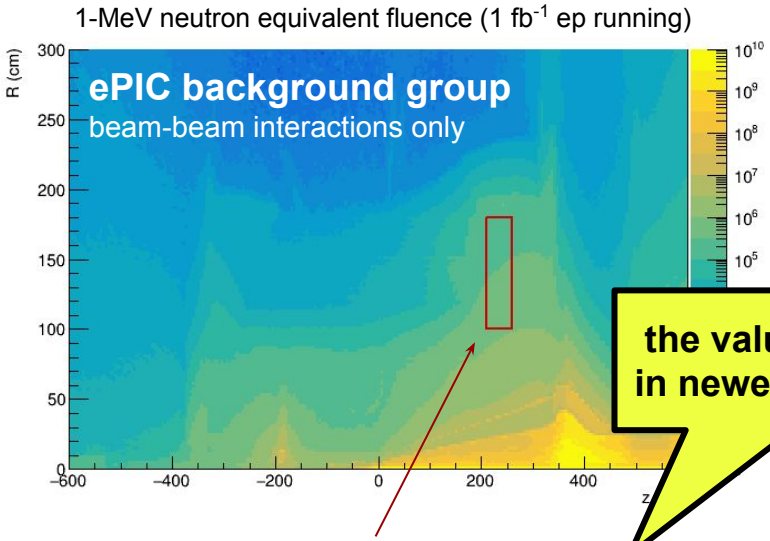


SiPM news

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Neutron fluxes at the dRICH photosensor surface

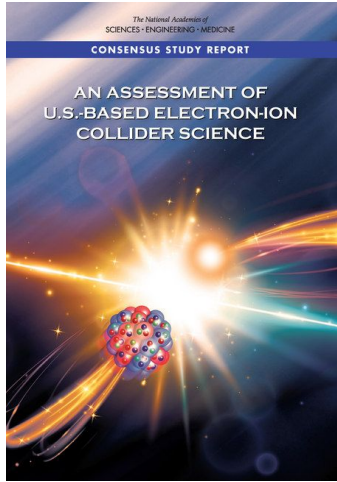


the values increased in newest simulations

Most of the key Physics goals defined by the NAS require an integrated luminosity of 10 fb⁻¹ per center of mass energy and polarization setting

The nucleon imaging programme is more demanding in energy and **requires 100 fb⁻¹** at 100 GeV energy and polarization setting

in 10-12 years the EIC will accumulate 1000 fb⁻¹ integrated \mathcal{L} corresponding to an integrated fluence of $\sim 10^{10}$ n_{eq}/cm²



location of dRICH photosensors
 mean fluence: $3.9 \cdot 10^5$ neq / cm² / fb⁻¹
 max fluence: $9.2 \cdot 10^5$ neq / cm² / fb⁻¹

study the SiPM usability for single-photon Cherenkov imaging applications in moderate radiation environment

- radiation level is moderate

assume fluence: $\sim 10^7$ neq / cm² / fb⁻¹
 conservatively assume max fluence and 10x safety factor

→ radiation damage studied in steps of radiation load

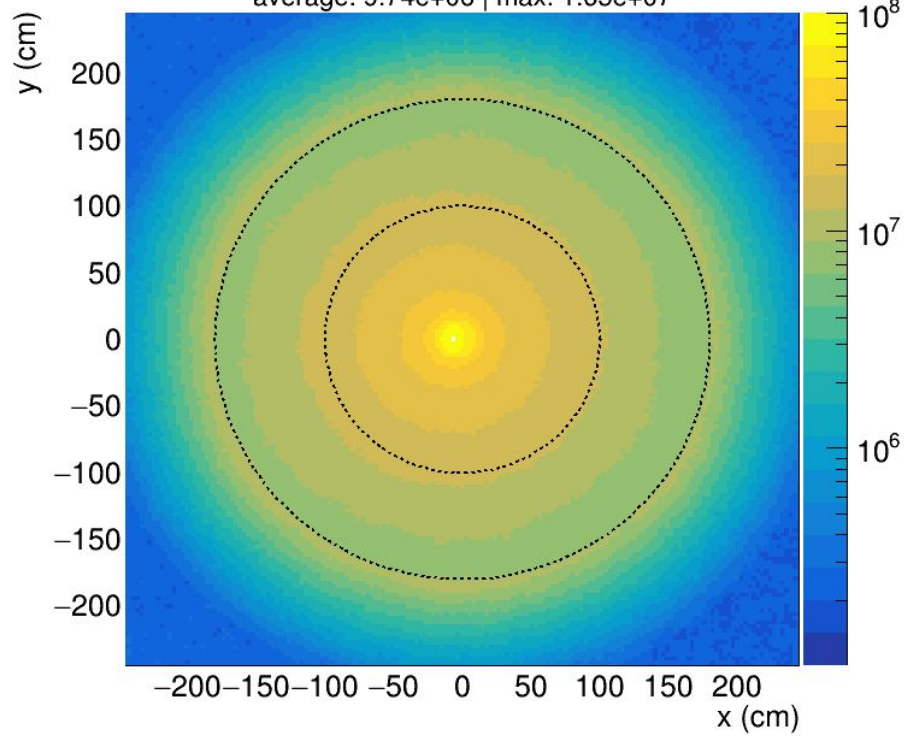
10^9 1-MeV n _{eq} /cm ²	<i>most of the key physics topics</i>
10^{10} 1-MeV n _{eq} /cm ²	<i>should cover most demanding measurements</i>
10^{11} 1-MeV n _{eq} /cm ²	<i>might never be reached</i>

updated radiation simulations

New radiation damage estimates

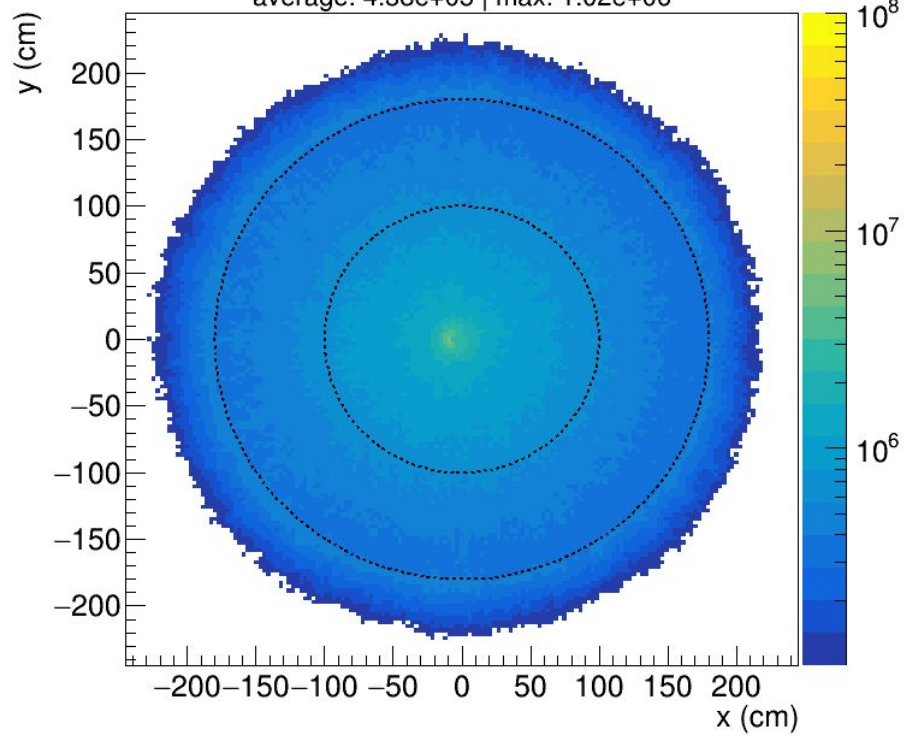
1 MEQ neutron equivalent fluence ($\text{cm}^{-2}/\text{fb}^{-1}$)
minimum-bias PYTHIA e+p events at 10x275 GeV

average: $9.74\text{e}+06$ | max: $1.65\text{e}+07$



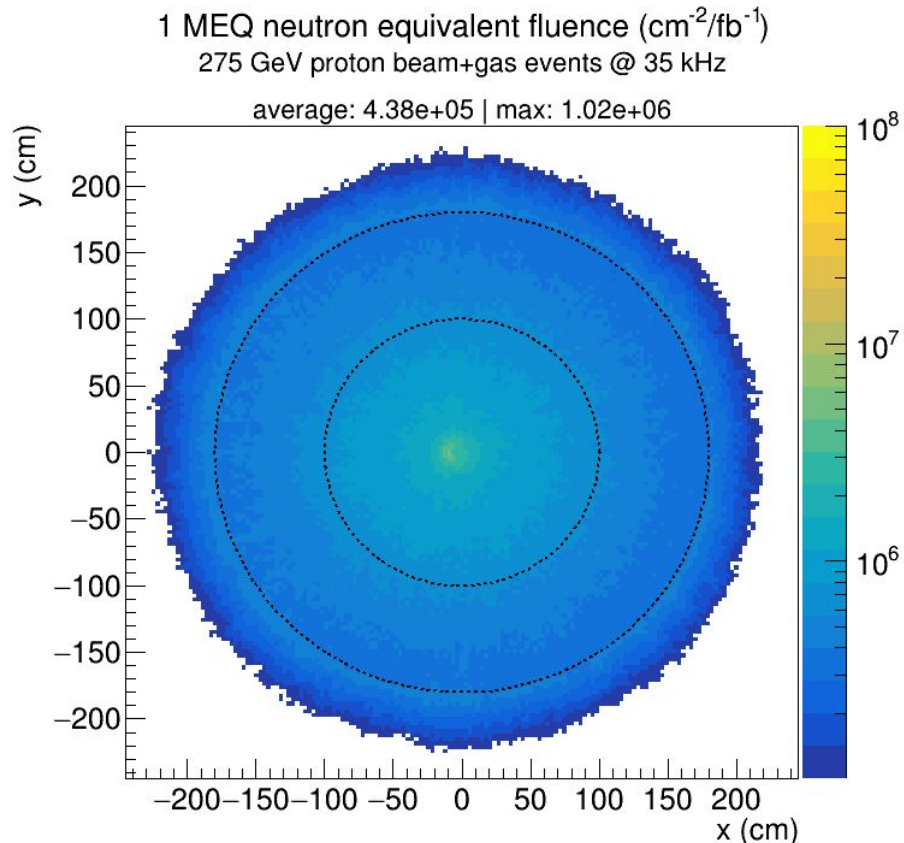
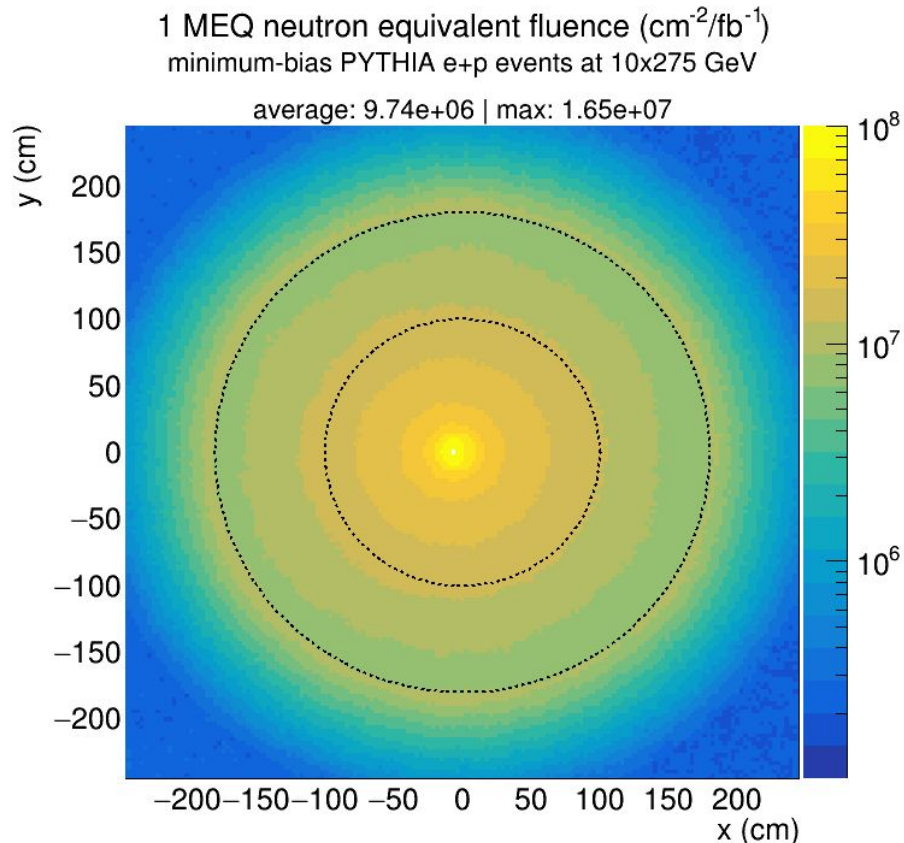
1 MEQ neutron equivalent fluence ($\text{cm}^{-2}/\text{fb}^{-1}$)
275 GeV proton beam+gas events @ 35 kHz

average: $4.38\text{e}+05$ | max: $1.02\text{e}+06$



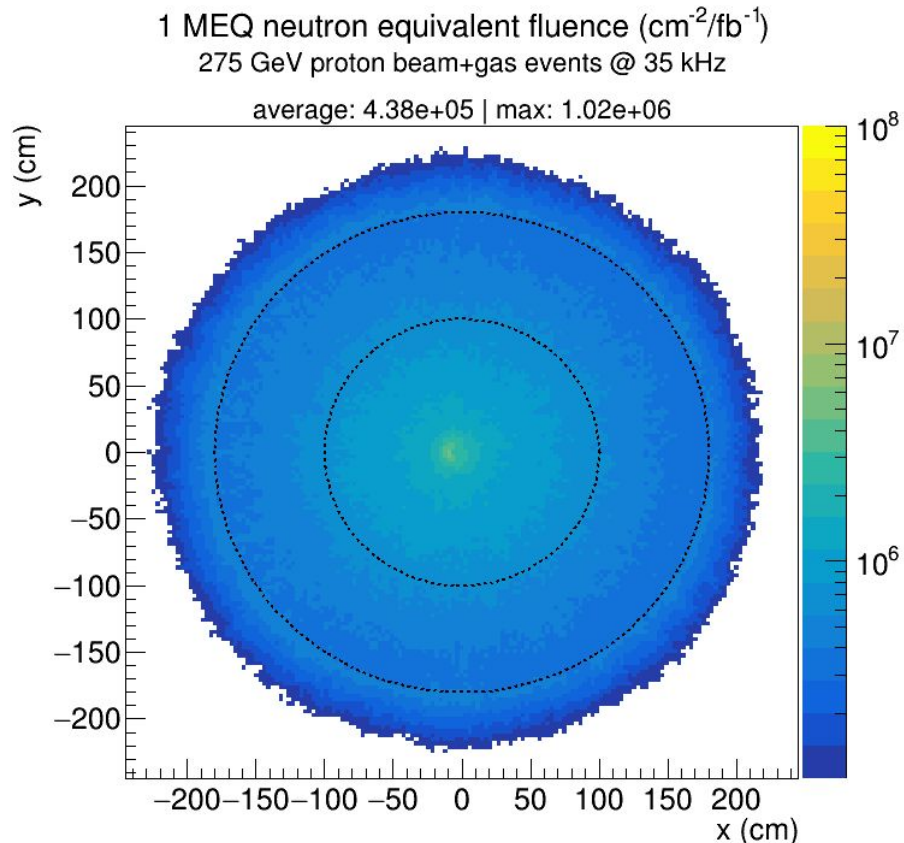
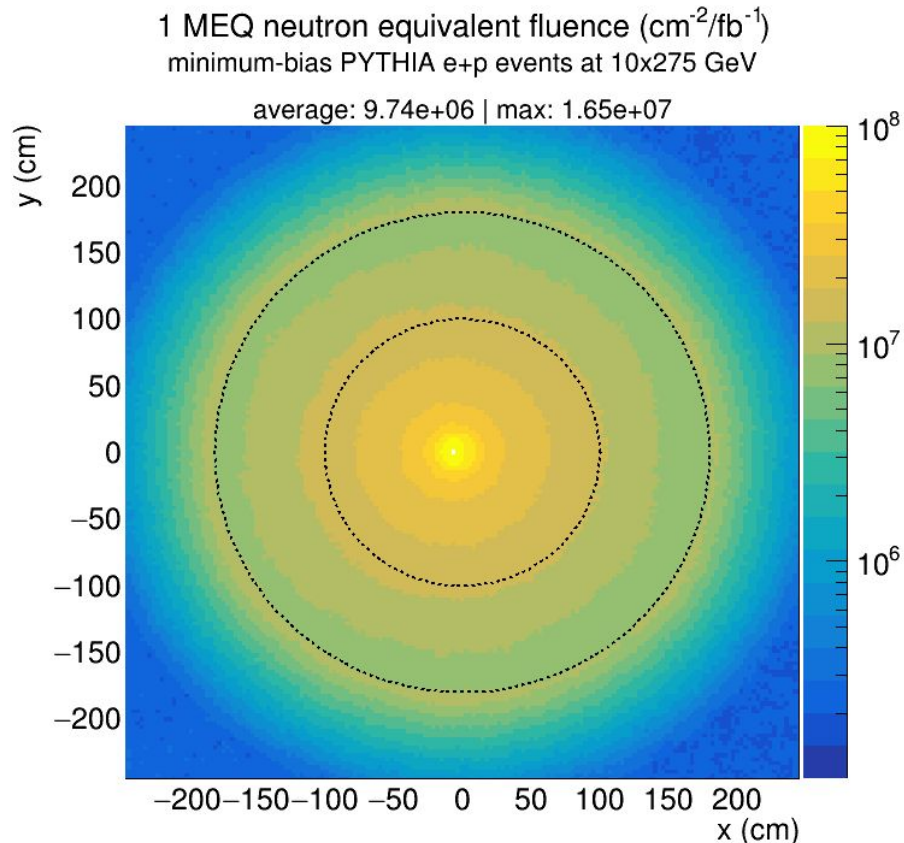
xy projections in $210 < z < 260$ cm region, average and max values reported for $100 < R < 180$ cm region

New radiation damage estimates



before: max fluence = $9.2 \cdot 10^5 \text{ neq}/\text{fb}^{-1}$ | now: max fluence = $1.75 \cdot 10^7 \text{ neq}/\text{fb}^{-1}$ \Rightarrow new estimates are $\sim 20\text{x}$ larger

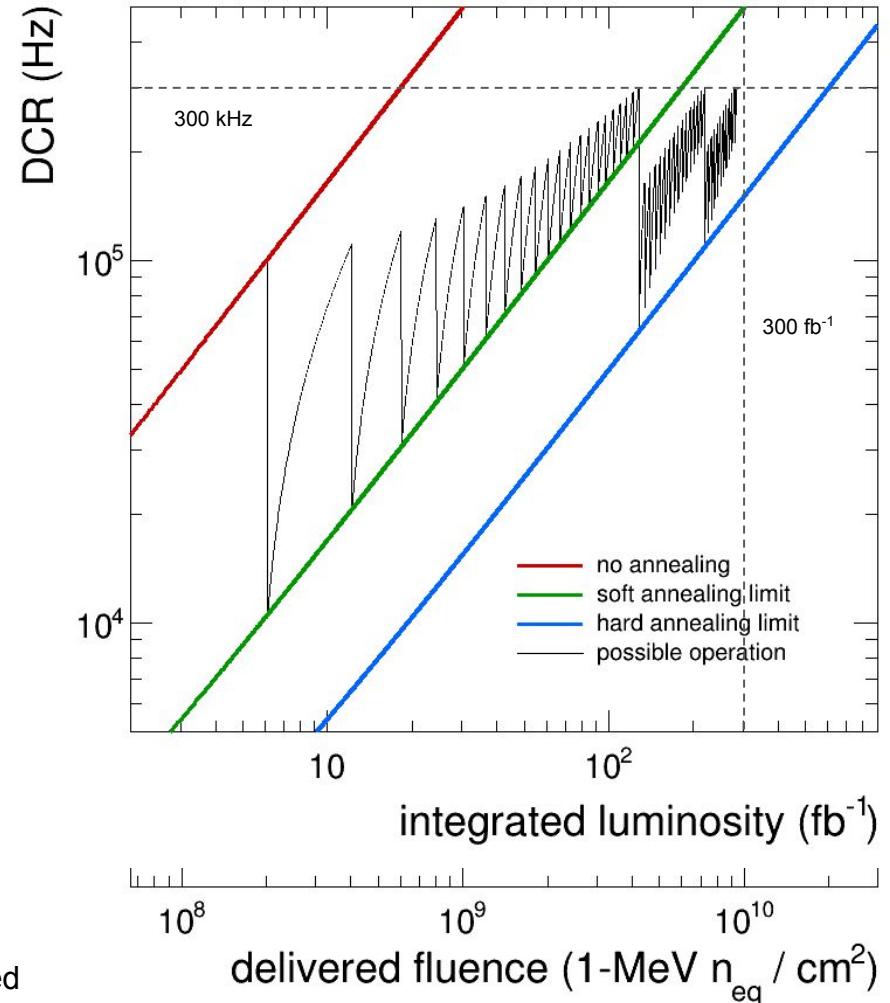
New radiation damage estimates



new estimates are ~20x larger, but we had a 10x safety factor \Rightarrow we got the safety factor eaten and a 2x faster ageing

Updated ageing model

Hamamatsu S13360-3050 @ Vover = 4 V, T = -30 C



model input from R&D measurements (up to 2022)

- DCR increase: 500 kHz/10⁹ n_{eq}
- residual DCR (online annealing): 50 kHz/10⁹ n_{eq}
- residual DCR (oven annealing): 15 kHz/10⁹ n_{eq}

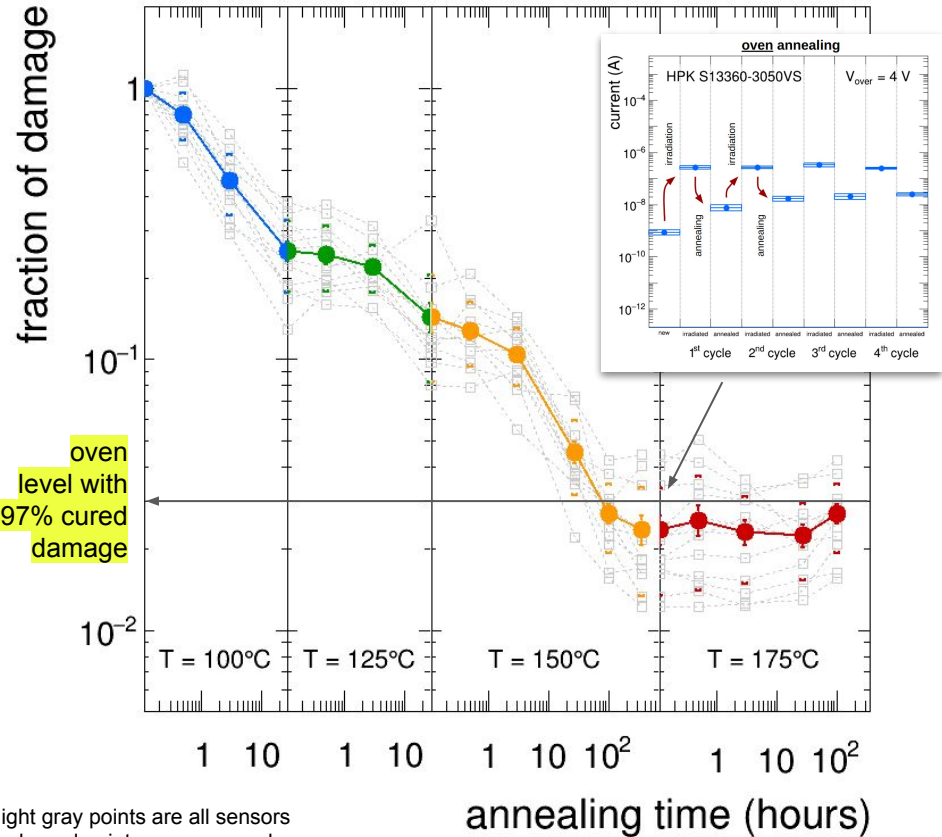
1-MeV neq fluence from background group

- 1.75 10⁷ n_{eq} / fb⁻¹
- includes 2x safety factor

all parameters are the same used for the previous model
only neq/fb⁻¹ is updated to new estimate, with 2x safety factor
which corresponds to a 4x faster ageing than previously reported

Detailed studies of SiPM online self-annealing

online self-annealing with forward bias



oven level with 97% cured damage

light gray points are all sensors
 coloured points are averaged over sensors
 coloured brackets is the RMS

test on a large number of proton irradiated sensors how much damage is cured as a function of temperature and time

in this study, the same sensors have undergone self-annealing in increasing temperature steps and increasing integrated time steps

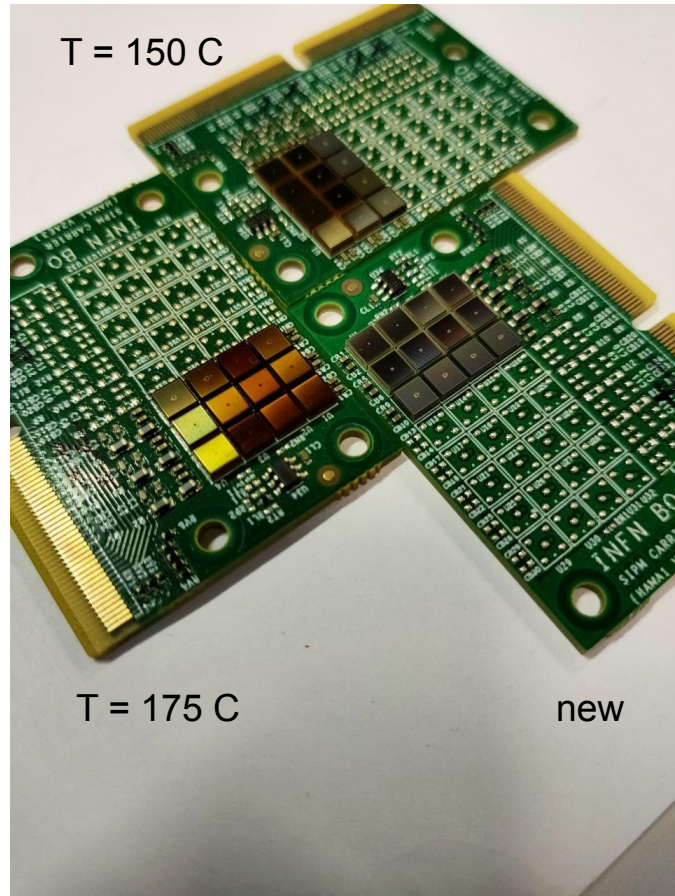
- started with T = 100 C annealing
 - performed 4 steps up to 30 hours integrated
- followed by T = 125, 150 and 175 C

fraction of residual damage seems to saturate at 2-3%

after ~ 300 hours at T = 150 C

continuing at higher T = 175 C seems not to cure more than that

Detailed studies of SiPM online self-annealing



but, after many hours of online annealing

we noticed alterations on the SiPM windows
in particular in one board that underwent

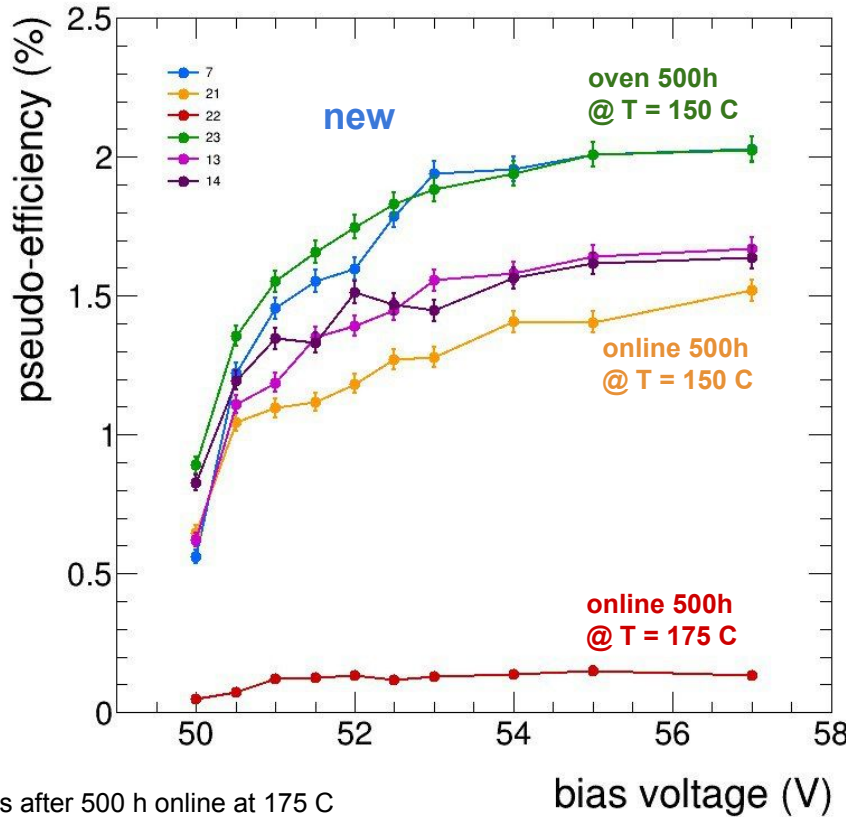
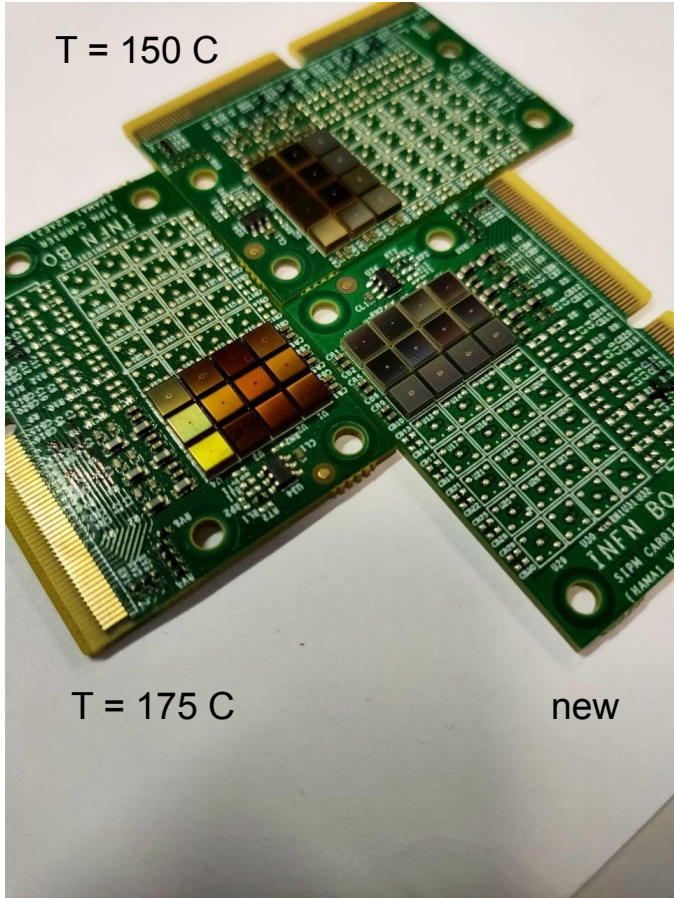
500 hours of online annealing at T = 175 C

the sensors appear "yellowish" when compared to new

less "yellowish" but still a bit "yellowish" the sensors
in a board that underwent 500 hours at T = 150 C

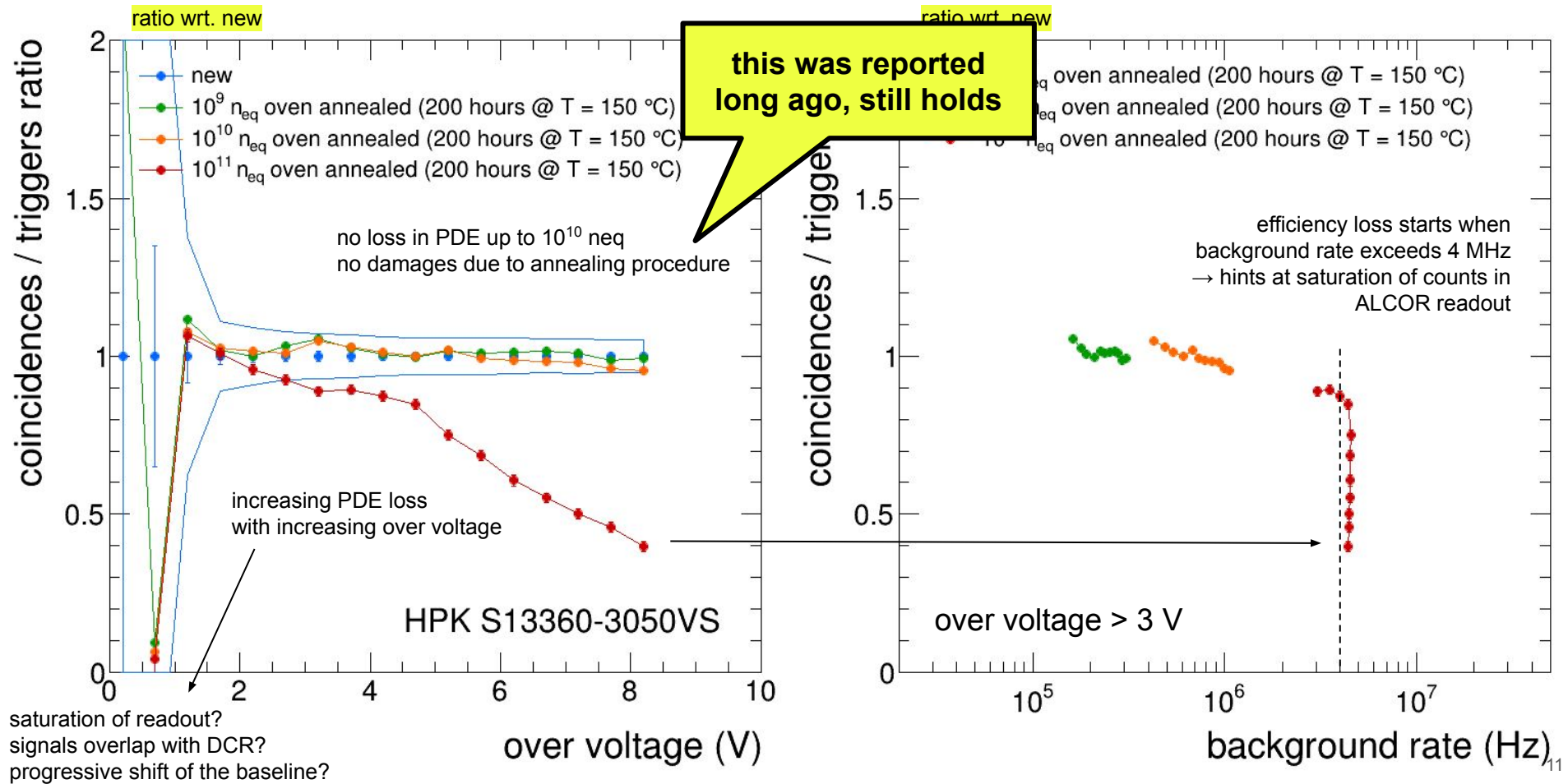
let's compare them under the laser light

Detailed studies of SiPM online self-annealing



serious efficiency loss after 500 h online at 175 C
 25% efficiency loss after 500 h online at 150 C
 no efficiency loss after 500 h oven at 150 C
 not clear why oven annealing is less critical on window, but in line with previously-reported "no damages due to annealing procedure" for 200 h in oven at T = 150 C

Light response after irradiation and annealing



window damage studies

Detailed studies of SiPM window damage

measurements are ongoing

4 SiPM under study

each undergoing online annealing

- at forward bias
- at different temperature
- following the same annealing protocol
- same integrated annealing time and cycles

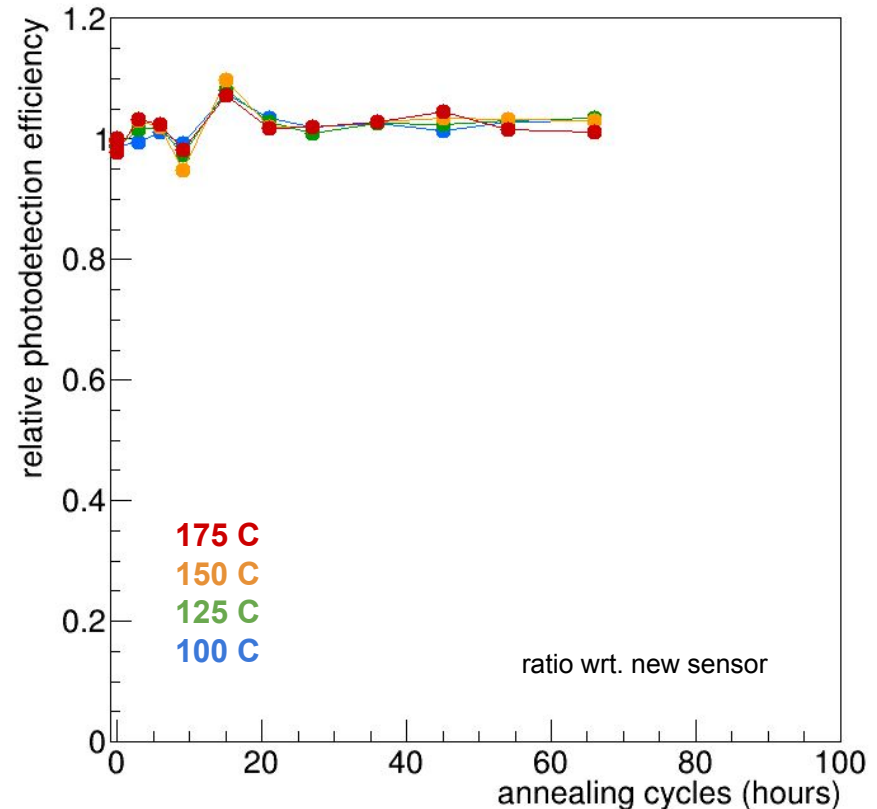
measurements are performed with the upgraded laser setup (see next slides)

the plot reports the variation of the PDE wrt. the sensors measured before the beginning of the annealing cycles (new)

measurements are still ongoing

so far, after 66 hours (66 1-hour cycles)

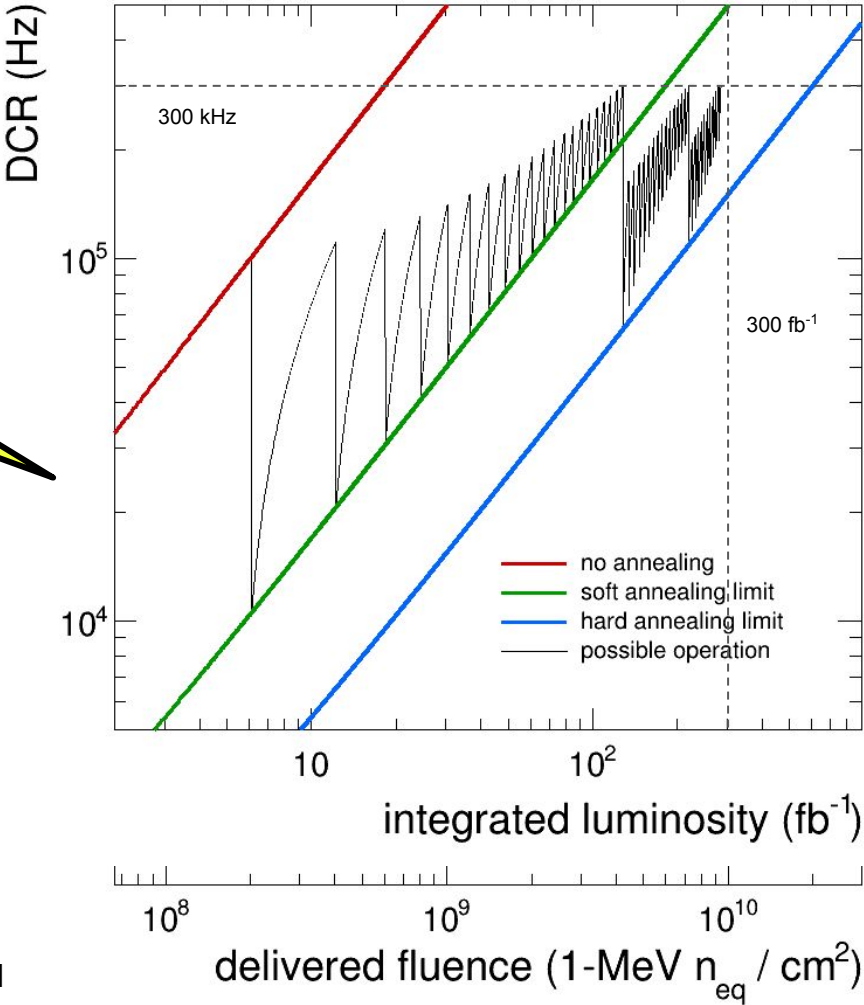
no observation of efficiency loss at any temperature



Updated ageing model

the "possible operation" scenario shown here has 44 soft-annealing cycles and 3 hard-annealing cycles

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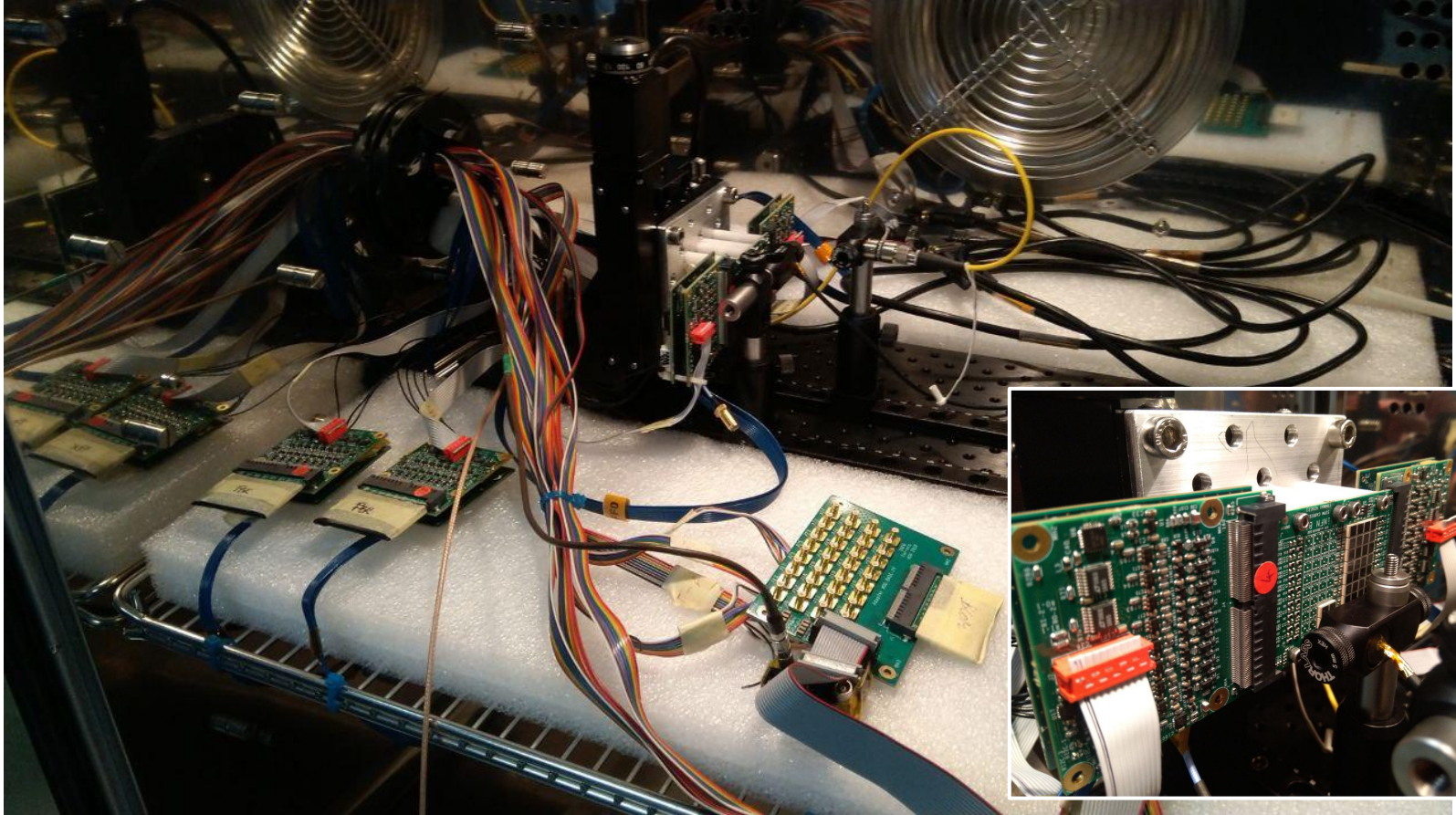
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upgraded laser setup

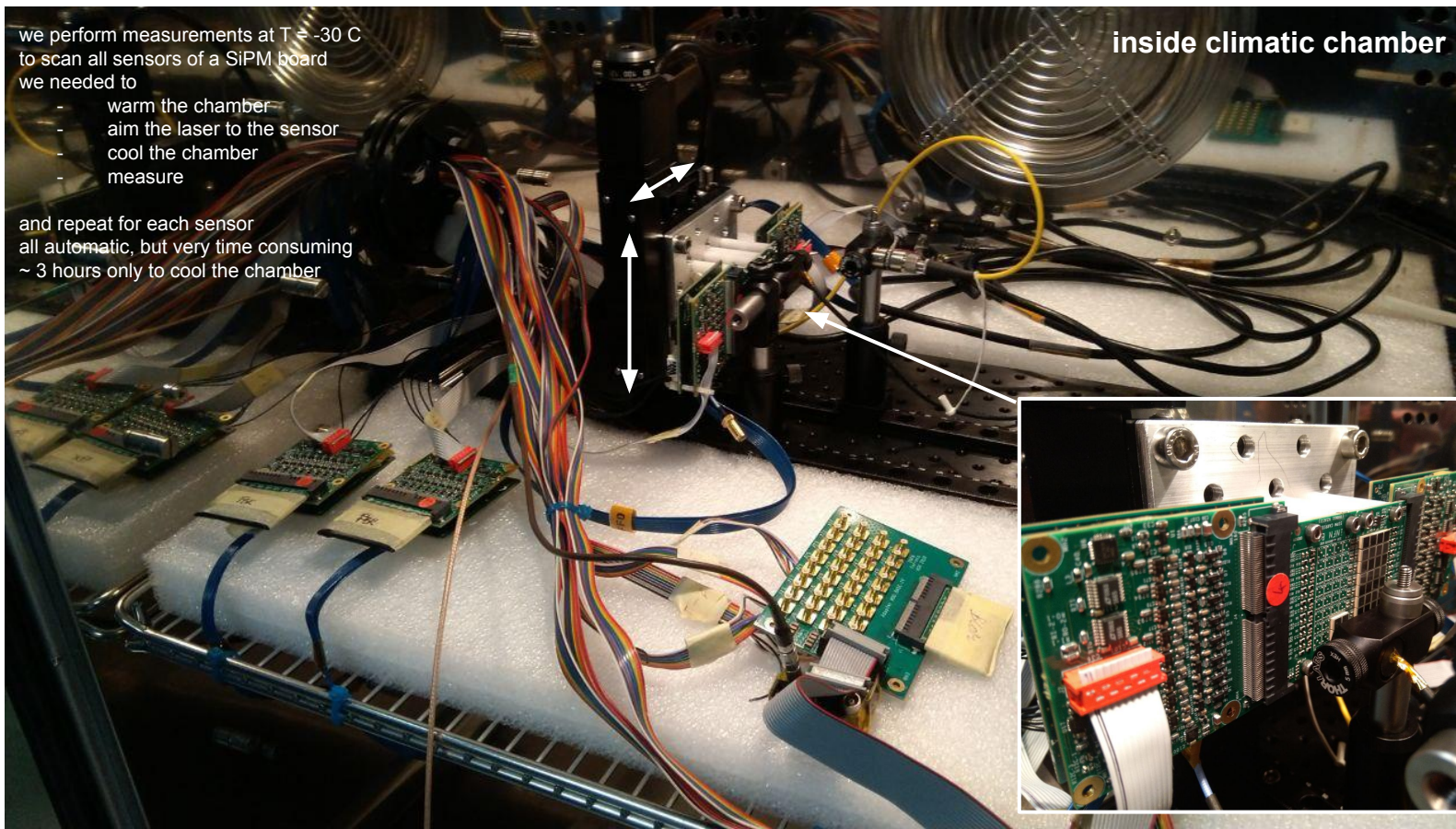
Old moving stage

workhorse! great results, despite limitations: only 2 axes, no low temperature operation, limited 25 mm range



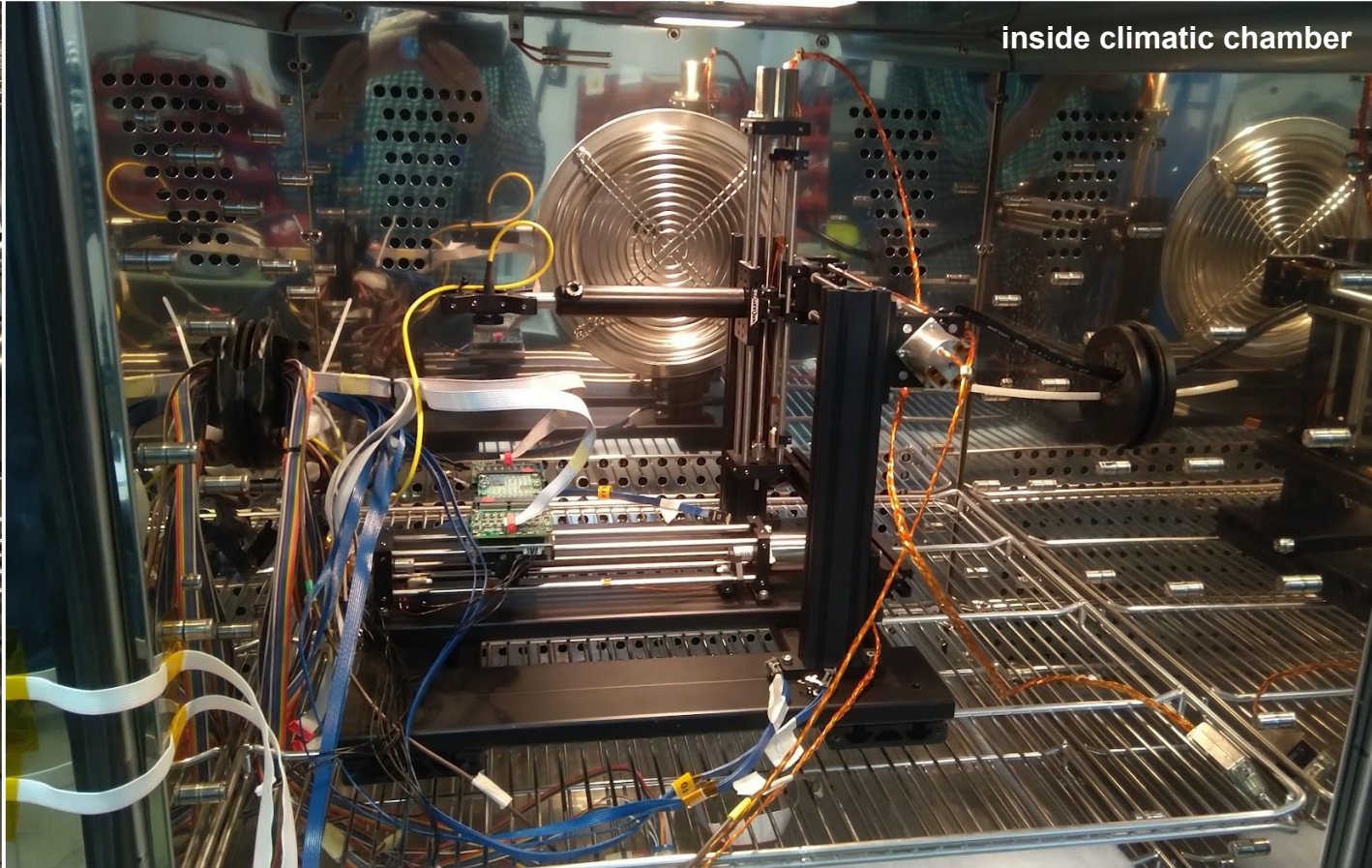
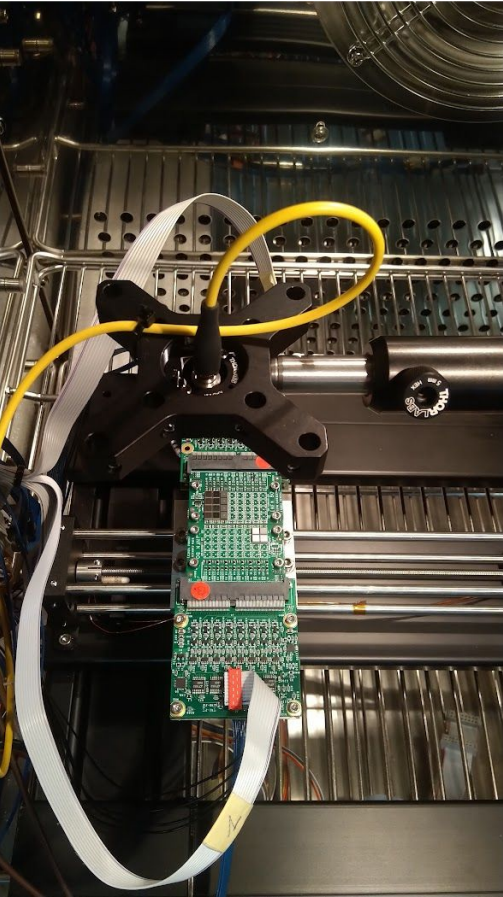
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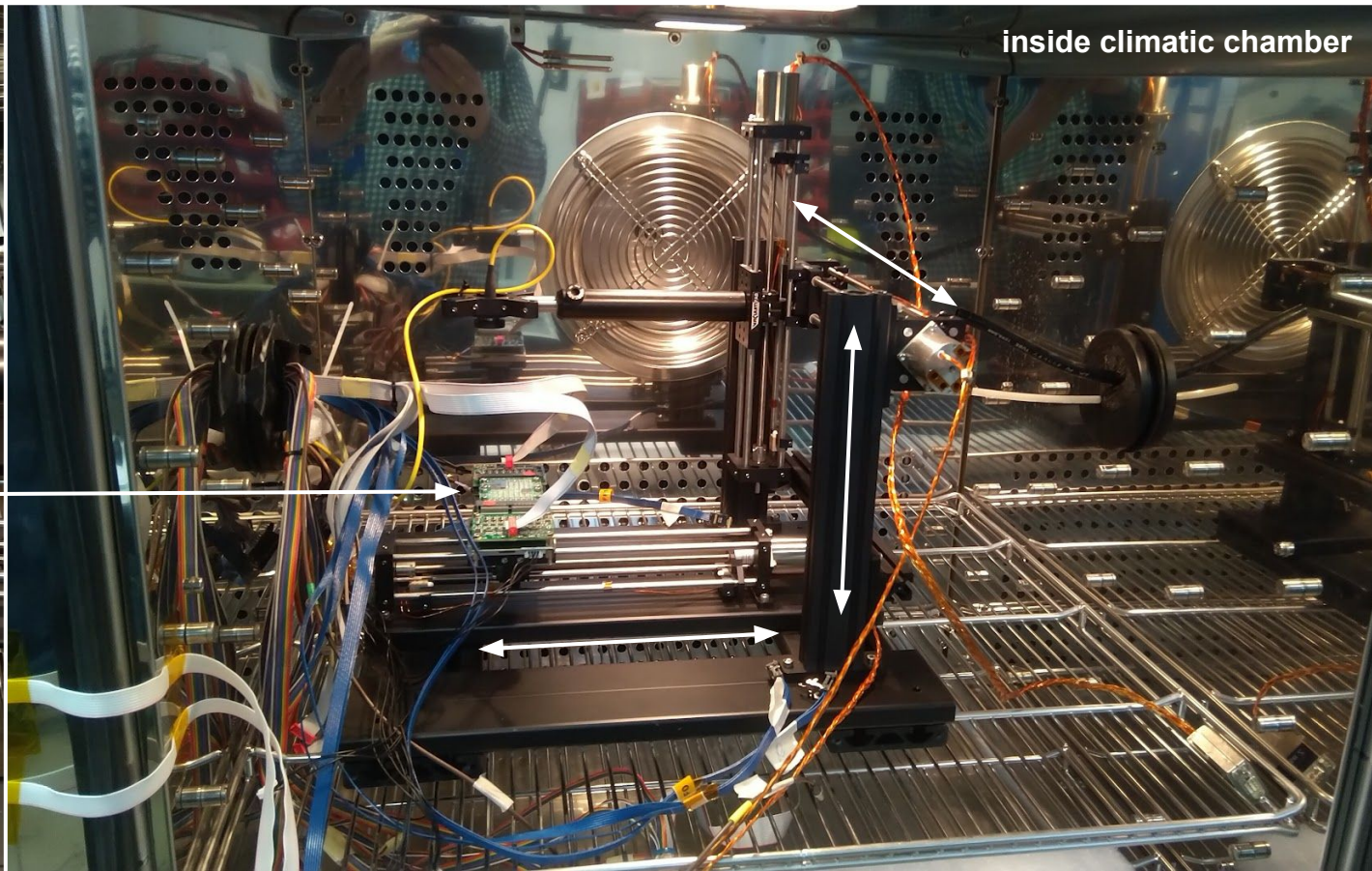
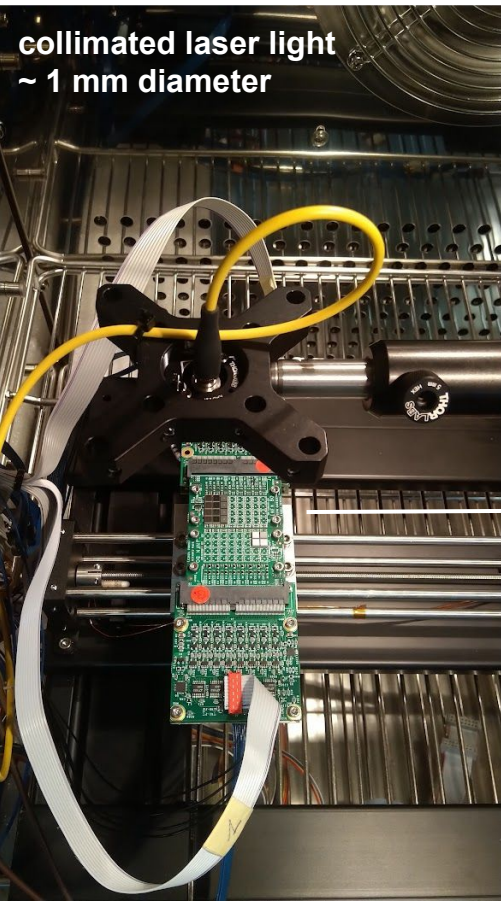
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big upgrade! new xyz moving stage can operate at low temperature (down to $T = -40\text{ C}$) within a 200 mm range



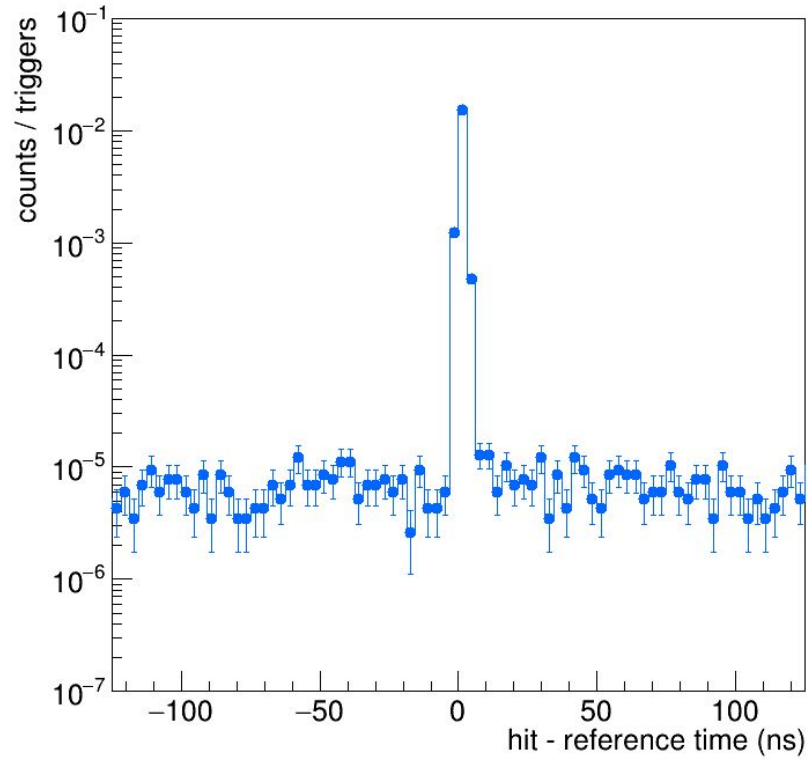
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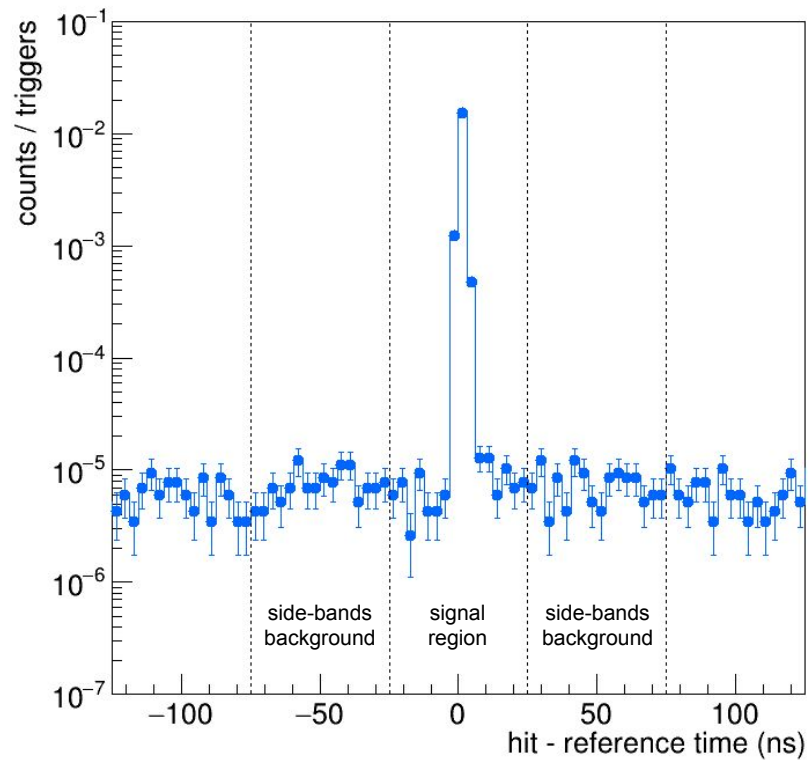


examples of laser operation

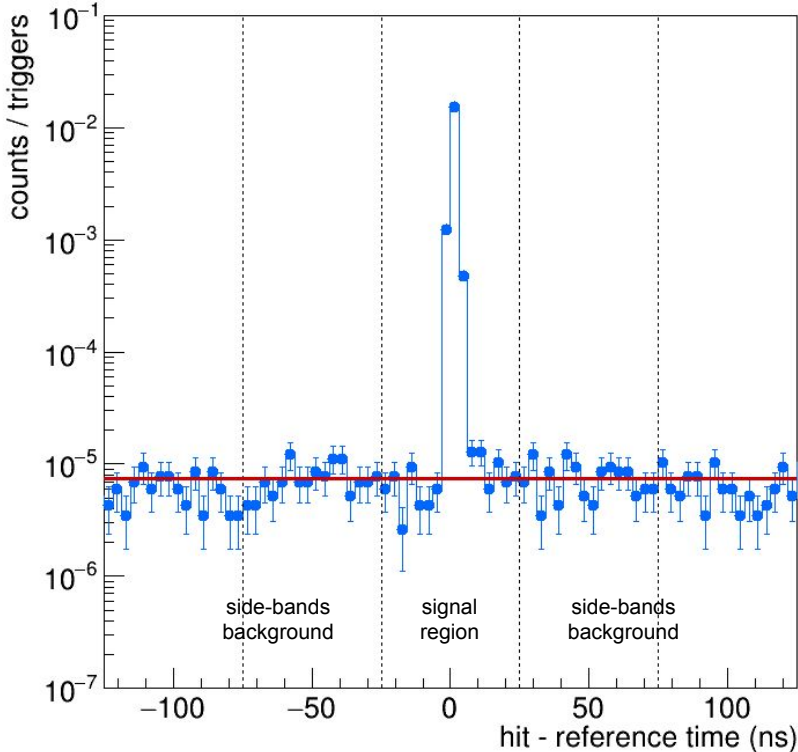
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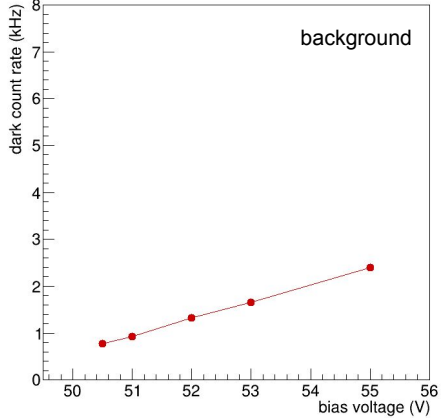
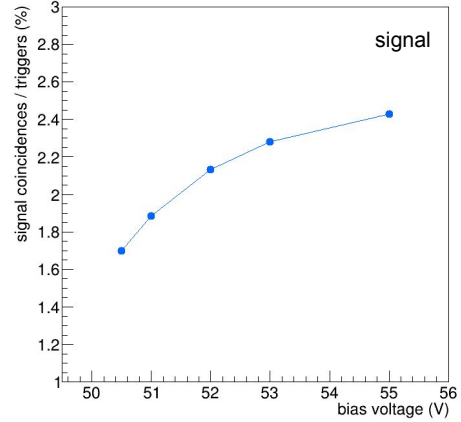


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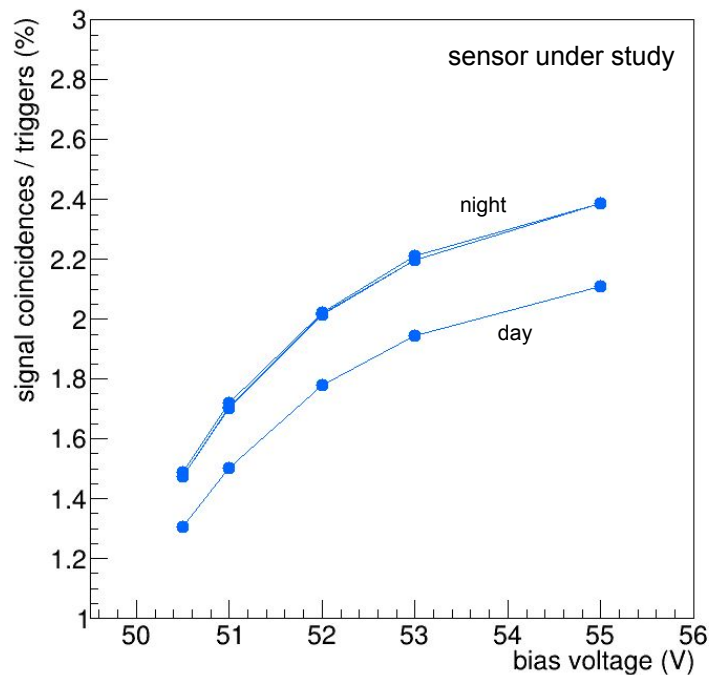
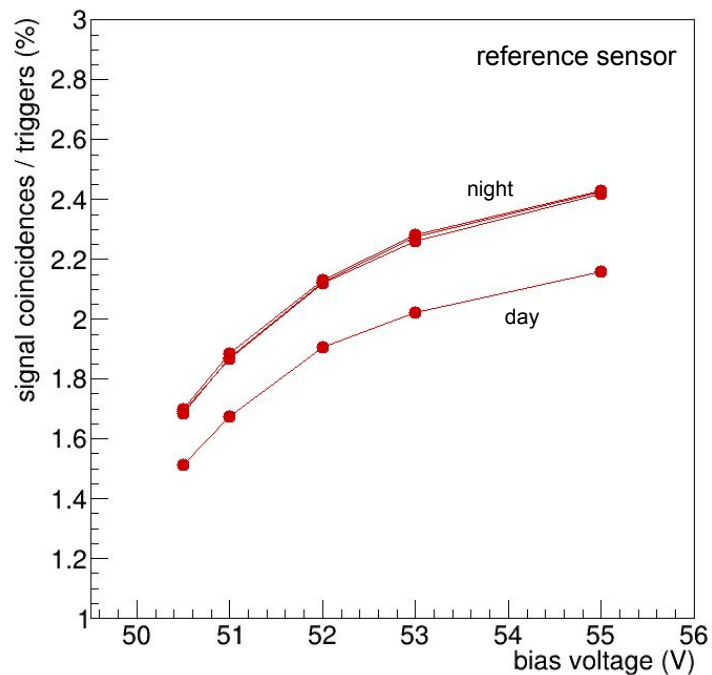
measured signal coincidences
background-subtracted counts / triggers
probability to detect light from laser pulse

proxy for photodetection efficiency



Repeated measurements: signal

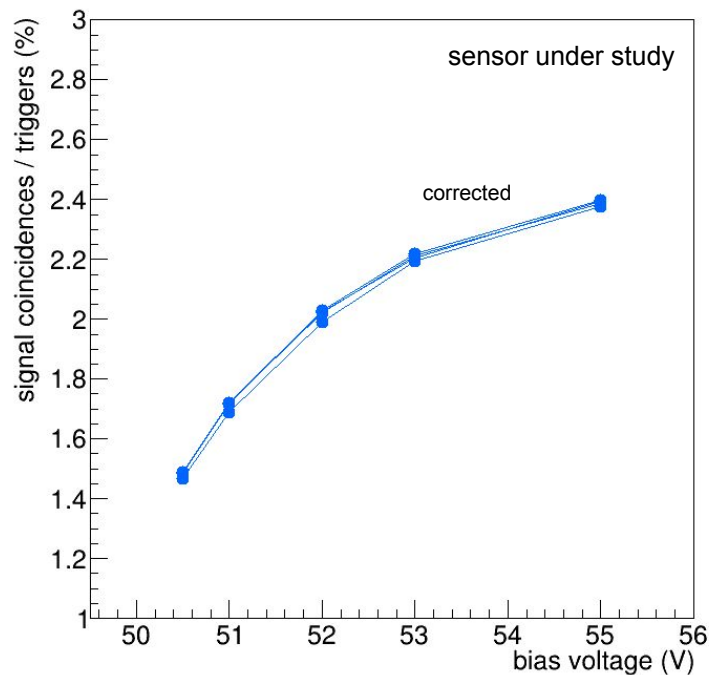
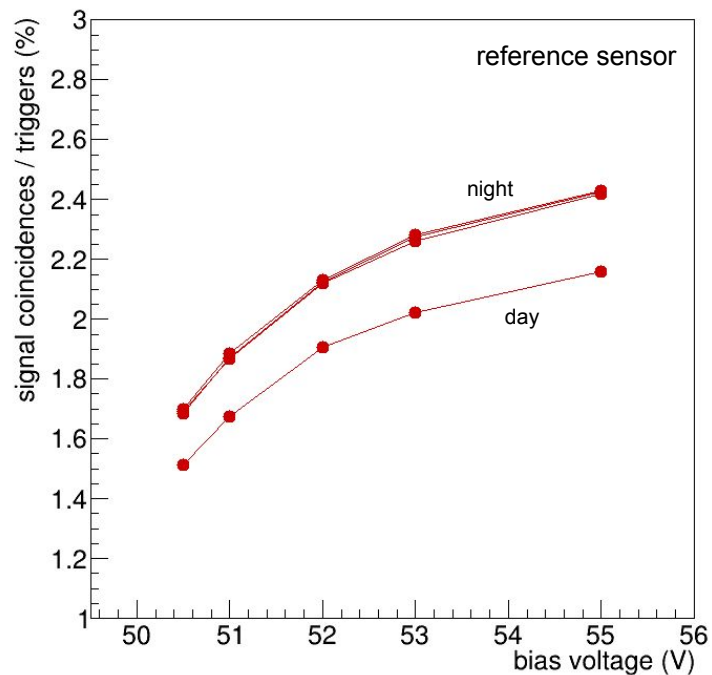
several measurements repeated on the same NEW sensor



don't know why the signal changes this much, same change in reference and sensor under study
reference sensor measurement to quantify changes in the laser light yield

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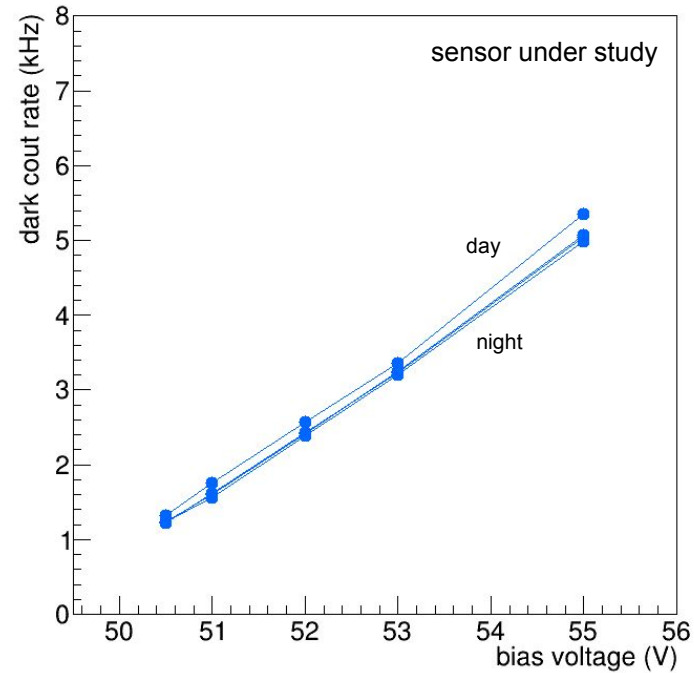
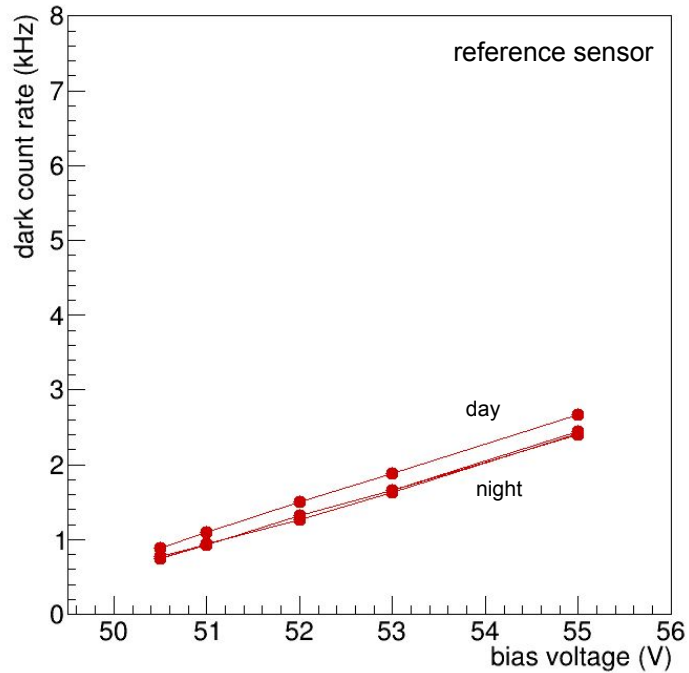
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after correction for laser light yield, measurements of sensor under study are compatible

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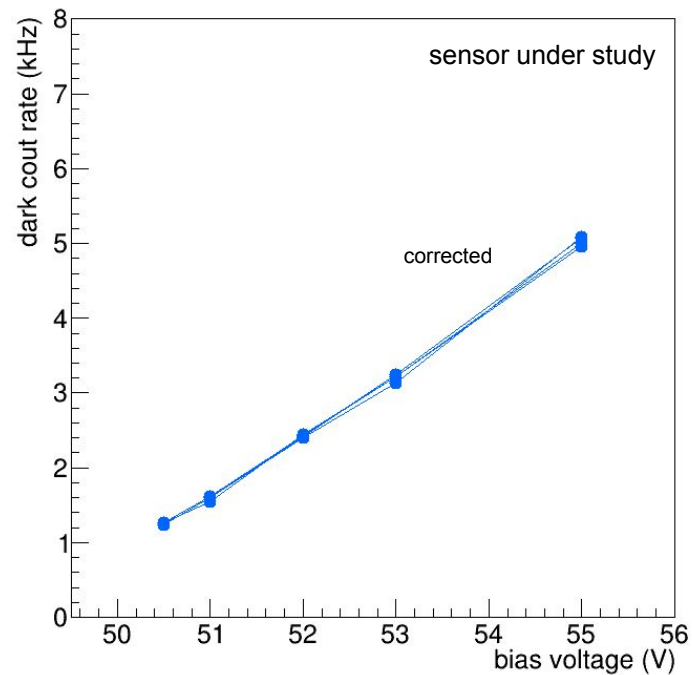
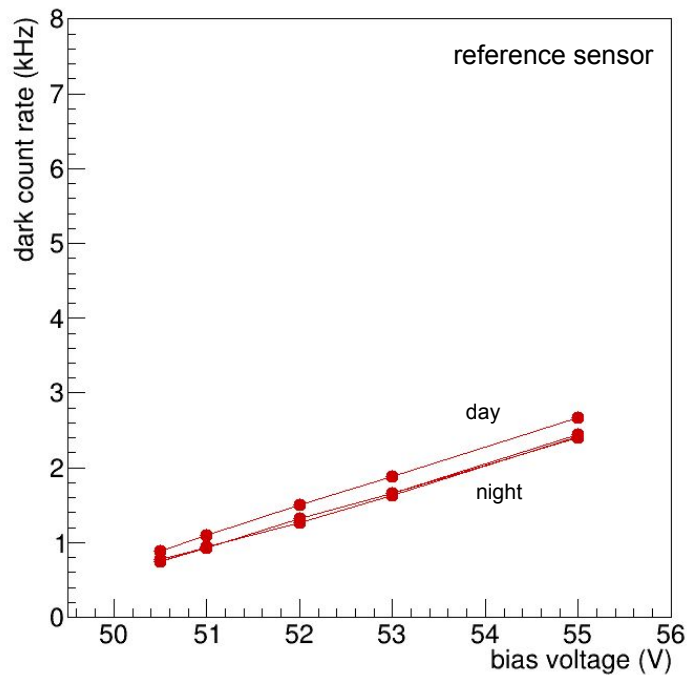
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there is likely some background light entering in the dark box
reference sensor measurement to quantify changes in the background light

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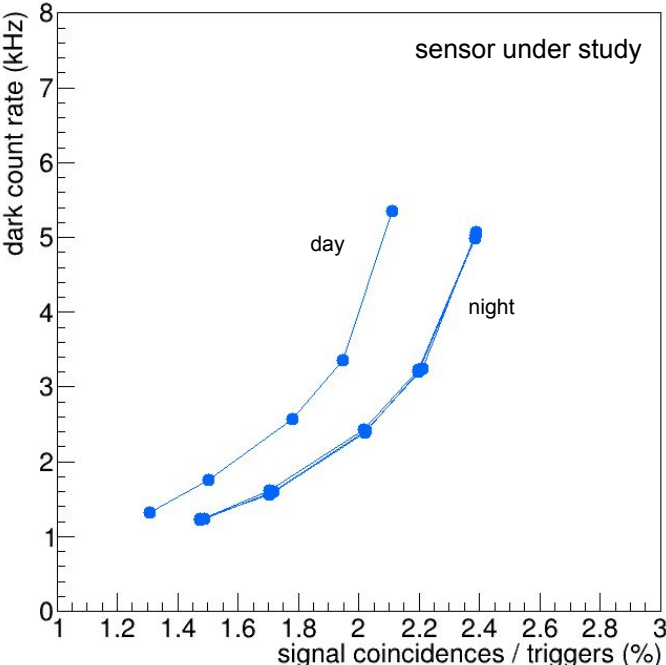
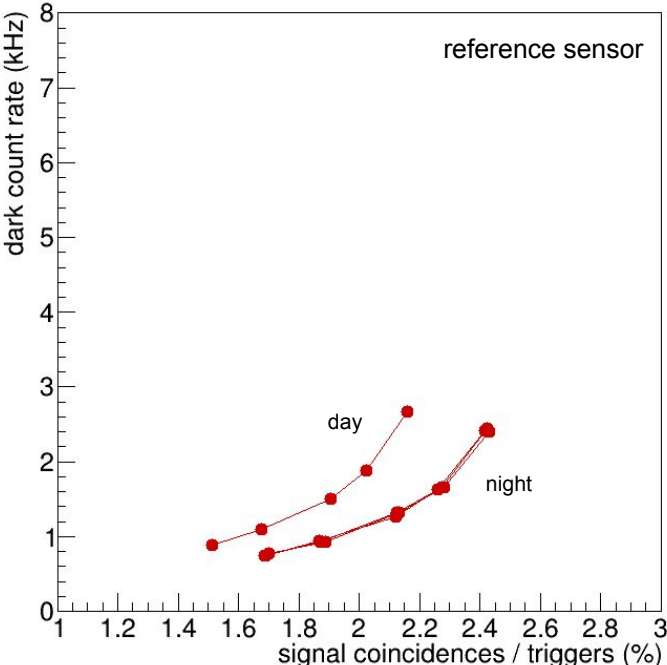
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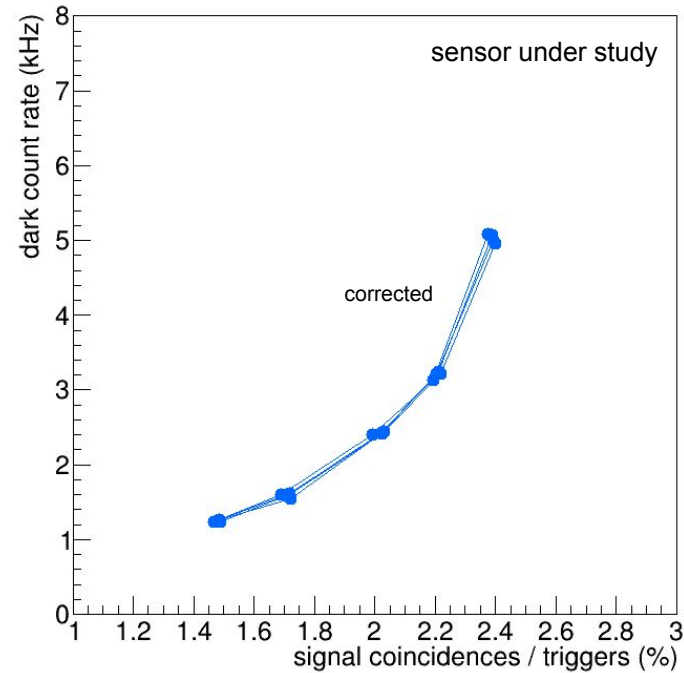
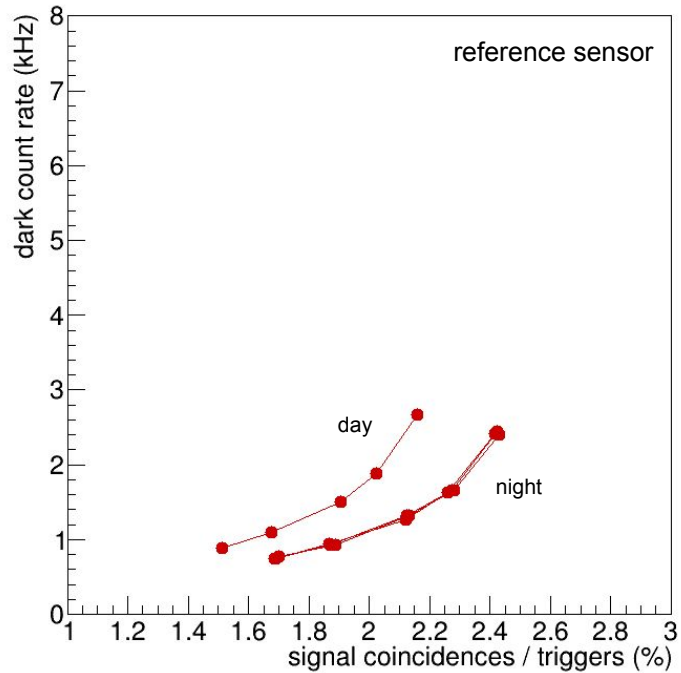
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before correction

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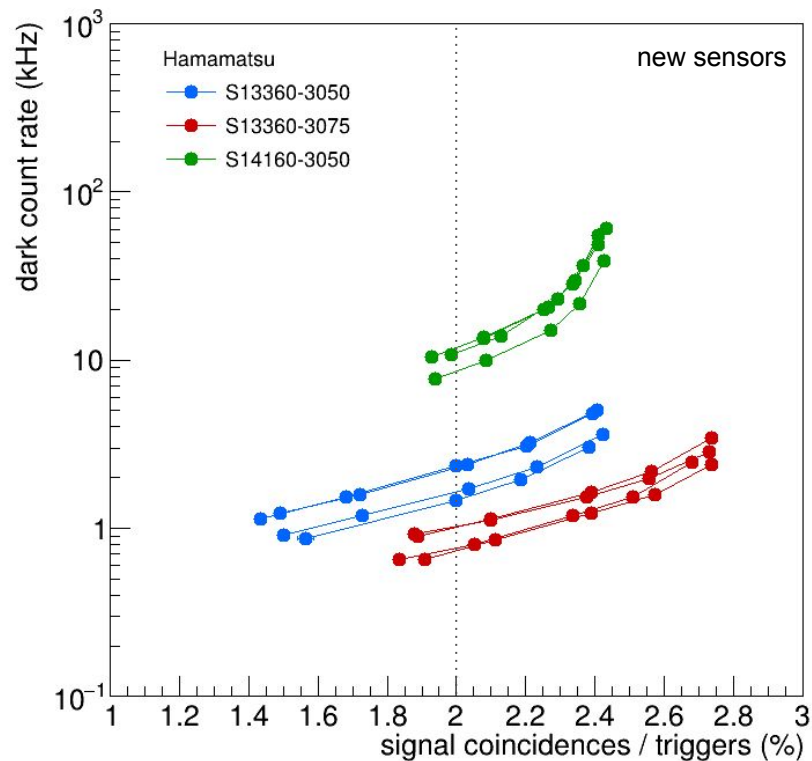
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Comparison between sensors

3 Hamamatsu sensor types, 4 sensors each measured as NEW



proxy for photodetection efficiency

at the same level of detection efficiency
namely, the probability to detect light from laser pulse
different sensors have different DCR level

best: S13360-3075

most promising sensors, large pitch SPADs (75 μm)

second: S13360-3050

same technology, medium pitch SPADs (50 μm)

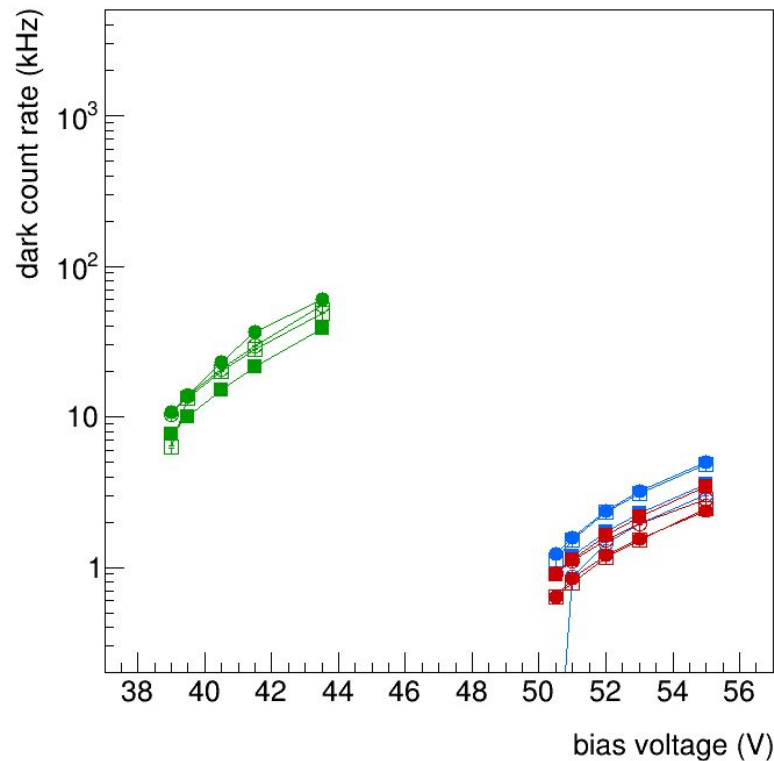
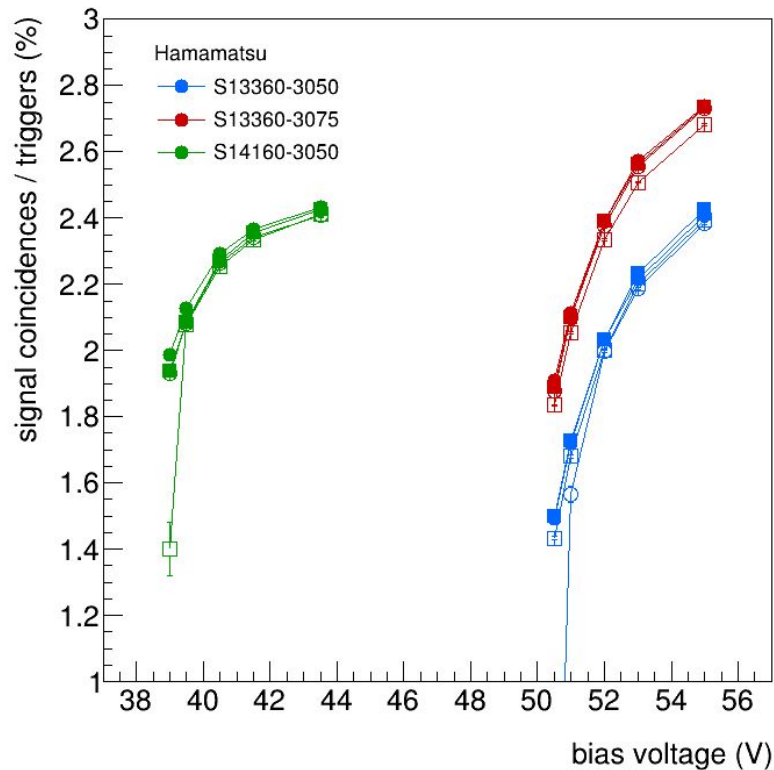
worst: S14160-3050

different technology, medium pitch SPADs (50 μm)

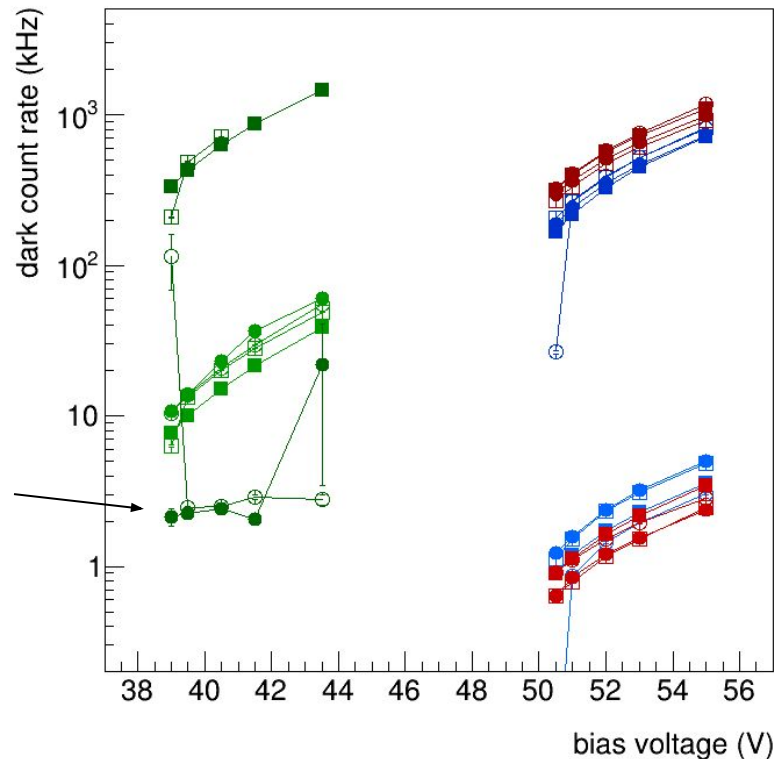
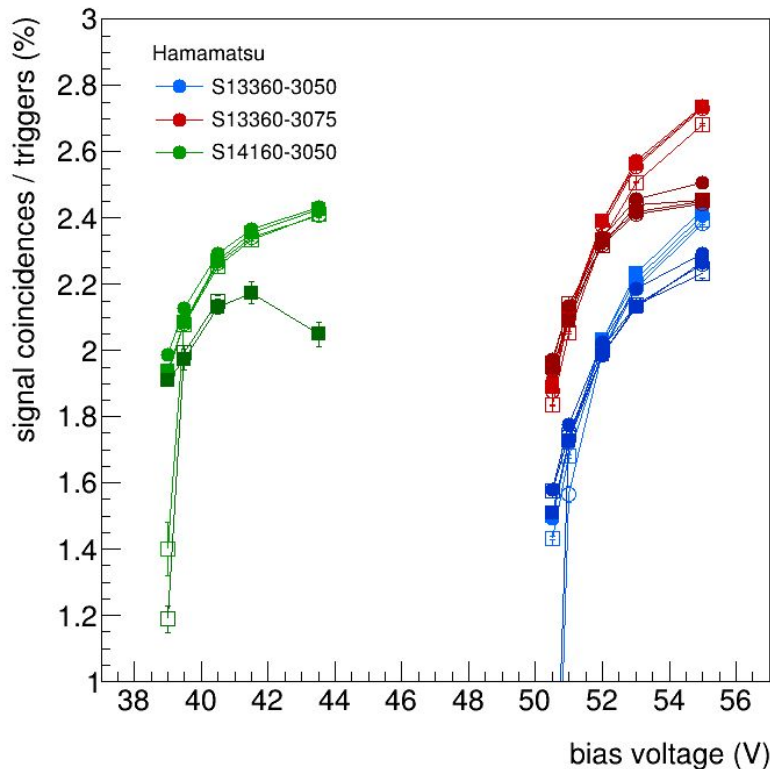
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new boards

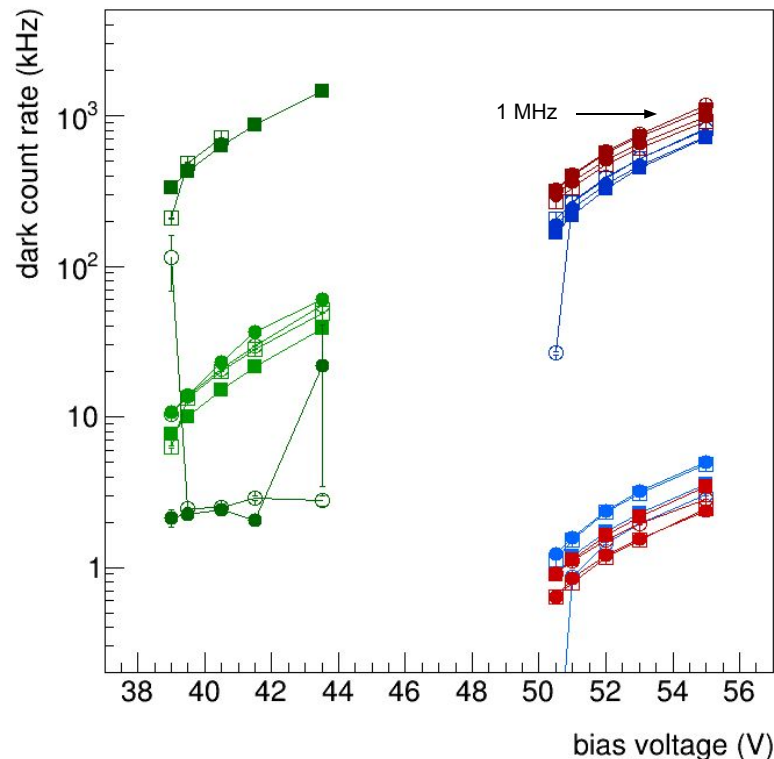
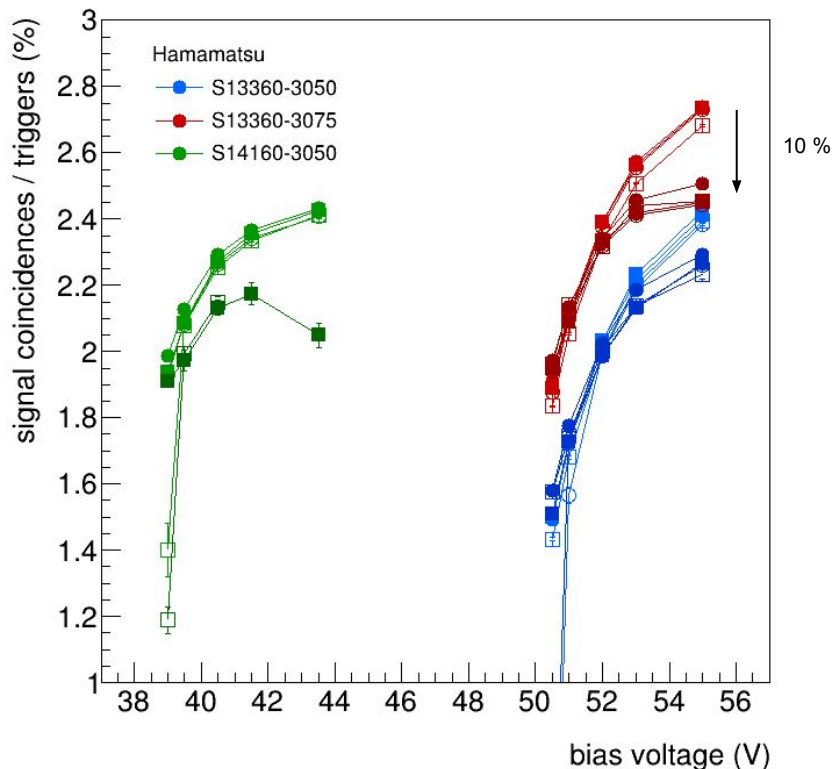


new boards and irradiated boards (10^9 neq)



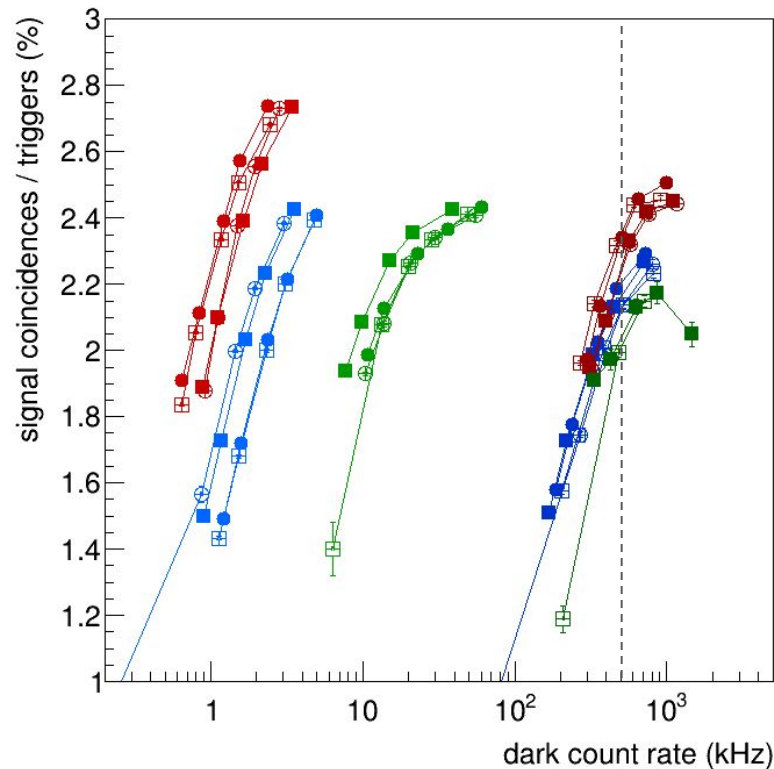
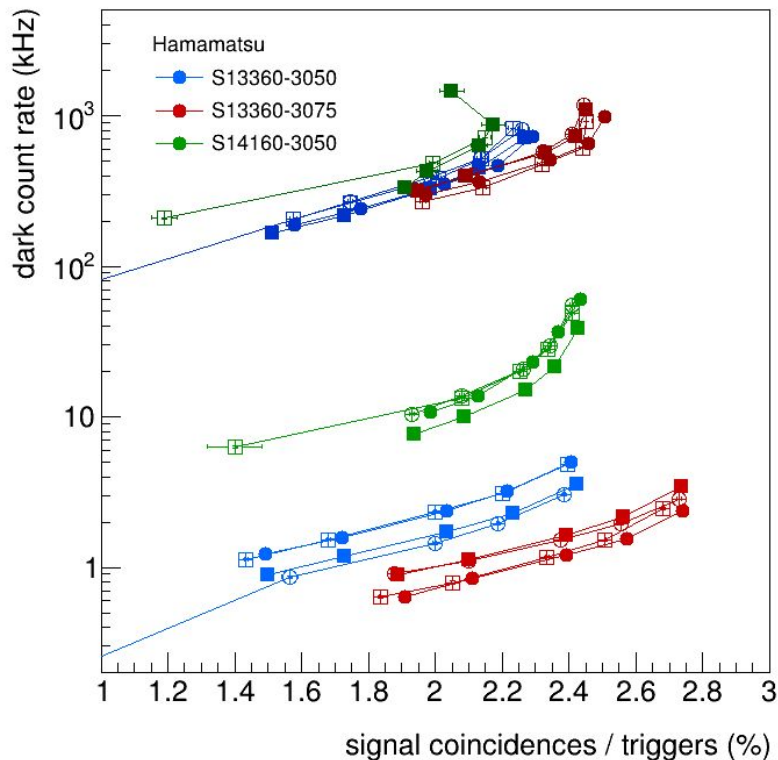
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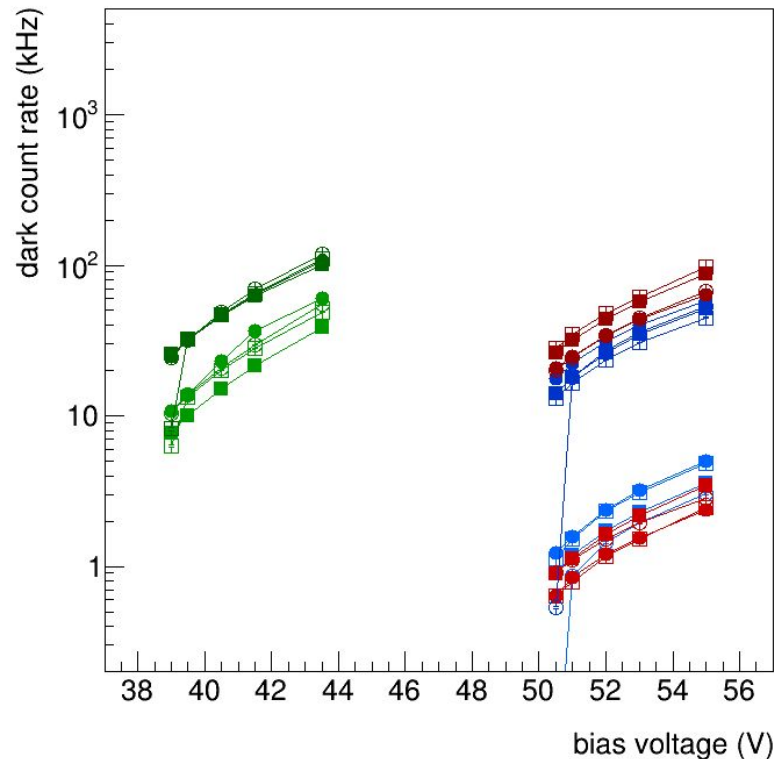
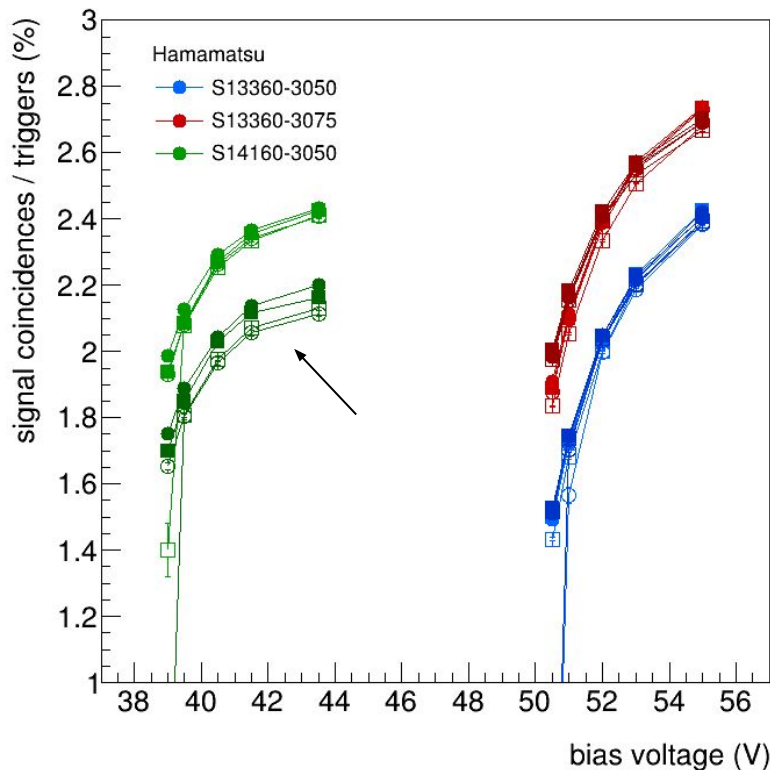
the efficiency loss is likely due to the "after-pulse" suppression algorithm used for analysis
"every signal which is within less than 100 ns wrt. the preceding signal is discarded"
 at ~ 1 MHz DCR rate, the probability of having a DCR hit 100 ns before the laser pulse is $\sim 10\%$

new boards and irradiated boards (10^9 neq)



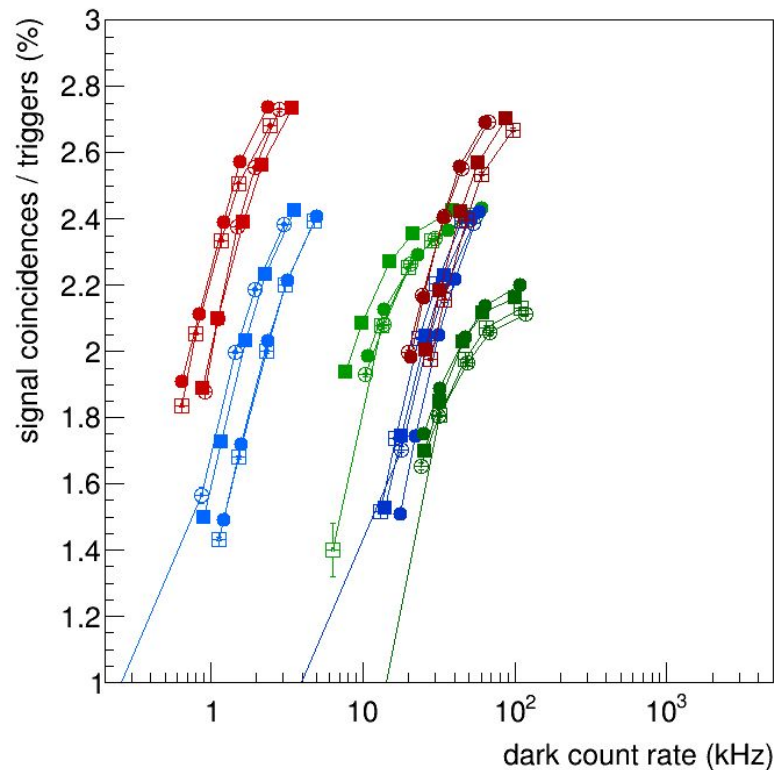
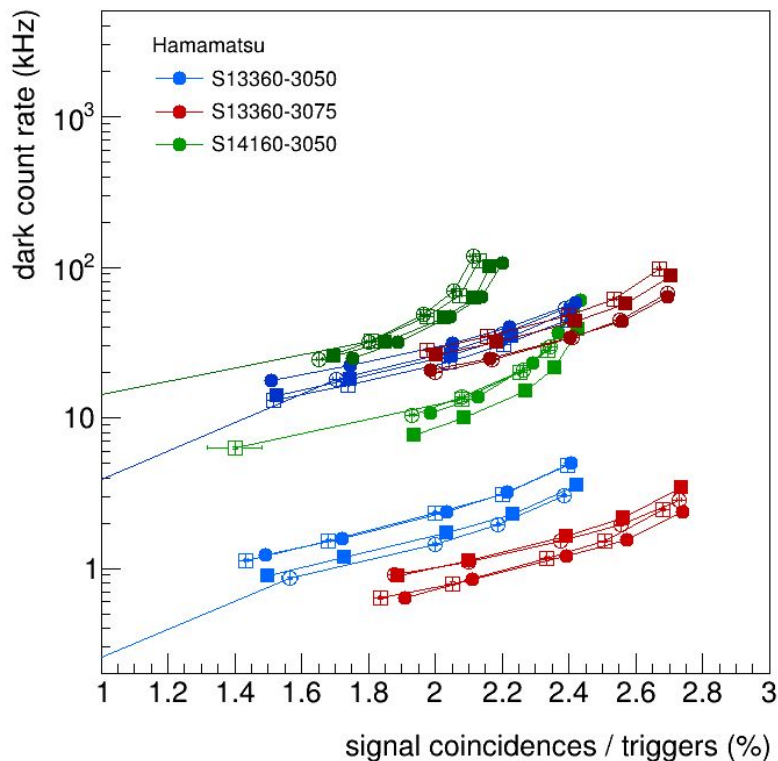
at fixed DCR of 500 kHz after 10^9 neq (without annealing)
 the S13360-3075 sensor (75 m SPADs) is more efficient (20% larger PDE)
 caveat: new and irradiated are not the same sensors, so the comparison is not fully quantitative

new boards and annealed boards (10^9 neq)



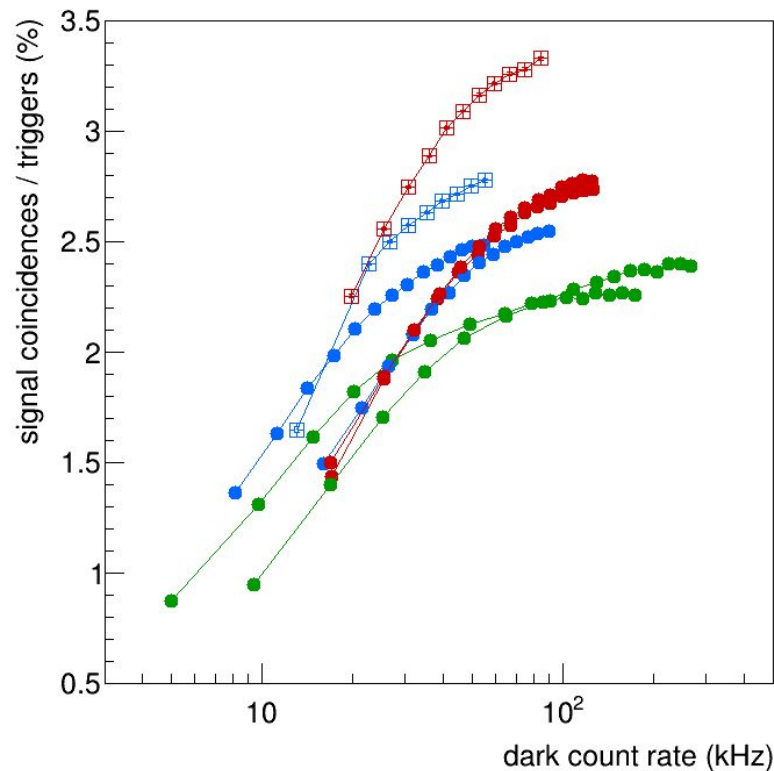
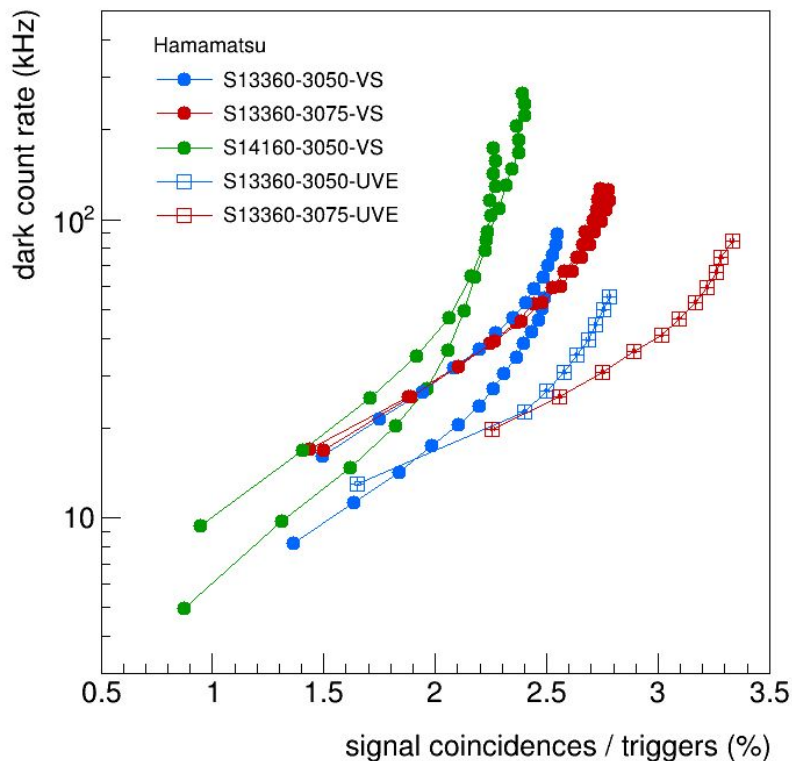
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prototype Hamamatsu sensors (10^9 neq after oven annealing)



prototype Hamamatsu UVE sensors have significantly higher efficiency than standard sensors

caveat: we only measure PDE at the fixed laser wavelength of ~ 400 nm, larger PDE expected because...

prototype sensors have a NUV-enhanced (quartz + special silicone) protective window... might be of our interest to study further