

Future detector technologies for μ SR

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- SINE2020 Work Package 9.4:
 - Emergent Detector Technologies for neutron scattering and muon spectroscopy
 - Sub Task 3: Silicon photomultipliers for muon spectroscopy



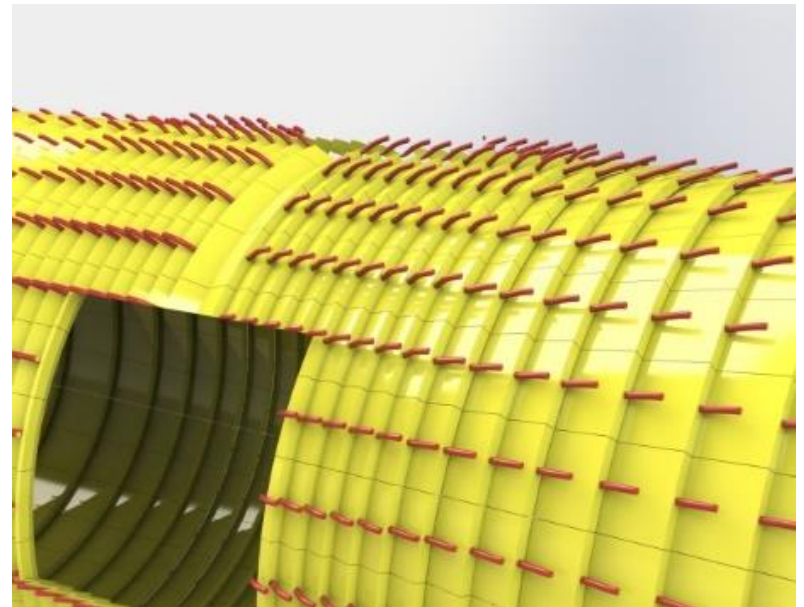
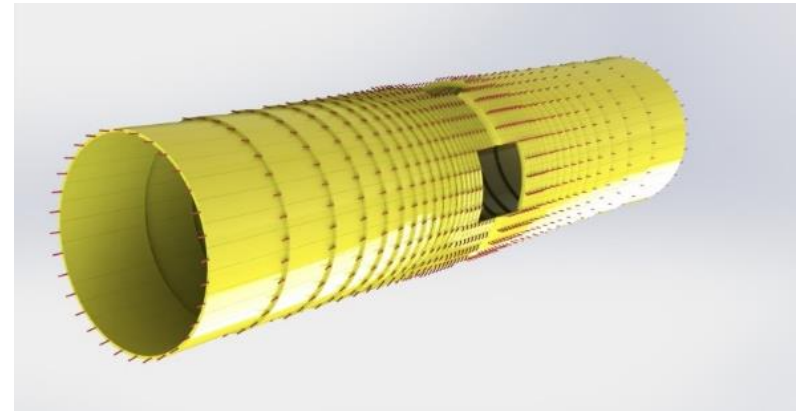
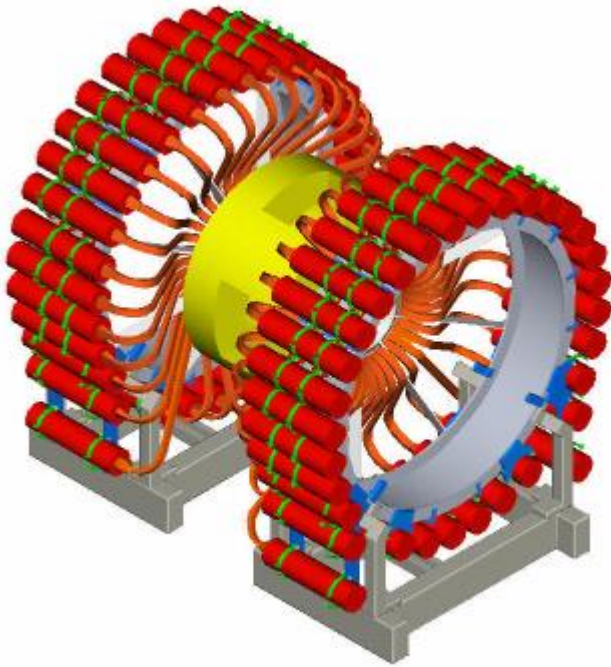
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Application: MuSR →



64 channels to 1216.



Light Collection Options

Light Guide

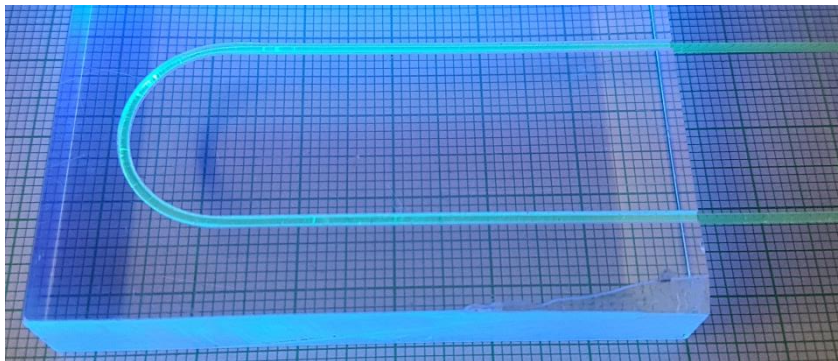
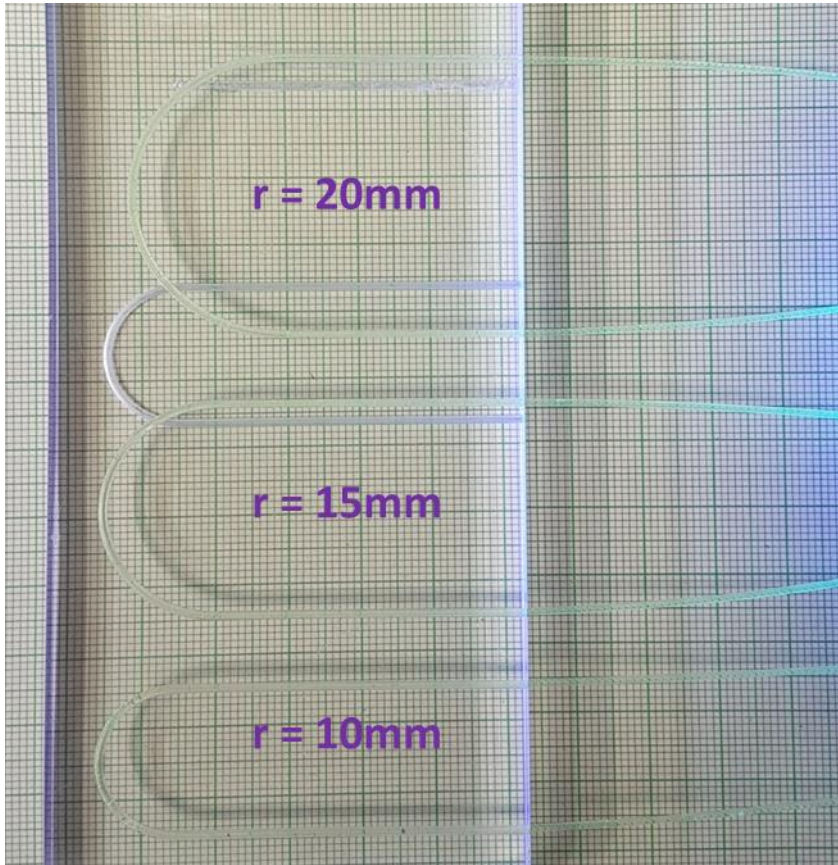
- Good light transport
- Self-supporting
- Expensive + difficult assembly
- Have to stick to Liouville's theorem



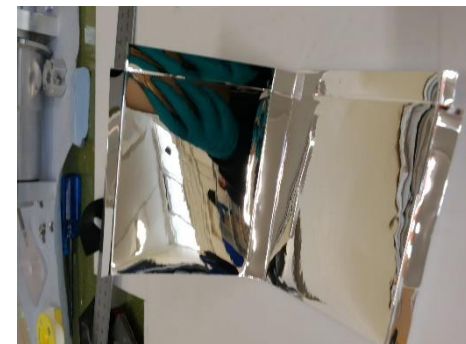
Wavelength shifting fibre

- Unique light collection geometries ('light from the side')
- Flexible and compact 'bend like wires'
- Homogenous light collection
- Huge light loss (single %'s collected) due to absorption and re-emission, self absorption and attenuation mechanisms.

Testing and Prototyping



- Bend radius, potting method, reflector type etc. are under evaluation
- Favourite for building ease: PTFE, 1 fibre at $\sim 15\text{mm}$ radius.

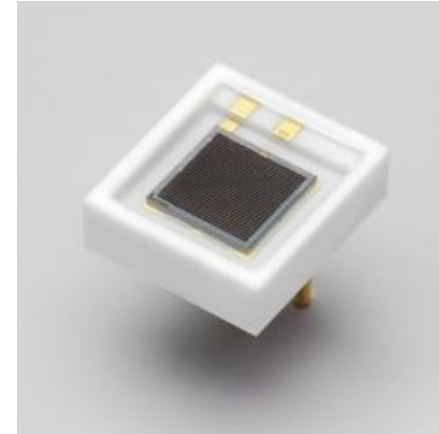


(Some of the) Technologies

Photo-Multiplier Tubes (PMT)



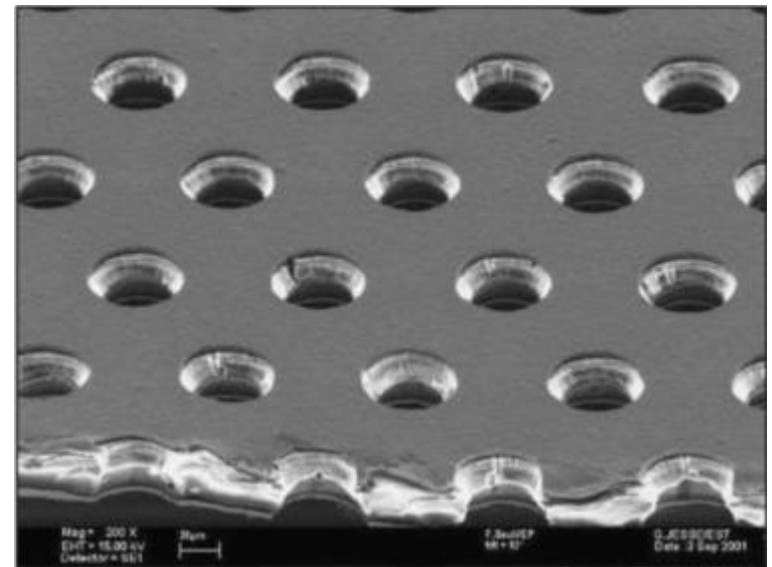
Silicon Photo-Multipliers (SiPM)



Multi-Anode PMT (64ch!)



Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM)



Major Pro's and Con's

(for μ SR at ISIS)

Photo-Multiplier Tubes (PMT)

- Cheap, reliable, tested
- Fast rise ($\sim 1\text{ns}$) and fall ($\sim 10\text{ns}$)
- Magnetic field sensitivity
- Bulky

Multi-Anode PMT

- PMT plus:
Compact and highly pixelated
- Magnetic field sensitivity
- 64ch relatively untested

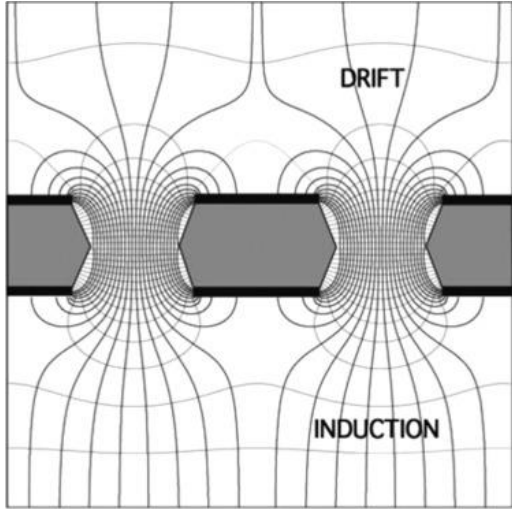
Silicon Photo-Multipliers (SiPM)

- Magnetic field insensitive
- Very fast rise (sub 1ns time resolution)
- Long fall time $\sim 100\text{ns}$
- Signal/noise
- Temperature sensitivity

Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM)

- Very high rate (100kHz mm^2) for GEM (readout etc may be lower)
- Magnetic field insensitive
- Construction – Sparking, noise and gas vessel limitations.

GEM Detector Prototype on HiFi

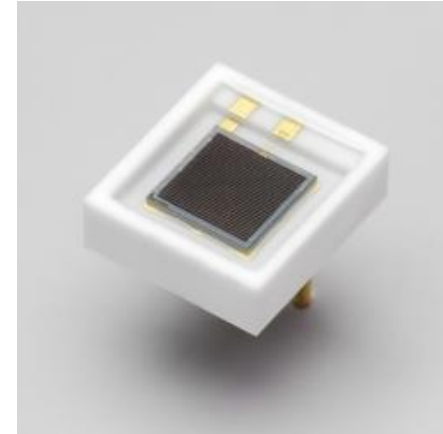


This talk

Silicon Photo-Multipliers (SiPM)

Investigated in NMI3 and SINE2020 European work packages.

Successfully utilised at PSI, JPARC and other facilities



Multi-Anode PMT

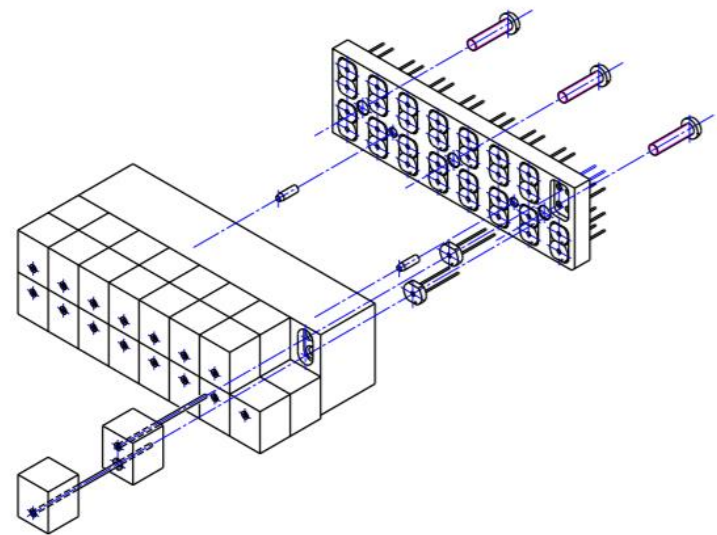
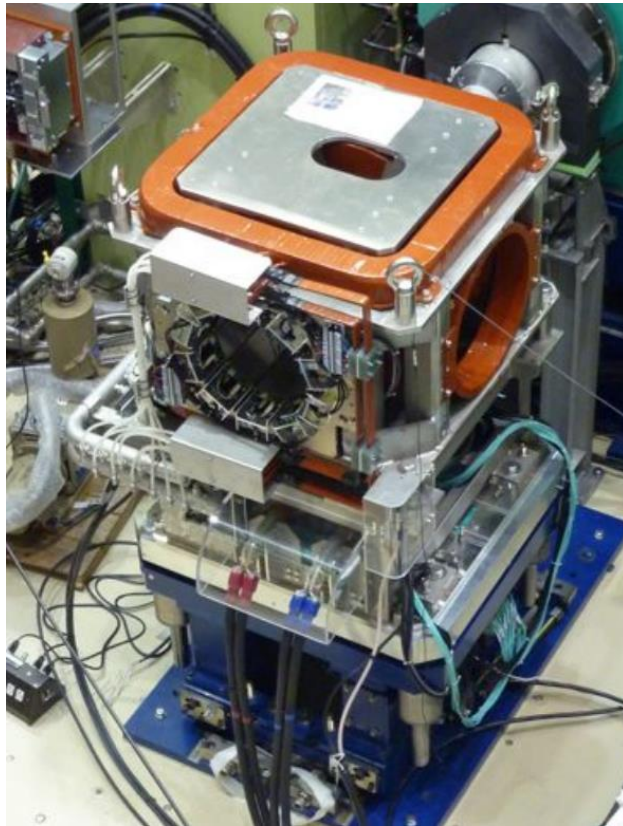


16 channel version utilised on other instruments (CHRONOS for muons) and neutron instruments.

Examples from the facilities

New μ SR spectrometer at J-PARC MUSE based on *Kalliope* detectors

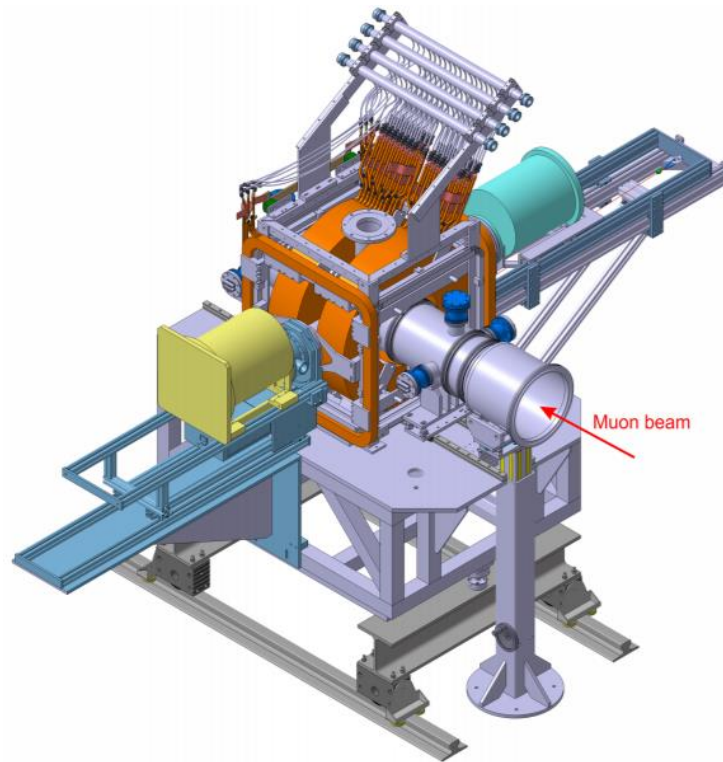
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Examples from the facilities

The new versatile general purpose surface-muon instrument (GPS) based on silicon photomultipliers for μ SR measurements on a continuous-wave beam

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Examples from the facilities



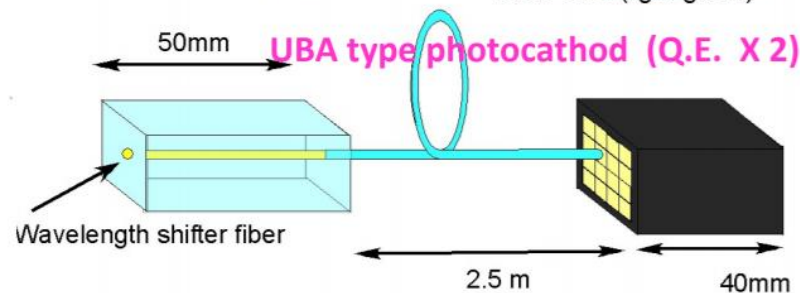
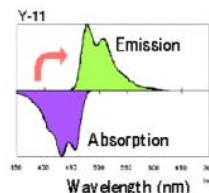
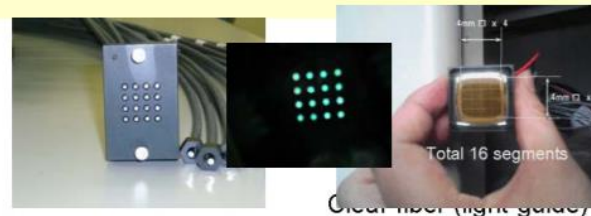
Fiber read-out detector

spindle scintillator + wavelength shifter fiber + clear fiber light-guide + multi-anode PMT

- # **Magnetic field** : Install PMT remote from the magnets by flexible clear fiber light-guides
- # **Direction sensitivity** : threshold separation with spindly scintillator
- # **Compact** : wavelength shifter fiber read-out -> easily increase segments, very compact
- # **Small costs** : multi-anode PMT ~ \$2,000 / 16ch



eff > 90%



- # Wavelength shifter fiber (kuraray Y11-MS(400)1.5mm)
- # clear plastic fiber (Kuraray 1.5mm)
- # Ultra-Bialkari type MAPMT (H6568-200-10mod, 7 x 106 @ -900V)
- # 1x1x5 cm³ Scintillator (originally for the neutrino near detector at T2K experiment)
- # Hole scintillator for mass production (produced by intruding)

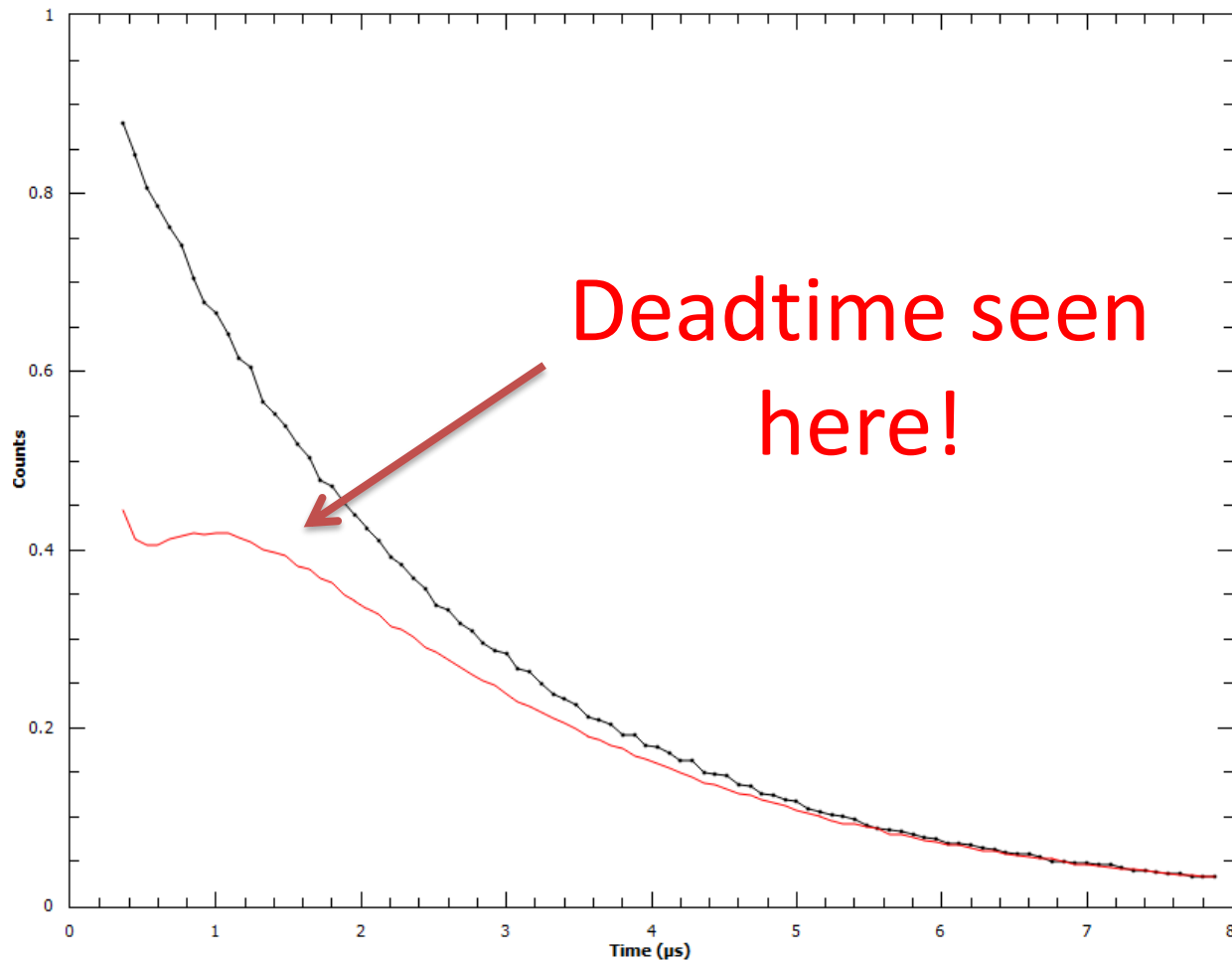
SiPMs and MAPMTs

SiPM main drawback: deadtime

Count rate: A Limiting Factor

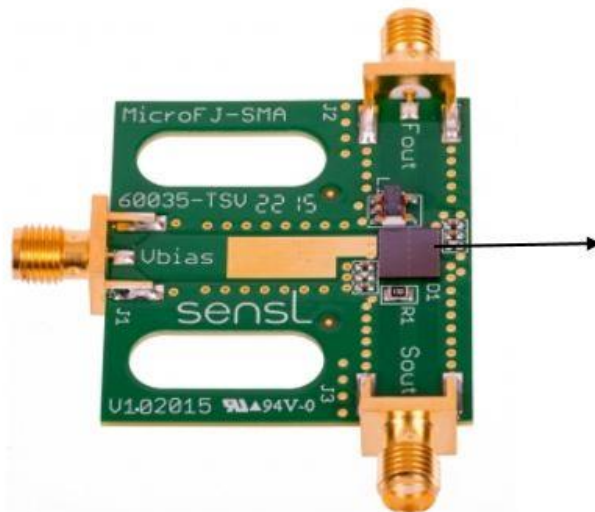
40Hz Spallation generates *high instantaneous rate*...

Not only are there 1000's of muons per frame, they are most *likely* to be at the *start of a frame*!

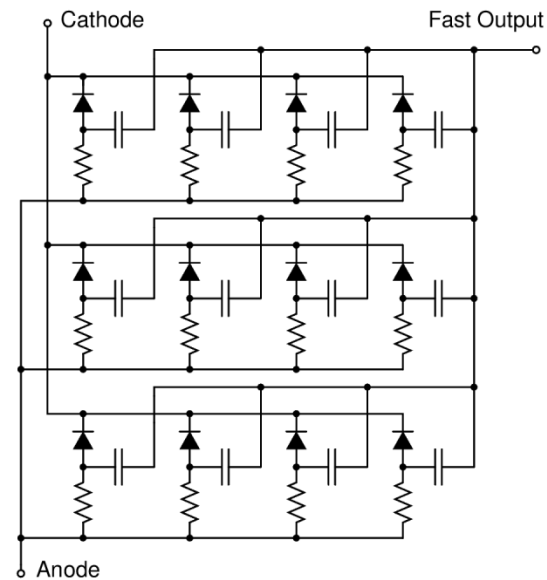


SiPM: Technology Intro

SiPMs

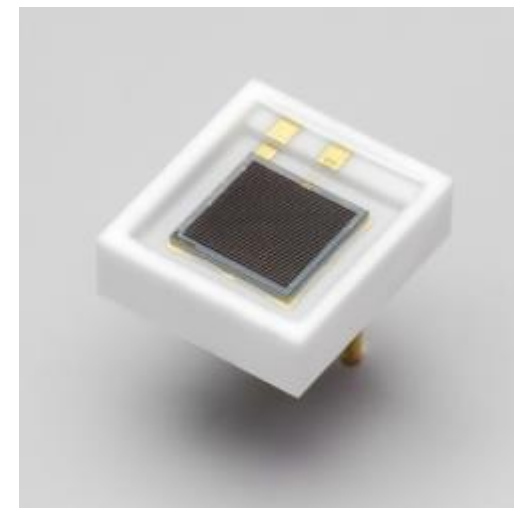
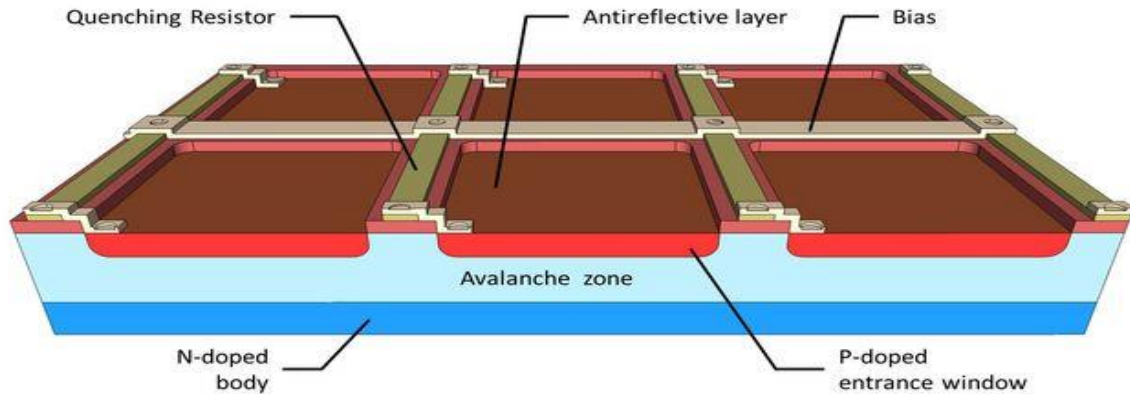


SiPM

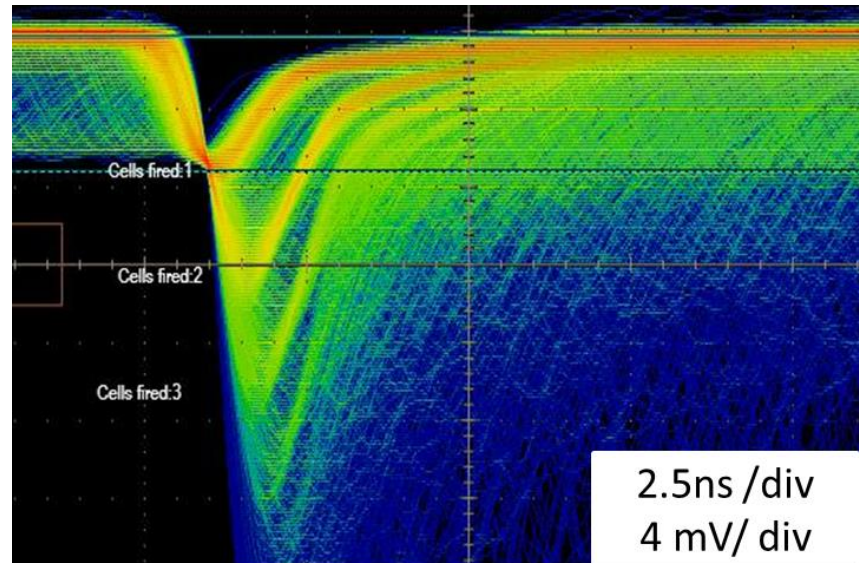
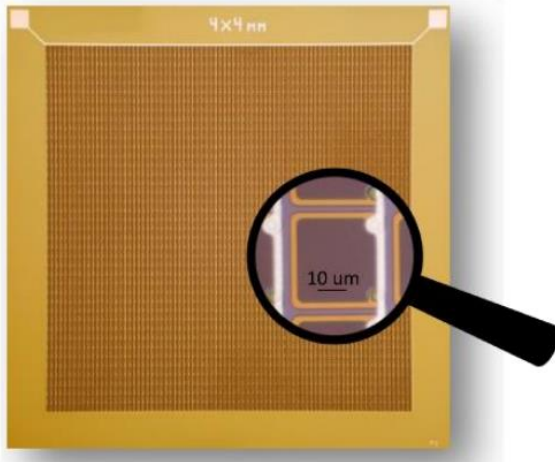


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The Unique Character of SiPMs



- Silicon Photomultiplier (SiPM) is a Multi-Pixel Photon Detector
- Parallel arrangement of GM-APD with each their own quenching resistor
- **Each cell gives out a quantised amount of charge**

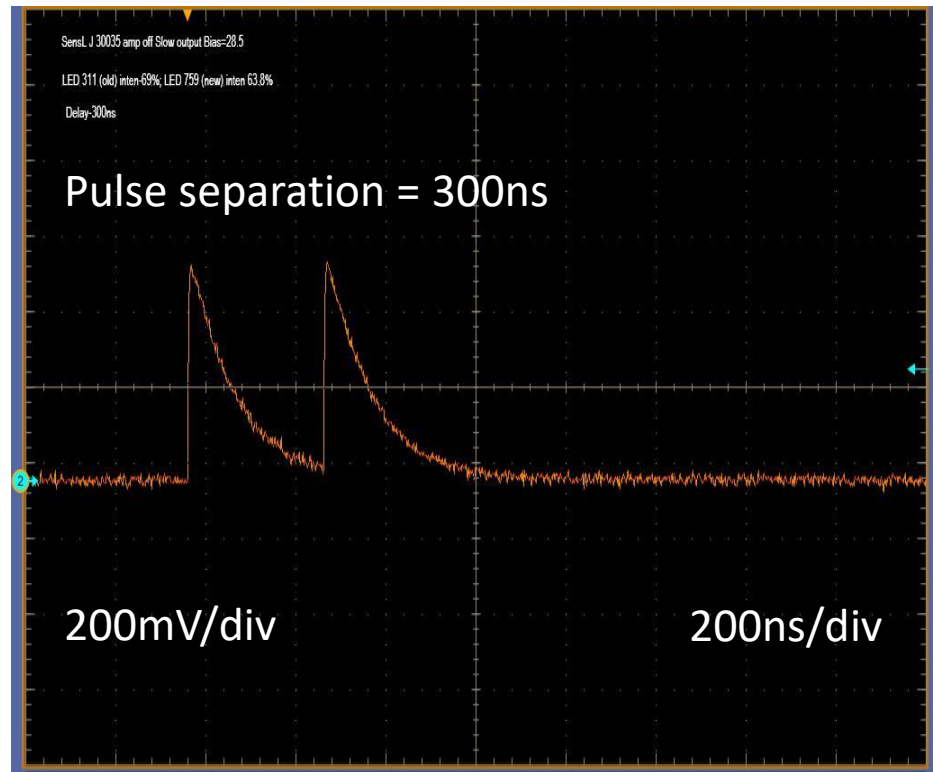
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50um=	2668

SensL J 30035 amp off Slow output Bias=28.5

LED 311 (old) inten=69%; LED 759 (new) inten=63.8%

Delay=300ns

Pulse separation = 300ns



200mV/div

200ns/div

200mV/div 50Ω 2.5G

296mV

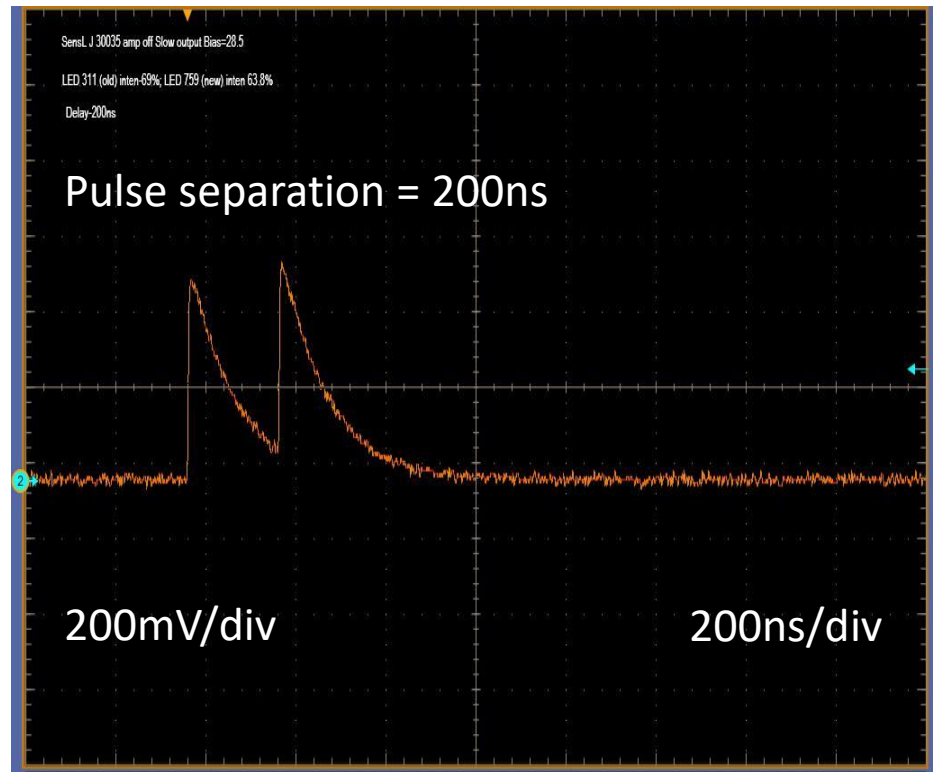
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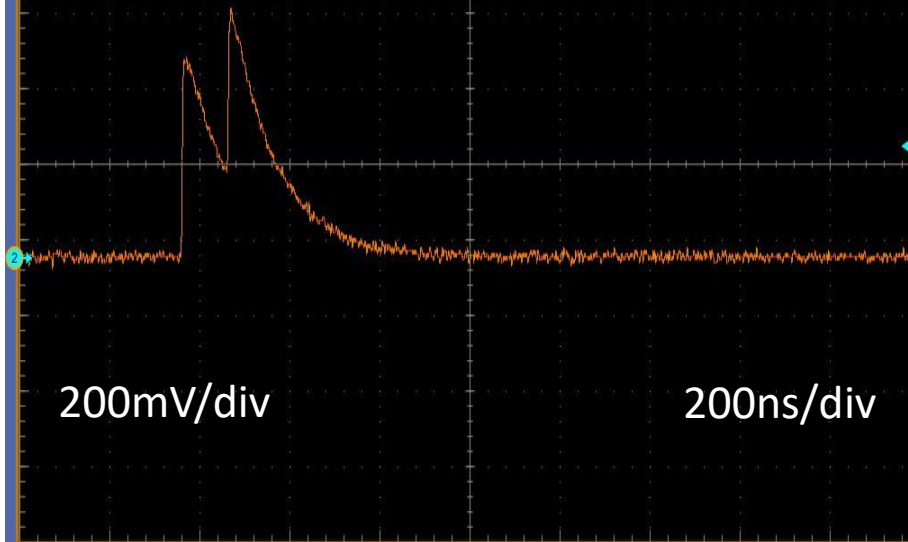
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Delay=100ns

Pulse separation = 100ns



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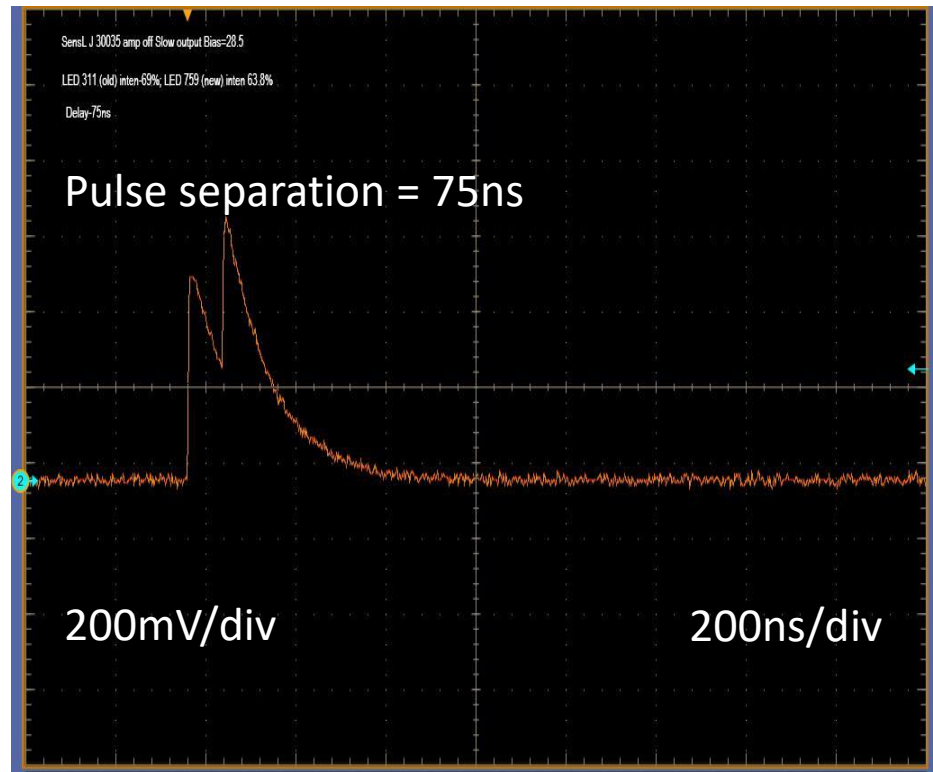
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Pulse separation = 75ns



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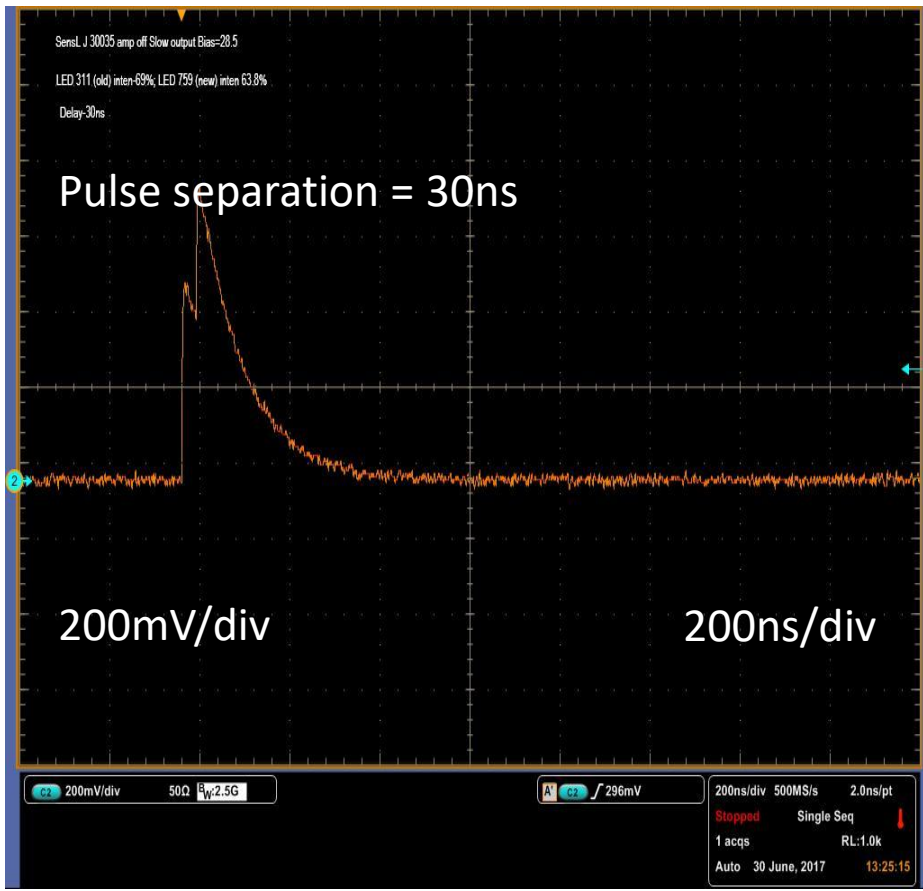
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Delay=30ns

Pulse separation = 30ns



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296mV

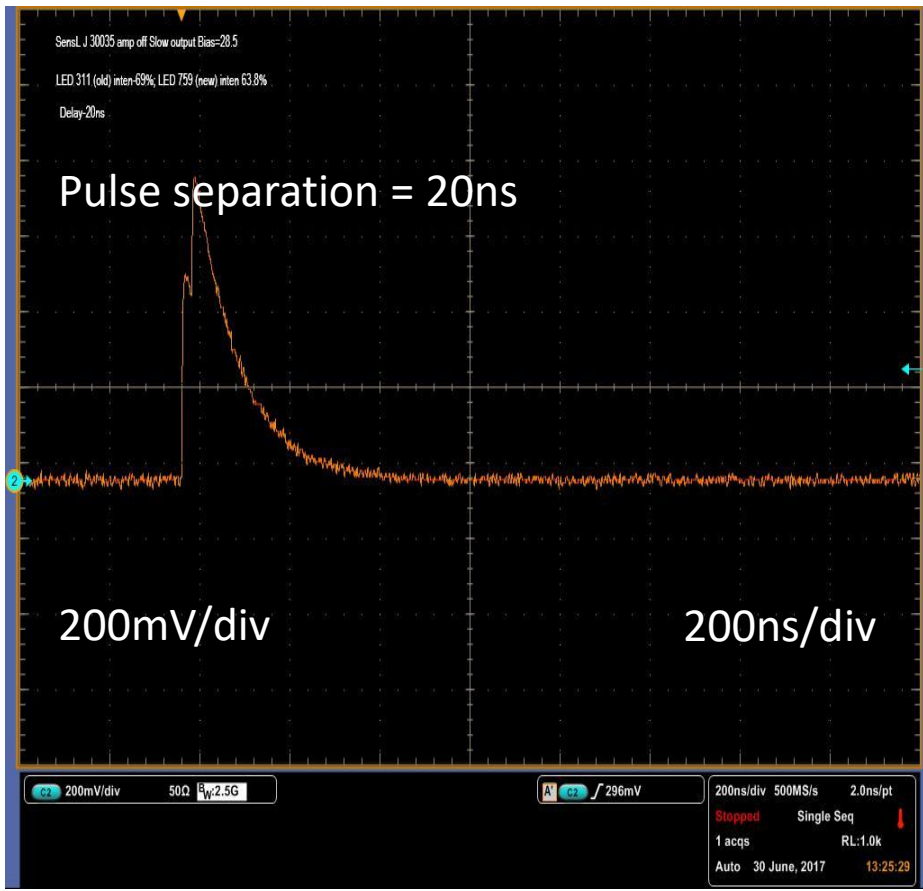
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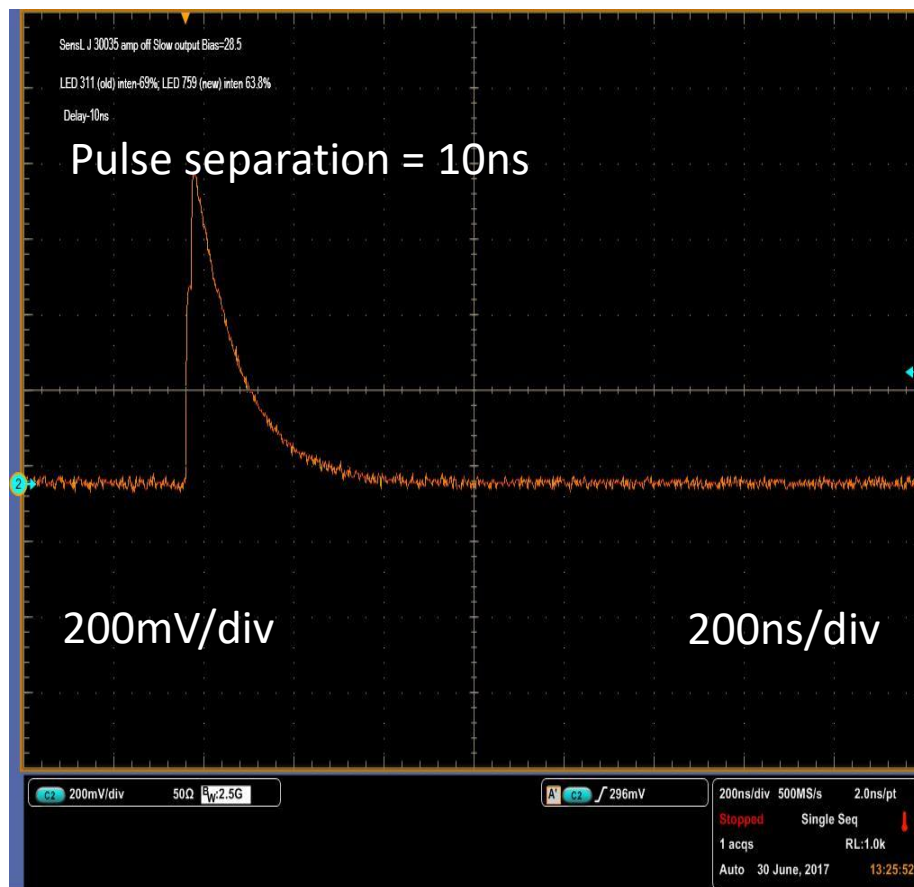
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Pulse separation = 20ns





Examples from our investigations

Comprehensive evaluation of SiPMs:

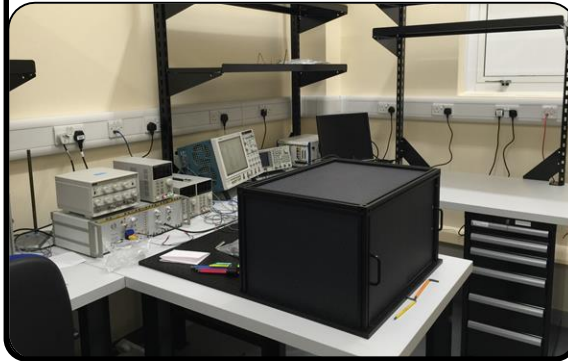
MuSR Beamline

- Detector chain can be investigated in a realistic environment.



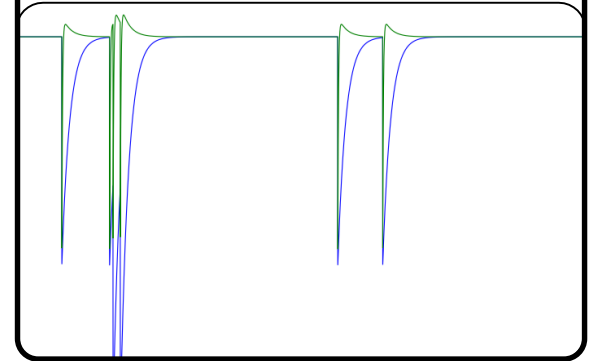
Optical Investigation

- Photon flux accurately parameterised within a controlled environment.

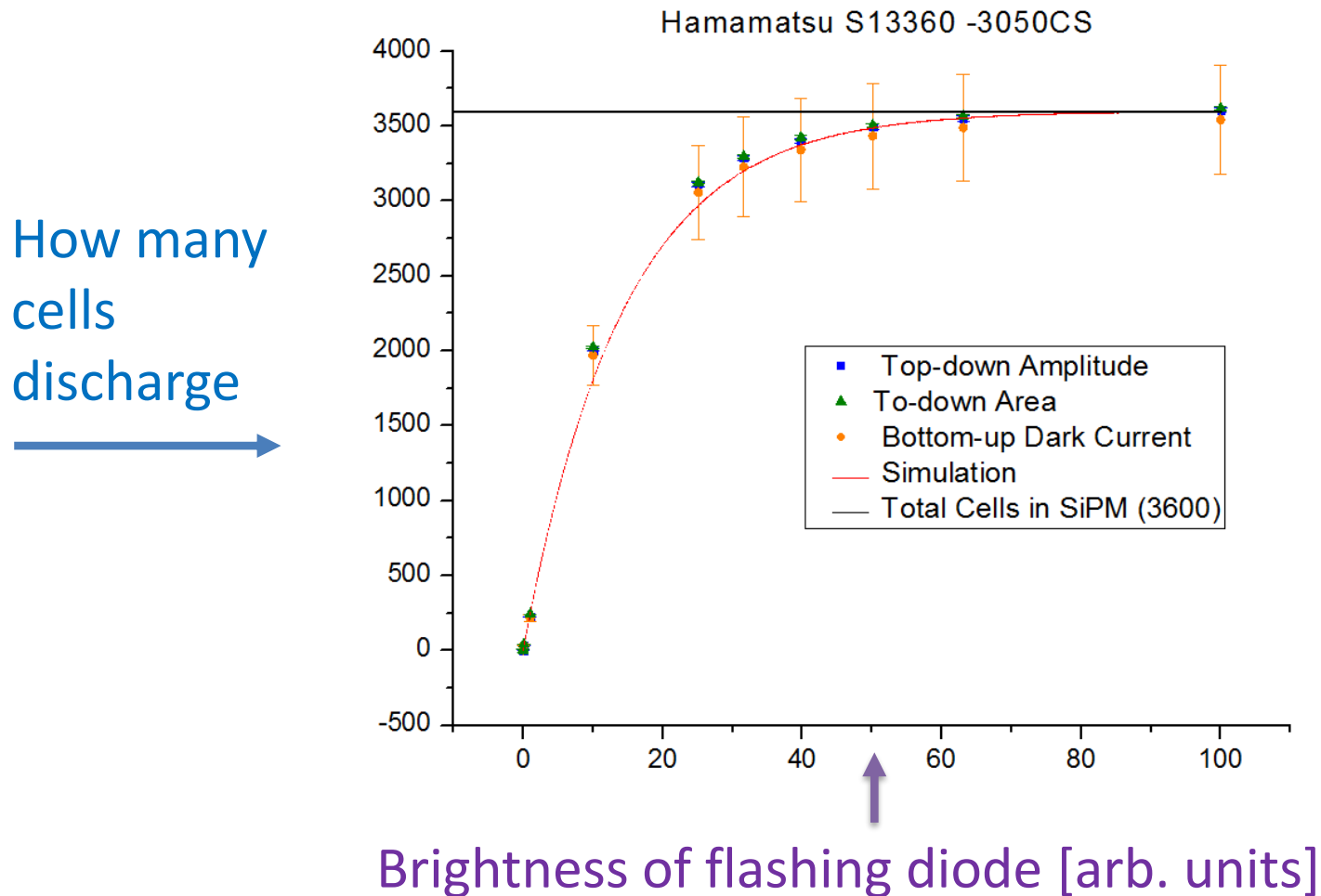


Monte Carlo Simulation

- Accurately simulate a statistical investigation in detector performance.



Example optical investigation: Cells Discharged

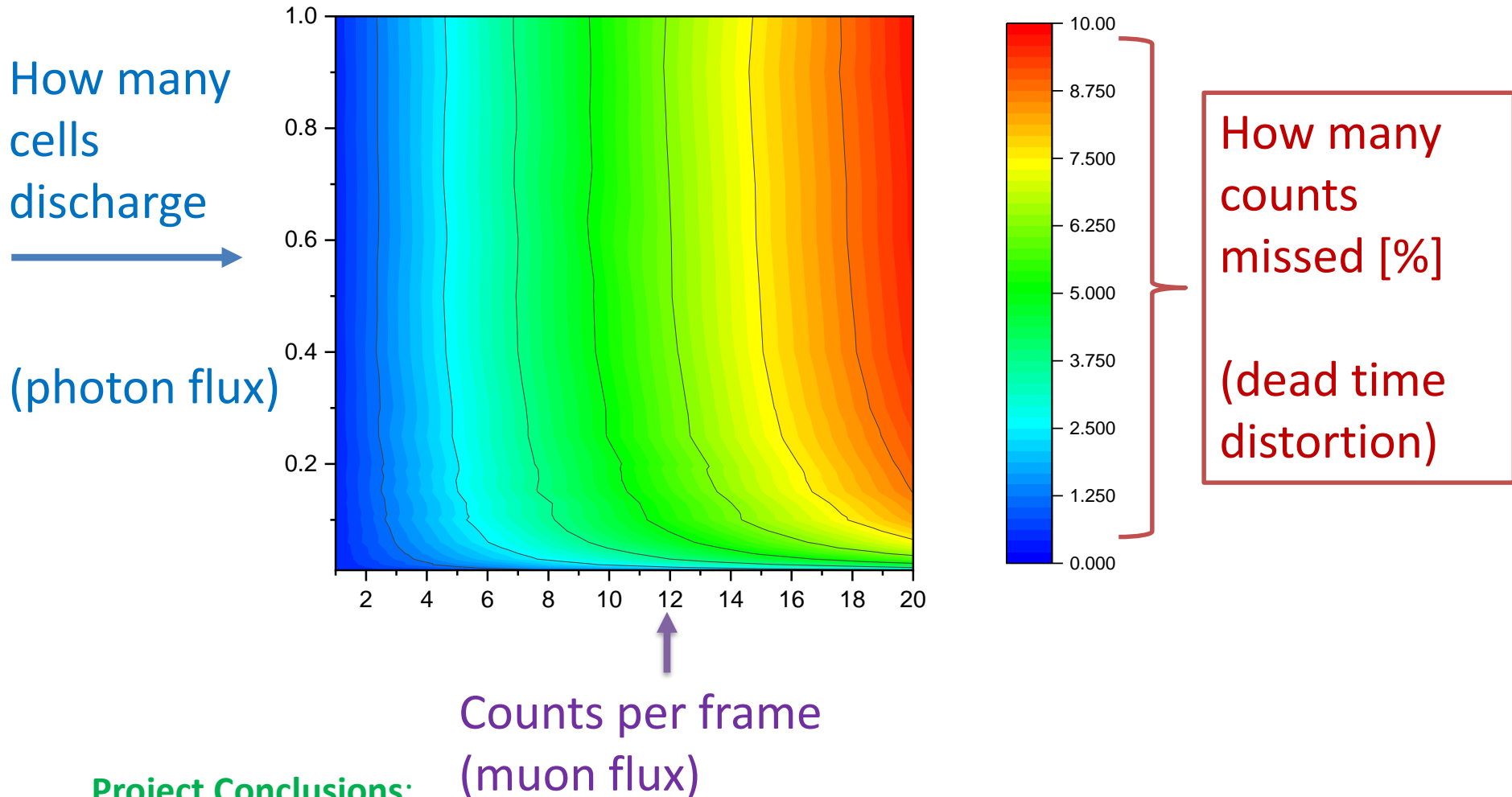


Project Conclusions:

- Improved photon collection efficiency = diminishing returns
- Not all SiPMs can be 100% discharged
- Can be modelled or directly calculated (balls in boxes)

Monte-Carlo Simulation

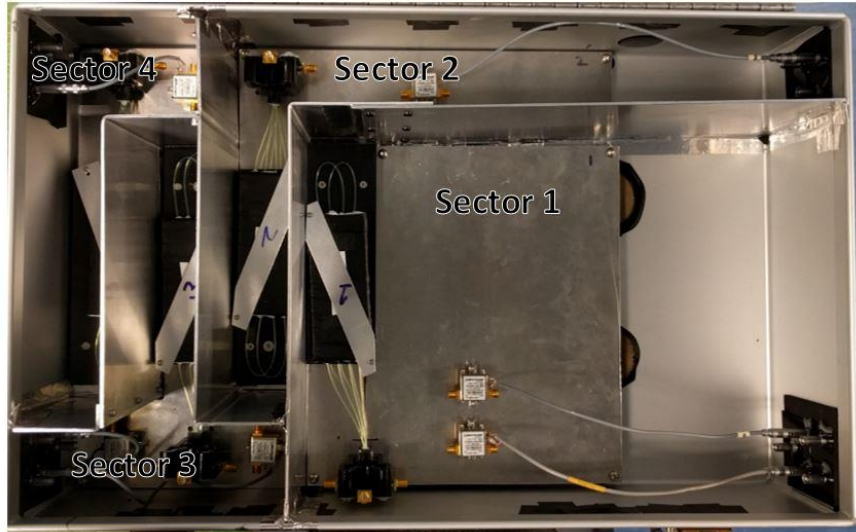
Example: SensL 50 μ m with Pole-Zero



Project Conclusions:

- Signal processing essential to achieve more than 10 c/frame
- Gains in count rate capability below 20% cells discharges

MuSR Experimental Data



SiPM

SensL MFJ-30035 Fast

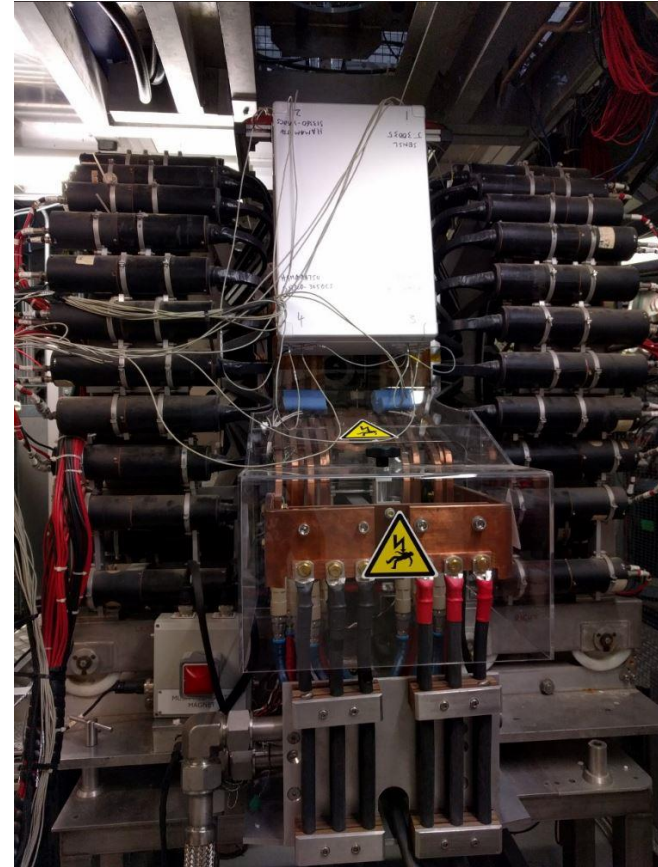
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Hamamatsu S13360-3050CS

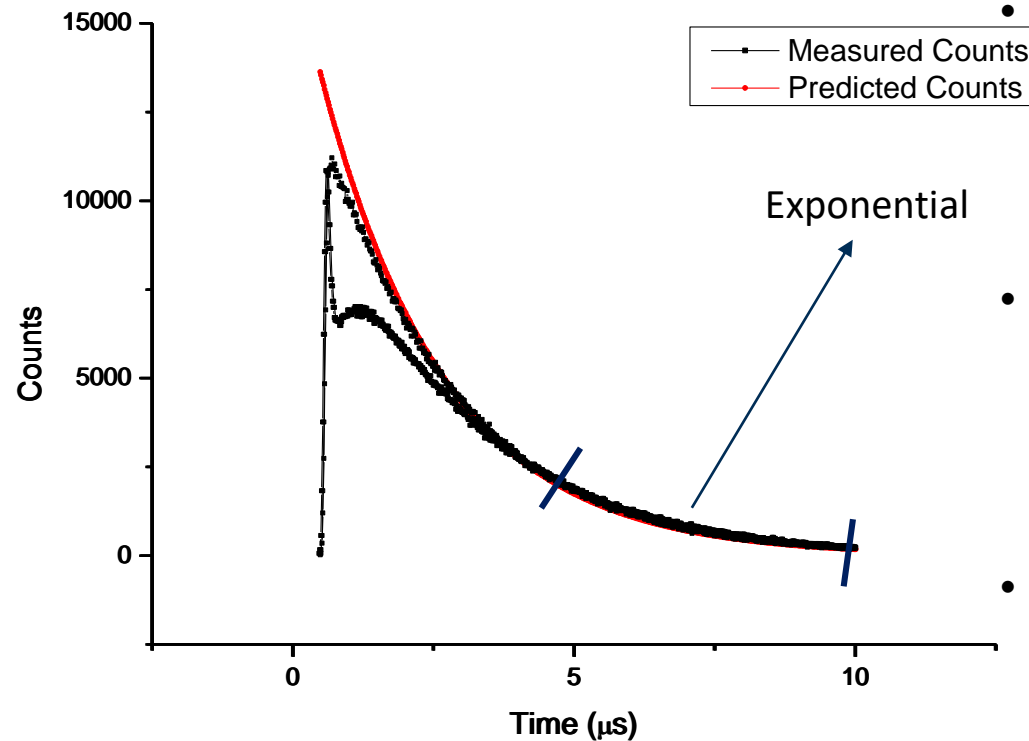
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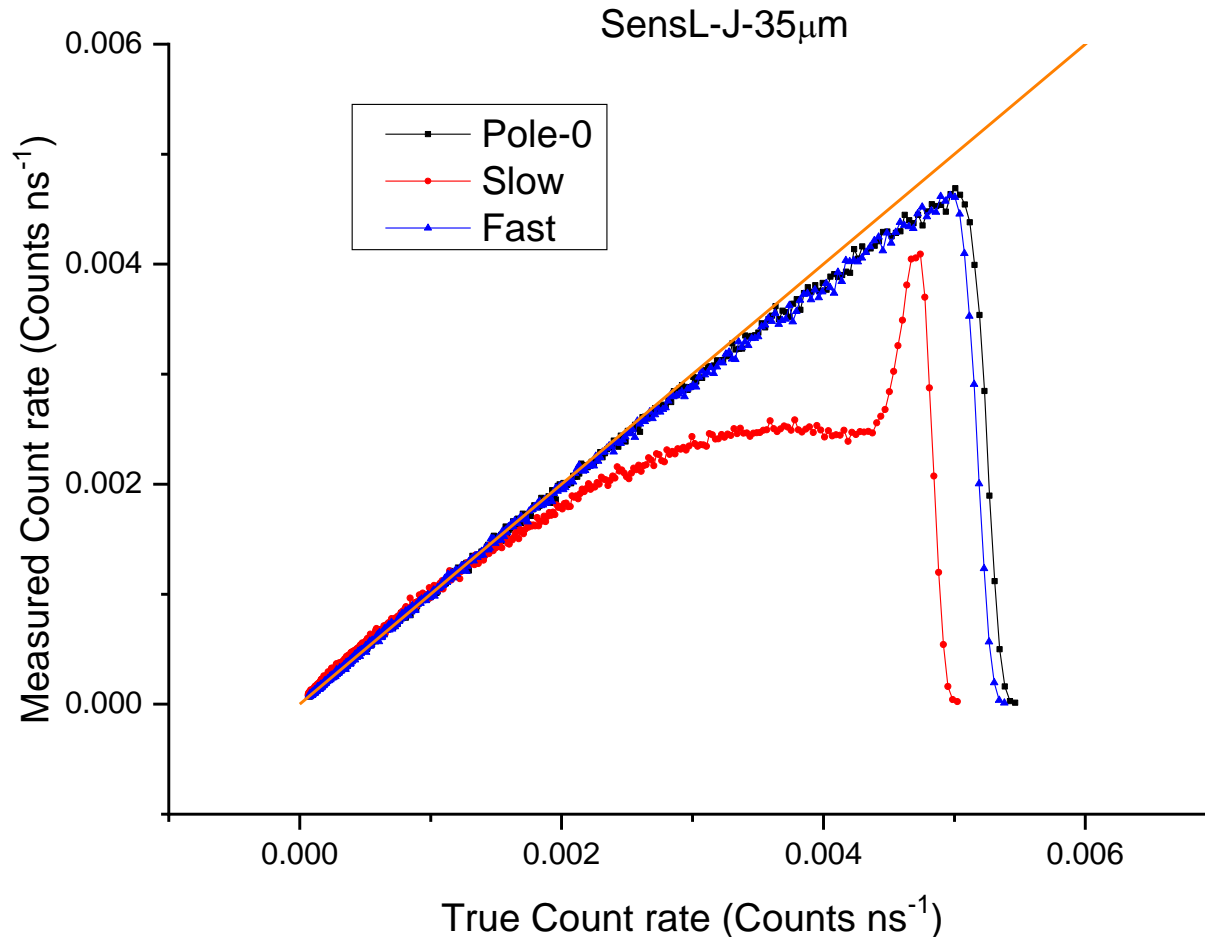


Example: Beam Data Parameterisation



- In the later part of the data set dead-time effects are assumed to be negligible.
- This region is fitted with an exponent with fixed decay constant and extrapolated back to earlier times.
- Each data point from the measured data set can be plotted against its counter part from the predicted data set.

Example: Compare in-silicon Vs external signal conditioning



Project Conclusions:

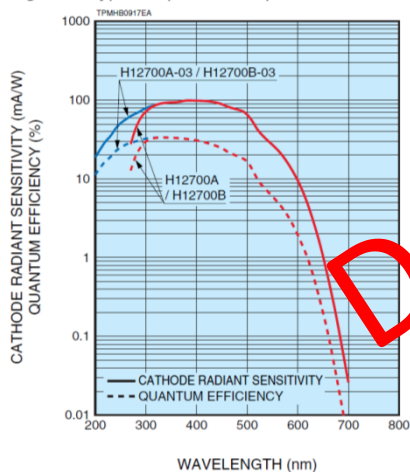
- Signal processing can be either in-silicon (Sensl Fast) or via pole-zero electronics
- SiPM shows minimal dead time distortion at same rates as PMT

64 Channel PMT

➤ Wavelength shifting fibre with 64 channel Flat Panel MAPMT

- ✓ Fewer fibres
- ✓ Easy to assemble
- ✓ Many geometries
- ✓ Back plane electronics
- ✓ Very few cables
- ✓ Efficient fibre coding

Figure 1: Typical Spectral Response



Hamamatsu H12700A



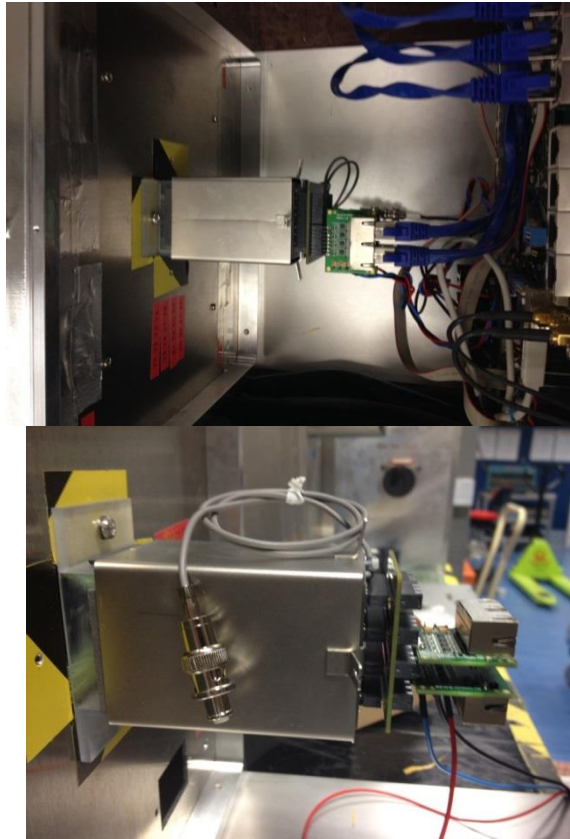
- 10^6 Gain
- Improved Single Electron Response (SER)
- $6.5 \times 6.5 \text{ mm}^2$ pixels
- 2:1 pixel uniformity

https://www.hamamatsu.com/resources/pdf/etd/H12700_TPMH1348E.pdf

Slide Credit: G. J. Sykora et al. IEEE NSS 2017

Electronic readout options

- Discrete preamps – used for 16 ch MAPMT
 - Ethernet cables to discriminator
 - Power dissipation = 10W for 64 channels

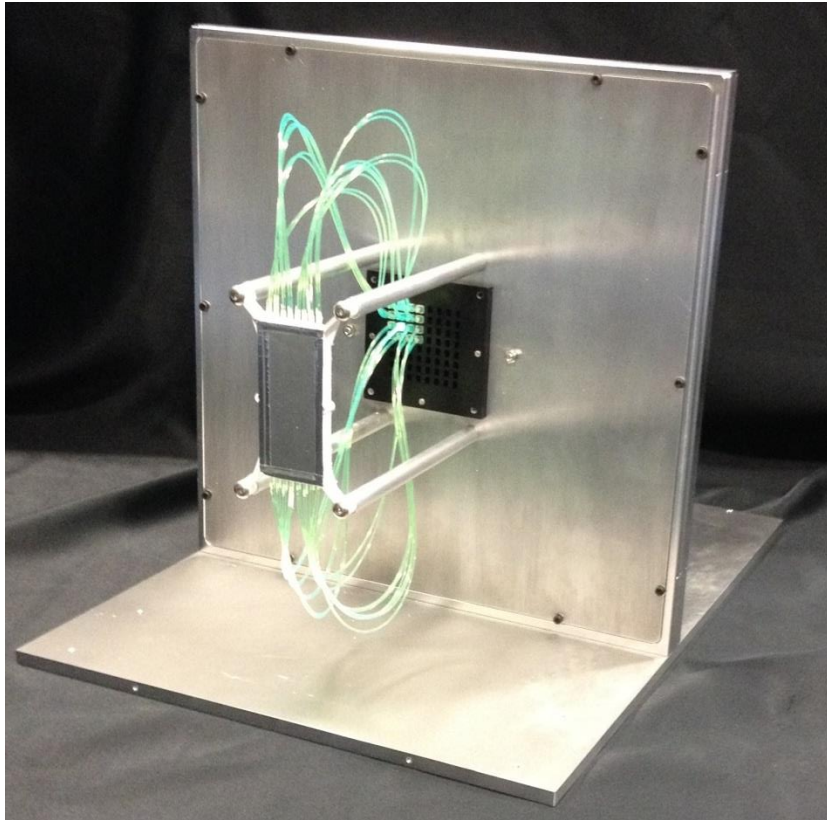


- Semi-discrete preamps
 - Directly attached to a discriminator
 - +12V in
 - USB/Ethernet out
 - Power dissipation = **1.2W** for 64 channels



Does it work?

Testing (for neutron detector RnD)

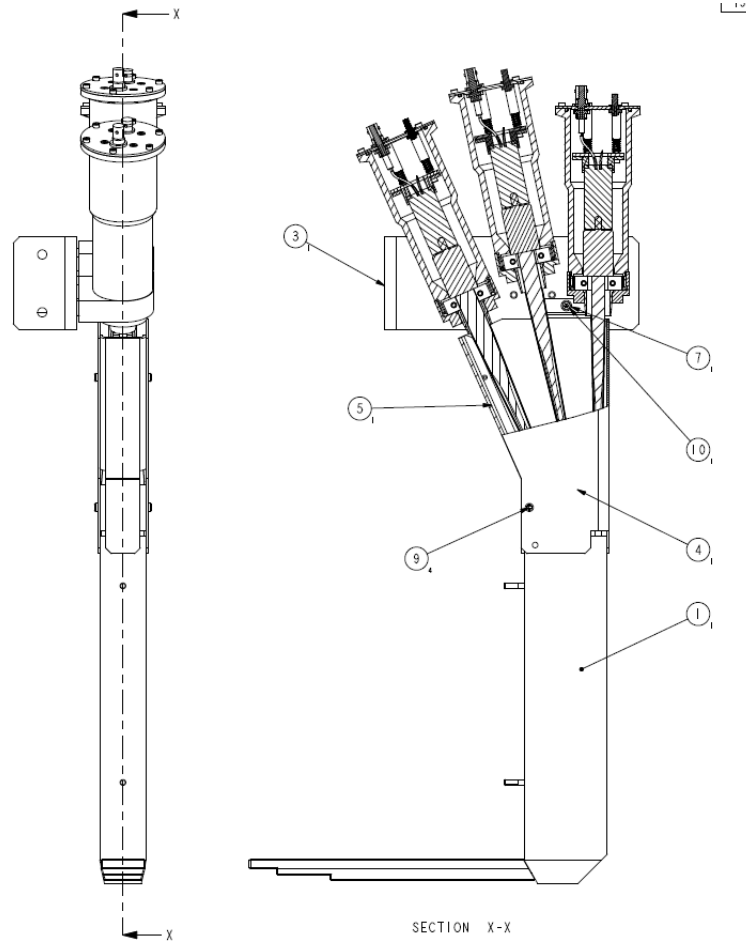
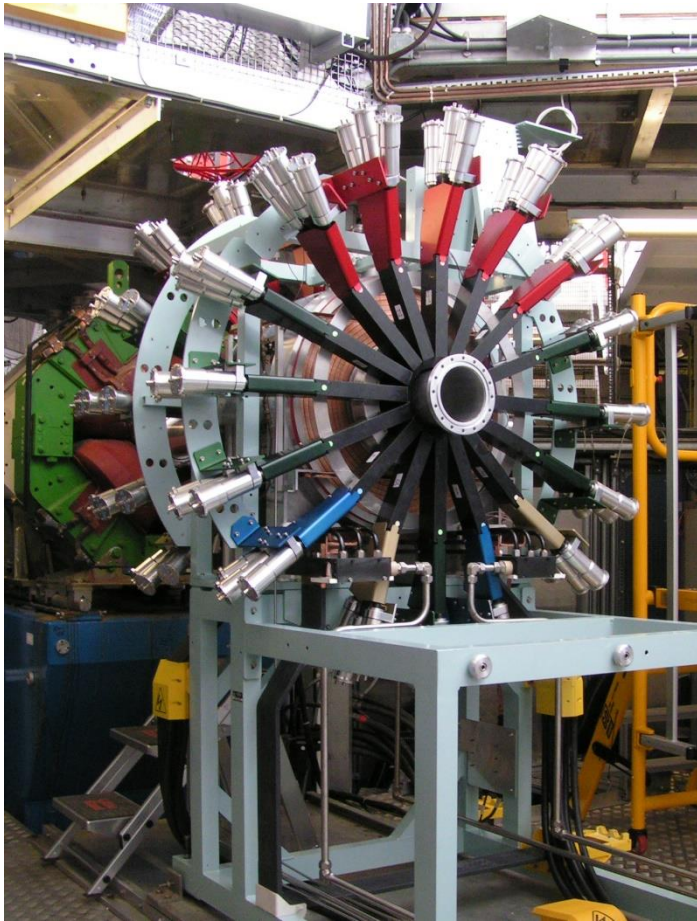


➤ Fundamental comparisons

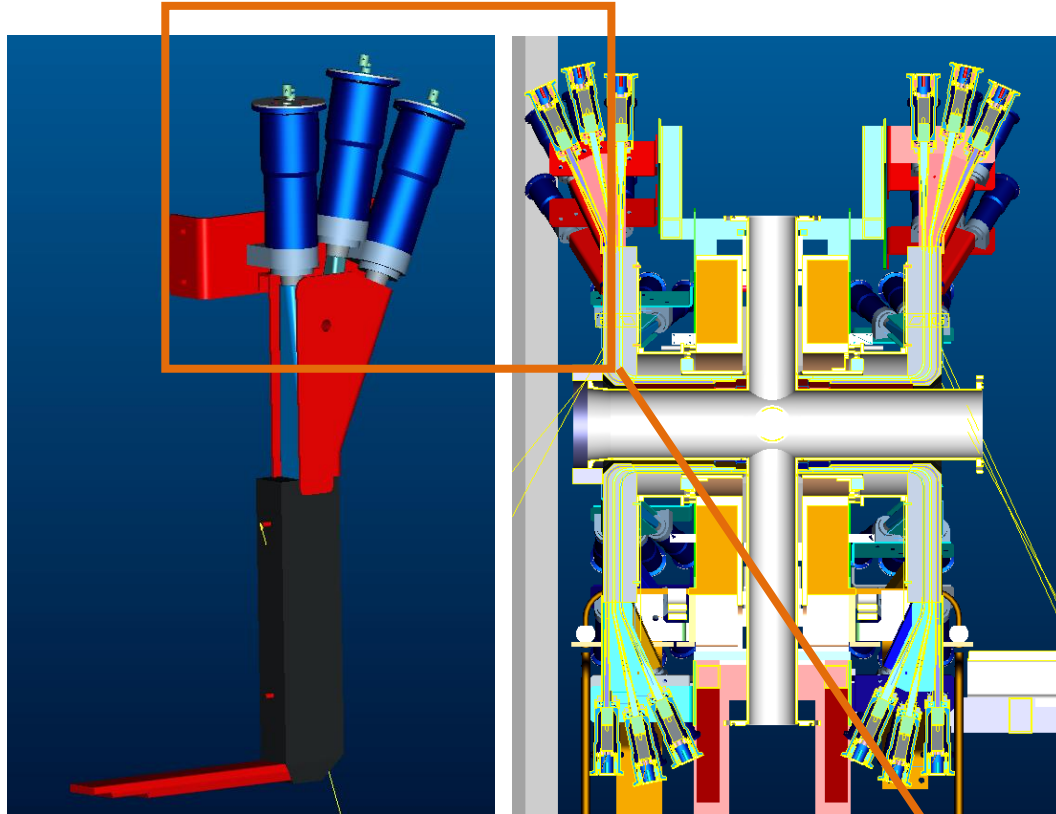


➤ Large area prototype

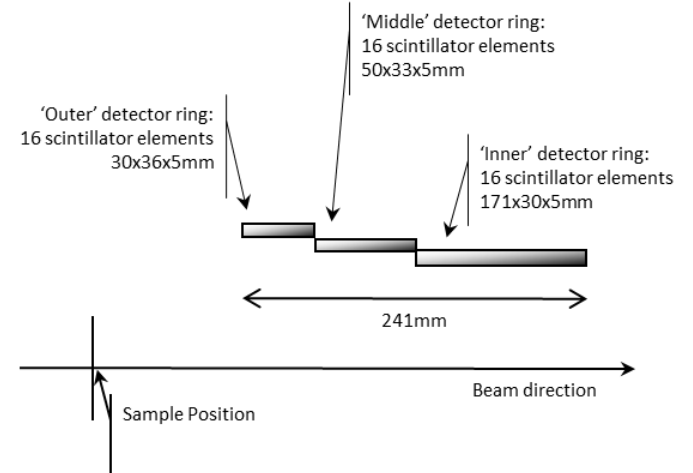
Next steps: Demo detector module on EMU Spectrometer



EMU Spectrometer

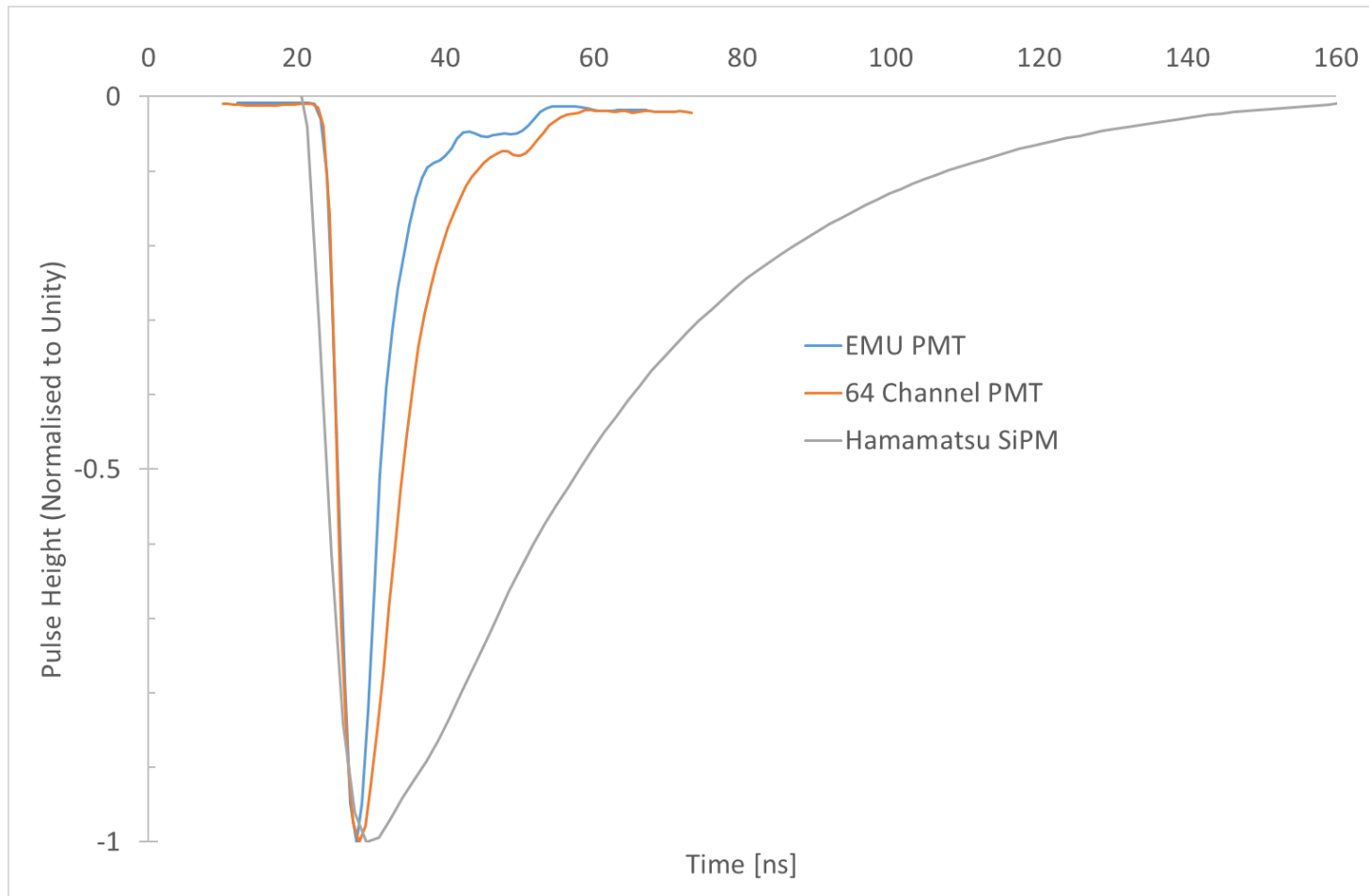


Current Detector Array



Pot fibres in a general use large light tight enclosure for electronics, photo detector and signal processing evaluation.

Initial results from EMU tests

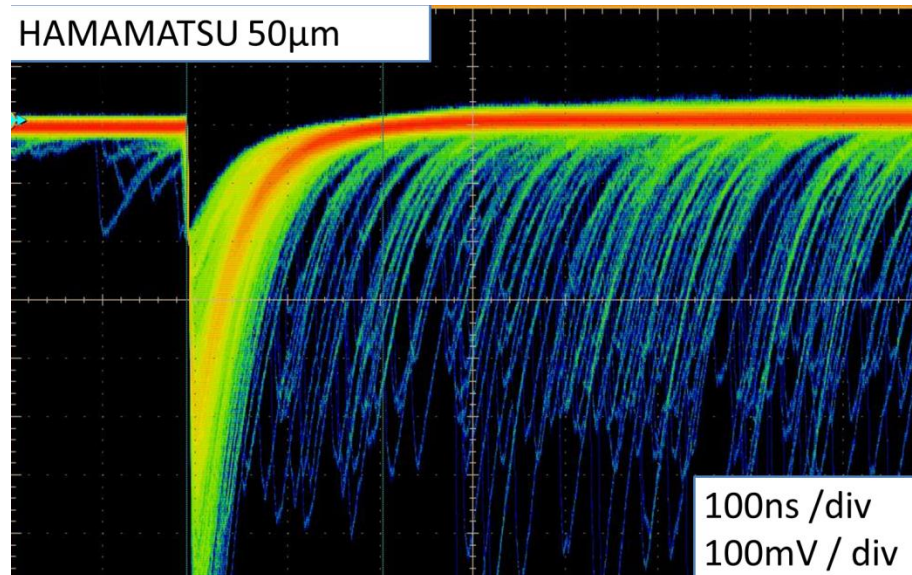
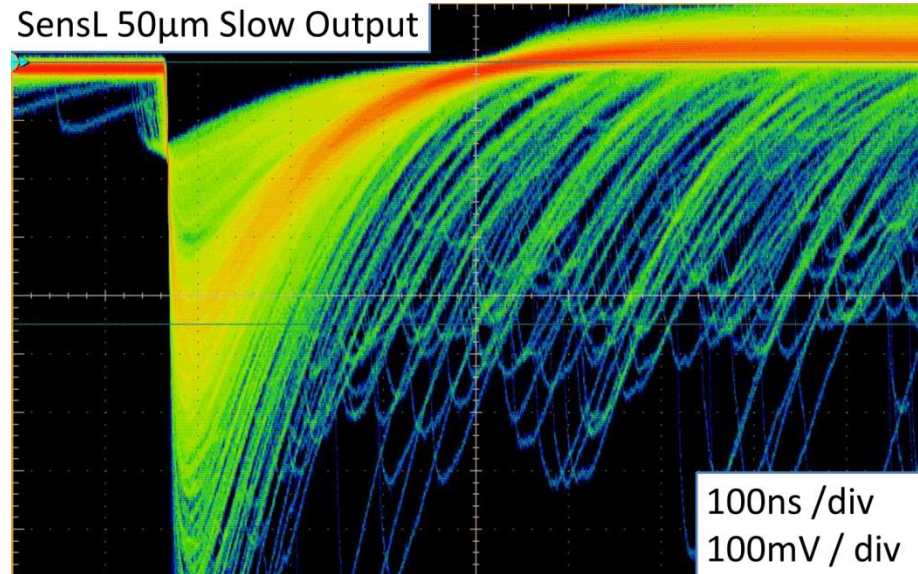


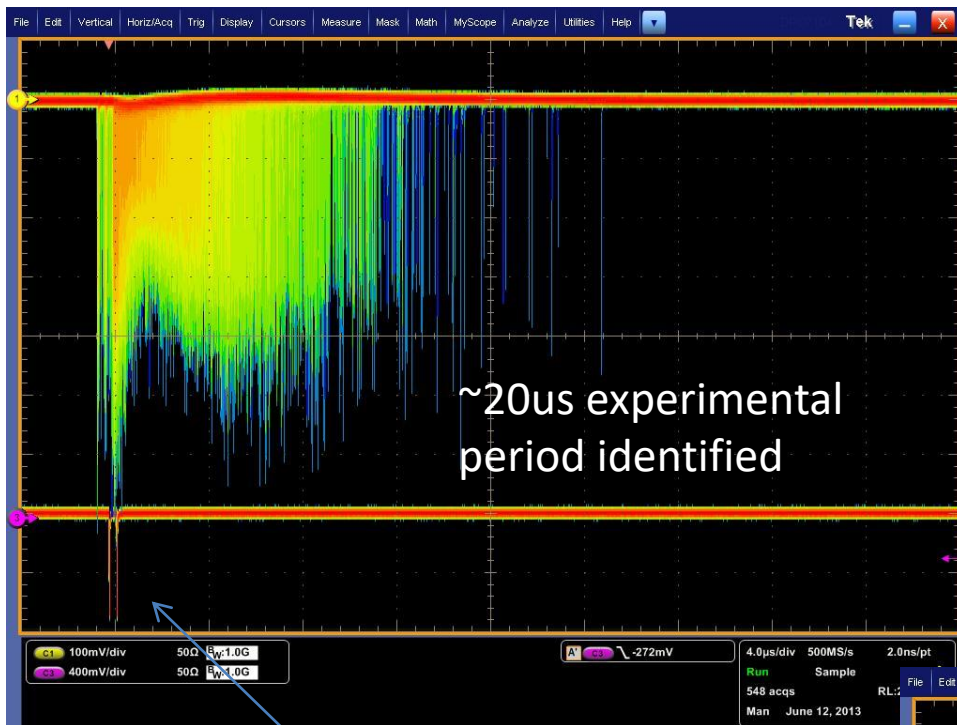
Take home messages

- No one technology is perfect
- PMTs and MA PMTs have many benefits, and are preferred IF the stray magnetic fields are within tolerances.
- SiPMs can handle similar count rates to PMTs IF you apply heavy signal processing and discriminate appropriately.

Thank you, Questions?

Dead time: Lets have a look at Signals first

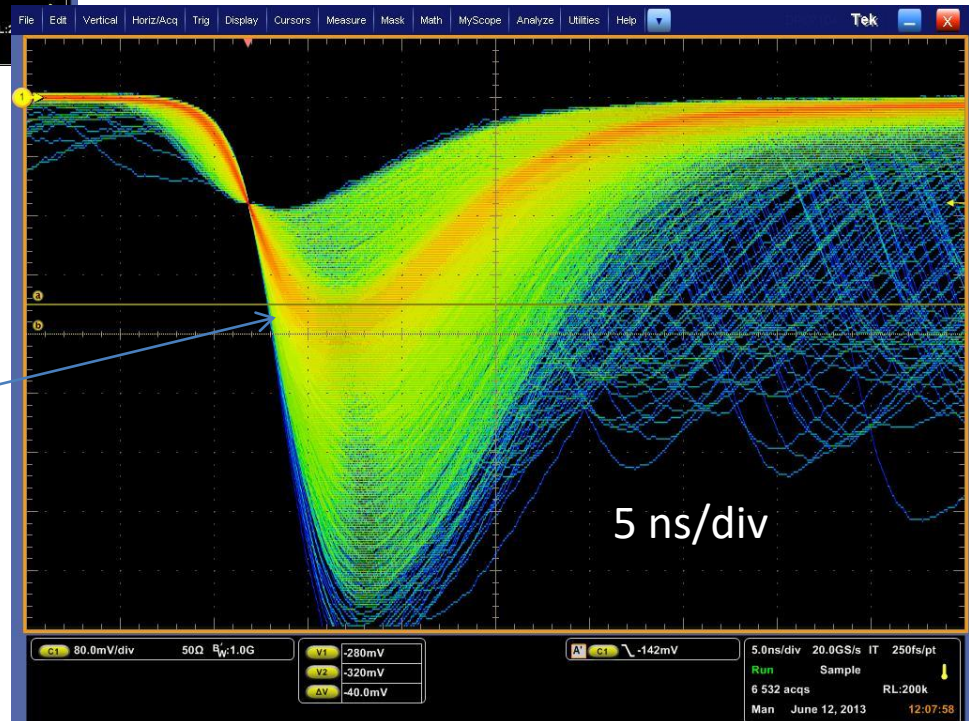




BC scintillator disk on PMT – Pulse height spectrum

T0 from Cherenkov detectors

Clear pulse height band



Application if deadtimes are...

... much worse than PMT's

- Niche applications that require compact magnetically insensitive detectors that do not need high count rates.
 - Diagnostic
 - Portable
 - Low count rate (many muon lifetimes later?)

... comparable to PMT's

- Applications that require compact magnetically insensitive detectors and a decent count rate.

E.G HiFi Transverse Field Bank

Apply RF field, rotating muon spin effectively 'beating the timing resolution governed by the pulse width'. Increase frequencies accessible on HiFi- [expanded science programme!](#)

... better than PMT's

- Technology uptake with added benefits of magnetic insensitivity and very compact designs.
- New geometries such as directly viewing scintillator possible.
- **Achieve higher rates, do muon science faster, better and more efficiently.**

Simulation of reflectors and light collection

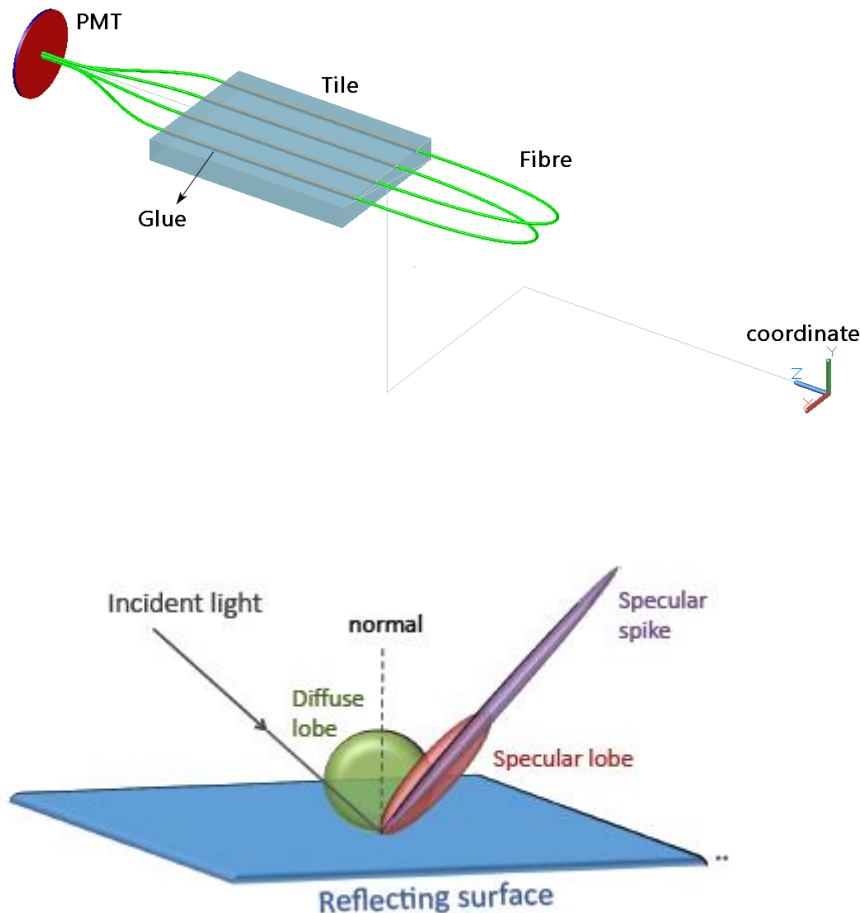
Reflectivity Spectra for Commonly Used Reflectors

Martin Janecek

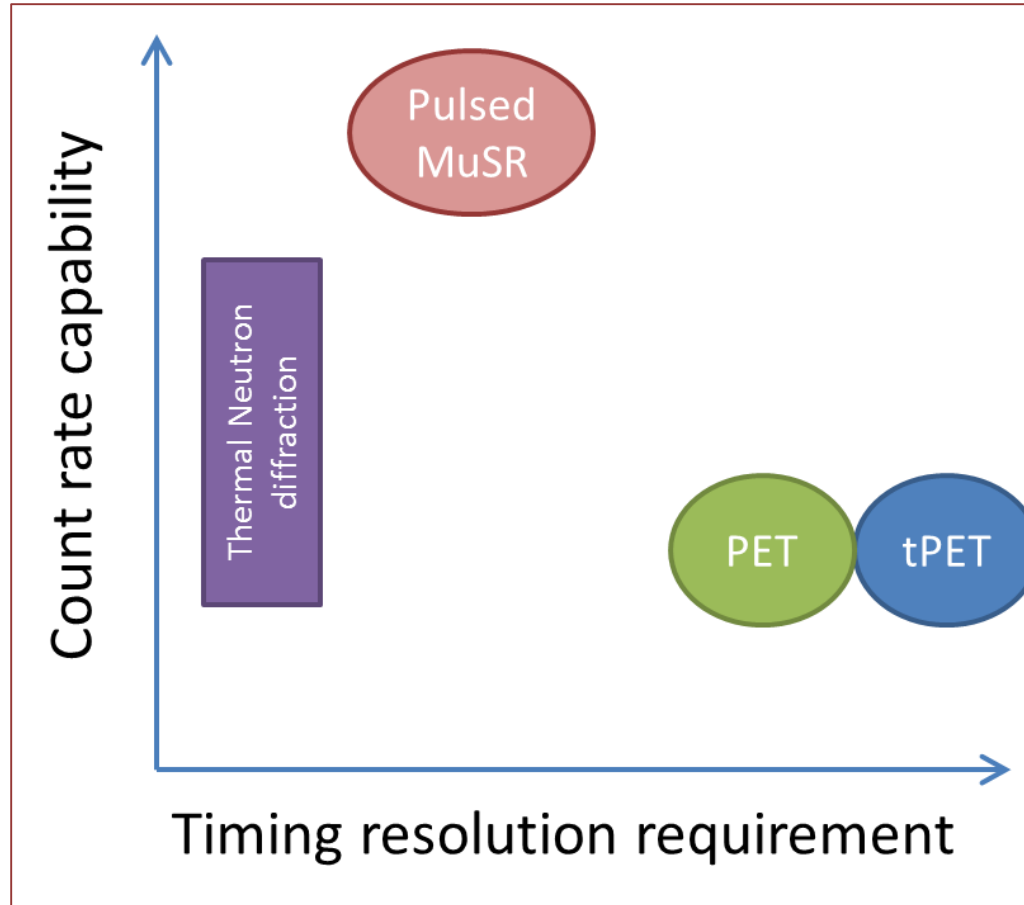
TABLE I
EXAMINED REFLECTORS

Reflector	Refl. Coeff. @ 440nm	Thickness [mm]	Source	Refl. Ref.
SRS-99 (White Standard)	0.988	10	Labsphere, Inc. North Sutton, NH	company*
Spectralon (WS-1-LS)	0.993	10	Ocean Optics, Inc. Dunedin, FL	company*
Teflon [®] tape (matte)	0.99	$n \times 0.06$	ACE Hardware Oak Brook, IL	[18-20]
PTFE tape (glossy)	0.99	$n \times 0.08$	unknown origin	[18-20]
Tetratex [®] film (matte)	0.99	$n \times 0.16$	Tetratex [™] Corp. Feasterville, PA	[18-20]
Titanium dioxide paint	0.955	0.14–0.18	Saint-Gobain Hiram, OH	company*
Magnesium oxide	0.98	1.0	Mallinckrodt, Inc. Paris, KY	[11, 15]
GORE [®] diffuse reflector	0.99	0.50	W.L.Gore & Associates, Inc. Newark, DE	company*
Nitrocellulose	1.02 [†]	0.12	Advantec MFS, Inc. Dublin, CA	measured
Lumirror [®]	0.98	0.24	Toray, Japan	[7]
Melinex [®]	0.98	0.125	Dupont [™] Wilmington, DE	[7]
Tyvek [®] paper	0.97	$n \times 0.11$	Dupont [™] Wilmington, DE	[7]
ESR film	0.985	0.065	3M St. Paul, MN	company*, [25]
Aluminum foil	0.78	0.025	Kaiser Foil Northbrook, IL	[7]

* the reflection coefficient data provided by the manufacturer were used
 † the reflection coefficient was measured to be 103% of the reflection coefficient of four layers of ACE Teflon[®] tape at 440nm (i.e., 1.03×0.99) [7]



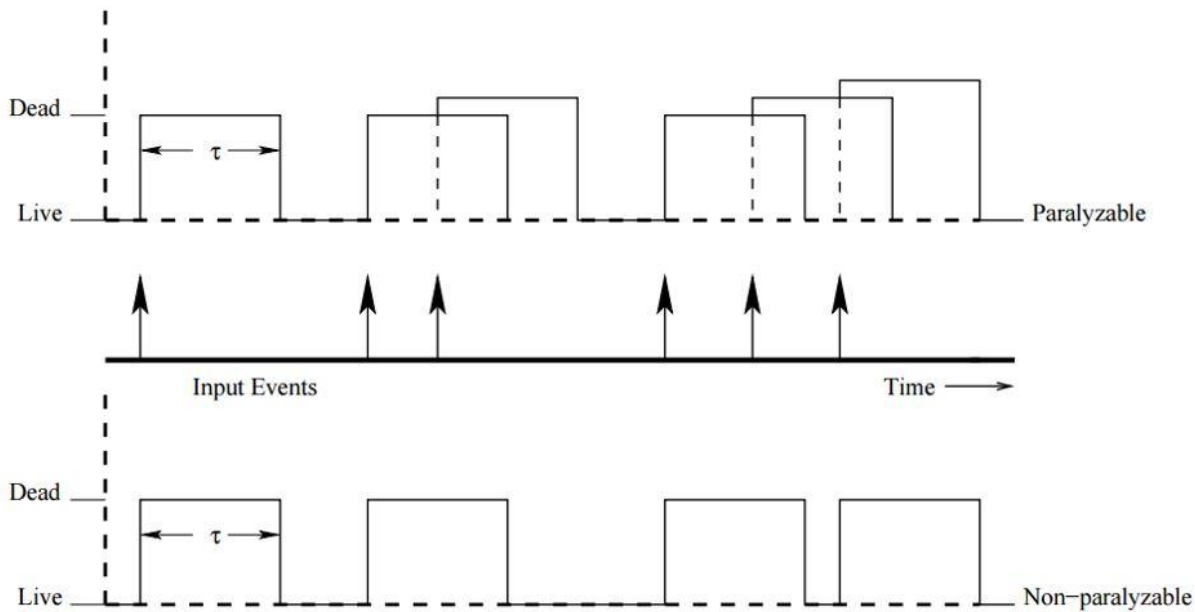
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MuSR Beamline Work



Dead-time models

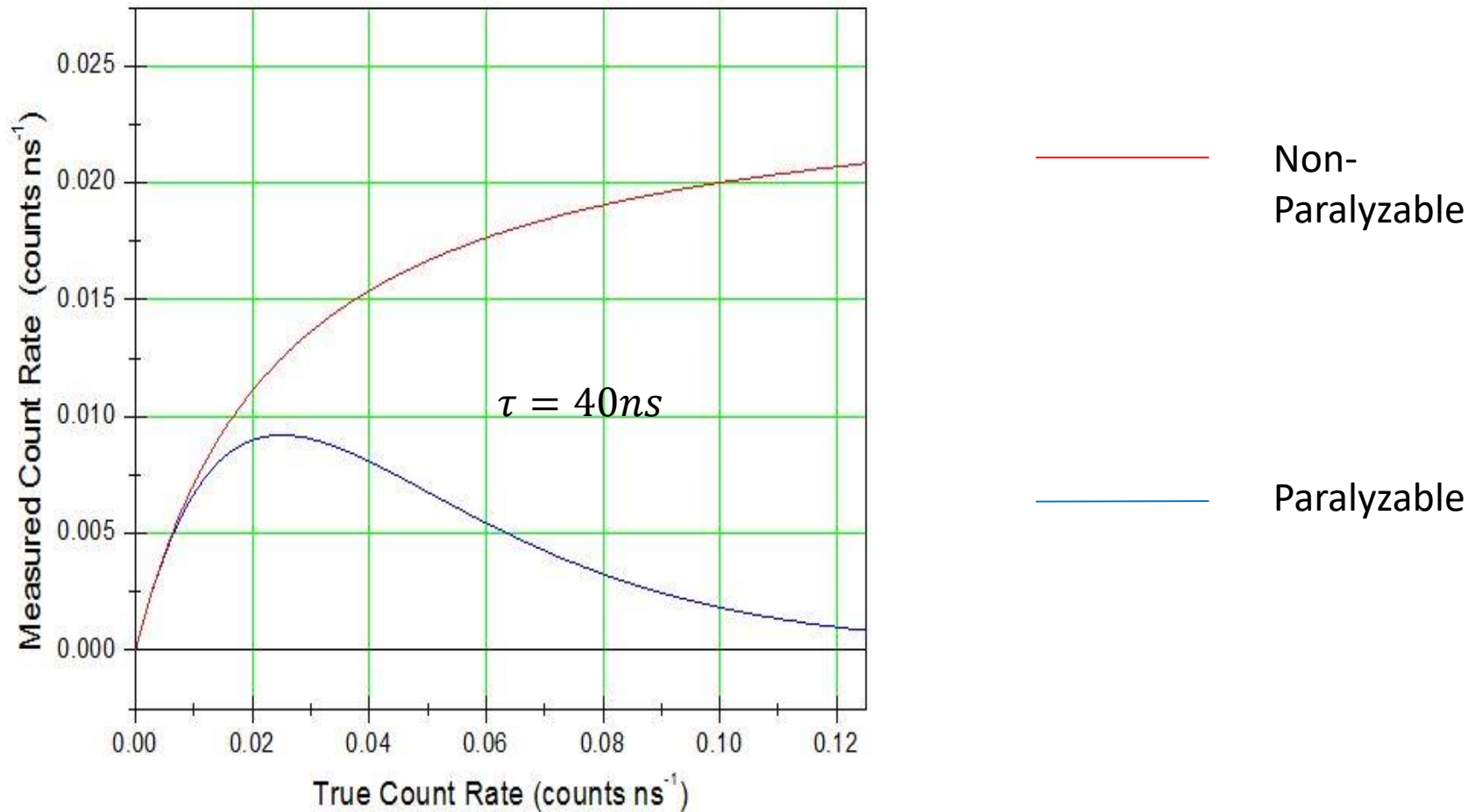


$$m = ne^{n\tau}$$

n--- true rate
 m--- measured rate
 τ --- dead-time

$$m = \frac{n}{1 + n\tau}$$

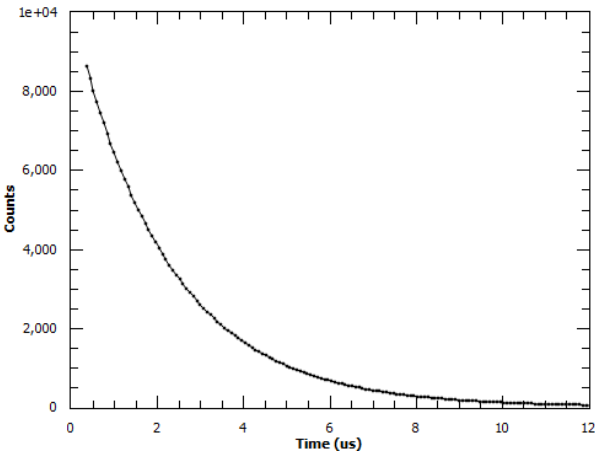
Measured rate as a function of true rate



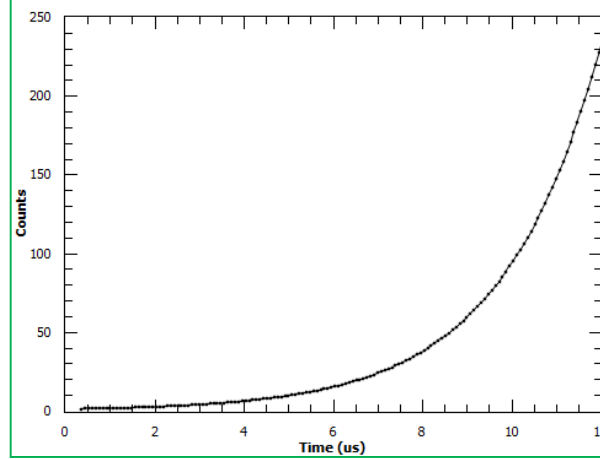
μ SR – Asymmetry

$$\text{Asymmetry} = ((\text{Counts} \cdot e^{\frac{t}{\bar{\mu}}}) / N_0) - 1$$

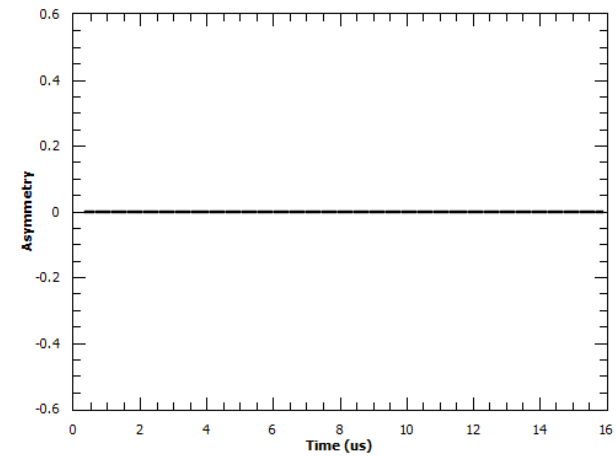
uSR Ideal Counts



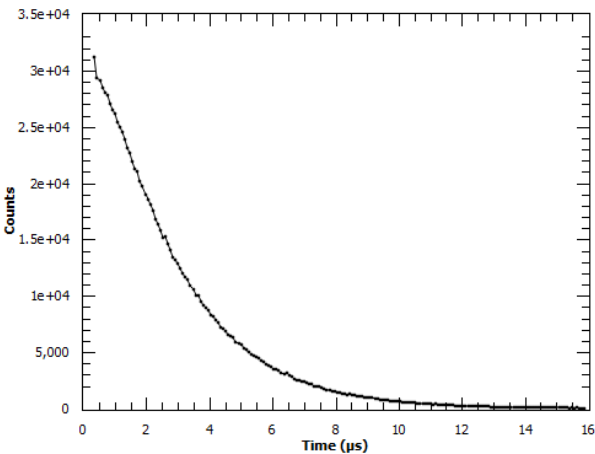
$\exp^{(t/2.197019)}$



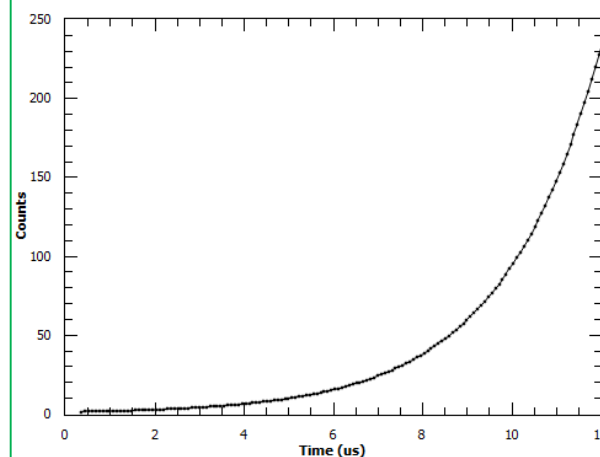
Zero Asymmetry



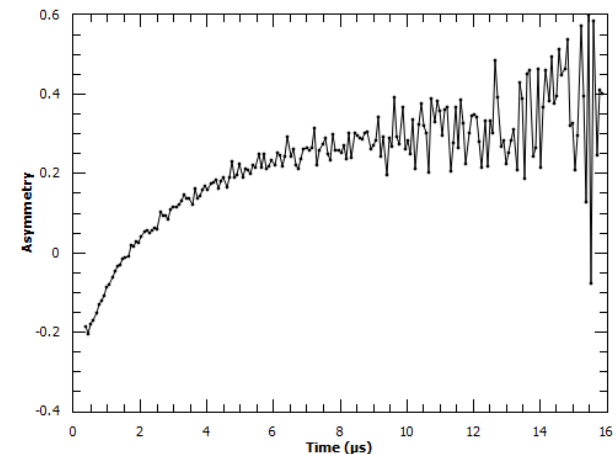
uSR SensL FC50um



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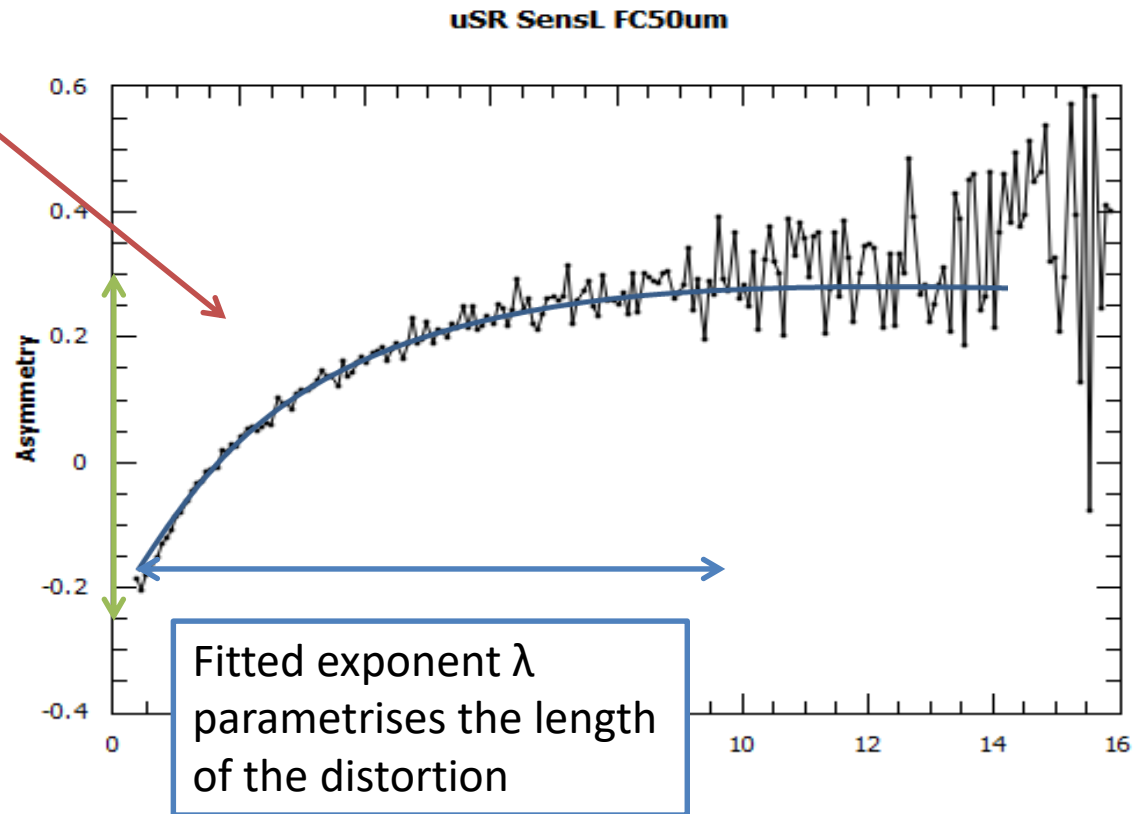
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μ SR – FoM

Missed counts cause this type of distortion in asymmetry

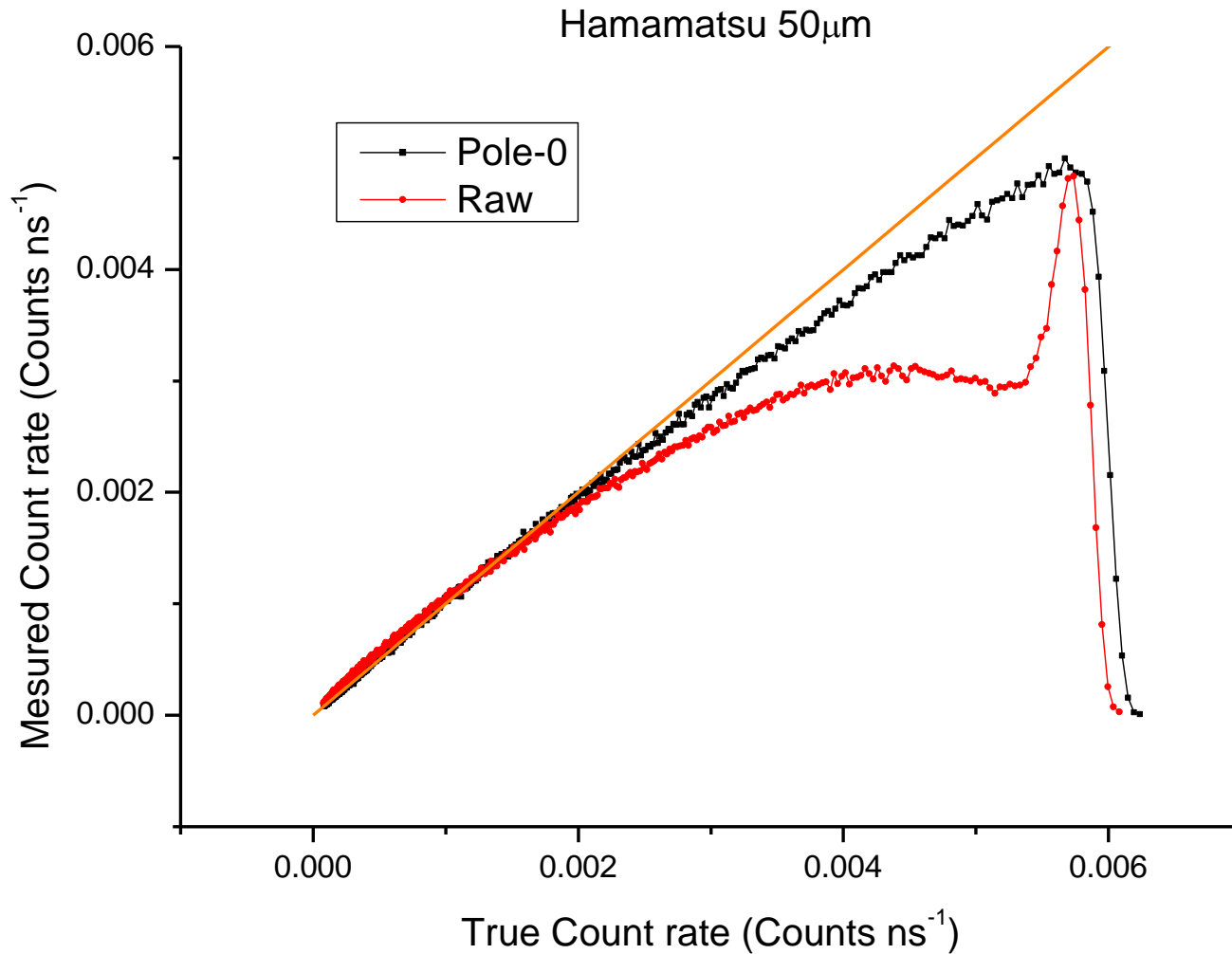
A_0 parameterises the height of the distortion



$$\text{Combine to give: } \mathbf{FOM = 1 - |A_0 \cdot \lambda|}$$

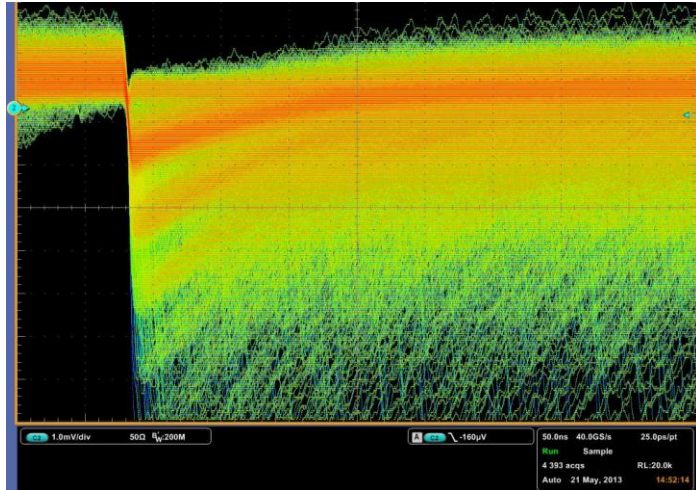
NOTE- μ SR scientists will run a detector with some deadtime distortion and correct for this if possible. The FoM allows us to compare the rate at which detectors can be run, which is more useful than absolute deadtime numbers.

Example: Hamamatsu SiPM

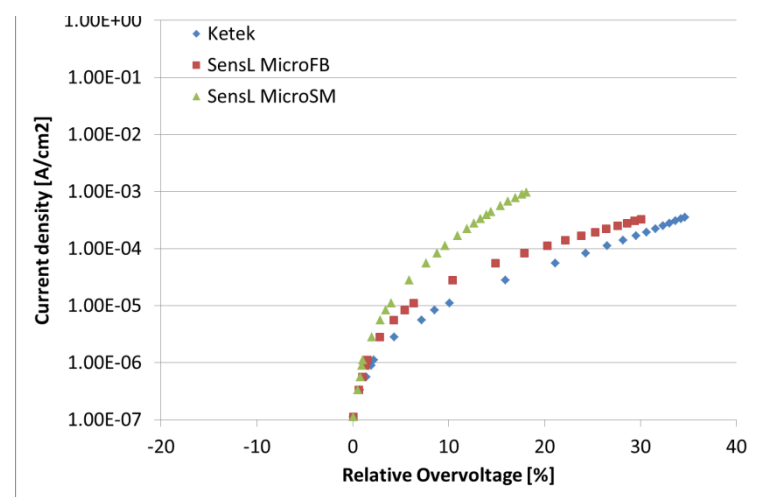


First Investigations & Prototypes

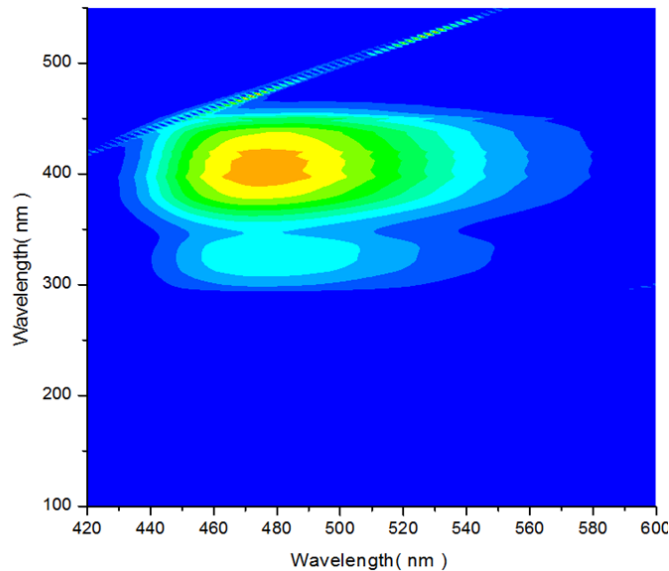
Signal Characterisation



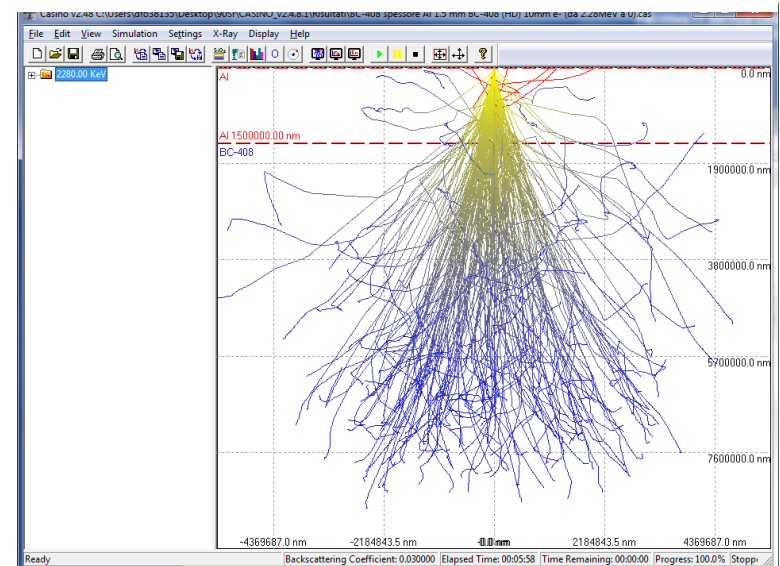
Electronic Characterisation



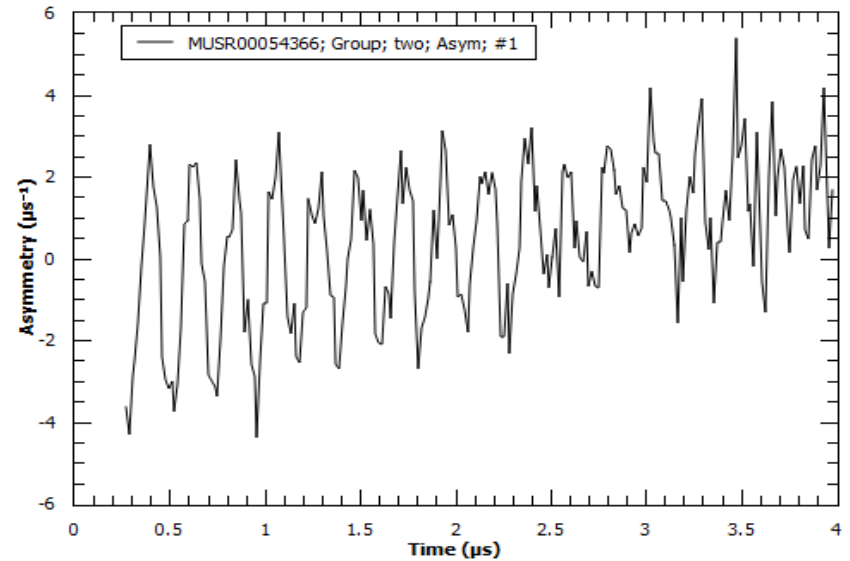
Optical Characterisation



Model Energy Deposition

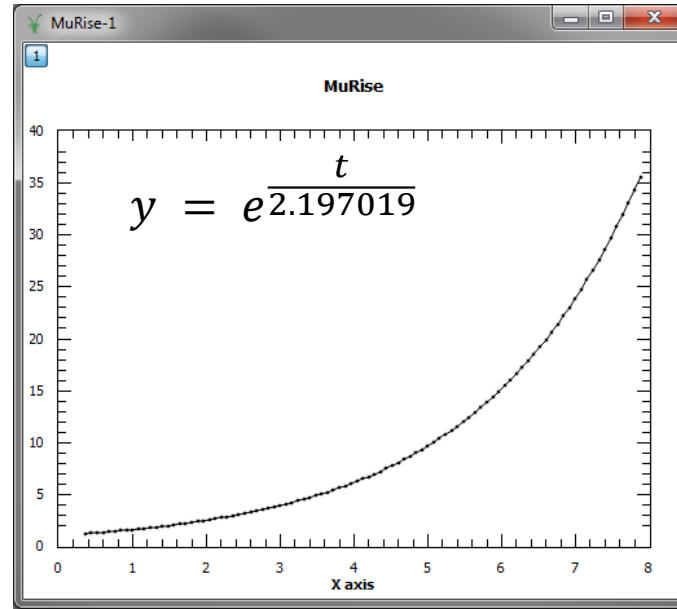
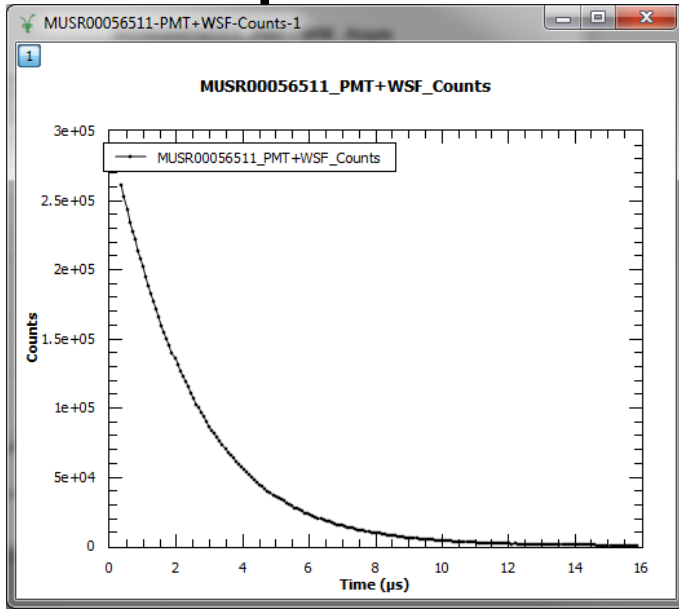


Muonium in 20 G Field



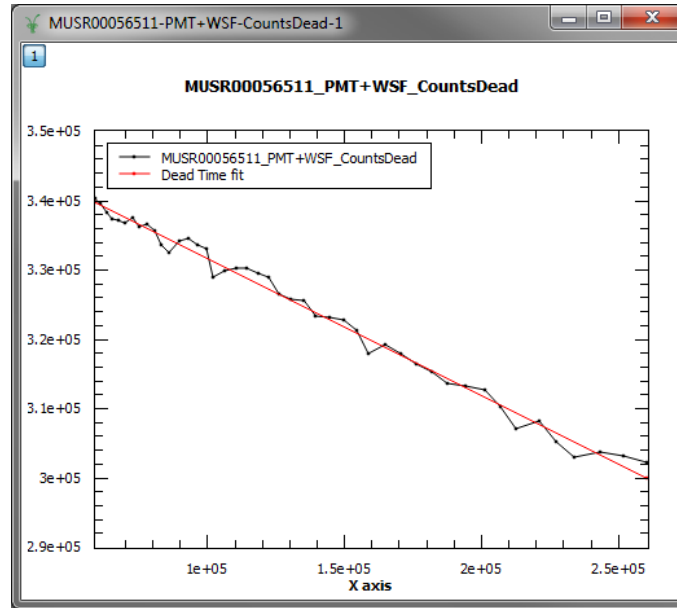
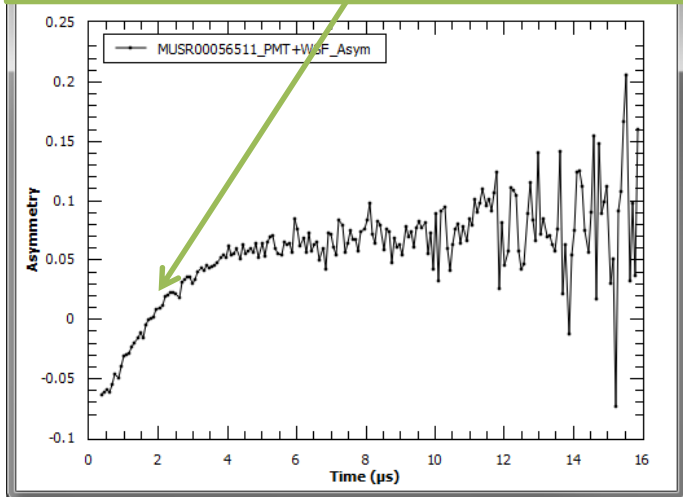
Frequency ~ 5 MHz - as calculated

Example – PMT with WSF tile



X

Downturn = missed counts



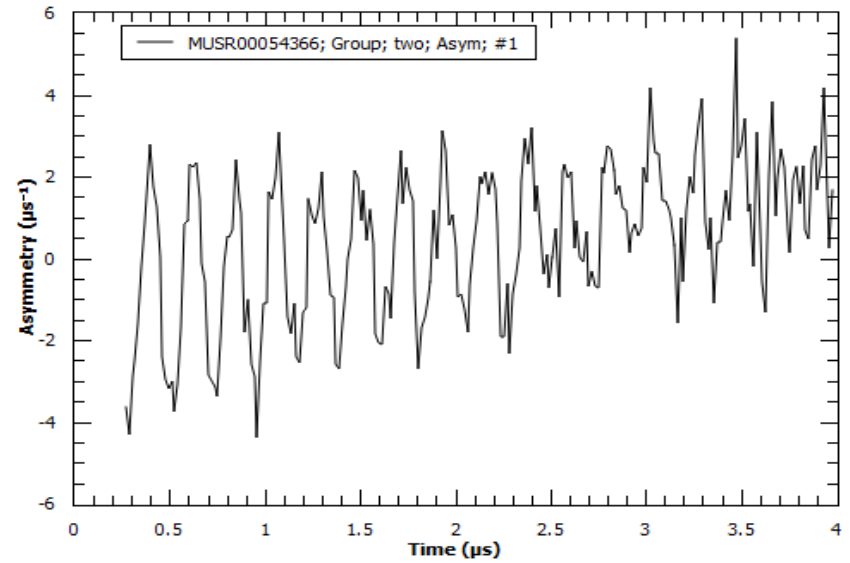
CalMuonDeadTime

Equation:

$$Me^{\frac{t}{\tau}} = N_0 - M N_0 \left(\frac{t_{dead}}{t_{bin} F} \right)$$

Dead Time: 0.023 us
Counts/Frame: 15

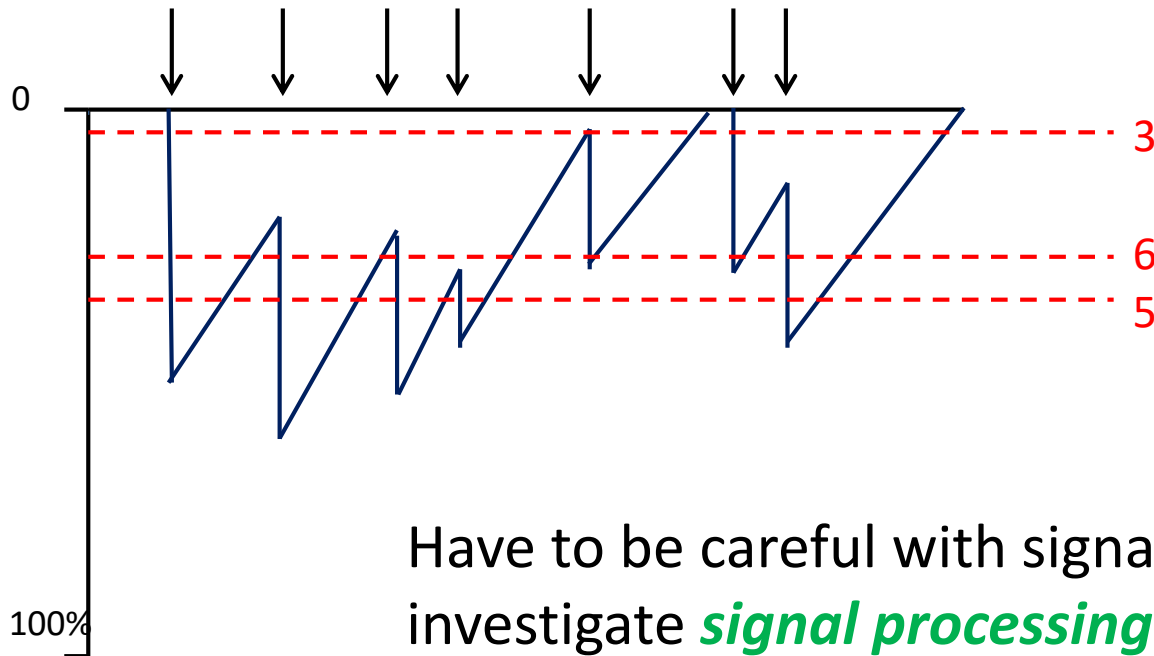
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SiPM Deadtime Continued

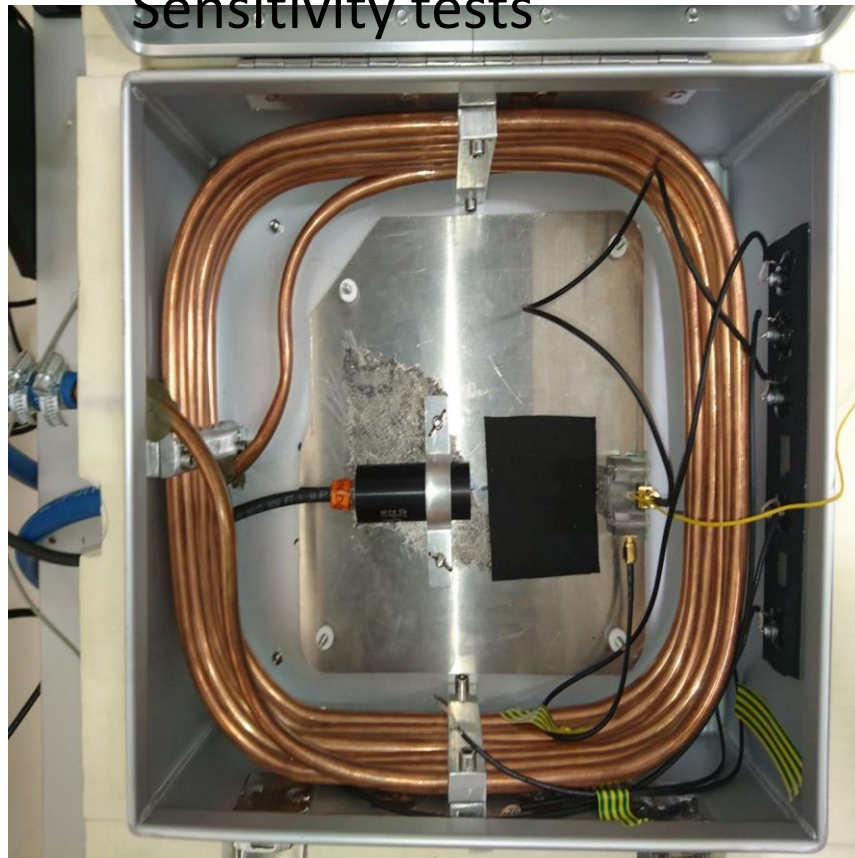
Low hit fraction is giving clear peaks but where to place the discriminator?



Have to be careful with signal processing, and investigate *signal processing methods*.

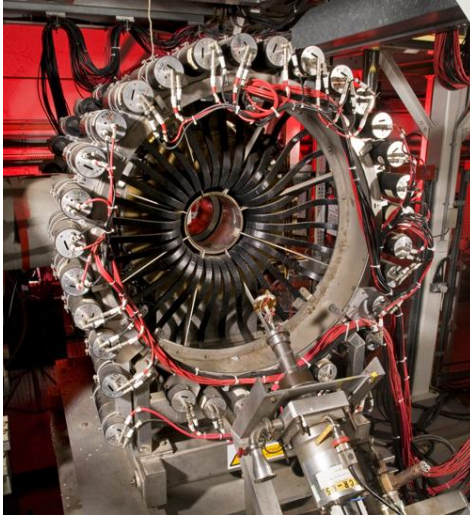
Future Investigations

Temperature
Sensitivity tests



Solution to Deadtime (2)

Pixelate the detector array



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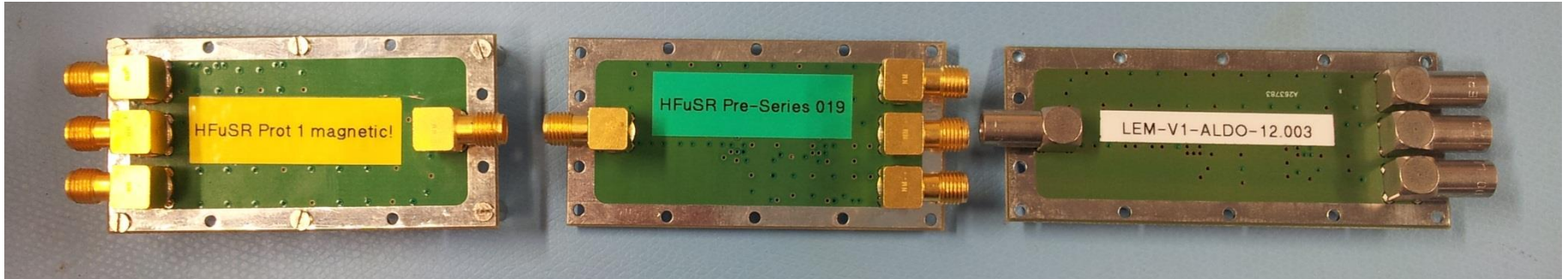


EMU = 96

Paisley

- Cost per channel
- Active volume effects
 - Positron traversing multiple elements
 - Dead space
- Difficult assembly

Amplifiers (PSI and miniCircuit)



ZFL-1000+
ZFL-1000



ZX60-43+



ZX60-14012L+



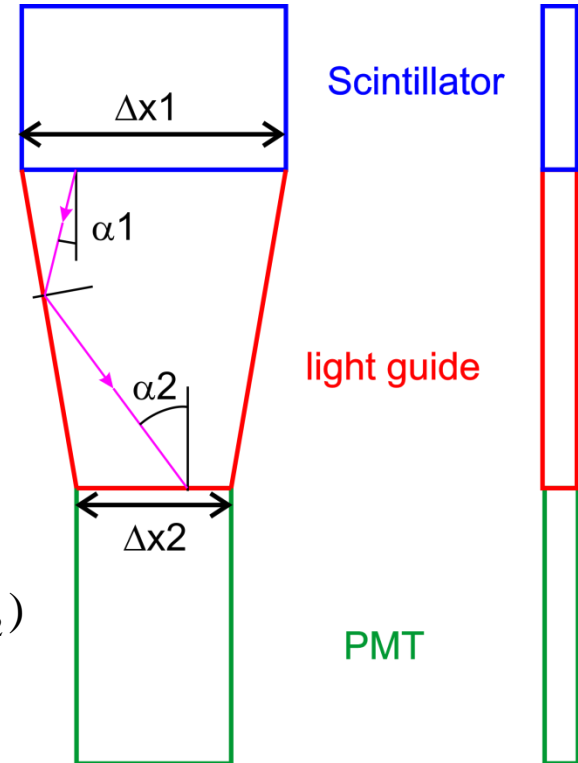
Light guides

- Liouville's theorem
- Phase space volume element:

$$\Delta x_1 \Delta p_1 = 2 \Delta x_1 n \sin(\alpha_1) \quad \Delta x_2 \Delta p_2 = 2 \Delta x_2 n \sin(\alpha_2)$$

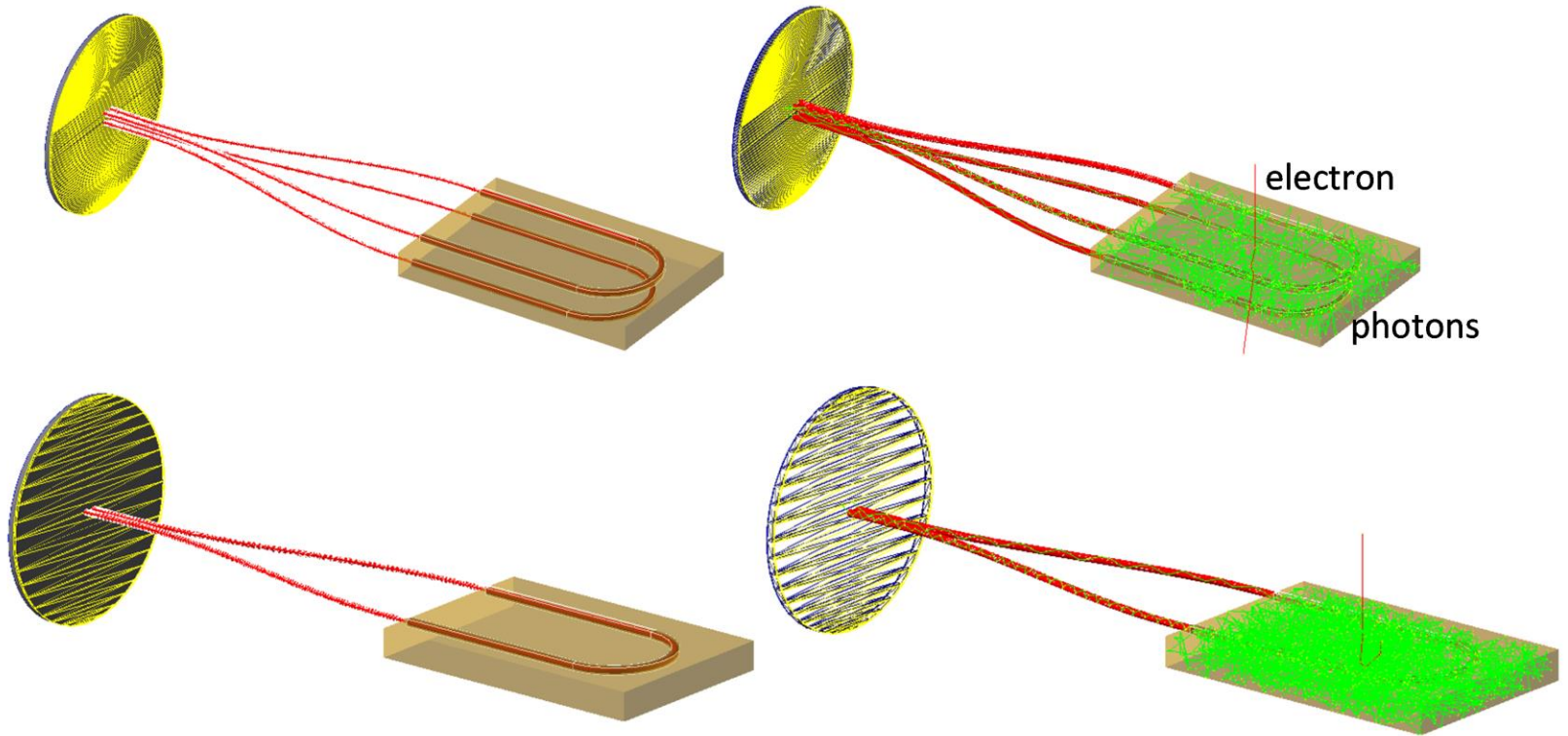
- Conservation of phase space:

$$2 \Delta x_1 n_1 \sin(\alpha_1) = 2 \Delta x_2 n_2 \sin(\alpha_2) \Rightarrow \sin(\alpha_1) = \frac{\Delta x_2}{\Delta x_1} \sin(\alpha_2)$$



➤ Area * number of photons is constant

Simulation of reflectors and light collection



Investigate reflectors, fibre number, and homogeneity.

Material	Refractive index	Bulk absorption length / cm	Wave length of maximum emission / nm	Light yield Counts/MeV	Decay time / ns	Rise time / ns
BC408	1.58	380	425	10000	2.1	0.9
Air	1.0	Very long (1000m)	-	-	-	-
BC600	1.56	12.5	-	-	-	-
grease	1.47	20	-	-	-	-
BCF-92	1.59	3.5	492	-	2.7	-
Fibre clad	1.49	3.5	-	-	-	-

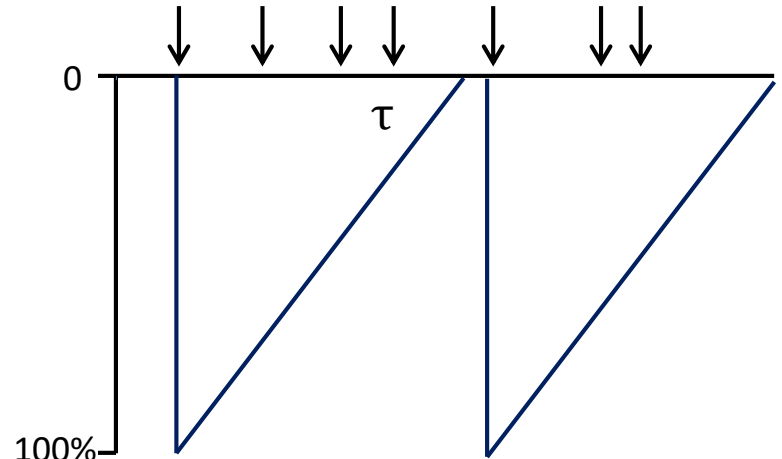
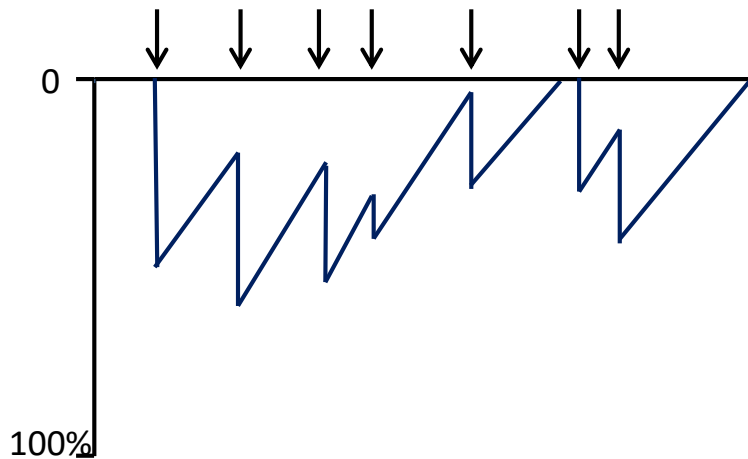
What is the Deadtime of a SiPM?

Minimal Deadtime

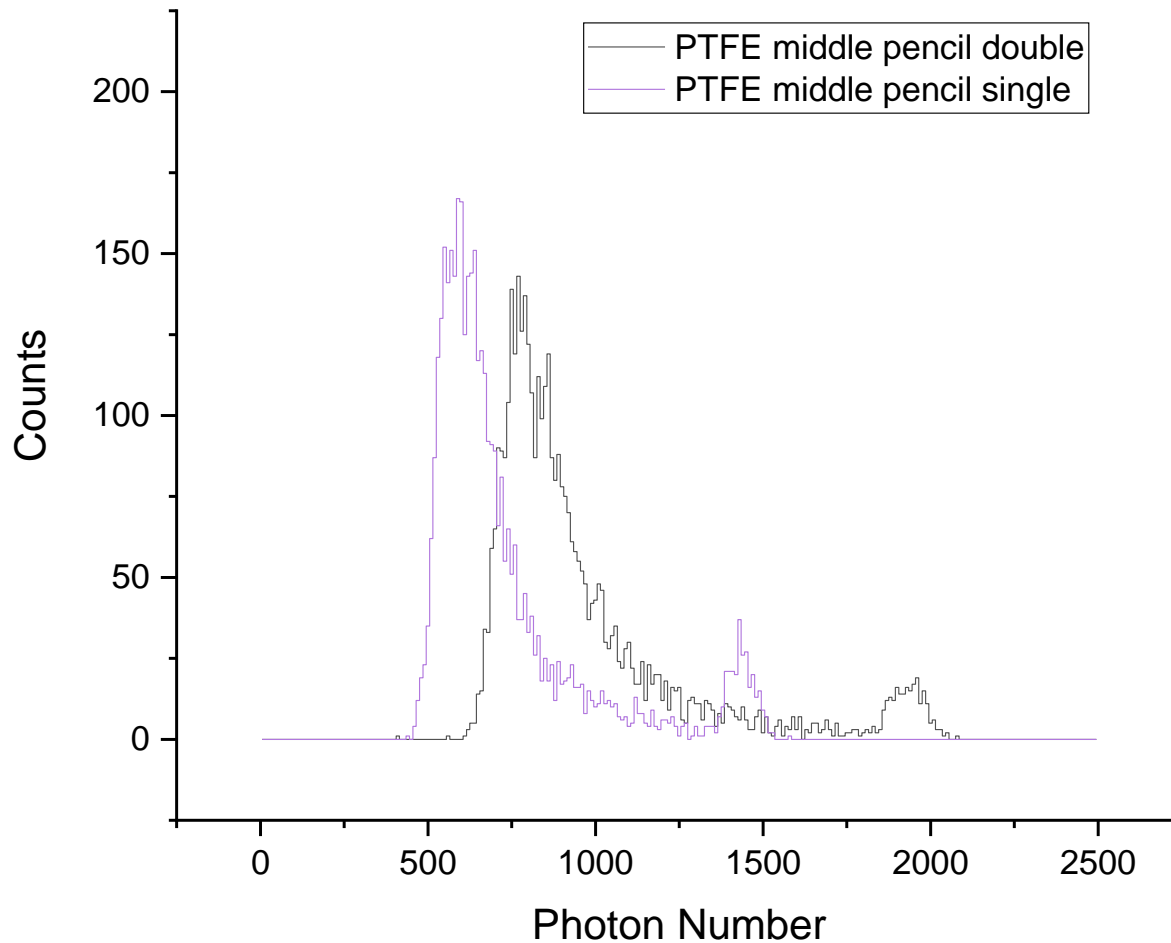
Lowering hit fraction gives reduction in apparent deadtime

Long (100's of ns)

Higher hit fraction means deadtime tends toward cell recovery time

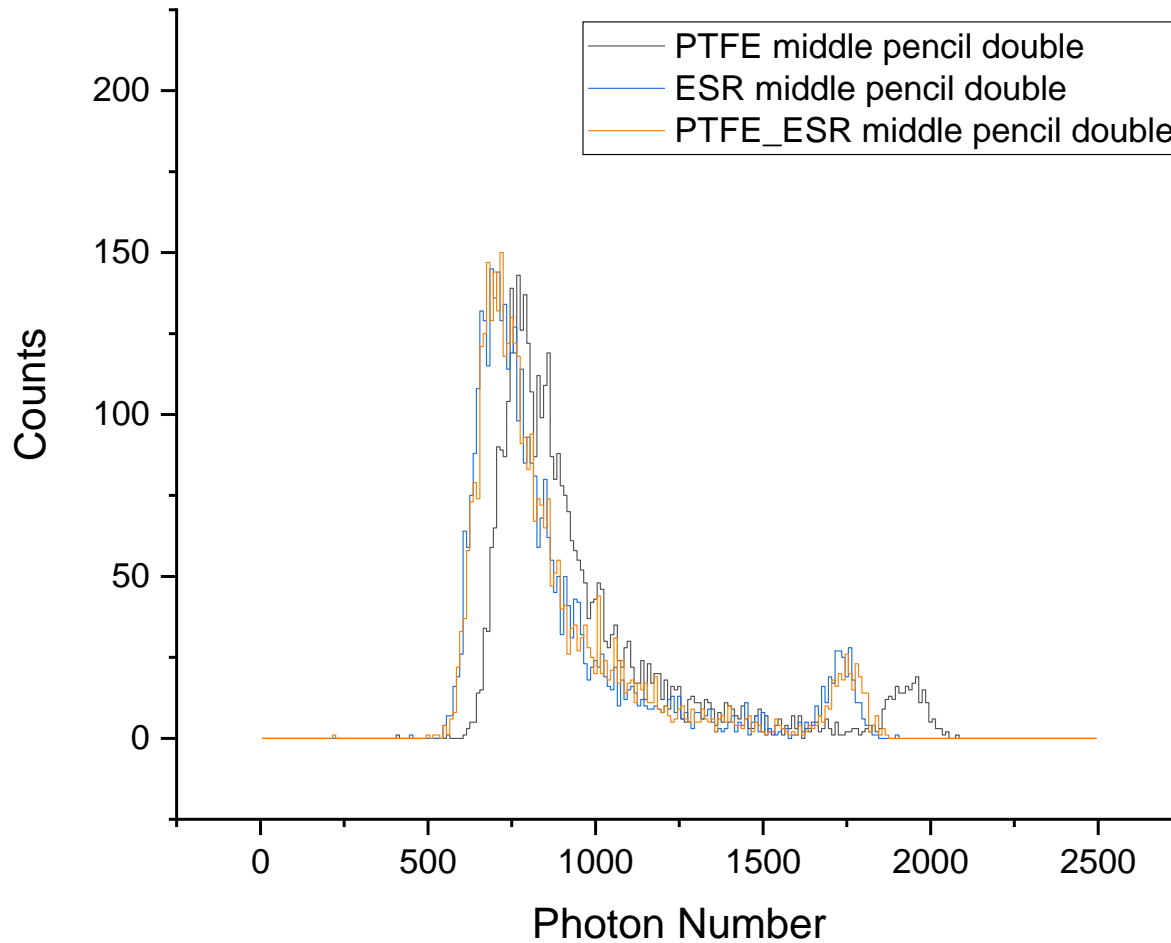


Light collection: fibre number



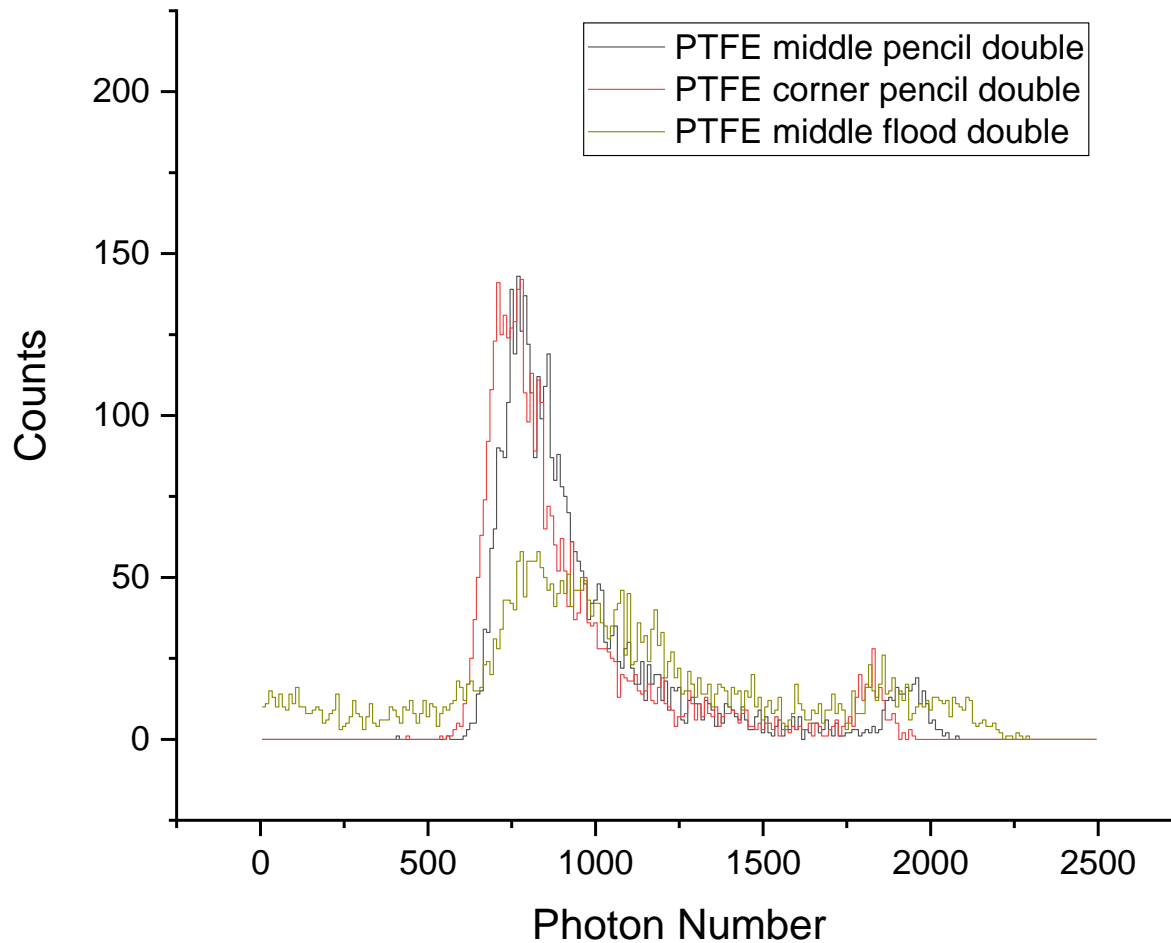
Going from 2 to 1 fibres $\sim -25\%$

Light collection: reflector type



Going from PTFE ~ 10%

Light collection: beam position/flood



Pencil beam to flood beam – broadening $\sim x2$ but also brings in edge effects and glancing paths.

Current direction

- PTFE wins in simulation but require confirmation.
- Using PTFE very attractive due to assembly ease
- Can we take 30% fewer photons by using 1 fibre. Signal band moves to 500 photons but need to account for QE of detector. SiPM – single, double..10x photon noise. Could be okay.
- Testing in June cycles.

