



# Characterization of SiPMs for Large Scale Applications

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- Family-owned enterprise, founded in 1989 by Dr. Josef Kemmer
- Number of employees: 100
- Certified according to ISO9001:2015
- Major product lines:
  - SDD modules, detector electronics and complete systems
  - Silicon Photo Multipliers (SiPMs) since 2007

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#### • Standard techniques:

- PDE (photo detection efficiency)
- SPTR (single photon time resolution)
- DCR (dark count rate)
- Recovery time and gain

- Advanced techniques:
  - correlated noise
  - spatially resolved DCR

### **KETEK PDE-Setup**





- simultaneous meas. of two SiPMs
- automatic DAQ and analysis
- PIN-diode as reference for incident light
- commonly used approach:
  - P. Eckert et al., doi: 10.1016/j.nima.2010.03.169
     A. Otte et al., doi: 10.1016/j.nima.2016.09.053

$$N_{detected} = -ln\left(\frac{N_0}{N_{flashes}}\right) + ln\left(\frac{N_0^{dark}}{N_{flashes}}\right)$$

$$PDE = \frac{N_{detected}}{N_{incident}}$$

N<sub>incident</sub> via ref. SiPM or PIN-diode PDE





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PDE





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### DCR





- modification of μ-cell for new WB-series
- suppression of diffusion current
- significant reduction of DCR below
   100 kHz/mm<sup>2</sup> at T=21 °C and saturated PDE

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#### PM3350-WB



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- further suppression of DCR below 50 kHz/mm<sup>2</sup>
- goal in SiPM development: DCR< 10 kHz/mm<sup>2</sup>



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- P<sub>CP</sub> increases with decreasing threshold
- afterpulsing and delayed X-talk are not distinguished

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Overvoltage [V]





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# Recovery Time and Gain





- illumination with a short laser pulse (70 ps pulse width)
- SiPM is driven into saturation (N<sub>photons</sub> >> N<sub>cells</sub>)
- measure signal without amplifier
- recovery time (υ<sub>rec</sub>) via exponential fit
- gain (G) via integration of output charge

# Probability of Correlated Pulses (P<sub>CP</sub>)

- DCR-setup is used
- triggered acquisition of waveforms
- determination of Δt between pulses
- build Compl. Cumulative Distr. Function (P<sup>\*</sup><sub>tot</sub>) doi:10.1109/NSSMIC.2016.8069965
- fit DCR as slowest component of  $P_{tot}^*$

$$P_{\text{tot}}^*(\Delta t) = \exp\left(-DCR \cdot \Delta t\right) \cdot P_{\text{corr}}^*(\Delta t)$$
(prob. that no event occurs at a delaytime <  $\Delta t$ )

$$\lim_{\Delta t \to \infty} P_{\rm corr}^*(\Delta t) = 1 - P_{\rm CP}$$

determined DCR is independent of  $\mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{CP}}$ 







Test	Method	Conditions		Qty	Target
MSL	MSL classification (accord. to J-STD-020)	MSL1		45	0 failed
тс	Temperature Cycling (accord. to JESD22-A104)	1000x -55°C / 125 °C		15	0 failed
H³TS	High Humid. High Temp. Storage (accord. to JESD22-A101)	1000 h at 85 °C + 85 % RH		15	0 failed
HTS	High Temp. Storage (accord. to JESD22-A103)	1000 h at 125 °C		15	0 failed
		all test are performed without bias voltage			

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