

ICECAL: a 4 channel ASIC for the Upgrade of the LHCb Calorimeter

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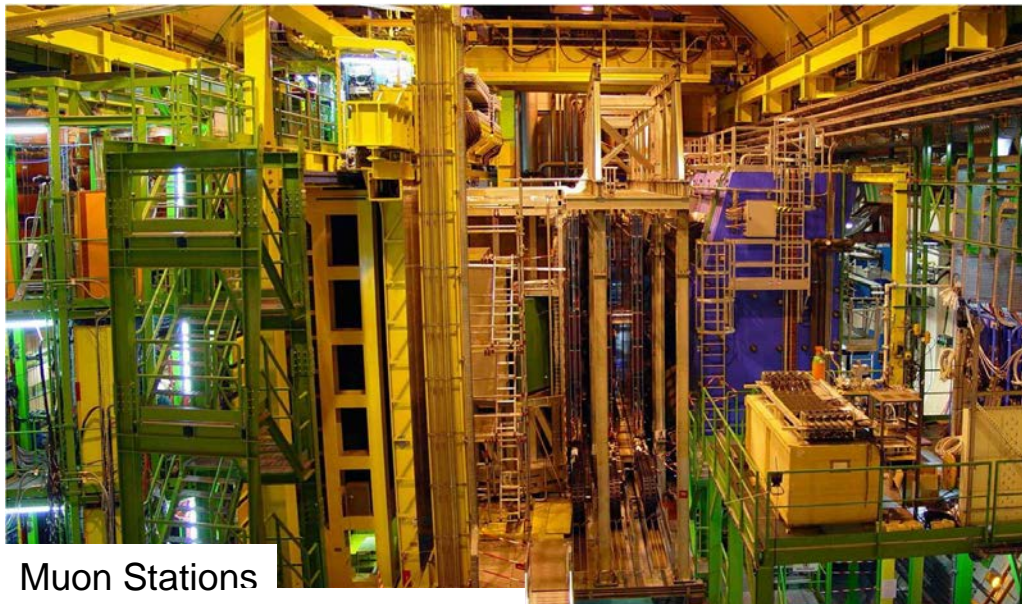
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I. Introduction: LHCb upgrade



Muon Stations

M2-M5

Calorimeters

OT

Magnet

RICH-1

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VELO

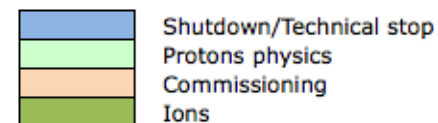
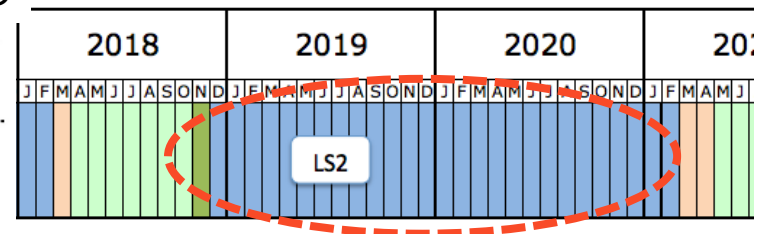
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RICH-2

10m

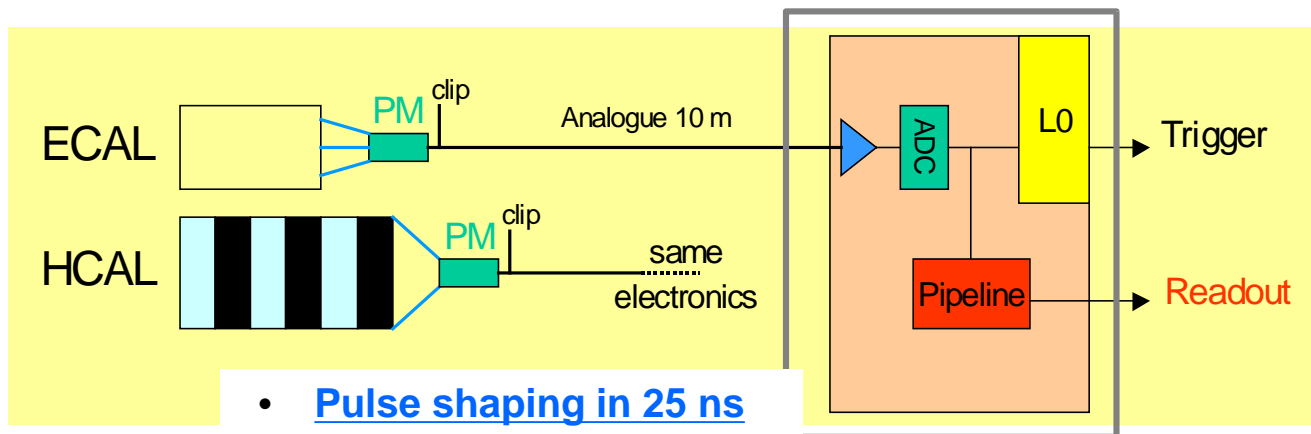
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- Increase luminosity by factor 5
 - Instantaneous: $2 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- Major changes:
 - VELO and tracking detectors
 - RICH detectors
 - All FE @ 40 MHz: SW trigger
- LHCb Collaboration intends to upgrade the detector during the long LHC shutdown 2.

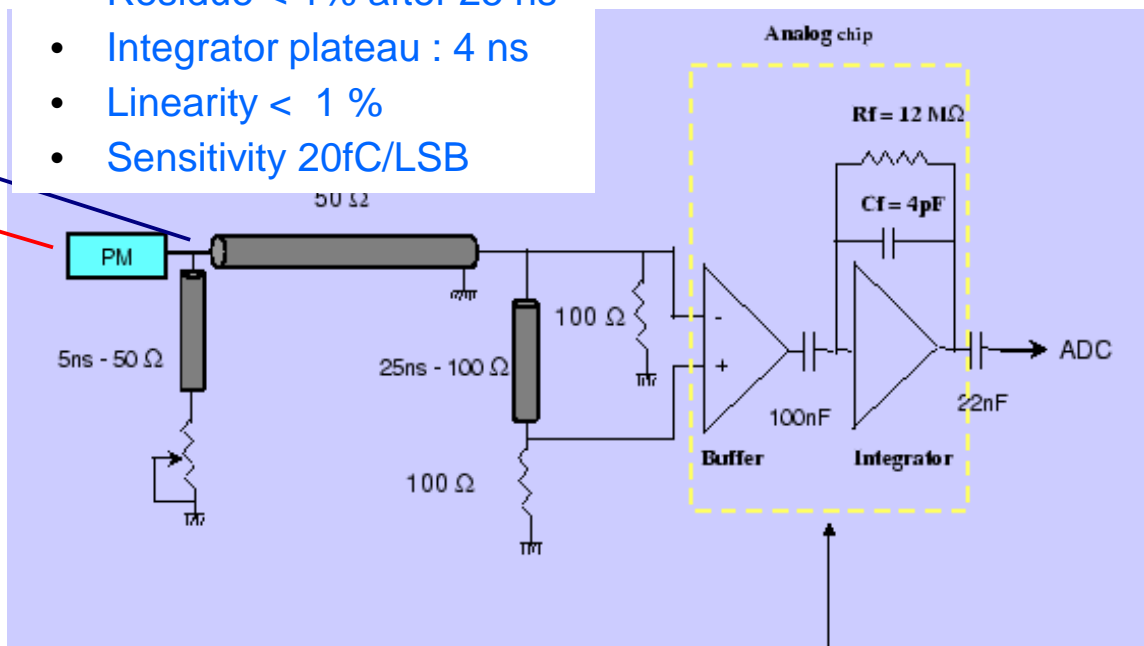
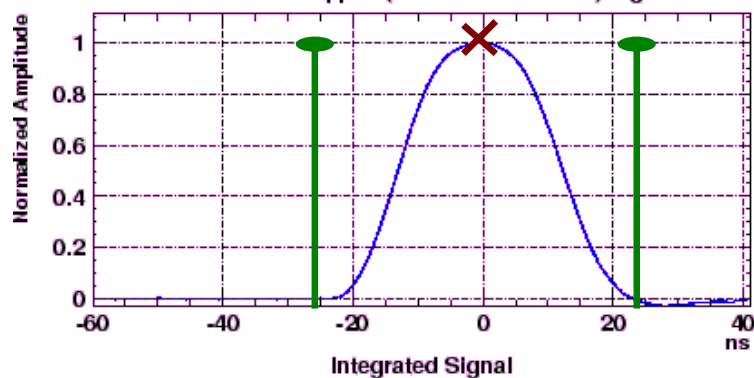
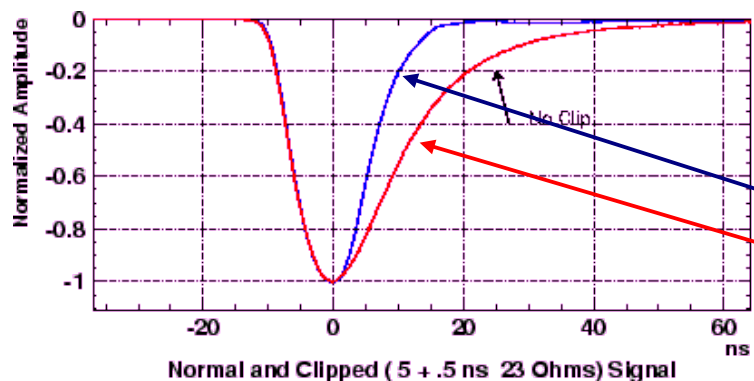


I. Introduction: current ECAL/HCAL FE

LAL-Orsay



- Pulse shaping in 25 ns
- Residue < 1% after 25 ns
- Integrator plateau : 4 ns
- Linearity < 1 %
- Sensitivity 20fC/LSB



BiCMOS 0.8 μ m Integrated Circuit
4 Channels per chip

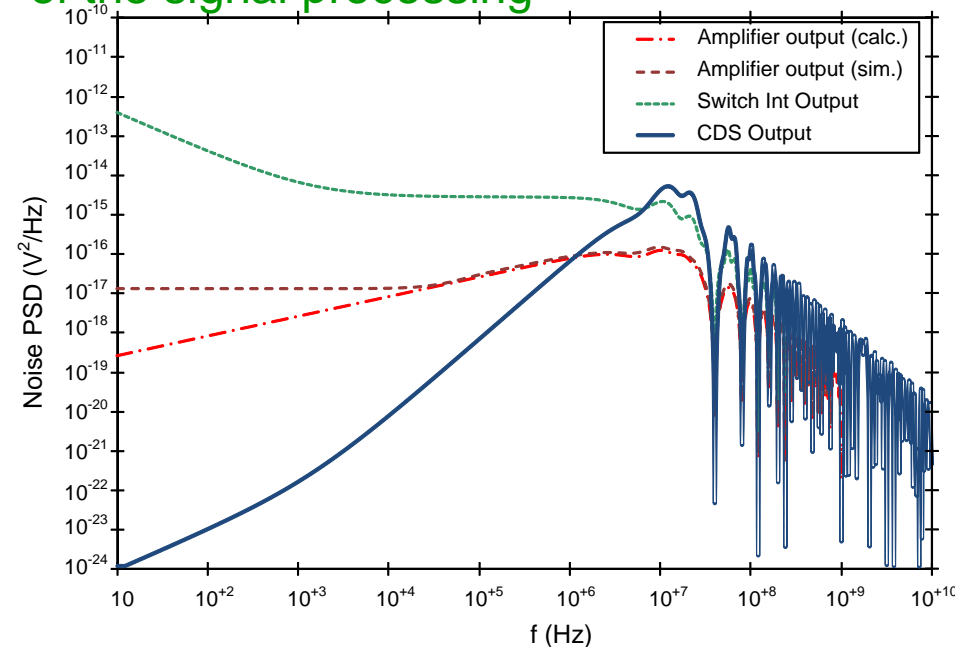
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- New front end board is required:
 - Low noise analog electronics:
 - ASIC (ICCUB and URL)
 - Digital signal processing and GBT for data readout @ 40MHz (LAL)

- PM current has to be reduced by factor ~ 5 :
 - FE gain increases to 4 fC/LSB
 - LSB is kept at 2.5 MeV
 - FE input equivalent noise should reduce from 20 fC to 4fC

- Signal processing elements (analog):
 - Amplification
 - Integration / shaping
- Dynamic pedestal subtraction (or CDS):
 - Needed to correct baseline shift
 - And to filter LF noise (pick-up)
 - **Has proven to be crucial in LHCb**
 - Noise PSD in signal increases by $\sim \sqrt{2}$

Noise PSD at different stages of the signal processing



II. Circuit design: channel architecture

Very difficult to integrate HQ analog delay lines



2 switched alternated paths

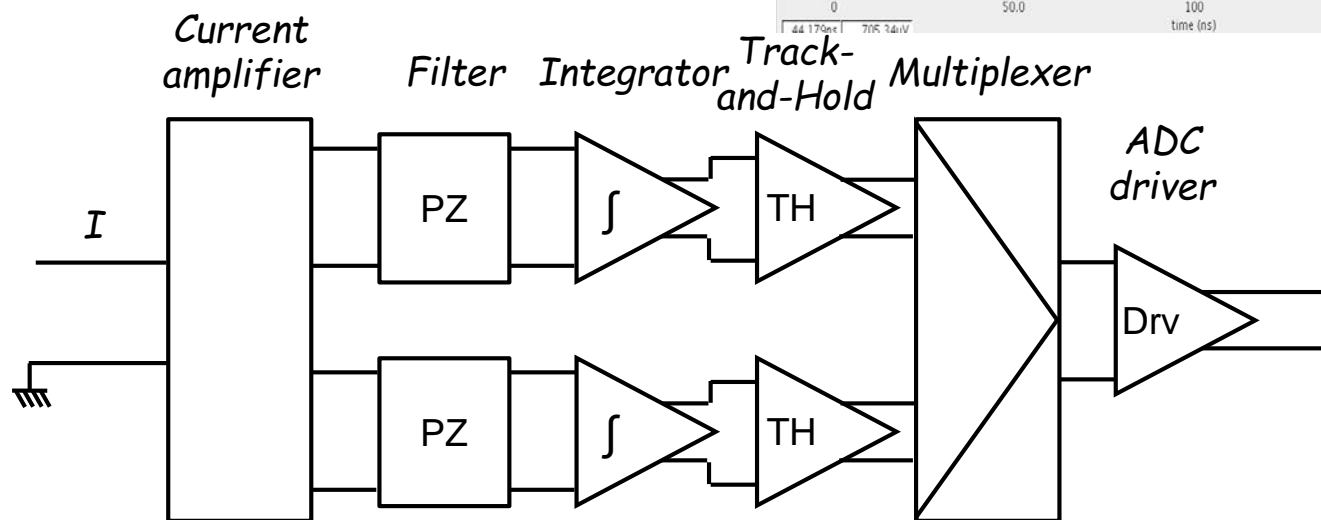
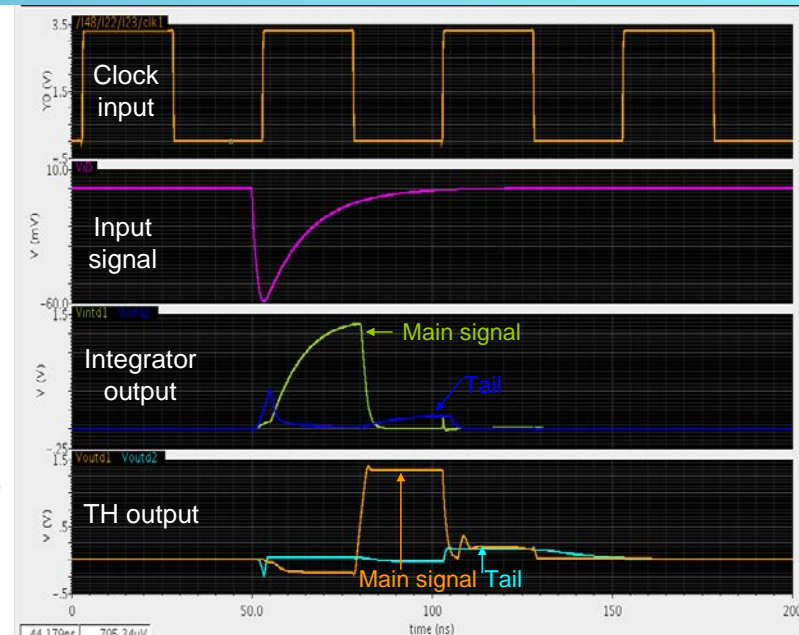


Switching noise !



Fully differential ASAP

- Current mode amplifier
- Pole-Zero cancellation
- Switched integrator
- Track and hold
 - 12 bit: flip-around architecture
- Analog multiplexer
- ADC driver
 - To match ADC input impedance



More demanding: e_n increases by $\sqrt{2}$: active termination

II. Circuit design: input stage: current output / current feedback

- **Double current feedback:**
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- **Current gain: $2n$**
- **Input impedance**

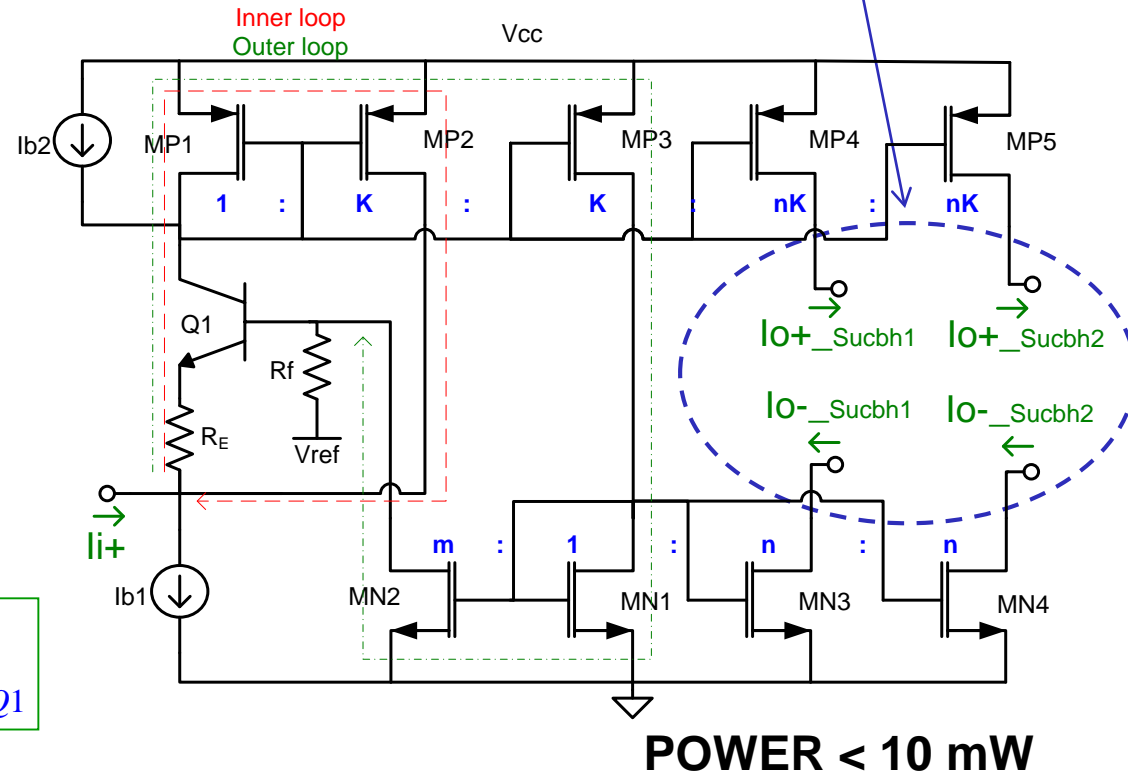
Open loop input impedance

$$Z_{iOL}^0 = R_E + \frac{1}{g_{mQ1}}$$

$$Z_i \approx \frac{1/g_{m1} + R_E}{1 + K} + \frac{K}{1 + K} mR_f$$

Differential half circuit
Simplified schematic

2 differential outputs

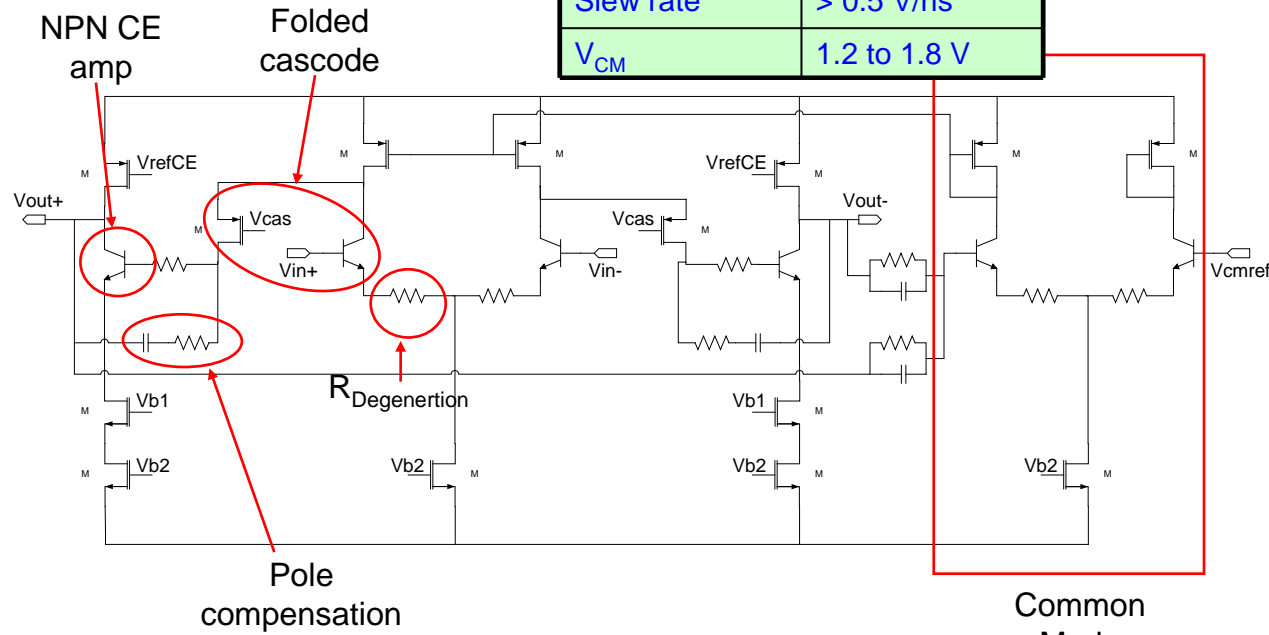
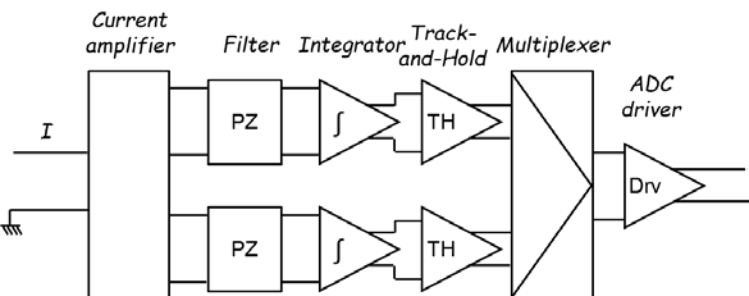


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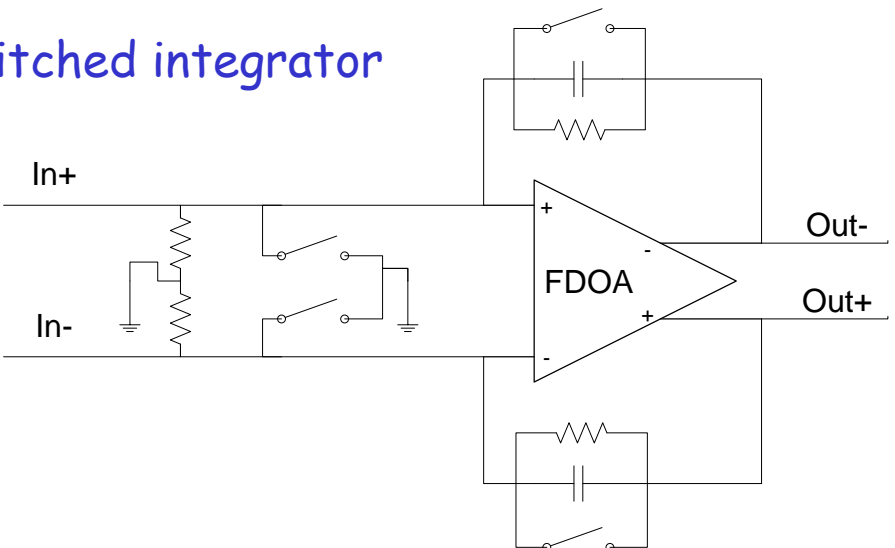
II. Circuit design: the channel

Fully Diff. OpAmp

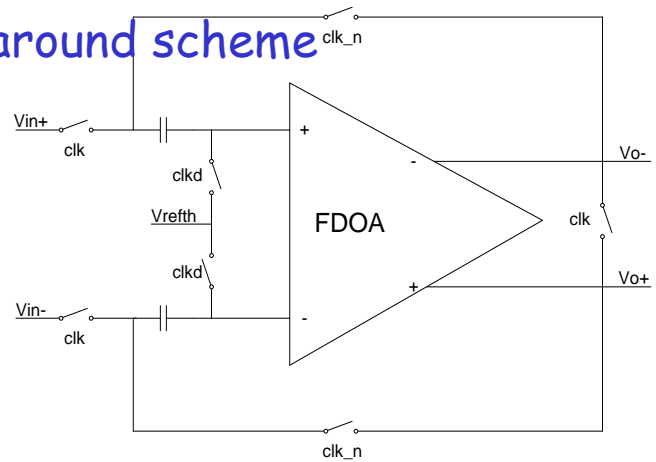
FDOA specifications	
Parameter	Value
Gain bandwidth	500 MHz
Phase margin	> 65°
Slew rate	> 0.5 V/ns
V_{CM}	1.2 to 1.8 V



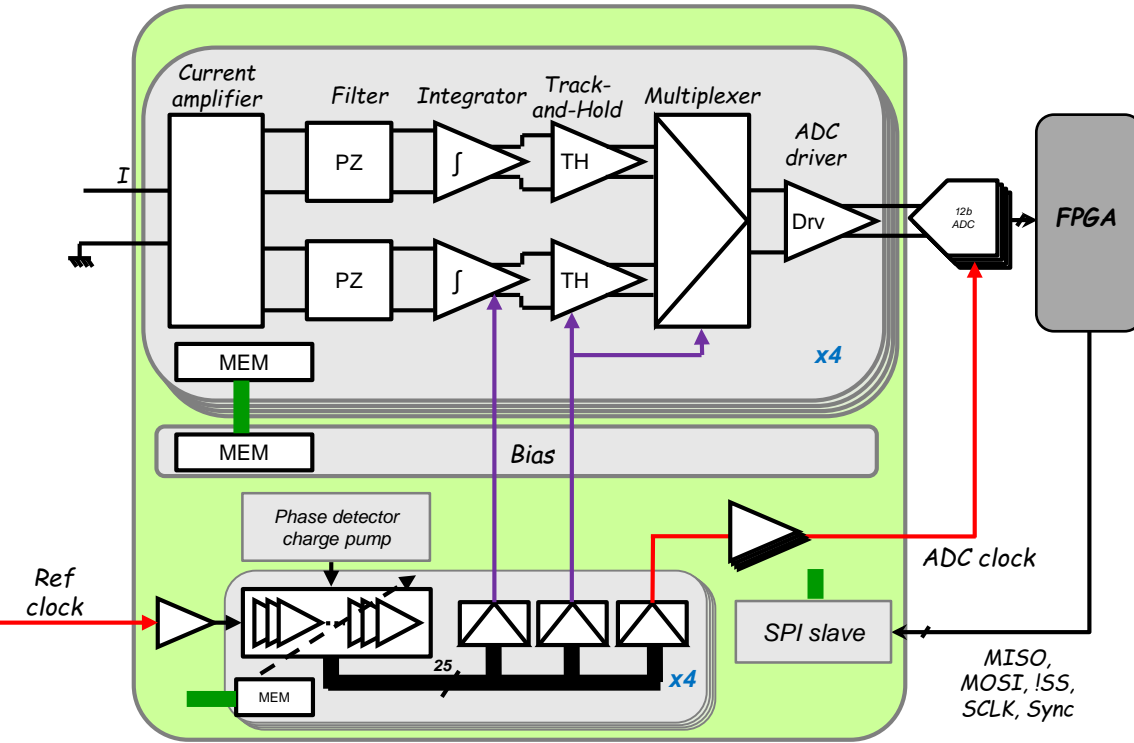
Switched integrator



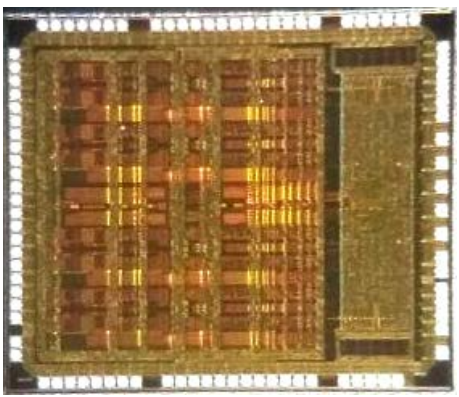
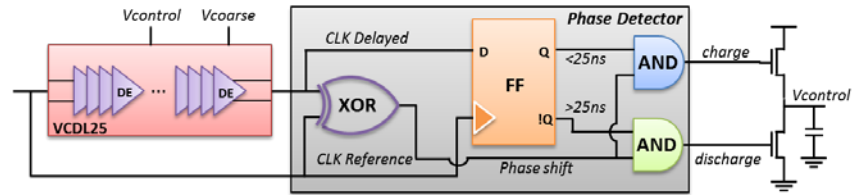
Track and hold Flip around scheme



III. ICECALv3: 4 ch ASIC



- Complete 4 analog channels
- Tunable parameters
 - Input impedance
 - Filter parameters
 - Gain
 - Offset
 - Bias currents
- SPI interface
- On-chip DLL to generate synchronous clocks



ICECALv3 chip:
 SiGe BiCMOS 0.35um
 AMS 10.5 mm²
 Received: July 2014

Radiation hard programmable delay line for LHCb calorimeter upgrade
 J. Mauricio et al. 2014 JINST 9 C01016

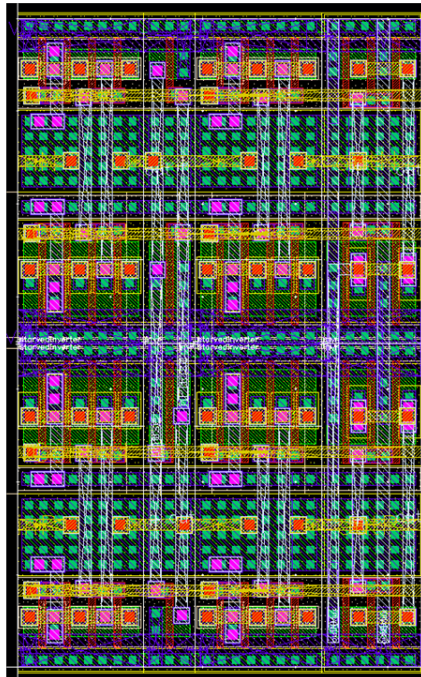
III. ICECALv3: radiation tolerant techniques

- SEL avoidance: guard rings
 - Analog blocs
 - Custom digital library

Extra Design Rules:

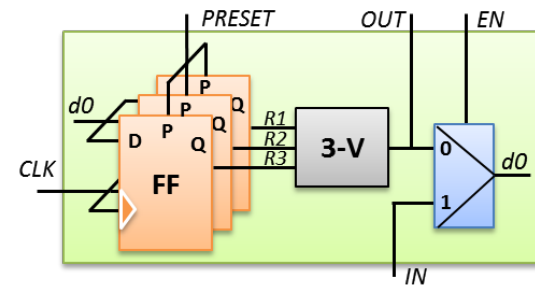
1. $\geq 5\mu\text{m}$ between N-DIFF layer and NWELL.
2. Guard rings between PMOS and NMOS.

P+ ring
NMOS
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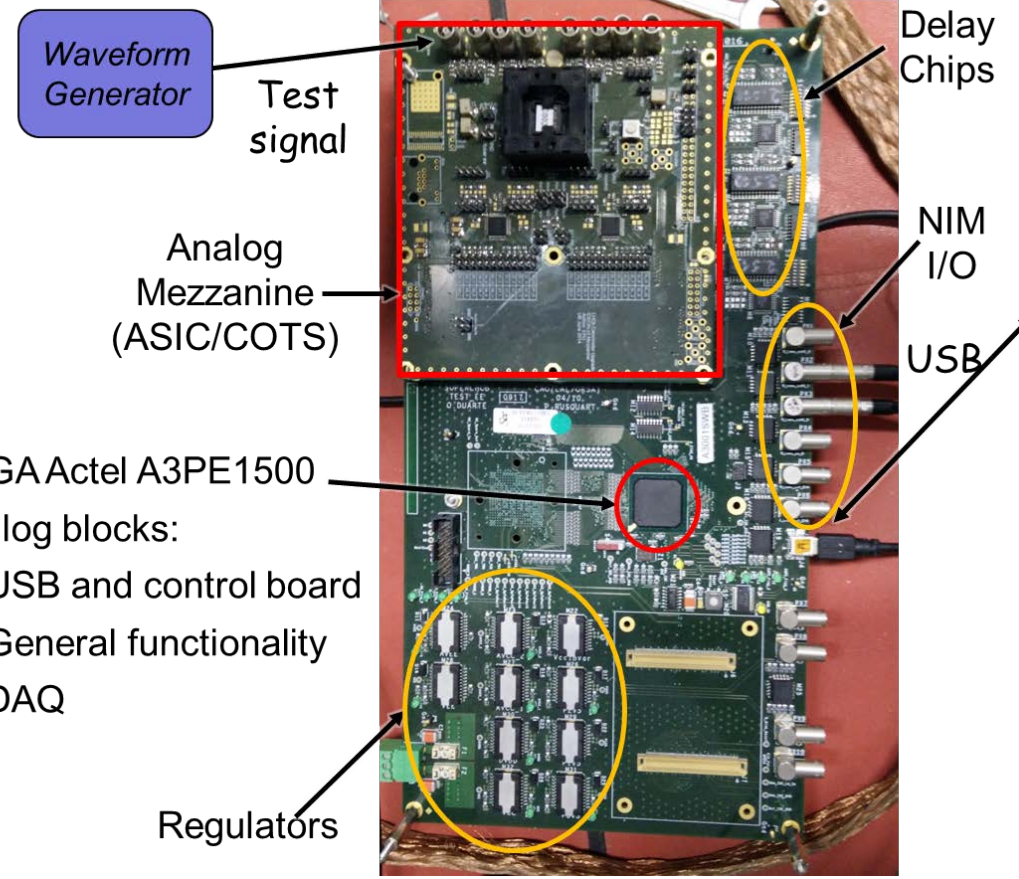
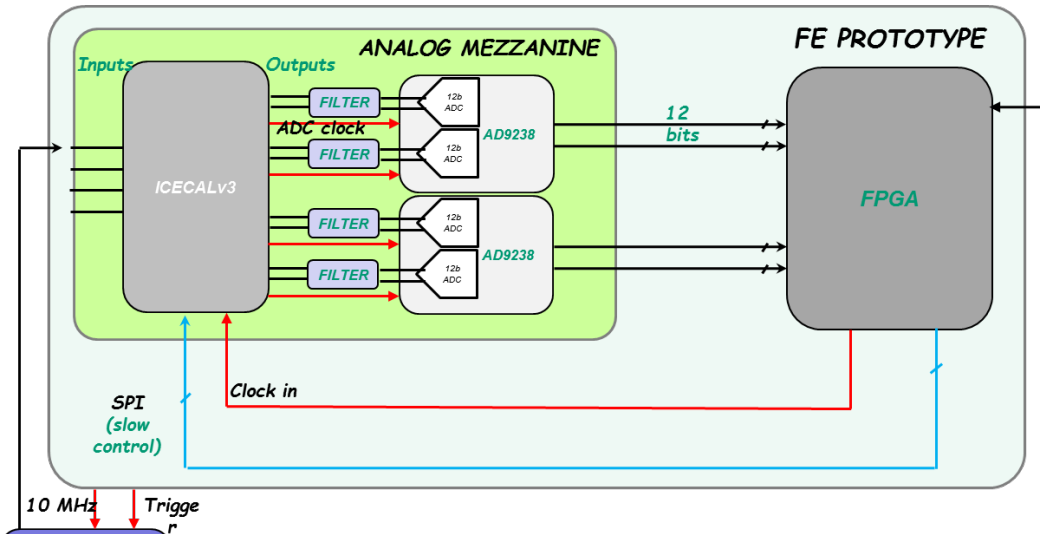
Example: Delay Element

- 16-bit TMR registers:
 - Each bit is stored in 3 flip-flops.
 - Majority is computed.
 - SEUs are automatically corrected.



- SPI Slave control unit FSM:
 - SEU tolerant.

IV. Test results: lab test bench with FEB prototype

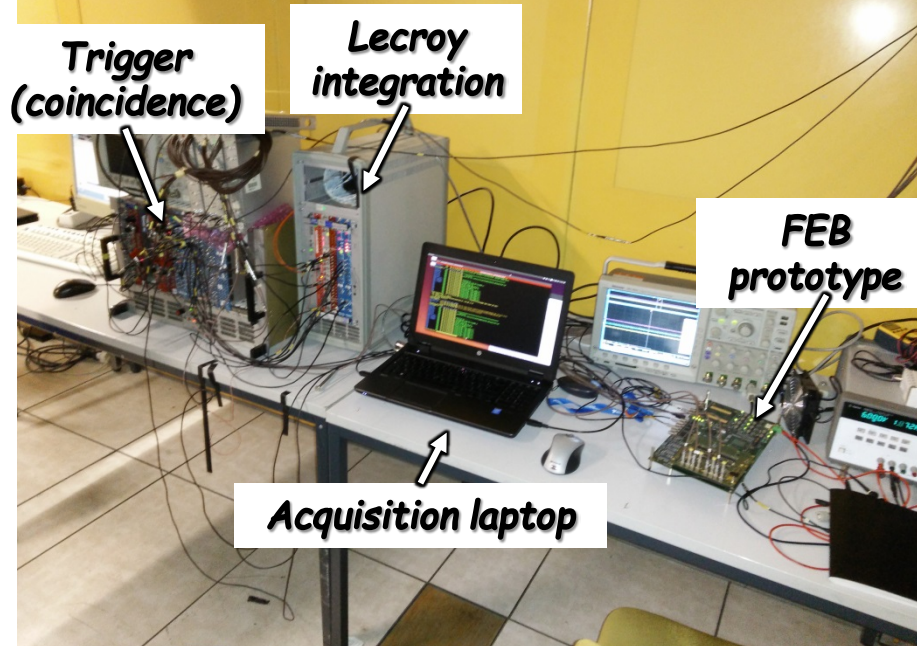
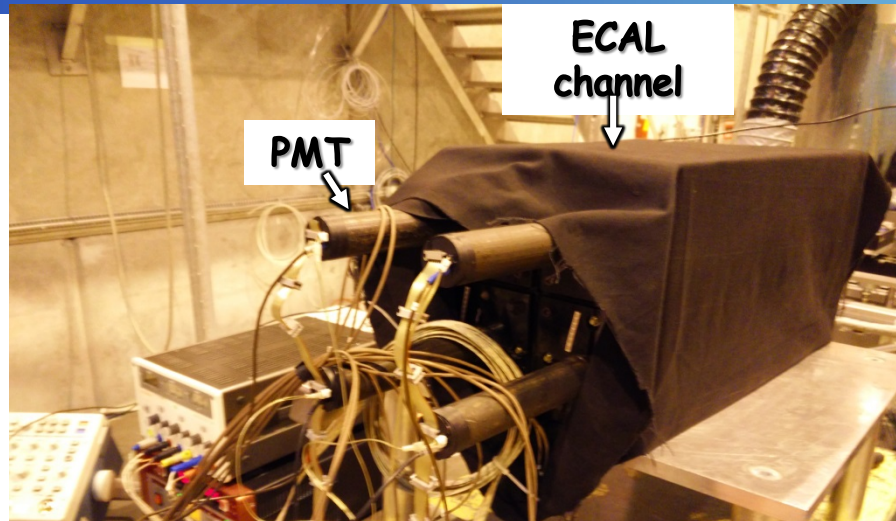


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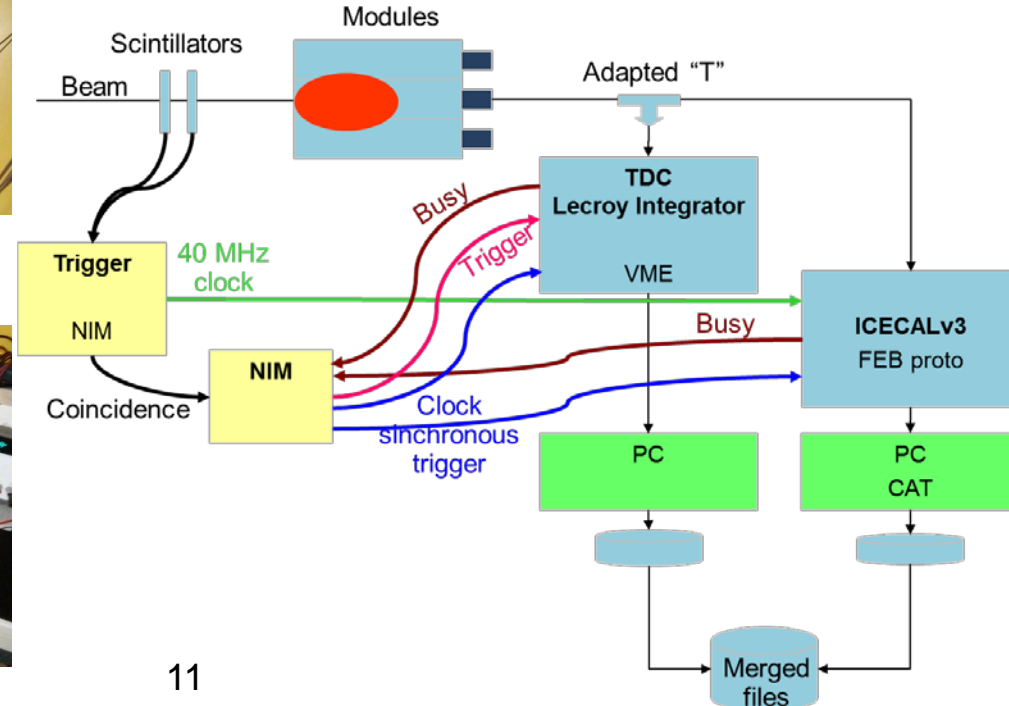
- Calibration is 4.5 fC/LSB
- Linearity is within 1%
- Crosstalk is below 0.5%
- Plateau is about 4 ns
- Spill over is below 1%
 - Except T2 (~2%)
- Noise w/o pedestal subtraction: 1.4 LSB
- Noise w pedestal subtraction: 1.7 LSB

- FPGA Actel A3PE1500
- Verilog blocks:
- USB and control board
 - General functionality
 - DAQ

IV. Test results: test beam with FEB prototype



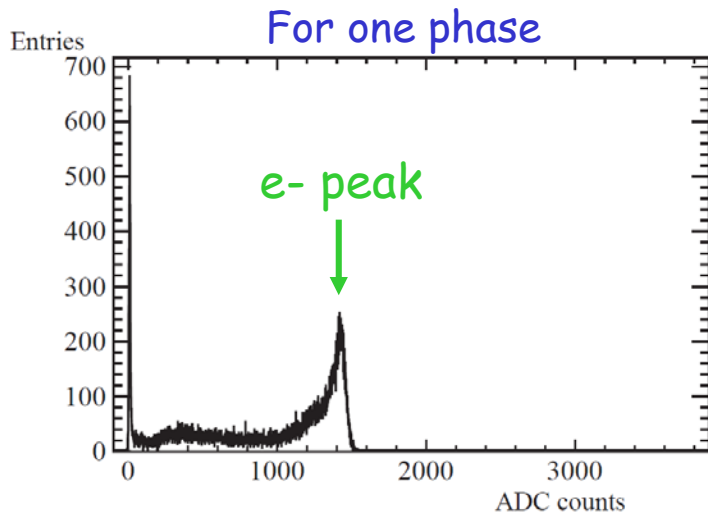
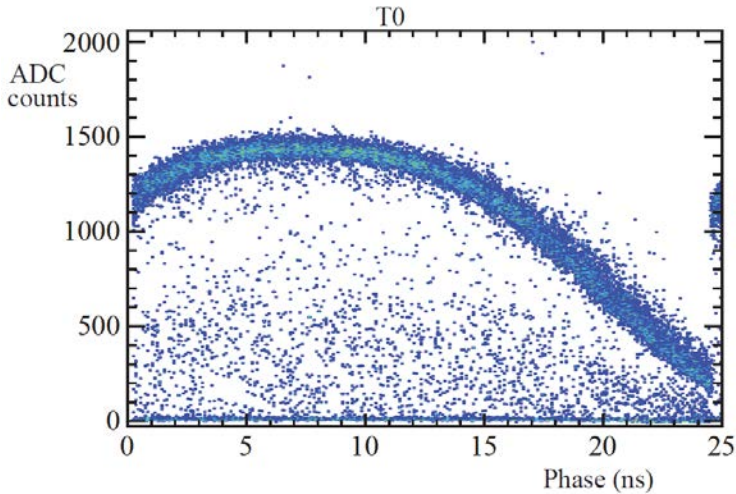
- When: April/November 2015
- Test beam at CERN Preveessin
- Beam: e^- with energy ranging from 20 to 120 GeV
- Elements used:
 - 4x(ECAL module+PMT+12m cable)
 - FEB prototype
 - Lecroy integrator
 - Time-to-Digital Converter (TDC)
 - ICECALv3 ASIC



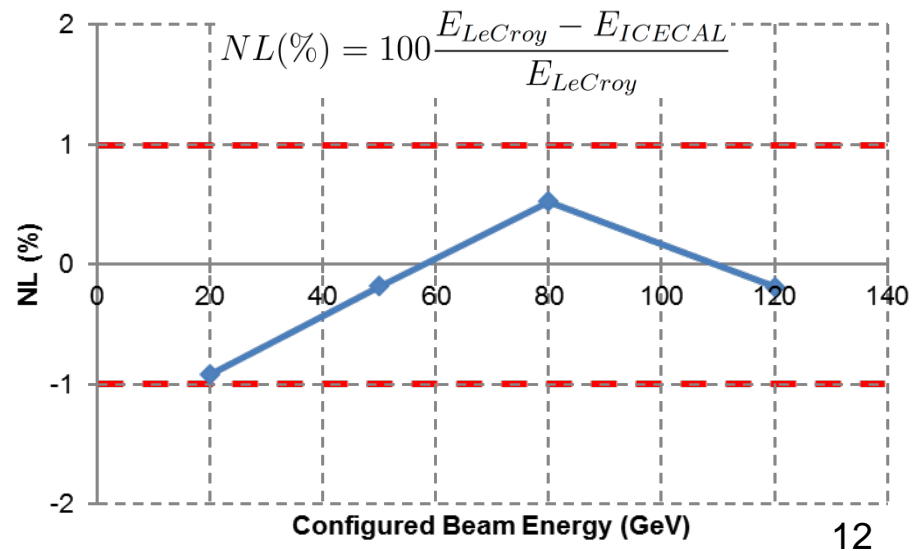
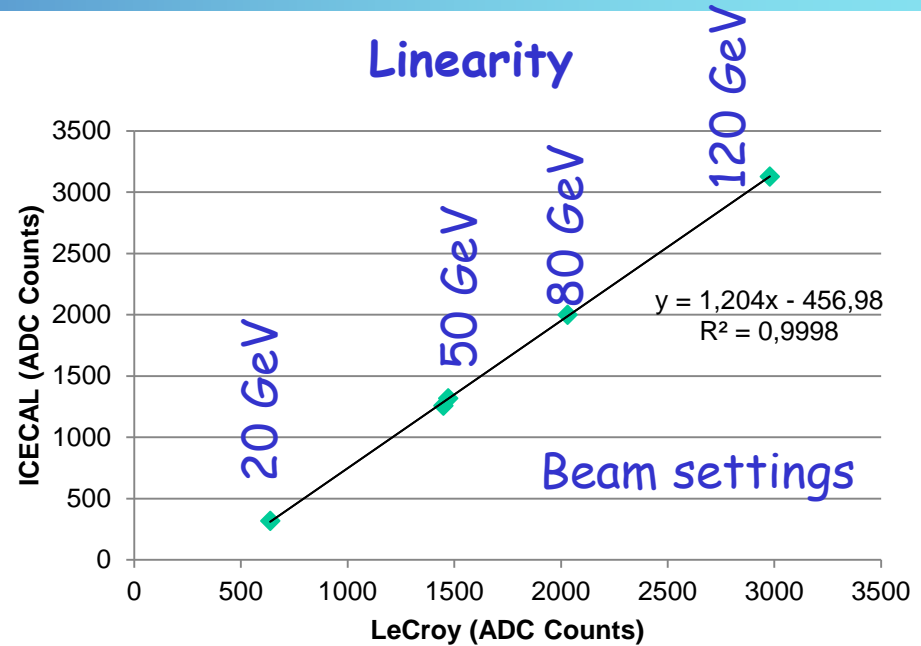
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Typical measurement

TDC provides time of arrival of particles wrt clock

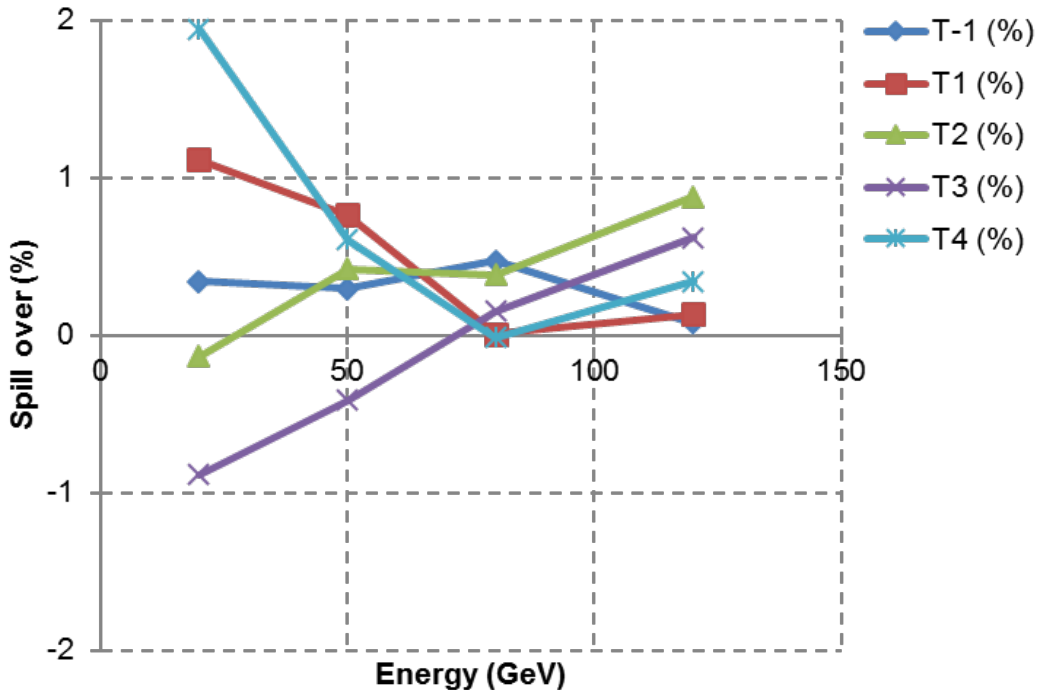


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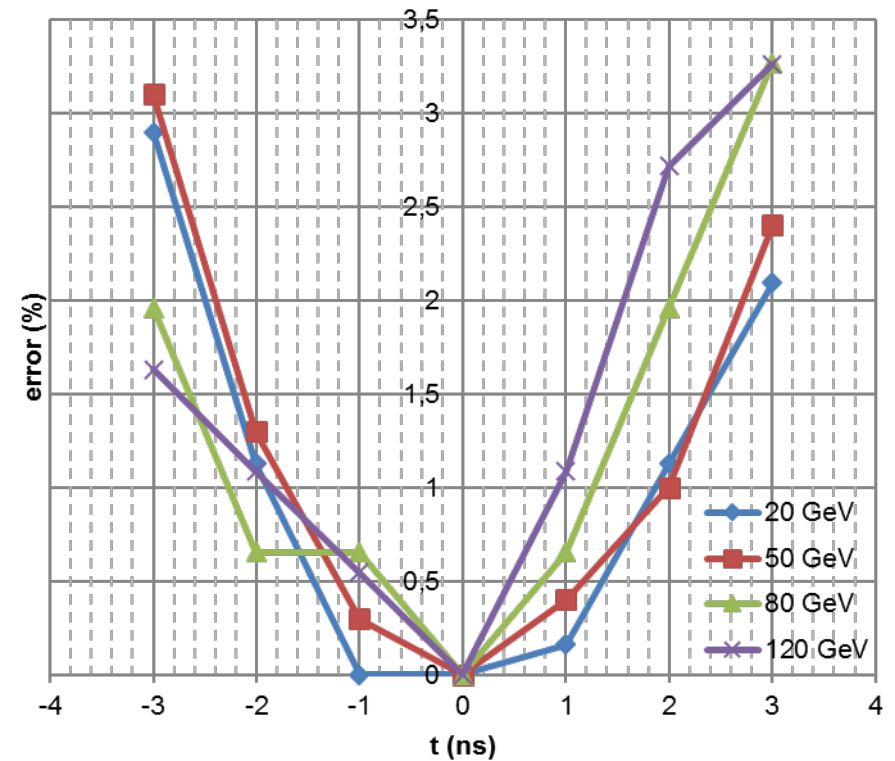


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Spill-over vs energy



Plateau vs energy



- Noise is higher than in the lab
 - 12 LSB without pedestal subtraction
 - 2.7 LSB with pedestal subtraction
 - It is caused by switching noise of CW HV supply in PMT base

V. Radiation qualification

- Expected radiation levels for 50fb⁻¹:

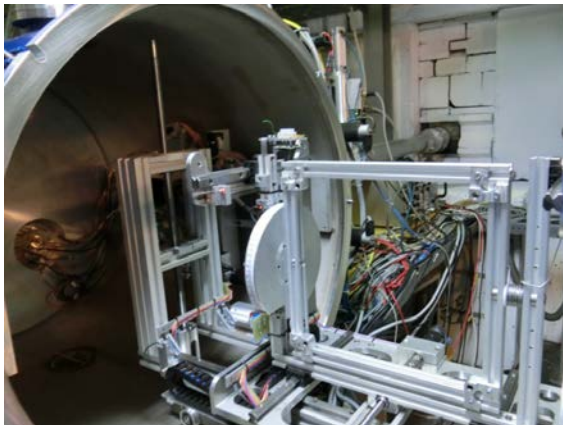
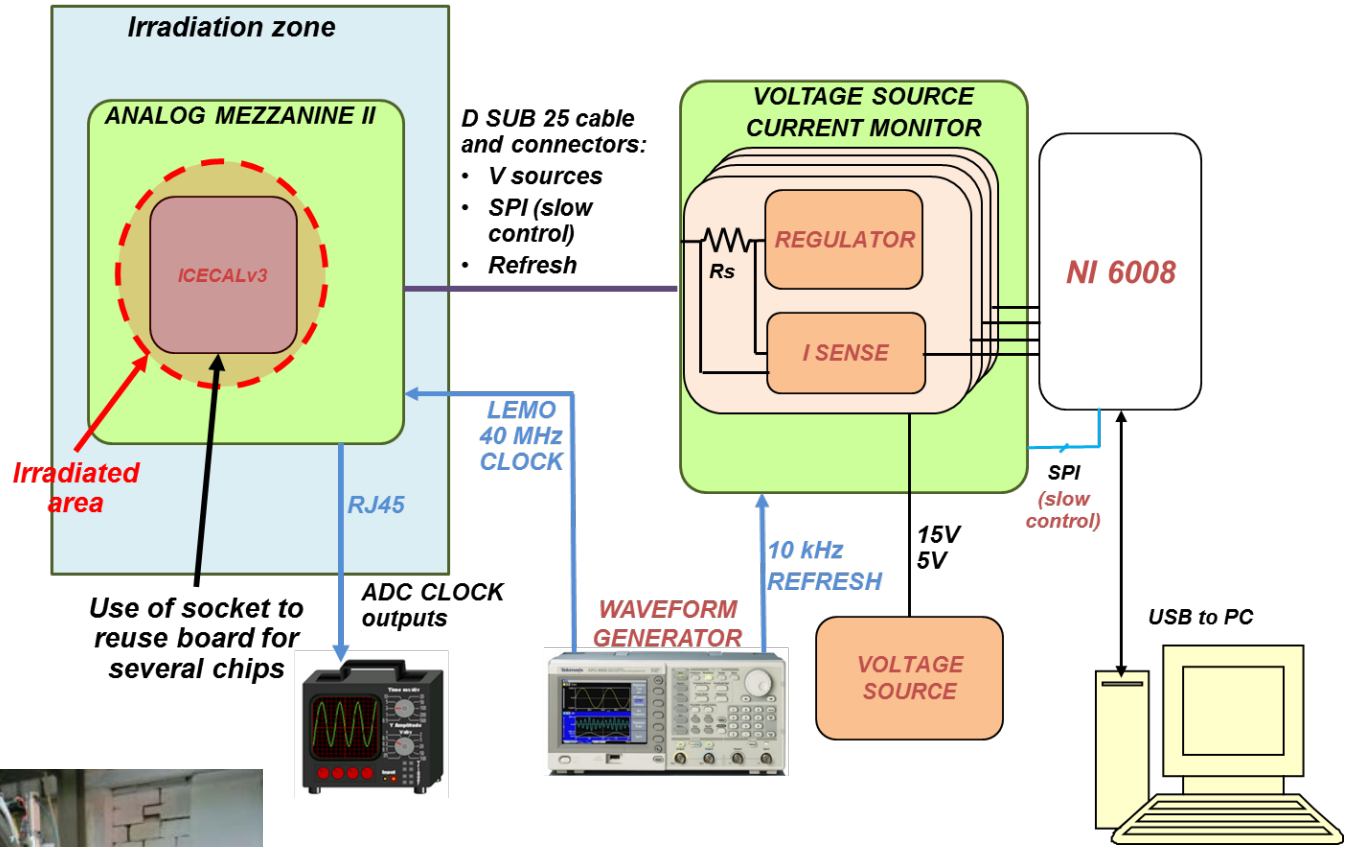
- Dose: 5krad
- Total neutron fluence: $2.55 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

- Tests:

- TID with 61 MeV protons
- SEE with Heavy Ion

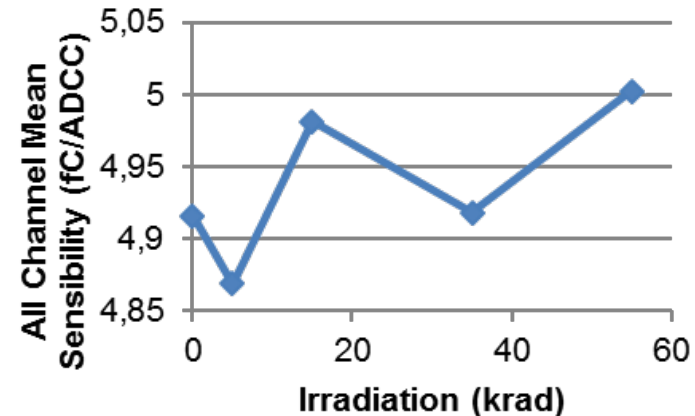
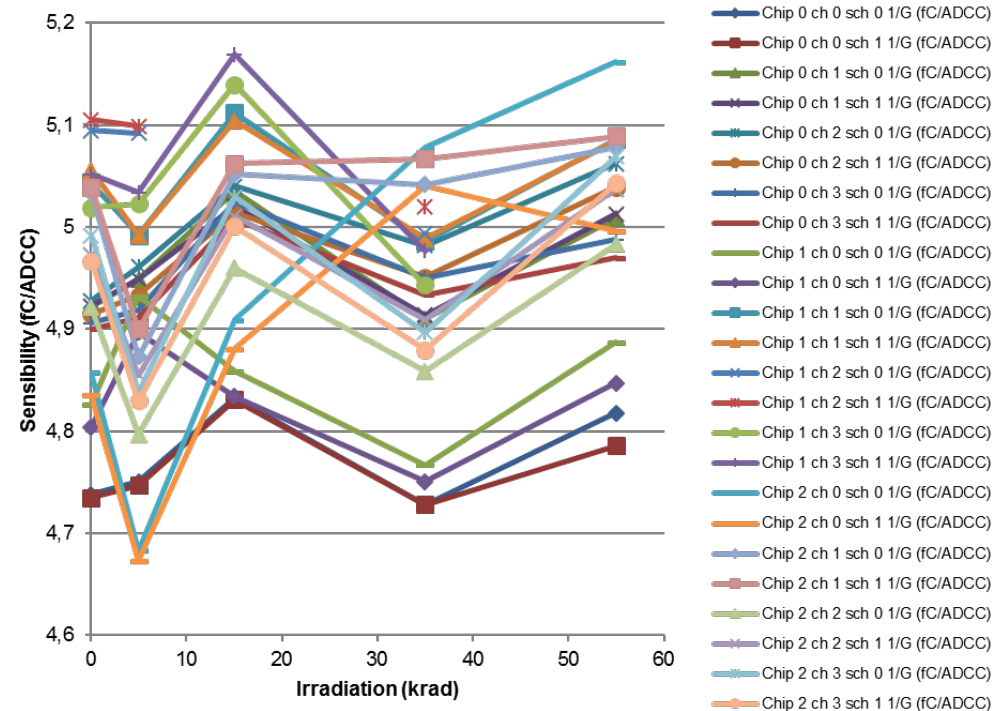
- Louvain-la-Neuve

- 13-14 July 2016



V. Radiation qualification: TID

- General procedure:
 1. Characterize chip
 2. Irradiate
 3. Characterize chip
- Characterization
 - Gain (linearity)
 - Plateau and spill over
 - Noise
- Use beam of 61 MeV protons
 - 55 krad for 3 chips
 - 40 krad for 1 chip
 - Several irradiation steps
- During irradiation no SEU or SEL was detected
- No effect on noise, linearity or timing (spill-over and plateau)
- Possible variation in sensitivity (< 2%)

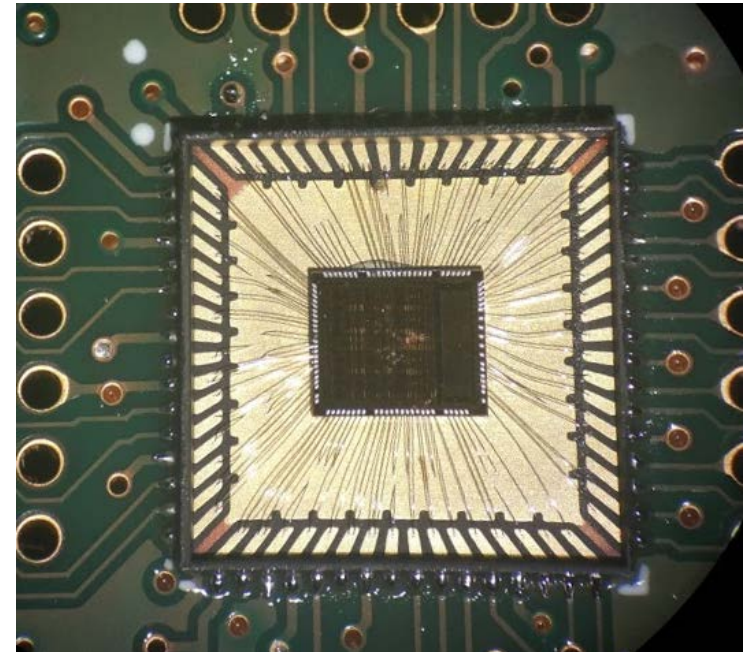


V. Radiation qualification: heavy ions

- Irradiate with heavy ions: expected max LET is 15 MeV/mg/cm²

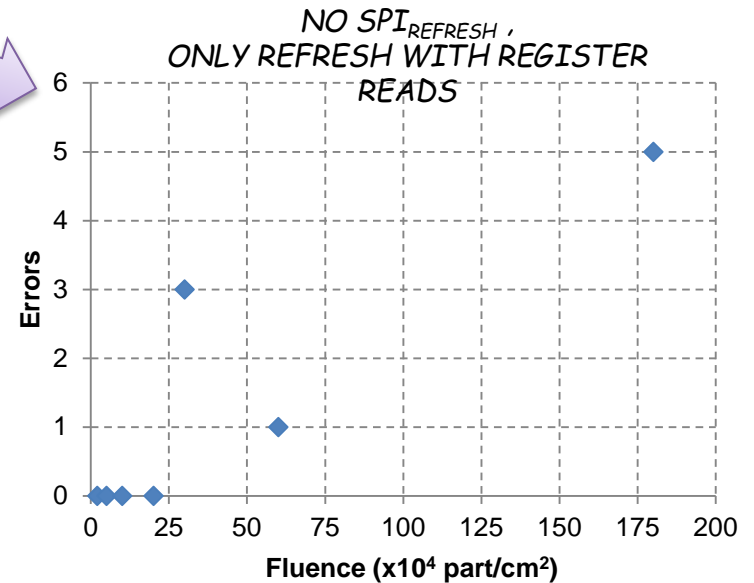
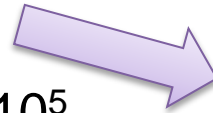
M/Q	Ion	DUT energy [MeV]	Range [$\mu\text{m Si}$]	LET [MeV/mg/cm ²]
3.25	¹³ C ⁴⁺	131	292	1.1
3.14	²² Ne ⁷⁺	235	216	3
3.33	⁴⁰ Ar ¹²⁺	372	117	10.2
3.22	⁵⁸ Ni ¹⁸⁺	567	100	20.4
3.32	⁸³ Kr ²⁵⁺	756	92	32.6
3.54	¹²⁴ Xe ³⁵⁺	995	73	62.5

- Beam homogeneity of 10% on a 25 mm diameter
- Irradiations are done in vacuum
- Naked chips: soldered chips without lid cover
- Two chips were irradiated:
 - 1st chip up to $2.087 \cdot 10^8$ part/cm²
 - 2nd chip up to $1.008 \cdot 10^8$ part/cm²



V. Radiation qualification: SEU

- SEU without triple voting
 - No SEU detected if fluence $< 3 \cdot 10^5$ part/cm²
- SEU with triple voting
 - No SEU detected after a fluence of $9.45 \cdot 10^7$ part/cm²
- SEU limit with triple voting
 - From simulations:
 - 420 part/s at $5 \cdot 10^{32}$ cm⁻²s⁻¹
 - ~1680 part/s at the upgrade maximum instantaneous luminosity ($2 \cdot 10^{33}$ cm⁻²s⁻¹)
 - Total fluence: $4.2 \cdot 10^{10}$ part/cm²
 - Protons vs. Ions: 10^6 factor to break Si nucleous
 - Expected limit for all the detector and experiment life: 1.3 SEU

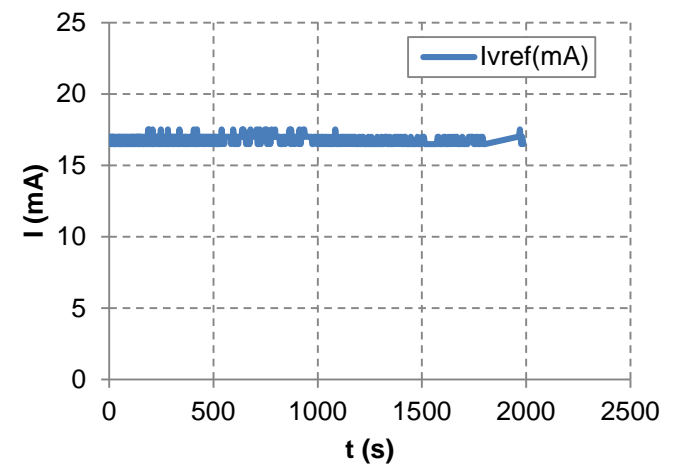
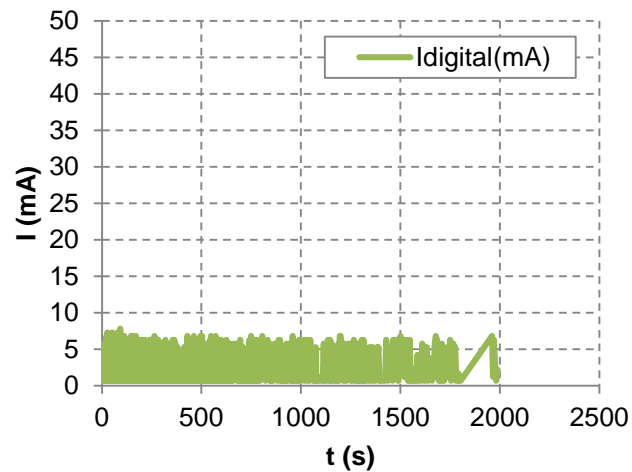
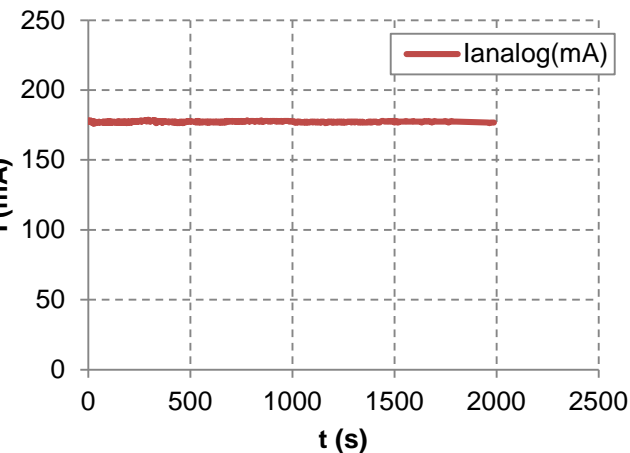


$$N_{SEU, LIMIT} = \frac{\Phi_{test}}{\Phi_{upgrade}} \times N_{chips}$$

V. Radiation qualification: SEL

- No SEL detected during all irradiations
 - Proton beam
 - Fluence = $1.48 \cdot 10^{12}$ part/cm²
 - Expected limit for all the detector and experiment life: 57
 - Ion beam
 - Fluence = $9.71 \cdot 10^7$ part/cm²
 - Expected limit for all the detector and experiment life: 0.9

Current measurement examples



VI. Conclusions and outlook

- ICECAL is a 4 ch ASIC for the upgrade of the LHCb calorimeter
 - 12 bit dynamic range
 - Signal processing in 25 ns
- ICECAL has been validated both in lab test benches and dedicated test beams
- Basic requirements are met
 - Higher noise is measured when connected to CW PMT bases
 - No modification of CW bases is required
 - Noise introduced by pile-up at high luminosity will mask the effect
 - A gain reduction in ICECAL is considered to increase dynamic range
- ICECAL has been qualified to operate at the radiation level expected for the upgrade with ample safety margin



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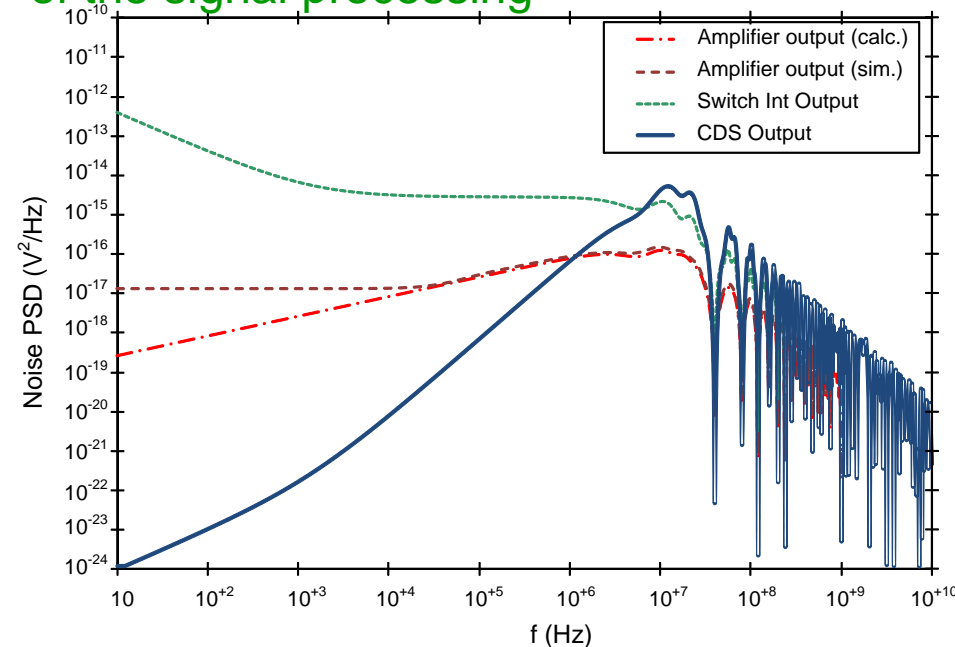


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Noise PSD at different stages of the signal processing

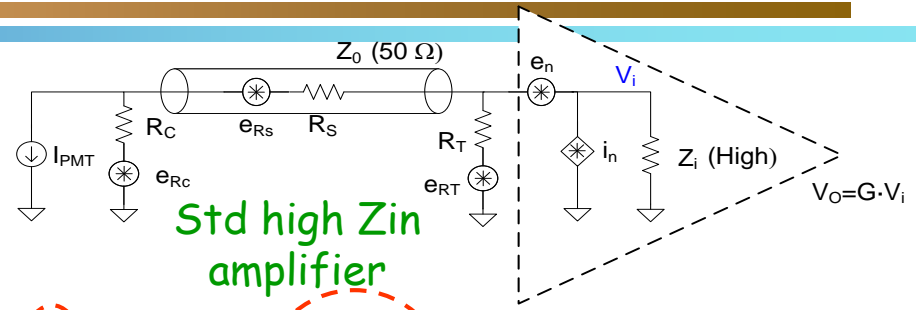


Energy range	0-10 GeV/c (ECAL) Transverse energy
Calibration	4 fC /2.5 MeV / LSB
Dynamic range	4096-256=3840 :12 bit
Noise	$< \approx 1$ LSB or ENC < 4 fC
Termination	$50 \pm 5 \Omega$
Shaping	25 ns (99 % of the charge)
Spill-over noise	$< \text{LSB}$
AC coupling	5-20 μs
Baseline shift Prevention	Dynamic pedestal subtraction (CDS) Pedestal is the smallest of 2 prev. samples
Max. peak current	4-5 mA (clipped)
Spill-over correction	Clipping
Linearity	$< 1\%$
Crosstalk	$< 0.5\%$
Timing	Individual (per channel)

I. Introduction: noise requirements: why cooled termination ?

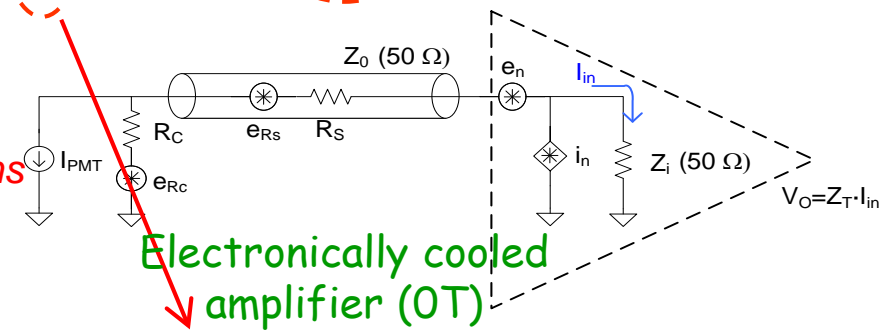
- Noise contributions of
 1. Std. high Zin voltage preamplifiers
 2. Current amplifier with cooled termination
- Referred to the clipped PMT current i_{nCLIP}
- ENC: amplifier + integrator (time T) + CDS:
 - White noise
 - Resistive source imp. $ENC_{A+I}^2 \approx \frac{1}{2} i_{CLIP}^2 T$
 - Amp BW $\gg 1/T$ $ENC_{A+I+CDS}^2 \approx i_{CLIP}^2 T$

- Assumptions:
 - Cable modelled as lumped element*
 - Cable seen as Z_0 at HF from amp. side*
 - $R_T=Z_0$ (V amp) and $Z_i=Z_0$ (I amp)
 - Uncorrelated noise for CDS



$$i_{nCLIP}^2 = \frac{e_n^2}{|Z_0|^2} + i_n^2 \left| \frac{1}{2} \right|^2 + \frac{4KT}{R_T} \left| \frac{1}{2} \right|^2 + \frac{4KT}{R_C} \left| \frac{R_C}{Z_0 + R_C} \right|^2 + \frac{4KTR_S}{|R_S + Z_0|^2}$$

Typically dominant contributions



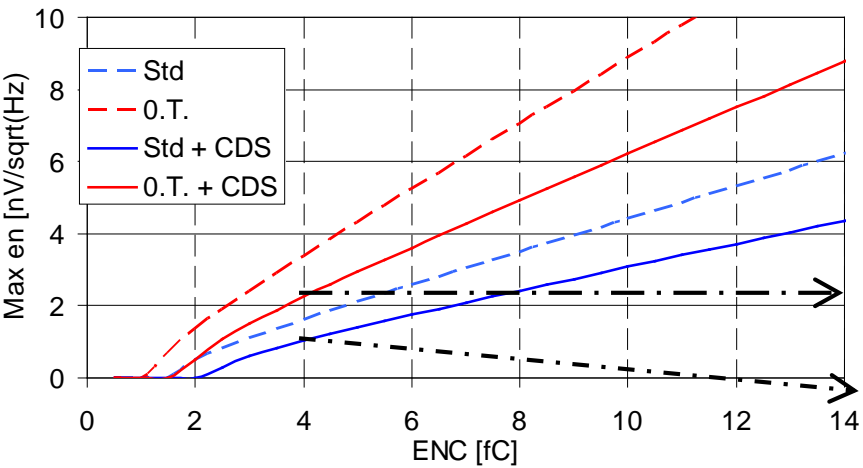
$$i_{nCLIP}^2 = \frac{e_n^2}{|2Z_0|^2} + i_n^2 \left| \frac{1}{2} \right|^2 + \frac{4KT}{R_C} \left| \frac{R_C}{Z_0 + R_C} \right|^2 + \frac{4KTR_S}{|R_S + Z_0|^2}$$

$R_C=21 \Omega$
 $R_S=18 \Omega$
 i_n neglected

OT with $e_n < 2 \text{ nV/sqrt(Hz)}$ fulfils requirements, Whereas std amp should have $e_n < 1 \text{ nV/sqrt(Hz)}$!

* R.L. Chase, C. de La Taille et alt., NIM A330, 1993

Total input referred series noise requirement



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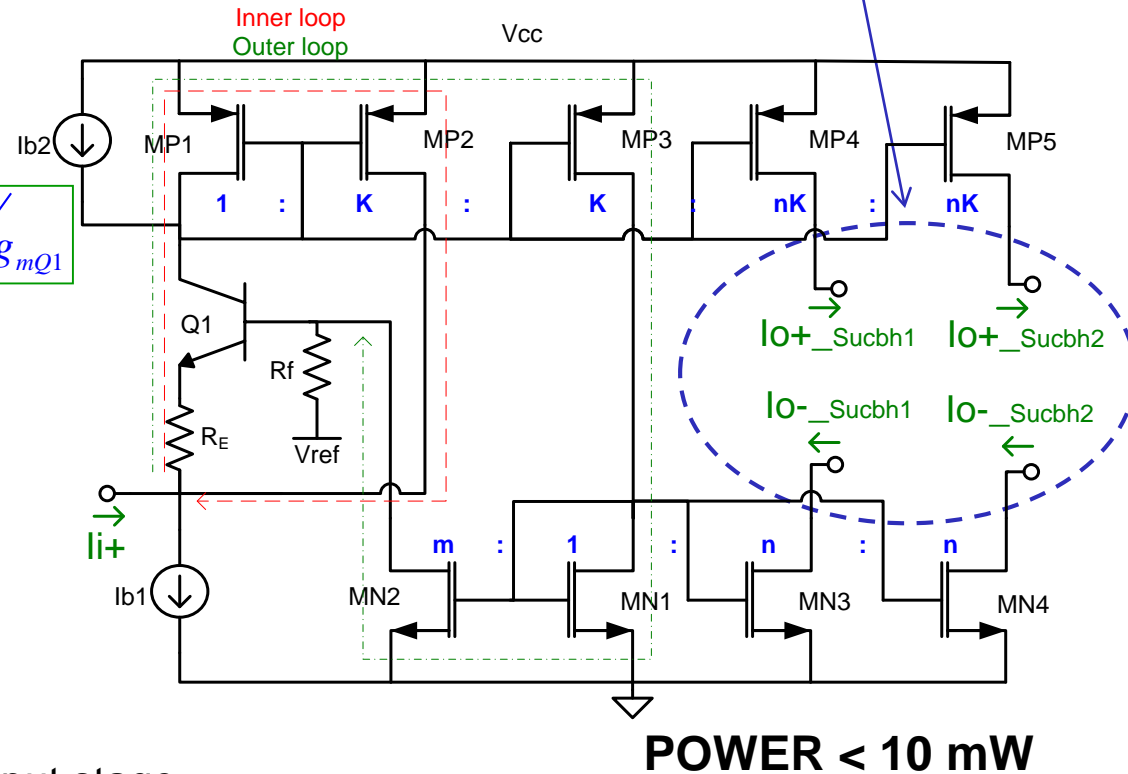
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$$Z_i \approx \frac{1/g_{m1} + R_E}{1+K} + \frac{K}{1+K} mR_f$$
- **No external components**
 - No additional pads
 - Can easily go to multichannel chip
 - Even with pseudo differential input
- **Low voltage (large dynamic with 3.3 V)**
 - Only 1 V_{be} for the super common base input stage
- **Good in terms of ESD:**
 - No input pad connected to any transistor gate or base

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Simplified schematic

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II. Circuit design: HF LV current mirrors: cascode + CB amplifier

- Cascode with common base (CB) or common gate (CG) amplifier

- Additional degree of freedom: V_b
 - V_d of M1c can be low for small signals!
 - V_d of M1c not linked to V_g of M1
 - V_{cas} can be lowered
 - Higher swing for V_{gs} of M1
 - Higher dynamic range

- Low input impedance

- Low voltage
- Good linearity

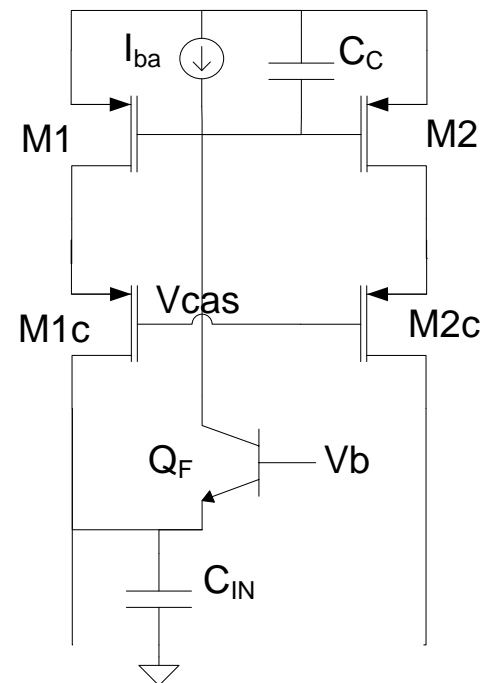
$$Z_{in} = \frac{1}{g_{mF} (Z_{cF} g_{mM1} + 1)}$$

- But, feedback system:

- Compensation !
- Two main poles:

- M1 gate
 - Add C_c for dominant pole comp: Limits BW
- Input node
 - Effect of C_{in}

Cascode with common base amplifier



$$T_{fb}(s) = \frac{g_{mM1} R_{cF}}{(s R_{cF} C_{cF} + 1) \left(s \frac{C_{IN}}{g_{mF}} + 1 \right)}$$

$$C_{cF} = C_C + C_{gsM1} + C_{gsM2} + \dots$$

II. Circuit design : small signal analysis *Cable included in simulation: mtline model*

Return ratio technique to evaluate stability

- Single breakpoint for 2 loops (C of Q1)

$$T(s) \approx T(0) \frac{(sz + 1)}{(sp_d + 1)(sp_{nd1} + 1)(sp_{nd2} + 1)}$$

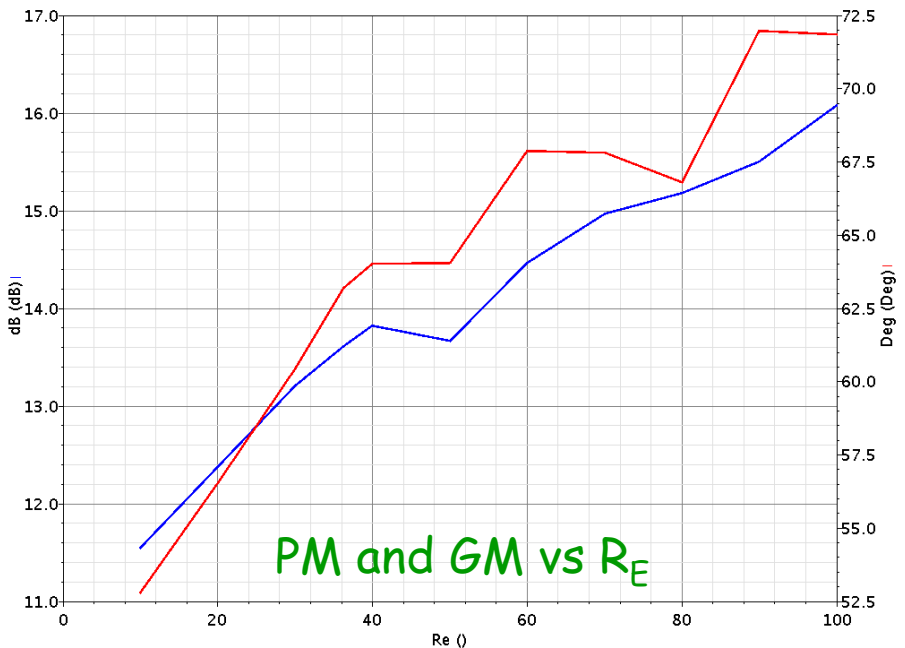
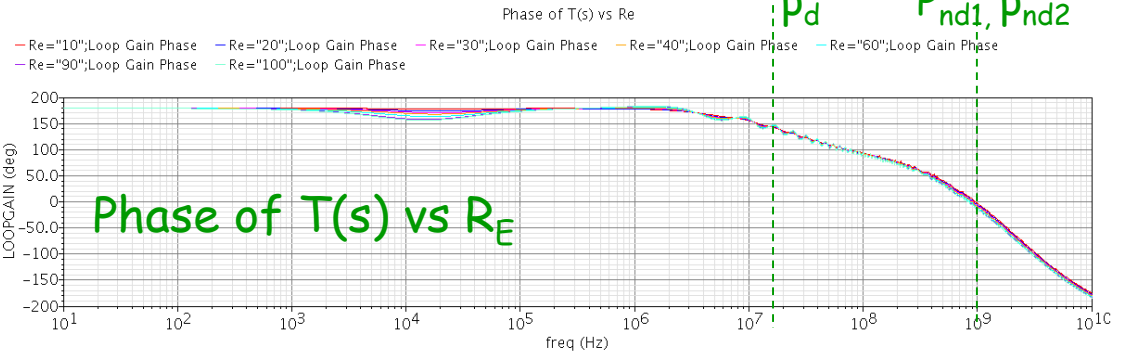
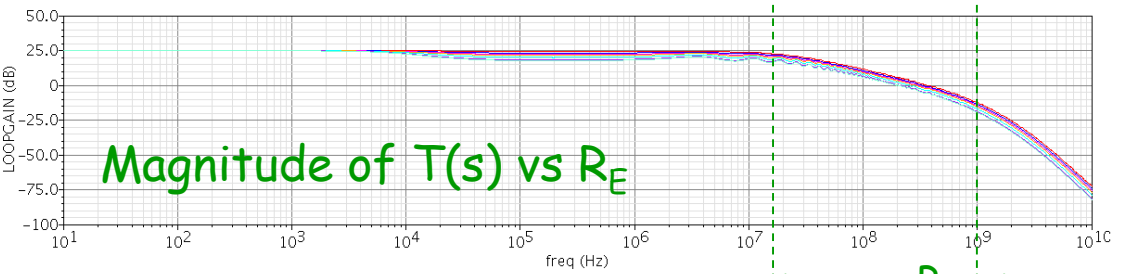
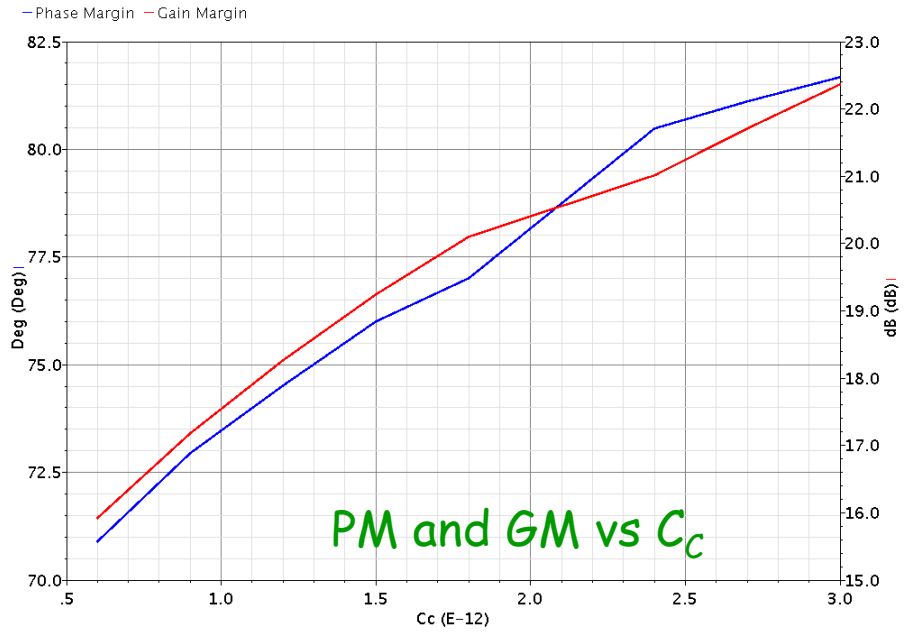
PMOS mirror NMOS mirror $\frac{1}{\alpha Z_{iOL}^0 C_{IN}}$

$$T(0) \approx 2K\alpha$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\text{Re}(Z_{cable})}{\text{Re}(Z_{cable}) + R_E}$$

Compensation

- NMOS mirror BW >> PMOS MIRROR BW
- Dominant pole comp. (increase C_C, but smaller signal BW)
 - Signal BW is p_d*(K+1)
- Decreasing loop gain (increase R_E, but higher noise)



II. Circuit design : small signal analysis

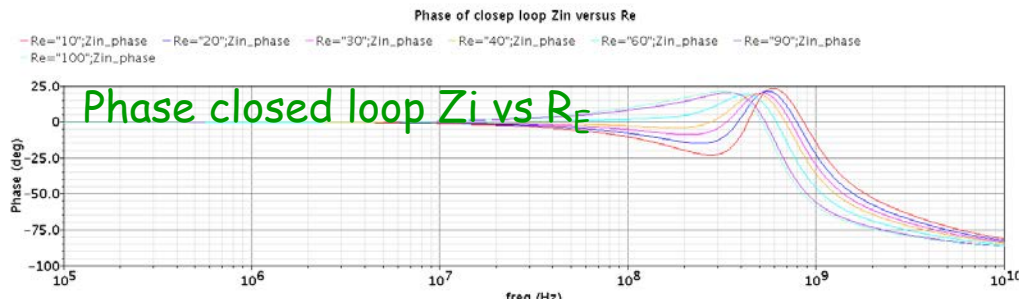
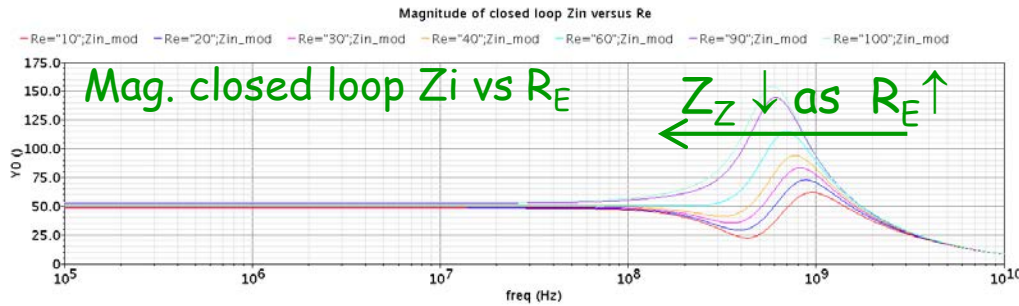
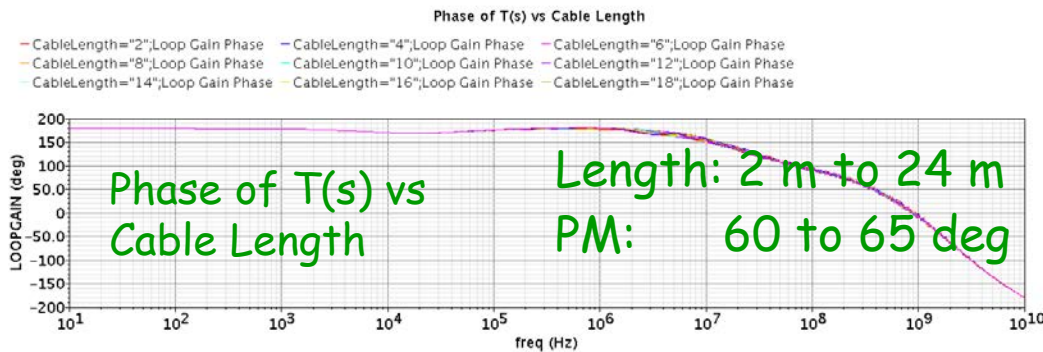
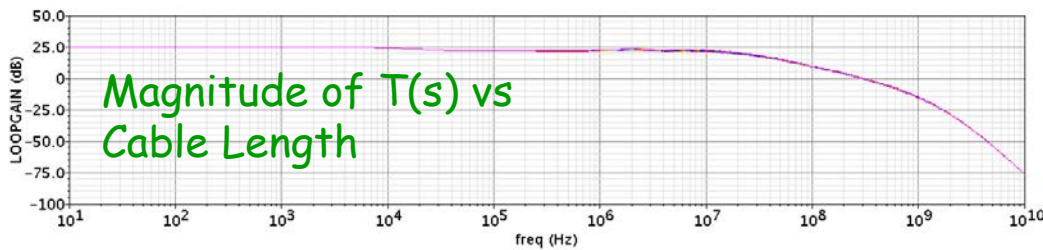
* G. Battistoni et al.,
NIM A424, 1999

- Input impedance (Blackman's formula)

$$Z_{i_{CL}}(s) \approx Z_{i_{CL}}^0 \frac{p_d \left(1 + \frac{KmR_R}{Z_{i_{OL}}^0} \right) (sz_z + 1)}{(sp_{z_1} + 1)(sp_{z_2} + 1)} \quad Z_{i_{CL}}^0 \approx \frac{Z_{i_{OL}}^0}{K+1} + \frac{K}{K+1} mR_R$$

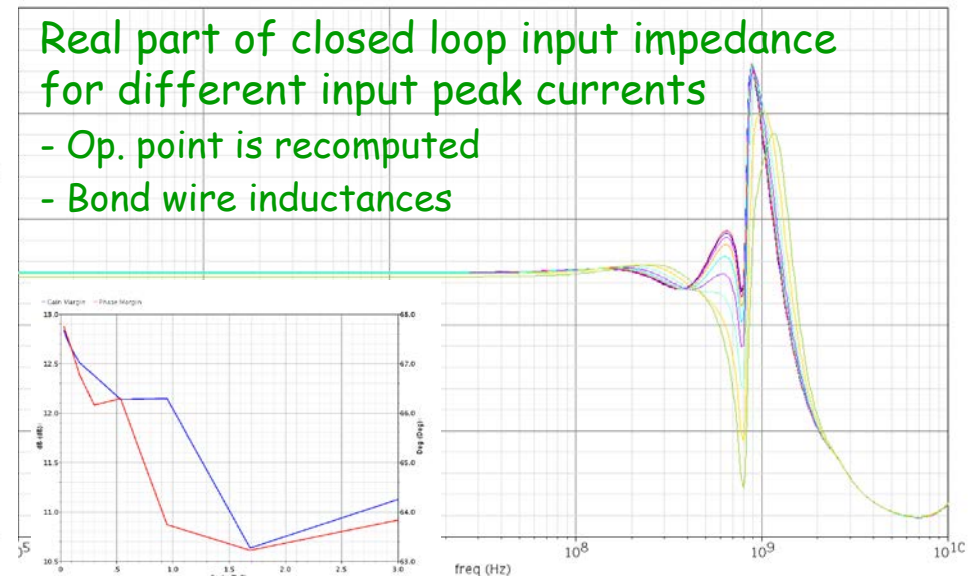
$$p_d K // p_{nd1} \quad \frac{p_d K + p_{nd1}}{Z_{i_{OL}}^0 C_{pad}}$$

- No inductive effect at p_d
- 2nd look to stability: $Re(Zin) > 0$ (for BW) *
 - Increasing p_{z1} ($p_{nd1} > p_d \cdot K$)
 - Decreasing z_z by increasing R_E



Real part of closed loop input impedance vs input peak current

le="30u";Zin_Real Scale="53.35u";Zin_Real Scale="94.87u";Zin_Real Scale="168.7u";Zin_Real Scale="300u";Zin_Real
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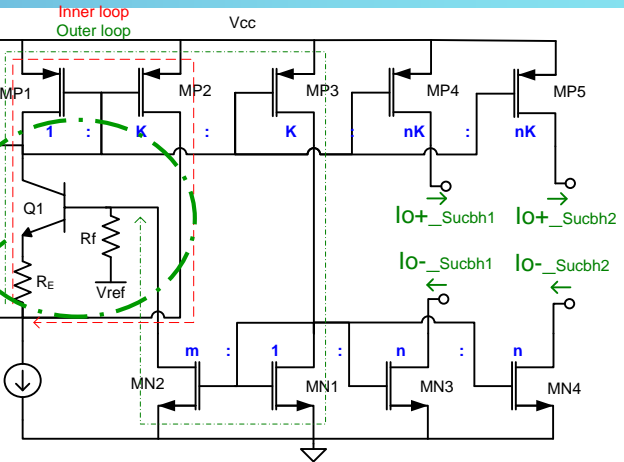
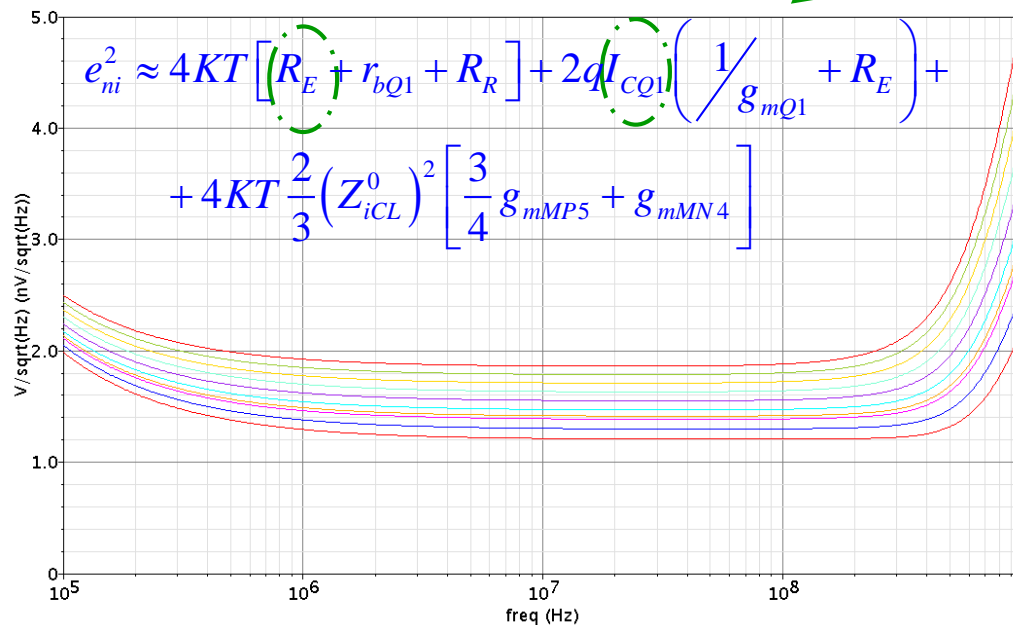


II. Circuit design: noise analysis

- Series and parallel noise for half circuit
 - Series noise will dominate (low source impedance)
- R_E dominates series noise is in practice
 - Relevant noise sources: R_E and I_{CQ1}
 - Not divided by inner loop gain
 - Trade-off: linearity/stability versus noise
 - Use the largest R_E possible so $e_n = 1.4 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
 - $2 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ for pseudodifferential config

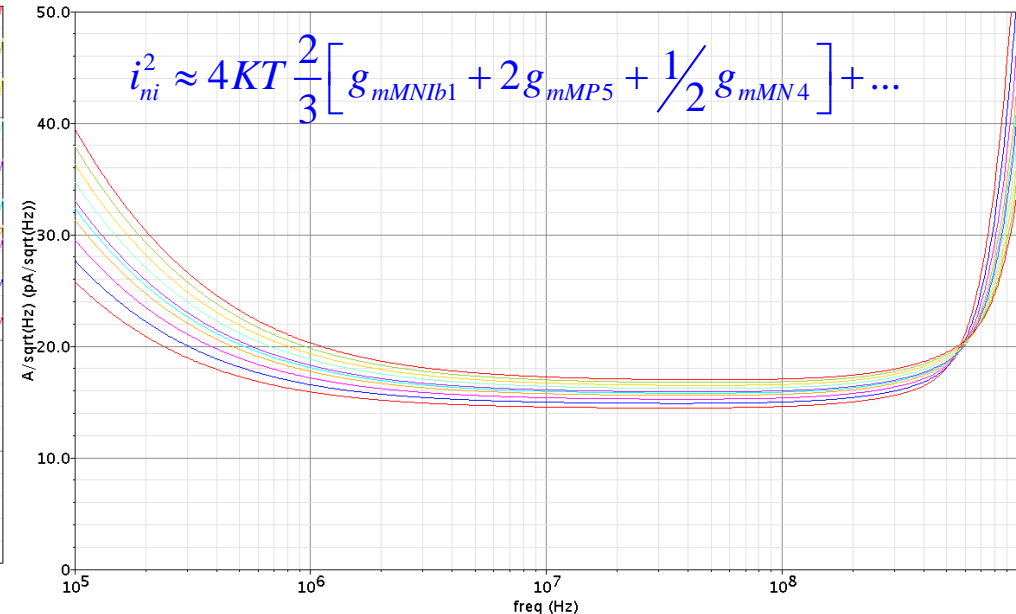
Series noise PSD vs R_E

- Re="10";VNIN() - Re="21.25";VNIN() - Re="32.5";VNIN() - Re="36.25";VNIN() - Re="43.75";VNIN()
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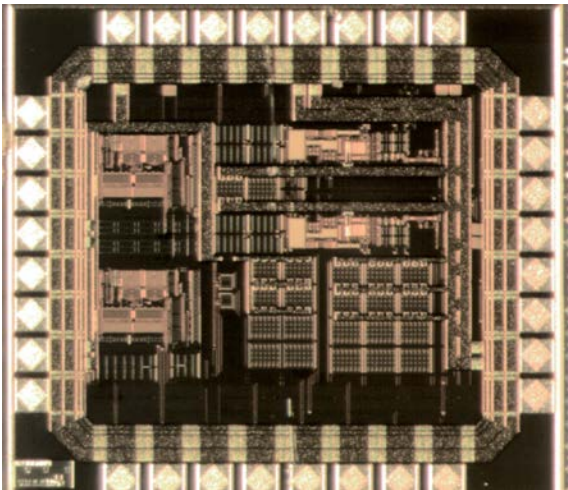
Parallel noise PSD vs I_{b1}

- Ibias="300u";VNIN() - Ibias="337.5u";VNIN() - Ibias="375u";VNIN() - Ibias="412.5u";VNIN() - Ibias="435u";VNIN()
 - Ibias="450u";VNIN() - Ibias="487.5u";VNIN() - Ibias="525u";VNIN() - Ibias="562.5u";VNIN() - Ibias="600u";VNIN()

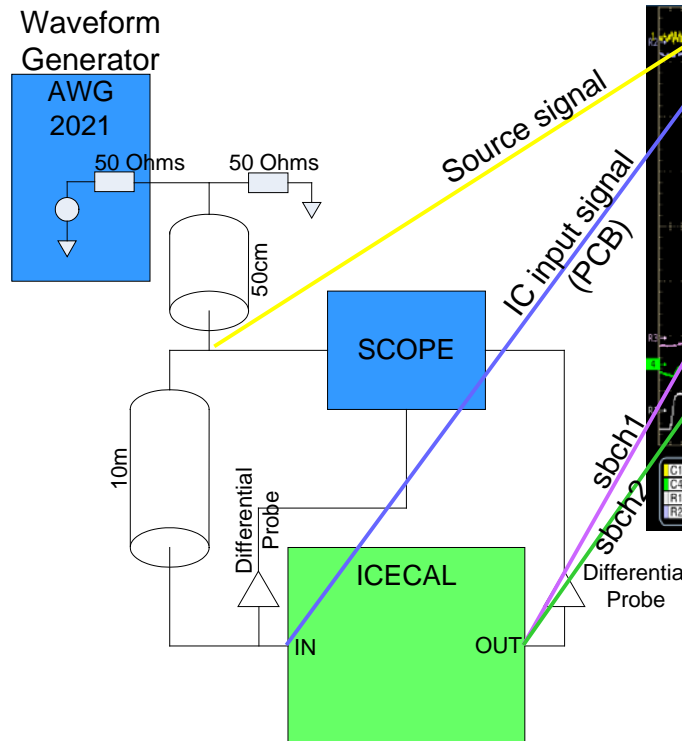
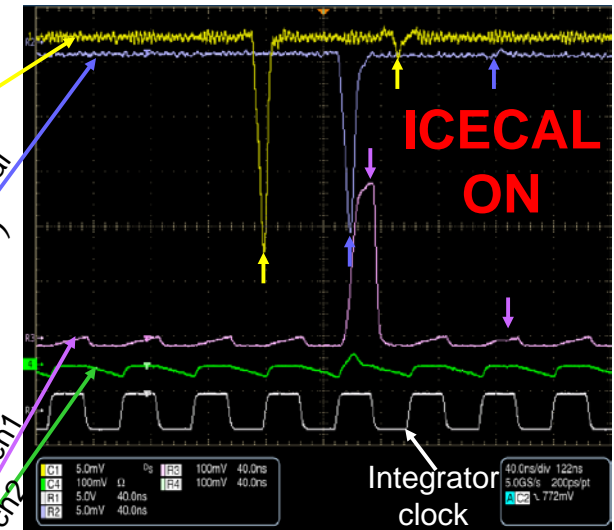
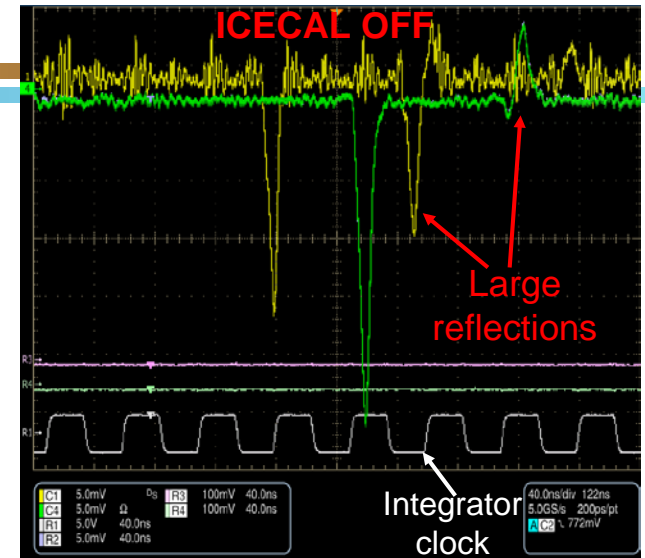


III. ICECAL prototype test results

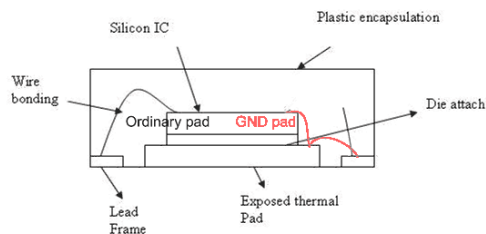
- Two ICECAL prototype submitted:
 - V1 preamp and integrator
 - V2 preamp, integrator and track and hold (1 ch)
 - Received 2 weeks ago



ICECALv1 chip:
SiGe BiCMOS 0.35um
AMS 2 mm²
3.3 V



QFN32: Downbonds



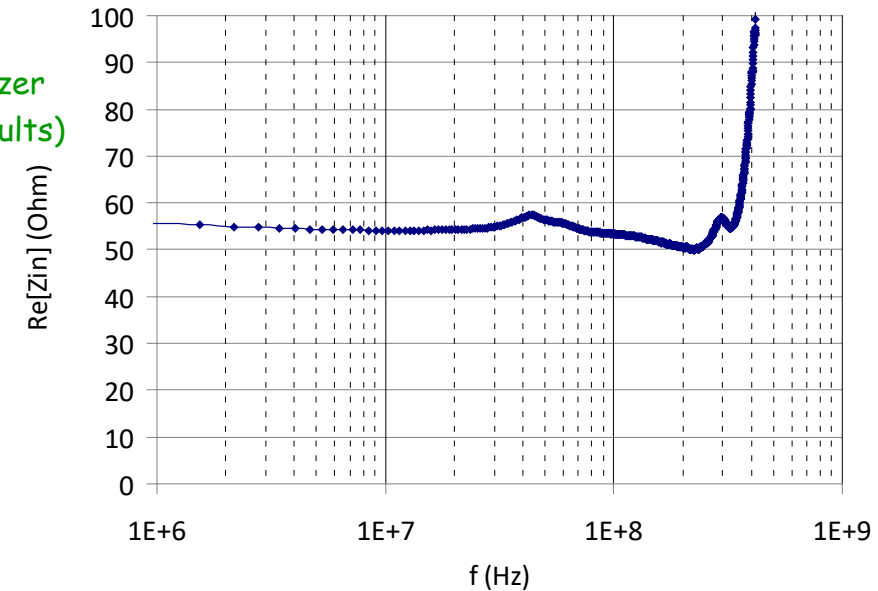
Reflection Coefficients for source, IC input, and output signals:

$$\text{Refl. Coeff.} = \frac{1^{\text{st}} \text{ pulse integral}}{2^{\text{nd}} \text{ pulse integral}}$$

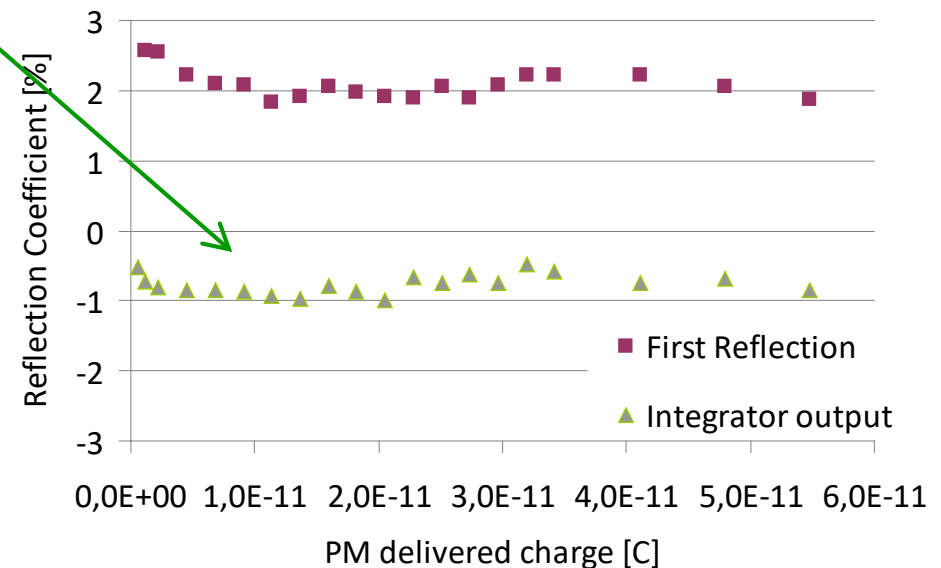
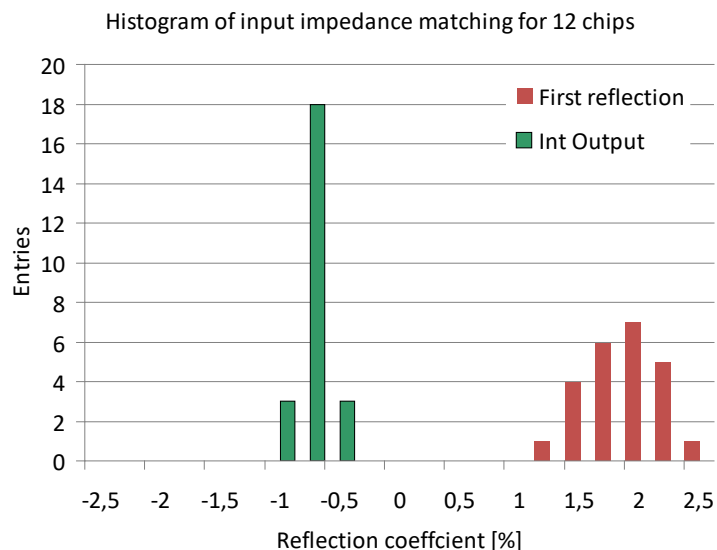
III. ICECAL prototype test results: input impedance

- Reflection coefficient measured:
 - First reflection: measured on input cable
 - Second reflection
 - Source imp. is 25 Ohm)
 - Measure integrator output 50 ns after
- No ringing/oscillation observed
 - Different cable lengths, opens, etc
- Good line termination:
 - Reflection coefficient:
 - 1 -2 % systematic (can be corrected)
 - **Less 0.5 % variation over full dynamic !**
 - Low dispersion (12 chips measured)

Re[Z_{in}]
Network analyzer
(Preliminary results)



Impedance adaptation

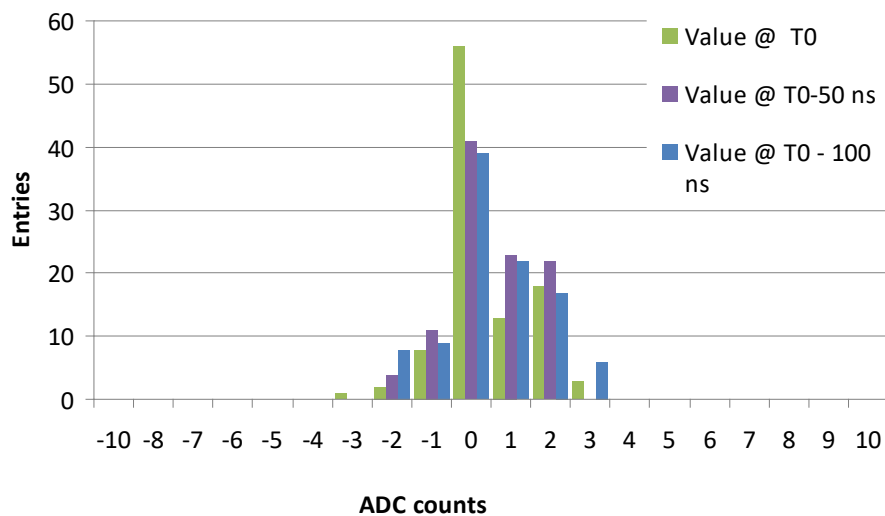


III. ICECAL prototype test results: noise

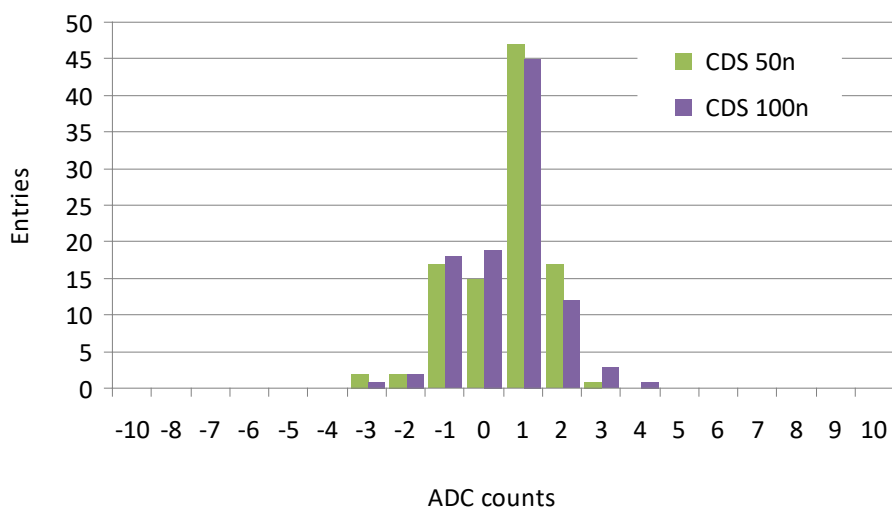
- Noise measured as pedestal rms:
 - For 3 consecutive clock cycles
- Then CDS is applied (50 and 100 ns)
 - Noise is significantly reduced
 - LF noise present (pick up)
 - Tested on pogo pin socket
 - Negligible differences for 50 and 100 ns

Noise [LSB]	Calculation	Simulation	Measurement
<i>P+I</i>	0.62	0.8	1.8
<i>P+I+CDS</i>	0.9	1	1.2
<i>P+I+TH</i>	-	0.8	1.8
<i>P+I+TH+CDS</i>	-	1	1.2

Pedestal for 3 consecutive cycles

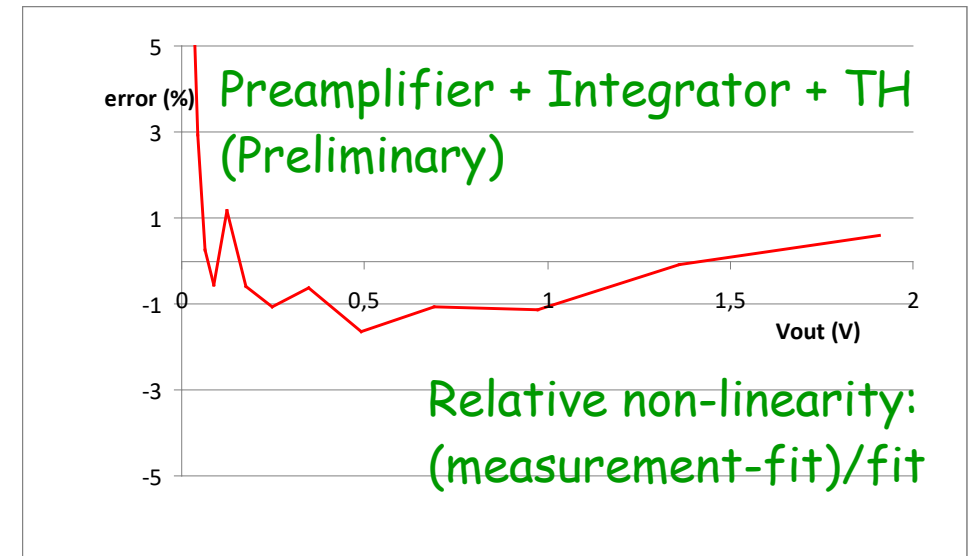
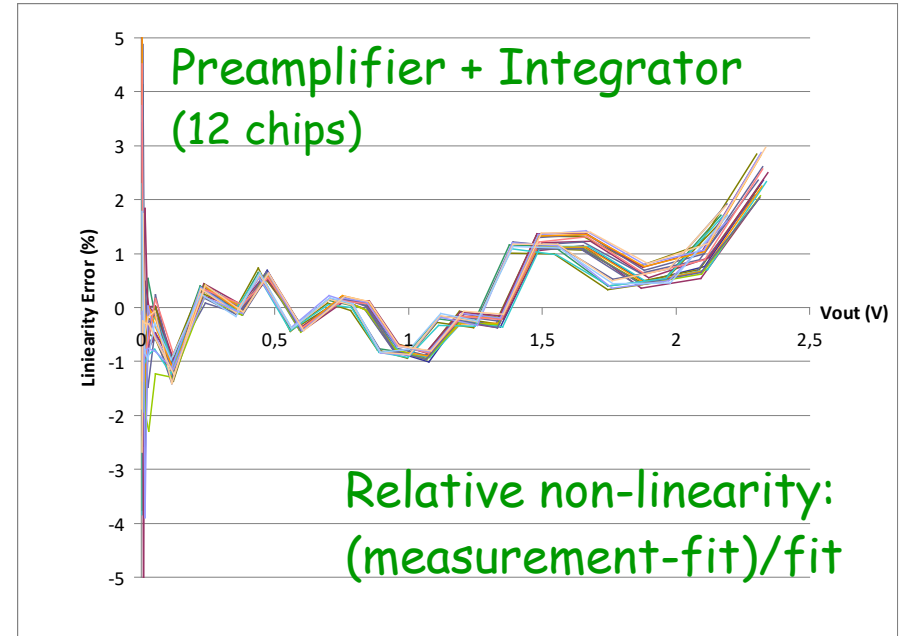
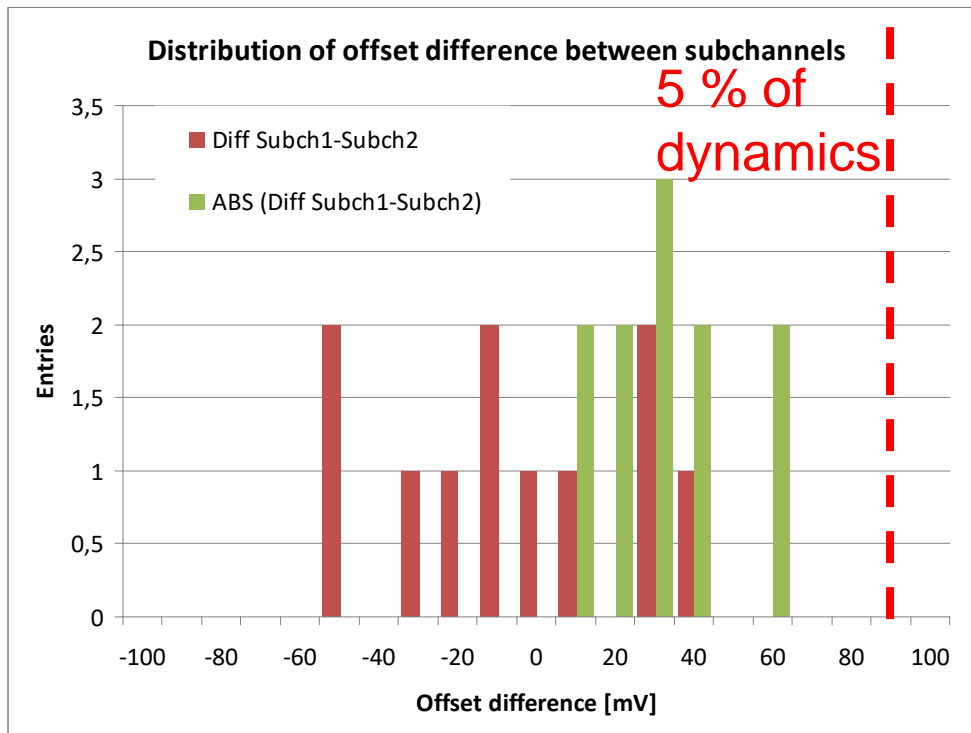


Pedestal applying CDS

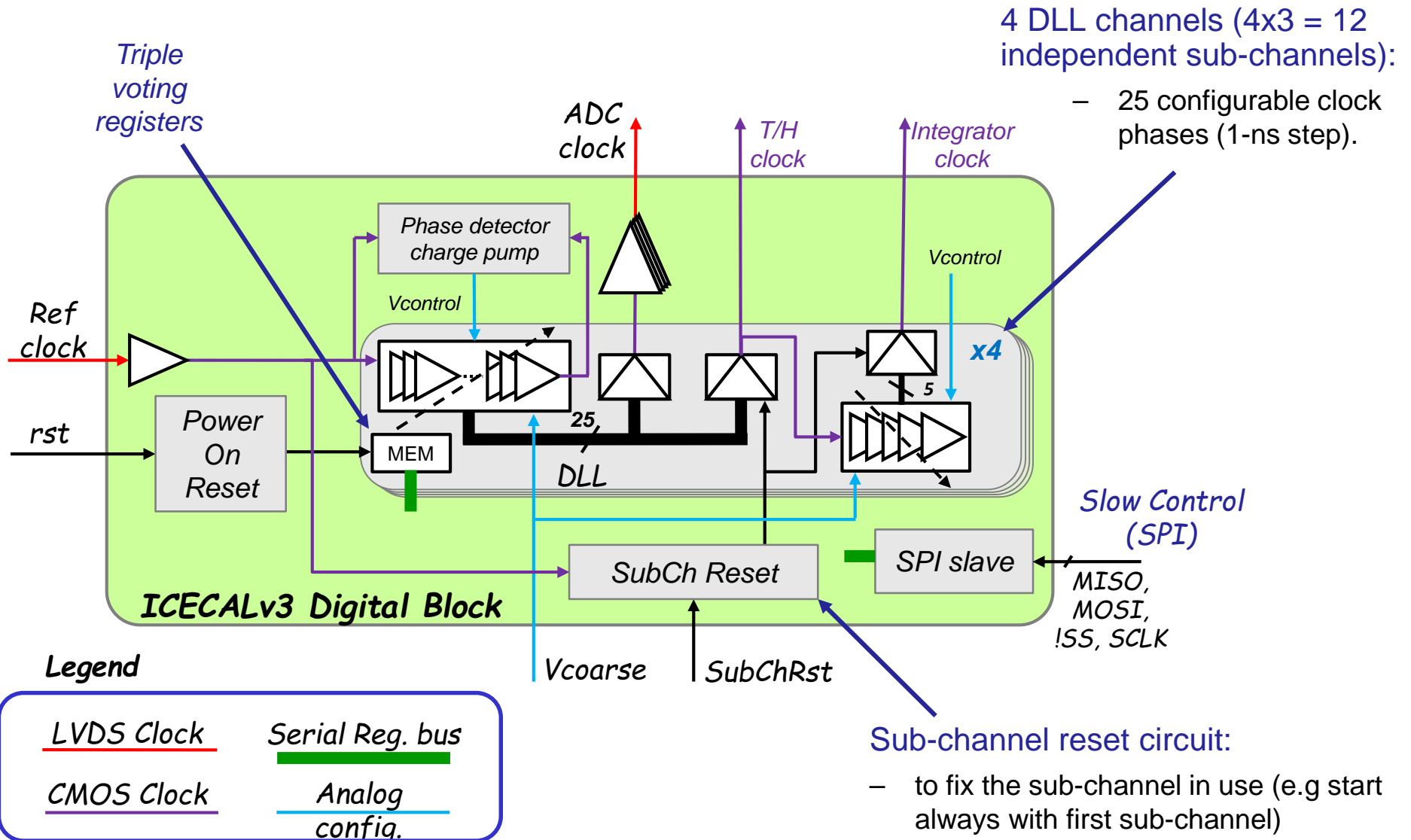


III. ICECAL prototype test results: linearity and offset

- **Relative linearity error:**
 - < 1% for full dynamic range
- **Offset**
 - Good matching
 - Less than 5 % of the dynamic range

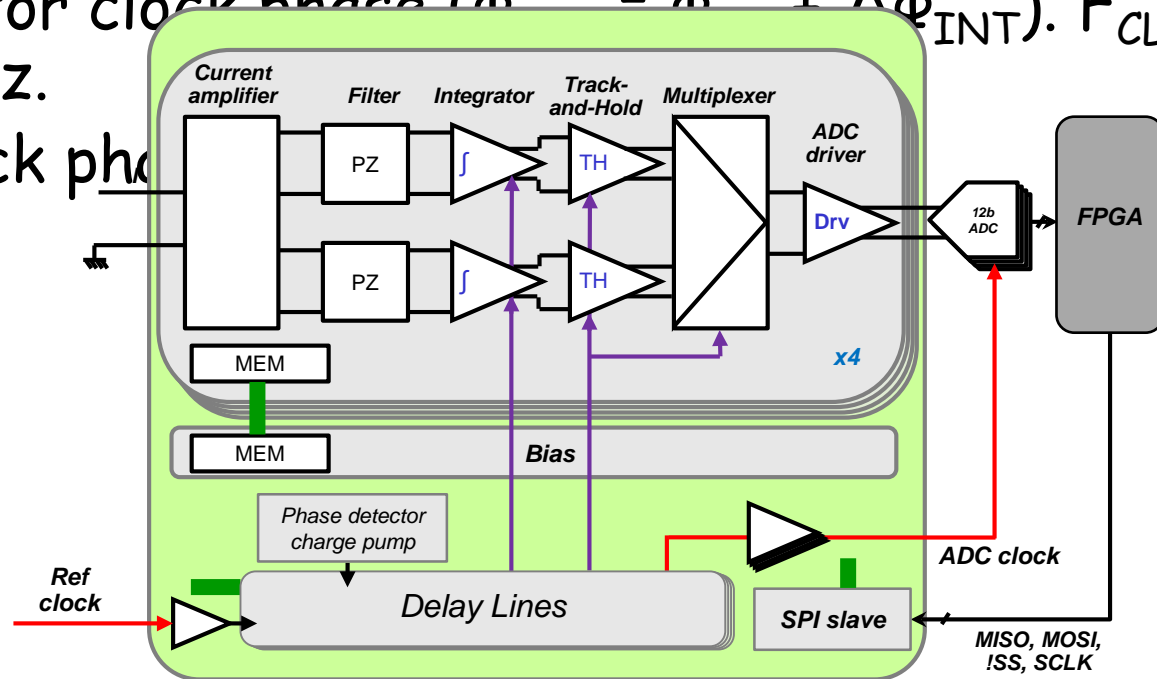
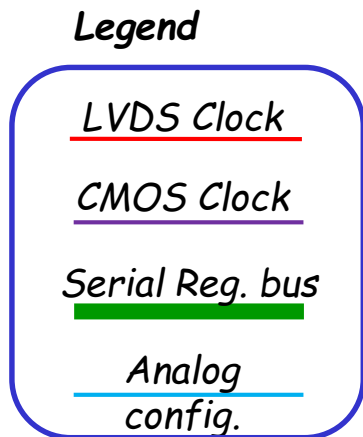


ICECALv3 Digital Block overview



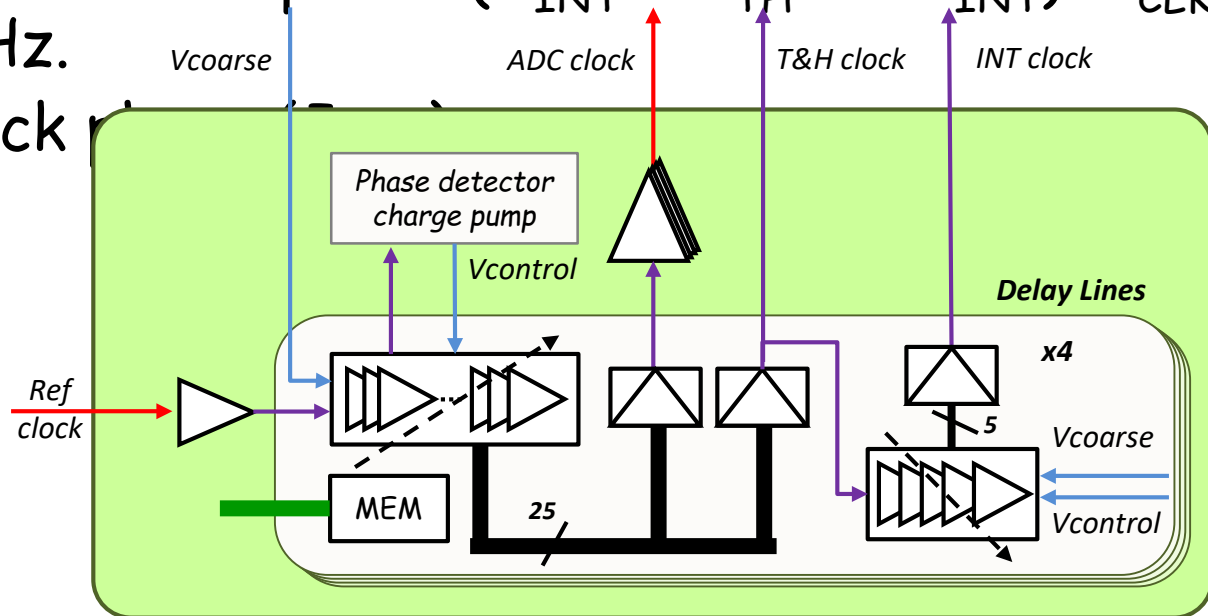
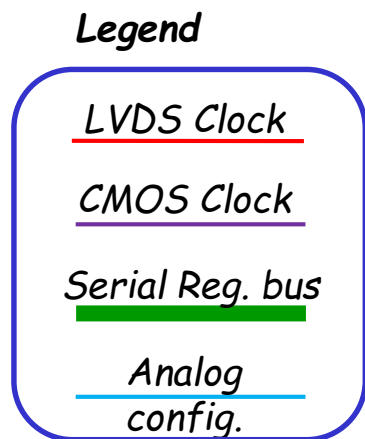
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- Clock management is internally done by the ICECAL Chip:
 - Three clock phases are generated from an input reference (REF_CLK):
 - Track & Hold clock phase (Φ_{TH}). $F_{CLK} = 20 \text{ MHz}$.
 - Integrator clock phase ($\Phi_{INT} = \Phi_{TH} + \Delta\Phi_{INT}$). $F_{CLK} = 20 \text{ MHz}$.
 - ADC clock phase



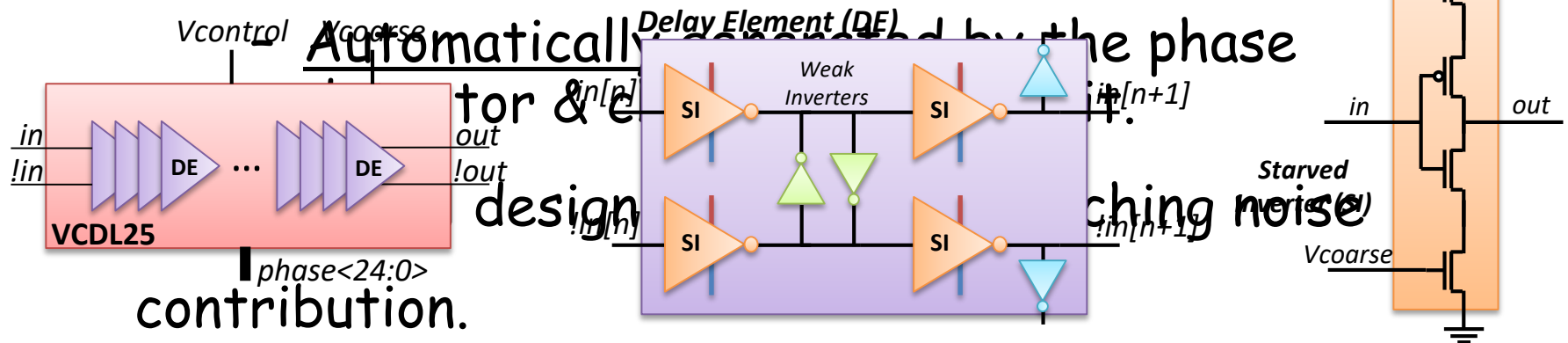
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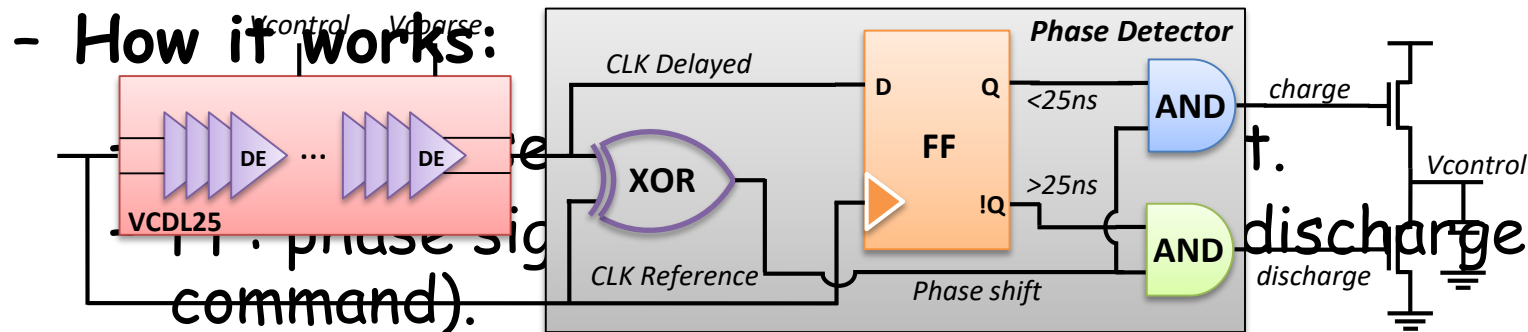
ICECALv3 Digital building blocks: delay line

- Voltage Controlled Delay Line (VCDL):
 - Provides 25 clock phase samples of the LHC clock (1-ns steps).
 - Two control voltages:
 - **Vcoarse**: external. Compensates process variations.
 - **Vcontrol**: internal. Compensates run-time variations.



ICECALv3 Digital building blocks: delay line

- Phase Detector & Charge Pump (PD+CP):
 - Converts clock delay variations into a control voltage.
 - Ensures that end-to-end delay is always 25 ns.
- One PD+CP per chip:
 - No substantial $V_{control}$ differences between channels (prototype delay chip measurements).



ICECALv3 Digital building blocks: delay line

- Measurements from a standalone prototype (25 chips tested).

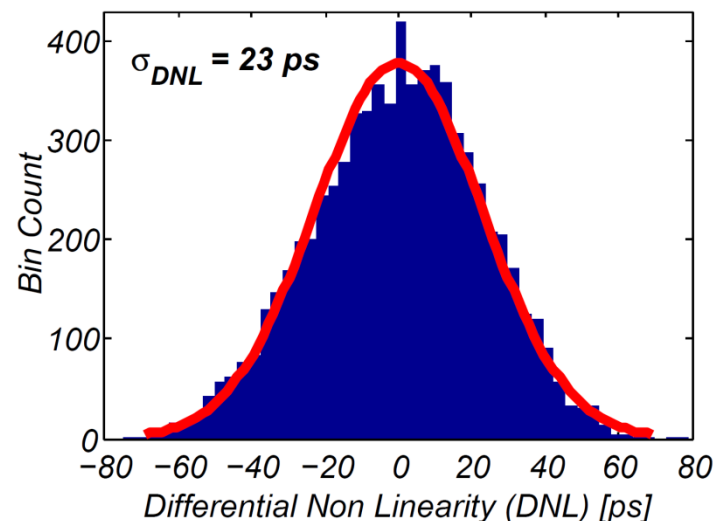
- Linearity:

- $DNL_i = Delay_i - Delay_{i-1} - 1 \text{ ns}$
- Target: $\sigma_{DNL} < 100 \text{ ps}$.
- Measured $\sigma_{DNL} = 23 \text{ ps}$.

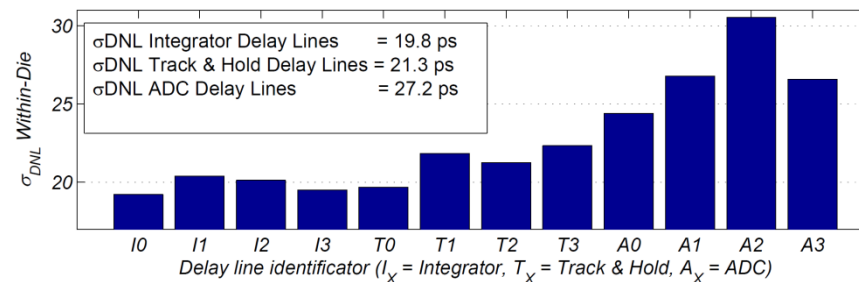
- Noise & Jitter:

- *Vcontrol* Noise: $\sigma_{Vcontrol} = 6.64 \text{ mV}$.
- Output clock Jitter: $\sigma_{Jitter} \leq 5 \text{ ps}$.

Delay Element DNL:

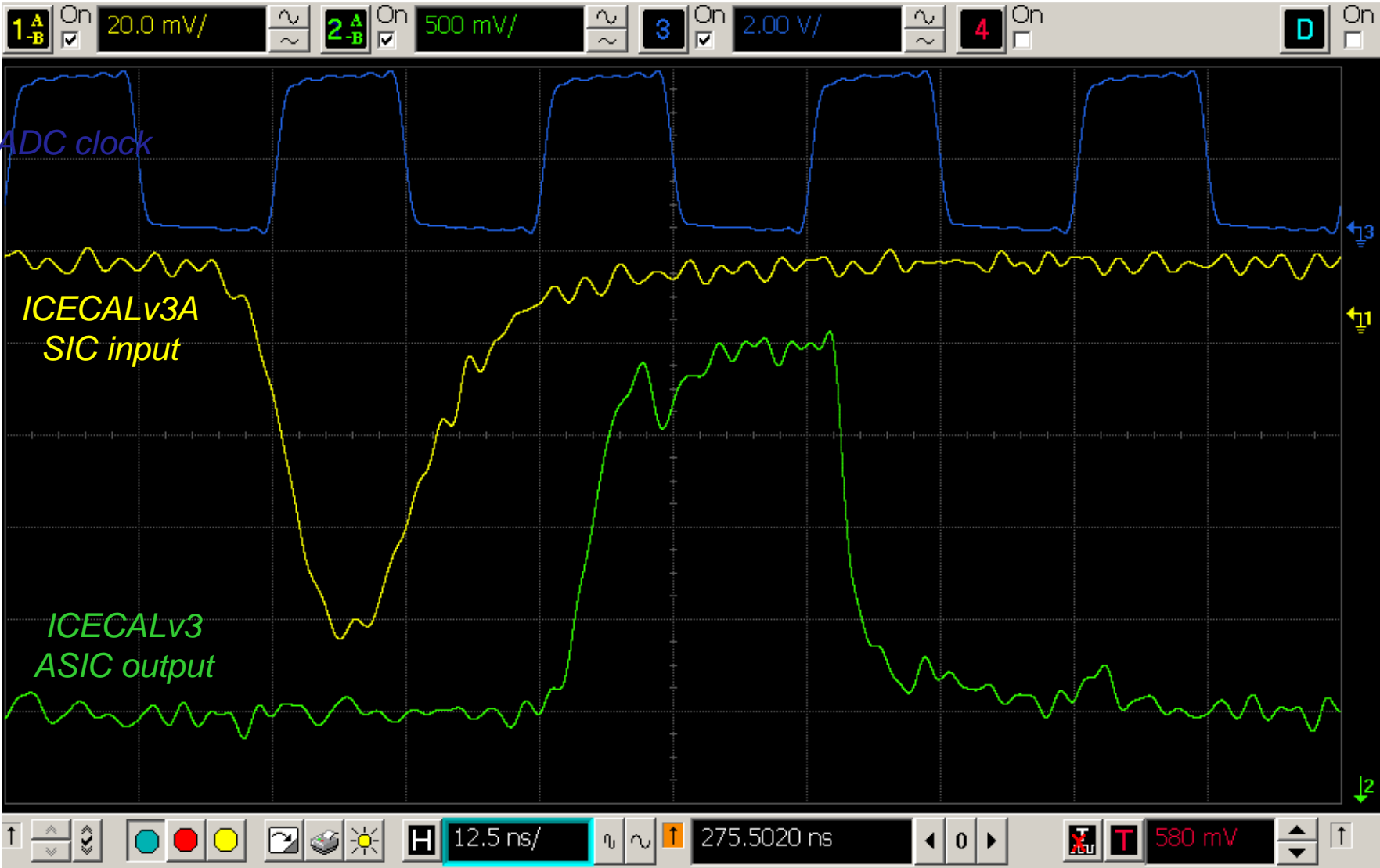


Within-Die variations measurements:



Radiation hard programmable delay line for LHCb calorimeter upgrade

Measurements: analog I/O example

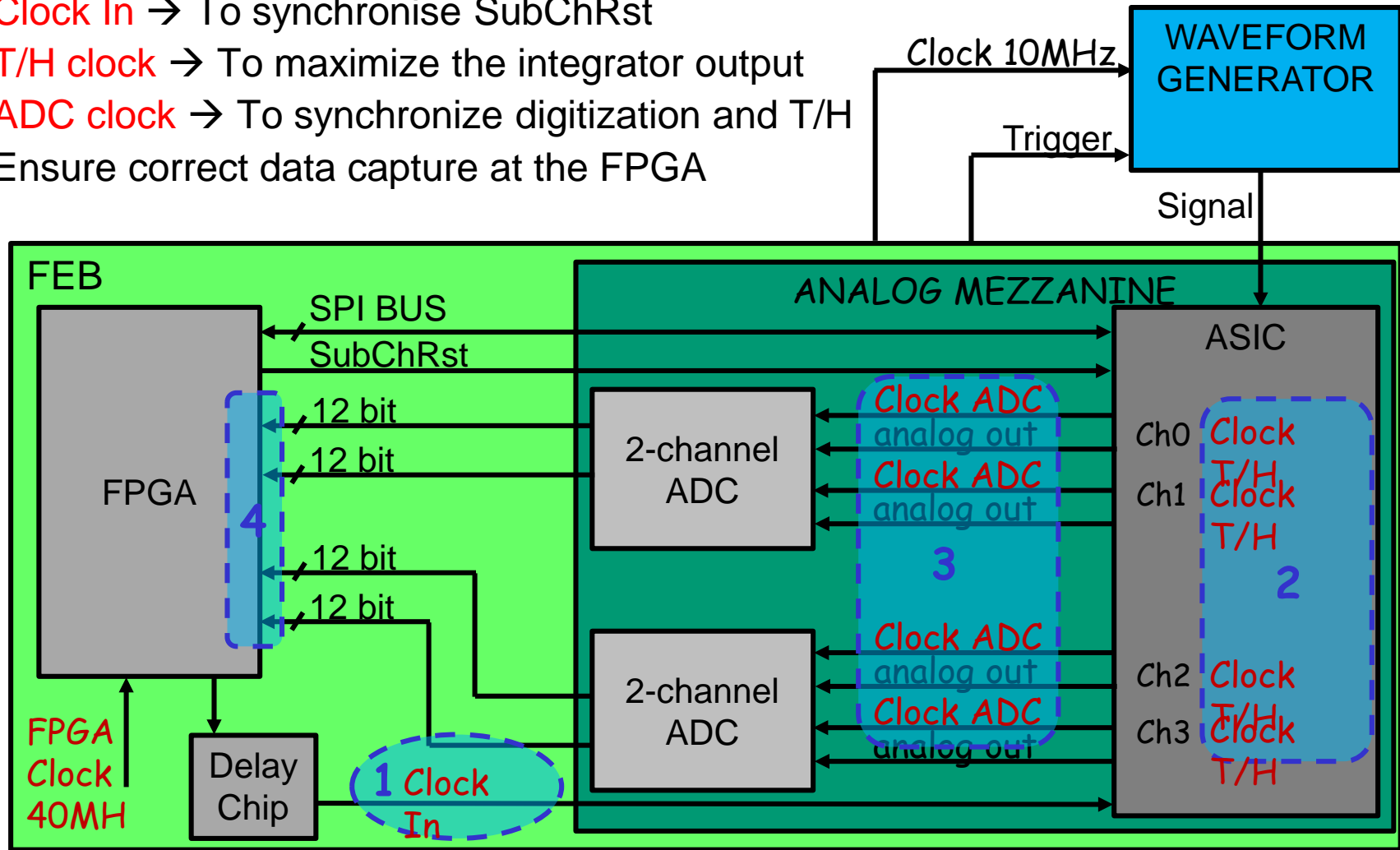


ICECALv3 time alignment

Clock phases to be adjusted:

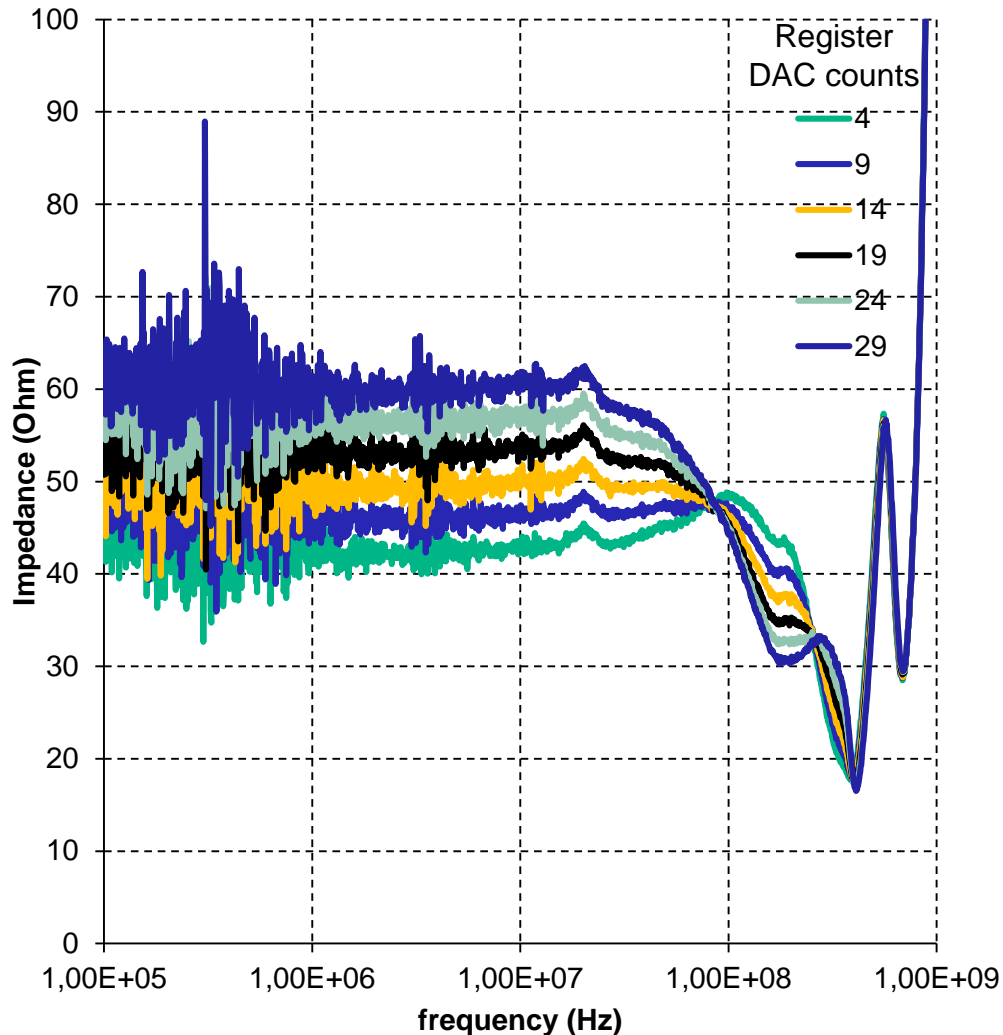
- 1) **Clock In** → To synchronise SubChRst
- 2) **T/H clock** → To maximize the integrator output
- 3) **ADC clock** → To synchronize digitization and T/H
- 4) Ensure correct data capture at the FPGA

(Synchronization in prototype is equivalent to the final detector)



Z

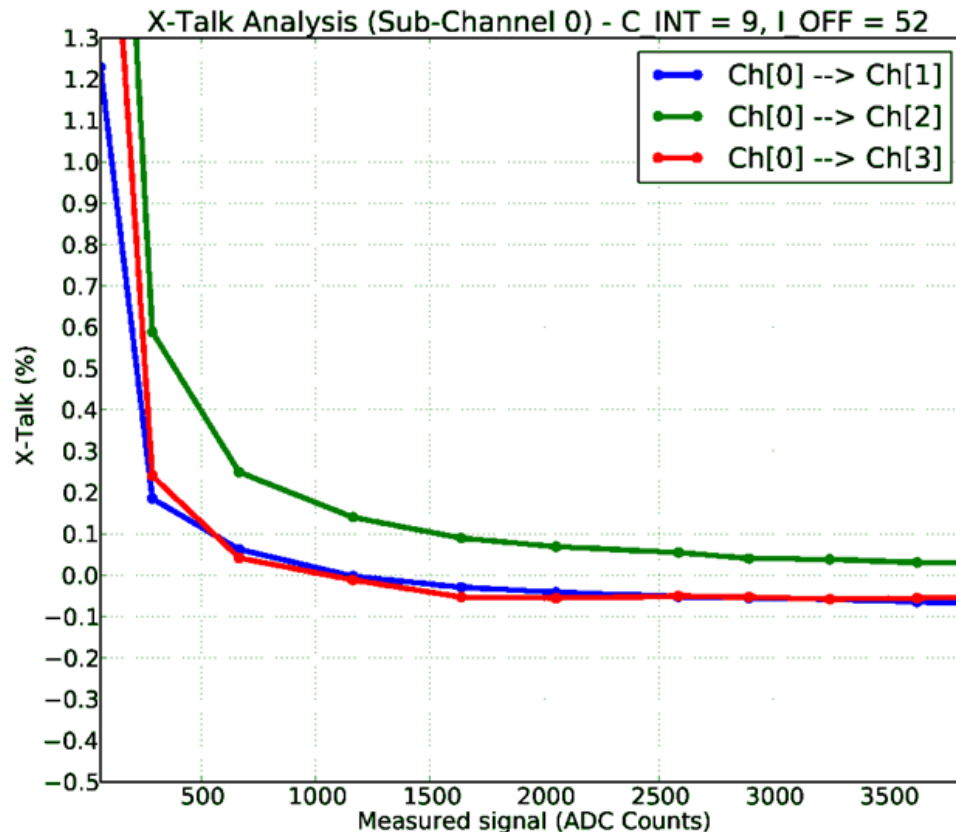
Input Impedance



- Measurement setup
 - Network analyzer at the input (Rohde&Schwarz ZVL)
 - Approximate results due to not-optimal connectivity
- Plot:
 - Input impedance for different configurations
 - Range: ~40 to 60 Ω
 - 50 Ω corresponds to 14 DAC counts

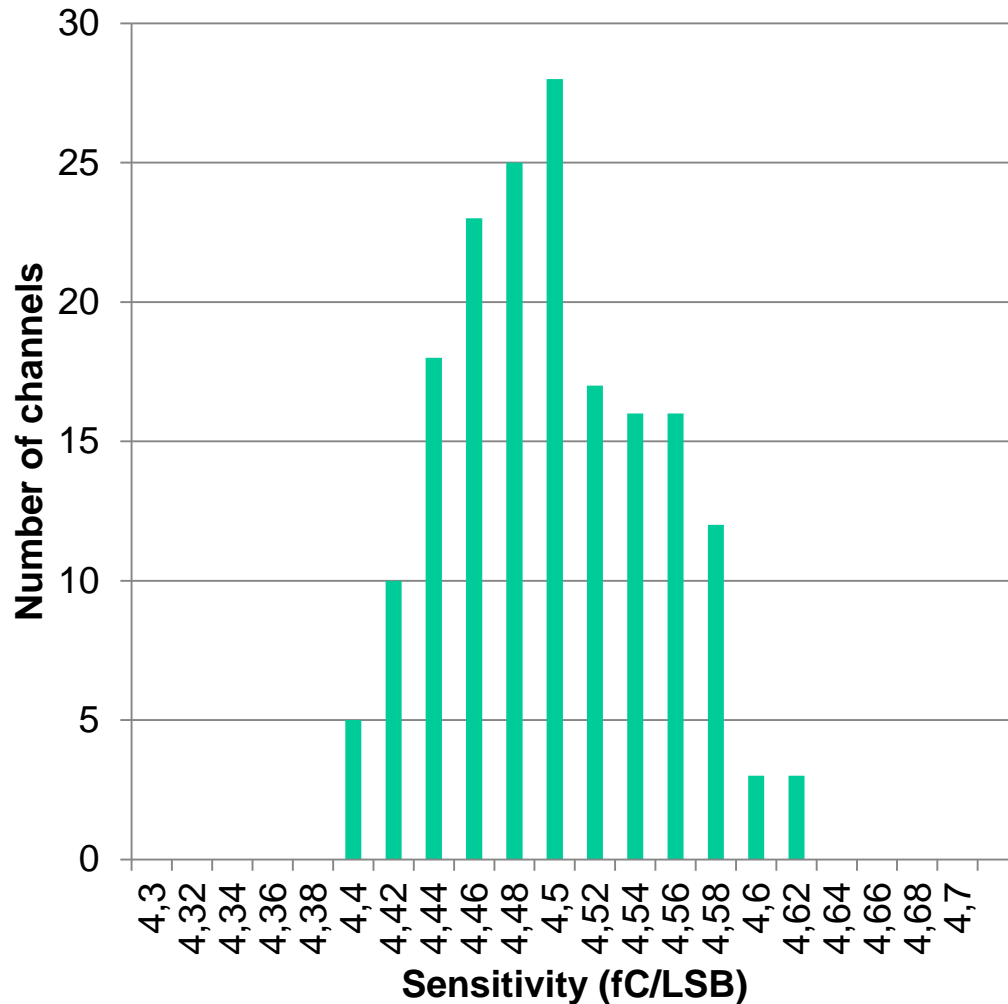
Crosstalk

Measurement example



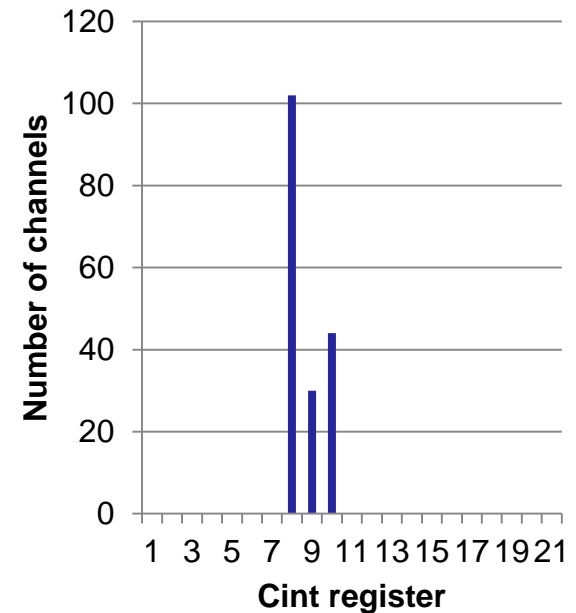
- Crosstalk between channels < 0.5%
- Relative error for low output values is much higher than the crosstalk value

Sensitivity



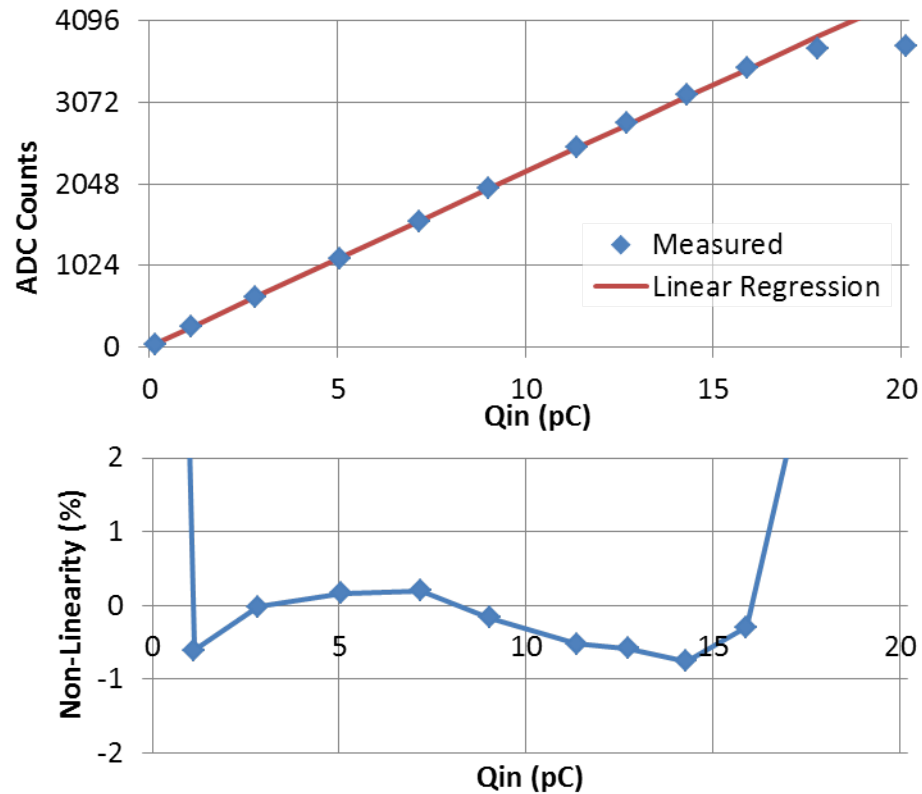
- Sensitivity histogram:

- Both subchannels for all first 3 channels for 30 chips
- Specification: 4.5 fC/LSB
- Sensitivity = 4.488 ± 0.051 fC/LSB



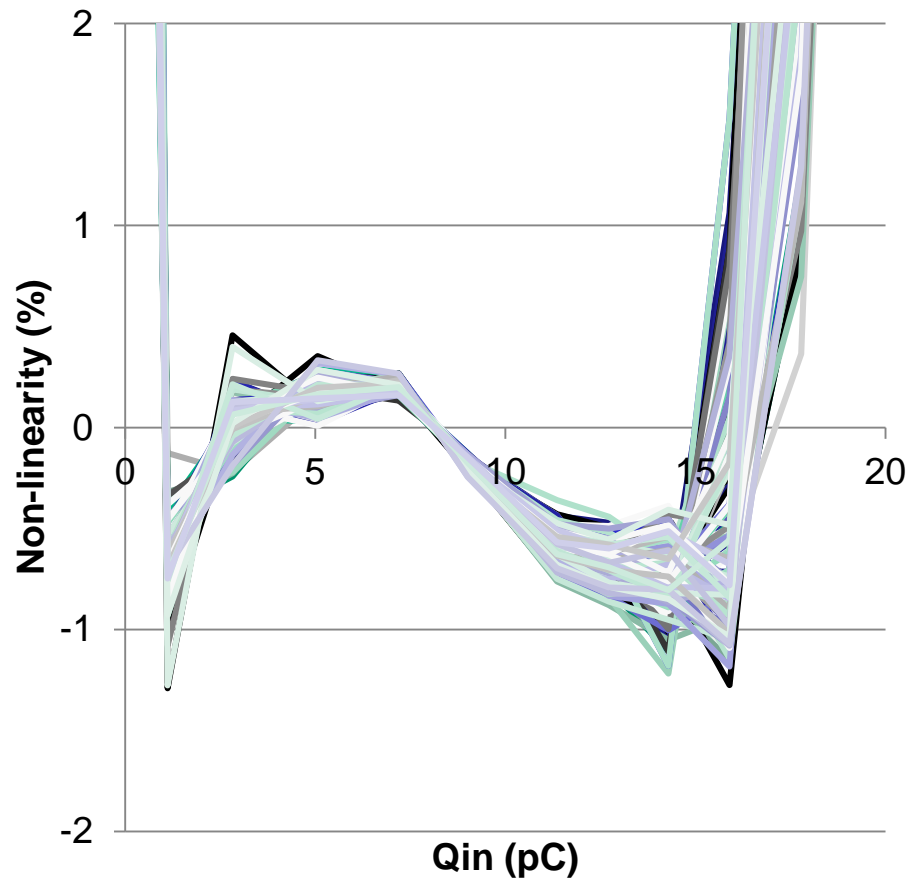
Linearity

Measurement example

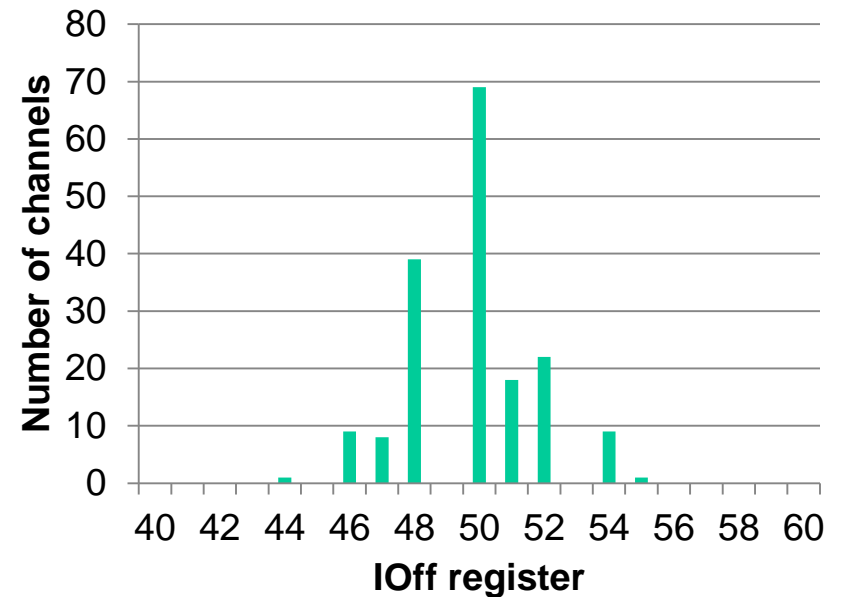


$$NL = 100 \frac{V_{expected} - V_{meas}}{V_{expected}}$$

Linearity

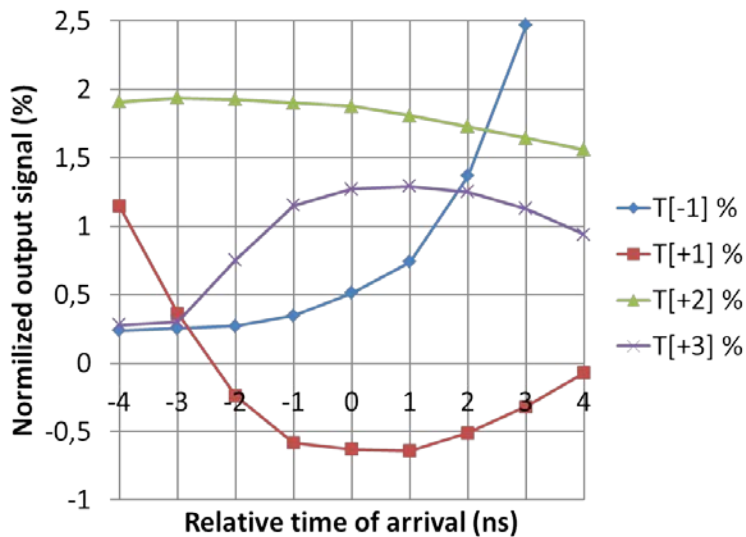


- Linearity OK up to ~ 16 pC for all channels
- High relative error for output low values
- Offset current value adjusted as the minimum offset with correct linearity



Spill over

- Spec: less than 1% for all previous and next clock cycles
- Need to adjust the PZ filter for final configuration of all the chips



Measurement example

Spill over:

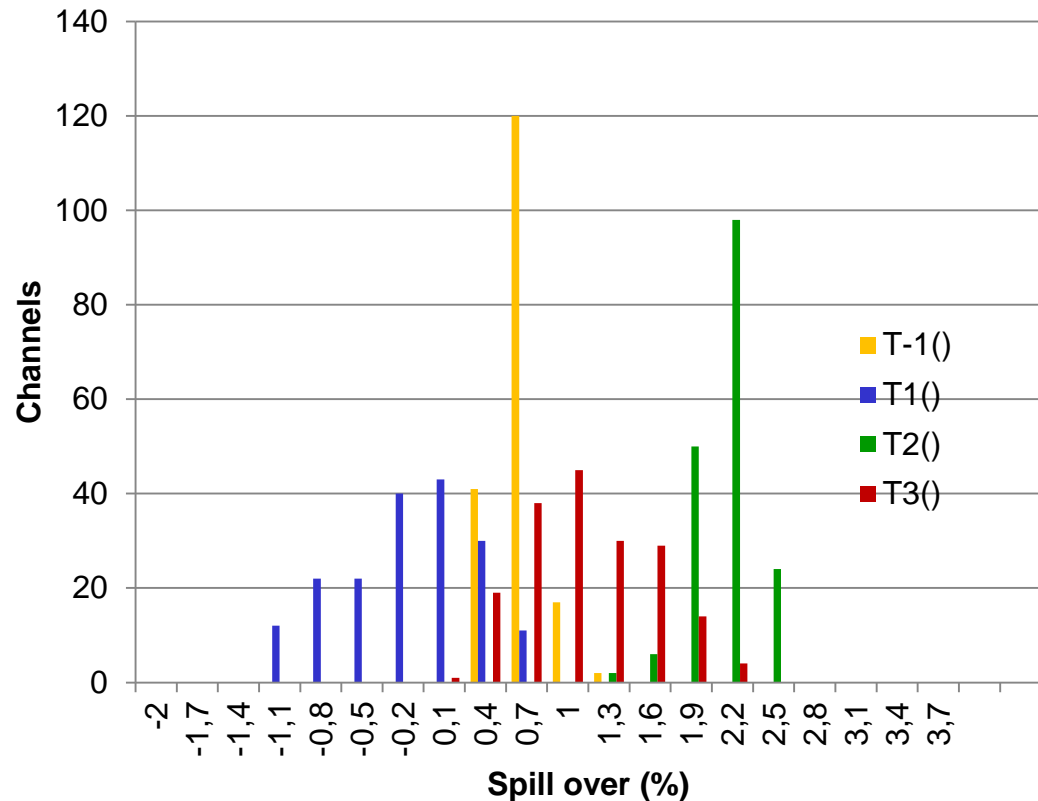
$$T-1 = 0.50 \oplus 0.15 \%$$

$$T1 = -0.30 \oplus 0.47 \%$$

$$T2 = 1.97 \oplus 0.19 \%$$

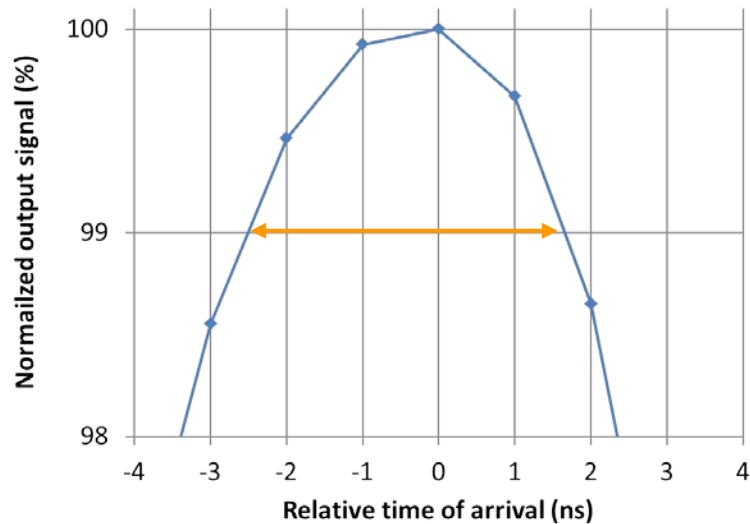
$$T3 = 0.96 \oplus 0.45 \%$$

← To be compensated in the digital domain?

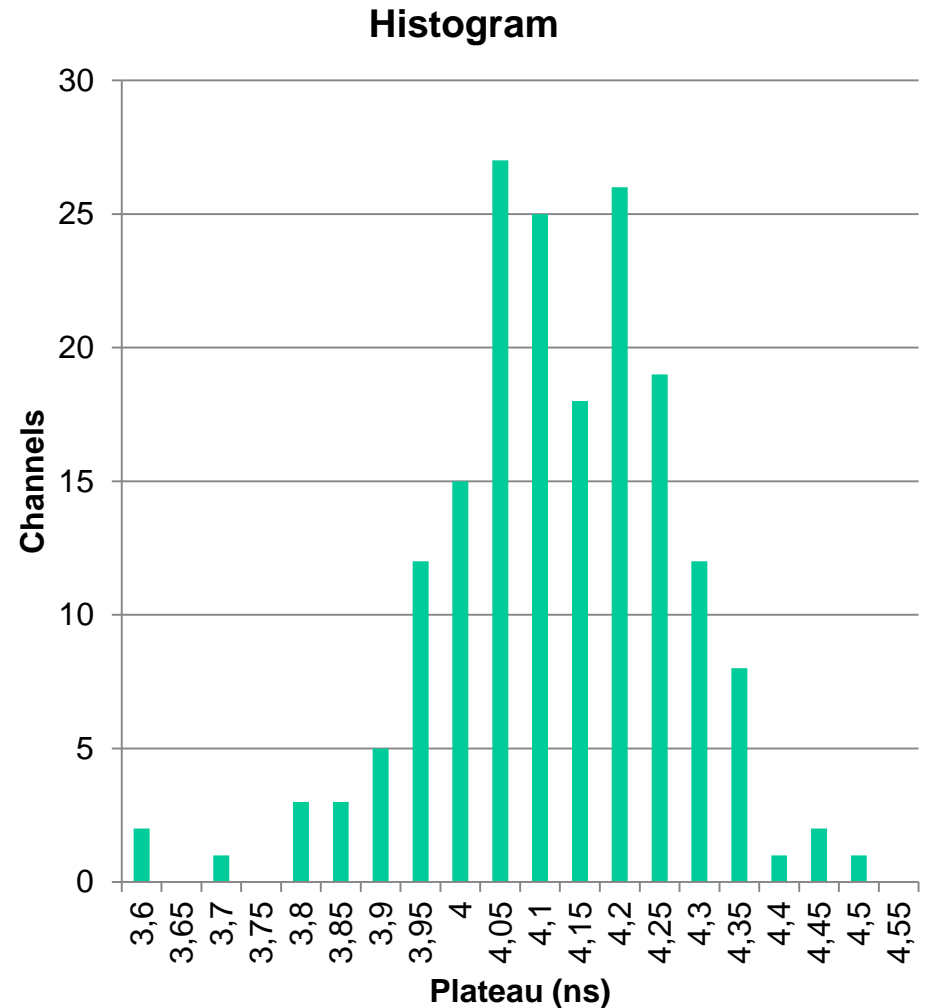


Plateau

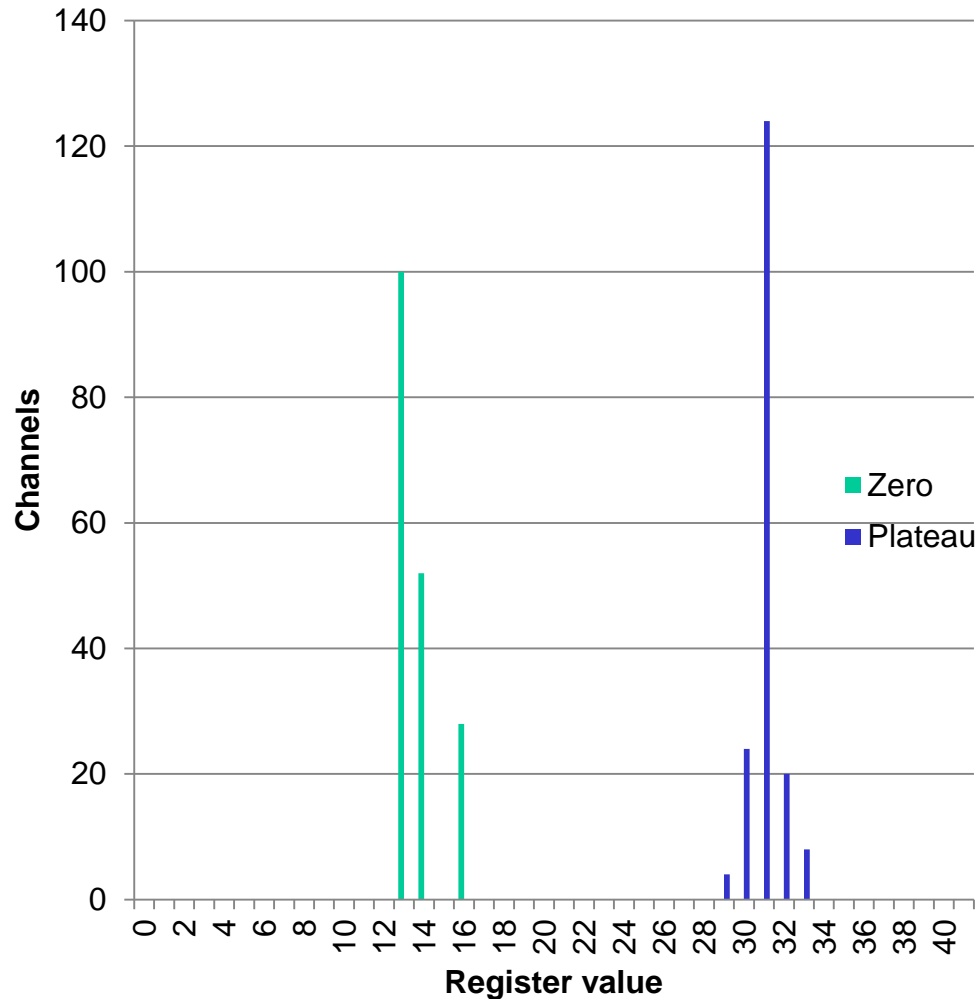
- Spec: less than 1% variation in $\pm 2\text{ns}$
- PZ filter default configuration is enough
- Both subchannels for all first 3 channels for 30 chips
- Plateau = $4.09 \pm 0.16 \text{ ns}$



Measurement
example



Results: pole zero

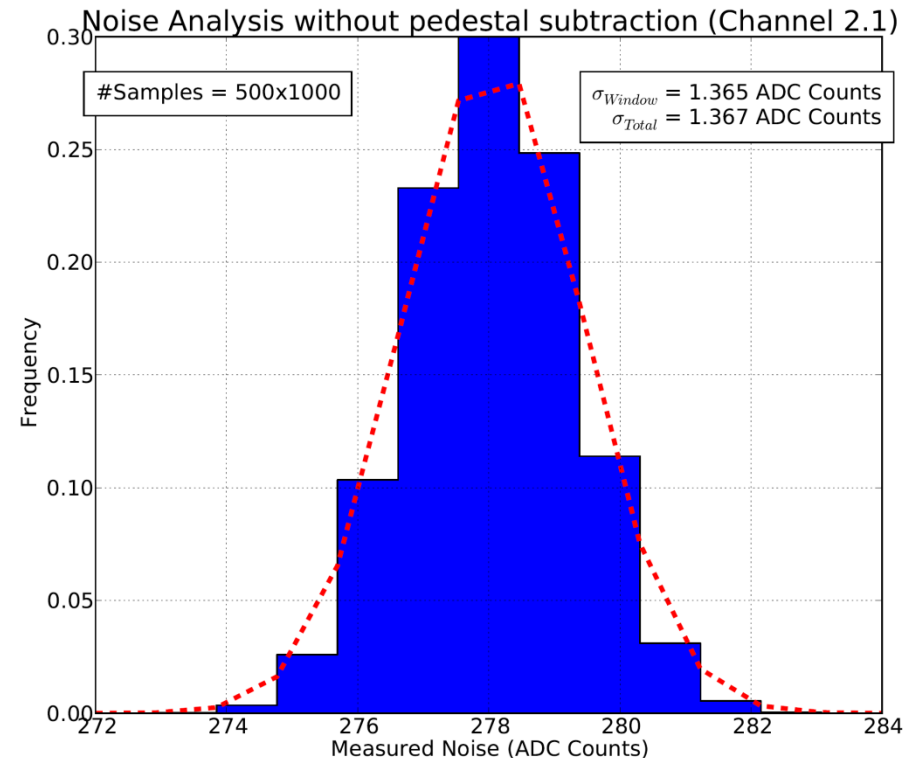


- Spill-Over and plateau are a trade-off:
Better spill over \leftrightarrow worse plateau
- Pole and zero are adjusted to minimize the spill over standard deviation

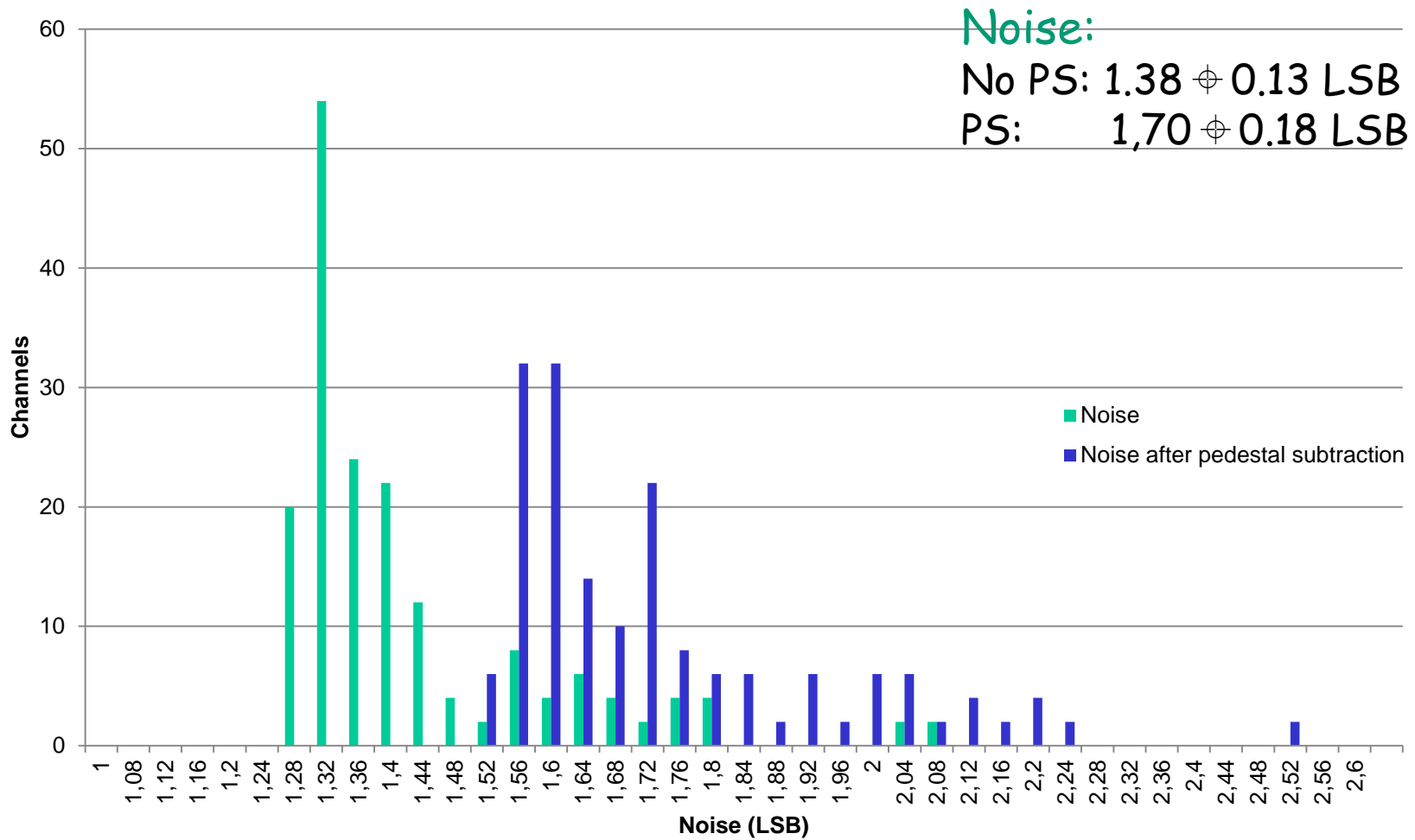
Noise

- Spec: ~1 ADC count
- Measured noise without cable at the input:
 - 1.4 ADC counts
 - 1.7 ADC counts with pedestal subtraction
- If the gain or offset configuration varies, the noise will be affected.

Measurement example



Noise



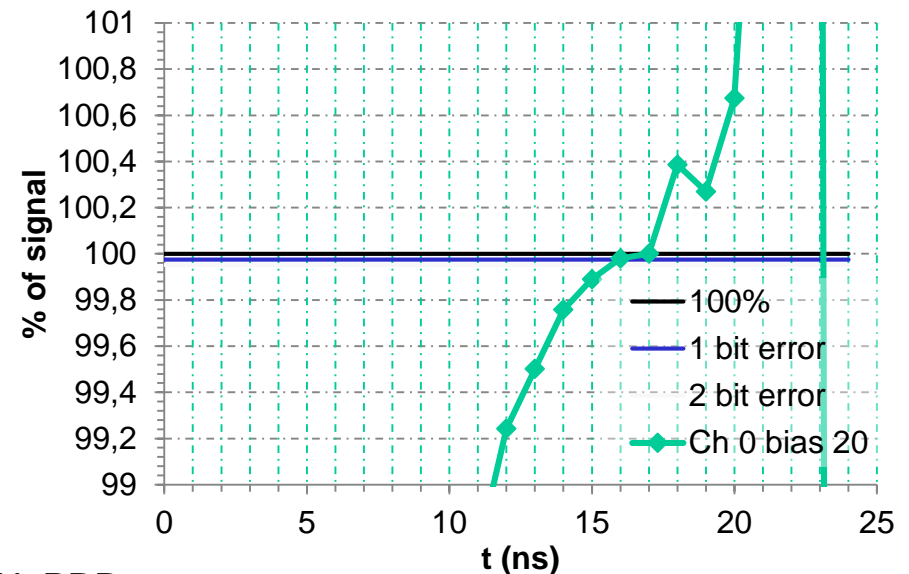
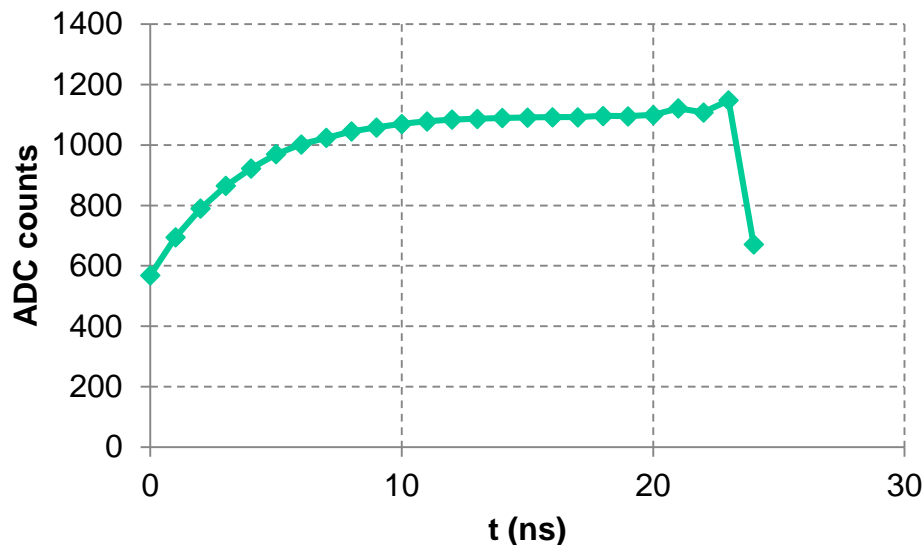
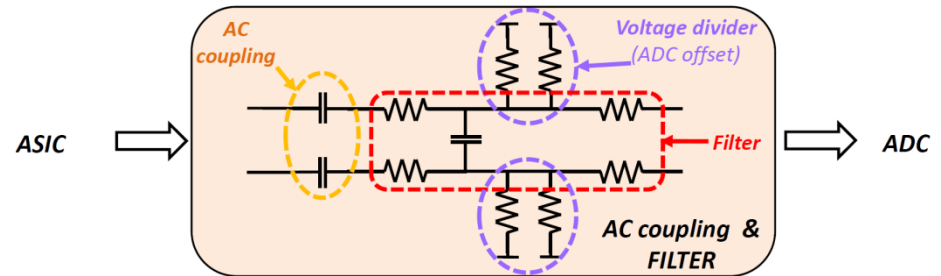
TH error and ADC input

Output impedance of the channel vs. ADC input capacitance

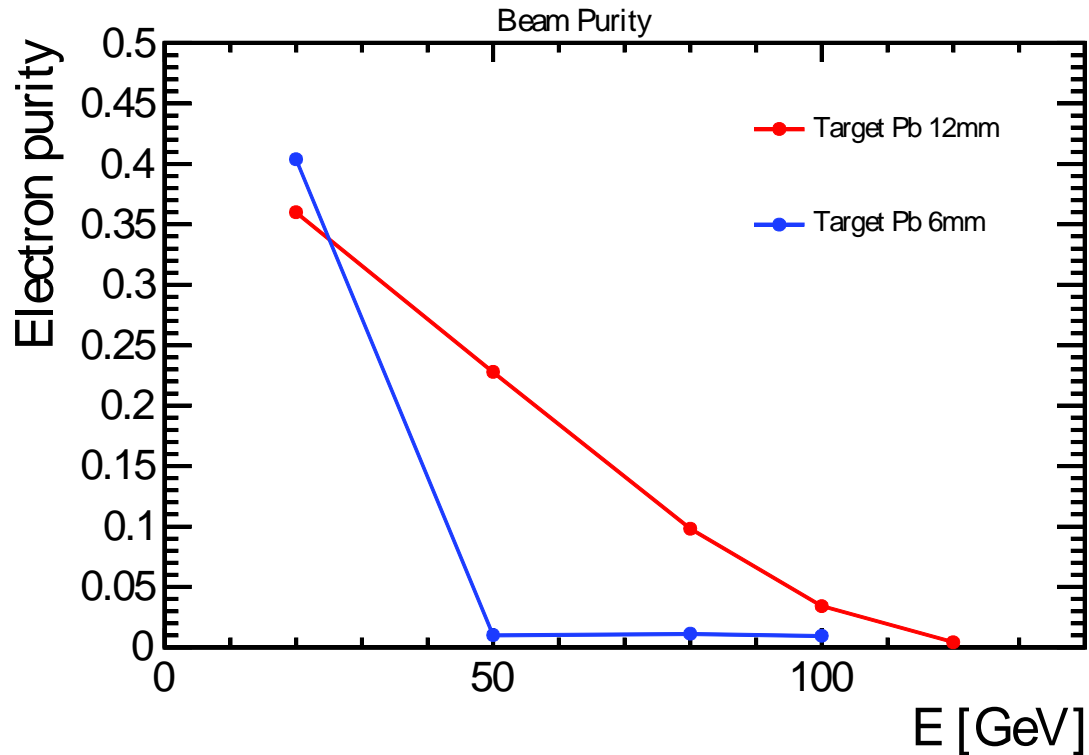
- Simple RC model
- Condition: to settle within 1 LSB of the final value
- Maximum error: 1 bit (12 bits full scale) → 0,024% → 8,3 time constants (RC)
- Known $C=10\text{pF}$ → $R_{\text{out}} = 300\Omega$
- Simulations show $R_{\text{out}} = 290$ to 450Ω (depending on bias current)

Measurements:

- Trade-off between noise filter capacitor and output precision.



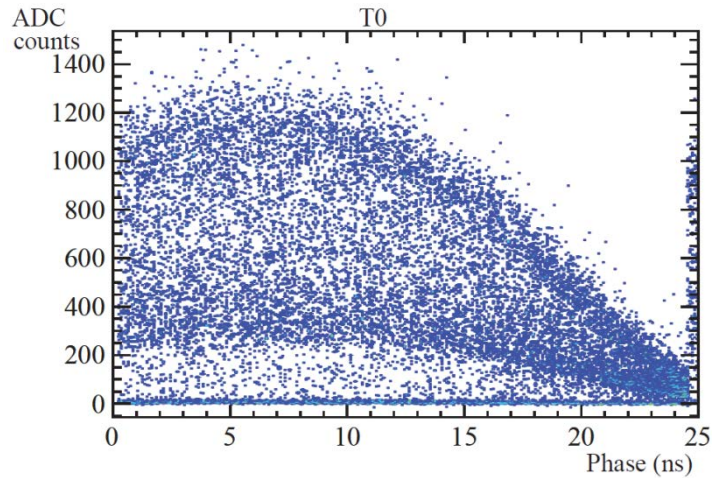
Purity of the electron beam



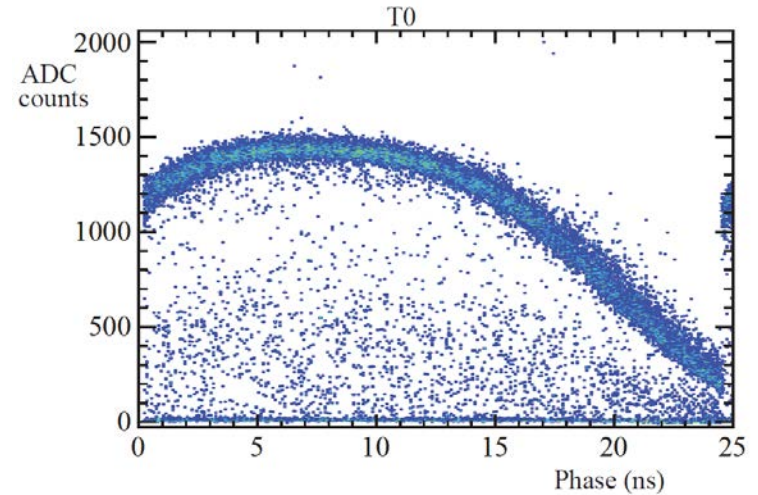
- Targets used:
 - Pb 6mm (initial configuration)
 - Pb 12mm (final configuration)
- Electron purity improved after changing target
- Low electron purity affected measurements
 - Difficult to analyze for higher E

Electron purity

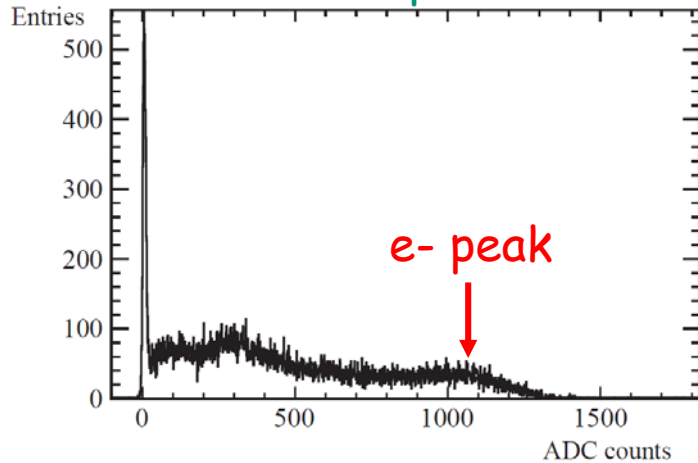
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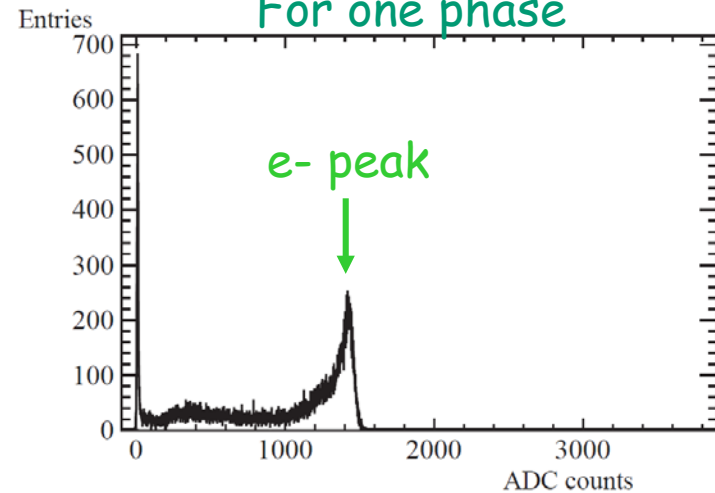
Higher e- purity



For one phase

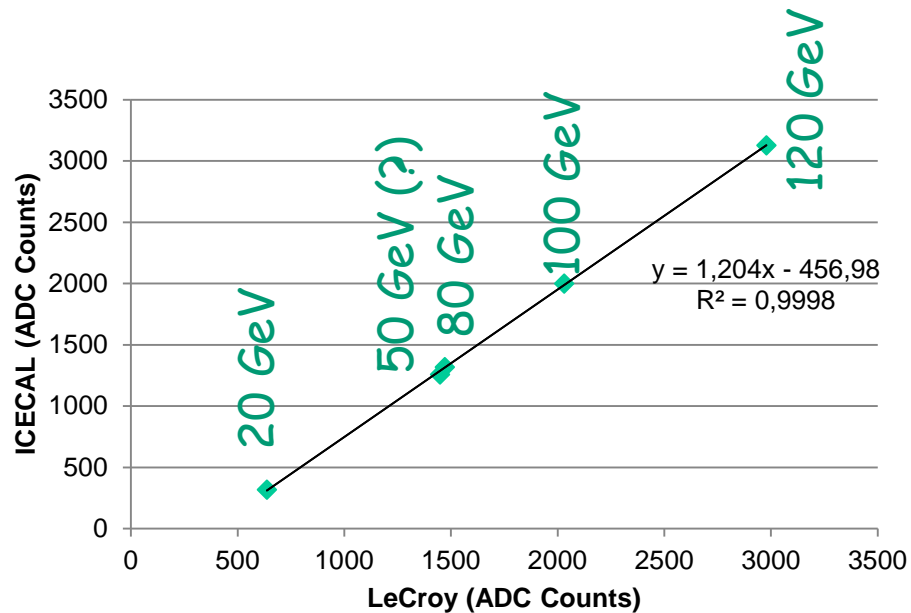


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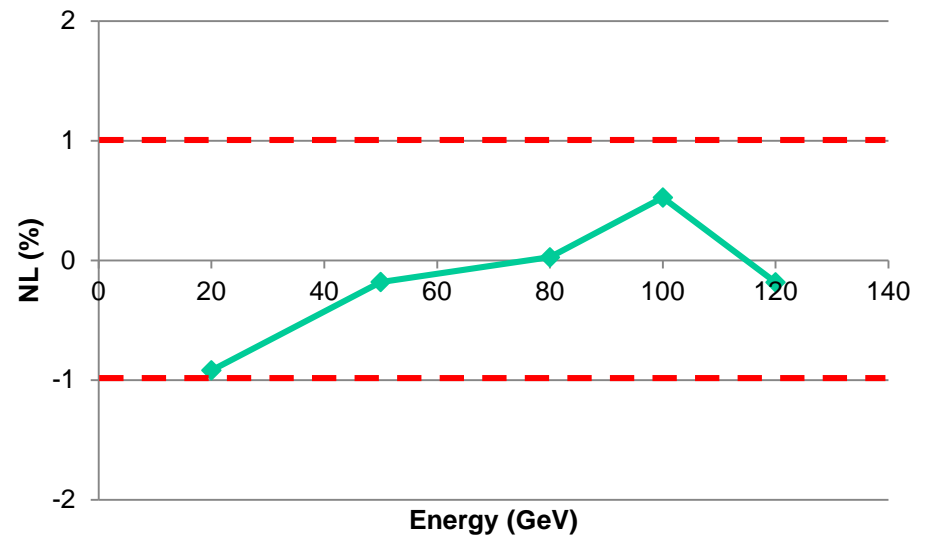


Linearity

- Linearity:
 - Mean max value on the ICECAL output
 - Mean value of the LeCroy

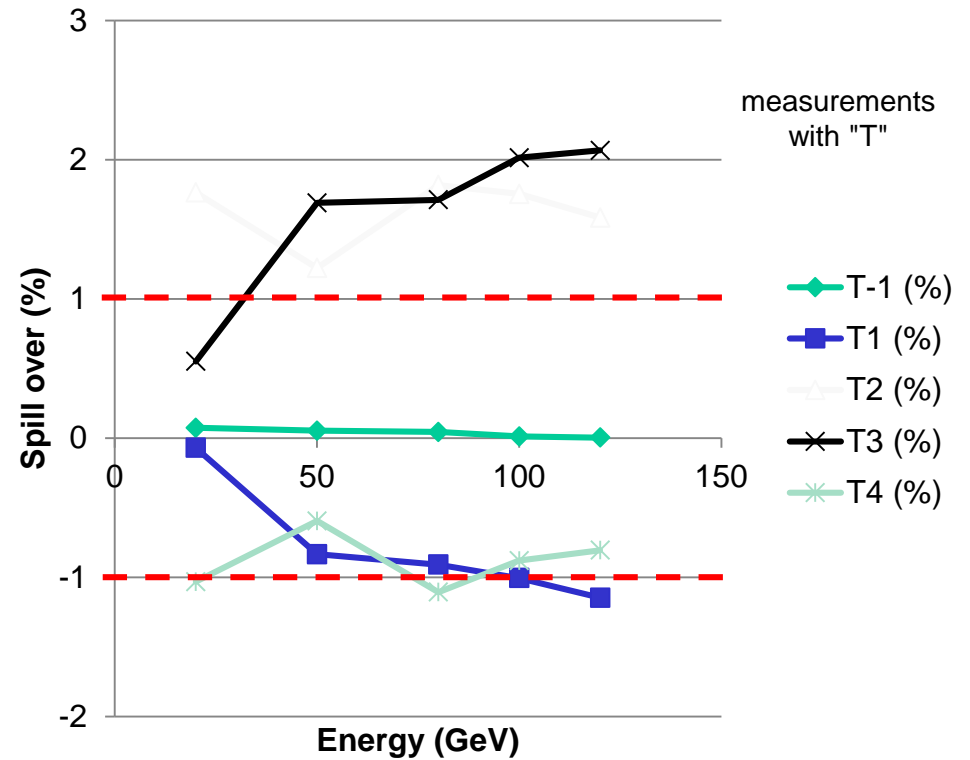
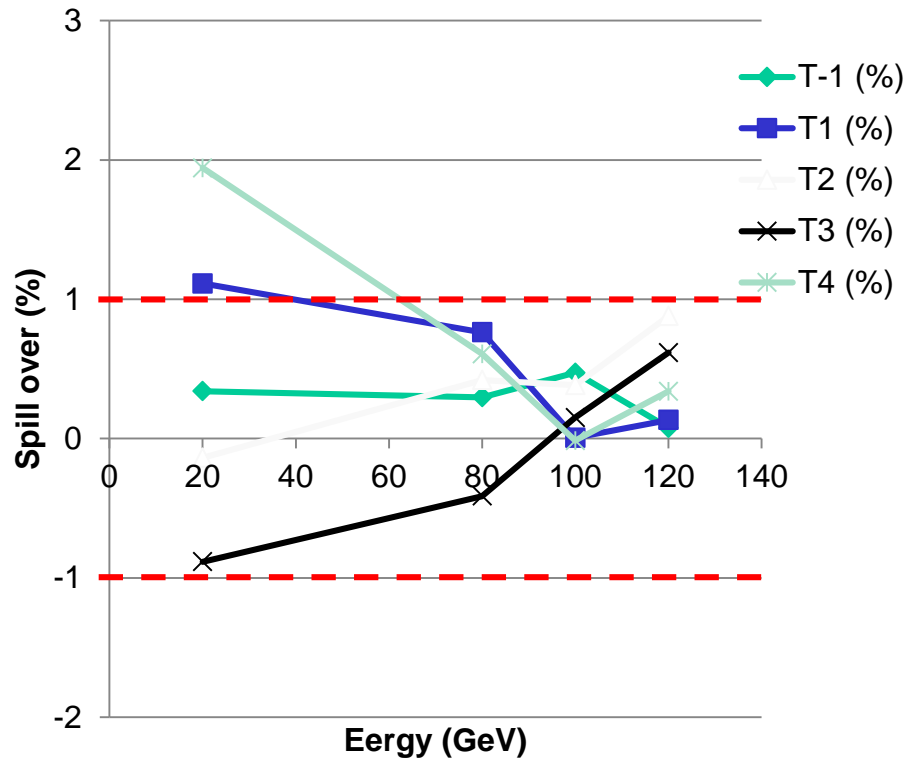


$$NL(\%) = 100 \frac{E_{expected} - E_{measured}}{E_{expected}}$$



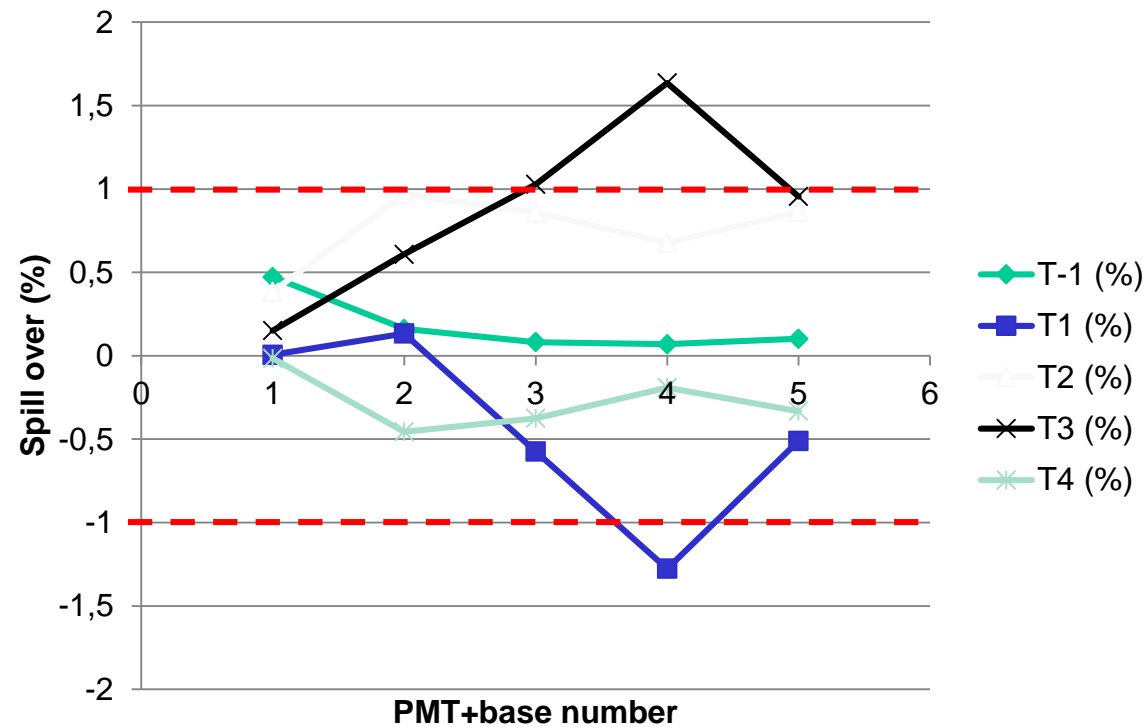
Spill over

- For different energies



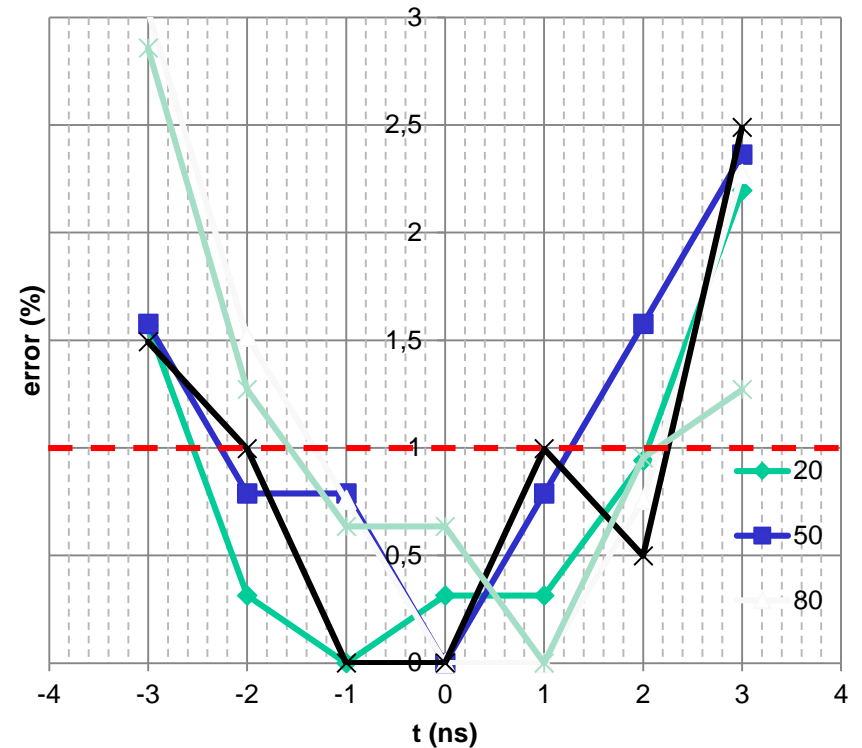
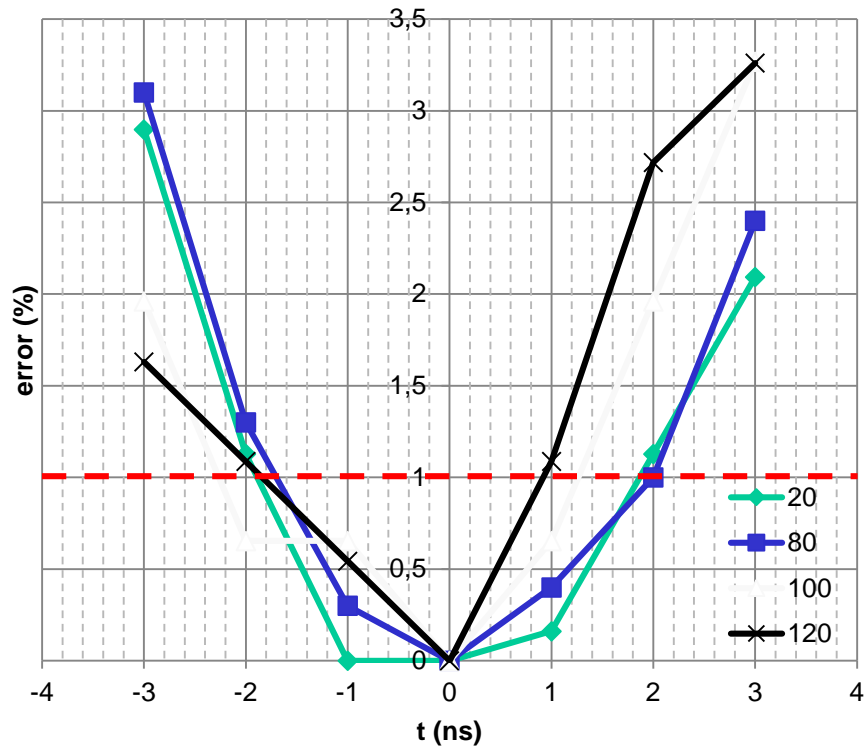
Spill over

- For different PMT and base



Plateau

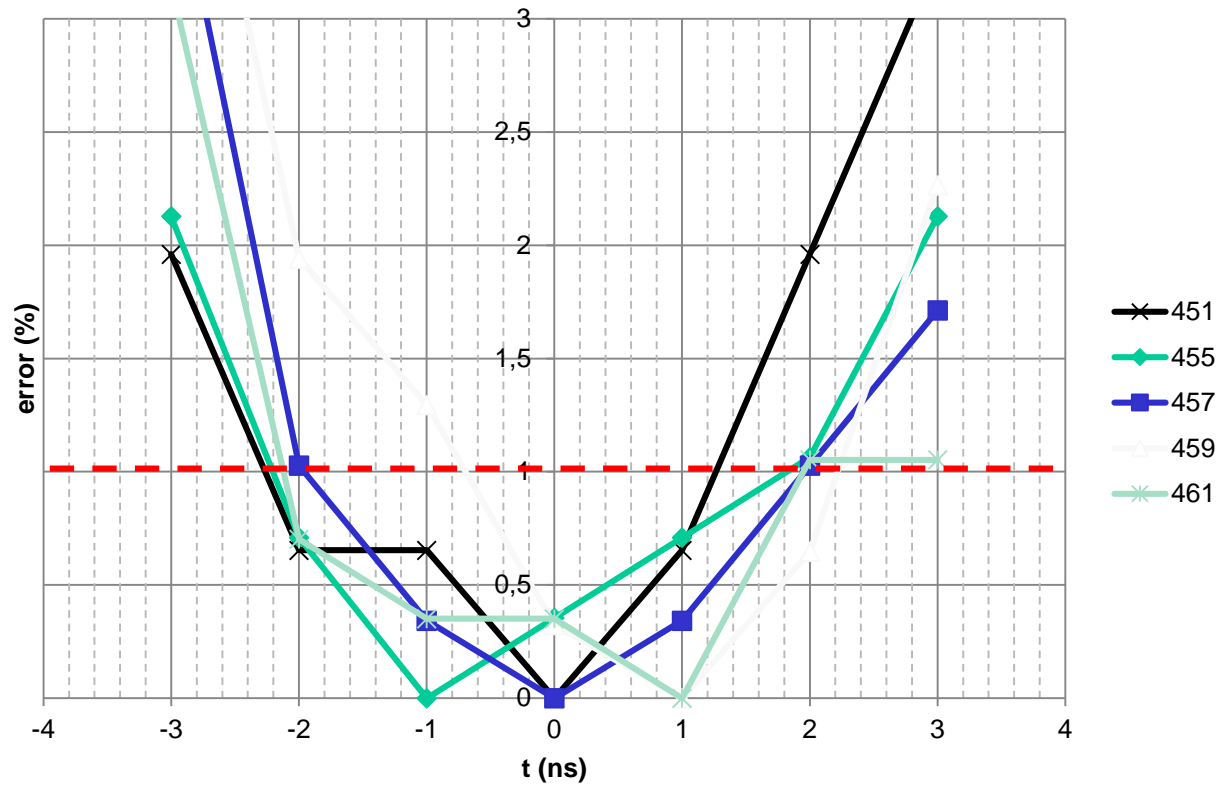
- For different energies



Measurements with "T"

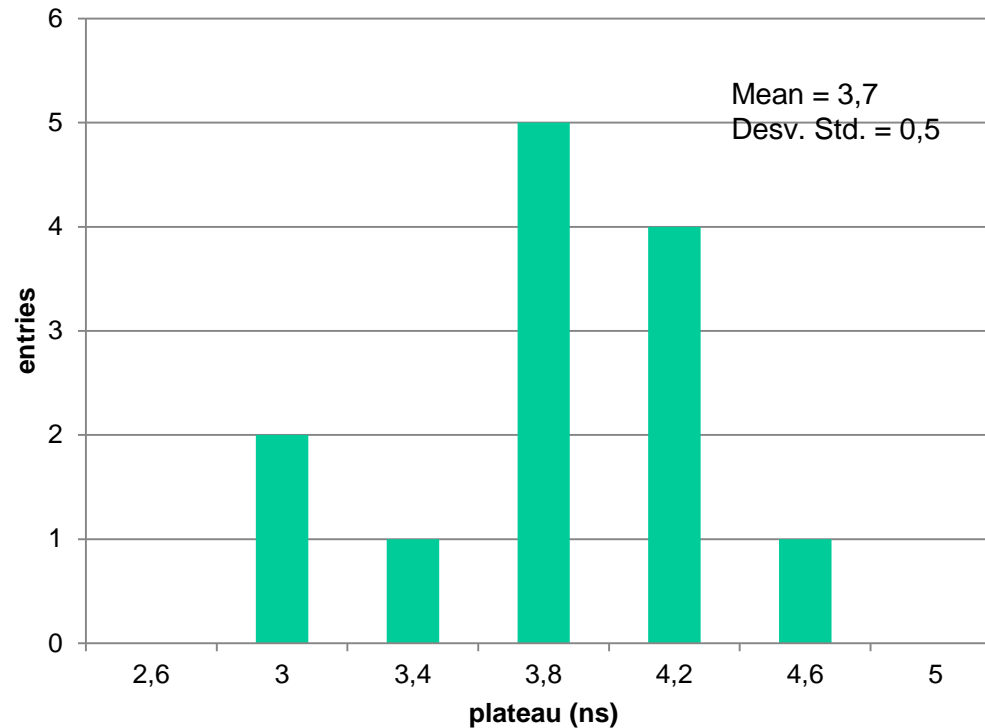
Plateau

- For different PMT and base



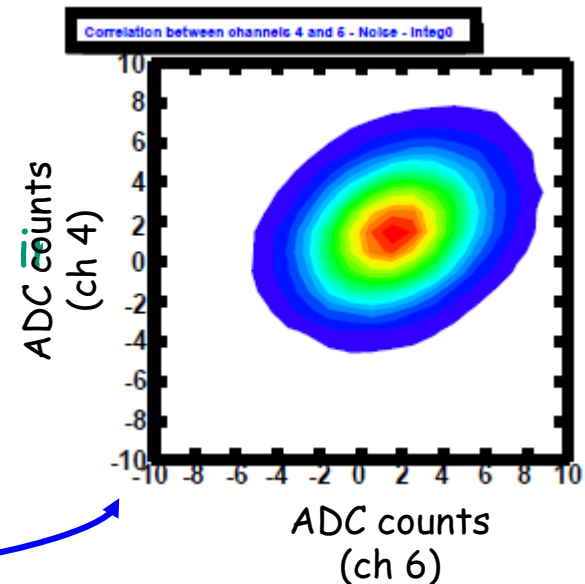
Plateau

- Different plateau results together:
 - At different energies, with “T” and changing the PMT+base



Noise

- Check noise in different conditions:
 - With “T”
 - No “T”
 - Clip
 - No clip
- Noise levels:
 - 12 LSB
 - 2.7 LSB (pedestal subtraction)
- Spec: ~1 ADC count
- Measured noise at lab without cable at the
 - 1.4 ADC counts
 - 1.7 ADC counts with pedestal subtraction
- CW switching noise?
 - Noise levels:
 - 12 LSB
 - 2.7 LSB (pedestal subtraction)
 - Not correlated noise
 - Need to measure at detector level



Noise at the detector

- Measured noise at the detector:
 - PM at nominal conditions of gain ("Present") vs. upgraded
 - Effects of Cockcroft-Walton HV sources and cables increase noise

	Channel	PM biasing	Copper braid	Noise (LSB)	PS Noise (LSB)
Not connected			No	1,32	1,59
Not connected			Yes	1,34	1,61
ECAL	200904	Upgrade	Yes	5,83	2,63
ECAL	200904	Present	Yes	6,22	2,69
ECAL worst case	210100	Present	Yes	7,14	2,91
HCAL typical	251726	Present	Yes	2,25	2,20
HCAL worst case	240609	Present	Yes	3,28	2,91

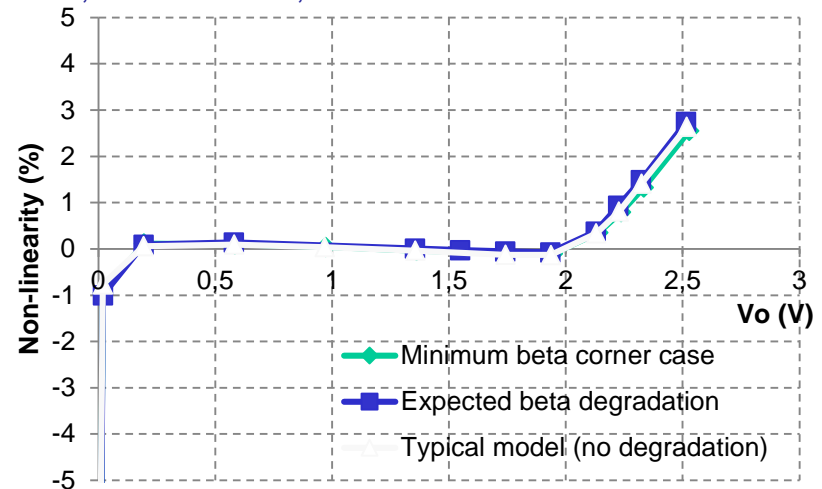
Outlook (II)

- Test beam

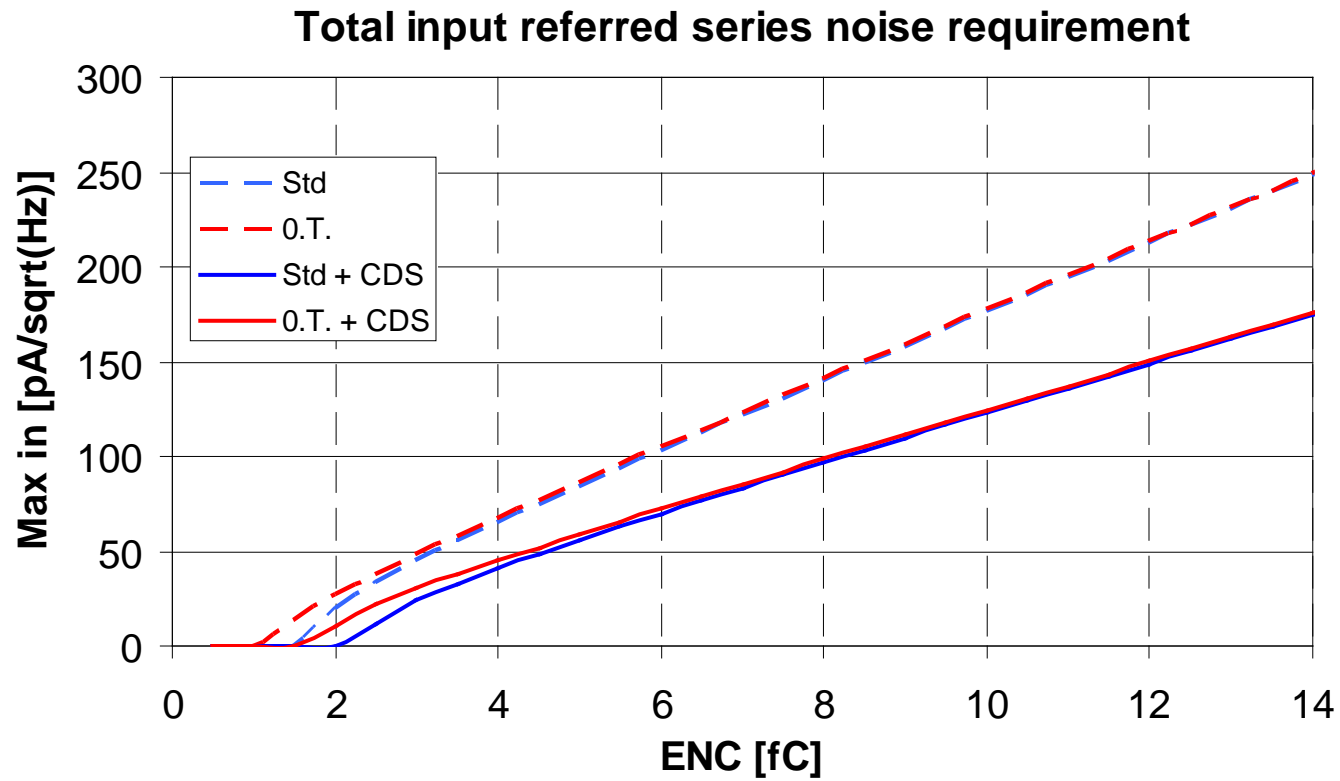
- Tests performed with real detector signal
- Statistics:
 - Low e- purity → difficult curve fits for measurements
 - Merged run data files analyzed
- Linearity OK
- Plateau and spill over
 - Checked for different conditions
 - Plateau is over 4 ns
 - Spill over below 1% except T2 and T3 with 1.5%
- Noise levels:
 - Looks like CW noise is high: 12 LSB and 2.7 LSB (ped sub)
 - Measurements at the detector show lower values: 2,2 to 2,9 LSB (ped sub)

Neutron effects

- Expected thermal neutron fluence $2,02 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ for 50fb^{-1}
- Effects on BJT described by
$$\frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\beta_0} + k_{eq}\Phi_{eq} + k_T\Phi_T$$
 - where k_{eq} is 1MeV equivalent factor and k_T is thermal neutron damage factor
 - G. Kramerberger and others. Radiation damage in bipolar transistors caused by thermal neutrons. Nuclear Science Symposium Conference Record, Vol. 1:429-433, 2003.
 - I. Mandic, and others. Bulk damage in dmill npn bipolar transistors caused by thermal neutrons versus protons and fast neutrons. IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci., 51:1752-1758, 2004.
- **Beta degradation: 15,3%**
 - Far from degradation due to process variations.
 - Limited effect because at design: closed loop amps (local feedback).

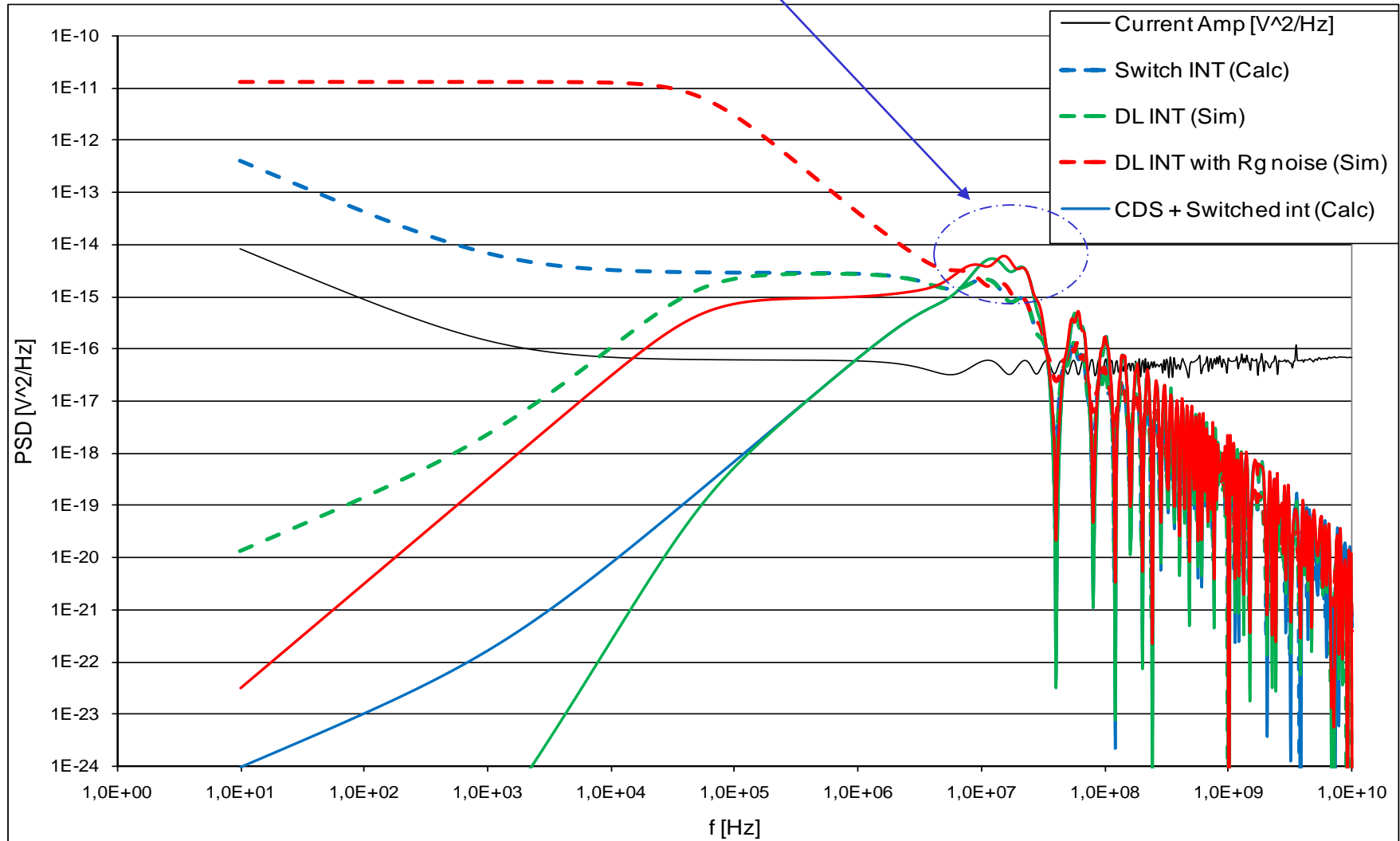


I. Cable impedance and noise



IV. Pedestal subtraction

- Reduces LF noise (correlated for $t \gg T$)
- BUT increases uncorrelated noise!

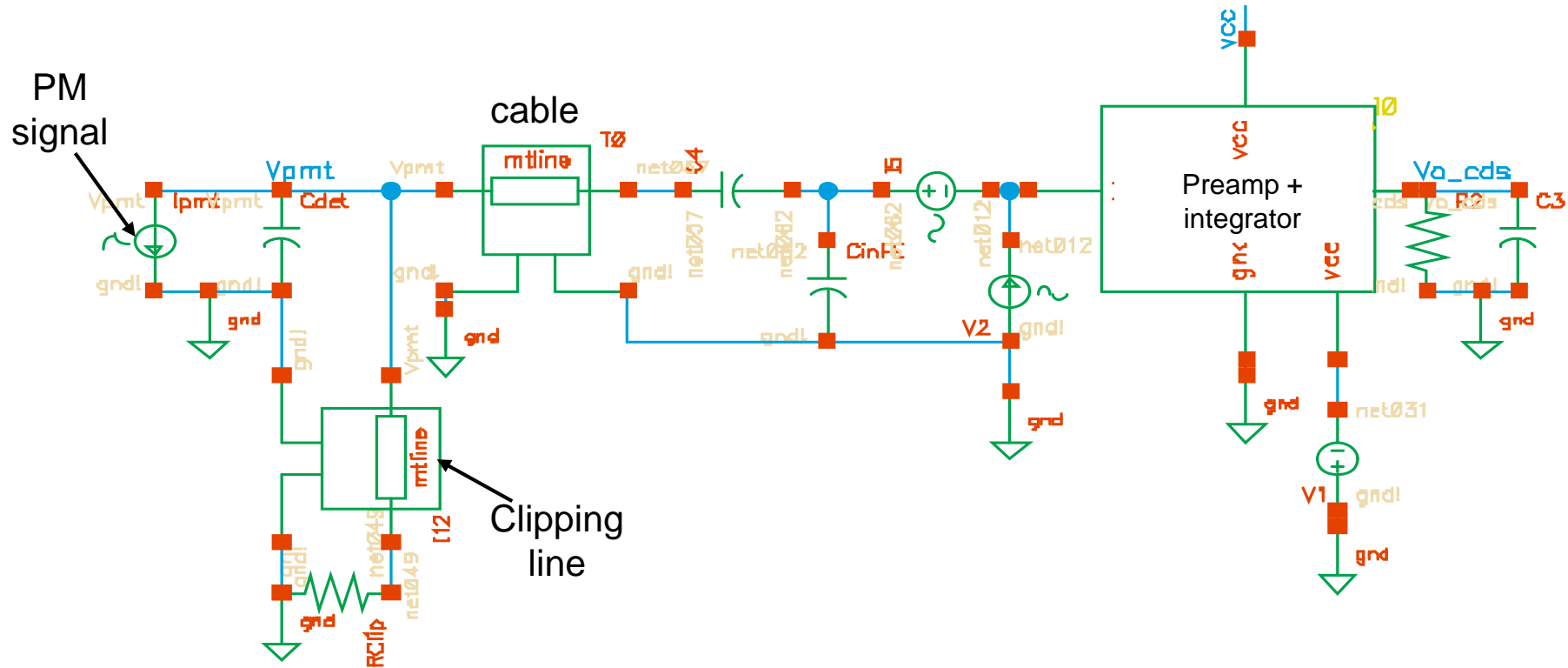


- Current amplifier
- Noise for voltage amplifier is about factor 1.5 - 2 higher
- Numbers may have 10-20 % error
 - Effect of lumped resistor modeling skin effect
 - Systematic for all (comparison does not have this error)

	Integrated noise [$\mu\text{V rms}$] (10 Hz to 1 GHz)	Noise in ADC counts
Switch INT (Calc)	210	0.5
Switch INT (Tran Sim)	200	0.63
DL INT (Sim)	210	0.5
DL INT with Rg noise (Sim)	1100	3
CDS + Switched int (Calc)	300	0.75
CDS + Switched int (Tran Sim)	300	0.75
CDS + DL Int (Sim)	300	0.75
CDS + DL Int With Rg noise (Sim)	330	0.82

Front End simulations (Preamp+integrator)

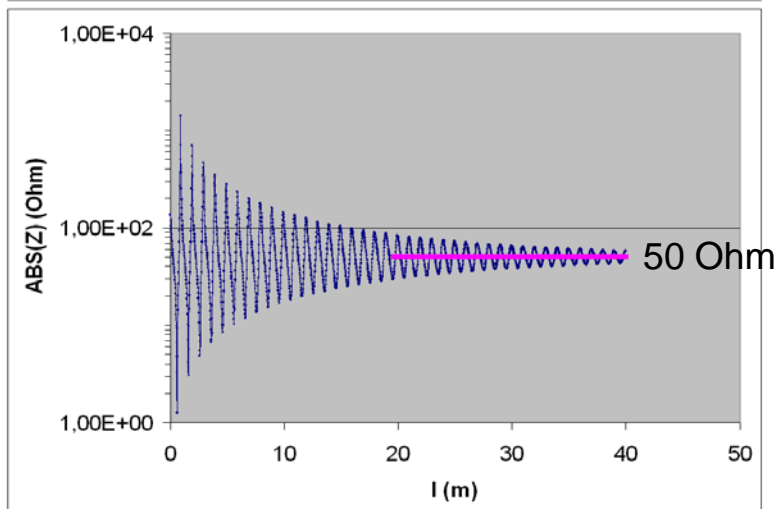
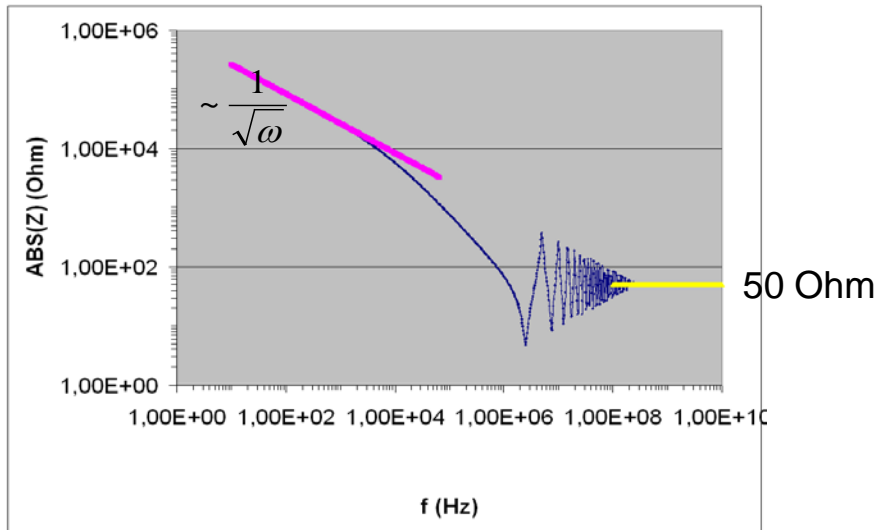
- Simulations based on extracted RC of complete IC
- Includes PM signal and cable effects



Skin effect: impedance after the cable

- Impedance seen after x m of cable towards the detector when

$$Z_d = 1/j\omega C_d$$



$$Z(x, \omega) = R_0 \frac{\frac{1}{j\omega C_d} + R_0 \operatorname{tgh}(\gamma x)}{R_0 + \frac{1}{j\omega C_d} \operatorname{tgh}(\gamma x)}$$

$$Z(x, \omega) \xrightarrow{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{R_0}{al} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega}}$$

$$Z(x, \omega) \xrightarrow{\omega \rightarrow \infty} R_0$$

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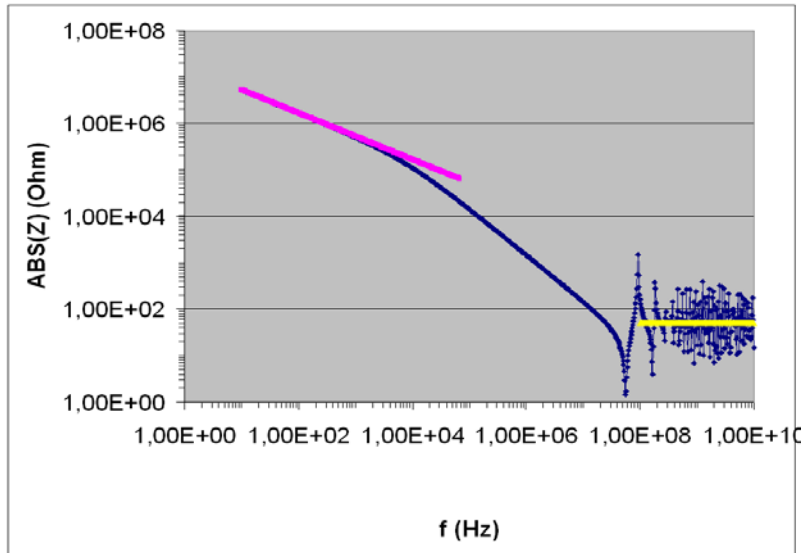
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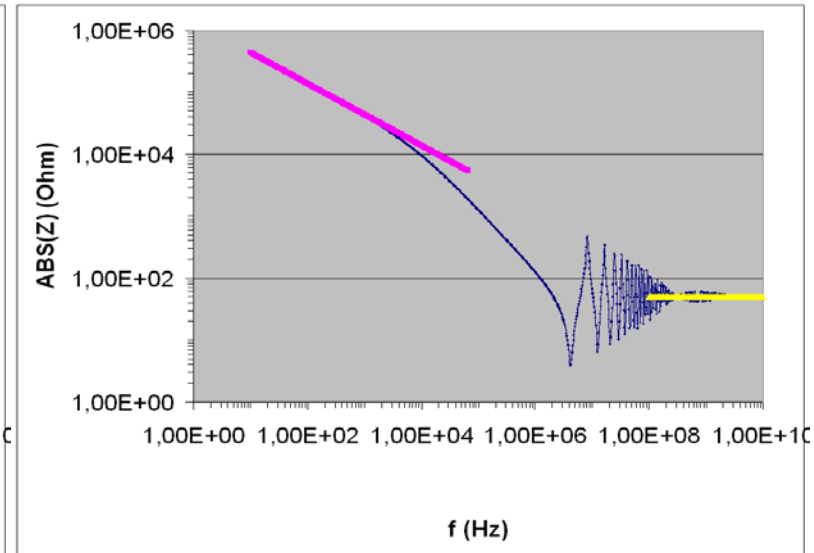
Skin effect: impedance after the cable

- Impedance seen after x m of cable towards the detector when $Z_d = 1/jCw$:

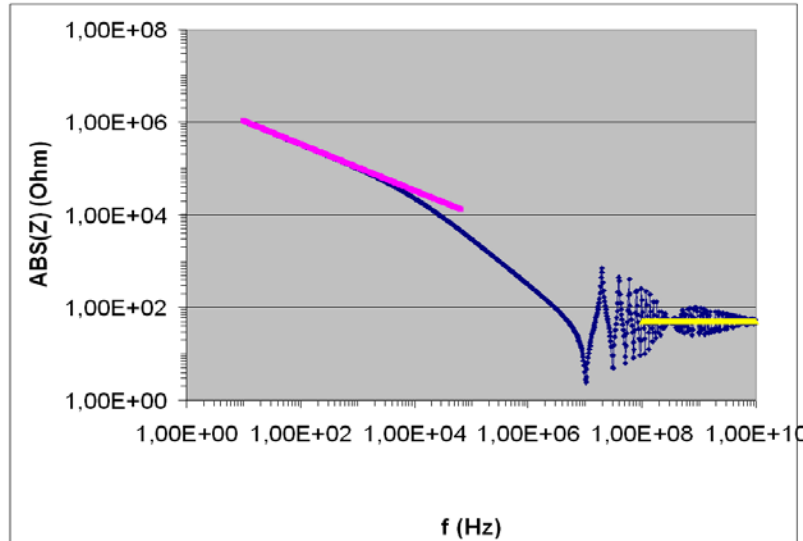
1 m



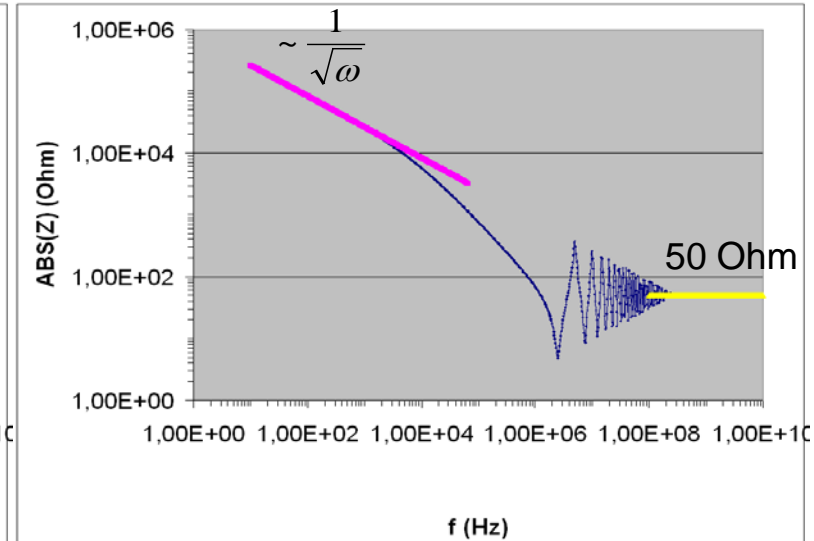
12 m



5 m



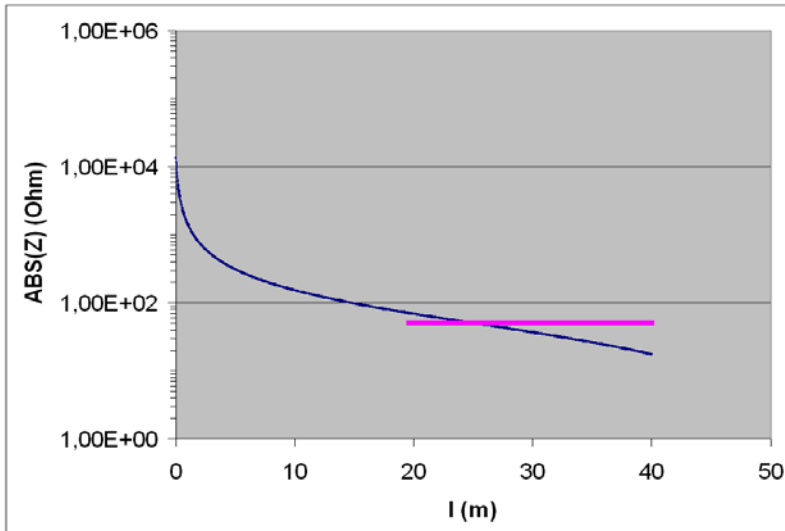
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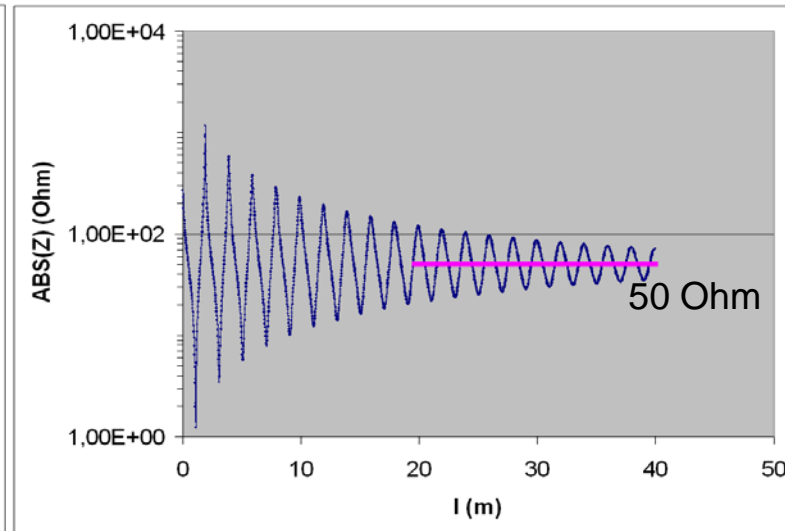
Skin effect: impedance after the cable

- Impedance seen after x m of cable towards the detector when $Z_d = 1/jCw$:

1 MHz

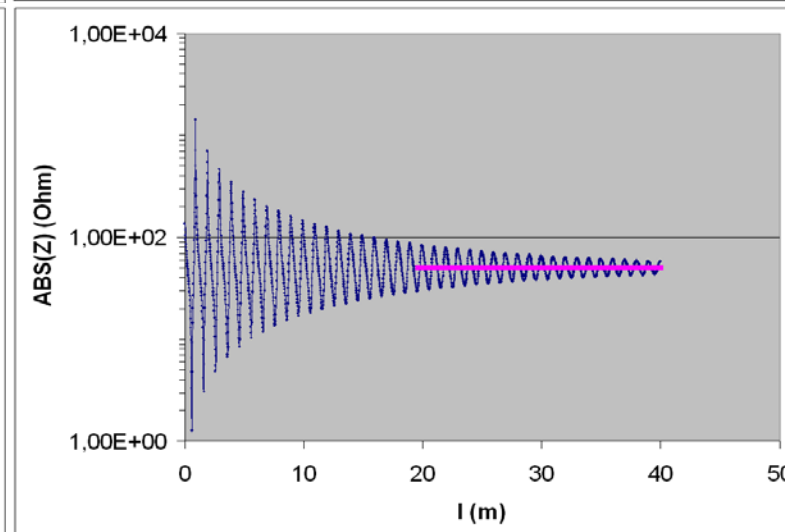
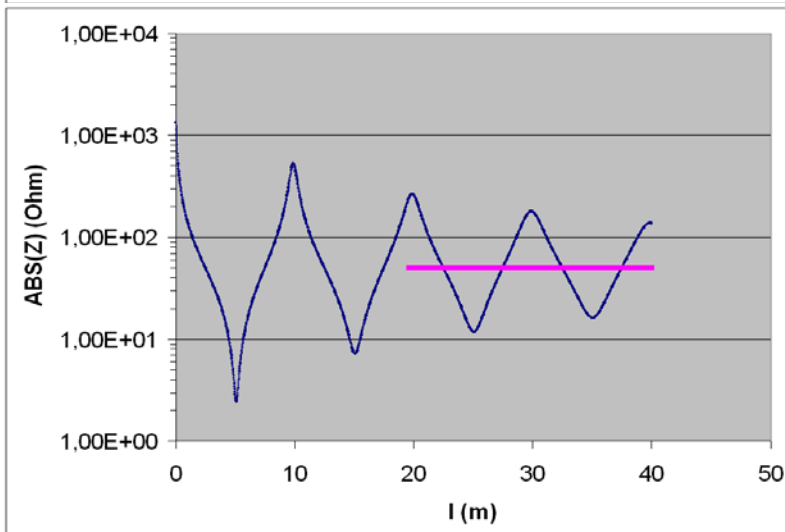


50 MHz



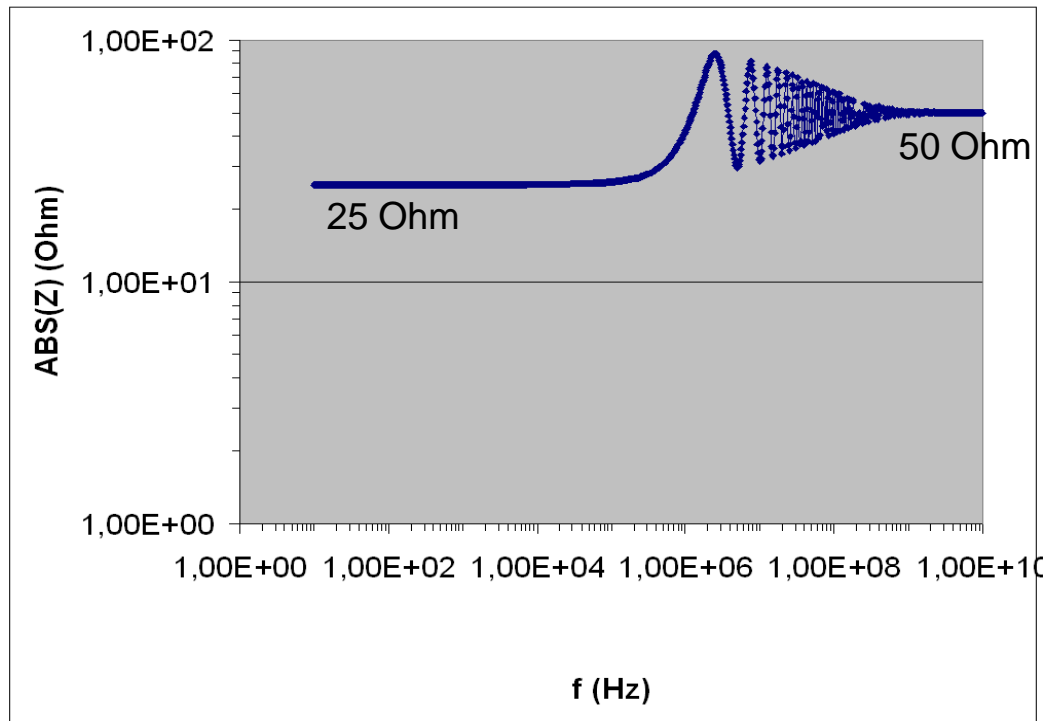
100 MHz

10 MHz



Skin effect: impedance after the cable

- Impedance seen after x m of cable towards the detector when $Z_d = R_d$:



$$Z(x, \omega) = R_0 \frac{R_d + R_0 \operatorname{tgh}(\gamma x)}{R_0 + R_d \operatorname{tgh}(\gamma x)}$$

$$Z(x, \omega) \xrightarrow{\omega \rightarrow 0} R_d$$

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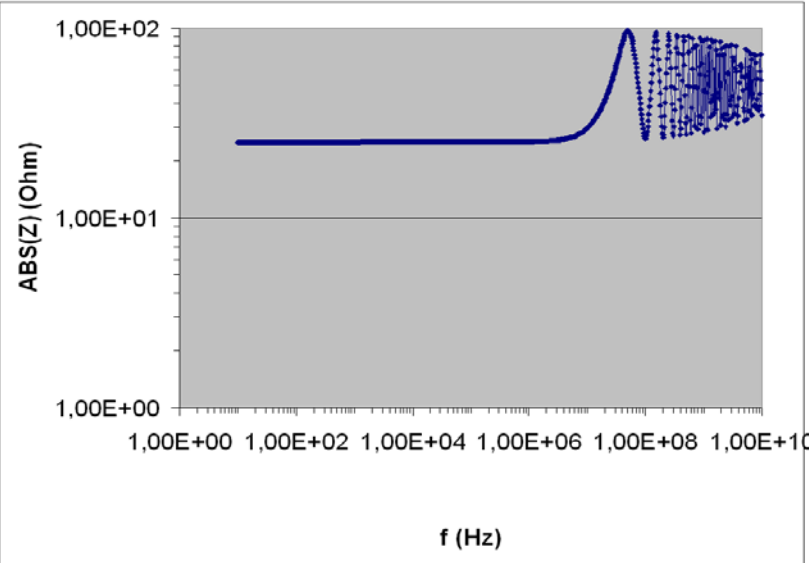
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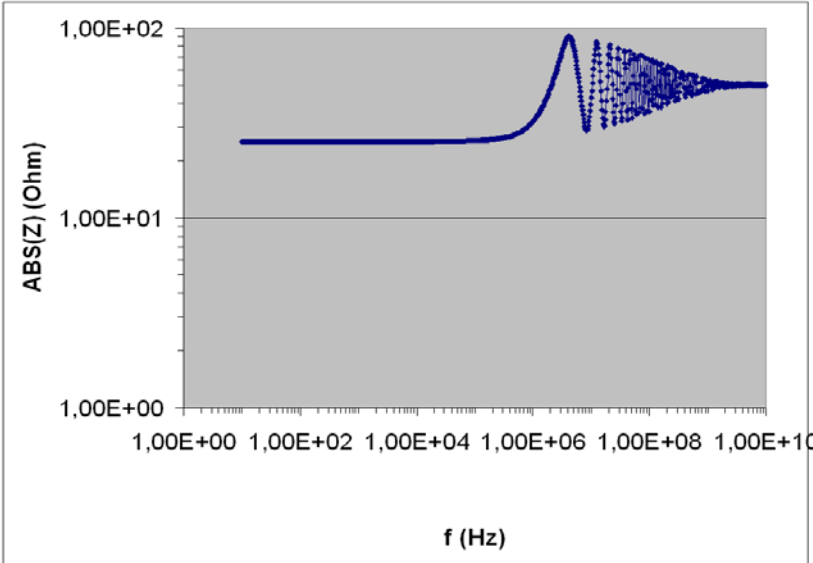
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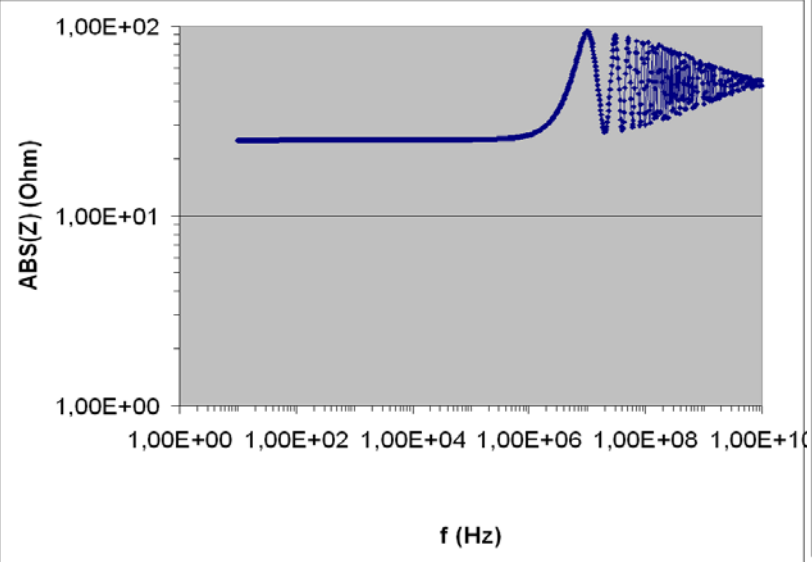
1 m



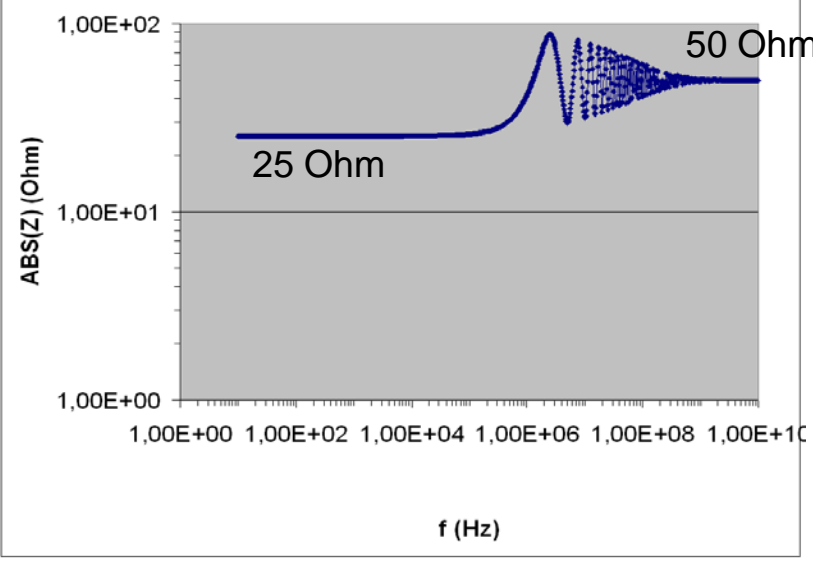
12 m



5 m



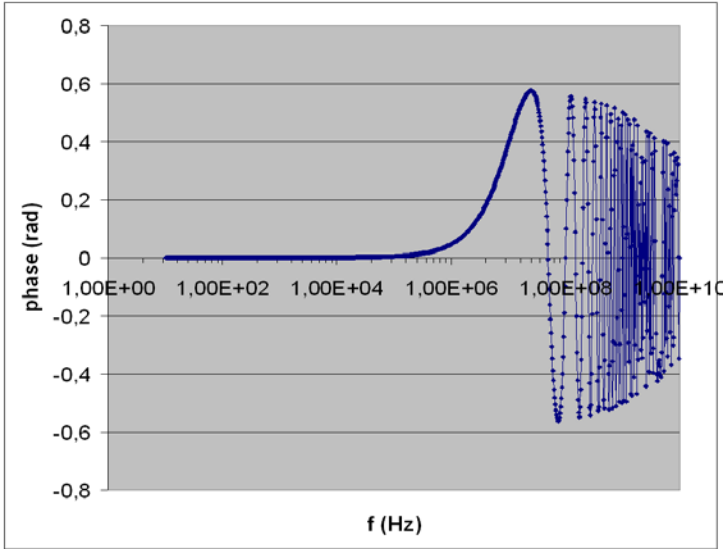
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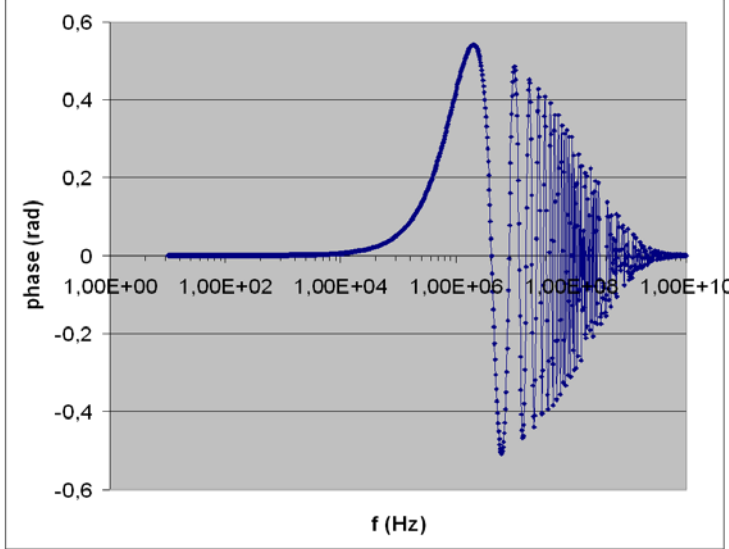
Skin effect: impedance after the cable

- Phase seen after x m of cable towards the detector when $Z_d=R_d$:

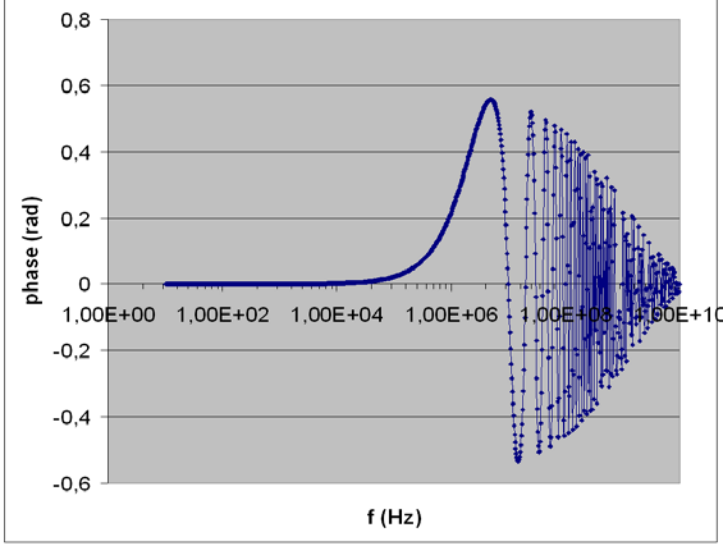
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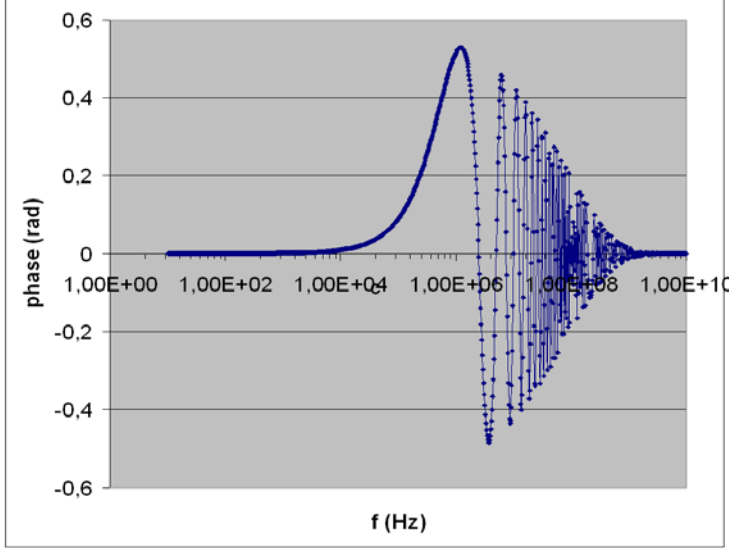
12 m



5 m



20 m



Skin effect: impedance after the cable

CONCLUSIONS:

- As expected, for
 - Very short cables, $Z \approx Z_d$
 - Long cables, $Z \approx Z_0$
- Impedance seen after 12 m of cable towards the detector when $Z_d = 1/jC\omega$:
 - $f < 1 \text{ kHz} \rightarrow |Z| \sim 1/\sqrt{\omega}$
 - $1 \text{ kHz} < f < 2\text{-}3 \text{ MHz} \rightarrow |Z| \sim 1/j\omega C_d$ (as without the cable)
 - $2\text{-}3 \text{ MHz} < f < 1 \text{ GHz} \rightarrow |Z|$ oscillates between 2 and 200Ω
 - $f > 1 \text{ GHz} \rightarrow |Z| \sim 50\Omega$
- Impedance seen after 12 m of cable towards the detector when $Z_d = R_d$:
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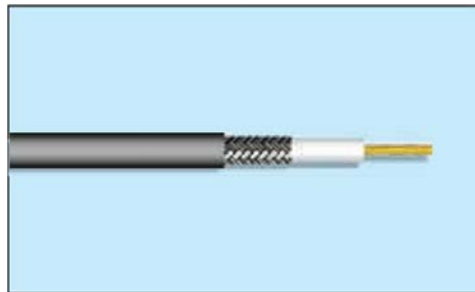
Skin effect: cable resistance

- Resistance per unit length R_s :

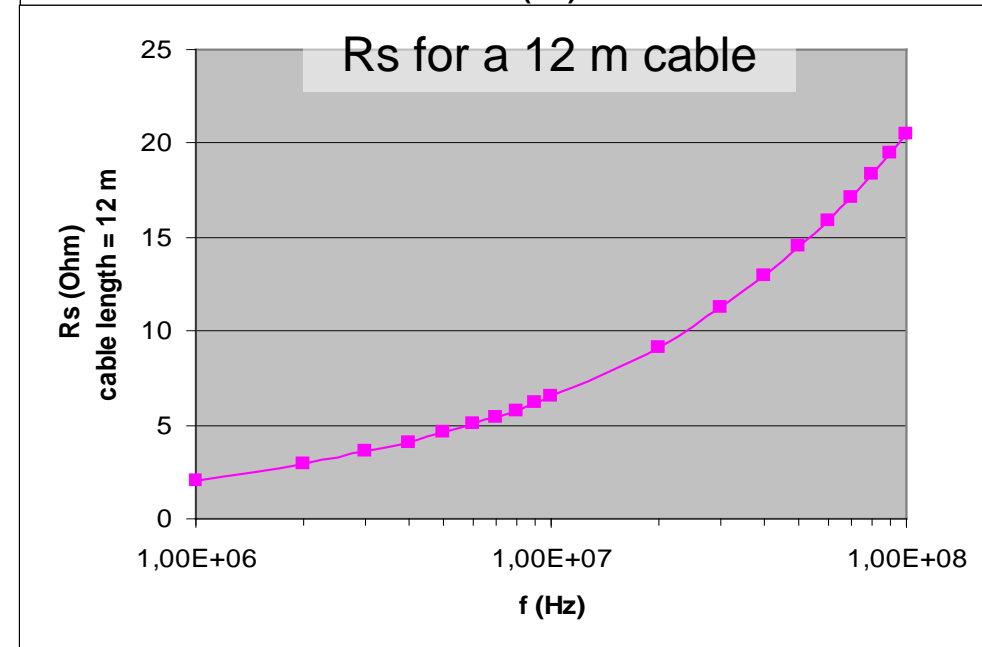
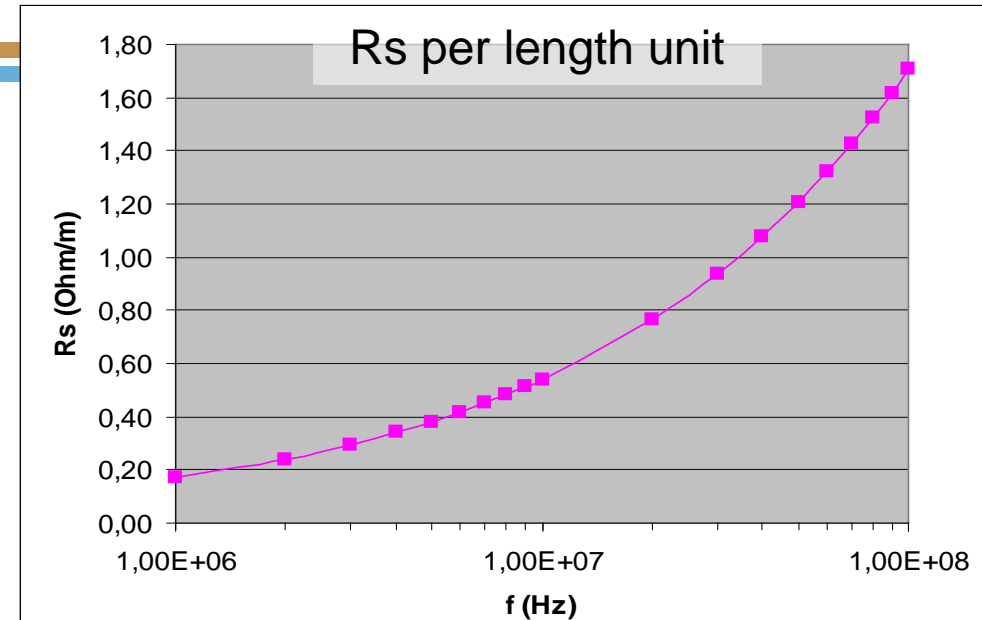
$$R_s = \frac{1}{\pi D} \sqrt{\frac{\omega \mu \rho}{2}}$$

- Skin effect resistor R_s values:

- Freq high enough to suppose current only on the cable surface
- $D = 0.48 \text{ mm}$
- $\mu_{\text{Cu}} \approx \mu_0 = 1.26 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ H/m}$
- $\sigma_{\text{Cu}} = 5.96 \cdot 10^7 \text{ S/m}$



Cable used: coaxial KX3B



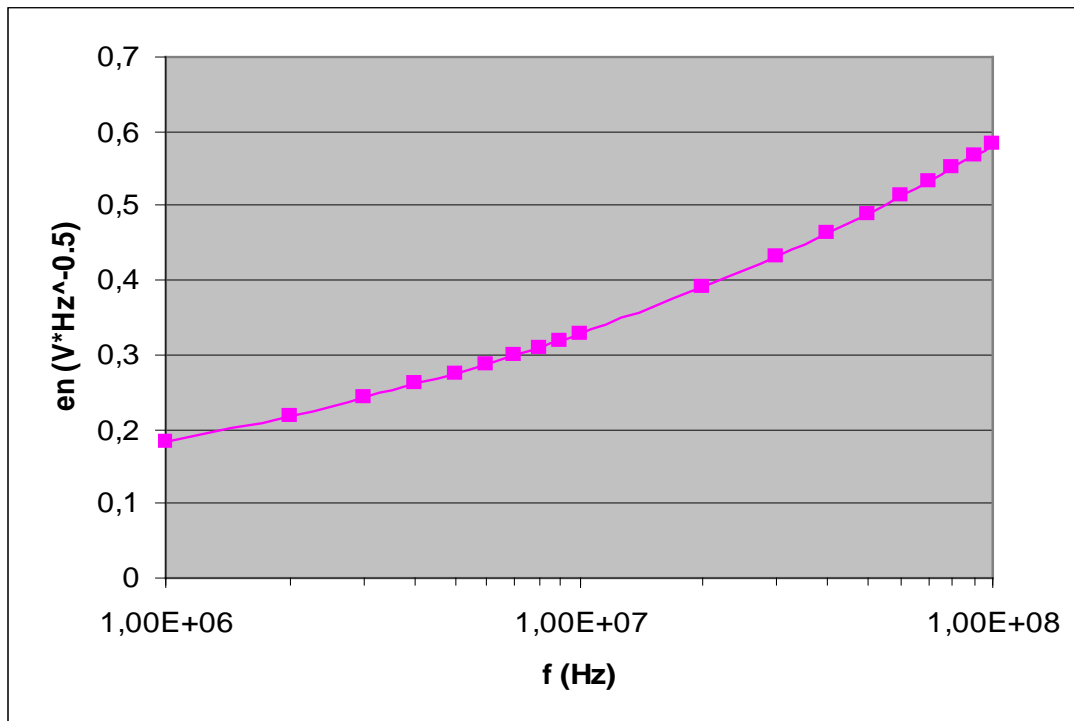
Skin effect: noise contribution

Noise generator per unit length:

$$\hat{e}_n^2(f) = 4KTR_S(f)$$

– Propagation constant (rearranged):

$$\gamma = \frac{R_S(\omega)}{2R_0} + j \frac{\omega}{v_p}$$

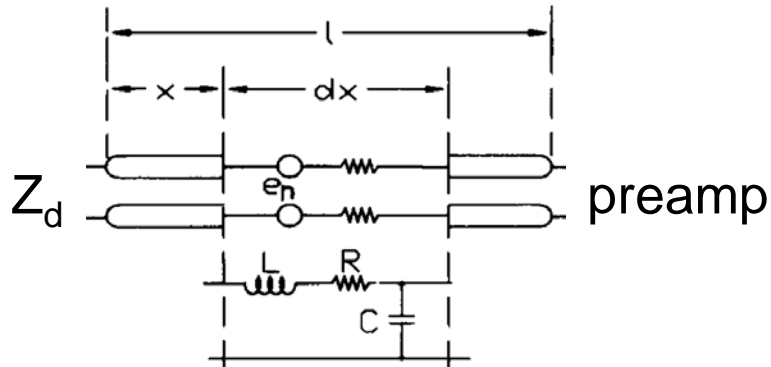


Plot e_n (nV/√Hz):

- Temperature: 300 K
 - Cable length: 12 m
 - Fast shaping times approximation:
 - Skin effect noise ~ single noise generator at preamp input
 - Approximate R_S at preamp+shaper central frequency
- ⇒ R_S ≈ 18 Ω

Noise current

- The noise current per unit length at position x (^ means per unit length):



$$\hat{i}_n^2(x) = \hat{e}_n^2 \frac{1}{|Z(x, \omega) + R_0|^2} \left| e^{-\gamma(l-x)} \right|^2$$

- From which we can obtain i_n^2 integrating over the length of all the cable from the detector to the preamp:

$$i_n^2(\omega) = \int_0^l \hat{i}_n^2(x) dx$$

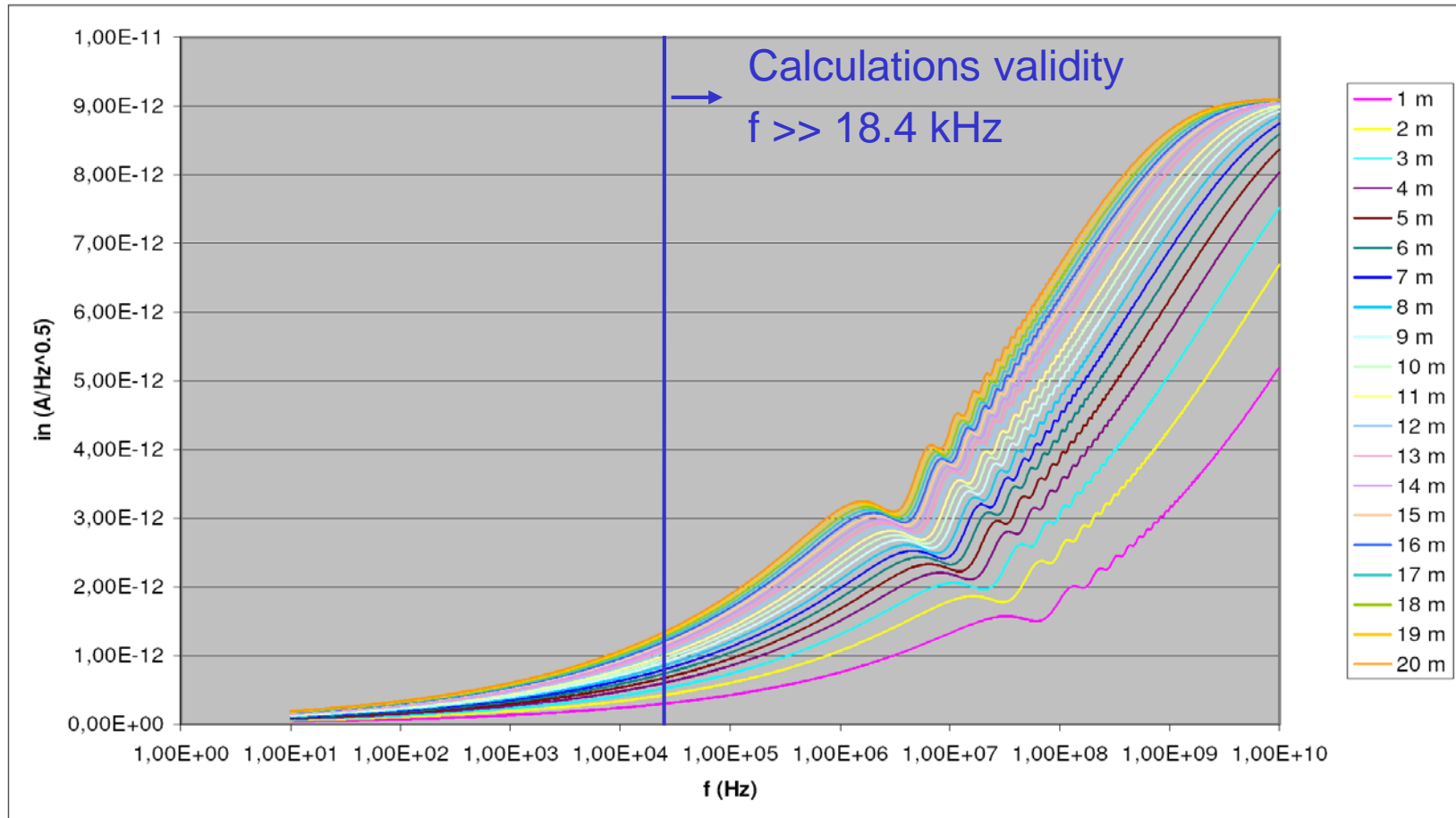
- In the case of the clipping line ($Z_d=R_d$):

$$i_n^2 = \frac{\hat{e}_n^2}{4R_0^2(R_0 + R_d)^2} \left[(R_0 + R_d)^2 \frac{1 - e^{-4\alpha l}}{2\alpha} + R_0 R_d \frac{e^{-4\alpha l} - 2e^{-2\alpha l} + 1}{\alpha} + (R_0^2 + R_d^2) e^{-2\alpha l} \frac{\sin 2\beta l}{\beta} \right]$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{e}_n^2 = 4KTR_S \\ R_S = \frac{1}{\pi D} \sqrt{\frac{\omega \mu \rho}{2}} \\ \gamma = \frac{R_S}{2R_0} + j \frac{\omega}{v_p} \\ Z = R_0 \frac{Z_d + R_0 \tanh \gamma x}{R_0 + Z_d \tanh \gamma x} \end{array} \right.$$

Calculated skin effect noise current

- Noise current generated by the cable In the case of the clipping line ($Z_d=R_d$):



Skin effect: PSD calculation

- Case of clipping line and current amp
- On David's talk, all amp PSD is calculated:

$$i_{ni}^2 = i_{ni}^2 \Big|_{e_{iRc}} + i_{ni}^2 \Big|_{e_{iRs}} + i_{ni}^2 \Big|_{e_n} + i_{ni}^2 \Big|_{i_n} + \text{COV} \dots$$

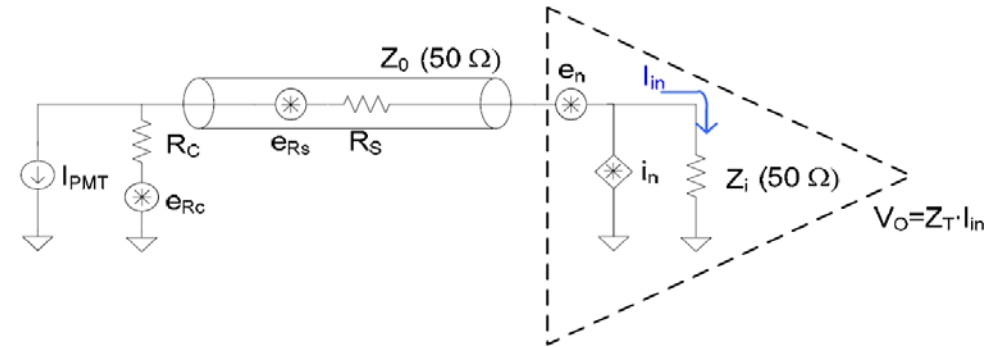
- Transimpedance gain $Z_T=500\Omega$

- PSD of the cable (skin effect) after the preamp:

$$e_{no}(\text{cable}) = Z_T i_n$$

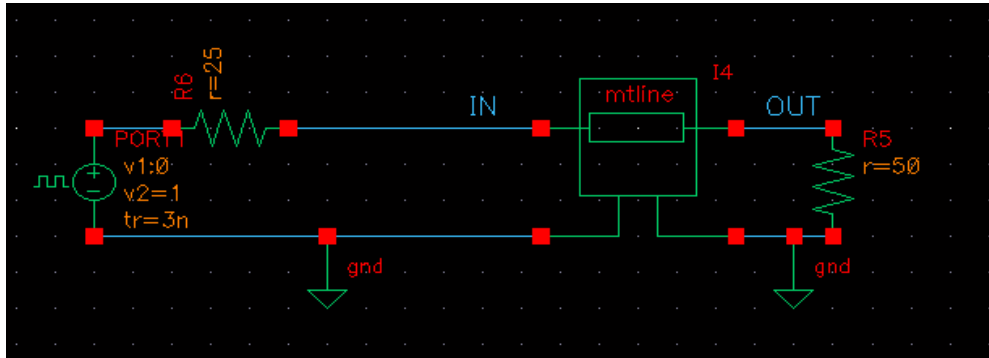
- We can use the previous result (slide 16), or
- A lumped resistor at about 18Ω :

$$i_{ni}^2 \Big|_{e_{iRs}} = \frac{4KTR_S}{|R_S + Z_0|^2}$$



Skin effect simulated noise

Cadence Spectre simulation circuit with mtline:



Parameter	Name	Value
Cable physical length	l	12 m
Normalized velocity	v	0.659 c
Corner frequency: f at which skin depth = conductor's width	f_{corner}	18.446 kHz
DC series resistance per unit length	R_{DC}	0.031 Ω/m
Conductor loss measurement frequency	f_c	200 MHz
Conductor series resistance per unit length at f_c	R_s	2.411 Ω/m

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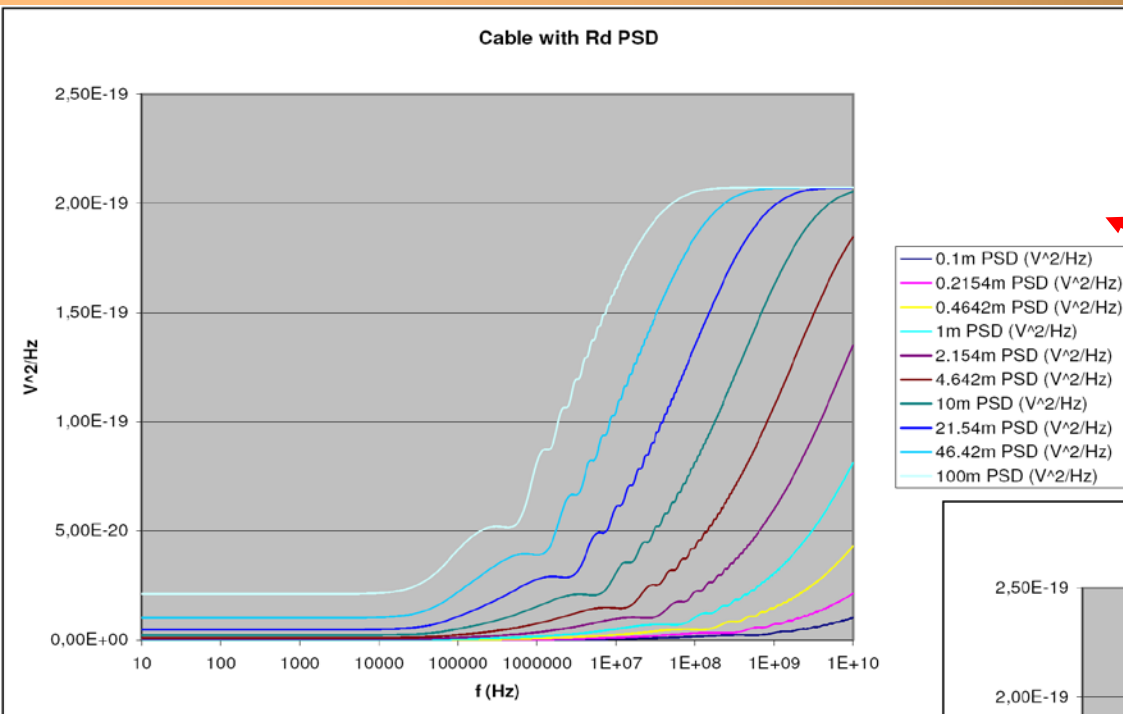
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View Name	spectre	off
Instance Name	I4	off

Add Delete Modify

CDF Parameter	Value	Display
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Physical length	LengthCable*1000000.0u	off
Multiplicity factor	1	off
Max signal frequency	1e10	off
Type of Input	Tline	off
Characteristic impedance	50 Ohms	off
Delay Time		off
Frequency		off
Normalized length		off
Propagation velocity normaliz	0.659	off
Corner frequency	18.446K Hz	off
DC series res/Length	31m	off
Loss resistance per unit lengt	2.41	off
Conductor loss at fc		off
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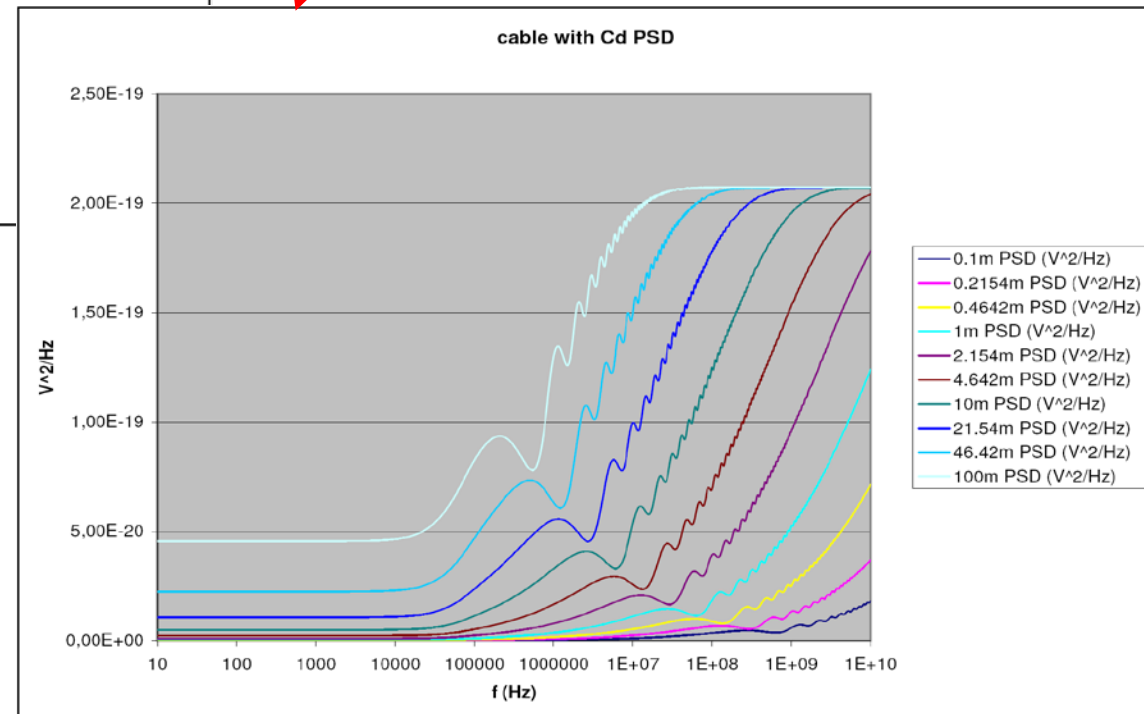
Skin effect simulated noise



- Cadence Spectre simulation circuit with mline and different lengths (from 0.1 to 100 m):

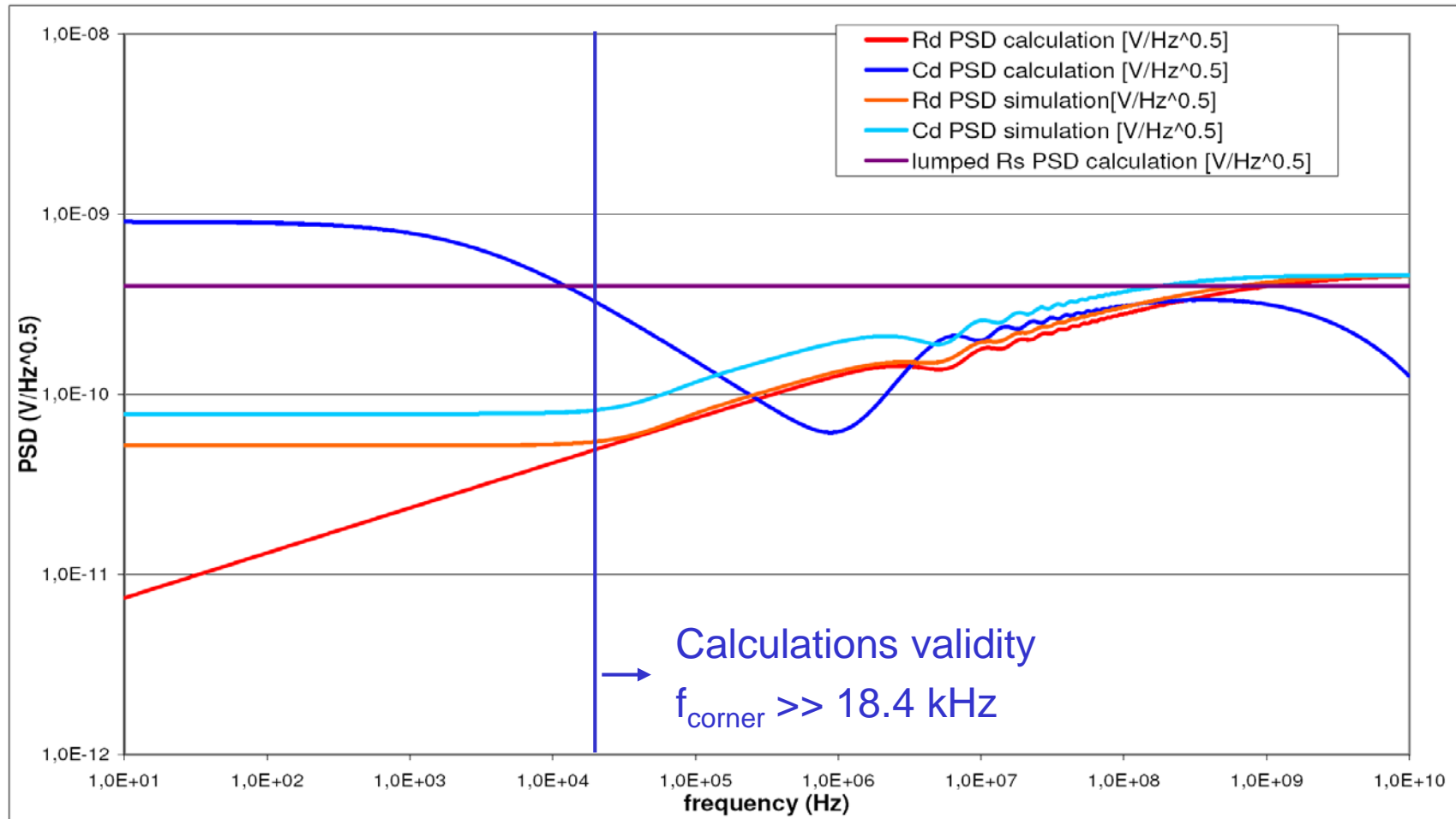
- with clipping line ($Z_d = R_d$)

- without clipping line ($Z_d = 1/jC_d\omega$)



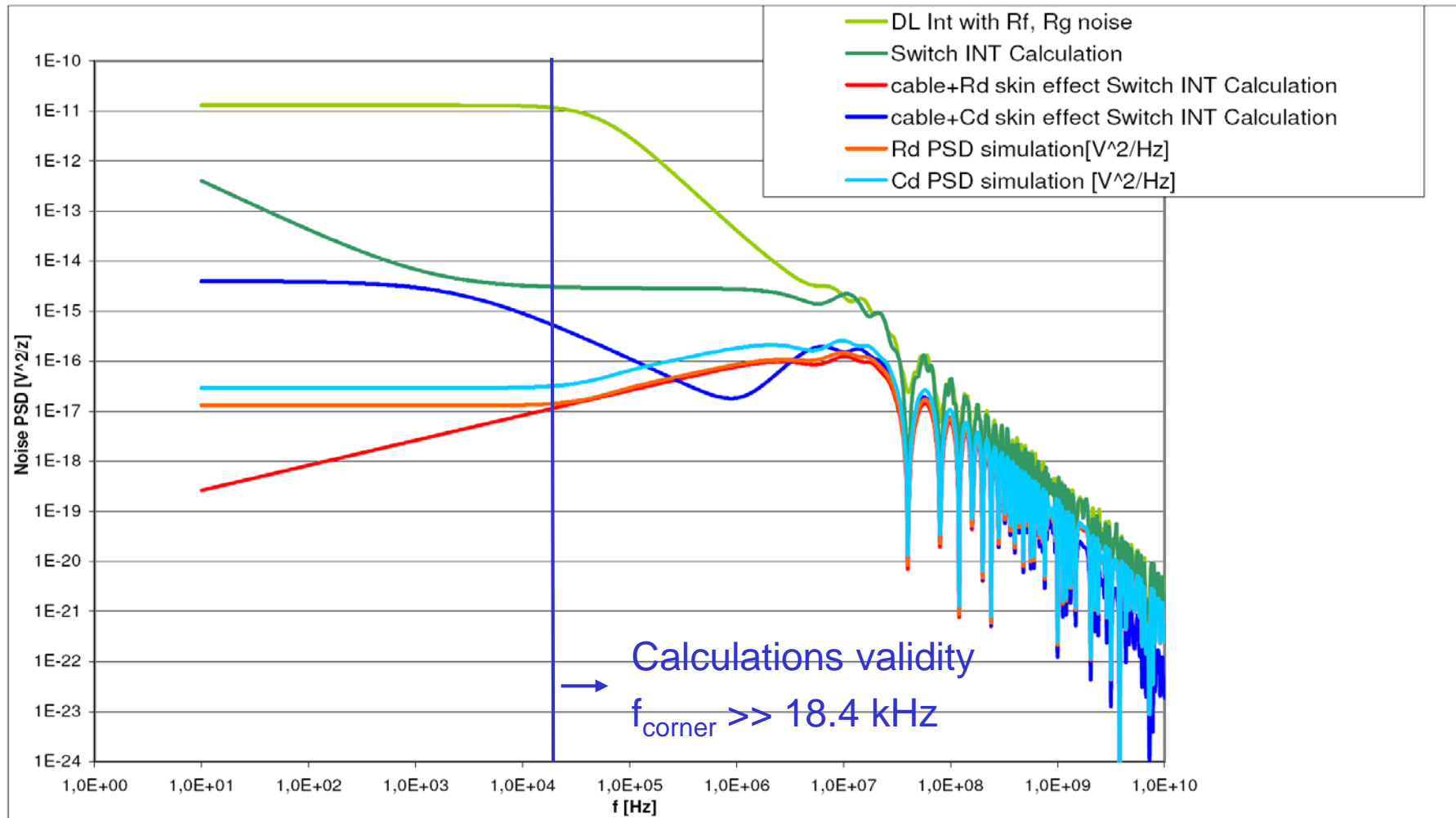
Skin effect generated noise

- Comparison between $Z_d=1/jC_d\omega$ and $Z_d=R_d$ for a cable of 12m calculation, simulation, and $R_S=18\Omega$ lumped approximation:



Skin effect generated noise

- Comparison between $Z_d = 1/jC_d\omega$ and $Z_d = R_d$ for a cable of 12m after integration:



Conclusions on cable effects

- 2 main cable effects on SNR:
 - Attenuation due to the skin effect:
 - long tail in the step response of the cable
 - part of the signal is delayed and does not contribute
 - Increase of resistance of the cables
 - noise source distributed along the cable
- Impedance for a 12m cable at $2\text{-}3\text{ MHz} < f < 1\text{ GHz}$
 - $Z_d = 1/jCw$: $|Z|$ oscillates between 2 and 200 Ω
 - $Z_d = R_d$: $|Z|$ oscillates between 25 and 100 Ω
- Calculated and simulated skin effect generated noise offer more precision than the approximation with a lumped resistor at preamp input
- Noise calculations are valid for $f \gg f_{\text{corner}} = 18.4\text{ kHz}$
- **Calculated and simulated noise due to skin effect is low enough**

II. Input stage: active line termination

- Electronically cooled termination required:

- 50 Ohm resistor noise is too high
- e. g. ATLAS LAr (discrete component)

- Common gate with double voltage feedback

- Inner loop to reduce input impedance preserving linearity and with low noise
- Outer loop to control the input impedance accurately

$$Z_i \approx \frac{1/g_{m1}}{G} + R_{C1} \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$$

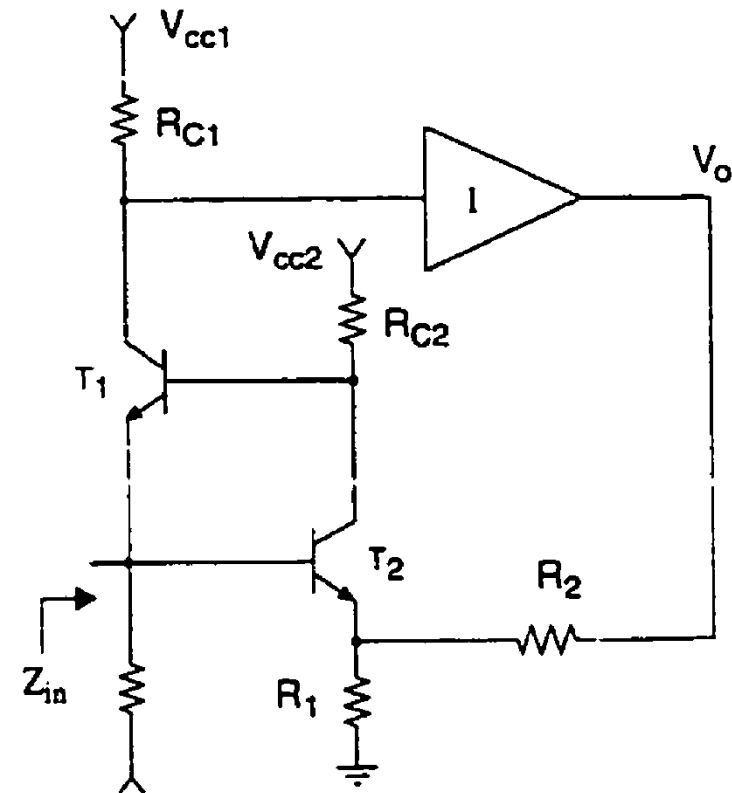
- Transimpedance gain is given by R_{C1}

- Noise is $< 0.5 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

- Small value for R_1 and R_2
- Large g_{m1} and g_{m2}

- Need ASIC for LHCB

- 32 ch / board: room and complexity



II. Input stage : LAPAS chip for ATLAS LAr upgrade

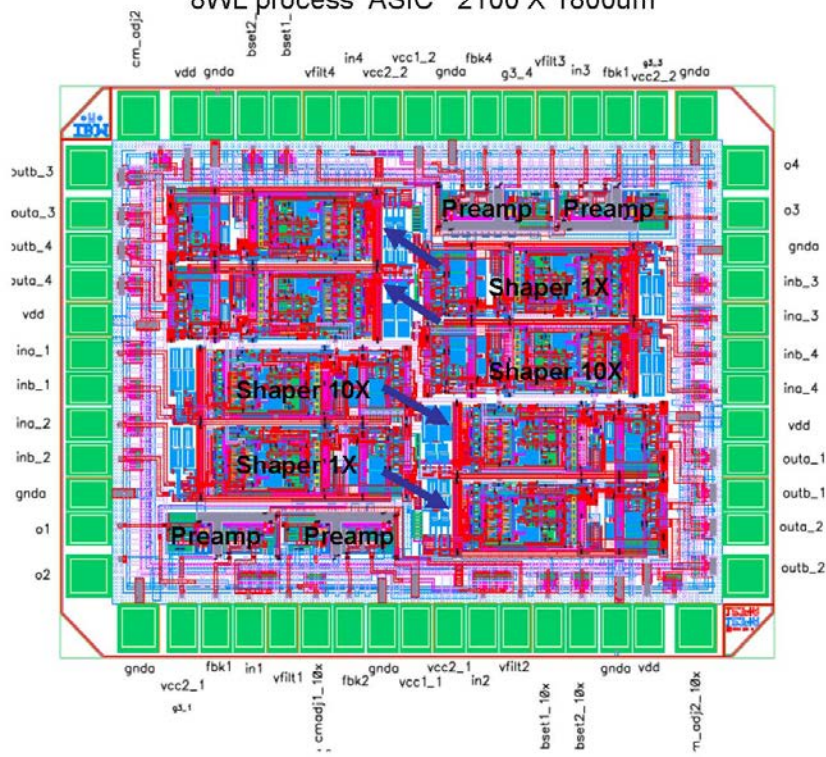
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LAPAS: A SiGe Front End Prototype for the Upgraded ATLAS LAr Calorimeter

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LAPAS: Liquid Argon PreAmplifier Shaper
8WL process ASIC 2100 X 1800um



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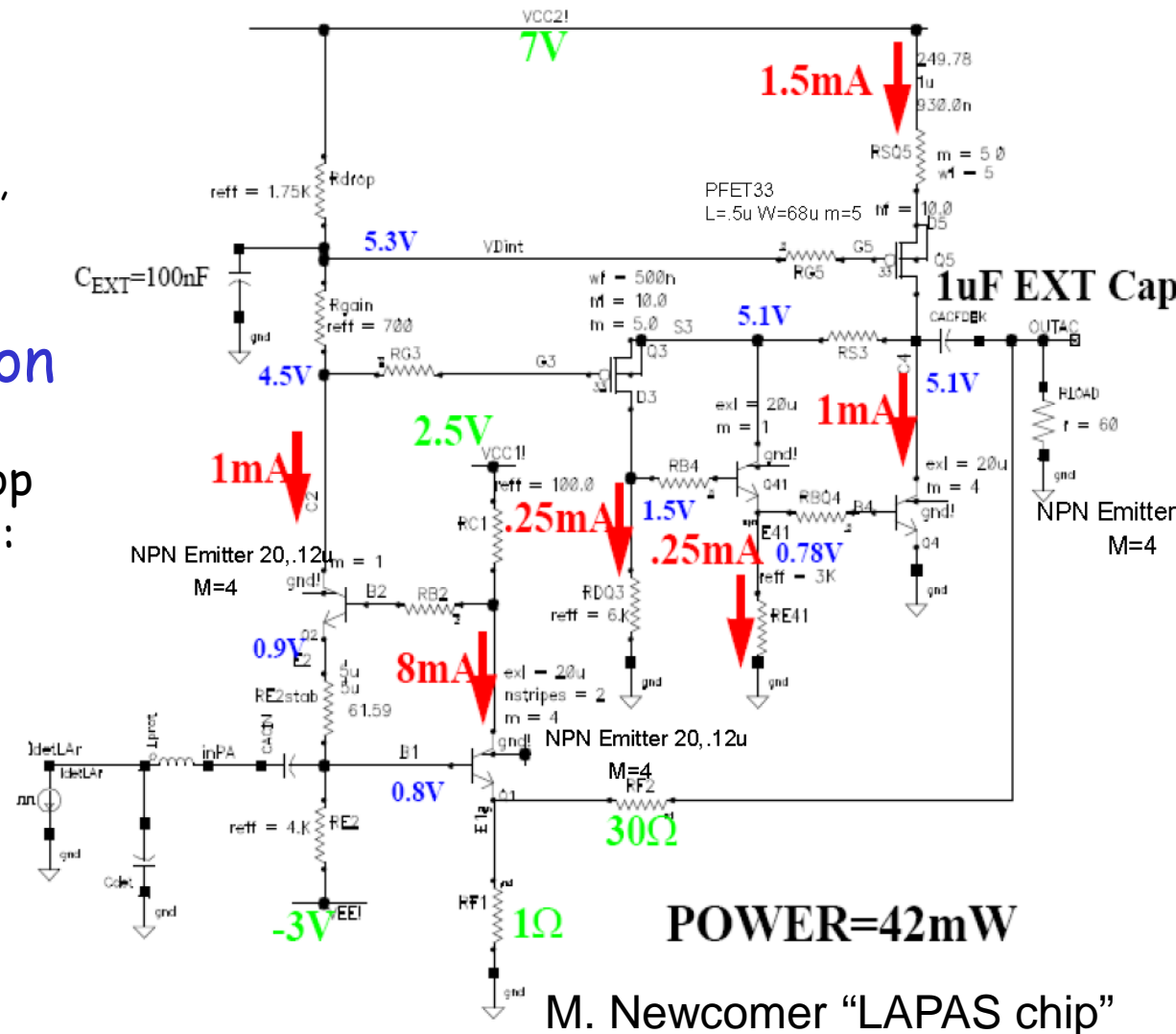
II. Input stage: LAPAS chip for ATLAS LAr upgrade

• Technology:

- IBM 8WL SiGe BiCMOS
- 130 nm CMOS (CERN's techno)
- Radiation tolerance:
 - FEE Rad Tolerance TID~ 300Krad,
 - Neutron Fluence $\sim 10^{13}$ n/cm²

• Circuit is "direct" translation

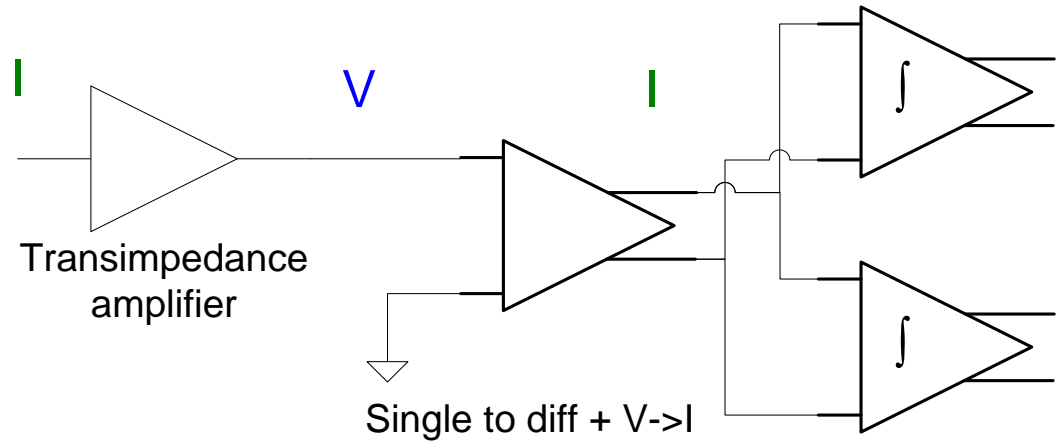
- Need external 1 uF AC coupling capacitor for outer feedback loop
- Three pads per channel required:
 - Input
 - Two for AC coupling capacitor
- Voltage output



I. Introduction: voltage output versus current output

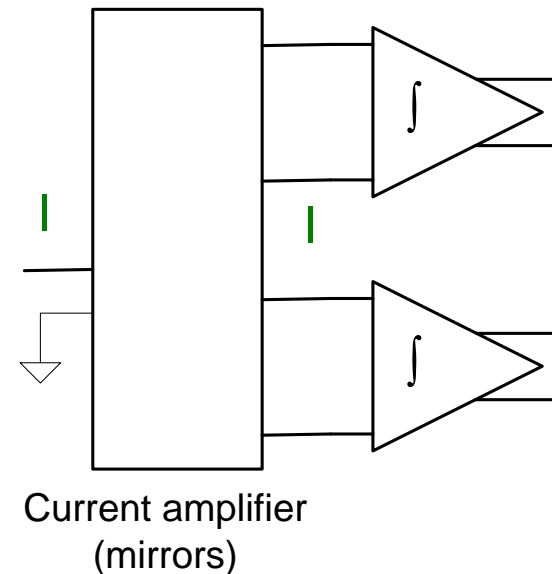
• Voltage output:

- Pros:
 - Tested
- Cons:
 - I (PMT) \rightarrow V and V \rightarrow I (integrate)
 - Larger supply voltage required
 - External components
 - 2 additional pads per channel



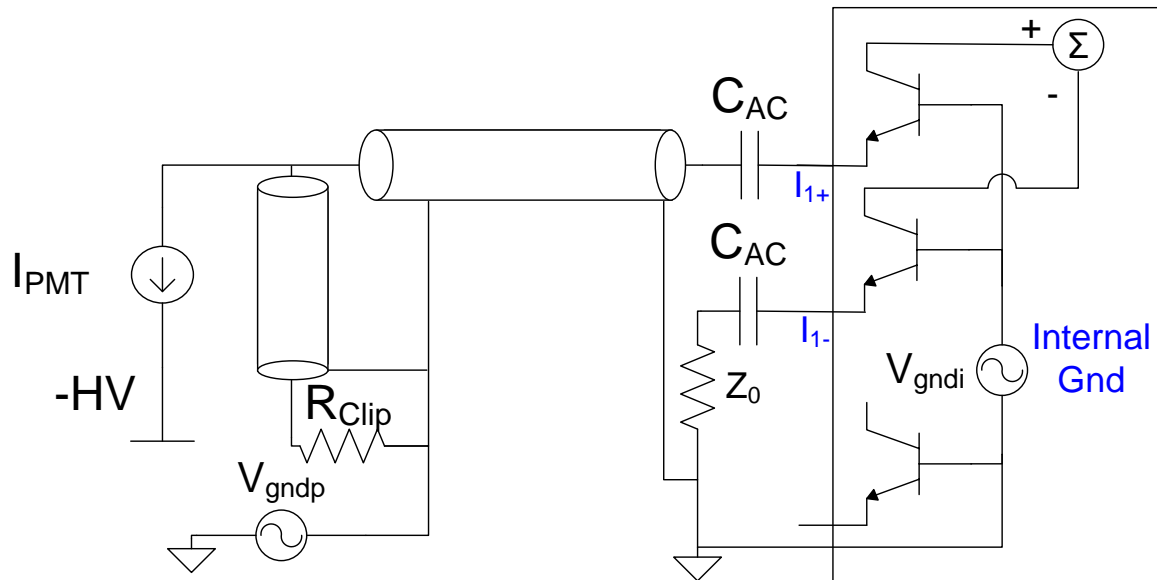
• Current output ("à la PS")

- Pros:
 - "Natural" current processing
 - Lower supply voltage
 - All low impedance nodes:
 - Pickup rejection
 - No external components
 - No extra pad
- Cons:
 - Trade-off in current mirrors: linearity vs bandwidth



III. Channel architecture: pseudo-differential input

- Pseudo-differential input attenuates ground (and CM) noise in FE:
 - Mitigates V_{gndi} (conducted) noise (attenuation depends on matching)
 - Symmetrical chip/PCB layout also mitigates capacitive coupling (xtalk, pick-up)



- Drawback: uncorrelated HF noise $\times \sqrt{2}$
 - Predictable and stable effect
- Current mode preamplifier makes easier pseudo differential input:
 - Current: 2 pads per channel
 - Voltage (external component): 6 pads per channel

IV. Technology: choice of technology

- **SiGe BiCMOS is preferred:**

- SiGe HBTs have higher g_m/I_{bias} than MOS: less noise, less Z_i variation
- SiGe HBTs have higher f_t (>50 GHz): easier to design high GBW amplifiers

- **Several technologies available:**

- IBM
- IHP
- AMS BiCMOS 0.35 μm

	IBM	IHP	AMS
HBT f_t	> 100 GHz	190 GHz	60 GHz
CMOS	0.13 μm	0.13 μm	0.35 μm
Proto Cost [€/mm ²]	> 3 K	> 3 K	1 K

- **AMS is preferred**

- Factor 2 or 3 cheaper
- Too deep submicron CMOS not required / not wanted:
 - Few channels per chip (4 ?)
 - Smaller supply voltage
 - Worst matching
- Radiation hardness seems to be high enough (to be checked)

IV. Technology: radiation tolerance

- Requirements:

- Dose in 5 years (TID): 10-20 krad
- Neutron fluence?

- AMS SiGe BiCMOS 0.35 um should be ok:

- Omega studies about ILC calorimeters...
- ATLAS: CNM studies: <http://cdsweb.cern.ch/record/1214435/files/ATL-LARG-SLIDE-2009-337.pdf>
- **CMS: Technology adopted for HCAL upgrade (QIE10 chip)**
 - Total radiation dose = 10 krad = 100 Gy
 - Neutron fluence = $10^{13}/\text{cm}^2$
 - Charged hadron fluence = $2 \times 10^{10}/\text{cm}^2$

Possible to share efforts on rad qualification? Engineering run? Cost...

- Radiation tolerance should be taken into account at design:

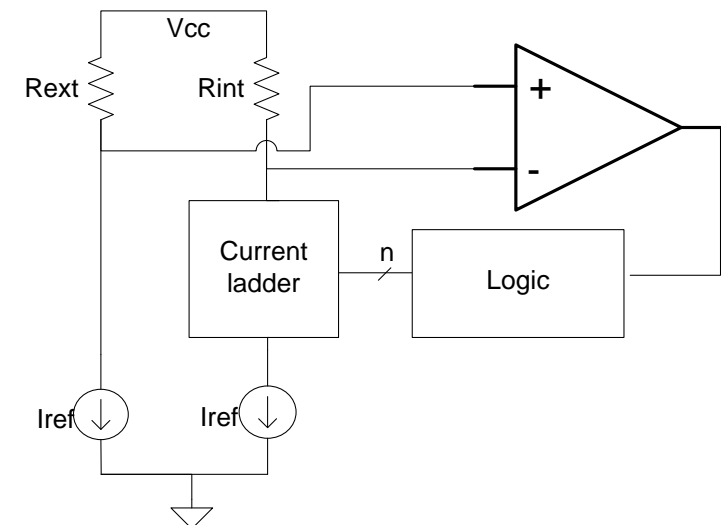
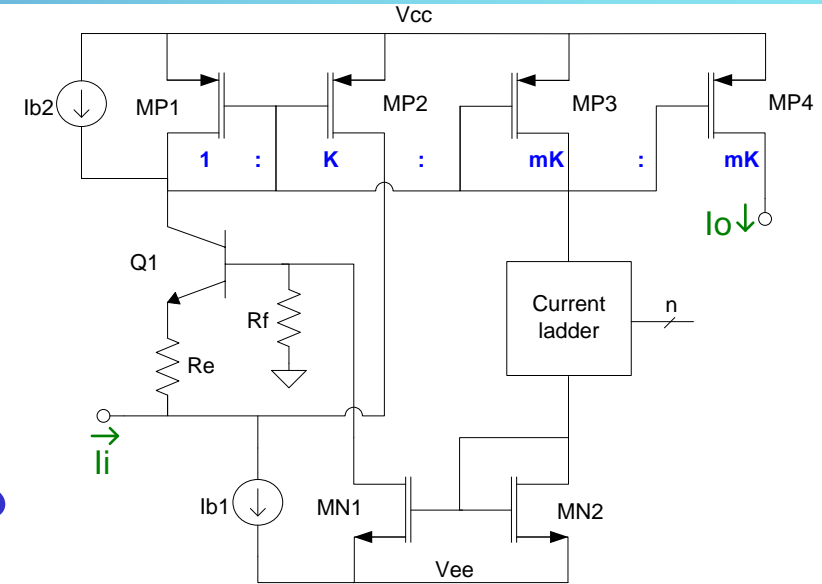
- Cumulative effects:
 - Use feedback (global or local): minimal impact of beta degradation
 - Not rely on absolute value of components, use ratios but
- Transient events:
 - Guard rings for CMOS and substrate contacts: avoid SEL
 - Majority triple voting: SEU hardened logic (if any)

IV. Technology issues: effect of process variations

- Input impedance is the key point
- Two types of parameter variation simulated
 - Mismatch between closely placed devices (local variation component to component)
 - No problem: 1 % level
 - Process variation (lot to lot):
 - Problem: 10-30 % level !! (uniform distribution)
 - Pessimistic: experience tell that usually production parameters are close to the typical mean values
- In principle process variation affects whole production (1 run)
 - Could be compensated with an external resistor in series / parallel with the input
- Variation wafer-to-wafer or among distant chips in the same wafer:
 - Can not be simulated
 - Higher than mismatch and lower than process variation
 - According to previous experience: 2-3 % sigma: BUT NO WARRANTY
- Should we foresee a way to compensate it?
 - Group (2-3) chips and:
 - Different pcb (2 - 3 different external resistor values)
 - Tune a circuit parameter
 - Automatic tuning

IV. Technology issues: effect of process variations

- **Input impedance controllable by:**
 - Tune feedback resistor R_f
 - Difficult: small value (R_{on} of the switch)
 - Tune second feedback current
 - Binary weighted ladder (3 bits?): simple
- **How control current ladder control?**
 - Group ASICs a fix the value, set by:
 - External jumper
 - Slow control: dig interface required
 - Automatic tuning
 - Reference voltage
 - Reference currents: external or band gap
 - External resistor
 - Wilkinson or SAR ADC style logic



Test set-up

