



# Study of the SiPM

# Response Function

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# Introduction

- The SiPM response is non-linear and depends on operating voltage ( $V - V_{bd}$ ) and temperature → SiPMs need monitoring
- In the AHCAL physics prototype we use an LED-based monitoring system that can measure the full SiPM response function in each channel (one LED monitored by a PIN feeds 18 scintillator tiles)
- Since the present monitoring system is rather elaborate, one may ask if the system can be simplified in a full ILC calorimeter without sacrificing stable performance (<1%)?
- This requires a characterization of the SiPM response curves that can be determined with a few reference measurements
- During the 2006 testbeam program we took 4 runs recording the full SiPM response
- We are analyzing this data to extract essential characteristics of the SiPM response curves to address above question  
→ shape, saturation point, ...







# Analysis Procedure

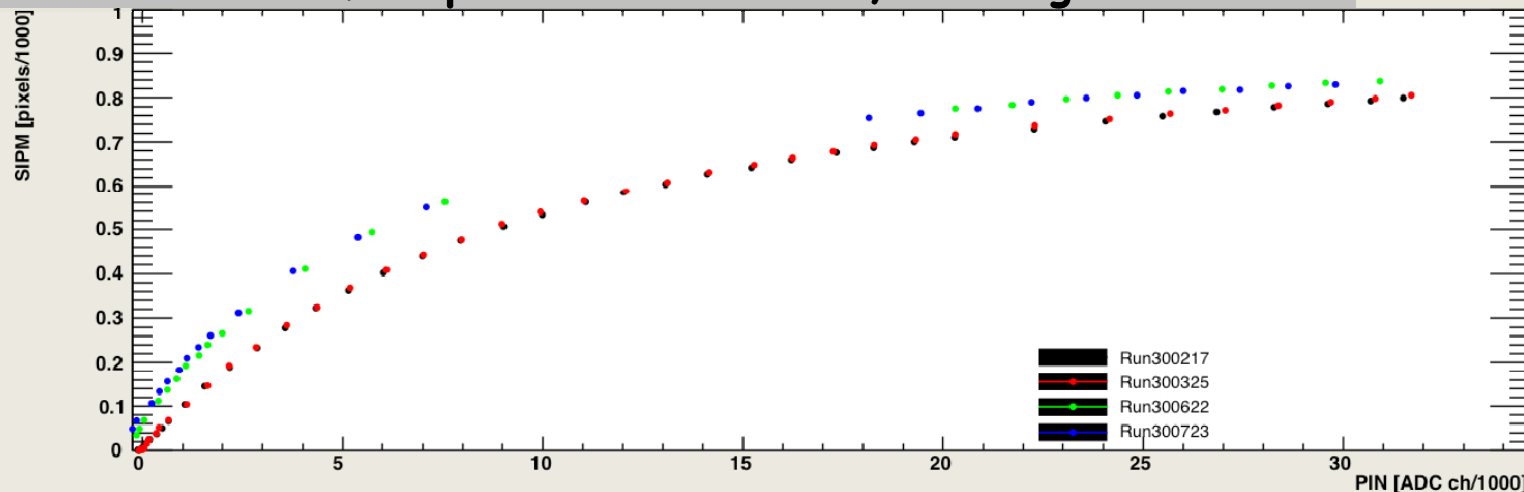
- Use run type ahcPMVcalibScan and extract SiPM & PIN diode values from LCIO files (pedestal events are now included)
- Gain correction and intercalibration is taken into account here
- Pedestal subtraction is based on pedestal events from beam runs that were taken shortly before or after Vcalib run
- We calculate average of SiPM & PIN for each Vcalib value & plot SiPM vs PIN correlation (→ “uncorrected” SiPM response curve)
- Rescale PIN values to force initial slope to be one and start at a common origin (→ “corrected” SiPM response curve)
- Small negative sipm/pin values occurring for low Vcalib values are set to (0,0) in fits to different models
- Compare 4 runs from August & October for all modules 3-15 (we have left out modules 1 & 2)



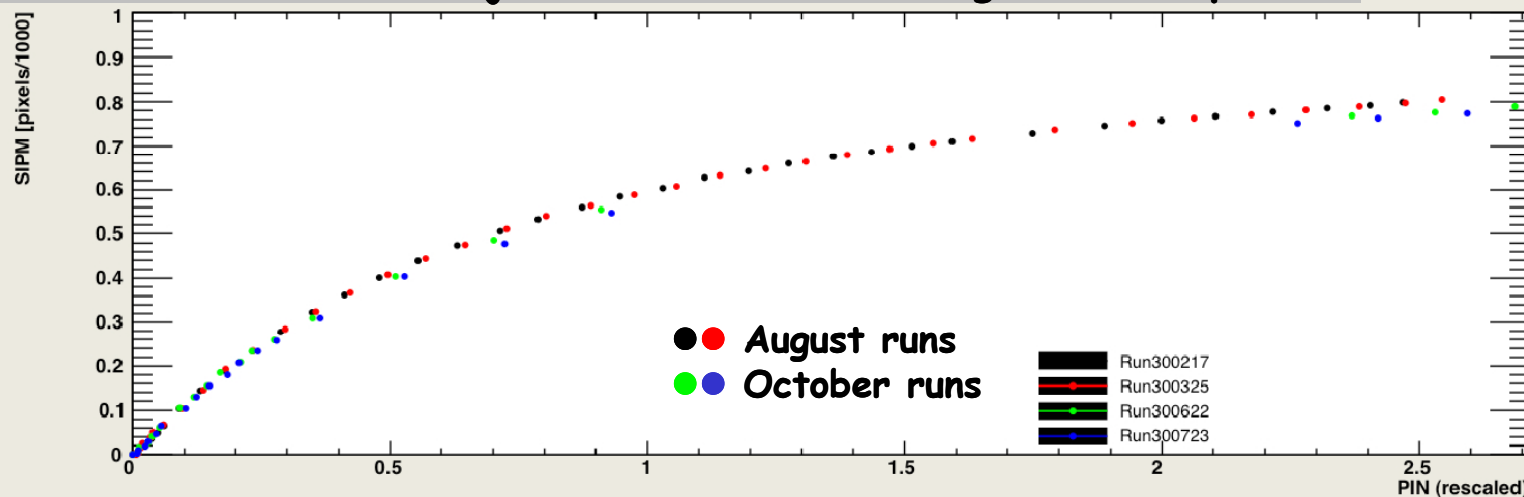
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Saturation curve after pedestal subtraction, PIN & gain correction



Saturation curve after adjustment to common origin with slope one

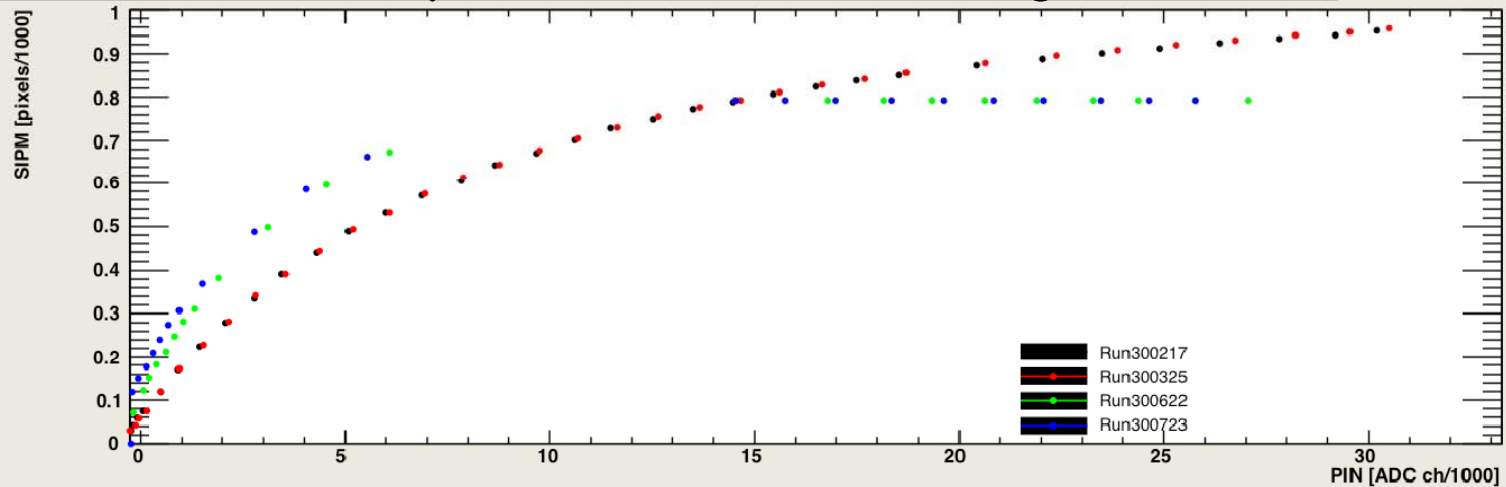




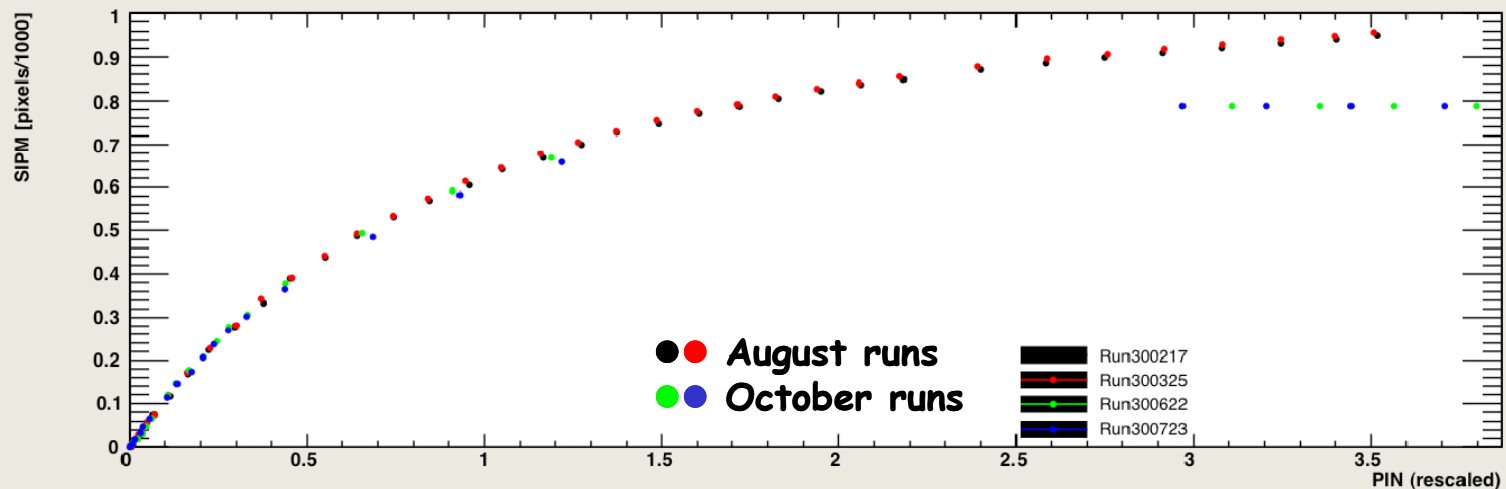
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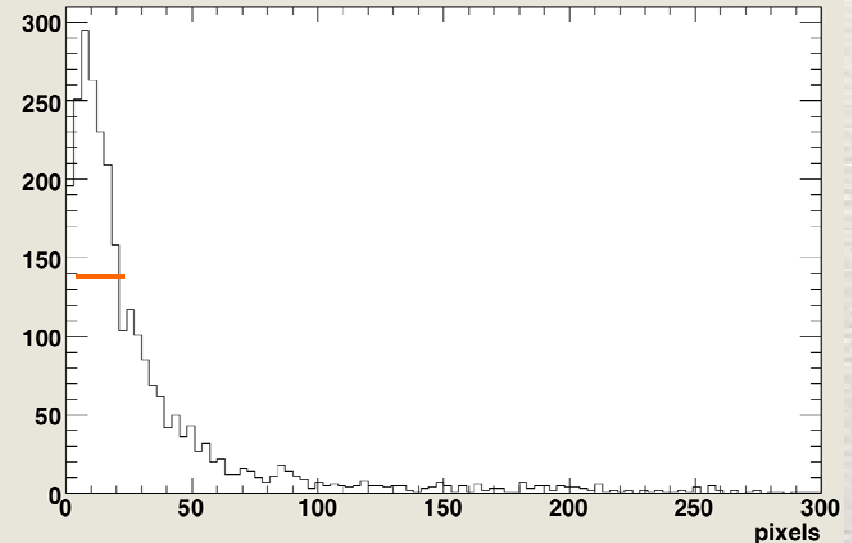
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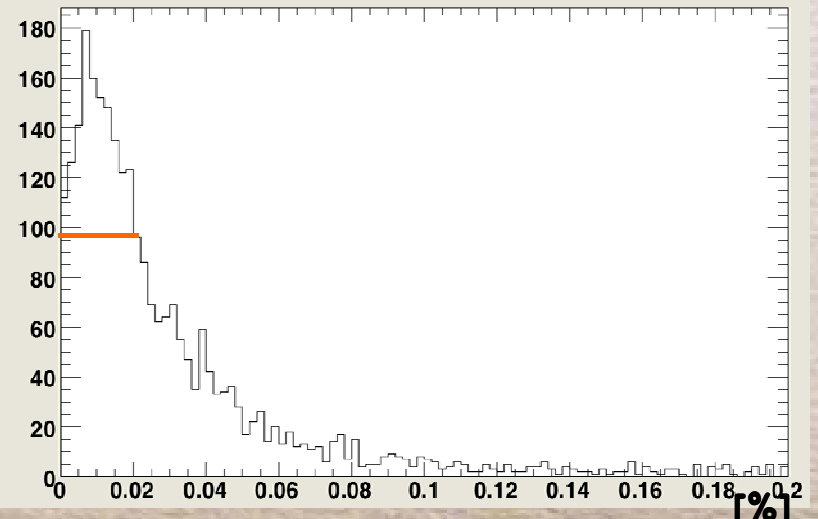
# Spread of Endpoints in Different Runs

- Difference between maximum and minimum  $\Delta$  value of SiPM response endpoint for the 4 runs
- Distribution peaks at  $\sim 10$  pixels but has long high-side tail  $\rightarrow$  need to understand this
- FWHM  $\sim +13 -10$  pixels
- Relative spread by normalizing  $\Delta$  to average of 4 endpoint values
- Peaks is  $\sim 1\%$
- FWHM is  $\sim 1\%$ , but distribution has very long tail on high side
- The long tails need to be understood and possibly reduced

Spread of endpoints from 4 runs



Relative spread of endpoints

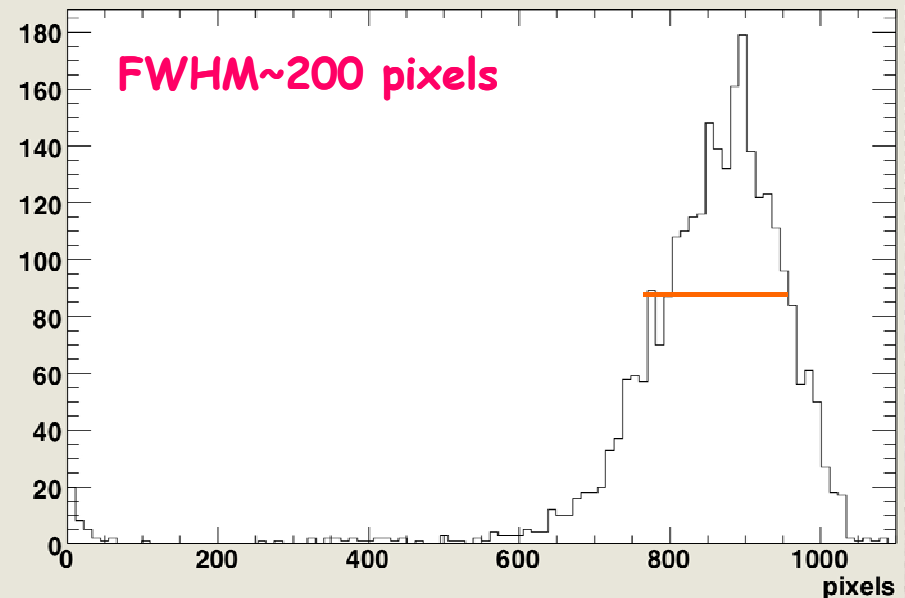




# Spread of SiPM Response Curve Endpoints

- This represents the variation in SiPM responses
- The distribution peaks near ~900 pixels & has a tail on low-side
- The FWHM is ~200 pixels  
→  $\sigma \sim 85$  pixels
- The SiPMs have 1024 pixels
- We need to understand the ~100 pixel shift and the large spread (is pedestal subtraction too big?)
- Since the measured endpoint may not correspond to the true saturation value (non-zero slope at endpoint), we are exploring different fitting models

Measured endpoints in saturation curve



from run 300723



# Parameterize SiPM Response Functions

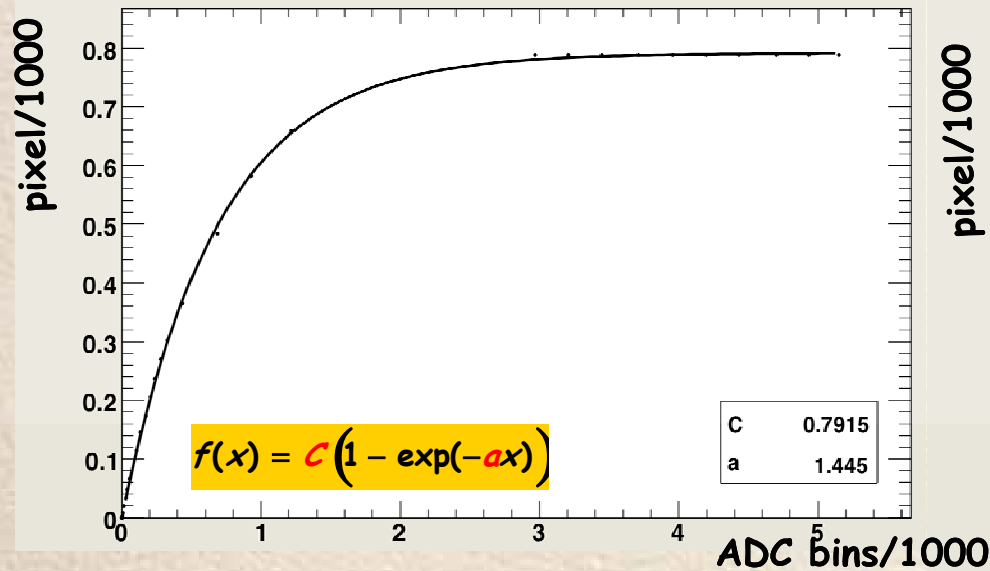
- The idea is to fit SiPM response to a function and extract the saturation value from the fit
- We have started with 3 model distributions
  - 1.  $f(x) = C(1 - \exp(-ax))$  → zero slope at endpoint
  - 2.  $f(x) = C(2 - \exp(-ax) - \exp(-bx))$
  - 3.  $f(x) = C(2 - \exp(-ax) - \exp(-bx^2))$
- In first model  $C$  yields saturation value if slope is ~ zero at EP, otherwise saturation is underestimated
- To extract saturation value for latter two models is complicated as it varies between  $C$  and  $2C$  depending on slope (not corrected)
- We are further looking into more refined functions



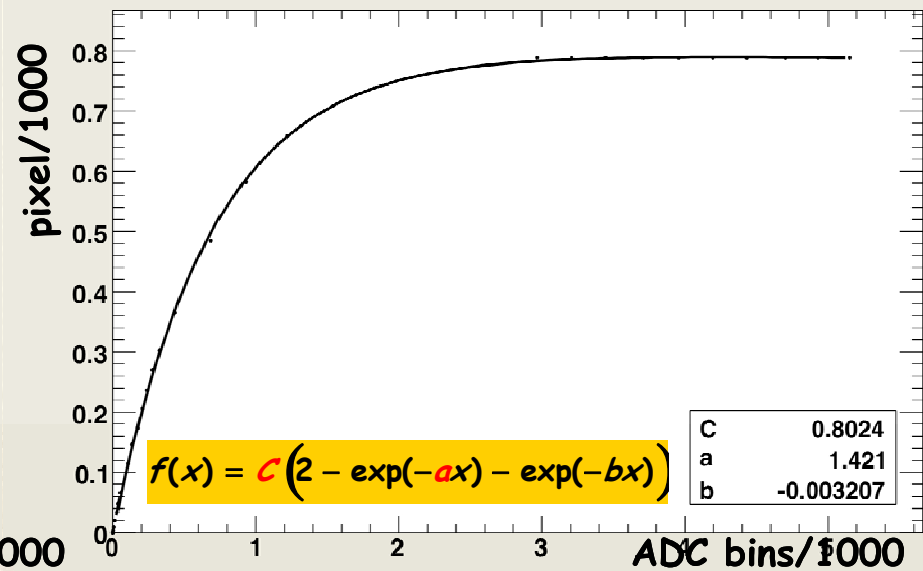


# Fit Saturation Curves of Module 5,5-6

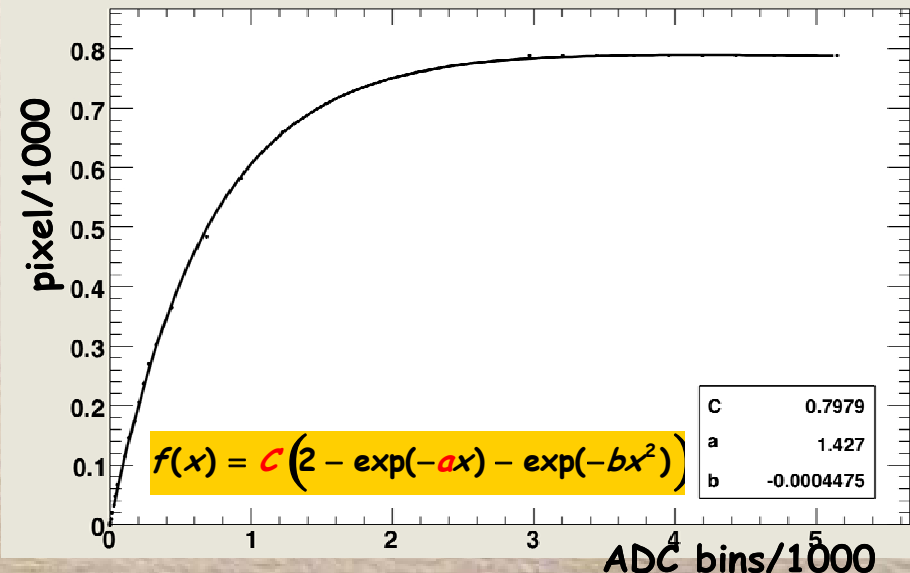
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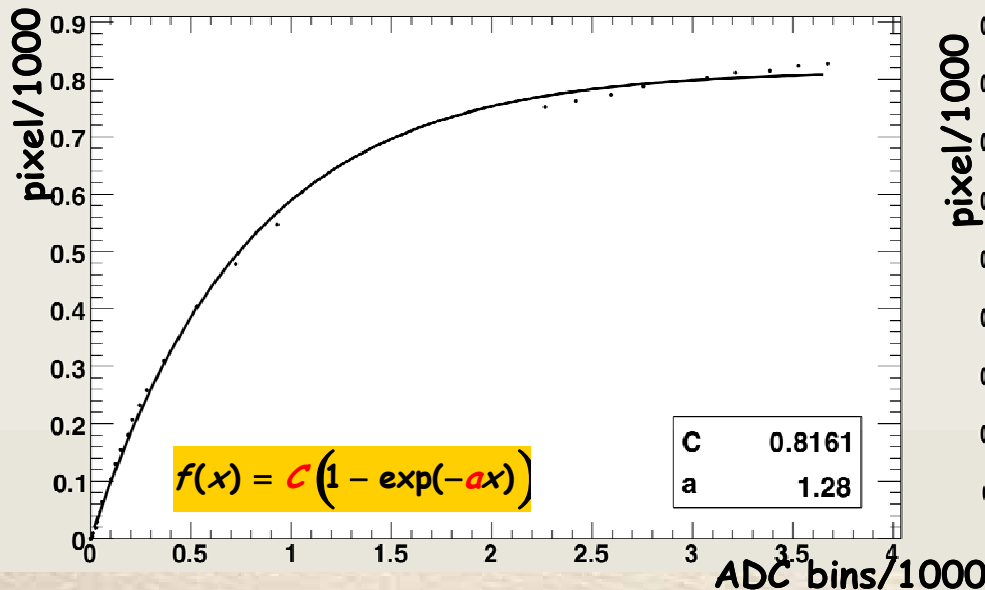


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- Single exponential provides a good fit
- Fits with 2 exponentials or exponential plus gaussian do not yield an improvement (values for C and a are similar in all 3 fits)

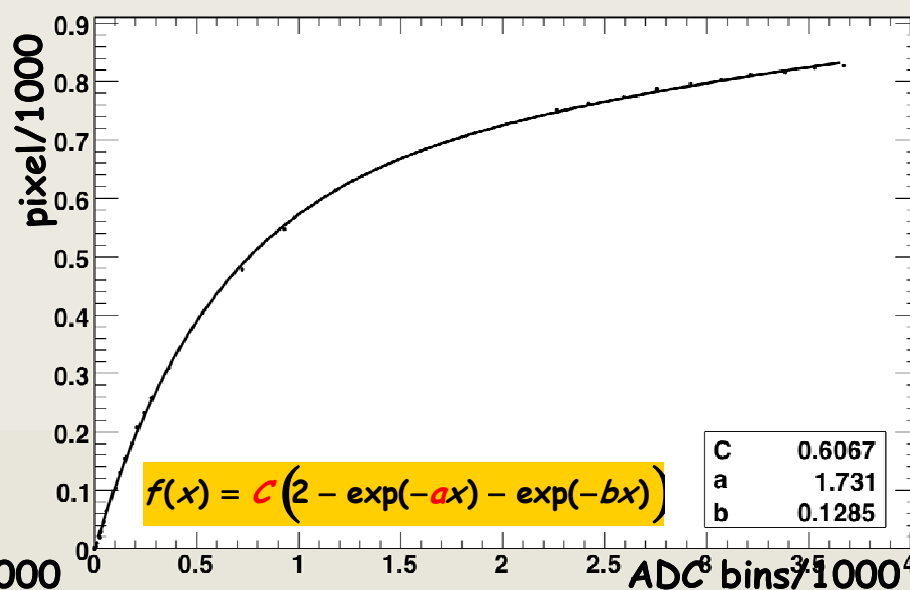


# Fit Saturation Curves of Module 13,5-6

Module 13, chip 5, channel 6

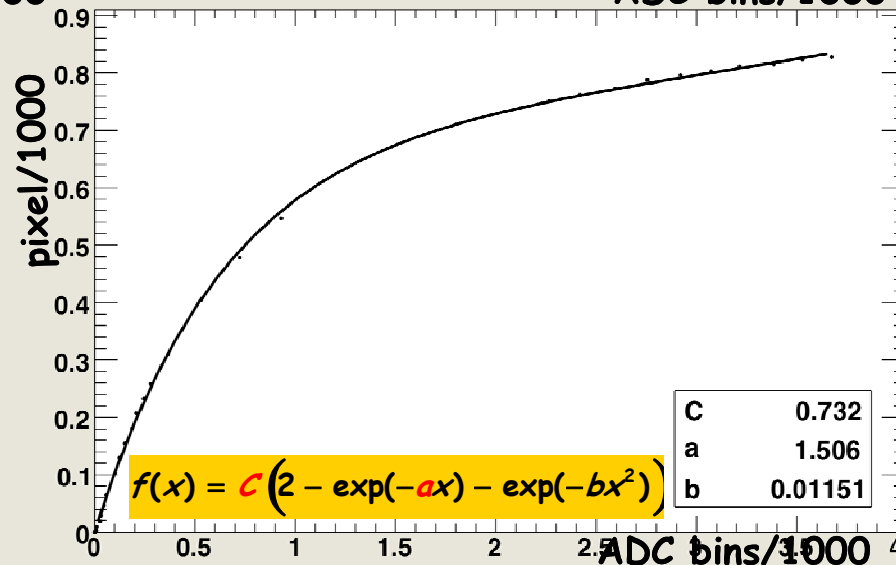


Module 13, chip 5, channel 6



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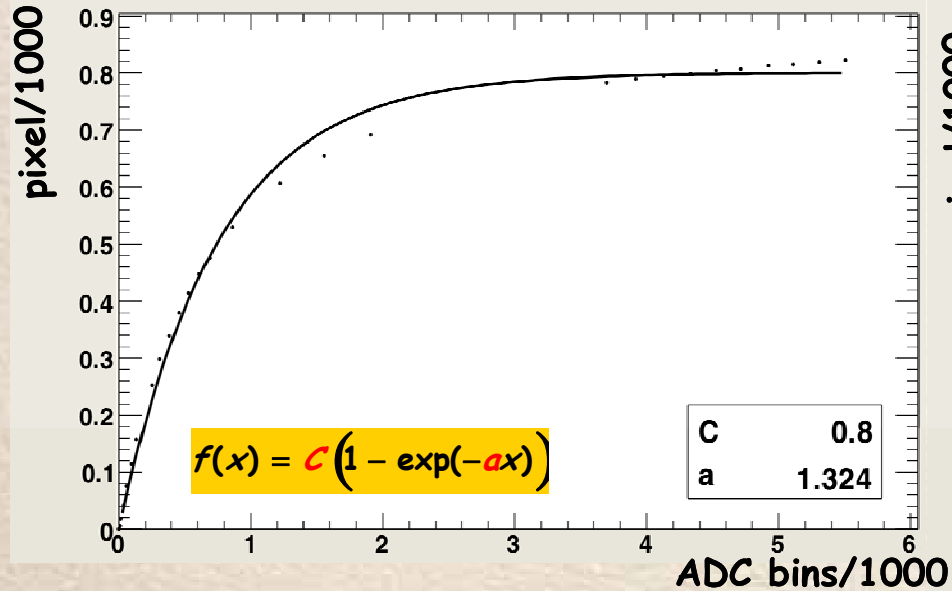
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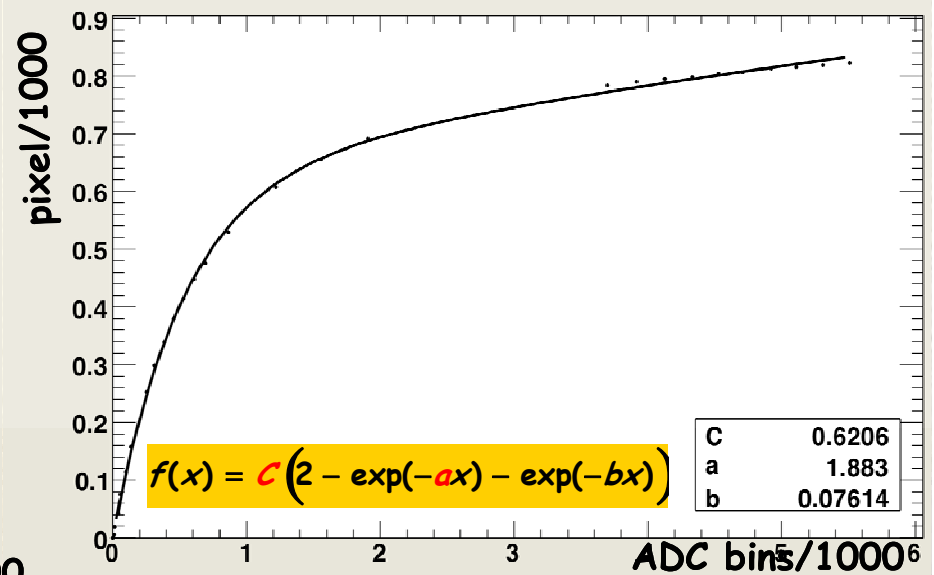


# Fit Saturation Curves of Module 14,5-6

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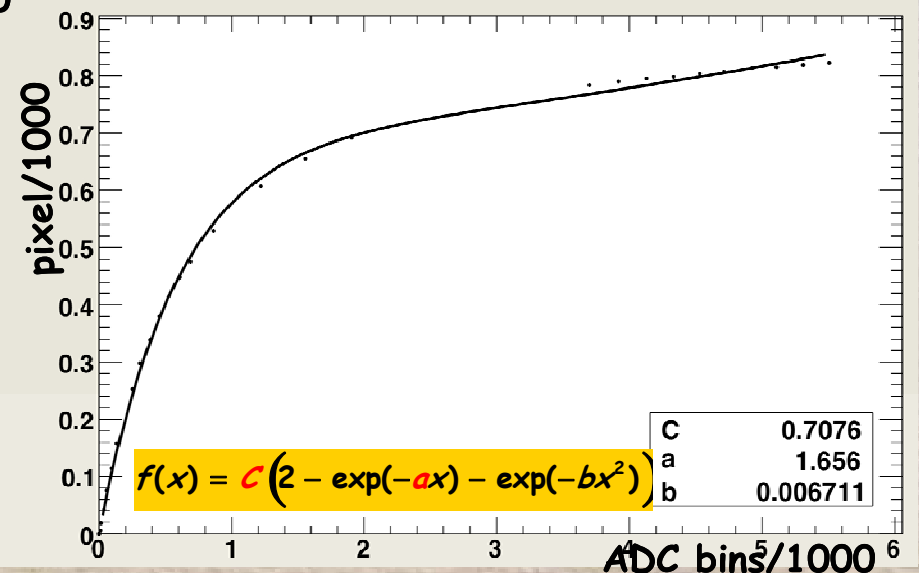


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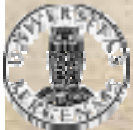
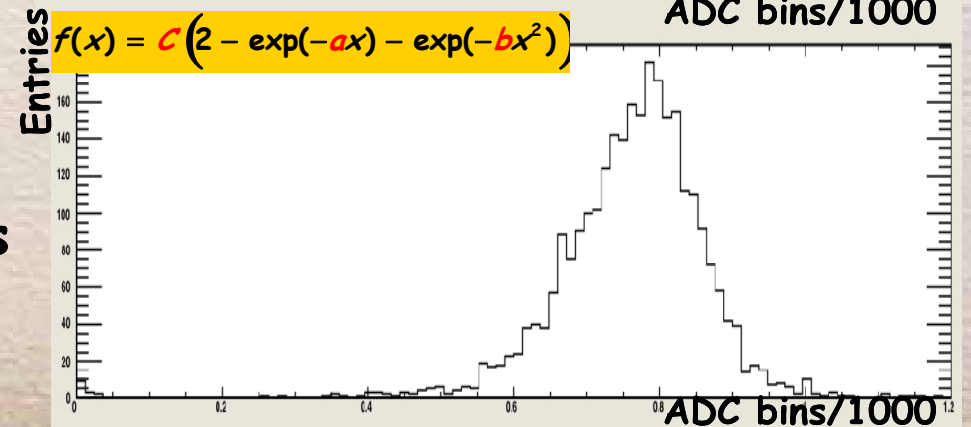
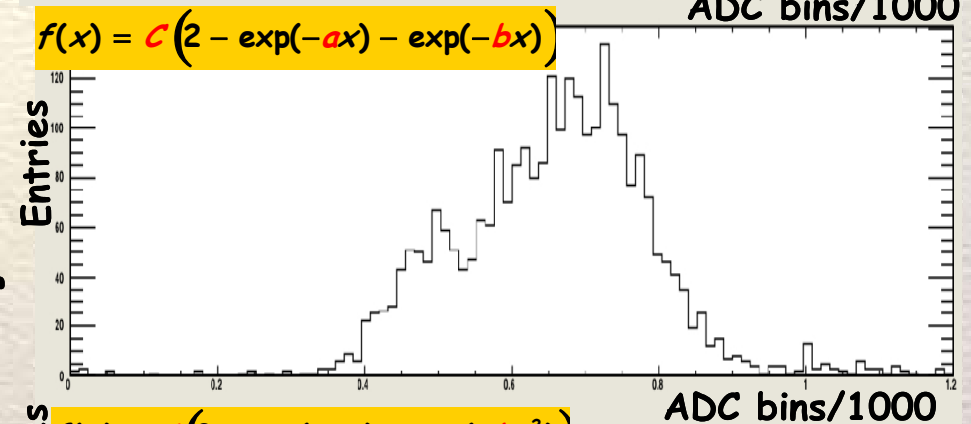
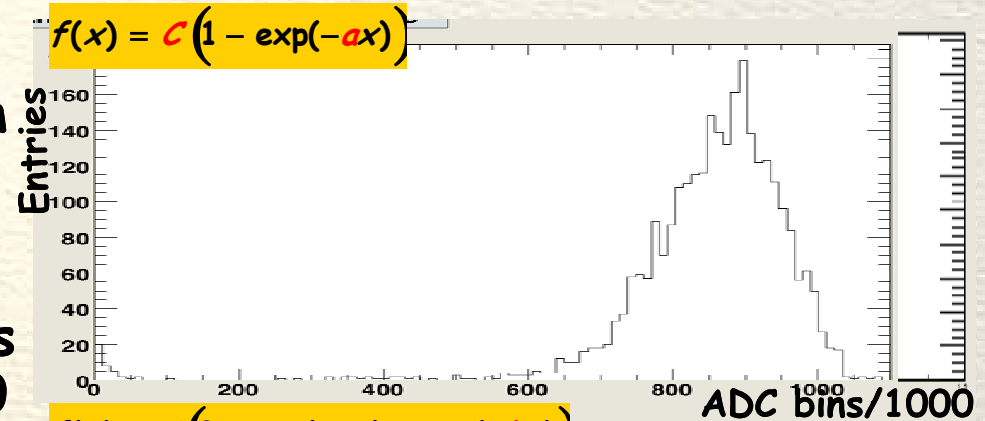
- Here the 2-exponential or exponential plus gaussian fit do not provide a good description

- Need modified function



# Fit Results for C

- Distributions of measured endpoints and endpoints from fit model 1 (one exponential) are similar
- Measured distributions seems to be shifted up by order 10 pixels wrt C from fit
- C distributions for fit models 2&3 are hard to interpret, → need to multiply C by factor ( ) at  $x=x_{\max}$
- We need to explore and understand large spread
- In model 3 distribution seems better behaved → refine fit function





# Conclusion and Outlook

- The procedure of adjusting SiPM response functions to common origin with slope one after individual gain correction looks promising (→ procedure needs fine-tuning)
- Measured endpoint distribution and fit result from 1-exponential show reasonable agreement for saturation, though measured endpoints are shifted up by ~12 pixels wrt fitted endpoint
- Peaks of distributions are ~100 pixels lower than #SiPM pixels, and spread (FWHM ~ 100 pixels) is rather large → needs further exploration
- We need to understand non-vanishing slopes at endpoint, improve fit model to deal with different shapes near endpoint, and determine the  $\chi^2$  to evaluate the fit quality
- We will look at saturation curves in 2007 runs (increase statistics)
- We will try to extract parameters from one run, apply them to to data of another run and see if we can reproduce the shape







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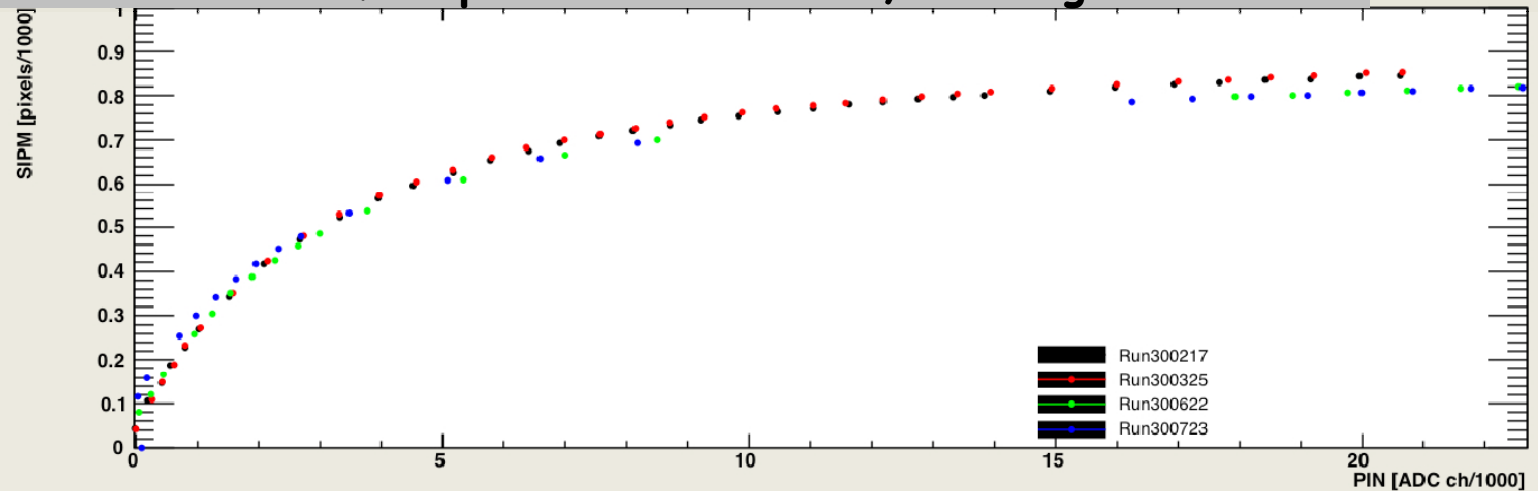
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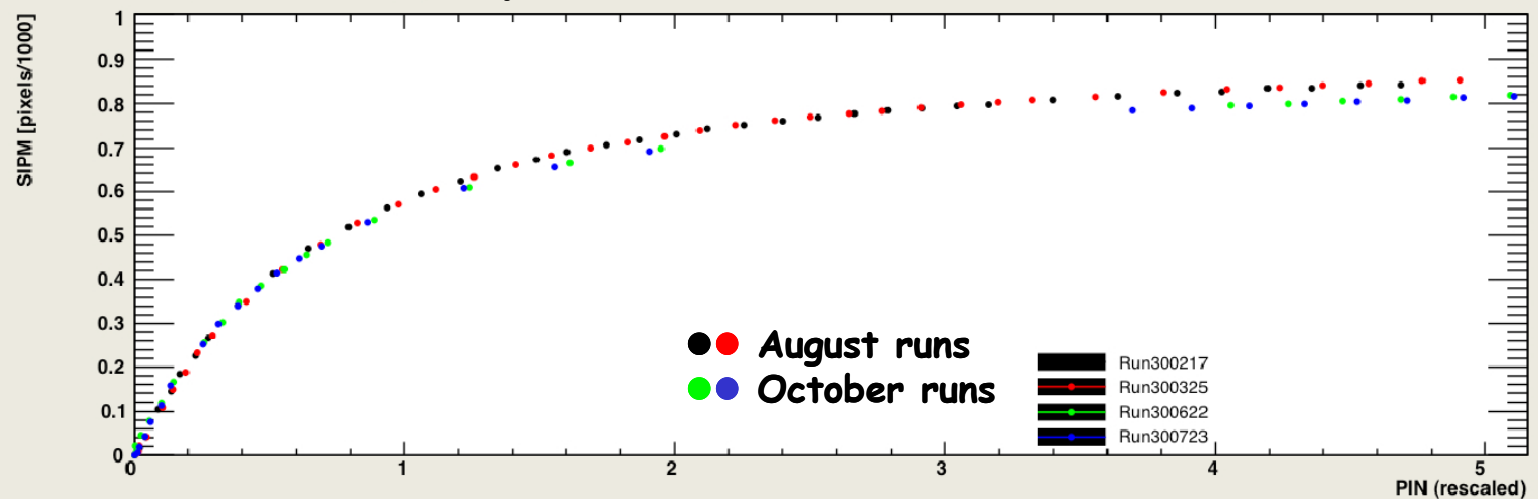
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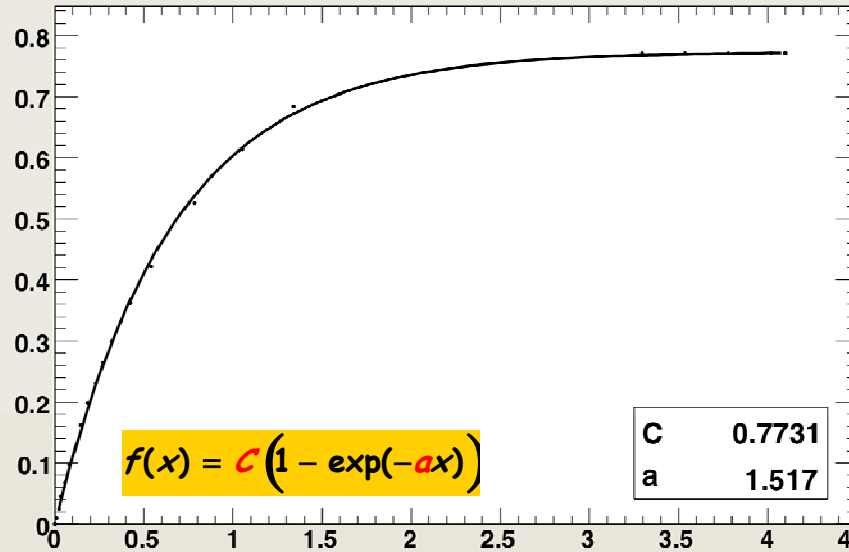
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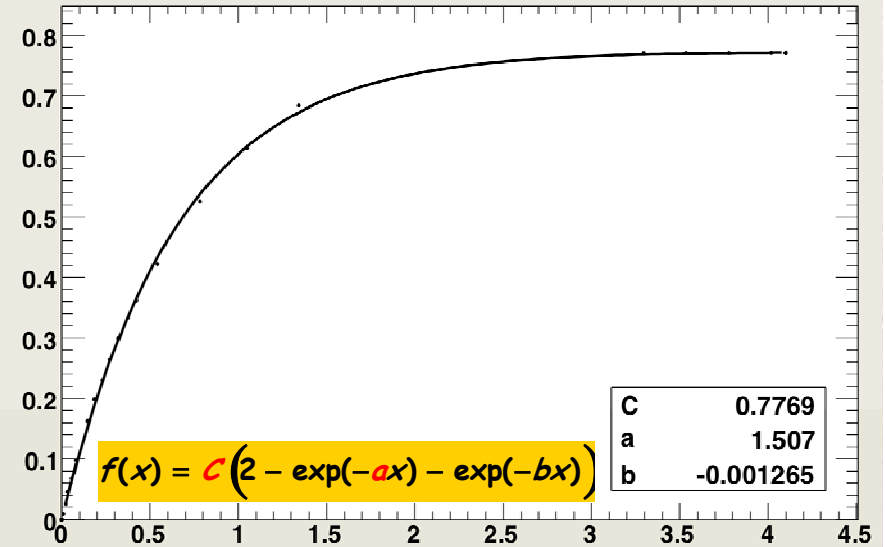


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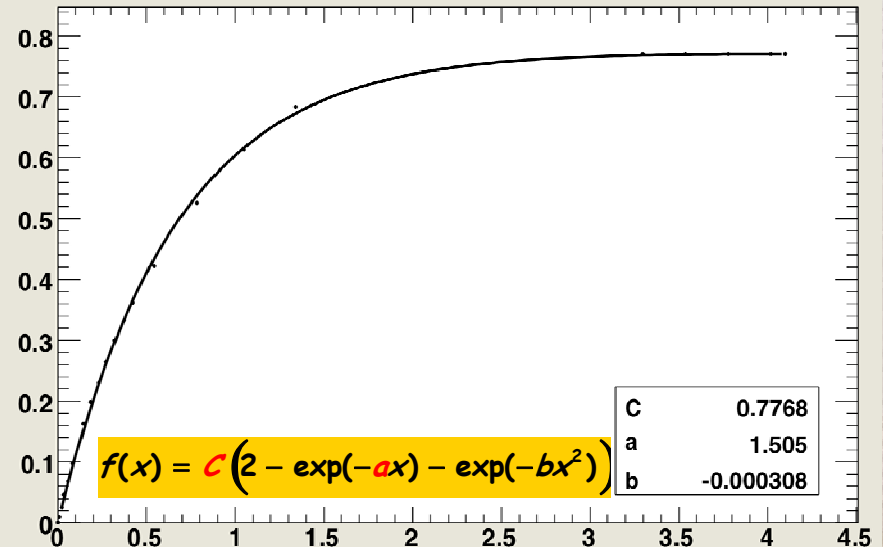
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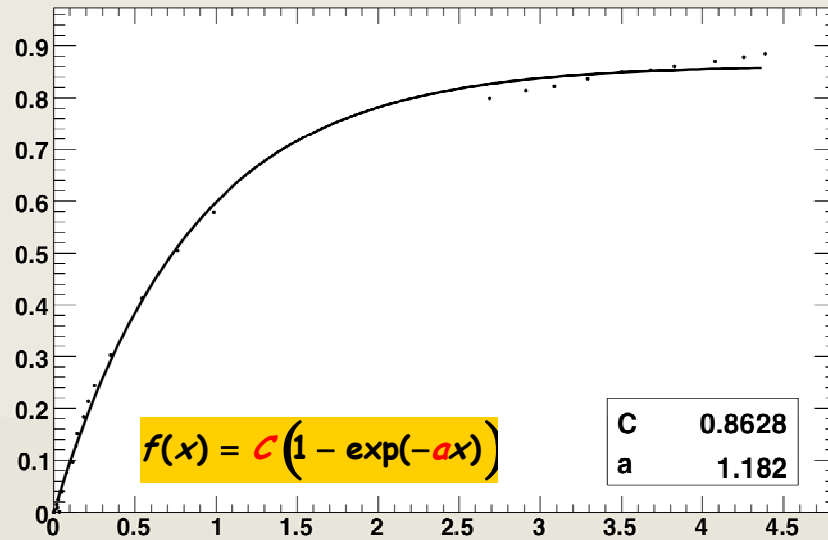


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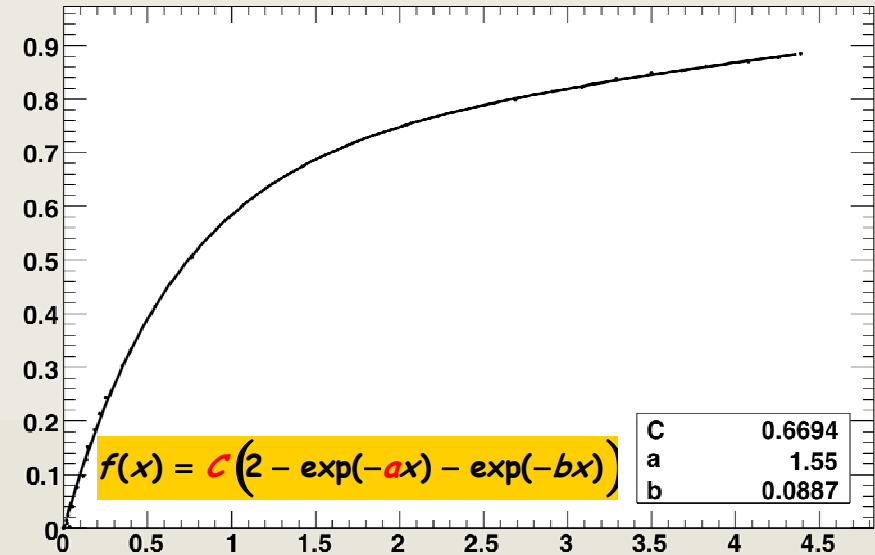


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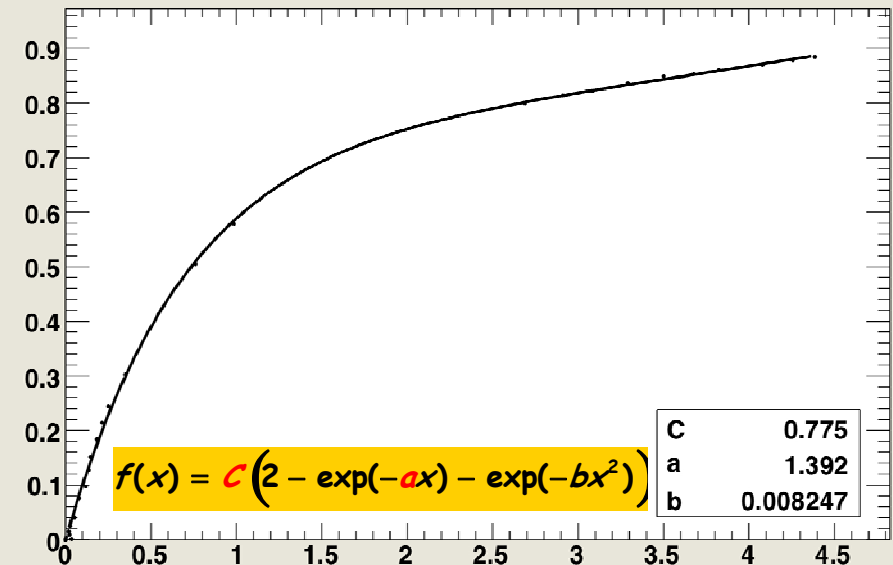


Module 15, chip 5, channel 6



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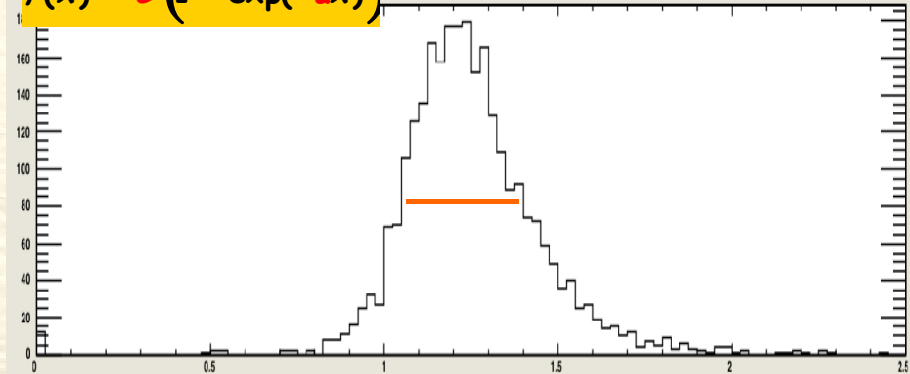
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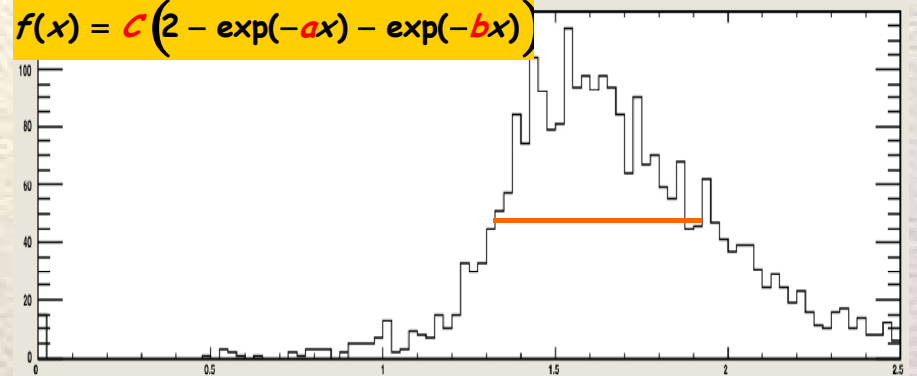
# Results for a

- In the distribution of the exponential fit, a peaks at  $\sim 1.2$  and FWHM is  $\sim 0.4$
- For distribution of the 2-exponential fit, a peak is shifted to  $\sim 1.6$  and FWHM is  $\sim 0.6$
- For distribution of exponential plus gaussian fit, a peaks at  $\sim 1.4$  and FWHM is  $\sim 0.45$
- We need to look at correlations among the parameters

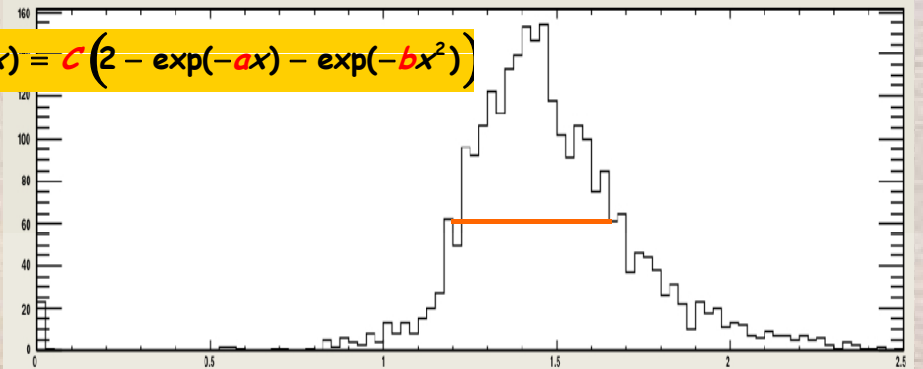
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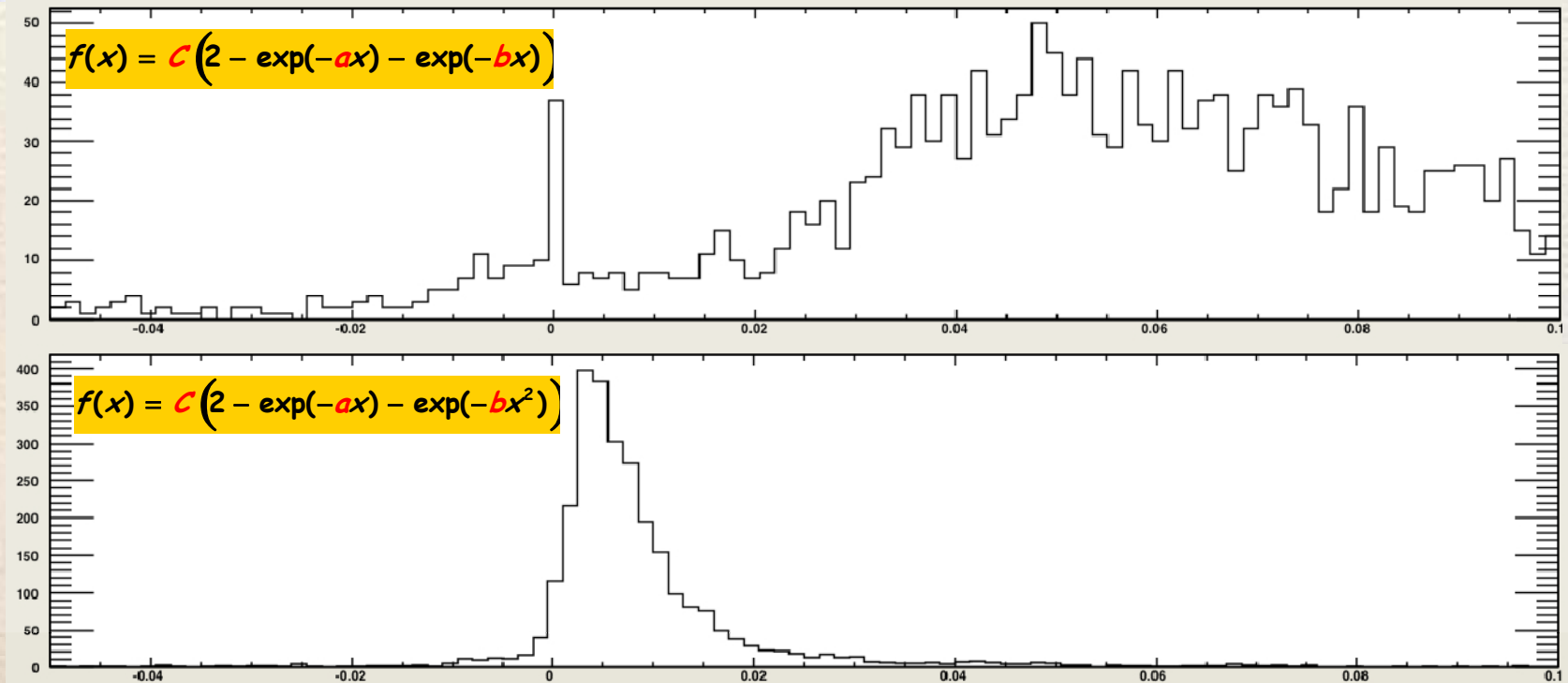


$$f(x) = C(2 - \exp(-ax) - \exp(-bx^2))$$





# Fit Results for b



- In 2 exponential model b values near zero indicate good description by one-exponential model (see spike at zero), most probable value is  $\sim 0.05$
- In exponential plus gaussian model peak is  $\sim 0.01$ , distribution is narrow with FWHM at  $\sim 0.01$

