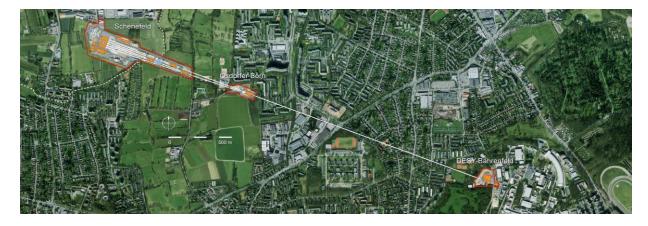
# **Overview of MicroTCA usage at European XFEL**



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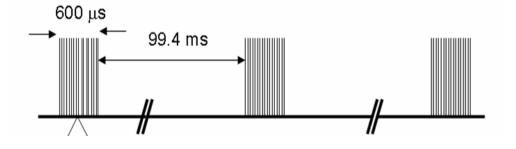
#### **XFEL Overview**

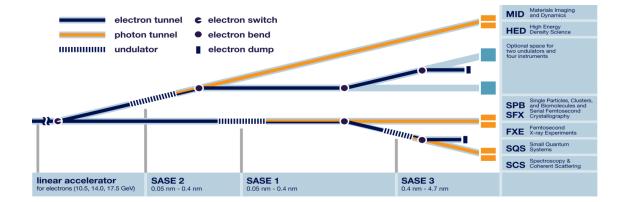


The European XFEL generates up to 2700 X-Ray pulses

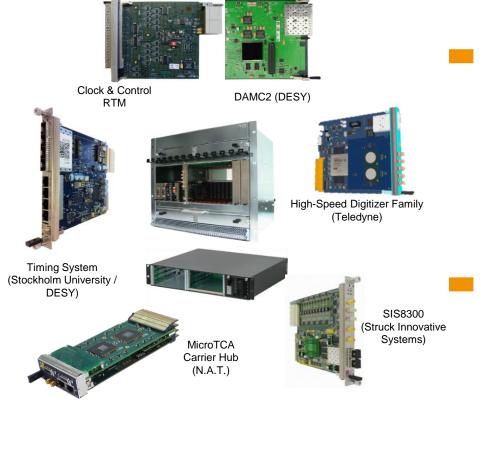
- Inter pulse separation of 220 ns
- Train repetition of 10 Hz
- 3 beamlines, 6 instruments
  - ► 2 more beamlines are planned

First user operation started in September 2017





# **MicroTCA in XFEL**

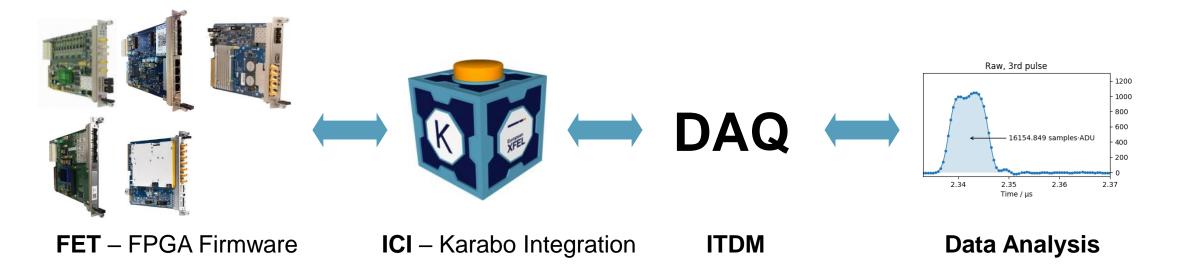


- MicroTCA platform is the key component for
  - Timing distribution (both in and outside the crate)
  - Digitizer raw and process data
  - Detector triggering and synchronization
- At photon beam lines, experiments and related laboratories at XFEL are ~60 MicroTCA crates (more already planned)
  - 300 fast data channels (SIS8300, 16 bit @ 125MHz)
  - 108 high speed data channels
    - ► ADQ412, 12 bit @ 2 GHz
    - ► ADQ14, 14 bit @ 1 GHz
  - XFEL will continue to grow (SASE4 and 5, new instruments)
- On Call Duty has significant low activity when compared to other groups
  - This year the team received 19 calls, of which only 1 was a 'real' hardware issue
  - Some systems have been working reliably for **5 years now**
  - Stability of MicroTCA and XFEL's FPGA solutions

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# MicroTCA @ XFEL in 2022

- MicroTCA setups mostly remain static
  - Restructuring of the team and Institute priorities
  - Review of data acquisition and processing workflow
  - Evaluation of other FPGA platforms



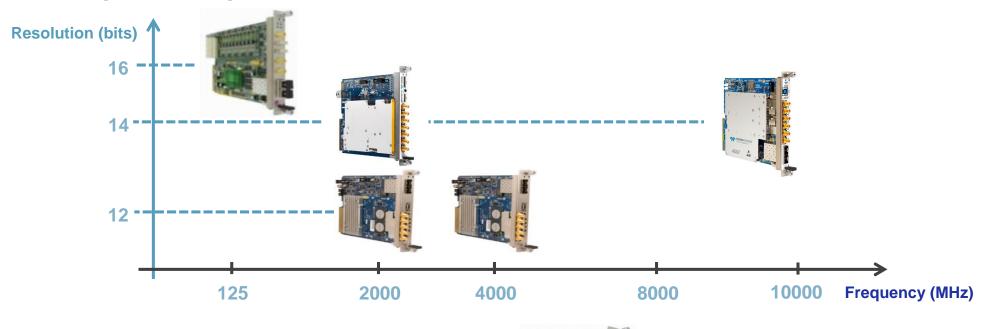
# **CPU installation/maintenance with Foreman and Puppet**

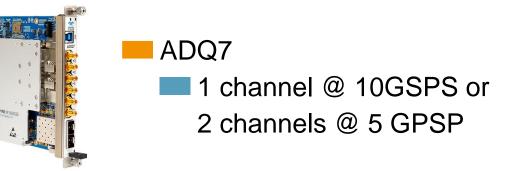


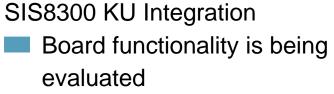
- OS installation + Puppet via network
  - New CPU shows up on Network
    - Foreman install OS and configures target Puppet Manifest
  - Puppet guarantees that CPUs have the same environment
  - Monitor Host resources

- This solution as proven very successful for maintenance, testing and migration of our MicroTCA CPUs
  - Roll out of updates/bug fixes
  - Management of hosts groups
- MicroTCA hosts have increasingly more specific configurations
  - Next step is FPGA/MCH management

#### **XFEL's integrated digitizers**





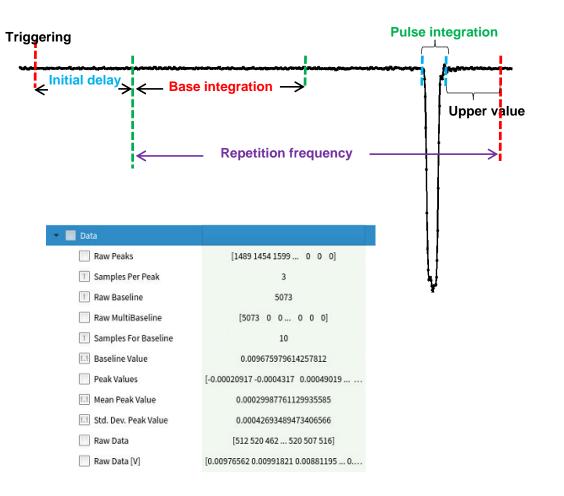


Update of XFEL Simulink library

## **FPGA** processing algorithms

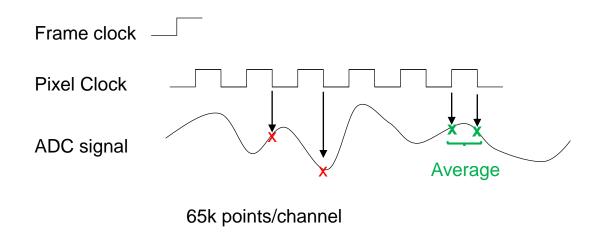
#### Peak Integration

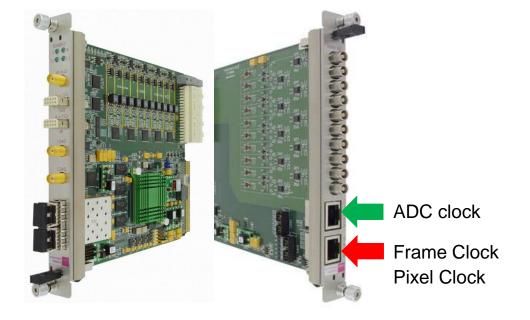
- User definition of integration value
- Based on user threshold value
- Baseline per trace or pulse
- Virtual ADC channels (add/subtraction of raw data)
- Based on Bunch Pattern decoding
  Automatic Peak Integration
  Conditional and Dynamic Trigger
  VETO decision for 2D Detectors



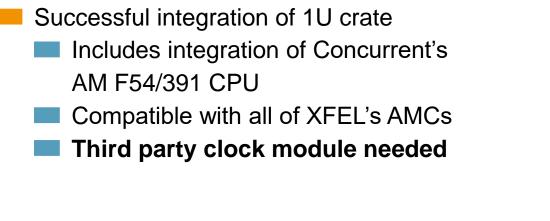
#### SIS8300 firmware for pnccd Detector

- Dedicates firmware for pnccd Detector setup
  - 2x SIS8300 board with data from 10 channels
  - Reduced amount of data
  - Allows for Raw Data, sampling of only falling/rising edge or average





## nVent's 1U Crate







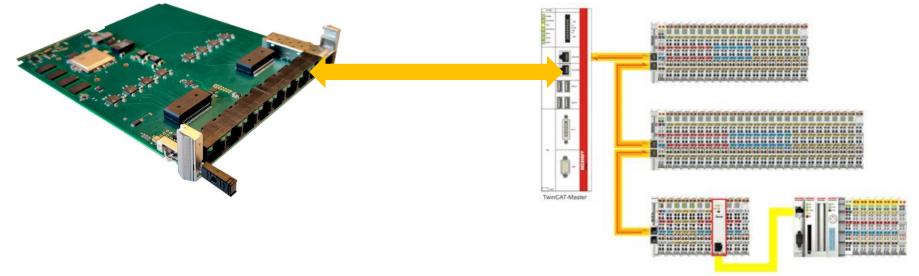
#### **NAT Ethercat AMC**

**EtherCat AMC** solution from N.A.T. for communication with the PLC hardware

- Uses Zynq UltraScale+
- Direct communication of Information (TrainID, Beam Modes...)
- Use of FPGA processing to communicate PLC actions

Bunch Pattern decoder information

Syncronization of PLC equipment with Timing System



#### **Questions?**



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