

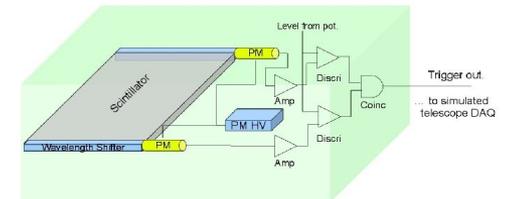
# ***GATE prototype / demonstrator of Clock Distribution and Central Trigger for CTA (EAS Scintillator array)***

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# Introduction (reminder)

## Central trigger for unambiguous tagging of events

- Central Trigger by:
  - **time pulses** can tag coincidences to precision of signal transfer, which can vary by few ns with fibre movement/dilatation
  - **time-tagged event labels** depends on time-tagging precision which can be achieved
- **10ns tagging** (easy to implement with clock distribution by optical fibre) **is overkill already for reasonable rates** (1kHz rate, 64 telescopes, rate of random coincidence 40Hz)
  - ! But if single rate is 10kHz  $\Rightarrow$  4kHz coincidence rate, so must use topology “neighbours” of 10 to bring back to  $\sim$ 100Hz

-  $R_{\text{sys,acc}} = M^N C_M R_{\text{single,acc}}^M T^{M-1}$       N telescopes  
M-fold coinc.

$R_{\text{sys}}$ (Hz)	$R_{\text{tel,coinc}}$ (Hz)	nCm	M coinc mult	N Tels	Coinc (ns)	$R_{\text{single,acc}}$ (Hz)
40.32	1.26	2016	2	64	10	1000
4032	126	2016	2	64	10	10000
600	48	300	2	25	10	10000
1200	96	300	2	25	20	10000
20	8	10	2	5	10	10000
160	64	10	2	5	80	10000



# Introduction (philosophy)

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For the stereoscopic triggering of the telescopes in CTA,  
we favour an approach based on :

- Distribution of a high-precision clock from a central location (star-distribution)
- Time-tagging camera events (or partial events) using this clock
- Collecting streams of time-tags in a central trigger crate  
and checking for coincidence in software
- Then sending the streams of coinc. time-tags *either* (depending on bottleneck):
  - to the relevant cameras, to ask for the data to be sent to central, so reducing the stream of data to send over ethernet from telescope to central farm, *or*
  - to the central farm of processors which hold the events in memory, to identify the events to be written to disk and passed on for further processing

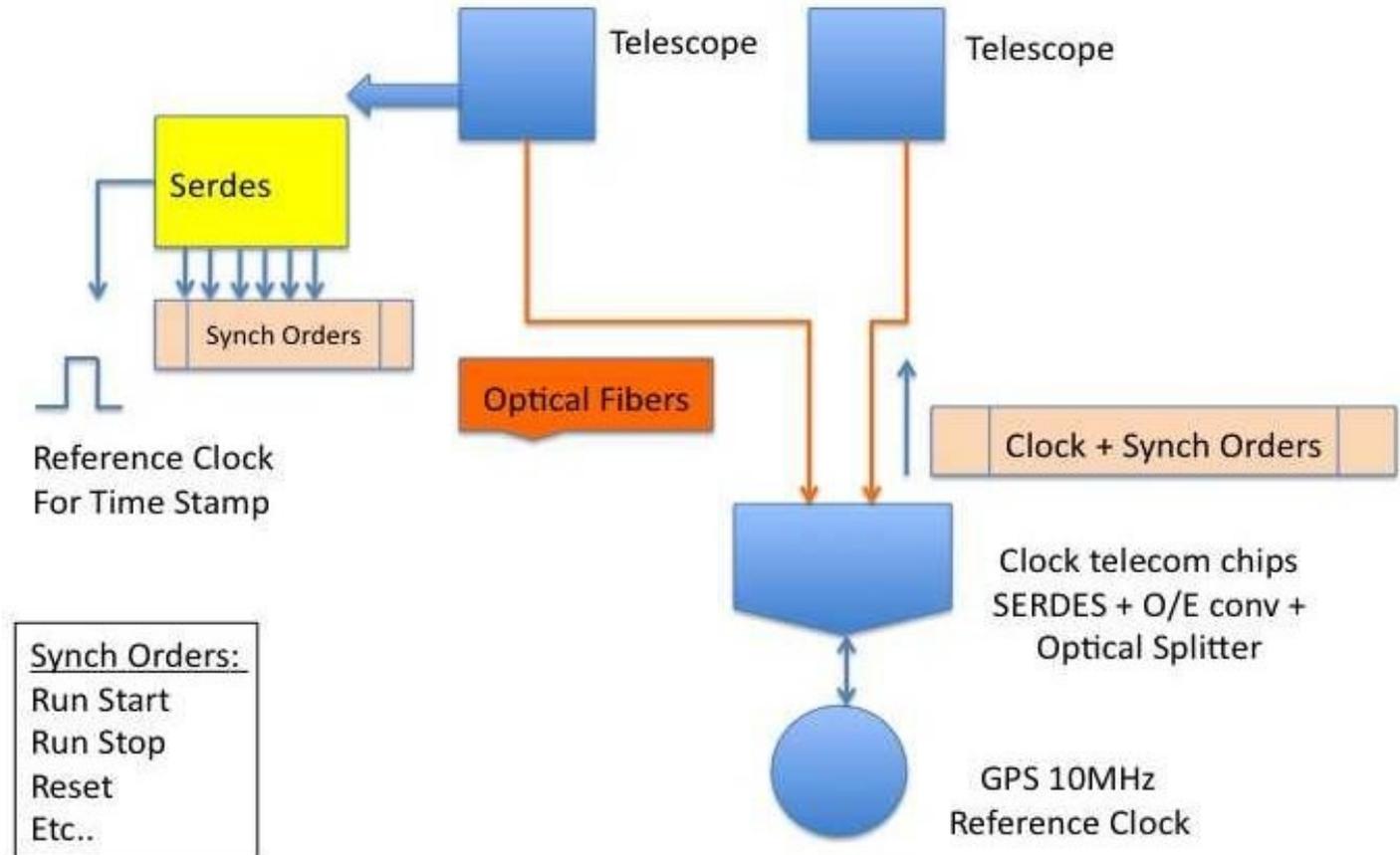
## Other approaches possible:

- Sending of trigger pulses to central station to be put into time and checked for coinc. Complicated for large # of telescopes, difficult to avoid large dead-time
- All data to central, software search within data to extract time-tags & check for coincidences. Requires high processing capability and much bookkeeping (and needs clock-distribution in any case).



# Inter-telescope Trigger; Clock Time-stamping topology

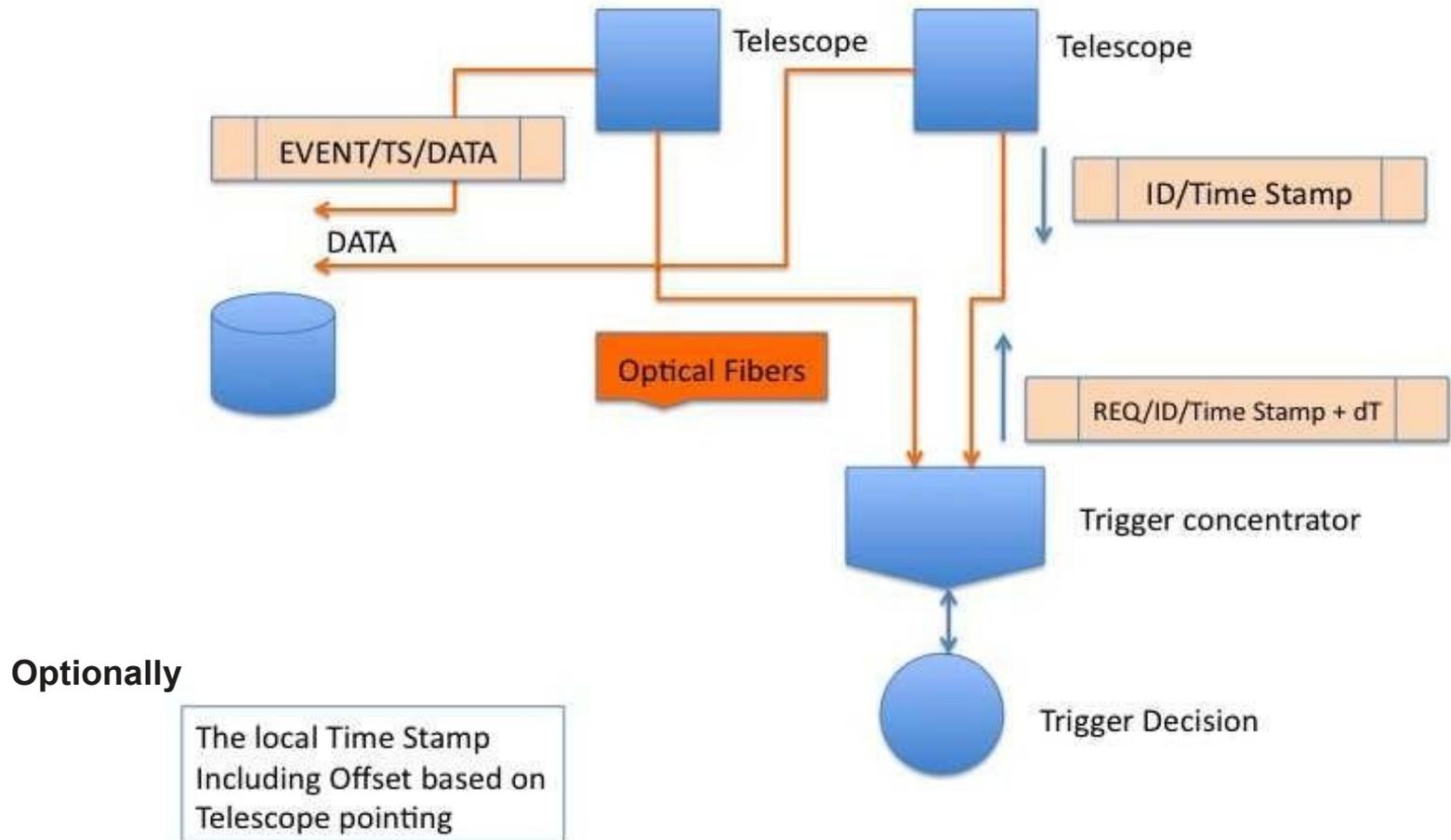
Distribution of reference clock and sync orders from central location by dedicated fibre





# Inter-telescope Trigger topology

Send telescope time-tags stream by dedicated fibre to central, return stream of coincident event time-tags to each telescope



Optionally

The local Time Stamp  
Including Offset based on  
Telescope pointing



# Implementation of the Clock/Trigger solution

## “MUTIN” Card

(multi-usage telescope interface), in PXI norm

A prototype board designed to test full functionality (Clock/Trigger)

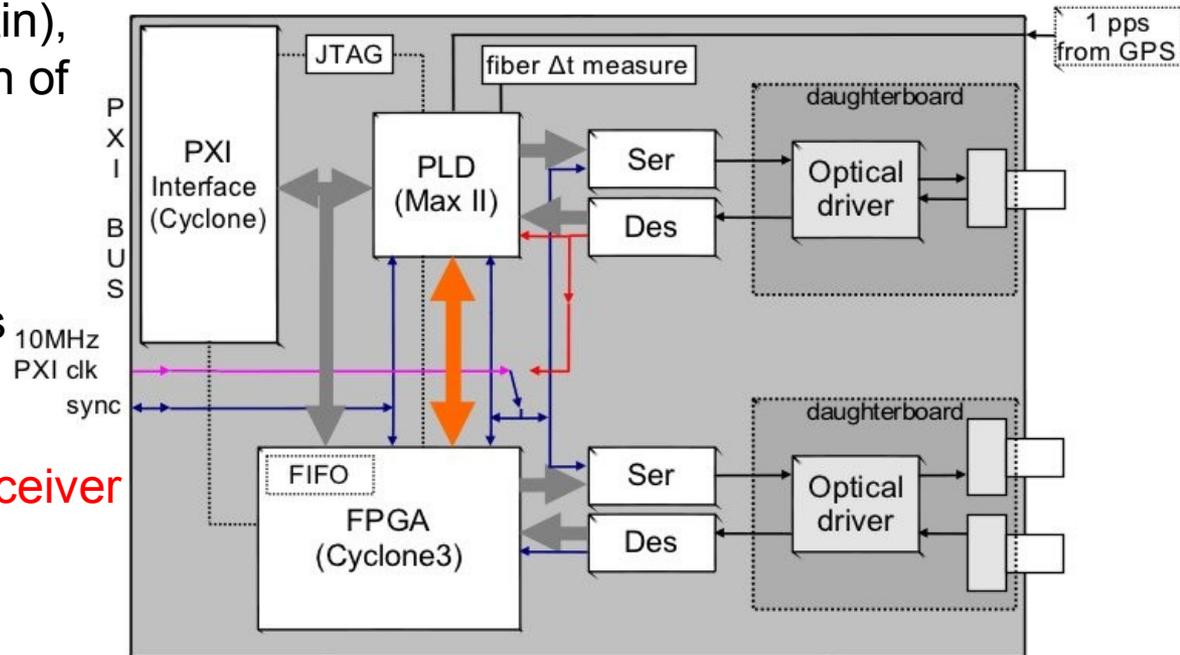
Flexible, with programmable logic (EPLD, 2x FPGA)

Allows to “simulate” a telescope on one side  
and the trigger part on the other

Optical daughter cards (2 per Mutin),  
for the transmission / reception of  
optical fibres' signals

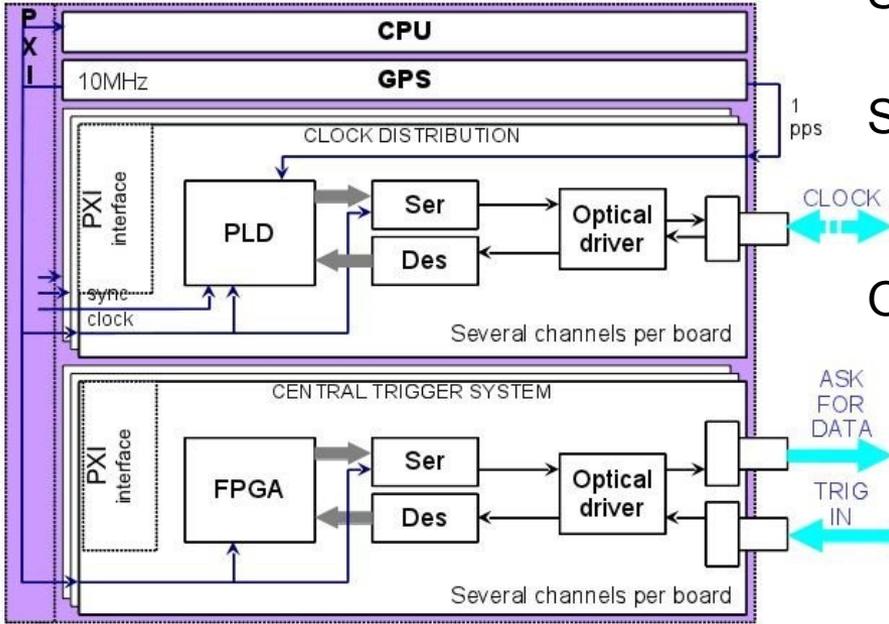
Daughter cards allow to study  
independently different  
opto-electronics/fibre solutions

Latest, to be tested soon:   
commercial bidirectional transceiver





# Implementation foreseen for CTA



Several “Mutin” cards in central PXI crate, in multi-channel format

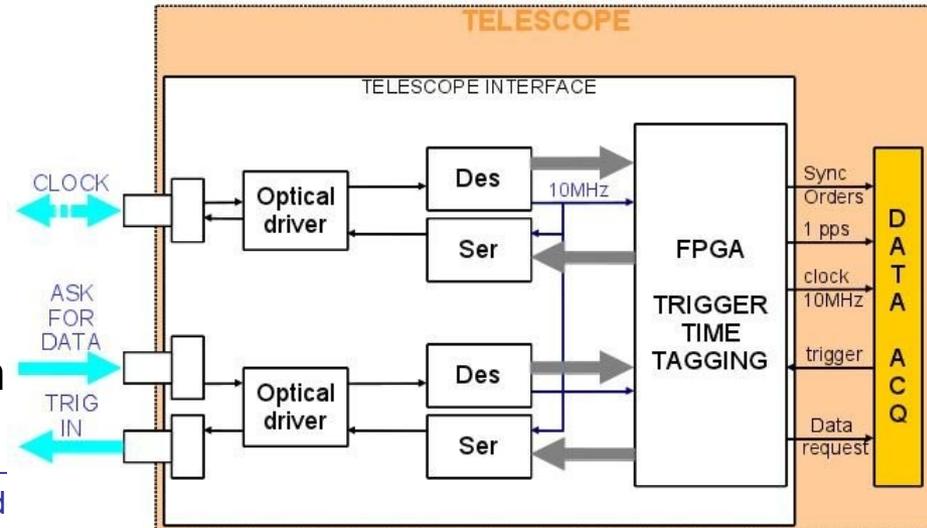
Some cards specialized for clock distribution (either with electronic + optical fan-out, or single bidirectional fibre per telescope)

Other cards specialized for the request / reception of time-tags

- polling over telescopes, at 100 Mbps with 1/8 fan-in for 64-bit tag → can cope with ~200kHz telescope rate, or
- single bidirectional fibre per telescope

“Mutin” card in each telescope (PXI or other norm)

Time-tagging signals (1pps, 10MHz) transferred to DAQ or Camera Trigger, or possibly tagging integrated in Mutin





# Realisation using MUTIN Card

**MUTIN** card, current design specs

Standard PXI: **100 x 160 mm**

Consumption: **~2 Watts**

Daughter **Optics** cards:

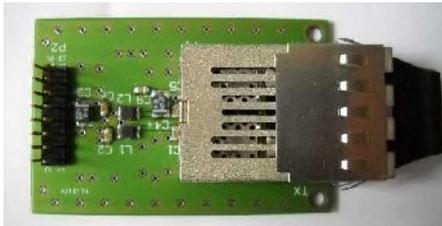
Consumption: 1.1W

Standard Emitting diode power

0.5mW → 1mW peak

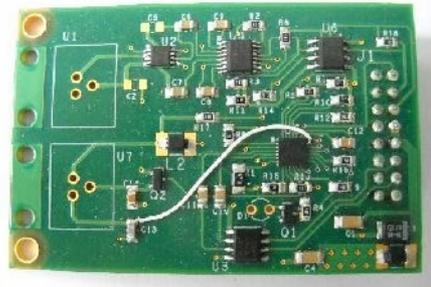
Discrete Emitting diode power

1.8mW → 3mW peak



V1 with standard integrated components

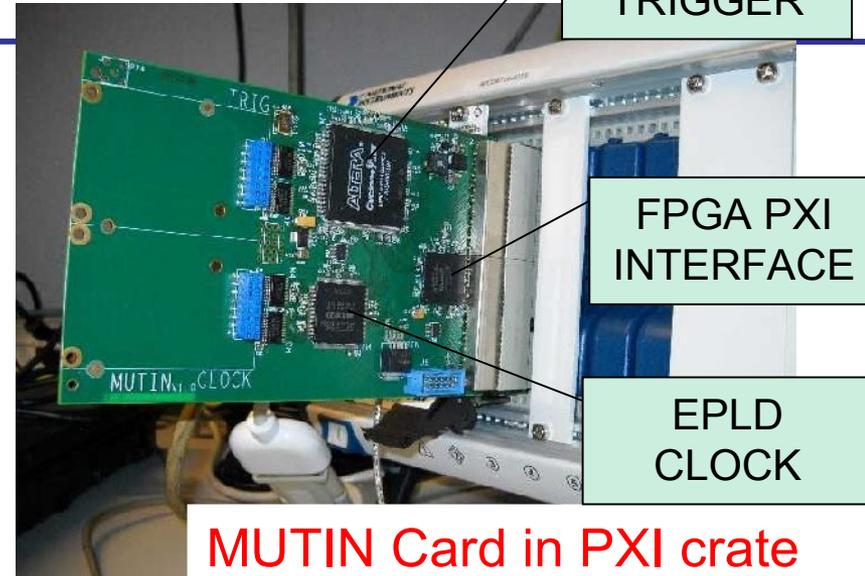
## Optics Cards



V2 with discrete components, higher laser power possible



e.g. **Commercial bidirectional transceiver (tbd)**



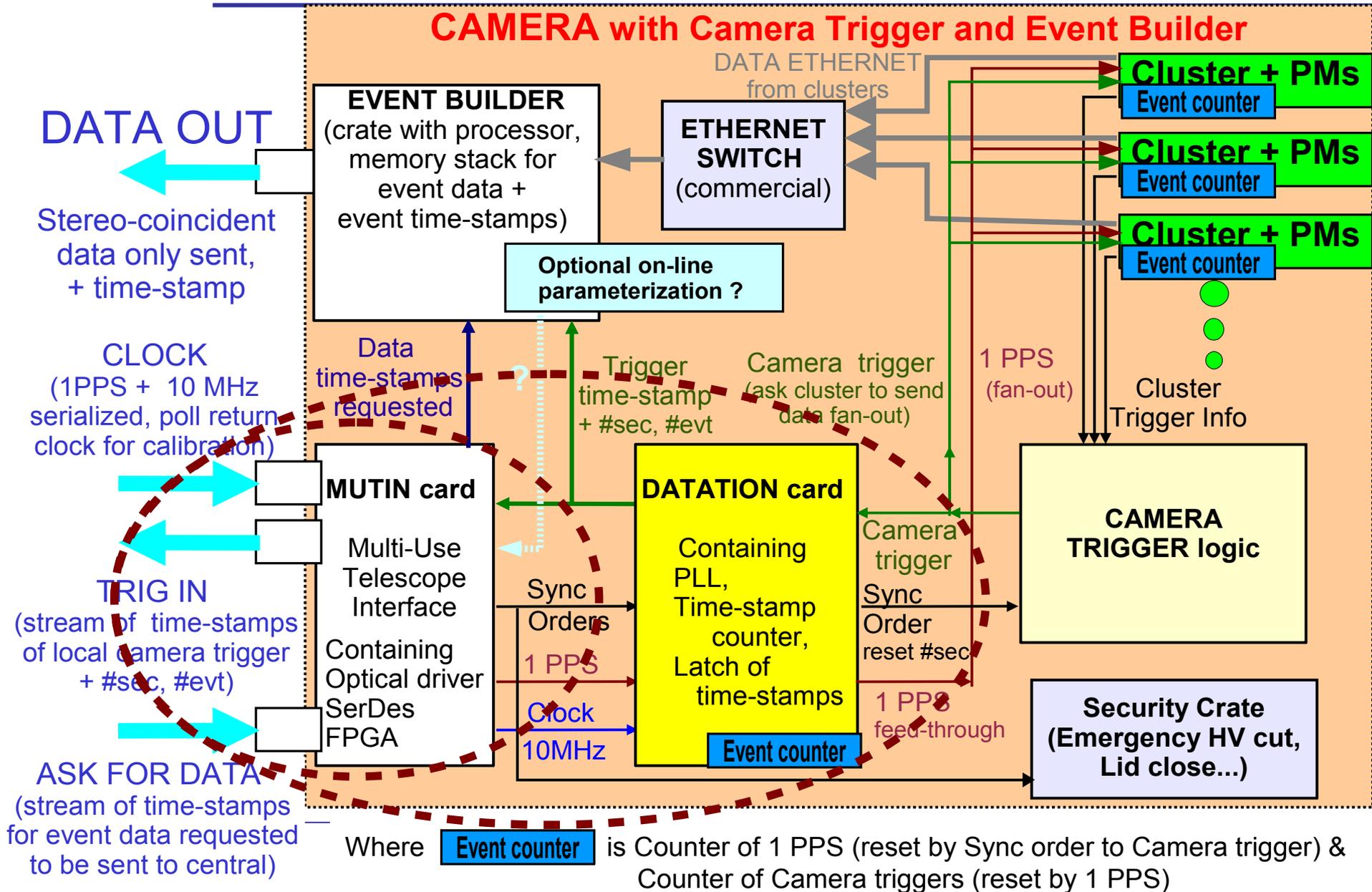
**MUTIN Card in PXI crate**

**MUTIN + 2 Optics cards**

- Total power consumption **~4.2W**
- Power supply, only **3.3 V** (+5V?)
- Cost (0.5+2x0.2)€ = **~ 1k€**
- Integration in PXI crate currently, but could make to other norm or standalone
- Connect to outside world via fibre **≤ 3 fibres** (out of bundle of ~6) but could use single multi-mode fibre
- Connect to Camera preferably **LVDS**



# Ambitious option for Camera Architecture





# GATE : How to field-test the Clock/Trigger

## How to validate this scheme before CTA arrives ?

- PeV cosmic ray showers give particle reaching ground level
  - $\Rightarrow$  pancake of particles, with similar timing characteristics to the Cherenkov light-front detected at lower energies by CTA
- Detection possible by an array of scintillators, separated by  $\sim 10\text{m}$
- Can re-use the APC experience of “RELYC” (communication / outreach to schools), and PHEN-X (project for R&D after Simbol-X)
- A scintillator station is a CTA telescope “proxy”
- Functional verifications which are possible with this demonstrator:
  - verification of time-tagging of one station vs. the others
  - test the procedures of coincidence search (test of “particle-front” fit)
  - check for time-jumps, jitter, de-synchronisation ...
- What's not taken into account:
  - Event rate four orders of magnitude lower ( $\sim\text{Hz}$  per station, vs.  $10\text{kHz}$  for CTA)



# GATE : How to field-test the Clock/Trigger

## What needs to be modified in the current test-bench

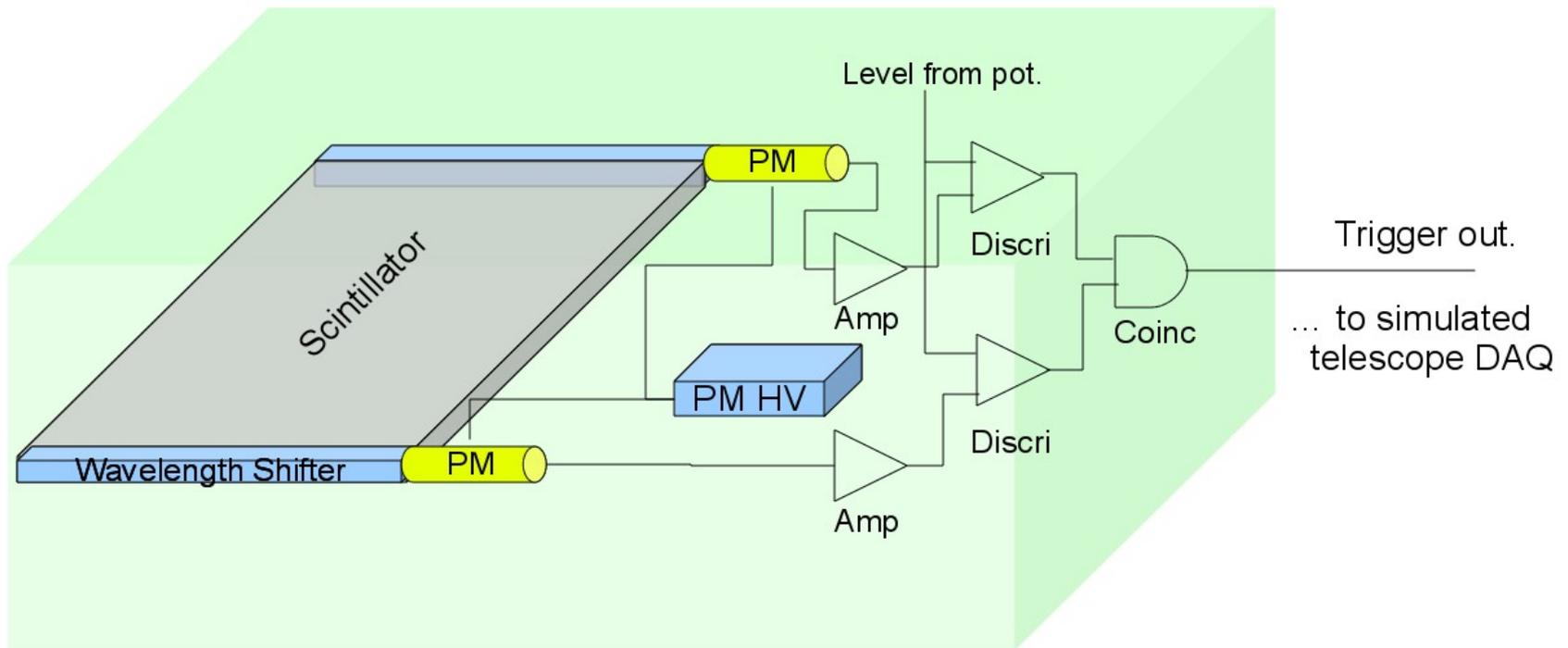
- Make a MUTIN card which works stand-alone, without PXI crate,
- Make a particle detection station (“suitcase”) with:
  - Scintillator(s),  $\sim 1\text{m}^2$
  - PMs for detection of scintillation light
  - High Voltages for the PMs
  - Wavelength shifter / Optical joint from scintillator to PMs
  - Electronics (amplifier, discriminator, coincidence)
- Concept:
  - Simplest possible box
  - Re-use previous APC developments (RELYC, PHEN-X)
  - Setting of gains, HTs by hand...
- Ensemble to be useful for outreach, student projects  
⇒ needs to be robust





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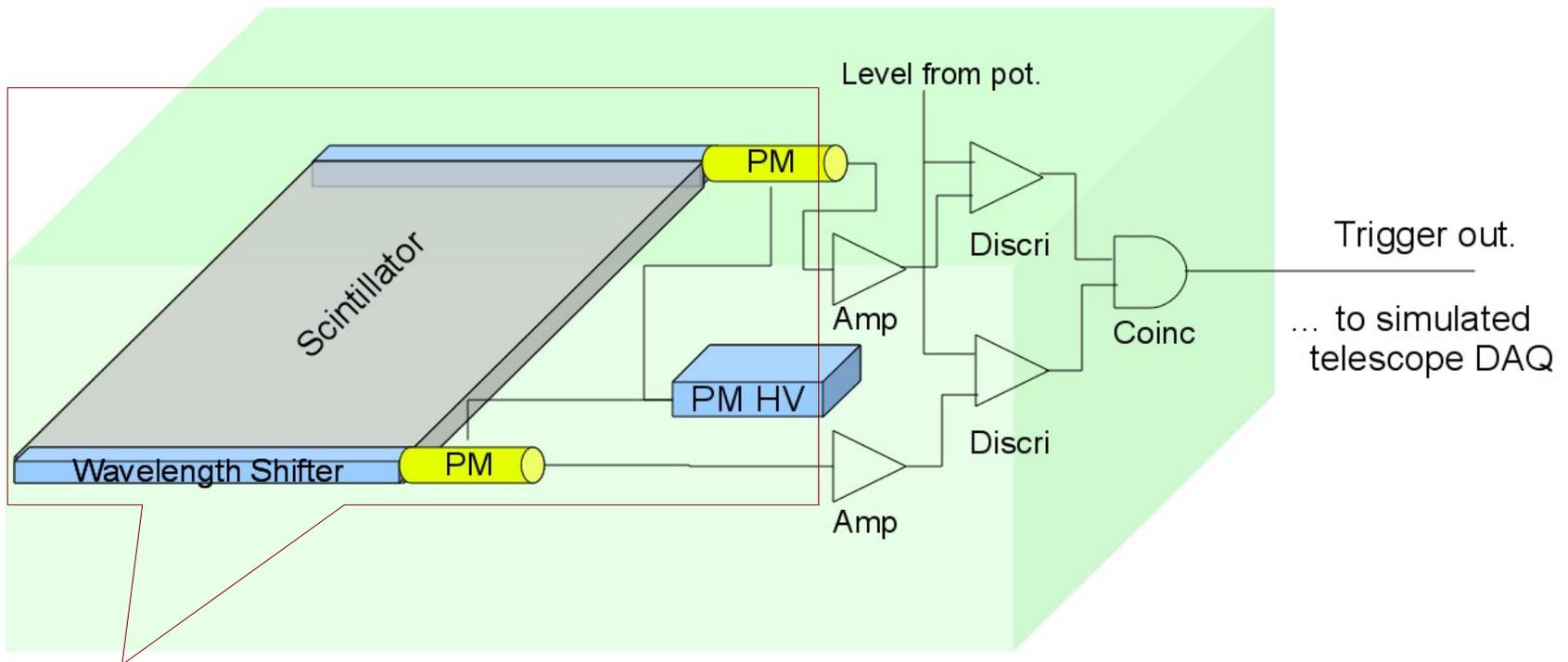
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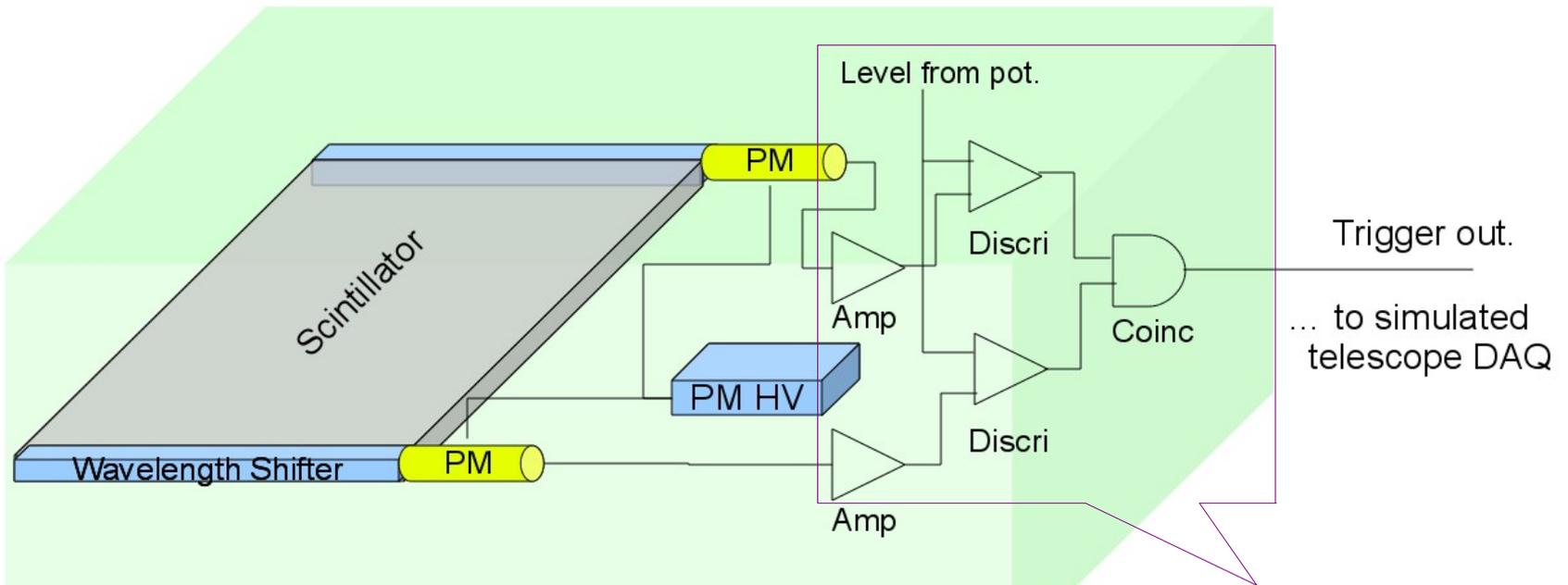
Partie à réaliser: commande, dessin, coupage, polissage, collage optique...

(demande de collaboration avec experts du CEA, envoyée Oct 2011) ★



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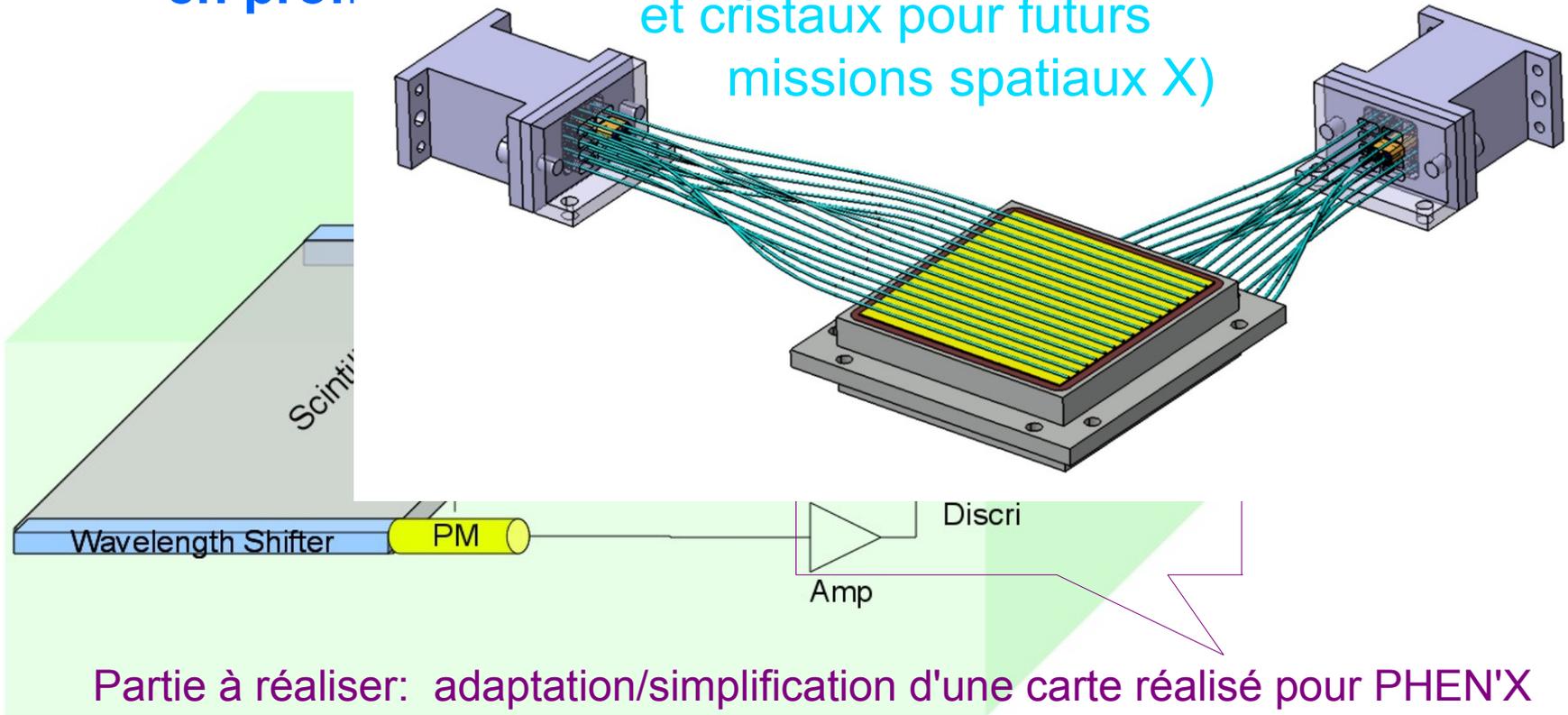




# Le schématique du « proxy télescope »

Modification /  
en profi

(Phén'X : tester des schémas d'anticoinc  
et cristaux pour futurs  
missions spatiaux X)



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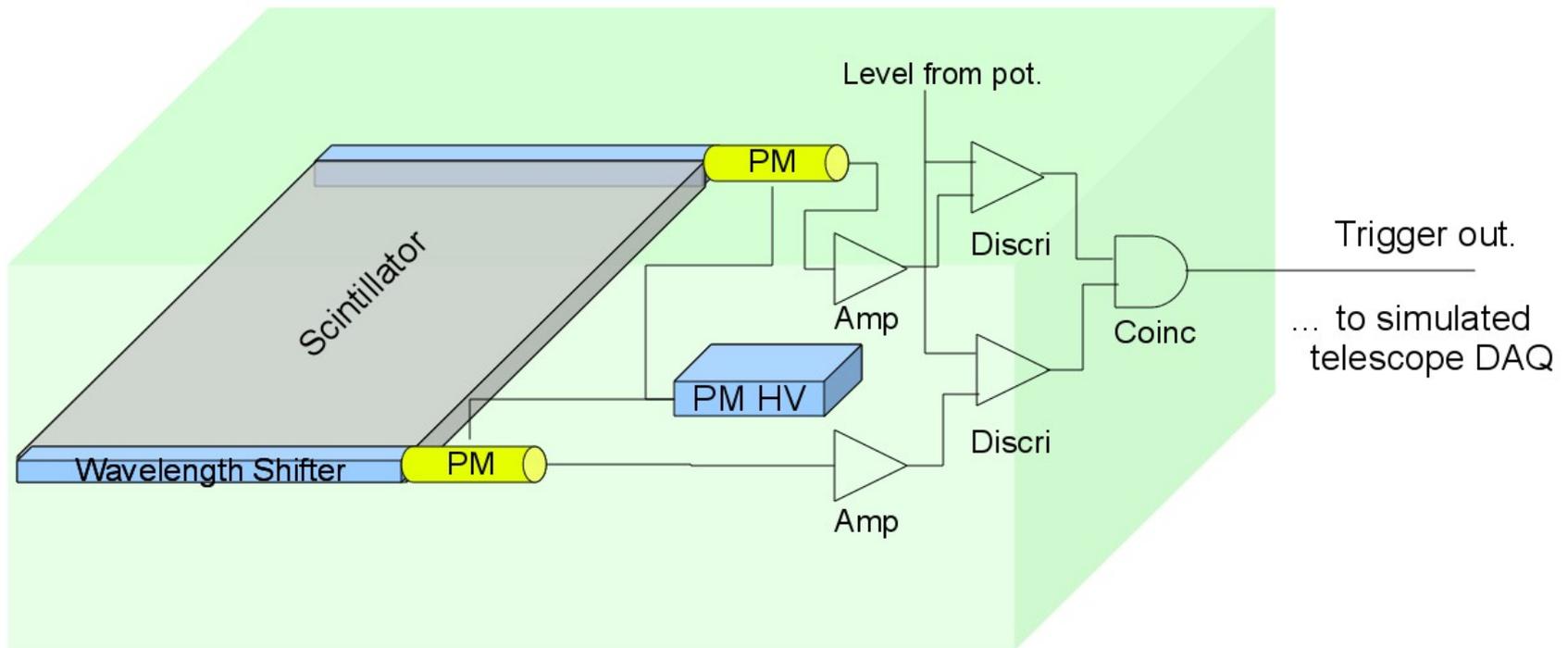
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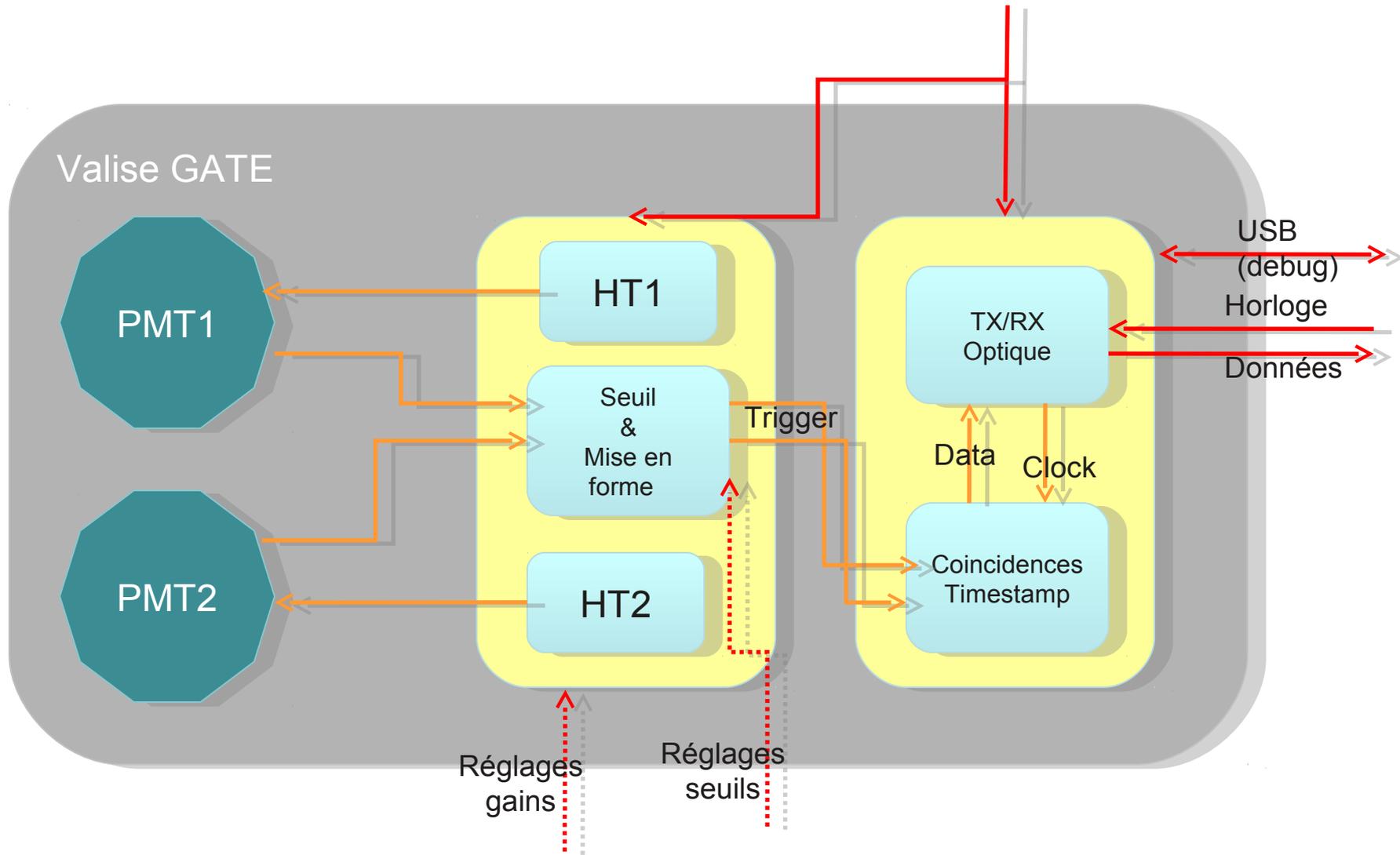
Partie à réaliser: intégration mécanique  
de l'ensemble dans une « valise » et connectique

Achat de valise, scintillateur, shifter, PMs en Nov 11





# Blocs fonctionnels valise GATE





# La « valise »

## Cahier de charge:

- Suffisamment large pour accueillir ~ 1m<sup>2</sup> de scintillateur
- Étanche a la lumière (donc noir!)
- Robuste et étanche au ruissellement

**Solution trouvé: roll-case SKB-6022W**



Modèle	Dimensions (mm)					Poids (kg)
	intérieures					
	Longueur	Largeur	Hauteur totale	Hauteur Base	Hauteur Couvricle	
SKB-6022W	1530	565	152	76	76	16,0



Achat en Nov 11, reçu en Dec 11 ★

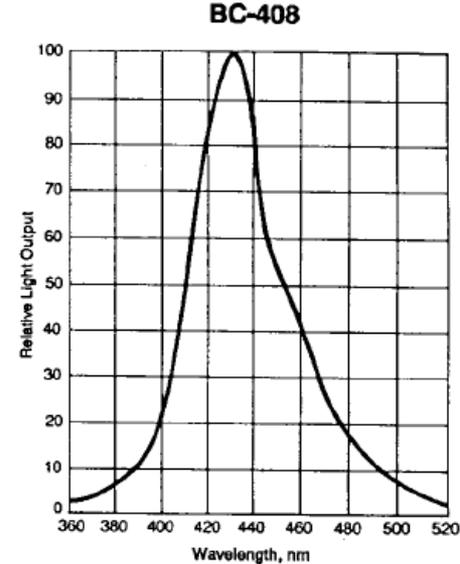


# Le scintillateur et « wavelength shifter »

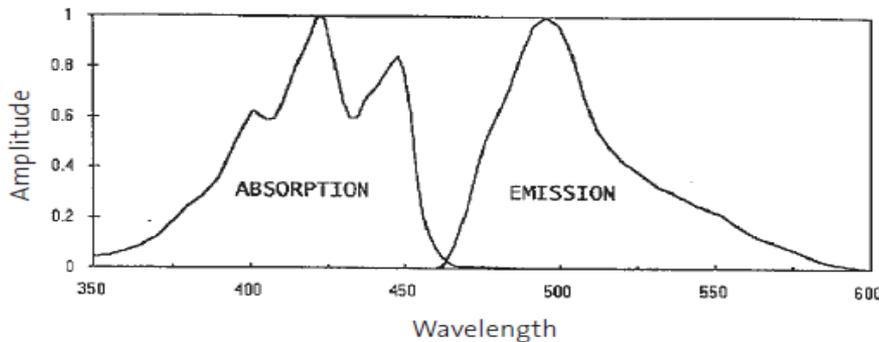
## BC 408 en 125x55x10cm ( $\eta$ 1.49)

Scintillation Properties –

	BC-408
Light Output, %Anthracene	64
Rise Time, ns	0.9
Decay Time (ns)	2.1
Pulse Width, FWHM, ns	~2.5
Wavelength of Max. Emission, nm	425
Light Attenuation Length, cm*	210
Bulk Light Attenuation Length, cm	380



## BC482A 10x10x125cm ( $\eta$ 1.59), et sa colle BC600 ( $\eta$ 1.56)



BC-482A Optical Spectra

Scintillation Properties –

	BC-482A Green
Decay Time, ns	12
Light Attenuation Length, cm	400
Absorption Peak, nm	420
Wavelength of Max. Emission, nm	494
Use with	BC-408 & 412

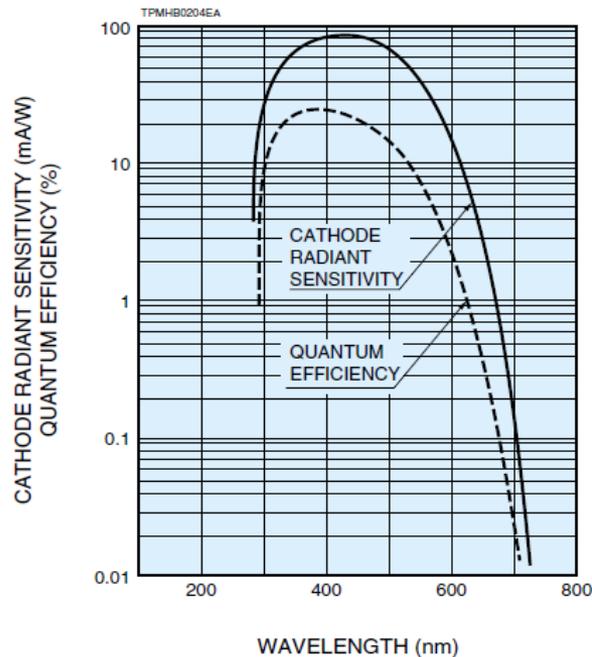
Achat en Nov 11, reception en Jan/Fév 12 



# Une proposition de Photomultiplicateur

## Ne nécessite pas de caractéristiques contraignantes

- **R8619 ASSY**,  
25mm head on PMT for 300-650nm.  
semi-flexible leads.
- peut être fourni avec/sans  
pont diviseur et HT



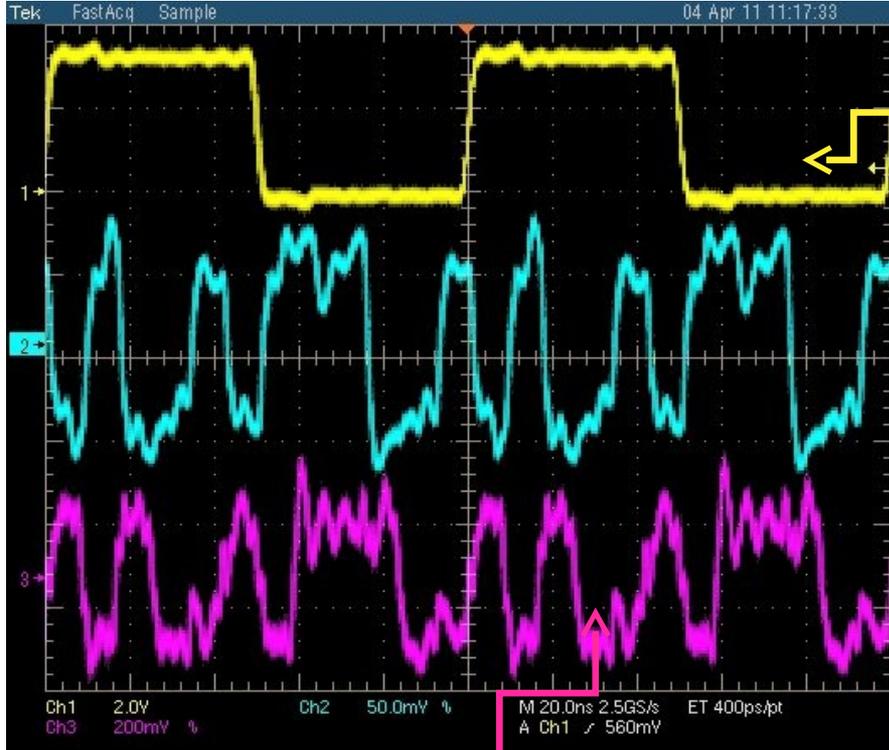
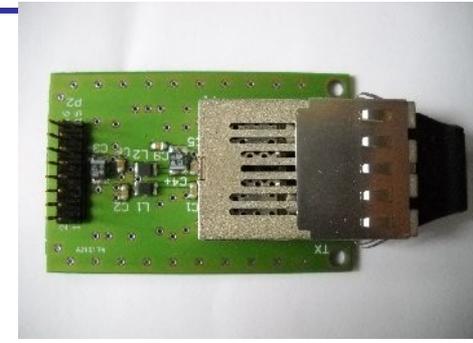
### Key Specifications

Part Number	R8619
Type	Head on
Size	25mm
ActiveDia/L	22mm
Min $\lambda$	300nm
Max $\lambda$	650nm
Peak Sens.	420nm
Cathode Radiant Sensitivity	88mA/W
Window	Borosilicate
Cathode Type	Bialkali
Cathode Luminous Sensitivity	95 $\mu$ A/lm
Cathode Blue Sensitivity Index	11
Anode Luminous Sensitivity	190A/lm
Gain	2.0E+06
Dark Current after 30 min.	2nA
Rise Time	2.6ns
Transit Time	28ns
Number of Dynodes	10
Applied Voltage	1000V
Multi Anode	N
Power Supply	C3830 c9525-50 C9619
Amplifier	C7319 C6438 C5594 M7279 M8879

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# 2010: Zeroth step with Integrated Optical Card



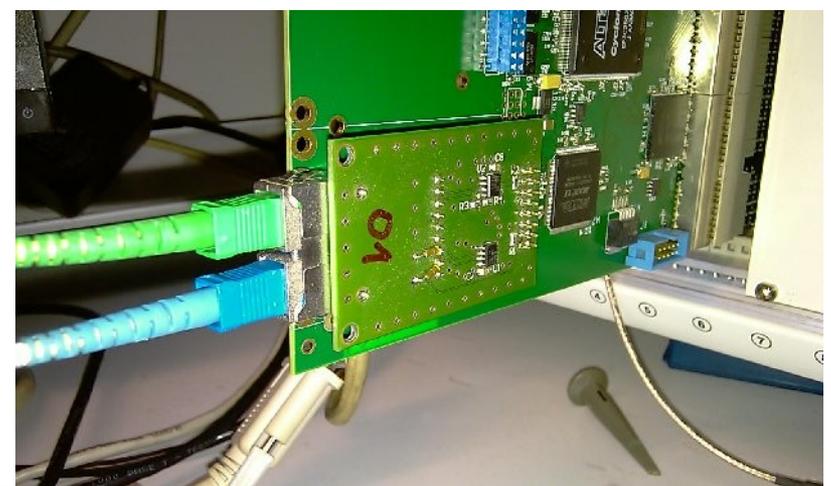
**10Mhz  
Clock  
"reconstituted"**

**Emission (TD+)  
10bit word sent**

***Optical Transmission (using  
commercial optical modules)  
100 mbps, 850nm  
(loop on single Mutin card)***

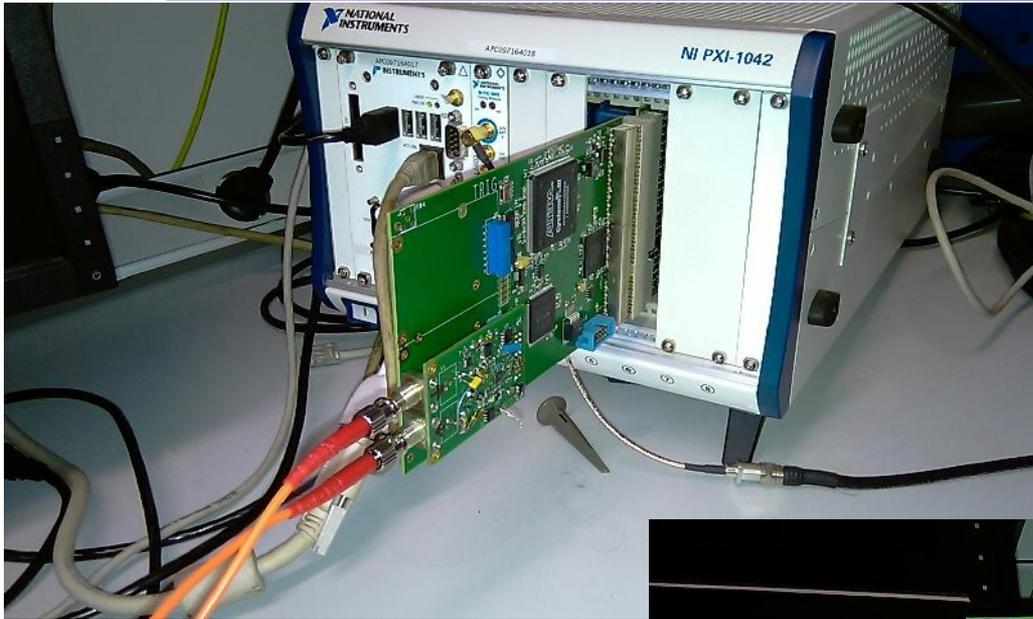
**Reception (RD+)  
10bit word received**

*"By eye", jitter of order ~1ns  
(depends on SerDes quality)  
→ measurements were t.b.d.*



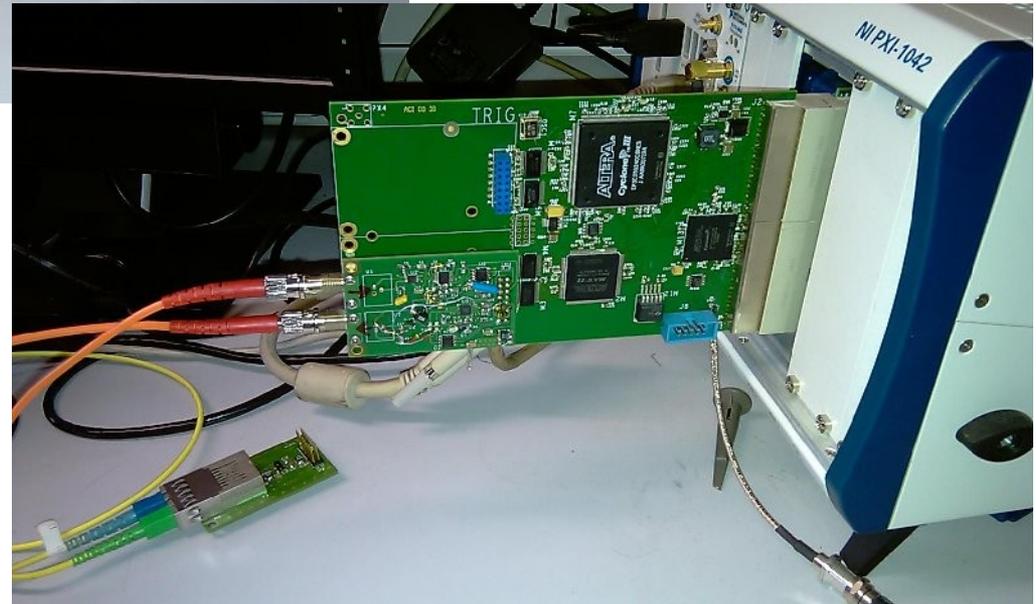
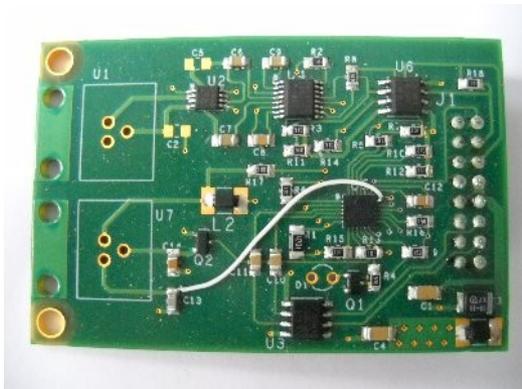


# Next step, Optical card with more power



**Optical Transmission  
(discrete  
components module)  
100 Mbps, 850nm**

**Version V1  
(noise problem,  
transmission perturbed  
depending on the word sent)  
Version V2 (*working - Oct. 2011*)**

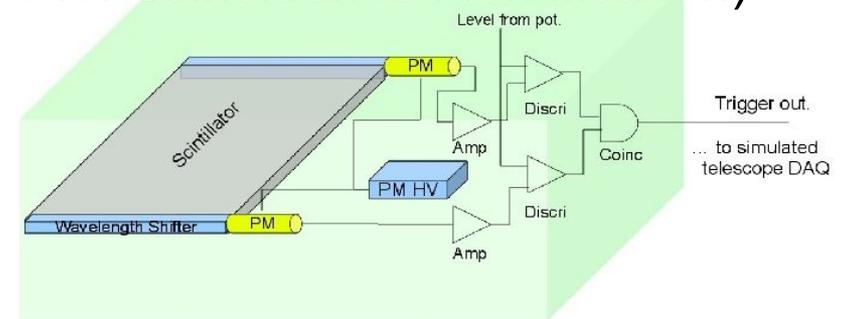




# Near/medium future developments

List as presented in Madrid, April 2011 (with developments in colour)

- Verify version V2 of optical card (OK)
- Test link type central ↔ telescope using 2 Mutin cards (OK)
- Implement optical splitting of signal to multi-telescopes (determine multiplicity of splitting achievable) (TBD, or keep to simpler solution of two bidirectional fibres per telescope) ★
- Purchase and test commercial bi-directional optical card (TBD) ★
- Implement PLLs on the EPLD or FPGA of the Mutin card, to create a time-stamp from the received 10MHz + 1PPS (expected 800MHz achievable → 1.25 ns precision) (TBD, collaboration to start with ISMO, Orsay) ★
- Test the “array trigger” using scintillator array as proxy telescope array (incl. development of real-time software for coincidence identification) (APC part of GATE project – *Gamma-ray Telescope Elements*) (TDB 2012/13)

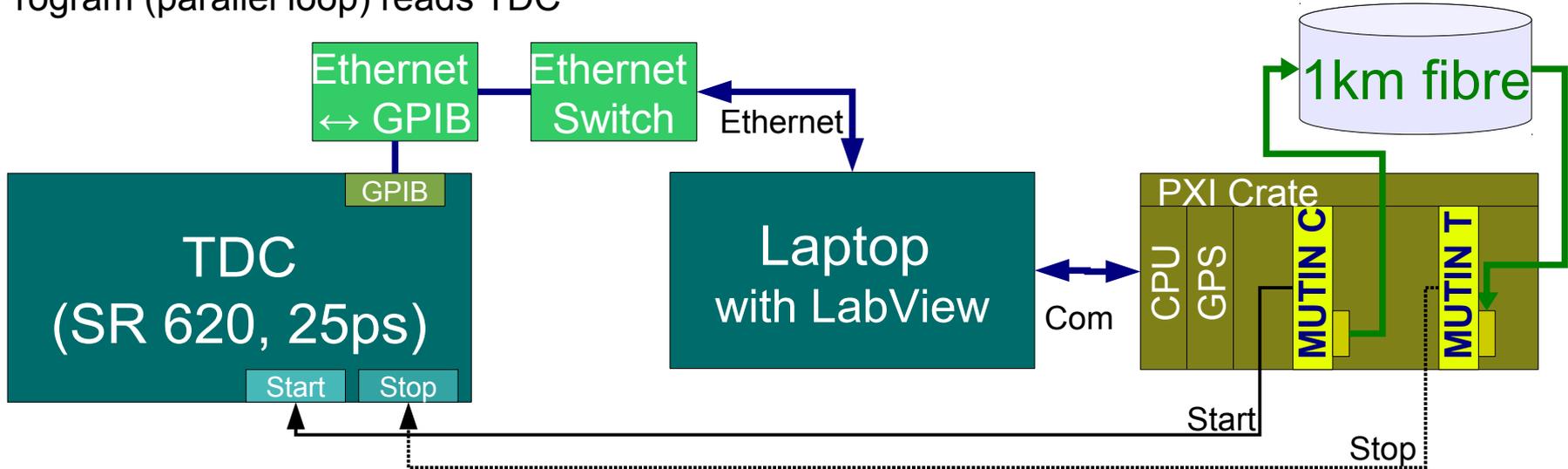
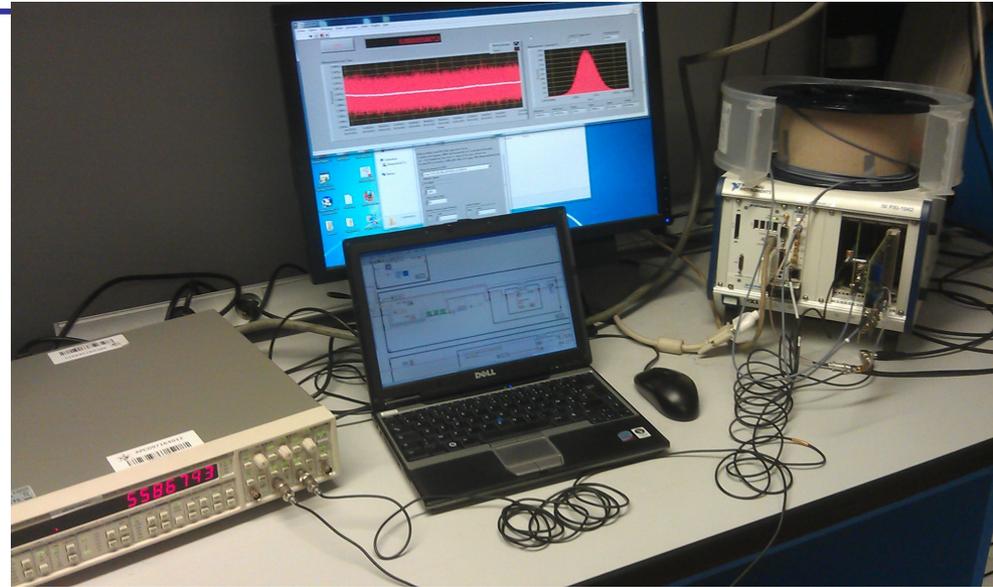




# Test Bench of Mutin/Optical cards

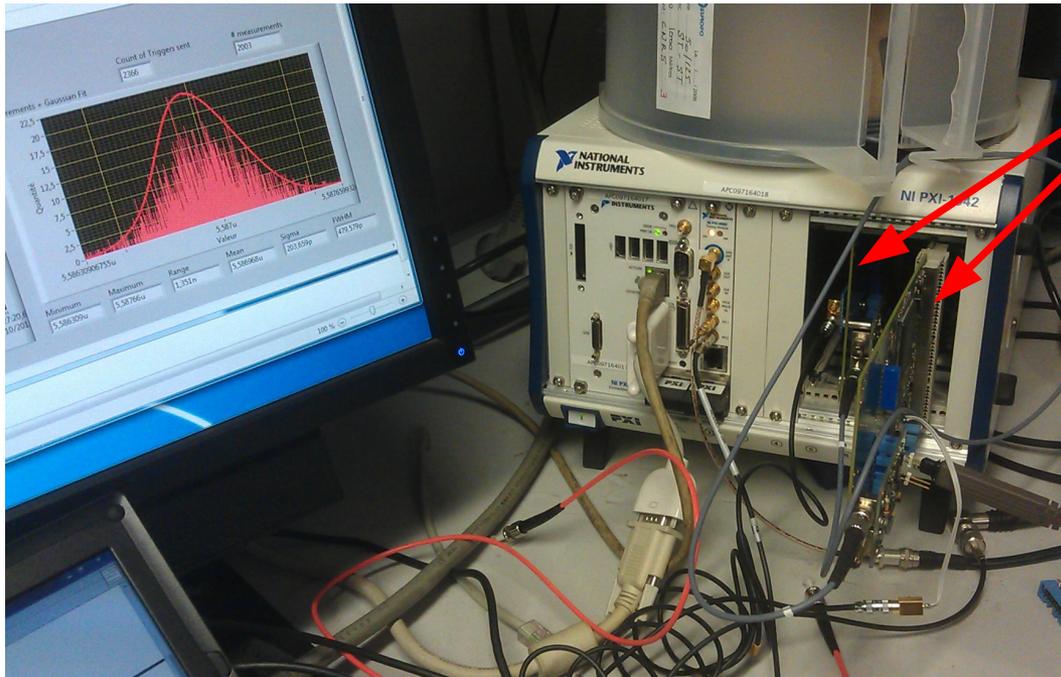
Test of time stability / jitter:

- Program sends start order (8-bit) to Mutin\_C
- Mutin\_C Altera receives and interprets
- Generates “Start” on Lemo output (to TDC)
- Sends-on order to Mutin\_T via SerDes optical cards + fibre
- Mutin\_T receives & interprets order
- Generates “Stop” on Lemo output (to TDC)
- Program (parallel loop) reads TDC





# Test Bench of Mutin/Optical cards (zooms)



**Zoom on PXI & Mutin Cards:  
Mutin\_C, emitter with PXI interface  
Mutin\_T, receiver, no PXI control  
(on extender board)**

**Zoom on Mutin Card  
and daughter Optical Card:**

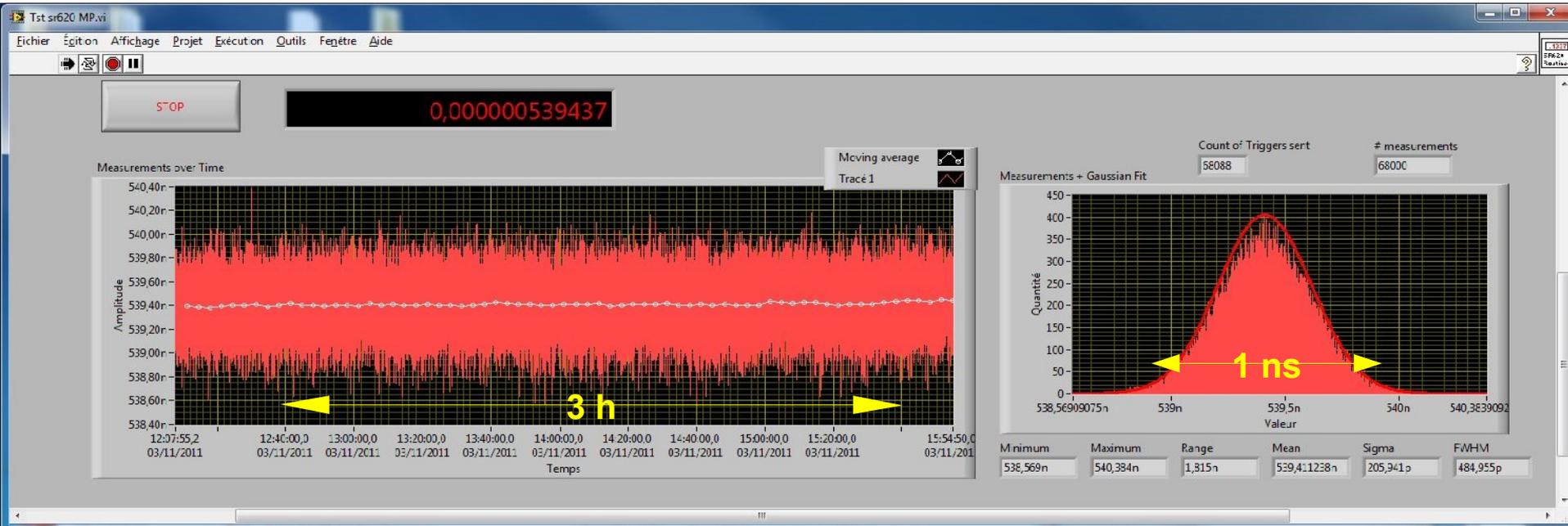
**Fibre in**



**“Stop” out**



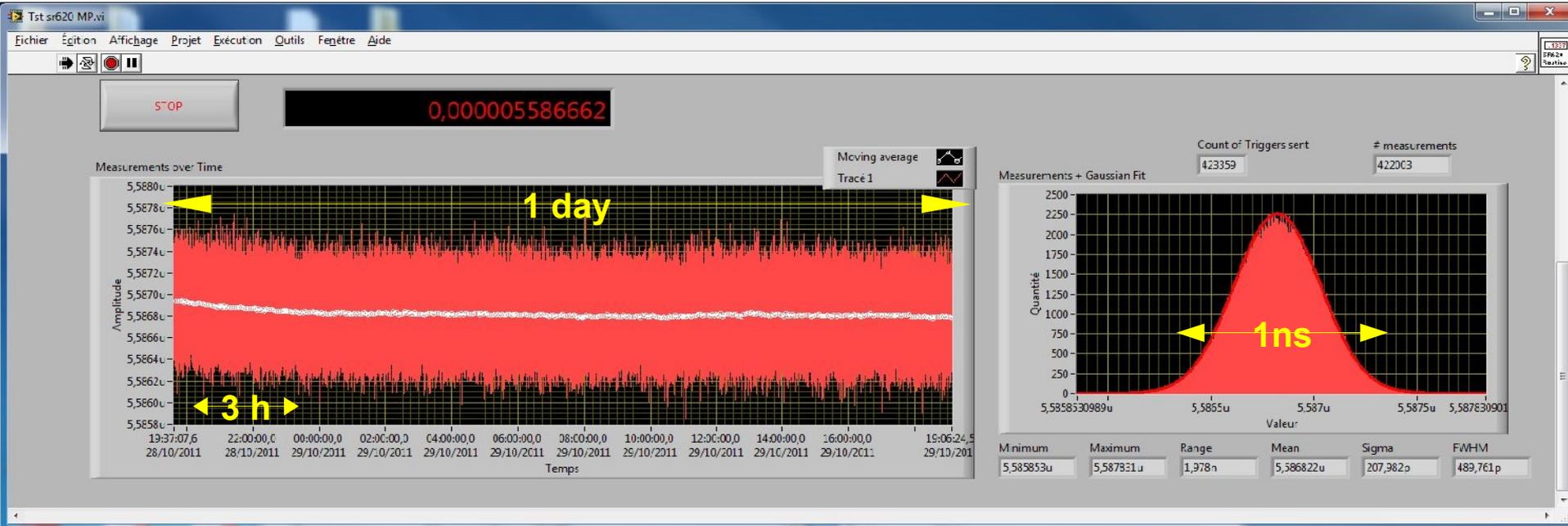
# Results of Test Bench of Mutin/Optical cards



**Test with 30 cm fibre / stable temperature:**  
**Nice Gaussian distribution**  
**206 ps sigma, 485 ps FWHM**  
**Max excursion 1.8 ns**  
**Transit time 538.4 ns**



# Results of Test Bench of Mutin/Optical cards



**Next test with 1km fibre / stable temperature:**

**Nice Gaussian (some temperature variation at start?)**

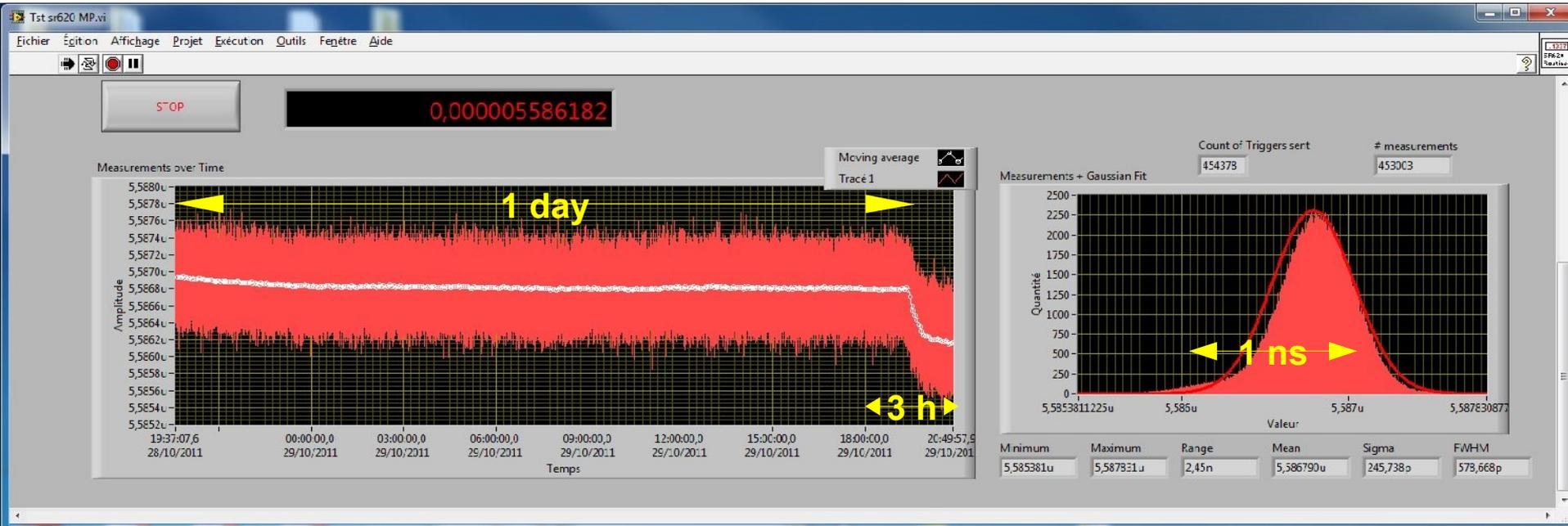
**208 ps sigma, 490 ps FWHM**

**Max excursion 1.98 ns**

**Transit time 5586.8 ns (i.e., for 1km – 30cm, time 5048.4ns, or 5.05ns/m)**



# Results of Test Bench of Mutin/Optical cards



## Test with 1 km fibre / temperature variation

(moved fibre coil from PXI crate exhaust!):

Minimal Shift of baseline (by  $\sim 0.7$  ns) with exponential decay

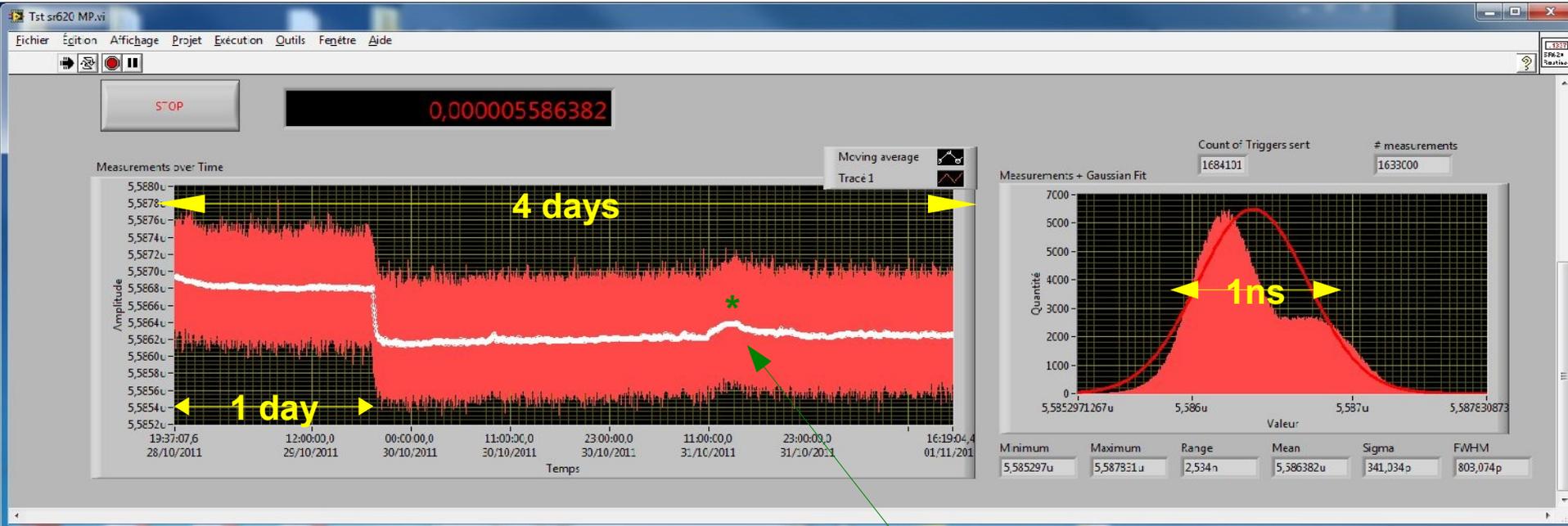
Decay time constant is  $\sim 5$  min (by eye)

Fused silica  $n = 1.4585$ ,  $\Delta n = 1.28 \times 10^{-5}/^{\circ}\text{C}$

$\rightarrow 0.7$  ns for  $16^{\circ}$  in 1 km (lower delay for temp  $\downarrow$ )



# Results of Test Bench of Mutin/Optical cards



## Test with 1 km fibre / temperature variation

(moved fibre coil from PXI crate exhaust ... continued data-taking):

**Nice double Gaussian appears (separation  $\sim 0.7$  ns)**

**Some variation ( $\sim 0.2$  ns) seen at noon on 31/10 (\*)**

(south-facing window, sunny day)



# Next steps for Test Bench

## a) Investigate temperature variation

- Not significant, but nice to understand
- Is this due to changes in fibre or electronics?

## b) Measure “Return Journey” time

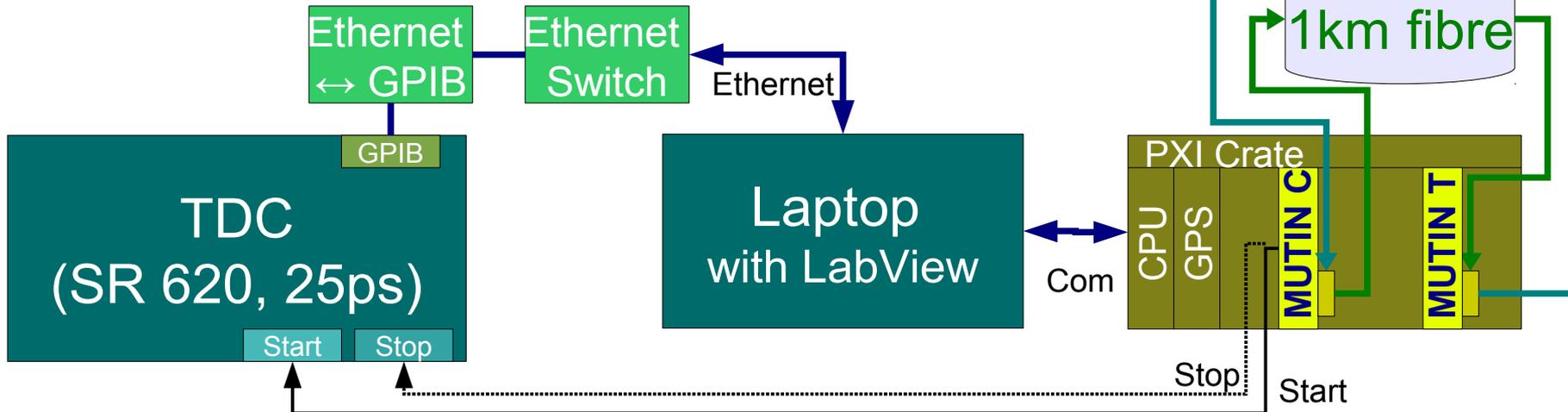
If this time is reliable

→ we can calibrate time variation

(polling over telescopes or continuous)

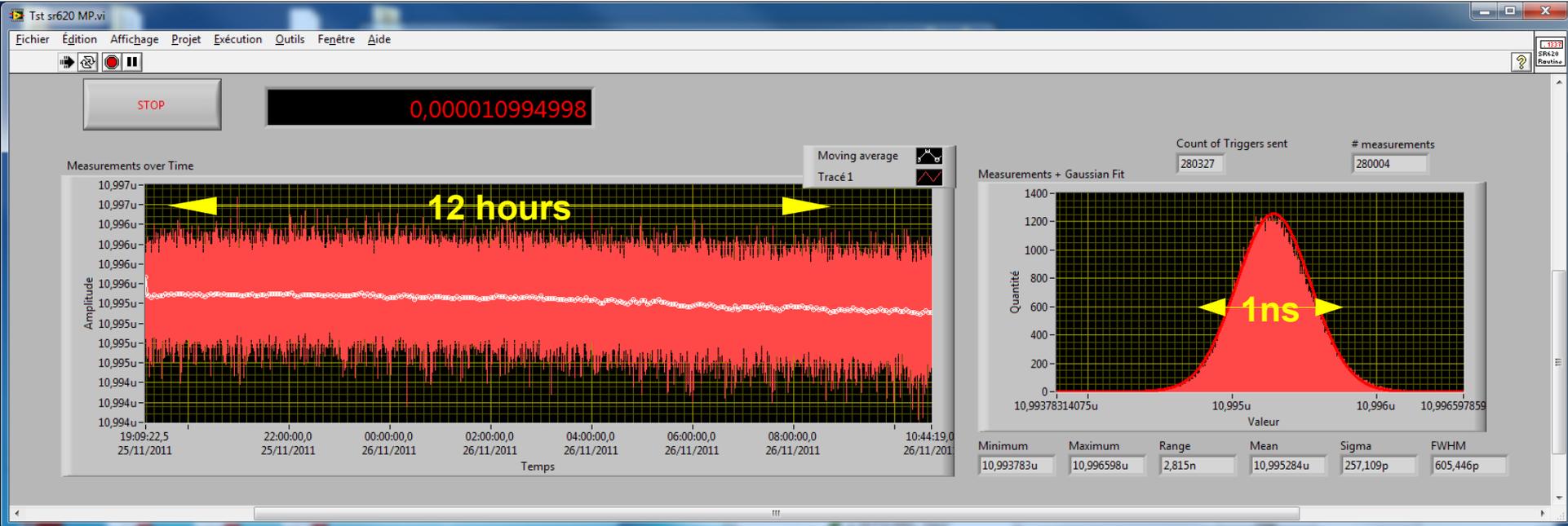
Add 2<sup>nd</sup> fibre, program Mutin\_T to return signal

Check if Return time varies similarly to one-way





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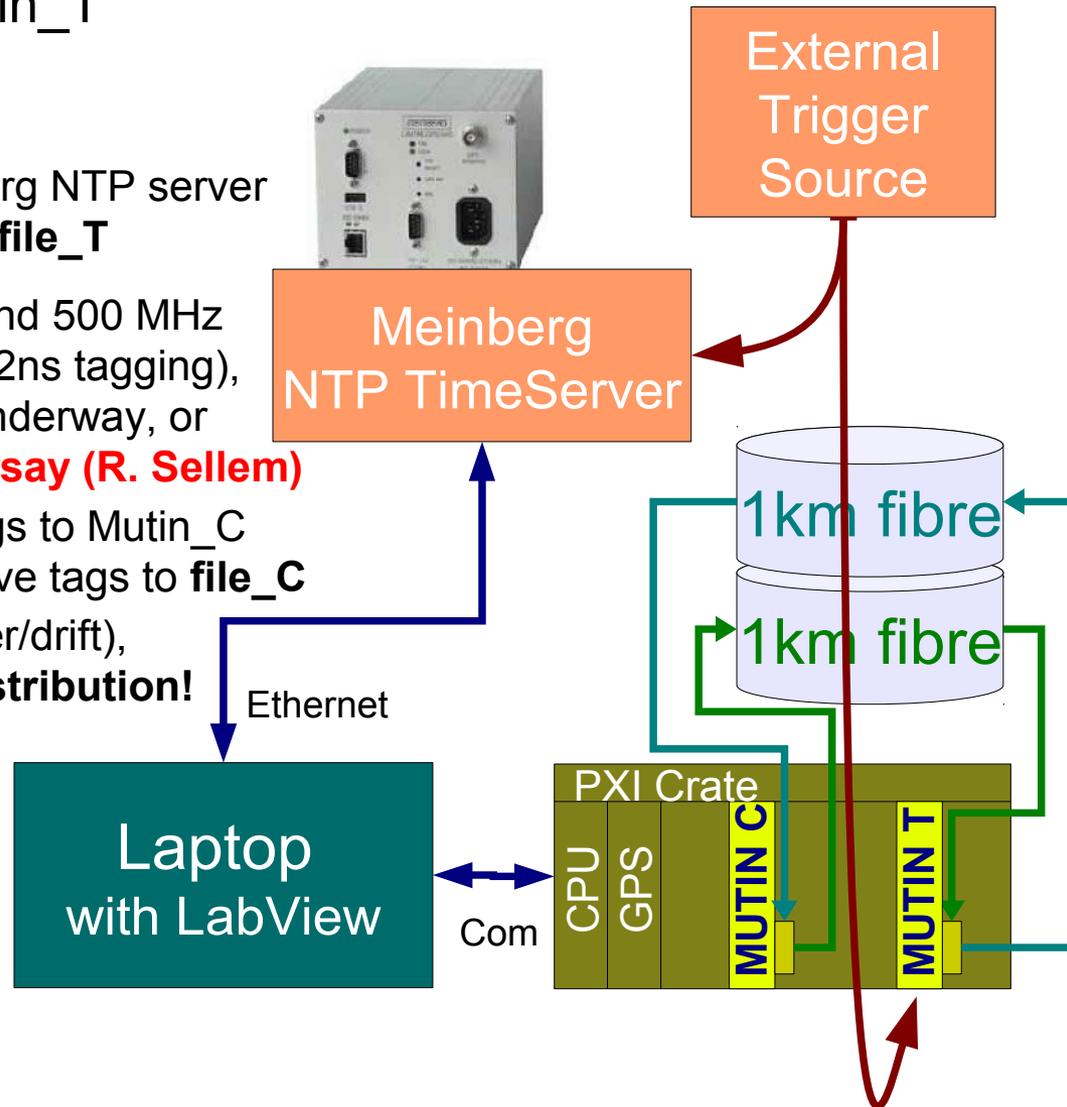
**Return Journey Time Test with 1 km + 1 km fibre**  
(measurement of return journey time  $\div$  2  $\rightarrow$  calibration of variation)  
**Some temperature variation seen overnight**  
**Still nice Gaussian, 257 ps sigma**  
 $\rightarrow$  **We can reliably calibrate the fibre!** ★



# Final step for Test Bench

## c) Implement time-tagging in Mutin\_T

- Implement trigger input on Mutin\_T
- Trigger with external random triggers
- Time-Tag triggers at source with Meinberg NTP server  
→ save tags to **file\_T**
- Implement resettable counters 1 PPS and 500 MHz (upscaled from 10 Mhz of SerDes → 2ns tagging), Simulation of this code for Altera is underway, or  
★ **begin collaboration with ISMO, Orsay (R. Sellem)**
- Mutin\_T sends stream of trigger time-tags to Mutin\_C where they are read by Laptop → save tags to **file\_C**
- If **file\_C** & **file\_T** comparable (check jitter/drift),  
**we will have implemented clock distribution!**





# Implementation for GATE

## Mode 1-Mutin each per “Telescope”

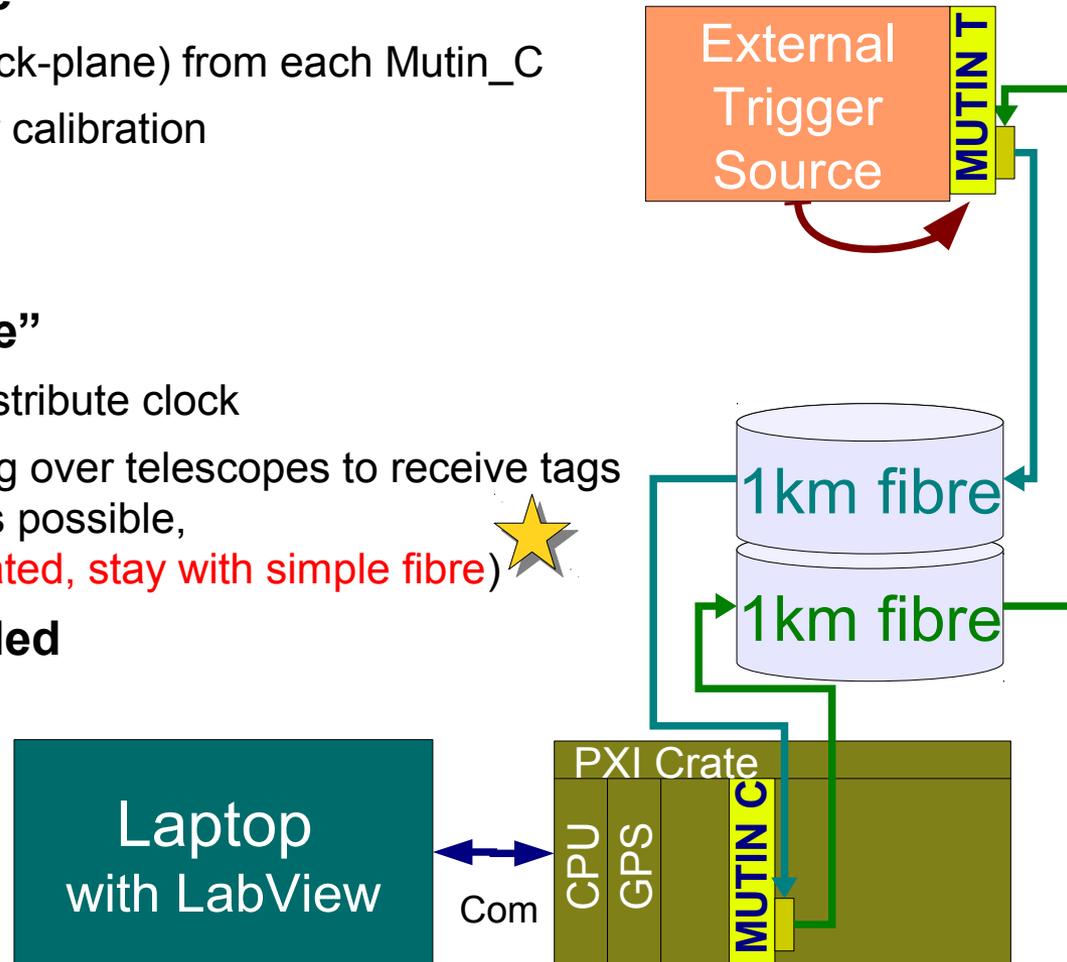
- Distribute clock (synchronized by PXI back-plane) from each Mutin\_C
- Measure return journey time regularly for calibration
- Receive time-tags to each Mutin\_C
- Collect tags and search for coincidences

## Mode 1-Mutin per “Multi-Telescope”

- Optical splitter at output of Mutin\_C to distribute clock
- Optical splitter at input of Mutin\_C, polling over telescopes to receive tags  
(will need to test how much splitting is possible,  
*may be unnecessarily complicated, stay with simple fibre*)

**For CTA, mixed-mode will be needed to cope with ~60 tels**

**or add more channels per MUTIN card**





# CTA Clock Distribution & Central Trigger

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- Clock distribution and central trigger by time-stamp seems the most flexible implementation
- The MUTIN card provides a
  - low cost (~1k€ on telescope side) and
  - low power-consumption (4.2W)
- Interface to Central trigger by  $\leq 3$  multimode fibres  
(2 if bidirectional, 1 clock distrib + return, 1 trigger time-tags)  
(note 2.8dB/km for fibre at 850nm measured)
- Interface to Camera Trigger by LVDS, perhaps ethernet ?
- Currently using PXI and LVDS standards,  
but can adapt to the trigger logic requirements
- Development now proceeding after some hitches
- **Should be able to start “field-testing” next year!**
  - » **GATE 1<sup>st</sup> proto in Spring, 1<sup>st</sup> series in Autumn**



# Budget prévisionnel

## Initialement estimations / offres de février/mars 2010

### Première prototype de Valise scintillateur

	Euros	Quantité	Euros
Valise (Roll-Case SKB6022W)	325.60	1	326
Scintillator (BC408 St Gobain)	1295.75	1	1296
Wavelength shifter (WLS BC482A)	125.38	2	251
Accessoires pr WLS, emballage	670.14	1	670
Photomultiplicateur R1924a Hama	395.00	2	790
PM Base pont diviseur E2924	112.00	2	224
PM Haute Tension HT C4900	127.00	2	254
Carte Phen-X modifie + alims	600.00	2	1200
Carte Mutin adapte + alims	600.00	2	1200
<i>Somme</i>			<u>6210</u>
<i>Aléas de 10%</i>			621

### Sérié de ... 11

supposant 20% de rabais dans le cas ou le prix de série n'est pas connu

Valise (Roll-Case SKB6022W)	277.50	11	3053
Scintillator (BC408 St Gobain)	1092.81	11	12021
Wavelength shifter (WLS BC482A)	77.93	22	1714
Photomultiplicateur R1924a Hama	324.00	22	7128
PM Base pont diviseur E2924	93.38	22	2054
PM Haute Tension HT C4900	105.00	22	2310
Carte Phen-X modifie + alims	500.00	11	5500
Carte Mutin adapte + alims	500.00	11	5500
<i>Somme</i>			<u>39280</u>
<i>Aléas de 10%</i>			3928

### Cout totale en équipement

**50039**



# Budget prévisionnel

## Estimations / offres révisées ou achats (TTC!)

### Première prototype de Valise scintillateur

	Euros	Quantité	Euros	Payé (HT)	Qty	Payé (HT)	Taxe	
Valise (Roll-Case SKB6022W)	325.60	1	326	364.32	1	364.32	71.41	
Scintillator (BC408 St Gobain)	1295.75	1	1296	1389.00	1	1389.00	272.24	
Wavelength shifter (WLS BC482A)	125.38	2	251	254.00	2	508.00	99.57	
Accessoires pr WLS, emballage	670.14	1	670	396.00	1	396.00	77.62	Ciment optique, ruban adhesive noir+reflet.
Photomultiplicateur R1924a Hama	395.00	2	790	395.80	2	791.60	155.15	R8619 Hama +mu metal
PM Base pont diviseur E2924	112.00	2	224	188.00	2	376.00	73.70	
PM Haute Tension HT C4900	127.00	2	254			254.00	49.78	(pas encore acheté)
Carte Phen-X modifie + alims	600.00	2	1200			1200.00	235.20	(pas encore acheté)
Carte Mutin adapte + alims	600.00	2	1200			1200.00	235.20	(pas encore acheté)
<i>Frais de port +douanes Scintillateur+WLS</i>				760.00	1	760.00	148.96	
<i>Frais de port +douanes ciment optique</i>				130.00	1	130.00	25.48	
<b>Somme</b>			<b>6210</b>			<b>7368.92</b>	<b>1444.31</b>	<b>8813.23</b>
<i>Aléas de 10%</i>			<b>621</b>					

### Sérié de ...

11

### Sérié de

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supposant 20% de rabais dans le cas ou le prix de série n'est pas connu

Valise (Roll-Case SKB6022W)	277.50	11	3053	327.89	8	2623.10	514.13	
Scintillator (BC408 St Gobain)	1092.81	11	12021	1111.20	8	8889.60	1742.36	
Wavelength shifter (WLS BC482A)	77.93	22	1714	203.20	16	3251.20	637.24	
Accessoires pr WLS, emballage	670.14	1	670	316.80	8	2534.40	496.74	
Photomultiplicateur R1924a Hama	324.00	22	7128	316.64	16	5066.24	992.98	
PM Base pont diviseur E2924	93.38	22	2054	150.40	16	2406.40	471.65	
PM Haute Tension HT C4900	105.00	22	2310	101.60	16	1625.60	318.62	
Carte Phen-X modifie + alims	500.00	11	5500	500.00	8	4000.00	784.00	
Carte Mutin adapte + alims	500.00	11	5500	500.00	8	4000.00	784.00	
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<i>Frais de port +douanes Scintillateur+WLS</i>				760.00	1	760.00	148.96	
<i>Frais de port +douanes ciment optique</i>				130.00	1	130.00	25.48	
<b>Somme</b>			<b>39950</b>			<b>38487</b>	<b>7543</b>	
<i>Aléas de 10%</i>			<b>3995</b>			<b>3849</b>	<b>754</b>	

### Cout totale en équipement

50777

49704

9742

59446.13 TTC avec aléas





# Calendrier prévisionnelle

## Calendrier révisé en novembre 2011

Equipement E4 : Demonstrateur Distribution Horloge et Trigger Central	2011	2012	2013
Commande des scintillateurs	■		
Modification des cartes PHEN-X pour faire une version à 2 voies		■	
Modification de la carte MUTIN en version « stand-alone »		■	
Production de la série de ~10 stations scintillateur		■	■
Tests en profondeur du réseau : développement et tests d'algorithmes de mise en temps, fit de front de particules, tests de timing relatif entre les stations (précision, jitter, sauts), tests de la fiabilité dans le temps du système.			■
Transfert de connaissances du système vers les équipes d'enseignement et les responsables de stage.			■



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The end ...