Omi-SLR

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Development of Omni-SLR System: (3) Timing/software subsystem

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Graphic & Control

Development goals

- Distributed system
- Low electric power



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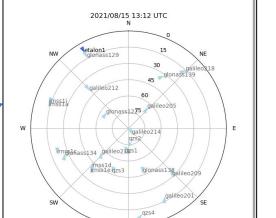
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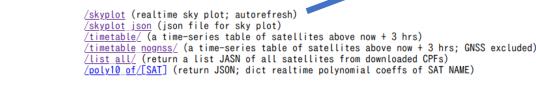
Background noise & Atmospheric reflection

Timing system

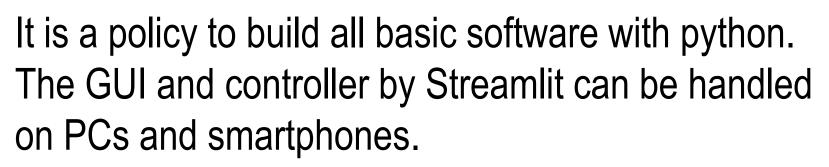
Timing is measured by Swabian Instrument's Time Tagger Ultra.

It is about 2 million yen, and it is cheap, but the handling method for SLR is not established, so it is

- Small tasks assigned to Raspberry Pis "*-san"
 "cpf-san": downloading and processing CPF predictions
 "adsb-san" (with FlightAware dongle): monitoring realtime air traffic
 "laser-san": generating trigger signals for CRYLAS laser
 "gps-san": monitoring Jackson-lab GNSS receiver
 "mets-san": collecting meteorological data from Vaisala barometer etc
- Communications with Raspberry Pis
 House-made web-tool using Flask
 Simple user interface via browsers
 Two-way data/command flow



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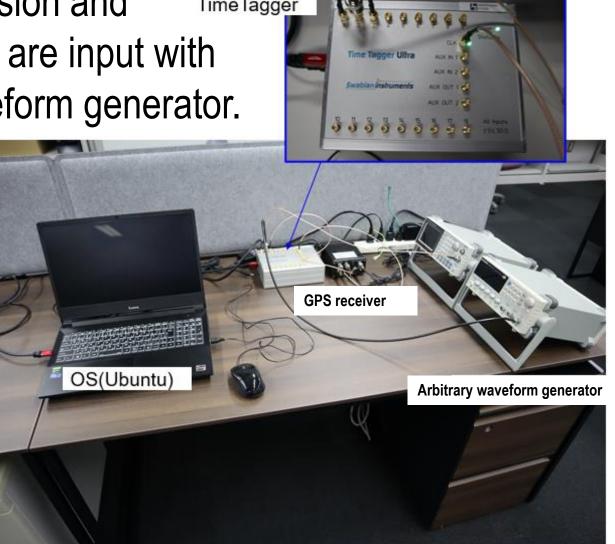
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Pseudo transmission and TimeTagger reception signals are input with an arbitrary waveform generator.



Detector test

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"adsb-san'

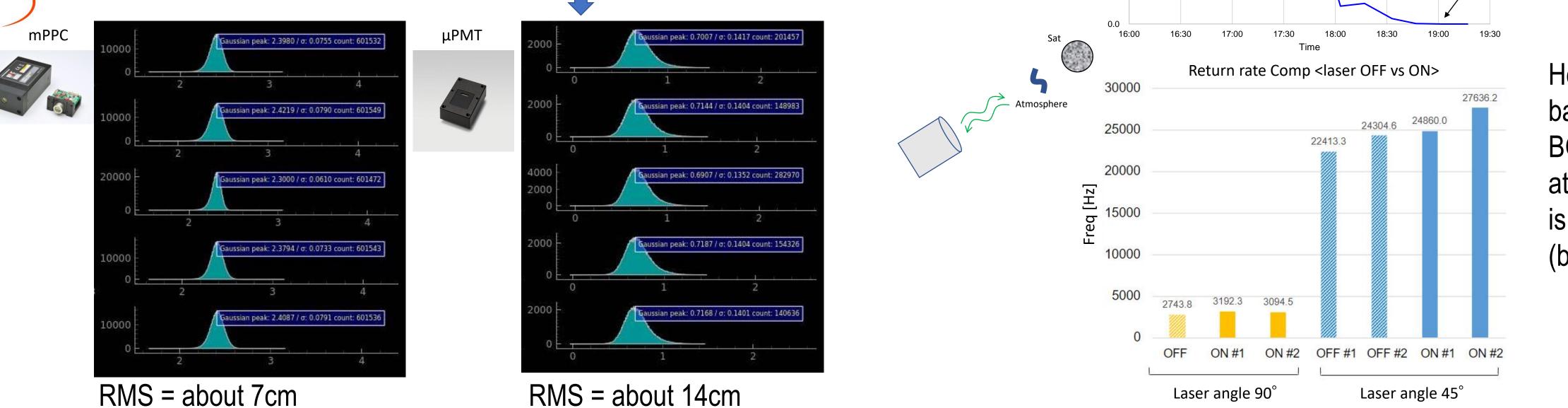
The feasibility of the optical system was confirmed by a range finding test for an indoor target. We also investigated detectors and confirmed that Hamamatsu Photonics mPPC was superior to μ PMT in terms of variability and accuracy of detection timing.









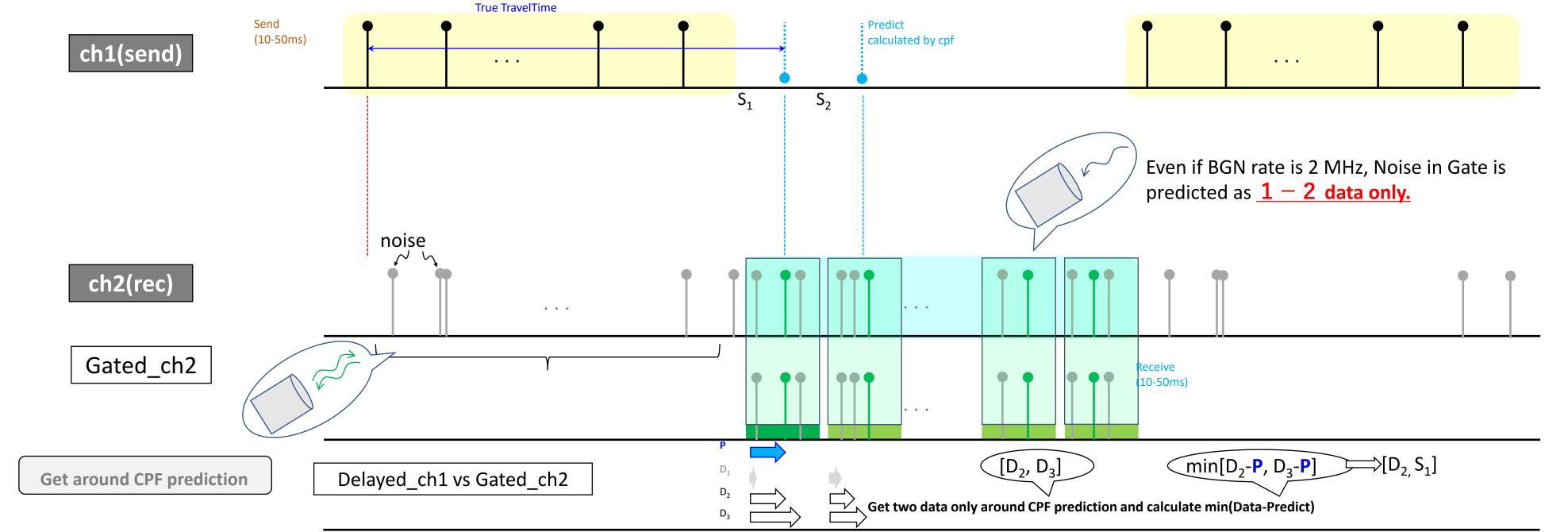


How much does Omni-SLR receive background noise (BGN)? We observed BGN (upper graph; ND5 filtering). Also, atmospheric reflection was observed and is believed not to be main noise source (bottom graph).

Timing data acquisition

Low-cost PC & Time Tagger have a limit about detection speed and data size. We considered and proposed a detection algorithm in a limited machine system as this fig. Using burst laser sending and CPF prediction (1st column), data that should be processed is largely reduced (2nd~4th columns).

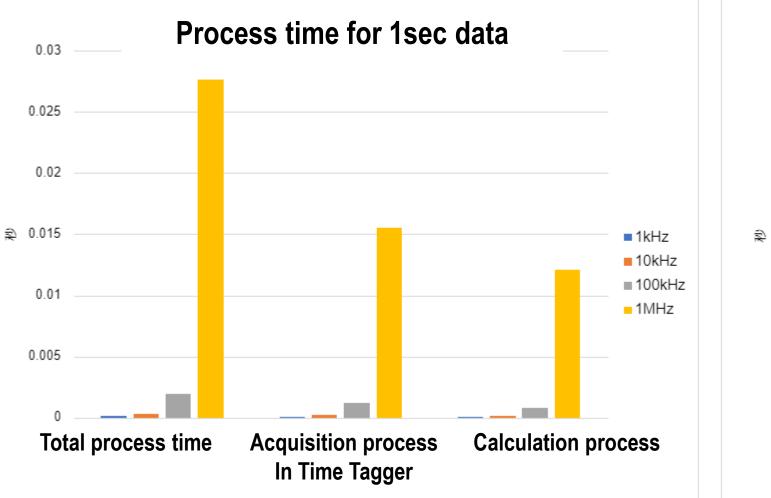
From this method, high-rate (kHz) SLR observation can be performed under our limited system.

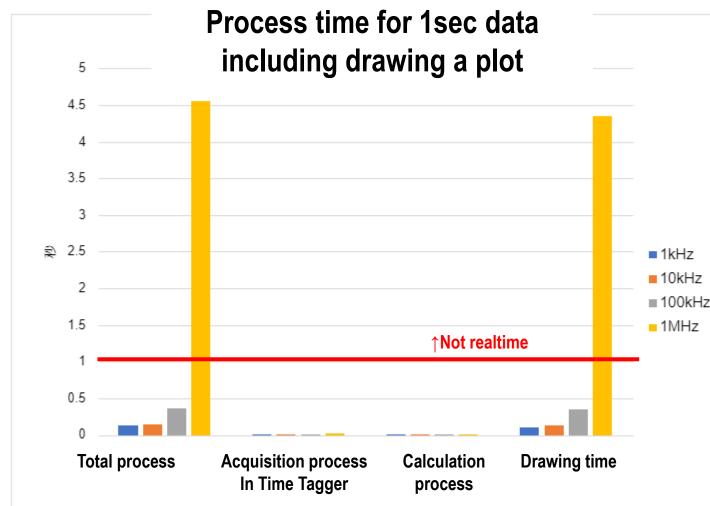


Process time comparison

This detection method can detect pseudo MHz data (left graph). On the other hands, when drawing all the data, MHz data cannot be drawn in real-time. (This is due to python system and PC spec). Here, data must be thinned

for real-time drawing.





To-do's

* Sophistication and generalization of GUI.

* Verification with actual data (short-range targets/satellites). I would like to accumulate data by next year.

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