



# Detector challenges for LCLS-II FLORA: LCLS/SLAC and Fermilab collaboration

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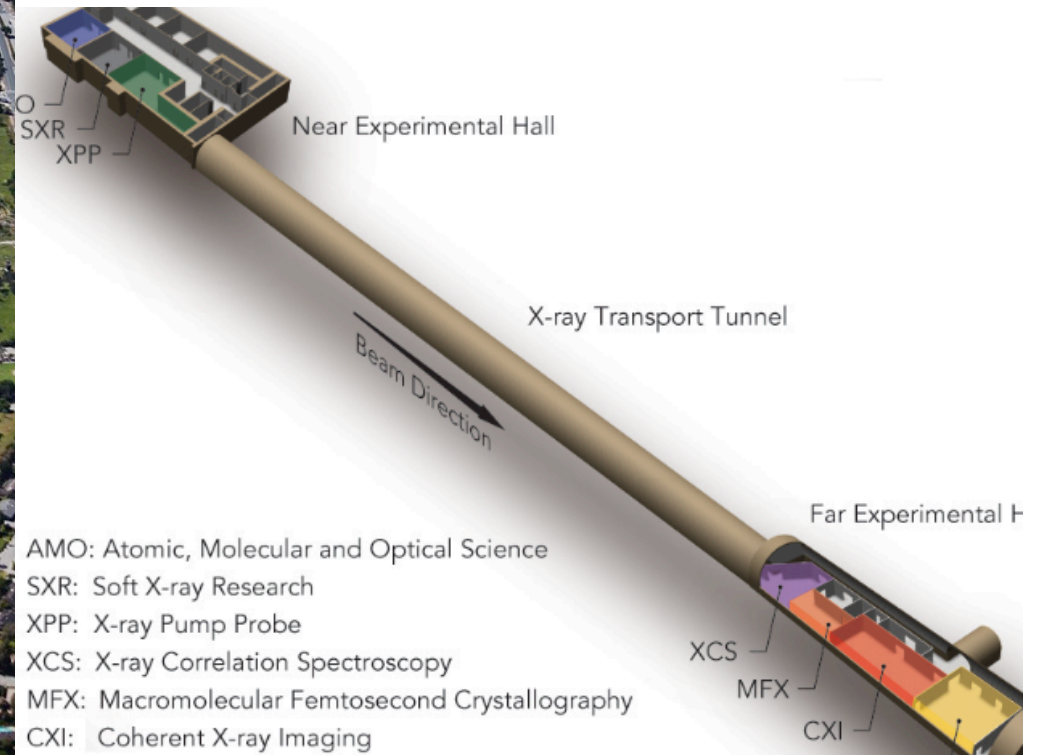


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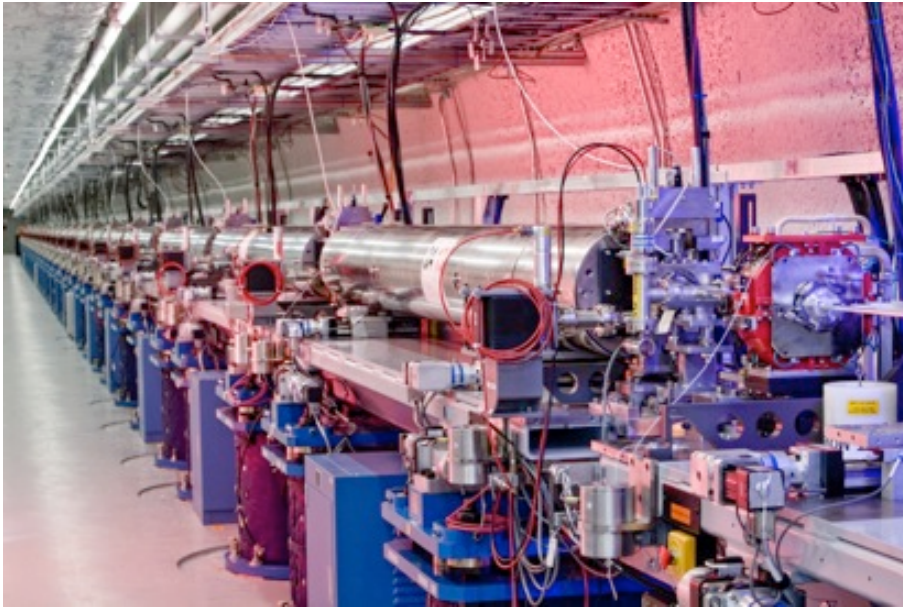




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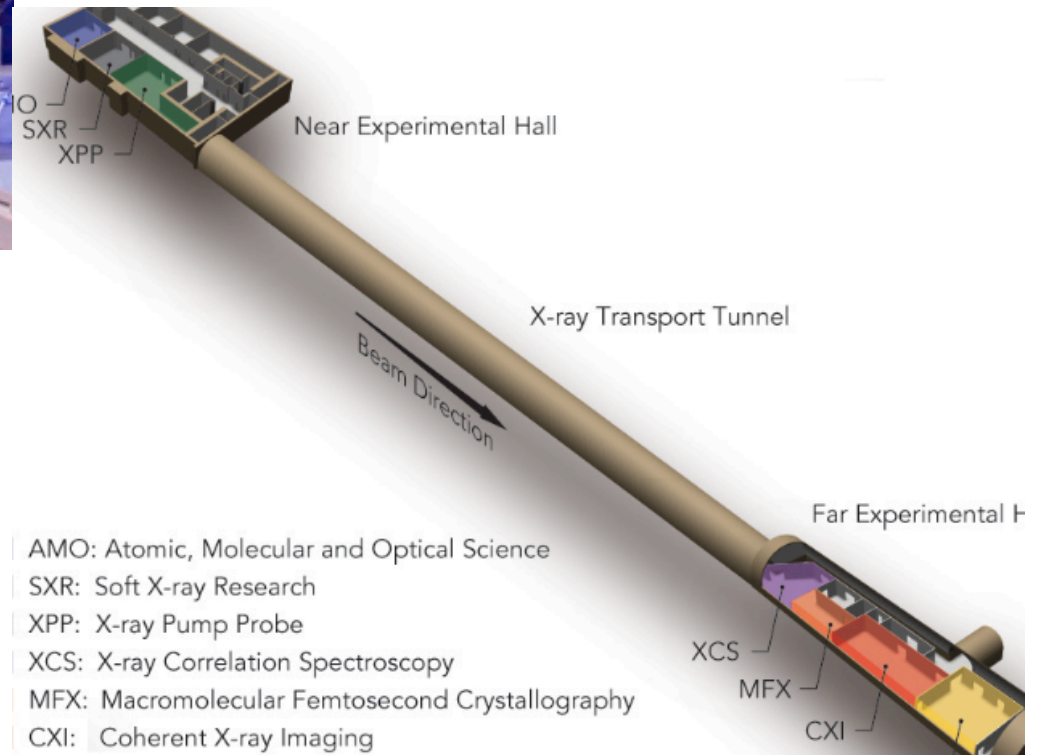
Operational since 2009



*LCLS - Undulators Hall*

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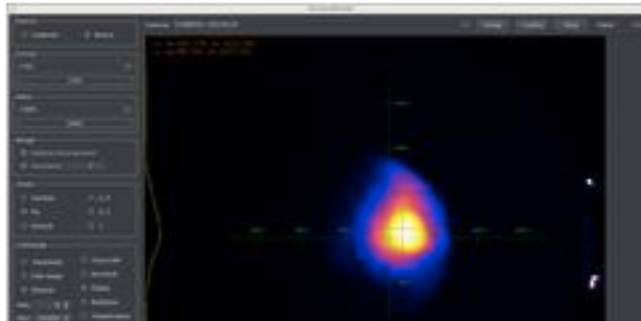
## Other FELs

- FLASH - (since 2005, DESY, Germany)
- SACLA XFEL - (since 2011, Japan)
- FERMI – (since 2012, Italy)
- PAL XFEL - (since 2016, South Korea)
- SwissFEL - (Swiss - 2017)
- European XFEL - (Germany – 2017)

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### SWISSFEL - FIRST LASING AT A WAVELENGTH OF 4.1 NM

SwissFEL first Lasing at a wavelength of 4.1 nm The electron beam energy of SwissFEL was recently increased to above 900 MeV by successfully bringing two new accelerating modules into ... [more »](#)

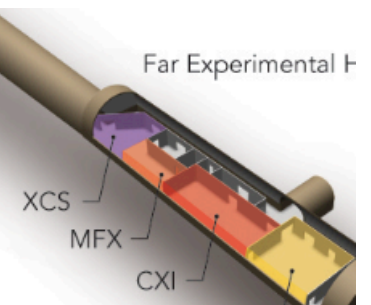


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### EUROPEAN XFEL - FIRST LASING

First Lasing at European XFEL With its first lasing, the European XFEL reaches the last big milestone before the official opening In the metropolitan region of Hamburg, the European XFEL, the ... [more »](#)

AMO: Atomic, Molecular and Optical Science  
SXR: Soft X-ray Research  
XPP: X-ray Pump Probe  
XCS: X-ray Correlation Spectroscopy  
MFX: Macromolecular Femtosecond Crystallography  
CXI: Coherent X-ray Imaging





# FEL science

FELs are unique tools to probe matter (any kind of) at atomic length and time scale.

New materials (e.g. quantum materials)

Femtochemistry (e.g. catalysis)

Serial Femtosecond Crystallography

Matter under extreme conditions (e.g. plasmas, high-pressure materials)

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Basic Energy Sciences supports fundamental research to understand, predict, and ultimately control matter and energy at the electronic, atomic, and molecular levels. This understanding provides the foundations for new energy technologies that support Department of Energy missions in energy, environment, and national security. Key research areas are described below.



**Discover and design new materials with novel structures, functions, and properties** by exploring the origin of macroscopic material behaviors and their fundamental connections to a material's atomic, molecular, and electronic structures.



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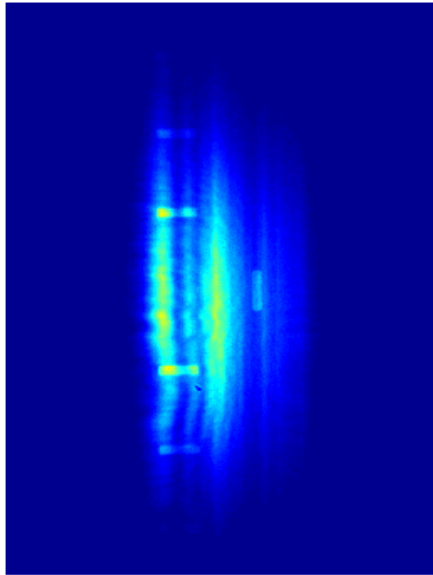
- Integrating
- Fast
- (typically) Wide dynamic range
  - Single photon sensitivity and large full well
- Soft (250 – 2,000 eV) and hard x-rays (4 – 12.8 keV)
- Challenging experimental setups
  - Compact, contamination, damage, etc.



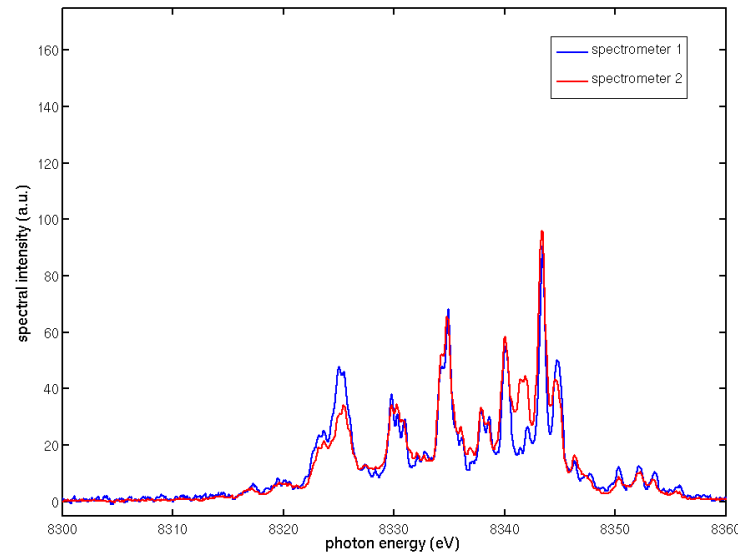
# Dealing with LCLS source fluctuations...

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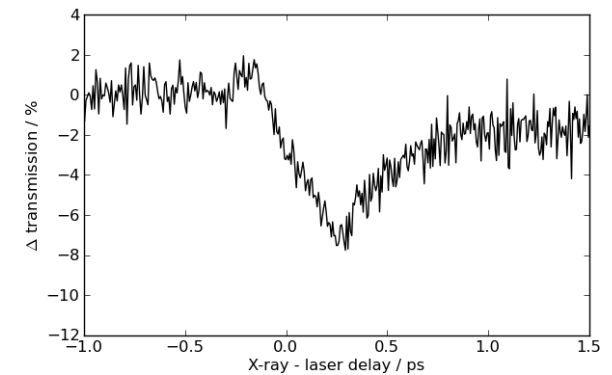
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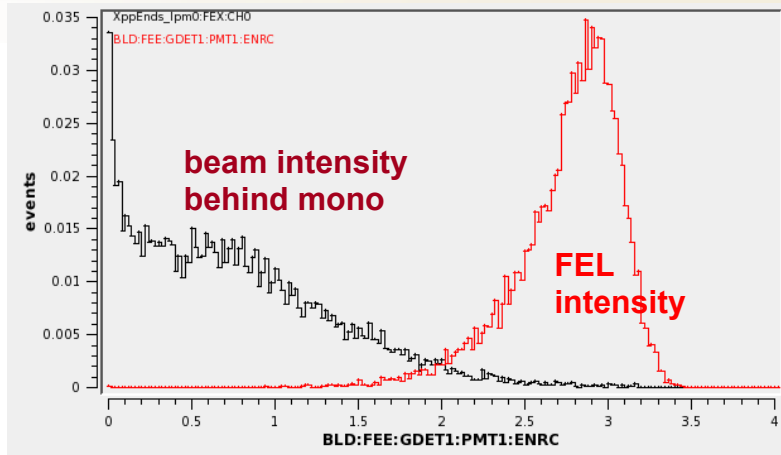
- Every pulse is different and must be diagnosed individually

***Unstable sample***

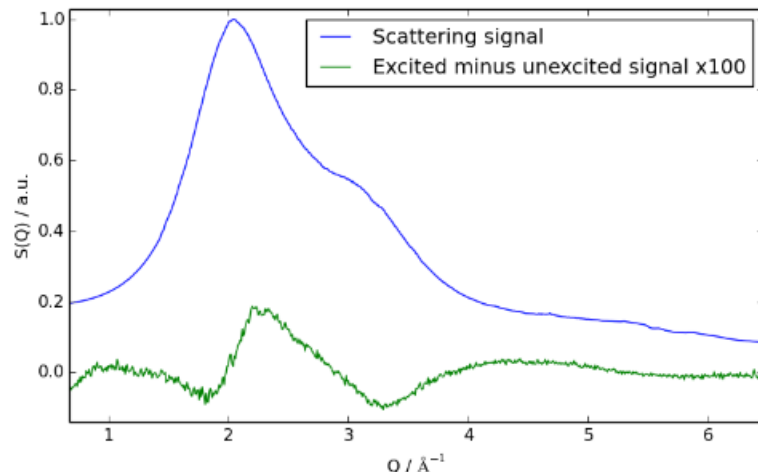
**shot by shot readout  
of cameras and beam  
diagnostics required**

Courtesy of David Fritz

## ...and be able to dig small effects



In red: intensity distribution measured with the gas detector. In black: intensity distribution downstream the monochromator measured with a PIPS diode (Canberra Inc.) and in-house developed readout electronics. **Courtesy of S. Herrmann.**



Typical solution scattering pump probe experiment: Azimuthally-averaged large dynamic range signal and measured difference signals (170 pulses average). **Courtesy of H. Lemke.**

- Limitation for precision from averaging, co-adding, stacking: detector has to be *almost* perfect
  - Highly uniform across large areas
  - Tight linearity, homogeneous gain and crosstalk\* constraints
  - Pixel size and position
  - Noise (Poisson and electronic)
- Averaging doesn't always reduce error
- Significant calibration and optimization
- Binning and data analysis
  - Need input from additional diagnostics

\*At FELs all photons arrive at once >> electronics is more prone to crosstalk



# First detectors for LCLS

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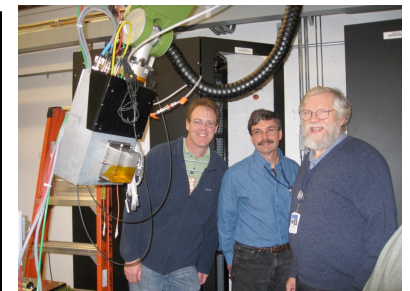
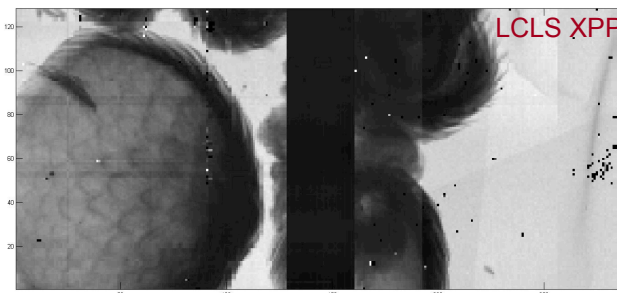
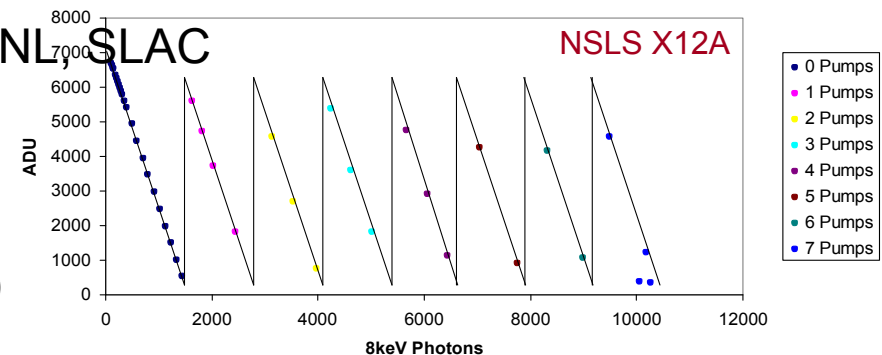
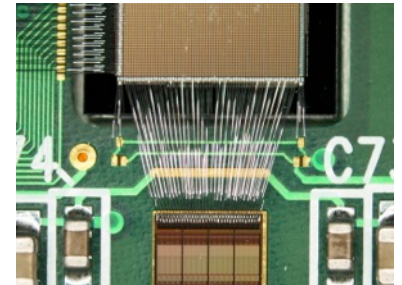
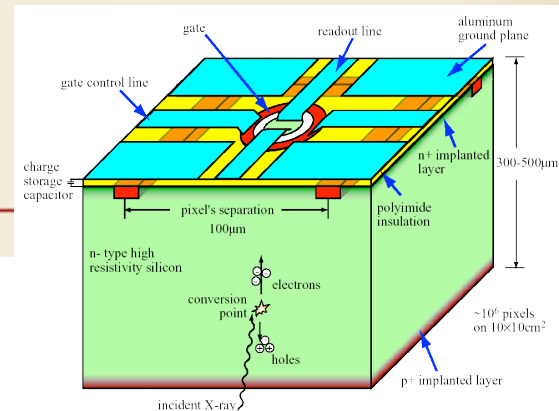
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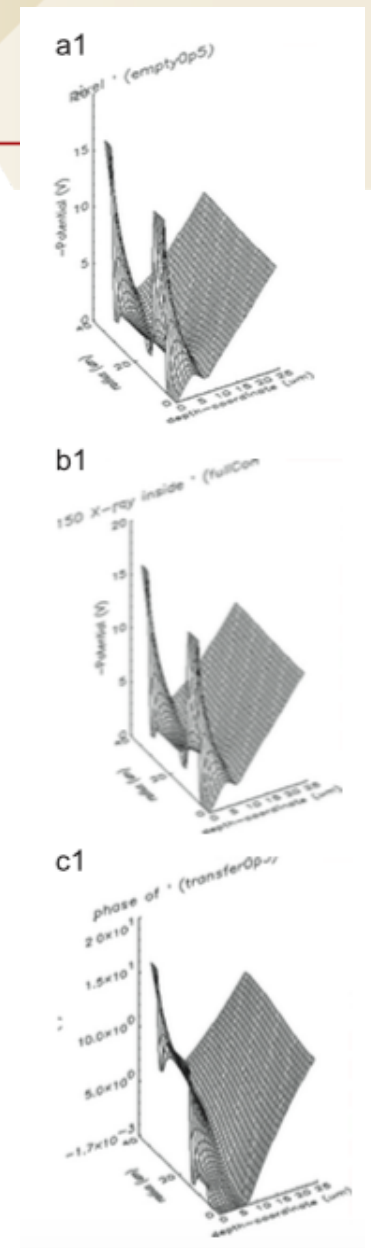
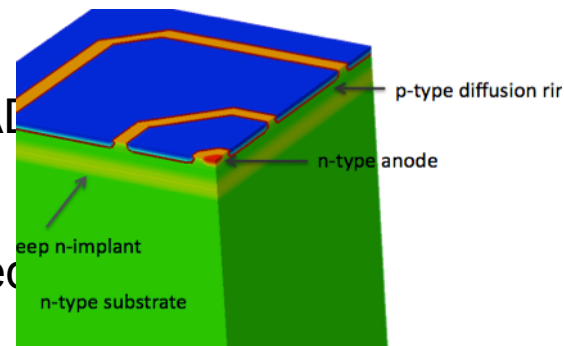
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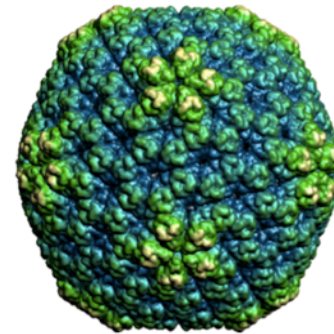


## pnCCD - LAMP

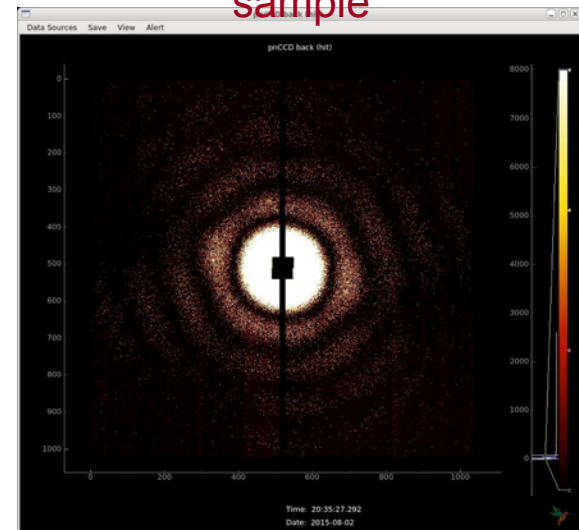
**pnCCD:** direct conversion, back-illuminated, fully depleted, x-ray CCD camera (based on a pn-junction CCD sensor)

- developed at the Halbleiterlabor (HLL - MPS, Germany).
- covers a large solid angle with a sizeable aperture between the two half planes of the front detector (LAMP chamber).
- typically used in soft x-ray experiments
- very delicate operation

### Single Particle Imaging Initiative @ AMO

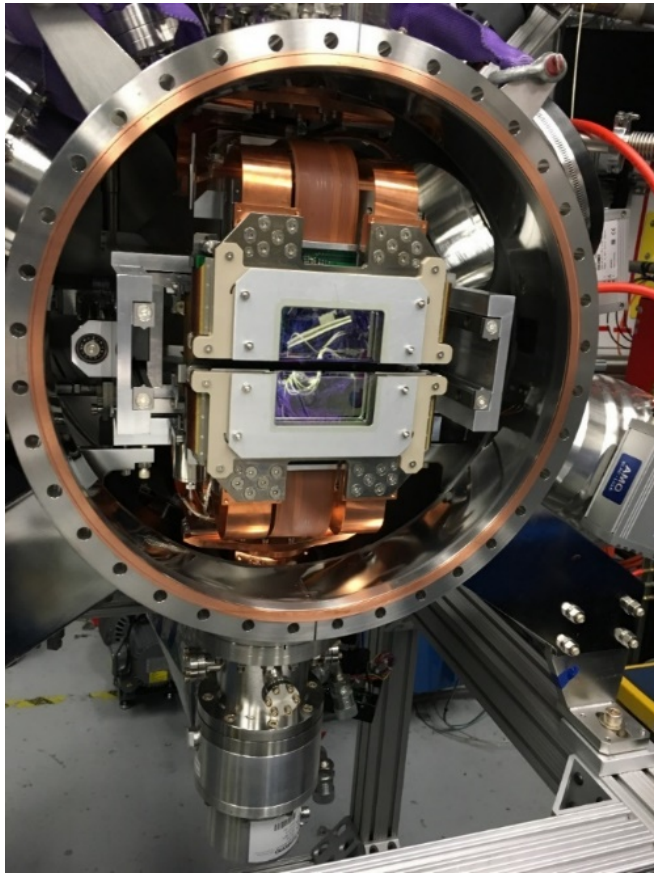


Rice Dwarf Virus ~80 nm  
Single, reproducible model sample

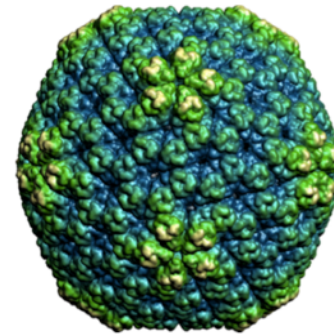


Example single shot

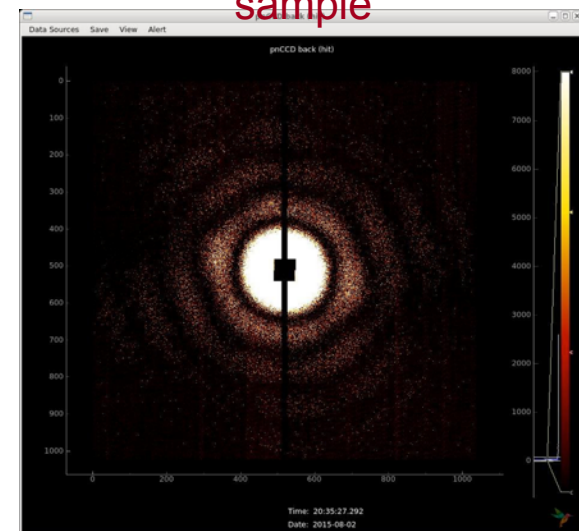
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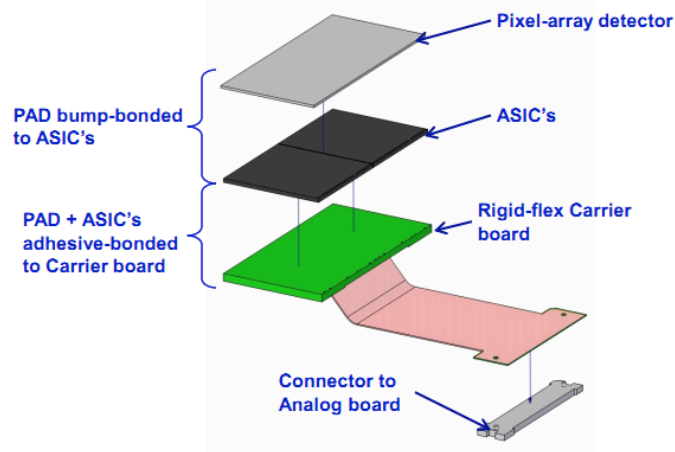


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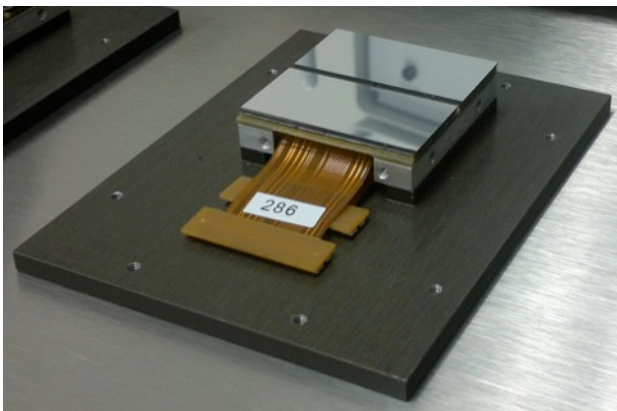
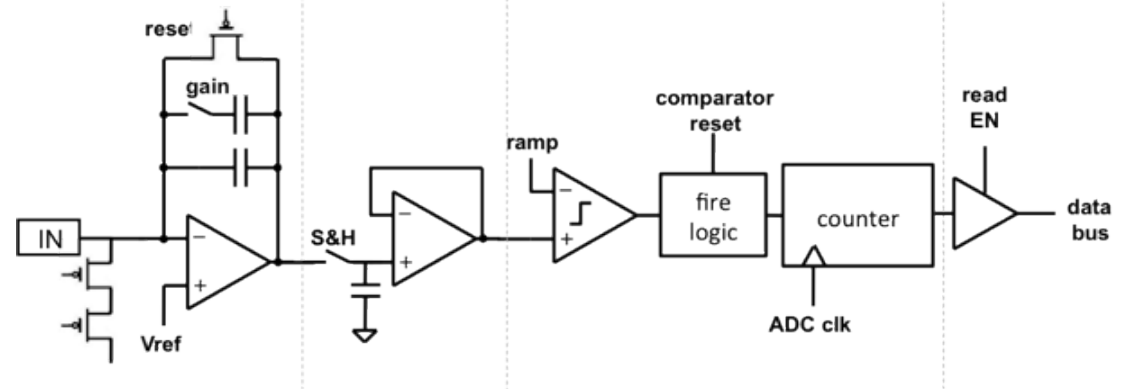


# Cornell-SLAC Pixel Array Detector

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## Schematic of a CSPAD pixel



CSPAD	High Gain	Low Gain
Pixels per ASIC	194 x 185	
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Noise r.m.s. (eV)	1,000	3,500
Maximum signal (8 keV equivalent)	350	2,700
Frame rate (Hz)	120	

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# CSPAD cameras

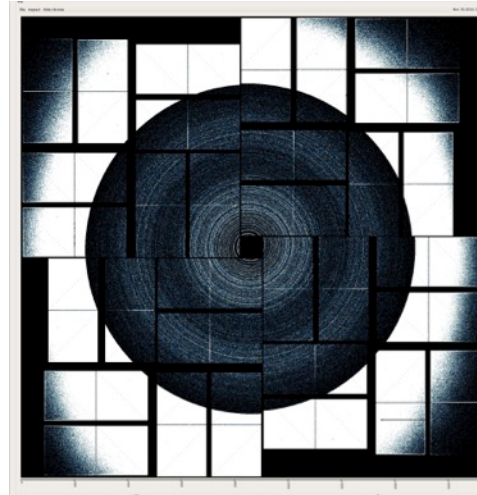
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Setup for non-linear Compton scattering experiment at CXI.

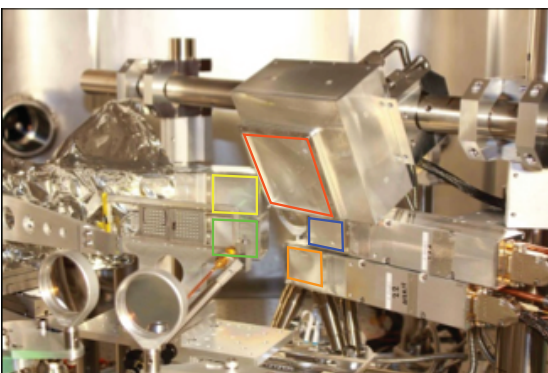
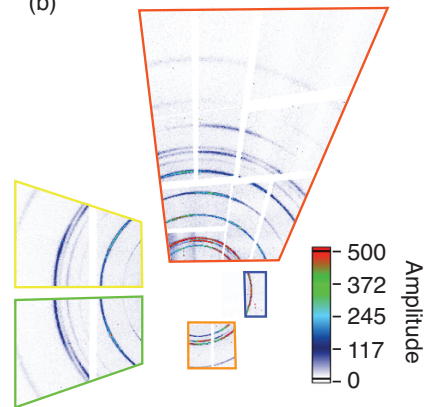


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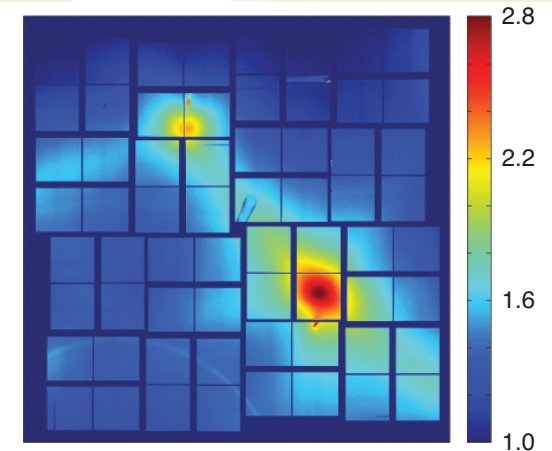
CXI camera with different gain settings. Courtesy of **Sebastien Boutet**.



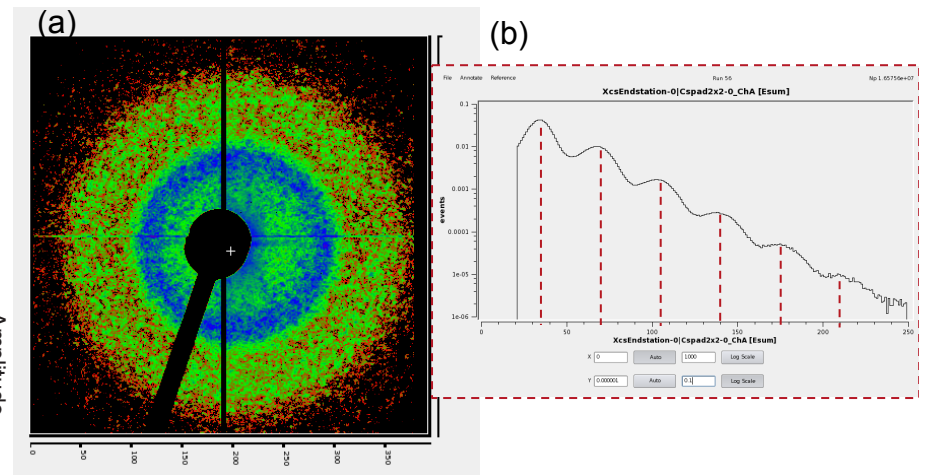
(b)



(a) MEC chamber: experimental setup (b) Reconstructed diffraction rings from Ti samples at 10.2 keV in the various CSPAD panels. Courtesy of **Cindy Bolme** (Los Alamos Nat. Lab.).



Static thermal diffuse scattering due to phonons in Ge. Courtesy of **Mariano Trigo**.



(a) Speckle pattern produced by colloidal suspension at the XCS instrument. (b) Reconstructed photon histogram.



## CSPAD

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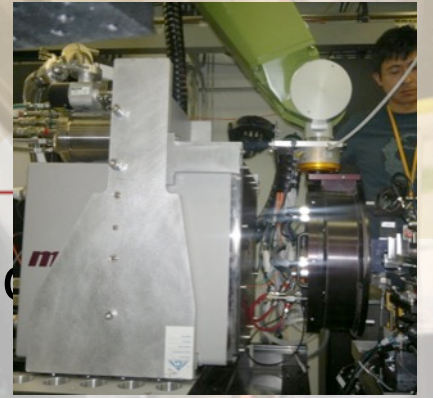
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range  
applications:  
**ePix10k**



Detection of pump-probe and other small differential signals on large background, small angle scattering, femtosecond nanocrystallography.

Low noise,  
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Detection of small scattering signals: e.g. speckle, diffuse scattering, large- $q$  scattering (large solid angle).

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ePix 10k prototype	High Gain	Low Gain
Pixels per ASIC	48 x 48	
Pixel Size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	100	
Noise r.m.s. (eV)	650	10,800
Maximum signal (8 keV equivalent)	100	10,000
Frame Rate (Hz)	120	

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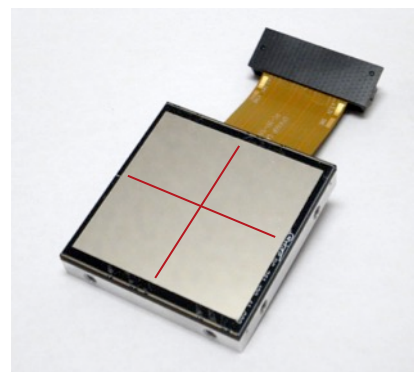
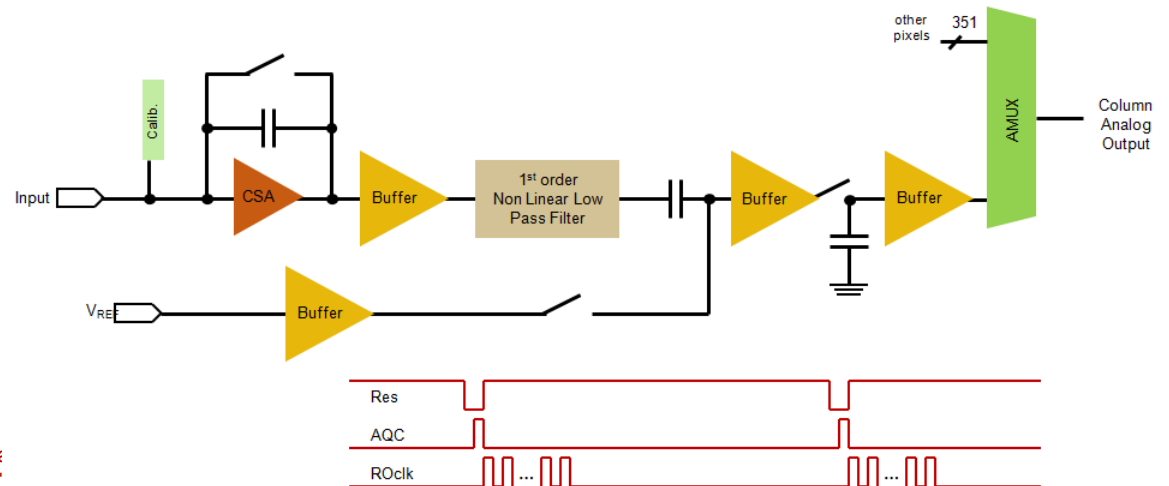
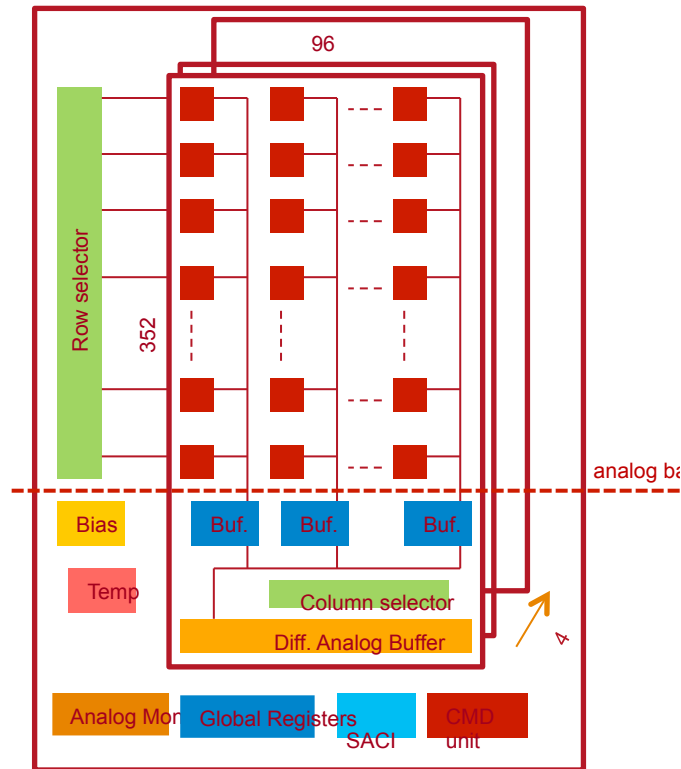
ePix 100	
Pixels per ASIC	384 x 352
Pixel Size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	50
Noise r.m.s. (eV)	220
Maximum signal (8 keV equivalent)	100
Frame rate (Hz)	120



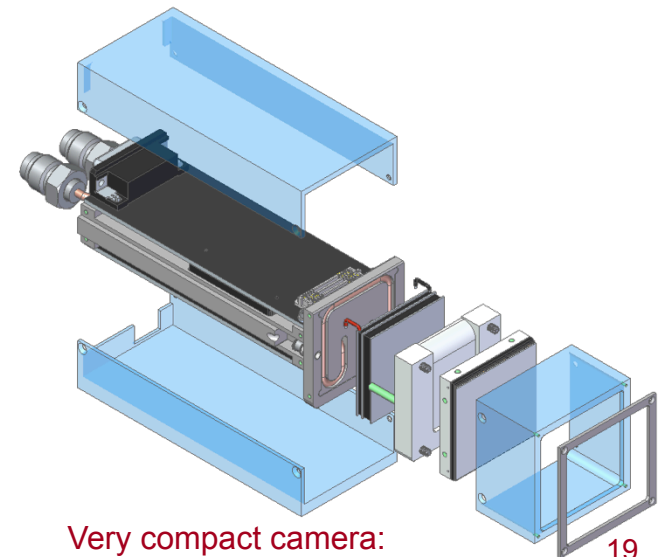
# ePix100: a few details

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Signal Sampling Phase: Res is Low, AQC goes Low



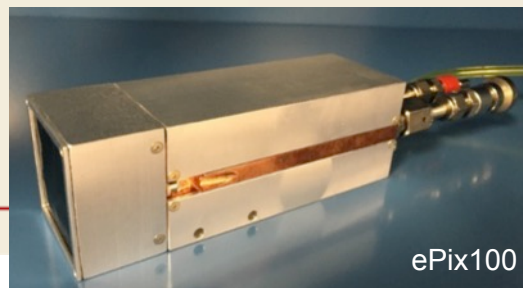
Sensor with 4 chips



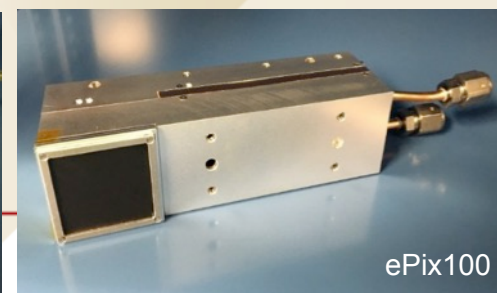
Very compact camera:  
52 mm x 52 mm x 155 mm

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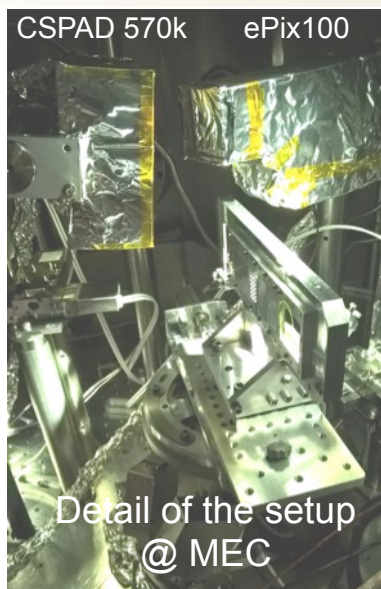
# ePix100: first year



ePix100

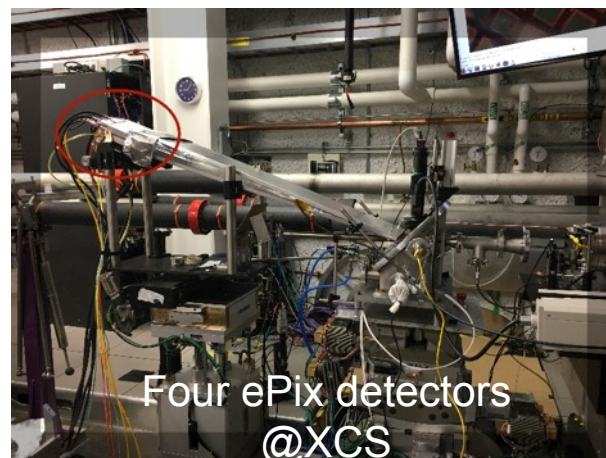


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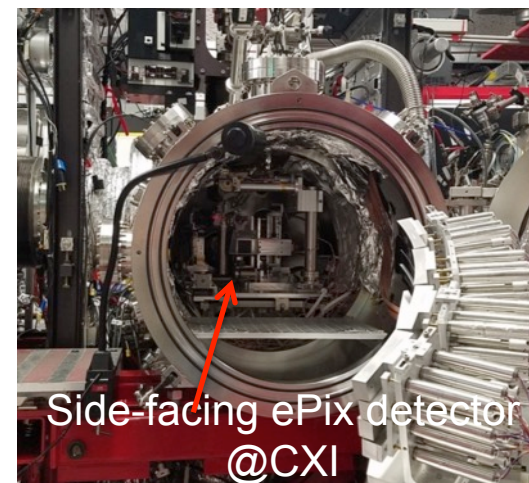


CSPAD 570k ePix100

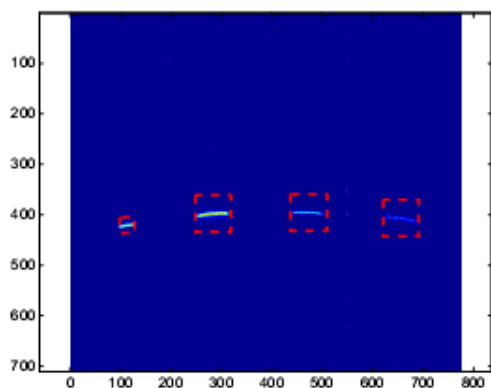
Detail of the setup  
@ MEC



Four ePix detectors  
@XCS

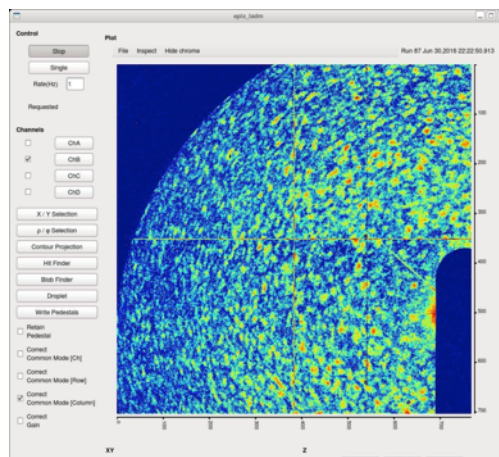


Side-facing ePix detector  
@CXI



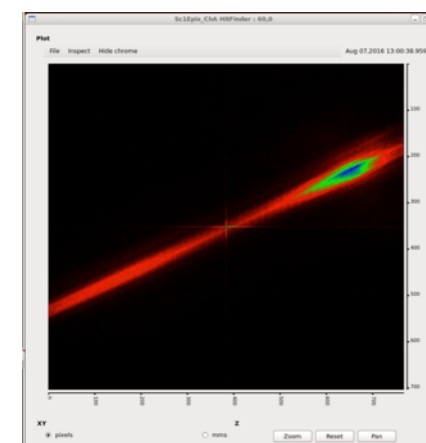
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***Atomic-scale dynamics in liquids and glasses.***

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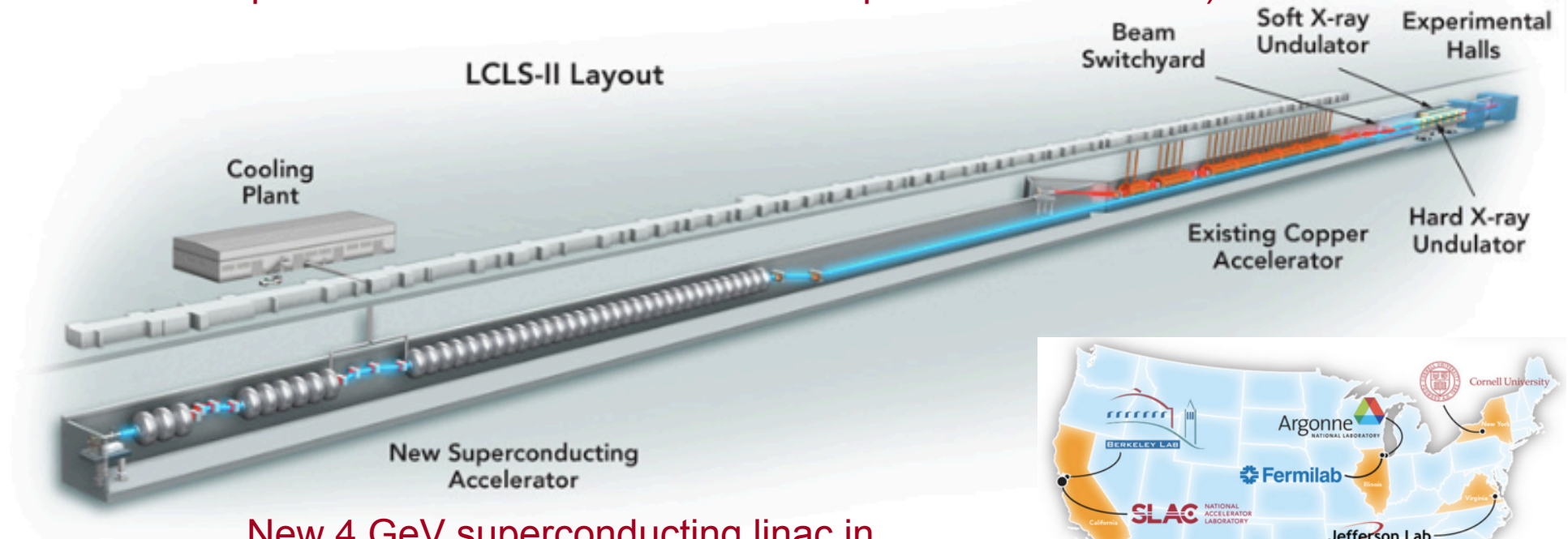
***Fluorescence signal in coincidence with SFX measurements of photosystem II.***

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# LCLS-II

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Supports the latest seeding technologies to provide fully coherent beam (at the spatial diffraction limit and at the temporal transform limit)



New 4 GeV superconducting linac in existing SLAC tunnel.

## THE LCLS-II DESIGN



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7jUZwhZdd0>

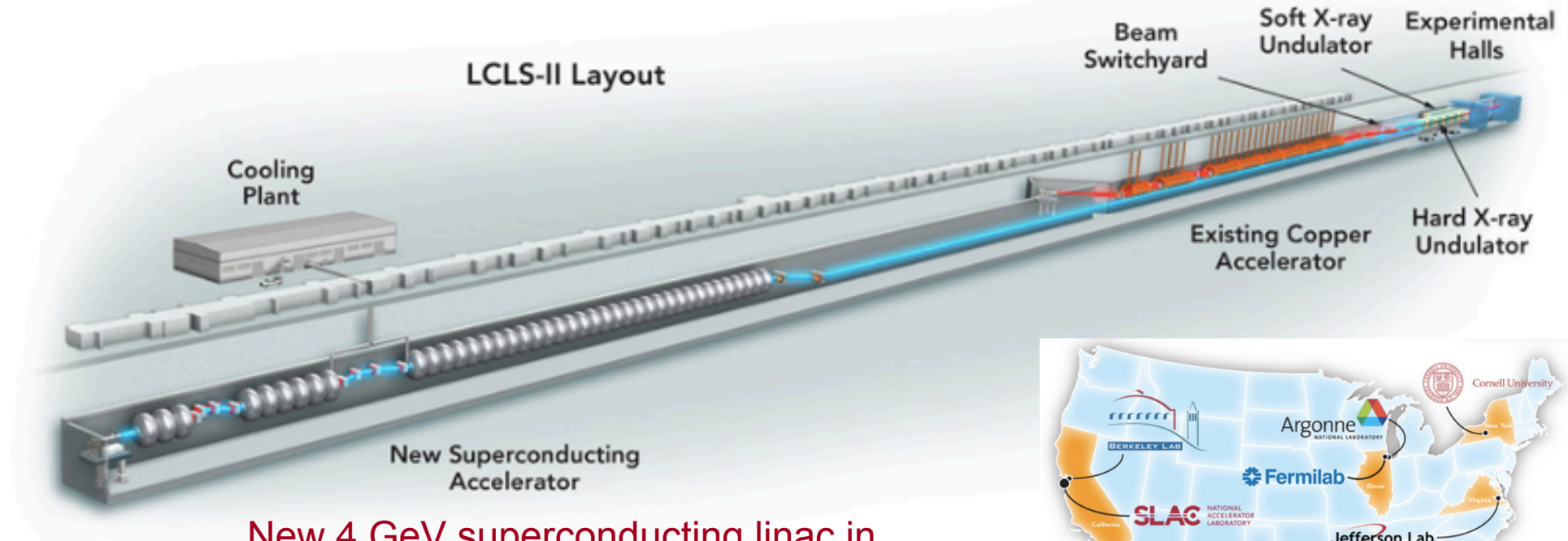


## LCLS-II

- Maintains the existing copper-based warm linac and upgrades parts of the existing research infrastructure to take advantage of the new configuration.

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- Extends the operating range of the facility from its current limit of  $\sim 11$  keV x-rays to  $\sim 25$  keV.



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Replacing the existing undulator with two new ones.

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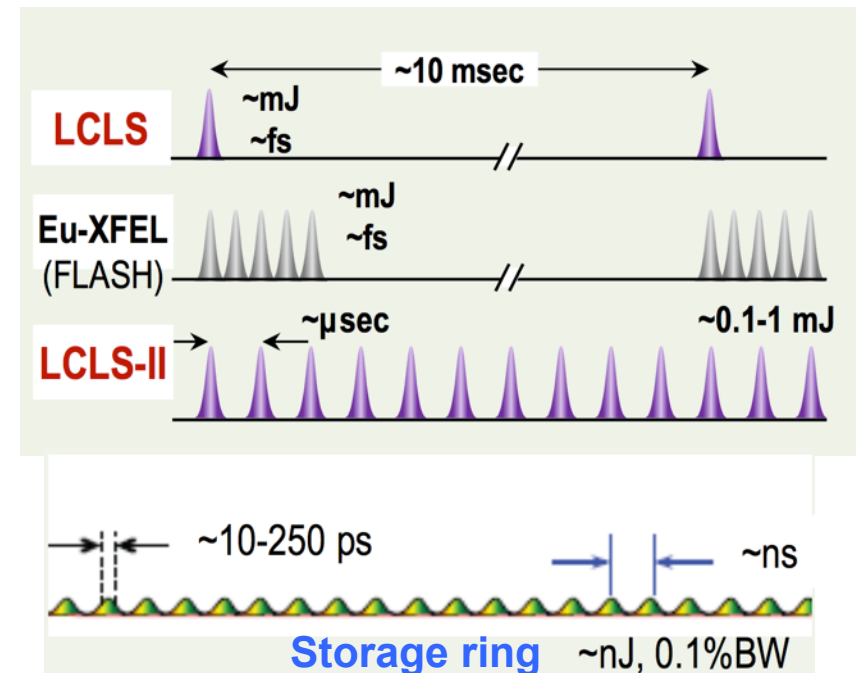


# Exploiting new light sources capabilities

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## LCLS-II

- From 120 pulses per second to 1 million per second.
- It will be the world's only X-ray free-electron laser capable of supplying a uniformly-spaced train of pulses with programmable repetition rate.



## Toward higher coherent flux

- Other light sources upgrades: coherence and brightness.
- Some common needs: dynamic range and speed.

## Detectors to Enable LCLS-II Science

### Coherent Scattering, Imaging & Diffraction at the Nanoscale

- High-speed 2D detector (multi-kHz)
- Soft X-ray (250 eV to ~2 keV), tender X-ray (up to 5 keV)

### Fundamental Dynamics of Energy & Charge

- Molecular reaction microscope – 2D, MHz, e-/ion TOF (multi-hit)
- Strong-field AMO – 2D e-/ion TOF (multi-hit, 120 Hz)

### Catalysis, Photo-catalysis and Bio-spectroscopy

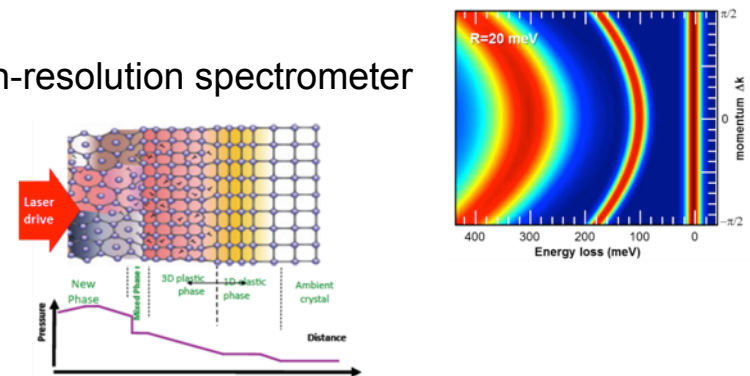
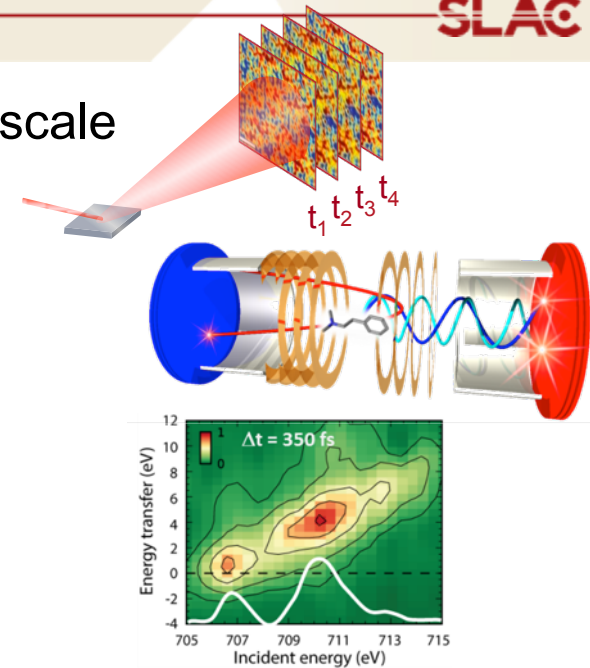
- Moderate resolution, high quantum (and collection) efficiency soft X-ray
- Energy-resolving detector (~0.5 eV), or 2D detector with spectrometer (pump/probe accumulating)

### High-resolution Spectroscopy: Quantum Materials & Physical Chemistry

- 2D, high quantum efficiency soft X-rays
- Small pitch (~5  $\mu\text{m}$  in energy dispersive direction) matched to high-resolution spectrometer (pump/probe accumulating)

### Hard X-ray Scattering & Spectroscopy


- 2D, high quantum efficiency up to 25 keV, 120 Hz



Courtesy of Bob Schoenlein

# Physics requirements for small angle forward scattering and coherent diffractive imaging experiments (LAMP)

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	Physics Requirements Document	
	Title: Forward Scattering Area Detector Physics Requirements Doc.	
	Document Number: L2SI-PR-0004-R0	Page 1 of 16

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## Revision History

Revision	Date Released	Description of Change
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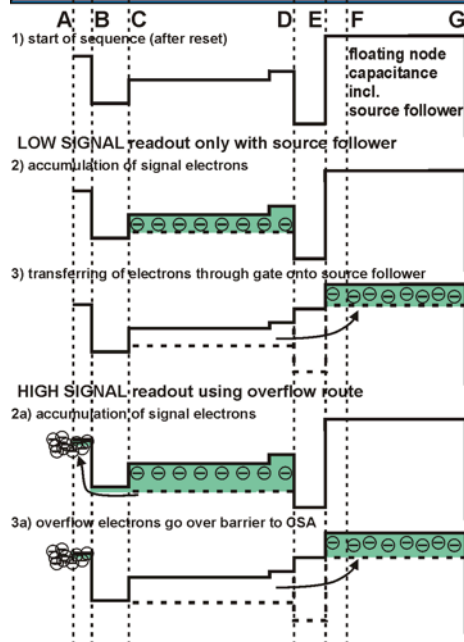
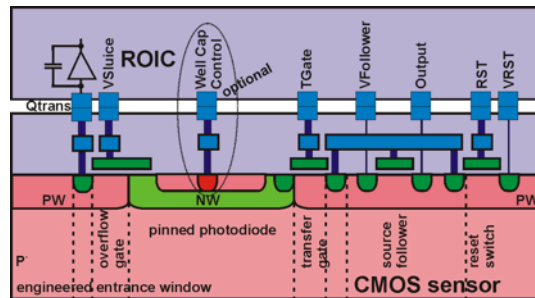
## Detector needs for LAMP:

- 2D fast detector > 10 kHz (5 kHz)
- Large area: 10 cm x 10 cm (4 Mpixel)<sup>1</sup>
- ~50  $\mu\text{m}$   $\times$  50  $\mu\text{m}$  pixel size (*square*)
- Sensitivity <1 ph (250 eV)
- Maximum signal 1000 ph /pixel/pulse
- High quantum efficiency in the soft x-ray range<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Detector dead edge: 1.25 – 1.5 mm

<sup>2</sup> Often limited by experimental conditions: filters to protect detector from samples, intense optical lasers, very high temperature, etc.

# FLORA: A 3D-Integrated CMOS Detector for Imaging Experiments at LCLS-II



**FLORA** (Fermilab-LCLS CMOS 3D-integrated detector with Autogain)

- *To exploit high rep-rate operation at LCLS-II*
- Focus development for soft x-rays
- Concept extendable to hard x-rays
- Useful for other photon sources (rings and FELs)
- SLAC + Fermilab co-development

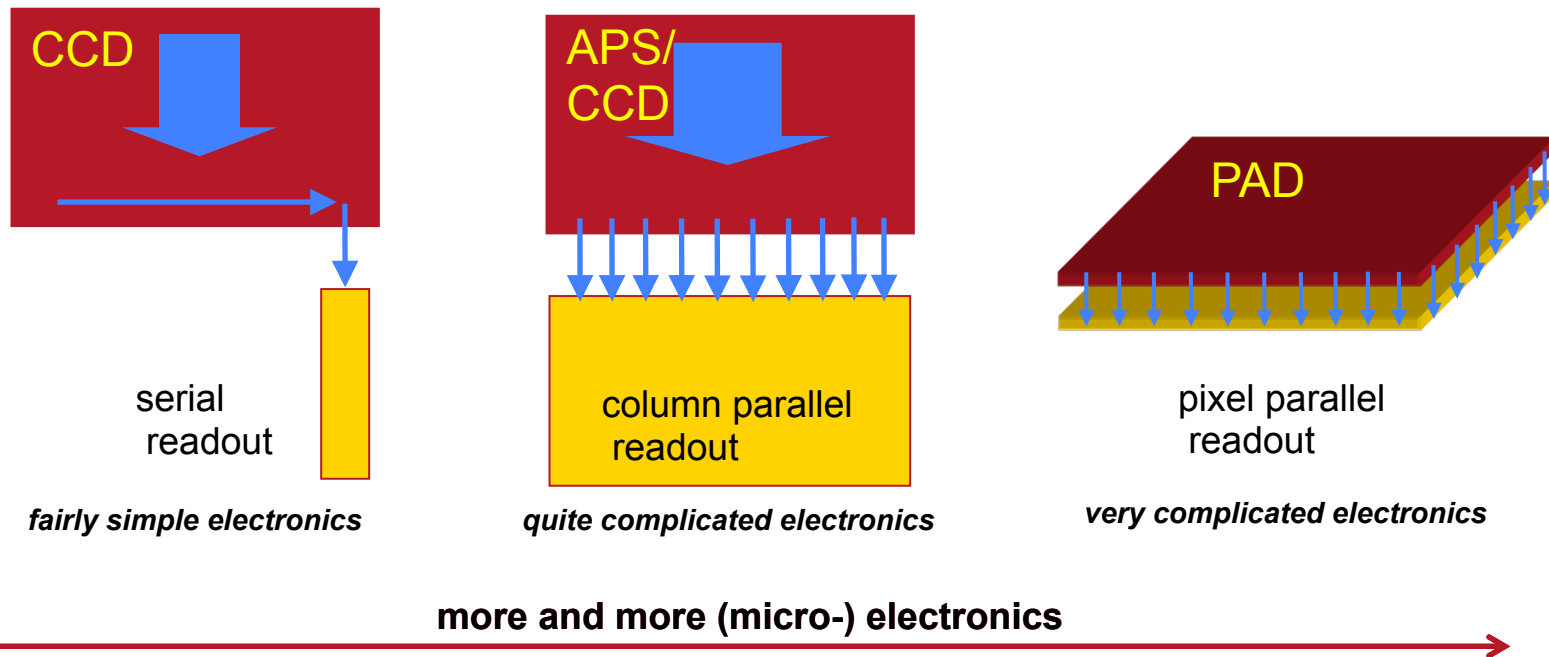
PI's G. Carini, G. Deptuch

Team: Farah Fahim, Philip Hart, Kaz Nakahara, Tom Zimmermann,



# Speed and parallelization

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For a given frame rate  $n$  fold parallelization relaxes the speed requirement for a pixel by the factor  $n$

# Noise, speed, power

thermal white noise

1/f noise

leakage current noise

white noise of a single MOSFET

$$ENC^2 = \frac{a}{\tau} C_T^2 A_1 + 2\pi a_f C_T^2 A_2 + b\tau A_3$$

$$SNR = \frac{e_{\max}}{ENC} = 2^{ENOB}$$

$$ENC \sim C_T$$

$$ENC \sim \sqrt{\frac{1}{\tau}}$$

- doubling the speed increases noise by  $\sqrt{2}$

$$a = \overline{n_{in}^2} = 4kt\gamma \frac{1}{g_m}$$

$$g_m = \sqrt{2\mu C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L}\right) I_{DS}}$$

$$ENC \sim \sqrt{\sqrt{\frac{1}{I_{DS}}}}$$

- to reduce the noise by  $\sqrt{2}$  a power increase of factor 4 is needed

**\*very simplified : assuming sensor system to be white noise dominated by first input transistor of given geometry**

## Pixel array detectors: two approaches

- Fully CMOS detectors
  - CMOS Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors (MAPS).
  - CMOS Silicon On Insulator (SOI).
  - *Process technology not optimal for different functionalities.*
- Hybrid pixel detectors
  - Sensors in high resistivity silicon
    - e.g. Pixel Array Detectors (PAD), DEpleted P-channel Field Effect Transistor (DEPFET).
  - Readout chip in low resistivity silicon - standard IC technology.
  - *Process technologies optimized for different functionalities.*

***...and combination of the above***

# Divide and conquer

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## Optimized CMOS Imager Sensor

- handles small and large signals **simultaneously** via separate paths
- back-side illuminated with engineered entrance window for soft x-rays
- built in commercial foundry using existing (~) OPTO-type process
- simple sensor (almost no ROIC transistors), seamless/multiple reticle stitching

## Compatible ROIC ASIC

- **simultaneous** analog processing of signals from two paths
- in-situ digitization
- single photon sensitivity
- 10 kfps speed or better
- compatible with D2W bonding onto sensor wafer or sensor slab with multiple connections per pixel
- advanced process node

## Advanced interconnects: 3D assembly/interposer

- exploiting **good features of both technologies**
  - multiple metal layers on sensor/interposer for routing
  - yield-optimized size of ROIC ASICs



# Sony's Stacked CMOS Image Sensor Solves All Existing Problems in One Stroke

In conventional CMOS image sensors, the pixels (sensors) and circuits (logic) are formed on the same silicon substrate.

Like oil and water, this coexistence of two conflicting elements makes it difficult to optimize their characteristics and also imposes other constraints.

The "stacked CMOS image sensor\*1", a new generation of the back-illuminated CMOS image sensor, developed by Sony solves these problems in one stroke.

Stacking the pixel section and the circuit section enables compact size, high image quality, faster speeds and flexible integration of versatile functions.

Through this technology, Sony has created functions that will enable differentiation of final products to provide new ways of enjoying images.

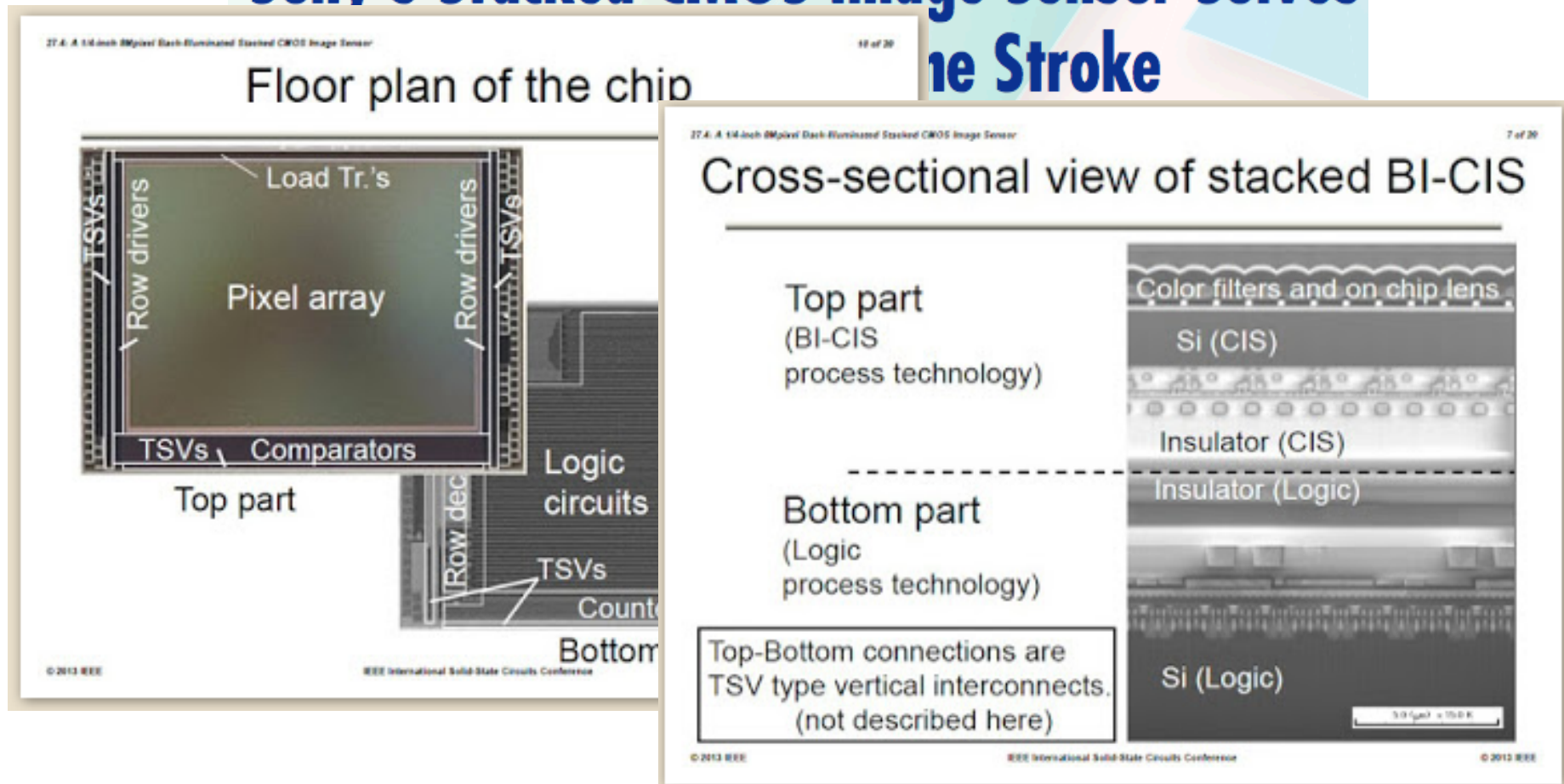
\*1: See press release at: <http://www.sony.net/SonyInfo/News/Press/201201/12-009E/>

Stacked imagers can be found in: Fujitsu tablet, Samsung Galaxy S4, iPhone 4s – 5, etc.  
Being explored for x-rays: <http://rsc.riken.jp/pdf/SPring-8-II.pdf>

# Stacked Imagers

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# Project genesis and proposal

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## Detector strategic development path

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- $50\text{ }\mu\text{m} \times 50\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  pixel size, sensor thickness  $> 100\text{ }\mu\text{m}$
- Low noise  $\sim 10\text{ e}^-$  ENC r.m.s.
  - Built-in adaptive gain
  - Single photon resolution (in the whole energy range of interest from 0.25 - 2.0 keV)
- Large dynamic range  $\sim 10^4$ 
  - Maximum signal  $\sim 500\text{ ke/pixel/pulse}$
- Fast frame readout
  - 10 kHz with path towards higher effective frame rate
- High quantum efficiency in the soft X-ray range (0.25-2.0 keV)
- The concept can be extended to higher photon energies.
- Large, up to  $10 \times 10\text{ cm}^2$ , area (tileable) with central hole
- High vacuum compatible

# Proposed approach

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Detector strategic development path

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- Leveraging team expertise
- Leveraging good components of demonstrated technologies
- Add some features + stay within industrial fabrication
- Optimize both components, i.e. sensor and ASIC simultaneously

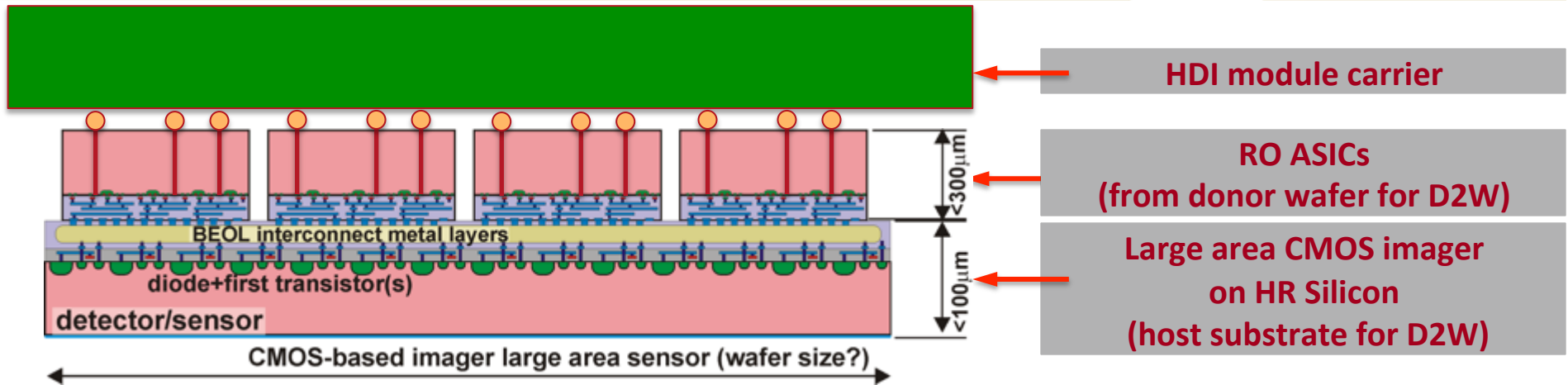


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# Stacked Imager: FLORA

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Go beyond the performance achievable with conventional detector technology

**Approach:** Hybrid CMOS imager (i.e. state-of-the-art imagers in cell phones)

## **Simple CMOS sensor:**

Large area and high yield

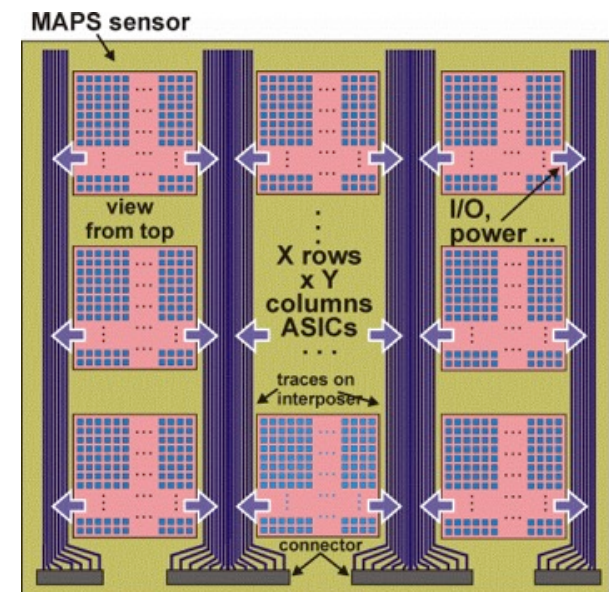
## **Complex electronics:**

Standard IC technology

## **Advanced interconnects:**

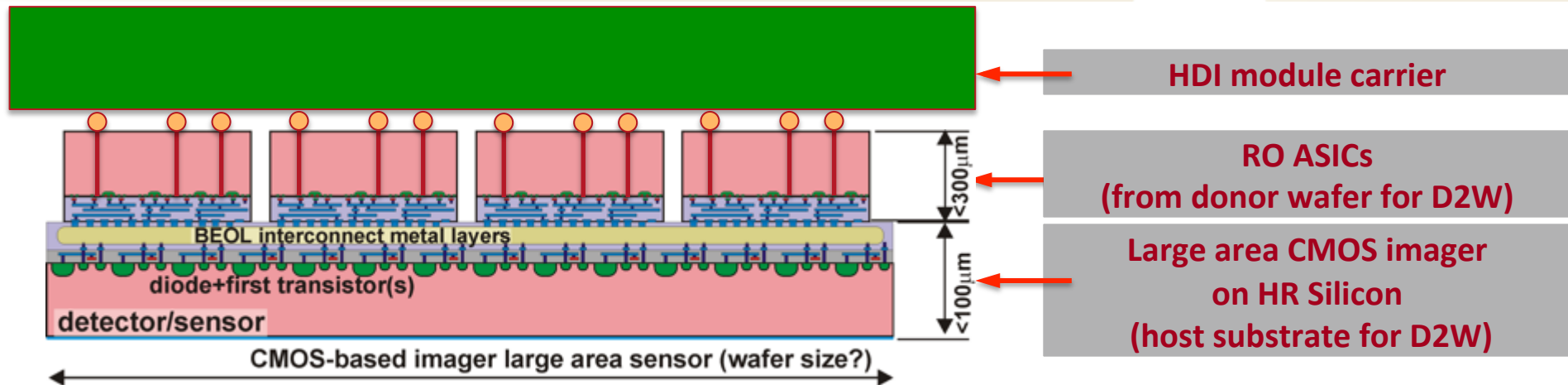
3D or integrated electronics

Low noise, low power, high speed



# Stacked Imager: FLORA

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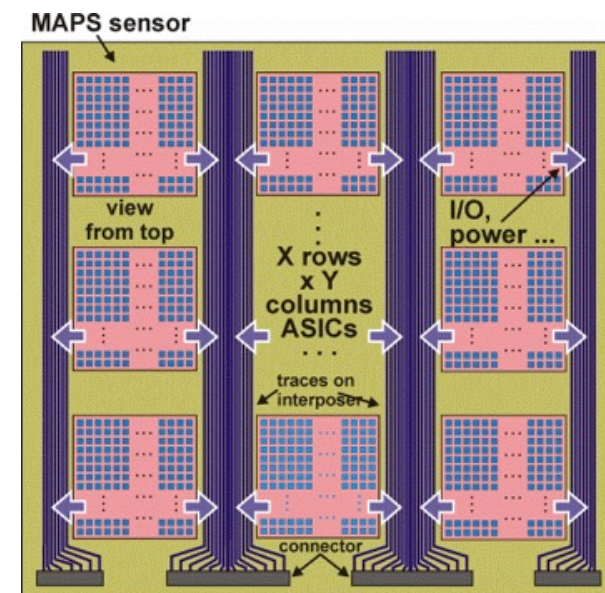
## Multi-directional optimization

### Optimization of signal processing:

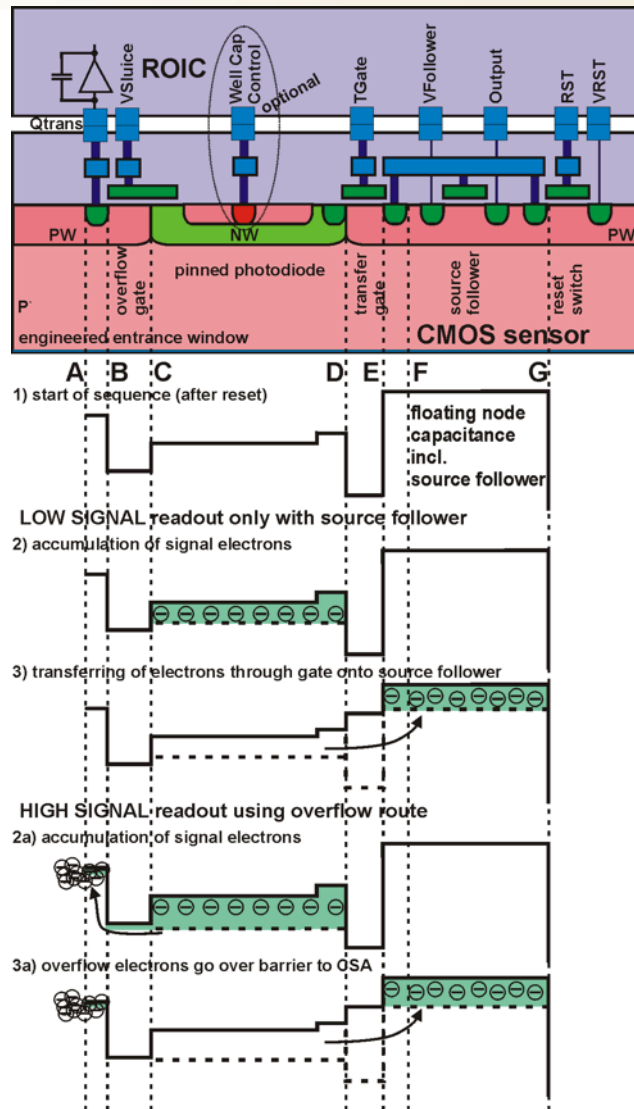
- Implementation of optimization features in both sensor and ROIC ASIC

### Optimization of the detector form:

- Sensor larger than ASIC
- Multiple smaller ASIC connected to the sensor
- High fill factor



# X-rays, charges, signal flow



- Charges are collected in the photodiode
- Readout uses two steps and two paths
- Overflow charge flows in the low sensitivity node and is collected by a charge sensitive amplifier in the ROIC
- Remaining charge is moved towards the high sensitivity node which utilizes on-sensor amplifier

# Sensor: x-rays and optical applications

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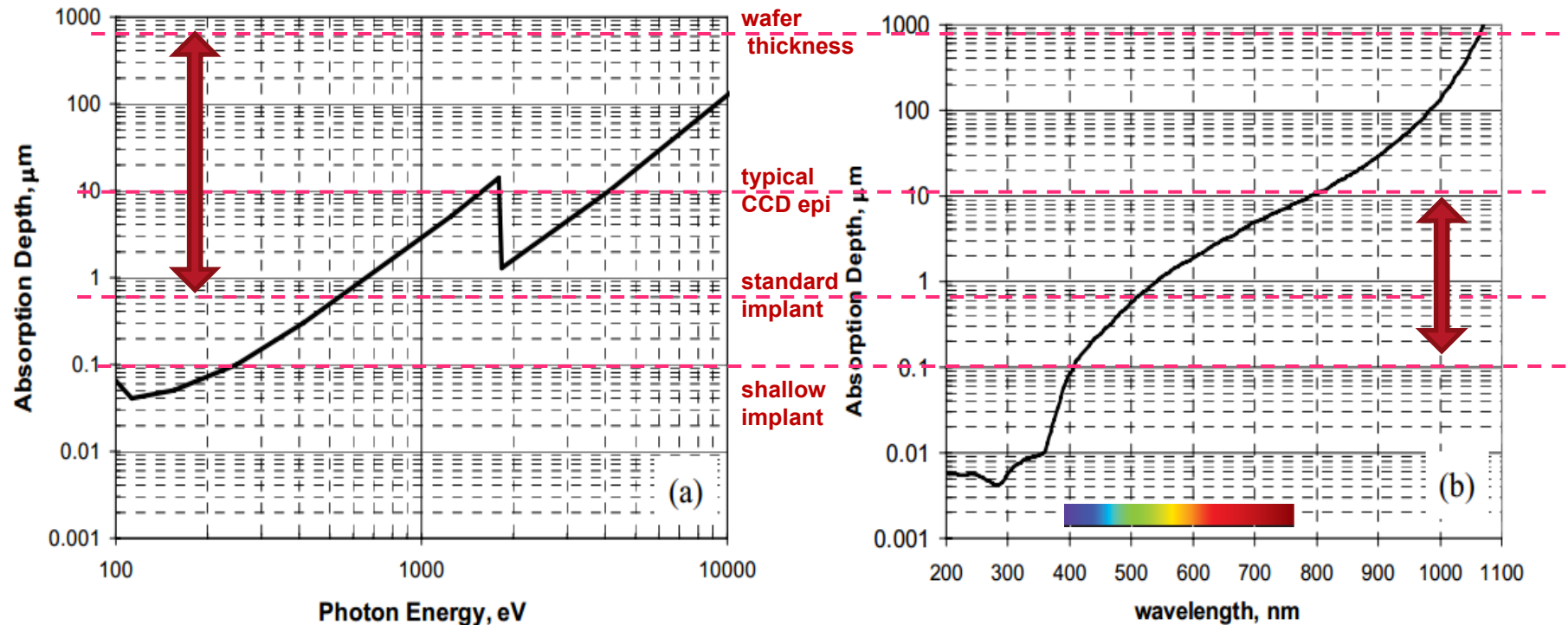


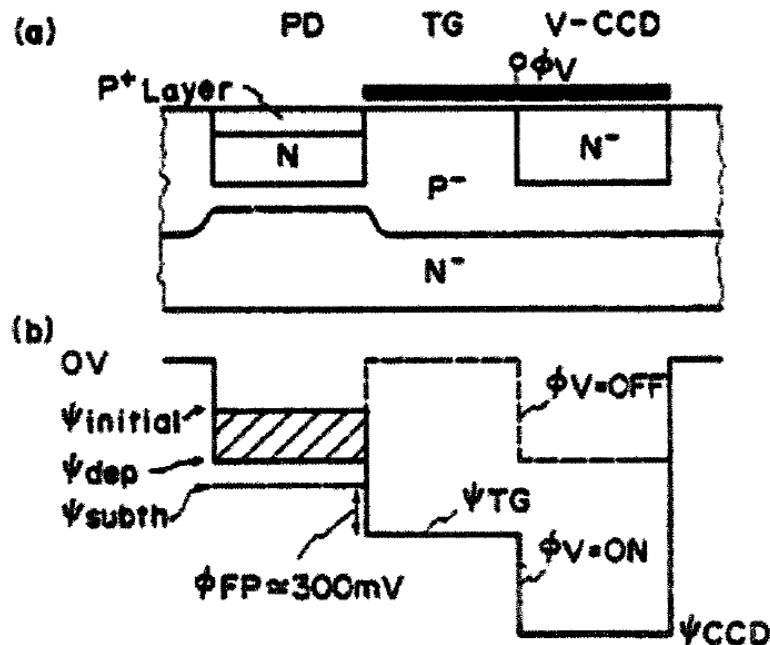
Fig. 7: Absorption depth of photons in silicon as a function of: (a) X-ray energy and, (b) the wavelengths from UV to NIR

Yibin Bai et al, *Teledyne Imaging Sensors: Silicon CMOS imaging technologies for x-ray, UV, visible and near infrared*, SPIE Vol. 7021 (2008)



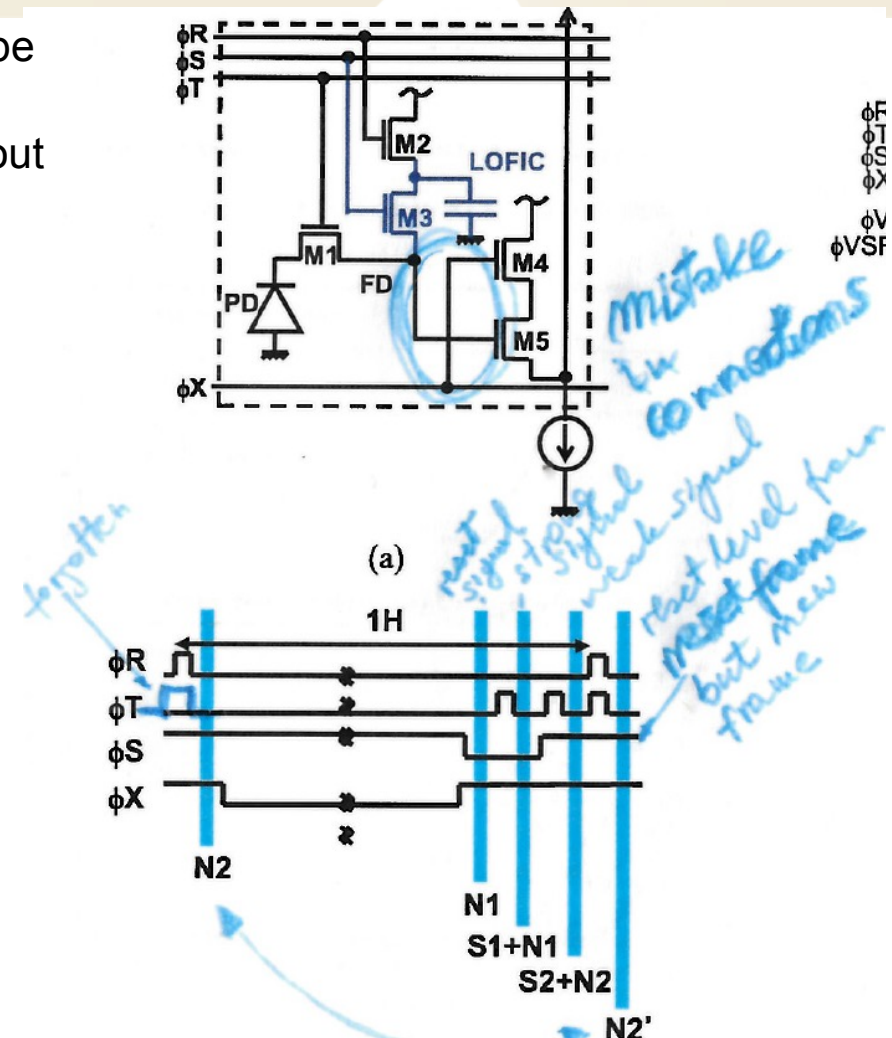
# Sensor

- 1) pinned photodiode or buried floating diffusion type charge collecting element in pixel
- 2) transfer gate to floating diffusion node and readout chip through source follower – **small Qs**
- 3) overflow path (LOFIC/HDR) – **large Qs**
- 4) commercial CMOS Imager Sensor foundry



N. Teranishi, et al., "No image lag photodiode structure in the interline CCD image sensor", in Proc. IEDM, Dec. 1982, pp 324-327

## High Dynamic Range (**HDR**)/ Lateral Overflow Integration Capacitor (**LOFIC**) – charge sluice solution

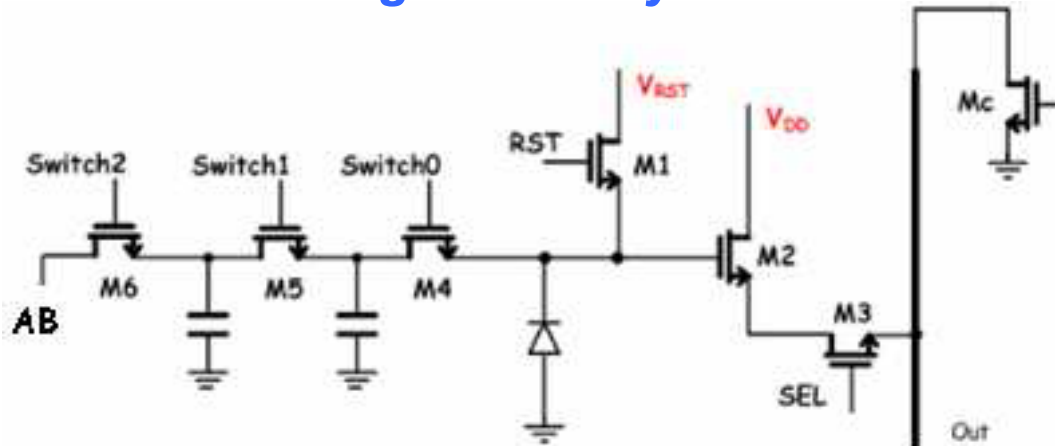


K. Mizobuchi, et al., "4.5  $\mu\text{m}$  Pixel Pitch 154 ke- full Well Capacity CMOS Image Sensor", 2009 IISW, Bergen, Norway, June 25-28, 2009

# Example: PERCIVAL\*

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overflow charge for X-rays is useful!



CMOS imager based on a photodiode with a chain of capacitors collecting overflow charge and eventually read out through a source follower

- solution equivalent to industry standards HDR or LOFIC
- technology patented E. Fossum US 6,88,122 B2
- leverages commercial imaging technology, pushes to the limits monolithic approach
- **SLOW!** Because to read one pixel multiple clocking is necessary

\*A. Marras, "Percival CMOS Imager", FEE 2016, May 30 – June 3 2016, Krakow, Poland

(12) United States Patent  
Fossum

(10) Patent No.: US 6,888,122 B2  
(45) Date of Patent: May 3, 2005

(54) HIGH DYNAMIC RANGE CASCADED  
INTEGRATION PIXEL CELL AND METHOD  
OF OPERATION

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(73) Assignee: Micron Technology, Inc., Boise, ID (US)

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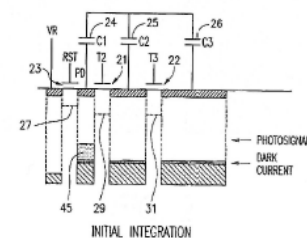
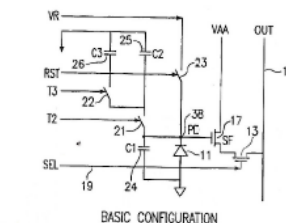
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(57) ABSTRACT

A cascaded imaging storage system for a pixel is disclosed for improving intrasensor dynamic range. Charges accumulated in a first capacitor spill over into a second capacitor when a charge storage capacity of the first capacitor is exceeded. A third capacitor may also be provided such that charges accumulated by said second capacitor spill over into the third capacitor when the charge storage capacity of the second capacitor is exceeded.

79 Claims, 20 Drawing Sheets



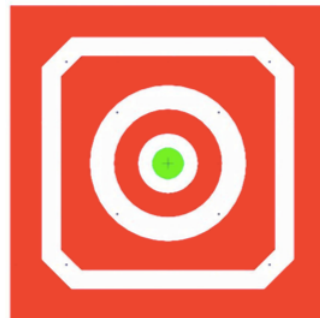
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## Sensor

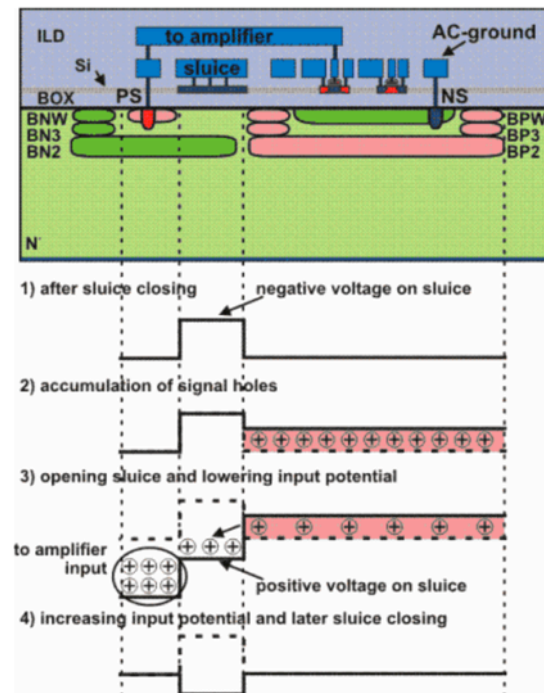
*The solution resembles others proposed in the past*

Left: collection and transfer of electric charge within the same pixel to a node performing the conversion to the voltage or current signal

- similar to the operation of Charge Coupled Devices
- *realized in a fully customized way*



Carini, **Rehak** et al. Nucl. Instr.  
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Top: charge sluice in  
monolithic SOI MAPS

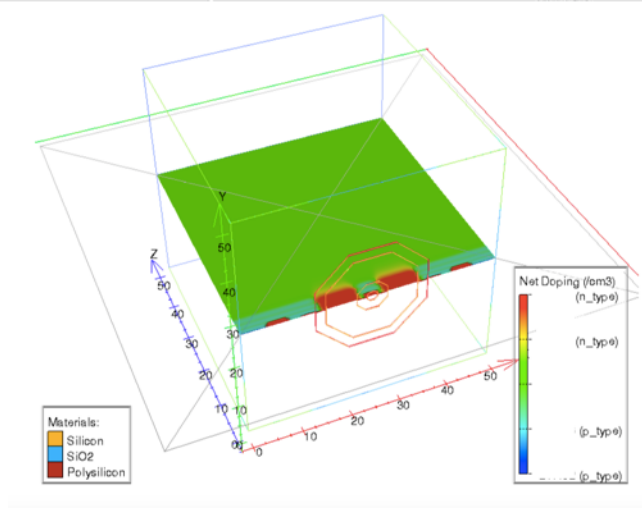
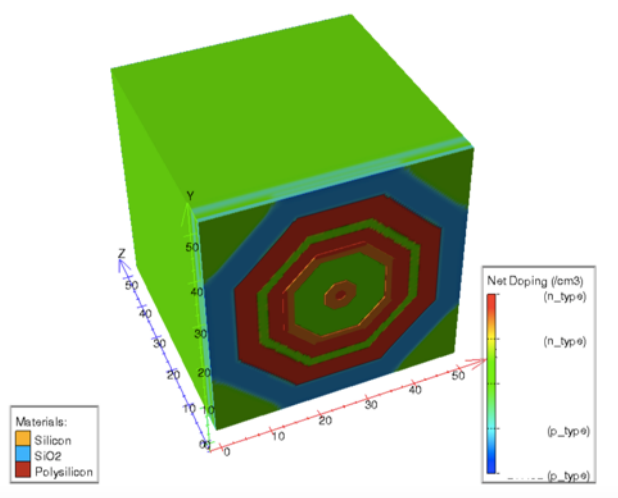
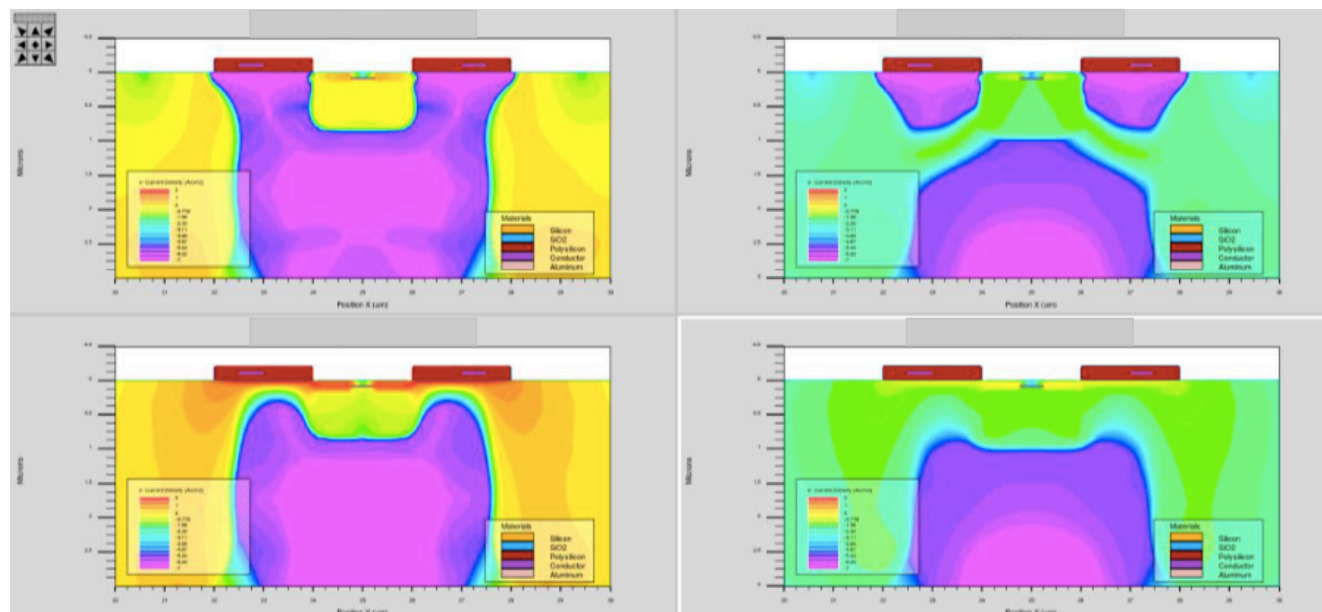
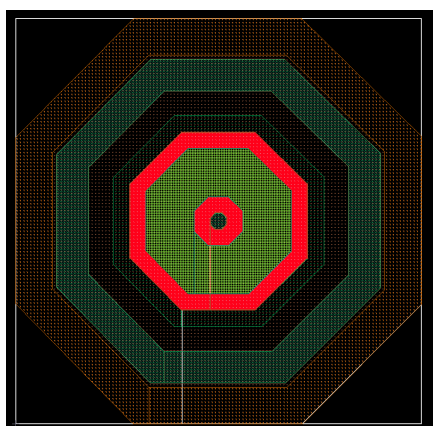
Deptuch et al. internal communications

- Identified candidate technology
- Established legal environment for industrial relationships (NDAs)
- Established industrial liaison
- **Studies (TCAD simulations):**
  - pinned photodiode or some sort of floating buried diffusion
  - implementation in HR substrate to be operated fully depleted
  - engineering of transfer gate and overflow (charge sluice) gates (size, channel doping, built-in field, size and photodiode location, etc.)
  - implement any full well capacity control
  - validate process technology features
  - **and certainly some more...**

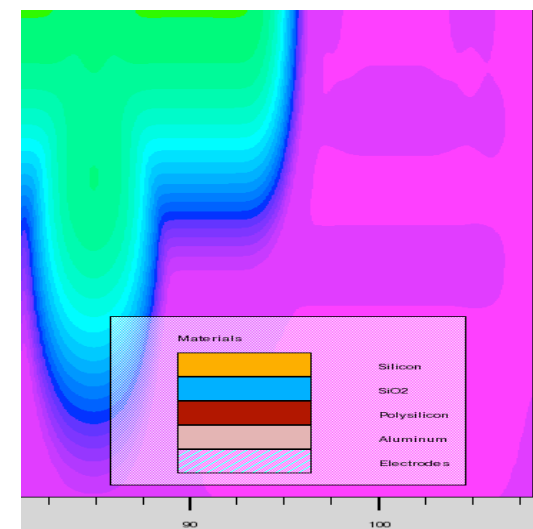
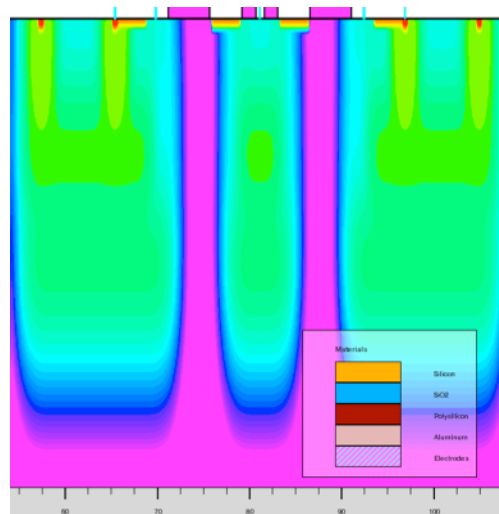
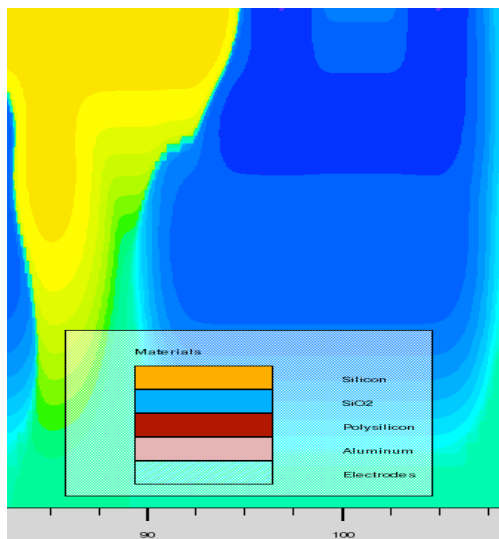
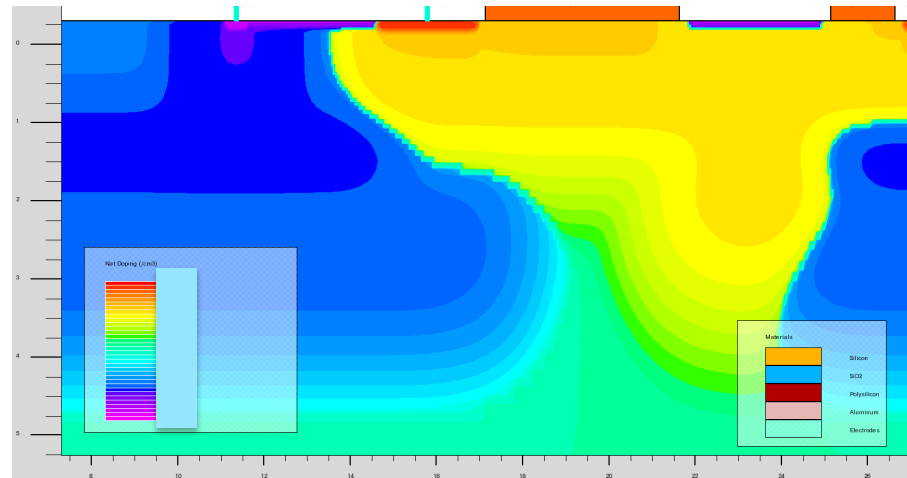
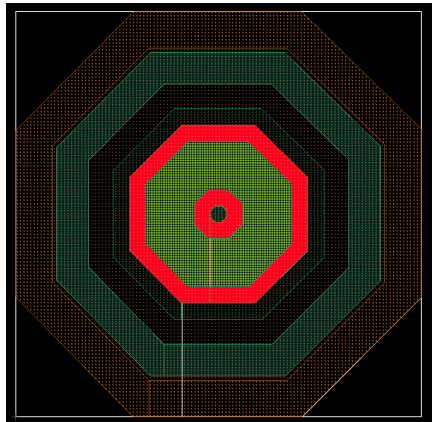
**Goal for this ADR phase (first year): test ‘sensor-only’ (on-sensor readout) with x-rays**



# Sensor – pixel layout and TCAD simulations

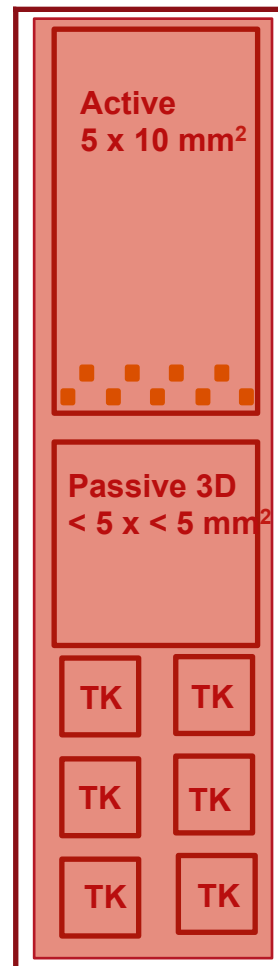


# Sensor – pixel layout and TCAD simulations



# Floorplan for FLORA prototype sensor

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**Active:** Sensor with analog readout circuitry

**Passive:** Suitable for 3D integration

**TK:** Test Keys with diodes connected in parallel for I/V characterization

**Working on packaging and electronics  
Preparing in-vacuum test assembly**

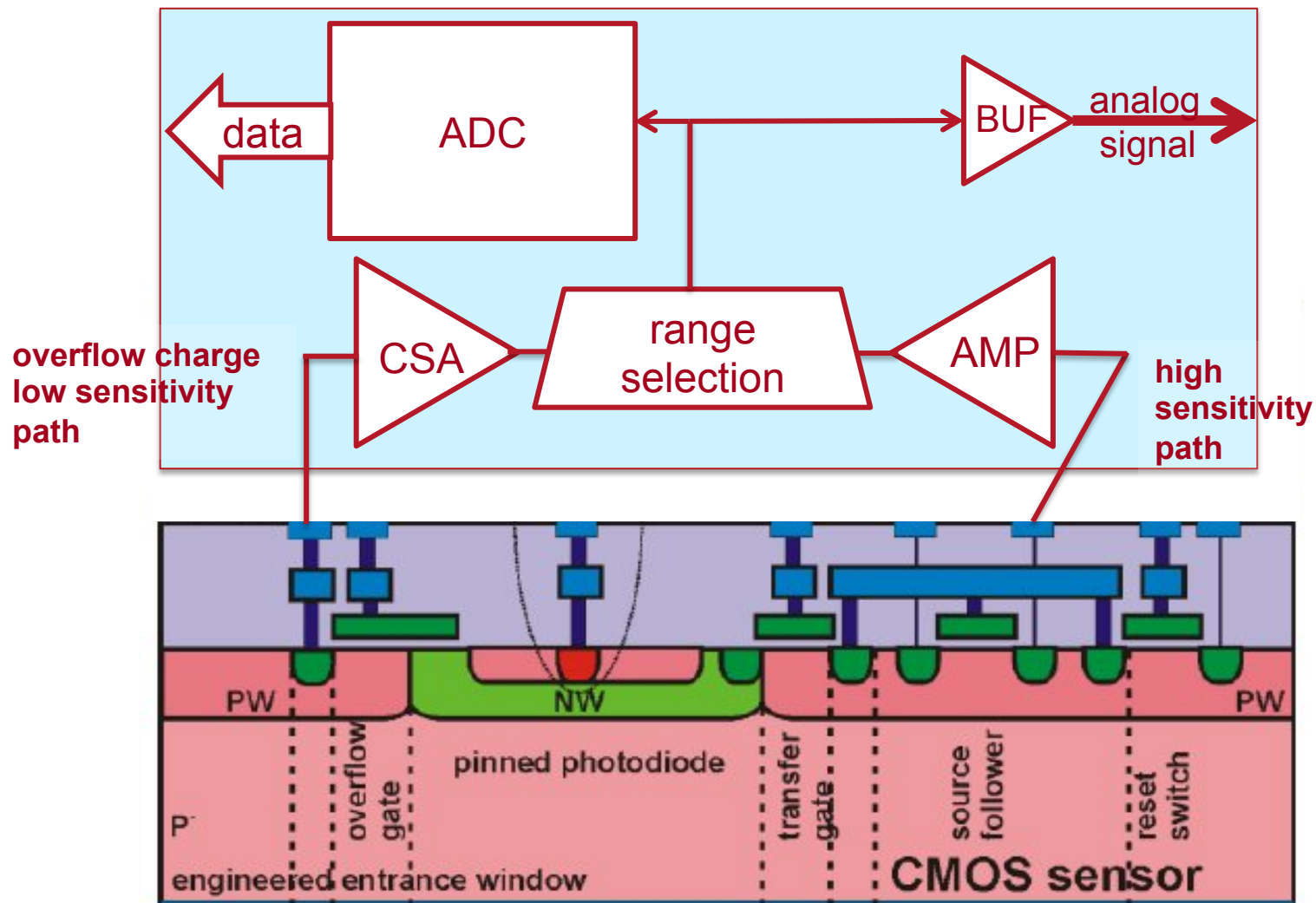
## Other aspects – add slide on various techniques

- High quantum efficiency at low photon energies (250 eV)
  - Low temperature technology for the backside contact (entrance window).
    - Implant + rapid thermal annealing ~100 nm
    - Implant + laser annealing ~ 10's nm
    - MBE ~ 5 nm
    - Delta doping ~ 1nm
  - Molecular Beam Epitaxy (MBE) @ LBNL - P. Denes
  - Shallow implant with laser annealing (industrial 'standard')
- Radiation tolerance
  - a level of few rad/day in the worst operational conditions is expected.
    - Sensor thicker than 100  $\mu\text{m}$  for 'self-shielding'
    - Rad hard design/technology



# FLORA: high level pixel schematics

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### Requirement HIGH FRAME RATE

To address it we have chosen to:

- implement the **digitization locally** and ship the digital data off chip using proven **high speed serial links**.
- 1 ADC per pixel or 1 ADC per group of small number of pixels.
  - Parallel ADC operation would require only slow converters and the chance of being integrated at the pixel level.

A few architectures were investigated. Requirements:

- ultra low area
- ultra low power
- able to achieve 10 bit resolution

## Analog to digital conversion architectures study

### ADCs

***Sigma-delta:*** I used the preamp as part of the modulator (integrator). Used a switched current at the input of the preamp to perform the D/A. As is, it needs only a comparator and of course a digital filter. In the evaluation I used an ideal comparator but no decimator filter (DF). The DF appears to be challenging to implement, on a per pixel basis. Elegant but may be not the most promising. We may revisit.

***Counter/ramp based:*** Easy to implement. Has been evaluated. Could be challenging because they require, in general,  $2^n$  steps to perform one conversion and the “ramp” needs to be  $n$  bit linear and not noisy.

***Successive approximation register (SAR) based:*** These architectures appears to be the most promising. A conventional binary weighted capacitive SAR would not possible to implement in the available area. Instead a serial SAR ADC is proposed.

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# All-MOS Charge Redistribution Analog-to-Digital Conversion Techniques—Part II

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**Abstract**—This two-part paper describes two different techniques for performing analog-to-digital (A/D) conversion compatibly with standard single-channel MOS technology. In the first paper, the use of a binary weighted capacitor array to perform a high-speed successive approximation conversion was discussed.

This second paper describes a two-capacitor successive approximation technique, which, in contrast to the first, requires considerably less die area, is inherently monotonic in the presence of capacitor ratio errors,

and which operates at somewhat lower conversion rate. Factors affecting accuracy and conversion rate are considered analytically. Experimental results from a monolithic prototype are presented; a resolution of eight bits was achieved with an A/D conversion time of 100  $\mu$ s. Used as a digital-to-analog (D/A) converter, a settling time of 13.5  $\mu$ s was achieved. The estimated total die size for a completely monolithic version including logic is 5000 mil<sup>2</sup>.

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**2-2 1975 papers that introduced serial charge re-distribution techniques.**

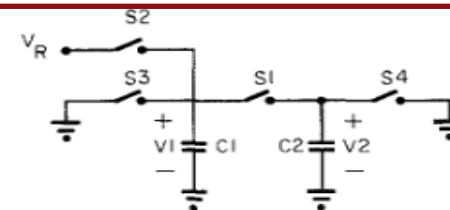


Fig. 1. Serial charge-redistribution digital-to-analog (D/A) converter.

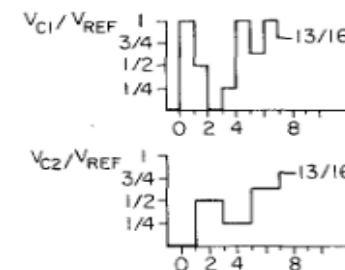


Fig. 2. Illustration of D/A conversion sequence for the input word 1101.



## Converter high level schematics

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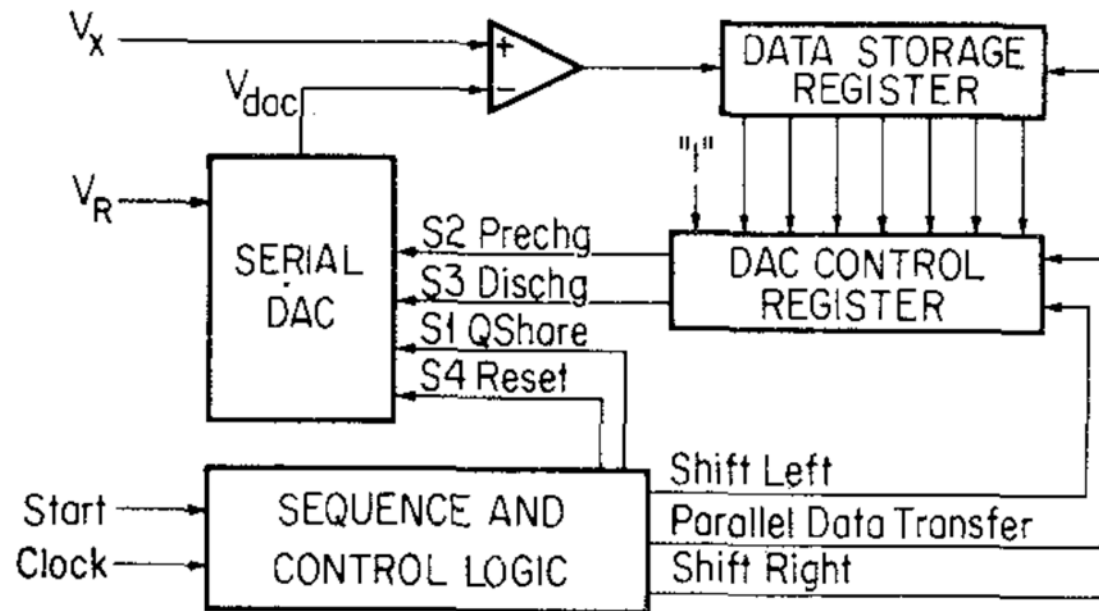


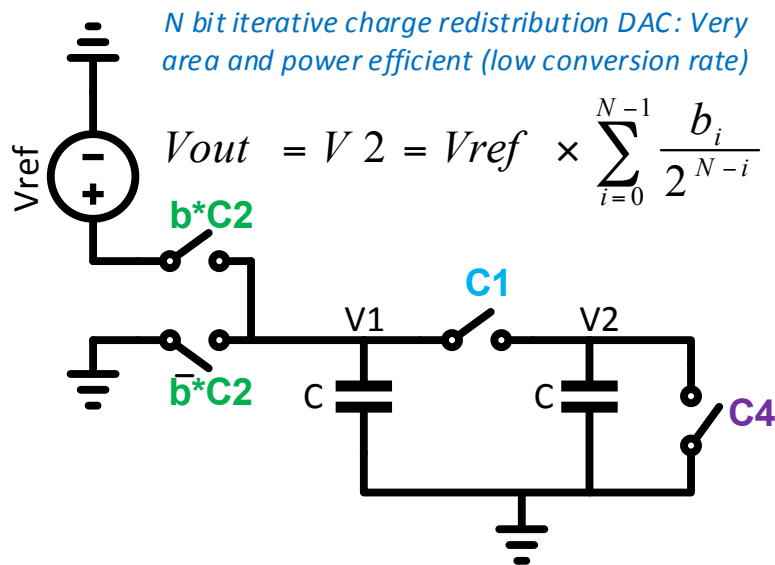
Fig. 3. Complete analog-to-digital (A/D) converter.

*1975 – very compact ADC to be adapted to 2017 design*

# Serial charge re-distribution N bit DAC

- A  $n$ -bit SAR ADC needs:  $n$ -bit DAC,  $n$ -bit-worthy comparator, and some rather simple logic.
- Serial charge re-distribution is very area and power efficient
  - Iteratively converts a digital word to an analog value by performing a iterative divide by two.
  - Bits are presented to the DAC serially one bit at a time (LSB first).
  - It takes  $N$  clock cycles to convert one  $N$  bit word.
- This technique trades speed for area and power.
- 10 bits seem doable.

Using such a DAC in a SAR ADC would require  $N(N+1)$  cycles with simple logic



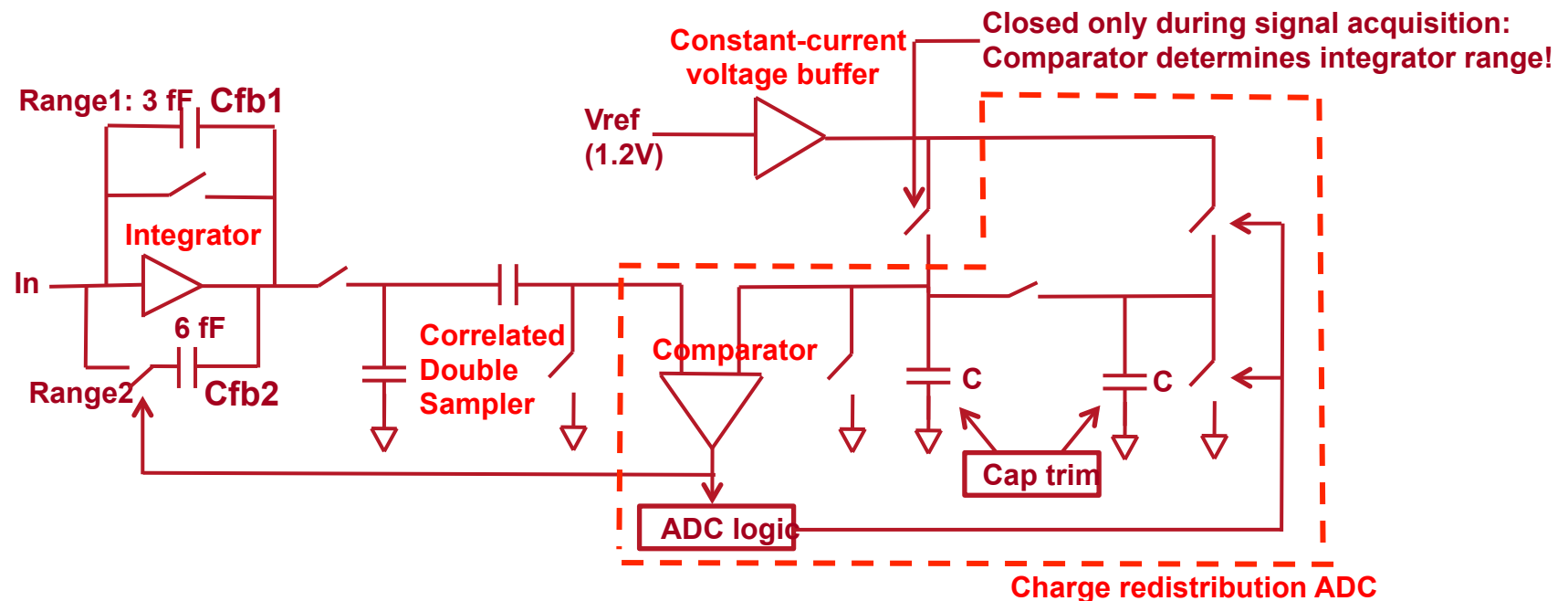
DAC uses capacitor arithmetic

The analog output is produced by connecting switches to charge or discharge the signal capacitor by flowing charge between signal and reference capacitor following a serial presentation of bits ( $b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots$ )

# FLORA prototype: analog pixel design

The originally proposed idea is a 10-bit ADC in a 50 micron pixel:

- Integrator
- Correlated Double Sampler to store the signal. Acquire signal, *then* digitize it.
- Charge redistribution ADC, well-known technique uses minimal area

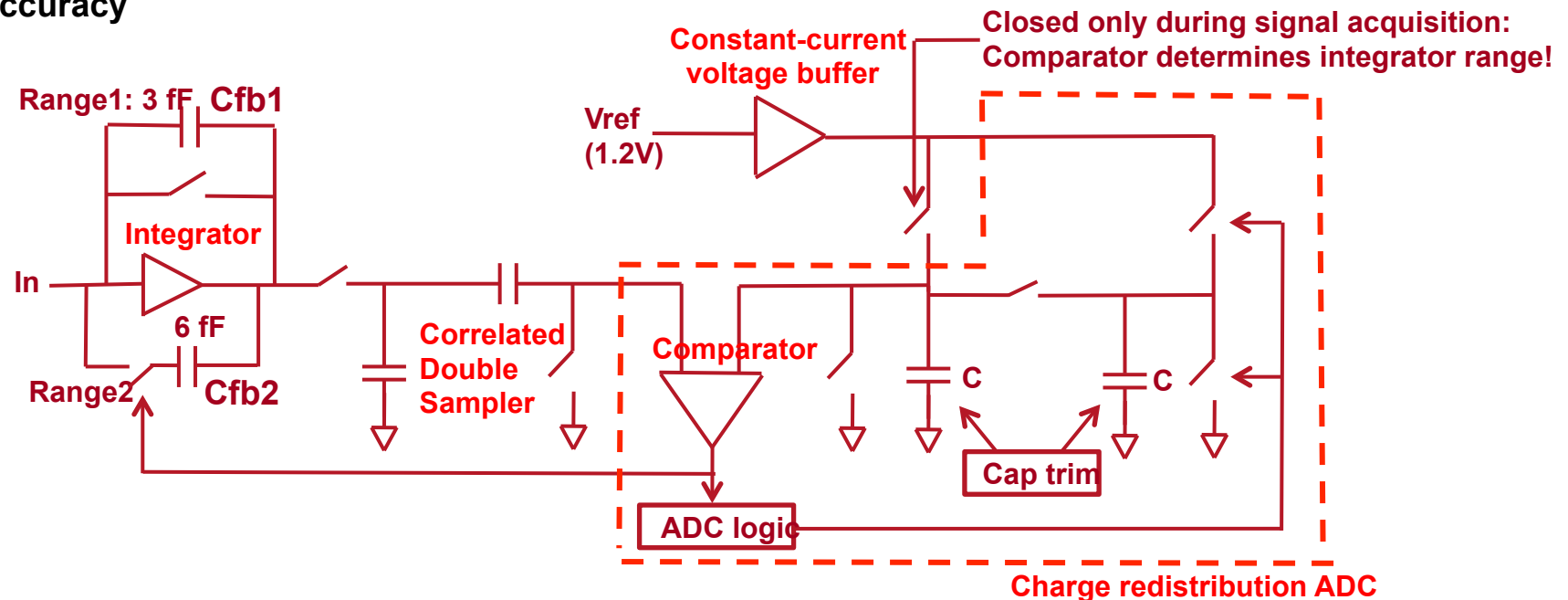


Analog pixel design is complete and simulated!

# FLORA prototype: analog pixel design

New ideas incorporated into the design:

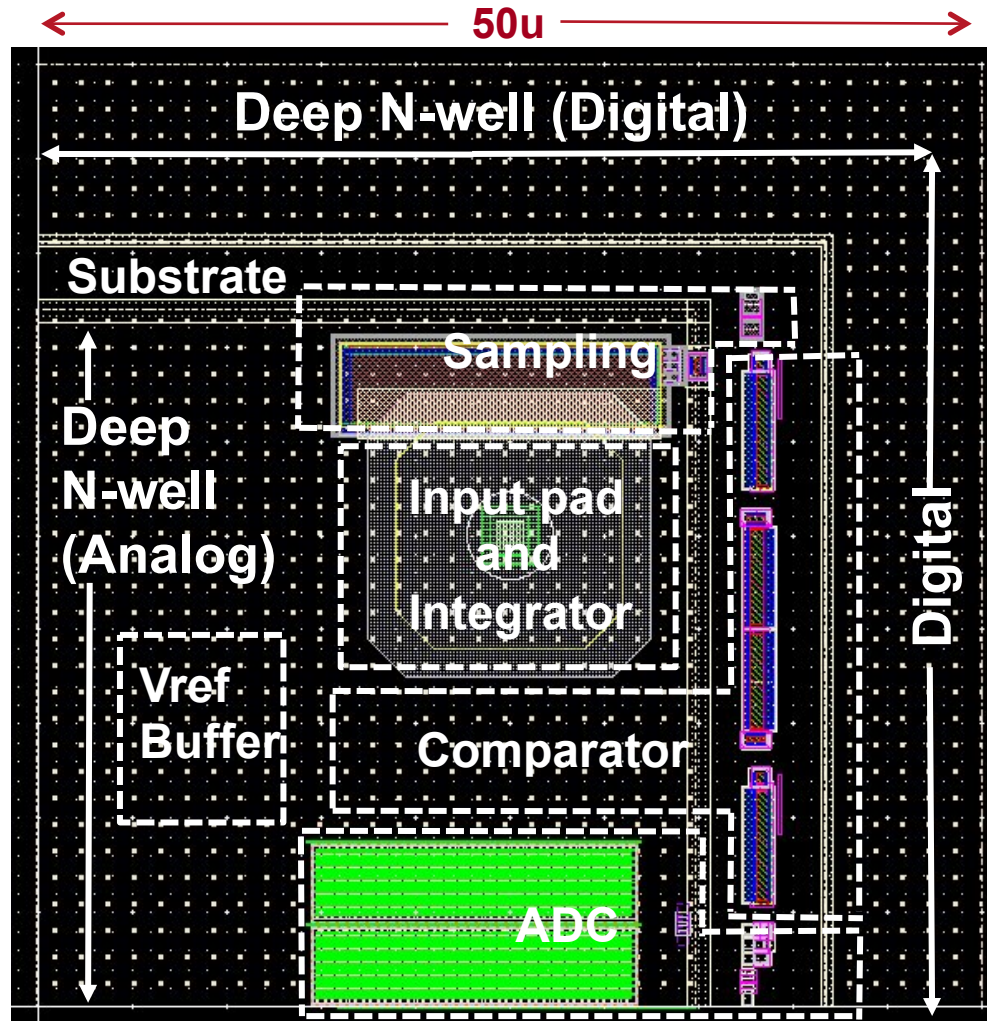
- Multi-range integrator. Existing ADC comparator is used to switch to a 2<sup>nd</sup> integrator range for bigger signals. Range1 up to 22ke signal, allows ~10e noise at the low end. Range2 up to at least 70ke.
- ADC operation within 1.2V maximum. Allows all 1.2V logic (65 nm) – simpler, lower charge injection, accurate.
- Constant current ADC cap charging: avoids huge chip-wide  $dl/dt$ , cleaner operation
- New method for precision cap trimming allows smaller ADC caps while maintaining 10-bit accuracy



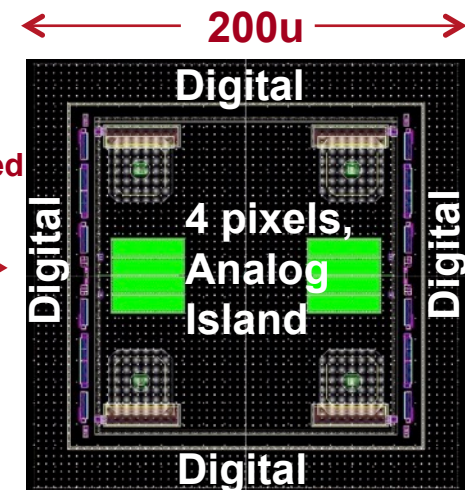
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# Pixel layout (in progress)



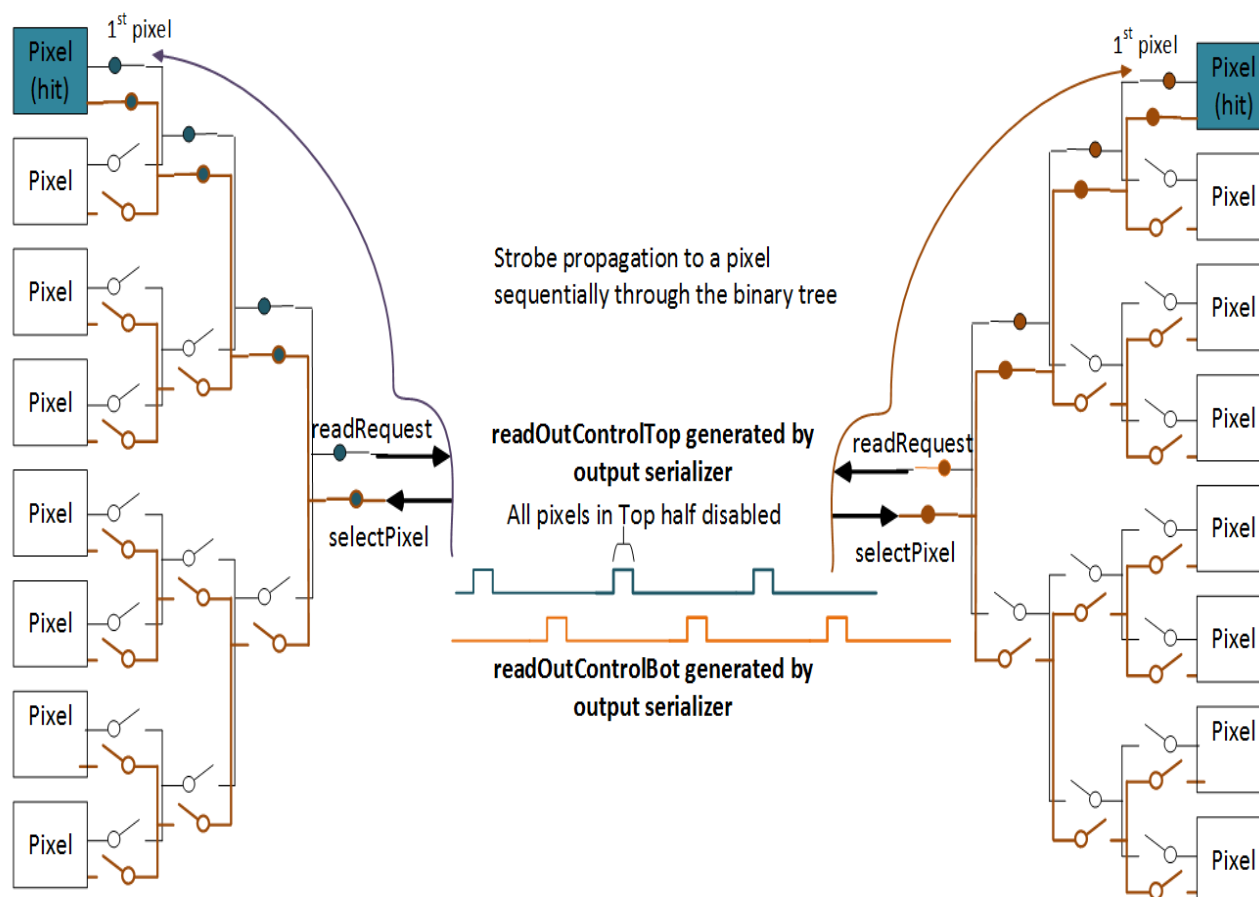
4 pixels, mirrored vertically and horizontally.



# Strobeless Readout Concept

readOutControl as seen by the 1<sup>st</sup> pixel Top Half (selectPixel)

readOutControl as seen by the 1<sup>st</sup> pixel in Bot Half (selectPixel)



# Traditional Readout vs. Strobeless Binary encoder

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## Daisy chain of Shift Registers

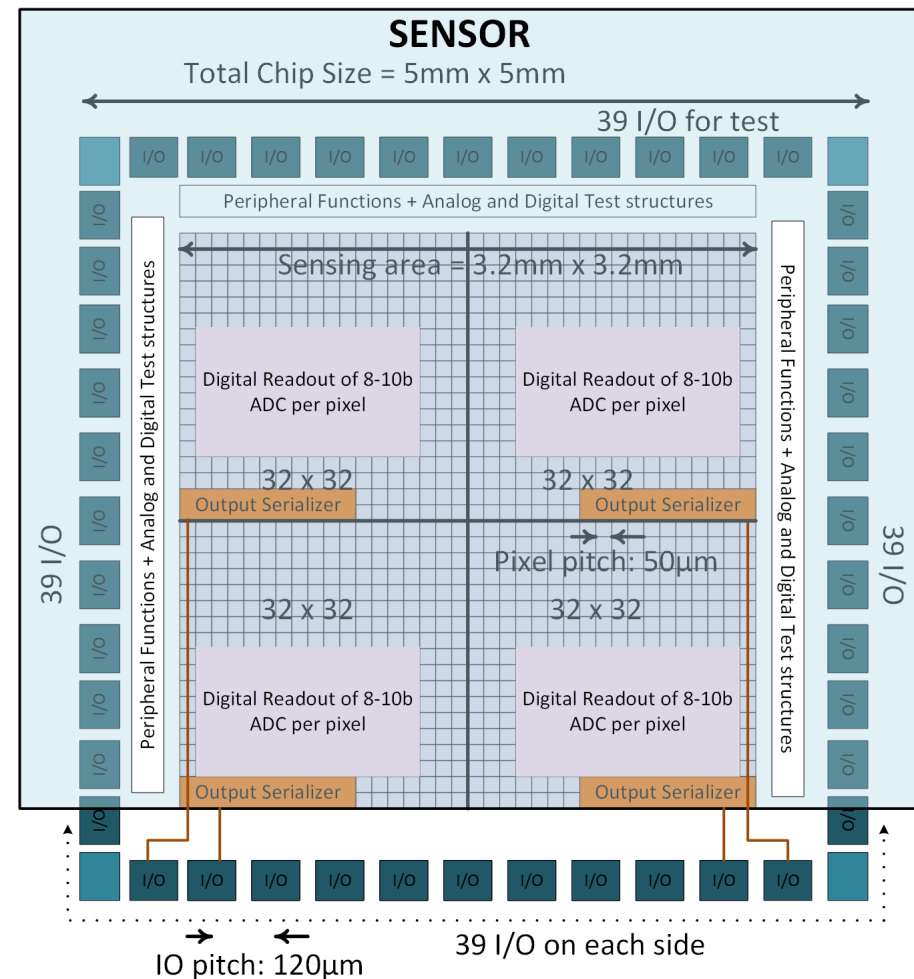
- Power consumption high (for 10bit per pixel for 1000 pixels using a 100MHz) = 16mW
- All pixels activated and hence huge glitches on power supply
- NO Deadtime
- DFF to store and shift data (larger area)

## Strobeless Binary Encoder

- Power consumption low (for 10bit per pixel for 1000 pixels using a 400MHz output serializer clock) = 512 $\mu$ W
- Only 1 pixel is given access to the readout bus to transfer data
- NO deadtime, by creating a single stage pipeline and interleaving data from top and bottom halves.
- Latches to store data (smaller area)

## Floor plan: module for prototype

- Allows for ASIC functionality tests with standard technology
- Simple sensor: pixel array detector in high resistivity silicon
- Commercial bump-bonding
- Standard chip I/O connection



**Goal for this ADR phase (first year): test with x-rays**



## Key features of the detector module

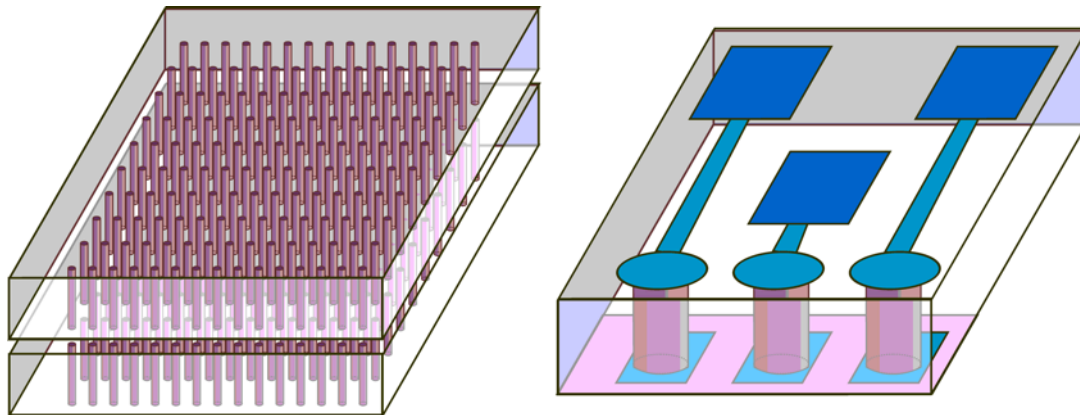
- 200eV – 2keV X-Ray photons (1-1000 photons)
  - Dynamic range: [70e<sup>-</sup>:700ke<sup>-</sup>]
- High dynamic range: 2 signal paths
  - Low noise (<15e<sup>-</sup>) MAPS (on the sensor) - output connected to ADC in pixel
  - Low gain via ASIC preamplifier
- ASIC has two static gain ranges (to reduce gain in the frontend x10) pre-selected per chip
- ASIC has two dynamic gain ranges (adaptive gain): 1bit range select information
- Small pixels: 50μm pitch

## Key features of the detector module

- 10bit In-pixel ADC
  - ADC: serial SAR ( DAC with only 2 capacitors) with conversion time  $\sim 60\mu\text{s}$  to allow  $> 10\text{kHz}$  readout rate
- No deadtime: Simultaneous ADC conversion and readout by loading data in latches
- Strobeless Binary tree, low noise and low power readout architecture per 1024 pixels
- Prototype ASIC: 5mm x 5mm: Active area: 3.2mm x 3.2mm, 64x64 pixels, divided into 4 easily scalable quadrants. Chip outputs on single edge at allow larger sensors to be bonded to the ASIC. Pitch of I/O pads is  $120\mu\text{m}$

# Full prototype will leverage advanced interconnects

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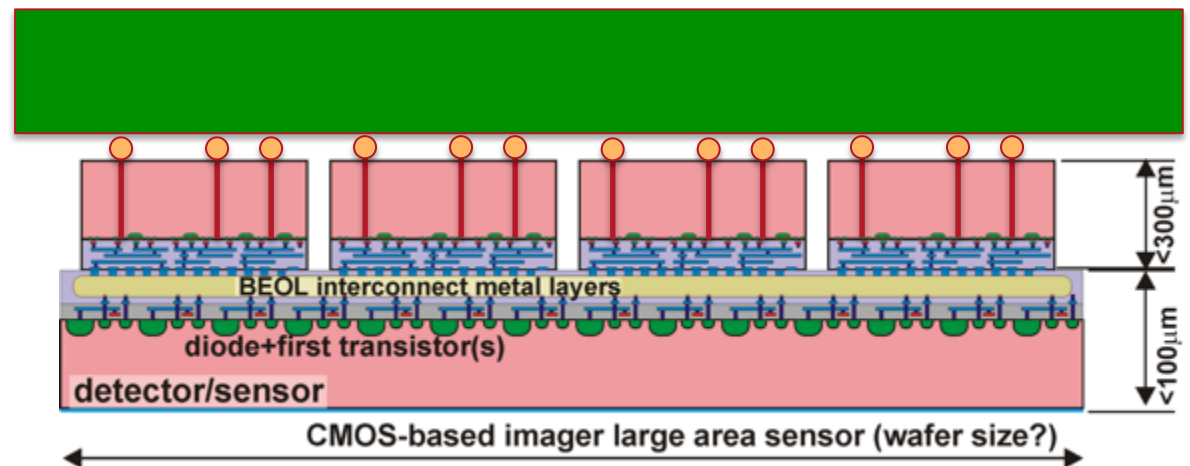


## Almost 3D-IC

- Large diameter ( $\sim 50\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ), deep ( $\sim 100\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ) and coarse pitch or peripherally located Through Silicon Vias
- ASICs are single layer, and TSVs are used to carry I/Os from one side to another (few, high C)

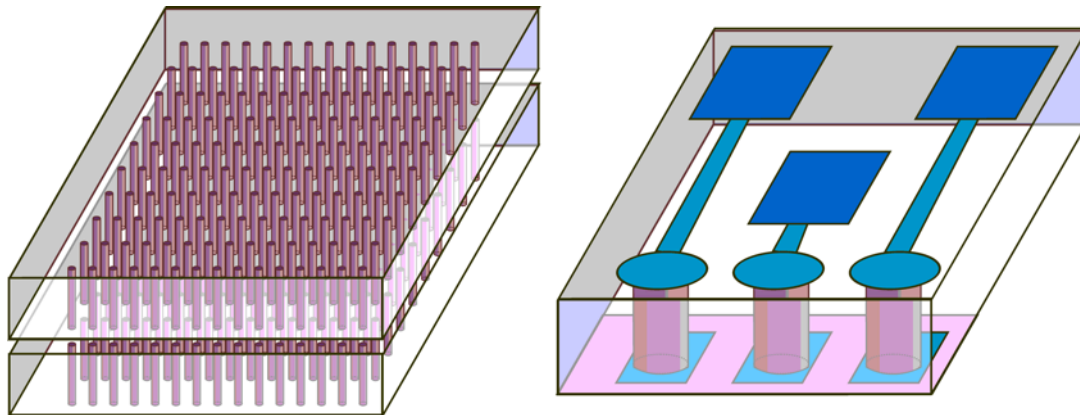
## 3D IC

- Small diameter ( $\sim 1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ), shallow ( $< \sim 10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ) and highly dense pitch ( $\sim 2\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ) Through Silicon Vias
- ASICs composed of multiple tiers that exchange signals through inter-tier bonding interfaces (dense and low C)



# Full prototype will leverage advanced interconnects

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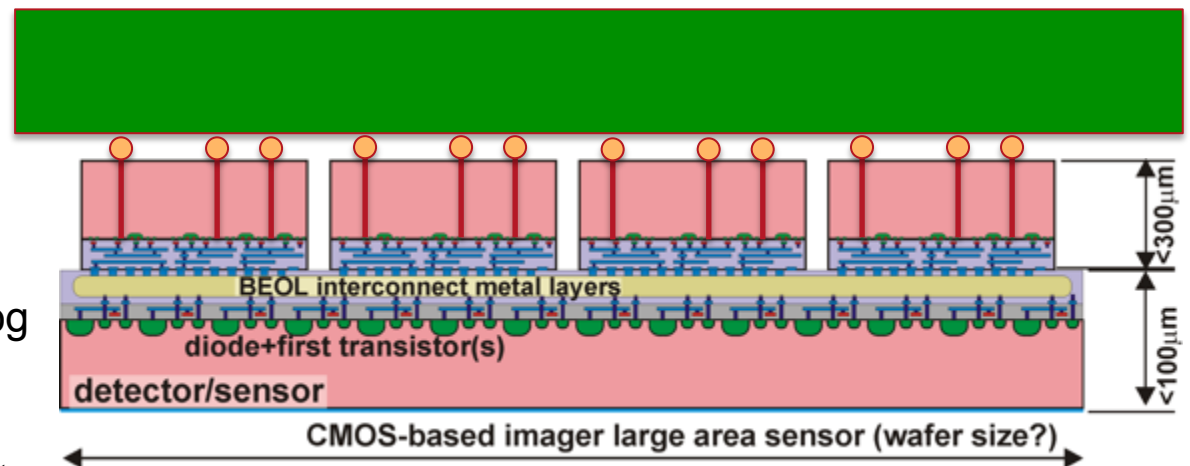


## Almost 3D-IC

- Improved forms of pixel detectors with reduced dead zones
- Avoided wire-bonding and rigid form of pixilated layout
  - processing analog/digital ASIC with I/O control and other functions located on periphery/balcony
- Conservative technology > moderate costs

## 3D IC

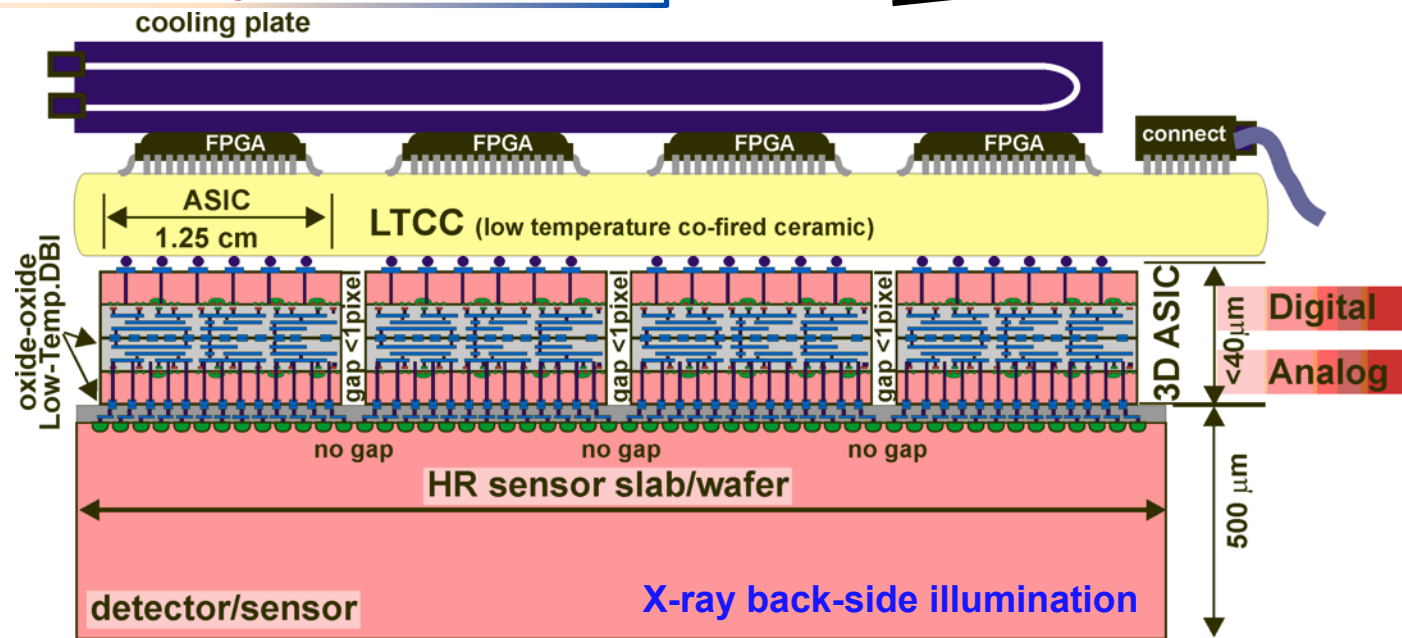
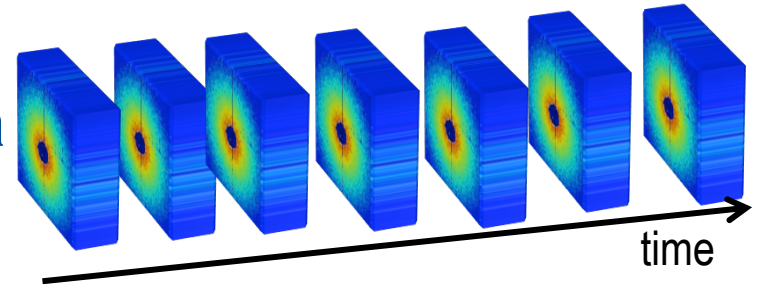
- Unprecedented forms of pixel detectors are possible, i.e. seamlessly assembled on large area pixel sensor (or entirely edgeless, i.e. 4-side buttable)
- Separate functions of tiers: analog (pixilated) and digital (distributed circuits) tiers
- New technology > increased costs





# Currently underway: VIPIC-L camera

## Single module X-ray camera for XCS



- **Features:**

- 1Mpixel = 7×7 VIPIC-L directly bonded to a sensor wafer
- 1FPGA per VIPIC-L for on the fly data processing (up to 3.5 Tbps of raw data produced)
- Multi-layer (>20 routing layer LTCC) supports b-bonded detector structure
- Flat back-side friendly to mounting of cooling plate
- Challenging under any aspect: 3D integration, assembly, DAQ, processing



## Something about the system

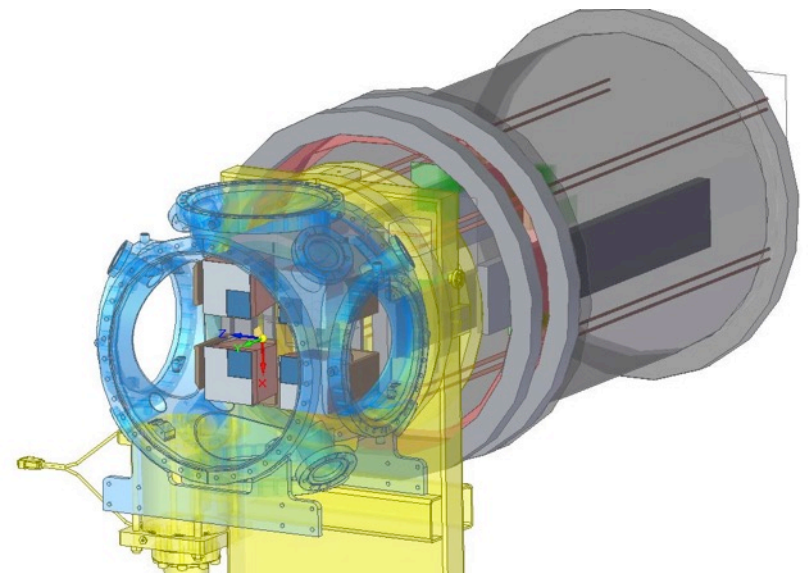
**FLORA is foreseen as the upgrade of the forward scattering area detector for soft x-rays at LCLS-II**

As such will have to:

- fit in the same experimental chamber
- re-use as much of the existing infrastructure as possible
- 1 Mpixel standalone quad at 10 kHz
- 4 Mpix per plane (4 x 100 Gbit/s)
- 4 x 40 GbE per quad
- Power: 38 W per quad
- Run at 10°C (designed for -10°C for engineering margin)
- Glycol cooling envisioned

Power considerations:

- we expect a power consumption similar to VIPIC
  - similar solutions for cooling can be adopted



Courtesy of Rebecca Armenta

**Thanks**

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Questions?