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Notes on the use of Pulse Dilation Photomultiplier s/n J18XXXX [head] & J18XXXX-2 [controller] Tube s/n 31181012

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#### **1 DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY**

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#### 2 **DISCLAIMER**

There are high voltage power supplies present in this instrument when the unit is operating. Do not remove any covers from the unit or expose any part of its circuitry. In the event of malfunction, the unit must be returned to Kentech Instruments Ltd. or its appointed agent for repair.

The accessible terminals of this instrument are protected from hazardous voltages by basic insulation and protective grounding via the IEC power input connector. It is essential that the ground terminal of this connector is connected to the local earth/screened enclosure via the power lead to maintain this protection.

Kentech Instruments Ltd. accepts no responsibility for any electric shock or injury arising from use or misuse of this product. It is the responsibility of the user to exercise care and common sense with this highly versatile equipment.

Image intensifier tubes are very delicate and very expensive and must be handled with great care both in use and in storage. Read this manual before unpacking and using the instrument. If cleaning is necessary this should be performed with a soft dry cloth or tissue only.

#### **3 EMC CAUTION**

This equipment includes circuits intentionally designed to generate short high energy electromagnetic pulses and the EM emissions will be sensitive to the details of the experimental set up.

In practice emissions may exceed E55011 and the unit may cause interference with other equipment in its immediate environment. It is therefore suitable for use only in a laboratory or a sealed electromagnetic environment, unless it is used in a system that has been verified by the system builder to comply with EC directive 89/336/EEC. Use of this apparatus outside the laboratory or sealed electromagnetic environment invalidates conformity with the EMC Directive and could lead to prosecution.

#### **4 ABBREVIATIONS**

ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange
ADC or adc	Analogue to Digital Convertor
AF	Across Flats
CCD	Charge Coupled Device (camera)
cr	carriage return
<cr></cr>	send a cr character
EEPROM	Electrically programmable and erasable Read only memory, non-volatile
EHT or eht	Extra High Tension (high voltage)
EMC	Electromagentic Compatibility
FO	Fibre Optic
GXD	Gated X-ray Detector
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
JSON	JavaScript Object Notation
lf	Line Feed
MCP	Micro Channel Plate
MM	Multi Mode, in reference to Fibre optics
ND	Neutral Density
PC	Photo Cathode
PD-PMT	Pulse Dilation Photo Multiplier Tube
PD-PMTC	PD-PMT controller
PMT	Photo Multiplier Tube
PRF	Pulse Repetition Frequency
PSU or psu	power supply unit
scope	Oscilloscope
SD	Standard Deviation
SM	Single Mode, in reference to Fibre Optics
SW	software
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
w.r.t.	With Respect To
XML	Extensible Markup Language

# 5 CAUTION

When appropriately connected, this unit is safe for use by an educated user in a laboratory environment. You are warned, however, that the radiation from the system with an antenna or inappropriate load attached to the electronics, can damage sensitive equipment and corrupt data stored in computer and microprocessor based systems. It can cause terminal failure of vital medical electronic systems, such as pacemakers. This equipment is supplied on the understanding that the user will analyse these risks, accept responsibility for them, and take appropriate precautions in the use of this instrument.

The output from the pulse generator will destroy many types of power attenuators and electronic test equipment. It is the user's responsibility to ensure that any apparatus connected to the output is suitably rated.

Kentech Instruments Ltd. accepts no responsibility for any damage or liabilities incurred in the operation of this equipment.

Please read the manual carefully before applying power.

#### 6 INTRODUCTION

The PD-PMT is a photomultiplier system that uses Pulse Dilation techniques to deliver enhanced temporal response. Standard PMTs are capable of about 100ps rise time but at this speed show significant ringing when exposed to a light impulse. Pulse dilation techniques can increase the bandwidth by up to  $\sim 40$  times for short periods, typically several ns.

This device has been designed for use to look at Cherenkov radiation from detectors that see gamma rays from Inertially Confined Fusion experiments. Such experiments also produce neutrons and it is necessary that the device is protected from the effects of these.

The system comprises a special photo-multiplier tube (PMT) assembly, a HV bias supply and a fast photo-cathode pulse generator. These are provided in two separate modules which are connected by various cables.

The electronic package is housed in a grounded metal 19" rack mounted enclosure. The PMT tube assembly, which contains no power supplies or active electronics, is in a screened metal housing.

The pulsed dilation photo-multiplier tube (PD-PMT) requires an axial magnetic field in order to guide photo-electrons through the tube and this is provided by a solenoid within the photo-multiplier tube assembly. This is energised from a low voltage power supply included in the electronic package.

The PD-PMT is intended to provide a time resolution exceeding 5ps and will normally be used with short pulse laser sources. It can expand an input optical signal of duration approximately 500ps to an electrical output signal of duration approximately 20ns. The bandwidth of the recording oscilloscope need only be about 40 time less than that of the incident light pulse structure to be resolved.

# 6.1 PHOTOMULTIPLIER SPECIFIC CAUTIONS

This equipment incorporates a very sensitive PM tube. As with all PM equipment, care must be taken to avoid excessive exposure to light, especially continuous illumination, otherwise damage to the photo-detector tube may occur.

The cost of replacing the PM tube will be a significant fraction of the cost of the overall unit. Be certain of what you are doing at each stage before executing it. If you have any questions or uncertainties please contact the factory.

#### 6.2 THE PULSE DILATION PRINCIPAL

The pulse dilation principal has been successfully applied to high speed x-ray imaging for several years. It is applicable to devices where the information is converted into an electron beam which can then be manipulated electrically.

In this device the electrons emitted from a photocathode are accelerated before coasting into an MCP just as in a conventional MCP based photomultiplier. However, the difference is that the acceleration is varied in time during the event of interest. In particular the acceleration is reduced during this period and the beam then allowed to coast towards the MCP over several hundred mm. As the beam has a varying acceleration near the cathode, electrons emitted later travel slower and hence by the time they reach the MCP the differential velocity results in a beam that is stretched in time and space. Consequently the current detected at the MCP is stretched in time. The amplified signal is then recorded on an oscilloscope of modest bandwidth and the data collected and re-compressed numerically to deliver the waveform of the original optical signal at the cathode.

Ideally the change in velocity of the electron beam should fall linearly in time. This gives a parabolic relationship between the beam energy (and hence the accelerating voltage) and time.

The beam of electrons is constrained radially within the tube by a modest DC axial magnetic field.

#### 6.3 ELECTRON DETECTION

The electrons are detected by an MCP after drifting down the tube. However, the detection sensitivity of the MCP depends upon the energy of the incident electrons and during the stretched out event the electron energy falls significantly. To compensate for this the gain of the MCP can be ramped up in time. The electronics package has this capability. Note that this occurs in dilated time which is significantly slower that the event time. Also the change in voltage necessary on the MCP is small because the gain is a strong function of applied voltage.

#### 6.4 ARBITRARY WAVEFORM GENERATORS

Kentech has recently developed techniques to deliver high voltage fast waveforms with a degree of arbitrary shape control. This is used at both ends of the device. At the cathode to deliver a velocity dilation that is approximately linear in time (as compared to energy dilation) and at the MCP to deliver a constant sensitivity during the detection of the dilated signal.

#### 6.5 SIGNAL AMPLITUDE

The output of the tube can be as much as -100 volts. However, the useful output is generally 0 to -1 volt. When testing it is a good policy to fit a 20dB SMA (high bandwidth) attenuator before the scope input. When the signal level has been established and known to be stable the attenuator can be reduced or removed if necessary to improve the signal to noise ratio. All testing was done with 20dB in place.

#### 6.6 CONNECTIONS TO THE TUBE

The tube has many electrodes. At the input end there is the cathode and two meshes. At the detection end there is an MCP input, MCP output, a grounded mesh and then the anode from where the signal is taken. Electrodes need a combination of pulsed and DC signals for the tube to operate.

In addition there is a ramp monitor signal, a current supply for the solenoid and a solenoid temperature monitor.

All the required signals are all supplied by an electronics package that can be sited up to  $\sim 50$ m away, so as to avoid neutron damage for typical sources under investigation.

The signal output is expected to be sent to a fibre optic Mach-Zehnder interferometer where the electrical signal will be converted to an optical one with high bandwidth for transmission over 50m to a photo detector and oscilloscope.

# 6.7 FIDUCIALS

In order to recompress the recorded signal it is useful to have a fiducial system to cross time the event with the cathode ramp. The unit described here has two fibre optic inputs that can deliver fast optical pulses to the cathode without restricting the collecting aperture significantly.

The ramp monitor output also provides timing information that can be compared to the event time.

#### 6.8 THE VACUUM TUBE

The PD-PMT uses a sealed off vacuum tube supplied by Photek in the UK. The tube is based upon their 100ps fast PM tubes but has a long drift tube inserted between the cathode and MCP input face. It also has two control meshes placed immediately after the cathode which are used for the dilation ramp. The cathode response is similar to their standard S20 devices. The tube represents a significant fraction of the overall unit cost. Please treat it with suitable care.

#### 6.9 SPECIFICATIONS

#### 6.9.1 OVERALL

No. of optical inputs	1 main ( $\sim \emptyset$ 9mm) + 2 x FO fiducials
Cathode type	S20 see Section 15 on page 44
Outputs from head	Signal - can be as high as -100 volts.
	Ramp monitor with built in x 100 attenuator
Maximum rep. rate	10 Hz
Impulse response	Expected to be <10ps
Jitter	<= 20ps RMS
Trigger 1 - electrical	~5V into 50 ohms, <5ns rise time
Optical	Standard LLNL fast trigger level
Trigger 2 <sup>1</sup> - electrical	~5V into 50 ohms, <5ns rise time
Optical	Compatible with Broadcom HFBR-14X2XX transmitter
Delay	Depends upon cable lengths used.

#### 6.9.2 ELECTRONICS PACKAGE

#### **LED indicators**

Power	Green
Trigger 1	Amber
Trigger 2	Amber
HV supplies active	Amber
Solenoid active	Amber
Trip	Red
Solenoid over temperature	Red.

#### **Front Panel connections**

Ethernet LAN	i/o	RJ45 socke	et
RS232	i/o	9 pin D-suł	o, female pins
Interlock	input	Lemo ERA	00 S (NIM jack) short to enable
Trigger 1 electrical	input	BNC ~5V i	into $50\Omega$
Trigger 2 electrical	input	BNC 5V in	to 50 $\Omega$ unassigned
Trigger 1 optical	input	ST	Standard LLNL trigger threshold.
Trigger 2 optical	input	ST	unassigned
Local ramp monitor	output	SMA jack	~10V into $50\Omega$
Remote ramp monitor	output	SMA jack	$\sim 10V$ into $50\Omega$
	-	-	

#### **Controls** Power switch

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Toggle

#### **Rear Panel Connections**

input	SMA jack 10V, $50\Omega$
output	N type jack, 5kV, 3ns, pulse energy 2mJ <sup>2</sup>
output	Lemo 0S 302 jack
output	BNC jack 500V, 50 $\Omega$ pulse energy 0.5mJ <sup>2</sup>
output	SHV jack 5kV, $100\mu$ A max, stored energy $<12mJ^2$
	SHV Jack (not used)
output	SHV jack 500V, $50\Omega$ , stored energy $0.5 \text{mJ}^2$
output	SHV jack $4kV$ , $100\mu A$ max, stored energy $<5mJ^2$
	output output output output output

1 Trigger 2 is not used

2 All stored and pulsed energy figures are "typical".

3 Note "in" here means the input face of the MCP

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Solenoid Solenoid temp. mon. Power inlet	output input input	SMA jack BNC IEC	48V, 2A max 5V, 10k
<b>Rear Panel controls</b> Boot Enable	push button		
<b>General</b> Dimensions	U	n x 84 HP wi rack mount	ide x 500 mm deep.
Power supply Weight	100 to 240 V AC, 50/60 Hz, 50 W max ~16kg		

#### 6.9.3 HEAD UNIT<sup>4</sup>

#### **Connectors**

J1 Solenoid temperature	output	Lemo ERA 0S 302 jack
J2 Output signal	output	SMA jack
J3 Solenoid supply	input	SMA jack
J4 Cathode ramp monitor	output	SMA jack
J5 Photo Cathode bias	input	SHV jack
J6 Not used		
J7 Drift tube bias	input	SHV jack
J8 MCP DC bias	input	SHV jack
J9 MCP compensation pulse	input	BNC jack
J10 Photo Cathode Ramp	input	N type
J11 Opto fiducial 1	input	FC-PC jack, MM <sup>5</sup> ClearCurve <sup>®</sup> OM <sub>4</sub> fibre
J12 Opto fiducial 2	input	FC-PC, MM <sup>4</sup> ClearCurve <sup>®</sup> OM <sub>4</sub> fibre

#### General

Weight	~8.8kg
Dimensions	See figure Figure 3 on page 13
Location of C of G	See figure Figure 3 on page 13

to 35 °C

#### **Environmental**

Ambient temperature	5 to 35 °C
Humidity	<95% no
Altitude	$< 1000 \mathrm{m}$

#### 7 **FIDUCIAL INPUTS**

The two fiducial inputs are nominally the same.

They are made from  $\sim 1$  metre of graded index fibre (see on page 10). We have tested the tube response to these inputs. The laser used was a 30ps 630nm laser diode. Its nominal peak power output was 700mW and this was coupled to a SM fibre with a microscope objective. The peak power in the fibre was likely to be <100mW.

95% non-condensing

The input connectors are FC-PC and will accept light from both SM and MM FC-PC connectors. Do not fit FC-APC connectors as this could damage the polished surface of the FO connector n the head.

<sup>4</sup> J numbering as per LLNL requests

<sup>5</sup> These will accept single mode fibre inputs. The fibre used from the connectors to the cathode is a graded index multimode fibre with small minimum bend radius needed to interface to the PC.



Figure 1 Control unit Front panel

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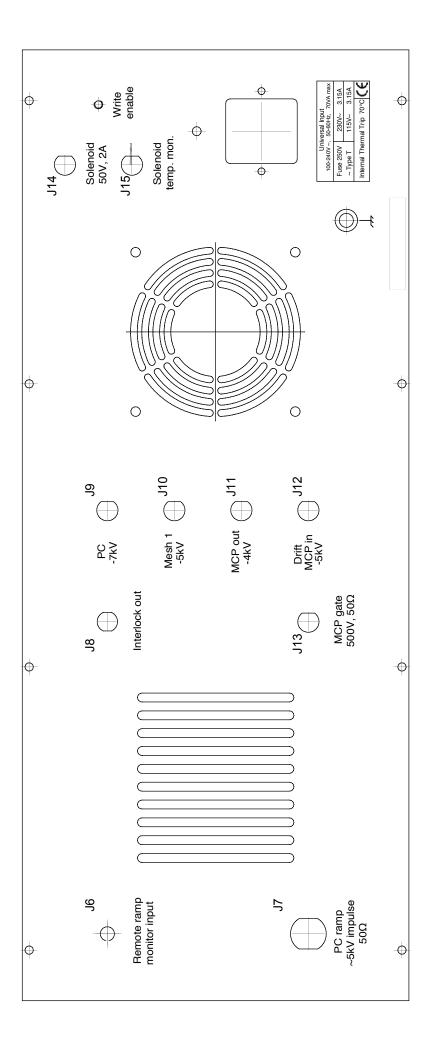
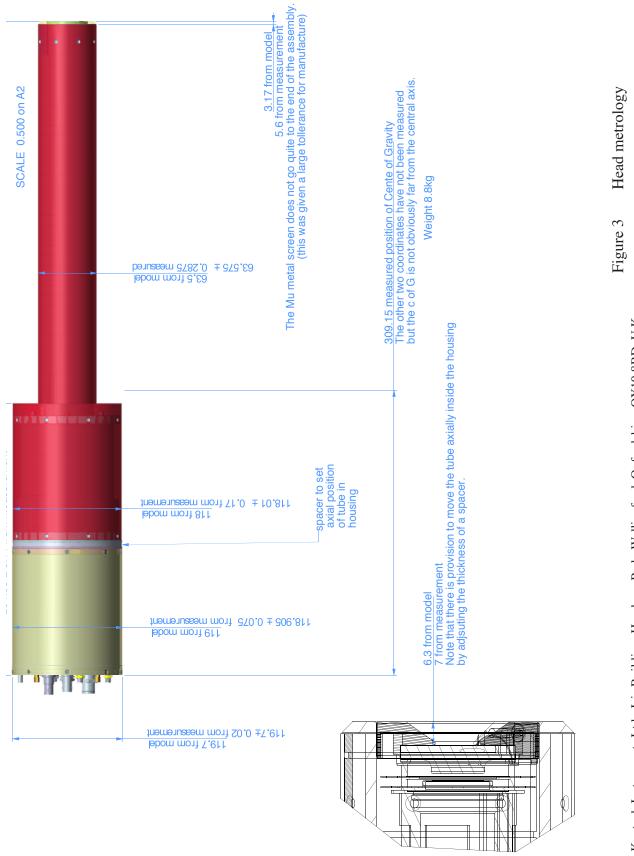


Figure 2 Control unit rear panel schematic

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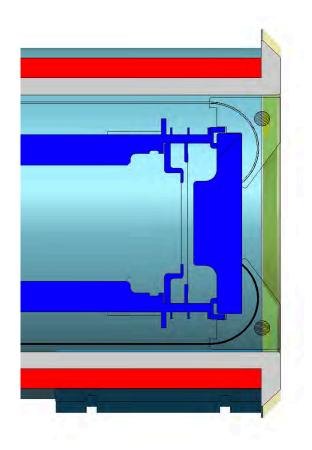
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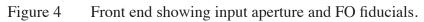
assignments
Terminal
Connector and
Table 1

	Description	Floating connection to thermistor	Output signal	Solenoid current input	Monitor output of PC ramp	PC bias voltage input	Unused	Voltage to second mesh and drift tube bias input	MCP output face bias input	MCP output face pulsed compensation input.	Pulsed ramp input to 1st. Mesh - fround referenced here.	Optical finducial input 1 of 2	Optical finducial input 2 of 2	
i Labels	Terminal	1	2	ε	4	5	9	7	8	6	10	11	12	
PD-PMT head Labels	Labelling	Temp.	Sig.out	Solenoid	Ramp monitor	PC HV	M1 HV	Drift HV	MCP HV	MCP Comp.	PC Ramp	Opto 1	Opto 2	

	Description		Fast trigger optical input	Fast trigger electrical input	Spare optical trigger input - unassigned	Spare electrical trigger input - unassigned	accepts signal from moinotor output on head.	Ramp signal output to PC on head	Standard LLNL shorted = HV enabled.	HV bias output for PC	HV biasoutput for 1st. Mesh	HV bias for MCP output face	HV bias for second mesh, drift tube and MCP input face	MCP gate/compensation output to MCP output face	Current supply for solenoid	Floating thermistor monitor input.
bels	Terminal	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	10	11	12	13	14	15
PD-PMT controller labels	Labelling	Ethernet	Trigger 1 opto	Trigger 1 5V	Trigger 2 opto	Trigger 2 5V	Remote ramp monitor input	PC Ramp	Interlock out	PC	Mesh 1	MCP out	Drift MCP in	MCP gate	Solenoid	Solenoid temp. mon.

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The fibres from the bulkhead go to the front end of the tube and are either close to or contact the input face of the tube, at a radius just outside that of the black plastic cover on the front face. The fibre ends are cleaved and are not coupled with index matching gel as was originally thought desirable. Index matching gel could result in the light being totally internally reflected at the quartz-PC interface. No artefacts were seen as a result of the coupling method used, although on faster time scales one might expect to see some.

The fibres used are significantly longer than needed and should it be necessary to adjust them, the fibre may be re-cleaved or polished many times.

# 7.1 RESTORING THE ORIGINAL SIGNAL - RE-COMPRESSION

In order to recover the original signal from the dilated one, the signal must be recorded and recompressed. Whilst we have provided calibration of the dilation caused by the various PC ramps (see Figure 13 on page 38, it is recommended that the user calibrates the system themselves. A calibration is easily generated with a short pulse laser diode and a delay generator. Low jitter between the laser diode and the PC ramp is not needed as long as the laser can provide a low jitter sync. pulse. The timing of this with respect to the PC ramp can be measured along with the timing between the peak of the recorded laser pulse and the PC ramp. Indeed the jitter can help by providing more data. One just needs a table of laser pulse to PC ramp time versus recorded pulse to PC ramp time. This gives the dialtion at each recorded point after the PC ramp, up to the end of the useful temporal window. With such a data set any recorded signal can be recompressed as the local dilation (local in time) will be known.

Kentech Instruments has not provided any automated way to do this reconstruction but it is fairly straightforward. The details will depend upon the exact scope used.



Figure 5 Rear Bulkhead of Head unit

# 8 SAFETY FEATURES & NOTES

#### 8.1 SOLENOID OVER TEMPERATURE INDICATOR AND PROTECTION

If the over temperature indicator illuminates the solenoid power will automatically shut down. Wait until the over temp indicator goes out before resetting the over-temp trip which will automatically re-start the solenoid supply.

The solenoid also incorporates a back up over temperature self resetting switch ~  $70^{\circ}$ C and a diode to prevent high switch off voltages appearing. If the temperature exceeds  $70^{\circ}$ C the solenoid will be disabled until the temperature is lowered. This is not under software control and is a back up device.

In free air the solenoid will run continuously at 20 volts. The driver can deliver up to 48 volts. We have found that during setting up 20 volts was sufficient. However, it may be that in places where there are other magnetic fields a high applied field may be needed to constrain the electrons so they hit the MCP.

#### 8.2 SAFETY TRIPS

Kentech Instruments strongly recommends that if safety trip is set that the user should investigate why and make the reason is understood before proceeding to use the device.

#### 8.2.1 SAFETY TRIP BEHAVIOUR

There are safety trips on both the solenoid temperature and on the various HV supplies. Once a trip has been set the relevant supply will be disabled. Clearing the trip by issuing the relevant command will immediately re-enable the relevant supply or supplies. If the user does not wish this to happen then the supply should be de-energised before resetting the trip. See the energise command on page 33

#### 8.3 SAFE ILLUMINATION

The PD-PMT will be in an ON condition when the HV PSUs are enabled and gate mode 0 is selected. Do not allow a DC light source to be present on the photo-cathode when the tube is in the DC ON condition.

#### 8.4 POWER UP AND SETTING THE OPERATING PARAMETERS

The operating parameters are set via the computer interfaces. The unit will power up in a disabled condition with all supplies off.

#### 8.5 CONTROLLER - ELECTRONICS PACKAGE:

Grounded metal enclosure with ground bonded front and rear panels

Protective fuses on AC supply

Stored energy less than 10J

Maximum current supply on any high voltage output is <1mA

Finger safe HV connectors (SHV)

Suitable wire and AC power fittings (UL certified)

The pulse width of all pulsed signals of amplitude >50V is <100ns

#### 8.6 PD\_PMT DETECTOR HEAD:

There is a flyback diode fitted to the solenoid to avoid a back EMF in the event of accidental disconnection.

The solenoid supply voltage is less than 50V Finger safe HV connectors (SHV) Stored energy <100mJ

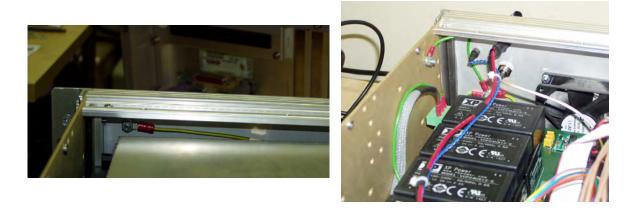


Figure 6 Earth bonding of the front and side panels

#### 9 SETTING UP AND OPERATING

#### 9.1 MODES

There are two sets of operating modes. One set, Ramp Mode, determines how the photocathode is driven. The second, the Gate Mode determines how the MCP is driven. One mode from each set needs to be selected to set the unit up. Both are set to default values of 0 at power up.

#### 9.1.1 RAMP MODE

There are 20 Ramp Modes, numbered 0 through 19. Only 0 through 5 are set up. Consult the factory if more modes are required. The different ramp modes generate different ramps at the PC and give different time windows and temporal magnification. See figure Figure 13 on page 38.0 is the default mode at power up.

#### 9.1.2 GATE MODES

There are three Gate Modes numbered 0 through 2. See figures Figure 14 on page 39 and Figure 15 on page 39

- 0 = MCP on DC, the default.
- 1 = MCP pulsed with a flat top pulse, constant gain.
- 2 = MCP pulsed with a shaped waveform which contains a ramp.

#### 9.2 FIRST TIME SET UP

A short pulse illumination source is required together with an electrical pre-trigger signal and a delay generator. The maximum trigger rate of the PD-PMT is 10Hz so the pulsed illumination source should not repeat at a higher frequency than 10Hz. Single shot operation is also acceptable. Kentech Instruments recommends that the MCP is operated in DC mode for setting up. This is achieved by sending the appropriate command to the Ethernet or RS232 interface, see 10 on page 27. Initially operate the detector in static mode (no dilation ramp). Read through the following instructions before proceeding. Text in square brackets is text to send. Do not send the brackets.

- 1. Connect all the cables as per the instructions above.
- 2. Ensure the interlock input to the electronics package is shorted out [short centre pin to ground to do a hardware enable].
- 3. Do not apply a trigger signal to the main ramp trigger input. In this condition the tube operates as a conventional PMT and, when enabled, an electrical replica of the input illumination signal is produced at the SMA output on the head rear bulkhead, as measured by an oscilloscope.
- 4. Ensure that the photo-cathode is receiving only pulsed illumination and that all stray light is excluded.
- 5. Turn on the power to the electronics package and read the self-test-flag [@>tr]. The first parameter returned is the self-test-flag and should read zero.
- 6. From your chosen interface (Ethernet or RS232) send a <cr> to the unit to enable the desired interface.
- Set 20V for the solenoid supply. [20000 !sol <cr>] The solenoid supply will go to 48 volts. Generally, this is unnecessary and will cause excessive heating.
- 8. Set the MCP gain to minimum [0 !gai <cr>].

- 9. At power up the unit will be in Gate mode 0 and Ramp mode 0 with supplies disabled Enable the supplies [1 1 1 1 1 1 !ene <cr> ] and observe the output signal as the gain is gradually increased [1 !gai <cr> etc.]
- 10. It is assumed that the duration of the illumination pulse is <100ps. Arrange that the oscilloscope will display ~20ns of the output signal from the output SMA connector (on the rear bulkhead of the head) immediately after light strikes the photo-cathode. Initially the scope can be set to trigger internally on a negative signal from the SMA output connector. Expect this signal to be at a level around -1V, slope negative.
- 11. While observing the signal from the SMA output on the scope gradually turn up the MCP gain and establish that the input signal level and MCP gain are appropriate to produce an output level around -1V at the scope. As a guide, this signal level should be reached at a gain ~6 when a typical 100ps laser diode source is used.
- 12. Now trigger the scope externally and delay the scope triggering suitably so that the same electrical replica of the optical signal is displayed.
- 13. Having set the oscilloscope trigger timing and sensitivity to display a static signal the user may now make use of the pulsed dilation to enhance the temporal resolution. The pulsed dilation is triggered following the application of a trigger signal to the front panel trigger input connector.
- 14. Set up the trigger input, e.g. for electrical triggering enter [1 0 1 0 !trg <cr>
- 15. Apply a trigger signal to the trigger input such that the rising edge of the PC ramp pulse precedes the optical pulse by approximately 5ns at the head. Note that if using long cabling between the electronics and the head, allowance must be made for this. Use the monitor output at the head to determine the time at which the PC ramp arrives at the head. This monitor signal arrives at the bulkhead of the head about 4ns after the PC ramp arrives at the PC. The correct timing can be found by observing the scope trace of the output signal while adjusting the delay. If the application of the trigger pulse makes the output signal disappear then the trigger it too early. If it has no effect then the trigger is too late. By means of a binary search, the trigger delay may be set to the point at which the displayed signal starts to be delayed on the scope screen. This occurs as the pulsed dilation starts.

#### 9.2.1 ENABLING THE SUPPLIES

See lists the commands section 10.8 on page 31.

A suitable procedure for enabling the supplies would be:

- 1. Power up and read the self-test-flag
- 2. set the gate mode
- 3. read back the gate mode
- 4. set the ramp mode
- 5. read back the ramp mode
- 6. set the solenoid voltage
- 7. read back the solenoid voltage
- 8. set the trigger mode
- 9. read back the trigger mode
- 10. check the trip statuses
- 11. request enabling of the supplies
- 12. read back the enable request

13. read back what has been enabled.

If all has been enabled the system should be working.

# Table 2UL Certifications

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AC switch on front-panel	Switch opens AC live at 70C	AC Power inlet	12V Main supply	Solenoid card supply	Solenoid card supply	32V DC interlock relay	AC wiring, 600V rated	Printed Circuit Board laminate
E45221 / EN61058-1	UL873 E43272	UL1283 / EN133200	UL60950-1 E188913	UL60950-1	UL60950-1	EN60950-1	UL1015	E421281
C1350ALAAF	R2803EN1503470/55	5200.0623.1	TXL 035-12S	VCP24US12-E	VCP24US15-E	DC60S3	I	
Arcolectric	Microtherm	Schurter	Traco	ХP	ХР	Crydom	Various	Various
				AC/DC Universal input				
Switch	Switch	Connector	Converter	Converter	Converter	Relay	Wire	PCBs
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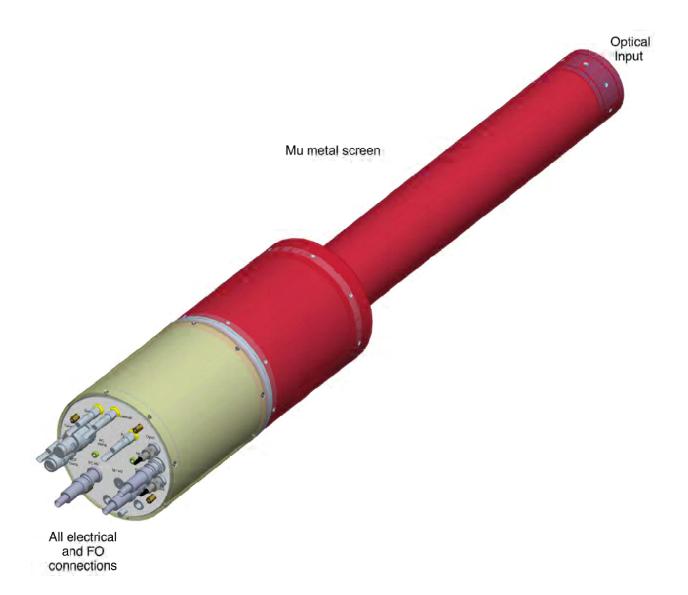


Figure 7 The head showing the optical input and connections

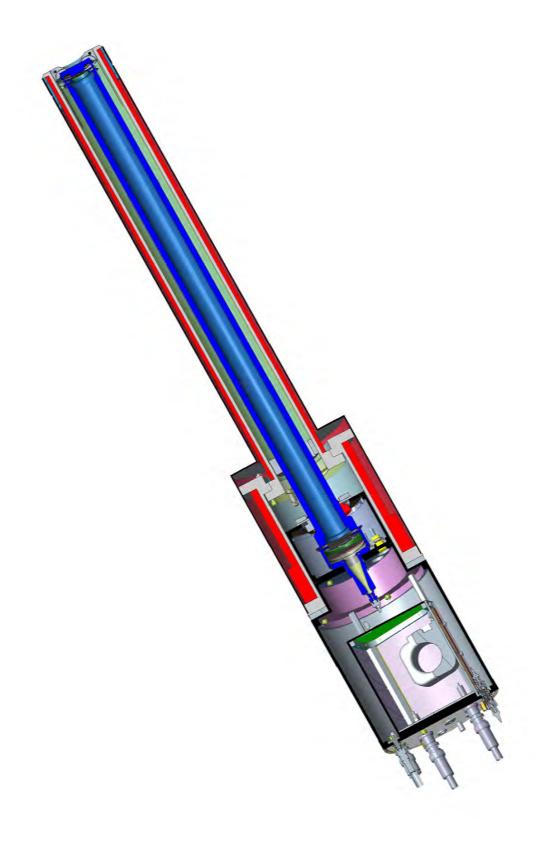
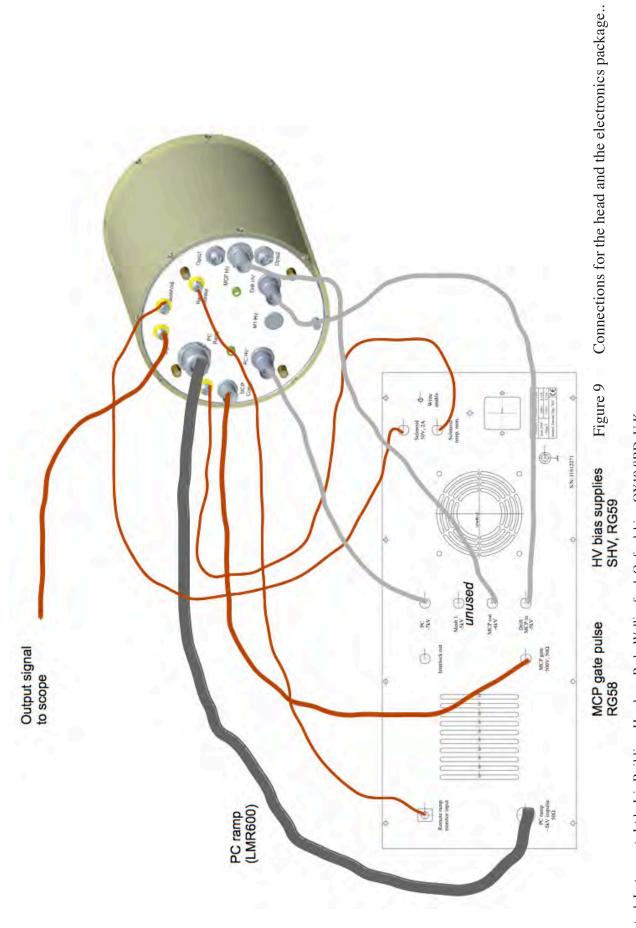


Figure 8 A cross-section of the head.



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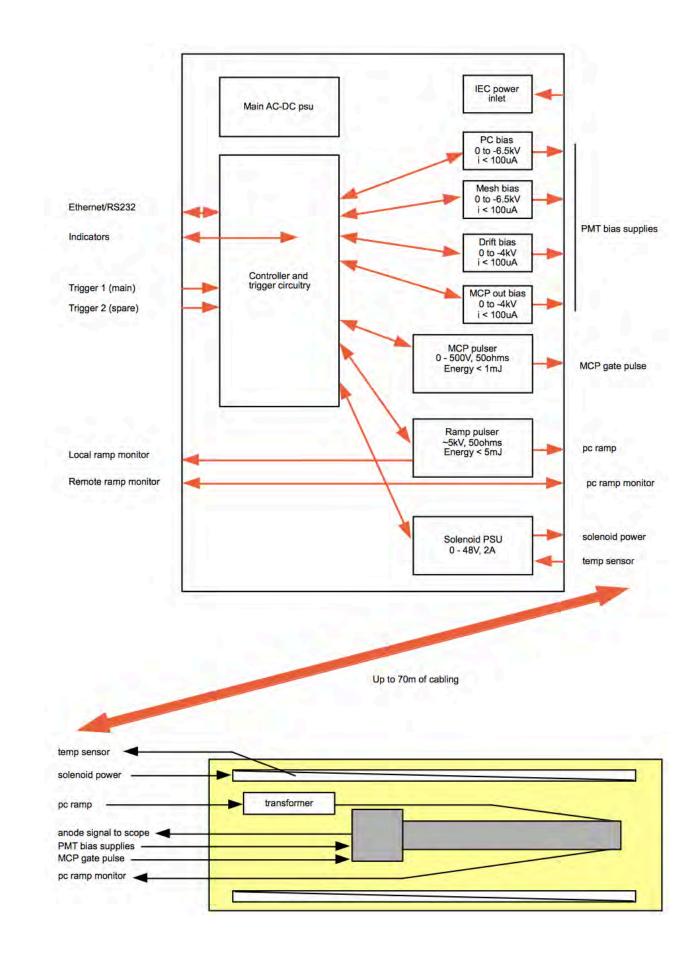


Figure 10 Showing the individual systems and connections to the remote PMT head

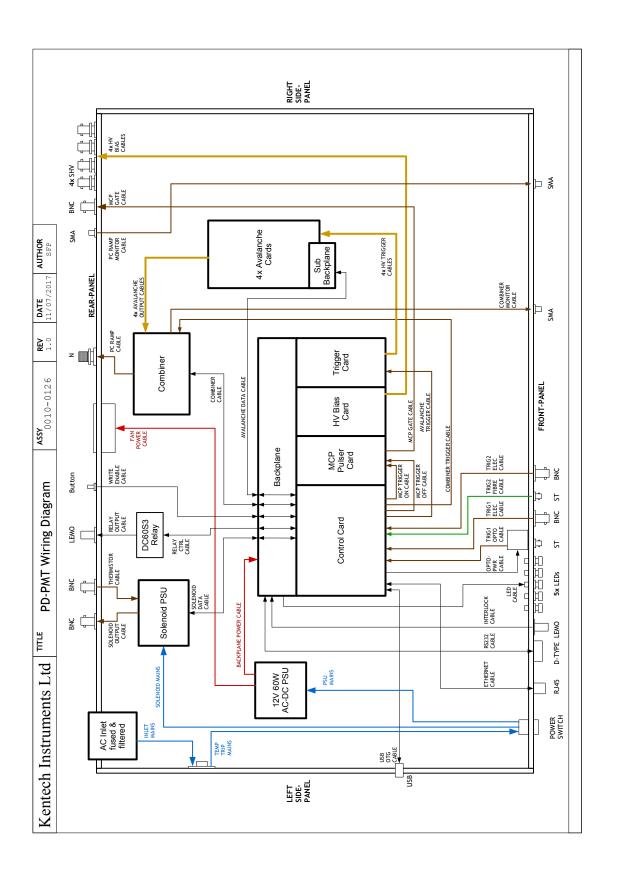


Figure 11 Wirring diagram of the electronics package

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#### **10 SOFTWARE CONTROL**

The PD-PMT emulator contains an mBed processor together with USB, Ethernet and RS232 interfaces plus a calibration EPROM. It is provided with firmware to emulate the PD-PMT electronics package. The USB supply is for firmware control.

All normal commands to the PD-PMT electronics package are via either RS232 or Ethernet. At power-up the firmware scans the Ethernet and RS232 interfaces and the first to receive a character is taken as the active interface. Thereafter all data to the unused interface will be ignored until the next power cycle.

#### 10.1 POWER-UP INTERFACE SELECTION

On power up the control software will scan the interface ports (USB, Ethernet and RS232) looking for a character sent to the device. The software will latch on to the first interface to send a character and will only use that until the next power-up cycle.

After power-up send a few characters to the interface you plan to use. These characters will not be used as part of a command, they just set the interface to be used.

#### 10.2 ETHERNET

If the Ethernet interface is to be used then the user may need to set up the internal XPORT module which is used to provide TCP communication protocol. An installer for windows can be found at:

http://www.lantronix.com/products/deviceinstaller/

and this can be used to set the IP address of the package. There is no Mac version.

The serial port of the XPORT should be set to 115200 baud, no hardware control, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit. As shipped the XPORT is set with these serial parameters. The MAC address is shown on the front page.

By default, TCP should communicate with port 10001. This shows a Hyperterminal connection dialogue:

#### 10.3 RS232:

For RS232 use simply send a carriage return (ASCII code 13) to the RS232 port at the pre-set RS232 baud rate. A few seconds later the instrument will respond with a banner message. As shipped the RS232 port is set to 9600 baud however the user can choose between 9600, 19200 and 115200 baud for startup. As shipped the setting for the control terminal should be 9600 baud, no hardware control, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit.

Refer to the factory for commands to change the power-up RS232 baud rate.

# 10.4 CONTROL INTERFACE

The electronics package will respond to the high-level command set. The list of instructions and arguments is provided below. The control interface may be toggled between normal mode (in which only the normal command set is recognised) and DEBUG mode (in which all typed text is processed).

#### 10.5 DEBUG MODE

To enter DEBUG mode type:

+debug <cr>

to the control interface and there should be an ok response to indicate that the full Forth interface is available.

Note that when the unit is in debug mode the control interface will produce many responses and will not adhere to the standard protocol. It will produce a prompt line where new commands can be entered. For more information on how to use the unit in debug mode please consult the factory.

To leave DEBUG mode type:

-debug <cr>

to the control interface to which there should be **no** ok response.

The 'debug' state is stored in EPROM so the unit will power-up in the same state in which is was

Connect To	<u>?</u> ×
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Enter details for	the host that you want to call:
<u>H</u> ost address:	192.168.2.173
Port nu <u>m</u> ber:	10001
Co <u>n</u> nect using:	TCP/IP (Winsock)
connect using.	
	OK Cancel

Figure 12 A Hyperterminal dialogue box.

turned off.

As shipped the unit is in normal (non-debug) mode so the Ethernet and RS232 interfaces will only respond to correctly formatted PD-PMT commands. At power-up there is a start-up message transmitted to the active control interface immediately after receipt of the first serial character. Unlike some other Kentech units, this occurs even if the unit is not set to debug mode so the first action of the control software should be to issue a <cr> character and then drop the returned text. Thereafter the unit will adhere to the standard protocol.

Standard PD-PMT control commands can be sent via either interface.

# 10.6 SOME EXAMPLES

Assuming the IP address has been set up using the Lantronix device installer as above, power up the unit.

To communicate via Ethernet under MacOSX open a terminal window and type:

telnet 192.168.2.2 10001 <cr>

but substituting the IP address previously chosen.

Note that 10001 is the port number specified for TCP protocol in the Xport Ethernet interface in the unit.

Here we are using Telnet for the serial coms. Although this is not ideal it is convenient for a quick test. Note that Telnet echoes characters as they are typed so even in -debug mode it appears that typed text is echoed.

After typing a carriage return (and assuming that Telnet starts without errors) something like this should appear:

Freds-MacBook-Pro:~ fredshare\$ telnet 192.168.2.185 10001 Trying 192.168.2.2... Connected to 192.168.2.2. Escape character is '^]'. PD-PMT Kentech Instruments Ltd 2017

It should now be possible to type commands to the unit. A slight complication is that Telnet does not function as a conventional terminal emulator and only sends text as complete lines after a <cr>. Furthermore, it echoes typed text as it is typed as noted above.

Assuming that the unit is not in debug mode, it will only respond to correctly formatted commands e.g.

Type:

@del <cr>

and the response should be:

{ @trp;0 ;0 ;0 ;0 }

which lists various trip settings

To exit from Telnet type:

ctrl ]

which escapes the serial session followed by:

close <cr>

A similar session can be achieved on a Windows machine with Hyperterminal.

# 10.7 PROTOCOL

The following protocol is supported via the RS232 and Ethernet interfaces in non debug mode.

It will not be possible to download code to the PD-PMT controller (PD-PMTC) under the normal operating protocol. The PD-PMTC will generate responses to valid commands and will not generate any unsolicited output. Invalid commands will be ignored. All commands and response will be in ASCII characters. Commands are case sensitive.

In the interest of simplicity, all commands will be parsed by the PD-PMTC using the Forth interpreter, so the parameters need to be delimited by spaces and the command line will be terminated by carriage return and linefeed characters. The Forth interpreter will not recognise any commands other than those needed in the command set.

The PD-PMTC will not echo command characters as they are received and no output will be generated until a valid command is recognised. (Note the comment about the use of a Telnet interface above.)

When a valid command is recognised, the PD-PMTC will output a response. Responses are preceded with a cr and lf, then an ASCII { character and end with an ASCII }. The response will be delimited into fields by an ASCII ; character. The first field in the response will be a repeat of the command.

If the interpreter is unable to carry out the command it will return an error. Error types are:

?stack - the command interpreter has detected a wrong stack depth error, i.e. the wrong number of parameters have been received.

?param - the command interpreter has detected an out of range parameter

After an error, the command is not executed, the stack is cleared and no values are returned other than the error code. Following a stack error, the stack is cleared then dummy parameters (generally -1 or 65536) are added for the purpose of formatting the response only.

All status commands expect and deliver data as decimal numbers and all numeric data should be decimal, no decimal points or other punctuation should be used.

#### 10.7.1 EXAMPLE:

1) to set the desired value of the solenoid voltage to 24V the command would be:-

24000 !sol

and the response if the command can be completed would be:-

{24000 ! sol;0}

2) as above but with a missing parameter (an error):-

!sol

and the response would be:-

{-1 !sol;?stack}

#### 10.8 STANDARD PD-PMT CONTROL COMMANDS

Explanatory notes:-

In Forth terminology, a @ character implies a fetch or read operation and a ! character implies a store or write operation.

All input and output parameters are numerical. For logical inputs and outputs use TRUE = 1 or -1, FALSE = 0

Name safe	
Explanation	Power down all modules in PD-PMT
Format	safe
parameters: returned values:	none
r1 =	error flag
Notes safe is equ	ivalent to 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 !ene

#### Name !gate\_mode

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Explanation	Set gate mode of MCP					
Format	p1 !gtm					
parameters:						
p1 =	gate mode range 0 though 2					
returned values:						
r1 =	error flag					
Notes default gat	es default gate_mode at power up is 0					
Gate_mode	e determines the requested mode for gating					
0 = DC mc	0 = DC mode					
1 = pulsed	1 = pulsed mode - simple gate					
2 = ramped	2 = ramped mode - gain compensation during dilation.					

Name	!gain	
Expla	nation	Set MCP gain
Format	t	p1 !gai
parame	ters:	
p1 =		gain mode range 0 through 9
returned	d values:	
r1 =		error flag
Notes	default gai	n_mode at power up is 0
	0 = minimi	um gain
	9 = maxim	um gain
	The error f	lag contains no information and is for software consistency.

Name	!ramp	_mode
Explana	tion	Set ramp mode of photo cathode
Format		p1 !ram
parameters	s:	
p1 =		ramp mode range 0 through 19
returned v	alues:	
r1 =		error flag
Notes dej	fault ram	p_mode at power up is 0
Ra	m_mode	determines the requested value for
PC	C bias	
Me	esh bias	
Dr	ift bias	
Си	rrently o	nly modes 0 through 5 are set up.
Th	e error fl	ag contains no information and is for software consistency.

Name @gate	e_mode
Explanation	Read back gate mode setting
Format	@gtm
parameters: returned values:	none
r1 =	gate_mode setting 0 through 2 Notes This is a simple readback of the value set with !gtm

Name @gain	1
Explanation	Read back gain setting
Format	@gai
parameters: returned values: r1 =	none gain setting 0 through 9 Notes This is a simple readback of the value set with !gai

#### Name @ramp\_mode

Explanation	Read back ramp mode setting
Format	@ram
parameters: returned values:	none
r1 =	ramp_mode setting 0 through 19
Notes This is a sin	nple readback of the value set with !ram

Name	!energ	gize
Explar	ation	Request power up of specified modules
Format		p1 p2 p3 p4 p5 !ene
paramete	ers:	
p1 =		TRUE = req enable HV bias (PC bias, Drift bias, Mesh bias, MCP bias)
p2 =		TRUE = req enable trigger pulser
p3 =		TRUE = req enable ramp pulser
p4		TRUE = req enable mcp pulser
p5 =		TRUE = req enable solenoid
returned	values:	
r1 =		error flag
Notes 7	he soleno	id will be enabled only if temp trip and interlock latch are zero
7	he HV bio	as will be enabled only if the interlock latch is zero
7	The measured power status of the modules can be read with @>en	
7	he error j	lag contains no information and is for software consistency.

Name @ene	rgize
Explanation	Read back requested power up status of modules
Format	@ene
parameters: returned values:	none
r1 =	TRUE = req enable HV bias
r2 =	TRUE = req enable trigger pulser
r3 =	TRUE = req enable ramp pulser
r4 =	TRUE = req enable mcp pulser
r5 =	TRUE = req enable solenoid
Notes This is a si	mple read back of values set with !ene
The measu	red power status of the modules can be read with @>en

#### @>energize Name

Explanation	Read back actual power up status of modules
Format	@>en
parameters:	none
returned values:	
r1 =	TRUE = HV bias enabled
r2 =	TRUE = trigger pulser enabled
r3 =	TRUE = ramp pulser enabled
r4 =	TRUE = mcp pulser enabled
r5 =	TRUE = solenoid enabled
Notes This is the	measured power status of the modules
Interlock la	atch set will disable HV bias and the solenoid supply
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y. Solenoid temp trip set will disable the solenoid supply.

Name	!trig	
Explan	ation	Set up triggering
Format		p1 p2 p3 p4 !trg
paramete	rs:	
p1 =		TRUE = enable trigger logic
p2 =		TRUE = enable one shot mode
p3 =		TRUE = reset trigger latch
p4 =		TRUE = enable optical trigger
returned	values:	
r1 =		error flag
Notes If	one shot	mode is enabled, the PD-PMT will not trigger when the trigger latch is set
0	Only one trigger source (electrical or optical) is active at a time, activating one disables	
th	e other.	
$T_{i}$	he error f	lag contains no information and is for software consistency.

Name	@trig	
Explanati	ion	Read trigger setup and trigger latch
Format		@trg
parameters: returned va		none
r1 =		TRUE = trigger logic enable
r2 =		TRUE = one shot enable
r3 =		Trigger latch, TRUE = triggered
r4 =		TRUE = optical trigger enabled

Name	@trips	5	
Explanat	tion	Read trip latches	
Format		@trp	
parameters returned va		none	
r1 =	urues.	TRUE = solenoid trip	
r2 =		TRUE = interlock latch	
r3 =		TRUE = solenoid hot	
r4 =		TRUE = interlock input	
Notes Sol	lenoid tri	ip is set TRUE if solenoid temperature exceeds trip limit	
Sol	lenoid ha	ot is a non latched status bit, TRUE = solenoid over trip limit	
Inte	erlock la	tch is set TRUE if interlock circuit is NOT ok	
Inte	erlock in	put is a non latched status bit, $TRUE = NOT ok$ .	
The	e solenoi	d trip removes power from solenoid module	
The	The interlock latch removes power from solenoid and HV bias modules		
		red temperature of the solenoid can be read with @>tu	
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Resetting a trip will immediately re-energise a supply unless the supply has been separately de-energised.

# Name Otrips

Explanation Reset solenoid trip and reset interlock latch

Format	0trp
parameters:	none
returned values:	
r1 =	error flag
Note The error f	lag contains no information and is for software consistency

#### Name !solenoid

Explanation	Set requested solenoid voltage
Format	p1 !sol
parameters: p1 = returned values:	Requested solenoid voltage in mV, range 0 through 48000
r1 = Notes Power will and interlo The measu	error flag only be applied to the solenoid if the solenoid is energised using !ene ck latch is false and solenoid trip is false. red voltage applied to the solenoid can be read with @tu lag contains no information and is for software consistency.

Name	@sole	noid
Explana	tion	Read back requested solenoid voltage in mV
Format		@sol
	alues: <i>is is a si</i> i	none requested solenoid voltage in mV mple readback of the value set with !sol red voltage applied to the solenoid can be read with @>tu
Th	e unit wi	ill operate for extended periods in free circulation at 20 volts.

#### Name @>tubeadcs

Explanation	Read measured values from tube and solenoid monitors
Format	@>tu
parameters:	none
returned values:	
r1 =	measured solenoid voltage in mV
r2 =	measured solenoid current in mA
r3 =	measure solenoid temperature in 1/10 of a °C
r4 =	measured PC bias voltage in V
r5 =	measured Drift voltage in V
r6 =	measured MCP out voltage in V
r7 =	HV bias settled flag
Notes HV bias se changed	ttled flag is false for approx 10 seconds after any of the HV bias voltages are

#### Name @>trigadcs Explanation Read measured diagnostic voltages from the trigger pulser, combiner and self test error flag Format @>tr parameters: none returned values: r1 = self test error flag $r^{2} =$ not used - currently returns zero trigger ts monitor r3 = trigger v1 monitor r4 = r5 = trigger v2 monitor r6 = trigger v3 monitor not used - currently returns zero r7 = Notes self test error flag should be read after power up *Zero* = *ok*, *Not zero* = *test fail*, *contact the factory should this persist*.

Other returned value in this word are for diagnostic purposes only

N		
Name @>ramp0adcs		
Explanation	Read measured diagnostic voltages from ramp pulser 0	
Format	@>r0	
parameters:	none	
returned values:		
r1 =	ramp 0 ts monitor	
r2 =	ramp 0 a0 monitor	
r3 =	ramp 0 a1 monitor	
r4 =	ramp 0 a2 monitor	
r5 =	ramp 0 b0 monitor	
r6 =	ramp 0 b1 monitor	
r7 =	ramp 0 b2 monitor	
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Notes Diagnostic purposes only

#### Name @>ramp1adcs

Explanation	Read measured diagnostic voltages from ramp pulser 1
Format	@>r1
parameters: returned values:	none
r1 =	ramp 1 ts monitor
r2 =	ramp 1 a0 monitor
r3 =	ramp 1 a1 monitor
r4 =	ramp 1 a2 monitor
r5 =	ramp 1 b0 monitor
r6 =	ramp 1 b1 monitor
r7 =	ramp 1 b2 monitor
Notes Diagnostic	purposes only

Name @>r	amp2adcs
Explanation	Read measured diagnostic voltages from ramp pulser 2
Format	@>r2
parameters:	none
returned values:	
r1 =	ramp 2 ts monitor
r2 =	ramp 2 a0 monitor
r3 =	ramp 2 a1 monitor
r4 =	ramp 2 a2 monitor
r5 =	ramp 2 b0 monitor
r6 =	ramp 2 b1 monitor
r7 =	ramp 2 b2 monitor
Notes Diagnost	ic nurnases only

Notes Diagnostic purposes only

#### @>ramp3adcs Name

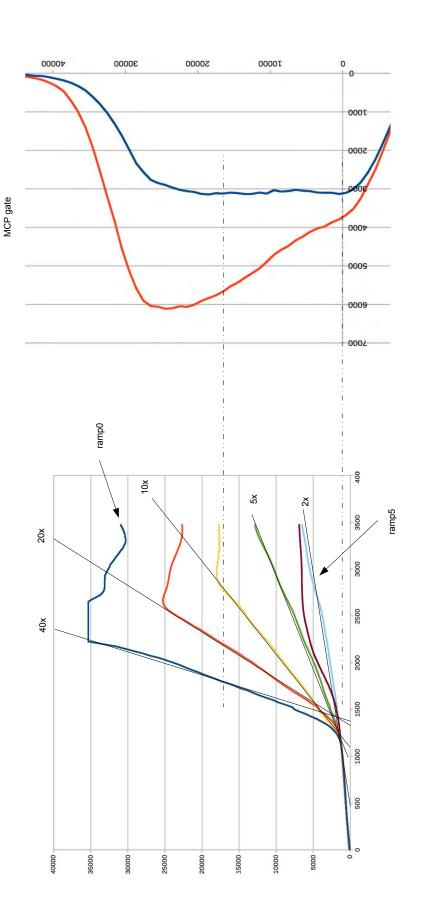
Explanation	Read measured diagnostic voltages from ramp pulser 0
Format	@>r3
parameters: returned values:	none
r1 =	ramp 3 ts monitor
r2 =	ramp 3 a0 monitor
r3 =	ramp 3 a1 monitor
r4 =	ramp 3 a2 monitor
r5 =	ramp 3 b0 monitor
r6 =	ramp 3 b1 monitor
r7 =	ramp 3 b2 monitor
Notes Diagnostic	purposes only

#### Name @>mcpadcs

Explanation	Read measured	diagnostic	voltages	from ramp	pulser 0
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Format	@>mc
parameters:	none
returned values:	
r1 =	mcp_pulse monitor
r2 =	mcp_ramp monitor
r3 =	not used – currently returns zero
r4 =	not used – currently returns zero
r5 =	not used – currently returns zero
r6 =	not used – currently returns zero
r7 =	not used – currently returns zero
Notes Diagnostic	e purposes only

# 11 RAMP MODES



- The left hand graph shows the relative timing between input and output signals. Figure 13
- The abscissa is the timing of the light signal input to the photocathode. The ordinate is the timing of the electrical output signal to the scope. Timing is relative to the peak of a gaussian signal. The approximate slopes (dilation factors) are shown for each ramp 0 through 5. On the right hand graph is the MCP response with compensation on (red) and off (blue). The relative timing w.r.t. the dilated output pulse is indicated by showing the graph rotated.

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# **12 GATE MODES**

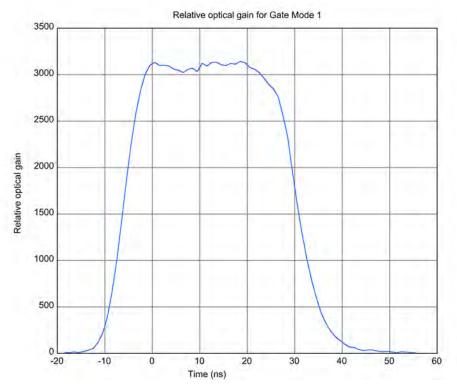
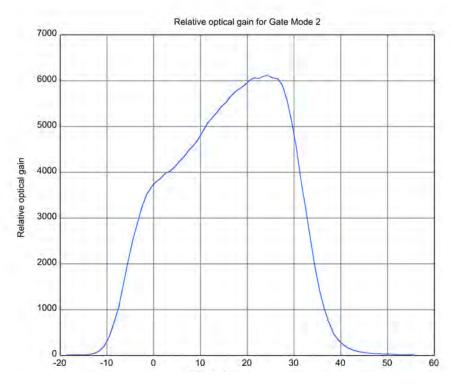


Figure 14 MCP Gate Mode 1 Showing the optical gain as a function of time for an undilated signal.





Showing the optical gain as a function of time for an undilated signal. The voltage and hence the gain is ramped up during the MCP drive pulse and can be used to compensate for the reduction in MCP sensitivity during a dilated pulse due to the gradually fall in energy of the incident electrons due to the dilation.

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# **13 RAMP MONITORS**

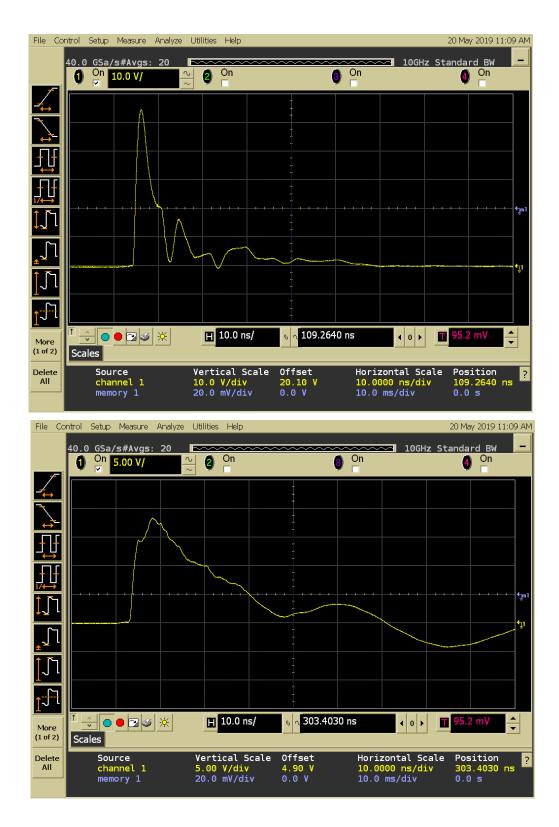


Figure 16 The local (upper) and head (lower) PC ramp monitors. The head is driven over long cables (as will be used). The head monitor is connected directly to a scope (It does not come back through long cables).

# 14 EXAMPLES OF DILATION

The figures in this section are typical data, i.e. not taken with this particular tube. They are to show the principal of dilation and see its effects in oscilloscope traces.

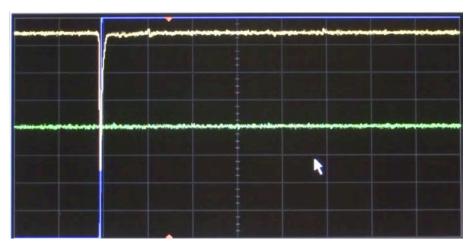


Figure 17 An undilated signal -PC ramp off - 5ns/div Yellow is the signal output, Green is the ramp monitor and Blue is a sync. pulse from the laser diode..

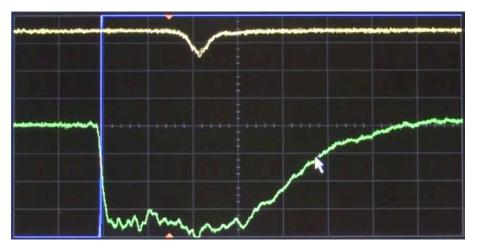


Figure 18 A dilated signal with the PC ramp on - 5ns/div. Yellow is the signal output, Green is the ramp monitor and Blue is a sync. pulse from the laser diode.

# 14.1 PROGRESSIVE DILATION

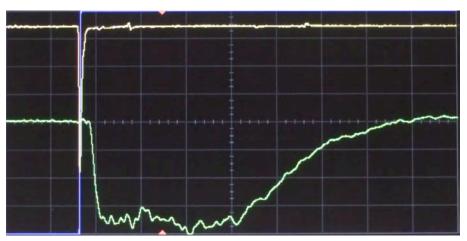


Figure 19 An undilated signal with the light arriving before the PC ramp - 5ns/div. Yellow is the signal output, Green is the ramp monitor and Blue is a sync. pulse from the laser diode.

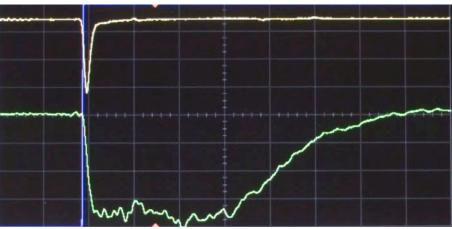


Figure 20 Dilation is just starting with the light arriving at the beginning of the PC ramp - 5ns/div. Yellow is the signal output, Green is the ramp monitor and Blue is a sync. pulse from the laser diode.

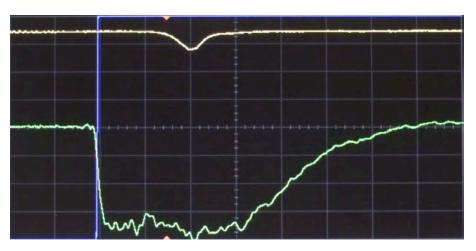


Figure 21 A well dilated signal with the light arriving in the centre of the PC ramp - 5ns/div. Yellow is the signal output, Green is the ramp monitor and Blue is a sync. pulse from the laser diode.

# 14.2 INVALID DILATION

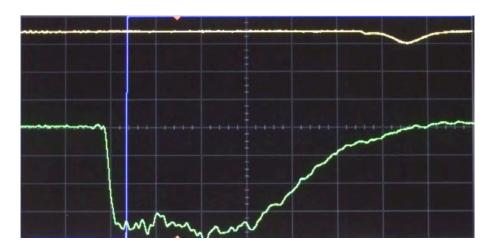


Figure 22 If the light arrives late after the linear part of the ramp the data is not valid.- 5ns/div. Yellow is the signal output, Green is the ramp monitor and Blue is a sync. pulse from the laser diode.

# 15 BASIC TUBE RESPONSE WITH NO DILATION

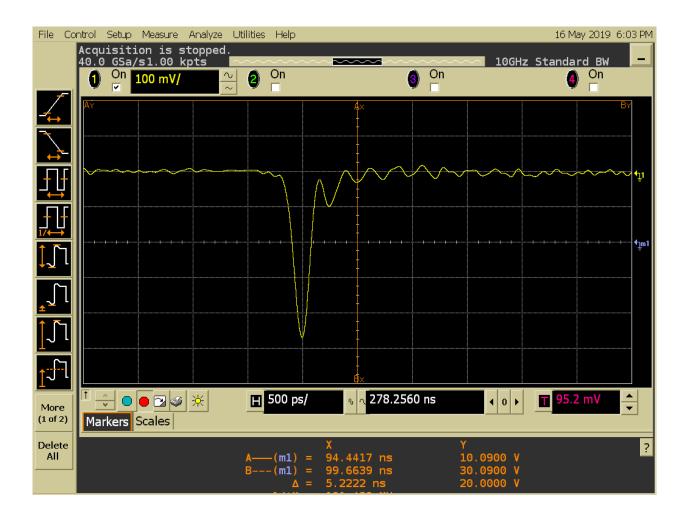


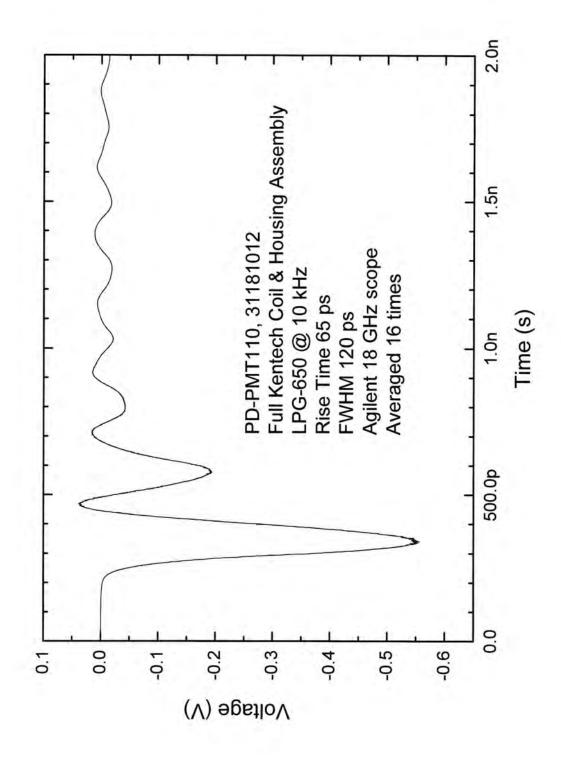
Figure 23 The output from the tube with no dilation Mode 1, gain 7. when illuminated with a short (40ps) laser pulse. This shows the well documented characteristic ringing of the MCP structure. This is for the tube supplied with J18XXXX.



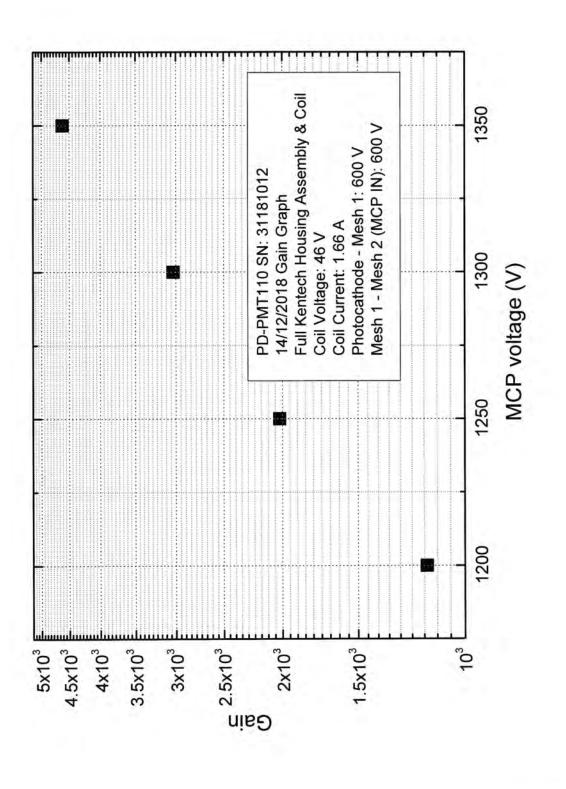
# Test Data Summary

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DD DAATAA		Window		node	Anode	Scr	een ITO
PD-PMT11	0 Q	uartz	S	20	Solid		No
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							15.82
-			$\checkmark$		214nm	27.30	15.82
					254nm	38.50	
10					270nm	45.40	20.85 20.61
5 -			_		290nm 300nm	48.20	18.72
NAN -				$\square$	350nm	45.30 47.90	16.97
5 1 -					400nm	61.70	19.13
Sensitivity (mAW)					400nm 450nm	62.30	17.17
Sen			_		450nm	53.30	13.22
	+ +	+ +		+	532nm	49.30	11.49
0.1					550nm	49.30	9.94
					650nm	30.90	5.89
					750nm	14.10	2.33
0.01					800nm	7.92	1.23
200	300 400	500 600	700 8	300 900	850nm	3.61	0.53
		Wavelength (n			900nm	0.09	0.01
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#### 17 **FIBRE OPTIC DATA**

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representative, or call

the Optical Fiber Customer Service Department:

Email: cofic@corning.com

Please specify the fiber type, attenuation, and quantity

Ph: 1-607-248-2000 (U.S. and Canada)

+44-1244-525-320 (Europe)



#### Bend Performance and Compatibility

Corning<sup>®</sup> ClearCurve<sup>®</sup> ultra-bendable, laser-optimized<sup>™</sup> multimode optical fiber delivers enhanced macrobending performance while maintaining compatibility with current optical fibers, equipment, practices and procedures. ClearCurve® OM2, OM3 and OM4 multimode fiber is designed to withstand tight bends and challenging cabling routes with substantially less signal loss than conventional multimode fiber.

Standards Compliance	ClearCurve® OM4 fiber	ClearCurve® OM3 fiber	OM <sub>2</sub> fiber
ISO/IEC 11801	Type OM <sub>4</sub> fiber	Type OM <sub>3</sub> fiber	Type OM <sub>2</sub> fiber
IEC 60793-2-10	Type Ala.3 fiber	Type A1a.2 fiber	Type A1a.1 fiber
TIA/EIA	492AAAD	492AAAC-B	492AAAB-A
ITU	ITU G651.1	ITU G651.1	ITU G651.1

# **Optical Specifications**

Bandwidth	High Performance EMB* (MHz.km)		lal Bandwidth** z.km)
Corning Optical Fiber	850 nm only	850 nm	1300 nm
ClearCurve® OM <sub>4</sub> fiber	4700	3500	500
ClearCurve® OM3 fiber	2000	1500	500
ClearCurve® OM <sub>2</sub> fiber	950	700	500

\*Ensured via minEMBc, per ITA/EIA 455-220A and IEC 60793-1-49, for high performance laser-based systems. \*\* OFL BW, per TIA/EIA 455-204 and IEC 60793-1-41.

#### Attenuation

Wavelength Maximum Value (nm) (dB/km) 850 <2.3 1300 ≤0.6

#### **Macrobend Loss**

Mandrel Radius (mm)	Number of Turns		enuation (dB - 1300 nm
15	2	≤0.1	≤0.3
7.5	2	≤0.2	≤0.5

No point discontinuity greater than 0.2 dB. Attenuation at 1380 nm does not exceed the attenuation at 1300 nm by more than 3.0 dB/km

**Numerical Aperture** 

0.200 ± 0.015

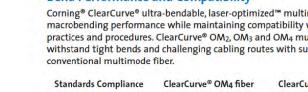
## **Dimensional Specifications**

Core Diameter	50.0 ± 2.5 µm
Cladding Diameter	125.0 ± 1.0 µm
Core-Clad Concentricity	≤1.5 μm
Cladding Non-Circularity	≤1.0%
Core Non-Circularity	≤5%

Coating Diameter	242±5µm
Coating-Cladding Concentricity	<12 um

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# **Environmental Specifications**

Environmental Test	Test Condition	Induced Attenuation 850 & 1300 nm (dB/km)
Temperature Dependence	-60°C to +85°C*	≤0.10
Temperature Humidity Cycling	-10°C to +85°C and 4% to 98% RH	≤0.10
Water Immersion	23°C ± 2°C	≤0.20
Heat Aging	85°C± 2°C	≤0.20
Damp Heat	85°C at 85% RH	≤0.20

\*Reference temperature = +23°C

Operating Temperature Range: -60°C to +85°C

# **Mechanical Specification**

#### **Proof Test**

The entire fiber length is subjected to a tensile stress ≥100 kpsi (0.69 GPa).\* \*Higher proof test levels available

#### Length

Fiber lengths available up to 17.6 km/spool.

# **Performance Characterizations**

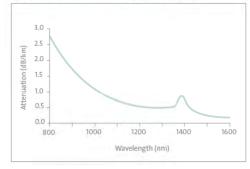
Characterized parameters are typical values.

Refractive Index Difference	1%
	850 nm: 1.482
Effective Group Index of Refraction (N <sub>eff</sub> )	1300 nm: 1.477
Fatigue Resistance Parameter (N <sub>d</sub> )	20
	Dry: 0.6 lbs (2.7 N)
Coating Strip Force	Wet, 14 days in 23°C water soak: 0.6 lbs (2.7 N)

#### **Chromatic Dispersion**

Zero Dispersion Wavelength ( $\lambda_0$ ): 1295 nm  $\leq \lambda_0 \leq$  1315 nm Zero Dispersion Slope (S<sub>0</sub>):  $\leq$  0.101 ps/(nm<sup>2</sup>\*km)

#### Spectral Attenuation (Typical Fiber)



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