

CITIUS: a 17400 frames/s x-ray imaging detector

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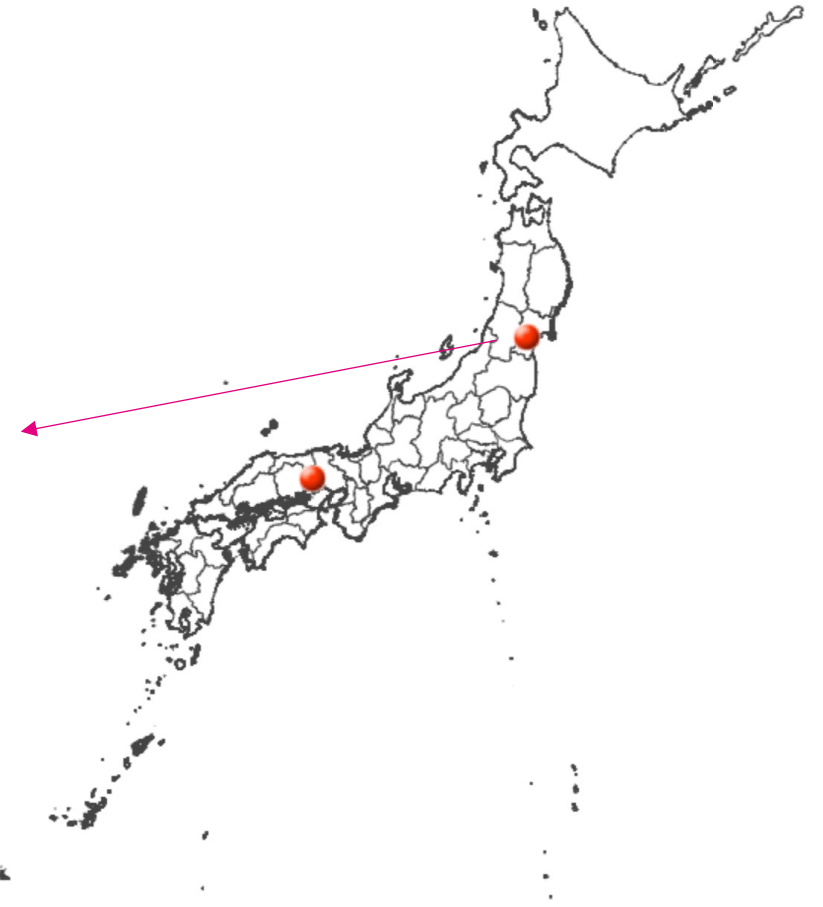


Outline

1. Our motivation for the development and performance objectives
2. Project History
3. Demonstrated Performance
4. Summary

New SR facility

NanoTerasu (2023-)
3 GeV, 349 m



8 GeV SR • XFEL

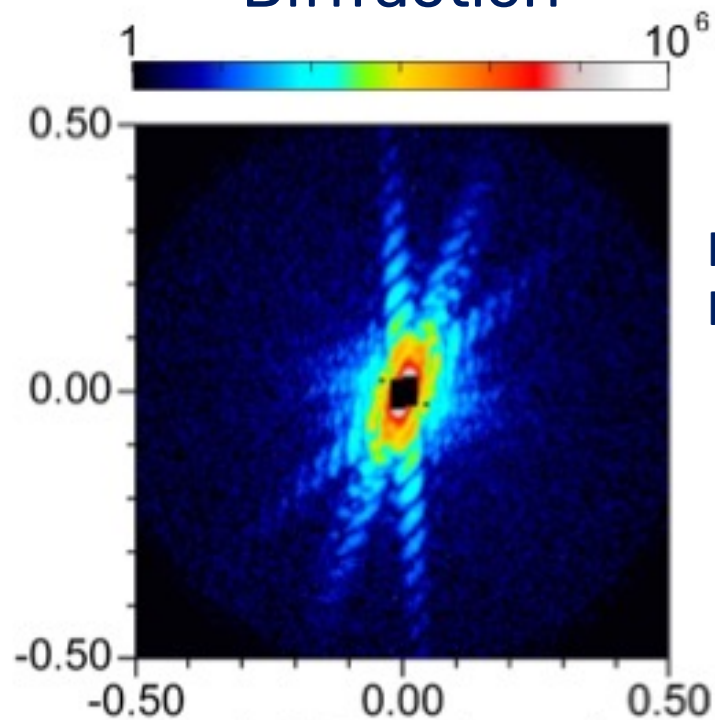
XFEL, SACLA (Since 2012-)
8 GeV 700 m long

SR, SPRING-8 (Since 1997-)
8 GeV circumference 1.5 km

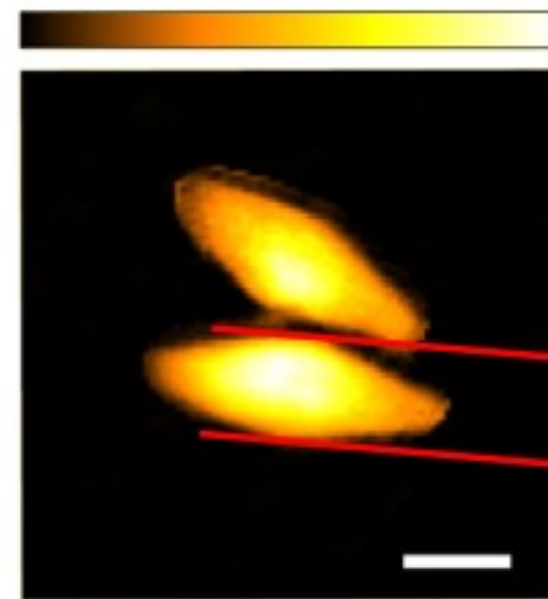


A Scientific Case

Coherent
Diffraction



Fourier Transform
Phase retrieval



Resolution: 2 nm

80 Gold atoms

20 nm

Spatial Frequency (nm^{-1})

H. Yumoto, Nature Communications volume 13, Article number: 5300 (2022)

Scientific Needs: Summary

Higher Count Rate

- beyond 1-10 Mcps/pixel

Faster Recording

- with good S/N for each frame

Architecture [1]

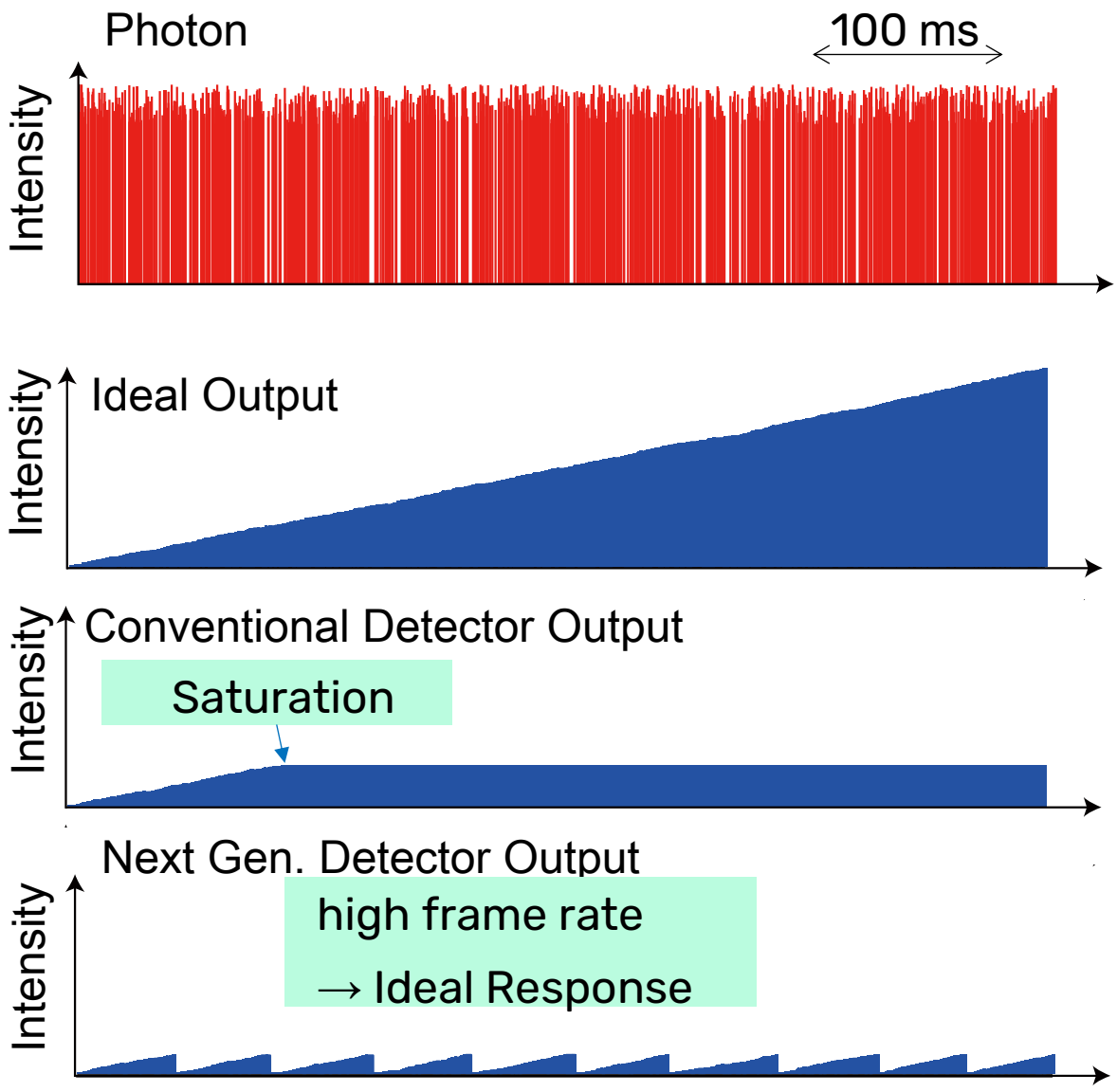
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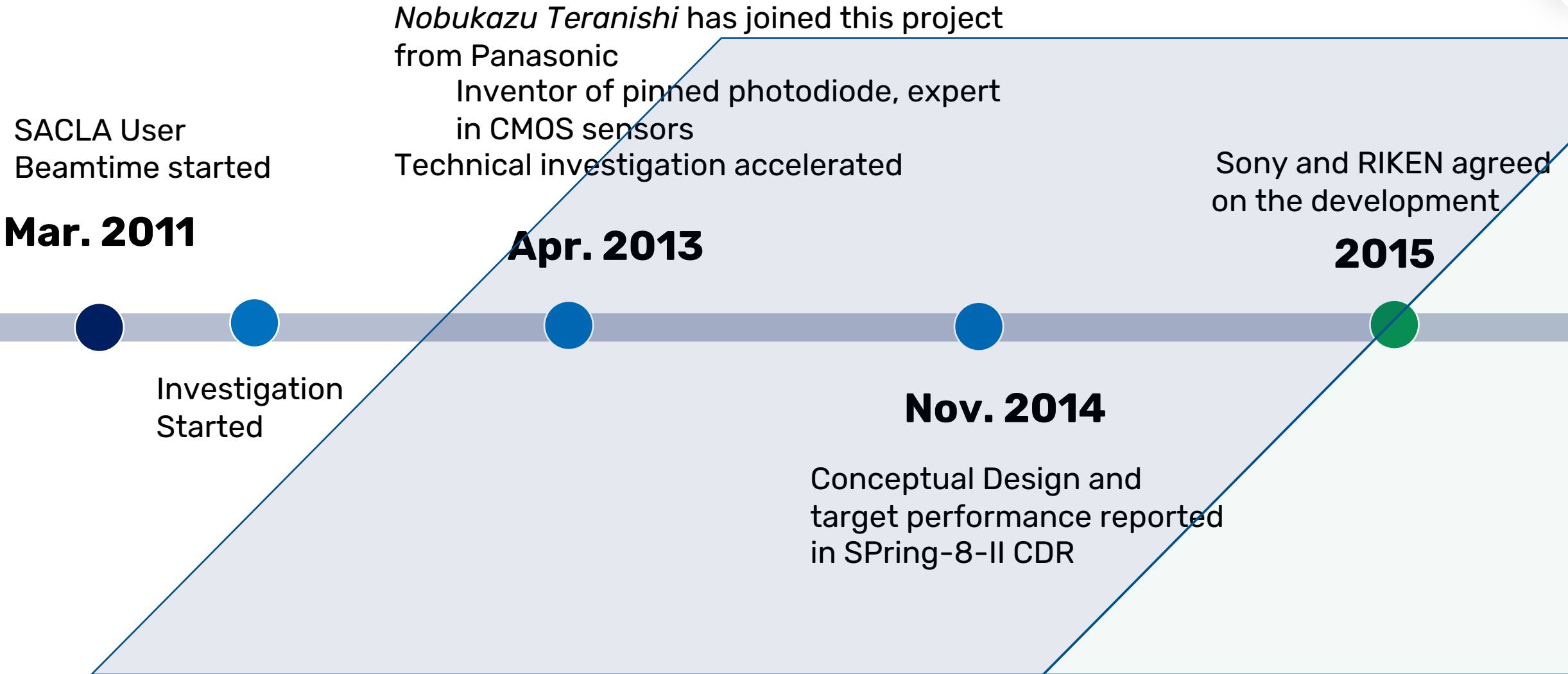
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CITIUS: Project History

Research to Development



Technology Choice (1/2)

Fully exploit the CMOS image sensor process/circuitries

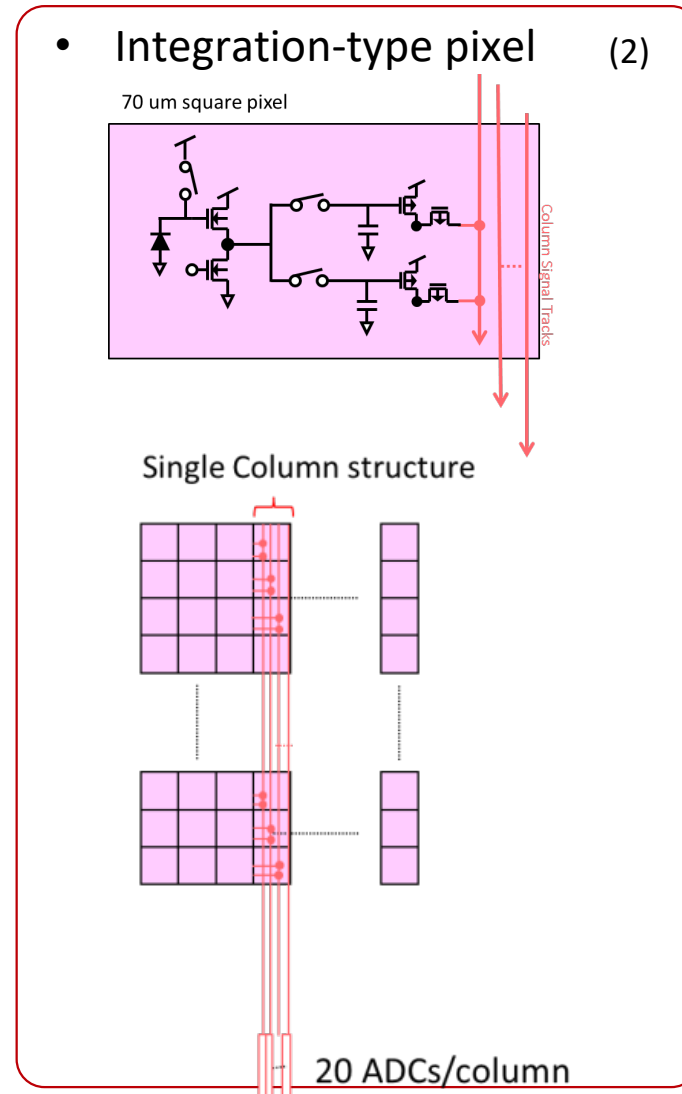
Chip level

On-chip ADC

- benchmark on performance/power dissipation
 - for all the available technologies at the time of 2014

Vertical Signal Lines

- Massively parallel



- 1) SPring-8 II CDR with updated values
- 2) T. Hatsui, presented at iWorld (June. 2014)

Technology Choice (2/2)

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Pixel

Sensor material

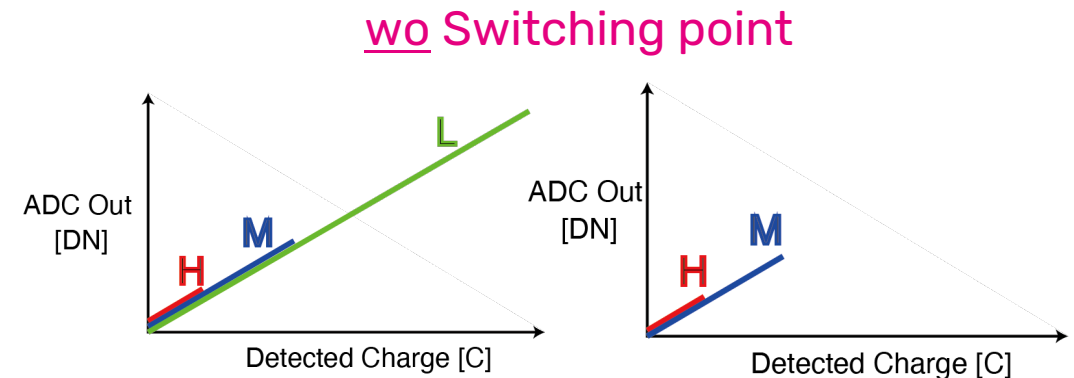
- focus on silicon

Radiation Hard pixel

- photon energies mainly >8 keV
- X-rays penetrate through silicon sensors
- TID hardness > 1 MGy

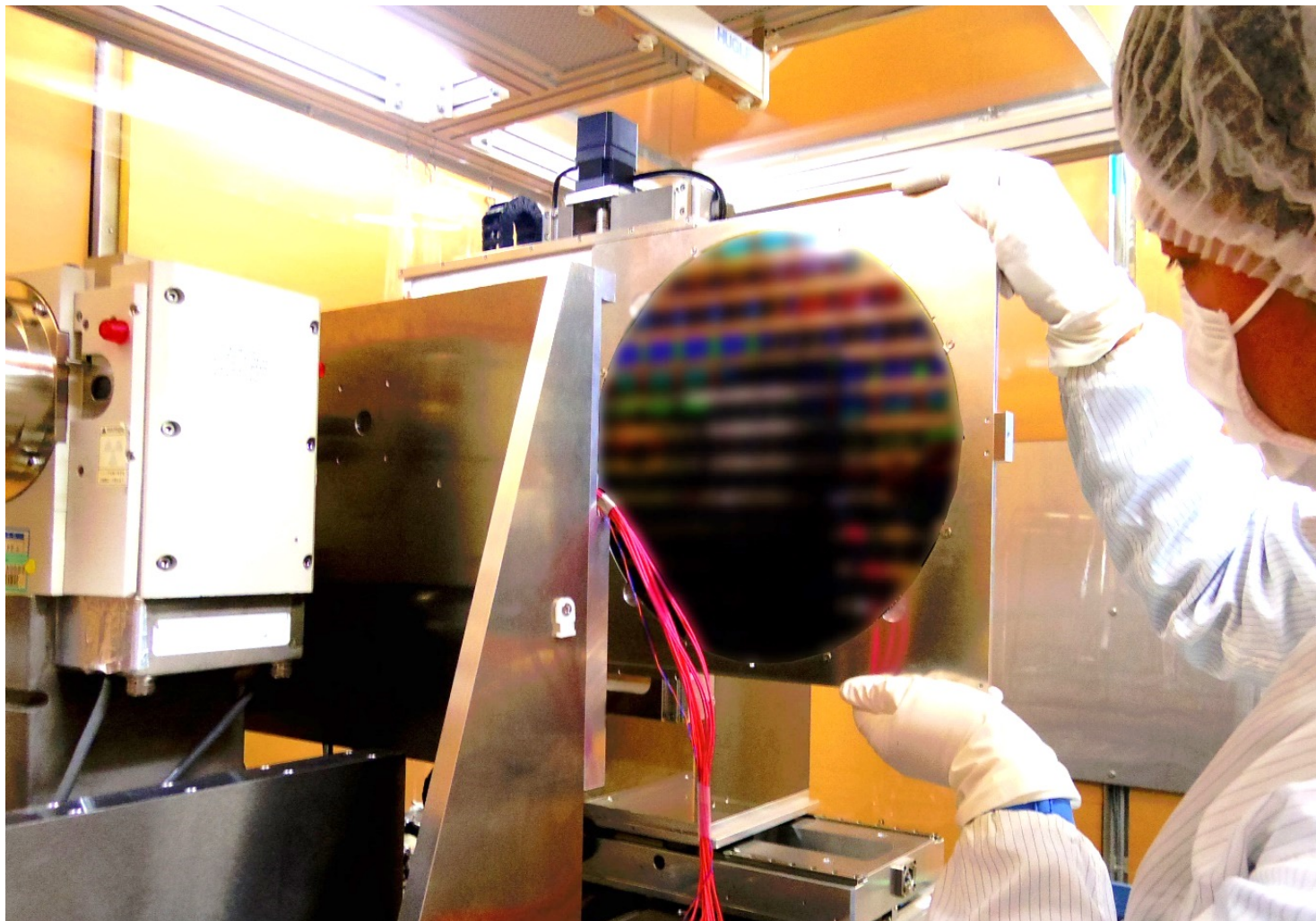
Multi-gain Pixel Circuitry without switching

- robust calibration by FPGAs
- 3T-type circuits without charge amplifiers
 - similar to LOFIC invented by Prof. Sugawa
 - x2 or x3 digitization needed
- Low input capacitance with SF
 - Low power consumption



Radiation Hard Pixels

T. Kudo, et.al., IEEE Trans. on Nuclear Science, 2014 pp. 1444.



Wafers on a dedicated semi-automatic probe station were irradiated by X-rays.

> 10,000 transistors were evaluated.

Development

Project Schedule finalized
First X-ray Image capture
scheduled on June 2020

**Mar.
2016**



**Sep.
2020**

First Optical Image
System evaluation
started



First X-ray Image capture
Delayed by 3.5 months

**Oct. 2nd,
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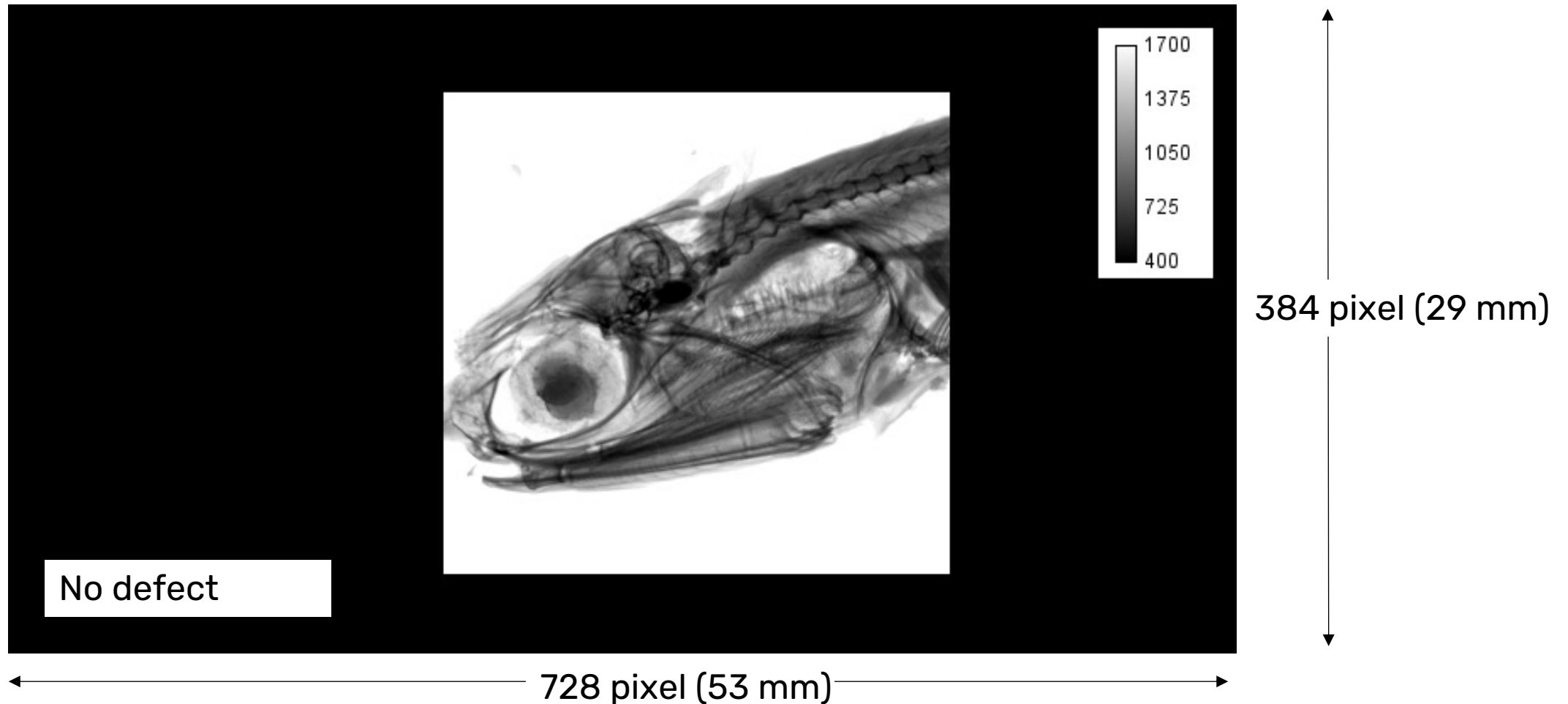


First Image of a dried fish at 17.4 kfps

1 k frames were accumulated

Rotating X-ray Generator: Target Element of Mo, 30 kV 65 mA

Total exposure time: 55 ms



Integration

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**Oct.
2021**
First Science
Experiment
(XPCS)



First Science Experiment
at Public Beamline

**Jul.
2022**



**Jul.
2022**
Feasibility
Study at
ESRF

**Dec.
2022**
First experiment to be integrated
at SACLA

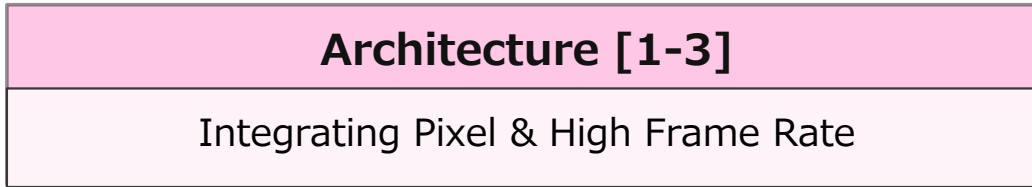


Integration to
• SWAXS
• Single Crystal
Structure Analysis

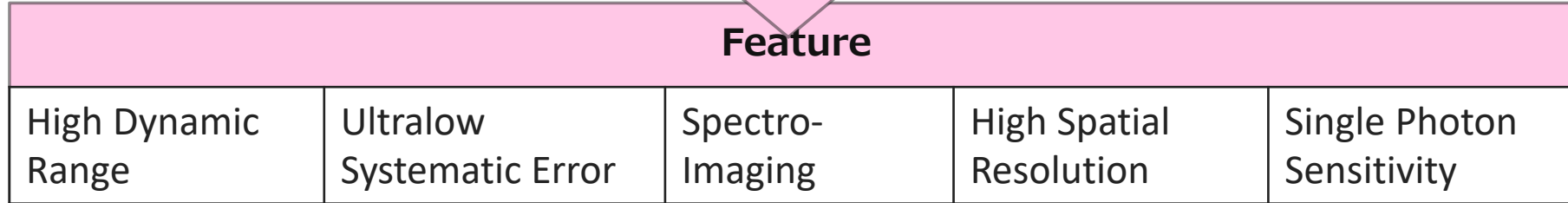
2023



2023
20.2 M detector
to be integrated
to SACLA

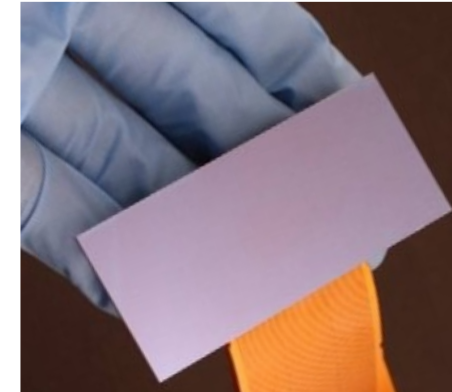


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Experimentally Verified Performance

Parameters		Value	
Sensor	Thickness	Si 650 μm	
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	Frame Rate	17.4 kfps	5 kHz
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	Pixel Readout Rate	4.87 Gpixels/s	1.4 Gpixels/s



CITIUS Project

Nov. 2014. SPring-8-II Conceptual Design Report

38 Mcps/pixel
with $70 \mu\text{m}$ \square pixel

20.88 kfps
max 1840 photons/frame

2022 CITIUS: demonstrated performance

945 Mcps/pixel
with $72.6 \mu\text{m}$ \square pixel

17.4 kfps
max 1840 photons/frame

SPring-8 revolving frequency: 208.8 kHz

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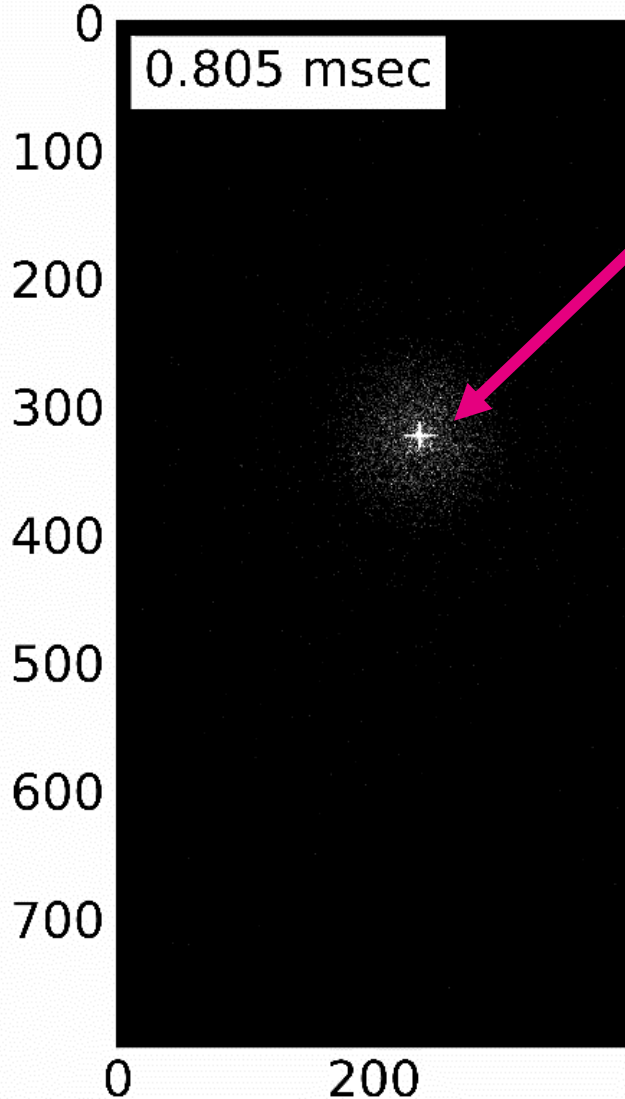
Demonstrated Performance

Primary Performance

BL29XU EH3 in July 2021

XPCS @ 17.4 kfps

Y. Honjo, K. Ozaki, H. Nishino
T. Hoshino (Tohoku Univ.)



40 Mcps/pixel at 8 keV.

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Pixel Number: 280 kpixels
Frame rate: 17.4 kframes/s
Frame Cycle: 57.5 μ s

Sample:

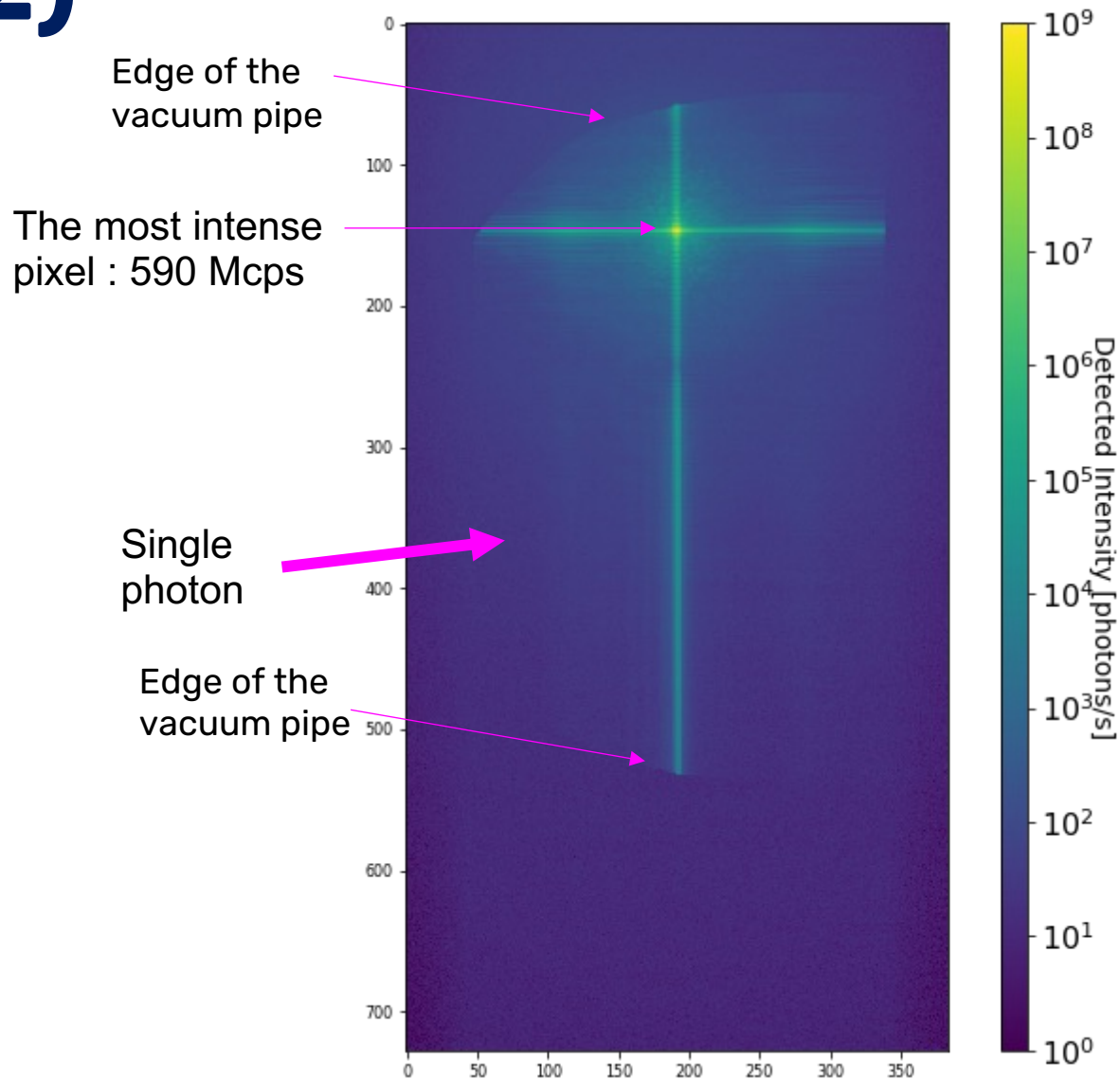
Silica (100 nm ϕ , 28.8 wt%)
in MEK + PEI + MeOH (66.8, 3.9, 0.5 wt%)
in 0.5mm capillary

Count Rate (1/2)

Photon Energy: 10keV

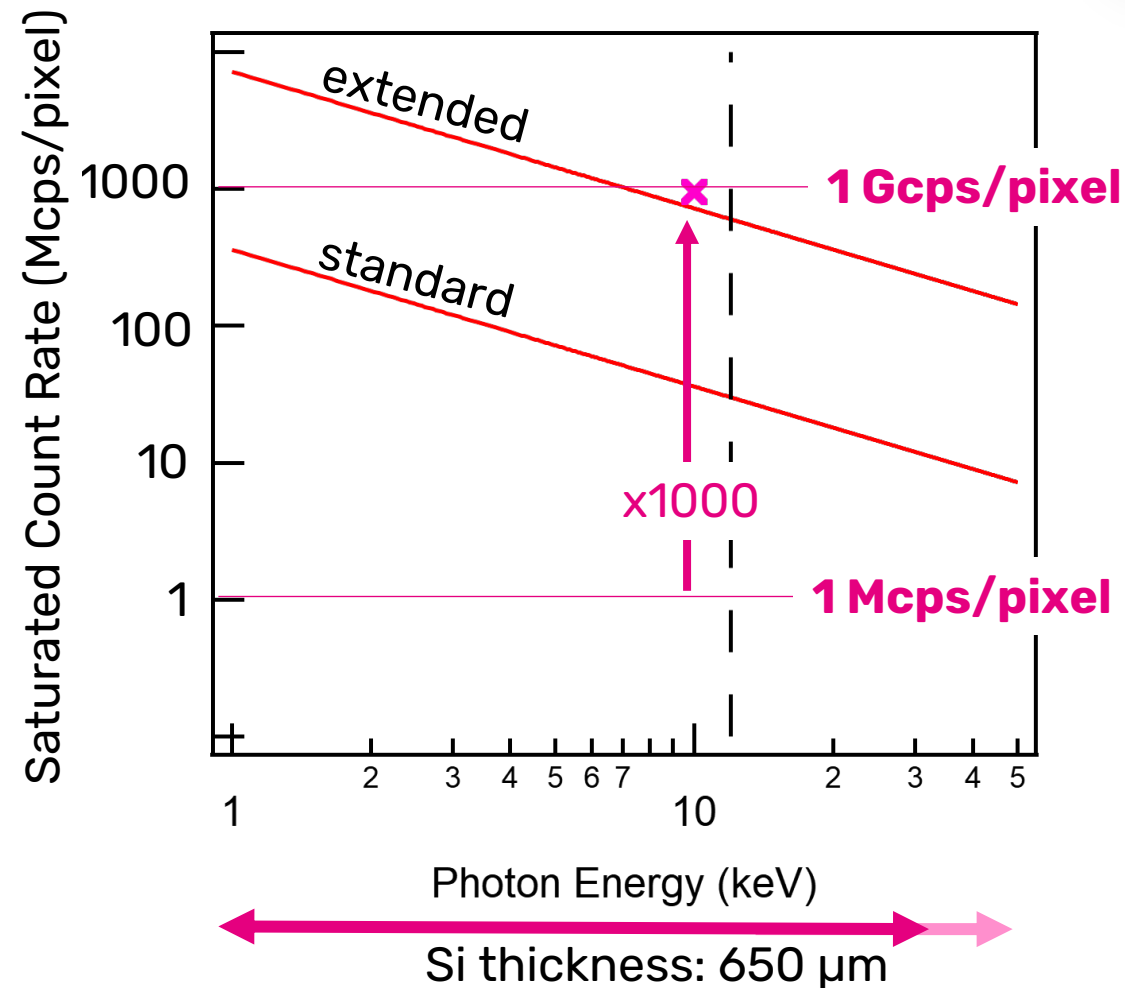
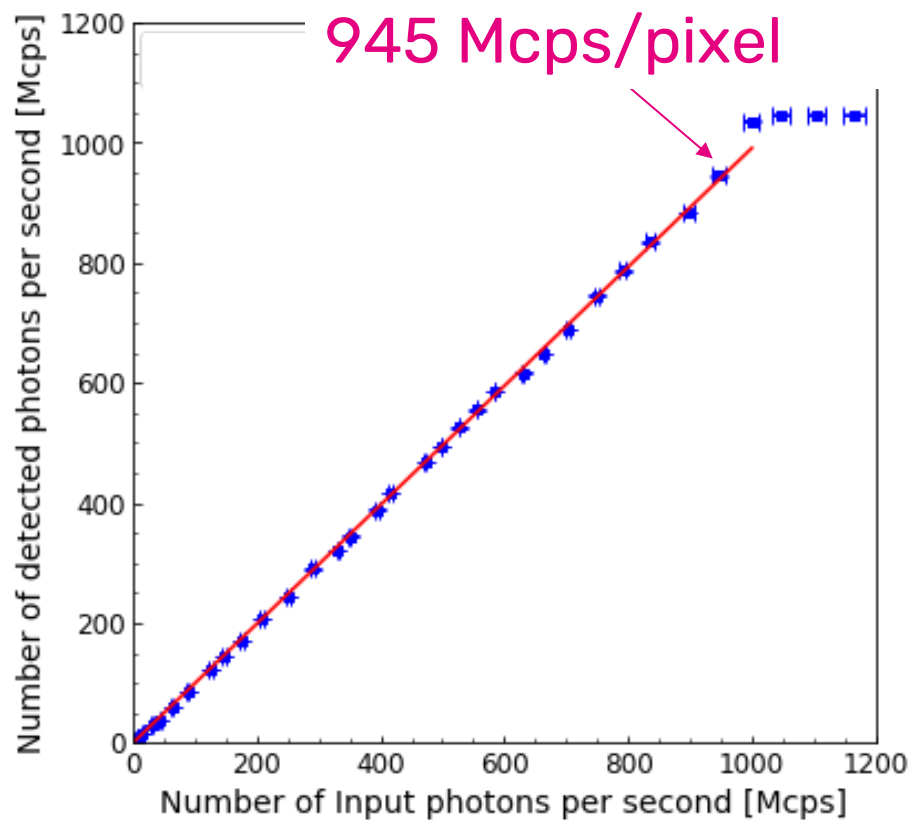
Slit to CITIUS: 15m

Slit Size: $20 \times 20 \mu\text{m}$



Count Rate (2/2)

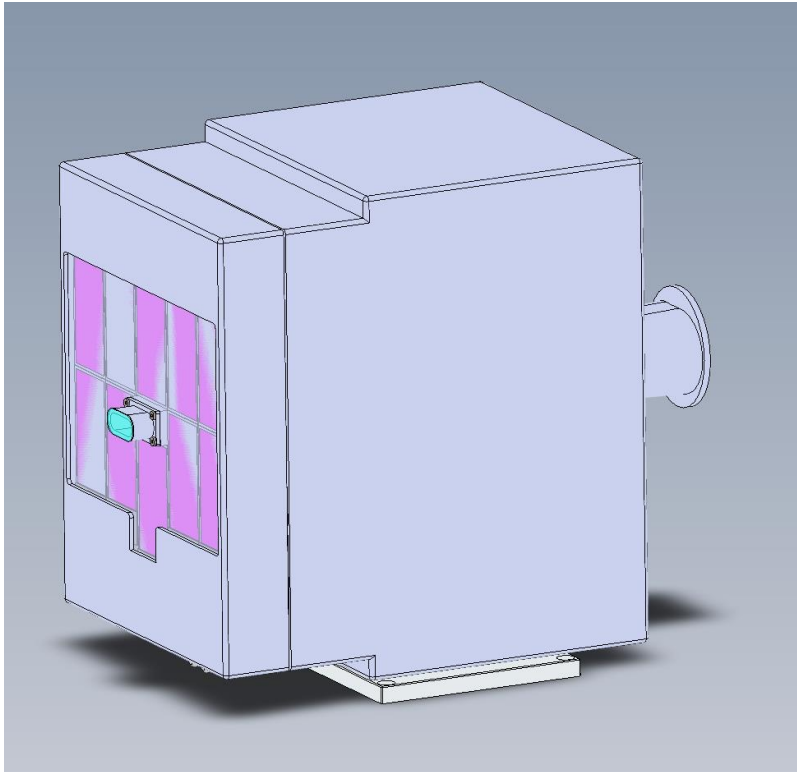
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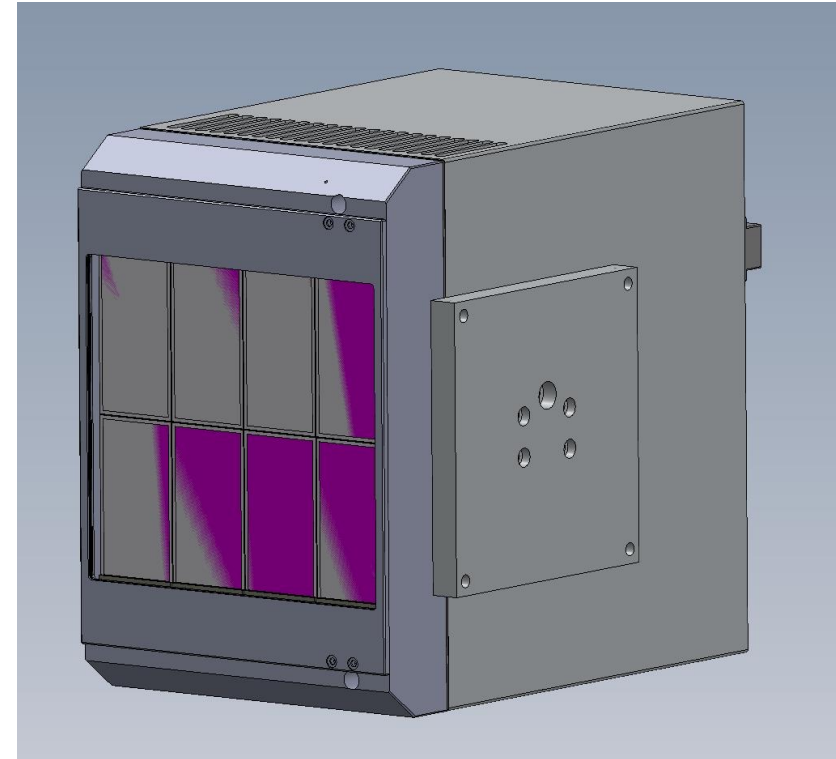
Tandem CITIUS for SPring-8 new SWAXS beamline

in collabo. with H. Sekiguchi et.al.,

Upstream WAXS detector
2.8 Mpixels



Downstream SAXS detector
2.2 Mpixels



to be integrated in 2023

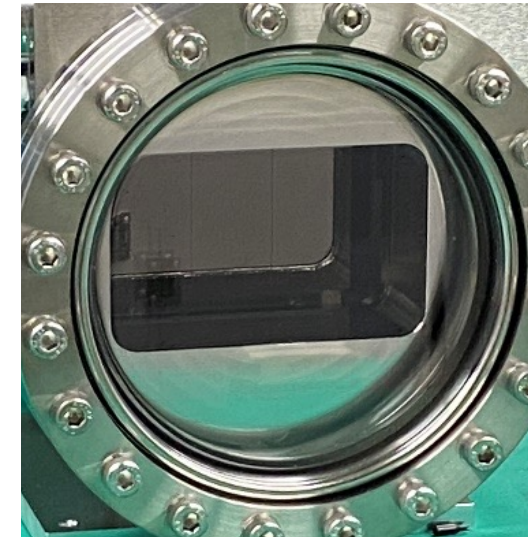
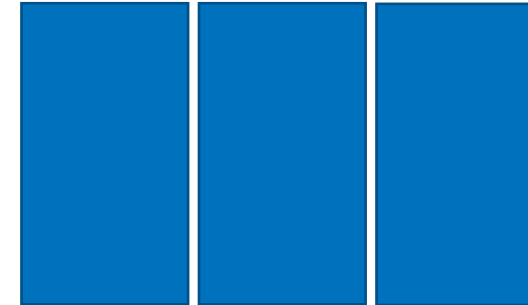
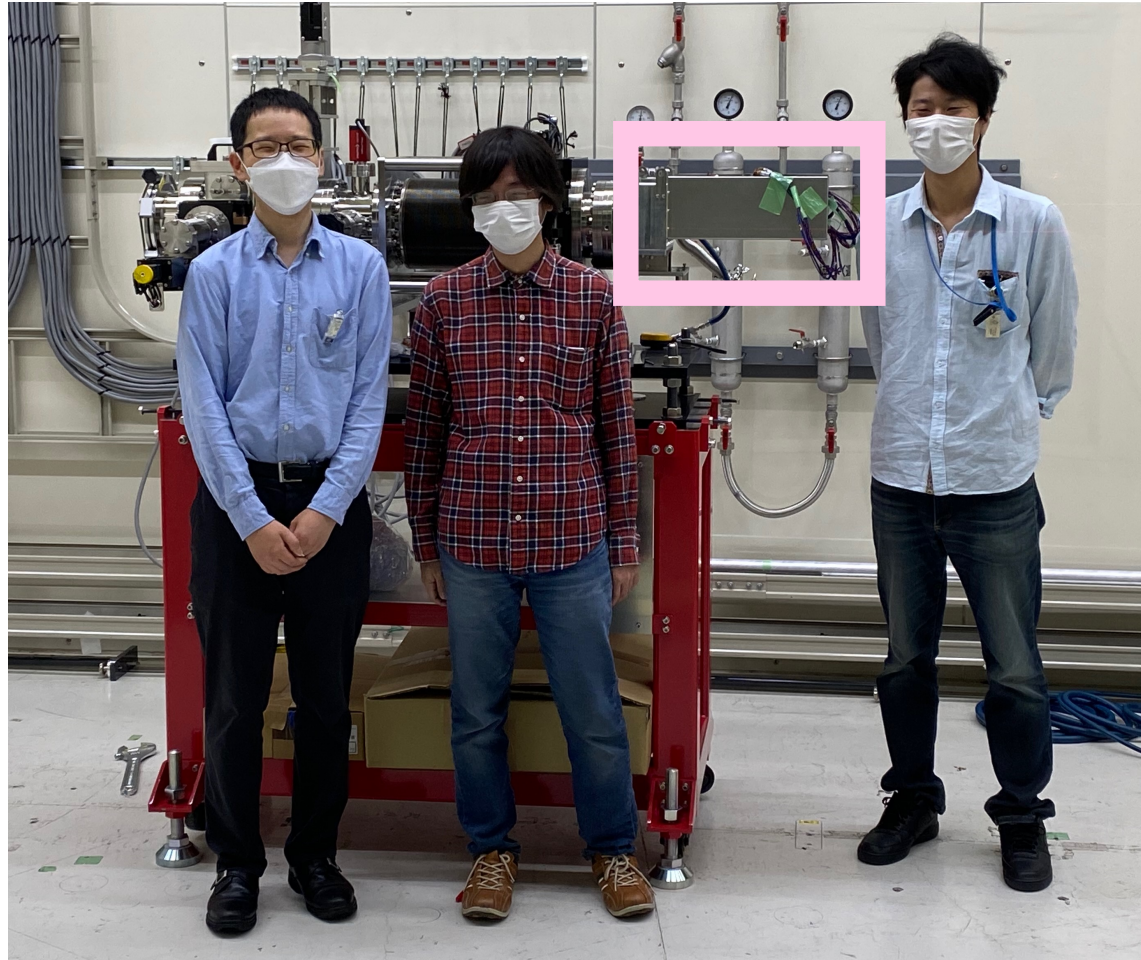
Feasibility Study of CITIUS for ptychography

Nov. 2022 Feasibility study

Dec. 2022 first science experiments

K. Ozaki, Y. Honjo, T.N. Hiraki et.al.,
Y. Takahashi Group (Tohoku Univ.)

840k



CITIUS detector for synchrotron radiation

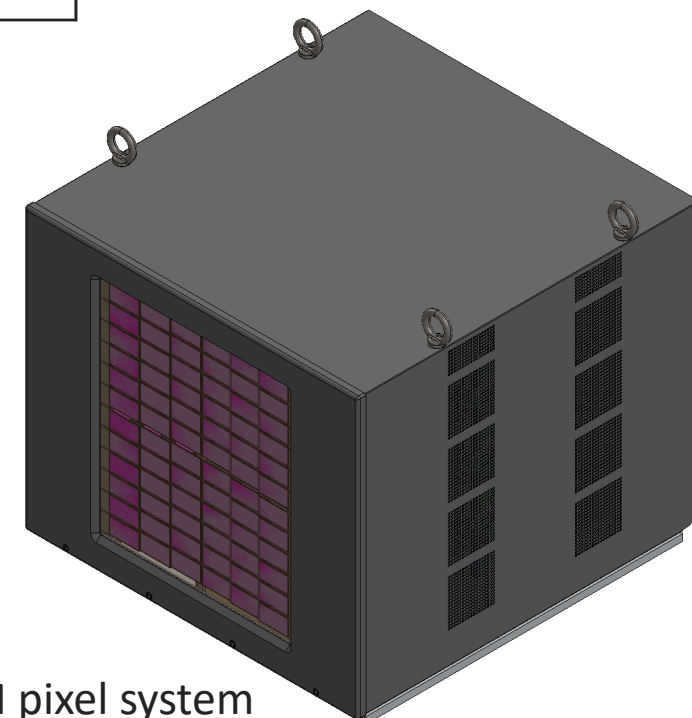
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Feature				
High Dynamic Range	Ultralow Systematic Error	Spectro-Imaging	High Spatial Resolution	Single Photon Sensitivity

Detector Performance

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Largest System	Pixel Number	20.2 Mpixel
	Image Area	325 x 363 mm

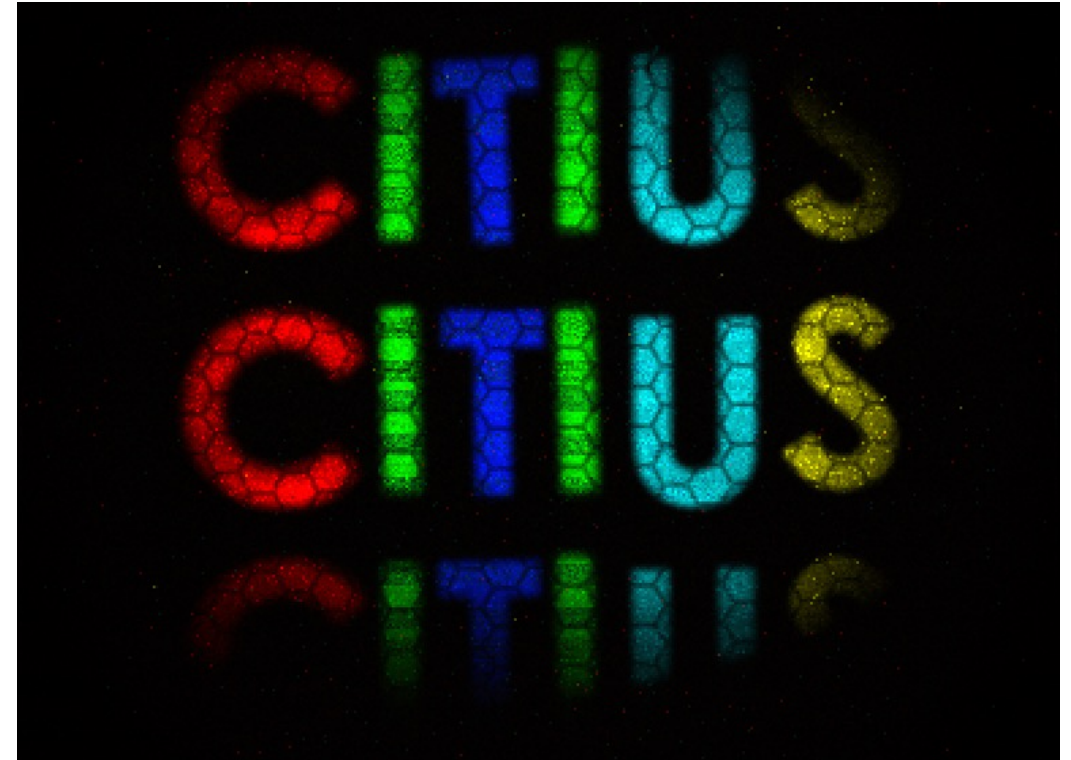
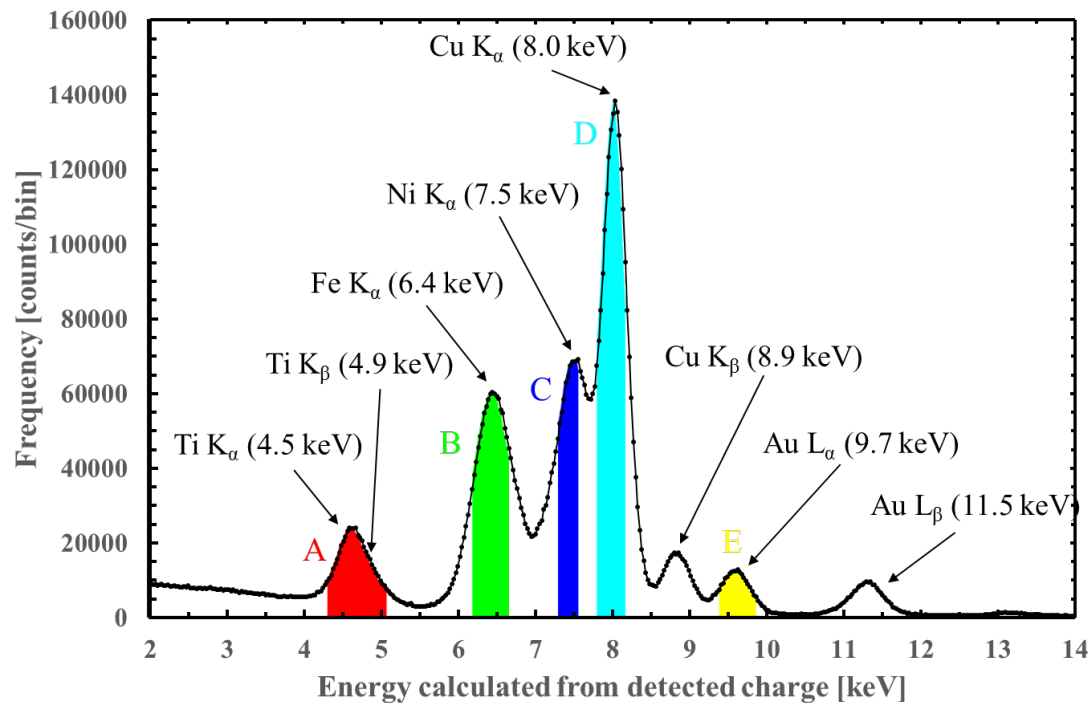


20.2M pixel system

Spectro-Imaging

with Laboratory X-ray sources

Ti. Fe. Ni. Fe Cu. Au



projected by capillary optics

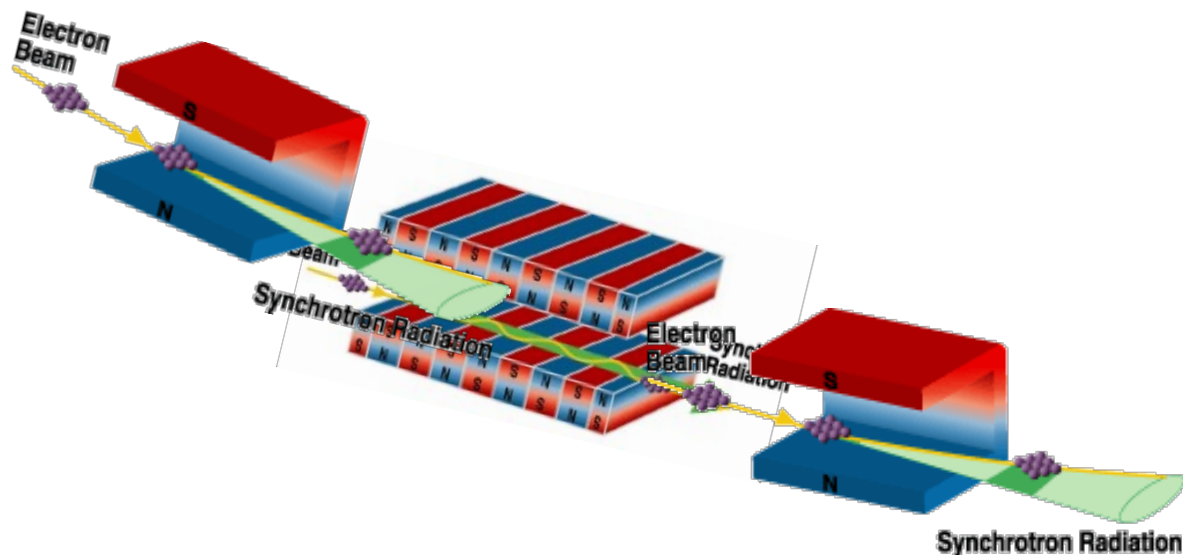
Characters made of Ti, Fe, Ni, and Au elements

X-ray Beam Monitor for SPring-8-II

K. Ozaki, T. Kudo, S. Takahashi, M. Sano, T. Itoga, et.al.,

Accelerator feedback with electron monitors

- not enough



X-ray Intensity Image



Undulator beam is hidden by the bending X-rays

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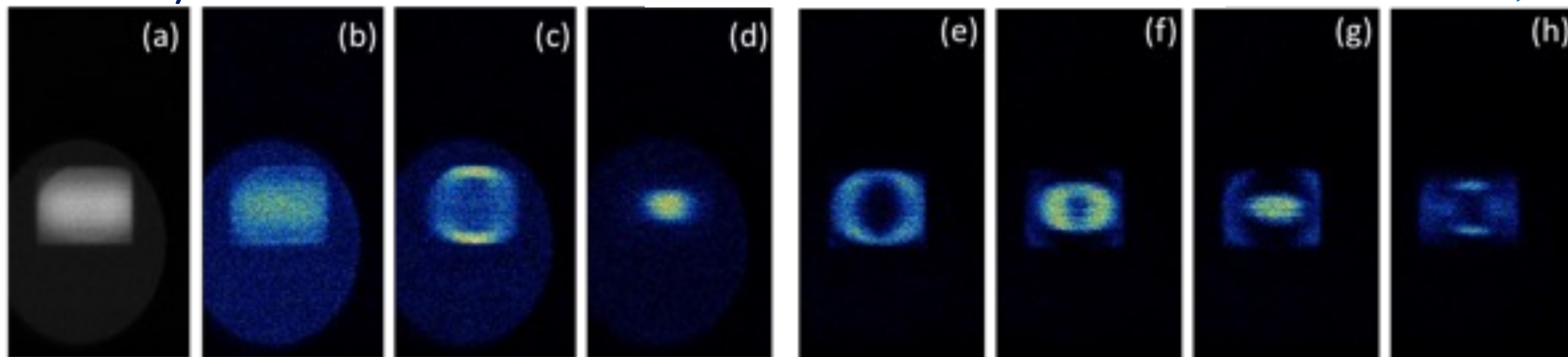
undulator

pin-hole

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Diamond thin film ($t = 70 \mu\text{m}$)

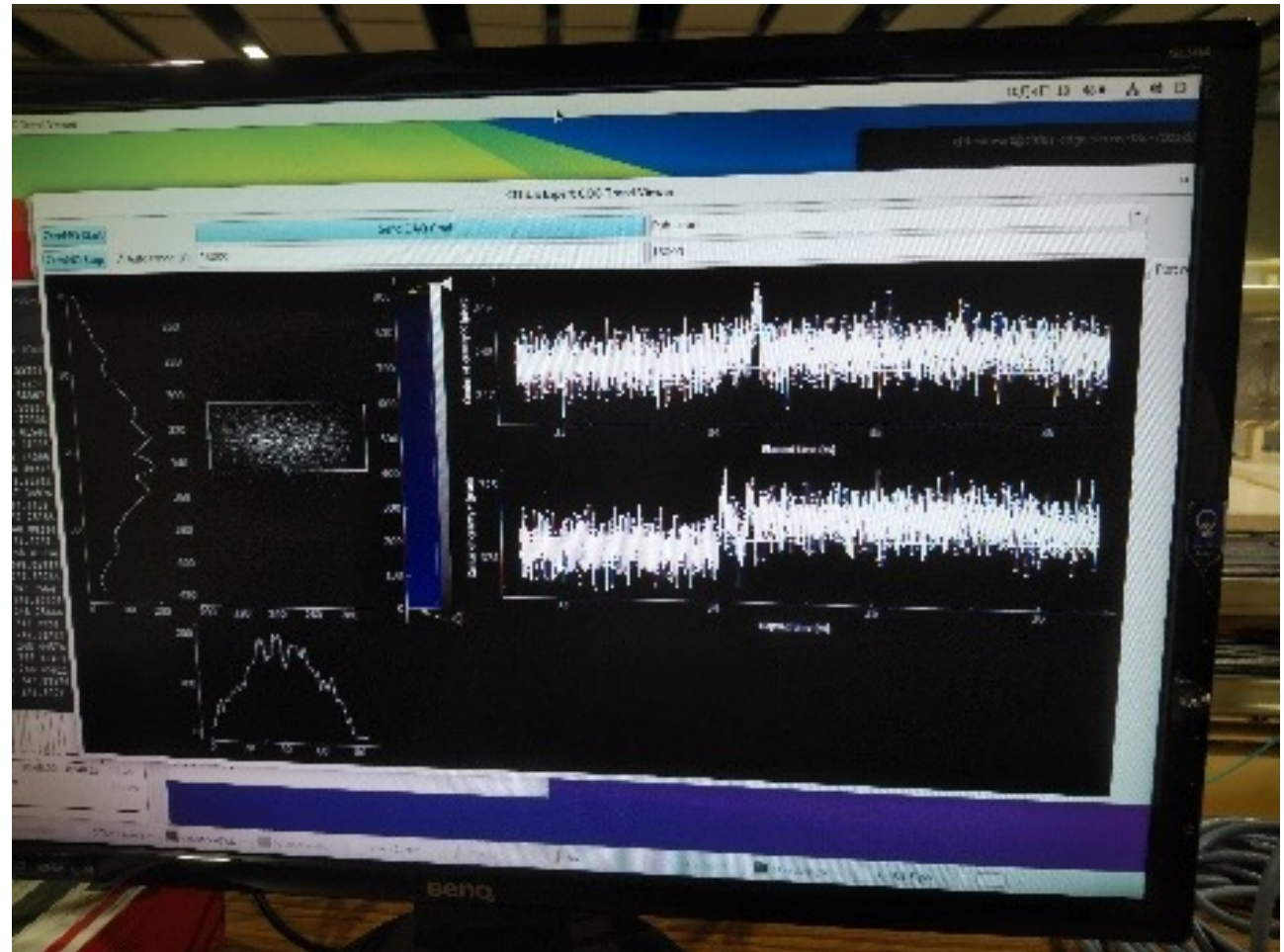
Intensity ← low Energy selected Intensities high →



Beam Position Trends

sub-second feedback by using this monitor to the accelerator system is feasible

note: every second, we get 17.4 kframes.

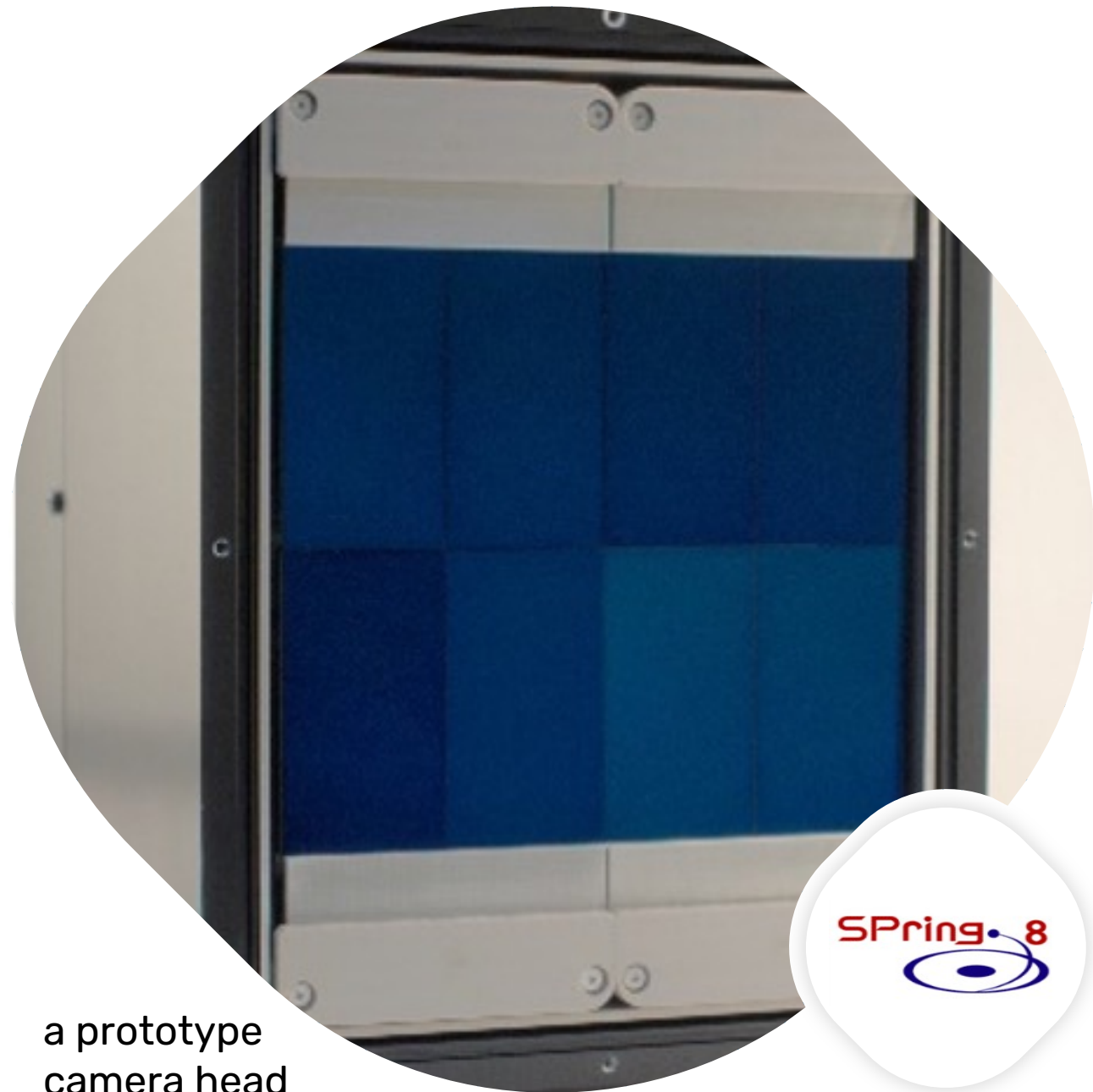


X-ray Fluorescence Yield Detector for XAFS

Upgrade of SDD and/or Photon
Counting Detector

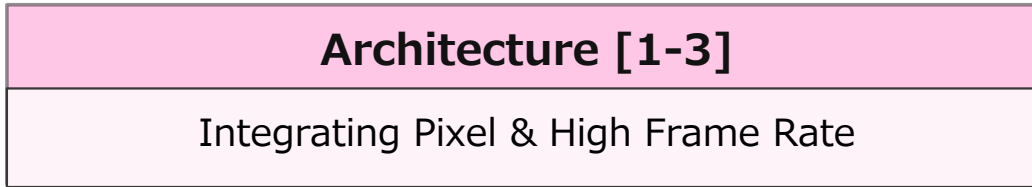
Spectro-Imaging Mode

- Max. 3.2 Gcps/system @ 2.2 Mpixels
- 8 sensors
- weight < 10 kg
- 280 k x 8 module may be another option

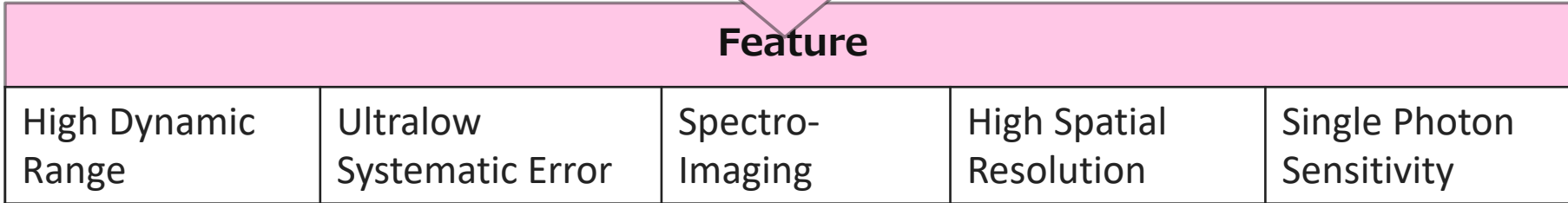


a prototype
camera head



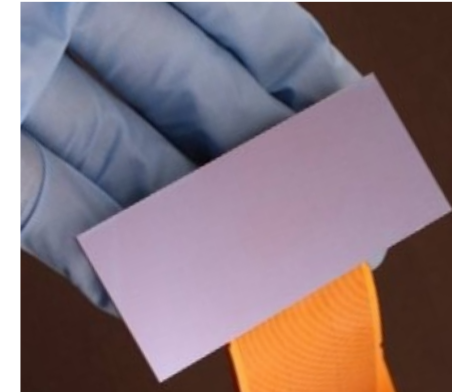


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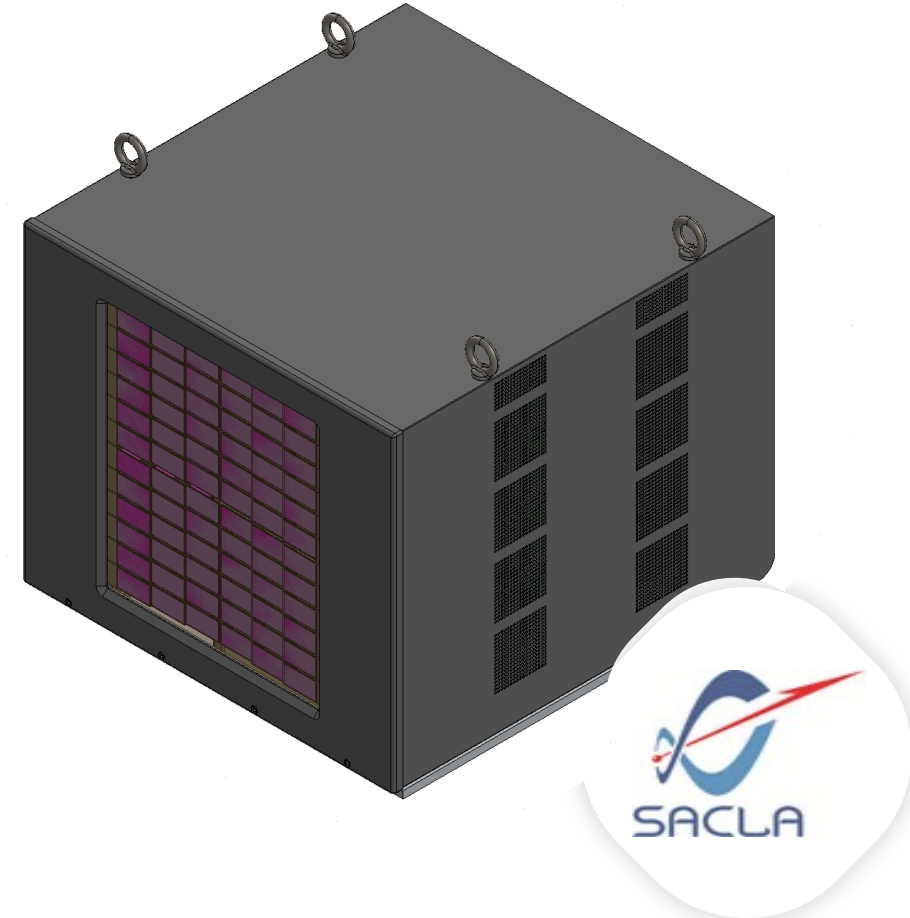
20.2M Large Area Detector

To be integrated to SACLA in 2023

- 20.2 Mpixel @ 60 frames/s
 - 72 sensors

Development for SPring-8 MX beamline under discussion

- 20.2 Mpixel @ 17.4 kfps



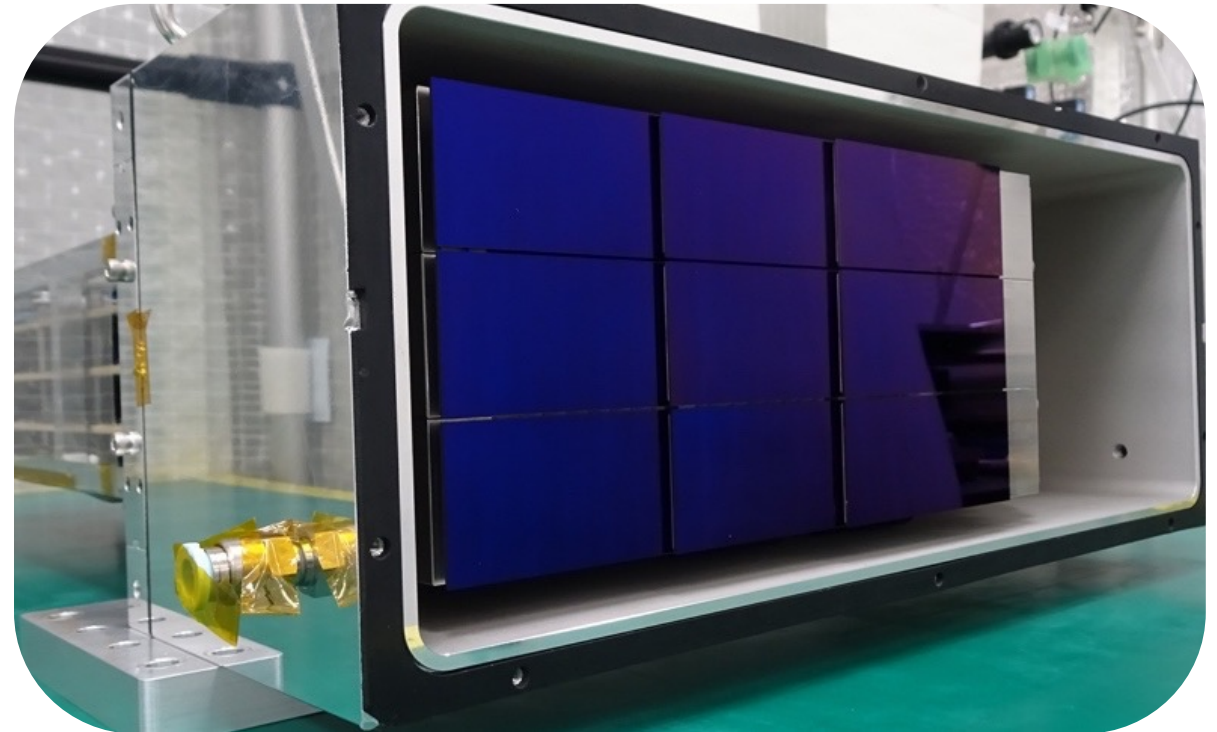
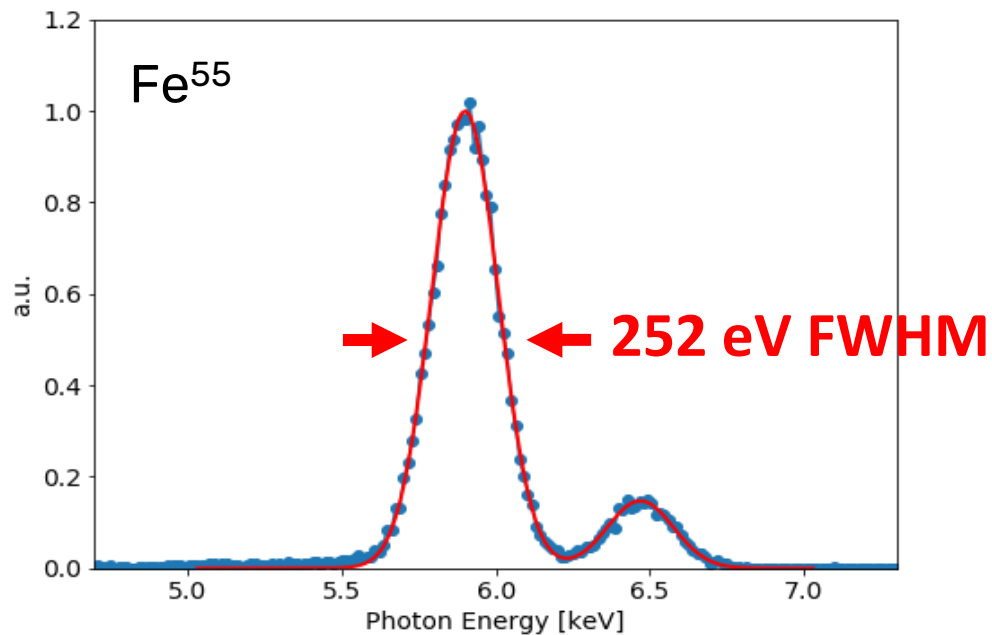
20.2 M: Sensor Sub System

Each Sensor Sub System can be tested and calibrated.

2.52 Mpixels

Spare Units in case of damage

Optimized for SACLA operation



Summary

Motivation, Development History

Architecture: Integrating pixels & High Frame rate

- High Count rate: *945 Mcps/pixel (18 Tcps/cm²)*
- Faster Recording: *17.4 kframes/s for full frame readout of 280k pixels*
- Spectro-imaging: *242 eV FWHM @ 5.9 keV*

Detector variants from 280 kpixels to 20.2 Mpixels

Issues not covered in this talk: Data

- 20.2 Mpixels at 17.4 kframes/s produces 6 EB/year
- SPRING-8 Data Center Initiative, a hybrid of
 - FPGA-accelerated Edge computing
 - On-Site supercomputing
 - Cloud supercomputing

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SPARE SLIDES



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Now, CITIUS detectors are ramping up.

Any obstacle foreseen?

Data Size Estimation (1/2)

280k pixels
17.4 kframes/s



about 1 kg



2 min.
2.4 TB

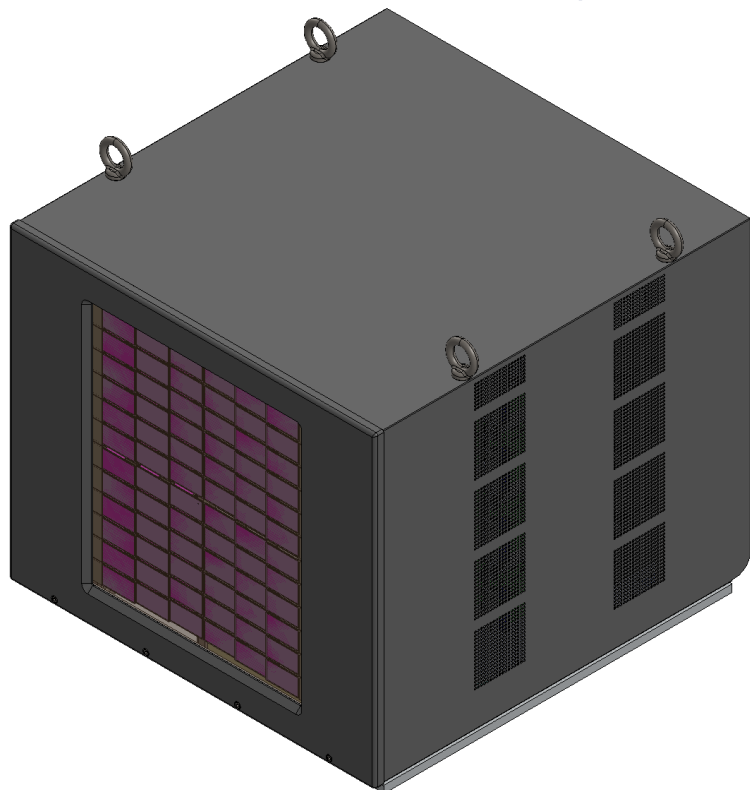


1 day
1.7 PB

552 k\$/year
at AWS S3 storage
in Japan

Data Size Estimation (2/2)

20.2 Mpixels
17.4 kframes/s



1 hour
5 PB



4000 hours/year
30 % data taking
6 EB/year



8.7 km tall
500 racks & 2.2 MW
Conclusion: saving raw data is not economically feasible

FPGA-based Data Processing on-the-fly

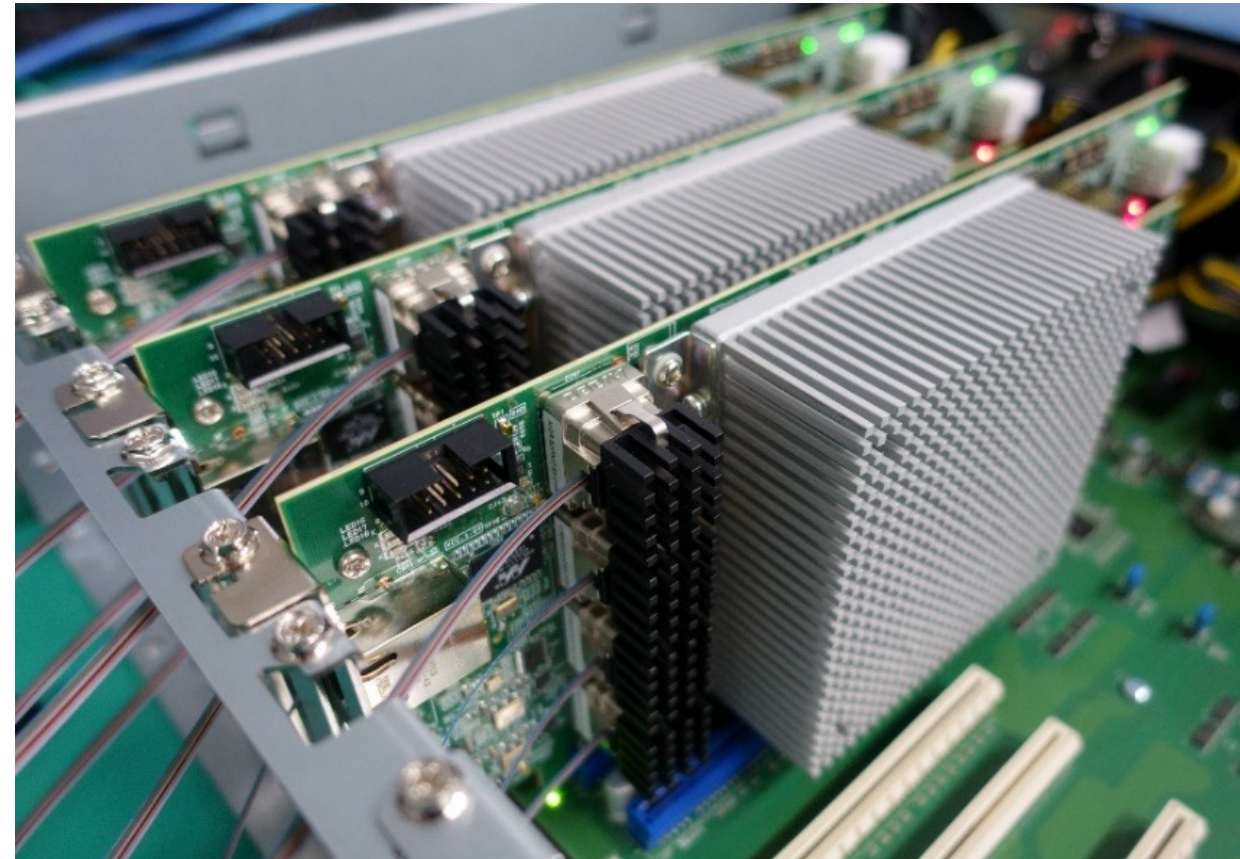
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Data-Framing Board

- support 130 Gbps data/board

Functions

- Calibration
- Preprocessing for compression
 - compression ratio of >1000 was obtained for some experiments.
- Selection of the meaningful frames
- Accumulation
- Photon-Energy Window



SPring-8 Data Center Initiative

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Edge Computing

FPGA acceleration

On-Site

Supercomputer
under construction

10 PB storage

5 kcore CPUs

Off-site

Fugaku (7.6 Mcore,
540 Pflops)

HPCI

supercomputers

Public Cloud
(Amazon etc.)