





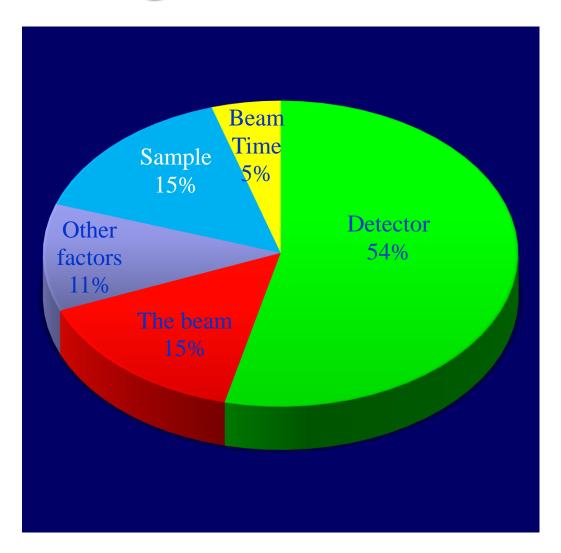
Detectors Things you should be aware of

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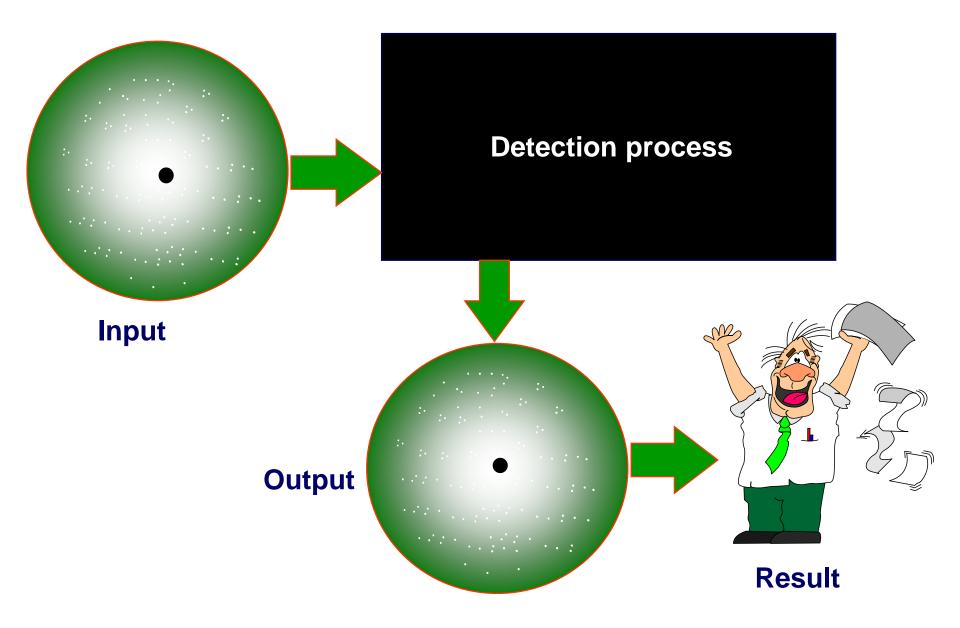
Medical Imaging, University of Saskatchewan Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences, Monash University Applied Sorting Technologies, Melbourne

Factors Limiting Science

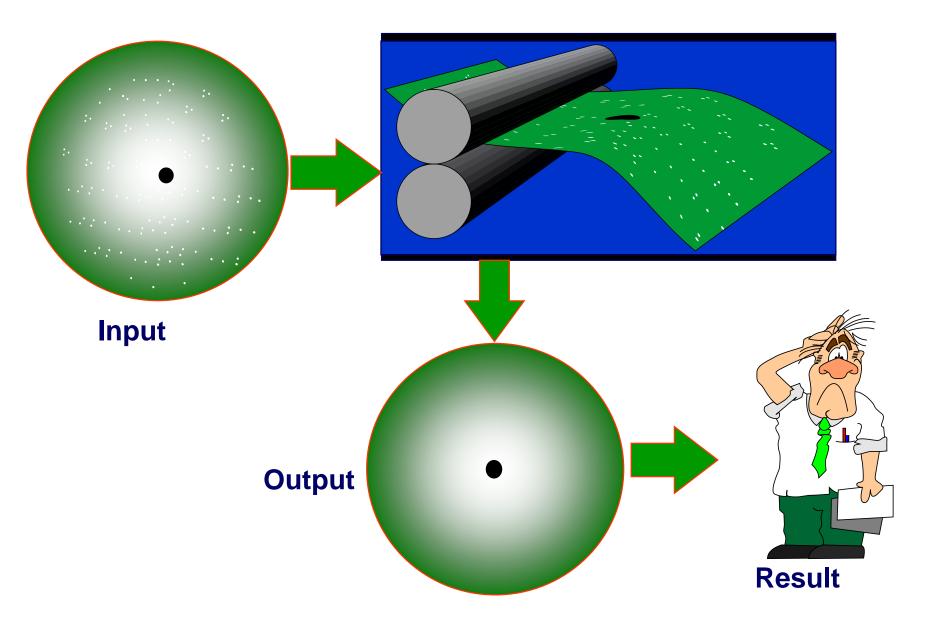
- Detectors are an oftneglected but crucial part of an experiment
- They often limit the science



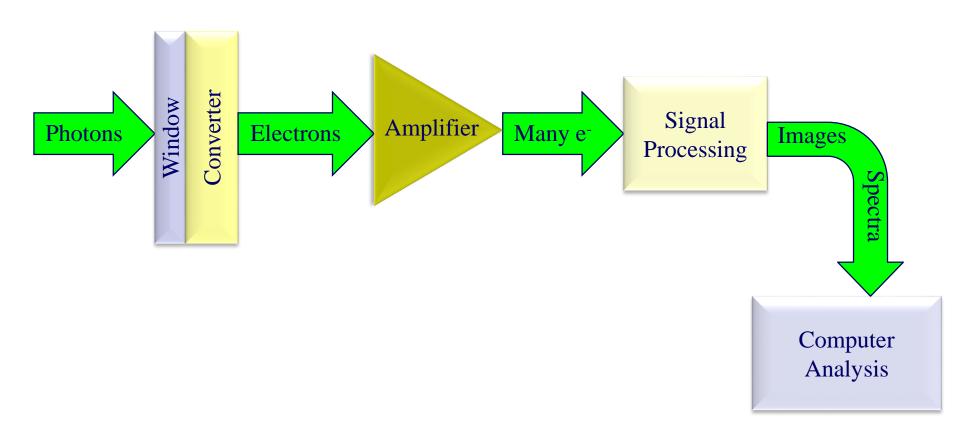
Scientist's View of Detector



The Truth!



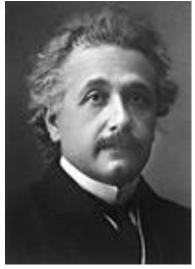
Detector Chain of Events



Detection Mechanisms

- There are many means of detection. All require the interaction of photons/electrons with matter
- Examples include
 - ♦ Gas ionisation
 - Photons produce electrons and ions which are then detected
 - E.g. Ion chambers, proportional counters
 - ♦ Photoelectric effect
 - Photons eject electrons from a solid creating a current which is measured
 - E.g.. Beam monitors
 - Generation of electron hole pairs
 - Photons produce electrons and holes in a semiconductor which are then detected
 - E.g., CCD
 - ♦ Fluorescence, scintillation and F centres
 - Photons produce prompt fluorescence or F centres
 - E.g. Image plates and Scintillation counters
 - ♦ Chemical effect
 - Photons create a chemical change such as dissociating Ag halide
 - E.g. Film

Albert Einstein



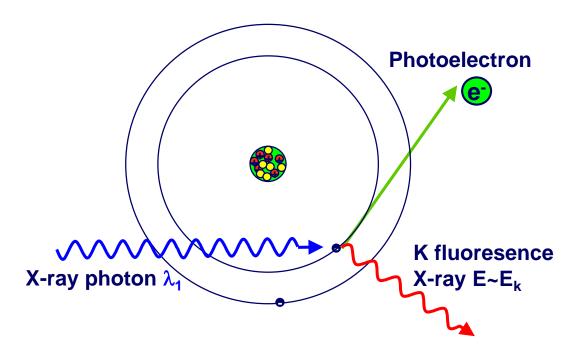
Germany and Switzerland Kaiser-Wilhelm-Institut (now Max-Planck-Institut) für Physik Berlin-Dahlem, Germany 1879 - 1955



Nobel prize in physics 1921

"for his services to Theoretical Physics, and especially for his discovery of the law of the photoelectric effect"

Photoelectric Effect



Arthur Holly Compton



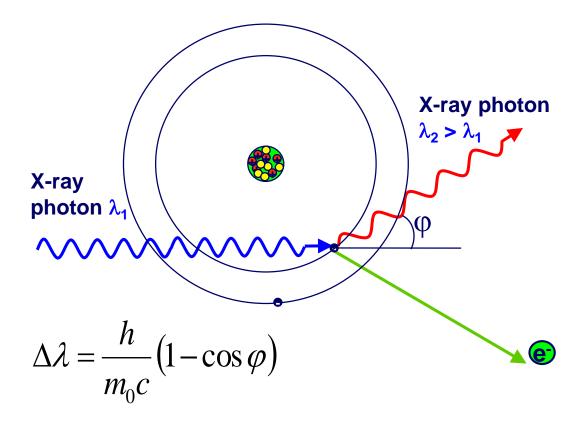
Nobel prize in physics 1927

"for his discovery of the effect named after him"



University of Chicago Chicago, IL, USA 1892 - 1962

Compton Effect

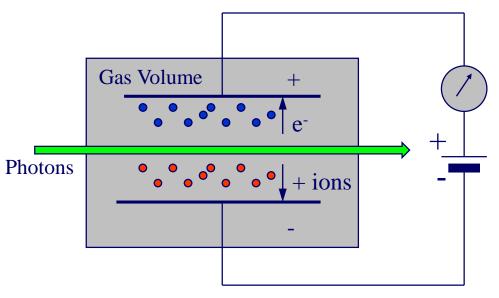


An Example Detector



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Ionisation Chamber



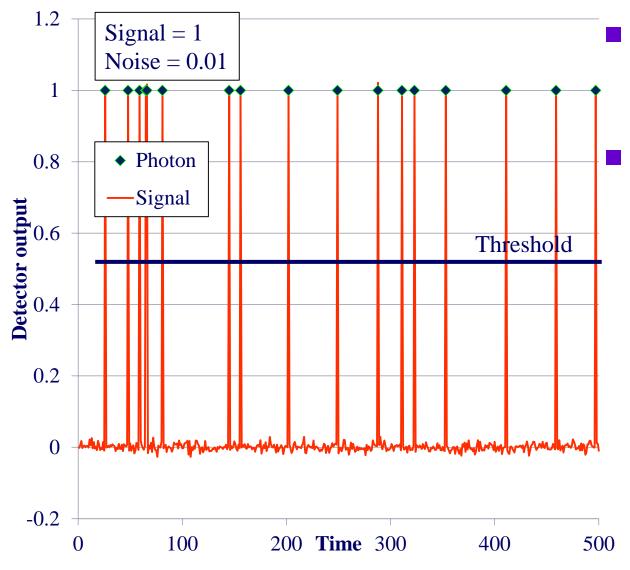


- Approximately 1 e⁻ ion pair per 30eV deposited (symbol often w)
- IF you know w, and density and composition of gas, it is possible to convert current to flux
- Number can be affected by several factors
 - ◆ Recombination of e⁻ and ions
 - Higher voltages required at higher rates since more carriers
 - Diffusion losses
 - Higher voltages, small gap
 - ♦ Electron losses
 - Larger gap
- Pressure, temperature and humidity affect density

Counting and Integrating

- If there is sufficient signal produced by the interaction of a photon or a particle in the detector then it is possible to operate the detector as a counter
- It's all about signal to noise ratio!

SNR = 100

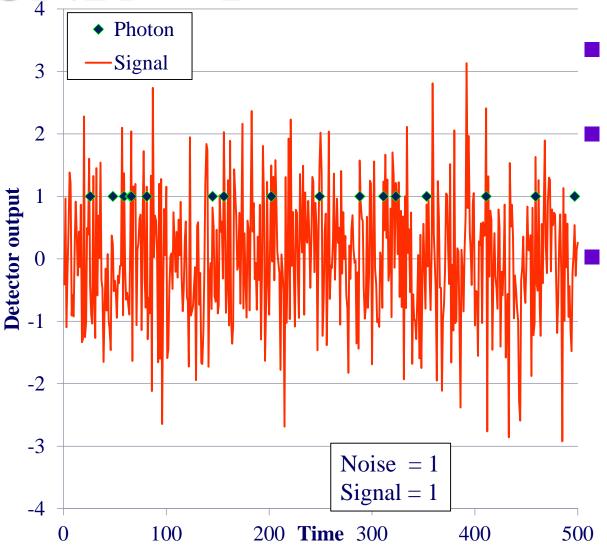


In this case 17 photons hit detector but only 16 recorded

Illustrates a problem with counting

♦ Pulse pair resolution

SNR = 1



Black dots show when photons arrive

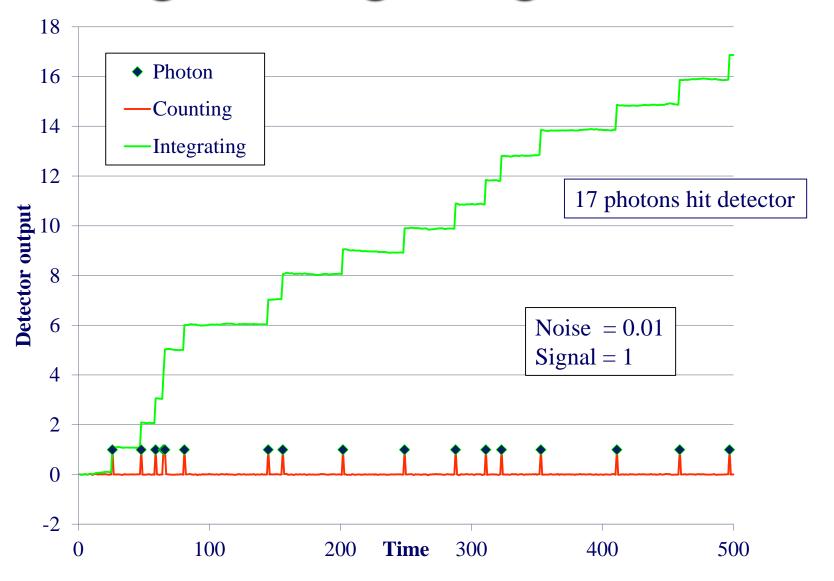
Impossible to decide where to set threshold

Counting detectors require very high SNR

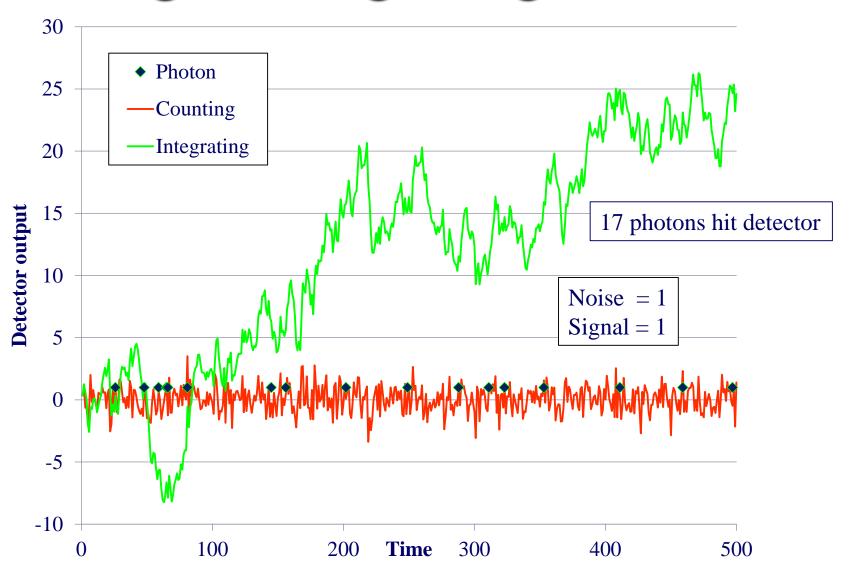
Counting and Integrating

■ Usually SNR is insufficient and we have to accumulate many photons/particles before the signal becomes measurable

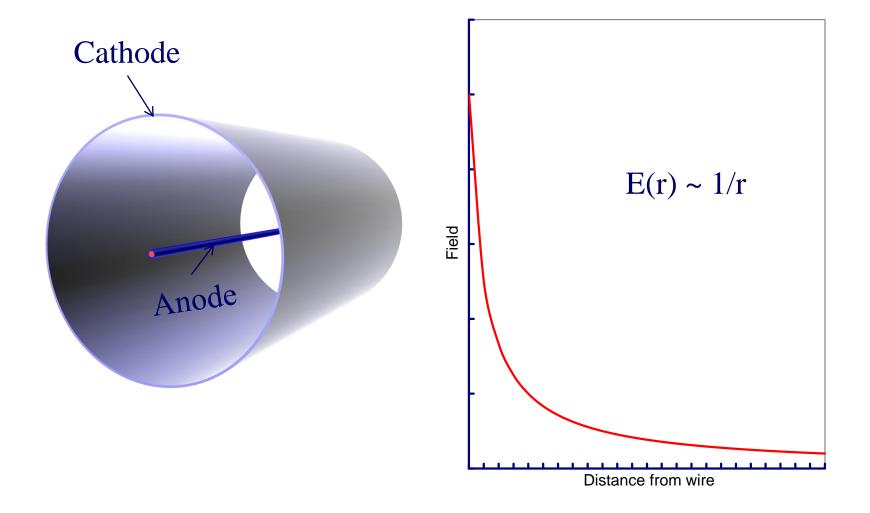
Counting & Integrating SNR = 100



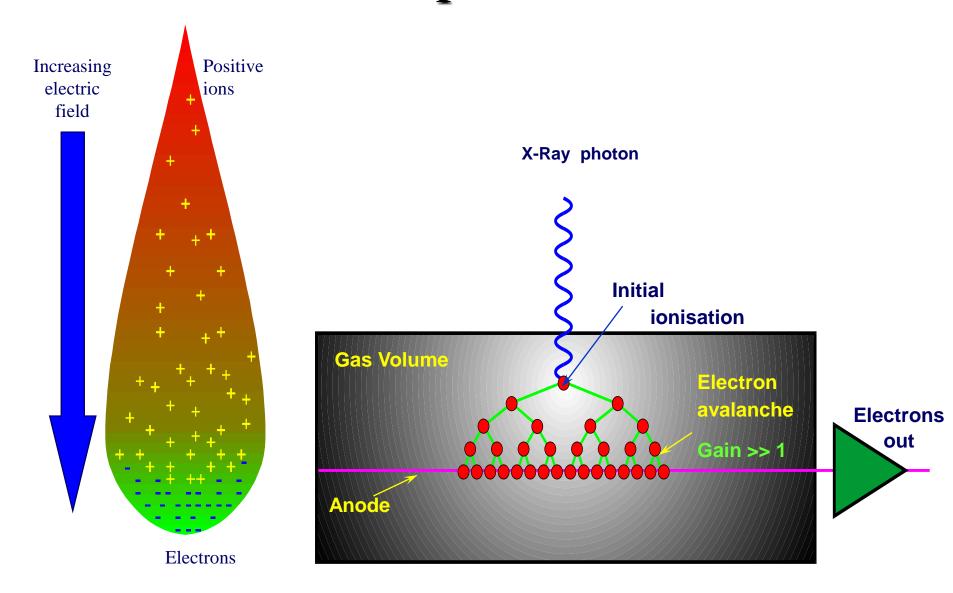
Counting & Integrating SNR = 1



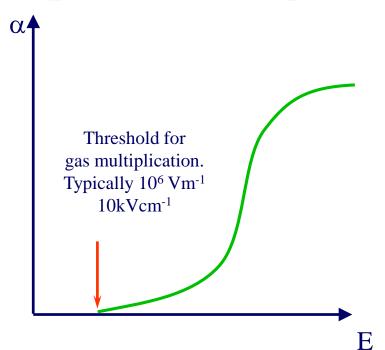
From Analogue to Digital



Avalanche & Proportional Counter



Operation regions of gas filled detectors

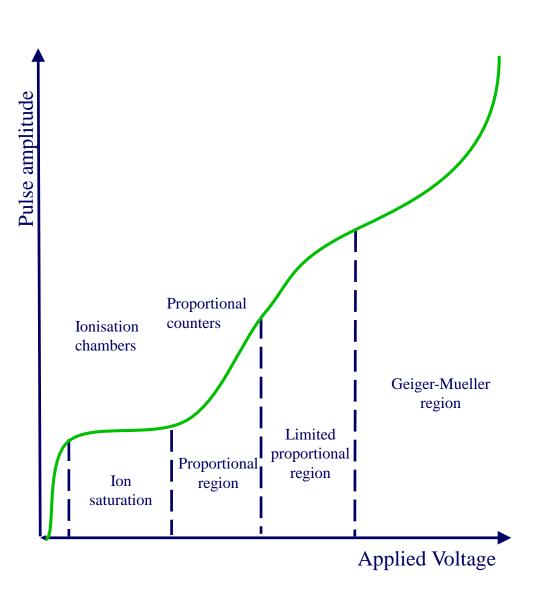


n is number of charges

x is distance

α is the first Townsend coefficient

$$\frac{dn}{n} = \alpha dx$$
$$n(x) = n(0)e^{\alpha x}$$



Georges Charpak



Nobel prize in

physics 1992 "for his invention and

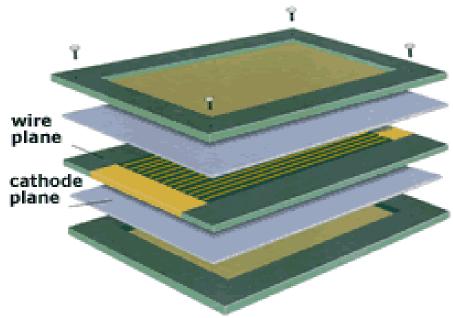
Which he invented in.....

196824 years publication to prize! development of particle detectors, in particular the multiwire proportional chamber"

France École Supérieure de Physique et Chimie Paris, France; CERN Geneva, Switzerland

b. 1924 (in Dabrovica, Poland)

Multi-wire Proportional Counter



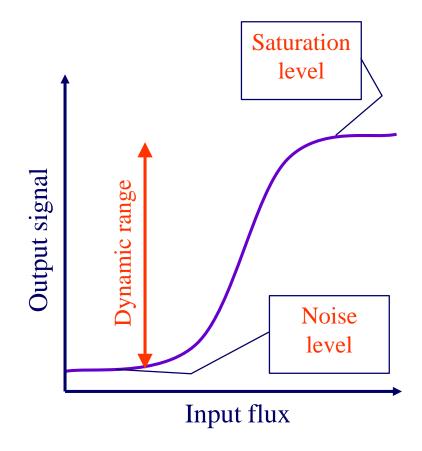
Integrating Detectors

Mode

 Measures deposited energy at end of integration period

Characteristics

- ♦ High input flux capability
- Read noise dominates at low signal ("fog level")
- ♦ Dead time between frames
- ◆ 2×20 keV phts = 1×40 keV photon i.e. Cannot perform simultaneous spectroscopy and positioning
- ♦ Examples: Image plates, CCDs



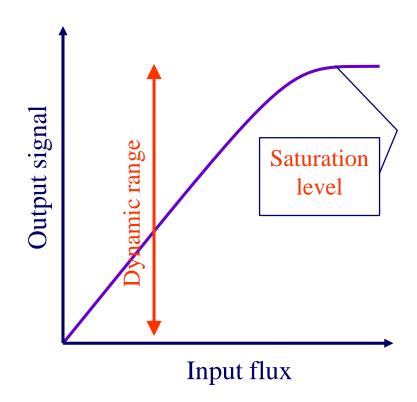
Counting Detectors

Mode

 Detects every particle as it arrives. Only active pixels read

Characteristics

- Quantum limited, Detector noise often negligible
- ♦ No dead time between frames
- Can measure position and energy simultaneously
- ♦ Limited input flux capability
- Examples: Prop counters, Scintillators



Willard S. Boyle & George E. Smith





Bell Laboratories Murray Hill, NJ, USA

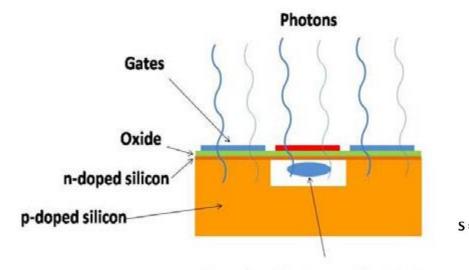
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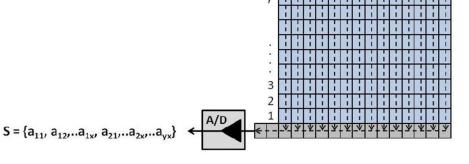
Nobel prize in physics 2009

"for the invention of an imaging semiconductor circuit – the CCD sensor"

196940 years publication to prize!



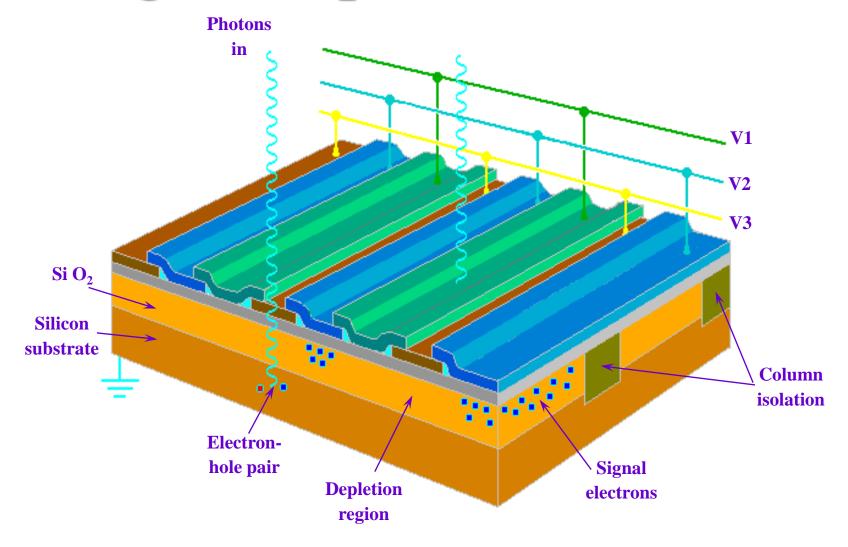
CCD



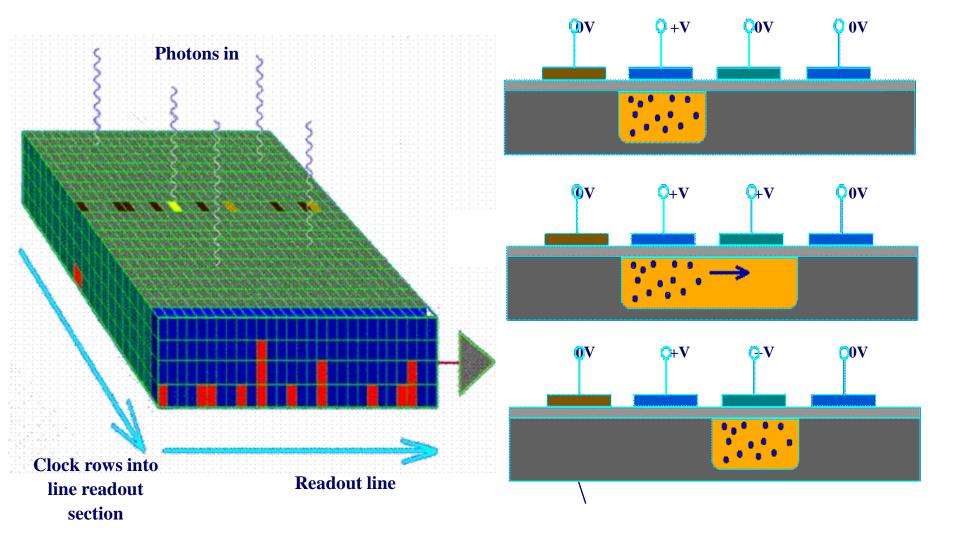
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Photoelectric genereration of charge

Charge Coupled Device



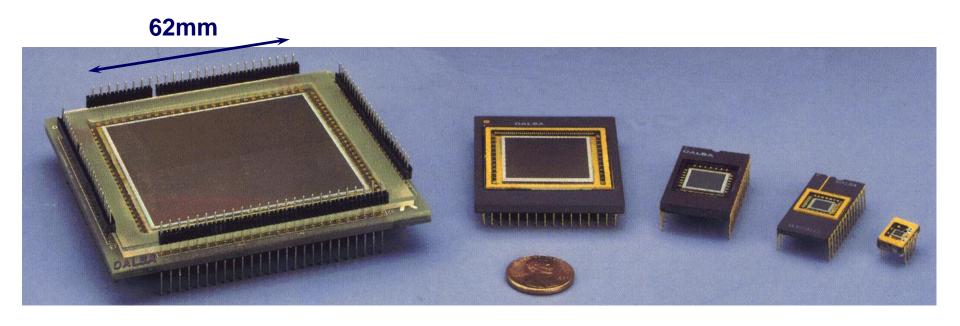
CCD Readout



CCD Readout

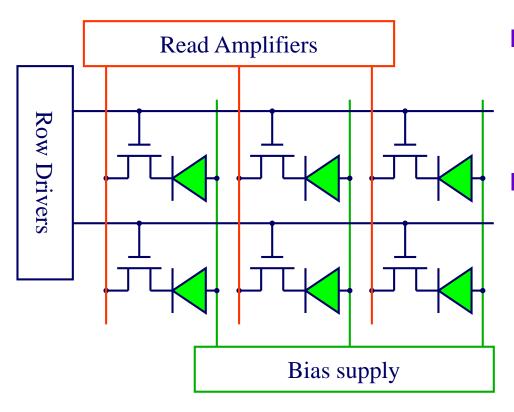
- Charge is moved from pixel to pixel by clocking
- Each pixel has a limited capacitance (well depth) typically 10^4 - 10^5 e⁻
- This limits dynamic range for direct detection
 - ♦ 10keV photon creates ~ 3000e⁻ so saturation = ~ 10 photons
- Speed of clocking is restricted by line capacitance and charge transfer efficiency
 - ♦ Size of CCD restricted by this
- Noise can be reduced by cooling
- Amplifier usually on chip
 - ♦ Heats up that part of chip

CCDs



Although sizes > 50mm are available, the read speed is slow to preserve low noise and cte (line capacitance becomes very high) Shutter required

Complimentary Metal-Oxide Semiconductor (CMOS)

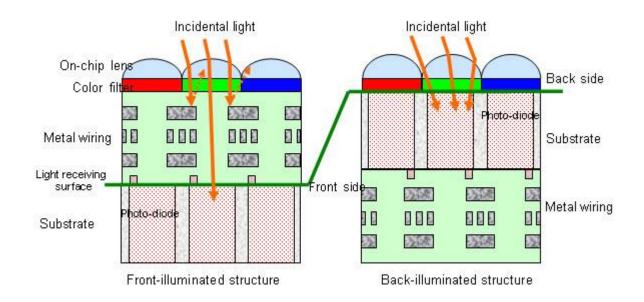


- A readout amplifier transistor on each pixel converts charge to voltage
- Allows random access to pixels, similar to the rowcolumn memory cell access in RAM

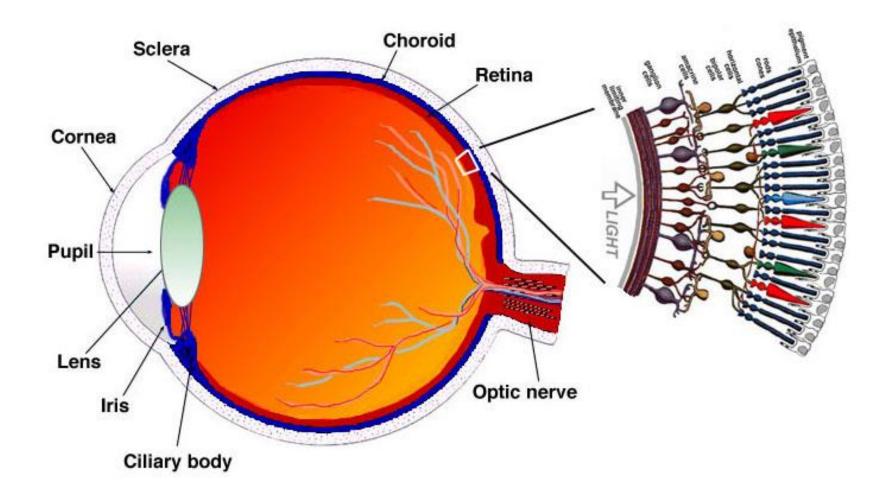
CMOS vs CCD

- Traditionally CCD has had higher sensitivity and lower noise
- Modern techniques mean that the differences are small
- CMOS sensors can have much more functionality on-chip than CCDs
 - ♦ On chip image processing, edge detection, noise reduction, and analog to digital conversion
- CMOS lower power \rightarrow less heat \rightarrow less noise

Front and Back Illumination

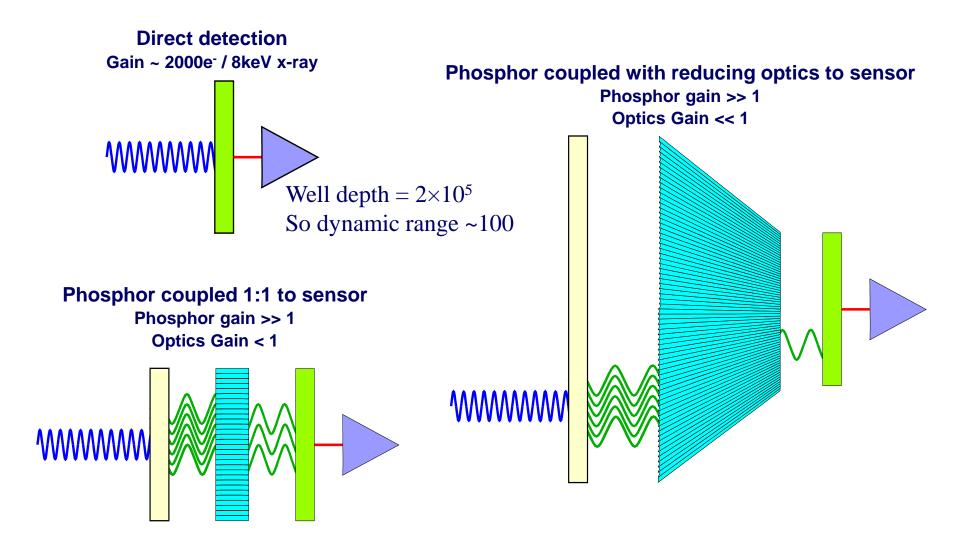


Human Eye



http://webvision.med.utah.edu/imageswv/Sagschem.jpeg

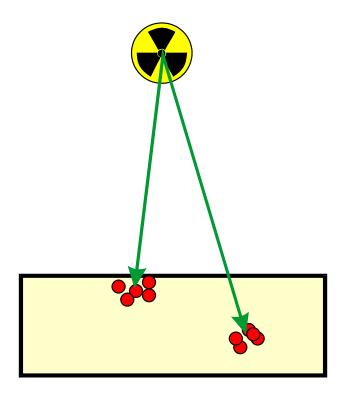
Use with X-rays



Computed Radiography-Image Plate

Exposure

Creation of F centres
Gain >> 1

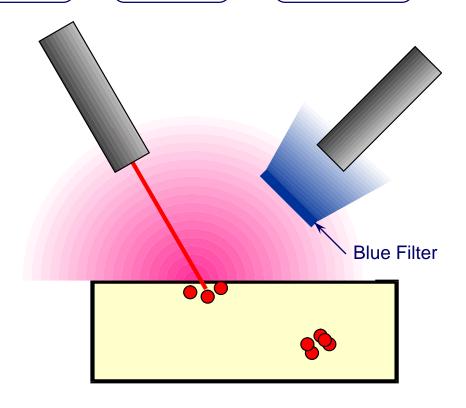


Scanning

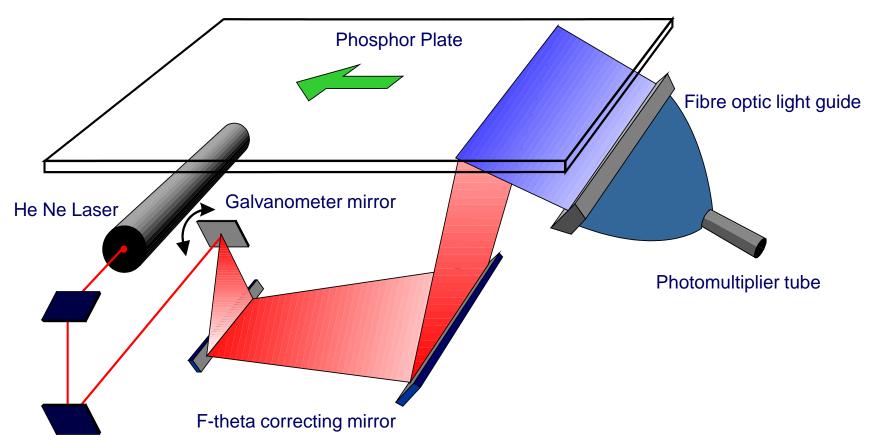
Stimulation of PSL

Gain < 1

Collection of PSL Gain < 1 PMT
Amplification
Gain > 1

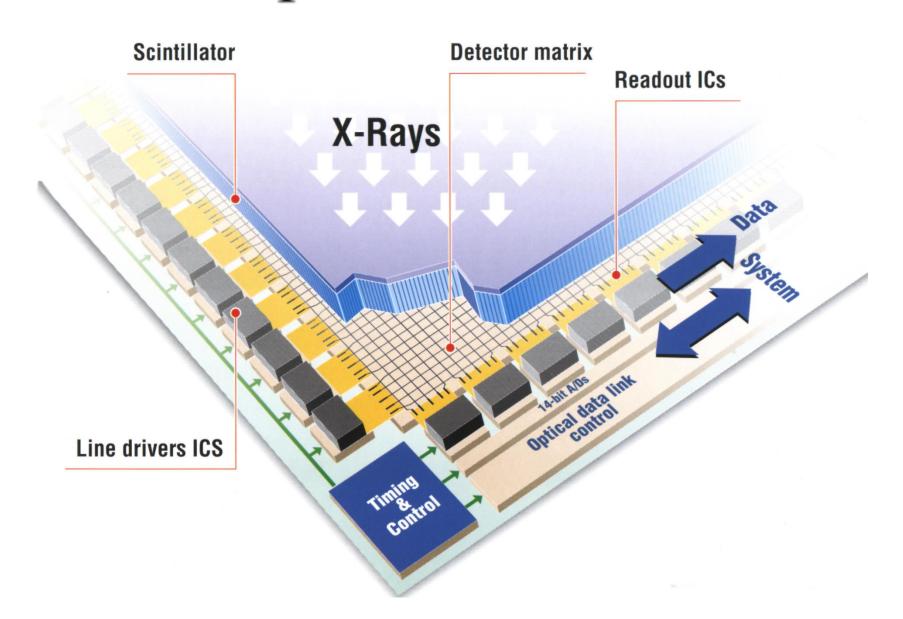


X-Y Flat bed Scanner

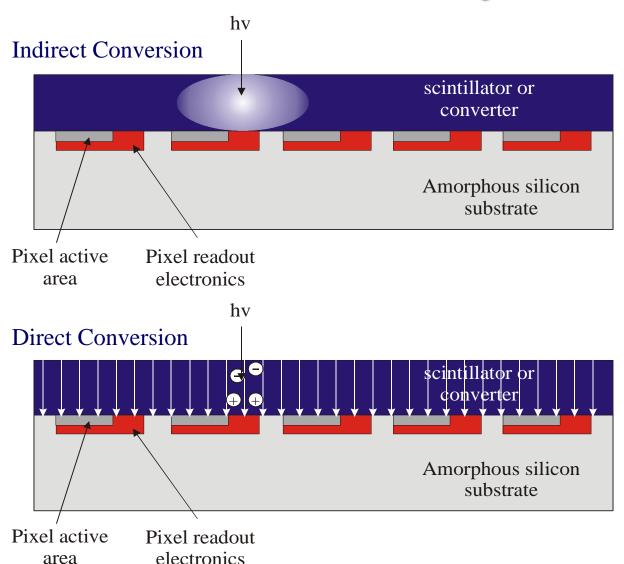


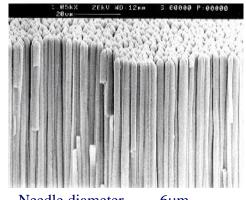
Distributed Light Collection

TFT Flat panel Detector



a-Si:H TFT arrays



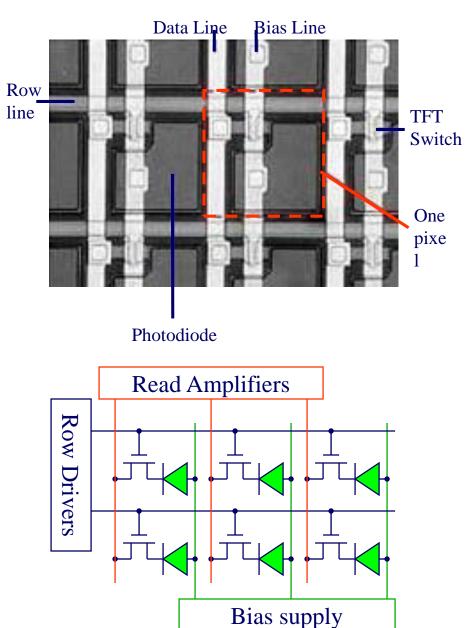


Needle diameter

6µm

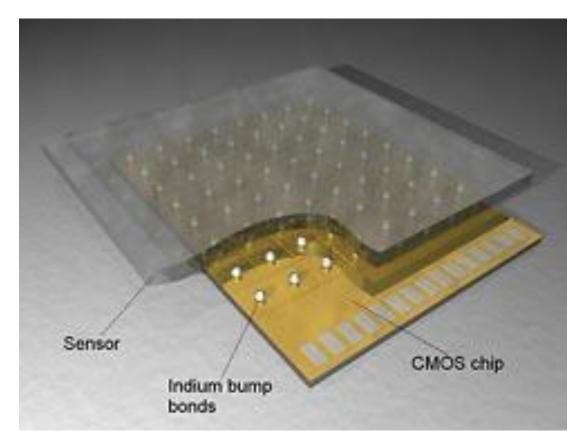
a-Si:H Array dpiX - Flashscan 30

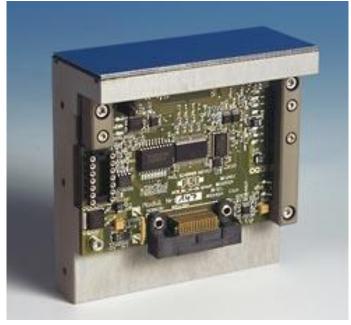




PILATUS 6M Detector











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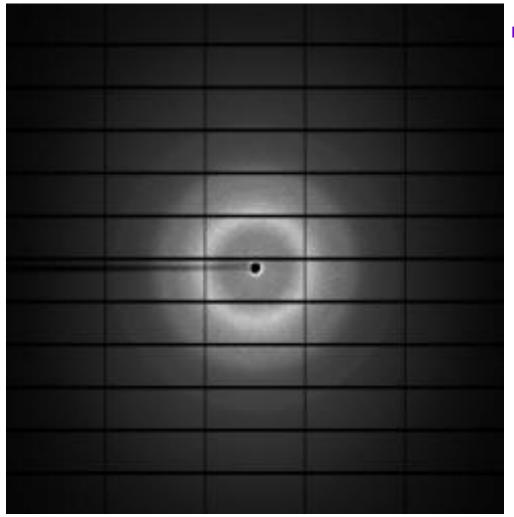




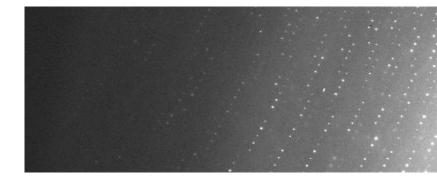
- Sensor $5 \times 12 = 60 \text{ modules}$
 - ♦ Reverse-biased silicon diode array
 - Thickness 320 μm
 - Pixel size $172 \times 172 \mu m^2$
- = 2463 x 2527 = 6,224,001 pixels
- Area 431 x 448 mm²
- Intermodule gap x: 7 pixels, y: 17 pixels, 8.4% of total area
- Dynamic range 20 bits (1:1,048,576)
- Counting rate per pixel $> 2 \times 10^6 \text{ X-ray/s}$
- Energy range 3 30 keV
- Quantum efficiency (calculated)
 - ♦ 3 keV: 80% 8 keV: 99% 15 keV: 55%
- Energy resolution 500 eV
- Adjustable threshold range 2 20 keV Threshold dispersion 50 eV
- Readout time 3.6 ms
- Framing rate 12 Hz
- Point-spread function 1 pixel

PILATUS 6M Detector





X-ray diffraction image recorded from a ferritin crystal (energy=16 keV, distance = 204 mm).



Agilent S2 CCD with Smart Sensitivity



■ The S2 CCD detectors employ groundbreaking Smart Sensitivity Control, which tunes detector sensitivity to match the strength of the data observed. Similar to ISO settings in digital photography, this selects the widest dynamic range or the highest sensitivity, as needed, to maximize your data quality.

Spectroscopic Detectors

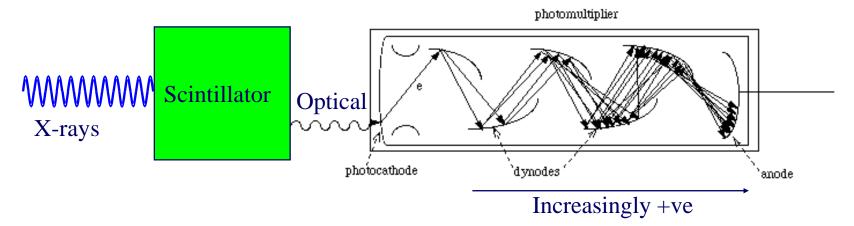


Rainbow Lorikeets

Spectroscopic Detectors

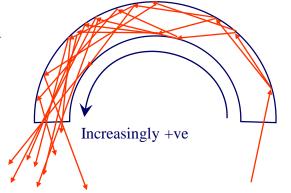
- For quantitative work, most are counting detectors that measure the size of individual energy deposits
- Alternative is the use of filters as in optical colour cameras

Electron multipliers & Scintillators





Channeltron is a similar with distributed dynode



Micro-channel plates are mutlichannel channeltrons with each channel being an electron multiplier.

Multi Channel Spectoscopic Detectors





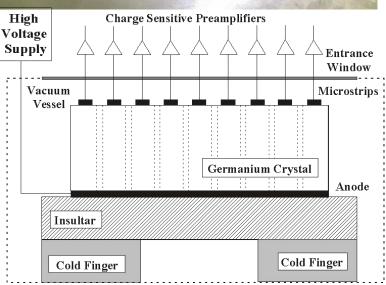
Canberra Ultra-LEGe detector

WRULEAD (Windowless, Retractable, Ultra Low Energy Array Detector) works down to 300eV

Multichannel devices up to 30 channels at 3×10^5 cts s⁻¹ channel have been built

SPring-8 128 channel Ge strip





Ge

♦ 55.5×50.5×6mm

Strips

♦ Number 128

♦ Width 300µm

♦ Interstrip 50µm

♦ Length 5mm

Readout

♦ Single channel 100ns

♦ 32 channels

3.2ms

Max expected count rate

♦ 14kcps

Spectral Resolution

- Average number of carriers, N = E/w where w is energy to create electron hole/ion pair
- Poisson statistics $\sigma = 1/\sqrt{N}$ = $(E/w)^{-1/2} = (w/E)^{1/2}$
- Δ E/E fwhm = 2.355 σ = 2.355 $(w/E)^{1/2}$

- For Ge, w = 3 eV so at $10 \text{keV} \Delta E/E \sim 4\%$
- For NaI, w = 30 eV so at $10 \text{keV} \Delta E/E \sim 13\%$

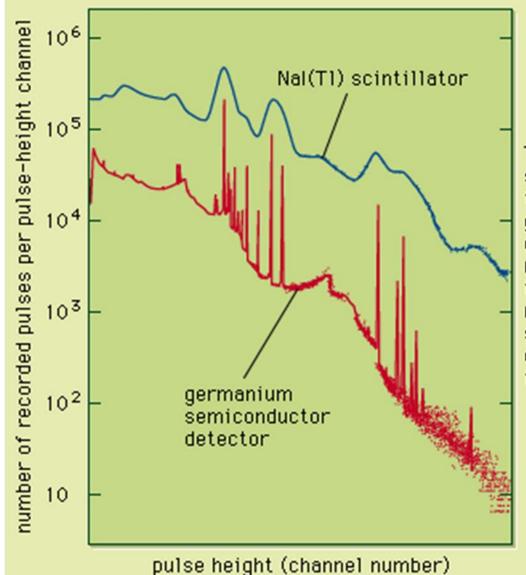
Fano Factor

- If all energy from photon or particle were converted into carriers there would be no variance
- Poisson statistics assume only a small fraction of energy goes into charge creation. $\sigma = \sqrt{N}$
- Reality is somewhere in between so we introduce Fano factor F
- Fano factor is defined as $F = \frac{\sigma^2}{N}$ where σ^2 is the variance and N is the mean number of carriers
- For a Poisson process, the variance equals the mean, so F = 1
- Examples

♦ Si: 0.115 Ge: 0.13 GaAs: 0.10 Diamond: 0.08

Observed relative variance = F x Poisson relative variance

Scintillator vs Germanium



The top spectrum is from a scintillation detector, and the bottom is from a germanium semiconductor detector. The superior energy resolution of the germanium is evident from the much narrower peaks, allowing separation of gamma-ray energies that are unresolved in the scintillator spectrum.

Things to Look Out For

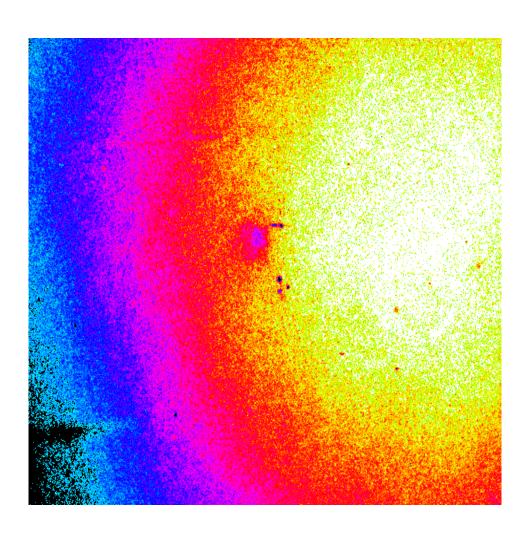


Crocodile

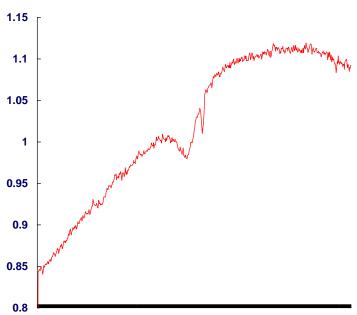
Efficiencies Gas thickness 1cm Windows 100μm 0.9 0.9 8.0 8.0 -Be Αl 0.7 0.7 -Polimide -Polyropylene **Transmission** 0.6 0.6 -Ar -Kr 0.5 0.5 -Xe 0.4 0.4 0.3 0.3 0.2 0.2 0.1 0.1 0 0 0 5000 10000 15000 20000 25000 30000

Energy (eV)

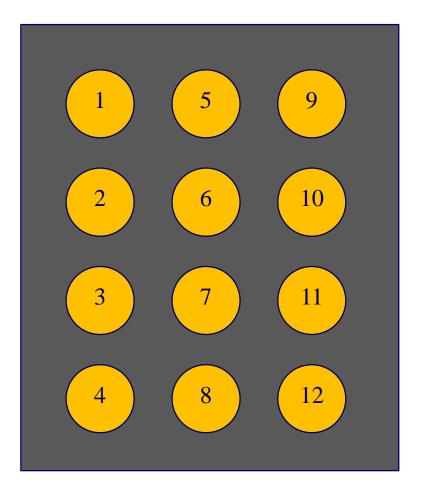
Response to Uniform Illumination



ESRF TV Detector Thompson IIT & CCD



Intensity Test

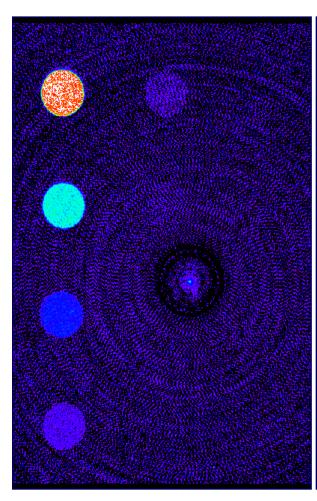


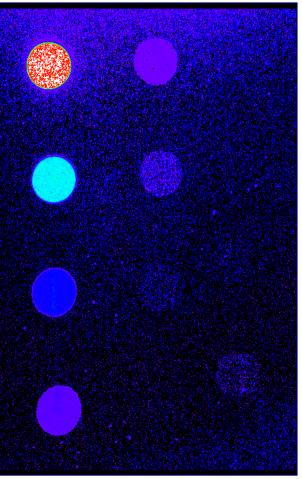
Graded Absorber Comparison

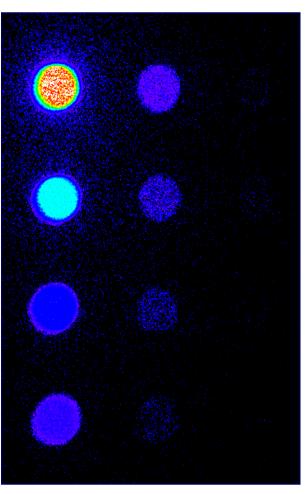
Mar Image Plate

ESRF-Thompson IIT / CCD

Daresbury MWPC



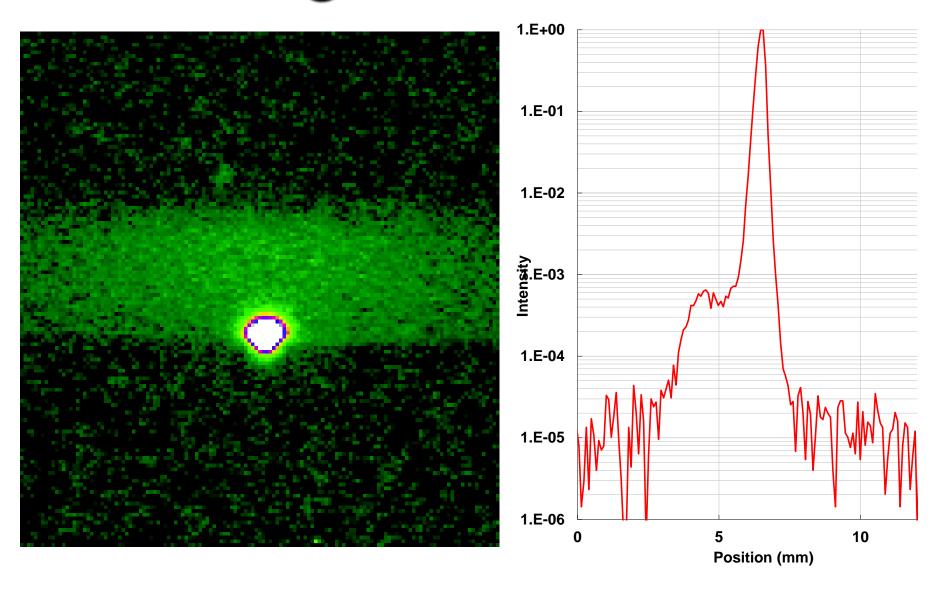




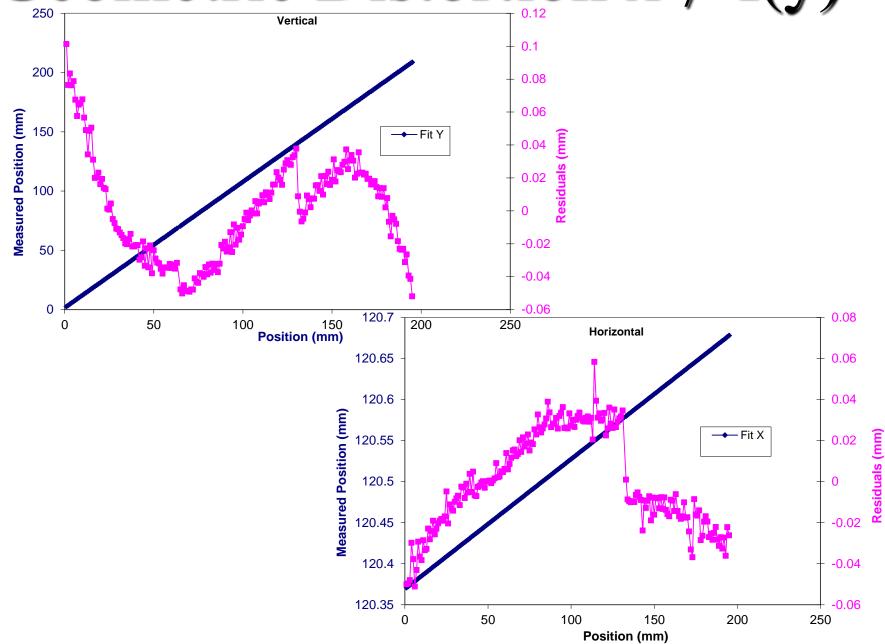
Spatial distortion x = f(y)

ESRF Image intensifier detector

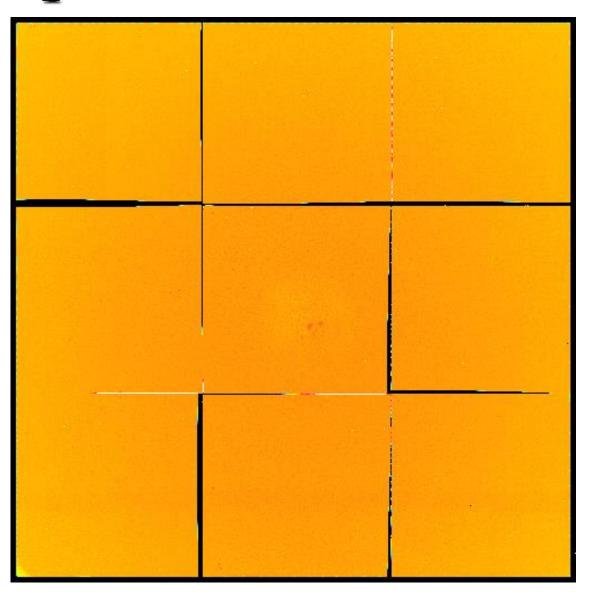
IPlate Single Peak PSF



Geometric Distortion $x \neq f(y)$



Gaps

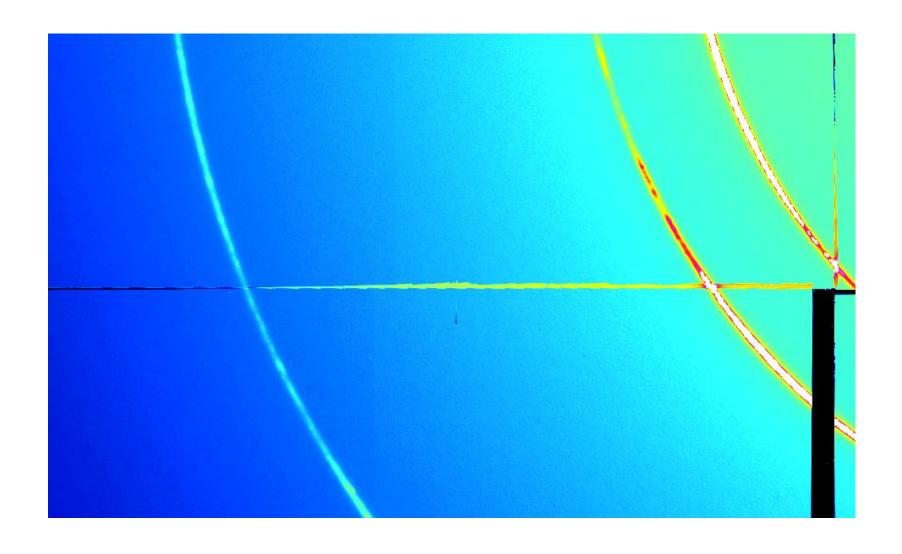


Spec 0.2mm max

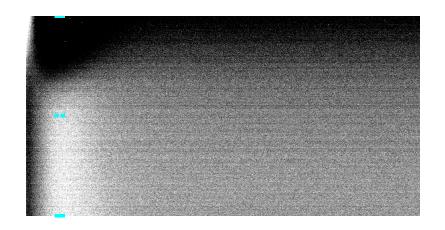
Worst gap 2.97mm

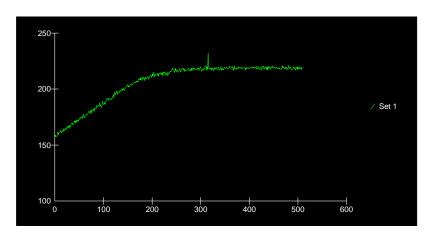
Pixels in gaps 513922 5.45%

Overlaps



Dark Currents





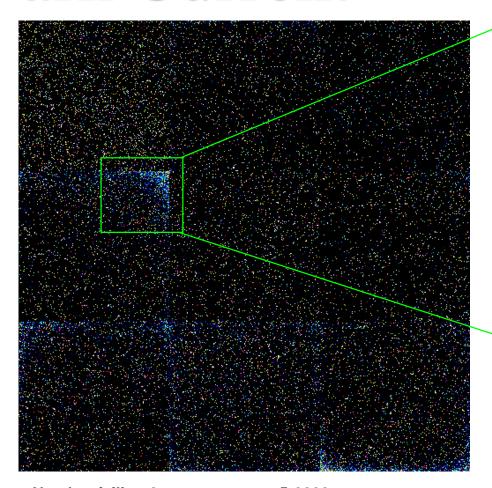
Flat and Dark Correction

For each image, two correction images must be recorded.

- 1. A flat field (uniform illumination of the detector)
- 2. A dark image (no irradiation of detector) Both must be recorded with the same exposure time as the original image since dark current is a function of exposure time. Then apply the following correction

$$Corrected = \frac{(image - dark)}{(flat - dark)}$$

Dark Current

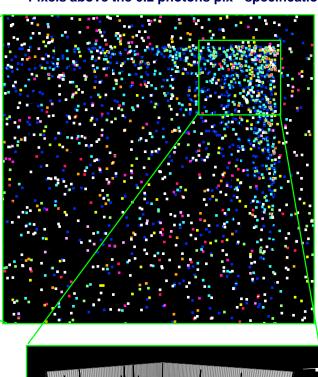


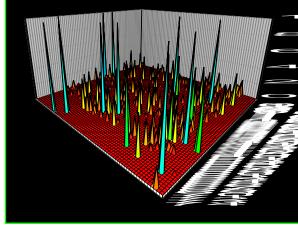
Number failing 2 measurements 5-2000s

Mean	44764	0.47%
Min	40822	0.43%
Max	48706	0.52%

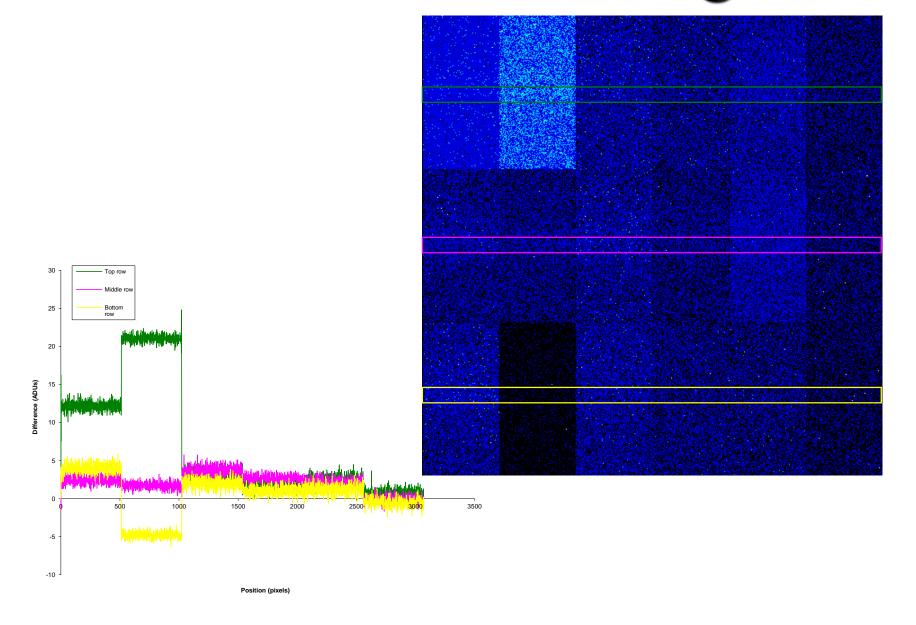
nb. 14300 pixels not common to both

Pixels above the 0.2 photons pix-1 specification

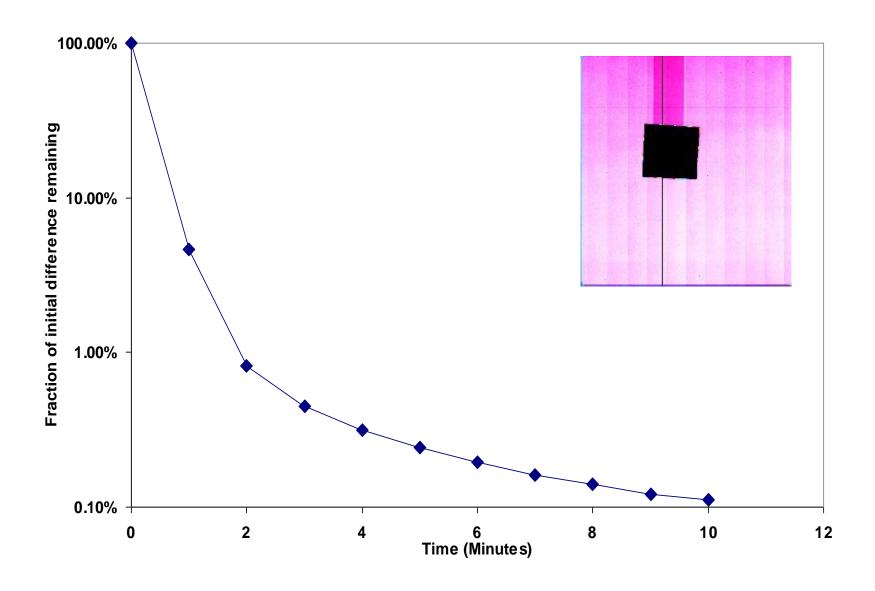




Subtraction of dark images



Flashscan 30 - Image Lag



Radiation Damage (Medipix)

- Damage occurred at 40Gy or 1.3×10¹⁰pht/mm² in the readout chip
- At 13 keV photon energy
 - ♦ Strong diffraction spots typically 10⁵ phts/s or 10⁶ phts/mm²/s
 - Damage requires ~ 8hours exposure
 - ♦ Direct beam (10¹⁰–10¹³ photons/mm²/s)
 - Damage in less than a second.

dpiX Flashscan 30 PaxScan 4030

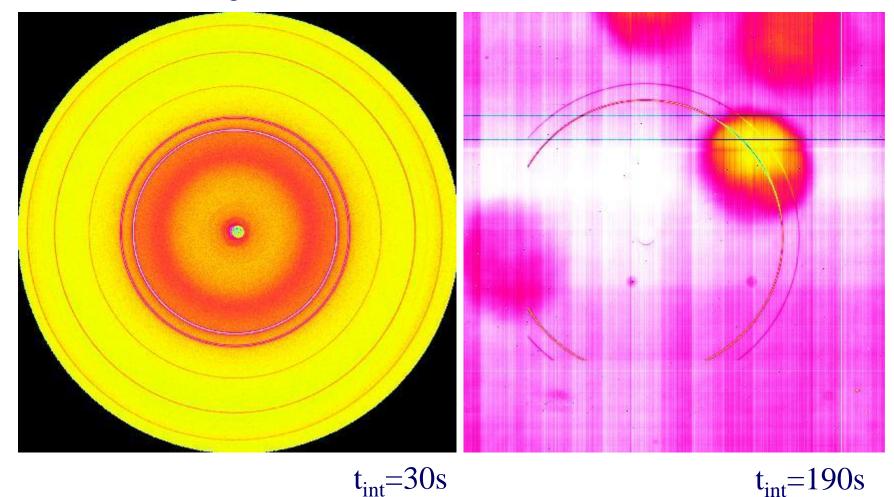




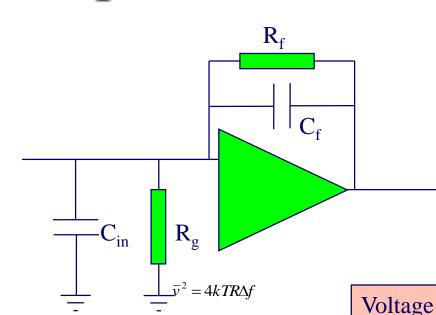
Flashscan 30 - Performance

Mar Image Plate

Flashscan-30



Amplification



- Voltage mode
 - ♦ Output ∞ input voltage
 - ◆ Effect of R_f dominates C_f
- Current mode
 - **♦** Output ∞ input current
 - ♦ Low input impedance
- Charge mode
 - **♦** Output ∞ input charge
 - $igoplus C_f$ dominates R_f

- In almost all cases we require amplification
- Amplifier-detector interaction is critical
- Most important element is the input
- Noise is the major issue
 - **♦** Thermal or Johnson Noise in Resistor
 - Brownian motion of electrons
 - No current flow or voltage required
 - White noise

Bandwidth

Resistance

Temperature

Current

Current

Charge e

DC current

Bandwidth

- Shot Noise
 - Fluctuations in current
 - White noise



Equivalent Noise Charge

Introduce ENC which is that signal charge that will produce the same output as the RMS noise

$$ENC^{2} = \exp(2) \left[\frac{kT}{2R_{g}} \tau + \frac{eI_{D}}{4} \tau + \frac{kT(C_{in})^{2}}{2g_{m}\tau} \right]$$

Where

- k = Boltzman's constant
- T = temperaturee = the electronic charge
- Arr R_g = Load resistance and/or feedback resistance
- \mathbf{g}_{m} = transconductance of input FET. (Links current in to voltage out)
- au = Rise time of amplifier
- C_{in} = input / stray and feedback capacitance
- I_D = Drain current
- Note that ENC is directly related to energy resolution
- $FWHM(keV) = 2.355 \times 10^{-3} ENC/ew$ where w is the energy per electron

Noise Dependence

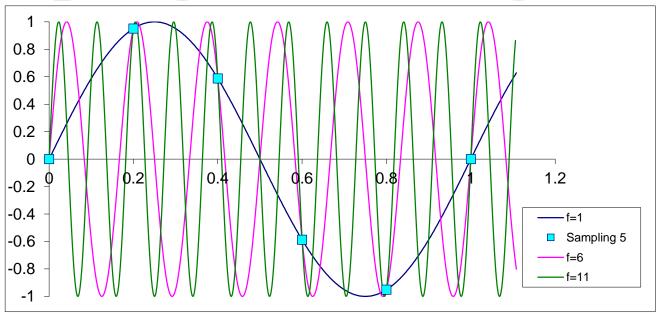
$$ENC^{2} = e^{2} \left[\frac{kT}{2R_{f}} \tau + \frac{q_{e}I_{D}}{4} \tau + \frac{kT(C_{in})^{2}}{2g_{m}\tau} \right]$$

τ optimum at

$$\tau_{opt} = \left[\frac{kT/2g_m}{(kT/2R_f) + (q_eI_D/4)}\right]^2 C_{in}$$

- Choosing optimum τ gives best noise performance but may not be fast enough
- We often have to sacrifice energy resolution for speed
- TAKE home message
 - ♦ Make electronics only just fast enough

Sampling & Aliasing



- Shannon's Theorem and Nyquist Criterion
 - ♦ The highest frequency that can be 'measured' is twice the sampling frequency
- If the input is not band limited to frequencies less than $f_s/2$, then aliasing will occurs at frequencies $f\pm nf_s$
 - lack where f = signal frequency, fs = sampling frequency, n = integer
- If you have 100μm pixels, the ideal spatial resolution (PSF) > 200μm

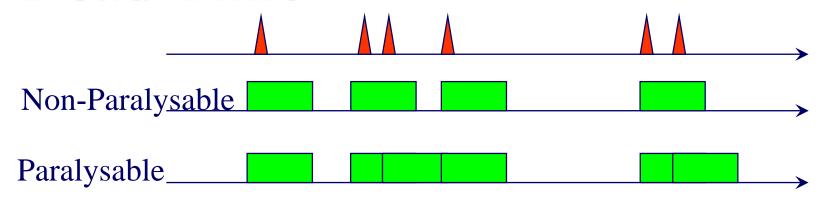
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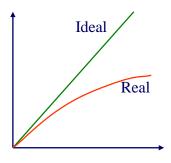
 R_i =input rate, R_d =detected rate, τ dead time

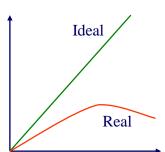
Non-paralysable

- Fraction of time detector is dead = $R_d \tau$
- Live time is therefore = 1- $R_d \tau$
- Input rate = $R_i = R_d/(1 R_d \tau)$

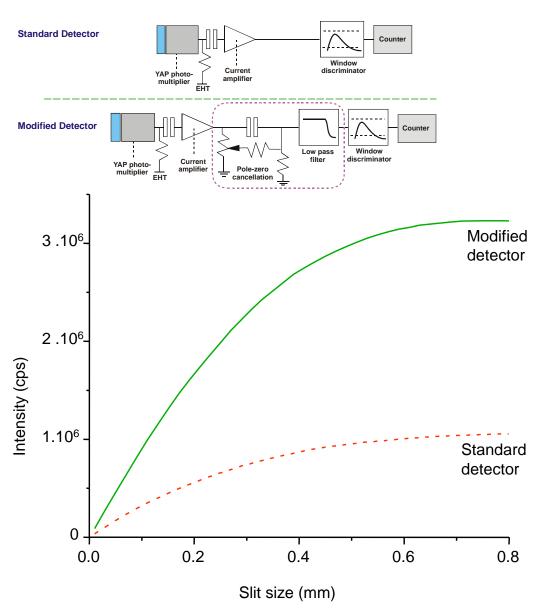
Paralysable

- R_d = Probability of getting no event within τ of an event
- Probability of n events in time t is $P(n,t) = \frac{e^{-R_i t} (R_i t)^n}{n!}$
- Detected rate $R_d = P(0, \tau) = R_i e^{-R_i \tau}$





EDR Detector for Powder Diffraction

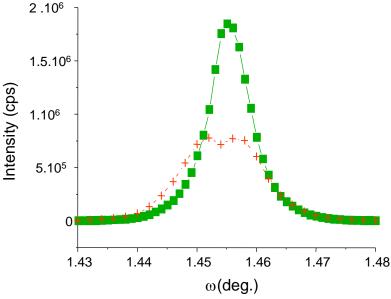


Standard detector

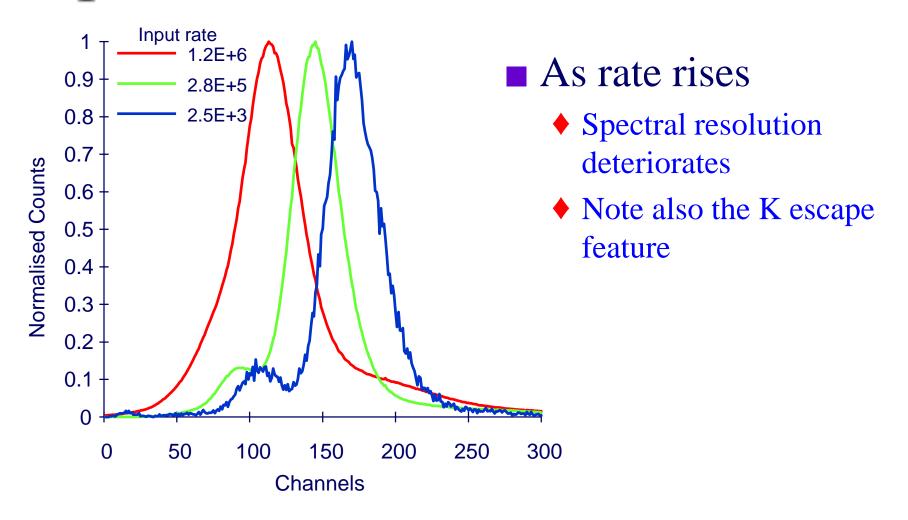
- Saturation count rate: 1 MHz
- Linear region: up to 300 kHz
- Electronic background: 0.2 cps
- Energy range: 4-25 keV

Modified detector

- Saturation count rate: 3 MHz
- Linear region: up to 2 MHz
- Electronic background: 0.7 cps
- Energy range: 4-25 keV



Spectral Peak Shift vs Rate



Detector Considerations

- Intensity Measurement
 - ♦ Uniformity across device
 - ♦ Ageing, radiation damage
 - **♦** Dynamic Range
 - **♦** Linearity of Response
 - **♦** Stability
- Spatial Measurement
 - **♦** Spatial Resolution
 - ♦ Spatial Distortion
 - **♦** Parallax

- Energy Measurement
 - **♦** Spectral Resolution
 - ♦ Linearity of Response
 - ♦ Uniformity of Response
 - **♦** Stability
- Time Measurement
 - **♦** Frame Rate
 - ♦ Photon Time Resolution
- Others
 - ♦ Size and weight
 - **♦** Cost

Counting Statistics

- Photons are quantised and hence subject to probabilities
- The Poisson distribution expresses the probability of a number of events, k occurring relative to an expected number, n k = n

$$P(n,k) = \frac{n^k e^{-n}}{k!}$$

- \blacksquare The mean of P(n, k) is n
- \blacksquare The variance of P(n, k) is n
- The standard deviation or error (noise) is \sqrt{n}
- If signal = n, then SNR = $n/\sqrt{n} = \sqrt{n}$
- As n increases, SNR improves

Performance Measure - DQE

Perfect detector
$$SNR_{inc} = \sqrt{N_{inc}}$$
 $\therefore N_{inc} = SNR^2_{inc}$
Perfect detector $SNR_{Non-ideal} < \sqrt{N_{inc}}$

Can define N_{photons} describes real SNR

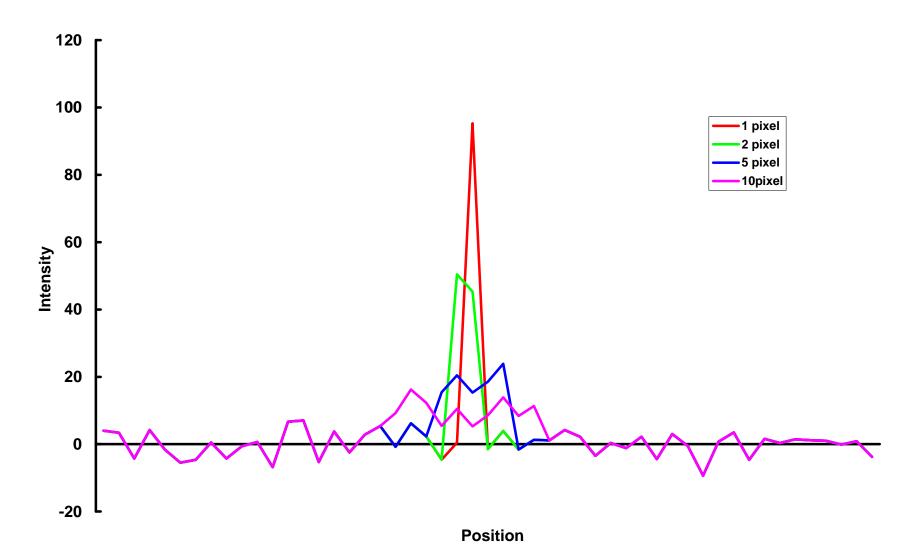
$$NEQ = SNR^2_{Non-ideal}$$

Ratio of this to N_{inc} is a measure of efficiency

$$DQE = \frac{NEQ}{N_{inc}} = \frac{SNR^{2}_{Non-ideal}}{SNR^{2}_{inc}}$$

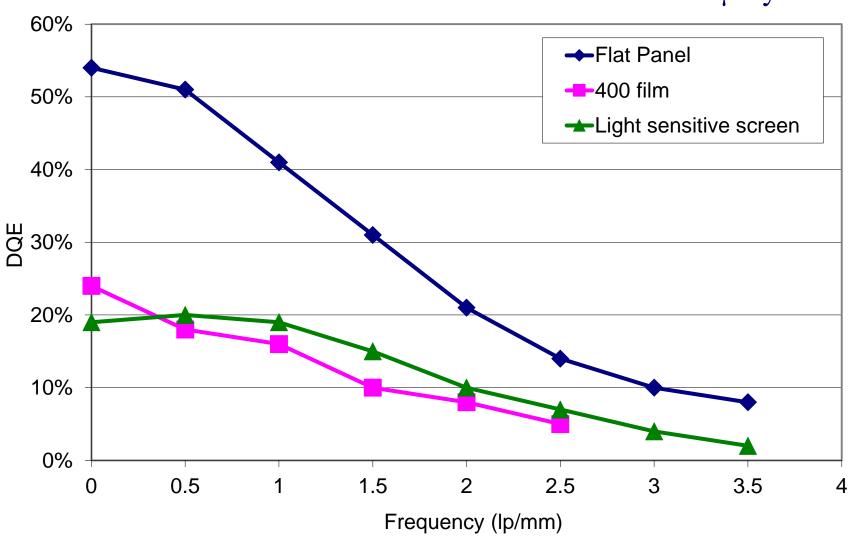
Note that DQE is f(spatial and spectral frequencies)

Effect of Peak Width

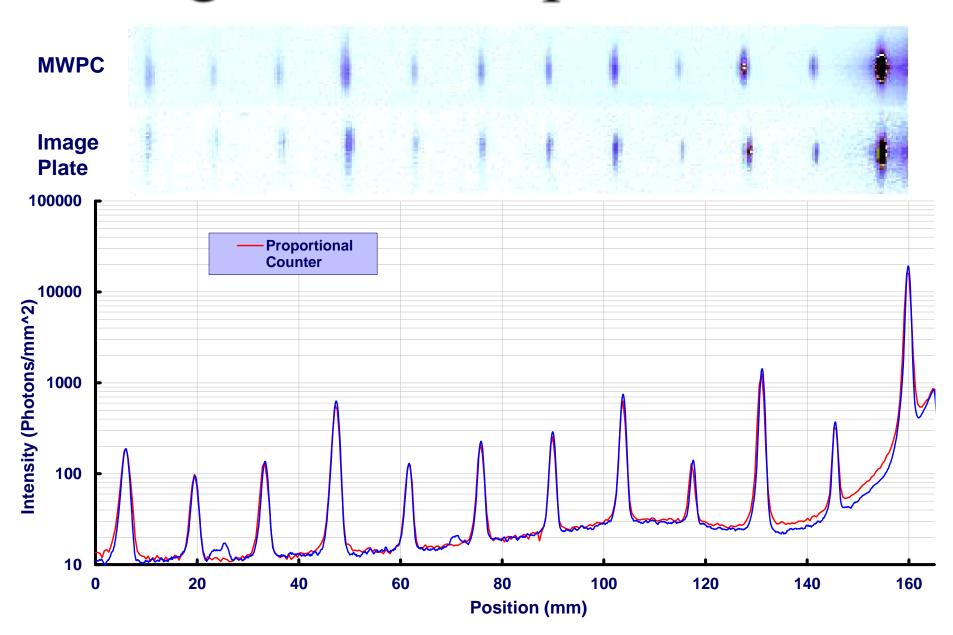


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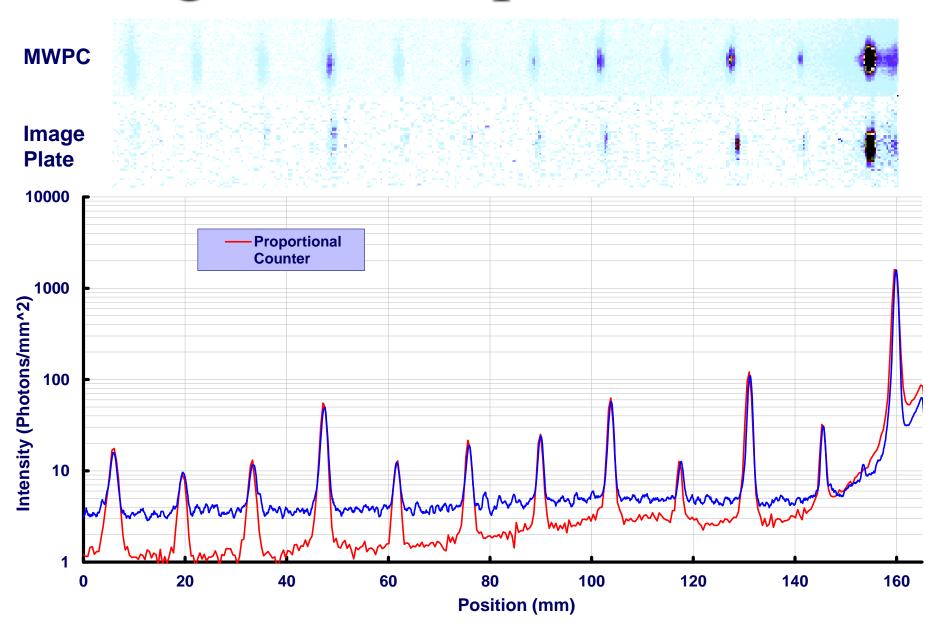
DN-5 beam 2.6μGy



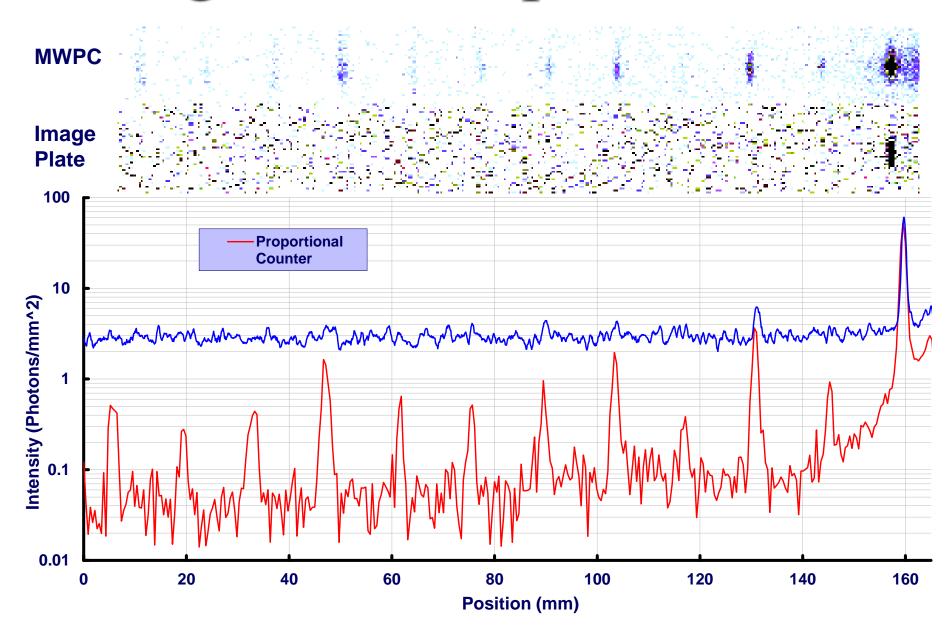
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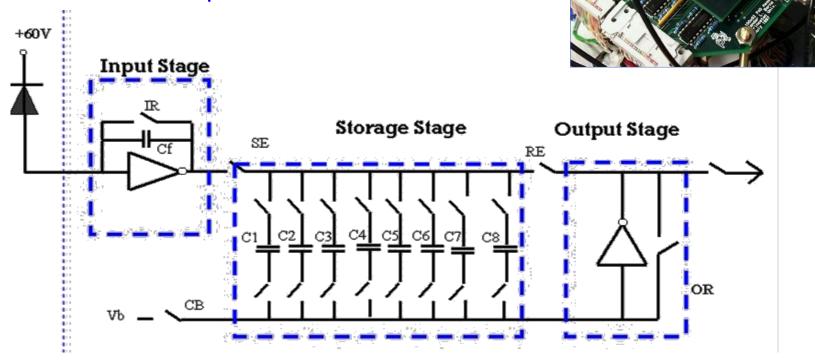


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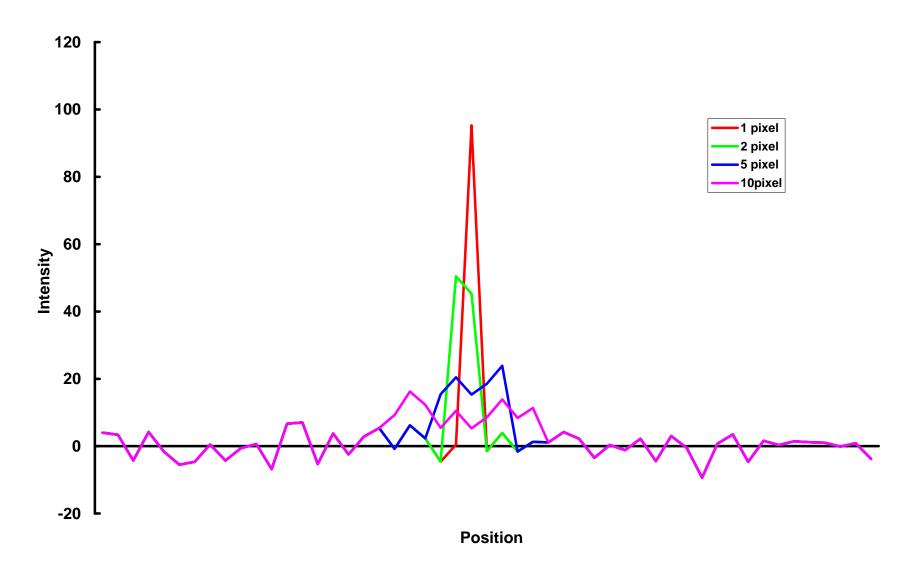


Cornell PAD (Integrating)

- Rapid Framing Imager
 - ♦ 15×13.8mm² active area
 - ♦ 150µm square pixel
 - ♦ Storage for 8 frames
 - ♦ Selectable T_{int} down to 1µs
 - ♦ Deadtime < 1µs

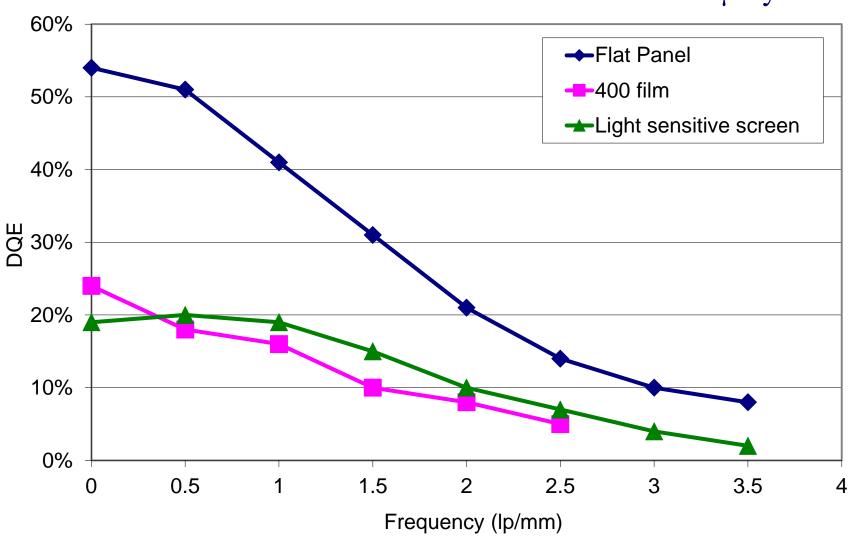


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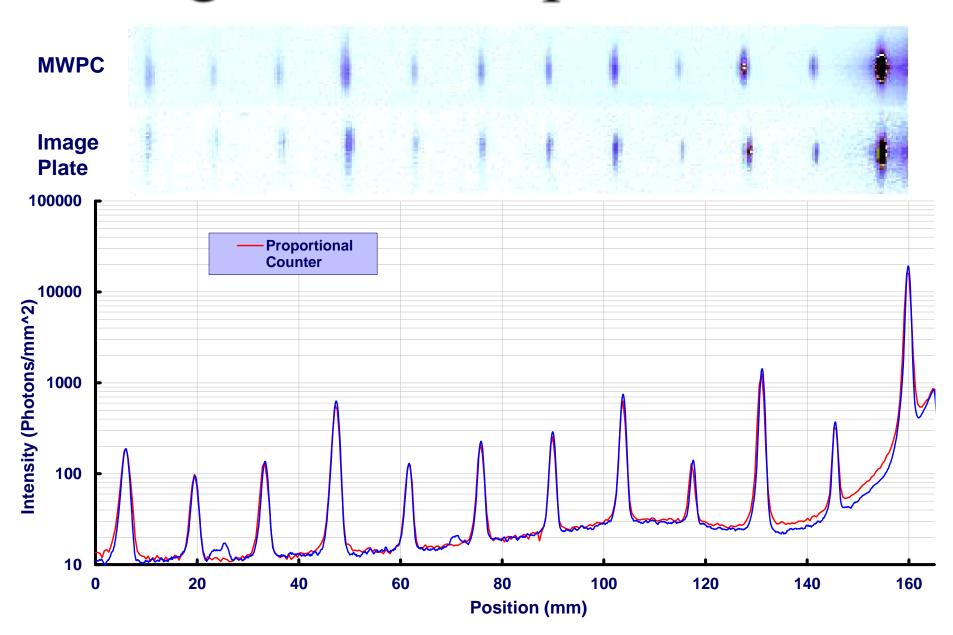


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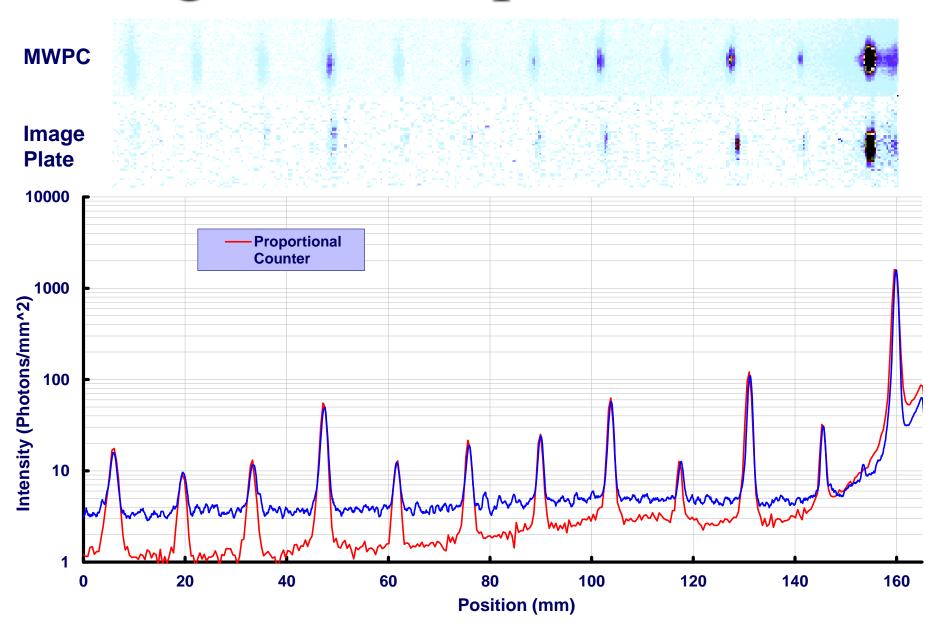
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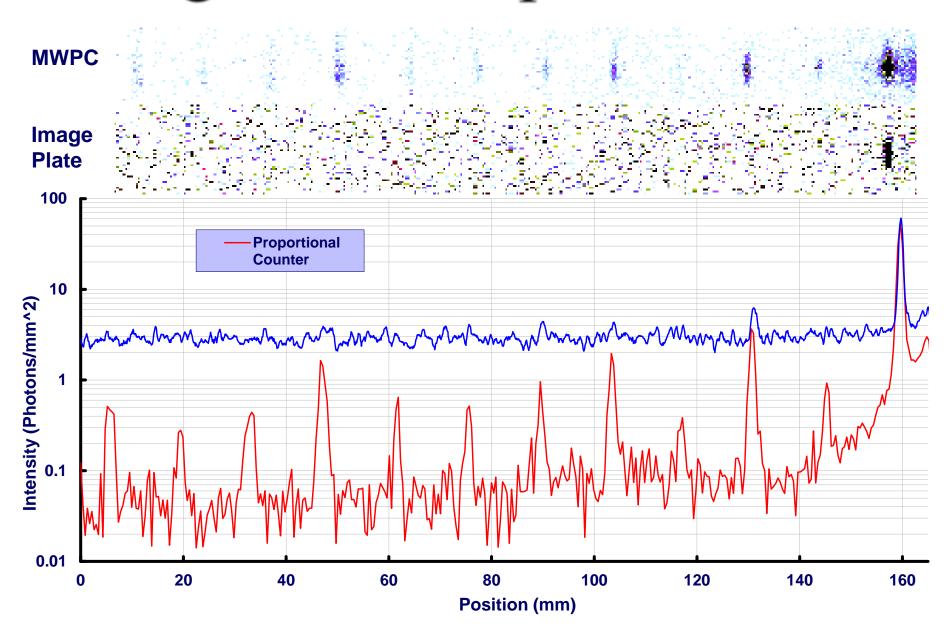
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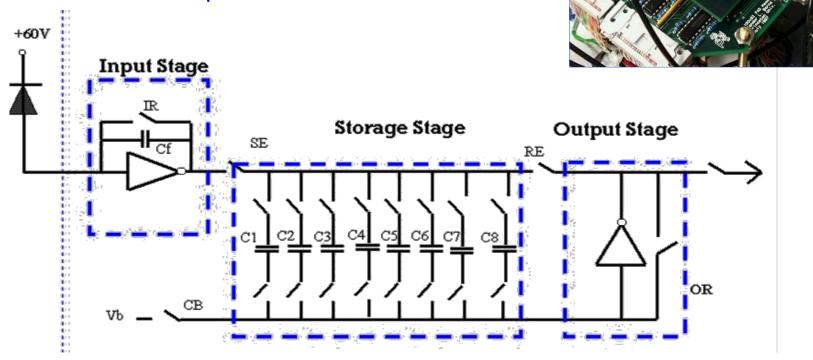


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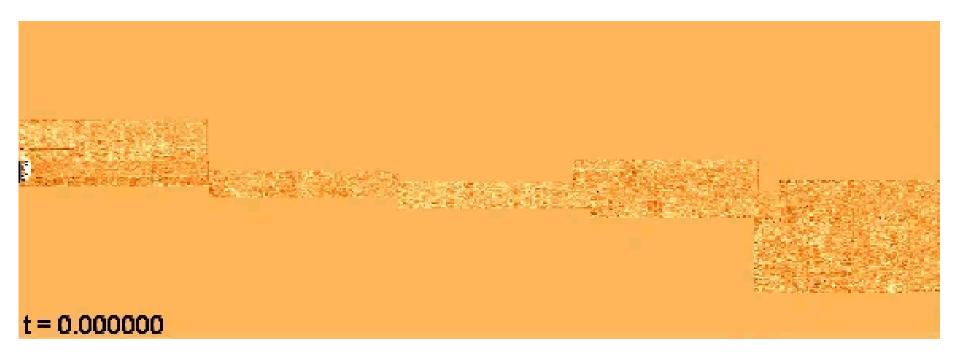
Diesel Fuel Injection Movie

- Injection
 - ♦ Supersonic injection 1350psi Cerium added
 - ♦ Chamber 1atm SF₆
 - ♦ 10⁸-10⁹ X-rays/s/pix (6keV)
 - ♦ 1.1ms Pulse

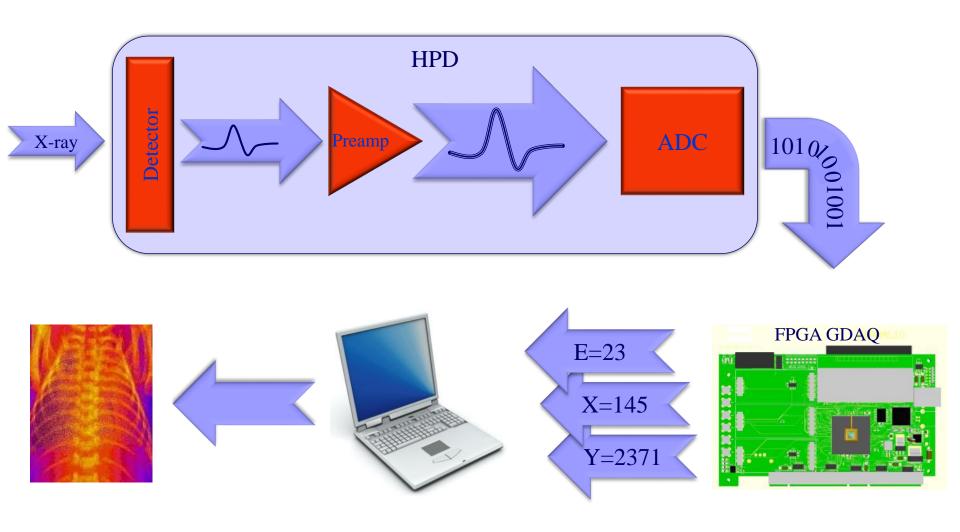
Movie

LengthFrame length5.13μs

- Dead time $2.56\mu s$ / frame
- ♦ 168 frames (21 groups of 8)
- ♦ Average 20× to improve S/N
- Sequence 5×10^4 images

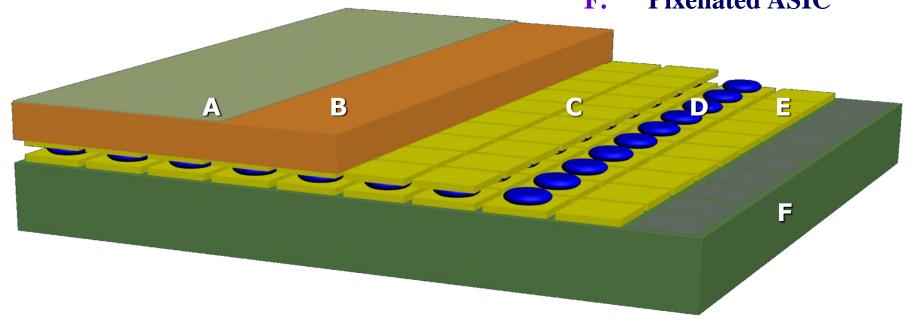


Combine Imaging and Spectroscopy



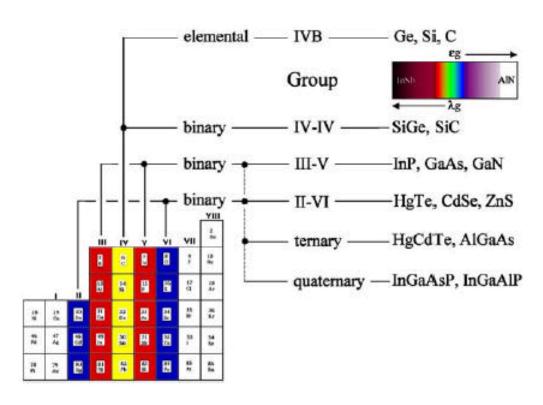
Pixel Array Detector

- A. Top electrode
- B. Pixellated semiconductor
- **C.** Collection electrodes
- **D.** Bump bonds
- **E.** Input electrode
- F. Pixellated ASIC

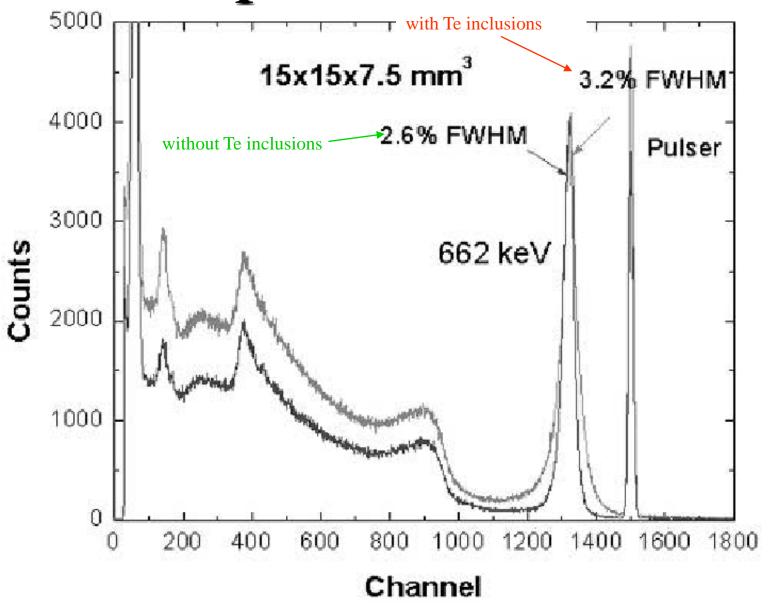


Available Compound Semiconductors

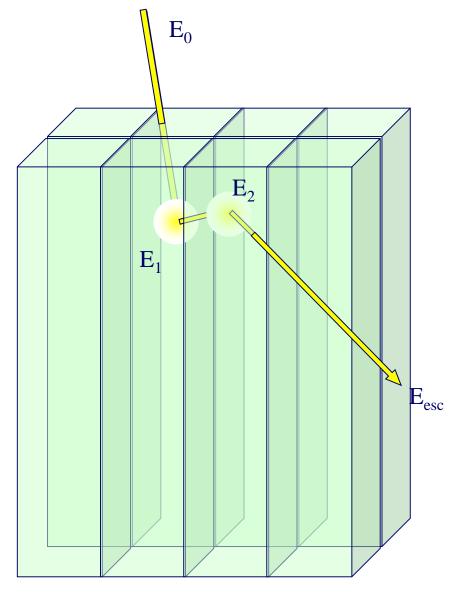
- Predominately CdZnTe, CdTe and GaAs.
- II-VI materials CdTe and CdZnTe cover a suitable range of band gaps:
 - ◆ 1.44 eV (CdTe), 1.57 eV (CdZnTe, 10% Zn), 1.64 eV (CdZnTe, 20% Zn)
- Resistivity of CdZnTe is higher than CdTe, hence lower dark current, higher spectroscopic resolution
- Poor hole transport requires electron-sensitive detectors



CdZnTe Spectral Resolution



The Problem of Multiple Scatters



- \blacksquare Need to measure E_0
- $\blacksquare E_0 = E_1 + E_2 + E_{esc}$
- Must be able to detect multiple deposits as single event
- Must minimise E_{esc}

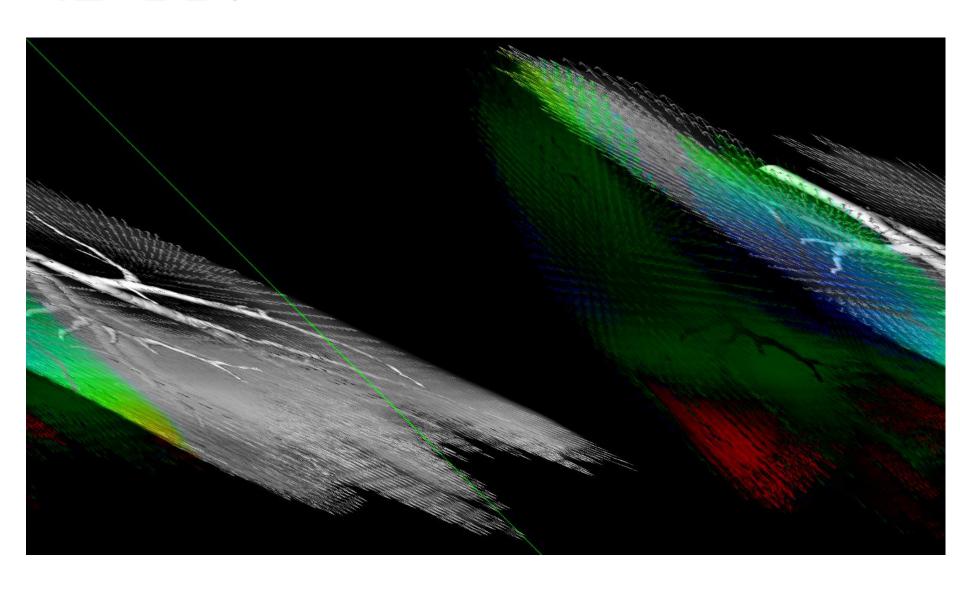
Other Issues

- In addition to detector performance metrics such as
 - ◆ Spatial resolution, Spectral resolution, etc.
- Often we need to measure **function** not form
- Requires that...
 - ♦ The detector respond to triggers
 - ♦ Be able to synchronise with other systems measuring multiple parameters
 - ♦ Do things like phase contrast

Whole Breath Lung Morphology



4D PIV



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