

Data analysis of pnCCDs

From raw CCD data to X-ray spectra

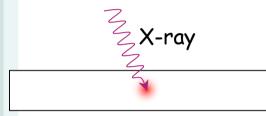
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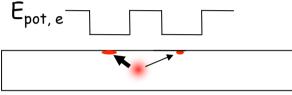
Measurement Process



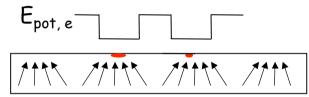
Conversion



Storage



Leakage currents



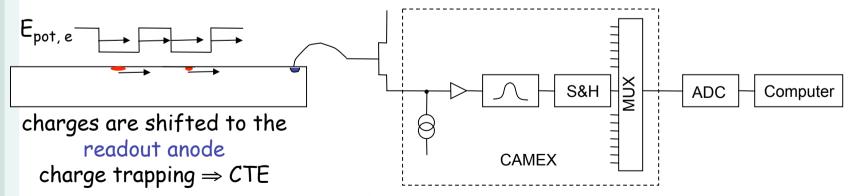
photon \rightarrow e⁻-h pairs + phonons ⇒ Fano noise (physical limit)

splitting of charges between neighbouring pixels

dark current noise

Charge transfer

Amplification, shaping, serialization, digitalization



- electronics noise
 gain variations between channels
- offsets

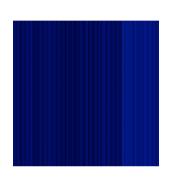
• non-linearities, esp. of output stage

First Step: "Initializing"



Usually 200 dark frames are taken at beginning of measurement.

 Calculate baseline level of each pixel (offset map): averages of each pixel



 Calculate the baseline fluctuations of each pixel (noise map including electronics and dark current noise): standard deviation of each pixel



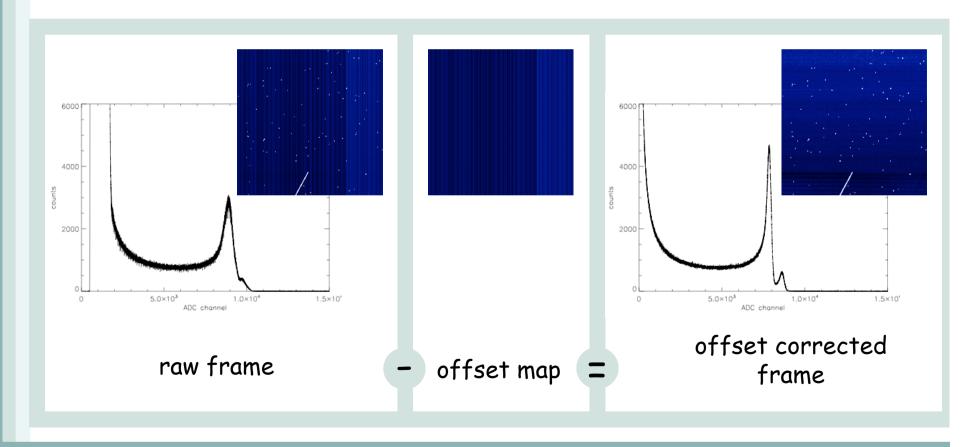
Signals from muons are filtered.

Subtracting Offsets



Each measurement stage contributes to the overall offset:

- amplification and driving stage add offsets
- · the ADC has an (adjustable) offset
- · integrated leakage currents in the CCD pixels



Common-mode Correction

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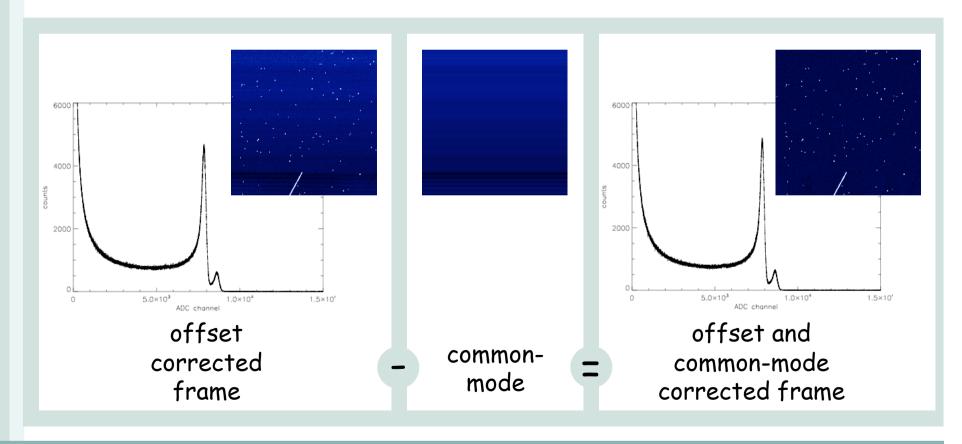
MPI

Halbleiterlabor

Common-mode noise: Distortion of all readout channels by the same amplitude mainly due to crosstalk of the environment

can be determined: Average deviation from the baseline levels of channels without signal

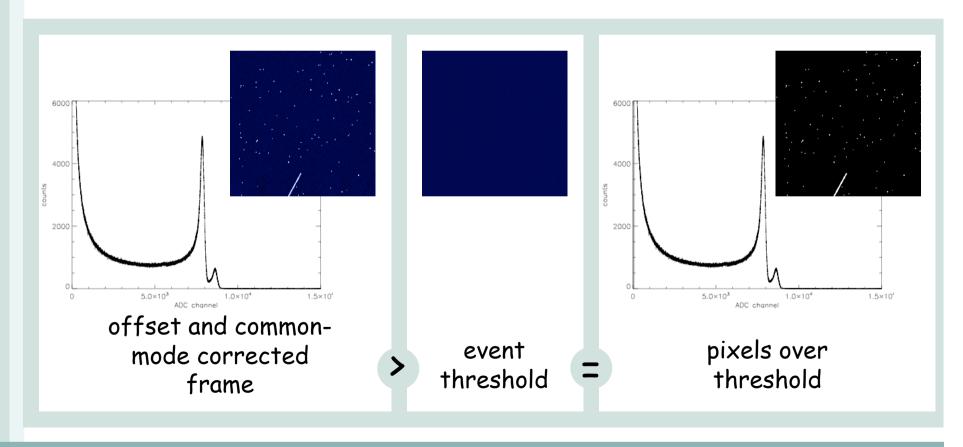
and subtracted.



Signal Filtering



- pixels showing a signal are selected criterium: pixel exceeds $4 \times$ its noise

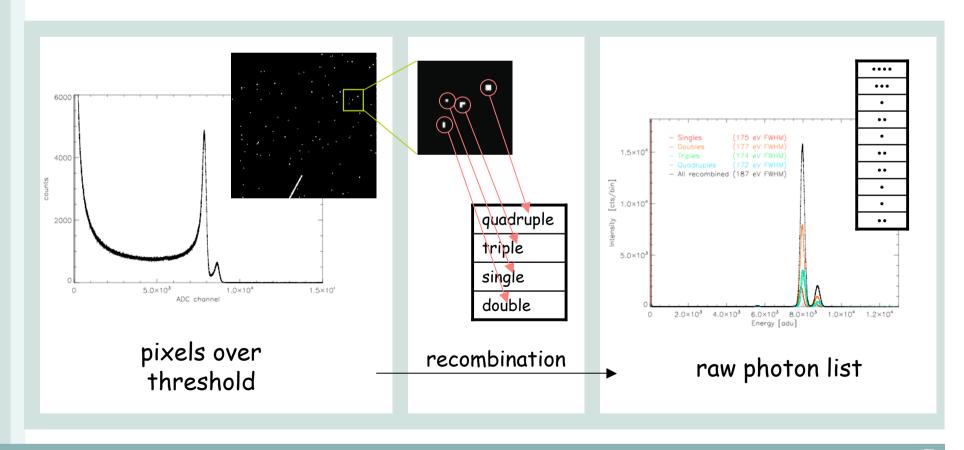


Event Recombination



Recombination of charge clouds distributed over one or more pixels:

- ·neighbouring pixels showing signals are combined to an event
- ·events are stored in a list
- ·futher processing exclusively from event list

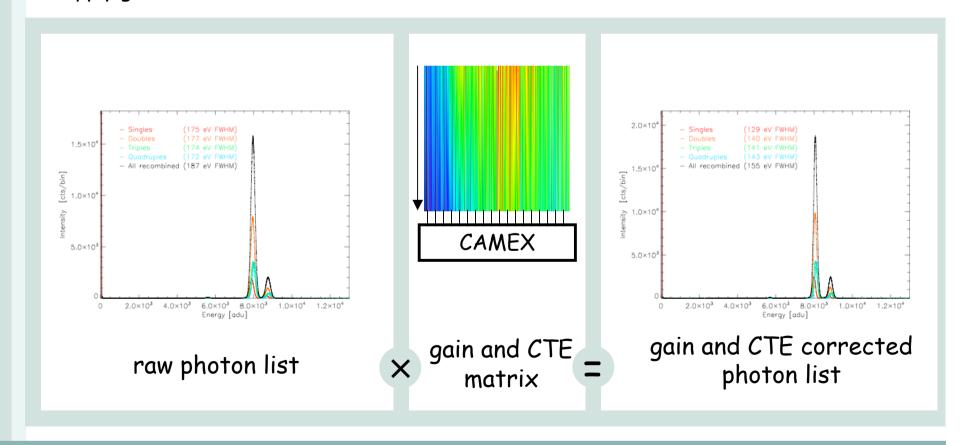


Gain and CTE Correction



Different gains of the amplification stages and Charge Transfer Efficiency from shifting the charges are corrected at once.

- Gain and Charge Transfer Efficiency (CTE) factors are determined: Fit of a simple model channel-by-channel
- · Apply gain and CTE matrix

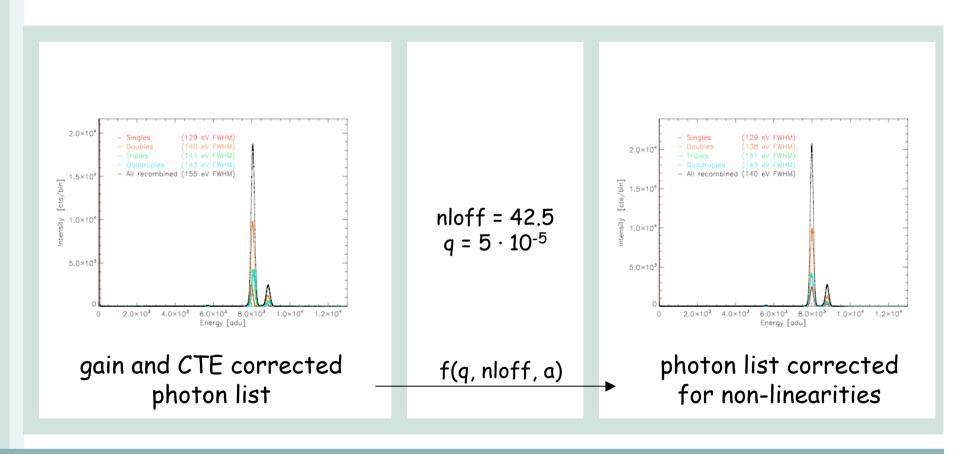


Non-linearity Corrections



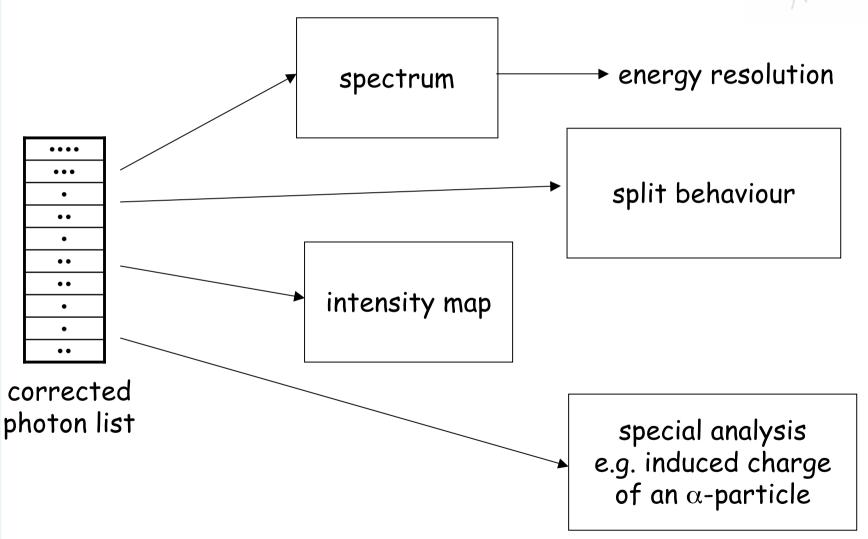
Empirically gained corrections for

- non-linearities of the output buffer of the CAMEX
- ·unidentified sources for non-linearity
- ⇒ work in progress



Extracting Characteristic Parameters





Current Applications



