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The CITIUS detector

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At the latest synchrotron radiation facilities featuring multi-bend achromat (MBA) storage rings, the current state-of-the-art photon-counting detectors are challenged by the intense X-rays impinging upon the detector. The pileup due to the slow in-pixel counting circuitries typically limits the count rate to around a few Mcps/pixel [1] and reduced further for several bunch modes [2]. To extend the dynamic range, we developed the CITIUS detector (Charge Integration Type Imaging Unit with high-Speed extended-dynamic-range) [3]. The novel integrating-type pixel structure, with a size of $72.6 \mu\text{m}$ square, enables detection of 945 Mcps/pixel at 10 keV, corresponding to $18 \text{ Tcps}/\text{cm}^2$, which is higher than any other detectors reported so far. It should be pointed out that the CITIUS integrating-type pixels sustain this dynamic range for any bunch modes. The extremely high dynamic range of CITIUS represents a significant advancement for coherent imaging applications such as Bragg CDI [4] and ptychography [5-7]. It also shows potential in high-speed and high-accuracy single crystal X-ray diffraction [8].

Unlike in-pixel photon counting pixels, which have non-sensitive areas at the corners of the pixels [9], the integrating-type pixels of CITIUS are free from such efficiency drops, thereby delivering higher uniformity and achieving a 100% fill factor. The CITIUS detector is equipped with a silicon sensor that is 650 micrometers thick, significantly thicker than typical photon-counting detectors. This combination of a 100% fill factor and a thicker sensor makes CITIUS especially useful for applications demanding higher sensitivity, such as quasielastic scattering spectroscopy [10]. In this case, an FPGA-based compression technique developed for CITIUS [11] was employed to compress data of 35 PBytes from week-long experiments with a compression ratio exceeding 1000.

Despite its high dynamic range, CITIUS maintains a low noise floor, allowing for the detection of single photons and even their photon energies. Recently, spectro-imaging with CITIUS has demonstrated higher data quality in laboratory-based computed tomography [12] and in fluorescence-yield XAFS. By operating in a multi-sampling mode, the noise floor can be further lowered to resolve photon energies with a resolution of 250 eV FWHM.

Moreover, the CITIUS detector, with 580 kpixels operating in an XFEL mode, has provided new scientific data at SACLA. A 20.2 Mpixel system has recently been installed at a SACLA beamline, and this talk will briefly report on its commissioning status [13].

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