

The progress of FIT optical simulation

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Motivation

- A deeper understanding of the general behavior of scintillating fibers.
- Provide more information to optimize the models in the following fast simulation.

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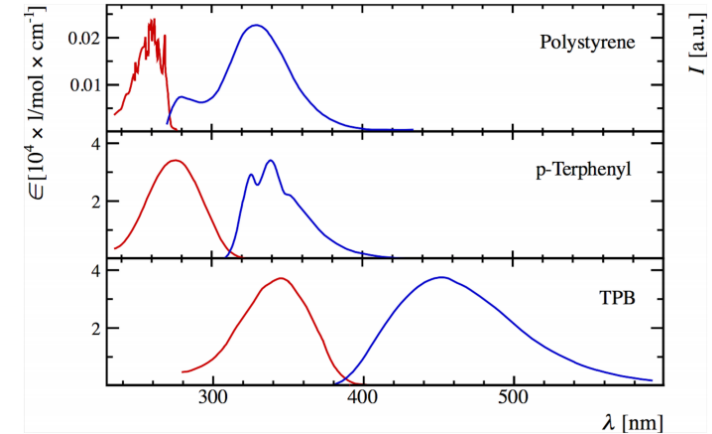
Part 1: FIT Module Introduction

Scintillating Fibers

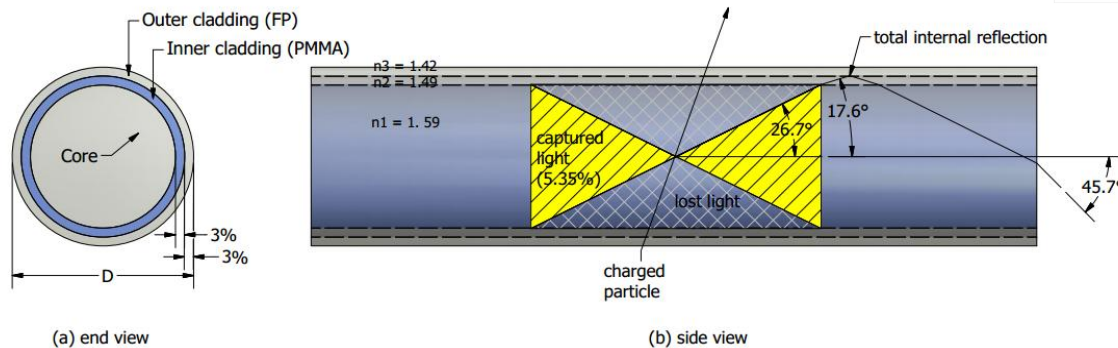
- Basic properties:

SCSF-78MJ from Kuraray

- Organic scintillator Polystyrene core
- Acrylic cladding of lower refraction index for light capture
- Core doped with scintillating dyes for improved light yield and timing characteristics.
- Fiber Diameter 250 μm



Absorption (red) and emission (blue) spectra of
 Core: polystyrene
 Primary dye: p-terphenyl (PT)
 Secondary dye: tetraphenyl-butadiene (TPB)



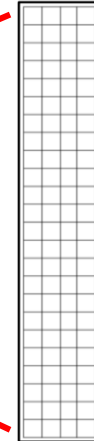
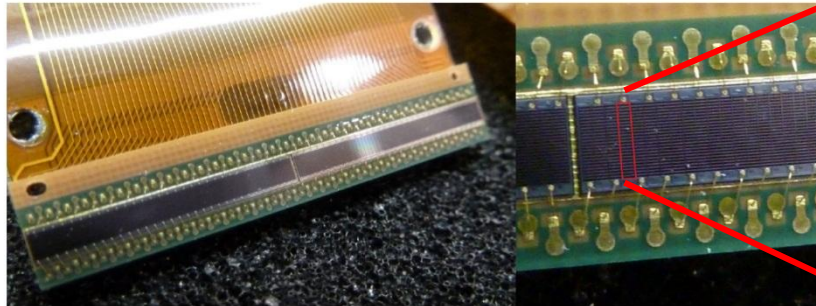
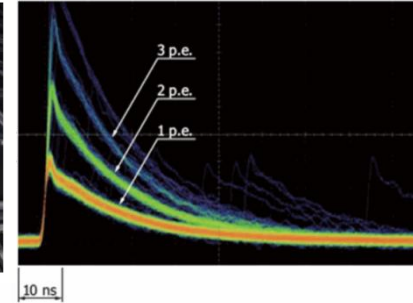
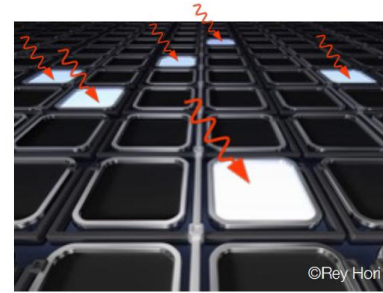
Silicon Photomultiplier(SiPM)

SiPMs are arrays of Avalanche Photon-Diodes(APD) operated in Geiger-mode.

- Each pixel fires independently
- Output is a sum of signals from triggered pixels.

Properties:

- Each chip contains 128 channels
- Channel Size: 0.25x1.5 mm, 96 pixels(57.7 x 62.5 μ m)



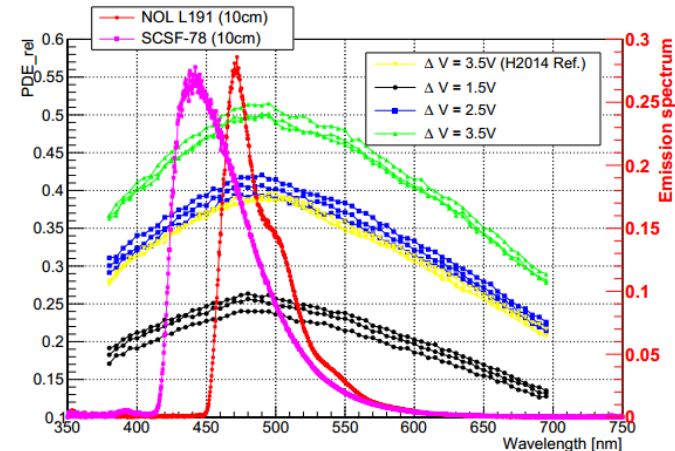
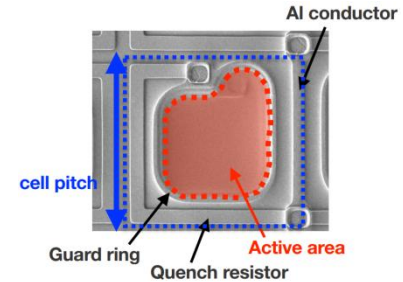
4 x 24 pixels = 96 pixels

SiPM characteristics: Photon Detection Efficiency

$$\text{PDE} = \varepsilon \cdot \text{QE} \cdot P_{\text{trigger}}$$

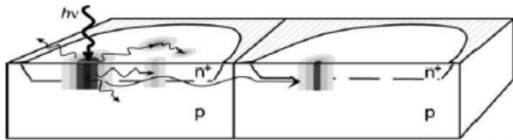
- ε (geometric factor);
- QE (quantum efficiency)
probability of the photon to produce a photon-electron
- P_{trigger} : probability of a primary photon-electron to trigger the pixel avalanche

It depends on the wavelength (λ) of the incoming photon and the applied overvoltage (V)
The PDE peak at $\sim 50\%$ for wavelength of 480nm with overvoltage $\Delta V = 3.5\text{V}$

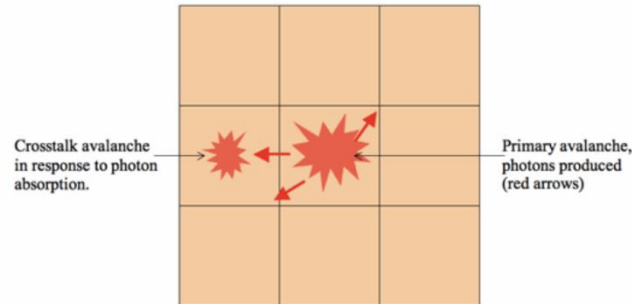


SiPM characteristics

- **Saturation/Linearity:** a pixel can only fire once per event
- **Cross-talk:** photons absorbed in the adjacent pixel and triggered an avalanche



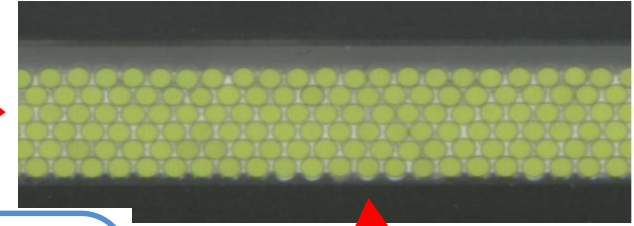
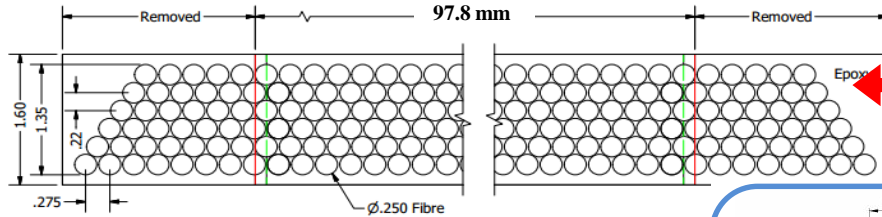
A. Lacaita et al., IEEE TED 2013



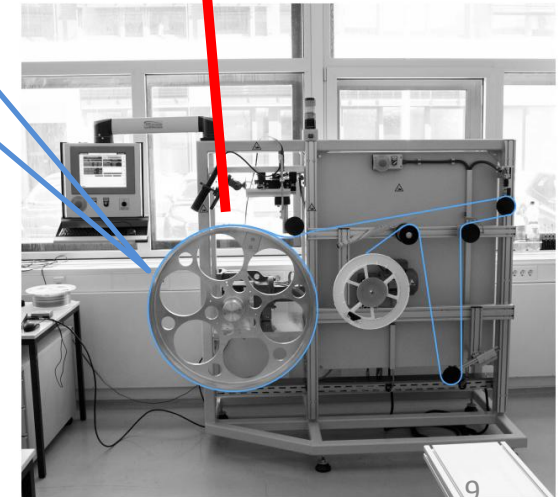
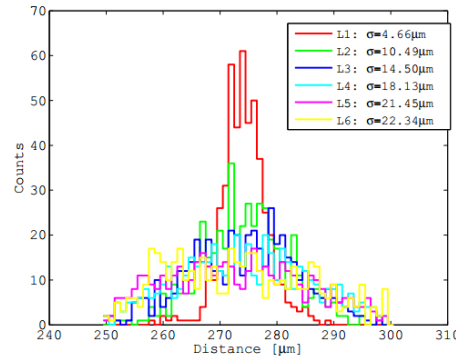
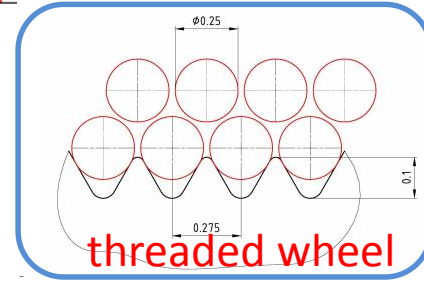
- **Dark count rate(DCR):** pulses triggered by thermal carriers
- **After-pulsing:** carriers trapped during an avalanche to be released and triggered another avalanche.

Fiber Mat

A single cast mat



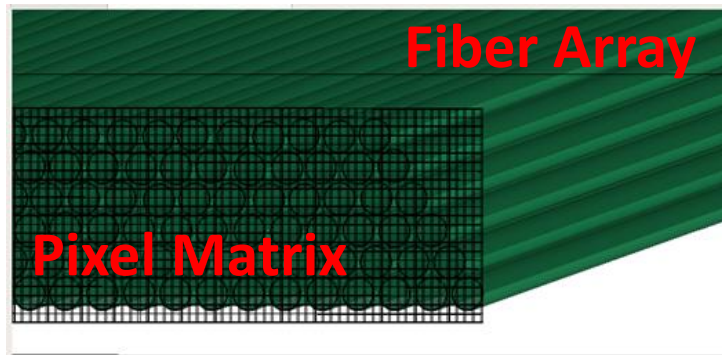
Mat width: 97.8cm
Mat thickness: 6 layer+ gule, ~1.7mm
Fiber pitch 275 μ m



Part 2: Optical Simulation

Geometry Setup

- Only one fiber mat and one SiPM chip
- Gap ~ 1 mm (epoxy glue + air)
- Fiber position, Gaussian distribution with diff sigma for diff layers
- Pixel size: $62.5 \times 62.5 \mu\text{m}^2$
- A mirror with user-defined reflectivity optionally on the other end.



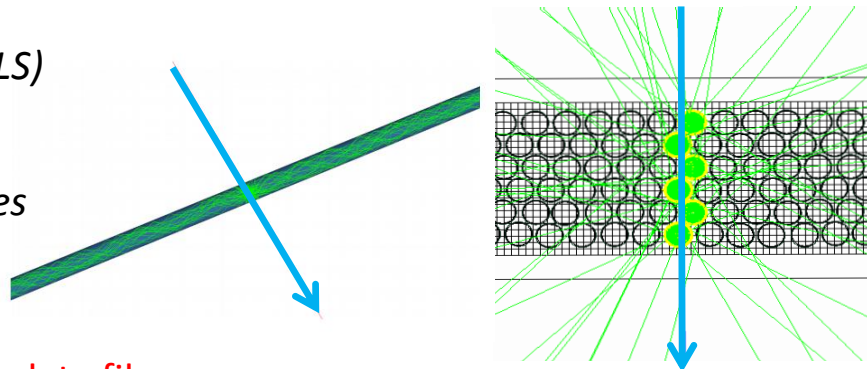
Geant4 optical photon process

➤ **Generation of photons**

Cerenkov effect, Scintillation, Wavelength shift(WLS)

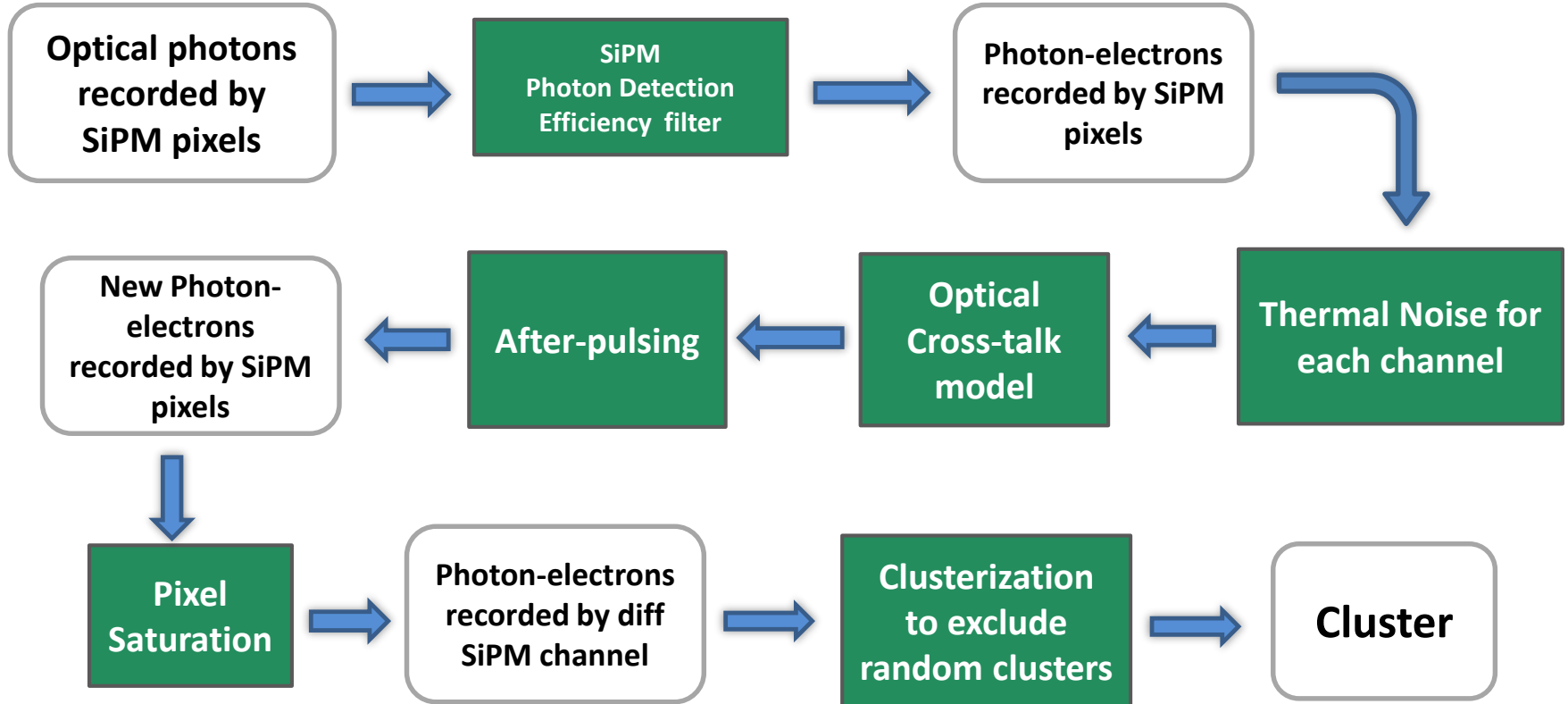
➤ **Tracking of Photons**

- *Refraction and reflection at medium boundaries*
- *Absorption*
- *Rayleigh scattering*



All parameters above should be provided by a input data file.

DIGI Flow: from optical photons to cluster



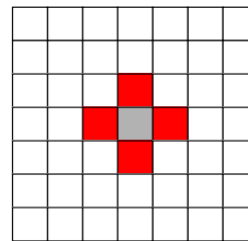
Thermal noise and after-pulsing \sim Poisson distribution

Optical cross-talk(CT) model

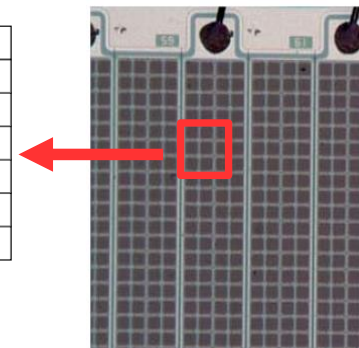
Assuming:

- Any triggered pixel can induce CT in 4 neighboring pixels;
- Same probability p of CT for any individual neighbor;
- Binomial distribution

$$P(s) = \binom{n}{s} p^s (1 - p)^{n-s}$$

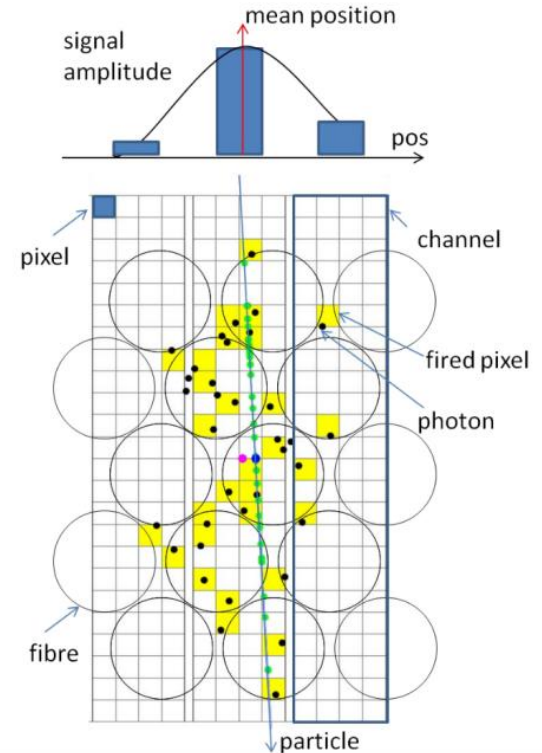
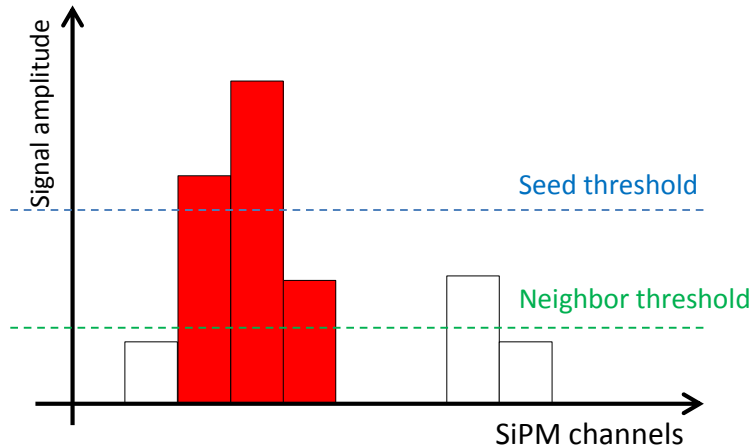


If measured CT probability is ε , $1 - \varepsilon = (1 - p)^n$



Cluster Algorithm

- Scan through the array to select channels with signal above **seed threshold**
- Accept neighbor channels on the left and right if they have signal above **neighbor threshold**



Part 3: Beamtest Simulation

Configuration

Particle Source

Type: proton

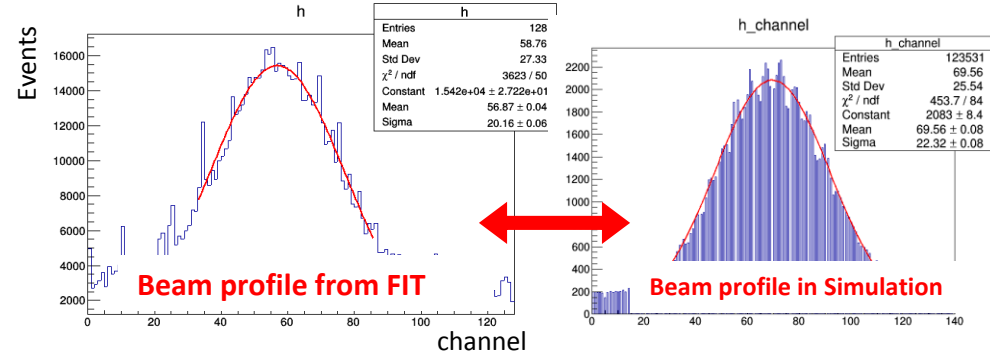
Energy: 100GeV

2D-Gauss Spot, sigma 0.5cm

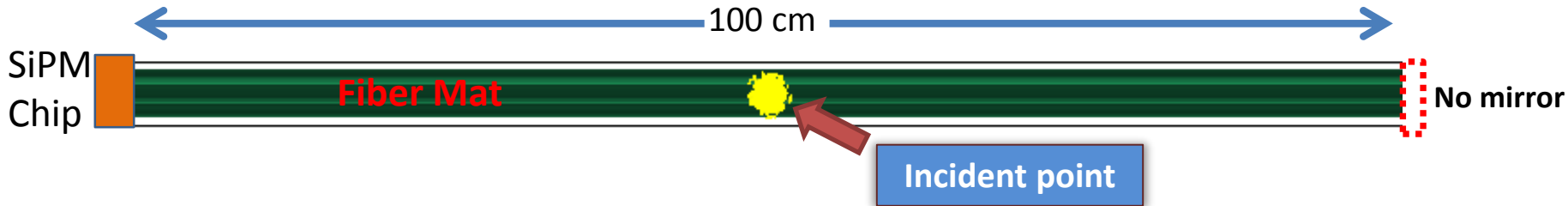
Perpendicularly

Incident position: center of mat

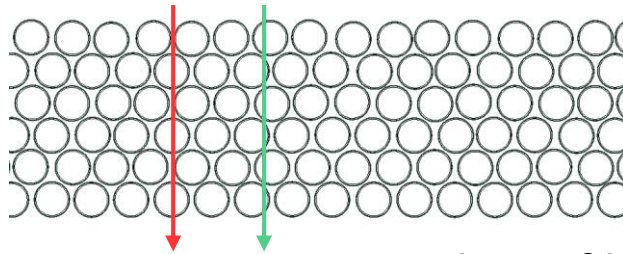
Events: 42800



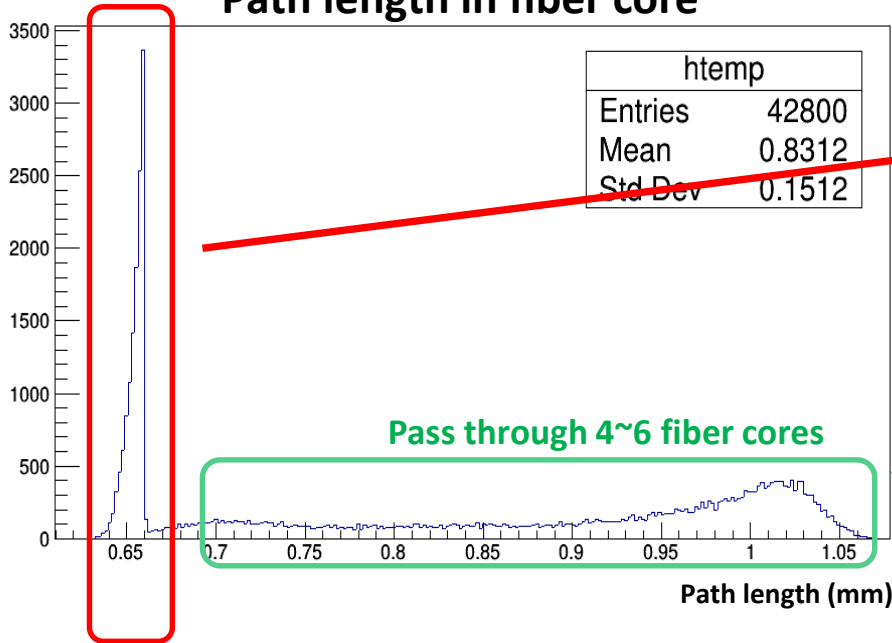
The 100 cm long module has been installed together with the 5 AMS ladders of the telescope.



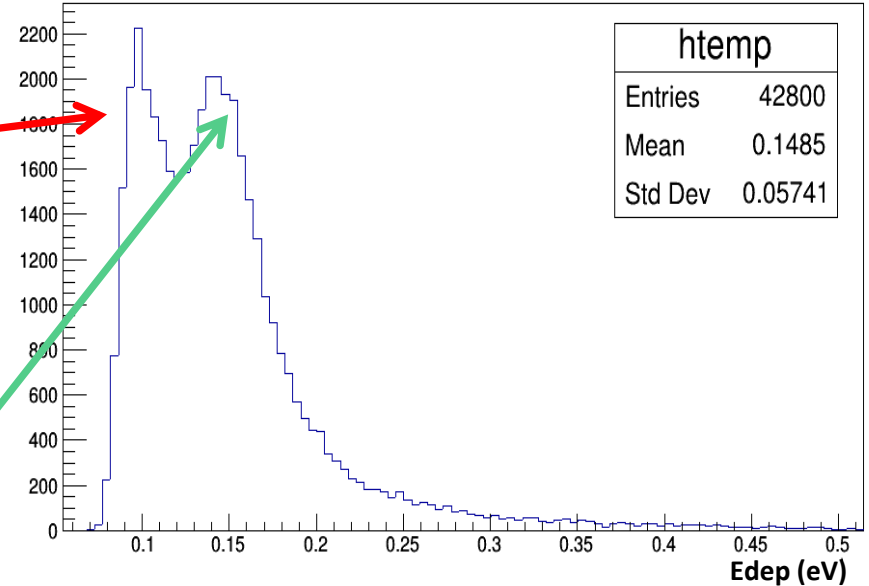
Primary particle



Path length in fiber core



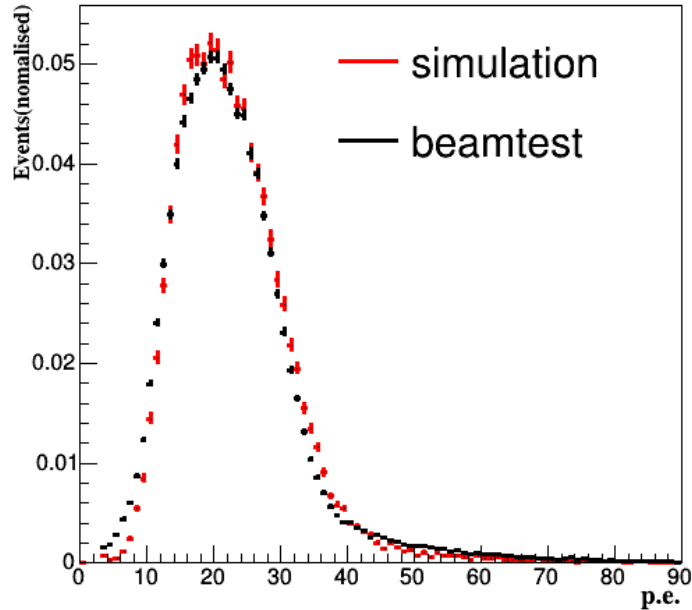
Edep in fiber core



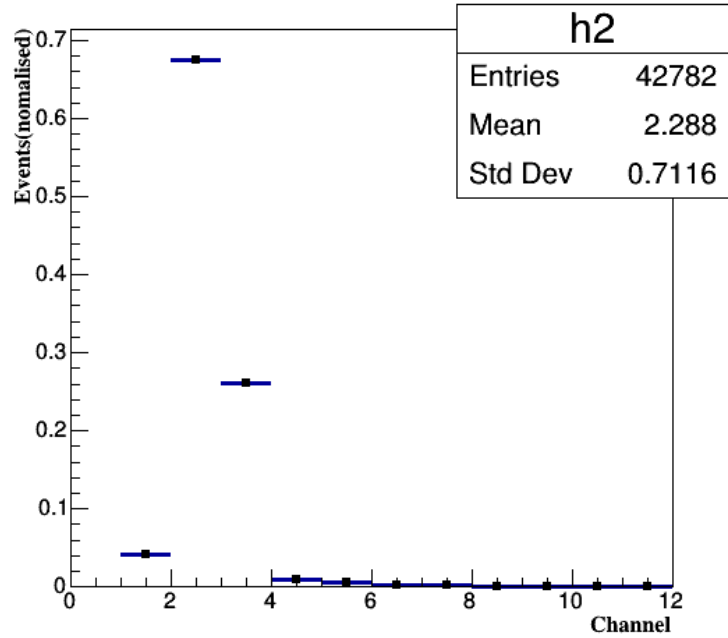
Peak at 0.66mm (3 x fiber core diameter $\sim 0.22\text{mm}$)

Comparison with beamtest

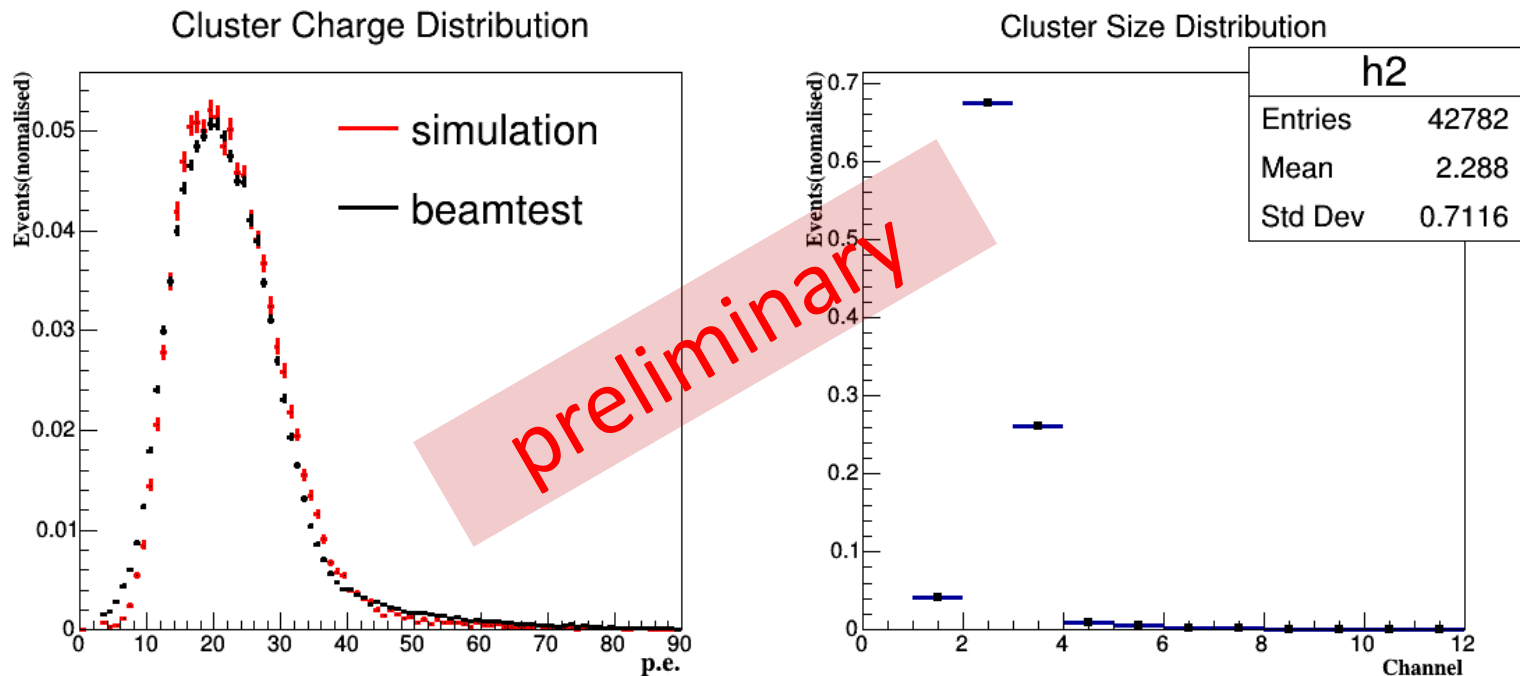
Cluster Charge Distribution



Cluster Size Distribution



Comparison with beamtest



Conclusion and Further Plan

The optical simulation program is developed, the digitization is still ongoing.

- Many parameters should be tuned to match beamtest.
- Hit efficiency, position resolution and cluster size
- Fast simulation will be developed