

# Photosensor Development for Neutrino Experiments

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# Photosensors for Neutrinos

## Large aperture photomultiplier

Active progress by several manufacturers

**HAMAMATSU**

NIGHT VISION  
GROUP CO., LTD NVT



**PHOTONIS** HZC PHOTONICS



ET Enterprises  
electron tubes  
**ADIT** INCOM  
BRIGHT IDEAS

The largest 20-inch (50 cm) aperture developed with single photon counting and sub-nanosecond resolution for neutrino experiments

## Semiconductor detector

Near side to neutrino source, fast time response and multi channel readout, high magnetic field tolerance, for various application

## Hybrid detector

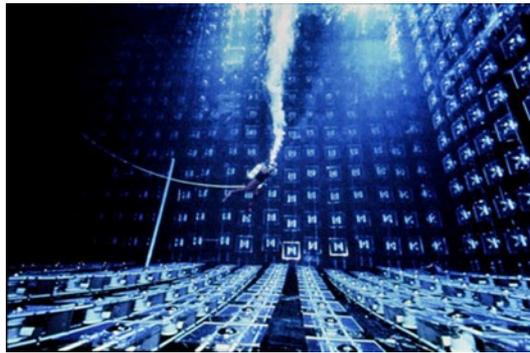
To get a large aperture with a small sensor

- Focusing on the photodetector with large aperture today.

# Pioneers

- Large aperture photodetectors, developed for proton decay discovery, are now key technologies for neutrinos.

**Irvine–Michigan–Brookhaven (IMB)** 1982-1991



8 kton water  
(17 × 18 × 23m<sup>3</sup>)  
2048 PMTs

**Kamiokande** 1983-1995



3 kton water  
(16 mH × 16 mφ)  
948 PMTs

**5" PMT (EMI 9834B/9870B)**

→ **R1408 8" PMT (Hamamatsu)**

→ Reused in Super-K Outer Detector

**R1449 20" PMT (Hamamatsu)**

→ Reused in KamLAND

Certified as an  
IEEE milestone



Led to success in supernova v detections

# History of Largest Aperture PMT

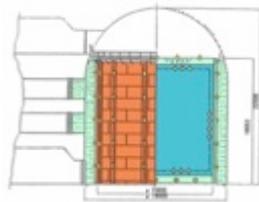
Development of large aperture photo-detectors is a key to explore neutrino physics.

## First 20-inch (50 cm) Photomultiplier Tube (PMT)

**Hamamatsu R1449** (Venetian blind dynode)



**For Kamiokande**



(1983-1996) *Supernova  $\nu$  observation!*  
1k PMTs / 3 kton water

**42 cm (17") Box&Line PMT R7250**



(Box&Line dynode) with 50 cm bulb of R3600  
**For KamLAND**



**R3600** (Venetian blind dynode, improved)



**For Super-Kamiokande (Super-K, SK)**

(1996- )  *$\nu$  oscillation discovery!*  
11k PMTs / 50 kton water

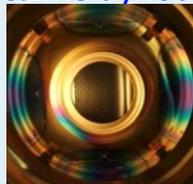


**50 cm MCP PMT (Micro-Channel Plate) GDB-6201**



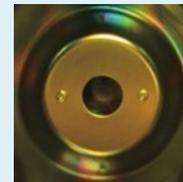
by NNVT  
**For JUNO**  
Recently developed in China

**50 cm Box&Line PMT R12860-HQE** (Box&Line dynode)



Installed in Super-K,  
For JUNO and Hyper-K

**For Hyper-Kamiokande (Hyper-K, HK)**  
**50 cm Hybrid Photo-Detector (HPD) R12850-HQE** (Avalanche diode)



→ Possible further improvement

**50 cm MCP PMT w/ TTS improved**



# New 20-inch Photodetectors

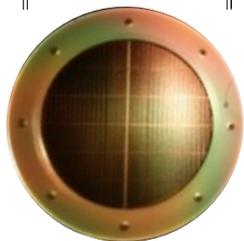
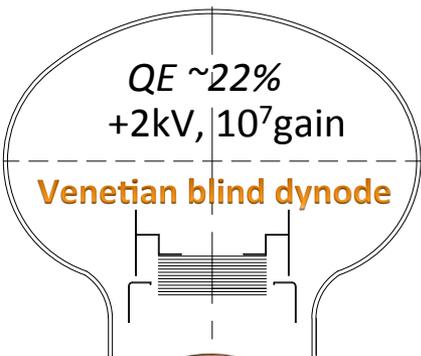
- High performance by photocathode and amplification

## Super-K PMT

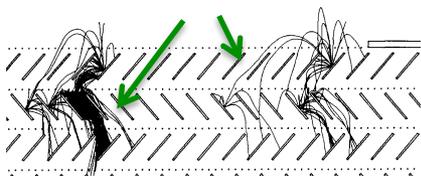
Hamamatsu R3600

QE ~22%  
+2kV,  $10^7$  gain

Venetian blind dynode



$e^-$



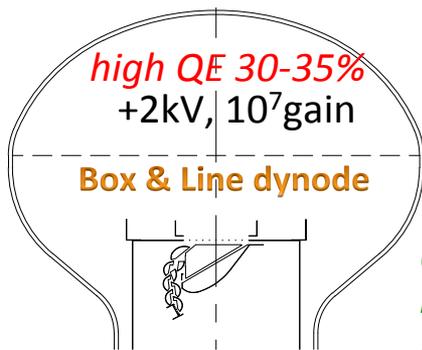
Varied path ☹️

## Box&Line PMT

Hamamatsu R12860

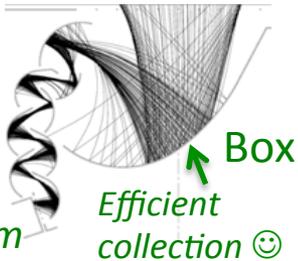
high QE 30-35%  
+2kV,  $10^7$  gain

Box & Line dynode



Line

Uniform path ☺️



Efficient collection ☺️

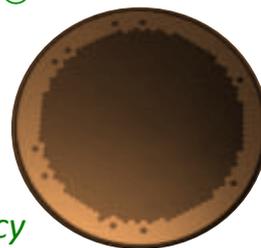
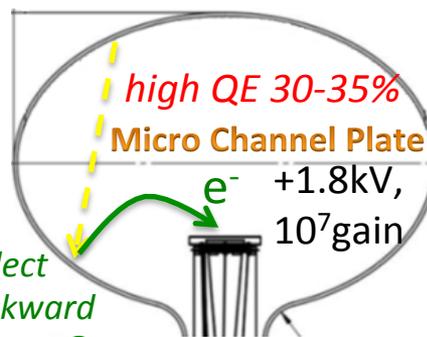
## MCP PMT

NNVT GDB-6201

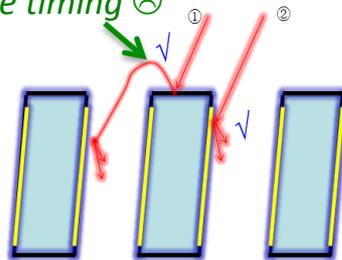
high QE 30-35%  
Micro Channel Plate

+1.8kV,  
 $10^7$  gain

Collect backward photon ☺️



Efficiency recovered ☺️  
Worse timing ☹️



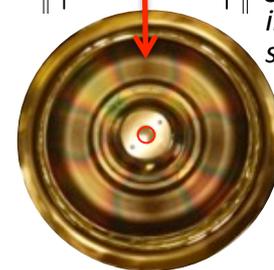
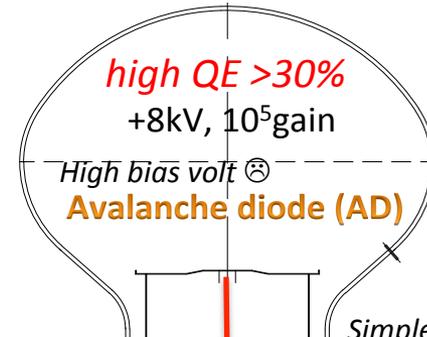
## HPD (Hybrid PhotoDetector)

Hamamatsu R12850

high QE >30%  
+8kV,  $10^5$  gain

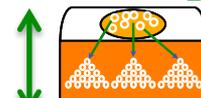
High bias volt ☹️  
Avalanche diode (AD)

Simple inside structure ☺️



High bombardment gain ☺️

20mmΦ ×1600



×100

Short path ☺️

+ preamp

# 20-inch Box-and-Line PMT



×2 high pressure bearing for Hyper-K water height

×2 high detection efficiency

and half time&charge resolutions

improved from Super-K PMTs

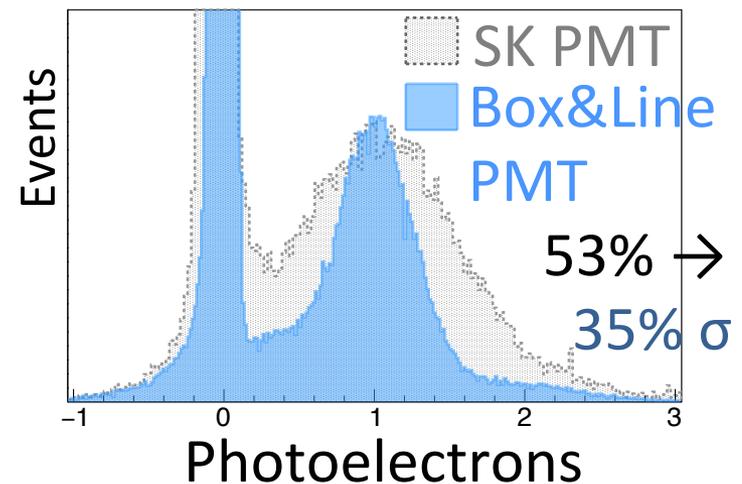
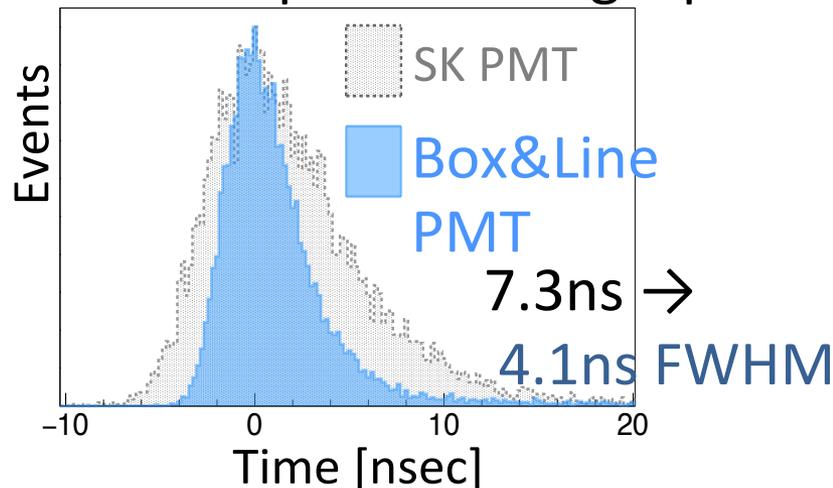
40k PMTs for Hyper-K

5k PMTs for JUNO

- High resolutions were achieved smoothly as it was designed.

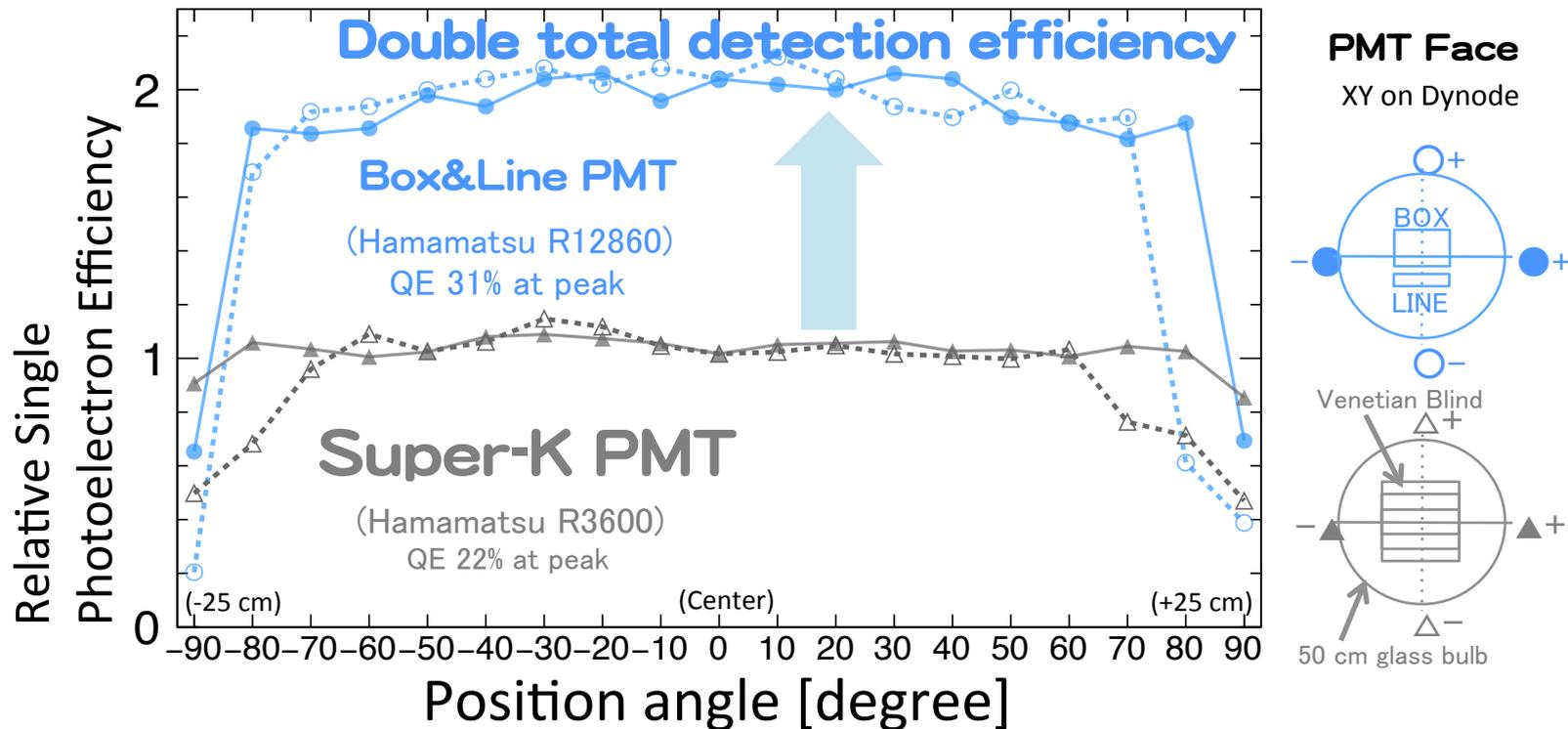
Transit Time Spread at Single p.e.

Single p.e. charge



# 20-inch Box-and-Line PMT

- Double detection efficiency was achieved.
  - Quantum efficiency : 22% peak in SK → 30%
  - Collection efficiency (in 46 cm  $\phi$ ) : 73% → 95%



# What was improved by R&D?

High resolutions were quickly achieved in the initial prototype.

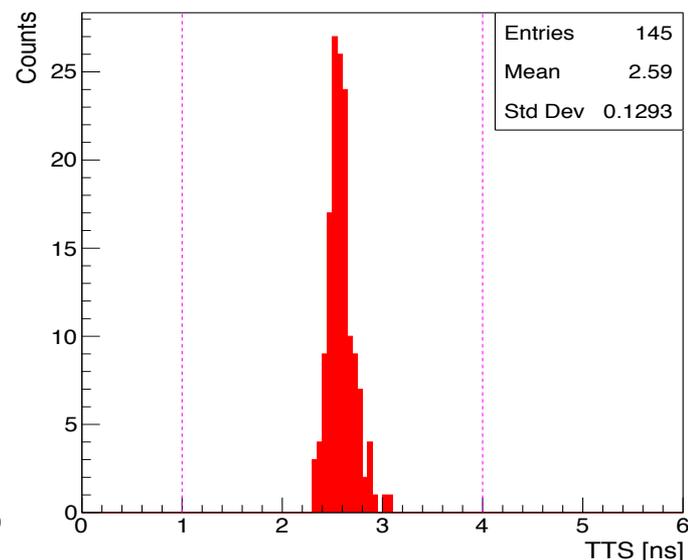
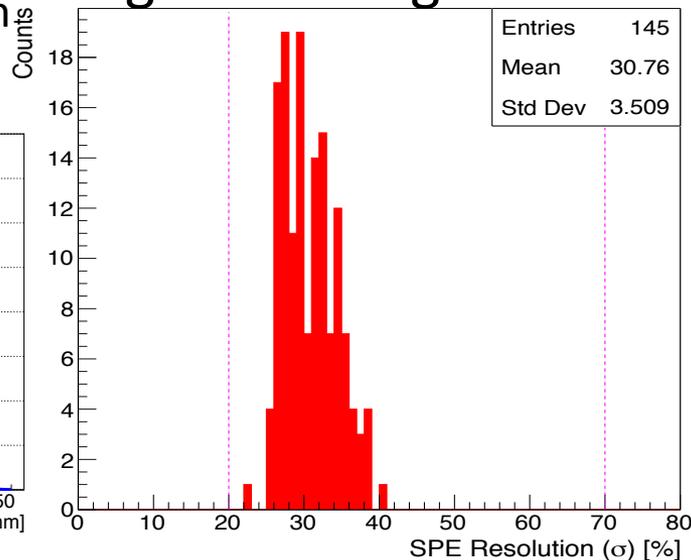
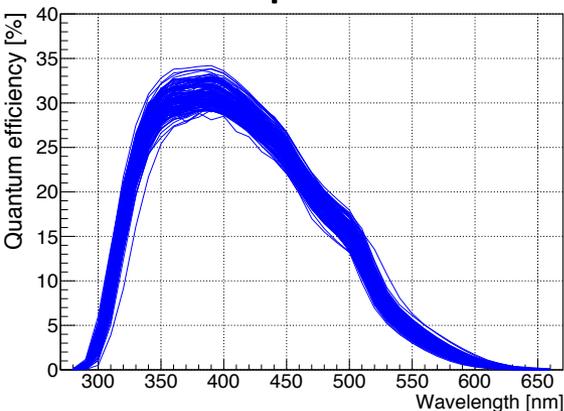
- Uniform response
  - Improve overall uniformity by injection positions for detection efficiency and transit time within 100 mG magnetic field
- PMT base optimization
  - Pulse shape optimization
  - Dynamic range
- Noise reduction
  - After pulse rate reduced from 30% to a few %
  - Dark rate reduced from 20 kHz to 6 kHz (still trying toward 4 kHz)
- Mechanical strength
  - Improved from  $\sim 0.8$  MPa to over 1.25 MPa water pressure resistance
  - Waterproof housing was improved with the hard material
- Confirming long operation
  - 3 PMTs installed in 200-ton water tank and operated for 5 years since 2014
  - Over hundred PMTs were installed in Super-K in 2018

# Quality of the Production

- About 140 PMTs were measured in Kamioka.

1931±118 V at 1.4e7 gain      Single PE charge resolution      Transit Time Spread

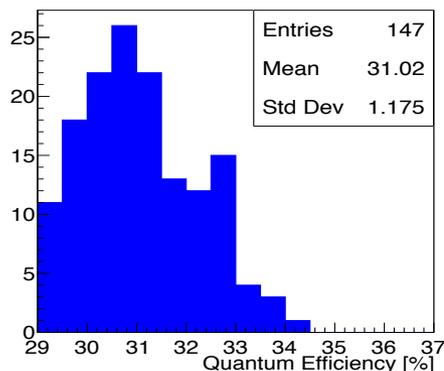
QE Spectra



Peak QE  $31 \pm 1.2\%$  (22% in SK PMT)

$30.8 \pm 3.5 \% \sigma$   
(60.1% in SK PMT)

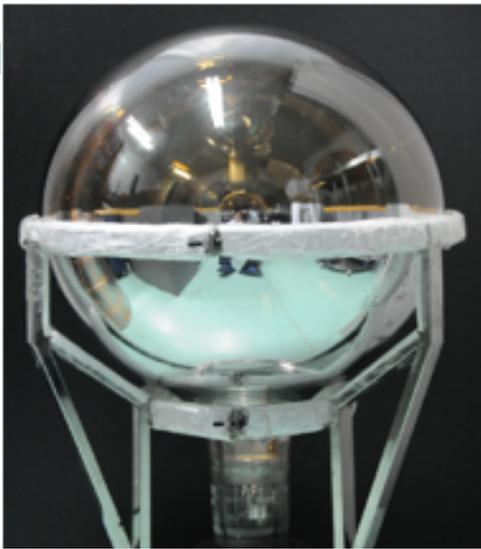
$2.59 \pm 0.13 \text{ ns FWHM}$   
(6.73 ns in SK PMT)



Individual difference  $\sim 10\%$  or less  
All PMTs were tested up to 0.95 MPa water,  
and no damage was found.

# 20-inch MCP PMT

S.Qian (ICHEP2018, etc.)



Primary design



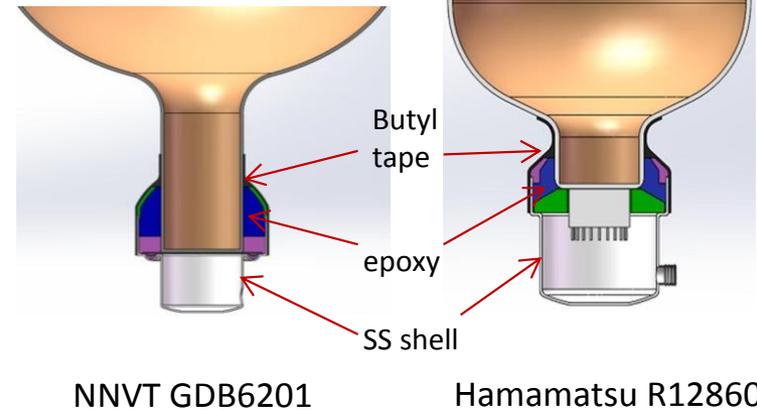
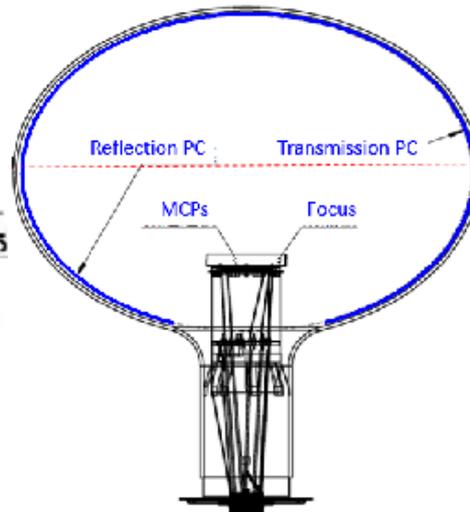
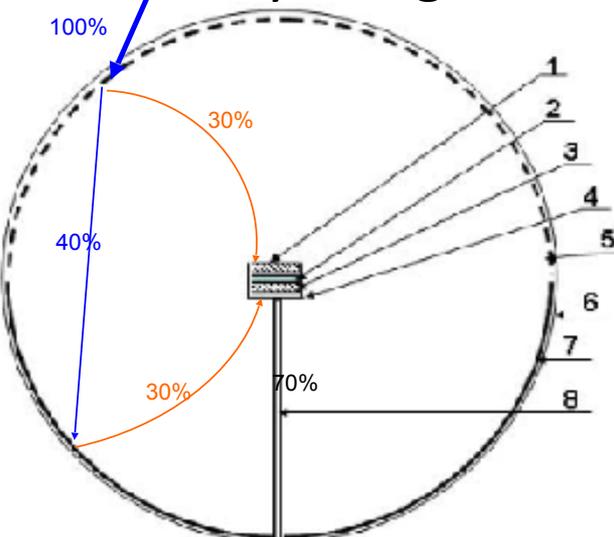
Design for JUNO

## Waterproofing by IHEP



MCP PMT

Hamamatsu PMT

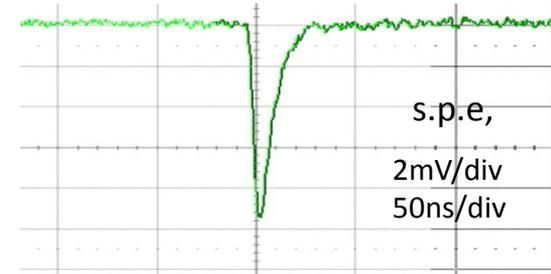


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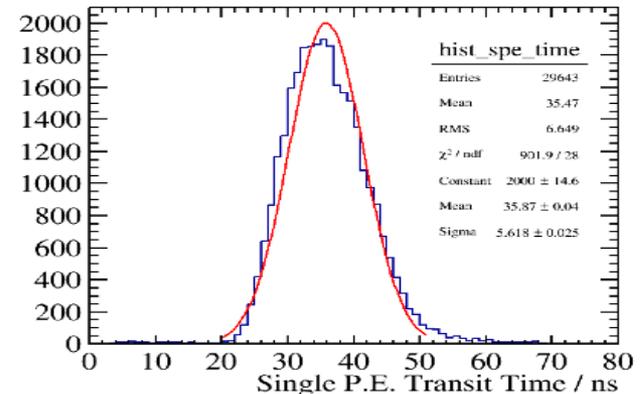
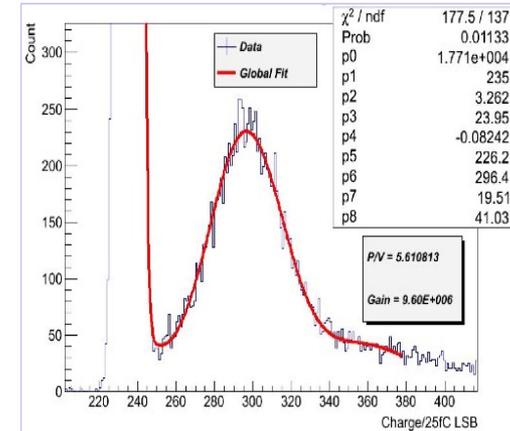
Hamamatsu R12860

# MCP PMT Performance

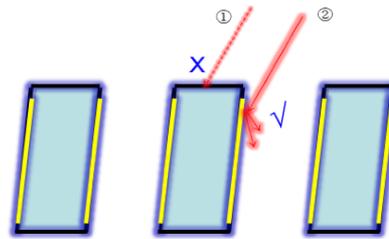
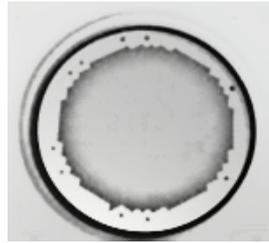
Type	20''		
	GDB-6201		
	Min.	Typ.	Max.
Spectral Range(nm)	300-650		
Maximum sensitivity at (nm)	380		
Sensitivity			
Luminous( $\mu\text{A}/\text{lm}$ )		80	
QE at 405 nm(%)		30	
Supply Voltage(V)	1500	1750	2000
Gain		$1 \times 10^7$	
Anode Dark Current(nA)		150	1000
Background Noise@22°C(cps)		30 k	100 k
Single Electron Spectrum			
Energy Resolution(%)		35	
Peak to Valley Ratio	3	7	10
Anode Pulse			
Rise Time(ns)		1.4	
TTS ( FWHM) (ns)		15	
Linearity @10% (P.E.)	800	1000	1400
After pulse ratio(%)		1	
Background radioactive			
$^{238}\text{U}$ (Bq/kg)		2.5	
$^{232}\text{Th}$ (Bq/kg)		0.5	
$^{40}\text{K}$ (Bq/kg)		0.3	



MCP PMT signal



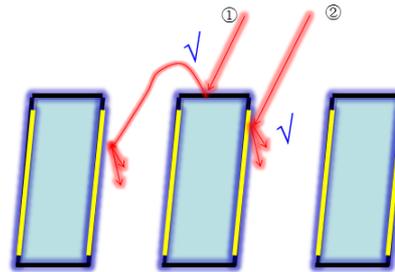
# Improvement on Detection Efficiency



**CE = 70%**

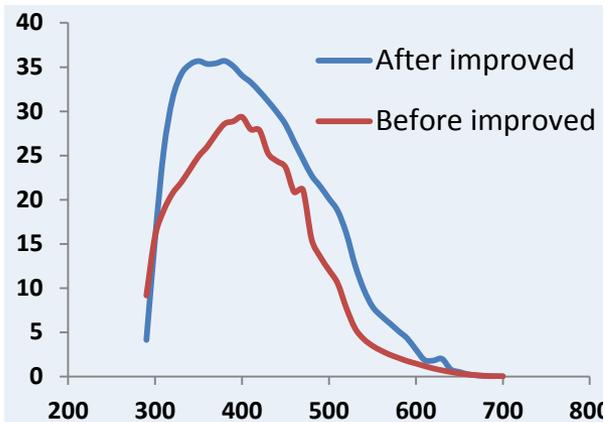
The p.e. into the channel directly ~70%

- The Diameter of the MCP: **33mm; 50mm;**
- The Diameter of the Hole: **6um; 8um; 10um; 12um;**
- The Inclined Angle: **0°; 8°; 12°;**
- The Open Area Ratio: 60%; 77%;**
- The Depth of output electrode:.....



**CE = 100%**

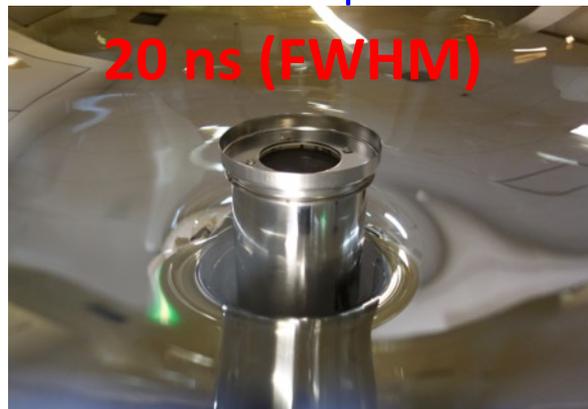
The p.e. into the channel directly ~70%  
The p.e. from the electrode indirectly ~30%



# 20-inch MCP PMT for Hyper-K

Before improved

20 ns (FWHM)

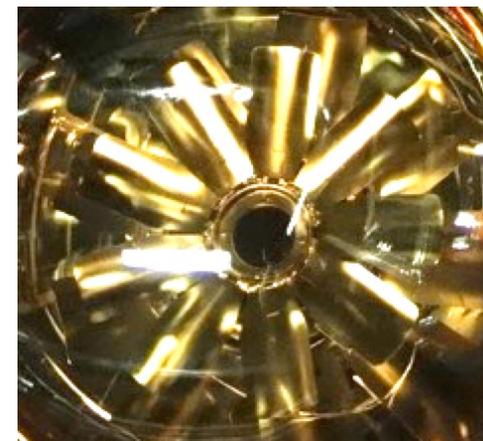


After improved

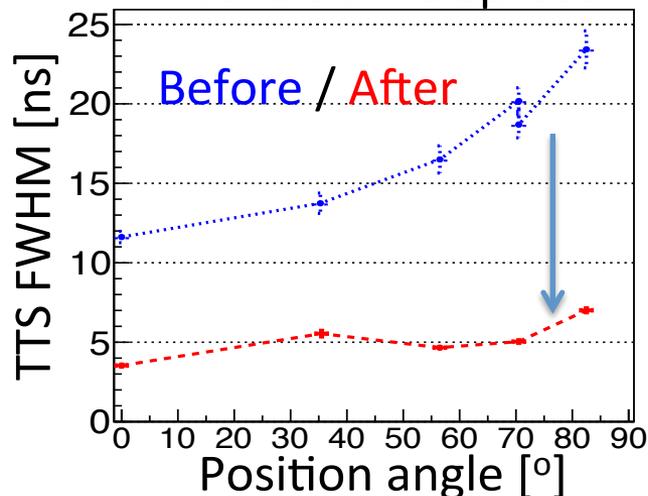
→ 5 ns (FWHM)



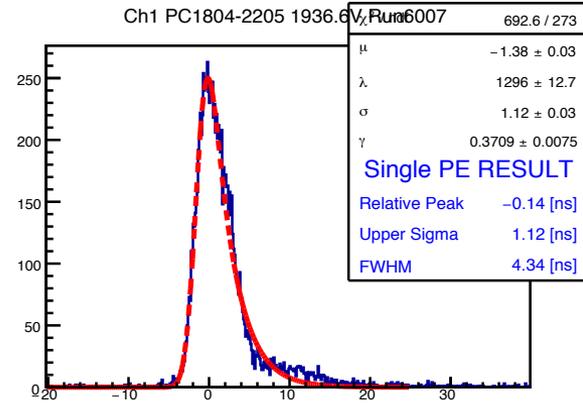
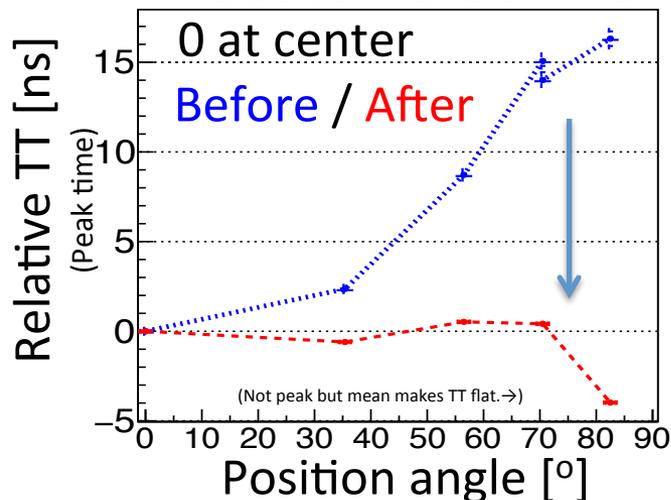
Latest



Transit Time Spread



Relative Transit Time



Latest: 4.3ns FWHM

Detection efficiency ~100%

→ 85%

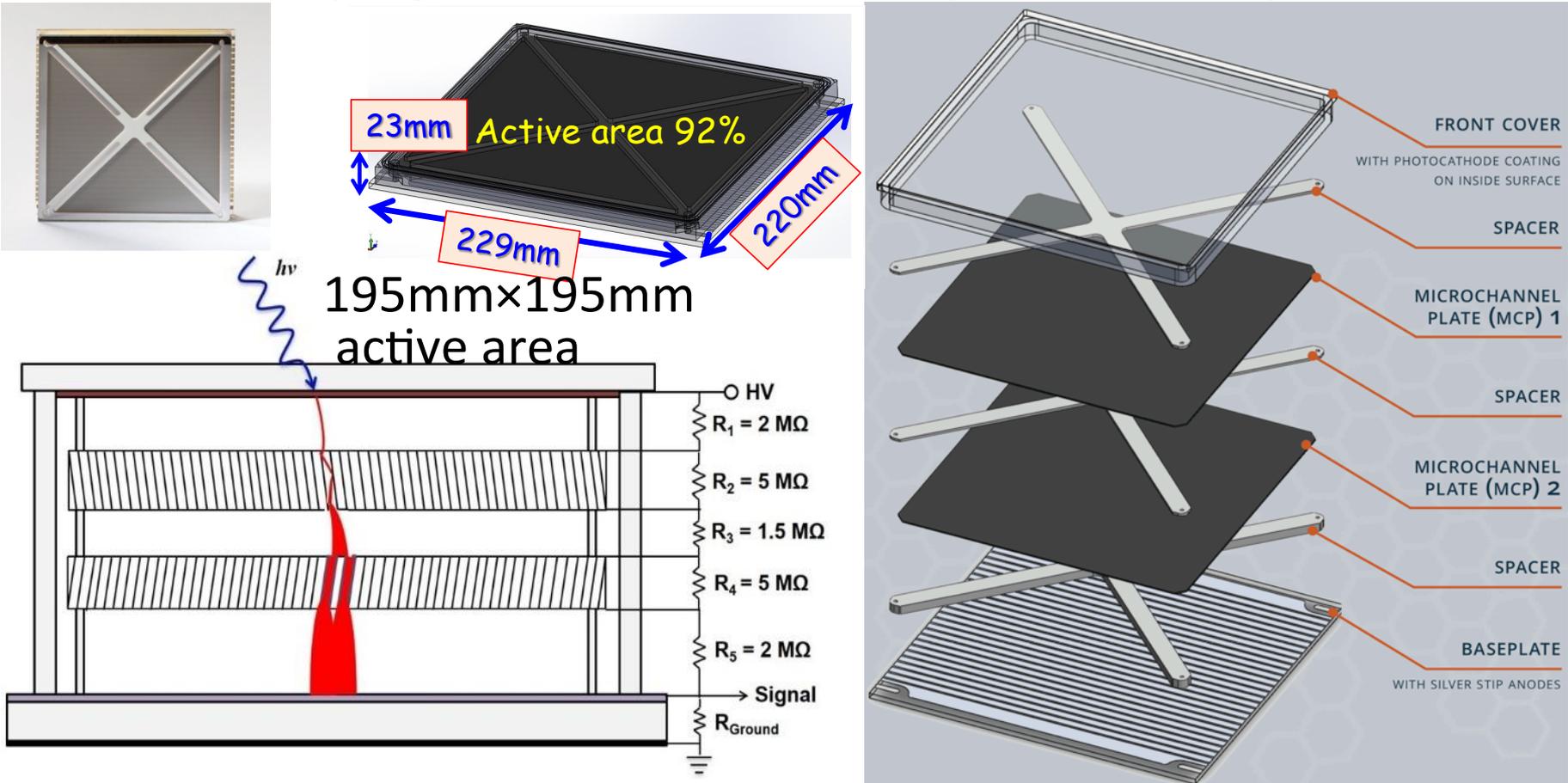
TTS was dramatically improved by adding electrodes.

# Flat MCP PMT

[NIM A 936 \(2019\) 527-531](#)

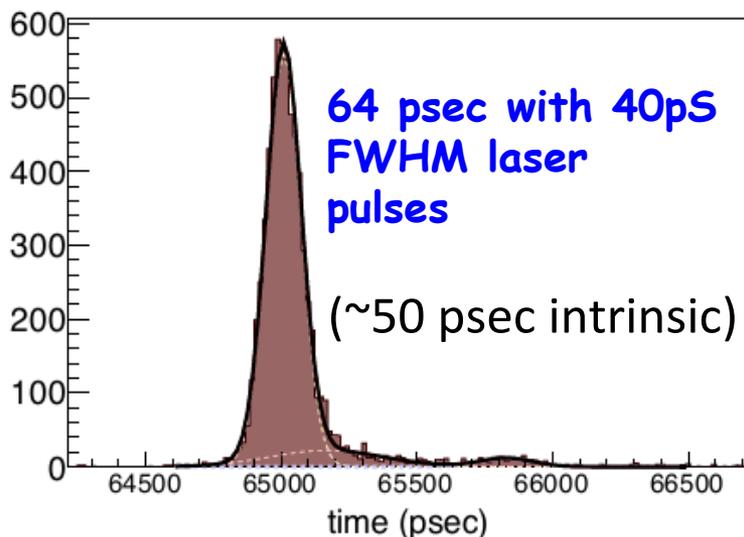
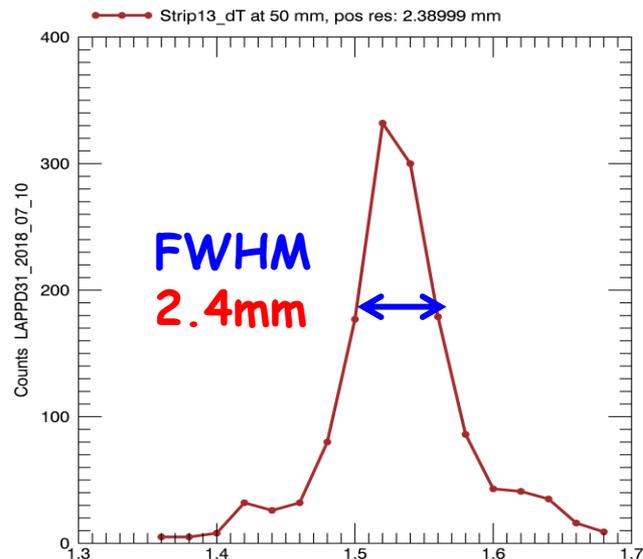
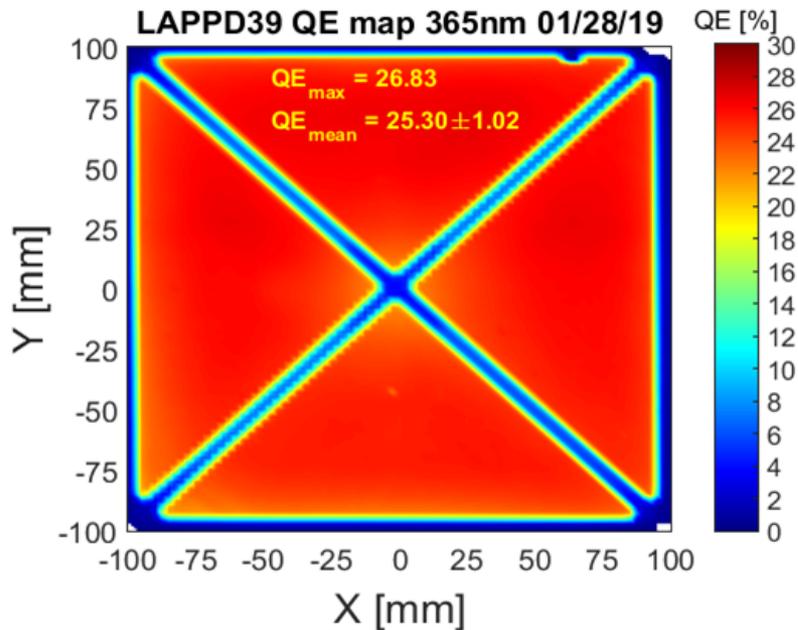
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- LAPPD™ - Large Area Picosecond Photodetector
  - By Incom, Argonne National Labs, and the University of Chicago
  - Extremely high resolutions of  $\sim$ mm spatial and  $\sim$ 50ps



# LAPPD Prototype Performance

PD18, VCI2019



high gain of  $10^7$ ,  
high photocathode QE of up to 25% ,  
low noise of 100Hz/cm<sup>2</sup> at a gain of  $6 \cdot 10^6$ ,  
mm scale position resolution (electronics limited),  
timing resolution of 50pS (electronics limited).

# Gaseous PMT

- GEM(Gas Electron Multiplier) with photocathode for photon detection

- micromegas (Micro-MEsh Gaseous Structure), RPC (Resistive Plate Chamber), etc.

- Stability and selection of the photocathode are essential.

- For long operation
- Sensitive wavelength

- Many small prototypes

Status and perspectives of gaseous photon detectors

João Veloso

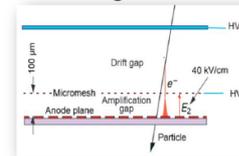


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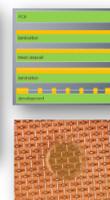
## Micropattern gaseous detectors

- High Rate Capability
- High Gain
- High Space Resolution
- Good Time Resolution
- Good Energy Resolution
- Excellent Radiation Hardness
- Good Ageing Properties
- Ion Backflow Reduction
- Photon Feedback Reduction
- Large Size
- Low Cost

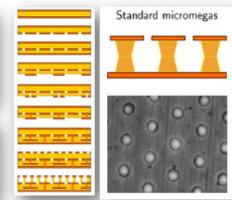
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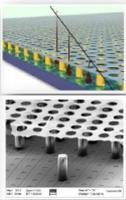
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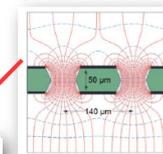
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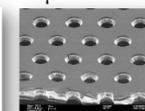
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GEM



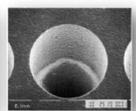
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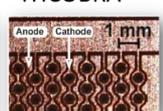
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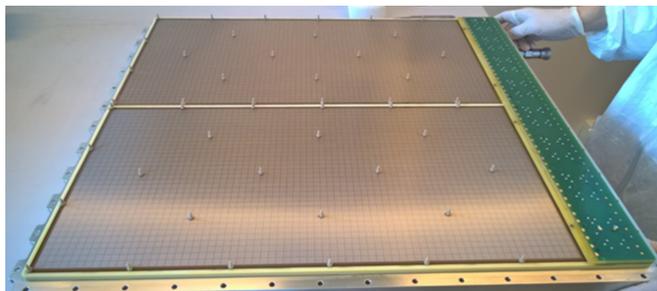
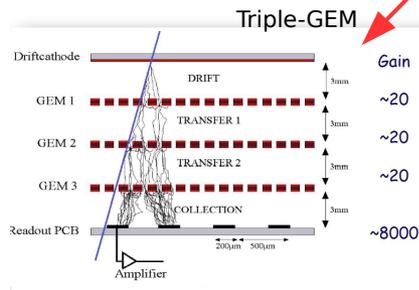
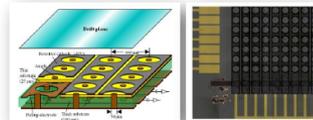
MHSP



THCOBRA



μPIC



+ CsI photocathode

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2019.01.058>

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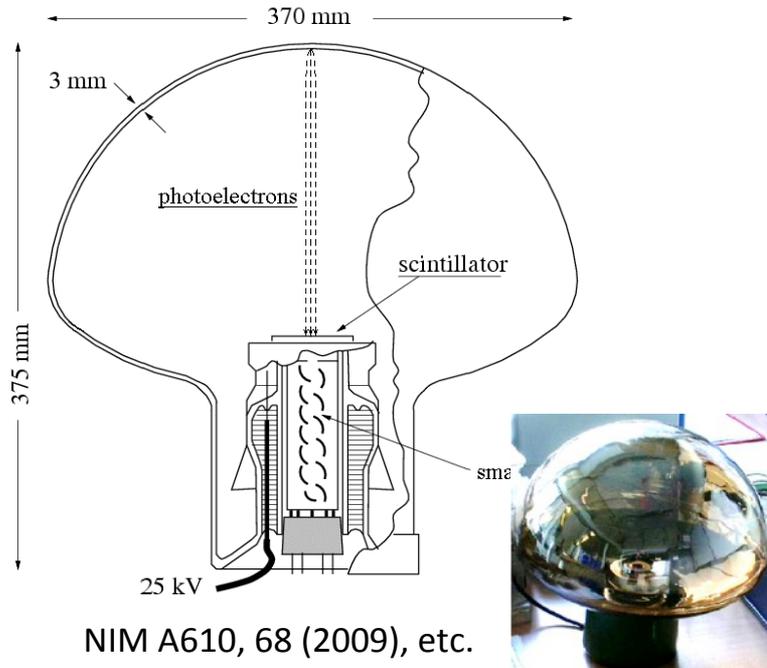
# Hybrid Photodetector

- Hybrid Phototube with phosphor
- Hybrid SiPD (VSiPM, ..)
- Hybrid Avalanche diode photodetector (HAPD or HPD)

## Pioneers

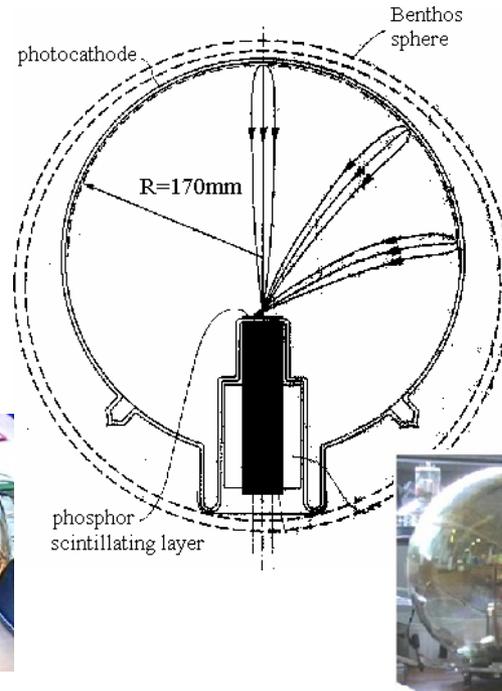
Bikal

15-inch Quasar-370 +UGON



Dumand

15-inch XP2600



X-HPD

8-inch XP3102

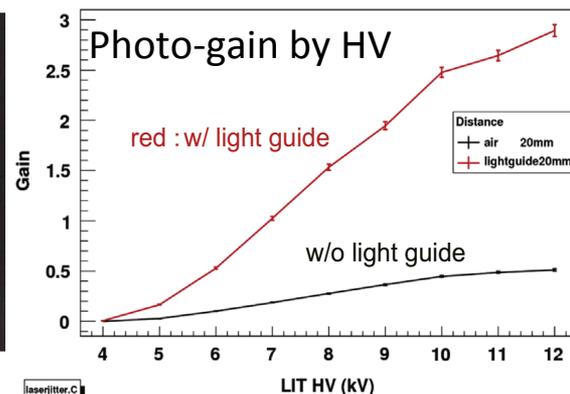
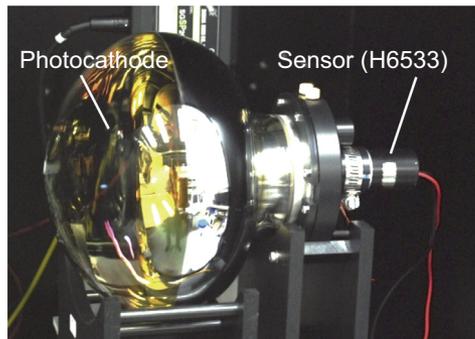
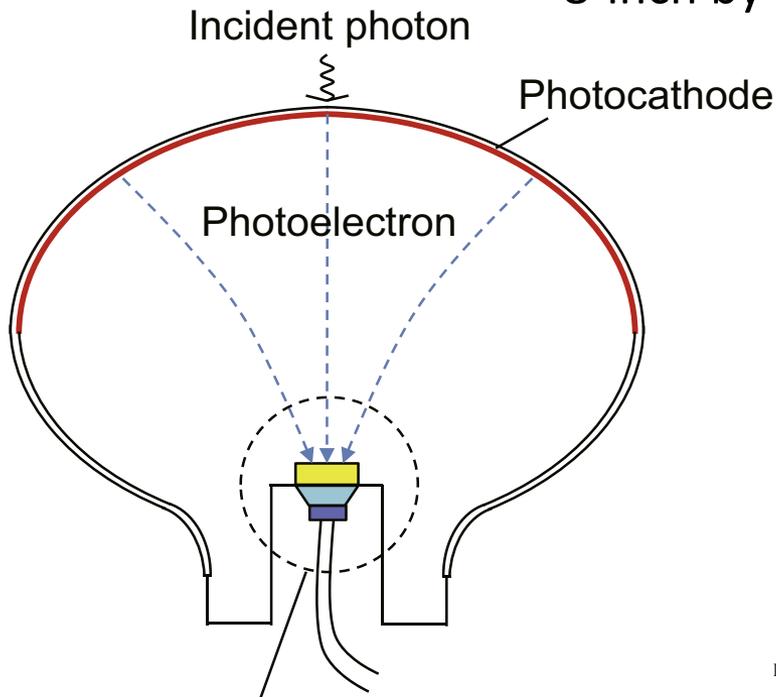


NIM A610 (2009) 61

# 8-inch phototube with phosphor

8-inch by Hamamatsu (a)

[NIM A 766 \(2014\) 173-175](#)



(b)

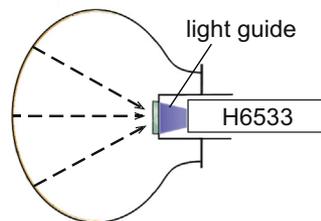
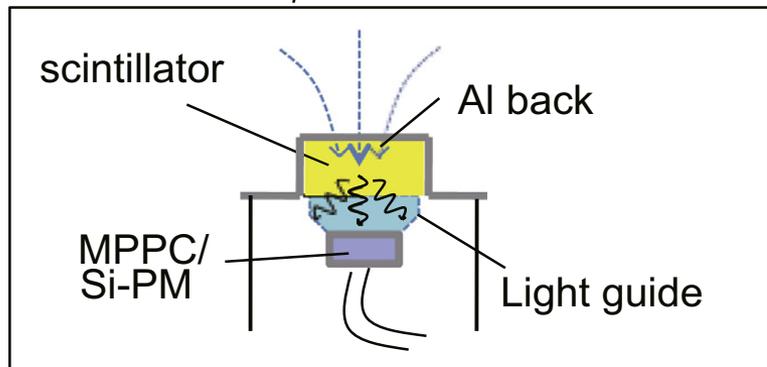
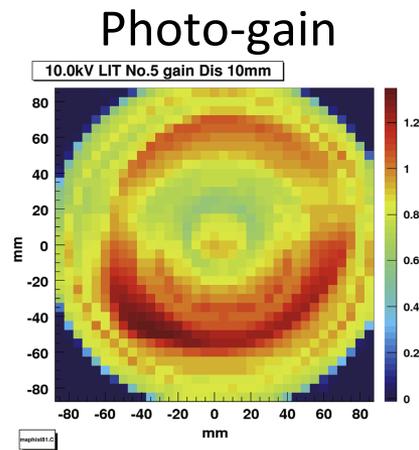
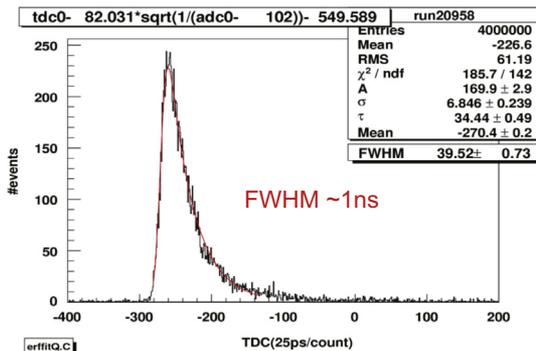


Fig. 2. 8-in. prototype photodetector with a J9758 phosphor.



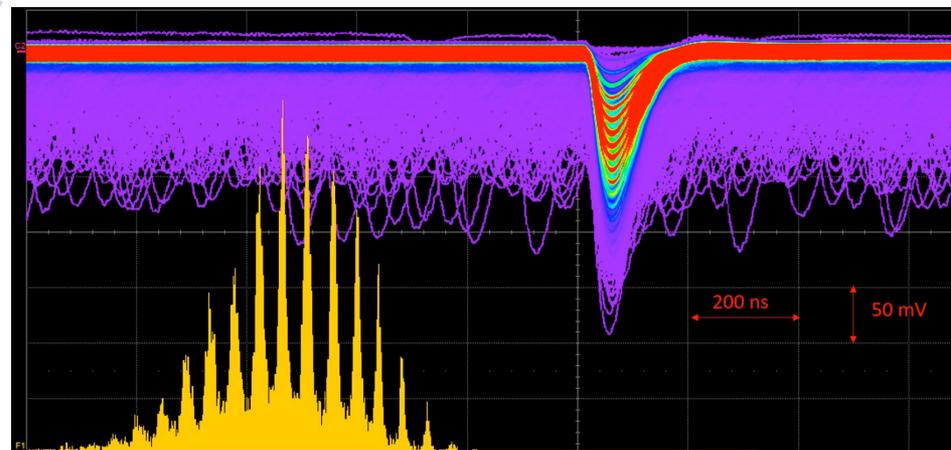
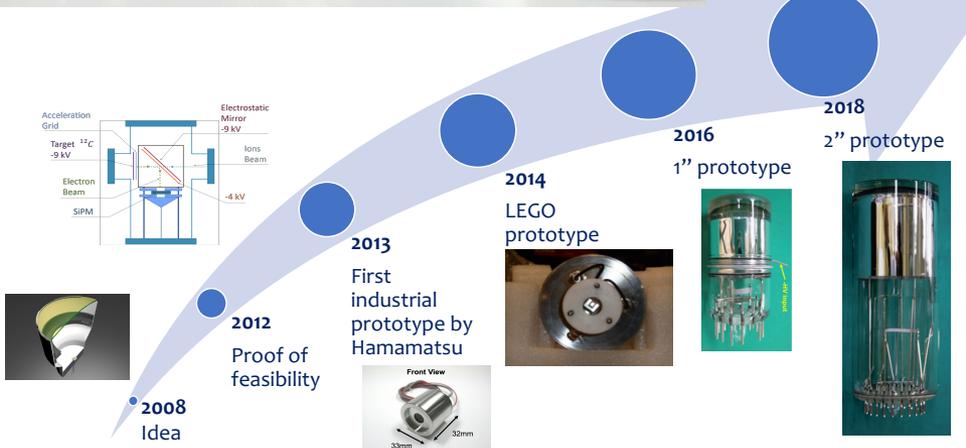
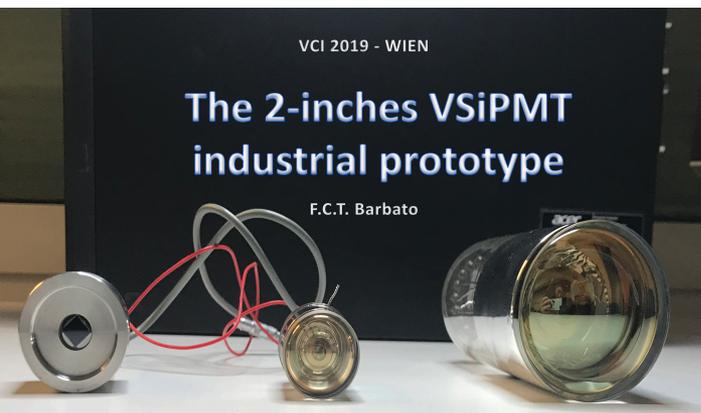
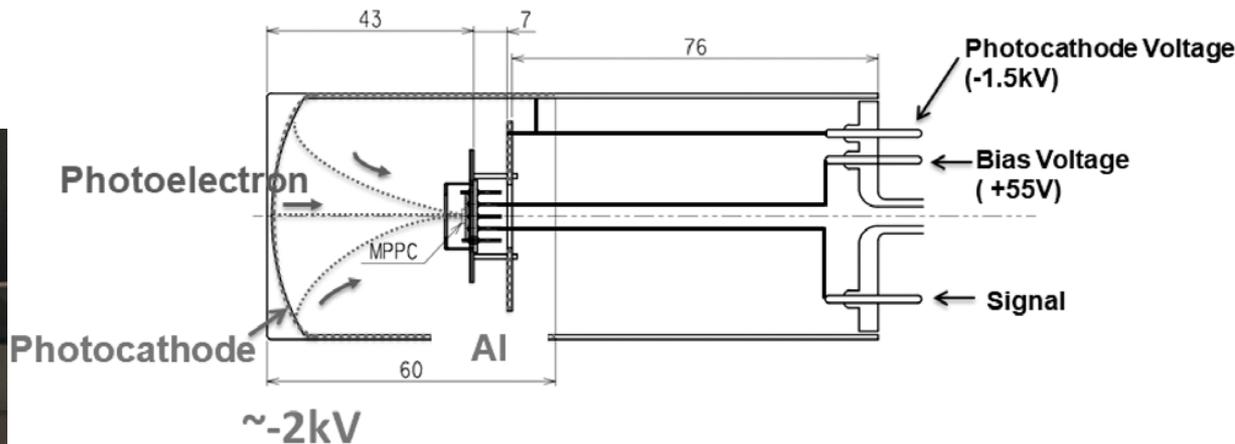
Transit time spread at single PE



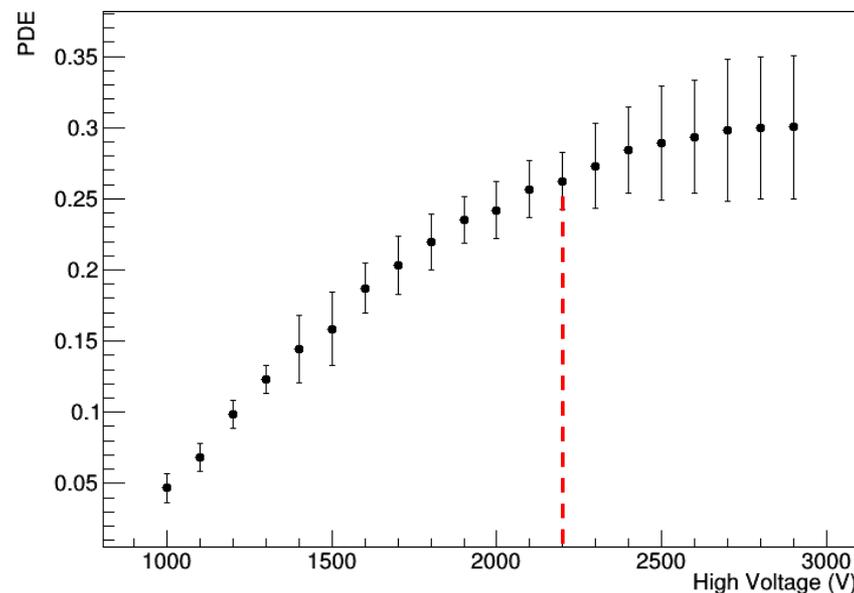
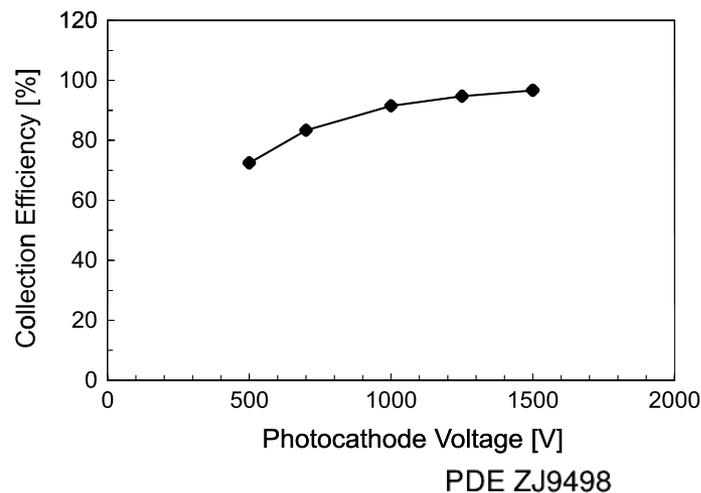
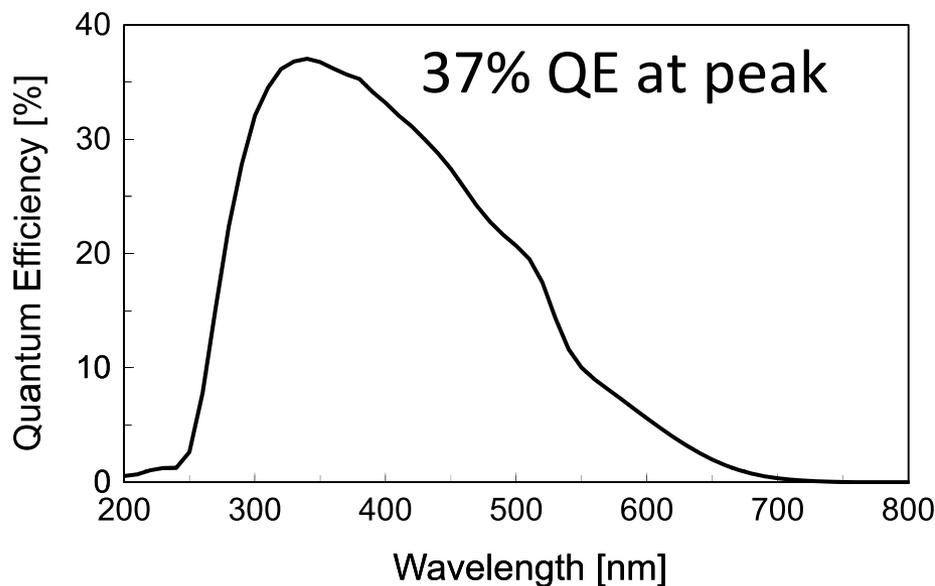
# 2-inch VSiPMT

- Vacuum Silicon PhotoMultiplier Tube (or H-MPPC)
  - Hybrid with SiPM(→SiEM) without resin window

[NIM A 912 \(2018\) 290-293](#)  
[Report at VCI2019](#)



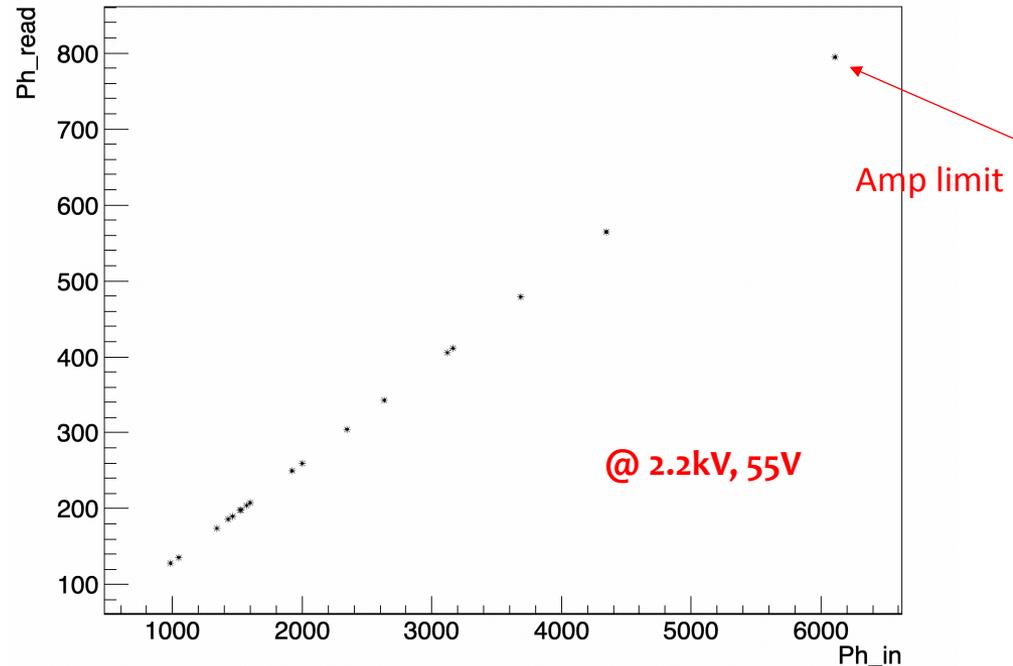
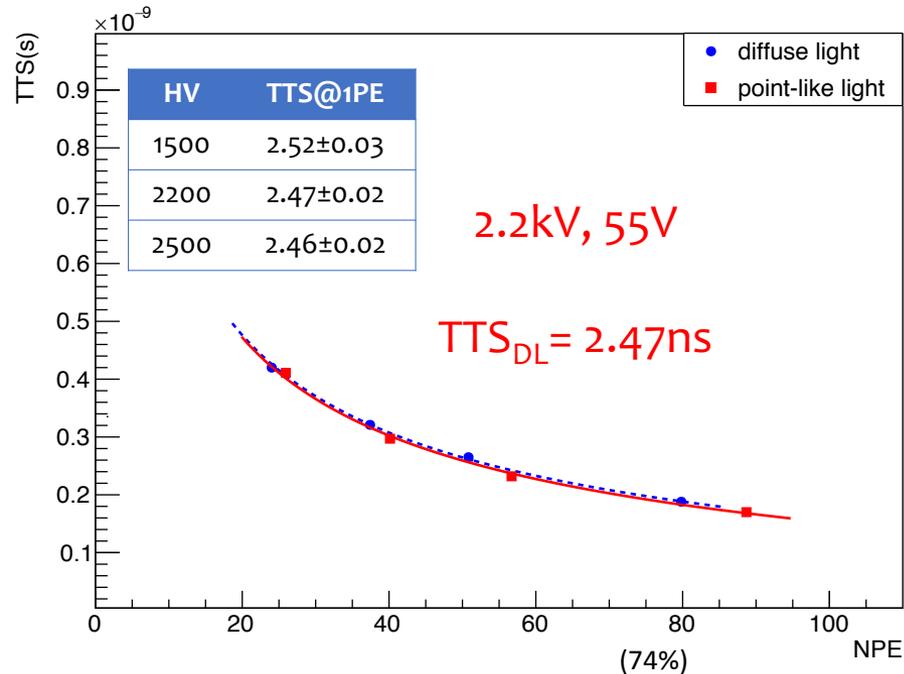
# 2-inch VSiPMT Photon Detection Efficiency



2 SiPM	ZJ9496	ZJ9498
Photocathode dia.	46 mm	46 mm
SiEM size	3×3 mm <sup>2</sup>	3×3 mm <sup>2</sup>
Pixel size	25×25 μm <sup>2</sup>	50×50 μm <sup>2</sup>
Fill factor	47	74

$$PDE = QE \cdot FF = 27\% \text{ (74\%)}$$

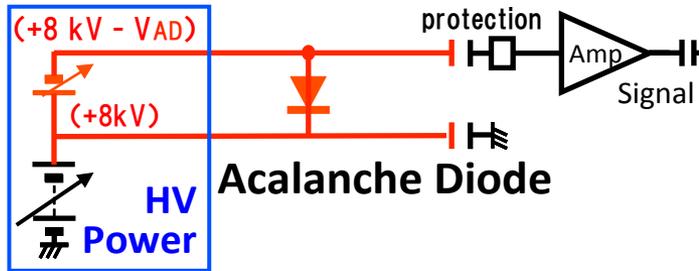
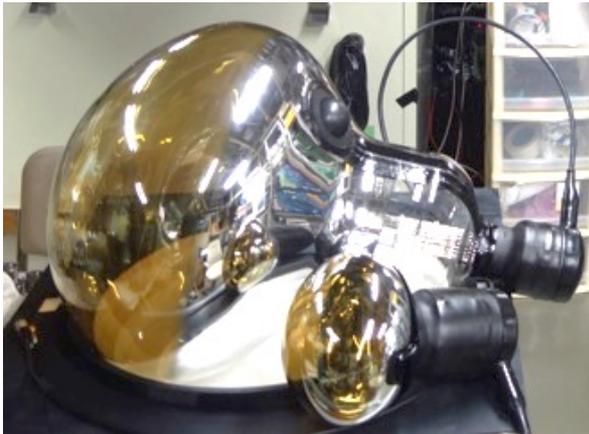
# 2-inch VSiPMT Performance



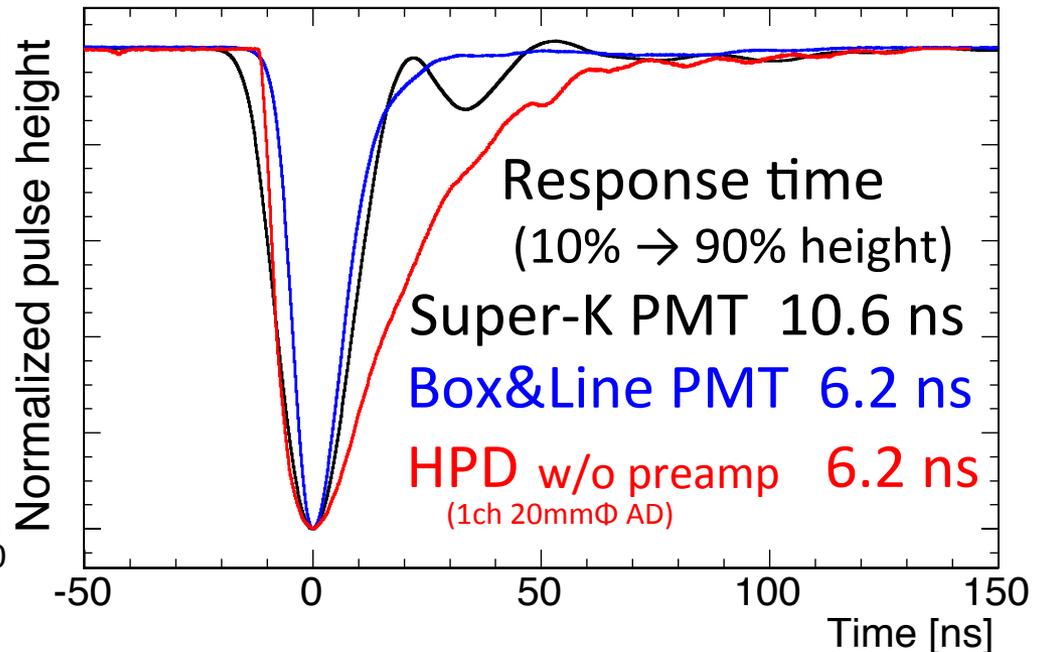
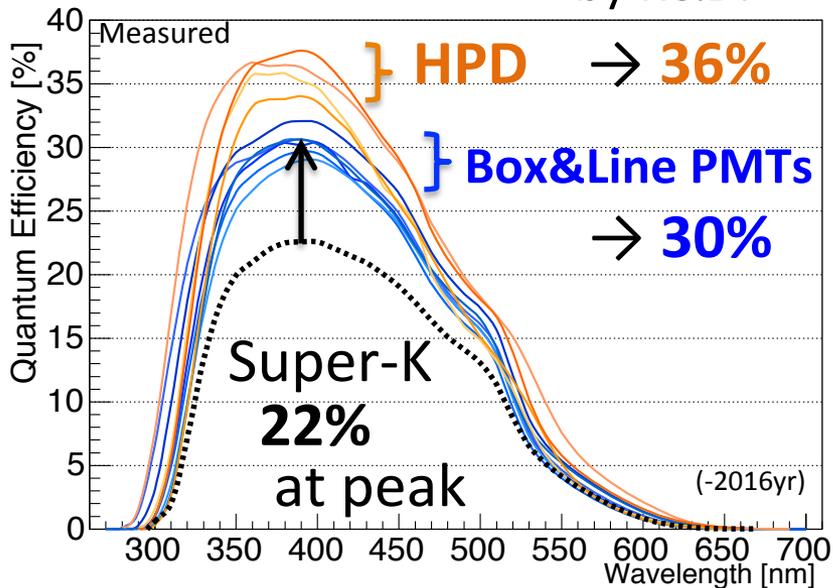
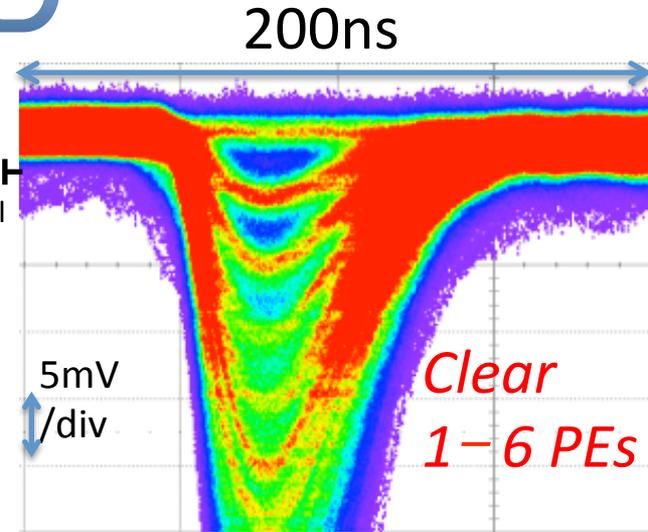
## Prospect

- High dark rate in SiPM matters at SPE, which is different from HAPD.
- Linearity and dynamic range might be limited.
  - Slow response in high light yield might be useful to avoid saturation by amplifier.
- General concern using SiPM inside
  - SiPM can emit photons, though it can be shaded on the surface.
- Larger dimension of SiPM for larger photocathode might be difficult.

# 20-inch HPD

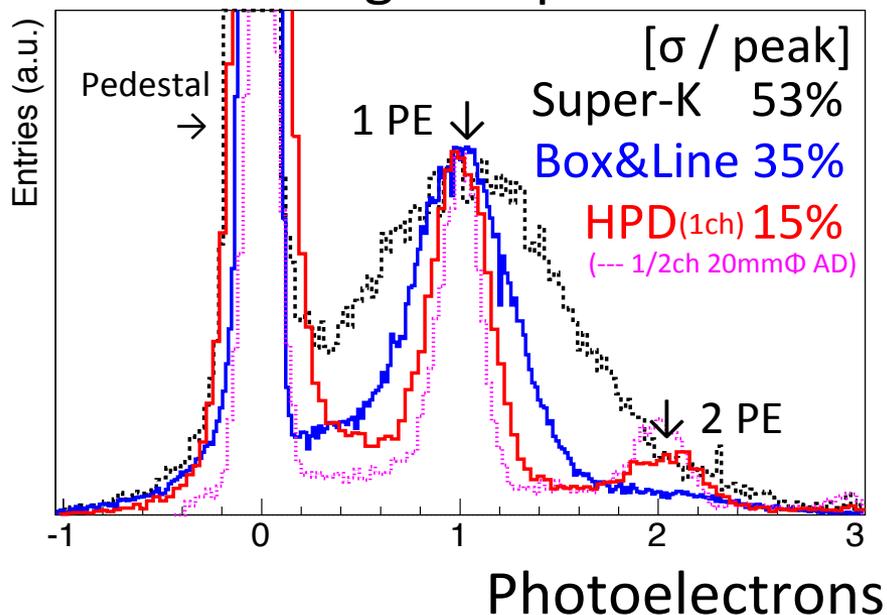


Large junction capacitance reduced from 800pF to 400pF by R&D.

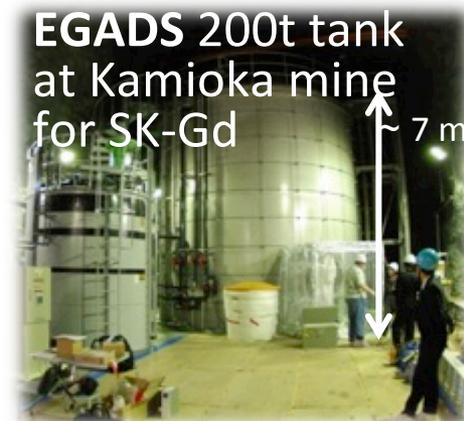
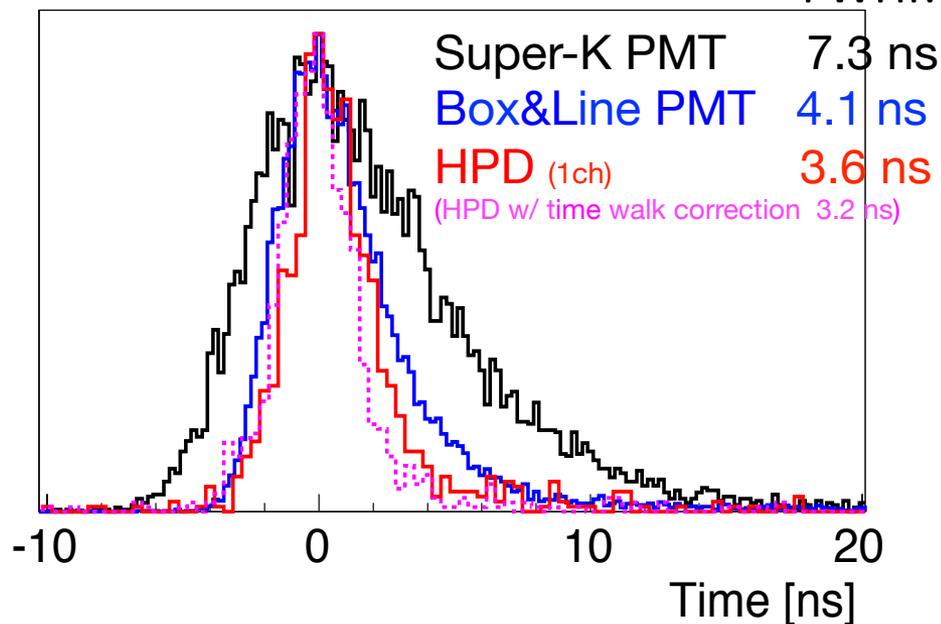


# HPD performance and test

Single PE peak



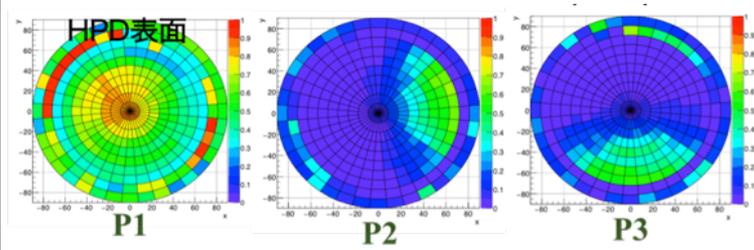
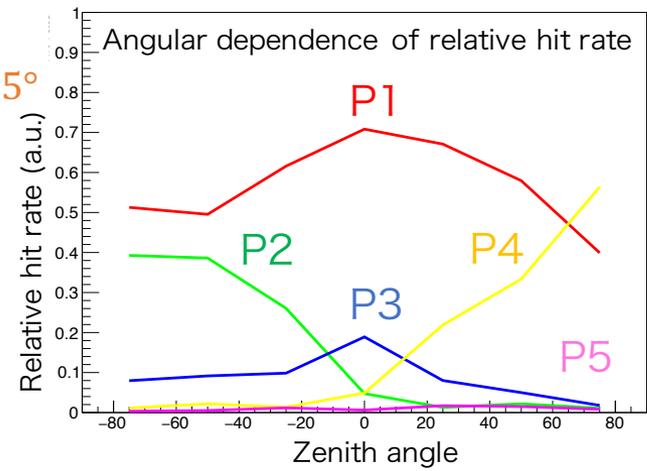
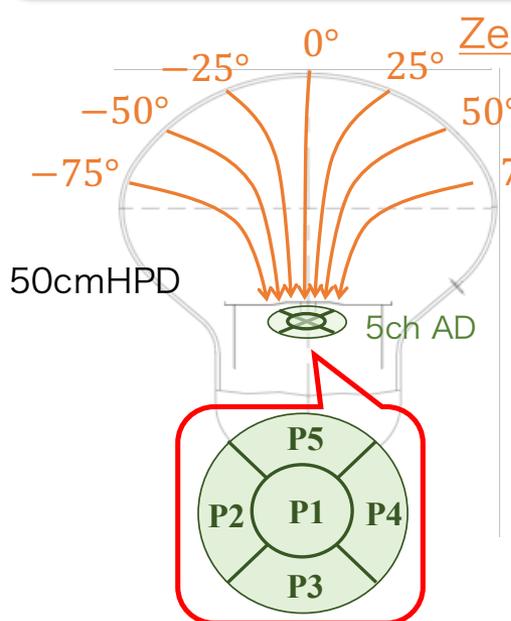
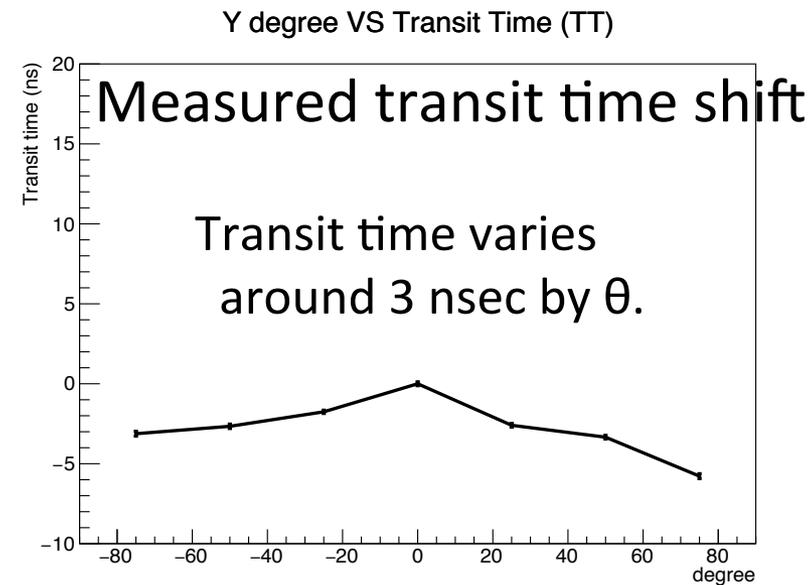
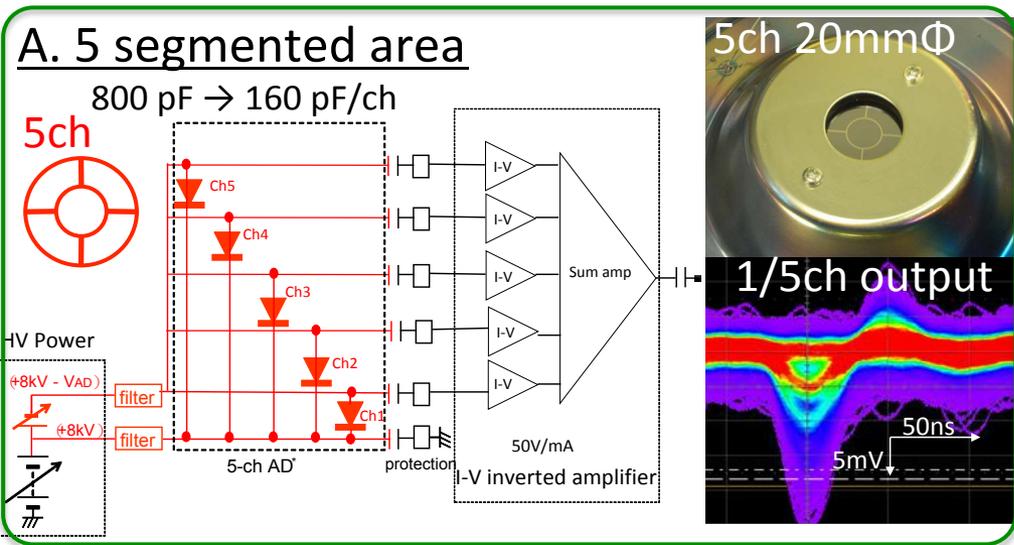
Single PE transit time spread  $\text{FWHM}$



Installed the 20-inch HPD in late 2017.

(8 8-inch HPDs were already installed in 2013.)

# 5 multi-ch readout in single 20" HPD

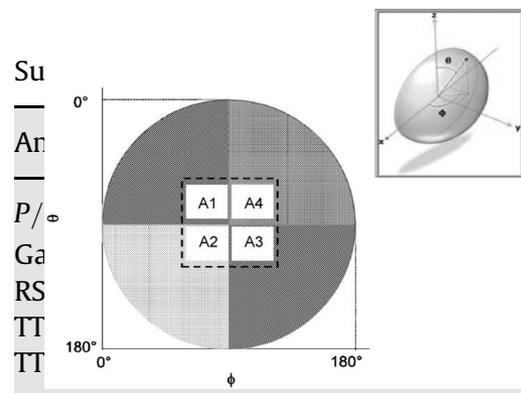
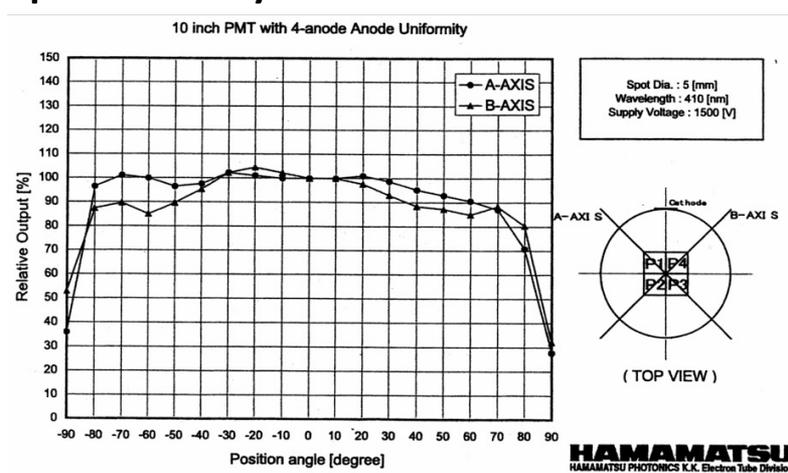
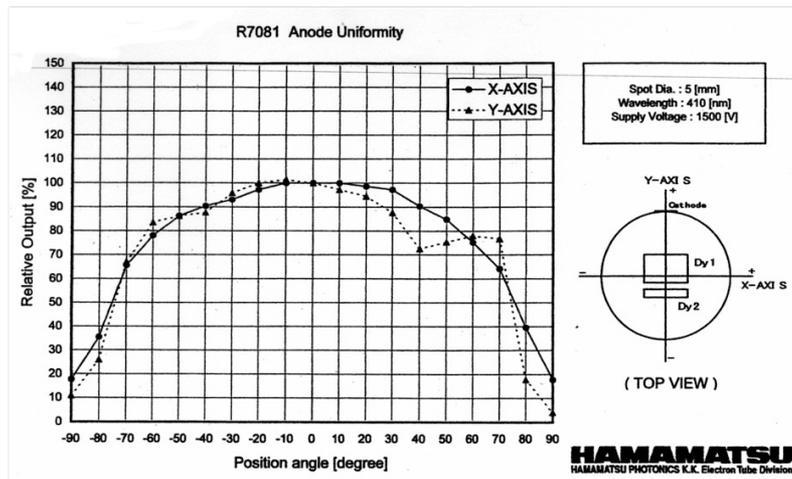


*Possible improvement of position reconstruction using timing shift and multi-channel readout*

# 4 multi-ch readout in single 10" PMT

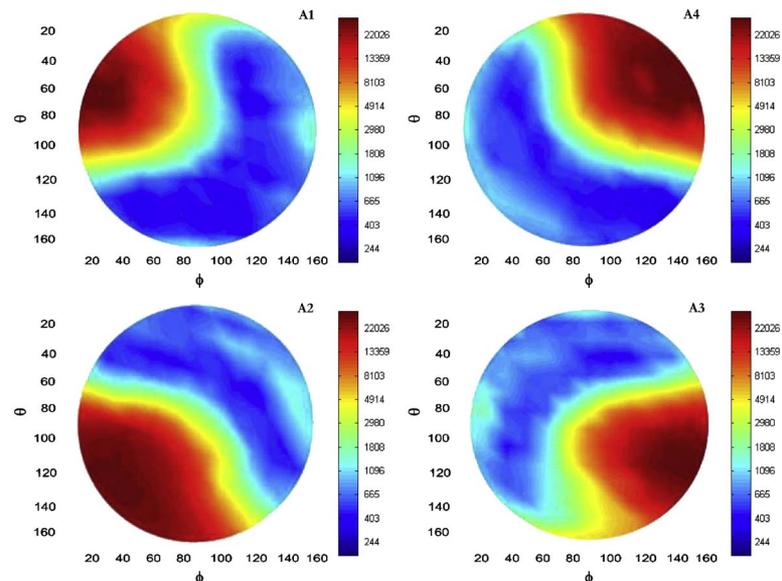
[NIM A 605 \(2009\) 293-300](#)

10-inch Hamamatsu R7081 with 4 separate dynode with common HV.



er properties at a HV of 1550V.

	A2	A3	A4
	3.09	2.95	2.75
	5.4	5.0	3.9
	30.6	37.3	35.2
	106	106	105
	4.0	3.5	4.2



*Possible position/direction sensitive detection in a single sensor*

# Multi-PMT Module

- Many digital optical modules were developed for deep sea / south pole experiments.
- Combination of small sensors works as a large aperture photodetector unit.



NEVOD

Russian PMTs FEU-49,  
FEU-125 (now, FEU-200)



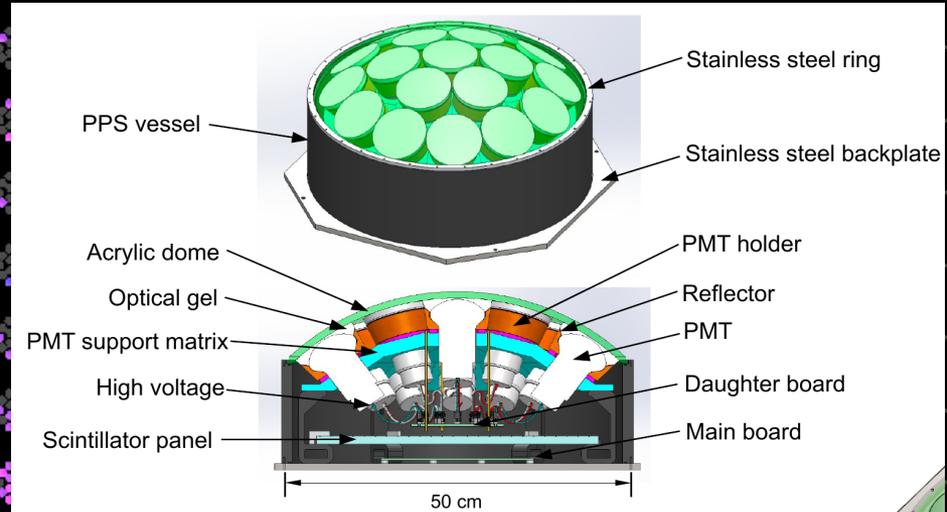
IceCube-Gen2 (24ch)



KM3NeT (31ch)

# Multi-PMT for Hyper-K and IWCD

## Intermediate Water Cherenkov Detector



# Summary and Prospect

- Various large aperture photodetectors are being considered and being ready for coming neutrino experiments.
- Other possible ways to enhance photons
  - Mirror
  - Wavelength shifter
  - Photon trapping
- Key for next generation beyond current running projects
  - Low cost and easy mass production
  - High pressure tolerance and long-term stability
  - There is a room to improve photo-detection more.