

WidePIX

CHROMATIC



User manual

Content of package

- **WidePIX CHROMATIC** detector
- +12 V DC adapter
- 2x quick coupling for water cooling (for 4x6 mm plastic hose)
- USB memory stick with control software Pixet Pro

1. Start guide

Device Setup and Safety

1. The device should be positioned securely to avoid falls or damage caused by contact with other objects
2. Connect the device to the water-cooling system. Thermal stabilization to 22°C is strongly recommended. Overheating can cause damage to the device.
3. Plug in the power adapter.
4. Connect the device to your computer via Ethernet STP cable (Cat6 or higher is highly recommended) supporting speed of 1 Gb/s or higher.

LAN requirements

- Connect the device directly to the network card or via a gigabit switch with no load on other ports.
- To fully utilize the dual-/triple-port **WidePIX CHROMATIC**, connect two or three dedicated cables to two or three separate network cards in the computer. Each network card must support speeds of at least 1 Gb/s.
- If there is a slower or more complex network between the WidePIX and the computer, the framerate may be limited, bad frames can occur, or some measurements may fail.
- ❖ 1x Ethernet cable for **CHROMATIC 5** (Single Row), **CHROMATIC 10** (Double Row)
- ❖ 2x Ethernet cables for **CHROMATIC 10** (Single Row), **CHROMATIC 20** (Double Row)
- ❖ 3x Ethernet cables for **CHROMATIC 15** (Single Row), **CHROMATIC 30** (Double Row)

Network Configuration and IP Addressing

1. From factorial setting IP address is set **192.168.1.100** and Subnet mask **255.255.255.0** If more segments IP addresses are 192.168.1.101, 192.168.1.102... (with the same subnet mask)
2. If the device was previously used and the IP was changed but is now unknown, device requires the reset of IP address (see the IP address reset tutorial, below this section).
3. To ensure correct communication, modify the network settings on your PC.
 - a. **Change network settings for Windows 11**
(older Windows versions are very similar, see YouTube tutorial [Network setting Windows 10](#))
 - i) Go to **Start > Settings > Network & Internet > Ethernet**

- II) Select the **Ethernet** connection used for the device
- III) In IP assignment, click on **Edit**, see Figure 1: Network setting W1

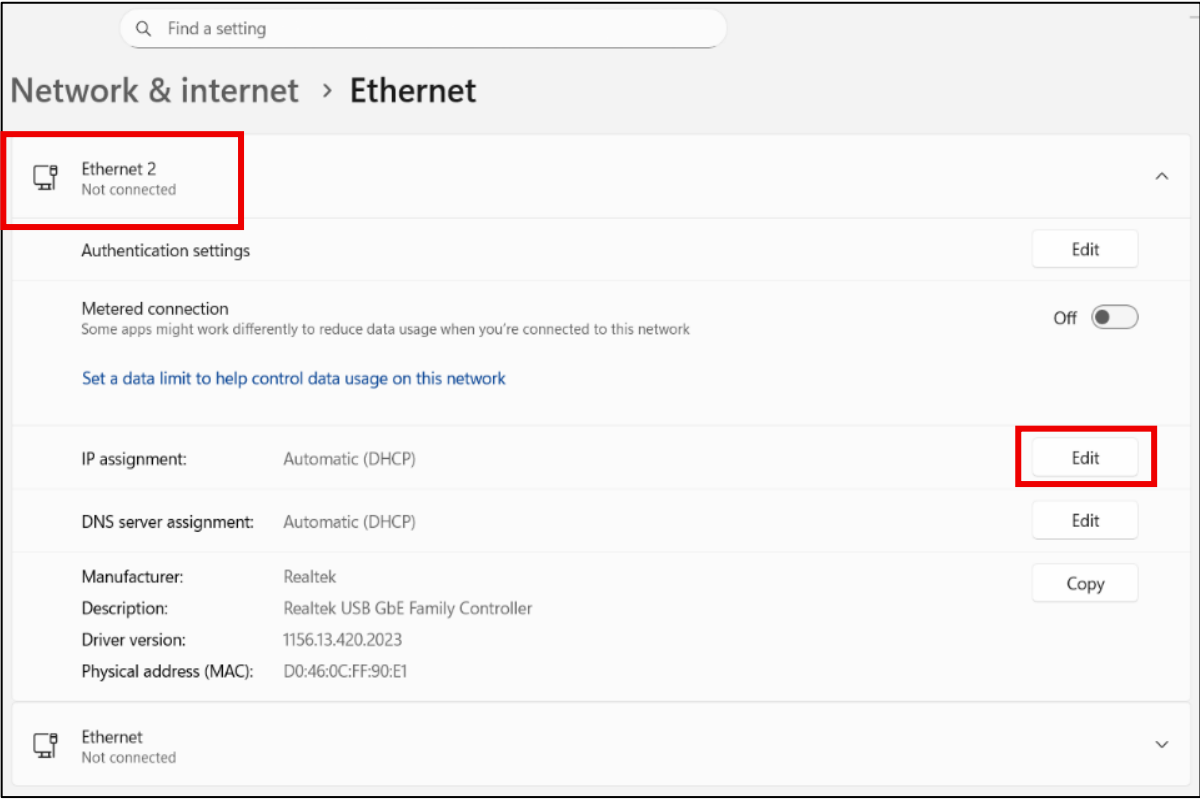


Figure 1: Network setting W1

- IV) Set Edit IP setting to *Manual* and then switch On IPv4, see Figure 2: Network setting W2

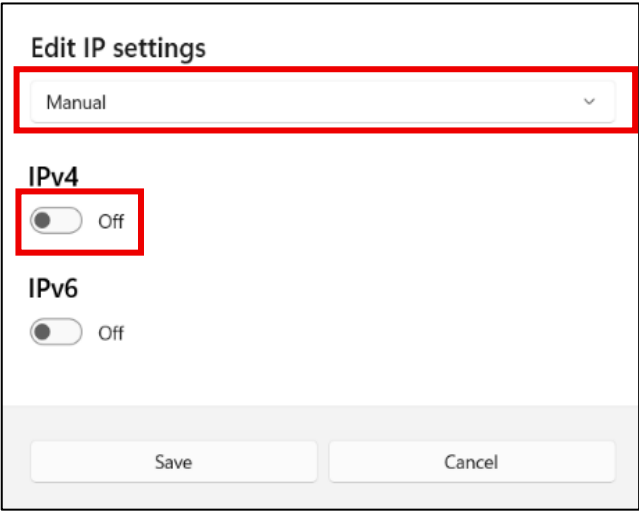


Figure 2: Network setting W2

- V) Additional settings will pop-up, fill up IP address and Subnet mask as shown below and click on **Save button**. Note: last number of IP addresses should be different from IP addresses of device. Example: If device IP is **192.168.1.100** you need to use different, for example **192.168.1.200**, subnet mask is always **255.255.255.0** see bellow Figure 3: Network setting W3

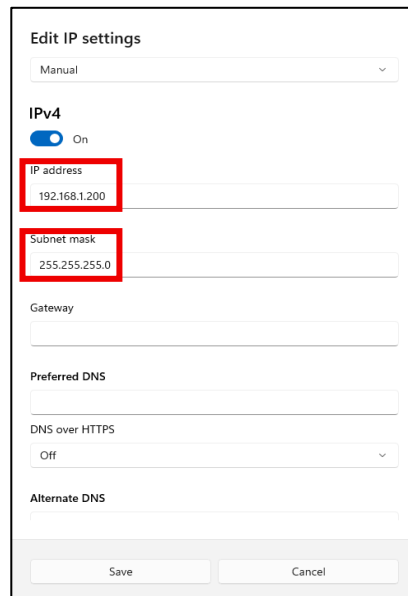


Figure 3: Network setting W3

- VI) Now you can connect to detector. Open your web browser and type IP address of device **192.168.1.100** (this is IP from factorial setting or after IP reset, if changed use new set one). Page with ADVACAM interface should open in your browser. In bottom panel you can update/change default IP address if needed. See Figure 4: Network setting W4

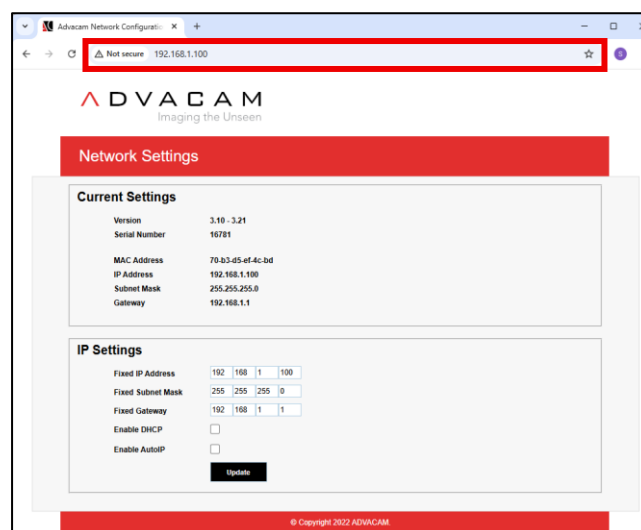




Figure 4: Network setting W4

b. Change network settings for macOS 13

See [Network Setting for MacOS](#) (second part of YouTube video tutorial)

- I) Go to Apple menu  > **System Settings**, click **Network**  in the sidebar, click a network service you want to edit, see Figure 5: Network setting M1.
- II) Click *TCP/IP* in the sidebar, edit Configure IPv4 to Manually, fill up IP address and Subnet mask as shown below and click on OK button. Note: last number of IP addresses should be different from IP addresses of device. Example: If device IP is **192.168.1.100** you need to use different, for example 192.168.1.200, see Figure 6: Network setting M2.
- III) Now you can connect to detector. Open your web browser and type IP address of device **192.168.1.100** (this is IP from factorial setting or after IP reset, if changed use new set one). Page with ADVACAM interface should open in your browser. In bottom panel you can update/change default IP address if needed.

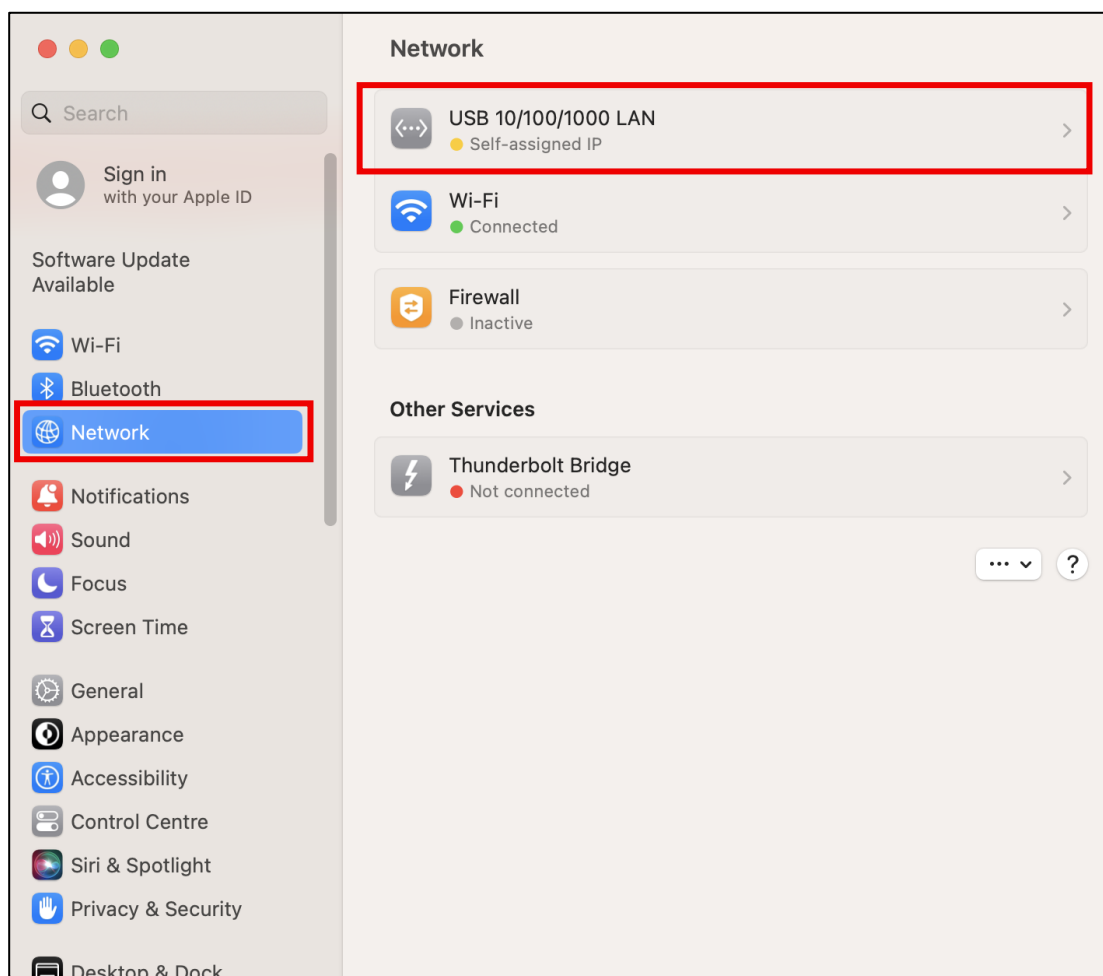


Figure 5: Network setting M1

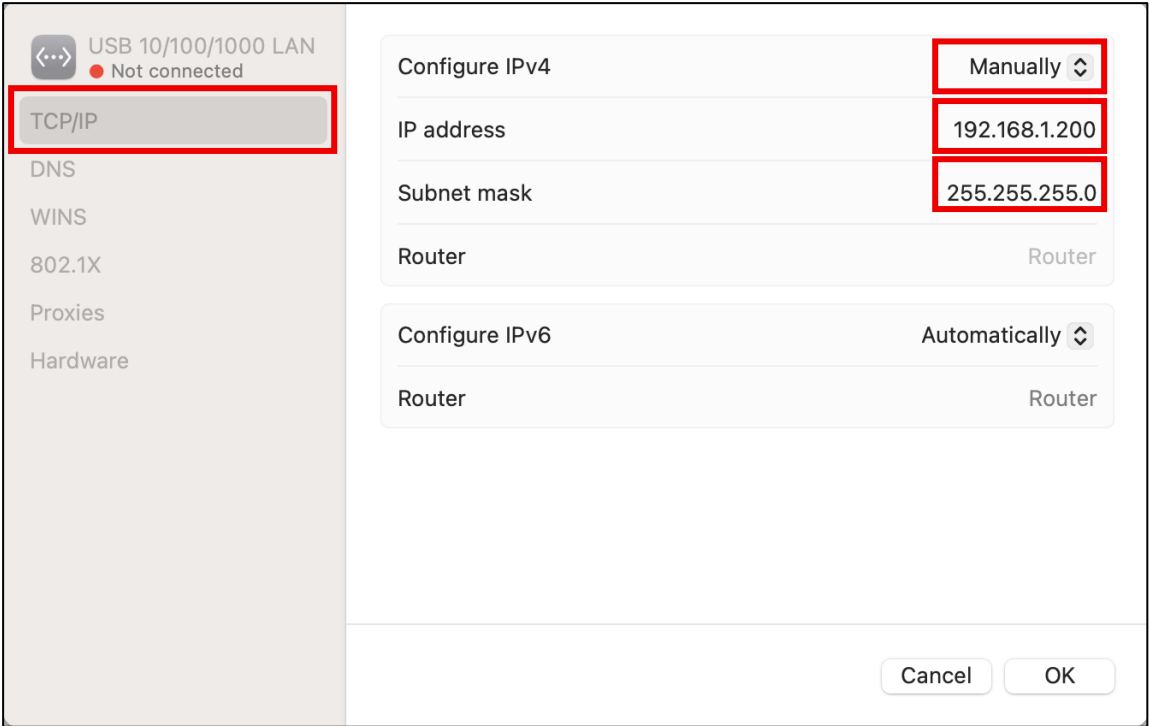


Figure 6: Network setting M2

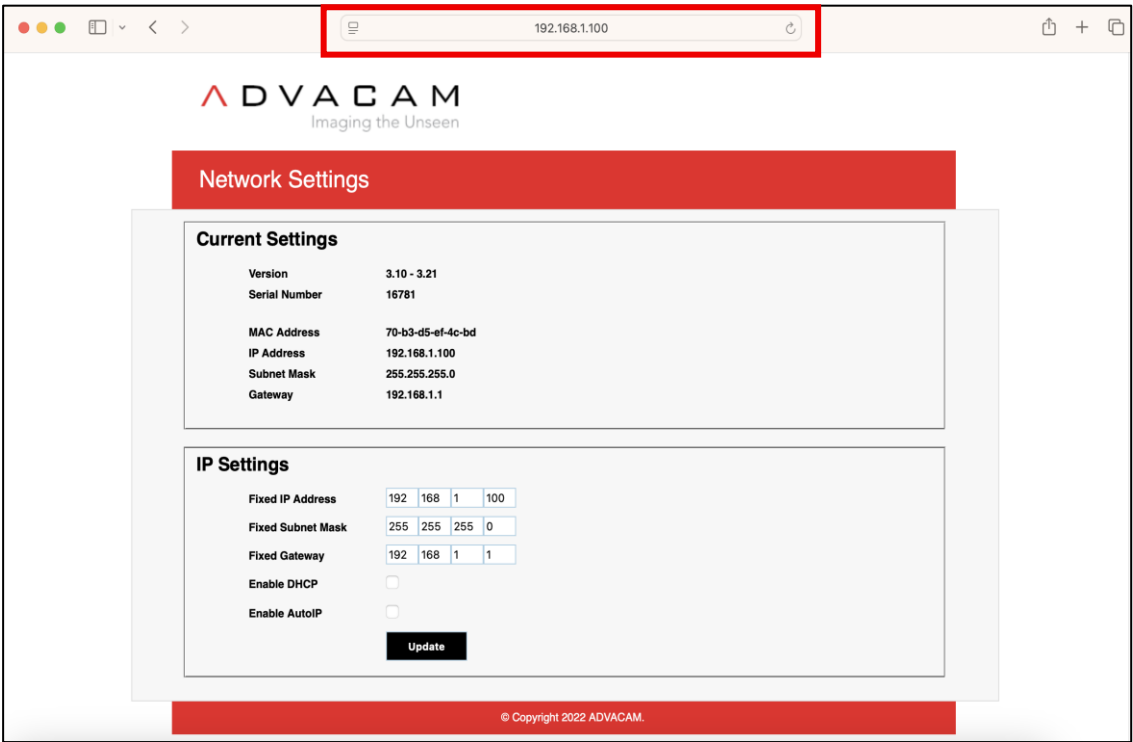




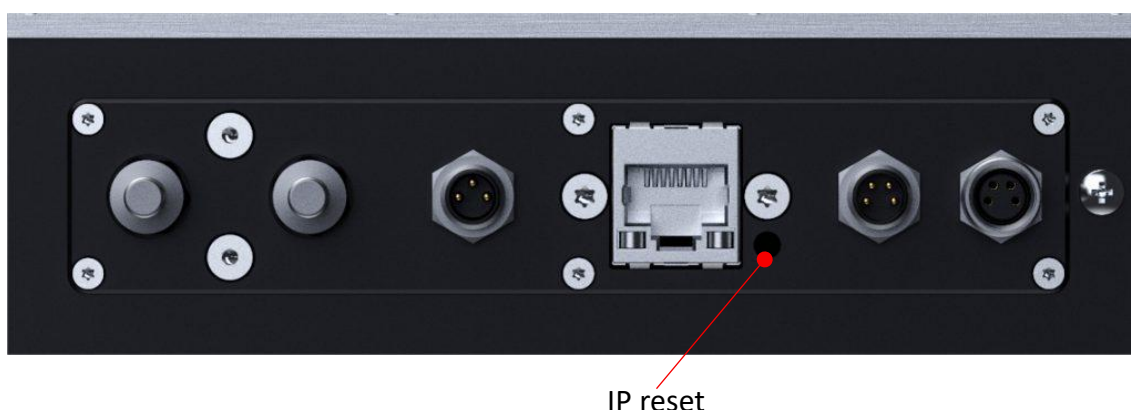
Figure 7: Network setting M3**c. Change network settings (for Linux)**

- I) Click on the **network icon** in the top-right corner of your screen (Wi-Fi or wired symbol).
- II) Select  icon for **Settings**.
- III) In the **Network settings** window, pick your connection from the left sidebar. Click the gear icon  next to your active network.
- IV) Go to the **IPv4** tab. Change the Method from **Automatic (DHCP)** to **Manual**.
- V) Enter your IP address 192.168.1.200, Netmask 255.255.255.0 Note: last number of IP addresses should be different from IP addresses of device (use 2-254). Example: If device IP is **192.168.1.100** you need to use different, for example **192.168.1.200**
- VI) Click **Apply**.
- VII) Disconnect and reconnect to the network to apply changes.

IP address reset

*If there is more than one row segment, each segment requires its own Ethernet connection -> the connections must be set up one by one.

1. If not connected, connect power supply. Connection to a cooling system is required for proper operation of the device.
2. If connected, disconnect all Ethernet cables
3. Press and hold **IP RESET** button inside the hole for 10 s
4. IP address was set as default 192.168.1.100

**Figure 8:** Illustrative picture with 1 Ethernet port for **WidePIX CHOMATIC 5** (Single Row) or **CHOMATIC 10** (Double Row).

2. Pixet Pro – GUI

Pixet Pro, developed by ADVACAM, is a desktop application for expert users that provides full control of the Timepix- and Medipix-based detectors. It is used in manufacturing processes such as testing and calibration, as well as in the development phase. The application is powerful, so inexperienced users could set the device into a non-functioning state. Recovery is possible by loading the factory settings shipped with the detector.

This section summarizes basic Pixet Pro settings. For more advanced information, refer to the **Pixet manual** under the **Help** panel in **Pixet** – [Advacam Wiki](#).

Here you can find summary and basic setting for Pixet, for advance information see Pixet manual under **Help** panel in **Pixet**.

Installation

1. Install the **Pixet** application from attached USB memory stick or from [ADVACAM website](#):
 - **Pixet** for Windows is distributed as a single executable file for automatic installation. Run **setup.exe** and follow the instructions in the setup wizard.
 - **Pixet** for macOS system is distributed as a standard **.dmg** file. After mounting the **pixet.dmg** file a window with disk content will open. To install, move the **Pixet** file to the **Application** folder.
 - **Pixet** for Linux system is distributed as a single **.tar** file. To install, untar the file at a required location. The application is launched by executing the **pixet.sh** script.
2. Run **Pixet** application. A table with available devices will pop up, see Figure 9. Choose your device. If device has more column segments like **CHROMATIC 10** (Double row) and higher, you need to choose all segments and click on OK.

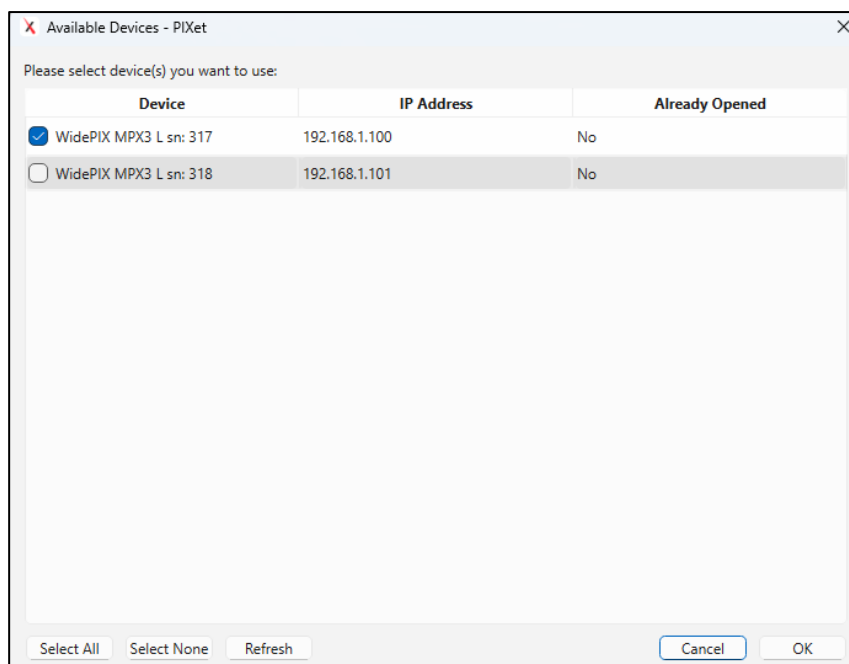


Figure 9: Available devices

3. The Pixet program will open. The **device ID** icon appears in the left panel.
4. If it is first time connected to your computer or to new one, error message will appear and Config. file needs to be loaded.

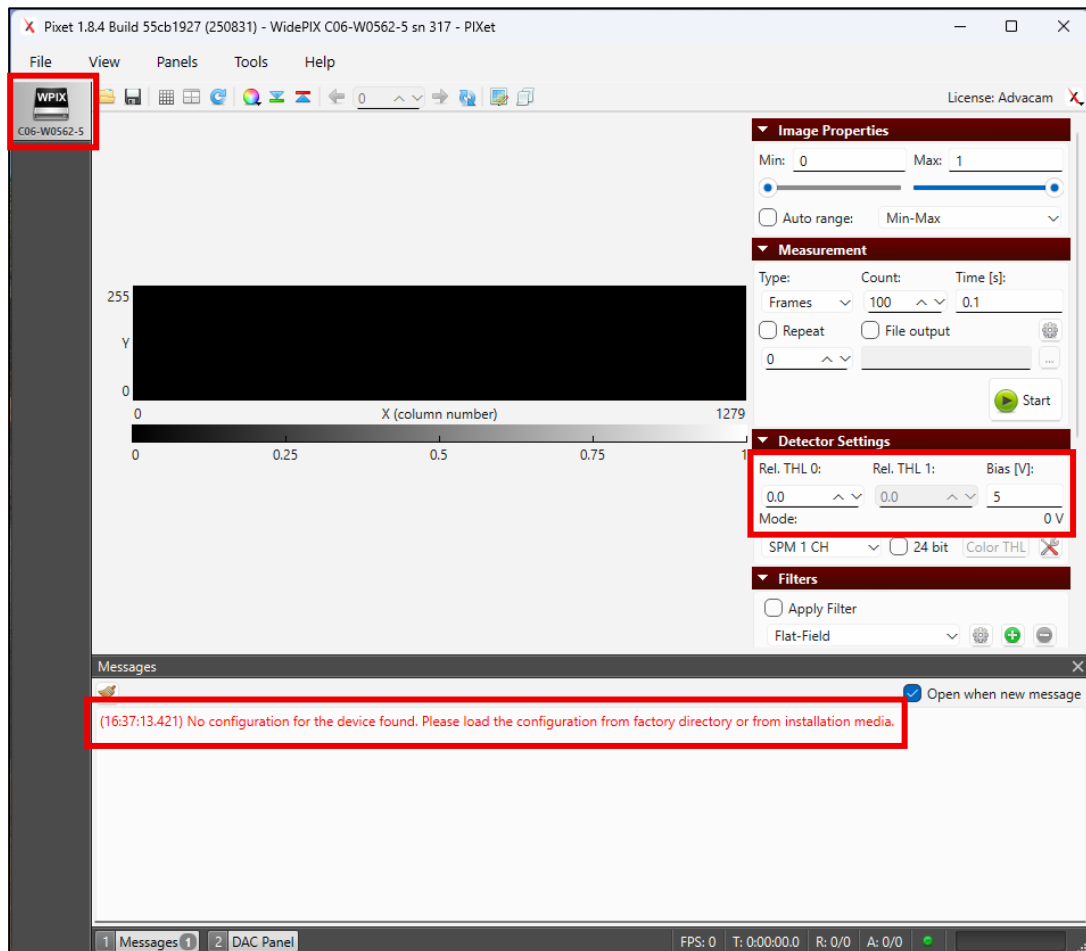


Figure 10: Example of new device connected before Config file was loaded. In Detector setting section THL are without units and values are set to zero. Also, Error message occurred.

5. To Load configuration: **File > Load config.** > find config file on attached USB driver, it is **.xml** file named same as ID of the device (in this show example - *WidePIX-C06-W0562-5.xml*)

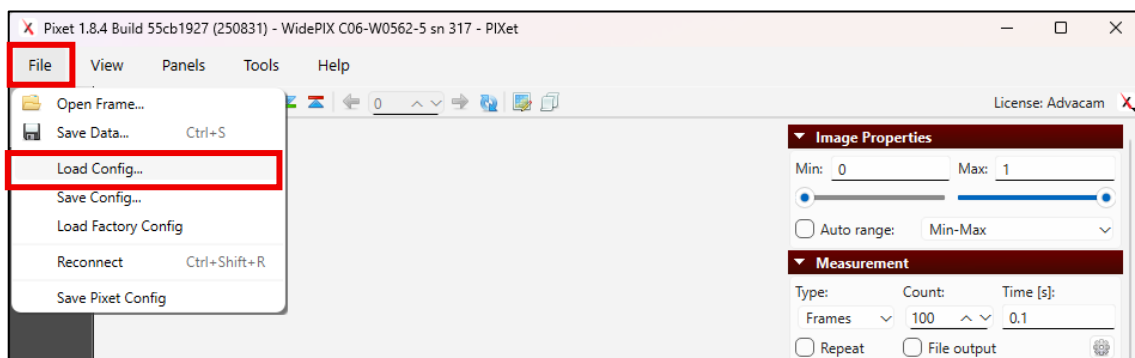


Figure 11: Configuration file - loading

6. Configuration file contains default settings of the detector including calibration of energy thresholds to keV. Settings of thresholds in keV and bias voltage are shown in the **Detector Settings** panel when the configuration is properly loaded. The device is now ready for use. However, it is advisable not to start any measurements until the thermal equilibrium is established (~ 5 minutes). For CdTe sensors, it is advisable to expose the detector to X-rays for a few minutes prior to measurement.
7. Last settings are stored locally upon closing **Pixet** and reloaded the next time the same device is used. Defaults can be restored any time by loading the default configuration.

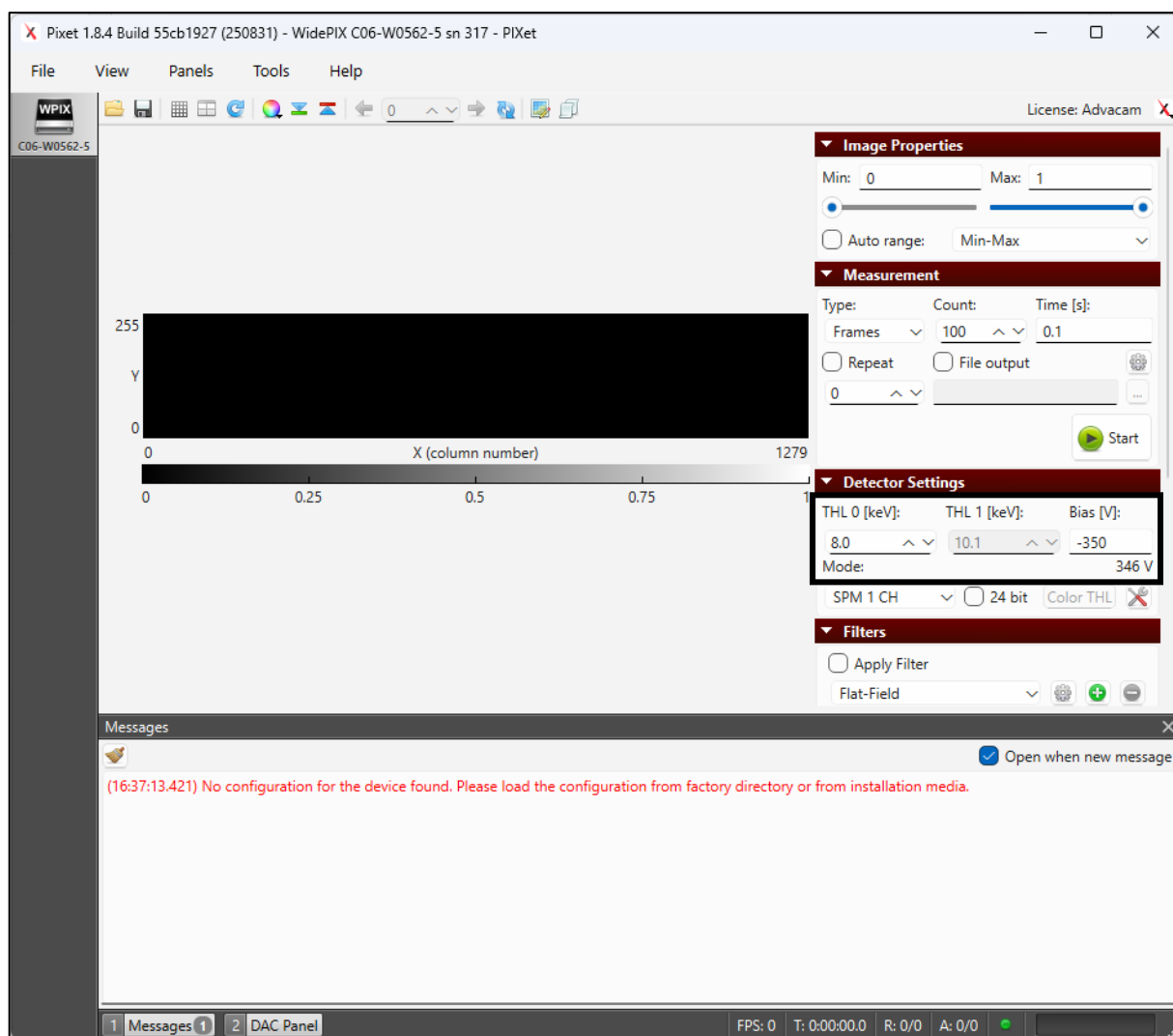


Figure 12: Example after loading Config file. In Detector setting section THL shows units and values from calibration are set. Also, bias voltage is set. (for CdTe, polarity should be set negative but show positive value under).

Main tool bar

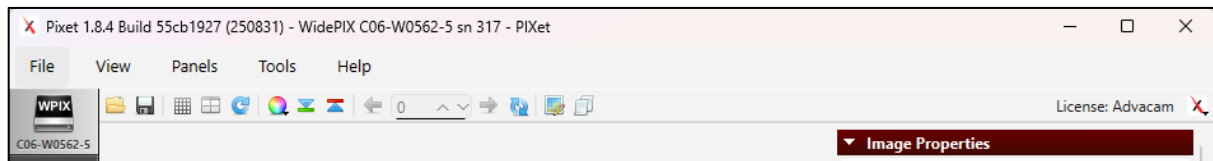


Figure 13: The icons in the toolbar are described below from the left side to the right side.



Open Frame: Opens and loads measured data from hard disk into the software. The frames can also be opened by dragging and dropping frames on to the frame panel.



Save data: Saves all the measured data (frames) from memory to a hard drive. Users can choose between several file formats to save the frames.



Show grid: Shows grid over the frame that highlights borders between pixels of the frame.



Show chip ID number



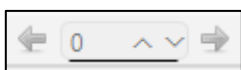
Rotate clockwise: Rotates the frame clockwise by 0, 90, 180 or 270 degrees.



Color map: In the Color map dropdown box it is possible to select colors that are used to map values of the frame.



Under warning, Over warning: These two buttons set if the values under the selected range or over the selected range should be highlighted with special color. You can set the range using the Min and Max fields in the Image Properties panel on the right side. For the gray map there are green color (under values) and red color (over values)



Shows the frame with selected index. By clicking on arrows previous or next frame could be shown. Only work with Frame type.



If enabled every new measured frame is automatically shown in the frame panel. When not enabled, the frames are measured in the memory but are not shown in the frame panel. To accelerate the measuring of frames from the device, it is recommended to disable this option.



Shows the pixel configuration toolbar and pixel configuration frames (Mask bits, Test bits, ...) Measurements: Measurement utilities.



Runs the integrated Python console. Program can control the Pixet program and use graphic features.

Understanding the Medipix3 chip operation – WidePIX CHROMATIC

Comparison of Medipix and Timepix chips

- Timepix-based detectors allow both the photon counting and spectroscopic “time-over-threshold” measurement. Medipix-based detectors operate only in the photon counting mode. However, the radiation spectra can be measured using a threshold scan.
- Timepix-based detectors have single energy threshold. All energies below the set value are cut off. Devices are set to a minimal threshold above noise by default. This is typically 5 keV. The threshold can be adjusted by user in the counting mode.
- Medipix3 detectors have one or more adjustable energy thresholds. The number of thresholds varies according to the sensor pixel pitch and the mode of operation. The logic is the same as for Timepix-based detectors; all available thresholds cut off lower radiation energies. Minimum threshold is typically higher compared to Timepix-based devices and depends on additional settings.
- Unlike the Timepix-based detectors, the Medipix3 offers several operation modes for the counting measurement. The list of modes is described in the following section.

Overview of Medipix3 read-out chip operation

Each pixel of the Medipix3 (MPX3) chip has **two thresholds** and **two 12-bit counters**, which can be alternatively merged with one **24-bit counter**, providing enhanced dynamic range.

In principle, two main modes of operation are available:

1. **Single Pixel Mode (SPM):** every pixel works independently of its neighbors, analogous to Timepix-based devices.
2. **Charge Summing Mode (CSM):** two thresholds are used for energy discrimination. The algorithm is as follows: the detected quantum of radiation generates an electric charge in the sensor. The charge is typically collected to two or more pixels and creates an electric signal in each pixel. The signal is compared to the first threshold in every pixel. Signals below the threshold are cut off (similar to the SPM). The signal/charge of 4 neighboring pixels is reconstructed (summed) and assigned to the pixel with the largest charge deposition. The result is then compared to the second threshold, signals below the threshold are omitted.

The CSM suppresses the effect of charge sharing and the images are sharper in comparison to the SPM.

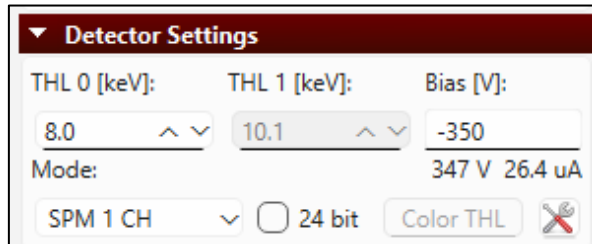
Both modes can be moreover operated in several **ranges** which define the minimal and maximal achievable threshold. Selection of the range affects also further properties, such as the energy resolution and stability (noise) of the detector. The range setting can be found in literature under the term “gain mode”.

Setting the operation mode and counter depth


More details in section: **3. Practical examples of measurements**

Mode of operation can be selected via drop-down list in the Detector Settings panel:

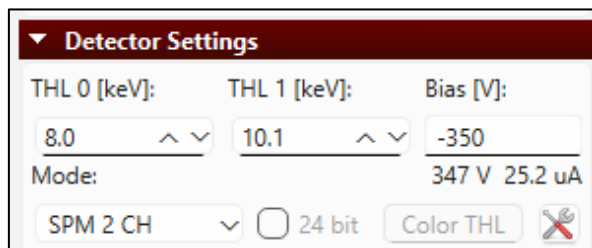
SPM 1 CH (Single Pixel Mode – one channel) One counter is in use. One energy threshold (energy channel) is available. Output: one 12-bit or 24-bit image representing the number of events per pixel.




The Detector Settings panel shows the following configuration for SPM 1 CH mode:

- THL 0 [keV]: 8.0
- THL 1 [keV]: 10.1
- Bias [V]: -350
- Mode: SPM 1 CH
- 24 bit: ☐
- Color THL:
- Wrench icon: 

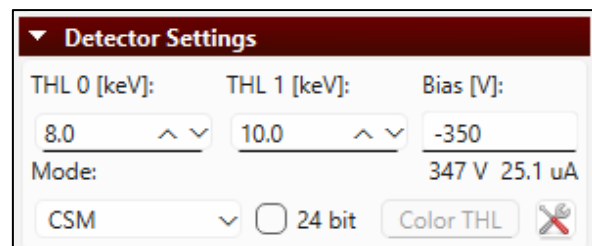
SPM 2 CH (Single Pixel Mode – two channels) Two counters are in use. Two energy thresholds (energy channels) are available. Output: two 12-bit images representing the number of events per pixel.




The Detector Settings panel shows the following configuration for SPM 2 CH mode:

- THL 0 [keV]: 8.0
- THL 1 [keV]: 10.1
- Bias [V]: -350
- Mode: SPM 2 CH
- 24 bit: ☐
- Color THL:
- Wrench icon: 

CSM (Charge Summing Mode) Two energy thresholds are in use. Output: one 12-bit or 24-bit image representing the number of events per pixel. For more information see tutorial [How to use CSM](#).

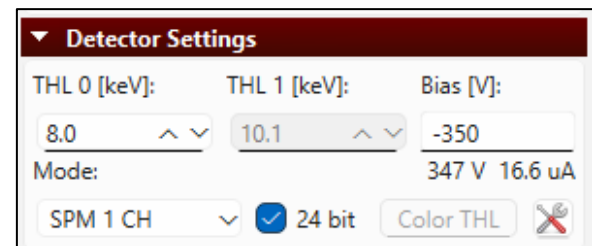


The Detector Settings panel shows the following configuration for CSM mode:


- THL 0 [keV]: 8.0
- THL 1 [keV]: 10.0
- Bias [V]: -350
- Mode: CSM
- 24 bit: ☐
- Color THL:
- Wrench icon: 

After changing the operation mode, values of the energy thresholds may change according to the respective energy calibration.

Counter depth is set to 12 bits by default. Check the checkbox in **Detector Settings** panel for 24-bit depth.



The Detector Settings panel shows the following configuration for SPM 1 CH mode with 24-bit depth:

- THL 0 [keV]: 8.0
- THL 1 [keV]: 10.1
- Bias [V]: -350
- Mode: SPM 1 CH
- 24 bit: ☒
- Color THL:
- Wrench icon: 

Setting the range – advanced

Click on the **More Detector Settings** button in the **Detector Settings** panel. New window will appear. Select the range in the drop-down list within the **Settings** section of the first **Detector** tab:

- **Broad** – the largest threshold range.
- **Narrow** – better energy resolution at lower energies.
- **Super Narrow** – very limited threshold range, the best energy resolution at lower energies, better signal-to-noise ratio

Click **OK** to confirm the changes.

By default, the detector will be calibrated for the **Narrow** gain mode. Additional gain modes can be added upon request. **Broad range** and combination of **Super narrow mode with CSM** is not available with silicon detectors.

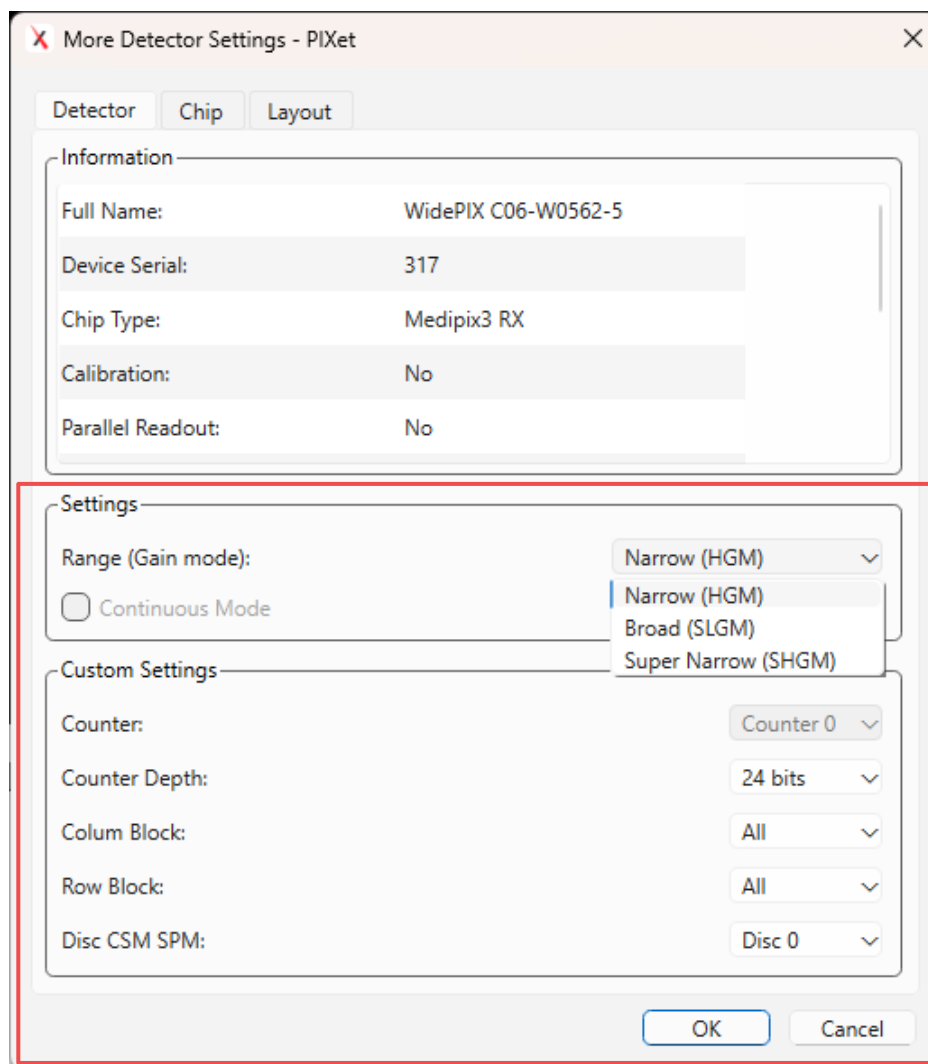


Figure 14: More detector settings

Note: **More Detector Settings** section is intended for **expert users only**. Any modification of **Custom Settings** section may lead to unpredictable behavior of the device!

Useful tips and how-tos

Here are several tips for more effective and comfortable use:

- Composition of panels on the right side of the **Pixet** window can be configured in *Panels* in menu bar.
- Orientation of the image (rotation, mirroring) can be customized in *View* drop-down list in menu bar.
- To keep the aspect ratio of the image, click on **View > Ensure Aspect Ratio** in menu bar.
- Default colormap is gray. Colormap can be selected via drop-down list under the **Multicolored icon** located in main toolbar.
- **Image Properties** panel allows you to adjust brightness and contrast of the displayed images by setting the range to be displayed. **Auto range** option provides automatic adjustment.
- **Advanced Image Properties** panel allows to set **gamma correction** for better visibility of features within measured sample.
- **Pixet** allows opening and showing previously saved images by drag and drop into image area of the **Pixet** window. When multiple images are dragged and dropped, one can browse them using blue arrows in the main toolbar.
- Images can be zoomed by holding the left mouse button in the frame, dragging the mouse to create a selection rectangle and releasing the mouse button. To restore the original frame size, double click on the image.
- Application output including error messages are shown in **Messages** panel.
- In case of hardware disconnection, the device can be reconnected by clicking **File > Reconnect** in menu bar without restarting **Pixet** application.

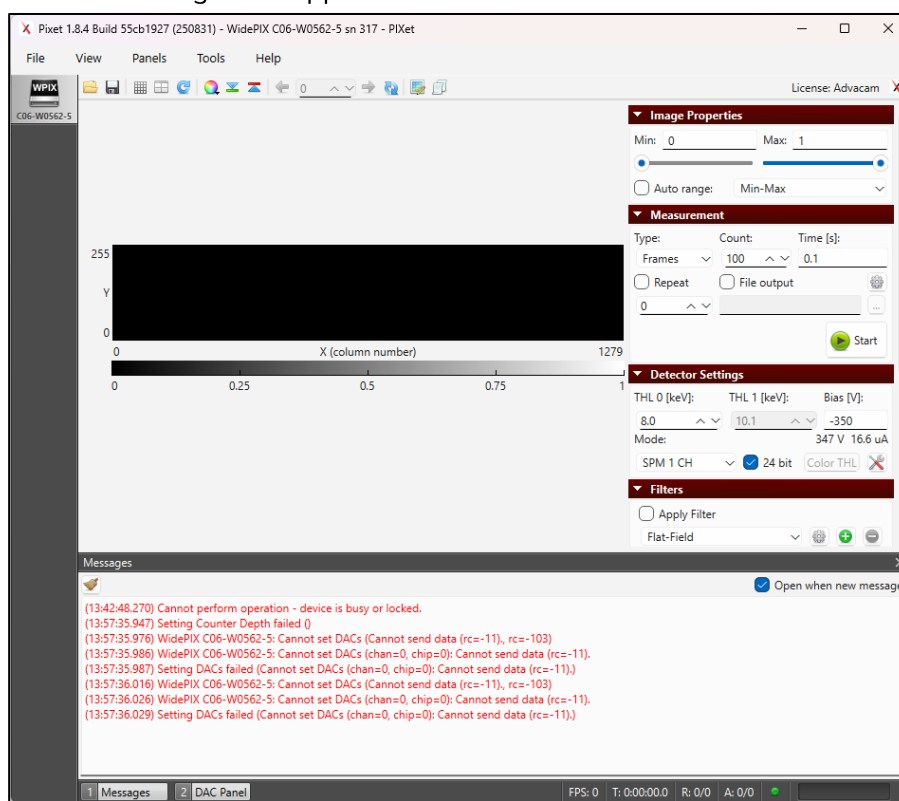


Figure 15: Message panel with Error messages.

WidePIX CHROMATIC – Synchronization guide

For proper connecting dual- or triple-port **WidePIX CHROMATIC**

1. Run **Pixet**, select your device and all its segments, and click OK

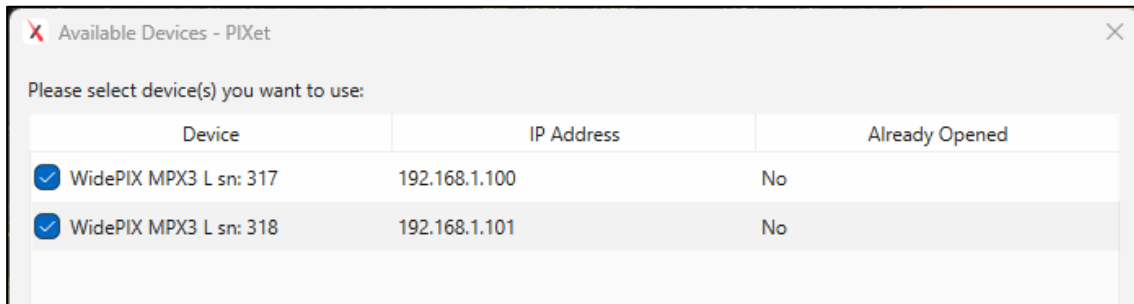


Figure 16: Choosing 2 segments of **WidePIX CHROMATIC 10 Single row**

2. **Device IDs** should appear in the left panel, one per segment.
3. Load the configuration for each segment if not already done.
4. Each device has one **Master** segment and others are called **Slaves**. If Config. are loaded properly you can recognize **Master** as one where you can Edit **Bias voltage**, for **Slaves** it shows 0 and it cannot be edited.

Note: The bias source is connected to the master segment.

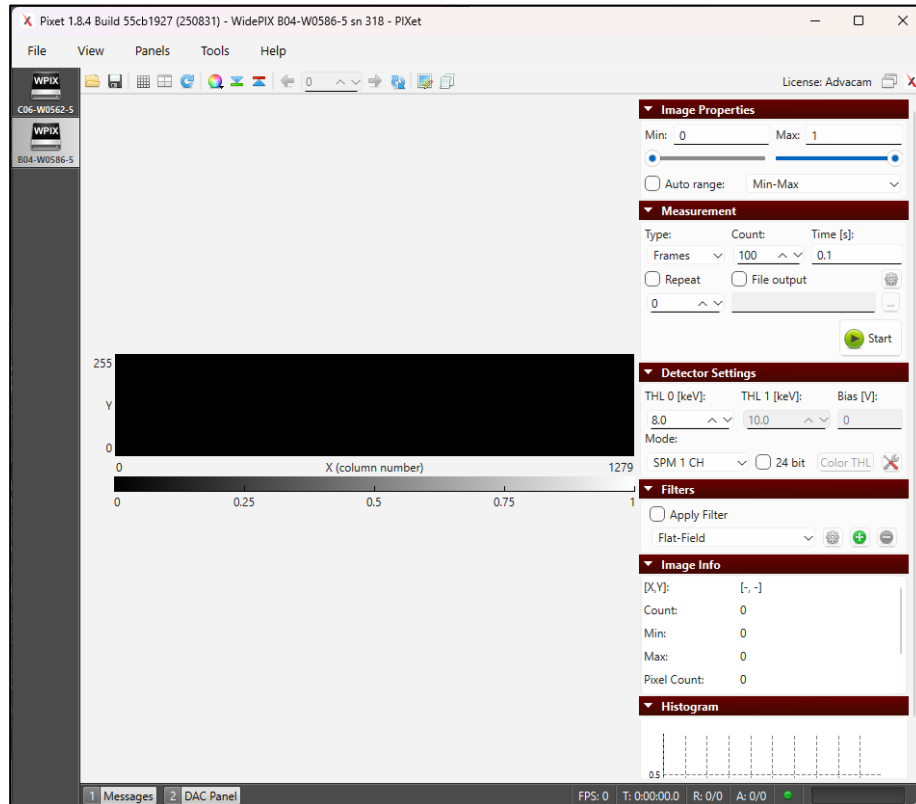


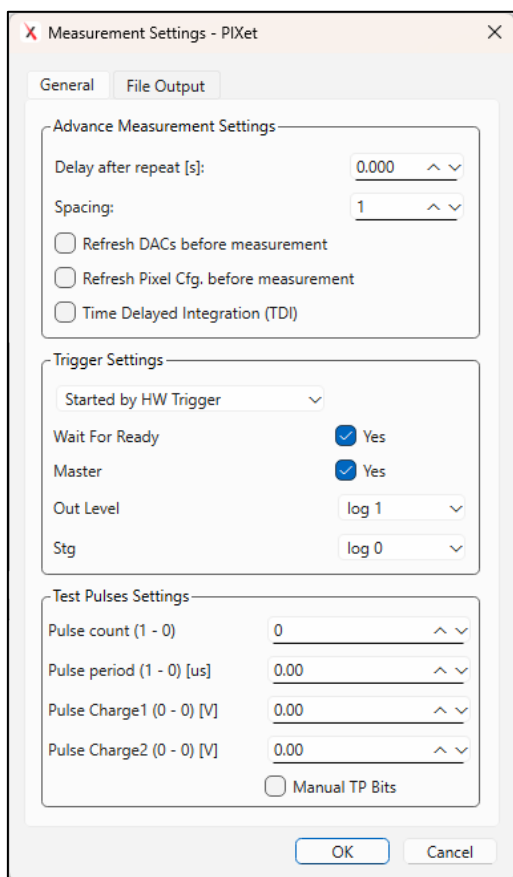
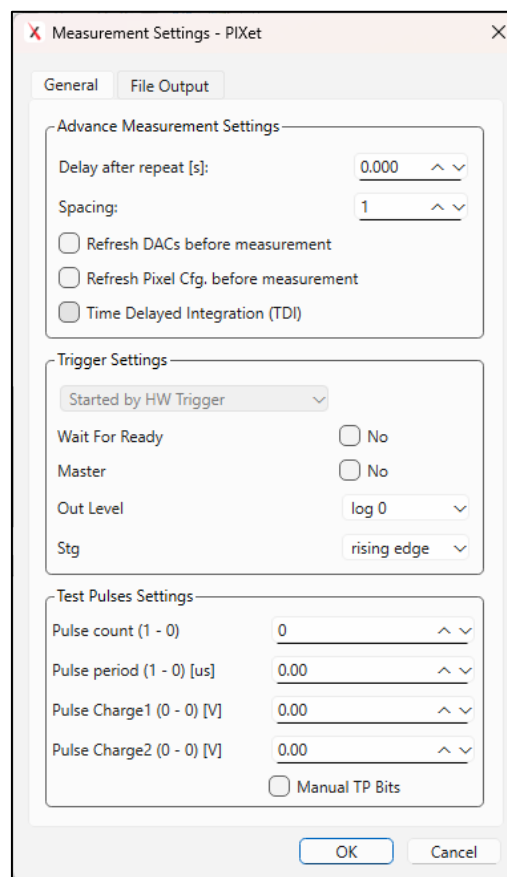


Figure 17: Example of connected device with two segments.

5. All segments need to be set separately. **Type, Count, Time** should be set on same value for all.
 - a. On **Master** segment, click the gear icon  (more **Measurement settings**) in **Measurement panel**. Set values in Trigger setting (see below)
 - I) Started by HW Trigger
 - II) Wait for ready – YES
 - III) Master – YES
 - IV) Out Level – log 1
 - V) Stg – log 0
 - b. On **Slave** segment, click the gear icon  (more **Measurement settings**) in **Measurement panel**. Set values in Trigger setting (see below)
 - I) Started by HW Trigger
 - II) Wait for ready – No
 - III) Master – No
 - IV) Out Level – log 0
 - V) Stg – rising edge



Master device



Slave device

6. Now device is ready for acquisition
7. **Start** acquisition of Slave device - the device will wait for the master's trigger.
8. **Start** acquisition of Master device - both devices start the acquisition simultaneously.

Note: For easy operation you can separate each window segment by *Undock* option in right upper corner

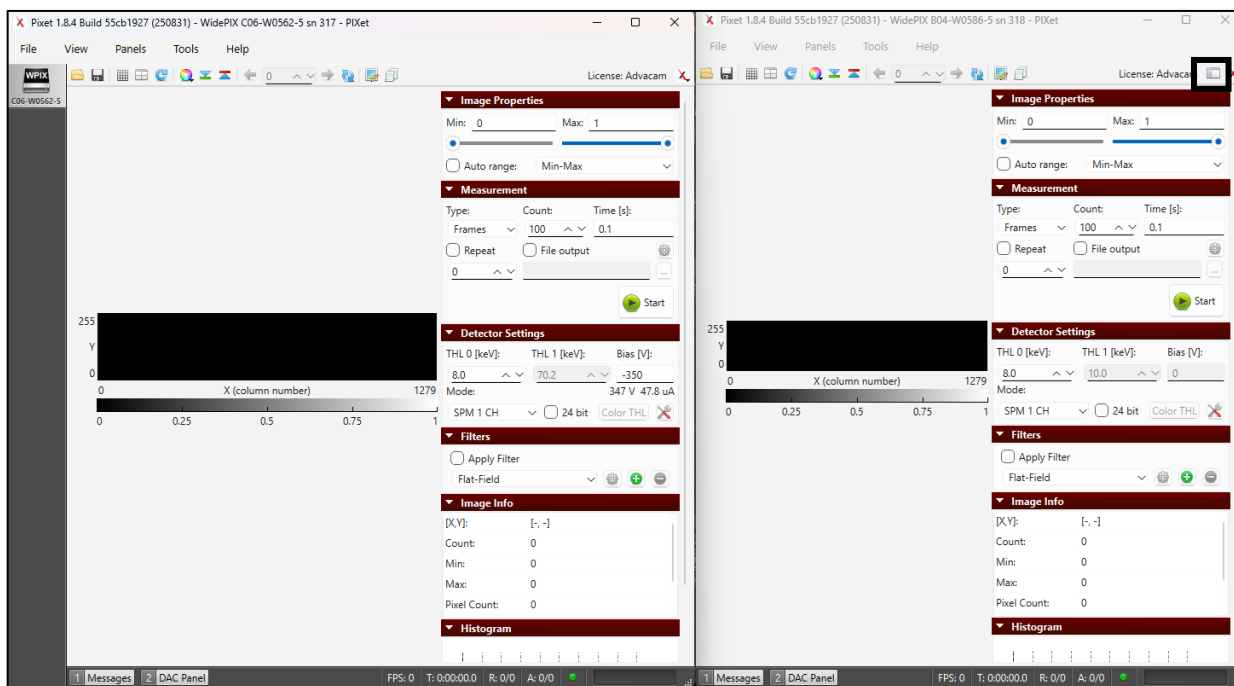


Figure 18: Pixet with separate windows for each segment.

3. Practical examples of measurements

Measurement in SPM 1 CH – using one threshold

Set the device to **SPM 1 CH** operation.

Switch on / off the **24-bit** counter depth (optional).

Set first threshold (if needed) **THL 0 [keV]** to desired value (It is not recommended to use lower value than shown after *Loading Config file*). Second threshold **THL 1 [keV]** is not in use for this operation mode.

Note: If [keV] is not shown, Config. file was not loaded.

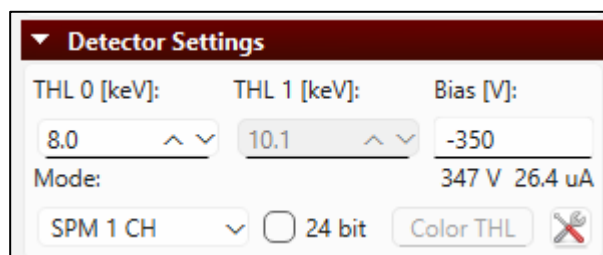


Figure 19: Detector setting for SPM1

Controlling the measurement parameters via Measurement panel

Select type of measurement in **Type** drop-down list. There are two options:

For single acquisition select **Frames** and set parameter **Count** to 1.

Integral – several acquisitions are added to one frame. Number of acquisitions to be added is defined by parameter **Count**.

Set the exposure time of individual frame acquisitions in seconds using **Time [s]**.

Checking the **Repeat** checkbox and setting the number of repetitions using the text box underneath will cause repeating the defined measurement several times. Setting the number of repetitions to zero value means “repeat forever”. If the **Repeat** checkbox is unchecked, the number of repetitions is not in use.

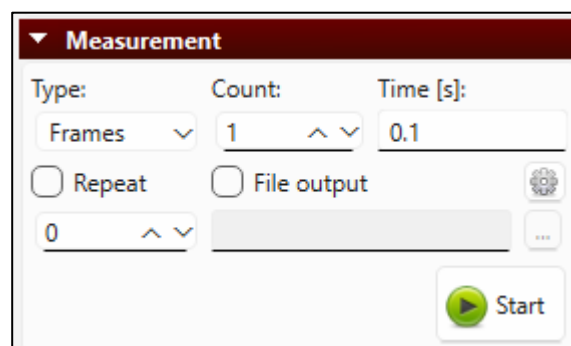


Figure 20: Measurement panel

Note: In case of combining **Repeat** and **Frames**, it is advisable to set the **Count** parameter to value greater than 1, especially for acquisition times shorter than 1 s. This prevents unwanted increase of dead time measurement.

Starting the measurement

Start / stop the measurement using **Start / Stop** button on the **Measurement panel**. Progress of the measurement is shown in the status bar at the bottom of the window.

Once the measurement is finished, the measured frame is shown in the image preview area of the **Pixet** window.

Automatic saving of measured data

Check **File output** in **Measurement panel** for automatic saving. Then click on the button with three dots. A system dialog window will appear to Select the target destination and filename. Confirm by clicking the **Save** button. Measured data are saved automatically during the measurement. A warning dialog will appear if the file name and destination is used for another measurement.

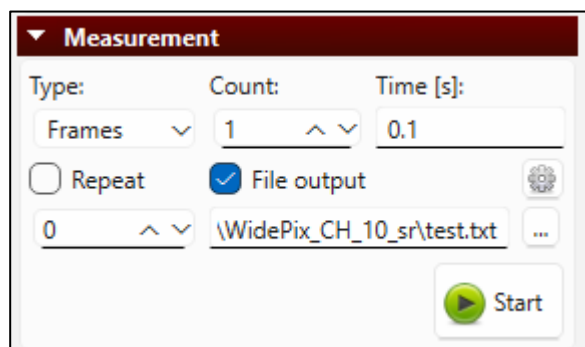


Figure 21: Automatic saving example.

Two files are saved by default to each frame:

- data file (.txt)
- Description file (.dsc) which contains information about the device, used configuration, measurement settings, etc.

For detailed **Saving option**, see YouTube tutorial [Data saving](#) and [Data format](#)

Manual saving of measured data

Click on **File > Save Data** option in menu bar or **Saving icon** or **Ctrl + S**. A system dialog window will appear. Select what you want to save, see **Figure 22**.

Save raw data option will save last set of measurements. **Save Current Frame** option will save current frame from screen with applied filters. Option **Save All Frames** is similar to the **Save raw Data** in this case.

Select the target destination and filename and confirm by clicking the Save button.

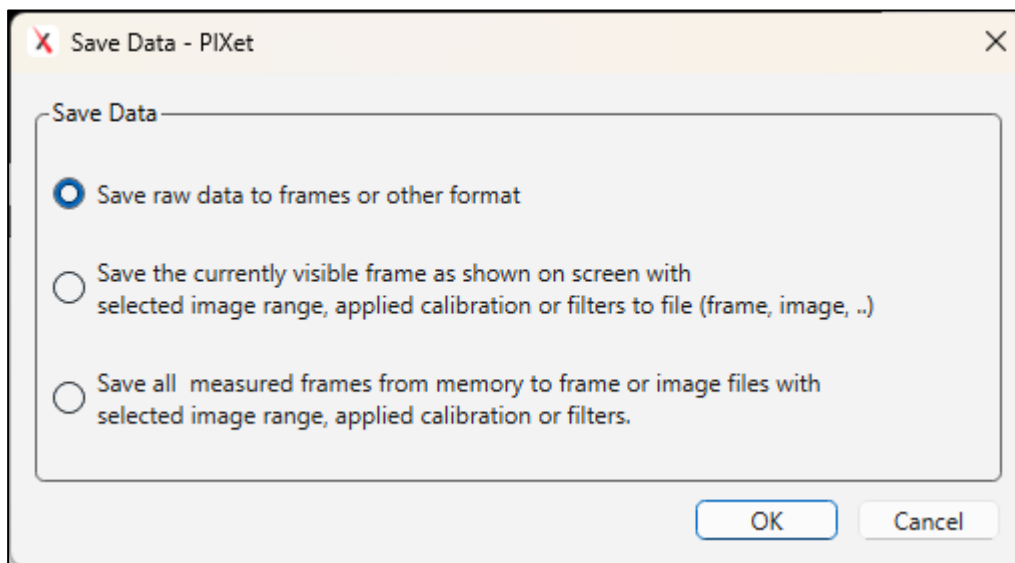


Figure 22: Saving options

Measurement in SPM 2 CH – using two thresholds

- Set the device to **SPM 2 CH** operation mode as described above.
- 24-bit counter depth is not available.
- Set both thresholds **THL 0 [keV]**, **THL 1 [keV]** to desired values. Second threshold should be higher than the first threshold. It is not recommended to use lower value than shown after **Loading Config file**.

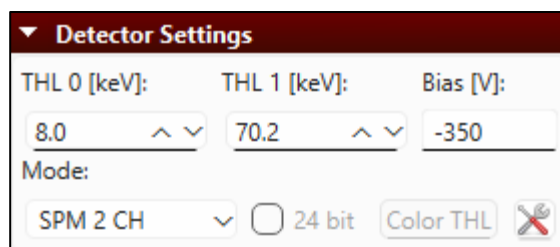


Figure 23: Detector setting for SPM2. THL 1 should be higher than THL 0

Controlling and starting the measurement is same as in example for SPM 1.

Once the measurement is finished, the measured frames are shown in the image preview area of the Pixet window. Use buttons at the below image to switch between the energy channels.

Saving measurement is similar e as in example for SPM 1. Four files are saved by default:

- data file (.txt) for first channel with ending “_THL0”
- description file (.dsc) for first channel with ending “_THL0”
- data file (.txt) for second channel with ending “_THL1”
- description file (.dsc) for second channel with ending “_THL1”

Measurement in CSM

- Set the device to **CSM** operation mode as described above.
- Switch on / off the 24-bit counter depth as described above (optional).
- Set both thresholds **THL 0 [keV]**, **THL 1 [keV]** to desired values. Second threshold should be higher than first threshold.

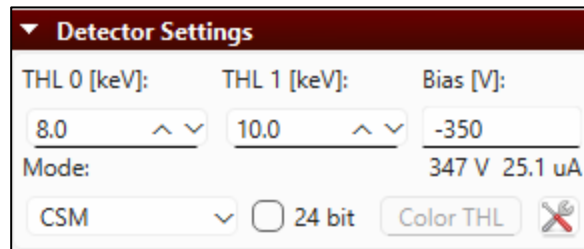


Figure 24: Detector setting for CSM

Controlling and starting the measurement is same as in example for SPM 1.

Measurement in Time Delay Integration regime

Time delay integration (TDI) is implemented for **WidePIX CHROMATIC Single row** devices only. TDI can be used for continuous scanning where, for example, samples move on a conveyor belt along the detector.

To switch on / off this functionality click on **More Measurement Settings** button in the **Measurement panel**. New window will appear. Then check / uncheck **Time Delayed Integration (TDI)** checkbox in the **Advanced Measurement Settings** section on the first tab **General**. Confirm the change by clicking **OK**.

All operation modes, bit depths and ranges of static measurement (as described in previous section) are implemented also in TDI.

Alignment of the experiment

Sample measurement has to move along with the detector. Movement of the sample with respect to the WidePIX device must be in the sense from the top to the image bottom (i.e. towards the device readout peripheries; by default, the image in **Pixet** is oriented with peripheries at the bottom).

Set the **operation mode**, **counter depth** and **energy threshold(s)** as desired. Switch on the TDI regime as described above.

Measurement panel

- Set the **Type** of measurement to **Frames**.
- Set number of frames into **Count**.
- **Enable repeating** and set number of **Repeats**.
- Set acquisition time **Time [s]** corresponding to the movement of the sample by chip size (dead time for the chip read-out should be included). The chip size is $256 \times 0,055 = 14,08$ mm. Hence, the exposure time corresponds to the speed the sample moves along this distance. To achieve perfect synchronization time can be optimized by evaluation of object sharpness.

4. Advanced control using Python Scripting plugin

The **Pixet GUI** has **Python Scripting**. This plugin allows the user to perform complex measurements controlling the detectors automatically via Python commands and scripts. Click on the **Python Scripting** icon on the right edge of the main toolbar to start the **Python Scripting** plugin. A new window with simple editor will open. The window contains a python console, where python commands can be run one by one with immediate output. The console also contains the output of executed python script.

The **Python Scripting** embeds a full **python 3.12** (for Pixet Pro 1.8.4 and older, **python 3.7.x** was used) interpreter including the standard python libraries. All standard functionality of python is therefore accessible. Please refer to www.python.org or www.learnpython.org for more information about Python programming language. List of functions can be found also in the main panel of the **Python Scripting** window **Help > Function List...**

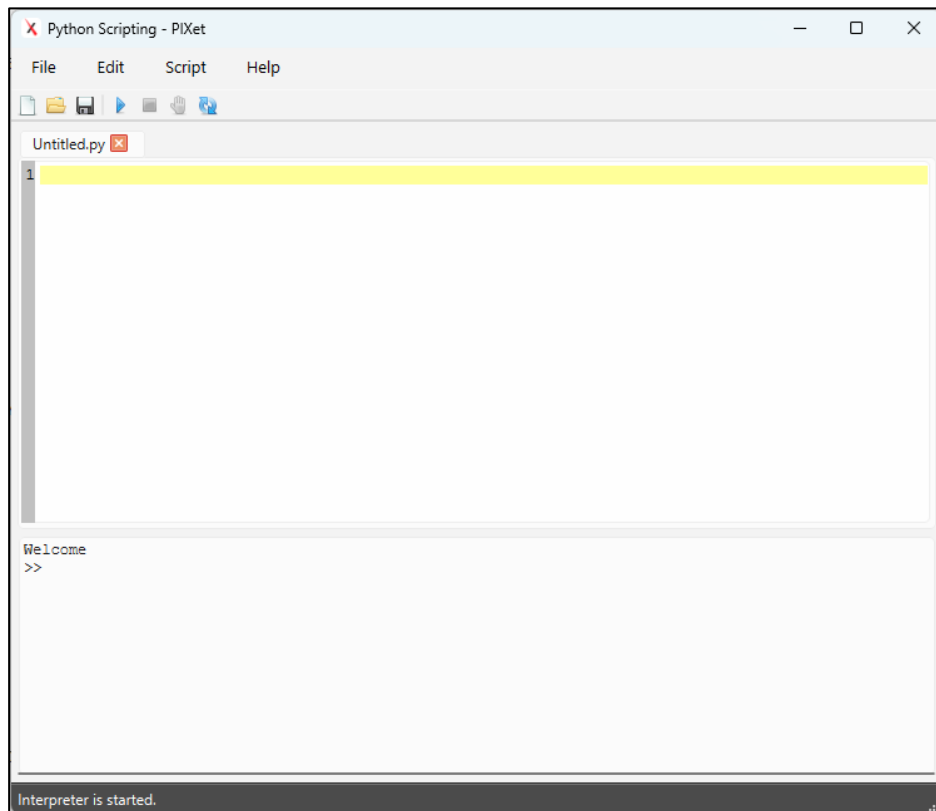


Figure 25: Python scripting window.

The **Pixet API** (Application Programming Interface) is accessible in the scripts via a **pixet** variable. This variable represents the **IPixet** object that provides all the necessary methods to get information about all connected devices, log messages to log file, access the **Pixet** menu, etc. A list of all available objects, methods and constants of the **Pixet API** can be found on [Python API](#).

Sample script #1

Detector settings (operation mode, counter depth, range, threshold), simple acquisition

```
# get list of all connected Medipix3 devices
devices = pixet.devicesByType(pixet.PX_DEVTYPE_MPX3)

# get first device from list
dev = devices[0] # returns IDevMpx3 object

# set operation mode
dev.setOperationMode(pixet.PX_MPX3_OPM_SPM_1CH)
#   SPM 1 CH: pixet.PX_MPX3_OPM_SPM_1CH (0)
#   SPM 2 CH: pixet.PX_MPX3_OPM_SPM_2CH (1)
#   CSM:      pixet.PX_MPX3_OPM_CSM (2)

# get operation mode
print('Operation mode: ' + str(dev.operationMode()))

# set counter depth
dev.setCounterDepth(pixet.PX_MPX3_CNTD_24B)
# 12 bits: pixet.PX_MPX3_CNTD_12B (2)
# 24 bits: pixet.PX_MPX3_CNTD_24B (3)

# get counter depth
print('Counter depth: ' + str(dev.counterDepth()))

# set range
dev.setGain(pixet.PX_MPX3_GAIN_SUPERHIGH)
#   Super Narrow: pixet.PX_MPX3_GAIN_SUPERHIGH (0)
#   Narrow:      pixet.PX_MPX3_GAIN_HIGH (1)
#   Broad:       pixet.PX_MPX3_GAIN_SUPERLOW (3)

# set threshold
th_index = pixet.PX_MPX3_TH0 # index of threshold to be changed
# THL 0: pixet.PX_MPX3_TH0 (0)
# THL 1: pixet.PX_MPX3_TH1 (1)
chip = 4 # chip index (chips are counted from 0!, choose Chip number - 1)
# chip #1: 0
# chip #5: 4
# all chips: pixet.PX_CHIP_ALL (-1)
```



```
th_energy = 30          # new value of threshold in keV
dev.setThreshold(chip, th_index, th_energy, pixet.PX_THLFLG_ENERGY)

# acquisition
acqCount = 1            # number of acquisitions
acqTime = 10            # time of acquisition in seconds
dev.doSimpleAcquisition(acqCount, acqTime, pixet.PX_FTYPE_NONE, "")

# get last acquired image
frame = dev.lastAcqFrameRefInc()
data = frame.data()
```

Sample script #2

Integral acquisition, saving the data

```
# get first device from list of all connected Medipix3 devices
dev = pixet.devicesByType(pixet.PX_DEVTYPE_MPX3)[0]

# set operation mode
dev.setOperationMode(pixet.PX_MPX3_OPM_SPM_2CH)

# set acquisition parameters
acqCount = 10           # number of acquisitions for integral measurement
acqTime = 0.1           # time of one acquisition
fileName = './test/image.txt'

# integral acquisition, saving
dev.doSimpleIntegralAcquisition(acqCount, acqTime, pixet.PX_FTYPE_AUTODETECT, fileName) # data are
automatically saved
```

Sample script #3

Threshold scan

```
# get first device from list of all connected Medipix3 devices
dev = pixet.devicesByType(pixet.PX_DEVTYPE_MPX3)[0]

# set operation mode
dev.setOperationMode(pixet.PX_MPX3_OPM_CSM)

# set acquisition parameters
th = pixet.PX_MPX3_TH1 # index of threshold to be changed
ths = range(10,45,5) # thresholds in keV
acqCounts = [1 for number in ths]
acqTimes = [0.1 for number in ths]
output = './test_' # destination path

# threshold scan
for i in range(len(ths)):
    print('TH: {}'.format(ths[i]))
    dev.setThreshold(pixet.PX_CHIP_ALL, th, ths[i], pixet.PX_THLFLG_ENERGY)

    fileName = output + str(ths[i]).zfill(3) + 'keV.txt'

    dev.doSimpleIntegralAcquisition(acqCounts[i], acqTimes[i], pixet.PX_FTYPE_AUTODETECT, fileName)
```