

Development of 20.2 Mpixel CITIUS detector for the XFEL facility SACLA

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Use Case of CITIUS for X-rays

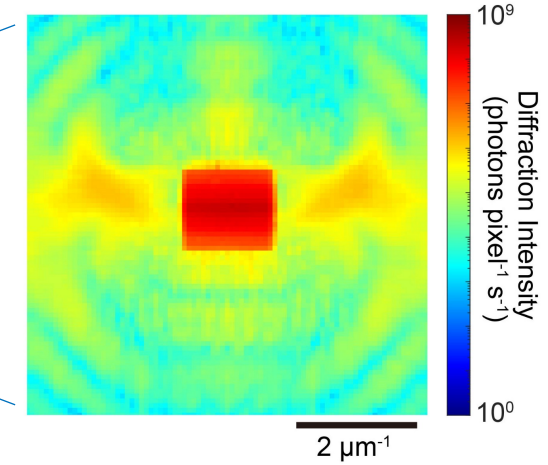
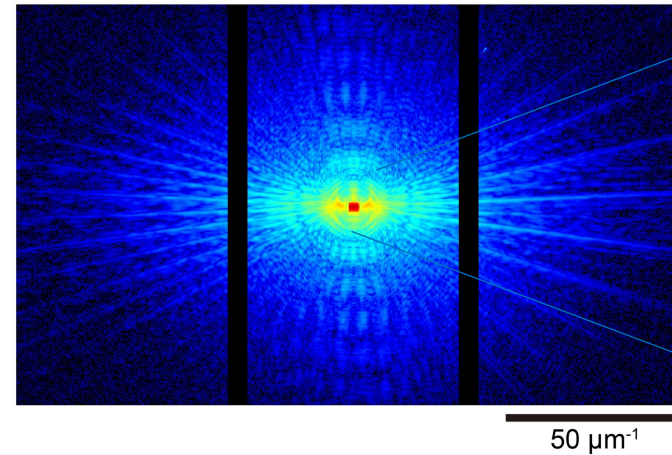
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This talk

Max. Intensity at detector: 250 Mcps/pixel

Low-Q Region



Conceptual Design: 2023-2024

Sensor Module Development: 2025-2020

Integration: 2021-

Pixel Cross Section (72.6 μm)

p-in-n

3D integration: Sensor + ASIC

Drain terminal to collect interface leakage current

1 nA/cm² @ room temperature

Pixel schematic not shown due to restrictions.

Pixel Circuitry

Circuitry

similar to lateral overflow
no charge amplifier

Gain

All the gains are converted sequentially
No in-pixel gain switching

Gain selection

High/Mid. : Selected by an on-chip logic.
High/Mid/Low: selected by off-chip logic

In-pixel buffer

3 Gains: read then exposure (for pulsed X-rays)
2 Gains: read while exposure (for continuous X-rays)
1 gain: read while exposure (event recording)

Shutter

Global shutter operation

Power consumption

3.6 μ W/pixel
Total power incl. on-chip ADCs, 8 W/280k pixels (0.54 W/cm²)

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Readout Noise Reduction by Multi-Sampling

CITIUS: one ADC for 8 pixels

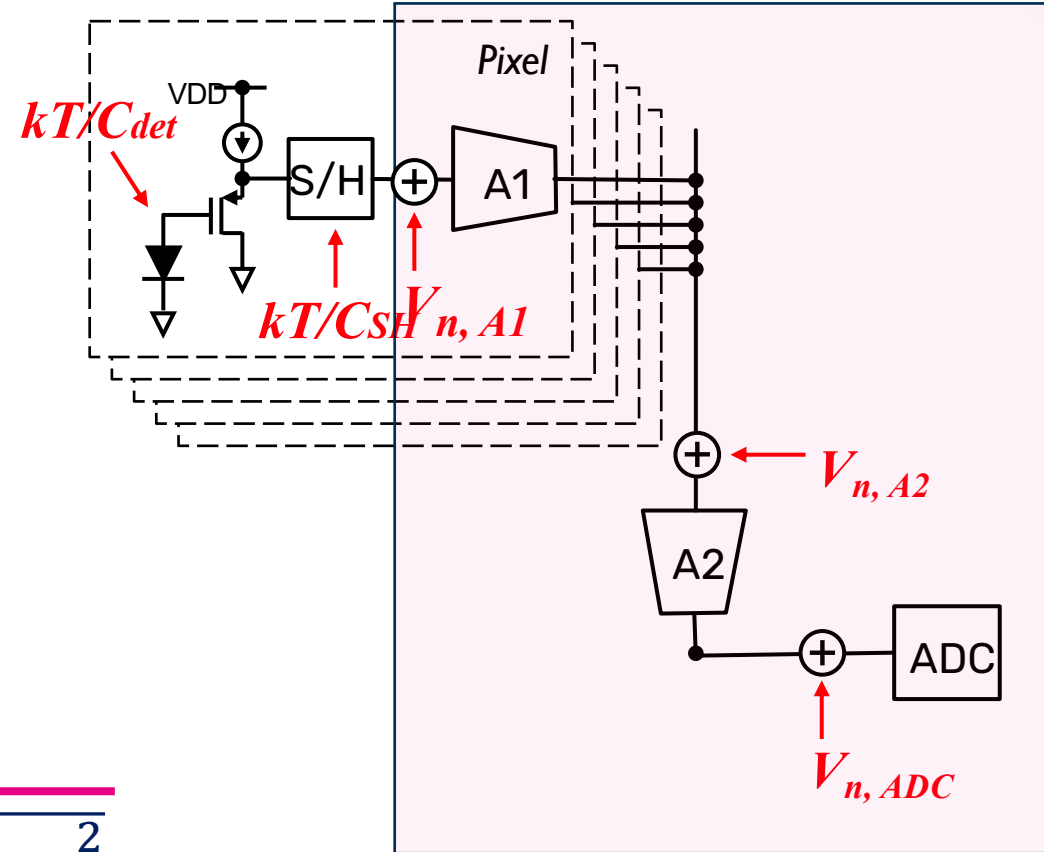
Multi-sampling: an established approach in consumer CMOS image sensors [1].

One can design as

$$kT/C_{det} \gg kT/C_{SH}$$

For m-time sampling, noise $V_{n,total}$ is reduced as

$$\overline{V_{n,total}^2} \cong \overline{V_{kTC_{det}}^2} + m \sqrt{\overline{V_{n,A1}^2} + \overline{V_{n,A2}^2} + \overline{V_{n,ADC}^2}}$$



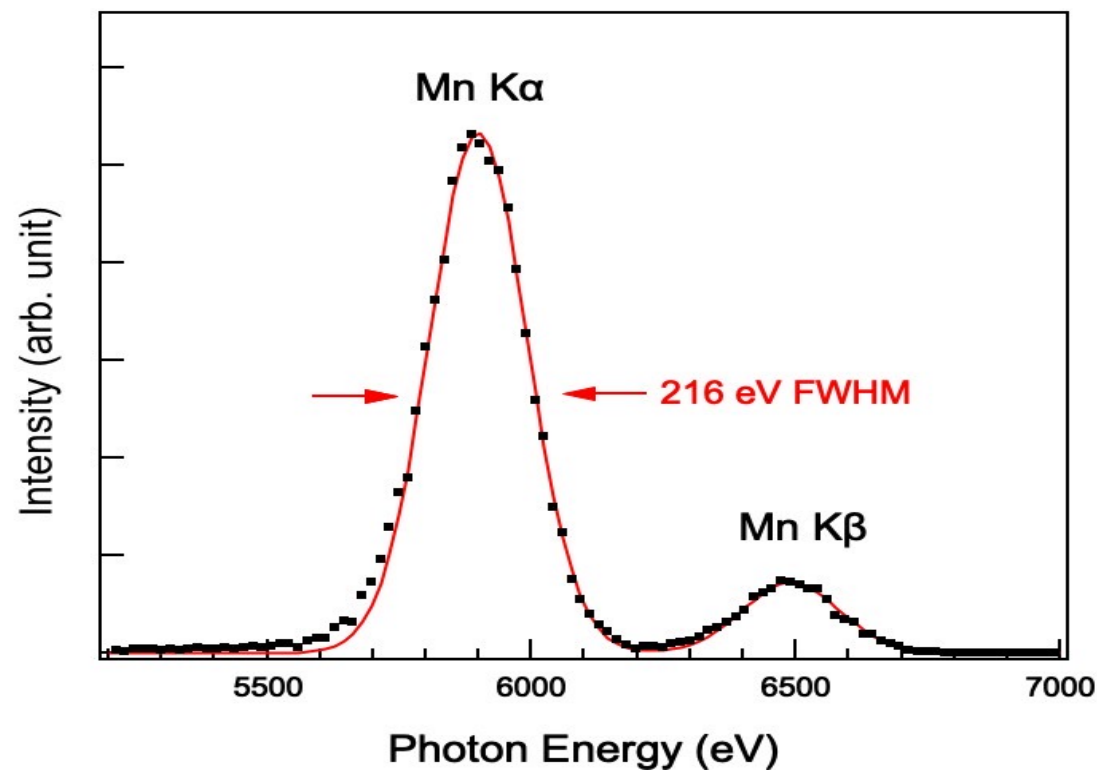
Circuit noise, except for kT/C noise, can be reduced at the slower frame rate

1) Kawahito, S. (2011). Architectures for Low-noise CMOS Electronic Imaging. In: Seitz, P., Theuwissen, A. (eds) Single-Photon Imaging. Springer Series in Optical Sciences, vol 160. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg.

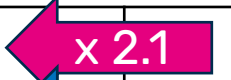
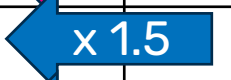
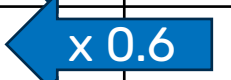


8-Sampling Results

Energy Resolution @ 5.9 keV

- Single sampling @ 26.1 kframes/s 360 eV FWHM (40 e-rms)
- 8-sampling @ 2.2 kframes/s 216 eV FWHM (22 e-rms)



Demonstrated Performance

Parameters		Value		unit	
		CITIUS for XFEL (SACLA)	MPCCD (Phase III)		
Sensor	Sensor Material	Silicon		N/A	
	Thickness	650		300	μm
	Pixel Size	72.6		50	μm
	Pixel Number	0.28		0.5	Mpixels/sensor module
	Peak Signal	17,000		2,400	phs/pixel@6 keV
		28		4	Me-/pixel
	Typical noise	25		250	e-rms
	Frame Rate	60*		60	Hz
	Data Rate	1.6**		0.06	GB/s @ digital out
System	Imaging area	321 × 393		100 × 100	mm ²
	Pixel Number	20.2		4	Mpixels
	Data Rate	107*		0.48	GB/s @digital out

CITIUS 20.2M for SACLA

SALCA: XFEL facility with 60 Hz

Major Specifications

Max. Frame rate: 5 kHz

DAQ for SACLA: 960 Hz in the 16-sampling mode
(1 pulse image is taken by 16 images)

DAQ bandwidth:

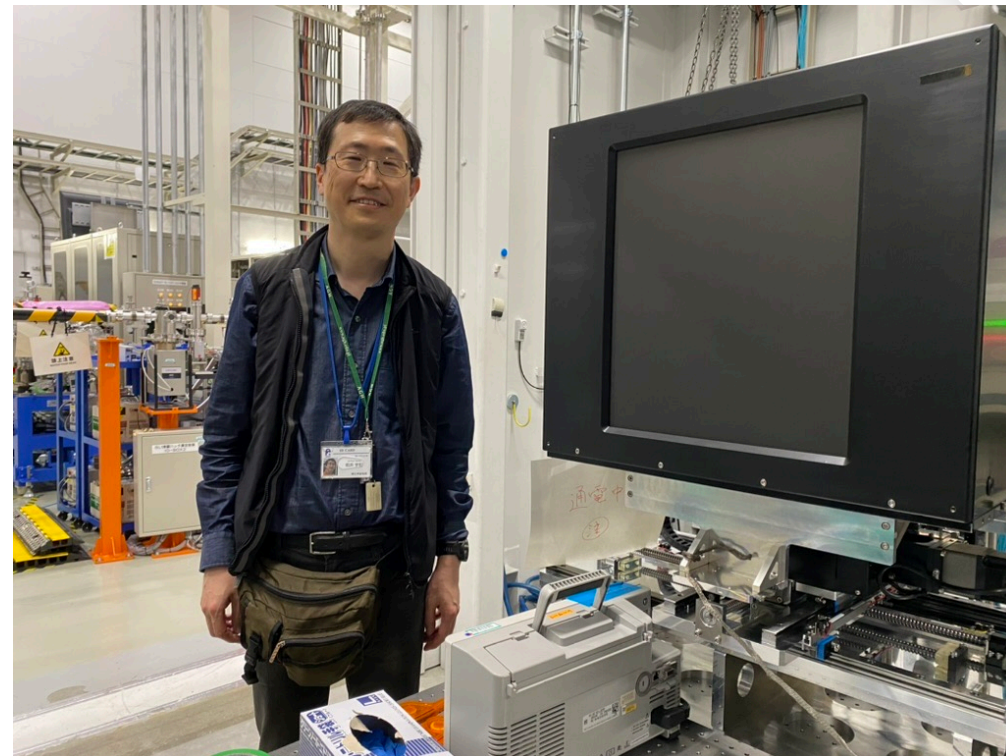
620 Gbps @ 32 bit/pixel

107 GB/s

9 PB/day, when operated continuously

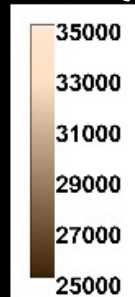
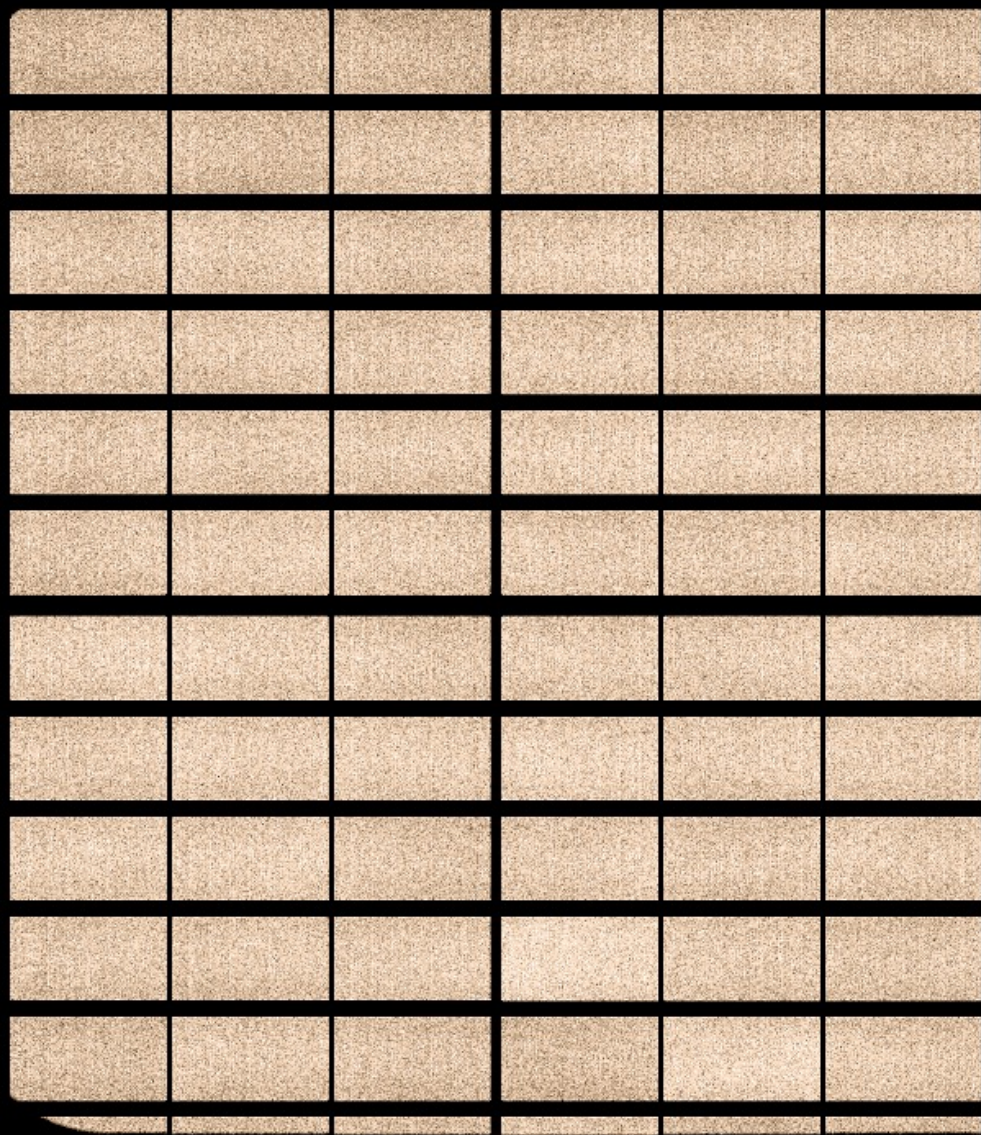
First Beam Test:

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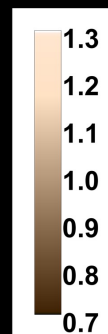
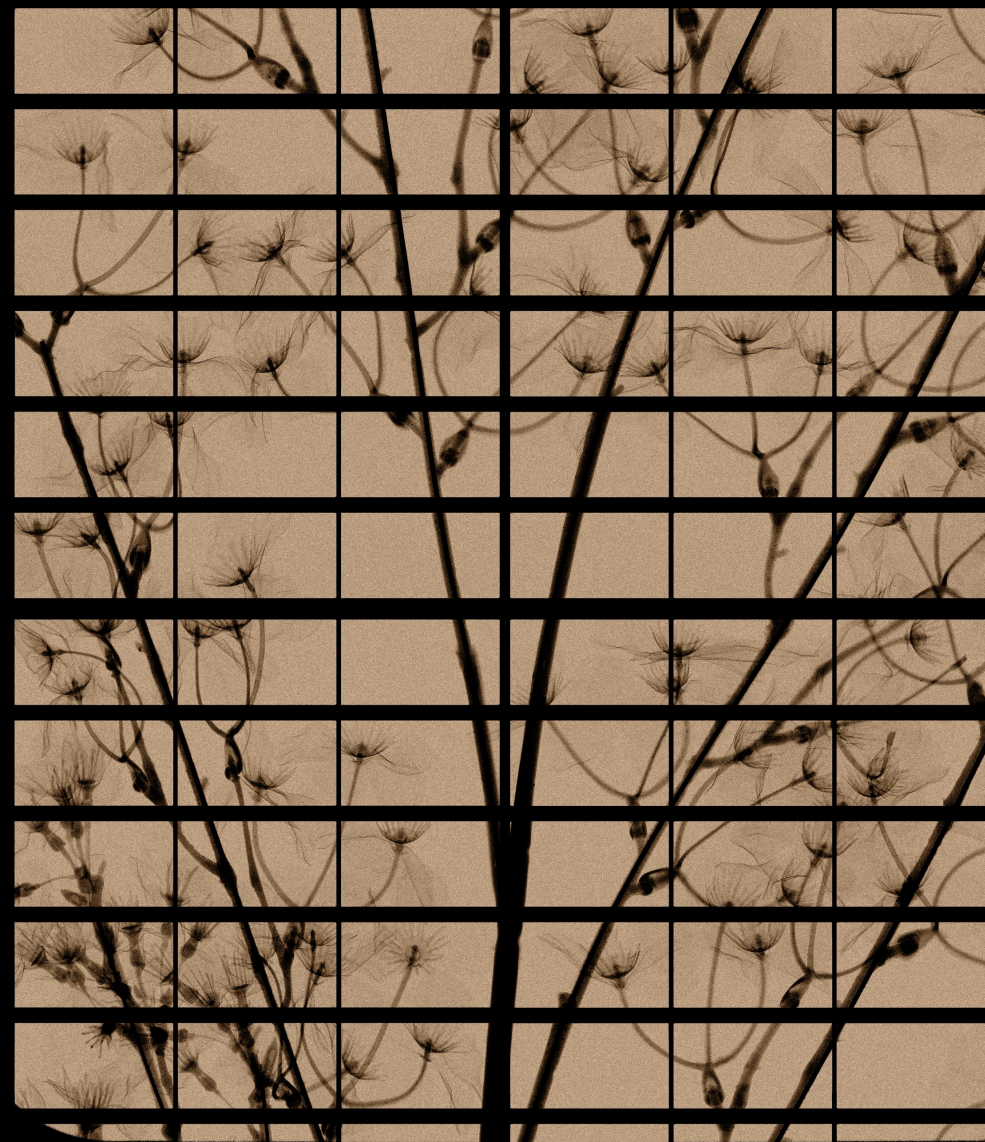


of components: 12,586/system
Engineering intensive project
The outcome of a large collaboration.

Mo 40 kV, 500 μ A, total exposure time 338 ms (6400 frames)

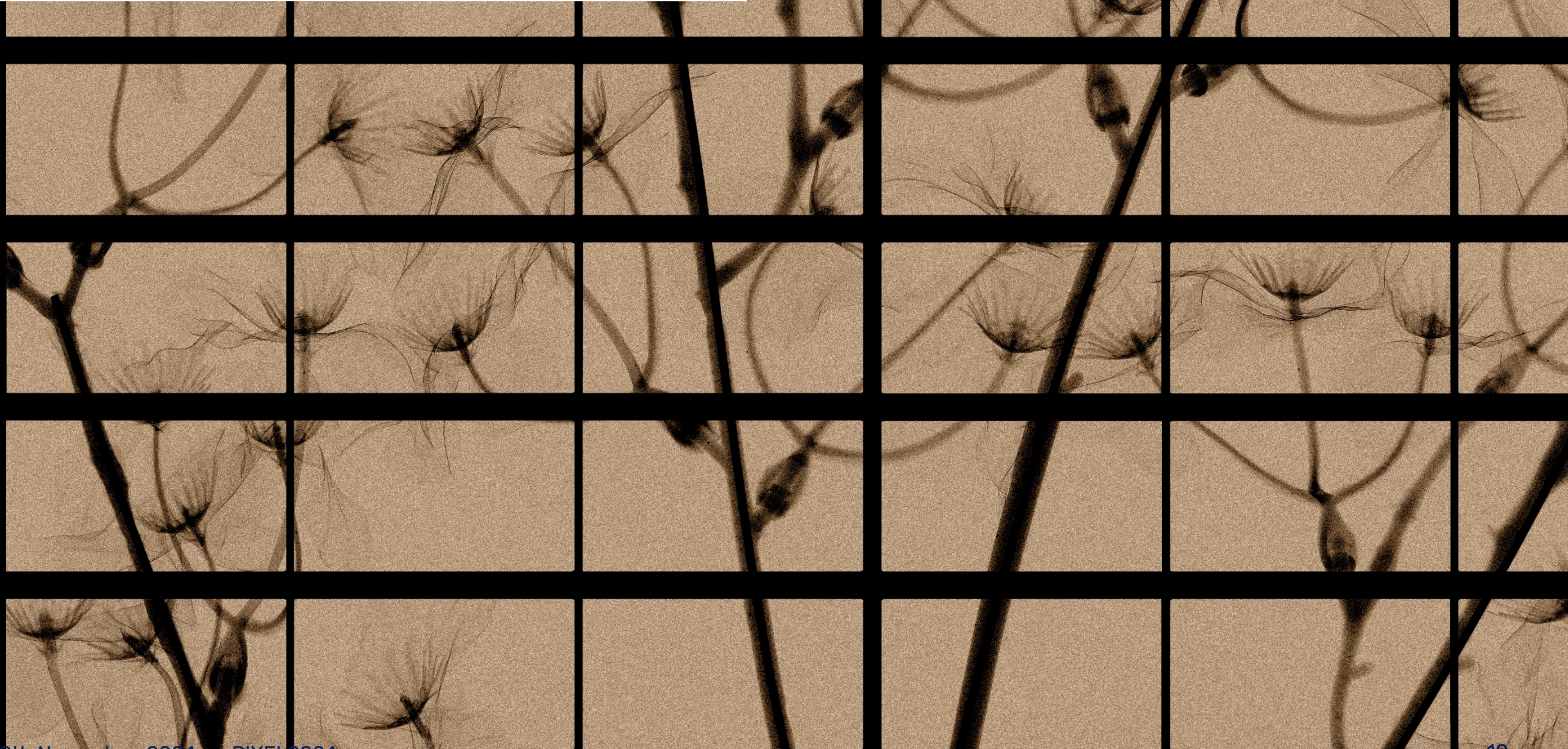


flat field image
dark subtracted

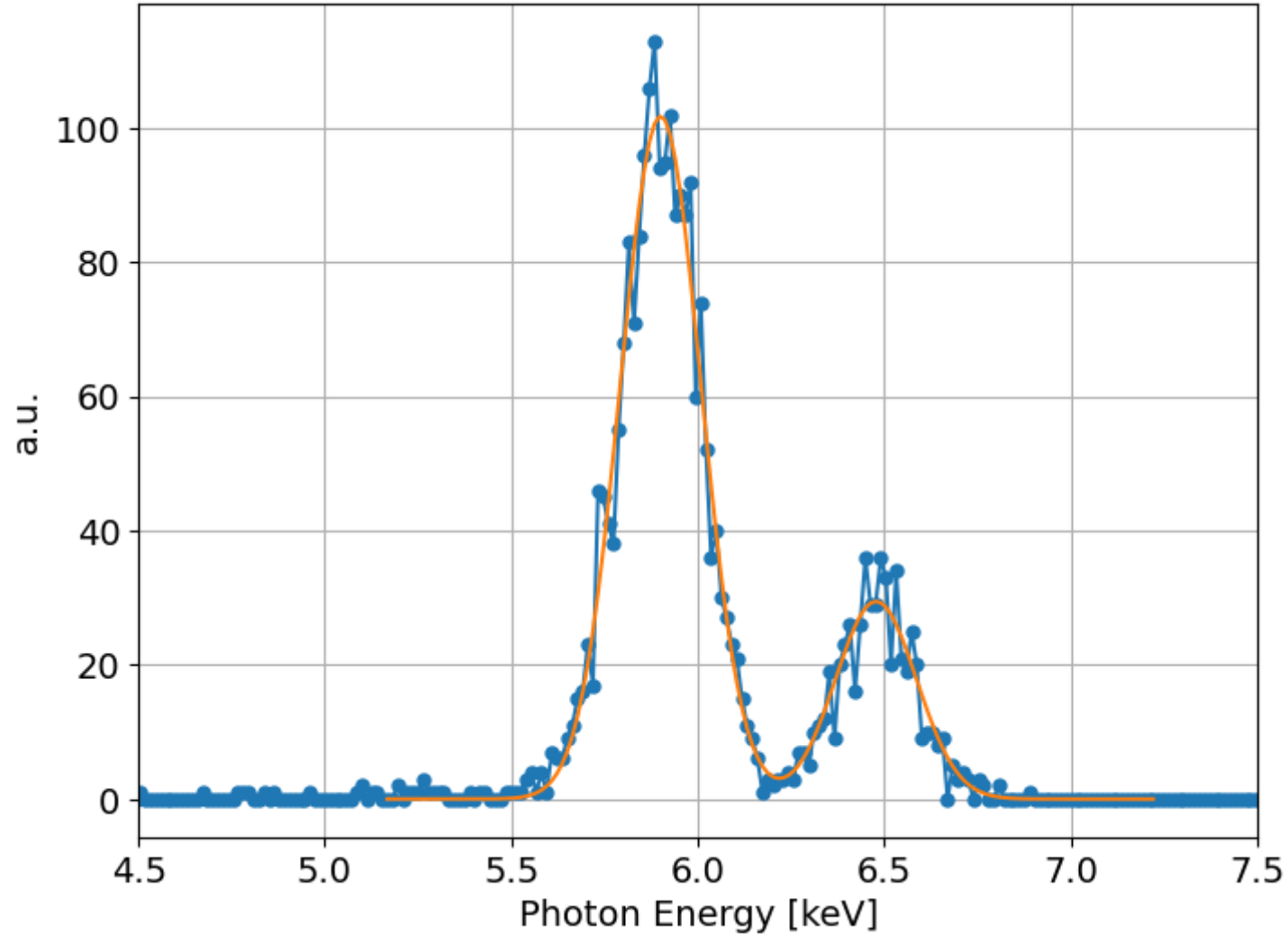


transmitted image
flat field corrected

Enlarged view of the transmitted image
flat field corrected



Noise and Energy Resolution



XFEL mode, 16-sampling

Noise 25 e-rms
~250 eV FWHM

Peak Signal 28 Me-
(17,000 phs@6 keV)

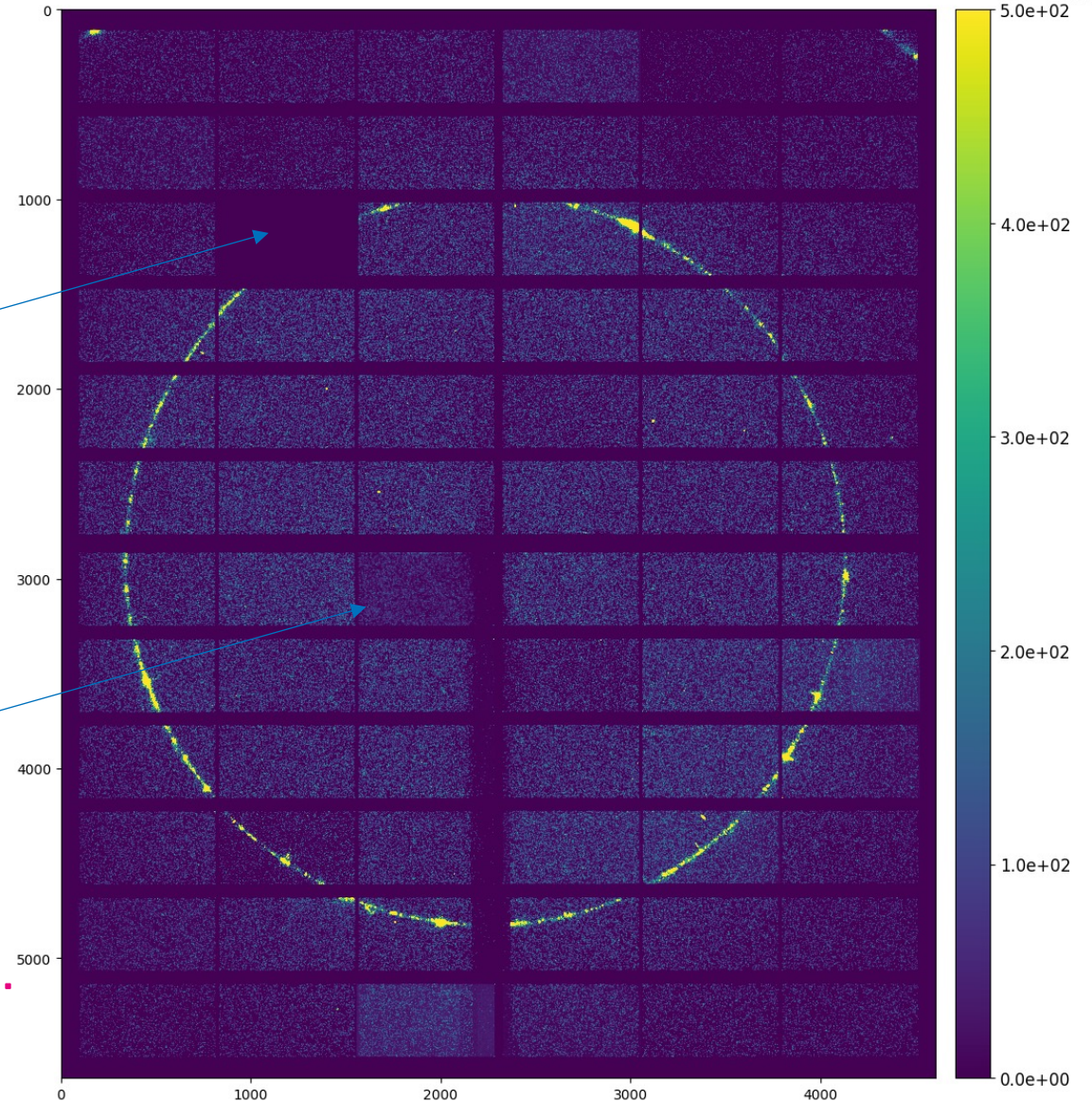
SFX at SACLA with CITIUS 20.2M

First light

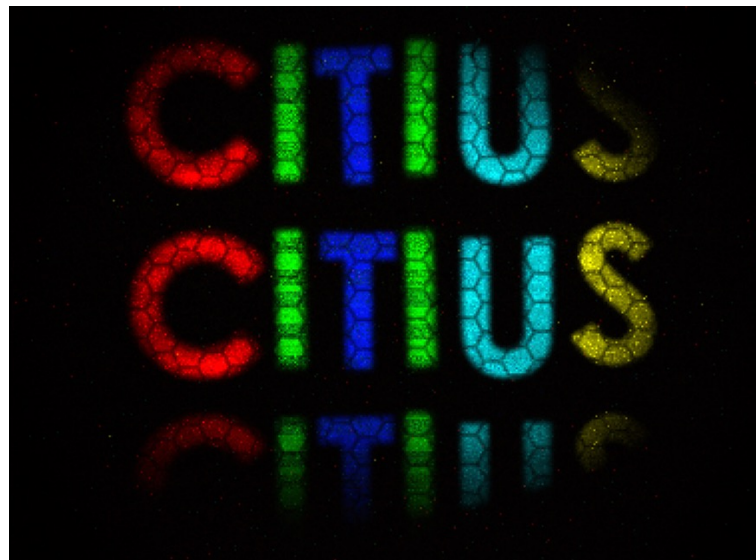
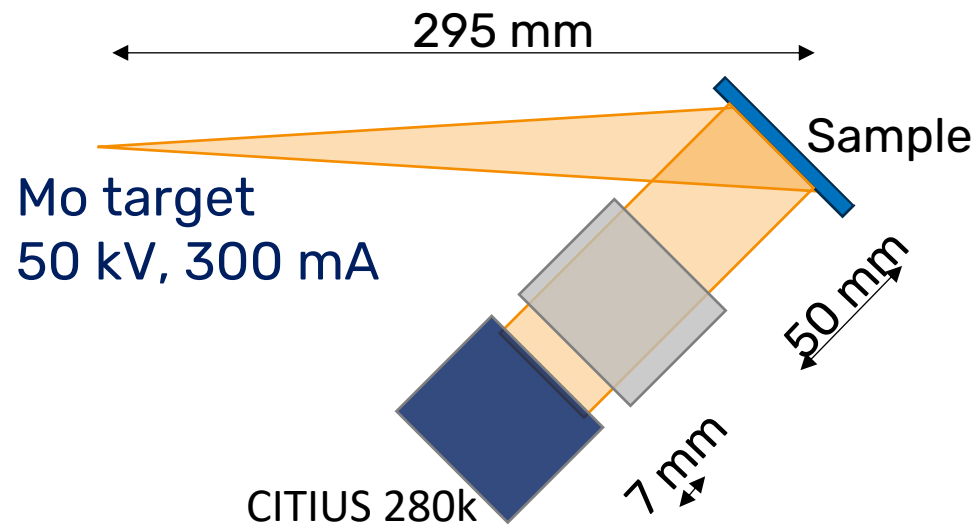
failure during commissioning

one sensor damaged
by direct beam during experiments

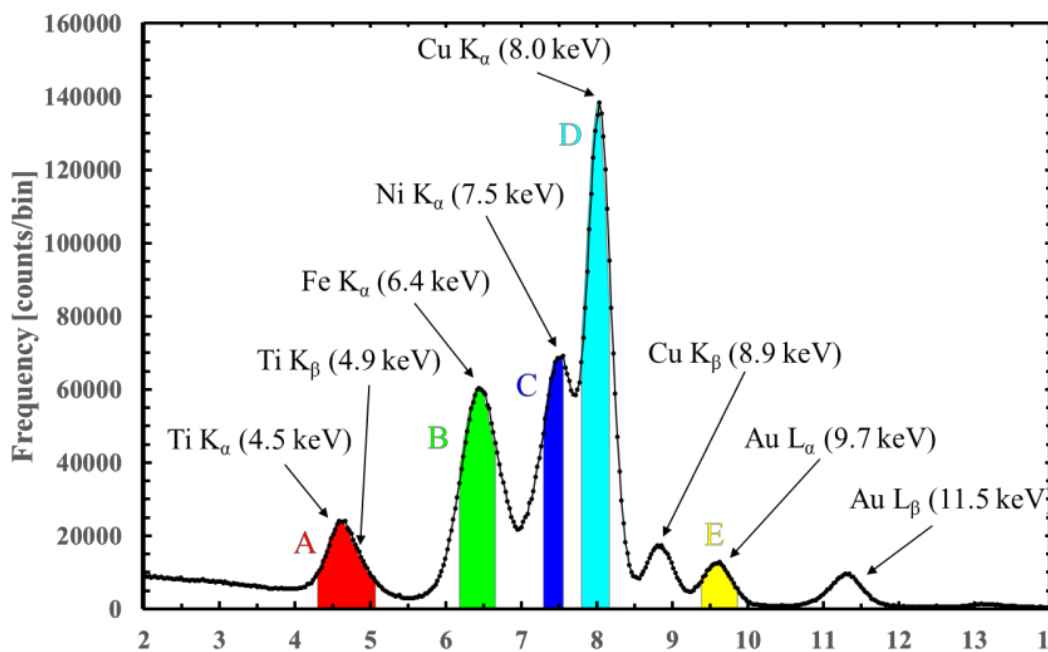
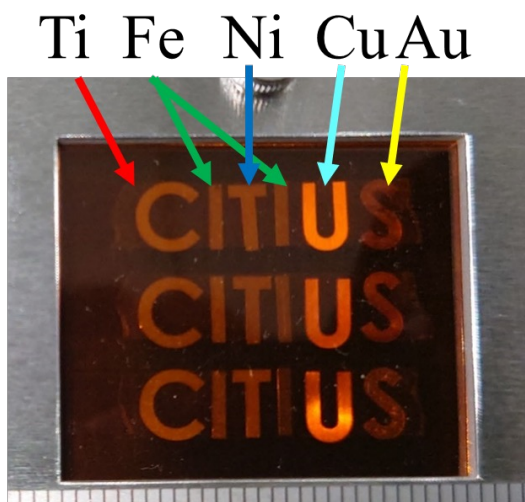
Successful structure determination demonstrated.
The first science experiments were carried out!



X-ray Spectro-imaging by using a Lab. X-ray source



CITIUS
8.5 Mframes
326 s
8.5 GB
at 26.1 kframes/s



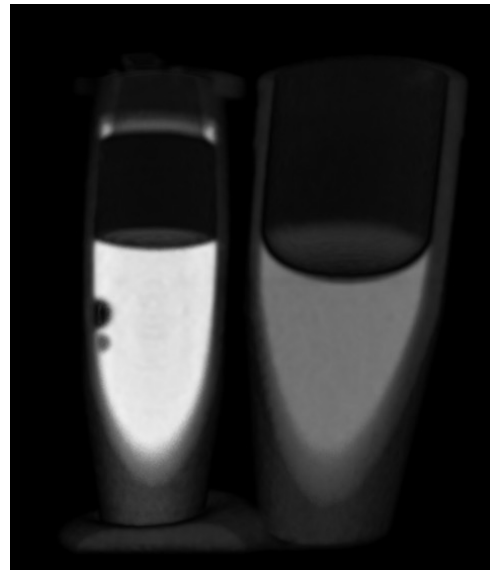
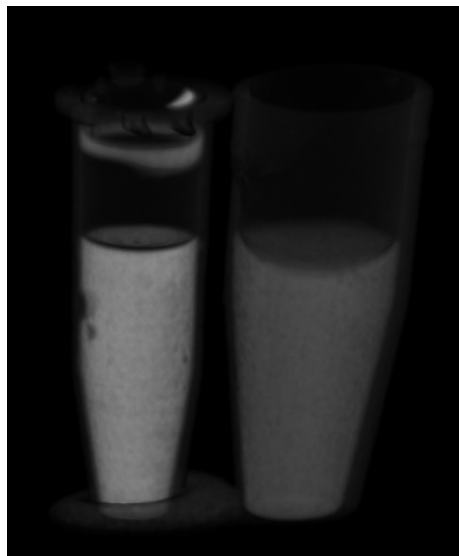
Laboratory based Spectral CT

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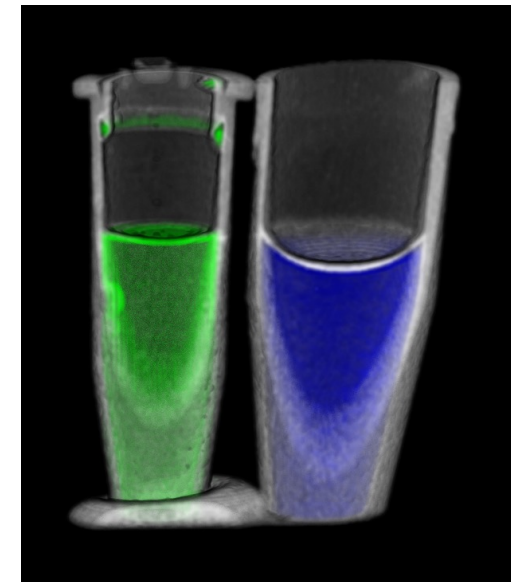
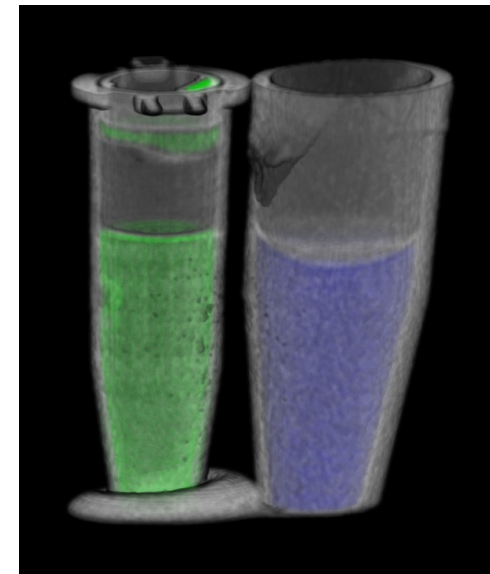
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Conventional CT



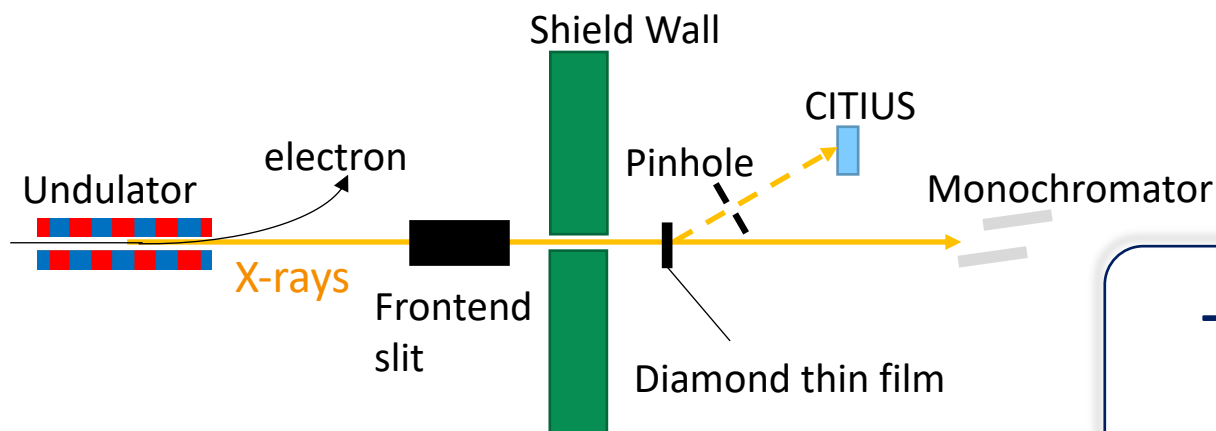
Spectral decomposed CT (blue Ag, green KBr Gray polyethylene)



Analyzed Spectral Resolution in this experiments.

- 540 eV FWHM @ 5.9 keV, 670 eV FWHM @ 27.3 keV

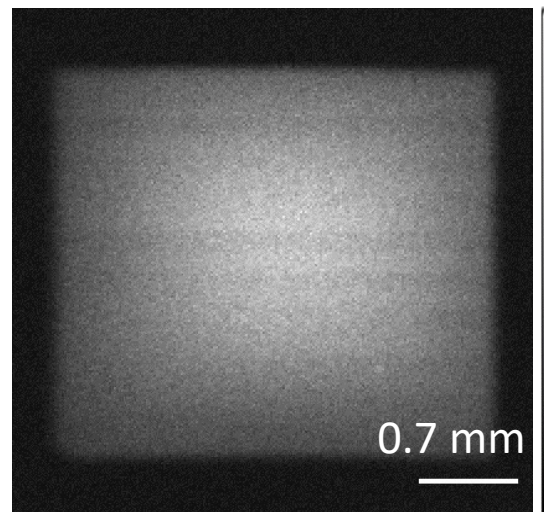
Non-Destructive X-ray Beam Monitor for SPring-8-II Demonstration



BL03XU Optical Hutch
 Ring Current: 10 mA
 Front end slit: 3.2 mm (h.) × 2.8 mm (vert.)
 Gap: : 17.76 mm (fundamental at 12.4 keV)

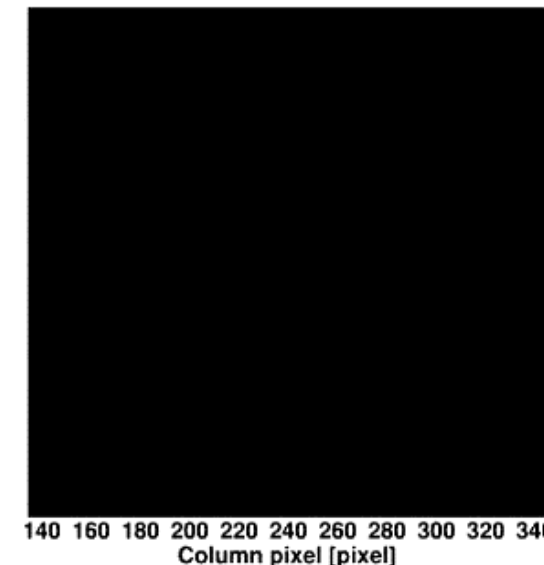
CITIUS 280k
 1.4 Mframes
 54 s
 1.4 GB
 at 26.1 kframes/s

Total Intensity



Spectro-Imaging

from 0.00 [keV] to 0.13 [keV]

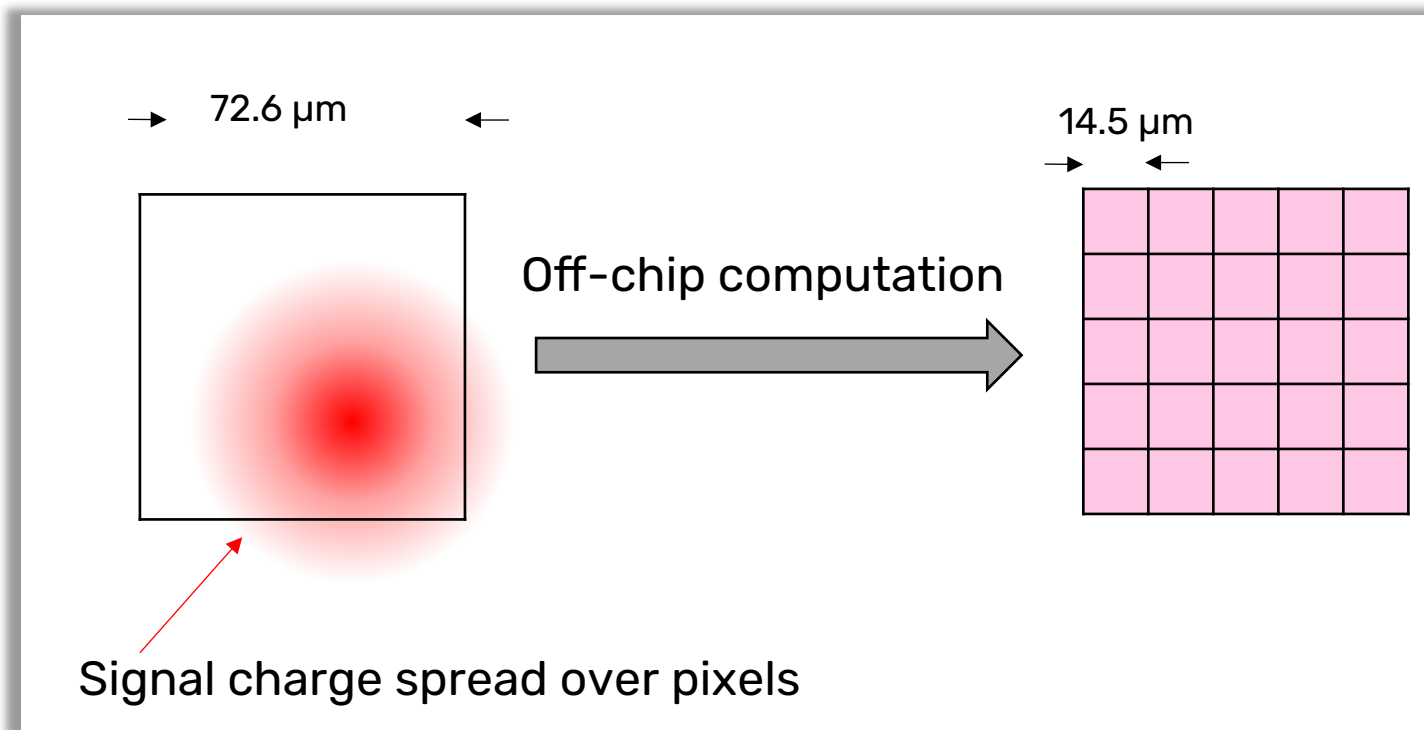


Sub-Pixel Imaging at virtual 14.5 μm Pixel Resolution

Method used in this sub-pixel imaging

R. Hosono, et.al., Opt Express, Vol 26(16) (2018). 21044.

Data were taken at 26.1 kframes/s



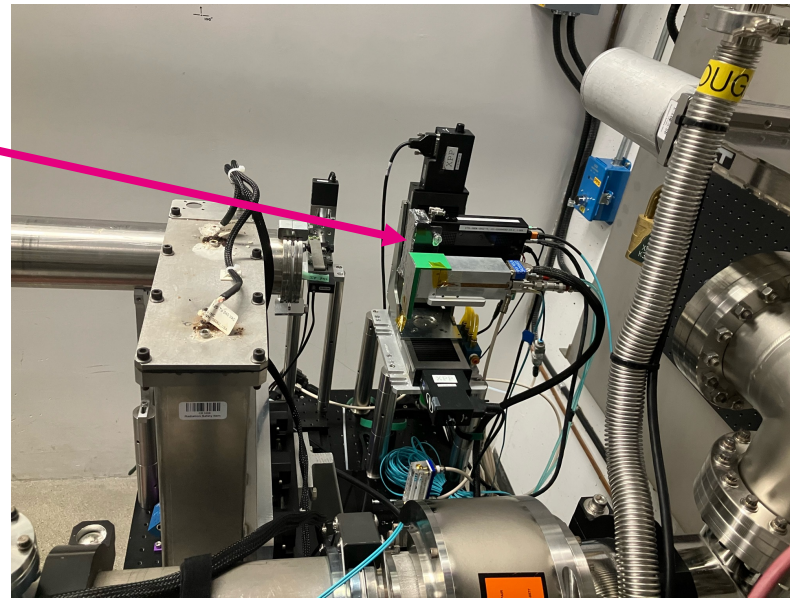
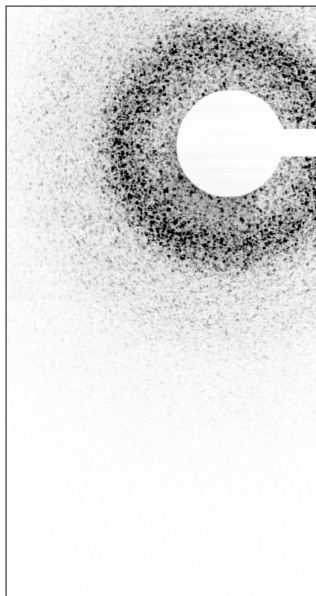
"Spectral Streaking" Measure arrival time from the detected charge

LCLS: has a unique operation mode of double XFEL pulse.

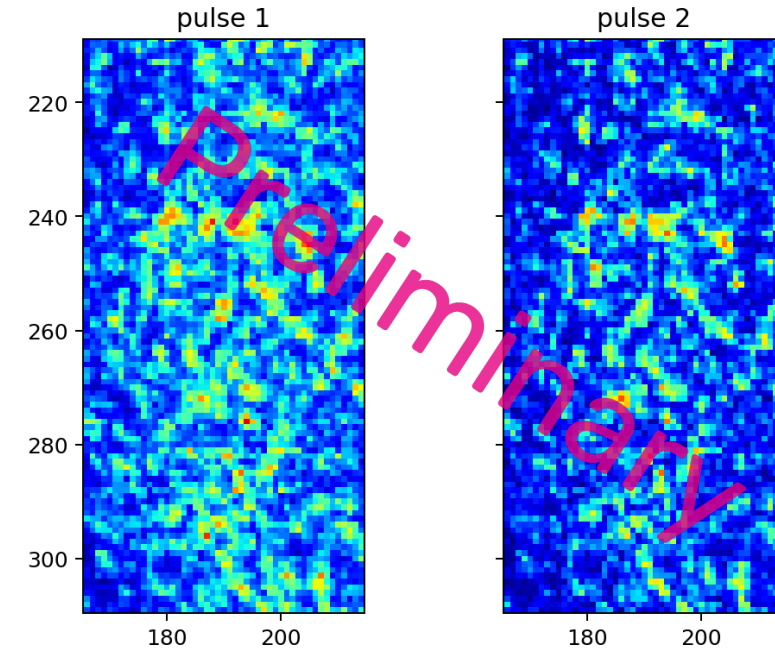
CITIUS: a double shutter mode for acquiring two successive pulses.

Shutter Opening/closing takes 100-150 ns.

280k sensor



CITIUS distinguished two pulses with 75 ns separation.



Analysis was done by taking the shutter open/close time constant of about 100-150 ns

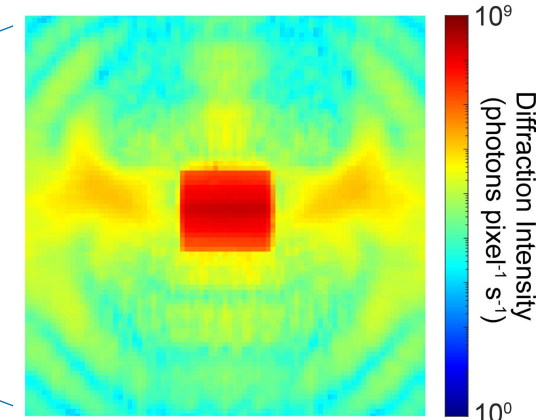
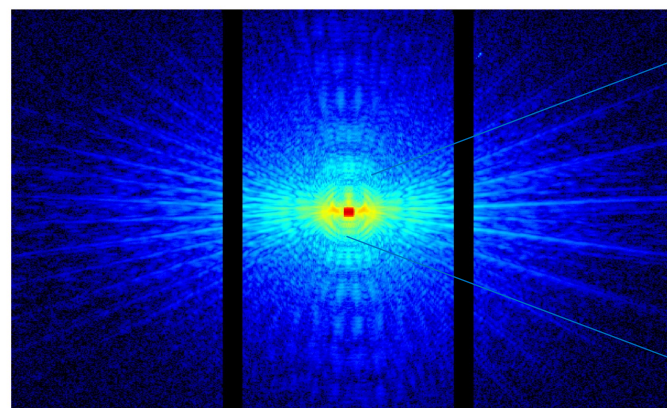
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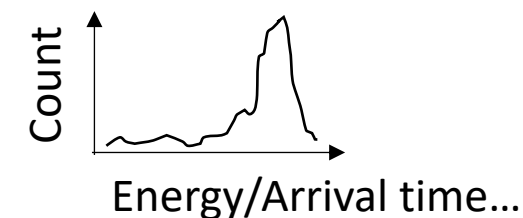
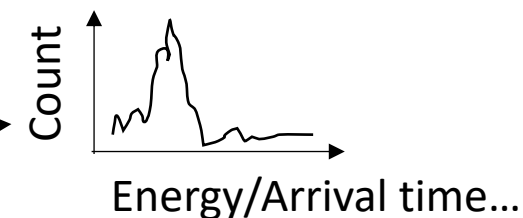
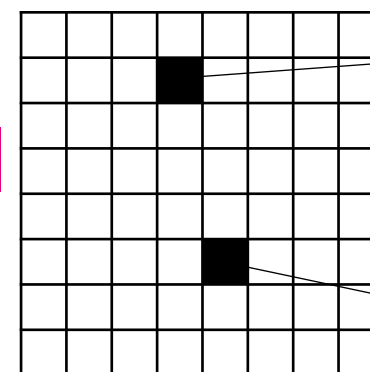
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Photon Event Recording

- Condition
 - Flux Density < 1 phs/pixel/frame
- Photon Event data
 - Photon energy from charge (Spectro-Imaging) **This talk**
 - Sub-pixel imaging ("Super-resolution") **This talk**
 - Polarization from Auger electrons
 - Direction from Compton scattered electrons
 - "Spectral streaking" **This talk**



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