Strong Boost of PMT and SiPM Parameters for Astro-Particle Physics Experiments

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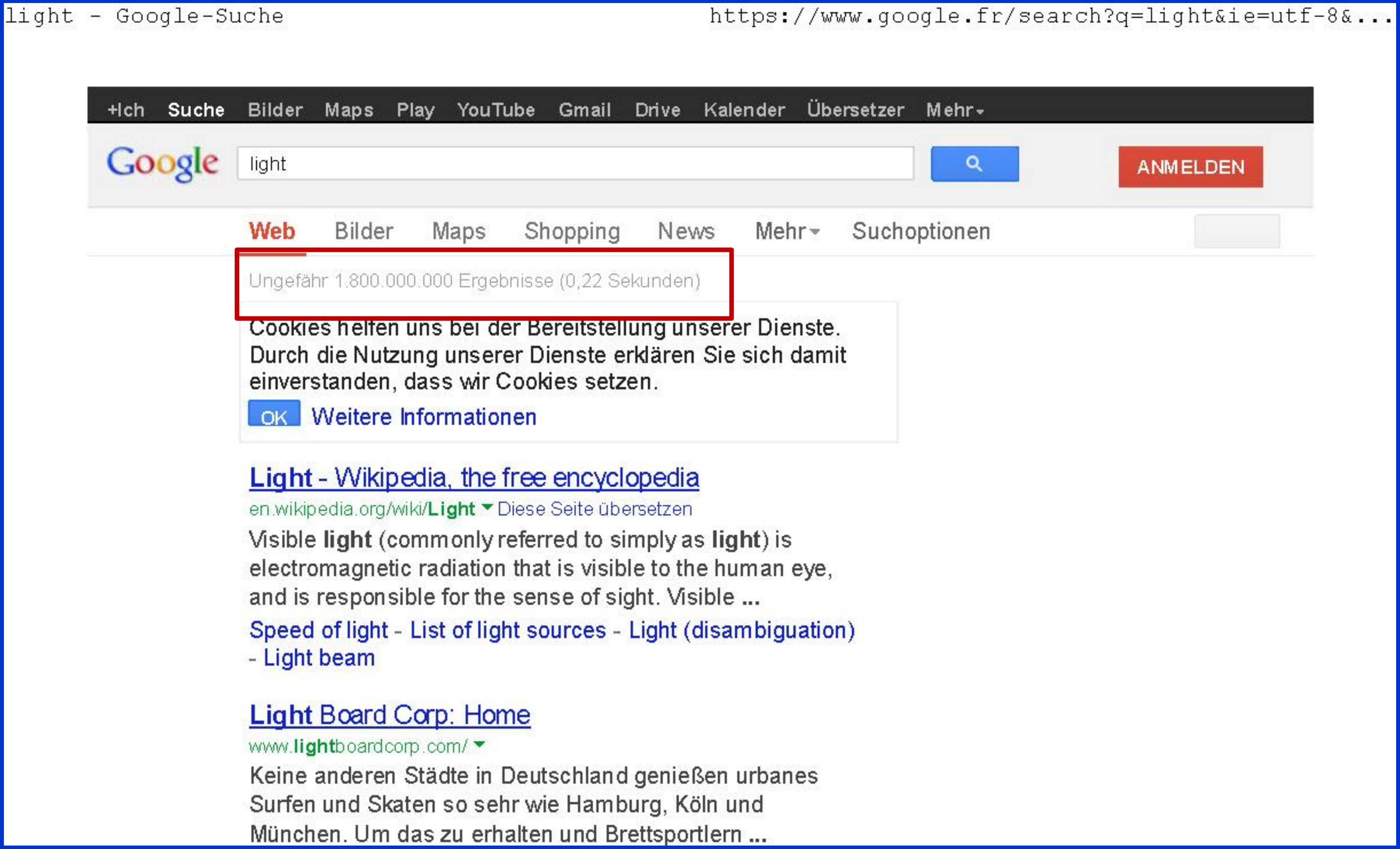
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Visible light (commonly referred to simply as light) is electromagnetic radiation that is visible to the human eye, and is responsible for the sense of sight. Visible ...
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Light Board Corp: Home
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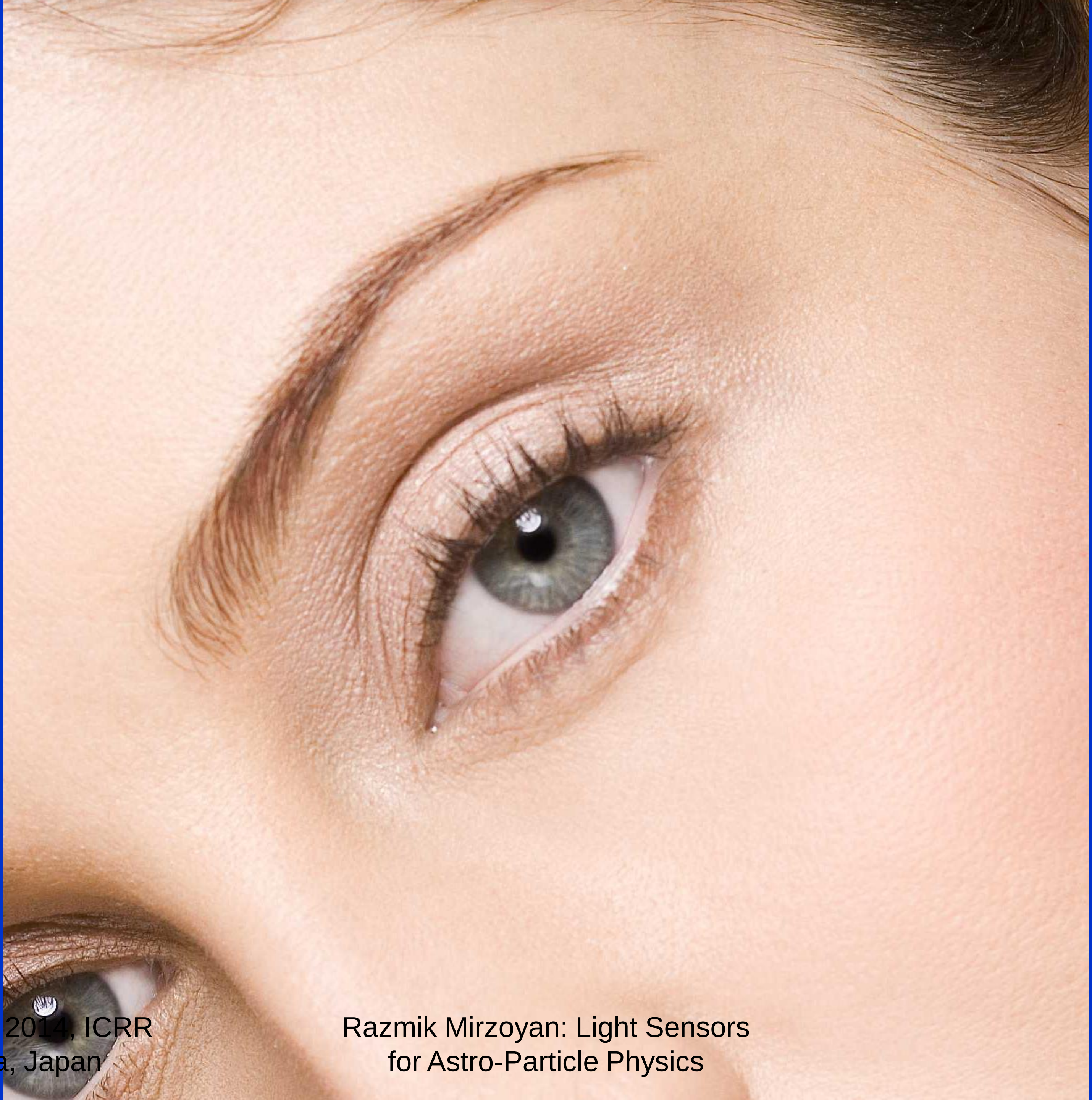
Keine anderen Städte in Deutschland genießen urbanes Surfen und Skaten so sehr wie Hamburg, Köln und München. Um das zu erhalten und Brettsportlern ...

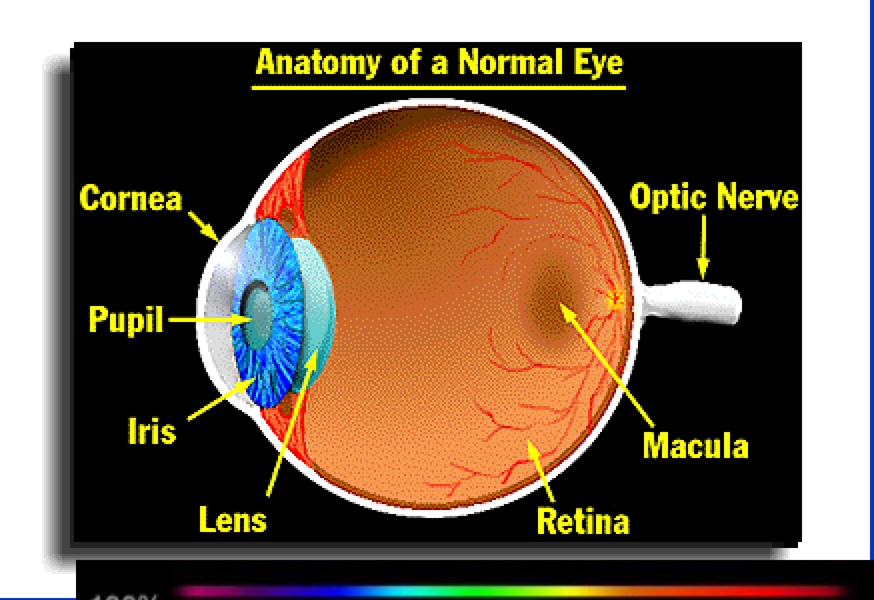
The most complex light sensors: eyes

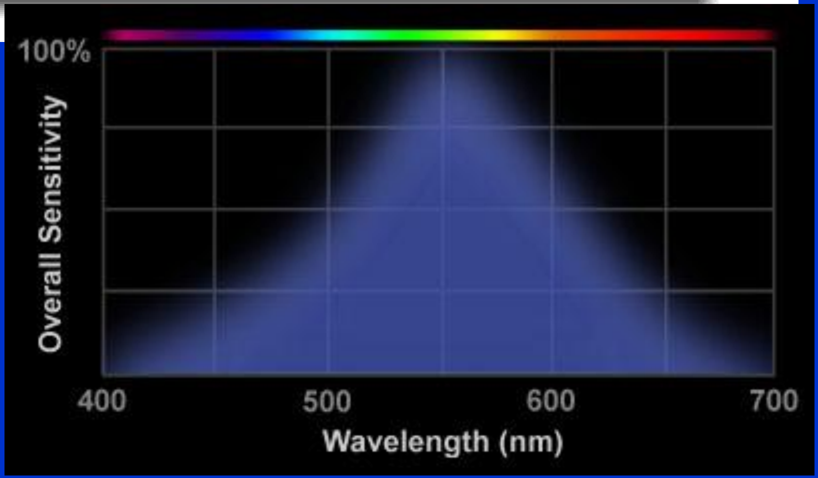
These seemingly best-known imaging light sensors measure colour in the a relatively wide band (400 – 700 nm) as well as the light intensity within a

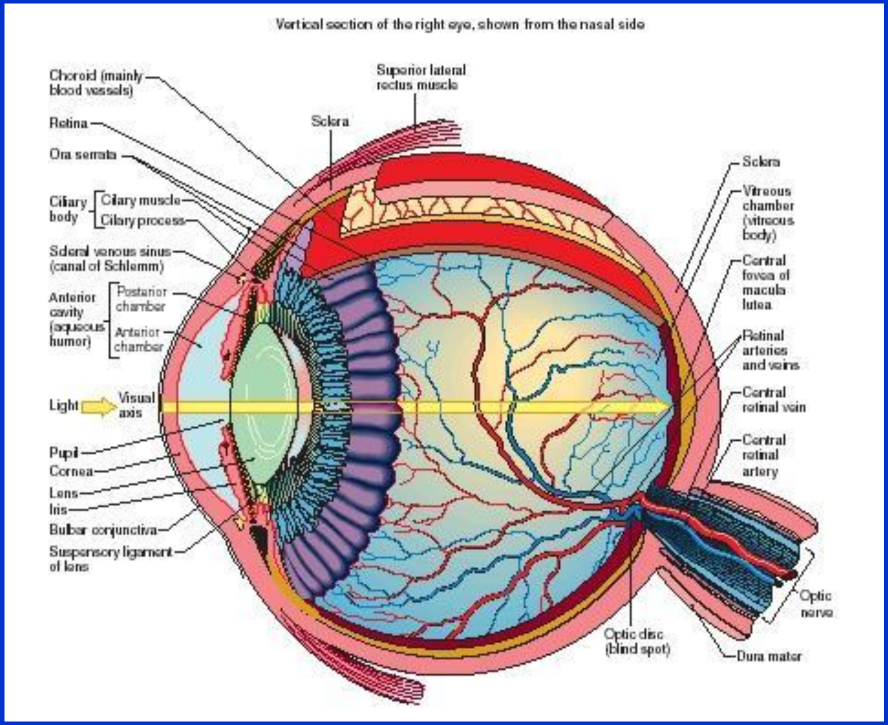
- dynamic range of 13 orders of magnitude !
- angular resolution ~ 1‘ (oculists call it 100 % sight)
- integration time ≥ 30 ms,
- threshold value for signals
  - 5-7 green photons (after few hours adaptation in the darkness)
  - 30 photons on average in the dark



Complex light sensors







The human way of developing light sensors

- Human eye cannot resolve in time processes that are faster than its light integration time: ~ 30ms
- Today with sensors we can easily measure processes with a time resolution $\leq 10^{-12}$ s (ps)
- We can measure images with a time resolution of ~250ps (gated image intensifiers)
- We cannot cover with a single sensor the dynamic range of a human eye of $\sim 10^{13}$ (logarithmic) but, for example, the linear dynamic range of a PIN diode couild be as high as $\sim 10^{8}$

What LLL sensor can we dream about ?

- **Die eierlegende Woll-Milch-Sau (german)**

  (approximate english translation: all-in-one device suitable for every purpose)

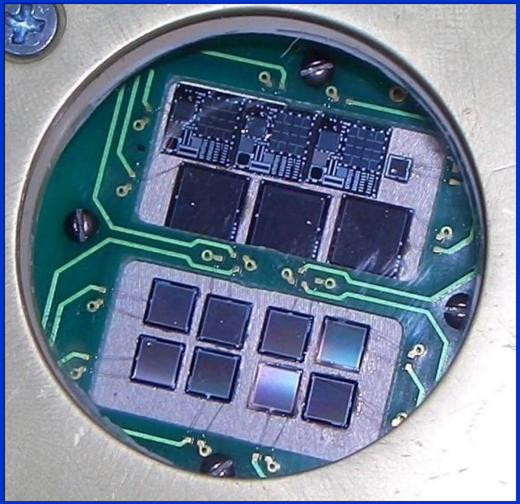
What LLL sensor can we dream about ?

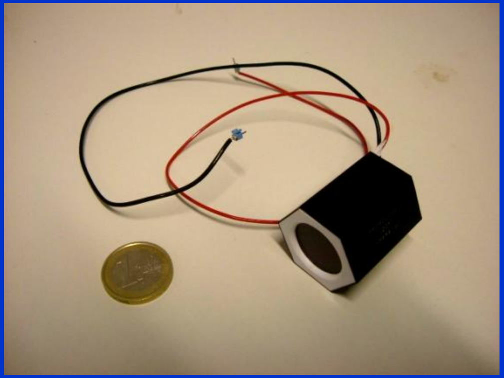
- Nearly 100 % QE and photon detection efficiency (PDE)
- Could be made in very large and in very small sizes
- Few ps fast (in air and in many materials the light speed is usually 20-30 cm/ns; in 5 ps it will make 1-1.5 mm)
- Signal amplification x10^6
- Noiseless amplification: F-factor - 1.001
- Few % amplitude resolution
- No fatigue, no degradation in lifetime
- Low power consumption
- Operation at ambient temperatures
- No danger to expose to light
- Insensitive to magnetic fields
- No vacuum, no HV, lightweight,...

Light conversion into a measurable

- Visible light can react and become measurable by:
  - Eye *(human: QE ~ 3 % &* animal), plants, paints,…
  - Photoemulsion *(QE ~ 0.1 – 1 %)* (photo-chemical)
  - Photodiodes (photoelectrical, evacuated)
    - Classical & hybrid photomultipliers *(QE ~ 25 %)*
    - *QE ~ 55 % (HPD with GaAsP photocathode)*
  - Photodiodes *(QE ~ 70 – 80 %)* (photoelectrical)
    - PIN diodes, Avalanche diodes, SiPM,…
    - photodiode arrays like CCD, CMOS cameras,…

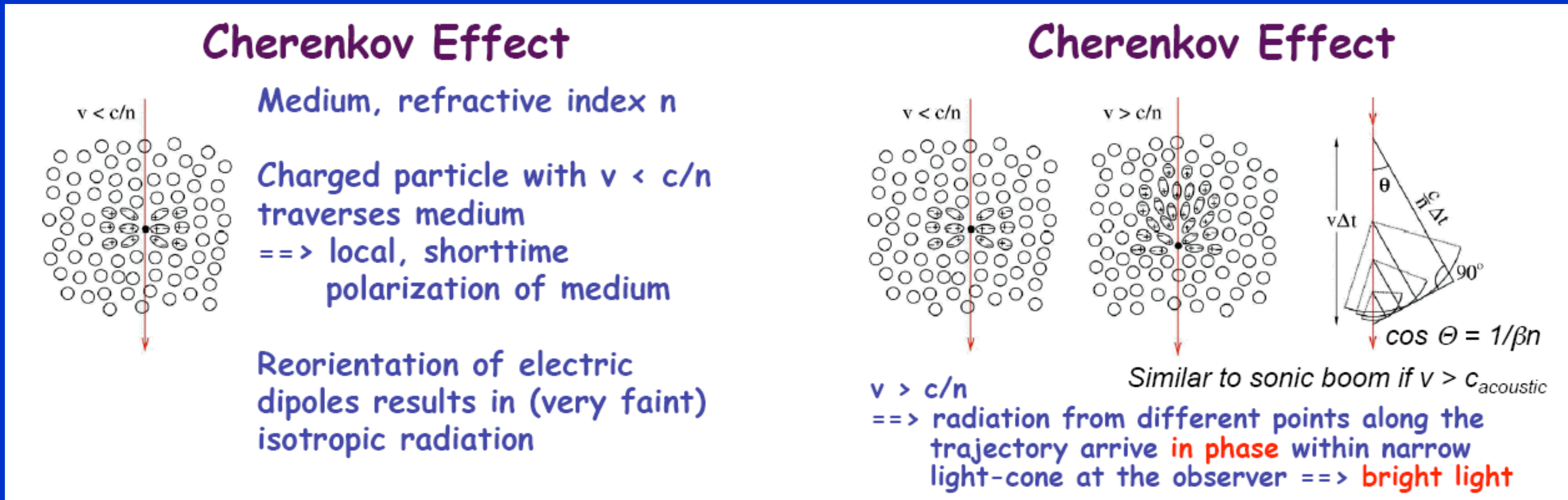
The „zoo“ of LLL sensors





Light in Astro-Physics

- Air-Cherenkov experiments in Astro-physics use Cherenkov light emission in atmosphere
- Milagro, HAWC were/are using Cherenkov emission in water
- Neutrino experiments use Cherenkov light emission in ice (BAIKAL, AMANDA, IceCube), in water (Antares, NESTOR, Kamiokande,…)
- Air fluorescence detectors use fluorescent light emission in atmosphere (High-Res Fly‘s Eye, AUGER)
- Many experiments, also in high energy physics, use light emission in scintillating solid materials and liquids



• Pavel Cherenkov had to spend >1-1,5 hours in a dark, cold cellar, for accomodating his eyes to darkness for seeng the very faint bluish emission from solvents containing radioactive salts

•1934-1938 conducted a series of brilliant expeirments.

• Obtained Nobel Prize in 1956 for the discovery

The Beginning of the PMT

Proceedings of the Institute of Radio Engineers

Volume 25, Number 4 — *April, 1937*

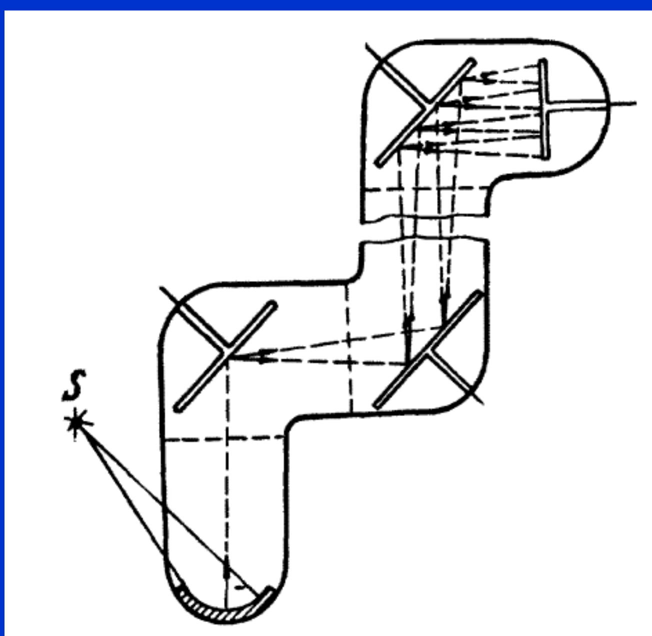
MULTIPLE AMPLIFIER*

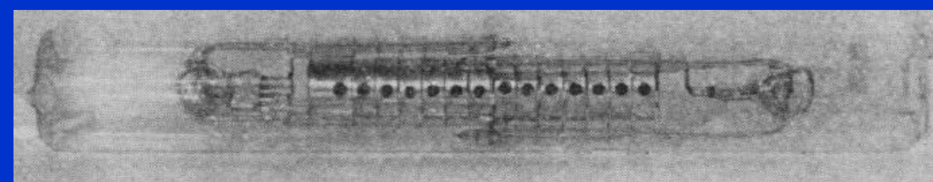
By

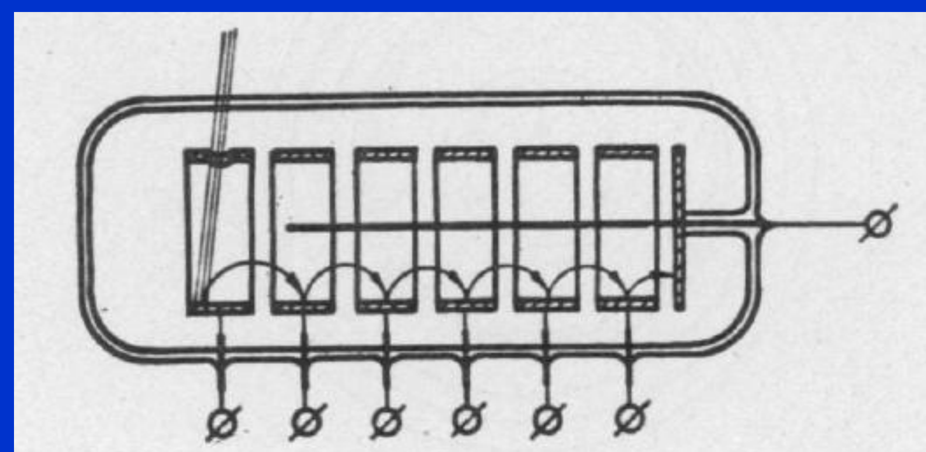
L. A. Kubetsky

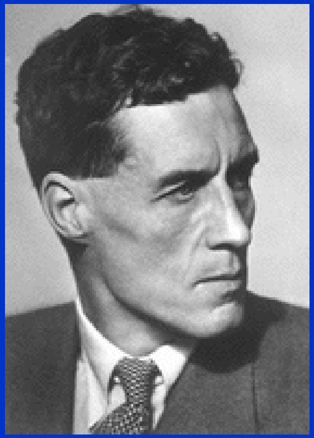
(People's Commissariat of Communications, Moscow, U.S.S.R.)

Many types of PMTs were patented in 1930 and later built (from 1934 on) by L.A. Kubetsky









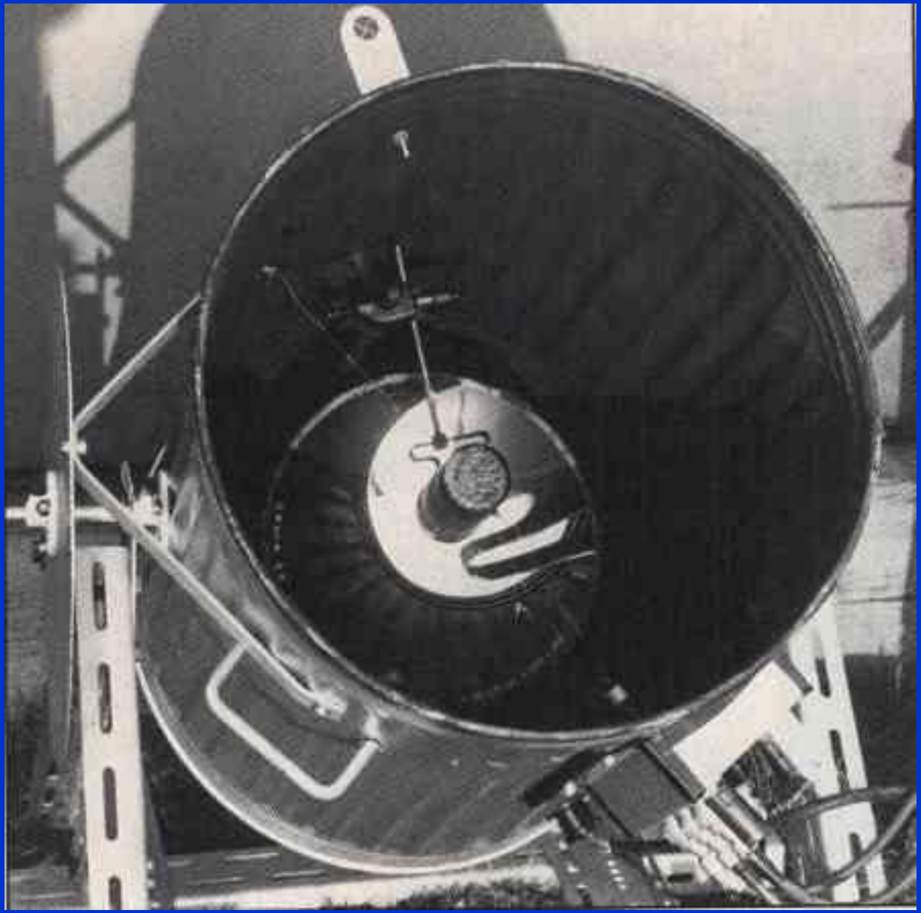
The Very Beginning of Atmospheric Air Cherenkov Telescope Technique

1948

- Patrick Blackett (Nobel prize laureate of 1948: study of cosmic rays using counter-controlled cloud chamber) was the first to mention that there shall be Cherenkov light component from relativistic particles in air showers (mostly e-, e+, μ-, μ+) marginally contributing (~ 10^{-4}) to the intensity of the light of night sky (LoNS)

- Until that the Cherenkov light has been detected only in solids and liquids

The Experimental Beginning

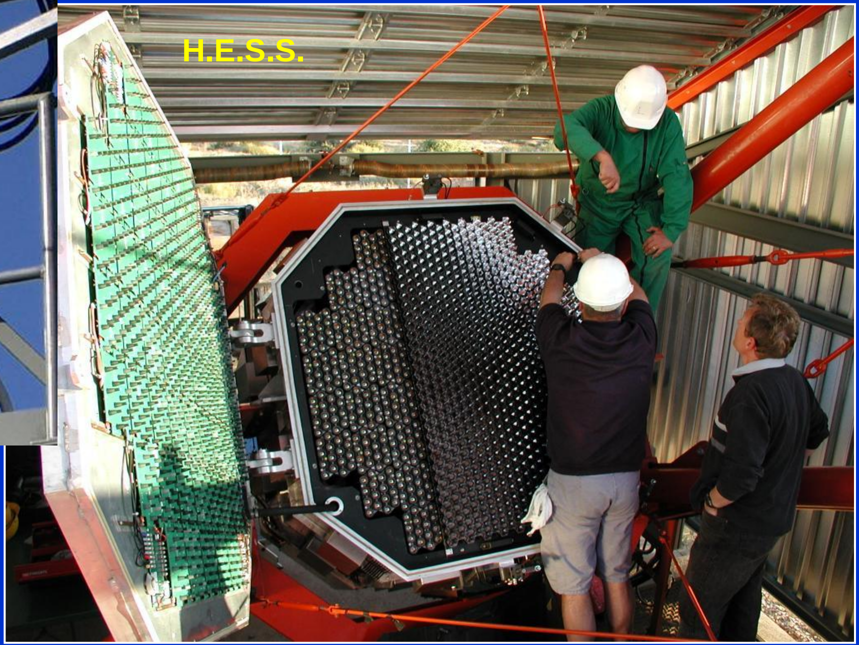


1953

By using a garbage can, a 60 cm diameter mirror in it and a PMT in its focus Galbraith and Jelly had discovered the Cherenkov light pulses from the extensive air showers.

Today: the 17m Ø MAGIC IACT project for VHE γ astrophysics at E ~ 25 GeV - 30 TeV

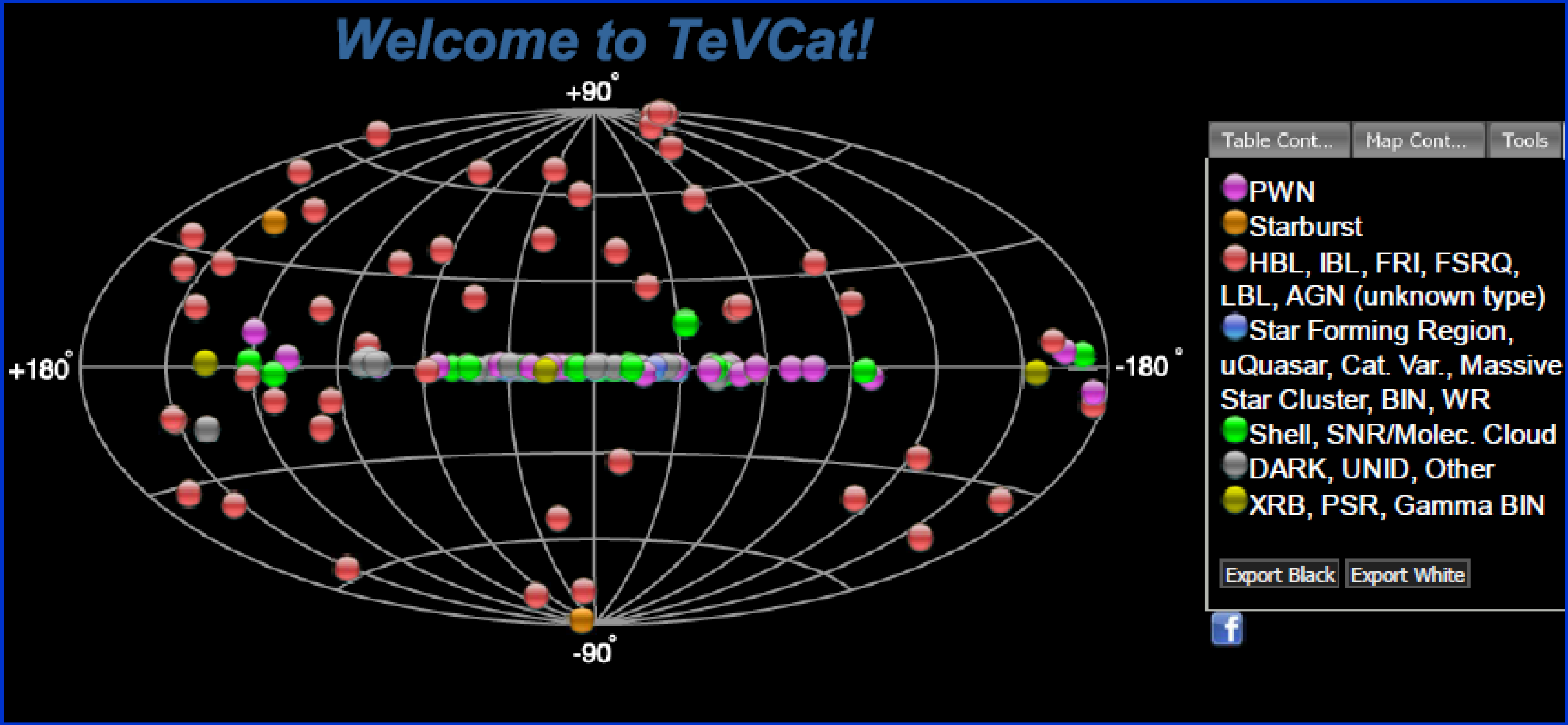
Photograph of the 1039-pixel imaging camera of MAGIC-I. Pixels are based on superbialkali PMTs each covering 0.10° in the sky.



Ground-based VHE γ Astrophysics

# of sources discovered by H.E.S.S., MAGIC, VERITAS, Milagro, Cangaroo: ~160

Also sources by Whipple, HEGRA, Durham, Crimea, Potchefstroom, Telescope Array

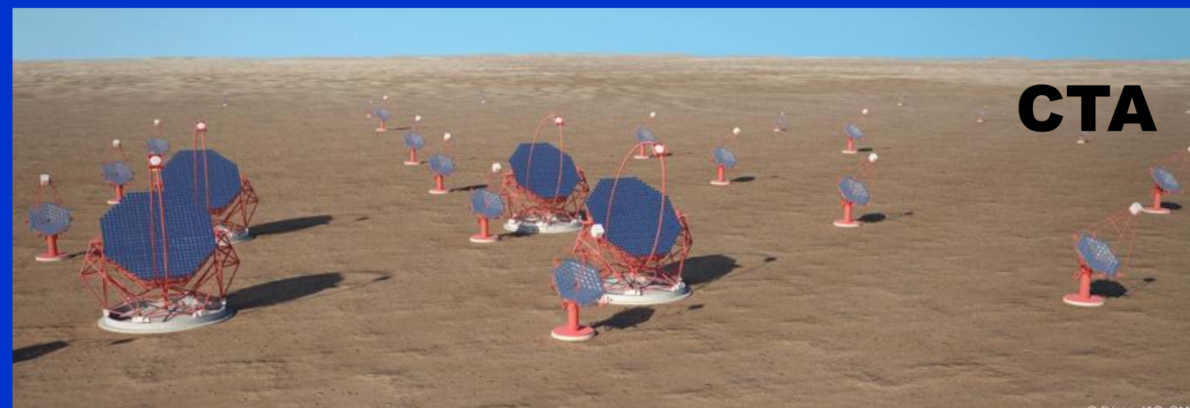


Outlook : the next 3-7 years

Next generation VHE γ ray Observatory: CTA

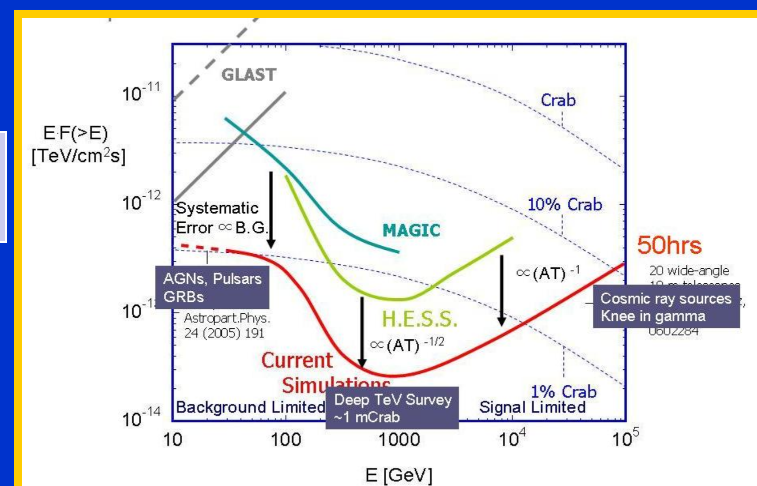
MAGIC Phase II operational

Cherenkov Telescope Array
1000's of sources will be discovered



HESS Phase II (HESS + 28m Telescope) operational

~1150 scientists
~130 institutions



Astronomers in EU + Japan + USA = CTA

Quantum Efficiency

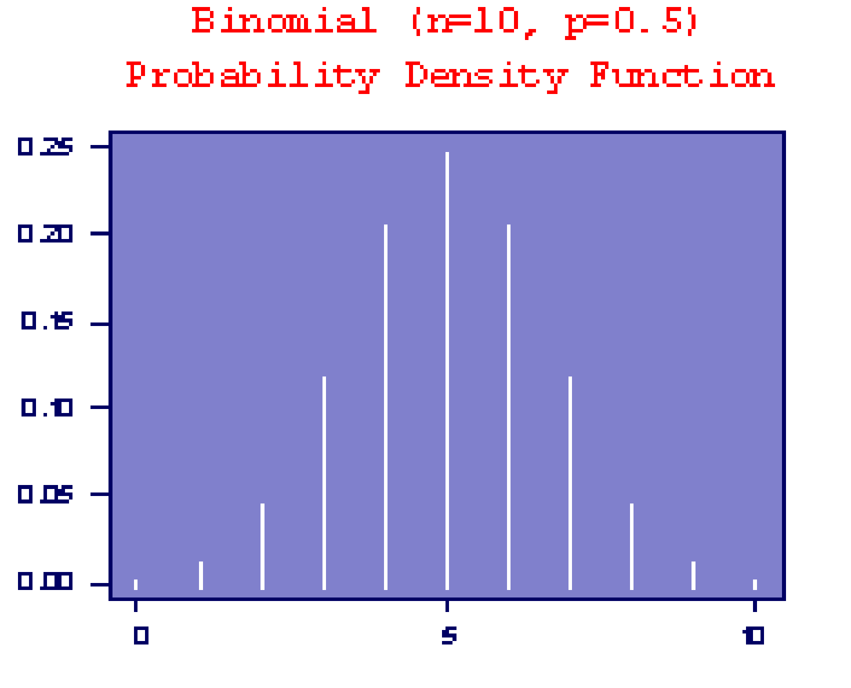
Quantum efficiency (QE) of a sensor is defined as the ratio

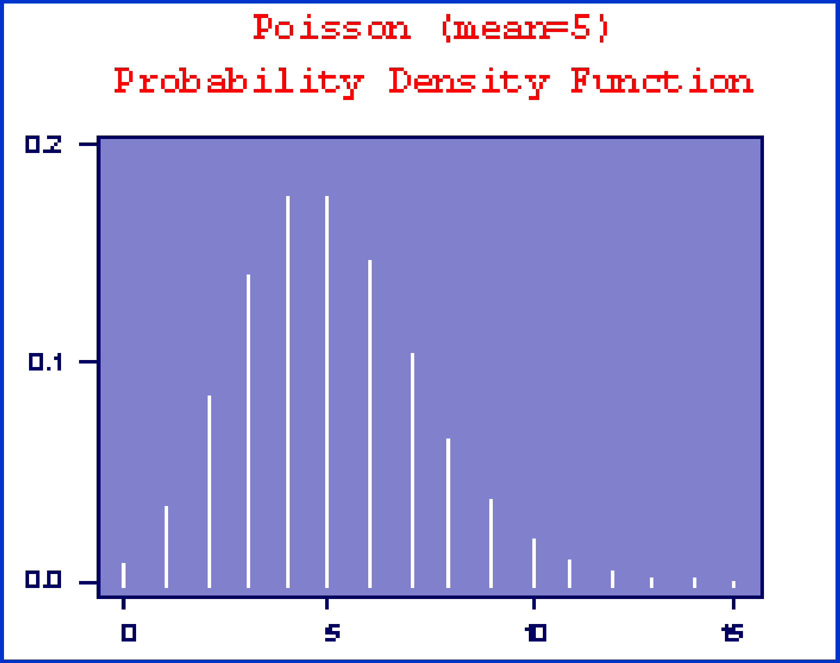
$$QE = N(ph.e.) / N(photons)$$

Conversion of a photon into ph.e. is a purely binomial process (and not poisson !)

Light sources of thermal origin can be described by the poisson distribution (including LED)

Differences between binomial and poisson distributions





SNR = 3.16

mean/σ = 2.24

Why do we want high Quantum Efficiency

Assume <u>**N** photons</u> are impinging onto a sensor and every photon has the same <u>probability **P**</u> to kick out a ph.e..

Then the <u>mean</u> number of ph.e.s is **N x P** and

the <u>Variance</u> is equal to <u>**N x P x (1 – P)**</u>

Signal/Noise = mean/sigma =

$$NxP / \sqrt{[NxPx(1-P)]} = \sqrt{[NxP/(1-P)]}$$

Signal to noise ratio

The signal-to noise ratio of a light sensor can be calculated as

$$\mathbf{SNR = [N \times P/(1 - P)]^{1/2}}$$

For example, if N = 1 (single impinging photon):

P	0.1	0.3	0.9
SNR	0.33	0.65	3

Signal to noise ratio

$$\mathbf{SNR = [N \times P/(1 - P)]^{1/2}}$$

For N = 20 impinging photons:

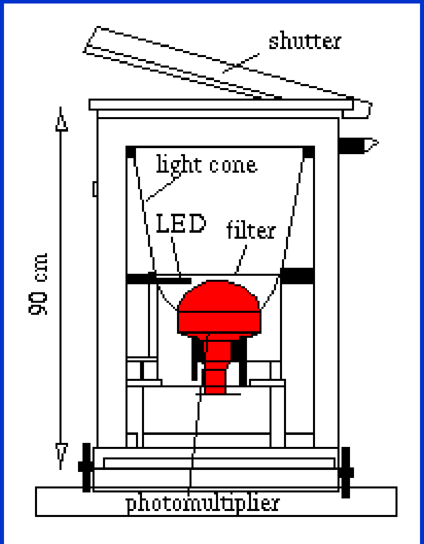
P	0.1	0.3	0.9
SNR	1.5	2.9	13.4

One of the best known light sensors: the classical PMT

- The impinging photons kick out e- from the thin photo cathode (~25nm)
- e- are accelerated in a static electric field (~100V) and hit dynodes arranged in a sequential topology
- Every dynode enhances the number of e- by a factor 4-5
- The net gain of a PMT could be $10^5 – 10^7$
- That allows measuring single photons

HEGRA Detector, operating 1989 - 2002

AIROBICC 8-inch Electron Tubes KB 9352



Development initiated by Eckart Lorenz for the AIROBICC detector of HEGRA

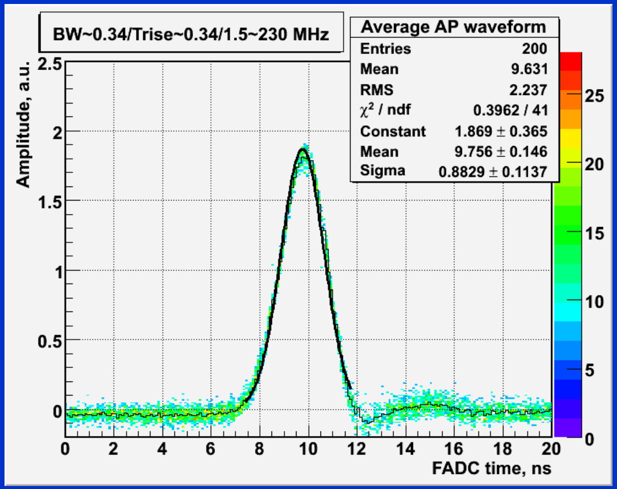
- 8-inch PMTs from Electron Tubes, England
- 6-dynodes, slow ageing
- hemispherical shape
- very fast response, 3-4ns FWHM

PMTs for MAGIC from Electron Tubes Enterprises and from Hamamatsu

Hamamatsu R10408-01
ET 9116 A: 1.0   inch
ET 9117 A: 1.5 inch

- 1-inch were developed initially with ETE (England), initiated y Eckart Lorenz. Then continued with Hamamatsu (Japan). Also Photonis produced a hemispherical PMT for us.
- We used PMTs from ETE in MAGIC-I
- When constructing the MAGIC-II, we checked PMTs from ETE against those from Hamamatsu and finally chose the latter because of higher PDE
- Similarly we co-developed 1.5 PMTs, outer rings of the MAGIC-I camera

PMTs for MAGIC developed by ETE, Hamamatsu, Photonis

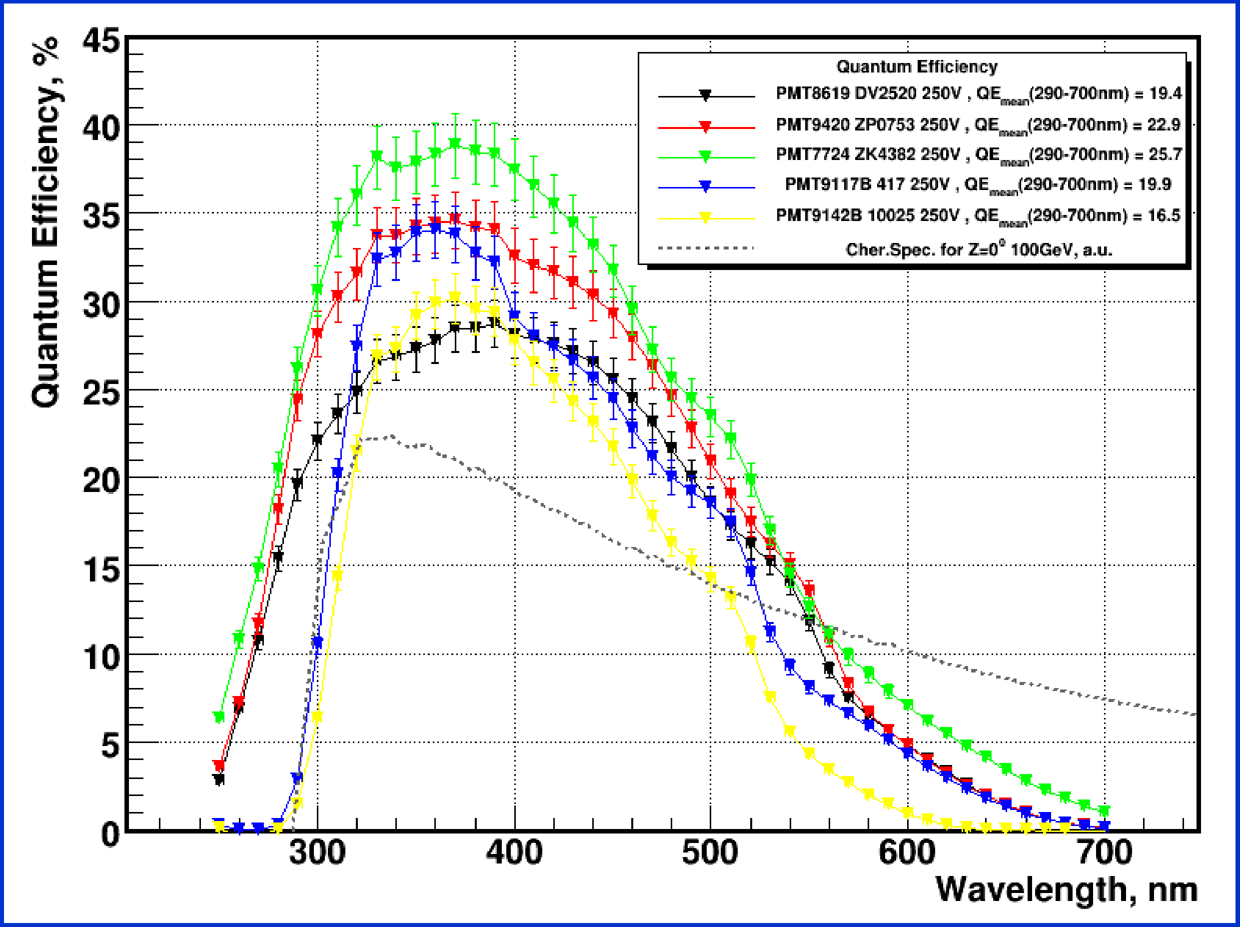


Main advantages offered by 1-inch hemispherical MAGIC-type PMTs:

- ultra-fast resonse; ETE PMT: rise tome 600ps, fall time 700ps, FWHM = 1.2ns
- possible due to 6 dynodes
- hemisperical shape photo cathode
- providing double crossing of photons (the highest probability of the semi-transparent photocathode is ~60% @ 400nm) with light guides
- low gain → slow ageing in time

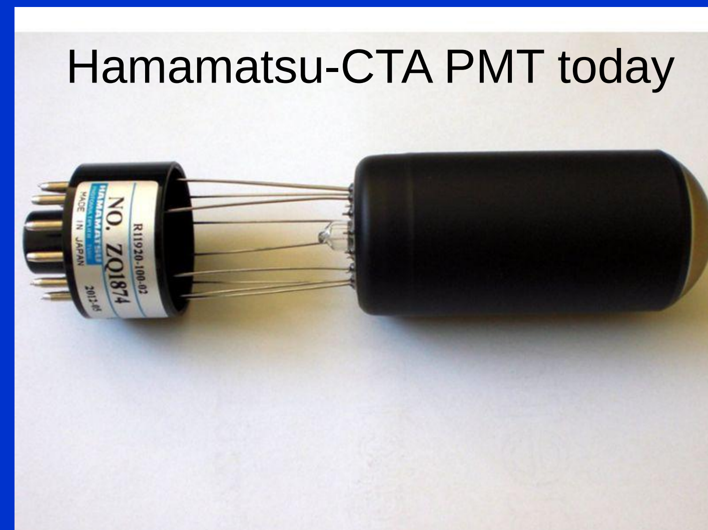
Instrumental/technological improvements

Running target: light sensor improvements. Successfully pushing the PDE higher up. Shown for several types of PMTs



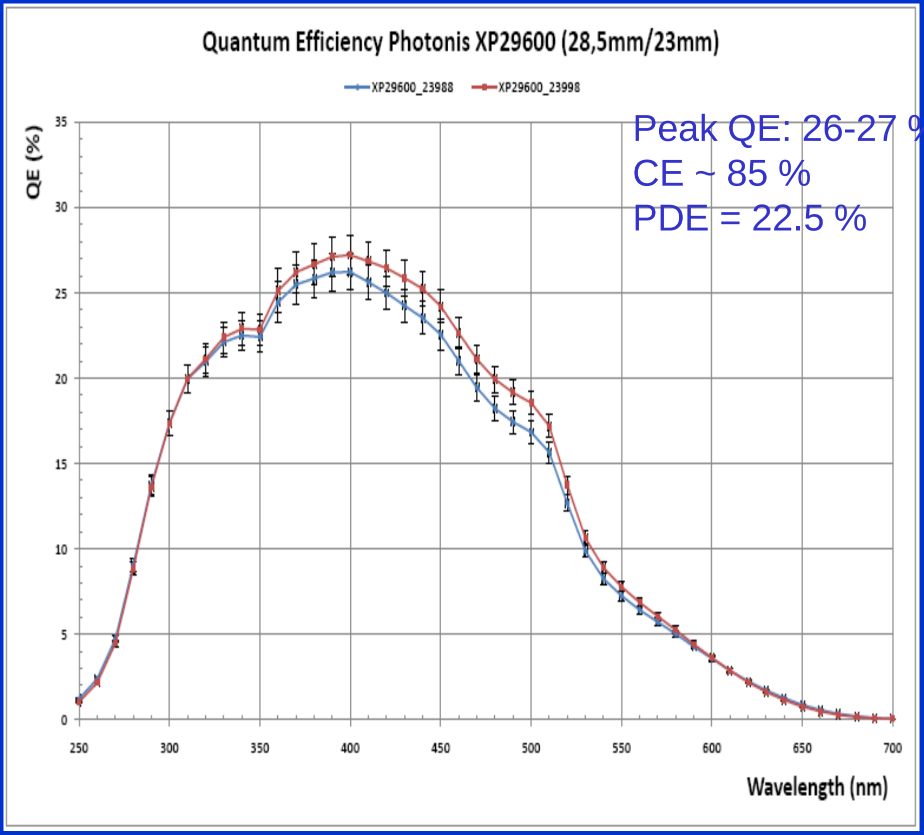
- Some 9 years ago we have launched a QE improvement program with manufacturers Hamamatsu (Japan), Photonis (France) and Electron Tubes Enterprises (England).
- The results were very encouraging
- Since about 4 years we launched a new improvement program for CTA PMTs

Development of PMTs for CTA



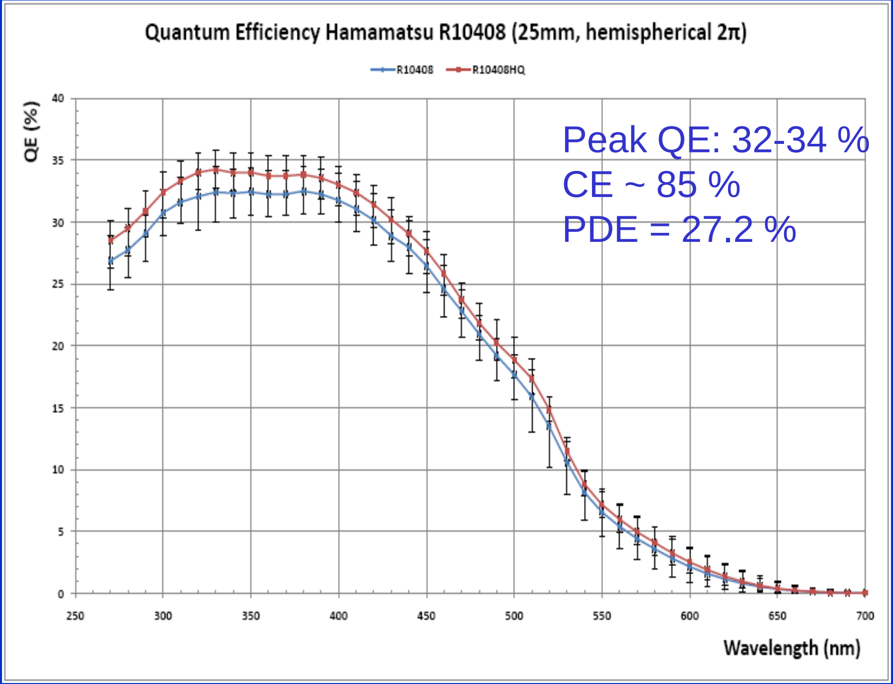
Electron Tubes Enterprises
CTA PMT now

Some background information



- On the left one can see the typical quantum efficiency (QE) of PMTs (from Photonis) used in the H.E.S.S. project
- The peak QE is in the range of 25-27%, CE ~85%
- This was the QE level of PMTs since 1960's

Some background information



Later on these PMTs have got the name "Superbialkali"

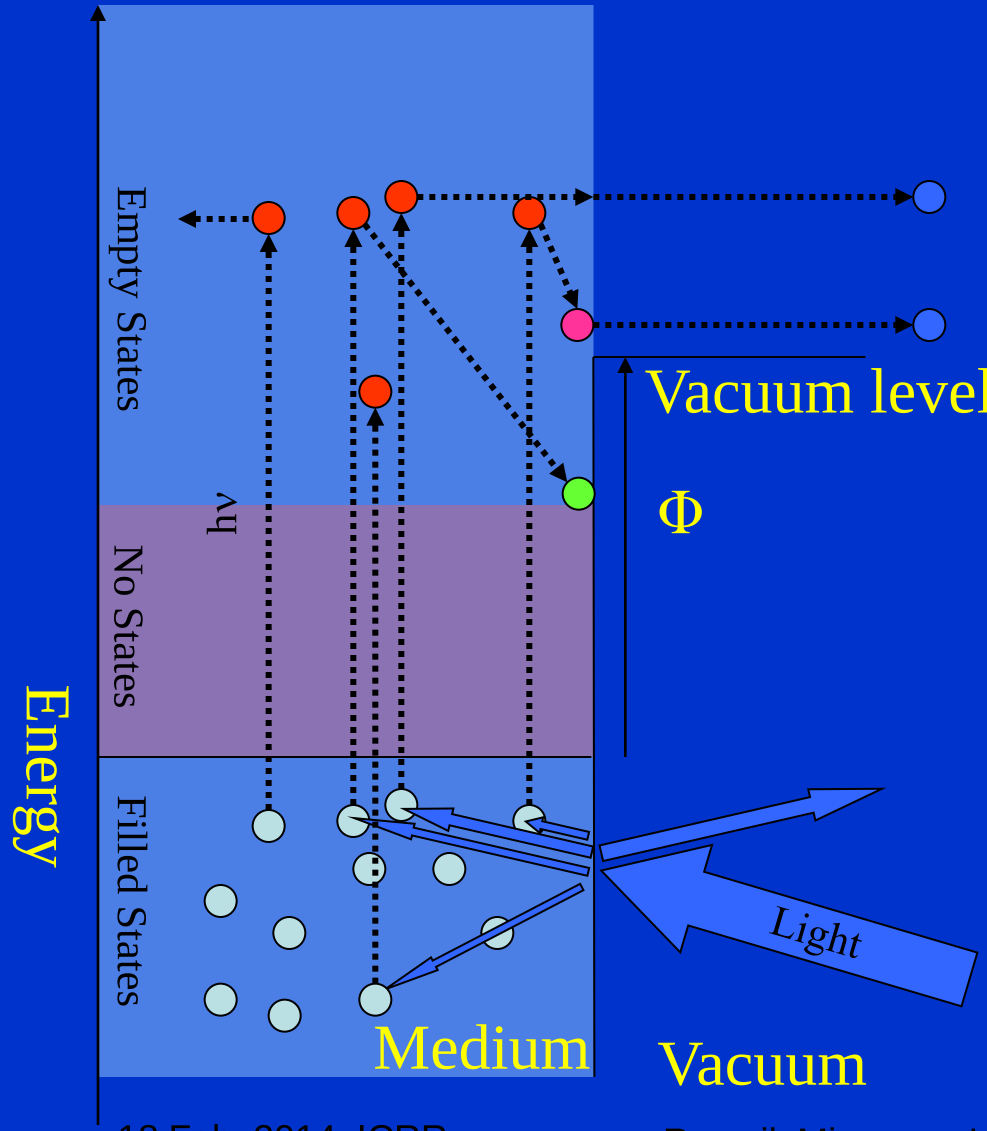
- In 2004-2008 we have developed a program for enhanicing the QE, primarily for using in the MAGIC IACTs
- Working with industrial partners *Photonis*, *Electron Tubes* and *Hamamatsu* the QE of bialkali PMTs was enhanced towards 32-34%
- Note that the collection efficiency of ph.e. was still only ~85%

Photosensors for CTA

- When the CTA project started the Focal Plane Instrumentation working group asked the consortium for some funds for further development of PMTs
- A very modest level funding became available through the Preparatory Phase funding of CTA
- About 5 years ago we launched a new program for further improving the PMTs
- Today we face an improvement of
  - ph.e. collection efficiency from 85% → 95%, as well as
  - the QE has further increased towards ~40%
  - Afterpulsing level has been reduced from a typical 0.3% → 0.02%

Three Step Model of Photoemission - Semiconductors

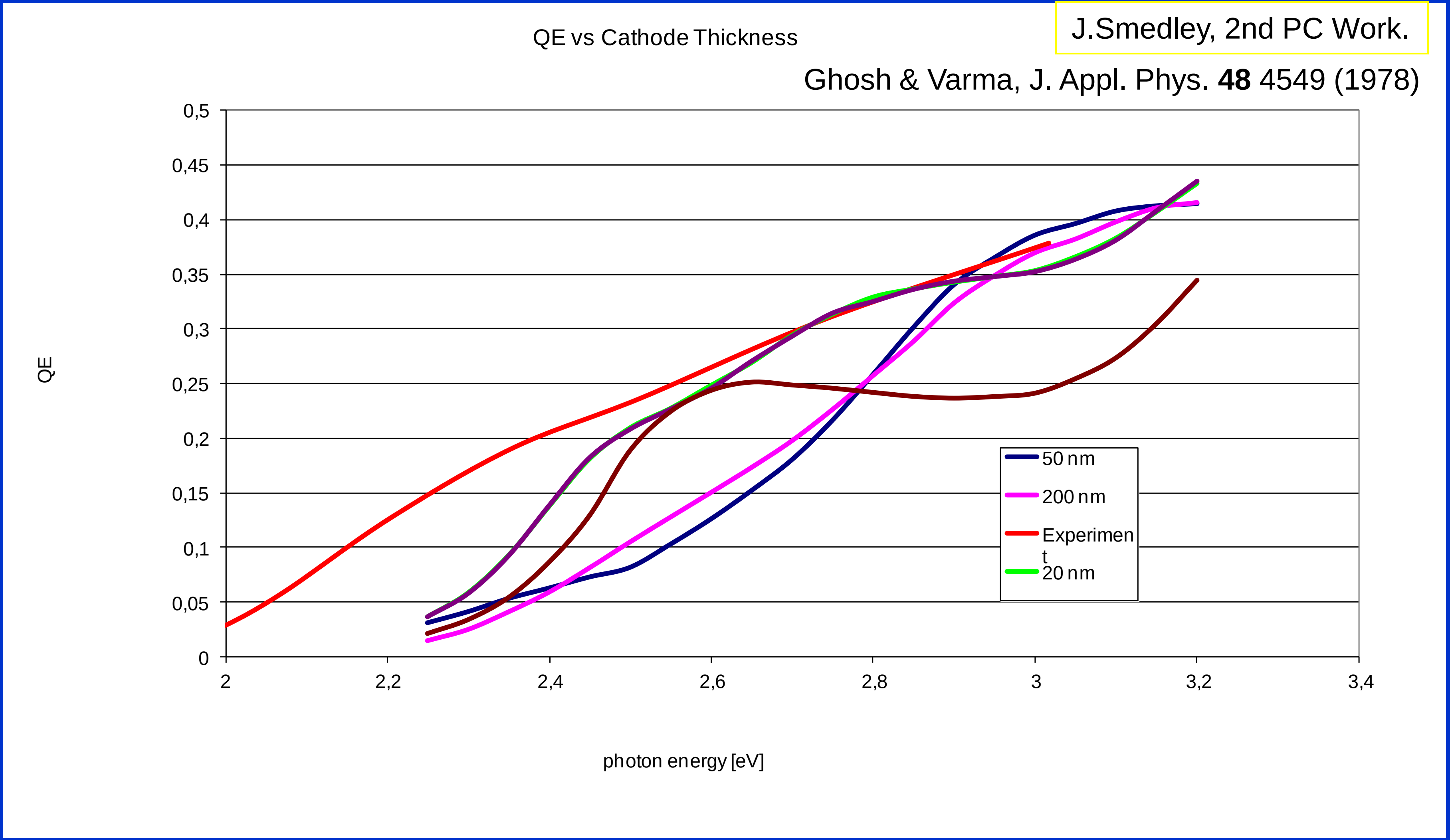
J.Smedley, 2nd PC Work.



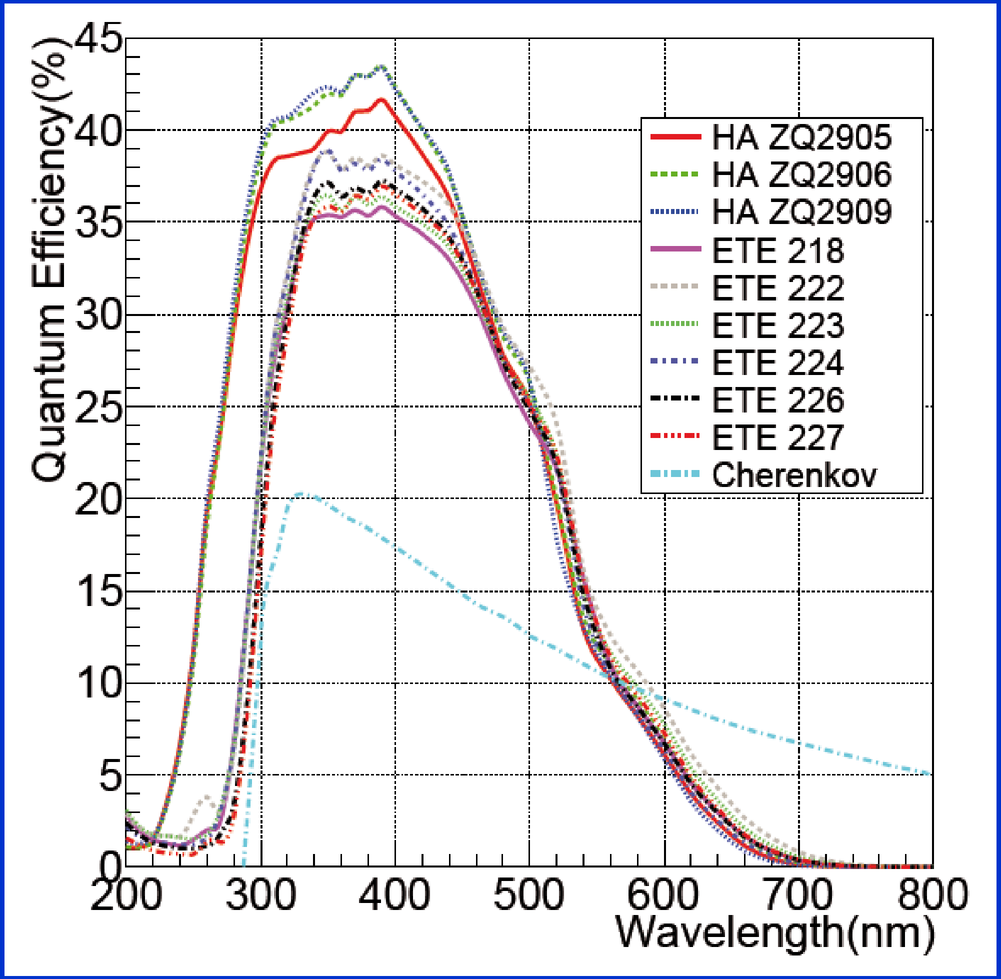
1) Excitation of e^-
   - Reflection, Transmission, Interference
   - Energy distribution of excited e^-
2) Transit to the Surface
   - e^--phonon scattering
   - e^--defect scattering
   - e^--e^- scattering
   - Random Walk
3) Escape surface
   - Overcome Workfunction
   - Multiple tries

Need to account for Random Walk in cathode suggests Monte Carlo modeling

Monte Carlo for K_2CsSb



PMT candidates for the CTA

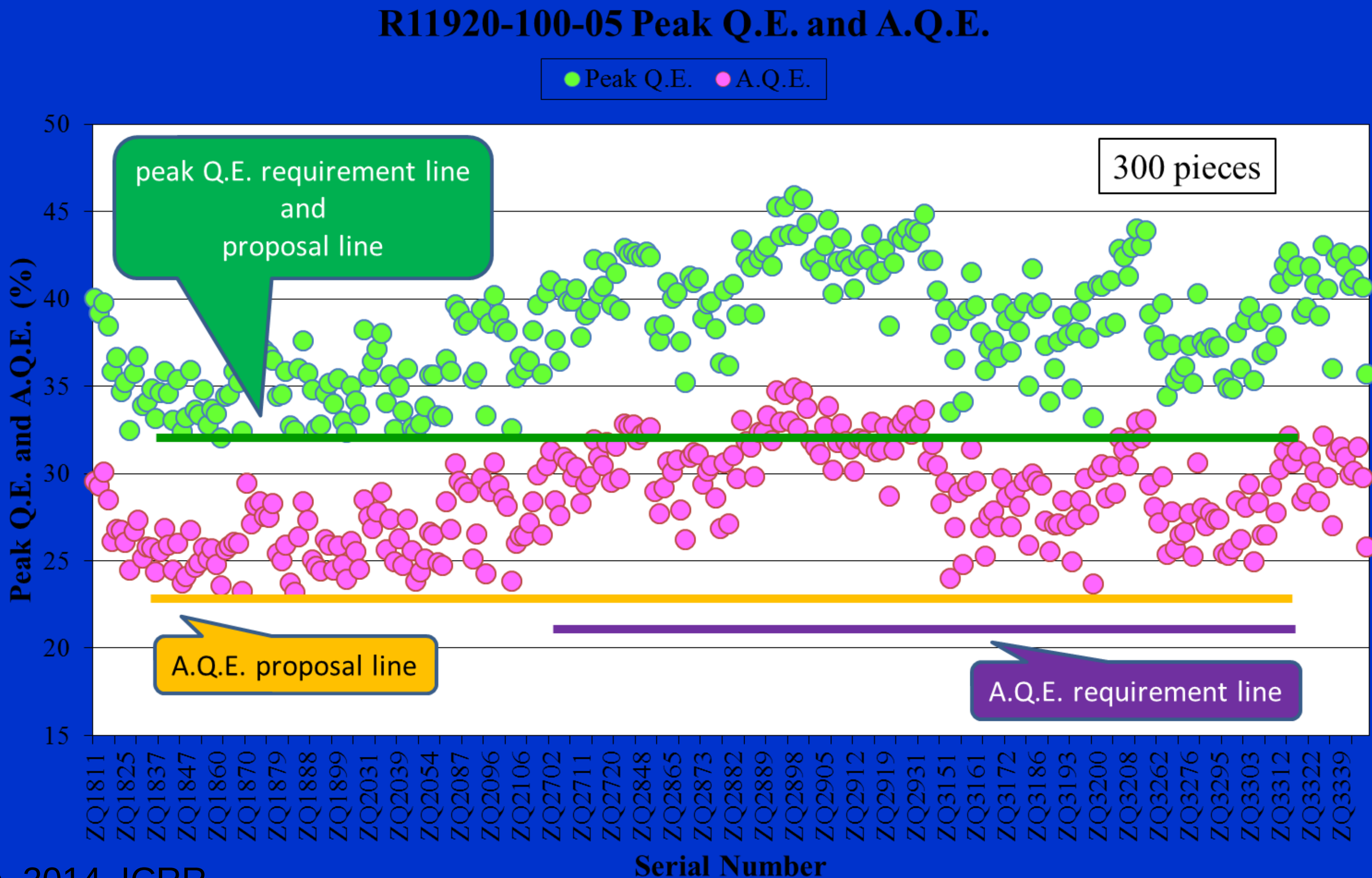


- Both *Electron Tubes Enterprises* (England) and *Hamamatsu* (Japan) have made a big progress.
- The average QE level moved towards 40%
- The ph.e. CE moved towards 95-98%
- Compared to H.E.S.S. already with these tubes one gets +60% enhancement

Recent strong boost of QE → 45 %

Peak Q.E.

Average QE over Cherenkov spectrum (290nm-600nm)

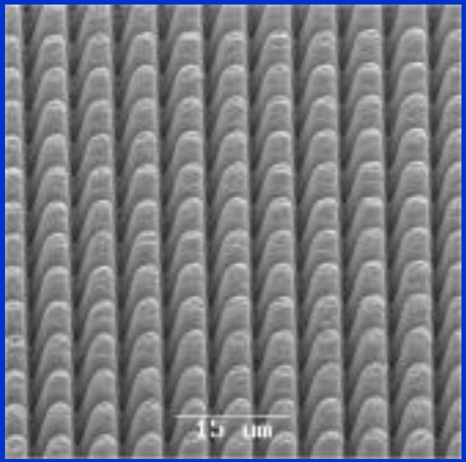


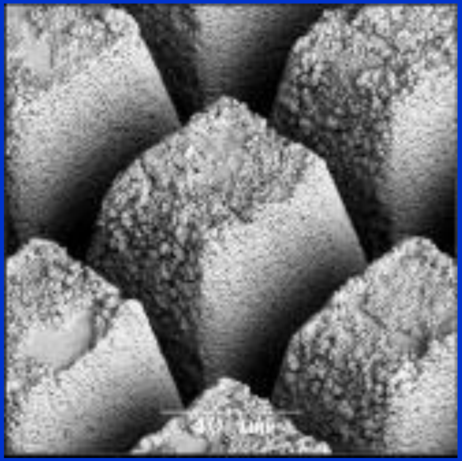
Reflectivity and QE

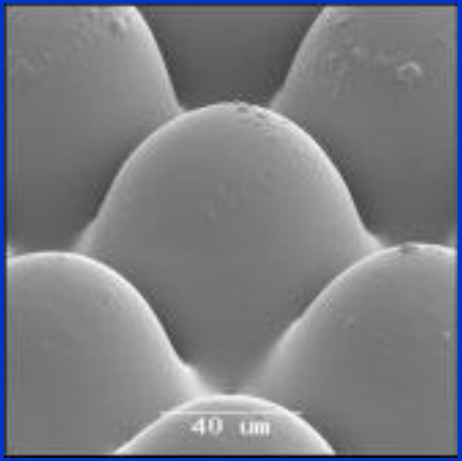
J.Smedley, 2nd PC Work.

R. Downey, P.D. Townsend, and L. Valberg, phys. stat. sol. (c) **2**, 645 (2005)

Reflectivity depends on incidence angle of light and the thickness of PC. Possiility to pass a structure to the PC can reduce losses due to reflection and increase QE







After Pulsing for threshold 4 p.e. (Light Emission)

MPI measurement result

2.3.1 Set-Up

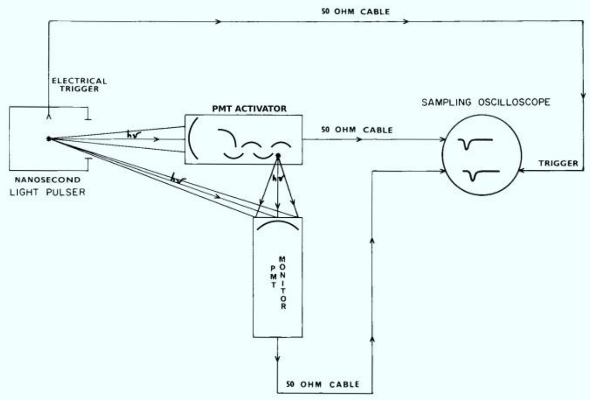
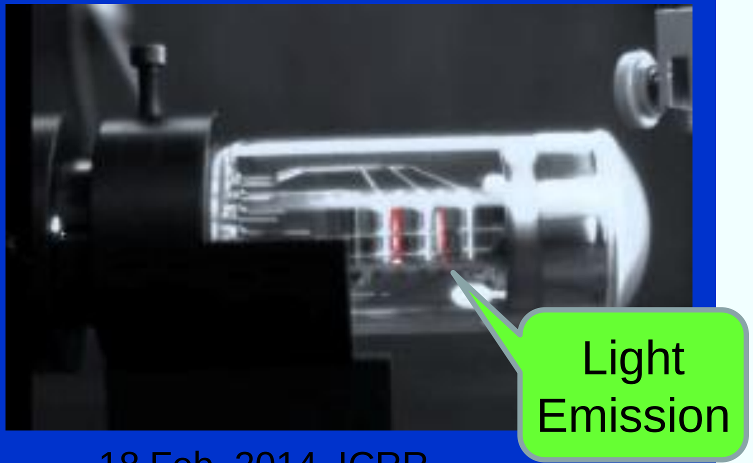


Figure 2.2: The photomultiplier dynode glow test apparatus, sketch adapted from [10]



2.3.3 Results

A screen capture of the oscilloscope with more than 200 million ... Fig.2.3. The individual peaks on the activator photomultiplier are ...

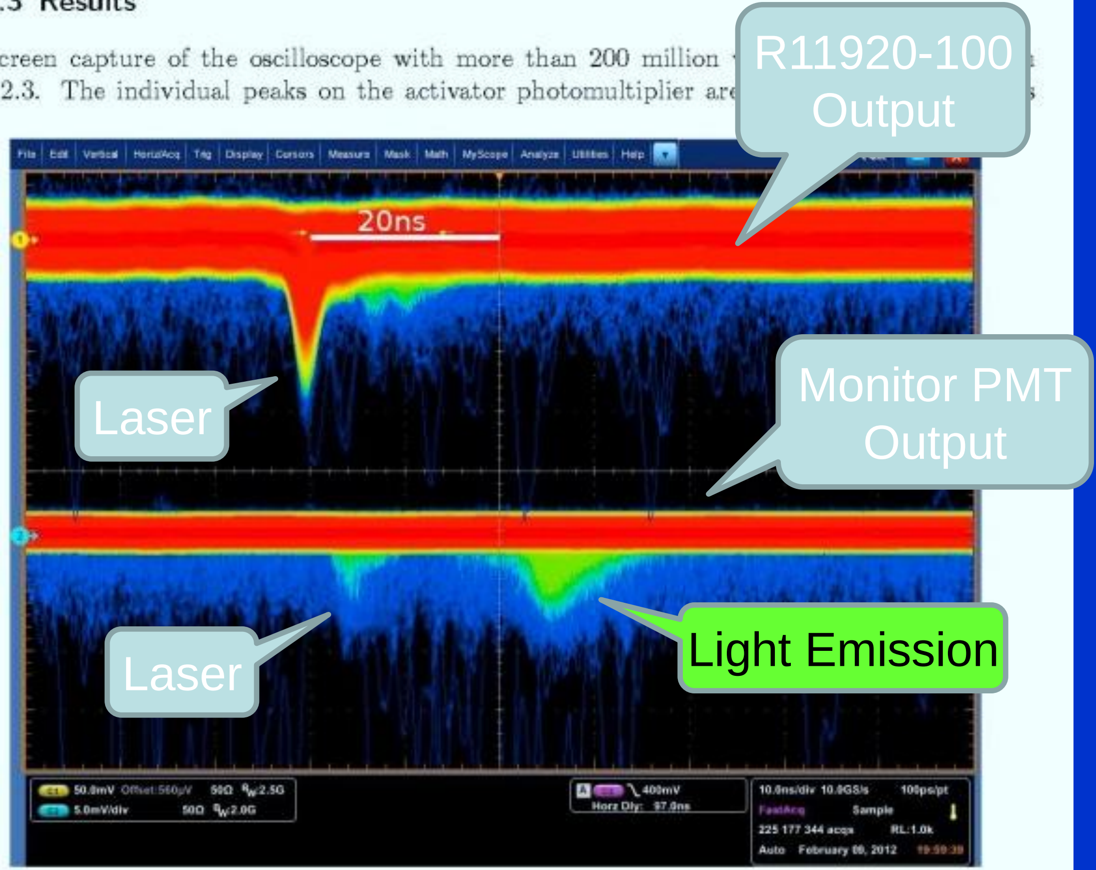
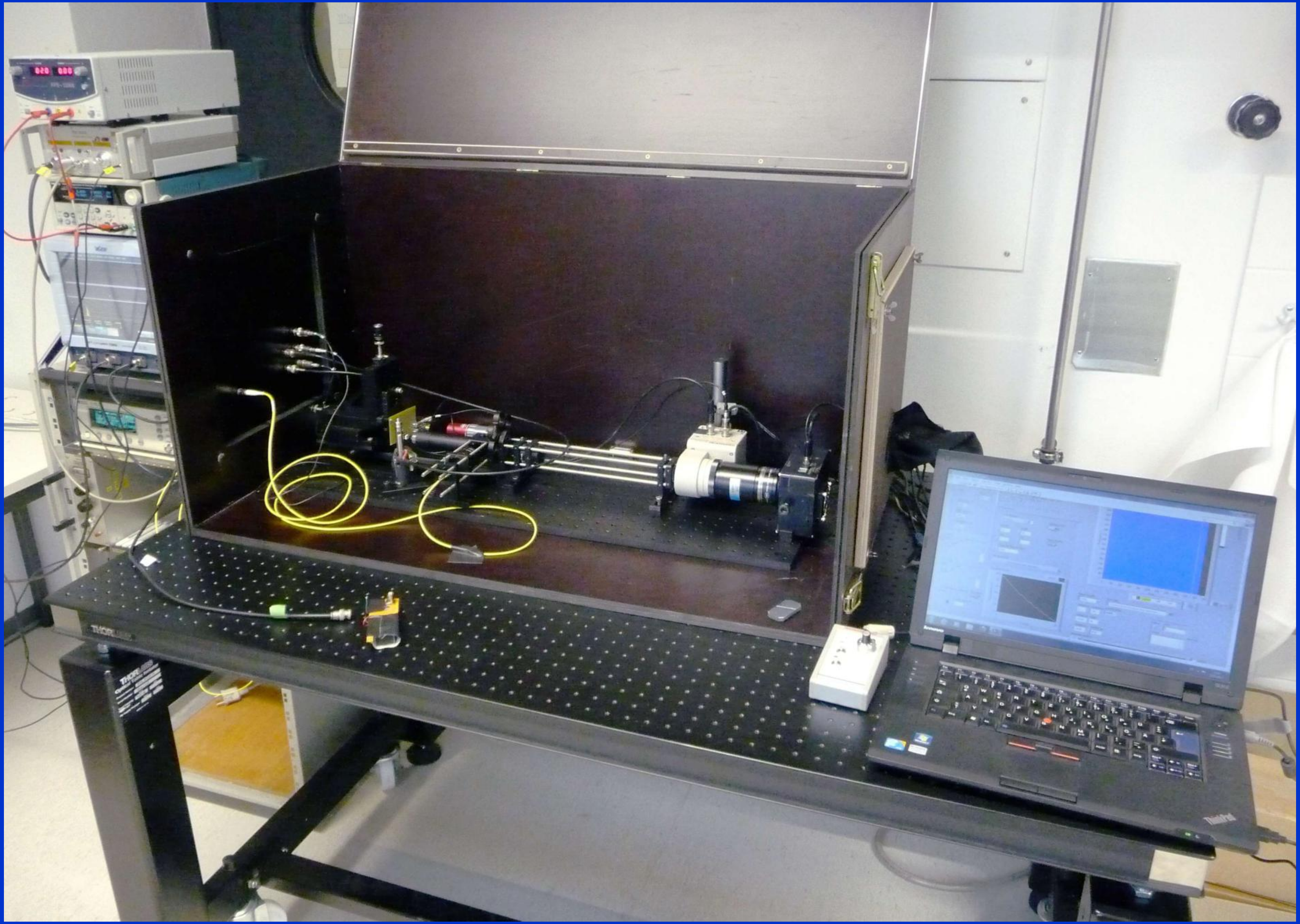


Figure 2.3: Measurement of the activator photomultiplier (top) and the monitor photomultiplier (bottom).

Light Emission Microscopy Setup



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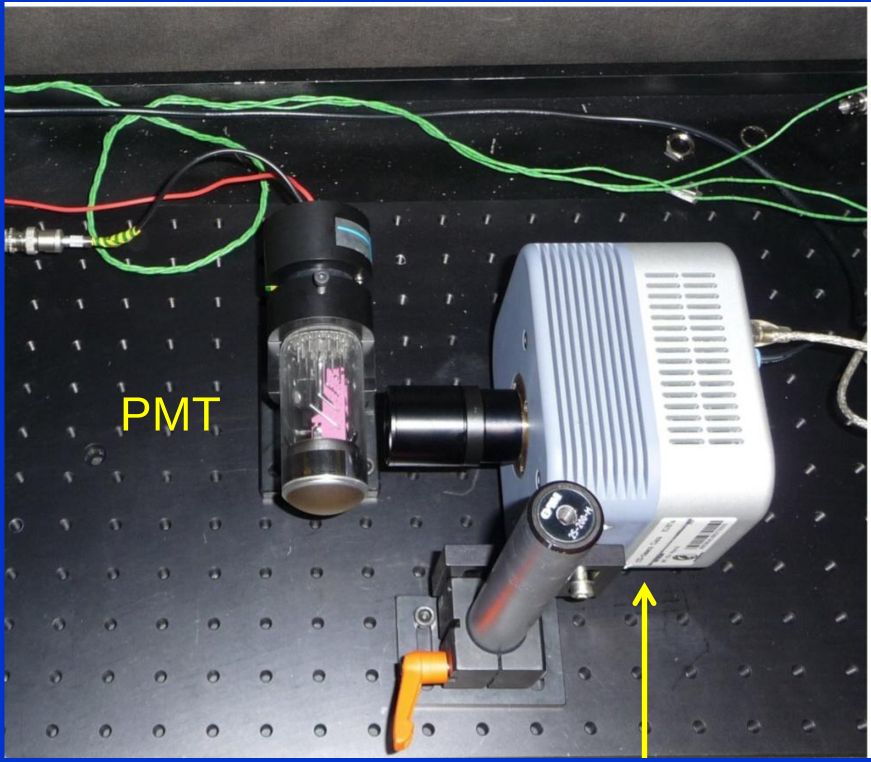
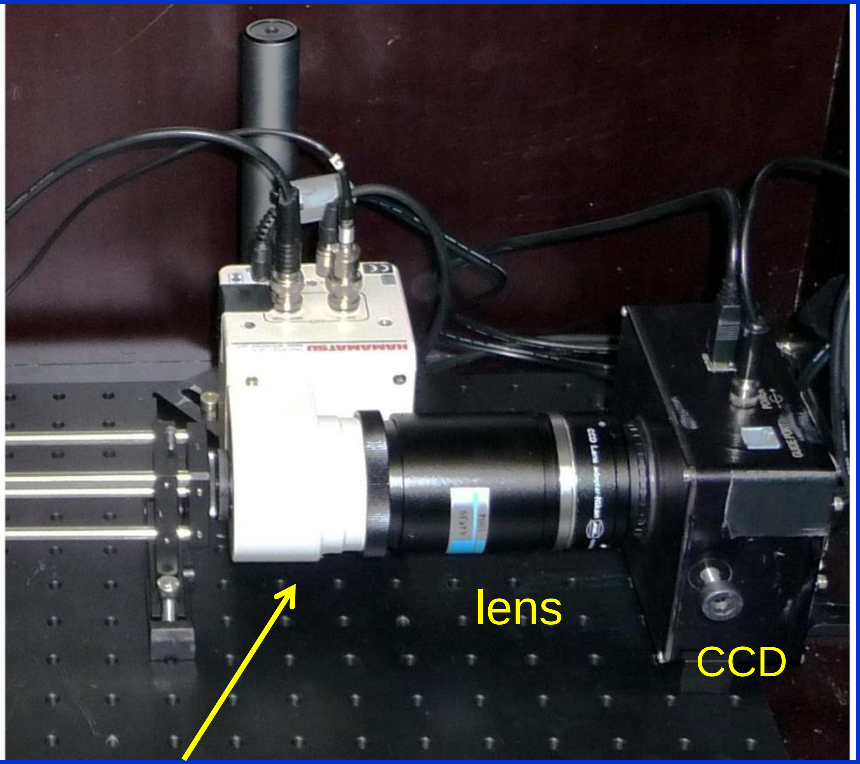
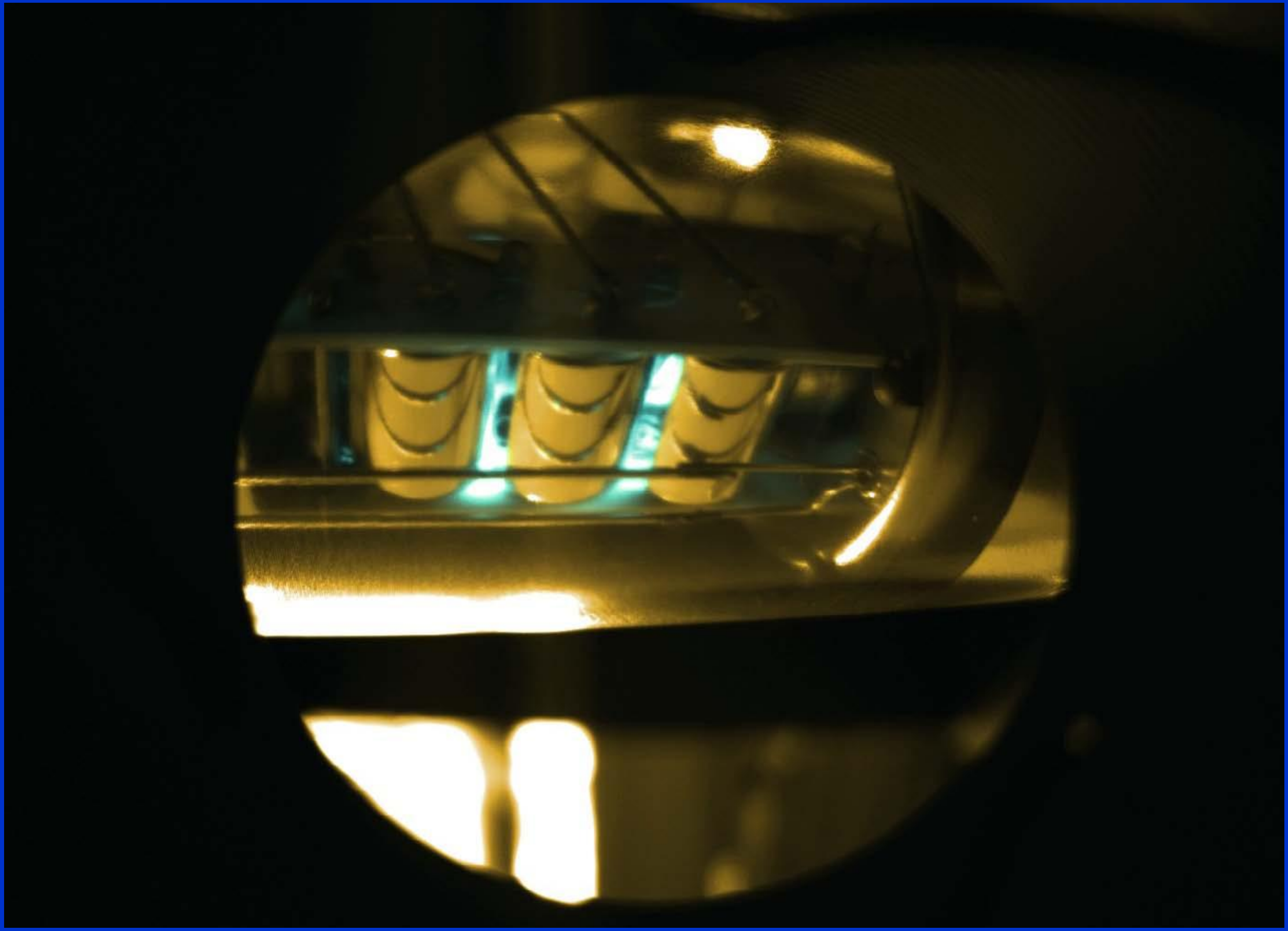


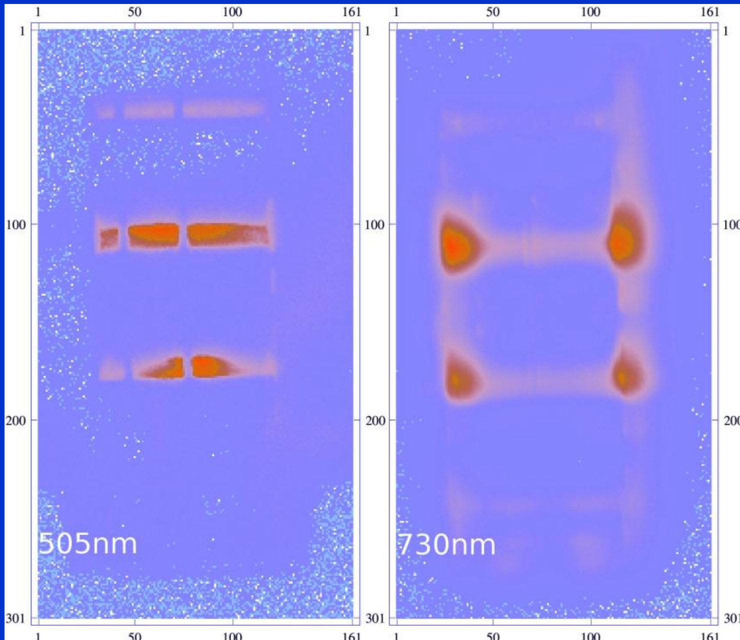
CLARA: Very sensitive CCD camera



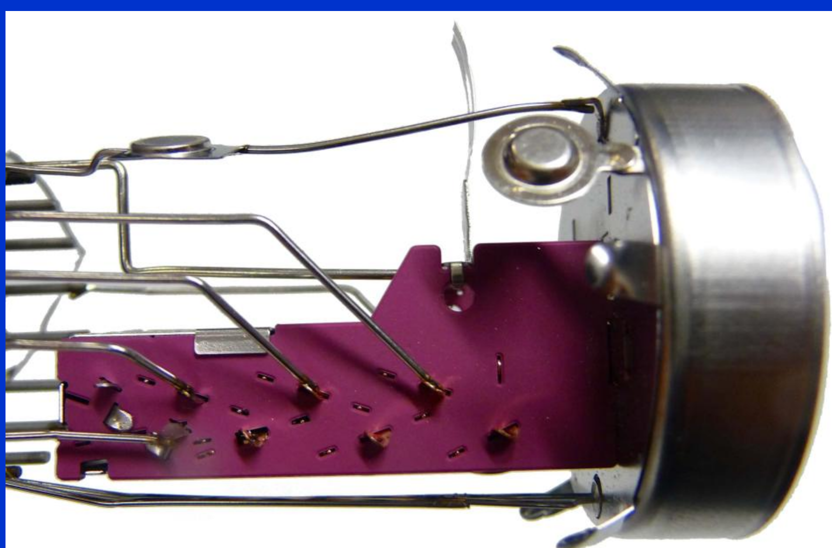
Gated (≥ 3ns) image intensifier
Coupled via a relay lense to a
CCD camera

Light emission leaking through the PMT dynodes can be see

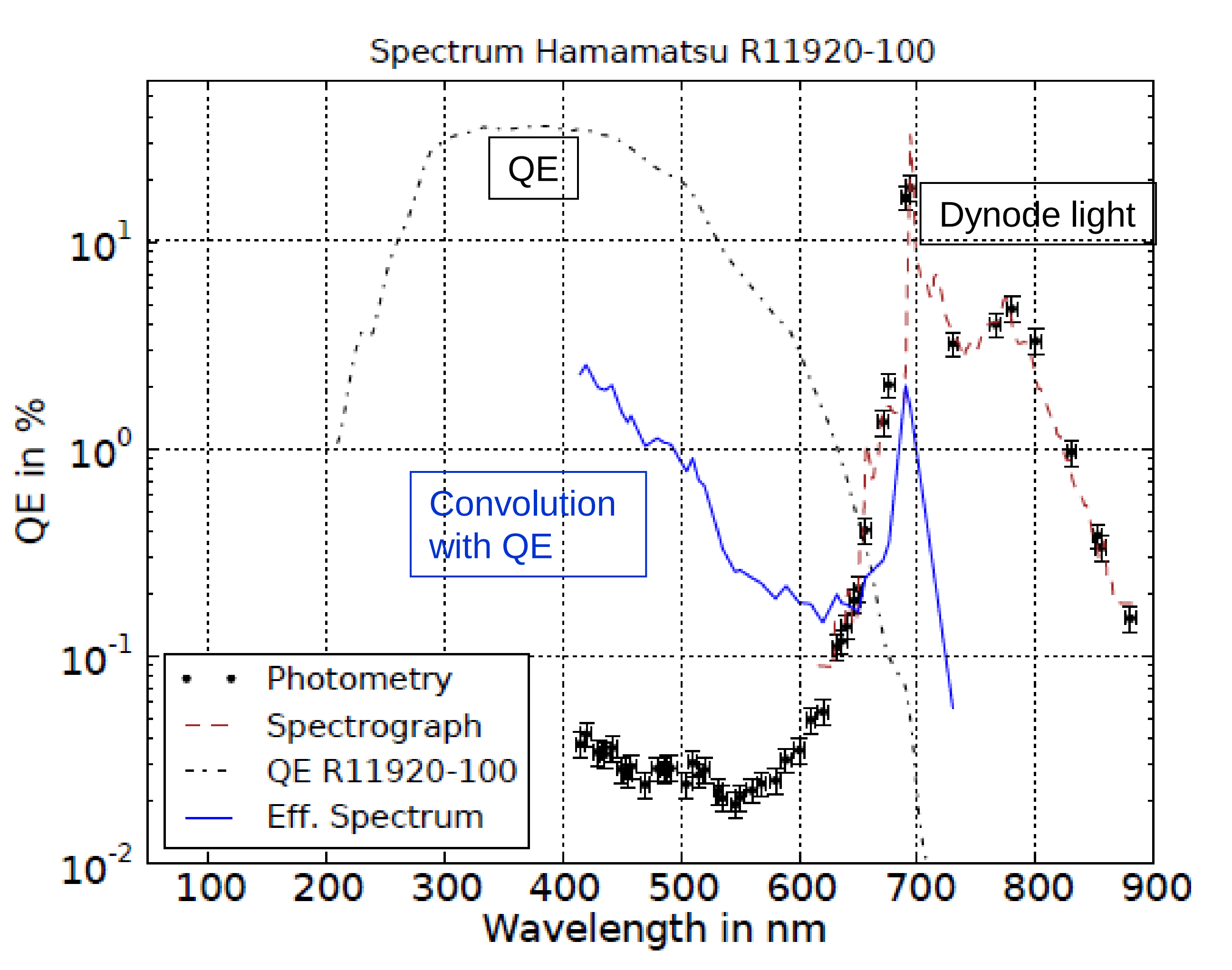




Not only the dynodes of a PMT, Bombarded by e-, are glowing, but also ist holding structure. The material of the isolating holding structure could be largely identified as corundum chromium (ruby)



Light spectrum from PMT dynodes



After Pulsing for threshold 4 p.e. (Light Emission)
HAMAMATSU measurement result

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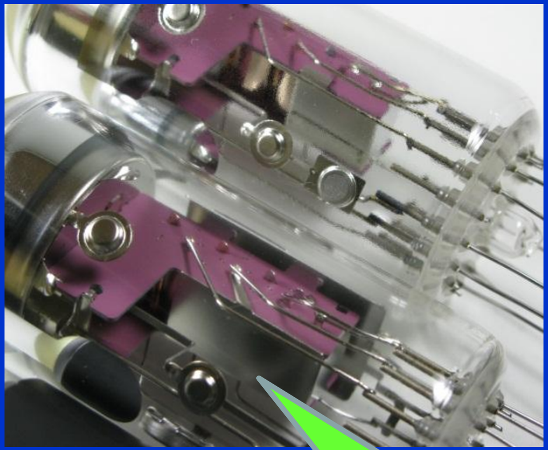
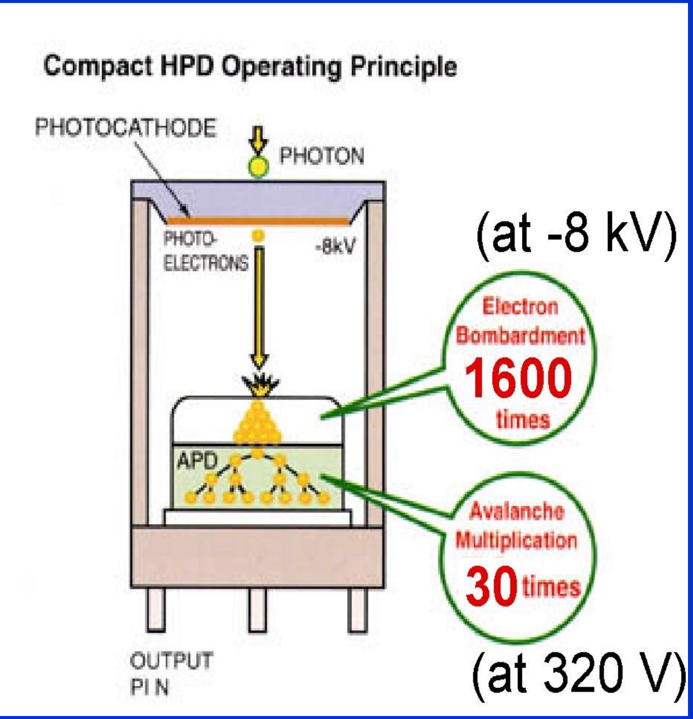


HPD Structure

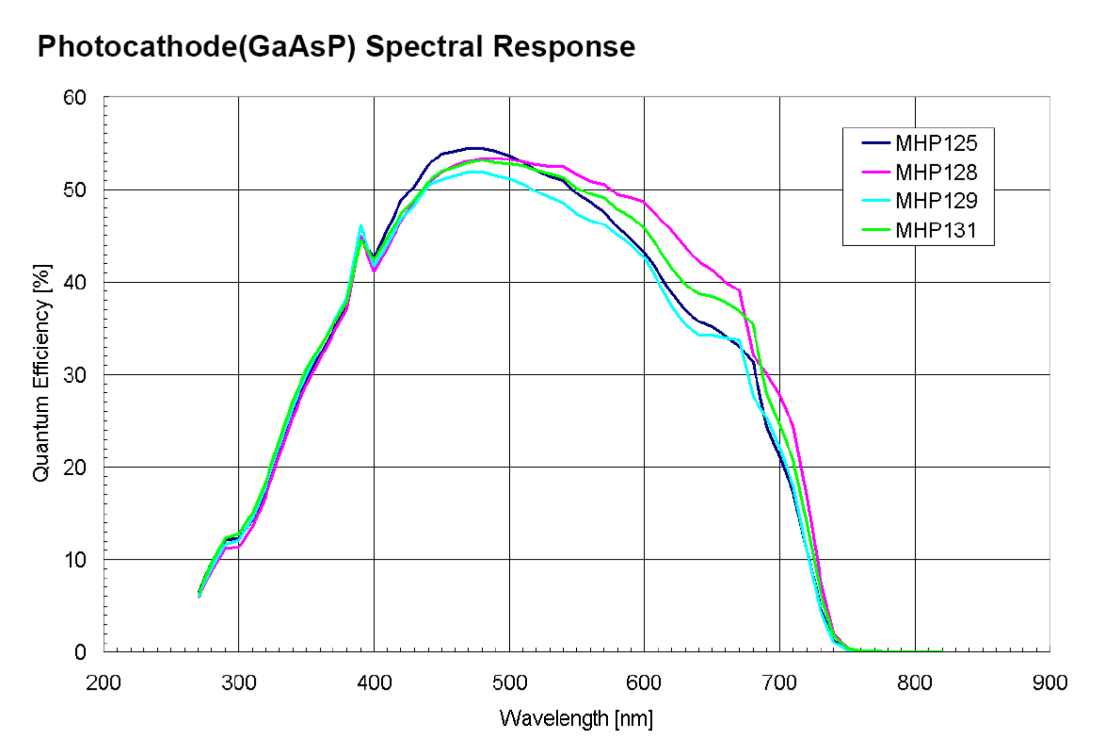
- HPD (Hybrid Photo Diode).
- Structure
  - Photo cathode
  - Avalanche diode as anode.
  - High vacuum tube (∼10^{-7} Pa)
- Gain mechanism (2 stages)
  - Electron bombardment ~(x 1600)
  - Avalanche effect ~(x 30-50)



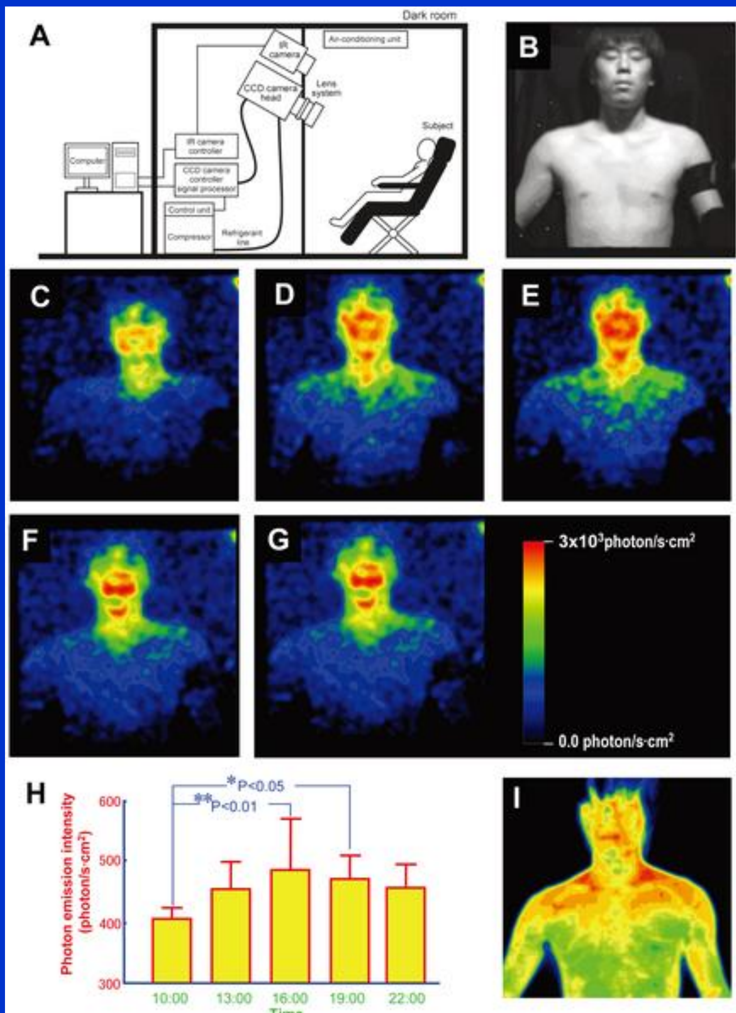
Much better pulse height resolution than PMT.

18-mm GaAsP HPD (R9792U-40) (development started ~15 years ago)

Designed for MAGIC-II telescope camera; (developed with *Hamamatsu Photonics*)



Human body light emission



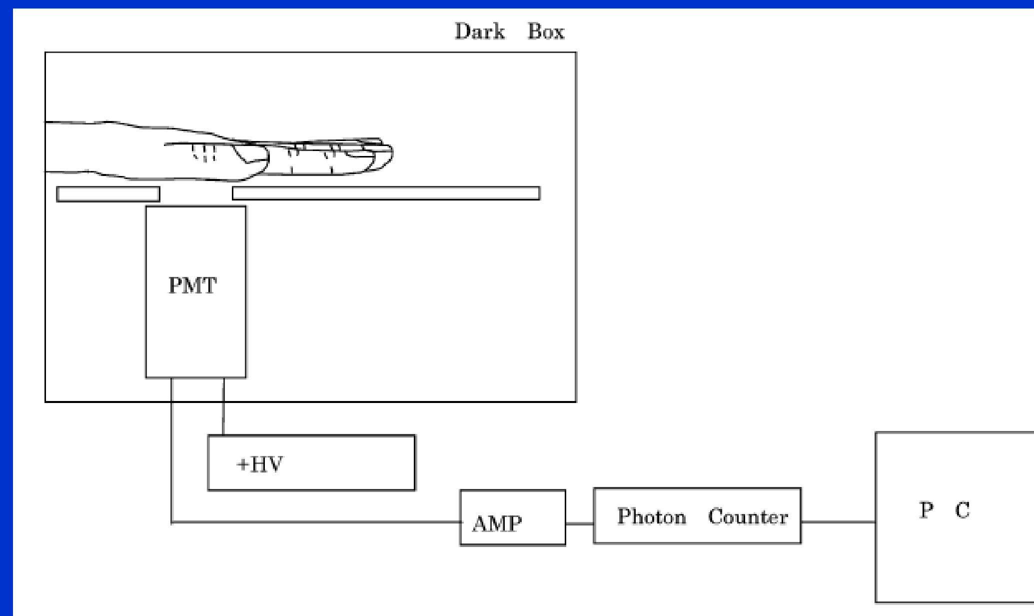
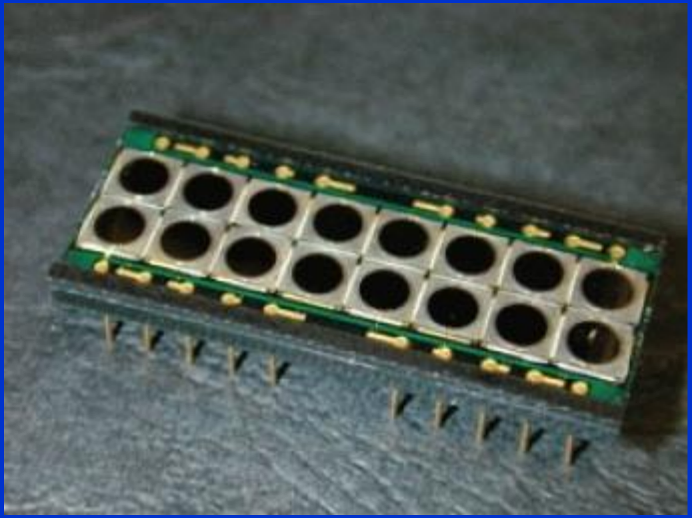
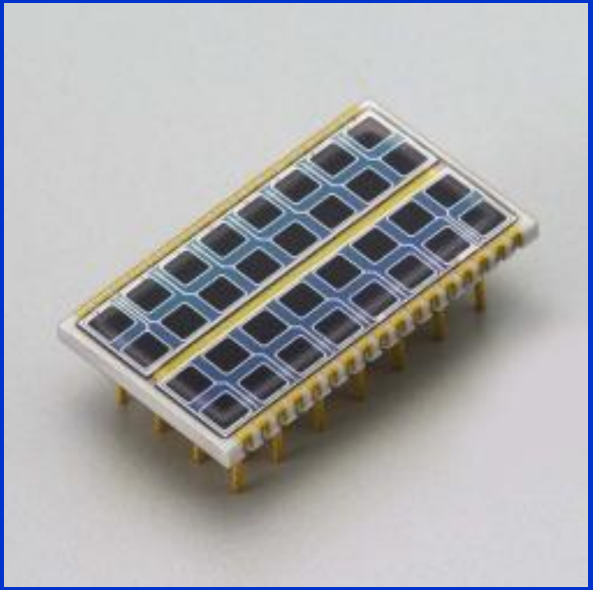


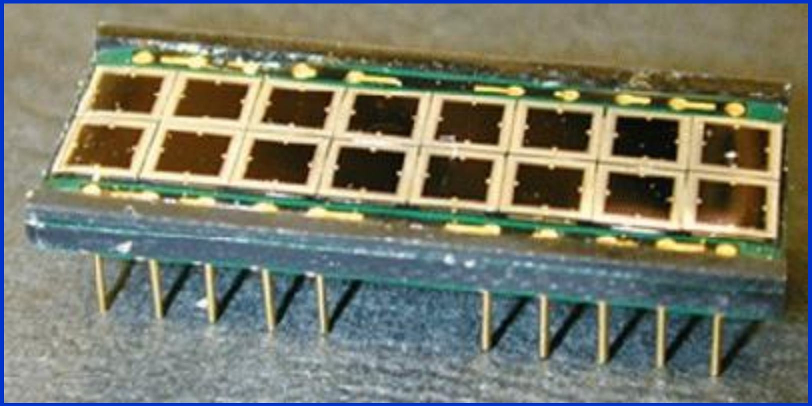
Fig. 1. Schematic drawing for measuring ultra-weak luminescence from human hand.

APD Matrixes for pioneering small animal PET constructed at MPI

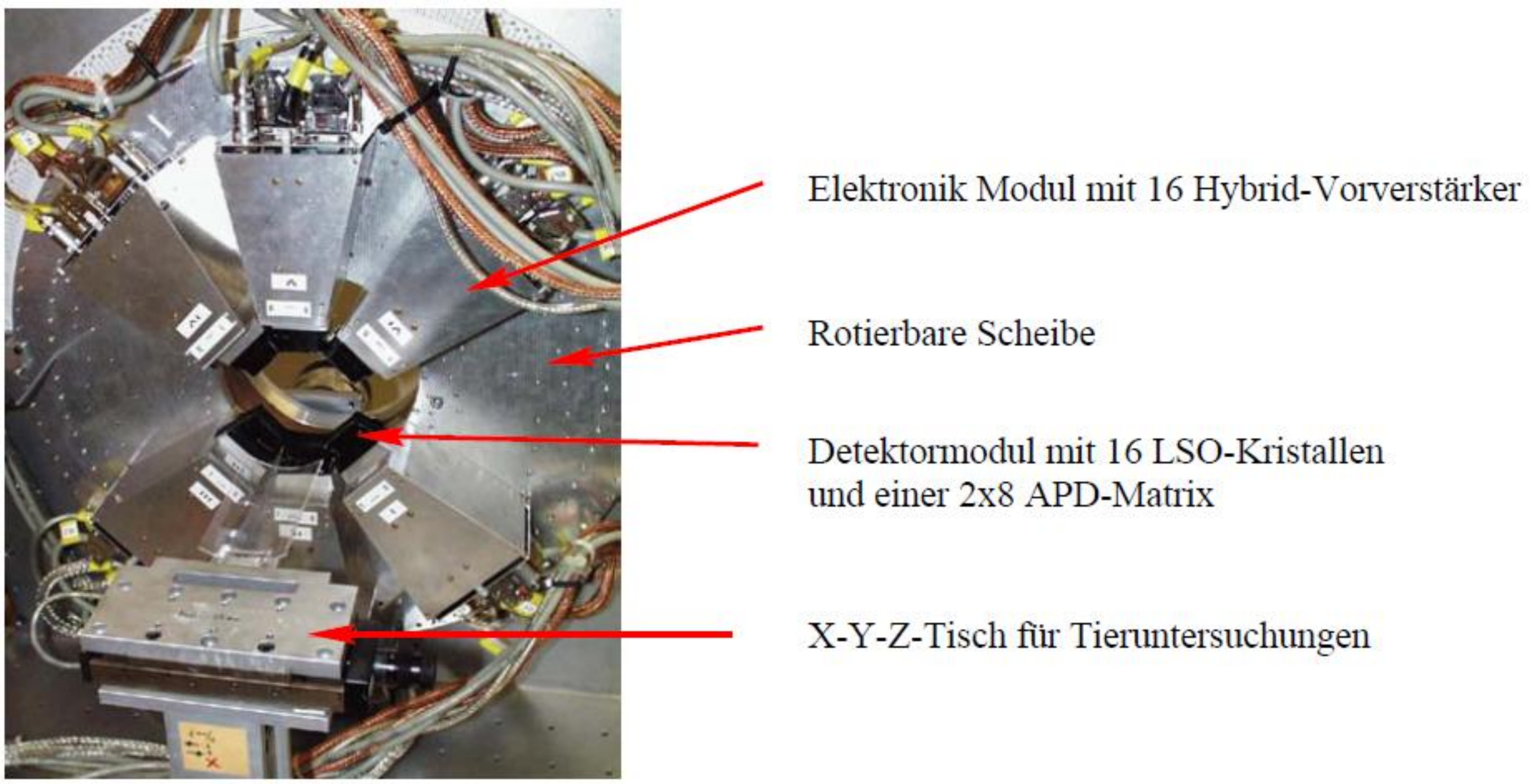


Hamamatsu S8550-02
4 x 8 array of 1.6 x 1.6 mm²





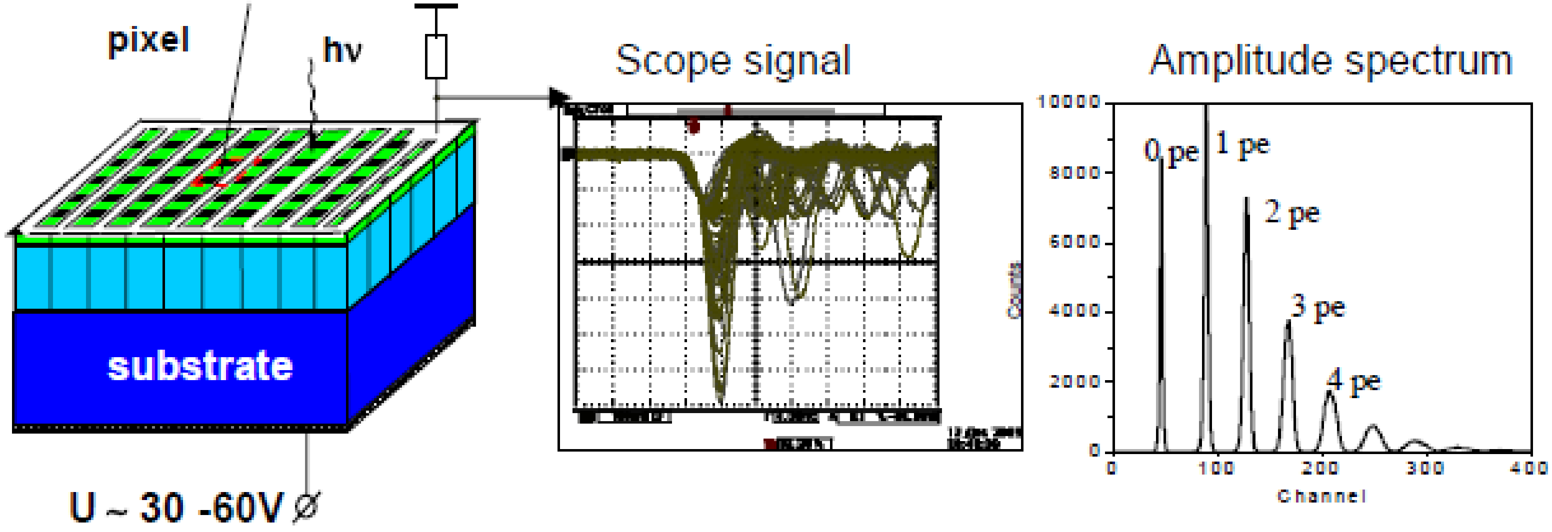
APD-Based Small Animal PET built in MPI



Silicon Photomultiplier (SiPM)

The novel type of photon detector

Multipixel device with common readout



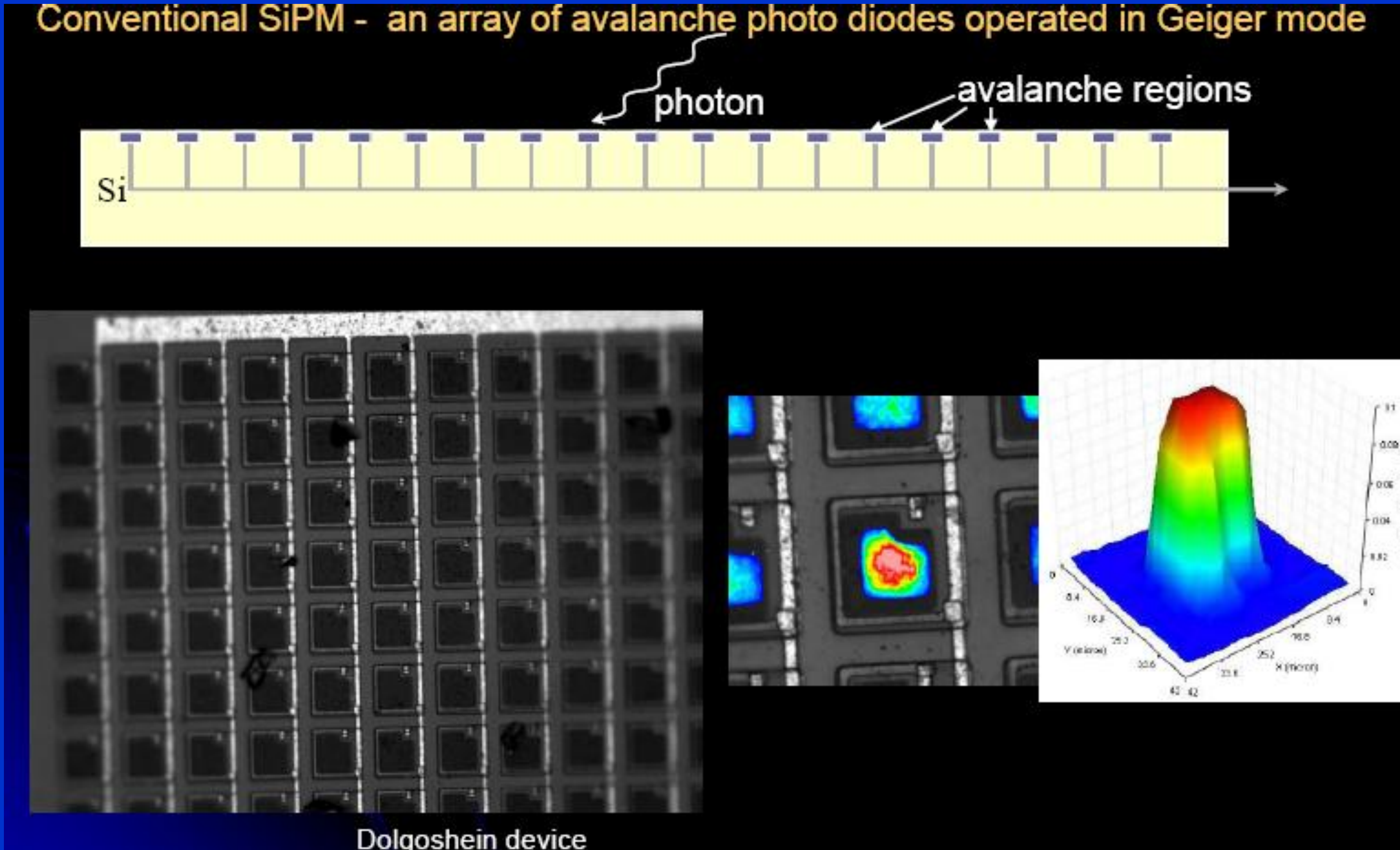
SiPM - main features:

- Each pixel – reverse biased above breakdown p-n-junction operated in selfquenching Geiger mode
- Sensitivity to single photons
- Pixel gain ~ 10^6-10^7
- Pixels number: ~ 100 - 10000/mm^2
- Pixel recovery time R_{pixel}*C_{pixel}~30ns ÷ 1 µs

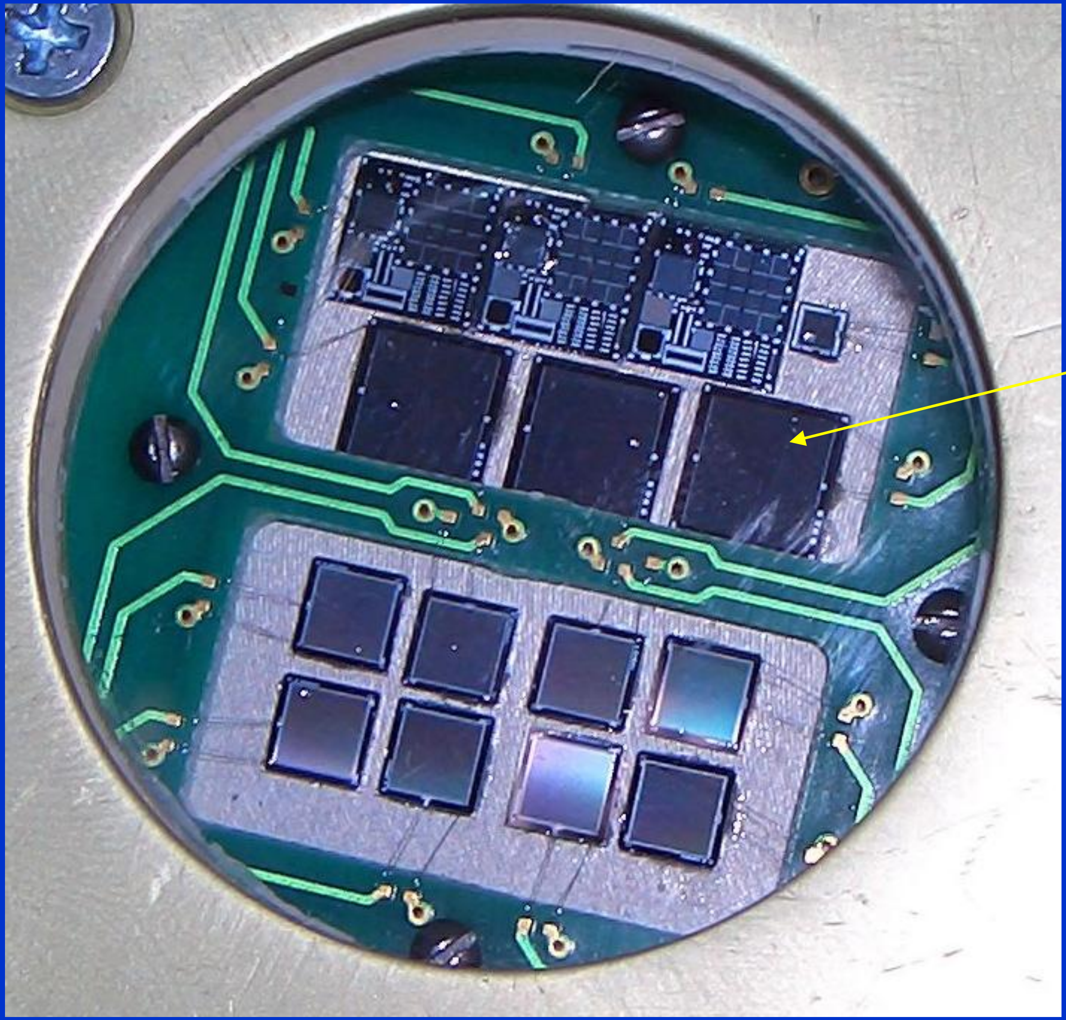
Pixel signal - 0 or 1

But SiPM is analogue device

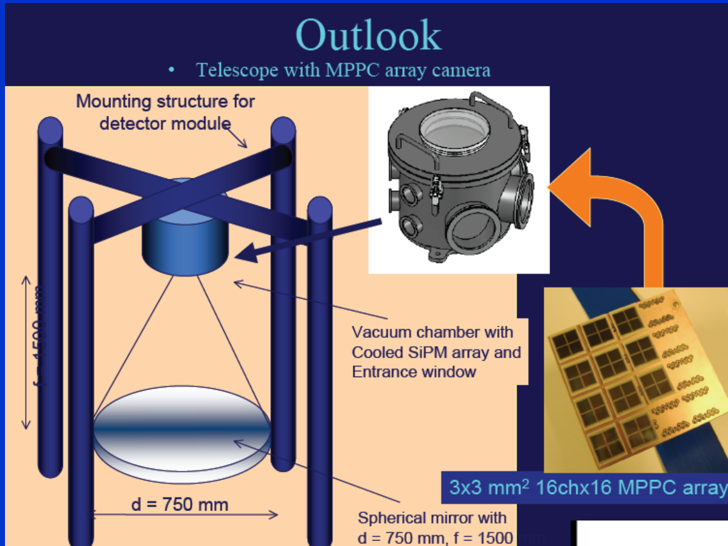
SiPM: novel light sensors

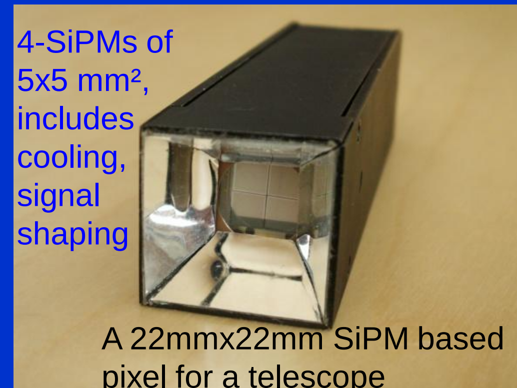


SiPMs: MEPhI-MPP development: 1x1, 1.3x1.3, 1.4x1.4, 3x3, 5x5 mm², some 6 years ago



5 x 5 mm²





SiPM development and application for astroparticle physics experiments

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Abstract. **A Silicon Photomultiplier (SiPM, G-APD) is a novel solid state photodetector which has an outstanding photon counting ability. The device has excellent features such as high quantum efficiency, good charge resolution, fast response (<100 ps), very compact size, high gain (up to 2∼3 × 10⁶), very low power consumption with low bias voltages (30-70V), immunity to the magnetic field. In the last few years, UV sensitive SiPMs with a p-on-n structure have been developed by a few companies such as Hamamatsu, Photonique, Zecotek Photonics Inc., and institutes such as the MPI-HLL (Max-Planck-Institute for Physics - Max-Planck-Institute Semiconductor Laboratory) as well as the MPI-MEPhI (Max-Planck-Institute for Physics - Moscow Engineering Physics Institute) for astroparticle physics applications. Here the current status of the SiPM development in MPI and HLL, MPI and MEPhI, and the study of the application to imaging atmospheric Cherenkov telescopes (IACTs) MAGIC/MAGIC-II [1] and CTA [2], and a fluorescence telescope in the space JEM-EUSO [3] will be reported.**

Keywords: **Imaging Cherenkov, Imaging fluorescence, SiPM**

I. Introduction

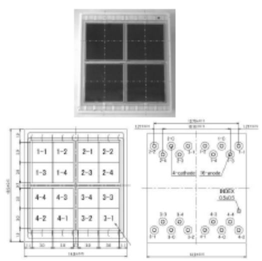
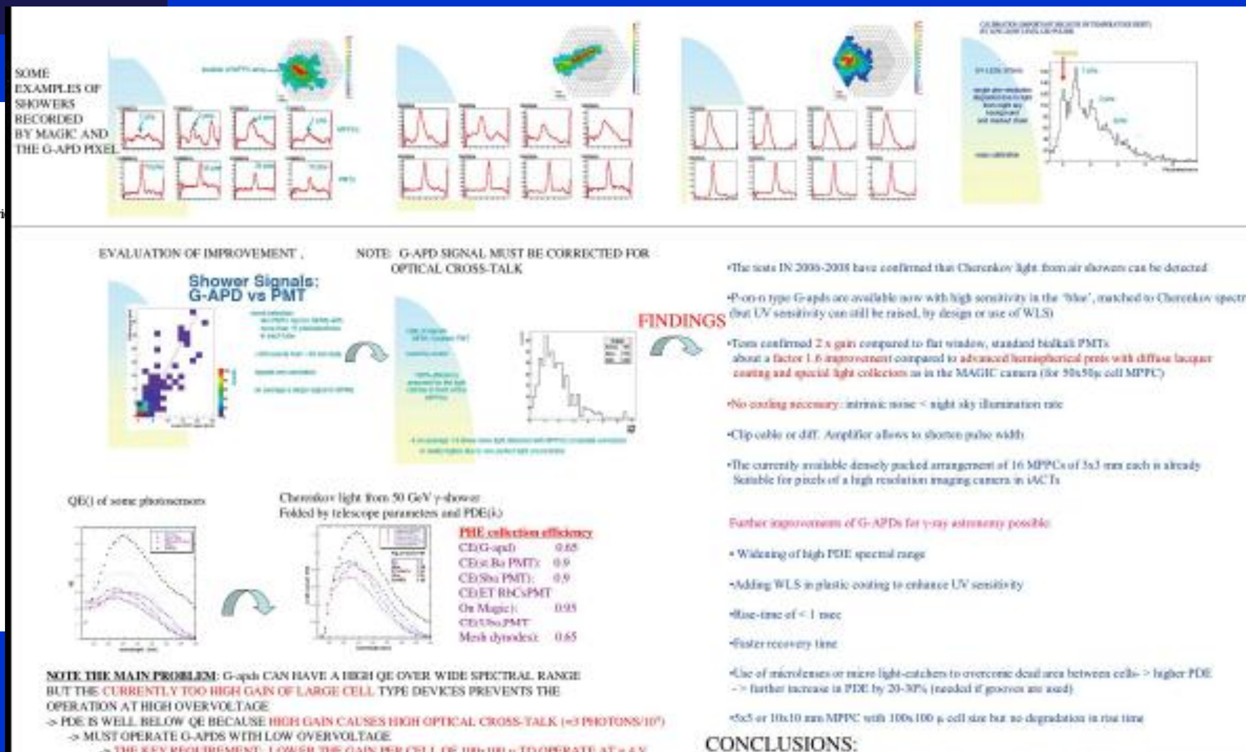


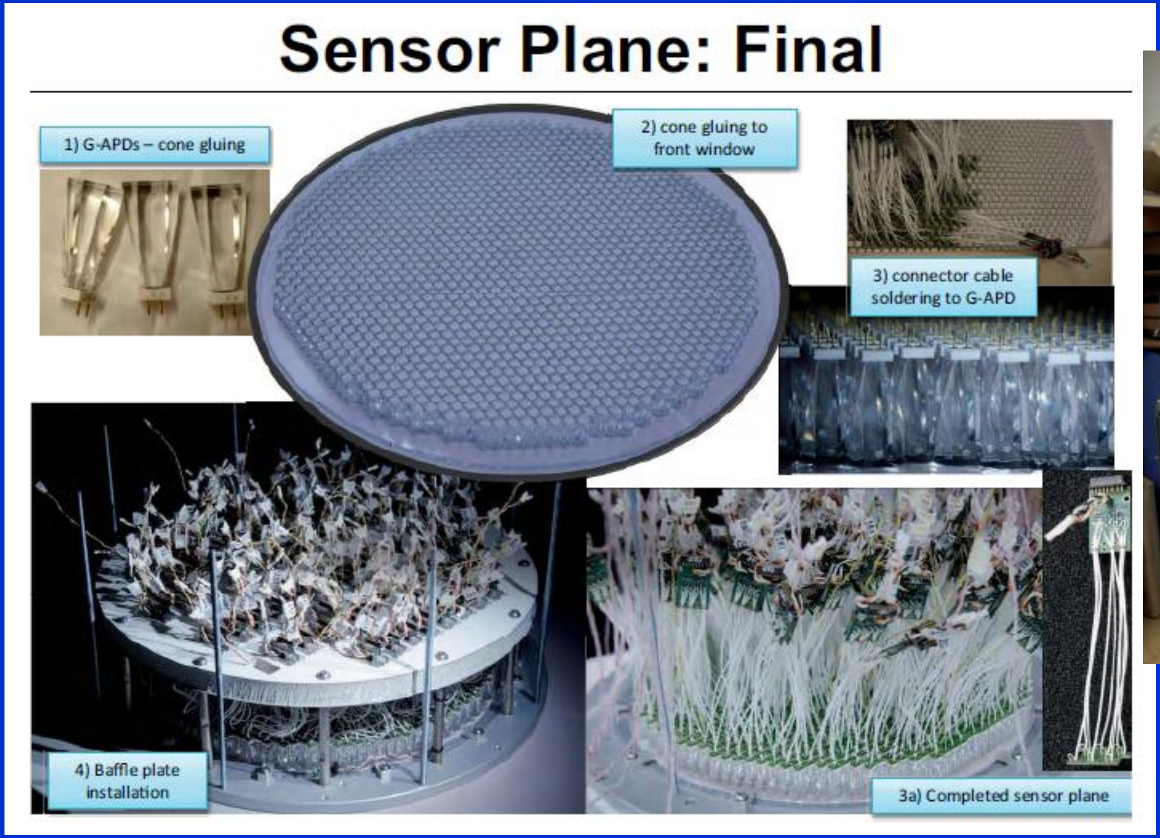
Fig. 1. Top, Left/Center : Blue print of 16ch (4×4) of 3×3 mm² MPPC array device (front/back). Bottom : Photo of 16 ch MPPC array device.

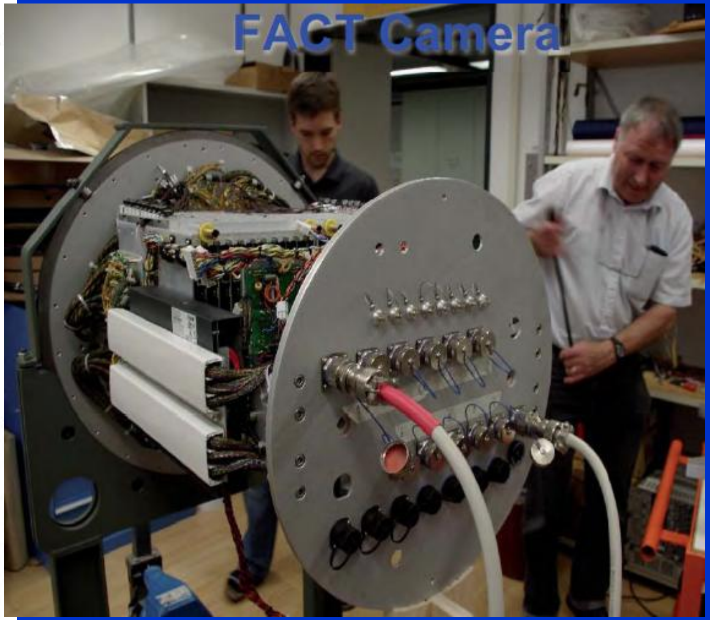
The high PDE of these devices will allow us to lower the threshold energy of gamma ray detection down to 10 - 20 GeV in case of MAGIC telescopes, and ensure the detection efficiency of UHECRs above (2-3)×10¹⁹eV



FACT telescope camera

1440-pixel MPPC camera





SiPM Essentials

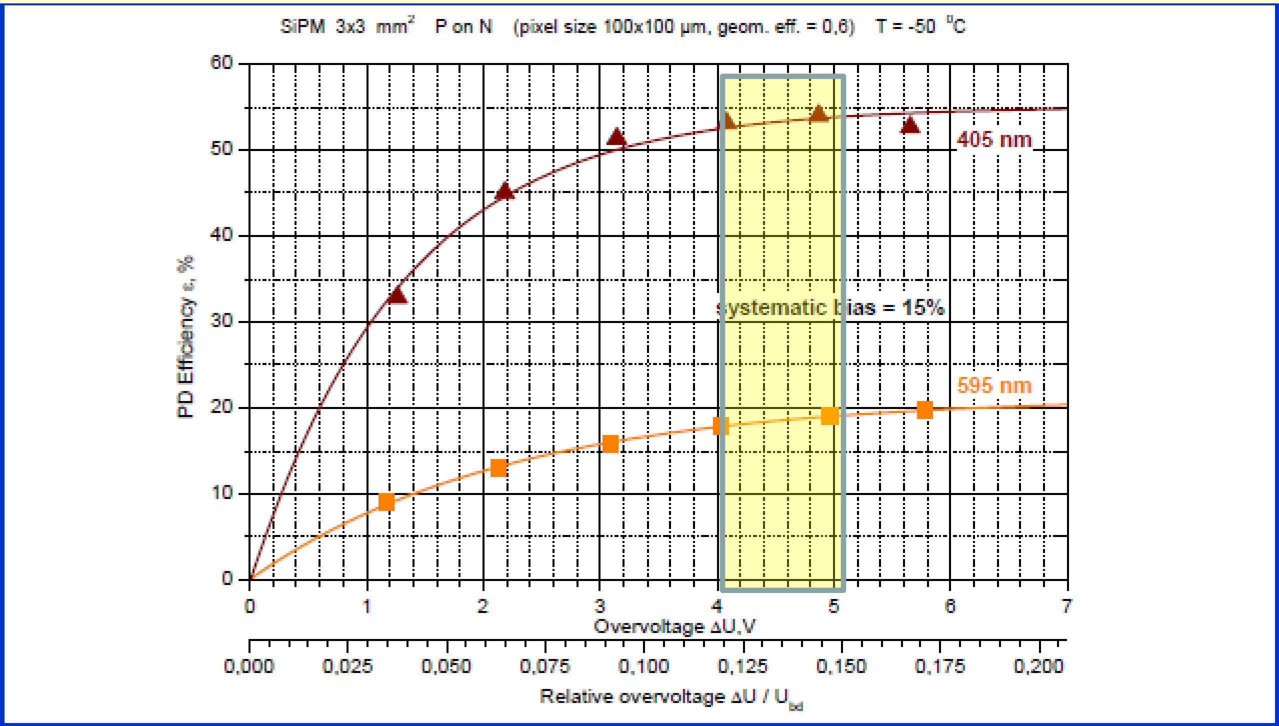
- Photon Detection Efficiency (PDE):

$$PDE(\lambda) = QE_{internal} \times T(\lambda) \times A_{active\ area} \times G_{geiger\text{-}eff.}(\lambda)$$

$QE_{internal}$:	essentially 100 %
$T(\lambda)$:	strongly varies with λ, could reach 80-90 %
$A_{active\ area}$:	some number between 20-80 %
$G_{geiger\text{-}eff.}(\lambda)$:	strong function of applied $\Delta U/U$, for $\Delta U/U \geq$ 12-15 % could become $\geq$ 95 %

Geiger Efficiency $G_{geiger\text{-}eff.}(\lambda)$

High Geiger efficiency can be achived for high Over-voltage ΔU/U:
Relative overvoltage ΔU/U ≈ 12 – 15 %



Reflectivity of Si

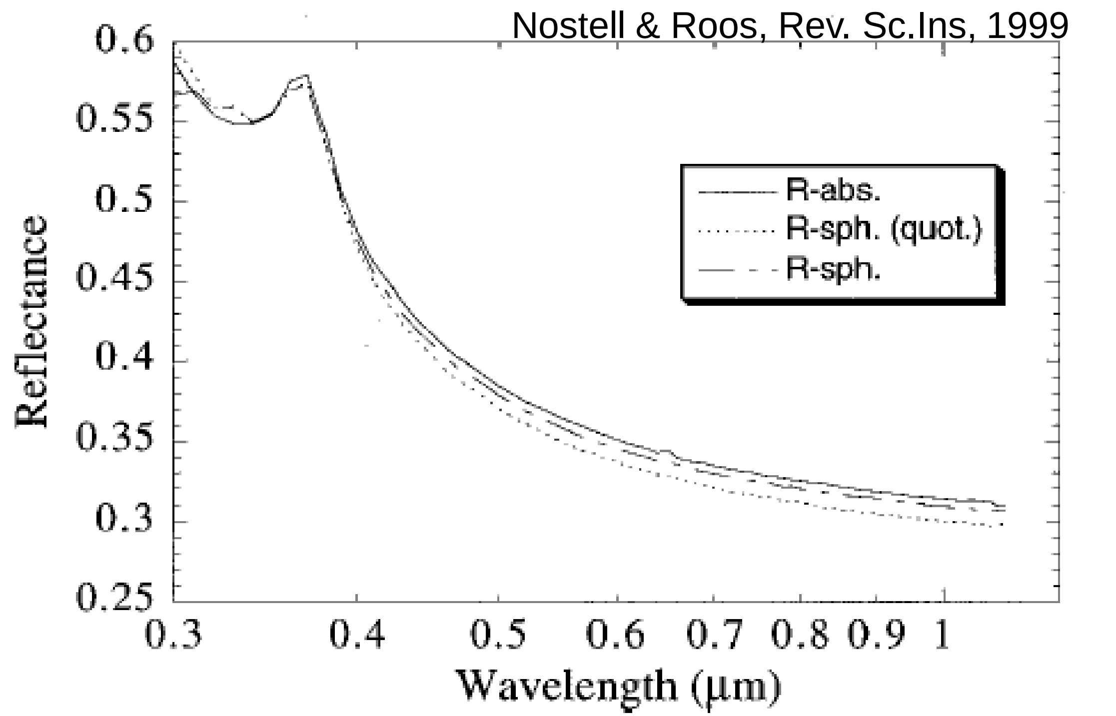
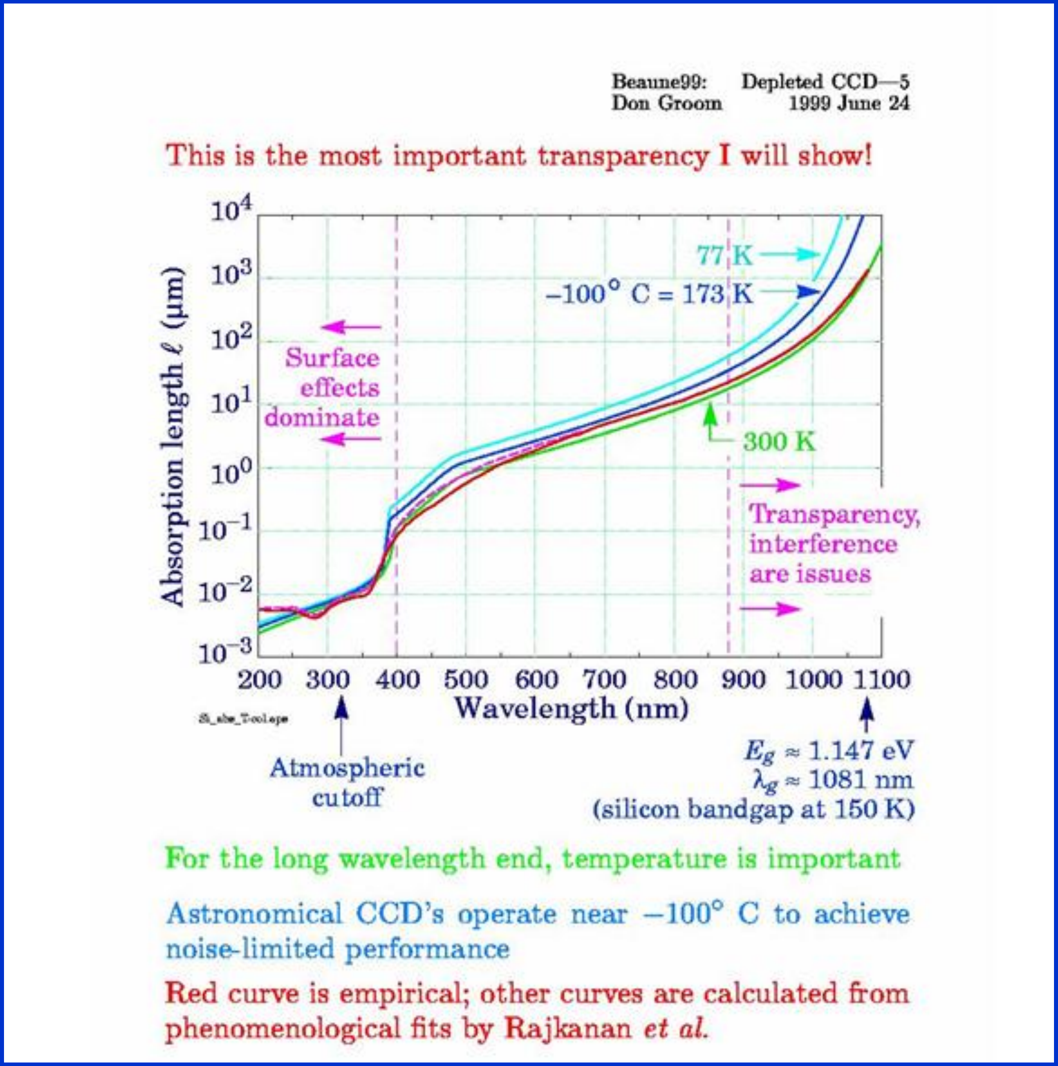


FIG. 19. Near normal reflectance spectra in the wavelength range 0.3–1.1 μm of silicon measured in the absolute spectrophotometer and the reflectance sphere. The reflectance sphere spectra consist of a corrected spectrum, R-sph, and the direct ratio between sample and reference signals, R-sph (quot.).

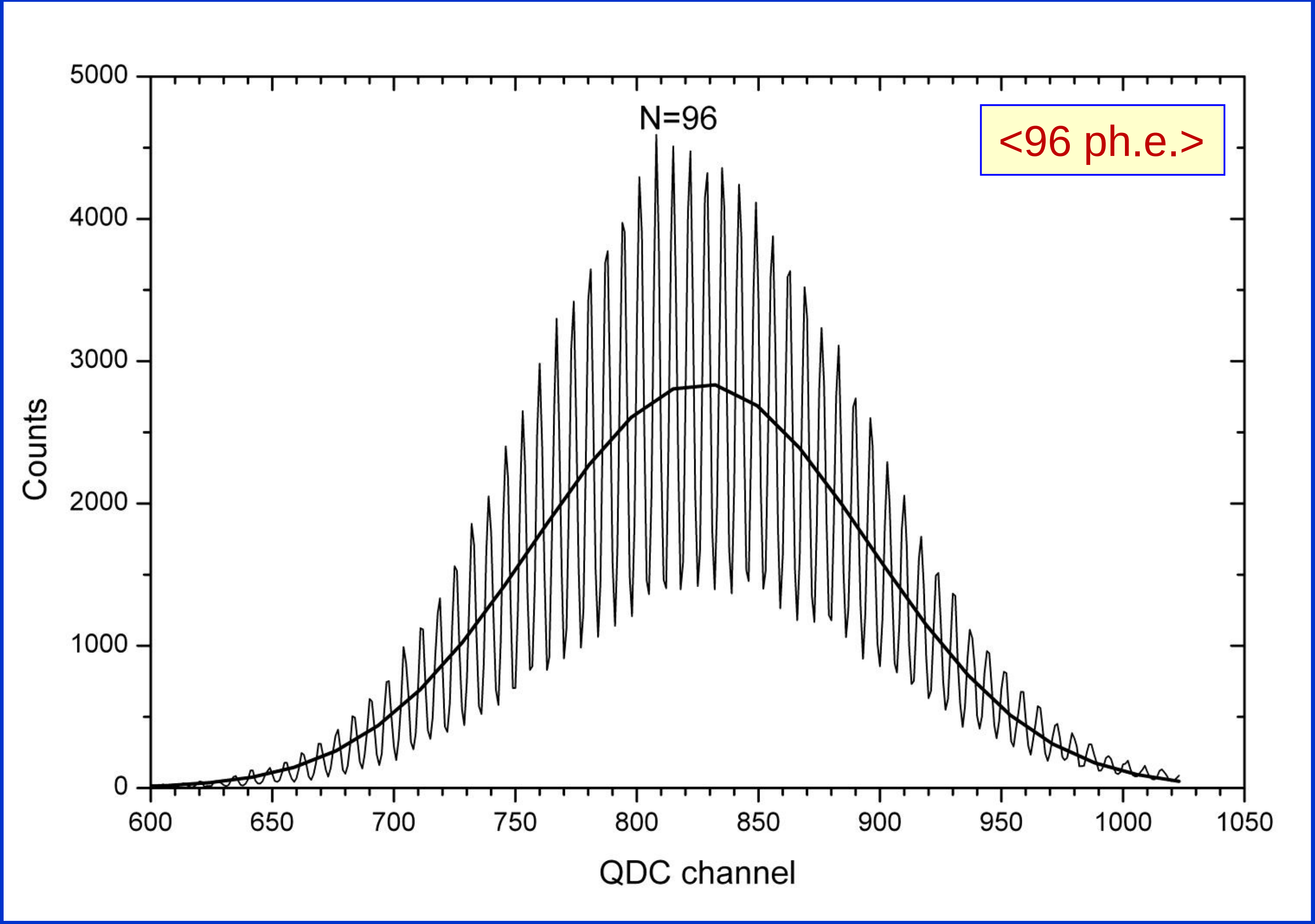
- Reflectivity of Si varies ~ 60 – 31 % for 300 – 1000 nm at normal incidence.
- antireflective coatings can help
- Proper choice of window coating can provide efficiency ≥ 80-90 %

Reminder: light absorption in Si



- While 1000nm light can penetrate ~100 µm deep into Si, light of 300 nm can penetrate only 5-7 nm!
- It is a major challenge to collect produced charge carriers from the very surface of the sensor, providing blue – near UV sensitivity

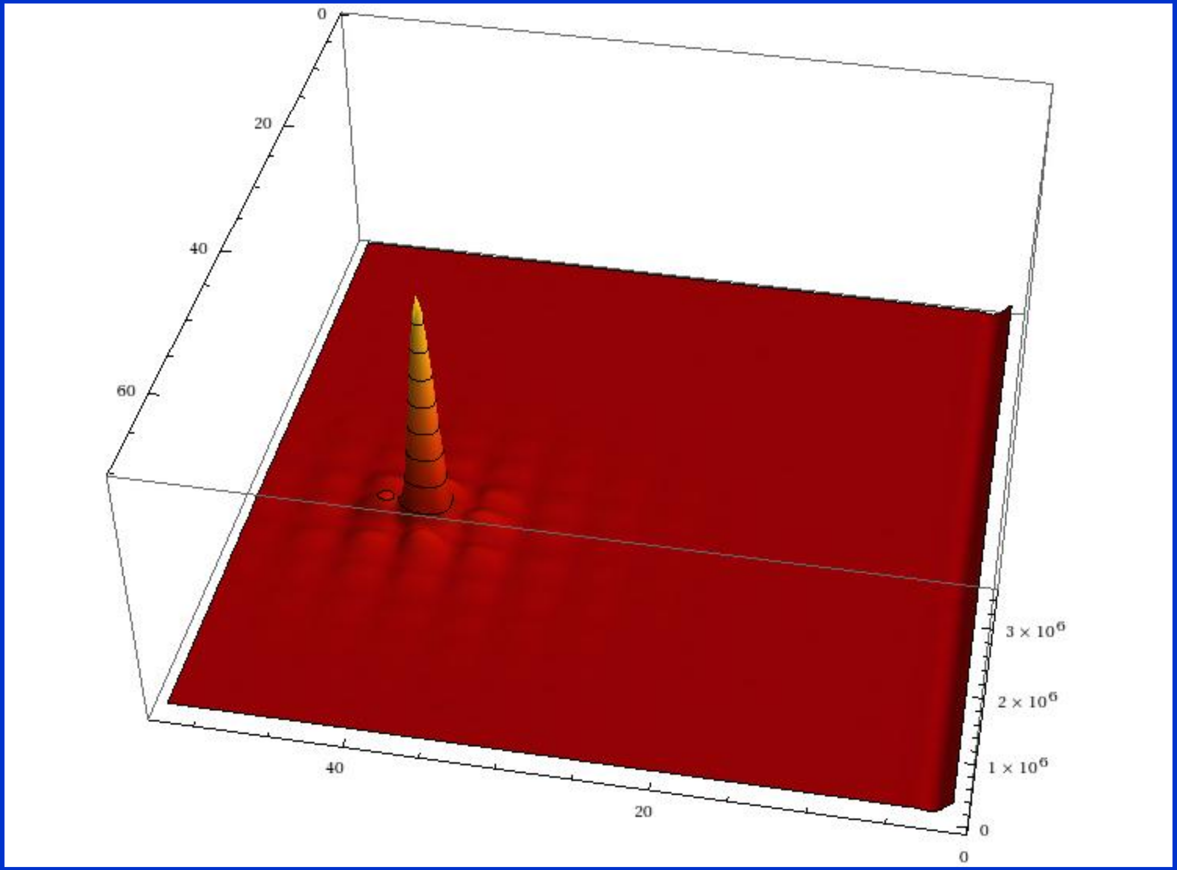
SiPM with X-talk suppression: World record of ultra-fast light sensors in amplitude resolution

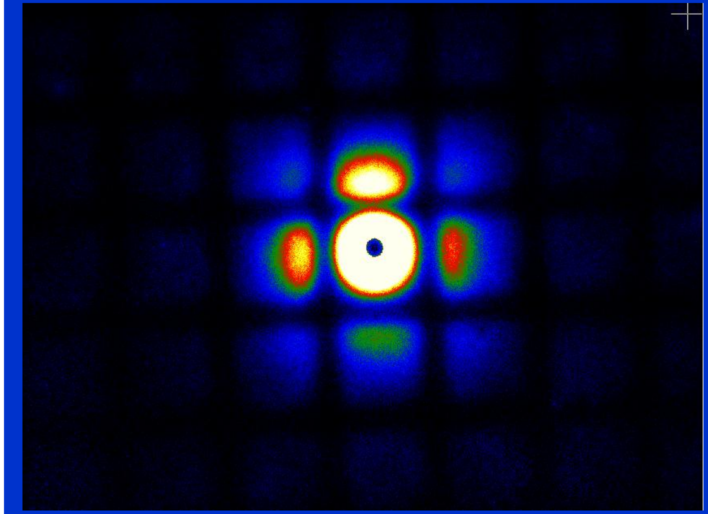


Why the light emission from Si avalanches is important

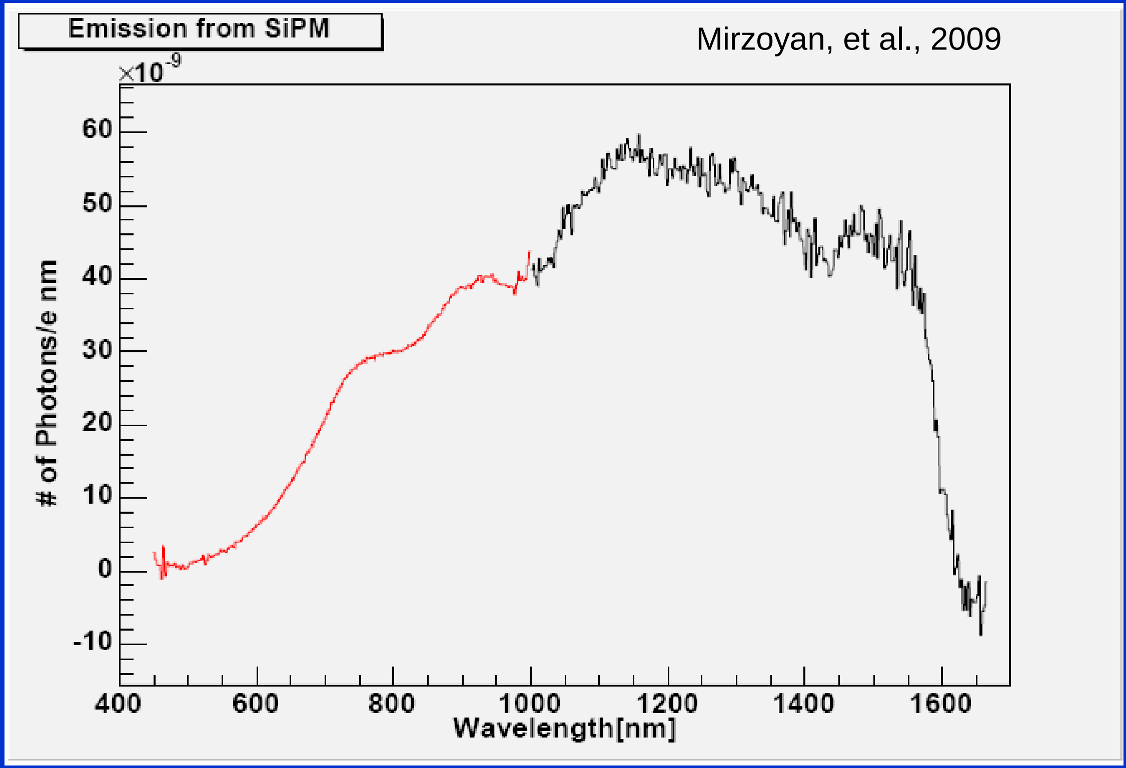
- First observation of the light emission from reversed-biased Si p-n junction in 1955 (Newman)
- Revived interest about the effect in recent years because of:
- Cross-talk in SiPMs (GAPD, MPPC, micro-channel APD,…) spoils the amplitude resolution
- The light emission is proportional to the number of e- in the avalanche. This puts a limit to the maximum gain under which one can operate the SiPMs
- If no measures are taken against the cross-talk, then the F-factor is worse than in classical PMTs
- As a consequence one encounters major problems in self-trigger schemes when measuring very low light level signals

Cross-Talk





Light emission spectrum



Wavelength range	450 – 1600 nm	< 1117 nm
This measurement	3.86×10^{-5} ph/e	1.69×10^{-5} ph/e
Lacaita, et al., 93		2.9×10^{-5} ph/e

Imagine a SiPM operating ata gain of 10^6.
It will emit ~17 (39) photons.
The total internal reflection angle in Si is ~16°, ➔ only light within 0.24 srad can leave the SiPM
(only $0.24/4\pi = 0.02$)

➔Only ~2 % of produced light comes out

MEPhI – MPI Physics cooperation

A test batch produced in December 2010

- SiPM Sizes

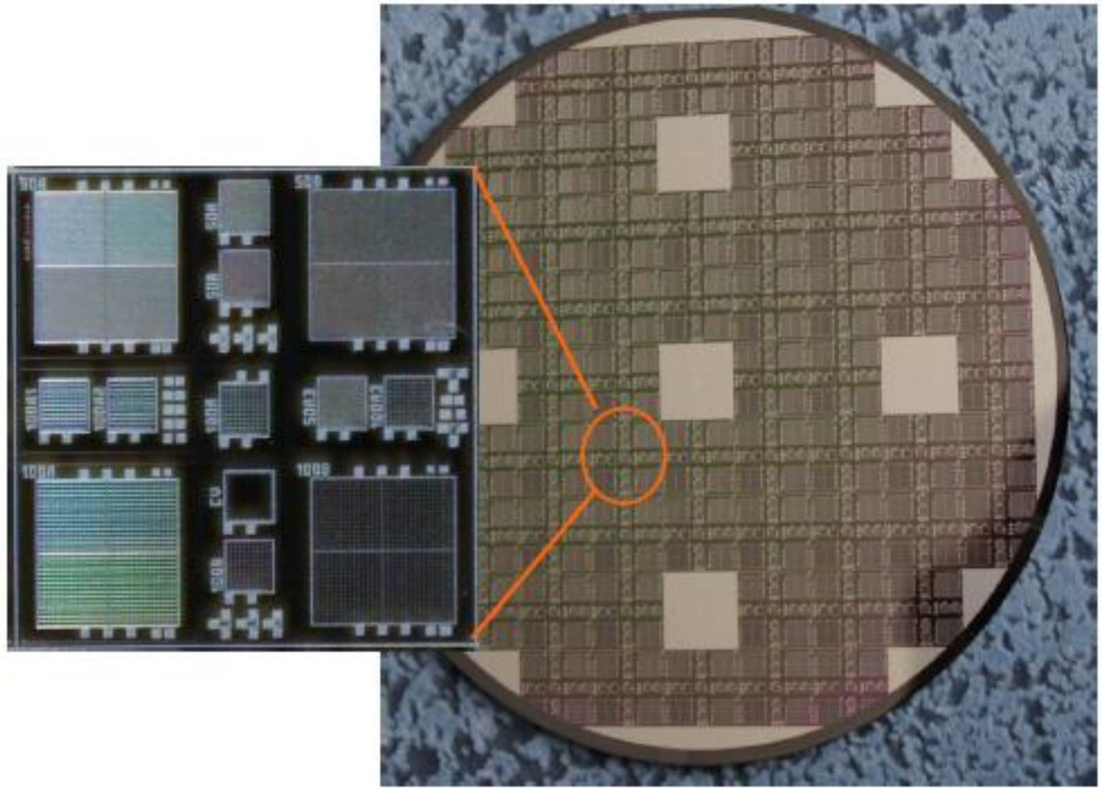
1x1 and 3x3 mm²

- µ-cell pitch

50 and 100 µm

- Geom. Eff.

40-80%



18 different modifications

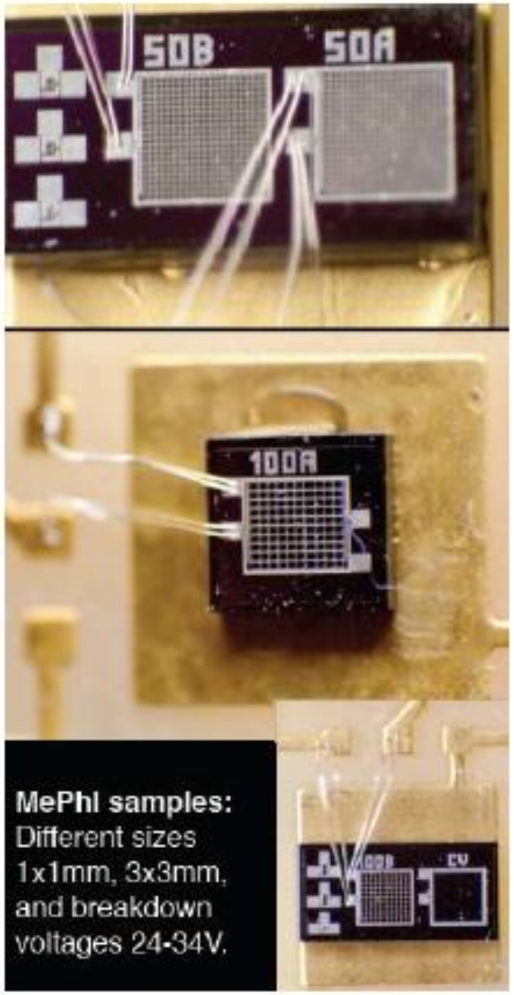
Special Features

Very high UV sensitivity

Record high PDE

Geometrical efficiency 80%

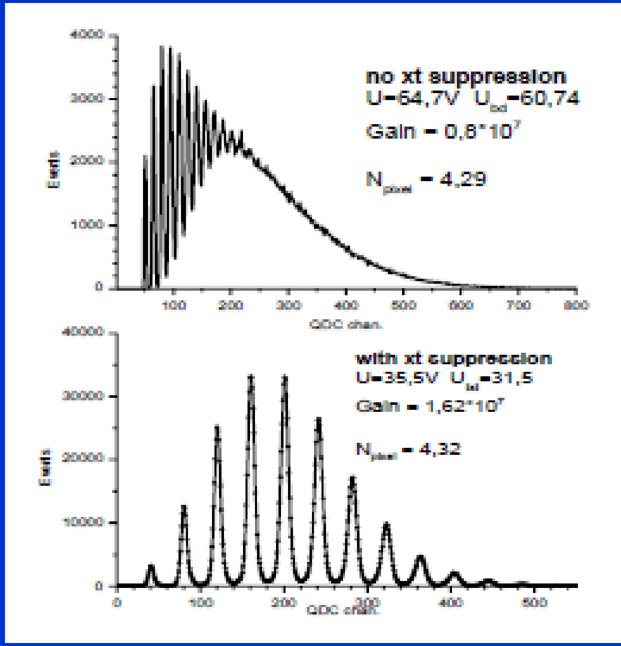
Very low temperature dependence

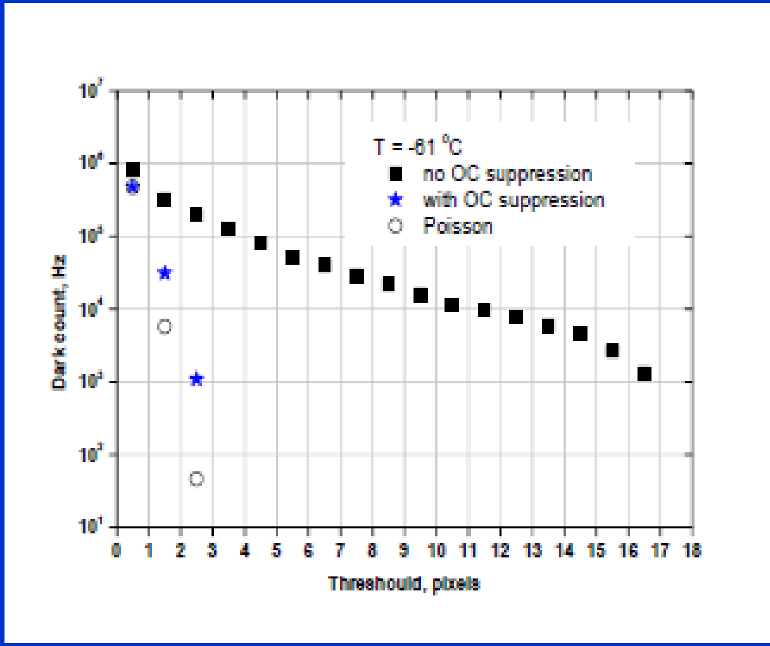


X-talk suppression is improving the performance

Known ways to suppress X-talk:

a) trenches
b) 2nd junction for isolating the bulk from the active region
c) Radiation damage
d) Special coating





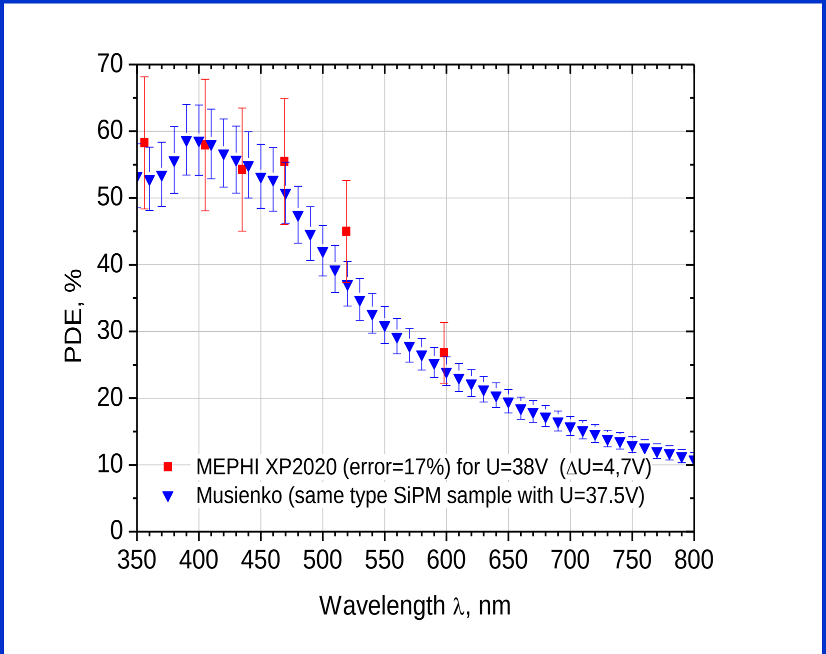
e) Ultra-thin SiPM: expected reduction by a very large number

4+ Fold X-talk suppression pursued by MEPhI – MPP researchers

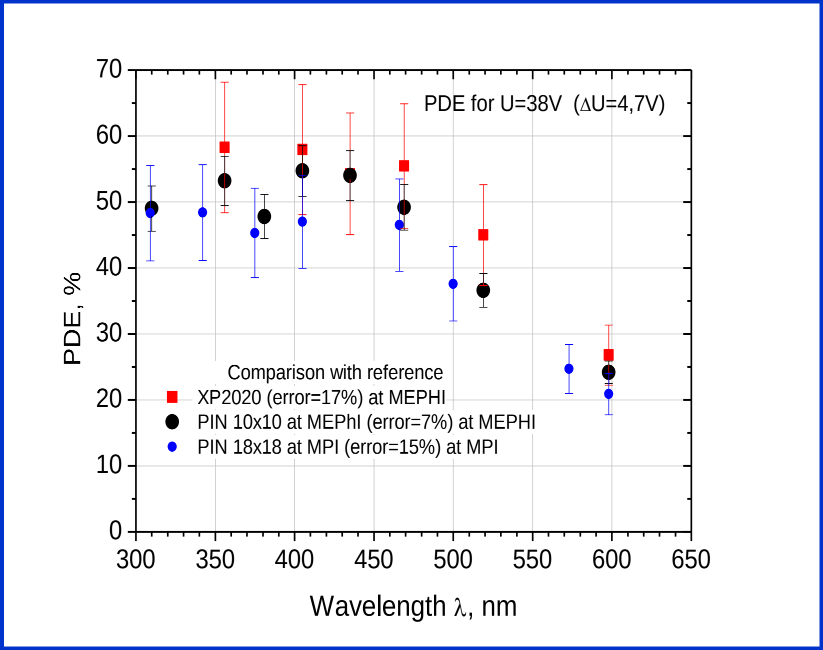
- Ways to suppress the X-talk:
  - Isolating trenches, total internal reflection: reduction 8-9 times;
    (intelectual property)
  - 2nd p-n junction for isolating the bulk from the active region: reduction 4-5 times;
    (intelectual property)
  - High-energy ion implantation: reduction ≥ 2-times
    (Intelectual property)
  - Special absorbing coating of the chip: ≥ 2-times
    (Intelectual property)
  - Ultra-thin SiPM: expected reduction by a very large number
    (intelectual property)

Record high PDE (pulsed mode LED, 100B type SiPM, 1x1 mm^2)

Measurements at MEPHI and at CERN (Y.Musienko)

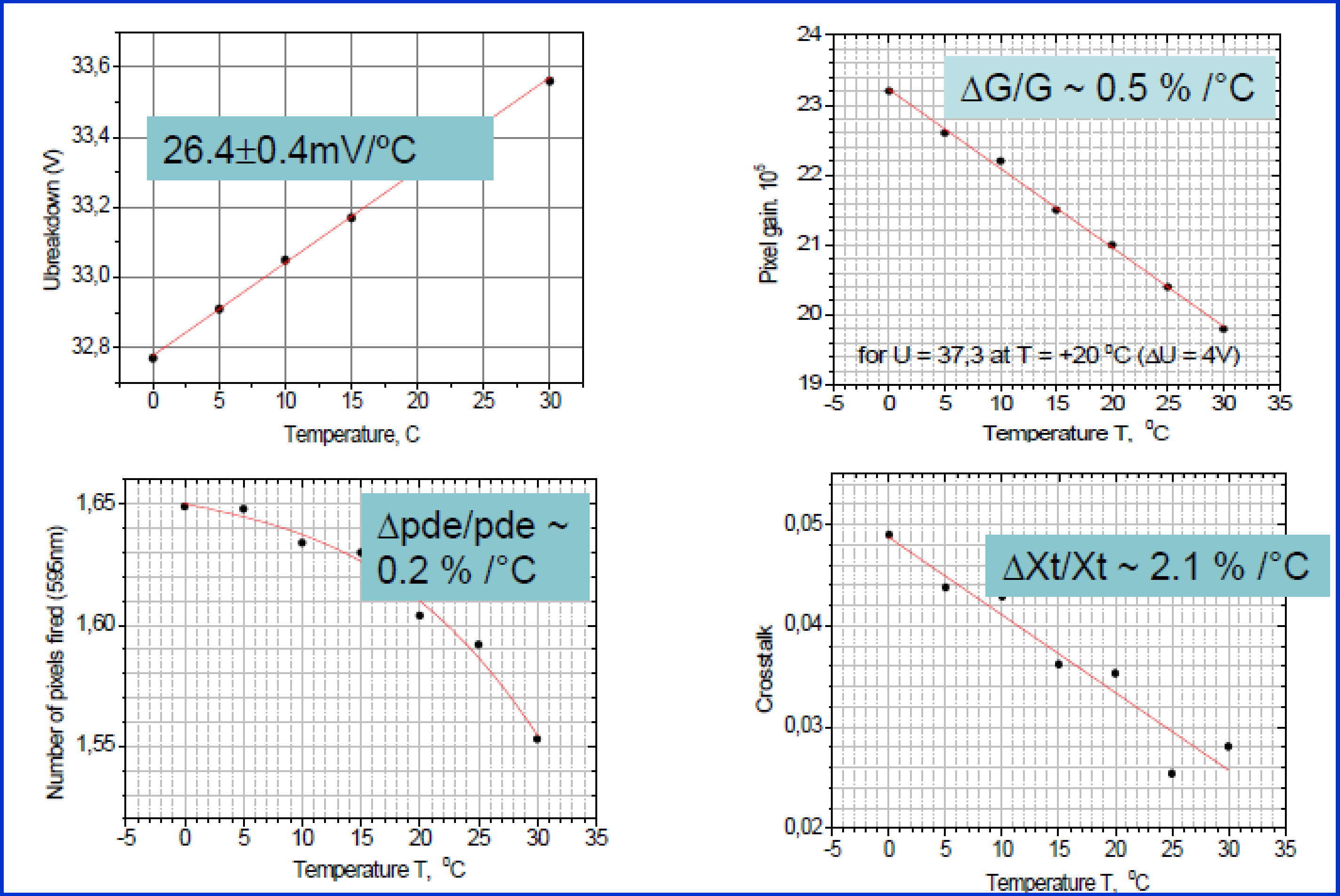


Measurements at MEPHI and at MPI



All results are consistent within experimental errors

Achieved T° dependence: 0.5 % /°C



Light Sensors for astro-particle physics

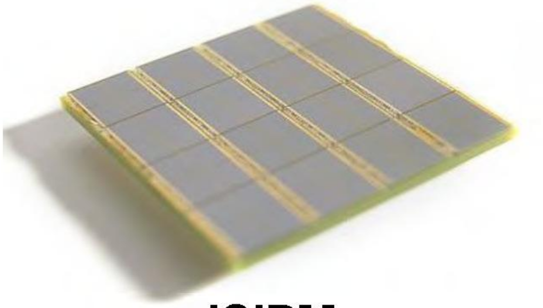
- The classical PMTs are continueing to strongly improve in performance;

- We shall not exclude a possible „quantum jump“ in QE to ~70%
- A modest level financial support may accelerate this effort

- The number and types of SiPM matrixes from different manufacturers is increasing, the parameters are steadily and really fast improving
- Sometime soon, in a time scale of 2-3 years, we should be able to buy Si-based matrixes from several manufacturers with complete readout. We could then assemble large coordinate-sensitive imaging cameras like a lego

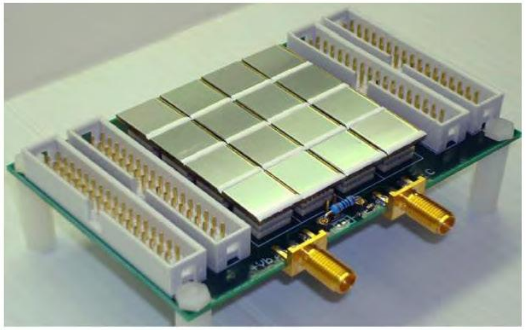
Large Variety of SiPM Arrays Available

Philips



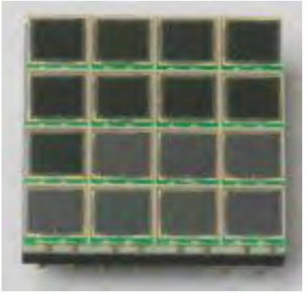
dSiPM

RMD



SSPM

Hamamatsu



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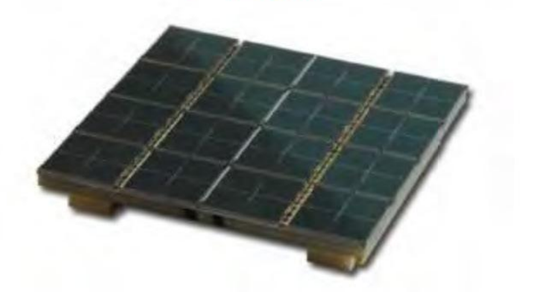

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