

# Ultra-sensitive dark current measurements in the Injector

- 1) The ESRF has always provided filling-modes that suit Single Bunch users, i.e. with satisfactory purity ( -> undesired RF buckets at zero electron level )
- 2) This purity is (so far) obtained by a cleaning method in the Storage Ring
- 3) That cleaning method uses a transverse resonant excitation of the undesired buckets and scraping them down to zero
- 4) It is done after each injection, takes roughly 1 minute

But : in future we will operate in Top-Up mode,  
Cleaning in the Storage Ring no longer possible,  
and so our Injector needs to provide a clean single bunch

The raises 2 challenging requirements :

- 1) Do the cleaning in the Injector (again transverse resonance + gating)  
or use an ultra fast injection kicker after the Linac (pick only the Single Bunch)
- 2) Measure that the above method provides indeed that pure Single Bunch

## Bunch Cleaning in the .... Booster !

This is absolutely imperative, not only for the new Ring,  
but as soon as Top-Up operation is implemented :

few **questions** & **answers** :

**What is meant with “Bunch Cleaning” ?**

removing (completely) the electrons in un-desired buckets :  
e.g. in 16 bunch mode only **16** buckets out of **992** are filled  
and the other **976** buckets should contain **Zero** electrons

**How is it done now ?**

in the Storage Ring, by exciting undesired buckets at a resonance frequency,  
and loosing their electrons on a (temporarily “closed”) scraper

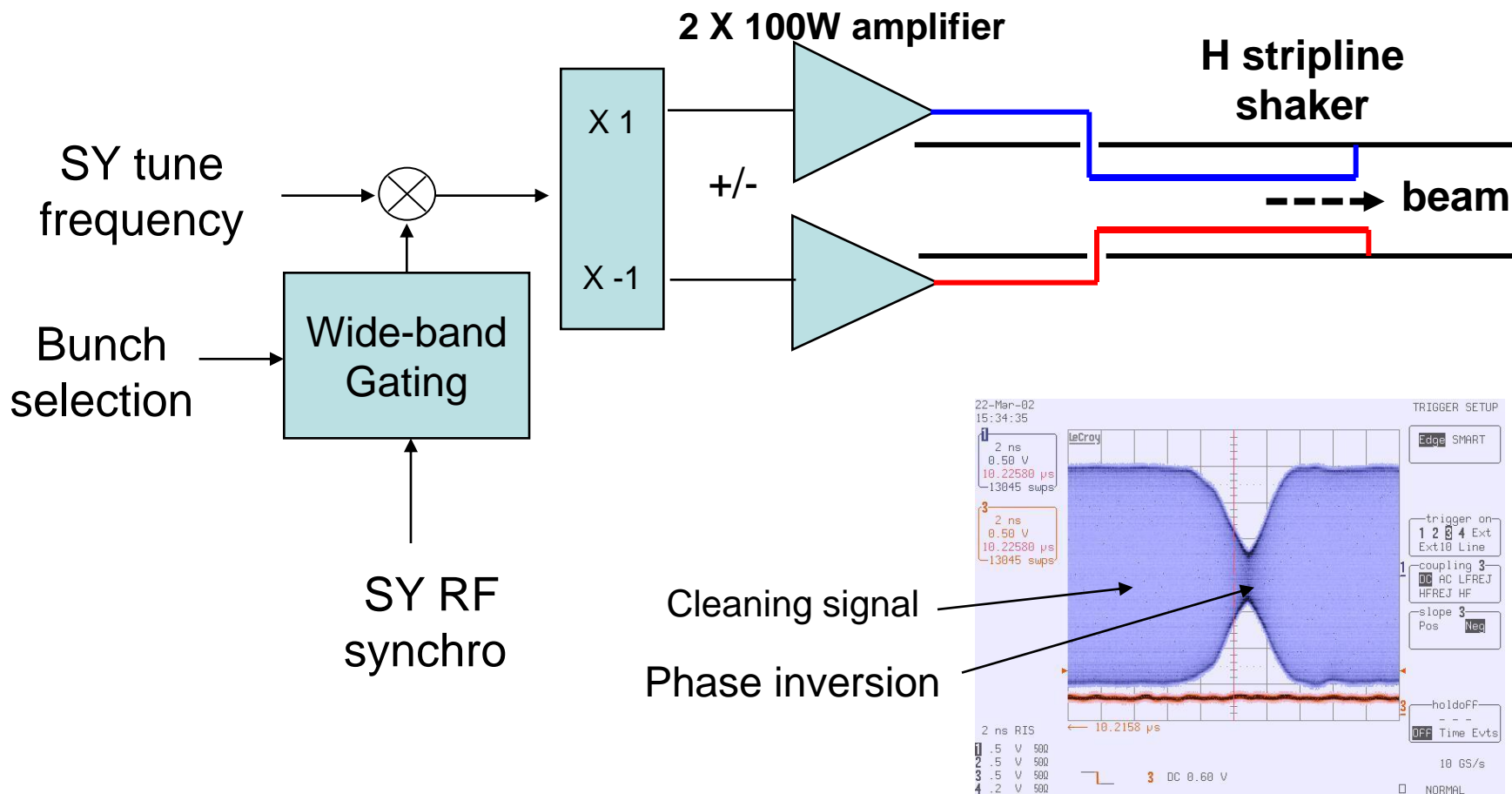
**What is the problem then with Top-Up ?**

the process (incl. “closing” this scraper) takes too much time,  
compared to the periods between Top-Ups,  
also : not completely transparent to beam stability

# Cleaning in the booster by resonant RF knock out :

The Booster Beam is excited horizontally by a shaker at the Hor. Tune frequency.

The Main Bunches are protected from this excitation : a synchronized phase inversion at their passage in the shaker.



# Bunch Purity Cleaning in the Booster is imperative for the Phase-2 upgrade

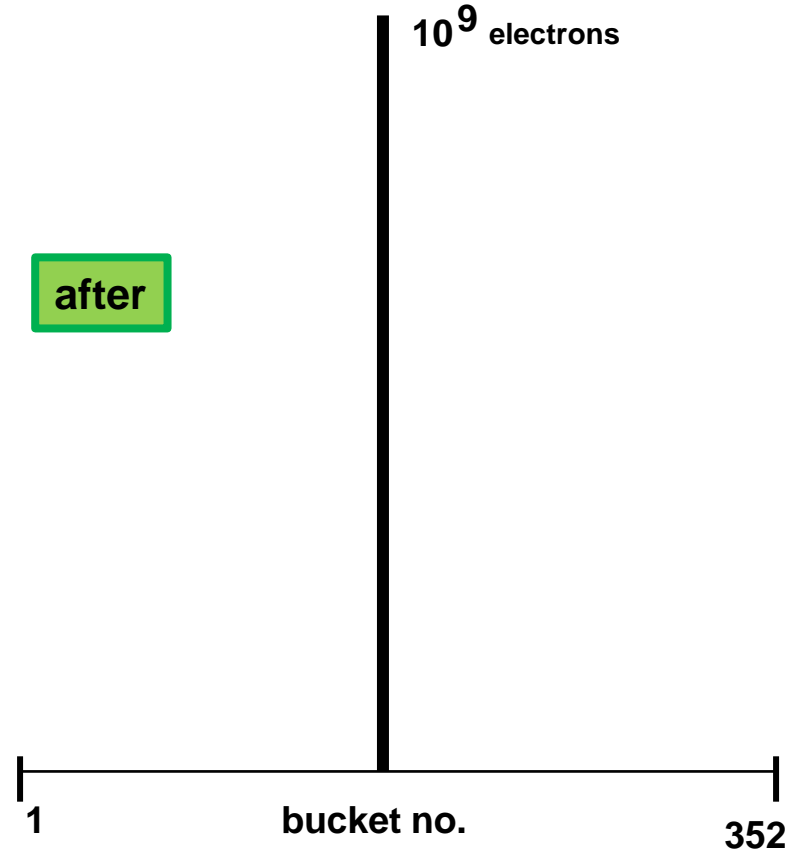
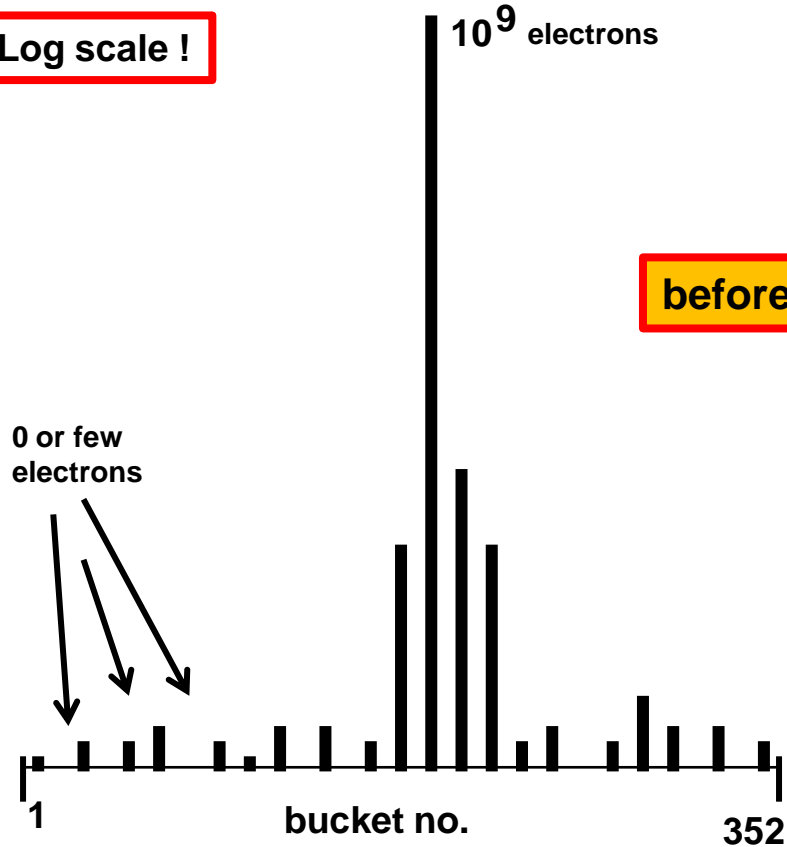
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a sensitive (single electron) Booster  
dark-current measurement diagnostic

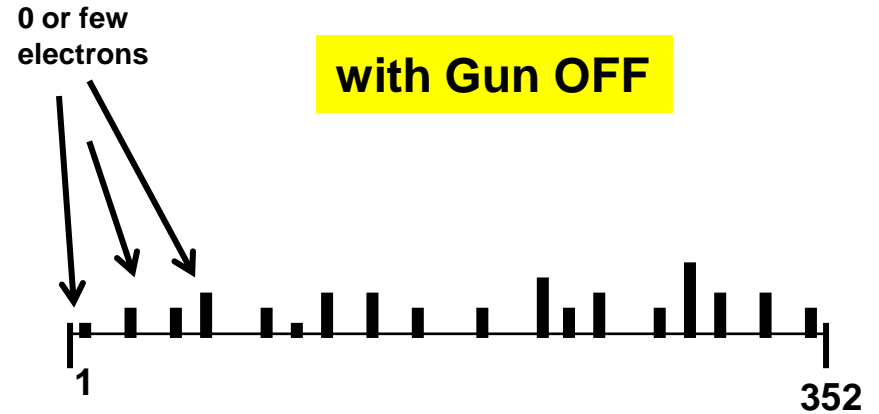
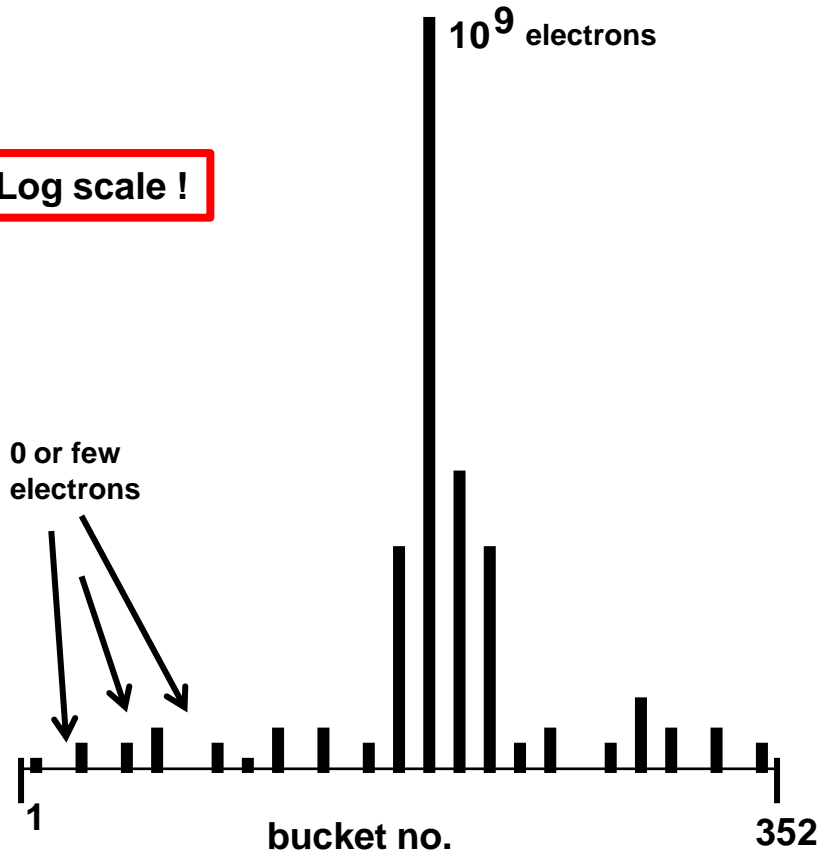
Log scale !

before

after



**Log scale !**



this is "dark current"

produced in the 1st cell of Linac buncher :

thermal electrons, pulled-out & accelerated by the fields, they fall (by coincidence) in the good RF phase of the SYRF, finally end-up as 6 GeV electrons at the extraction

with Gun OFF



this “dark current”

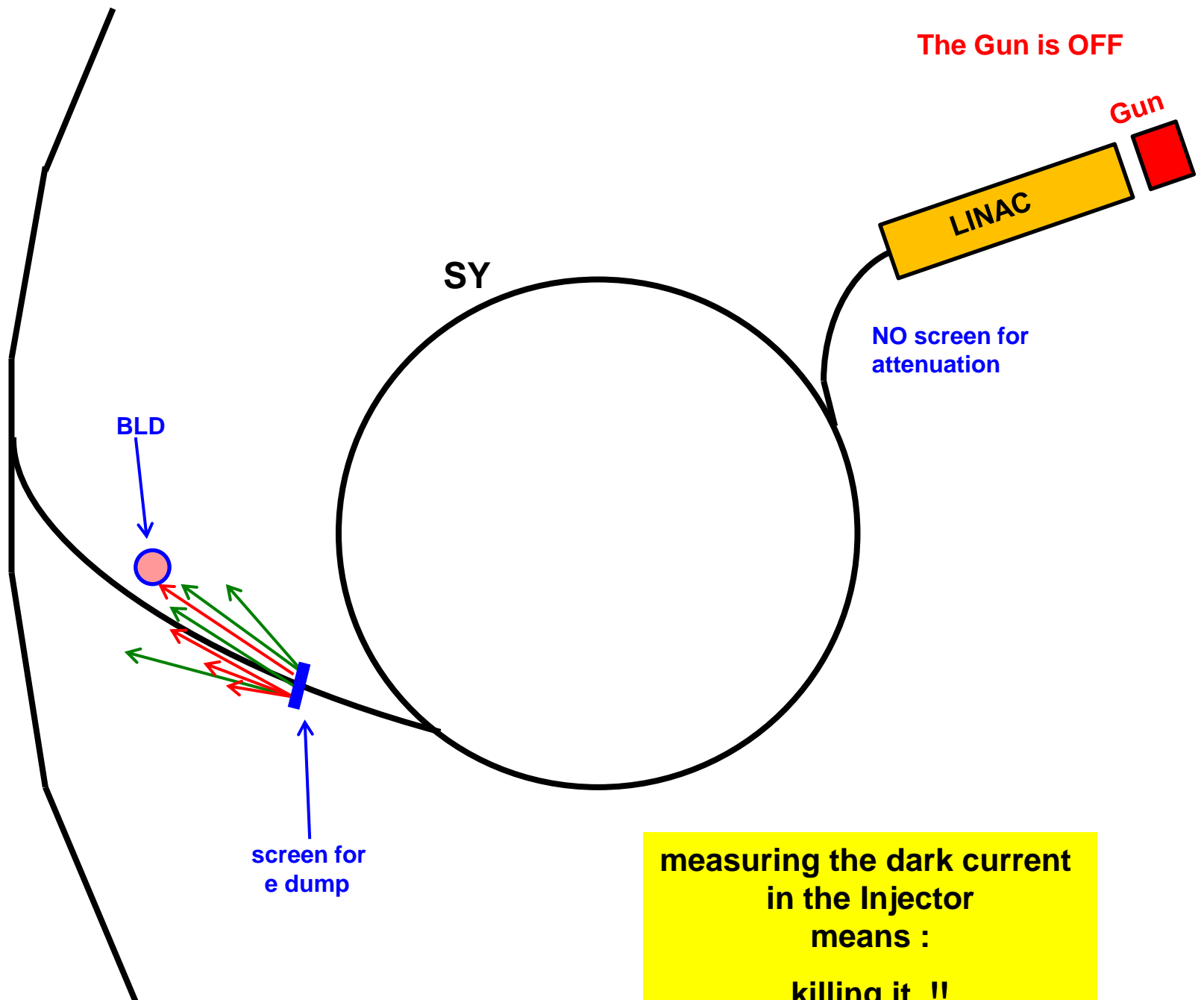
How much is it ??

very rough estimation done at MDT in February :  
injecting 40 (dark) shots into SR and counting several minutes  
with the photon counter of ID-25 in sensitive mode

The Booster dark current per shot is roughly 2 electrons per bucket,  
(roughly) distributed equally over all 352 buckets.

can we measure it quickly & precisely in the Injector ?

i.e. independent of Storage Ring, i.e. during USM



The Gun is OFF

Gun

LINAC

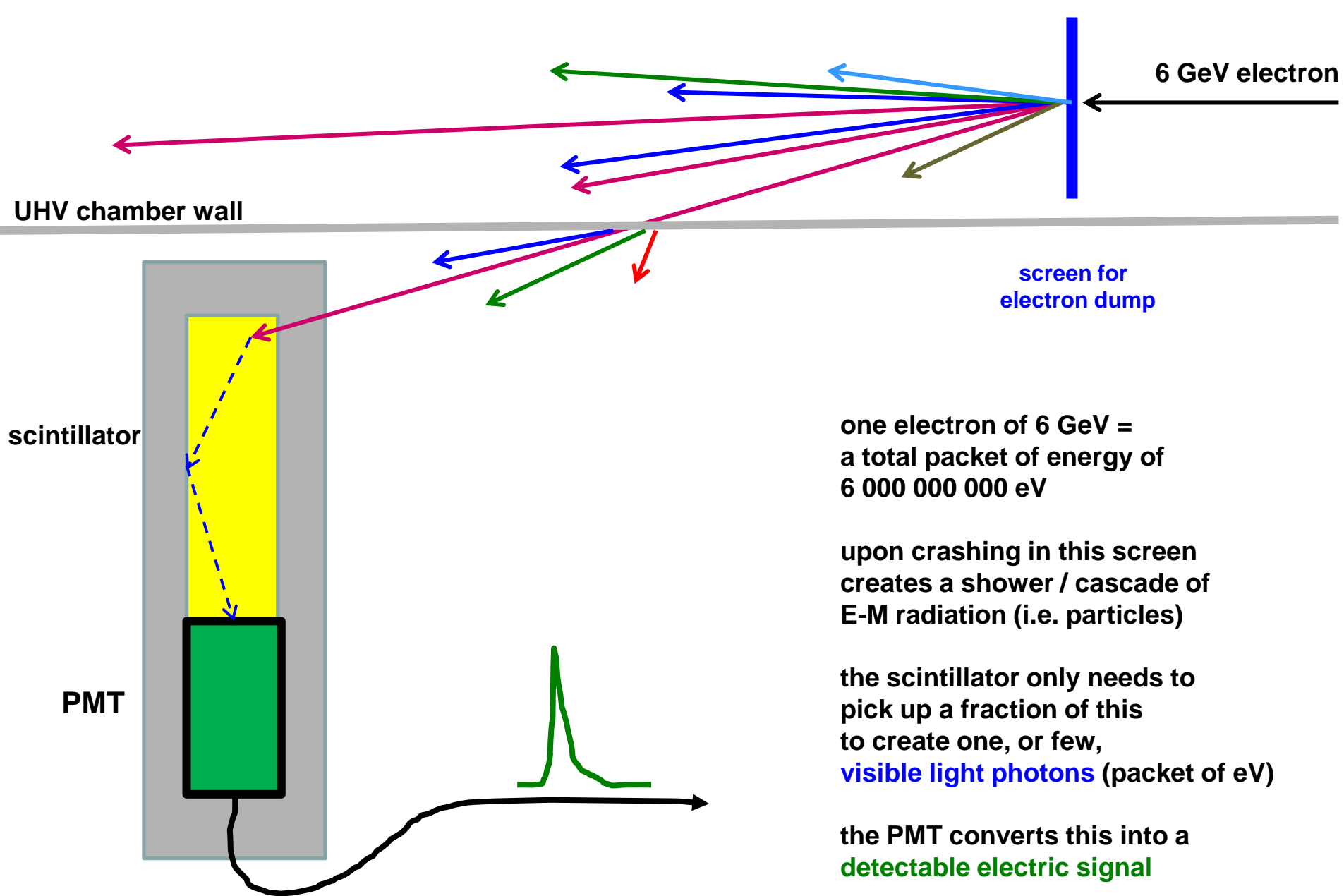
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NO screen for attenuation

BLD

screen for e dump

measuring the dark current  
in the Injector  
means :  
killing it !!



one electron of 6 GeV =  
a total packet of energy of  
6 000 000 000 eV

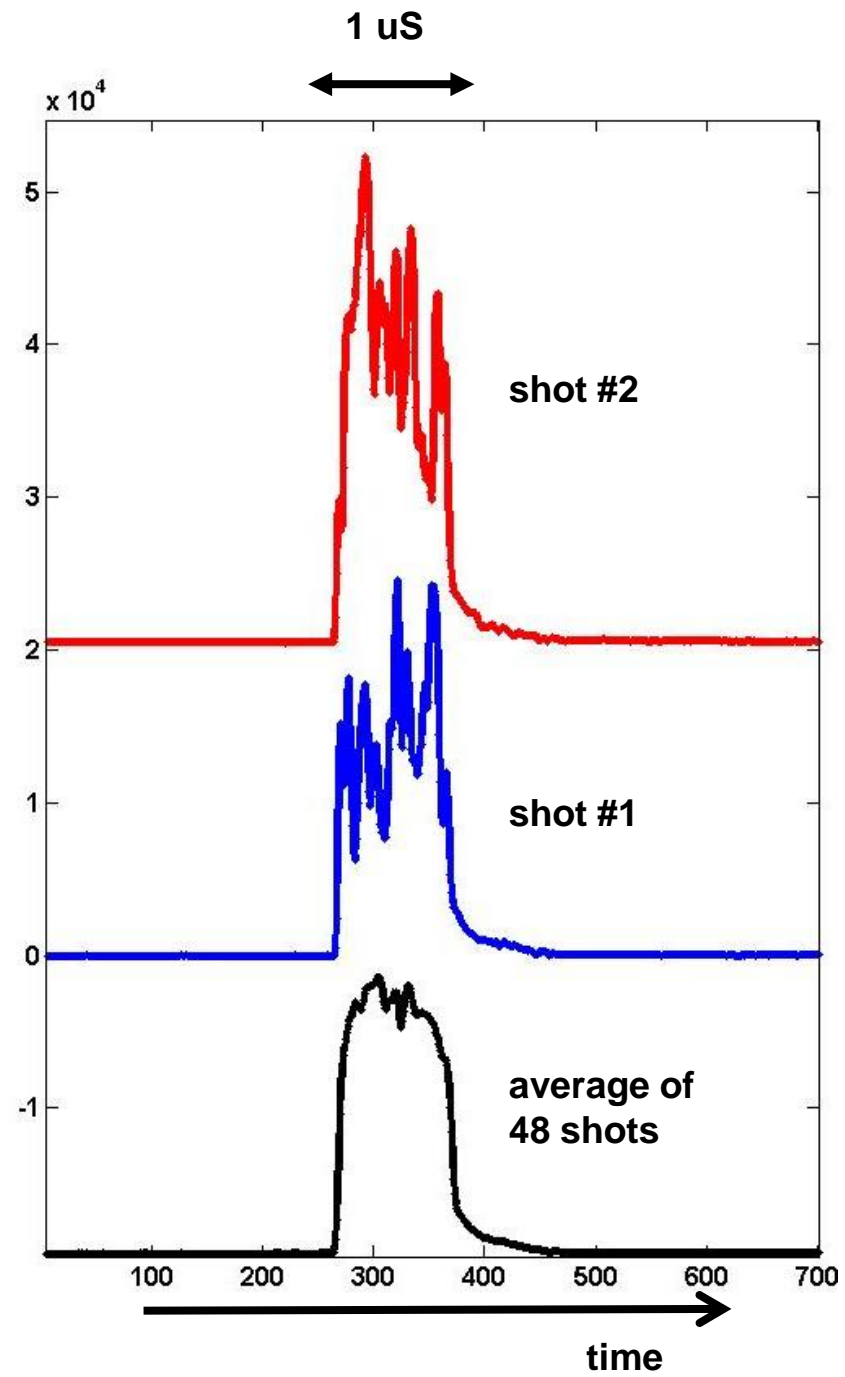
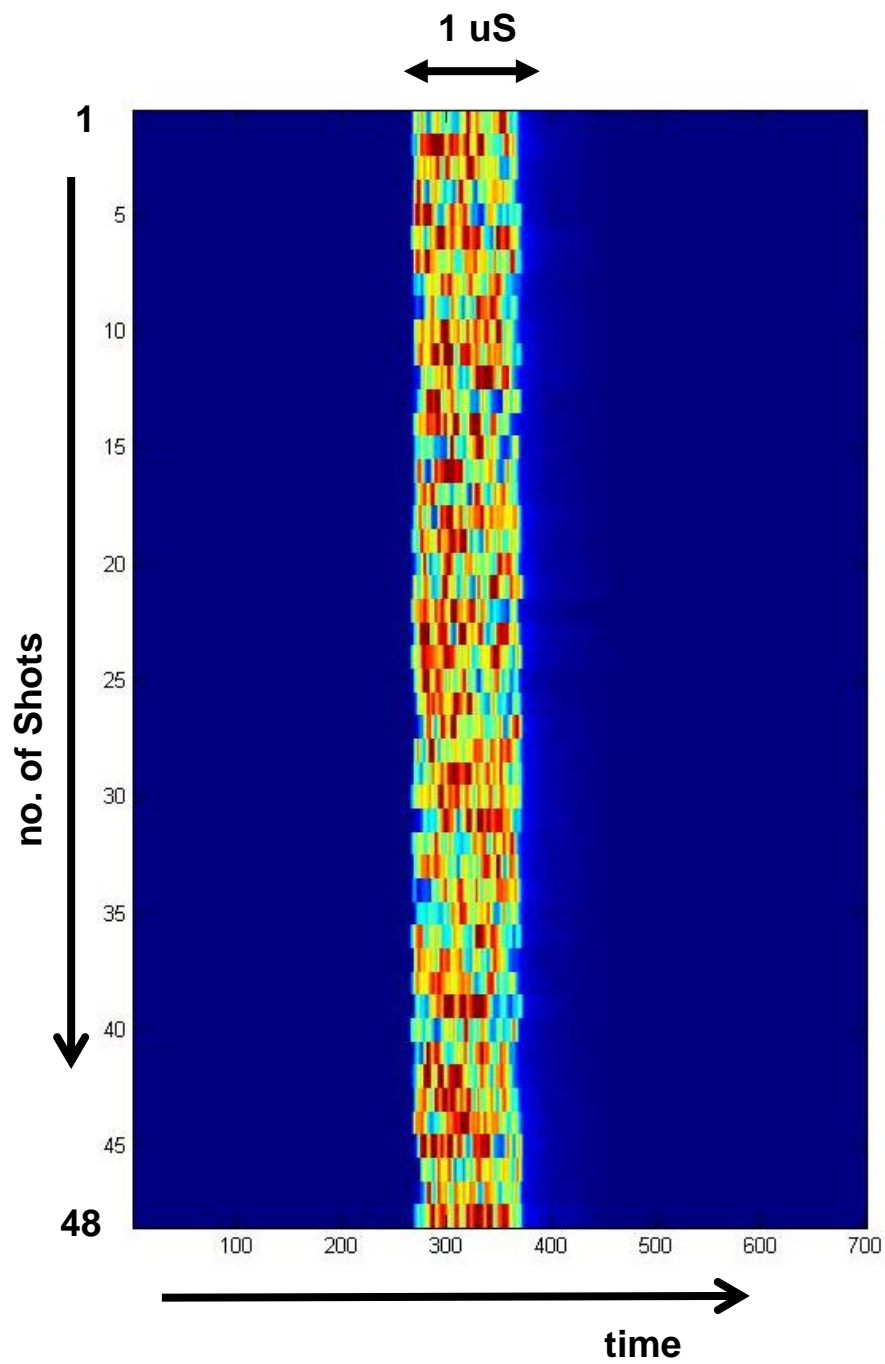
upon crashing in this screen  
creates a shower / cascade of  
E-M radiation (i.e. particles)

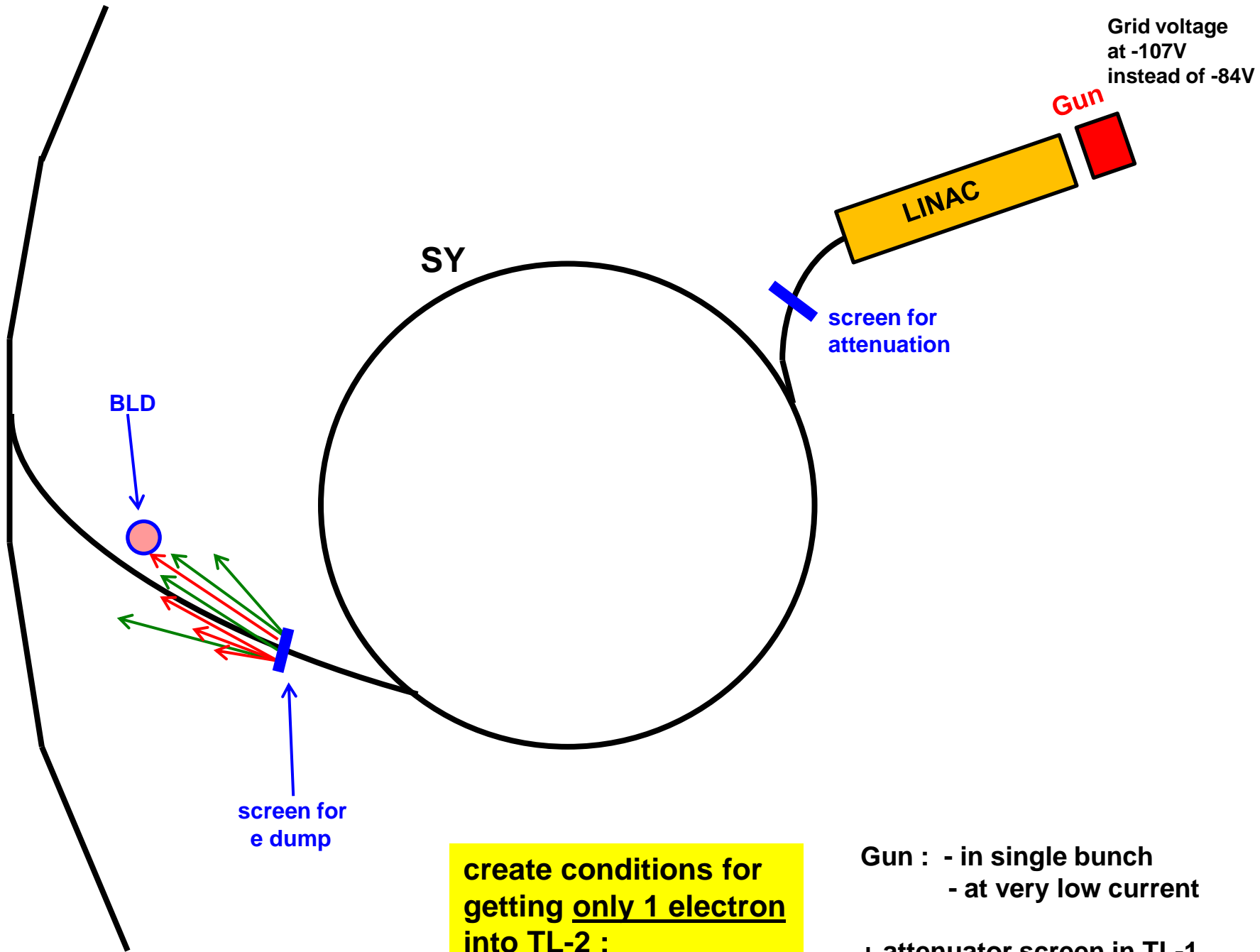
the scintillator only needs to  
pick up a fraction of this  
to create one, or few,  
**visible light photons** (packet of eV)

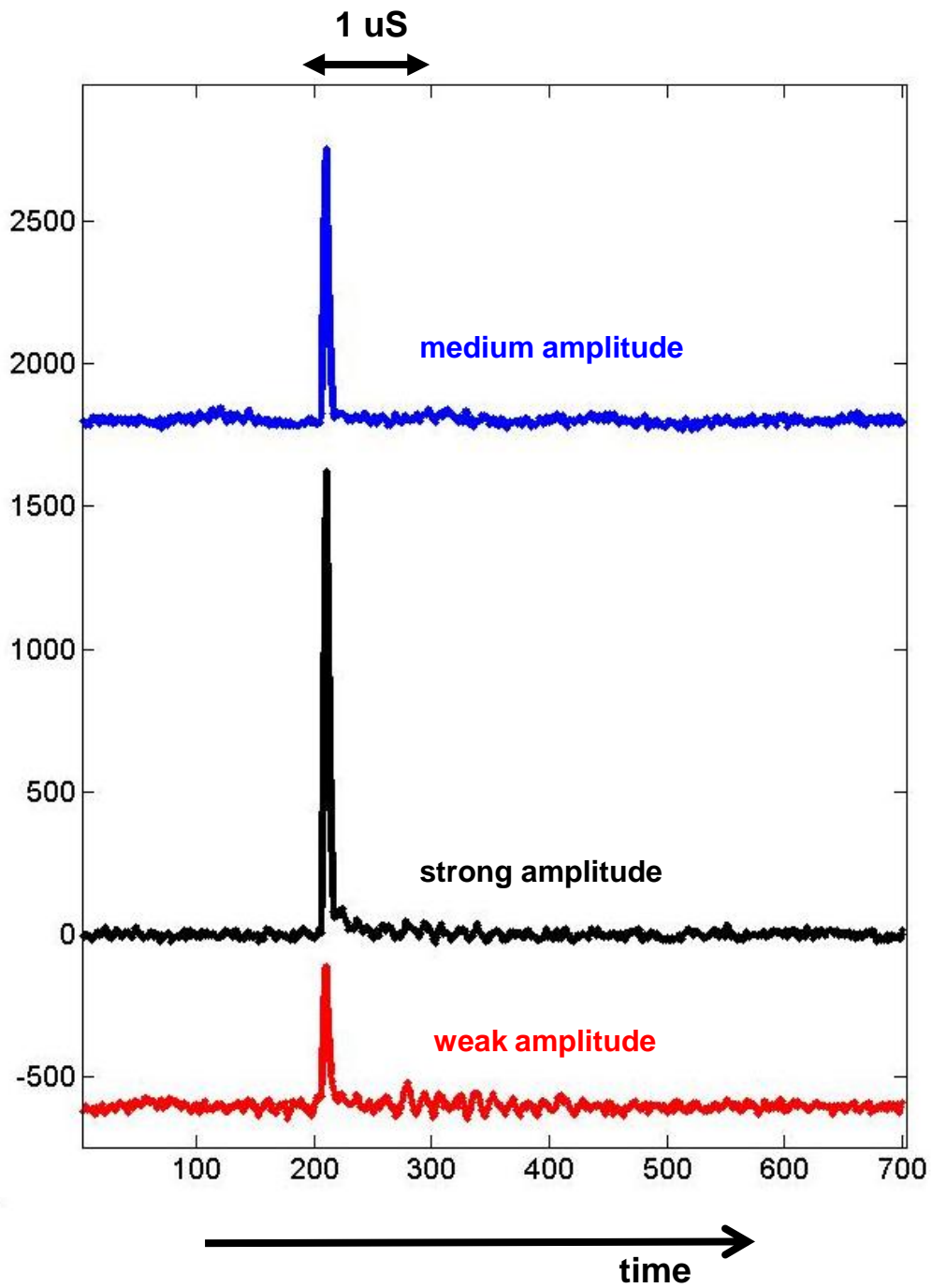
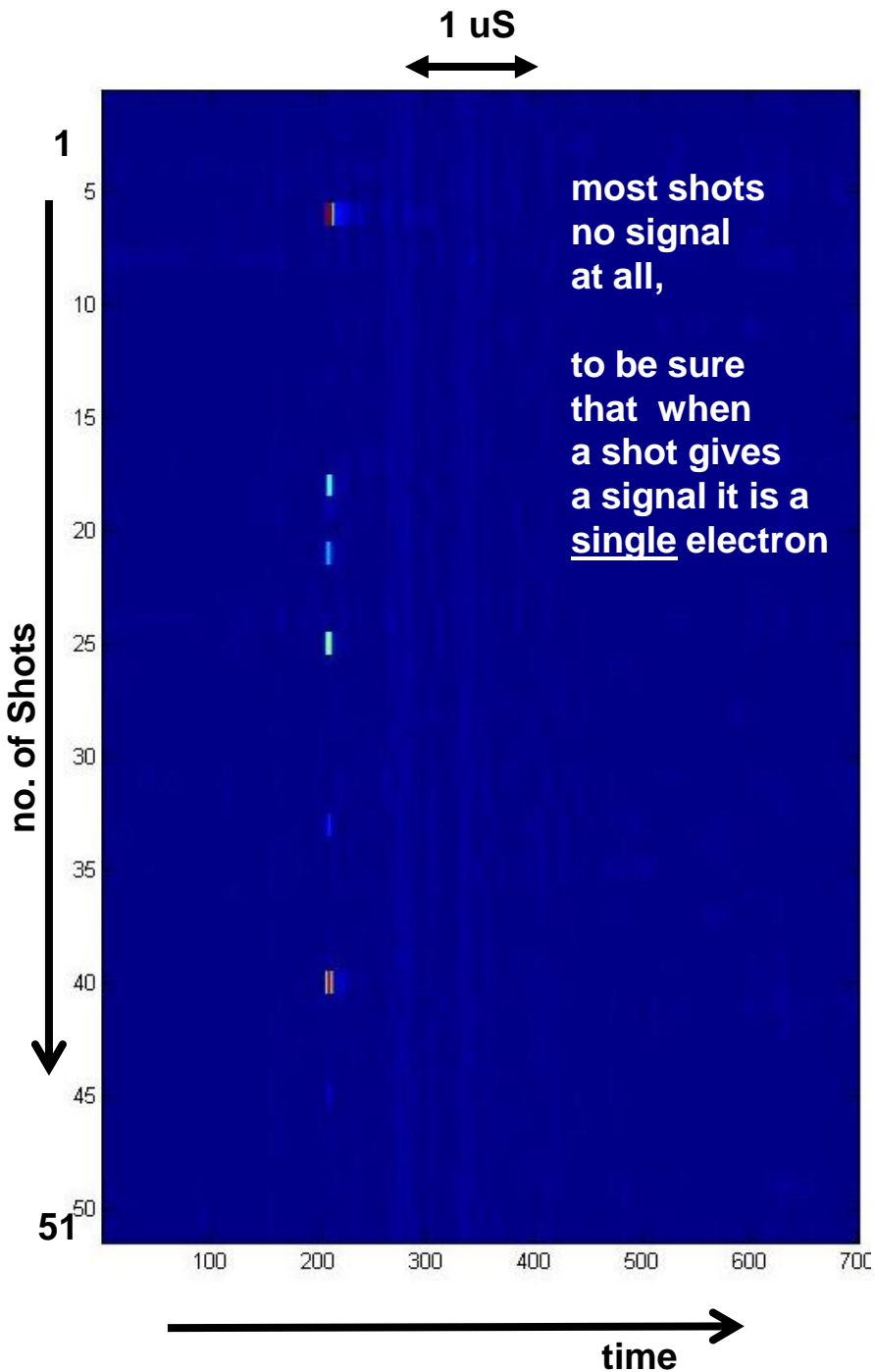
the PMT converts this into a  
**detectable electric signal**

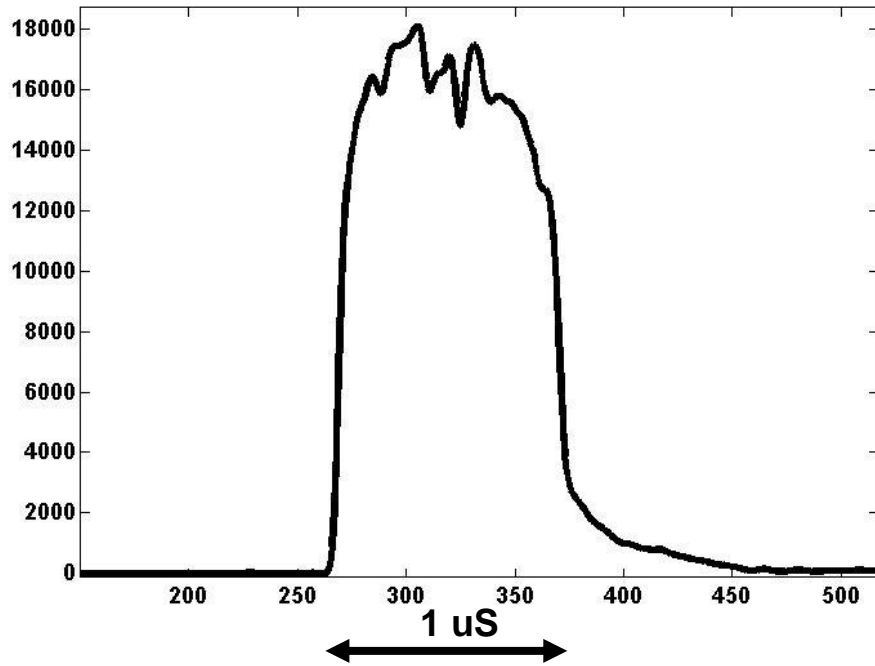
digitized by a Libera-BLM











the integrated value of the pulse from the “dark current”

divided by

the integrated value of the average strength pulse from the single electron

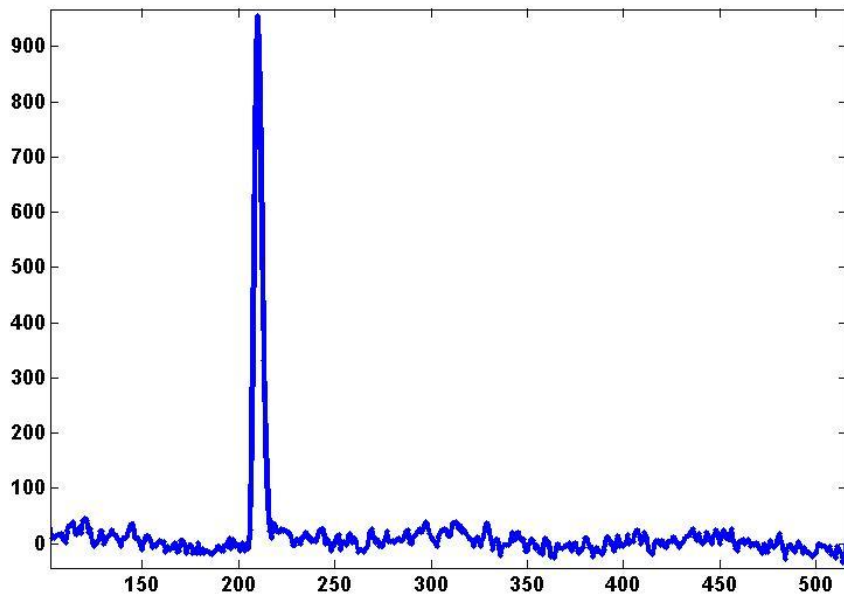
yields the number of electrons in that “dark current”

**Result :**

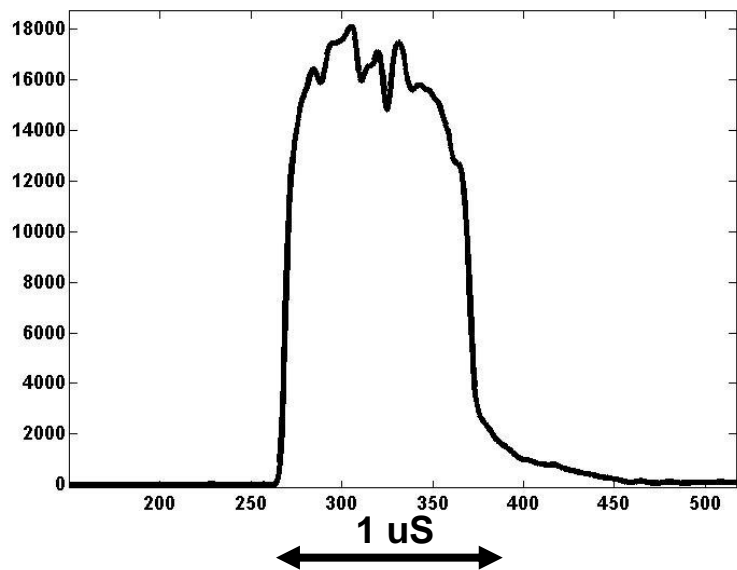
roughly 150 electrons per shot

i.e. 0.5 electron per bucket

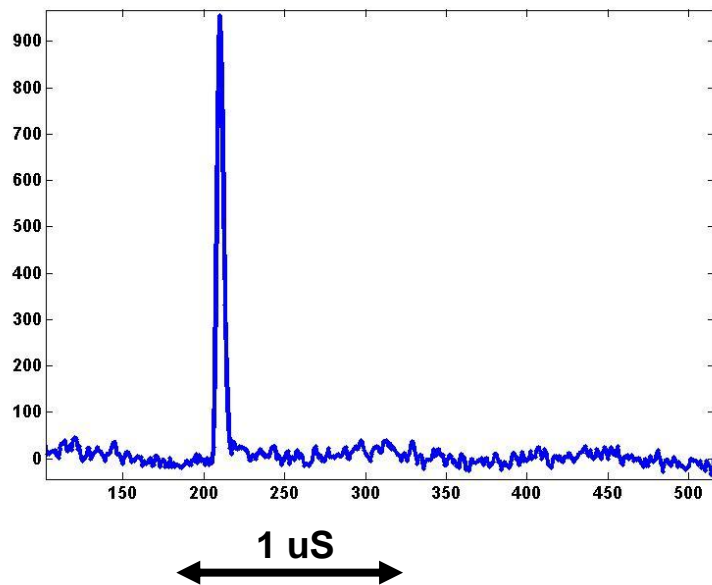
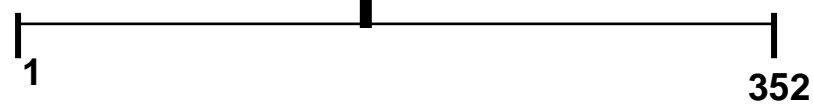
compared to 2 electrons/bucket found (very roughly) in February



**with Gun OFF  
& NO cleaning**



**with Gun OFF  
& cleaning (successful)**



**this diagnostic should be helpful for  
the commissioning of the Booster cleaning  
during USM**

# Ultra-sensitive dark current measurements in the Injector

This is a destructive and an indirect measurement technique

But in the absence of other techniques still (hopefully) useful during the commissioning of Booster Bunch Cleaning

any other (ideas of) measurement techniques much welcome ... !