

Cluster analysis of data from the Silicon On Insulator detector

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The detector

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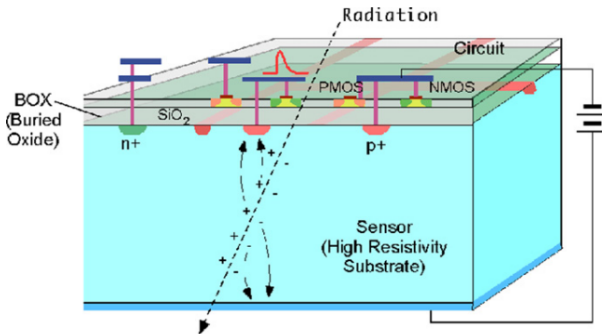


Figure: S.O.I. Pixel schematics[1]

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- Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor (CMOS)
 - Circuitry isolated from the rest of the detector

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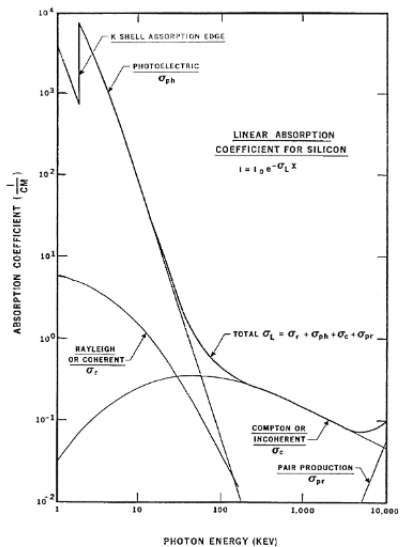
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Disadvantages

- Pixel size
- Signal accumulation time
- Radiation damage
- Coupling to the main board

Absorption coefficient[2]



Americium decay

- Americium half-life: 432 years.
- Decay chain: ${}_{95}^{241}\text{Am} \xrightarrow{432\text{y.}} {}_{93}^{237}\text{Np} \xrightarrow{2.4\text{e}+6\text{y.}} {}_{91}^{233}\text{Pa} + \dots$
(Neptunium cascade)
- Most important: ${}_{95}^{241}\text{Am} \rightarrow {}_{93}^{237}\text{Np} + \alpha + \gamma \text{ 59.5 keV}$
- A typical americium spectra contain this 59.5 keV peak, as well as peaks near 14 keV, 18 keV, 21 keV and 26 keV from less likely Am decays and from the Neptunium decay.[3]

Americium 241 spectra

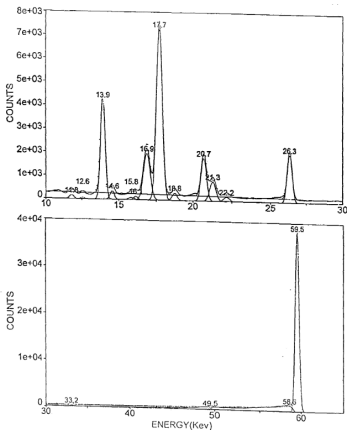


Figure: Americium 241 decay spectra.[3]

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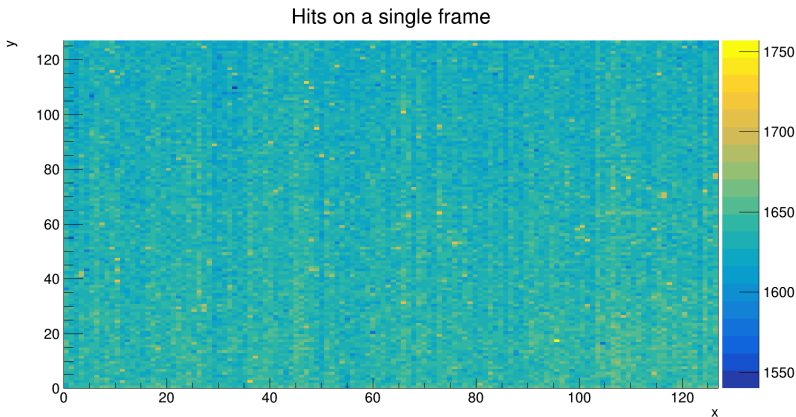


Figure: Data from a single frame, before processing it

Pedestal

- Pedestal: DC component of the signal (main factor)

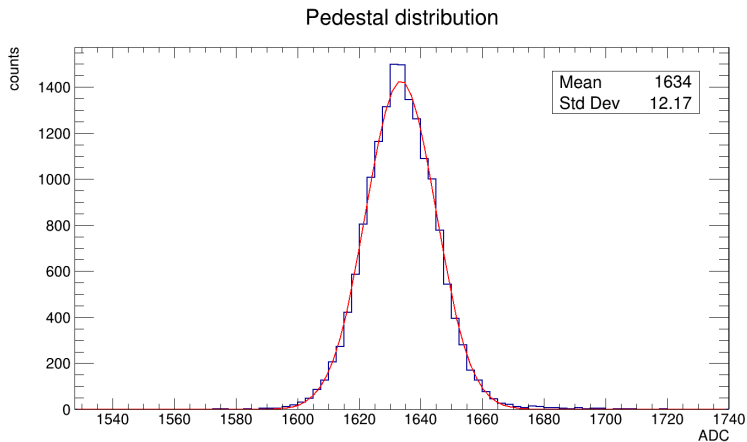


Figure: Pedestal: Pedestal distribution over each pixel

Common mode

- Common mode: Oscillations due to electrical noise from the surroundings.

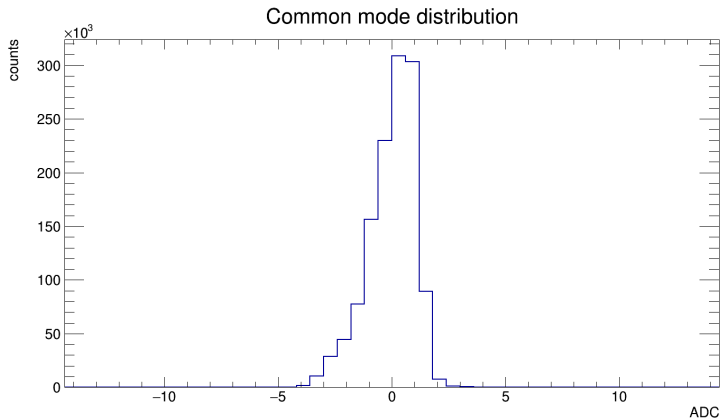


Figure: Common mode: Distribution of common mode over each frame

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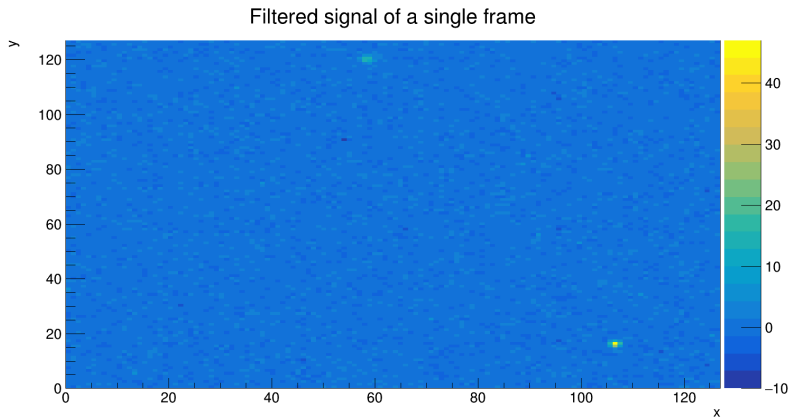
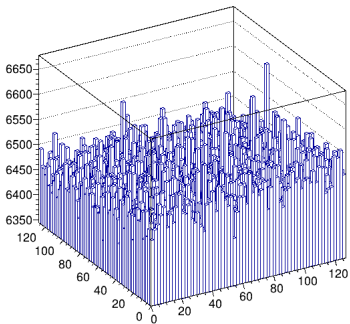


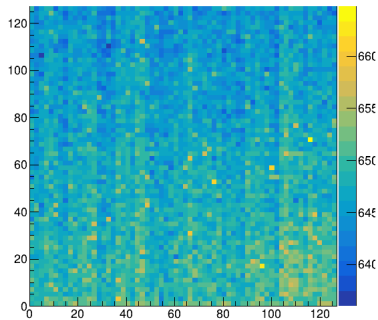
Figure: Data processing: signal after removal of pedestal and common mode

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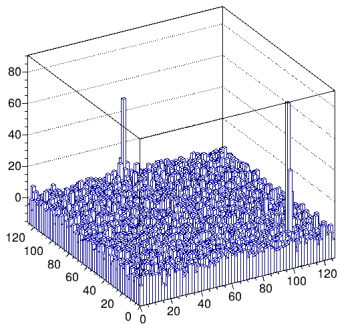


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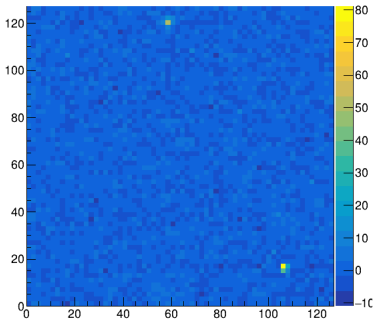


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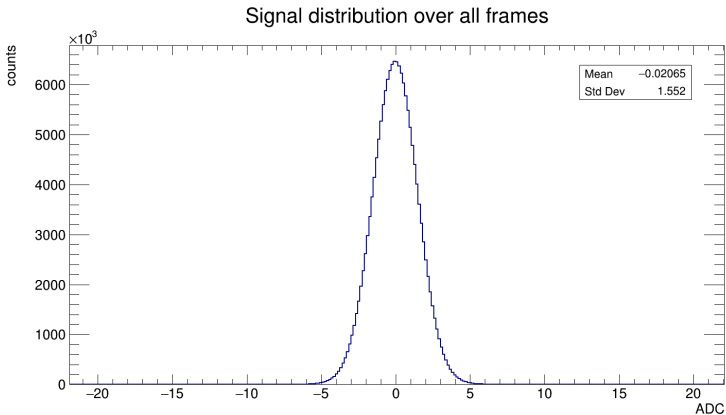
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Clustering

- Particles going through the detector create electron and hole pairs, which can spread out to more than one pixel. The signal from those pixels needs to be added in a cluster.
- The higher is the energy of the particle, the larger is the cluster.

Clustering

- K-Means and DBSCAN algorithms are not optimised for cluster for a pixel grid (pixels in a cluster must be neighbours).
- “Brute forcing” would not be easily optimised.
- a middle ground solution was applied.

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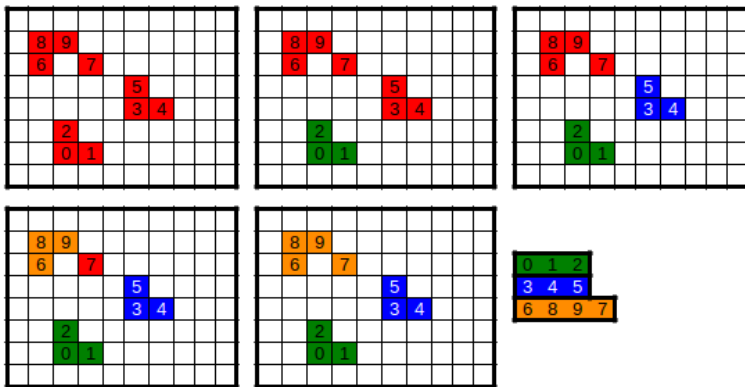


Figure: Illustrative clustering scheme

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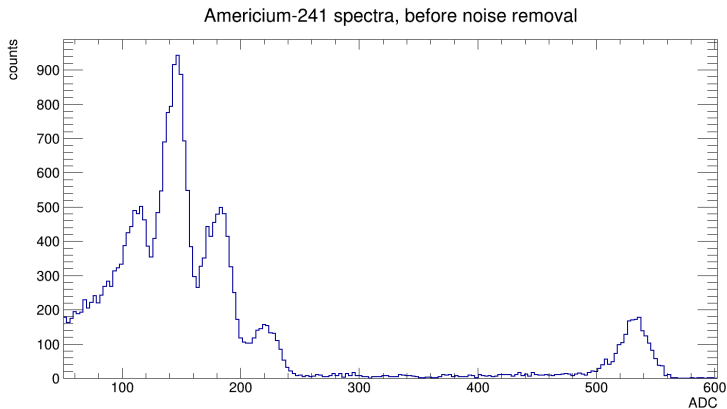


Figure: Energy spectra in clusters (spectra before removing background)

Americium 241 spectra

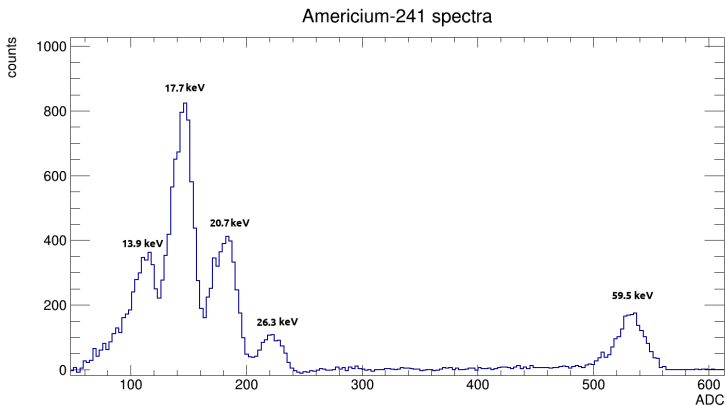


Figure: Americium spectra after removing background (SNIPS algorithm). The peaks are clearly visible, but their width encompasses several possible peaks from the americium spectra.

Energy calibration

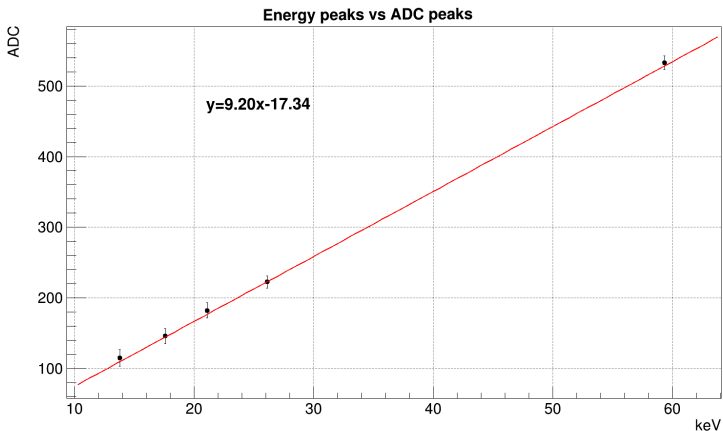


Figure: The energy from the peaks is plotted versus the ADC value measured by the detector to obtain a linear relation between both of them.

Detector parameters

$$\text{Slope} = 9.20 \pm 0.18 \text{ ADC/keV}$$

$$\frac{\text{ADC}}{\text{eV}} = 0.0092 \pm 0.00018 \text{ ADC/eV}$$

$$\frac{\text{ADC}}{e} = 0.030 \pm 0.001 \text{ ADC/e}$$

$$\text{ENC} = 45.28 \pm 0.89 e$$

Future work

- Data acquisition: presorting
- Full ROOT integration
- Laser testing: Evaluation of depletion layer
- ...
- <https://github.com/sucunza/Pixel-Detector>

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