Update on Lifetime Measurements and the strange behavior of the latest Photonis tubes

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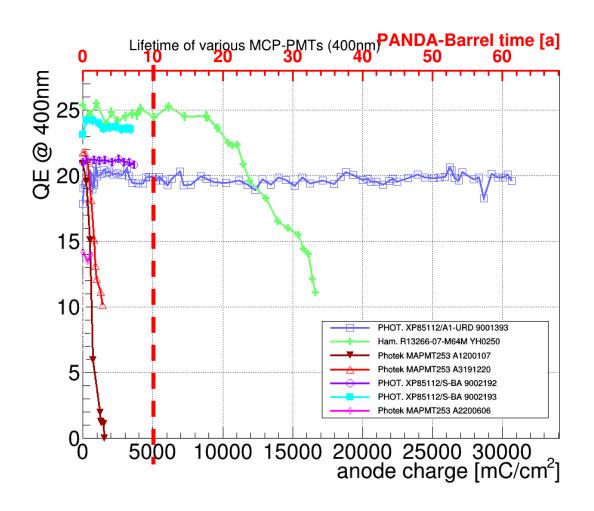








Lifetime data of latest sensors

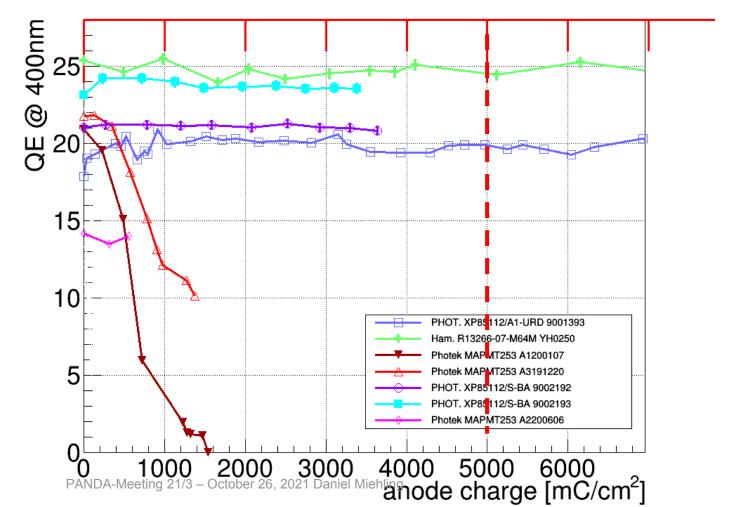


- Most sensors with ALD coated MCPs have lifetime > 5 C/cm²
- Photeks A1200107 and A3191220 have been removed and A2200606 has been built in, Photonis 9002192, 9002193 and 9001393 are not decreasing



Lifetime data of latest sensors

Lifetime of various MCP-PMTs (400nm)





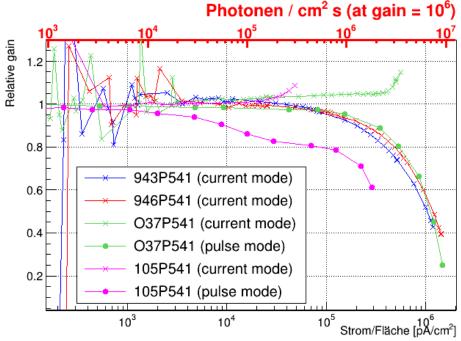


Reminder: strange effects of 9002192, 9002193, 105P541 and O37P541

 9002192 & 9002193: sometimes extremely high count rates in TRB scans in Juelich in both 2020 & 2021

 105P541 & O37P541: seeming increased ratestability in current mode, but way less in pulse mode, sometimes highly increased anode and supply current

systematic approach:
 when does it occur and what happens then?



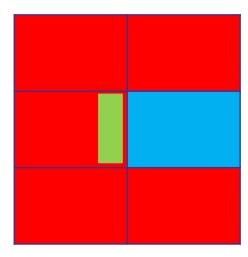




Example video for 105P541

- left side will show Padiwa/TRB system readout of non illuminated 50 channels
- upper right corner will show scope with 1 illuminated pixel (~0.5 pe, 5kHz)
- in the center there will be the HV control panel with the supply current
- first voltage: 2280V (~1.0e06), then 2330V (~1.7e06), then 2380V (~2.5e06)
- → high count rates, low signal height, high currents

105P541 (3x100 pixels)



- Scope readout, illuminated pixel
- Blue: TRB readout, not illuminated
- Red: shorted to ground



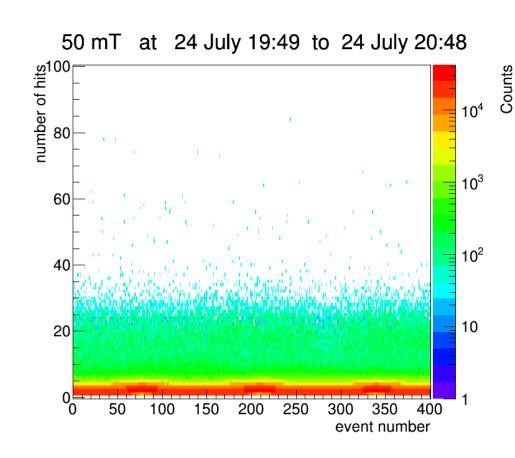


Influence of the voltage divider (PC-MCP in voltage)

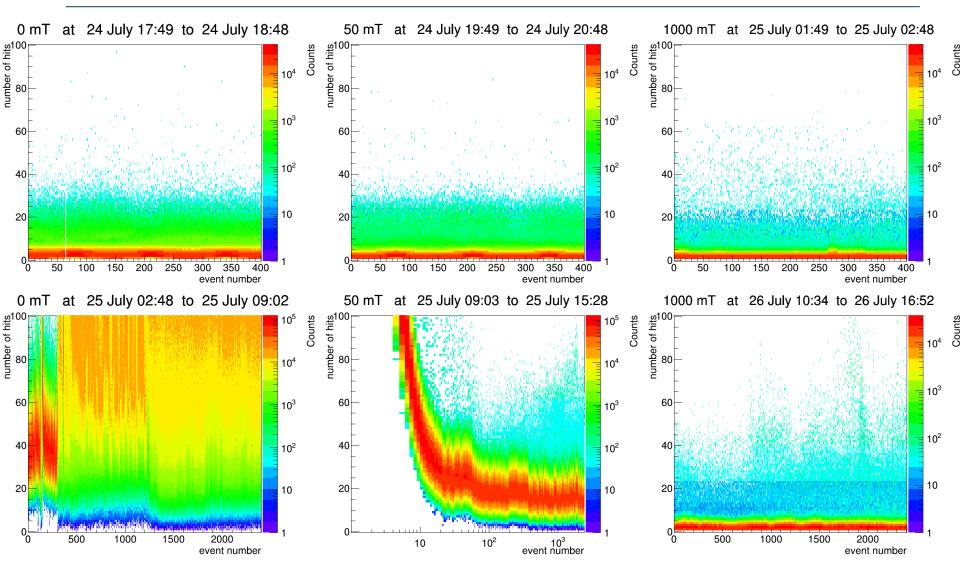
- definition of "escalation":
 - high count rate
 - smaller signals
 - high anode current
 - high supply current
- different voltage divider configurations for 9002192 & 9002193 from 1:10:1 to 4:10:1
- → the higher the PC-MCP_in voltage the higher the probability for escalation (no effect to almost no effect with 1:10:1 and 2:10:1, high voltage needed for 3:10:1 and low voltage for 4:10:1)

Influence of the magnetic field

- TRB scans of Photonis 9002192 with modified PC-MCP voltage
- Strange count rates for some measurements (shown in next slide)
- Plot at right shows for each event number the number of hits per laser event
- Number of hits summed up for all 64 channels
- Following plots are chronologically ordered (see title)
- Top: X-row scans
- Bottom: XY scans







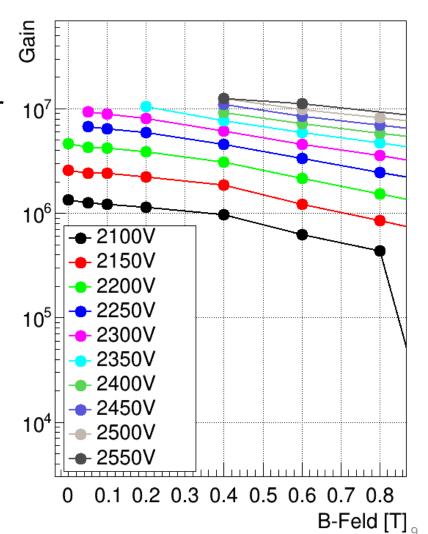




Influence of the magnetic field

- gain vs B field for O37P541 for different voltages
- the higher the gain/voltage the latter the gaincurve "starts"
- somehow positive effect of the magnetic field on the escalation

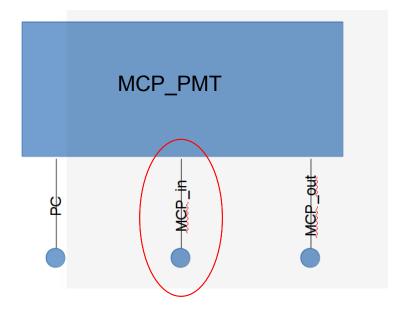
O37P541





Supply current increase

- 3 different HV for PC, MCP_in and MCP_out to check where the additional current flows
- → over MCPs and not between PC MCP_in → corresponds to drop of MCP resistance of factor 2 – 3

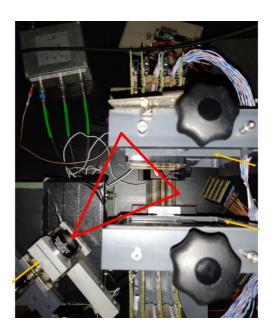


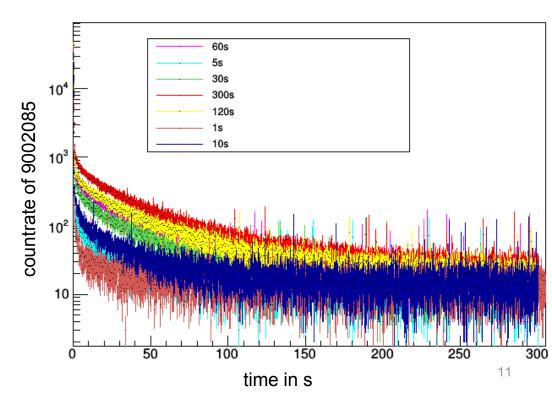




Photon creation during escalation? (video 2)

- 2 MCP-PMTs face to face, 9002193 with 4:10:1 divider as escalating sensor and 9002085 as detecting one
- → 9002193 emits photons in escalation mode and slowly goes back to normal (not instant!) if switched off
- countrate of 9002085 in dependence of escalation time of 9002193









List of tubes

Escalation	No escalation (in or slightly above specs)
$ \begin{array}{c} 9002192 \\ 9002193 \\ 105P541 \\ O37P541 \end{array} $ clearly in specs	9001165 9001332 9001340 9001341 9001394 9002108
9001393 (at max specs)	9002150 946P541 Photek A1200107 Photek A1200116 Photek A3191220 Hamamatsu YH0250 (but massive afterglow)

→ Maybe connected to 2 layer-ALD coating?



Summary

- issues with ratestability and behavior in Juelich of 9002192, 9002193, O37P541 and 105P541 can be linked to the same effect
- Photonis is aware of this and we sent 105P541 back to them so they can do tests on their own
- in the B-field the effect seems to be better → so probably no problem for the experiment but maybe for the quality assurance measurements to be done in Erlangen

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Thank you for your attention!

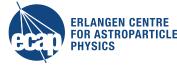
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