# **ALPACA Deadtime PSI2021**

#### What classes of deadtime do we have in ALPACA?

**Deadtime**: **Fraction of time** the DAQ was not able to start event recording on possible triggers





#### 1st approach: "Gap analysis"

Check gaps between consecutive timestamps; report every gap > 100 ms



## 2nd approach: "Test pulser analysis"

Count number of test pulser events recorded; we know that it should be 30 Hz if no deadtime



Type 1) Intrace pileup; DAQ window blocked due to previous trigger



## Comparison: lifetime from gaps vs lifetime from pulser



Lifetime from pulser much lower  $\rightarrow$  presumably due to in-trace pileup: need to finish cross-check of methods!

## Se-76 gap analysis

Channel Ge 1 Ge 2 Ge 3 Ge 5 Ge 5 Ge 7 Ge 8 PMT 0 PMT 1 PMT 2 PMT 3	Runtime [s] 321661 321706 321685 321678 321668 321692 321697 321678 321707 321580 321580 321580	lost time [s] 138058 42107 88249.1 87887.9 125583 53441.9 65591.3 105098 39718.6 298020 298024 298026 298020	loss fraction [%] 42.9204 13.0887 27.4334 27.3217 39.0412 16.6128 20.3892 32.6719 12.3462 92.6737 92.6751 92.6755 92.6736	life time fraction	
	life time fraction of complete system driven by PMTs				







#### **Ba-136 PMT**



## BUG! -> MESSEUP UP TIMESTAMPS

Channel	Runtime [s]	lost time [s]	loss fraction [%]
PMT 0	-4.47383e+06	460977	-10.3038
PMT 1	-5.05044e+06	462843	-9.16441
PMT 2	-6.31792e+06	461060	-7.29765
PMT 3	-3.40227e+06	460978	-13.5491

#### Intermezzo: in ba136-05 timestamps are messed up





#### Ba-nat Ge



Lhannel	Runtime [s]	lost time [s]	loss fraction [%
Ge 1	172583	36034.9	20.8797
Ge 2	172583	36072.4	20.9015
Ge 3	172583	36030.9	20.8774
Ge 4	172583	36035.2	20.8799
Ge 5	172583	36037.9	20.8815
Ge 6	172583	36102.2	20.9187
Ge 7	172583	36030.4	20.8771
Ge 8	172583	36032.1	20.8781





Channel	Runtime [s]	lost time [s]	loss fraction [%]
PMT 0	172583	36029.5	20.8766
PMT 1	172583	36029.5	20.8766
PMT 2	172583	36029.5	20.8766
PMT 3	172583	36029.5	20.8766

## Backup

Size of gaps in regular data taking much smaller than 60 s





#### Se-76 PMT



Char	nnel	Runtime	[s]	lost	time	[s]	loss	fraction	[%]
PMT	0	321580		29802	20		92.67	737	
PMT	1	321580		29802	24		92.67	/51	
PMT	2	321580		29802	26		92.67	755	
PMT	3	321580		29802	20		92.67	736	
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#### Deadtime from intrace pileup



#### Intrace pileup

Efficiency to detect 2nd pulse

Even for very close pulses, no dependence on energy of 2nd visible  $\rightarrow$  looks like we have **no** energy-dependent trigger efficiency

