



# Laser monitoring: hardware



## The Laser workshop

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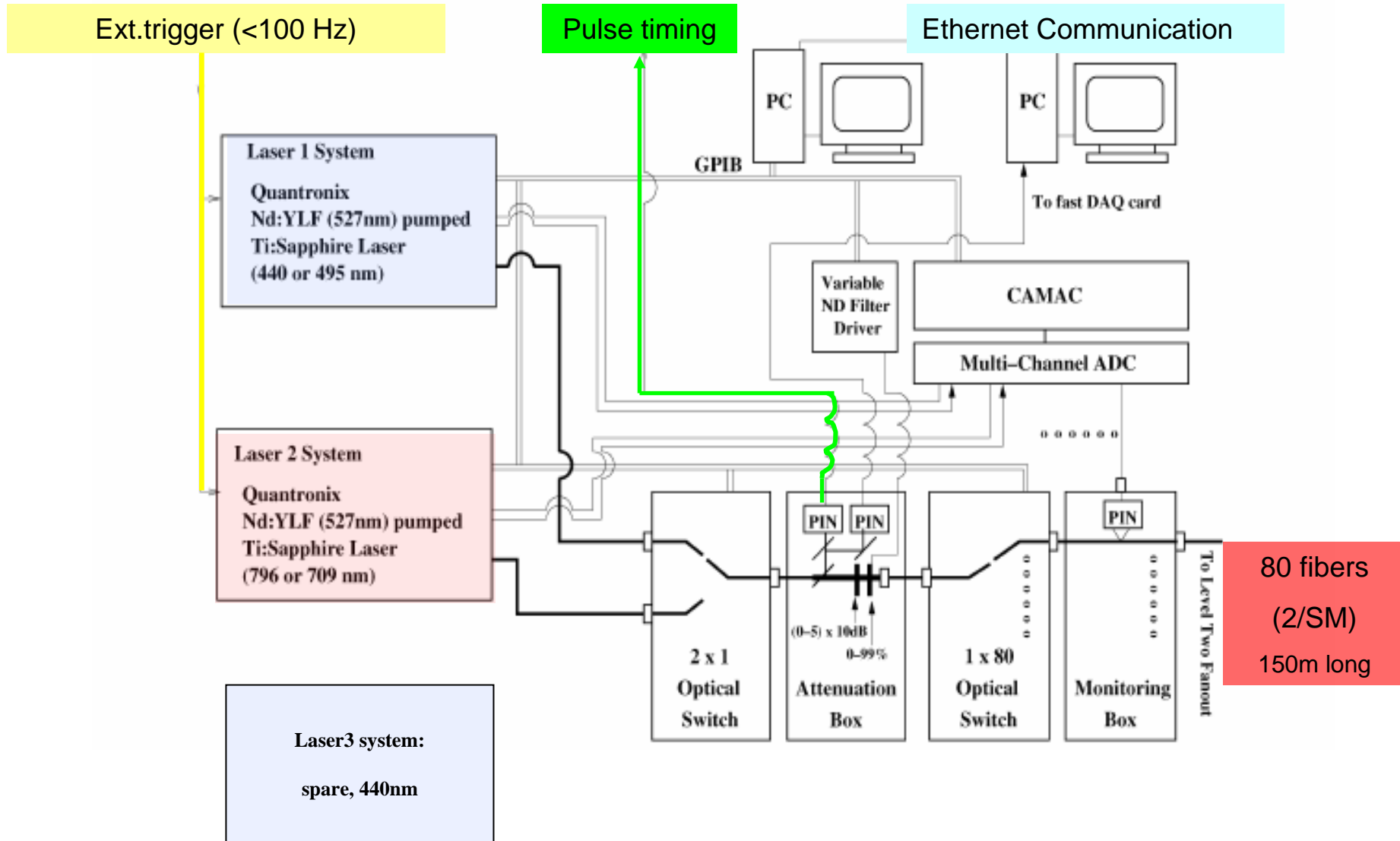
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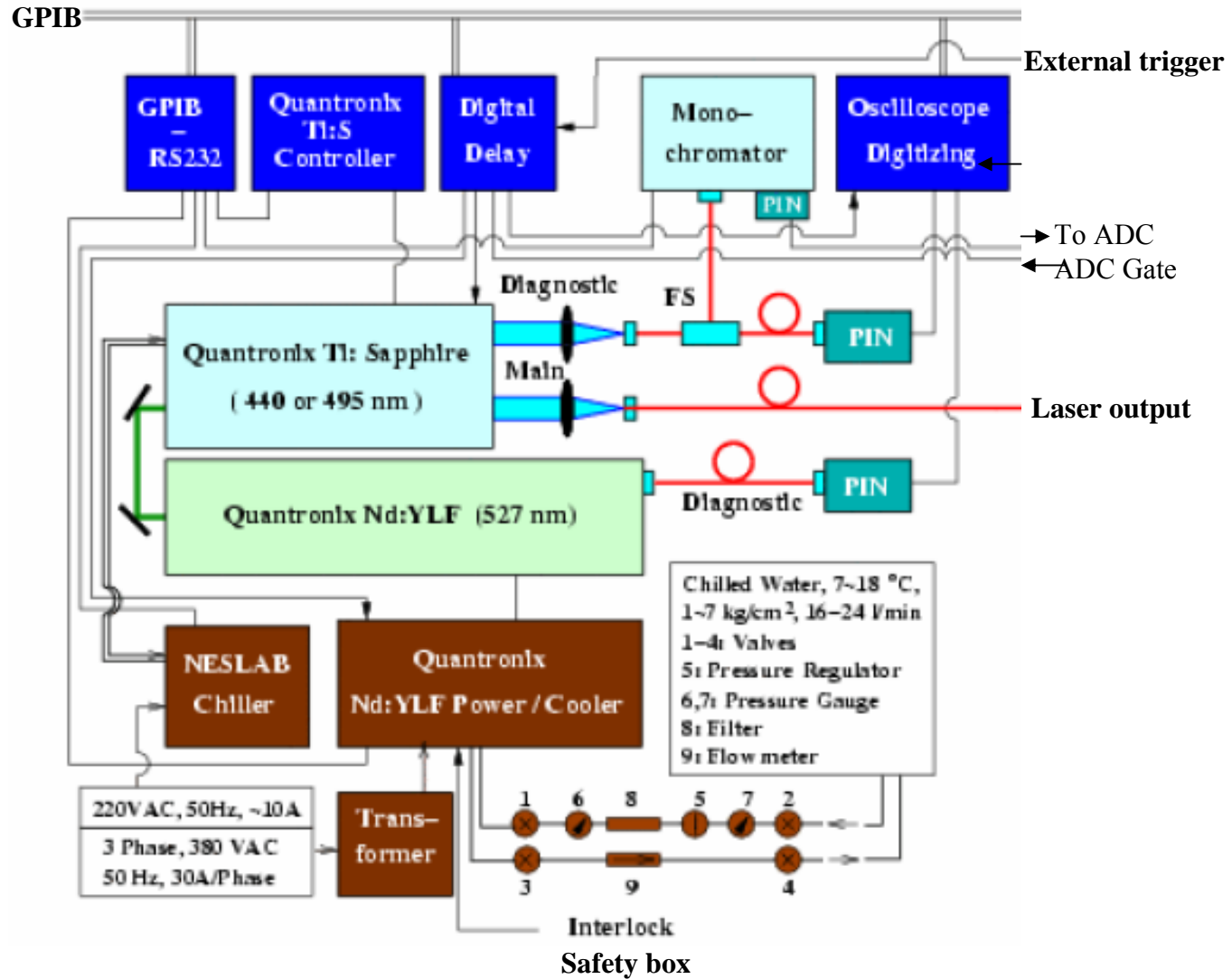


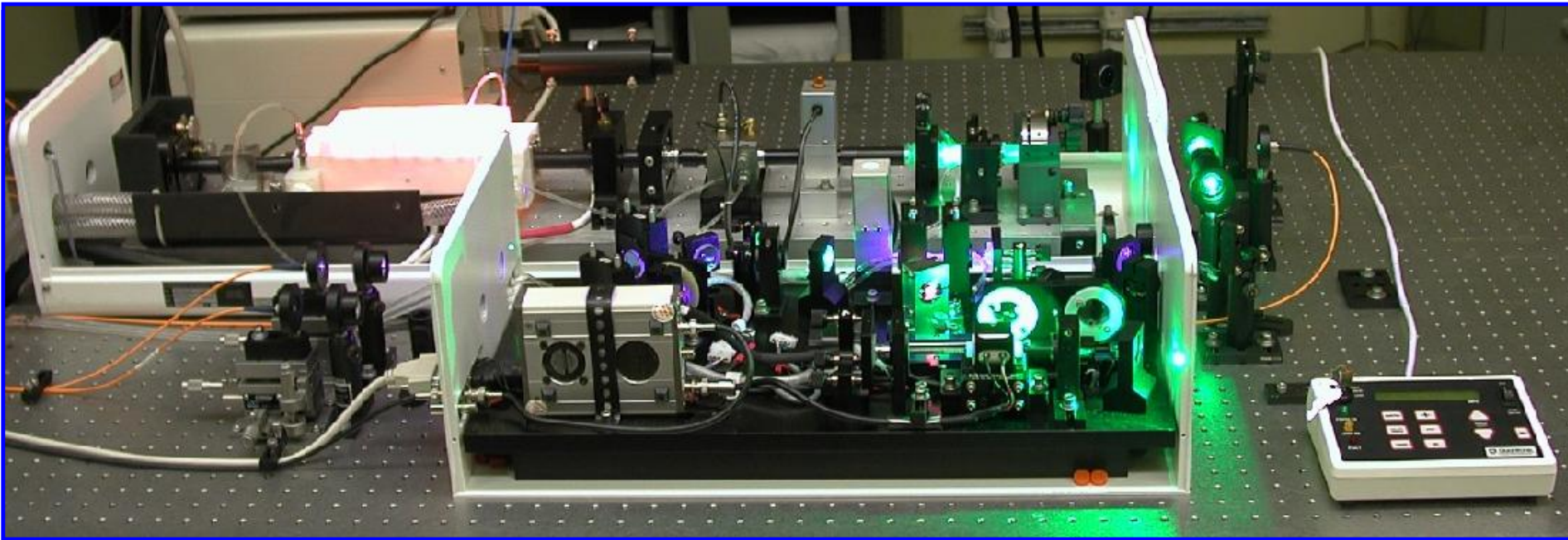
The system is design to  
continuously monitor  
the *ECAL in situ* at CMS





# I Details of One Laser System







## On-Line System

## Off-Line System

Digital scope  
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 Camac and modules  
 Safety box  
 Diagnostic box  
 Diagnostic box  
 Monitoring box  
 Monitoring box  
 PC monitor  
 1 x 80 optical switch  
 Attenuation box  
 2 x 1 optical switch  
 PC  
 Digital delay (DG 535)  
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 Network  
 GPIB - RS232  
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## ECAL specifications :

- ⇒ 2 wavelengths:
  - one close to the emission peak → best monitoring linearity (440 nm)
  - one to monitor readout electronics chain from the APD to the ADC (796 nm)
- ⇒ Pulse jitters: < 4ns/2ns for long (24 h) / short (0.5 h) term
- Pulse width: < 40ns
- Pulse energy: 1 mJ/pulse (>1TeV equivalent energy deposition in each crystal).
- Pulse rate: <100 Hz
- Intensity instability: < 10%

## Quantronix laser:

	YLF*	Ti:S 1		Ti:S 2	
$\lambda$ (nm)	527	440	495	796	709
Pulse energy (mJ)	20	1	0.5	1.5	0.42
Pulse width (ns)	100-170	25-30	40-50	25-30	30

\*YLF = Yttrium Lithium Fluoride

## Environment:

- cleanroom class <10,000 : *done since May 2005*
- temperature stabilized to  $\pm 0.5$  °C: *to be done in CMS (ALEPH Air-Conditioning Unit)*
- Humidity <60%: *to be done in CMS*

## Input/Output laser barrack:

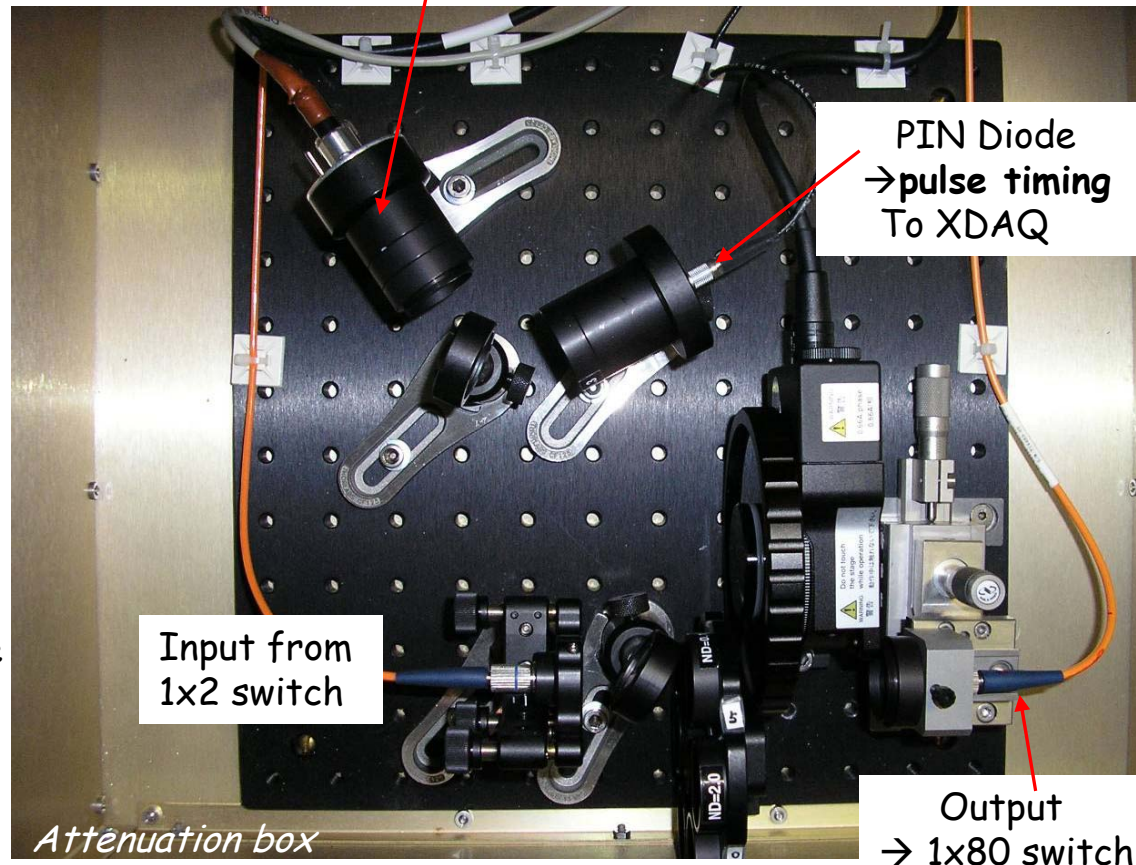
Ethernet : **IN/OUT**  
Communication with XDAQ & DIM  
DNS server

External trigger: **INPUT (XDAQ)**  
Use to generate YLF laser pulse  
< 100 Hz, TTL

Level 2 TTL for safety: **INPUT**  
from MEM to safety crate, 5V

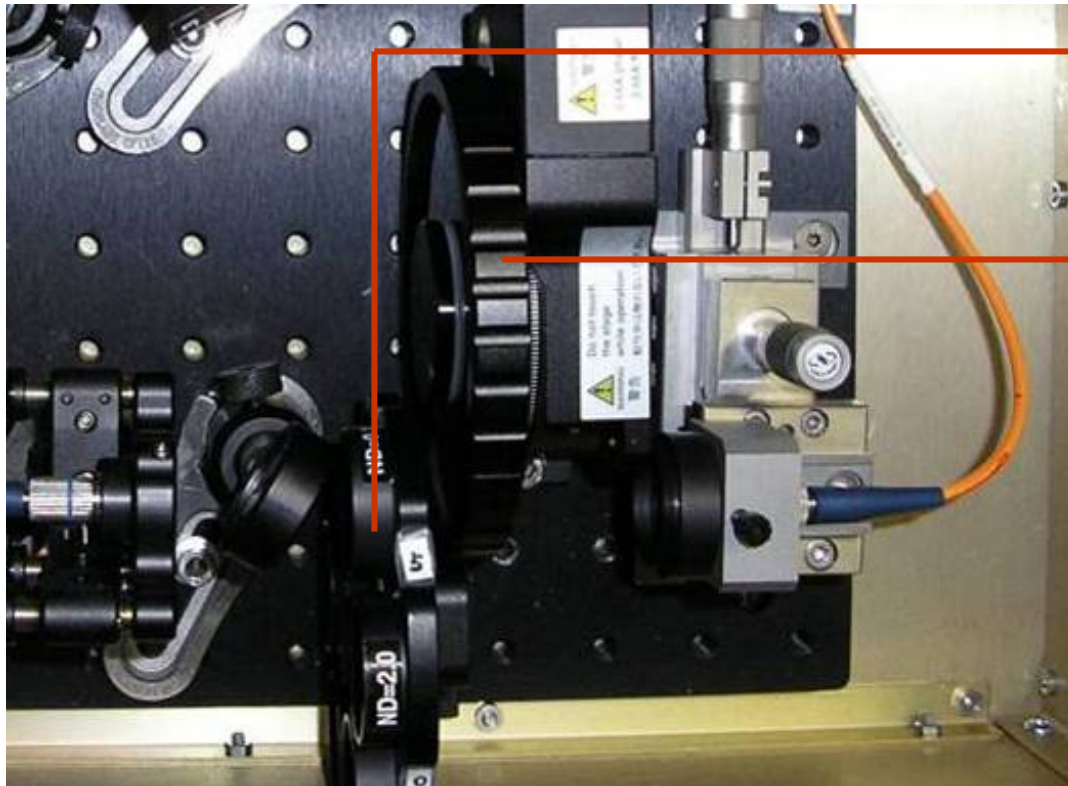
Pulse timing: **OUTPUT (XDAQ)**  
Laser pulse digitalized: inform when pulse  
has been sent to SM.  
Before 1x80 switch  
(Before 150m long fibers)

PIN Diode detector  
→ Pulse to Acqiris DP210 & Matacq





**Attenuation box:**



**Neutral density filters:**  
0-10-20-30-40-50 dB

+

**Variable Reflective Neutral Density Filters**



Optical Density from 0.04 - 2.7



**Remote control (XDAQ): 1% by 1%**

**0% = min. power (27 dB loss)**  
**100% = max power (0.4 dB)**

**Laser safety:** → Limited access to the barrack

All the safety is controlled by the safety box:

- **Outer door** : - interlock + flash lamp + 3 LED
- **Inner doors** : - 3 interlocks  
- 3 boxes: Flash LED+ yellow LED
- **Level 2 TTL** from MEM box:
  - low level if the laser pulse does not reach level 2 fanouts (e.g., accidentally broken fiber)
  - high level if the level 2 fanouts receive laser pulse.



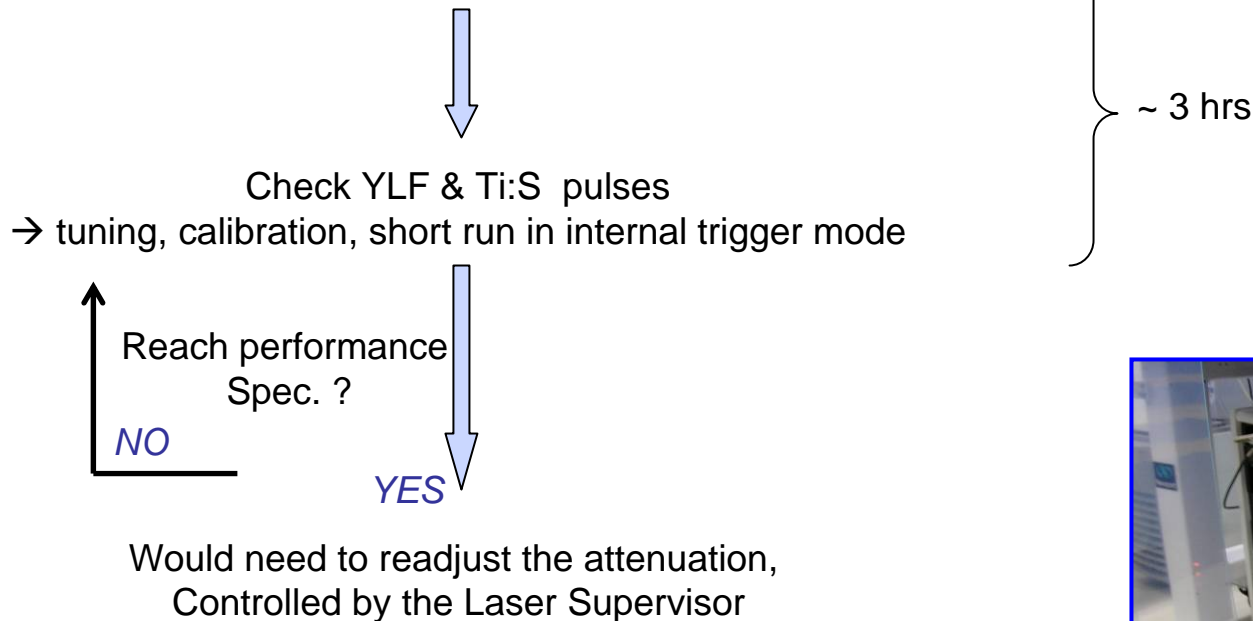
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2 modes of operation:

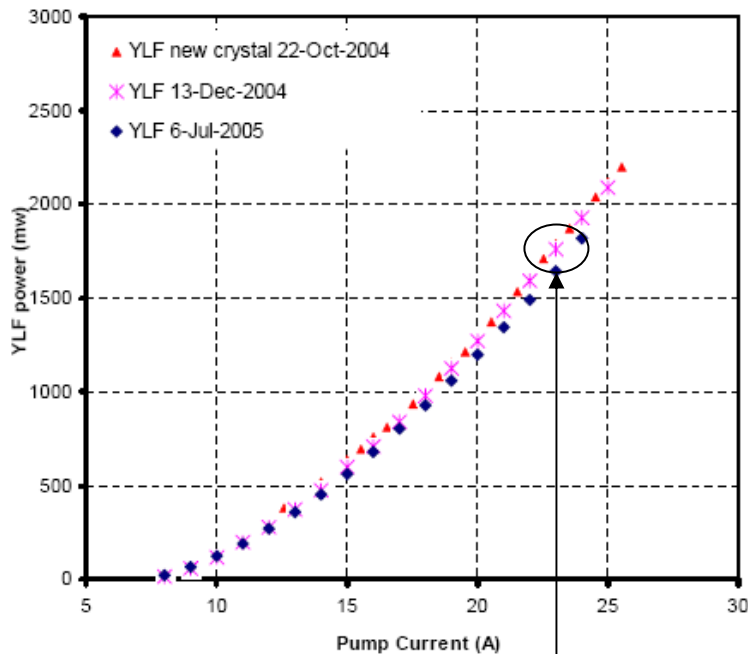
- 1) **Normal operation** : inner doors should be closed and you can enter in the barrack without closed the shutter
- 2) **Maintenance operation**: inner doors can stay opened to work on the laser, then the outer door controls the shutters

- Check the chilled water, change filter if it is too dirty
- Check the internal cooling water level (distilled water)
- Change the deionizing cartridge and the particle filter in the internal cooling unit (90 days)
- Check Neslab water level for Ti:S LBO
- Change **YLF lamp every 500 to 1000 hrs (20 to 40 days).**



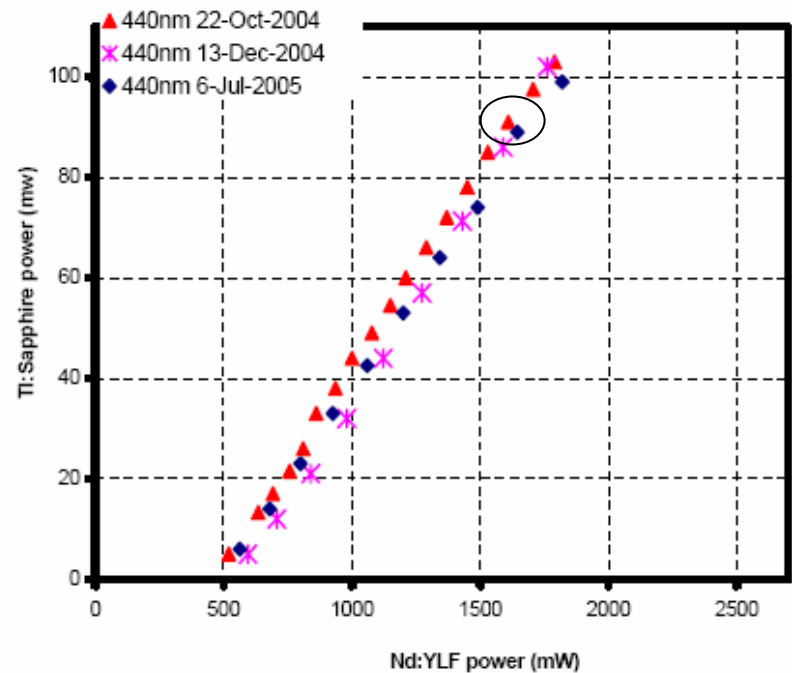
Laser main controls: **YLF:** pump current  
**Ti:S:** pulse delay : ~5ns max./YLF pulse (+optics tuning, HV Q-switch)

Nd:YLF LASERS 1



Working point: 23A

Nd:YLF LASER PUMPED Ti:S LASERS 1

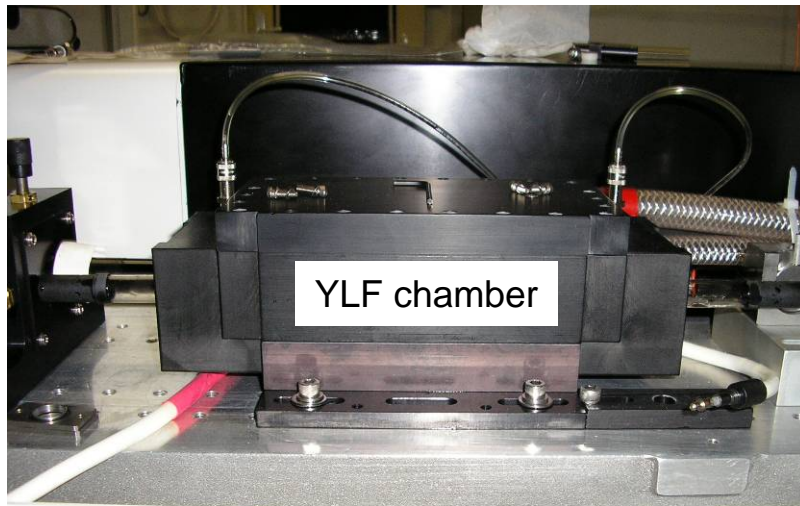




## II Experience with hardware failures

Since 2004: Optics damage caused by dirty environment, broken flow tubes.

2005: Broken flow tubes and electronics: mother board of 1x80 switch



Life time:

- lamp: ~ 1000 hrs → Lamp aging: **0.5% daily**
- flow tube: 1 year
- gold reflector: to be checked every year



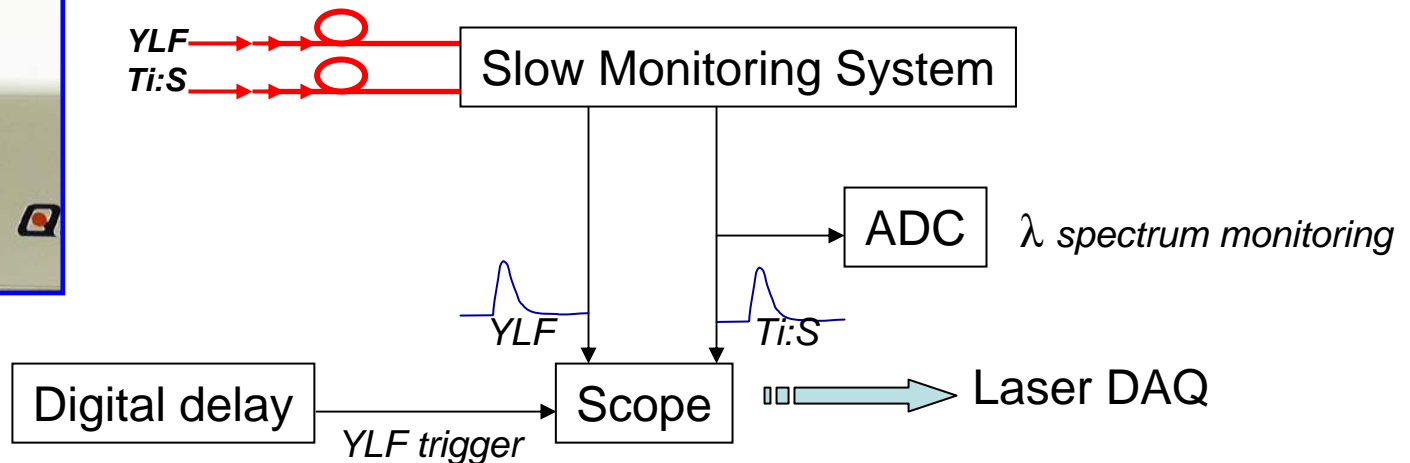
- 3 monitoring systems:
- **SLOW** (DSO for each laser system)
  - **2 FAST** (Acqiris DP210 & Matacq)

### Slow monitoring:

- Control lasers setup,
- Check YLF and Ti:S performance at **1Hz**,
- Keep laser history for diagnostics.



*Laser diagnostic output*



## Laser System Control



The interface is titled "Laser Control" and is divided into three main sections: Laser 1, Laser 2, and Monitor.

**Laser 1 (Online):**

- YLF:** Shutter (CLOSE), Lamp (OFF), Current (15.00), Cooler (OFF).
- Ti:S:** Shutter (Close), Wavelength (440), Energy (0.5), Temperature (20.00).
- DG535:** Trigger (Internal), Rep. Rate (100.0), Delay A (2.679500), Delay B (4.612000).
- Buttons: Wavelength, Waveform, Histogram, History, Setting.

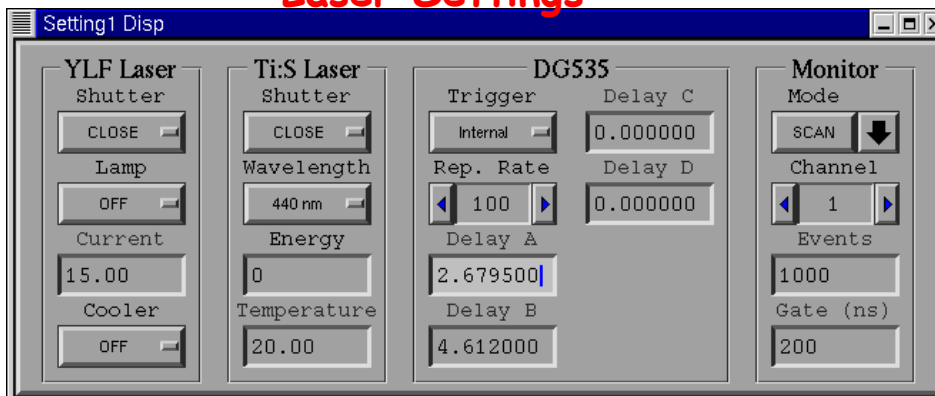
**Laser 2 (Offline):**

- YLF:** Shutter (CLOSE), Lamp (OFF), Current (15.00), Cooler (OFF).
- Ti:S:** Shutter (Close), Wavelength (440), Energy (0.5), Temperature (20.00).
- DG535:** Trigger (Internal), Rep. Rate (100.0), Delay A (2.679500), Delay B (4.612000).
- Buttons: Wavelength, Waveform, Histogram, History, Setting.

**Monitor:**

- Buttons: View, Hist, Mode, Gate (ns), SCAN, Energy, Channel, Events, Required, Actual, Update.
- START button (green circle).
- Exit button.

## Laser Settings



The interface is titled "Setting1 Disp" and is divided into four main sections: YLF Laser, Ti:S Laser, DG535, and Monitor.

**YLF Laser:**

- Shutter (CLOSE), Lamp (OFF), Current (15.00), Cooler (OFF).

**Ti:S Laser:**

- Shutter (CLOSE), Wavelength (440 nm), Energy (0), Temperature (20.00).

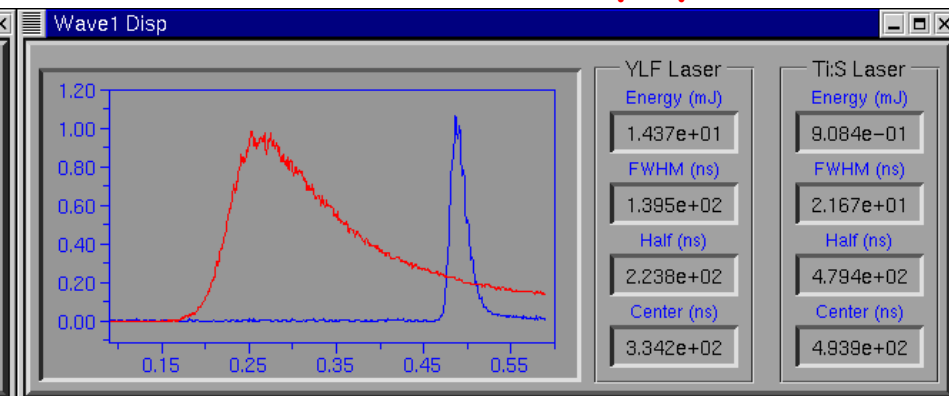
**DG535:**

- Trigger (Internal), Rep. Rate (100), Delay A (2.679500), Delay B (4.612000), Delay C (0.000000), Delay D (0.000000).

**Monitor:**

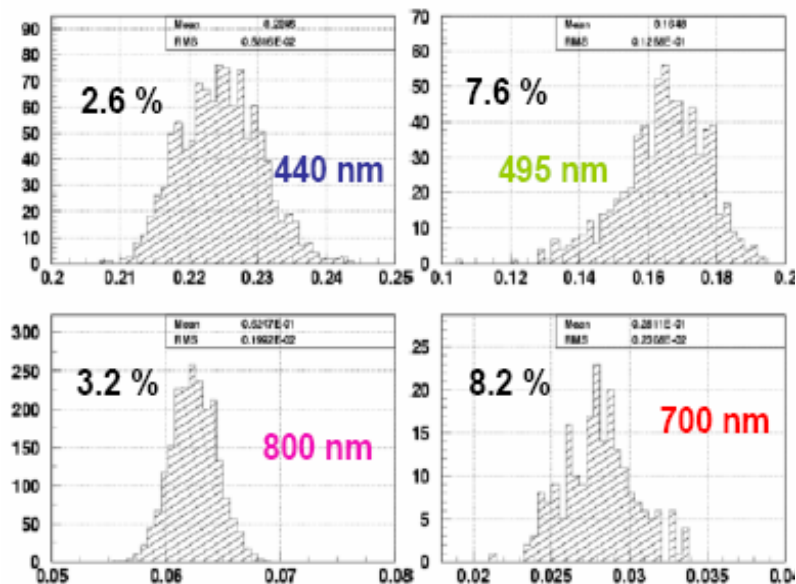
- Mode (SCAN), Channel (1), Events (1000), Gate (ns) (200).

## Waveform Display

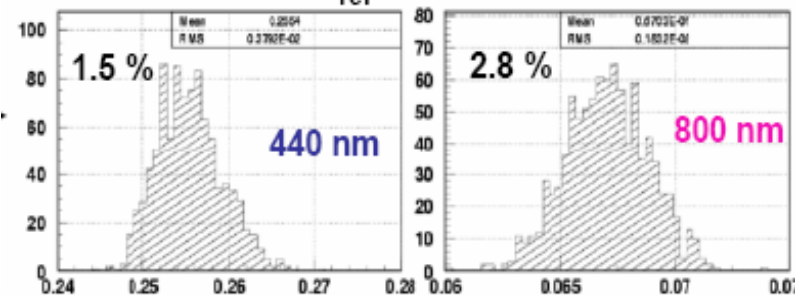


# III Result of the slow monitor: Intensity, FWHM, Timing

$t_{ref} : 330 - 355 \text{ h}$

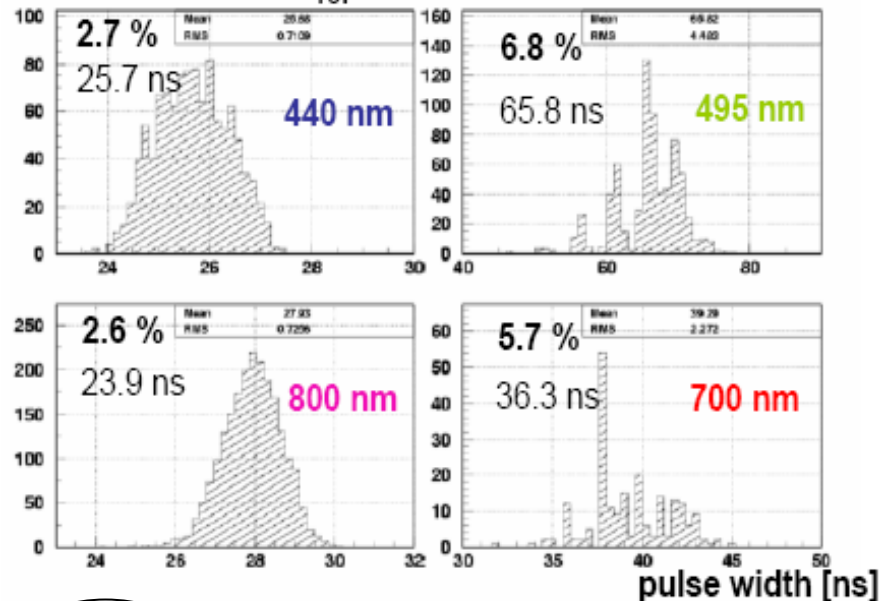


$t_{ref} : 200 - 200.5 \text{ h}$

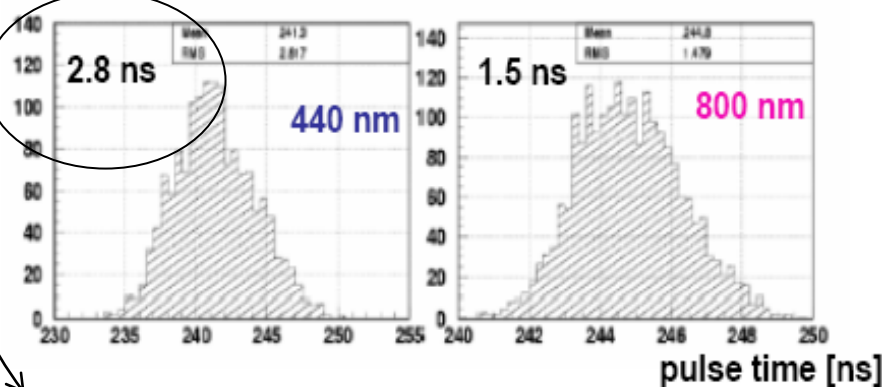


Pulse energy

$t_{ref} : 330 - 355 \text{ h}$



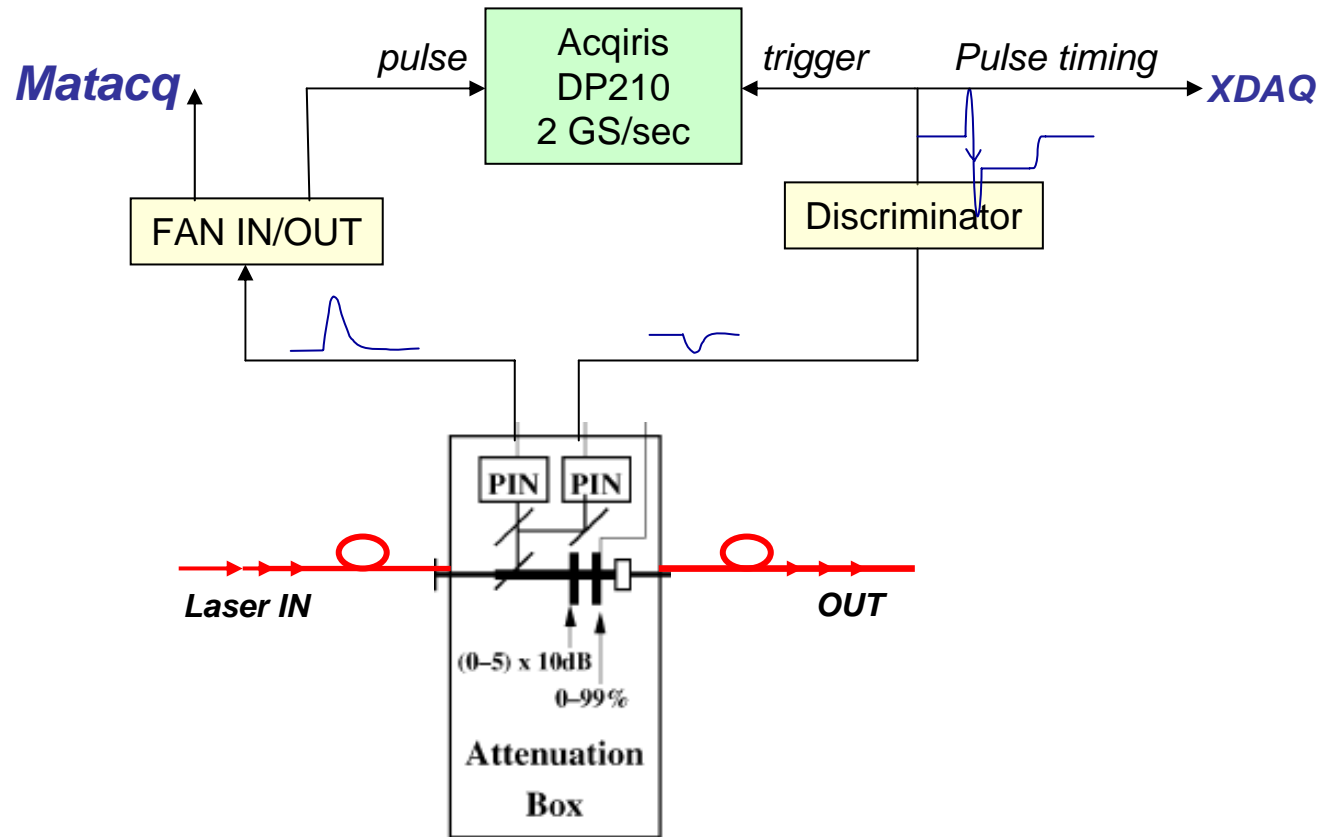
pulse width [ns]



pulse time [ns]

Pulse jitter of monitoring light





MATACQ: Fast acquisition card developed by **CEA/Saclay**, IN2P3/LAL  
 Sample frequency: 1GHz, 2GHz in boosted mode.

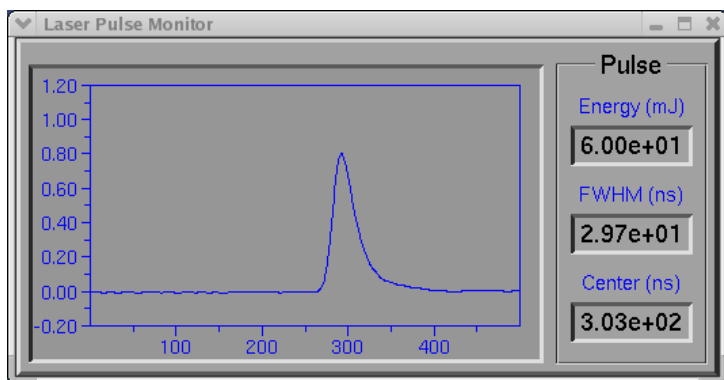
To follow Ti:S performance pulse by pulse



Fast sampling ADC (2 GS/s) on one PC  
 → Acqiris DP210, PCI card with oscilloscope characteristics, 500MHz BW, 8bit

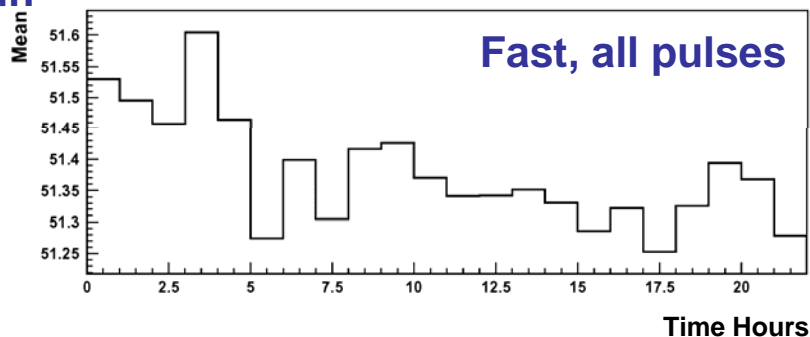
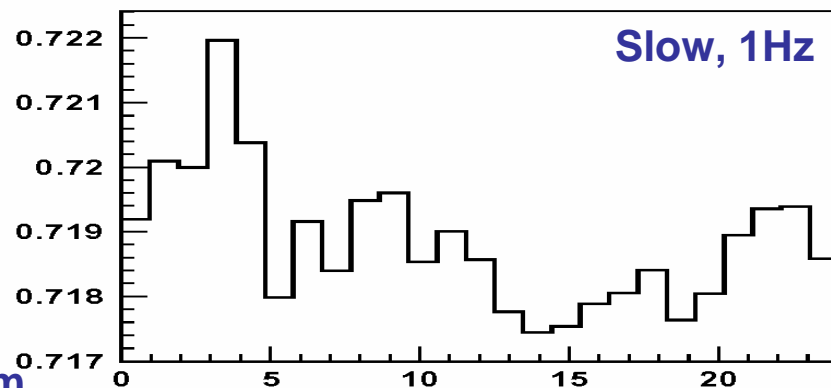


Record all Ti:S pulses: Intensity & FWHM  
 No laser timing information: self-triggered



Option: filter 60MHz available

440 nm,  
Same run





## IV Communication with ECAL: Laser Supervisor



Communication with the XDAQ: through Ethernet.

At the beginning of each run, the DAQ sets and checks laser parameters by sending a command file, and the laser responds to the DAQ by sending an acknowledge file.

Laser parameters controlled by XDAQ :

- laser wavelength (*change : ~1 min. if on same laser*),
- linear attenuator,
- output channel number of the 1x80 optical switch.

1. The command file from the **H4 DAQ** to the laser:
 

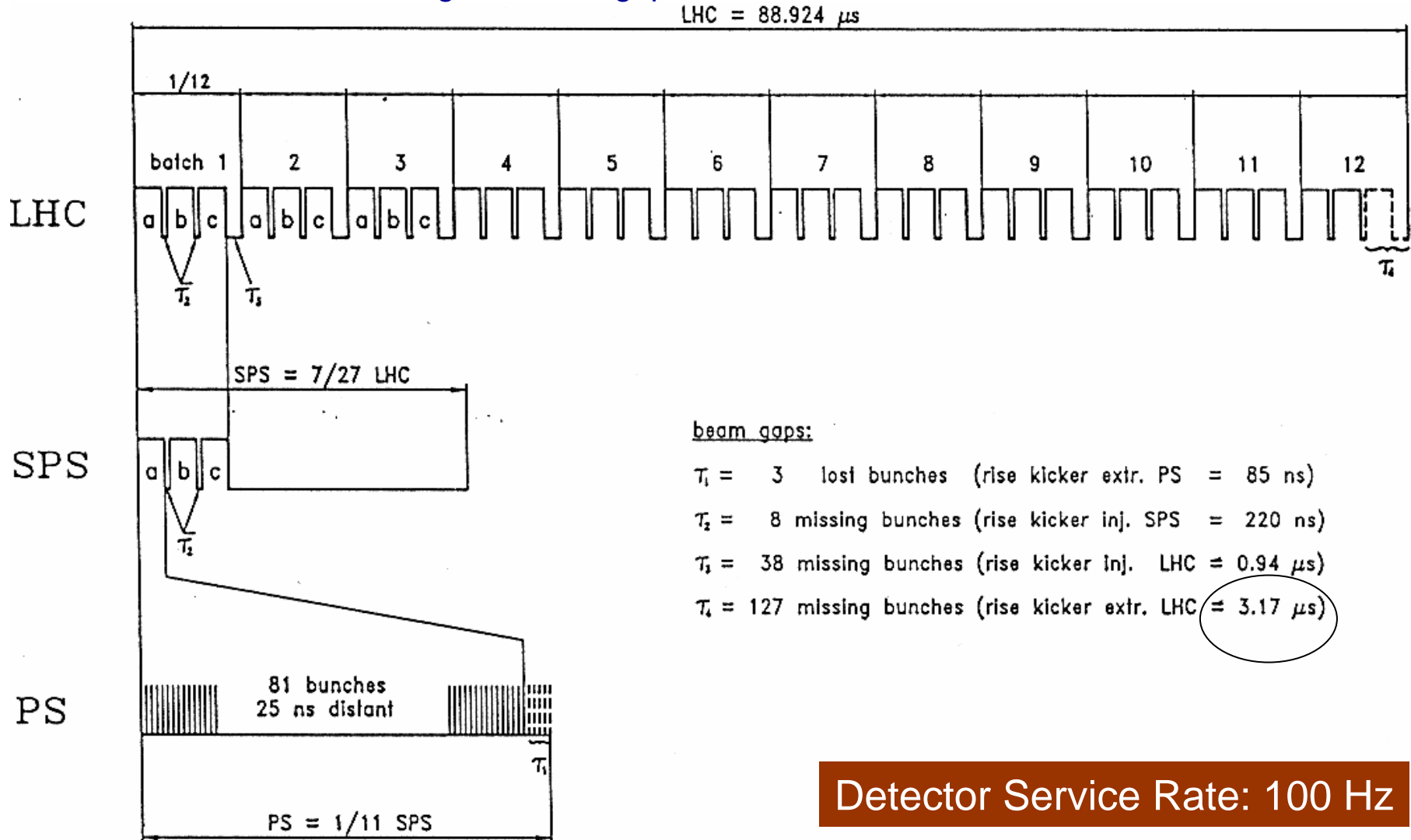
<b>COMMAND TYPE</b> (int)	<b>0:</b> request laser parameters 1: set laser parameters 2: get laser parameters and pulse information
<b>WAVELENGTH</b> (int)	<b>0:</b> 440 nm 1: 495 nm 2: 709 nm 3: 800 nm
<b>ATTENUATOR</b> (int)	1 – 99 % of laser power, in 1% step
<b>SWITCH CHANNEL</b> (int)	1 – 80
<b>CHECK-SUM</b> (int)	Bitwise inversion of the sum of preceding 4 data
2. The acknowledge file from the laser to the **DAQ**:
 

<b>COMMAND TYPE</b> (int)	<b>0:</b> setting in progress 1: setting finished, the laser parameters are ready
<b>WAVELENGTH</b> (int)	<b>0:</b> 440 nm 1: 495 nm 2: 709 nm 3: 800 nm
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<b>CHECK-SUM</b> (int)	Bitwise inversion of the sum of preceding 4 data



## IV Continuous monitoring at CMS

Using 1% beam gaps in the LHC beam structure



**Detector Service Rate: 100 Hz**



## IV Time needed to scan the ECAL



Time to scan entire ECAL: **30 min (23 sec/channel)**

Time needed for channel switching:

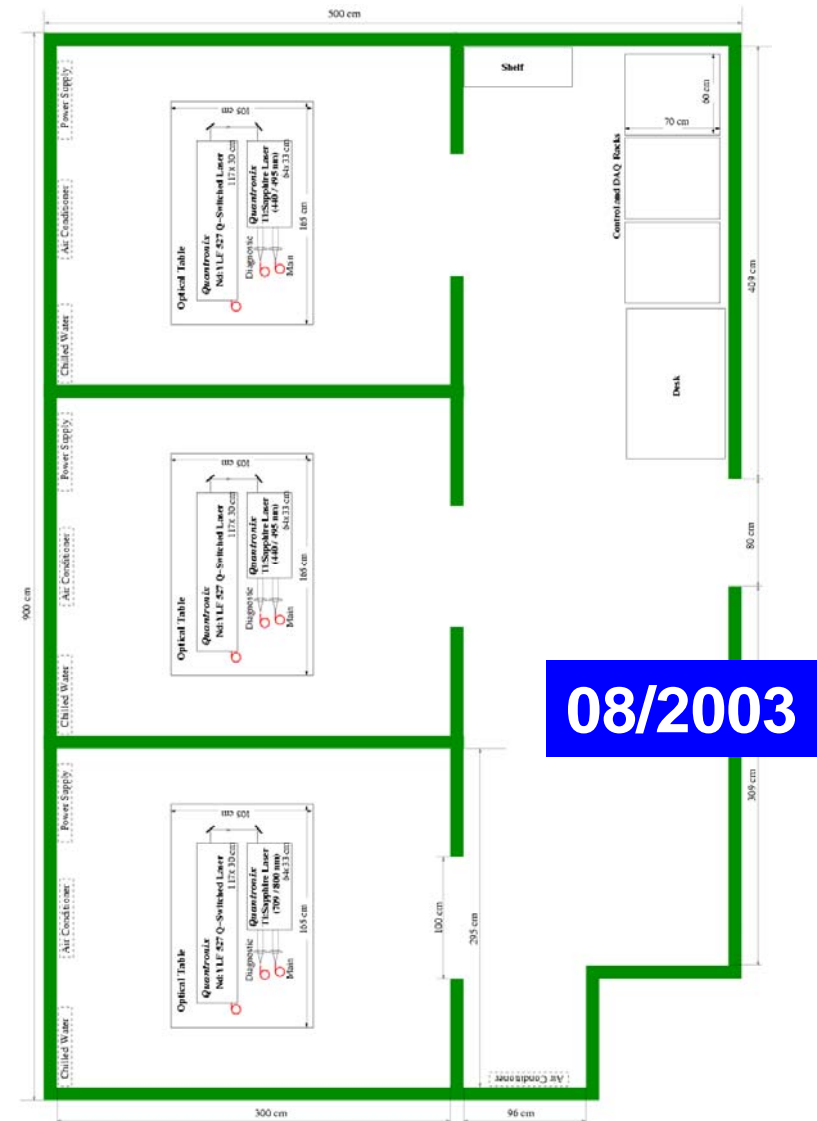
With laser DAQ control:	1 sec/Channel
With client communication:	2 sec/Channel
With slow monitor data taking:	4 sec/Channel
<i>With XDAQ control:</i>	<i>unknown</i>

→ Total time: depends on # of events/channel & XDAQ overhead

→ Laser scan may also be controlled by the laser DAQ, not the XDAQ



If so, can the XDAQ handle the laser scan data ?

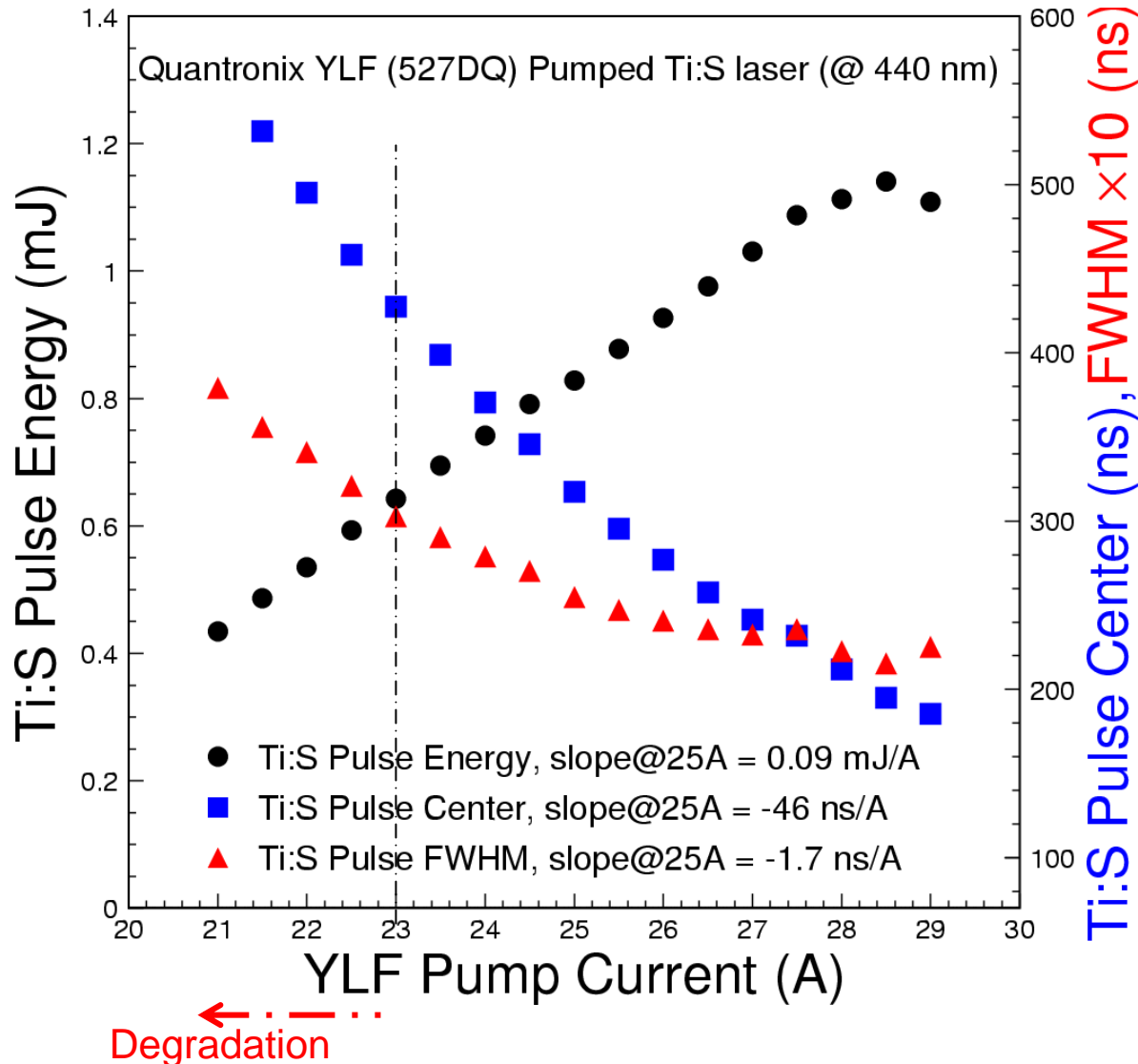




Portable softwall clean room facilities installed in the H4 laser barracks at CERN in Spring, 2005. They provide an environment of better than class 1,000 for laser optics protection (measured at 100)

Laser short/long term stabilities:  $< 2\%$  and  $3\%$ ; lamp aging:  $0.5\%$  daily. A stable laser pulse would improve monitoring stability.

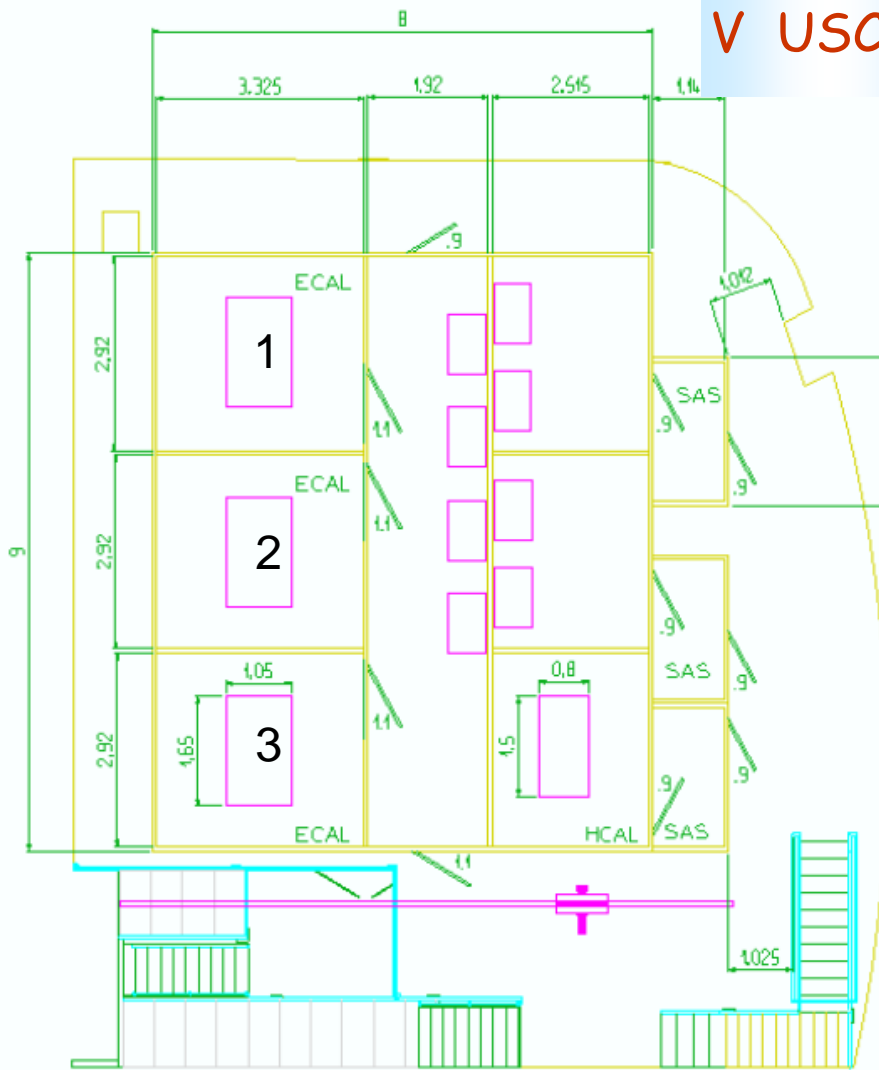




Laser pulse intensity, width and timing are correlated with the pumping current.

Better pulse stability could be achieved by trimming the YLF pumping current.

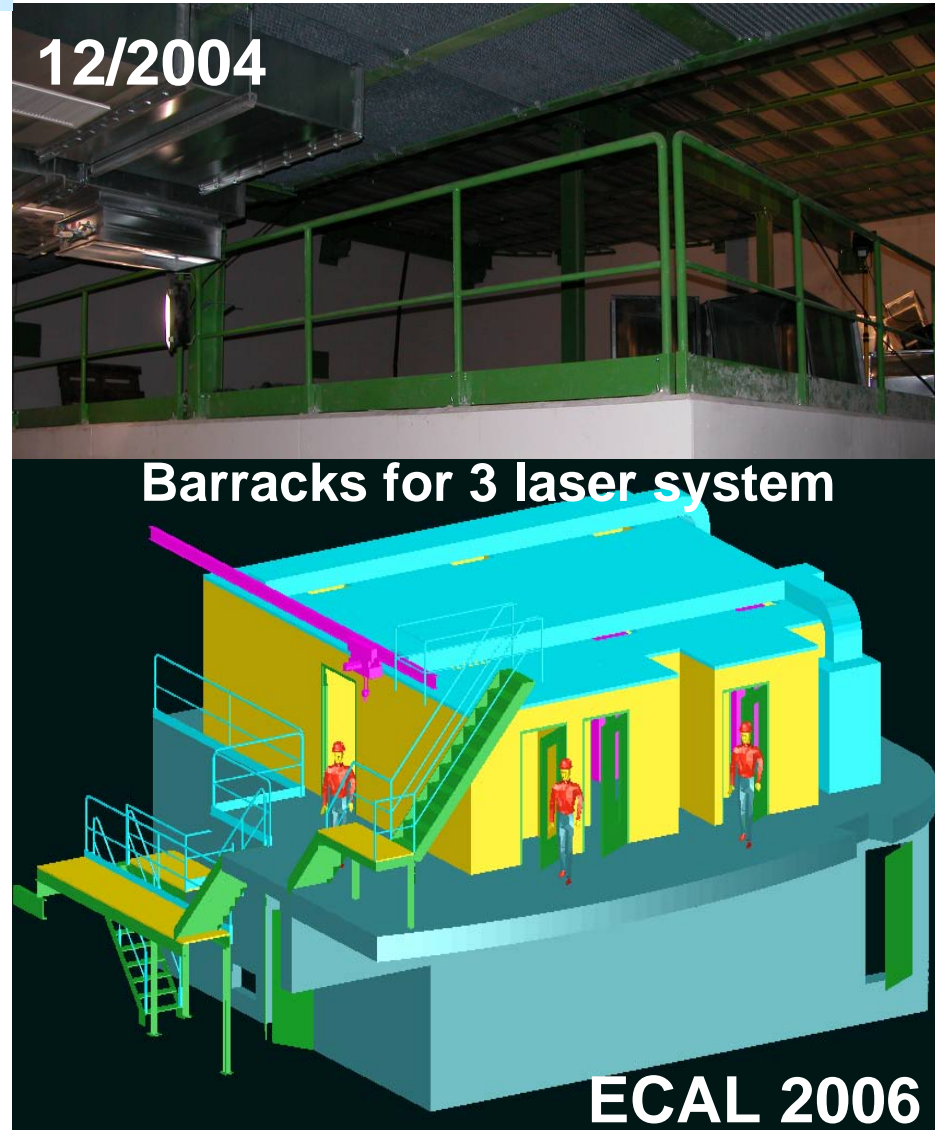
Dr. Kejun Zhu wrote a code, which will be tested by Dr. Liyuan Zhang during his visit at CERN on September 24-28, 2005



# Barrack ready for April 2006

**New: temperature stability  $\pm 0.5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$**

One laser will be moved to USC55 in 2006?

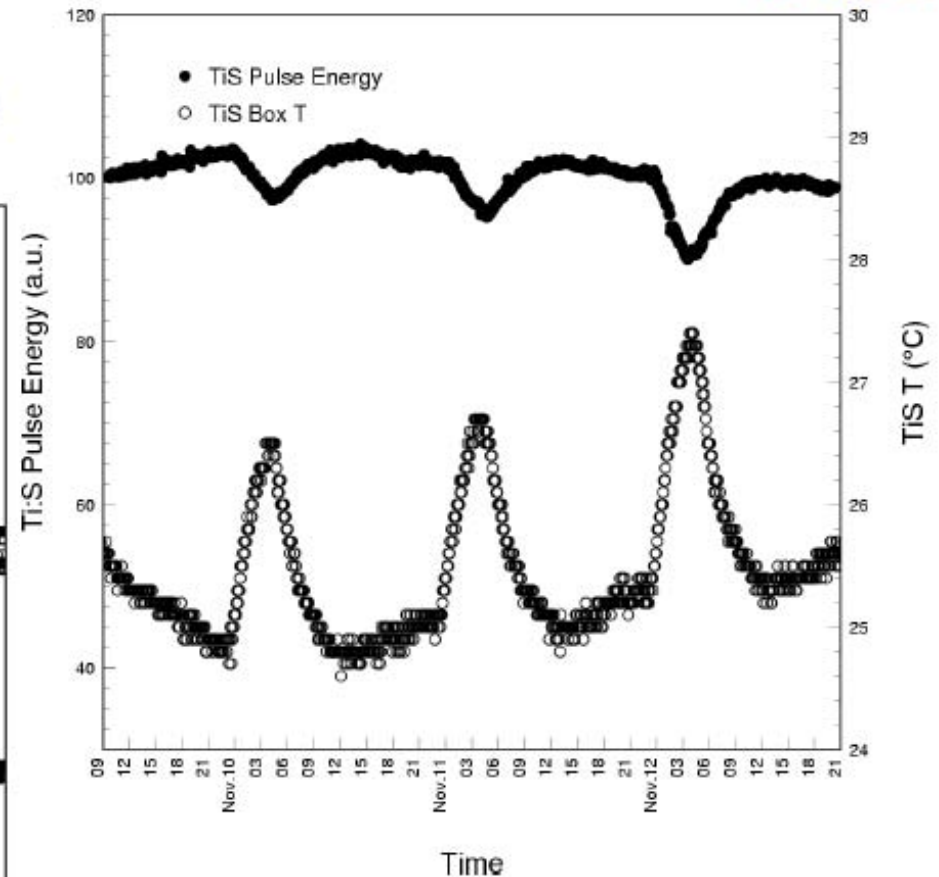
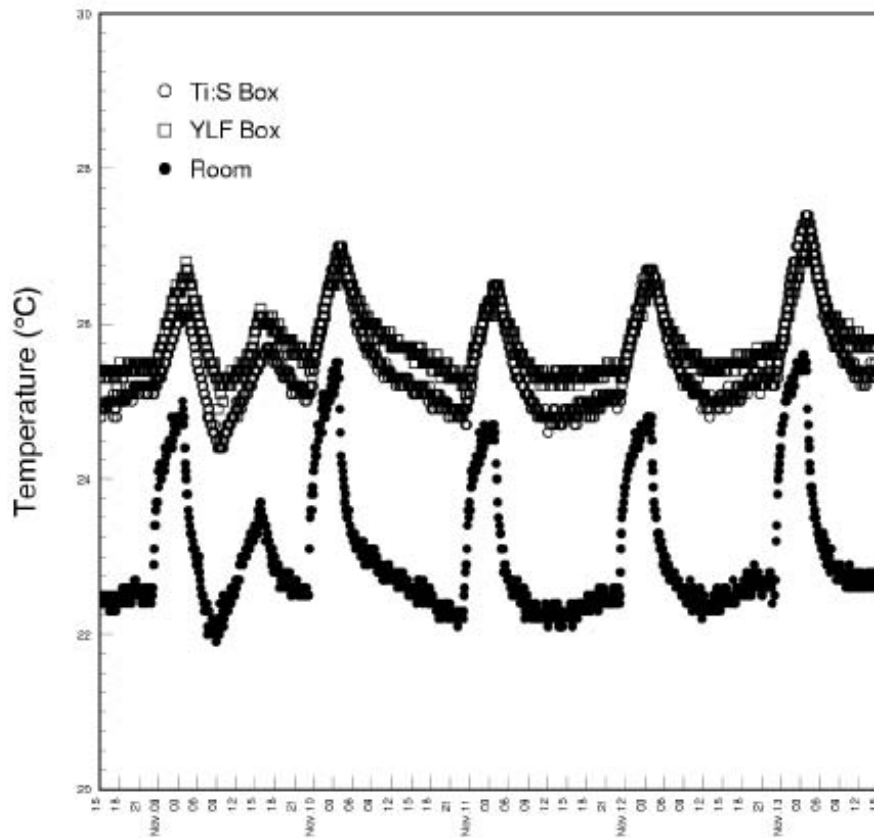




# A Study on Temperature Effect

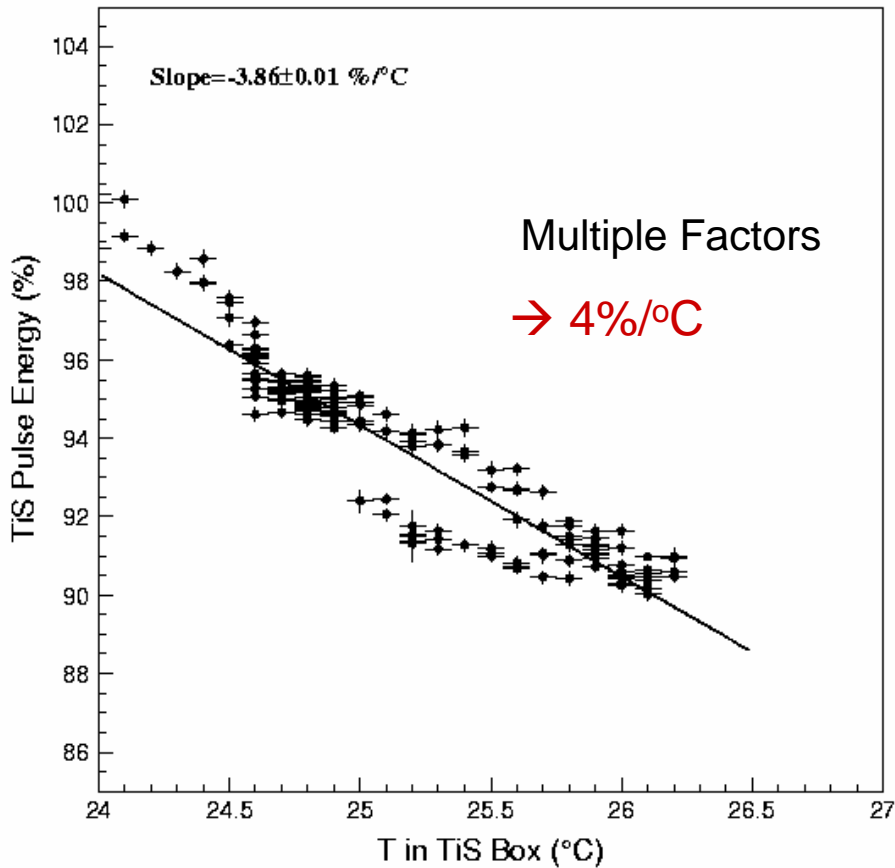


## Room T Variations in 5 Days

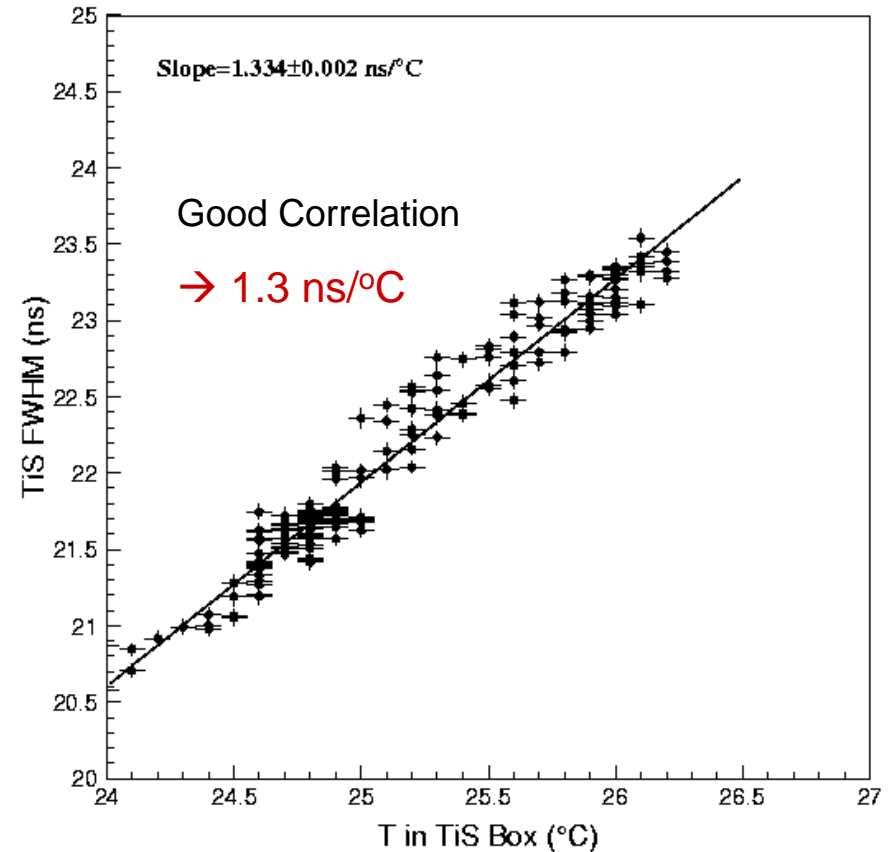


## Ti:S Pulse Energy and T

## Ti:S Pulse Energy versus T



## Ti:S Pulse FWHM versus T





## Summary



- Laser performances 440nm:
    - Pulse width: <30ns
    - Pulse jitter: 2 to 4ns
    - Short term (0.5 h) instabilities: <2%
    - Long term (24 h) instability: 3%
- Stability getting better with improvement of the environment*
- All 3 monitoring systems are consistent
  - Laser maintenance: every **40 days minimum**
    - H4: put spare laser online each time ? else stop data taking ?
    - CMS: need a 1x3 optical switch to reduce the transition time
  - To do list:
    - Software feedback will be tested on September 24-28, 2005,
    - Develop scan software if ECAL scan is controlled by the laser DAQ,
    - Procure a 1x3 switch and a 1x80 switch as spare (*broken in July, 05*),

### For our planning:

Decisions on: - when the laser system is needed at USC55 and  
- if we want to keep 2 working laser systems at both H4 and USC55 ? for how long ?

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