



Calibration of the EPIC-pn Camera in Timing Mode

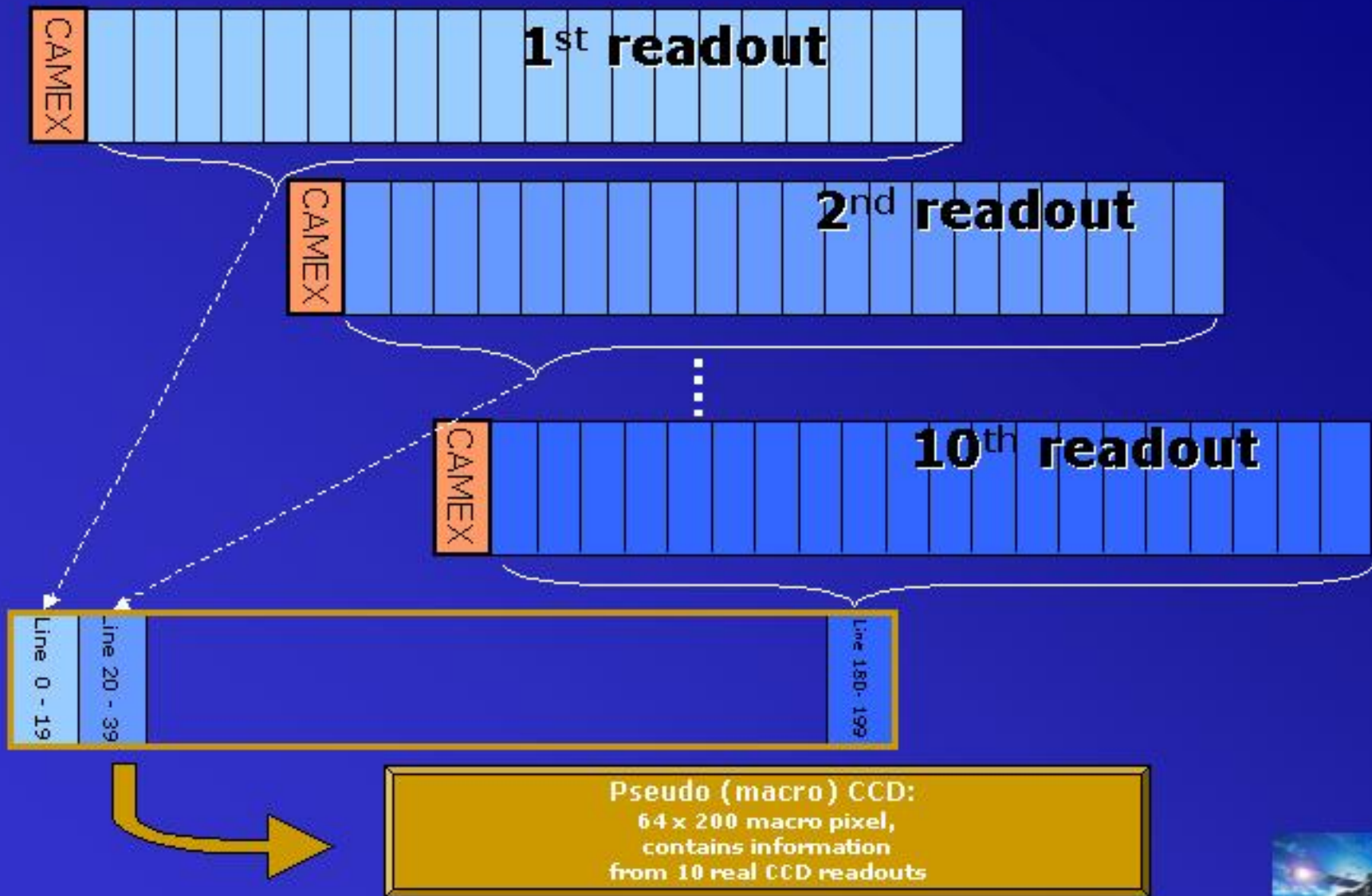
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- main points for calibration
- modelling the CTE in Timing Mode
- ground calibration
- in orbit calibration
- results





CCD readout in Timing Mode





Main Points for Calibration

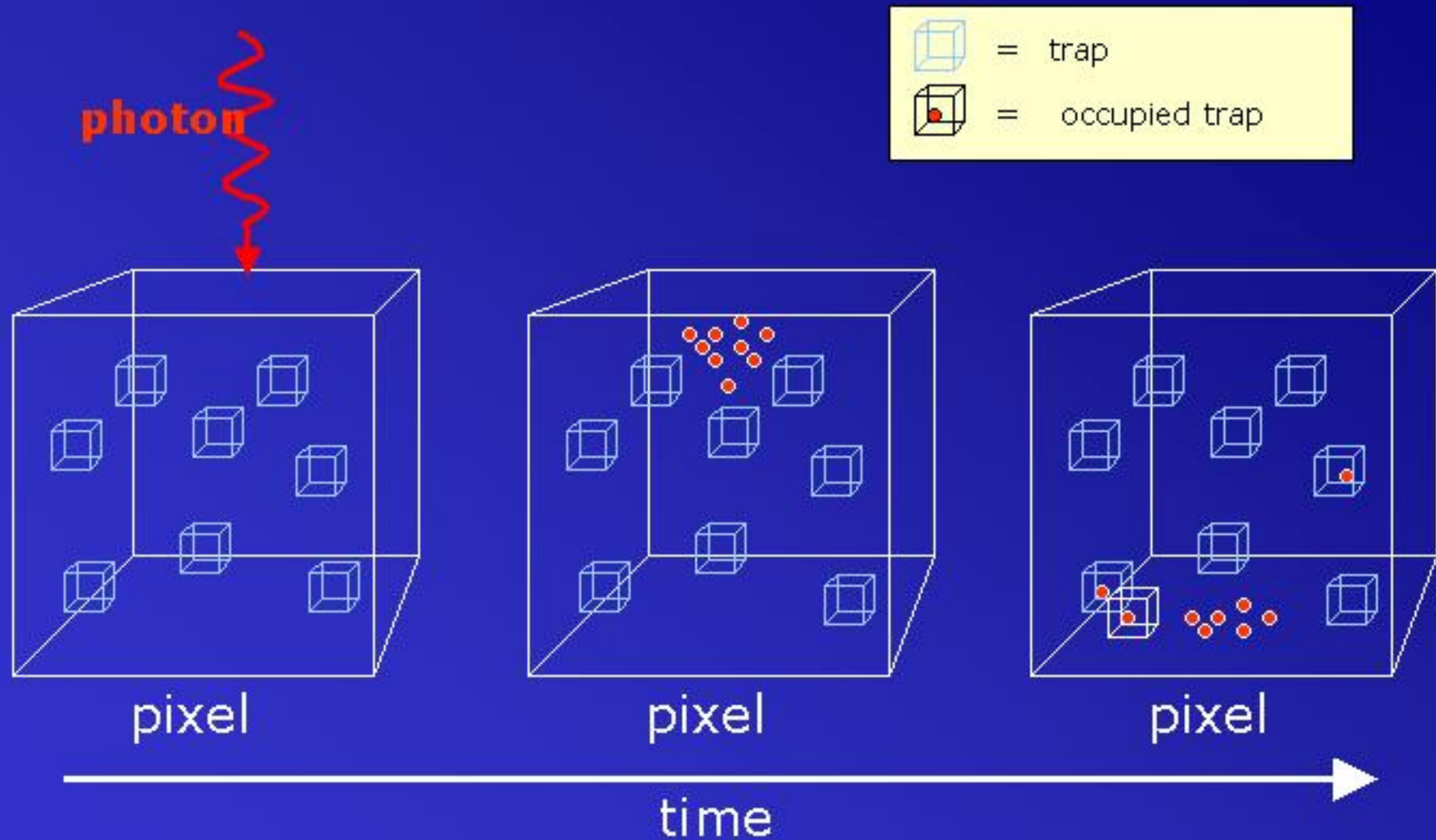
- Charge Transfer Efficiency
- Amplification
- Partial Event Effect
- Energy Redistribution
- Energy Resolution





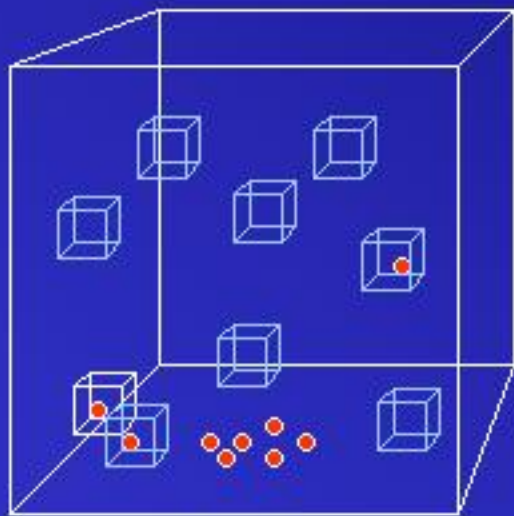
the model:

i) capture of electrons in traps






ii) capture & reemission of electrons




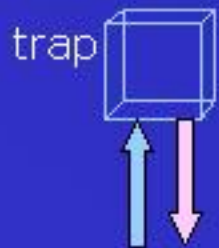
pixel

n_e = density of free electrons •

n_{t0} = total density of traps 

n_0 = total density of occupied traps at $t=0$

n_{ec} = density of captured electrons 



c_n = capture probability

e_n = emission probability

change in captured electrons

$$\frac{d}{dt} n_{ec}(\vec{r}, t) = \underbrace{c_n(\vec{r}) n_{t_0}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{empty trap}}} - \underbrace{c_n(\vec{r}) n_{ec}(\vec{r}, t)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{occupied trap}}} - \underbrace{e_n n_{ec}(\vec{r}, t)}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{occupied trap}}}$$





iii) solution

$$n_{ec}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{n_{t0}}{1 - \frac{e_n}{c_n}} \left(1 - e^{-t(e_n + c_n)} \right) + n_0 e^{-t(e_n + c_n)}$$

$$N_{ec} = \int_{\text{pixel volume}} n_{ec} dV$$

$$e_n = AT^2 e^{-\frac{E_{act}}{kT}} \quad e_n = \text{emission probability}$$

$$c_n = \sigma v_{th} n_e \quad c_n = \text{capture probability}$$

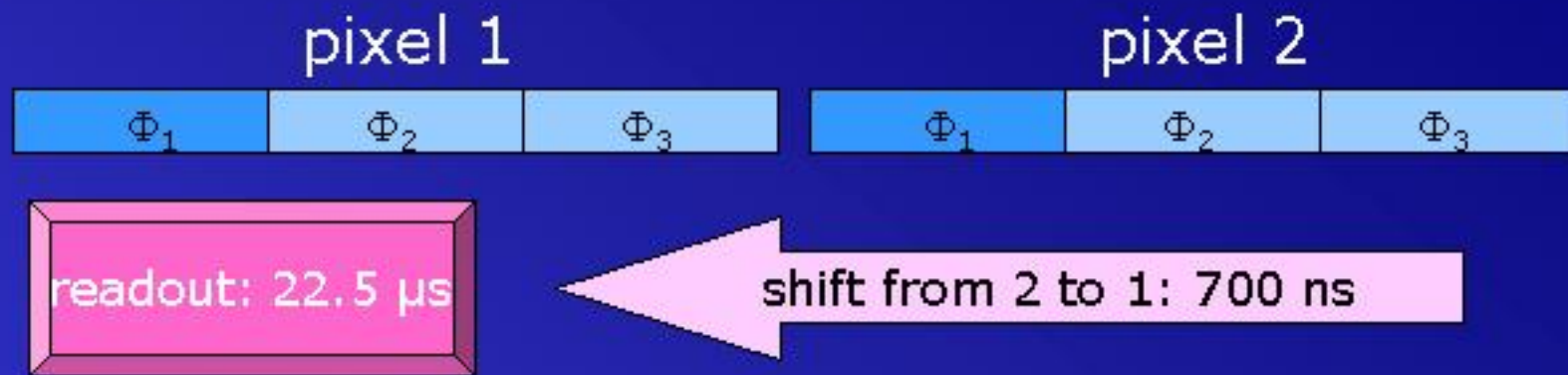
T = temperature in K
 k = Boltzmann constant
 A = temperature independent constant
 E_{act} = thermal activation energy for the emission of electrons
 σ = capture cross section
 v_{th} = thermal velocity of electrons
 n_e = free electron density

$$CTE = \frac{E_\gamma - 3,65\text{eV} \cdot N_{ec}}{E_\gamma}$$





iv) charge loss per pixel in Full Frame mode



modelling

- collection of charge only under Φ_1
- shift = store m times with $t = (700 \text{ ns})/m$ $m \in \mathbb{N}$
 - charge loss: $m \cdot n_{ec2}$
- main storage under Φ_1 with $t = 22.5 \mu\text{s}$
 - charge loss: n_{ec1}

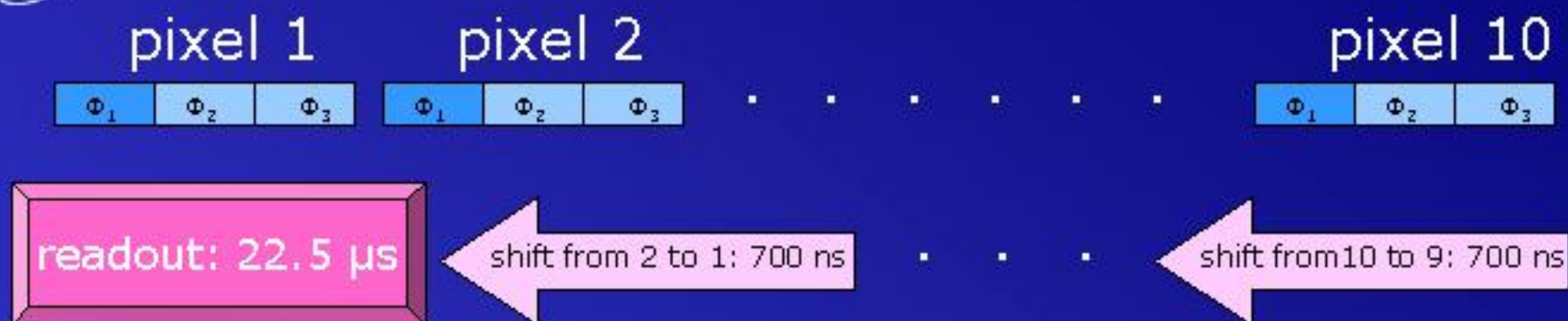


$$n_{ec} = n_{ec1}(22.5\mu\text{s}) + m \cdot n_{ec2} \left(\frac{700\text{ns}}{m} \right)$$





v) charge loss per pixel in Timing mode



compared to Full Frame:

- collection of charge only under Φ_1
- shift = store m times with $t = (700 \text{ ns})/m$ $m \in \mathbb{N}$
 - → charge loss: $m \cdot n_{ec2}$
- main storage under Φ_1 with $t = 22.5 \mu\text{s}$ but only every **10** pixel
→ charge loss: $n_{ec1}/10$



$$n_{ec} = \frac{n_{ec1}(22.5\mu\text{s})}{10} + m \cdot n_{ec2} \left(\frac{700\text{ns}}{m} \right)$$





calibration on ground: the slit-slit-method

Full Frame Mode

Slit-Measurement near CAMEX



Slit-Measurement opposite to CAMEX



S_0 & Position

Timing Mode

Slit-Measurement near CAMEX



Slit-Measurement opposite to CAMEX

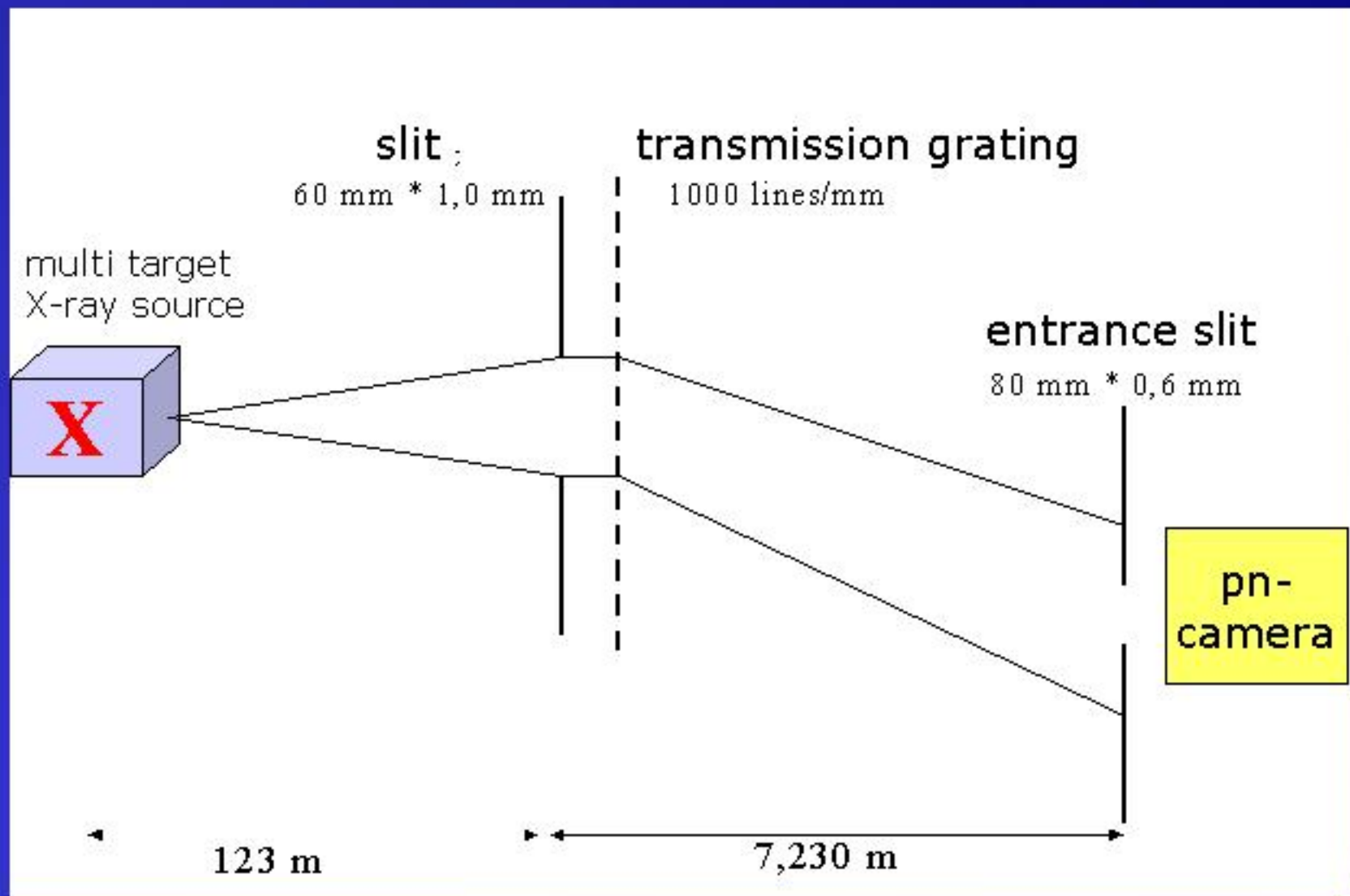


S_0 & S_n





calibration on ground: monochromator at MPE-PANTER

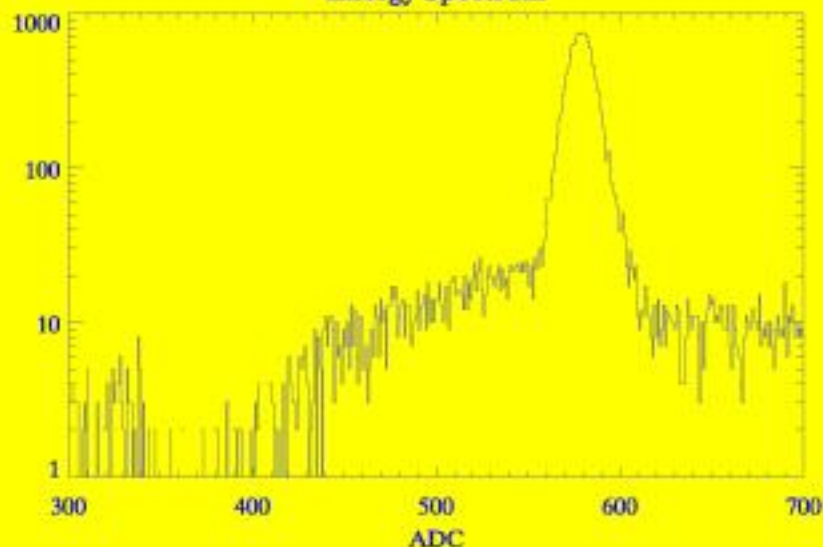




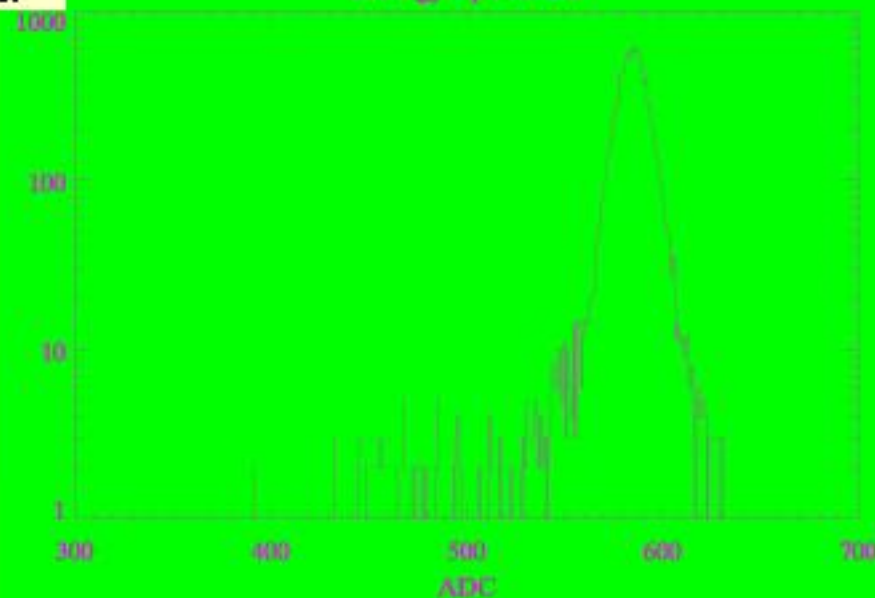
calibration on ground: spectra without and with monochromator

Si-K $_{\alpha}$

Energy Spectrum



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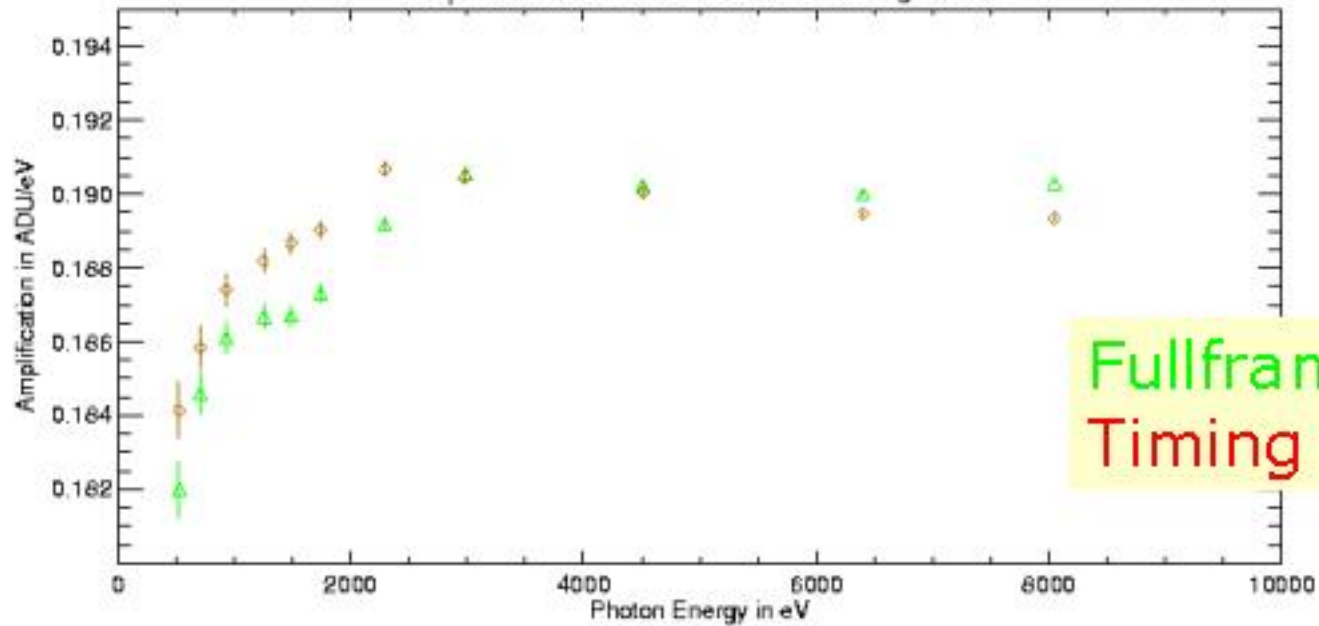
- reduction of Bremsstrahlung
- cleaner lines



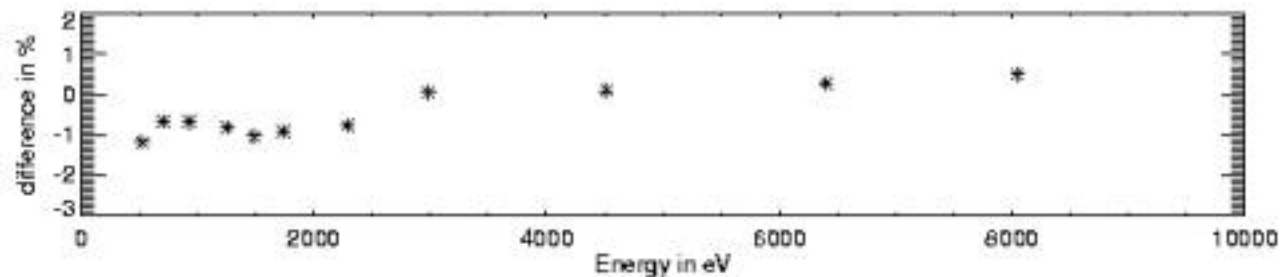
calibration on ground:

Amplification

Amplification in Full Frame and Timing Mode

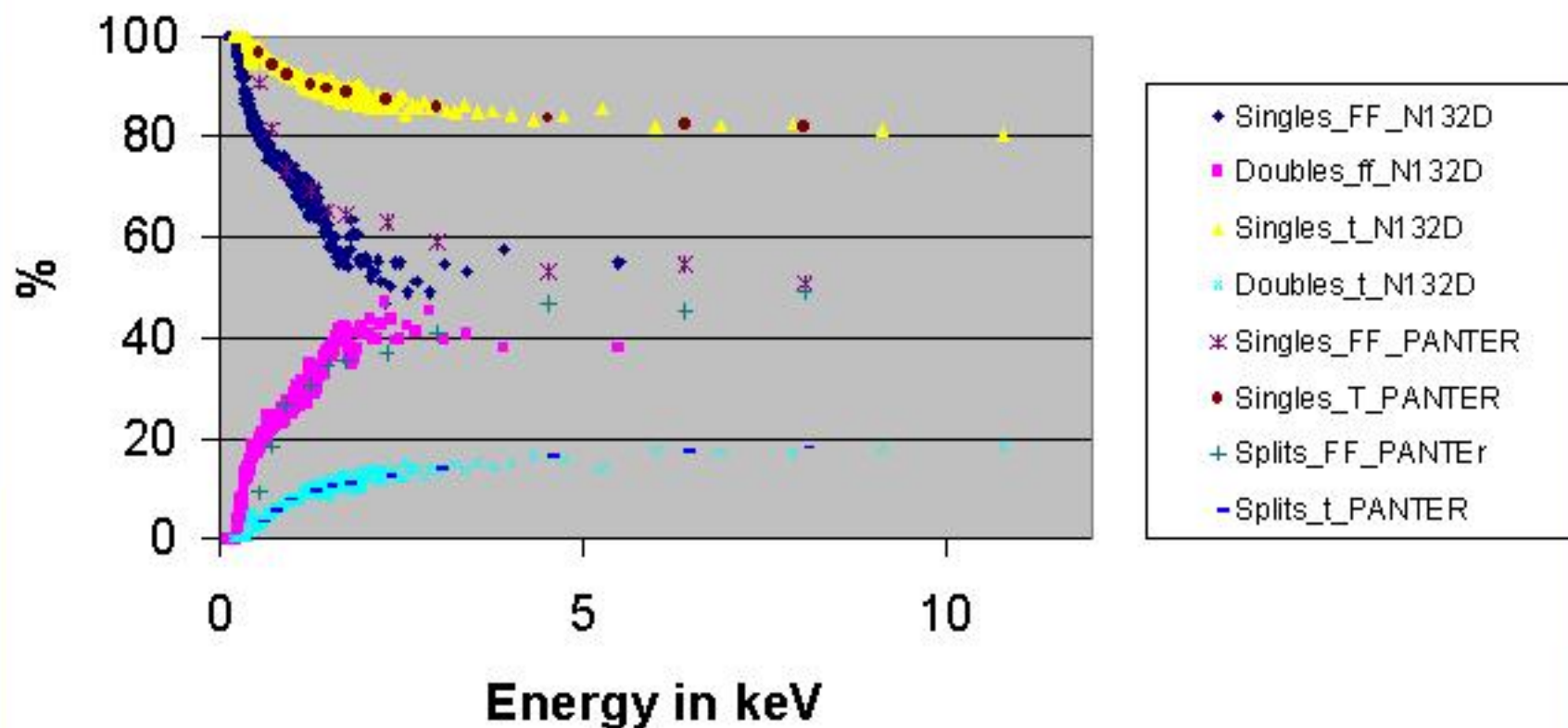


Fullframe
Timing



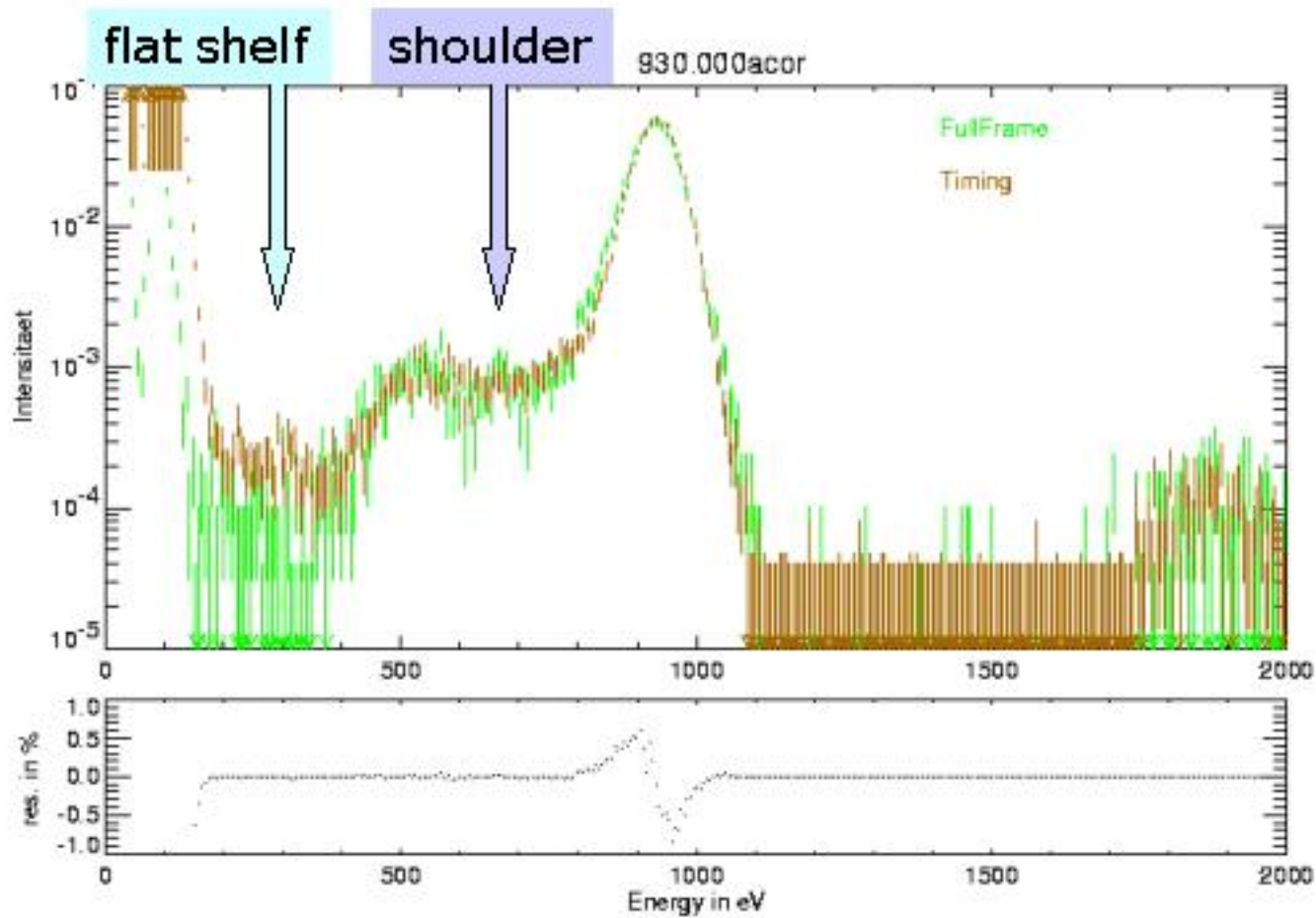


Pattern FF & Timing



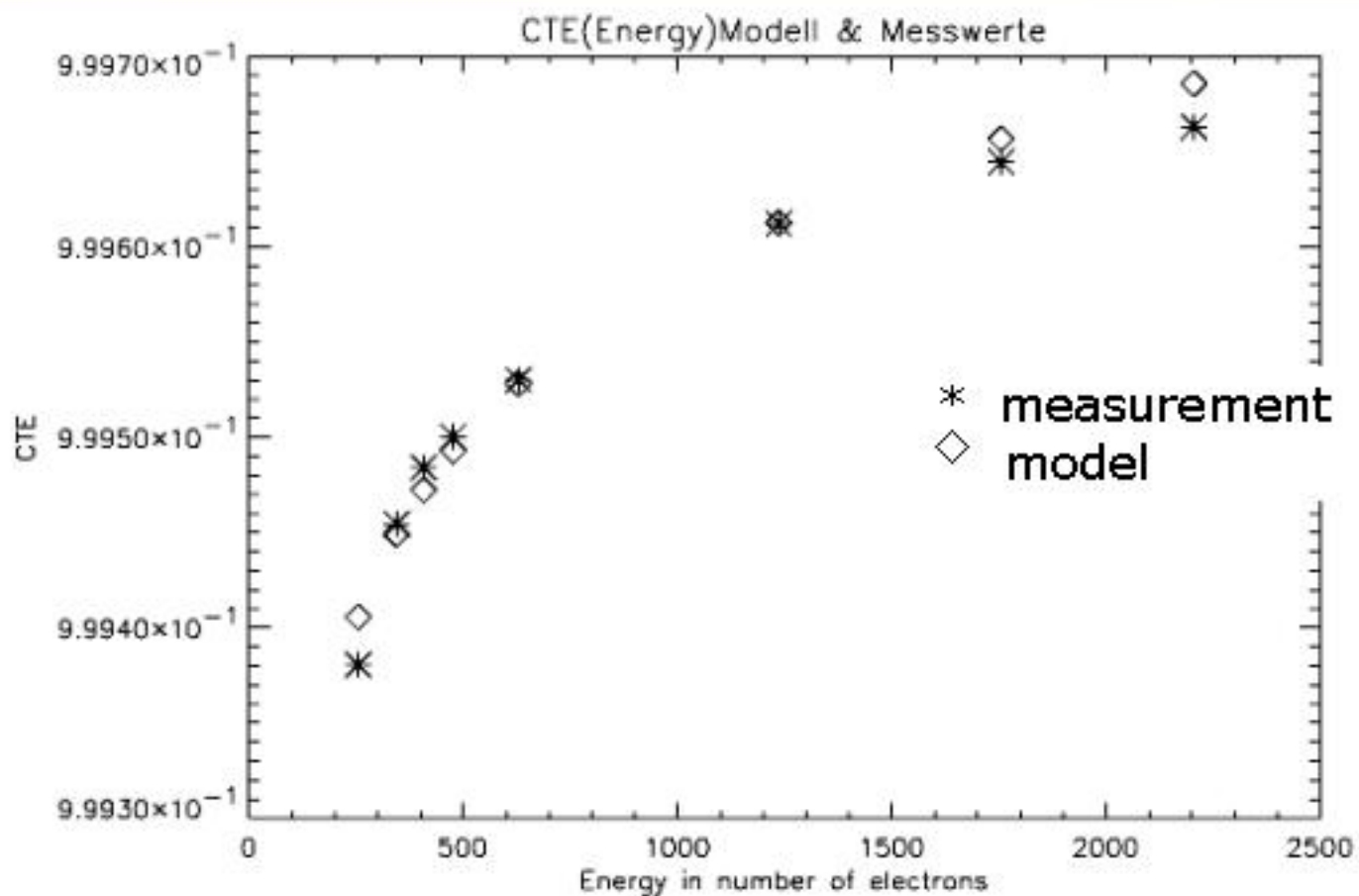
calibration on ground:

Partial Events





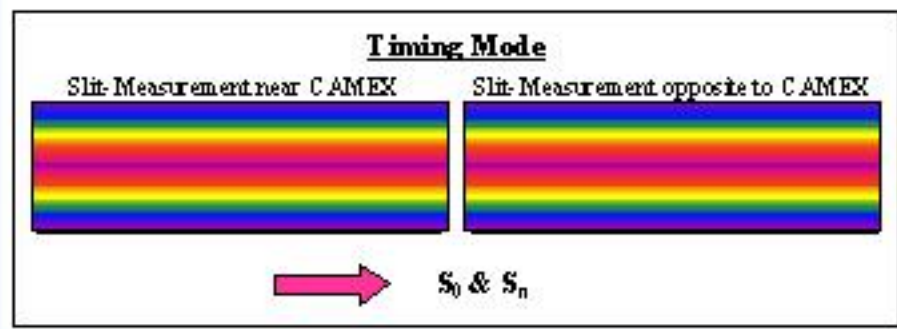
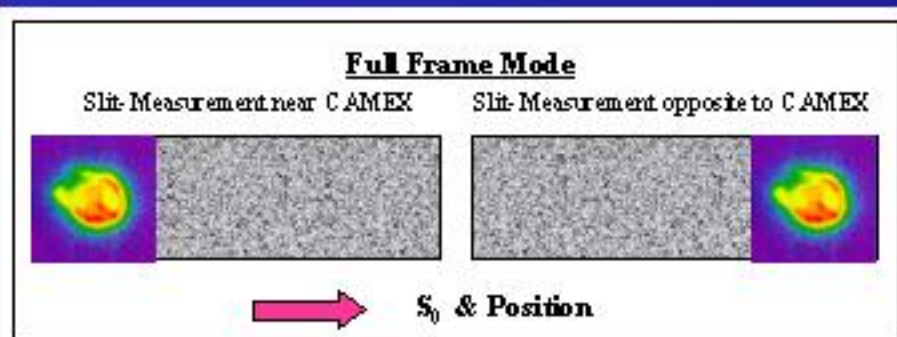
calibration on ground: CTE





in orbit calibration

- idea:
 - do "slit-slit-method" with a source with many spectral lines
 - compare peak positions after new CTE correction



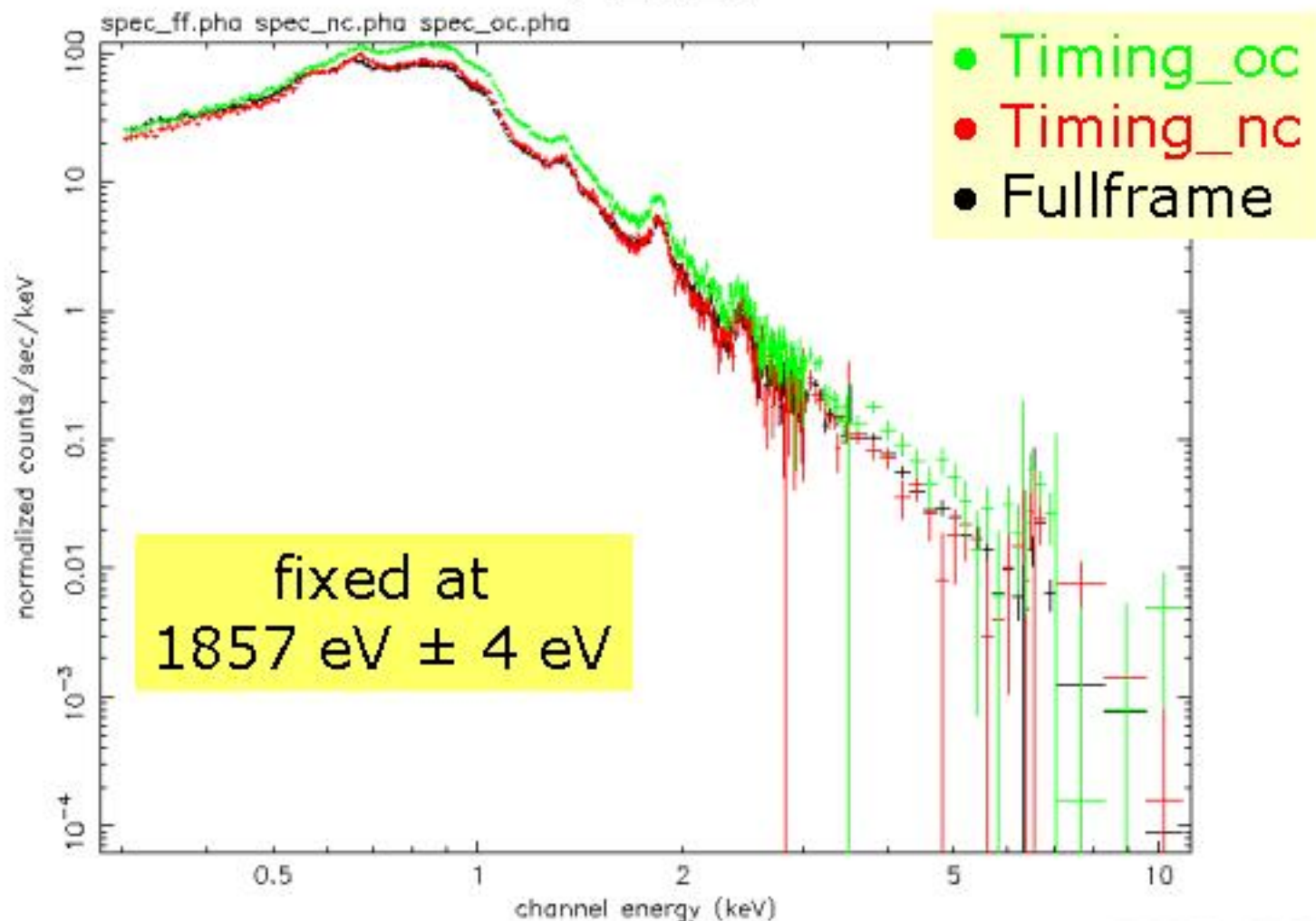
- observations:
 - 2 observations of N132D in revolution 83
 - 143.10.23.43: 35,2 ks
 - 144.12.39.52: 24,6 ks





in orbit calibration

N132D



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to be done

- fit data with partial-event model
- separate partial event effect from amplification
- verify CTE-correction after timing-amplification correction
- energy resolution
- 2nd observation of N132D (only half source in FOV → less “over”-correction)

