

# CMOS Pixelated Detectors

## *For Multi-probe Radiography*

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# Outline

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## ■ Motivations

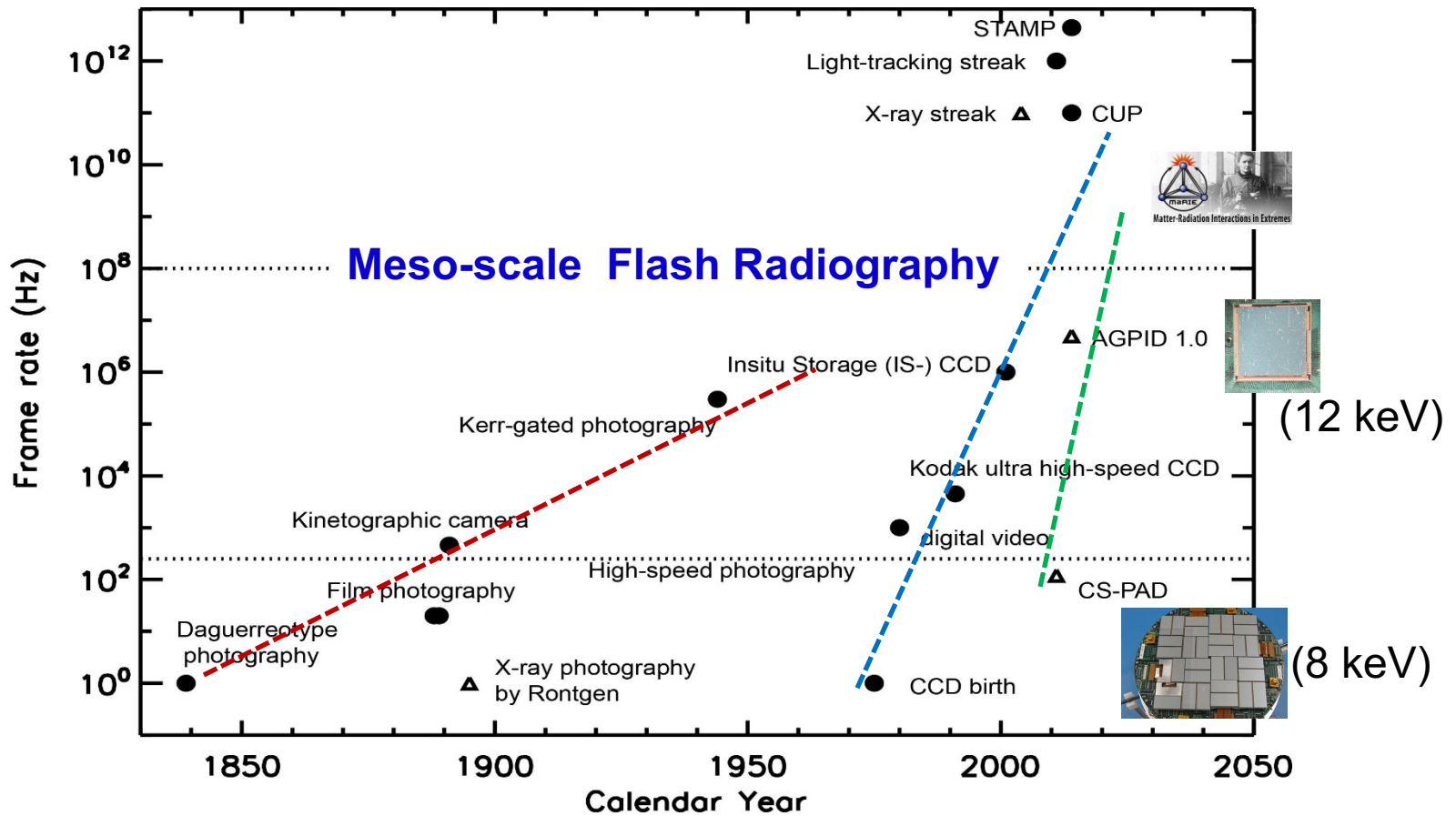
- Flash radiography
- High-speed imaging for dynamic experiments
- '6H' frontiers

## ■ Recent progress & highlights

- Electronics-driven: CMOS sensors
- (Photonics-driven)
- Materials-driven: Scintillators (primarily)
- X-Ray Applications
- Neutron work in progress

## ■ Summary

# Evolution of high-speed imaging as of ~ 2017

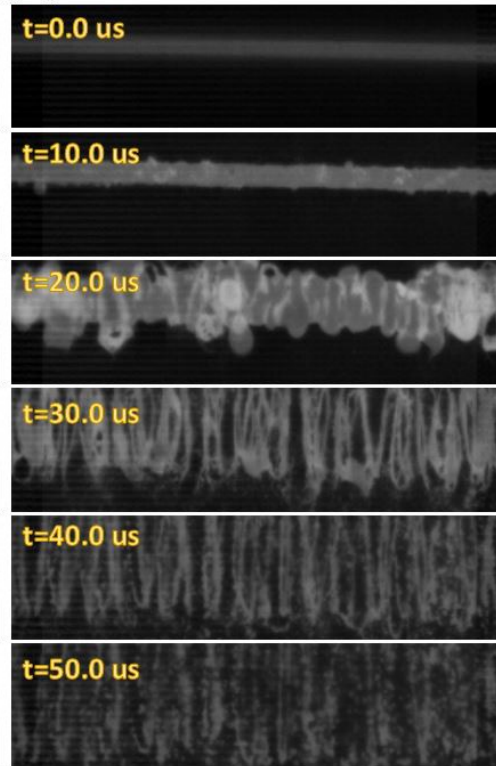


# In need of better temporal resolution

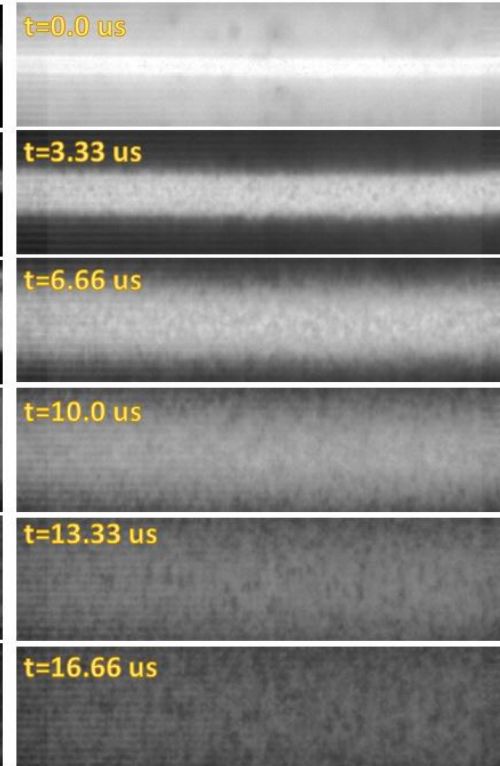
(a) 11 keV



(b) 12 keV



(c) 13 keV



Fluid phase

$$T \sim T_0$$

“Phase explosion”

$$T > T_0$$

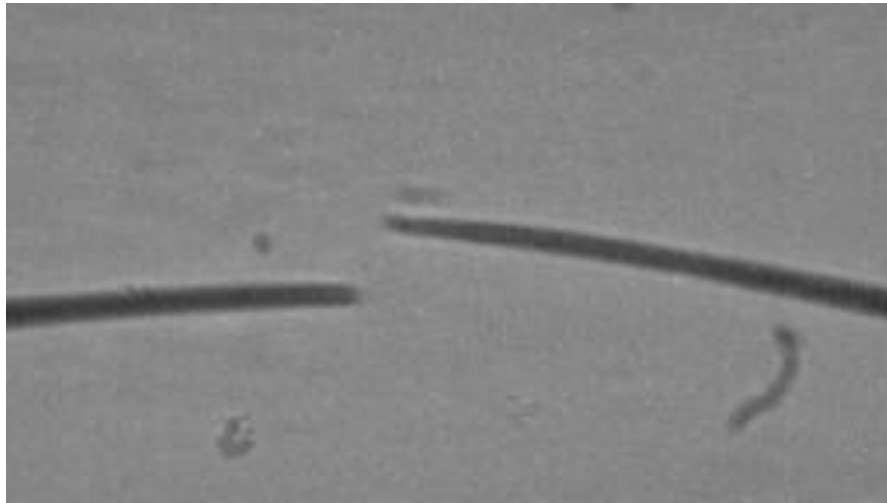
Sechrest *et al*, Appl. Phys. Lett. **117** (2020) 124102.

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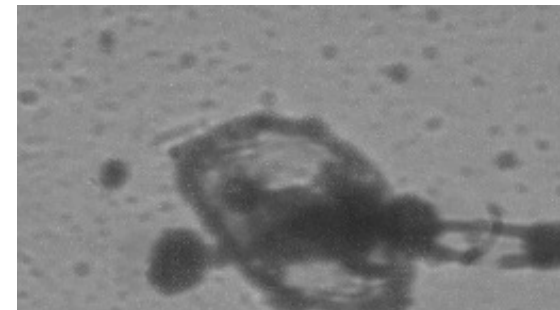
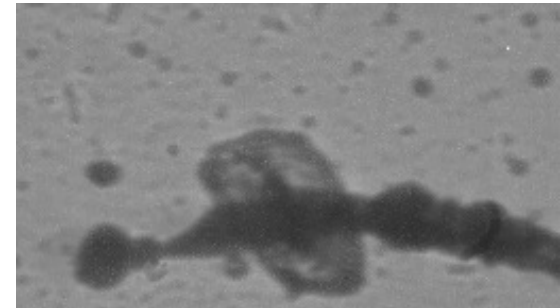
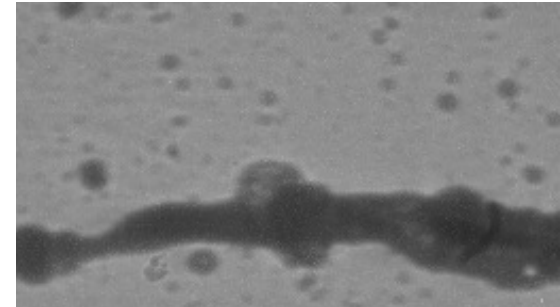
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# In need of 3D information: X-ray experiment @ APS

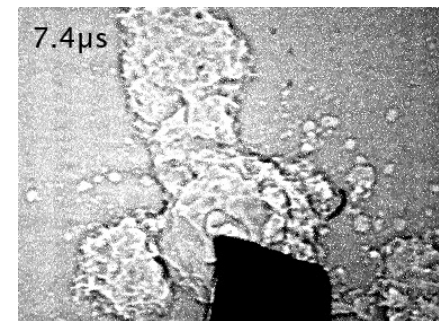
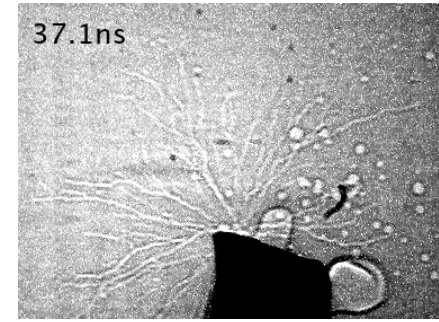
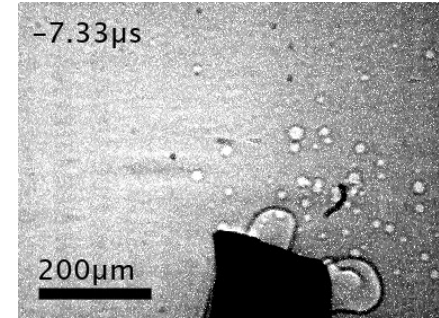
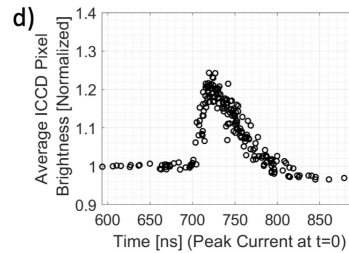
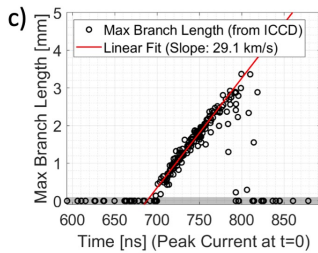
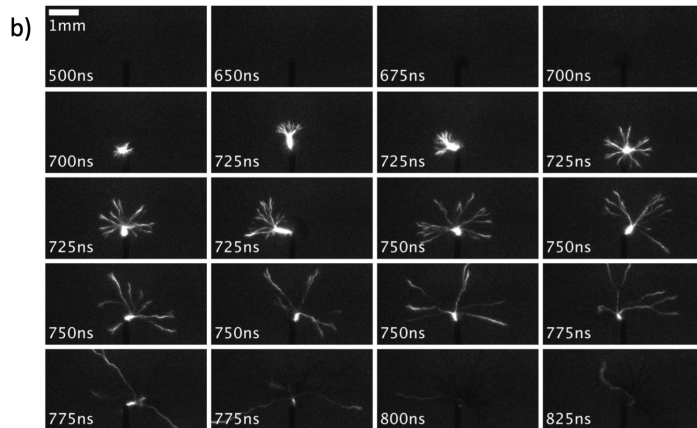
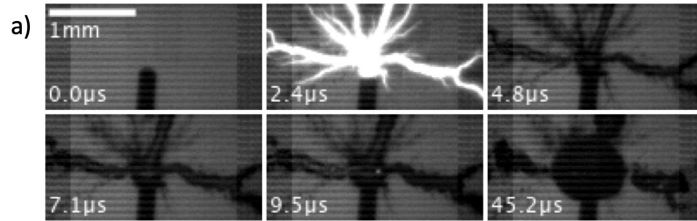


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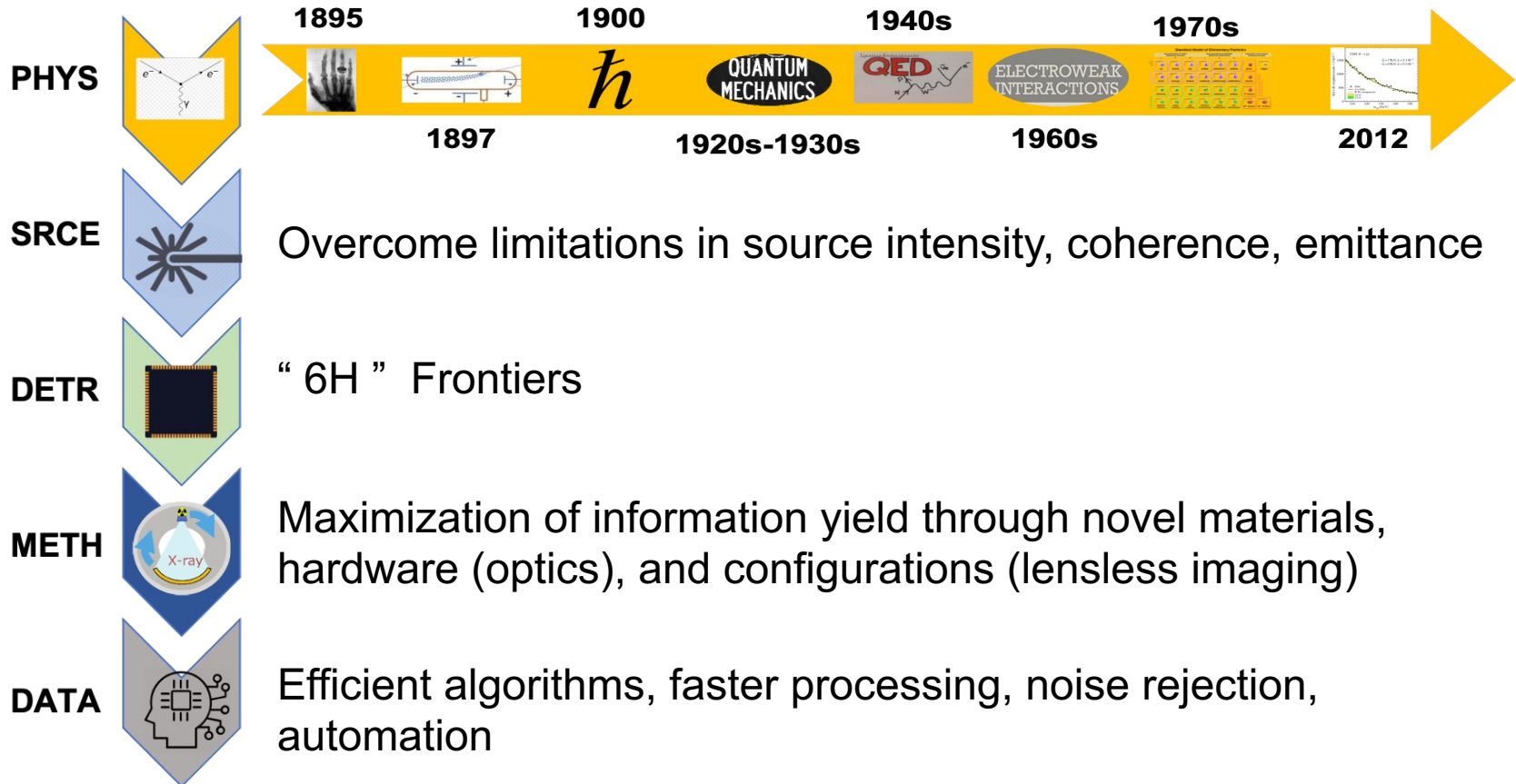


# In need of Large FoV: X-ray experiment @ APS



‘Lightening in water’

# Open problems in Flash Radiography

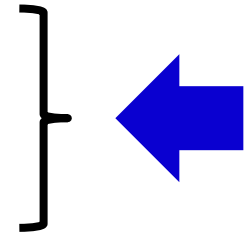


Appl. Opt. 16 (2022) RDS1-RDS4

# '6H' frontiers

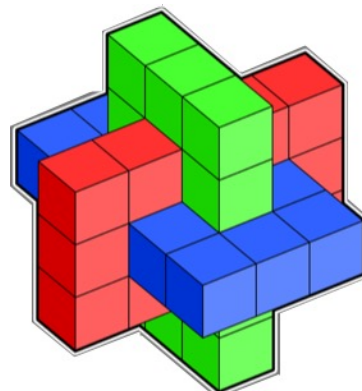
High dimensional space optimization

- High-energy photons (20 keV +)
- High photon flux ( $10^7$  + per pulse, sub-ns duration)
- High-efficiency /sensitivity (50% +)
- High temporal resolution (< 75 ns -)
- High spatial/pixel resolution (1-100  $\mu\text{m}$  -)
- High Data Volume



X-ray source

architecture



Sensor materials

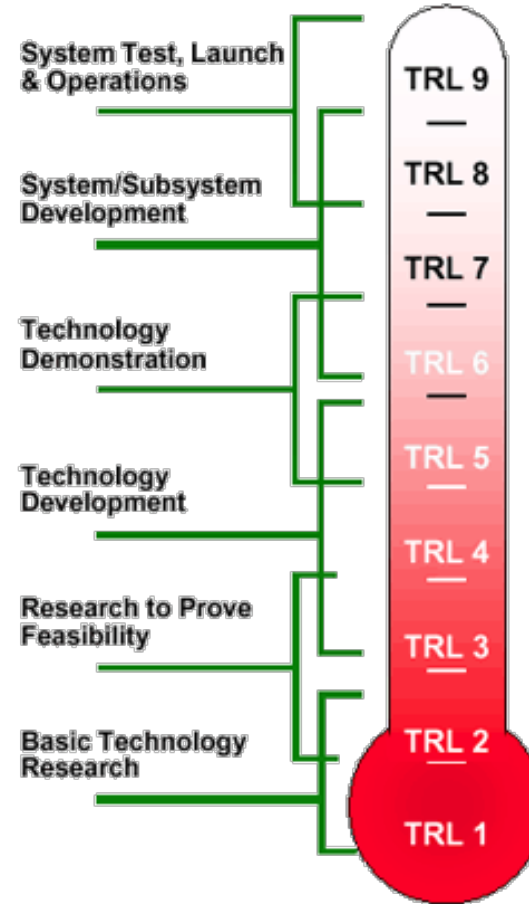
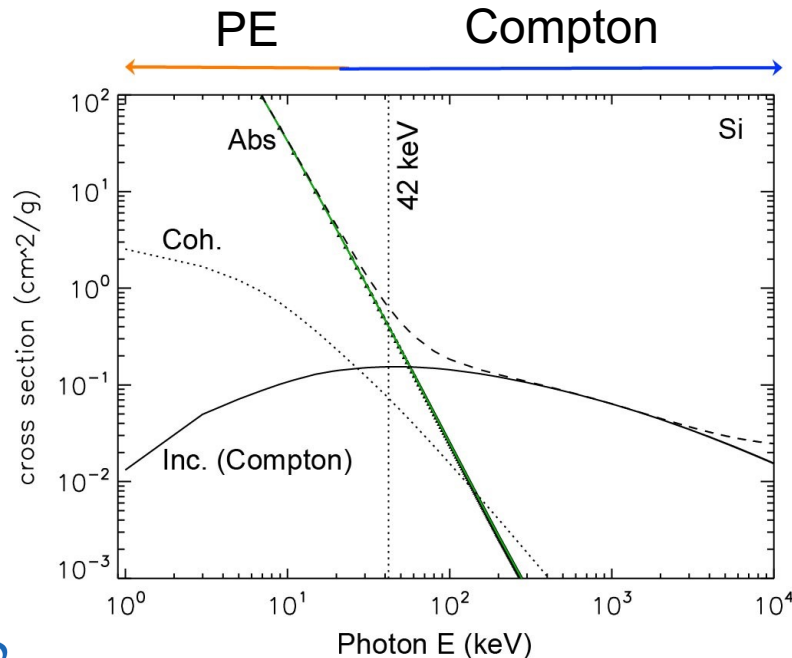
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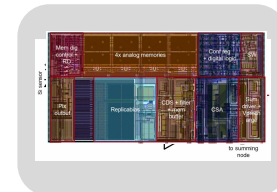
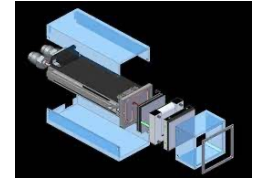


# High-speed X-ray Cameras & prototypes

- Hybrid CMOS
- Highest TRL Driven by near-term needs /light sources



ePix (SLAC)

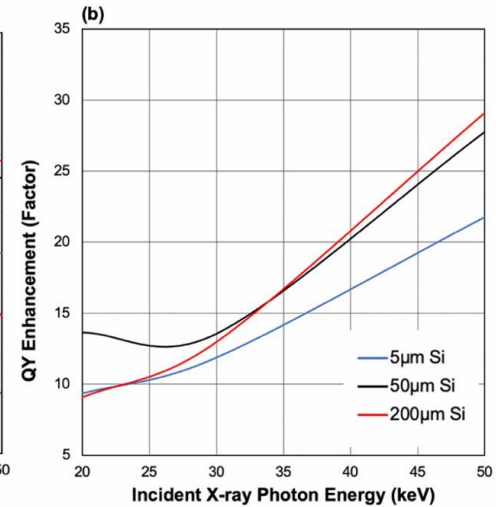
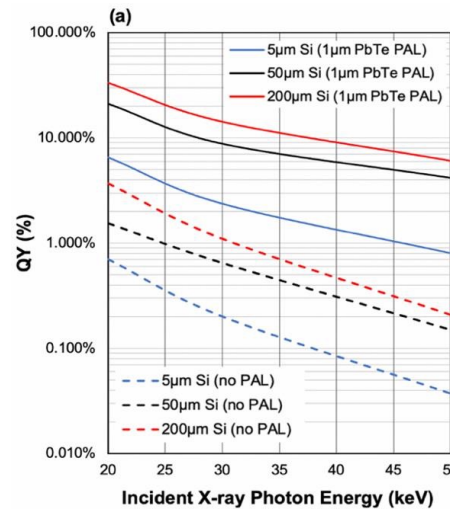


SparkPix (SLAC)



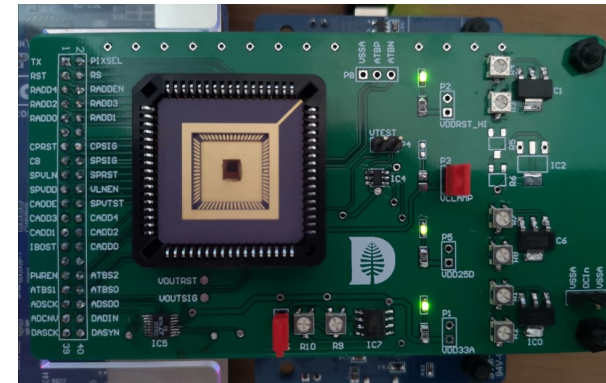
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# PAL layer integration with CMOS sensor



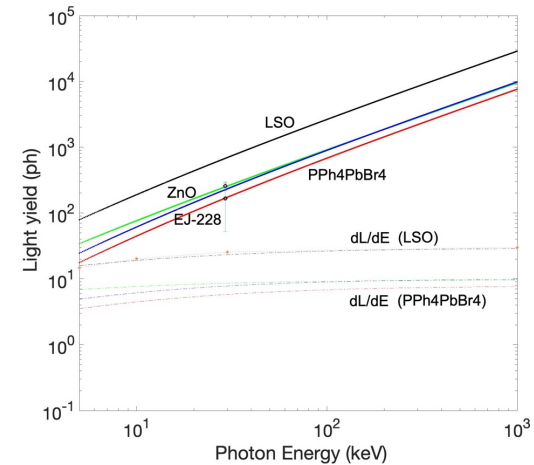
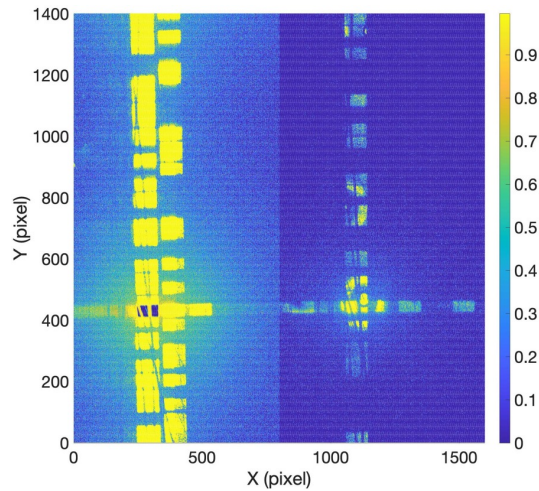
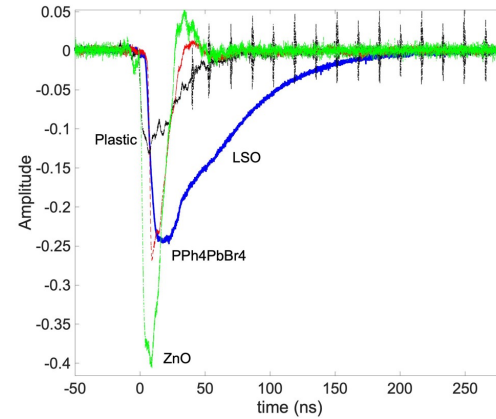
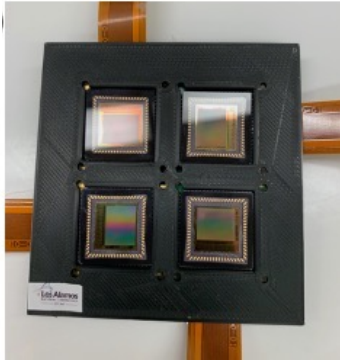
Pixel-level hybridization

Lee *et al*, Instruments 5 (2021) 17



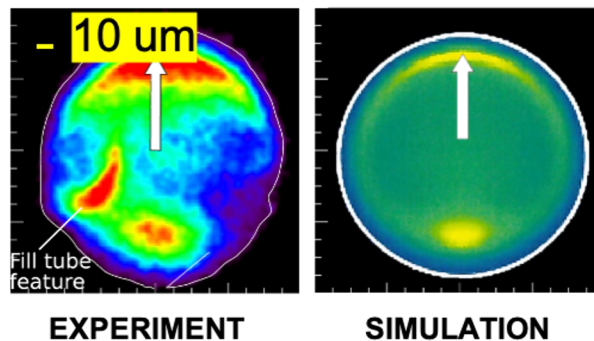
Yue *et al*, (2021)

# Large FOV: Billion-pixel X-ray cameras (BiPC-X)

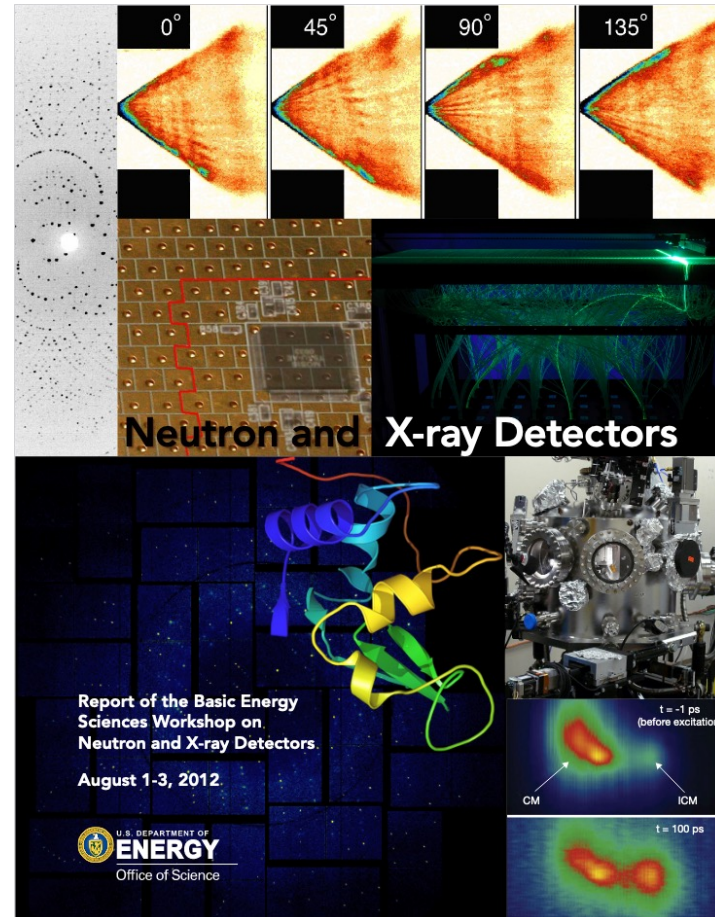


# Some challenges with hardware centric approach

- Long development cycle
- High cost
- Imperfect results



D. J. Schlossberg et al, PRL (2021)

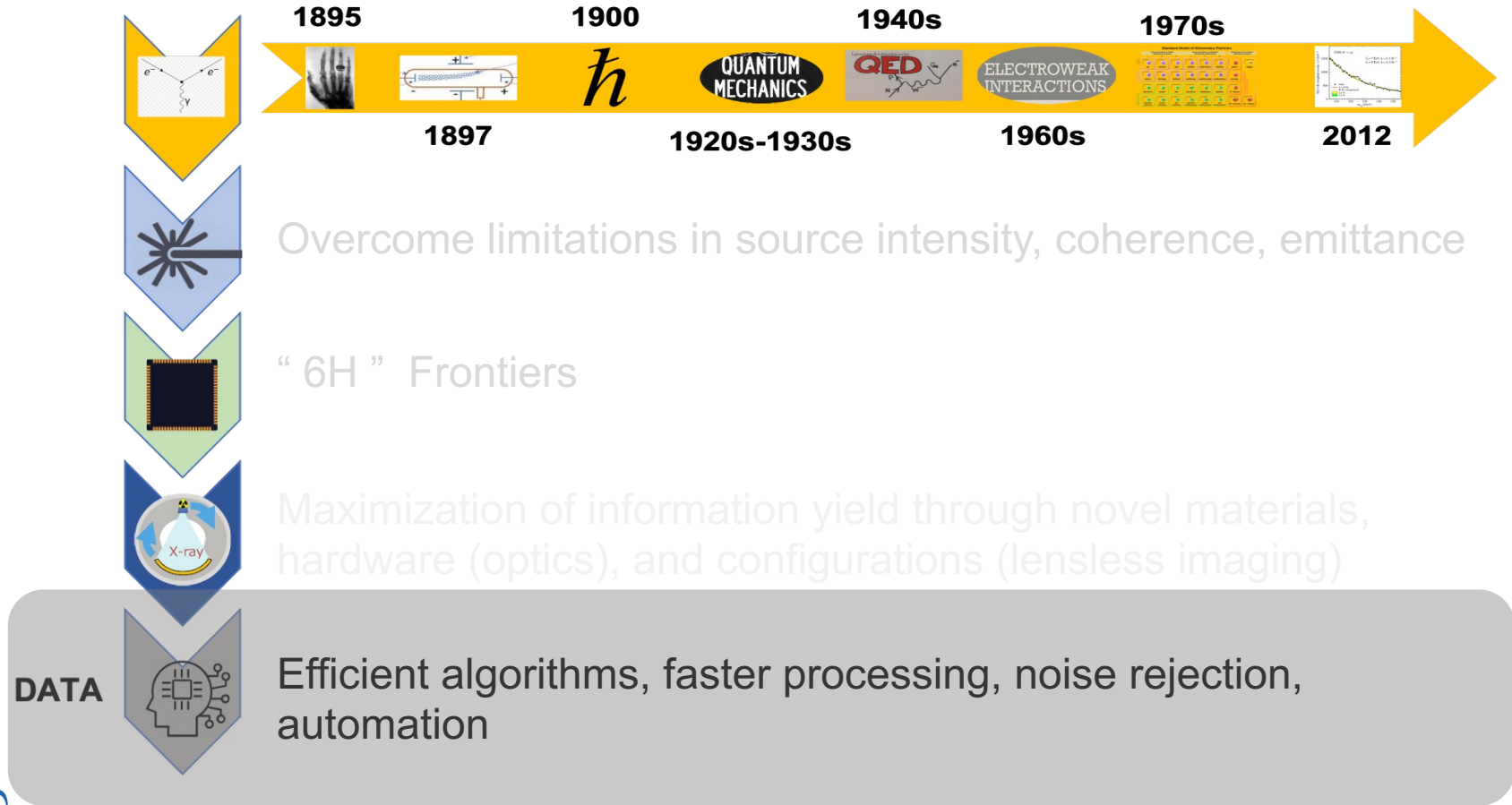


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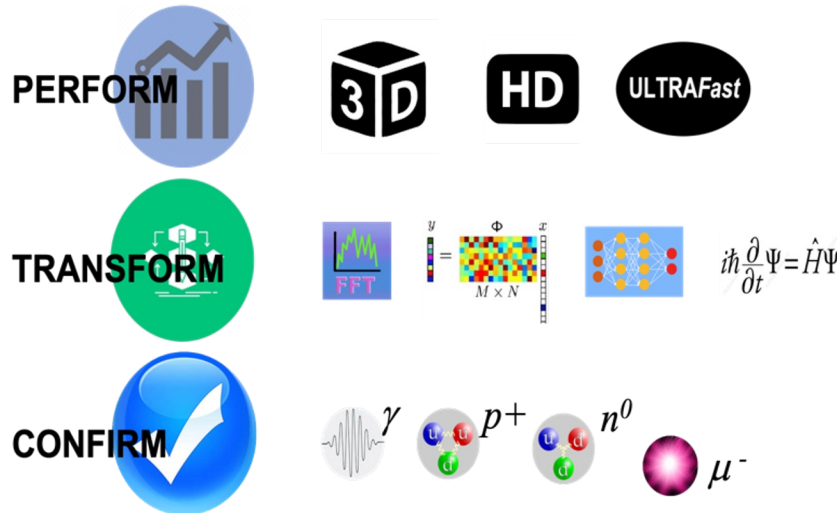
# Open problems in Flash Radiography





# High data volume ~ large dynamic range

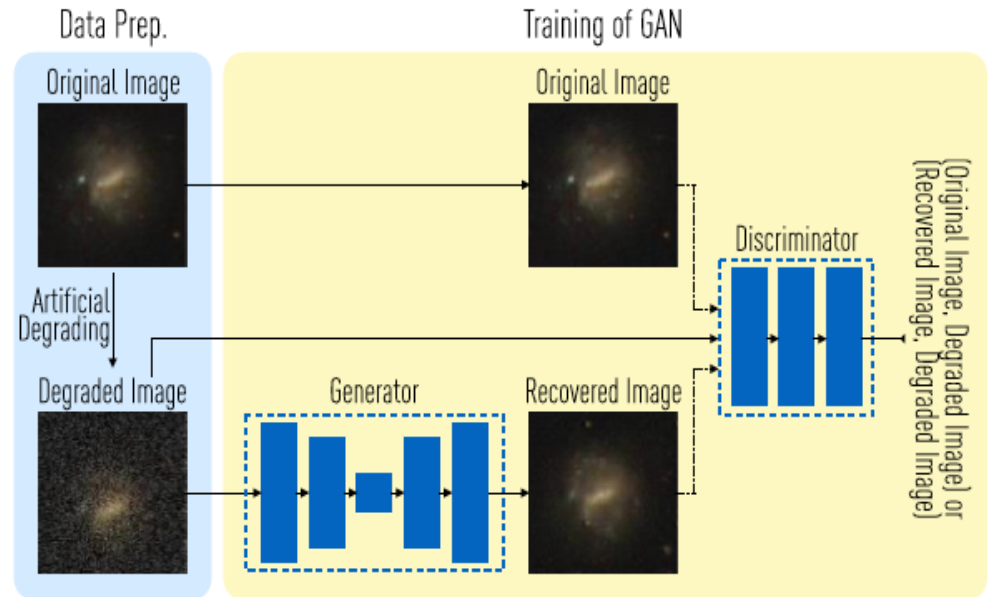
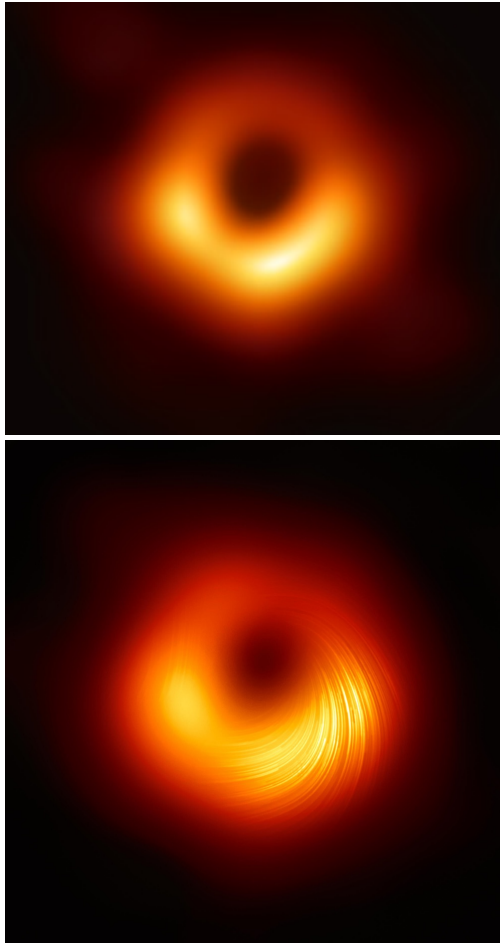
- Single photon sensitivity and  $> 10^5$  photons per pixel within the same image
- Large FOV and resolution in a single device
- Image interpretation using theory or simulations
- Calibration data depend on a number of control parameters
- Noise
- ...





# Super – resolution in astronomy

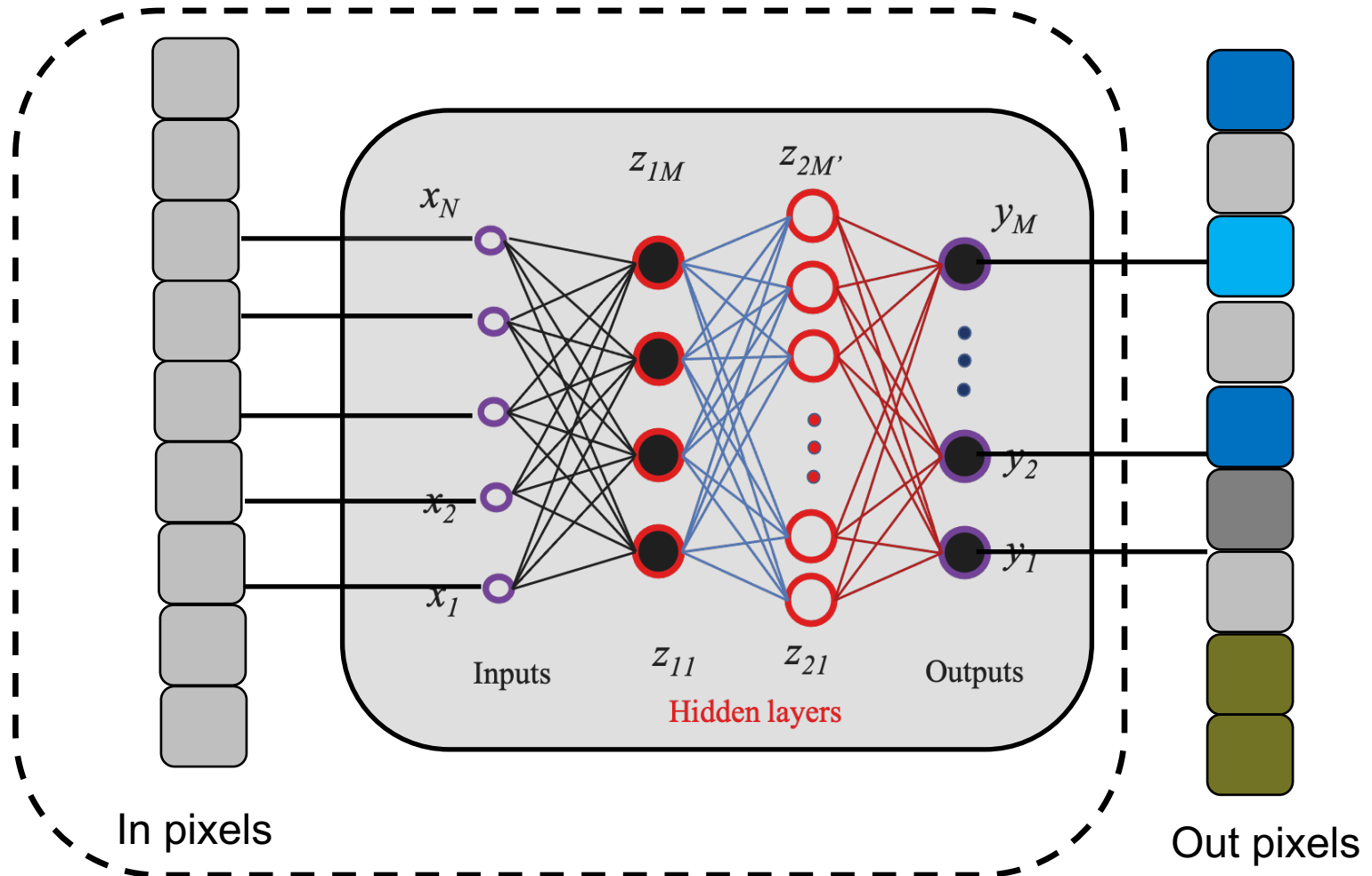
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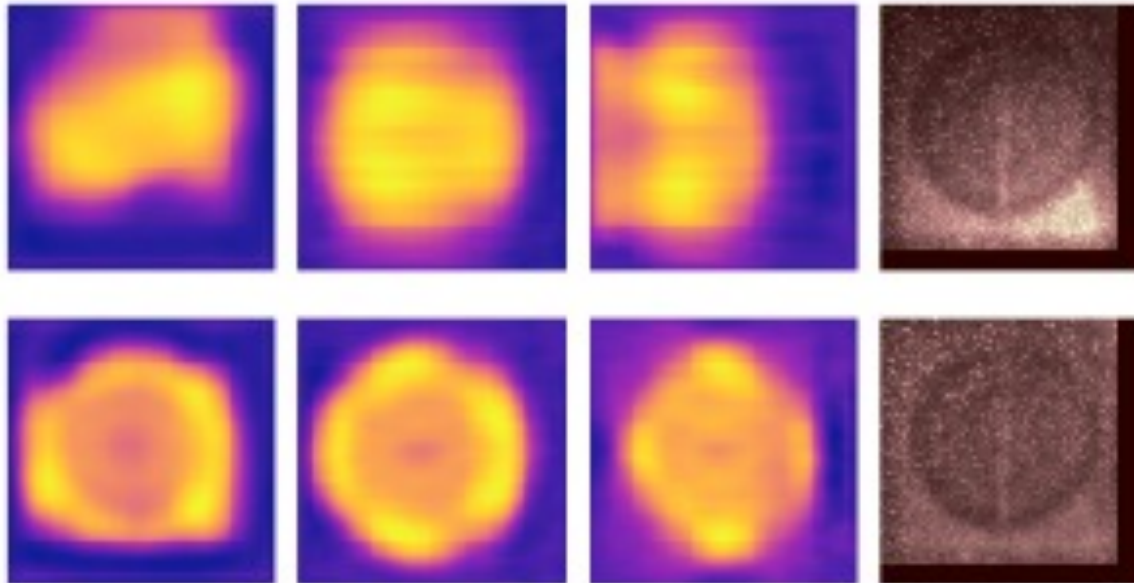
Schawinski et al, MNRAS 467 (2017) L110

The Event Horizon Telescope  
Collaboration *et al.* *Astrophys. J. Lett.* **875**,  
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# $\Phi$ -Cam Architecture based on Neural Network



# 3D reconstructions of X-ray images sensitive to noise

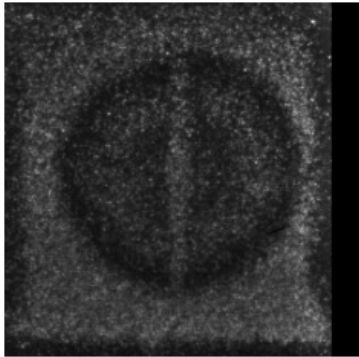


B. T. Wolfe et al, RSI 92 (3) (2021) 033547.

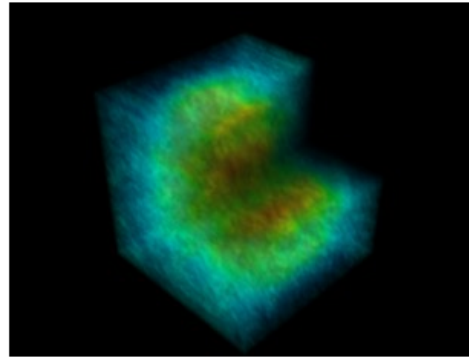
# Model sensitivity studies

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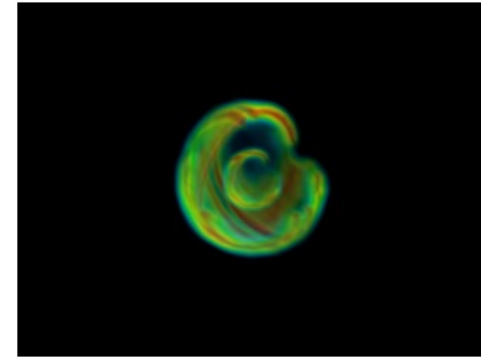
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Transformable  
Bottleneck  
Networks(TBN)



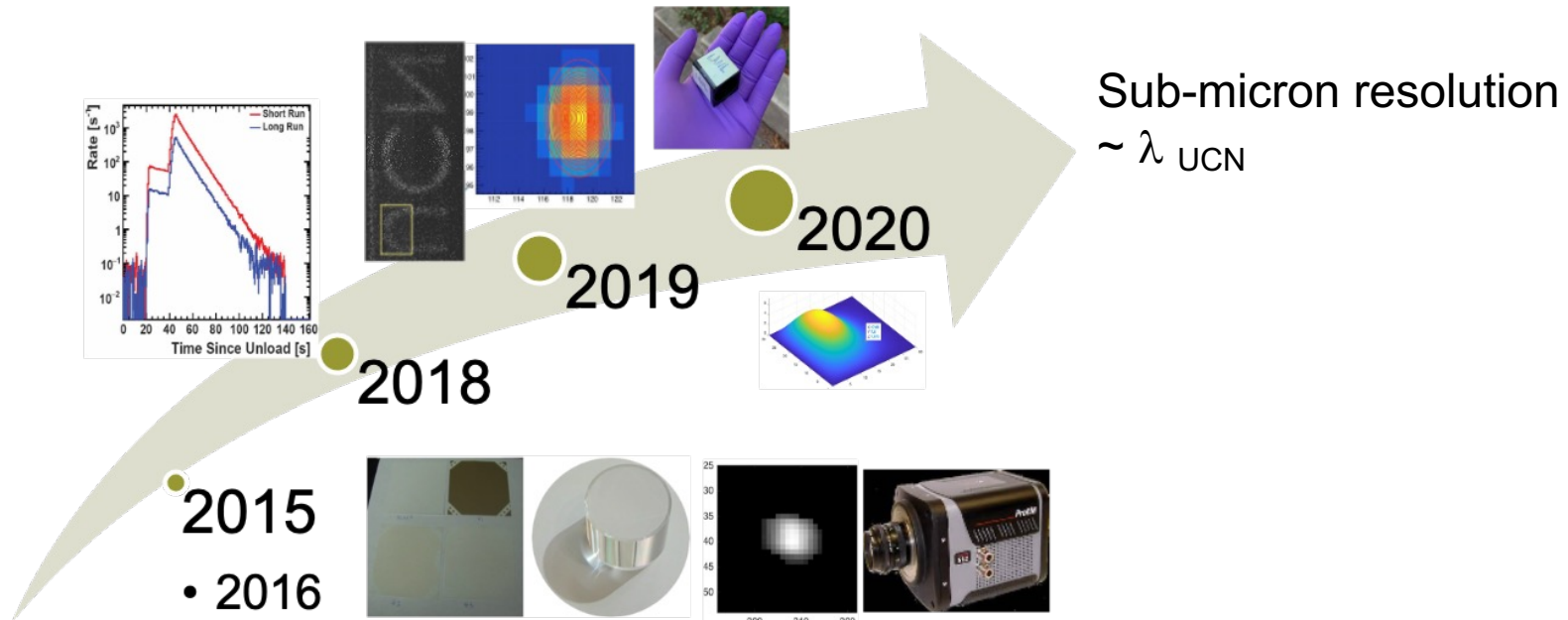
Multiview  
Decomposition  
Network(MVD)



Wolfe et al, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.02564>

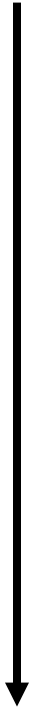
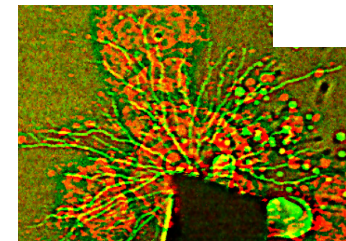
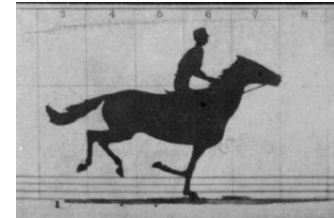
# Neutron highlights

- See Simon Spannagel (DESY) Talk
  - -- Shanny Lin (LANL/ Texas Austin)



# Summary

- **Flash X-ray radiography**
  - With roots in Flash photography
- **Recent trends** (hard-ware driven)
  - CMOS technology & device physics (legacy of the Moore's law)
  - Material discoveries (scintillators, nanomaterials),
  - Multiprobe radiography
- **Emergent opportunities** (data-driven)
  - data science, machine learning
  - Experimental validation
  - Broad application potentials → **Multiprobe Radiography**





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