



Hyper-K PMTs Charge and Time Reconstruction with HKROC ASIC



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Hyper-Kamiokande

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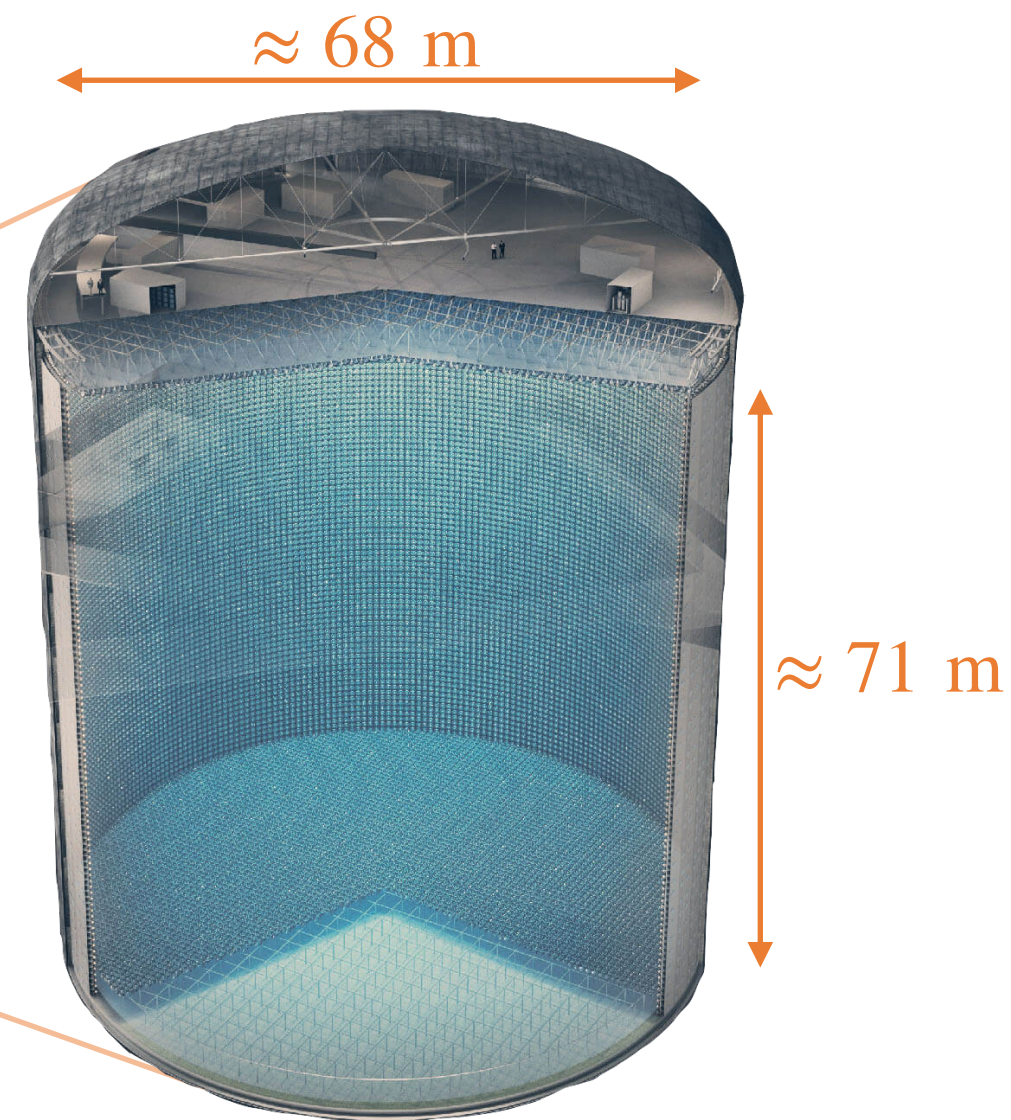
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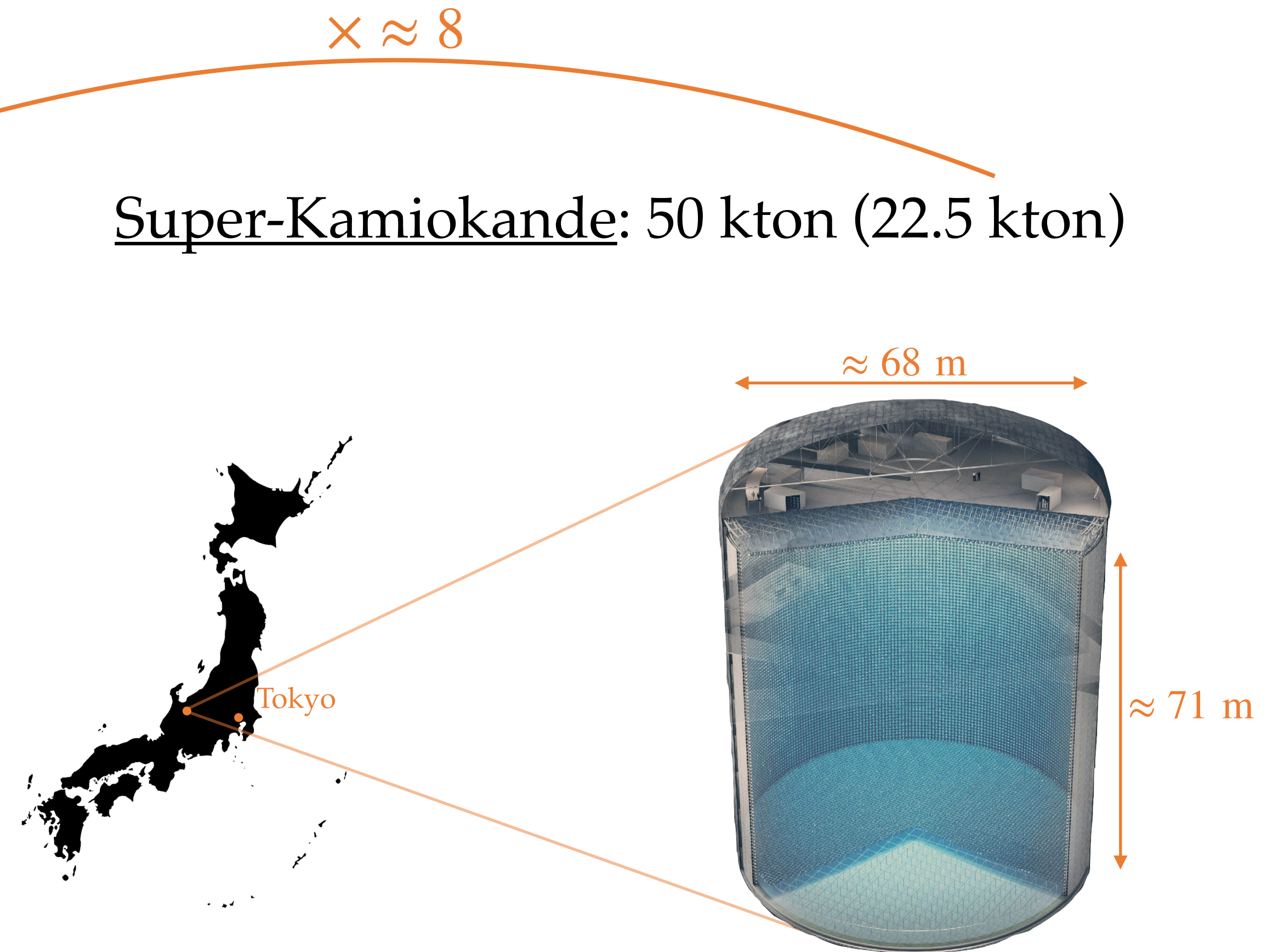
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- 20 000 PMTs in the Inner Detector
 - Diameter: 50 cm
 - Photocathode coverage: 20%
- Located 650 m under Mt. Nijugoyama
 - Shield from cosmic muons

10 km from Super-K

Physics program



- Accelerator & Atmospheric ν

- CP violation for leptons; Measurement of δ_{CP} ; Leptogenesis; Mass hierarchy

- Proton decay

- Grand Unified Theories through p decay

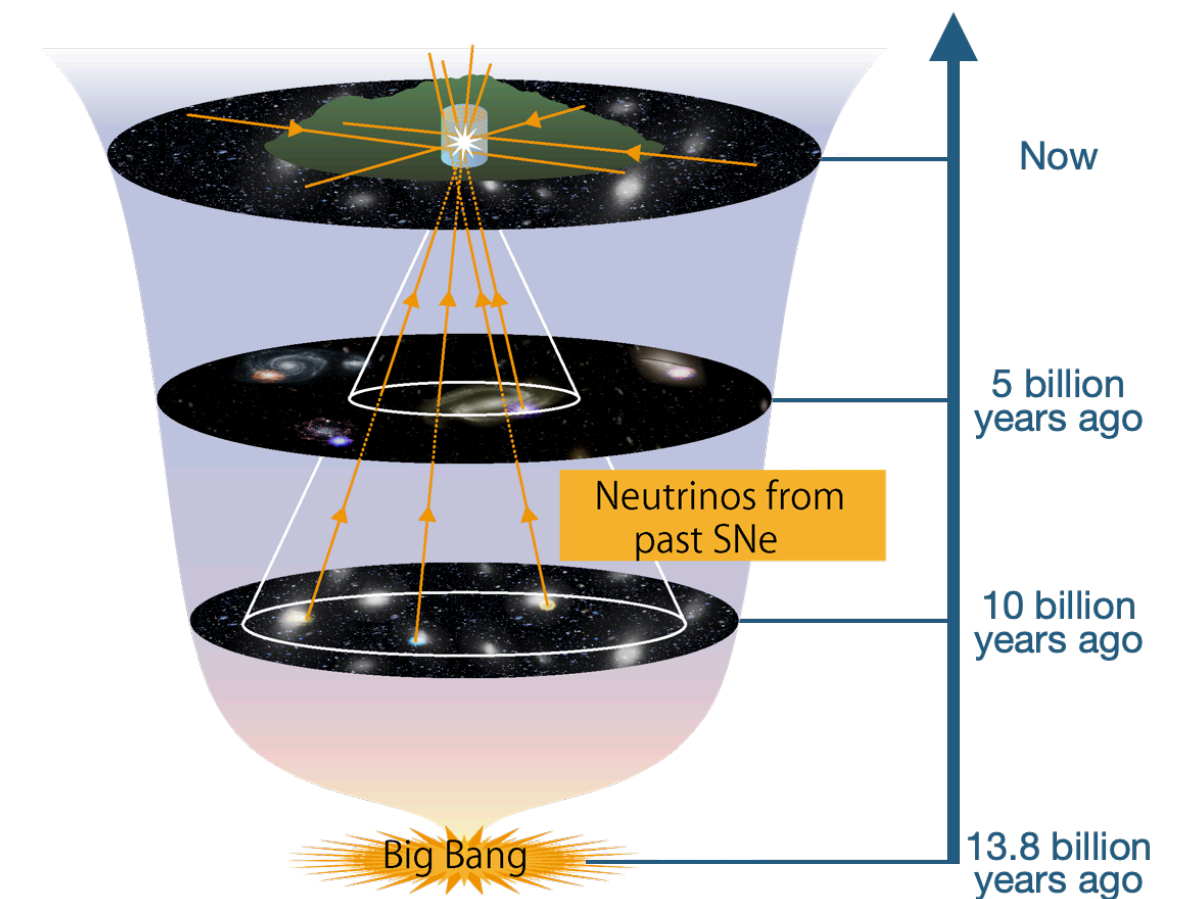
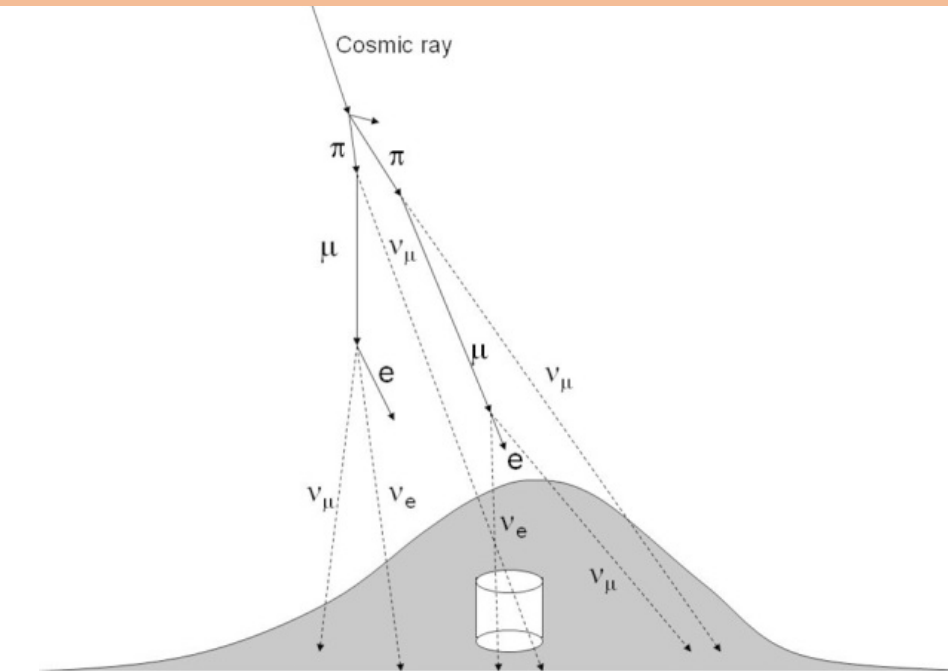
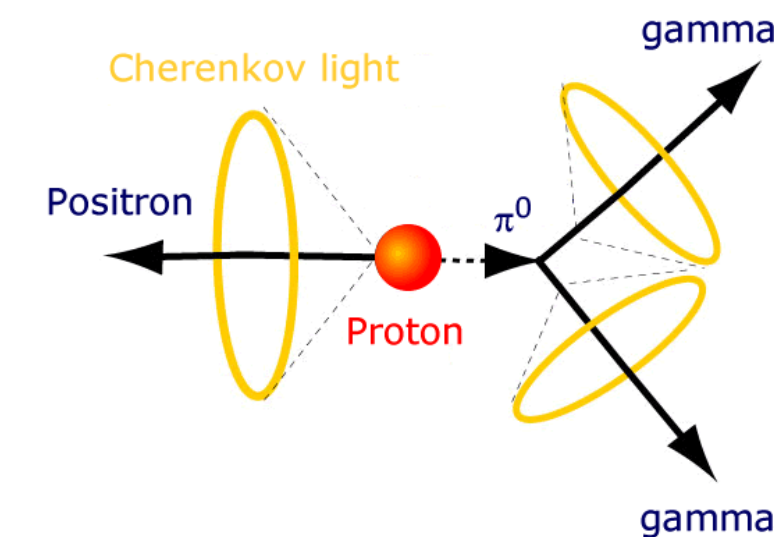
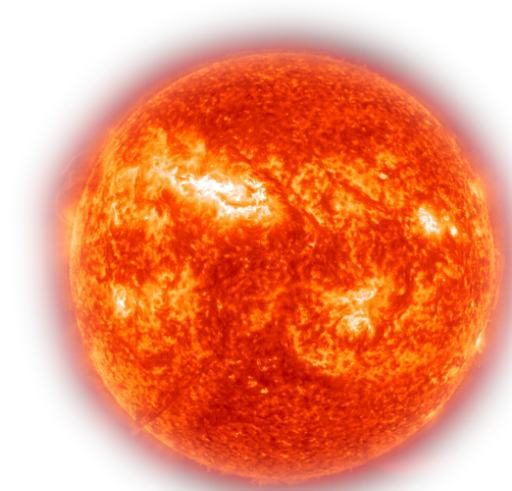
- Solar ν

- MSW effect; Non-standard interactions

- Supernova ν

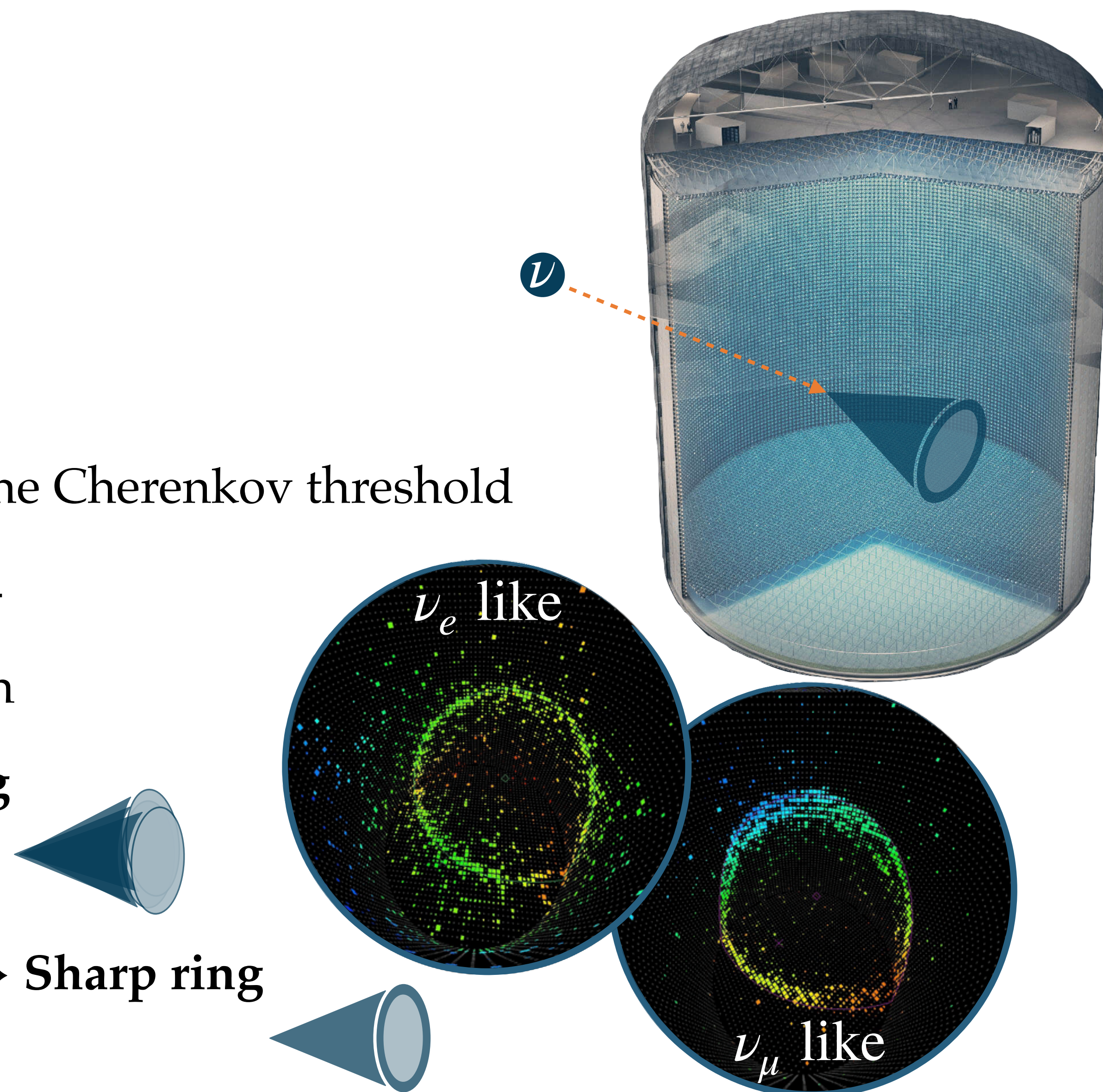
- Direct: Supernova models

- Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background: Star formation rate; Black hole fraction; History of the Universe; Non-standard interactions



Cherenkov effect

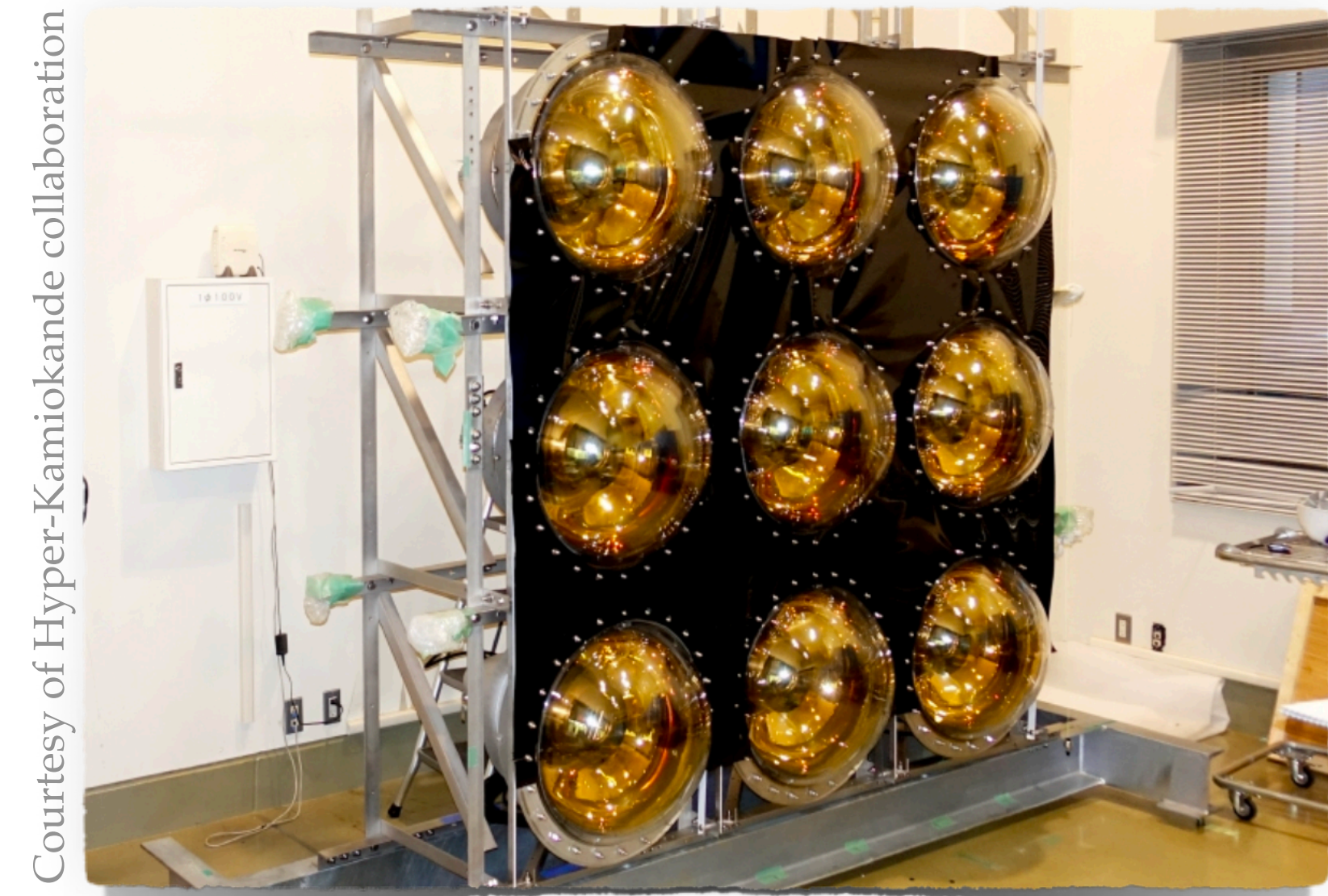
- Need charged particles!
 - $\nu_e \rightarrow e^- \mid \bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow e^+$
 - $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \mu^- \mid \bar{\nu}_mu \rightarrow \mu^+$
- In a medium: If $v_{\text{charged particle}} > c/n \Rightarrow$ above the Cherenkov threshold
- For SK & HK: $n_{\text{water}} = 1.333 \Rightarrow c/n_{\text{water}} \approx 3c/4$
- Particle identification based on the ring pattern
 - $e^{-/+}$: m_e small \rightarrow Often scatter \rightarrow **Fuzzy ring**
 - $\mu^{-/+}$: $m_\mu \approx 200 \times m_e \rightarrow$ Straight trajectory \rightarrow **Sharp ring**



Photomultiplier tubes

3 700 delivered up to now

- 20 000 PMTs of 50 cm: Hamamatsu R12860-HQE (\leftrightarrow High Quantum Efficiency)
- Constant quality inspection: Visual and measurements

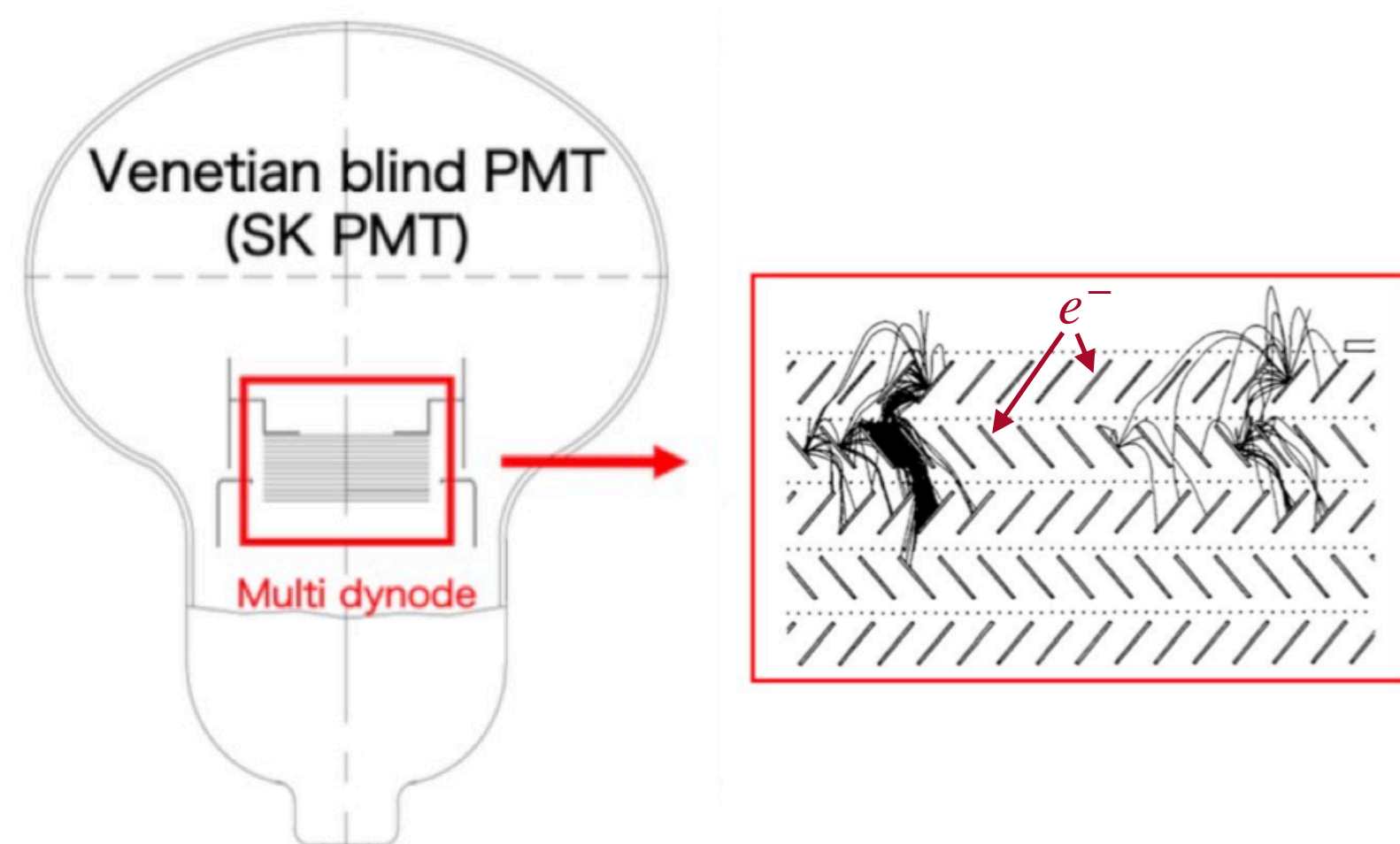


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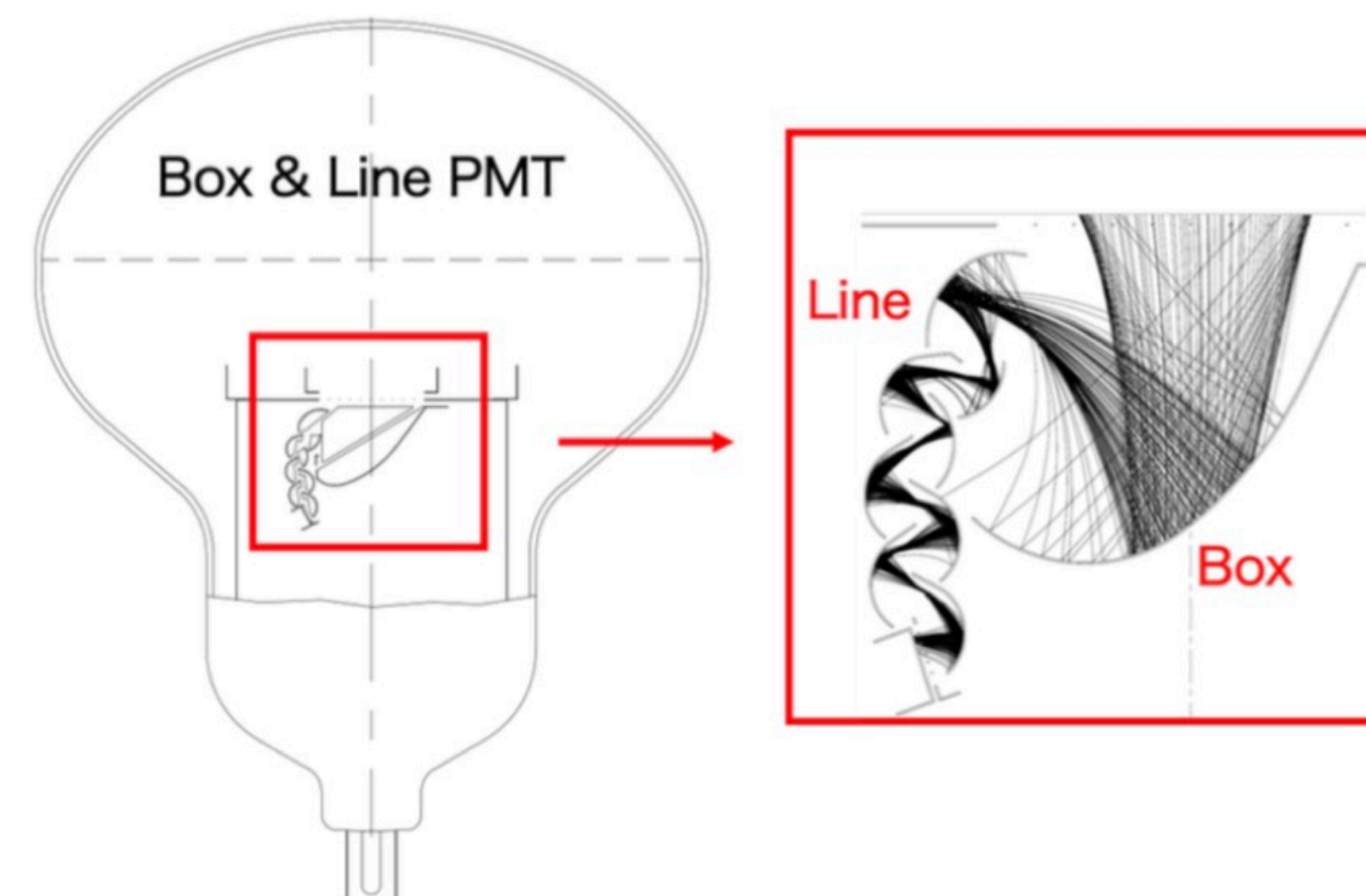
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Hamamatsu R12860-HQE



- e^- might miss first dynode (\searrow CE)
- Drift path can vary (\searrow T & Q res.)



- e^- almost never miss box-shape dynode (\nearrow CE)
- Uniform drift path (\nearrow T & Q res.)

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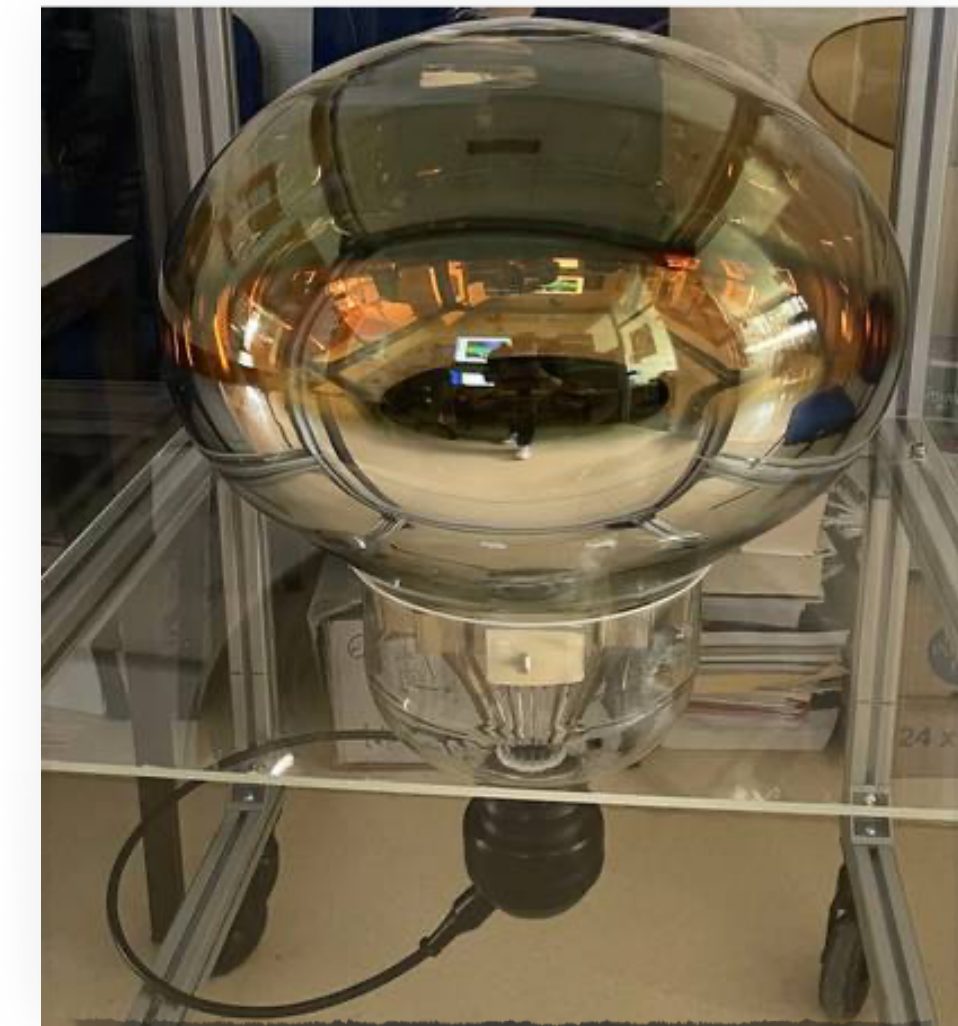
- Layers:
 - Input window (*borosilicate glass*)
 - Anti-reflection layer
 - Photocathode (*bialkali*)

*p.e. ↔ photoelectron

- Optimized thickness of anti-reflection layer and photocathode deposition

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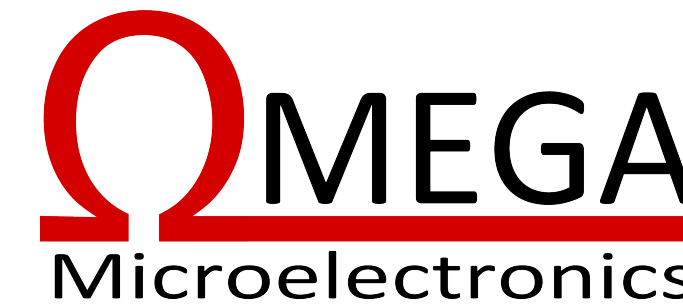


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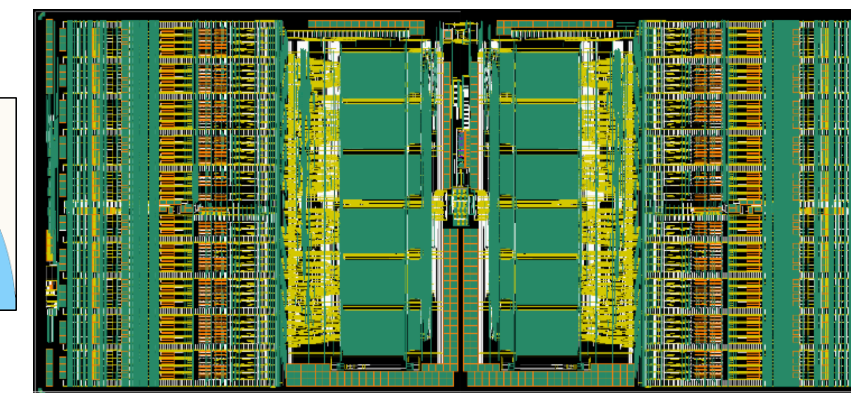
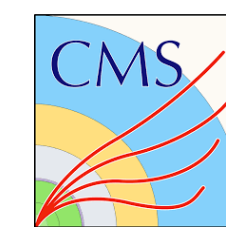
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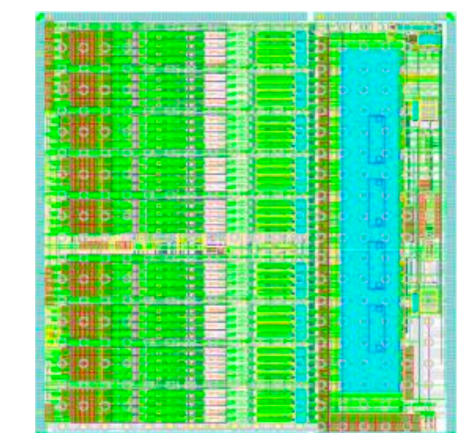
Origins



- Stands for Hyper-Kamiokande ReadOut Chip
- ASIC designed as a proposition for the readout of the PMTs of HK
- Based on **HGCROC** chip developed for the CMS High-Granularity Calorimeter
 - Same ADC, TDC, PLL and readout
 - Small changes in analog and digital parts



HGCROC



HKROC

- Originally created for HK → **Could be adapted/optimized** for different type of PMTs and therefore different experiments

Requirements

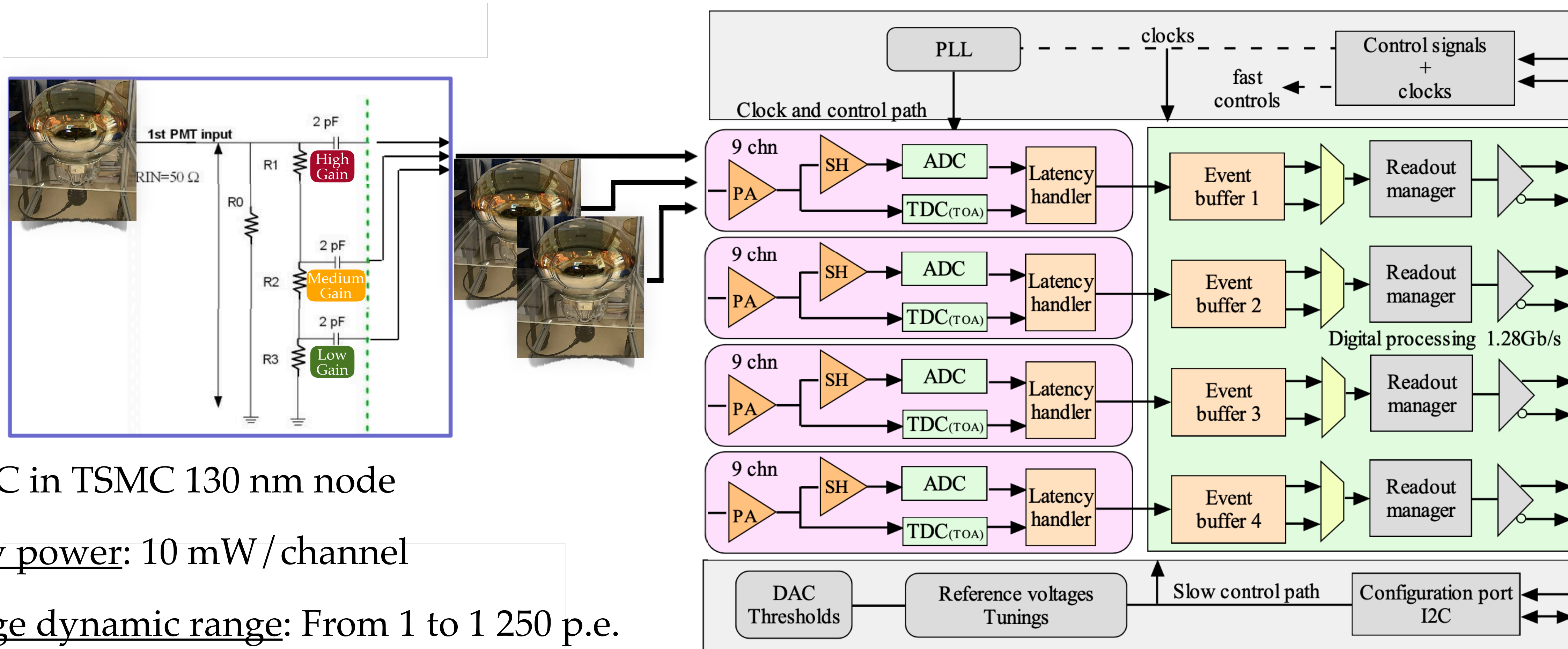
- Electronic box under water: Less cable and signal degradation

*1 p.e. \leftrightarrow 2 pC

Physics constraint	Electronics requirement
Detect synchronous & asynchronous events (accelerator & atmospheric, solar, supernova and p decay)	Self-triggering for each channel
Detect close supernova without event loss (e.g. Betelgeuse)	Channel dead time ($< 1 \mu s$)
Low energy events detection (e.g. SN or atmospheric neutrinos)	Low charge threshold ($< 1/6$ p.e.)
Detection of events from low to high energy	Large dynamic charge range (from 1 to 1 250 p.e.)
Excellent charge (i.e. energy) reconstruction performances	Charge linearity and resolution ($< 1\%$)
Electronics time resolution $<$ PMT time resolution (1.3 ns)	Time resolution (< 0.3 ns for 1 p.e.)
Low power consumption	< 1 W/channel

Main features

- 1 HKROC chip: 12 PMTs \leftrightarrow 36 channels (**High**, **Medium** & **Low** gain)

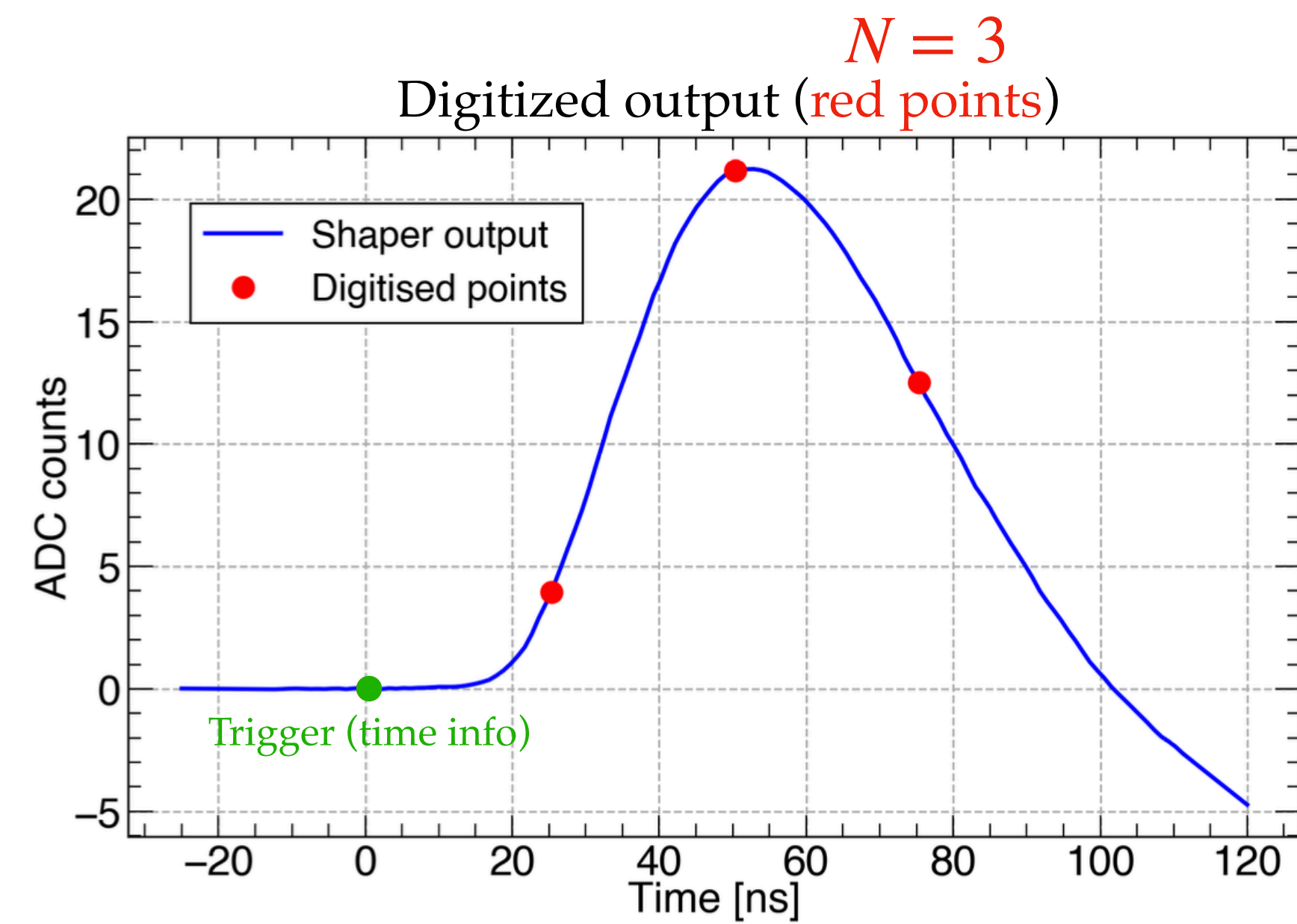
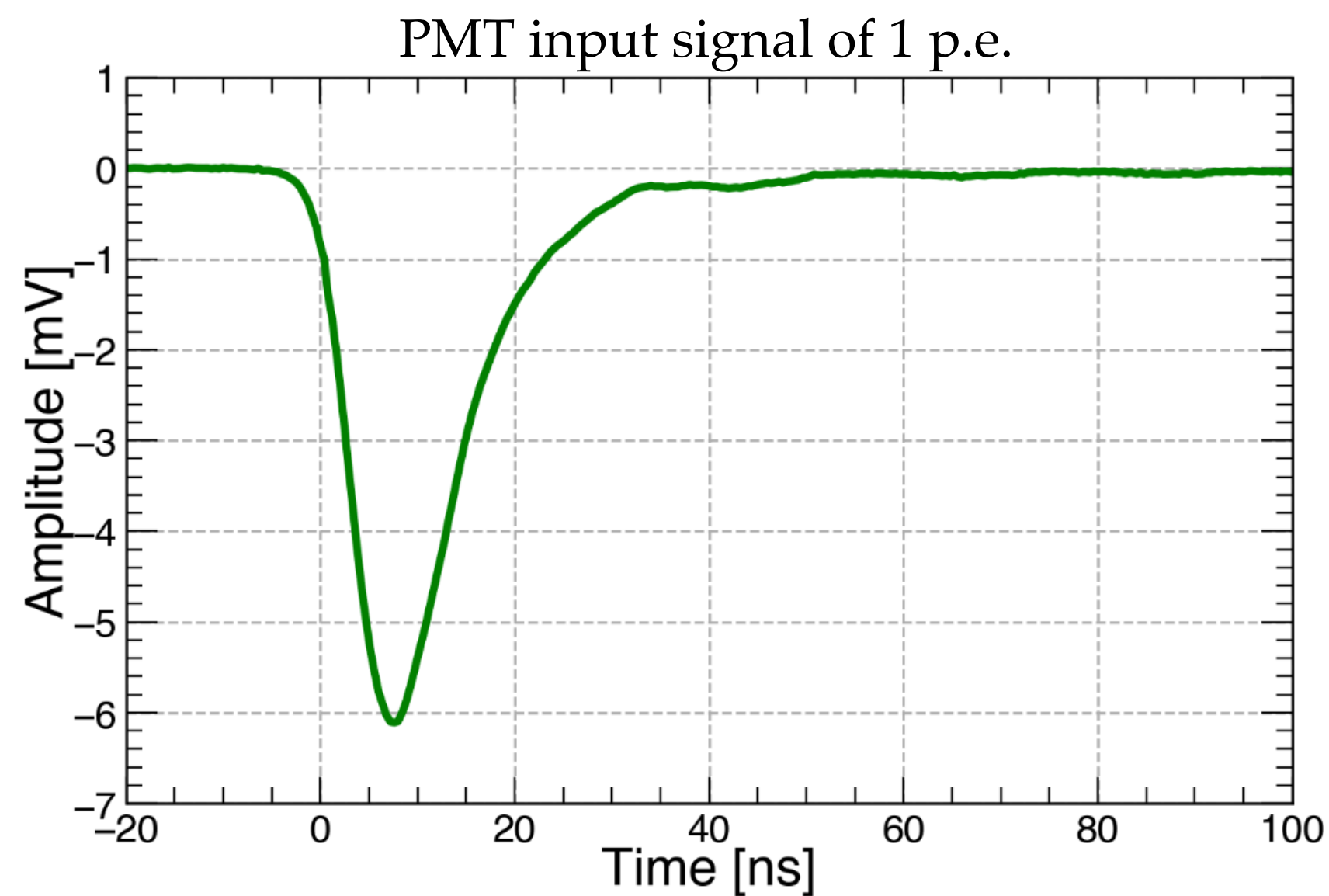


- ASIC in TSMC 130 nm node
- Low power: 10 mW/channel
- Large dynamic range: From 1 to 1 250 p.e.
- 4 readouts/ASIC @ 1.28 Gb/s: 1 readout \leftrightarrow 3 PMTs

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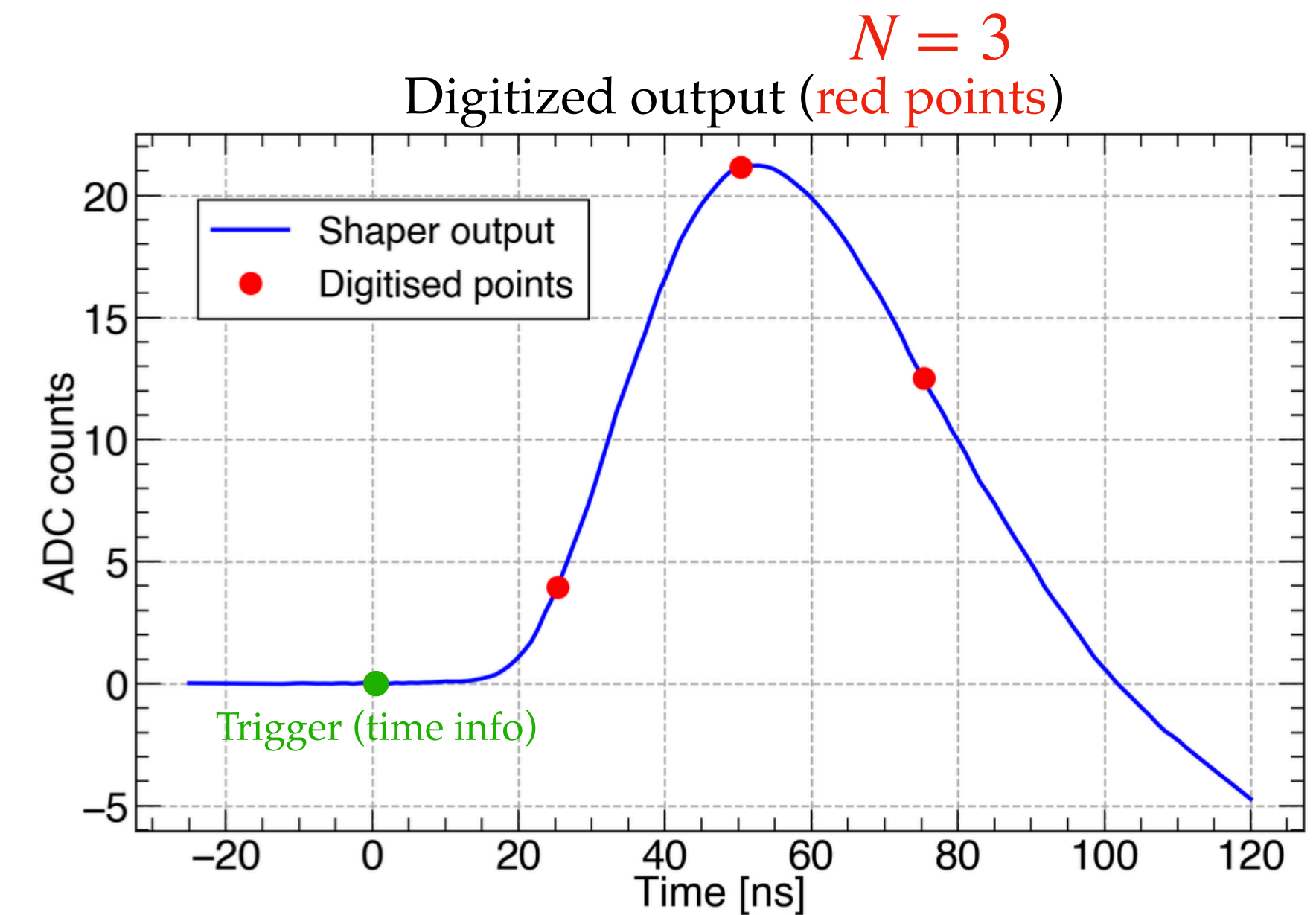
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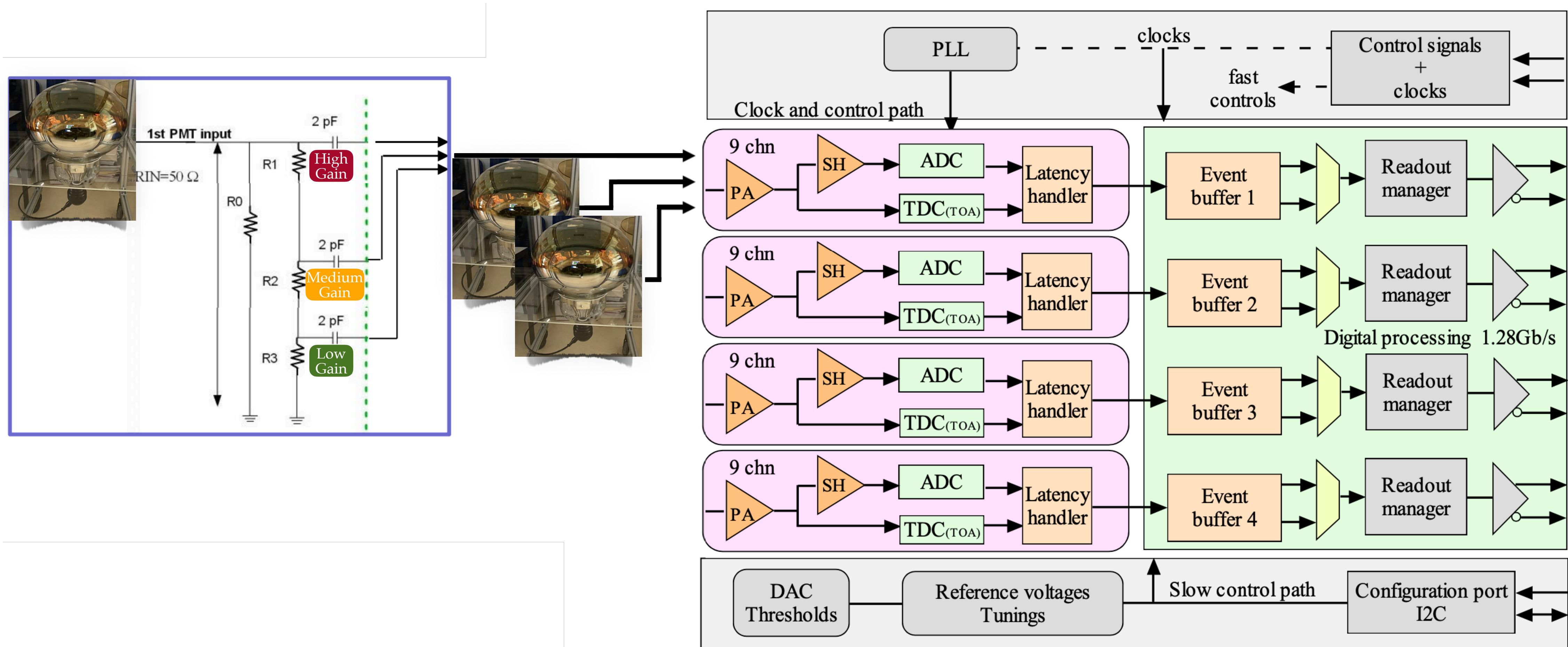
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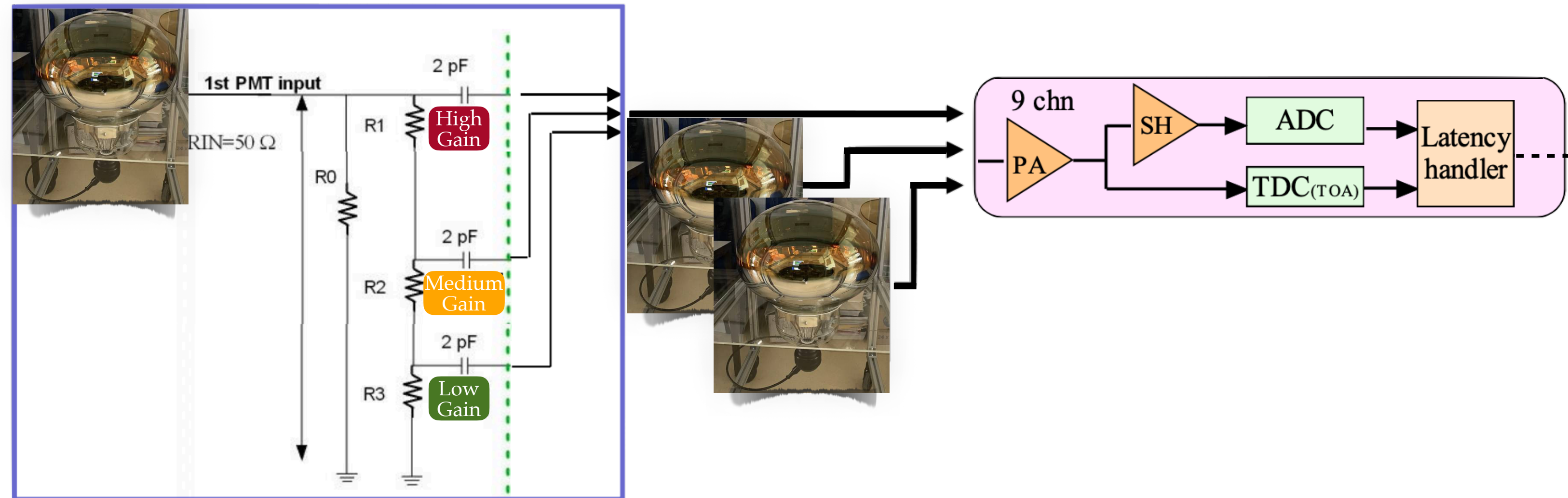
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- Charge reconstruction algorithm in FPGA
- Two modes:
 - Normal mode: Hit rate capability up to 400 kHz/PMT (High, Medium & Low)
 - Supernova mode: Increased up to 950 kHz by focusing on High gain



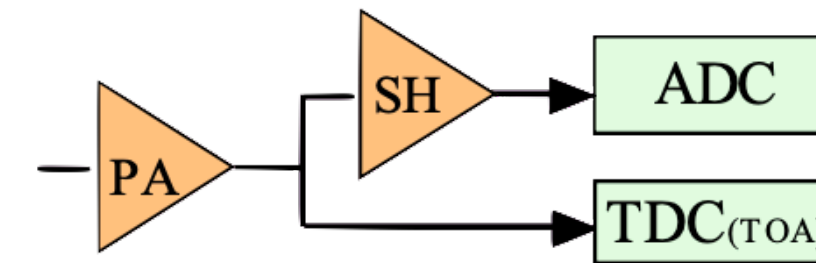
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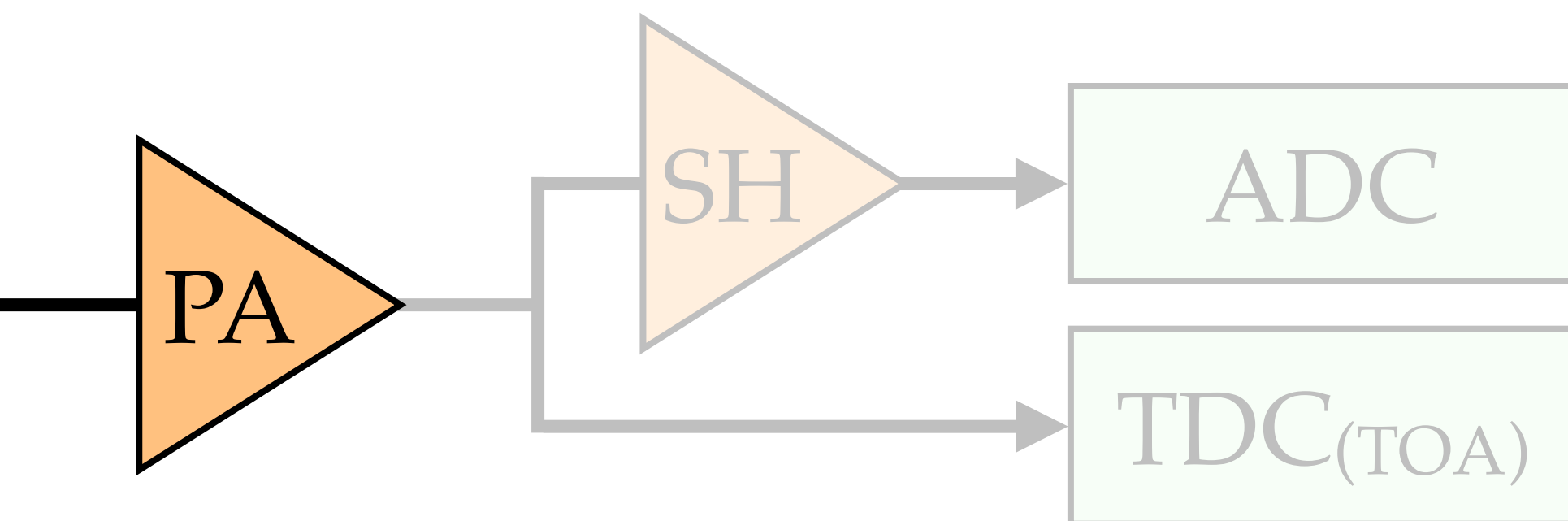


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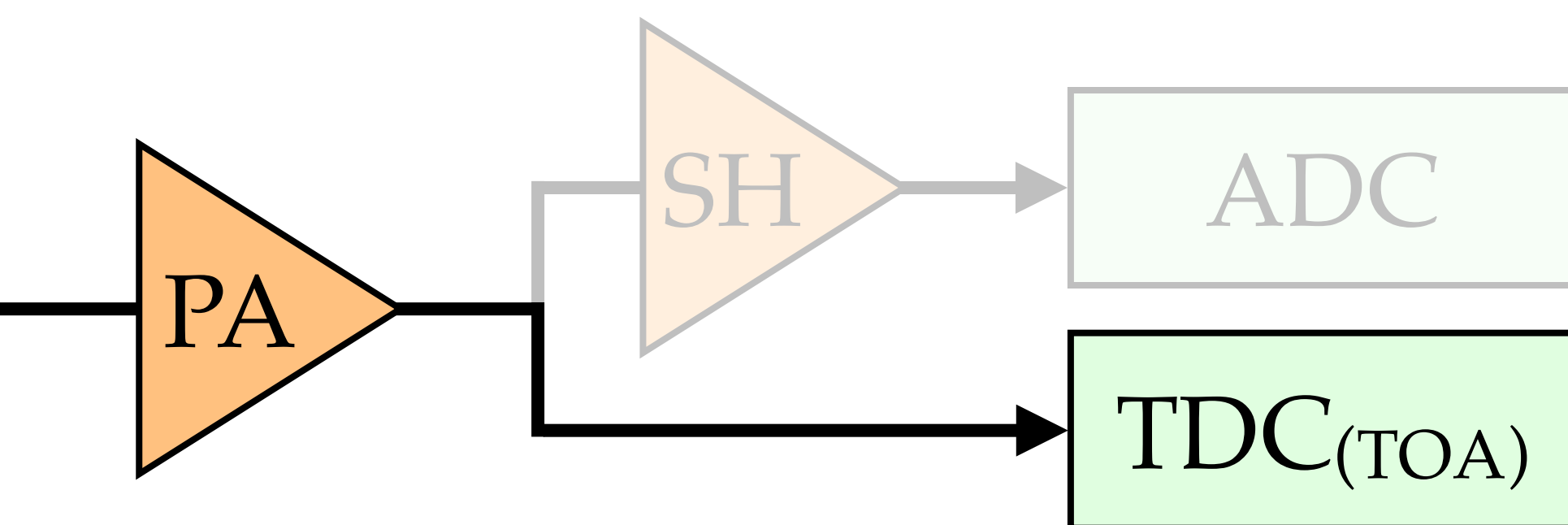
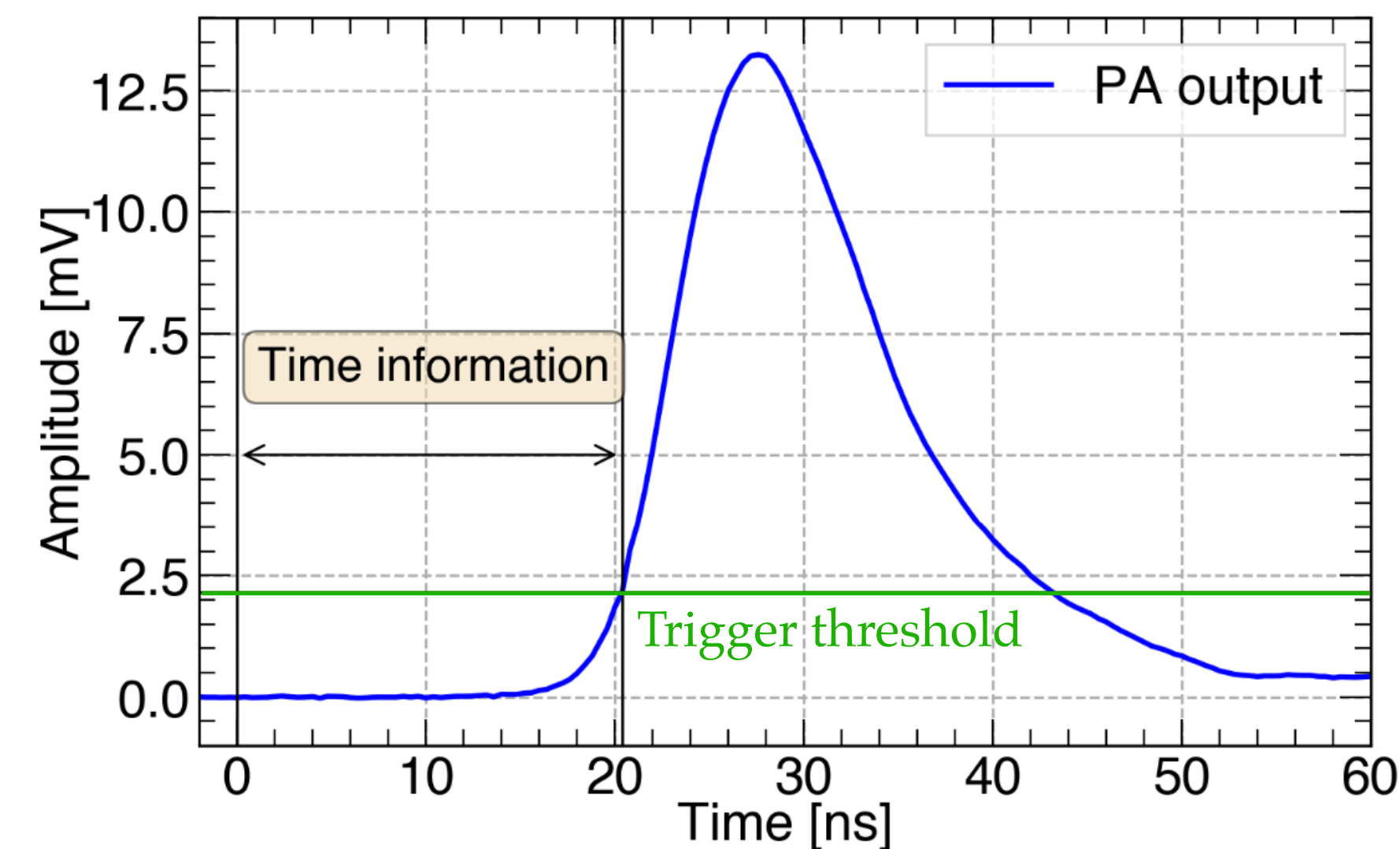
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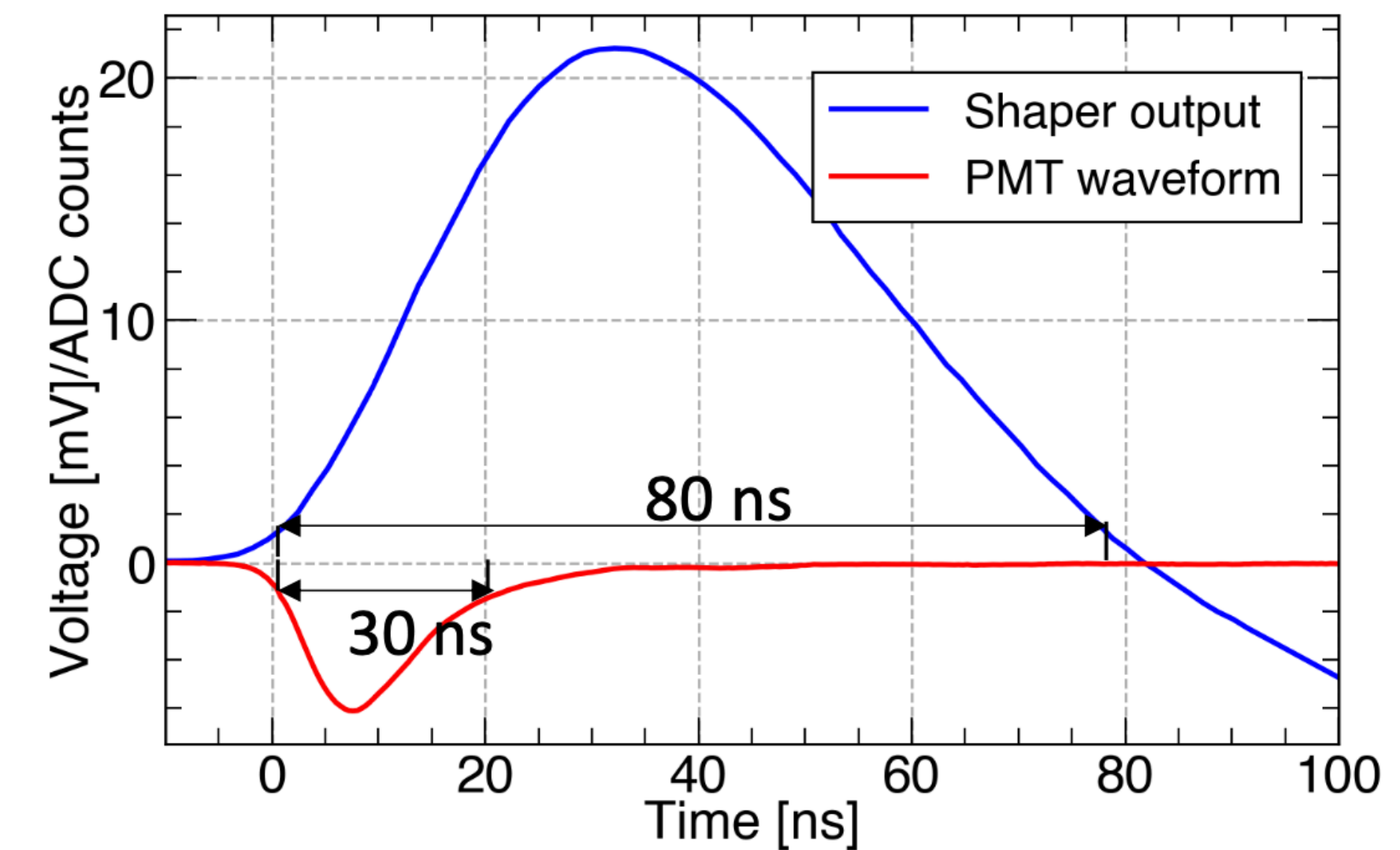
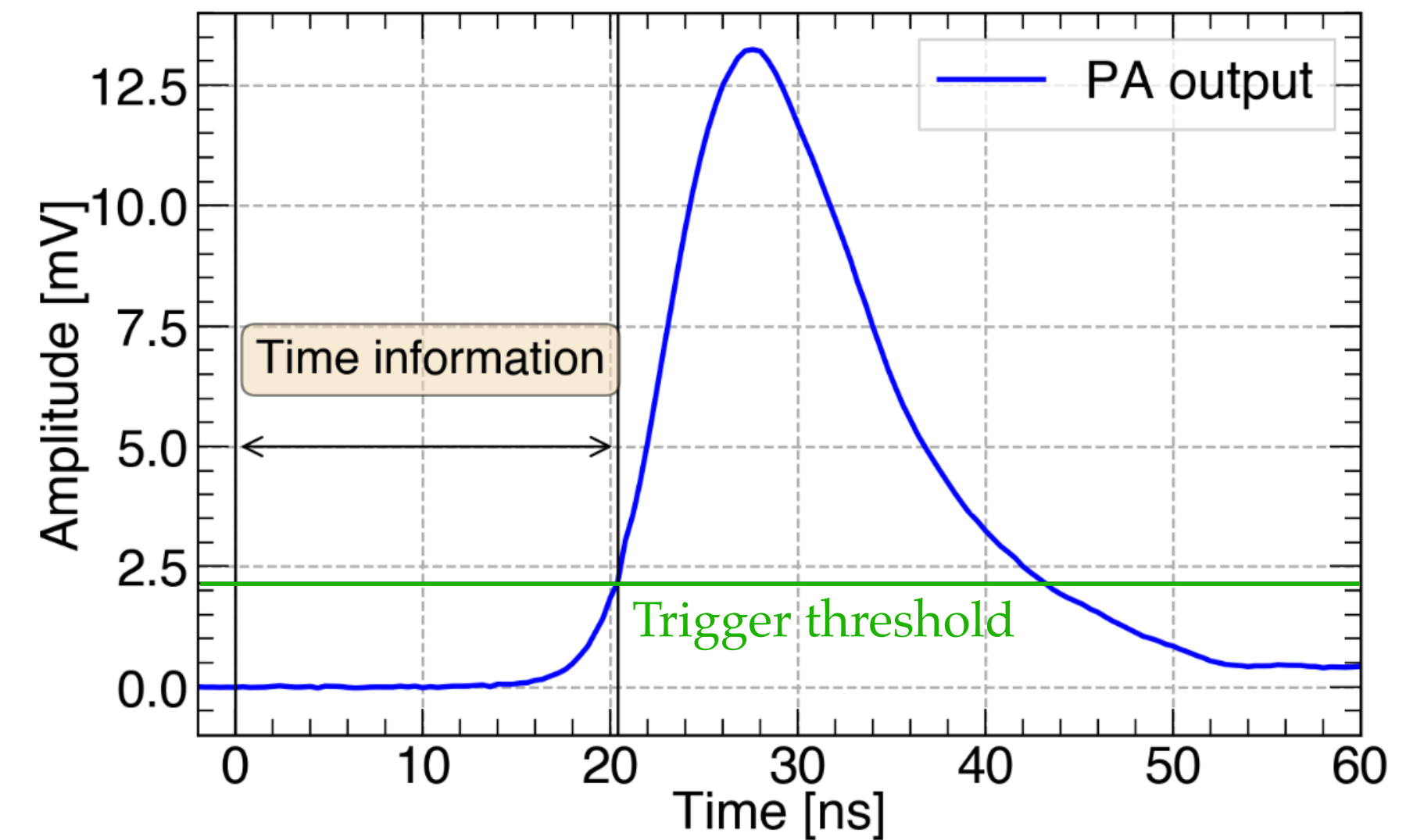
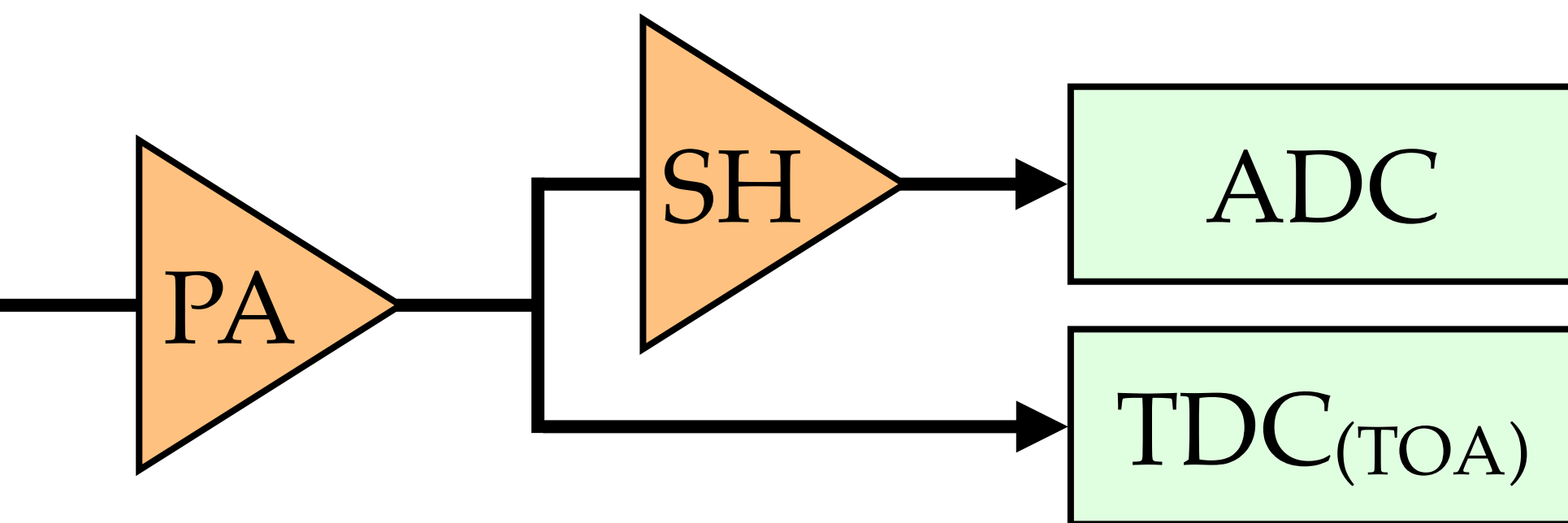
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 - Use the full available dynamic range (1.2 V)

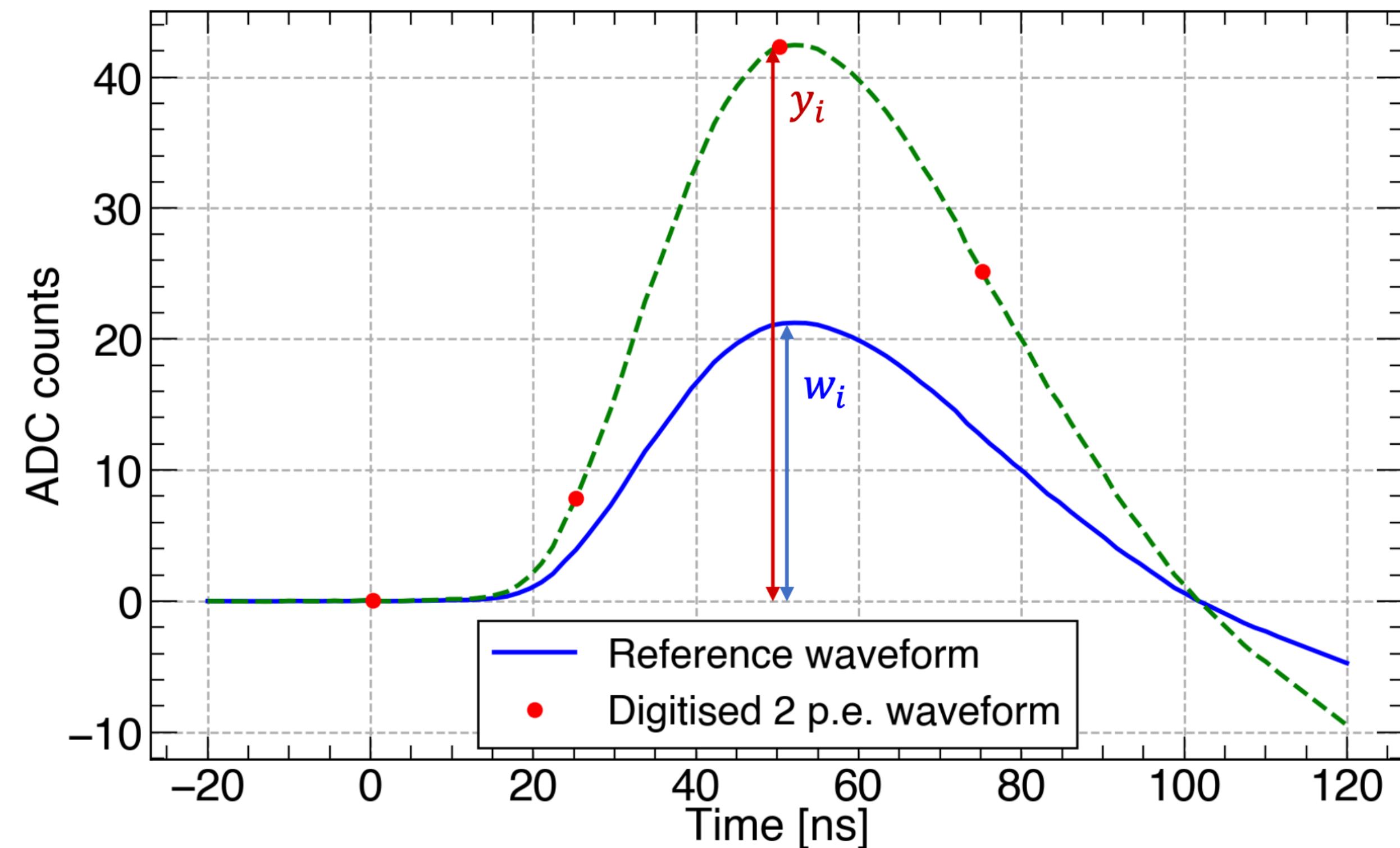


Charge reconstruction

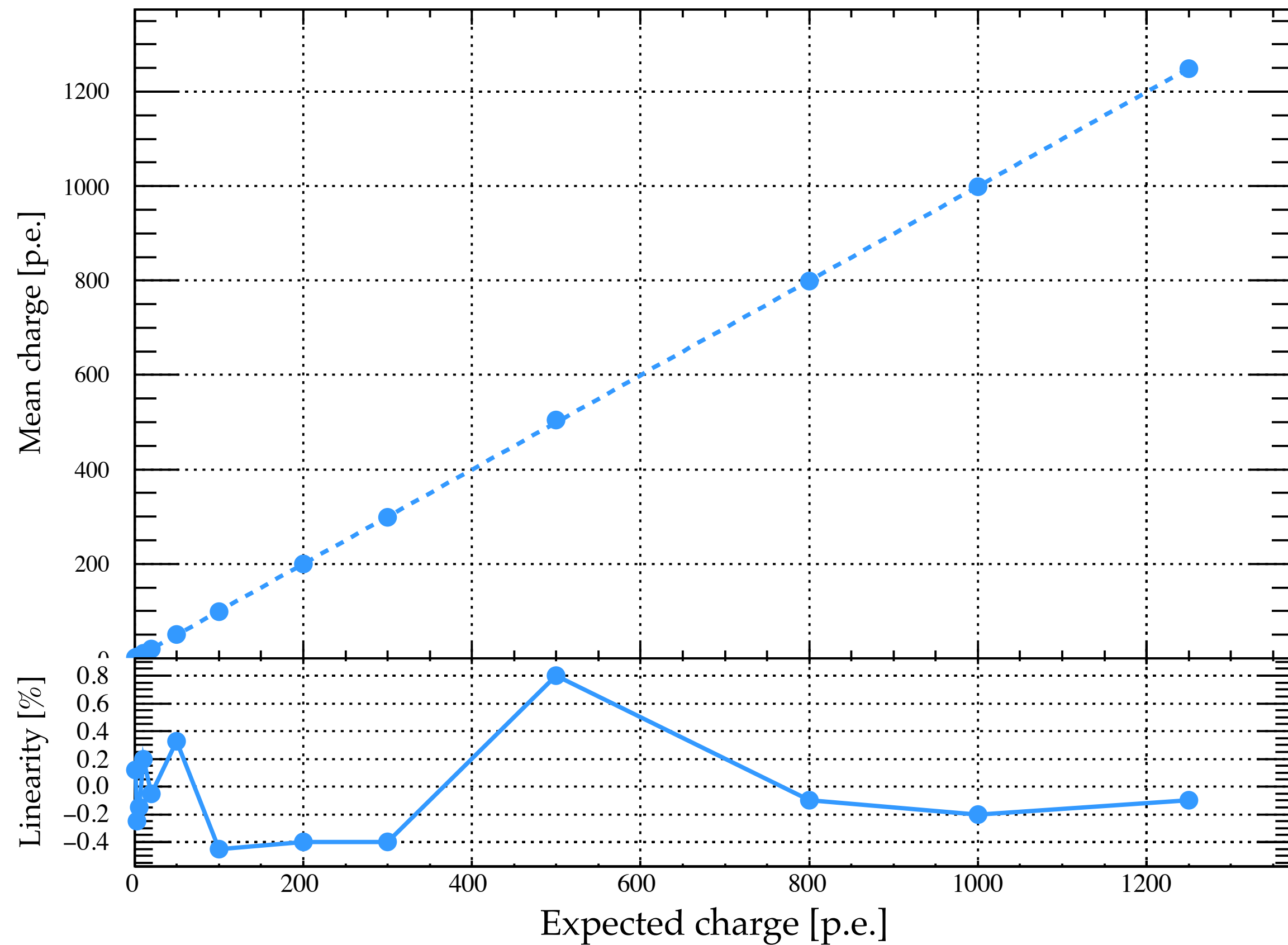
- Build reference waveforms:
 - Calibrate each channel (gain) with one charge:
 - High gain: $q_{\text{ref.}} = 1$ p.e.
 - Medium gain: $q_{\text{ref.}} = 20$ p.e.
 - Low gain: $q_{\text{ref.}} = 200$ p.e.
- Given a waveform, find associated charge q :

$$- \chi^2(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{y_i - \alpha w_i}{\sigma_i} \right)^2$$

$$- \frac{d\chi^2}{d\alpha} = 0 \iff \alpha = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{y_i w_i}{\sigma_i^2}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{w_i^2}{\sigma_i^2}} \Rightarrow q = \alpha q_{\text{ref.}}$$

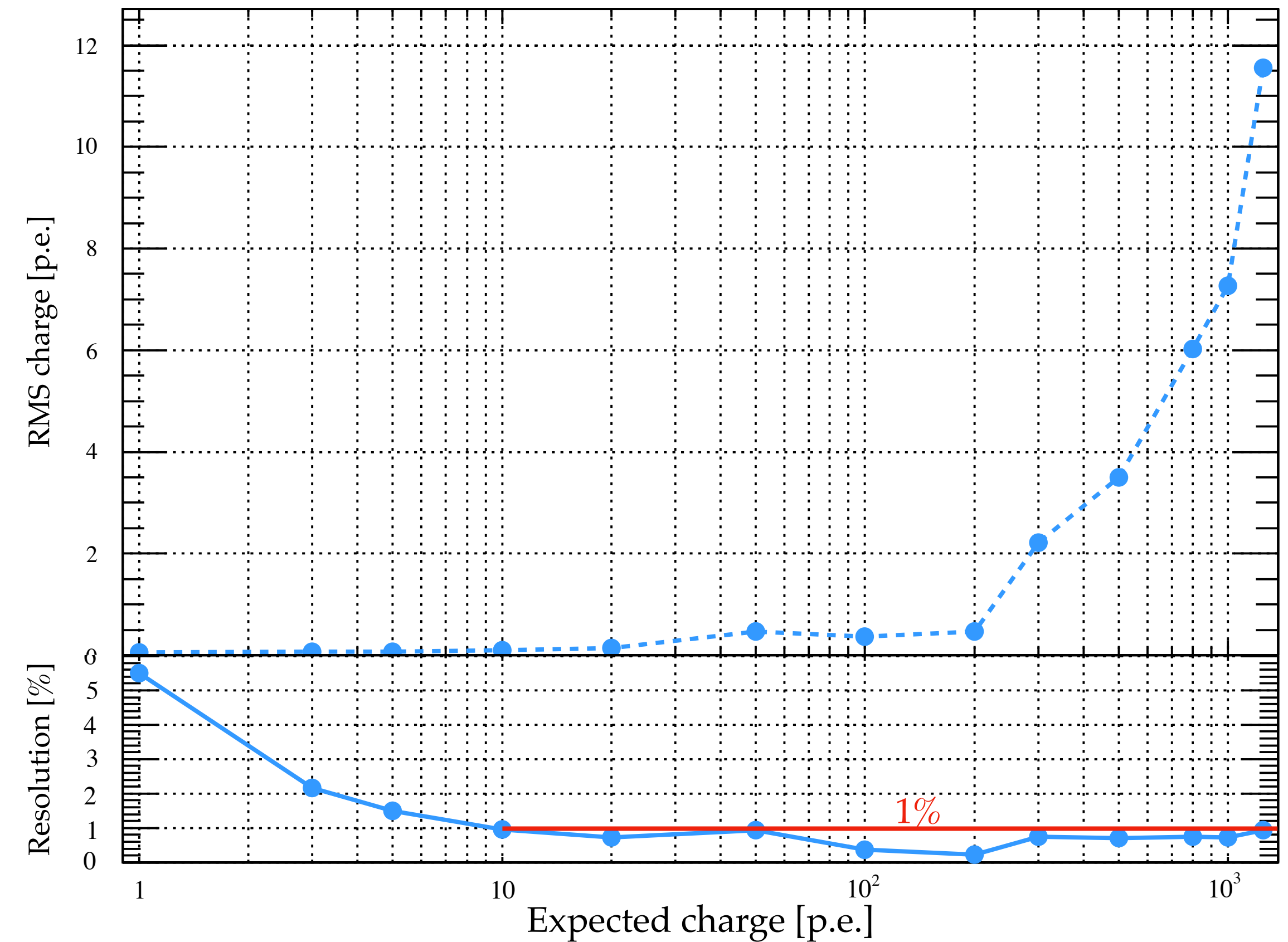


Charge linearity



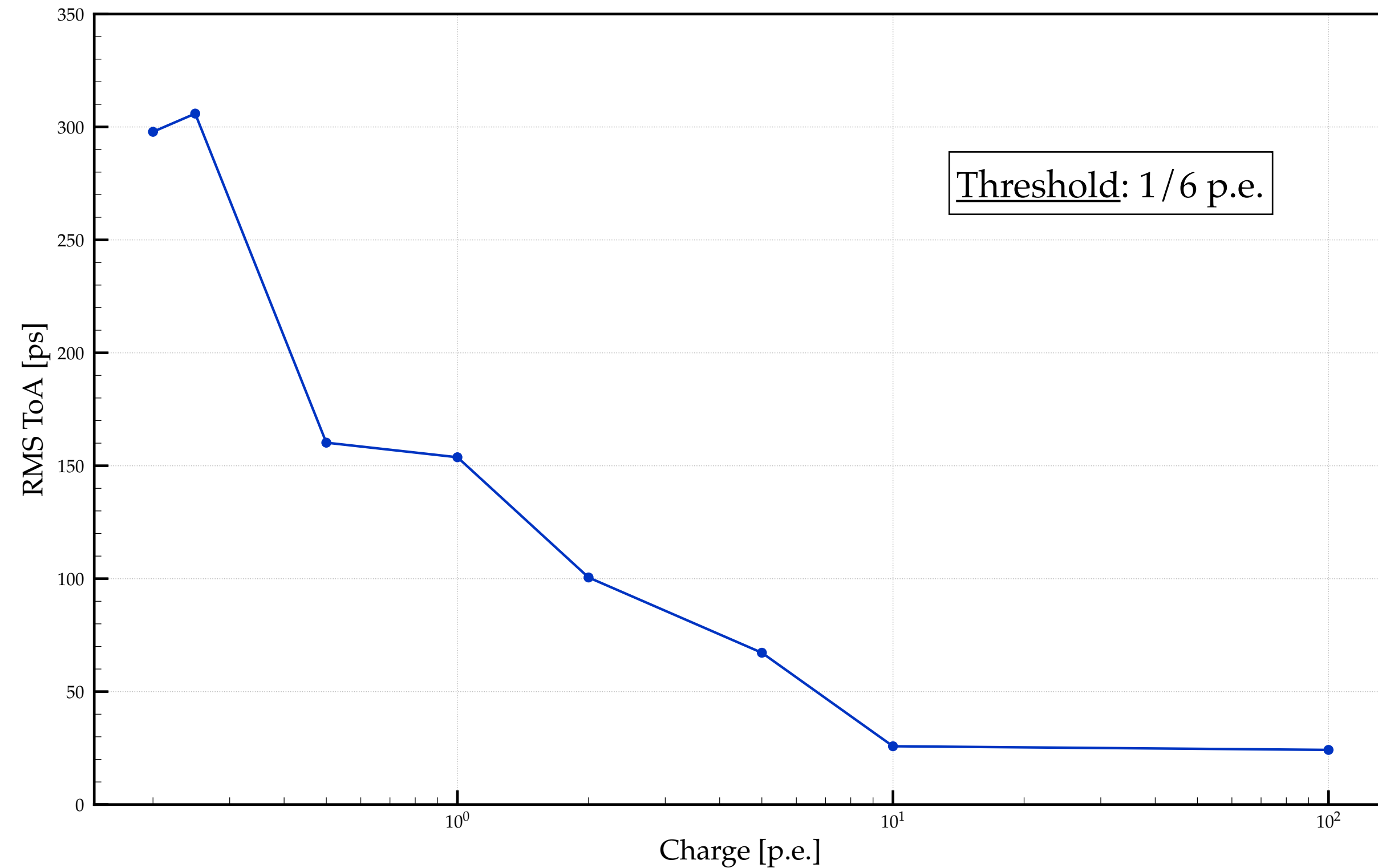
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Charge resolution



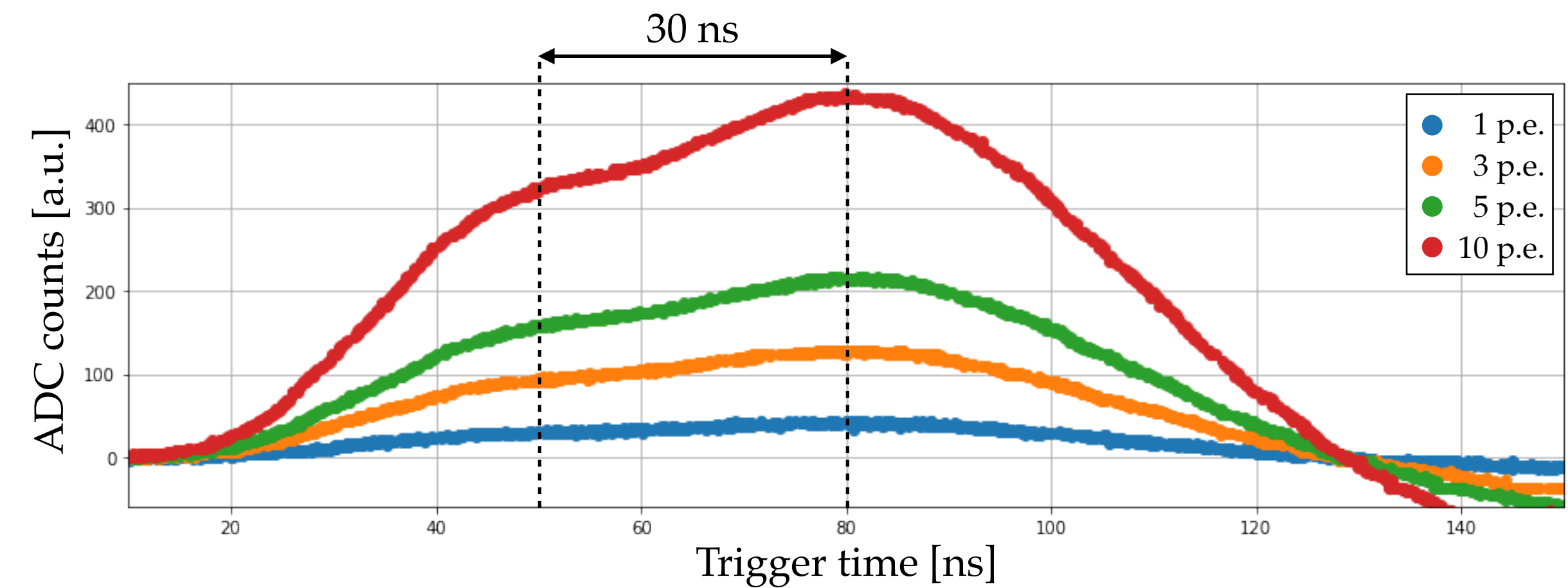
- Below 10 p.e.: < 0.1 p.e.
- Up to 1 250 p.e.: $< 1\%$

Time resolution



- At 1 p.e.: 150 ps
- Above 10 p.e.: 25 ps

Pile-up & Dead time



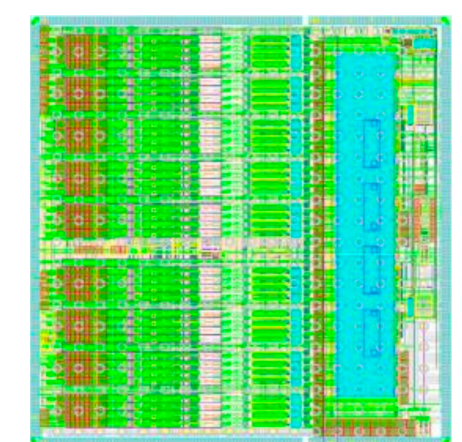
- Charge reconstruction:
- $\alpha w_i \leftarrow \alpha w_i + \beta w_{i-dt}$
- Dead time: 30 ns

Hyper-Kamiokande PMTs & HKROC

- Hyper-Kamiokande PMTs:
 - 50 cm HQE Box & Line PMTs with twice the detection efficiency of SK PMTs
 - Better vertex and energy reconstruction
- HKROC digitizer:
 - Charge linearity $< \pm 1\%$ from 1 to 1 250 p.e.
 - Charge resolution < 0.1 p.e. below 10 p.e. and $< 1\%$ above
 - Time resolution of 150 ps at 1 p.e. and 25 ps above 10 p.e.
 - Dead time of 30 ns



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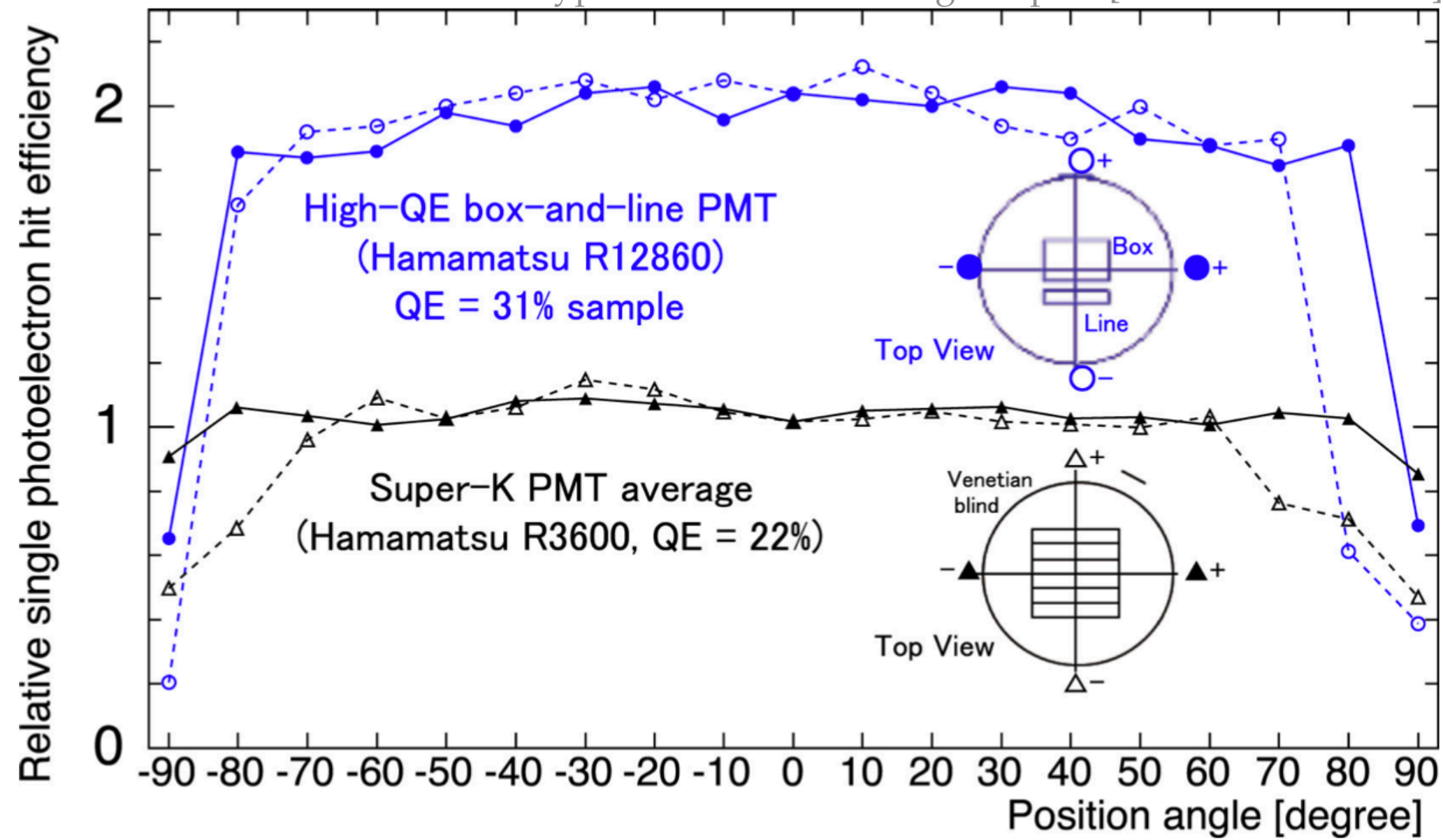


HKROC

Backup

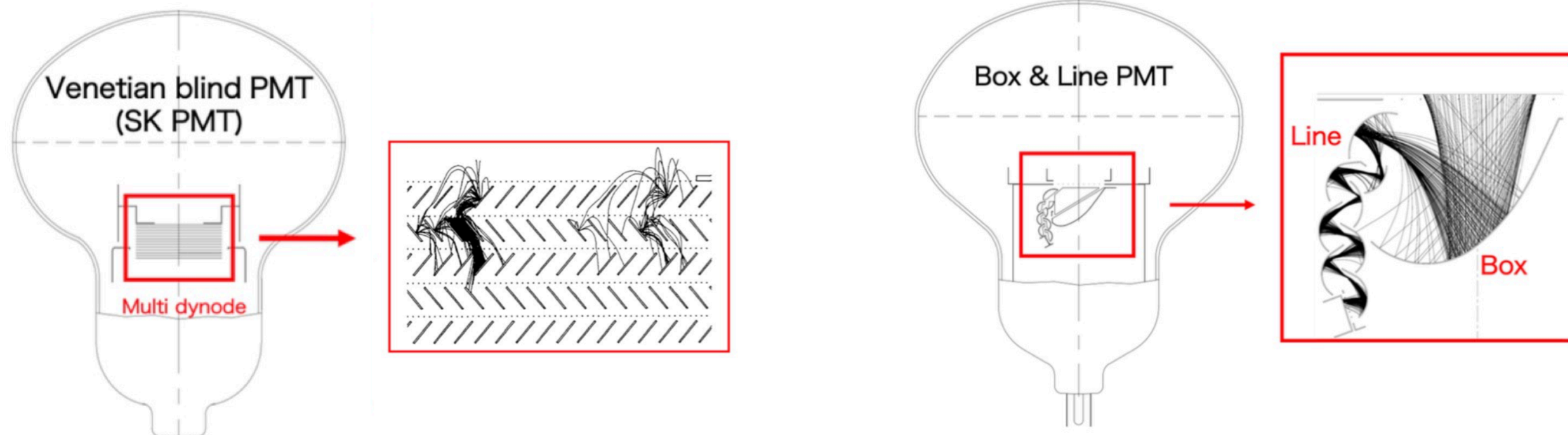
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- R : Reflection coefficient
- P_{λ} : Probability that light absorption excites electrons above the vacuum level
- k : Total photon absorption coefficient
- L : Mean escape length of excited electrons
- P_S : Probability that electrons reaching the photocathode surface will be released into vacuum



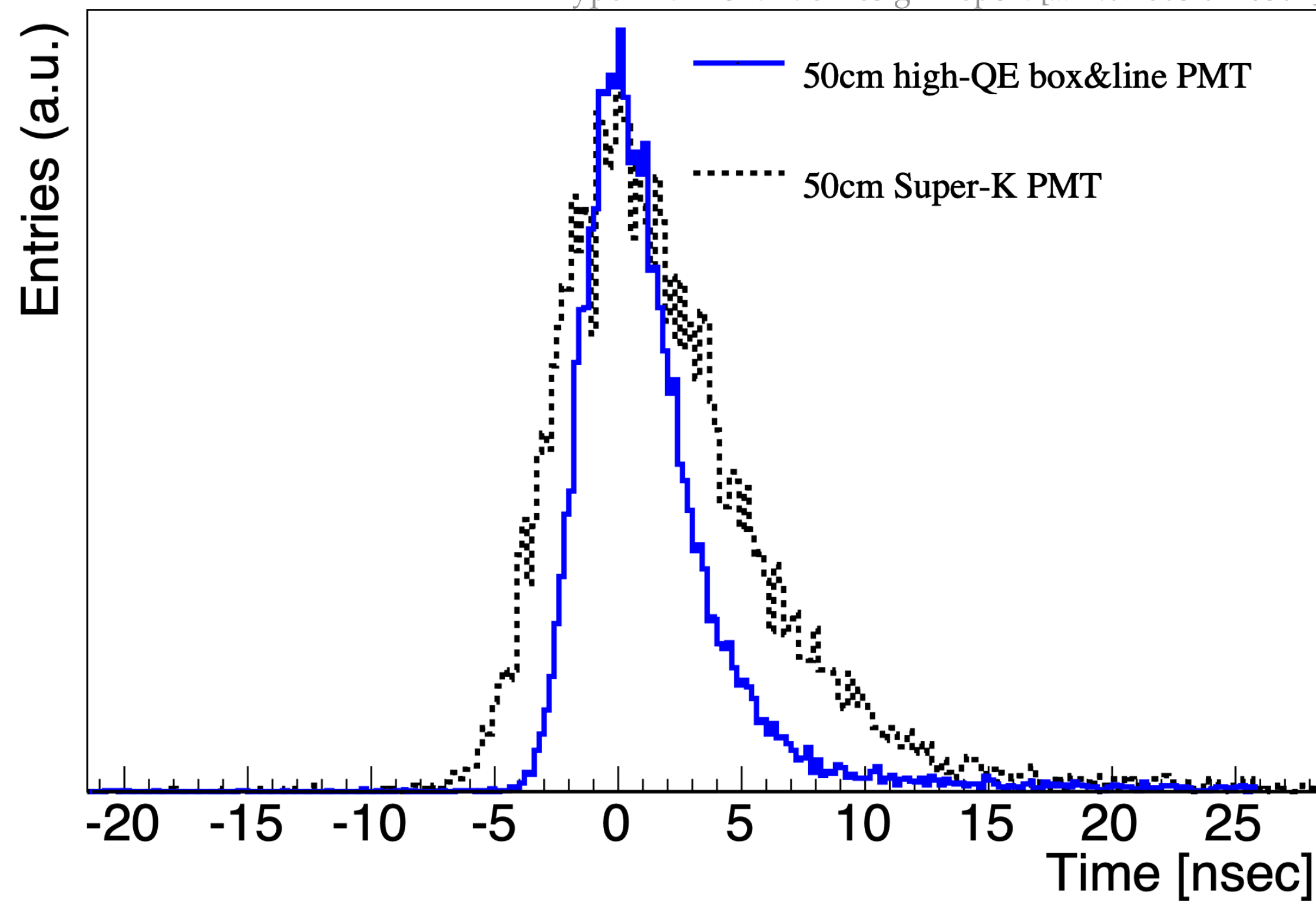
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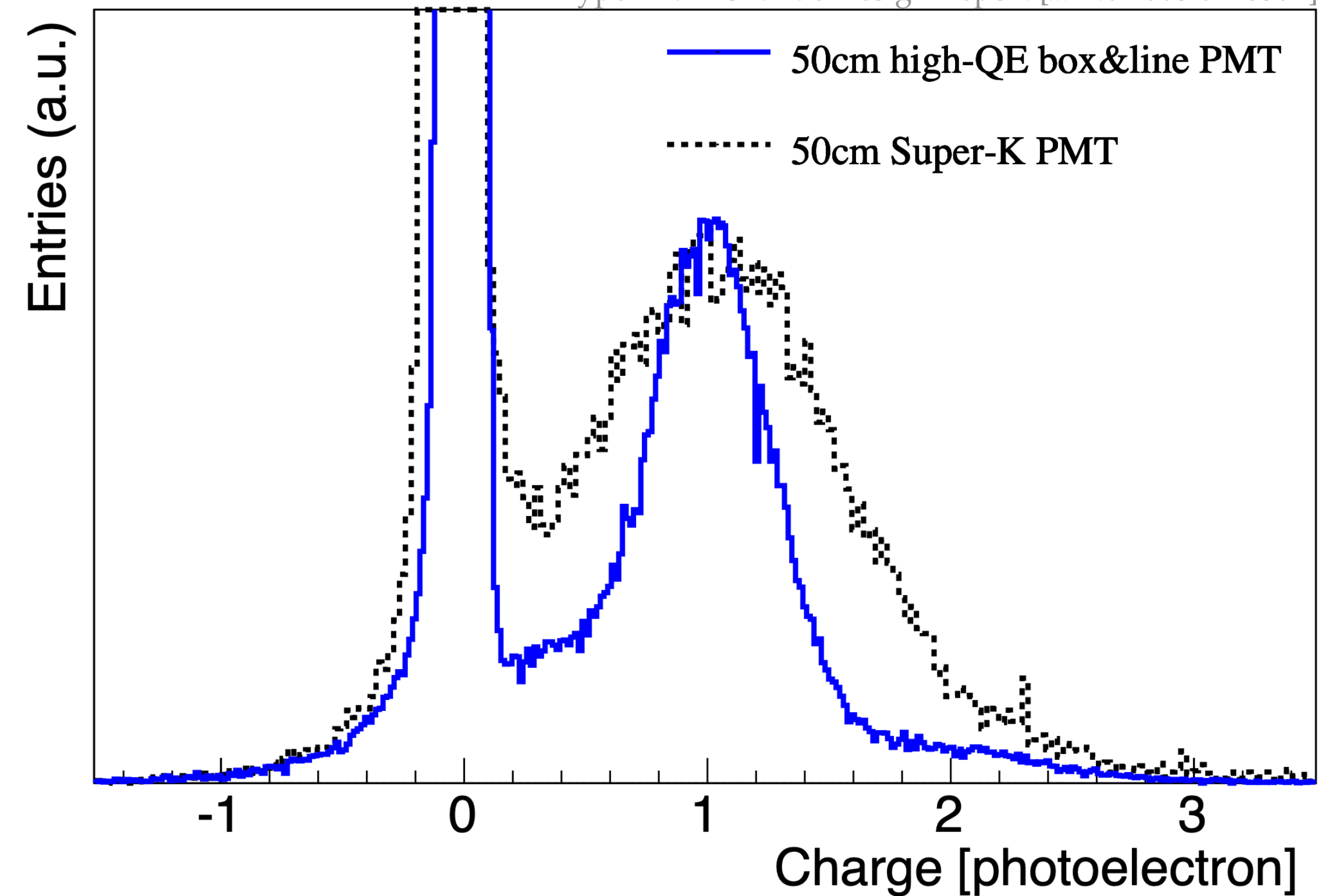
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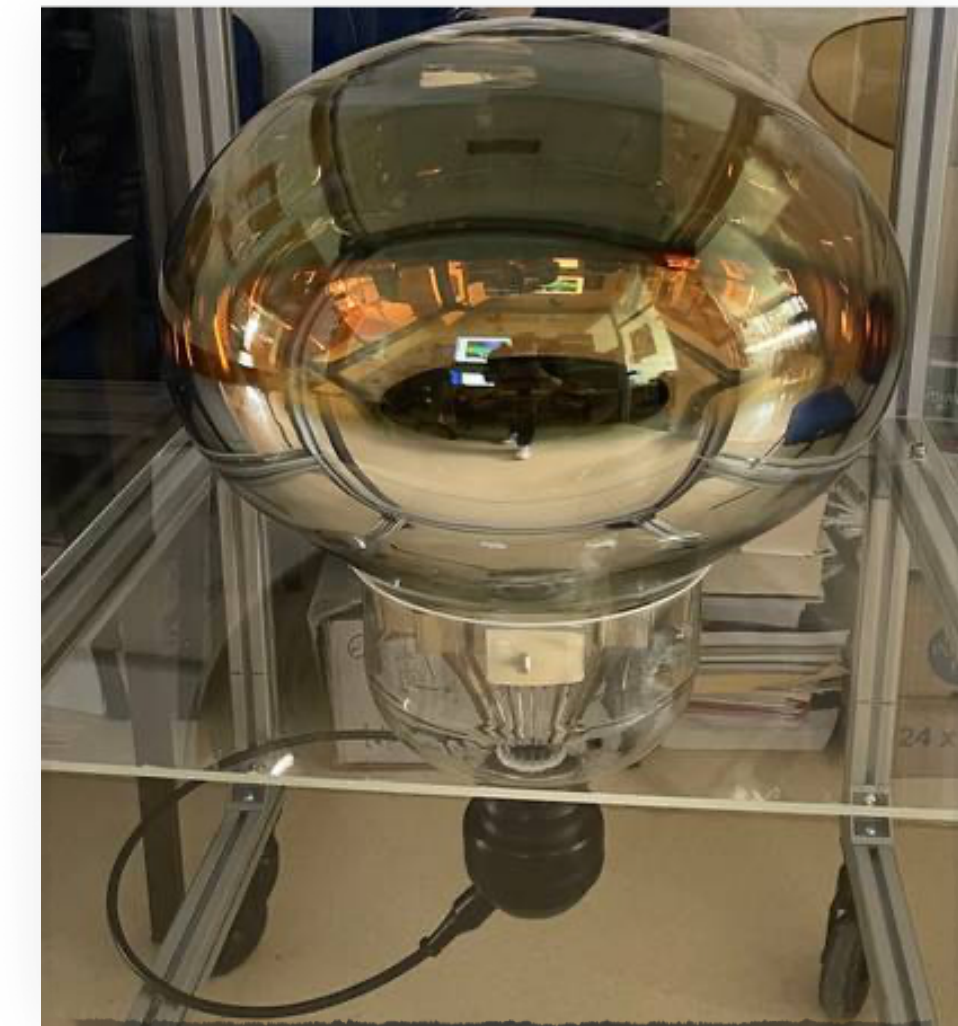
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- Other improvements:
 - Glass purity: Reduced of residual impurities (source of scintillation) and improved transparency
 - Reduce radon content of cables: $1.4 \text{ mBq/m} \rightarrow < 0.1 \text{ mBq/m}$

Radio isotopes in glass [Bq/kg]	Super-K	Hyper-K
U	5.5	2.5
Th	1.8	0.7
^{40}K	18.2	1.0



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