



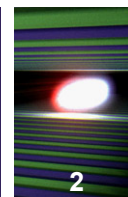
# The Calibration Pipeline for the Large 2D Pixel Detectors with Mhz Readout at the European XFEL

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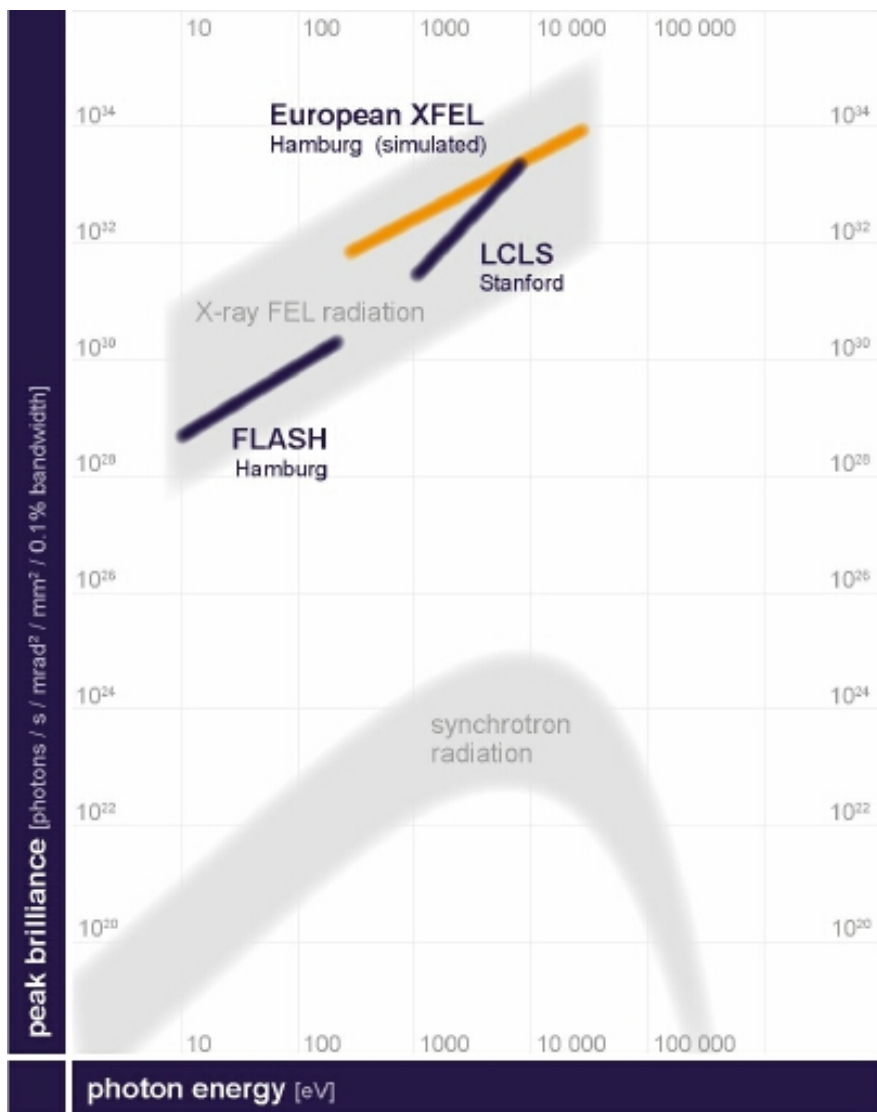
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# The European XFEL – Facility Overview



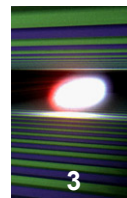
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- A free electron laser facility which will produce coherent X-ray light
- High peak brilliance
- Photon energy: 0.4–20 keV
- Pulse duration: < 100 fs, 2700 pulse per train, 10 trains per second
- Pulse energy: a few mJ
- 5 beam lines for 10 experiments, initially 3 beam lines with 6 experiments
- Superconducting LINAC
- Start of operation: 2016

# Calibration Pipeline Challenges

## – Number of Detector Parameters

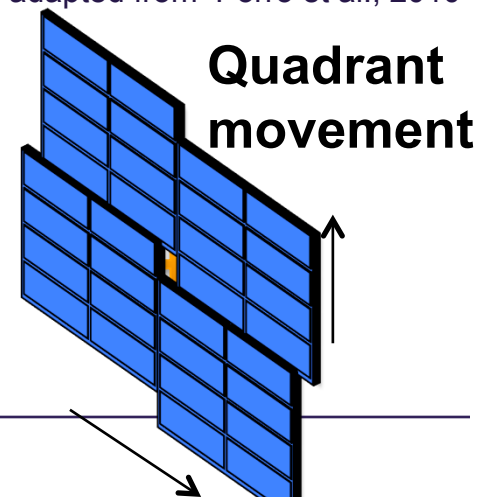
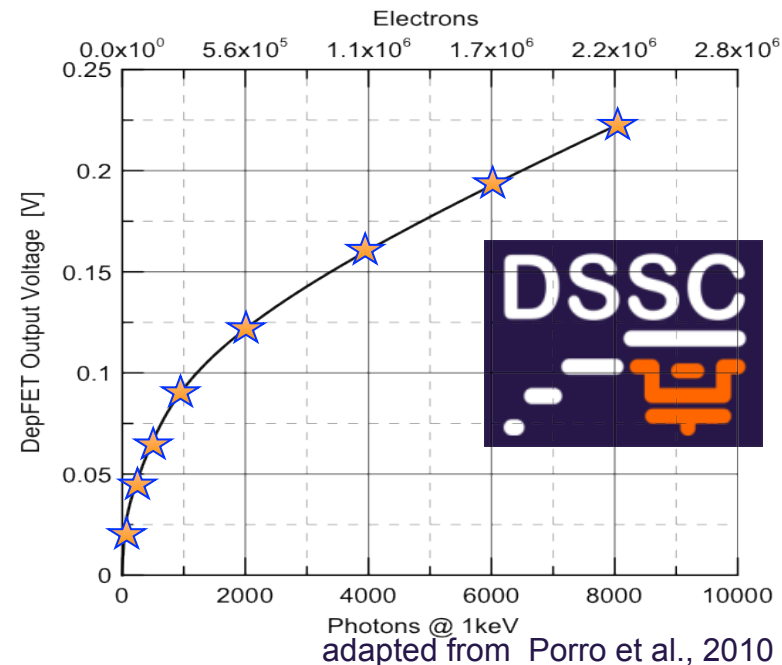


- Large number of calibration constants, e.g. non-linear gain: 100 memory cells/pixel x 1M pixel x 3 gains  $\approx 10^9$
- Diverse range of experiments, some single photon with low event rates, some with densely filled images.  
→ effects calibration possibilities
- Long term change of detector properties due to irradiation
- Short term change of detector alignment due to movable quadrants

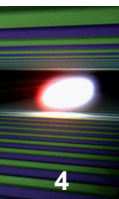


**Need for powerful calibration database**  
**Easy access to current detector state**

### DSSC non-linear Gain



# Calibration Pipeline Challenges – Near-Online Application to Data



## Most challenging scenario

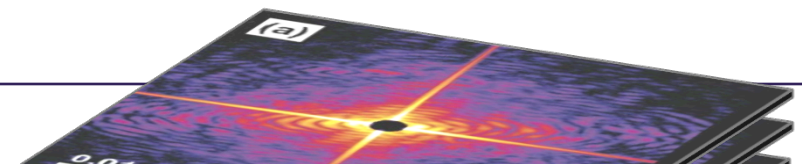
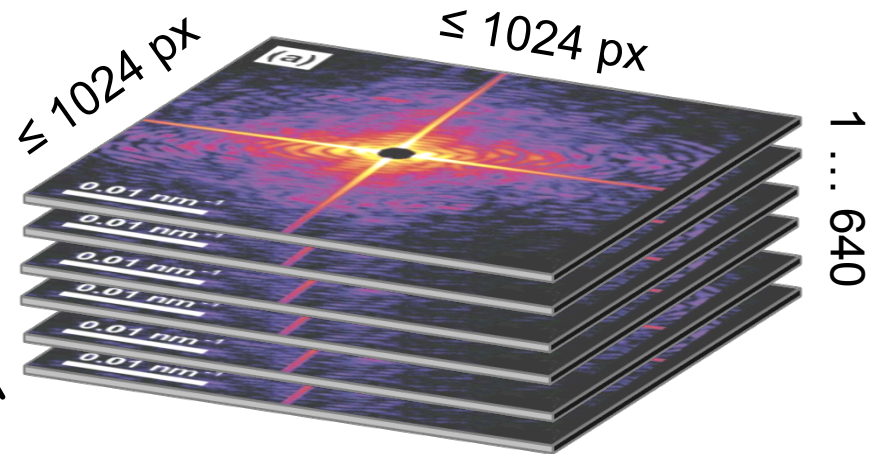
- Up to 1 Mpixel images
- Up to 640 frames per train (current DSSC detector buffering capability)
- 10 trains per second
- i.e. 6.4 kHz frame rate
- i.e. 6.4 Gpixel/s
- All pixels may have events
- Or sparse images with few events

➔ **Efficient, scalable  
calibration framework**

10 Hz repetition rate

99.3 ms

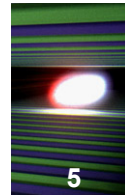
600 ns





# Calibration Pipeline Challenges

## – Flexibility

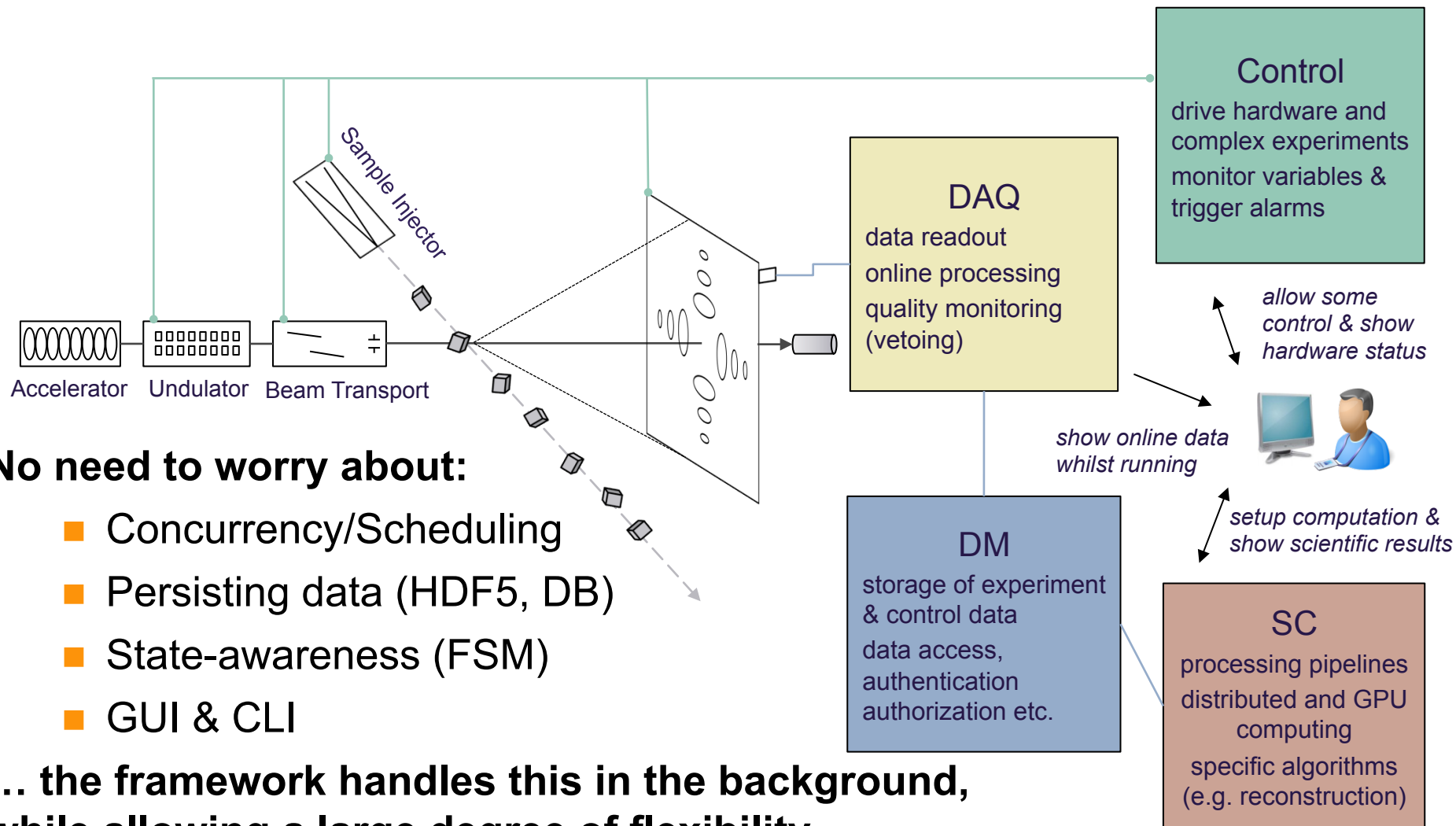


- **Calibration constants are obtained from:**
  - Dedicated calibration runs and lab measurements (recurring)
  - Calibration measurements before experiments (needs fast processing)
- **Calibration constants need to be applied to data for:**
  - Online monitoring (selected calibration steps)
  - Near-real time feedback during experiments for input into preliminary scientific analysis (selected data sets)
  - Post-experiment analysis on full data sets using standardized calibration (possibility of using updated calibration parameters)

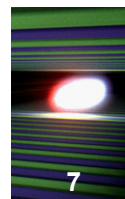
 **A modular pipeline is needed**

# Karabo Framework – Addressing the Challenges

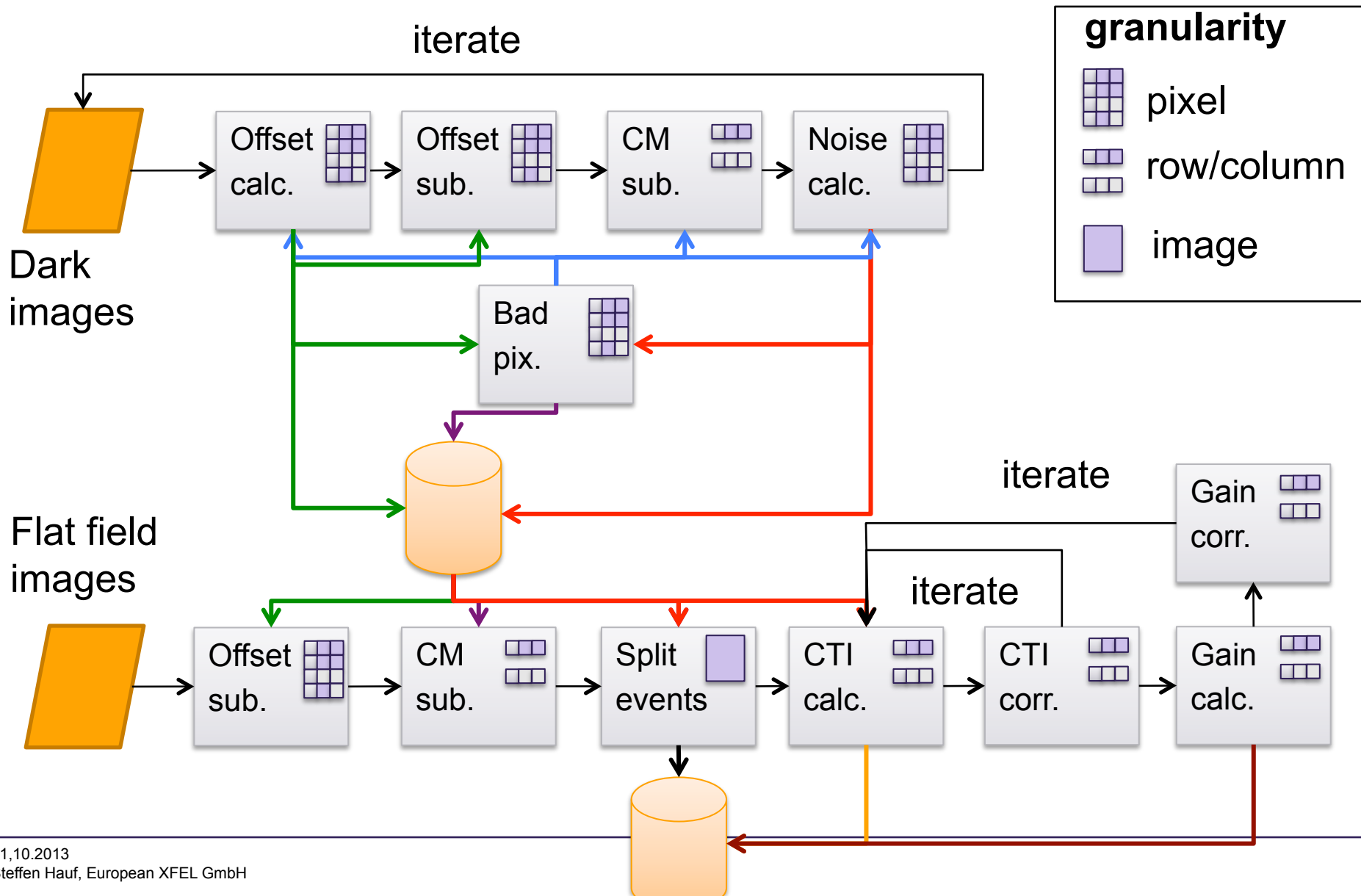
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# The pn-CCD Pipeline as a Reference Implementation

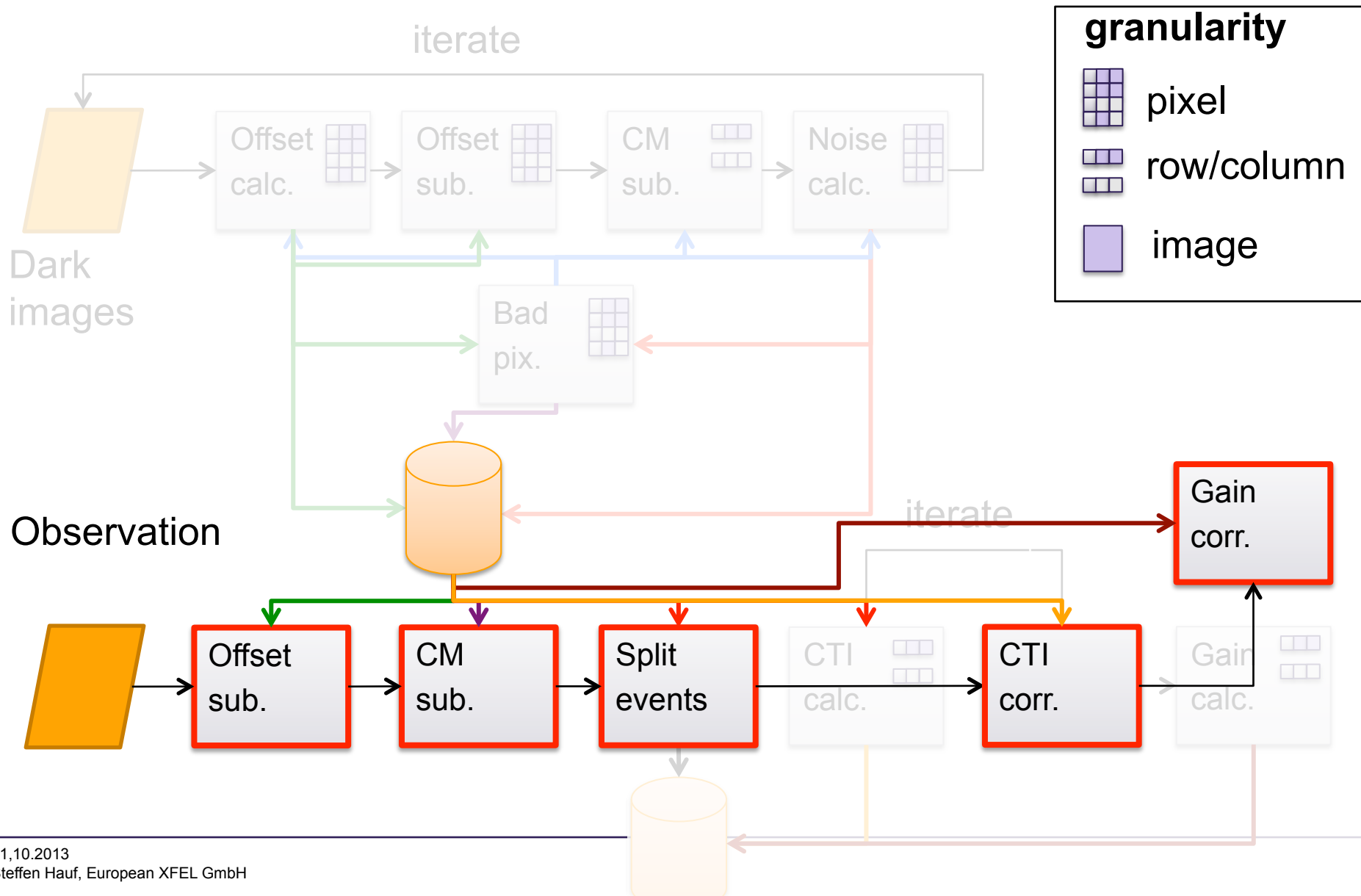


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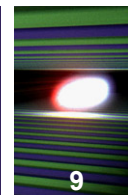


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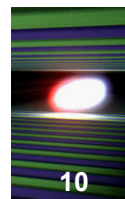
# From Concepts to “Software in Action”



- Initial stand-alone (i.e. non-Karabo) pipeline as reference
  - Implements calibration routines as shown on previous slides
  - Concurrency on a per-pixel and per-image level
  - Mixed image-based/event-based data-layout
  - FITS and HDF5 I/O
  - iPython/matplotlib auto-report generation in conjunction with iPython-notebook based layout tool
- Core fully implemented into Karabo by now (manager device still missing)
- Both are being benchmarked against data from the pn-CCD of the CAST experiment and its well-tested calibration pipeline

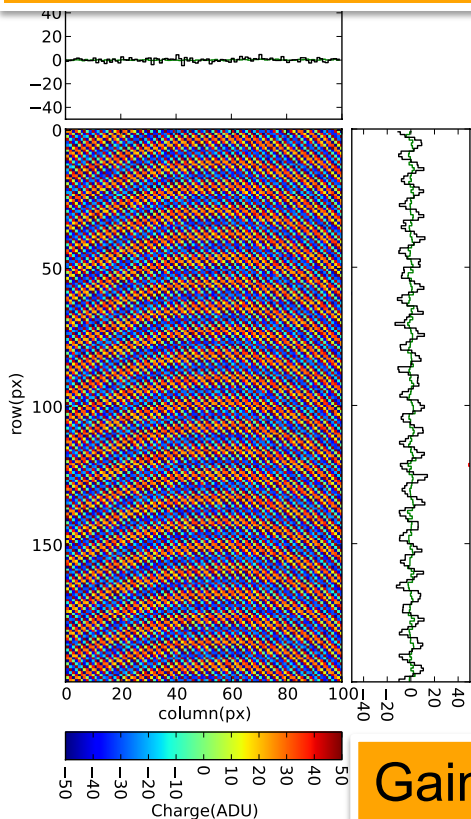


# From Concepts to “Software in Action” – Visualization

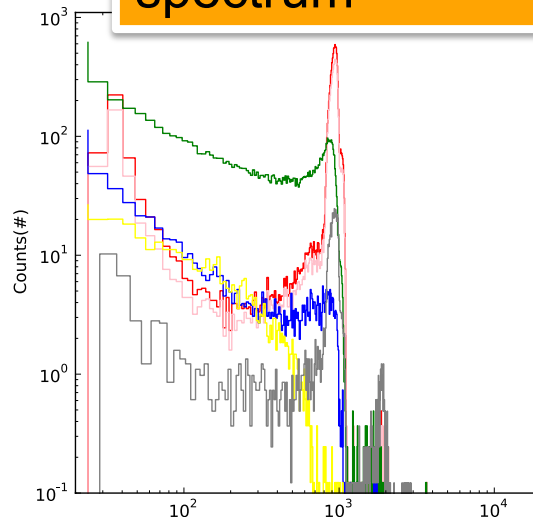


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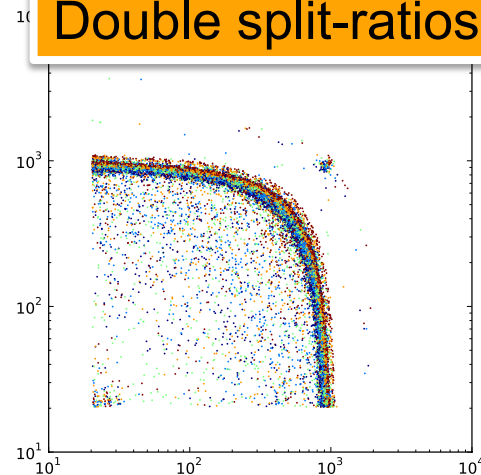
Frame dependent  
common mode



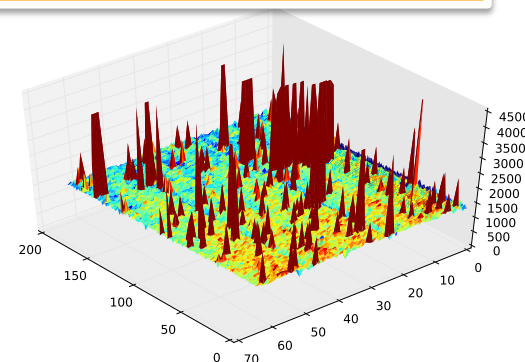
Split event  
spectrum



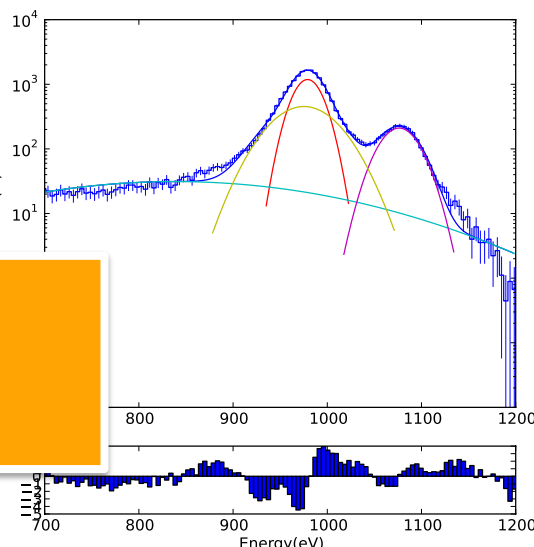
Double split-ratios



Max PHA map



Gain calibration  
after full event  
reconstruction



# From Concepts to “Software in Action” – Karabo Pipeline

Registered  
devices

- sub1
  - dsiteration
    - CalibrationManager
      - iterator1
  - dsWriter
    - CalHdf5Writer
      - writerOffsetmap
      - writergain1
      - writerNoisemap
      - writer1
  - dsAlgebra2
    - CommonModeCorrection
      - cmgain1
    - Subtractor
  - dsComposition
    - MinMaxPlotter
      - minmax1
      - minmaxgain1
    - NoiseMapGenerator
      - noise1
    - OffsetMapGenerator
      - offset1
  - dsManager
    - CalPipelineManager
      - manager1
  - dsReader
    - FitsFileReader
      - fits1
      - fitsgain

Powerpoint-like  
composition  
canvas

Plotting code

Logger with  
filtering

Plot display and interactive editing  
of python code is also possible  
from within Karabo GUI

Device  
parameters

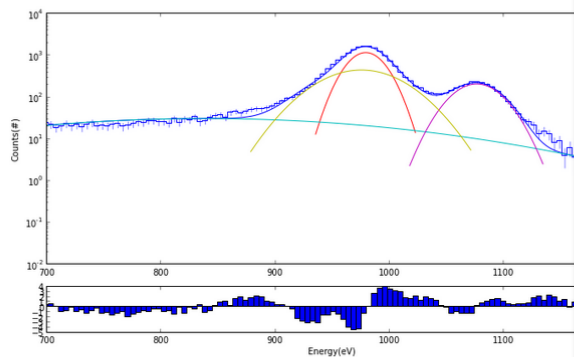
Device Wiki

# From Concepts to “Software in Action” – Report Generation

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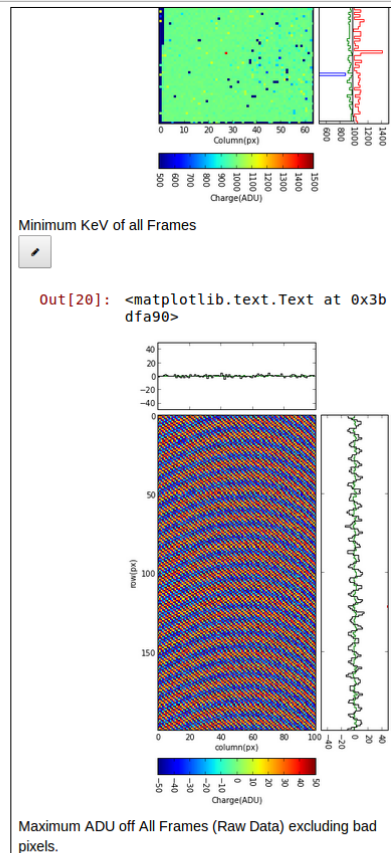
## Page layout

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<h1>Gain Corrected Spectrum</h1>
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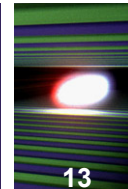
0	Peak position (ADU)	979.05 ± 0.0404502
1	Peak FWHM (ADU)	34.4453 ± 0.0807869
2	Peak position (eV)	5895.1 ± 0.24356
3	Peak FWHM (eV)	207.404 ± 0.486437
4	ADU/eV	0.1660786
5	Reduced Chi2	5.800319
6	Goodness of Fit	0

- The iPython notebook based layout tool allows for WYSIWYG report layouting.
- By using matplotlib as a backend flexible, publication-quality plotting is possible.
- LaTeX syntax is fully supported for equations and plot labels.
- Model and view are separated, layouts can be reused for new data.
- Final product is a standardized PDF report



Available plots  
and tables

# From Concepts to “Software in Action” – Benchmarking against CAST Gain Calibration



- Implementations differ slightly, a few parameters still need to be adapted
- **Generally good agreement**

Parameter	CAST	XFEL	Diff. (%)
Min (median)	296.0	296.0	0
Max (median)	1372.0	1372.0	0
Noise (median)	5.3	5.5	3.6%
Peak pos (ADU)	986.3	979.1	0.7%
Peak FWHM (eV)	198.6	207.0	4.1%
ADU/eV	0.17	0.17	0%

## CAST pn-CCD

200x64 pixels

150  $\mu\text{m}$  x 150  $\mu\text{m}$  pixel size

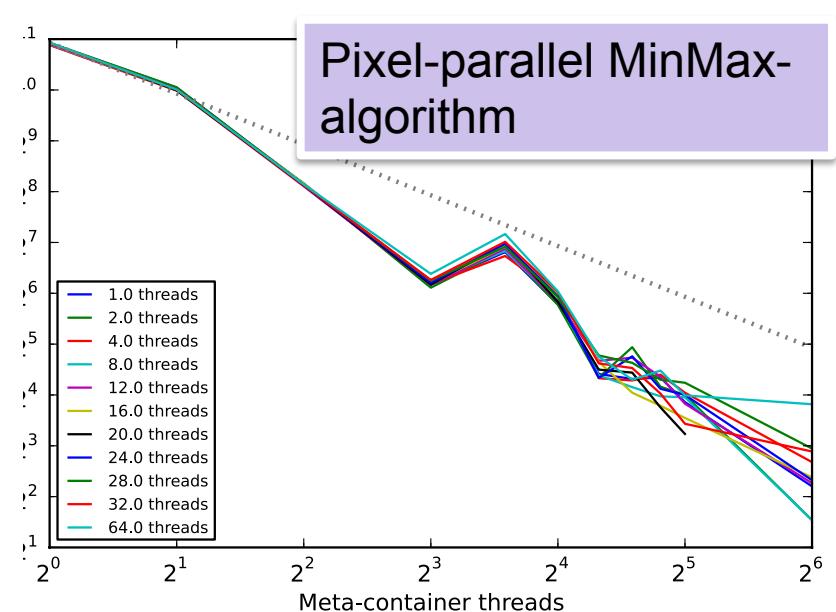
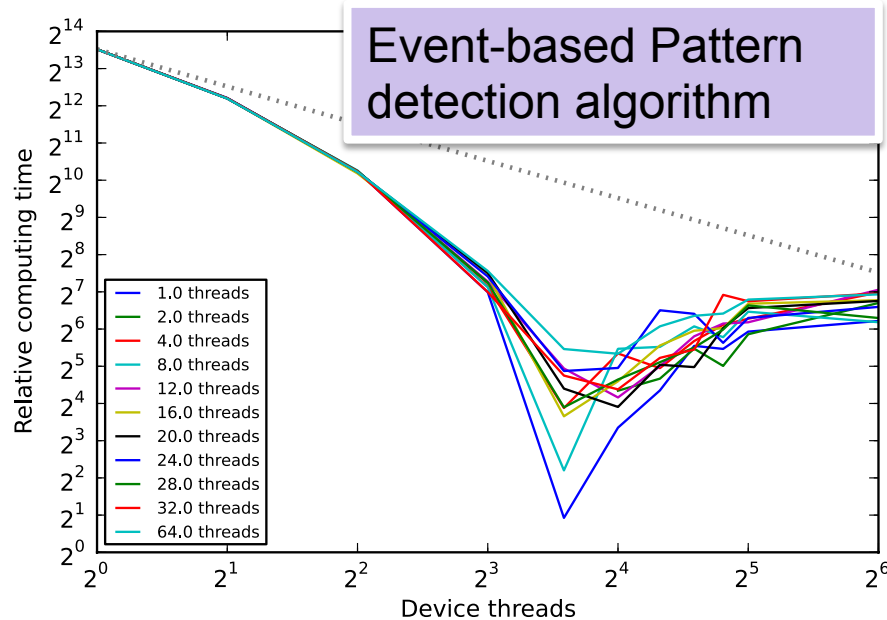
300  $\mu\text{m}$  sensor thickness

71.775 ms cycle time

Multiplicity	CAST	XFEL
Singles	60.9 %	56.7 %
– First singles	74.3 %	77.9 %
Double	35.9 %	39.3%
Triples	2.2 %	2.6 %
Quadruples	1.0 %	1.3 %

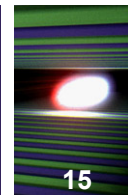
# From Concepts to “Software in Action” – A few Words on Performance

- Preliminary performance tests on stand-alone pipeline
- Scales better than linear:
  - more threads: less pipeline stages lie dormant
  - CPU affinity
- Karabo-based pipeline not performance-optimized yet



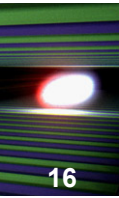


# Conclusion



- Stand-alone pipeline is implemented and being used for analysis. It has been tested against the existing CAST CCD calibration analysis and matches results.
- Modular pipeline approach allows for reuse of components in diverse scenarios:
  - Monitoring
  - Near-online calibration application for rapid-feedback
  - Processing from archive after experiment
- The calibration concept for European XFEL foresees a Karabo-framework based pipeline for calibration constant analysis and application
- Powerful auxiliary packages provide a flexible, interactive report generator, which utilizes the full power of iPython and is deemed to be useful for non-calibration tasks as well

# Backup Slides



# The European XFEL – Facility Overview

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## Headquarters

## Switchyard Hall

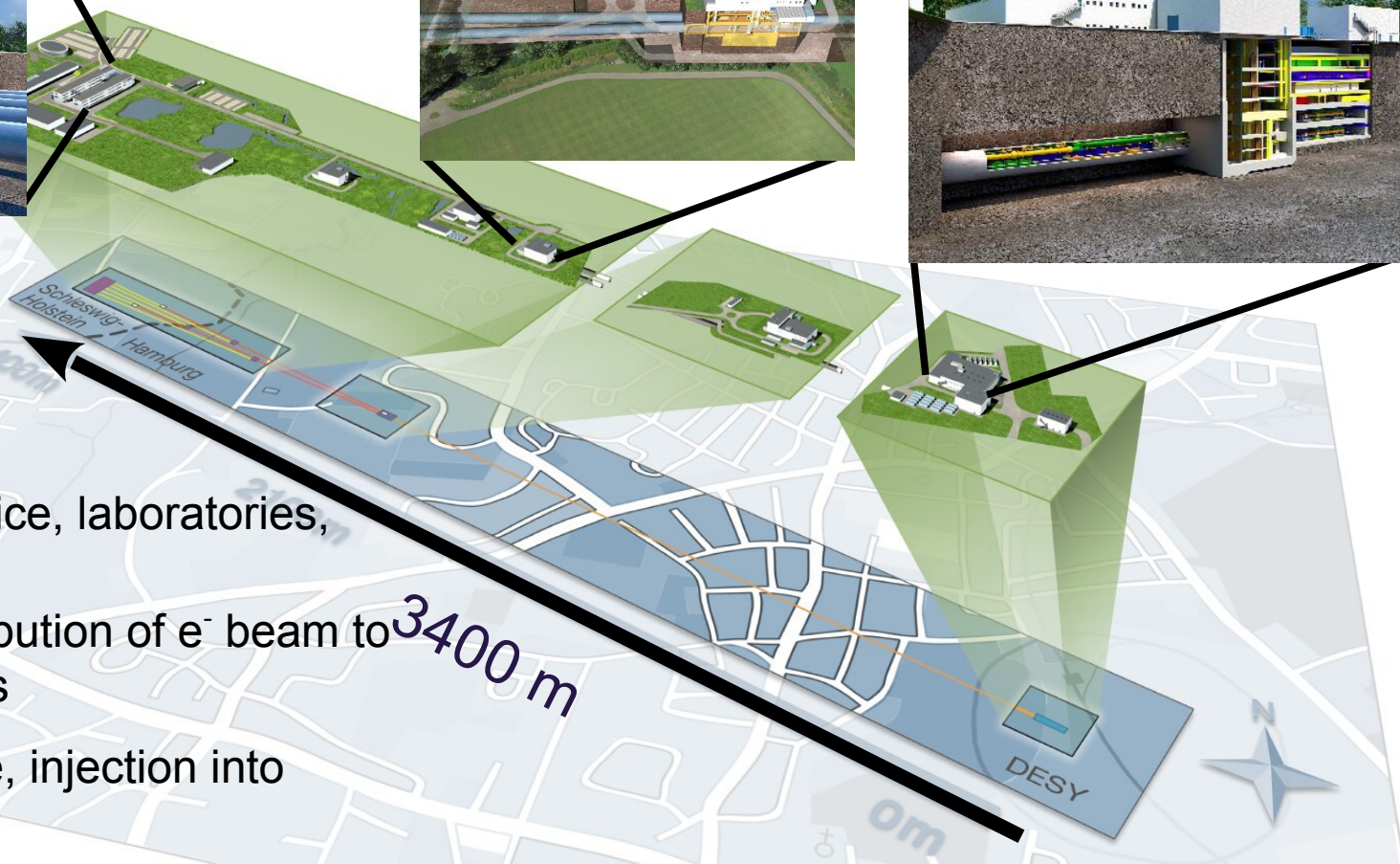
## Injector Building



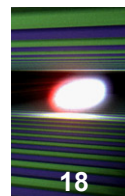
**Headquarters** office, laboratories,  
experiment hall

**Switchyard** distribution of  $e^-$  beam to  
photon beam lines

**Injector**  $e^-$  source, injection into  
accelerator



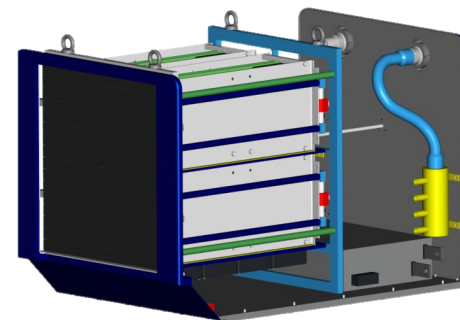
# Calibration Challenges – Detector Parameters



LPD

**Energy range:** 5(1)–20(25) keV  
**Dynamic range:**  $10^5$  ph. @ 12 keV  
**Pixel size:**  $500 \times 500 \mu\text{m}^2$   
**Storage cells:** 512  
**Single photon sens.:** ✓

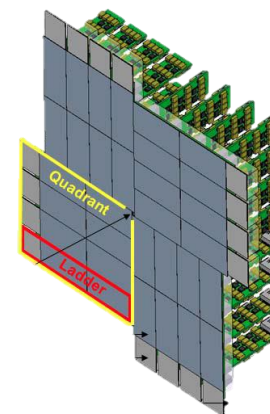
**Rutherford Appleton  
 Labs/STFC,**  
 University of Glasgow



DSSC

**Energy range:** 0.5–6 keV  
**Dynamic range:** 6000 ph. @ 1 keV  
**Pixel size:**  $236 \times 236 \mu\text{m}^2$   
**Storage cells:** 640  
**Single photon sens.:** ✓

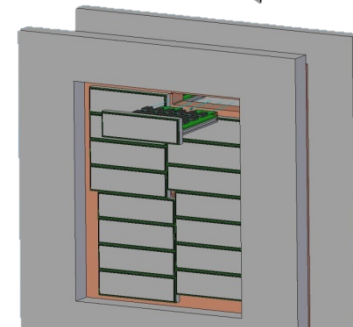
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 Politecnico di Milano,  
 Università di Bergamo, DESY



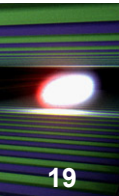
AGIPD

**Energy range:** 3–13 keV  
**Dynamic range:**  $10^4$  ph. @ 1 keV  
**Pixel size:**  $200 \times 200 \mu\text{m}^2$   
**Storage cells:** 300  
**Single photon sens.:** ✓

**DESY,**  
 PSI/SLS Villingen  
 Universität Bonn,  
 Universität Hamburg,



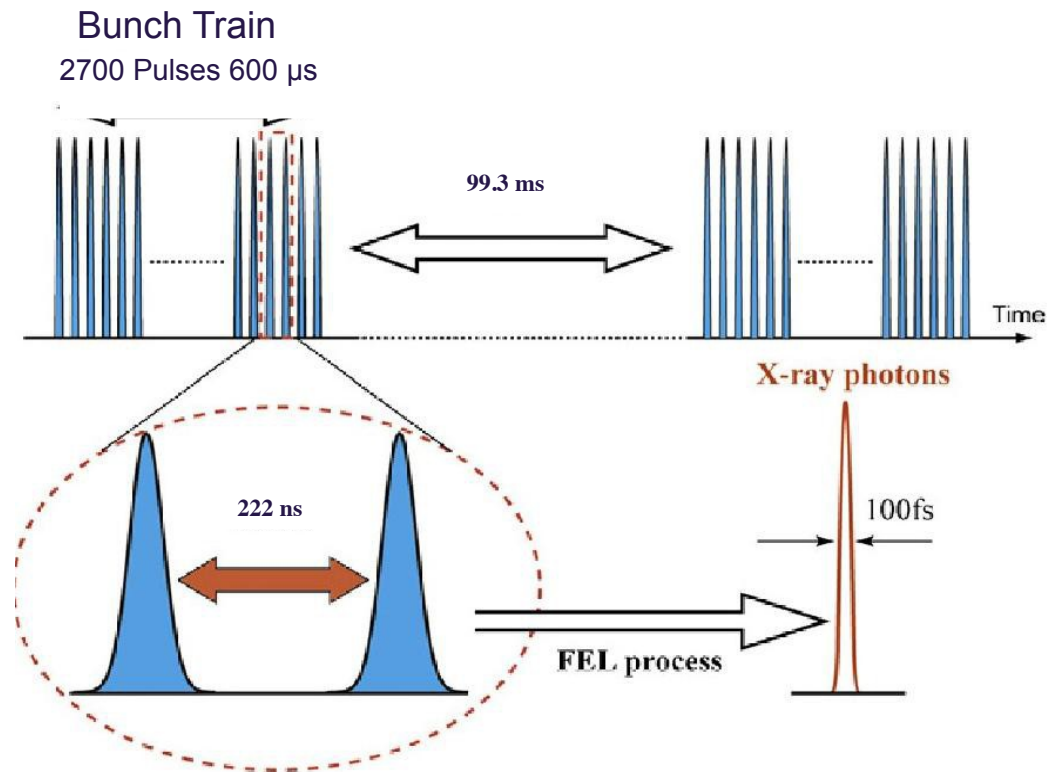
# Calibration Challenges – Near-Online Application



- The European XFEL will have a unique time structure:

- Ultra-short pulses  $< 100$  fs
- 1300 pulses in a train
- 99.3 ms between bunches  
➔ 10 Hz bunch rate
- 27.000 pulses/s at a maximum pulse rate of 4.5 MHz
- Pulse patterns may differ from 1...n pulse per train, with variable spacing

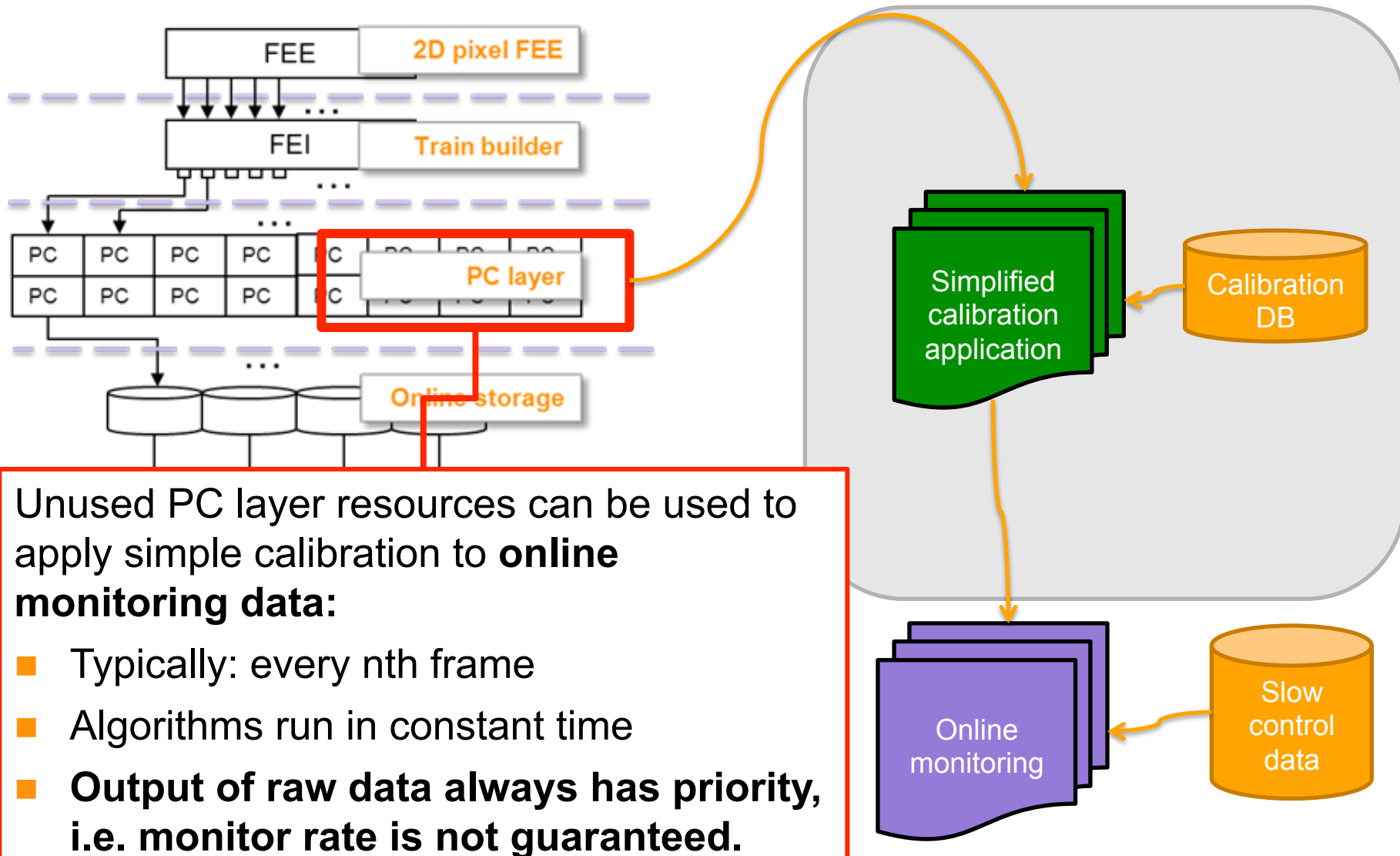
- Up to  $10^{12}$  photons/bunch



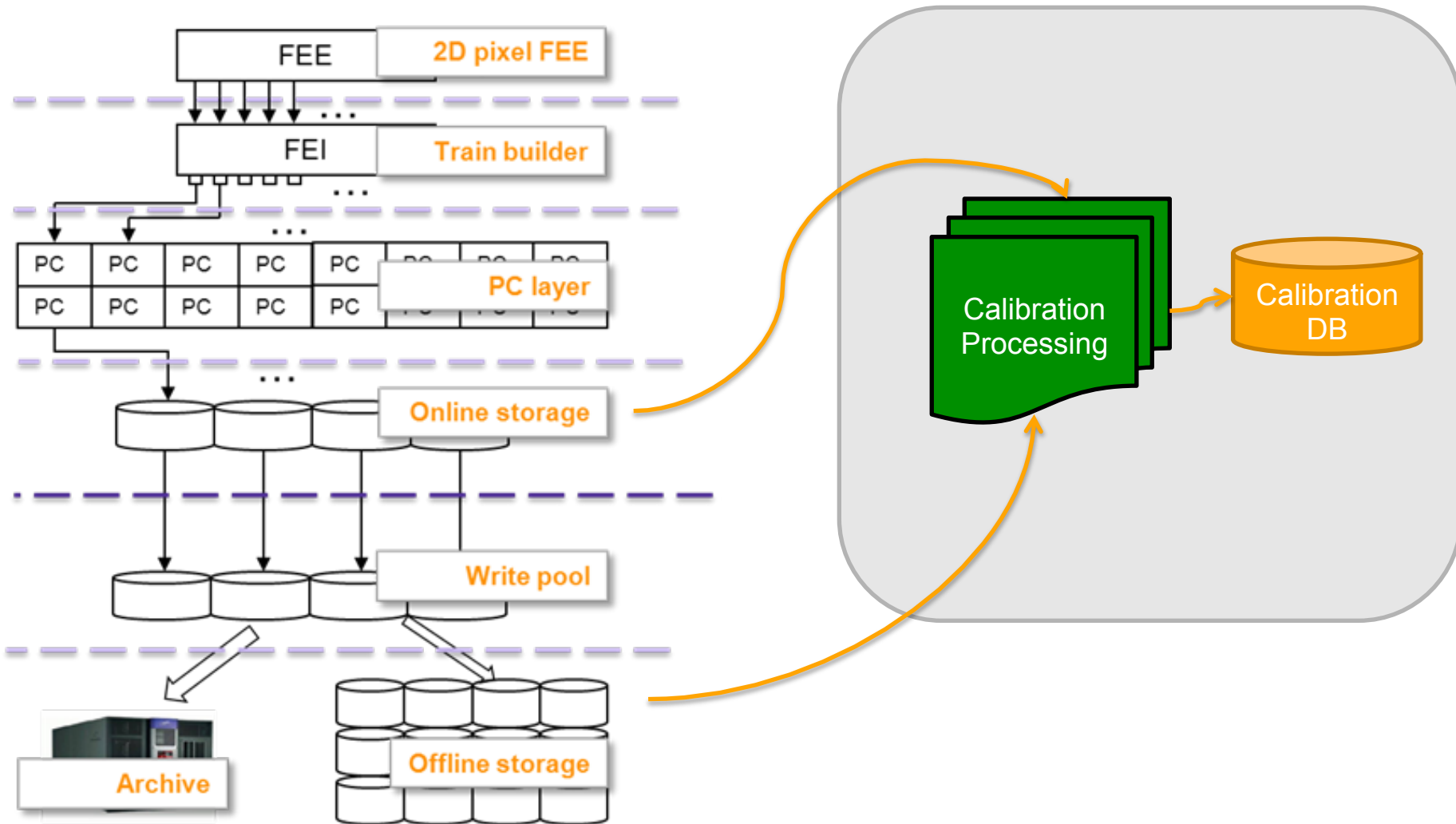


# Where is Centralized Calibration Involved?

## – Monitoring



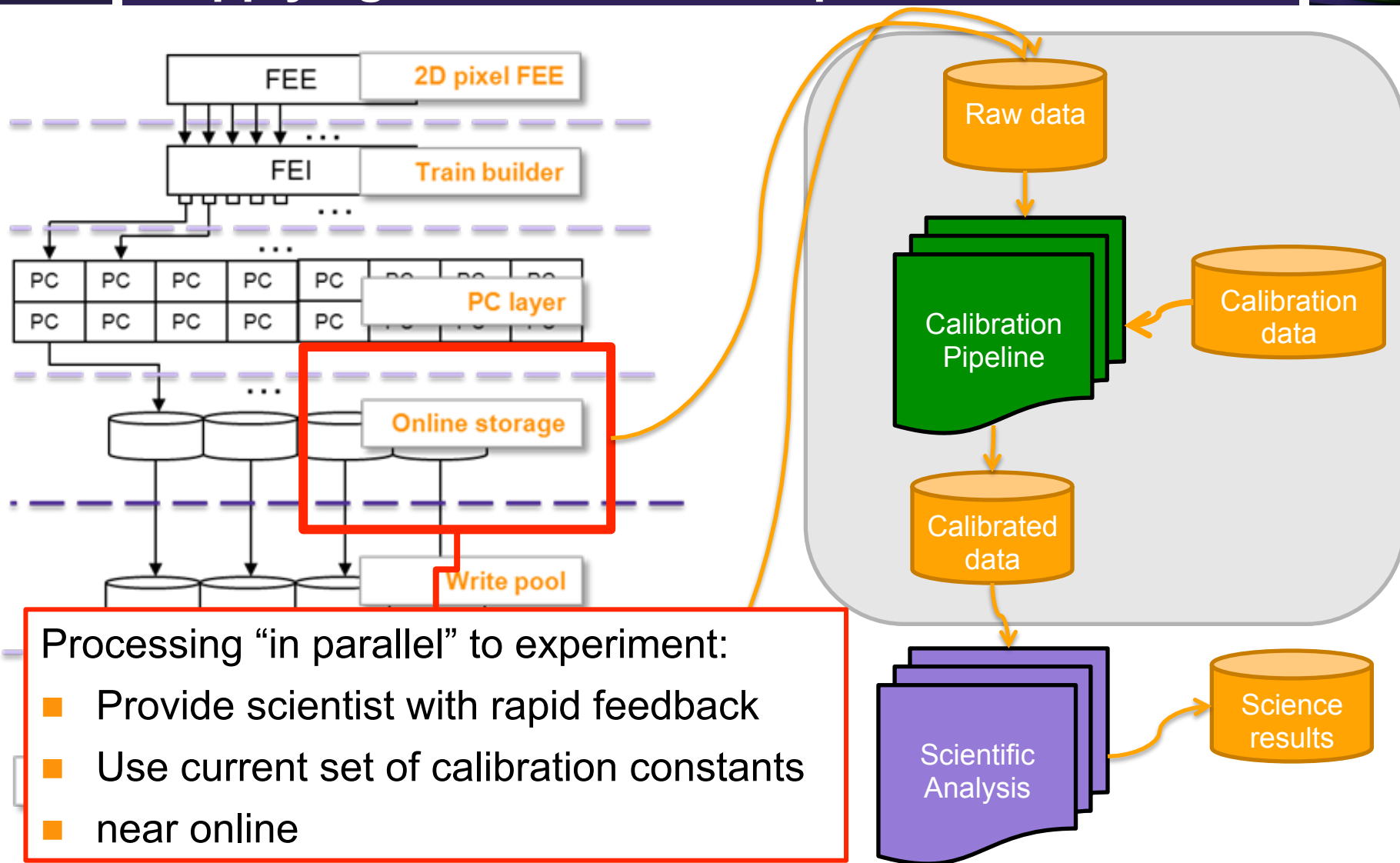
# Where is Centralized Calibration Involved? – Acquisition of Calibration Constants



# Where is Centralized Calibration Involved?

## – Applying Calibration for Rapid Feedback

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# Where is Centralized Calibration Involved?

## – (Re)processing Data after Experiment

Processing after experiment:

- Reprocess existing data if better calibration constants become available
- Adjust calibration parameters to specific science needs
- Scheduled as a processing job to be performed when CPU-time is available.

