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Development of the Online System for COMET Phase-I

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COMET Phase-I @ J-PARC, Japan

Search for $\mu - e$ conversion in muonic atom (of Al)

- One of the charged Lepton Flavour Violation processes

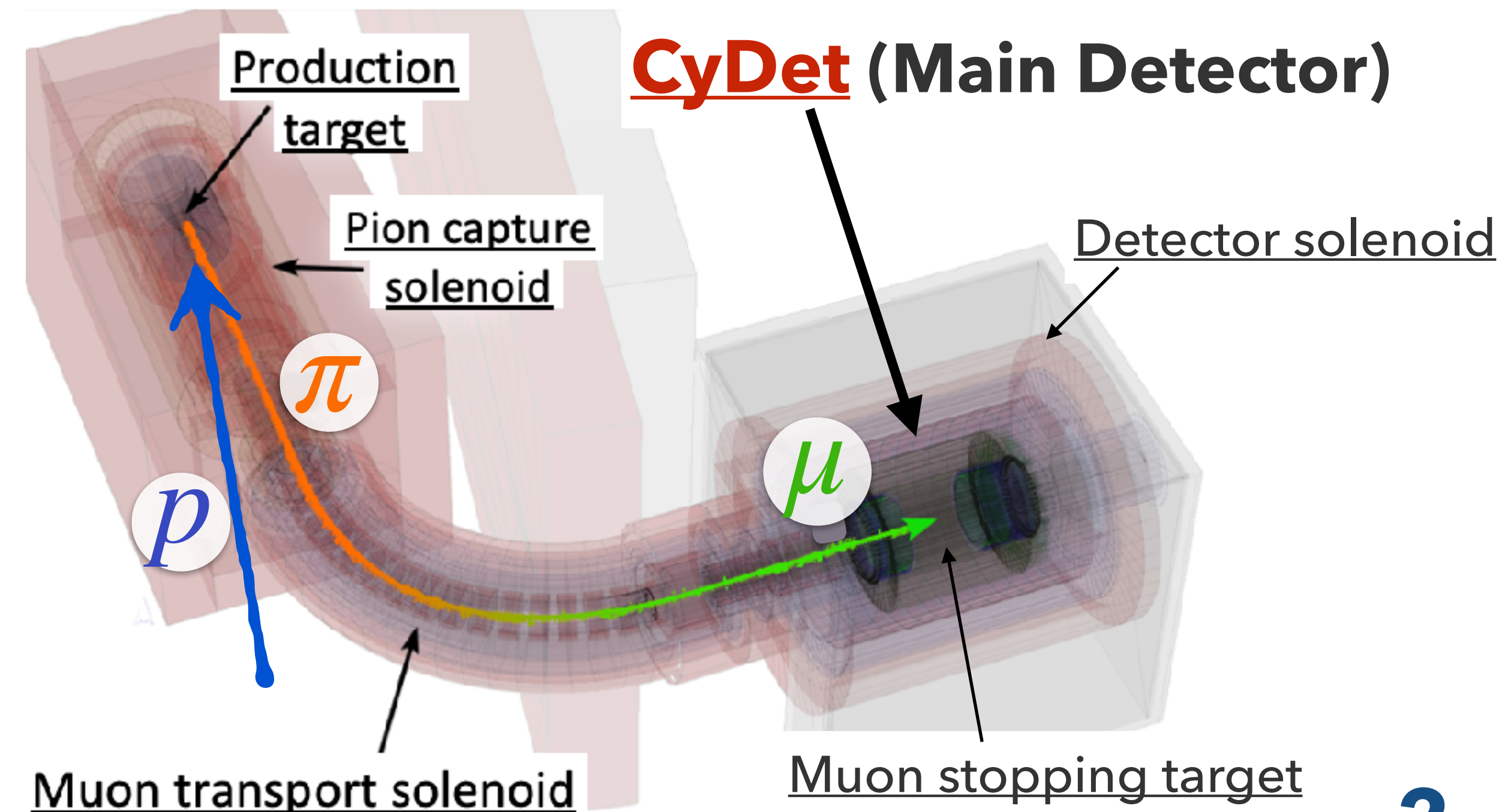
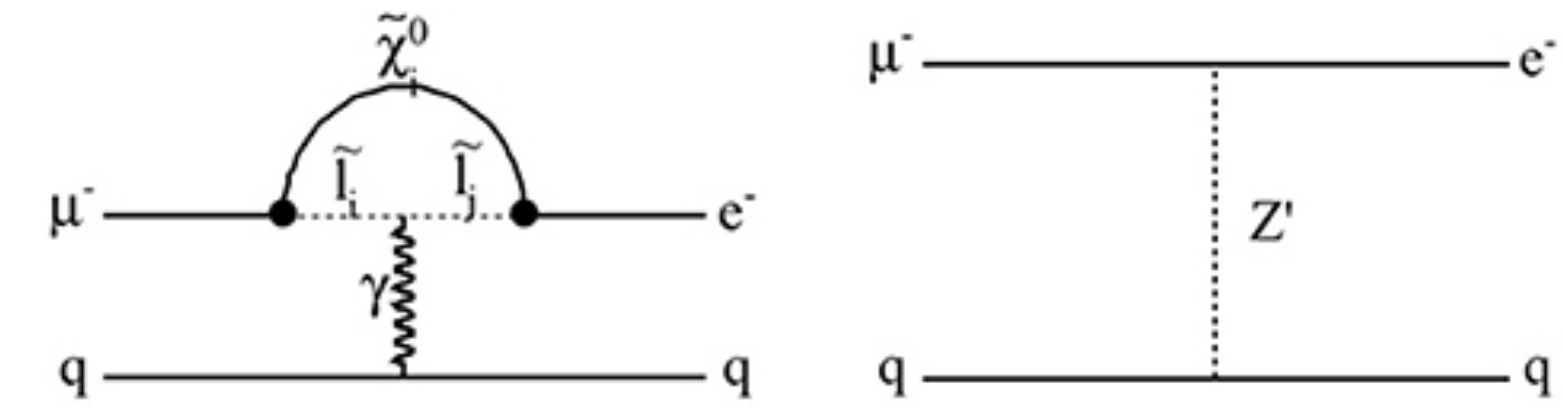
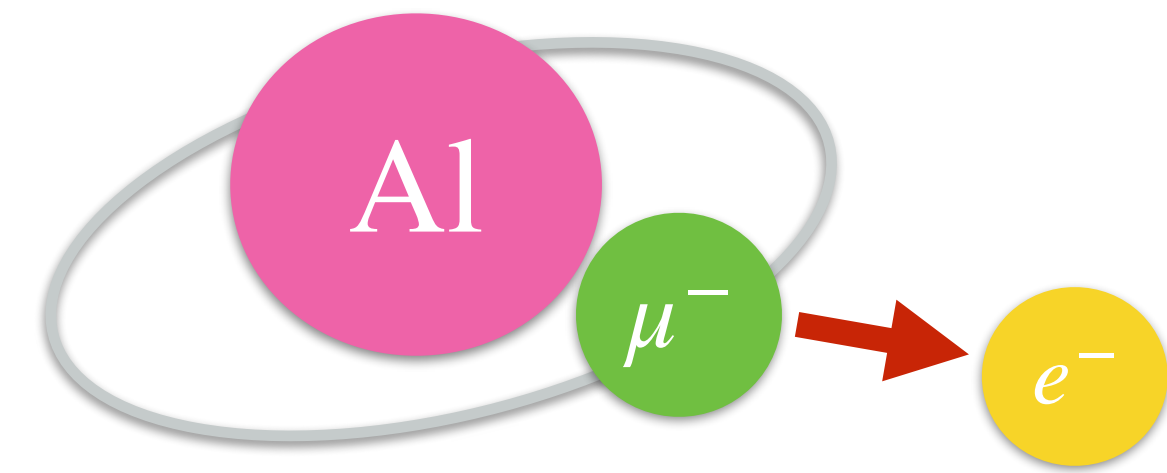
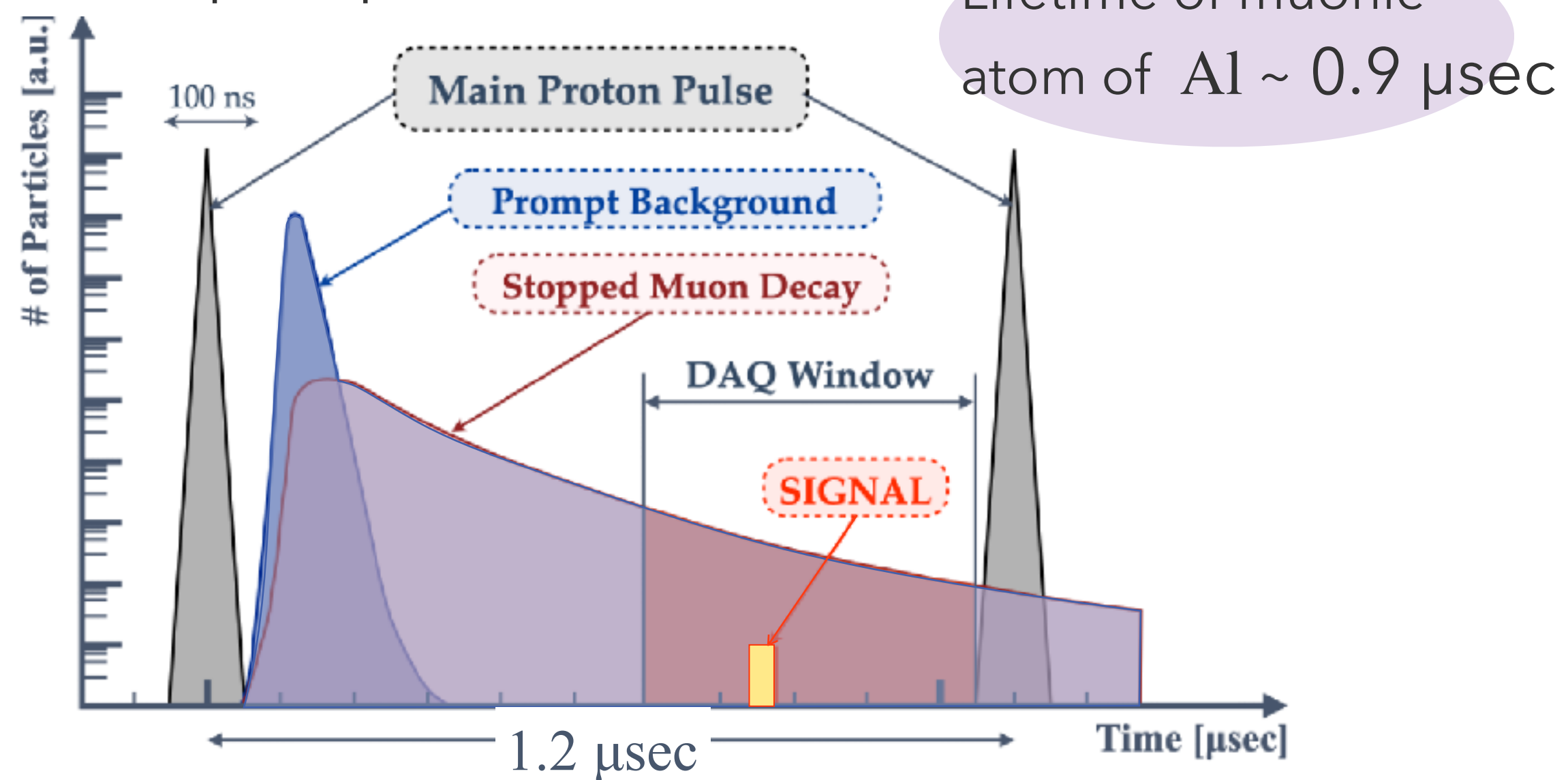
- Standard Model w/ neutrino oscillation ... $\mathcal{B}(\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N) < O(10^{-57})$
- New Physics (SUSY-GUT, Z' , etc..) ... $\mathcal{B}(\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N) \sim 10^{-15} - 10^{-13}$

- **Target Single Event Sensitivity = 3×10^{-15}**

- Current upper limit w/ Au $\mathcal{B}(\mu^- \text{Au} \rightarrow e^- \text{Au}) = 7 \times 10^{-13}$ 90% C.L. (SINDRUM II) W. Bertl et al. DOI: [10.1140/epjc/s2006-02582-x](https://doi.org/10.1140/epjc/s2006-02582-x)

- **Beam structure**

- $\sim 10^{12}$ proton/sec
- 1.2 μsec pulse time intervals



CyDet (Main Detector)

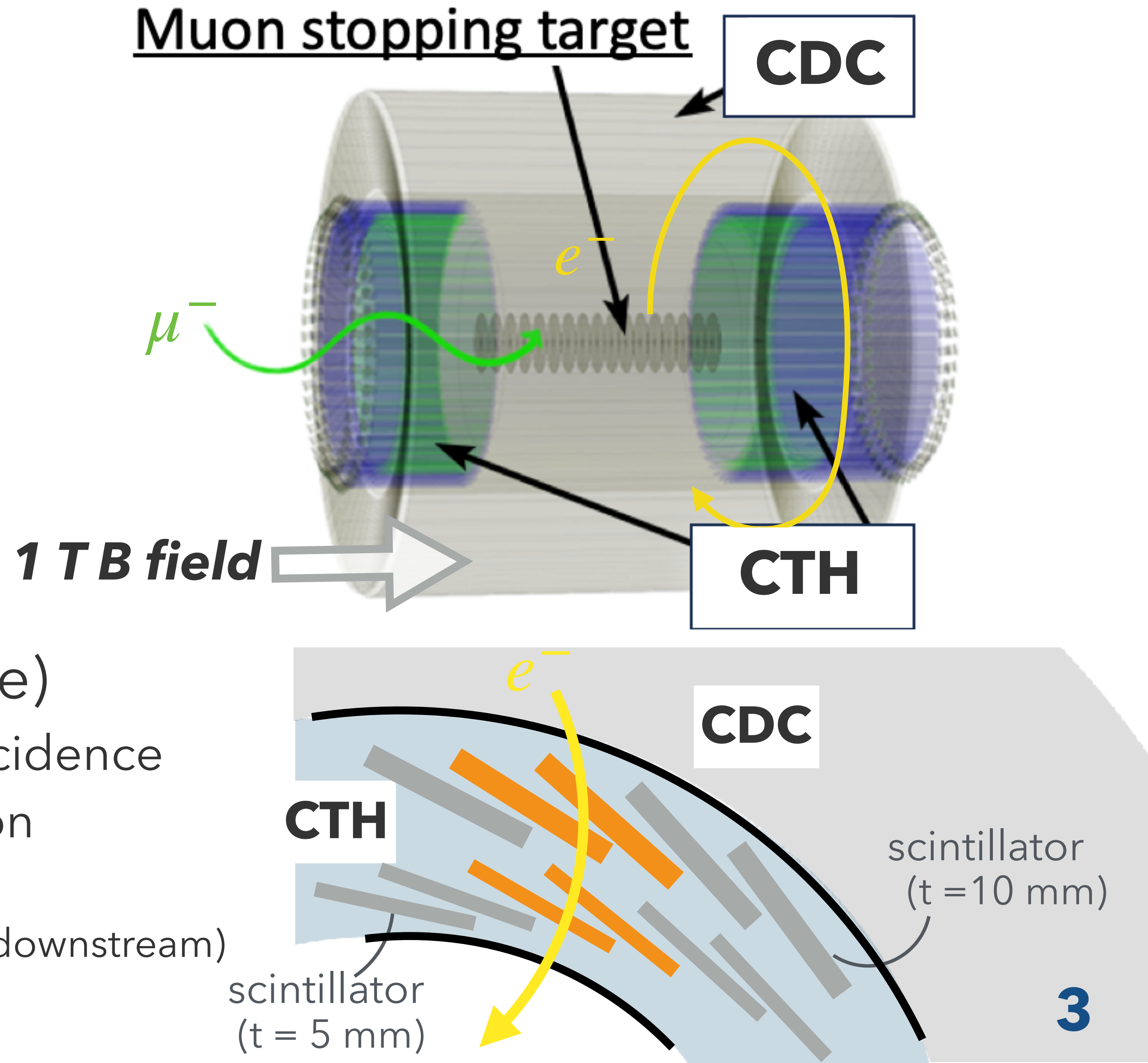
CDC (Cylindrical Drift Chamber)

- Tracking, **measuring the e^- momentum**
- He:iC₄H₁₀ = 90:10
- ~5000 sense wires (full stereo angle)
- ~250 cell (azimuthal) × 20 layers (radial)
- Momentum resolution 200 keV/c

A.Sato et al : [DOI:10.1016/j.nima.2024.169926](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2024.169926)

CTH (Cylindrical Trigger Hodoscope)

- **Primary trigger** generated by 4-fold coincidence
- Timing measurement with 1 nsec precision
- 64 plastic scintillators × 2 layer × 2 side
(upstream & downstream)



COMET Online System Overview & Requirements



Trigger System

Fast, efficient online event decision

- Multi-stage electronics with FPGA

- **Hardware stability**

Estimated radiation dose in detector area

Neutron : $10^{12} \text{ n}_{1-\text{MeVeq}}/\text{cm}^2$

Gamma : 1 kGy

- **Latency < 8.5 μsec**

Latency should not be changed

- **Event selection efficiency > 90%**

To achieve the target S.E.S in 150 days

- **High data-rate capability**

Primary trigger rate of CTH ~ 200 kHz

→ Trigger system reduces some load, but DAQ should still support high rates.

- **Flexible user & developer interface**



Data Acquisition (DAQ) System

Scalable data handling

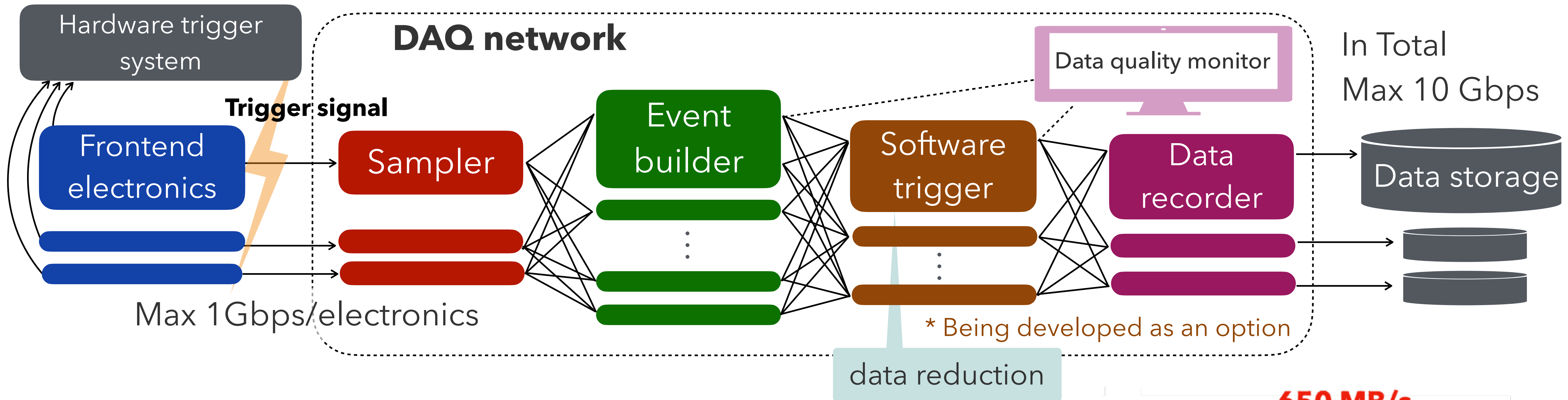
- Fully parallel & asynchronous design



Monitoring System

Stable management of the detectors / devices

Data Acquisition (DAQ) System

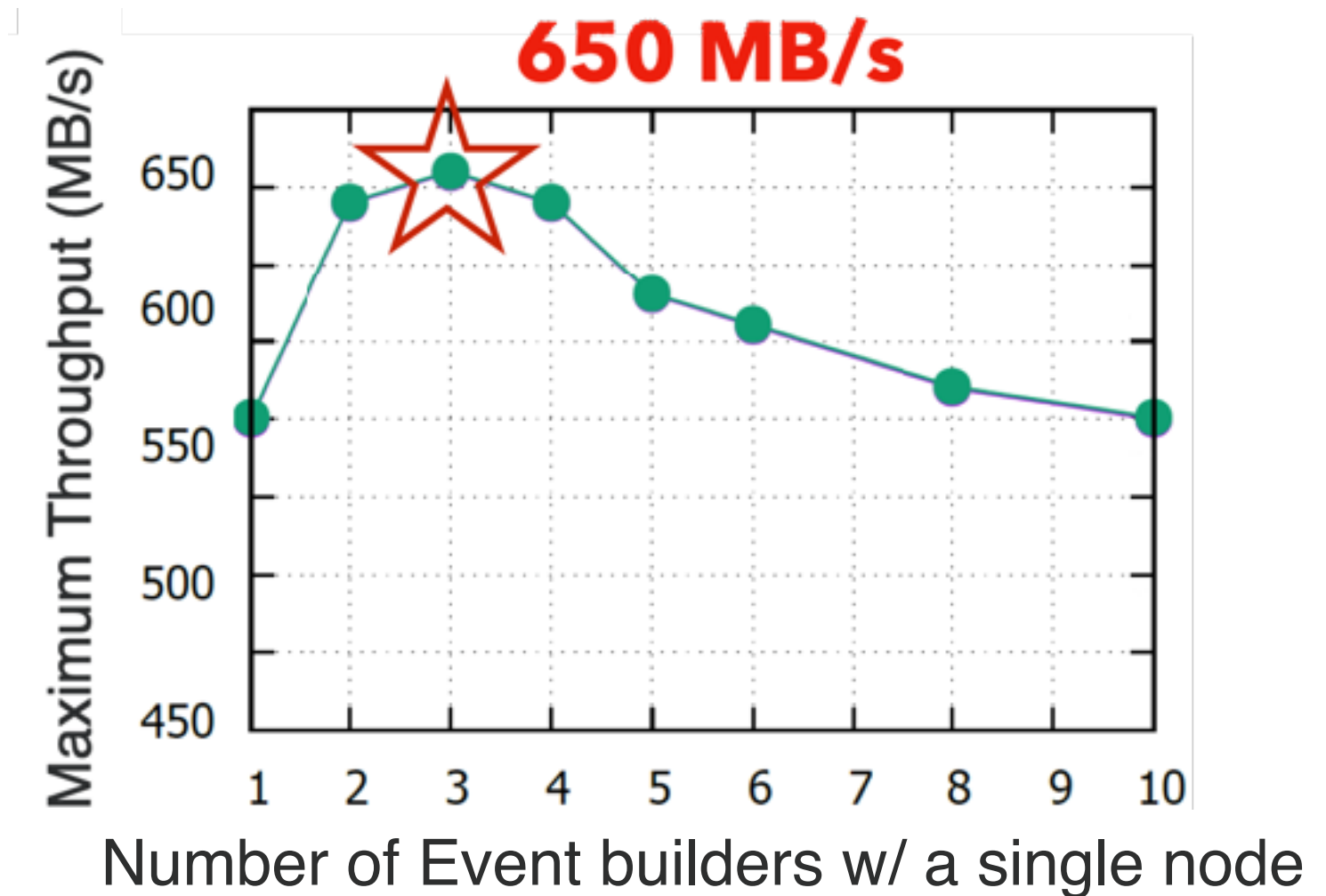


- **Principally fully scalable system**

- Fully parallel & asynchronous (NestDAQ) T. Takahashi et al., DOI:10.1109/TNS.2023.3262061
- Data-recording rate limited by the backend data storage Y. Igarashi et al. DOI:10.1109/TNS.2024.3506783
- Additional software trigger can ease the requirements for the trigger rate

- **A full CDC DAQ test is performed**

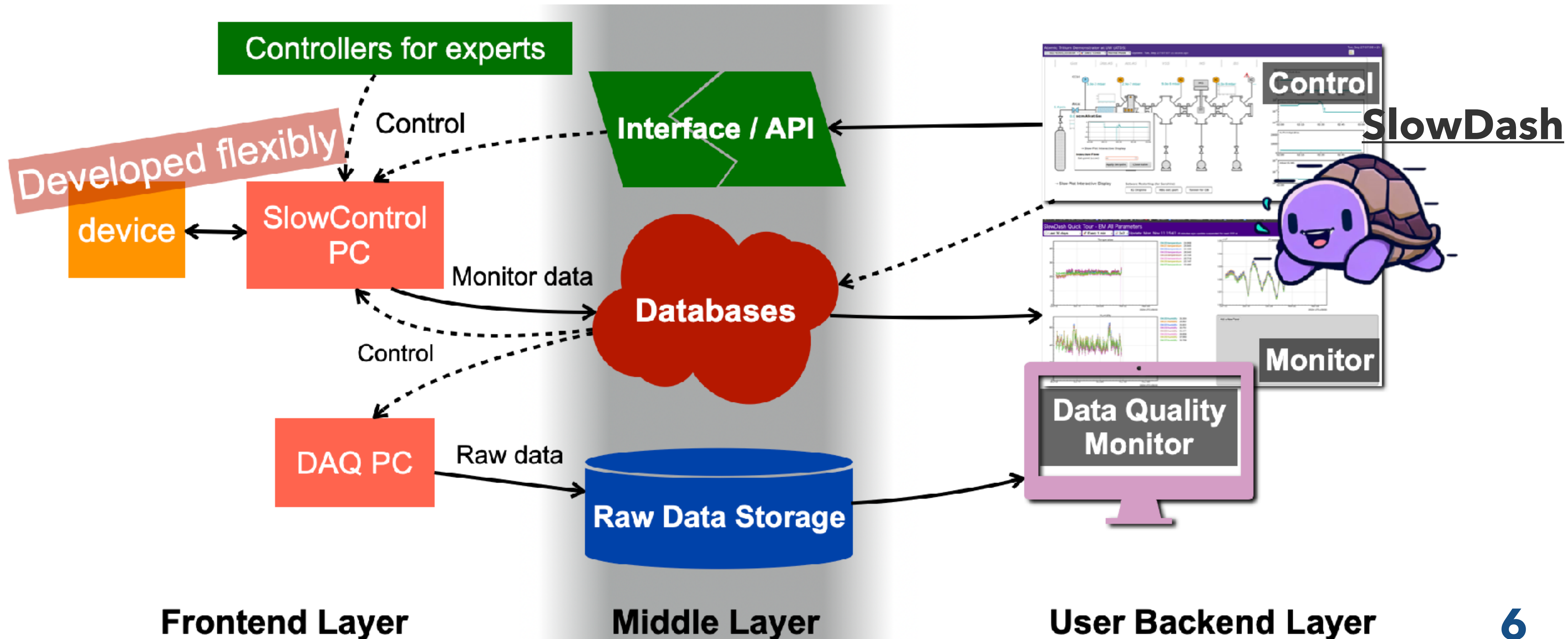
- With a single node achieved a data-readout rate of 650 MB/s



- **Data Quality Monitor implemented**

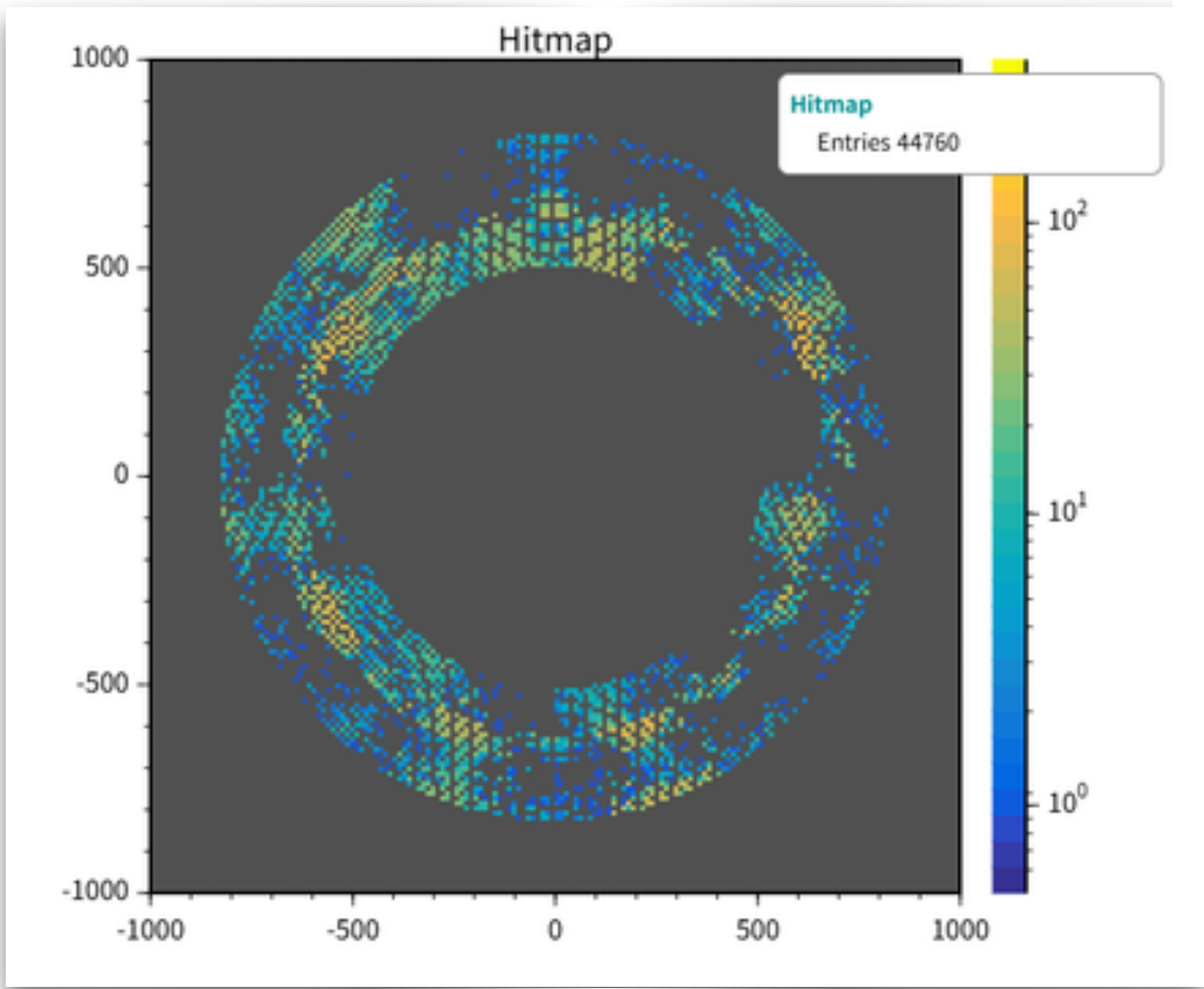
Monitoring System

- The **SlowDash** (developed by S.Enomoto @docs) can handle diverse frontend systems
- **A data quality monitor display has been implemented** → demonstrated with CDC DAQ



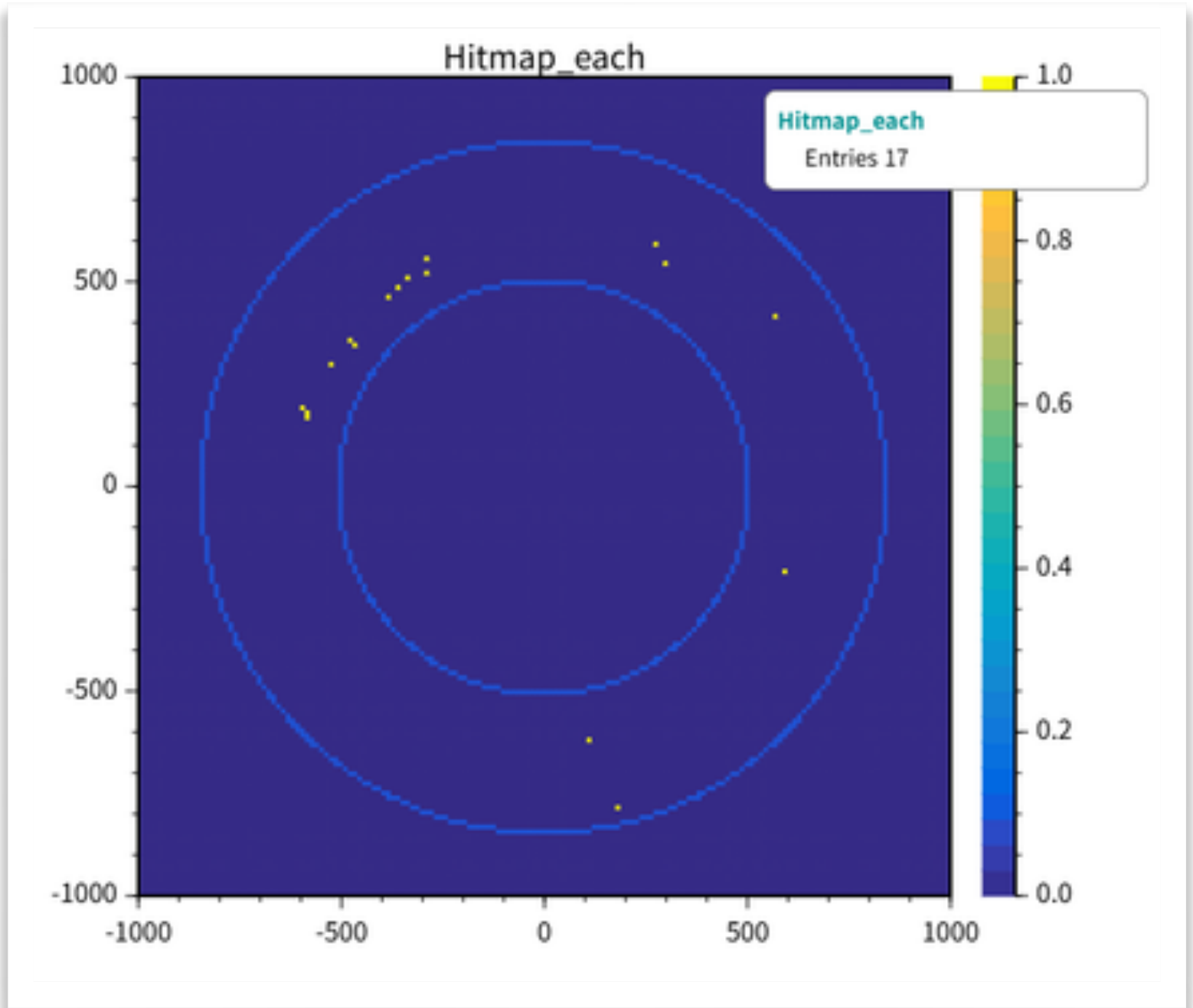
Monitoring System (Display)

CDC hit map (accumulate)

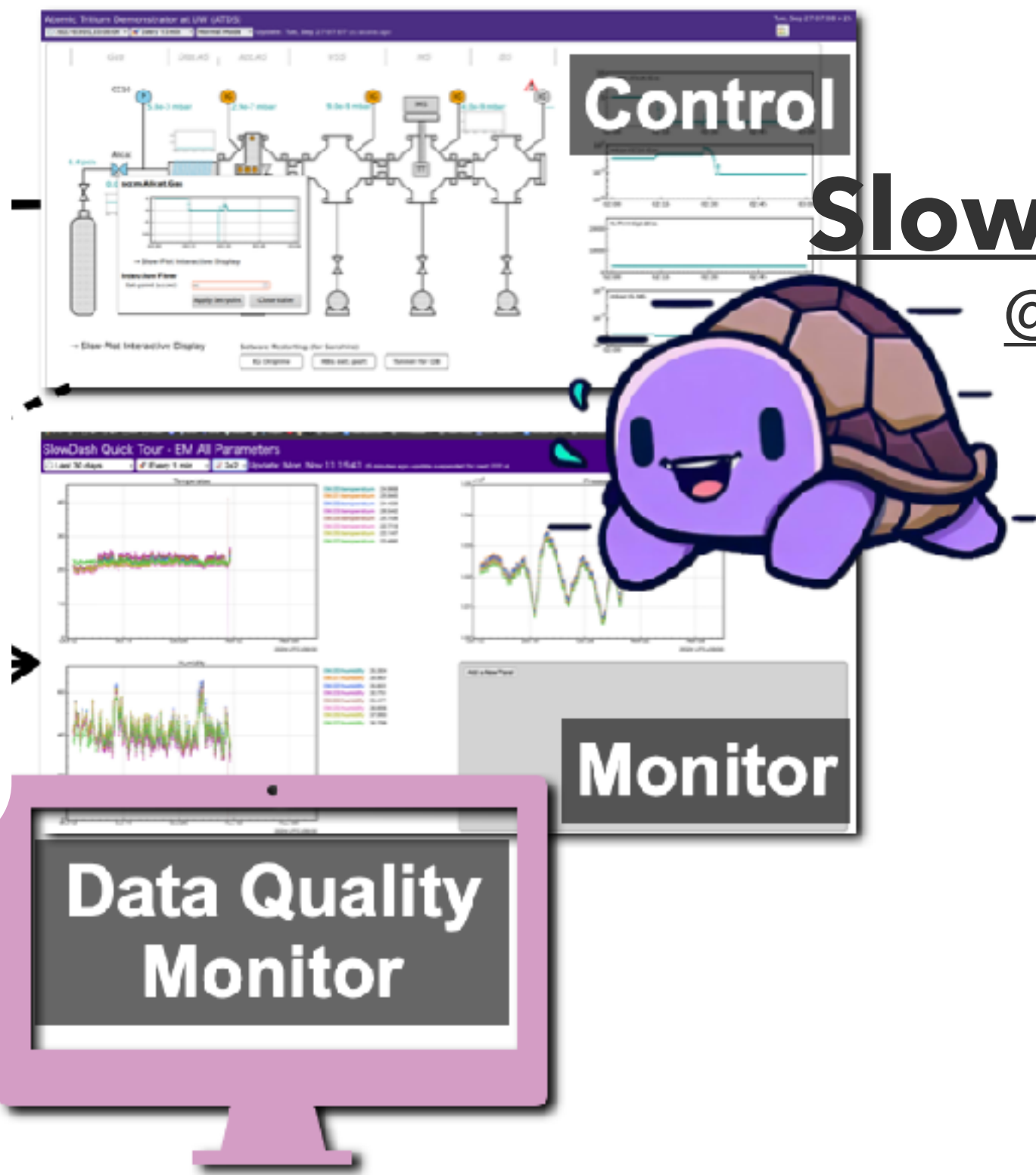


Frontend Layer

CDC hit map (event)



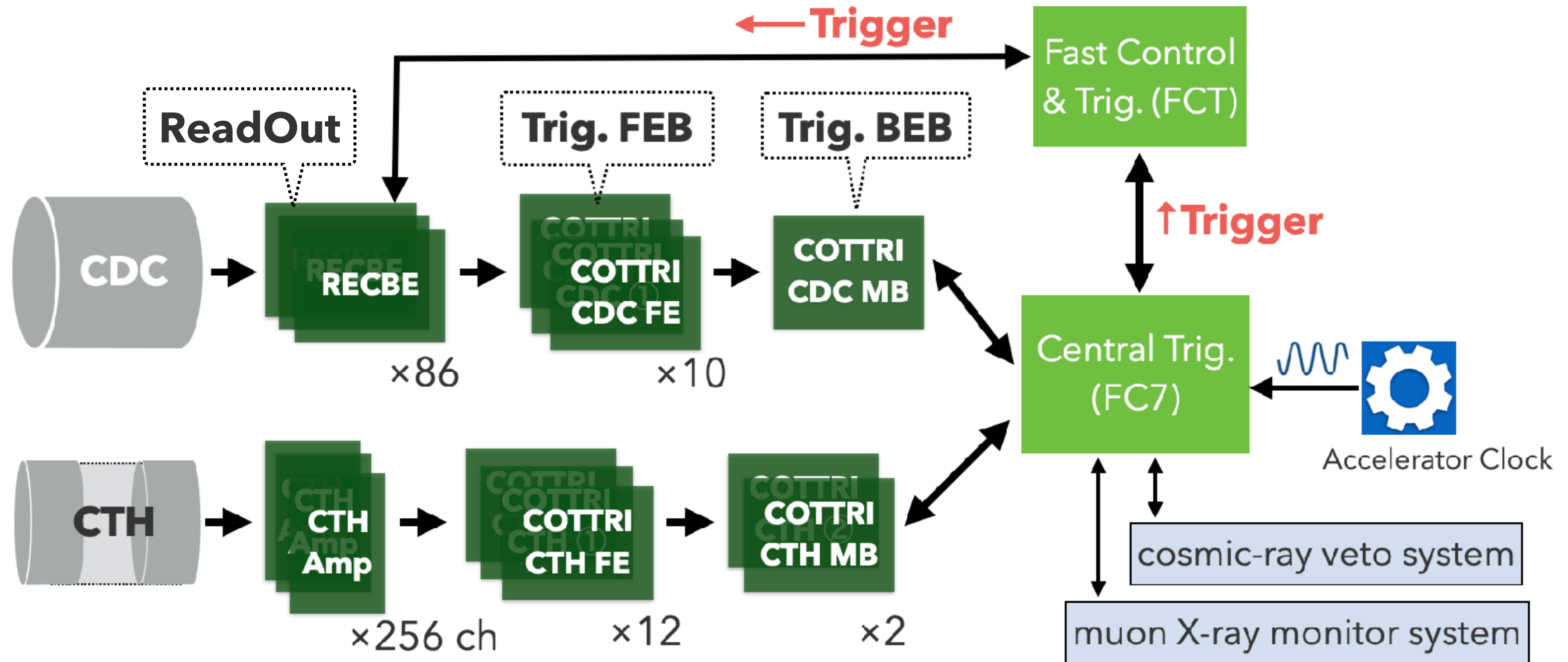
Middle Layer



User Backend Layer

Trigger System

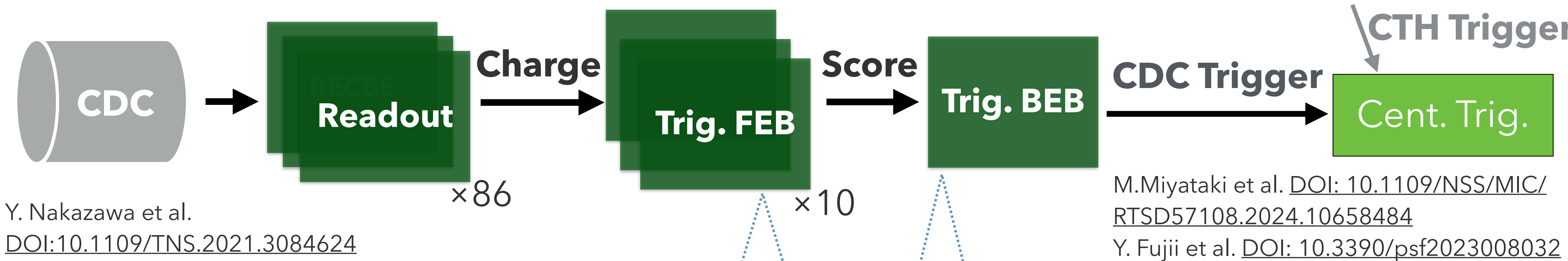
- Multi-stage hardware trigger system (**CO**me**T****TRI**gger) with independent CDC/CTH pipelines



Current Status : All CDC trigger hardware has been prepared and connected

This talk : Full hardware integration test of CDC trigger system

CDC Trigger System



Scoring to each wire by GBDT → Score cut

Input : charge on the target wire
charge on the neighboring wires
radial position

Circle size
 $\propto$ **score**

Score ≤ 0.75
○ Signal
○ Back ground

Score > 0.75
● Signal
● Back ground

Classification based on neural network

under development

Communication of CDC Trigger Electronics

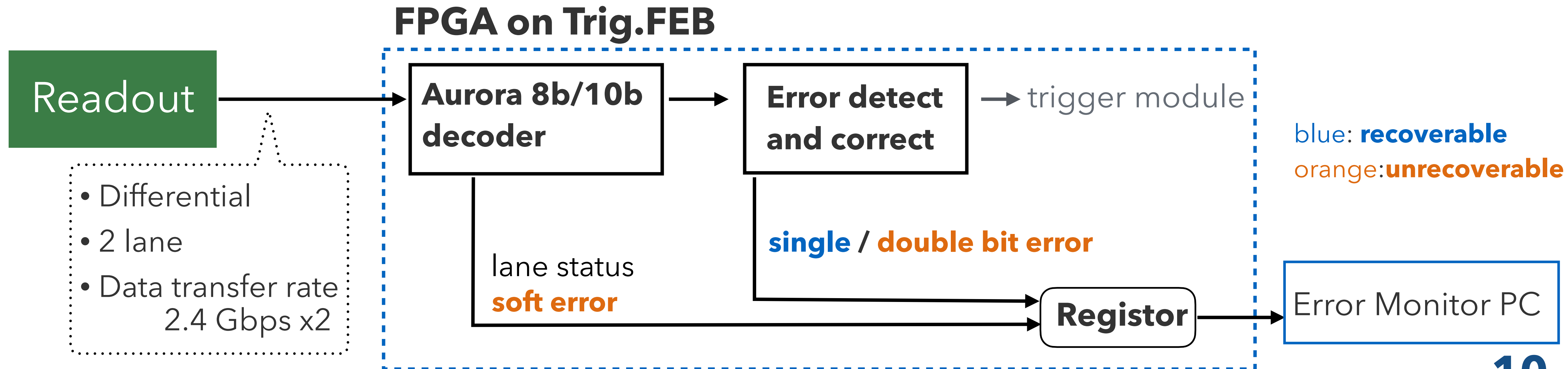
Connection : DisplayPort (DP) cable (copper)

- Length : Readout - Trig. FEB = 5 m (to keep away from high-radiation area)

Communication Protocol : Aurora 8b/10b by AMD

Module in FPGA detects communication errors
→ Evaluate communication stability

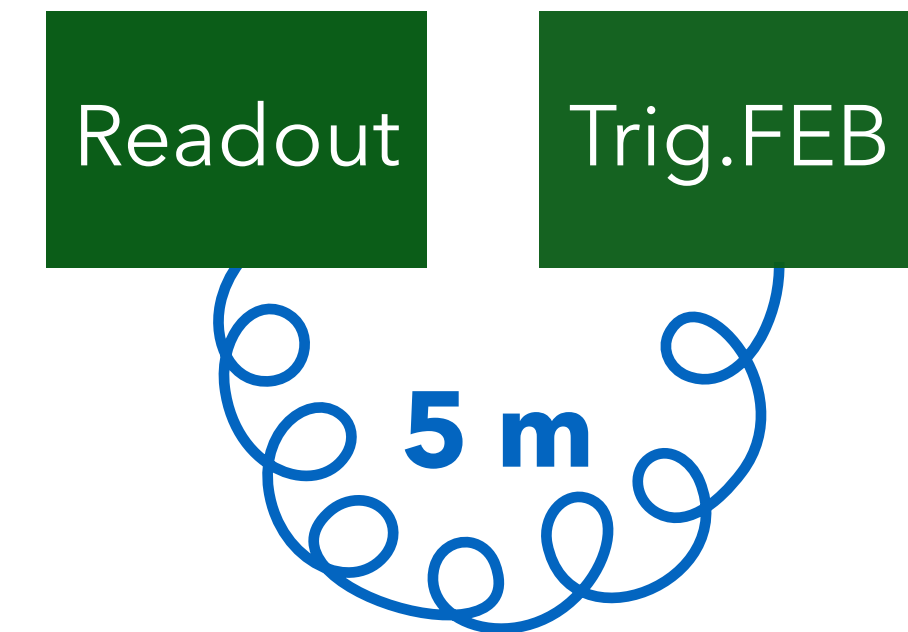
*scalable, lightweight, link-layer protocol
for high-speed serial communication*



Hardware Performance Test Motivation

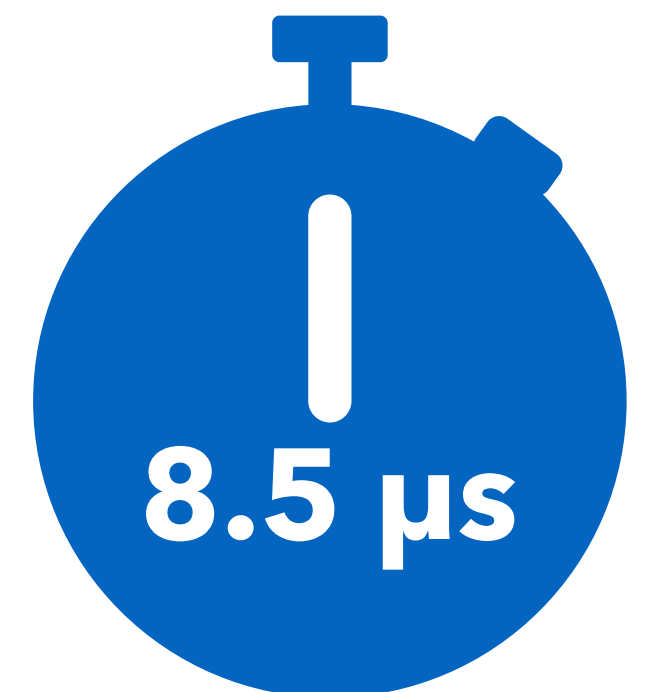
- **Communication Stability**

- Verify stable communication with 5 m DP cables (Readout-Trig.FEB)
- If lost → reset communication / firmware reprogram
 - Dead time
 - Assuming 3-min dead time/unrecoverable error (for firmware reprogramming)
 - Requirement : **Error rate $< 5.6 \times 10^{-5}$ error/sec/system** for $< 1\%$ dead time

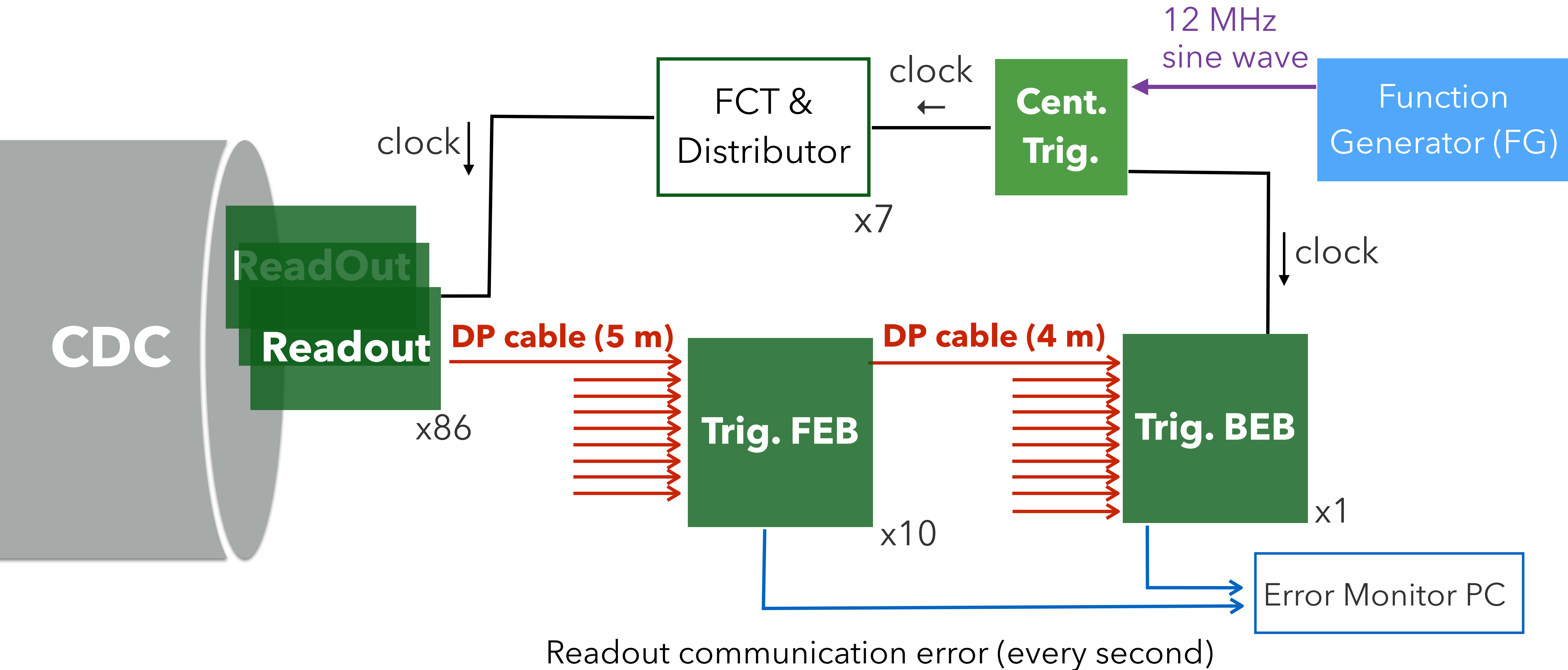


- **Latency Measurement**

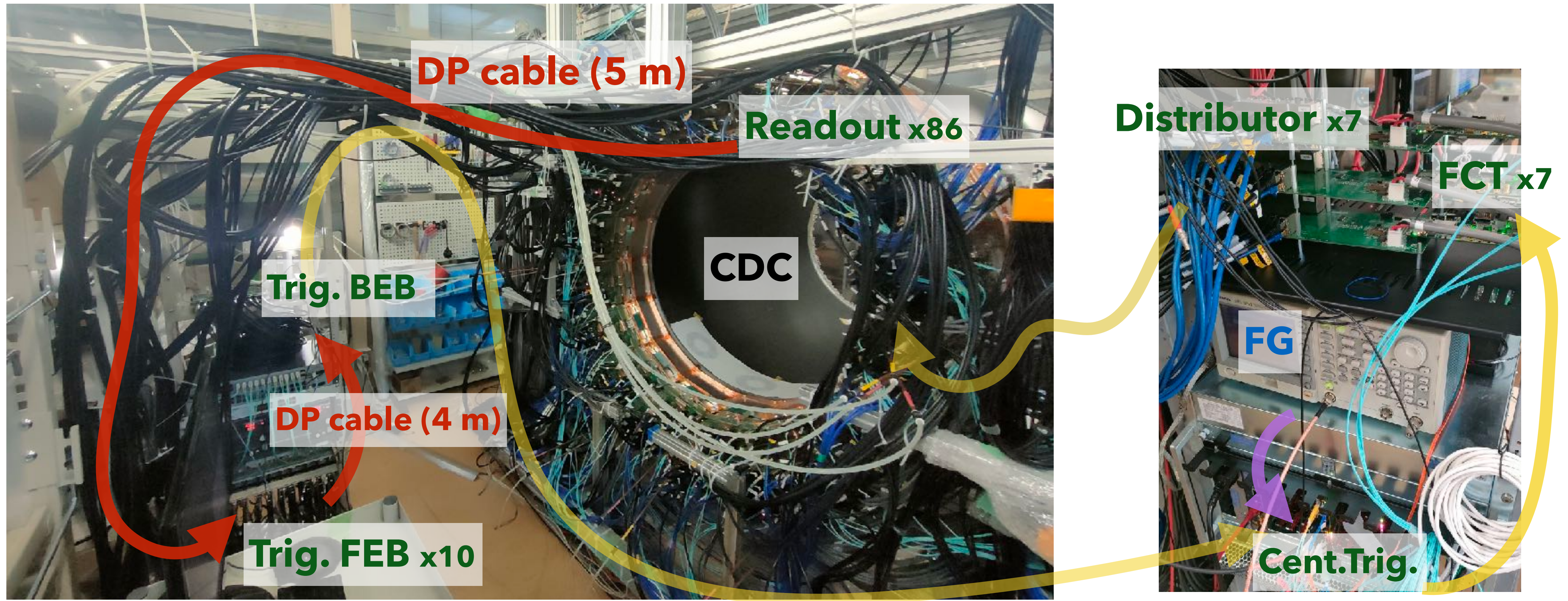
- Determine if CDC trigger alone meets **less 8.5 μ sec latency** requirement
- CTH trigger less critical due to fast response



Communication Stability Test Setup



Communication Stability Test Result @ J-PARC

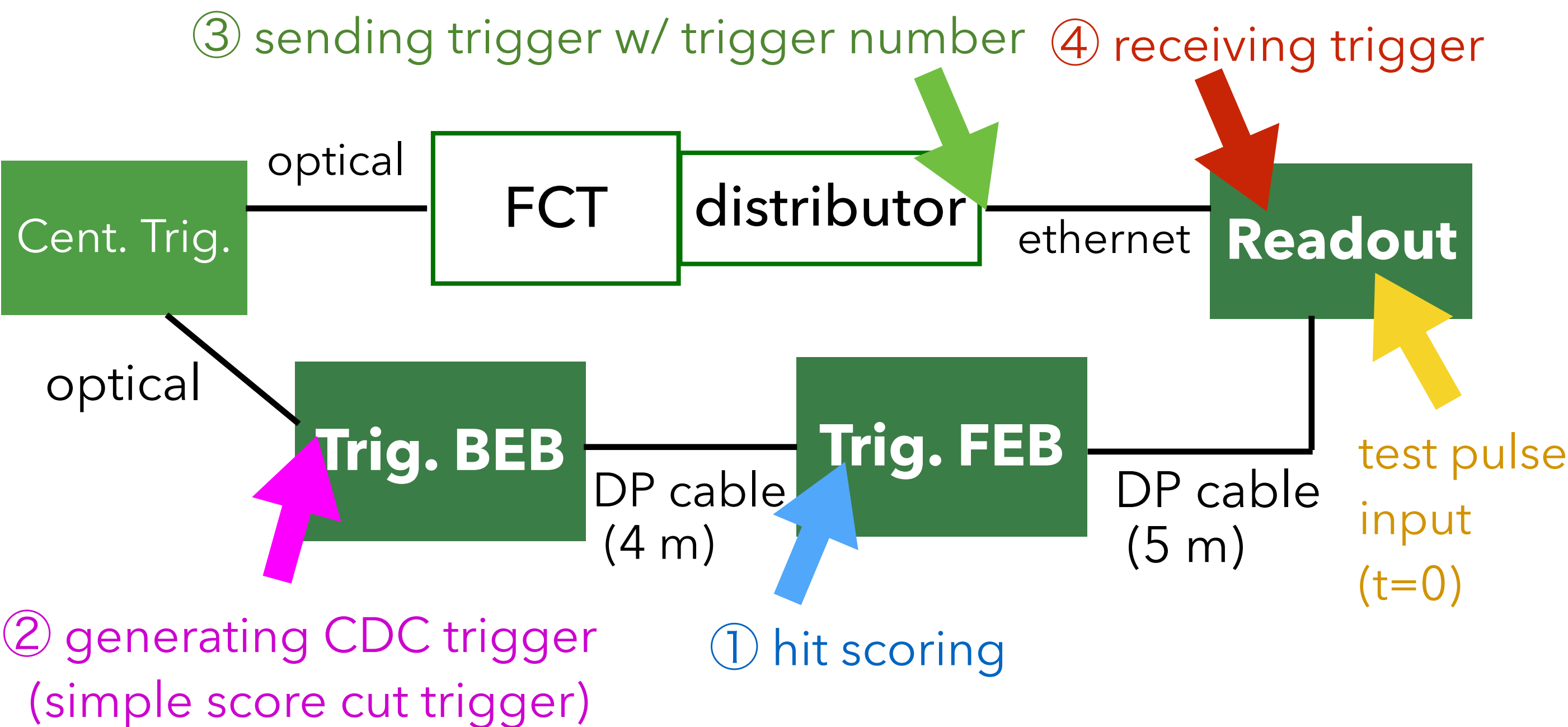


Connected **all cables** linking CDC trigger system boards

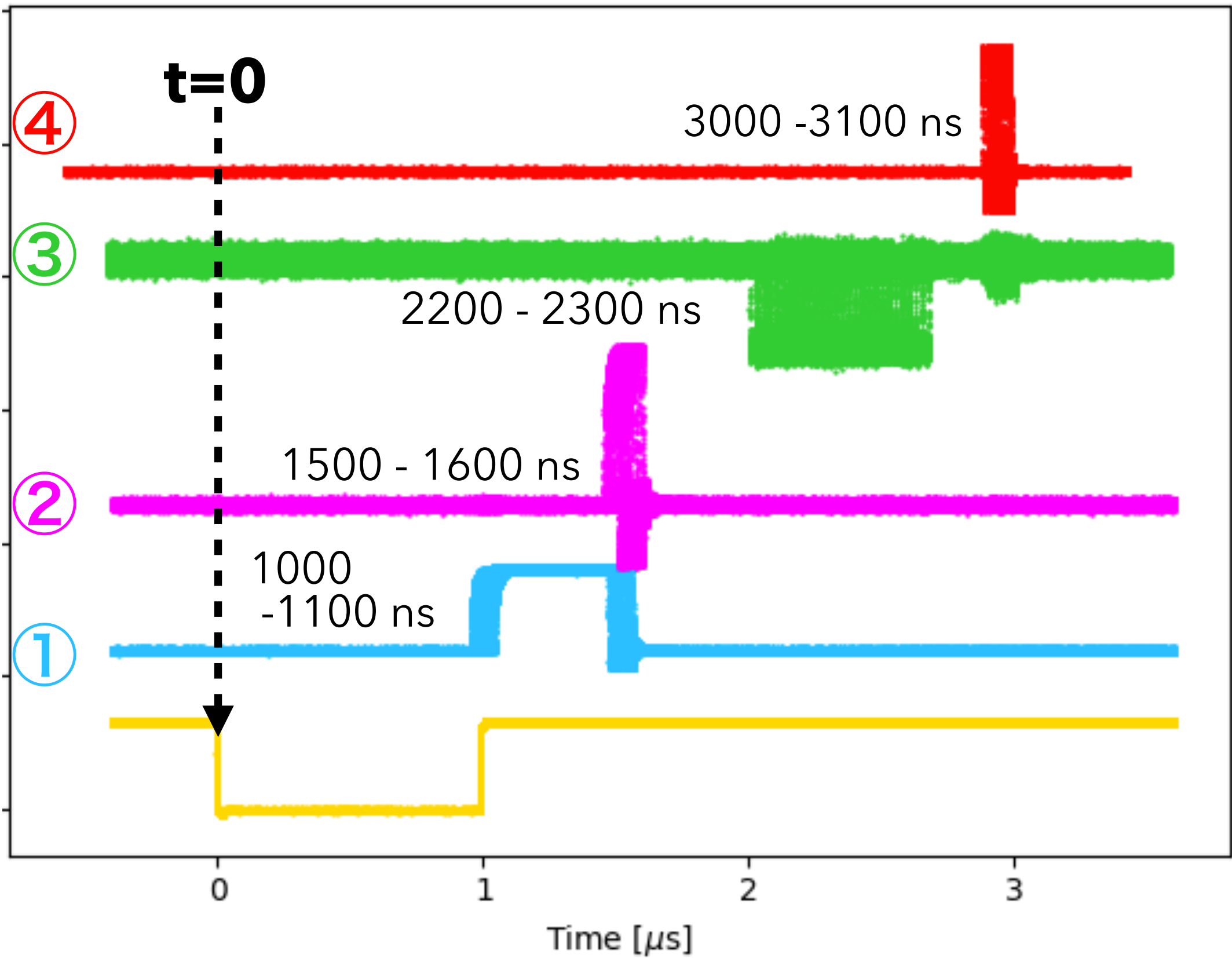
Measurement for 66,880 seconds (~18 hours) → **NO communication errors**

Error rate $< 4.6 \times 10^{-5}$ error/sec/system **(95% C.L.)** **13**

Latency Measurement Setup & Result



	latency [nsec]
measurement latency	3000-3100
drift time	400
Total	3400-3500



Satisfy requirement $\ll 8.5 \mu\text{sec}$

Summary & Future Plan

- **COMET Phase-I searches $\mu - e$ conversion**

- Target single event sensitivity : 3×10^{-15} (a factor of 100 improvement of upper limit)

- **Main Detector CyDet**

- CDC (momentum measurement) & CTH (primary trigger)

- **Online System**

- DAQ System : parallel and asynchronous data processing (NestDAQ) → High data-rate capability
- Monitoring System : Web-based modern interface (SlowDash) → developer- & user-friendly
- Trigger System : Multi-stage hardware system → fast & efficient event selection

- **CDC Trigger System Hardware performance**

- Communication stability : verified all boards communicated properly with less than 1% dead time
- Trigger Latency : confirmed within 8.5 μ sec of required value

- **Future plan**

- Implement fixed latency on transceiver
- Implement NN algorithm on COTTRI CDC MB
- Integrate with CTH trigger system

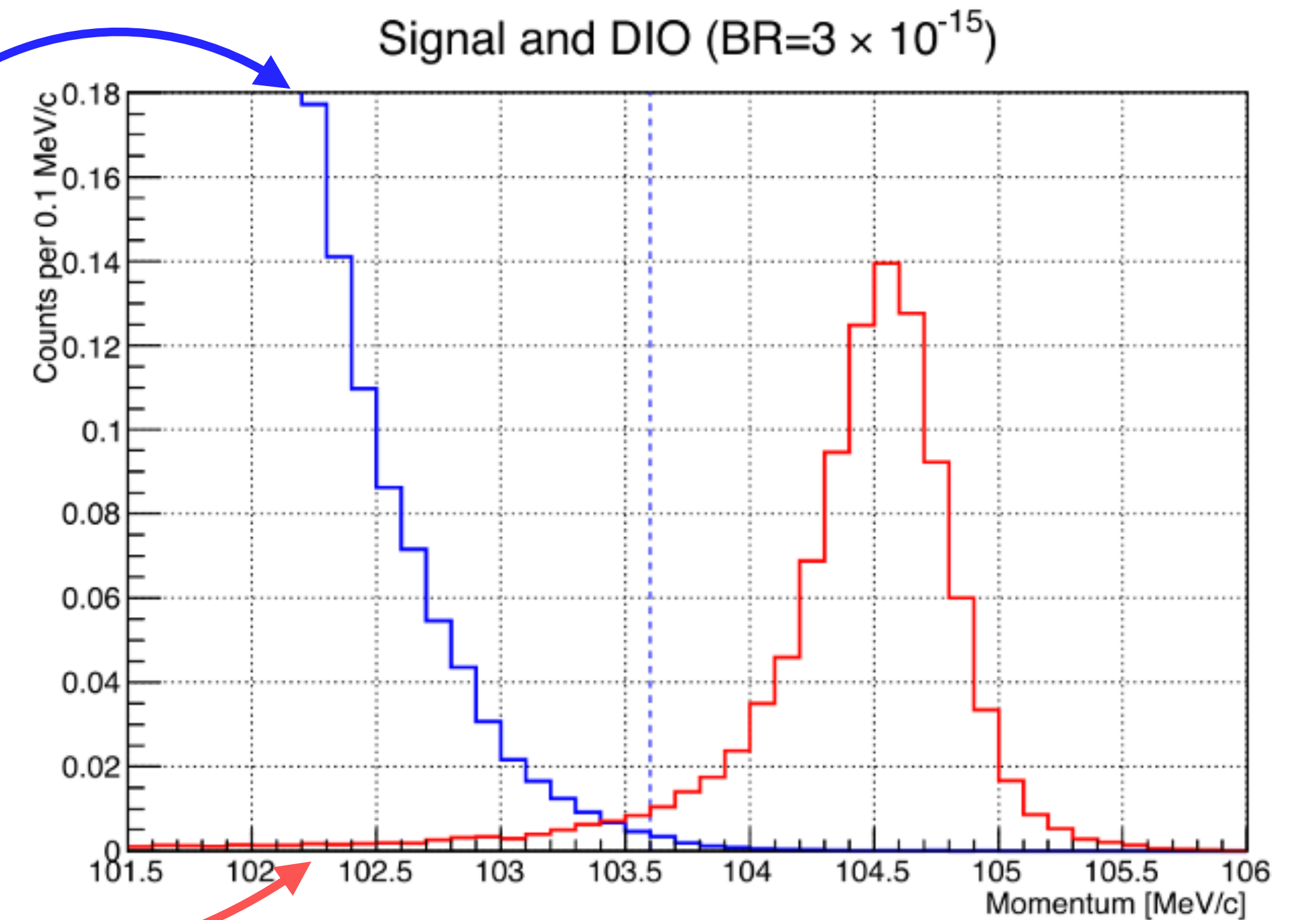
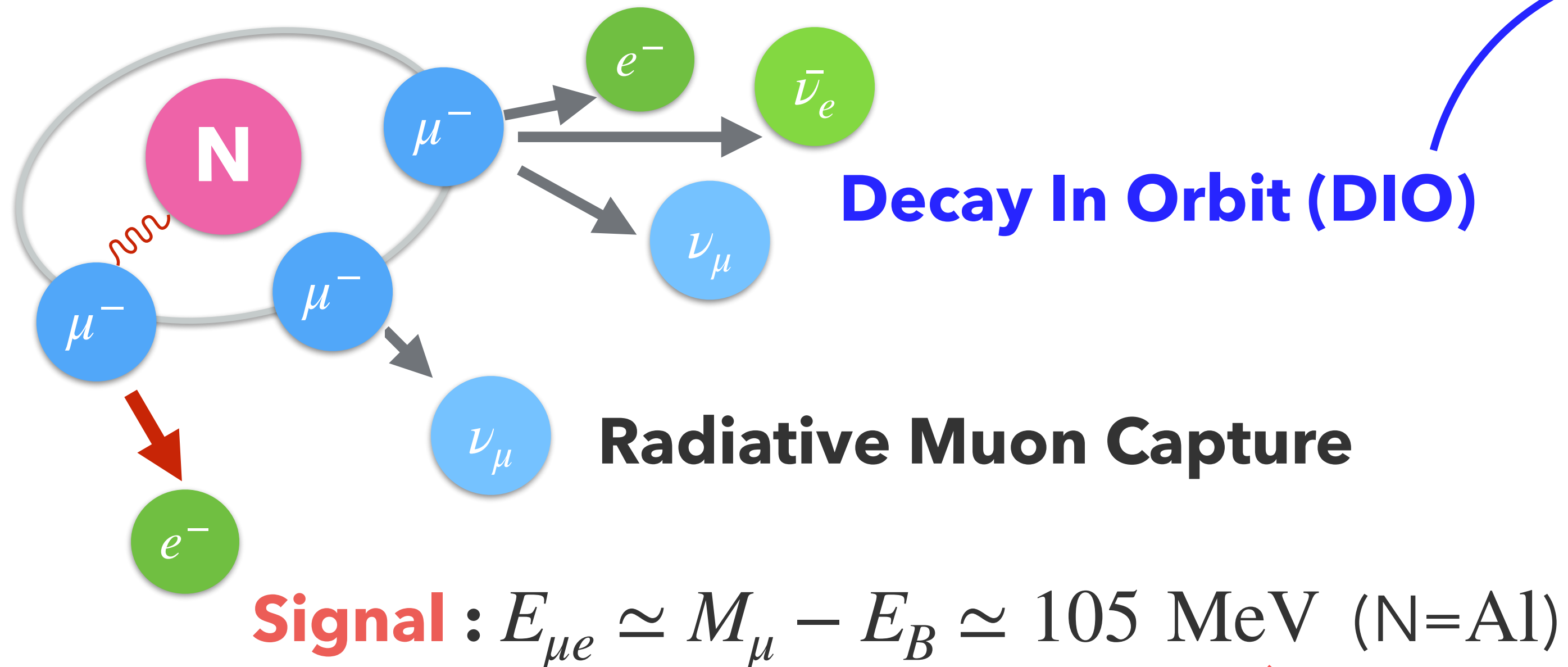
Other COMET presentation :

09/07 17:30 [Muon beam monitor](#) by O. Kenya (Poster T11)
10/07 10:00 [COMET Overview](#) by C. Cristina (Parallel T09)
11/07 10:00 [Straw-Tube Tracker](#) by H. Masaaki (Parallel T11)

backup

COMET (COherent Muon to Electron Transition)

muonic atom



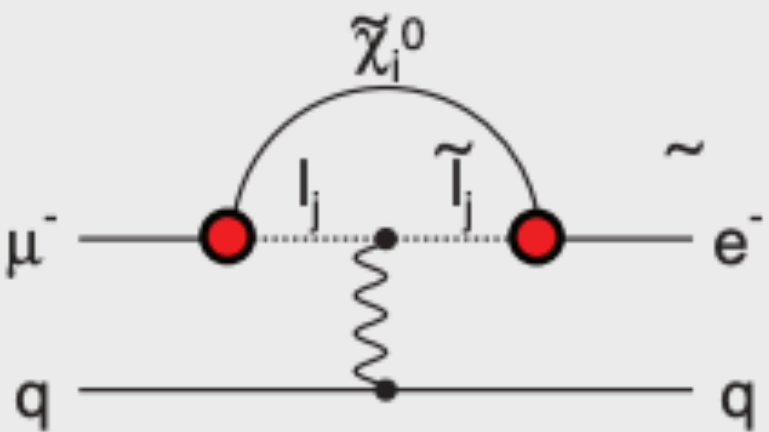
other background

- Cosmic-ray induced background
- Beam related background
 - radiative pion capture

Possible Contributions to CLFV

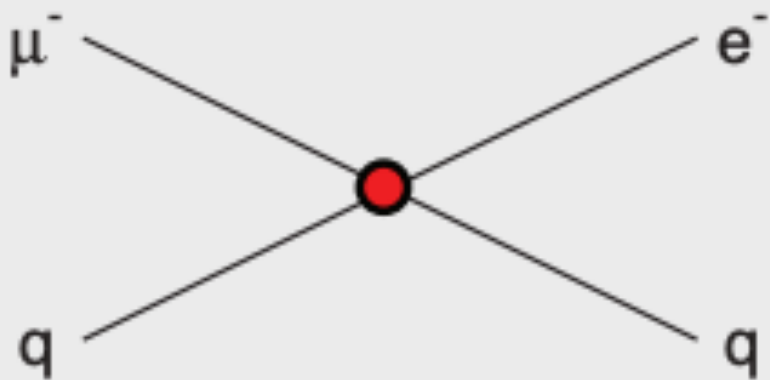
Supersymmetry

rate $\sim 10^{-15}$



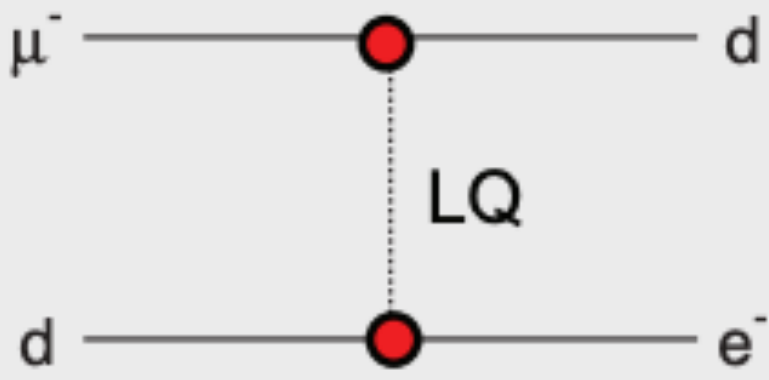
Compositeness

$\Lambda_c \sim 3000 \text{ TeV}$



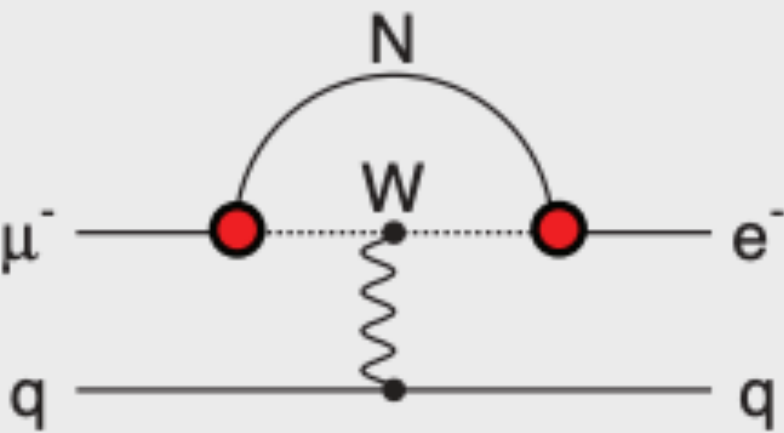
Leptoquark

$M_{LQ} = 3000 (\lambda_{\mu d} \lambda_{e d})^{1/2} \text{ TeV}/c^2$



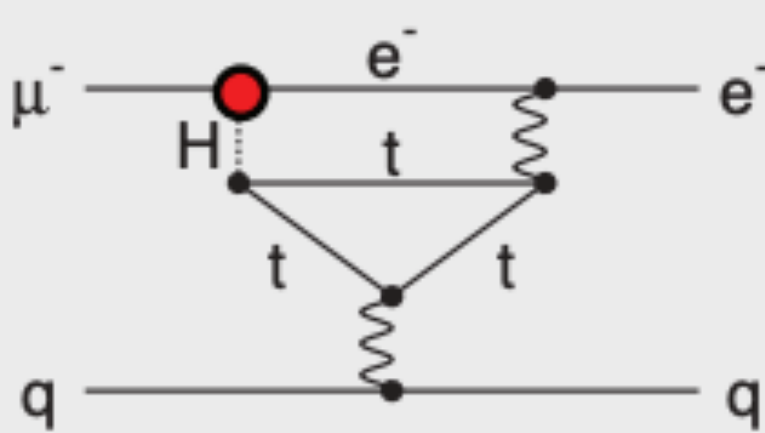
Heavy Neutrinos

$|U_{\mu N} U_{e N}|^2 \sim 8 \times 10^{-13}$



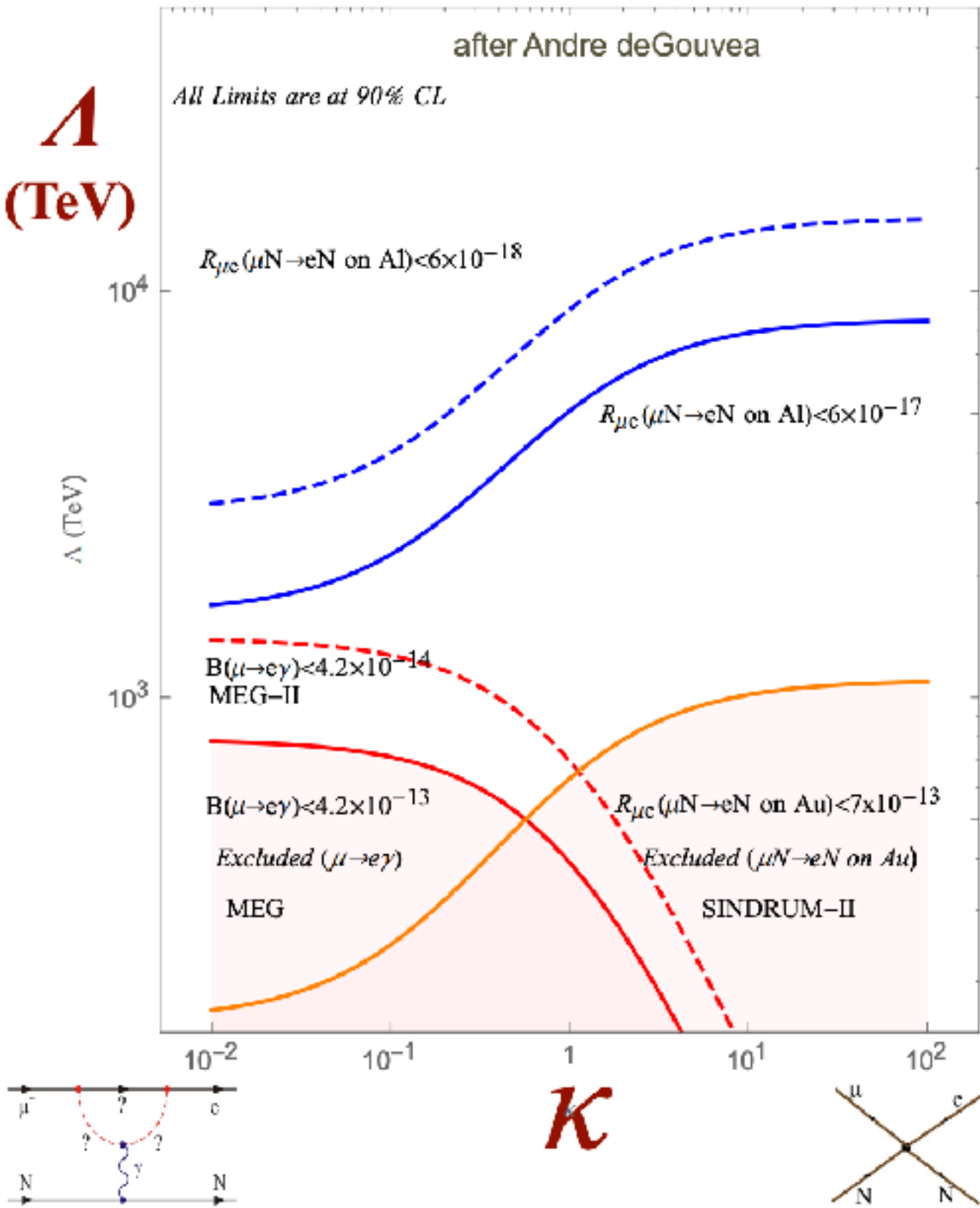
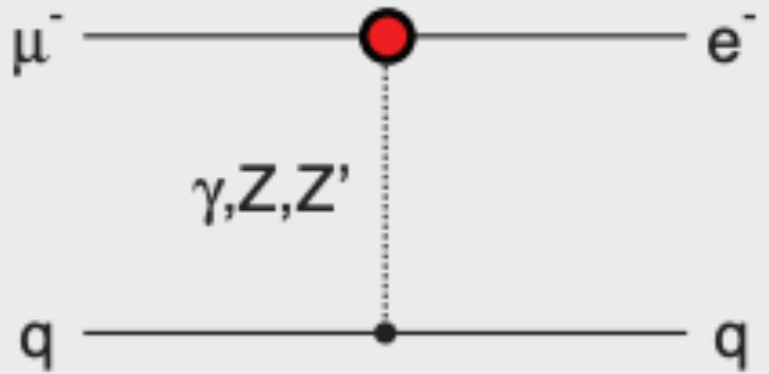
Second Higgs Doublet

$g(H_{\mu e}) \sim 10^{-4} g(H_{\mu \mu})$



Heavy Z' Anomal. Z Coupling

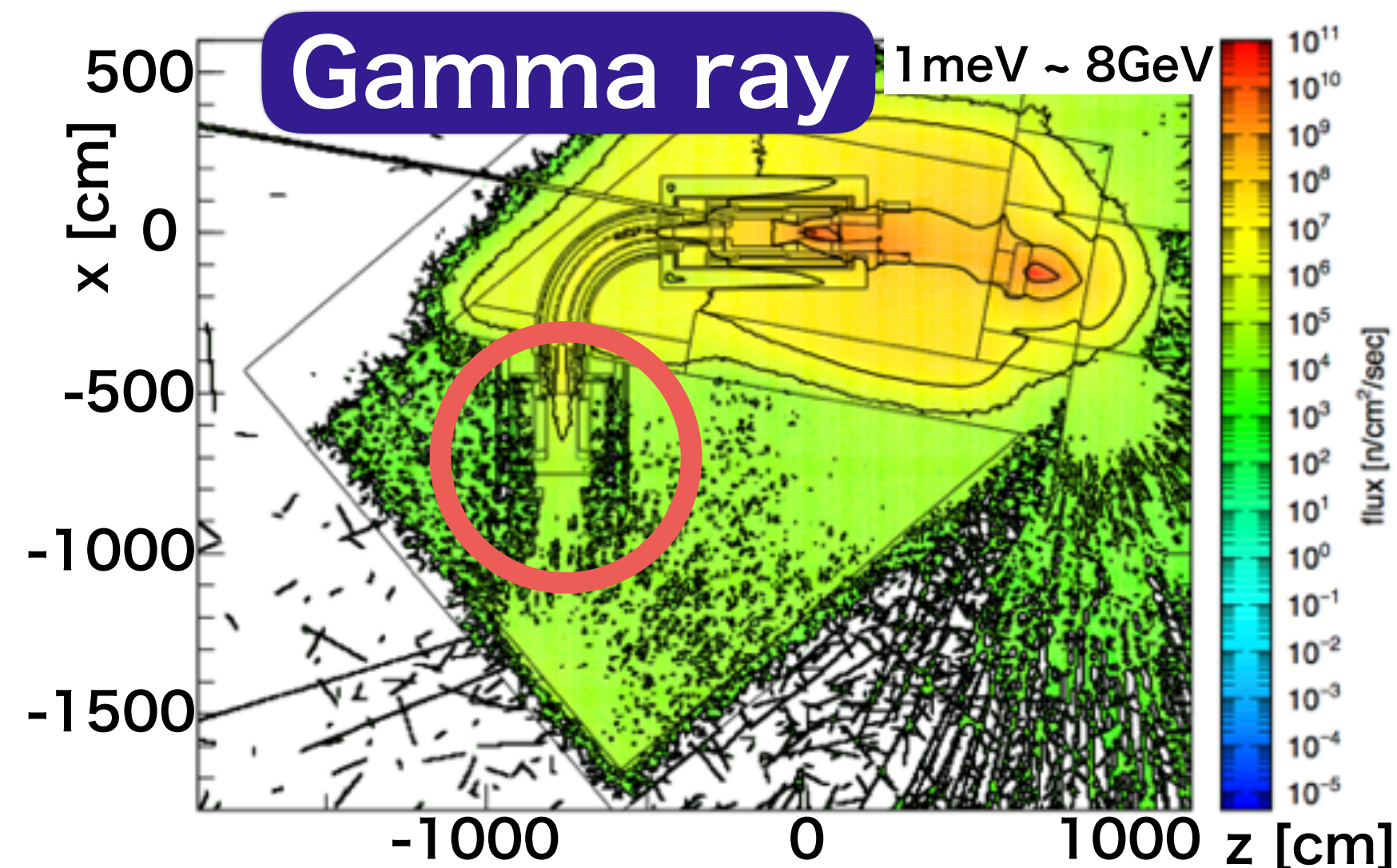
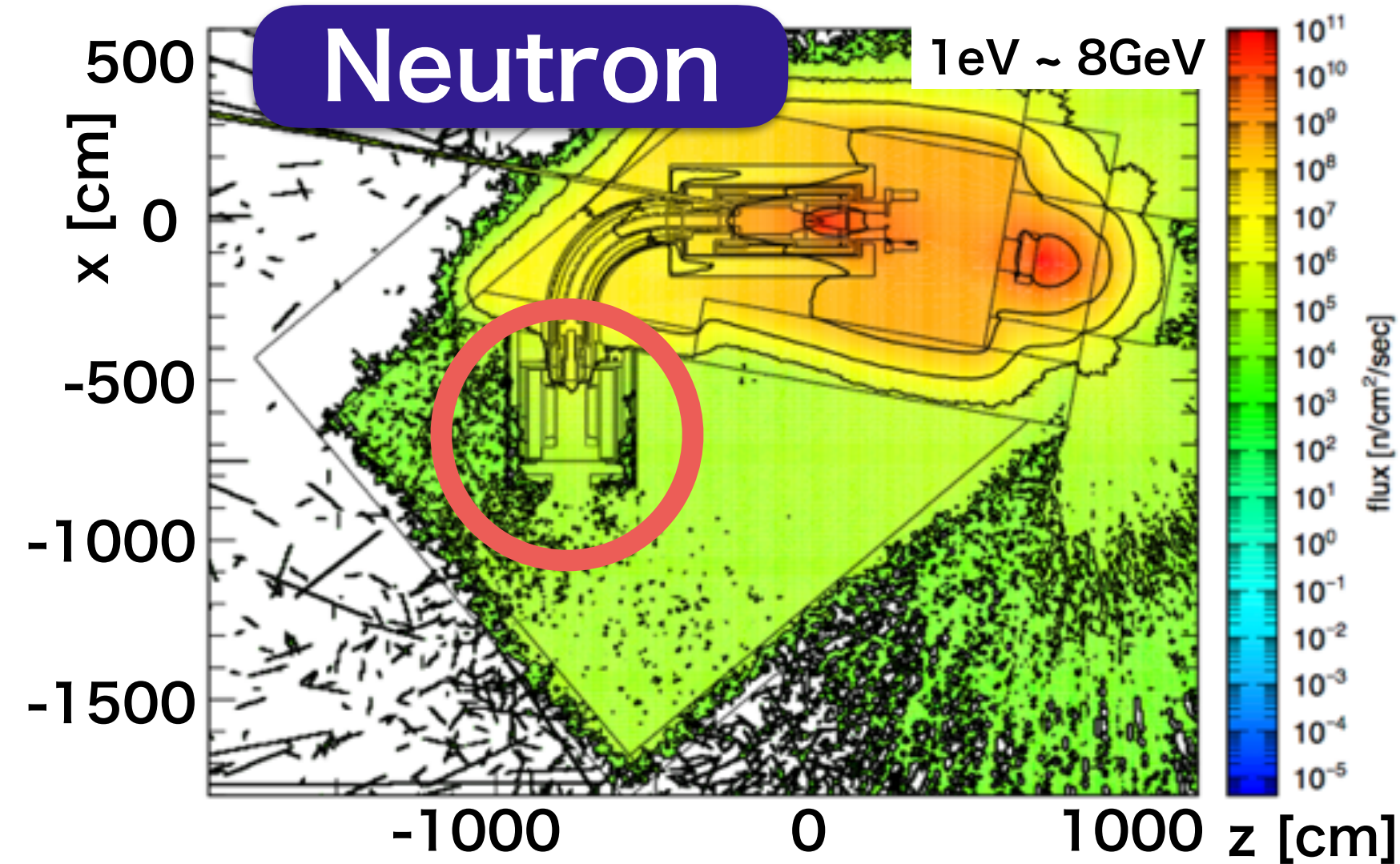
$M_{Z'} = 3000 \text{ TeV}/c^2$



https://indico.cern.ch/event/452998/contributions/2184888/attachments/1306687/1958605/PASCOScLFV_Bernstein.pdf

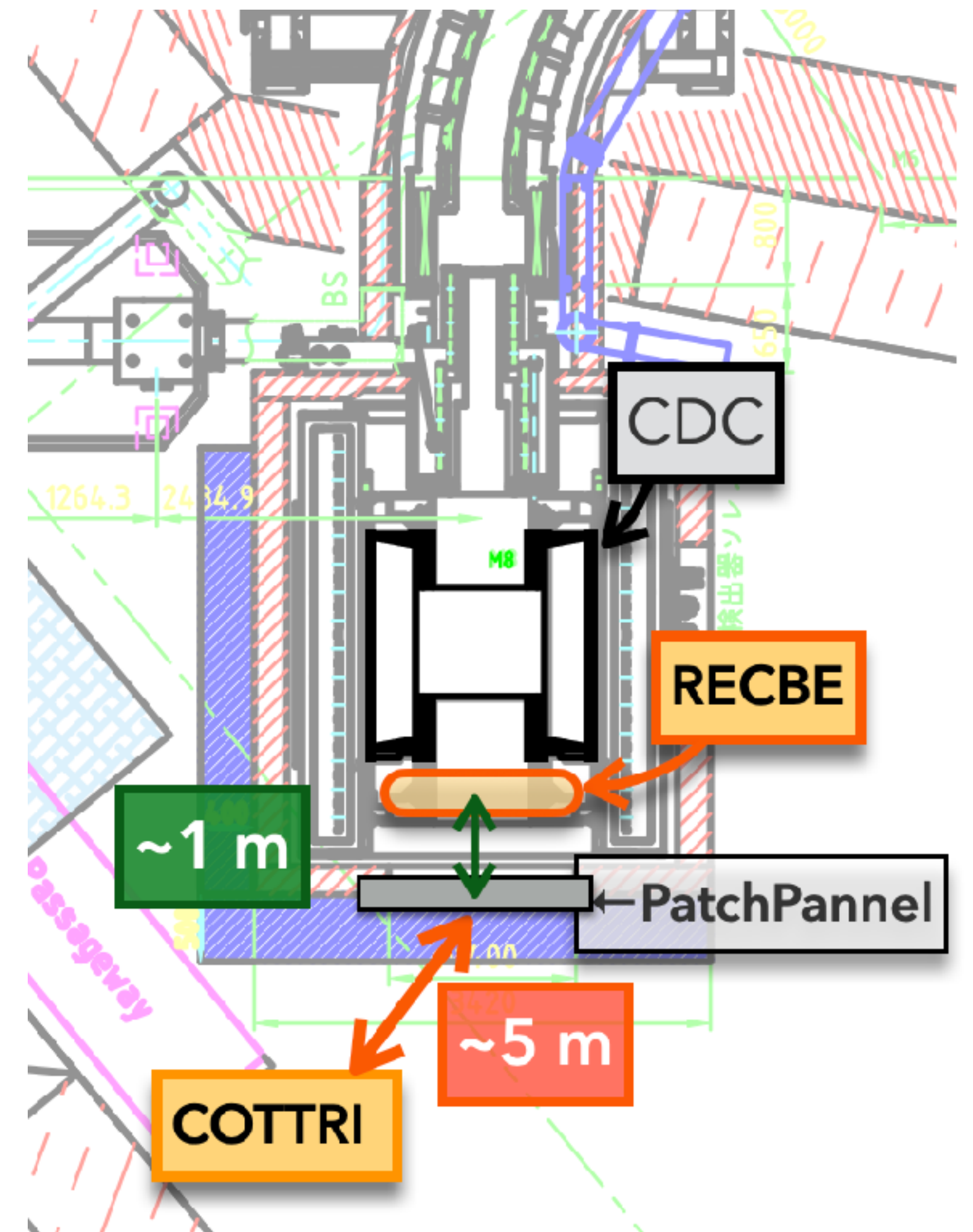
estimated radiation dose and layout

- radiation damage Neutron : $10^{12} \text{ n}_{1\text{--MeVeq}}/\text{cm}^2$ Gamma : 1 kGy

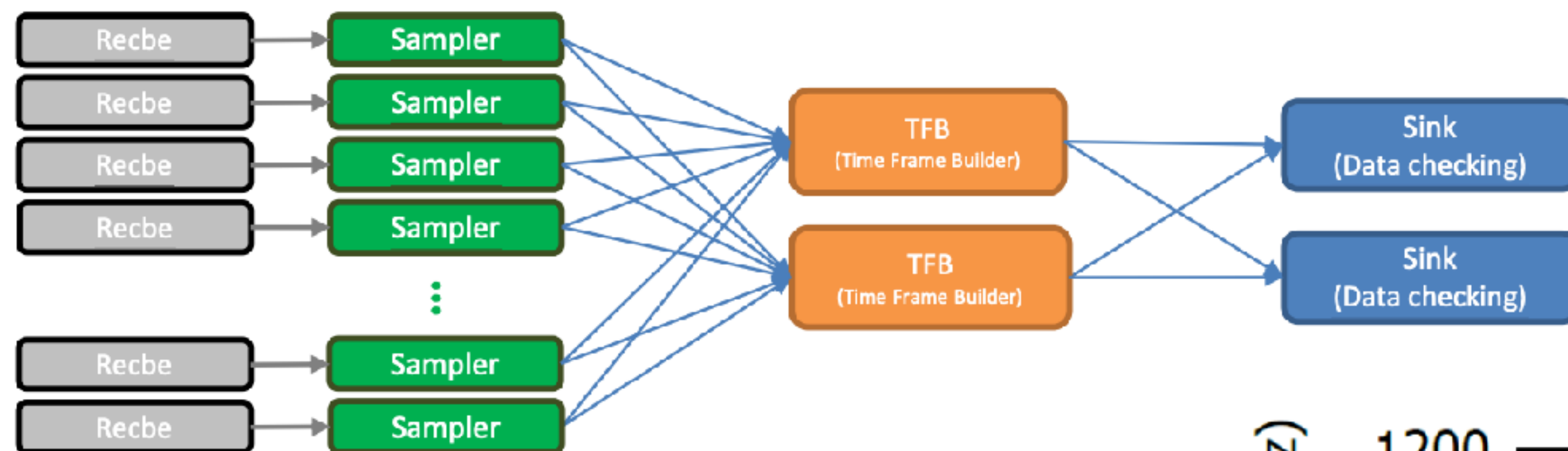


detector region

- layout



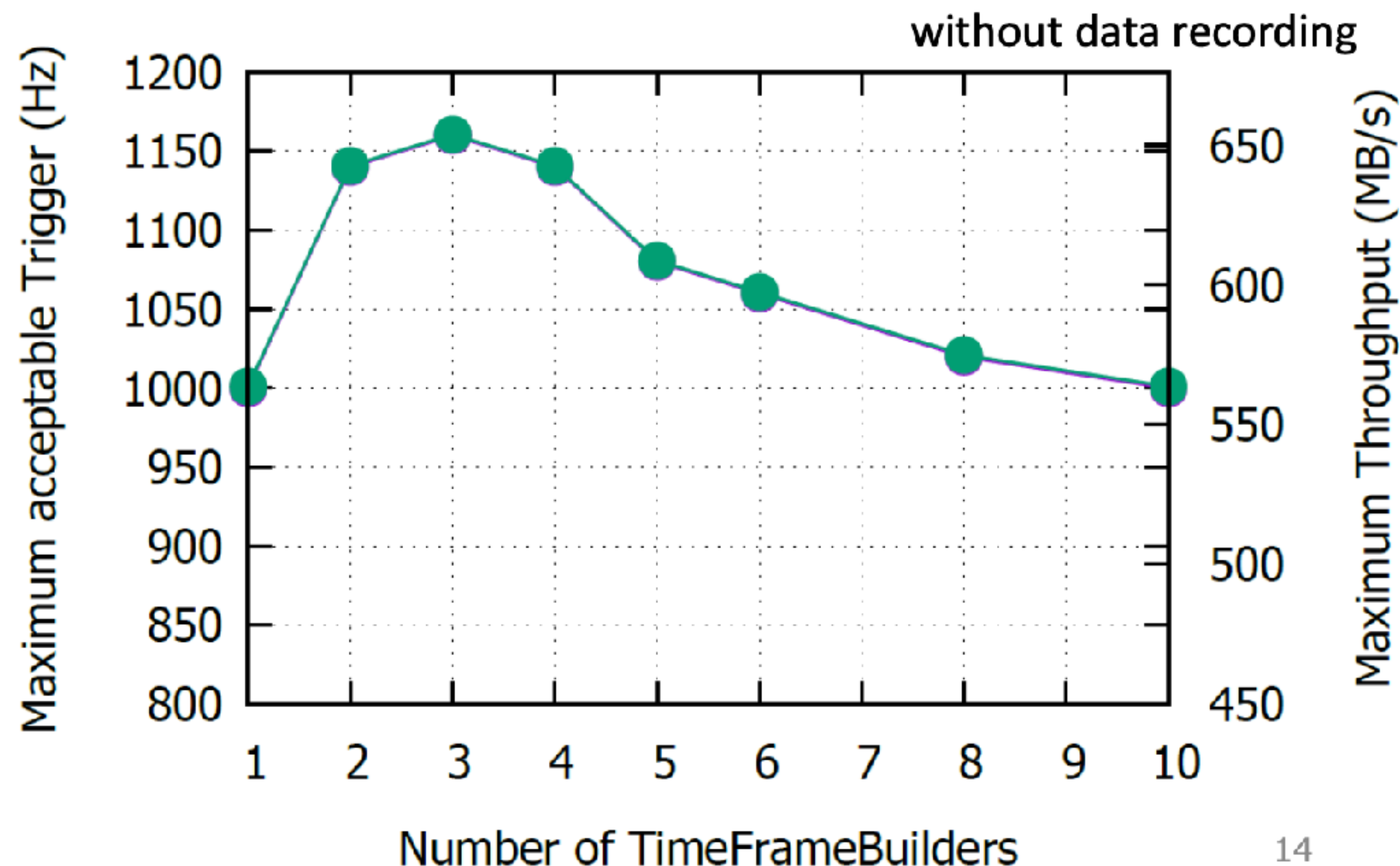
Data flow throughput



The time frame builder works as an event builder using the sampler which reads data from Recbe event by event.

UDS (Unix Domain Socket) was used for internal process communication.

- One DAQ server PC
- Event size: 6156B
- Number of Recbes: 96
- DAQ PC
 - Xeon E-2236 @ 3.40GHz 6 Cores
 - Memory 32 GB
 - NIC: Broadcom NetXtreme II BCM57810
- 1G/10G network switch
 - FS.com S3900 24F4S



Trigger data format

RECBE -> FE

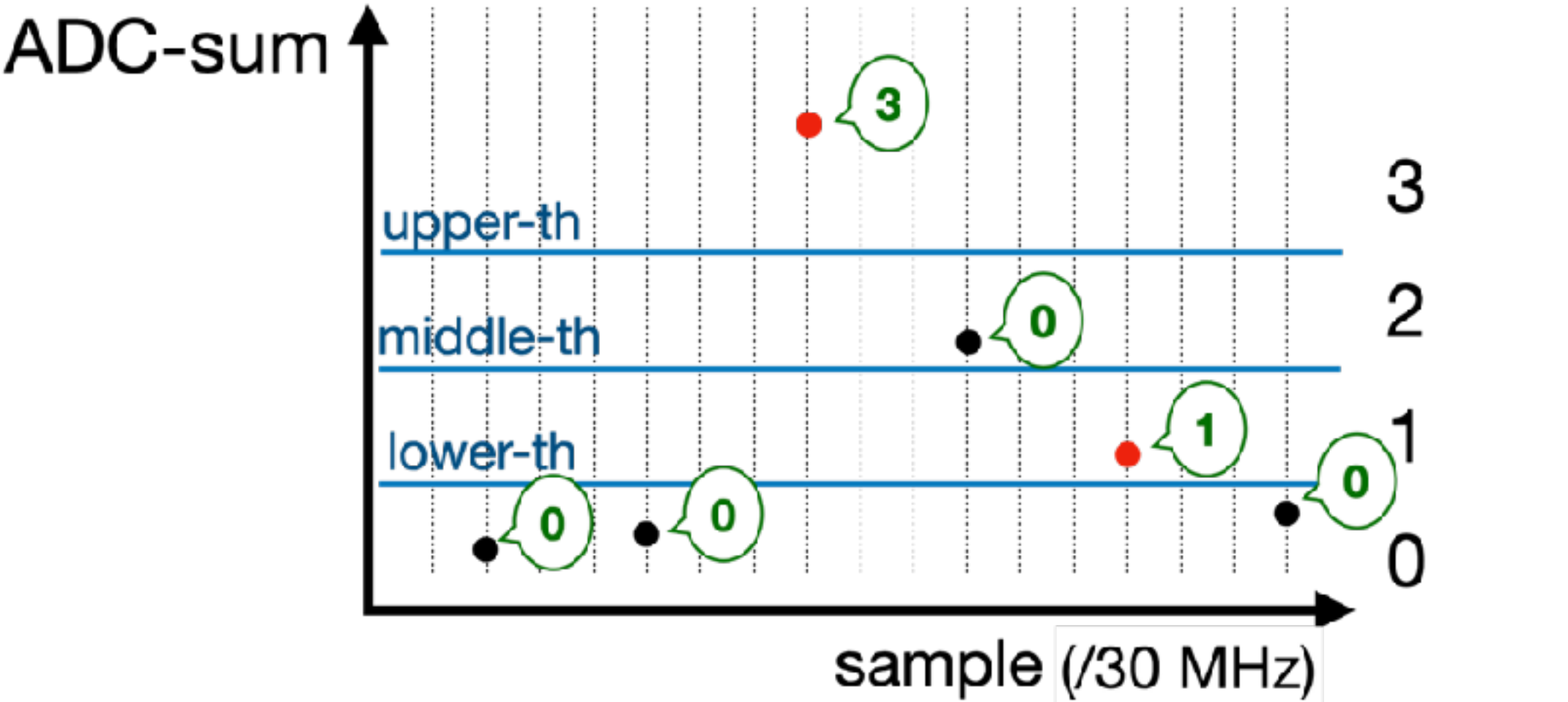
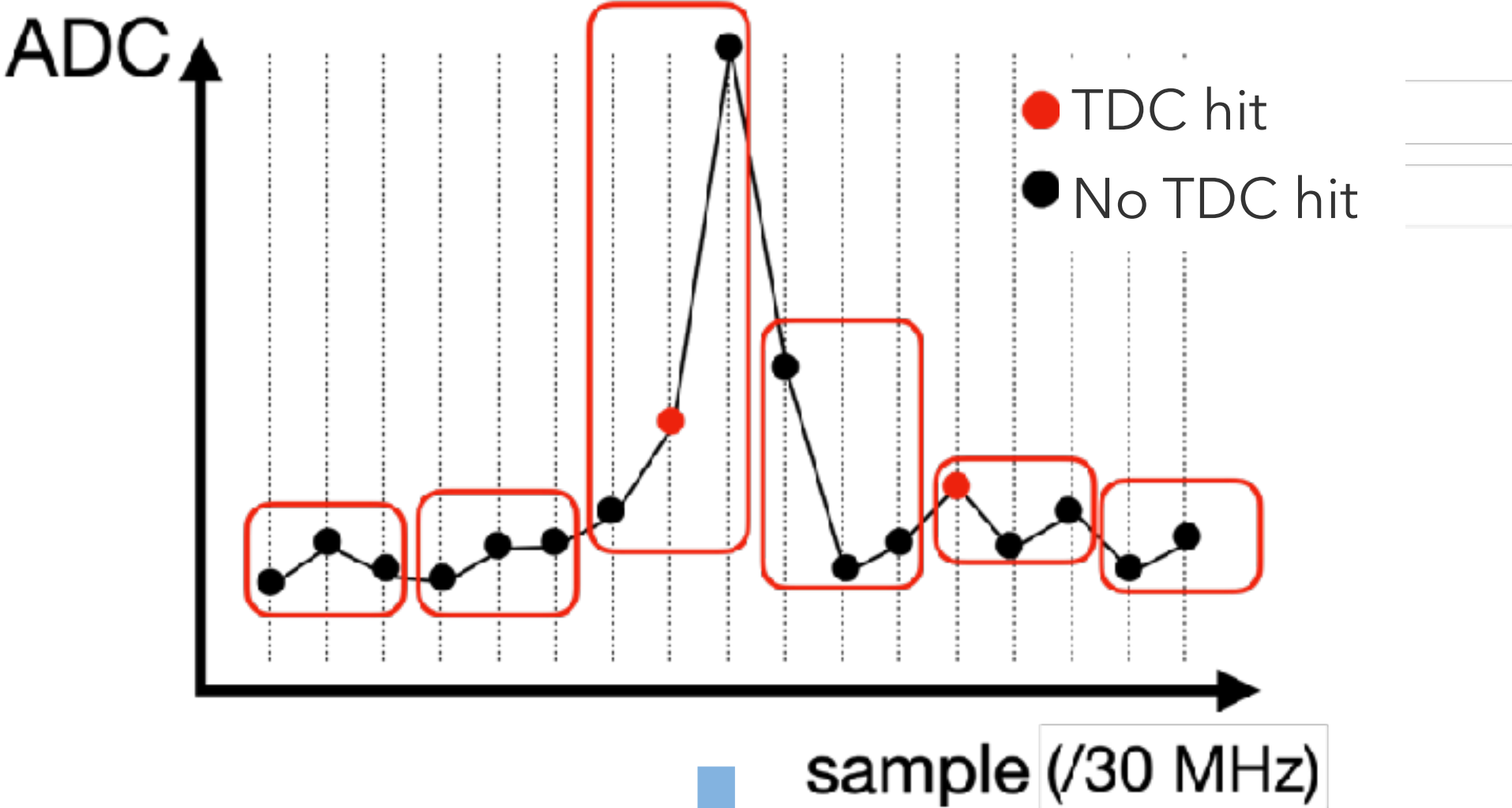
1 frame (10 MHz)
: data transfer rate 1.6 Gbps (maximum data transfer rate 3.28 Gbps)

Bit	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Header	0	Parity bits			1	Sent number										Board ID																
2-bit data	0	Parity bits			0	ch11	←																								0	
	0	Parity bits			0	ch23	←																								12	
	0	Parity bits			0	ch35	←																								24	
	0	Parity bits			0	ch47	←																								36	

FE -> MB

1frame (10 MHz).
: data transfer rate 1.9 Gbps (maximum data transfer rate 3.84 Gbps)

Bit	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Header	0	Parity bits							1	Board ID								Sent number															
Integrated score	0	Parity bits							0	RECBE 9								RECBE 8															
	0	Parity bits							0	RECBE 7								RECBE 6															
	0	Parity bits							0	RECBE 5								RECBE 4															
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Event features

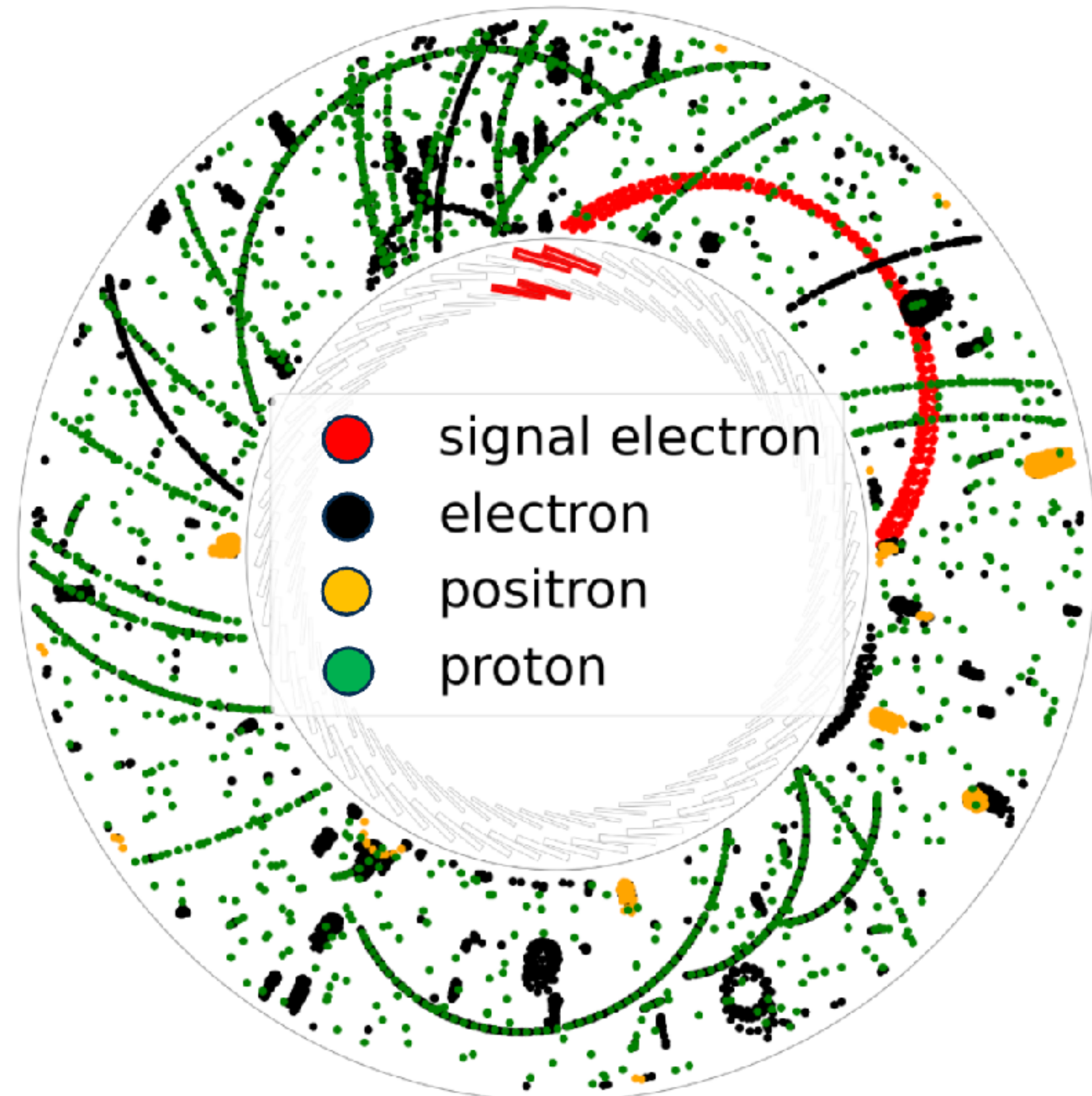
Signal characteristics

- **Helical tracks with a signal-like curvature**
- MIP-level hit in a cell

Background characteristics

- Low energy electrons
 - Long lived in a small region
- Protons
 - Large curvature
 - Large energy deposit

Simulated event display in cross-section view in CyDet
Each dot represents MC hits.



Training and optimization

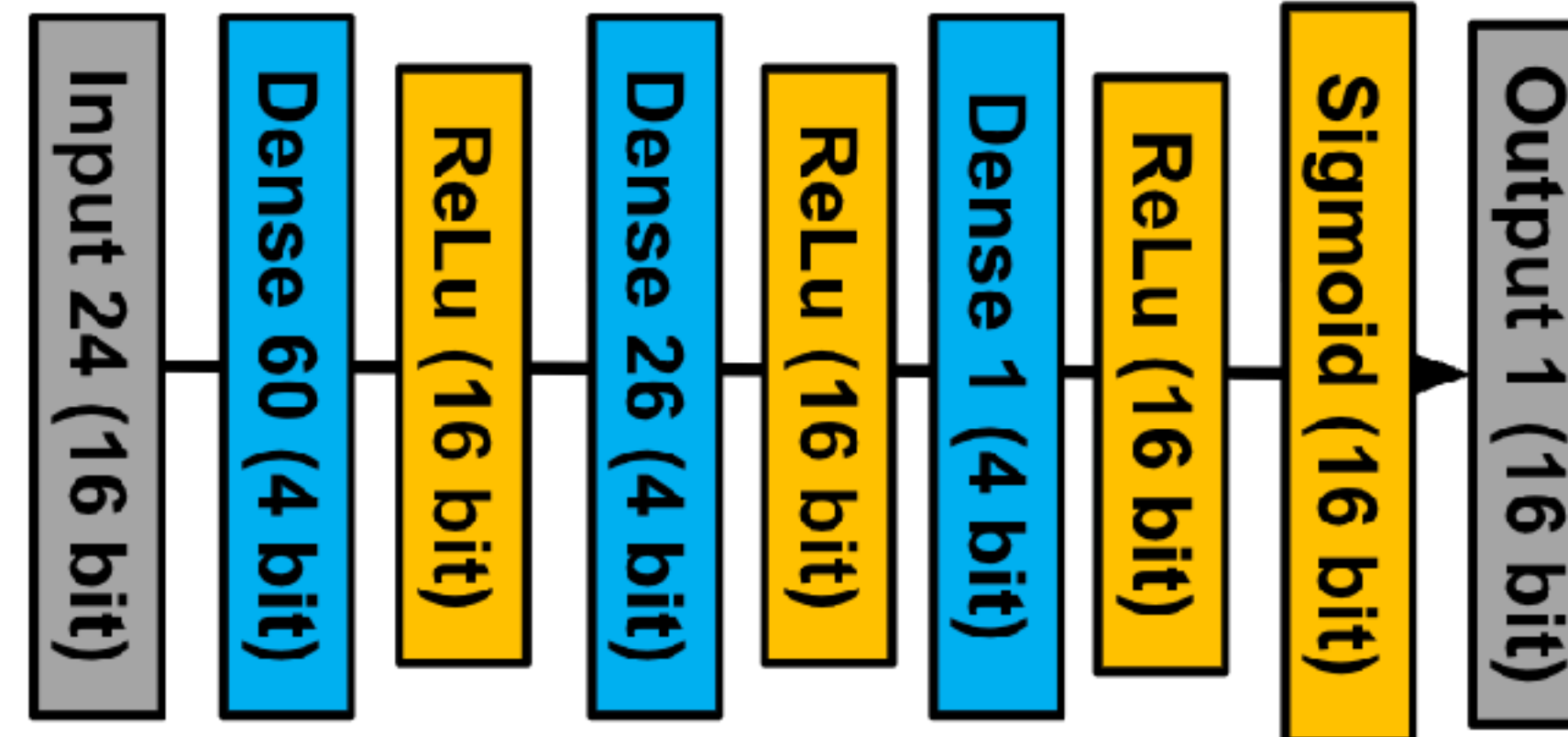
[5] <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2006.10159>

[6] <https://doi.org/10.1145/3292500.3330701>

- Quantized MLP (QMLP) was constructed by using QKeras[5].
 - Quantization (calculation precision reduction) is essential.
 - For our target FPGA, AMD Xilinx Kintex7 xc7k355t-ffg901-1
- Parameters were optimized by using Optuna[6].
 - Hit mapping
 - Score threshold
 - Compression ratio
 - QMLP structures
 - Number of layers
 - Number of neurons
 - Precision

The best QMLP model structure

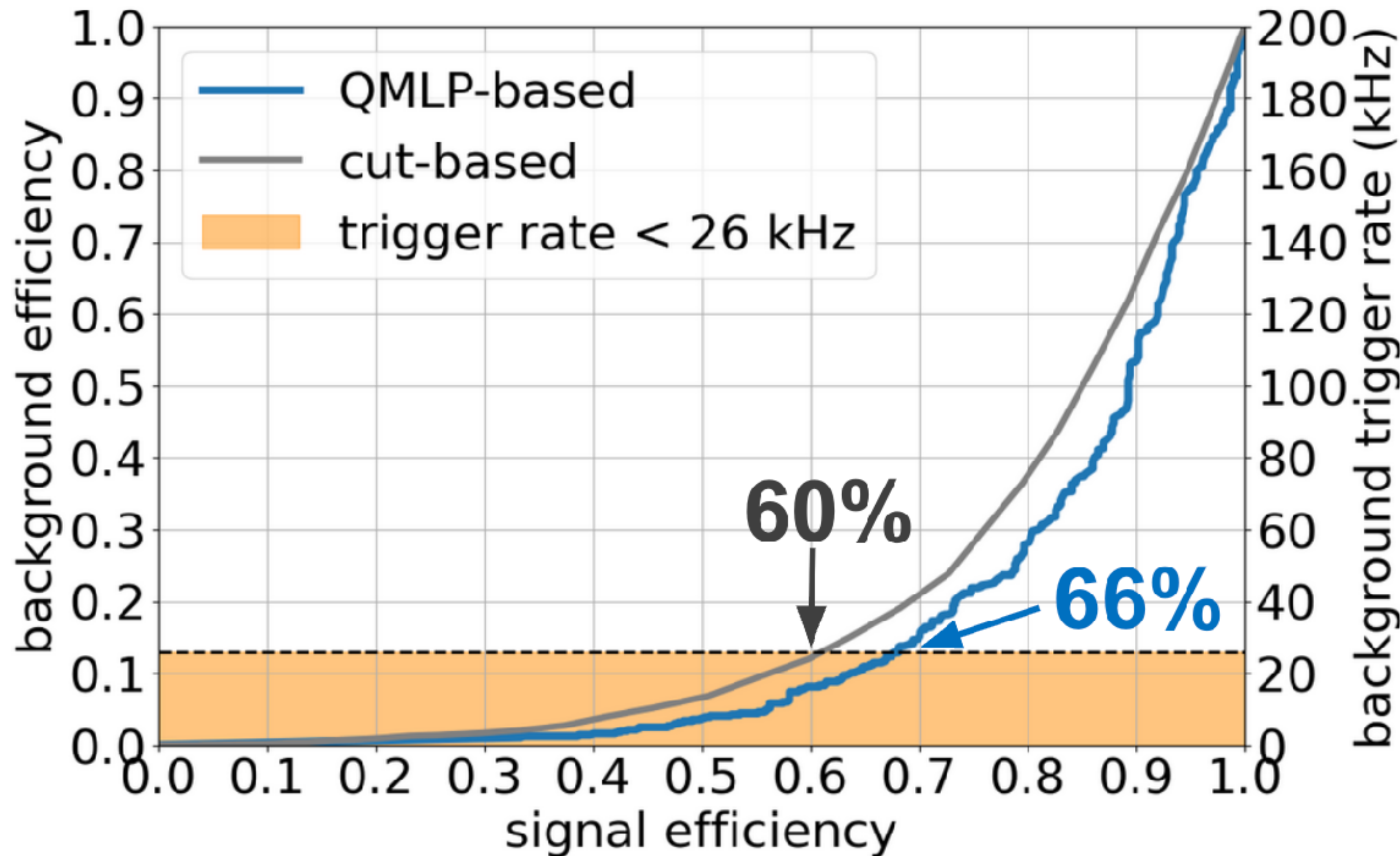
(GBDT score threshold = 0.75)



Number of parameters 3,113

Dense = Fully connected layer

Result



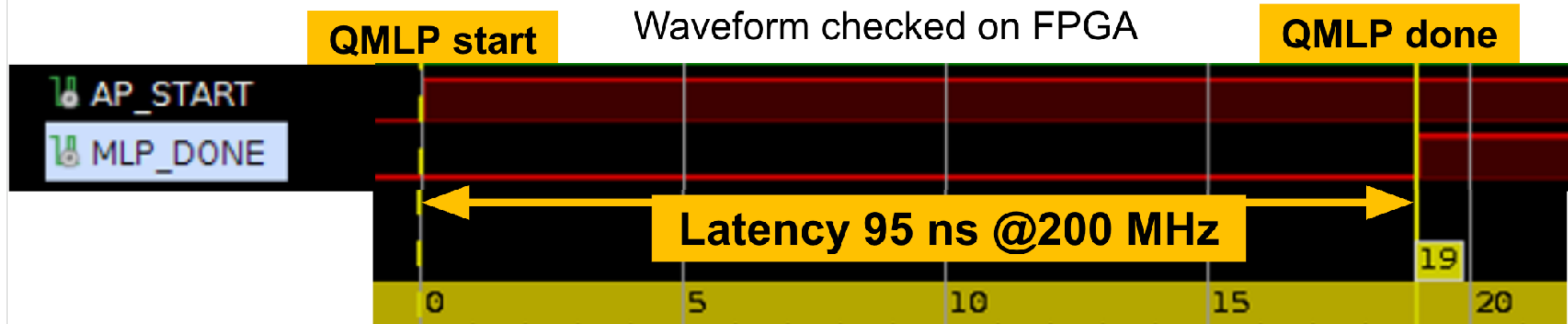
- The signal efficiency is **66% at a trigger rate of 26 kHz**, assuming a CTH trigger rate of 200 kHz.
- **10% better** performance is achieved than the cut-based method.

Latency of neural network logic

FPGA implementation

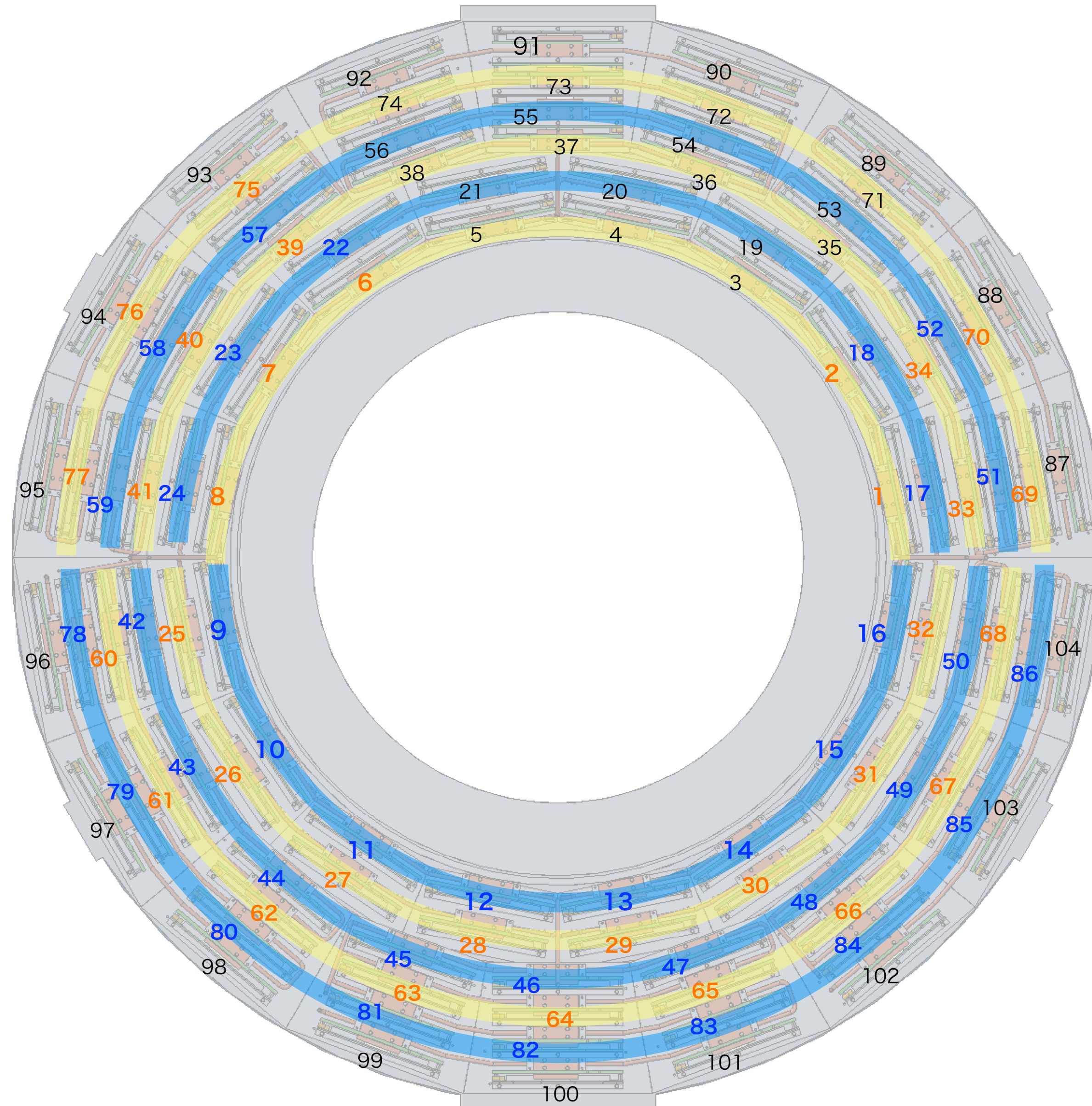
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The optimized QMLP was converted into FPGA firmware using hls4ml [4].
The firmware worked in the trigger MB.
The latency was measured with the logic analyzer.



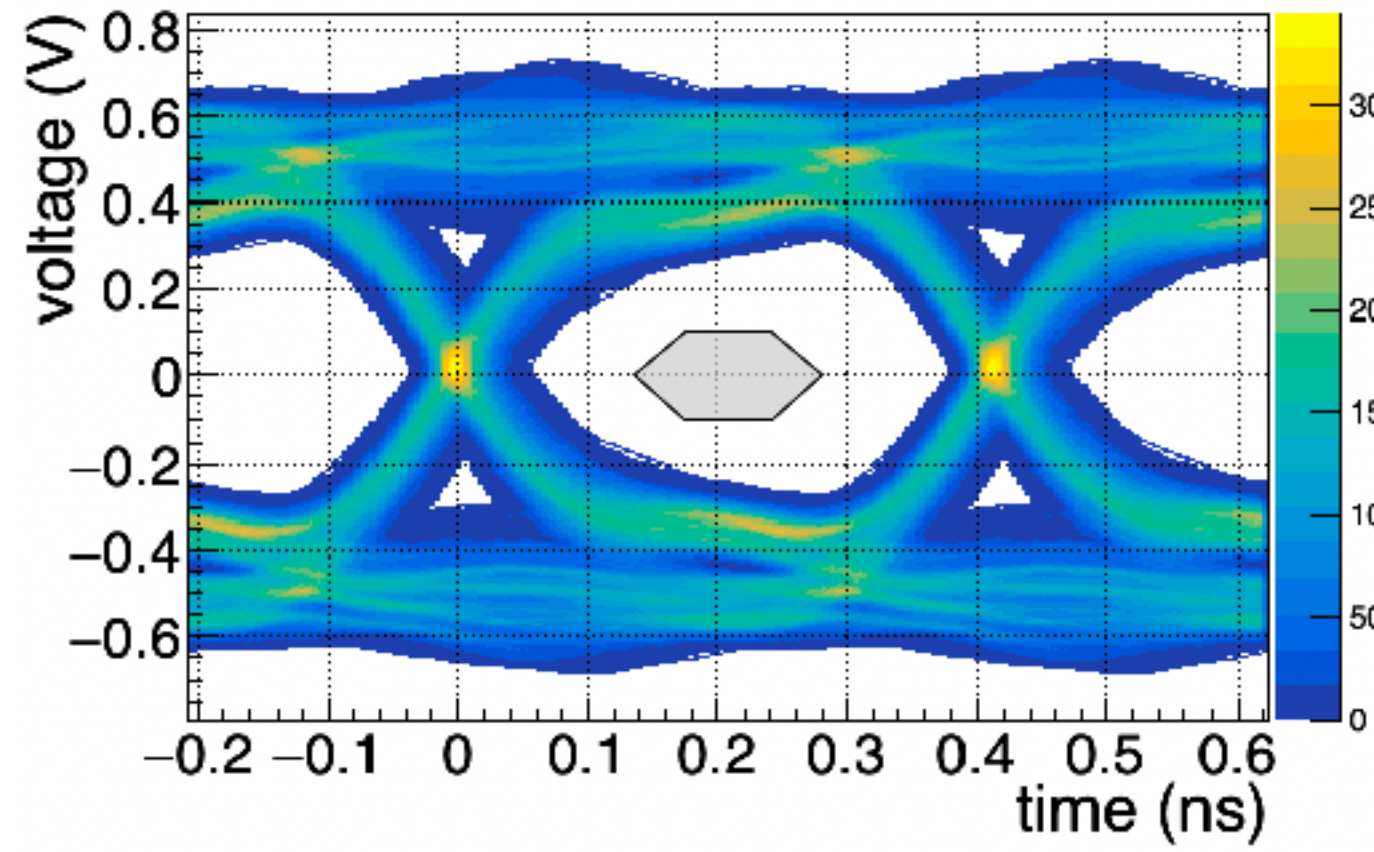
The expected total latency is 3.4 μ s.
This satisfies the requirement !!

RECBE position

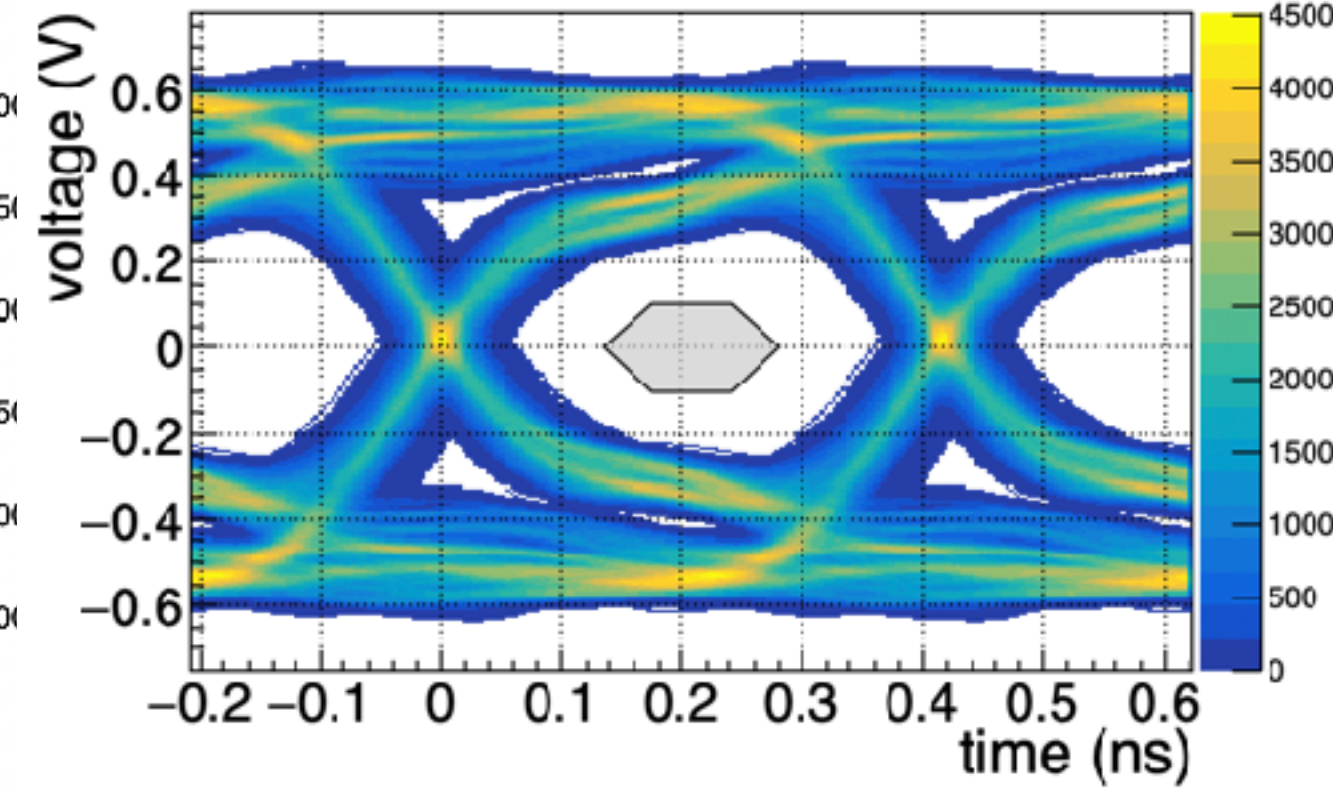


cable selection

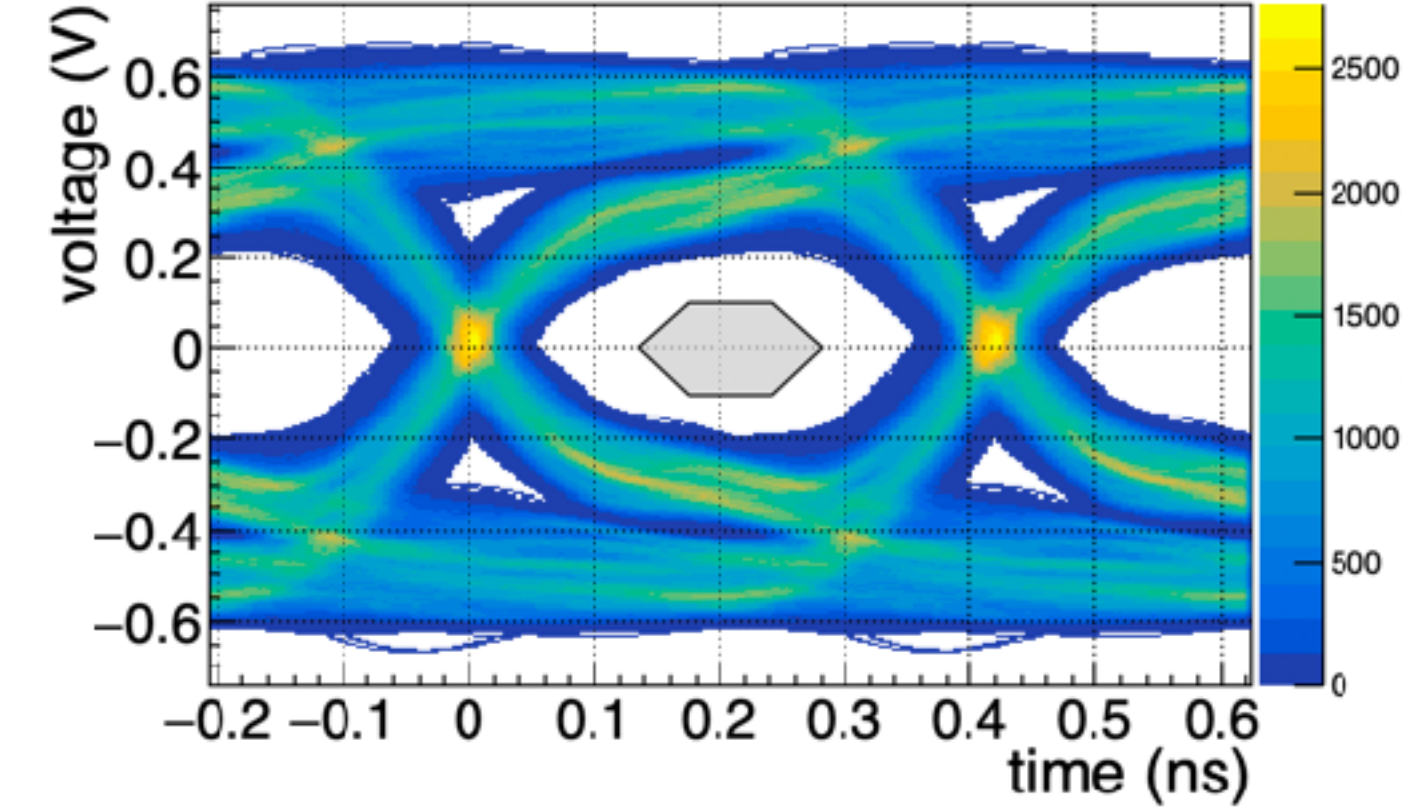
4 m (ver1.4)



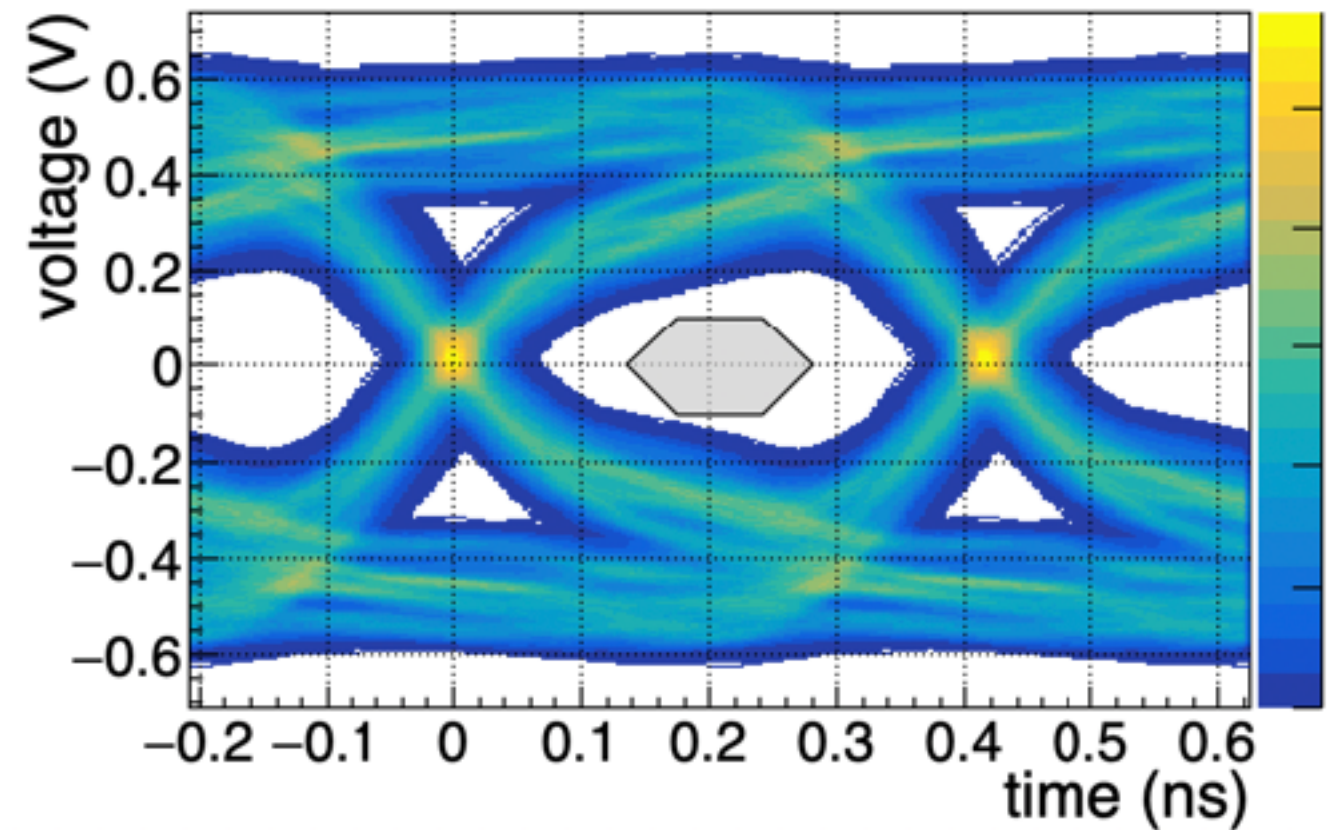
5 m (ver1.4)



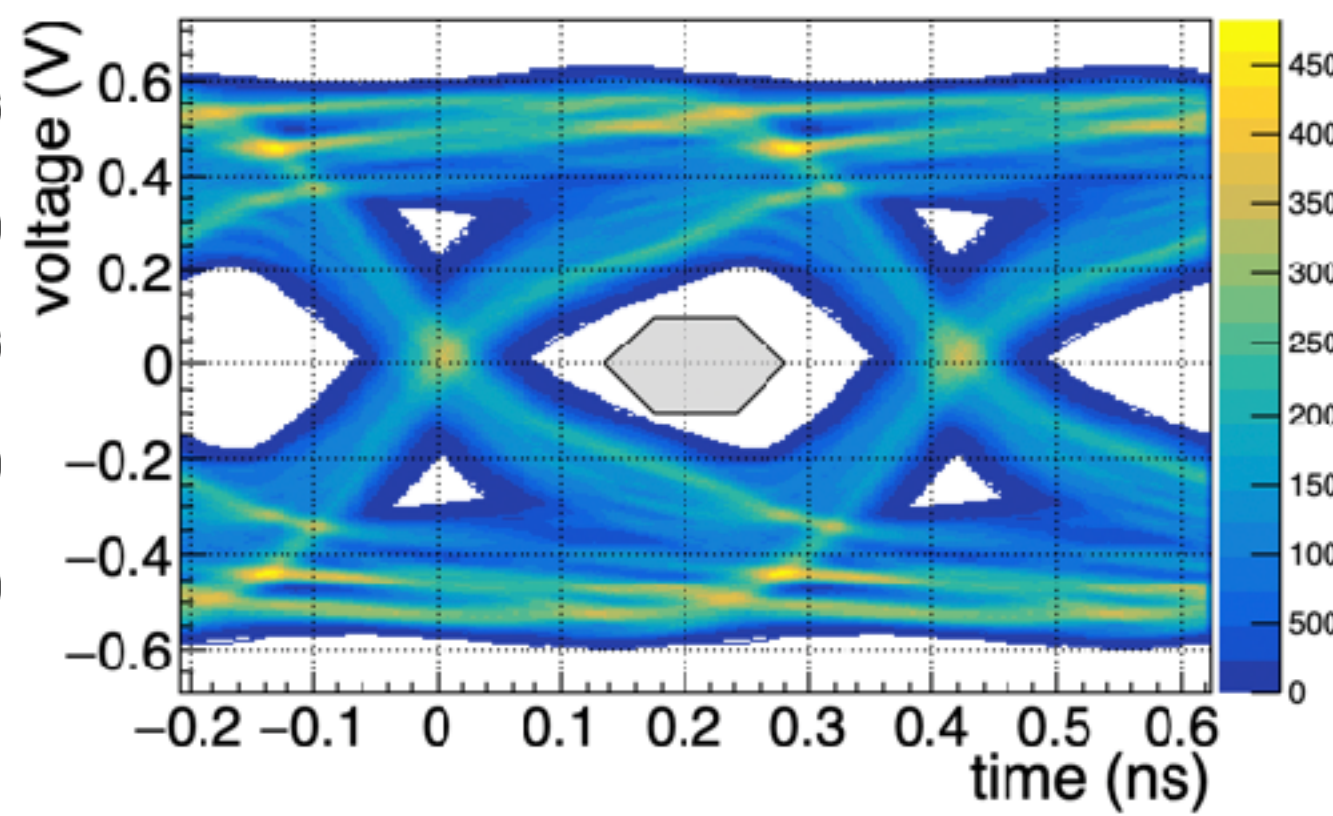
5 m (ver1.2)



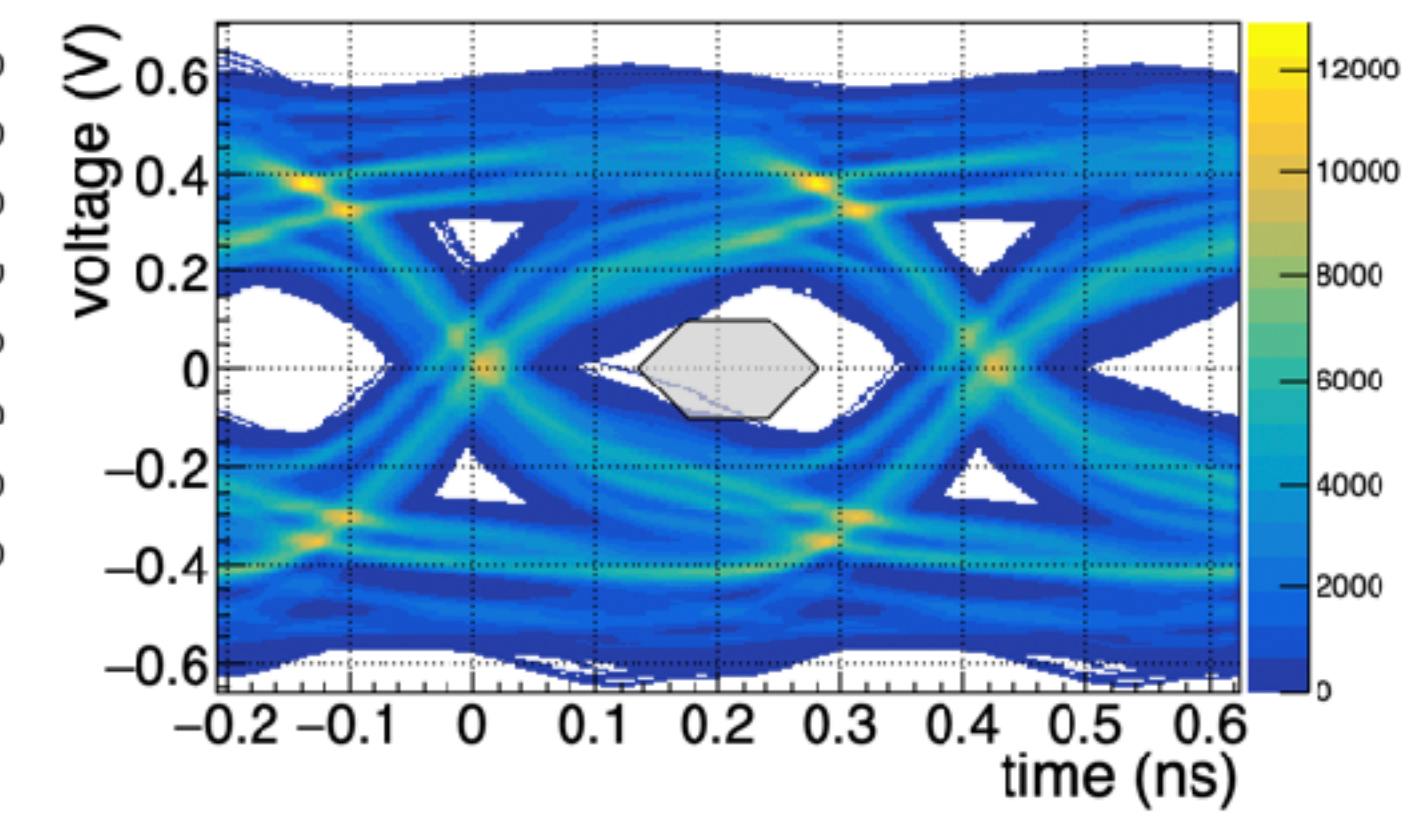
4 (ver1.4) + 0.9 m



5 (ver1.4) + 0.9 m



5 (ver1.2) + 0.9 m



ECC Error Correction Code

- Hamming Code
6 bits of parity are added to 25 bits of data, and the erroneous bit is identified based on the combination.
 $2^m \geq m + k + 1$ m : # of parity bits k : # of data bits n : code length $n = m + k$

ex.) when D17 flip
... CB1 (01000b), CB2(10000b), CB5(00100)が 1
-> XOR
11100 = D17

corresponding to data bits and parity bits

↓the address for bit

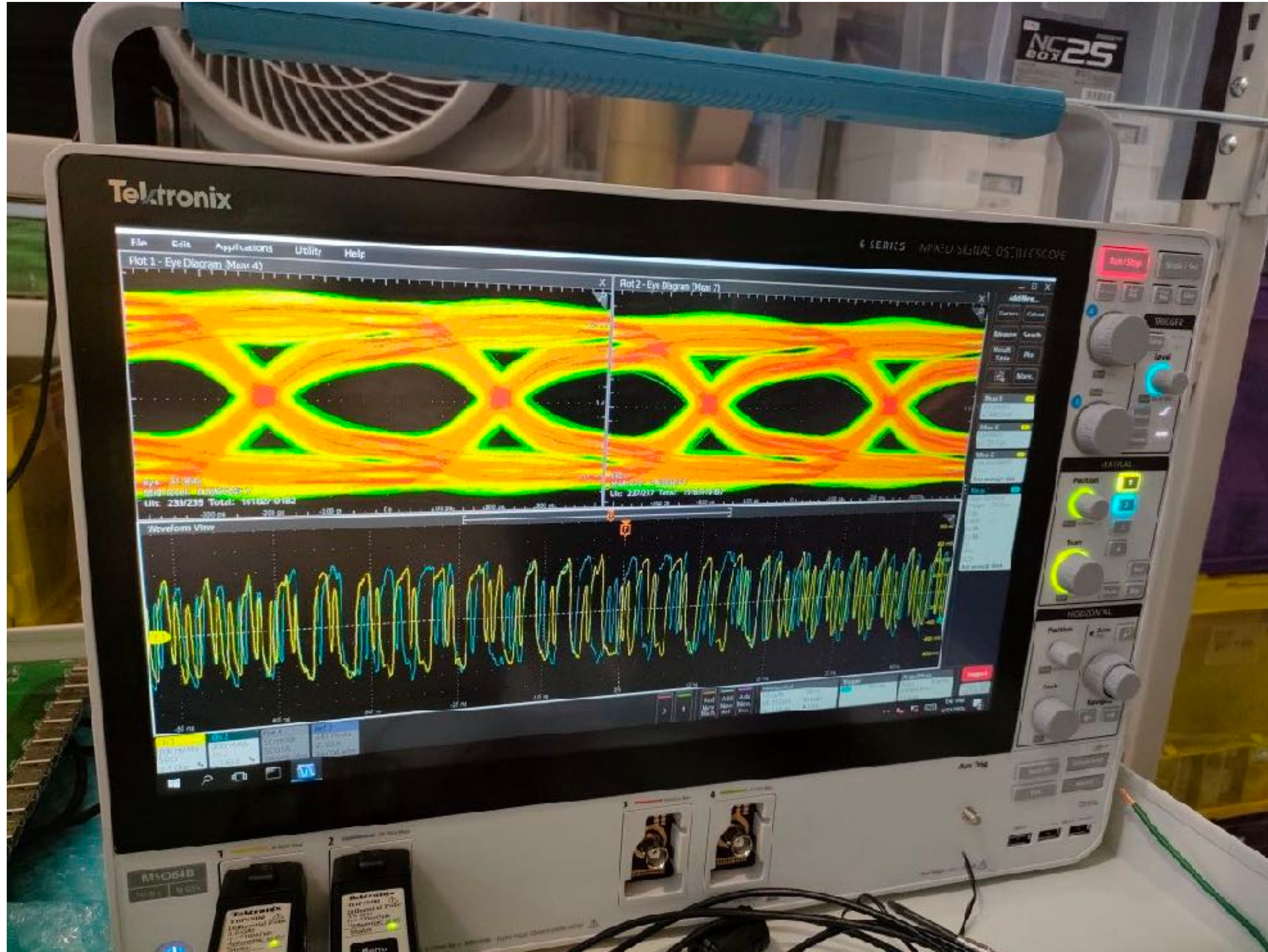
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	D24	D23	D22	111
D21	D20	D19	D18	110
D17	D16	D15	D14	101
D13	D12	D11	CB5	100
D10	D9	D8	D7	011
D6	D5	D4	CB4	010
D3	D2	D1	CB3	001
D0	CB2	CB1	No error	000

Bits	CB1	CB2	CB3	CB4	CB5	CB6
0	✓	✓				✓
1	✓		✓			✓
2		✓	✓			✓
3	✓	✓	✓			✓
4	✓			✓		✓
5		✓		✓		✓
6	✓	✓		✓		✓
7			✓	✓		✓
8	✓		✓	✓		✓
9		✓	✓	✓		✓
10	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
11	✓				✓	✓

Bits	CB1	CB2	CB3	CB4	CB5	CB6
12		✓			✓	✓
13	✓	✓			✓	✓
14			✓		✓	✓
15	✓		✓		✓	✓
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latency measurement

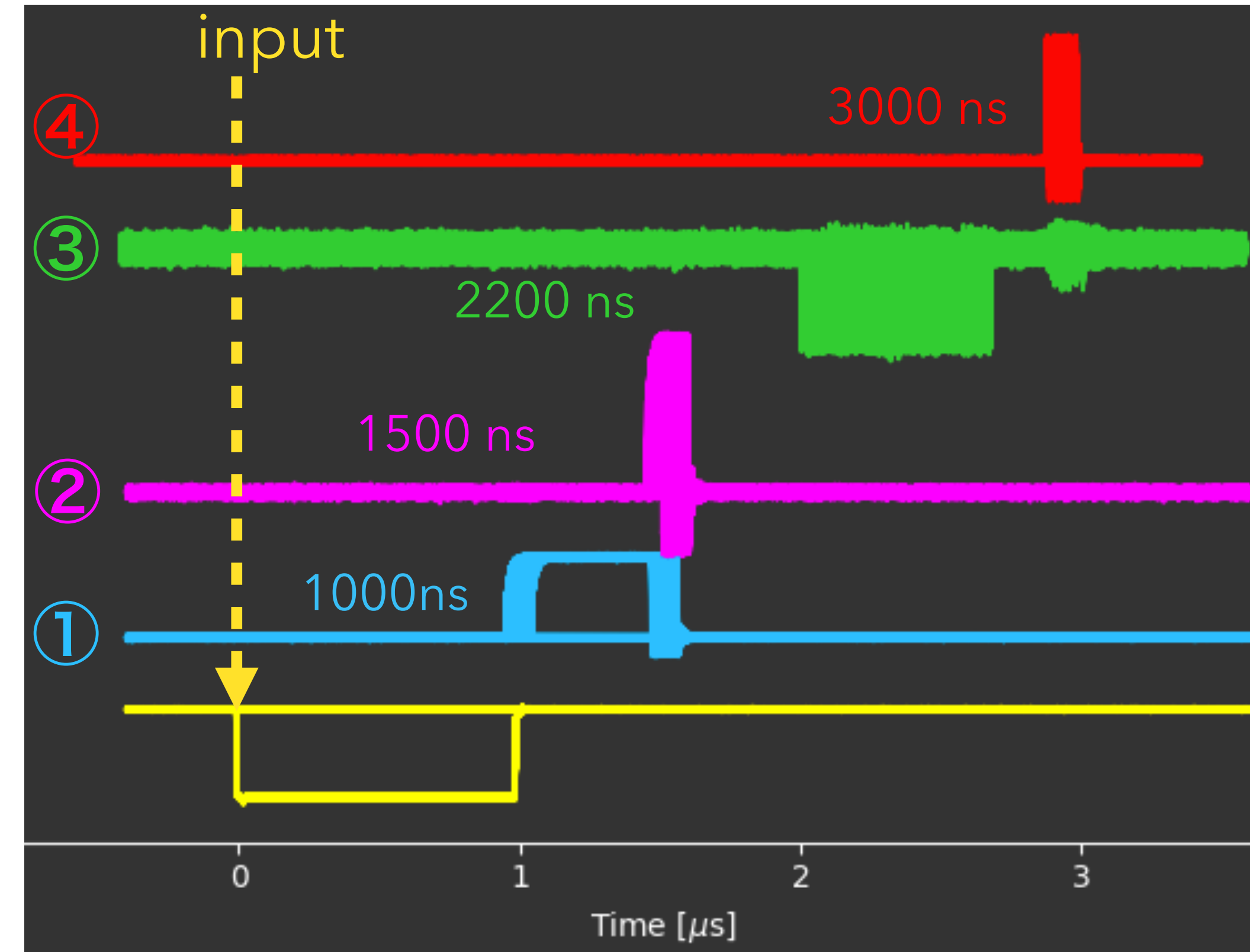
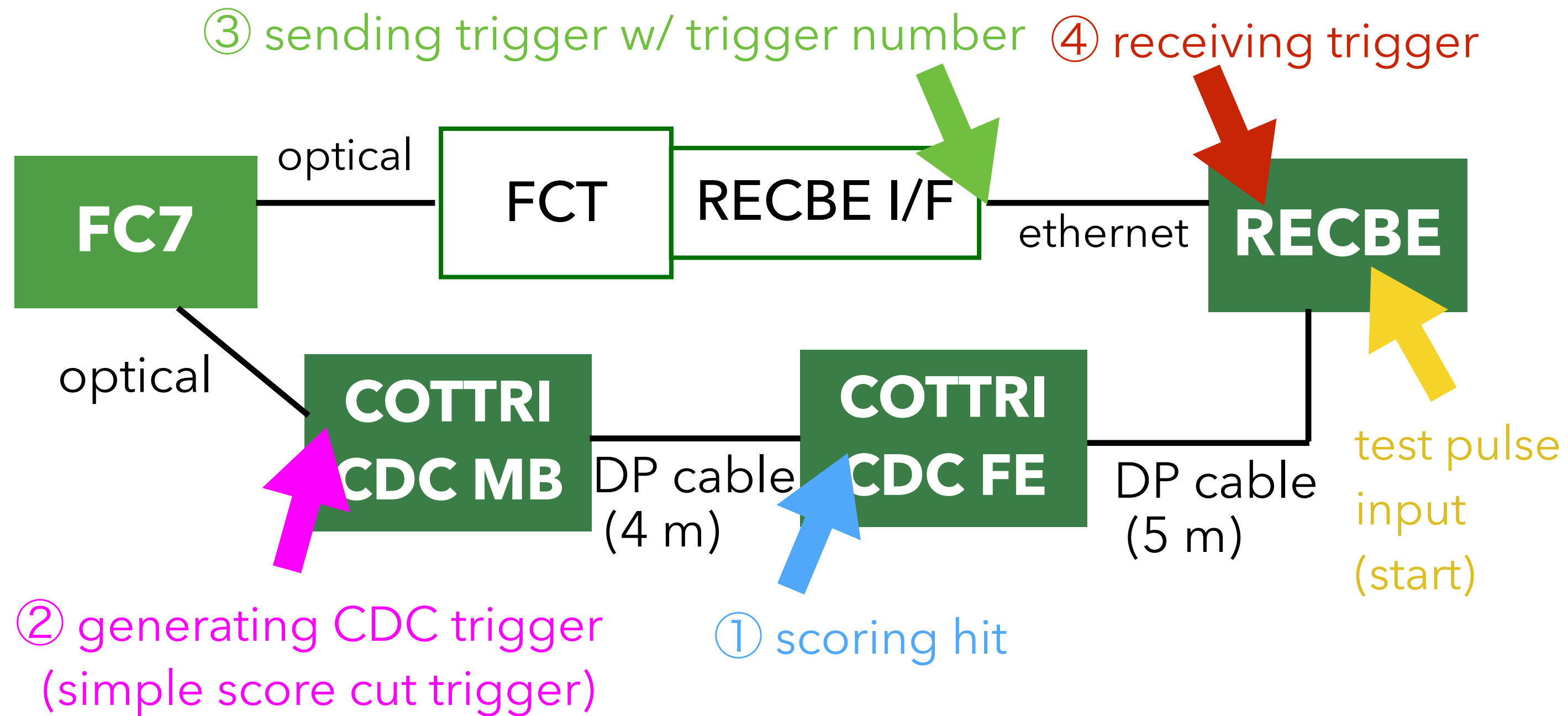
Tektronix MOS64B 10GHz, 50GS/s



Differential probe



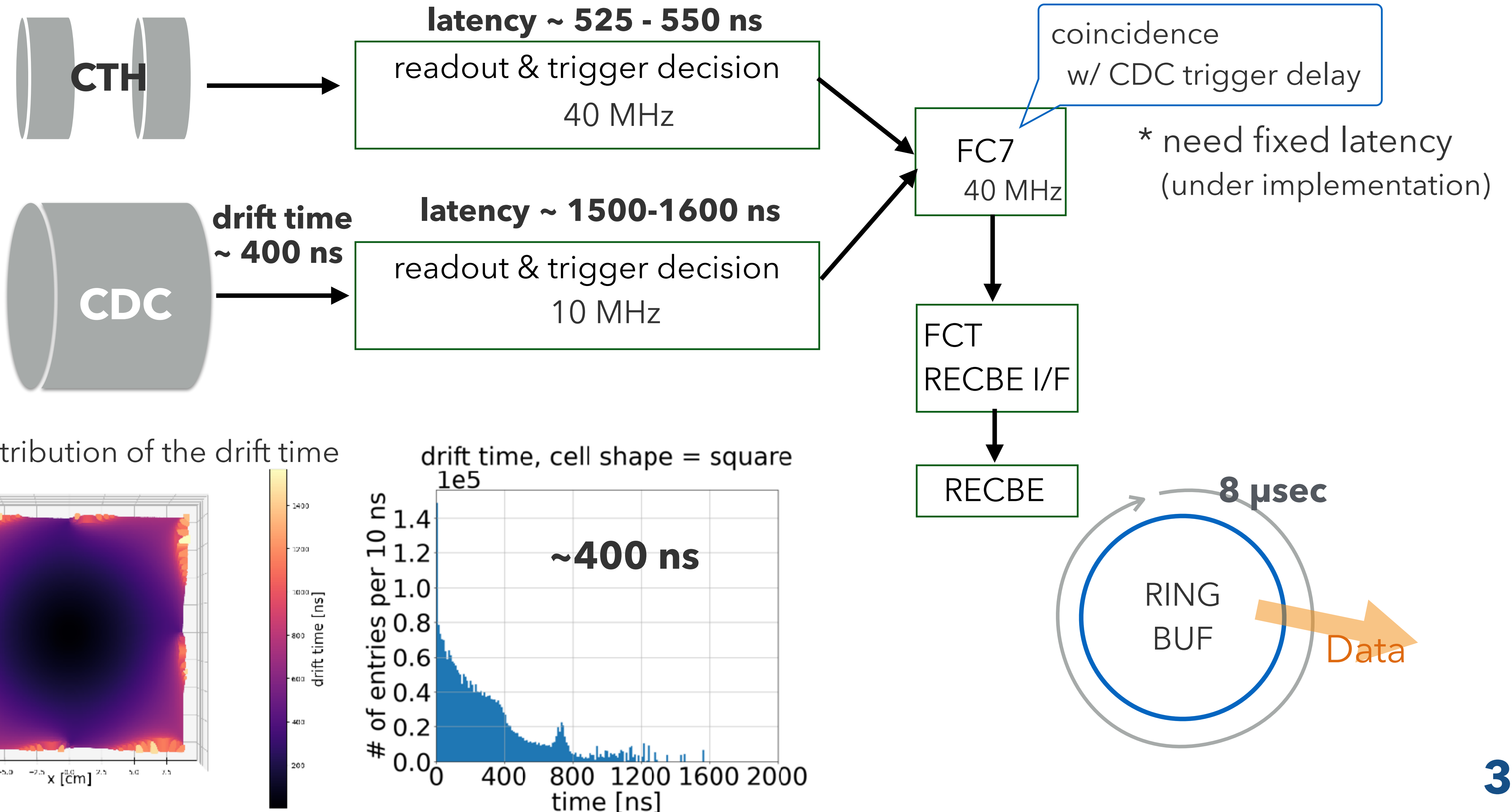
Latency measurement



detail process

- ① 1000-1100 ns : generate compressed ADC "10bit $\rightarrow$ 2bit & 30MHz $\rightarrow$ 10MHz "(RECBE) , scoring (FE)
- ② 500 ns : calculate simple score cut
- ③ 700 ns : sending CDC trigger to FC7 (MB), generate DAQ trigger (FC7), distribute trigger (FCT)
- ④ 800 ns ; receiving trigger (RECBE)

Trigger Timing chart



Latency measurement

test pulse 48ch

2 bit ADC

