



# AGIPD systems: performance optimization challenges and new developments

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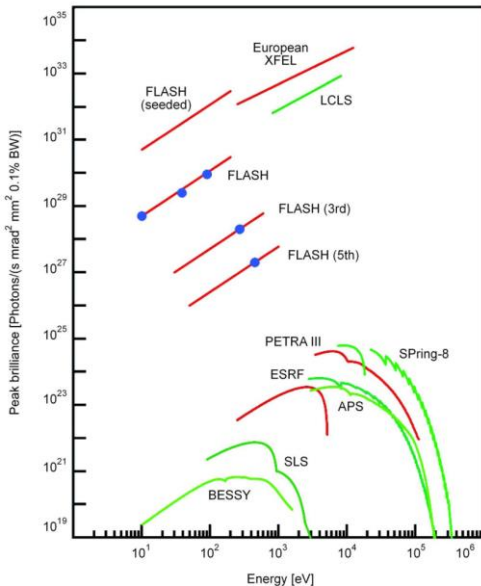
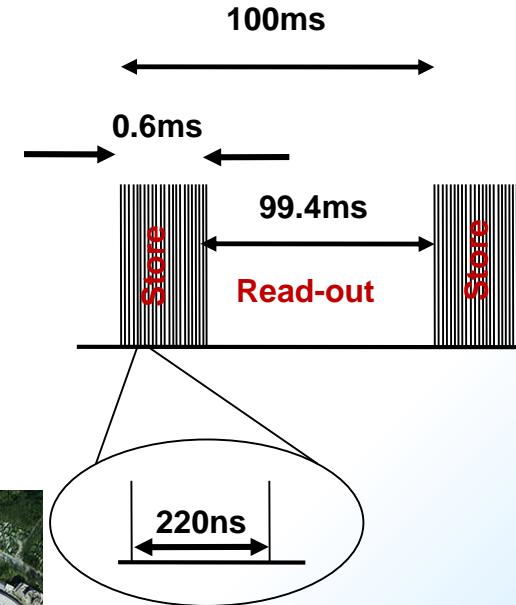
## Main Features:

- High intensity pulses
- Very coherent bunches
- Fast imaging

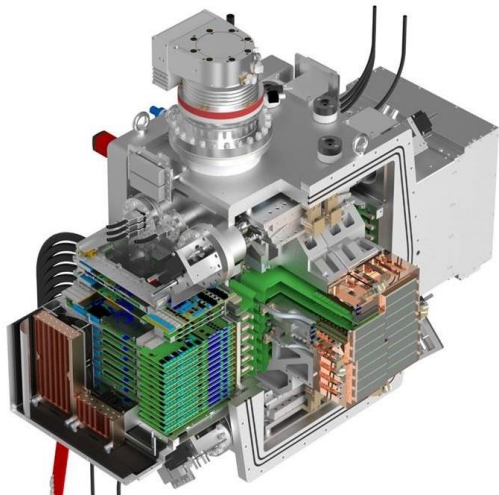
## Scientific opportunities:

- Study of a very small objects
- (single (bio-)molecules)
- Imaging of non-regular structures
- (up to non-crystals)
- New material and fast processes
- studies

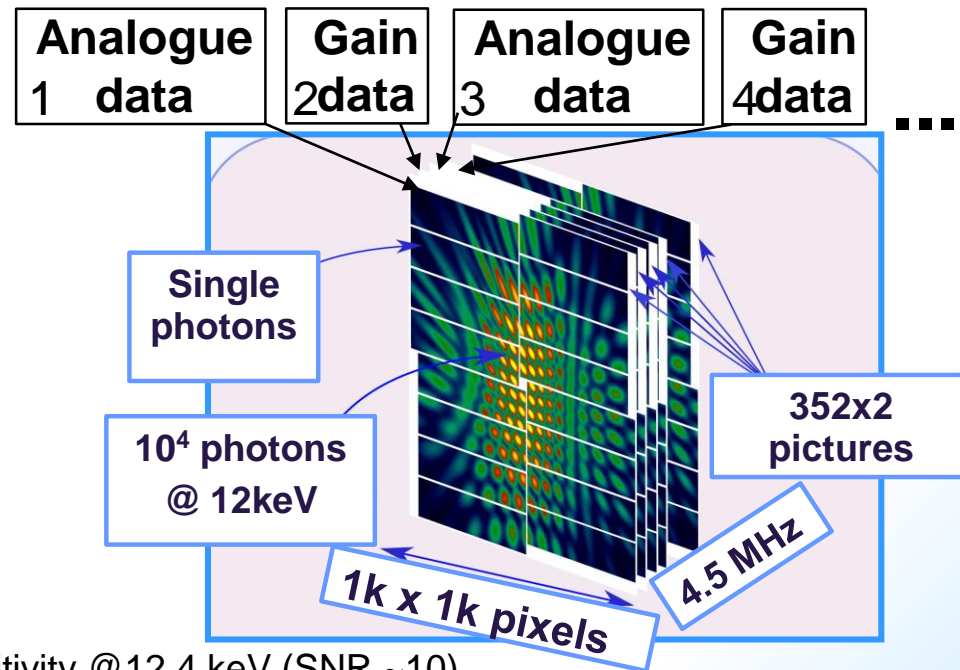
## XFEL time structure



# The AGIPD detectors at the EuXFEL

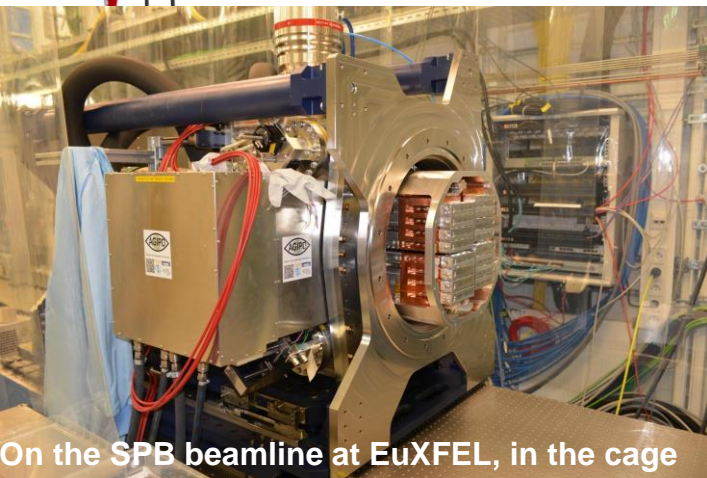


- A a d a p t i v e   G a i n
- I n t e g r a t i n g
- P i x e l   D e t e c t o r



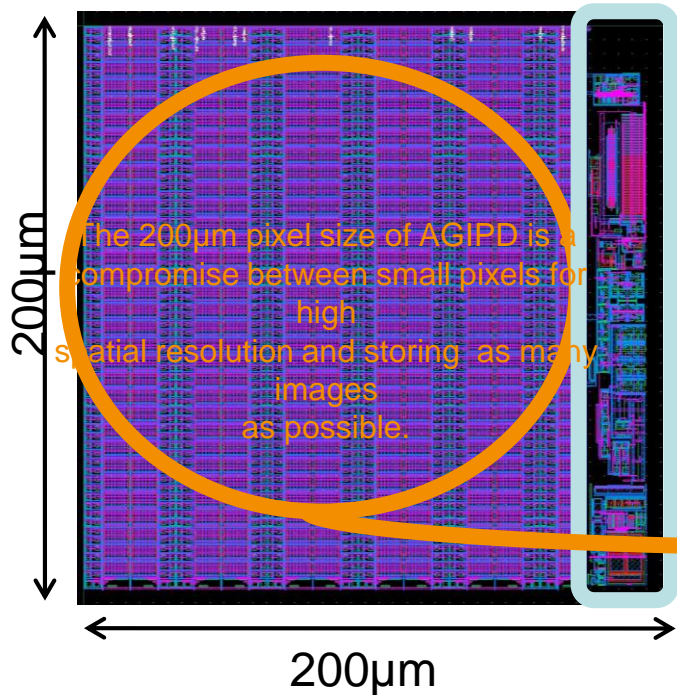
## Main features :

- Single photon sensitivity @12.4 keV (SNR ~10)
- High dynamic range (up to 10<sup>4</sup> 12.4 keV photons)
- 4.5 MHz burst mode operation
- Lowest possible dead area
- Vacuum compatible
- Adjustable central beam-hole

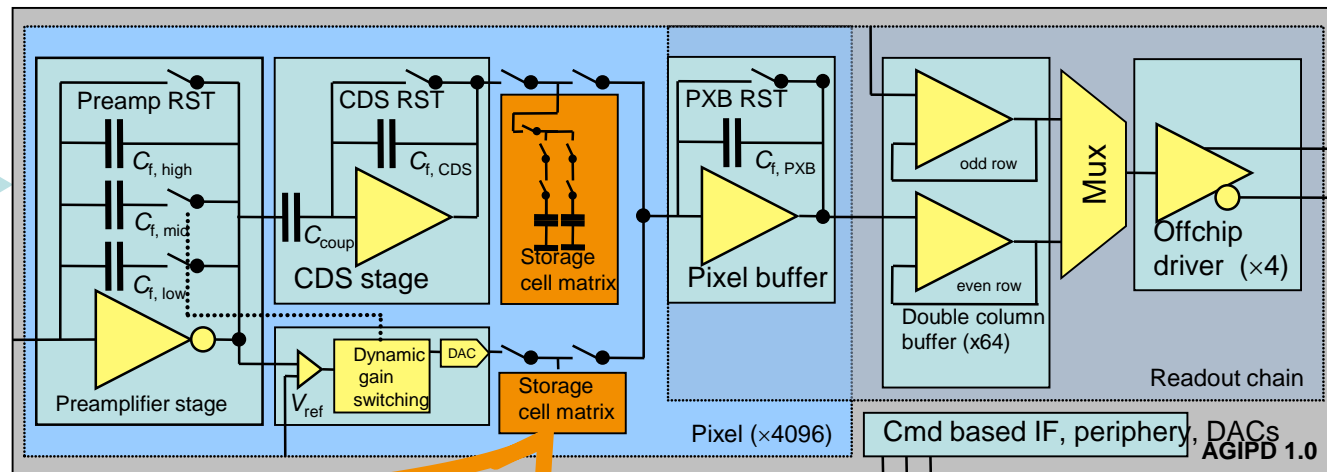


On the SPB beamline at EuXFEL, in the cage

## AGIPD ASIC



### Pixel layout

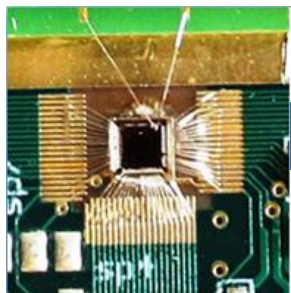


### Block diagram of the analogue readout chain

# ASIC evolution

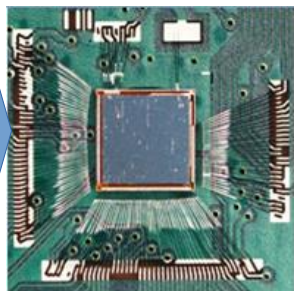


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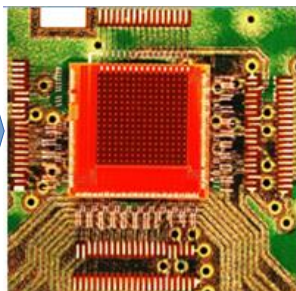
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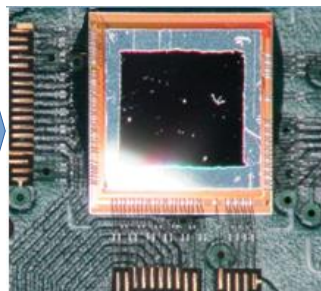
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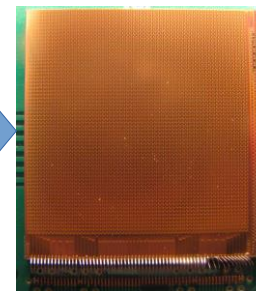
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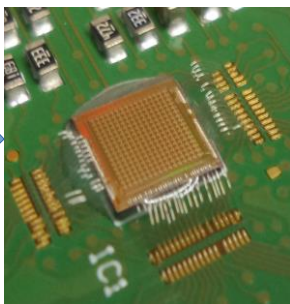
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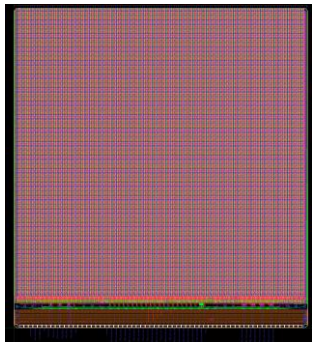
Engineering run

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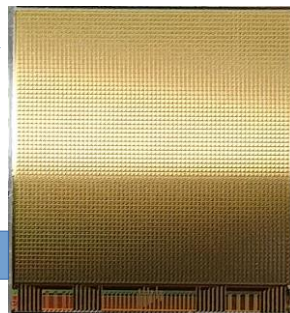
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ecAGIPD (1.3) Apr. 2021



Engineering run

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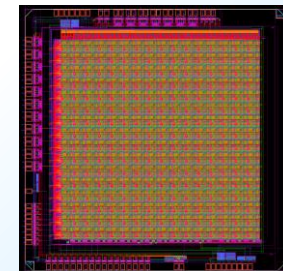
Engineering run

AGIPD 1.1 Nov. 2015



Engineering run

AGIPD 0.5 2016



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Bug fix reported on the next slide

Bug fixes reported on TWEPP-2015

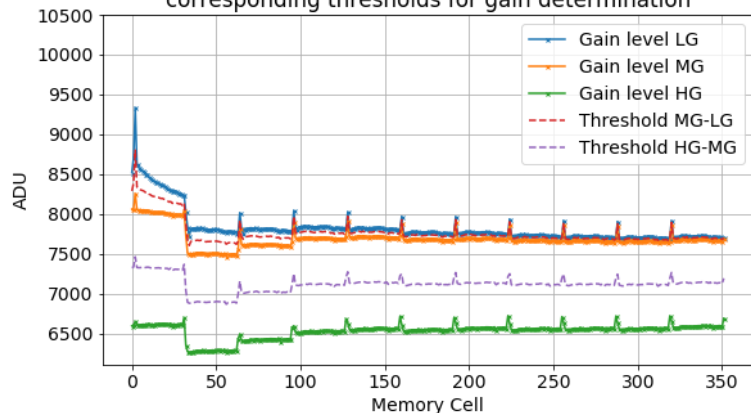
Progress reported later in this talk

# Gain encoding ambiguity

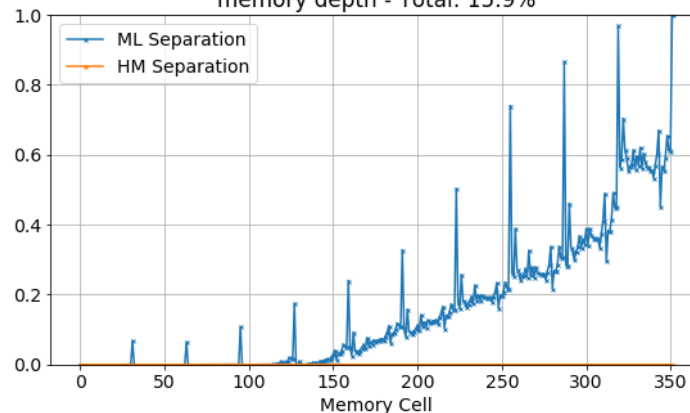


AGIPD 1.1

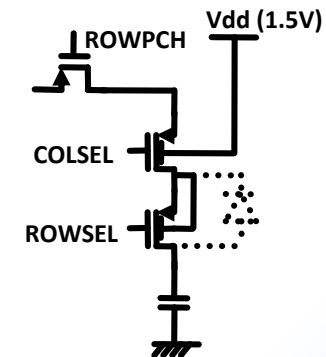
Analogue levels of gain encoding and corresponding thresholds for gain determination



Fraction of failed gain determination versus memory depth - Total: 15.9%

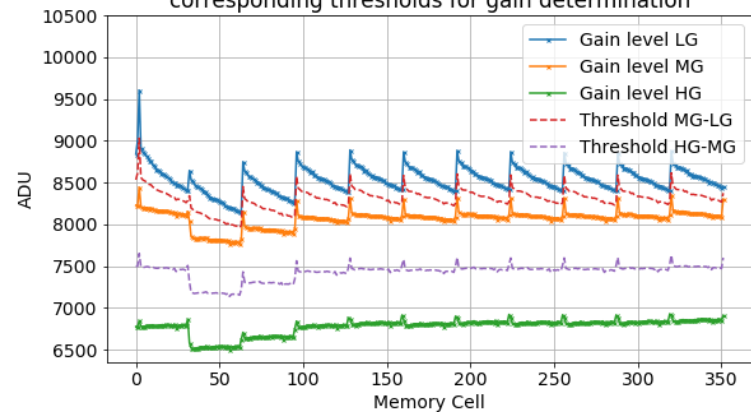


Memory cell of AGIPD 1.1 and all previous versions

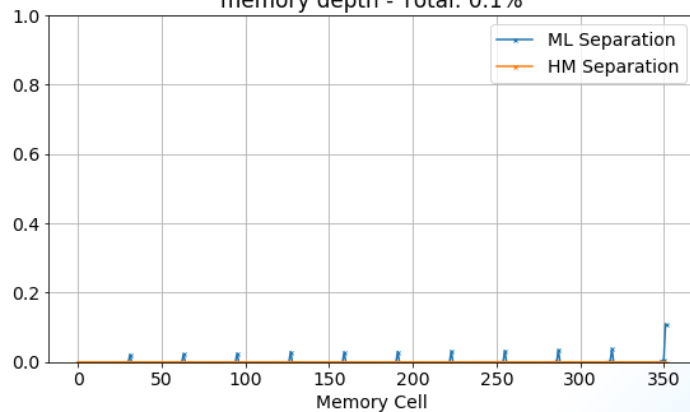


AGIPD 1.2

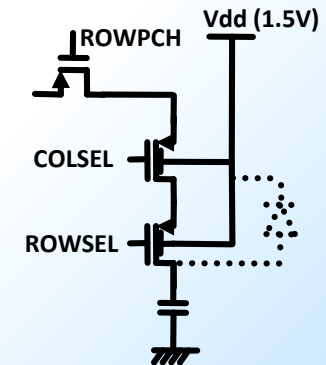
Analogue levels of gain encoding and corresponding thresholds for gain determination



Fraction of failed gain determination versus memory depth - Total: 0.1%



Memory cell of AGIPD 1.2, AGIPD 0.6 and ecAGIPD (1.3)

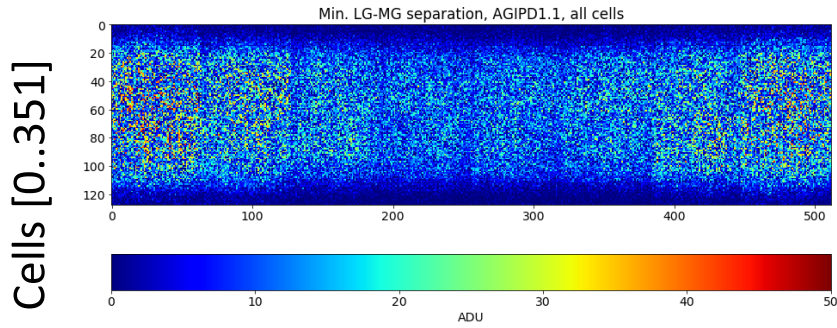


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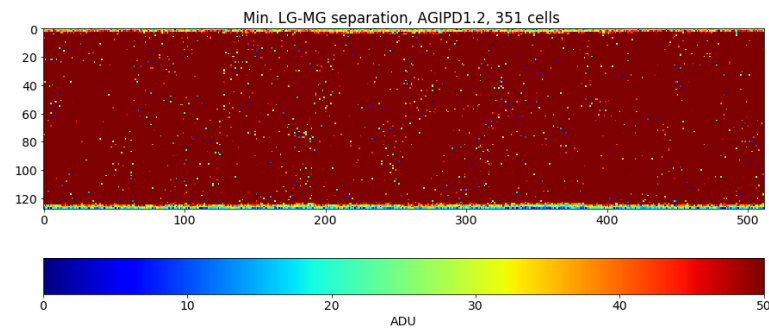
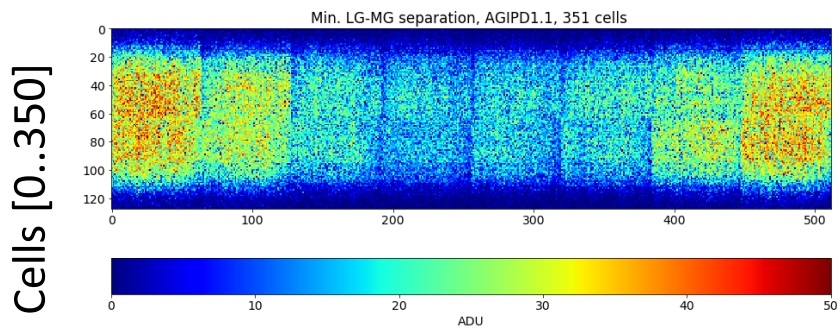
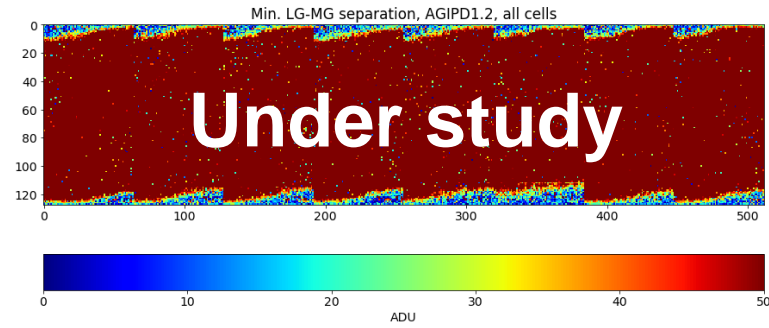


Temperature dependence and gain bit separation distribution over the tile

## AGIPD1.1



## AGIPD1.2



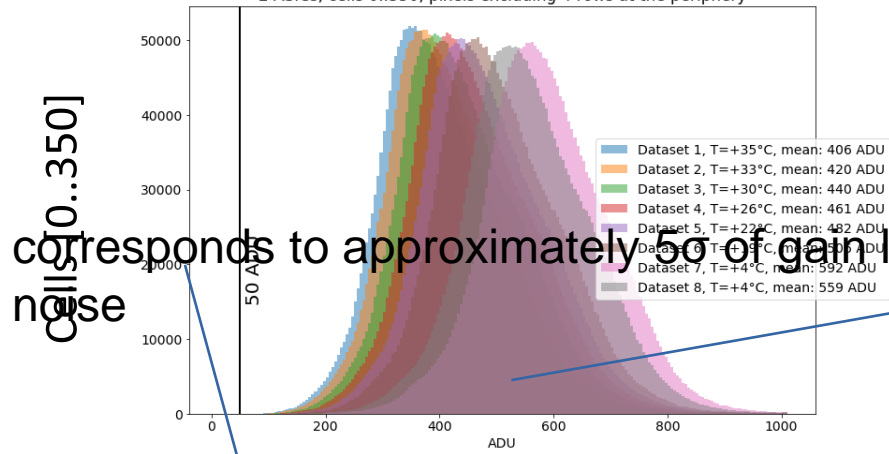


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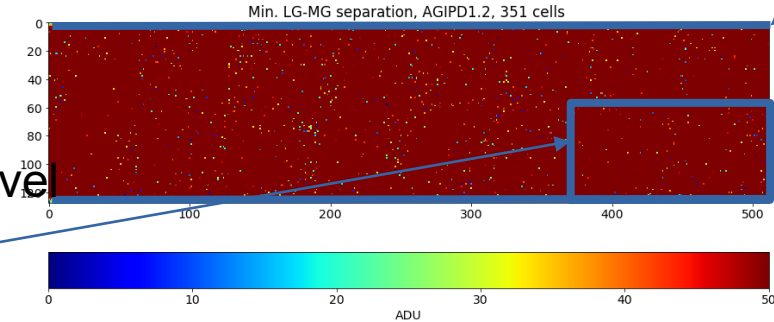


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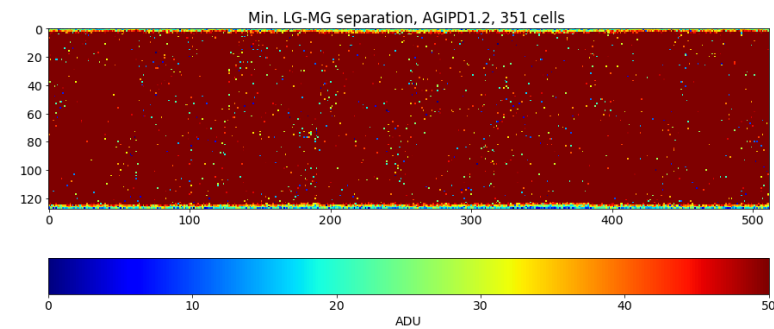
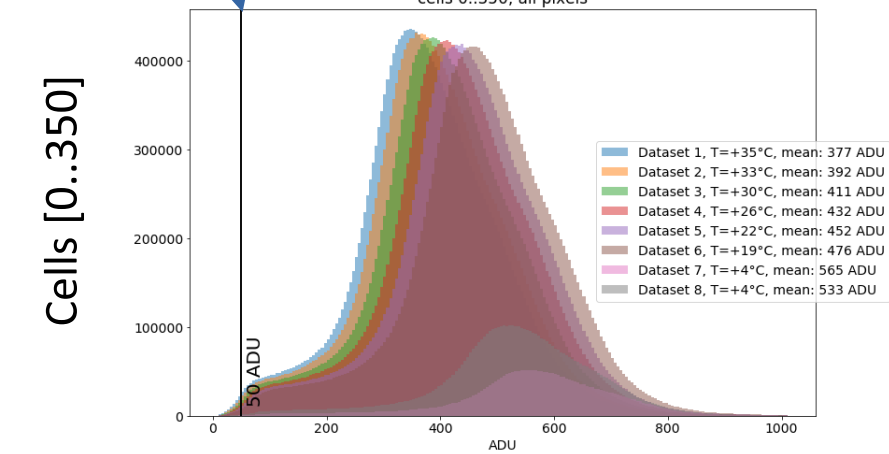
2 ASICs, cells 0..350, pixels excluding 4 rows at the periphery



corresponds to approximately 5σ of gain level noise



cells 0..350, all pixels

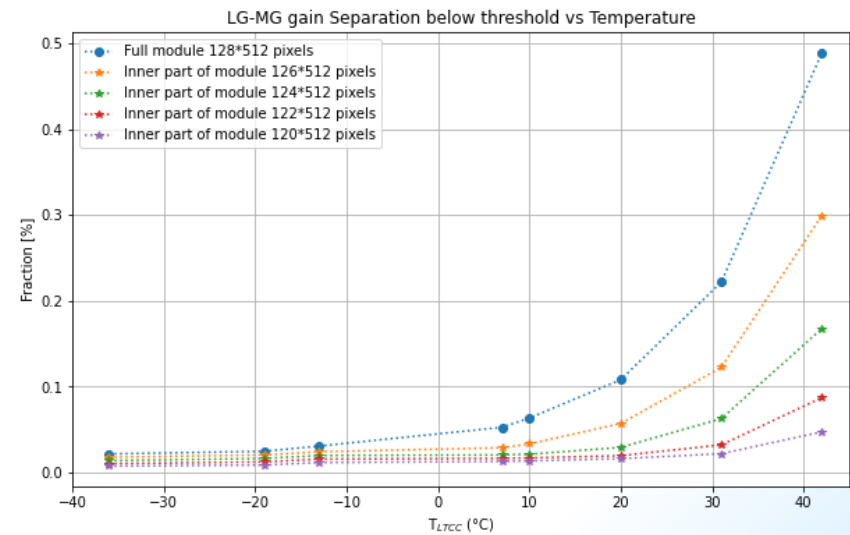
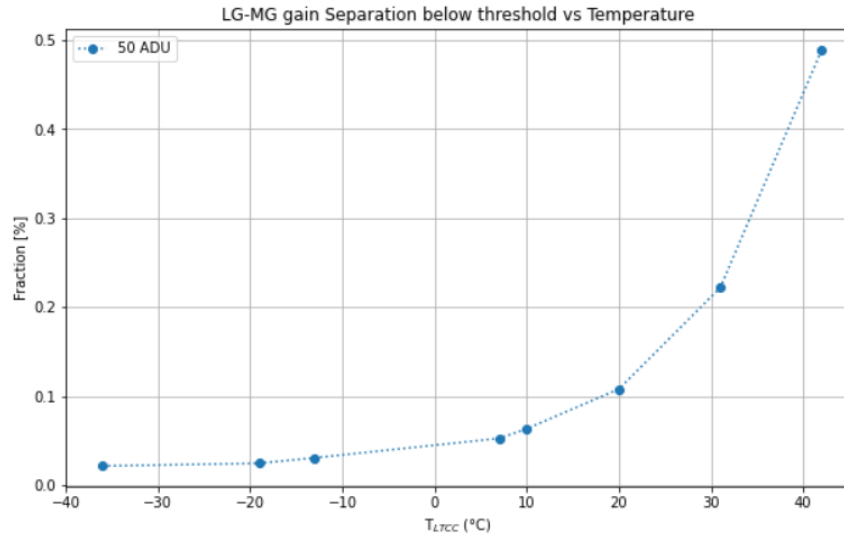


# Gain encoding ambiguity



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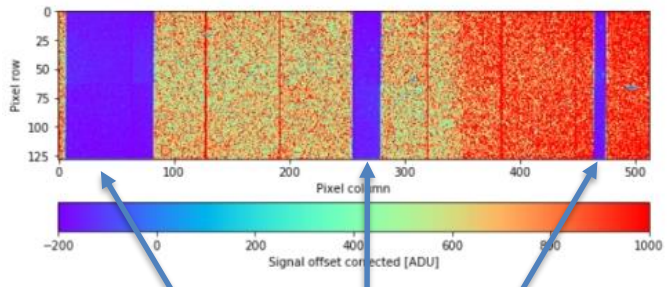
“Bad” pixels fraction



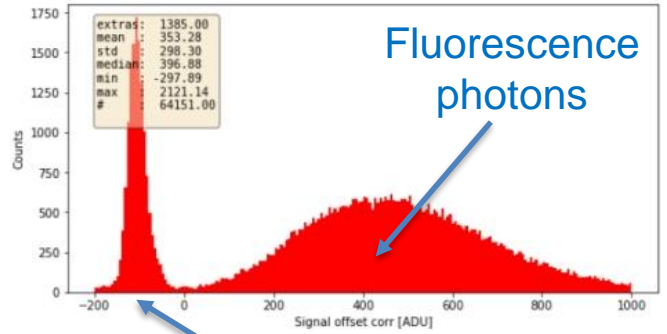


# (Intensity-dependent) Baseline shift

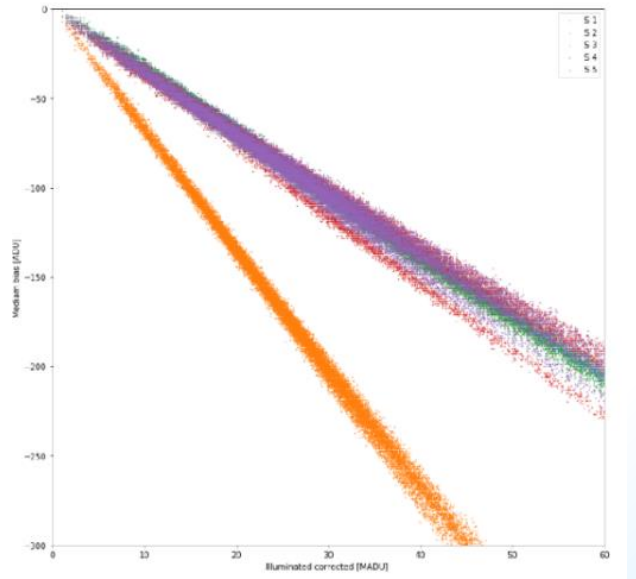
Example data: Cu-K $\alpha$  flatfields



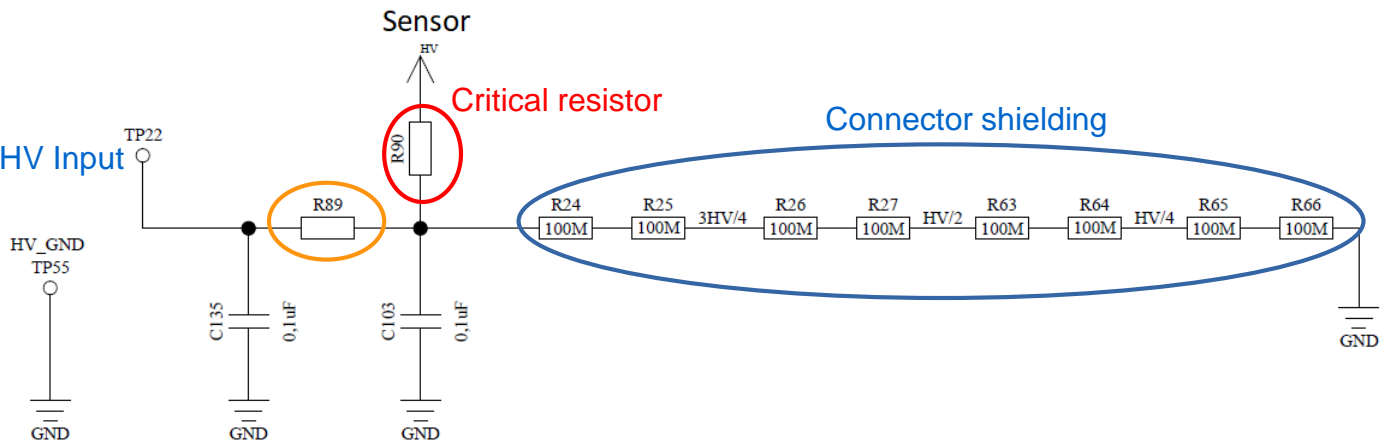
“Mask” stripes (SPB AGIPD1M)



-100 ADU shift of zero-photon peak

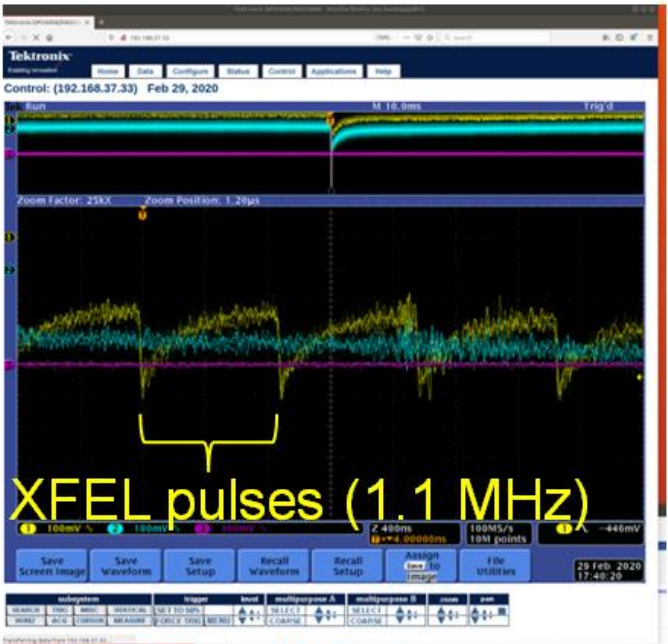


Baseline shift as a function of integrated intensity. Double size pixels are represented as orange points

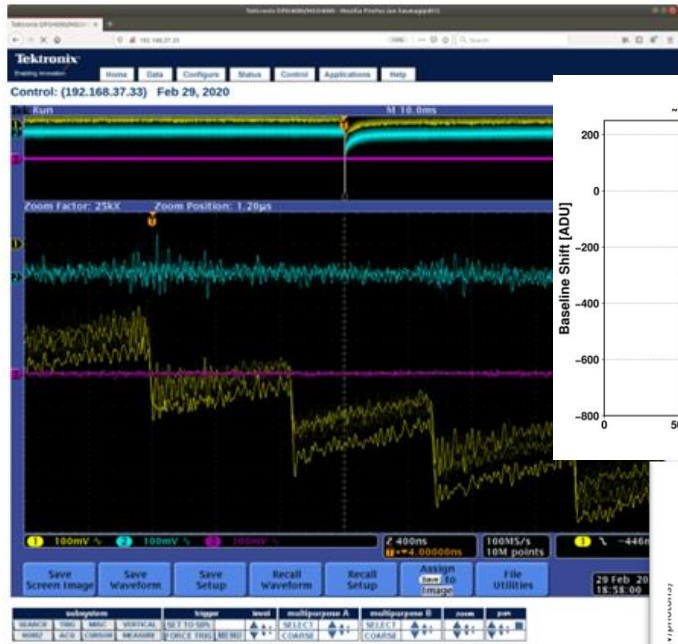




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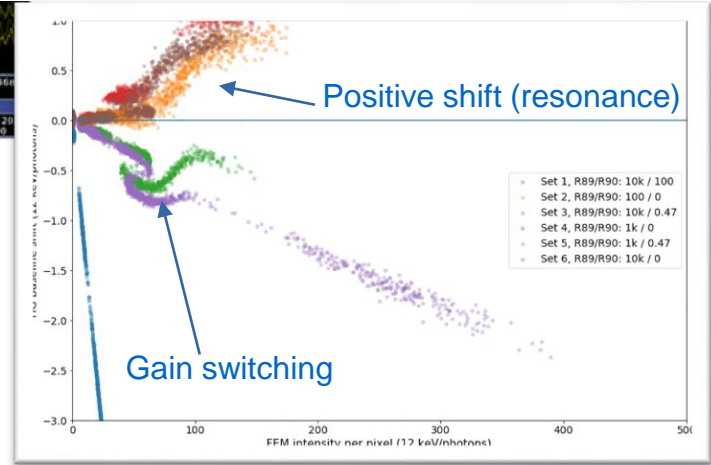
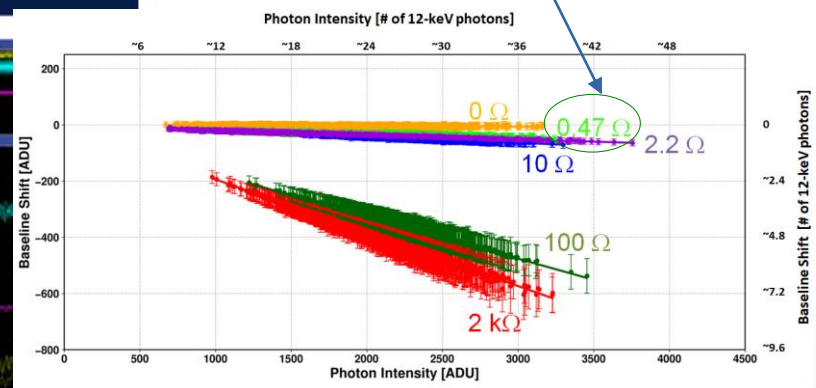
R90 = 100 Ω



R90 = 2kΩ

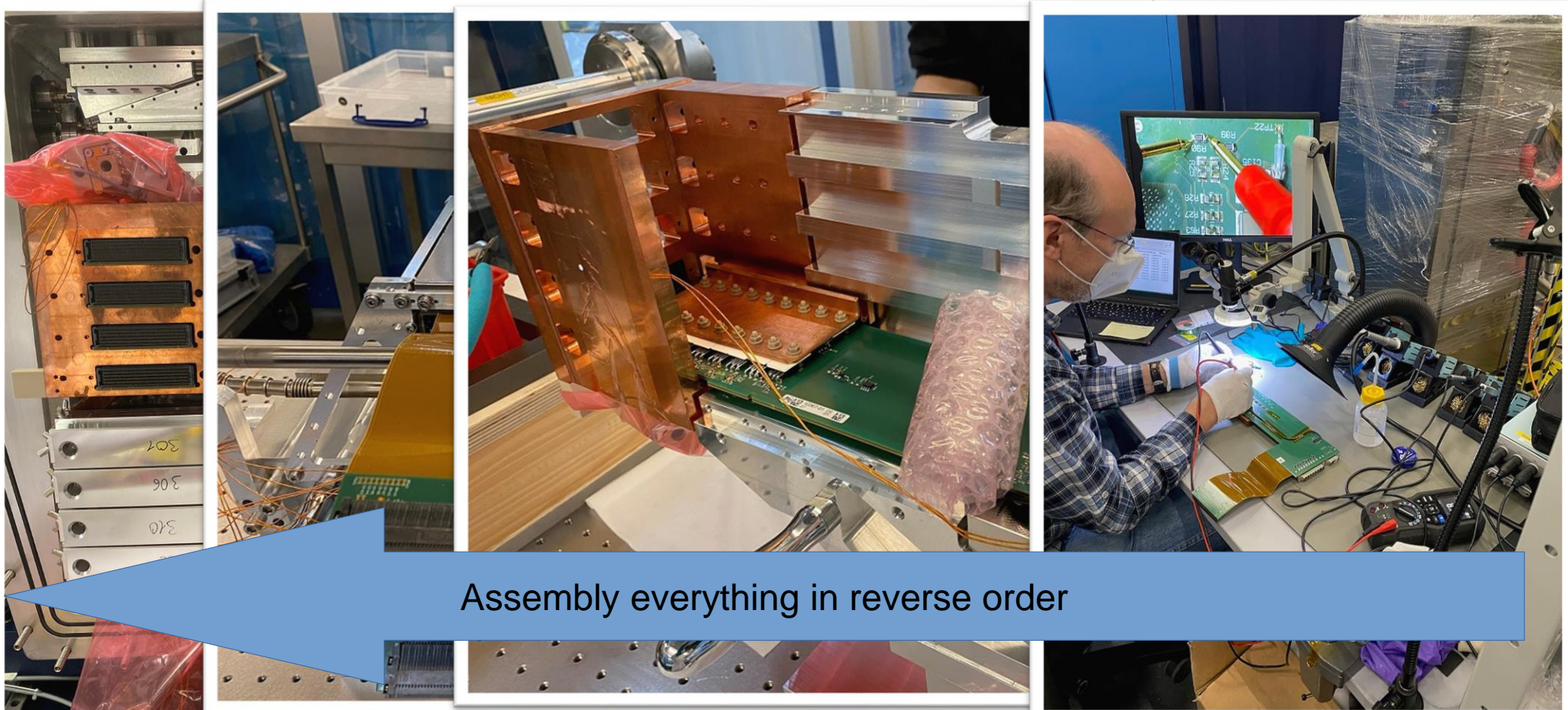
Experimental verification

## R90 value decision

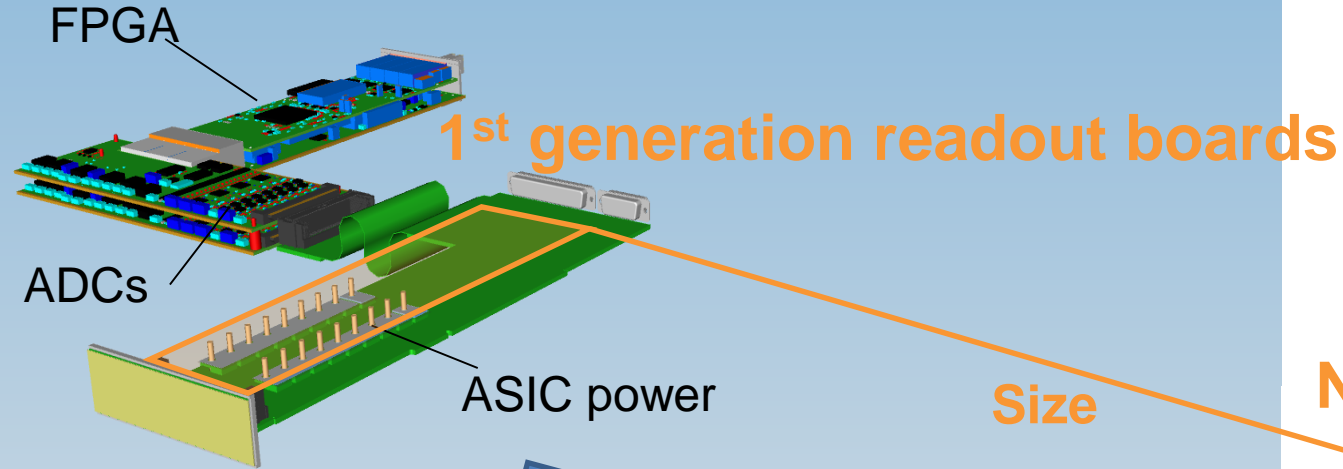




# (Intensity-dependent) Baseline shift



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation systems

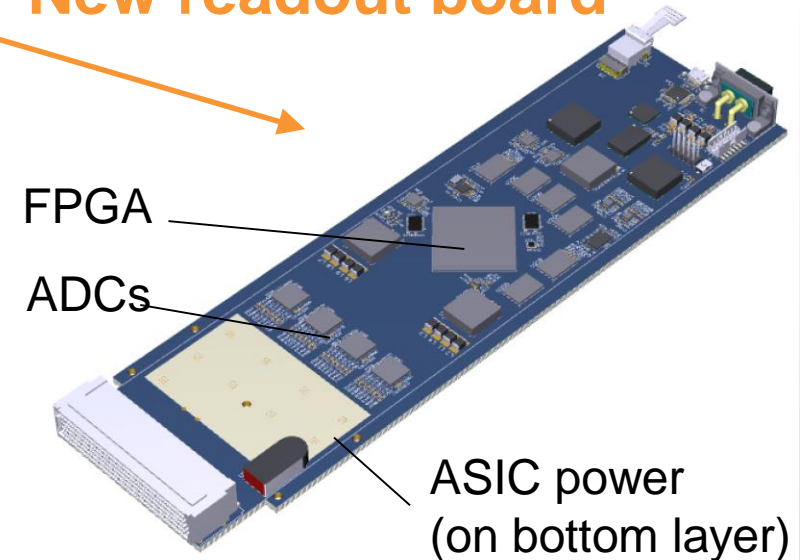


Size

## Advantages

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

## New readout board

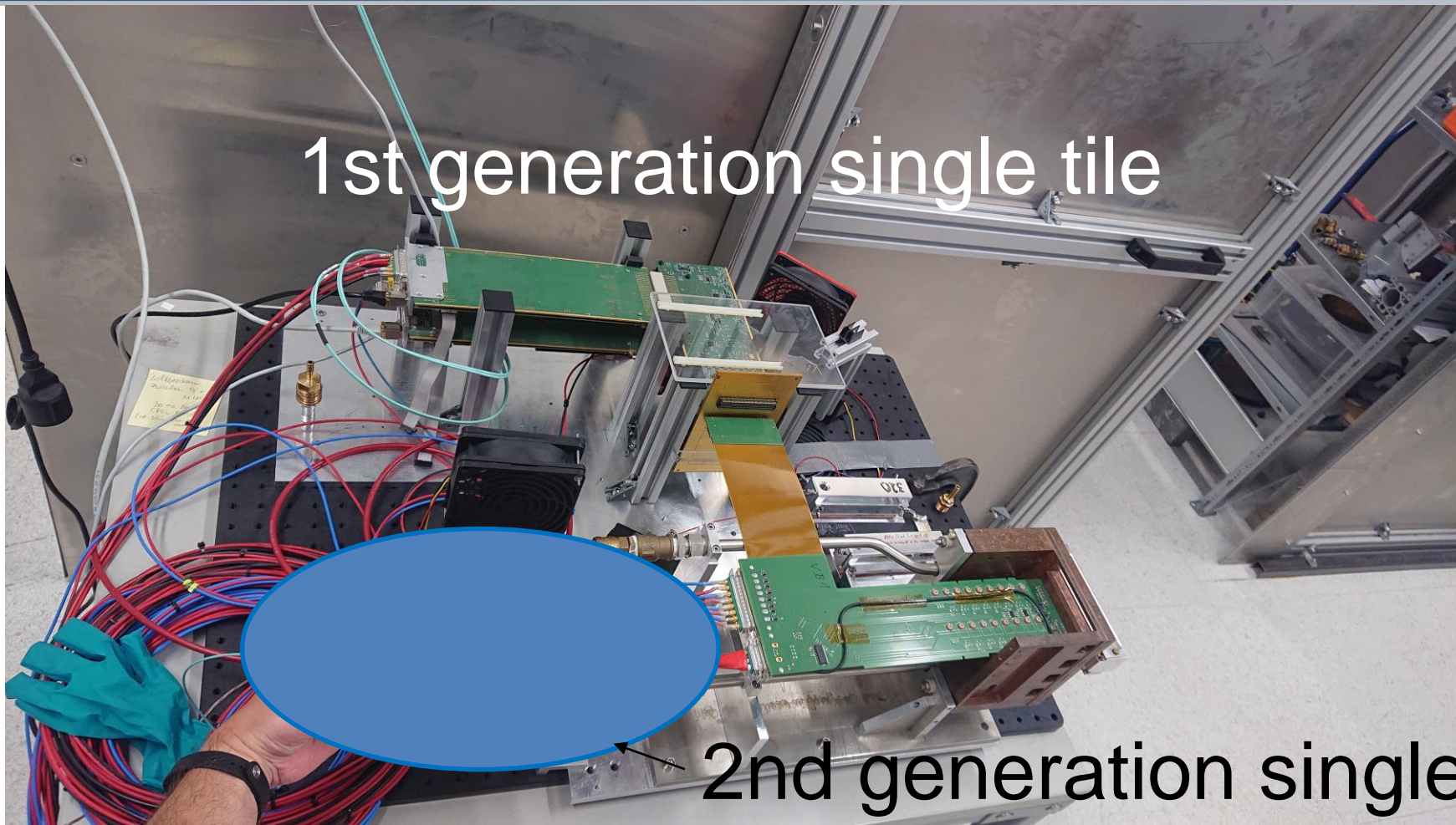


## Challenges

- Complete redesign of the boards
  - Readout board in vacuum
  - Receiver board outside vacuum
- Cooling of readout board in vacuum

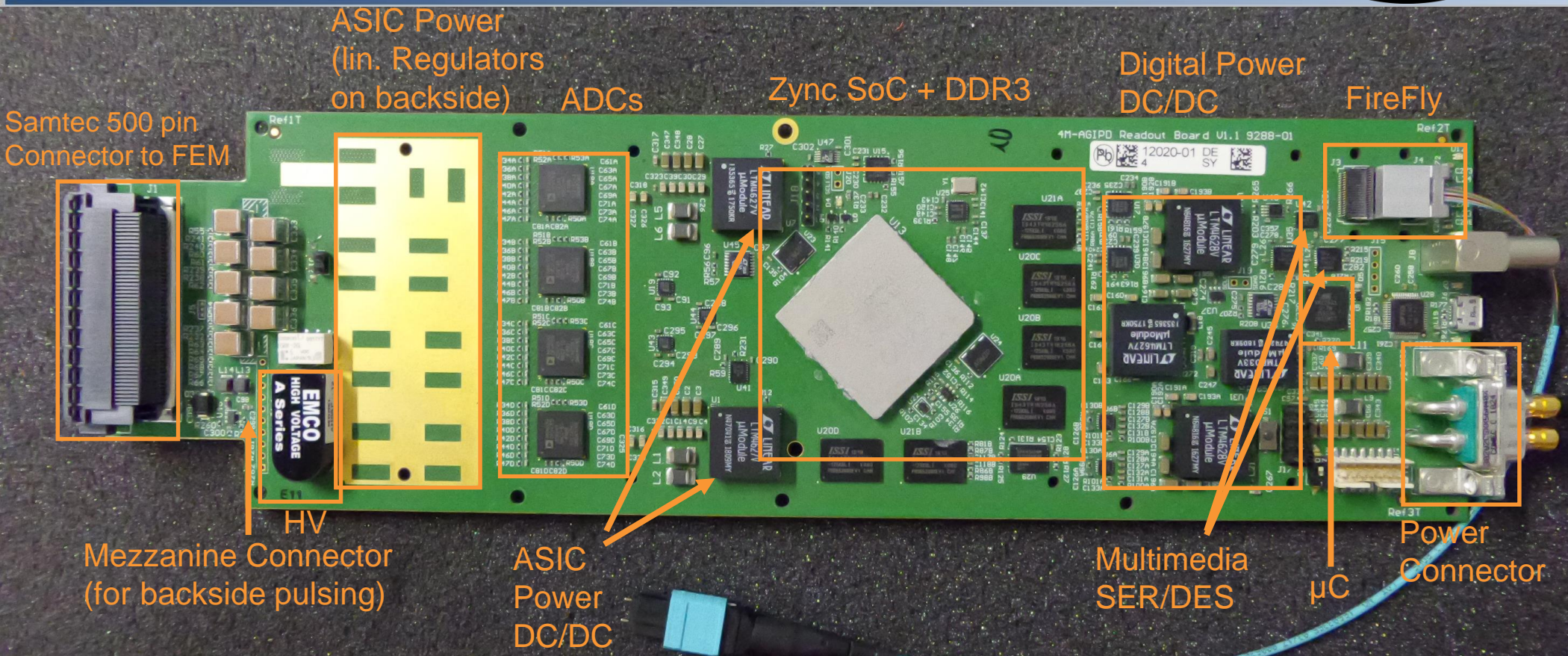
# 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation systems

1st generation single tile



2nd generation single tile

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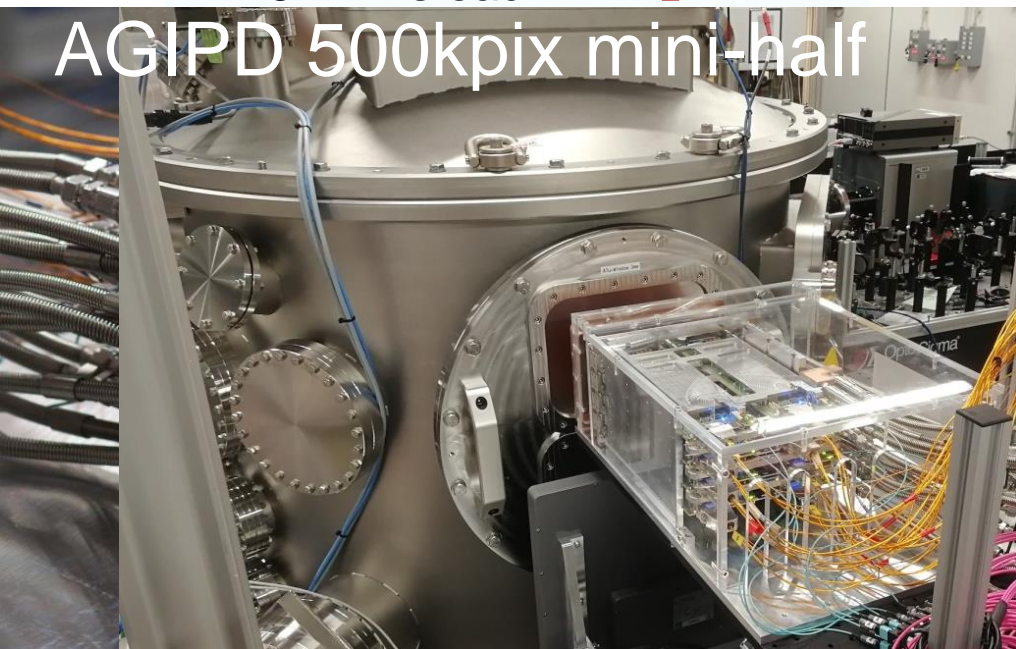




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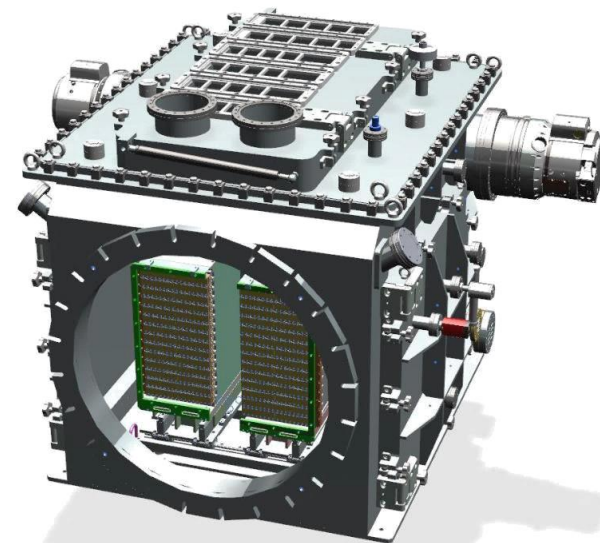
- 2 x 8 Front-End-Modules, arranged in
    - 2 x 4 Double-Modules
  - Two halves
    - 2 x 8 FEMs each
- (ecAGIPD used in final detector)*

AGIPD 500kpix mini-half



AGIPD 1M Detector for HiBEF

- 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



AGIPD 4M for SFX instrument

- AGIPD 1.2 ASIC is a validated solution against the gain bit ambiguity and new front-end modules are in production
- Major intervention is done on the AGIPD system at the SPB instrument in order to eliminate the baseline shift effect
- 1<sup>st</sup> generation systems hardware was upgraded
- 2<sup>nd</sup> generation systems are in production and already showed the potential of the scientific use

# Summary and outlook



**Thank you for attention!**

Experiment Nov 2020: Single-train MHz-pulse-resolved diffraction data from X-ray (and laser-) heated Platinum in diamond-anvil cells, intra-train thermal peak shift and melting