



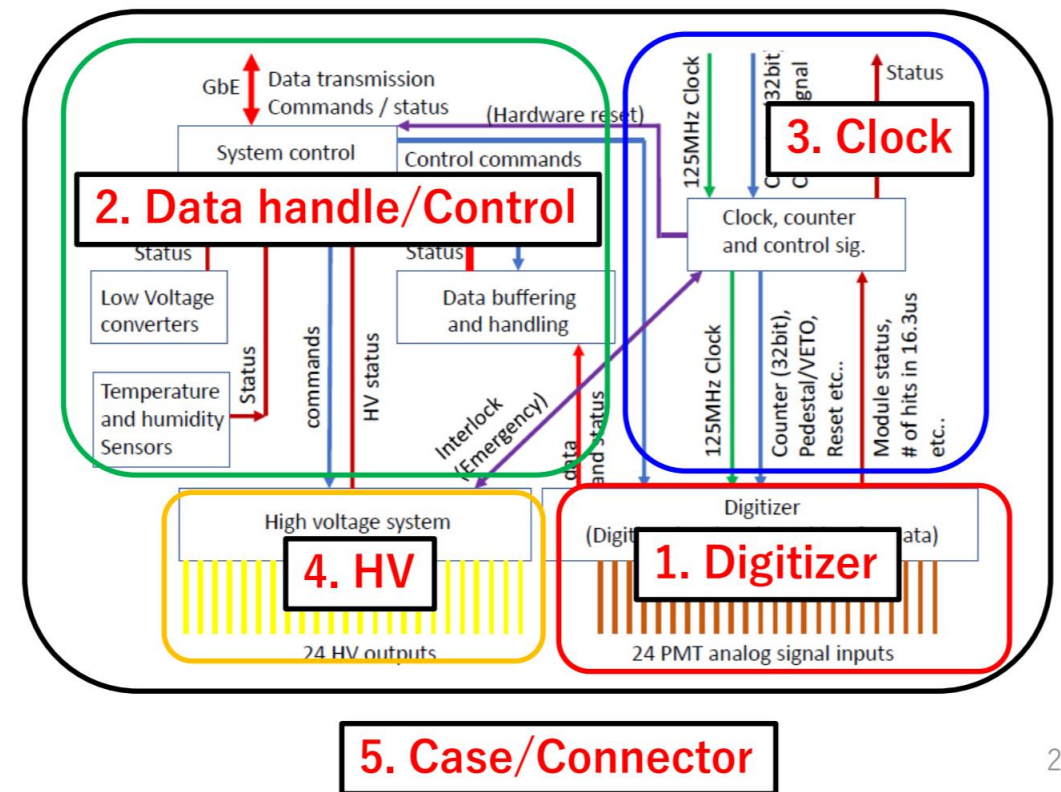
**Hyper-Kamiokande**

# Electronics, Triggering and Gd monitoring check

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# Electronics Proposals

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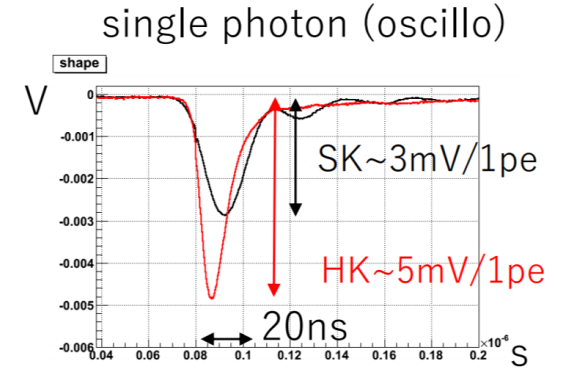
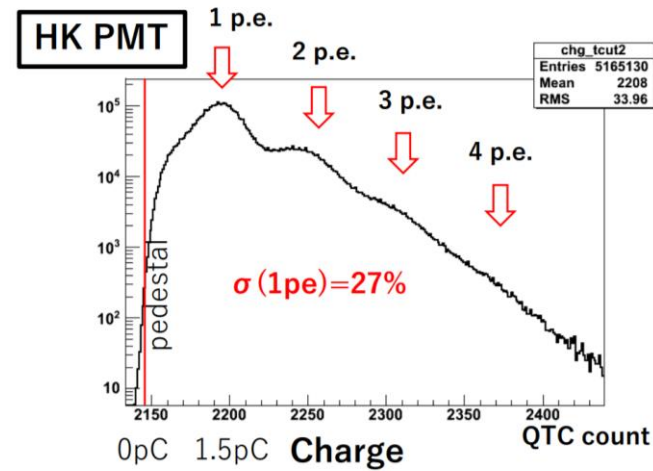
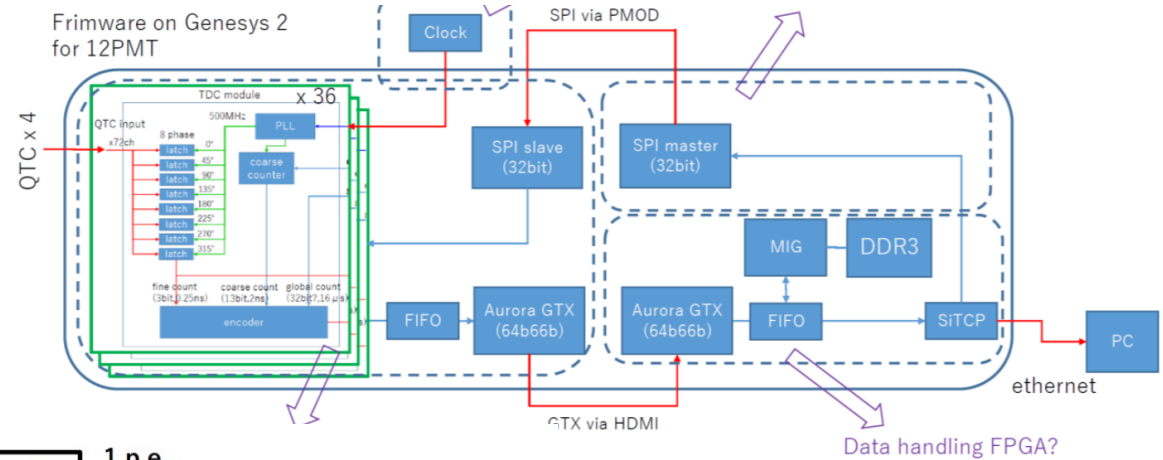


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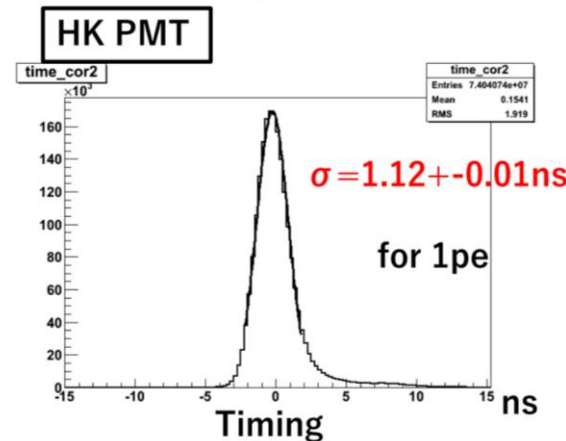
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1. Analogue QTC ASIC with FPGA based TDC

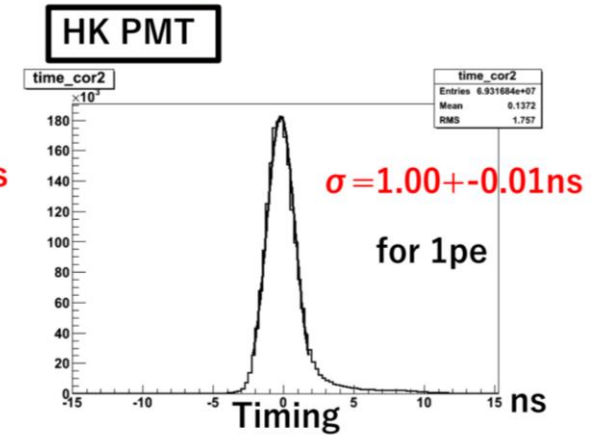
- ✓ PMT gain set  $\sim 1.5\text{pC}/1\text{pe}$
- ✓ Threshold  $\sim -0.6\text{mV}$  ( $\sim 0.1\text{pe}$ )
- ✓ excellent resolution of HK PMT
- ✓ consistent with QBEE



HK prototype

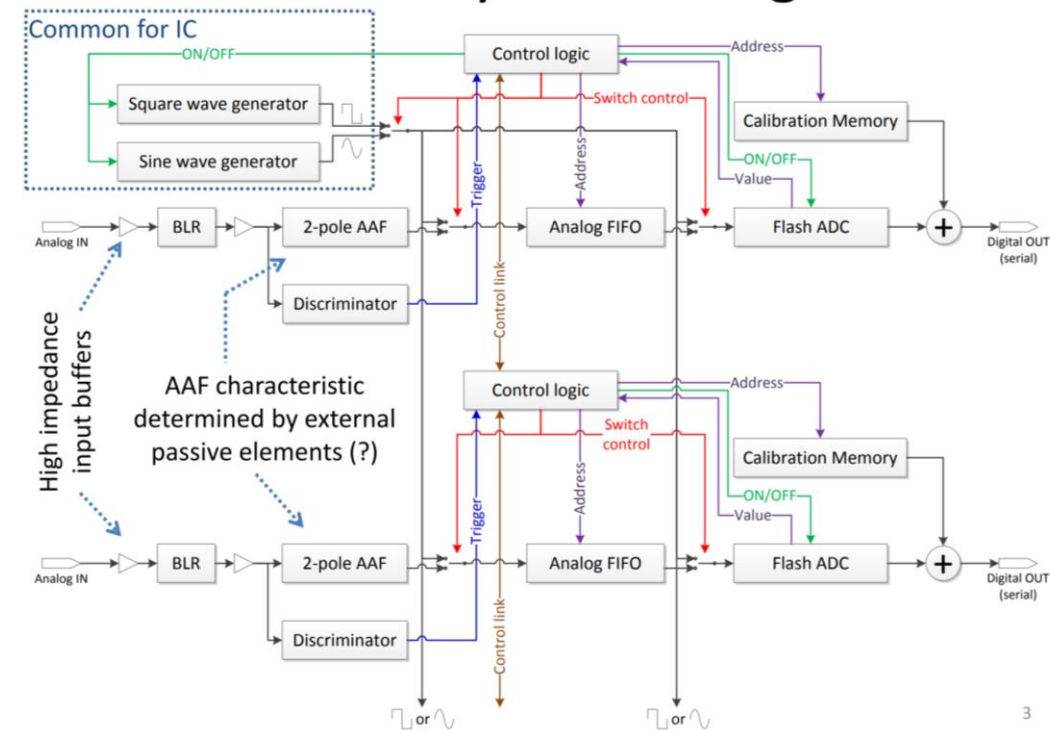


without protection circuit

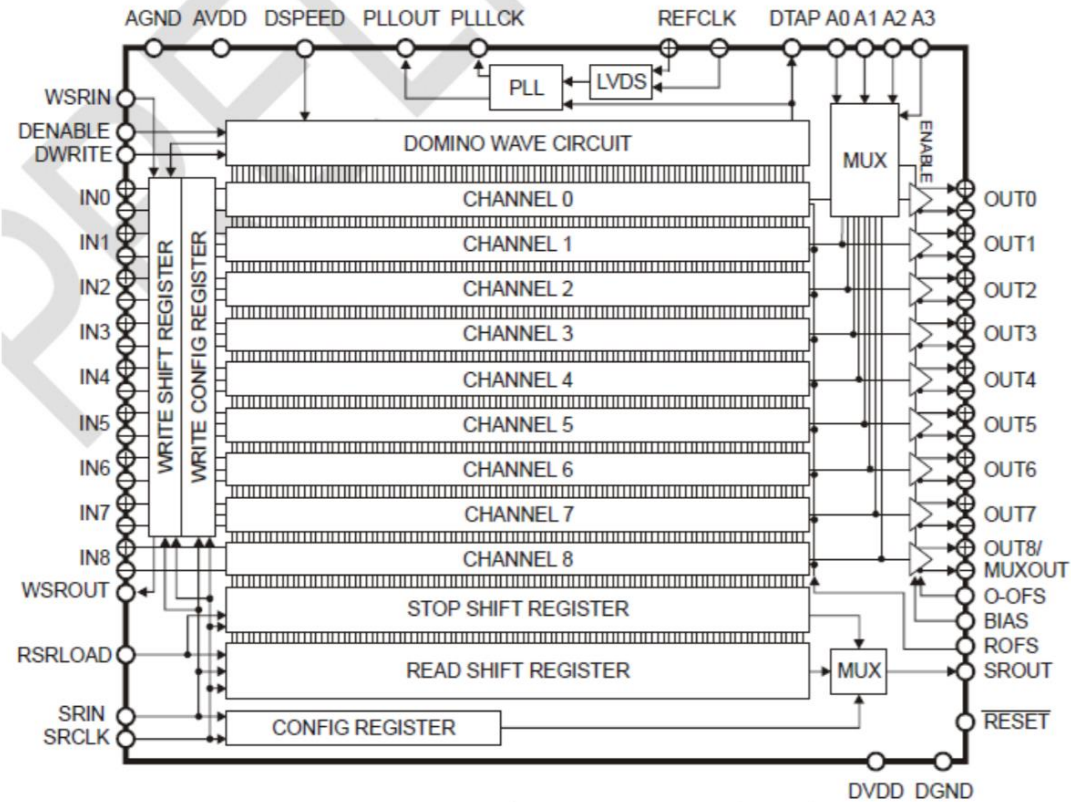


## 2. Flash ADC Waveform digitisation

- Provide Flash-ADC type of readout at minimum power
- Keep FADC in low-power state most of the time
  - Wake-up only on incoming pulse
  - Run as long as necessary
  - Go to sleep again after no more pulses
  - FADC optimized for fast wake-up time
- Use analog memory (circular buffer, FIFO-type) to store the pulse until FADC is ready to accept signal
- Equal sampling speed of FIFO and FADC
- Need self-triggering for FADC wake-up
- Built-in calibration circuitry to account for leakage currents of analog FIFO and FADC non-linearity
- Possibility to couple channels for low-gain/high-gain configuration



# 3. DRS switched capacitor array



ASIC with 8 switched capacitor arrays (1024 caps / ch.)

- up to 5 GHz sampling speed (controlled by an internal digital delay line)
- 11.5 bit resolution
- various operation modes

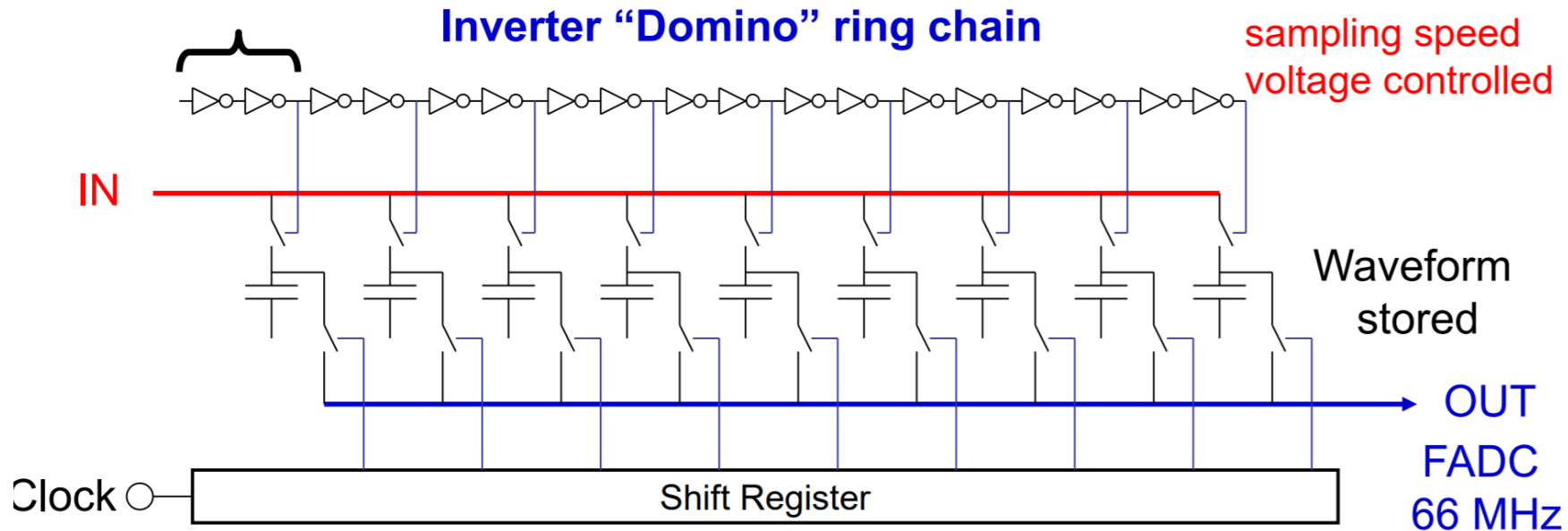
note: not the only capacitor array on the market, but I'm in Switzerland ...  
different arrays have different merits ...





# 3. DRS switched capacitor array

5 GHz – 0.8 GHz: 0.2 – 1.25 ns sampling → 200 to 1250 ns deep buffer



it works like a time stretcher, but w/ no deterioration of signal / loss of information:

sampling ~ GHz range

digitization ~ 50 MHz range

☺ low power !

☹ one single array cannot sample during readout

→ deadtime (can be made as short as 15  $\mu$ s)!

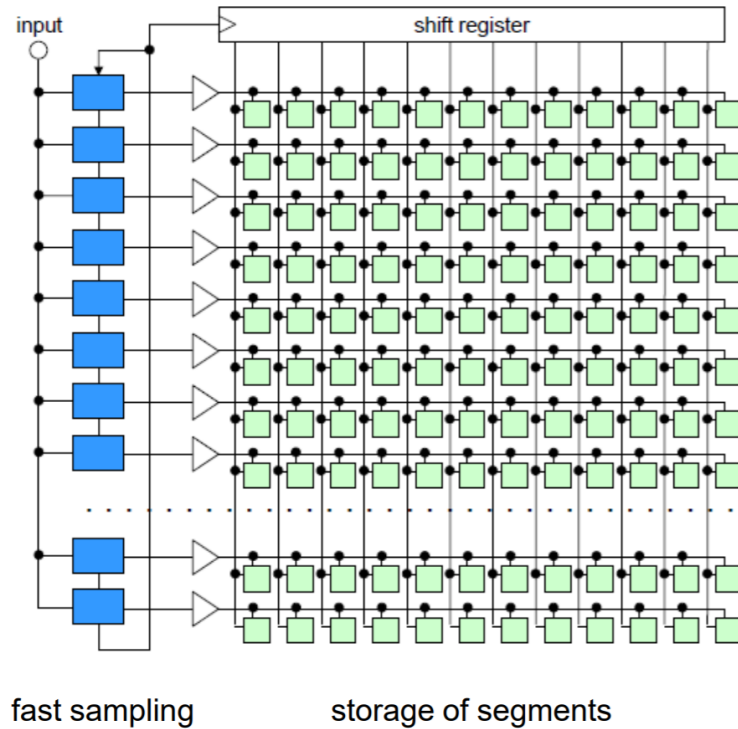
but one array on the DRS chip can be “digitized” while the other is sampling

☺ virtually deadtime less solution



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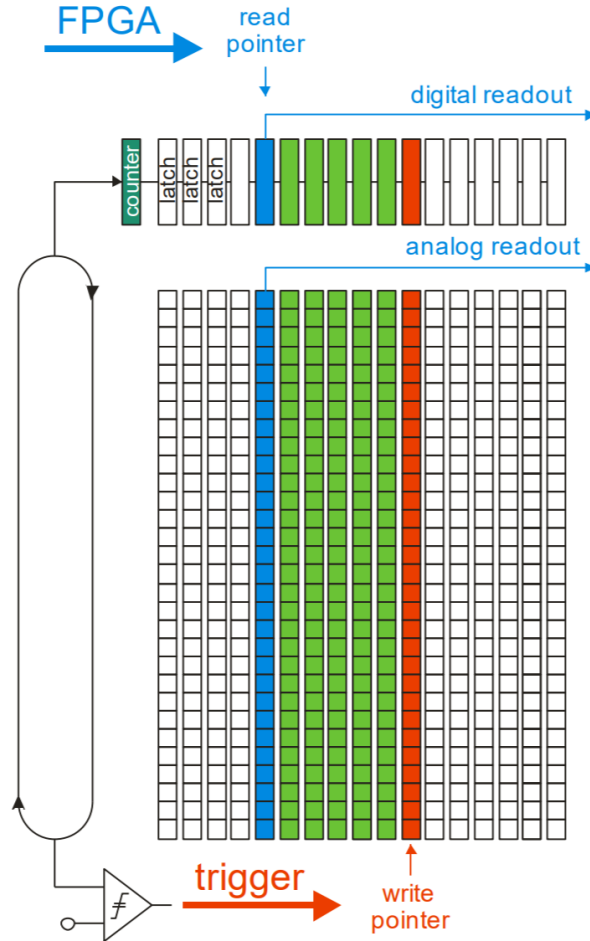
## The DRS5 Digitizer



100 ps sample time. 3.1 ns hold time  
2-5 times better timing resolution

data driven readout

(almost) dead-time-less waveform digitizing  
(can sustain rates in excess of 2 MHz)



# Trigger Algorithm Development

- 1. n hits trigger
- 2. Test-vertices algorithm
- 3. Cone finder
- 4. Radioactivity tagging by charge
- 5. Convolutional neural network
- 6. Supernova Trigger



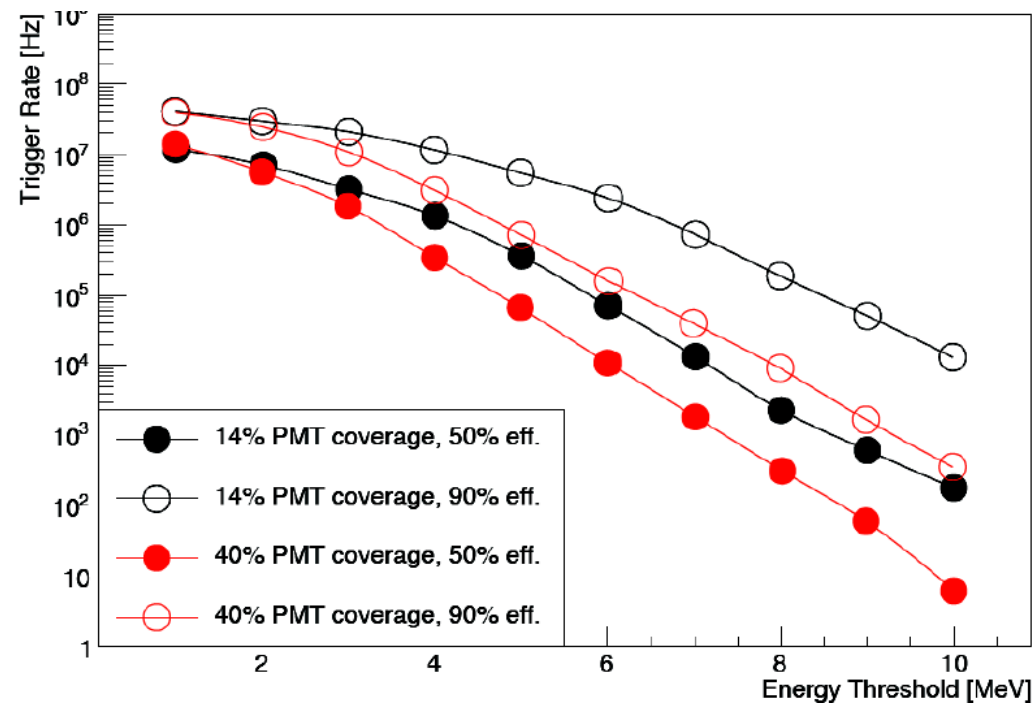
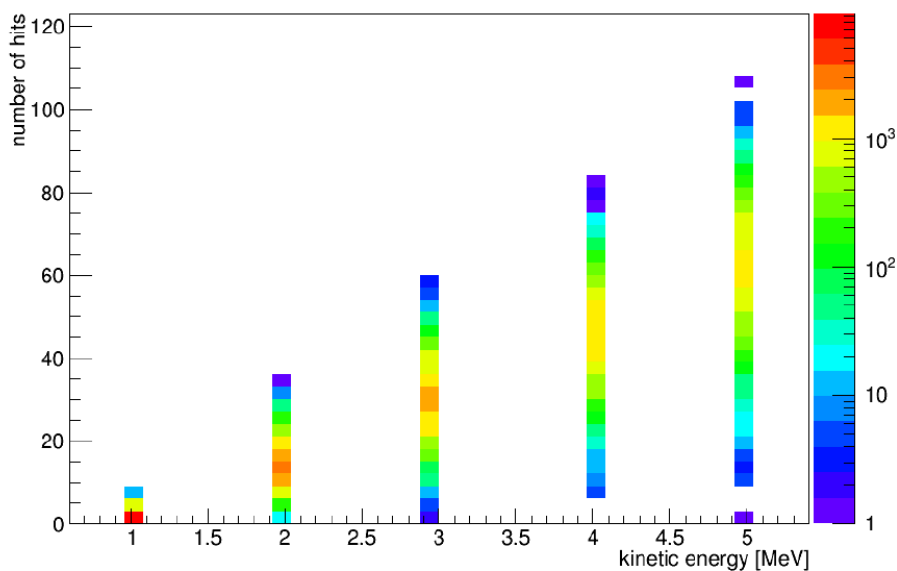
# n Hits

- ▶ trigger if (nhits in sliding window) > (threshold)

	SK	HK 14%	HK 40%
light transit time (ns)	200	400	400
n PMT's	11146	14728	44028
dark noise rate (kHz/PMT)	4.2	8.4	8.4
dark noise hits in transit time	9	49	148

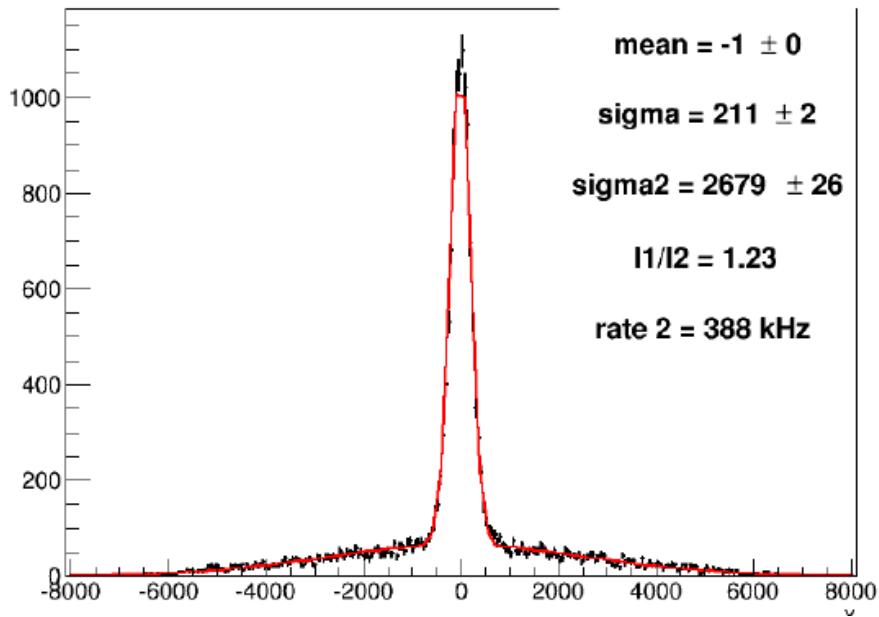
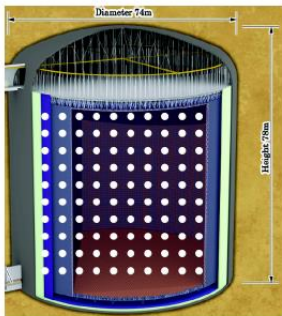
- ▶ expect  $150 \pm 12$  background hits
- ▶ a 600 MeV beam muon generates 3000 hits
- ▶ trivial to trigger on beam + atmospheric events

kinetic energy [MeV]	1	2	3	4	5
number of hits	$1.7 \pm 0.8$	$14 \pm 5$	$30 \pm 7$	$46 \pm 9$	$61 \pm 11$



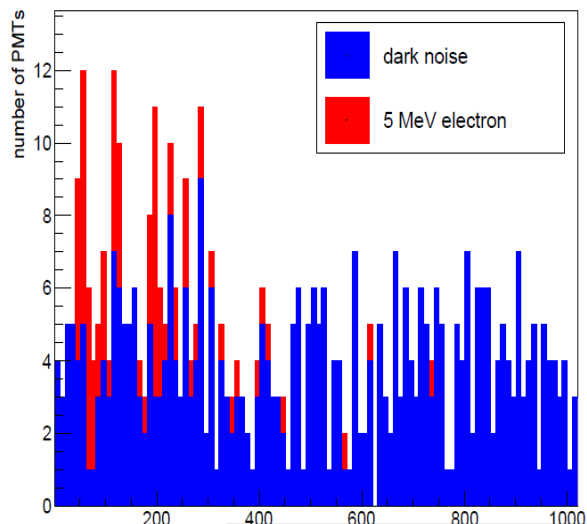
# Test-vertices Trigger

- ▶ Čerenkov photons reach the PMTs at many different times
- ▶ the low-energy signal, diluted in time, is hidden by dark noise
- ▶ grid of test vertices ( $\Delta L = 5 \text{ m}$ )
- ▶
  - find the Čerenkov vertex
  - subtract time of flight
  - shrink time window (400 ns to 20 ns)
  - kill dark noise



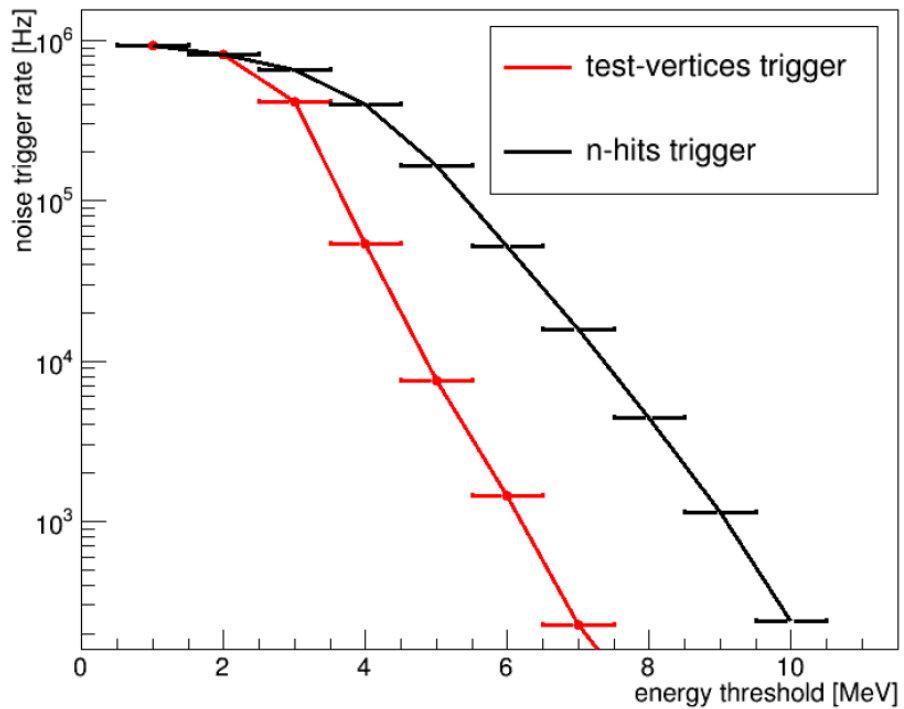
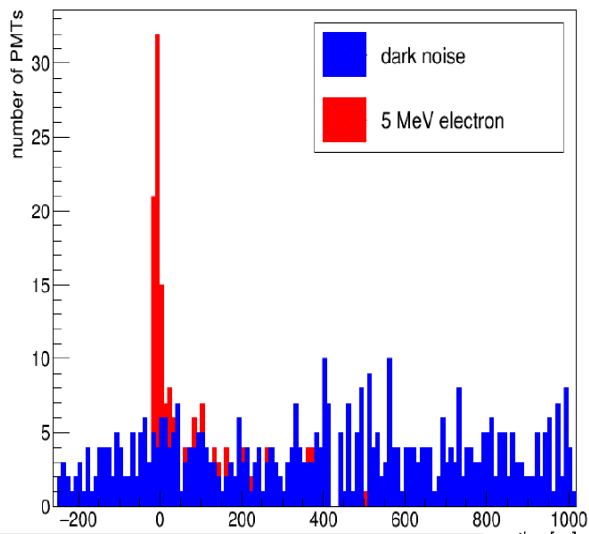
raw time (5 MeV  $e^-$ ):

digitized times

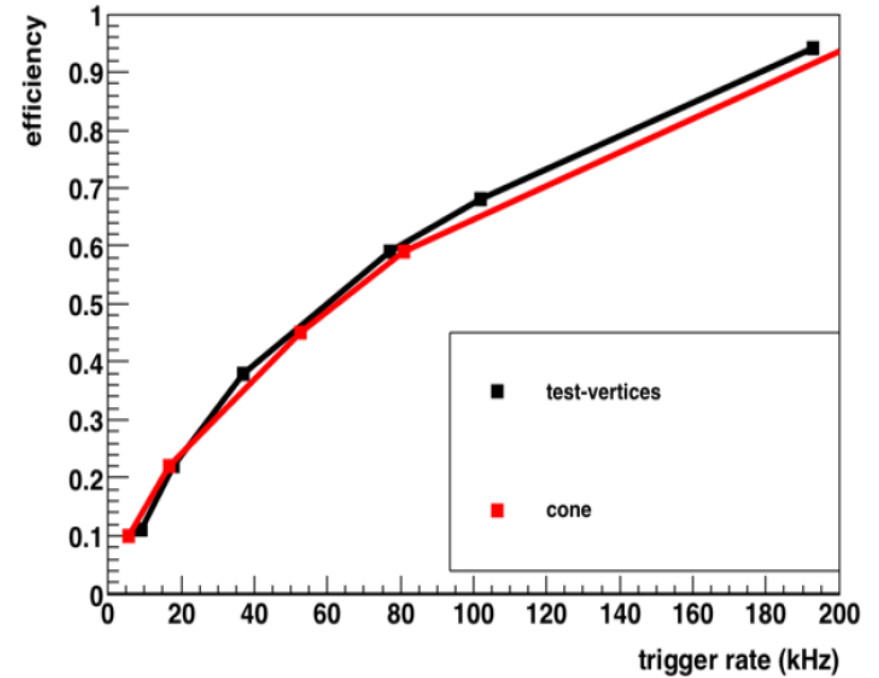
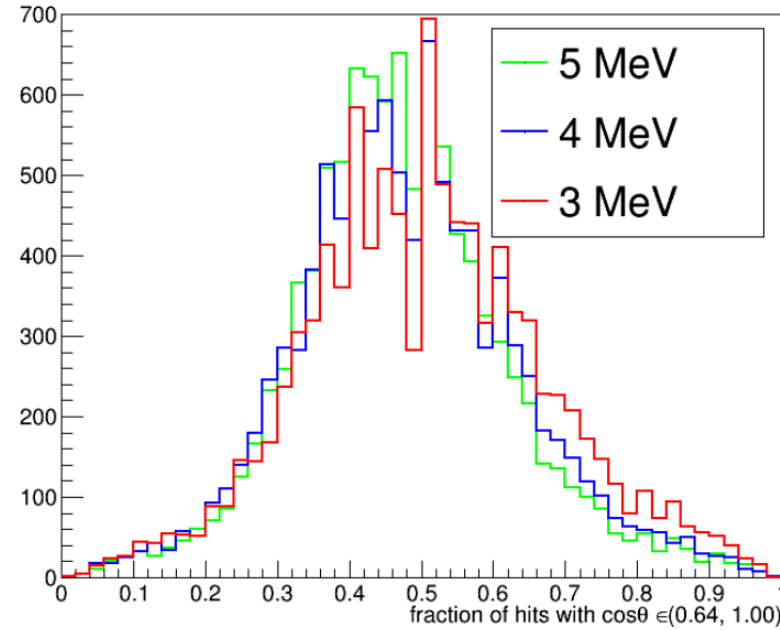
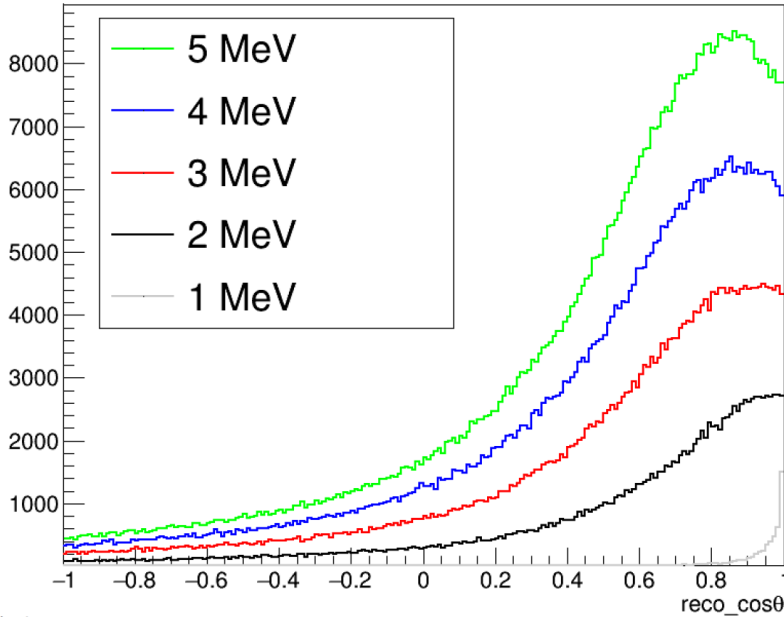


after reconstructed TOF correction:

corrected times



# Cone Finder



► Performance at 3 MeV:

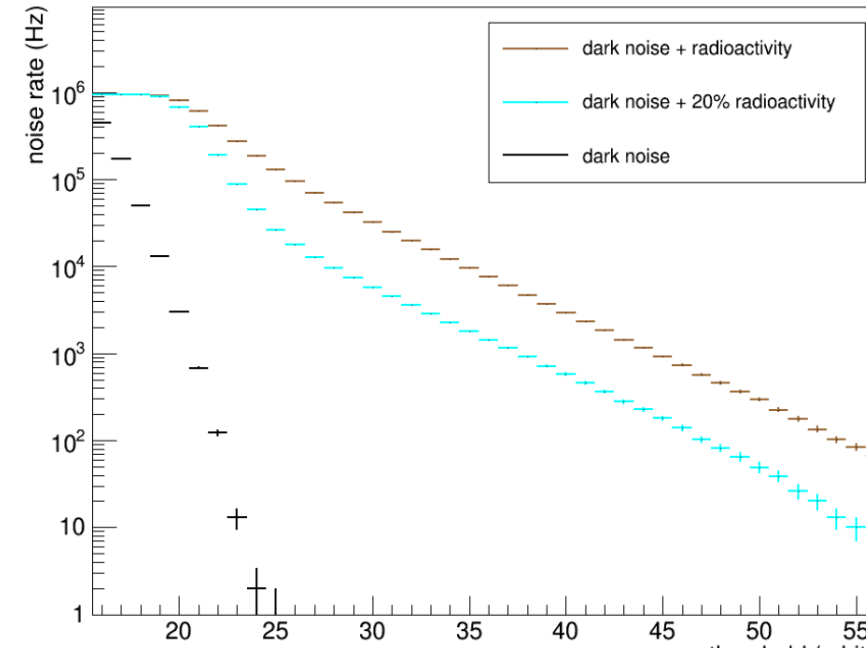
electron hits	$0.51 \times 30 = 15.3$
dark noise hits	$\frac{1.00 - 0.64}{2} \times 10 = 1.8$
S / N	$3 \rightarrow 8.5$

# Wall Vert Trigger

- Radioactivity dominates around 3 MeV

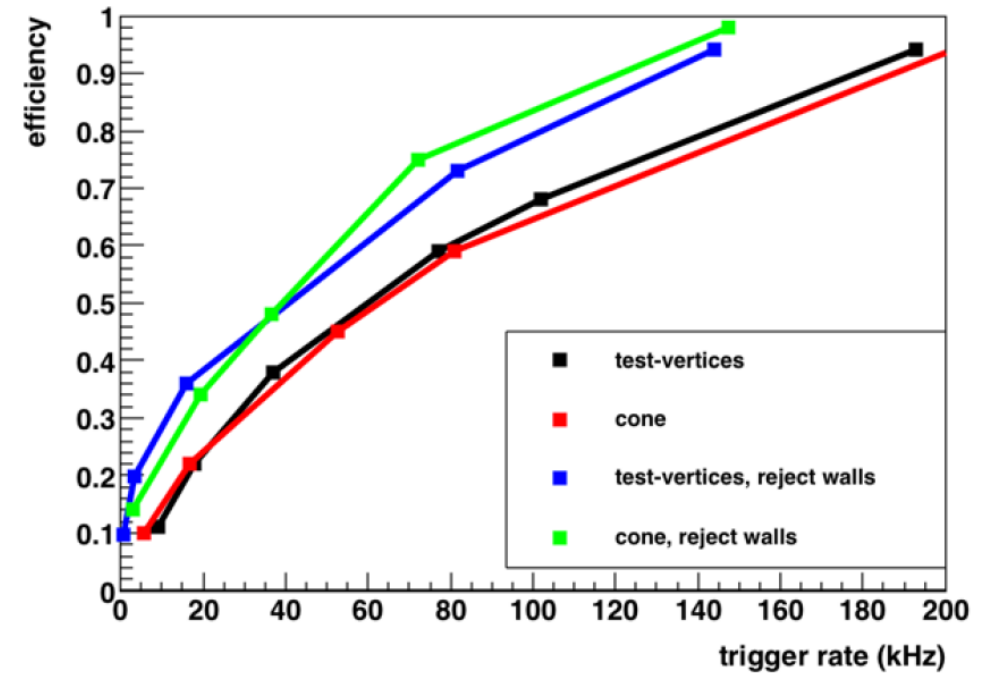
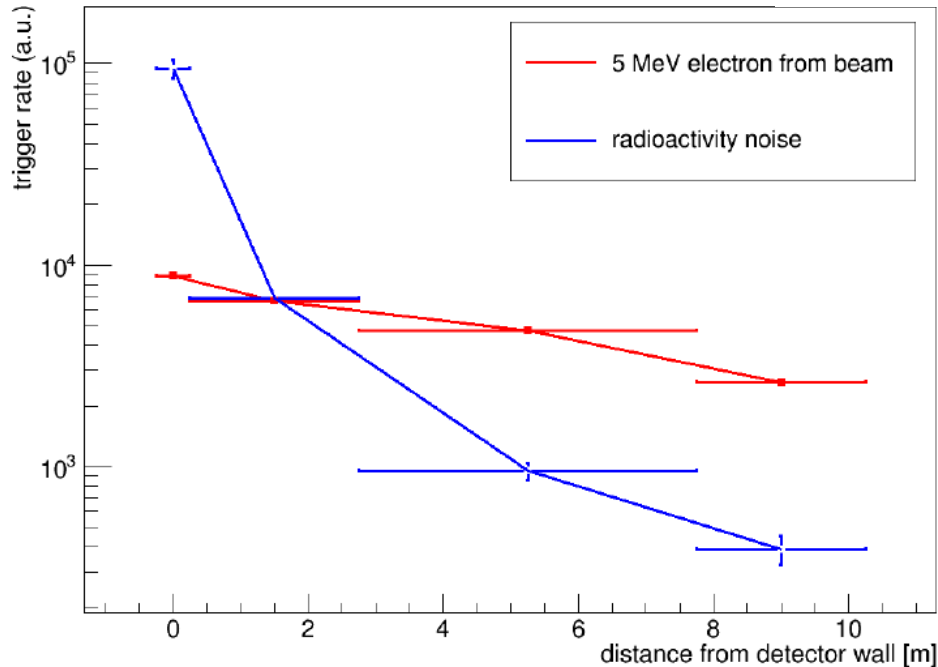
40% coverage, 5 MeV electron

performance using test-vertices trigger:



around 3 MeV (threshold = 23), we are completely dominated by radioactivity

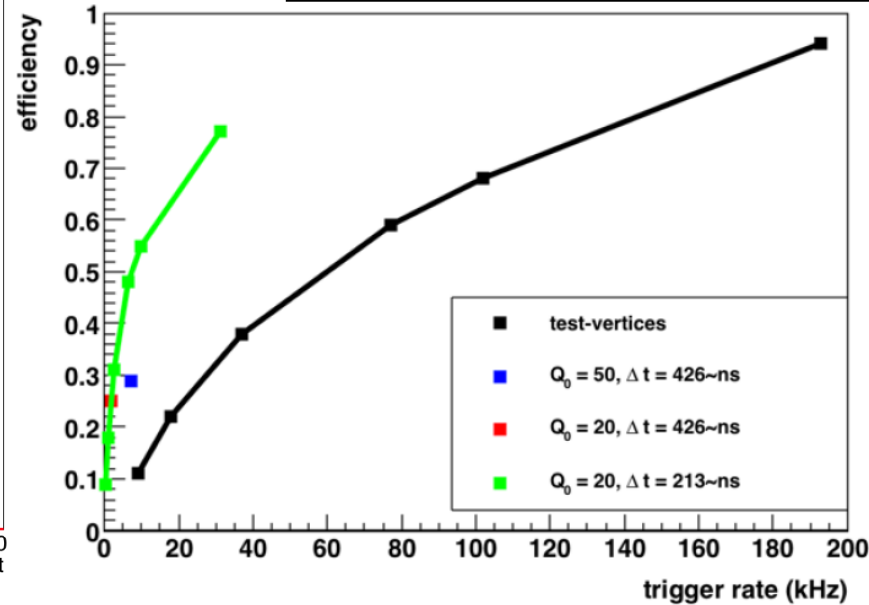
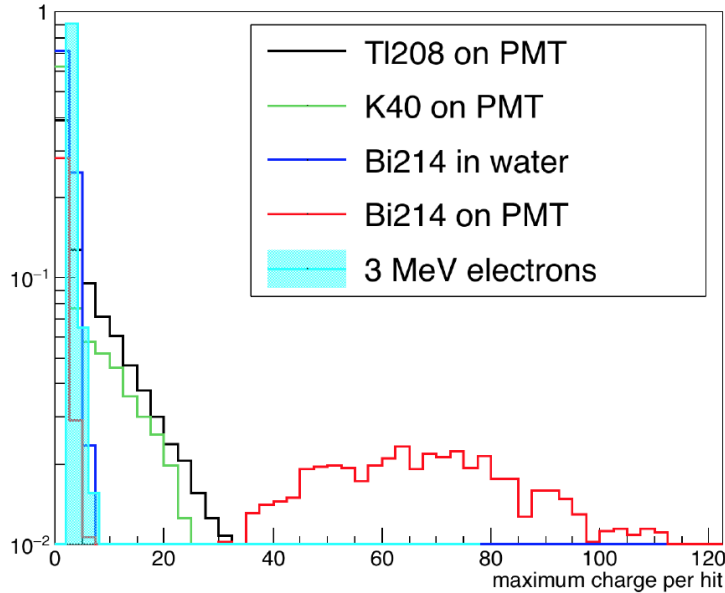
this conclusion heavily depends on radioactivity levels, which are not well known



5 M  
from  
wall

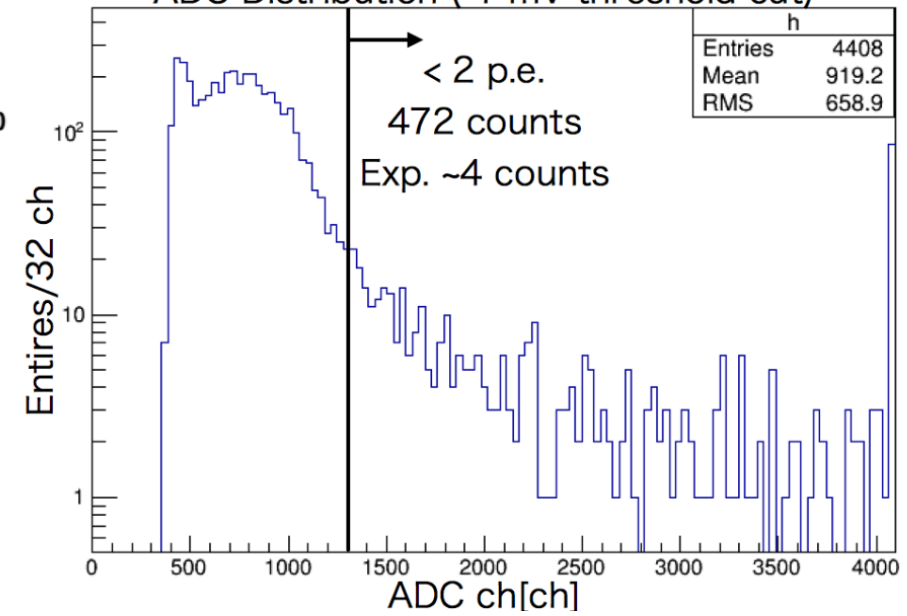
# Charge Trigger

	3 MeV electron + dark noise	radioactivity + dark noise
test-vertices	efficiency 38%	rate 37 kHz
$Q_0 = 50, \Delta t = 426$ ns	efficiency 29%	rate 7 kHz
$Q_0 = 20, \Delta t = 426$ ns	efficiency 25%	rate 2 kHz
$Q_0 = 20, \Delta t = 213$ ns	efficiency 31%	rate 2.5 kHz



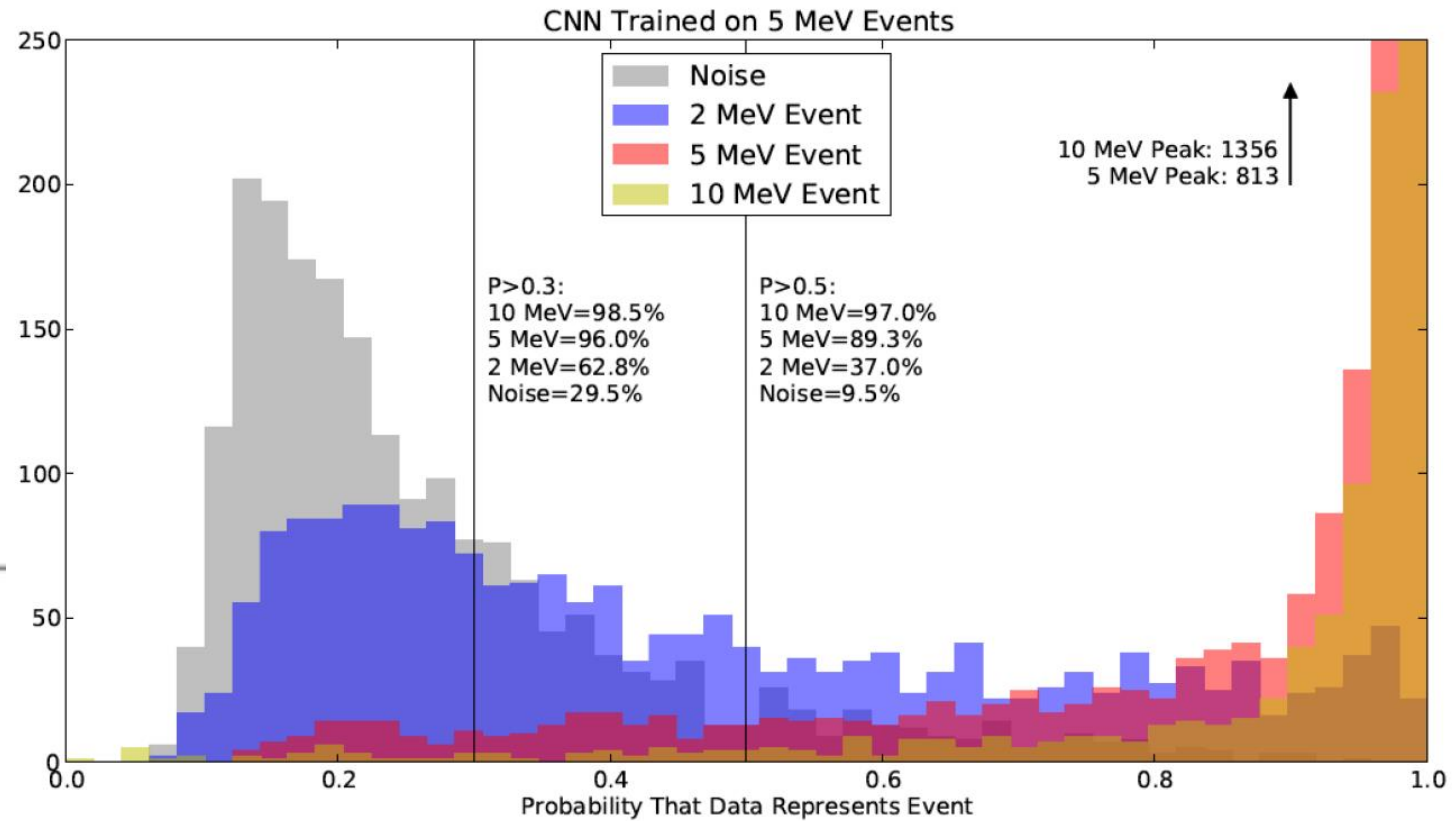
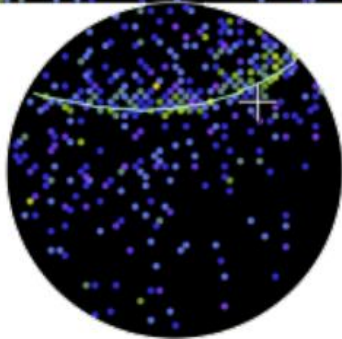
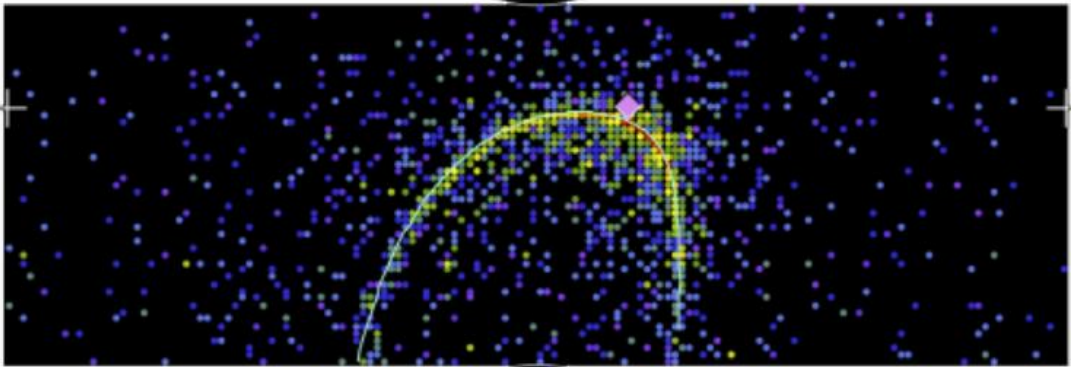
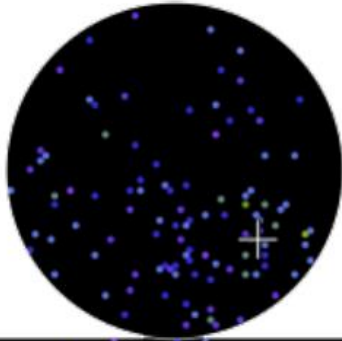
- A  $\beta^-$  decay in the PMT glass makes a faint cone and **one** hit with a large multi PE pulse (WCSim)

SK PMT dark rate  $\sim 10$  kHz (@30°C)  
ADC Distribution (-1 mV threshold cut)



- ▶ data taken in SK tank
- ▶ above 2 pe, expect 4 counts from accidental coincidence rate (we know coincident light background using up to 100 pe's)
- ▶ there is a large excess (472 counts)

# CNN Trigger



- ▶ 89.3% efficiency at 5 MeV
- ▶ 9.5% dark noise acceptance

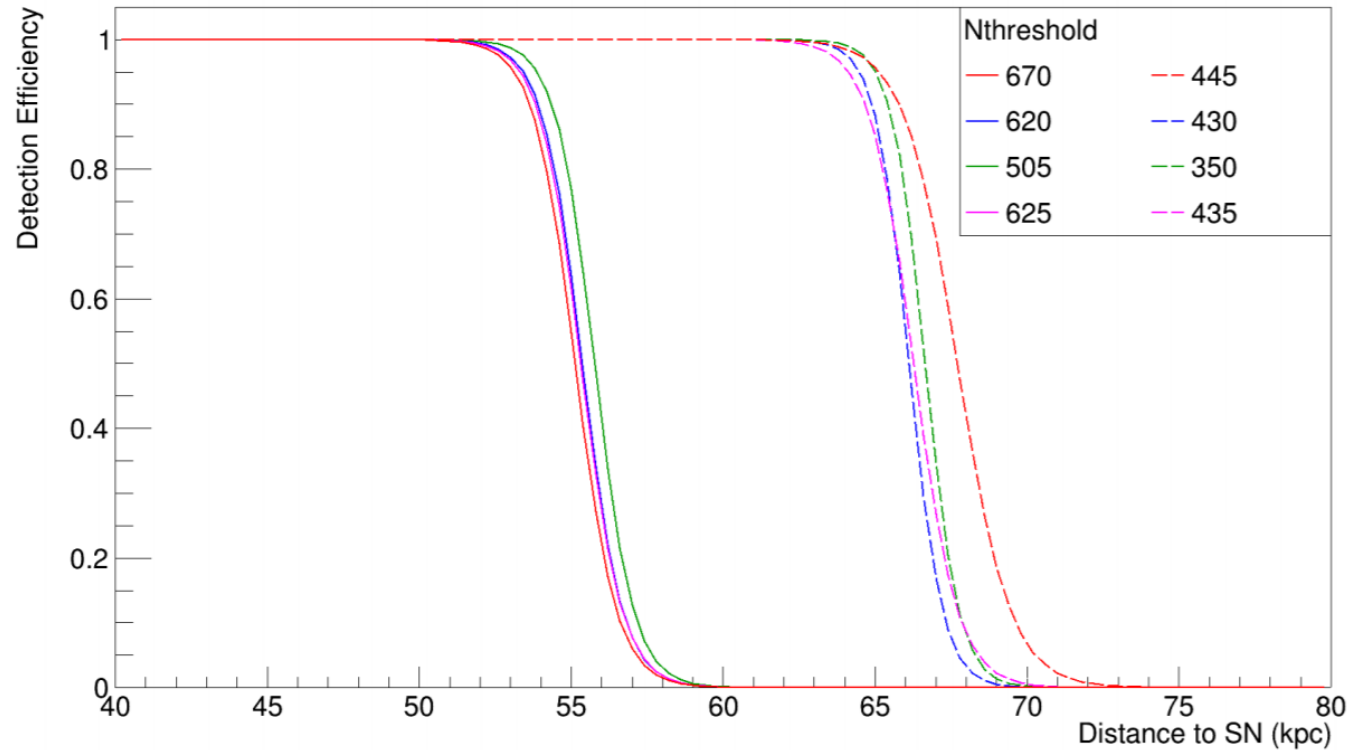


# SK SN monitoring method

- $N_{\text{cluster}}$ , number of events (excluding cosmic rays and their decay electrons) in the fiducial volume with  $E > 7$  MeV in a 20 s window is calculated
- A variable  $D$  is computed for each 20 s window to determine whether events originated from a point, line, plane or volume ( $D = 0, 1, 2,$  or  $3$  respectively)
- Golden warning:  $N_{\text{cluster}} \geq 60 \ \&\& \ D = 3$ 
  - ▶ Experts called and decision expected in less than 1 hour
  - ▶ SK are 100% efficient up to LMC (50 kpc) with golden warning
- Normal warning:  $60 \geq N_{\text{cluster}} \geq 25 \ \&\& \ D = 3$ 
  - ▶ Experts emailed
- Silent warning:  $N_{\text{cluster}} \geq 10$  in 10 s
  - ▶ Super-K experts only emailed

# $N_{\text{cluster}}$ thresholds

Detection Efficiency of SN for No Oscillation Scenario



$E_{\text{true}}$  cut

$N_{\text{hits}}$  cut on 40k 20" PMTs

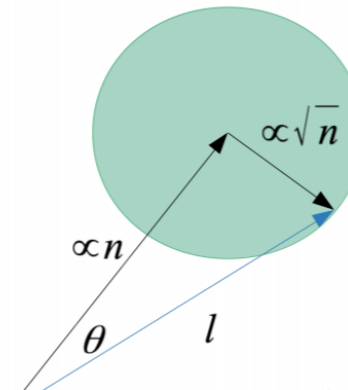
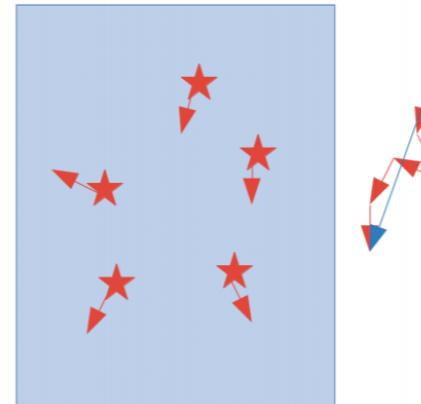
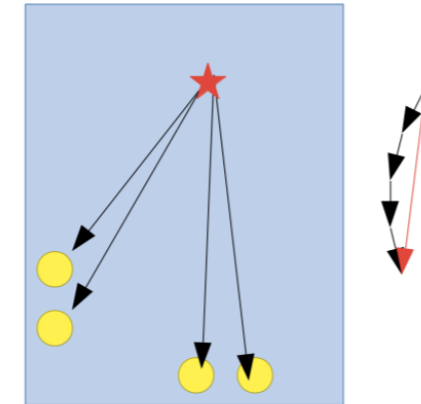
$N_{\text{hits}}$  cut on 30k 20" & 7.7k mPMTs separately

$N_{\text{hits}}$  cut on 30k 20" & 7.7k mPMTs combined

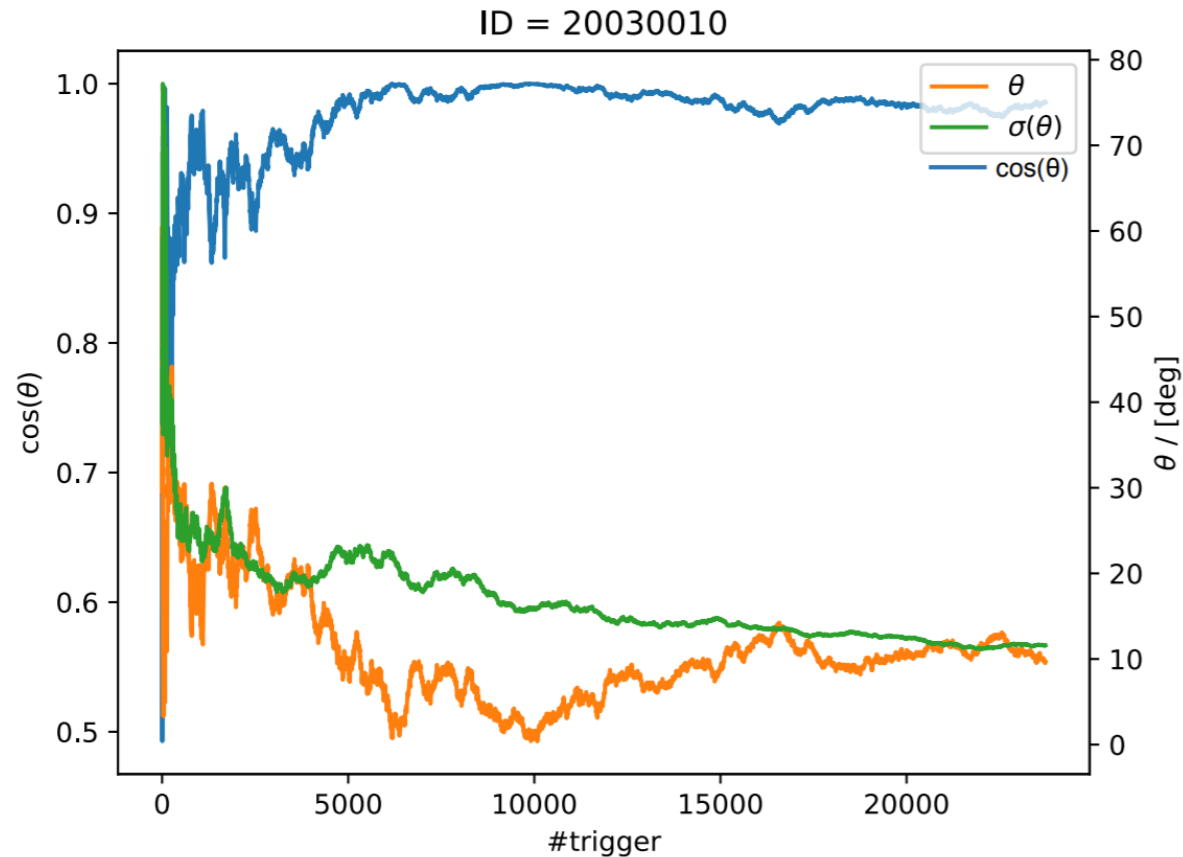
- 100% efficient out to SMC (60 kpc) with  $N_{\text{cluster}} \gtrsim 430$ 
  - ▶ Recall: SK 100% efficient at LMC (50 kpc) with  $N_{\text{cluster}} \geq 60$

# SN direction reconstruction

- Get single trigger direction
  - ▶ Get vertex position (from e.g. test vertices)
  - ▶ Sum normalised direction vector of all associated hits
  - ▶ Normalise
  - ▶ Fast
- Add all trigger directions
  - ▶ Uncertainty assumes random walk of trigger directions
  - ▶  $\sigma(\theta) = \arcsin(a\sqrt{n}/l)$ 
    - ★ Calculations suggest  $a \approx 0.87$  for 68% C.L.
    - ★ Note: plots in this talk use  $a = 1$  corresponding to  $\sim 80\%$  C.L.



# SN direction reconstruction: single SN @ 10 kpc



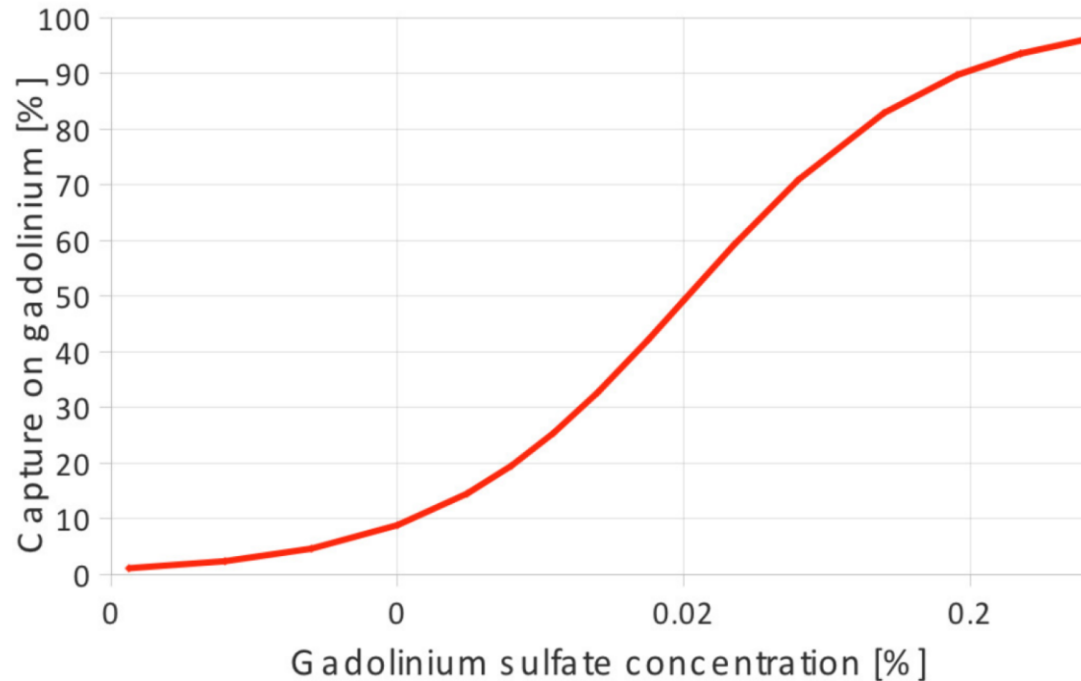
- Using Nakazato model with  $M = 20 M_{\odot}$ ,  $t_{\text{revive}} = 300$  msec and  $Z = 0.02$  with no oscillations in z-direction
- The more events, the better the direction resolution
  - ▶ But by  $\mathcal{O}(1000)$  events the improvement is limited

# Gadolinium Absorbance Detector (GAD)

- GAD is a device being developed in the UK for automated continuous monitoring of Gd concentration.
- Its currently in development for EGADS, Super-Kamiokande Gd upgrade and for the IWCD and has interests from other Gd detectors
- Current Gd measurement techniques require manual water sampling one monthly basis that is taken off site and passed through a mass spectrometer (slow, infrequent & labour intensive)
- Mass spec has **3.5%** on a concentration determination

# Measuring Gd Concentration $\text{Gd}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3\%$

The concentration of Gd affects the **efficiency** and **timing** of neutron captures. It can change inside the tank with **temperature** and **flow**.



T. Mori, PhD Thesis, The University of Okayama, 2015

- It is therefore important to track the concentration of Gd over time to know capture efficiency to a high accuracy (~1%)
- Would also be useful to measure the spatial distribution of Gd

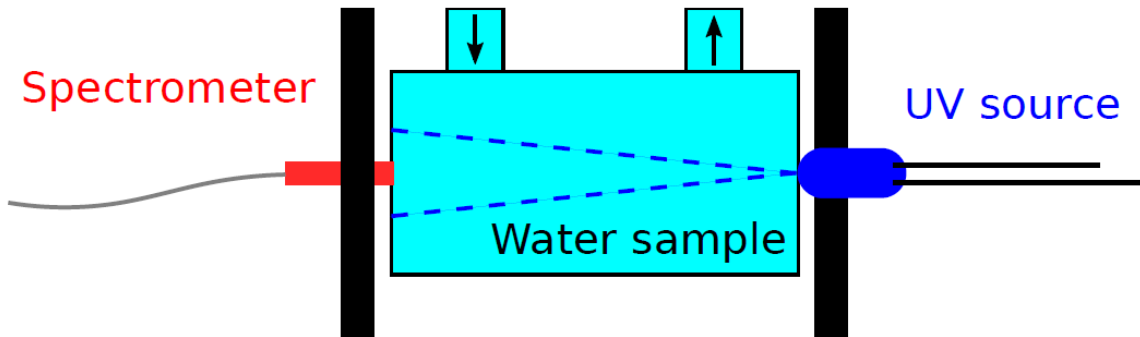


# Measurement Technique

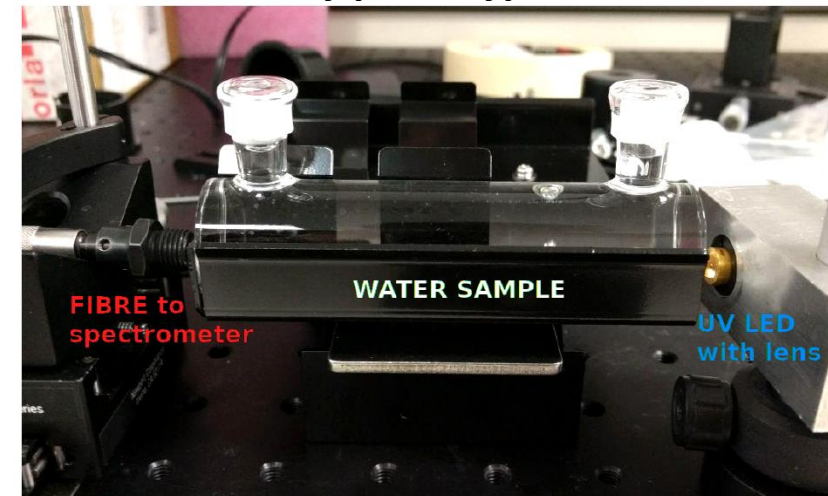
- Gd has strong **absorption lines** near 275 nm.
- Measure the absorbance  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- It is directly **proportional** to Gd[%].

$$\mathcal{A} = \log_{10} \left( \frac{I_0}{I_{\text{Gd}}} \right)$$

$I_0$  is the reference,  $I_{\text{Gd}}$  is the Gd-loaded sample.



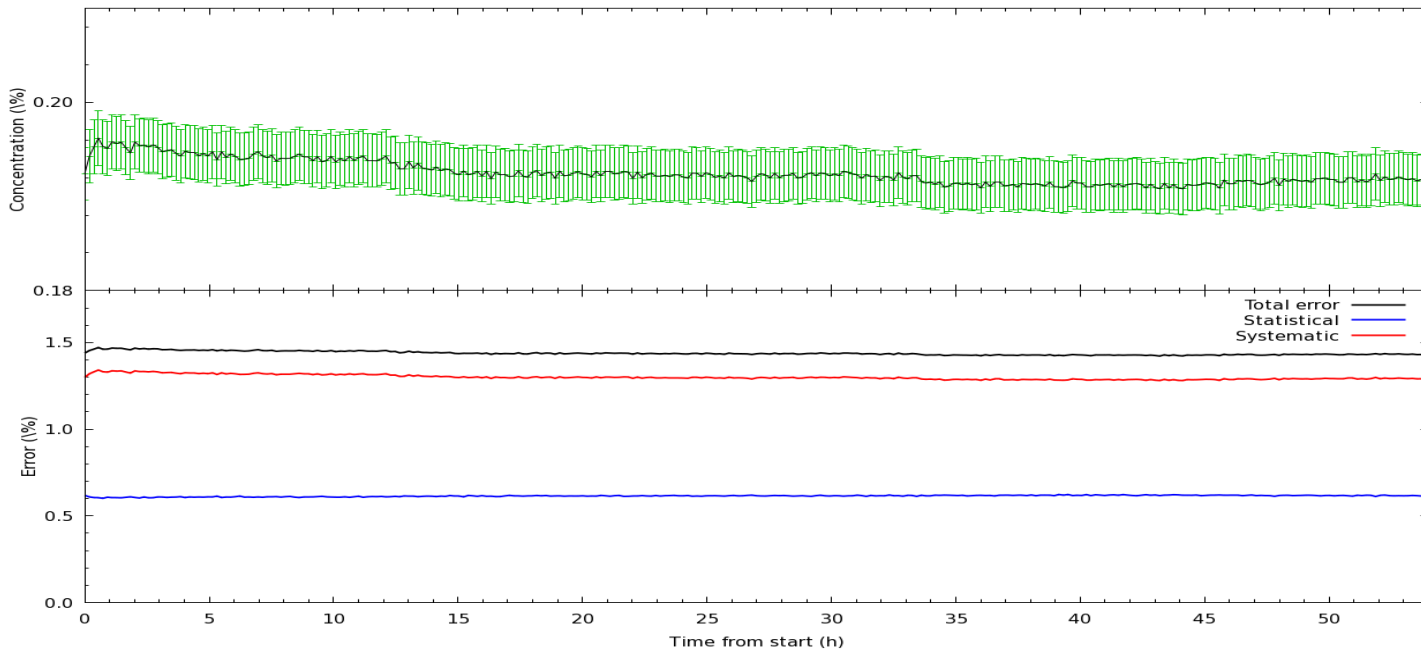
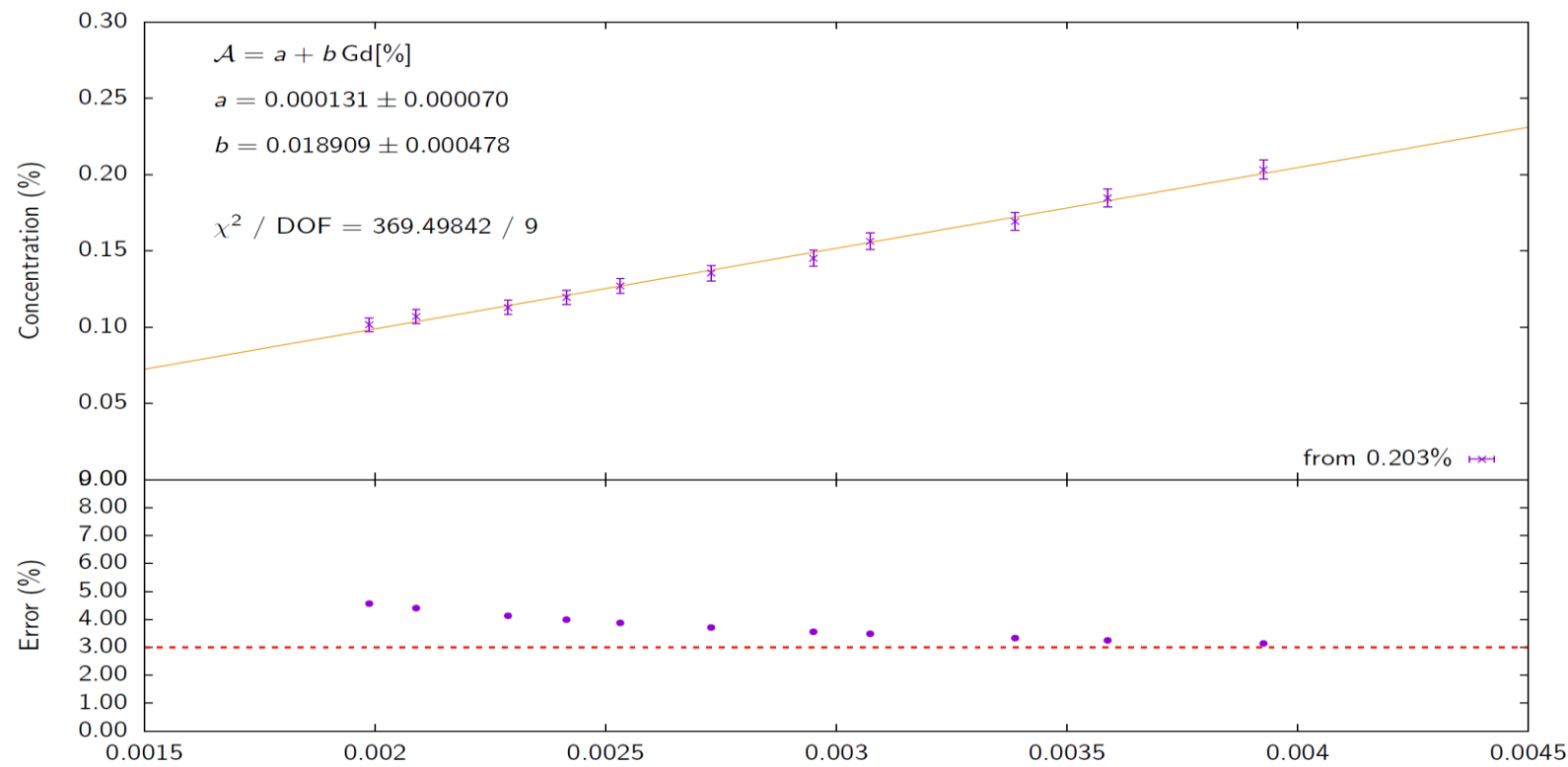
Early prototype



We could determine the **Gd concentration** by measuring the **absorption**

# Results

- ▶ First prototype was built to monitor 0.2%  $\text{Gd}_2\text{S}_3\text{O}_{12}$  concentration using a differential background independent method



- Able to achieve **<3%** error on concentration at 0.2%  $\text{Gd}_2\text{S}_3\text{O}_{12}$  loading
- Stable automated operation with regular measurements using **ToolDAQ** DAQ framework

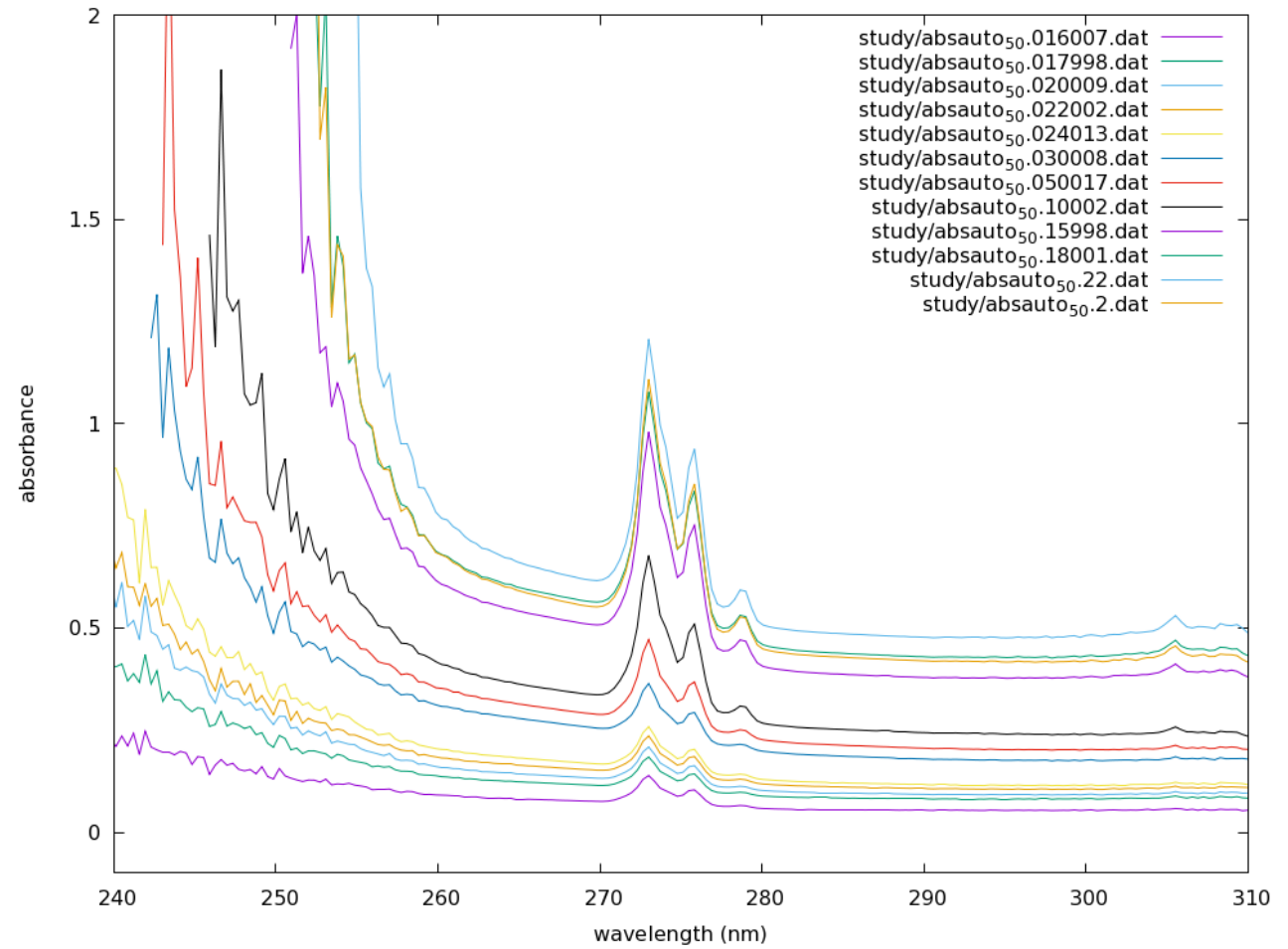
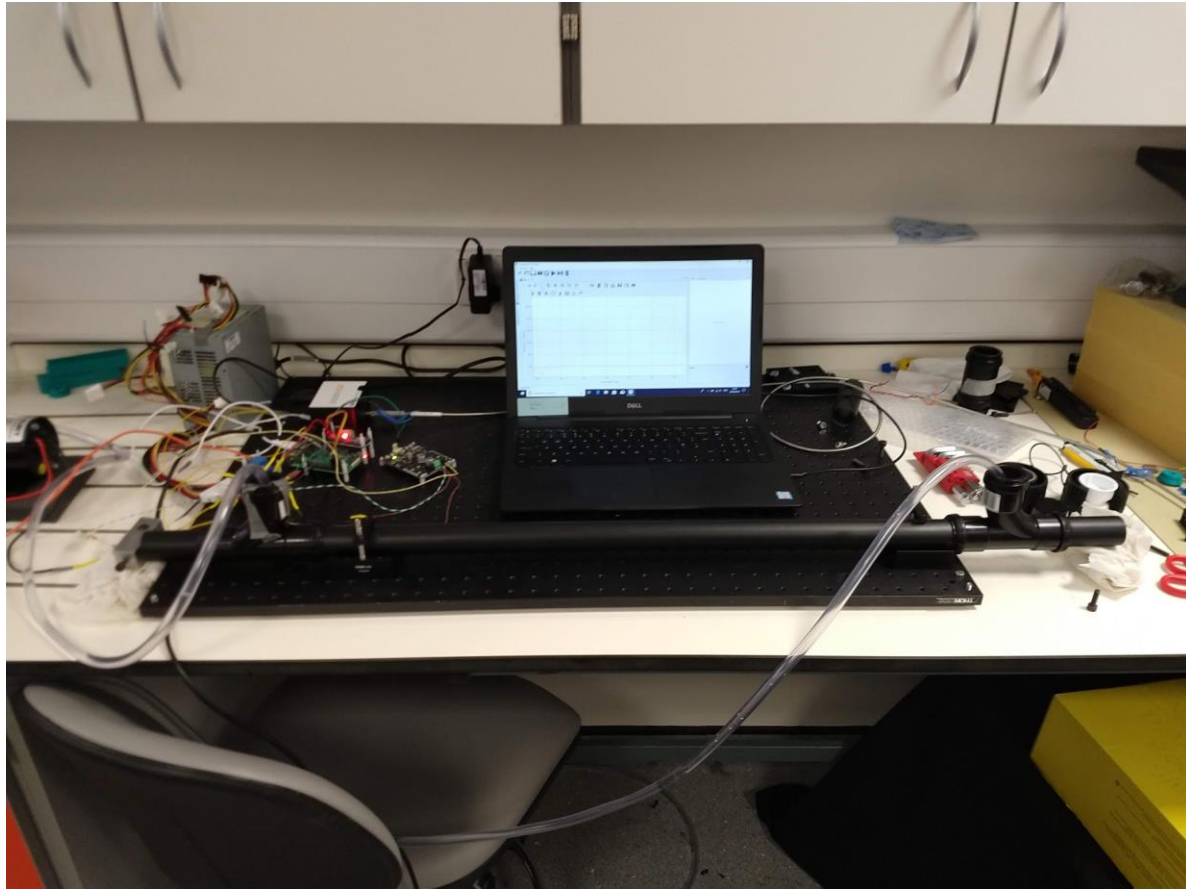
# Neutron capture efficiency

- In terms of **capture efficiency**, for 0.2%:Gd<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>O<sub>12</sub> Concentration
  - 3% Gd<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>O<sub>12</sub> Conc. error  $\implies$  0.90  $\pm$  0.01 (1.1%) Efficiency error
  - 1% Gd<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>O<sub>12</sub> Conc. error  $\implies$  0.900  $\pm$  0.005 (0.5%) Efficiency error

So we can measure neutron capture efficiency to **~1%**

- A fully automated standalone prototype has been produced for **0.2%** Gd<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>O<sub>12</sub> concentration (full loading), with built in electronics, pumps and DAQ software.
- Testing has begun on V2.0 at order of magnitude less concentration (**0.02% Gd<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>O<sub>12</sub> initial loading**)

# GAD V2.0 Prototype



# Results

- ~1% error at 0.02%  $\text{Gd}_2\text{S}_3\text{O}_{12}$  concentration
- ~1% error at 0.2%  $\text{Gd}_2\text{S}_3\text{O}_{12}$  concentration
- V1.0 had 3% error at 0.2%  $\text{Gd}_2\text{S}_3\text{O}_{12}$  concentration
- For full version we expect improvements to these numbers

