

# Detector Intensity Corrections

## IPTS 27957

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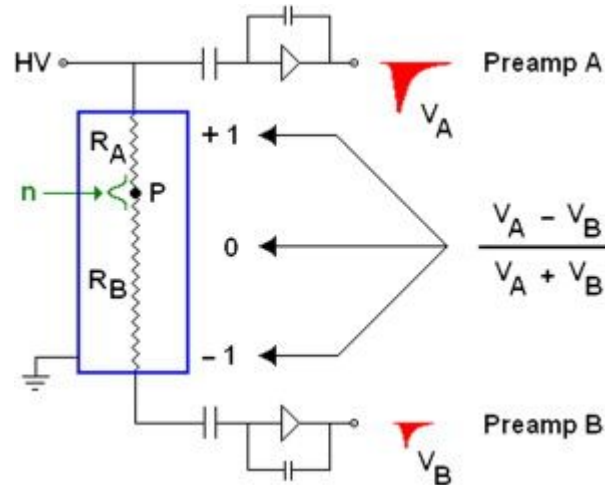
# GPM, LEM, and GP-SANS

## Outline:

- Deadtime effect
- Monitor data ( $\Delta t$  histograms)
  - GPM – pretty  $\Delta t$  histogram, deadtime seems to be 1200ns. 100ns time resolution
  - LEM – Odd peak, possible double counting effect altering histogram. 100ns time resolution
  - GP-SANS – 48 banks of 4 tubes each. Each bank has a different countrate. 1us time res.
- Correction methods
  - Formula correction
  - $\Delta t$  extrapolation
  - BEX – from paper
- Comparison of different methods for deadtime correction
  - Determine error on correction methods

# Detector “Dead Time”

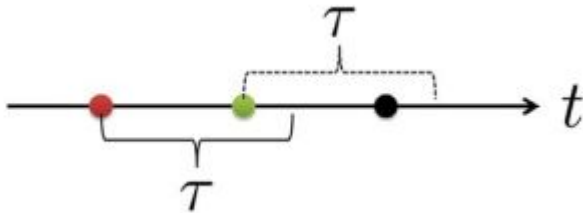
- Neutron detection involves deadtime due to reality constraints
- Quantifying dead time losses is complicated
  - Requires intricate knowledge of the monitoring system (physical and electronic components)
  - Stochastic nature of detection events
  - Variance in actual dead time



# Paralyzing vs Non-Paralyzing Deadtime

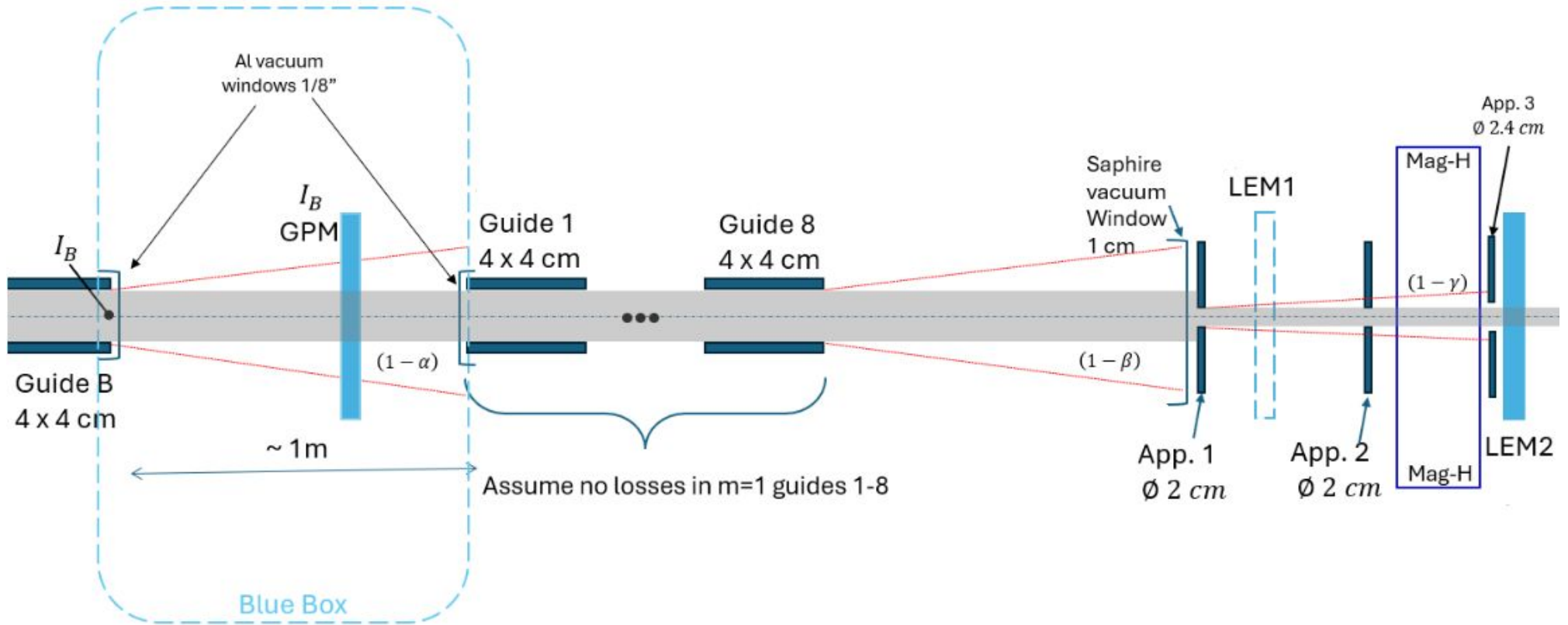
Dead time effects can be “Paralyzing” or “non Paralyzing” (usually a combination exists)

- In the example below, the first event (Red) is detected, causing deadtime  $\tau$  to block the detection of the second event (Green).



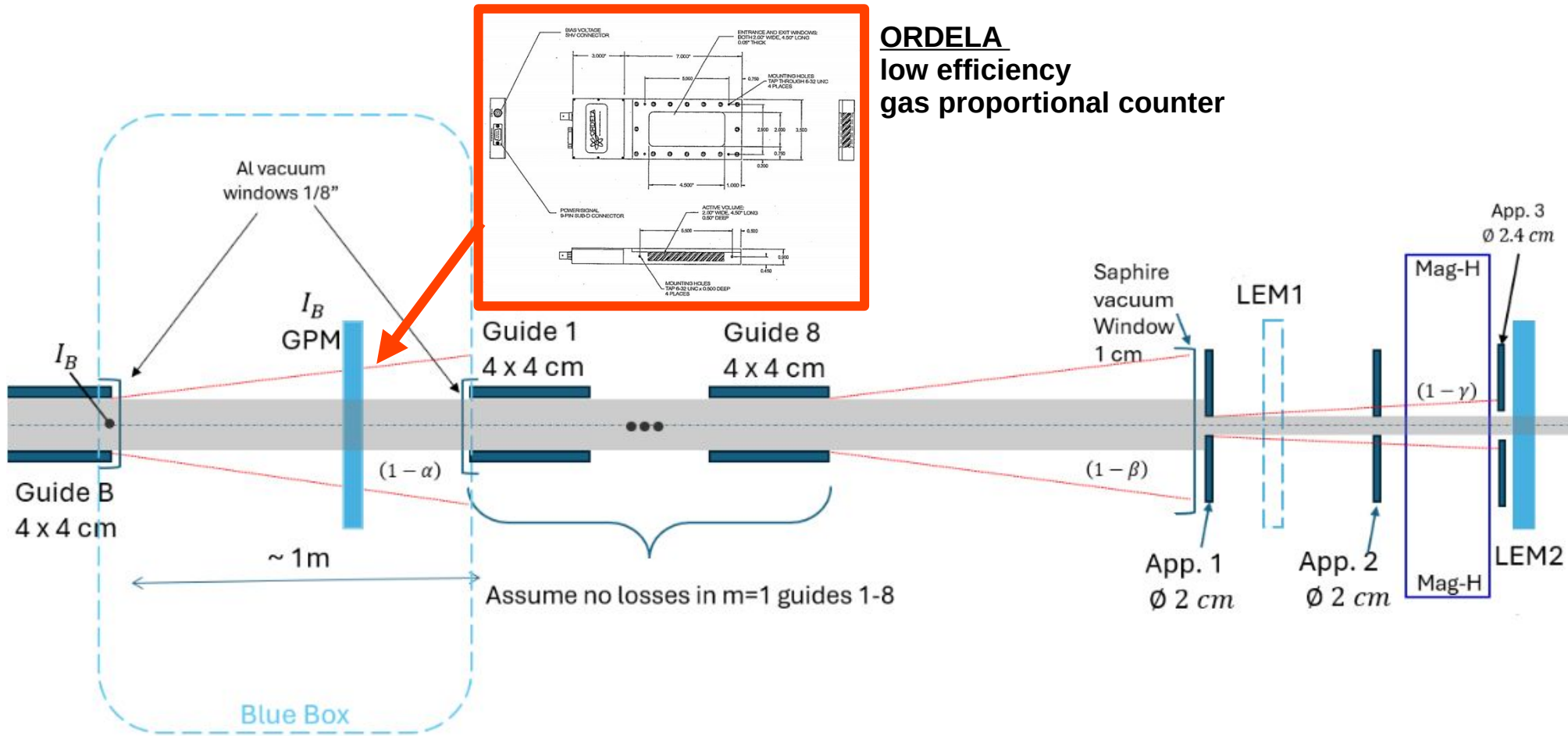
- If it is “Paralyzing”, then every event will cause the detector to experience deadtime. In this case, although green is not “detected”, it will cause another deadtime period  $\tau$  that will prevent the detection of the third event (Black).
  - Only Red will be counted
- If it is “Non-Paralyzing”, the green event will still not be detected, but this time it will not cause an additional deadtime.
  - The Red and Black events will be counted

# IPTS 27957 Configuration



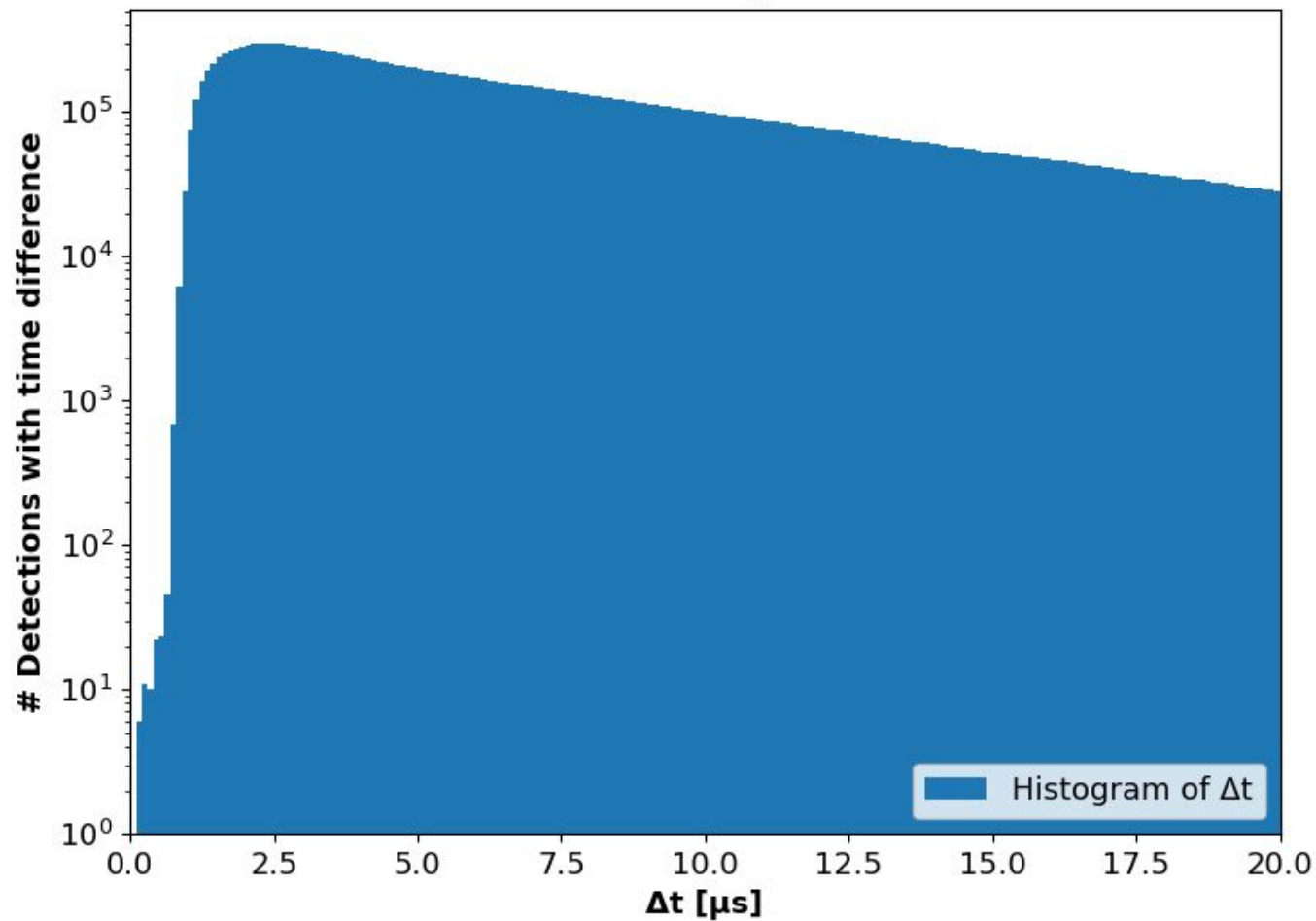
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gas proportional counter

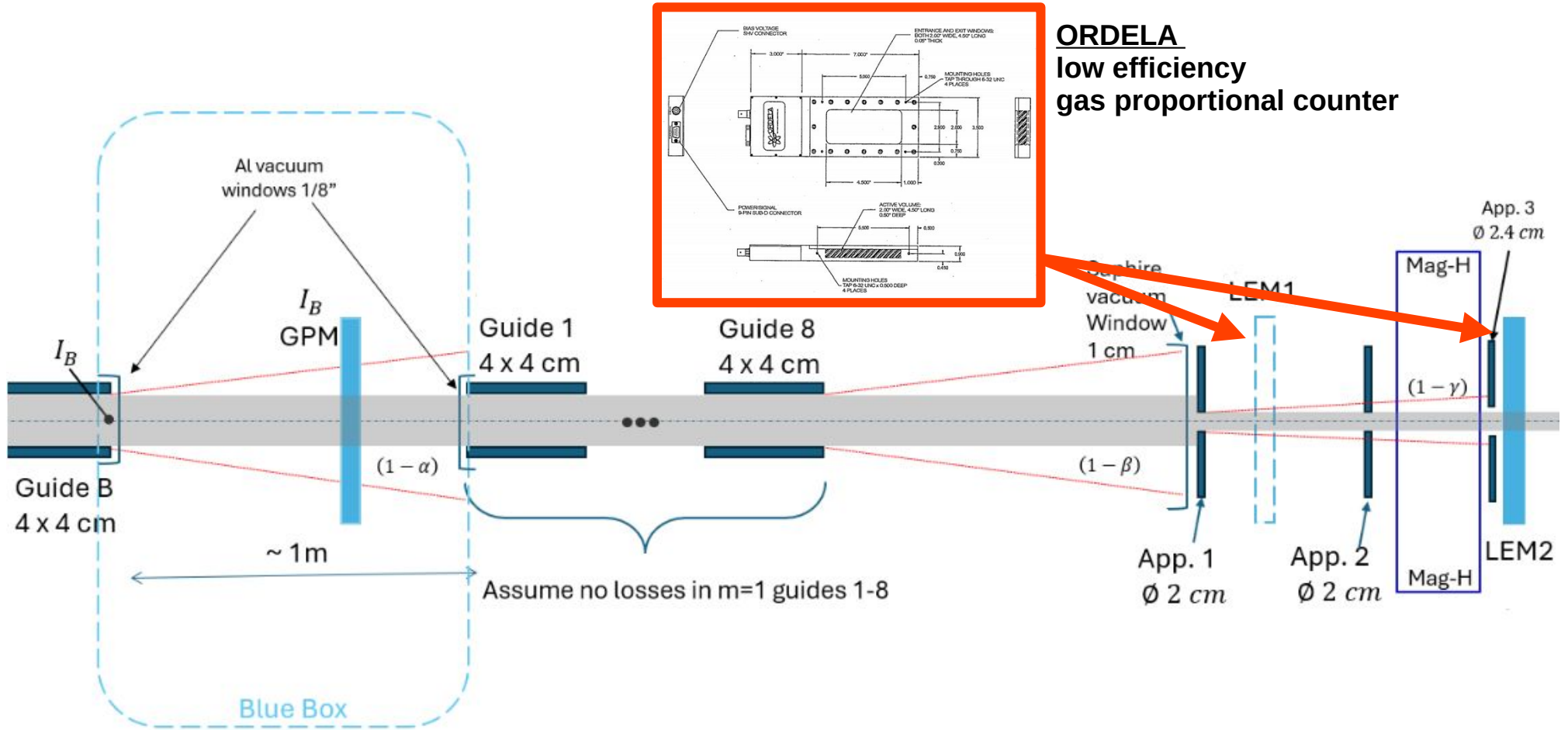


# GPM $\Delta T$ Histogram

Run 89824, GPM

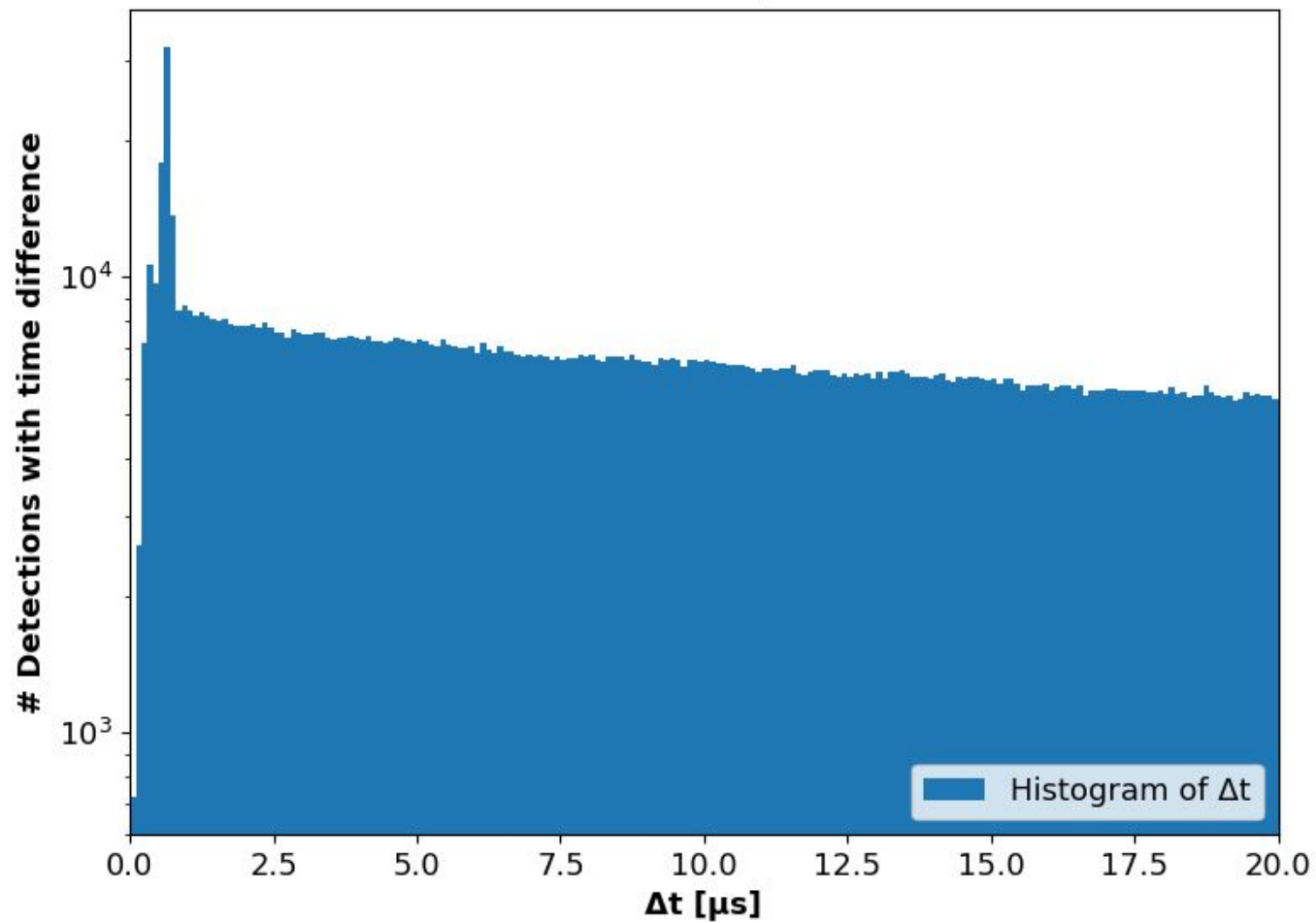


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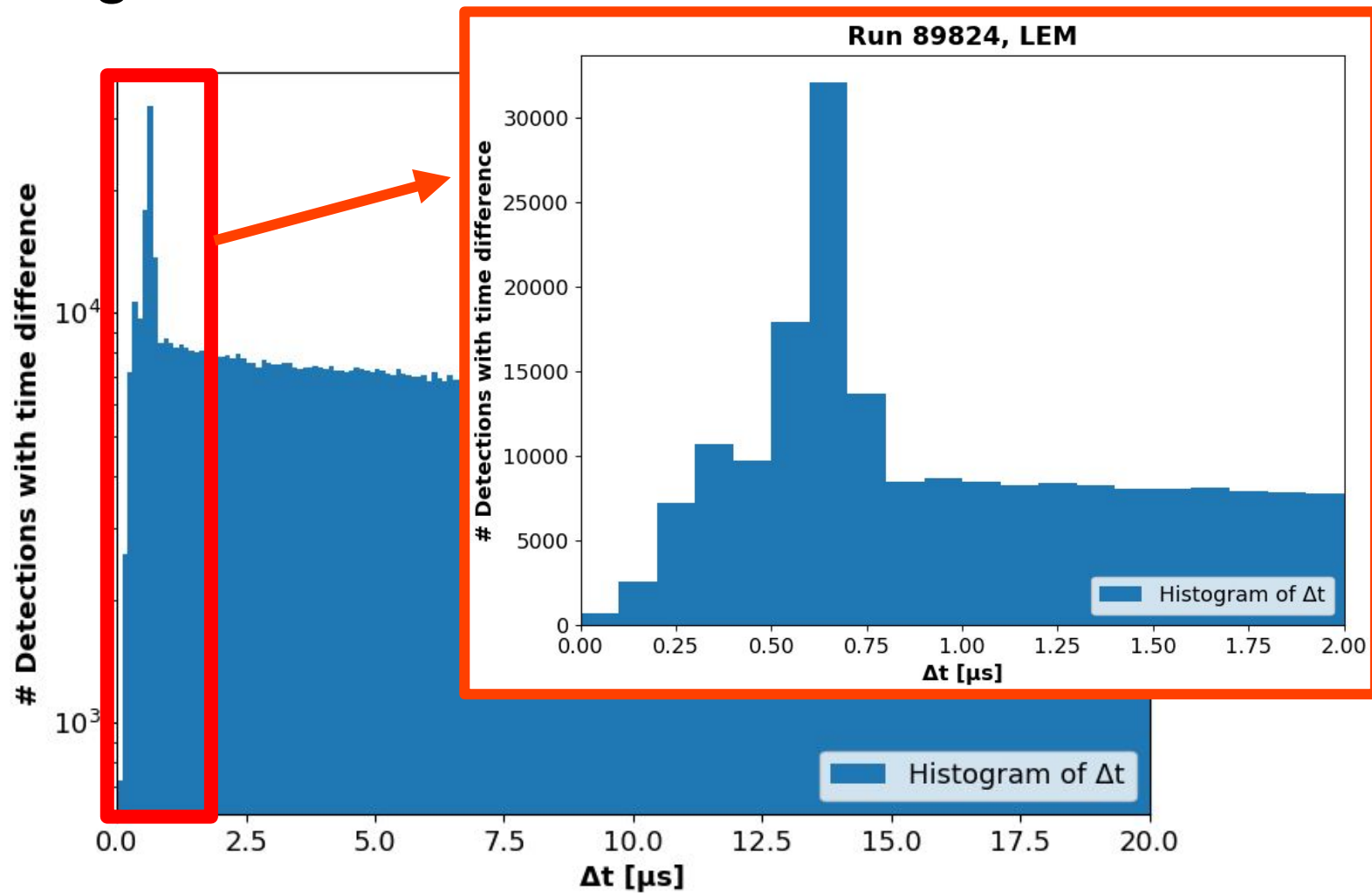


# LEM $\Delta T$ Histogram

Run 89824, LEM



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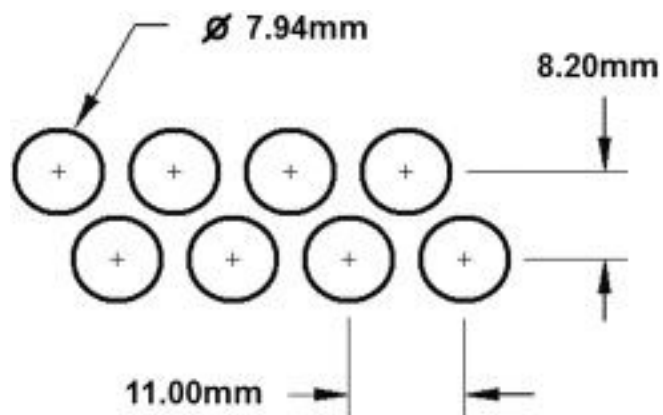


# GP-SANS Detector Configuration

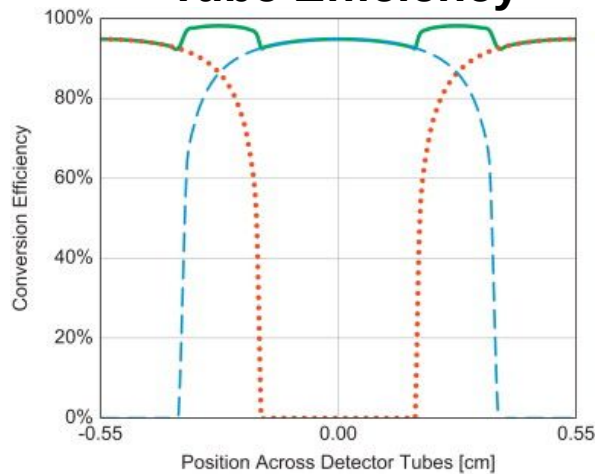
## Detector Picture



## Top View



## Tube Efficiency

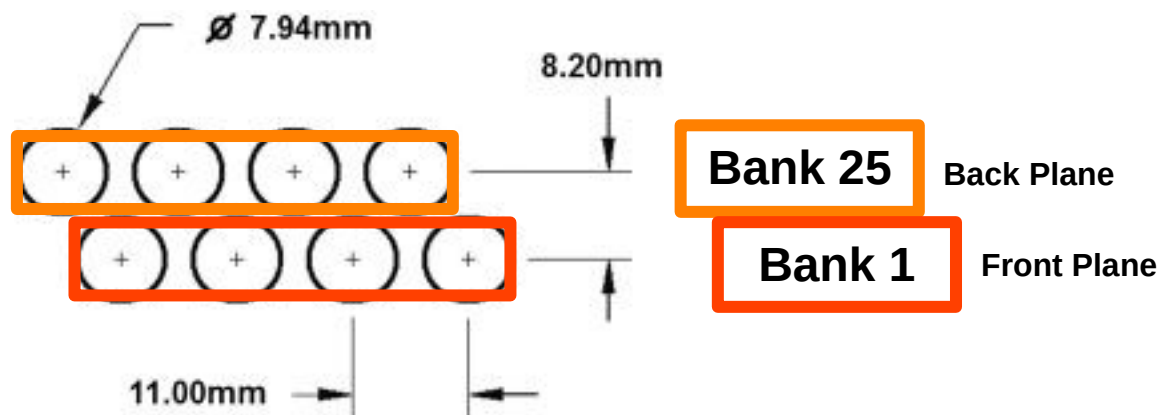


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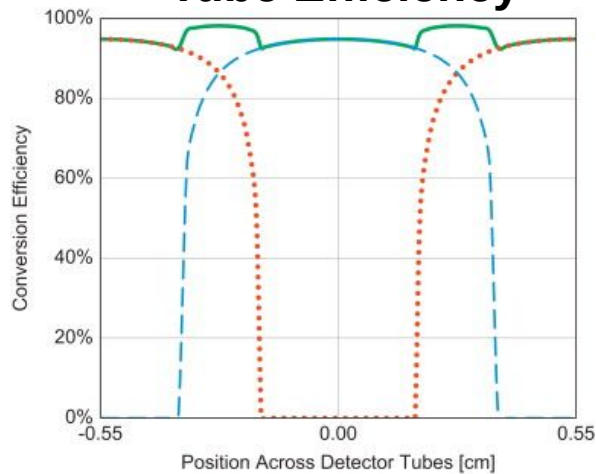
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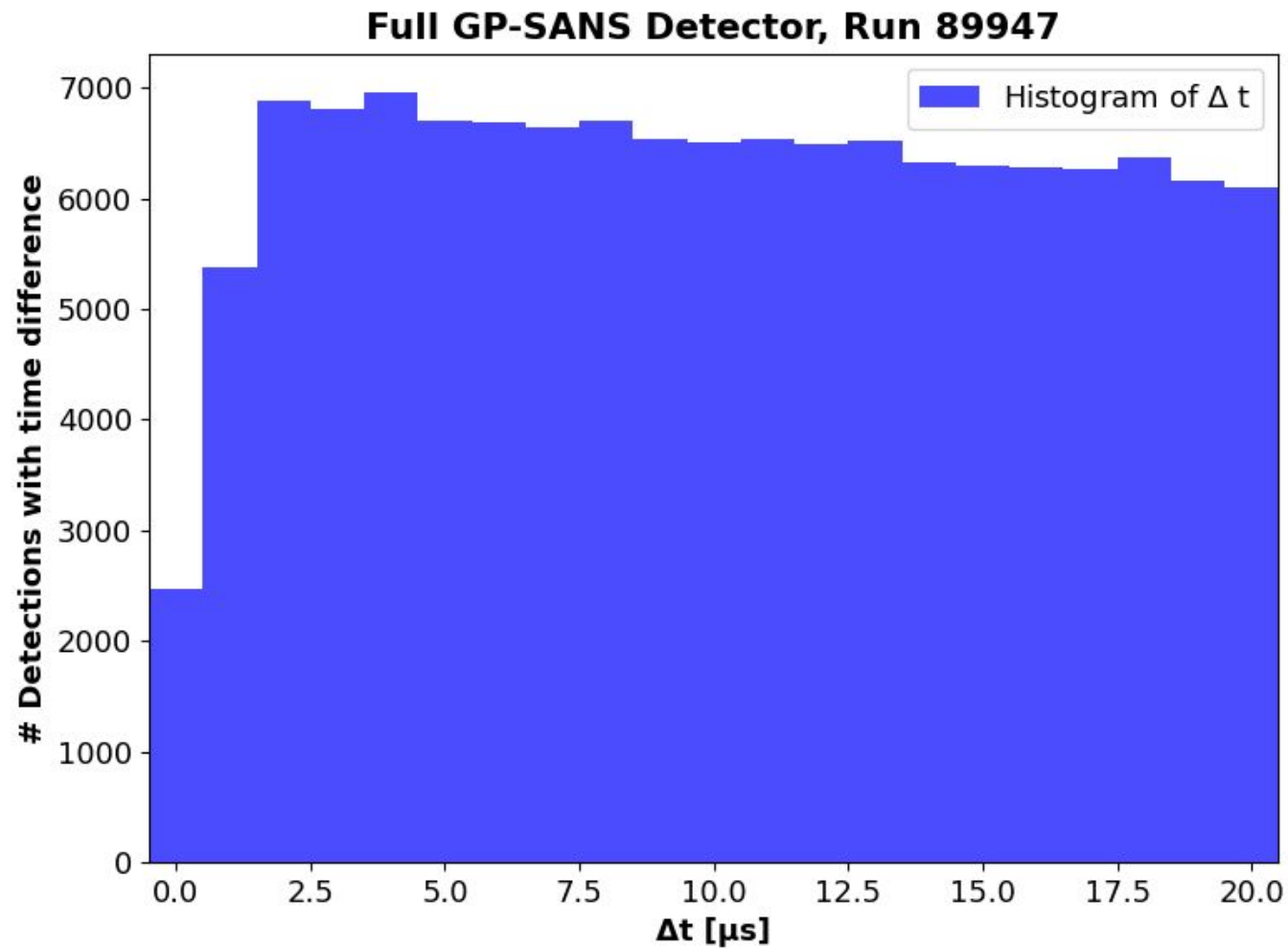
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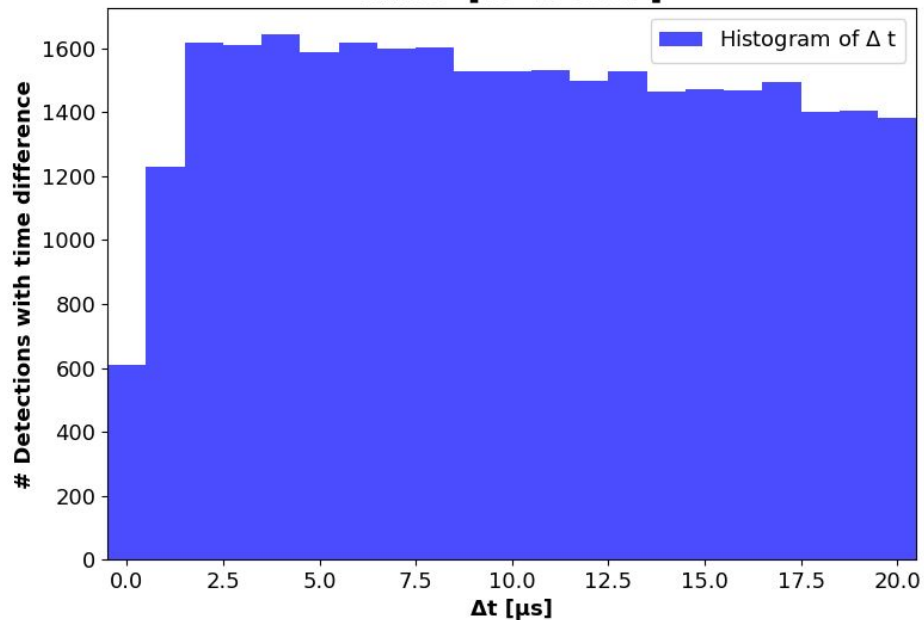
# GP-SANS $\Delta T$ Histogram



# Example Bank $\Delta t$ Histograms

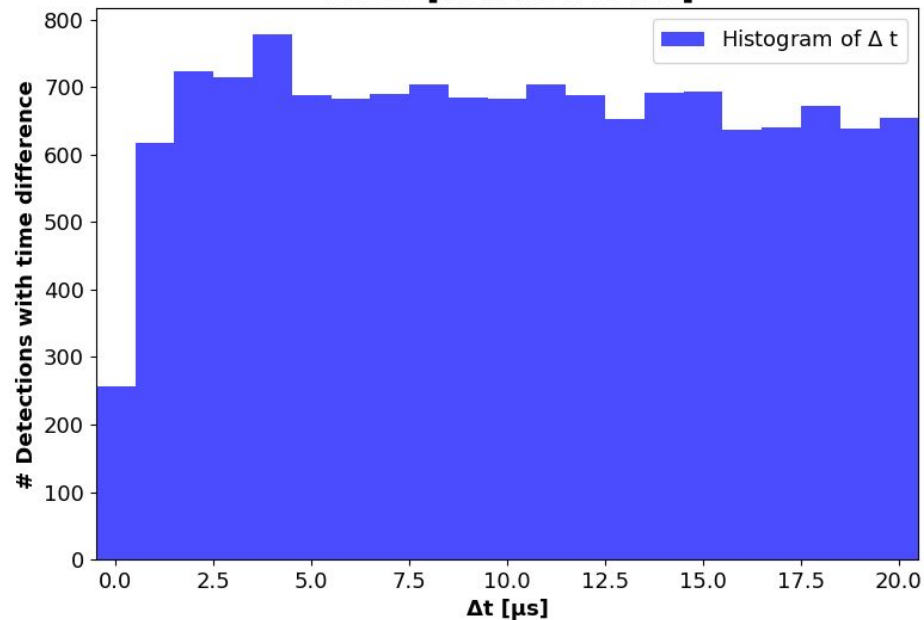
## Front Plane Example

Bank 12, Run 89947  
Tubes=[48 49 50 51]

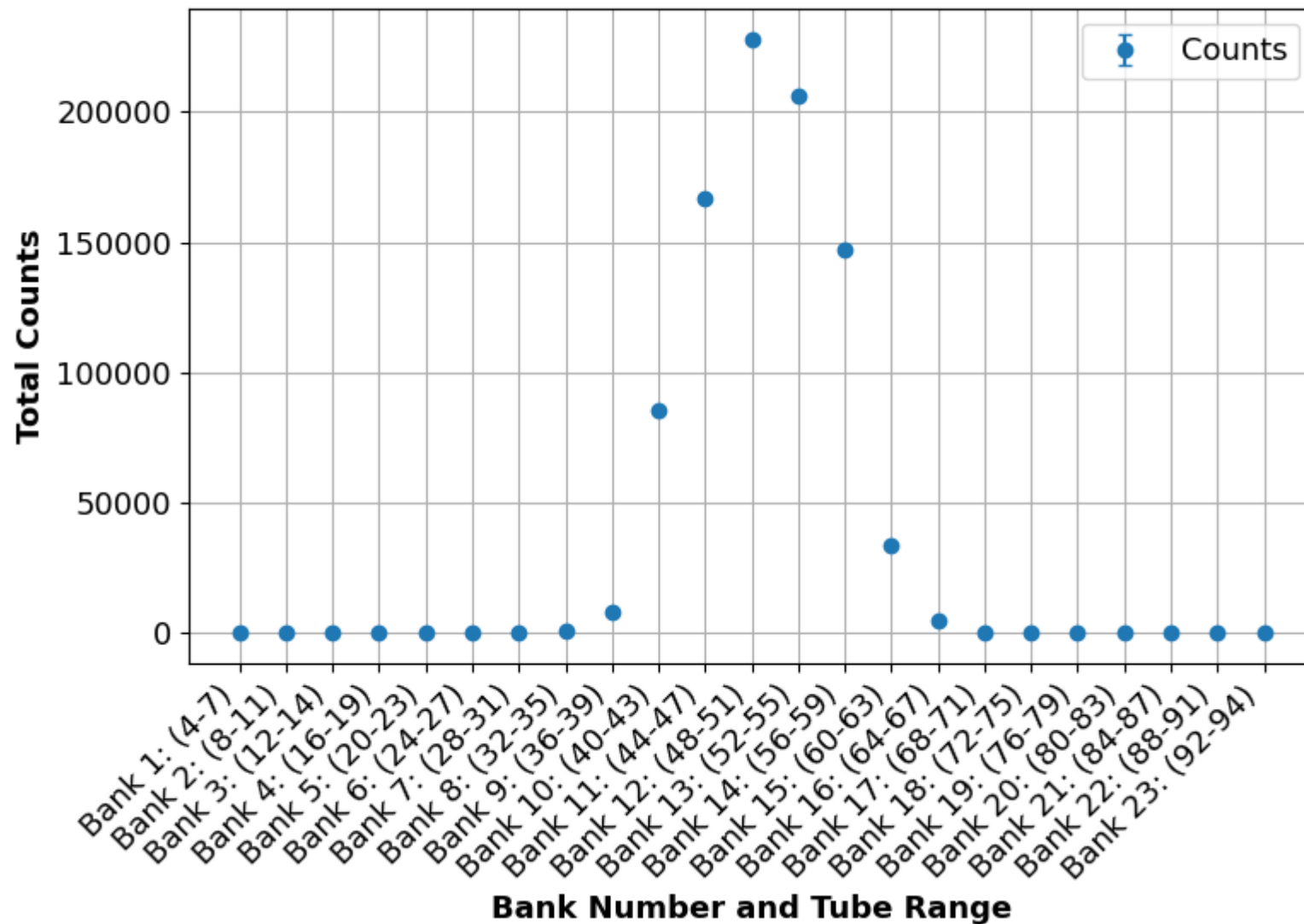


## Back Plane Example

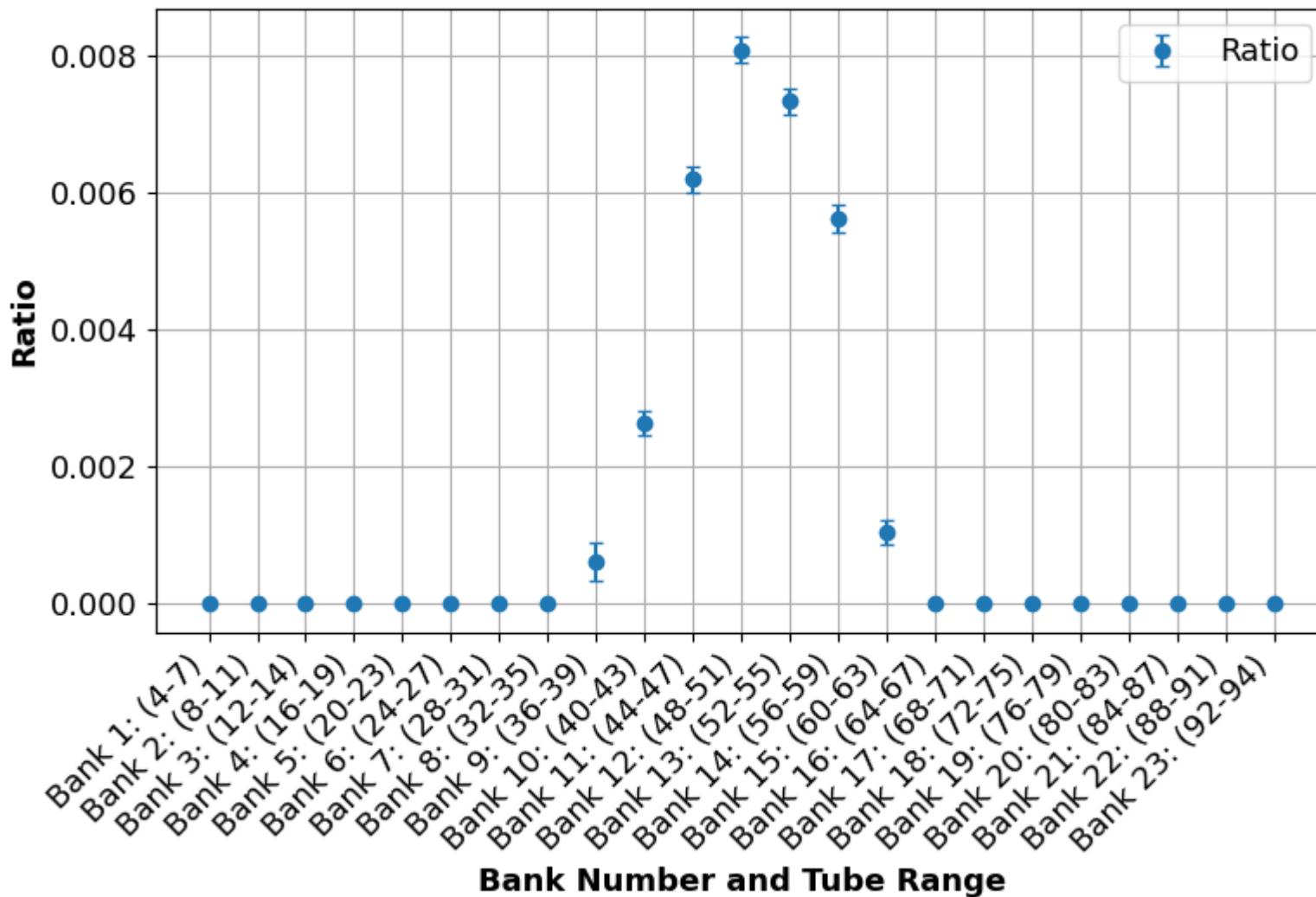
Bank 36, Run 89947  
Tubes=[144 145 146 147]



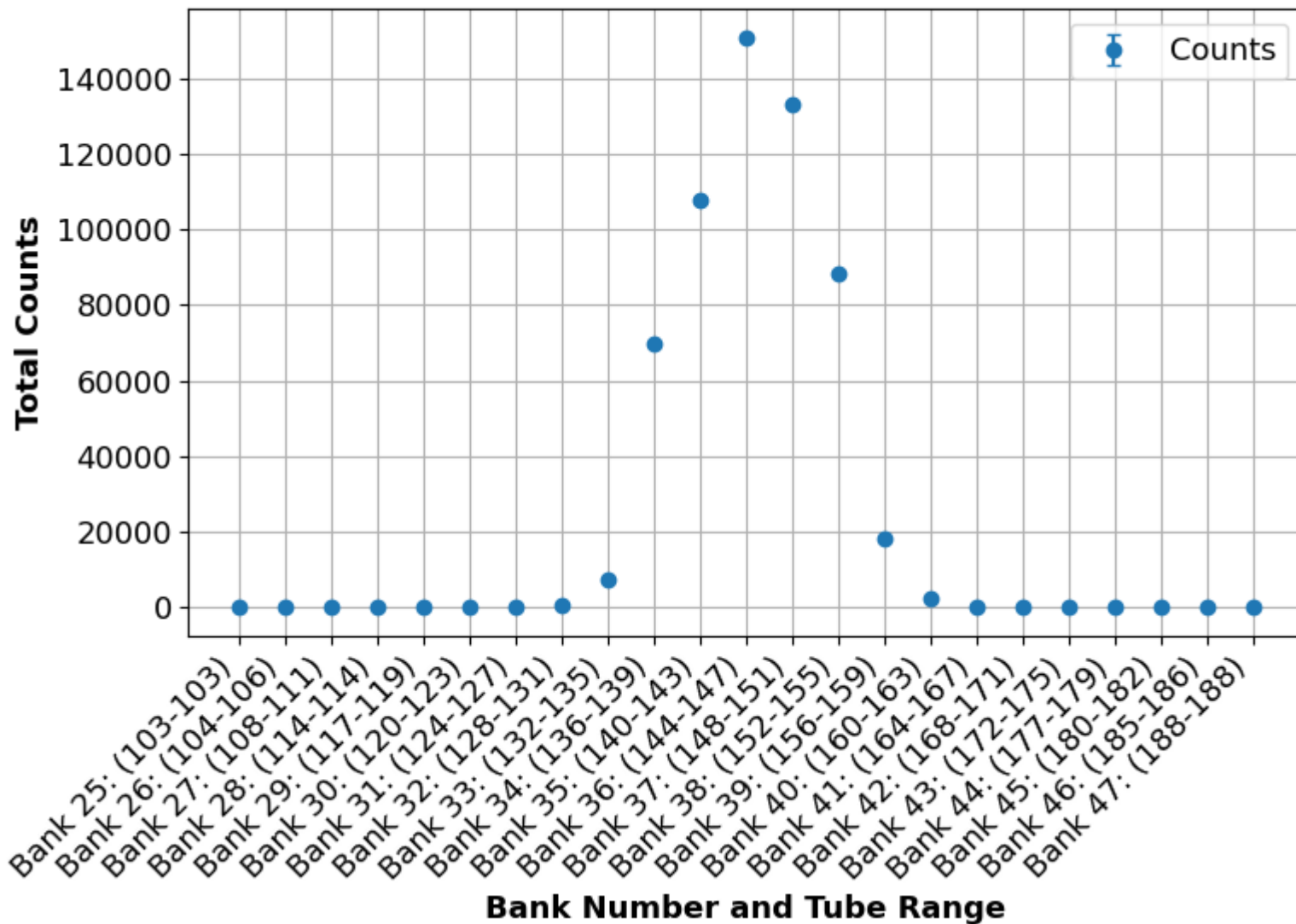
# GP-SANS Bank Counts, Front Plane



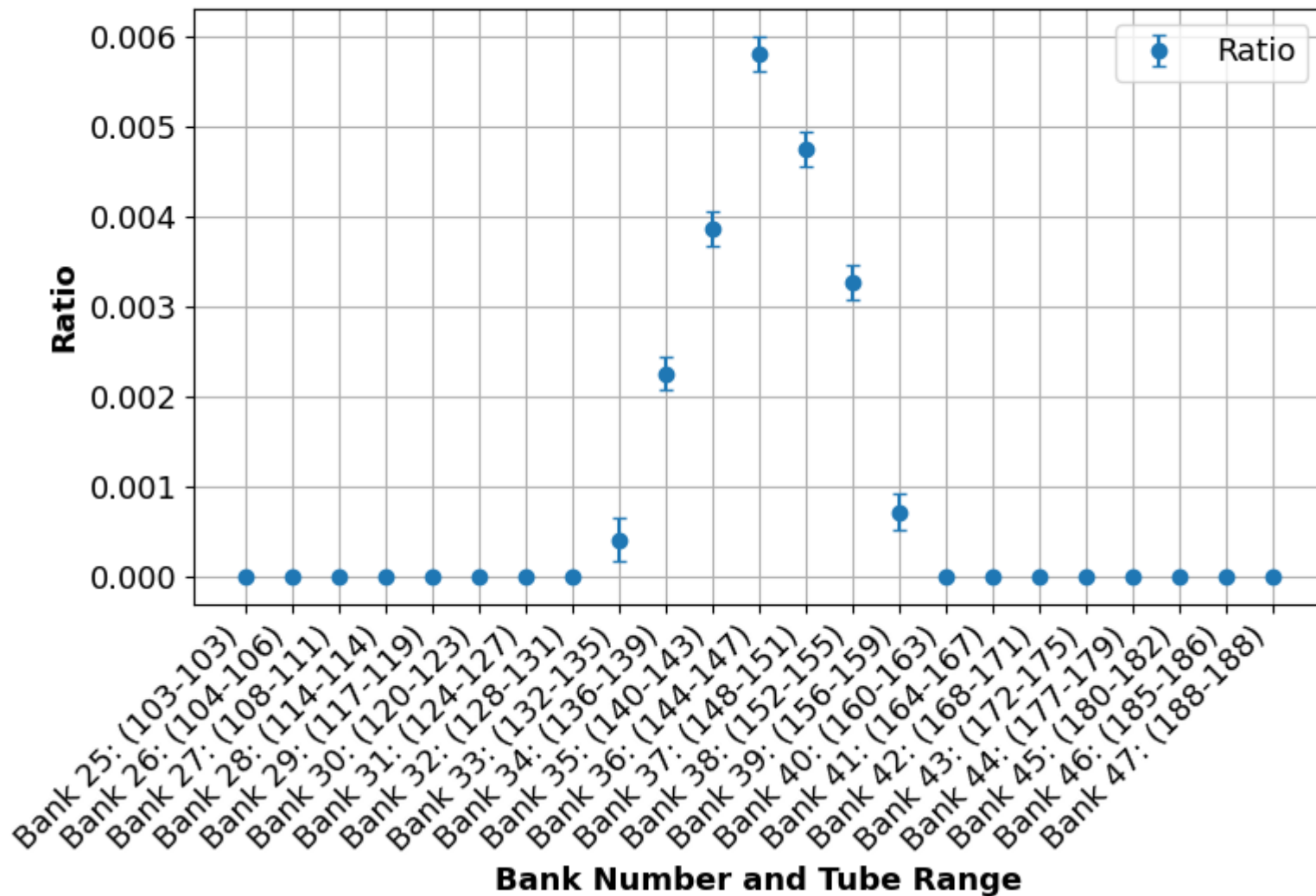
# GP-SANS Bank Ratios ( $\Delta t < 1.20$ / total counts) Front Plane



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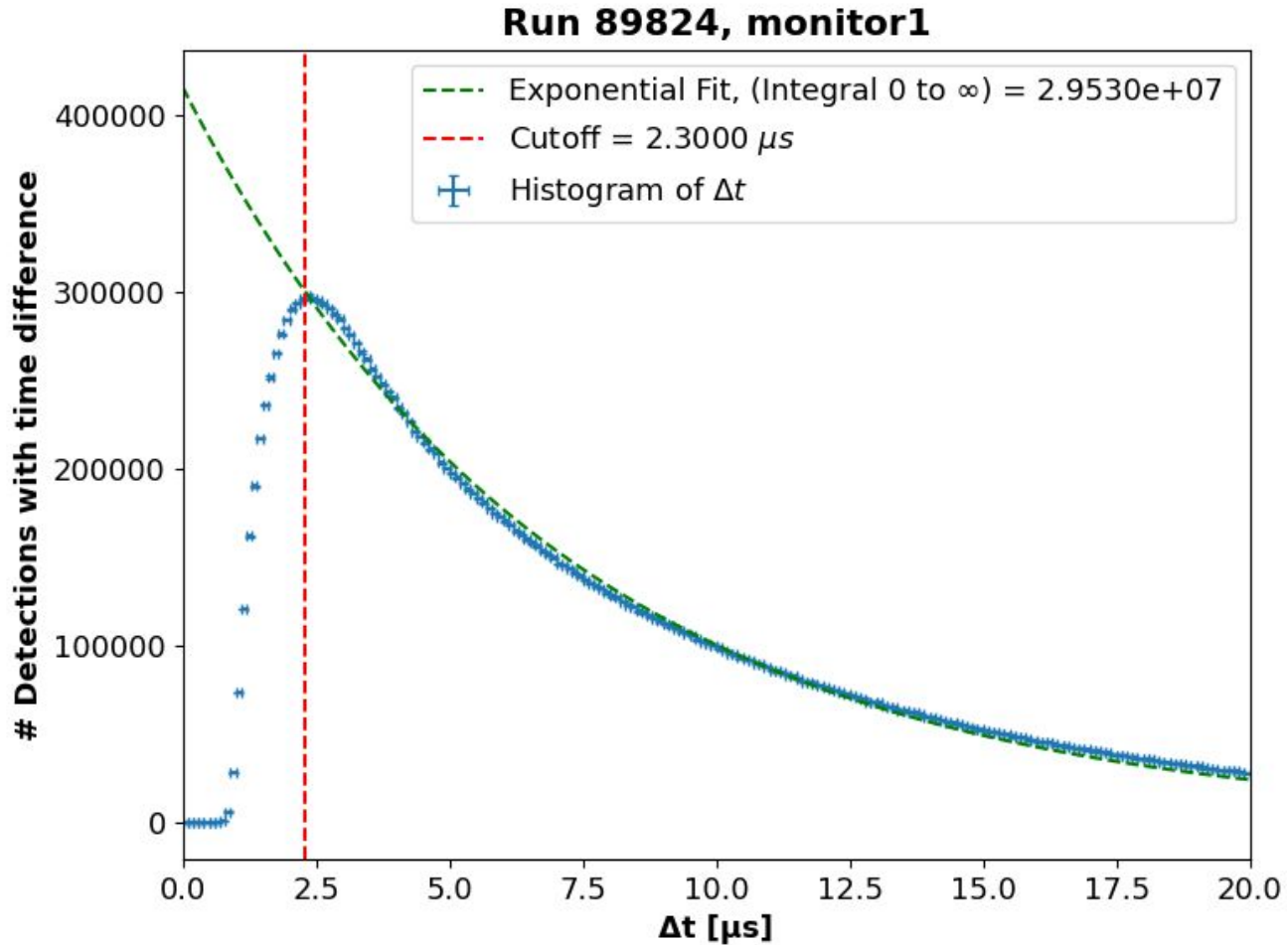


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# Exponential $\Delta t$ Correction

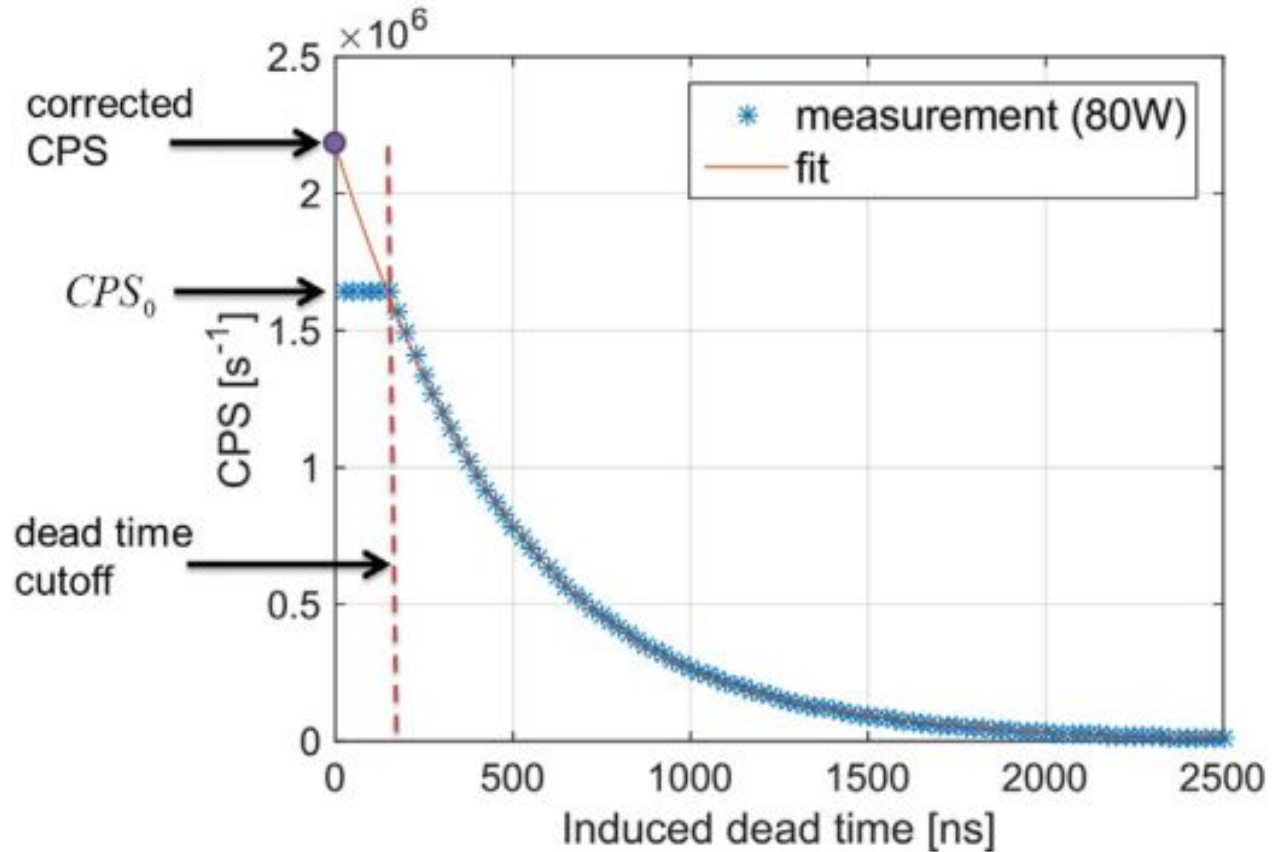
- Fit exponential to  $\Delta t$  curve, and integrate over all bins



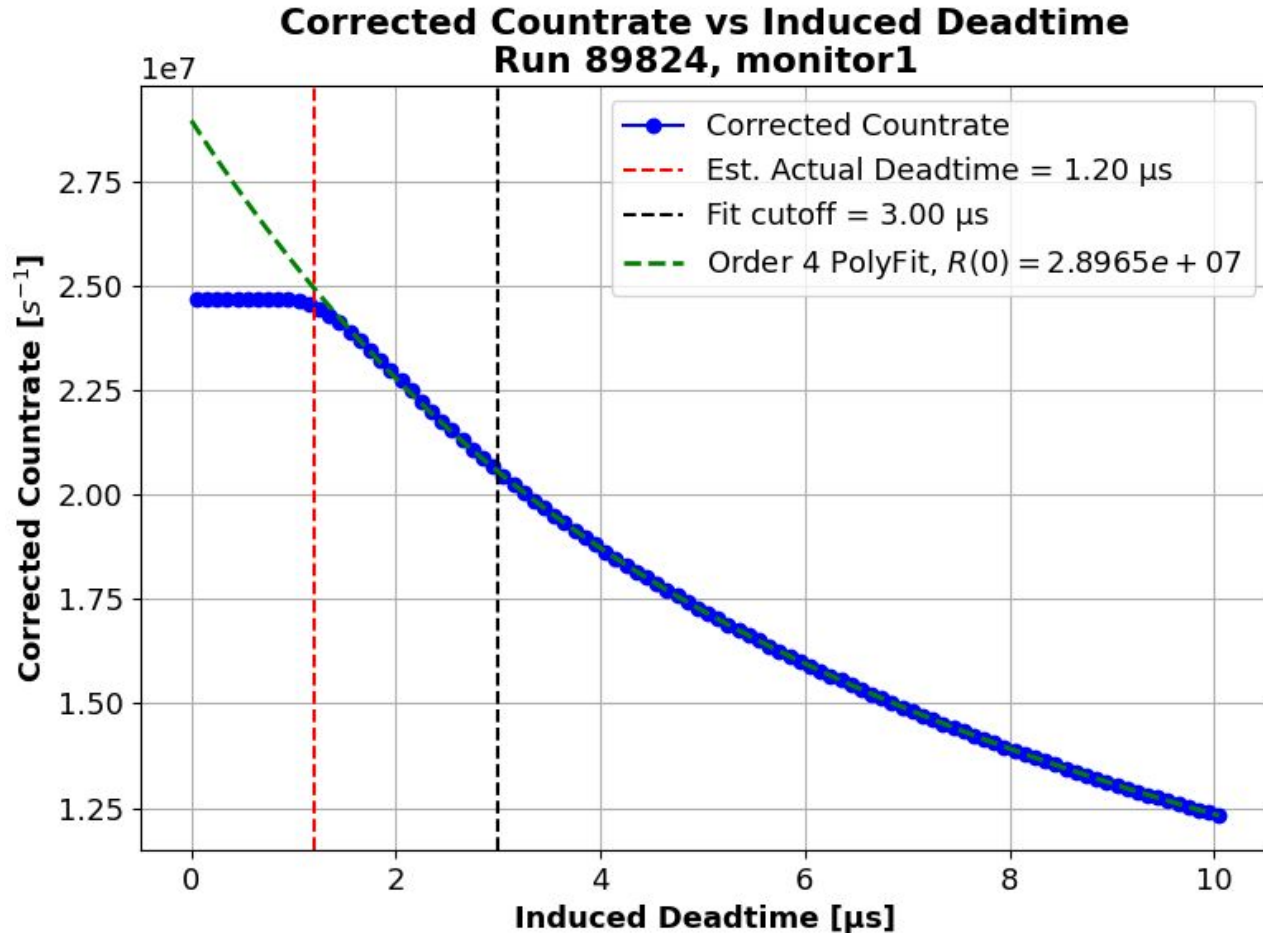
# Backwards Extrapolation Method (BEX)

In Gilad 2017, the BEX method is explored and tested on known reactor countrates to quantify its performance in finding the deadtime-corrected countrate.

- Using detection event times, an “artificial” deadtime can be imposed on the signal, to find what would be the countrate if that were the true deadtime. This involves choosing Paralyzing or non paralyzing, and selecting events which are not blocked by the artificial deadtime.
- The countrate as a function of artificial deadtime can be extrapolated to 0 to estimate the effect of deadtime.

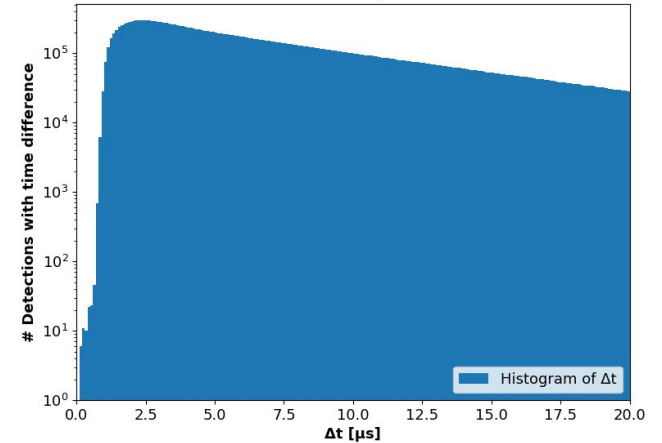


# BEX Method Applied to GPM in 89824



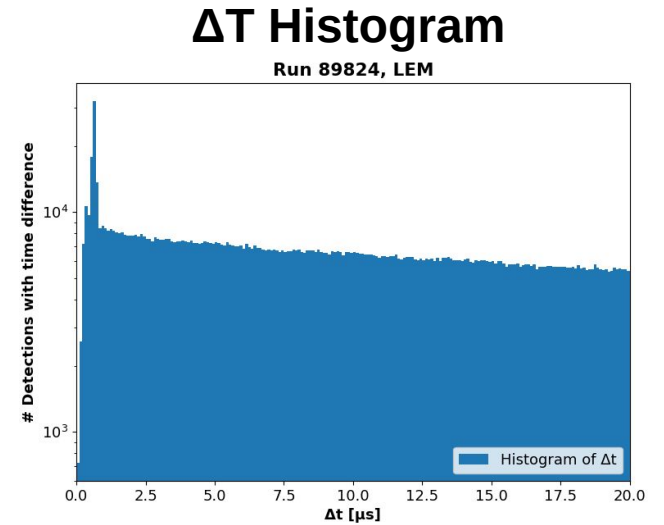
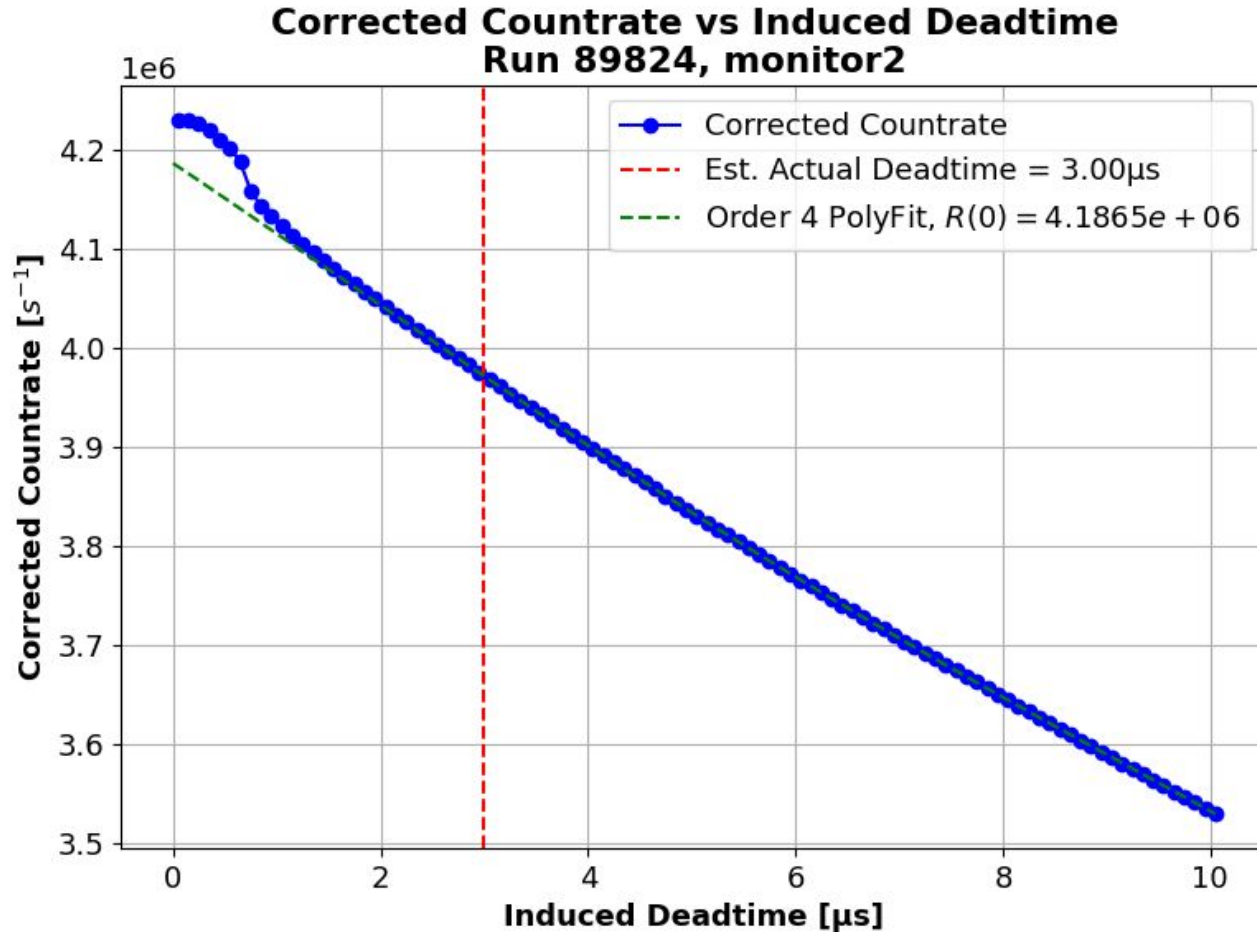
## $\Delta T$ Histogram

Run 89824, GPM



- Using BEX Method, extrapolation (green line) to deadtime=0 gives ~17% increase in total counts
- Red line represents cutoff for fitting routine (green curve is fit to points with induced deadtime > 3000ns)

# BEX Method Applied to LEM in 89824



- BEX obviously does not work for this detector

# $\Delta t$ Intensity Correction Methods for GPM

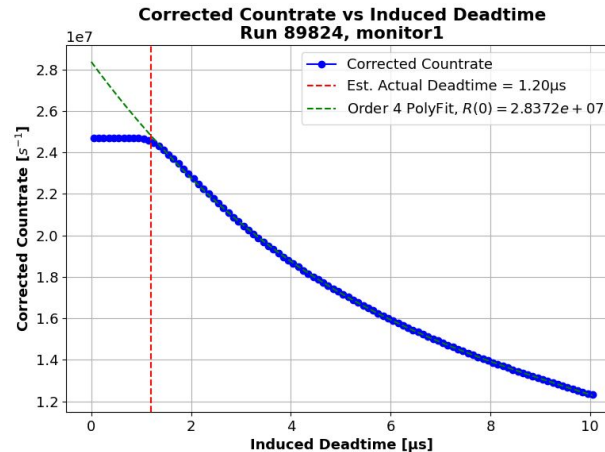
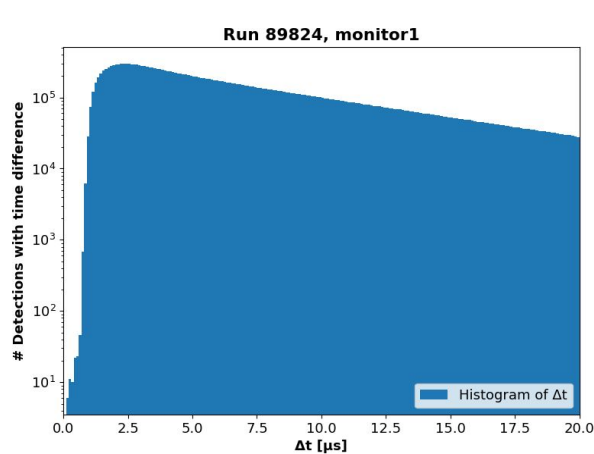
Run	GPM Counts	BEX Correction	Exp Correction	Formula Correction
89824 219s	2.47e7 (1.13e5 cps)	2.90e7 (+17%)	2.95e7 (+20%)	2.86e7 (16%)
89949 86s	9.53e6 (1.11e5 cps)	1.12e7 (+17%)	1.13e7 (+18%)	1.10e7 (15%)
89950 318s	3.49e7 (1.10e7 cps)	4.09e7 (+17%)	4.14e7 (+19%)	4.02e7 (15%)

## Exp Formula Correction

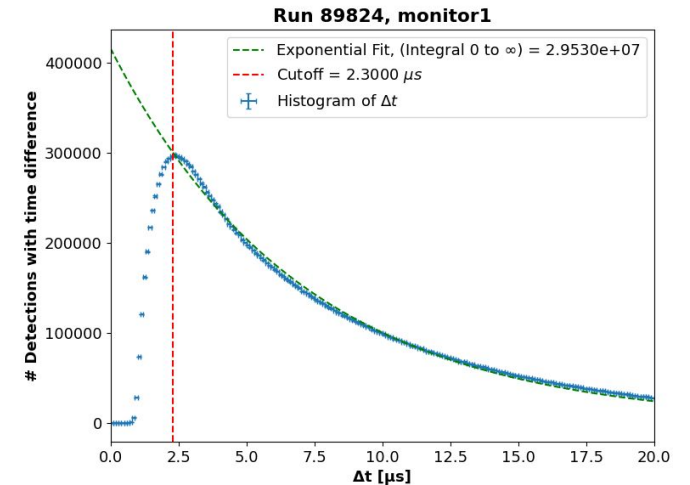
$$N_0 = \frac{n}{1 - \frac{n\tau}{T}}$$

T= Duration,  $\tau=1.2\mu\text{s}$ , n=original counts

## BEX Correction



## Exp $\Delta T$ Correction



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# Run 89847, GP-SANS Monitor

