

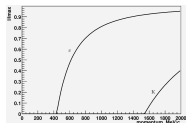
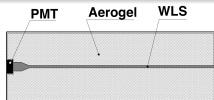
# Status and R&D of ASHIPH option for PID

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# ASHIPH method for particle identification



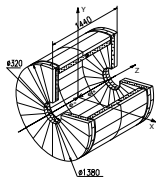
$$P_{thr} = \frac{mc}{\sqrt{n^2 - 1}}$$

ASHIPH (Aerogel, SHifter, PHotomultiplier) method of light collection was suggested in 1992 ([A. Onuchin et al. NIM A315, 1992, 517-520](#)). Cherenkov light from particle in aerogel is collected by the wavelength shifter (WLS) placed in the middle of the counter and transported by WLS like a lightguide to photomultiplier (PMT):

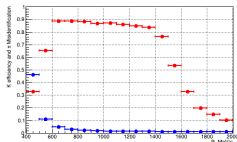
- PMMA light guide doped with BBQ dye is used as WLS
- This method helped us significantly to decrease the PMT photocathode area (cost of the system)

ASHIPH systems at BINP (Novosibirsk):

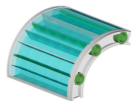
**KEDR detector at VEPP-4M  $e^+e^-$  collider ( $2E=2\div 10$  GeV)**



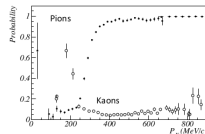
- 160 counters (2 layers)
- $n=1.05$  (1000 l)
- MCP PMT  $\varnothing_{PC}=18$  mm
- $0.97 \times 4\pi$



**SND detector at VEPP-2000  $e^+e^-$  collider ( $2E=0.3\div 2$  GeV)**

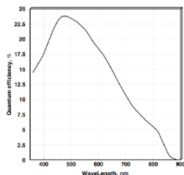
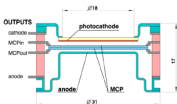
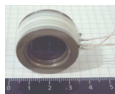


- 9 counters (1 layer)
- $n=1.13$  (9 l)
- Thickness  $\sim 30$  mm
- MCP PMT  $\varnothing_{PC}=18$  mm
- $0.6 \times 4\pi$



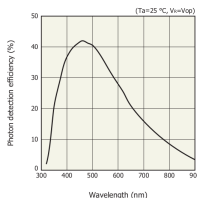
# ASHIPH upgrade: MCP PMT → SiPMs as photodetector

## MCP PMT



- Manufacturer: "Ekran FEP"(Novosibirsk)
- Borosilikate glass window
- Multialkali (Sb-Na-K-Cs) photocathode
- MCPs with channel diameter of  $7\ \mu\text{m}$
- Maximum QE=23% at  $\lambda=500\ \text{nm}$
- Photoelectron collection coefficient  $\sim 0.6$
- $\text{PDE} = \text{QE} \cdot \text{CE} = 23 \cdot 0.6 \simeq 14\%$
- Axial magnetic field
- Power supply  $2\div 4\ \text{kV}$

## MPPC (Multi-Pixel Photon Counter) S13363-3050NE-16

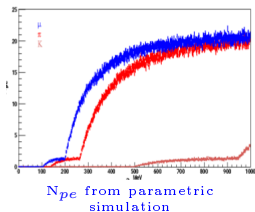
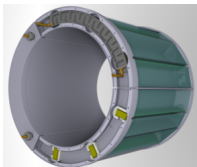


- Manufacturer: "Hamamatsu"
- Effective photosensitive area/channel  $3 \times 3\ \text{mm}$
- Number of pixels/channel 3584
- $\text{PDE} = 40\%$  at  $\lambda = 500\ \text{nm}$
- Any direction magnetic field
- Power supply  $< 100\ \text{V}$  ( $V_{BR} = 53\ \text{V typ.}$ )
- High level of DCR (0.5 Mcps)

Move to SiPMs must increase detected number of photoelectrons.  
 $8 \div 10 \Rightarrow 20 \div 30\ \text{ph.e.}$

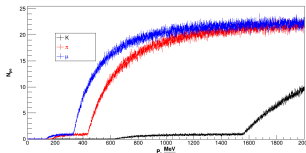
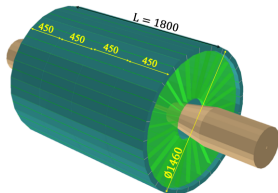
# ASHIPH-SiPM proposals for BINP colliding beam experiments

## ASHIPH for SND (VEPP-2000)



- Aerogel: 3cm &  $n=1.13$
- $N_{pe}^{\Sigma}(\beta=1) \approx 20$
- 9 counters  $26 \times 10 \times 3 \text{ cm}^3$  in 1 layer
- WLS(BBQ)  $260 \times 17 \times 3 \text{ mm}^3$
- $5 \times 9 = 45$  SiPMs  $3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^2$
- $\pi/K$ -separation
  - $\geq 4\sigma - 0.3 \div 1 \text{ GeV}/c$  (thr.  $\sim 5 \text{ ph.e.}$ )

## ASHIPH for VEPP-6

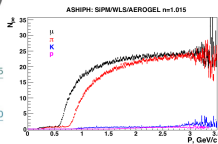
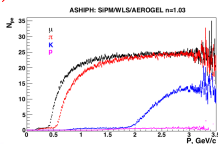
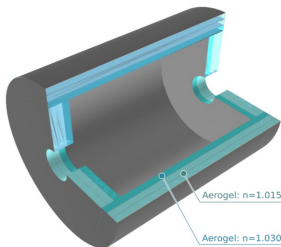


- Aerogel: 8[cm]/1.05
  - $N_{pe}^{\Sigma}(\beta=1) \approx 20$
  - 300 counters  $45 \times 17 \times 4 \text{ cm}^3$  in two layers
  - WLS – BBQ  $45 \times 20 \times 3 \text{ mm}^3$
  - $(6 \div 12) \times 300 = 1800 \div 3600$  SiPMs  $3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^2$
- $\pi/K$ -separation:
  - $\geq 4\sigma - 0.5 \div 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$  (thr. 5 ph.e.)
  - $\geq 2.5\sigma - 1.5 \div 2.0 \text{ GeV}/c$  (thr 10 ph.e.)



# ASHIPH-SiPM proposals for non BINP colliding beam experiments

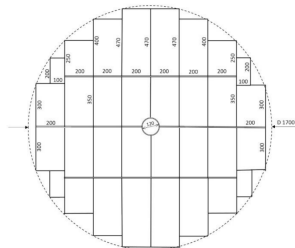
## ASHIPH for Super Charm-Tau Factory (Sarov)



$N_{pe}$  from parametric simulation

- Preliminary design:
  - Aerogel in three layers (6000 l):  $n=1.03$  (8 cm) and  $n=1.015$  (8+8 cm)
  - 1400 counter with sizes  $\sim 18 \times 30 \times 8 \text{ cm}^3$
  - Amount of material  $\sim 15\% X_0$
  - Light collection – WLS(BBQ) and 28000 SiPMs  $3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^2$
- $\pi/K$ -separation:  $0.5 \div 2 \text{ GeV/c}$
- $\mu/\pi$ -separation:  $0.4 \div 0.9 \text{ GeV/c}$

## ASHIPH for SPD (NICA, Dubna)



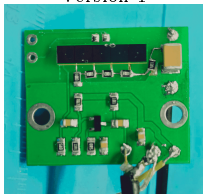
- Aerogel: 8cm+8cm &  $n=1.02$
- $N_{pe}^{\Sigma}(\beta = 1) \approx 16$
- 128 counters  $47 \times 20 \times 8 \text{ cm}^3$  in 2 layers in 2 endcaps
- WLS – BBQ  $470 \times 14 \times 3 \text{ mm}^3$
- $(4) \times 5 \times 128 = 2560$  SiPMs  $6 \times 6 \text{ mm}^2$
- $\pi/K$ -separation:
  - $\geq 4\sigma$  –  $0.7 \div 2.5 \text{ GeV/c}$  (thr. 3 ph.e.)

# ASHIPH counter prototype & electronics

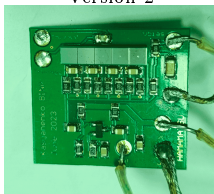


- The segment of ASHIPH system the SND detector are used
- The segment consist of 3 separate counters (only 1 counter is used)
- Cylindrical shape:  $R=105\div 141$  mm, length 260 mm, width 80 mm
- WLS position: displayed by  $\sim 5^\circ$  from counter center
- Aerogel cover: teflon with a refractivity of  $R\sim 98\%$
- Aerogel with  $n = 1.12$ , thickness 25 mm:
  - 4 tiles with sizes:  $160\times 50\times 25$  mm<sup>3</sup>,  $70\times 50\times 25$  mm<sup>3</sup>,  $160\times 30\times 25$  mm<sup>3</sup>,  $70\times 30\times 25$  mm<sup>3</sup>
  - counter not fully filled up to 30 mm
- A line of 5 SiPMs allows cover a WLS with sizes  $17\times 3$  mm<sup>2</sup>
- Serial connection of 5 SiPMs for power supply and serial connection of 5 SiPMs for signal - does not work
- Parallel connection of 5 SiPMs for power supply and serial connection of 5 SiPMs for signal. The idea for the circuit is taken from the article [NIMA 925 \(2019\) 148–155](#)

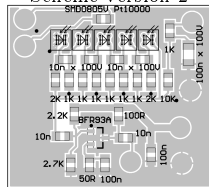
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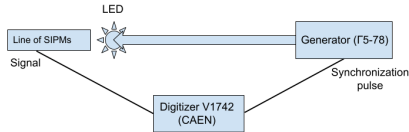


Version 2



Scheme version 2



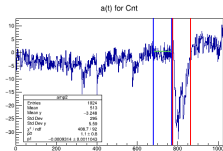


The number of photoelectrons is described by the Poisson distribution for small LED level:

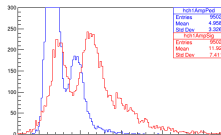
$$p(n) = \frac{e^{-\mu}}{n!} \mu^n,$$

$$\mu = -\ln \frac{N_0}{N_{all}},$$

where  $n$  – number of photoelectrons,  $\mu$  – average number of photoelectrons,  $N_{all}$  – total number of events,  $N_0$  – number of events with zero amplitude (number of events in the pedestal).

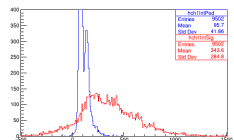


U=56 B, 1.09  $\phi$ .э.



Search the maximum pulse amplitude on waveforms

U=56 B, 1.05  $\phi$ .э.

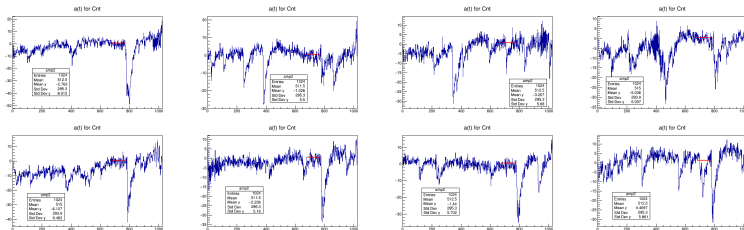


Integration the pulse on waveforms

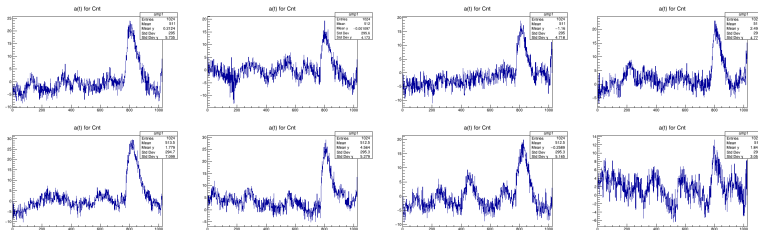
$$A_{1ph.e.} = (A_{sig} - A_{ped}) / N_{ph.e.}^{cal}$$

## Typical signals (Time(ns):Digitizer channels)

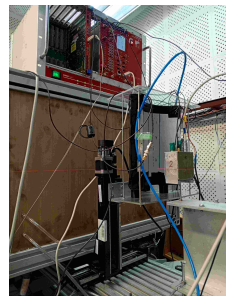
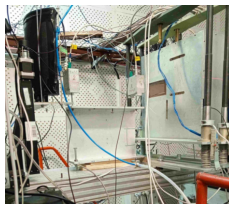
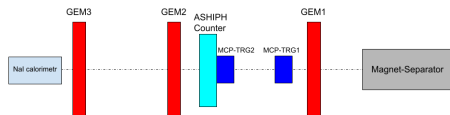
### ● Electronic version 1



### ● Electronic version 2



# Scheme of the experiment on beam test facilities at BINP



- Electron energy – 2.5 GeV;
- Tracking based on 3 coordinate GEM detectors ( $\sigma_x \sim 70 \mu\text{m}$  and  $\sigma_y \sim 200 \mu\text{m}$ ) and NaI calorimeter;
- Trigger formed from MCP-TRG1 and MCP-TRG2 coincidence ( $\varnothing\text{PC}=18 \text{ mm}$ ), and VETO from GEMs "BUSY"-signals summarised as "OR";
- Signal MCP-TRG1,2 and from prototype are digitized by V1742 (CAEN, 12-bit, 5 GSample/s), operated in "Fast TRG" mode, saved waveforms;
- $\sim 50$  kevents were collected for each geometrical area on counter prototype and at different bias voltages on the SIPMs
- The external temperature during data acquisition was  $24^\circ\text{C}$
- Data taking with electronic version 1 (June 2023) – results are presented
- Data taking with electronic version 2 (December 2023) – data under processing



# Test beam results

Cards with the resulting  $N_{ph.e.} = (A_{sig} - A_{ped})/A_{1ph.e.}$  at various geometric points

- 1 method – Search the maximum pulse amplitude on waveforms

U=53 V			U=54 V			U=55 V			U=56 V		
p1 5.16±0.10	p2 6.94±0.13	p3 7.22±0.12	p1 10.86±0.16	p2 15.20±0.24	p3 12.76±0.18	p1 11.06±0.17	p2 14.93±0.23	p3 14.48±0.22	p1 11.28±0.18	p2 16.30±0.29	p3 16.03±0.27
			p4 10.64±0.17	p5 13.92±0.23	p6 13.82±0.21						
p7 5.09±0.67	p8 6.45±0.18		p7 8.97±0.15	p8 11.43±0.20	p9 13.10±0.21	p7 10.26±0.26	p8 13.93±0.36		p7 11.08±0.28	p8 14.59±0.48	

- 2 method – Integration the pulse on waveforms

U=53 V			U=54 V			U=55 V			U=56 V		
p1 5.55±0.10	p2 7.64±0.13	p3 7.77±0.12	p1 10.53±0.16	p2 15.05±0.22	p3 12.62±0.17	p1 11.56±0.17	p2 15.63±0.22	p3 15.15±0.22	p1 11.85±0.18	p2 16.23±0.23	p3 16.28±0.22
			p4 10.55±0.16	p5 14.00±0.22	p6 13.91±0.21						
p7 5.74±0.67	p8 7.05±0.18		p7 8.96±0.14	p8 11.43±0.18	p9 13.20±0.20	p7 10.95±0.27	p8 14.77±0.37		p7 11.78±0.30	p8 14.75±0.34	

- Inhomogeneity of light collection is ~30% over the counter
- The difference between results the two methods is not more than 1 ph.e.

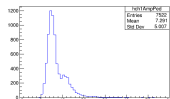
# Test beam results

- the underthreshold efficiency mainly determined by its own DCR

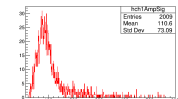
**56 V, point 2**,  $T \approx 24^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{DCR} \approx 3\text{MHz}$

**1 method**

Noise spectrum

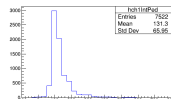


Signal spectrum

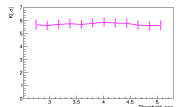
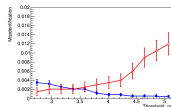
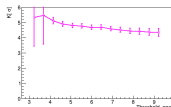
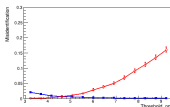
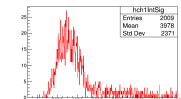


**2 method**

Noise spectrum



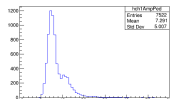
Signal spectrum



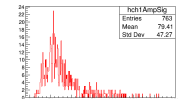
$$K[\sigma] = \sqrt{2} * \text{erf}^{-1}(1 - 2\varepsilon_K) + \text{erf}^{-1}(1 - 2 * (1 - \varepsilon_\pi))$$

**56 V, point 7**

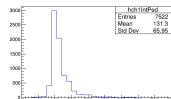
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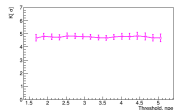
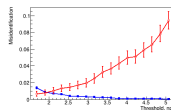
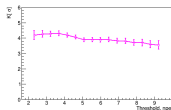
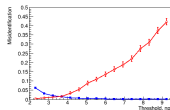
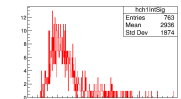
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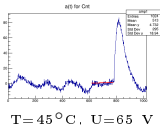
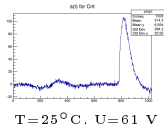
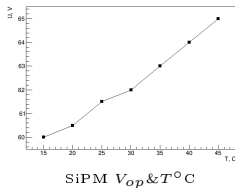
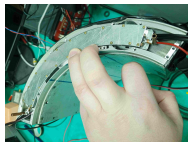
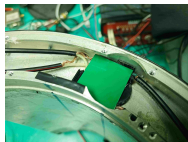
Signal spectrum



Separation power is better than  $4\sigma$  at a threshold of 4.5 p.h.e.

# Temperature tests ongoing

- One of the main limitations to the use SiPMs in detectors is the need to create a cooling system due to the high DCR level which depends on temperature.
- The thermal stabilization system version was created for tests:
  - Platinum board mount temperature sensor with programmable multimeter (B7-78/2) for control
  - Thermoelectrical Peltier module (SnowBall-71, 30×30 mm, 3.6 A, 36 W) with programmable power supply (HAMEG)
  - Air aluminum radiator



- Imitation from LED (16 ph.e., T=45°C, electronic version 2) give separation power is better than  $4\sigma$  (thr. 4.5 ph.e.)
- TB data taking with thermal stabilization system (for T=45°C) and electronic version 2 performed (December 2023) – data under processing

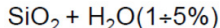
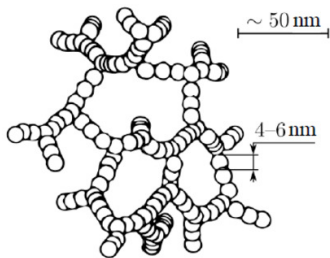
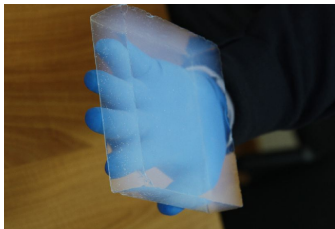


- The ASHIPH technique of Cherenkov light collection was developed in BINP
- ASHIPH-SiPM proposals for colliding beam experiments are presented
- ASHIPH-SiPM counter prototype constructed for tests
- Tests with ASHIPH-SiPM counter prototype on beam test facility at BINP are performed:
  - Average amplitude is around 14 ph.e. over the counter
  - Inhomogeneity of light collection is  $\sim 30\%$  over the counter
  - Estimated separation power is better than  $4\sigma$  at a threshold of 4.5 ph.e. (bias voltage of 56 V) at  $T=24^\circ\text{C}$
- Thermal stabilization system for SiPMs inside ASHIPH prototype counter for tests is designed
- $N_{ph.e.}$  can be compared for ASHIPH-SiPM & ASHIPH-MCP PMT since used same SND (VEPP-2000) counter
  - ASHIPH-MCP PMT:
    - Aerogel –  $n=1.13$ , 30 mm
    - $N_{ph.e.} = 8$  (start experiment)
  - ASHIPH-SiPM:
    - Aerogel –  $n=1.12$ , 25 mm
    - $N_{ph.e.} \approx 14 \times 1.3 \approx 18.2$
  - $N_{ph.e.}(ASHIPH - SiPM)/N_{ph.e.}(ASHIPH - MCP\ PMT) \approx 2.2$ 
    - agrees with PDE ratio for SiPM to MCP PMT

BACKUP

# Aerogel

S.S.Kistler, "Coherent Expanded Aerogels and Jellies", Nature, 1931, vol. 127, p. 741.



$$n^2 = 1 + 0.438 \cdot \rho$$

$n=1.006\ldots 1.070$  – synthesis

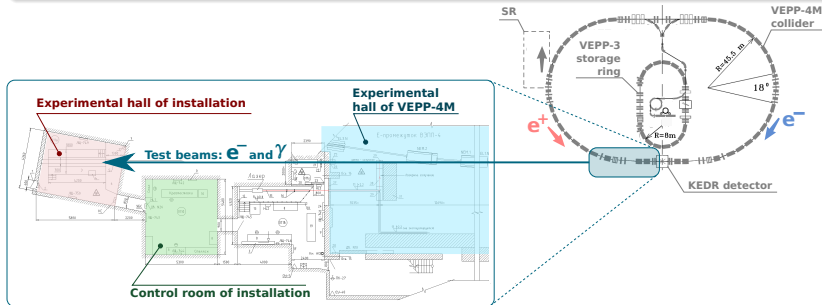
$n=1.070\ldots 1.130$  – sintering

# Beam test facilities at BINP

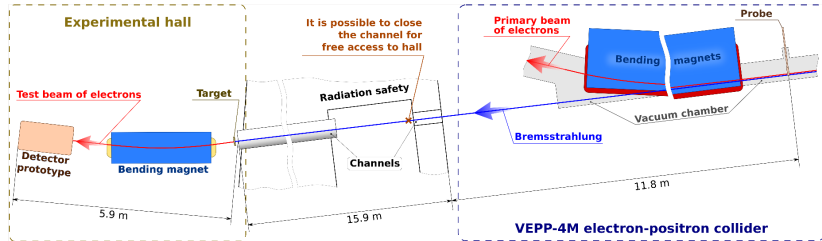
VEPP-4M electron-positron collider is used to provide  $\gamma$ - and electron- beams.

VEPP-4M main parameters:

- Perimeter 366 m;
- Beam energy  $1 \div 5.5$  GeV;
- Number of bunches  $2 \times 2$ ;
- Luminosity  $10^{30} \text{ cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$  for  $E_{beam} = 1.5$  GeV.



# Beam test facilities at BINP



- A special probe is moved into the halo of a primary electron beam of the VEPP-4M collider for generation of Bremsstrahlung gammas.
- These gammas are converted to electron – positron pairs on a lead target at the entrance to the experimental hall.
- Electrons with a certain momentum are selected using a bending magnet.

## The beam parameters:

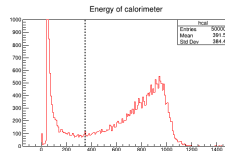
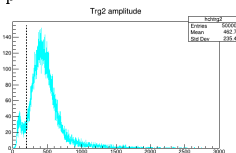
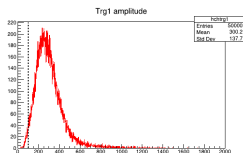
- Energy range  $0.1 \div 3.5$  GeV;
- Intensity  $50 \div 100$  Hz;
- Energy spread 7.8% for 0.1 GeV and 2.6% for 3.0 GeV.

# Test beam results

Some cuts for event selection.

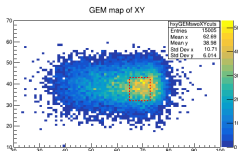
- NaI-calorimeter and MCP PMTs amplitudes cuts are applied to select single particle events with straight tracks.

MCP PMT spectra



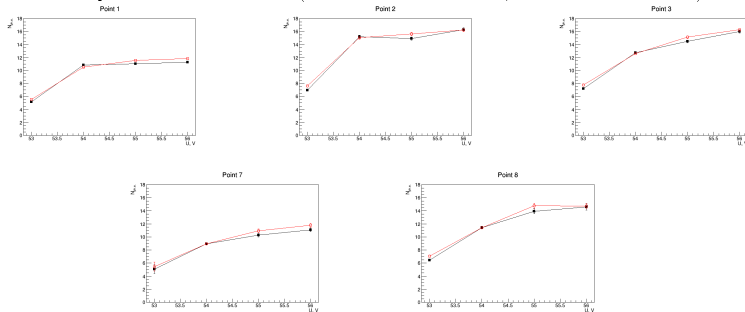
Events above the dashed lines are selected

- Center of the spot on GEM map is used to select events.



# Test beam results

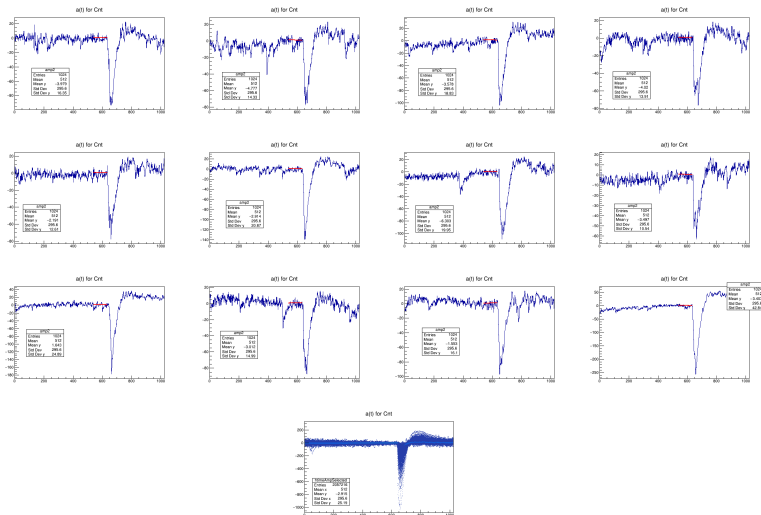
Dependences of the number of photoelectrons on the bias voltage SIPM at various points of the counter (1 method - black line, 2 method - red line)



# Test beam results – Waveforms (56 V, point 2)

Typical signals (Time(ns):Digitizer channels)

- Electronic version 1

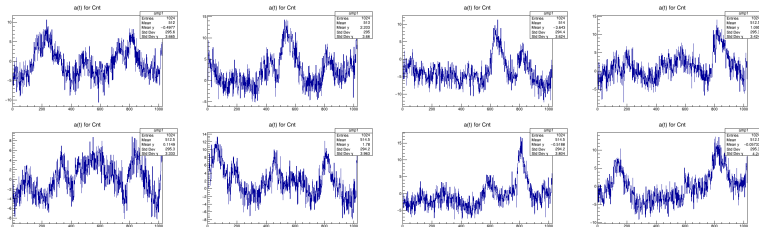




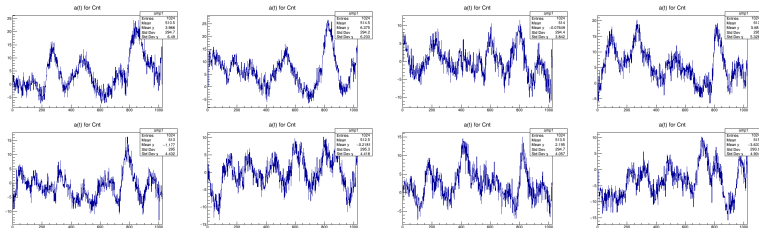
# Temperature tests

Typical signals (Time(ns):Digitizer channels) with small LED light level

- $T=25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $U=61\text{ V}$



- $T=45^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $U=65\text{ V}$



From plenary talk by I.Logashenko (15.01.2024)

## Under consideration: VEPP-6

- $e^+e^-$  collider
  - Beam energy from <0.5 to 1.6 GeV ( $J/\psi$ ) (2.0 GeV)
  - Luminosity  $\mathcal{L} \approx 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  @ 1.6 GeV
- General purpose detector
  - Tracking
  - Calorimetry
  - Particle ID
- Physics
  - $J/\psi$  decays
  - Baryon thresholds
  - Measurement of R
  - ... Complementary to SCTF

