



MATERIALS SELECTION
OF THE SPD BEAM-BEAM
COUNTER
SCINTILLATION
DETECTOR PROTOTYPE

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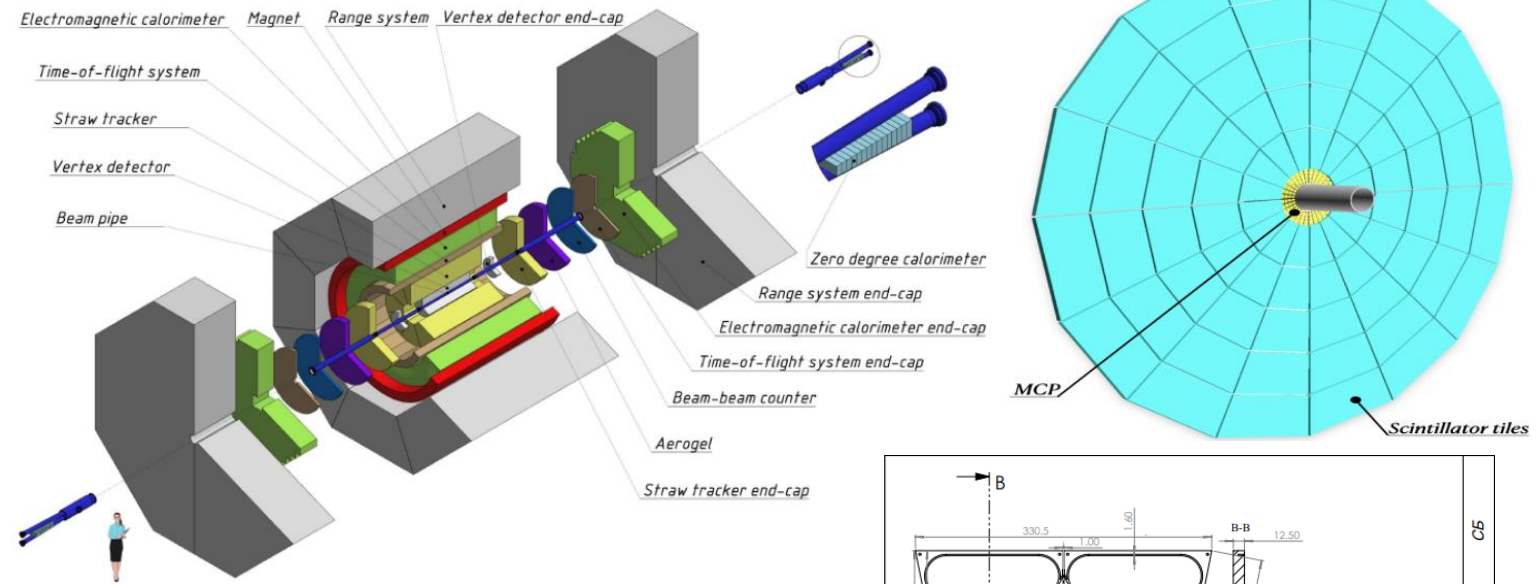
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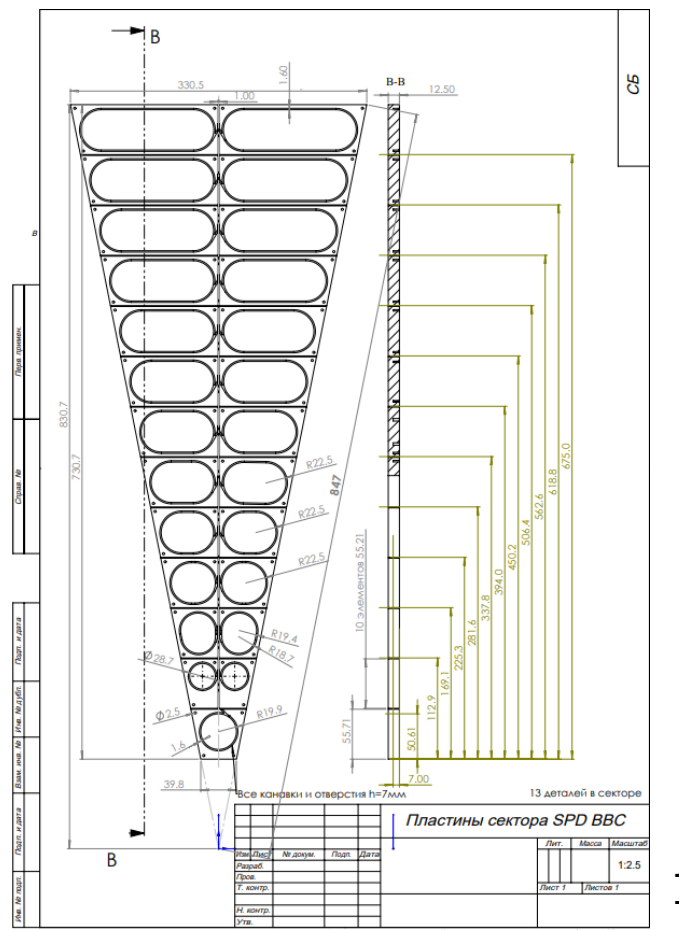
NICA SPD: General

The Spin Physics Detector collaboration proposes to install a universal detector in the second interaction point of the NICA collider under construction (JINR, Dubna) to study the spin structure of the proton and deuteron and the other spin-related phenomena with polarized proton and deuteron beams at a collision energy up to 27 GeV and a luminosity up to $10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$



The main goals of the Beam-Beam Counters are:

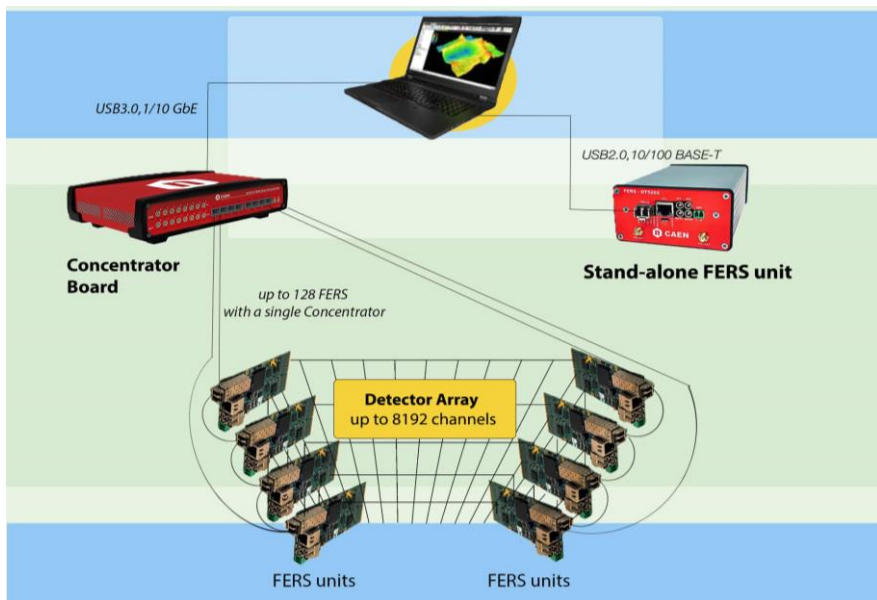
- the local polarimetry at SPD basing on the measurements of the azimuthal asymmetries of polarized proton beams;
- the monitoring of beam collisions;
- participation in the precise determination of the collision time.



CAEN FERS-5200 readout system

FERS-5200 is an extendable high speed front-end readout system based on the DT5202 64-channel module for SiPM.

Concentrator DT5215 for the possibility of expanding the number of channels to 8192.

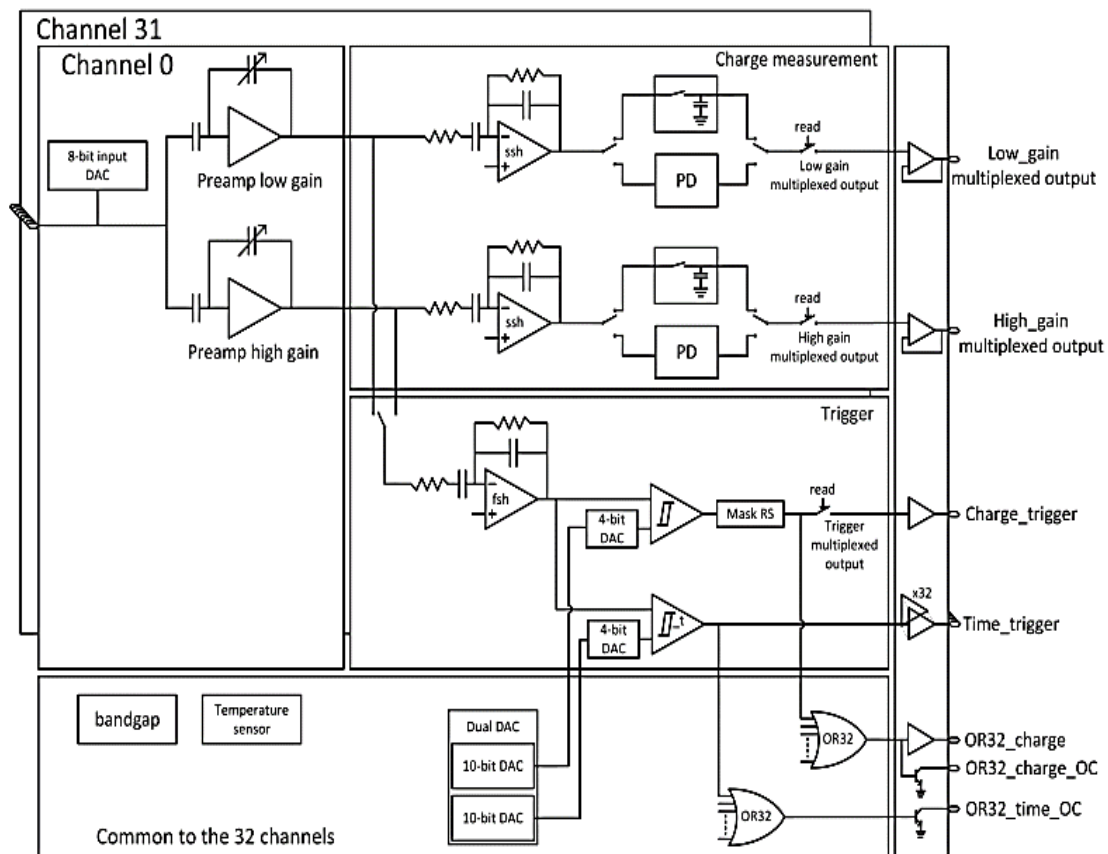


Main Acquisition Modes:

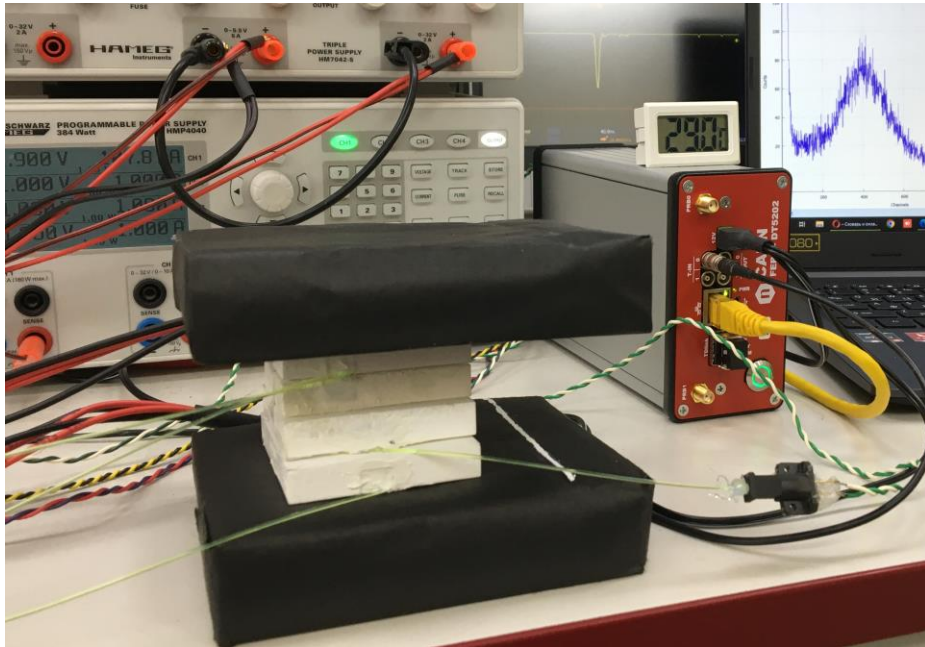
- SPECTROSCOPY.
- TIMING.
- SPECT_TIMING. The Spectroscopy + Timing

The A5202/DT5202 is based on the functions and readout chains of the Citiroc-1A ASIC.

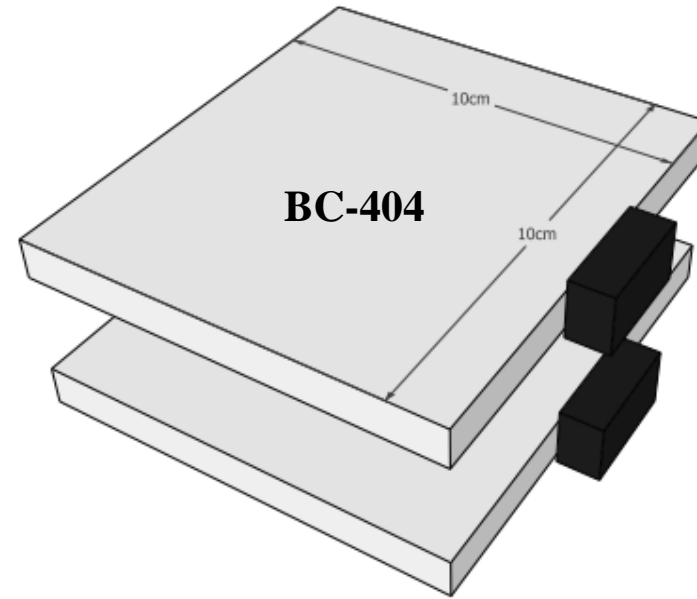
Citiroc 1A allows triggering down to 1/3 p.e. and provides the charge measurement with a good noise rejection. Moreover, Citiroc 1A outputs the 32-channel triggers with a high resolution timing (better than 100 ps).



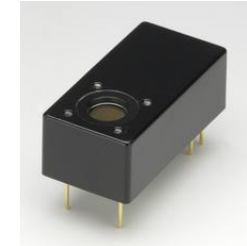
Stand for prototype tests



Tile system with external trigger
– two scintillators with PMTs
readout, covered in black paper



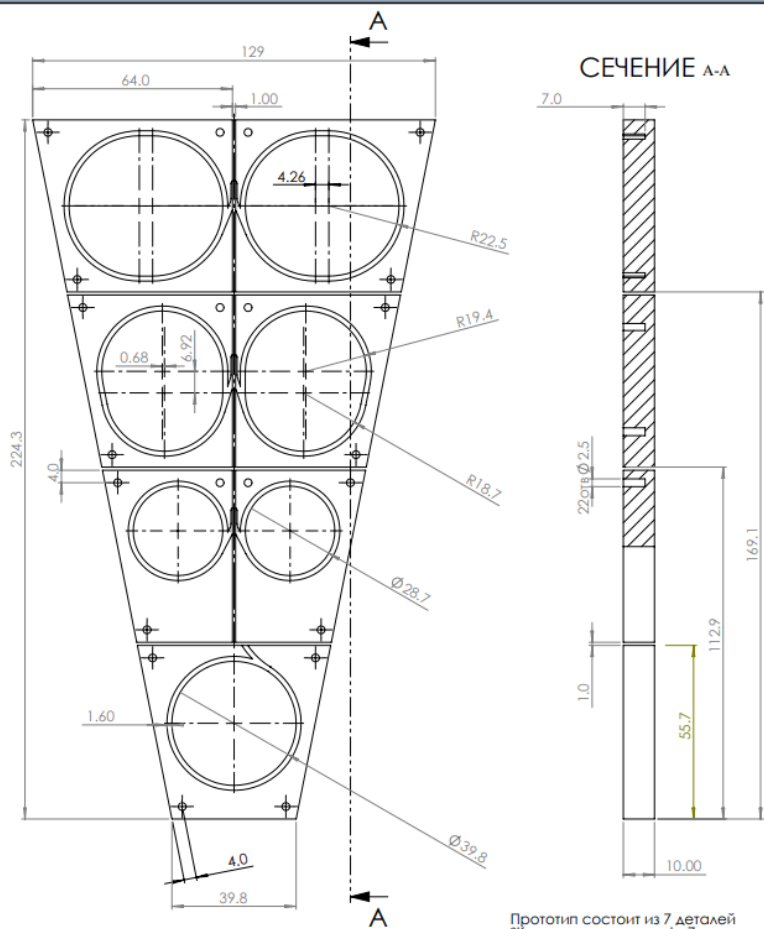
Trigger time resolution ~650 ps



PMT
Hamamatsu
H10720-110

Although CAEN FERS-5200 has an internal coincidence circuit, an external trigger proved to be more efficient for measurements on cosmic rays. Internal CC is used for radioactive source measurements.

Scintillation detector prototype materials



Geometry of tiles, used in this work

(4 lines)

Similar to STAR EPD, but higher polar angle granularity

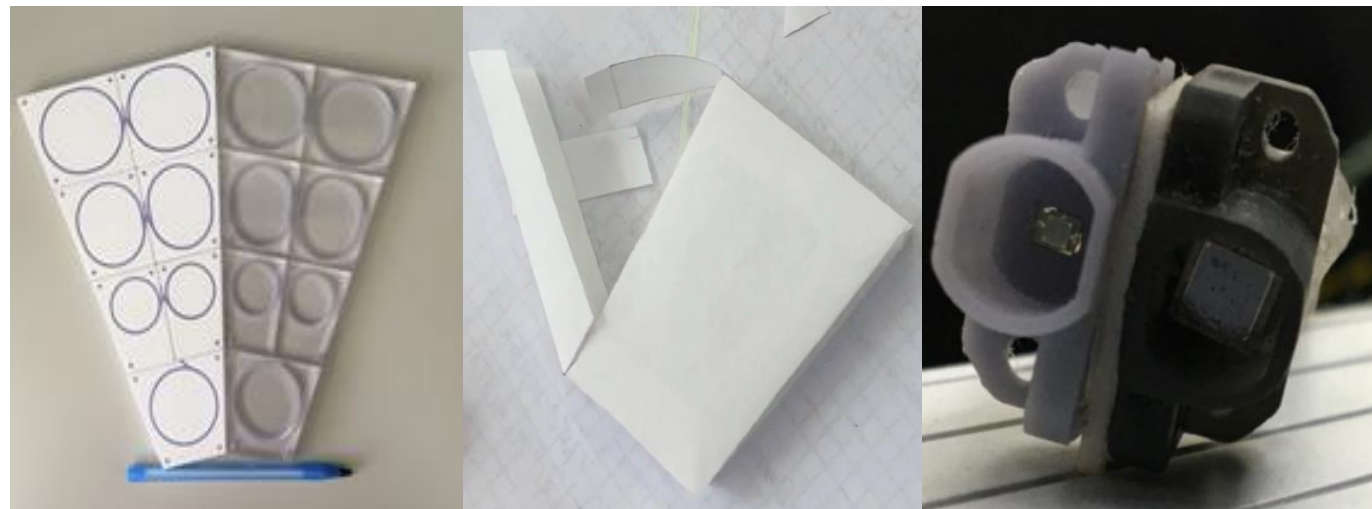
Line

3 (L;R)

2 (L;R)

1 (L;R)

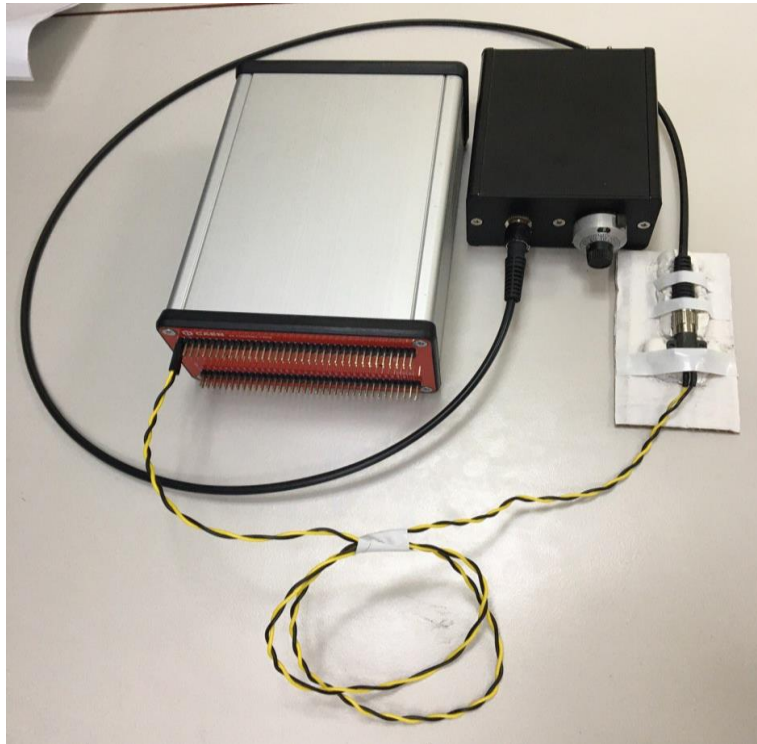
central



Materials selection and tests with different material combinations of tile prototype includes:

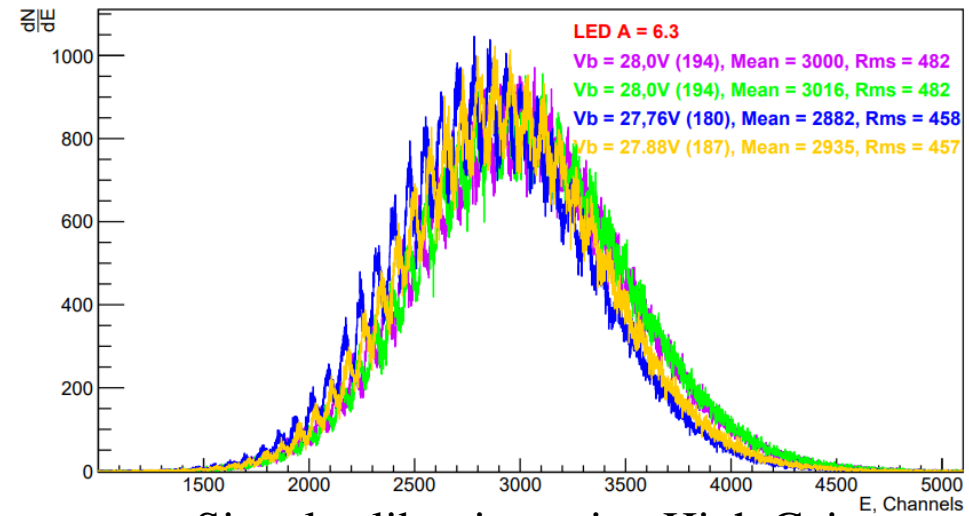
- Scintillator: Matted or Tyvek covered
- Optical cement: CKTN MED vs OK-72
- Fiber: Saint-Gobain Crystals vs Kuraray
- SiPMs: 3x3 vs 1x1 mm²

SiPMs Calibration

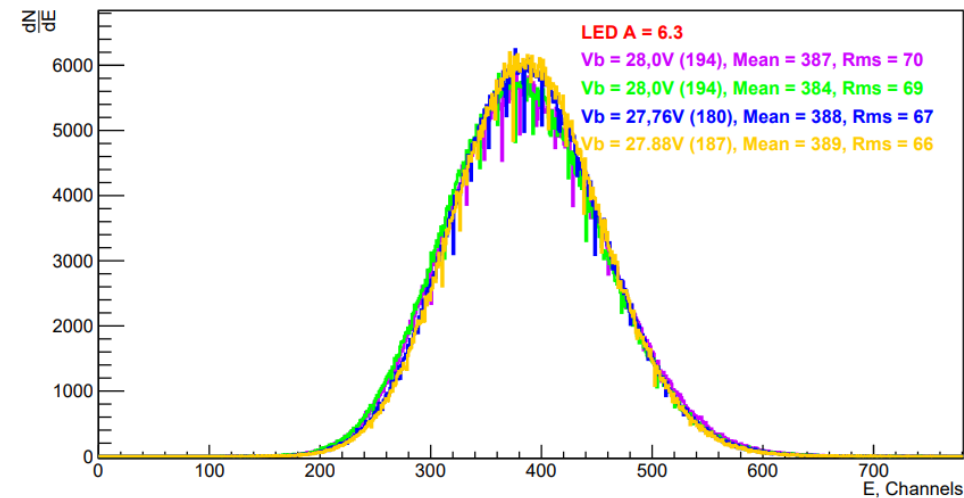


**DT5202 with CAEN
LED Driver (SP5601)**

**No cryocooler or any other
temperature stabilizing technologies
were used (future plans)**



Signal calibration using High Gain



Signal calibration using Low Gain

First attempts of calibration using radioactive source showed that we need a stable signal for calibration – the reason why led driver is the choice

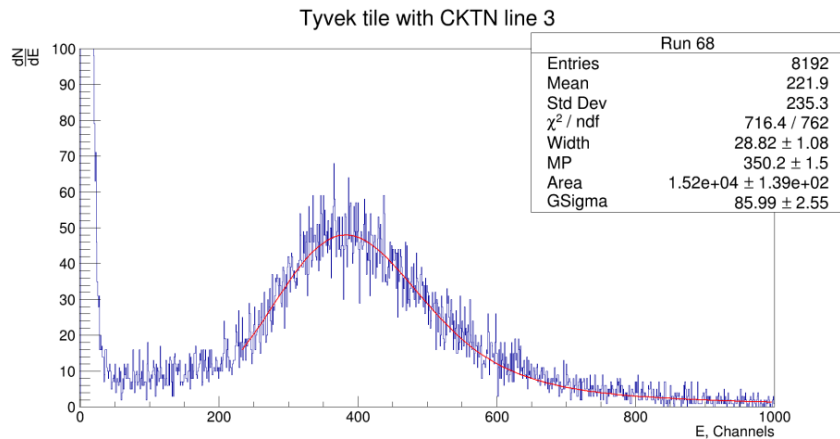
Matte and Tyvek tiles comparison

- Line
- 3 (L;R)
- 2 (L;R)
- 1 (L;R)
- central



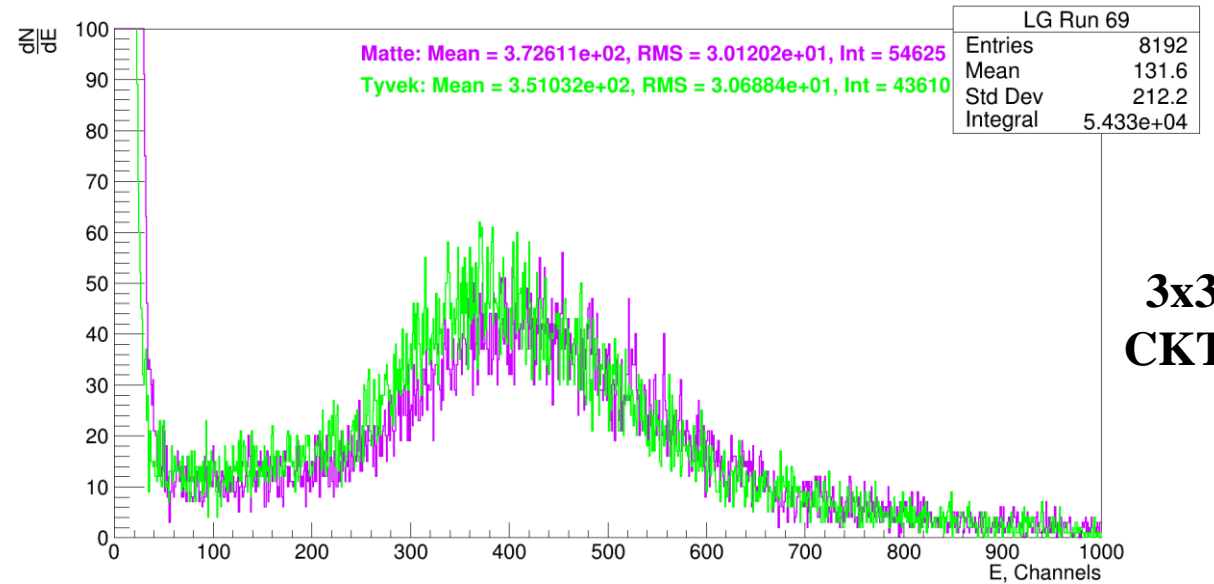
Matte – tile, covered with white acrylic paint, so called “belil” (picture above)

Tyvek – tile, double covered with a unique non-woven material made from high-density polyethylene continuous filaments (white paper)



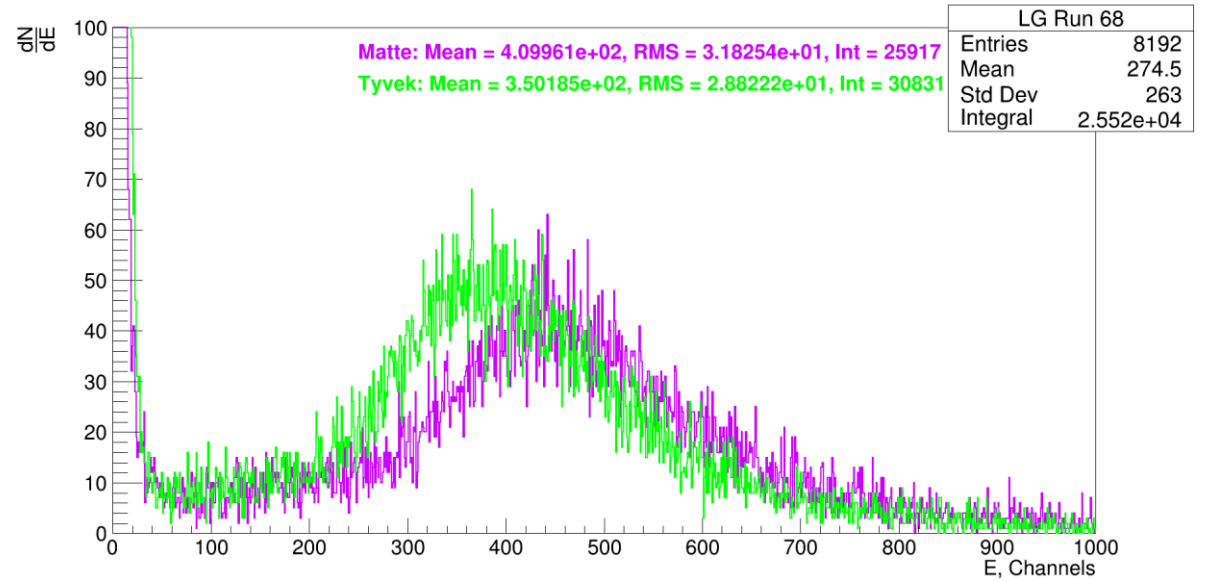
Convolution of Gaussian and Landau (langaus) used as fit function

Matte and Tyvek Comparison (line 1)



3x3 SiPMs
CKTN MED

Matte and Tyvek Comparison (line 3)



Due to higher peak position (from 6% and up to 15% difference) and technological complexity of mass production for Tyvek covers, the option with matted one is more appropriate

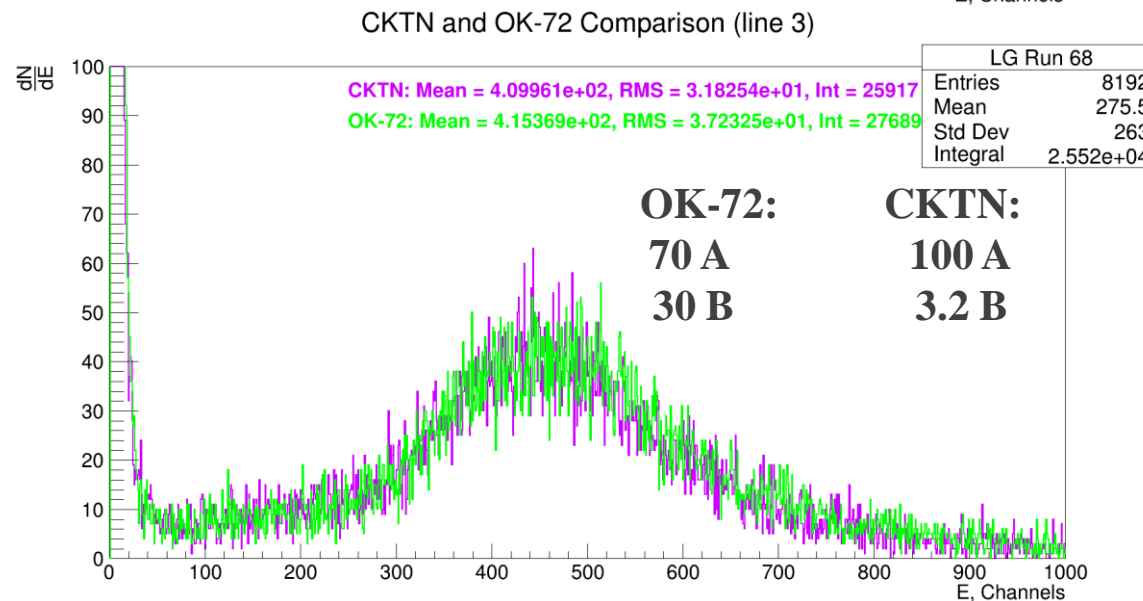
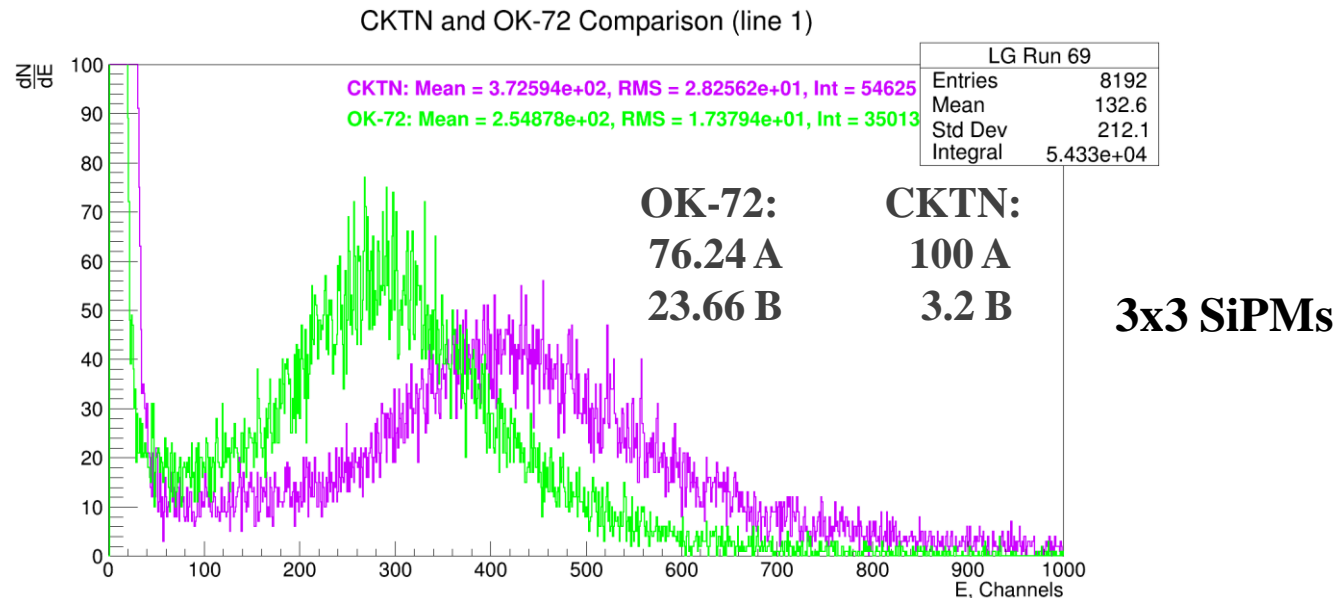
CKTN and OK-72 comparison (various compositions of OK-72)

Line
3 (L;R)
2 (L;R)
1 (L;R)
central



Brand	Viscosity, cPs	Operating temperature range	Spectral characteristics	Refractive index
EJ-500	800	From -65 to +105 °C	60-95% 300-350 nm, 95-100% 350-600 nm	1.574
EPO-TEK 301-2	225 - 425	Room temperature - +65 °C	94% 320 nm, 99% 400-1200 nm, 98% 1200-1600 nm	1.5318 589 nm
EPO-TEK 301	100 - 200	Room temperature - +65 °C	99% 382-980 nm, 97% 980-1640 nm, 95% 1640-2040 nm	1.519 589 nm
CKTN MED Mark E	15 · 10 ³	—	92-96% 500 nm	1.606
OK-72	—	From -60 to +60 °C	99% 400-2700 nm	1.587

Optical cements and their characteristics



Although OK-72 is easier to use due to its low viscosity, different compositions of A to B components effect on light collection. More research required

Fibers (SG91AS, SG92S, Y-11) comparison

3x3 SiPMs

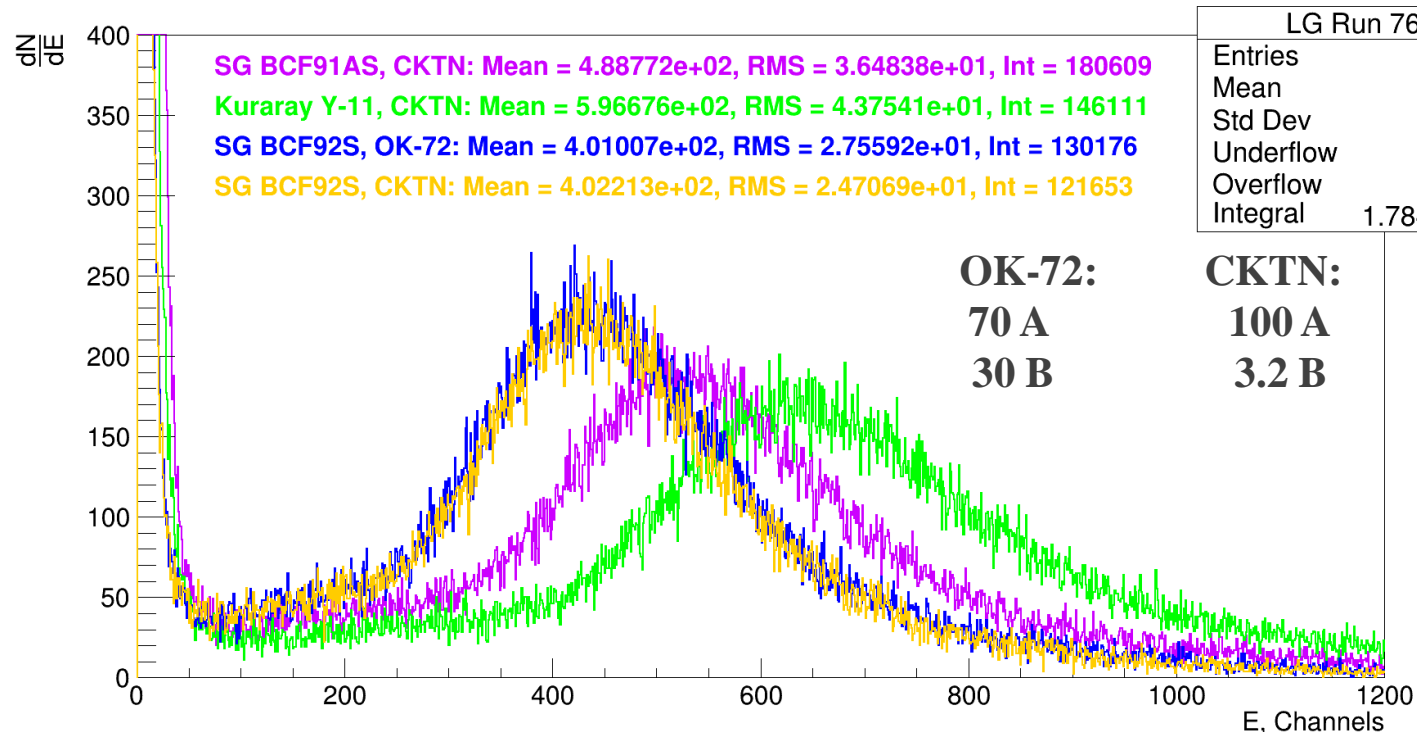
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central



Specific Properties of Standard Formulations				
Fiber	Emission Color	Emission Peak, nm	Decay Time, ns	# of Photons per MeV**
BCF-10	blue	432	2.7	-8000
BCF-12	blue	435	3.2	-8000
BCF-20	green	492	2.7	-8000
BCF-60	green	530	7	-7100
BCF-91A	green	494	12	n/a
BCF-92	green	492	2.7	n/a
BCF-98	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

** For Minimum Ionizing Particle (MIP), corrected for PMT sensitivity

WLS Comparison



Due to fact, that Kuraray Y-11 fiber collects photons with higher energy (higher peak position), the choice of Y-11 fibers is more appropriate

Description	Emission		Absorption Peak[nm]	Att.Leng. ² [m]	Characteristics
	Color	Spectra Peak[nm]			
Y-7(100)	green	490	439	>2.8	Blue to Green Shifter
Y-8(100)	green	511	455	>3.0	Blue to Green Shifter
Y-11(200)	green	476	430	>3.5	Blue to Green Shifter (K-27 formulation) Long Attenuation Length and High Light Yield
B-2(200)	blue	437	375	>3.5	UV to Blue shifter
B-3(200)	blue	450	351	>4.0	UV to Blue shifter

See the following figure

Line

3 (L;R)

2 (L;R)

1 (L;R)

central



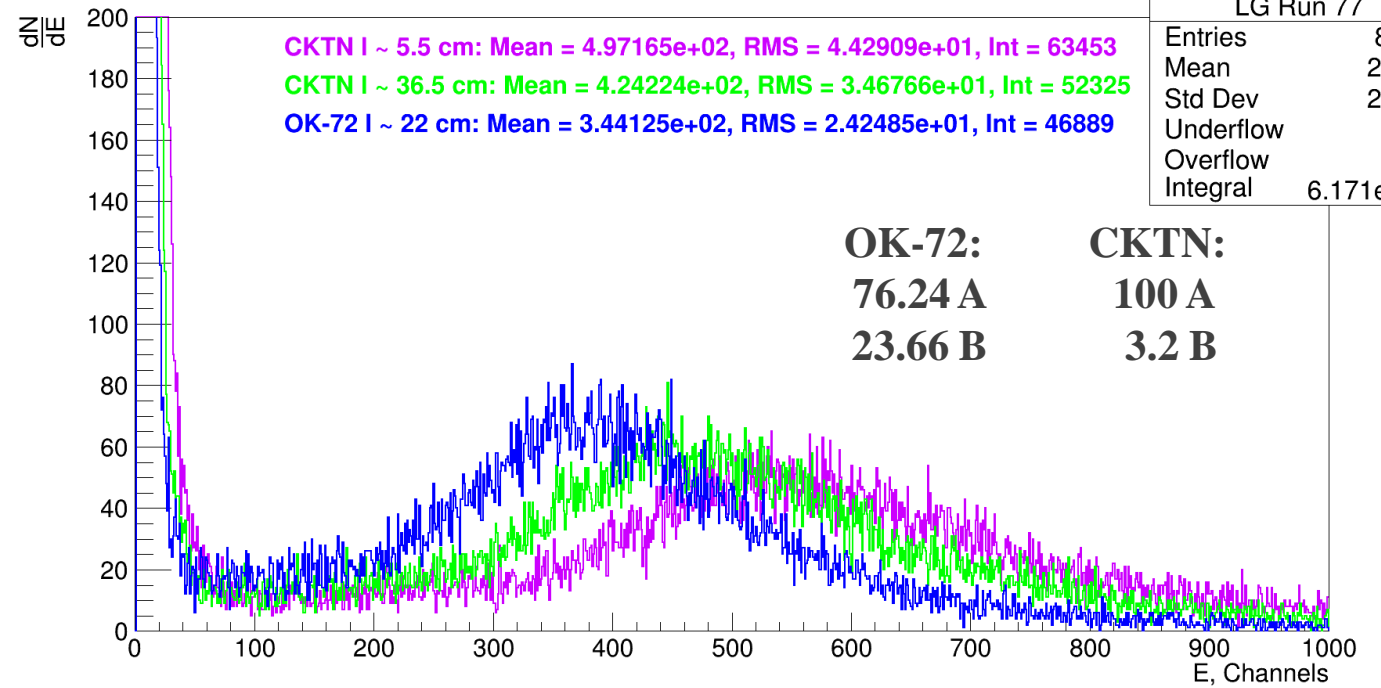
$$I = I_0 \times e^{-\frac{x}{350}} - \text{attenuation law}$$

$$\frac{I_1}{I_2} = \frac{e^{-\frac{x_1}{350}}}{e^{-\frac{x_2}{350}}} = e^{\frac{x_2 - x_1}{350}}$$

$$x_2 - x_1 = 36.5 - 5.5 = 31 (\pm 2) \text{ cm}$$

$$I_1 = I_2 \times e^{\frac{31 \pm 2}{350}} = 52325 \times 1.0926 = 57170.9 \pm 4546.1, \text{ that is almost identical to } 63453 \text{ within the error}$$

Central tiles with SG BCF92S signal



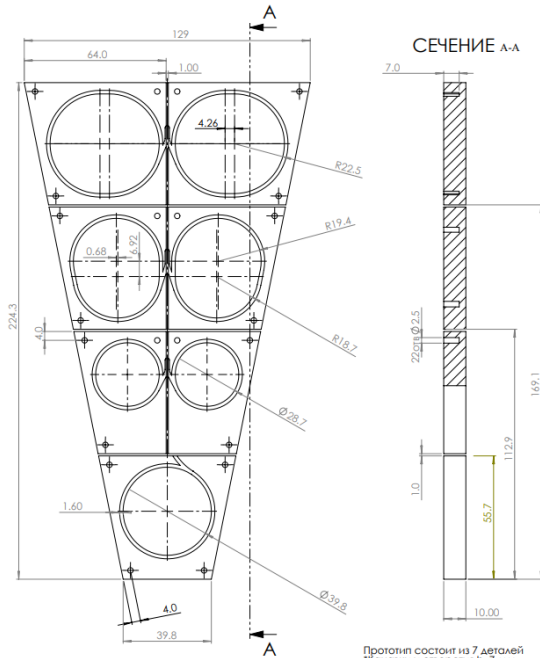
Signal from central tiles is the step to move towards measuring an assembled system of tiles with 4 or more lines

Different geometries comparison

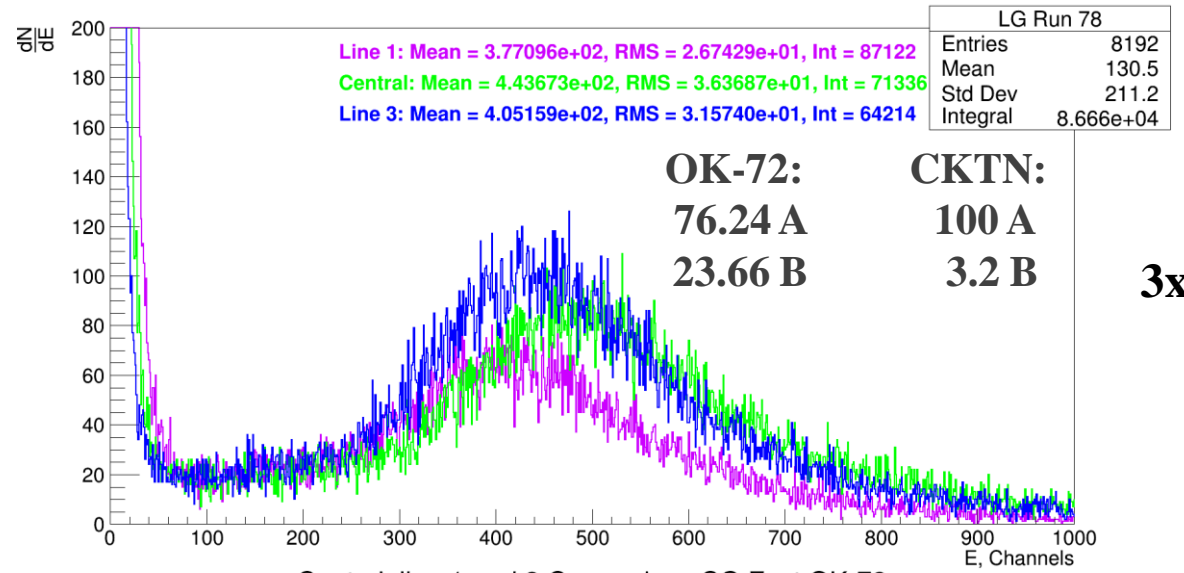
- Line**
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- central**



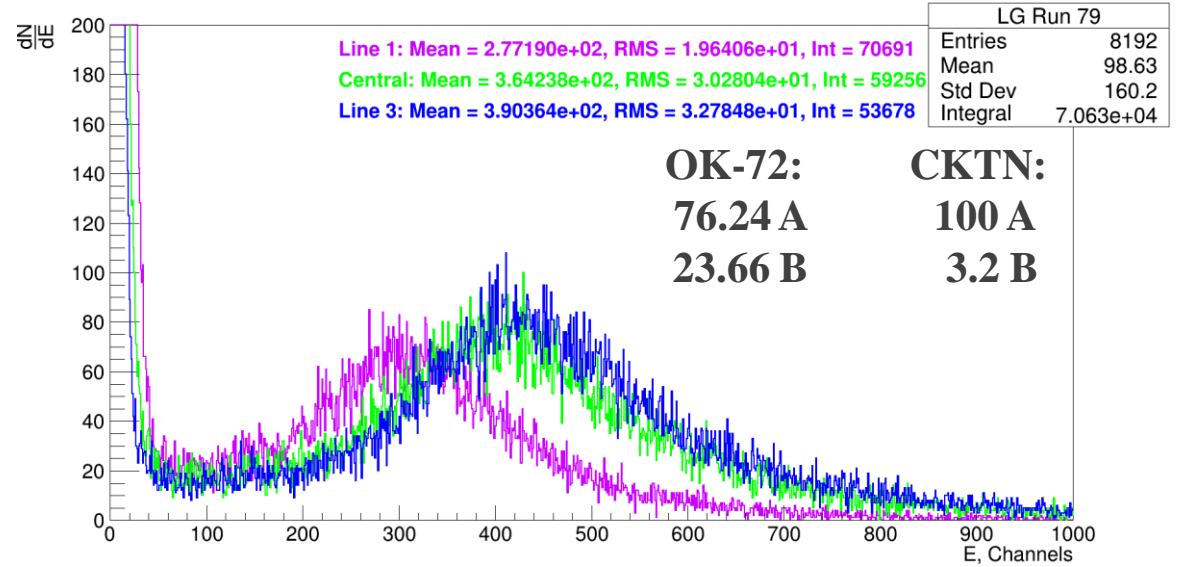
Central, line 1 and 3 tiles are participants for comparison



Central, line 1 and 3 Comparison SG Fast CKTN

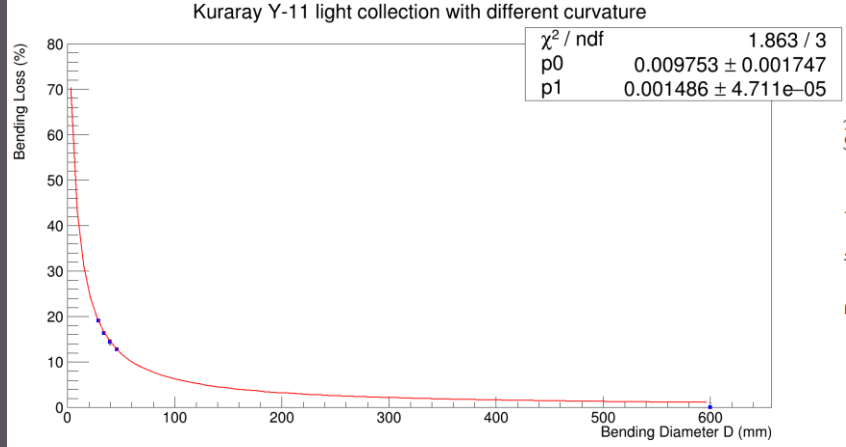
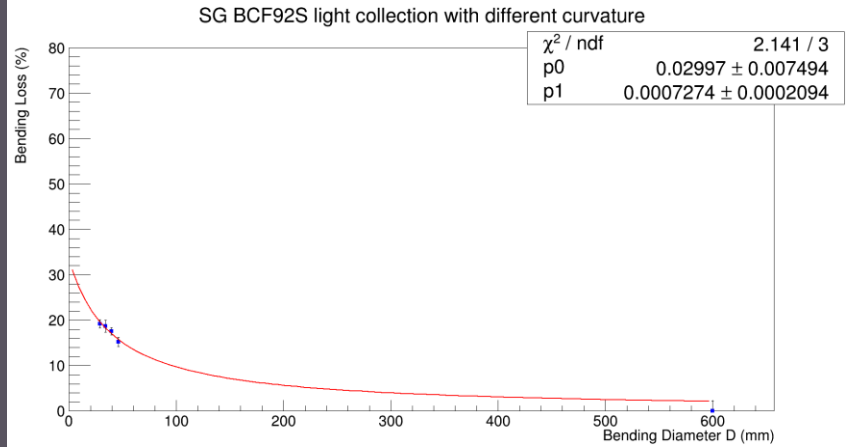
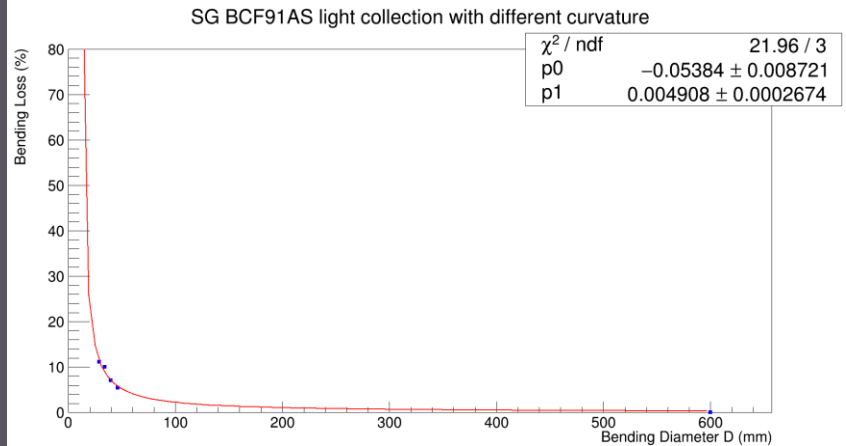
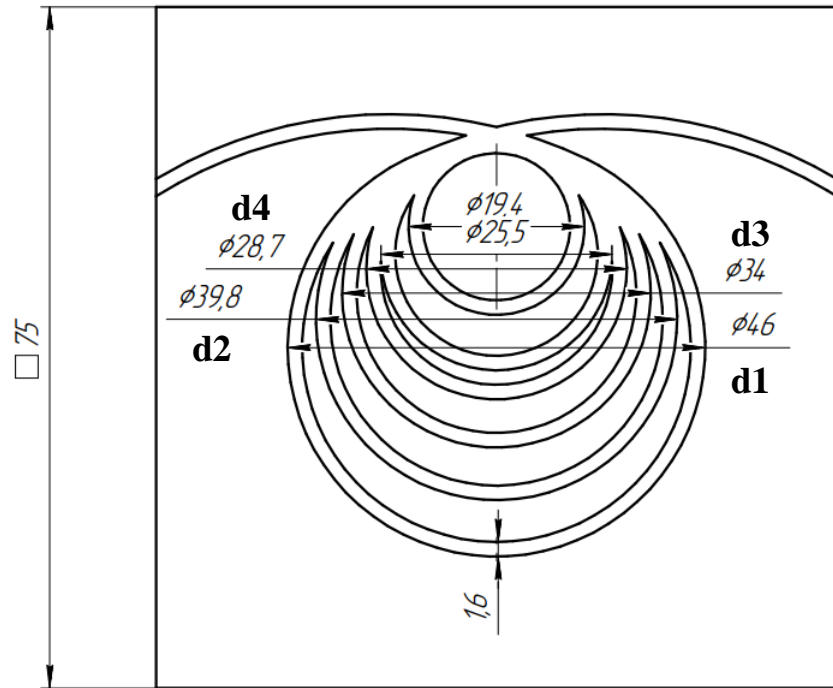


Central, line 1 and 3 Comparison SG Fast OK-72



Signals from central, line 1 and line 3 tiles seem to be different because of different fiber curvature (see tile system scheme on the left)

Fibers bending loss



Difference in peak position between d1 and d4:

For SG BCF91AS – 6.01%

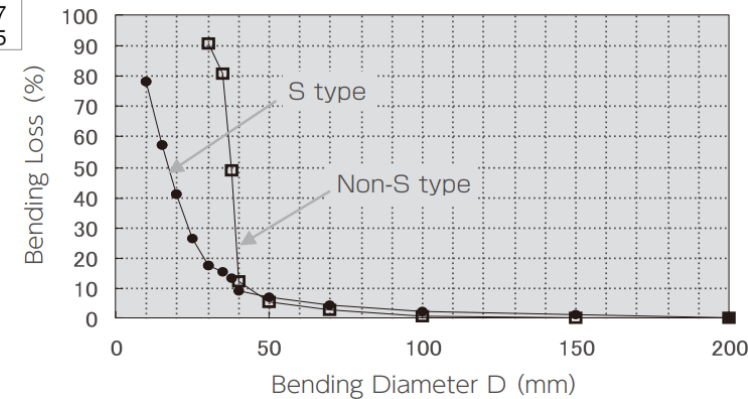
For SG BCF92S – 4.69%

For Kuraray Y-11 – 8.46%

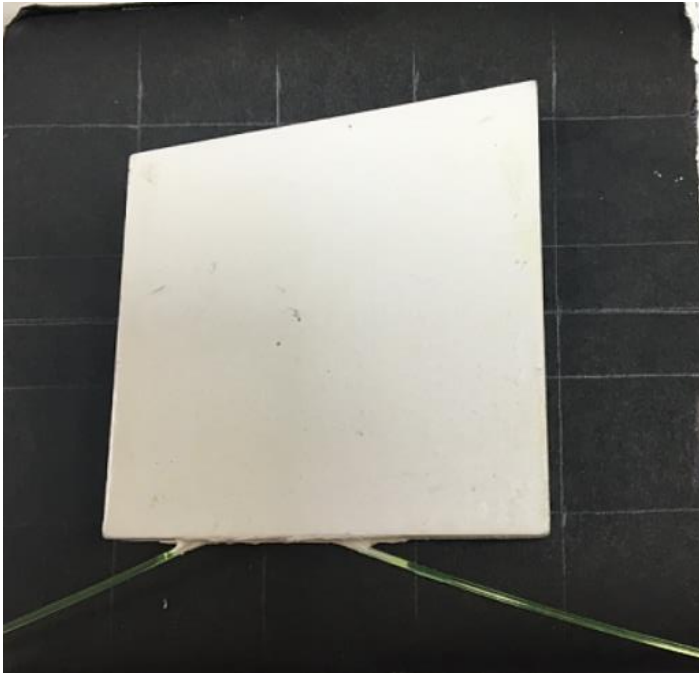
for 1 rotation (3 inside the tile)

3x3 SiPMs

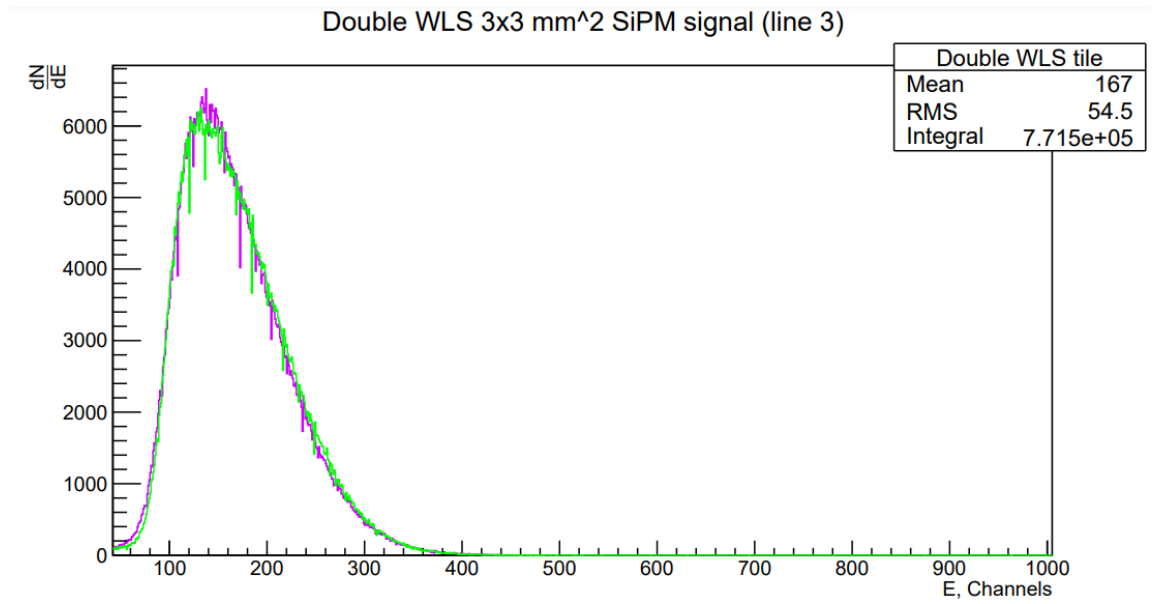
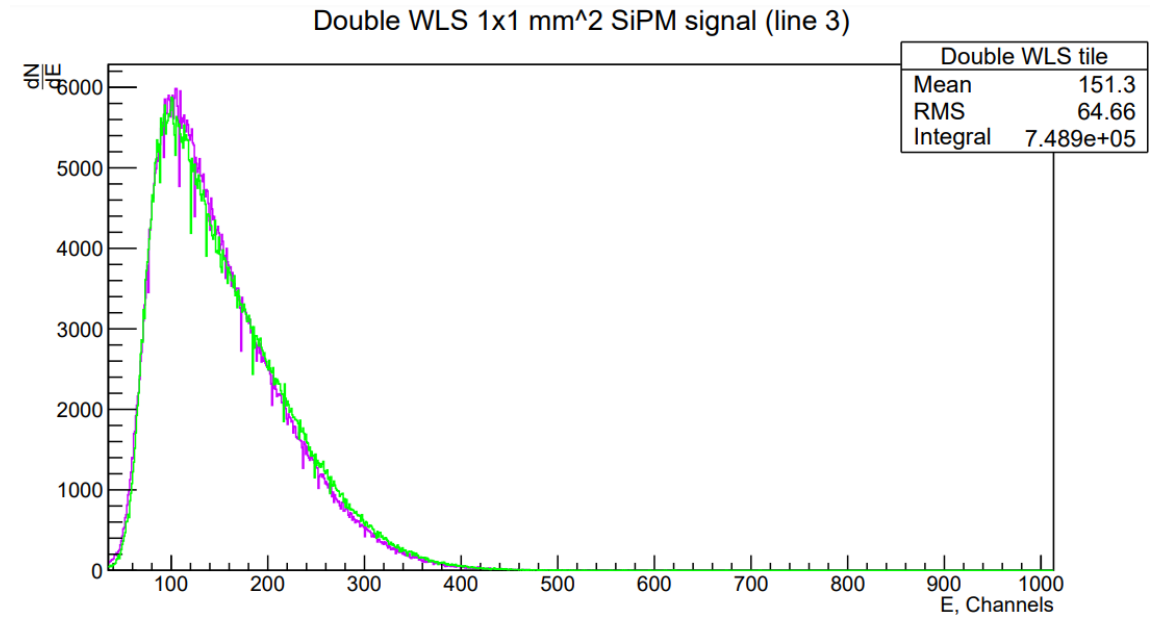
Experimental data doesn't fit the theory



Additional: 1x1 SiPM calibration



Tile with two WLS
outputs of single fiber
with radioactive source
are used



Conclusion

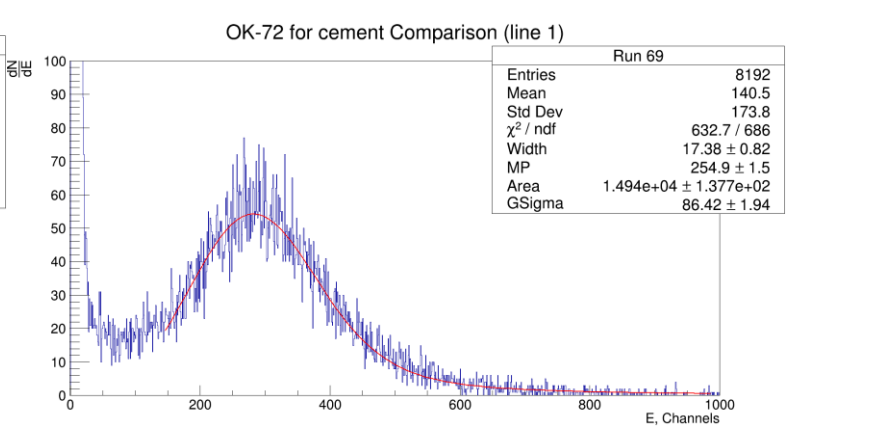
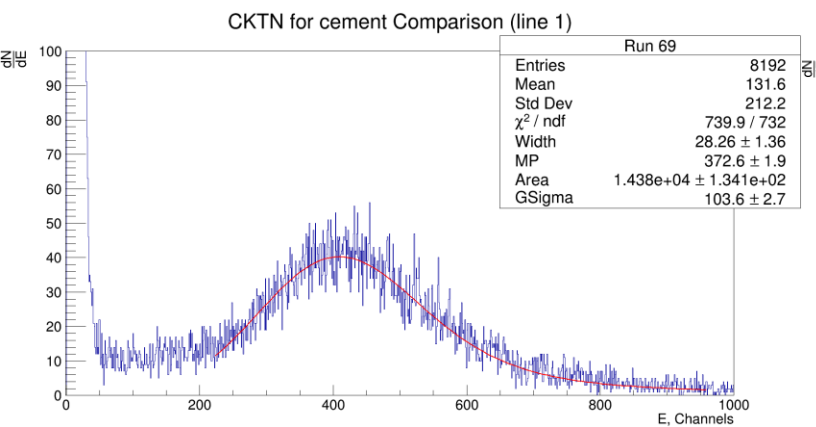
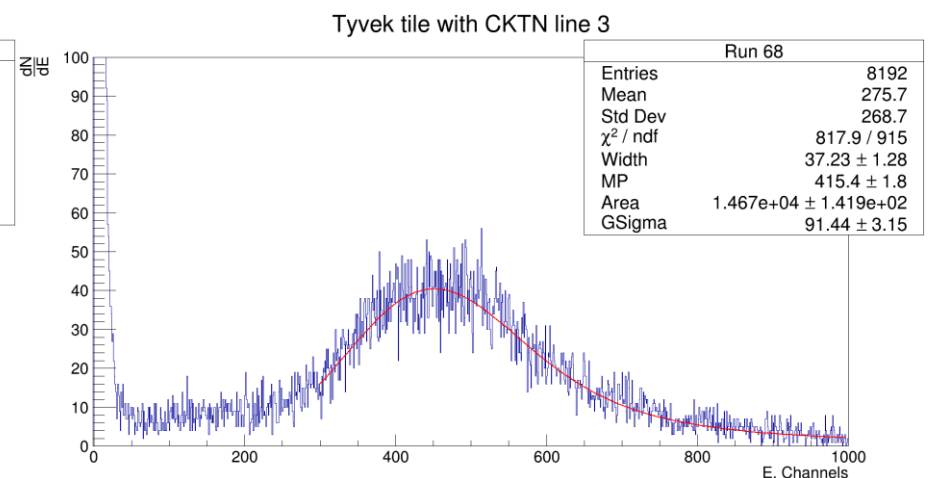
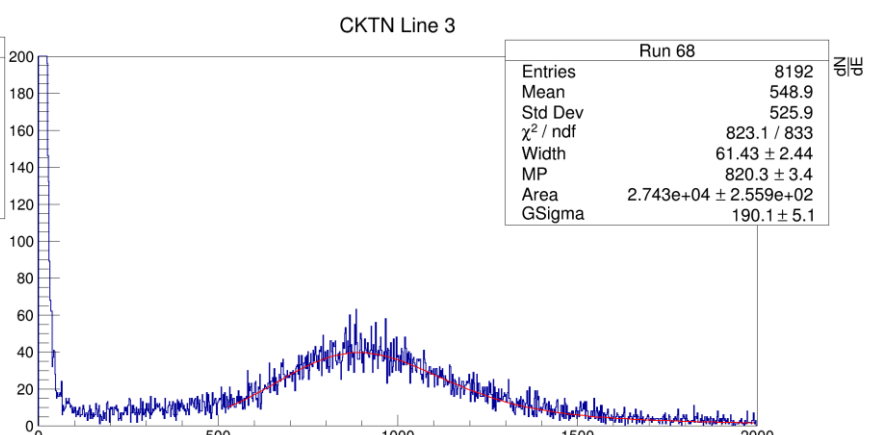
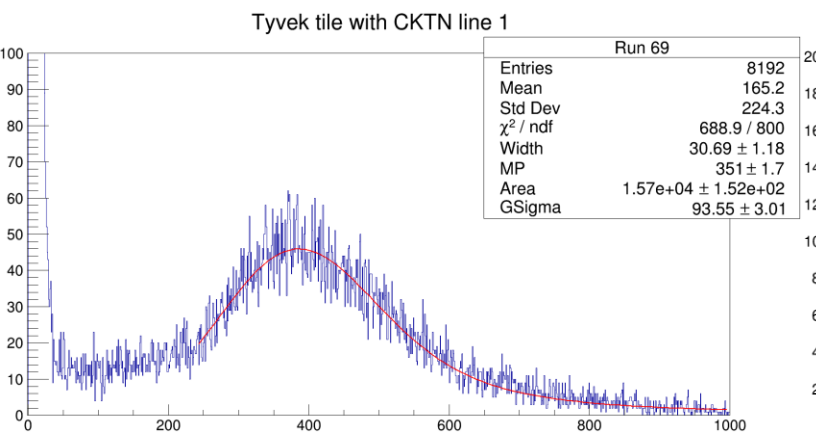
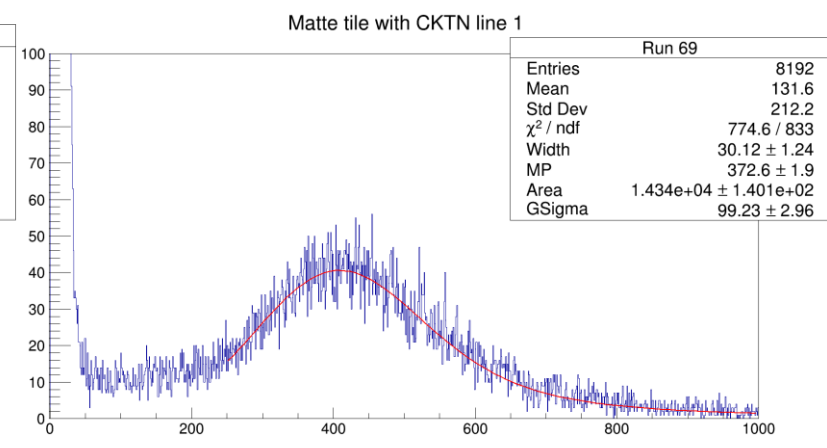
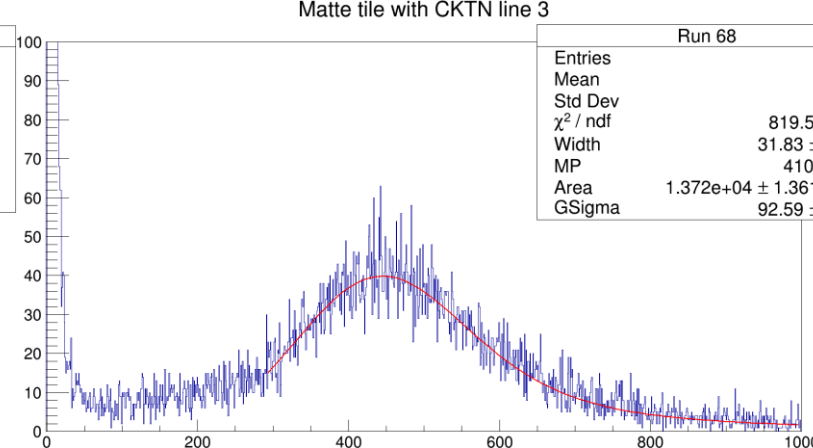
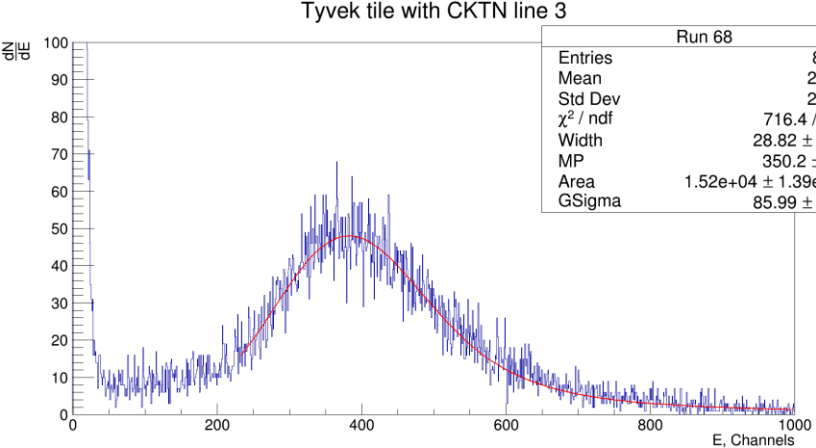
1. The **scintillator detector prototype tests** with CAEN FERS-5200 readout system has been started.
2. The comparison of **matted and Tyvek covered** tiles have been done. Matted one proved to be more efficient in both ways: amount of reflected light and convenience.
3. The comparison of **CKTN MED and OK-72 optical cements** have been done. Since different compositions highly effect on light collection, more research is required.
4. The comparison of **SG BCF91AS, BCF92S and Kuraray Y-11 WLS fibers** have been done. Due to fact, that Y-11 fiber collects photons with higher energy than SG fibers, it proved to be more efficient for our goals.
5. The study of **fibers bending loss** and verification of attenuation law were performed. Integral difference between tiles with various fiber lengths fits the theory. Bending loss study doesn't fit the theory in case of Y-11 fiber – more research is required.
6. First **1x1 mm² SiPMs** performance tests are obtained. The work has shown that it is necessary to modernize SiPMs connectors.

Future plans

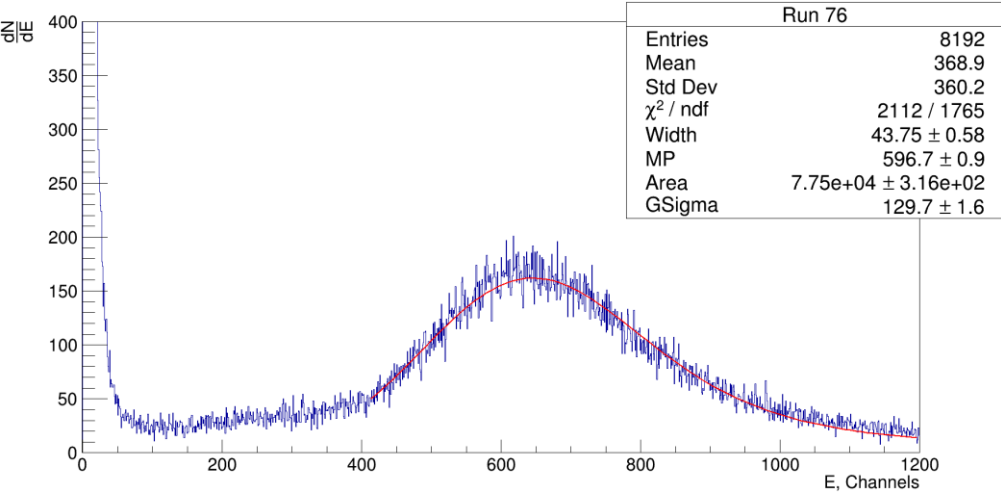
- Temperature stabilizing technologies
- Complete transition to 1x1 SiPMs
- Selection of A to B composition for optical cements
- Tests with 4 lines sector
- Following studies of fiber bending influence on light collection
- Obtaining tiles time resolution

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR ATTENTION**

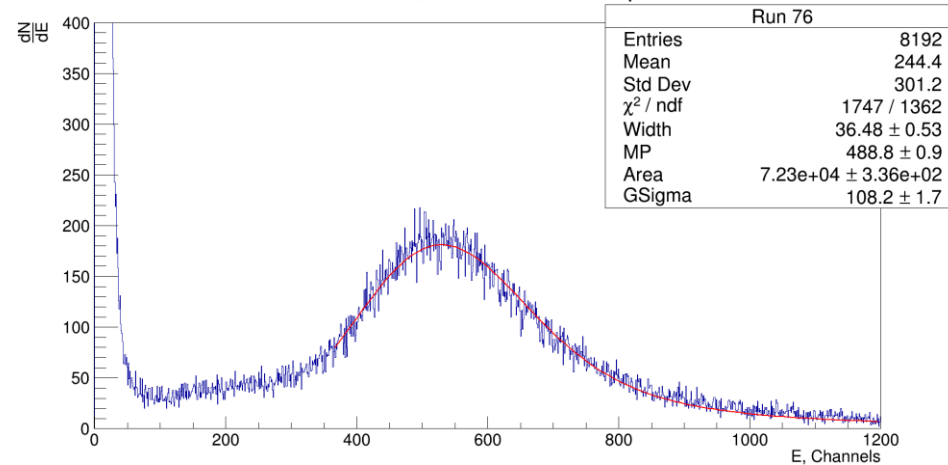
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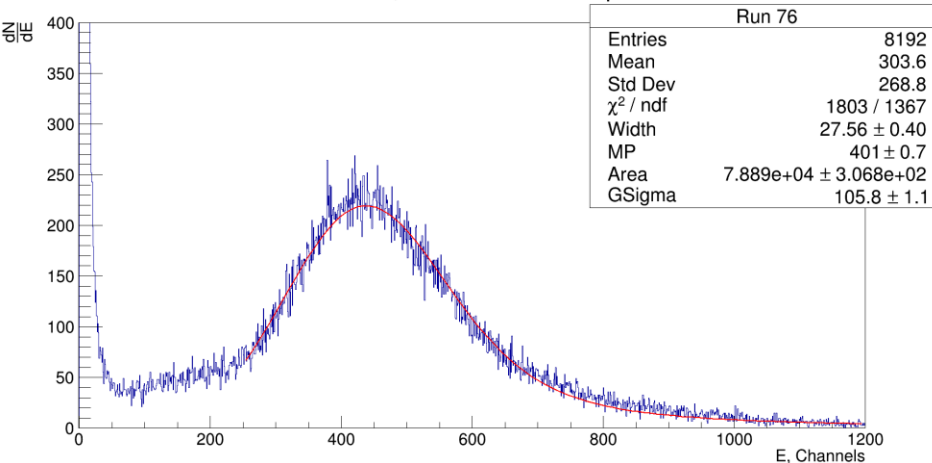
Kuraray Y-11, CKTN for wls comparison



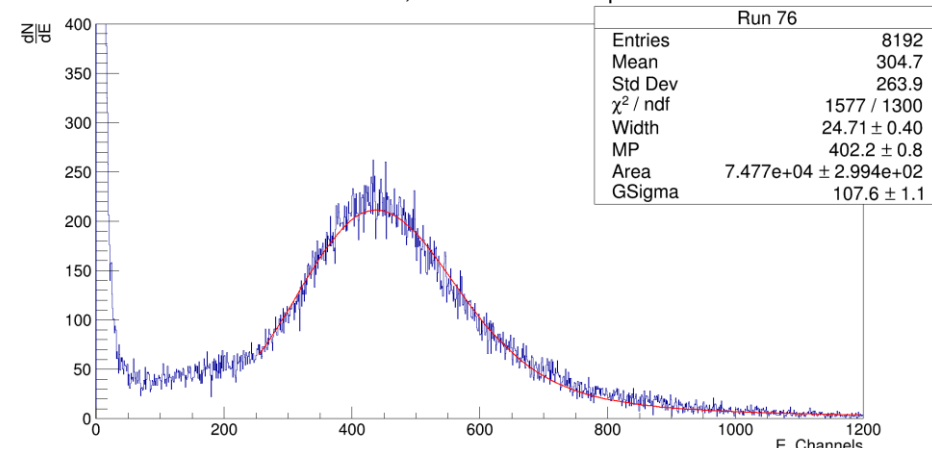
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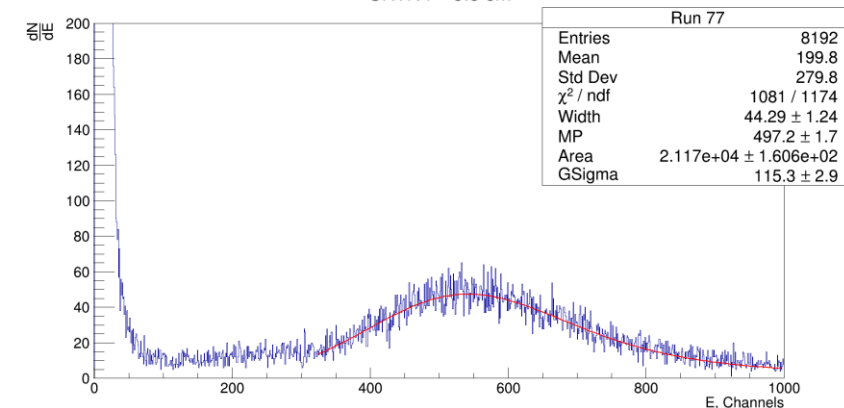
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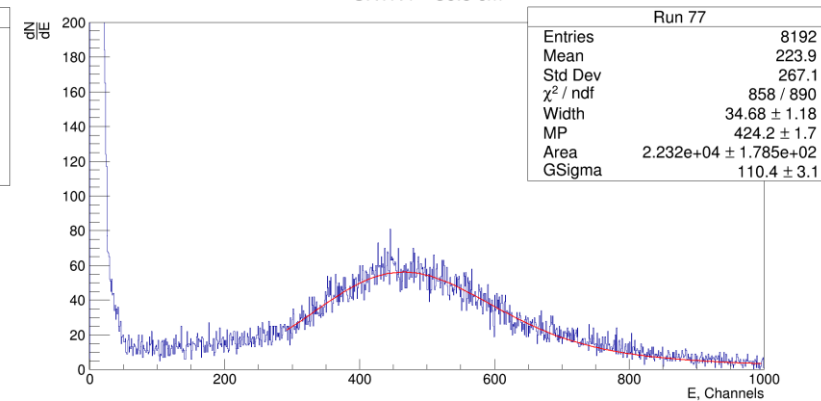
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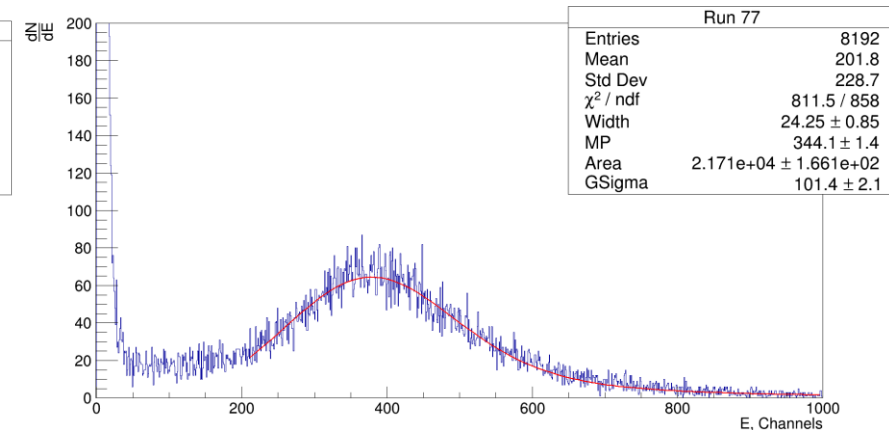
CKTN I ~ 5.5 cm



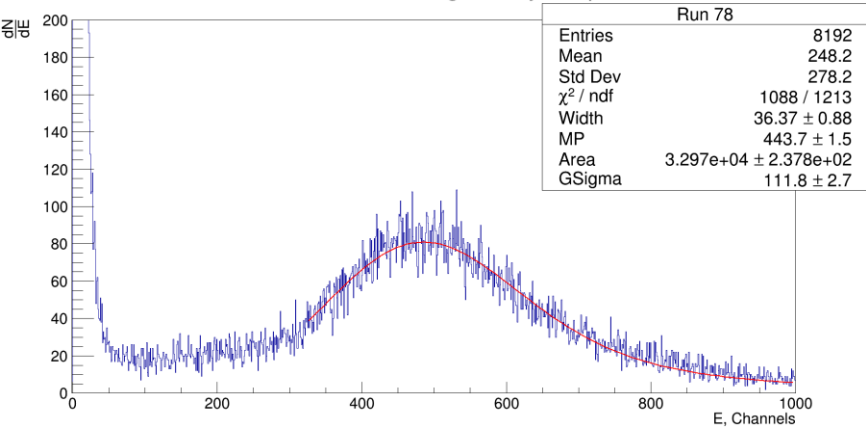
CKTN I ~ 36.5 cm



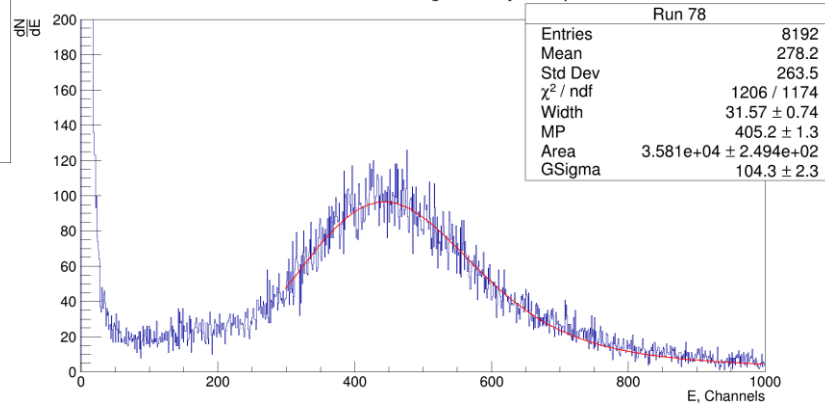
OK-72 I ~ 22 cm



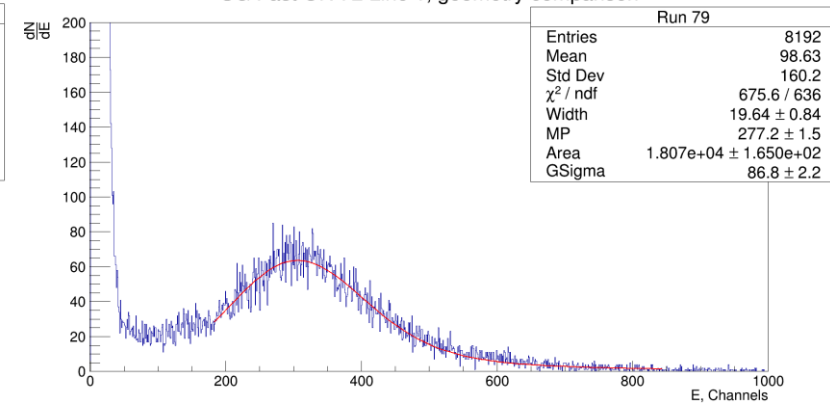
SG Fast CKTN Central, geometry comparison



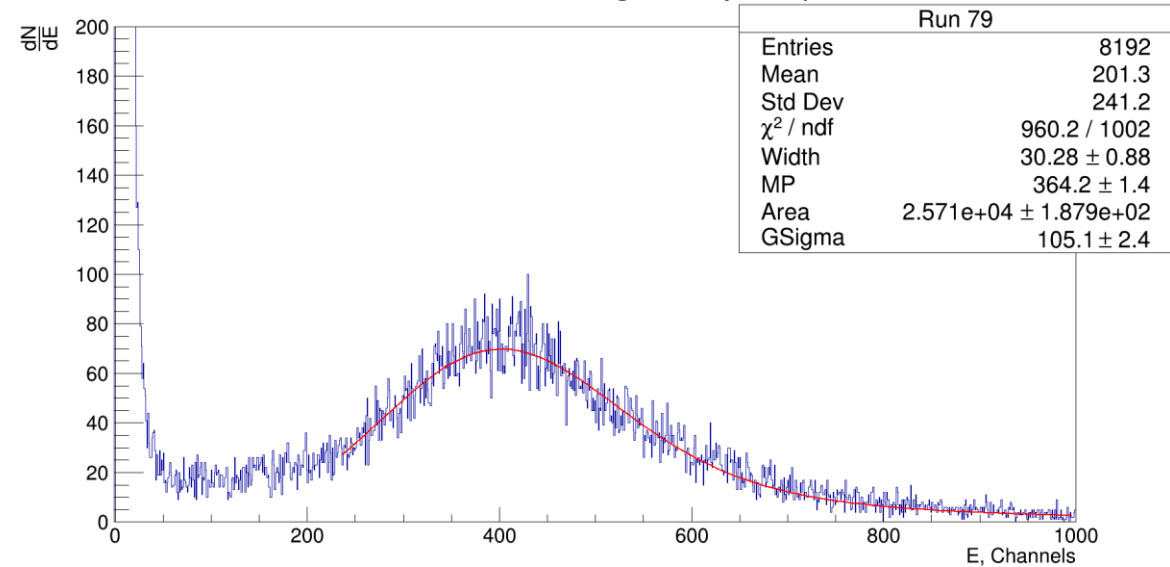
SG Fast CKTN Line 3, geometry comparison



SG Fast OK-72 Line 1, geometry comparison



SG Fast OK-72 Central, geometry comparison



SG Fast OK-72 Line 3, geometry comparison

