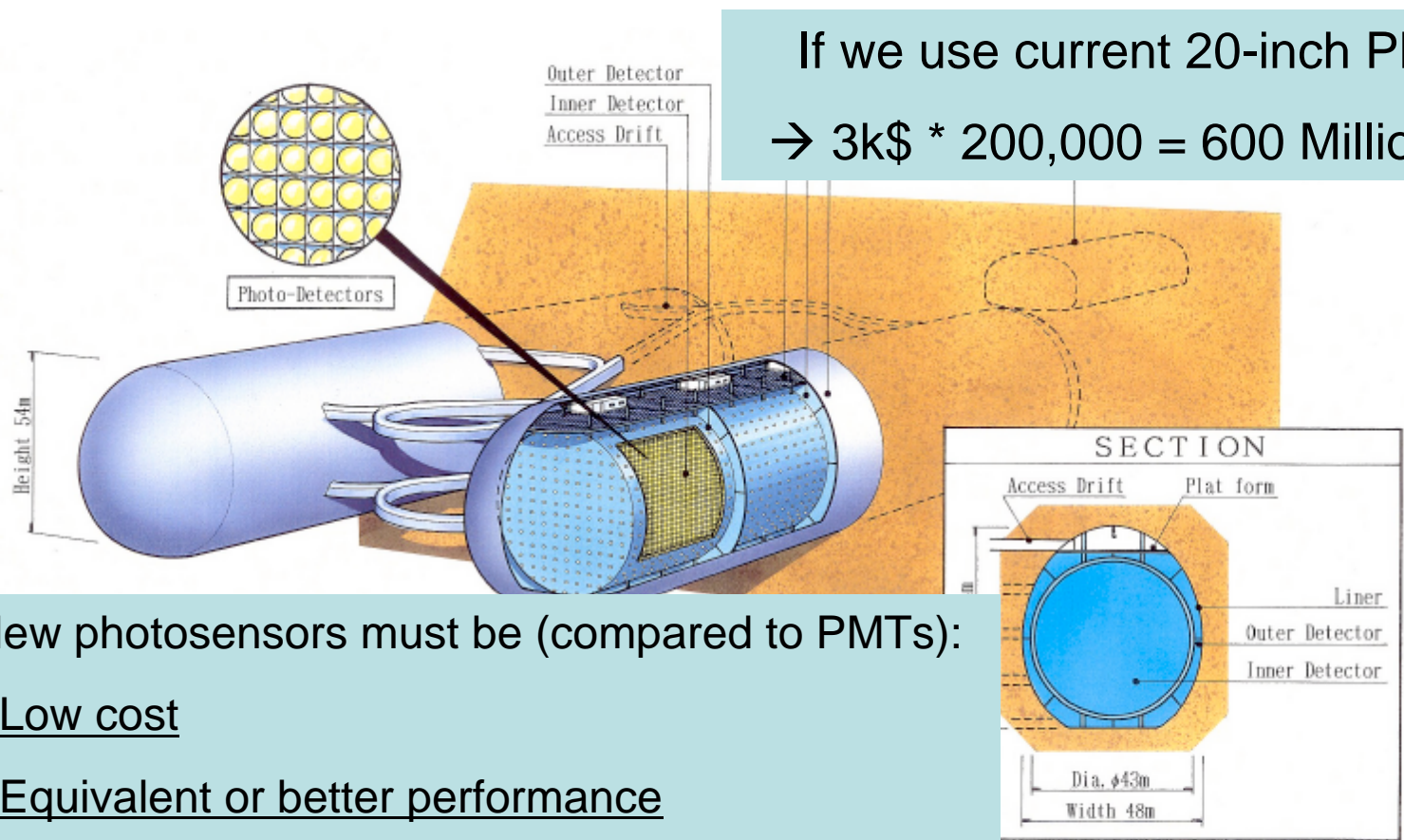


# **Development of a 13-inch Hybrid Avalanche Photo-Detector (HAPD) and its Readout System for a Water Cherenkov Detector**

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# Concept of Hyper Kamiokande (20 times Super K)



If we use current 20-inch PMTs  
→ 3k\$ \* 200,000 = 600 Million \$ !!

New photosensors must be (compared to PMTs):

- Low cost
- Equivalent or better performance

(Single photon sensitivity, time resolution)

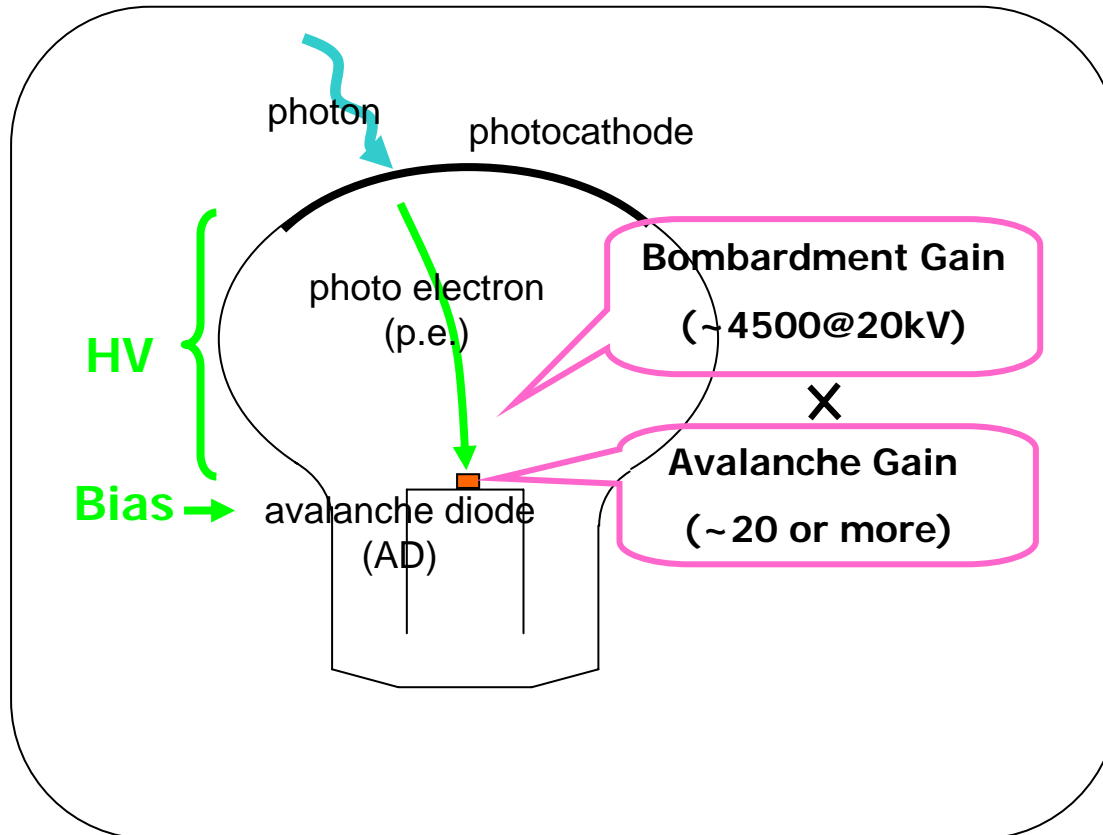
⇒ Our solution to the photosensors:

Hybrid Avalanche Photo-Detector (HAPD) with a large photocathode <sup>2</sup>

# The Principle of HAPD

Main idea of HAPD:

Replace dynodes of PMT with an avalanche diode



# The HAPD characteristics

Compared to current PMTs...

😊 Simple structure without dynodes

→ Cost reduction on mass production

😊 Large gain at the first stage of multiplication process

→ Single photon sensitivity

😊 No TTS in dynodes & large HV (~20kV)

→ Good time resolution ( $\sigma_t \sim 1\text{ns}@1\text{p.e.}$ )

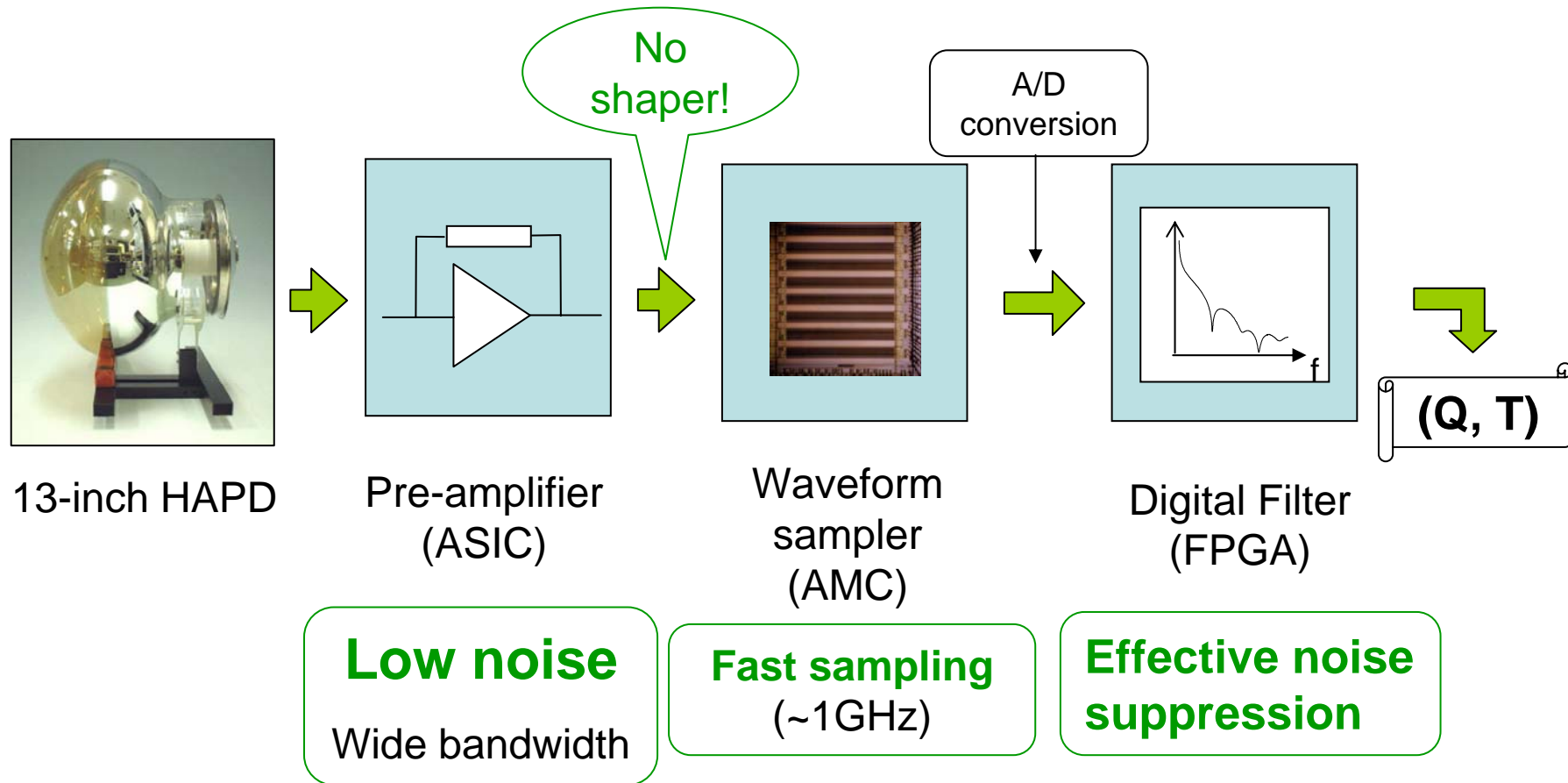
PMT: 2~3ns

😞 Relatively small gain ( $\sim 10^5$ )

PMT:  $\sim 10^7$

→ Need a sophisticated readout system

# HAPD & Readout System



Different from the traditional shaper+ADC+TDC system.  
(Digital filter can realize more effective noise suppression!)

# Outline

## 1. 13-inch prototype HAPD

- Gain
- Single photon sensitivity
- Time resolution

## 2. Preamplifier on ASIC

- Noise performance

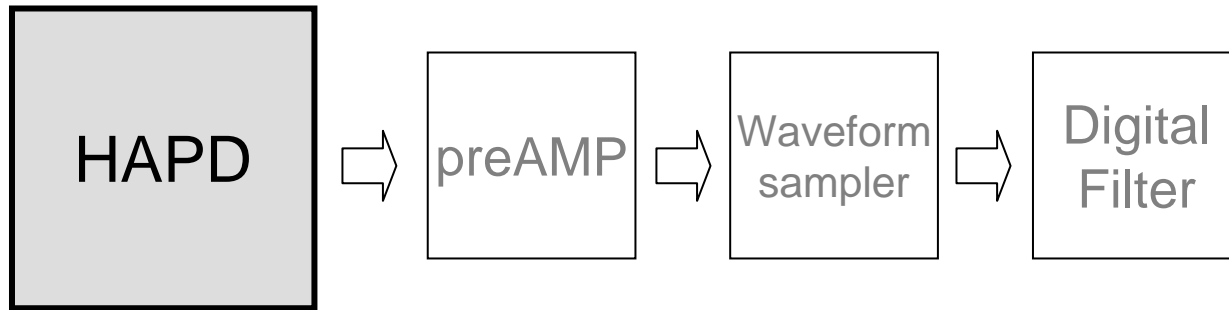
## 3. Analog Memory Cell (AMC) as a waveform sampler

- Basic functionality
- Sampling speed

## 4. Digital filter on FPGA

- Better performance (S/N,  $\sigma_t$ )
- Lower cost

# HAPD



## Requirement

- Single photon sensitivity
- Time resolution: ( $\sigma_t < 1\text{ns}$ )

# HAPD Evaluation

13-inch prototype HAPD

## Photocathode

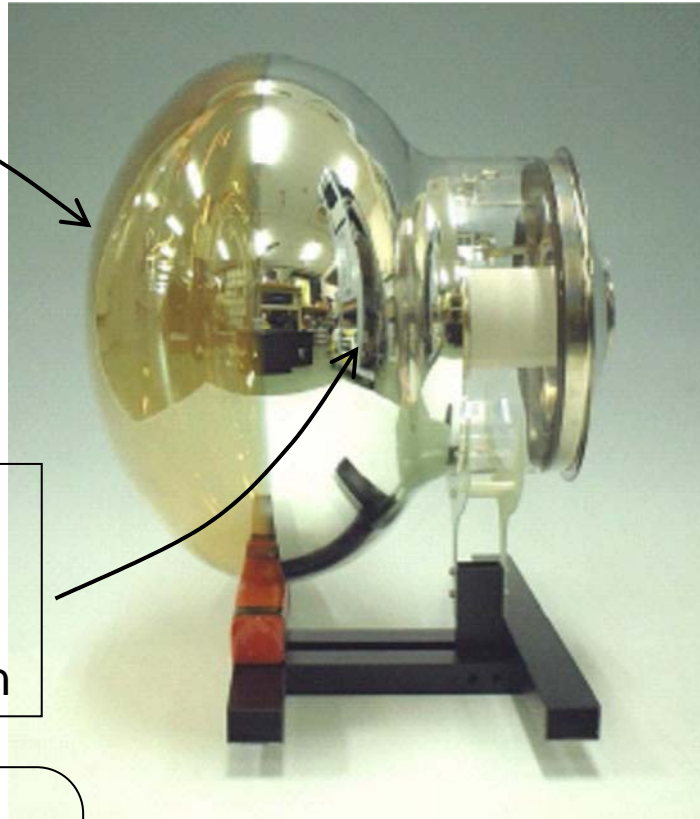
- 330mm dia.  
( effective area:  
240mm dia.)
- Bialkali

## Avalanche Diode

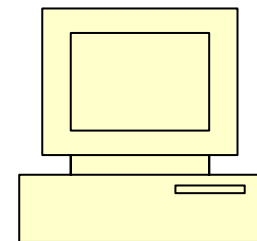
- 5mm dia.
- Front-side illumination

## “Positive-HV” mode

- photocathode: GND
- AD: +HV



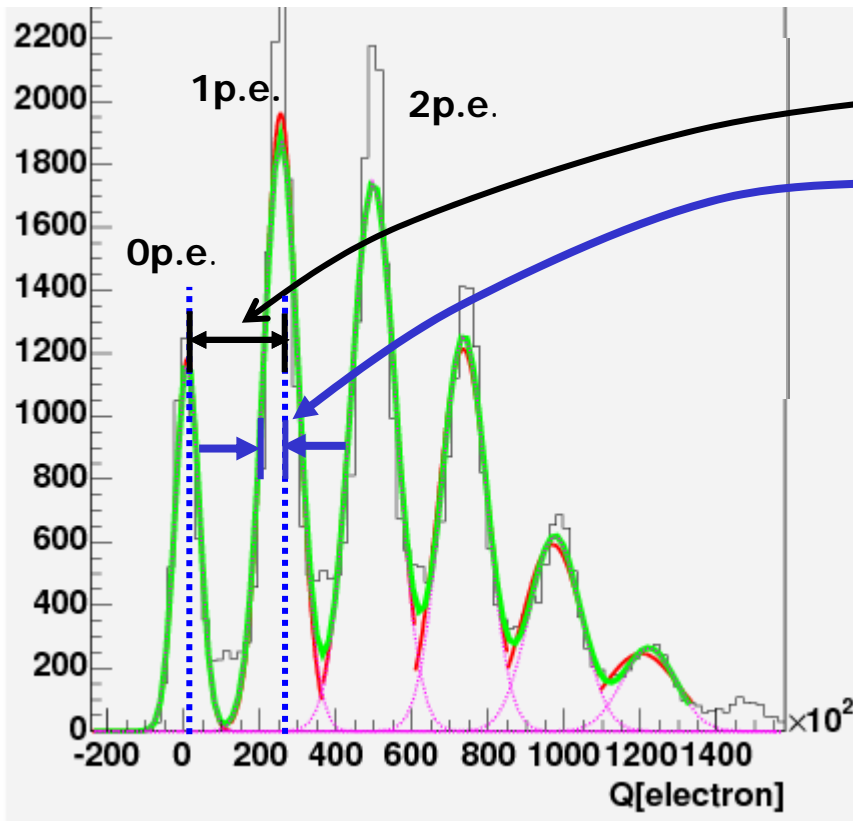
Oscilloscope



Offline  
filtering

# Gain & Single Photon Sensitivity

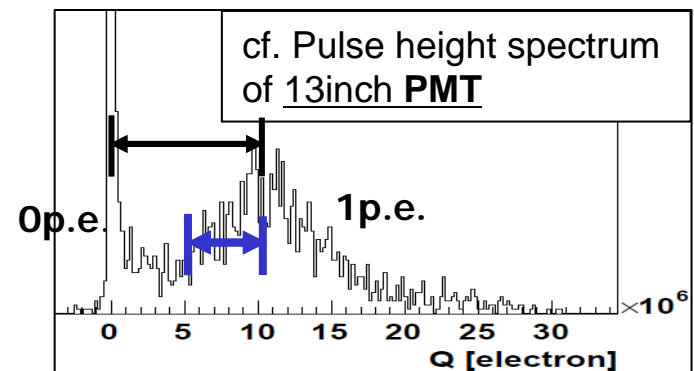
Pulse height spectrum after digital filter



Gain ~ 24,000@12kV

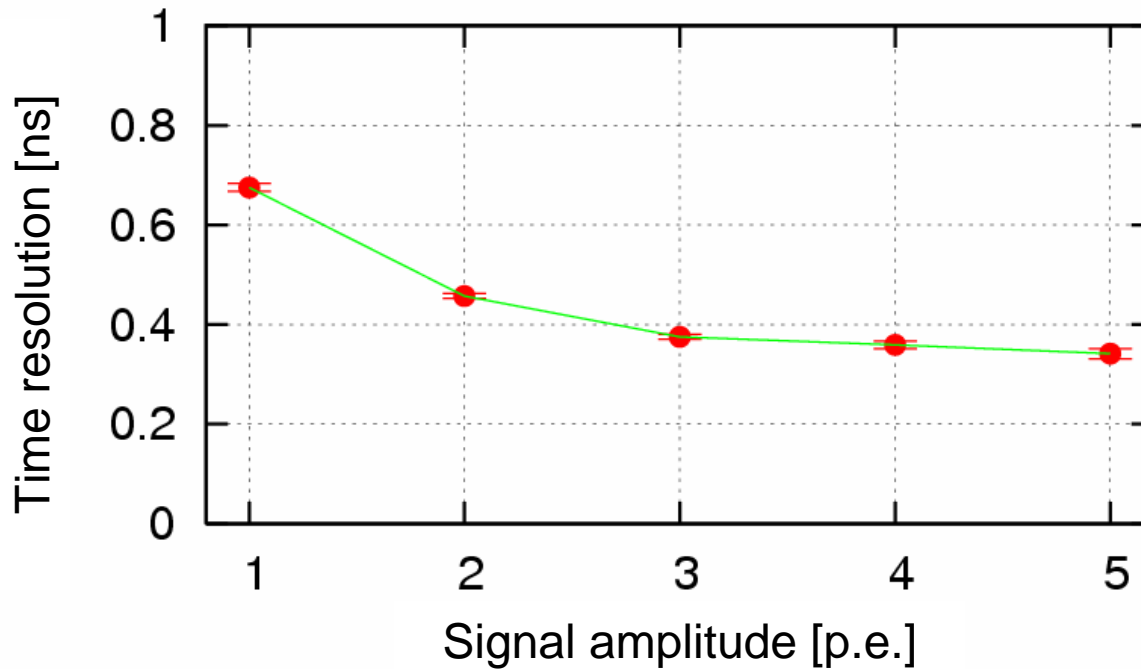
Small gain fluctuation  
→ Clear peaks!!

Meet the requirement  
(Single Photon Sensitivity)



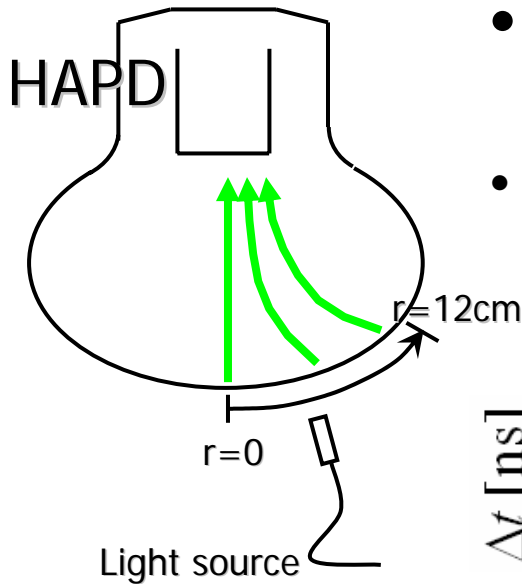
# Time Resolution with spot illum.

Light source: spot illumination @ center of the photocathode

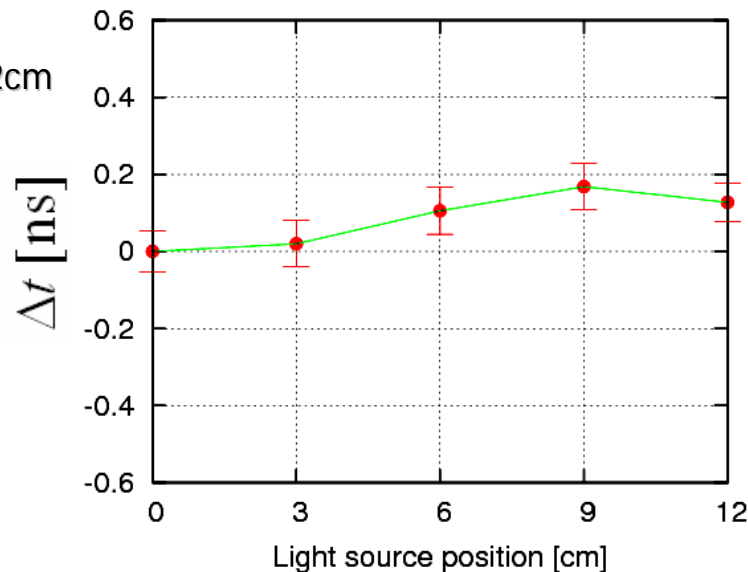


$$\underline{\sigma_t^{\text{spot}}} \sim 0.7 \text{ ns @ 1 p.e.}$$

# Transit Time Uniformity

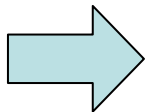


- Transit time vs. position on the photocathode
- Input:  $\sim 30$  p.e. (time resolution:  $0.06$  ns @  $30$  p.e.)



Transit time uniformity

$$\underline{\sigma_t^u \sim 0.1 \text{ ns} (\ll 0.7 \text{ ns})}$$



Time resolution  $\sigma_t \sim 0.7$  ns @ 1 p.e.

Meet the requirement ( $\sigma_t < 1$  ns)

cf. 13 inch PMT:

$\sigma_t \sim 3$  ns

# HAPD Summary & Future Plans

- Summary

- Total Gain:  $\sim 24,000$  @ HV=12kV
- Single photon sensitivity: S/N=10 @ 1p.e.
- Time resolution:  $\sigma_t \sim 0.7$  ns @ 1p.e.



- Future Plans

- Tube structure upgrade

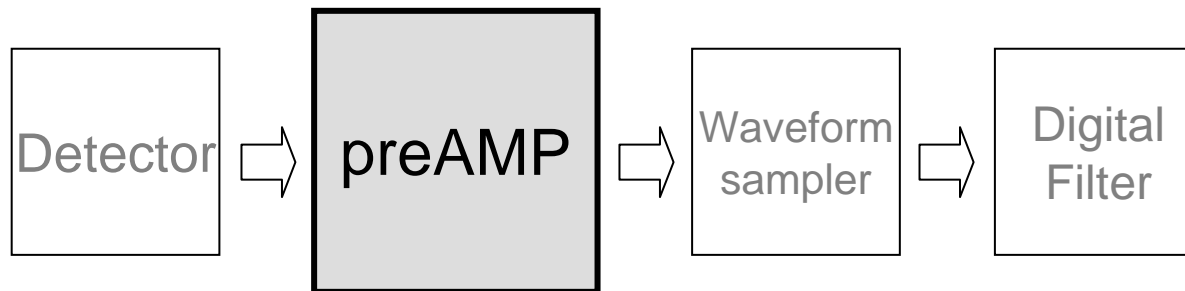
- Effective area (240mm  $\rightarrow$  300mm)
- HV insulation (12kV  $\rightarrow$  20kV)
- Water pressure resistance (2.5atm  $\rightarrow$  7.5atm)



- Back-illumination AD

- Detector capacitance (70pF  $\rightarrow$  30pF)
- More robust to electron bombardment and alkali pollution

# Preamplifier



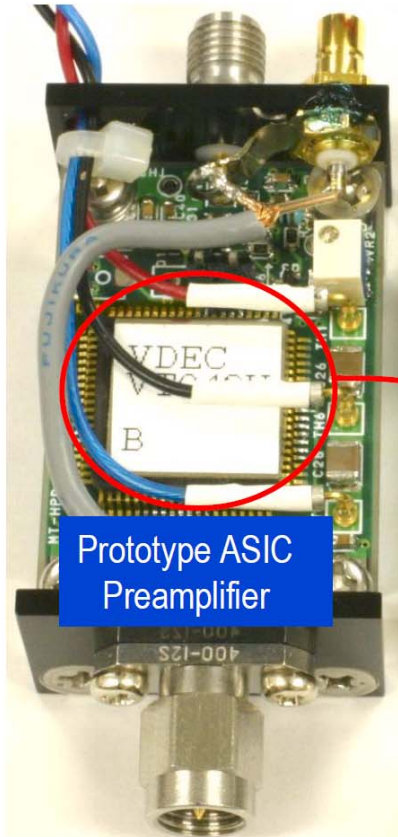
## Requirement

- Low noise (ENC:  $\ll$  HAPD gain:  $10^5$ )

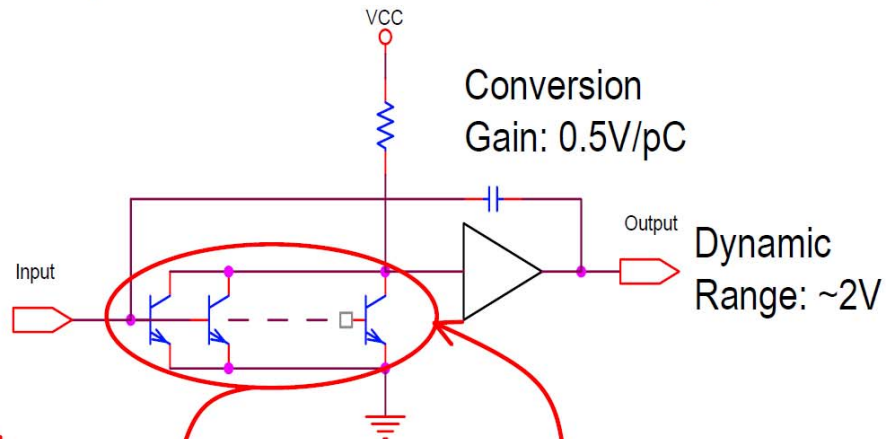
# Preamplifier

(version "ASIC2004")

Bipolar wide-bandwidth charge amplifier

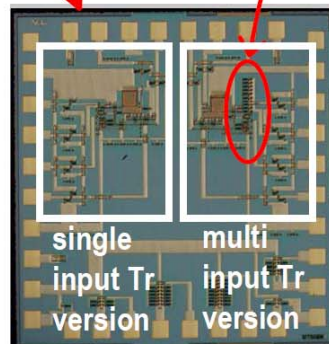


Simplified Circuit Schematics of the ASIC Preamplifier



Multiple Input Transistors:  
reduce  $r_{bb'}$  for lower noise

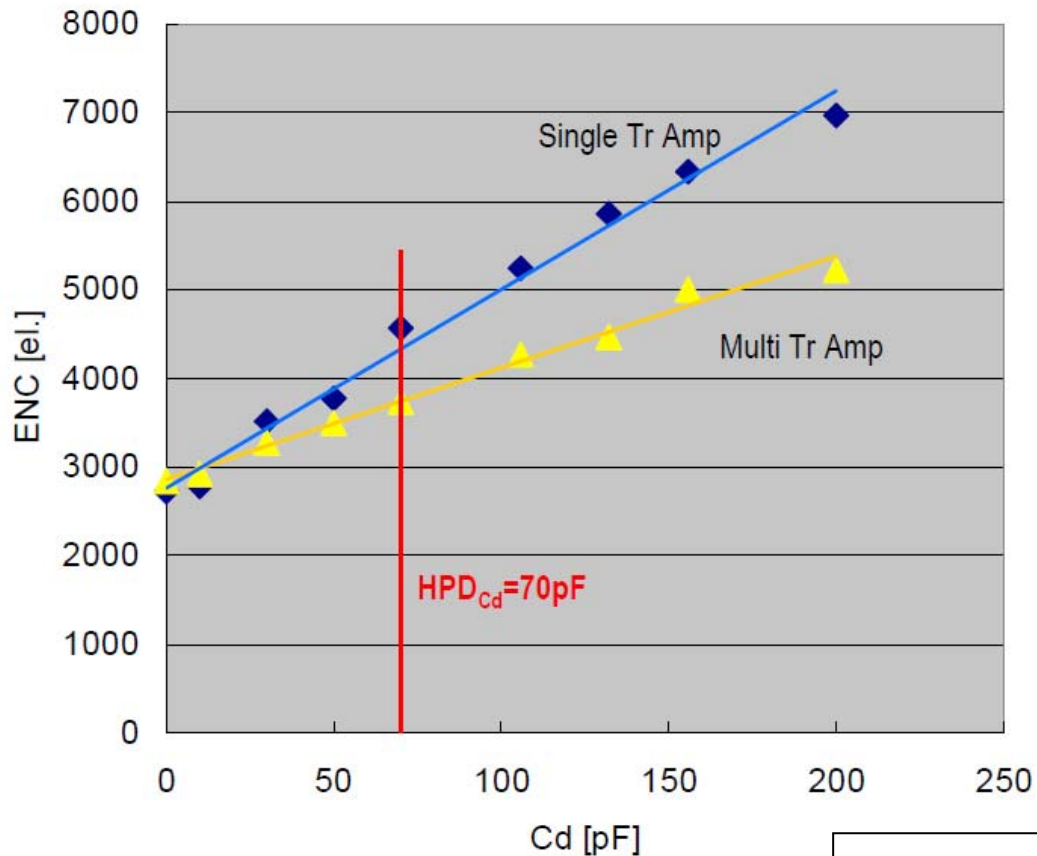
$$ENC_s^2 = 4kT \cdot (r_{bb'} + 1/2gm) \cdot Cd^2 \cdot \int W'(t)^2 dt$$



- ✓ High speed
- ✓ Low noise
- ✓ Low power consumption

# Equivalent Noise Charge

ENC after filtering:



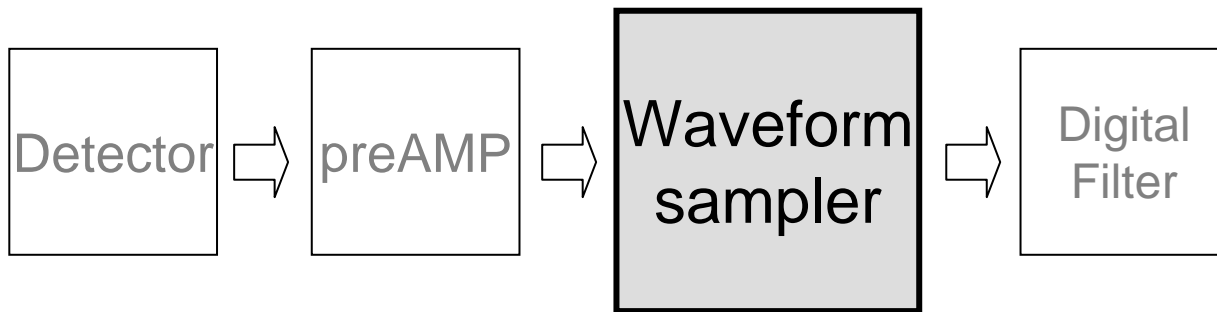
	ENC (Cd at 70pF)
Single Tr Amp	4300 el.
Multi Tr Amp	3800 el.

- Less ENC for Multi Tr. Amp.
- **Meet the requirement ( $\ll 10^5$  el.)**

# Preamplifier Summary

- Summary
  - Multiple input transistor is effective to reduce noise of the preamplifier.
  - ENC=3,800 electrons ( $\ll$  HAPD gain:  $10^5$ ) 😊

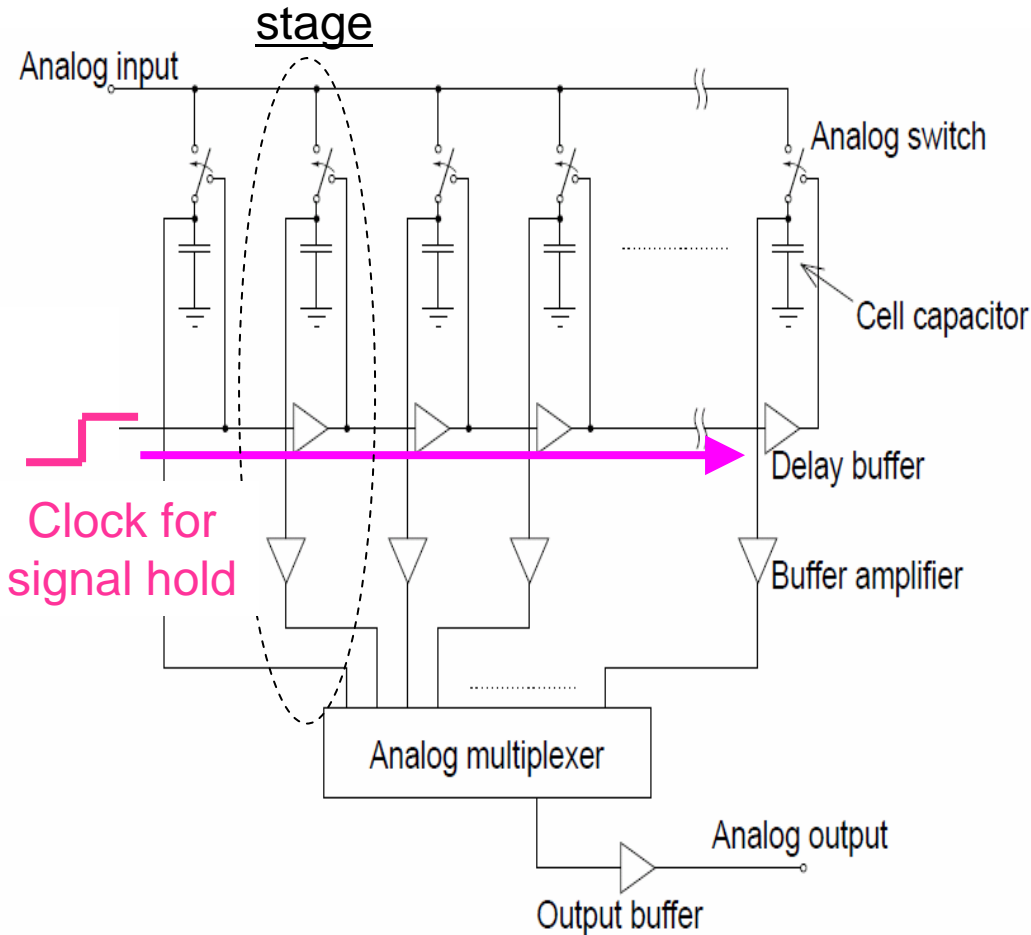
# Waveform Sampler (AMC)



## Requirement

- Sampling Speed: ~1GHz

# Principle of our AMC



Compared to FADC:

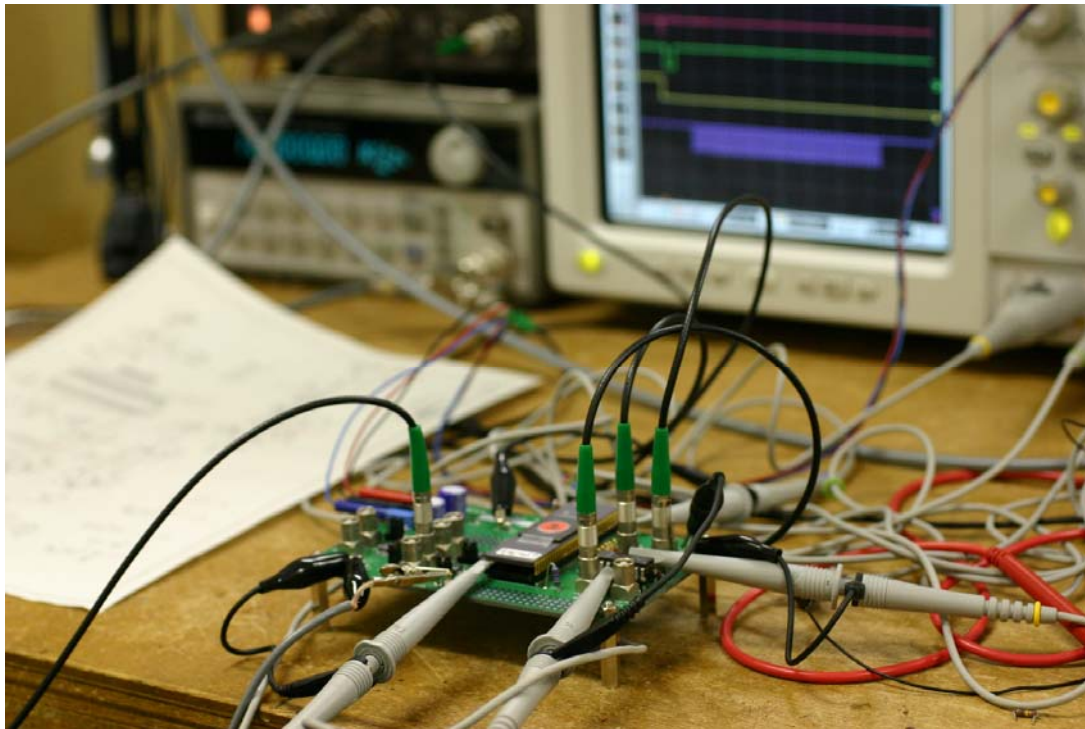
→ low cost, low power !

- A clock for signal hold propagates the delay chain, turning off analog switches one by one to hold the input signal.
- Sampling speed is determined by the delay interval of each stage.

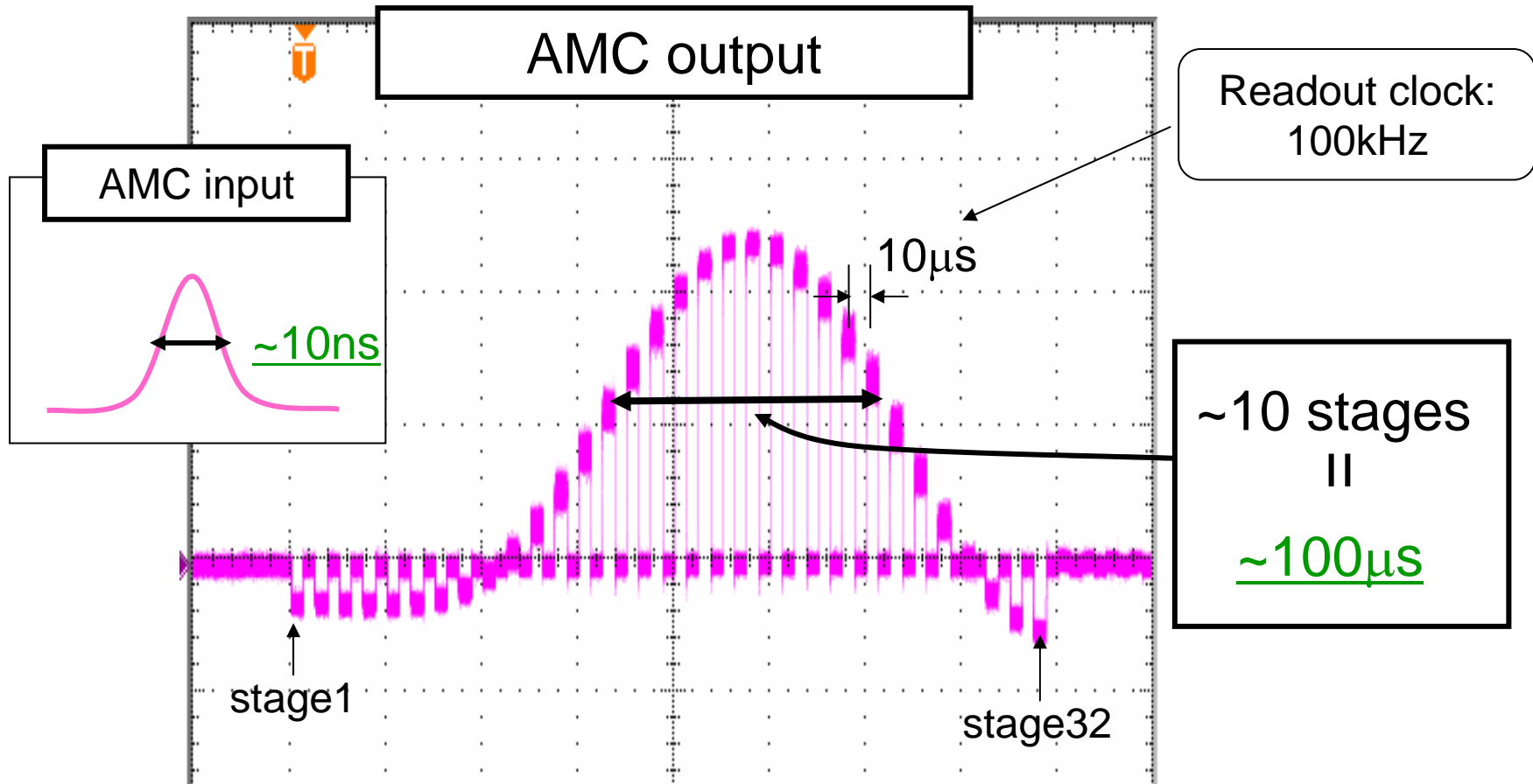
# AMC Evaluation

Test version “AMCM64”:

64 stages (32 x 2 blocks)

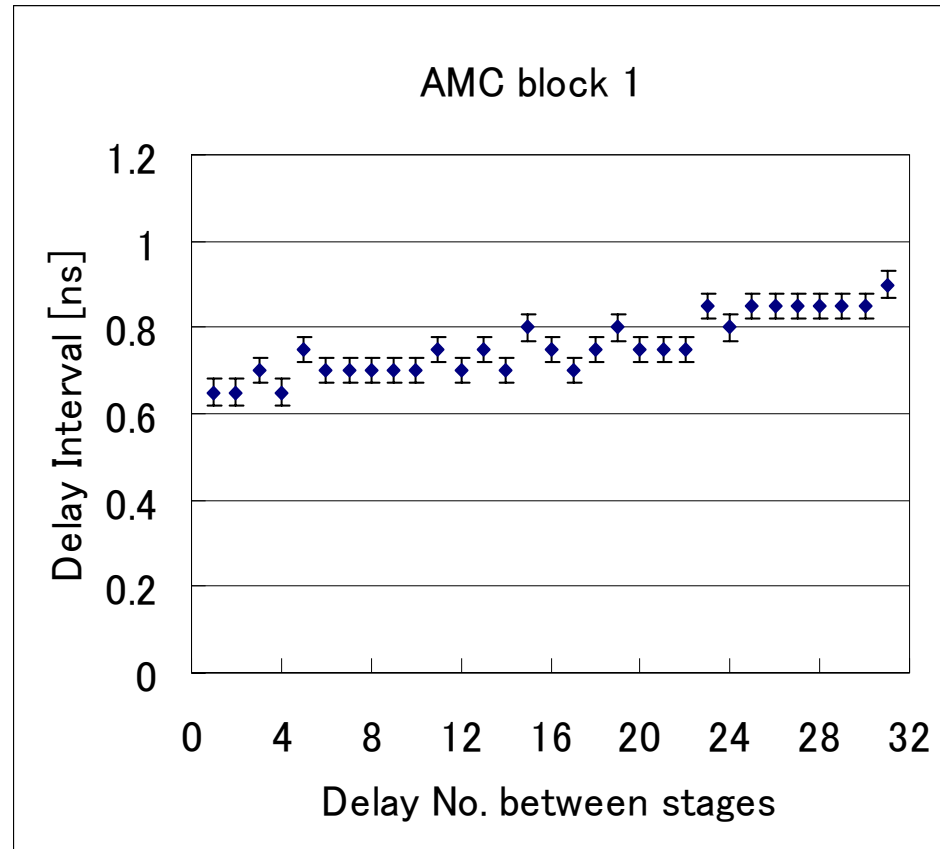


# Basic Functionality



Basic functionality is confirmed!

# Sampling Speed (Delay Intervals)



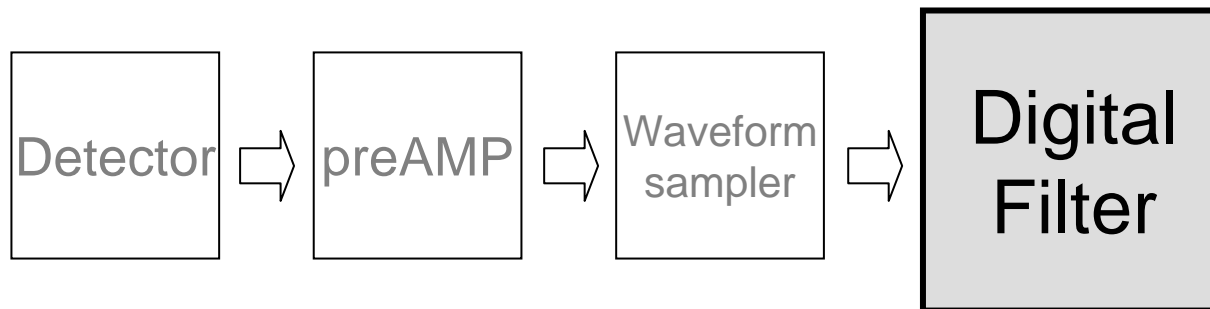
**Delay intervals: ~1ns**

→ Sampling speed: ~1GHz (Meet the requirement)

# AMC Summary & Future Plans

- Summary (version AMCM64)
  - Basic functionality is confirmed! 😊
  - Sampling speed: ~1GHz 😊
- Future Plans
  - New circuit layout for better performances  
(Ground impedance will be minimized)
  - 64→1024 stages (connect several AMCs in series)

# Digital Filter



## Requirement

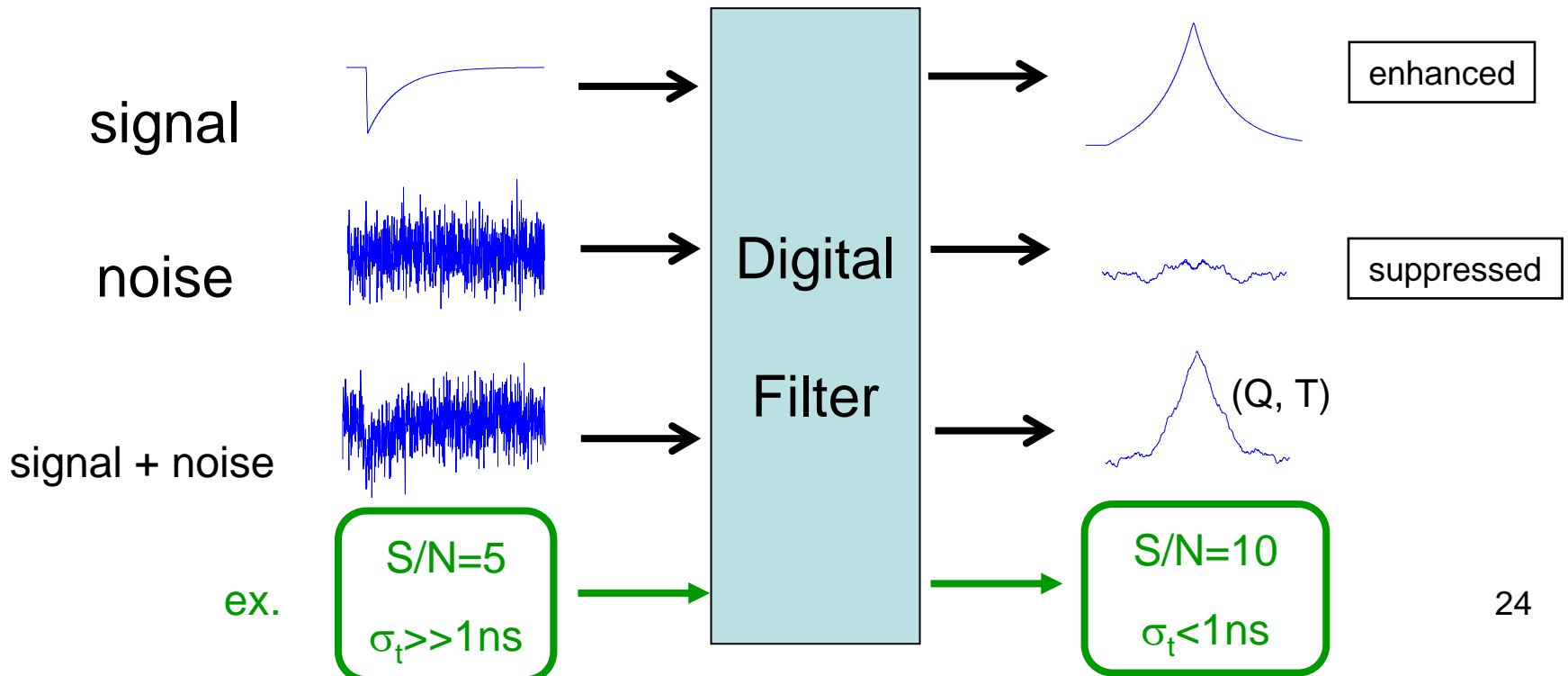
- Better performance ( $S/N$ ,  $\sigma_t$ )
- Lower cost

# Digital Filter

We use “Digital Filter” (instead of analog shaper)

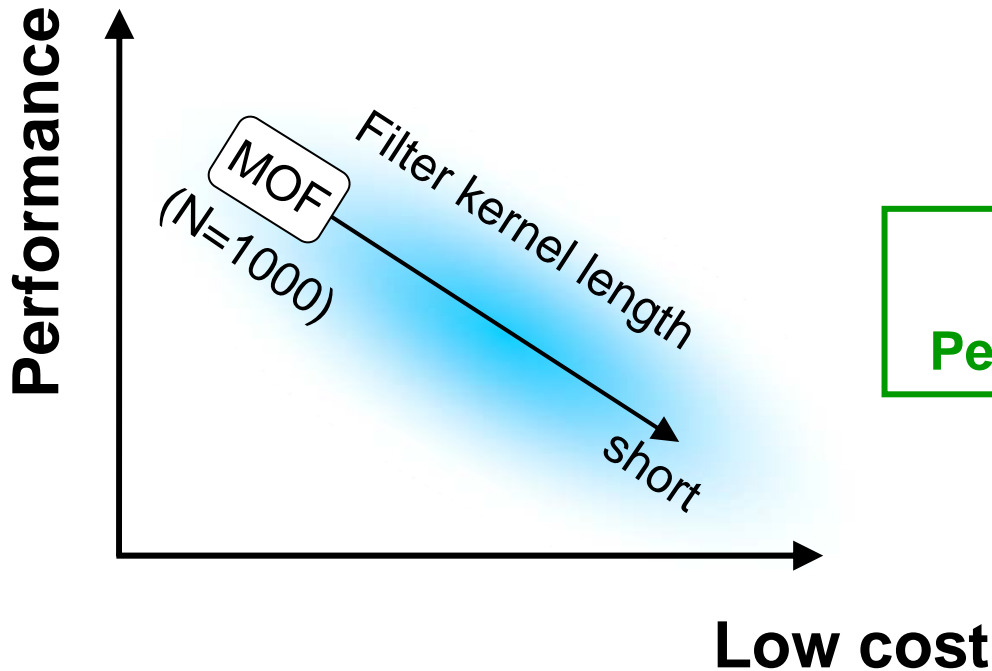
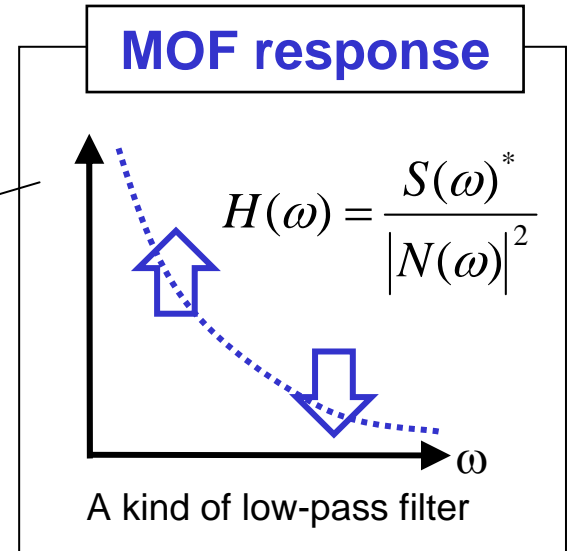
→ better performance in noise suppression

→ better S/N,  $\sigma_t$



# Filter design

For a given set of  $S(\omega)$  and  $N(\omega)$ ,  
“Matched Optimal Filter (MOF)” gives  
the best performance (S/N ratio and  $\sigma_t$ ).



**TRADEOFF**  
Performance  $\Leftrightarrow$  Low Cost

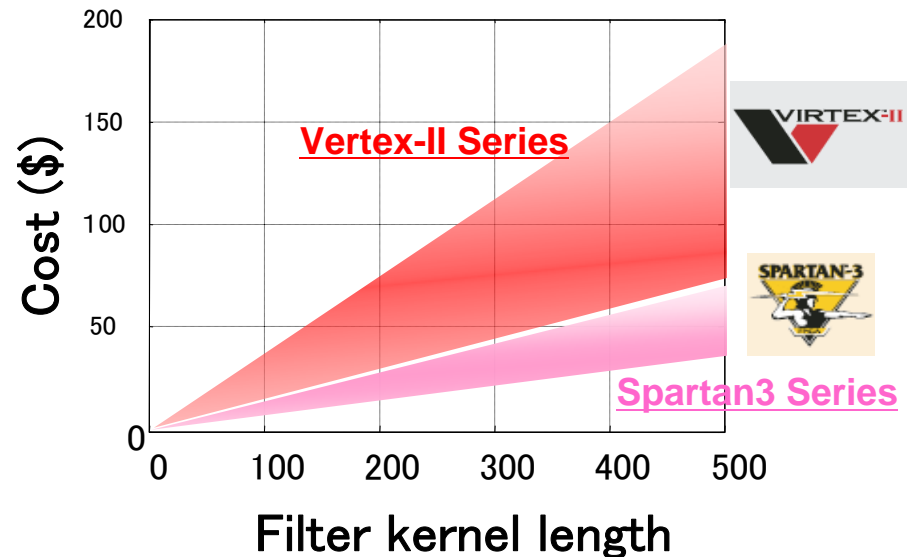
# Cost Performance vs. Filter Kernel Length

Software: MATLAB 7.0.4 / Simulink 6.1 / ISE Foundation 7.1i

Hardware: Xilinx Vertex-II xc2v3000 @ SignalMaster-Quad C6713

<Implement option>

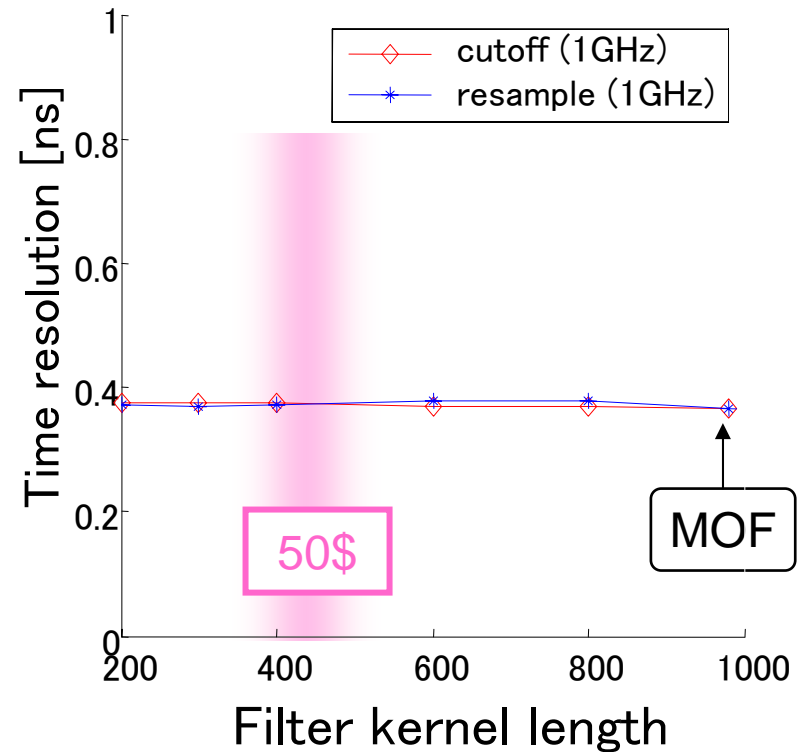
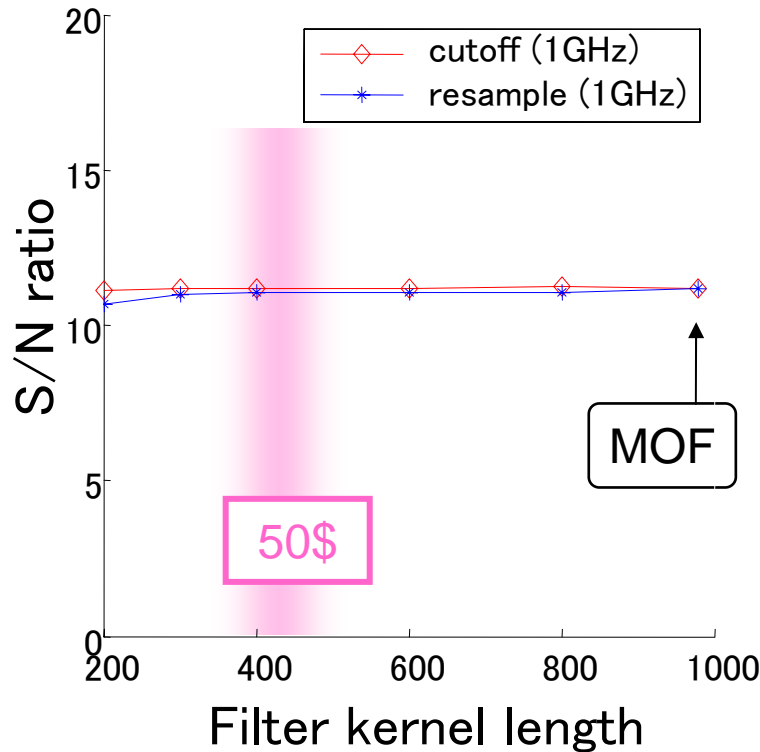
DA-FIR (Distributed-Arithmetic FIR), x11 over sampling, input=10bit, coeff=10bit



The cost is almost proportional to the filter kernel length

# Filter Performance vs. Filter Kernel Length

When S/N ratio at filter input = 5 (equivalent to S/N ratio at filter output of ~10)



Keep MOF's performance and decrease the kernel length to be ~200!



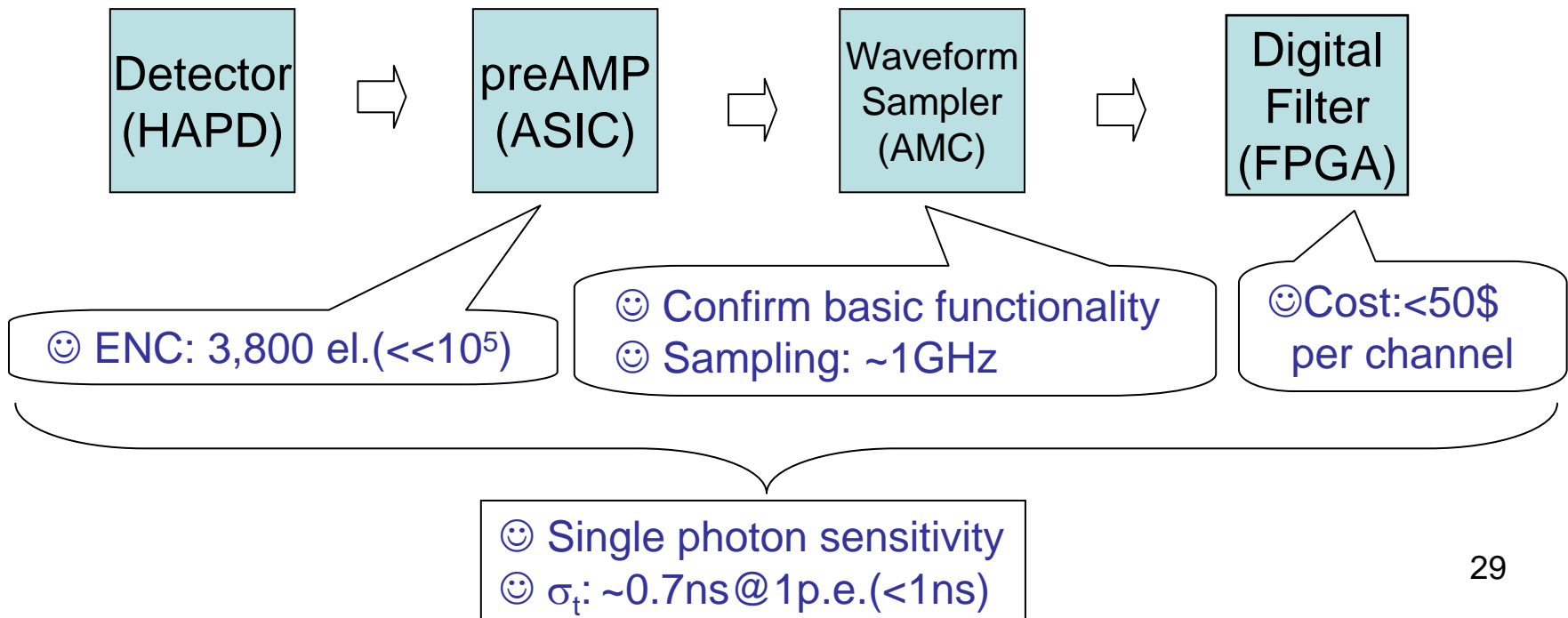
FPGA cost per channel: < 50\$

# Digital Filter Summary

- “Matched Optimal Filter (MOF)” gives the best performance.
- However, we found that the shorter filter gives almost same performance.
- Estimated FPGA cost is <50\$ per channel. 😊

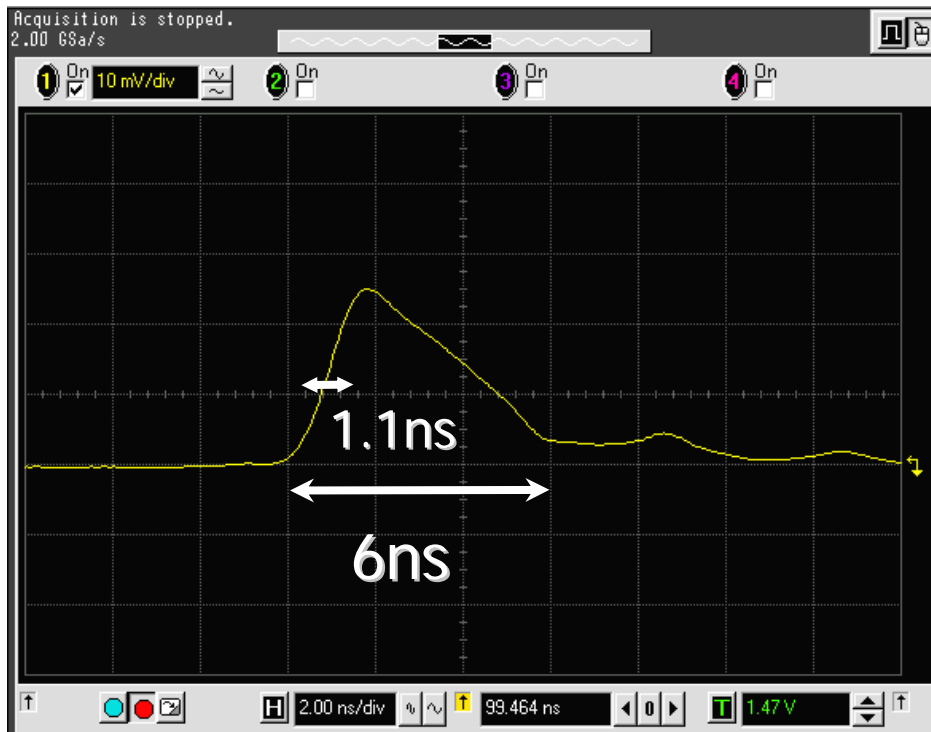
# Summary of this talk

- We have developed a 13-inch prototype HAPD and its readout system.
- Their performances are mostly satisfactory for next generation water Cherenkov detectors:



backup

# Raw Signal of the HAPD



10mV/div, 2ns/div

HV, Bias: Max(12kV, 370V)

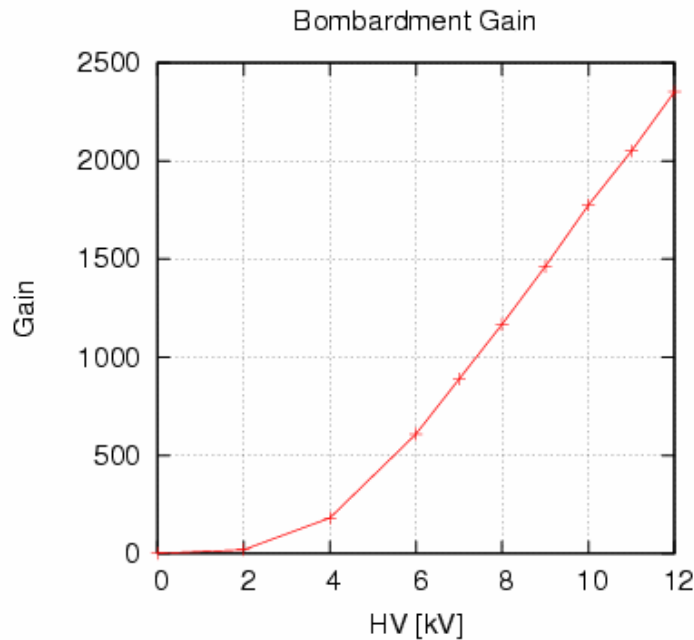
Input light: ~30p.e.

- Fast signal response
  - Rise time ~ 1.1 ns
  - Full pulse width ~ 6 ns

# Bombardment/Avalanche Gain

## ■ Bombardment Gain

Bias=50V(fixed), HV=sweep

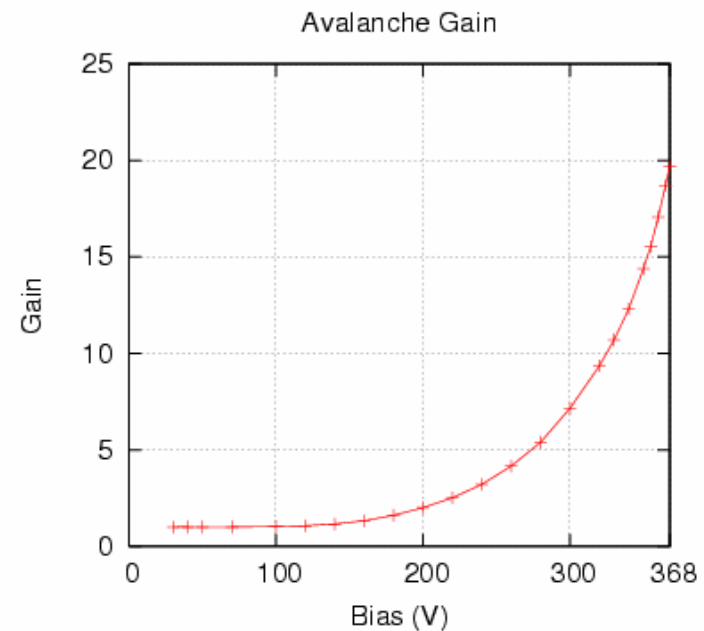


Gain ~2400 @12kV

Gain curve rises >3kV (energy loss in an insensitive layer on AD)

## ■ Avalanche Gain

HV=12kV(fixed), Bias=sweep

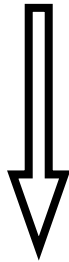


Gain ~20 @368V

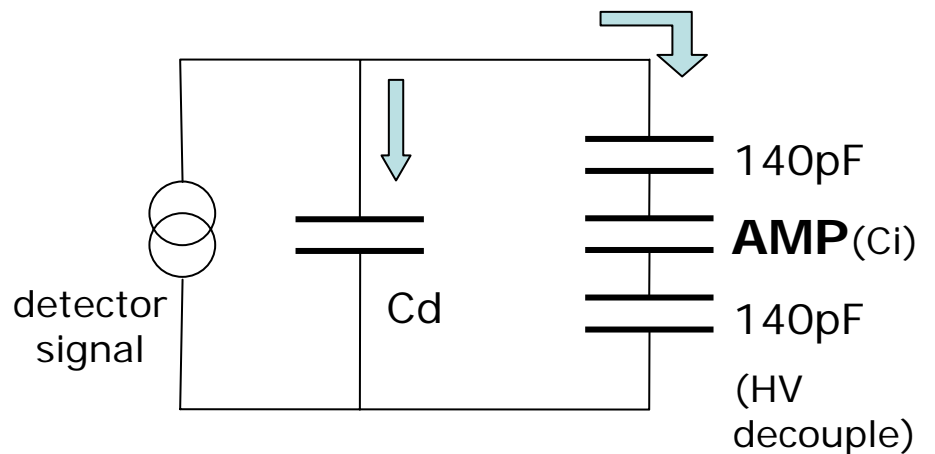
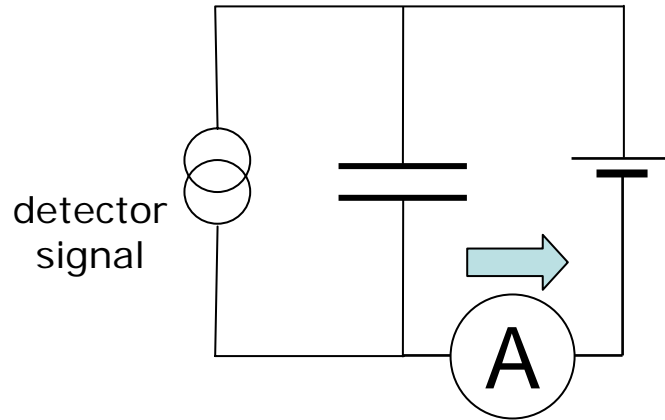
→ Total gain ~50,000

# Charge loss at preAMP input

Gain=50,000  
(detector only)



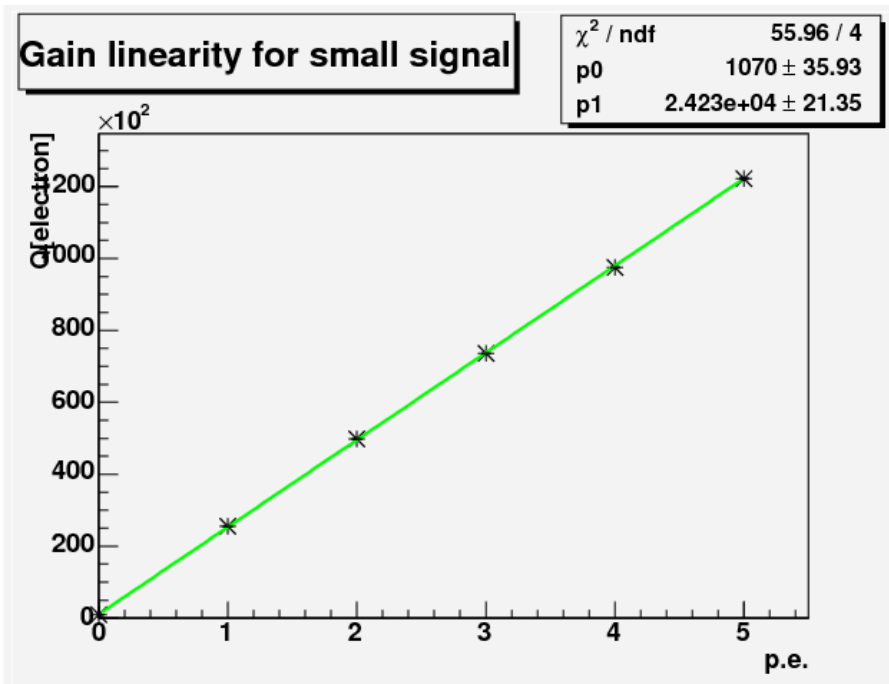
Gain=24,000  
(with preAMP)



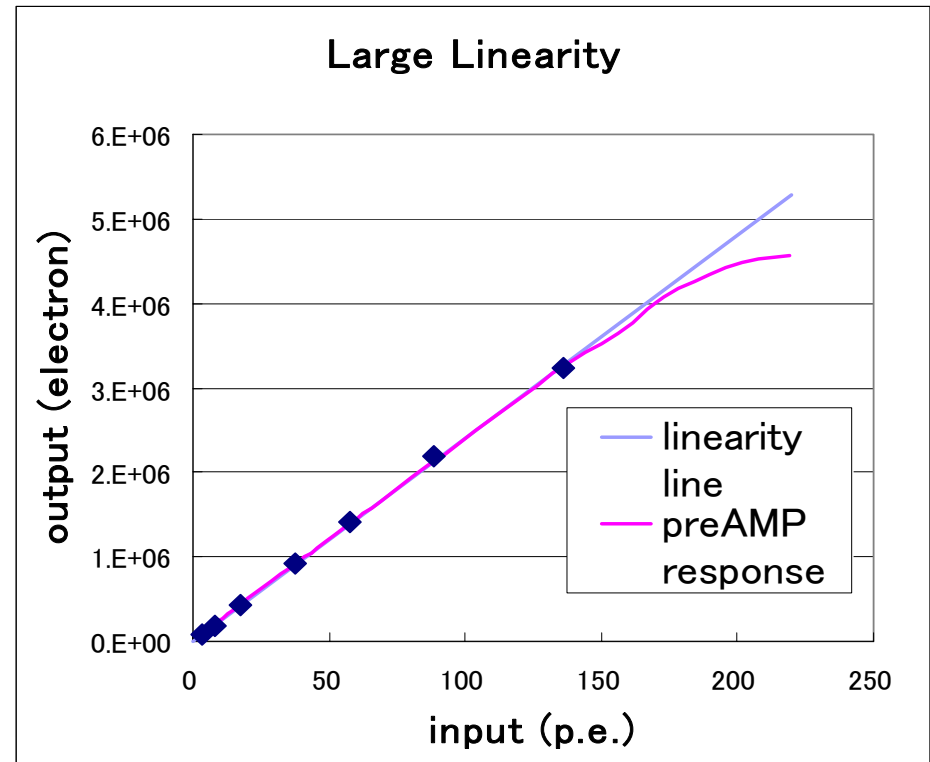
# Gain Linearity

Peak positions

in the pulse height spectrum



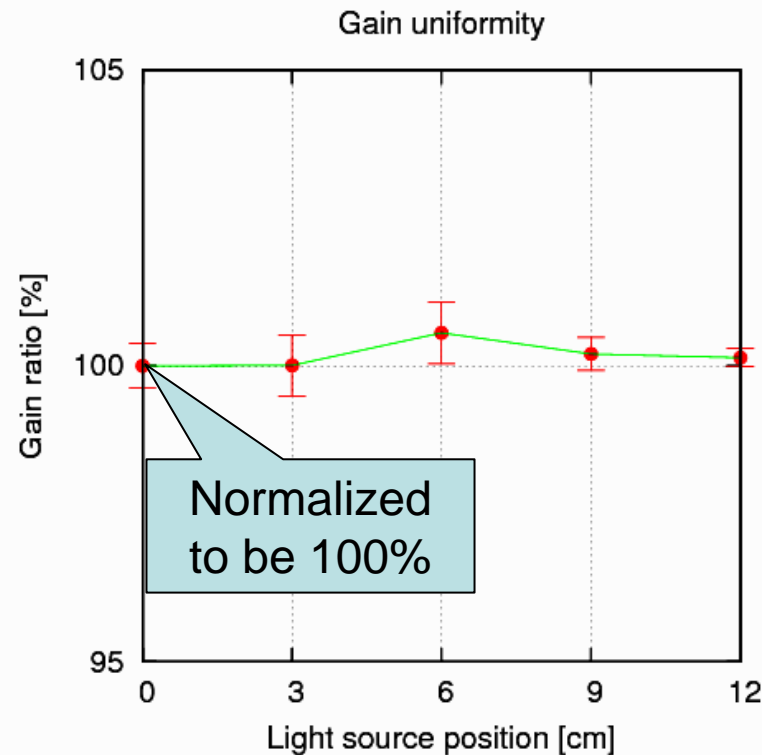
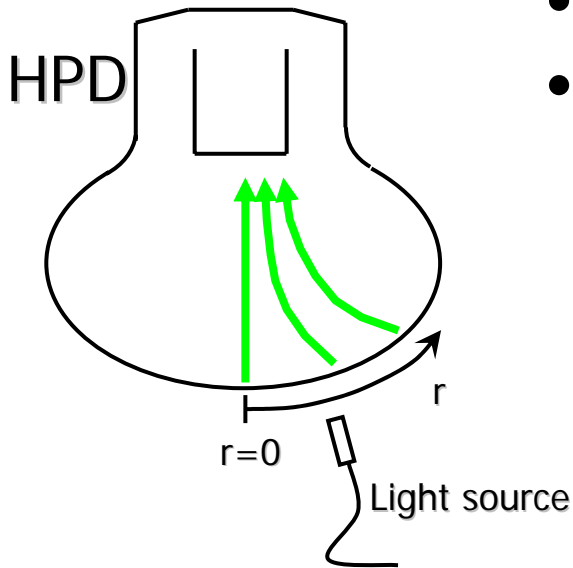
Linearity is good up to  
5p.e.



Good linearity up to  
 $\sim 150\text{p.e.}$  (preAMP limit) <sup>34</sup>

# Gain Uniformity

- Gain vs. position on the photocathode
- Light input: 1p.e.



Gain Uniformity  
within ~2%

# Time resolution of 20inchPMT-SK

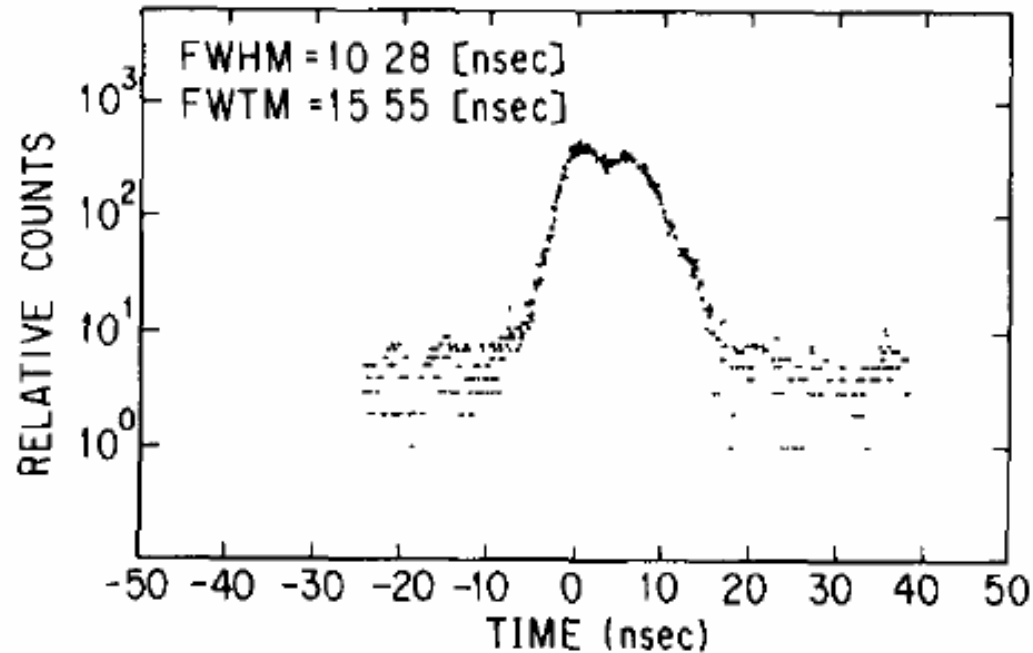
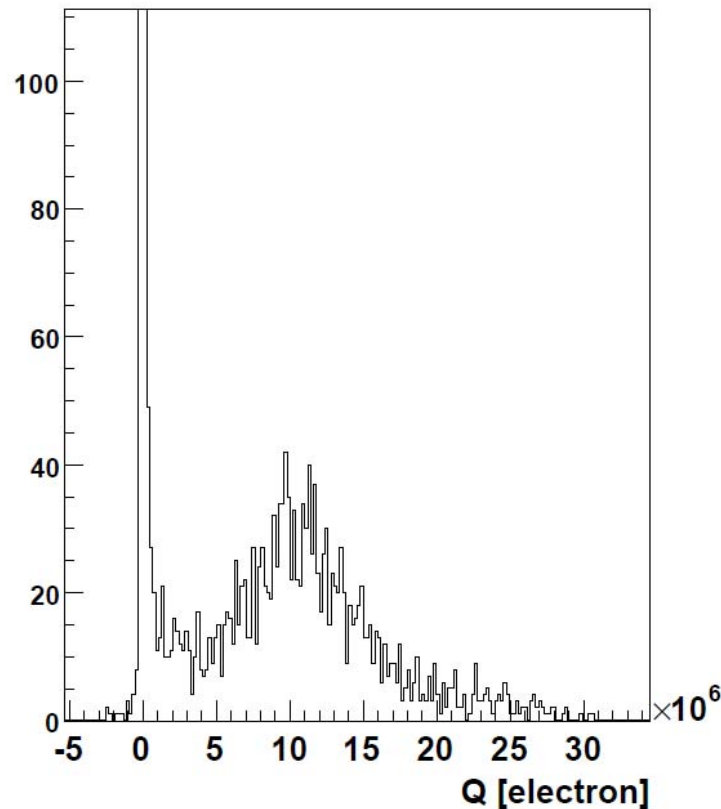


Fig. 4. Single-photoelectron transit time distribution of the present 20 in. PMT.

# 13-inch PMT (R8055)

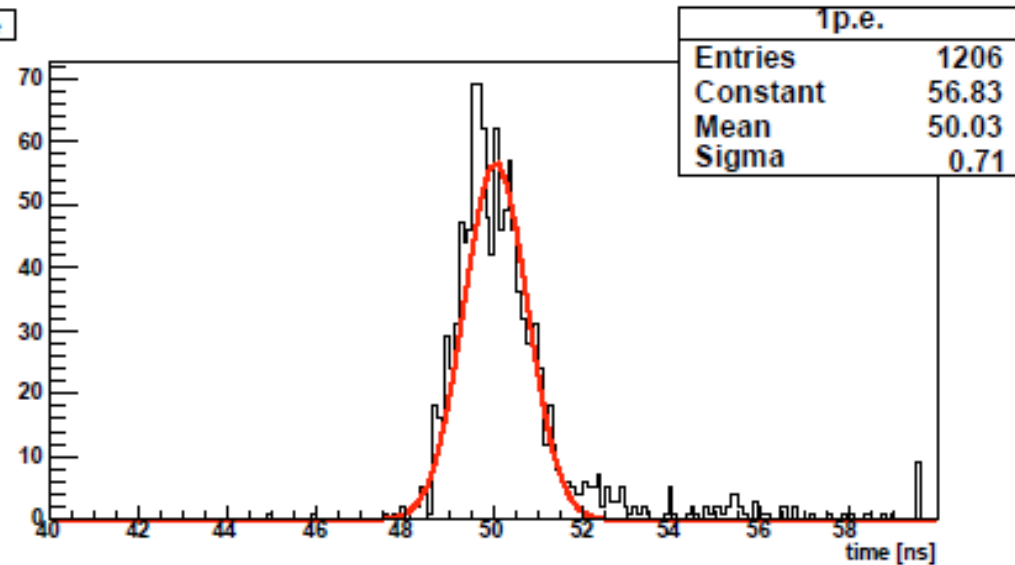
No preamplifier, apply digital filter

pulse height distribution



Gain:  $\sim 10^7$  @ HV=1.8kV

time

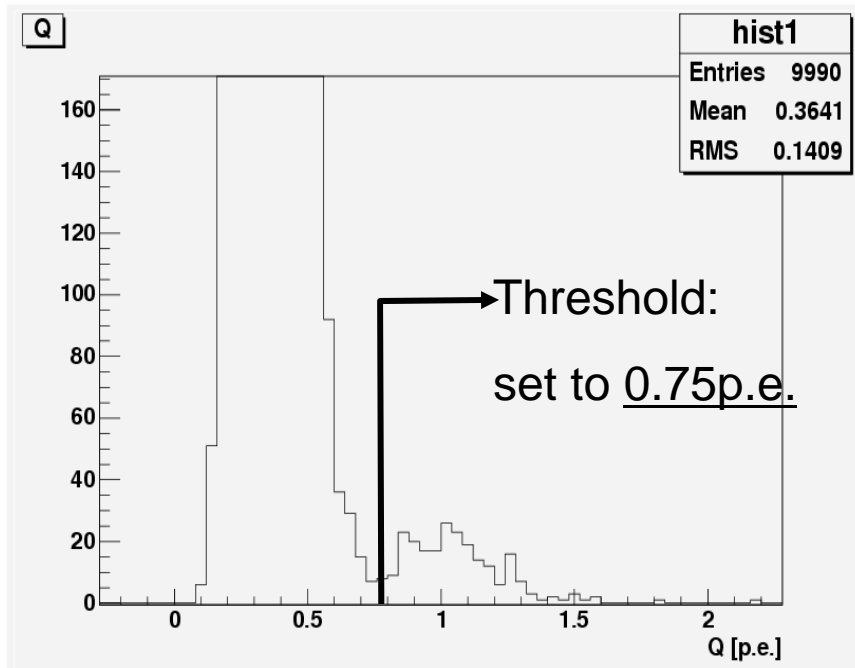


with spot illumination:  $\sigma_t \sim 0.7\text{ns}@1\text{p.e.}$

(cf. T.T.S. by HPK:  $\sigma_t \sim 3\text{ns}$ )

# Dark Count

- Dominant source: photocathode thermal electrons



HV=15kV, Bias=330V, T=15°C  
After 2 hours in the dark

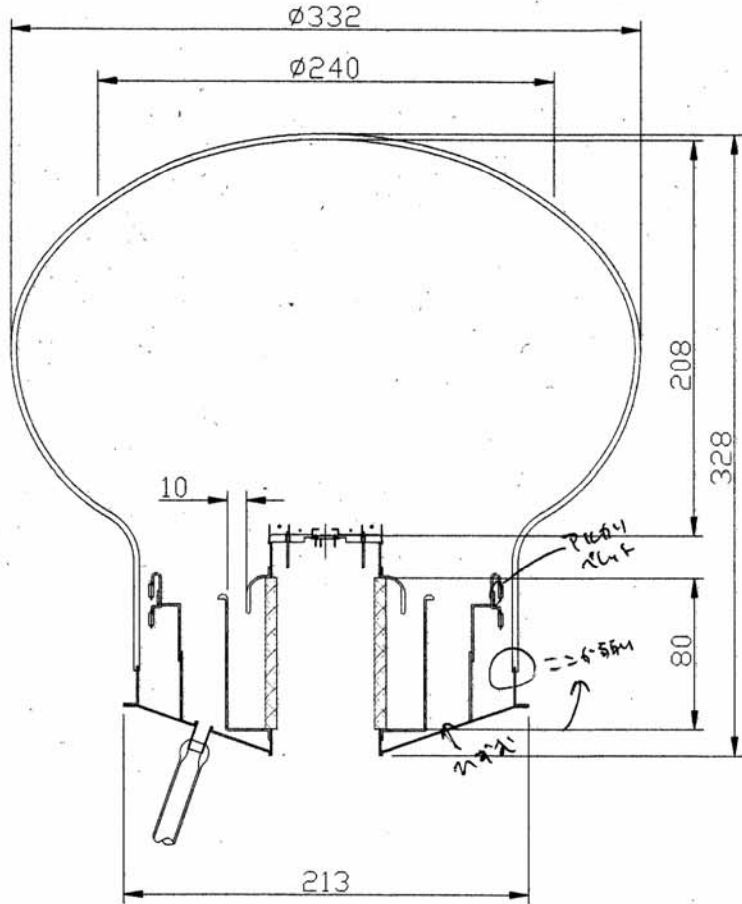
Dark Count: ~100kHz

The photocathode activation process is not yet optimized.

- After the optimization, the dark count is expected to be few kHz.  
(cf. 20inch PMT-SK:R~10kHz @T=15°C)

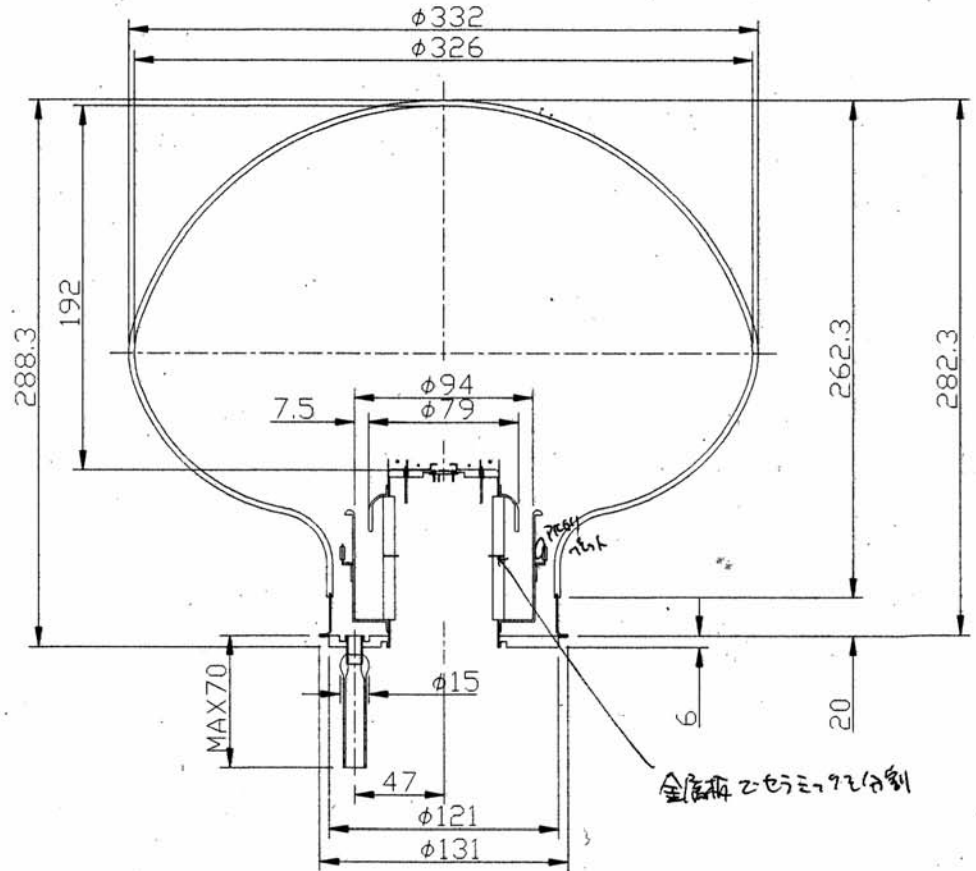
# 16年度と17年度の13インチHPD構造比較

平成16年度構造



Current version

平成17年度構造



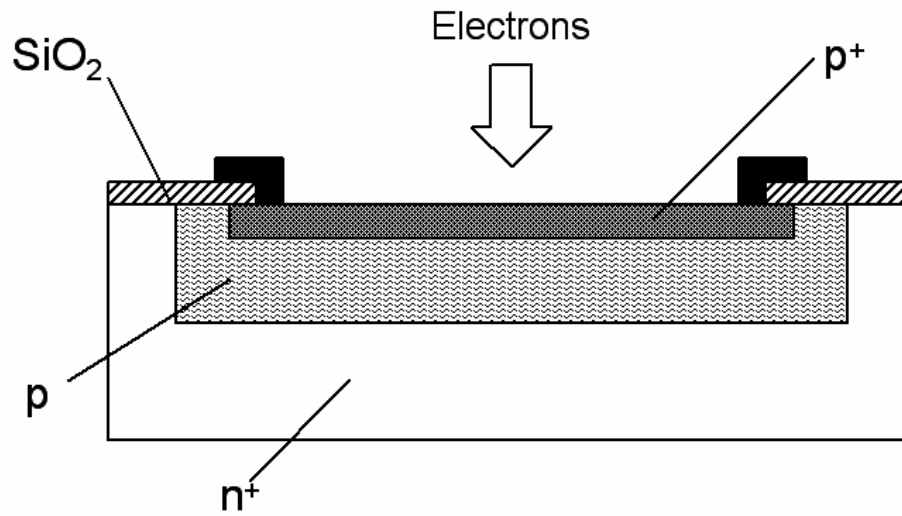
平成17年度構造の特徴

New version

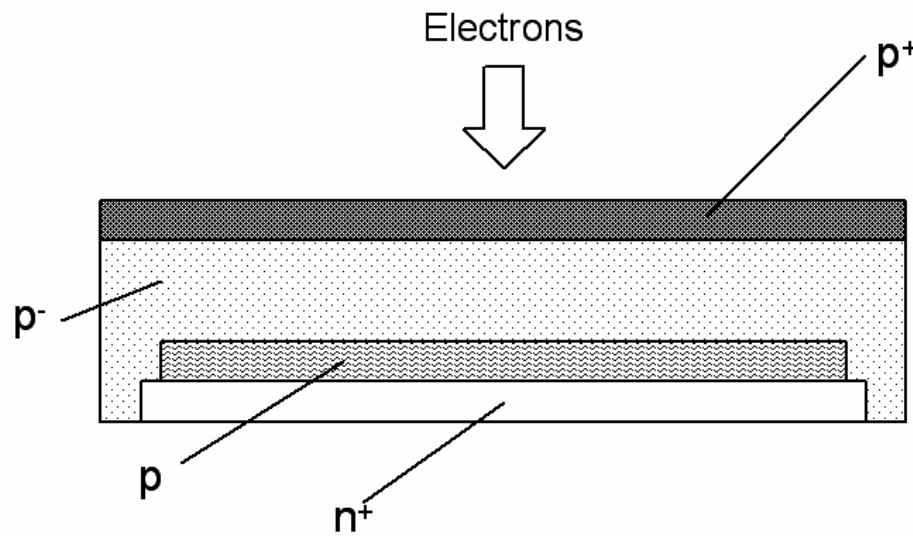
φ = 13mm 用波  
4ヶ所 設置



# AD



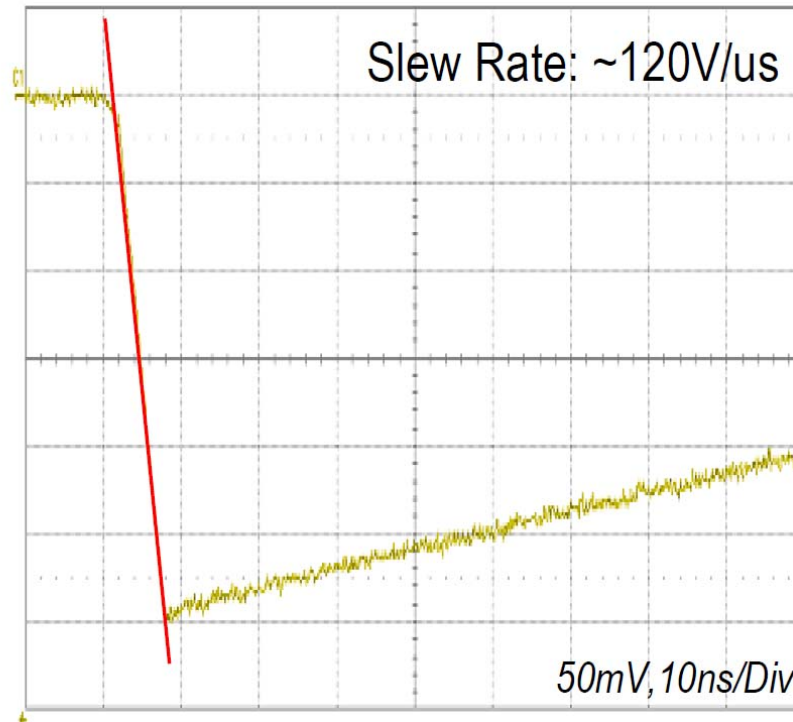
Front-side illumination AD



Back-side illumination AD



# Dynamic range

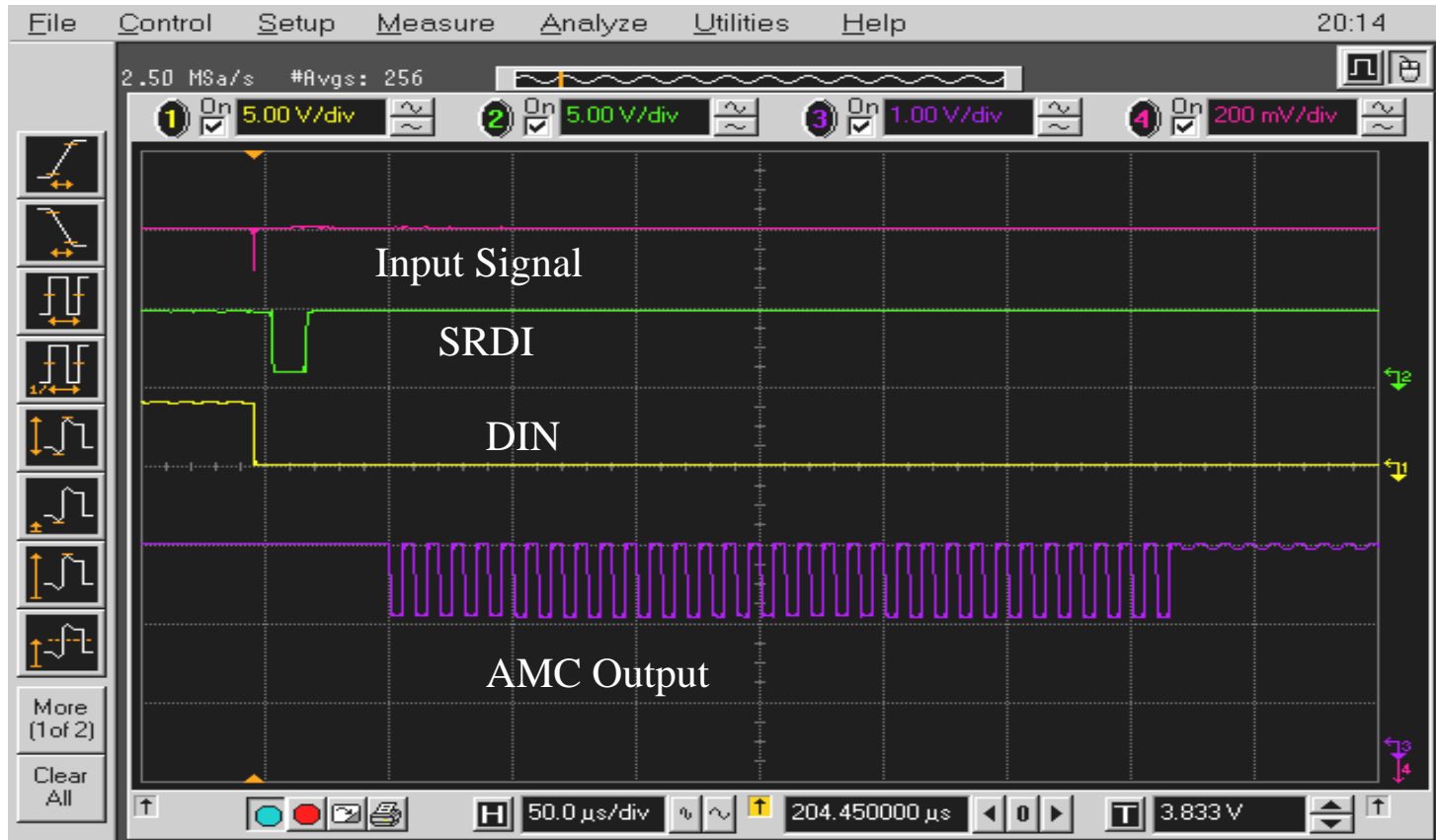


Slew rate (max. ramp-up speed) limits the maximum input photoelectrons.

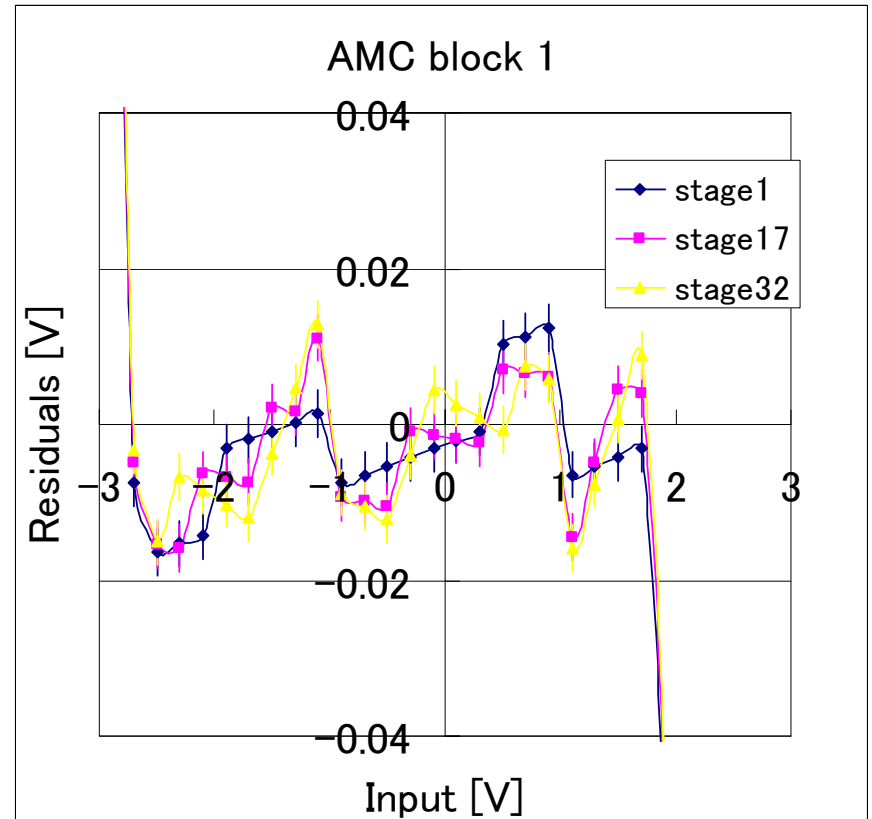
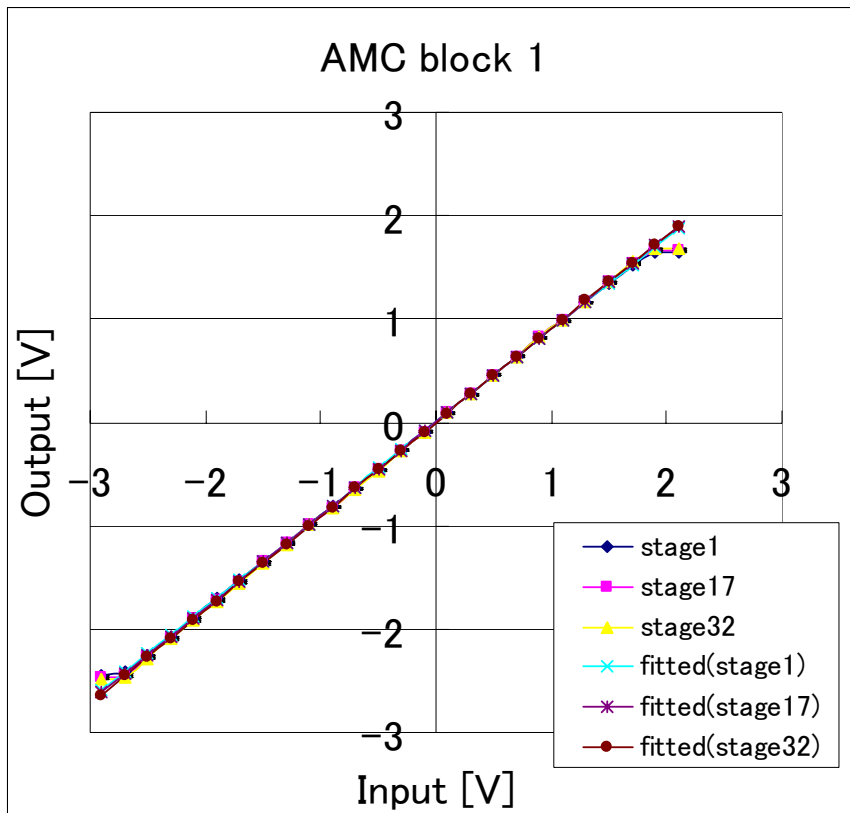
Dynamic range: ~75p.e. (raw signal width:5ns, HAPD gain:  $10^5$ )

→ Doesn't meet the requirement ( $>300$ p.e.)

# Timing Chart



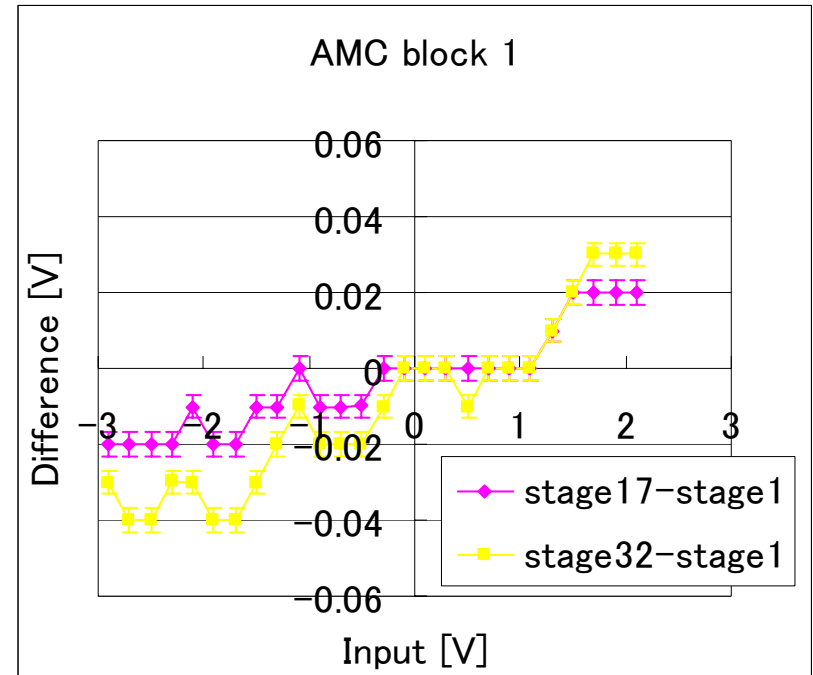
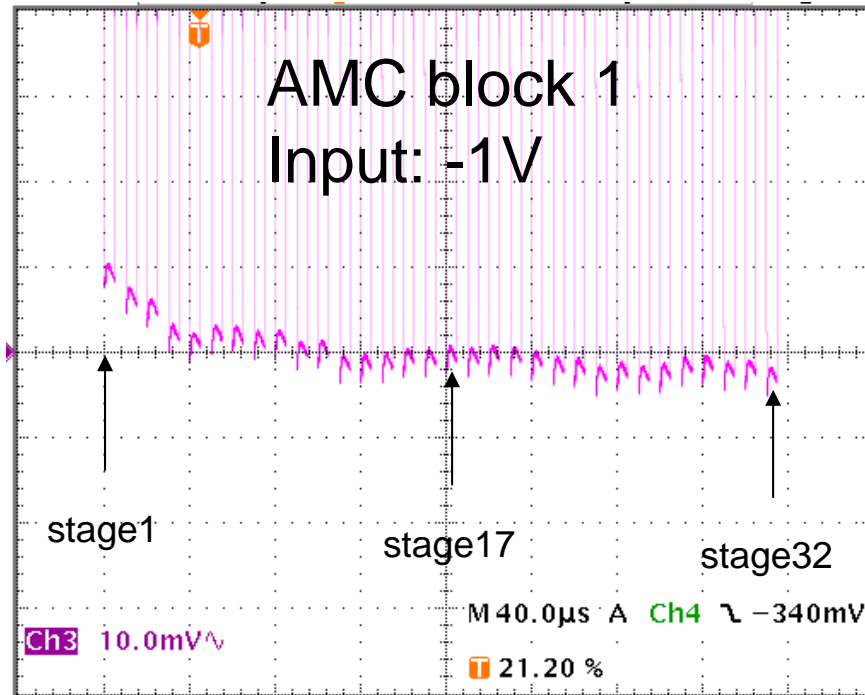
# Resolution of Each Stage



Resolution of each stage: ~7bit (at Dynamic range of ~4.5V)

**Doesn't meet the requirement (10bit)**

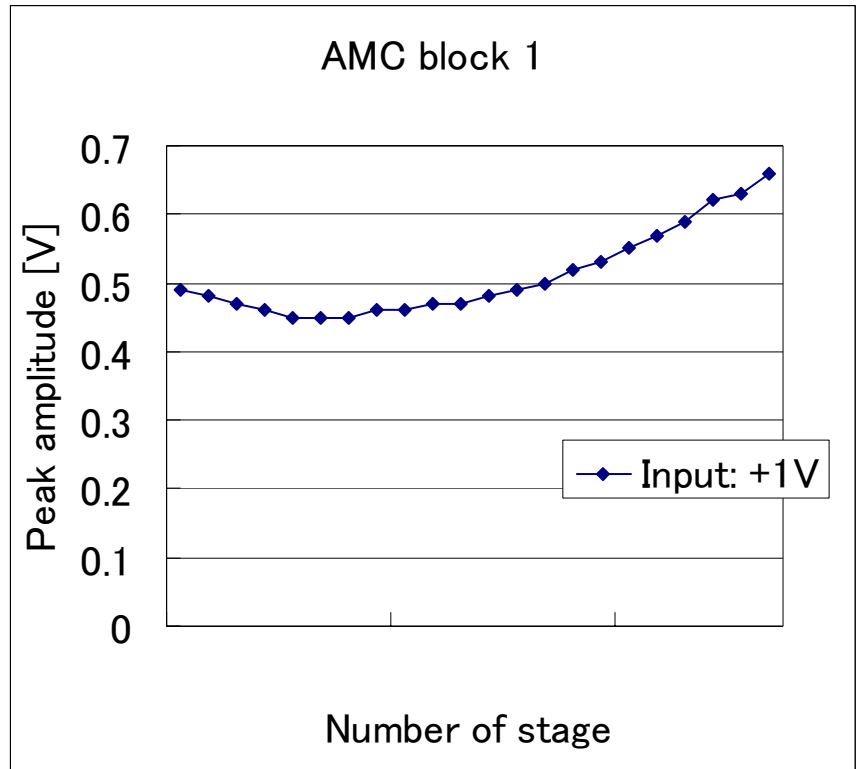
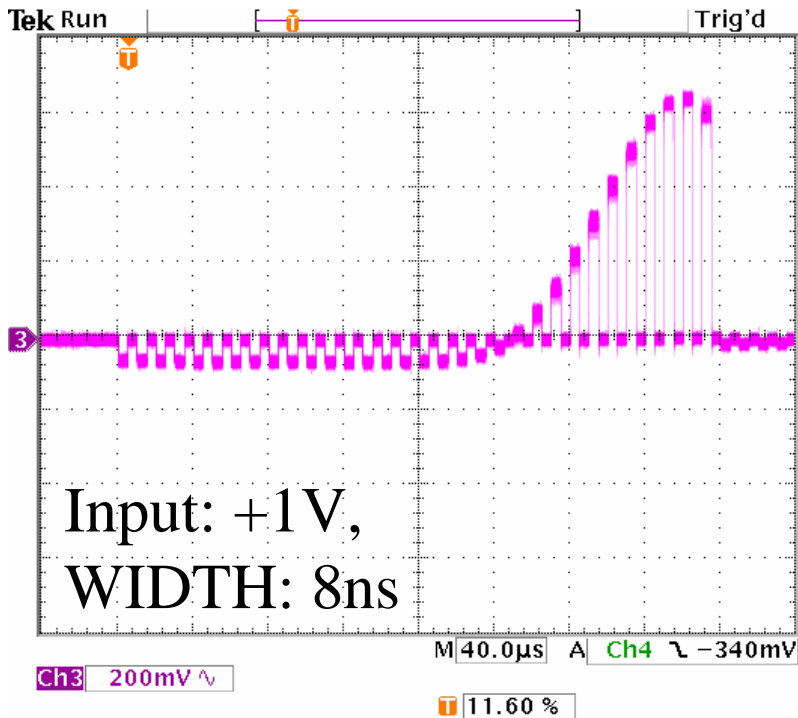
# Stage to Stage Variation of Output Amplitude



Stage to stage variation  $\sim 40\text{mV} \rightarrow$  Resolution of AMC:  $\sim 6\text{bit}$

**Doesn't meet the requirement (10bit)**

# Pulse Response

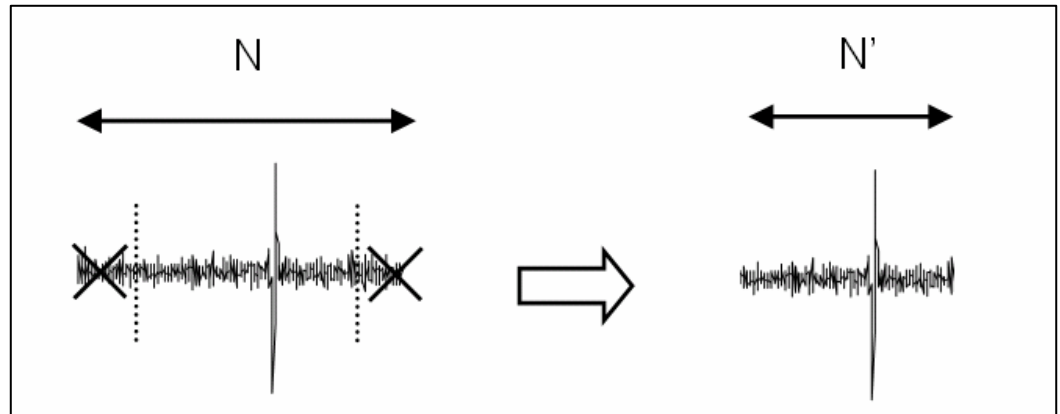


Peak amplitude differs depending on the peak position.

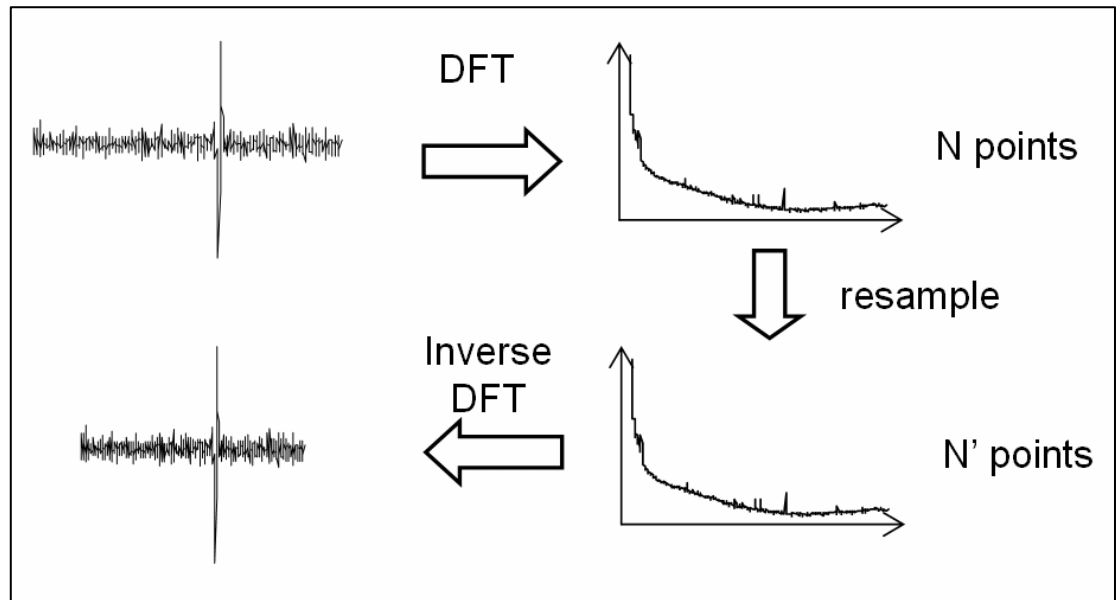
→ Bandwidth of stages is not uniform. (Inappropriate circuit layout?)

# Make shorter kernel

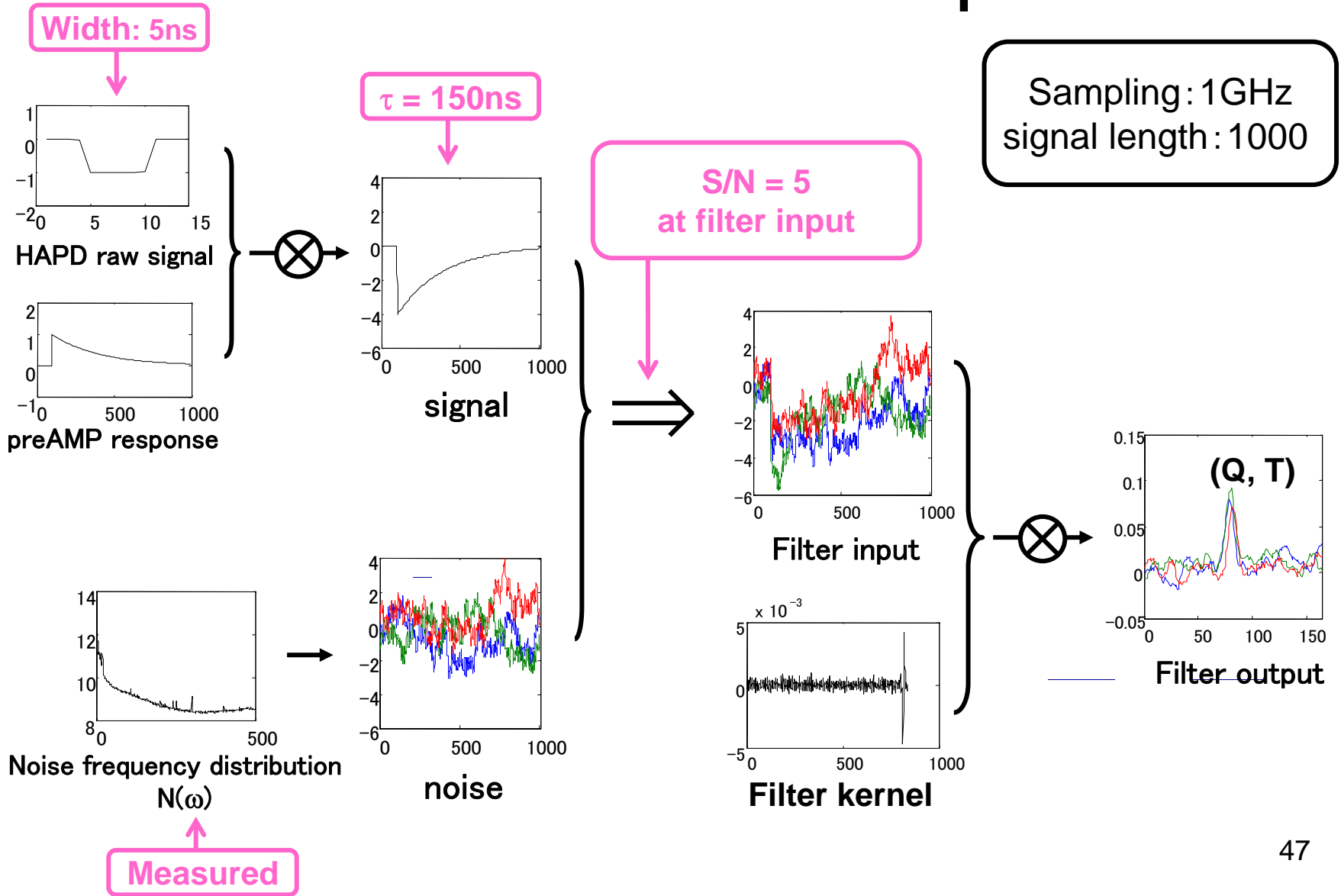
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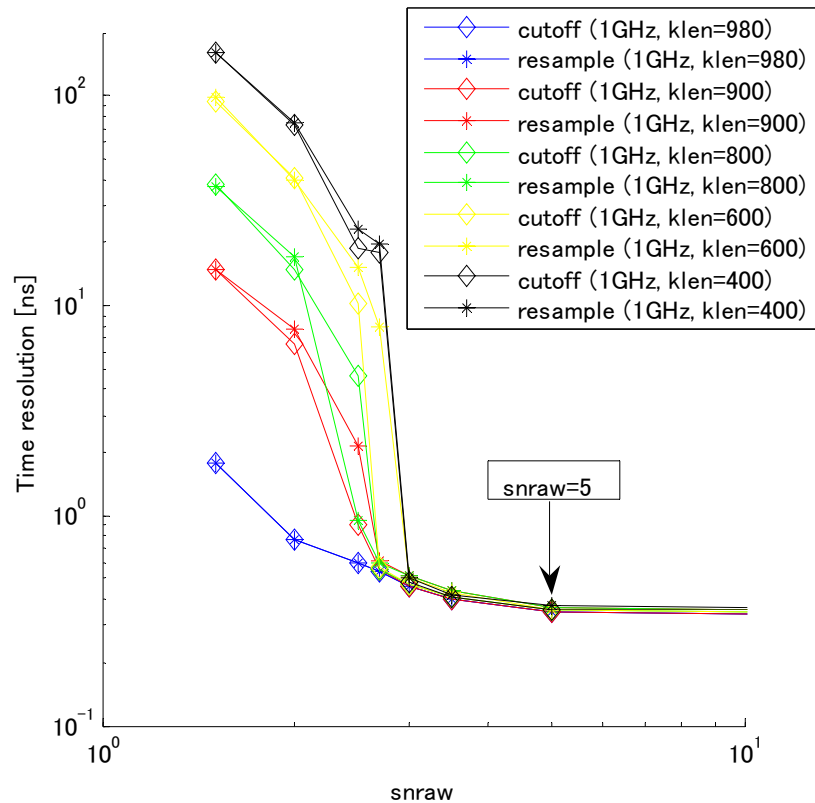
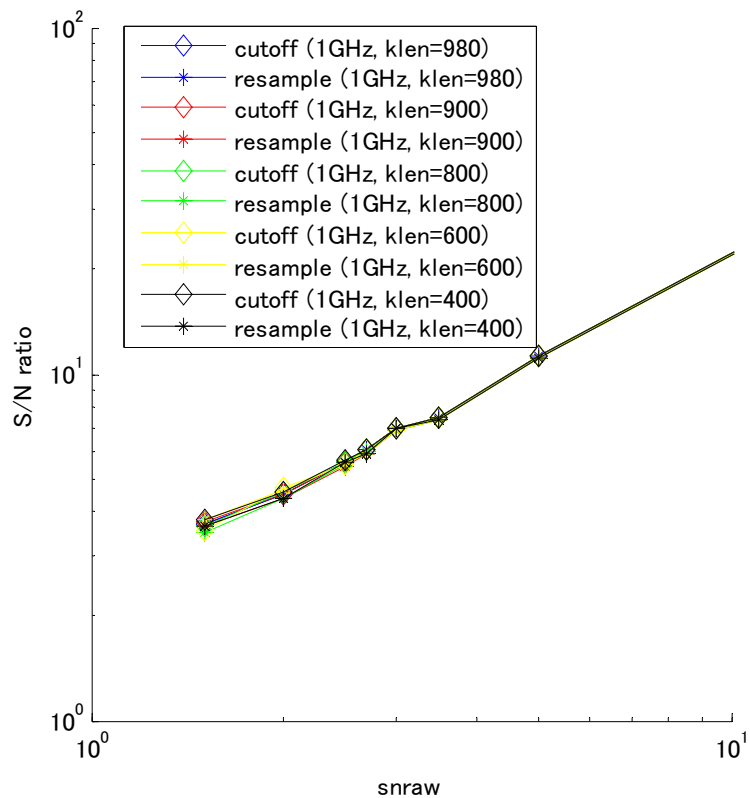


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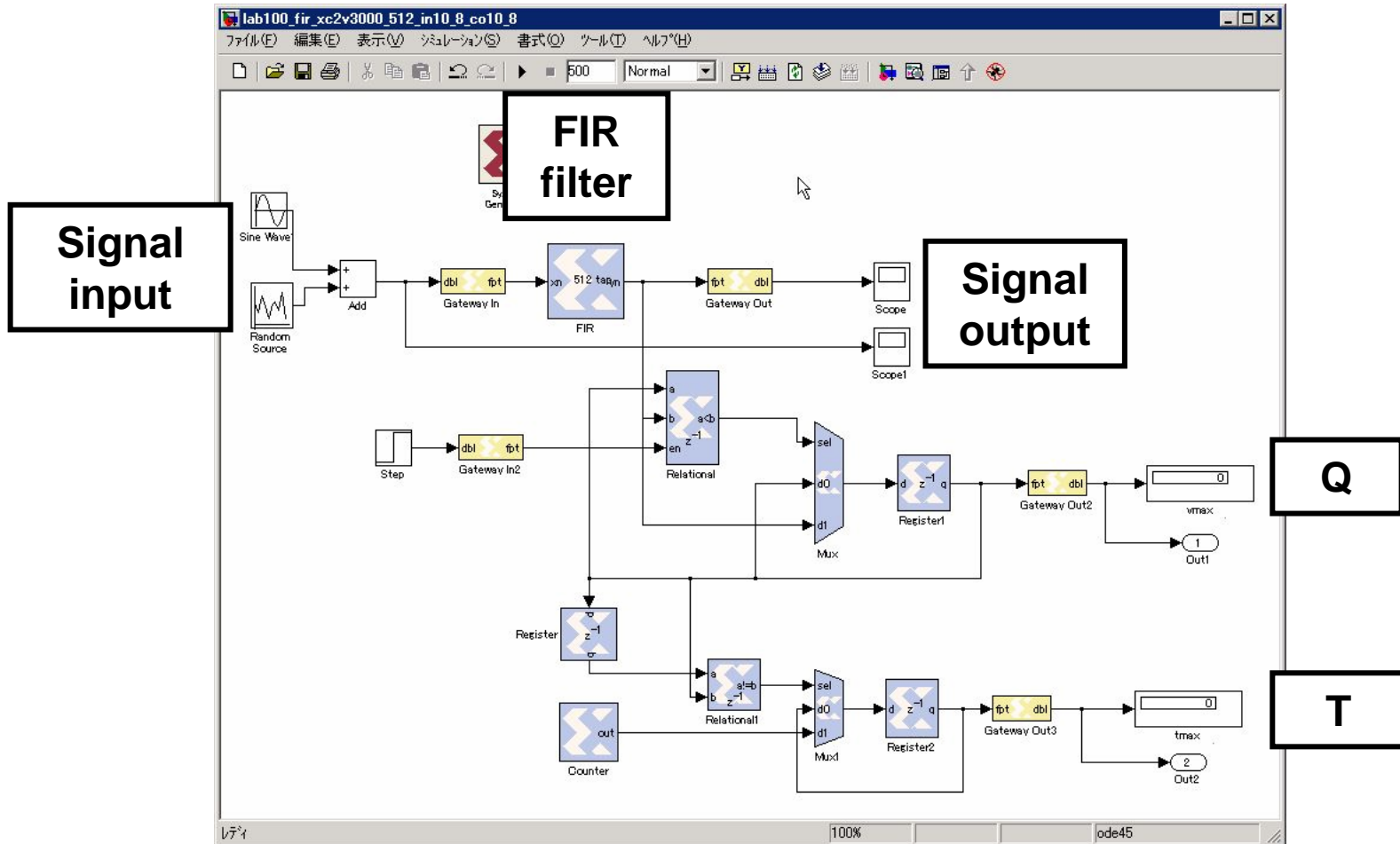


# Simulation Setup



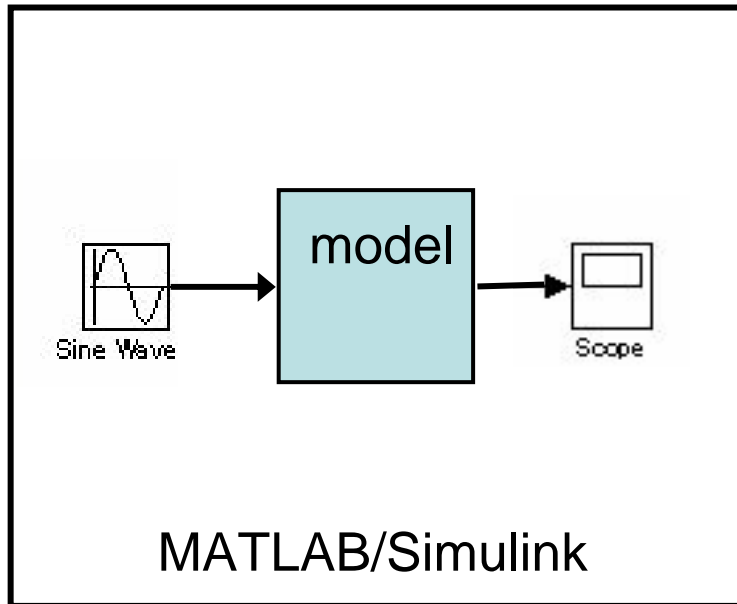


# FPGA Implementation



# MATLAB/Simulink + SignalMaster

Host Simulation



Co-Simulation

