

# The Challenges and Applications of Sub-Psec Large-area Detectors

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## Abstract

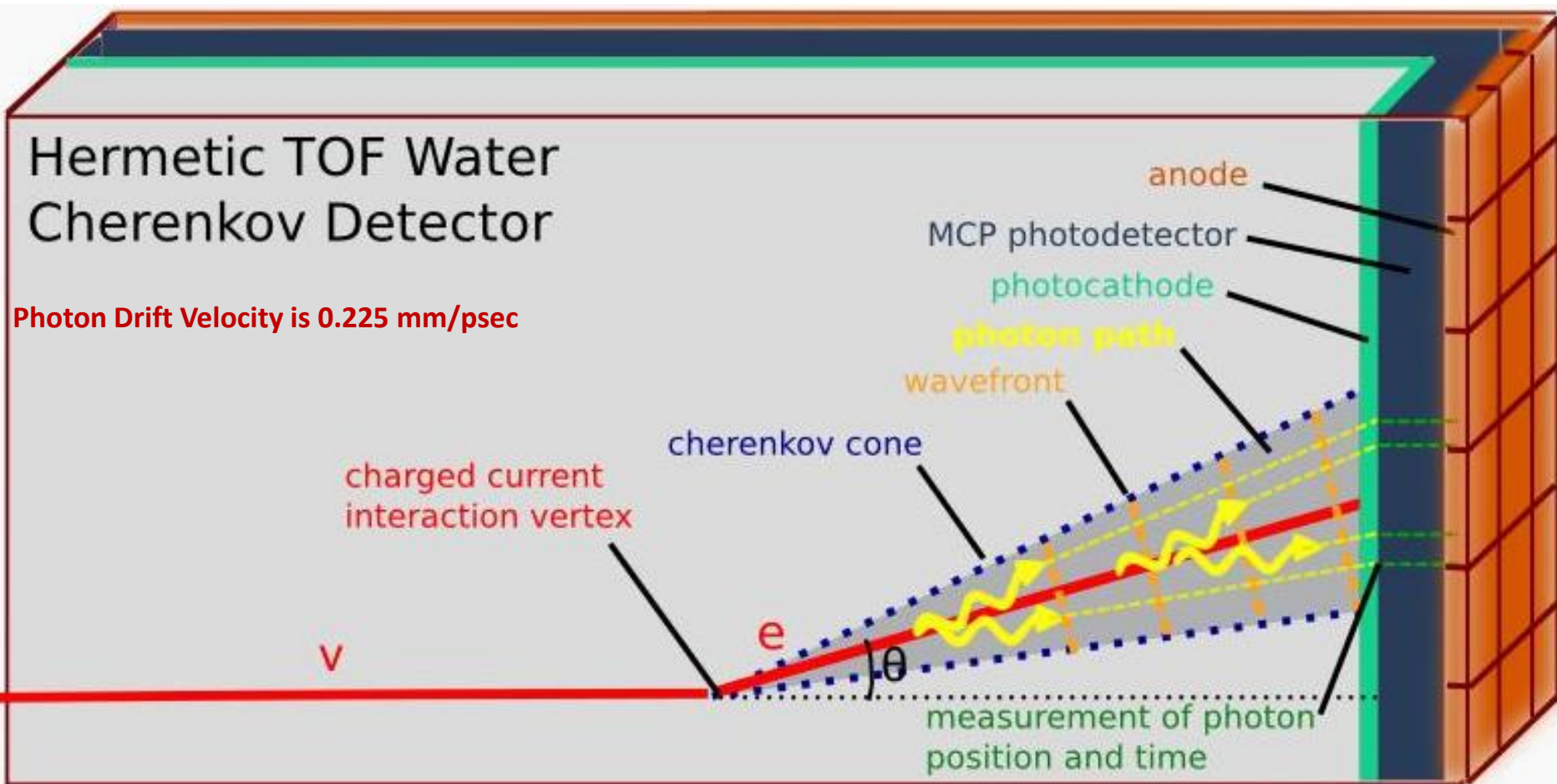
The precision of large-area spatial measurements has improved dramatically over the last 50 years due to the invention of silicon strip and pixel detectors. The ultimate time resolution of large-area devices is not yet known, but can be much better than the 1" (100 psec) resolution typical of large time-of-flight sensors or the 12" (1 nsec) typical of large neutrino detectors. I will discuss the status of the development of large-area micro-channel-plate-based photodetectors, for which the characteristic distance scale that determines the time resolution is 10's of microns. There is good reason to believe that time resolutions well below 1 psec are achievable with developments currently underway.

# Outline

- I. Quick Survey of Unique Applications
  - a. The Optical Time Projection Chamber (OTPC)
  - b. Directionality in Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay
  - c. Low-Energy Antineutrino Reconstruction (Reactors)
  - d. Pizero Vertexing in  $K^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \nu$  (e.g. KOTO at JPARC)
  - e. Vertexing at High Luminosity at the LHC
  - f. TOF in the Central Region at the LHC (BSM, PID)
  - g. Medical Imaging (e.g. PET, Proton Therapy)
- II. Basic Principles and the Limiting Factors
- III. Some Details of an Example- the LAPPD 'tile/tray'
- IV. Some efforts towards 1-psec/sub-psec timing

# The Optical Time Projection Chamber (OTPC)

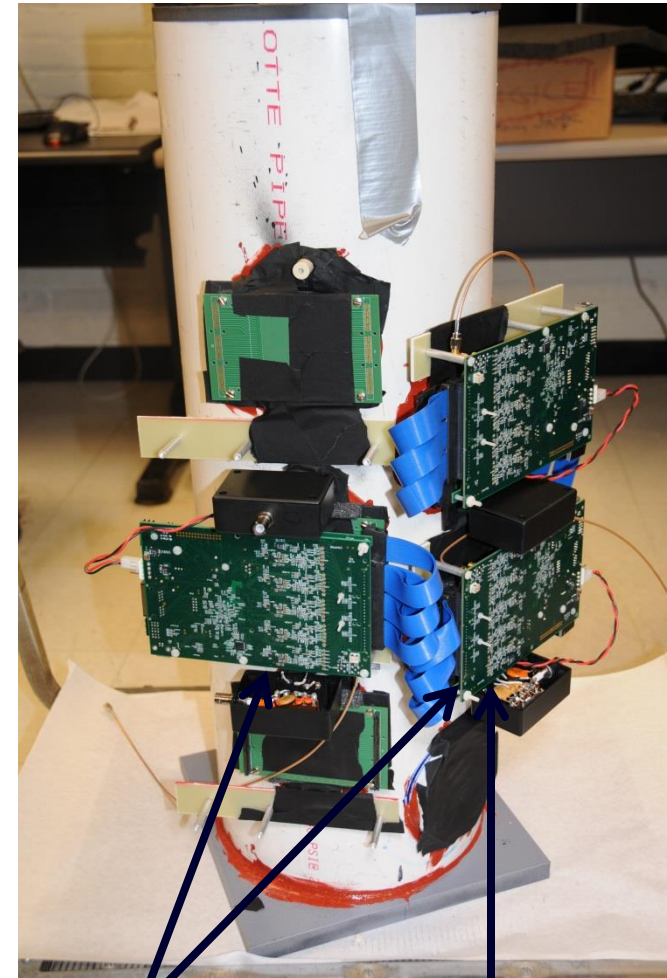
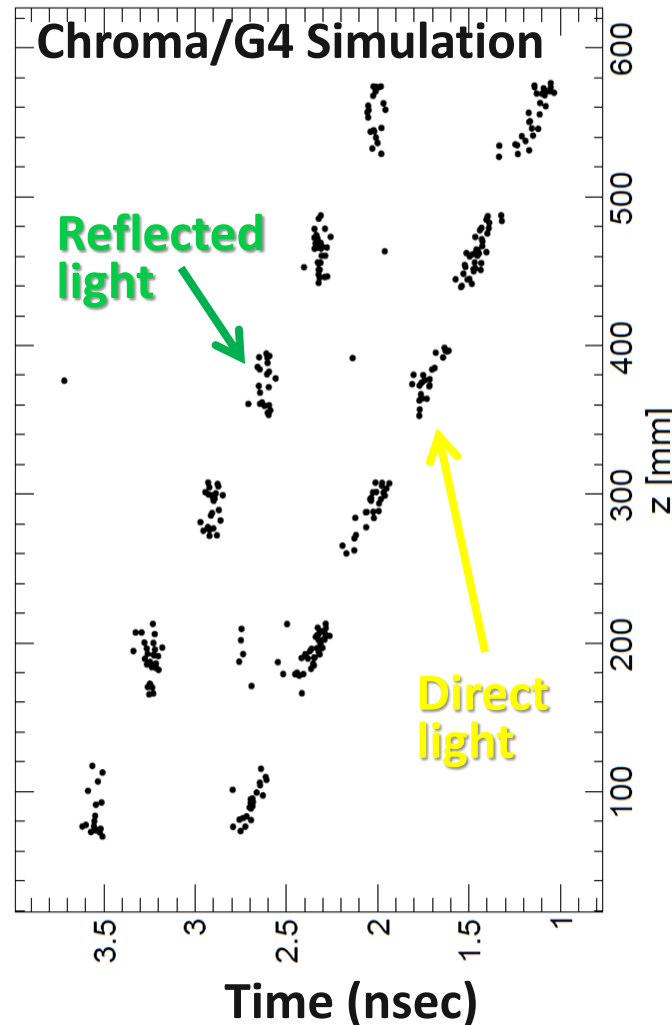
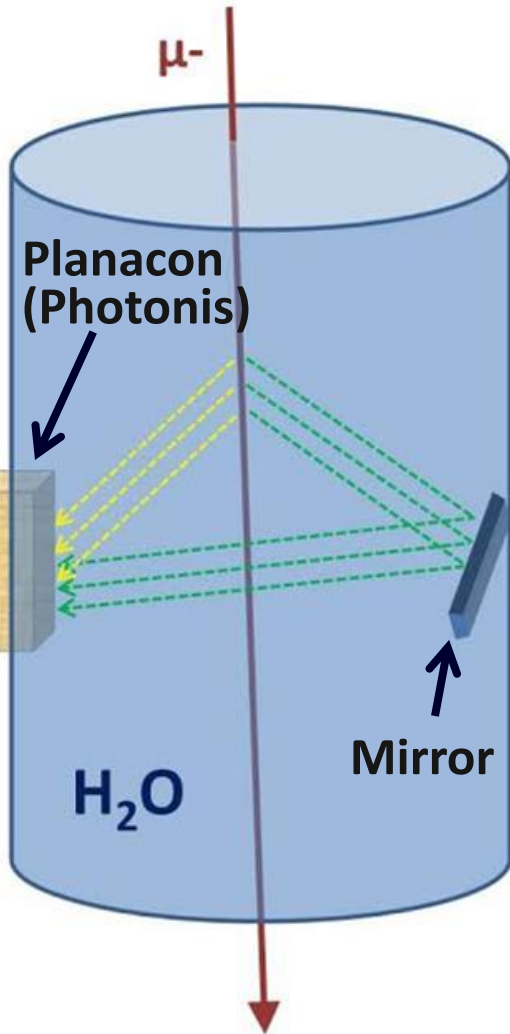
- Like a TPC but **drift photons** instead of electrons (no B needed)
- Exploits precise location and time for each **detected photon**
- Would allow **track /vertex reconstruction** in large liquid counters



First suggestion of LAPPD's for DUSEL and the name (OTPC) due to Howard Nicholson

# The Optical Time Projection Chamber (OTPC)

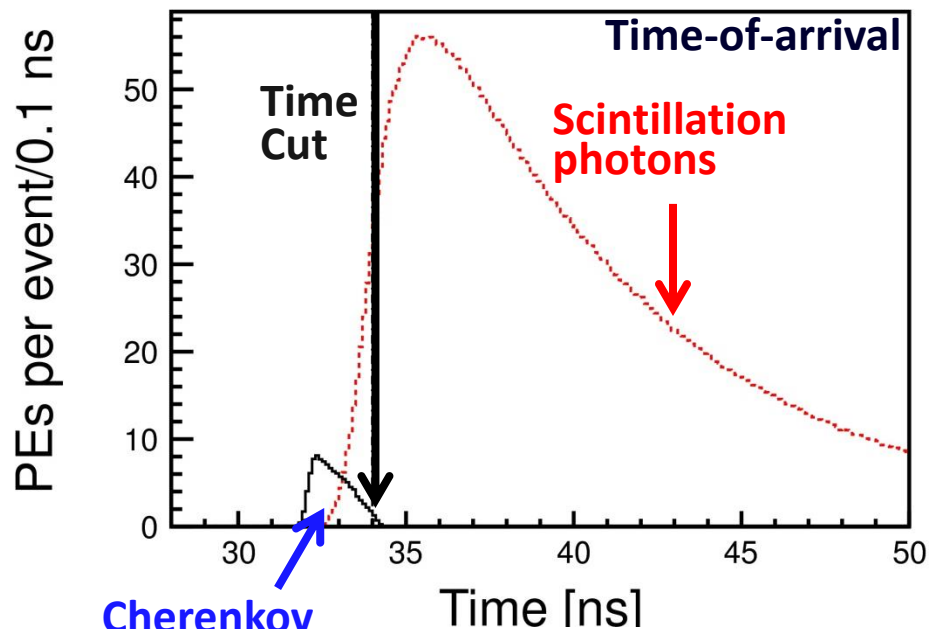
- **Eric Oberla's thesis (see his talk)**- proof-of-principle 1D-OTPC
- Uses mirrors (yes!) to exploit time resolving to increase coverage



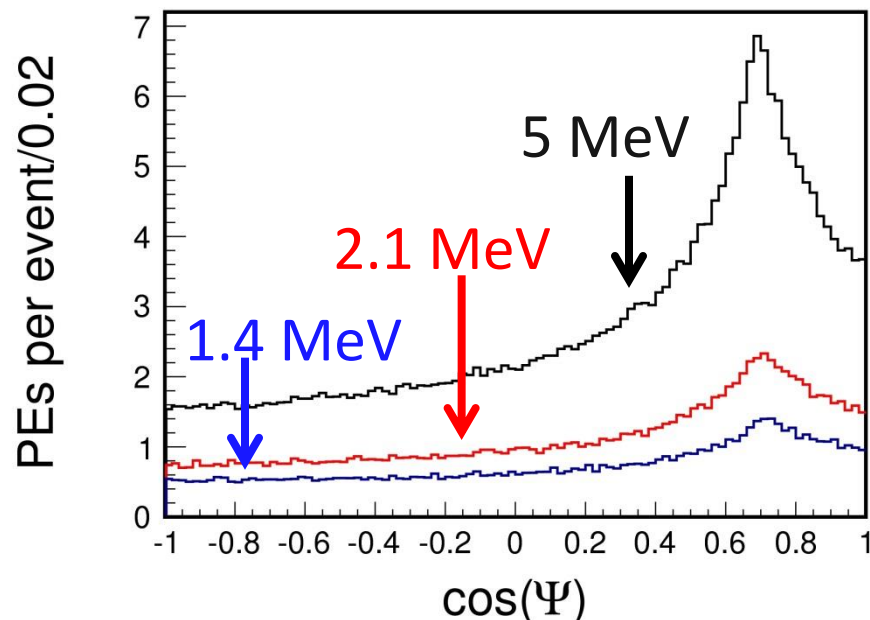
Planacons (Photonis) 1-15 GS/sec  
120-channel PSEC4 readout

# Measuring Directionality in Neutrinoless Double- $\beta$ Decay

- Signal has 2 electrons; dominant (non-intrinsic) backgrounds have 1
- Cherenkov light retains (some) directionality
- Cherenkov light arrives before scintillation, as it's redder (really)
- Fast-timing allows selection on the early photons



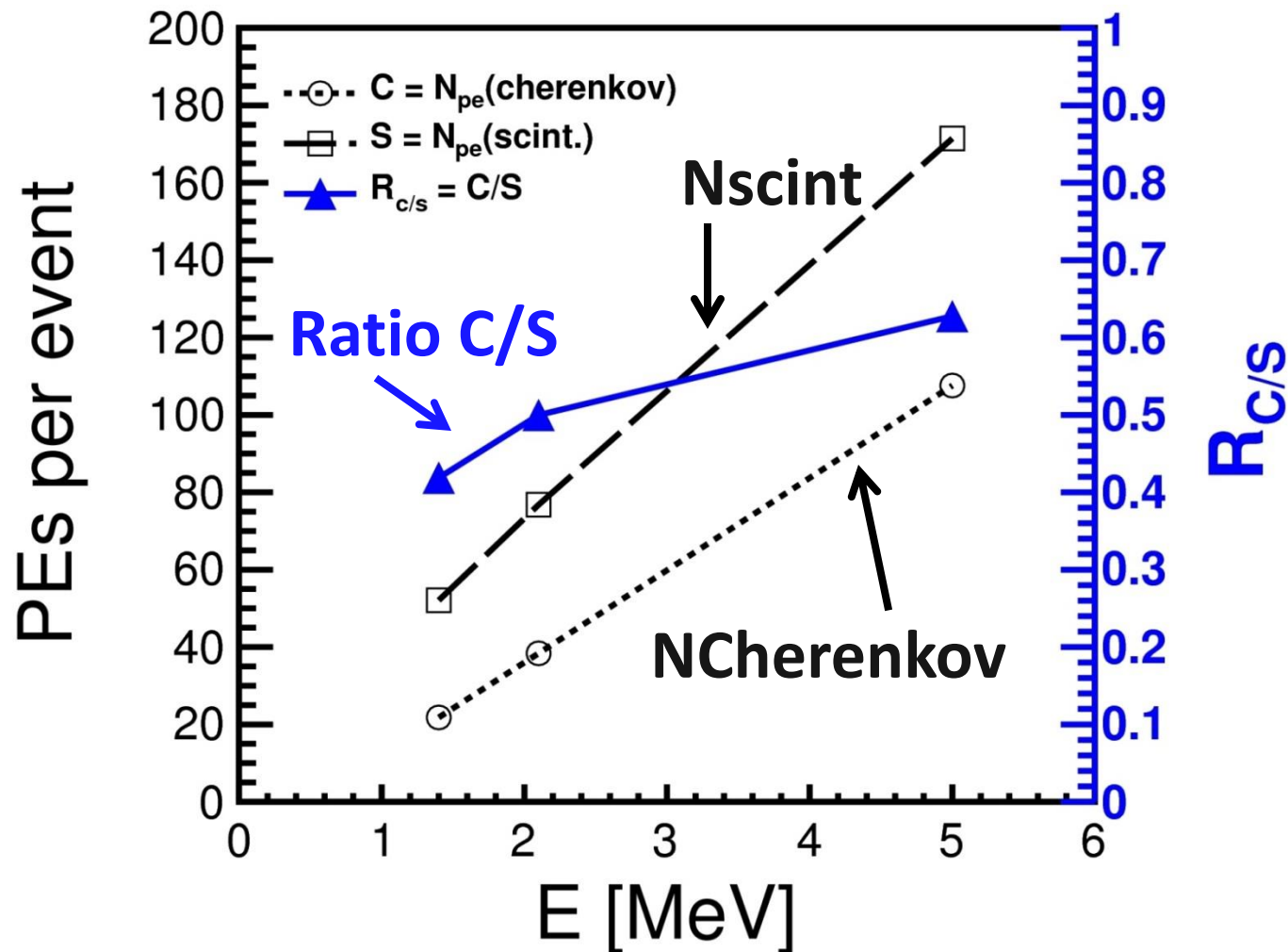
Cherenkov photons from center of 6.5m-radius sphere: TTS=100 psec



Cosine of angle between the photoelectron hit and the original electron direction after the 34 ns cut. Both Cherenkov and scintillation light are included. Note the peak at the Cherenkov angle.

Christof Aberle, Andrey Elagin, Matt Wetstein, Lindley Winslow, HJF; arXiv:1307.5813 (TBP JINST)  
(see Andre Elagin's talk)

# Number of PhotoElectrons After Time Cut



The expected number of photo-electrons (PE) from Cherenkov (C) and Scintillation (S) light after the 34 nsec time cut, for electron energies of 1.4, 2.1, and 5 MeV, generated at the center of the 6.5m-radius liquid scintillator detector. The right-hand ordinate is the ratio C/S.

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# Rare Kaon Decays- background rejection by reconstructing $\pi^0$ vertex space point:

E.g. for KOTO (Yau Wah, JPARC)-beat down combinatoric  $\pi^0$  backgrounds

Vertex (e.g.  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ )

$T_v, X_v, Y_v, Z_v$



One can reconstruct the vertex from the times and positions- 3D reconstruction

Photon 1

$(t_1 - t_v)c$

Photon 2

$(t_2 - t_v)c$

Detector Plane

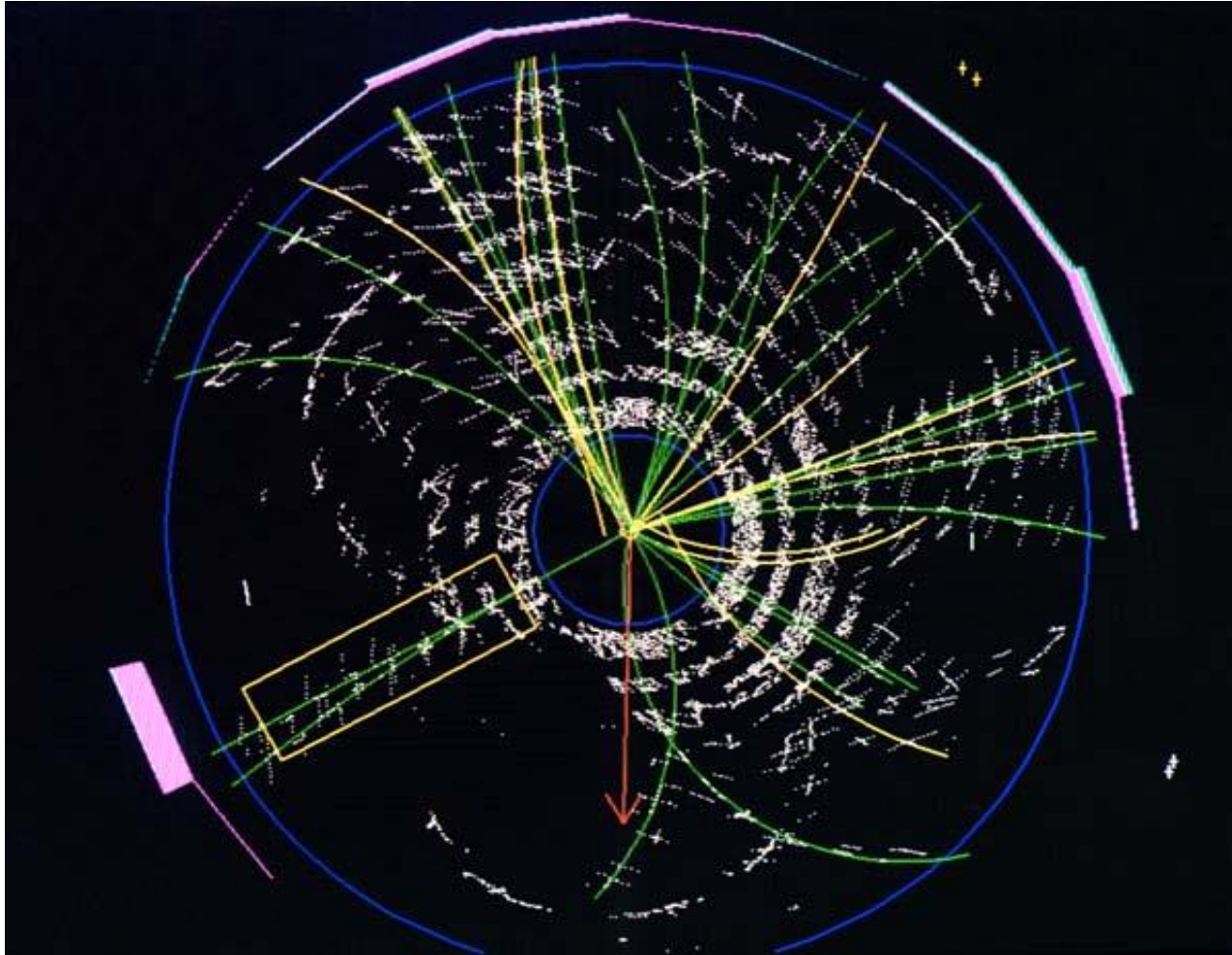
$(T_1, X_1, Y_1)$

$(T_2, X_2, Y_2)$

N.B. Photon Drift Velocity is 0.298 mm/psec

# Colliders:

- Goals: 1) identify the quark content of charged particles  
2) separate vertices  
3) vertex photons



CDF top  
quark event

See Snowmass white paper

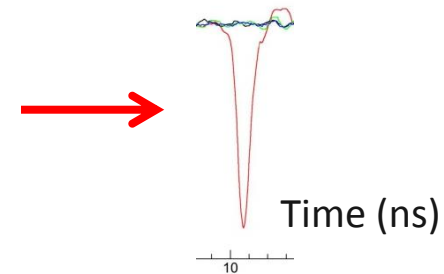
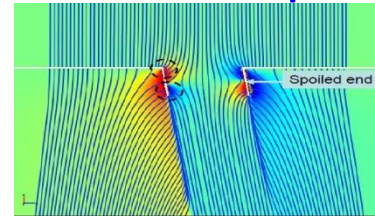


# A Brief Tour of MCP-based Fast Timing

## What determines the time resolution?

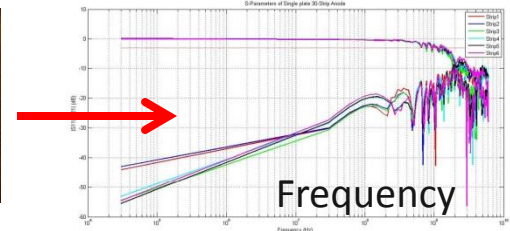
### A. Pulse Generation – from photon to fast current pulse

Transit-Time Spread (TTS) is determined by geometry, fields, and secondary-emission



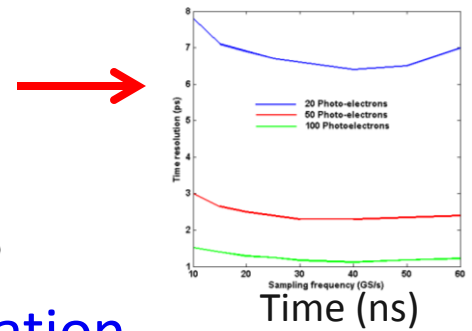
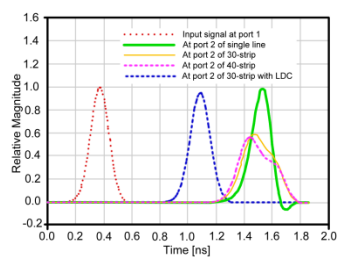
### B. Getting the fast pulse to the time-measuring place

80 million pores need to be reduced to a small # (e.g. 30) of electronics channels while preserving the Analog BandWidth (ABW)

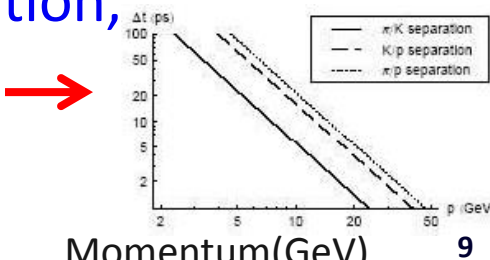


### C. Determining 'the time' of the pulse

Problems are Noise and Pulse Shape (no noise, no problem, if all shapes the same)  
Waveform sampling, Constant-Fraction-Disc, Single Threshold Disc., Multiple Threshold..



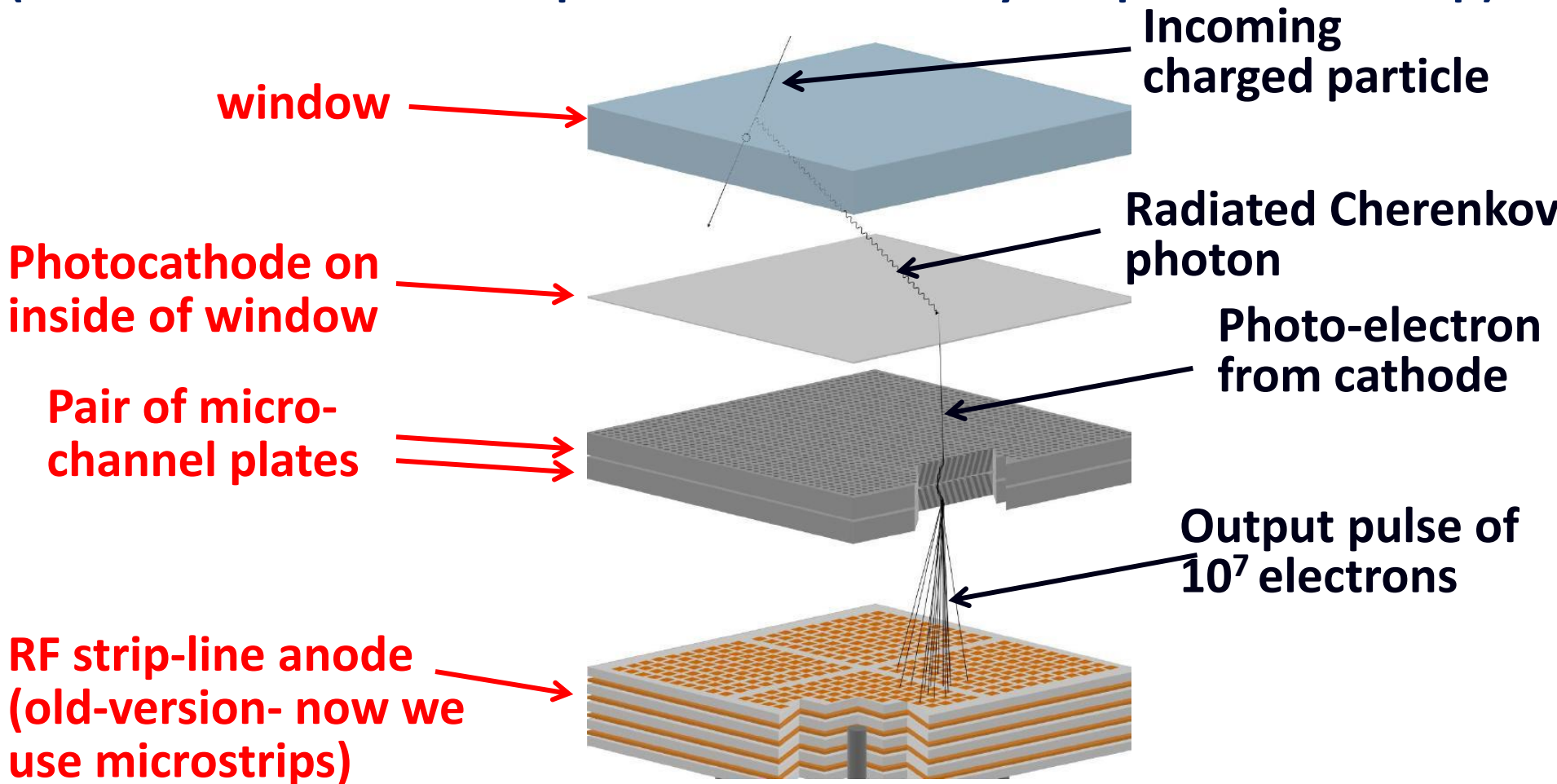
### D. System Considerations: Clock Distribution, Calibration,



# How Does it Work?

Requires large-area, gain  $> 10^7$ , low noise, low-power, long life,  $\sigma(t) < 10$  psec,  $\sigma(x) < 1$ mm, and low large-area system cost

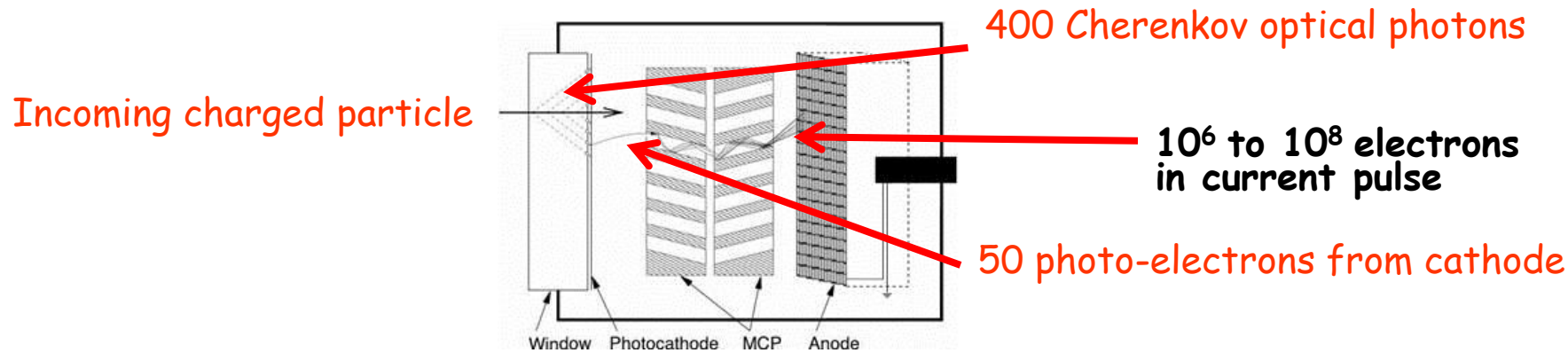
Realized that an MCP-PMT has all these but large-area, low-cost: (since intrinsic time and space scales are set by the pore sizes- 2-20 $\mu$ )



# Key parameters: Number of Photons and Transit-Time Spread

Pulse Generation – from photon to fast current pulse

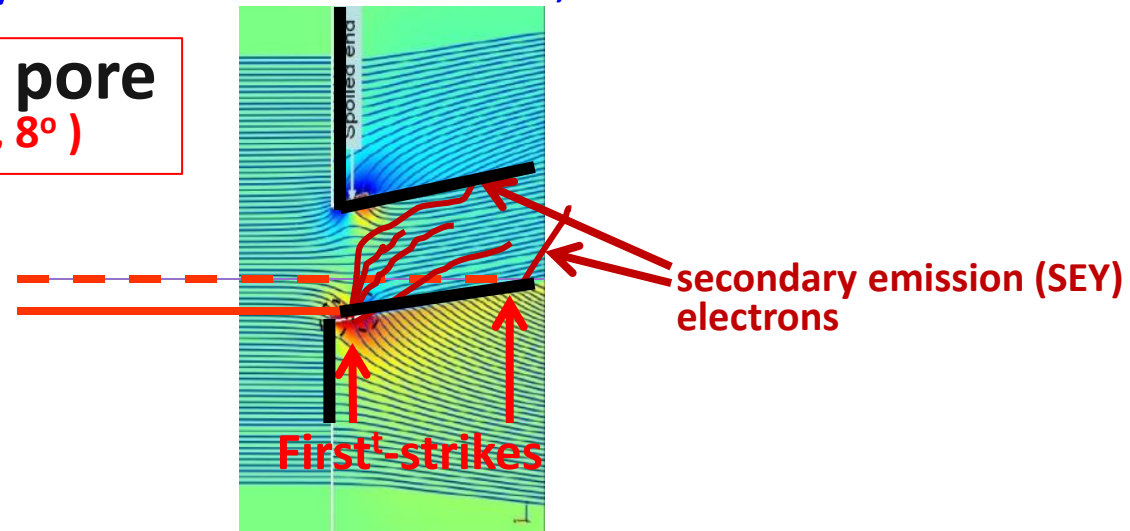
A: Timing will depend on light source: Cherenkov light in 8mm radiator (window) gives  $\sim 50$  PE's; many applications are single photons



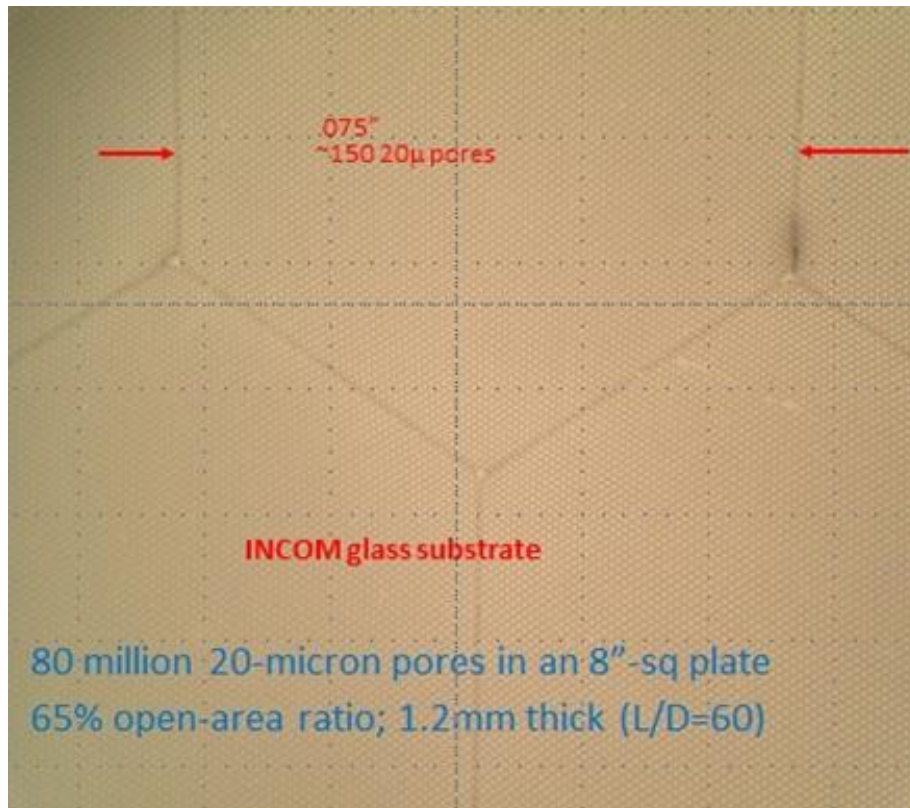
B: Transit-Time Spread (TTS) depends on geometry, electric field, and first-strike secondary-emission coefficient;

**Picture of 1 pore**  
(currently  $L/D=60, 8^\circ$ )

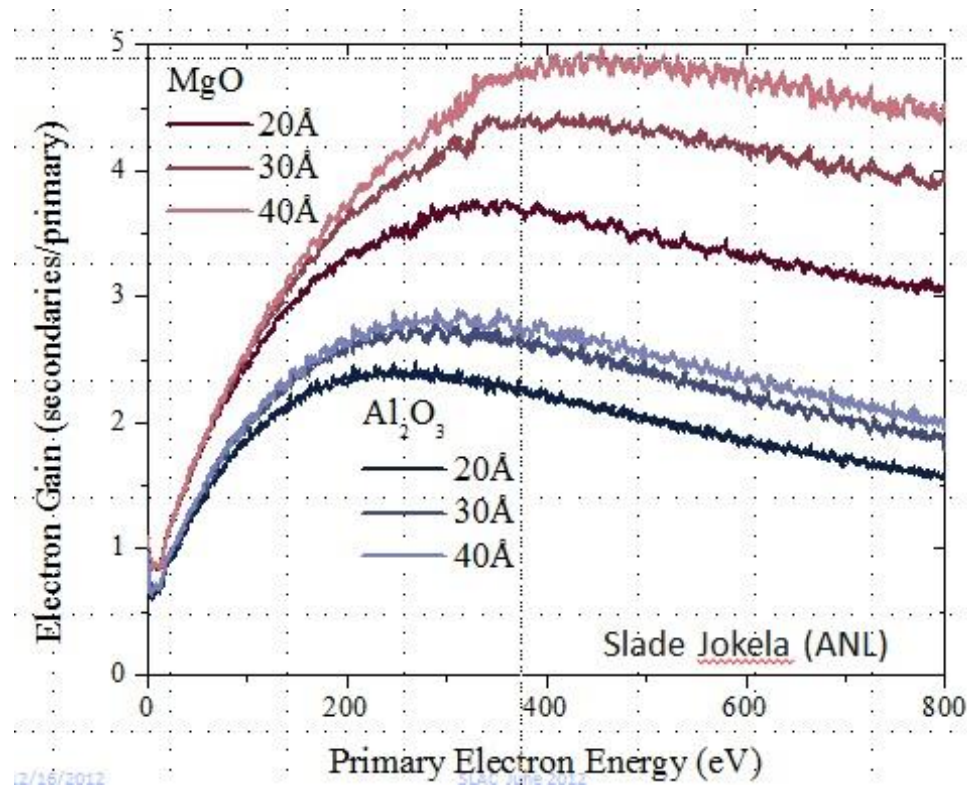
Incoming photo-electrons  
From photocathode (only  
1/pore)



# 'First-Strike' Parameters to play with



**Pore size and angle**



**Higher SEY Materials  
Optimized voltages**

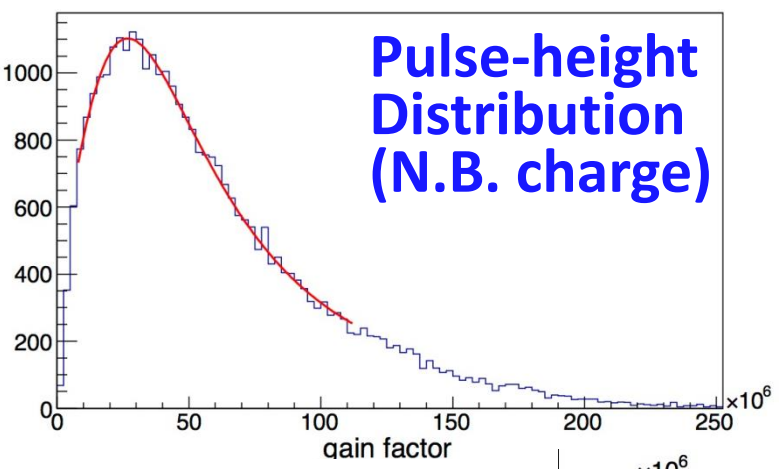
## Other:

- Cathode-MCP gap size and shape
- Discrete dynode structure (Elam)
- Reflection-mode photocathode on MCP
- Tailoring Efield for equal times
- Other voltages, geometries...

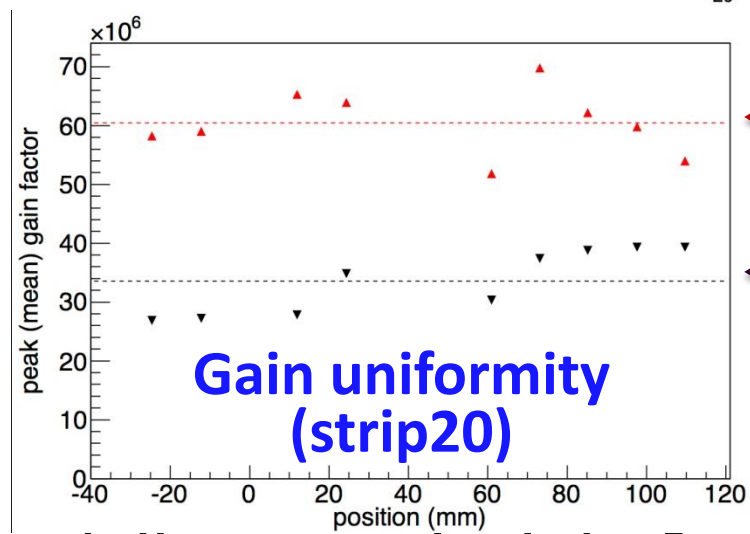
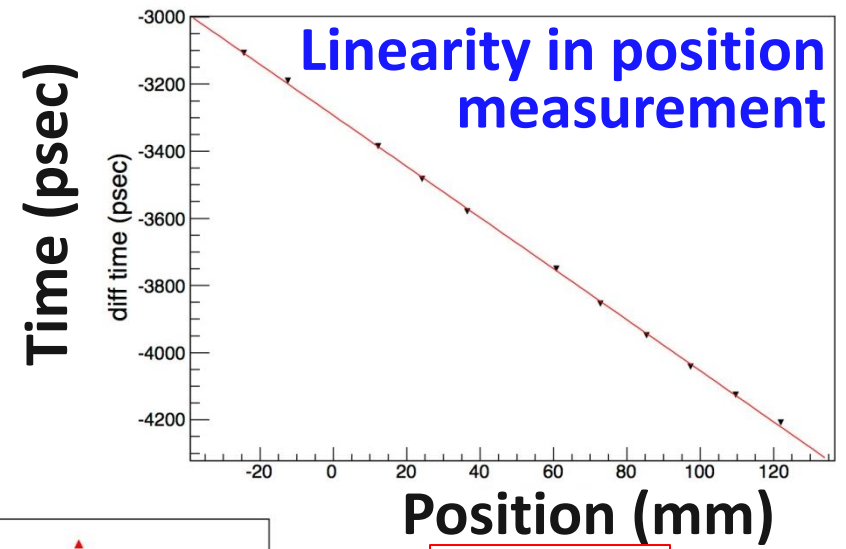
# Arradiance, Inc

## MgO-coated ALD-functionalized MCPs

Arradiance delivered 2 matched, stable, MgO-coated plates. They have been operated in the full 8"-tile Demountable test facility.



Gain ( $\times 10^6$ )



$A_v$  gain

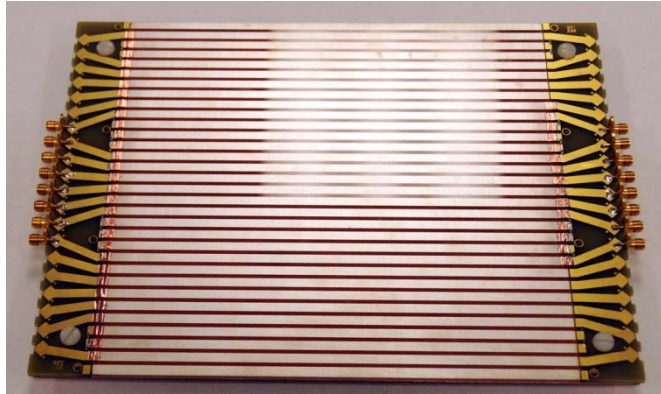
Peak gain (3.4E7)

Fermilab, CalTech & UC are in the process of ordering 6 more plates thru Incom (Incom PO) for a sampling calorimeter beam test.

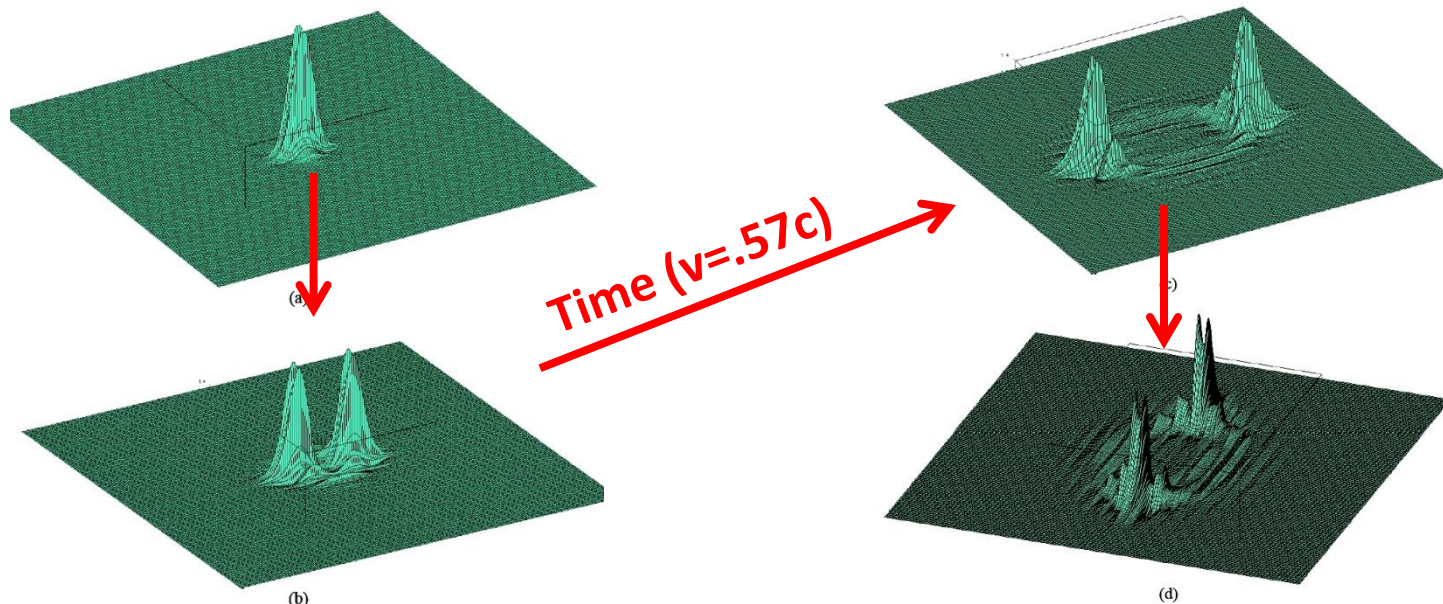
# Getting the fast pulse to the digitizer

80 million pores need to be reduced to a small # (e.g. 30) of electronics channels while preserving the Analog BandWidth(ABW)

Early 30-strip test anode, each strip is 50 Ohms, read out on both ends



Simulated time evolution of pulse on 30-strip anode- note the growing crosstalk in neighboring strips as the pulse propagates toward both ends

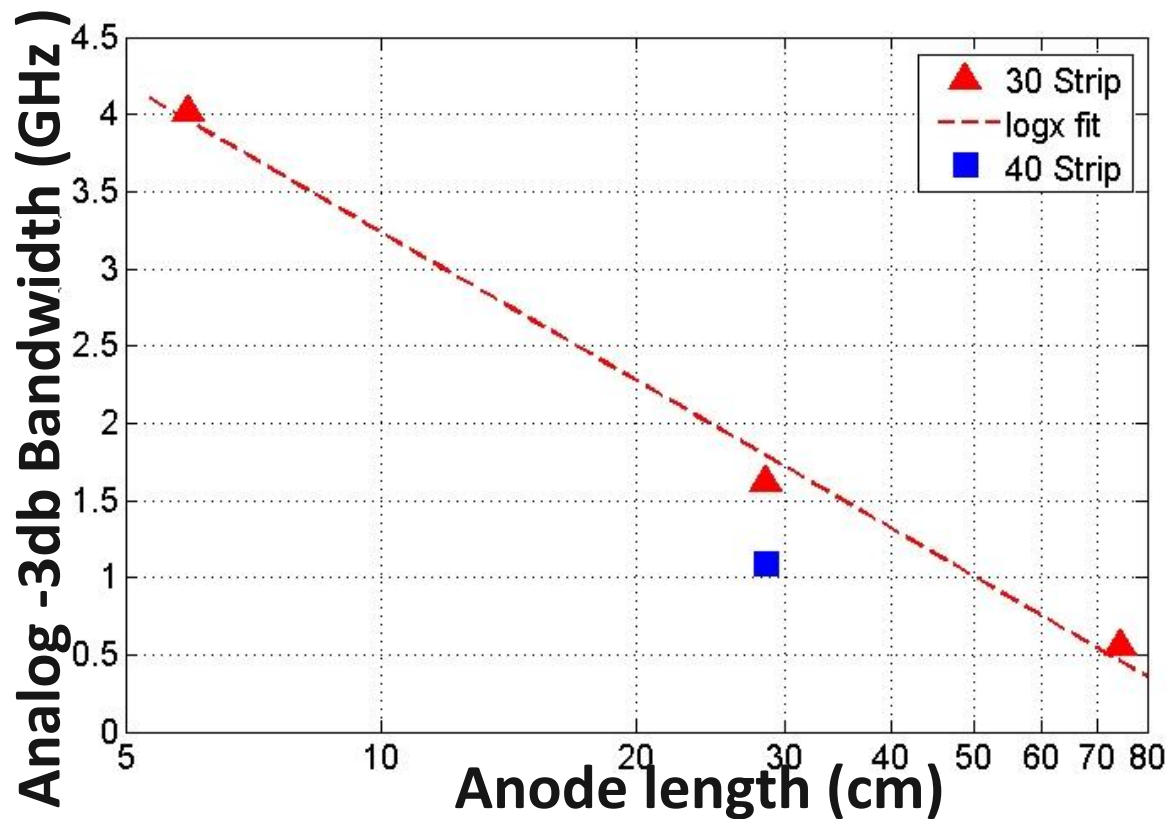


# Daisy-chaining tile modules



Cover large areas at low electronics channel count by daisy-chaining RF striplines across MCP-PMT modules

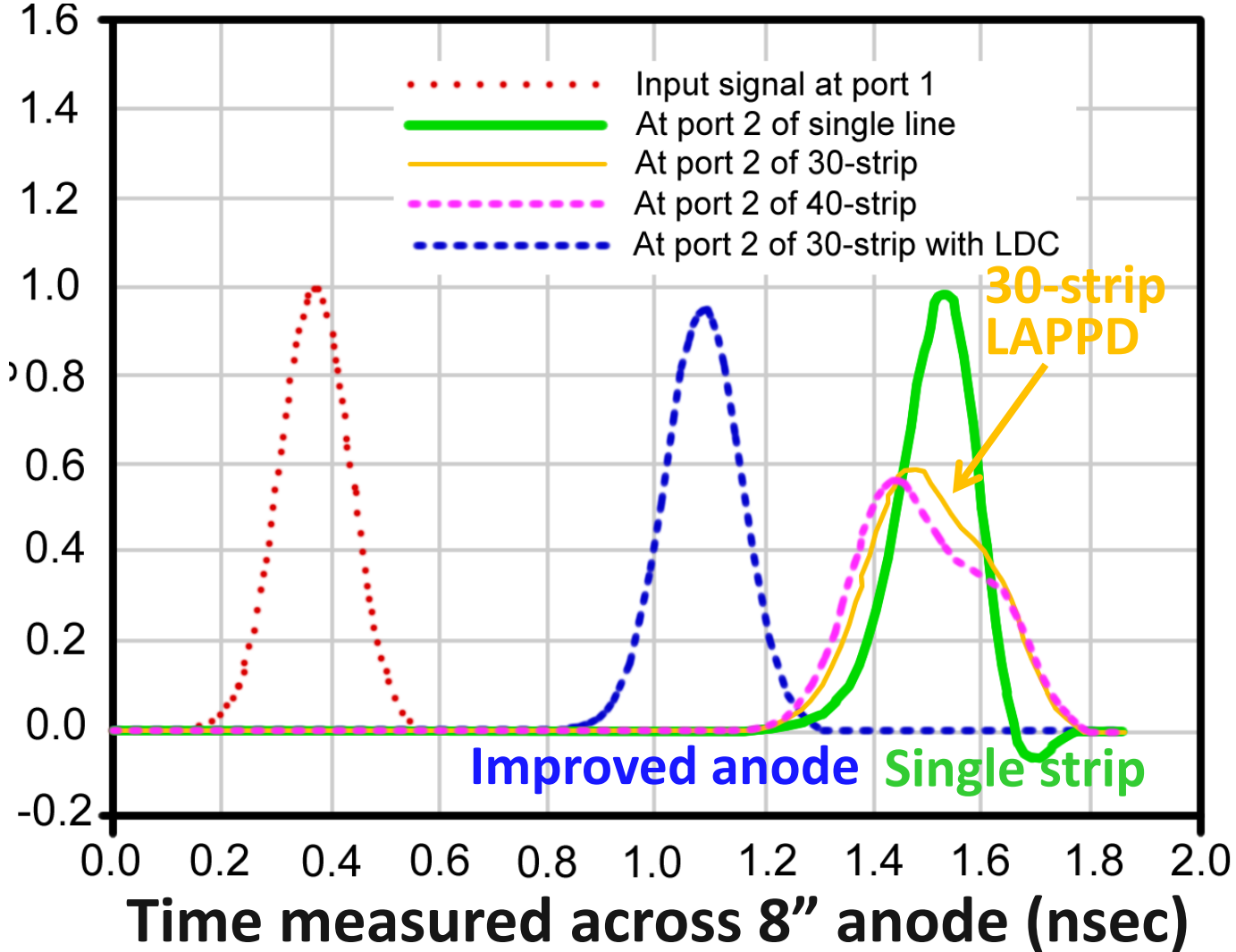
But one loses bandwidth as the strips get longer, largely due to crosstalk. →



# Effect of Crosstalk on Pulse Shape (Timing)

Crosstalk also affects the pulse shape, making the time measurement dependent on distance along the  $\mu$ strip line

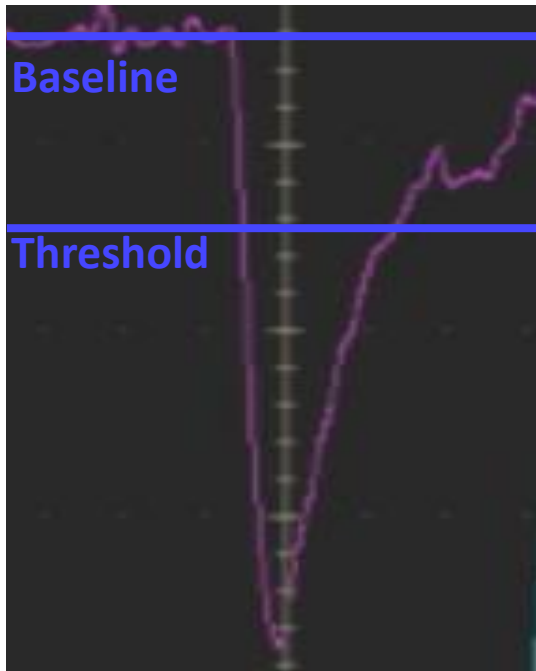
Time-domain simulation with proprietary FE code by InnoSys, Inc)



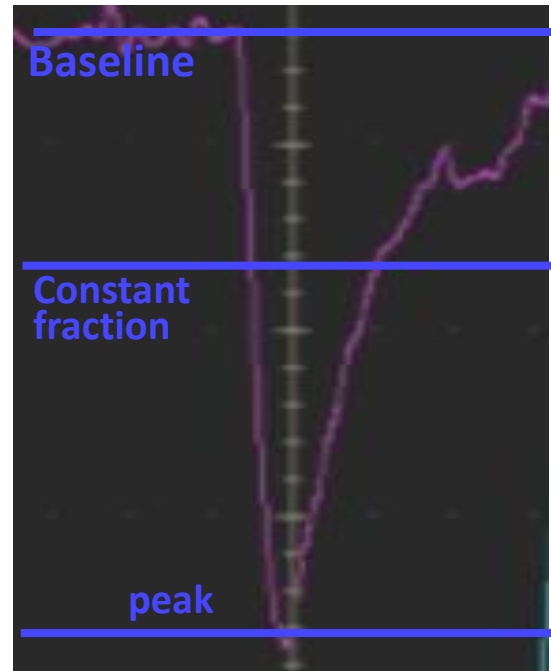
Note distortion in leading edge in the 30-strip LAPPD anode (in yellow-apologies)



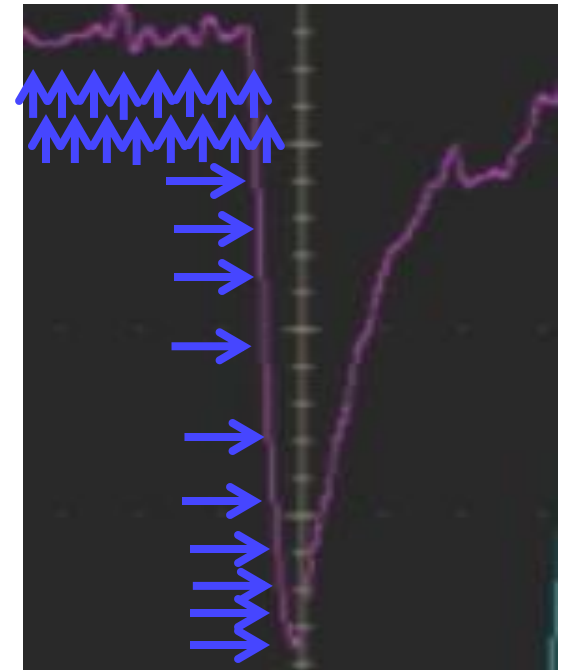
# Measuring time $t_0$ from a pulse



Simple discriminator  
(single threshold)



Constant Fraction  
discriminator (CFD)



10 GS/sec  
Waveform Sampling  
(10 bits/pt PSEC4)

Waveform sampling is basically a fast digital scope on each channel- measures the baseline, pulse shape, pile-up, and allows averaging the noise with  $N$  samples on the leading edge (noise can have higher bandwidth than signal, unfortunately)- see E. Oberla's talk

J.-F. Genat, G.Varner, F. Tang, HJF; *Pico-second Resolution Timing Measurements*;  
Nucl.Instrum.Meth.A607:387-393,2009; arXiv:0810.5590

# Waveform Sampling-PSEC4&5

PSEC5 is based on PSEC4 but with a deeper buffer for LHC, KOTO, Annie, ...i.e. HEP experiments with trigger latency

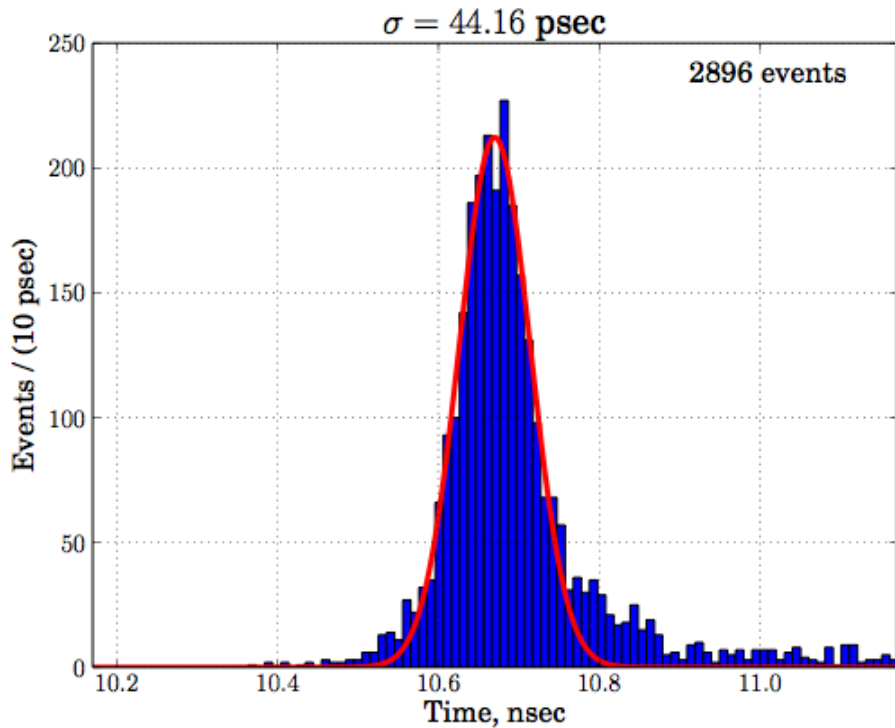
Parameter	PSEC4	PSEC5
Channels	6	4
Sampling Rate	4-15 GSa/s	5-15 GSa/s
Primary Samples/channel	256	256
Total Samples/channel	256	32768
Recording Buffer Time at 10 GSa/s	25.6 ns	3.3 $\mu$ s
Analog Bandwidth	1.5 GHz	1.5 - 2 GHz
RMS Voltage Noise	700 $\mu$ V	<1 mV
DC RMS Dynamic Range	10.5 bits	10 - 11 bits
Signal Voltage Range	1 V	1 V
ADC on-chip	yes	yes
ADC Clock Speed	1.4 GHz	1.5 - 2 GHz
Readout Protocol	12-bit parallel	serial LVDS: one per channel
Readout Clock Rate	40 MHz	500 MHz
Average Power Consumption	100 mW	300-500 mW
Core Voltage	1.2 V	1.2 V

**New**

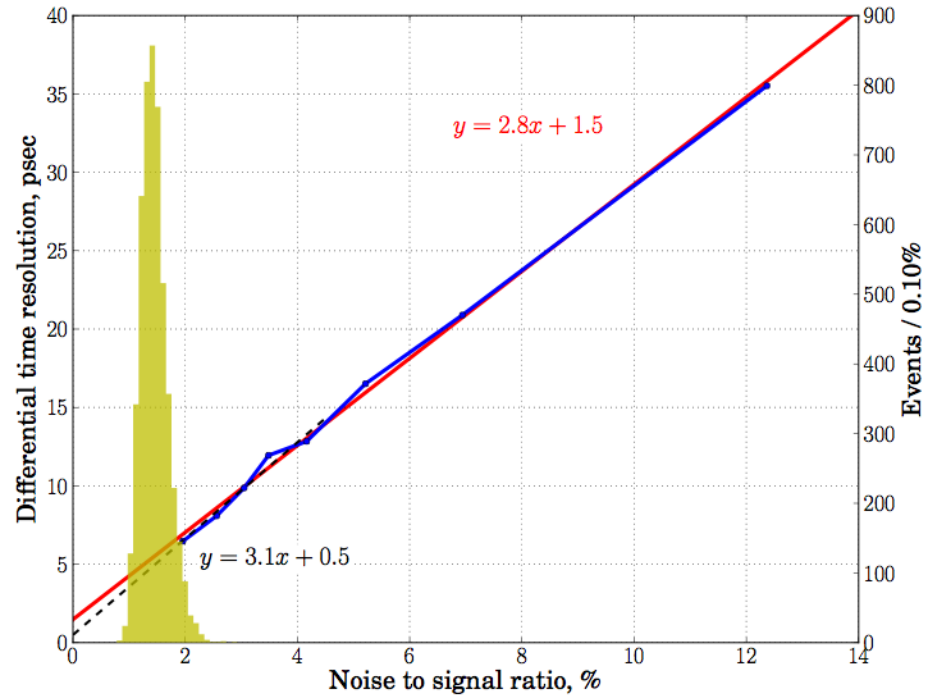
Joint Hawaii UC effort: M. Bogdan, E. Oberla, I. Mostafanezhad, G. Varner, HJF

See poster by M. Bogdan

# Present Time Resolution



Single Photo-electron  
PSEC4 Waveform sampling  
Sigma=44 psec



Differential Time Resolution  
Large signal Limit  
Oscilloscope Readout  
Black line is  $y = 3.1x + 0.5$  (ps)  
Red line is  $y = 2.8x + 1.5$  (ps)  
Where the constant term represents the large S/N limit (0.5-1.5 ps)

Highly non-optimized system (!)- could do much better

# Keep It Simple- 8 parts

**1 topwindow**

**2 MCP's**

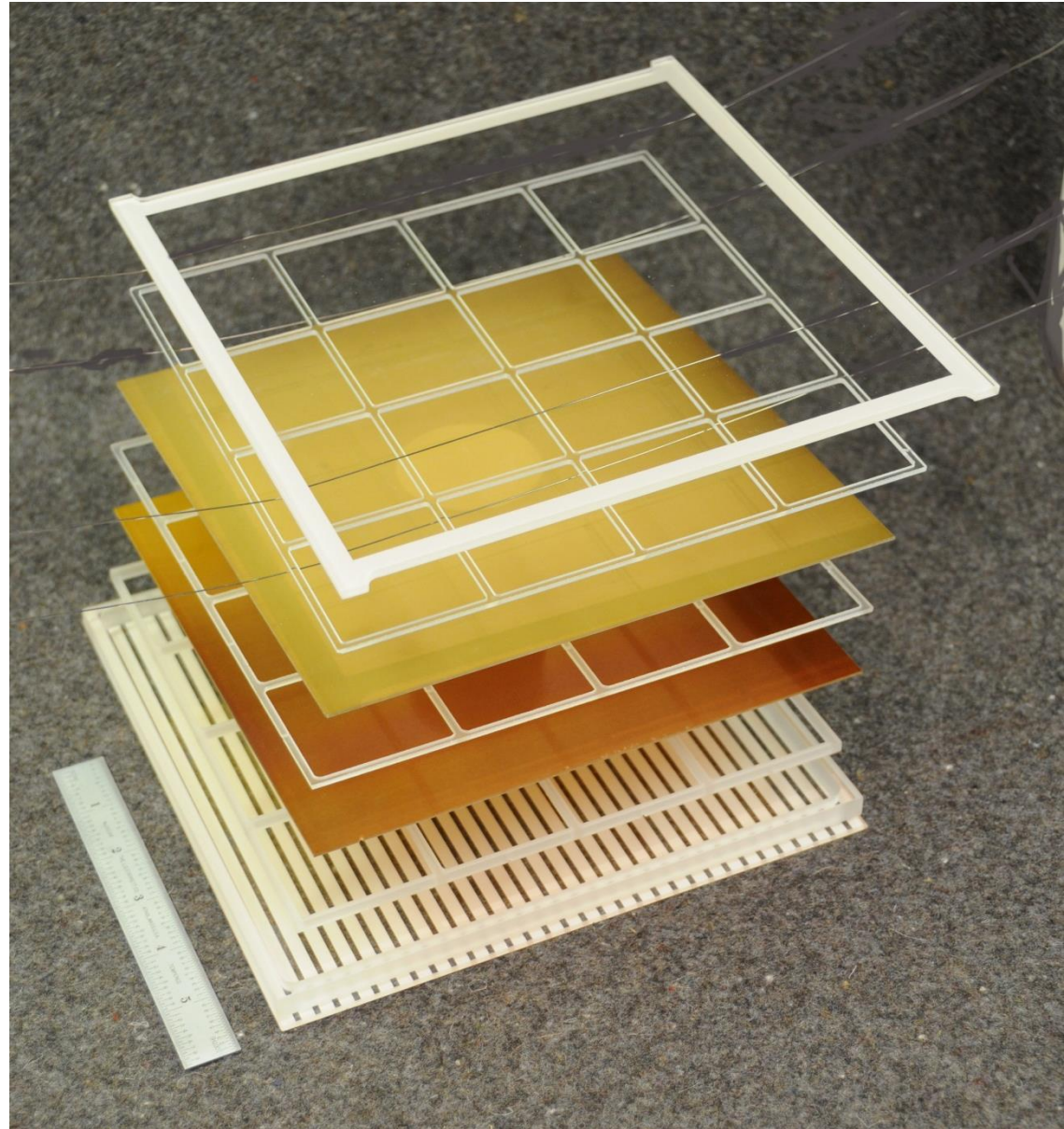
**3 Spacers**

**1 Tilebase**

**1 Getter Necklace**

**TOTAL: 8 parts**

**I (strongly) recommend using the ALD internal HV divider- the Arradiance plates are matched, we can make matched plates, the plates are stable,...it's a proven technology.**



# Indium-Bismuth Window Solder Seal

- First try at SSL proved principle- only needed finesse (didn't expect this much success first try, frankly- it looks really good, though not an industrial production method)
- Had a full 8" cathode with good QE
- Tube was operational in tank- looked very good

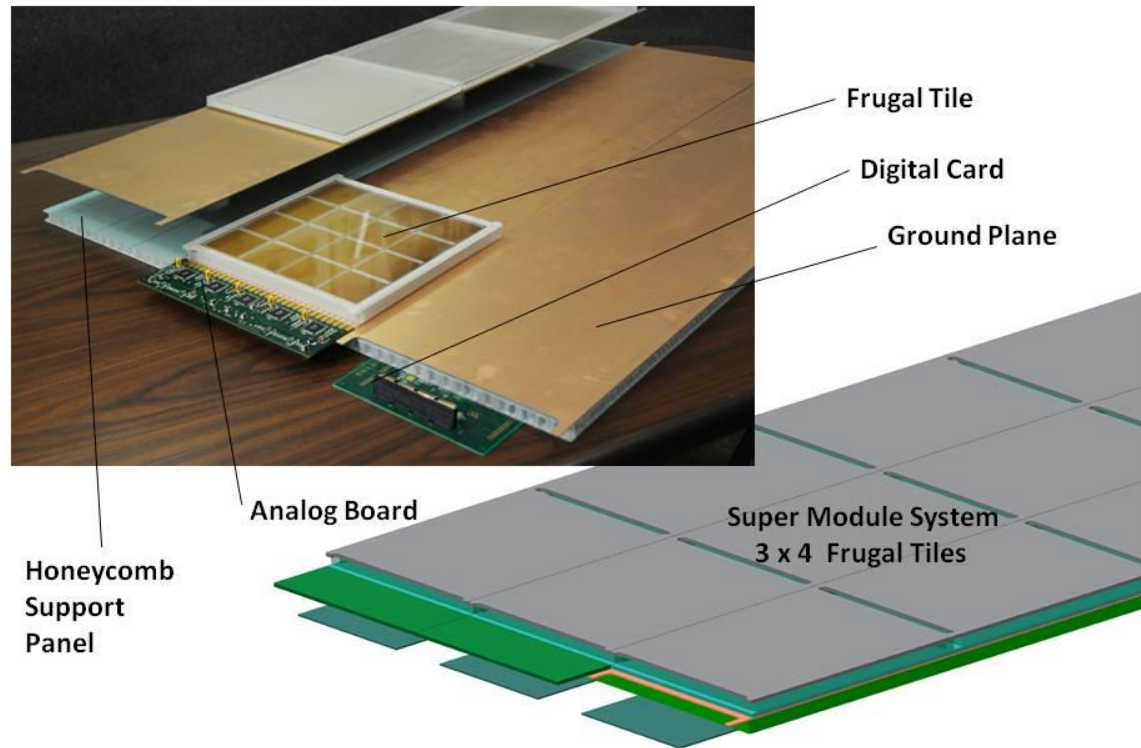
(O. Siegmund, J. McPhate, ...)



8" metallized window hermetically sealed to sidewall (now 4 successful seals in a row in glove box by Elagin- exact same chemistry and solder as SSL seal) (see his talk)

# Tile-Tray Integrated Design

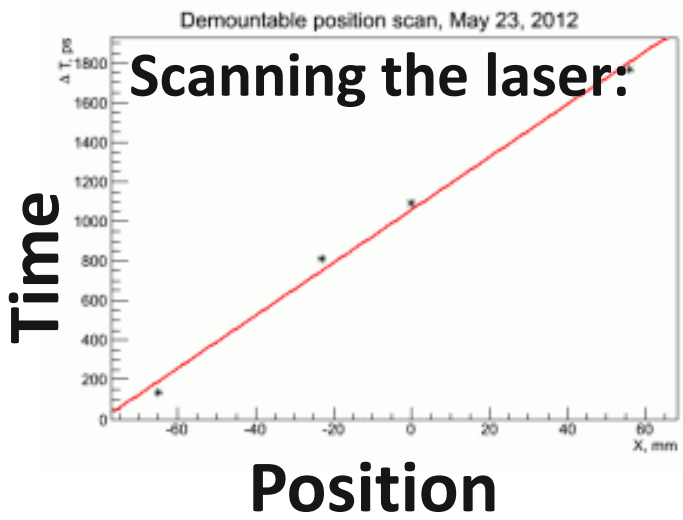
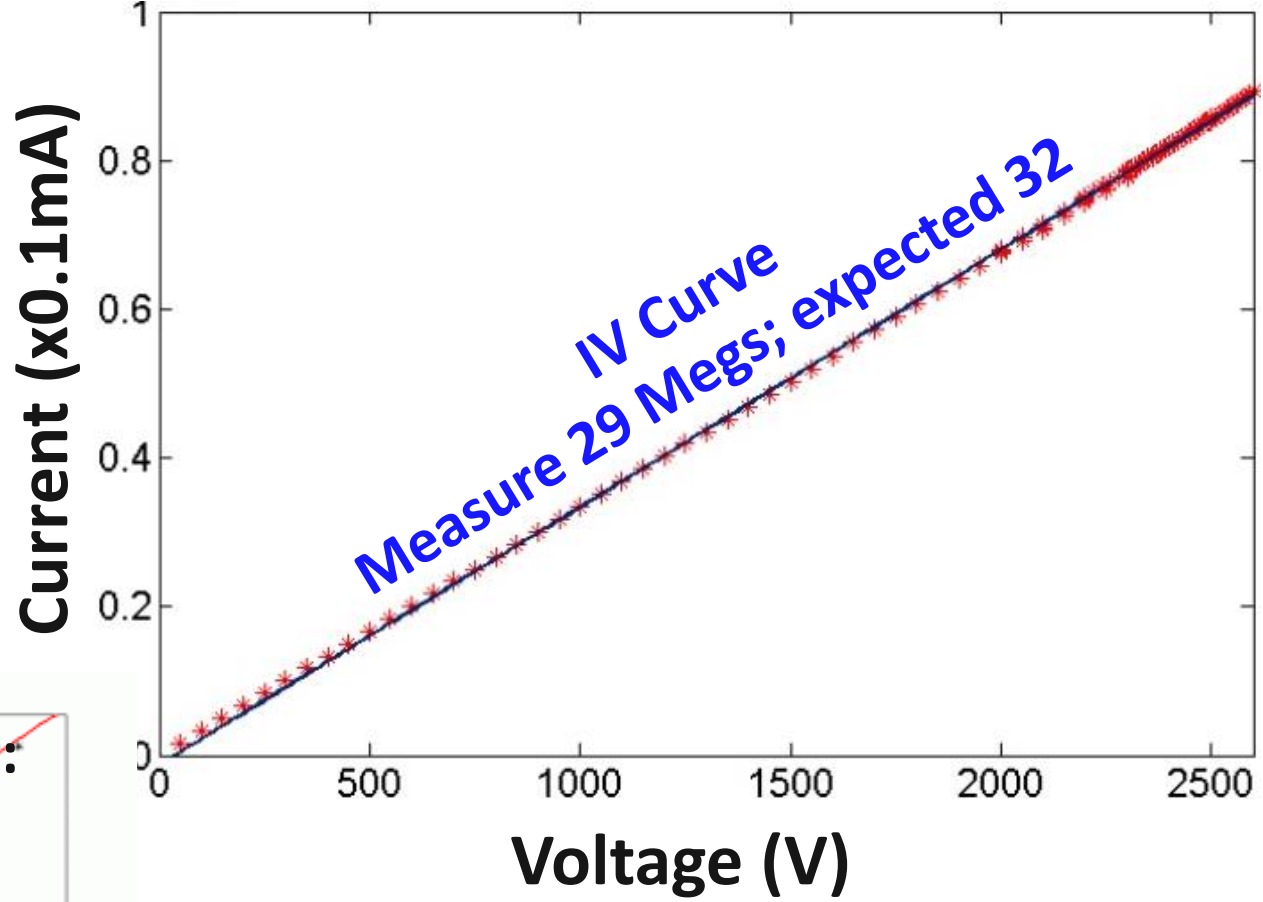
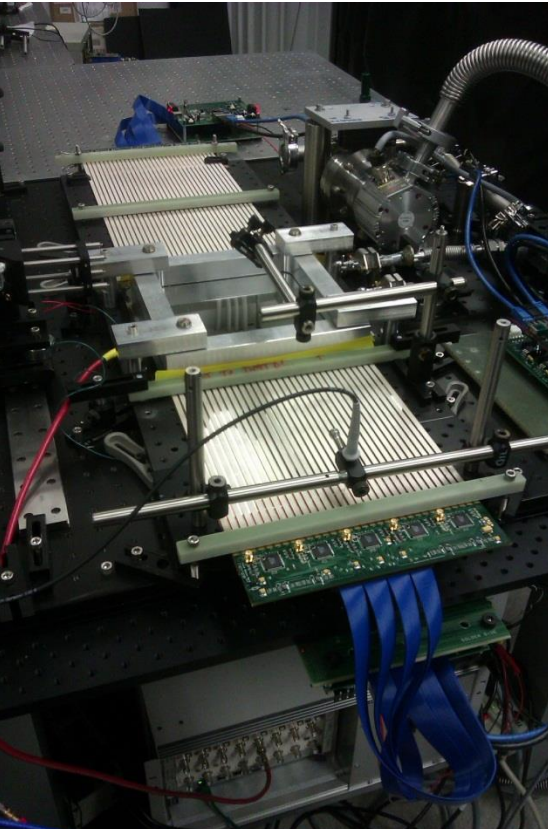
Because this is an RF-based readout system, the geometry and packaging are an integral part of the electronic design



Tray and Tiles - The Super Module System

The design is modular, with 8"-square MCP sealed vacuum tubes ('tiles') with internal strip-lines capacitively coupled to a ground plane (tray) that also holds the electronics.

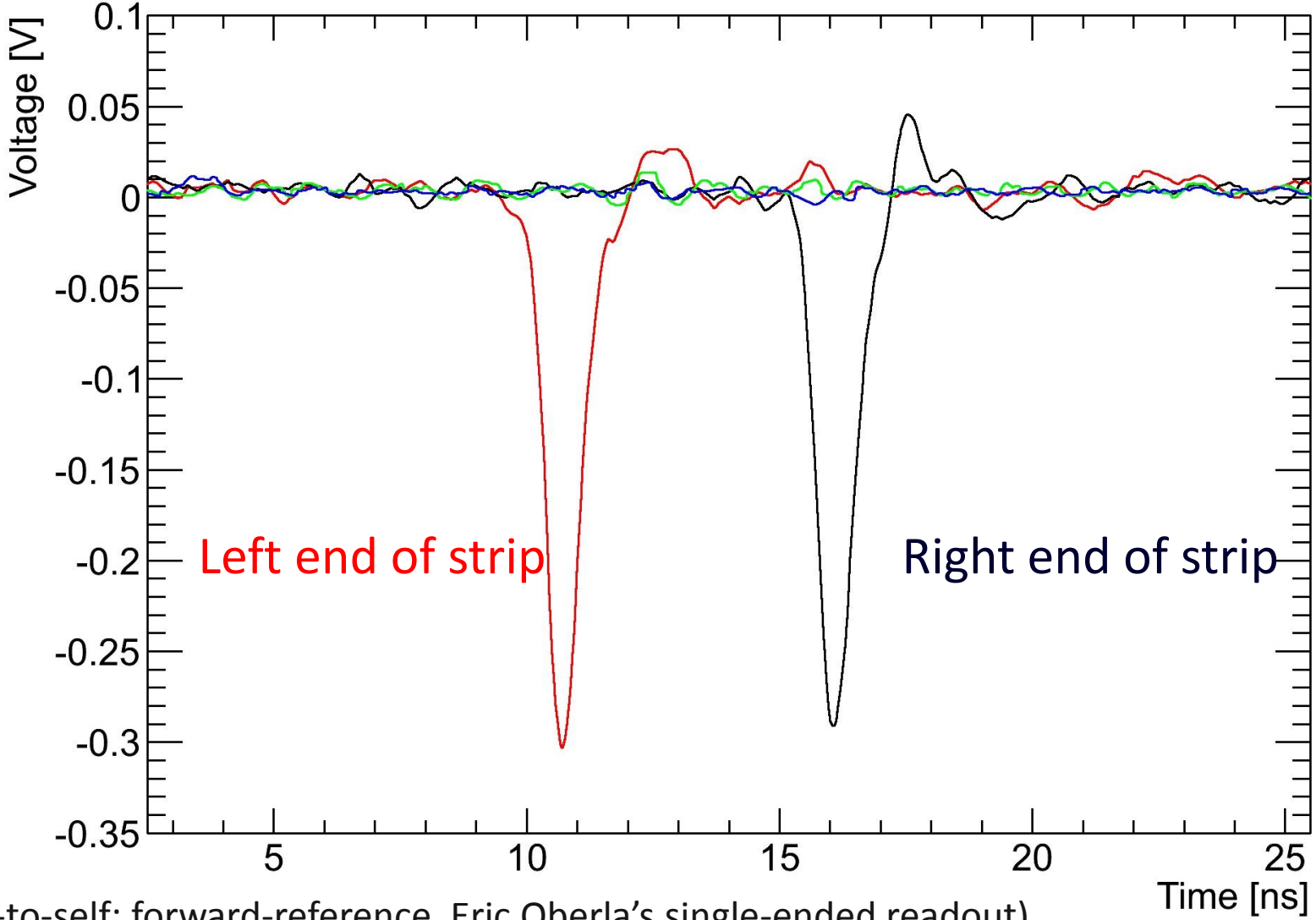
# Demonstration of the Internal ALD HV Divider in the Demountable Tile



# Pulses from a pair of 8" MCP Al2O3 plates

B. Adams, A. Elagin, R. Obaid, E. Oberla, M. Wetstein et al.

**Event == 0**



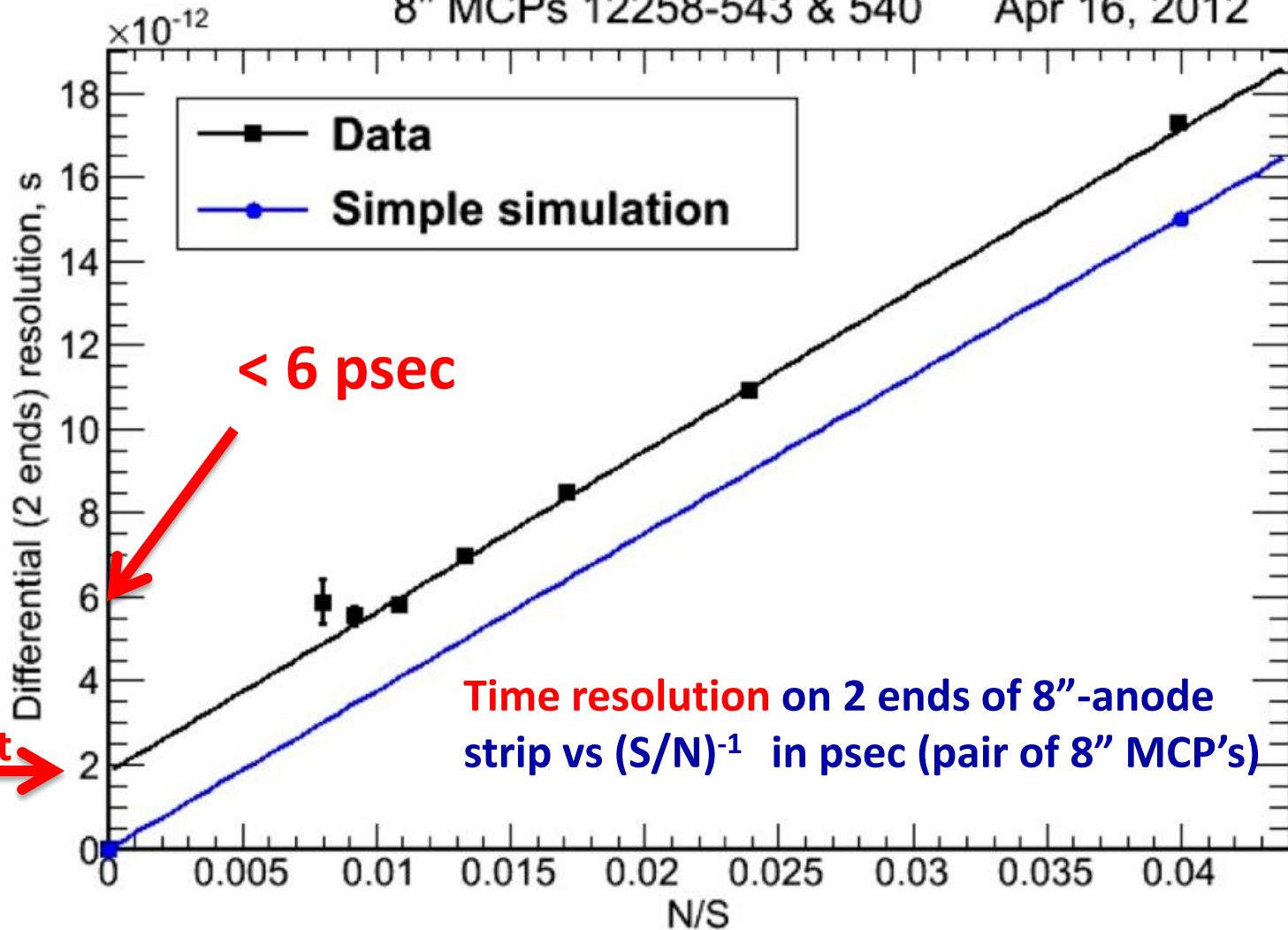
(Note-to-self: forward-reference Eric Oberla's single-ended readout)



# Timing res. agrees with MC

8" MCPs 12258-543 & 540

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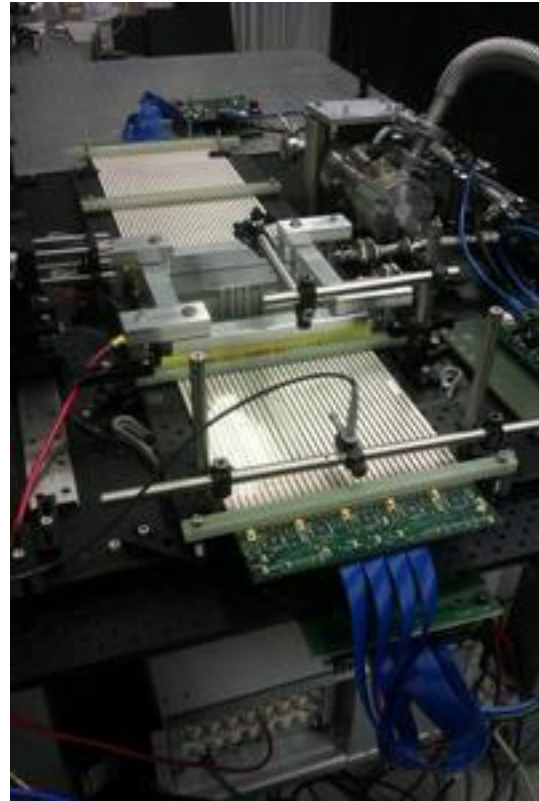


$N = \text{RMS of the noise}; S = \text{signal amplitude}$

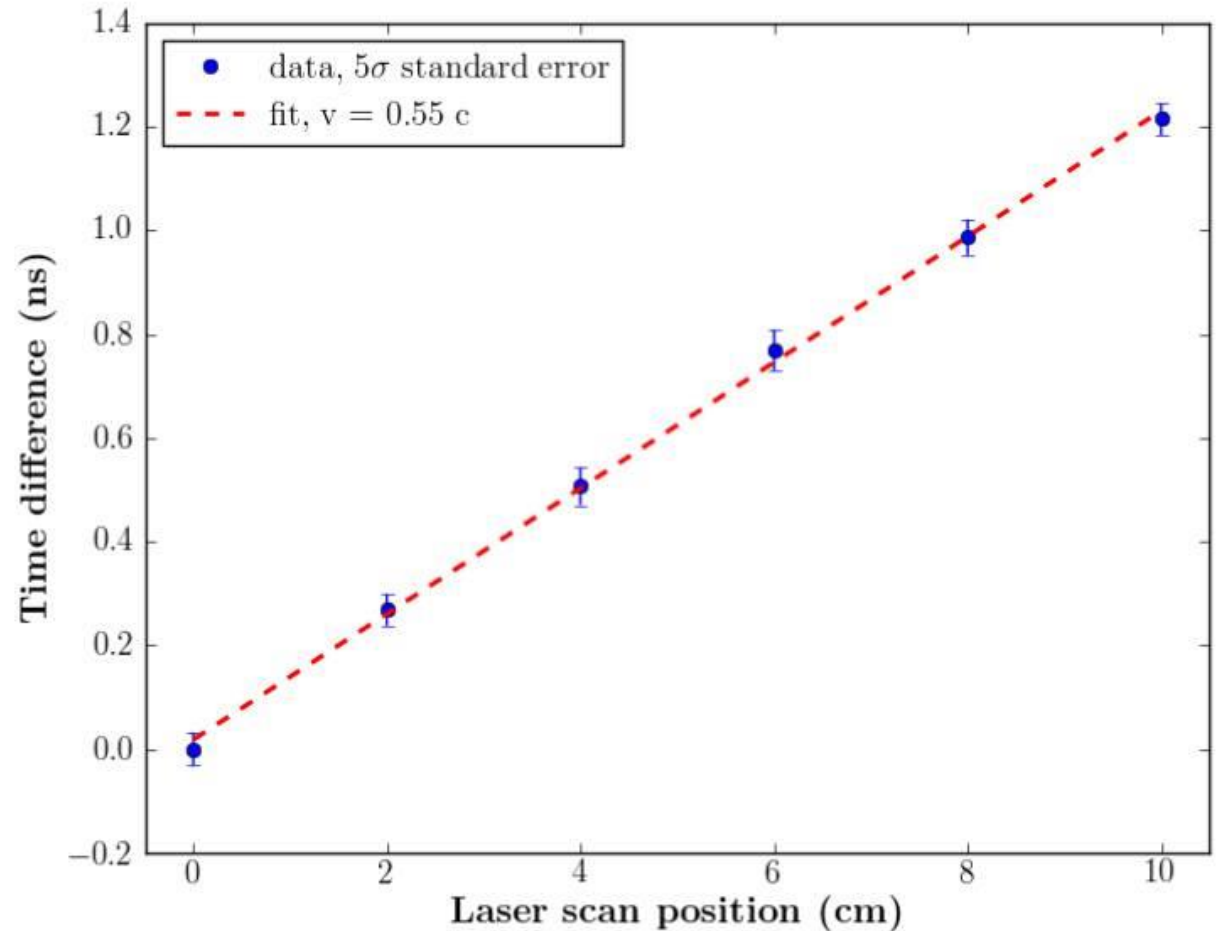
M. Wetstein, B. Adams, A. Elagin, R. Obaid, A. Vostrikov, ...

# Demonstrated Position Sensitivity

Razib's scanning stage



4-tile 'tile-row'  
of Supermodule

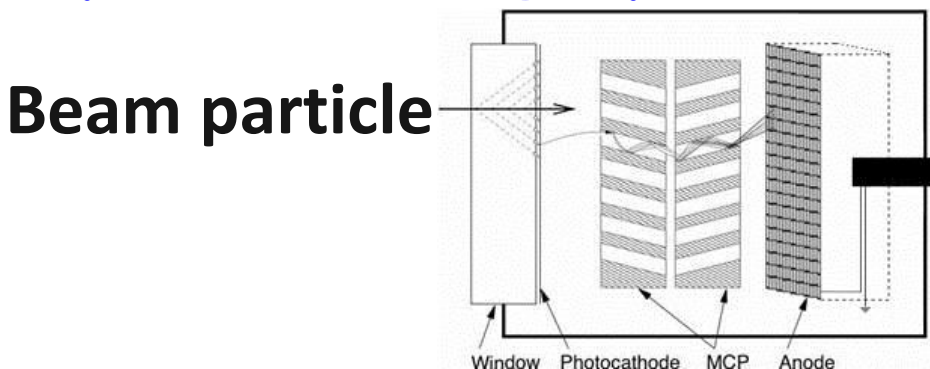


Time difference of 2 ends vs laser position

# Breaking the 1-Psec Barrier

Summarize where are we now:

- The TTS (Transit-Time-Spread: FWHM)  
~50psec for large pulses



- We measured in the Fermilab Test Beam (T979, 2008) that a Photonis Planicon with an 8-mm quartz radiator produces ~50 PEs (Photo-Electrons) when a charged particle traverses the radiator and window

- The present precision is completely dominated by the measuring setups and not the intrinsic resolution of the pulse generation or time measurement

# Breaking the 1-Psec Barrier

Make a simple-minded 'guesstimate' of resolution:

- Get a mean of 50 PE's in a TTS of 50psec
- Mean # of PE's per psec is 1 (1PE/psec)
- Probability of getting n PE's expecting m is
- $P_m(n) = m^n e^{-m} / n!$ , so prob of 0 is  $e^{-1}$
- Probability of 0 PEs in 1<sup>st</sup> 3 psec is  $e^{-3} = 10\%$
- The prob. of  $\geq 1$  in the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 psec is flat;  
 $\sigma = 3 / \sqrt{12} = 0.9$  psec
- And if, with smaller pores, higher secondary emission for first strike, and better focusing we can get a TTS of 25psec, the probability of 0 PEs in 1<sup>st</sup> 3 psec is  $e^{-6} = 1\%$

Not proven, but not nuts

# What about measuring the pulse?

**Stefan Ritt's 'Rule-of-Thumb** (see "The Factors that Limit Time Resolution in Photodetectors, Workshop, Univ. of Chicago, Chicago, IL; 28-29 April 2011 )

$$\Delta t = \frac{\Delta u}{U} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3f_s \cdot f_{3dB}}}$$

**3 parameters: Signal-to-Noise (U/dU), sampling rate ( $f_s$ ), and analog bandwidth ( $f_{3dB}$ ). Analog bandwidth is related inversely to pulse risetime: 350 MHz corresponds to 1 nsec.**

**Simplified version of Stefan's Rule:**

**For a fixed number of samples on the rising edge (e.g. between 10% and 90%), the resolution is inversely proportional to the S/N ratio and the analog bandwidth.**

# So What Does Stefan's ROT Predict?

Stefan Ritt slide from 2<sup>nd</sup> Photocathode Workshop\* (annotated)

$U$	$\Delta U$	$f_s$	$f_{3db}$	$\Delta t$
100 mV	1 mV	2 GSPS	300 MHz	~10 ps
1 V	1 mV	2 GSPS	300 MHz	1 ps
100 mV	1 mV	20 GSPS	3 GHz	0.7 ps
1 V	1 mV	10 GSPS	3 GHz	0.1 ps

<b>LAPPD:1V</b>	<b>0.7 mv</b>	<b>15 GS/sec</b>	<b>1.6 GHz</b>	<b>20??</b>
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- Measured differential (1 end to another) resolution is ~5 psec: a measure of how well we are doing on the pulses
- I suspect most of the rest is in the test setup, but there may be other effects we don't yet know. Needs effort

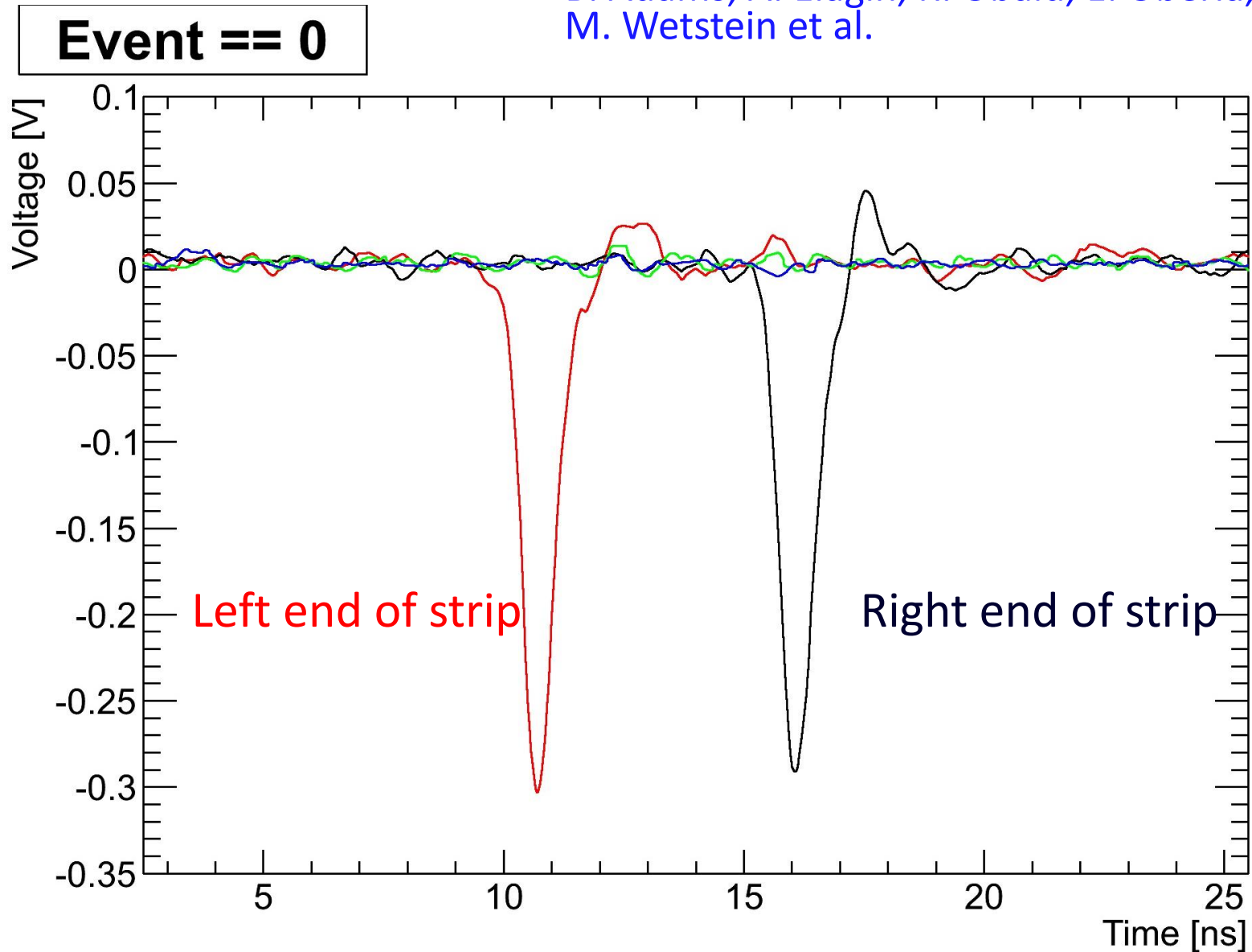
\*see psec library web page

# Sub-psec Front End Prospects

- E. Oberla invented a sweet idea- read out only one end of the 50Ohm lines, and leave the other unterminated=> one reads the near end directly and the far end 'on the bounce' in the same electronics channel. He then uses the digital waveform to autocorrelate the two pulses to get the position.
- This suggests an answer to the problem of holding the number of samples constant as the risetime decreases (see C. Craven talk on faster substrates at Incom). Photek (Howorth et al.) have already achieved 60 psec risetimes- to get 10 samples on the leading edge need to sample at 160 GHz. Sampling is not a well-matched solution.
- One solution, for low occupancy settings (e.g. large neutrino detectors, lepton colliders), would be to do the time and position analysis analog in a front-end ASIC. Position from analog autocorrelation; time from a 'Chronotron'- exploit the constant length (time) of the tile.

# Reminder of the Pulses from a pair of 8" MCP Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> plates

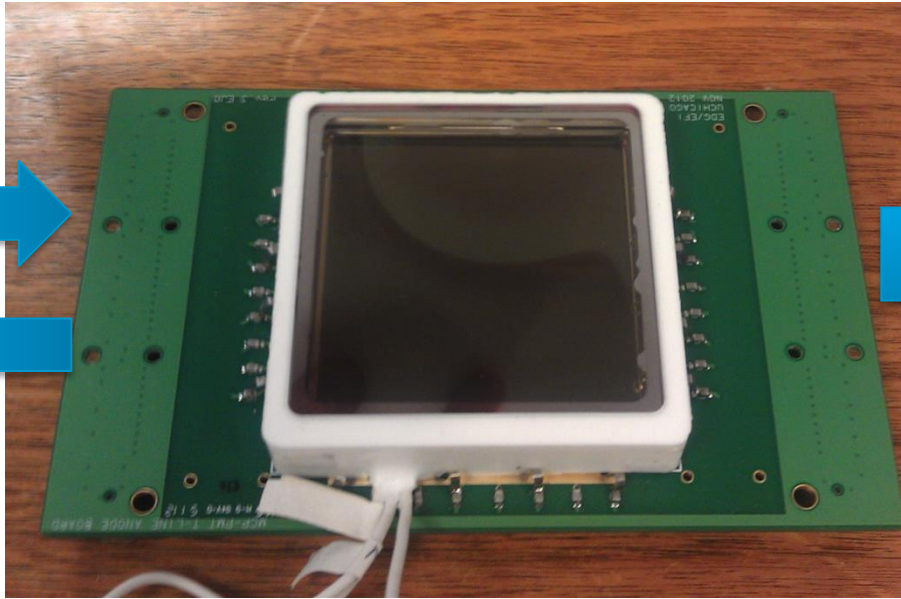
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# Transmission line single-ended readout

50 ohm  
cable  
delay

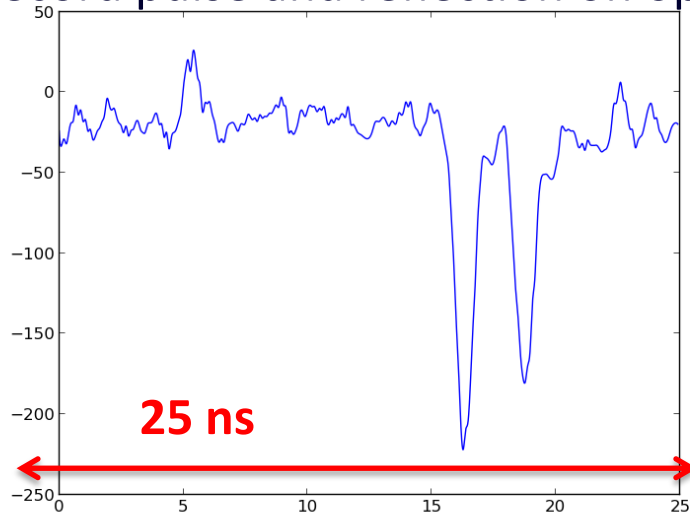


E. Oberla slide

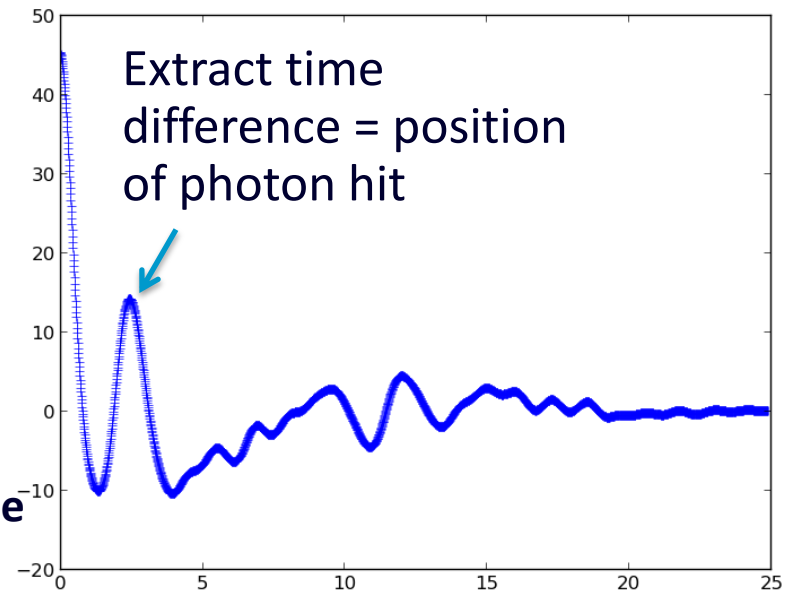


30 channels PSEC4  
readout

Record pulse and reflection on open end:

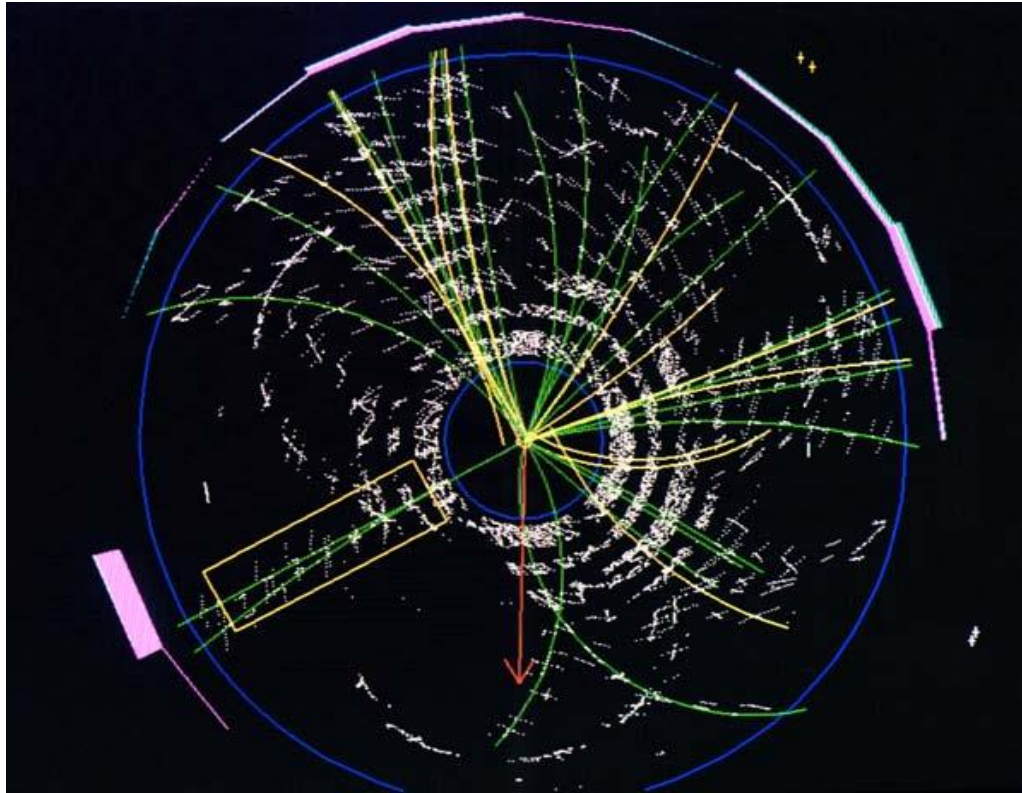


- 1) Interpolate
- 2) Resample timebase
- 3) Autocorrelate



# A Comment on Calibration

With jitter cleaners one can distribute a clock with psec-level stability. However, the task of holding calibrations to better than a psec over long-time scales is formidable.



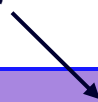
**Proposal:** Measure the difference in arrival times of photons and charged particles which arrive a few psec later.

# What's the limit? (2009 cartoon)

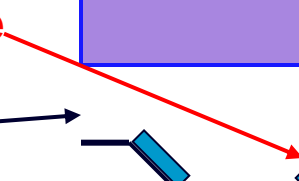
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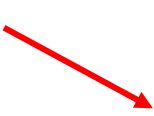
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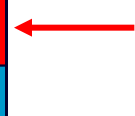
Pump Gap



High Emissivity Material



Low Emissivity Material



'Normal' MCP pore material



Gold Anode



50 Ohm Transmission Line



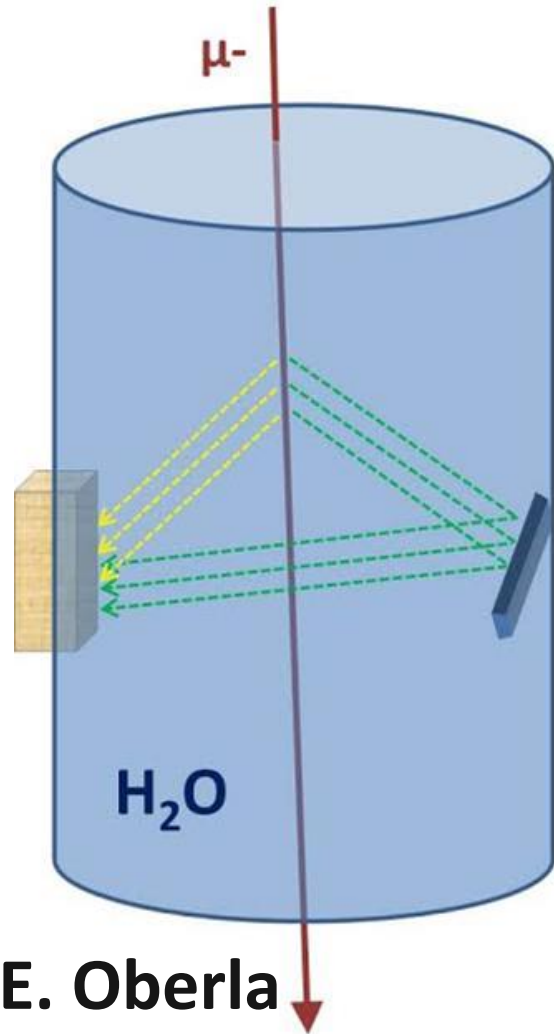
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Capacitive Pickup to Sampling Readout



# Lastly, let's come back to mirrors and the Optical TPC



Adding psec-resolution changes the space in which considerations of Liouville's Theorem operates from 3dimensional to 4dimensional. In analogy with accelerator physics, we can exchange transverse emittance to longitudinal emittance.

There may be interesting and clever ways to exploit this in large water/scint Cherenkov counters.

E. Oberla

Homage to T. Ypsilantis

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**LAPPD documentation can be found at**  
**<http://psec.uchicago.edu/library/doclib/>**  
**(thanks to Mary Heintz, system administrator)**

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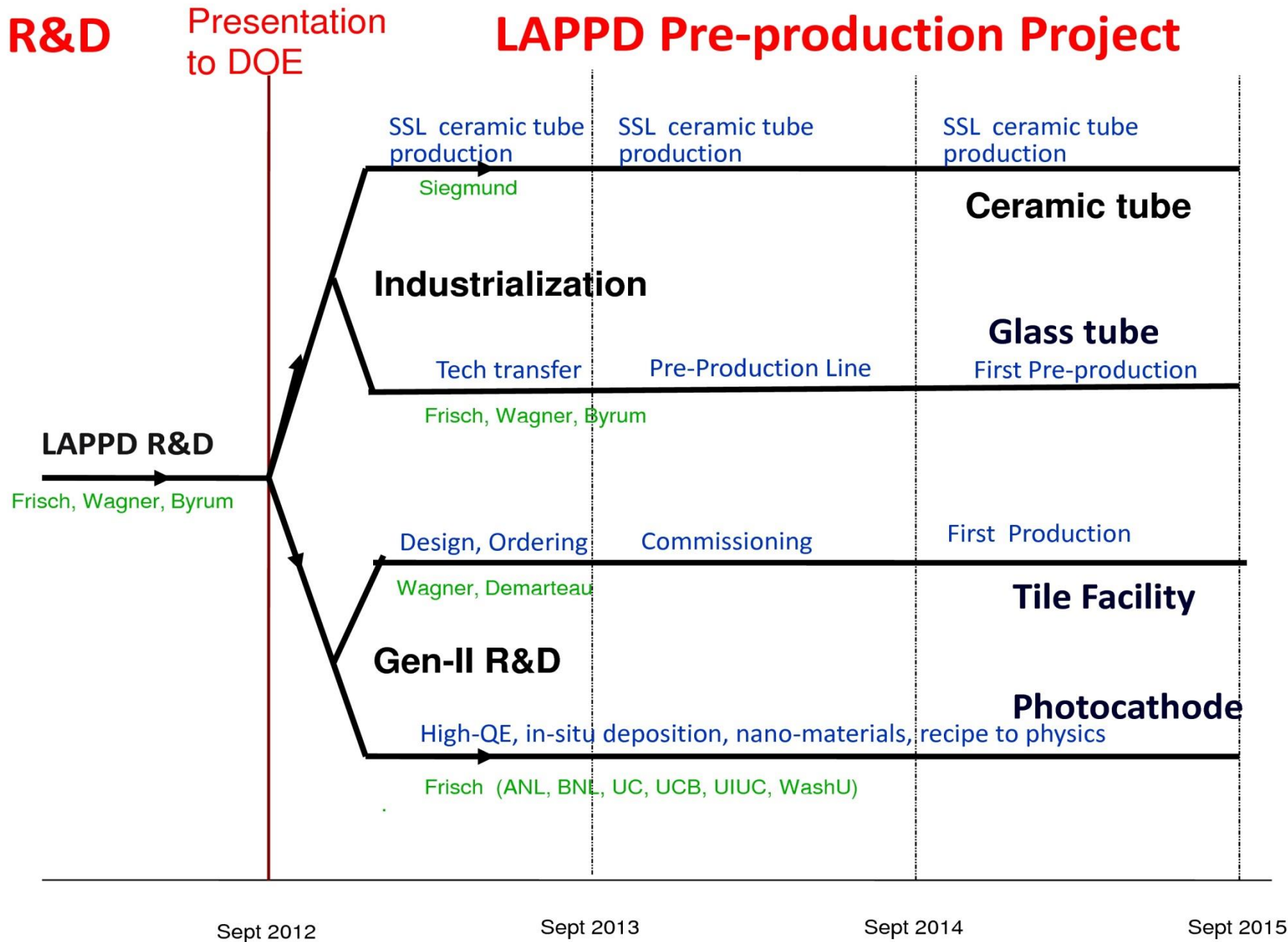
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# Backup Slides



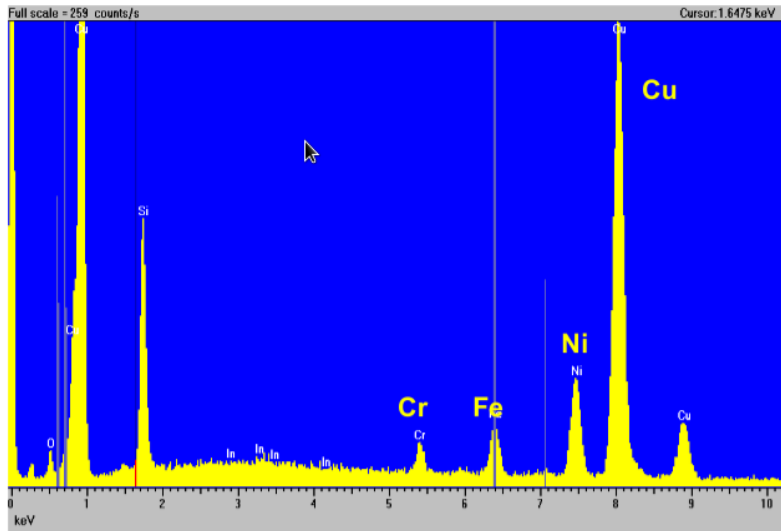
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# Getting Quantitative on the Solder Seal

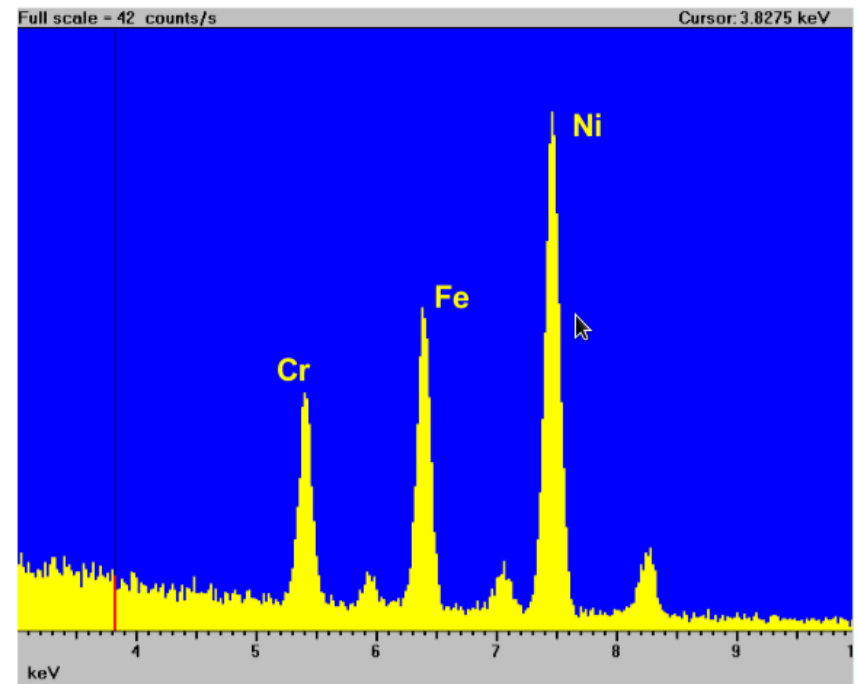
Andrei, Ian Steele

Good sample by Clausing, looking on NiCr layer through 200nm



Use same recipe as SSL-  
main difference is flat vs  
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same)

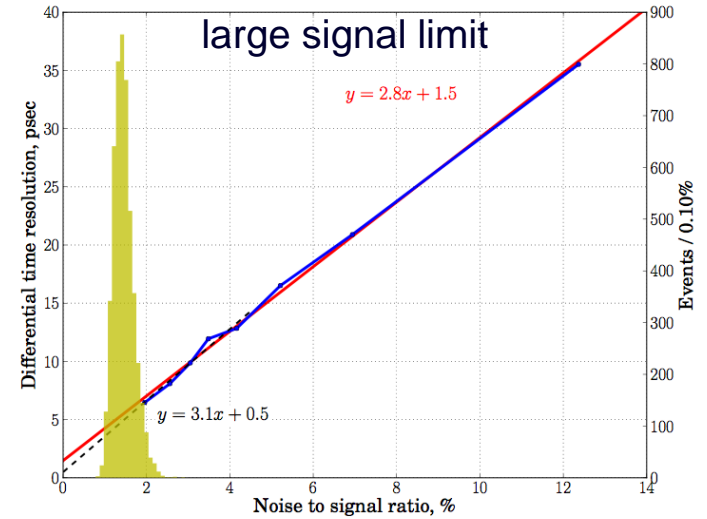
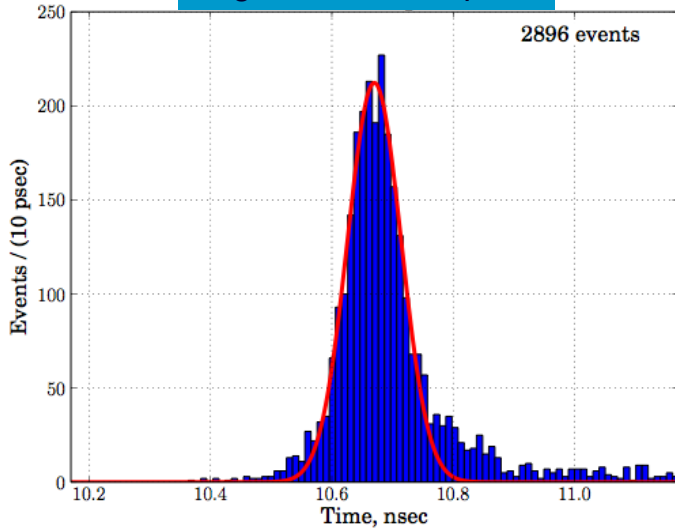
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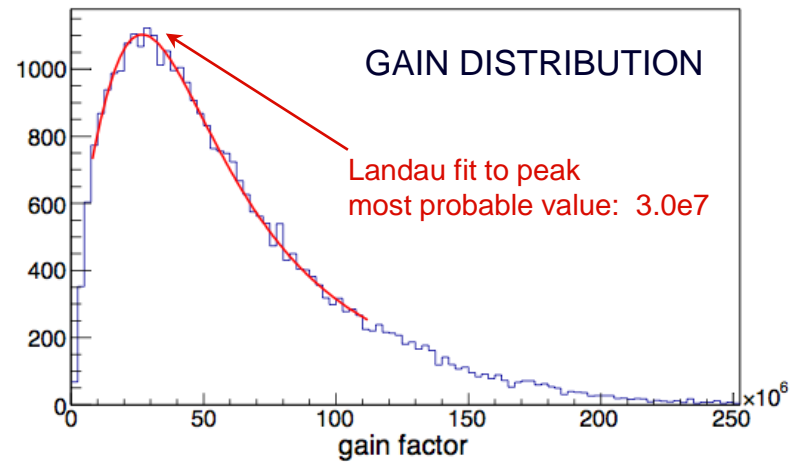
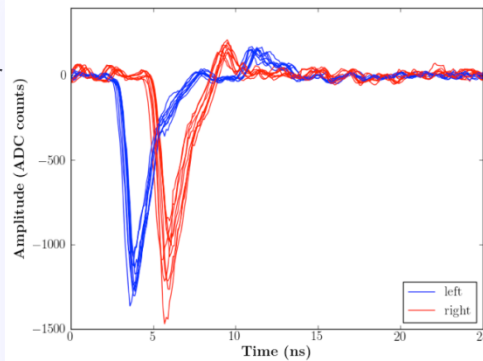
Still some parameter we  
don't understand- evap  
rate, temp, OH, H, ...

single PE:  $\sigma \sim 44$  psec



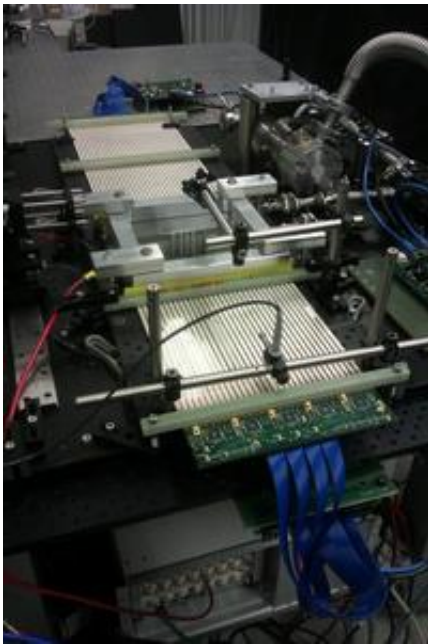
complete system testing with PSEC electronics

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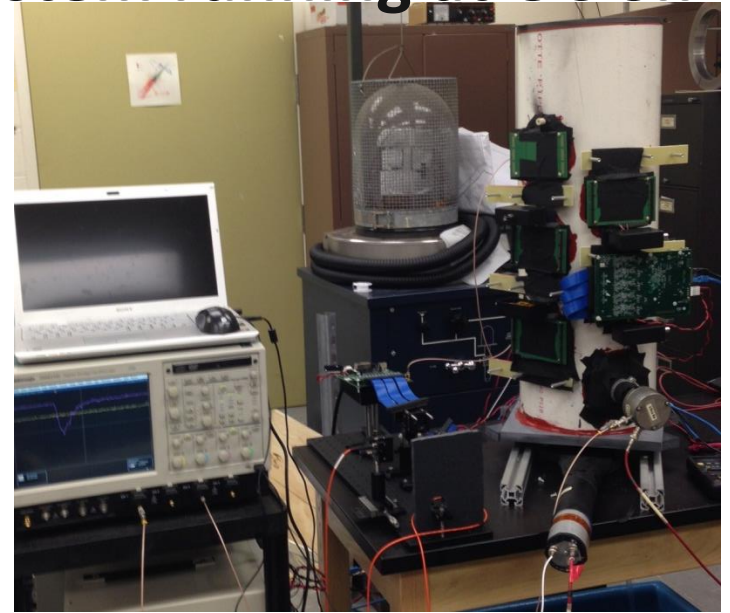


# Electronics-PSEC4

120-channel system running at UC on the OTPC (Eric)



60-channel system running at APS Teststand



U. Of Vermont has 6 -channel system running (not shown)

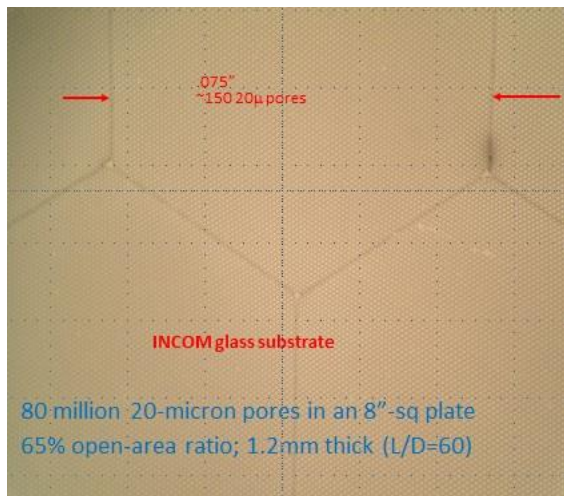
And Sandia ordered 120 PSEC4 (720 channels); we piggy-backed 80 (480 channels)

6/5/2014

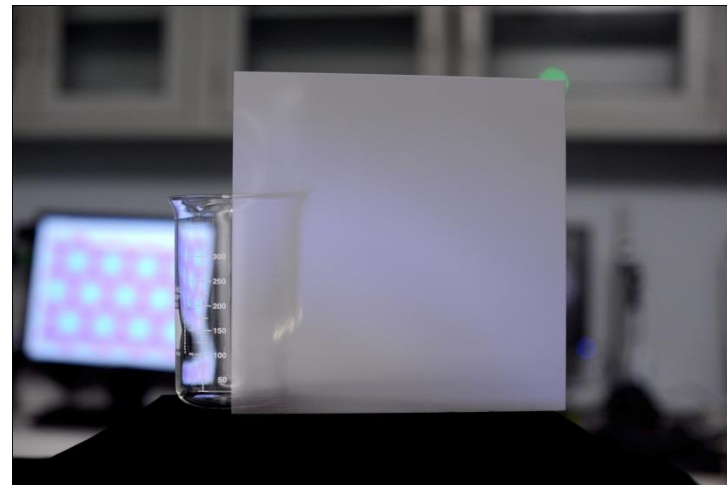


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# Micro-Channel Plate Development

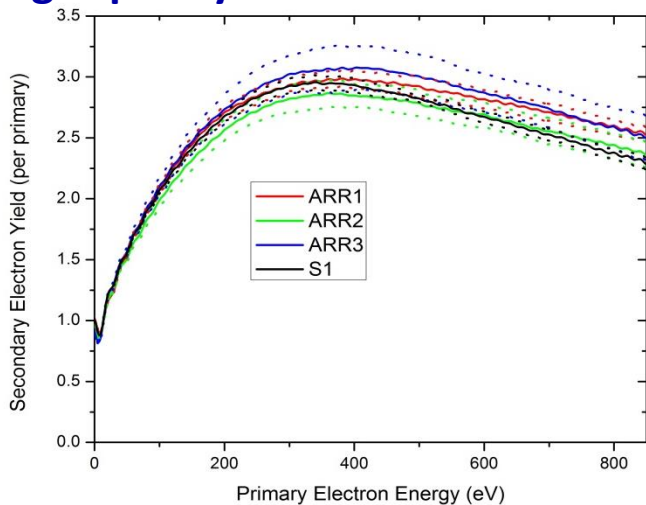


Incom with SSL testing developed 8"-sq high-quality MCP Plates

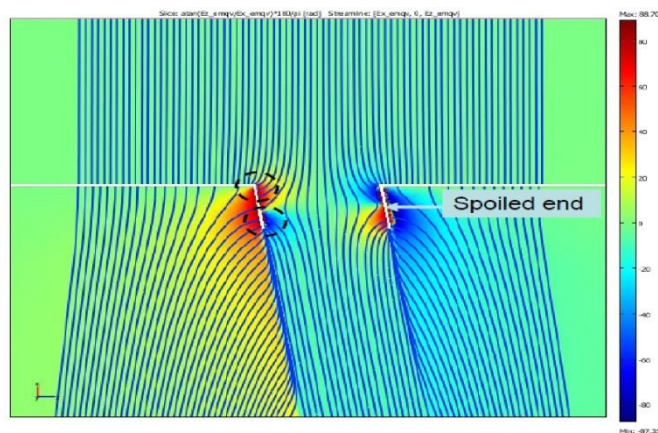


Incom 8"-sq high-quality MCP plate with > 65% OAR

Spoiled end. Color: field angle

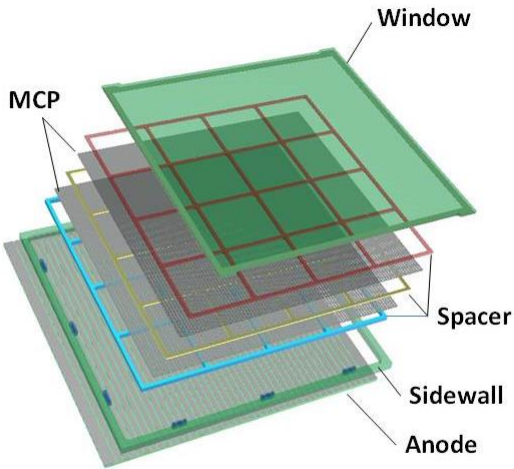


Characterization of SEY of emitting materials (ANL/MSD, here for Arradiance)

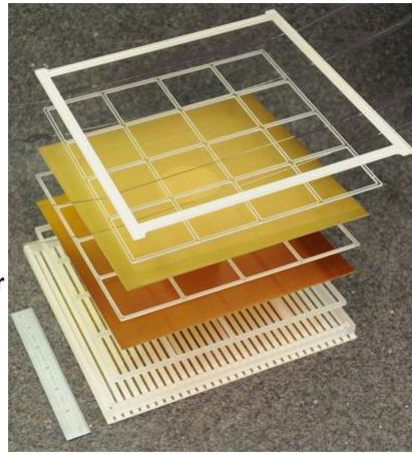


Detailed simulation of MCP's and materials; comparison with data

# The Half-Meter-Squared SuperModule



Design Drawing - September 2010

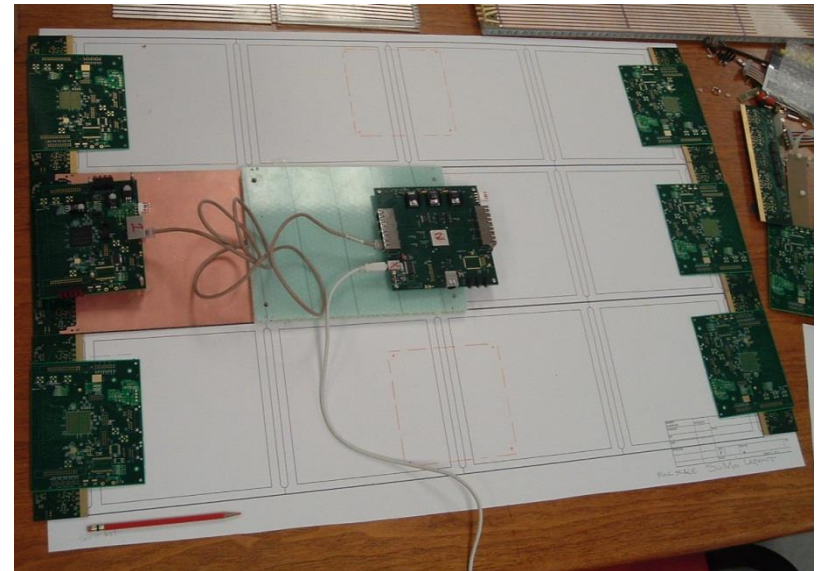


Actual Glass Parts - April 2012

A `tile' is a sealed vacuum-tube with cathode, 2 MCP's, RF-strip anode, and internal voltage divider  
HV string is made with ALD



A `tray' holds 12 tiles in 3 tile-rows  
15 waveform sampling ASICs on each  
end of the tray digitize 90 strips  
2 layers of local processing (Altera)  
measure extract charge, time,  
position, goodness-of-fit



# Looking beyond first tiles: high performance photodetectors

1. High QE- photocathodes-
2. High volume/lower cost --innovative production techniques (both assembly and design)
3. Application-specific anodes: pads, patterns, crossed-delay lines, ...
4. Electronics, complete systems, packaging

**Need a coherent effort, with an eye on the competition.**

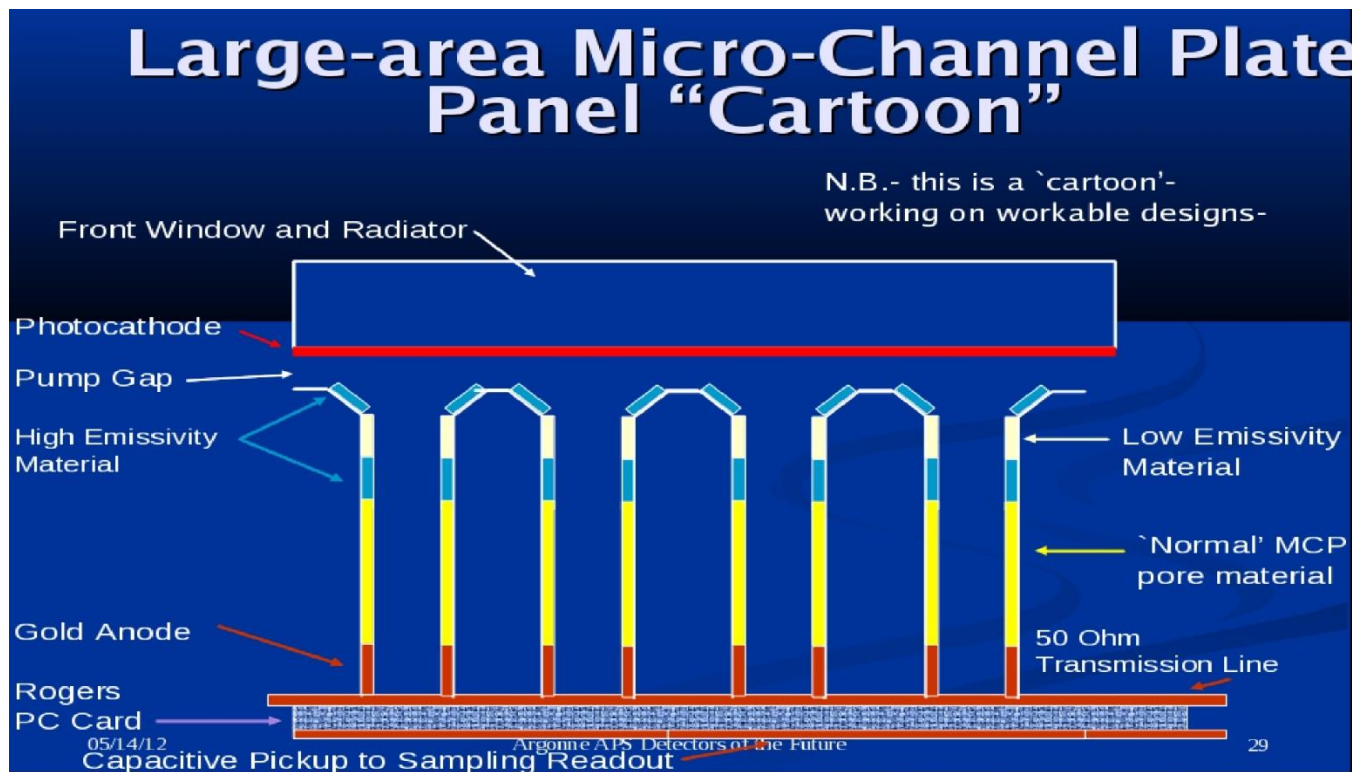
# Essential Innovations from conventional MCP-PMT's

- 8" hardglass ('pyrex') substrates (Incom)
- Proprietary resistive layer (ANL/ESD)
- 'Frugal' plate-glass body, water-jet cut
- Glass frit bottom seal over anode traces
- Silk-screened frugal transmission line anodes
- No-pin ALD-based resistive HV divider
- >15 GS/sec waveform-sampling ASICs
- Local analysis FPGA-based DAQ->time,space
- Modular design for large-area coverage
- 'Femtosec' laser testing (ANL/XSD)



# Looking beyond first tiles: high performance photodetectors

1. Sub-psec time resolution: Ritt extrapolation gives 100 fsec at 3GHz (but settle for 500)
2. Funnels, reflective geometry, high-ABW anodes

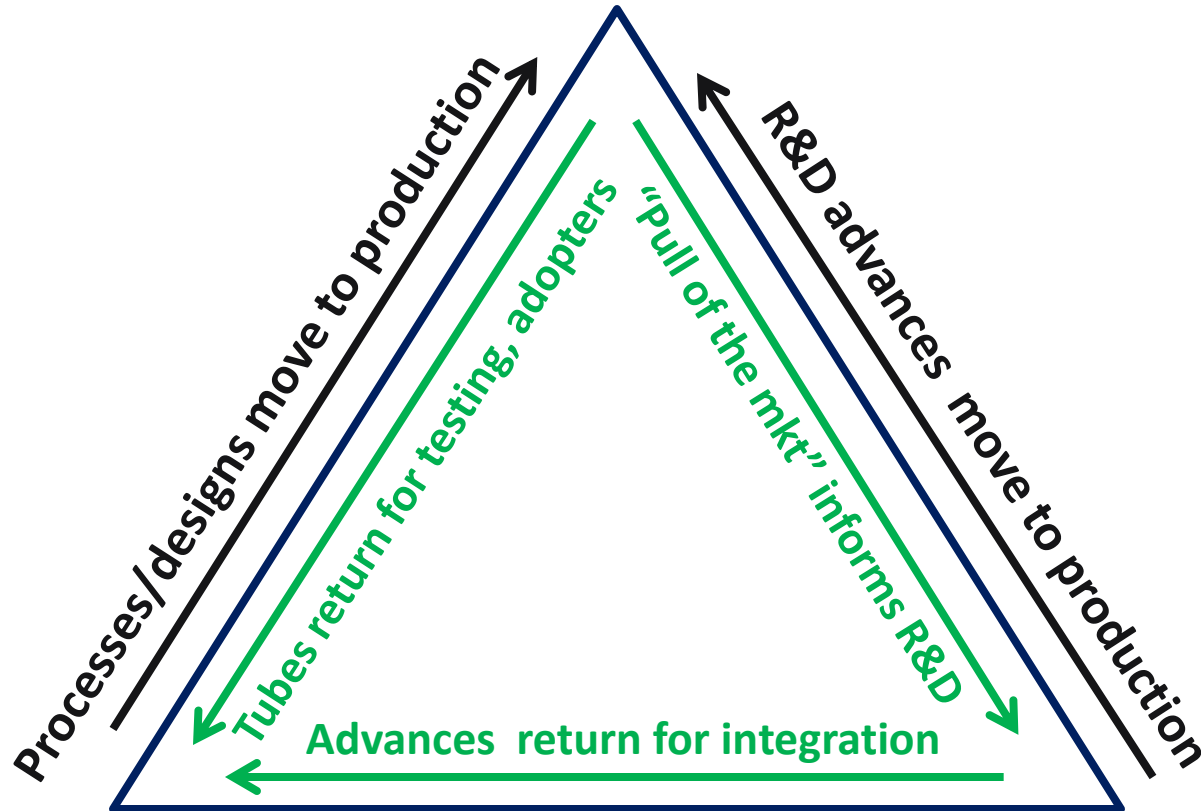


**Sub-psec is possible  
(I'm willing To bet \$)**

# The Transition from 3 Years of R&D to Applications: Roles of SBIR/STTR and TTO

## Tech Transfer

Tube Production, Market Development



**LAPPD**

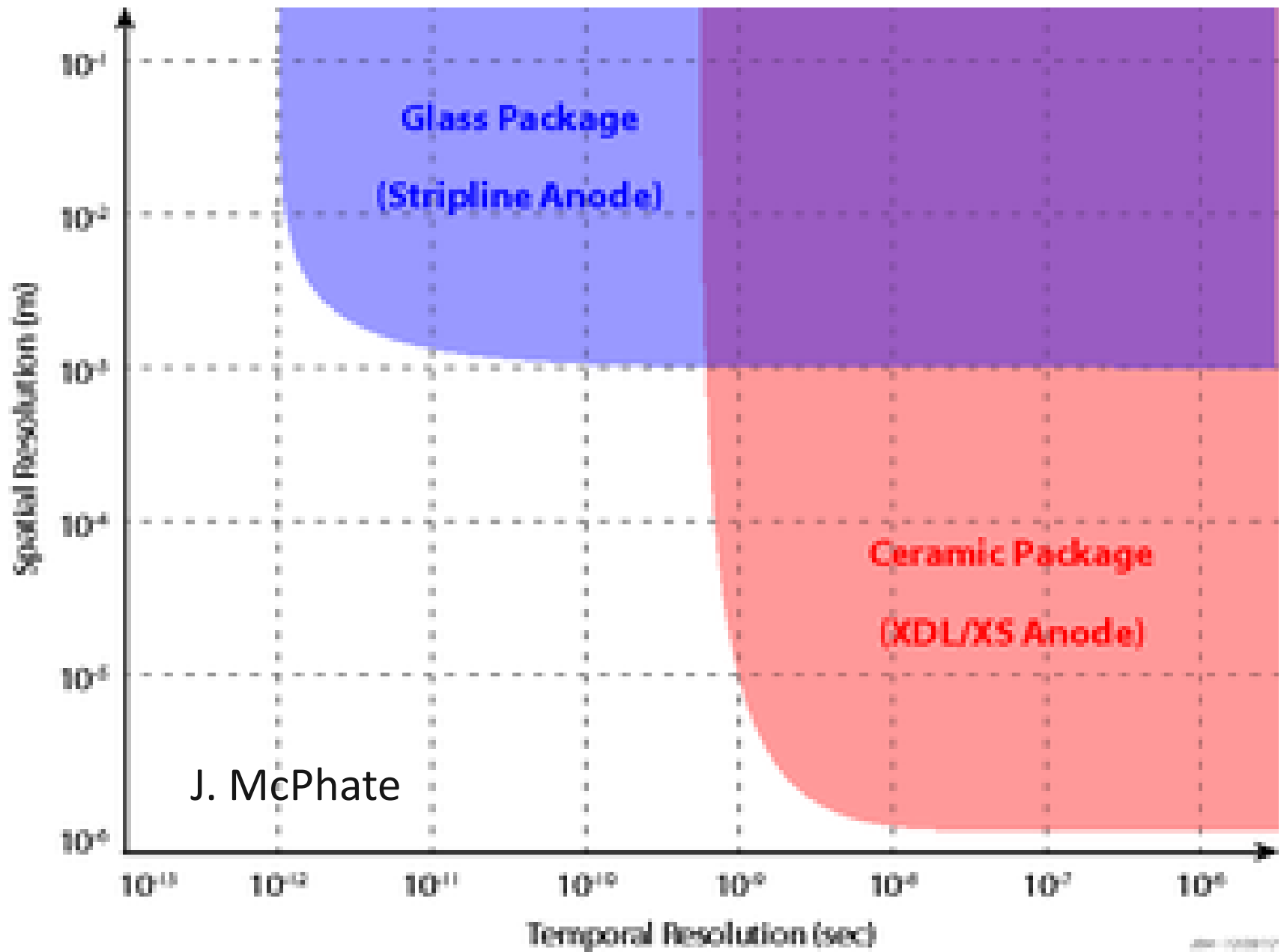
Process development,  
Testing, Applications

R&D effort moves to industry

**SBIR/STTRs**

R&D on cost,  
performance

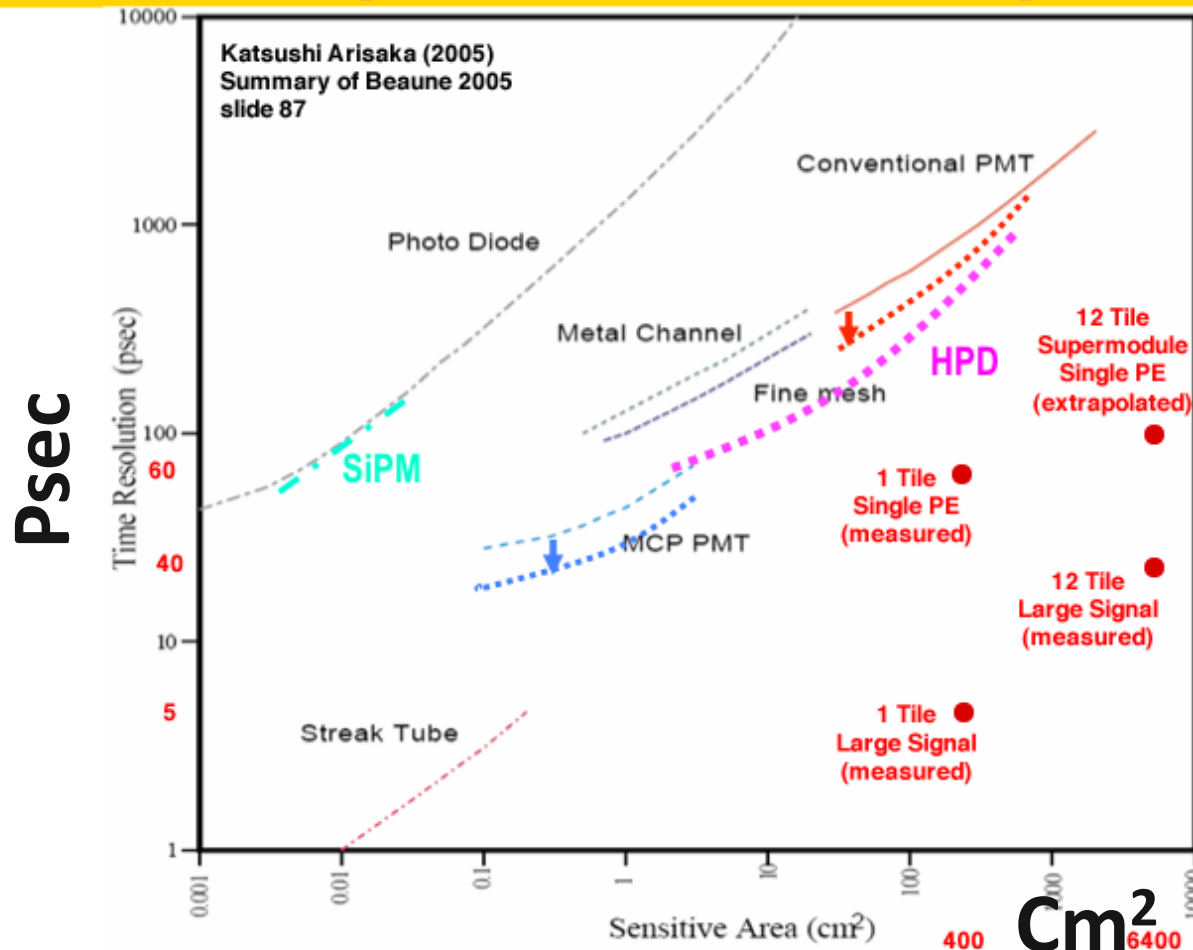
# Complementarity of 2 Packages



# Comparison with existing detectors

K. Arisaka; UCLA

## Time Resolution vs. Sensitive Area (Beaune 1999 → 2005)



24 June 2005

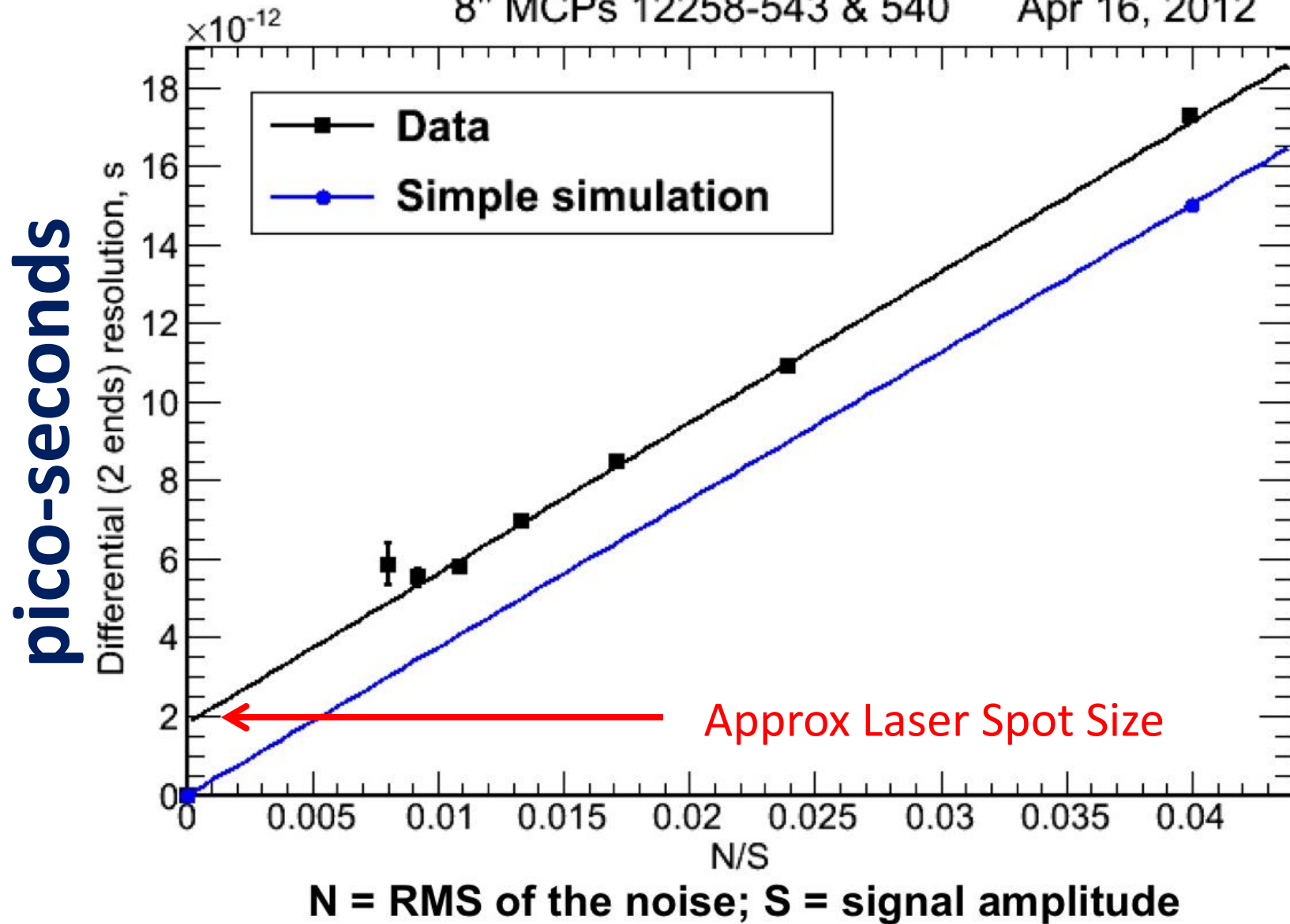
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# Measured Timing Resolution on 8" Pair

8" MCPs 12258-543 & 540

Apr 16, 2012



# The 2013 Transition from LAPPD to Production: The 4 Parallel Paths

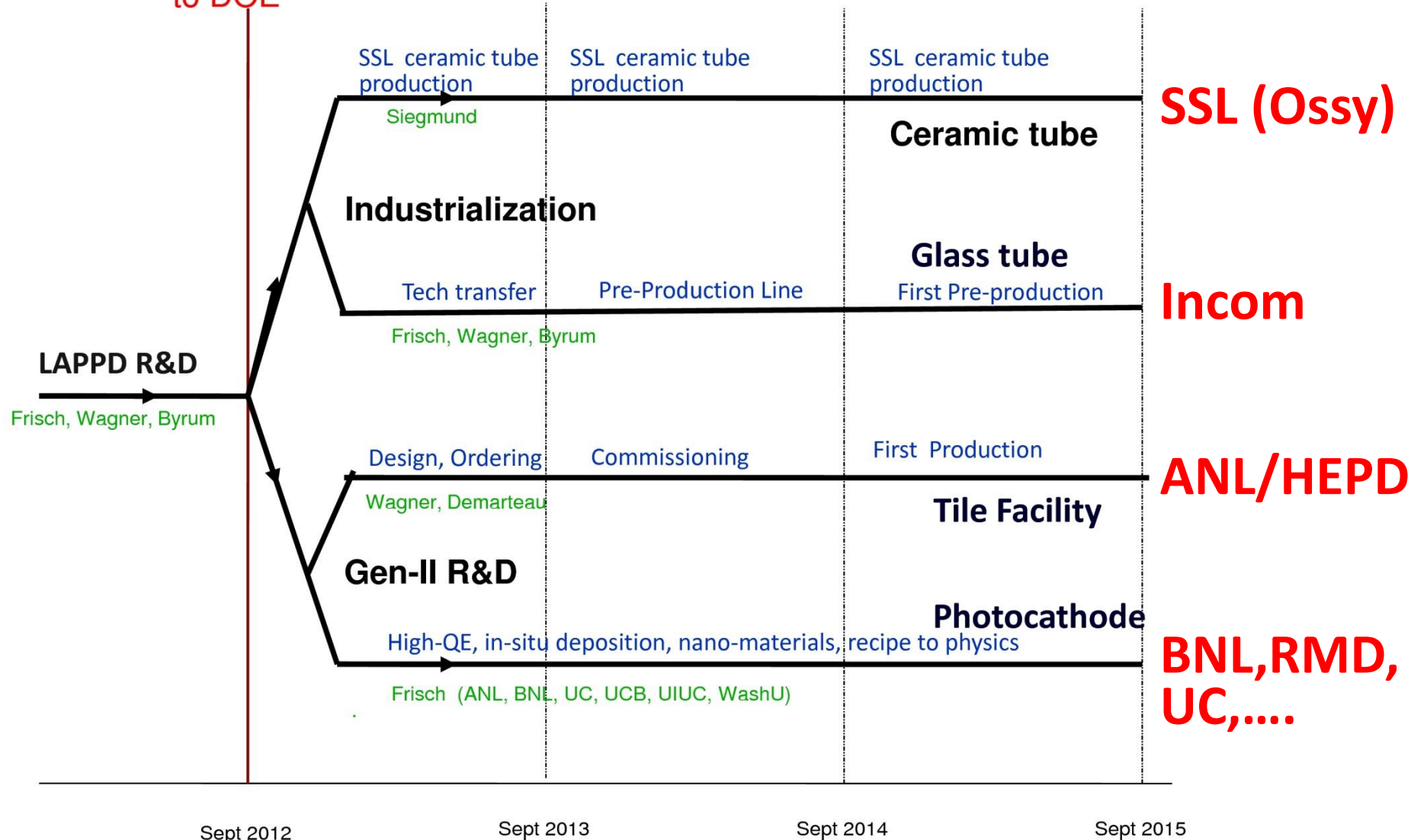
Dec 12, 2012 Presentation to DOE

(a UC view)

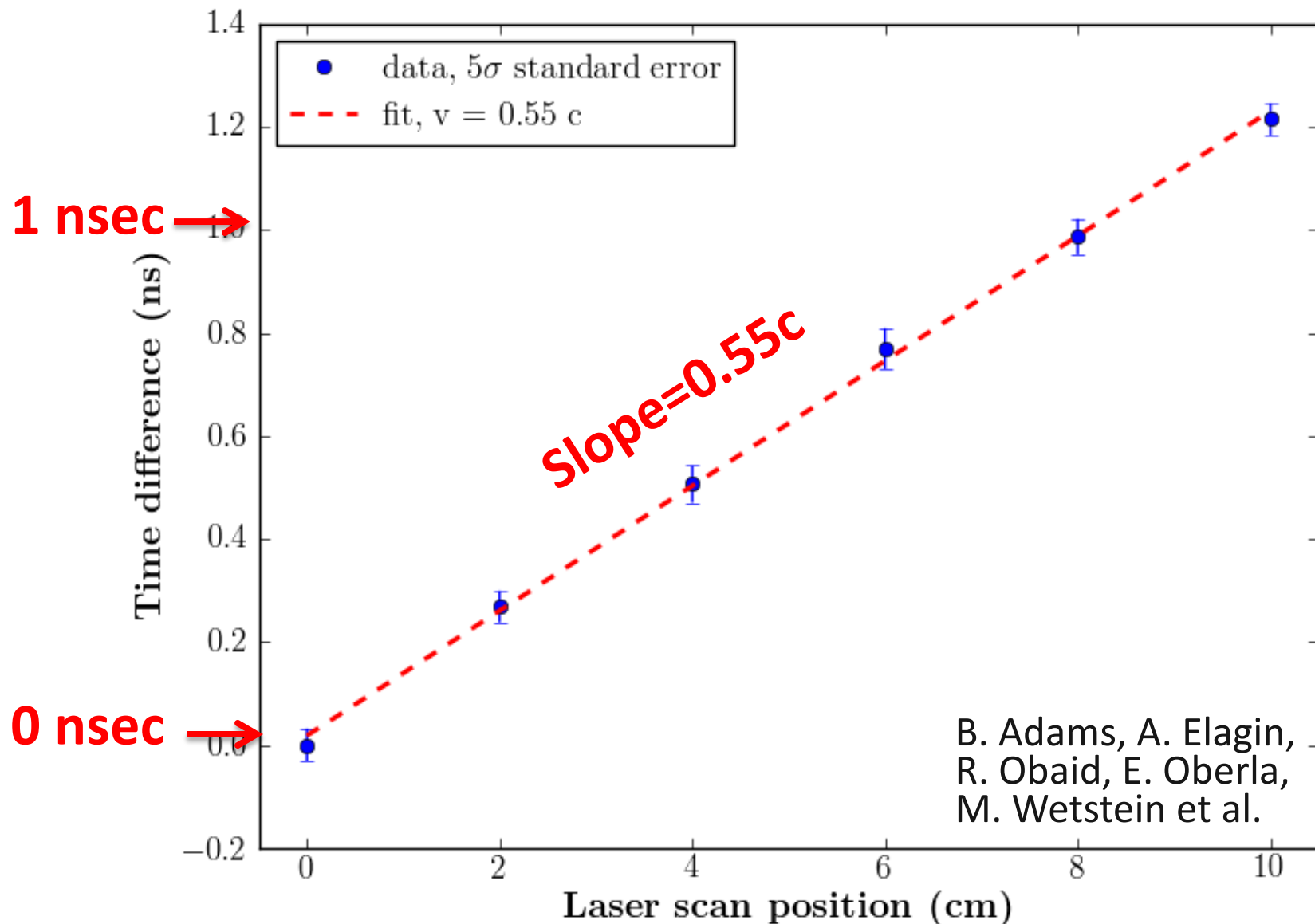
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**LAPPD Pre-production Project**



# Position Measuring ANL APS Demountable Tile



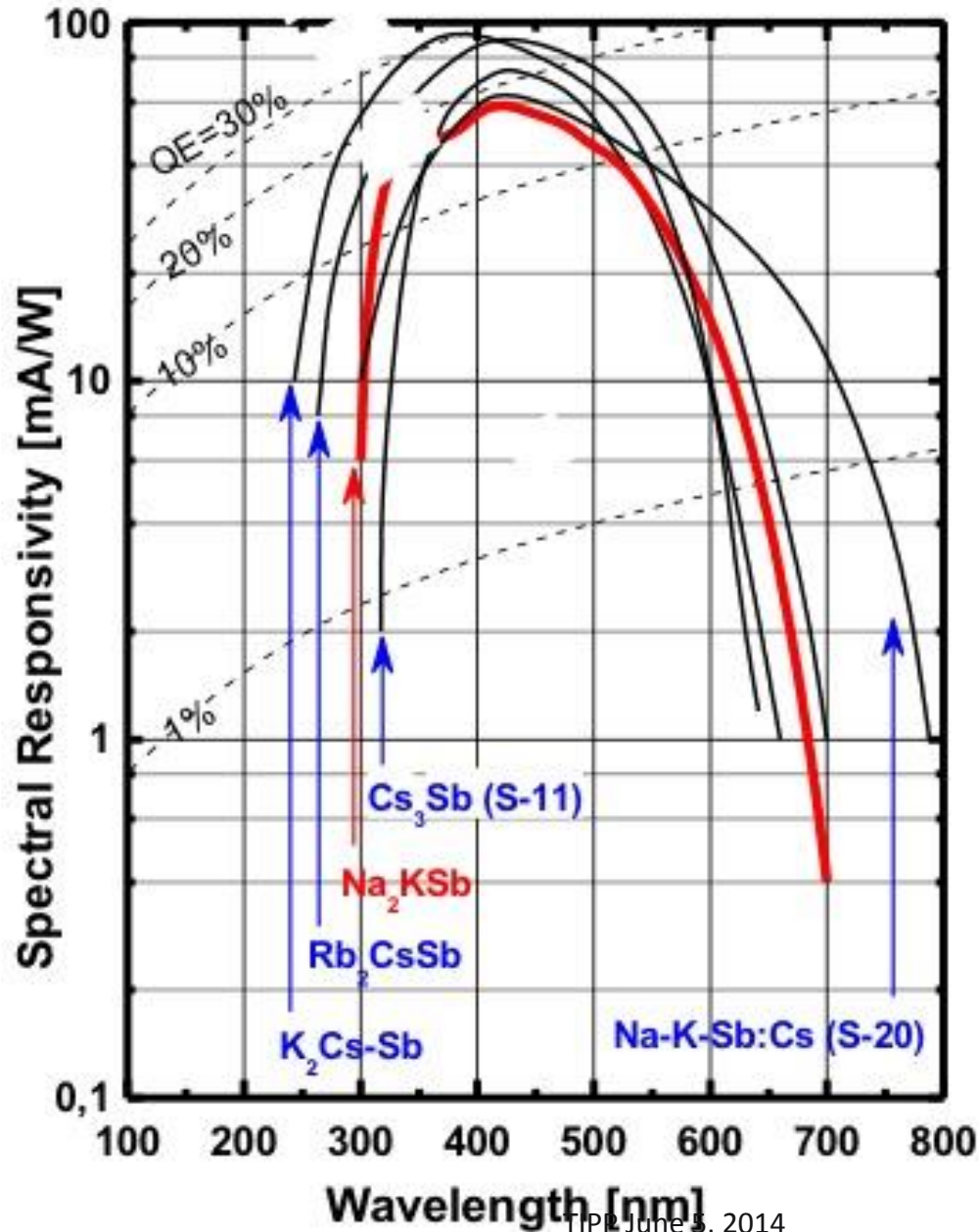
# Next Gen Waveform Sampling PSEC5 specs (Hawaii, Innosys, and Chicago)

Parameter	PSEC4	PSEC5
Channels	6	4
Sampling Rate	4-15 GSa/s	5-15 GSa/s
Primary Samples/channel	256	256
Total Samples/channel	256	32768
Recording Buffer Time at 10 GSa/s	25.6 ns	3.3 $\mu$ s
Analog Bandwidth	1.5 GHz	1.5 - 2 GHz
RMS Voltage Noise	700 $\mu$ V	<1 mV
DC RMS Dynamic Range	10.5 bits	10 - 11 bits
Signal Voltage Range	1 V	1 V
ADC on-chip	yes	yes
ADC Clock Speed	1.4 GHz	1.5 - 2 GHz
Readout Protocol	12-bit parallel	serial LVDS: one per channel
Readout Clock Rate	40 MHz	500 MHz
Average Power Consumption	100 mW	300-500 mW
Core Voltage	1.2 V	1.2 V

Eric Oberla table



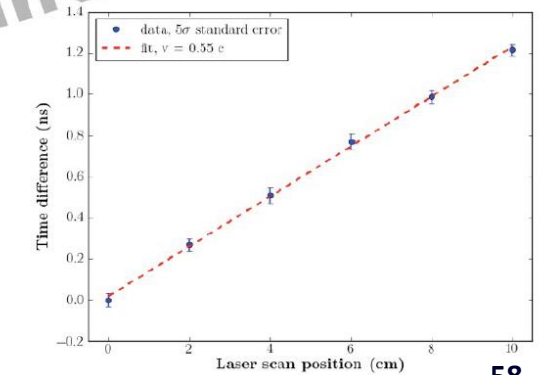
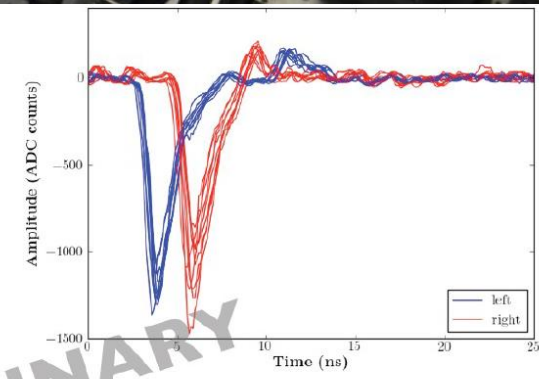
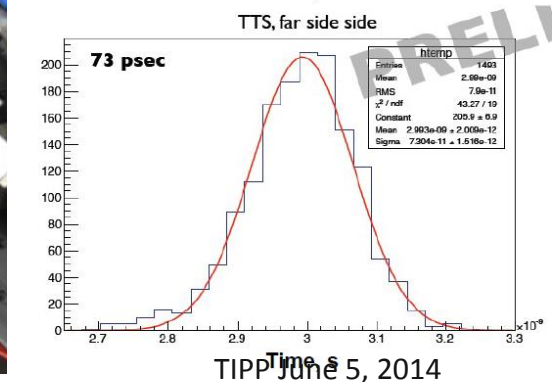
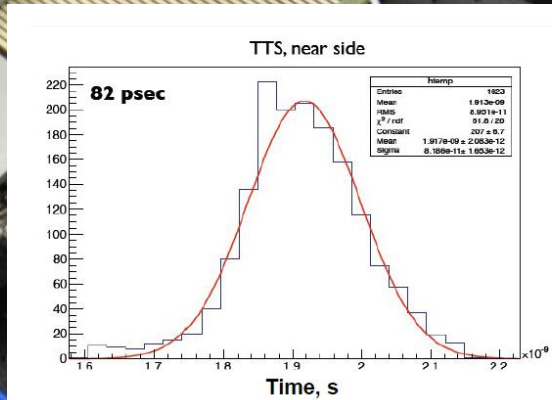
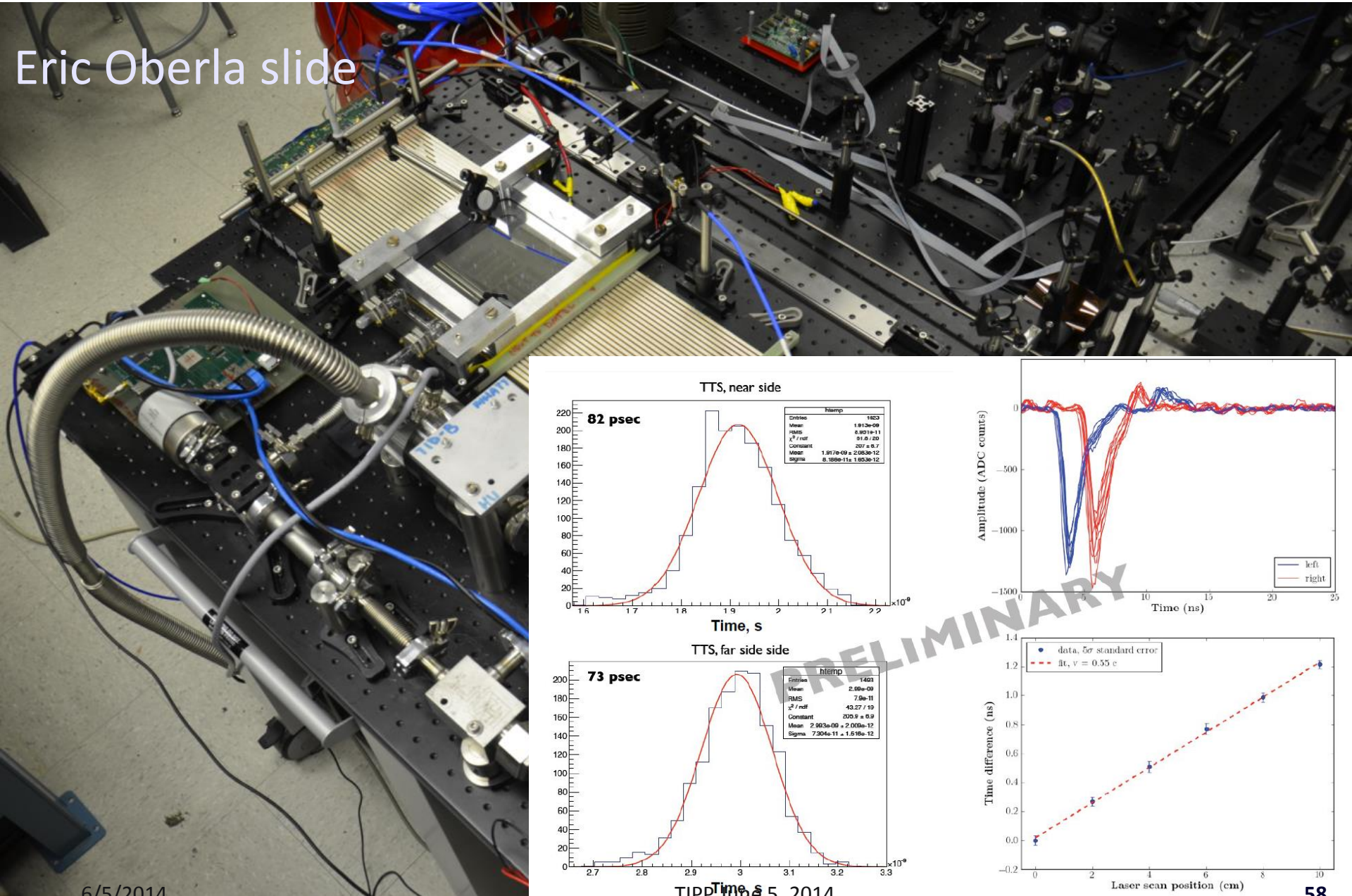
# Alkali Cathode Spectral Responses



From A. Lyashenko  
First Photocathode  
Workshop  
UC July 2009

# LAPPD system example: The 'supermodule': APS testing (many thanks to Bernhard Adams, ANL+ others- see RSI paper)

Eric Oberla slide

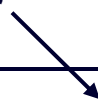


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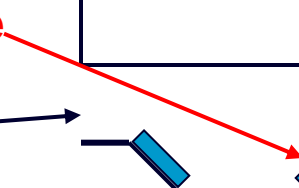
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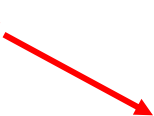
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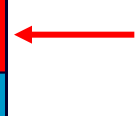
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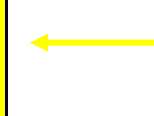
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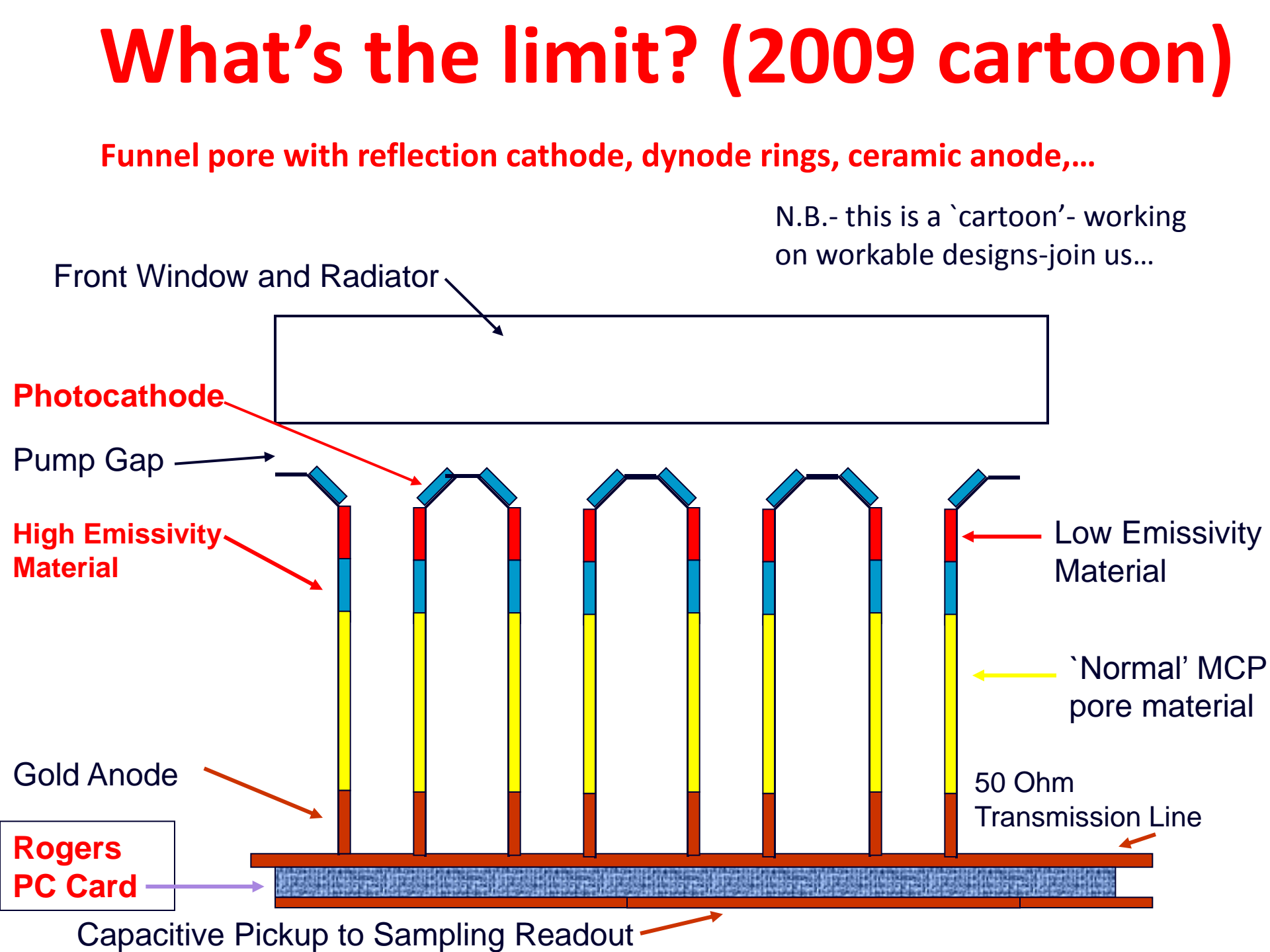
50 Ohm Transmission Line



Rogers PC Card



Capacitive Pickup to Sampling Readout



# Going Another Order-of-Magnitude

Stefan Ritt slide, doctored (agrees with JF MC)

• Assumes zero aperture jitter

$$\Delta t = \frac{\Delta u}{U} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3 f_s \cdot f_{3dB}}}$$

$U$	$\Delta u$	$f_s$	$f_{3dB}$	$\Delta t$
100 mV	1 mV	2 GSPS	300 MHz	~10 ps
1 V	1 mV	2 GSPS	300 MHz	1 ps
100 mV	1 mV	20 GSPS	3 GHz	0.7 ps
1 V	1 mV	10 GSPS	3 GHz	0.1 ps

For 100 fsec →

1.0      0.7      1.17      1.6

0.1 ps

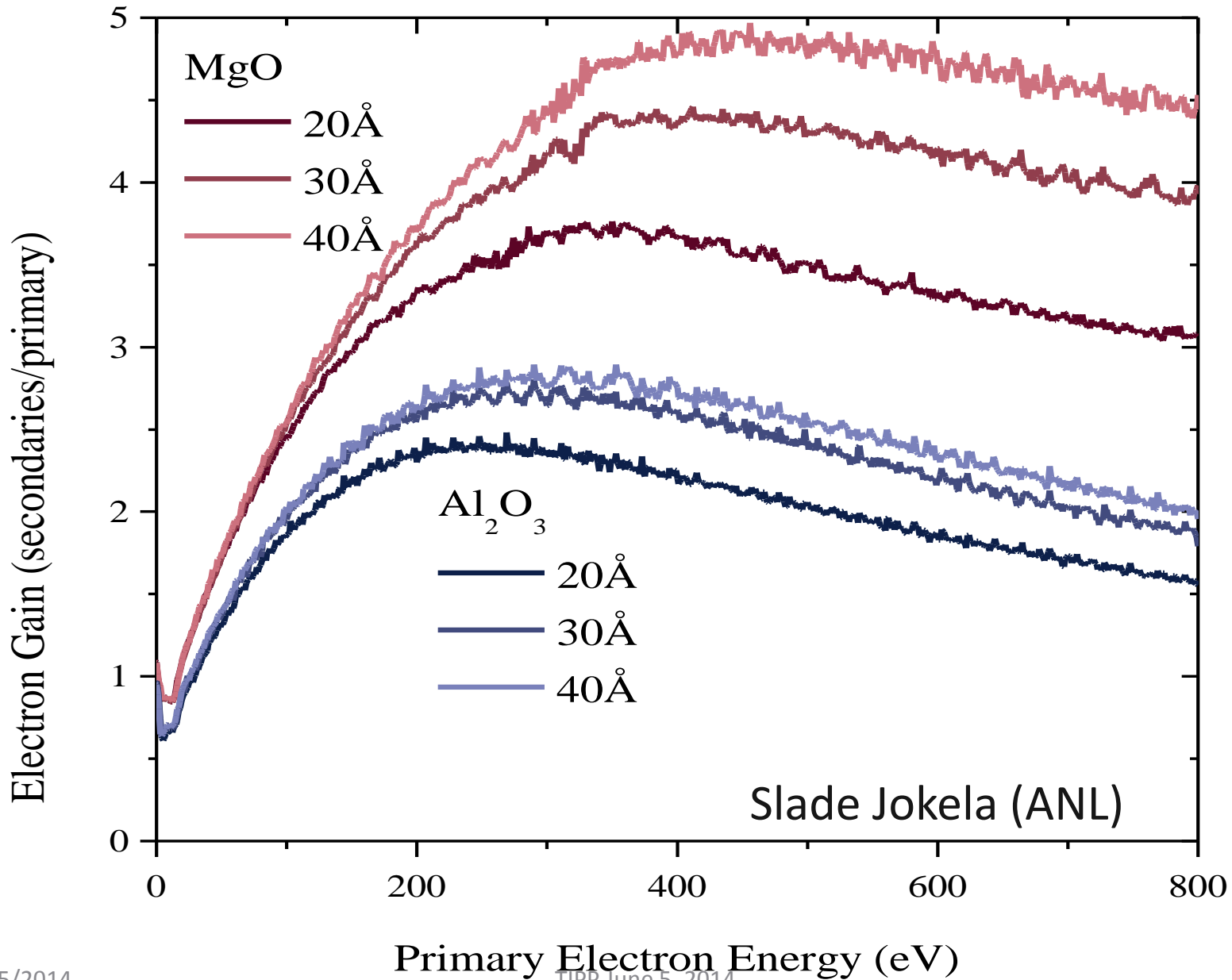
Achieved by LAPPD

Subject of a 2013 SBIR with Innosys, SLC

100 Femtosec (!)

Differential TOF:  
1.5m path

$\Delta t:$	$\gamma$	e	$\pi$	K	p
(ps)	0	$10^{-6}$	0.13	1.6	6.25



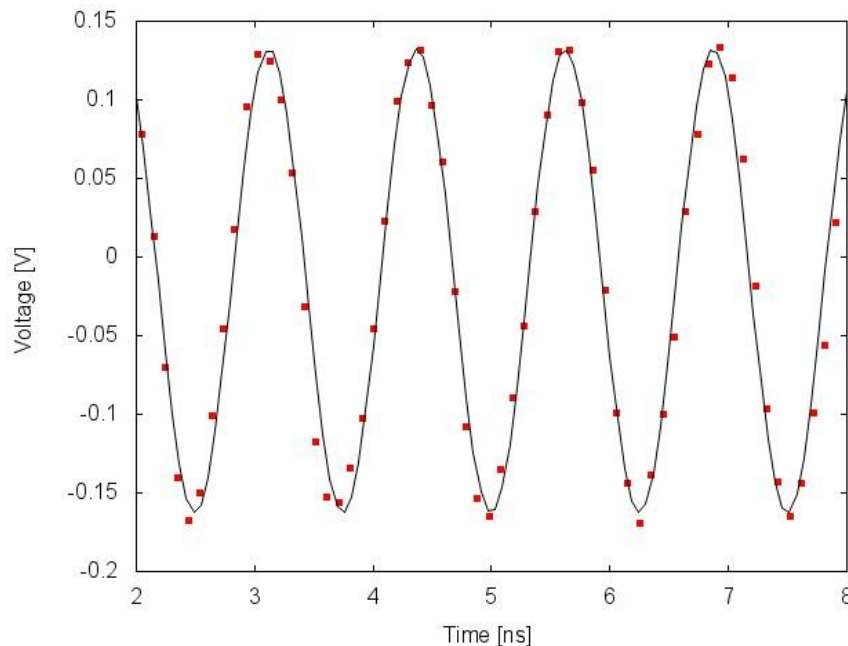
# PSEC-4 Performance

Eric Oberla, ANT11

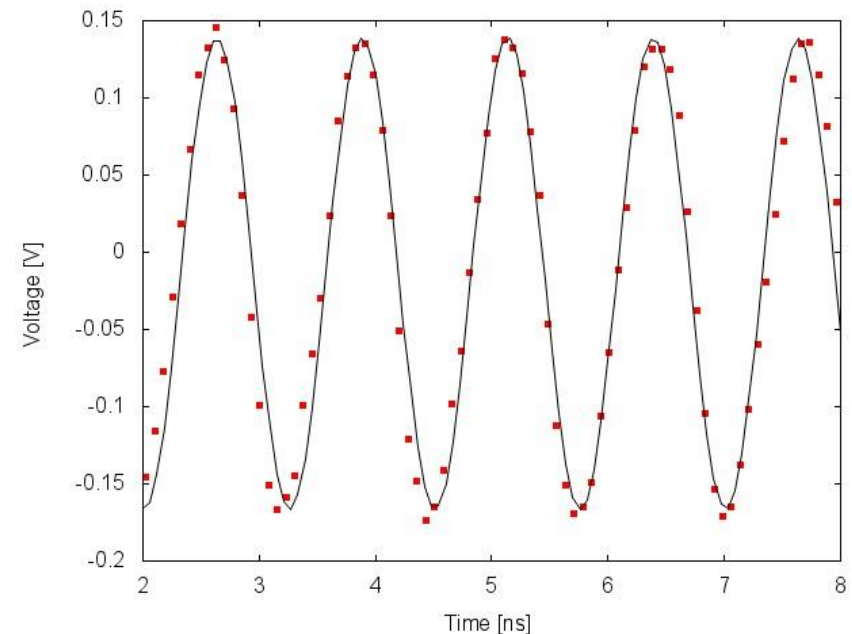
## Digitized Waveforms

Input: 800MHz, 300 mV<sub>pp</sub> sine

Sampling rate : 10 GSa/s



Sampling rate : 13.3 GSa/s

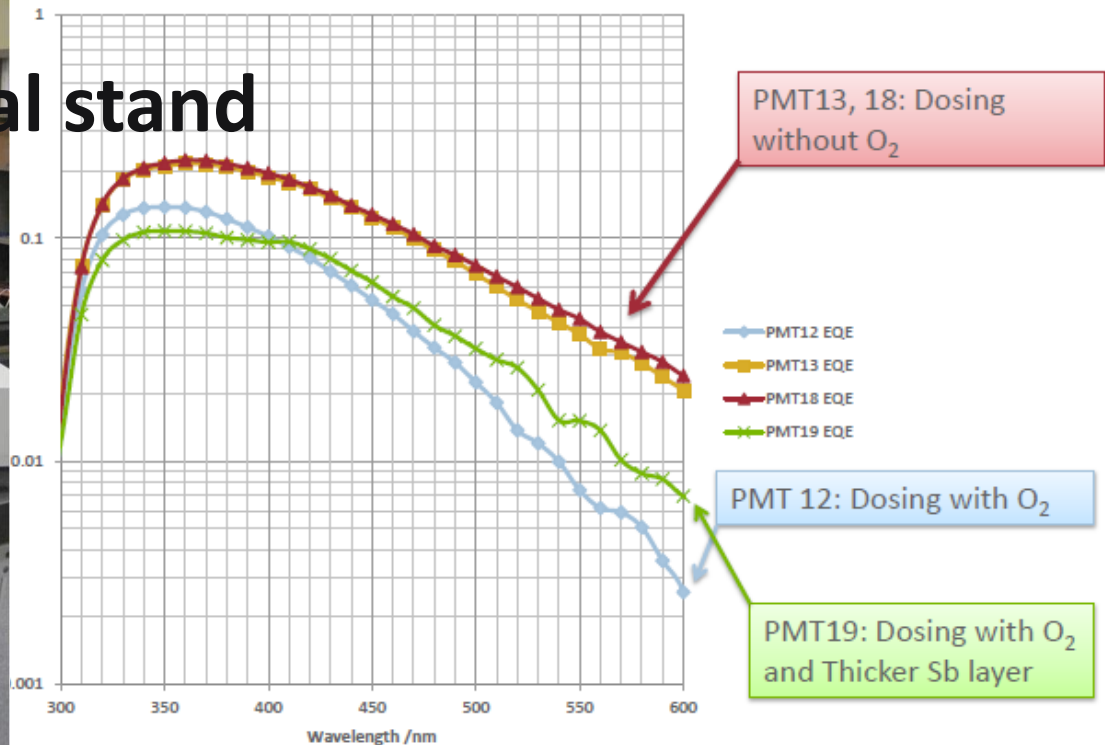
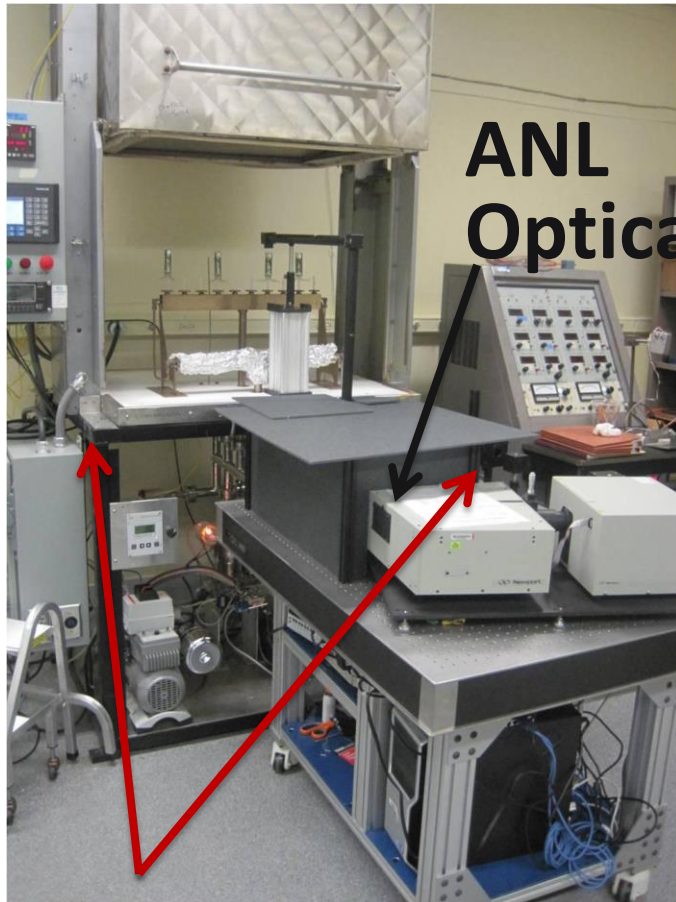


- Only simple pedestal correction to data
- As the sampling rate-to-input frequency ratio decreases, the need for time-base calibration becomes more apparent (depending on necessary timing resolution)

# Photocathodes

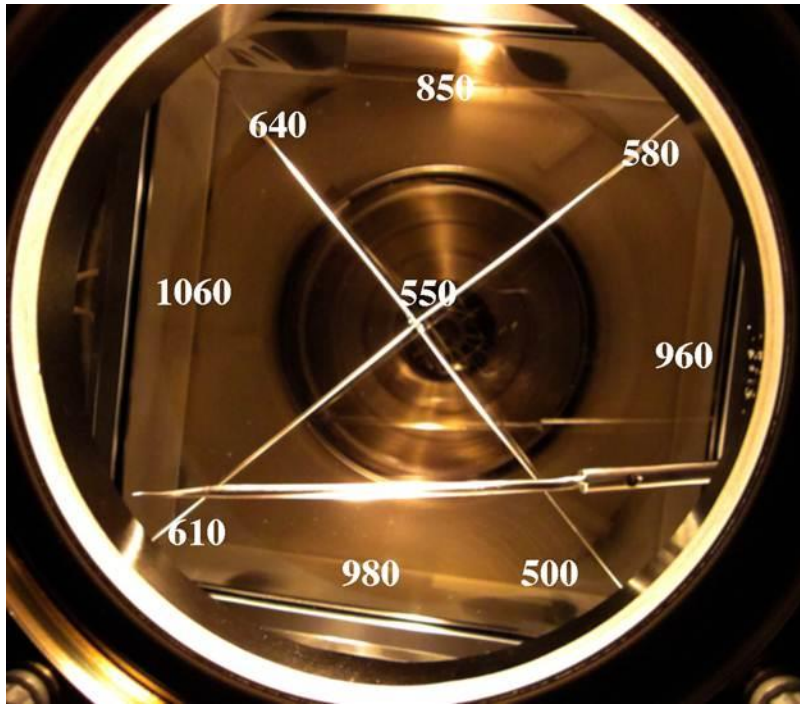
LAPPD goal- 20-25% QE, 8"-square- conv. alkali

2 parallel efforts: SSL (knows how), and ANL (learning

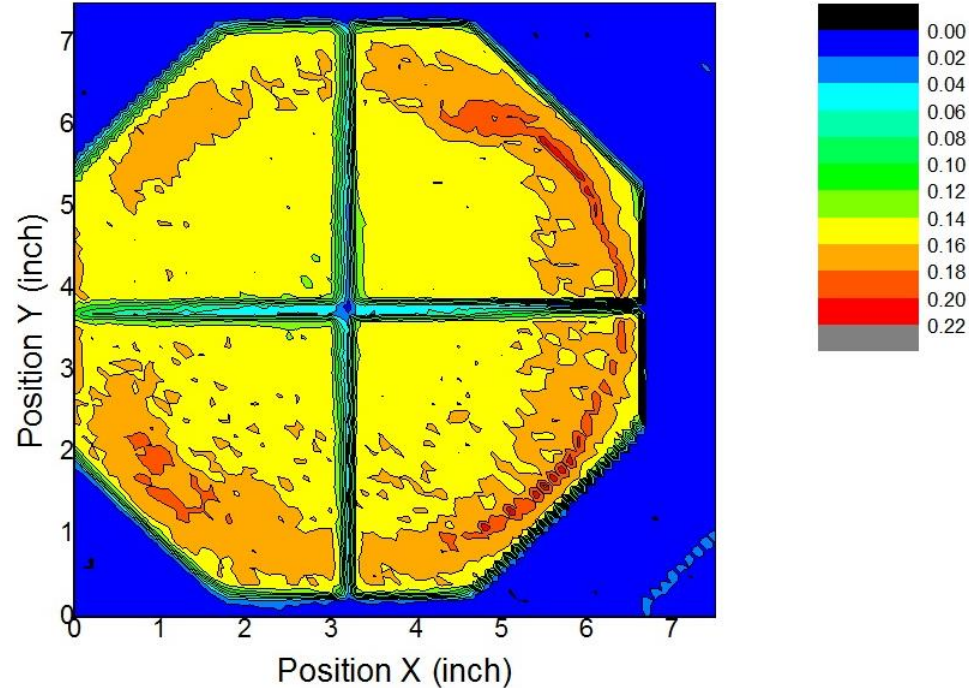


First cathodes made at ANL

# Cathode Major Achievements



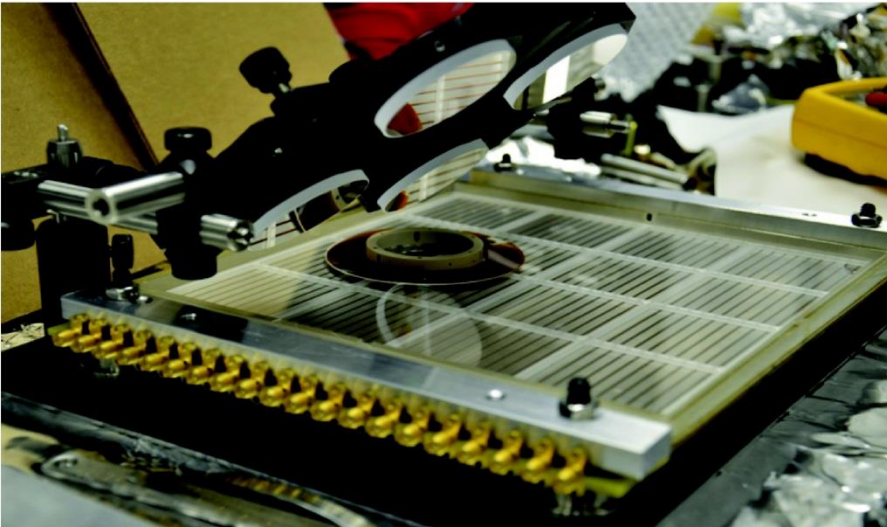
**A successful 8" Bialkali Cathode  
(Ossy's Talk)**



**A 8" Bialkali made in the Burle  
Equip at ANL (Ossy's Talk)**

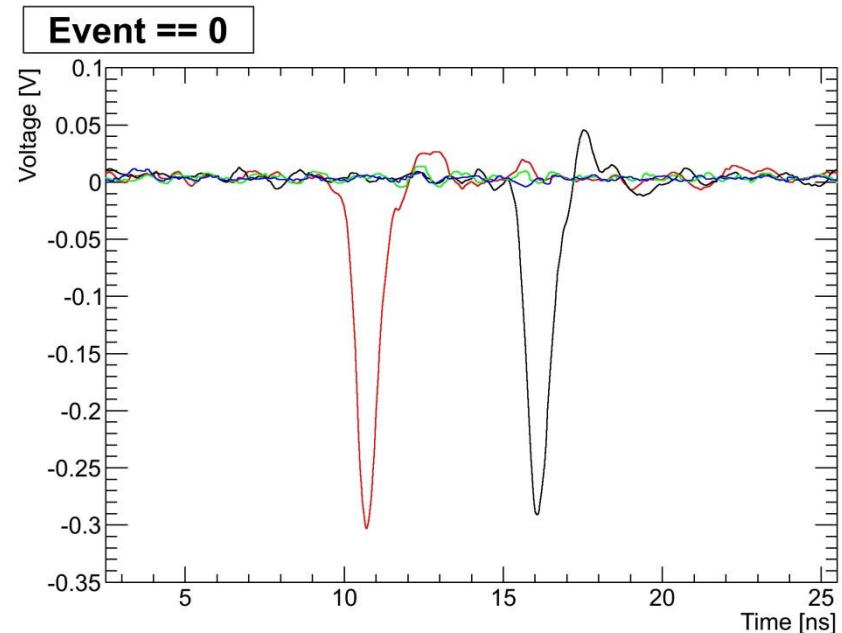


# 8"-MCP Pair and Strip Anode Work



Laser mirrors and 8" anode for 8" MCP tests

Pulses from one strip of 8" anode with 8" MCP pair



Matt Wetstein, Bernhard Adams, Andrey Elagin,  
Razib Obaid, Sasha Vostrikov, Bob Wagner

# Going Another Order-of-Magnitude

Stefan Ritt  
slide from 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Photocathode  
Workshop\*  
(annotated by HJF)

\*see psec library web page

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For 100 fsec →

1.0

0.7

1.17

1.6

0.1 ps

Achieved by  
LAPPD

**100 Femtosec (!)**

(Yes, but... But, quantitatively, what are the reasons why not?) Needs a dedicated simulation program

Differential TOF:  
1.5m path

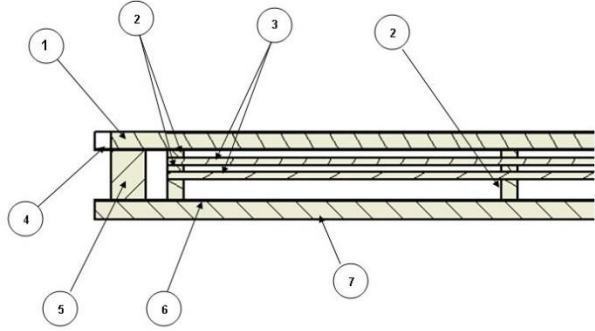
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# More Information on LAPPD:

- **Main Page:** <http://psec.uchicago.edu> (has the links to the Library and Blogs)
- **Library:** Workshops, Godparent Reviews, Image Library, Document Library, Links to MCP, Photocathode, Materials Literature, etc.;
- **Blog:** Our log-book- open to all (say yes to certificate Cerberus, etc.)- can keep track of us (at least several companies do);

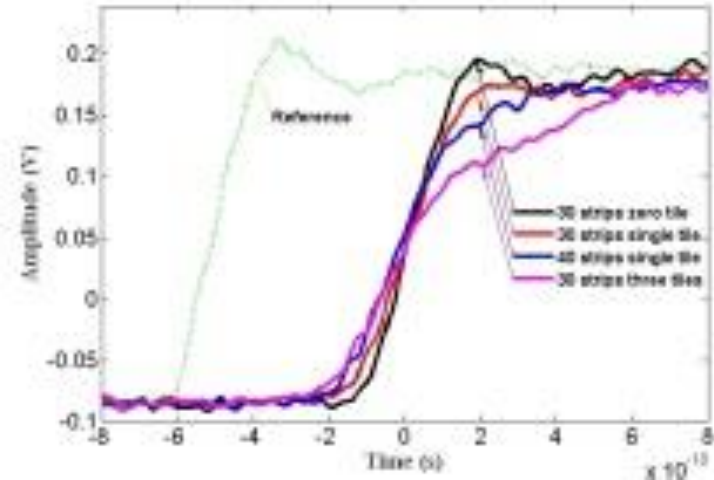
# 37b Needs: Bandwidth > 3 GHz for $\Delta t < 1$ psec

## MCP-PMT as 3D waveguide

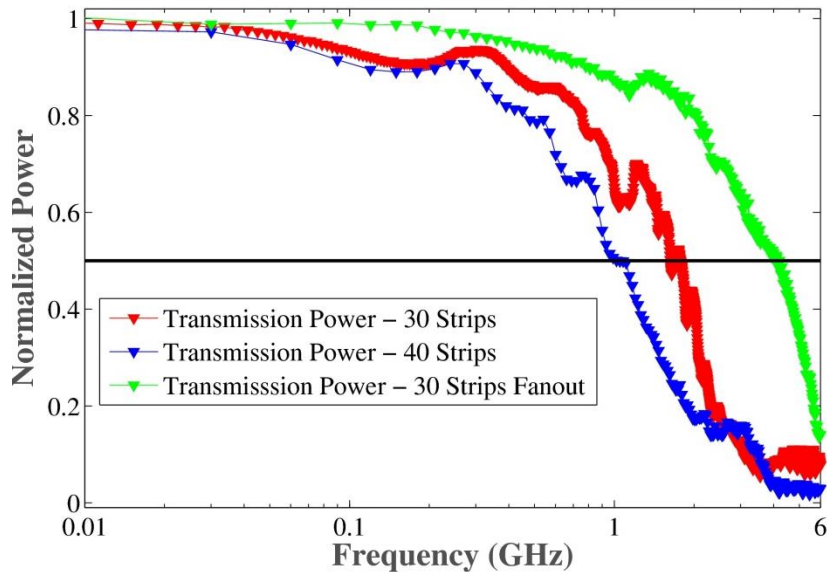


- 1. Top window with photocathode on inside
- 2. Grid spacers
- 3. Microchannel plates
- 4. HV contact
- 5. Side wall
- 6. Anode transmission lines
- 7. Bottom window

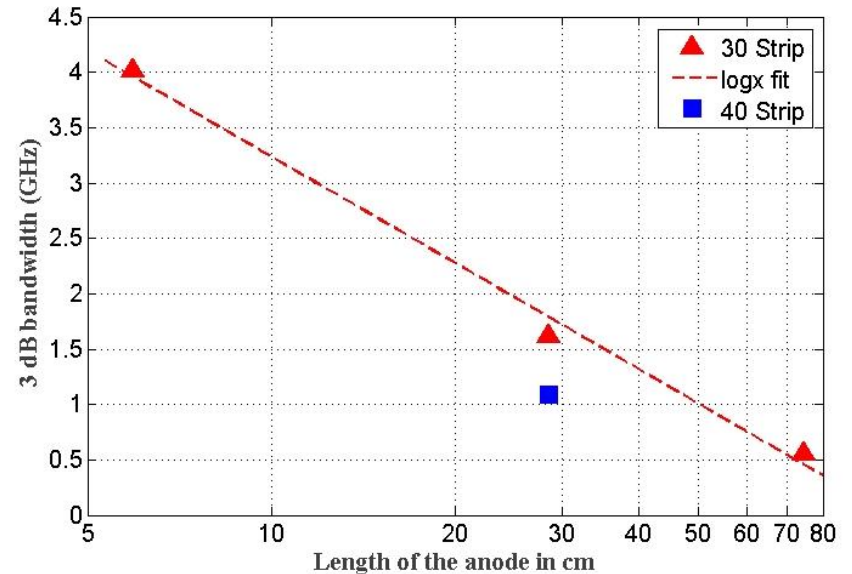
## Anode risetimes (step function)



## Analog bandwidth of 'frugal' anode



## Bandwidth 3db point vs Anode length

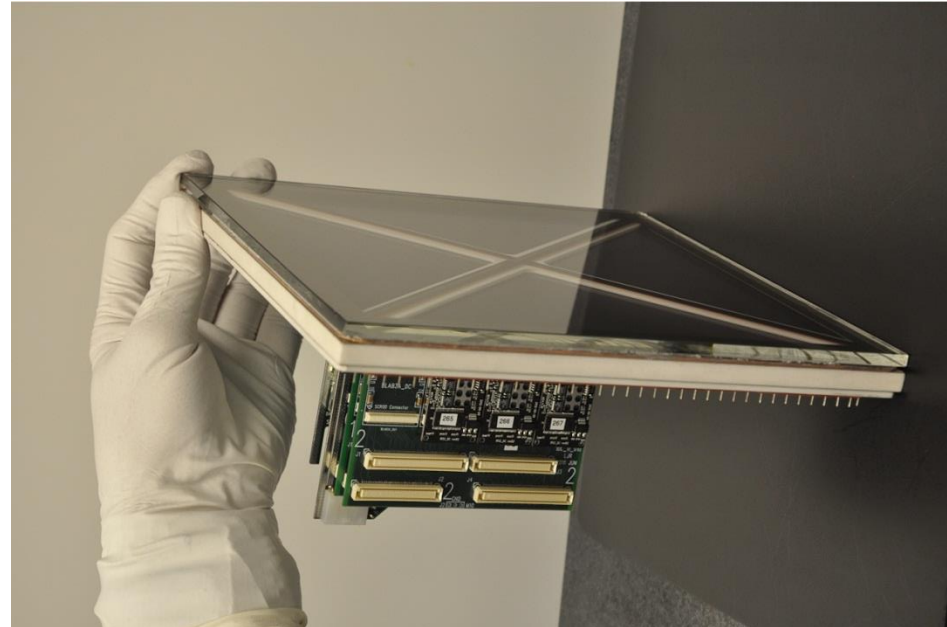


# Packaging Major Achievements



**Development of a 'frugal' glass tile package with internal HV divider, capacitive GHz readout (Andrey's and Matt's Talks)**

**Development of a complete ceramic package system design (Jason's and Ossy's talks)**

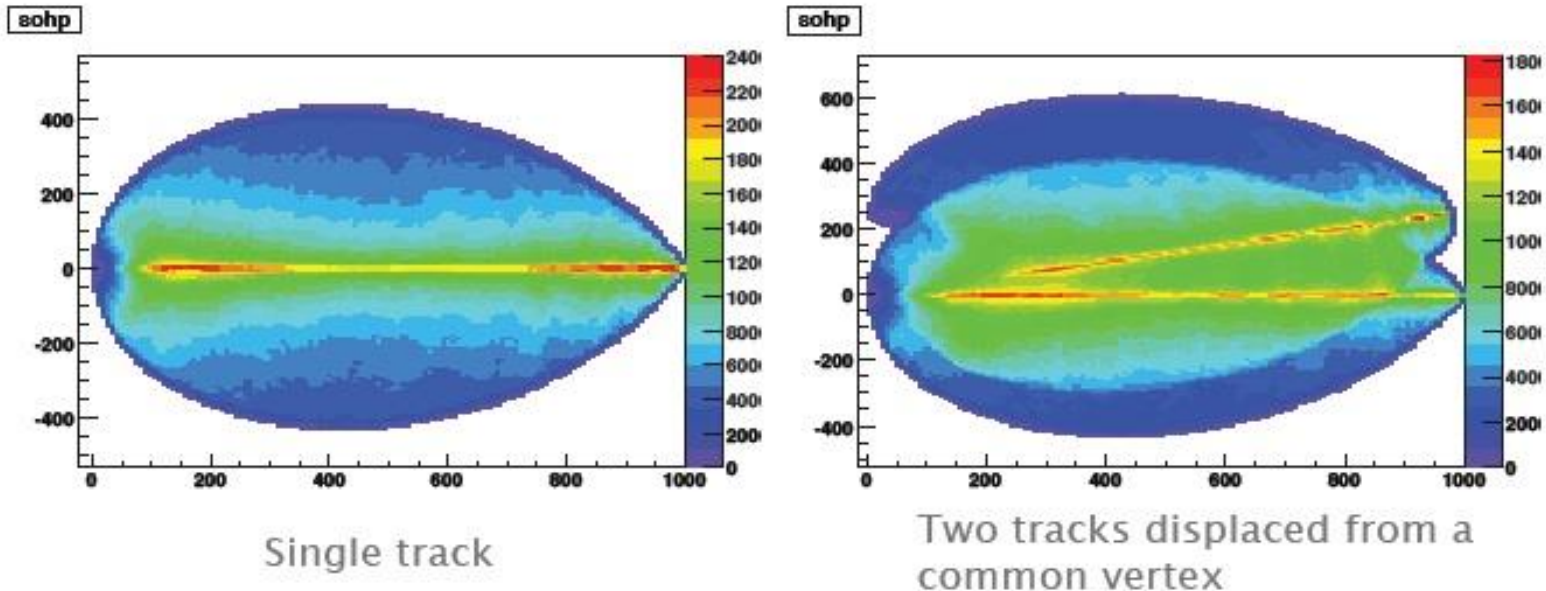


# Can we build a photon TPC?

## Track Reconstruction Using an “Isochron Transform”

Results of a toy Monte Carlo with perfect resolution

Color scale shows the likelihood that light on the Cherenkov ring came from a particular point in space. Concentration of red and yellow pixels cluster around likely tracks

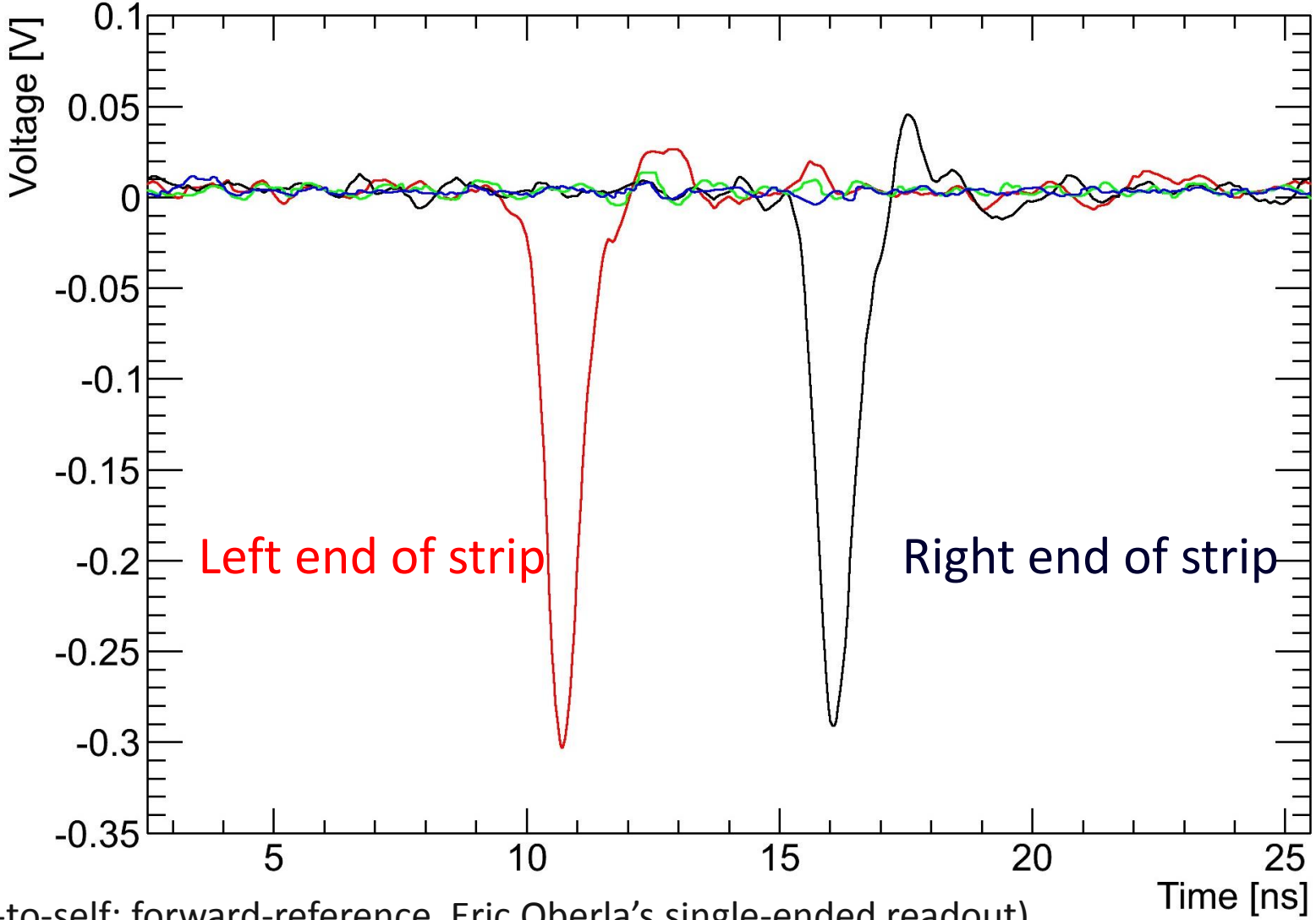


Work of Matt Wetstein (Argonne,&Chicago) in his spare time (sic)

# Pulses from a pair of 8" MCP Al2O3 plates

B. Adams, A. Elagin, R. Obaid, E. Oberla, M. Wetstein et al.

**Event == 0**



(Note-to-self: forward-reference Eric Oberla's single-ended readout)