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# Introduction to setup and analysis

# Quartz bar start counter

MA and MCP PMT in the prototype



light source -pulse laser "Pilas"



# develop a timing strategies for start counters

## develop a calibration procedure for the prototype (determine time offsets for each of all modules, determine single electron timing resolutions)

help to tune the setup and find errors

What can affect timing resolution?

- fluctuation of avalanche
- recoil of photoelectrons from MCP surface
- charge sharing
- cross talk
- electronics noise
- smear of pulse source (laser)

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#### Timing resolution vs. Pilas trigger frequency



(measured with MA PMT Hamamatsu)





Configuration with ADC gives possibility to correct measured time on pulse height off-line.

=> better control than in case of CFD





## ADC correction – how it works?



## Quartz bar start counter timing resolution

Time resolution vs. number of electrons Quartz bar start counter





## Burle MCP-PMT, raw TDC spectra



## Hamamatsu MA-PMT, raw TDC spectra





#### **MA PMT Hamamatsu**

SLOT 3	Best resolution	Average resolution
σ <b>[ps]</b>	194.25	<b>250.5</b> ±43

#### MCP PMT Burle

SLOT 4	Best resolution	Average resolution
σ <b>[ps]</b>	156.5	258.75 <sup>±58</sup>

(raw data only, single photon mode, no corrections)

## Pad timing offset maps



#### Without TDC link offset









# Possible sources of "false pulses":

- charge sharing
- recoiled electrons
- internal PMT cross talk (wiring)
- cross talk in amplifiers
- cross talk in CFD
- photons bouncing in prototype box



#### Cross talk can appear in any pad of MCP or MA PMT





Example of cross talk treatment with time window 15 counts.





Example of cross talk treatment with time window 15 counts.





Example of cross talk treatment with time window 27 counts.





Example of cross talk treatment with time window 27 counts.





**MCP PMT Burle** 

Cross talk spectra with time window 15 and 27 counts.



Cross talk only



Corrected TDC spectra with time window 15 and 27 counts.



### **Cross talk treatment**



## **MCP PMT Burle after cross talk correction**



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## Conclusion

- Influence of Pilas laser on timing resolution discovered. Higher Pilas trigger frequency needed – another Pilas laser will be tested.
- Repeated measurement of quartz bar start counter timing resolution – still needs more work
- All slots in the prototype will be tested in near future
- Effective cross talk treatment was implemented in data analysis code