

# Design and Commissioning of a Setup to Measure the Timing Resolution of Silicon Pixel Detectors

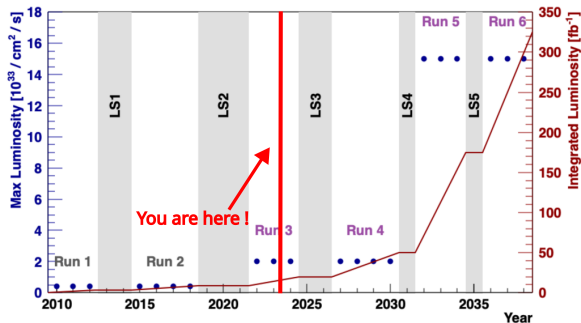
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# Planned LHC Luminosity Upgrade

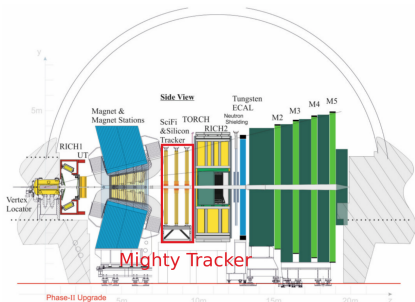


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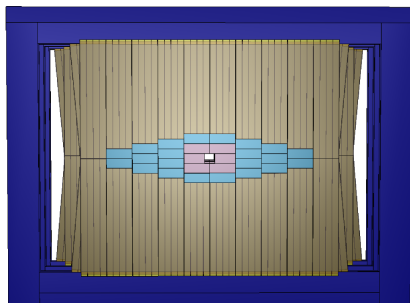
## Implications for LHCb

- Luminosity increased to  $1.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  after LS4
- Occupancy increased beyond design parameters
- Detector upgrades required

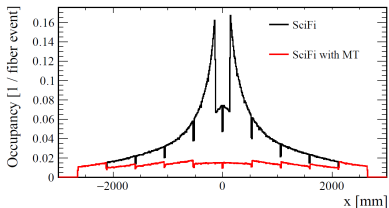
# Downstream Tracker Upgrade



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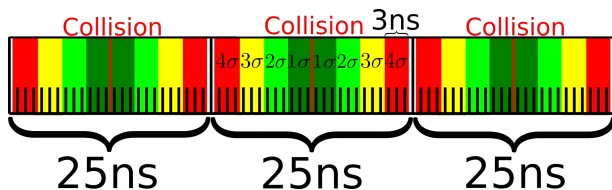


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## Mighty Tracker

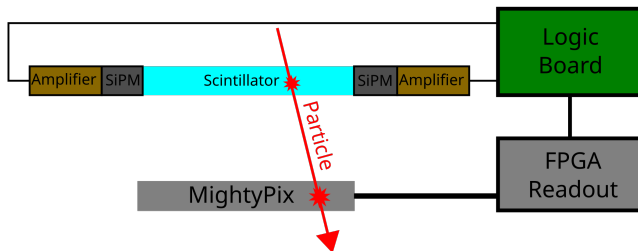
- Combination of scintillating fibres and pixel sensors
- Reduces occupancy below 2%
- Ensures good tracking performance

# Why is the Timing Resolution Important?



- 40 MHz bunchcrossing frequency  $\Rightarrow$  25 ns between collisions
- $\rightarrow$  Timing resolution of  $\approx 3$  ns required to contain event within  $\pm 4\sigma$
- So far measurements of timing resolution only possible at testbeam
- $\rightarrow$  Develop setup for in-lab timing measurements

# General Concept of the Timing Setup

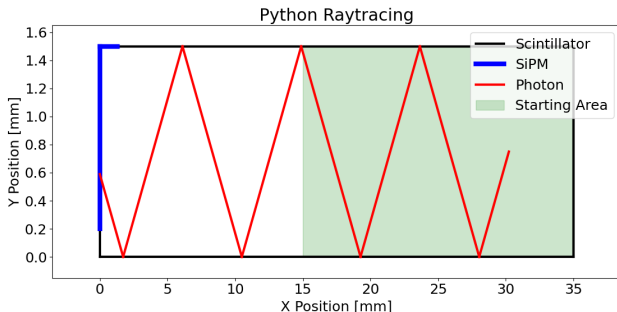
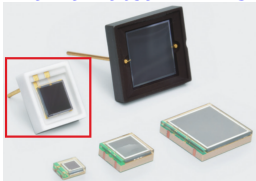


## Design Criteria

- Good timing resolution  $\Rightarrow$  silicon photomultipliers (SiPM) and fast plastic scintillator
  - Versatile and modular
  - Integrate seamlessly into existing FPGA readout (MARS)
  - Low enough material budget to be used in front of sensor
- $\rightarrow$  Facilitates simple sensor cooling from the back

# SiPM Selection and Positioning

## Hamamatsu MPPC



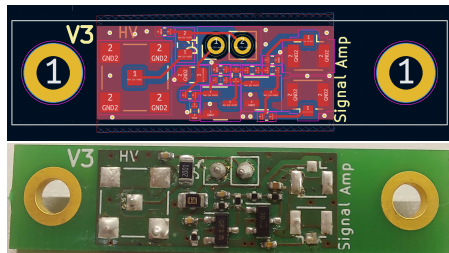
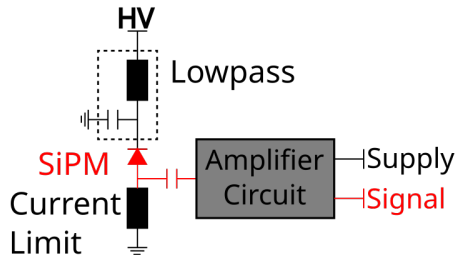
## SiPM Parameters

- Mounting type: SMD, THT
- Active area:  $1.3 \times 1.3 \text{ mm}^2$ ,  $3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^2$ ,  $6 \times 6 \text{ mm}^2$
- Pixel pitch:  $25 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $50 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $75 \mu\text{m}$

## Simulation

- Random starting parameters
  - Simulates propagation and reflections
- $3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^2$  with  $50 \mu\text{m}$  pixel pitch mounted with legs

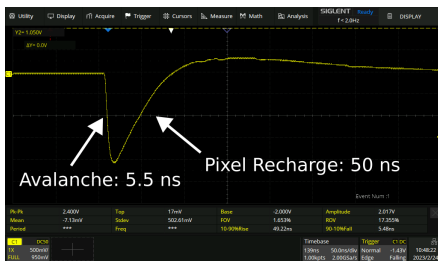
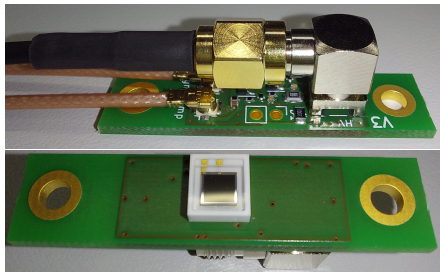
# SiPM Readout and Amplifier Circuit



## Features of the Amplifier Circuit

- Filters high voltage bias  $\Rightarrow$  reduce noise
- Capacitive coupling of signal to amplifier  $\Rightarrow$  isolates high voltage
- Amplification close to SiPM  $\Rightarrow$  improves signal to noise ratio
- Fast rise and fall time  $\Rightarrow$  enables high rates
- Positions SiPM

# Amplifier PCB and Amplified SiPM Signal

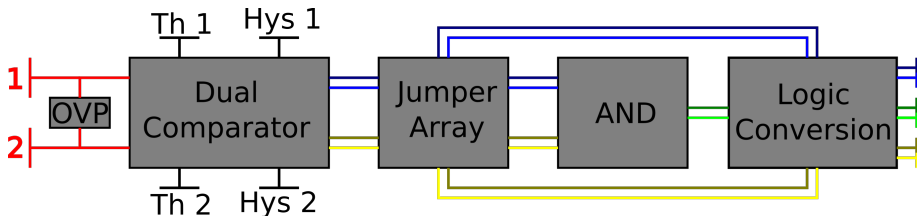


## Implications of the Amplifier Circuit

- Large ratio of cable to PCB  $\Rightarrow$  need external strain relief
- SiPM obstructed by PCB  $\Rightarrow$  mount SiPM first
- Slow response time relative to desired time resolution  $\Rightarrow$  could be bottleneck



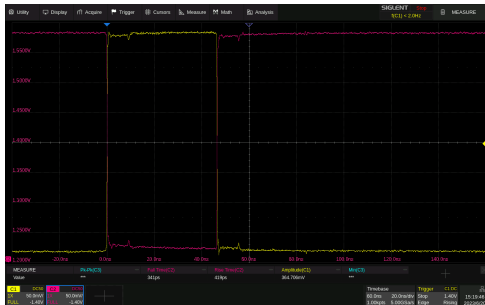
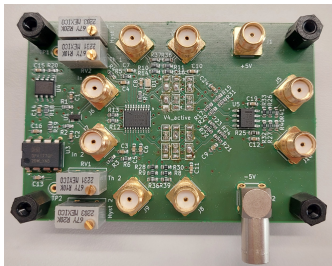
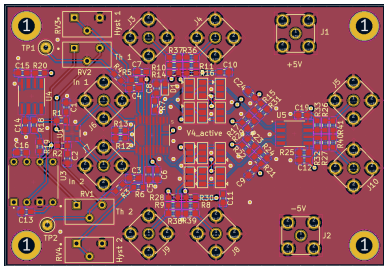
# How to Handle Digitization and Signal Processing?



## Features of the Logic Board

- Two inputs with over voltage protection
- Dual comparator with adjustable thresholds and hysteresis  $\Rightarrow$  digitization of signals
- Output selection via jumper array  $\Rightarrow$  reduce noise
- Differential AND  $\Rightarrow$  coincidence of SiPMs
- Logic conversion from PECL to LVDS  $\Rightarrow$  interface with FPGA readout

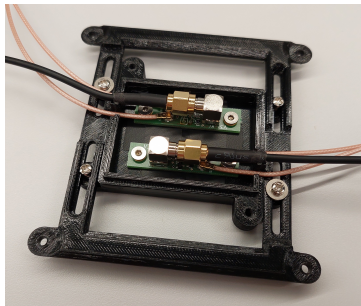
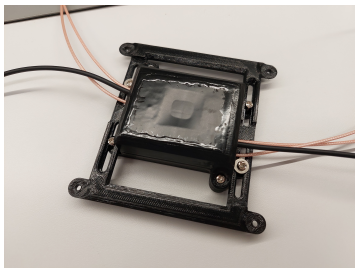
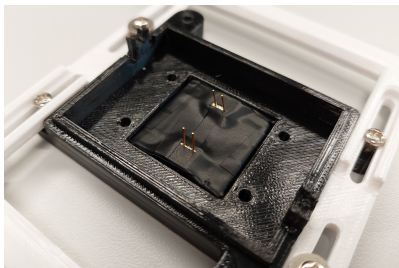
# Logic Board



## Signal Characteristics

- Little Noise  $\Rightarrow$  may be a reflection
  - Rise/fall time  $\approx 0.4$  ns
  - 1.2 V logic low and 1.6 V logic high
- $\Rightarrow$  may work with FPGA

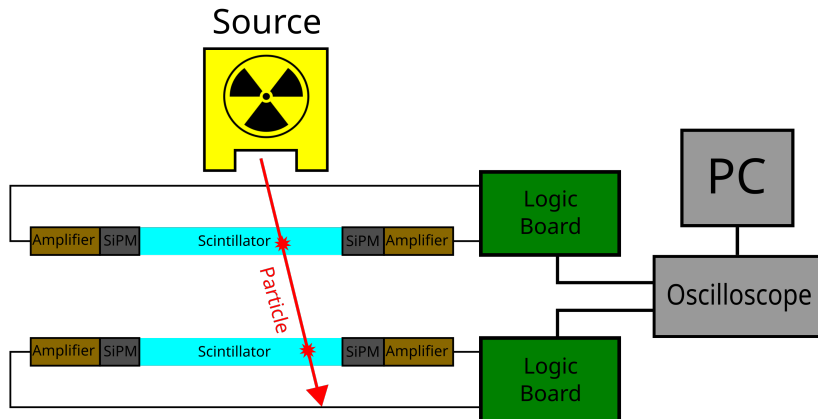
# Mechanical Structure



## Requirements

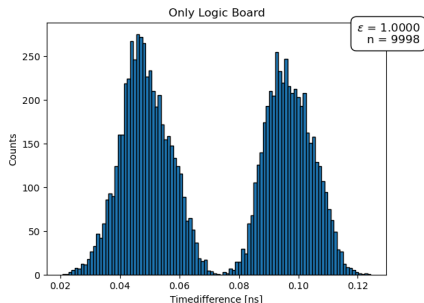
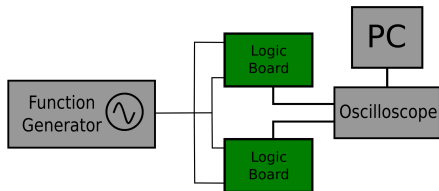
- 3D printed
- Mounts two amplifier boards
- Is light tight by itself
- Holds scintillator
- Little additional material budget

# Setup to Measure Timing Resolution



- Source above two timing layers
- Trigger on coincidence signal of lower layer
- Automated data taking with PC and Oscilloscope

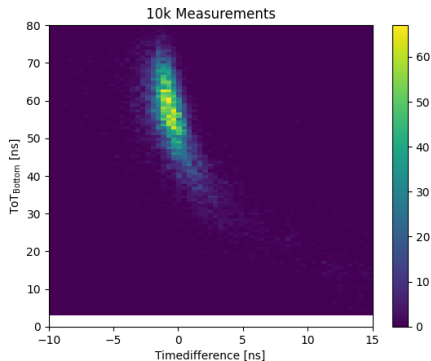
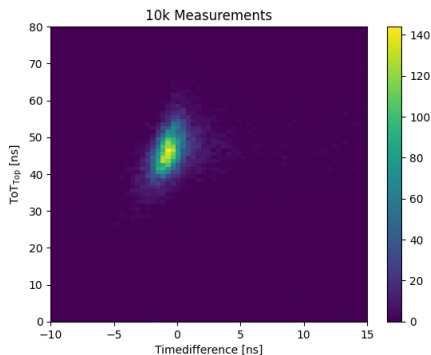
# Performance of Logic Board



## Observations

- Double peak  $\Rightarrow$  may be related to sampling rate / artifact of quantized measurement or signal of function generator
- Timing resolution on the order of 0.1 ns  $\Rightarrow$  logic board should not bottleneck performance

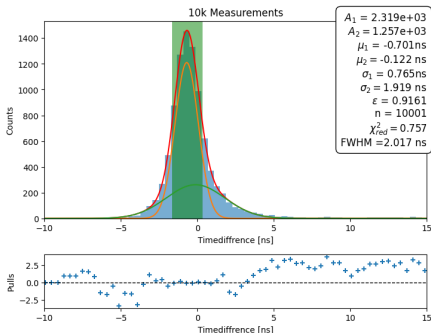
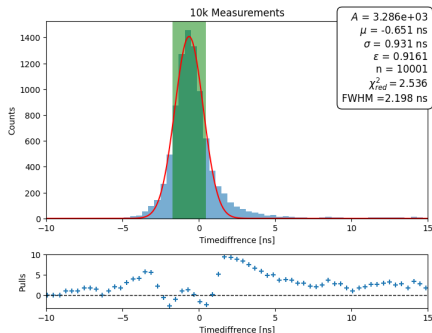
# Shape of Timing Resolution



## Observations

- Curvature of distribution  $\Rightarrow$  follows expectation for time walk
- Lower ToT reached in bottom layer  $\Rightarrow$  particles stopped in layer
- Difference in maximum ToT  $\Rightarrow$  partly explained by different response of timing layers to deposited energy

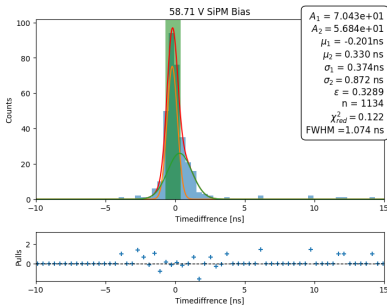
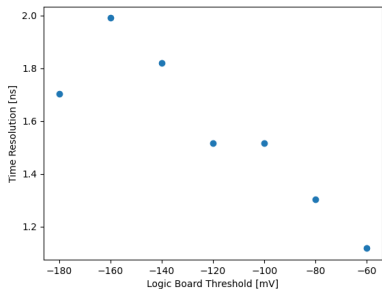
# Determining a Single Value for the Time Resolution



## Considerations

- Not a simple Gaussian
- Empirical fit function needed  $\Rightarrow$  sum of two Gaussians describes data
- Timing resolution can be expressed as FWHM of distribution
- Timing resolution of a single layer:  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{FWHM}$

# Ongoing Work

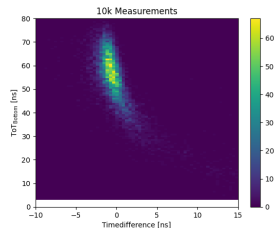
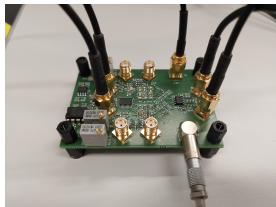
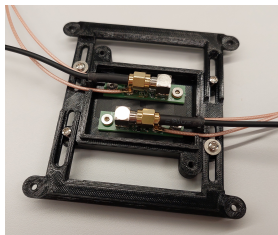


## Parameters to Optimize

- Supply voltage of Amplifier  $\Rightarrow$  balancing heating and fall time of signal
- SiPM bias  $\Rightarrow$  trade off between gain and noise
- Threshold  $\Rightarrow$  reducing time walk while avoiding noise floor
- Best so far:  $\text{FWHM} = 1.074 \text{ ns} \hat{=} \sigma_{\text{single}} = 0.759 \text{ ns}$



# Future Topics to Explore



## Hardware Improvements

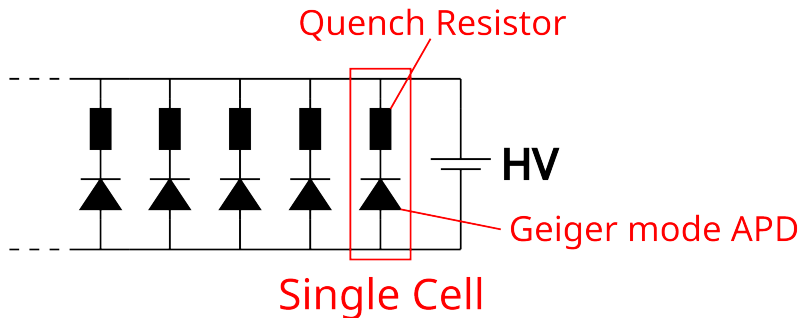
- FPGA integration
- Streamline powering
- Increase active area
- Design faster amplifier
- Use faster scintillator
- Time walk correction

## Additional Measurements

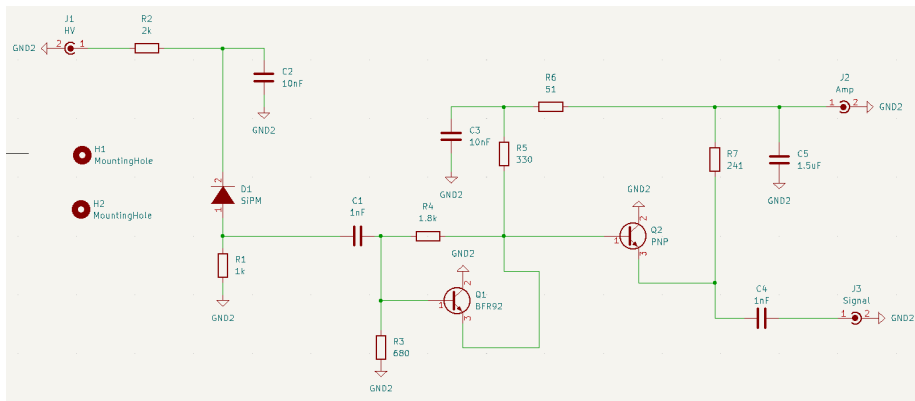
- Performance at different temperatures
- Noise immunity
- Testbeam
- Radiation hardness

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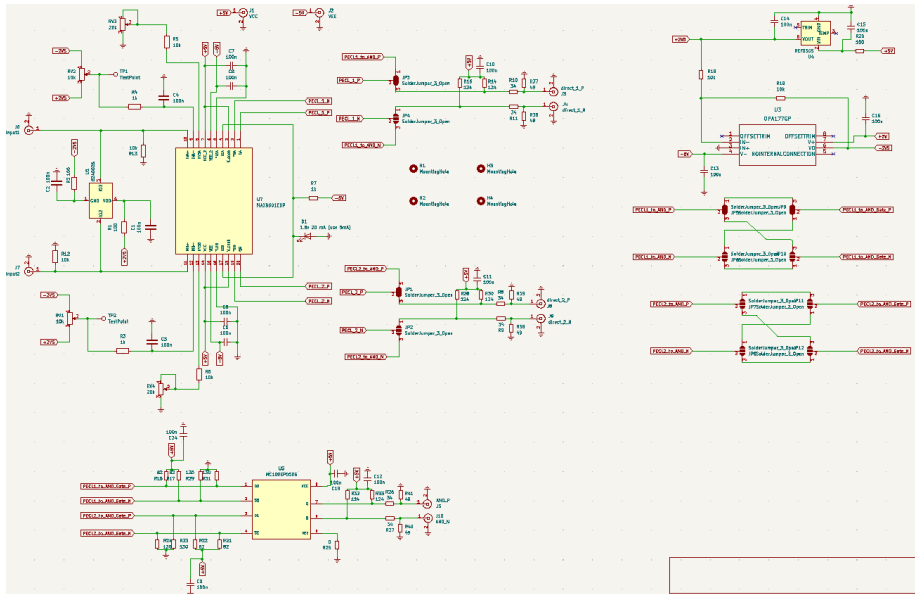
Questions?



# SiPM Amplifier Circuit Schematic



# Logic Board Schematic



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## Selection guide

Type no.	Pixel pitch (μm)	Effective photosensitive area (mm)	Number of pixels	Package	Fill factor (%)
S13360-1325PE	25	1.3 × 1.3	2668	Glass epoxy	47
S13360-3025CS		3.0 × 3.0	14400	Ceramic	
S13360-3025PE				Glass epoxy	
S13360-6025CS		6.0 × 6.0	57600	Ceramic	
S13360-6025PE				Glass epoxy	
S13360-1350PE	50	1.3 × 1.3	667	Glass epoxy	74
S13360-3050CS		3.0 × 3.0	3600	Ceramic	
S13360-3050PE				Glass epoxy	
S13360-6050CS		6.0 × 6.0	14400	Ceramic	
S13360-6050PE				Glass epoxy	
S13360-1375PE	75	1.3 × 1.3	285	Glass epoxy	82
S13360-3075CS		3.0 × 3.0	1600	Ceramic	
S13360-3075PE				Glass epoxy	
S13360-6075CS		6.0 × 6.0	6400	Ceramic	
S13360-6075PE				Glass epoxy	

## Structure / Absolute maximum ratings

Type no. (package)	Window material	Refractive index of window material	Absolute maximum ratings			
			Operating temperature <sup>*1</sup> Topr (°C)	Storage temperature <sup>*1</sup> Tstg (°C)	Soldering temperature	Reflow soldering temperature Tsol
S13360-****CS (ceramic)	Silicone resin	1.41	-20 to +60	-20 to +80	350 °C <sup>*2</sup>	-
S13360-****PE (glass epoxy)	Epoxy resin	1.55			-	Peak temperature: 240 °C <sup>*3</sup>

# Hamamatsu MPPC

## Electrical and optical characteristics (Typ. Ta=25 °C, unless otherwise noted)

Type no.	Measurement conditions	Spectral response range $\lambda$ (nm)	Peak sensitivity wavelength $\lambda_p$ (nm)	Photon detection efficiency PDE*4 $\lambda = \lambda_p$ (%)	Dark count*5		Terminal capacitance Ct (pF)	Gain M	Breakdown voltage VBR (V)	Crosstalk probability (%)	Recommended operating voltage Vop (V)	Temperature coefficient at recommended operating voltage $\Delta TV_{op}$ (mV/°C)			
					Typ.	Max.									
S13360-1325PE	Vover =5 V	320 to 900	450	25	70	210	60	$7.0 \times 10^5$	$53 \pm 5$	1	VBR + 5	54			
S13360-3025CS		270 to 900			400	1200	320								
S13360-3025PE		320 to 900			1600	5000	1280								
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S13360-6025PE		320 to 900													
S13360-1350PE	Vover =3 V	320 to 900		450	40	90	270	60		$1.7 \times 10^6$	$53 \pm 5$		3	VBR + 3	54
S13360-3050CS		270 to 900				500	1500	320							
S13360-3050PE		320 to 900				2000	6000	1280							
S13360-6050CS		270 to 900													
S13360-6050PE		320 to 900													
S13360-1375PE	Vover =3 V	320 to 900	450		50	90	270	60	$4.0 \times 10^6$	$53 \pm 5$		7	VBR + 3	54	
S13360-3075CS		270 to 900				500	1500	320							
S13360-3075PE		320 to 900				2000	6000	1280							
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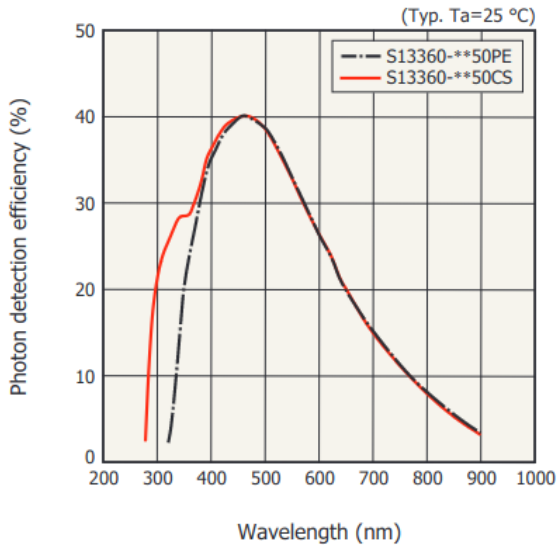
\*4: Photon detection efficiency does not include crosstalk or afterpulses.

\*5: Threshold=0.5 p.e.

Note: The above characteristics were measured at the operating voltage that yields the listed gain. (See the data attached to each product.)

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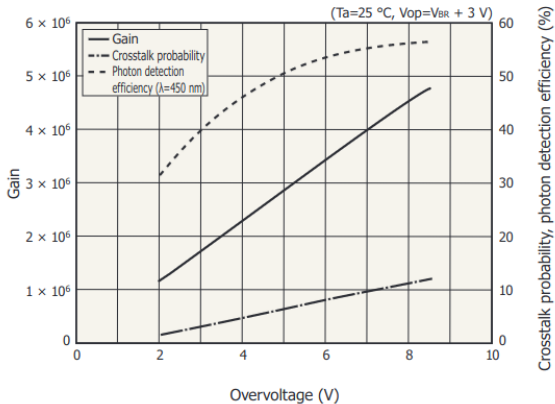
Pixel pitch: 50  $\mu\text{m}$



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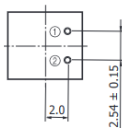
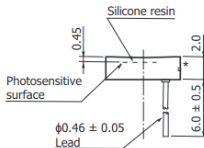
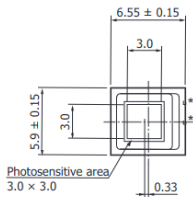
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## Dimensional outlines (unit: mm)

S13360-3025CS/-3050CS/-3075CS



Lead material: Oxygen-free copper

Lead processing: Au plating

Tolerance unless otherwise noted: ±0.2

Chip position accuracy:

with respect to package center

-0.25 ≤ X ≤ +0.25

-0.53 ≤ Y ≤ -0.13

The coating resin may extend a maximum of 0.1 mm above the upper surface of the package.

- \* Metal electrodes connecting to the internal electrodes are exposed on the sides of the ceramic package. To avoid short circuits, never allow other conductors to come in contact with these metal electrodes.

# Hamamatsu MPPC

	BC-400	BC-404	BC-408	BC-412	BC-416
Principal Uses/Applications	general purpose	fast counting	TOF large area	large area	large area economy
<b>Scintillation Properties</b>					
Light Output, %Anthracene	65	68	64	60	38
Rise Time, ns	0.9	0.7	0.9	1.0	-
Decay Time (ns)	2.4	1.8	2.1	3.3	4.0
Pulse Width, FWHM, ns	2.7	2.2	-2.5	4.2	5.3
Wavelength of Max. Emission, nm	423	408	425	434	434
Light Attenuation Length, cm*	160	140	210	210	210
Bulk Light Attenuation Length, cm	250	160	380	400	400
<b>Atomic Composition</b>					
No. H Atoms per cc ( $\times 10^{22}$ )	5.23	5.21	5.23	5.23	5.25
No. C Atoms per cc ( $\times 10^{22}$ )	4.74	4.74	4.74	4.74	4.73
Ratio H:C Atoms	1.103	1.100	1.104	1.104	1.110
No. of Electrons per cc ( $\times 10^{23}$ )	3.37	3.37	3.37	3.37	3.37
*The typical 1/e attenuation length of a 1x20x200cm cast sheet with edges polished as measured with a bialkali photomultiplier tube coupled to one end.					

**General Technical Data -**

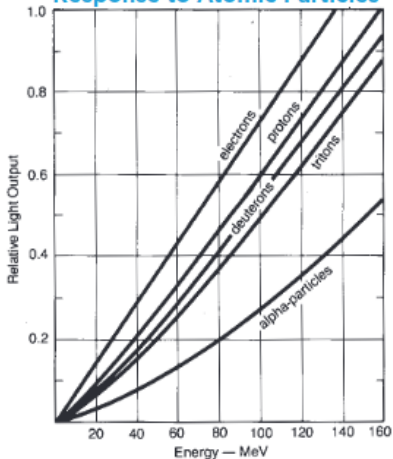
Base	Polyvinyltoluene	Vapor Pressure	May be used in vacuum
Density [g/cc]	1.023	Light Output	At +60°C = 95% of that at +20°C. Independent of temperature from -60°C to +20°C
Expansion Coefficient (per°C, <67°C)	7.8X10 <sup>-5</sup>	Solubility	Soluble in aromatic solvents, chlorinated solvents, acetone, etc. Unaffected by water, dilute acids, lower alcohols, alkalis and pure silicone fluids or grease.
Refractive index	1.58		
Softening Point	70°C		

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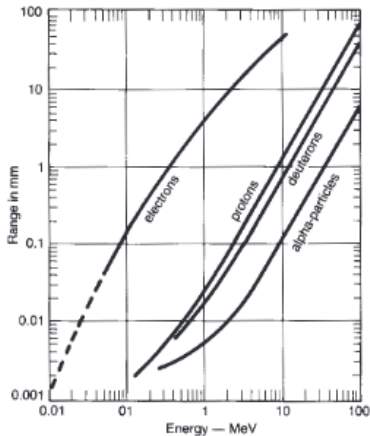


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## Premium Plastic Scintillator Response to Atomic Particles

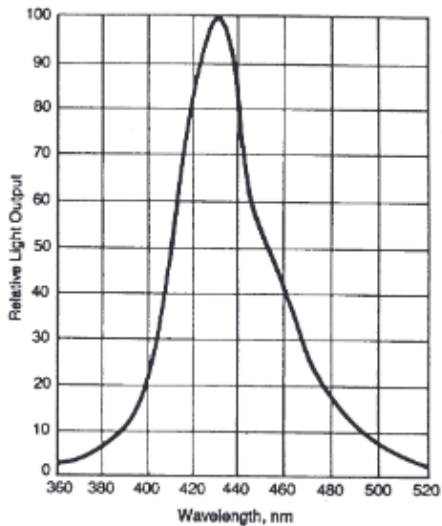


## Range of Atomic Particles in Premium Plastic Scintillator



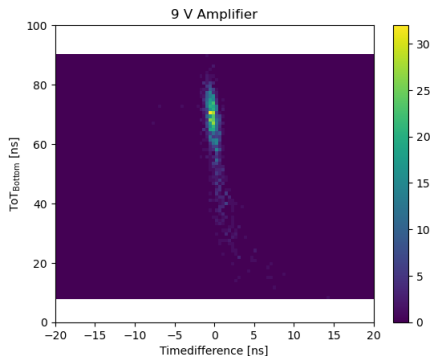
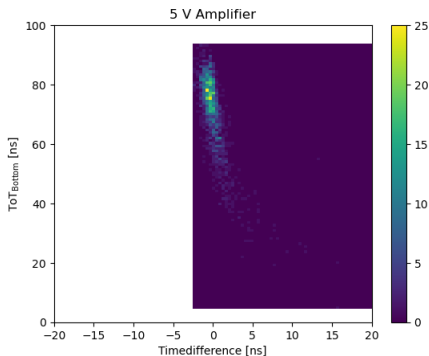
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## BC-408



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# Further Uses of 2D Histogram



## Larger Supply Voltage of Amplifier

- steeper and narrower distribution  $\Rightarrow$  better timing resolution