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Energy resolution of CANDLES detector for studying neutrino-less double beta decay of ^{48}Ca



Candles

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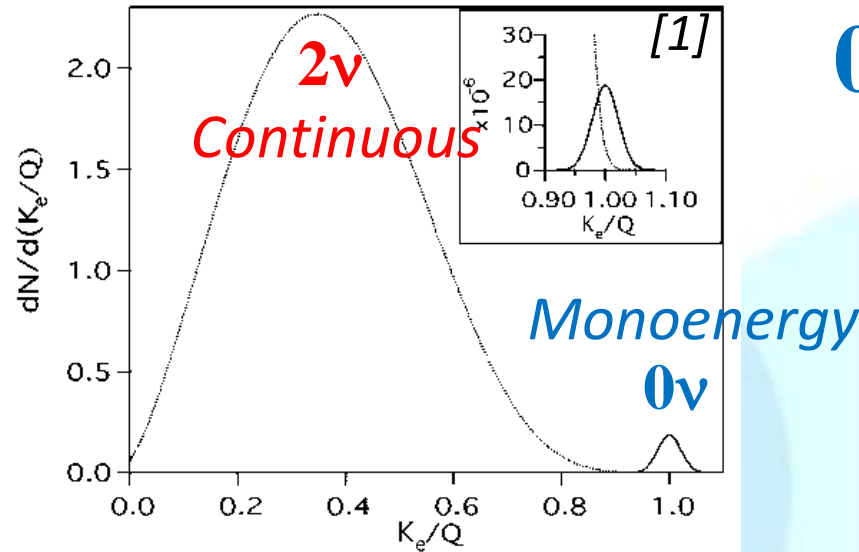
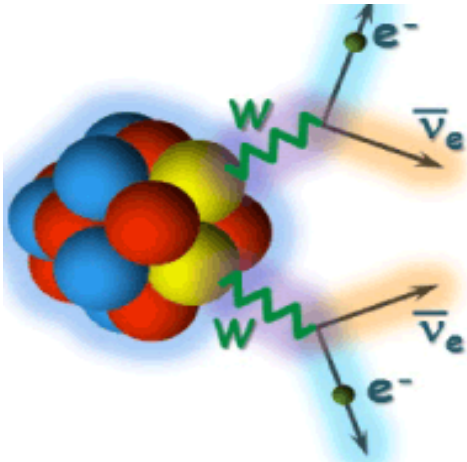
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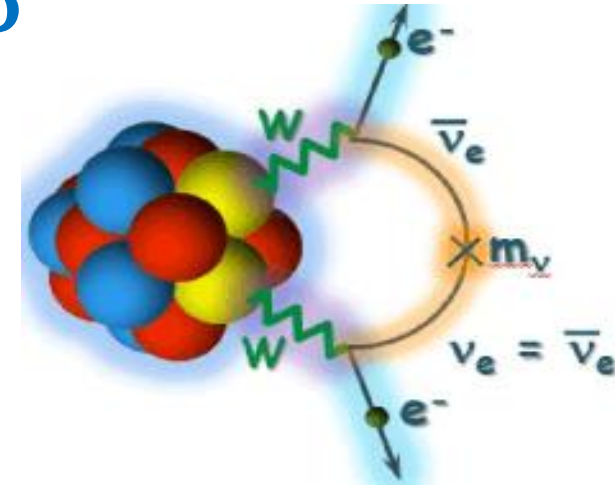
Double Beta Decay (DBD)

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$2\nu\beta\beta$



$0\nu\beta\beta$



- Obtained in >10 isotopes
- $T_{1/2}^{2\nu} = 10^{18}\sim 10^{20}$ yr
- Rare, under standard model (SM)

- No observation
- $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 10^{26}$ yr (KamLAND-Zen)
- Extremely rare!

❖ Physics of $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay:

- Neutrino mass from the $T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$

$$\left(T_{1/2}^{0\nu}\right)^{-1} = G^{0\nu} \left| \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2 / m_e^2 \right| |M^{0\nu}|^2$$

- Nature of neutrino: Majorana or Dirac?
- Lepton number not conserved ($\Delta L=2$)
 \Rightarrow New physics beyond SM

$0\nu\beta\beta$ experiment with ^{48}Ca

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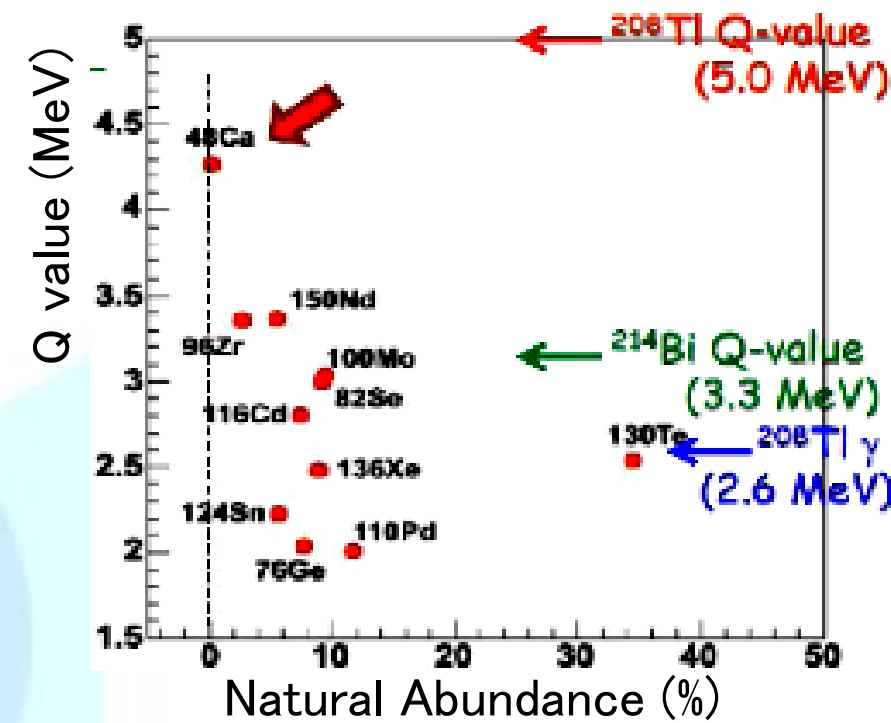
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- Separate isotopes: expensive

⇒ Cost-effective enrichment

□ Energy Resolution $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \propto (N_{\text{BKG}} \cdot \Delta E)^{-1/2}$

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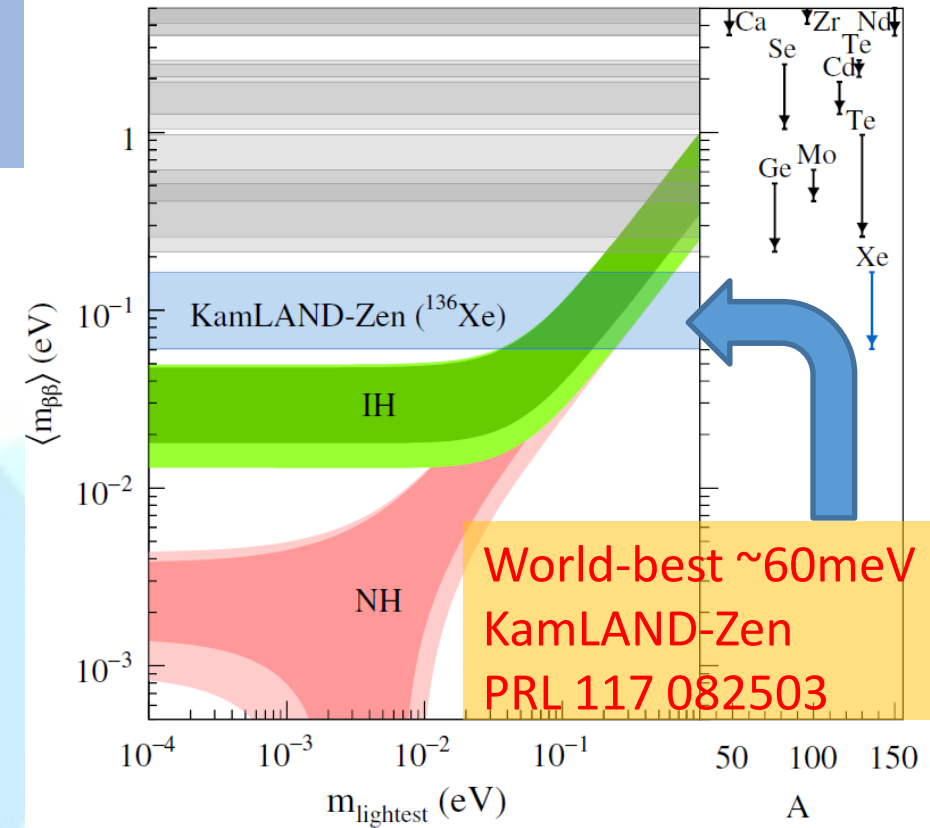
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Future
CANDLES

- ❖ Current: above IH $m_{\beta\beta} \approx 60\text{meV}$
- ⇒ Aim for below IH ($m_{\beta\beta} \approx 20\text{meV}$)
- ⇒ Final: below NH ($m_{\beta\beta} \approx 1\text{meV}$)

- Enrichment ($\sim 600\text{kg } ^{48}\text{Ca}$)
- High resolution (bolometer)
- Low background

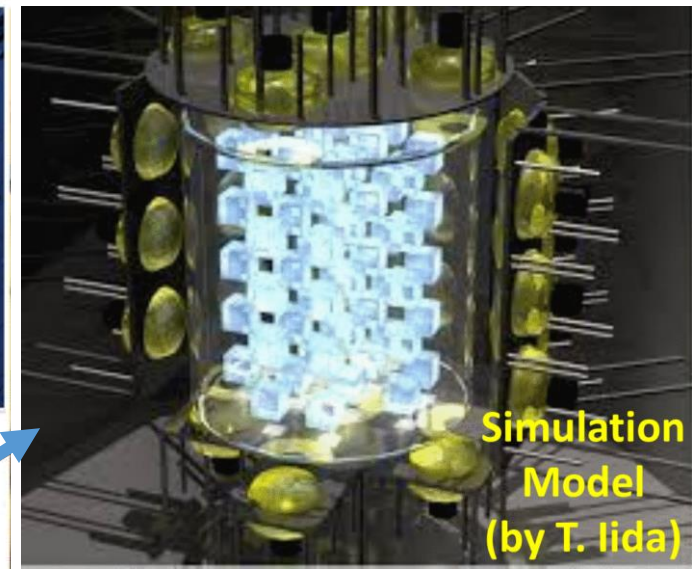
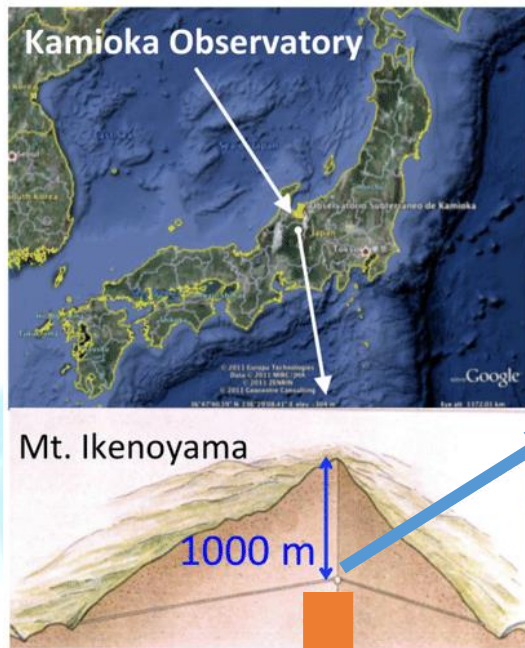


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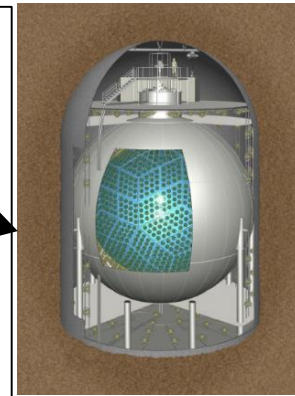
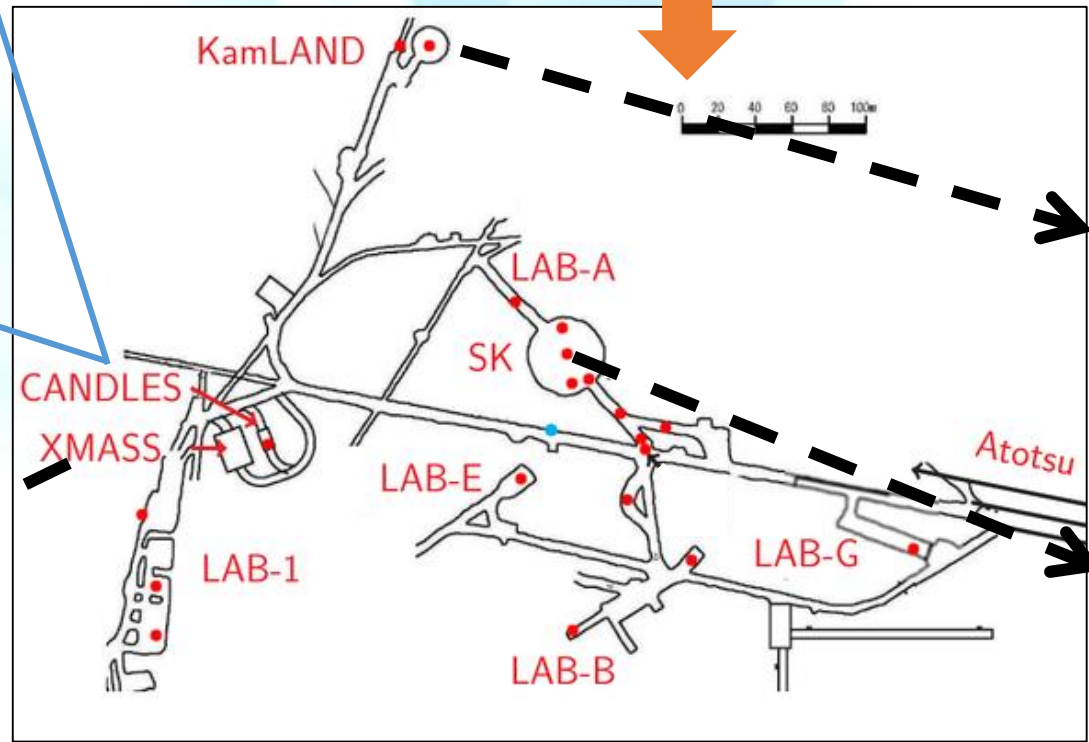
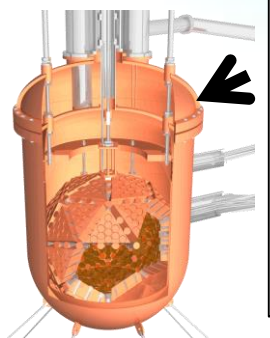
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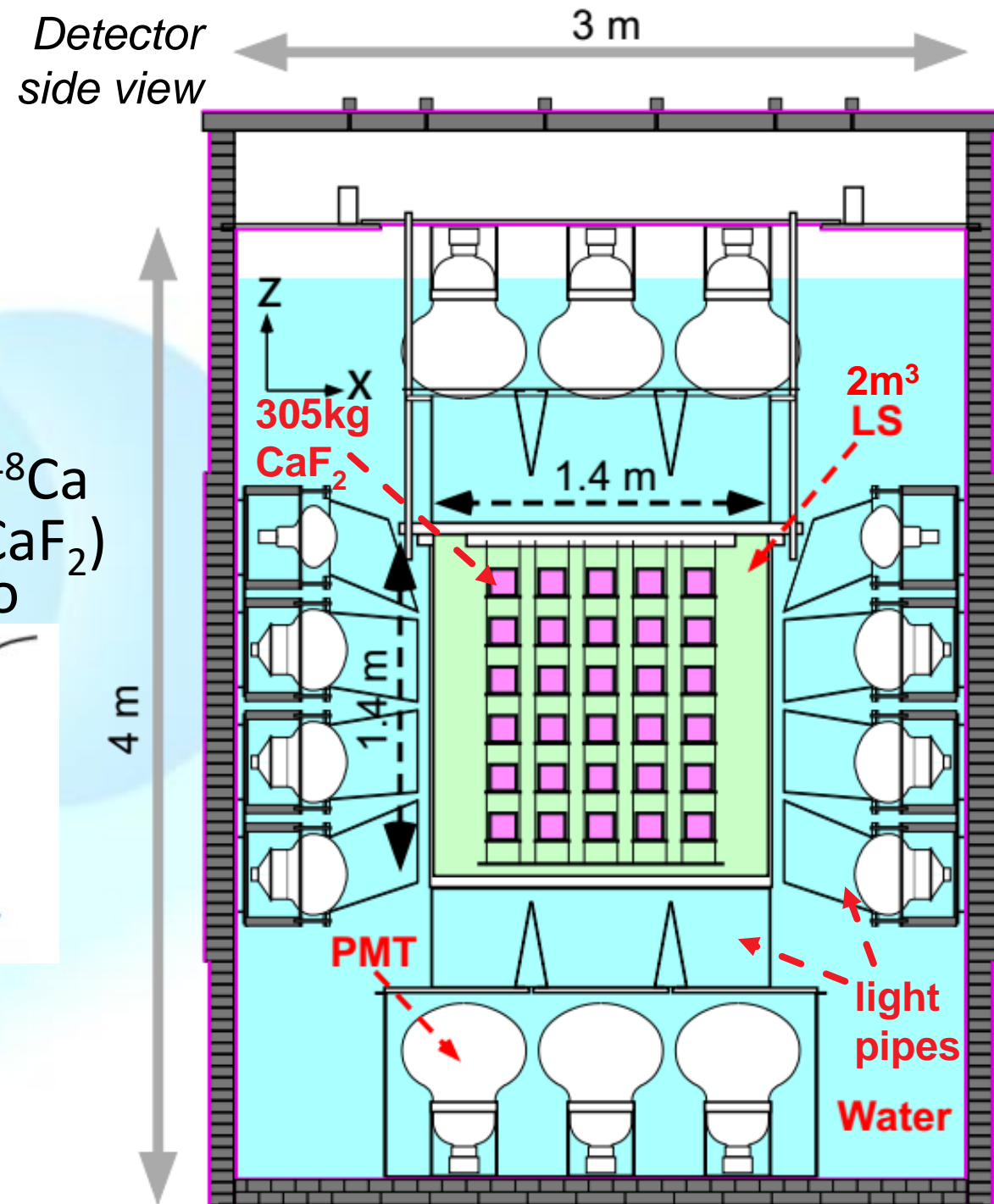
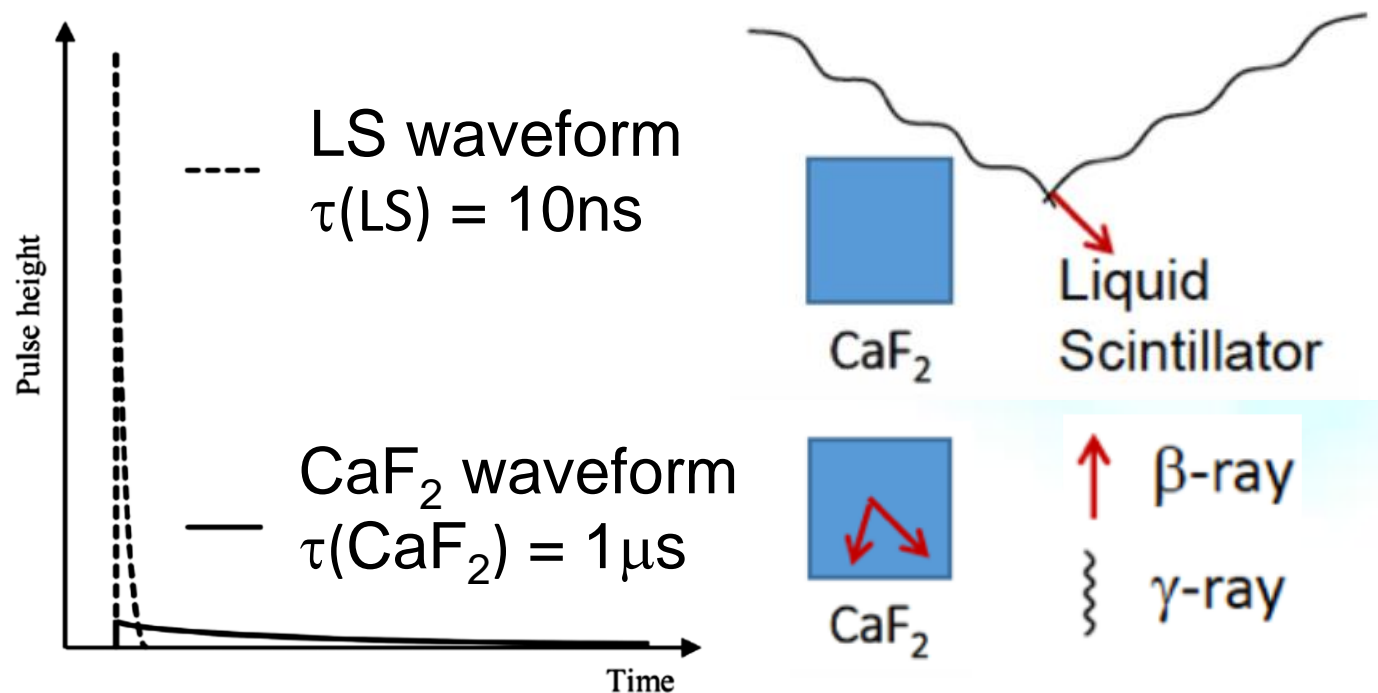
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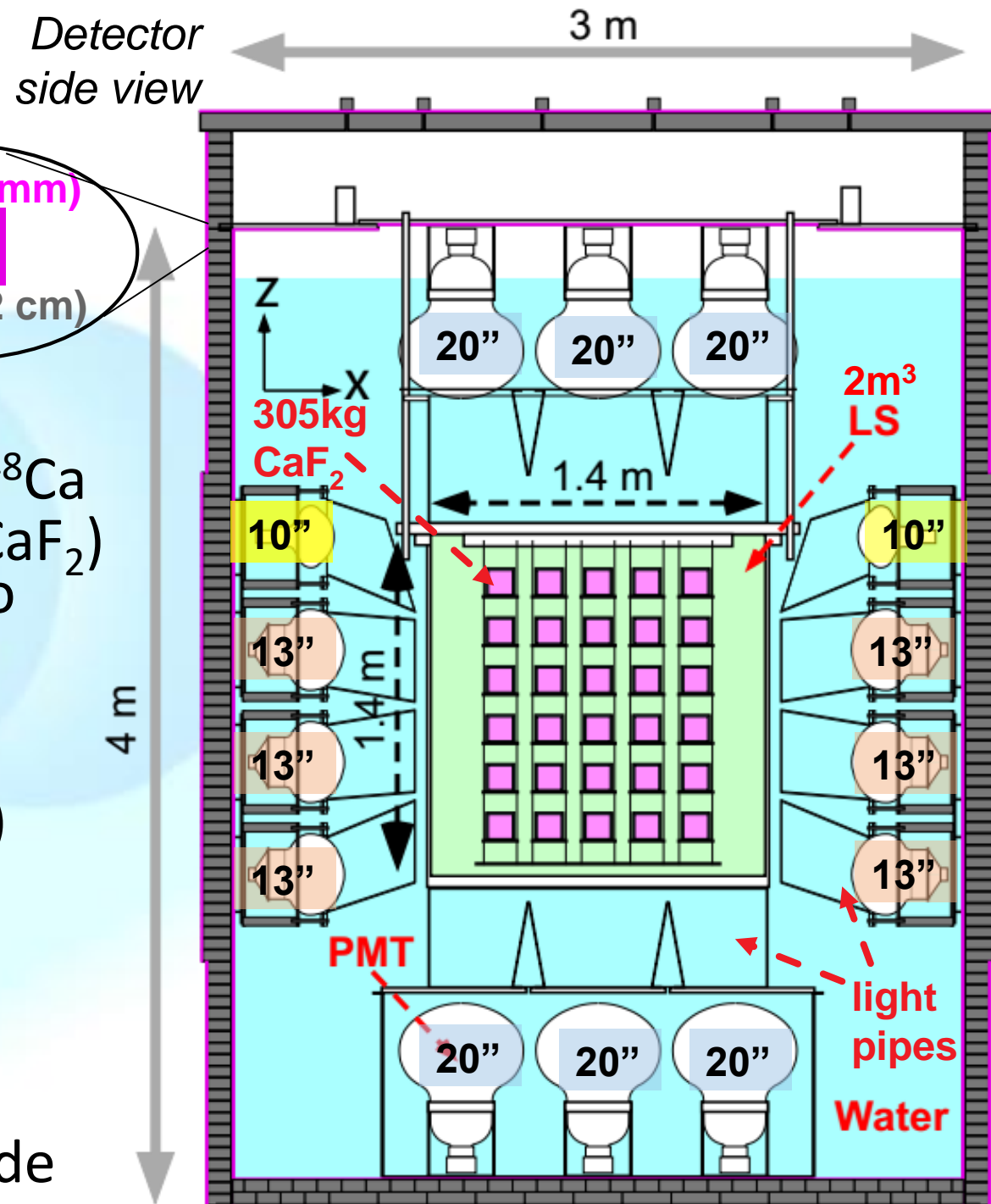
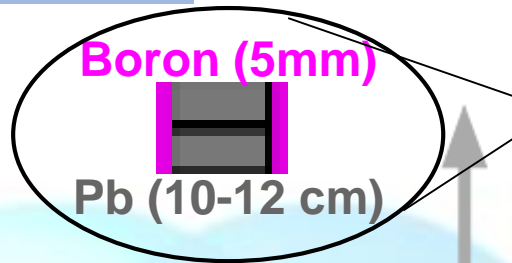
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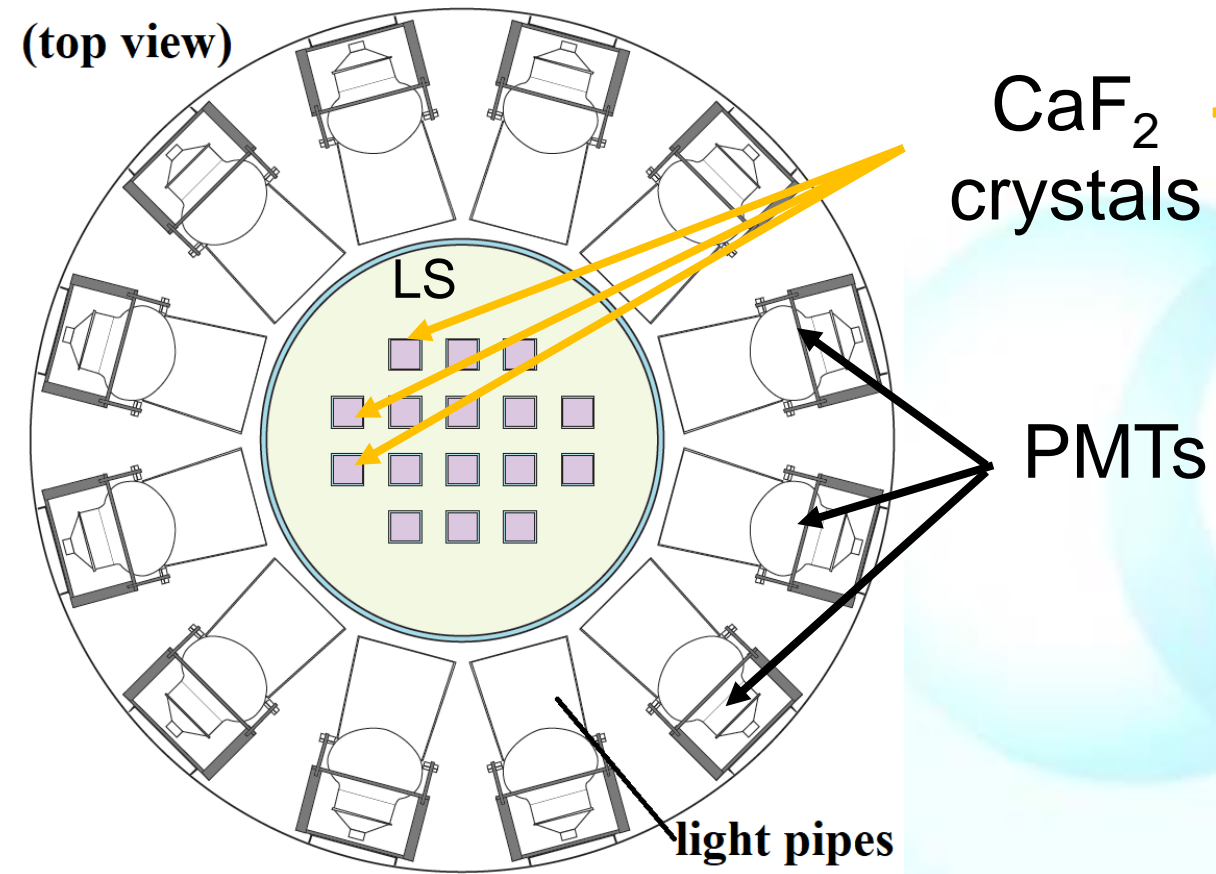
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 - 62 PMTs surrounding:
 - 10-inch(x12), 13-inch(x36), 20-inch(x14)
 - each PMT **waveform** is recorded
 - Water passive shield $4\text{m}^h \times 3\text{m}^\phi$
 - Passive shielding (**Pb+Boron**) outside/inside

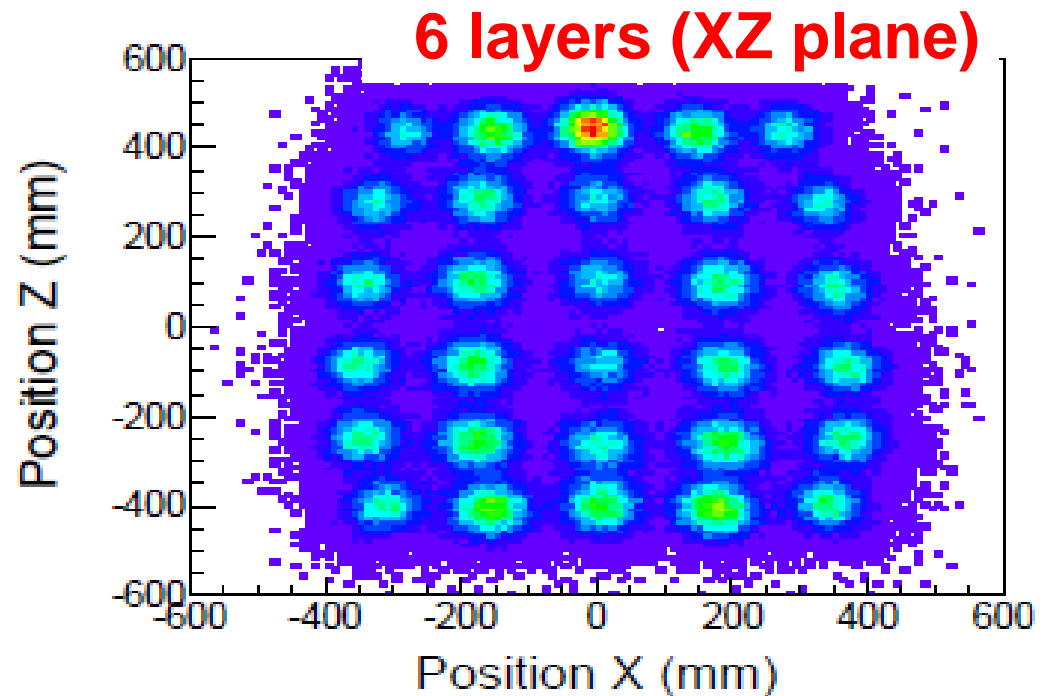
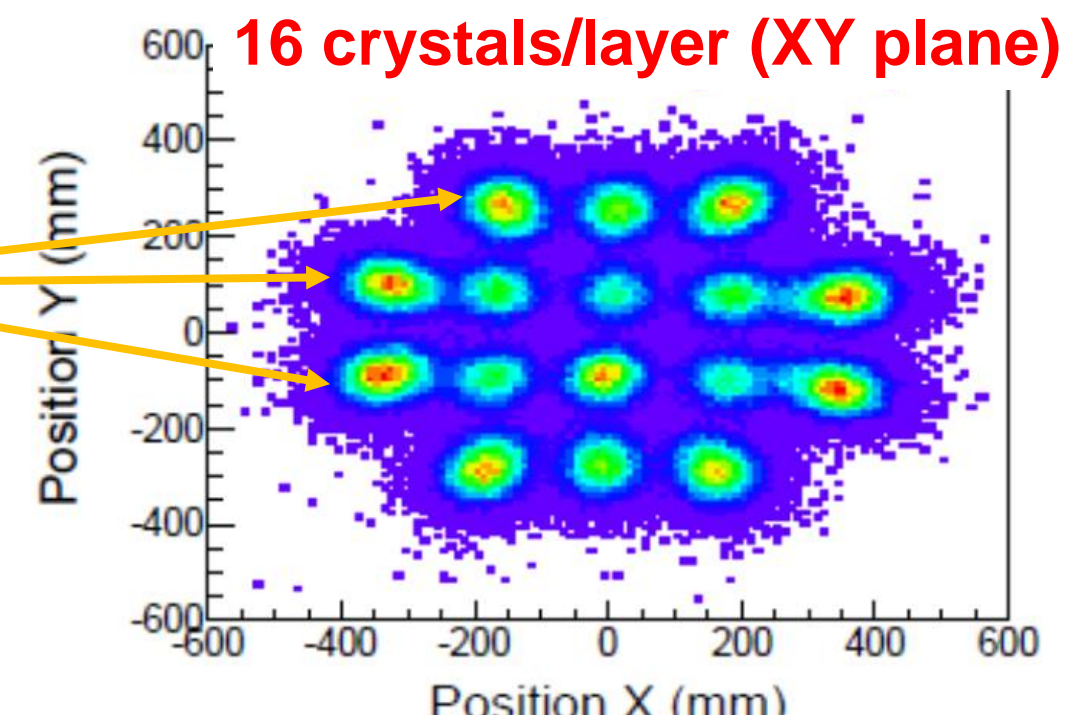


Position Reconstruction

(top view)



- 96 crystals: 6 layers x 16 crystals/layer
- ⇒ different in Light yield and contamination
- ⇒ In analysis, check each crystal
- ⇒ Using photoelectrons in 62 PMTs to relocate event position



DAQ system in CANDLES

Developed by

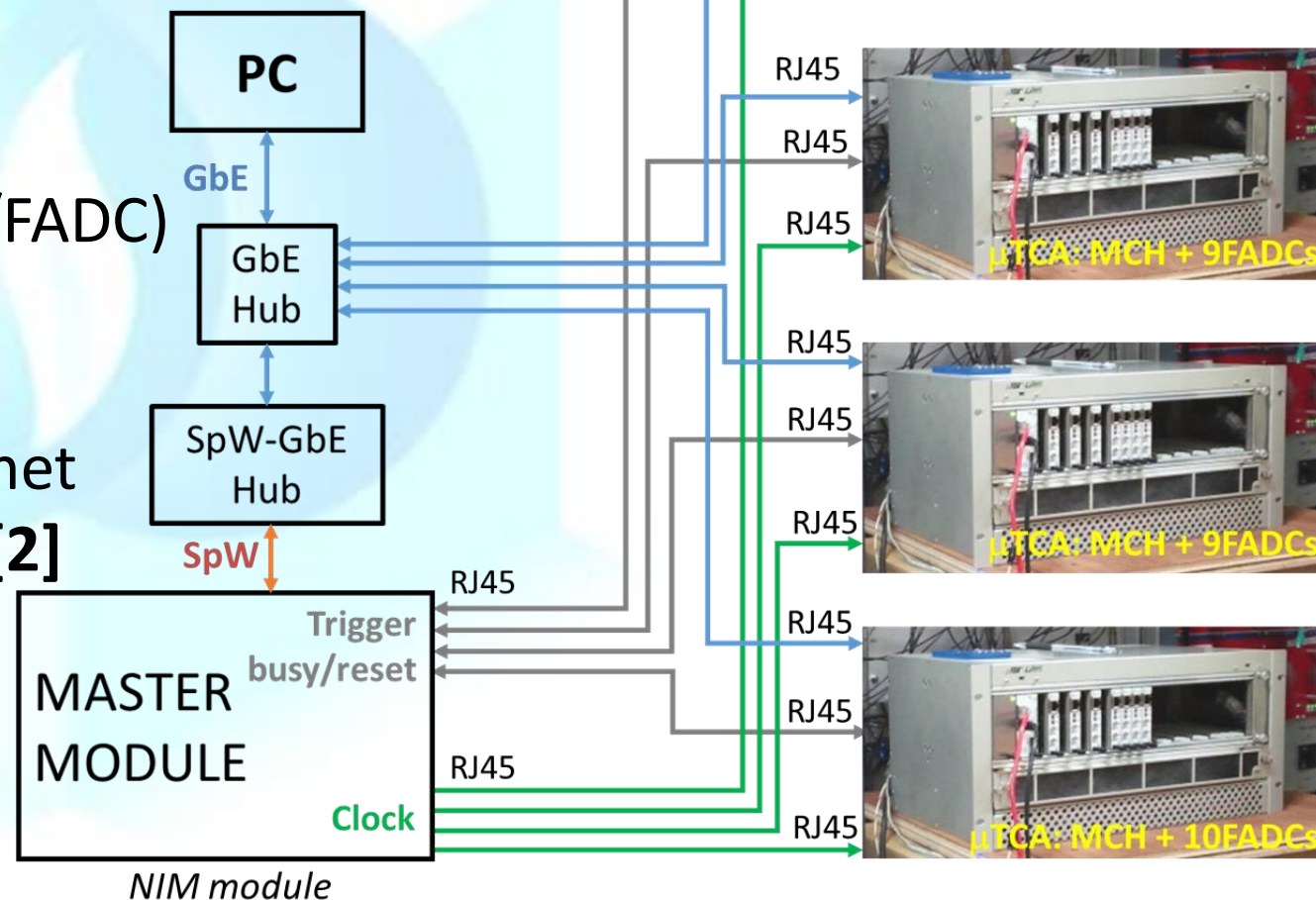


μ TCA[®] DAQ system

- Using **500MHz-8bit-8buffers** FADCs
- Record $\sim 9\mu\text{sec}$ waveform:
 - First 768 ns, record 2ns/sample
 - Latter sum every 64ns
- 74 FADC channels: divided in 4 crates
- Each crate: 1 MCH + 9or10 FADCs (2Chs/FADC)
- Master Module: synchronize modules
- Main trigger: CaF_2 -like events [1]
- PC \leftrightarrow FADC: SpaceWire \leftrightarrow GigabitEthernet
- Software framework: DAQ-Middleware [2]

DAQ performance in daily data taking[3]:

- Data size: $\sim 50\text{kB/event}$
- \Rightarrow @current trigger rate of 10cps, negligible dead-time ($< 10^{-6}$)
- \Rightarrow Max speed 100cps (5MB/s)



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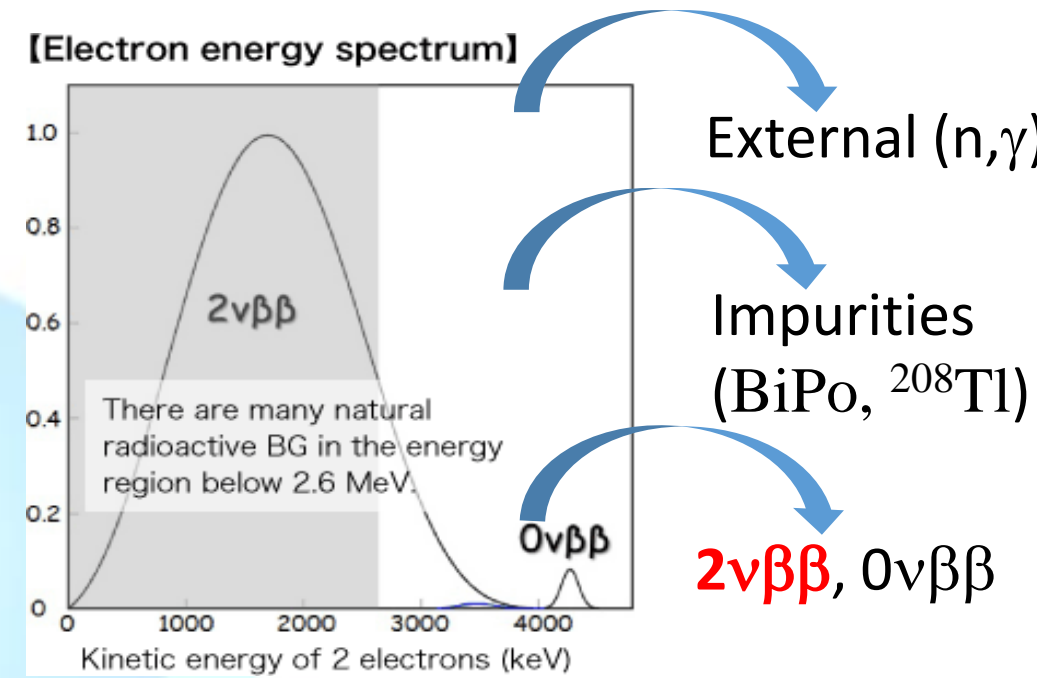
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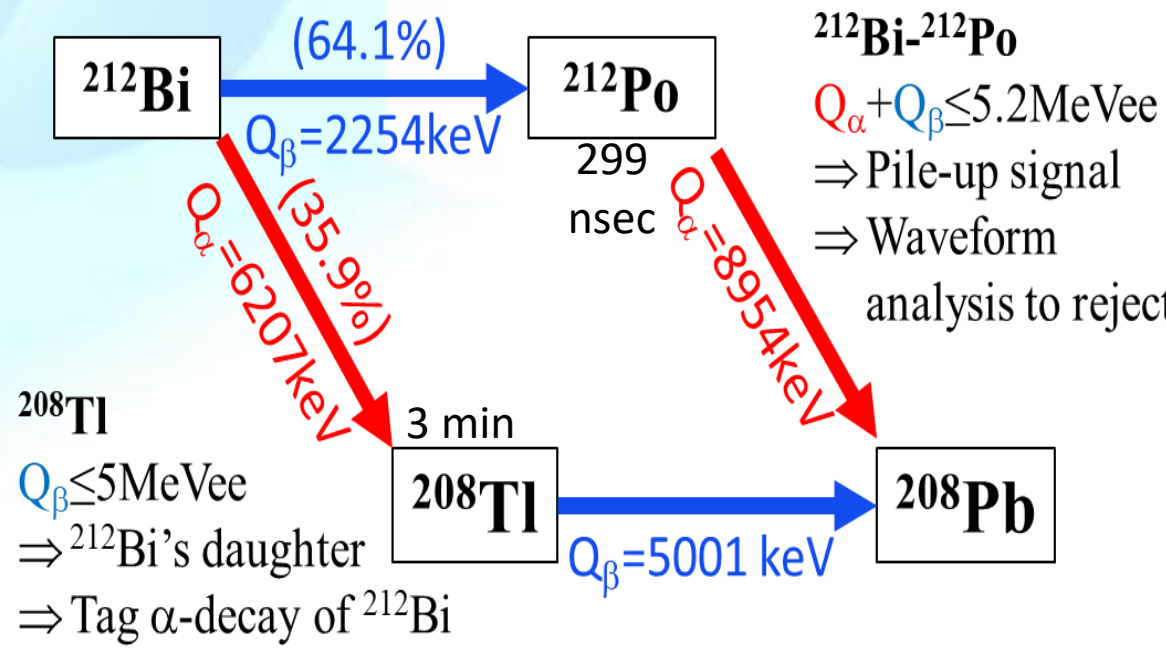
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Background in CANDLES

- ❖ Background at $Q_{\beta\beta}$ of ^{48}Ca :
 - *Most background: removed by active shielding*
 - External (n,γ): passive shielding (Pb,B)
 - Impurities background:



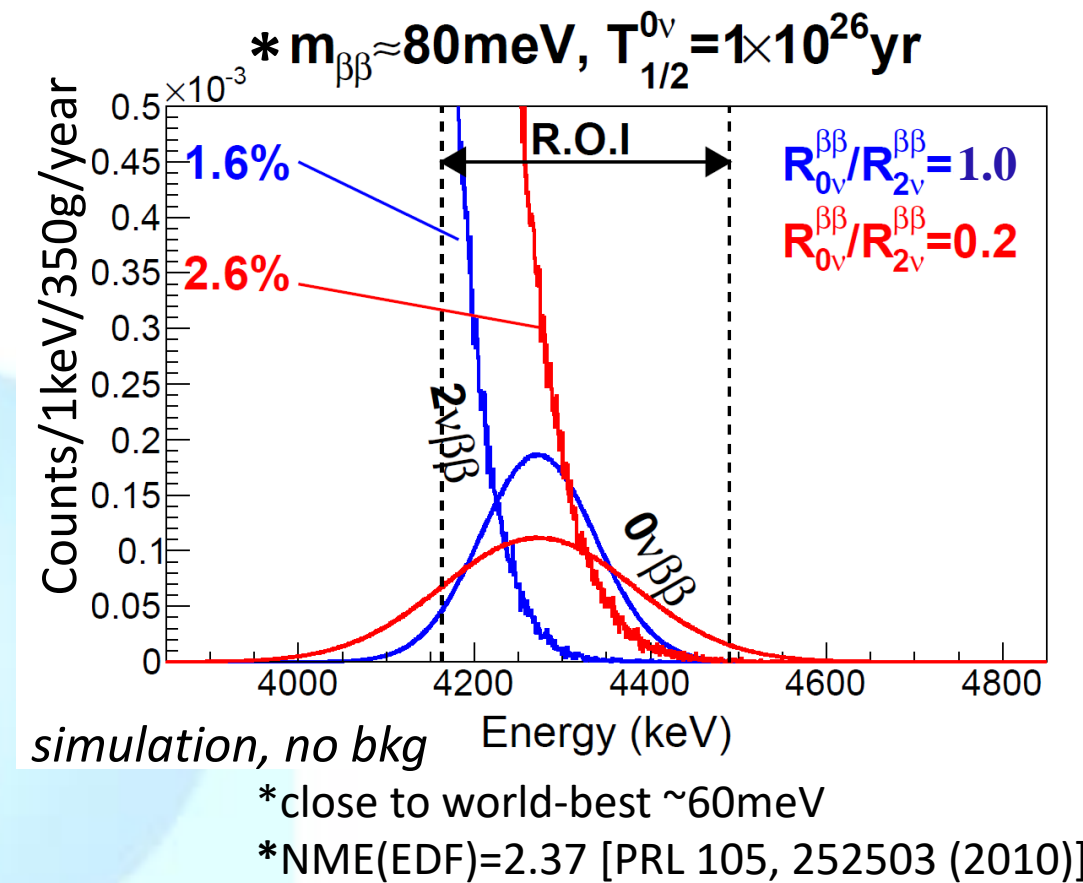
- ^{212}Bi - ^{212}Po sequential decay: pile-up event
- ⇒ Waveform analysis
- ^{208}Tl β-decay: remove by tagging preceding α-decay
- ⇒ tagging efficiency (DAQ + Analysis)



○ $2\nu\beta\beta$: not reduced by above methods

2νββ in CANDLES

- 2νββ: irremovable background
- Proportional to M(⁴⁸Ca)
- ~600kg of ⁴⁸Ca in future
⇒ huge 2νββ background
- To distinguish 2νββ and 0νββ
⇒ Must improve energy resolution.
- Ideal case, resolution = statistical fluctuation of number of p.e.
- Current setup:
⇒ at Q_{ββ} (4272keV): $\sigma_{p.e.} \approx 1.6\%$



- Current resolution:
 $\sigma_E = 2.6\% > \sigma_{p.e.}$
⇒ Other fluctuation(s) make energy resolution worse!

* $\sigma_E = 2.6\%$, reported in T. Ohata Dthesis (2018)

Energy Resolution

Energy resolution depends on:

1. Statistical fluctuation

- Mainly from fluctuation of number of p.e.
- ⇒ • Light yield (cooling detector)
- Photon collection (light pipes)

2. Detector stability

- Temperature and high-voltage
- Monitor during data taking

3. Crystal dependence ^[Ref]

- Numbers of scintillation photons from different crystals are different.
- ⇒ Calibration for each crystal
 - ⇒ Small fluctuation (0.3% at 2.6 MeV)

4. Error in charge measurement

Research motivation:

- Improve energy resolution.
- ⇒ Study the error of charge measurement in CANDLES III

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Error in charge measurement

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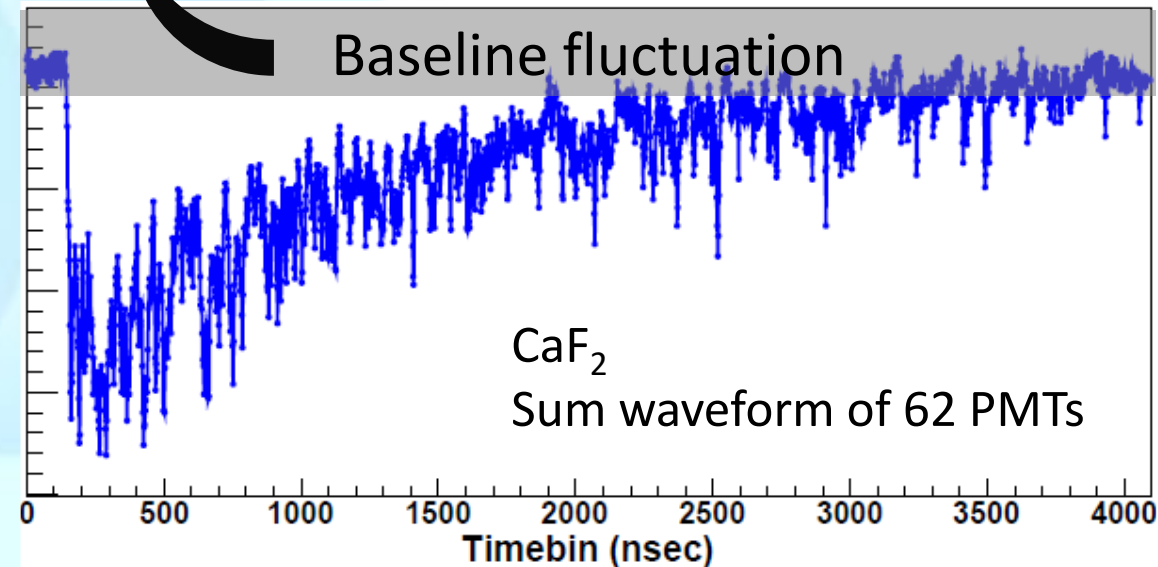
- CaF_2 has a long decay constant $1\mu\text{sec}$
- To calculate the energy, signal integration of $4\mu\text{sec}$

⇒ Baseline fluctuation can be accumulated

- Possible fluctuations in a long interval:
 - Dark Current in PMTs
 - Noises in baseline
 - Digitization error (resolution of FADC)

⇒ Study the above fluctuations to identify the problem

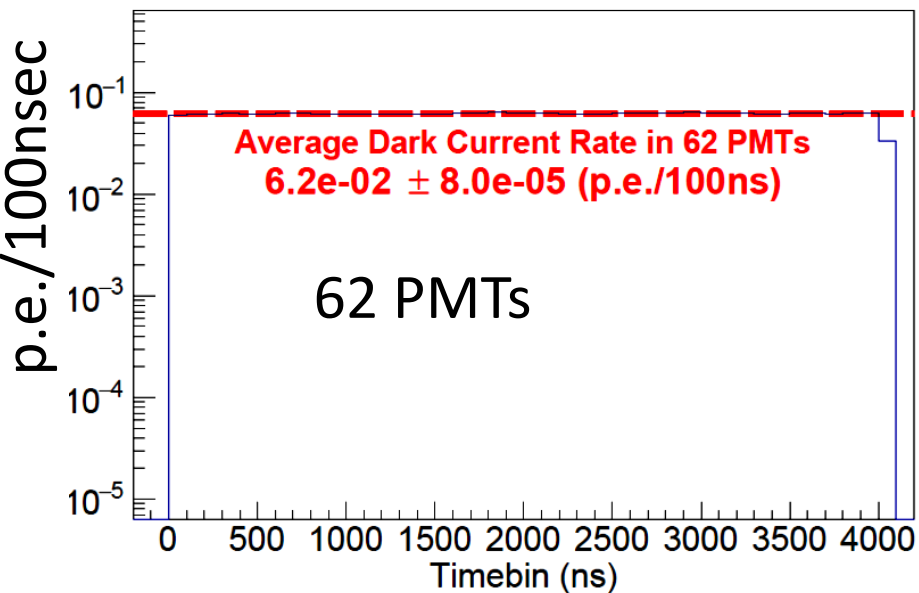
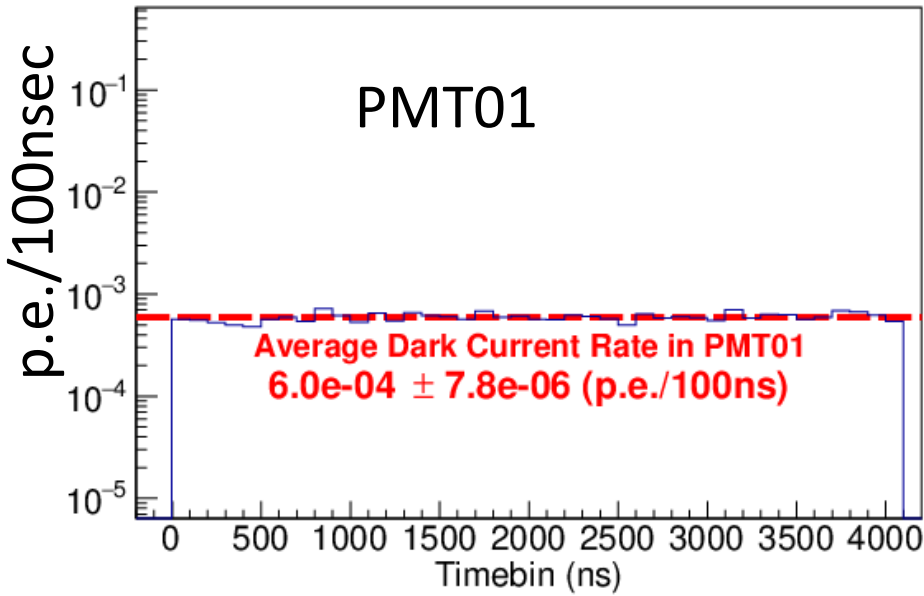
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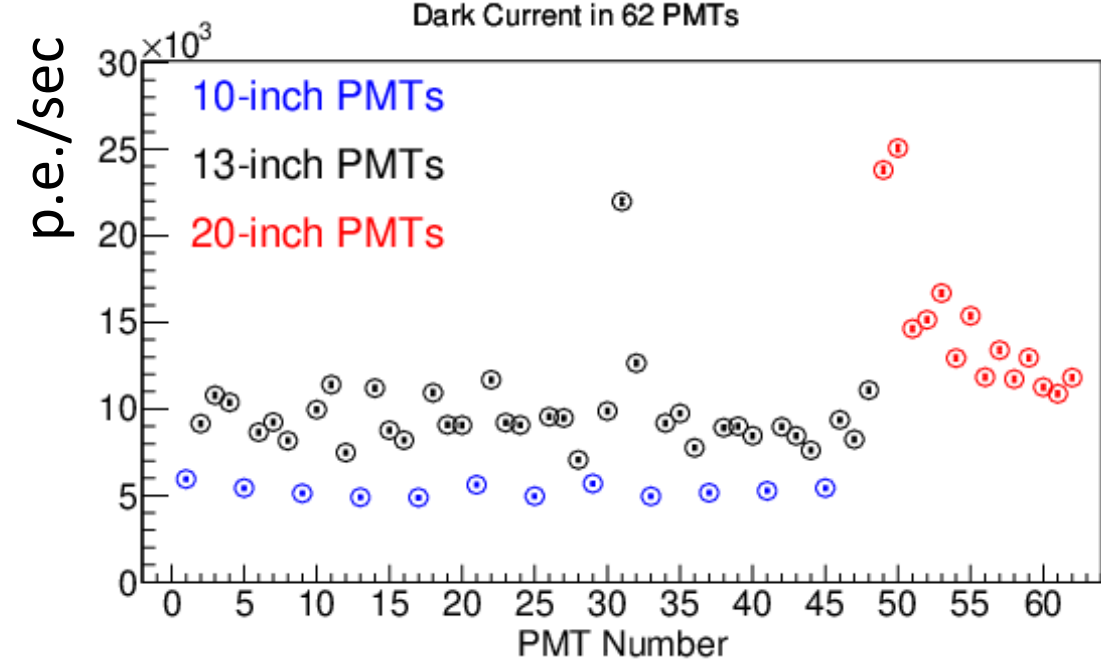
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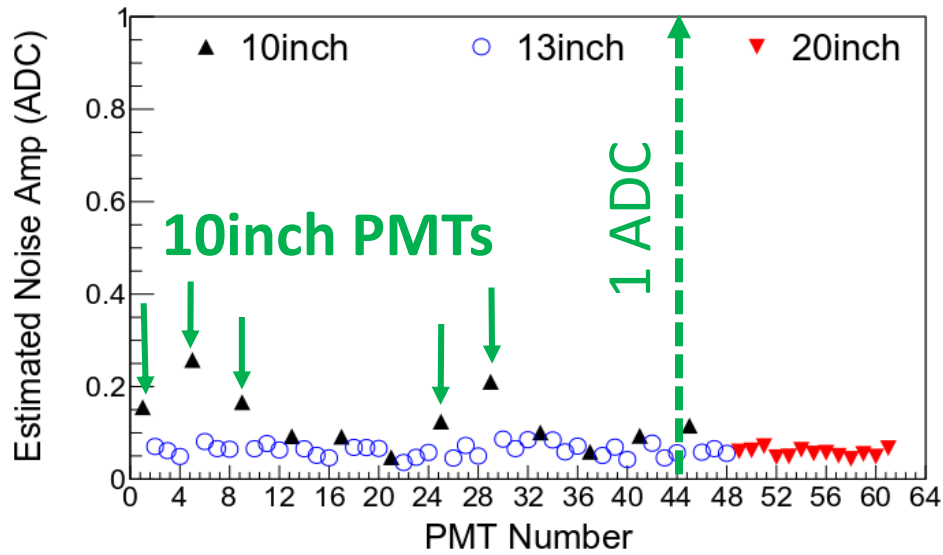
- Dark current rate of 10-inch PMTs are the lowest ones.
- The dark current fluc. of 62 PMTs in 4000ns integration: **~1.6 p.e.**
- **Fluctuation of dark current is negligibly small:**
at Q-value, $\sigma_{\text{DC}}/Q = 0.04\%$

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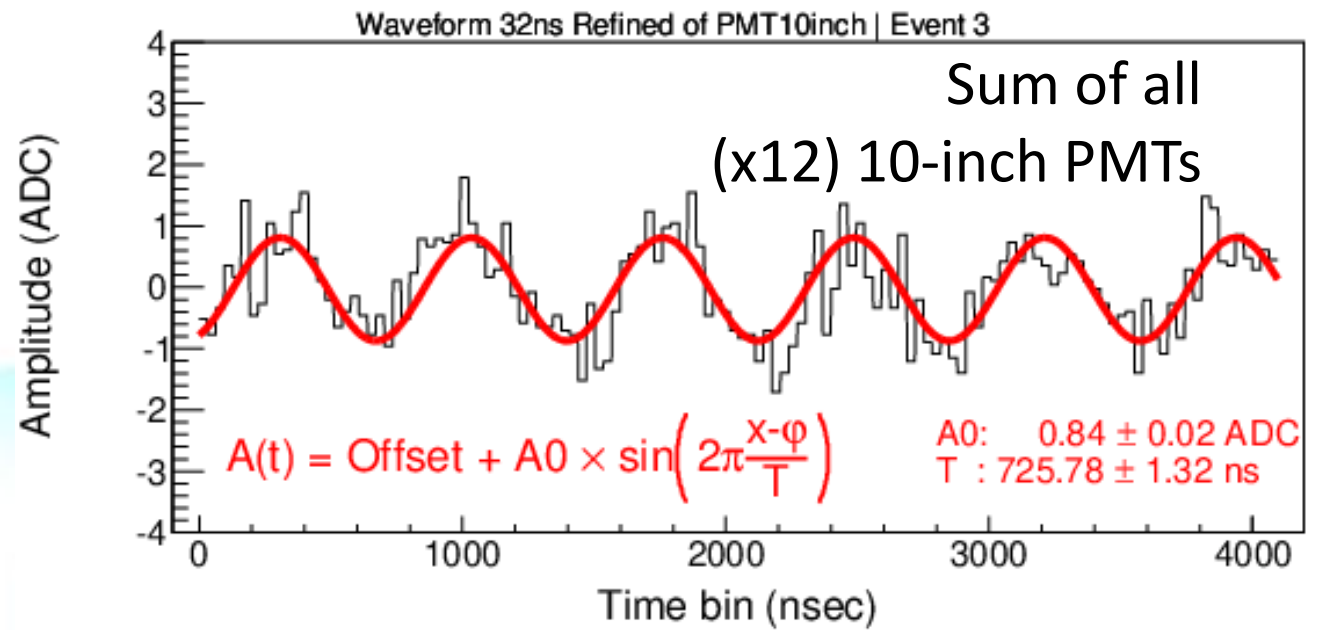
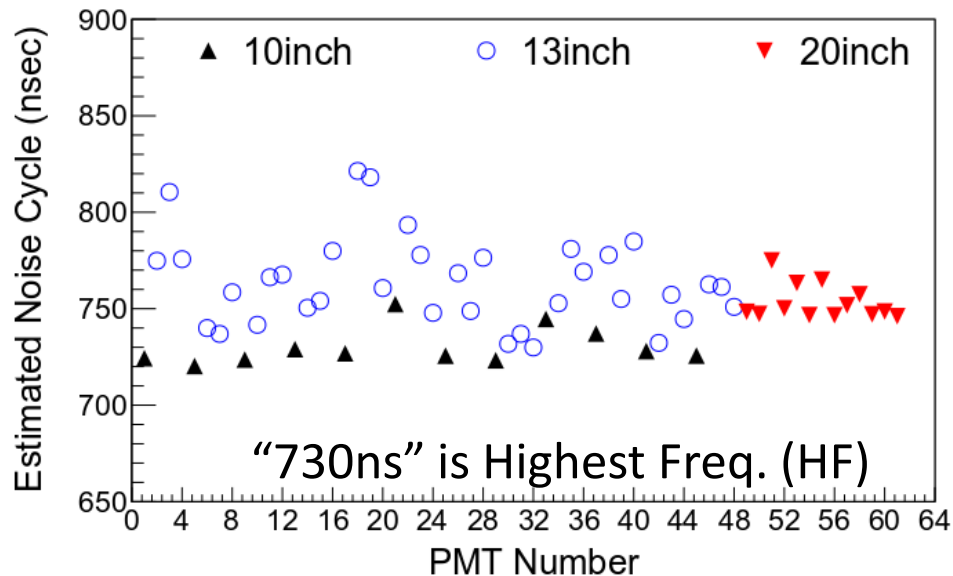
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Noise in Baseline

Noise Amp (fitting) of 62 PMTs

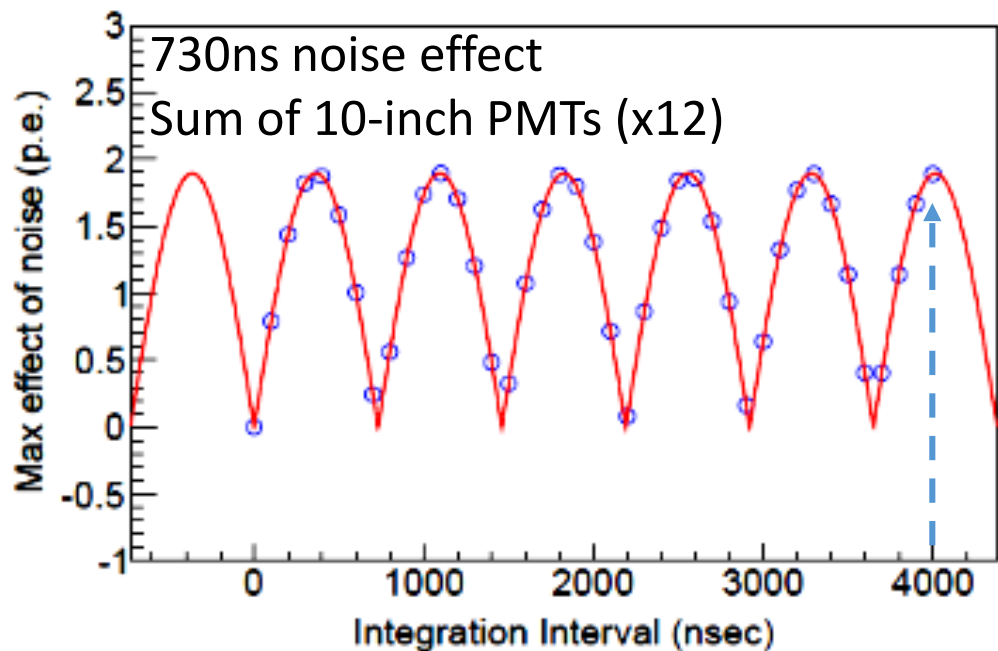
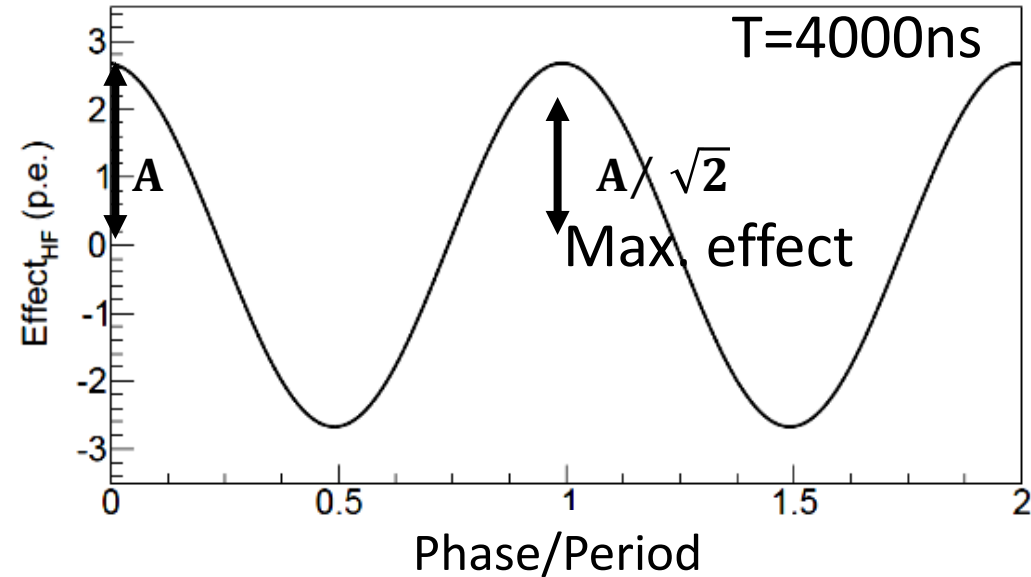


Noise Cycle (fitting) of 62 PMTs



- Fit the baseline of each PMT (sine-wave)
- ⇒ get the amplitudes and cycles of noises
- ⇒ Highest amplitudes in Five 10-inch PMTs
- ⇒ Similar noise cycles in these PMTs
- ⇒ Sum all 10-inch PMTs to check the noise
- In sum baseline of 10-inch PMTs (x12):
- Cycle 730 ns (1.3-1.4 MHz)
- Amplitude ~0.73 ADC (3mV)
- ⇒ Amplitude < 1 ADC even sum up 12 PMTs

Noise in Baseline



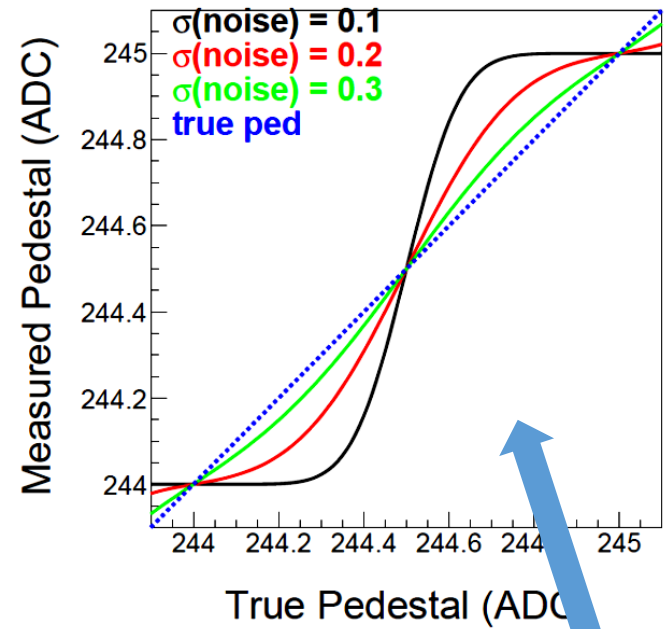
- Noise effect in an interval T is
⇒ a function of phase ($\int_0^T \sin(x + \varphi) dx$)
- Phase factor is random in CaF₂ waveform.
(difficult to estimate)
⇒ Estimate the max effect at each interval
⇒ At T=4000ns, effect is about $\sigma_{\text{noise}} \leq 2\text{p.e.}$
⇒ $\sigma_{\text{noise}}/Q \leq 0.05\%$ (still negligible)

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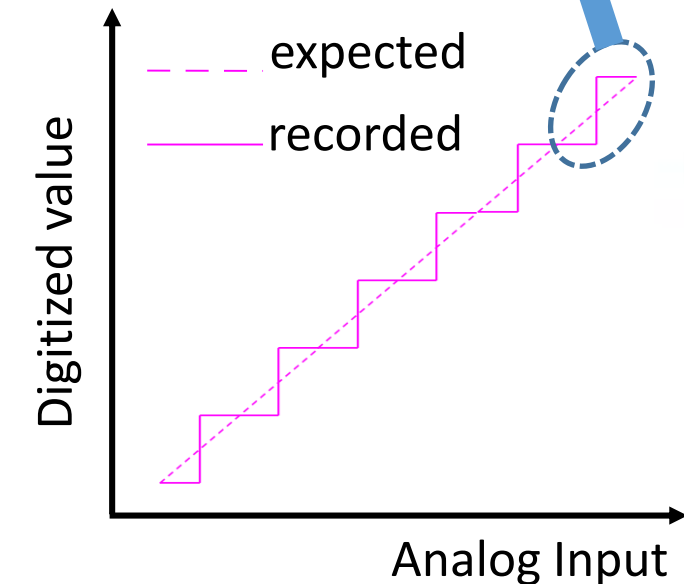
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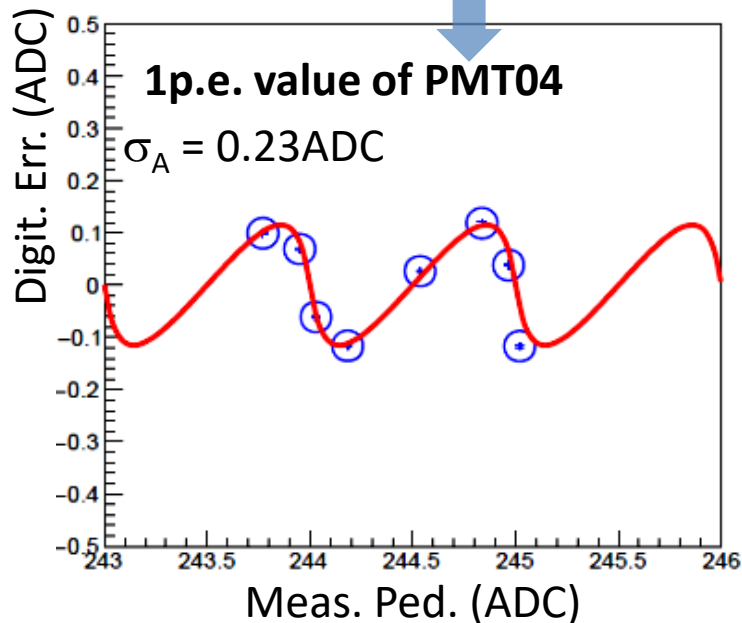
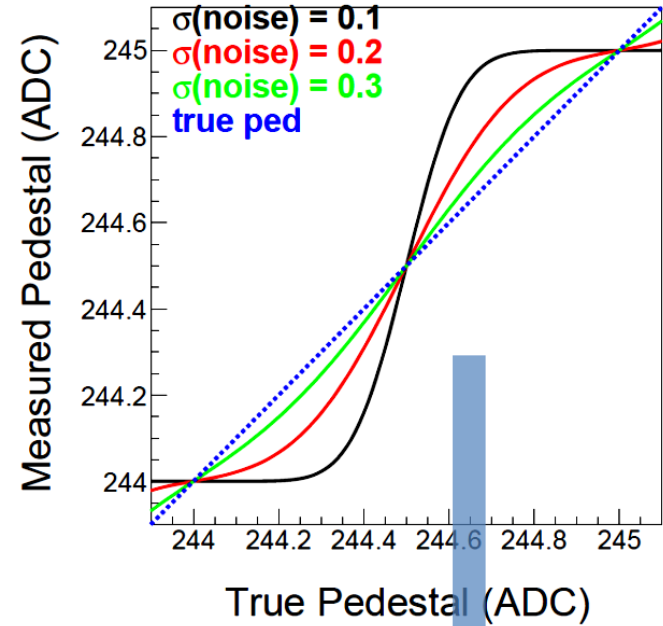
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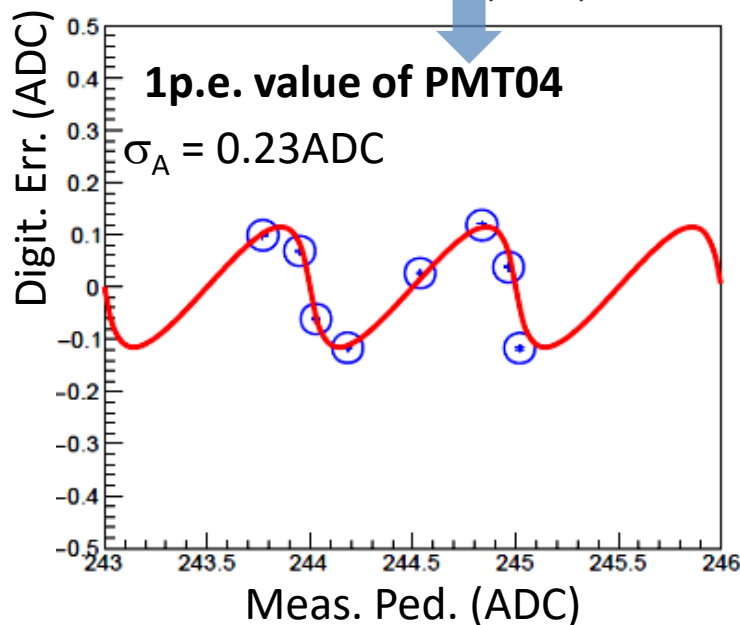
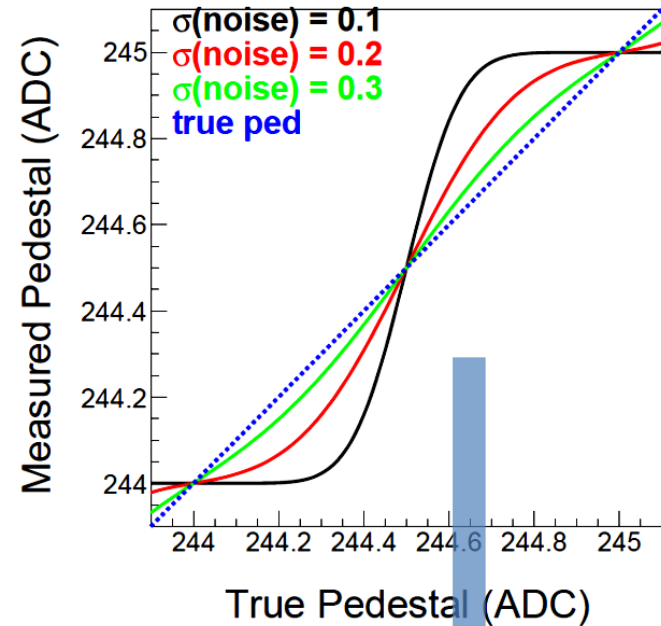


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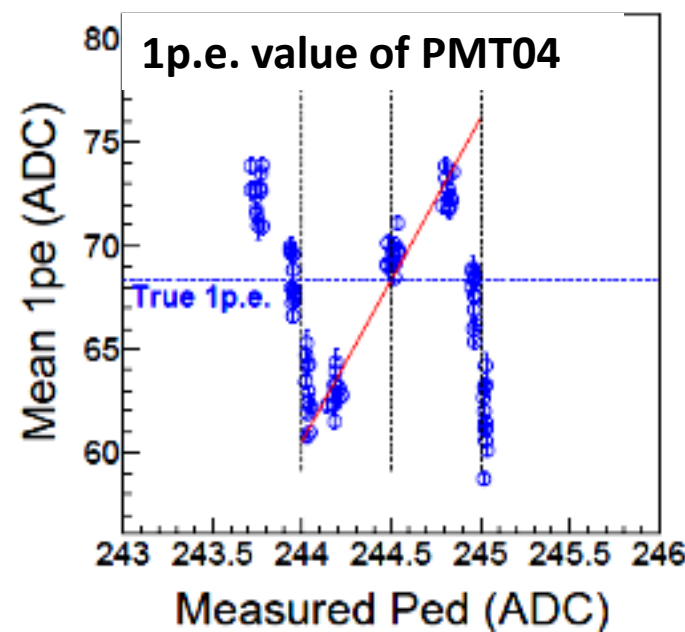
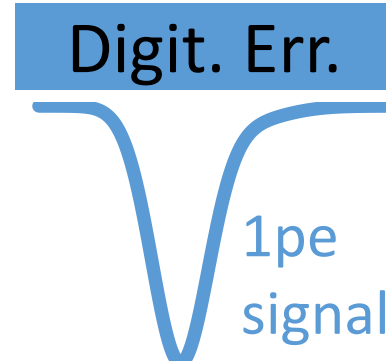
- In 1p.e. signal:

⇒ DE accumulated by the width

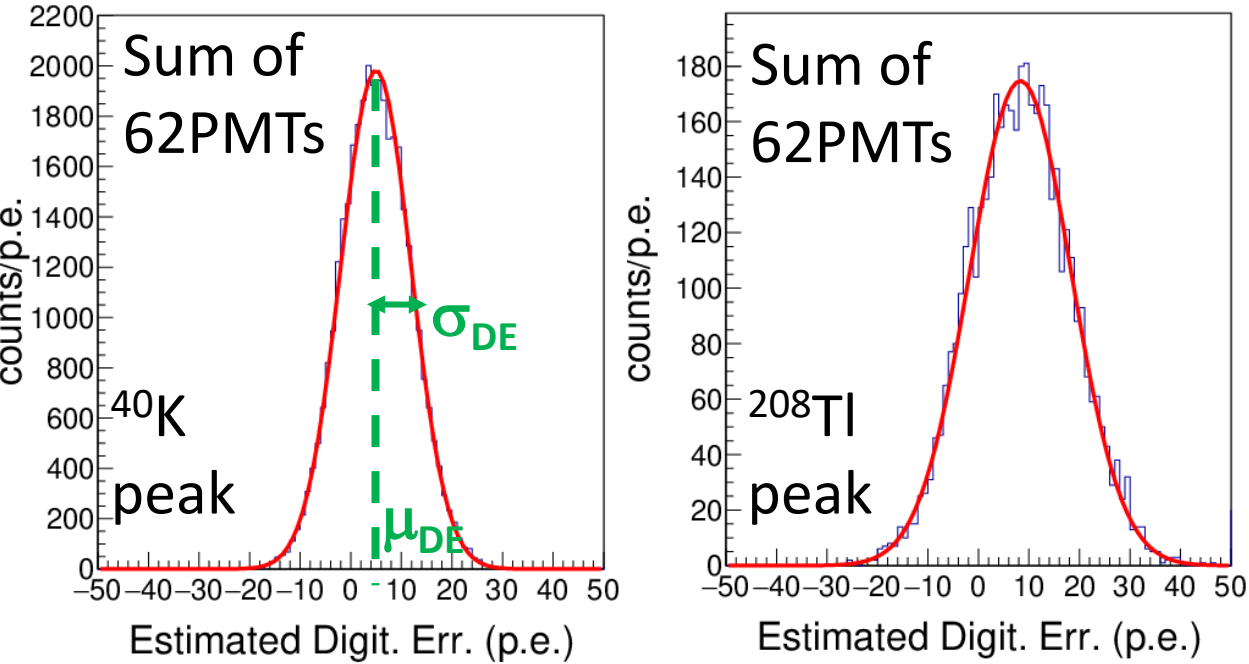
⇒ Estimate as a function of ped.

- Signal contains many 1p.e.

⇒ **Digitization error in each PMT can be estimated using: Number p.e. & Pedestal**⁹



Digitization Error



- From experimental data,
⇒ number of p.e. and pedestal
⇒ Estimate the digitization error on the energy spectrum (^{40}K & ^{208}Tl)

- From the Digitization Error dist.,

- μ_{DE} affects peak position
- σ_{DE} affects energy resolution

- Fluctuations of DE at different peaks are estimated:

- ^{40}K (1.46MeV), $\sigma_{DE}/E = 0.6\%$
- ^{208}Tl (2.6MeV), $\sigma_{DE}/E = 0.4\%$

⇒ At Q-value, σ_{DE}/Q is small₃₀

Error in charge measurement (review)

- Several sources of fluctuations were checked

- However,

➤ Dark Current ($\sigma_{DC}/Q_{\beta\beta}$) → negligible

➤ Baseline Noise ($\sigma_{noise}/Q_{\beta\beta}$) → negligible

➤ Digitization Error ($\sigma_{DE}/Q_{\beta\beta}$) → small

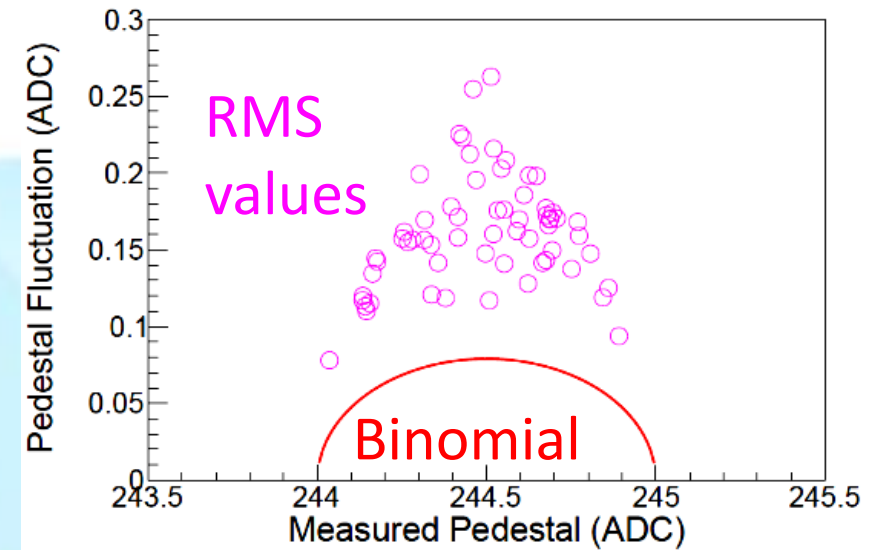
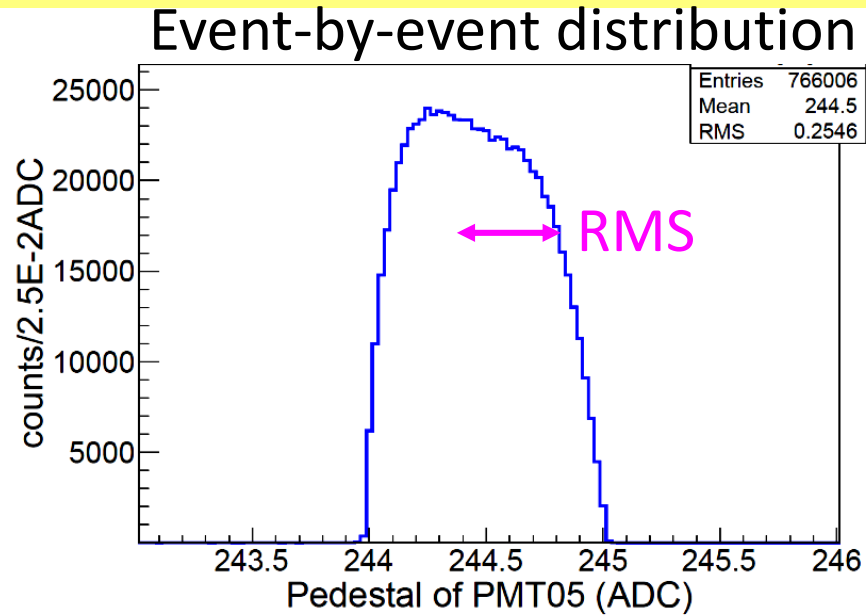
⇒ I found the most severe fluctuation in the baseline

is the pedestal uncertainty.

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Pedestal Uncertainty

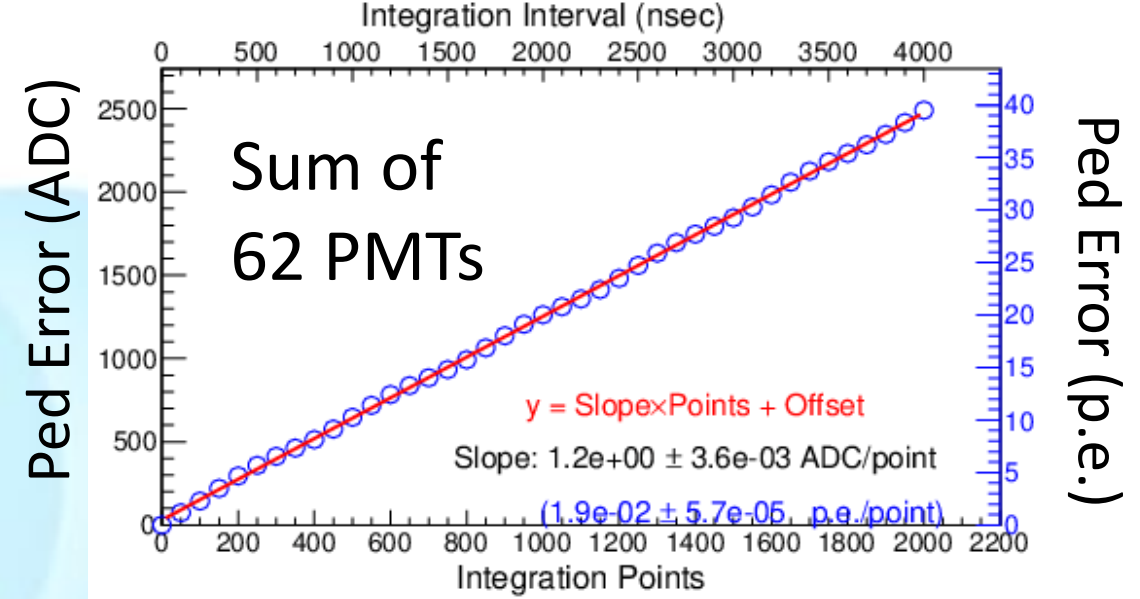
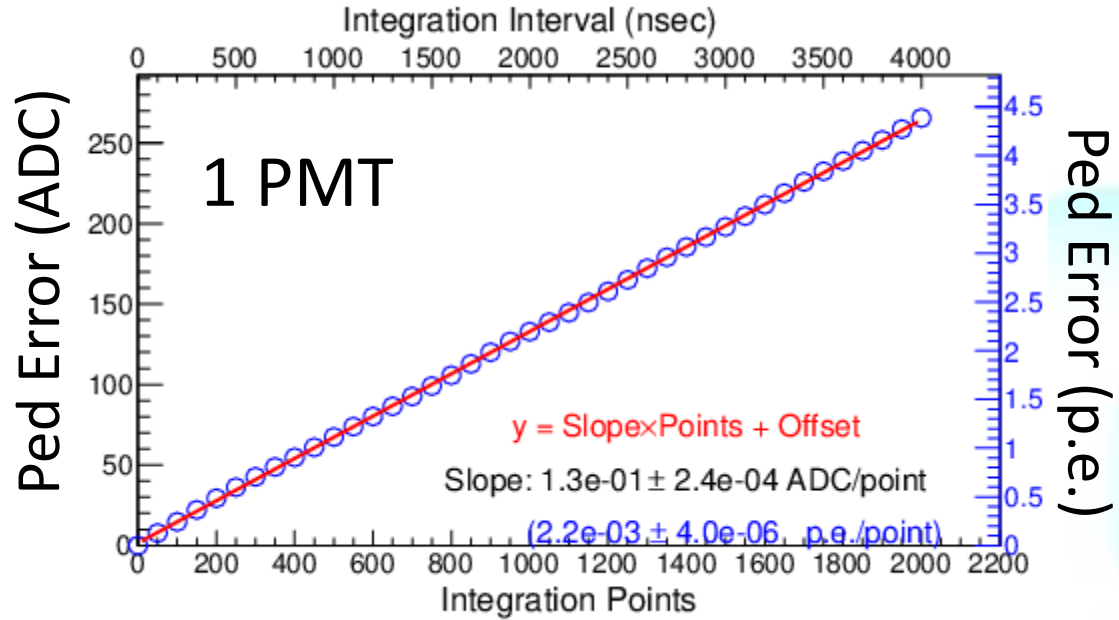


- In this research, the pedestal of each PMT is calculated using first 40 bins
- Ideally, binomial fluctuation below LSB

- Due to the noise in every PMT
⇒ The pedestal uncertainty is about 2 times larger than the binomial one.
⇒ Study pedestal uncertainty at zero-energy signal

Pedestal Uncertainty

$$* \text{Signal Integration} = N \times \text{Ped} - \sum_i^N \text{Signal}[i]$$



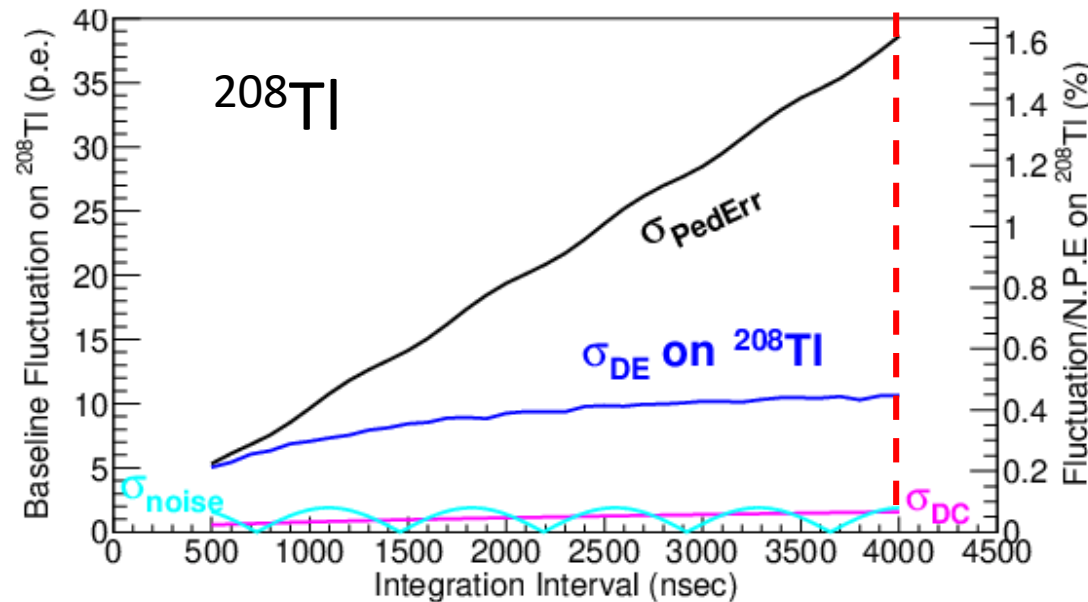
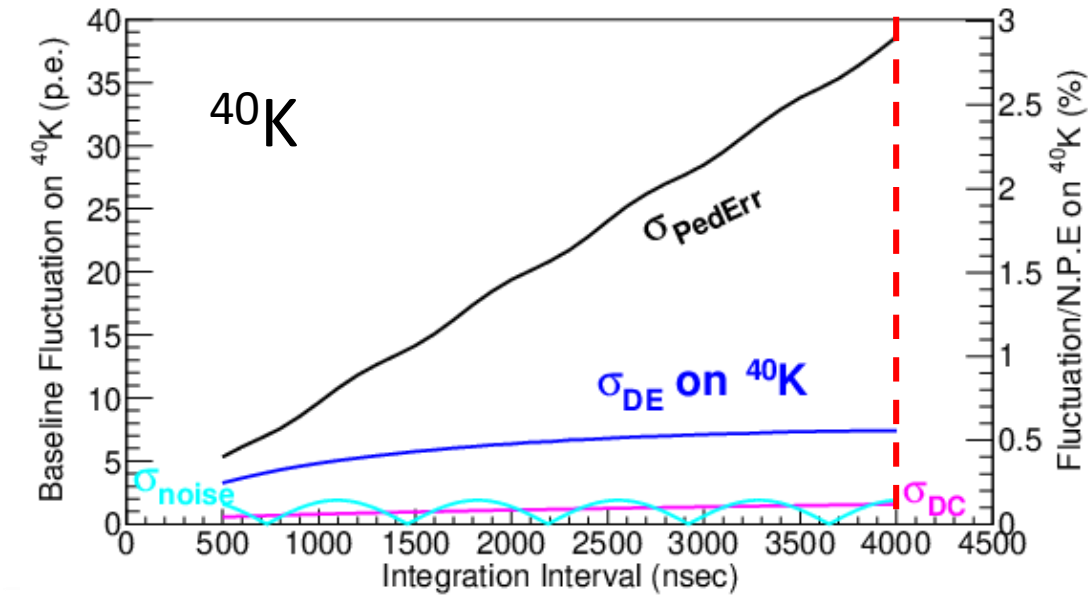
- In Signal Integration, the pedestal uncertainty is accumulated at every data point*.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Accumulated Fluc} = N \times \sigma_{\text{PedErr}}$$

\Rightarrow The accumulated fluctuation is linearly proportional to number of data points

- In case we sum up many PMTs, it is more severe effect.
- For 62 PMTs, integration interval of 4000 ns, the accumulated fluctuation is $\sigma_{\text{PedErr}} = 38.6$ p.e. or $\sigma_{\text{PedErr}}/Q_{\beta\beta} = 1\%$
- Compare $\sigma_{\text{p.e.}}/Q_{\beta\beta} \approx 1.6\%$
- $\Rightarrow \sigma_{\text{PedErr}}$ causes a severe fluctuation

SUMMARY of fluctuations



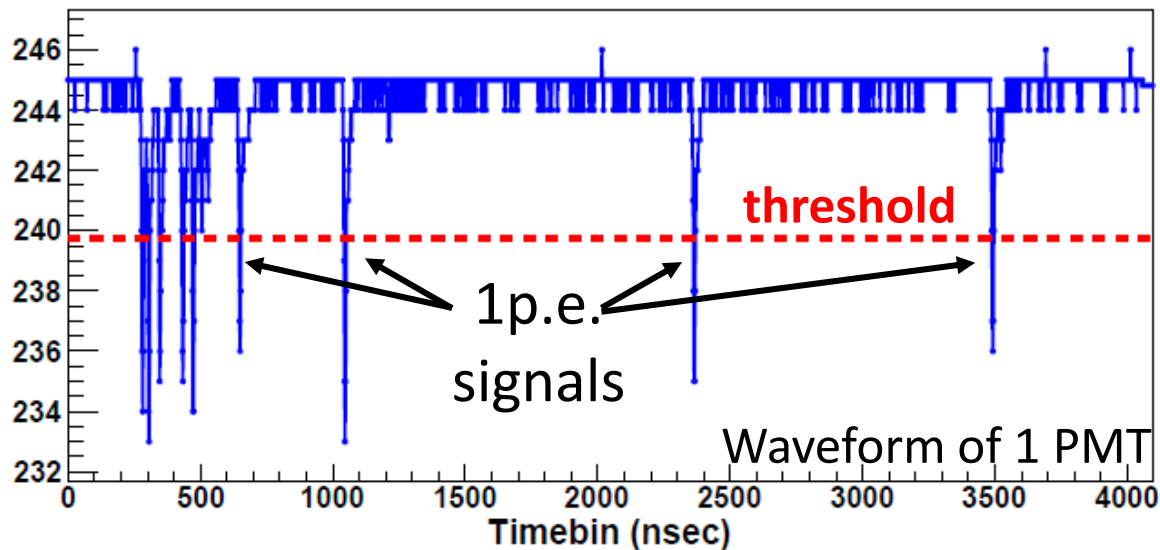
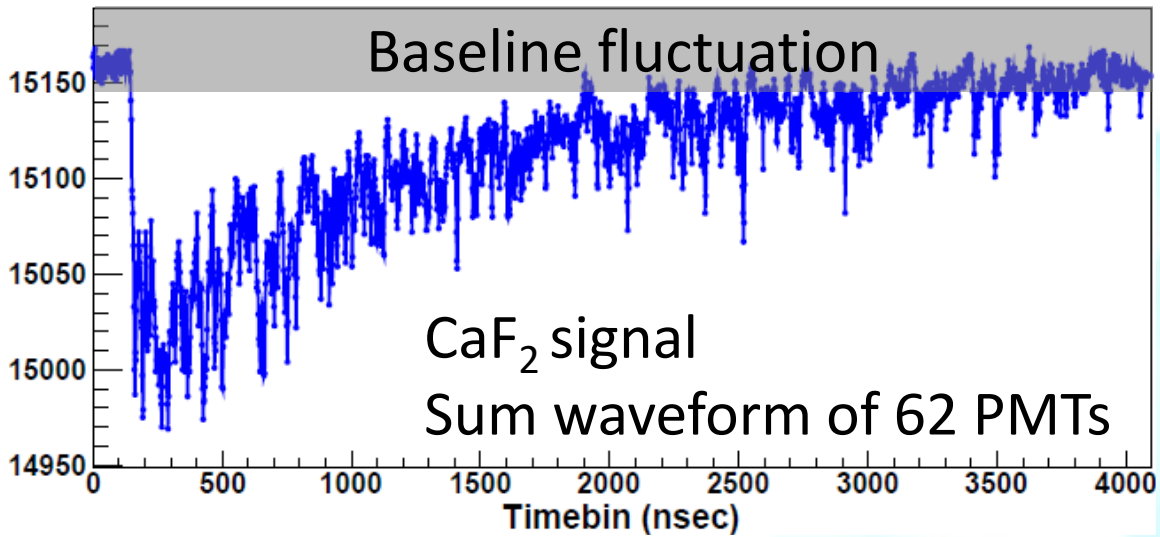
	Full integral (4000 nsec)	^{40}K peak (1460 keV)	^{208}Tl peak (2614 keV)	^{48}Ca Q-value (4272 keV)
σ_{PedErr} : Ped Error ($\sigma_{\text{PedErr}}/N_{\text{pe}}$)	38.6 p.e. (2.9 %)	38.6 p.e. (1.6 %)	38.6 p.e. (1.0 %)	
σ_{DE} : Digit. Err. ($\sigma_{\text{DE}}/N_{\text{pe}}$)	7.3 p.e. (0.6 %)	10.4 p.e. (0.4 %)	(small)	
σ_{noise} : 730ns noise ($\sigma_{\text{HF}}/N_{\text{pe}}$)	≤ 2 p.e. (≤ 0.15 %)	≤ 2 p.e. (≤ 0.08 %)	≤ 2 p.e. (≤ 0.05 %)	
σ_{DC} : Dark Current ($\sigma_{\text{DC}}/N_{\text{pe}}$)	1.6 p.e. (0.1 %)	1.6 p.e. (0.06 %)	1.6 p.e. (0.04 %)	

- Fluctuations from Dark Current, Noise, Digitization Error and Pedestal uncertainty are estimated as functions of integration interval.
- \Rightarrow Fluctuation from Pedestal Uncertainty (σ_{PedErr}) is the most severe
- \Rightarrow Signal integration to get energy \Rightarrow not good
- \Rightarrow Need another method to get energy

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Photon Counting: Motivation



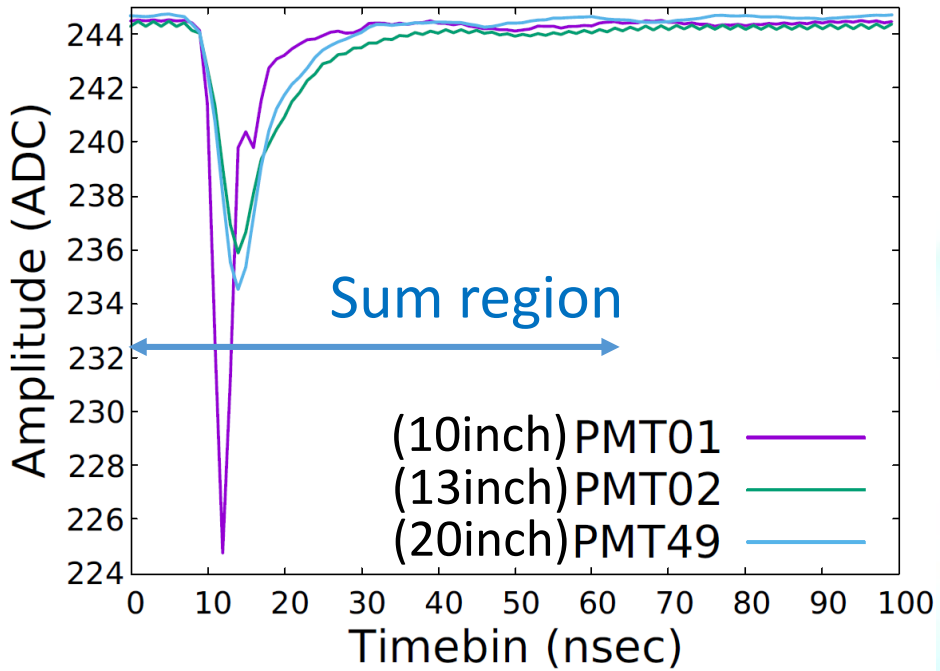
SIGNAL INTEGRATION

- The baseline fluctuations: severe
 - In current analysis, signal integration is used
- ⇒ Baseline fluctuations are accumulated

PHOTON COUNTING

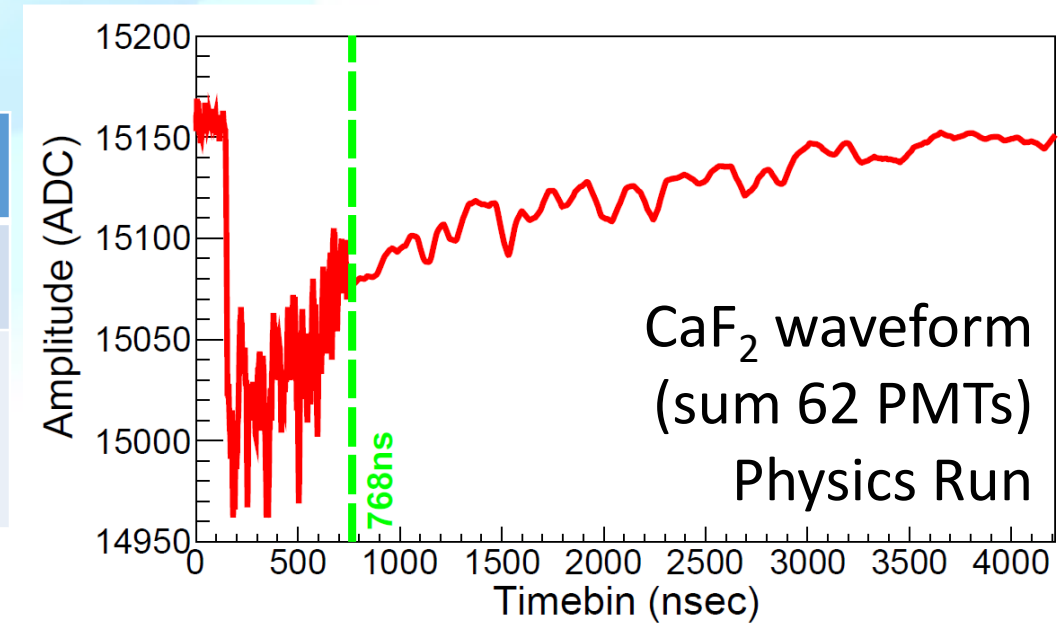
- Setting threshold
 - Count p.e. in each PMT
- ⇒ No integration
- ⇒ Avoid baseline fluctuation

Photon Counting: Measurement

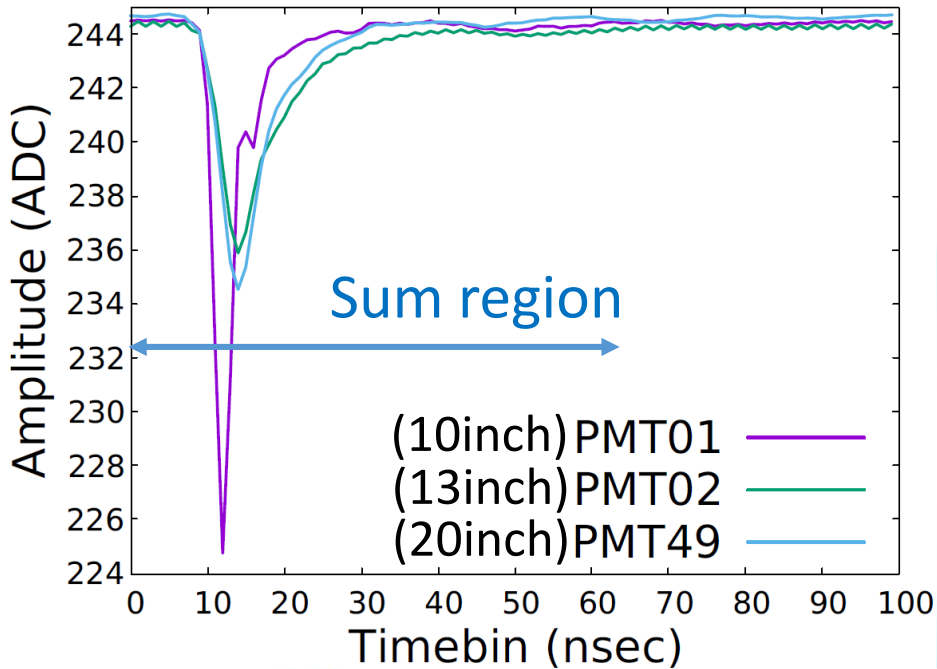


- Waveform of CANDLES:
 - First 768 ns, 2ns/sample
 - Latter sum every 64 ns.
- The 1p.e. width is short (<50ns)
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- After modification, data size x3 times larger.

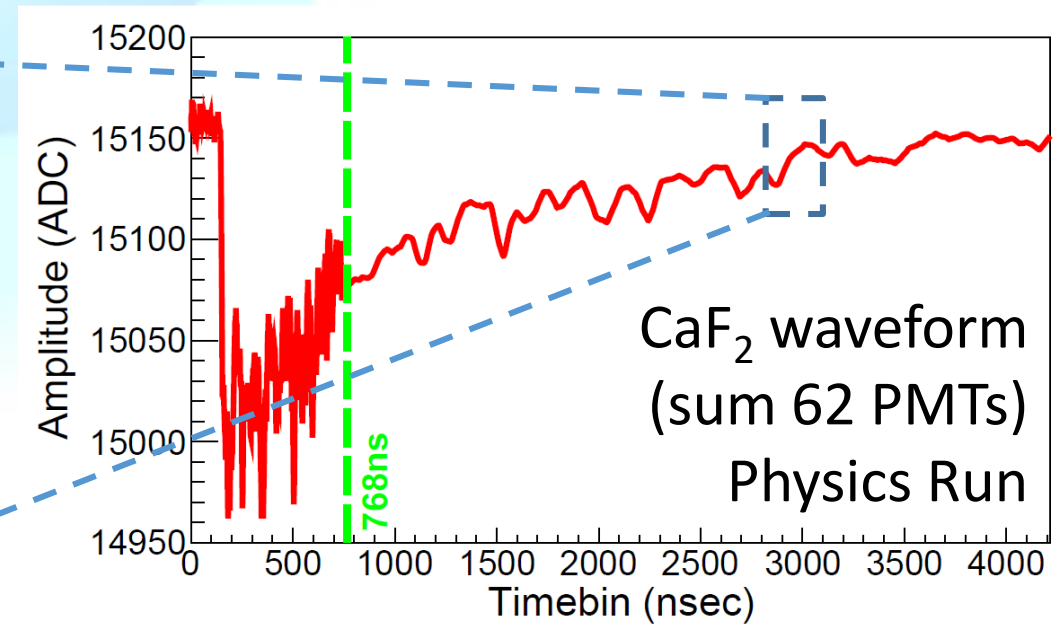
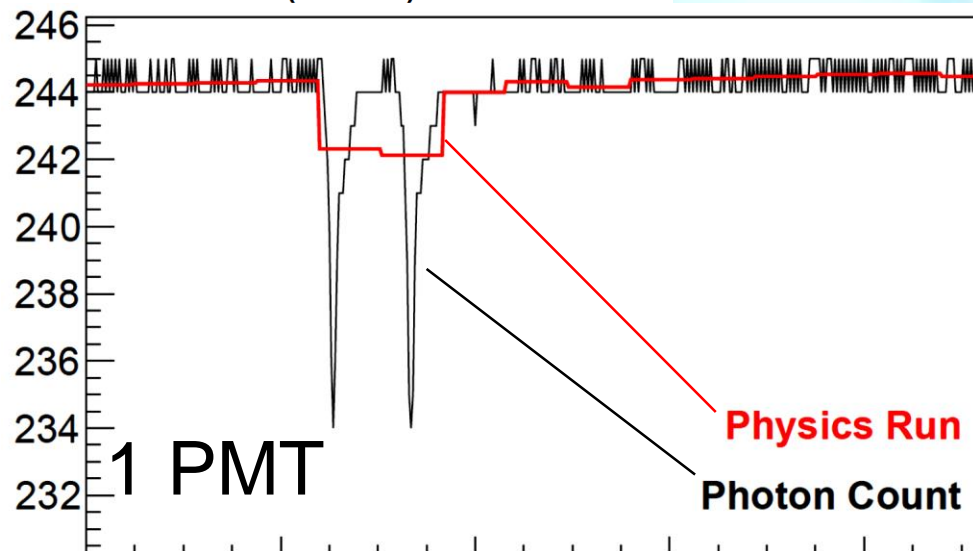
	Physics Run	Photon Count
Size	~50kB/event	~150kB/event
Waveform interval	~9μsec	~4.2μsec



Photon Counting: Measurement

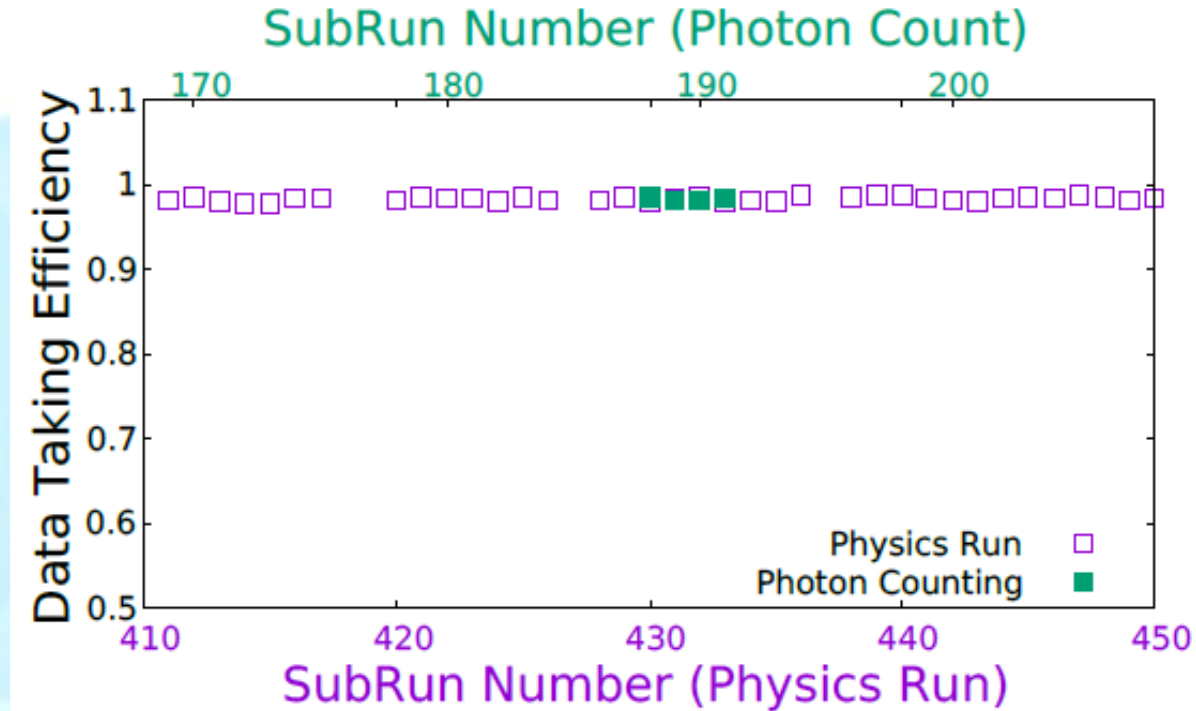


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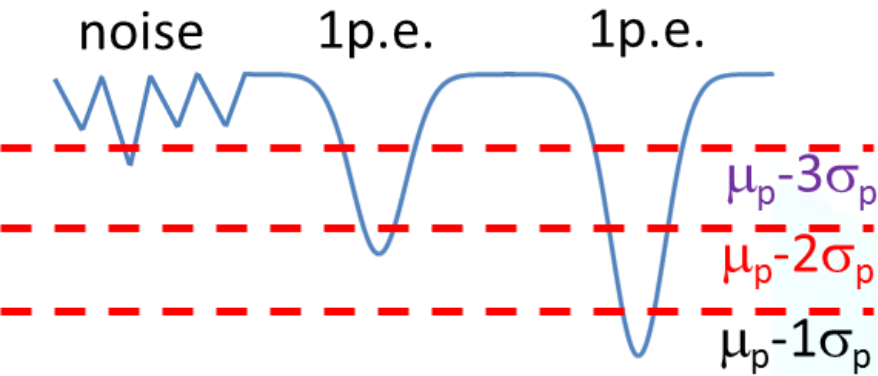


Photon Counting: Measurement

- Maximize 2 nsec means extend a lot of data size in event buffer of FADCs
- Size/event is 3 times larger
 - ⇒ The readout time/event is ~20msec
 - ⇒ X2 times longer than the Physics Run
 - ⇒ Estimate the data taking efficiency.
- Data taking efficiency = $N_{\text{record}}/N_{\text{incident}}$
 - ⇒ Thanks to our development of DAQ system (with 8 event buffers)
 - ⇒ Acquire ~100% data taking efficiency



Photon Counting analysis: Threshold

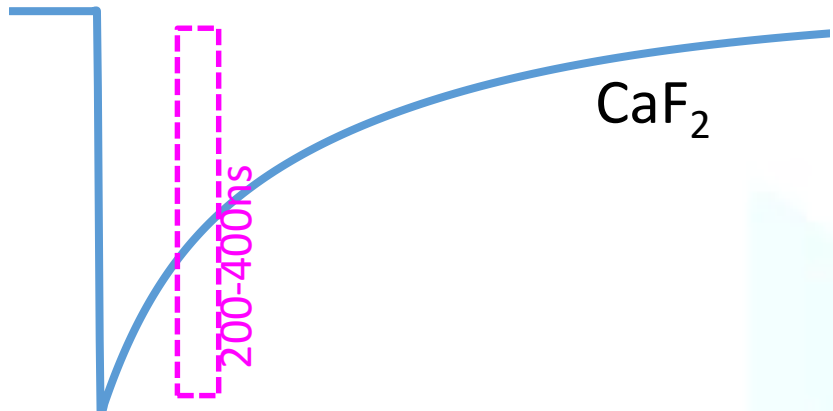


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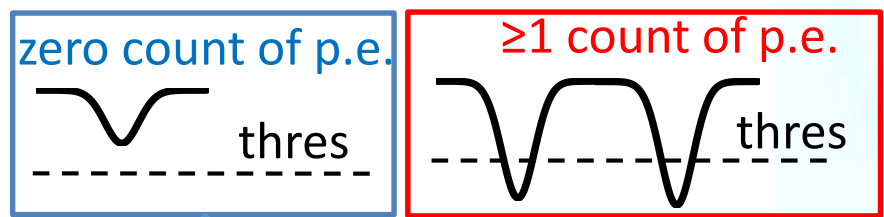
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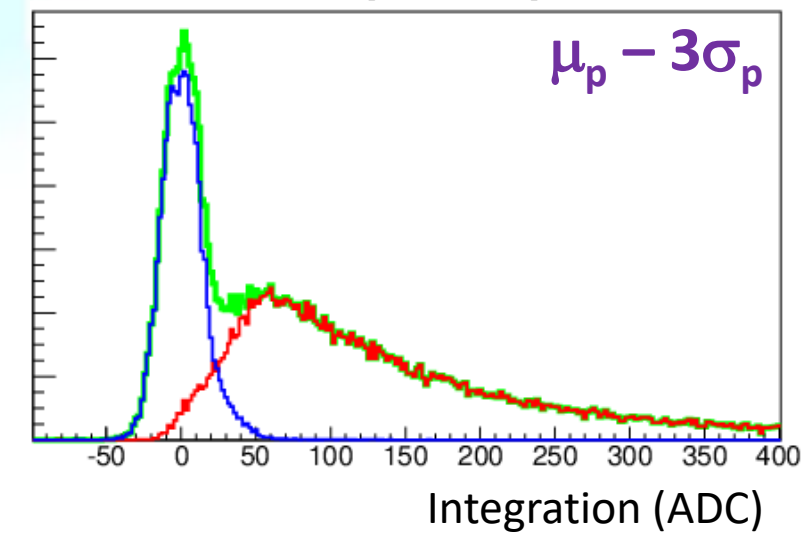
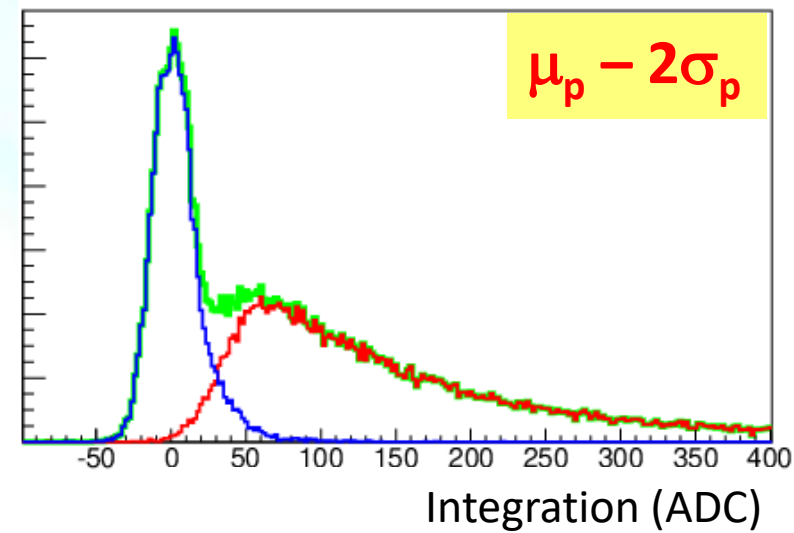
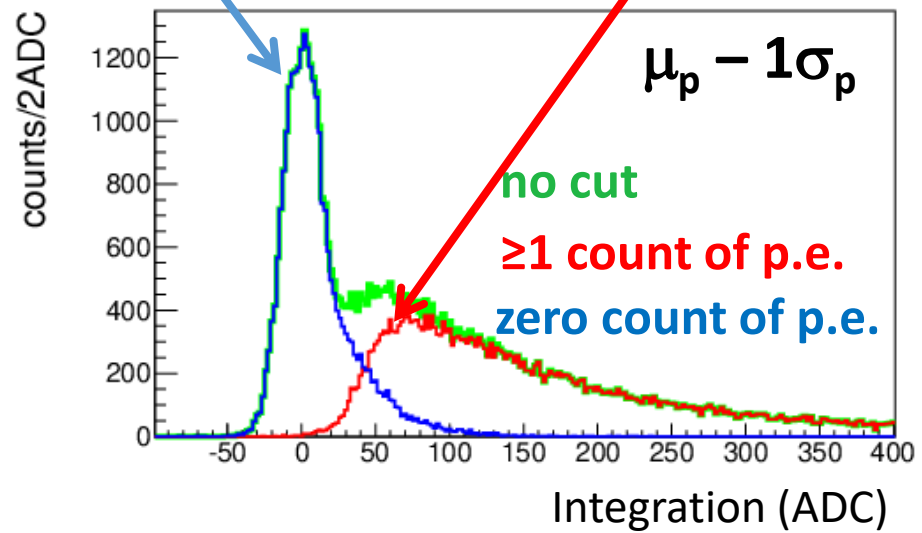
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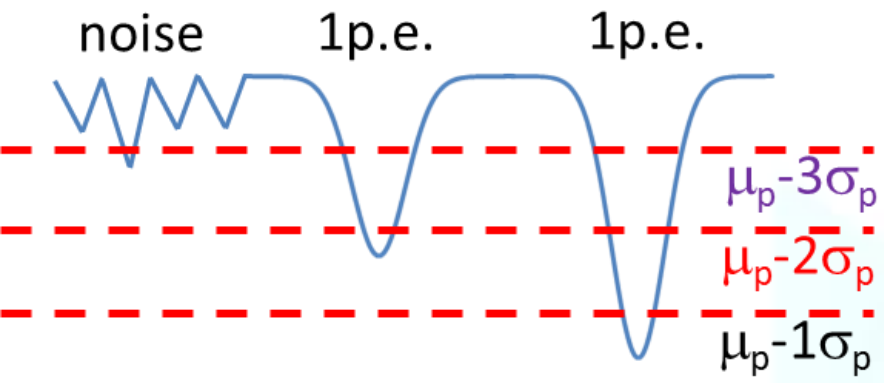
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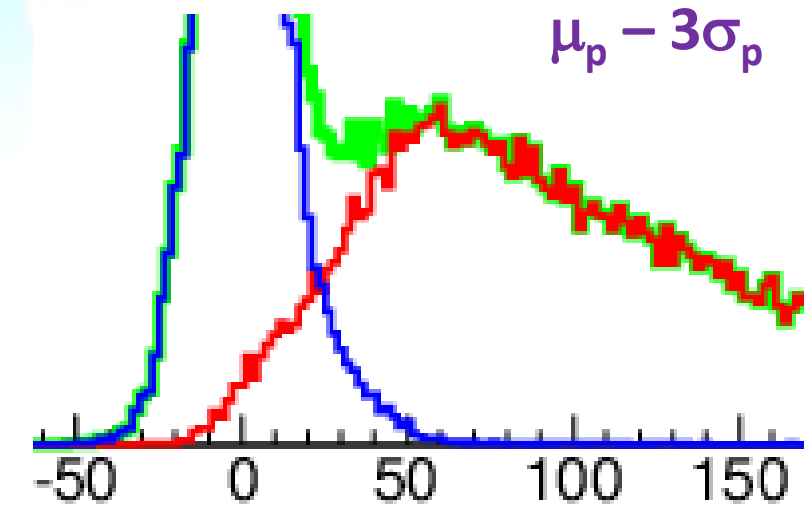
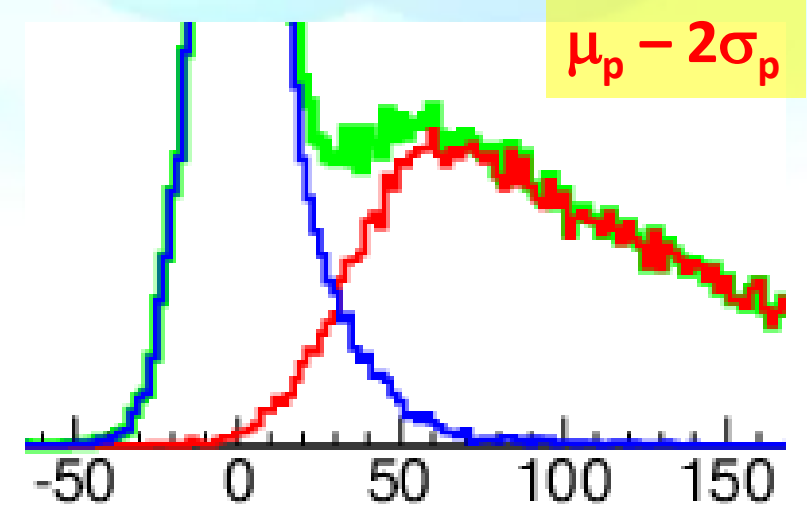
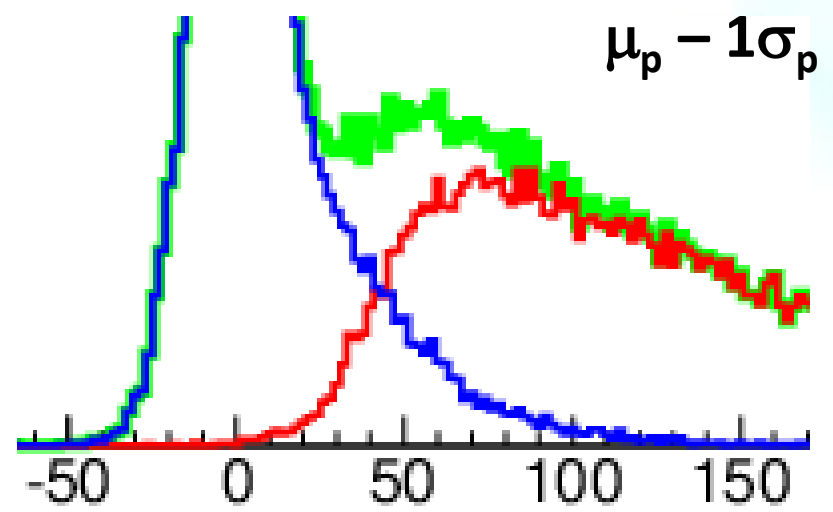


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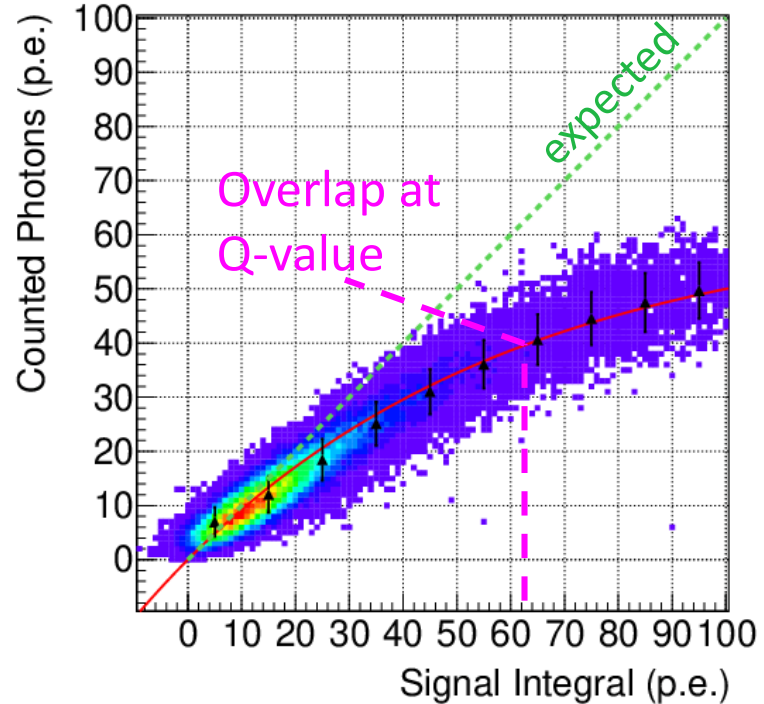


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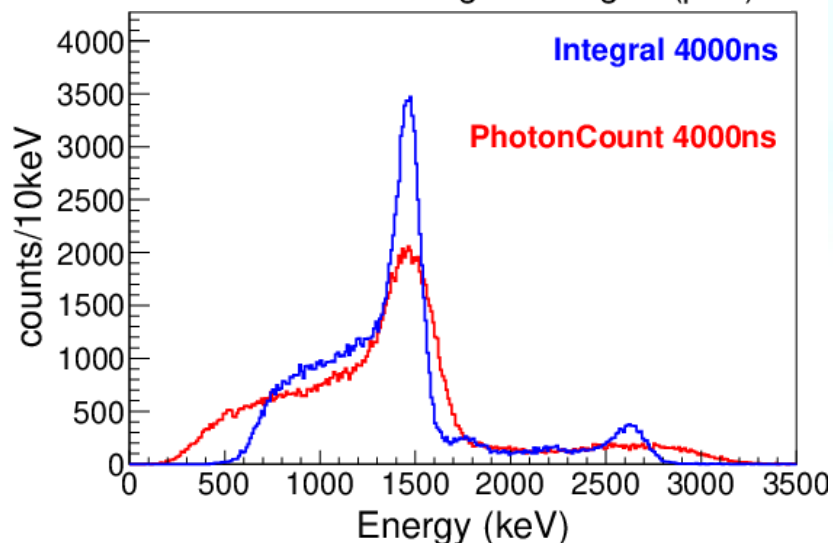
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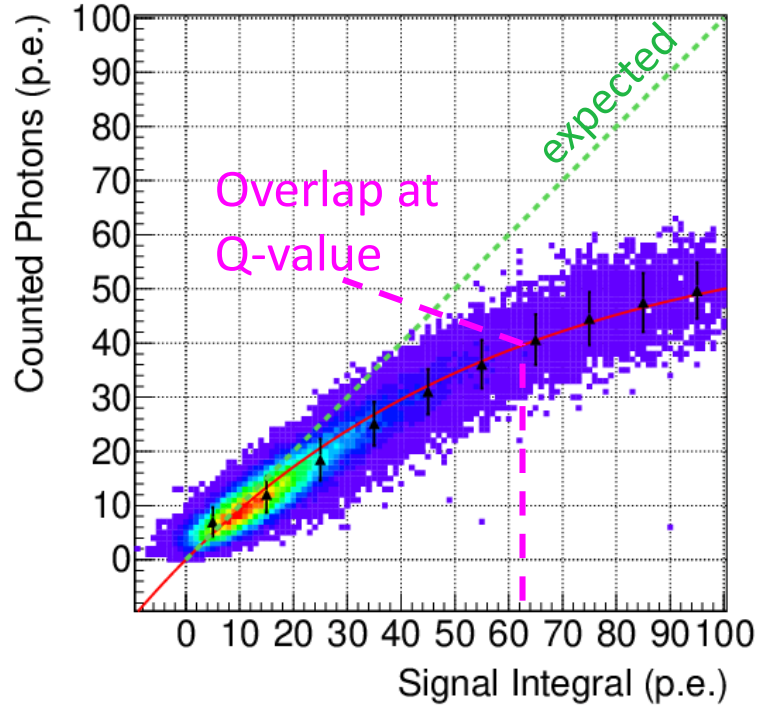
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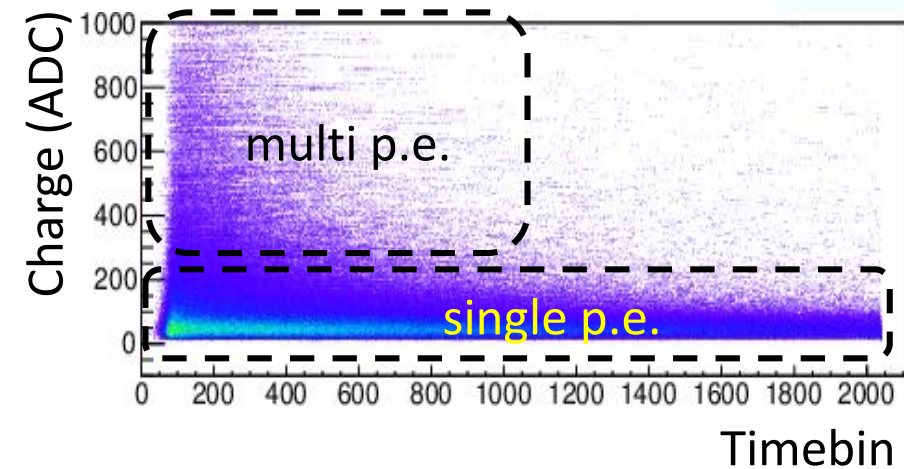
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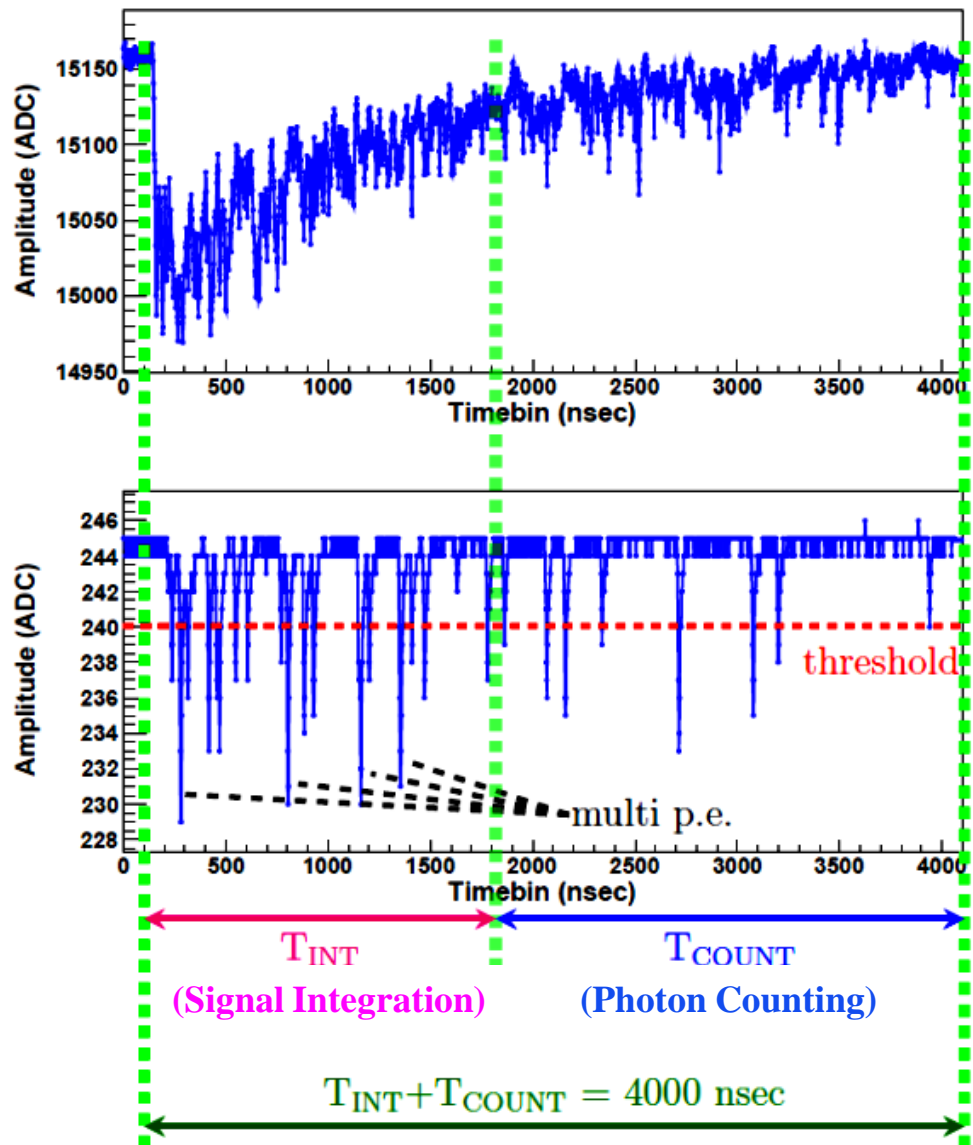
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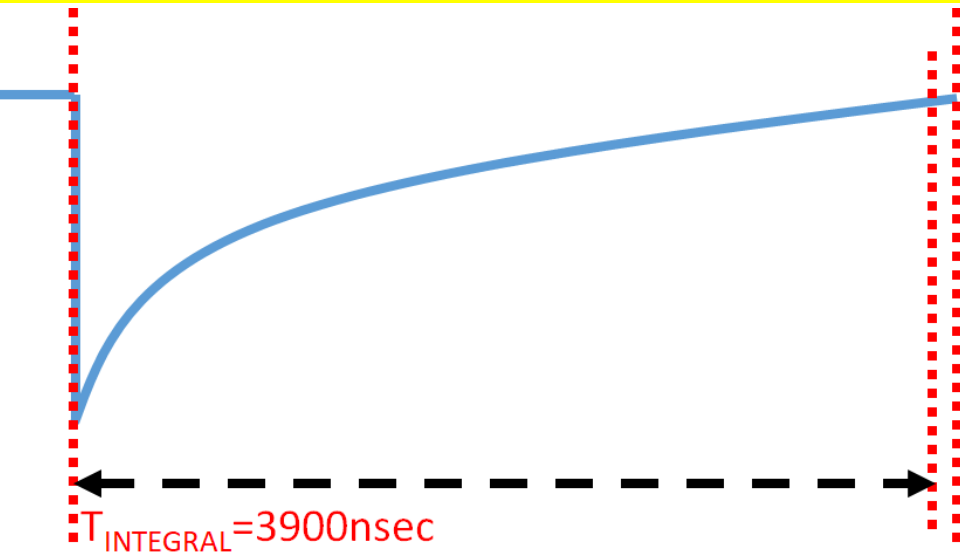
⇒ Photon counting to avoid pedestal fluc.

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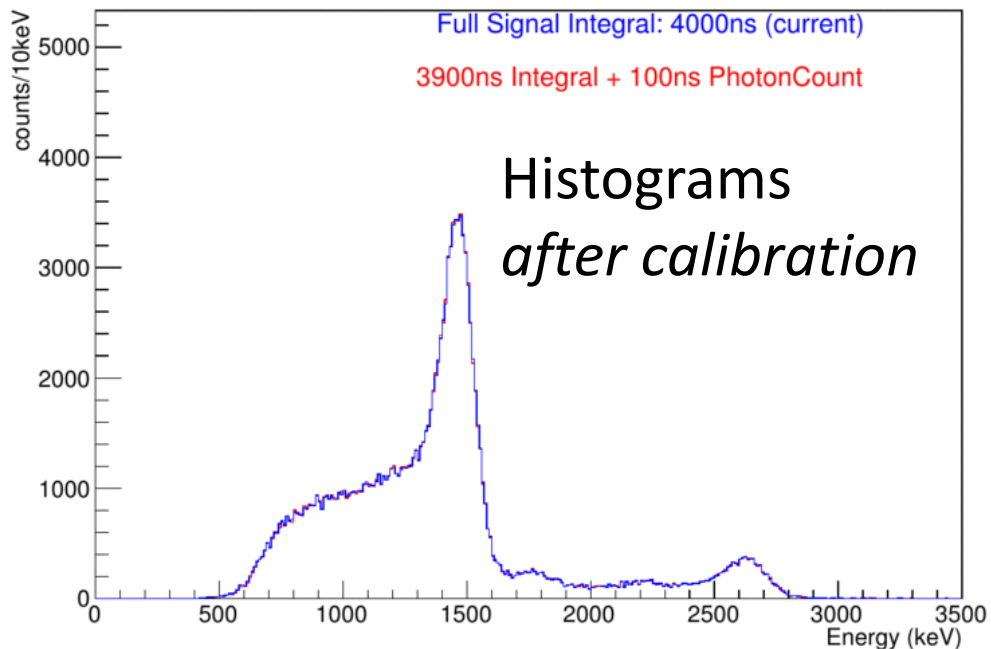
⇒ $T_{\text{INTEGRAL}} + T_{\text{COUNT}} = 4000\text{ns}$

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Partial Photon Counting (PPC)



Recalibrated Histogram using with Integral(3900ns) + PhotonCount(100ns)



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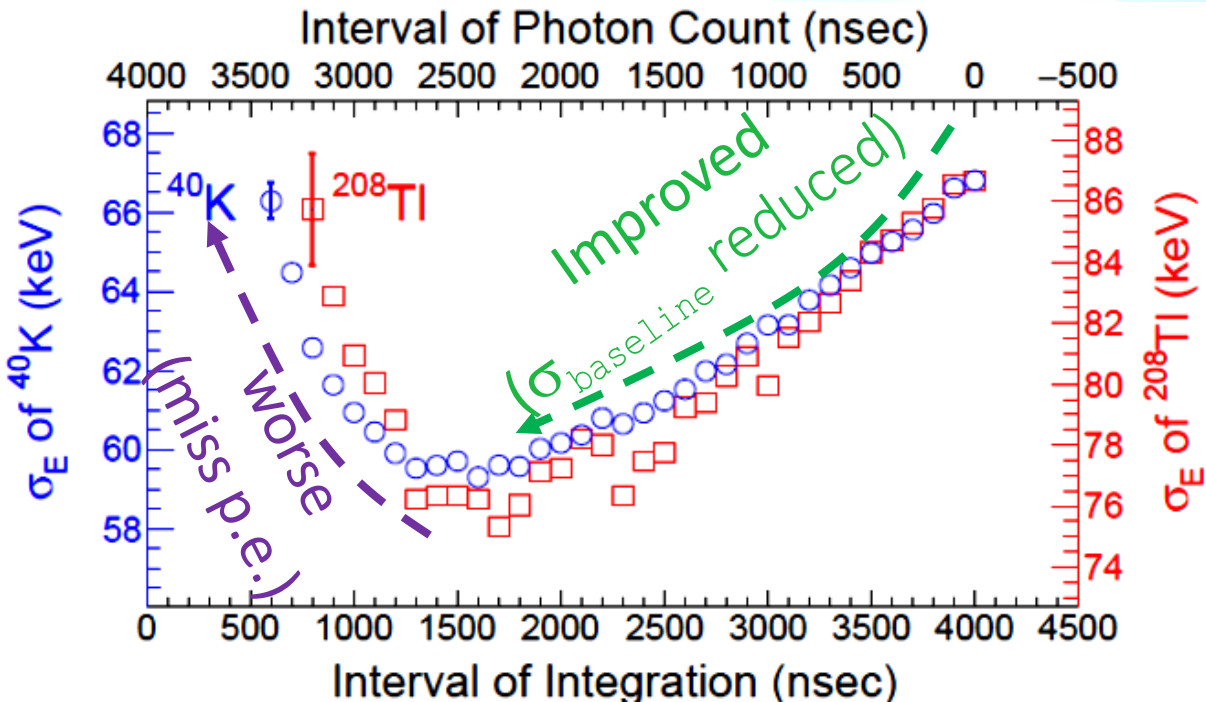
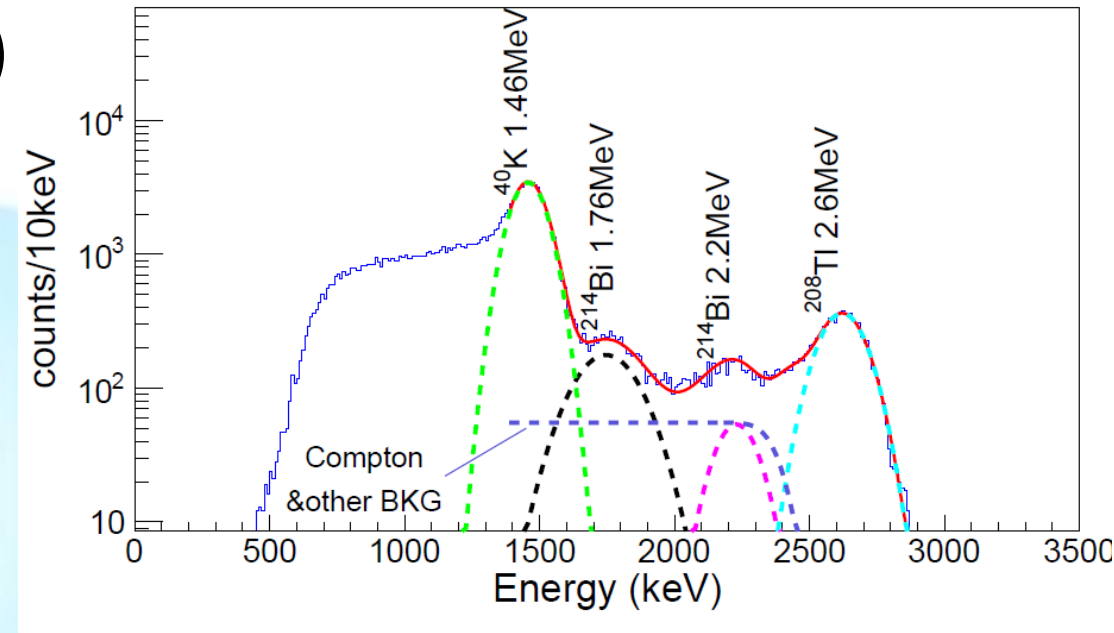
Partial Photon Counting (PPC): Result

Evaluate the energy resolution at 1460keV (^{40}K) and 2614.5keV (^{208}Tl) for each histogram

⇒ Resolution: a function of signal integral gate

⇒ The resolution is improved:

- $\sigma_E/E(^{40}\text{K}): \sim 4.5\%$ to $\sim 4.0\%$
- $\sigma_E/E(^{208}\text{Tl}): \sim 3.3\%$ to $\sim 2.9\%$



Gaussian of ^{208}Tl (impurities in crystal)

Gaussian of ^{214}Bi (impurities in crystal)

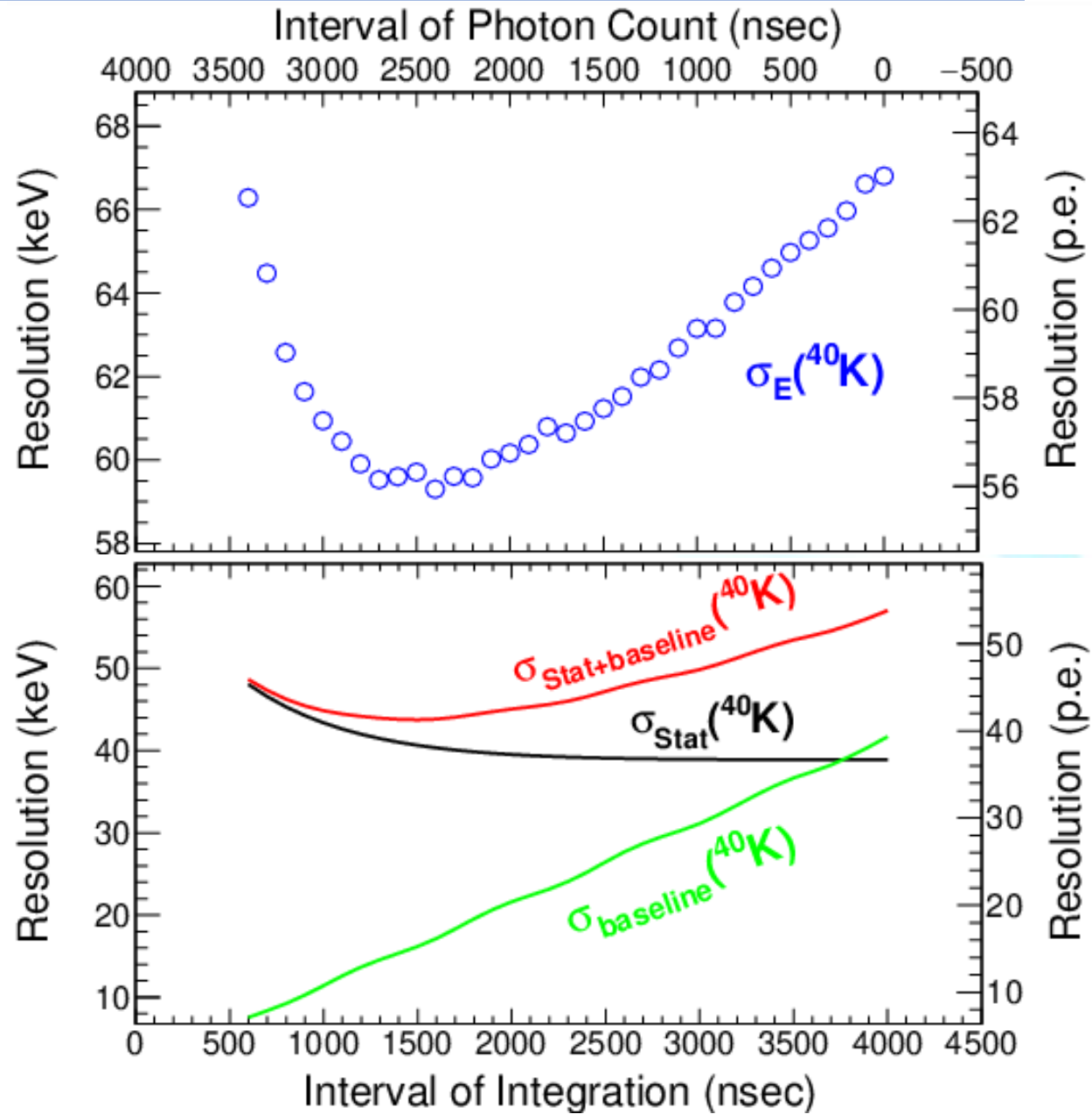
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Error function as Compton background

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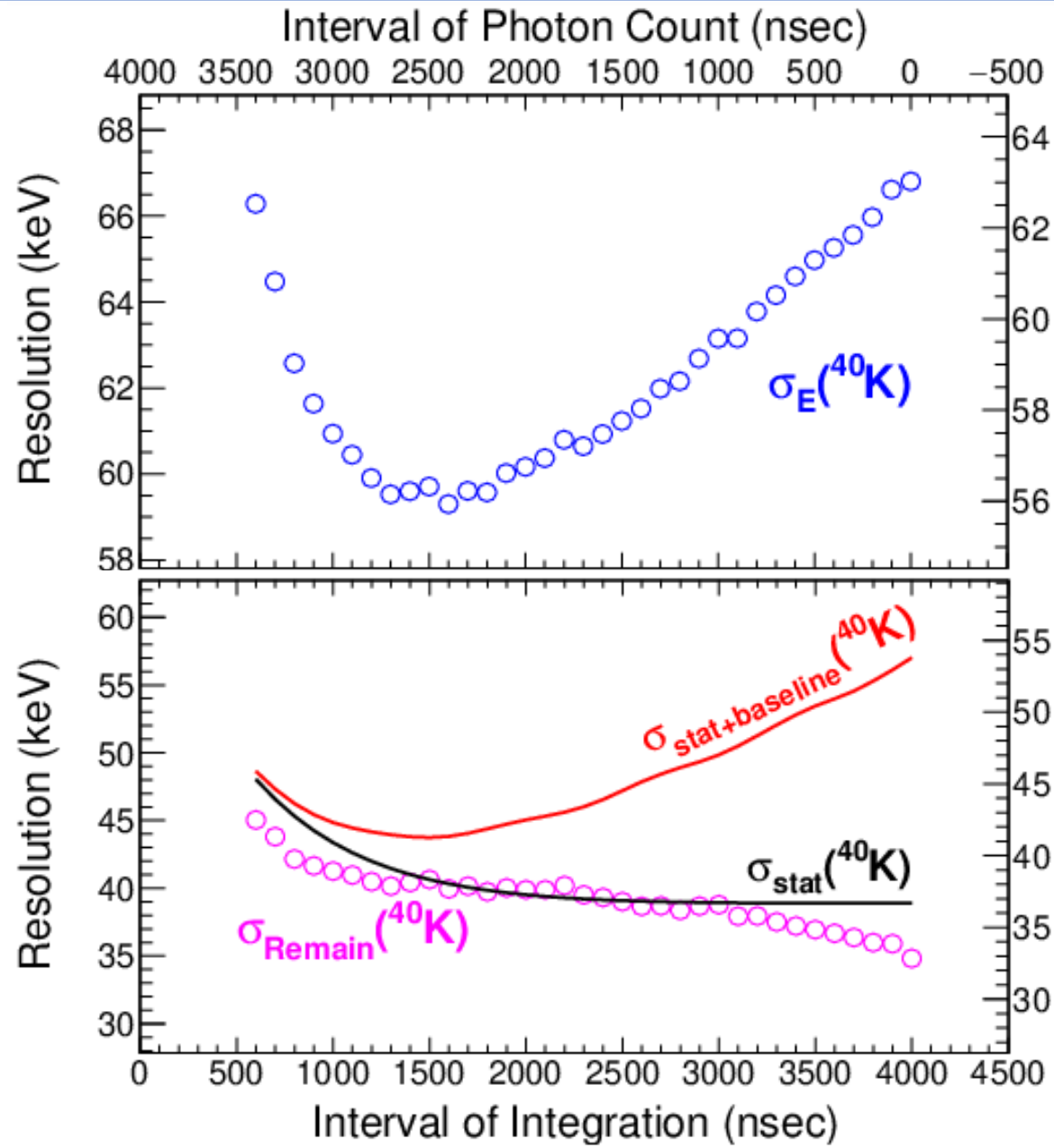
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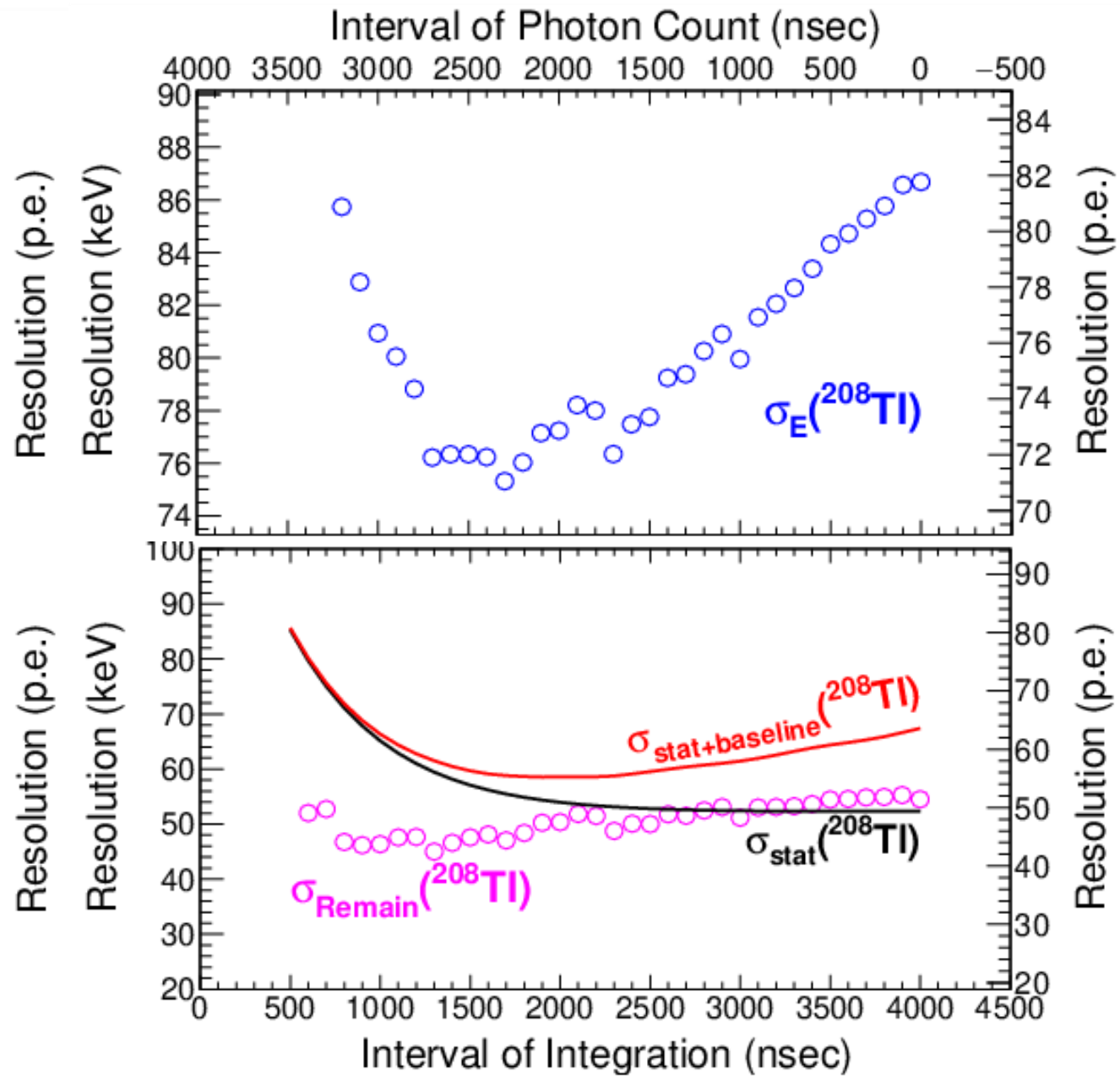
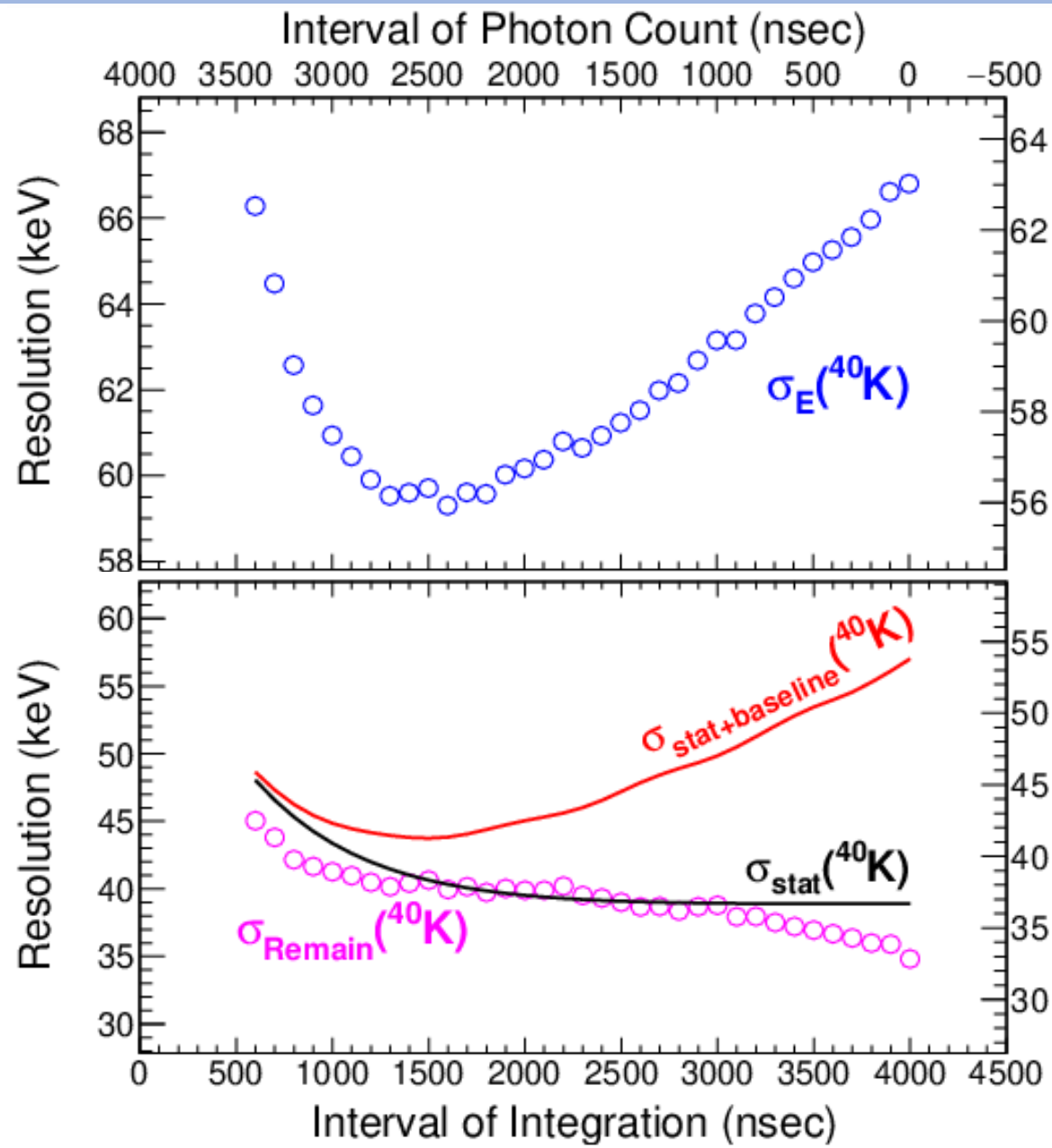
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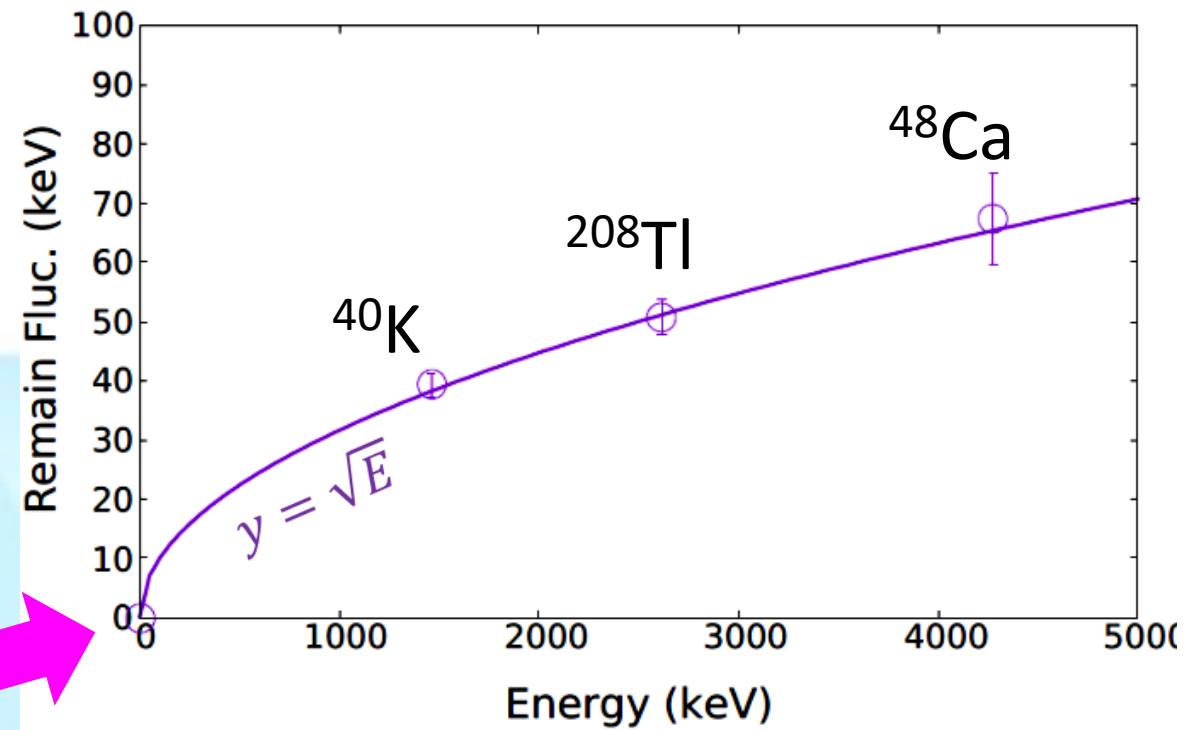
(4) Remain Fluc. = $\sqrt{\sigma_E^2 - (1)^2 - (2)^2}$

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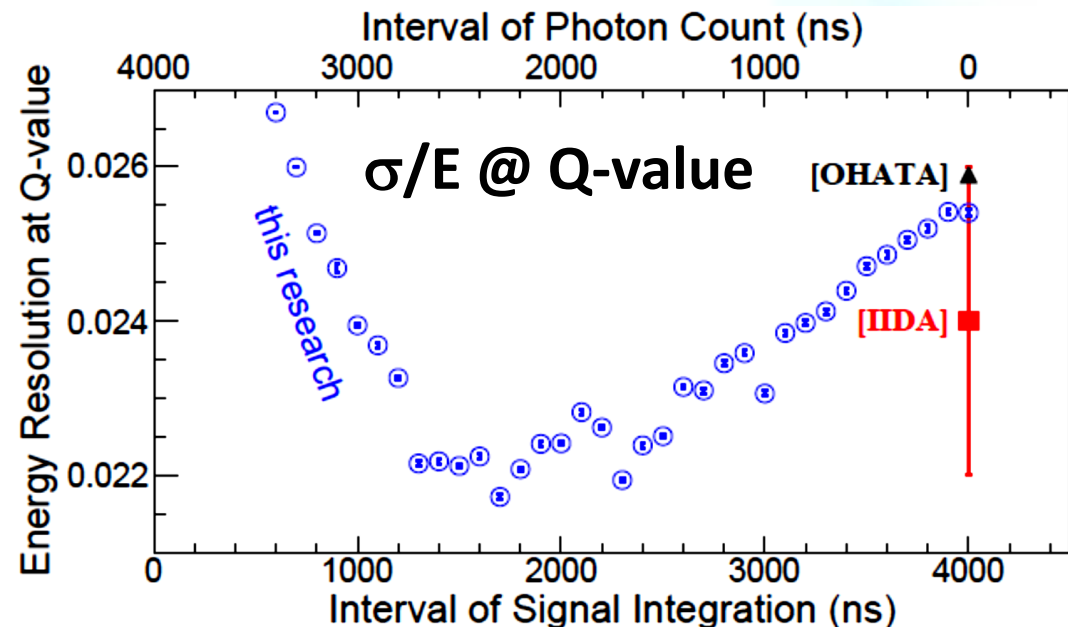
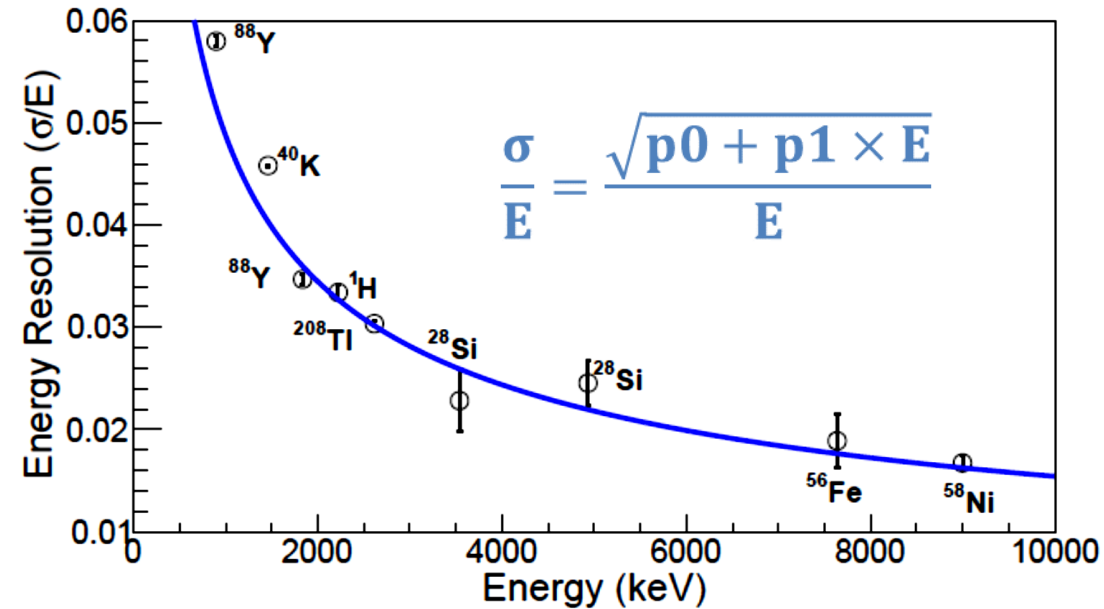
	⁴⁰ K peak (1460 keV)	²⁰⁸ Tl peak (2614 keV)
σ_E (resolution)	66.8 keV	86.7 keV
$\sigma_{p.e.}$ (statistical)	38.9 keV	52.3 keV
σ_{Base} (Baseline fluc.)	41.7 keV	42.5 keV
(Remain Fluc.)	34.8 keV	54.5 keV



- Study the energy resolution at 1460keV (⁴⁰K) and 2614.5keV (²⁰⁸Tl)
⇒ The baseline fluctuation can explain the tendency of improved resolution

- There is still remaining fluctuation:
 - independent with the integration interval
 - depends on the energy (assuming)

Results & Discussion



- Estimate the resolution at Q-value
 \Rightarrow need a fitting equation
- Considering all fluctuations in my study, fluctuations can be divided in 2 groups:
 - Depending on the energy
Statistical fluctuation, digitization error, remaining fluctuation
 - Independent with the energy *pedestal error*
- The fitting function is:
- Apply this equation on the energy resolutions of CANDLES \Rightarrow **Good fitting**
- The obtained result at ^{48}Ca is consistent with the result obtained in prev. researches (at $T_{\text{INTEGRAL}} = 4000\text{ns}$).
- \Rightarrow **The resolution of ^{48}Ca is improved to 2.25%**

Results & Discussion

- In previous research*, the sensitivity of ^{48}Ca was estimated as:
 - 93 non-enriched crystals of CaF_2 (pure)
 - $T = 129.5$ days
 - $\sigma_E/Q_{\beta\beta} = 2.6\%$ (Full Integration)

current sensitivity for $0\nu\beta\beta$ with **Full Integration**

$0.44\text{--}0.50 \times 10^{23}$ yr, 90% C.L.
- In current CANDLES, $2\nu\beta\beta$ is not dominant
 \Rightarrow The sensitivity in $0\nu\beta\beta$ search is proportional to $(\sigma_E)^{-1/2}$
- In the same conditions, if σ_E is improved, the sensitivity is increased by a factor $\sqrt{\sigma_{\text{Full Integration}}/\sigma_{\text{Partial Photon Count}}}$
 \Rightarrow The sensitivity of CANDLES with $\sigma_E/Q_{\beta\beta} = 2.2\%$ is improved by $= 1.09$
- If the energy resolution can be improved to 2.2%
 \Rightarrow the sensitivity can be improved to



expected sensitivity for $0\nu\beta\beta$ with **PPC method**

$0.48\text{--}0.55 \times 10^{23}$ yr, 90% C.L. 55

SUMMARY (1)

- Resolution is important in studying $0\nu\beta\beta$ for CANDLES
- The current $\sigma_E/Q_{\beta\beta}=2.6\% > \sigma_{p.e.}/Q_{\beta\beta}=1.6\%$
- Pedestal fluctuation (σ_{PedErr}) makes the resolution worse.
 - ⇒ This fluctuation is negligible with short decay constant (PLS, LS)
 - ⇒ For CaF_2 in CANDLES, it is large fluctuation ($\sigma_{PedErr}/Q_{\beta\beta}=1\%$)
 - ⇒ My research goal: reduce σ_{PedErr} to improve resolution of CANDLES
 - ⇒ Introduce “**partial photon counting**”.
 - ⇒ The energy resolution is improved.
- The energy resolution at Q-value is expected to be improved to **2.2%**
 - ⇒ With this improvement, the sensitivity can be **1.09 times improved**.

SUMMARY (2)

- CANDLES faces a large baseline fluctuation, which can be reduced by “partial photon counting” (PPC)
- PPC requires a lot of data space for daily data taking
 - ⇒ ~40 GB/day → ~120 GB/day
 - ⇒ In the next step, DAQ improvements (software and firmware) to reduce the data size
 - ⇒ Energy calibration, resolution at $Q_{\beta\beta}$, long measurement...

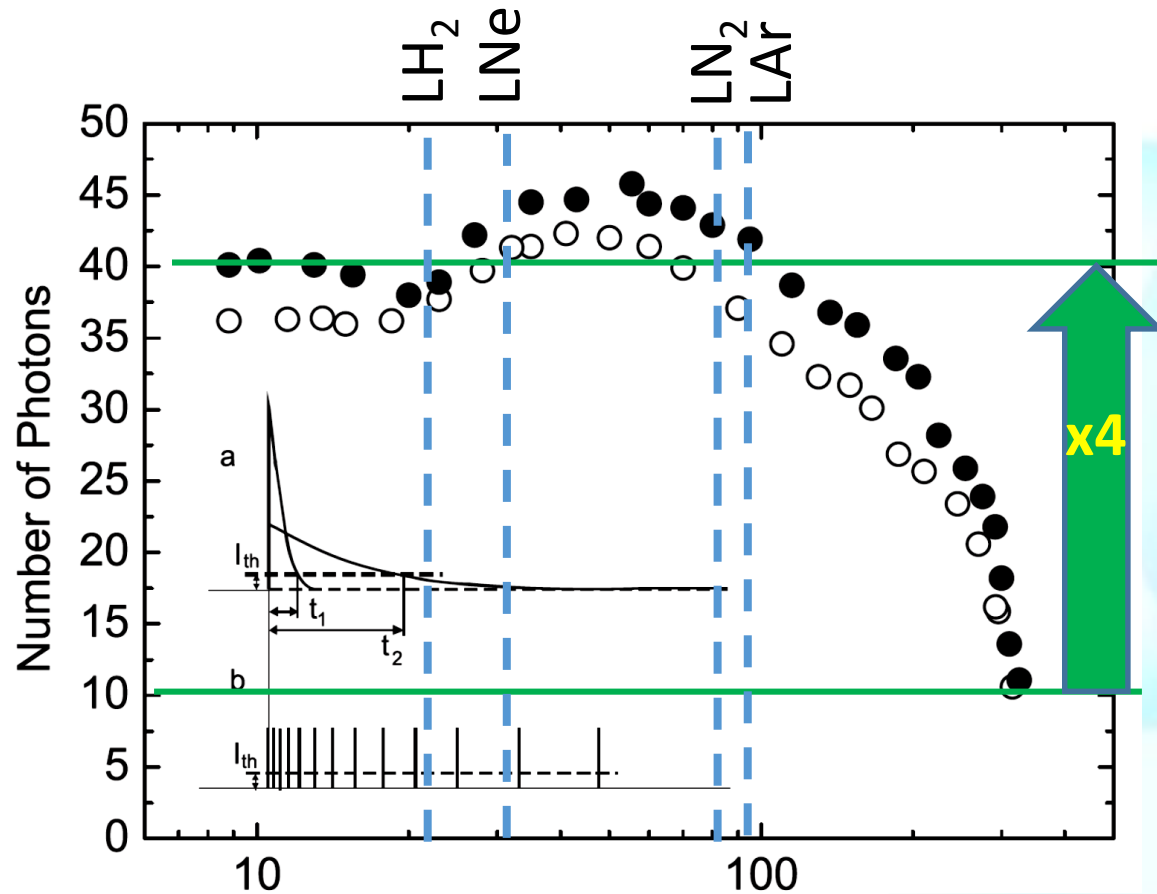
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CaF₂ at low temperature + photon counting

- In the future generations:
CANDLES plans to introduce the bolometer detector*
⇒ to improve energy resolution and sensitivity
- Before going to bolometer detector,
We still have a possibility to improve detector resolution with
CaF₂(pure) at low temperature + photon counting
⇒ Discussion in next slides

CaF₂ at low temperature + photon counting



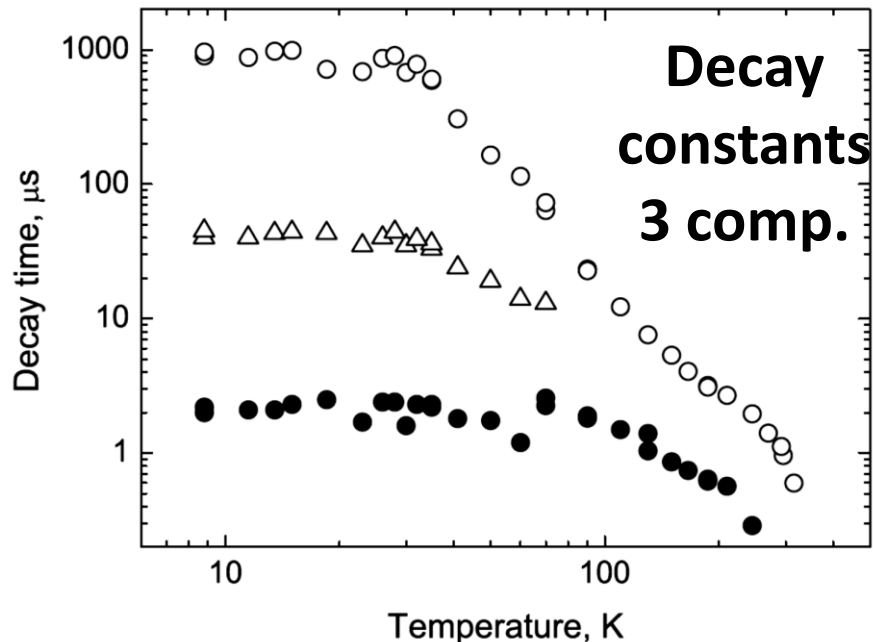
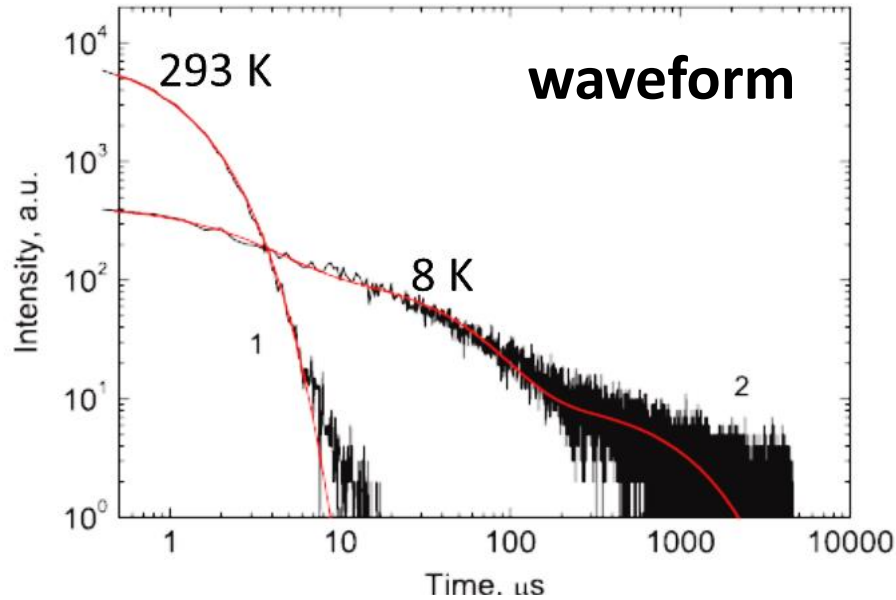
- At temperature ≤ 100 K, Light output is increased x4 times.
- The statistical fluctuation can be improved x2 times: $\sim 1.6\% \rightarrow \sim 0.8\%$.
- Cooling machines or Liquefied gas (LAr, LN₂, LNe, LH₂)

[ref] V.B.Mikhailik et al., NIMA, v.566, n.2, 2006.

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[*]assume Q.E. is not changed

CaF₂ at low temperature + photon counting



However, ...

- At cryogenic temperature, the waveform is extended, $\tau_{\text{decay}} : \sim 1\mu\text{sec} \rightarrow \sim 40\mu\text{sec}$.
 - If we use signal integral: a huge σ_{baseline}
 - Roughly check p.e. rate (p.e./ns):
 - 293K, $N = 3838$, $\tau = 1\mu\text{sec} \Rightarrow \sim 3.8\text{p.e./ns}$
 - $<30\text{K}$, $N = 15352$, $\tau = 40\mu\text{sec} \Rightarrow \sim 0.4\text{p.e./ns}$
- \Rightarrow Less p.e. rate; less overlapping prob.
 \Rightarrow Photon counting can work!
 \Rightarrow Avoid the baseline fluctuation
 \Rightarrow Energy resolution can be much better compared to the current detector

CaF₂ at low temperature + photon counting

- The world best sensitivity is reported
KamLand-Zen: $m_{\beta\beta} \approx 61-165\text{meV}$ (*)
(above IH region)
- With CaF₂(pure) low temp.
+ photon counting

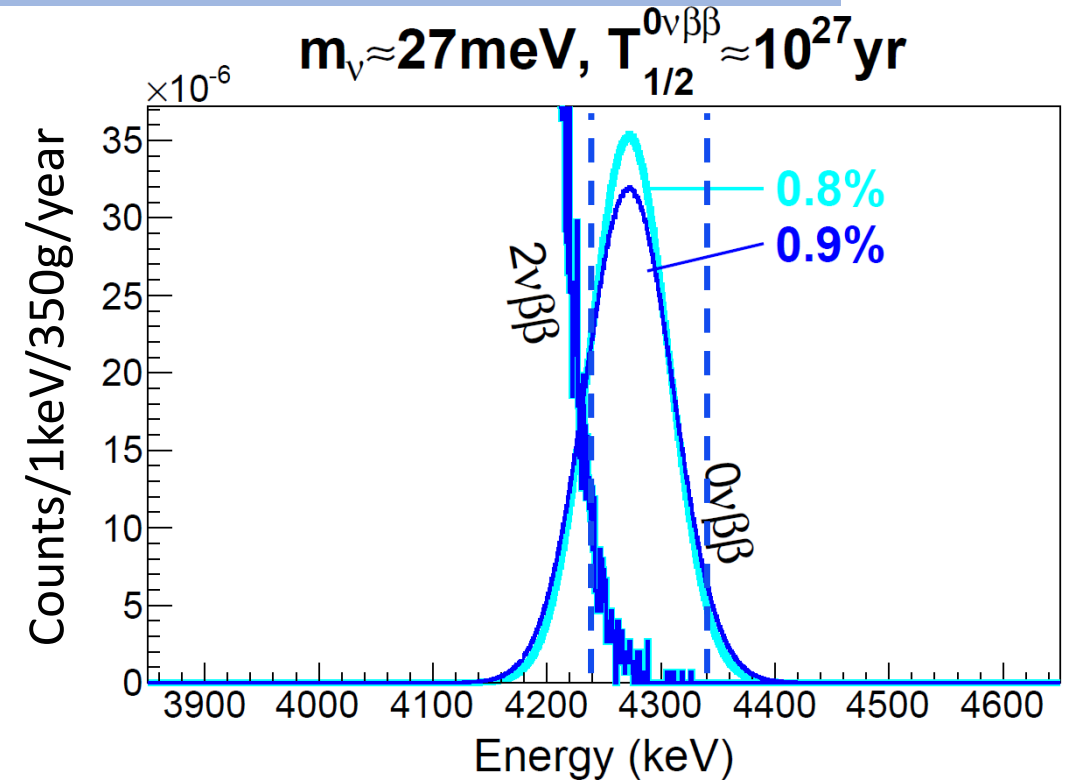
We may achieve $\sigma/Q_{\beta\beta} = 0.9\%-1.1\%$ (**)

- With this resolution @ $Q_{\beta\beta}$, we may achieve much improved sensitivity:

$$m_{\beta\beta} \approx 27-118 \text{ meV } (\sigma/Q_{\beta\beta} = 0.9\%)$$

$$m_{\beta\beta} \approx 80-240 \text{ meV } (\sigma/Q_{\beta\beta} = 1.1\%)$$

⇒ Can be close to (or better than) the current world-best limit of $m_{\beta\beta}$



(**) not consider environmental background

(*) due to different NME values
(**) stat. + dark current \neq remain

SUMMARY (3)

- I discussed CaF_2 (pure) at low temperature + Photon Counting.

⇒ Can use liquefied gas or cooling machine

⇒ σ / E at Q-value (expected) $\approx 0.9\text{-}1.1\%$

⇒ The resolution is promising to achieve a better sensitivity for
CANDLES experiment

CANDLES
Collaboration Meeting

2016. 10. 30 at Osaka University

Thank you very much !!



BACK UP

$0\nu\beta\beta$ experiment with ^{48}Ca

✓ **Highest $Q_{\beta\beta}$ 4.27 MeV**

- Large phase space factor
- Far from BKG (γ : 2.6 MeV; β : 3.3 MeV)

⇒ **Aim for background-free measurement**

✗ **Low abundance**

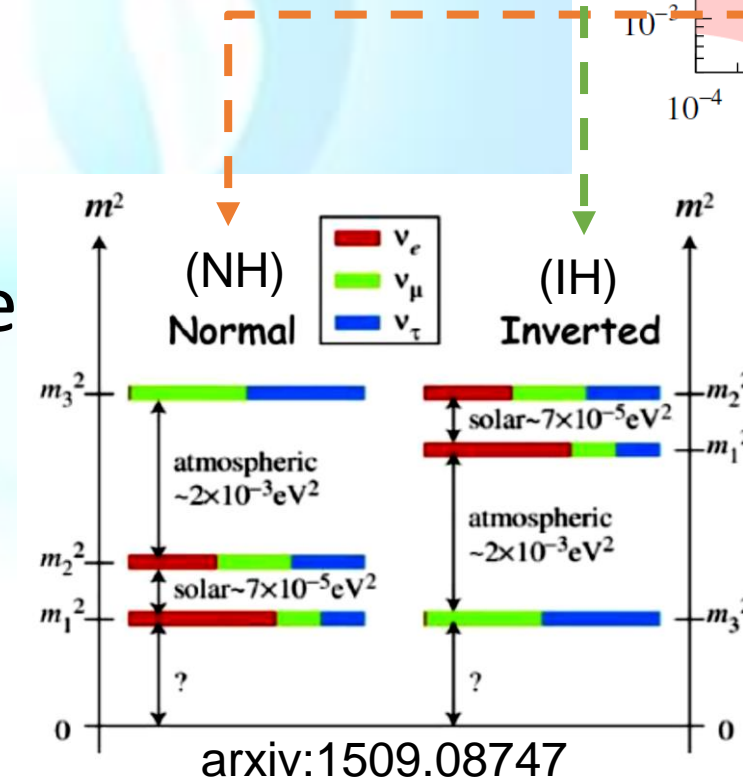
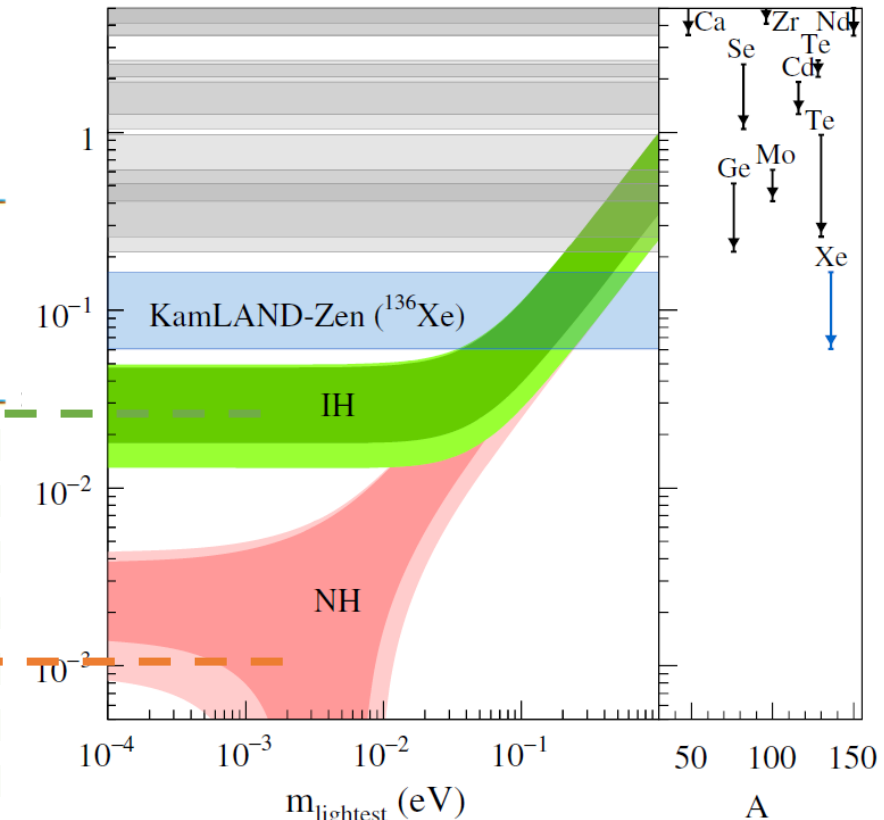
- Natural abundance: <0.2 %
- Separate isotopes: expensive

⇒ **Cost-effective enrichment**

□ **Energy Resolution**

⇒ **Improve sensitivity**

$$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^3 U_{ei}^2 m_i}{\sum_{i=1}^3 U_{ei}^2}$$



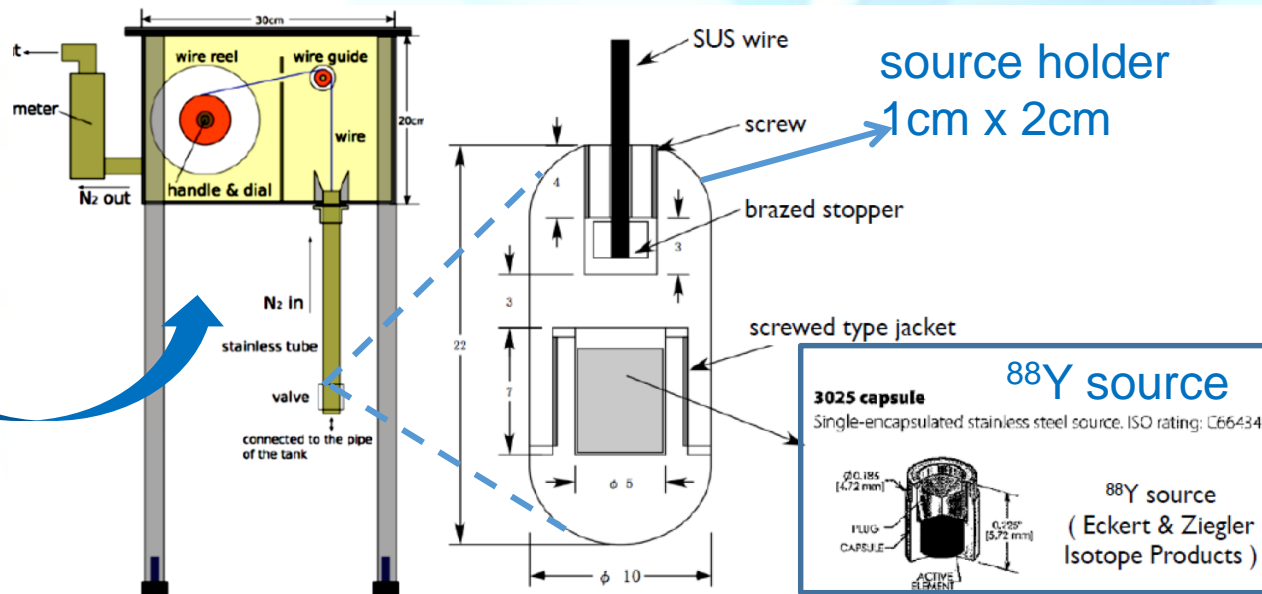
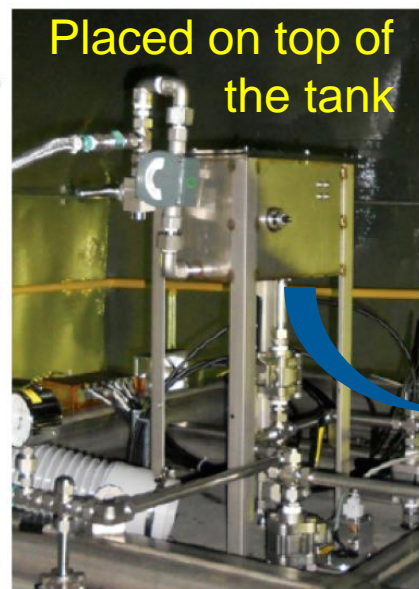
- m_1, m_2, m_3 : mass eigenstates
- Hierarchy is unknown
- 2 possible hierarchies:
 (NH): $m_1 < m_2 < m_3$
 (IH): $m_3 < m_1 < m_2$

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- A box designed for:
- No (contaminated) air leakage inside our detector
- Easily adjust source position vertically to calibrate each crystal
- Small-size source (mm scale)

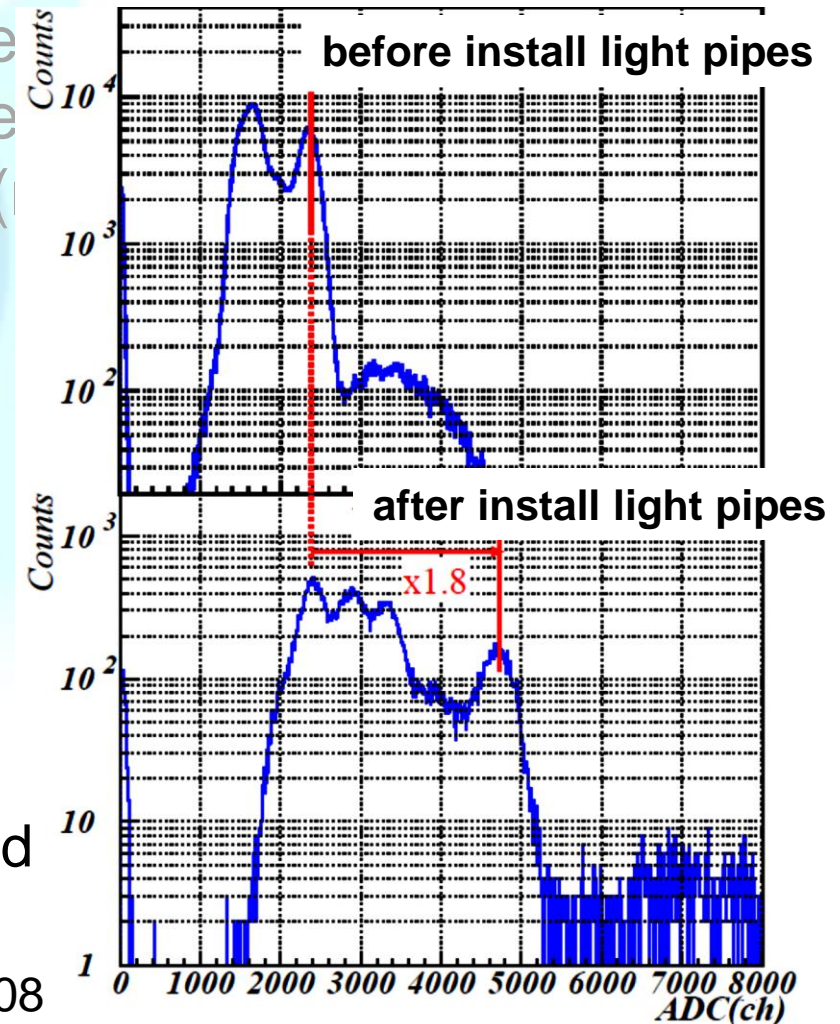
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Spectrum of α -decays (Th-chain)

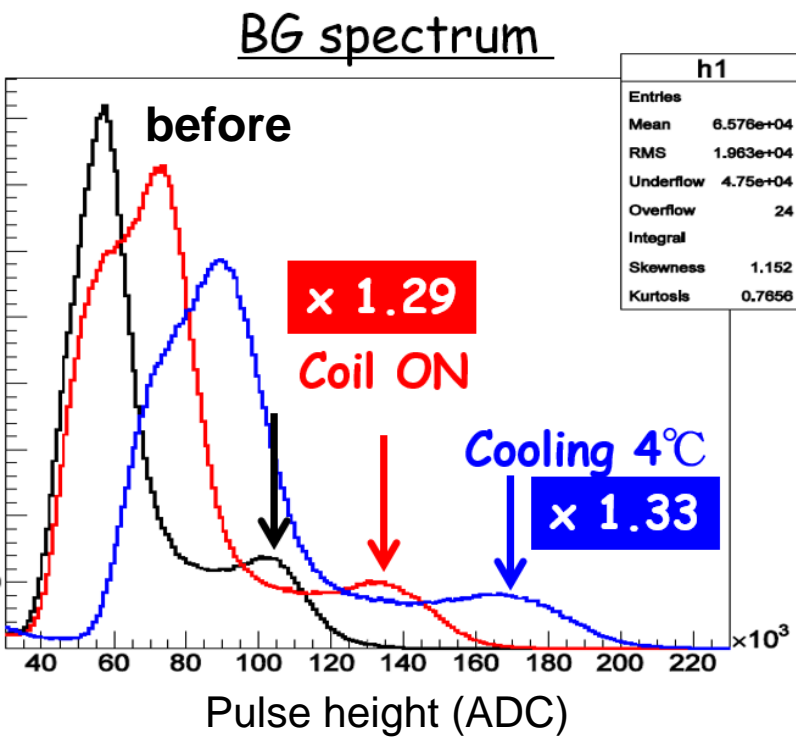
After installing light pipes,

photoelectrons x1.8 times increased



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Geomagnetic field affects photoelectron collection in PMTs

\Rightarrow Magnetic cancellation coil around detector

\Rightarrow Photoelectrons x1.29 times increased

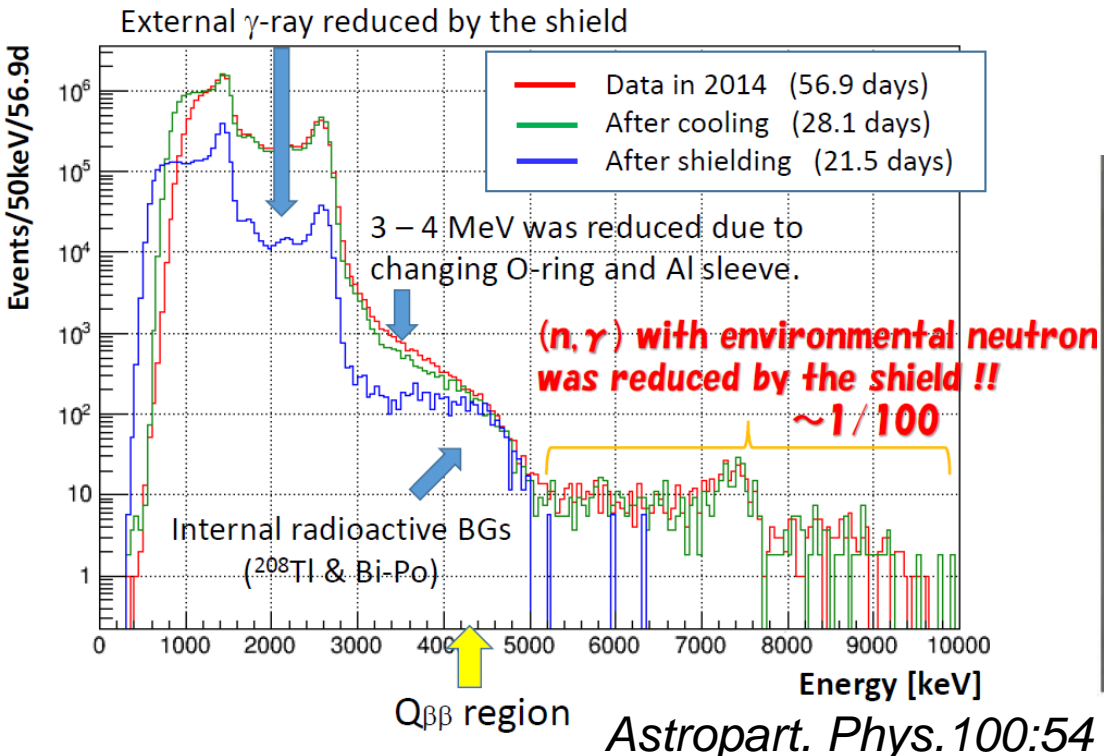
CaF_2 's light yield increases at low temperature

\Rightarrow Cool all crystals to 4°C degree

\Rightarrow Light yield x1.33 times increased

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(reduced x100 times for $E > 5\text{MeV}$)



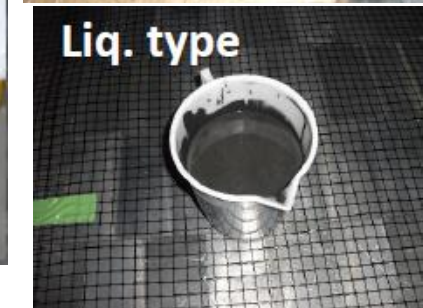
Pb blocks for shielding γ -rays



Boron for shielding neutron

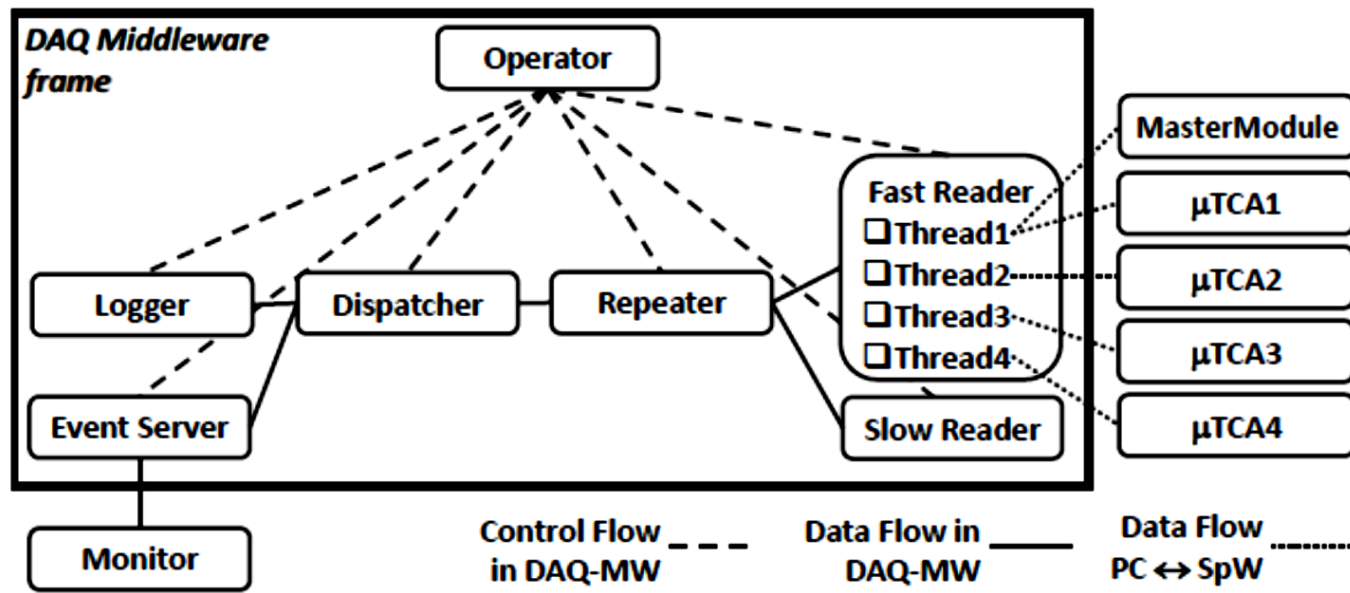


B_4C 40% wt
silicone rubber
(surrounding)



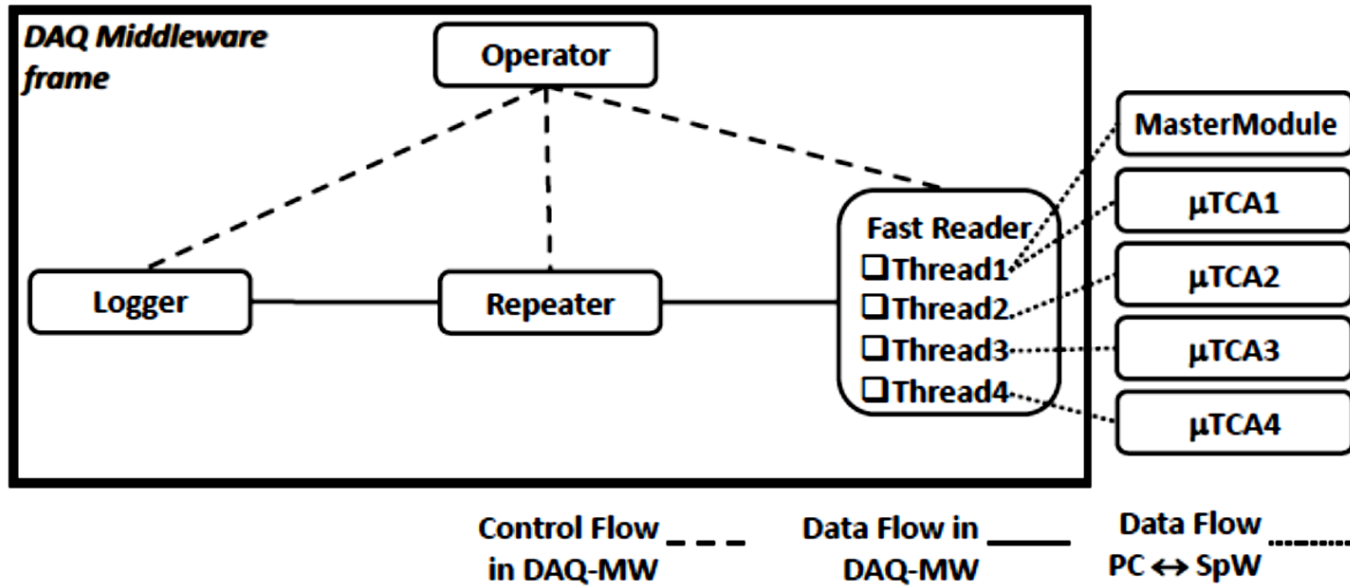
Liquid type for
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DAQ-Middleware for Physics Run

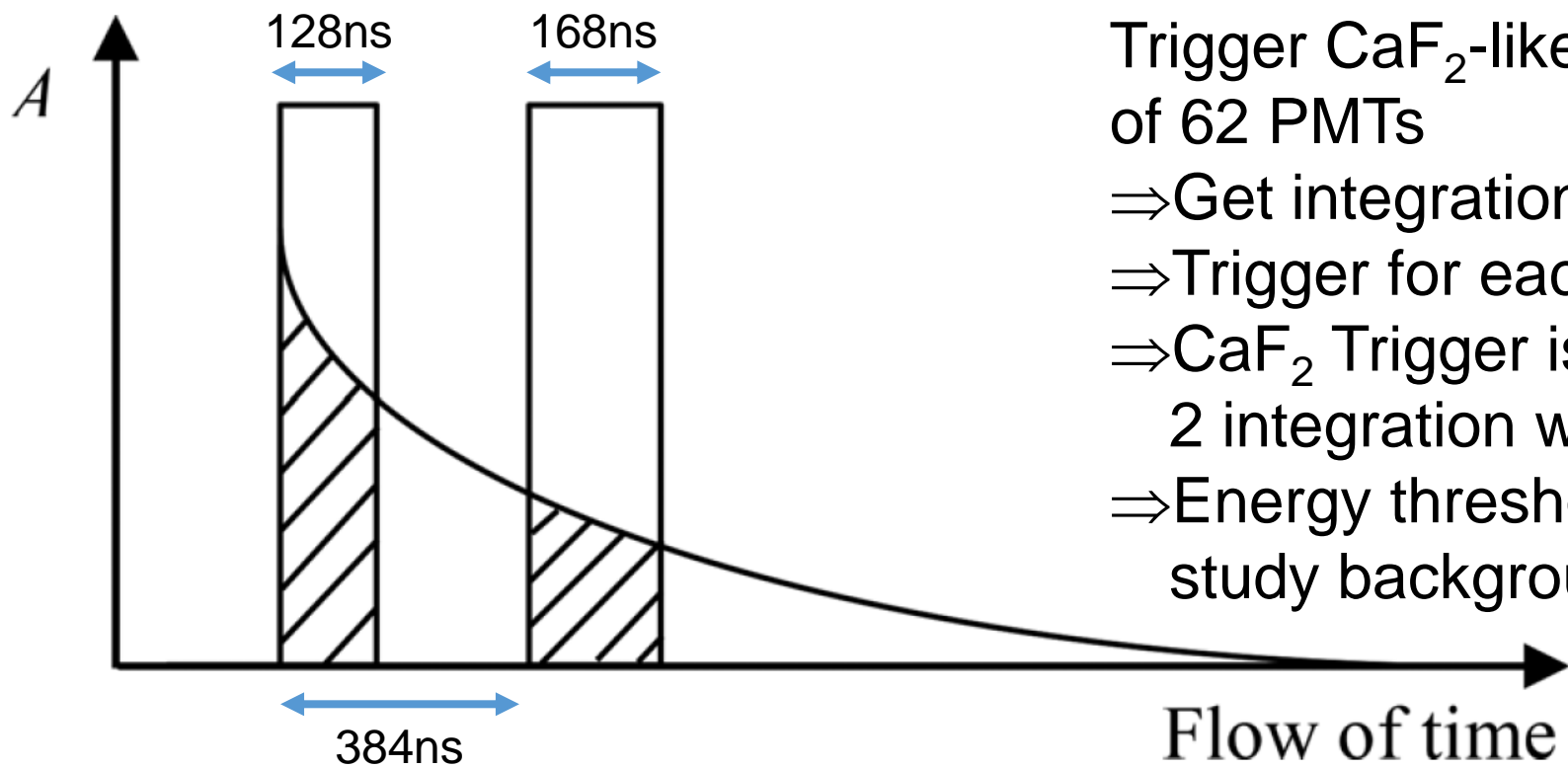


(a) DAQ Middleware for Physics Run

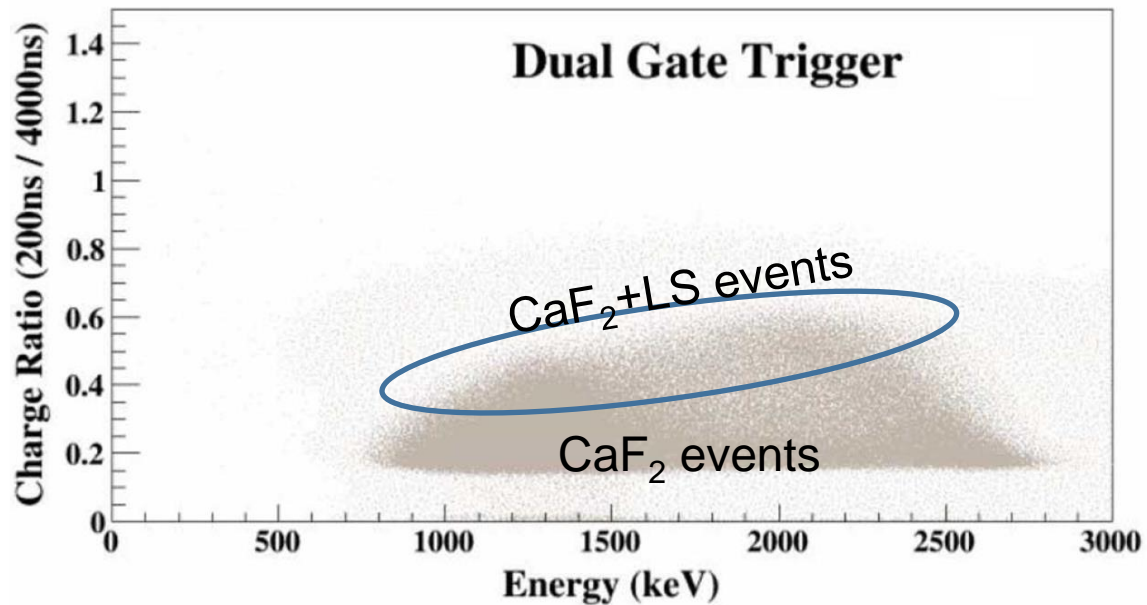
DAQ-Middleware for Photon Counting



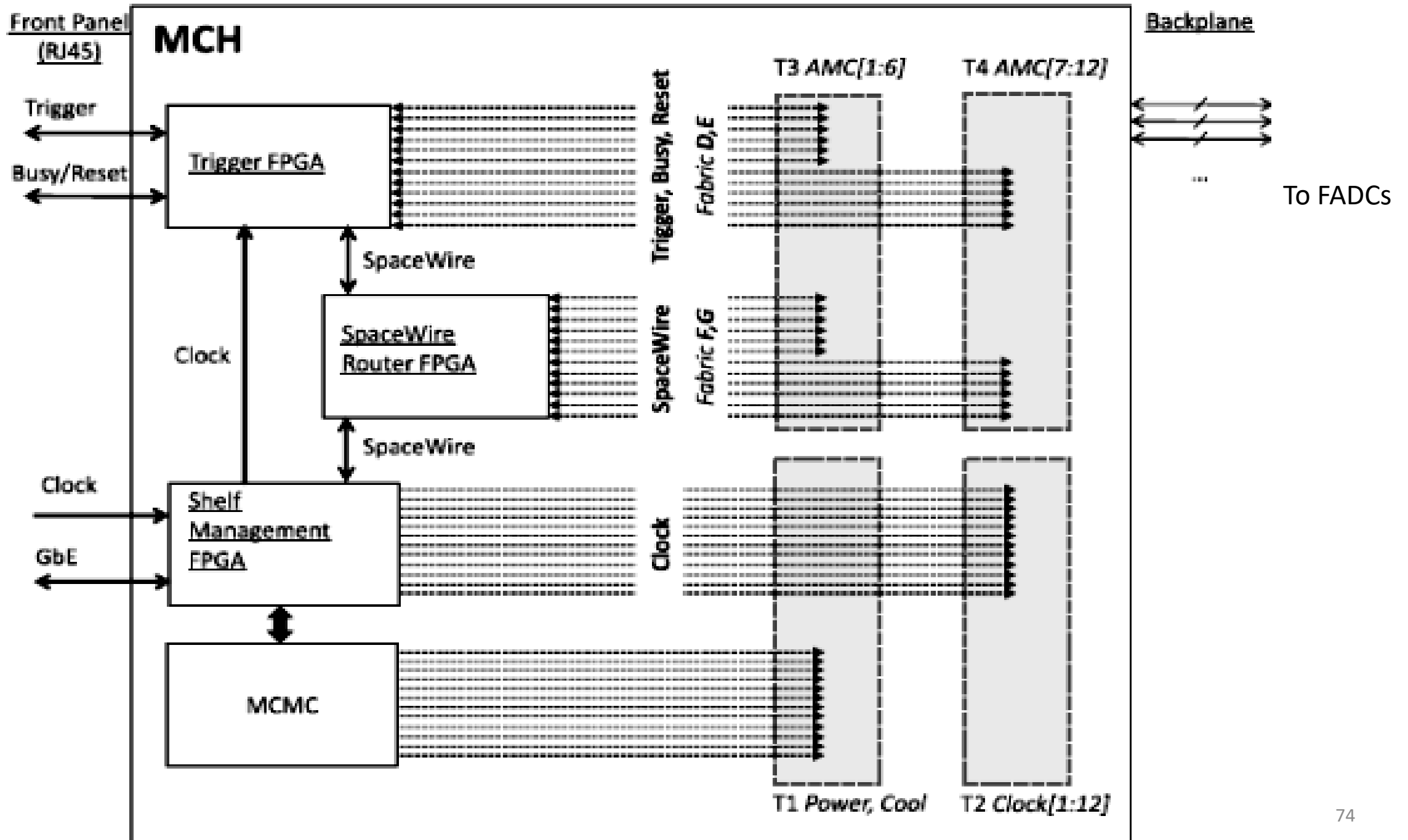
(b) DAQ Middleware for Photon Counting



Trigger CaF_2 -like events using the analog sum of 62 PMTs
 \Rightarrow Get integrations in 2 different time windows
 \Rightarrow Trigger for each integration
 \Rightarrow CaF_2 Trigger is delayed coincidence of these 2 integration windows
 \Rightarrow Energy threshold: ~ 800 keV (enough to study background in CANDLES)



CaF_2 +LS event may be an accidental trigger
 \Rightarrow Further PSD is needed to remove it



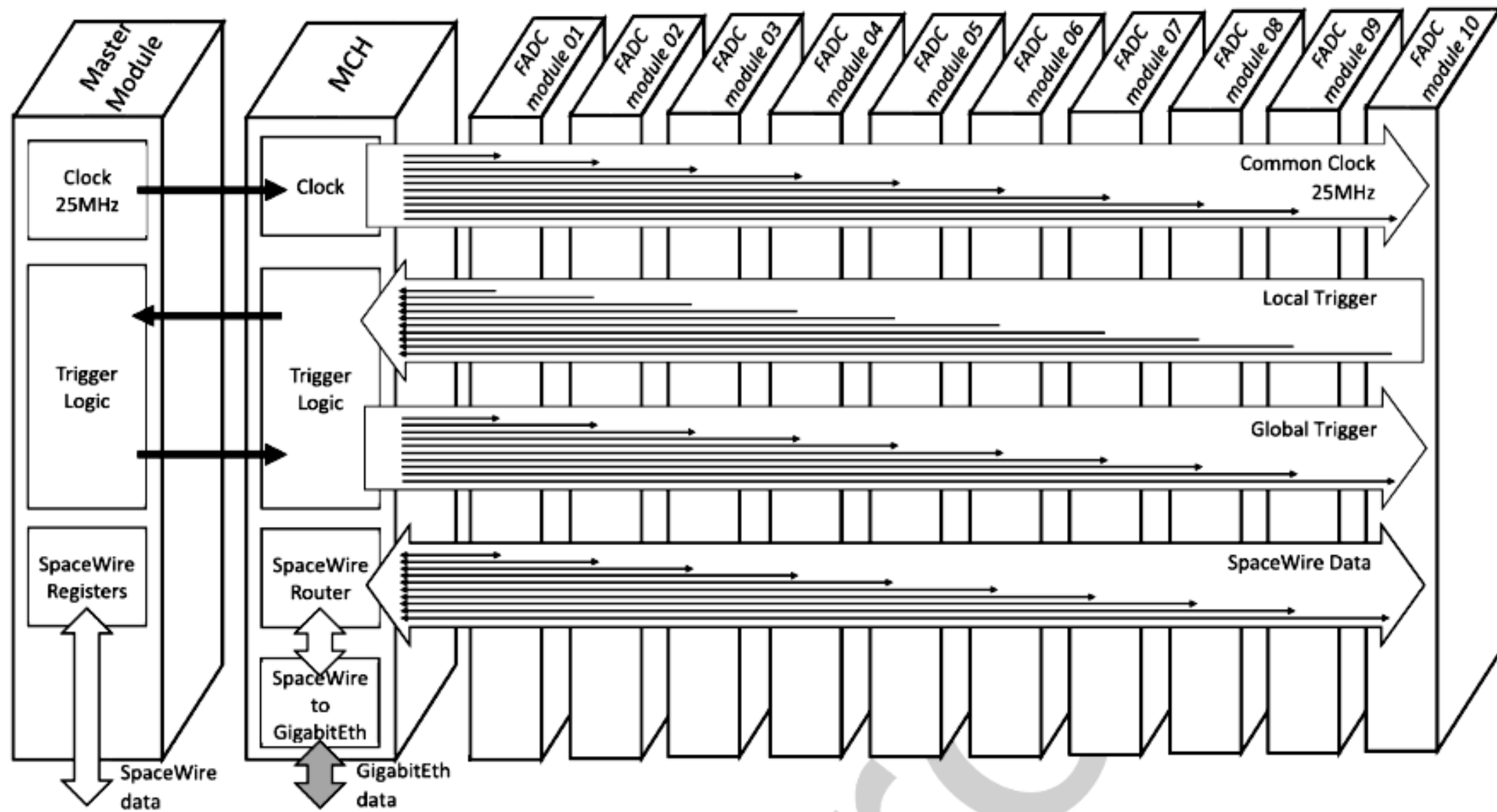


Fig. 4. Triple-star network in μ TCA crate. The first star is used to connect the trigger module with the AMC-FADC modules. The second star is used for common clock distribution. The final star is used to connect the SpaceWire router with the AMC-FADCs.

●新DAQシステムの使用モジュール

Module	Manufacturer	FPGA logic	FPGA development
μ TCA	Uber Ltd.		
MCH	Shimafuji	SpW-GbE ⁱ interface	by Shimafuji
		Clock distribution	
		SpaceWire Router	Open IP ⁱⁱ by Shimafuji
AMC-FADC	Shimafuji	Trigger Controller for CANDLES	by Osaka University
		FADC control	by RCNP ⁱⁱⁱ Osaka University
		SpaceWire	Open IP ⁱⁱ by Shimafuji

ⁱ SpW-GbE: The acronyms “SpW” and “GbE” are used in this paper to indicate “SpaceWire” and “Gigabit-Ethernet”, respectively.

ⁱⁱ Open IP: The FPGA’s intellectual property core is publicly available.

ⁱⁱⁱ RCNP: Research Center for Nuclear Physics



MasterModule



MicroTCA crate

AMC-FADC



MCH

