

# SLR Portable Calibration Standard Mission Review

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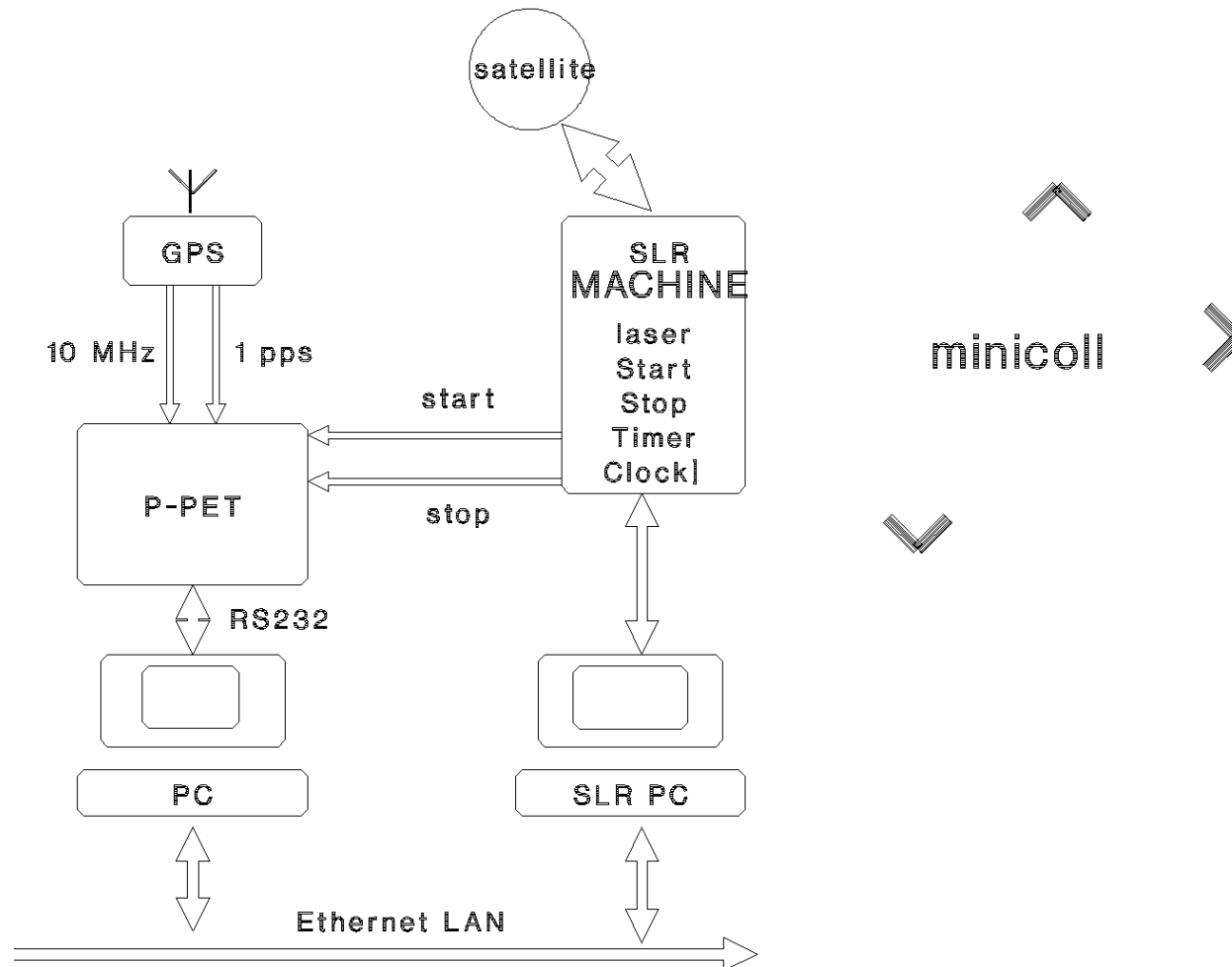
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# Goals

- ground ranging machine diagnostics
- identification of error sources due to :
  - epoch and time interval timing
  - epoch and frequency reference
  - data acquisition, filtering and processing
  - calibration scheme and ground survey
  - operational procedures
  - radio frequency interference
  - other sources (?)

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## PCS BLOCK SCHEME



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## P-PET Main Parameters

- timing resolution 1.2 ps
- timing jitter / channel 2.5 ps
- non-linearity < 2.5 ps
- drift, stability < 0.7 ps/K, 0.5ps/hour
- **adjustment** **NO**
- input signals Start, Stop, 1pps, 10MHz
- max. repetition rate > 100 readings / sec  
> 2 MHz laser rate
- interface RS232 (3 wires)
- mass (transport config.) 32 kg

# Portable Calibration Standard Missions

|                      |                 |                                                                                              |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Graz</b>          | <b>97/98/99</b> | <b>high precision SLR, stability<br/>comparison to counter cluster</b>                       |
| <b>WLRS Wettzell</b> | <b>97/99</b>    | <b>t/r biases, low jitter, stability</b>                                                     |
| <b>TIGO Wettzell</b> | <b>1998</b>     | <b>TW, t/r biases, low jitter, stability</b>                                                 |
| <b>Zimmerwald</b>    | <b>1998</b>     | <b>TW, t/r biases, low jitter, stability</b>                                                 |
| <b>Herstmonceux</b>  | <b>1998</b>     | <b>counters linearity</b>                                                                    |
| <b>Shanghai</b>      | <b>2001</b>     | <b>t/r biases, low jitter,<br/>survey,operation procedures<br/>HP5370B counter linearity</b> |
| <b>Potsdam</b>       | <b>2001</b>     | <b>low jitter, SR620 counters linearity</b>                                                  |

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P-PET Mission, WLRS & TIGO, Wettzell 1998

“ worldwide maximum PET density / m<sup>2</sup> ”

PET4TIGO

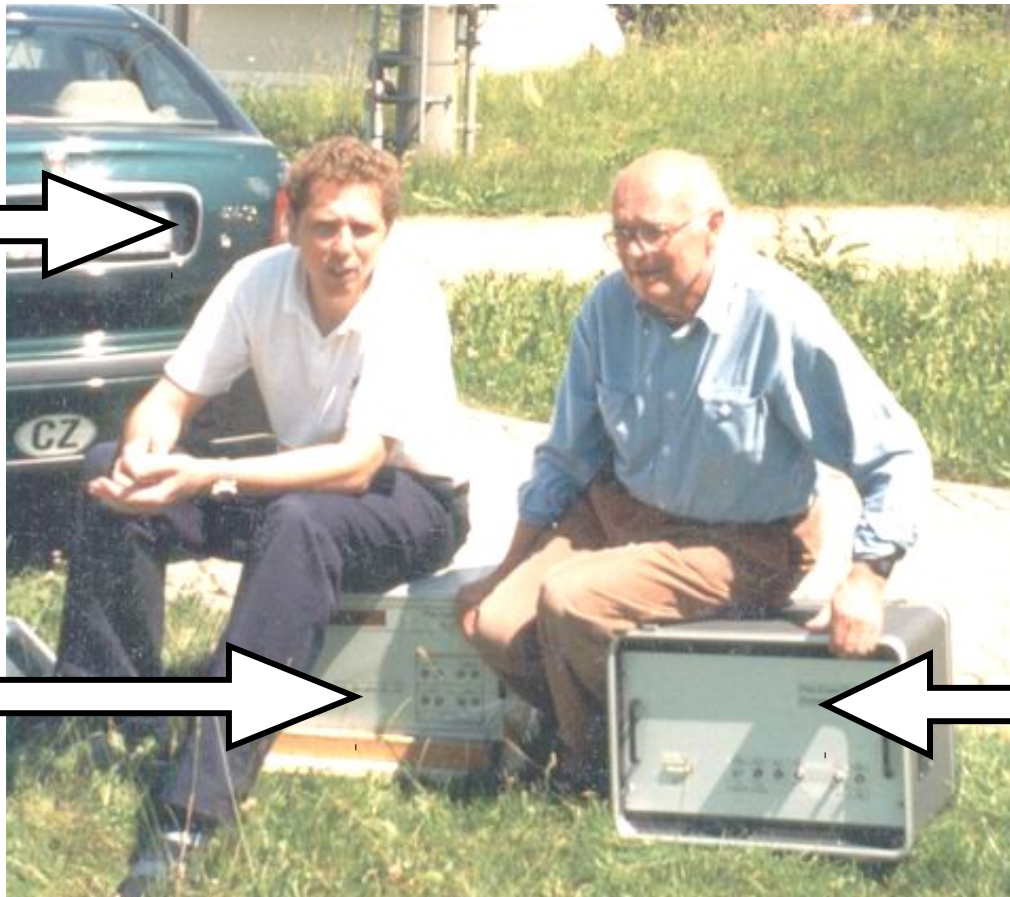
Chile

PET4WLRS

Wettzell

P-PET

Demo

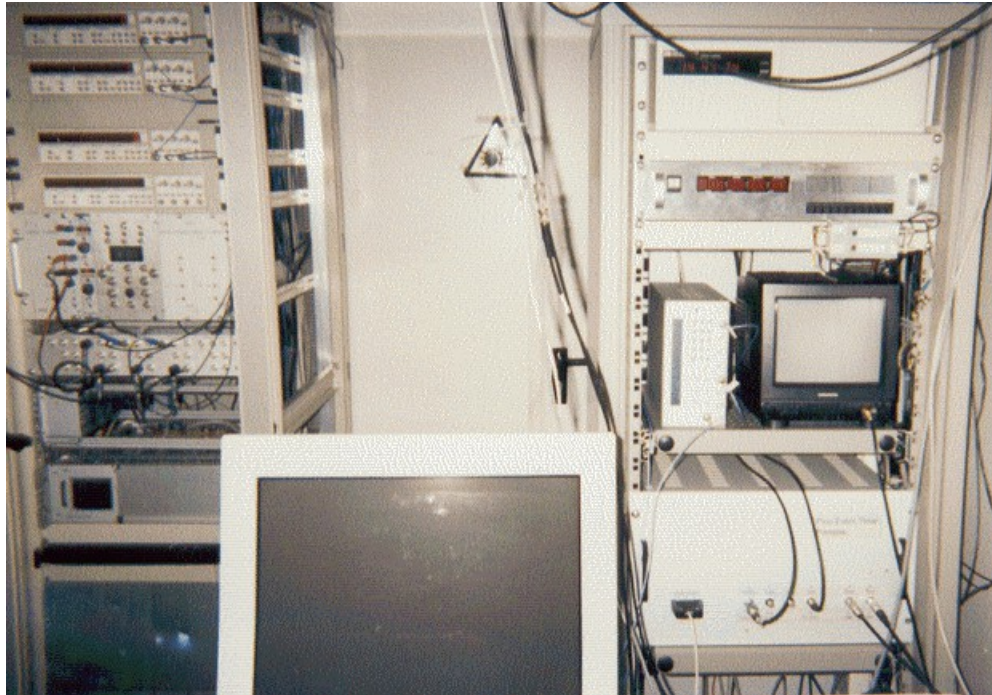


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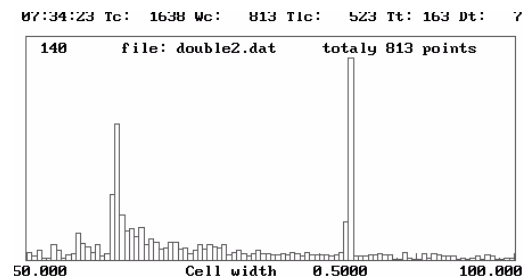
## P-PET Mission, TIGO, 1998, TW SLR

4 x SR620



P-PET

Infrared, 75 ps  
1 phot



Blue, 45 ps  
1 phot

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PET Mission, Graz, 1999

Comparison to Graz Counter Cluster



3 x SR620

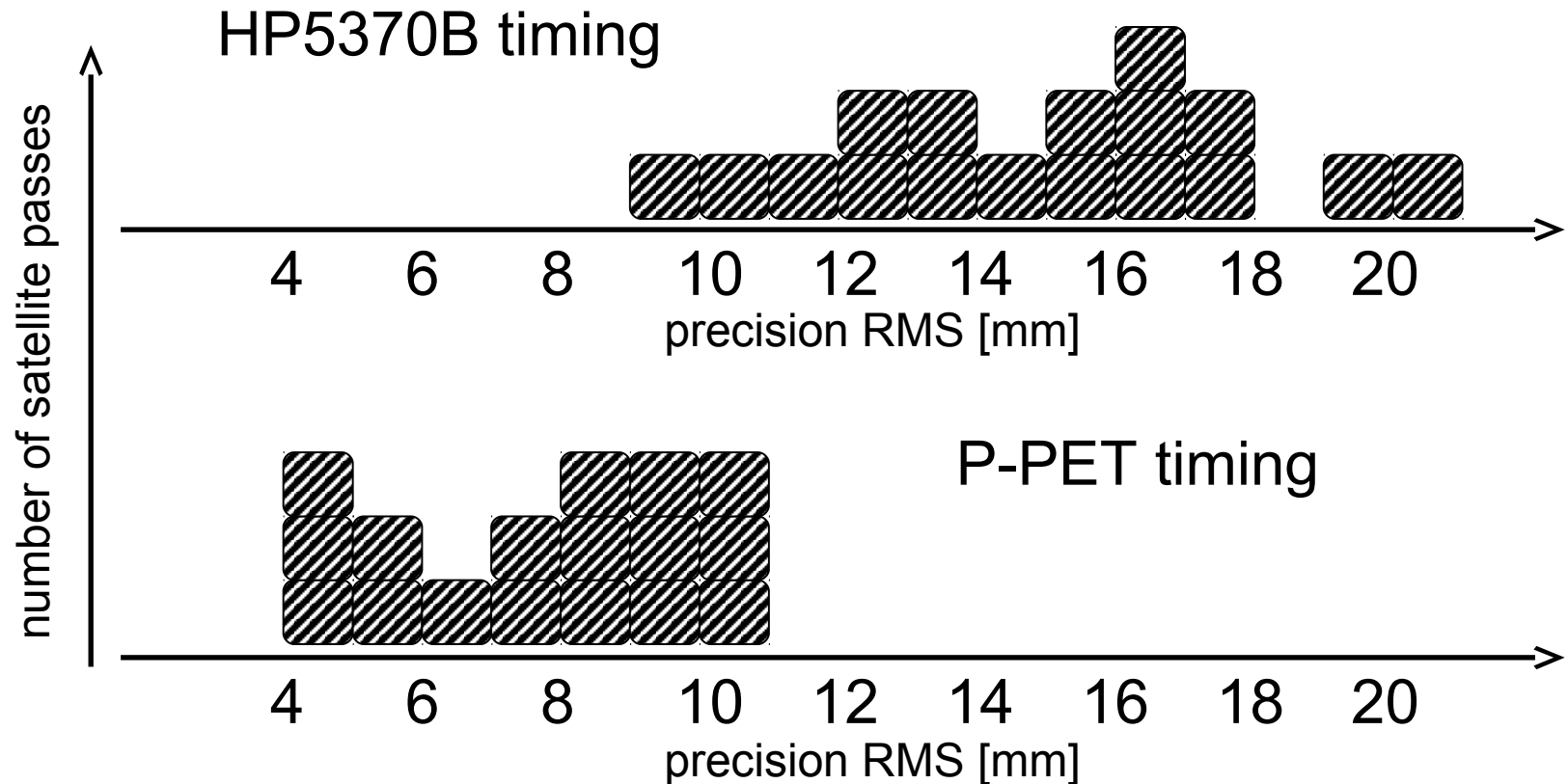
2 x HP5370

PET4TIGO

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# SLR single shot precision Shanghai 2001



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## Zimmerwald, 24hour Mission, May 27-28, 1998

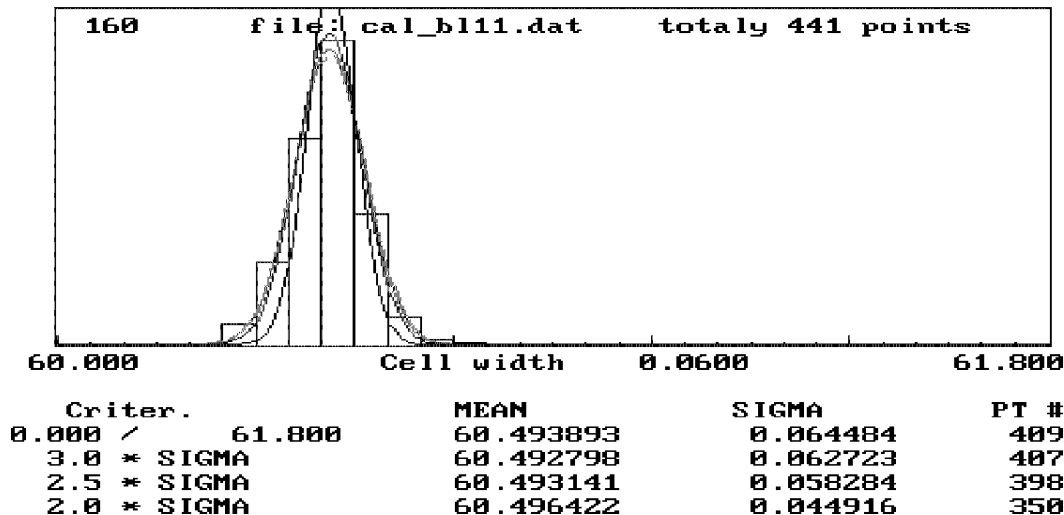
### Two wavelength ranging

Original station setup     150 psec

After system re-cabling and detectors tuning

SLR system                      120 psec

P-PET timing                      76 psec @ red  
58 psec @ blue



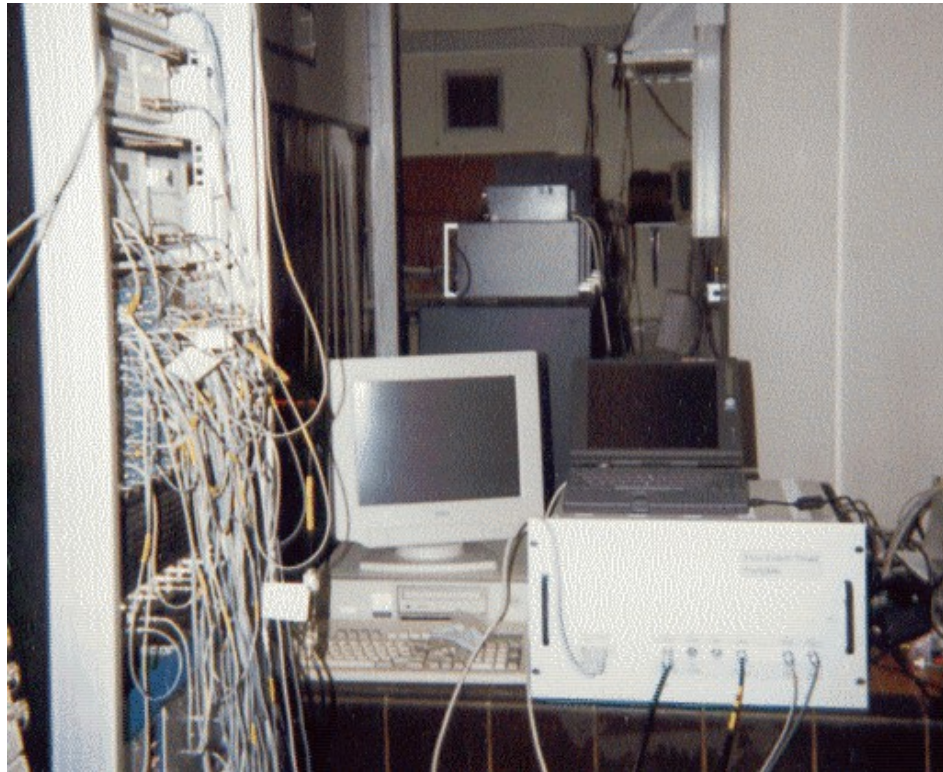
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## P-PET Mission, Herstmonceux, 1998

### Counters linearity tests

Counters



notebook

P-PET

=> Eurolas Workshop, Herstmonceux, March 2002

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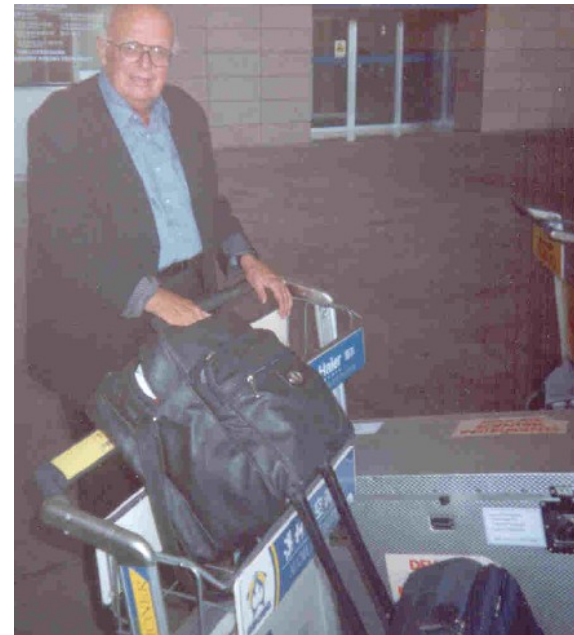
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# P-PET Mission, Shanghai, August 2001

## Personal Luggage Transportation



Shanghai Observatory SLR



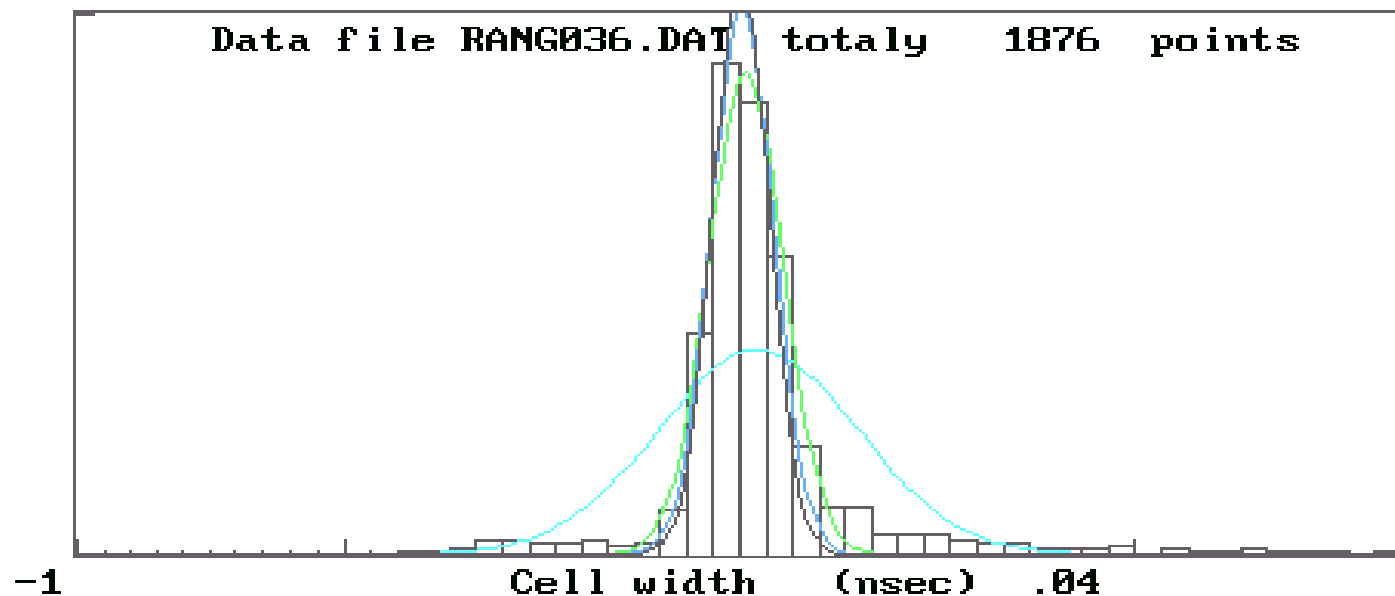
Lufthansa Check-in

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## Shanghai SLR, P-PET timing

Lageos, Aug. 19, 2001 7.0 mm rms

Range residuals 101 8 19 7603901. at 12:20 UT



|        | Criter.     |       | MEAN     | SIGMA    | PT # |
|--------|-------------|-------|----------|----------|------|
| Limits | -1.000 /    | 1.000 | 0.027430 | 0.151741 | 1315 |
|        | 3 * SIGMA   |       | 0.007832 | 0.056696 | 1153 |
|        | 2.5 * SIGMA |       | 0.002507 | 0.047051 | 1093 |
|        | 2.2 * SIGMA |       | 0.000586 | 0.042044 | 1041 |

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## Conclusion

- Portable Calibration Standard based on a Pico Event Timer is a powerful tool to identify error sources in the SLR “ranging machine”
- the entire system is compact,  
easy to transport,  
fast to install and  
user friendly
- the calibration mission can be accomplished within one week time slot,