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Study of timing performance of Silicon Photomultiplier and application for a Cherenkov detector

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A novel and still rapidly evolving device, Silicon Photomultiplier (SiPM) is opening a new possibility of particle detection in the field of nuclear/particle physics, material science and medicine. We have been working on an evaluation of basic characteristics of Hamamatsu MPPCs, Photonique SSPMs, Zecotek MAPDs, as well as an application for a scintillating fiber detector and Cherenkov detector [1-2]. A beam profile monitor composed by two layers of 16 1x1 mm2 scintillating fibers in x-y configuration was successfully operated at the FOPI at GSI, Darmstadt in search for a kaonic nuclear state [3]. One of our recent focuses is an application for a Cherenkov detector as cheap, compact timing counter in a magnetic field.

We would like to report on a characteristics study of SiPMs in terms of timing performance and a result of the test beam time of a prototype detector which was performed at the Beam Test Facility at LNF/INFN in Frascati.

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