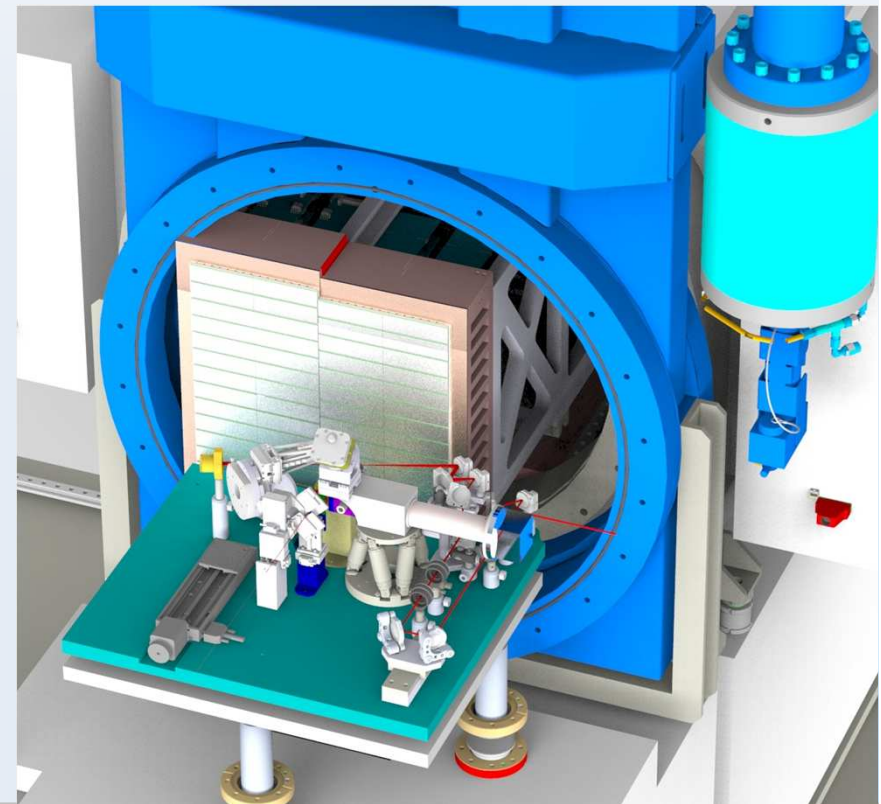
A. Barty et al.: Nature Communications NCOMMS-18-24082A

# AGIPD 4M Detector for SFX



- 4 x 14 Front-End-Modules, arranged in
  - 2 x 14 Double-Modules
- Two halves
  - 2 x 14 FEMs each
  - Independent in-vacuum x-motion

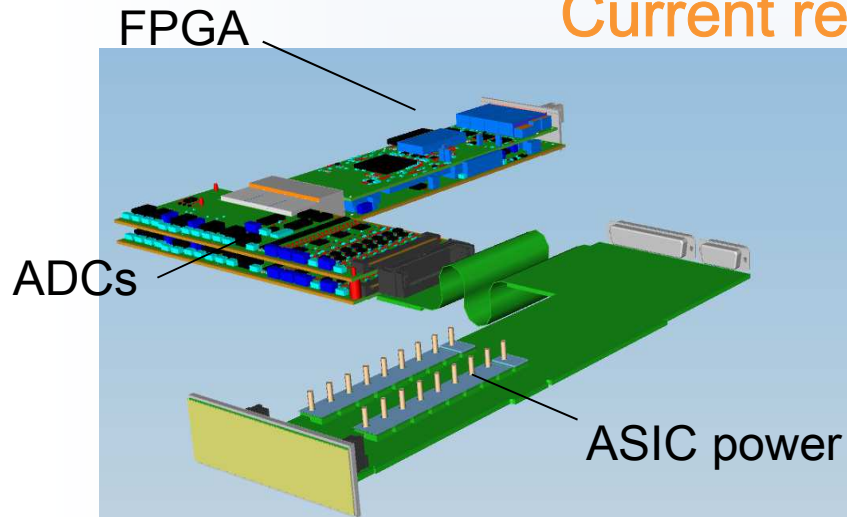
- In-vacuum z-motion
  - through gate valve
    - inner diameter 800mm
  - into sample chamber
  - travel range of 400 mm



# AGIPD 4M Detector for SFX



## Current readout boards



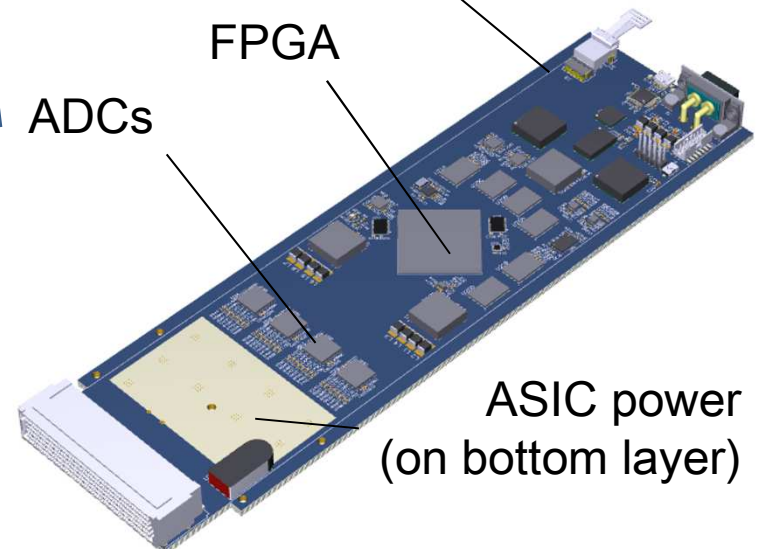
### Advantages

- Short analogue signal path
- Local DC/DC -> less power cables
- Control and DAQ completely based on optical data transmission

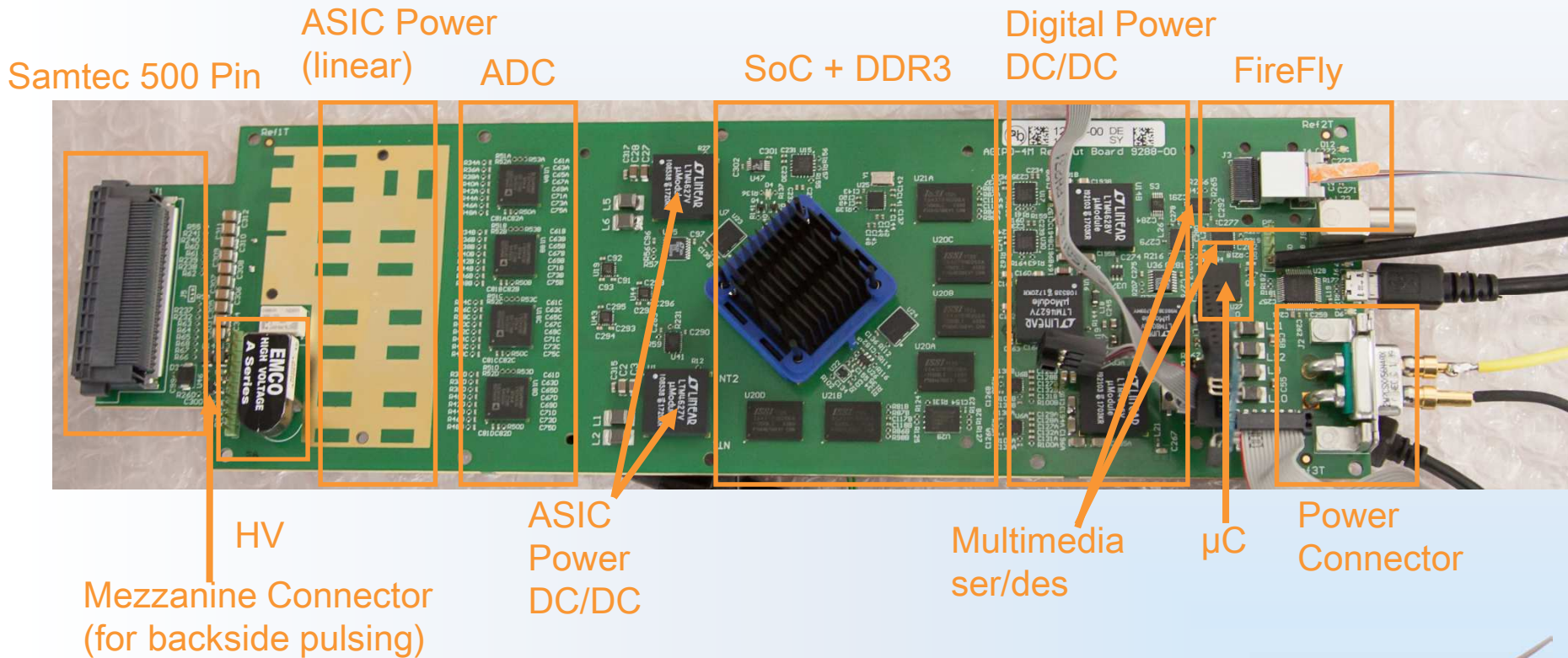
### Challenges

- Complete redesign of two boards
  - Readout board in vacuum
  - Receiver board outside vacuum
- Cooling of PCB in vacuum

## New readout board



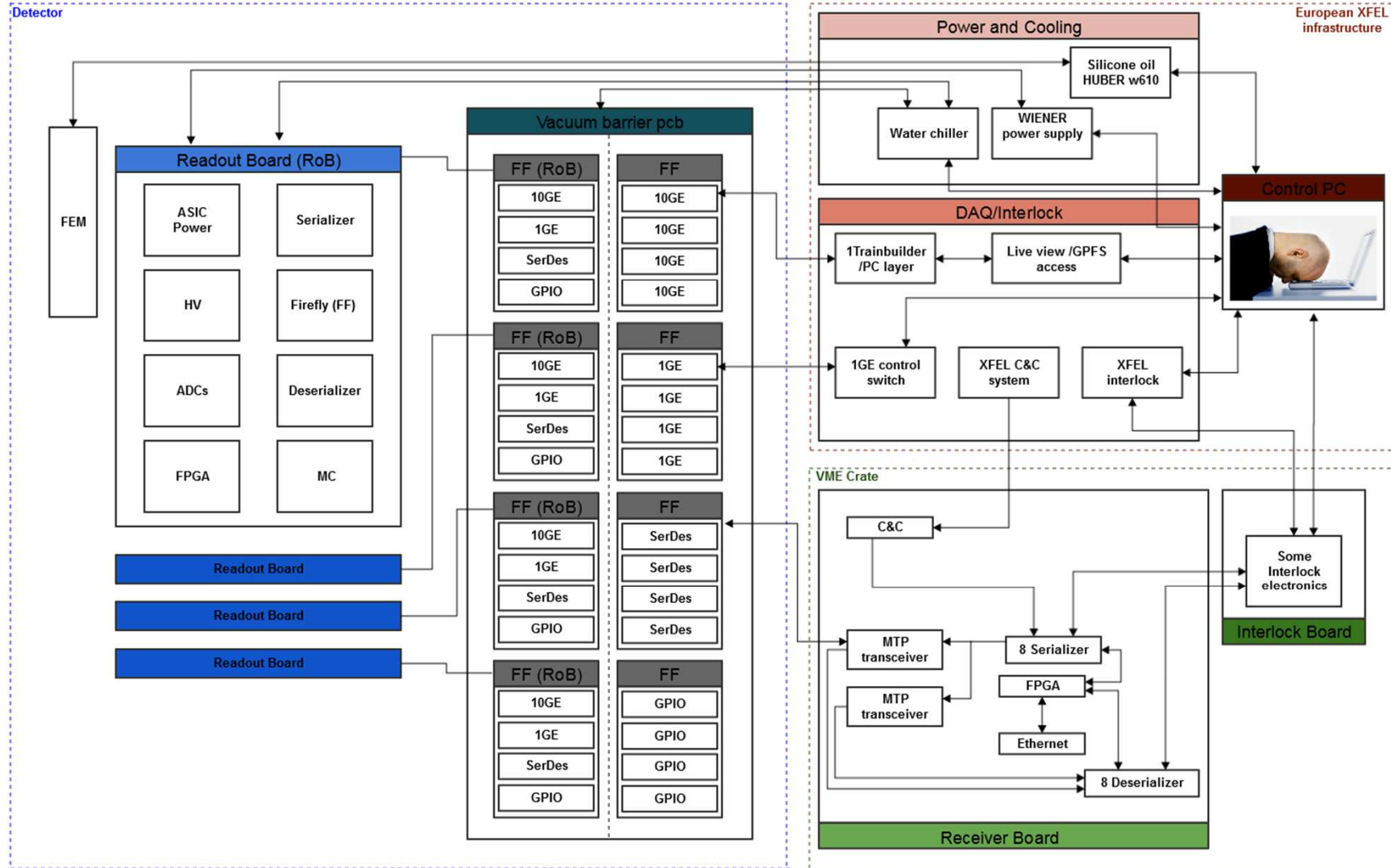
# AGIPD 4M Detector for SFX



- Two Prototypes arrived
- Successful commissioning without major issues



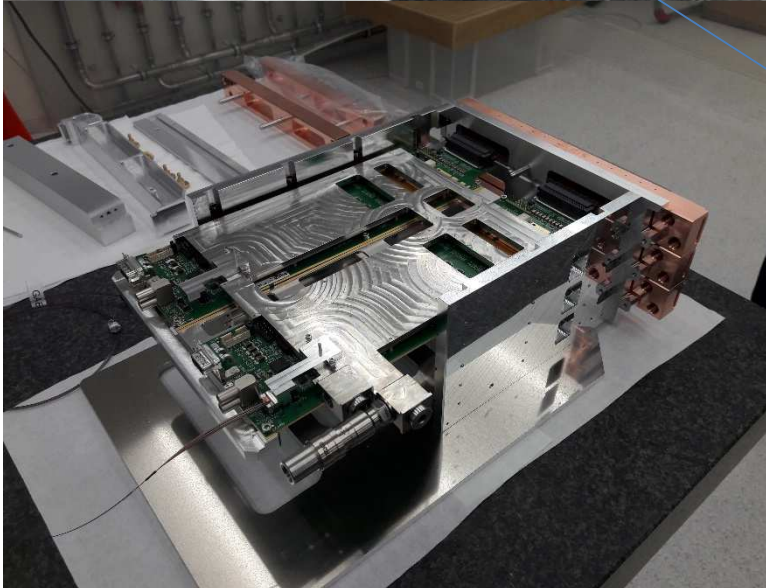
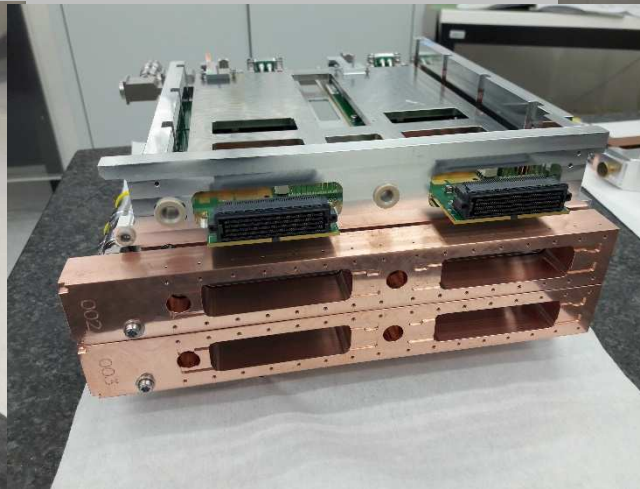
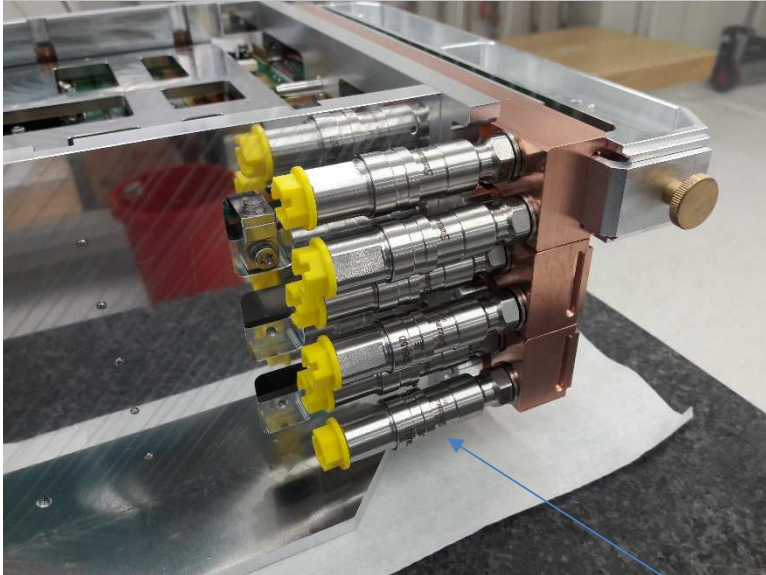
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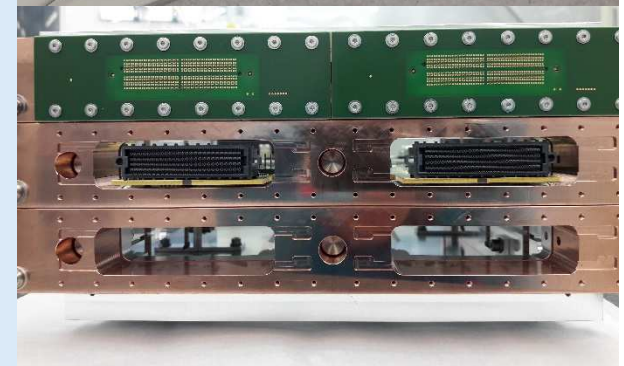
# AGIPD 4M Detector for SFX

## In-Vacuum Cooling



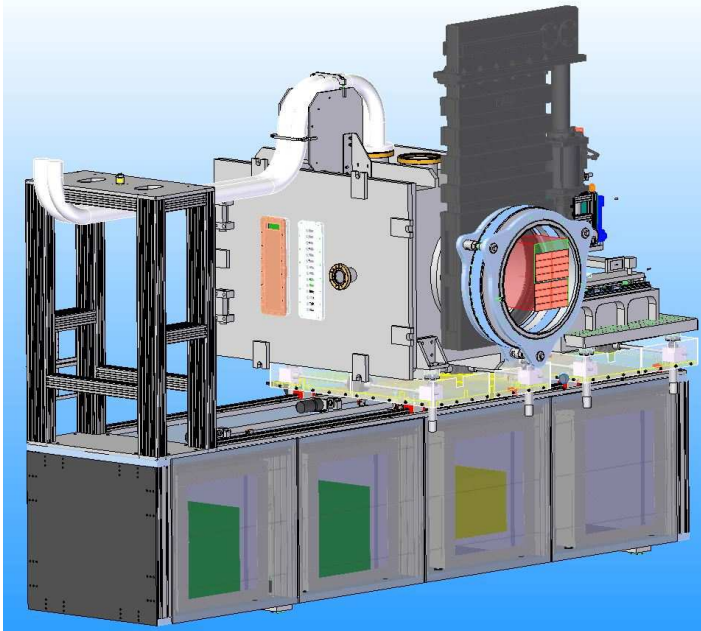
### Liquid Cooling of

- Modules
  - Cooling channels in Copper frame
  - Coolant: Silicone oil
- Readout boards
  - Coolant: Water
- In-Vacuum connectors



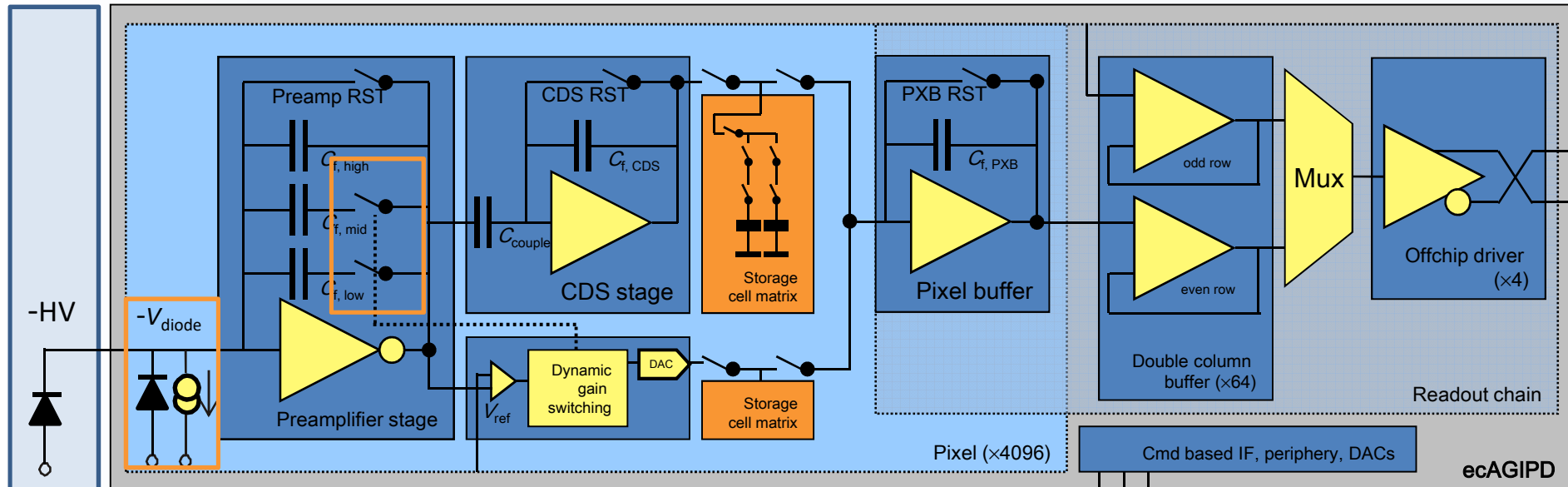
# AGIPD 1M Detector for HiBEF

@HED Endstation of European XFEL



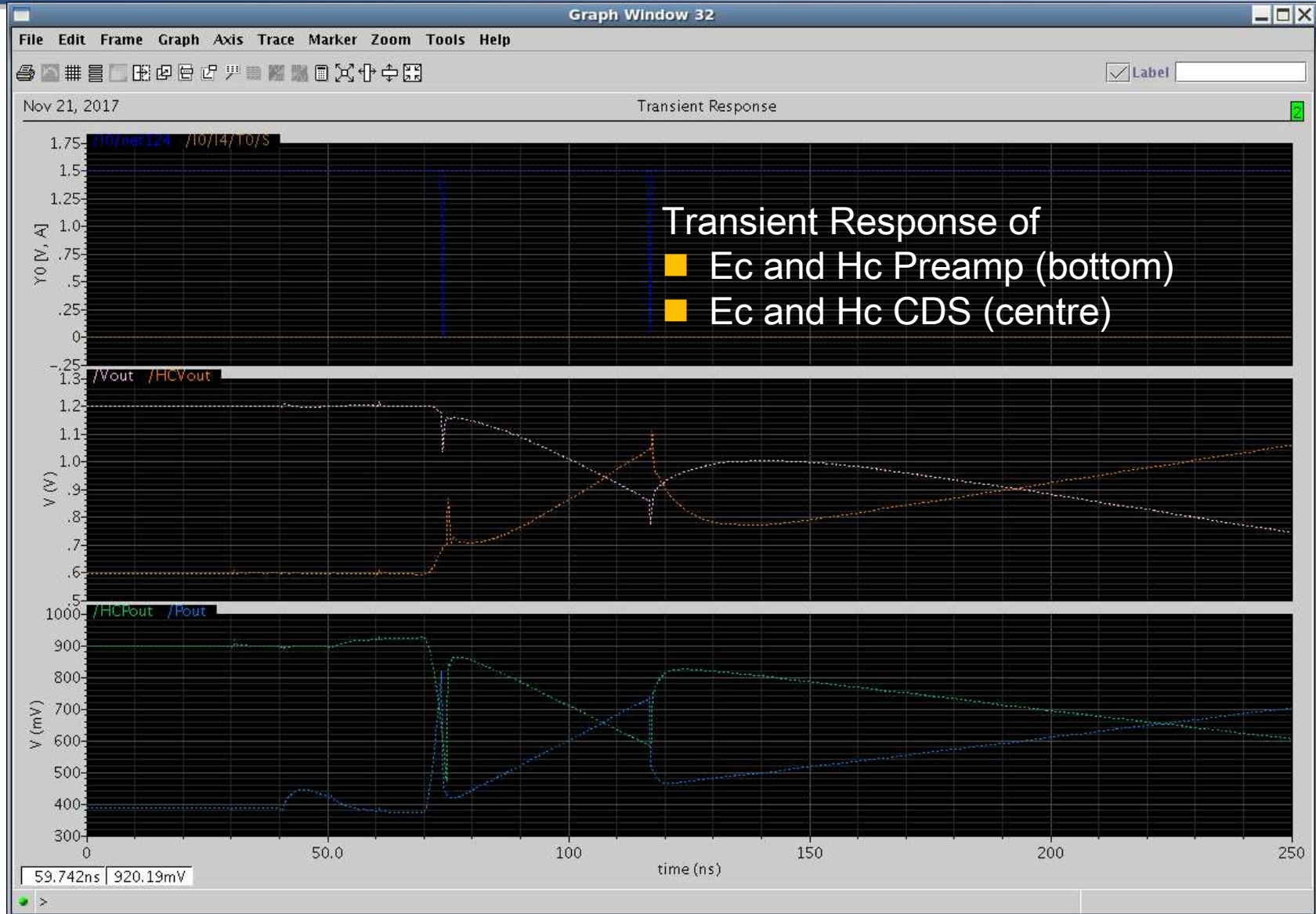
The HiBEF (Helmholtz International Beamline for Extreme Fields) experiment @ EuXFEL needs a 1Mpix detector for  $E_{ph} \geq 25\text{keV}$

- The existing AGIPD detector collects positive charges (holes)
  - Easier to realise radiation hard sensors
  - Slower – less demanding to handle large charges (circuit wise)
- AGIPD is not suitable for experiments with photons above  $\sim 15\text{keV}$ 
  - The Silicon sensor gets inefficient  $\sim 15\text{keV}$
- High-Z Semiconductors, esp. GaAs promise efficient sensors for  $E_{ph} \geq 25\text{keV}$
- Composite (III/V) Semiconductors feature relatively short charge carrier lifetimes
- Collection of Electrons (i.e. the fast component) is required

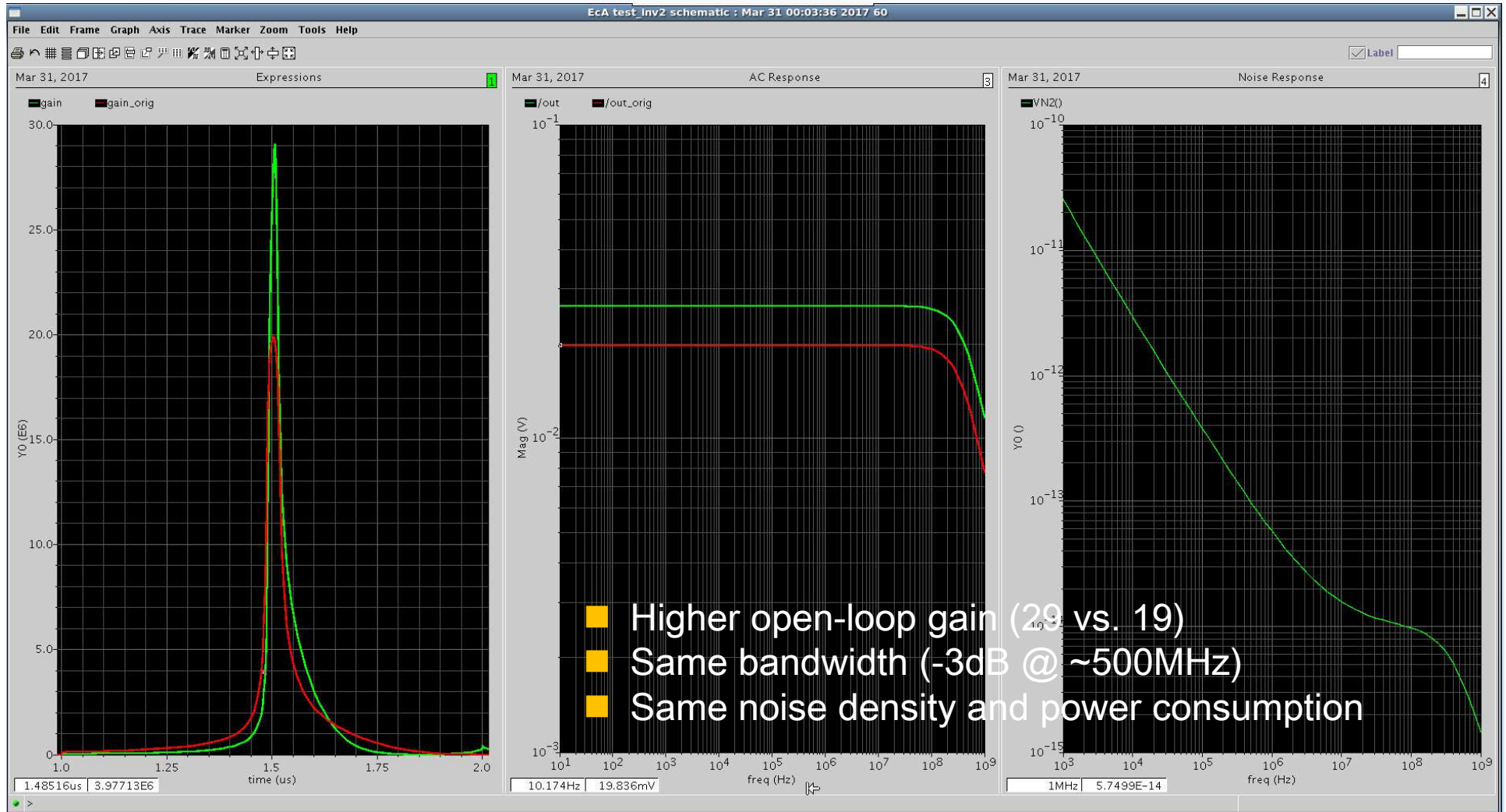


- Triple-well structure at negative ( $V_{\text{diode}} \sim -1\text{V}$ ) voltage containing
  - Input protection diode
  - Current source for test stimulus = current mirror driven by existing source
  - Feedback switches
- Modified Preamp
  - New baseline at  $\sim 400\text{mV}$
- Discriminator of opposite polarity
- Changed gain encoding
  - Hi  $\leftrightarrow$  Lo
- Swapped output pads

# ecAGIPD-Preamp



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# ecAGIPD: AGIPD06 Prototype



Virtuoso® Layout Editing: AGIPD06 aglpd06\_top layout Version:2-CheckedOut (on cfeld-trunk1)

X: 4198.61 Y: 4160.34 (F) Select: 0 DRD: OFF dX: dY: Dist: Cmd:

Tools Design Window Create Edit Verify Connectivity Options Routing Migrate Design Manager Calibre

- 16x16 pixels
- SR (i.e. no) periphery
- RX outside guardring to make TW134 happy...

Modifications to investigate 'gain bit' issues:

- Mem cells like in AGIPD 1.2
- Order of mem row & column switches reversed

mouse L: mouseSingleSelectPt  
M: leHiMousePopUp ()  
R: hiZoomIn()

# Beyond AGIPD



European XFEL operation will change in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 2020s. Tentatively 2 additional operation modes are foreseen:

- CW operation at 100kHz
- 'Long Pulse' mode with  $\leq 200\text{kHz}$  in 500ms bursts, i.e. 50% duty cycle

On the same time scale the PETRA IV DLLS will become available.

- Intensity will allow to record complete diffraction patterns in  $\approx 10\mu\text{s}$

Plans for a possible successor of AGIPD are

- $\geq 100\text{kHz}$  (CW) imager
- $100\ \mu\text{m} \times 100\ \mu\text{m}$  Pixels
- Dynamic gain switching
- In-pixel (group) ADC
- (Very) Limited pipeline for burst mode





# Going Faster: With Analogue Readout

Ingredients (1<sup>st</sup> order):  $t = \frac{1}{f_{ADC}}$

Digitisation with  $n$  bits

at a rate of  $f_{ADC}$

$$2^{-n} \geq e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

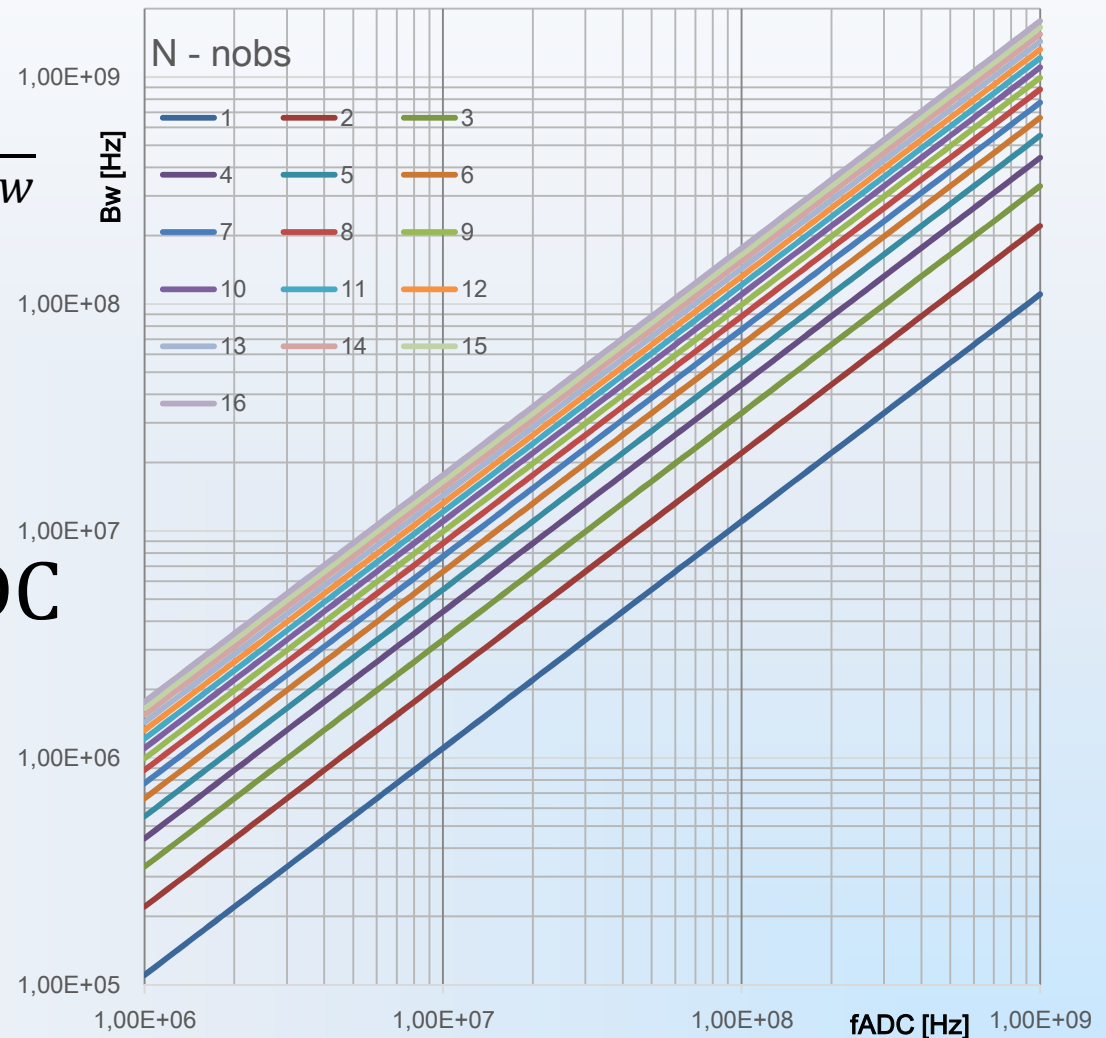
$$\tau = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot Bw}$$

The required bandwidth  $Bw$  becomes:

$$Bw \geq \frac{\ln(2)}{2\pi} \cdot n \cdot f_{ADC}$$

In case of AGIPD:

- Digitising 2 values/pixel (gain & amplitude)
- 1024 pixel/port
- @ 33MHz
- $\Rightarrow$  16 kHz frame rate





# Going Faster: Limits of Analogue Readout

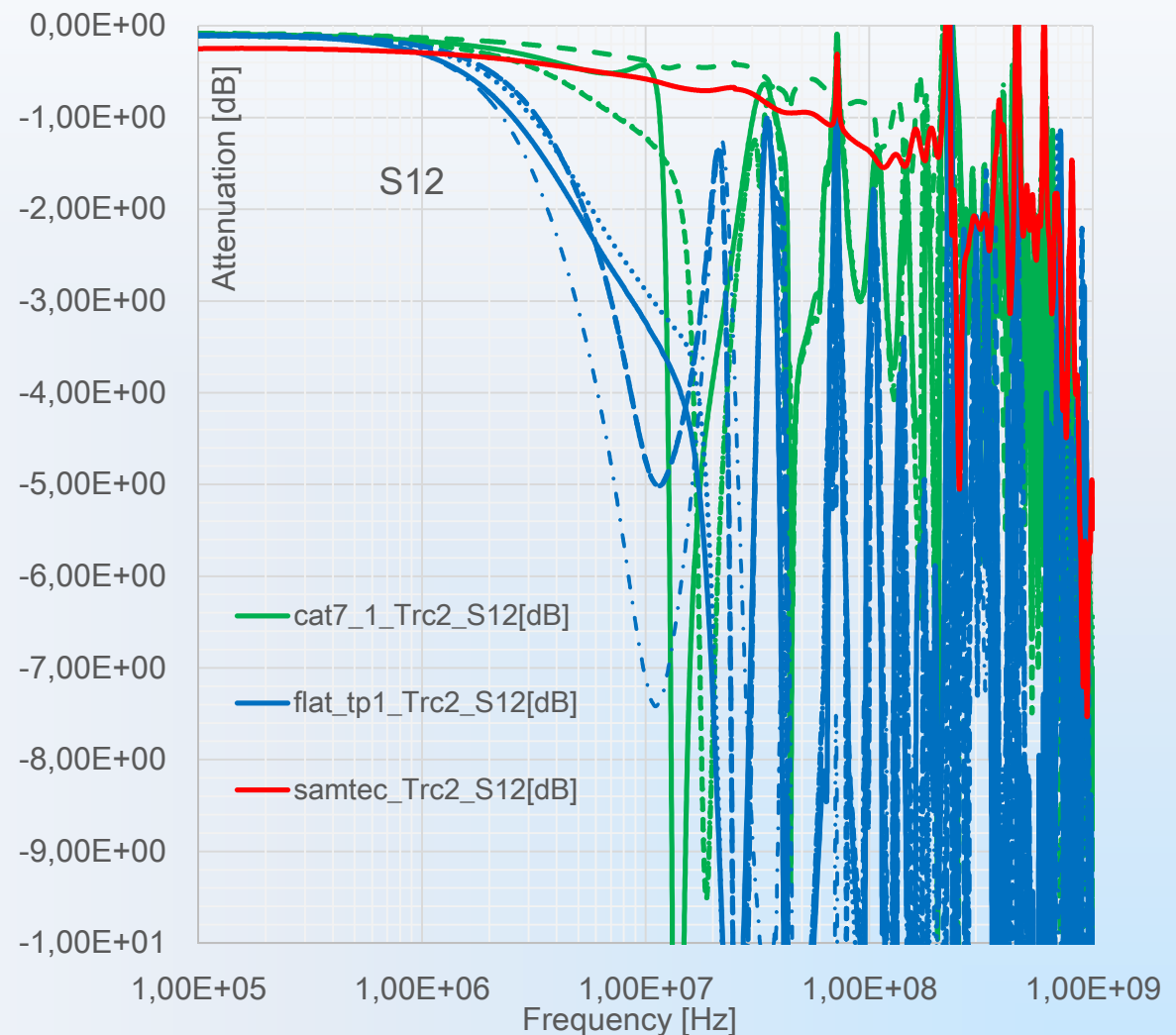


2<sup>nd</sup> Order Effects:

- Skin-Effect (att.  $\sim \sqrt{f}$ )
  - can not be compensated with pre-emphasis ( $\sim 1/f$ )
  - can be compensated with a digital (FIR) filter
- Reflections due to
  - Connectors
  - Bending of cables

⇒ Very delicate above a few 10MHz

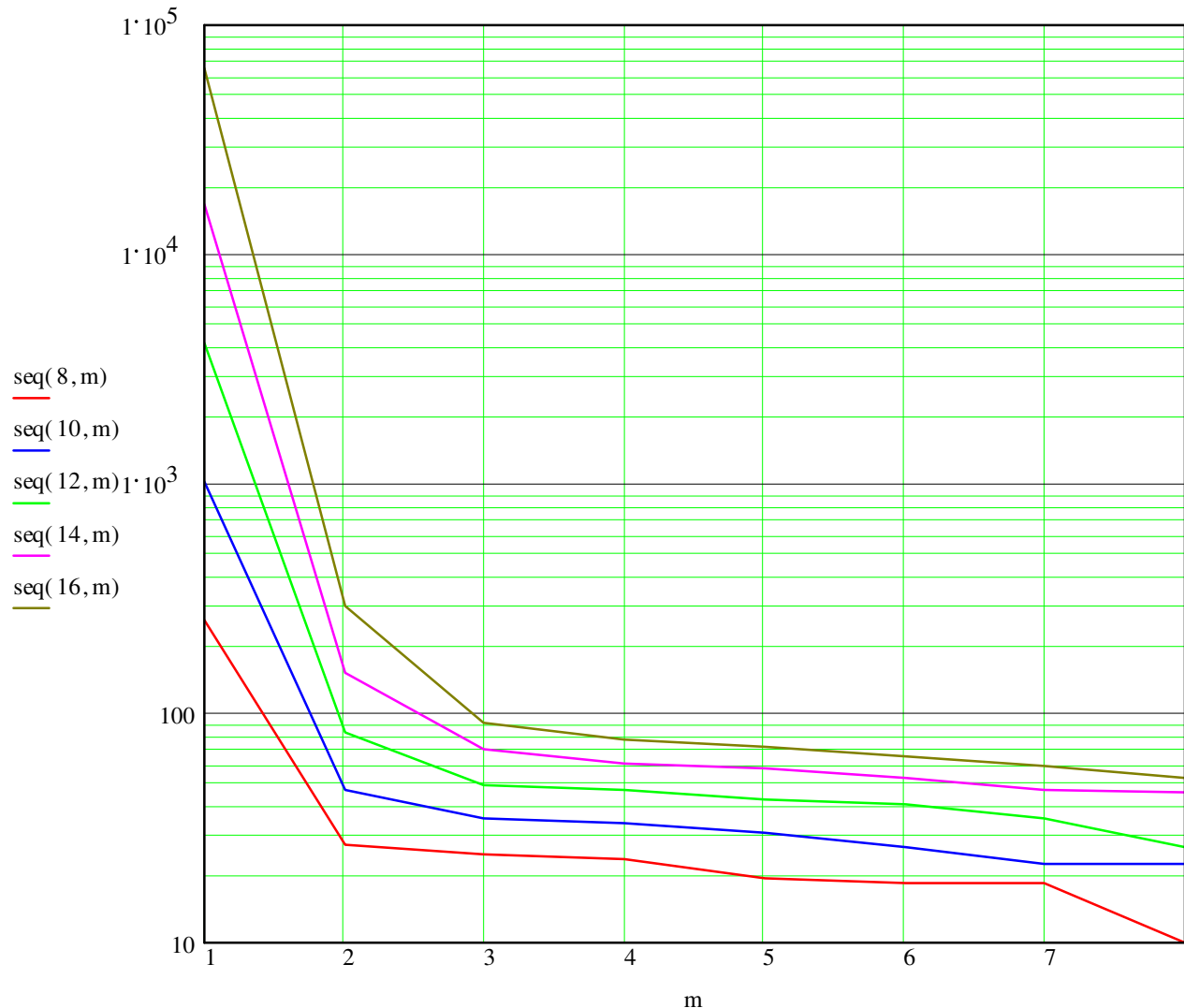
⇒ the same transmission line would be OK for the resulting digital data



# Going Faster: Going Digital



## In-pixel digitisation architectures



### $n^{\text{th}}$ Order Bitstream ( $\Delta\Sigma$ )

16

$f_{\text{frame}}$

$$\geq \sqrt[n]{2^{\text{NoB}}} \times f_{\text{frame}}$$

$$\geq \sqrt[n]{2^{\text{NoB}}} \times f_{\text{frame}}$$

(before decimation filter)

Intrinsic

??(overhead)

(yes, digital)

Decimation filter, gain, (pulse shape analysis)

Simple analogue circuit,  
Low/no matching issues,  
noise shaping possible

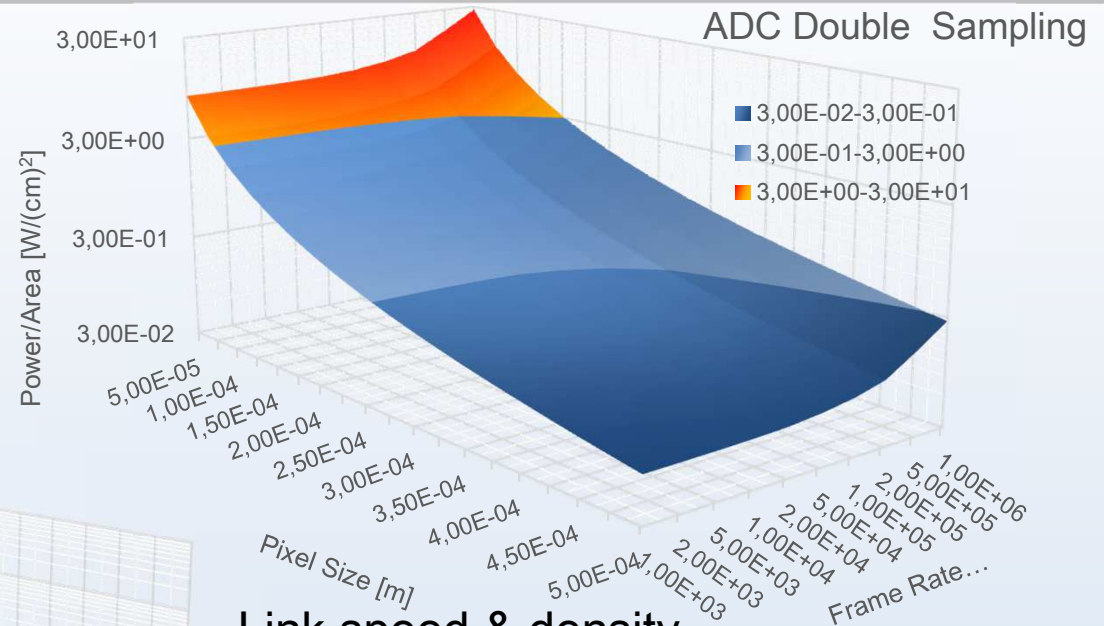
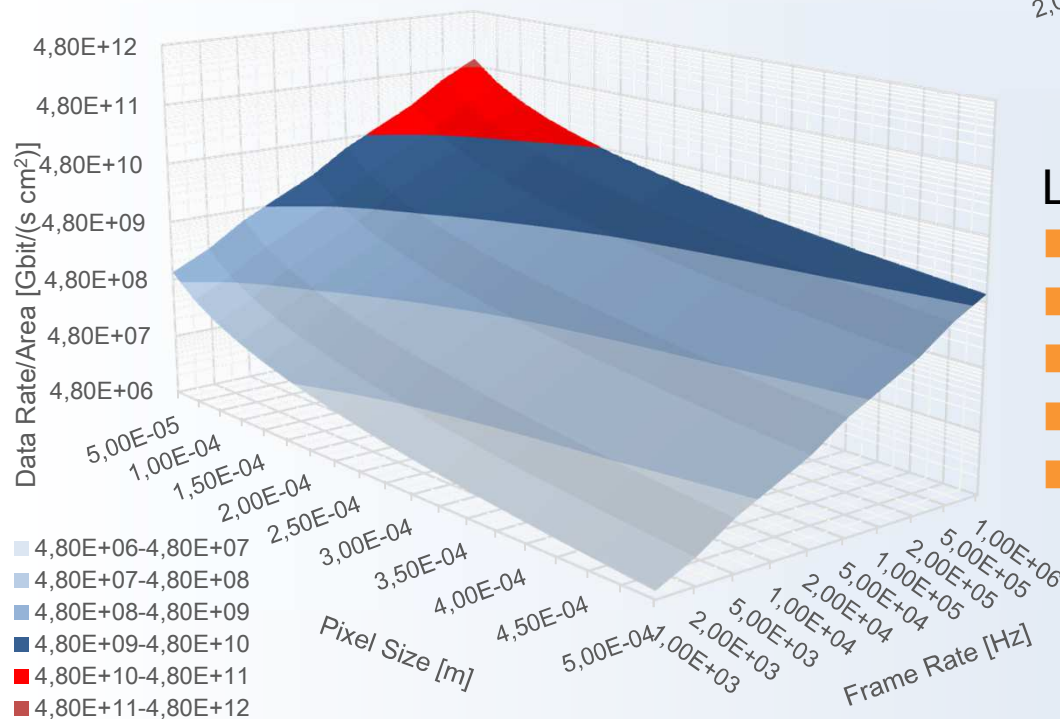
Speed requirements,  
clock distribution,  
readout bandwidth

# Going Faster: Speed Limits



## Power/area

- Dynamic gain switching
- Pixel size 50 $\mu$ m...500 $\mu$ m
- Digitisation with 16 bits
- at a frame rate of  $f_{ADC}$
- Assumption:  
 $P=200\mu W+500pW/Hz$



## Link speed & density

- Samtec FireFly
- 28Gbit/s/link
- 24Gbit/s/link (net)
- 12 links/unit
- Footprint 20 x 30 mm<sup>2</sup>
  - 48Gbit/(s cm<sup>2</sup>)
  - 3Gs/(s cm<sup>2</sup>) (16bit/sample)
  - DAQ and analysis become „Big Data“ challenges

# Summary & Outlook



## AGIPD 1.1 (SPB/MID)

- System fulfils all requirements, esp. in terms of
  - Noise ( $<310e / <1.2 \text{ keV}$ )
  - Single photon sensitivity
  - Dynamic range ( $>10^4\gamma @ 12.4\text{keV}$ )
  - Speed
- 1<sup>st</sup> 1Mpix system (SPB) in user operation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 1Mpix system (MID) has been delivered
- Issues with low/med gain discrimination
  - Mask fix (AGIPD 1.2) taped out 14. Aug. 2018

## SFX AGIPD 4M and HiBEF 1M systems

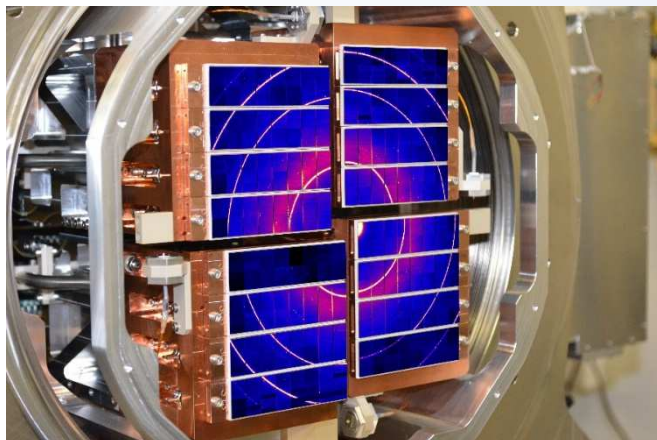
- Commissioning of new readout boards currently ongoing
  - No major issues
- Evaluation of advanced cooling concepts
- Both systems will be delivered with Silicon sensors & AGIPD 1.x ASICs

## ecAGIPD for HiBEF

- Will replace Silicon sensors with High-Z ones
- Changes
  - Electron collecting preamp
  - Reversed polarity of discriminator
  - New calibration circuit
  - Use of twin wells
  - Reversed gain encoding levels
- AGIPD06
  - 16 x16 ecAGIPD prototype
  - Submitted 13.11.2017
  - Manufacturing @ GF only started end of March (30.03.18)
  - Silicon back since July
- Only peripheral routing missing for an 64x64 EcAGIPD
  - Swapping of outputs
  - Layout (vDiode, some routing outside the matrix...)

## 100kHz Imager for CW-XFEL and PETRA IV

- Concept studies
- More specs needed



[http://photon-science.desy.de/research/technical\\_groups/detectors/projects/agipd](http://photon-science.desy.de/research/technical_groups/detectors/projects/agipd)