

# Geiger Counter Detected Background Radiation

## A classical Poisson distribution

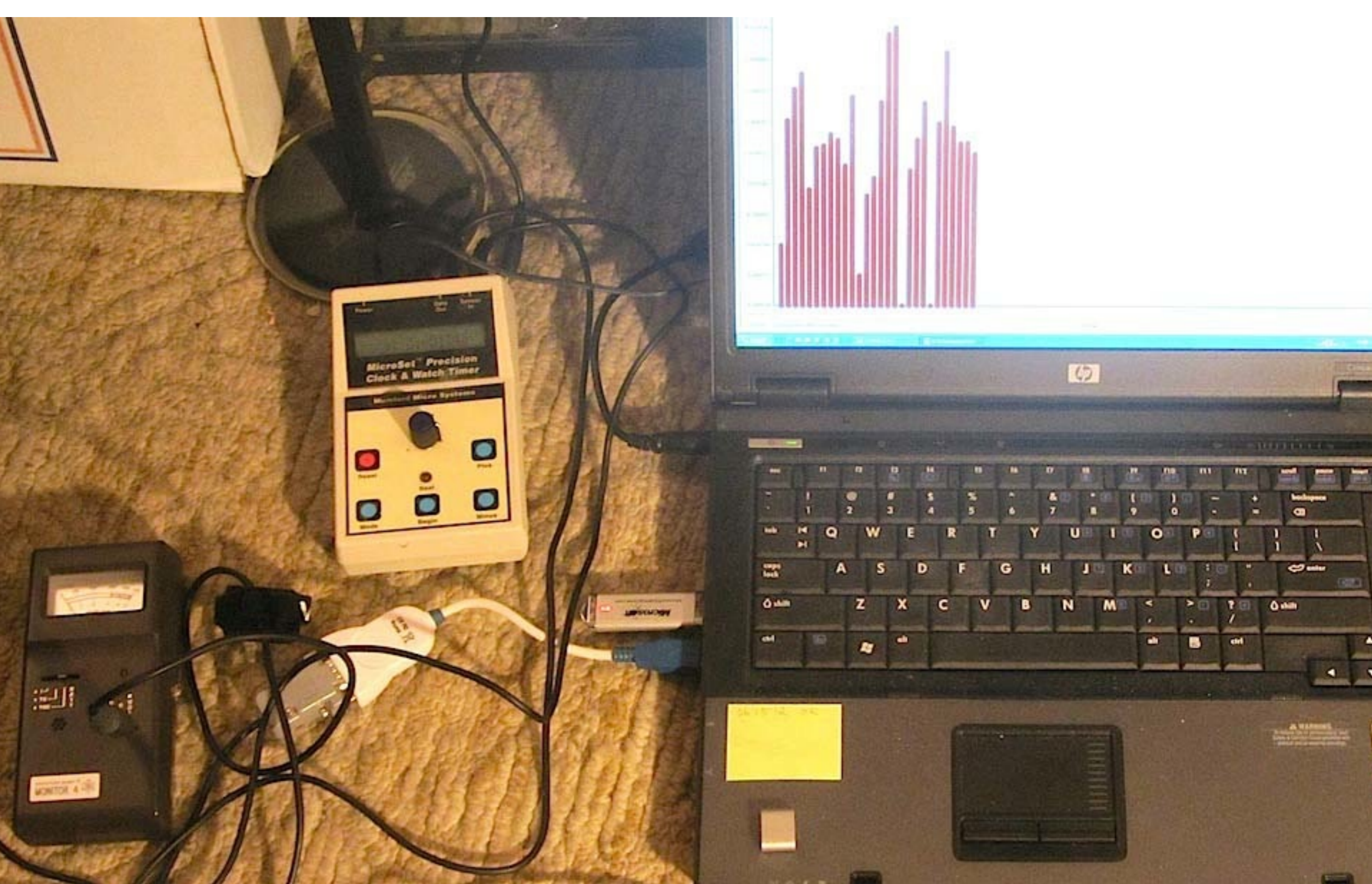
The earliest famous one is the analysis of horse kick deaths in the Prussian Army.

[Ladislaus Bortkiewicz - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)

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I suspect the easiest obtainable and most agreeable Poisson distribution is nuclear decay.

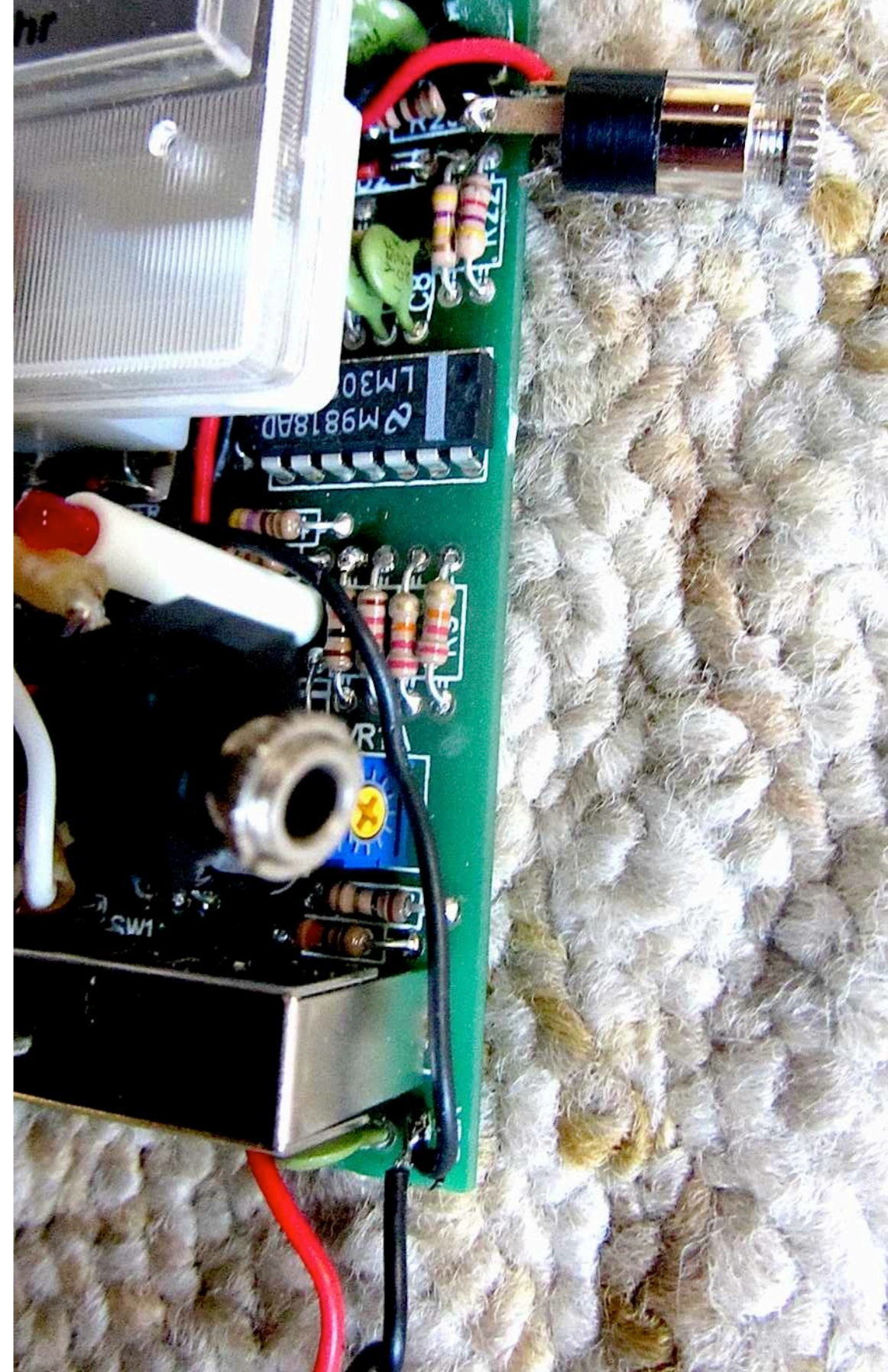
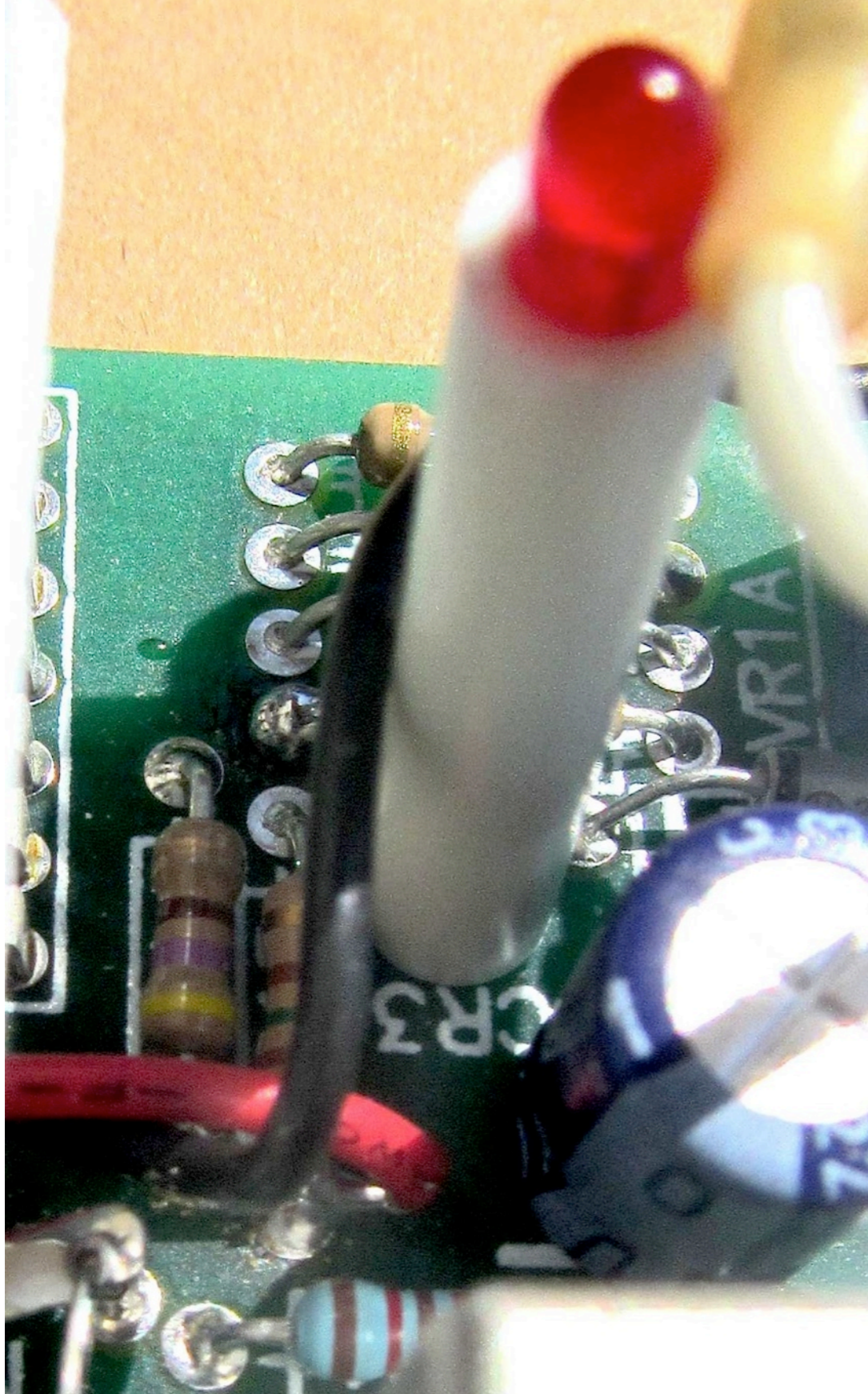
The following are minimally commented images:



Vernier's counter, MicroSet, and IBM platform portable Note acoustic sensor clipped to switch counter switch.



MicroSet input connected to “speaker” terminals.

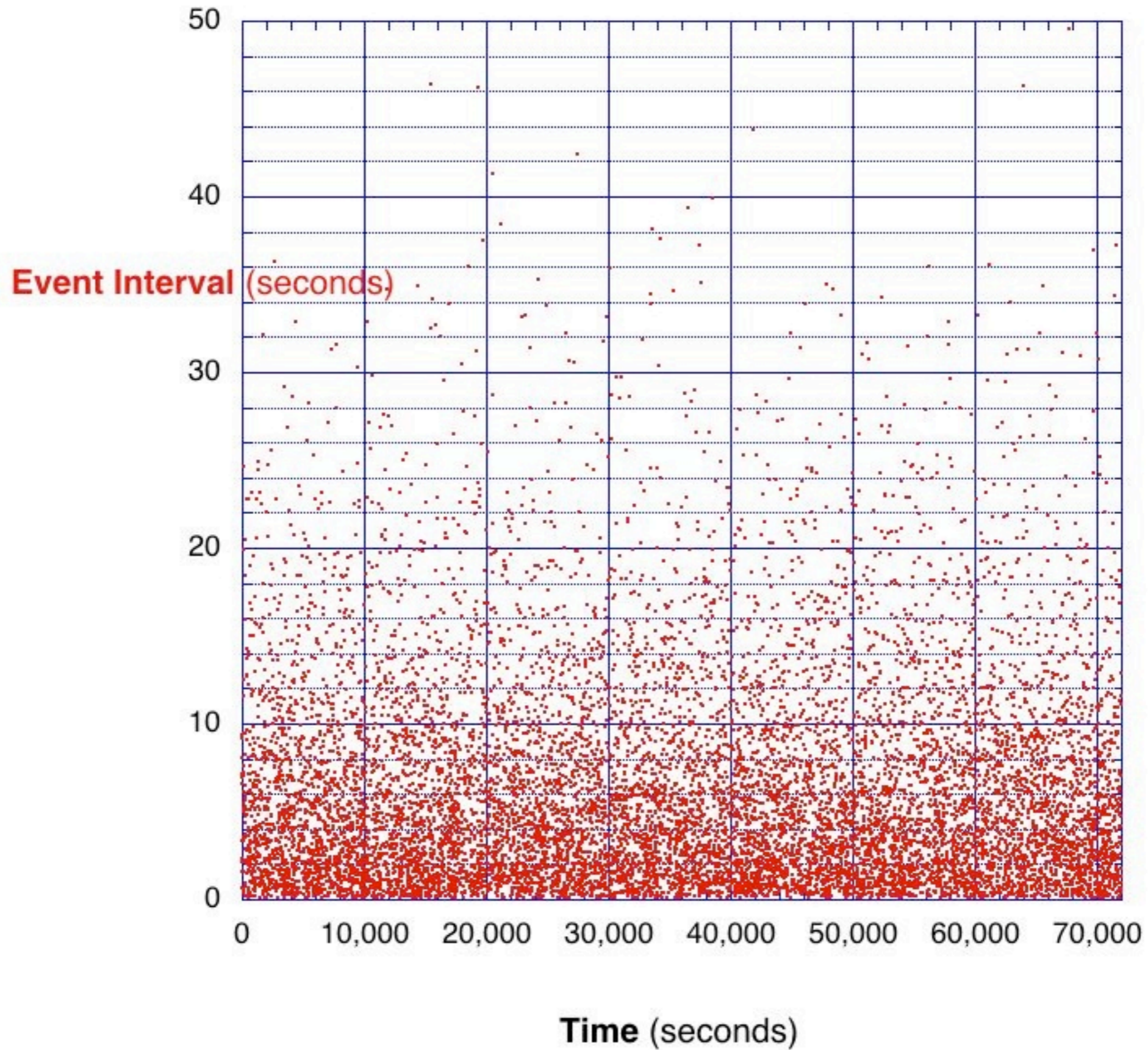


Better with jack connected to ground and LED driver.



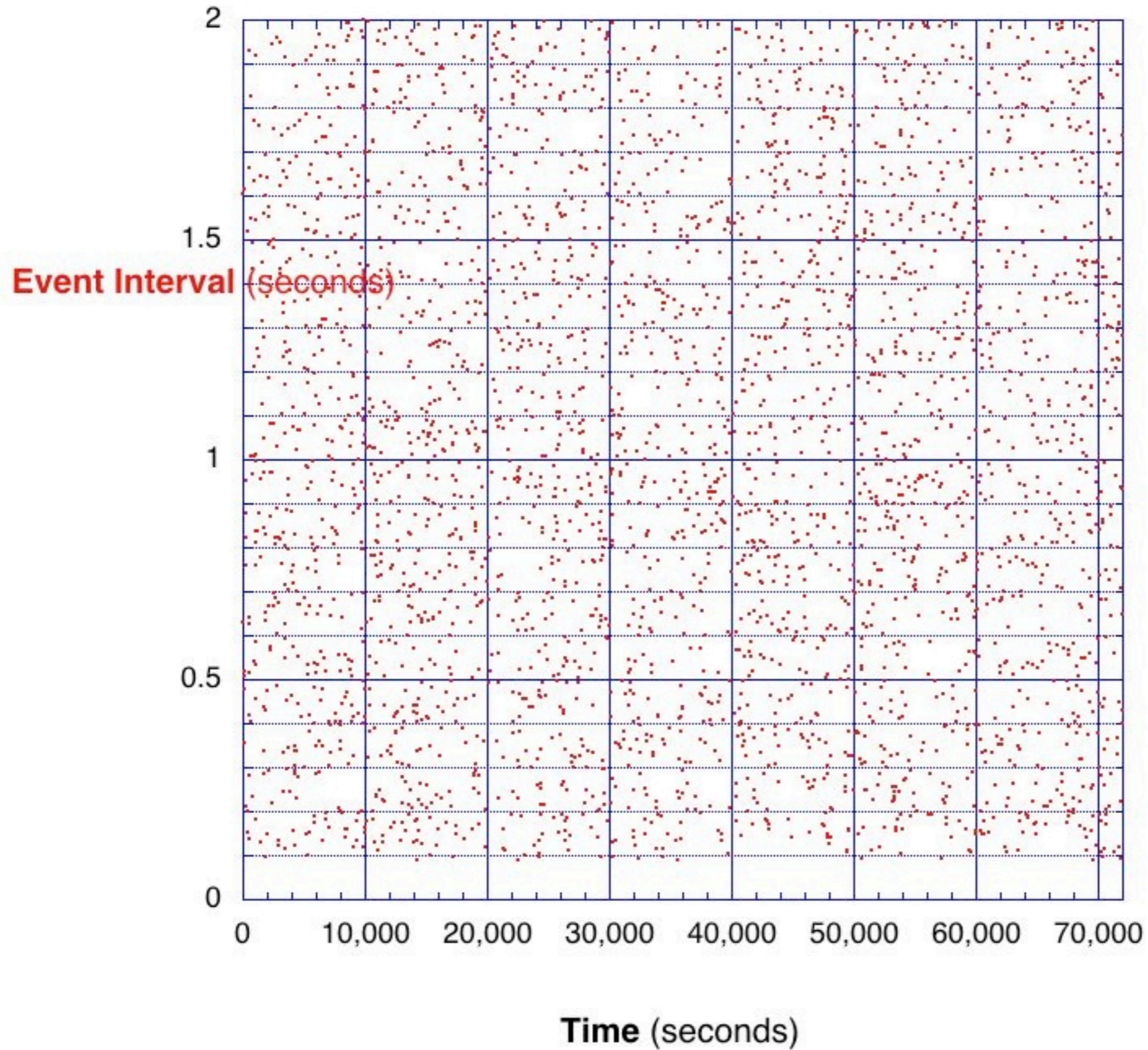
Counter shielded

# Background Shielded Counter



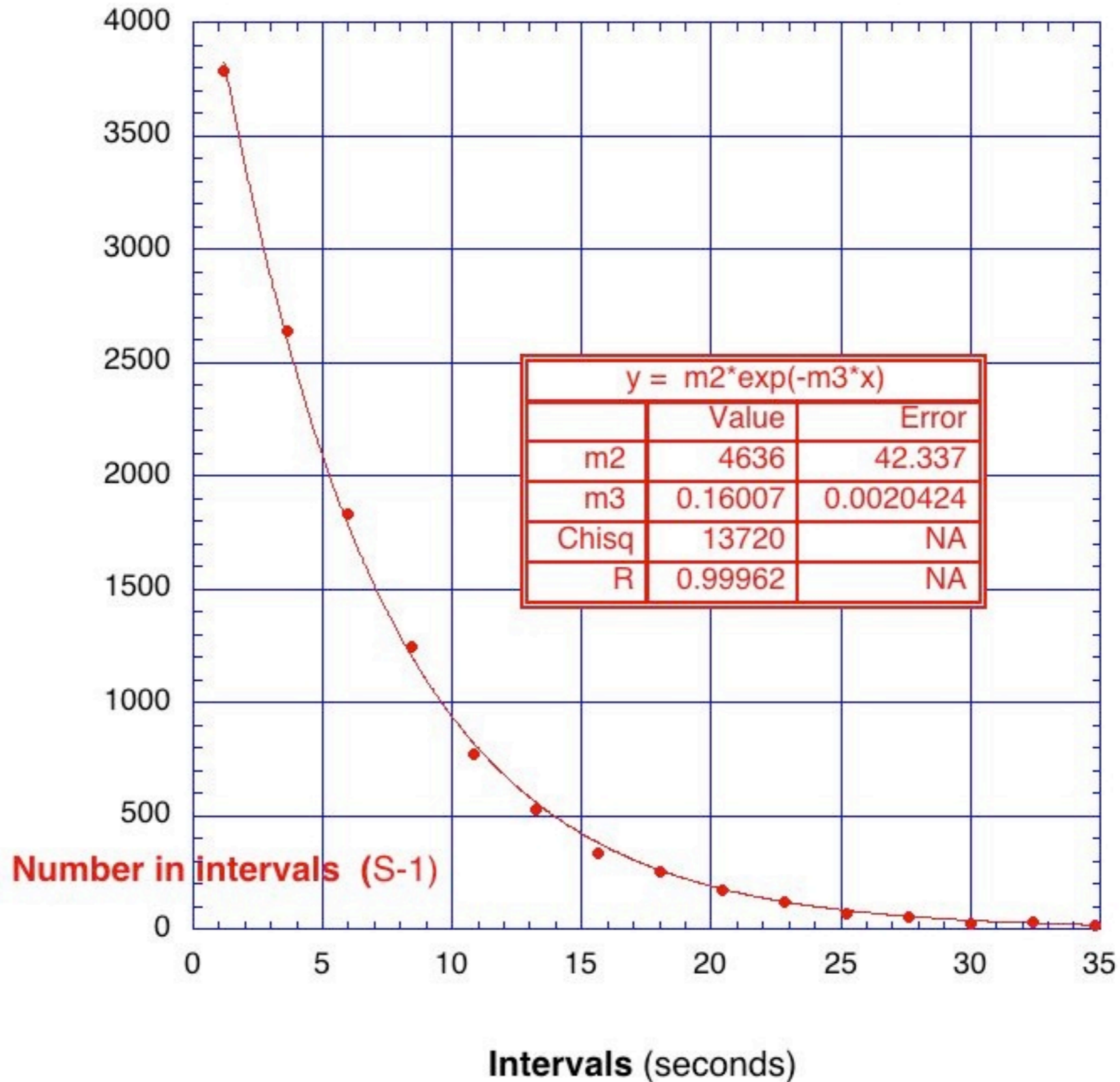
Time series. Mean rate is  $\sim 0.1653$  cps

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Note rather long G-M tube dead time. ( $\sim 100$  ms)

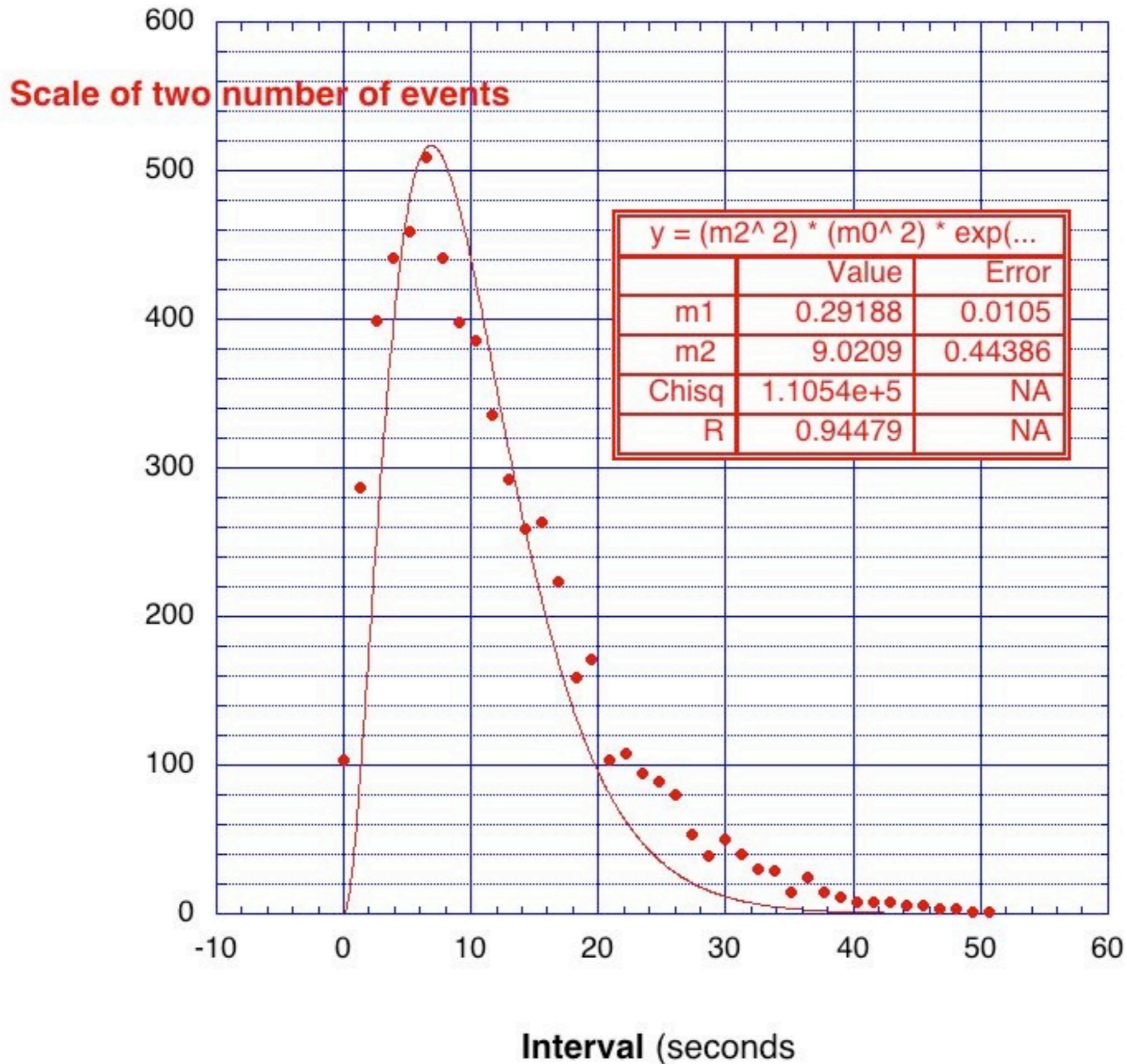
0=>36; 15 ; C



Binned intervals (15 bins, zero to 36 seconds between events)



S-2; 0=>52; 40



Scale of two binned, zero to 52 seconds, 40 bins