

Séminaire SOLEIL

X-ray Detector Development at Berkeley Lab.

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Séminaires

"Moore's Law" predicts¹ a doubling of the number of transistors per unit area roughly every 2 years. Synchrotron radiation light sources have done twice as well: doubling their performance measure – *brightness* – roughly every year. That means that our ability to *use* photons is falling exponentially behind our ability to *make* them.

Berkeley Lab has been building microelectronic-enabled detectors for more than 20 years, with particular interests in silicon strips, pixels and Charge-Coupled Devices (CCDs). At the Microsystems Laboratory, we have developed thick, fully-depleted CCDs¹, which have near unity efficiency for X-rays up to 8 keV. Together with a suite of custom integrated circuits, this has allowed us to provide novel high-speed 2D detectors for photon and electron microscopies.

We have developed fast (hundreds of megapixel frames/second) direct detection X-ray CCD cameras, and in collaboration with the Advanced Photon Source (APS) have deployed several prototype systems¹. These initial systems have been used for soft X-ray ptychography, photon correlation spectroscopy and microdiffraction at ALS and APS, as well as soft X-ray scattering at LCLS¹. Larger, more sophisticated systems are currently being built, and will be described. R&D is also under way on ultra-thin backside contacts in order to maximize low energy X-ray quantum efficiency, as well as a next generation of high-speed direct-detection CCD, designed for $10^3 - 10^4$ frames/second.

As ALS is primarily a soft X-ray facility, our focus is on the challenges of soft X-ray detectors. CMOS active pixels, grown on thick high-resistivity silicon, offer attractive prospects for new X-ray detectors, and we are just deploying a 4,000 frame/second gated detector for use at ALS femtoslicing beamline. For soft X-rays, thinned bulk CMOS active pixels, with backside contacts, together with advances in data compression and processing, offer a potential approach to reach rates of 10^5 frames/second. All of the techniques mentioned above are applicable for photoelectron detection as well.

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