



Photo-detection Principles, Performance and Limitations

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OUTLINE

- Basics
- Requirements on photo-detectors
- Photosensitive materials
- 'Family tree' of photo-detectors
- Detector types
- Applications





Basics

- 1. Photoelectric effect
- 2. Solids, liquids, gaseous materials
- 3. Internal vs. external photo-effect, electron affinity
- 4. Photo-detection as a multi-step process
- 5. The human eye as a photo-detector





Purpose: Convert light into detectable electronic signal

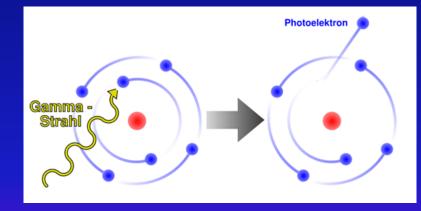
(we are not covering photographic emulsions!)

Principle:

- Use photoelectric effect to 'convert' photons (γ) to photoelectrons (pe)
- Details depend on the type of the photosensitive material (see below).
- Photon detection involves often materials like K, Na, Rb, Cs (alkali metals). They have the smallest electronegativity → highest tendency to release electrons.
- Most photo-detectors make use of **solid** or **gaseous** photosensitive materials.
- Photo-effect can in principle also be observed from liquids.



A. Einstein. Annalen der Physik **17** (1905) 132–148.







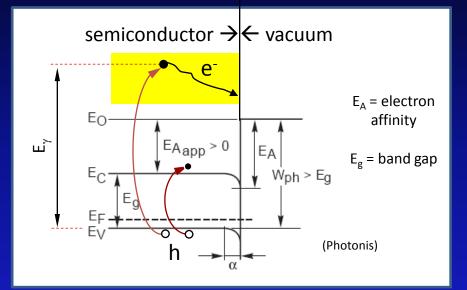
Solid materials (usually semiconductors)

Multi-step process:

1. absorbed γ 's impart energy to electrons (e) in the material; If $E_{\gamma} > E_{g}$, electrons are lifted to conductance band.

→ In a Si-photodiode, these electrons can create a photocurrent. → Photon detected by Internal Photoeffect.

However, if the detection method requires extraction of the electron, 2 more steps must be accomplished:



- 2. energized e's diffuse through the material, losing part of their energy (~random walk) due to electron-phonon scattering. $\Delta E \sim 0.05 \text{ eV}$ per collision. Free path between 2 collisions $\lambda_f \sim 2.5$ 5 nm \rightarrow escape depth $\lambda_e \sim$ some tens of nm.
- 3. only e's reaching the surface with sufficient excess energy escape from it → External Photoeffect

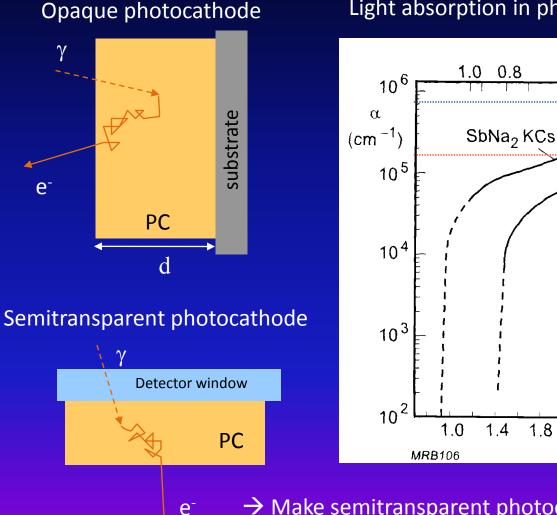
$$E_{\gamma} = h \nu > W_{ph} = E_G + E_A$$

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Basics of photon detection





Light absorption in photocathode

λ (µn)

0.6 0.5

SbKCs

0.4

 $\lambda_{A} = 1/\alpha$ Red light ($\lambda \approx 600$ nm) $\alpha \approx 1.5 \cdot 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ $\lambda_A \approx 60 \text{ nm}$ Blue light ($\lambda \approx 400$ nm) $\alpha \approx 7 \cdot 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

 $N = N_0 \cdot exp(-\alpha d)$

 $\lambda_{\rm A} \approx 15 \text{ nm}$

Blue light is stronger absorbed than red light !

→ Make semitransparent photocathode just as thick as necessary!

2.2

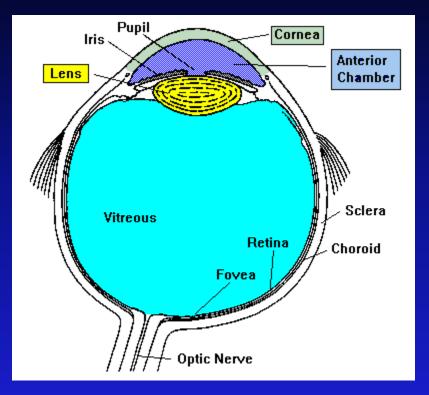
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hv (eV)



The human eye as photosensor





The first proto-eyes evolved among animals 540 million years ago.

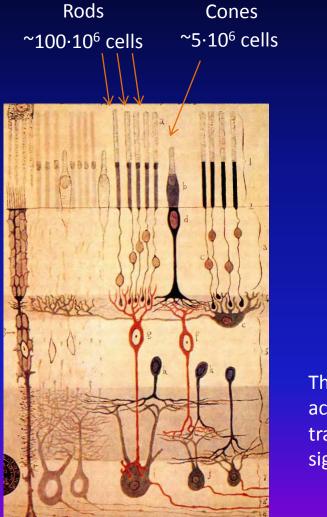
Light passes through the cornea, pupil and lens before hitting the retina. The iris controls the size of the pupil and therefore, the amount of light that enters the eye. Also, the color of your eyes is determined by the iris.

The vitreous is a clear gel that provides constant pressure to maintain the shape of the eye. The retina is the area of the eye that contains the receptors (rods for low light contrast and cones for colours) that respond to light. The receptors respond to light by generating electrical impulses that travel out of the eye through the optic nerve to the brain.

The optic nerve contains 1.2 million nerve fibers. This number is low compared to the roughly 100 million photoreceptors in the retina.







420 498534 564 100 -Normalised absorbance 50 · 3 types of cone cells: S, M, 1 type of rod cells: R 400 500 600 700 Blue Cvan Violet Green Yellow Red Wavelength (nm)

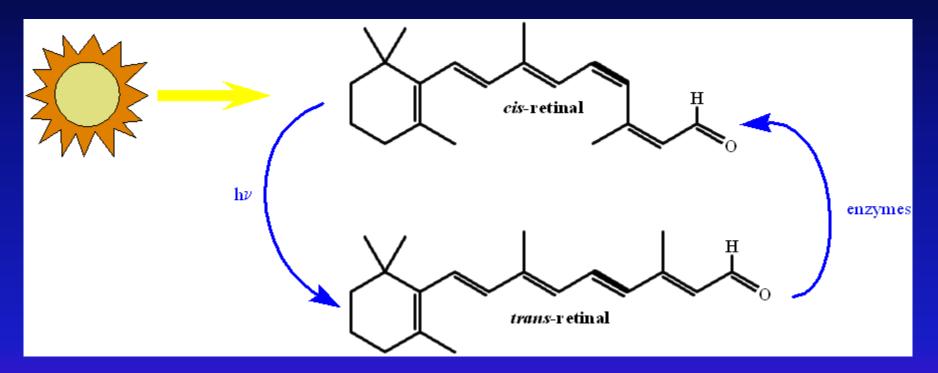
The human eye can detect light pulse of 10-40 photons. Taking into account that absorption of light in retina is ~10-20% and transparency of vitreous is ~50% \rightarrow ~2-8 photons give detectable signal.

Rods & cones. Spectral sensitivity





Visual photo-transduction is a VERY COMPLEX process by which light is converted into electrical signals in the rod and cone cells of the retina of the eye.



See e.g. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phototransduction





After having built it many billion times, the eye can be considered as a very successful and reliable photo-detector.

It provides...

- Good spatial resolution. <1 mm, with certain accessories even <0.01 mm
- Very large dynamic range (1:10⁶)
 - + automatic threshold adaptation
- Energy (wavelength) discrimination \rightarrow colours
- Long lifetime. Performance degradation in second half of lifecycle can be easily mitigated.





Weak points

- Modest sensitivity: 500 to 900 photons must arrive at the eye every second for our brain to register a conscious signal
- Modest speed. Data taking rate ~ 10Hz (incl. processing)
- Trigger capability is very poor. "Look now" \rightarrow Time jitter ~1 s.

\rightarrow There is room for improvement





2 Requirements on photo-detectors

- 1. Sensitivity
- 2. Linearity
- 3. Signal fluctuations
- 4. Time response
- 5. Rate capability / aging
- 6. Dark count rate
- 7. Operation in magnetic fields
- 8. Radiation tolerance

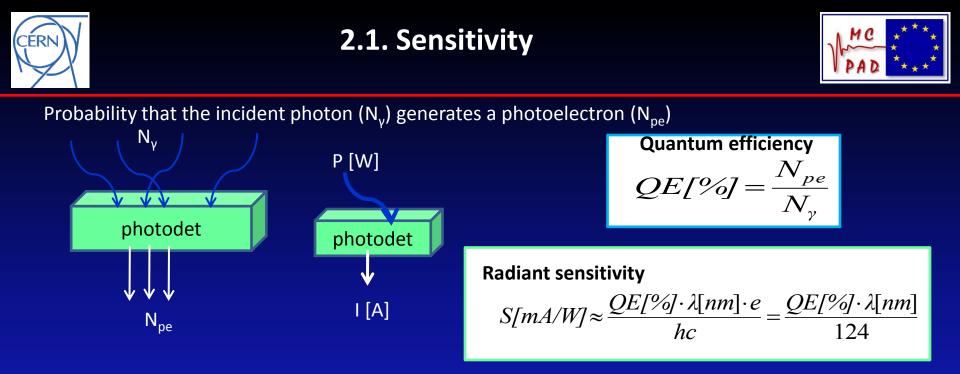


Photo detection efficiency : combined probability to produce a photoelectron and to detect it $PDE[\%] = \mathcal{E}_{geom} \cdot QE \cdot P_{trig}$ for a SiPM (\mathcal{E}_{geom} : geometrical factor, P_{trig} : triggering probability) $PDE[\%] = QE \cdot CE \cdot P_{mult}$ for a PMT (CE: collection efficiency, P_{mult} : multiplication probability)

High sensitivity required in:

UV- blue : water Cherenkov telescope, Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes (HESS II, CTA) Blue-green : HEP calorimeters (CMS, ILC HCAL)

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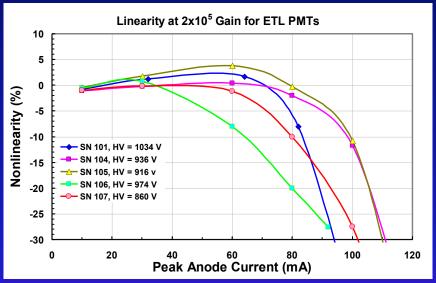


2.2 Linearity



<u>Requirement:</u> Photocurrent response of the photo-detector is linear with incident radiation over a wide range. Any variation in responsivity with incident radiation represents a variation in the linearity of the detector

Example for PMT : non linearity curves

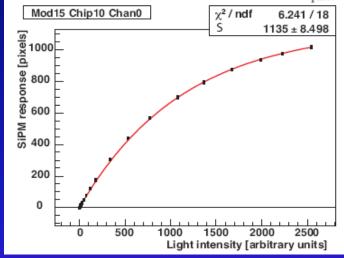


at UCLA PMT Test Facility

	ΡΜΤ	HPD	MCP- PMT	APD	SiPM	
Dynamic range (p.e.)	10 ⁶	10 ⁷	107	107	10 ³	
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Flux (photons/s) $I_{det} = \alpha$ Flux I_{det} (A) **Example for SiPM**

IDEAL



arXiv:0902.2848v1 [physics.ins-det] 17 Feb 2009

Example of dynamic range required : HCAL of ILC Min: 20 photons/mm² (μ for calibration) Max: 5.10³ photons/mm² (high-energy jet) (C. Cheshkov et al., NIM A440(2000)38)



2.3 Signal fluctuations



PMT

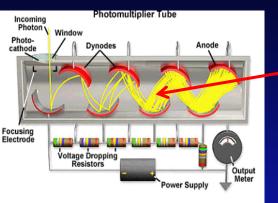
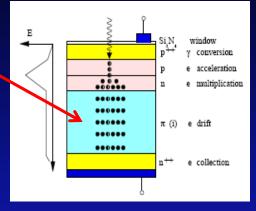


Photo-detectors with internal gain

statistical fluctuation of the avalanche multiplication widen the response of a photo-detector to a given photon signal beyond what would be expected from simple photoelectron statistics (Poissonian distribution)

APD



fluctuations characterized by the excess noise factor ENF

 $ENF = \frac{\sigma_{out}^2}{\sigma_{in}^2}$

general definition (gain = 1)

$$ENF = 1 + \frac{\sigma_M^2}{M^2}$$

$$M = gain$$

$$\frac{\sigma}{E} = \sqrt{\frac{ENF}{N_{pe}}}$$

quality of energy measurement

Approximate values for photodetectors

detector	ENF		
PMT	1 - 1,5		
APD	2 @ gain=50		
HPD	~1		
SiPM	1 - 1,5		
MCP-PMT	~1		

impacts the photon counting capability for low light measurements

deteriorates the stochastic term in the energy resolution of a calorimeter

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2.4 Time response

Dirac light

TRANSIT TIME Δt

★ light travels 300µm in 1 ps

RISE TIME FALL TIME

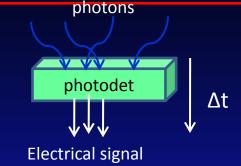
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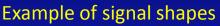
SIGNAL

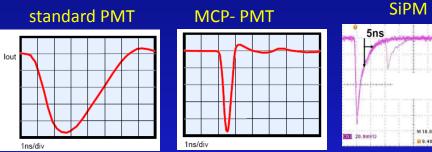
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10%









Good time resolution required in :

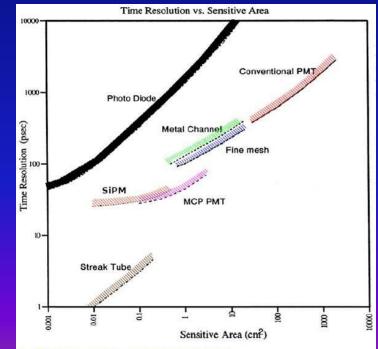
Particle identification in SuperB : 30 ps for the π/K separation (arXiv:1007.4241v1 [physics.ins-det] 24 Jul 2010)

Diffractive physics at the LHC (search for the Higgs Boson at low mass) : 15 ps (B. Cox, F. Loebinger, A. Pilkington, JHEP 0710 (2007) 090)

- Rise time, fall time (or decay time)
- Duration
- Transit time (\Deltat): time between the arrival of the photon and the electrical signal
- Transit time spread (TTS): transit time variation
 between different events timing resolution



to the readout electronics used !



modified from K.Arisaka NIMA 422 (2000)

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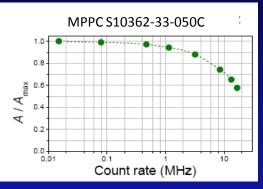




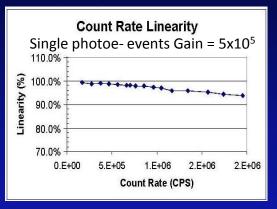
<u>Rate capability</u>: inversely proportional to the time needed, after the arrival of one photon, to get ready to receive the next

SiPM

Requirements in calorimeters: 100 kHz \rightarrow few MHz

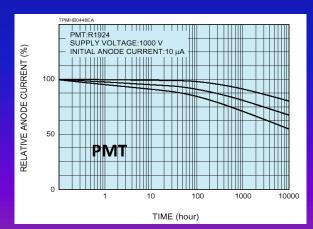




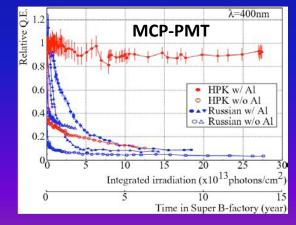


MCP-PMT

<u>Aging (long-term operation at high counting rates)</u>: how is the photo-detector behavior changed when operated at high counting rate during several years ?



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Parameter affected (generally in a negative way):

- gain
- quantum efficiency
- dark current

I.Adachi, et al., Nagoya University, SuperB workshop at SLAC



2.6 Dark count rate (DCR)

80

70

60

50

40

30

10

0

counts rate/Hz

20 dark

PMT from Philips

1700

1800

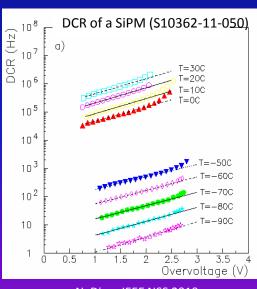
high voltage/V



Dark noise: the electrical signal when there is no photon

DCR of a PMT

- depends on the cathode type, the cathode area, and the temperature.
- few kHz (threshold = 1 pe)
- is highest for cathodes with high sensitivity at long wavelengths.
- increases considerably if exposed to daylight



N. Dinu, IEEE NSS 2010



depends on the pixel size, the bias voltage, the temperature

1600

 quite high (0.3–2MHz/mm² at room temp, threshold = 1 p.e)

DCR depends a lot on the threshold \rightarrow not a big issue when we want to detect hundreds or thousands of photons.

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1900

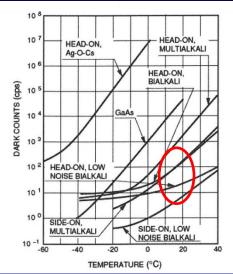
(c)

2100

2000

The most efficient way to keep the DCR low is cooling.

DCR of different photocathodes



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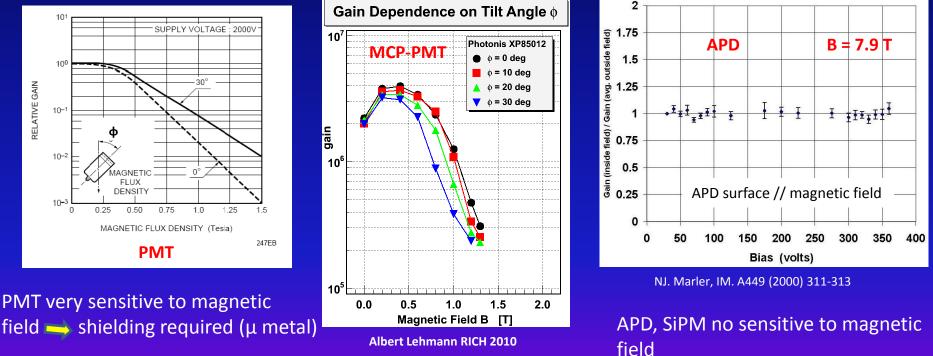


2.7 Operation in magnetic fields

★ Earth's magnetic field = 30-60 μT







<u>Requirements</u>: detection in magnetic fields up to 2T (PANDA, SuperB factory) or more (4 T in CMS ECAL, ILC HCAL)

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Anodic current (nA)

10

10-

400

2.8 Radiation tolerance





Dark current of PMT

PMT/g before irradiation

PMT/g after irradiation

600

A. Sbrizzi LUCID in ATLAS

Dark current of PMT/g before and after irradiation

800

Dose = 20±1 Mrad

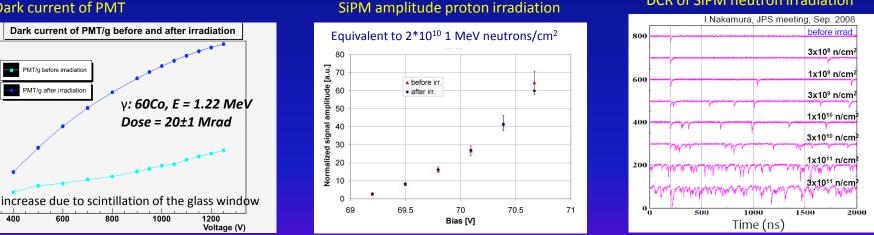
1000

1200

Electromagnetic calorimeter: very hostile environment for photo-detectors Damages caused by:

- ionizing radiation: energy deposited by particles in the detector material (the unit of absorbed dose is Gray (Gy) ==> 1 Gy = 1 J/kg = 100 rad) and by photons from electromagnetic showers
- neutrons created in hadronic shower, also in the forward shielding of the detectors and in beam collimators

degradation of the dark current, gain, quantum efficiency



Y. Musienko, AMPDs for Frontier Detector Systems

DCR of SiPM neutron irradiation

At LHC, the ionizing dose is ~ 2 x10⁶ Gy / r_{τ}^2 / year (r_{τ} = transverse distance to the beam)

Example in LHC for the CMS ECAL (10 years) 2.10¹³ n/cm2 + 250 kRad

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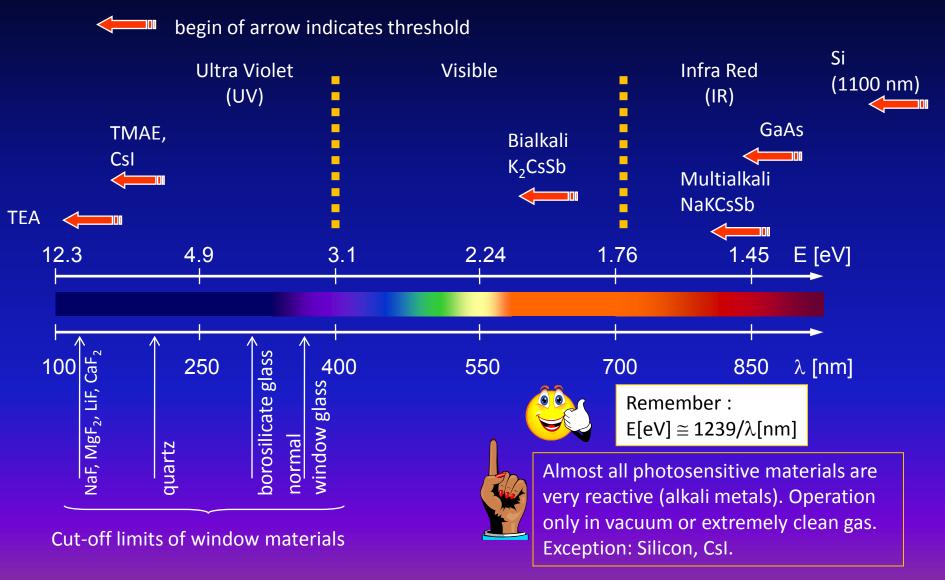


3 Photosensitive materials

- 1. Classical photo-cathodes (bialkali, S20), super/ultra bialkali
- 2. UV sensitive, solar blind (CsTe, CsI)
- 3. Crystalline cathodes (GaAs etc.)
- 4. Silicon
- 5. Exotics: TMAE, TEA
- 6. Windows/substrates

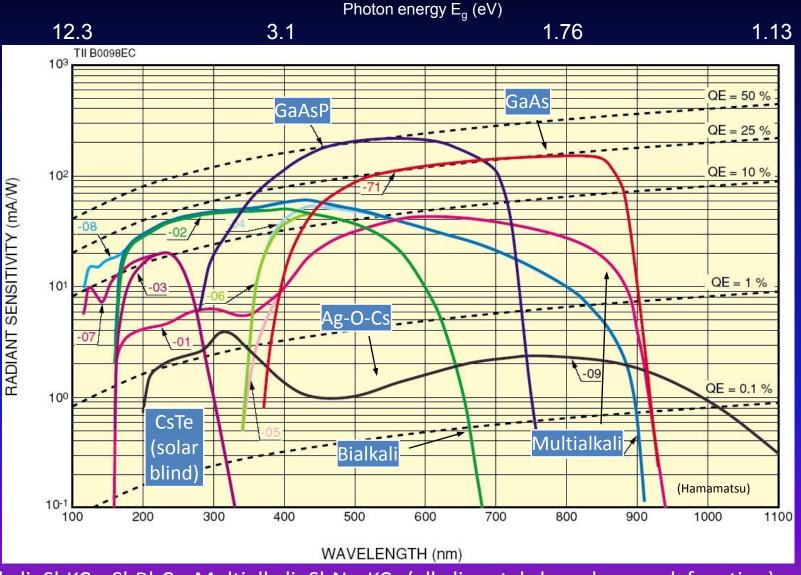












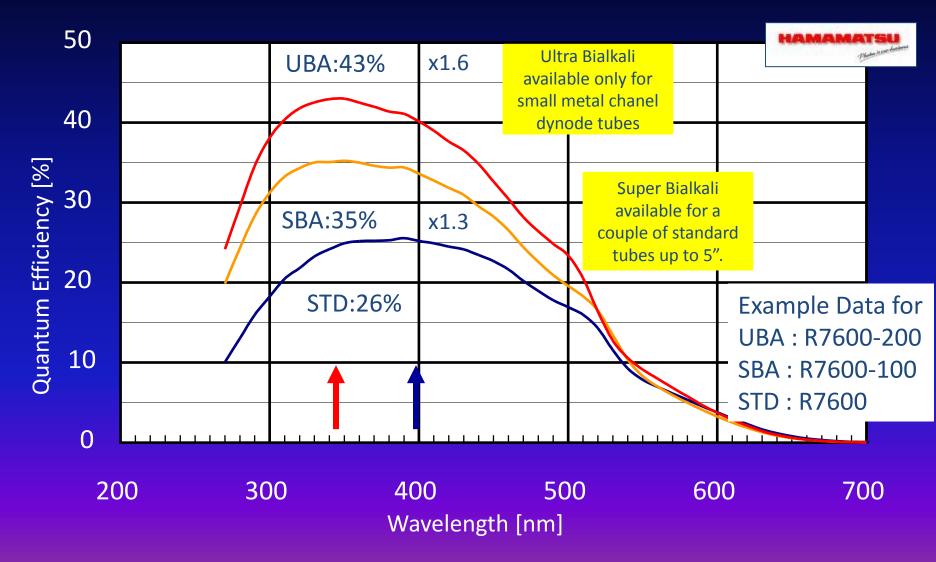
Bialkali: SbKCs, SbRbCs Multialkali: SbNa₂KCs (alkali metals have low work function)

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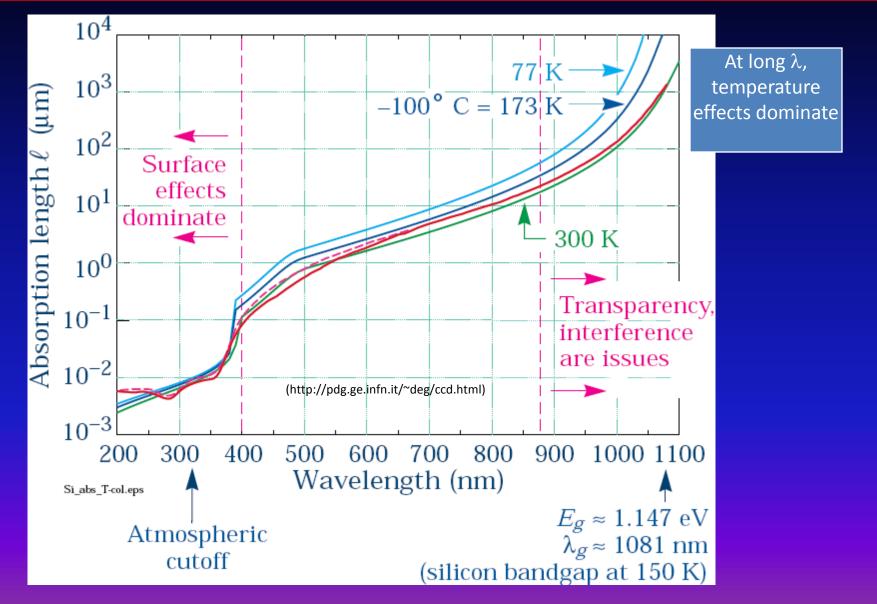
QE Comparison of semitransparent bialkali QE





Light absorption in Silicon



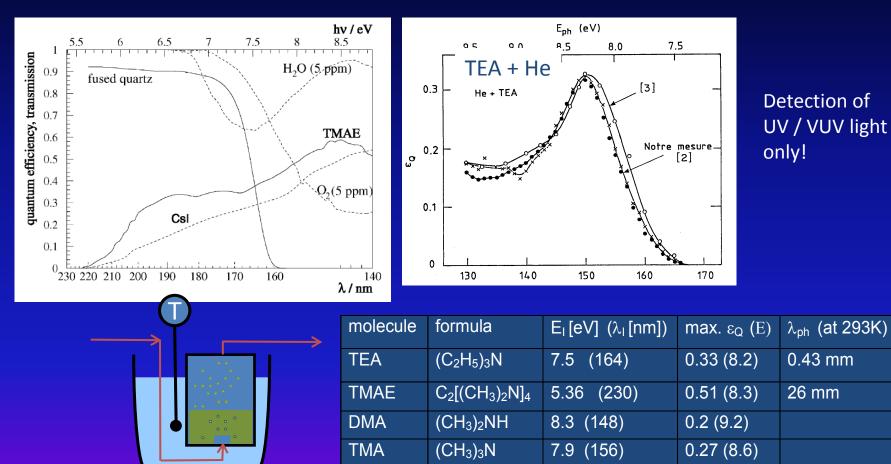




'Exotics:' Photosensitive vapours used in LEP/SLC generation of Cherenkov detectors



These detectors were based on MWPCs or TPCs.



Photosensitive agent was admixed to the counting gas of a MWPC by bubbling the gas through the liquid agent at a given temperature.

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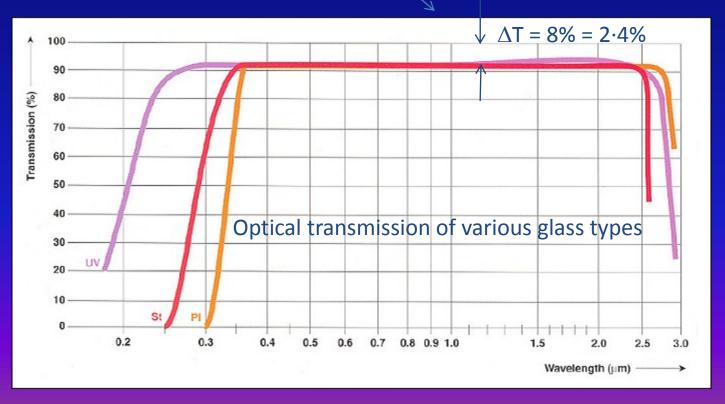


2 types of losses:

• Fresnel reflection at interface air/window and window/photocathode

 $R_{Fresnel} = (n-1)^2 / (n+1)^2 n = refractive index (wavelength dependent!)$ n_{glass} ~ 1.5 R_{Fresnel} = 0.04 (per interface)

 Bulk absorption due to impurities or intrinsic cut-off limit. Absorption is proportional to window thickness

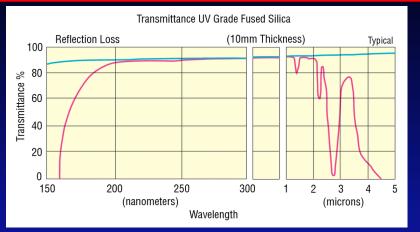


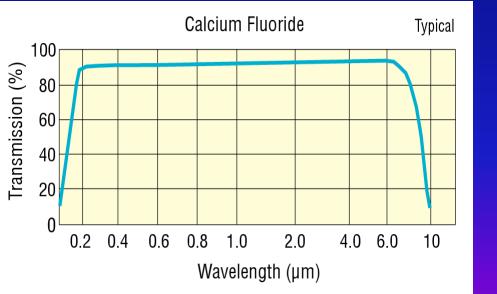
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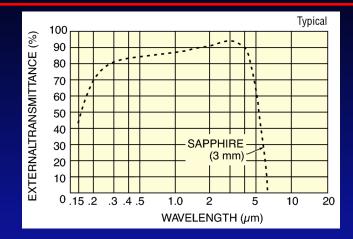


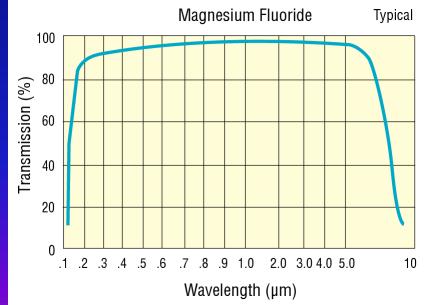
Windows/substrates











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'Family tree' of photo-detectors

Detector types

- 1. PMT
- 2. MAPMT
- 3. MCP-PMT
- 4. HPD, HAPD
- 5. Photosensitive gas detectors (MWPC / MPGD)
- 6. PIN diode (design)
- **7.** APD
- 8. G-APD / SiPM



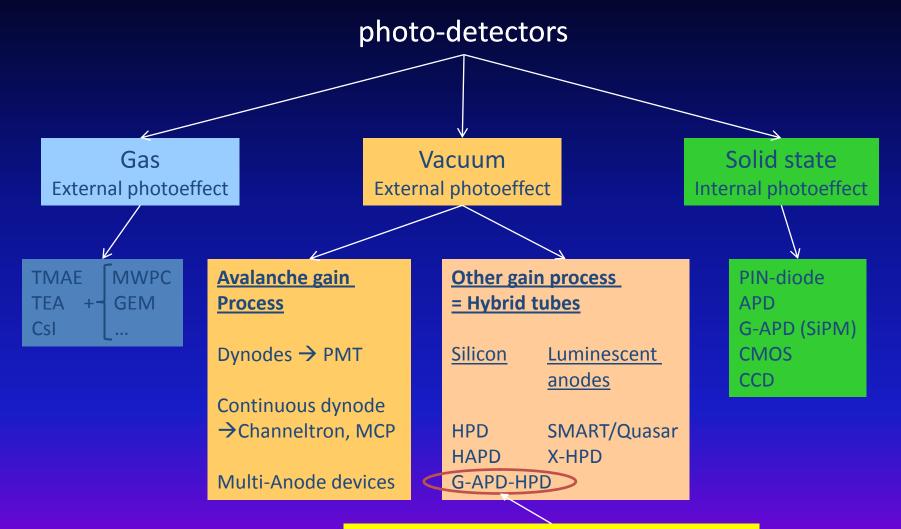


Applications

- 1. Readout of scintillators / fibres with PMT/MAPMT
- 2. Ultrafast timing for TOF with MCP-PMT
- 3. Readout of RICH detectors with HPD
- 4. Readout of RICH detector with gas-based detectors
- 5. Readout of inorganic crystals with APD
- 6. Readout of scintillators with G-APD







Proposed by G. Barbarino et al., NIM A 594 (2008) 326–331 Proof of principle by C. Joram et al., NIM A 621 (2010) 171-176







Photo-multiplier tubes (PMT's)

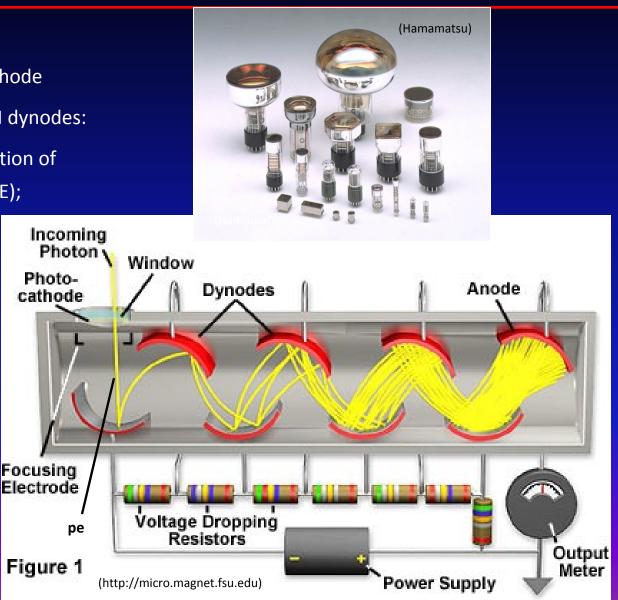


Basic principle:

- Photo-emission from photo-cathode
- Secondary emission (SE) from N dynodes:
 - dynode gain g≈3-50 (function of incoming electron energy E);
 - total gain *M*:

$$M = \prod_{i=1}^{N} g_i$$

- Example:
 - 10 dynodes with g=4
 - $M = 4^{10} \approx 10^6$





Gain fluctuations of PMT's



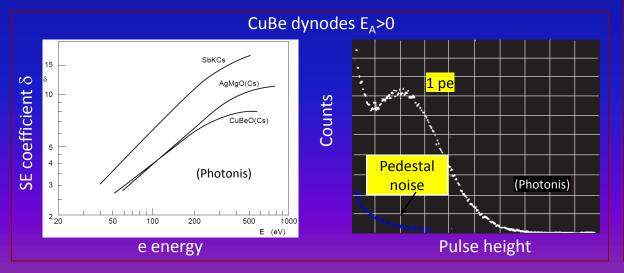
- Mainly determined by the fluctuations of the number m(δ) of secondary e's emitted from the dynodes;
- Poisson distribution:

$$P_{\delta}(m) = \frac{\delta^m e^{-\delta}}{m!}$$

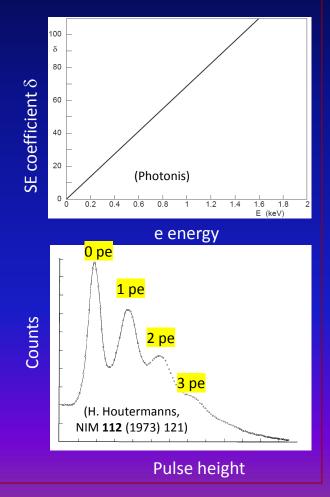
Standard deviation:

$$\frac{\sigma_m}{\delta} = \frac{\sqrt{\delta}}{\delta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\delta}}$$

• \Rightarrow fluctuations dominated by 1st dynode gain;



GaP(Cs) dynodes E_A<0



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Dynode configurations of PMT's

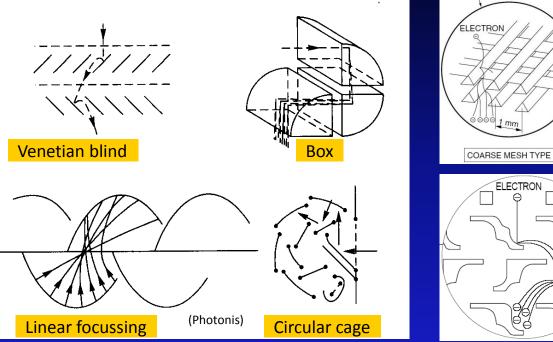


Mesh

Traditional

Position-sensitive

(Hamamatsu



The design of a dynode structure is a compromise between

- collection efficiency (input optics: from cathode to first dynode)
- gain (minimize losses of electrons during passage through structure)
- transit time and transit time spread (minimize length of path and deviations)
- immunity to magnetic field

Metal-channel (fine-machining techniques)

(Hamamatsu)

ELECTRON

FINE-MESH TYPE

ELECTRON

Modern micro-machining techniques allow fabricating fine dynode structures. Avalanche is confined in a narrow channel. → Multianode designs.



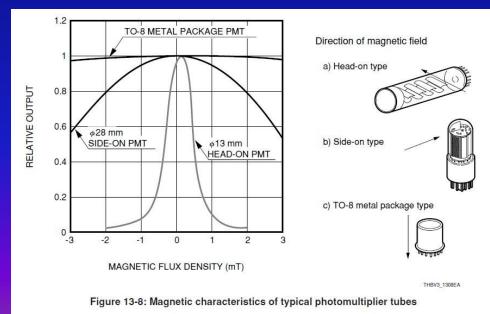
Dynode configurations of PMT's



Estimate transit time:

$$t = \frac{l}{v} = \frac{l}{\sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot eU}{m_e}}} = \frac{0.1 \,\mathrm{m}}{\sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot e \cdot 100\mathrm{V}}{0.5 \,\mathrm{MeV/c^2}}}} = \frac{0.1 \,\mathrm{m}}{0.02 \,\mathrm{c}} = 16.7 \,\mathrm{ns}$$

- Compact construction (short distances between dynodes) keeps the overall transit time small (~10 ns).
- "Fast" PMT's require well-designed input electron optics to limit (e) chromatic and geometric aberrations → transit time spread < 100 ps;



- PMT's are in general very sensitive to magnetic fields, even to earth field (30-60 μT = 0.3-0.6 Gauss).
- Magnetic shielding required.

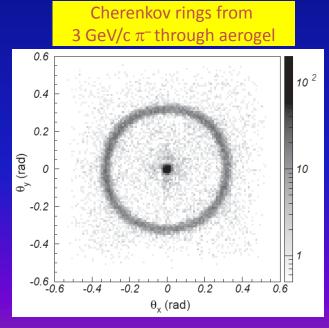
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Multi-anode and flat-panel PMT's







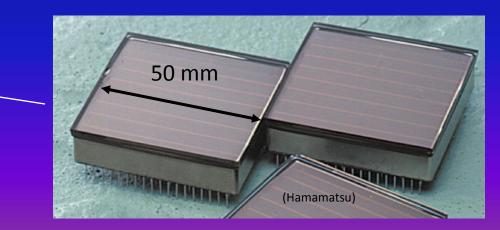
⁽T. Matsumoto et al., NIMA 521 (2004) 367)

Multi-anode (Hamamatsu H7546)

- Up to 8×8 channels ($2 \times 2 \text{ mm}^2 \text{ each}$);
- Size: 28 × 28 mm²;
- Active area 18.1 × 18.1 mm² (41%);
- Bialkali PC: QE pprox 25 45% @ λ_{max} = 400 nm;
- Gain $\approx 3 \ 10^5$;
- Gain uniformity typ. 1 : 2.5;
- Cross-talk typ. 2%

Flat-panel (Hamamatsu H8500):

- 8 x 8 channels (5.8 x 5.8 mm² each)
- Excellent surface coverage (89%)



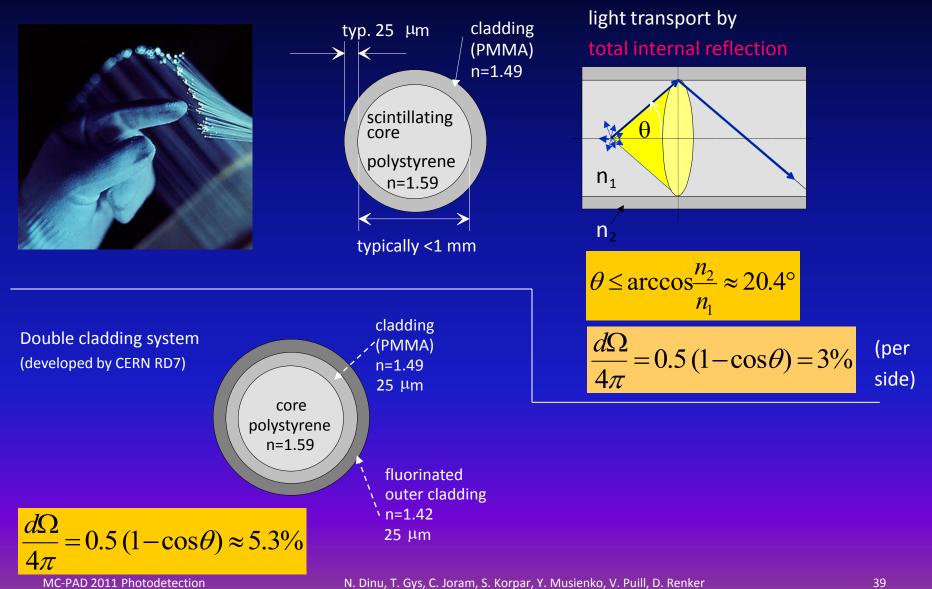
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Readout of Scintillating fibres with MAPMTs



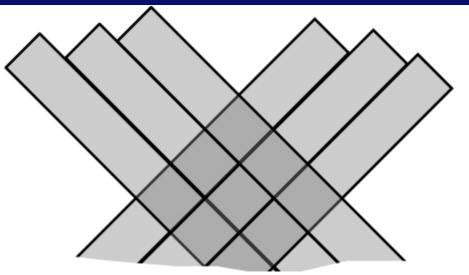
Working principle of scintillating plastic fibres :

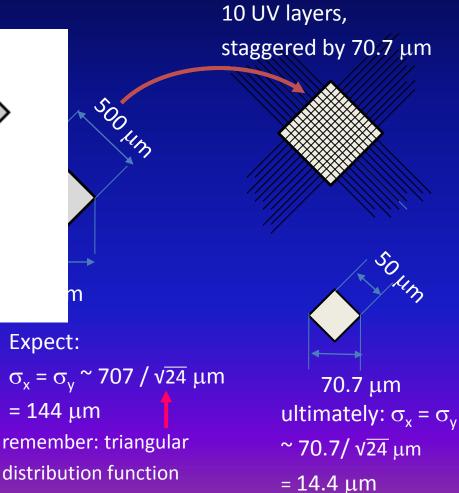






- Technology: Scintillating plastic fibres, <u>square</u> cross-section,
 500 μm overall width, single cladded (10 μm). Type: Kuraray SCSF-78.
- Geometry: UV (45°)







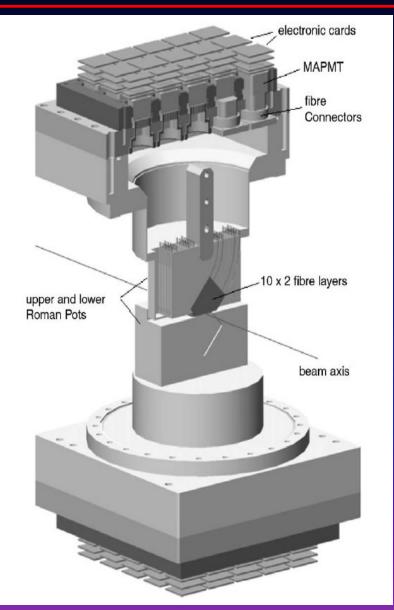
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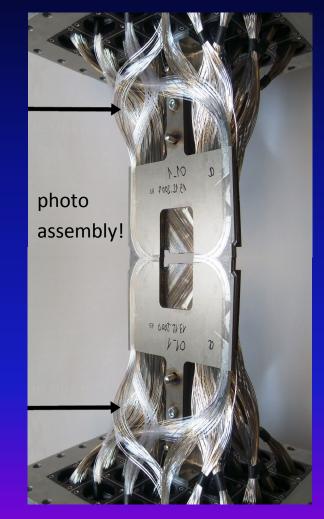
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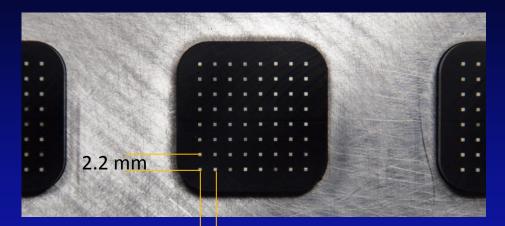
~2 x 1400 fibres



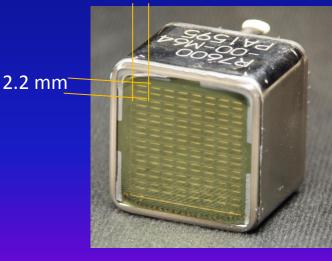
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64 Fibres are glued in a 8x8 matrix 'connector' . The pitch of 2.2 mm corresponds exactly to the one of the MAPMT.



2.2 mm





2.2 mm

4 shims centre the MAPMT w.r.t. the fibre connector → Maximize light coupling and minimize cross-talk!



2965

56.36/39

 383.6 ± 9.0

 0.014 ± 0.001

 0.06005 ± 0.00085

x_diff

Entries

 χ^2 / ndf Constant

Mean

Sigma

X₁

0.6 0.8

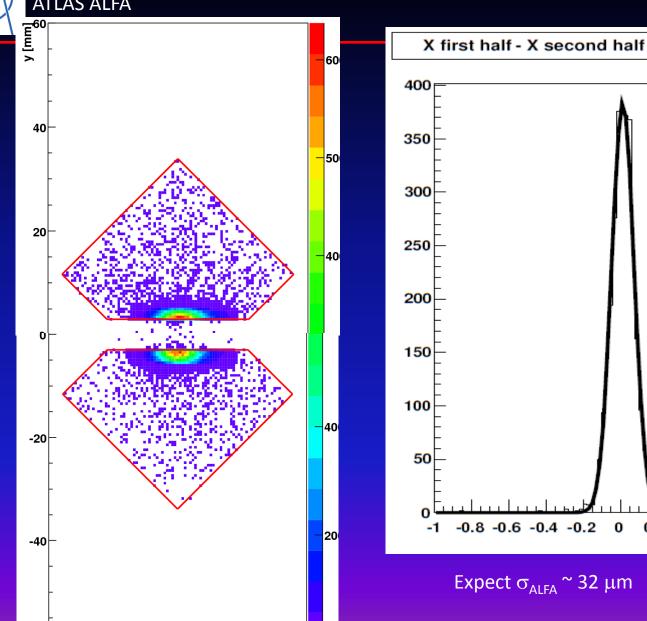
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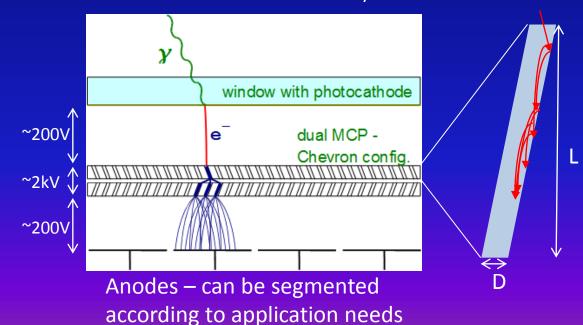
Similar to ordinary PMT – dynode structure is replaced by MCP. Basic characteristics:

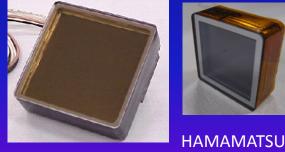
- Gain ~ $10^6 \rightarrow$ single photon
- Collection efficiency ~ 60%
- Small thickness, high field → small TTS
- Works in magnetic field
- Segmented anode → position sensitive

MCP is a thin glass plate with an array of holes (<10-100 μ m diameter) - continuous dynode structure



MCP gain depends on L/D ratio – typically 1000 For L/D=40

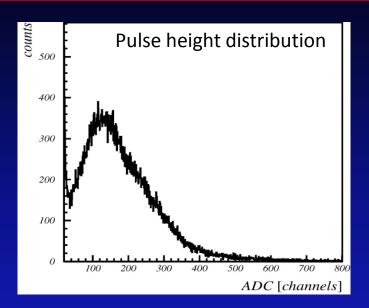




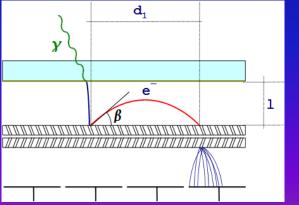
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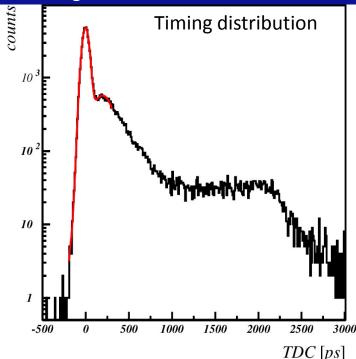
Photoelectron backscattering produces rather long tail in timing distribution and position resolution.



Range equals twice the photocathode-MCP distance (2I).

Gain in a single channel saturates at high gains due to space charge effect \rightarrow peaking distribution for single photoelectron

Typical single photon timing distribution with narrow main peak ($\sigma \sim 40$ ps) and contribution from photoelectron back-scattering.



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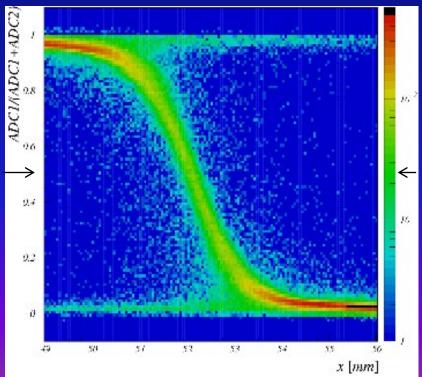


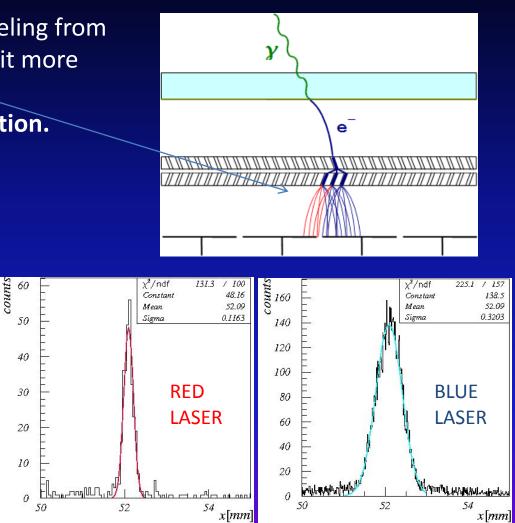
MCP-PMT: Charge sharing



Secondary electrons spread when traveling from MCP out electrode to anode and can hit more than one anode \rightarrow Charge sharing Can be used to improve spatial resolution.

Fraction of the charge detected by left pad as a function of light spot position (red laser)





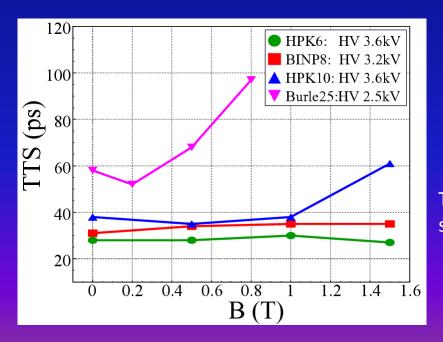
Slices at equal charge sharing for red and blue laser) – pad boundary. Resolution limited by photoelectron energy.

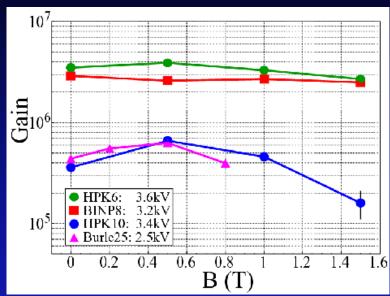




MCP-PMT: Operation in magnetic field

- Narrow amplification channel and proximity focusing electron optics allow operation in magnetic field (~ axial direction).
- Amplification depends on magnetic field strength and direction.
- Effects of charge sharing and photoelectron backscattering on position resolution are strongly reduced while effects on timing remain





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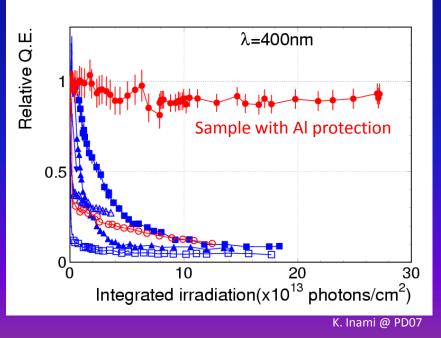
Gain vs. Magnetic field for MCP-PMT samples with different pore diameter.

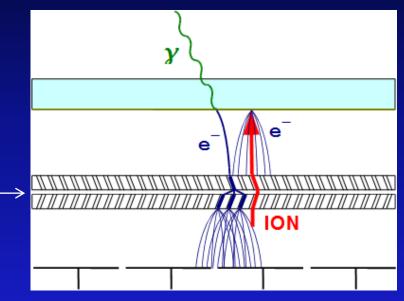
TTS vs. Magnetic field for MCP-PMT samples with different pore diameter.





- During the amplification process atoms of residual gas get ionized → travel back toward the photocathode and produce secondary pulse
- Ion bombardment damages the photocathode reducing QE
- Thin Al foil (few µm) blocks ion feedback but also about half of the electrons → placed between the MCPs





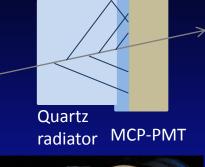
Change of relative QE during the typical aging test. MCP-PMTs without Al protection show rapid reduction of QE.



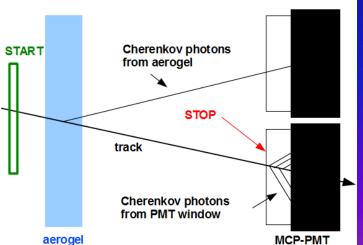
MCP-PMT: TOF applications



- Excellent timing properties require fast light source → Cherenkov radiator directly attached to the MCP-PMT
- Can be used as dedicated TOF (SuperB end-cap PID option) or as part of the proximity focusing RICH (Belle-II end-cap PID option)

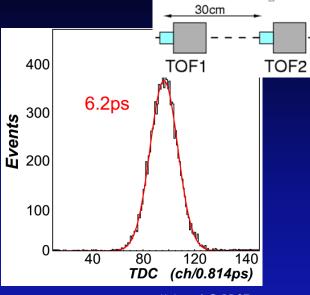




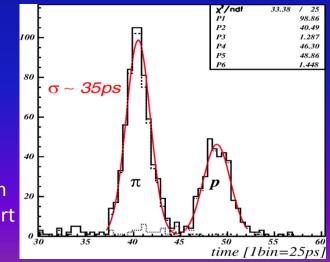


Proximity focusing aerogel RICH with TOF capability

> Separation of 2 GeV pions and protons with 0.6 m flight length (start counter $\sigma \sim 15$ ps).



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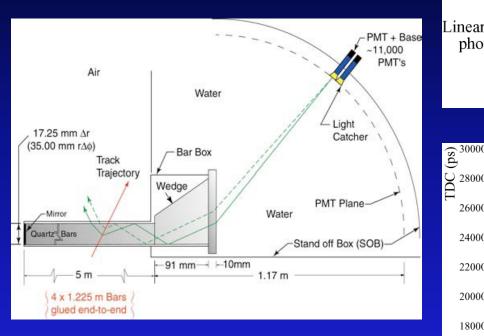
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MCP-PMT: RICH with timing information

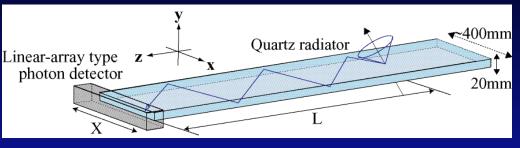


DIRC concept (BaBar) – 2D imaging



Focusing DIRC with chromatic correction (SuperB) uses measured time of propagation to correct chromatic error.

$$t_p = \frac{L_{path}}{v_g}$$
 $v_g = \frac{c}{n(\lambda) - \lambda \frac{dn}{d\lambda}}$ (group velocity)



TOP (Time-Of-Propagation) counter based on DIRC concept (Belle-II). Using linear array of MCP-PMTs to measure one coordinate and time of propagation (length of photon path) to obtain 2D image \rightarrow compact detector.



X (cm)

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16000

14000

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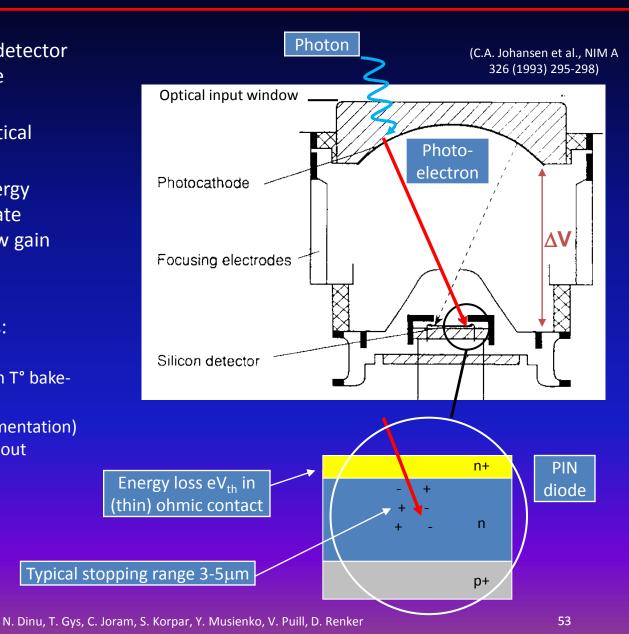








- Combination of vacuum photon detector (image intensifier) and solid-state technologies;
- Input: collection lens, (active) optical window, photo-cathode;
- Gain: achieved *in one step* by energy dissipation of keV pe's in solid-state detector anode; this results in low gain fluctuations;
- Output: direct electronic signal;
- Encapsulation in the tube implies:
 - compatibility with high vacuum technology (low outgassing, high T° bakeout cycles);
 - internal (for speed and fine segmentation) or external connectivity to read-out electronics;
 - heat dissipation issues;







- Photo-emission from photo-cathode;
- Photo-electron acceleration to $\Delta V \approx 10-20 kV$;
- Energy dissipation through ionization and phonon excitation (W_{Si} =3.6eV to generate 1 e-h pair in Si) with low fluctuations (Fano factor $F \approx 0.12$ in Si);

Gain M:

$$M = \frac{e(\Delta V - Vth)}{W_{Si}}$$

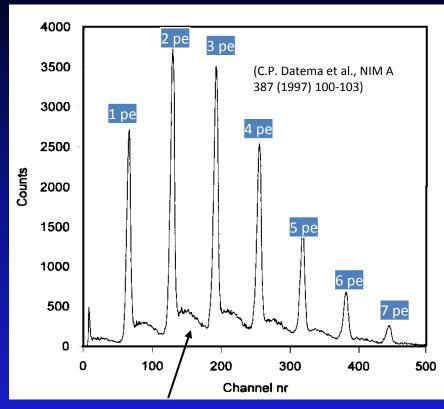
- Intrinsic gain fluctuations σ_{M} :
- $\sigma_{M} = \sqrt{F \cdot M}$

 \Rightarrow overall noise dominated by electronics

• Example: $\Delta V = 20kV$

 \Rightarrow M $\,\approx$ 5000 and σ_{M} \approx 25

• Suited for single photon detection with high resolution;



- Continuum from photo-electron backscattering effects at Si surface
- For proposed models, see eg:
 - C. D'Ambrosio et al., NIM A 338 (1994) 389-397
 - T. Tabarelli de Fatis, NIM A 385 (1997) 366-370



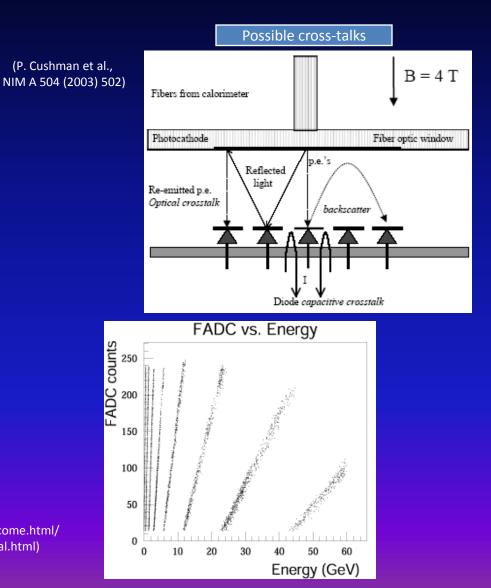


- B=4T ⇒ proximity-focussing with 3.35mm gap and HV=10kV;
- Minimize cross-talks:
 - photo-electron back-scattering: align with B;
 - capacitive: Al layer coating;
 - internal light reflections: a-Si:H AR coating optimized @ λ = 520nm (WLS fibres);
- Results in linear response over a large dynamic range from minimum ionizing particles (muons) up to 3 TeV hadron showers;



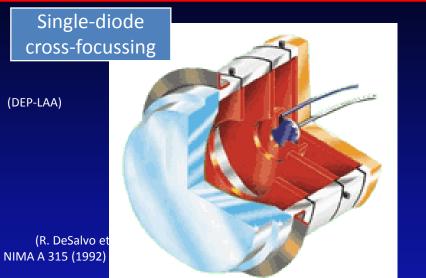
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(http://cmsinfo.cern.ch/Welcome.html/ CMSdetectorInfo/CMShcal.html)



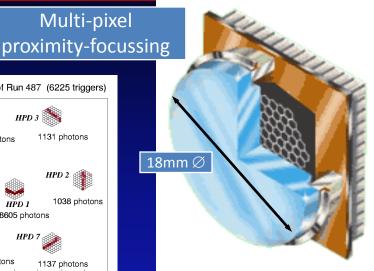


Various kinds of (semi-) commercial HPD's (1)



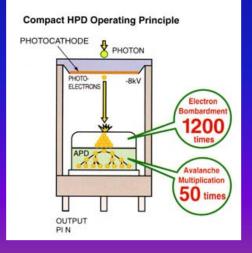
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Multi-pixel

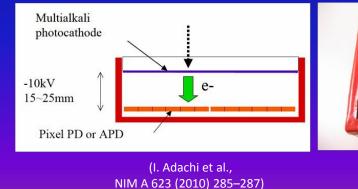


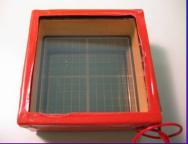
(E. Albrecht et al., NIMA A 411 (1998) 249-264)





Hybrid avalanche photodiode array





(Hamamatsu)

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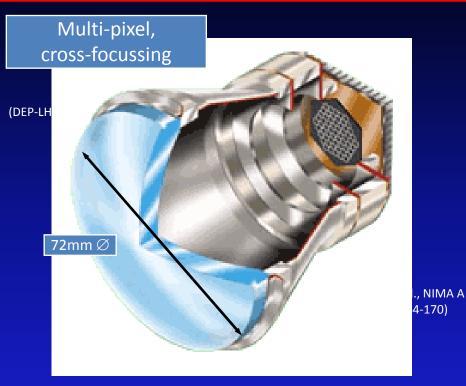
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(Hamamatsu)



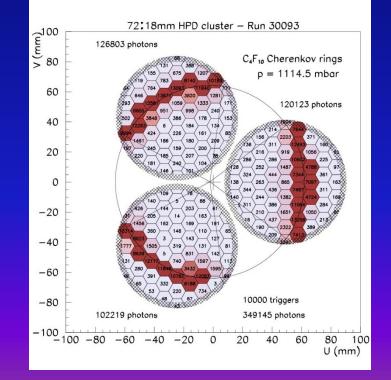
Various kinds of (semi-) commercial HPD's (2)





- DEP-LHCb development:
- Commercial anode;
- Cross-focussing electron optics (demagnification by ~5);
- High intrinsic active area coverage (83%);





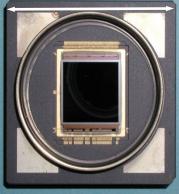




- Large area (3.3m²) with high overall active area fraction (~65%)
- Fast compared to the 25 ns bunch crossing time
- Have to operate in a small (1-3mT) magnetic field
- Granularity at photocathode 2.5x2.5mm²

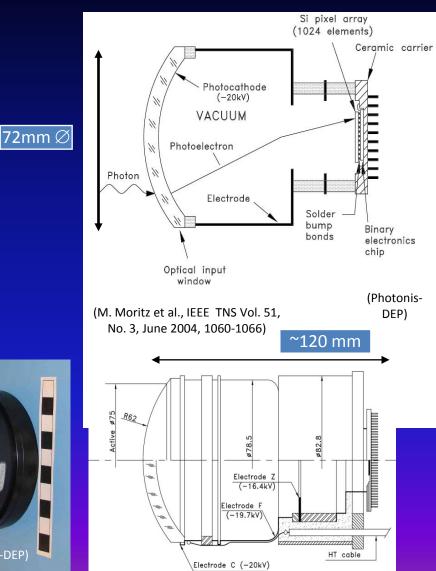
 \Rightarrow 484 HPDs with 5× de-magnification and custom anode





(K. Wyllie et al., NIM A 530 (2004) 82-86) MC-PAD 2011 Photodetection



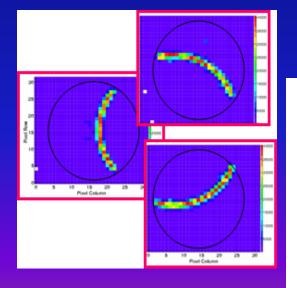






- Must cover 200-600nm wavelength range
- Multi-alkali S20 (KCsSbNa₂)
- Improved over production
- Resulted in a JQEdE increased by 27% wrt the original specifications





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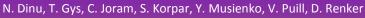
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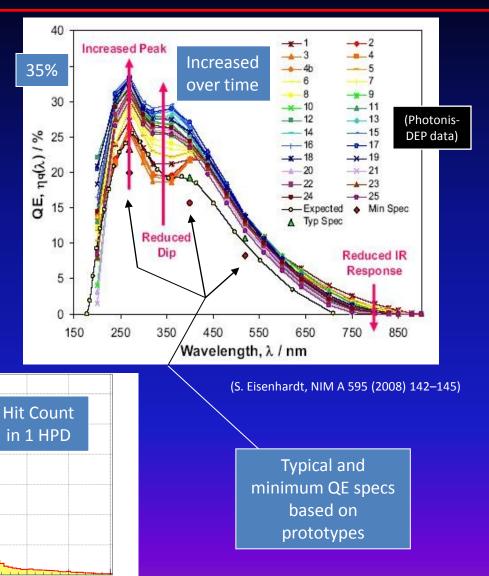
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(M Adinolfi et al., NIM A 603 (2009) 287-293)











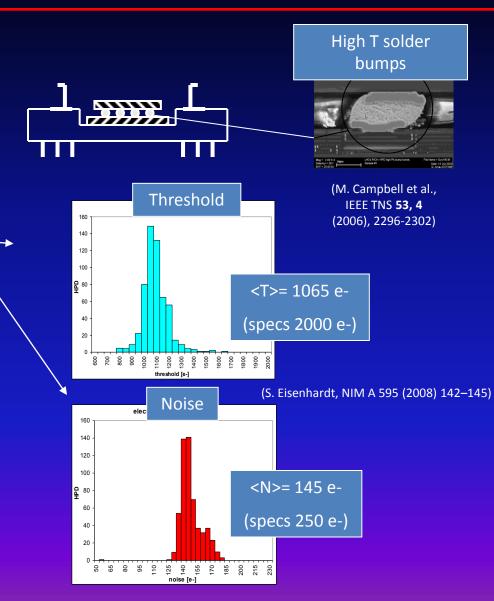
 The anode is a Si pixel detector with 8192 channels organized in 1024 super-pixels of 500 x 500 μm² size, bump-bonded to a custom binary readout chip (lhcbpix1)

 \Rightarrow excellent signal-to-noise ratio achieved by small pixels and optimal sensor-FE coupling

- Very low average threshold and noise _____
- Typical signal is 5000 e-(Si detector dead layer typ. 150nm) with intrinsically low fluctuations (typ. 25 erms)

 \Rightarrow ~85% photo-electron detection efficiency for 25ns strobe

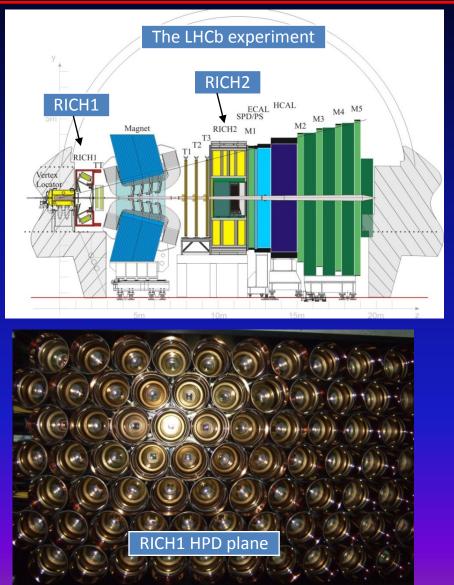
 Residual inefficiency is dictated by photoelectron back-scattering (18% probability) and charge-sharing effects

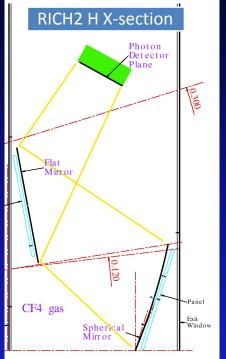




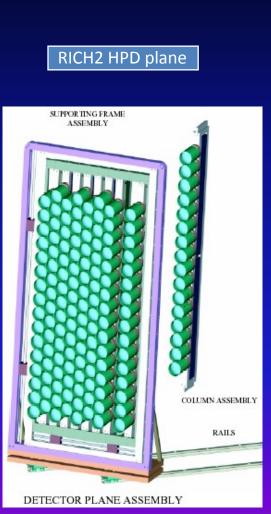
Pixel-HPD's for LHCb RICHes: integration







RICH2 EDR LHCb EDR 2002-009 1 March 2002



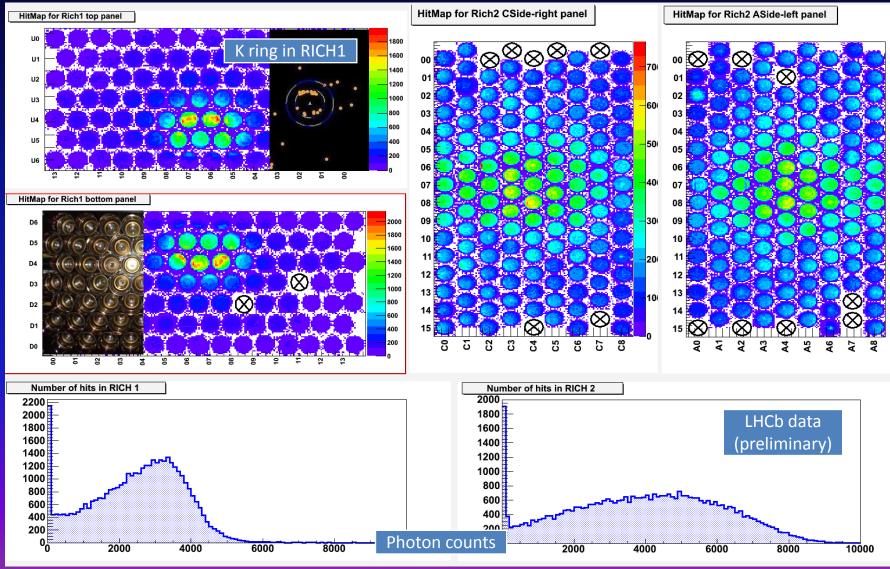


Cherenkov photons from p-p collision data at LHC



RICH1 HPD planes

RICH2 HPD planes



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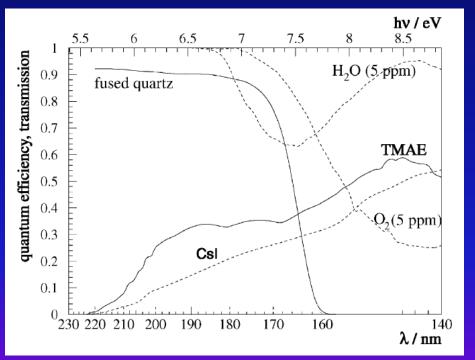


Possible Principles:

A) Ionize photosensitive molecules, admixed to the counter gas (TMAE, TEA);

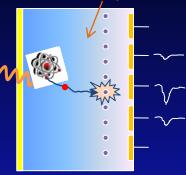
B) release photoelectron from a solid photocathode (CsI, bialkali...);

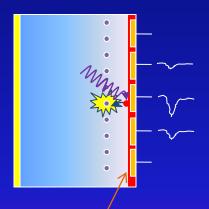
Then use free p.e. to trigger a Townsend avalanche \rightarrow Gain



TEA, TMAE, CsI work only in deep UV region.

Bialkali works in visible domain, however requires VERY clean gases. Long term operation in a real detector not yet demonstrated. e.g. $CH_4 + TEA$





Thin CsI coating on cathode pads

Usual issues: How to achieve high gain (10⁵) ? How to control ion feedback and light emission from avalanche? How to purify gas and keep it clean? How to control aging ?

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ous photo-detectors: A few implementations...



Proven technology:

Cherenkov detectors in ALICE, HADES, COMPASS, J-LAB.... Many m² of CsI photo-cathodes





CsI on readout pads

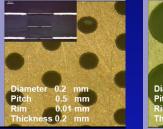
Since recently in use: HBD (RICH) of PHENIX.

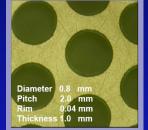


CsI on multi-GEM structure

R&D:

- Thick GEM structures
- Visible PC (bialkali)
- Sealed gaseous devices







Sealed gaseous photo-detector with bialkali PC. (Weizmann Inst., Israel)



Radiator

15 mm liquid $C_6 F_{14}$, n ~ 1.2989 @ 175nm, β_{th} = 0.77

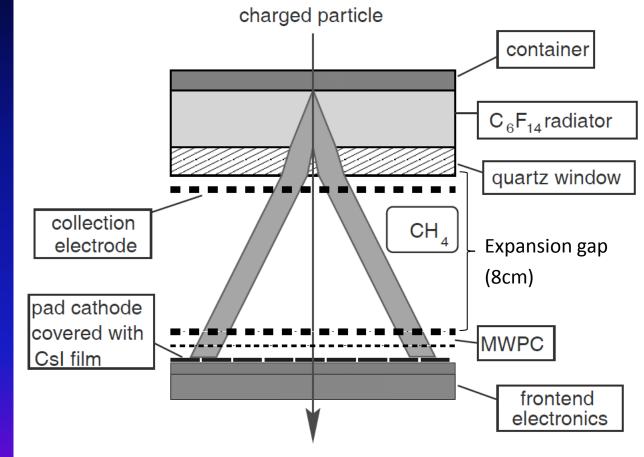
Photon converter

Reflective layer of Csl QE ~ 25% @ 175 nm.

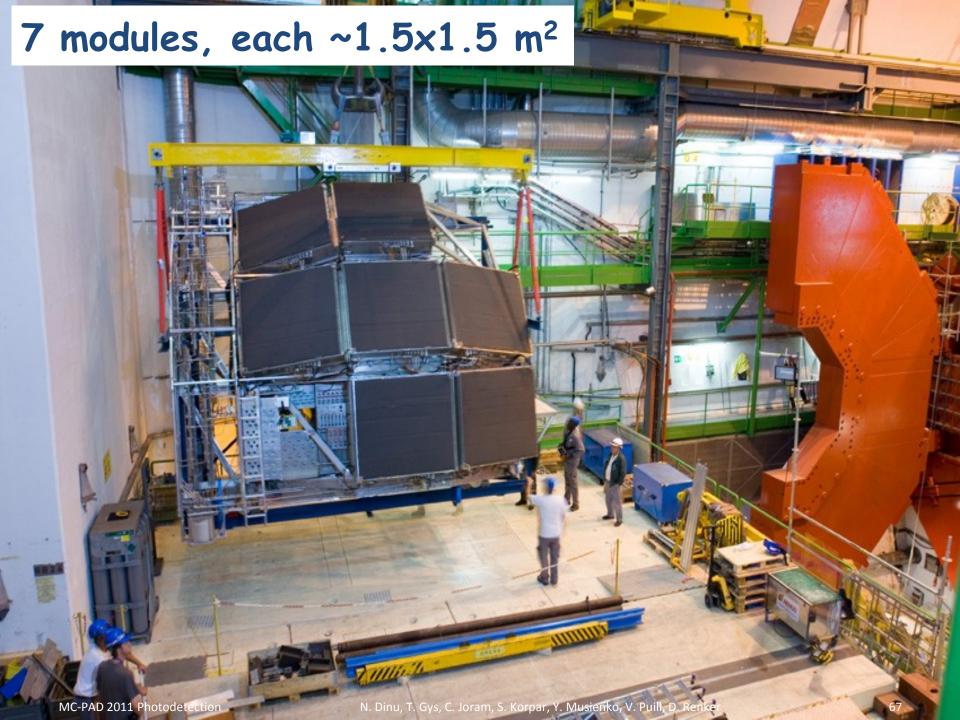
Photoelectron detector

- MWPC with CH_4 at atmospheric pressure (4 mm gap) HV = 2050 V.

- Analogue pad readout



The ALICE Collaboration *et al* 2008 *JINST* **3** S08002



3 radiators/module, 81 each

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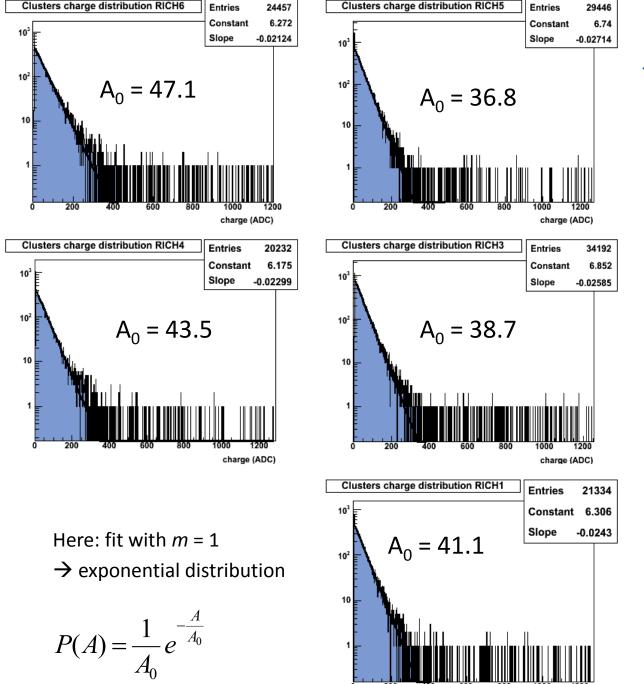
6 CsI photo-cathodes/module, total area > 10 m²



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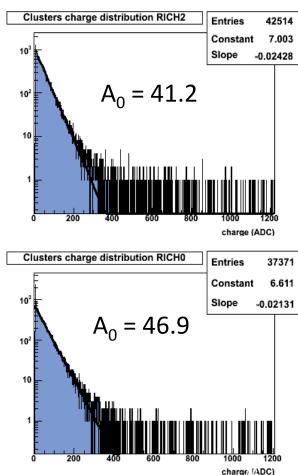


Typical single photo-electron spectra in a MWPC

$$f(z) \propto z^{m-1} e^{-mz}$$

$$z = A/A_0 \quad A = \text{charge}$$

$$m = \text{Polyaparameter}$$



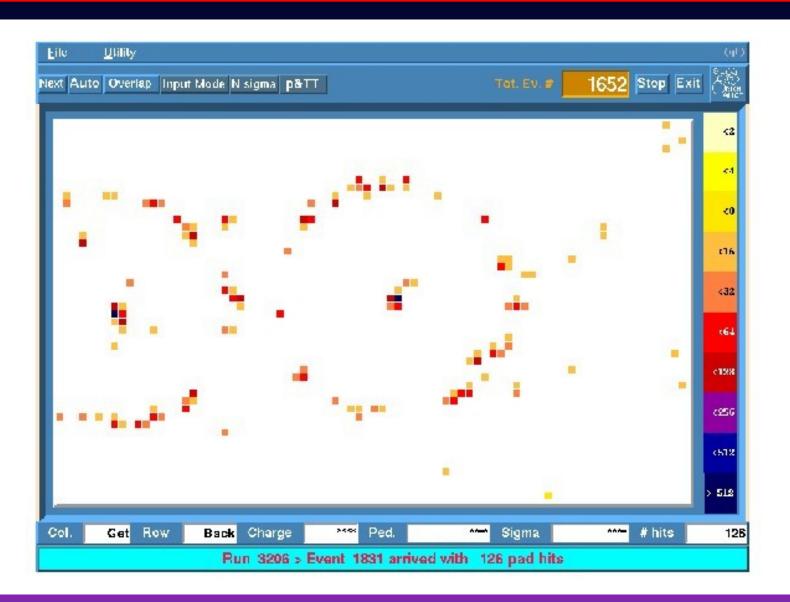
charge (AOC)

December 2009, typical event

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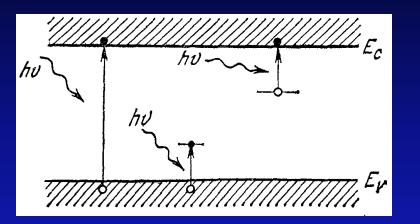




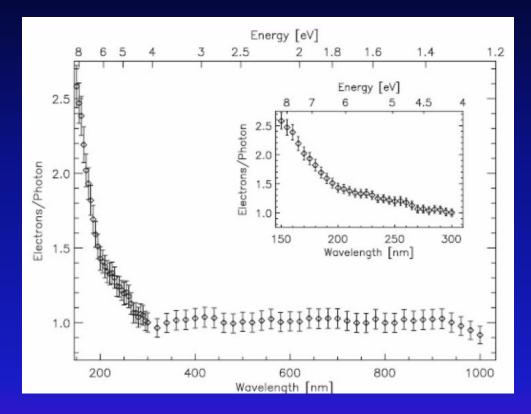


Internal photoelectric effect in Si





Band gap (T=300K) = 1.12 eV (~1100 nm)



More than 1 photoelectron can be created by light in silicon

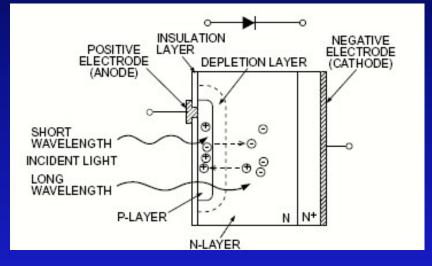




One of the simplest kind of photodiodes is the p-i-n photodiode in which an intrinsic piece of semiconductor is sandwiched between two heavily (oppositely) doped regions.

The two charge sheets (on the n+ and p+) sides produce a field which, even without an external field supplied, will tend to separate charges produced in the depleted region.

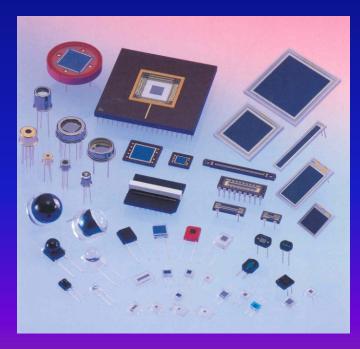
The separated charges will be swept to either terminal and can be detected as a current provided that they did not recombine.

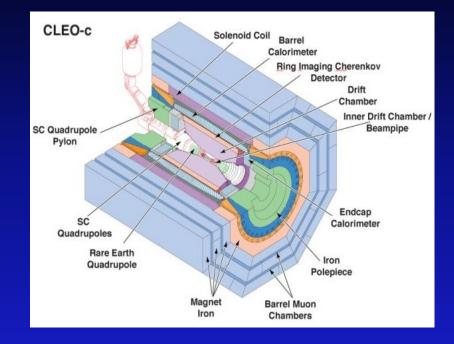






The PIN diode is a very successful device. It is used in many big calorimeters in high energy physics (Cleo, L3, Crystal Barrel, Barbar, Belle)



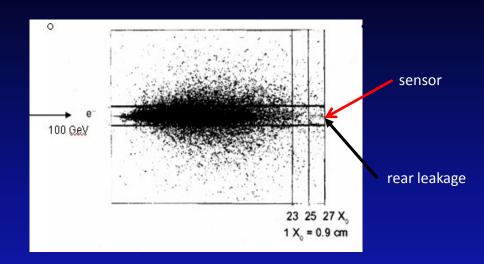


The PIN diode is the simplest, most reliable and cheapest photo sensor. It has high quantum efficiency (80%), very small volume and is insensitive to magnetic fields



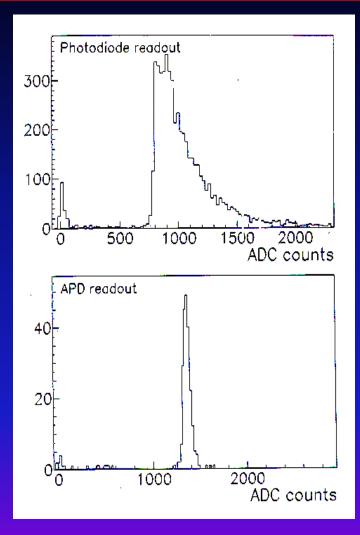
PIN photodiodes – nuclear counter effect





Geant simulation: each dot stands for an energy deposition of more than 10 keV

A MIP in a PIN diode creates ~30,000 e-h pairs (the diode thickness of 300 μ x 100 pairs/ μ). A photon with an energy of 7 GeV produces in PbWO4 + PIN diode the same number of e-h pairs.

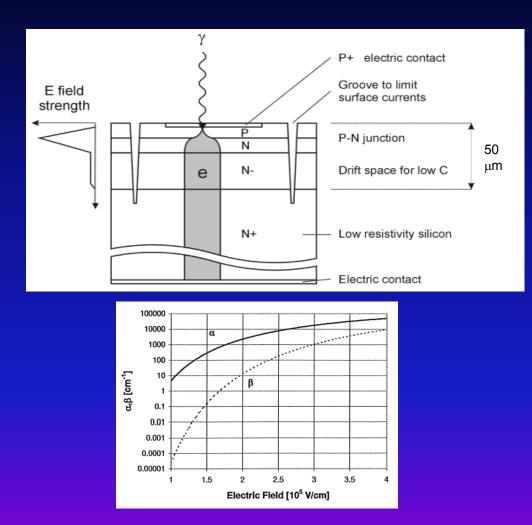


80 GeV e⁻ beam in a 18 cm long PbWO₄ crystal



Basic APD Structure (CMS version)





Photons create electron-hole pairs in the thin p-layer on top of the device and the electrons induce avalanche amplification in the high field at the p-n junction.

Holes created behind the junction contribute little because of their much smaller ionization coefficient.

Electrons produced by ionizing particles traversing the bulk are not amplified. The effective thickness for the collection and amplification of electrons which have been created by a MIP is therefore about 6 μ m ~(5 x 50 + 45 x 1)/50.

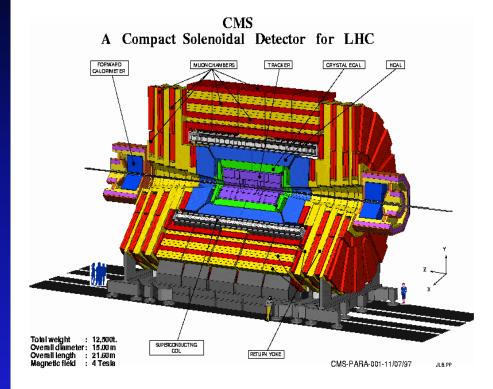
The NCE is 50 times smaller than in a PIN diode.

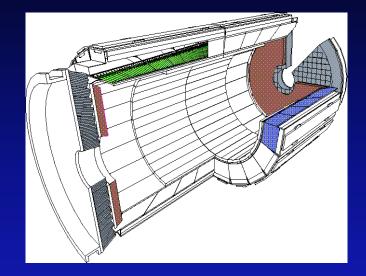
Ionization coefficients α for electrons and β for holes



APDs in the CMS ECAL

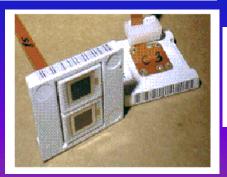


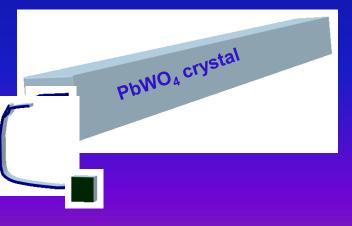




36 supermodules with 1700 crystals each

2 APD's/crystal \rightarrow 122.400 APD's









$$\frac{\sigma_{E}}{E} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus b \oplus \frac{c}{E}$$

ECAL energy resolution:

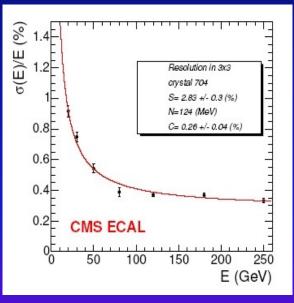
CMS design goal *a* ~ 3%, *b* ~ 0.5%, *c* ~ 200 MeV

APD contributions to:

a: photo statistics (area, QE) and avalanche fluctuations (excess noise factor)

b: stability (gain sensitivity to voltage and temperature variation, aging and radiation damage)

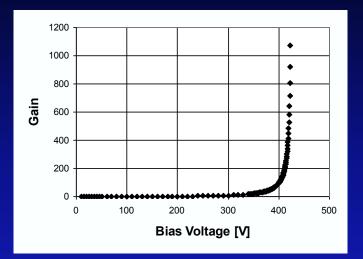
c: noise (capacitance, serial resistance and dark current)

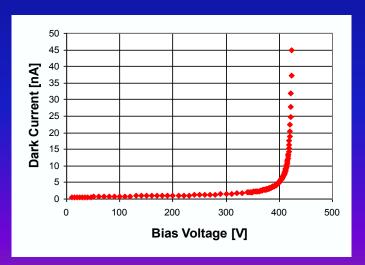


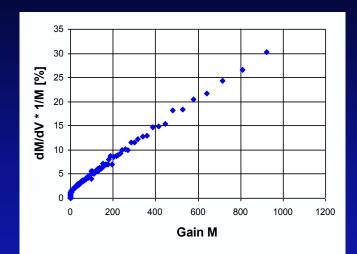


Gain and Dark Current









dM/dV*1/M = const * M

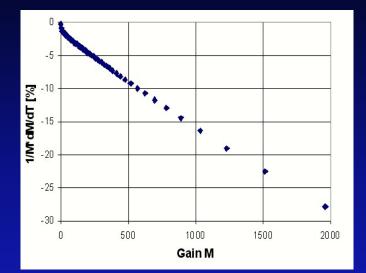
 \Rightarrow M ~ 1/(V_{breakdown} - V)

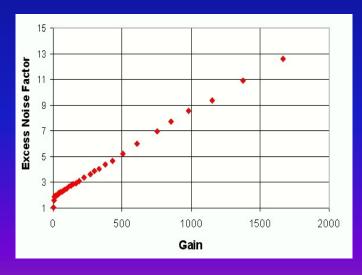
Near the breakdown voltage, where we get noticeable amplification, the gain is a steep function of the bias voltage.

Consequently we need a voltage supply with a stability of few tens of mV.









The breakdown voltage depends on the temperature due to energy loss of the electrons in interactions with phonons.

Consequently the gain depends on the temperature and the dependence increases with the gain.

At gain 50 the temperature coefficient is - 2.3% per degree C.

Good energy resolution can only be achieved when the temperature is kept stable (in CMS the temperature is regulated with a 0.1 degree C precision).

At high gain the fluctuations of the gain become large and the excess noise factor ENF increases:

$$\frac{\sigma}{E} = \sqrt{\frac{ENF}{n_{pe}E}}$$

$$ENF = \frac{M^2 + \sigma_M^2}{M^2}$$

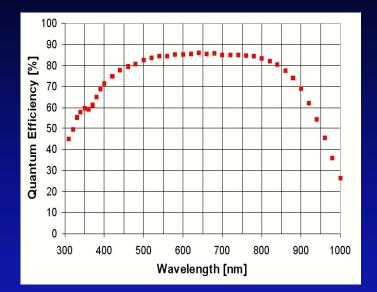
 $ENF = k_{eff} \bullet M + (2-1/M) \bullet (1-k_{eff})$ for M > 10: ENF ~ 2 + k_{eff} • M k_{eff} ~ k = β/α

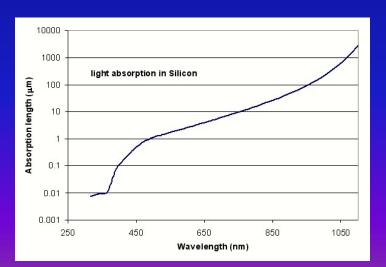
 α and β are the ionization coefficients for electrons and holes ($\alpha >> \beta$)



Quantum efficiency (QE)



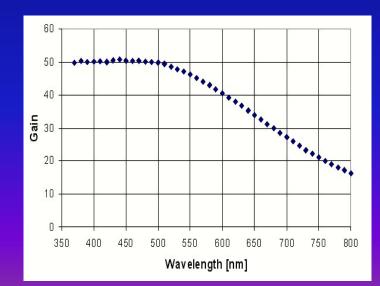




In the APDs selected for CMS (Hamamatsu S8148) the p-n junction is at a depth of about 5 micron. Behind the junction is a 45 micron thick layer of n-doped silicon.

Blue light is absorbed close to the surface. The electrons from the generated e-h pairs drift to the high field of the junction and are amplified

Light with long wavelength penetrates deep into the region behind the p-n junction. Only the generated holes will drift to the junction. They will be much less amplified due to the smaller ionization coefficient.



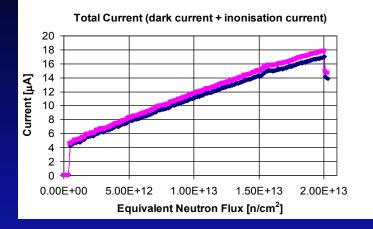
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Radiation hardness





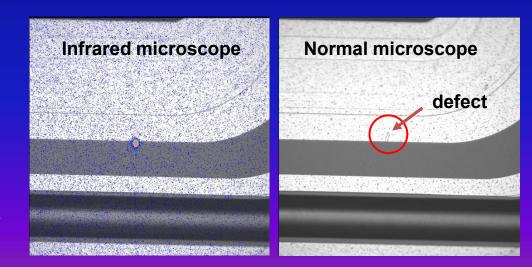
Two APD's have been irradiated at PSI in a 70 MeV proton beam for 105 minutes

9x10¹² protons/cm² corresponds to 2x10¹³ neutrons/cm² with an energy of 1MeV (10 years fluence expected in CMS barrel)

The mean bulk current after $2x10^{13}$ neutrons/cm² is I_d ≈ 280 nA (nonamplified value). This corresponds to 14 µA at gain 50 and ≈ 80 MeV poise contribution (no recover

~ 80 MeV noise contribution (no recovery considered).

- Neutrons: Displacement of Si atoms => defects in the bulk which generate currents. Slow and never complete recovery at room temperature.
- Ionizing radiation (γ): breakup of the SiO₂ molecules and very little effect in the bulk (10⁻⁴) => the surface currents increase. Fast and almost complete recovery for good APD's. There can be a strong reduction of the breakdown voltage if there is a weakness on the surface due to an imperfection in the production process (dust particles, mask misalignment ...).



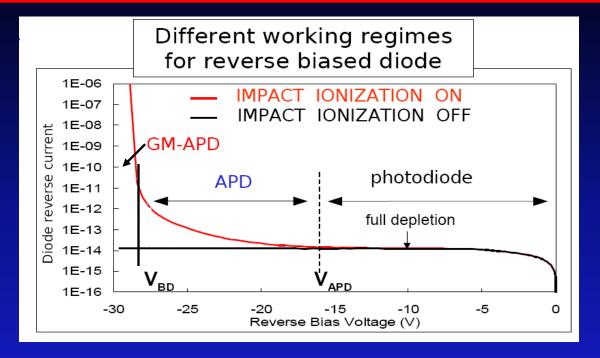
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GM-APD

- $V_{bias} > V_{BD}$ ($V_{bias} V_{BD} \sim few volts$)
- G ⇒ ∞
- Geiger-mode operation
- Can operate at single photon level

APD

- V_{APD} < V_{bias} < V_{BD}
- G = M (50 500)
- Linear-mode operation

Photodiode

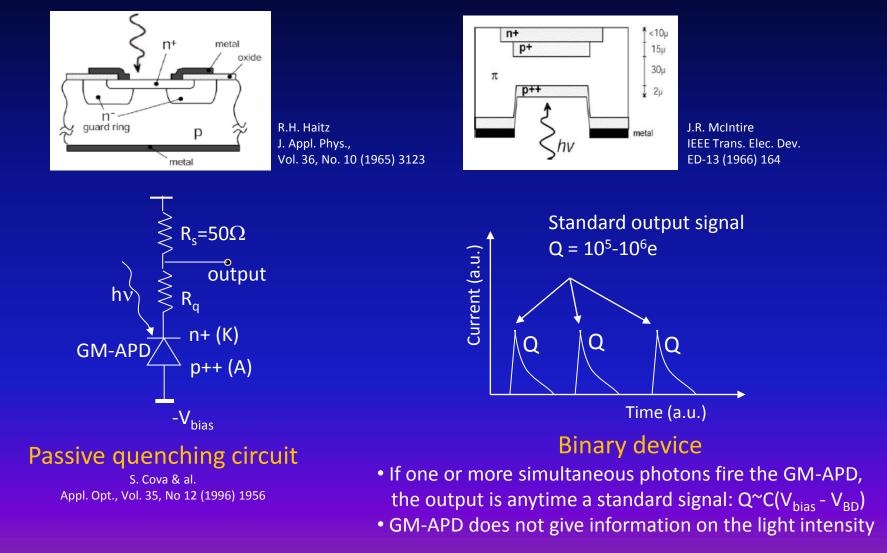
- $0 < V_{bias} < V_{APD}$ (few volts)
- G = 1
- Operate at high light level (few hundreds of photons)



Geiger Mode – Avalanche Photodiode (GM-APD)



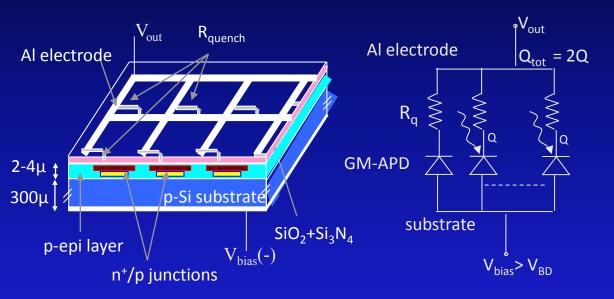
The first single photon detectors operated in Geiger-mode

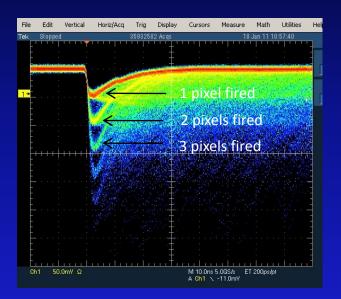






matrix of n pixels connected in parallel (e.g. few hundreds /mm²) on a common Si substrate
 each pixels = GM-APD in series with R_{quench}





Key personalities in this development: V. Golovin, Z. Sadygov

Quasi-analog device:

 If simultaneously photons fires different pixels, the output is the sum of the standard signals: Q[~]ΣQ_i
 SiPM gives information on light intensity

• Different producers give different names: SiPM, MRS-APD, SPM, MPPC...

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Advantages

- \odot high gain (10⁵-10⁶) with low voltage (<100V)
- \odot low power consumption (<50 μ W/mm²)
- ☺ fast (timing resolution ~ 50 ps RMS for single photons)
- \odot insensitive to magnetic field (tested up to 7 T)
- © high photon detection efficiency (30-40% blue-green)

Possible drawbacks

- ⊖ high dark count rate (DCR) at room temperature
 - 100kHz 1MHz/mm²
 - thermal carriers, cross-talk, after-pulses
- ☺ temperature dependence
 - V_{BD}, G, R_q, DCR



SiPM designs (examples)





SensL (http://sensl.com/) 20x20μm², 35x35μm², 50x50μm², 100x100μm² pixel size



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3.16x3.16mm² 4x4 channels



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6 x 6 cm² 16x16 channels

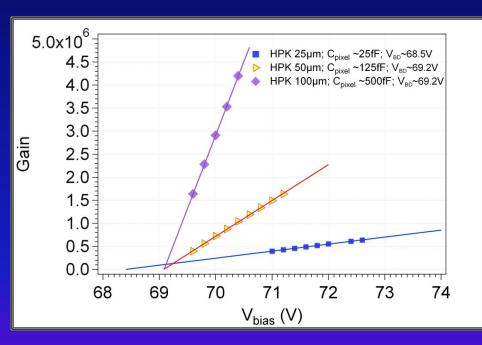
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• Defined as the charge developed in one pixel by a primary charge carrier:

$$Gain = \frac{Q_{pixel}}{e} = \frac{C_{pixel} \times (V_{BIAS} - V_{BD})}{e} = \frac{C_{pixel} \times \Delta V}{e}$$



N. Dinu & al, NIM A 610 (2009) 423-426

G increases linearly with the V_{bias}
 G: 5x10⁵ – 5x10⁶ ⇒ simple or no amplifier required

• The slope of the linear fit of G v.s. V_{bias} \Rightarrow pixel capacitance

• C_{pixel} : tens to hundreds of fF

• The G and C_{pixel} increase with the pixel geometrical dimensions

- $C_{pixel} \sim \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r S/d$
 - S pixel junction surface
 - d pixel depletion thickness



Photon detection efficiency (1)



$$PDE = N_{pulses} / N_{photons} = QE \cdot P_{01} \cdot \varepsilon_{geom}$$

QE = Quantum Efficiency

• probability for a photon to generate a carrier in the high field region

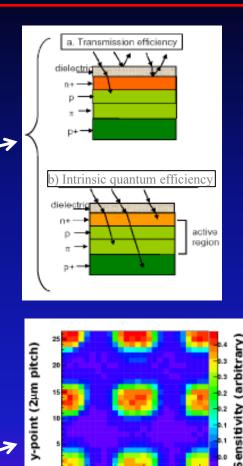
P_{01} = Triggering probability

• probability for a carrier traversing the high field to generate an avalanche

$\varepsilon_{geom} = Geometrical fill factor$

• fraction of dead area due to structures between the pixels

e.g. guard rings, trenches, R_{quench}

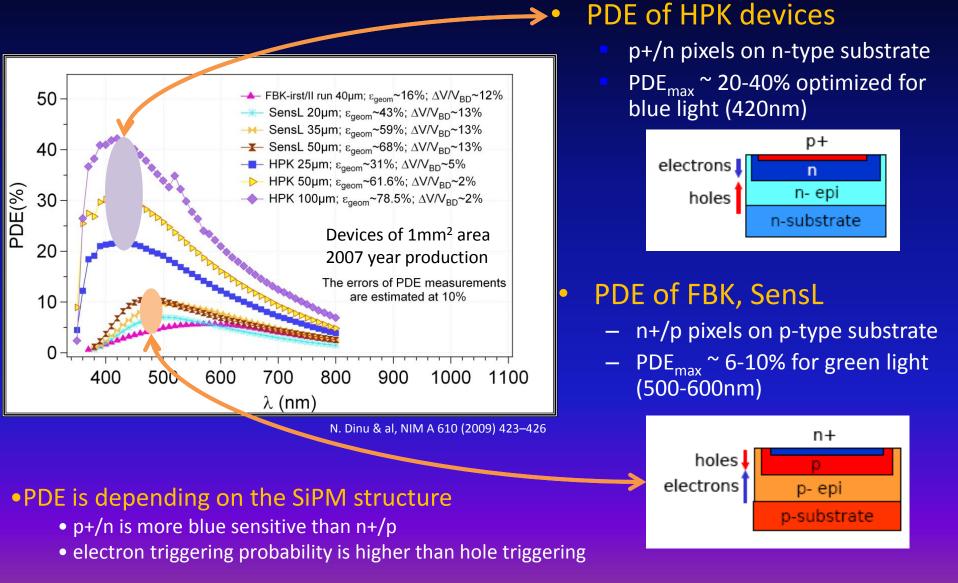


x-point (2µm pitch)







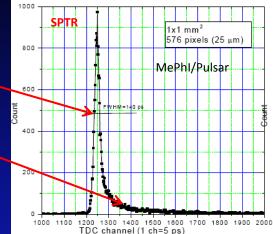


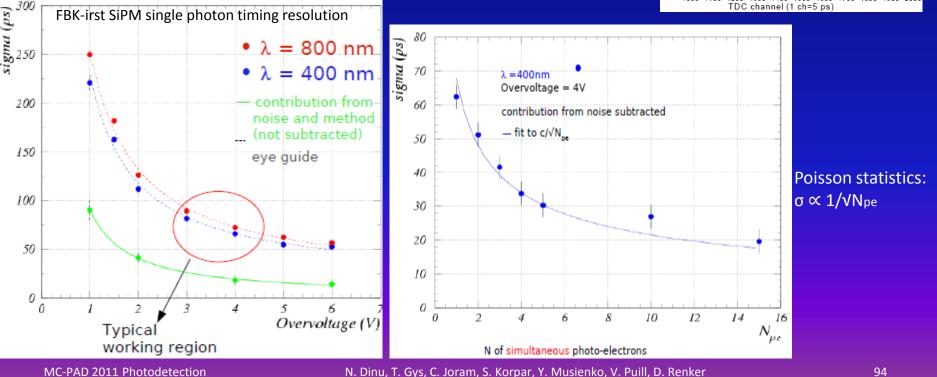




Two components :

- fast component of gaussian shape with σ O(100ps) -
 - due to photons absorbed in the depletion region
 - its width depends on the statistical fluctuations of the avalanche build-up time (e.g. photon impact position → cell size)
- slow component: minor non gaussian tail with time scale of O(ns)
 - due to minority carriers, photo-generated in the neutral regions beneath the depletion layer that reach the junction by diffusion





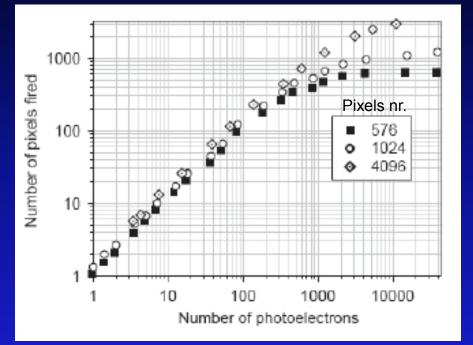




The output signal is proportional to the number of fired pixels as long as the number of photons on a very short laser pulse (N_{photon}) times the photon detection efficiency PDE is significantly smaller than the number of the pixels N_{total}

$$A \approx N_{firedpixed} = N_{total} \cdot \left(1 - e^{-\frac{N_{photon} \cdot PDE}{N_{total}}}\right)$$

Two or more photons in one pixel look like a 1 single photon



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When 50% of the pixels are fired, the deviation from linearity is 20%



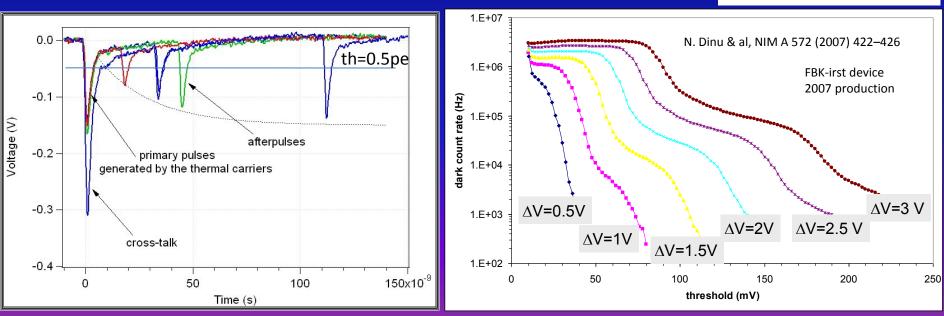
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- The number of counts/s registered by the SiPM in the absence of the light
- It limits the SiPM performances (e.g. single photon detection)
- Three main contributions:
 - - After-pulses carriers trapped during the avalanche discharging and then released triggering a new avalanche during a period of several 100 ns after the breakdown
 - Optical cross-talk 10⁵ carriers in an avalanche breakdown emit in average 3 photons with an energy higher than 1.14 eV (A. Lacaita et al. IEEE TED 1993)

– these photons can trigger an avalanche in an adjacent μ cell



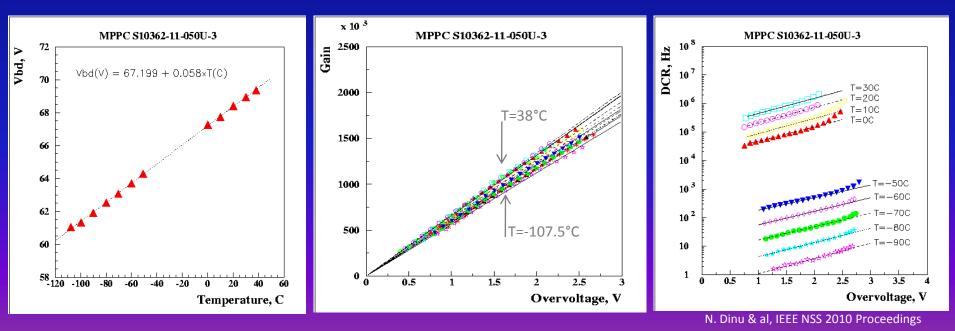
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• Some SiPM parameters exhibits temperature variations:

- V_{BD} increases with T (S. M. Sze and Kwok K. Ng, Physics of semiconductor devices, 2007)
 - $(dV_{BD}/dT)_{MPPC Hamamatsu} \sim 59 \text{ mV/°C}$
 - $(dV_{BD}/dT)_{SIPM FBK-IRST} \sim 80 \text{ mV/°C}$
- G shows small variations with T if the overvoltage $\Delta V = V_{bias} V_{BD}$ is kept constant
- DCR decreases with decreasing T over many orders of magnitude
 - DCR @ $\Delta V=1.5V$ @ 30°C_{MPPC Hamamatsu} \cong 500 kcounts/s
 - DCR @ $\Delta V=1.5V$ @ $-100^{\circ}C_{MPPC Hamamatsu} \cong$ few counts/s



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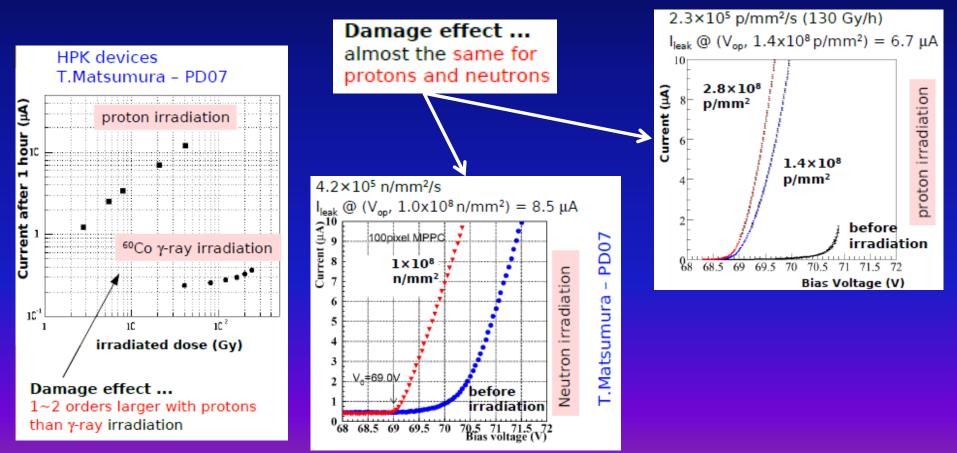
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• Radiation damage effects on SiPM:

- increase of dark count rate due to introduction of generation centers
- increase of after-pulse rate due to introduction of trapping centers
- may change V_{BD}, leakage current, noise, PDE....







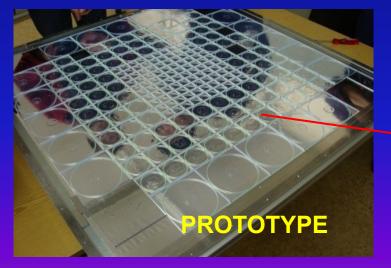
HCAL: steel/scintillator sandwich calorimeter

<u>High granularity hadronic calorimeter optimised for the Particle</u> Flow measurement of multi-jets final state at the ILC

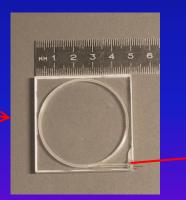
photo-detector requirements:

- insensitive to magnetic field (~ 5T)
- coupling with a scintillator (blue emission)

photo-detectors: tests with MePHI/PULSAR SiPM , HAMAMATSU MPPC



216 tiles/layer (38 layers in total) ~8000 channels



5 x 5 cm² plastic scintillator tile with embedded WLS fiber + SiPM

e⁺ e⁻ collider (1 TeV)

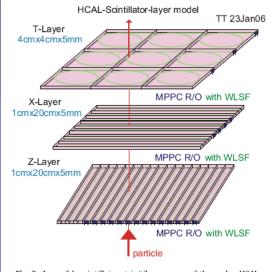
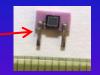


Fig. 6. A possible scintillator strip/tile sequence of the analog HCAL.



SiPM 1 mm²

Readout of SiPMs by the SPIROC ASIC (LAL)



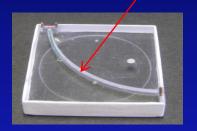
SiPM in the ILC HCAL

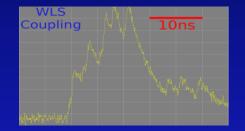


On-going R&D

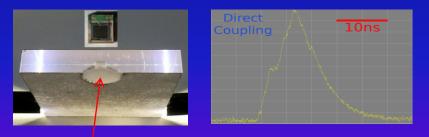
Different SiPM couplings to scintillator tile

with WLS fiber (for MEPHI SiPM)





direct coupling (for MPPC)



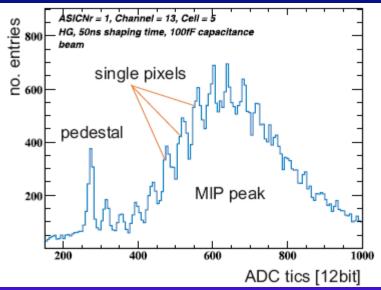
hole to integrate the SiPM

Calibration

2 ways:

- LED monitoring system
- $\circ \text{ test beam}$

DESY 3 GeV electron testbeam



- Channel energy calibration by ~3 GeV electrons, which are minimum ionizing particles (MIPs).

- Crosstalk determination.

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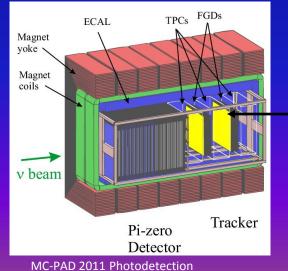
Example: Tokai to Kamioka (T2K)

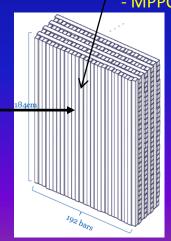
study of v oscillations





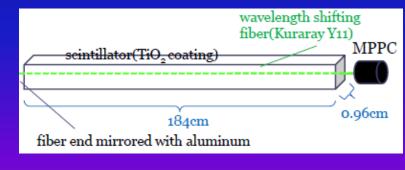
ND280 : off axis neutrino beam flux and SuperK backgrounds measurements





Two Fine Grain Detectors (FGDs):

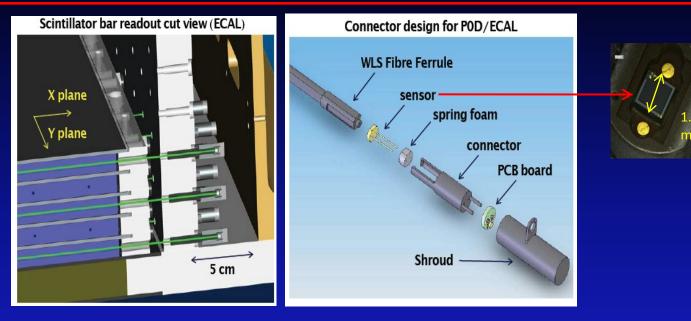
- X,Y planes of fine segmented scintillator bars
 - wavelength shifting fibers collect the light from scintillators
 - MPPC's detectors read-out the light from fibers





ECAL : Light produced in scintillator bar is readout using a Y11 WaveLength Shifting (WLS) fibre coupled to a SiPM.





Total number of SiPMs in T2K = 56000 \rightarrow first large experiment to use this type of sensor.

Electromagnetic calorimeter Side muon range detector Pi zero detector Fine grain detector On-axis detector

System	Channels	Bad channels	Fraction
ECAL (DSECAL)	22336 (3400)	35 (11)	0.16% (0.32%)
SMRD	4016	7	0.17%
POD	10400	7	0.07%
FGD	8448	20	0.24 %
INGRID	10796	18	0.17 %
Total	55996	87	0.16 %

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