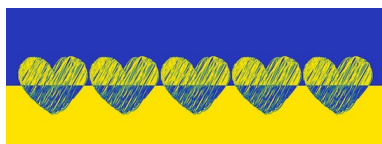


## A SiPM based camera for the Terzina telescope on board the NUSES space mission

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(on behalf of NUSES collaboration)



### Outline:

The NUSES mission.

Intro.

The Terzina telescope

SiPM intro.

Simulation of the instrument

Radiation hardness

Annealing



# The NUSES Collaboration

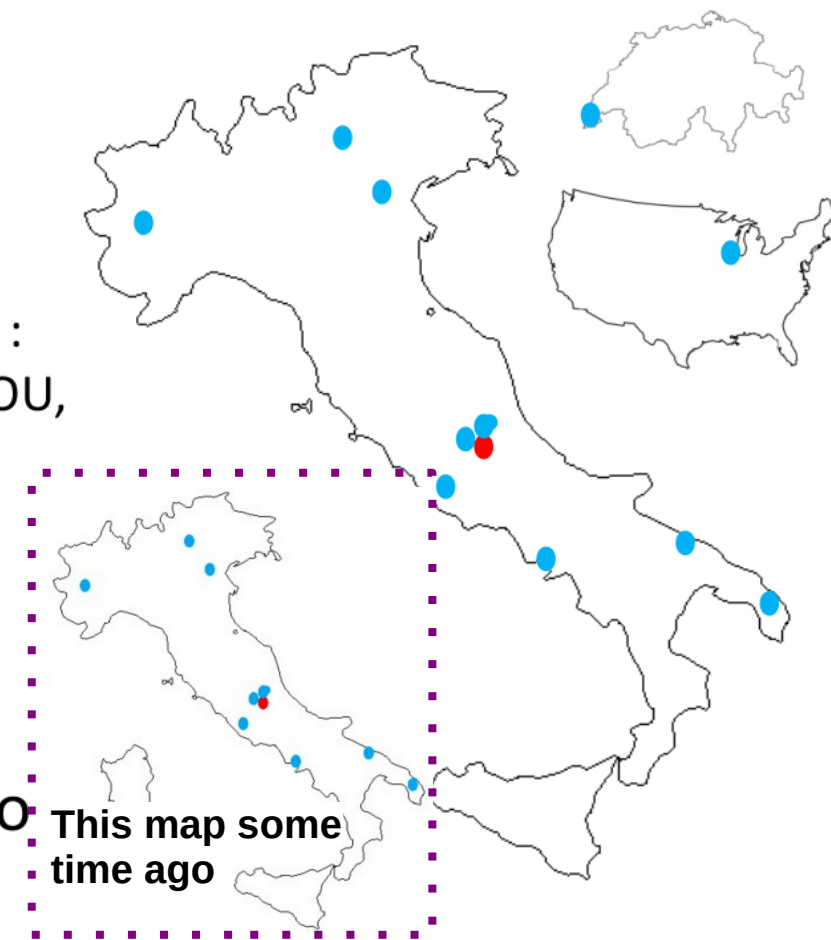
60+ persons from many institutions.

Large expertise (and synergies) from space missions/R&D :  
AMS, DAMPE, eASTROGAM, FERMI, GAPS, HERD, LIMADOU,  
PAMELA, POEMMA, SPB2 , ....

## GSSI is leading the mission

Current list of the italian groups:

- Gran Sasso Science Institute
- INFN – Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso
- Università dell'Aquila
- Università di Roma “Tor Vergata” and INFN-Roma2
- Università di Torino and INFN Torino
- Università di Trento and INFN-TIFPA
- Università di Bari and INFN
- Università di Padova and INFN
- Università “Federico II” and INFN Napoli
- Università del Salento and INFN



University of Geneva +  
University of Chicago +  
Possible interests from:  
- other US institutions  
- Spain  
- .....

# The NUSES mission: two payloads

## Terzina

Pathfinder for future missions devoted to **UHE cosmic rays and neutrino astronomy** through space-based atmospheric **Cerenkov light** detection.

See talks from:  
R.Aloisio and L.Burmistrov

## Zirè

Measure the fluxes of **low energy (<250 MeV) CR**, mainly electrons and protons, to study cosmic rays, Van Allen belts, space weather and the magnetosphere-ionosphere-litosphere couplings (MILC) in case of seismic / volcanic activities.

Detect **0.1-10 MeV photons** for the study of transient (**GRB**, e.m. follow up of GW events, SN emission lines,...) and steady gamma sources.

See talks from :  
Ivan De Mitri  
Riccardo Nicolaidis

## New technologies and approaches

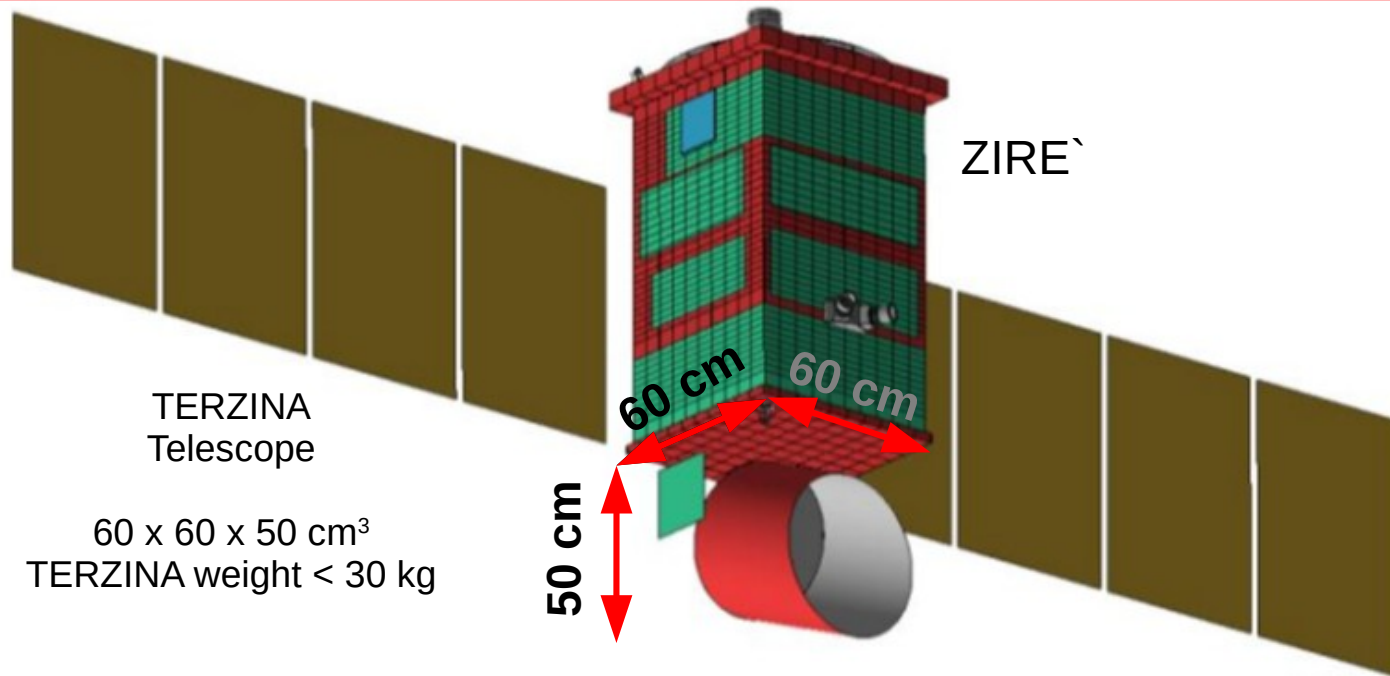
Developement of new observational techniques , testing new sensors (e.g. **SiPM**) and related electronics/DAQ for space missions. New solutions for the satellite platform.

Poster by : Pillera (zirè-FTK)

See talks from :  
Andrea Di Salvo



# The NUSES mission composed of two payloads.



Two main components :

**ZIRE**

**TERZINA**

## **TERZINA**

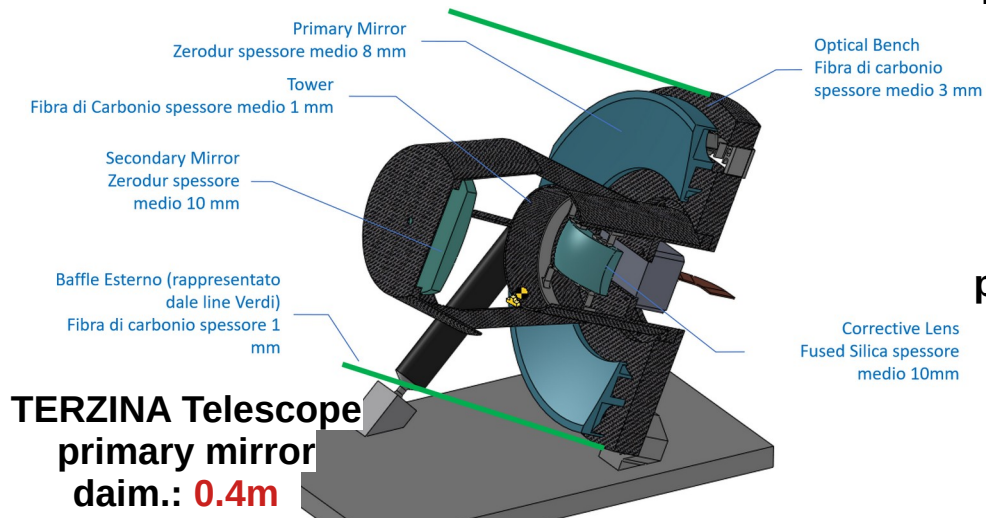
Demonstrator of Cherenkov light detection produced by Extensive Air Showers  
First measurement of showers with Cherenkov light from space ( $E > 100 \text{ PeV}$ )  
Proves the technology for detecting Earth skimming muon and tau neutrinos  
Measure the background conditions  
Further Development of SiPM technology for space

## **ZIRE`**

Monitors the fluxes of low energy cosmic rays ( $< 250 \text{ MeV}$ ),  
Electrons and protons to study Van Allen radiation belts  
Space weather and the magnetosphere-ionosphere-litosphere couplings  
And much more ....



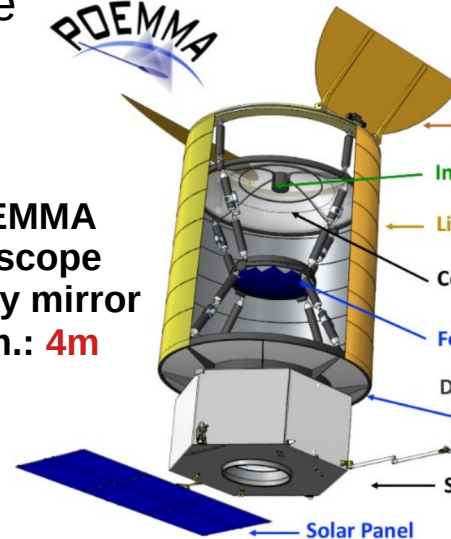
# Camera vs POEMMA



Probe

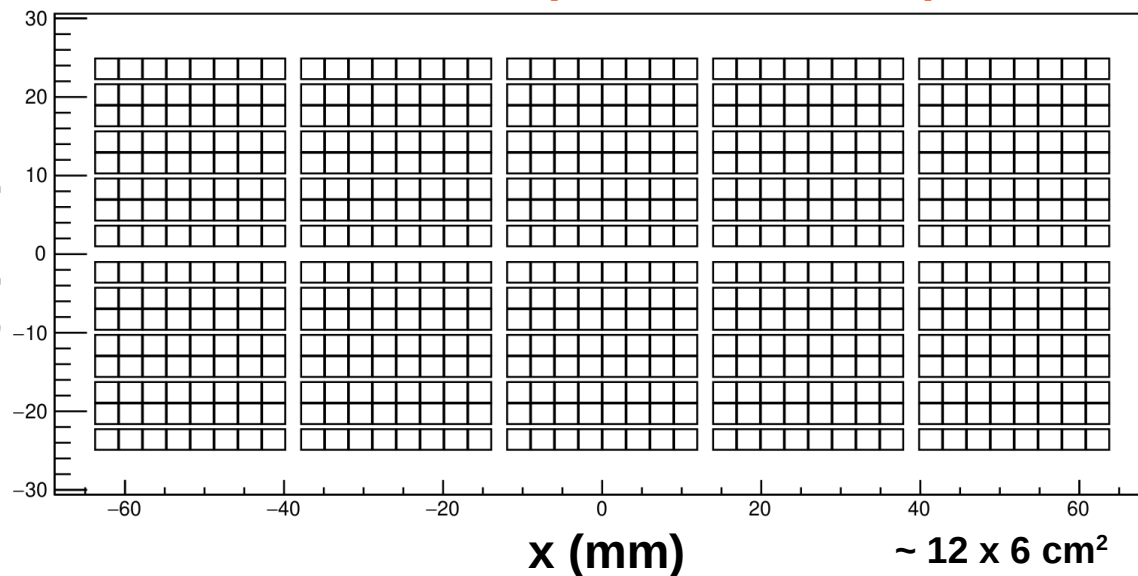
POEMMA

**POEMMA Telescope primary mirror daim.: 4m**

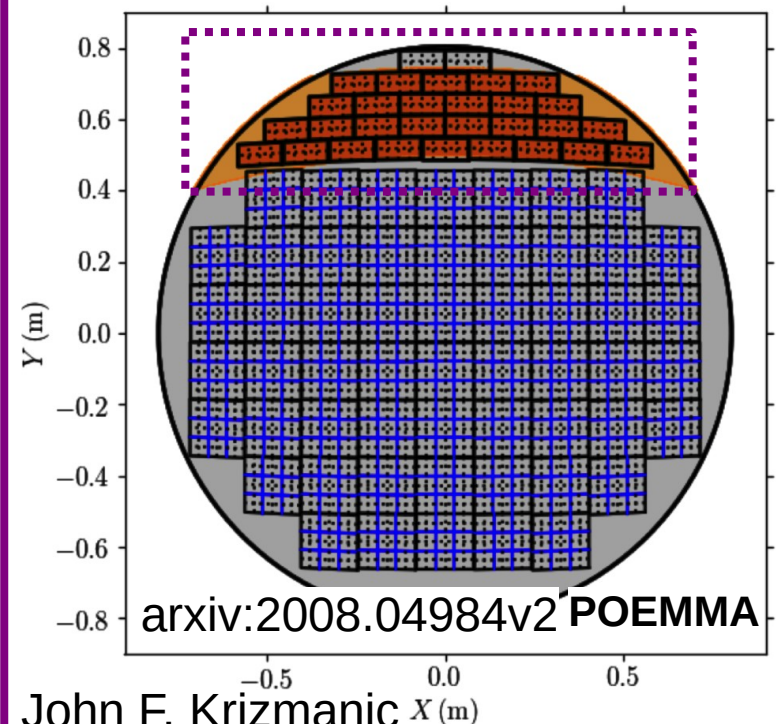


Telescope:	Instrument	
Optics	Schmidt	45° full FoV
	Primary Mirror	4 m diam.
	Corrector Lens	3.3 m diam.
	Focal Surface	1.6 m diam.
	Pixel Size	3 × 3 mm <sup>2</sup>
	Pixel FoV	0.084°
PFC	MAPMT (1μs)	126,720 pixels
PCC	SiPM (20 ns)	15,360 pixels
Observatory	Each Telescope	
	Mass	1,550 kg
	Power (w/cont)	700 W
	Data	< 1 GB/day
Mission	(2 Telescopes)	
Lifetime	3 year (5 year goal)	
Orbit	525 km, 28.5° Inc	
Orbit Period	95 min	

## TERZINA SiPM photo detection plane



## SiPM part (Detection of Cherenkov light)



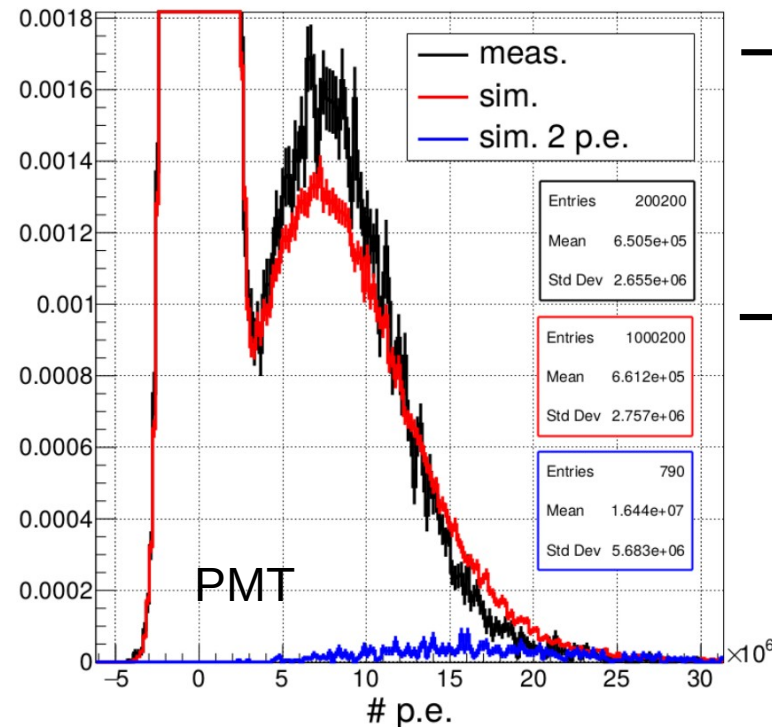
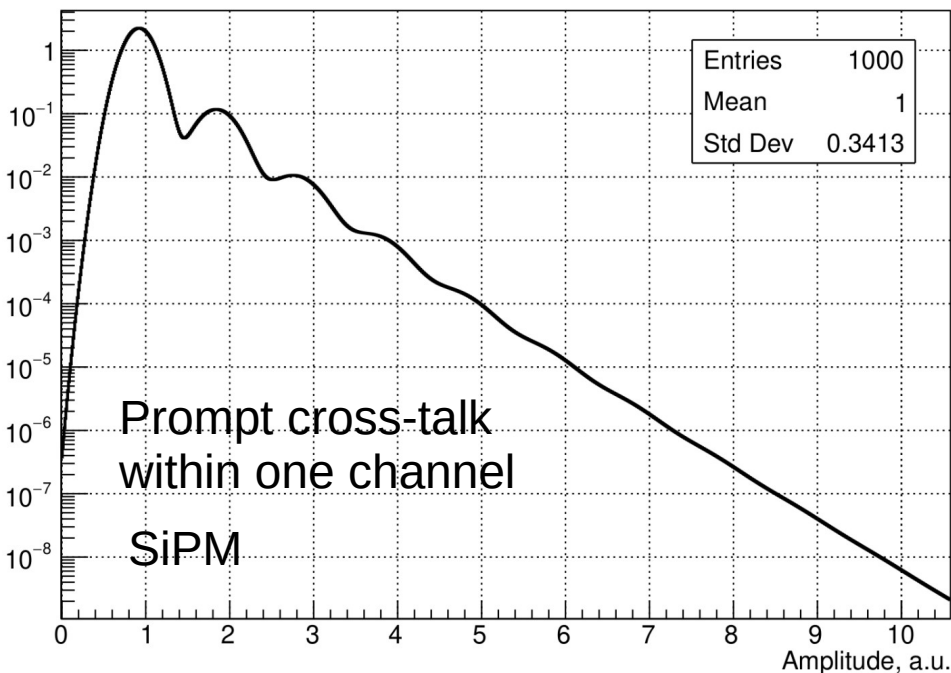
# SiPM vs ma-PMT (PMT)

Operation voltage	<100 V	~1000V
Currents	~1 $\mu$ A	~100 $\mu$ A
Power per $\text{cm}^2$	~mW	~0.1W
Weight per $\text{cm}^2$ of sensitive area	~10 g	~100g
Total integrated charge	infinite	200 Q
Time resolution	<100 ps	< 1 ns
Special resolution	~1 mm	~10 mm
Photo detection efficiency @ 400 nm	> 50 %	< 50 %

Variation with temperature	very sensitive	low
Need of pre-amplifier/PMT gain	0.1 mV	5 mV
Radiation resistance	low	good

PMT

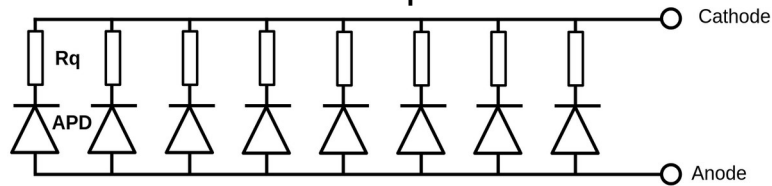
## Single photon response PMT vs SiPM



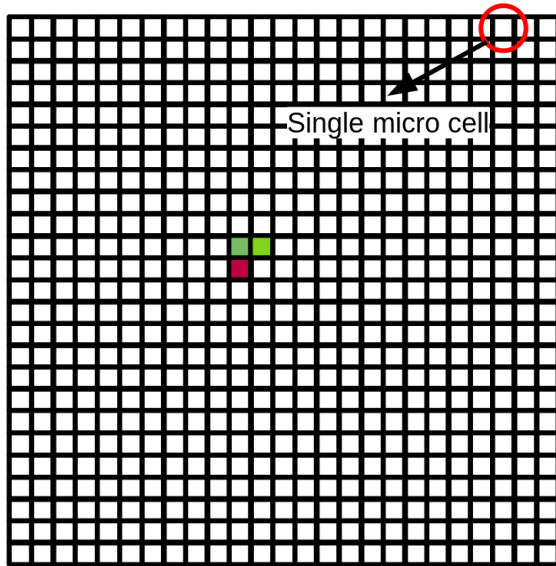
→ Change sharing between anodes.

→ Large variation of the response defined by secondary emission

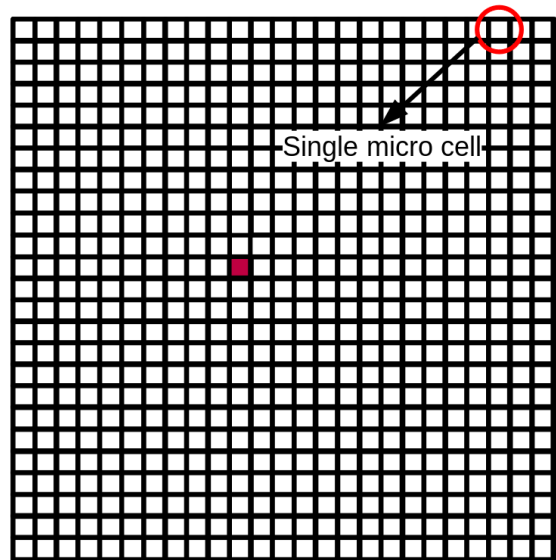
SiPM all the cells are connected in parallel



Prompt cross talk.

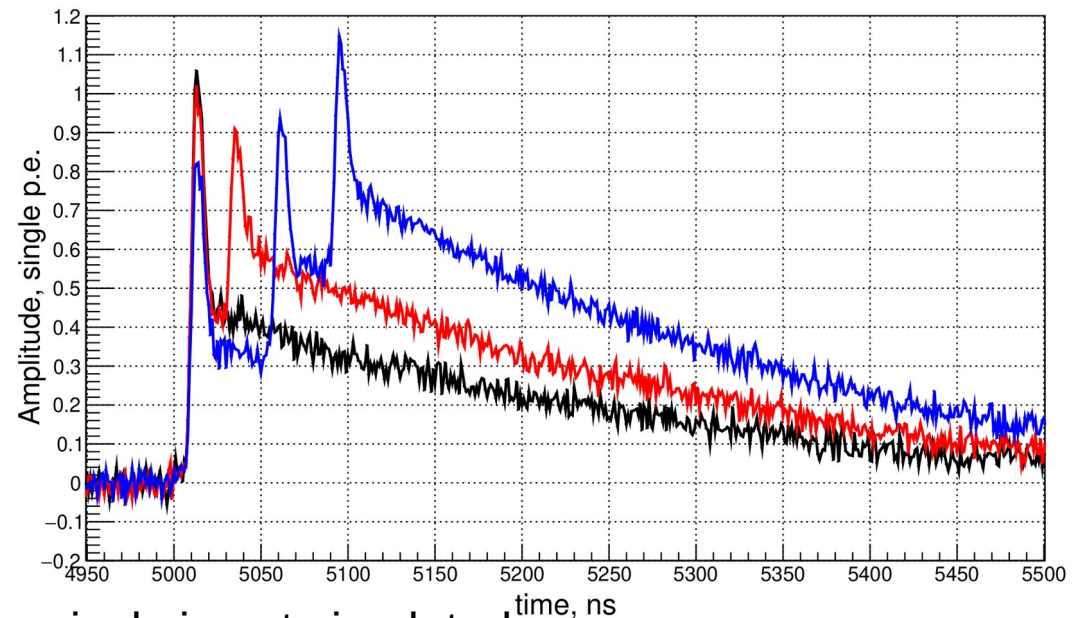
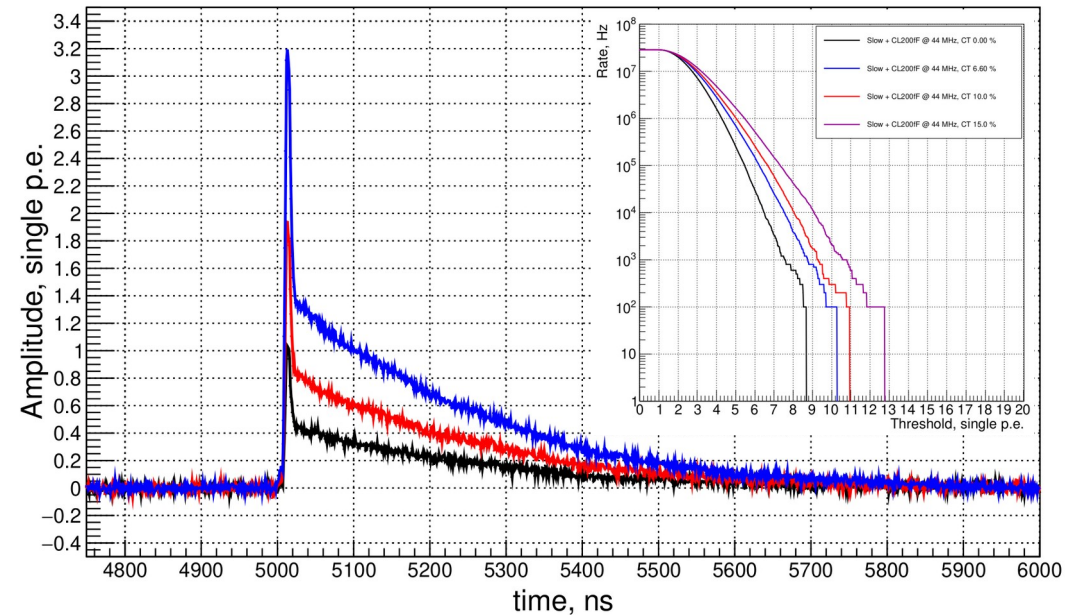


After pulsing



## Parametric SiPM simulation

In simulation we include as well :  
Gain variation, electronic noise, pre-amplifier, ADC.



L. Burmistrov Delayed crosstalk imposed in other pixels is not simulated.

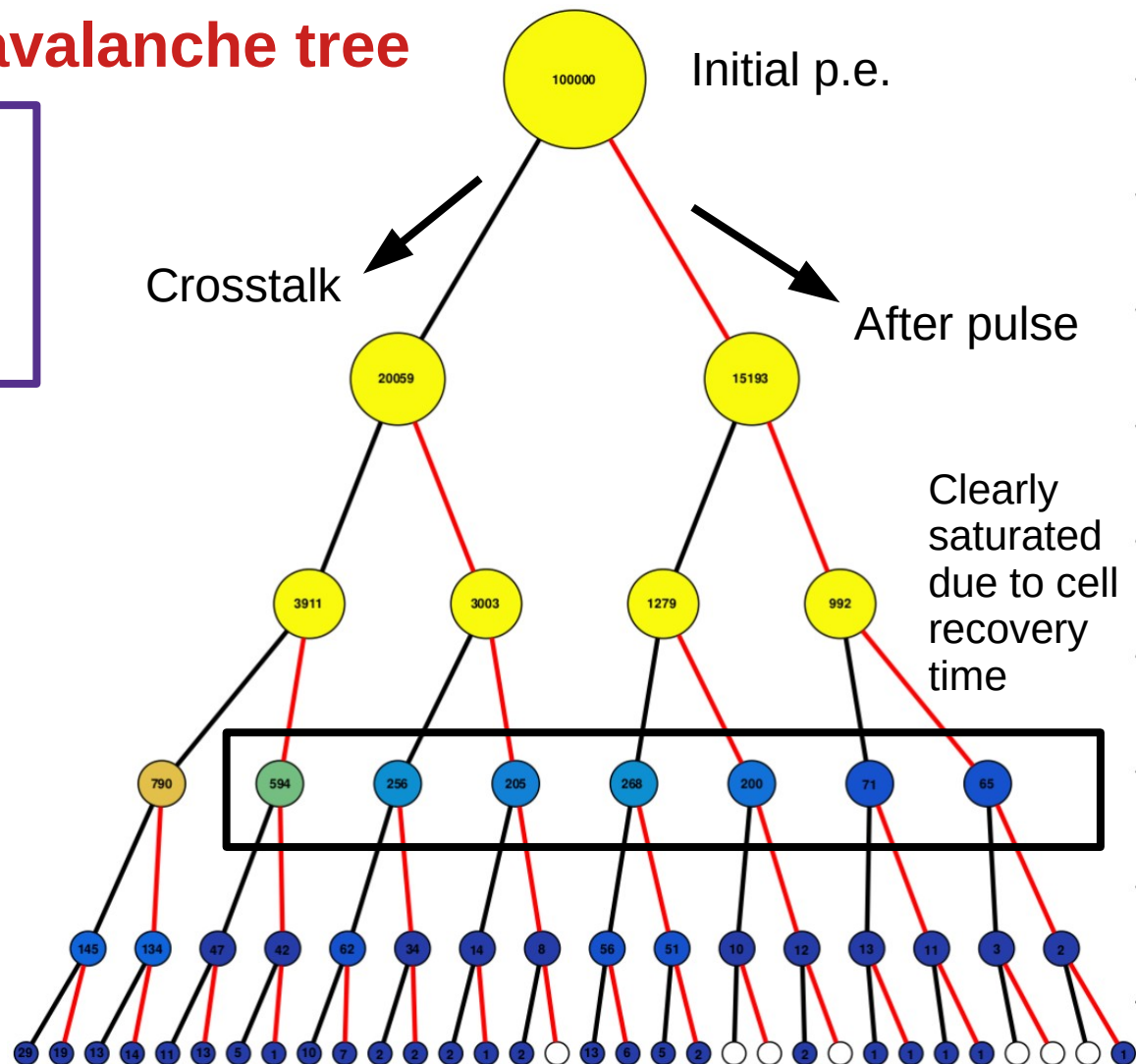
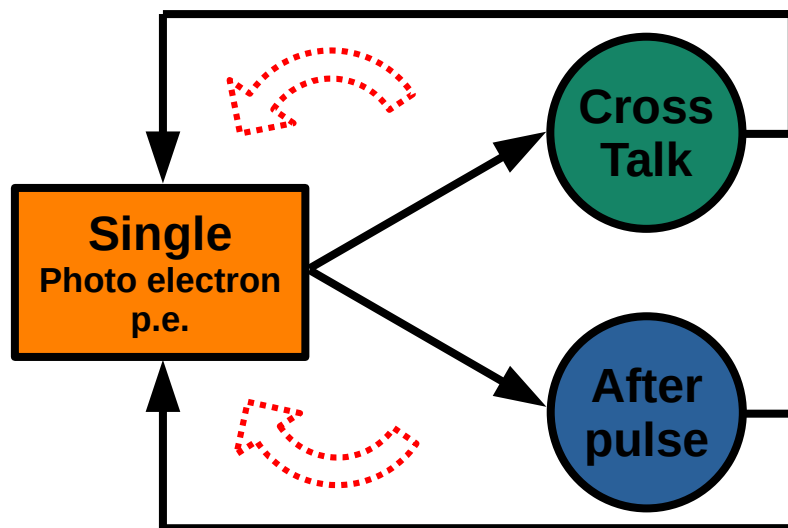


# Single p.e. avalanche tree

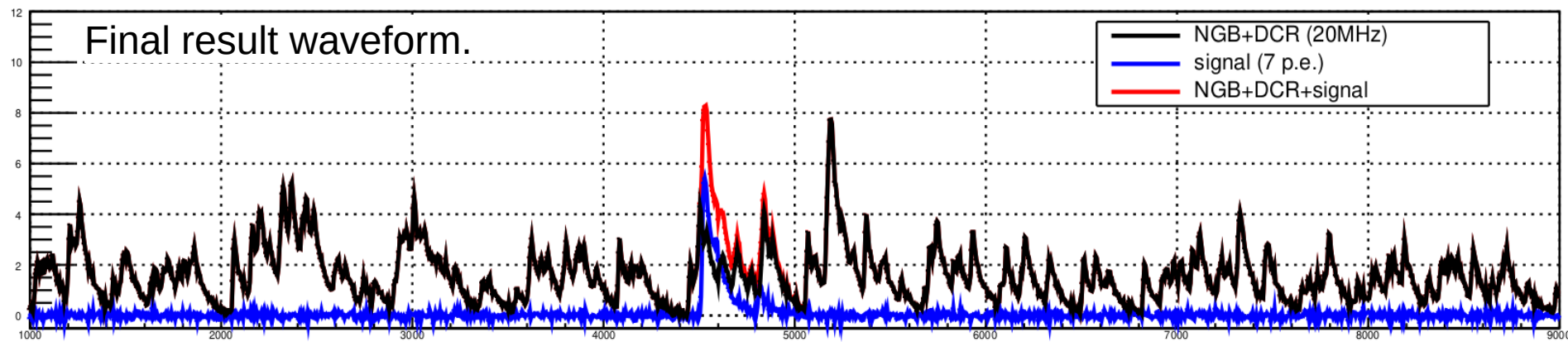
Trial parameters for generator testing:

Probability of the cross talk is set to 0.2  
Probability of the after-pulse is set to 0.15  
And after pulse decay time 15 ns.

Recurrent process

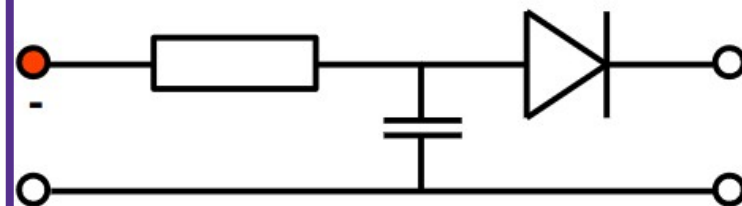
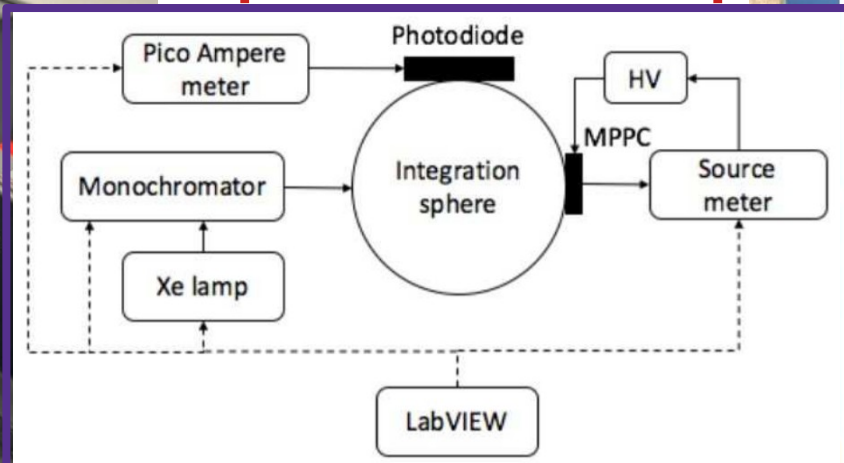


Final result waveform.



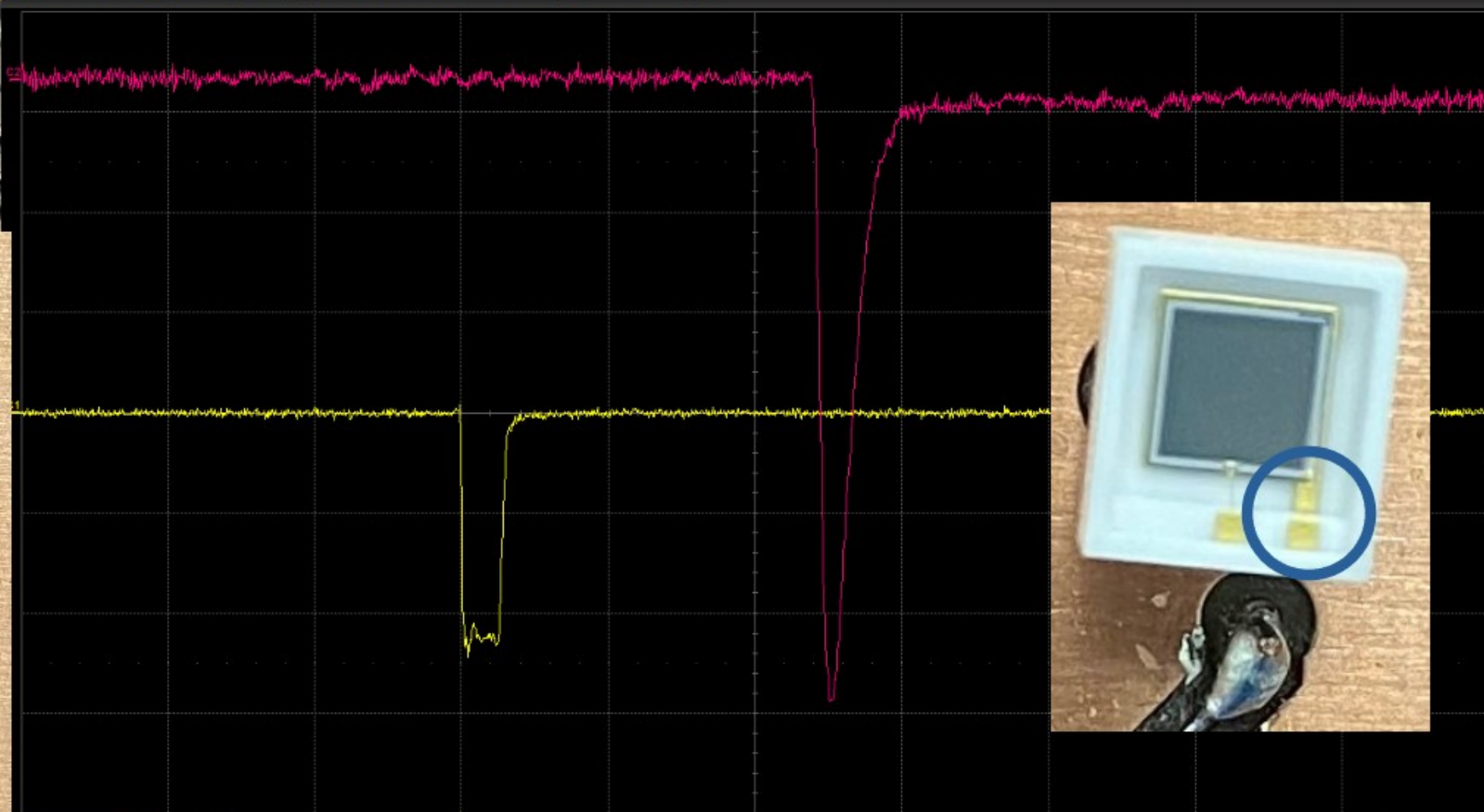
# Experimental setup

Hamamatsu 2021  
(Vbias -54 V)



Read cathode

File Vertical Timebase Trigger Display Cursors Measure Math Analysis Utilities Support



C1 DC50 500 mV/div 10.0 mV 0 mV offset 33.20 mV

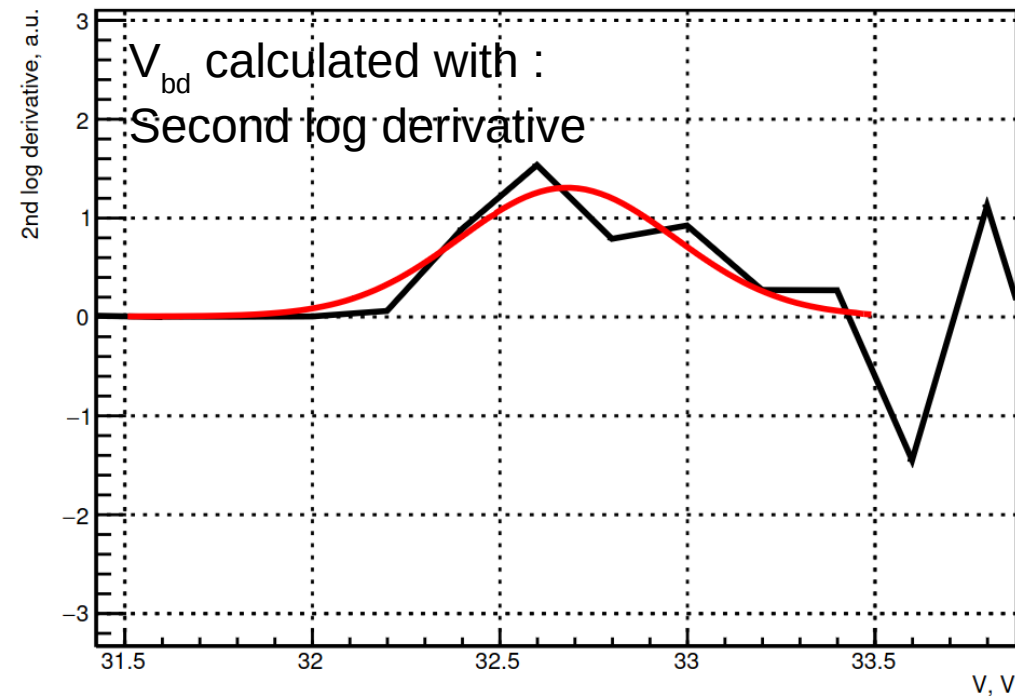
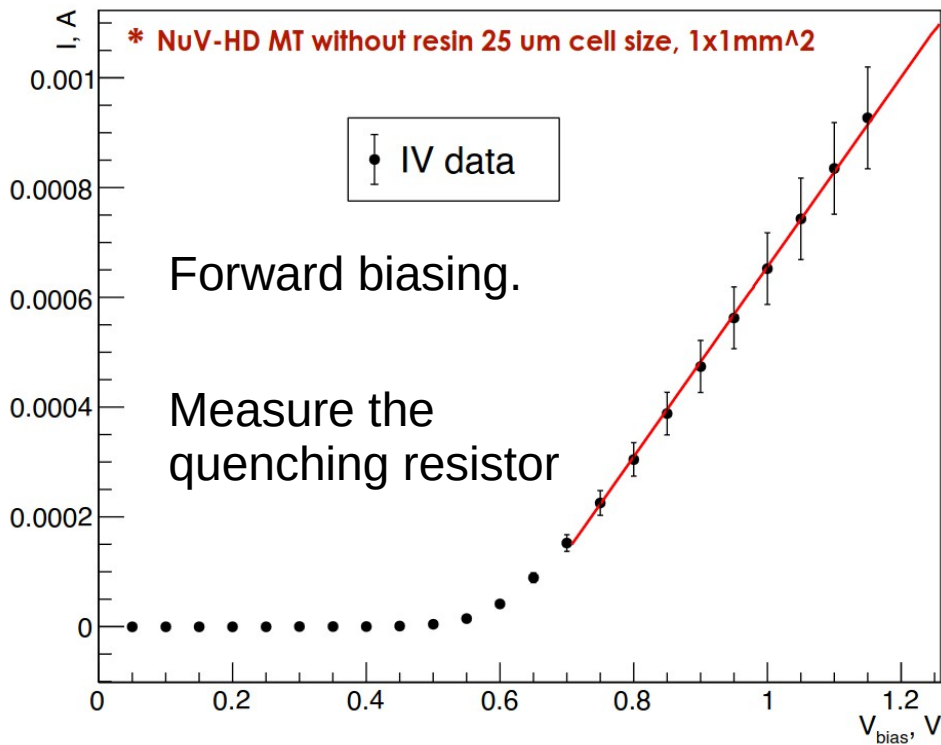
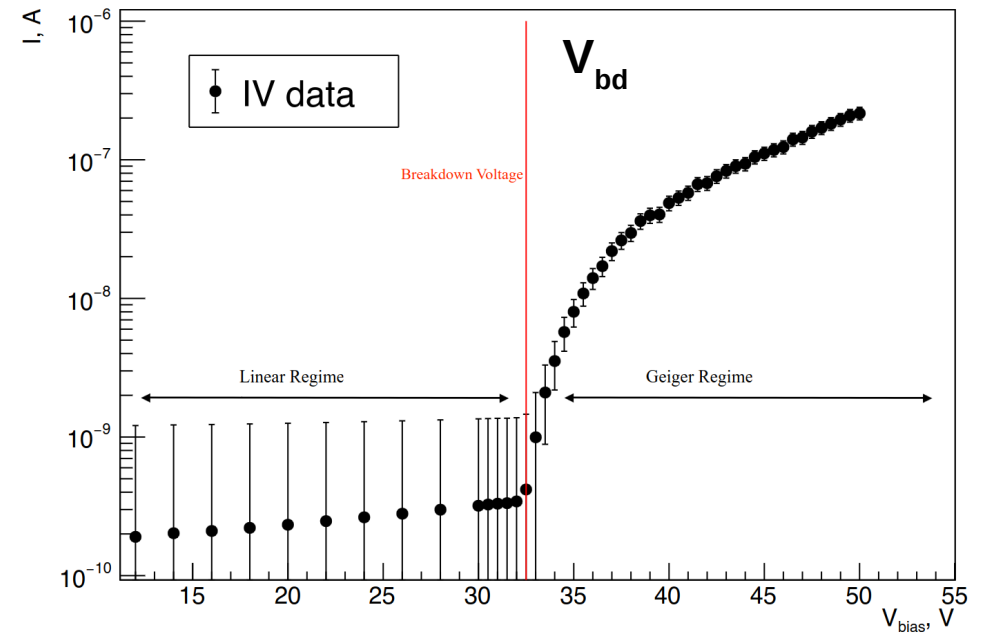
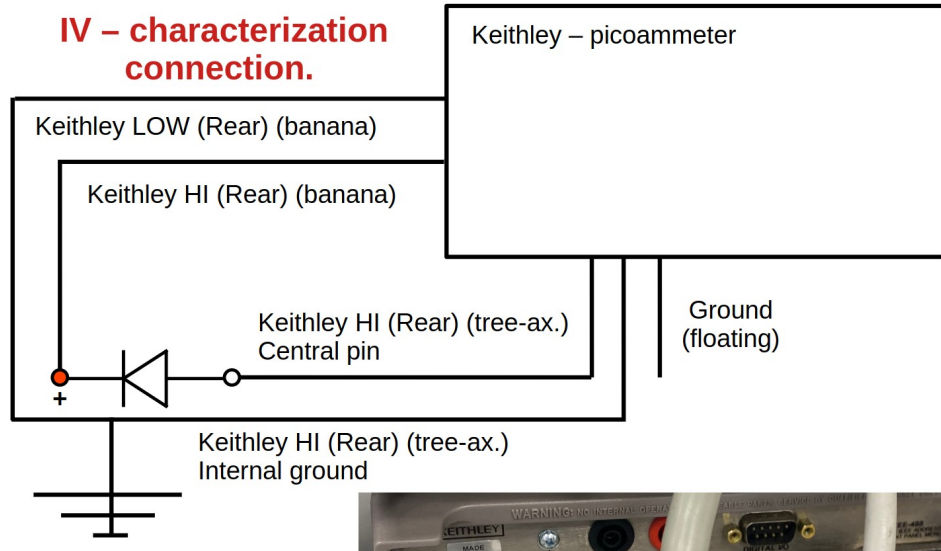
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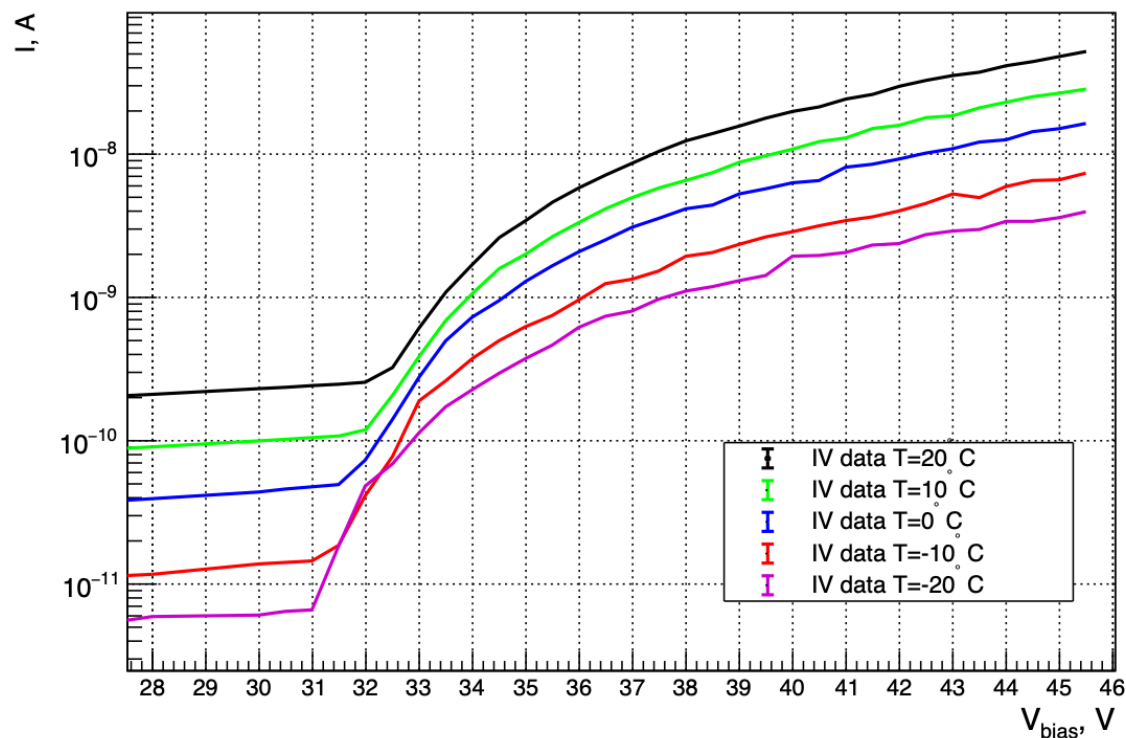
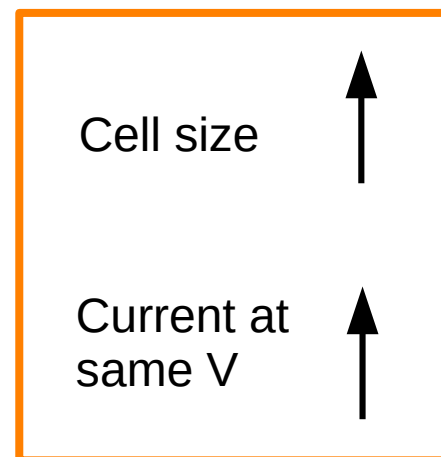
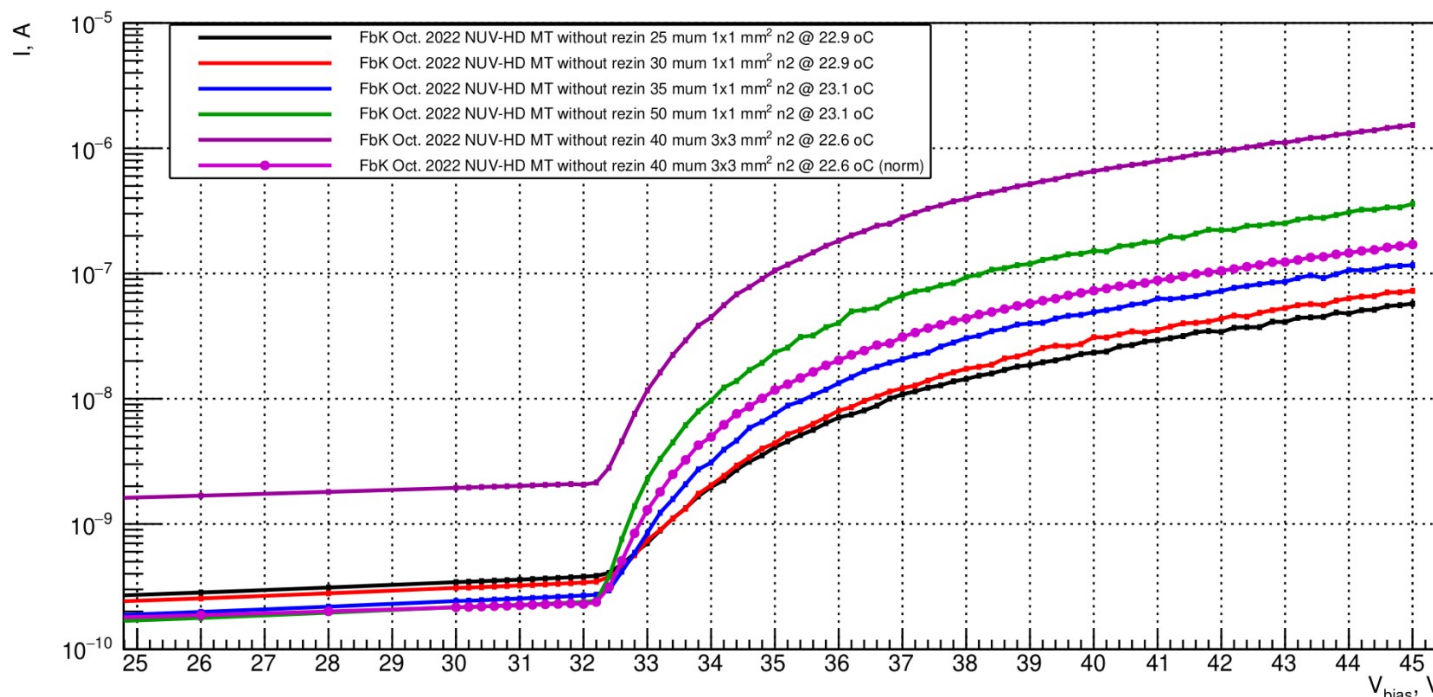
# SiPM characterization : $V_{\text{break down}} (V_{\text{bd}})$

Break down voltage – defines when SiPM start to detect light. It is a function of a temperature.

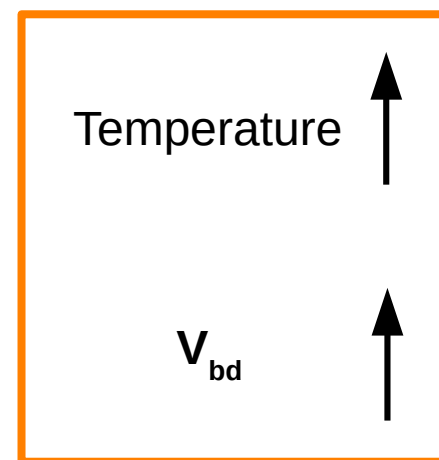




# SiPM characterization : IV curves for different mu-cell sizes.



$V_{bd}$  as a function temperature

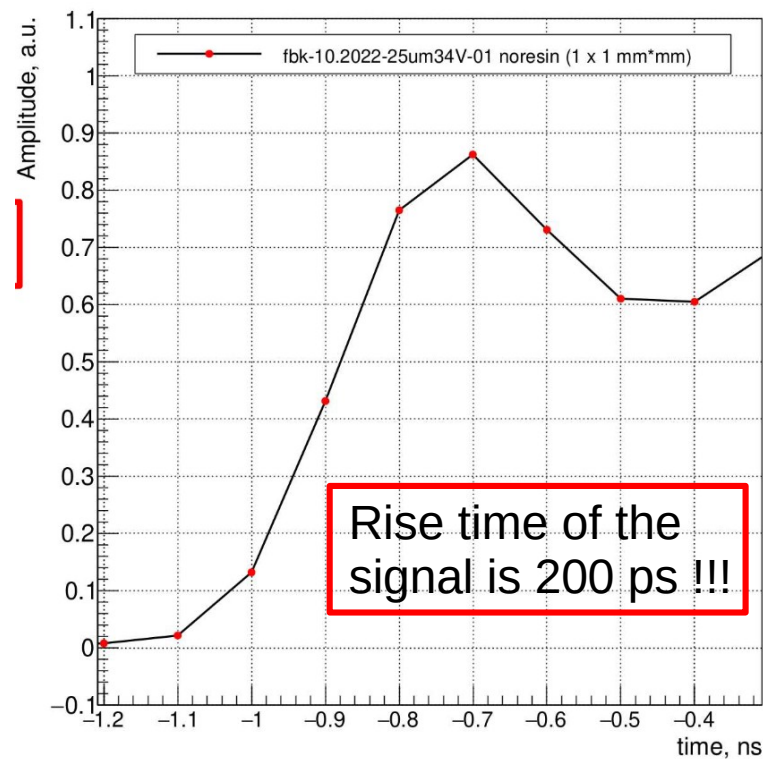
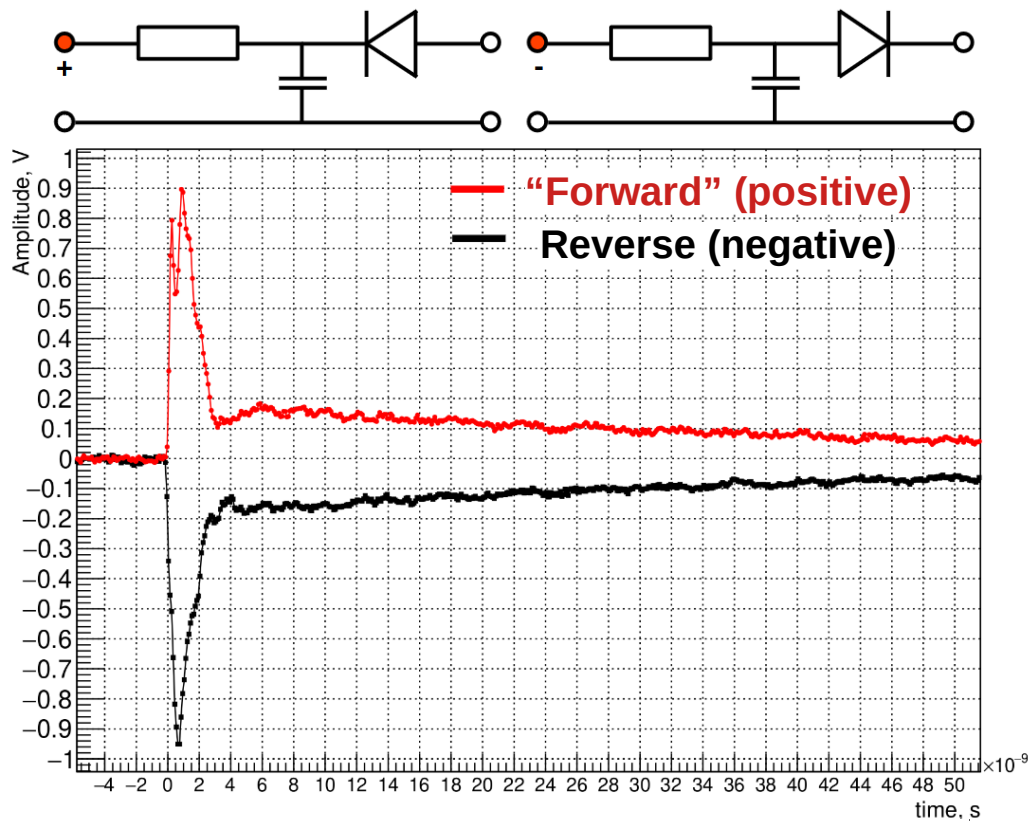


~32.6 V (20°C)

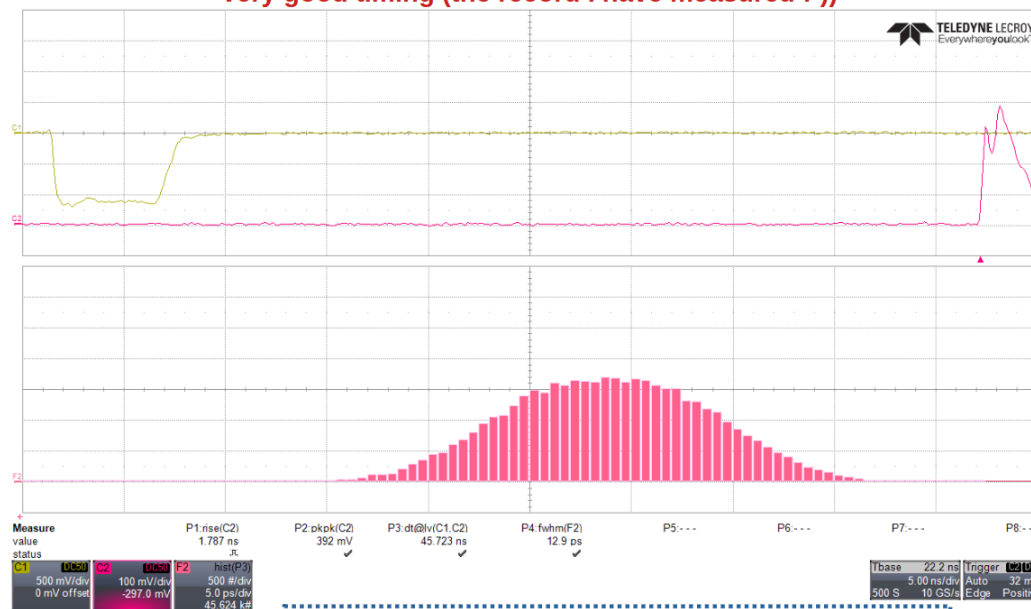
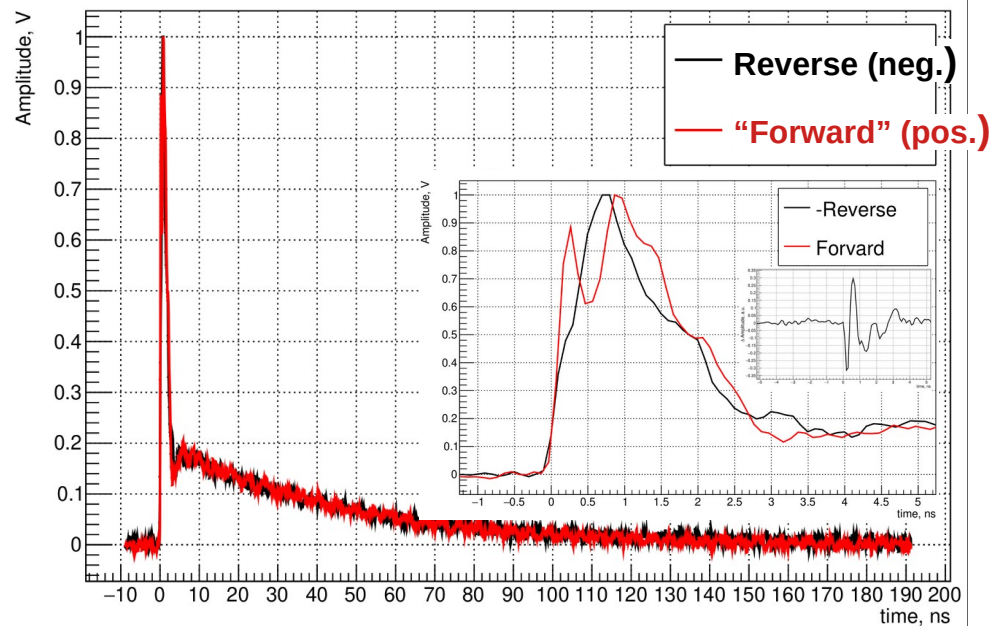
~31.2 V (-20°C)

Temperature coefficient is 33mV/°C

# SiPM characterization : response on very large number of photons from laser (~10 ps).



Very good timing (the record I have measured :-))

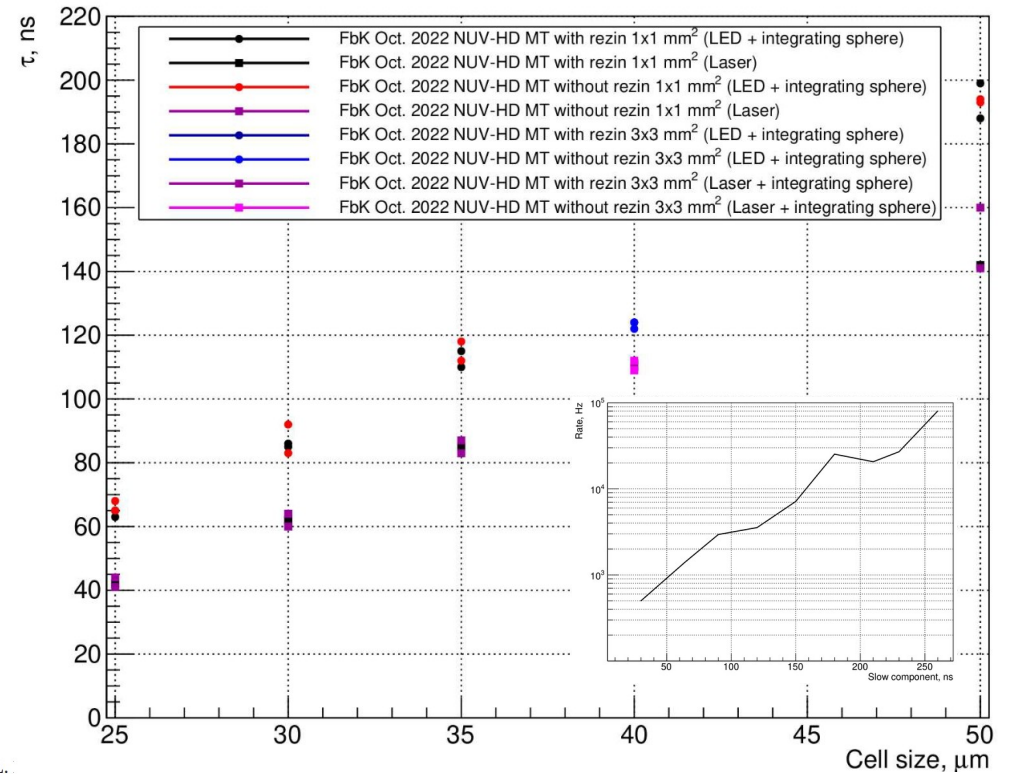
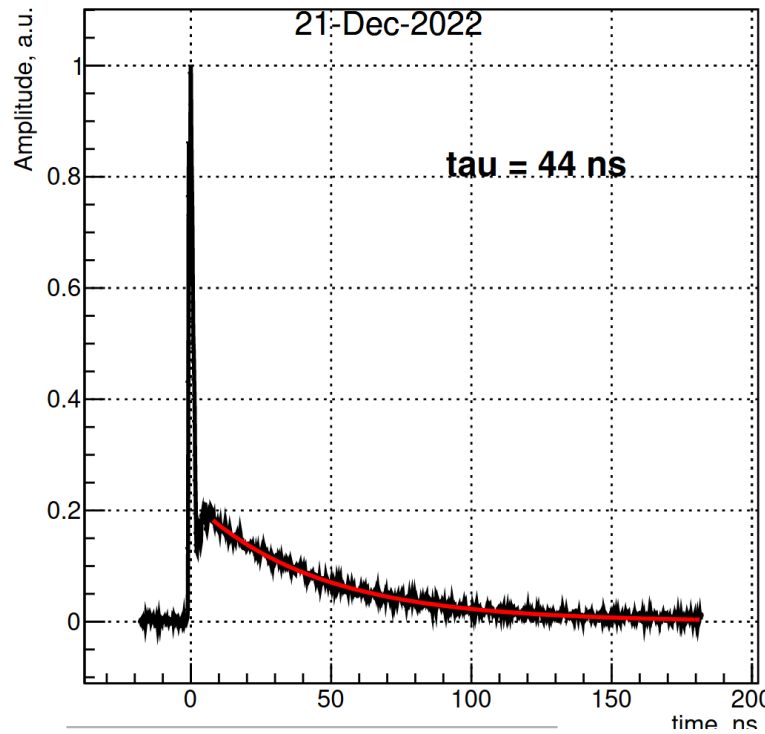


Large amount of light

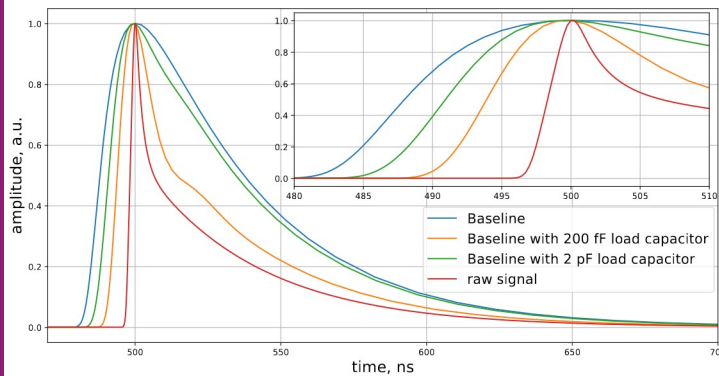
Time resolution ( $\sigma$ ) =  $12.9/2.35/\sqrt{2} \sim 4$  ps

This time resolution with a very good amplifier can be potentially obtain for single p.e. (for a given peak).

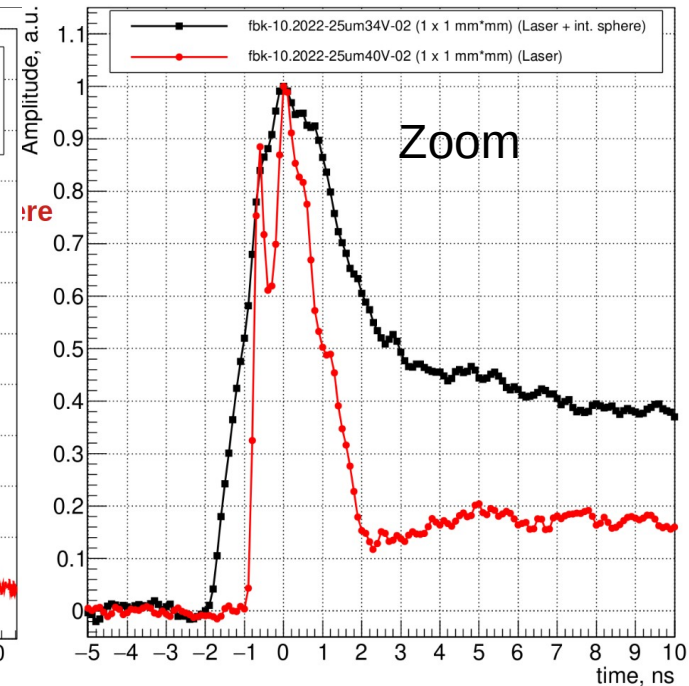
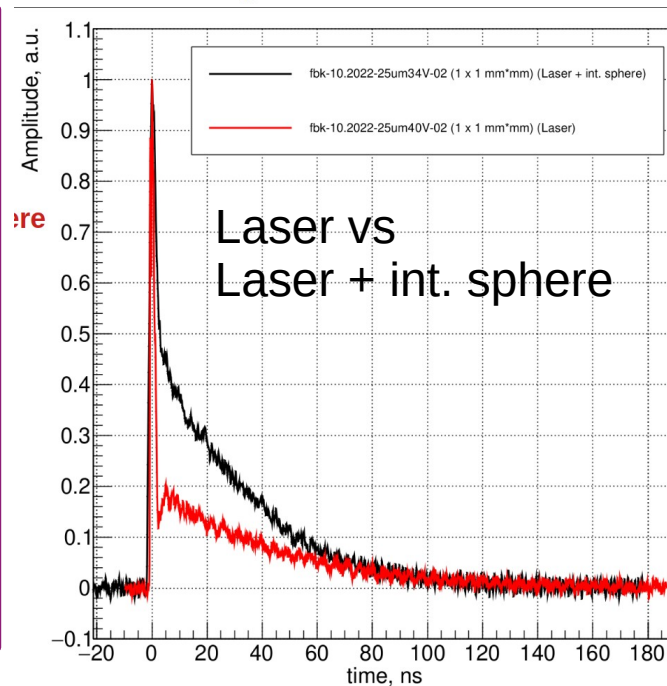
# SiPM characterization : decay time of the slow component. Preamplifier optimization.



Normalized single p.e.  
shape after amplification.

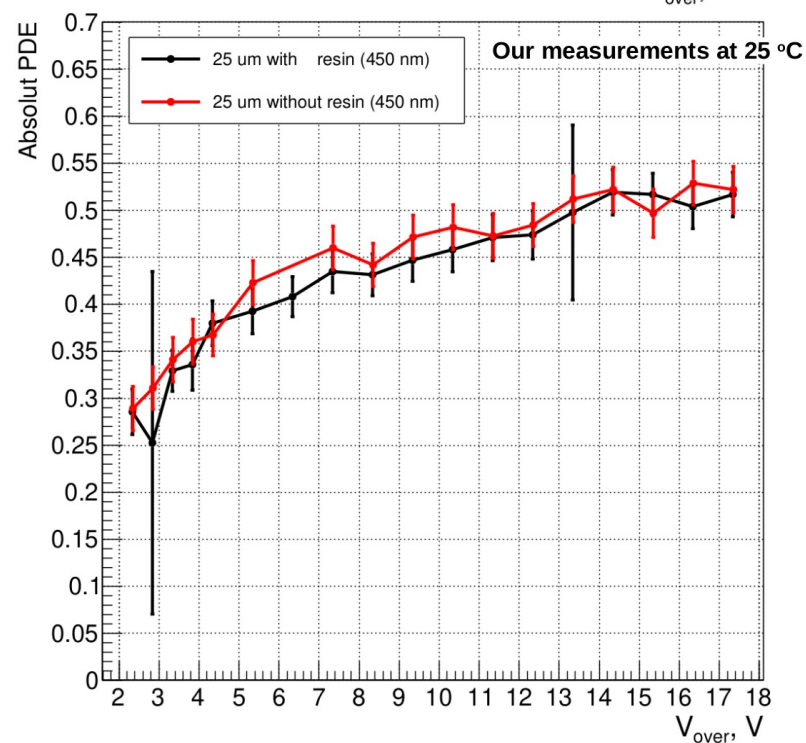
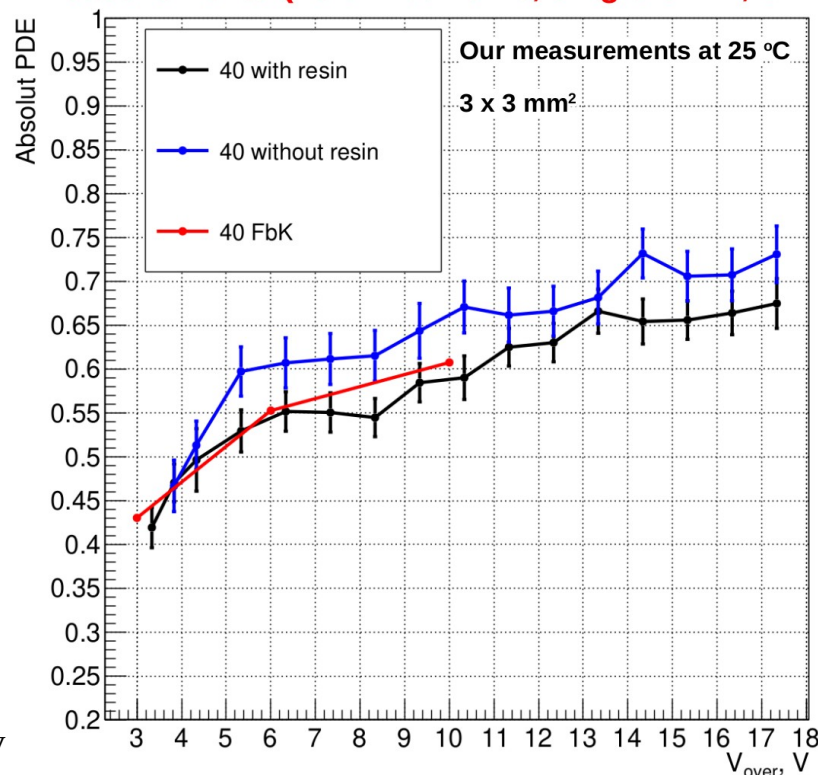
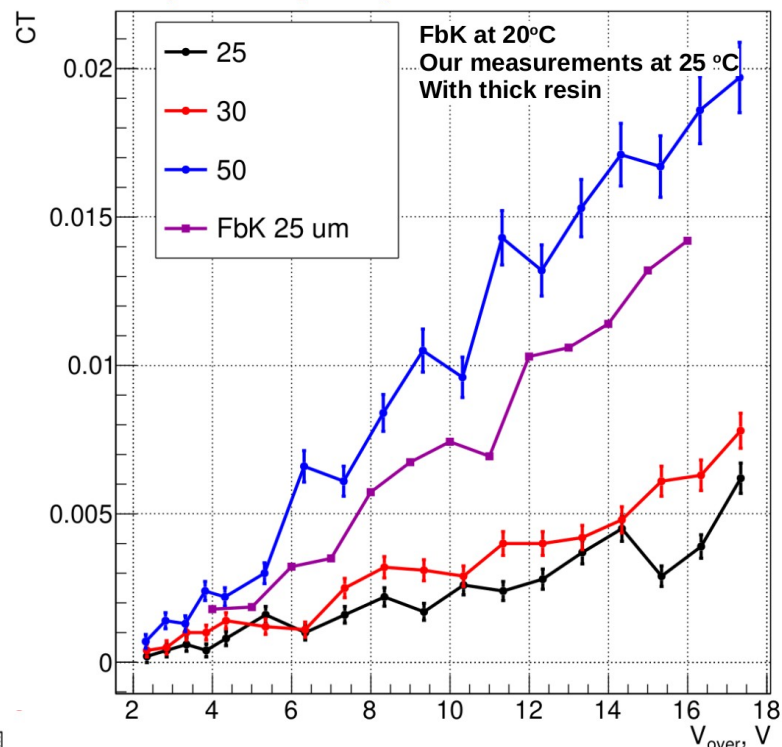
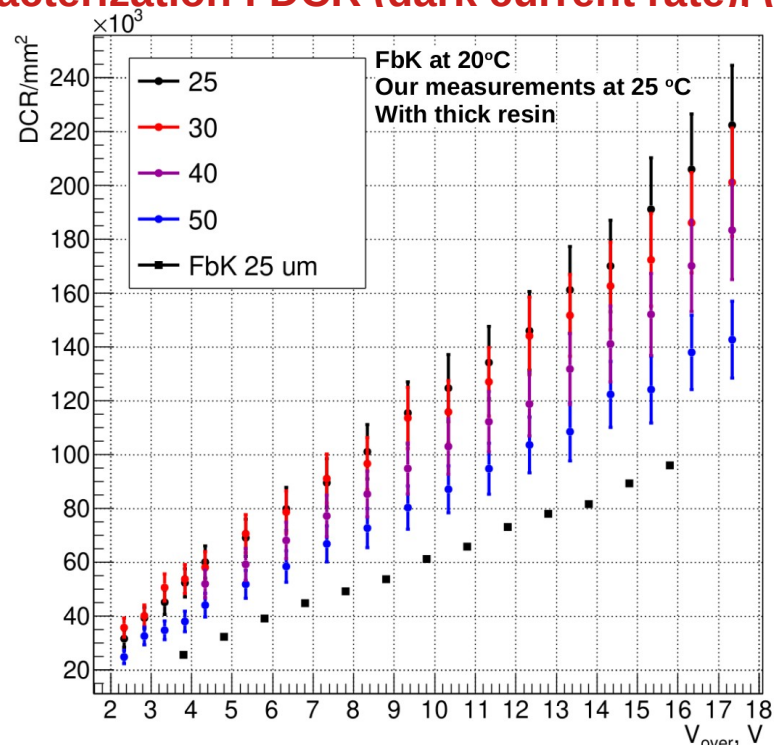


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# SiPM characterization : DCR (dark current rate). (CT) optical cross-talk, PDE(photo detection eff.)



# Irradiation facility with horizontal beam line (AIC-144 cyclotron)

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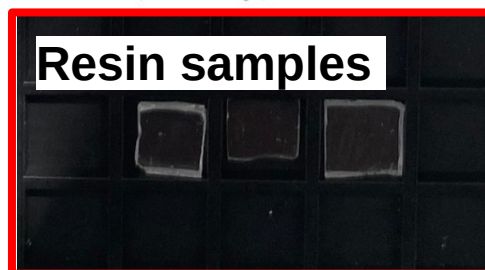
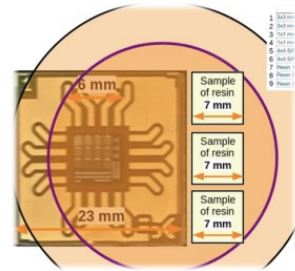
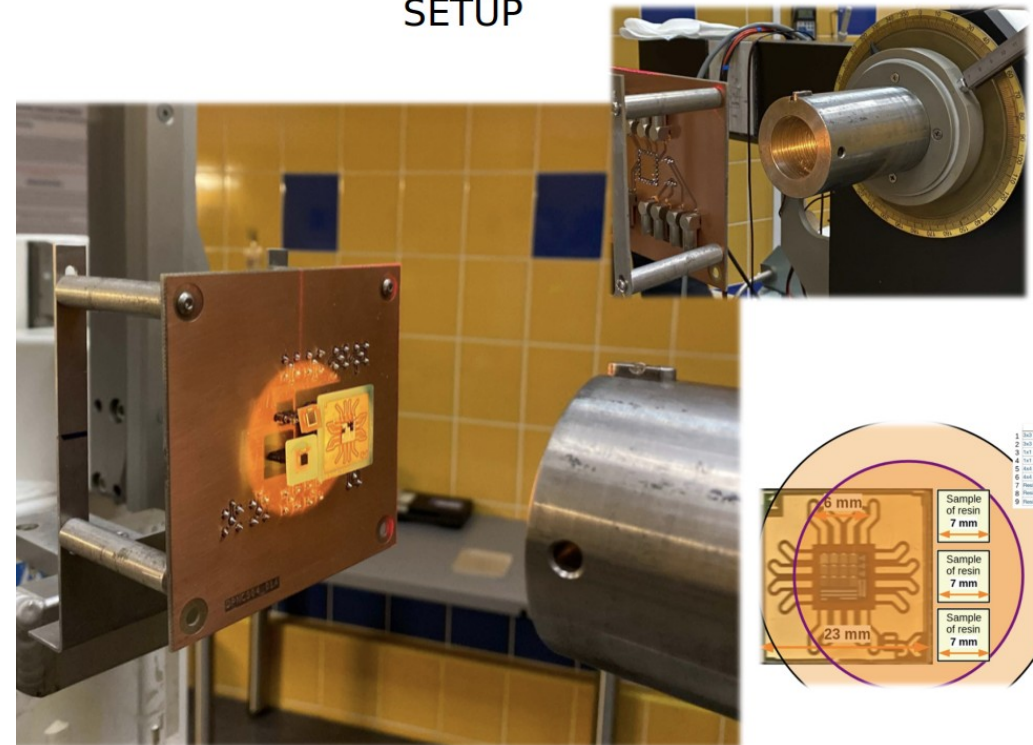
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EXPERIMENTAL  
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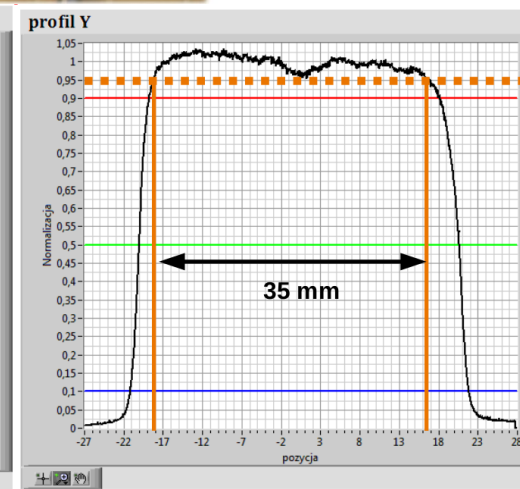
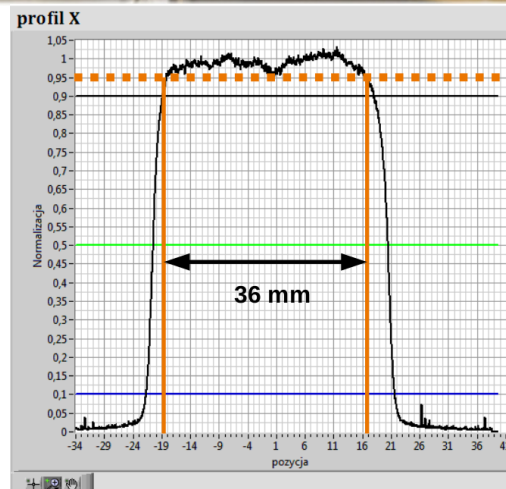


**Acknowledgments: IFJ-PAN and Jan Swakon  
(responsible for proton irradiation campaign).**

Energy: 0-58 MeV;  
Dose rate: 0.001 – 1 Gy/s (measured in water);  
Single scattering;  
Beam field size:  $\leq 40$  mm;  
Field homogeneity  $\geq 5\%$ ;  
Min flux of protons:  $5e5$  p/cm<sup>2</sup>·s (50MeV);  
Typical flux:  $10e8$  –  $10e9$  p/cm<sup>2</sup>·s;  
Irradiation in SOBP available;  
Sample positioning precision ( $> 0.1$  mm);  
It is not possible to deposit high doses ( $>1$  kGy);

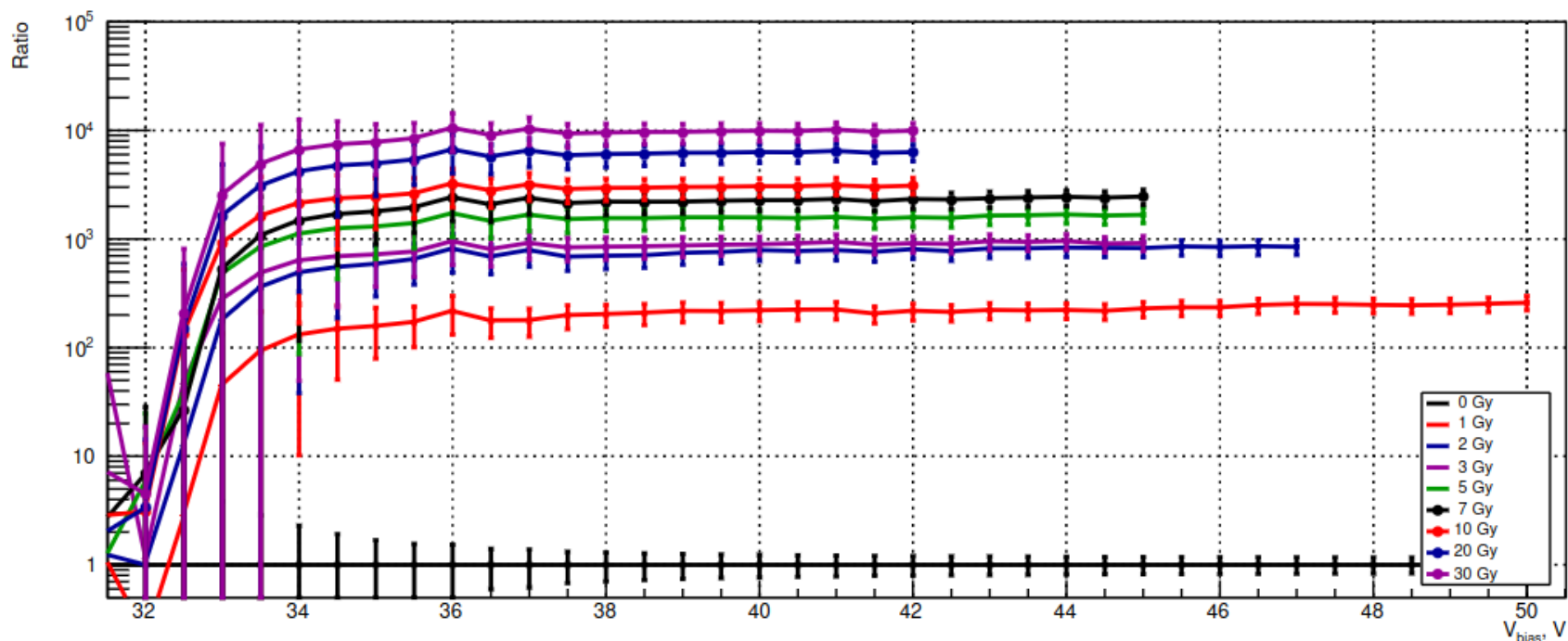
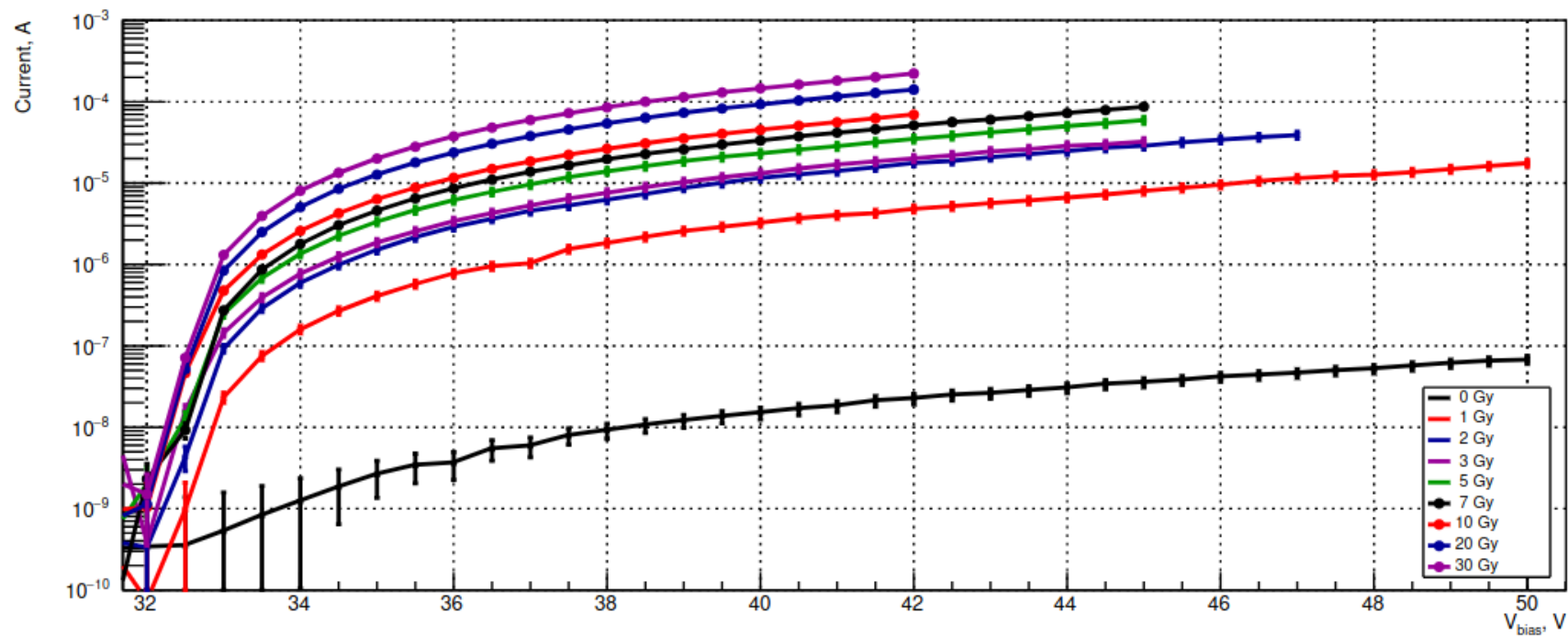


**Resin samples**





# IV measurements after each irradiation step

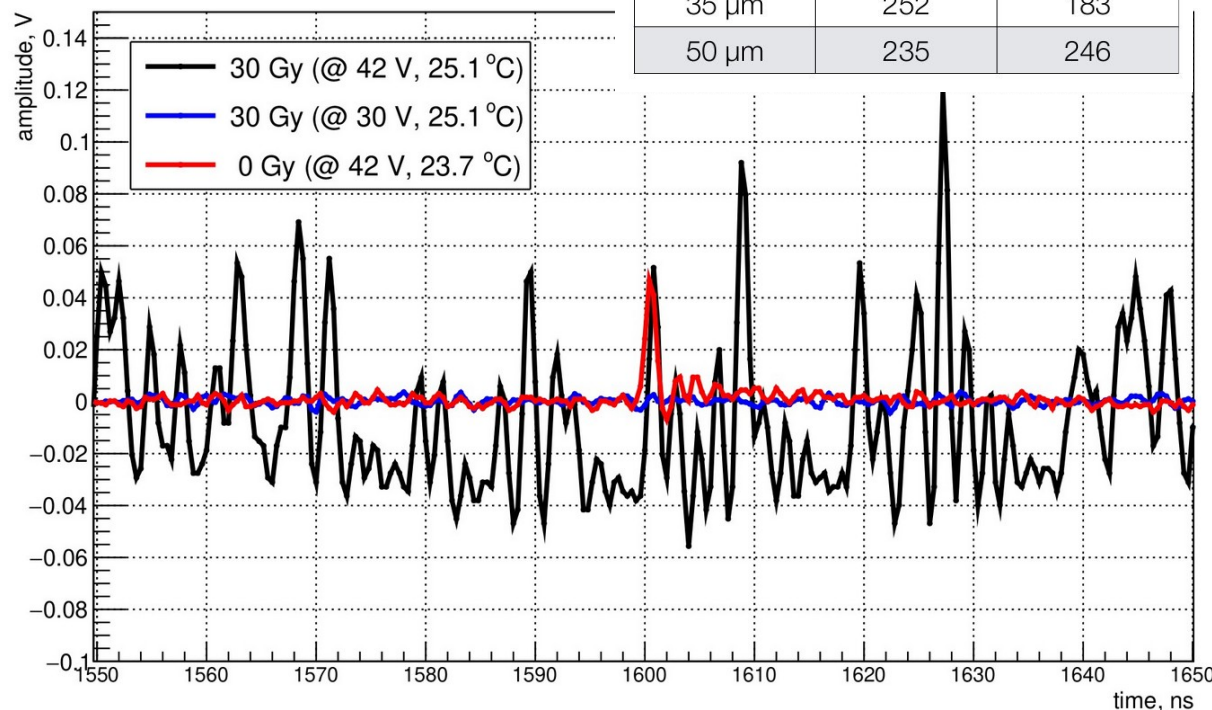
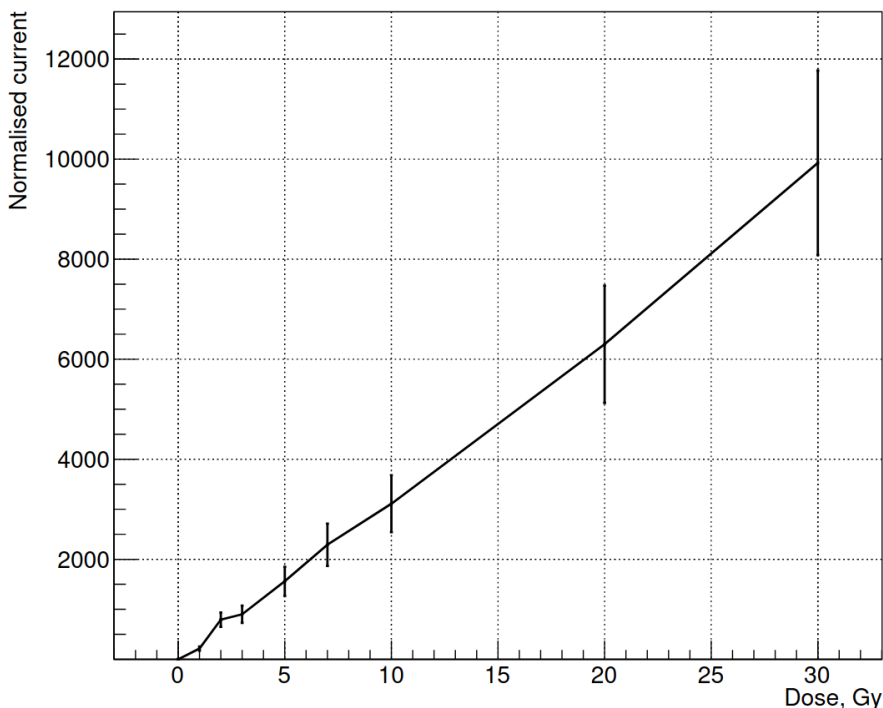




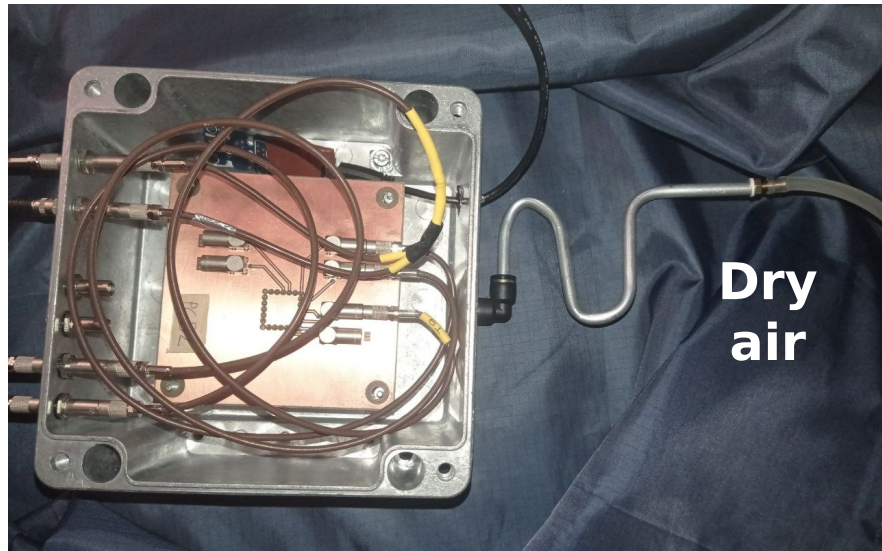
# Results after irradiation test

- ➔ We observe linear increase of the DCR with irradiation dose.
- ➔ Standard characterization of the SiPM is impossible after irradiation.
- ➔ The PDE measurements can be done only with large number of photons, as a consequence large systematical are expected for this measurements.
- ➔ 30 % of the expected dose are coming from protons.
- ➔ We “simulate” 10 years on the orbit (planned mission duration is 3 years).
- ➔ No optical degradation of the resin samples have been observed.
- ➔ No change of the quenching resistor has been observed.
- ➔ No change of the  $V_{bd}$  behavior as a function of temperature measured.

Current multiplication per Gy		
	wo resin	resin
25 $\mu\text{m}$	350	100
30 $\mu\text{m}$	475	173
35 $\mu\text{m}$	252	183
50 $\mu\text{m}$	235	246

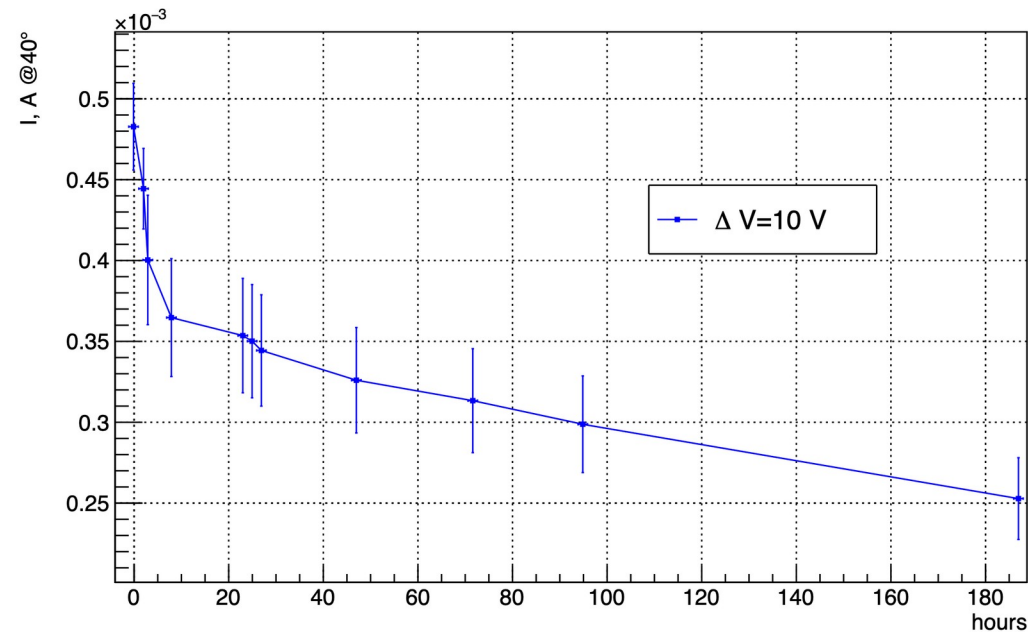
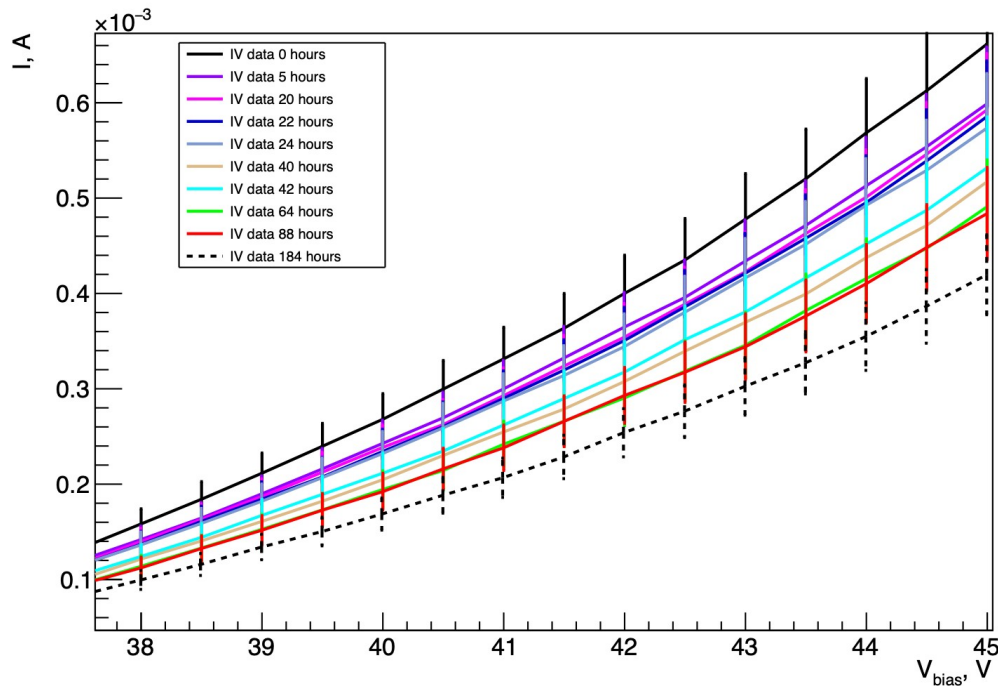


# Annealing at 40 °C

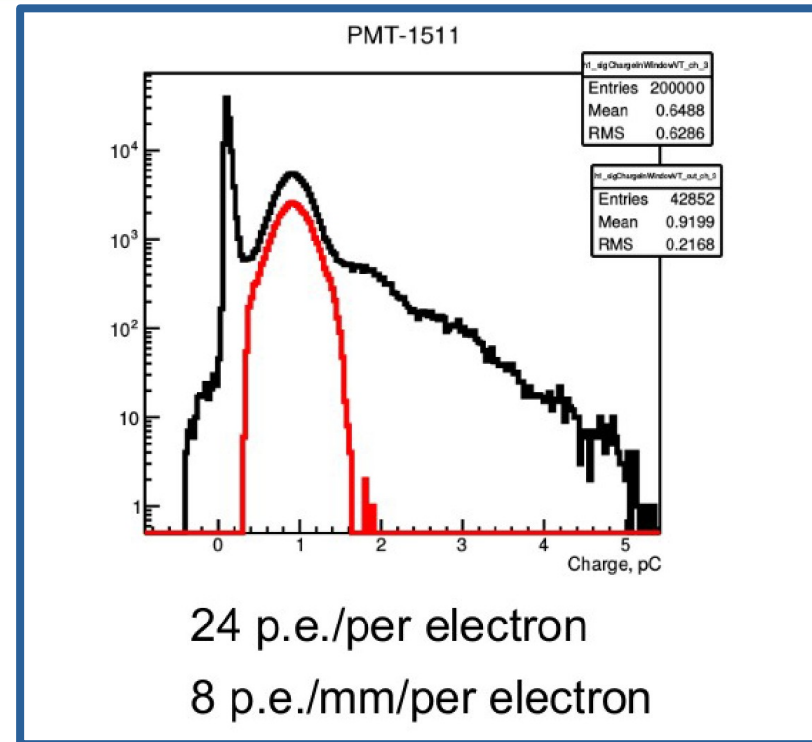
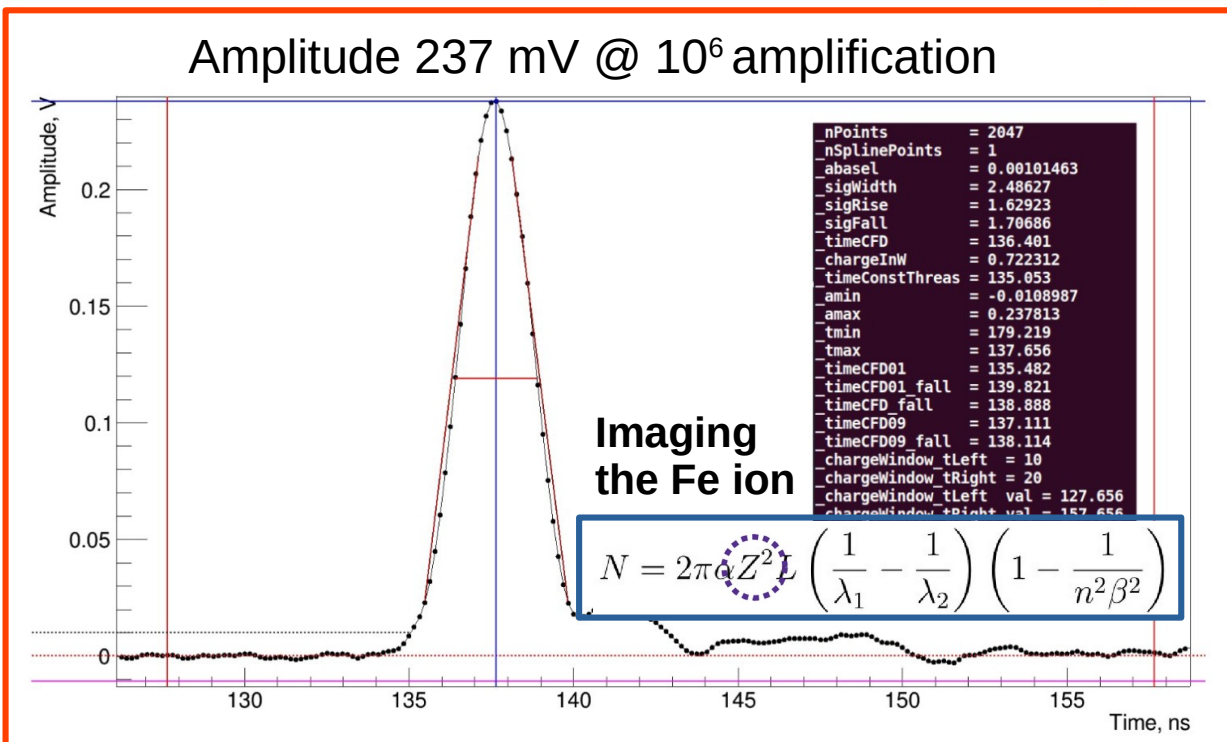
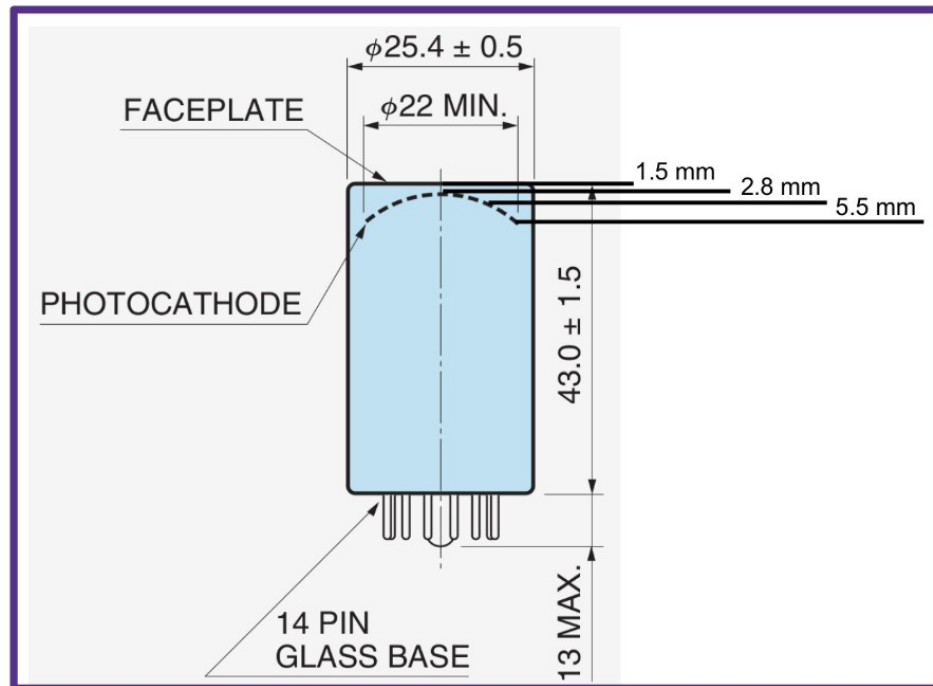
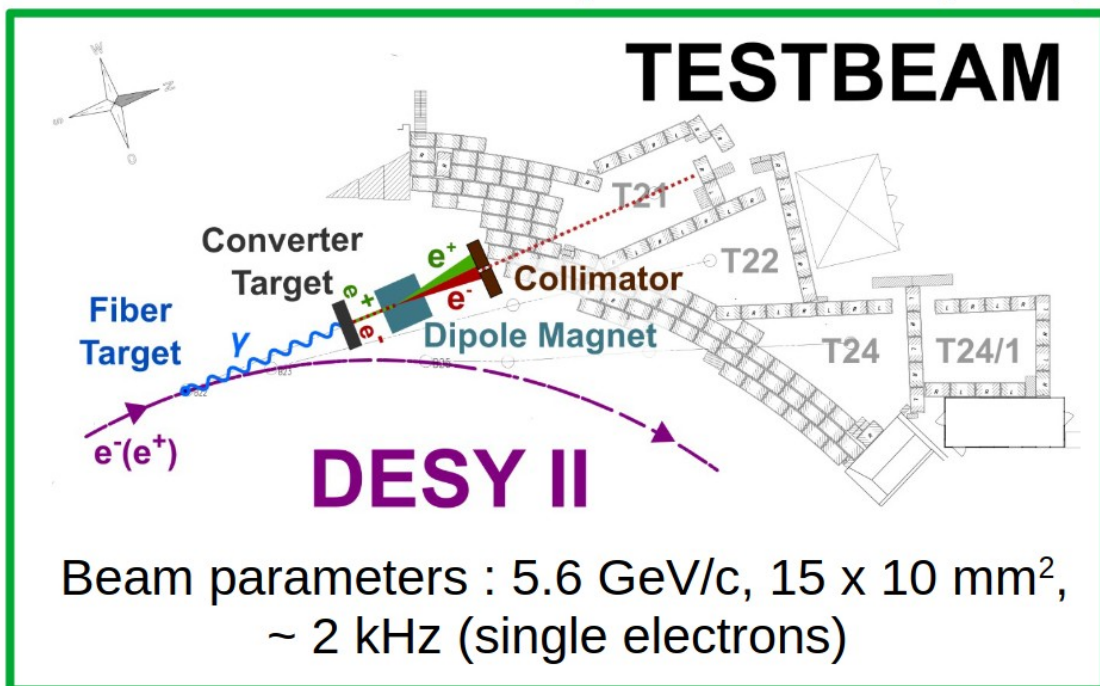


Climatic box, where we can vary the temperature from -20 to 80 °C

- The irradiated samples are stored at -20 °C to avoid room temperature annealing.
- We use the climatic chamber for temperature control.
- Measurements IV measurements were done every 2-5 hours (excluding nights).



# How much light do we produce in the photo sensor window



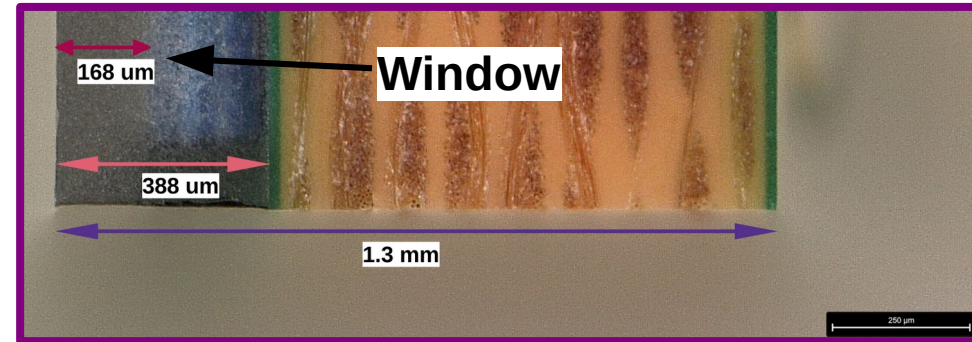


# Bare SiPM or SiPM with thin window ?

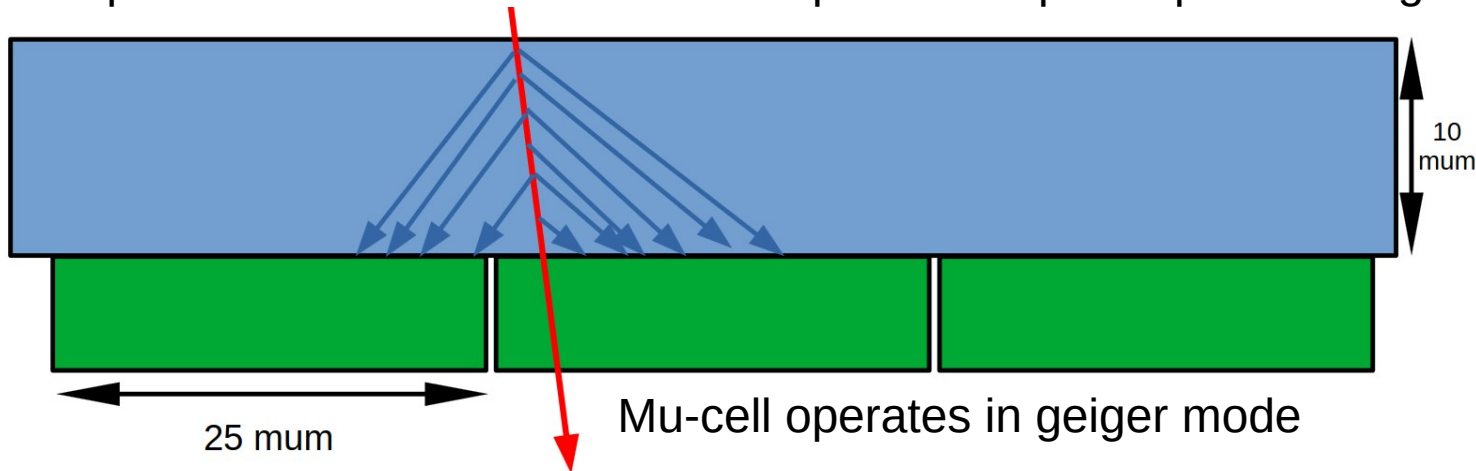
Thickness of the protective window 400 – 40  $\mu\text{m}$

Can we make it thinner ? 10  $\mu\text{m}$  ?

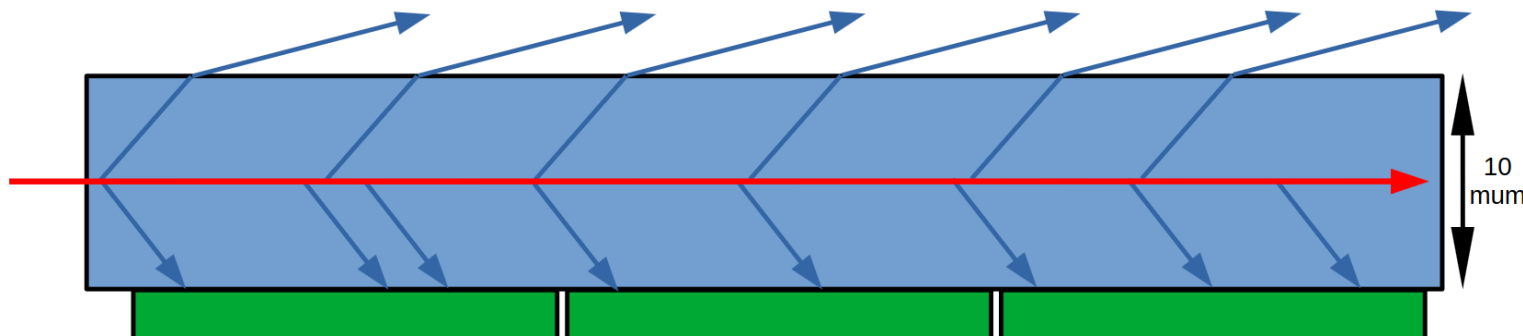
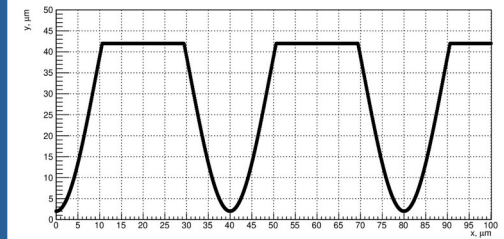
Can we completely remove it ?



Perpendicular track at maximum will produce 4 p.e. equivalent signal



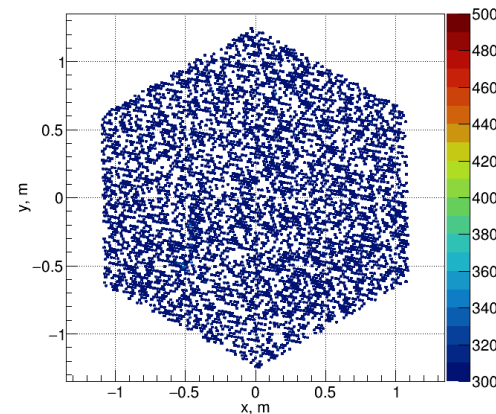
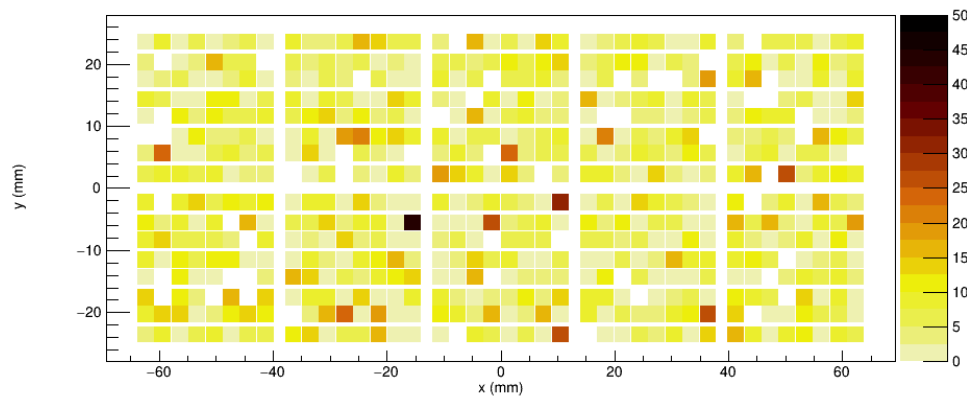
If the bare surface is not planar very thin resin can form micro-lenses need to have additional R&D.



This effect can be vanished by removing the window :-) ...

# Conclusions

- ➔ SiPM are promising photo sensors to be used for space base experiments.
- ➔ We present full chain of different activities for Terzina telescope on board the NUSES space mission.
- ➔ We present the parametric simulation of the SiPM used in the full simulation chain.
- ➔ We characterize SiPM with different mu-cell sizes with and without resin.
- ➔ The radiation test with 50 MeV protons up to 30 Gy integrated dose (corresponds to 10 years on the orbit).
- ➔ SiPM annealing at 40 °C has been studied.



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xcore : -632 m
ycore : 180 m
ev_time : 543 ns
nphotons : 57735
n_pe : 12419
n_pixels : 2434
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Backup



