

# Detection Technologies for LArTPC that enables supernova neutrino detection

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And  
Frequencies  
Are  
Welcome here

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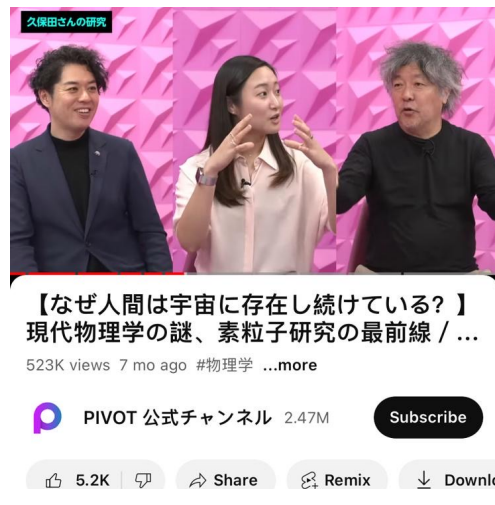
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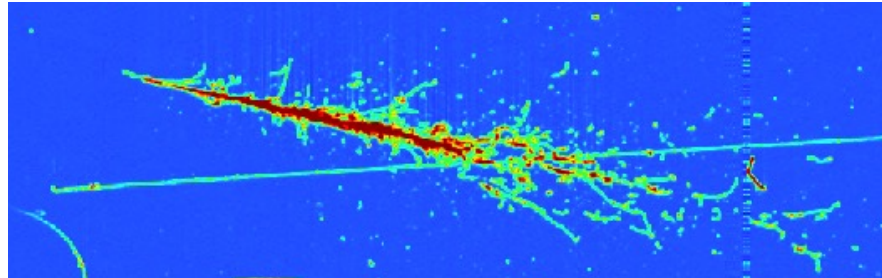




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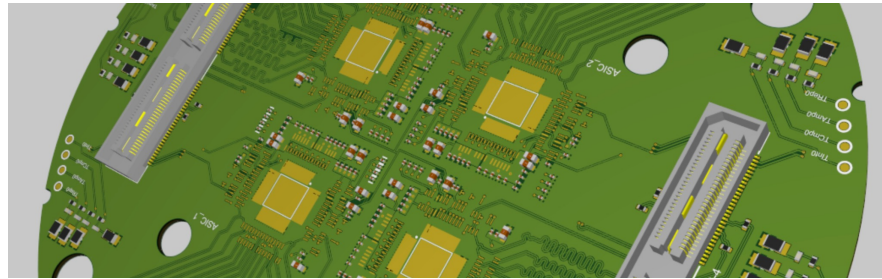
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- i. Overview
- ii. LArTPC



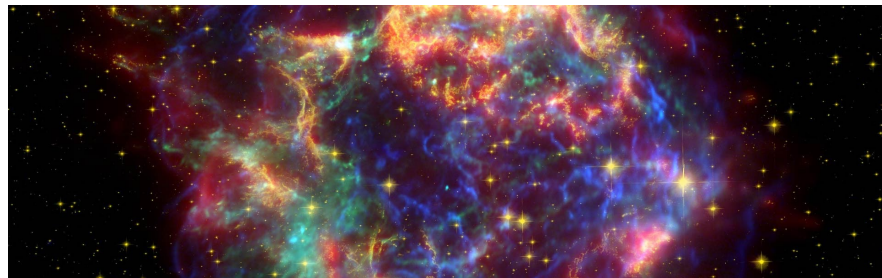
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- i. Pixelated readout
- ii. How does Q-Pix work?



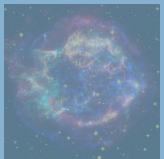
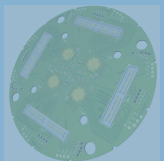
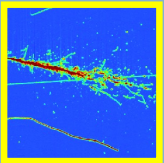
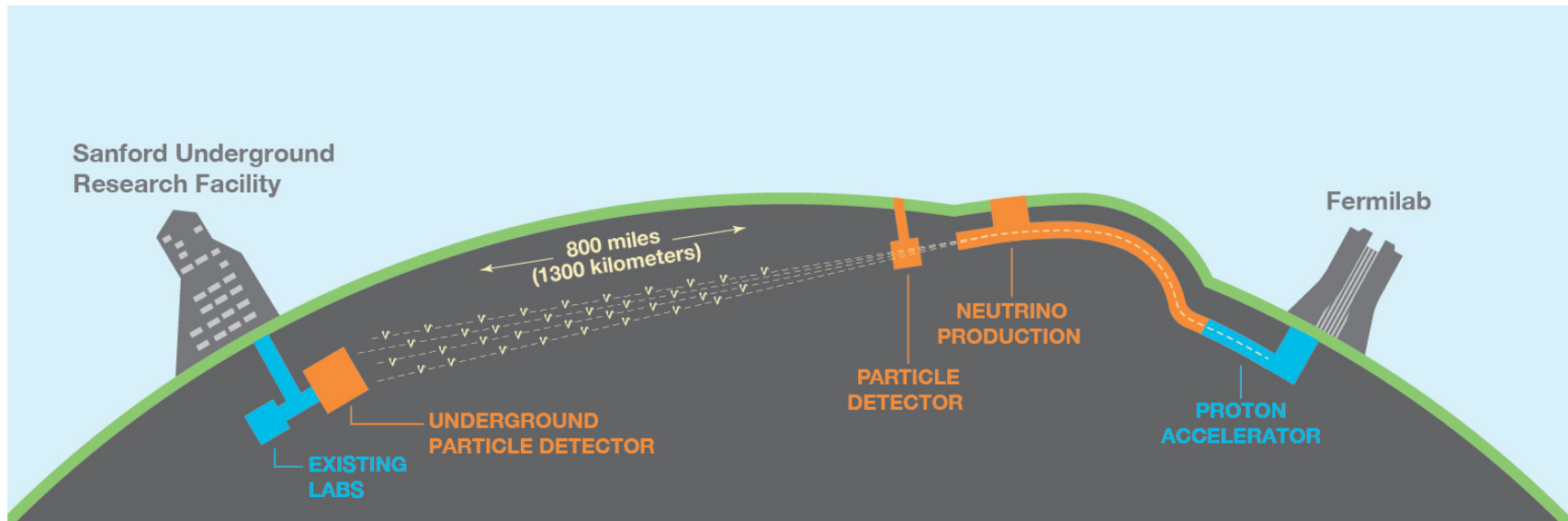
## 3. Supernova Physics with Q-Pix

- i. Q-Pix capabilities
- ii. Supernova neutrinos
- iii. Solar neutrinos (sneak peak)





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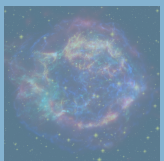
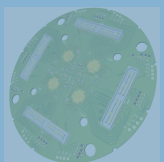
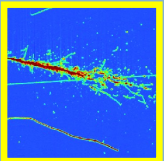


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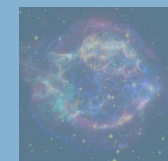
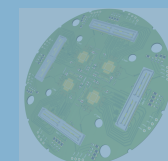
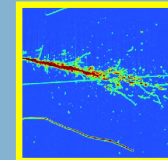
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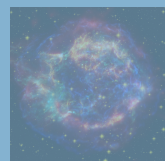
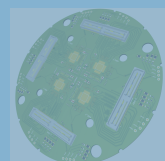
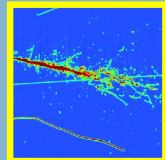
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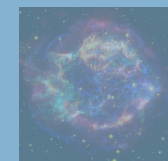
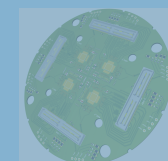
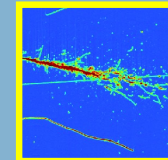




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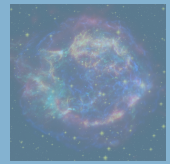
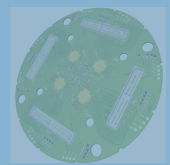
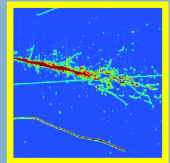




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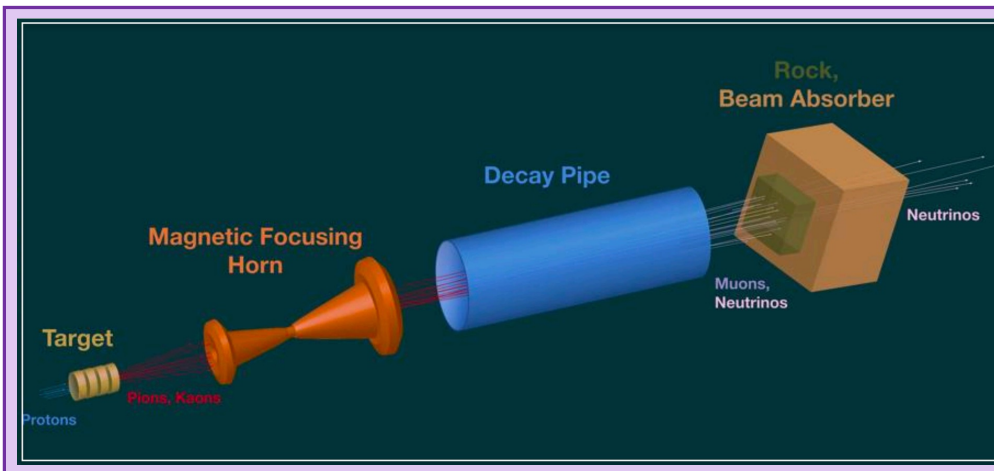
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- Main physics goals of  
Long baseline experiments
- Additional physics studies  
DUNE is trying to perform



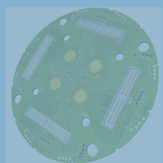
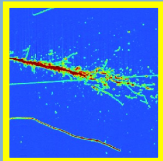
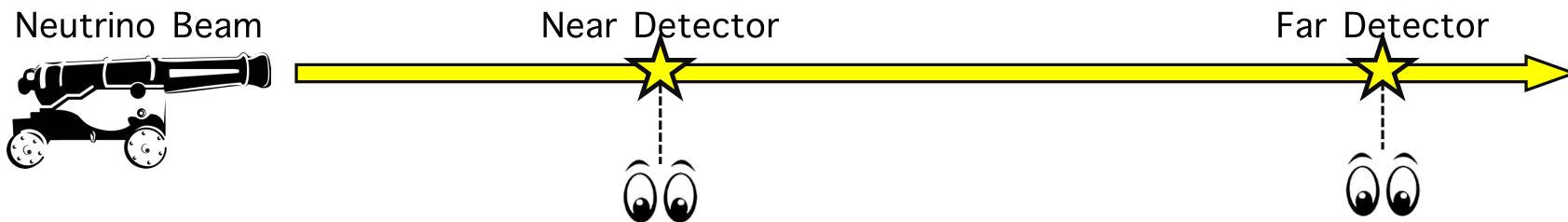


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By switching the magnetic horn, you can either select  $\pi^+$  or  $\pi^-$ .

$\pi^+$  produces neutrinos and antimuons.  
 $\pi^-$  produces antineutrinos and muons.

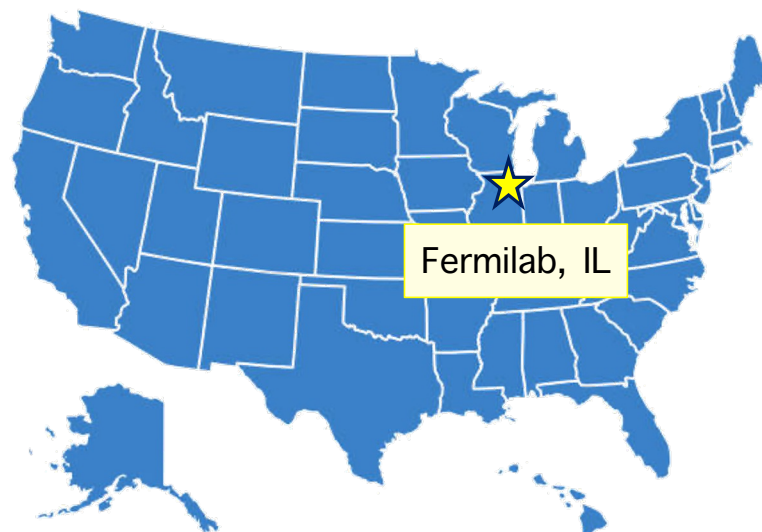




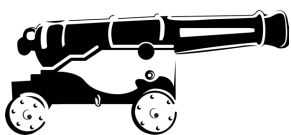
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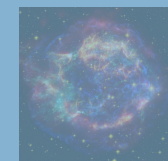
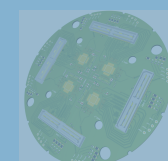
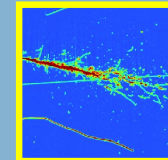
Neutrino Beam



Near Detector



Far Detector

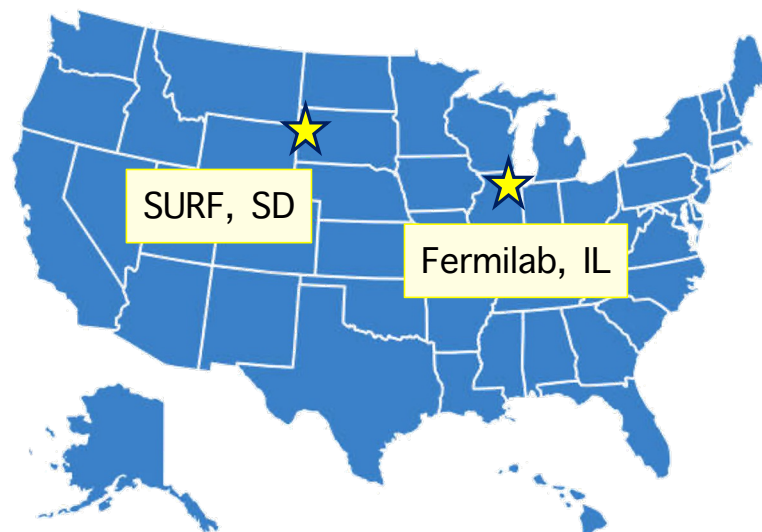




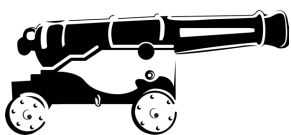
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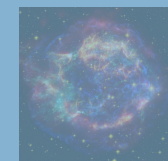
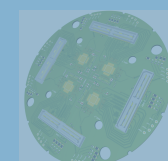
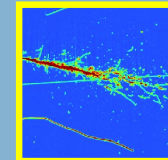
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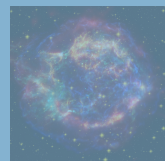
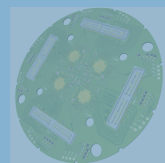
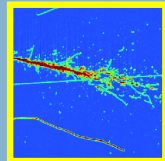
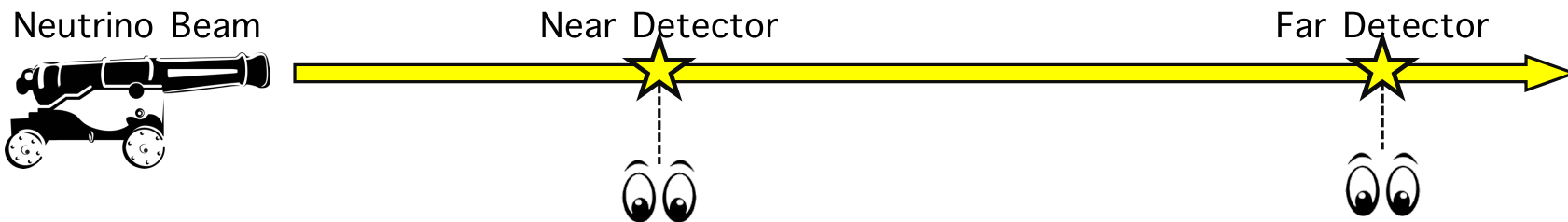
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Built farther away from neutrino beam

- Much bigger than Near Detector
- Take data of oscillation studies
- Looks for rare events

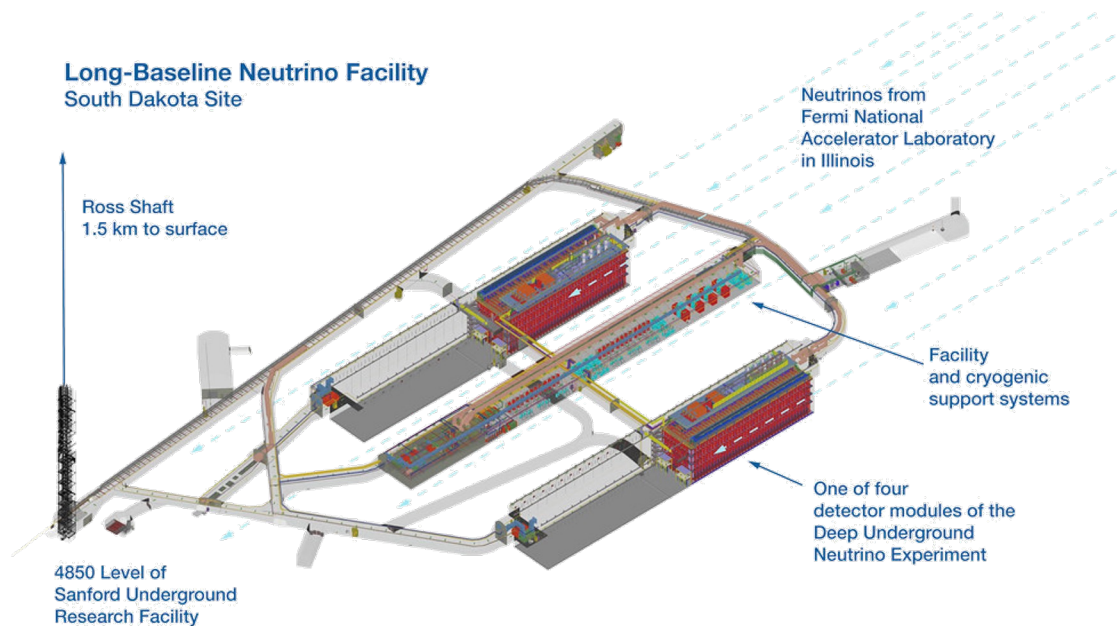




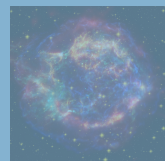
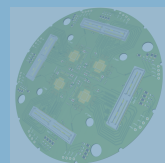
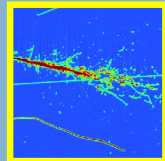
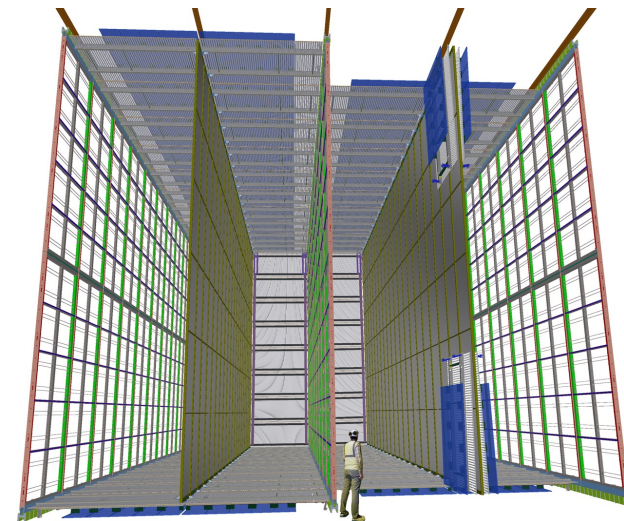
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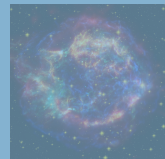
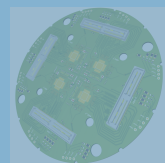
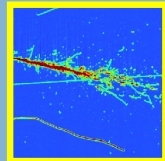
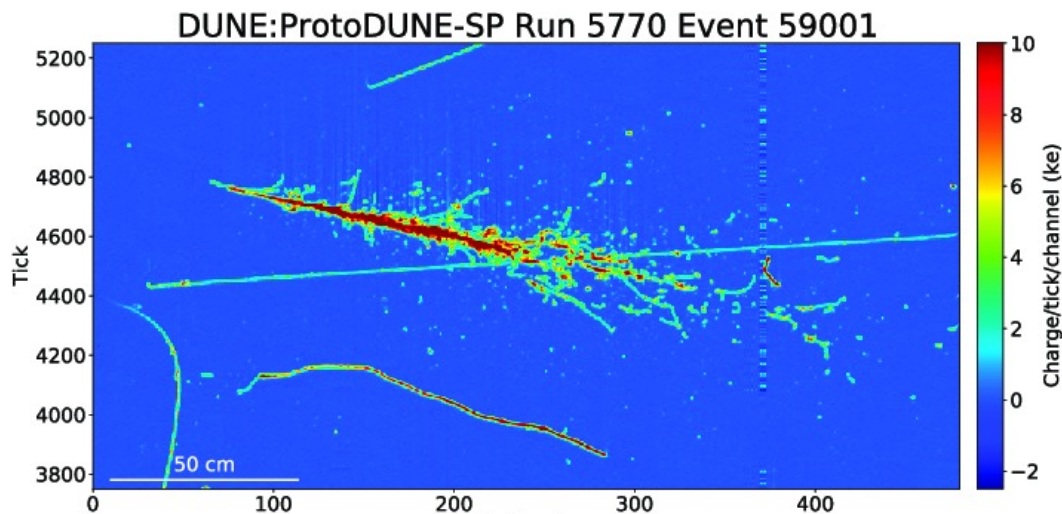


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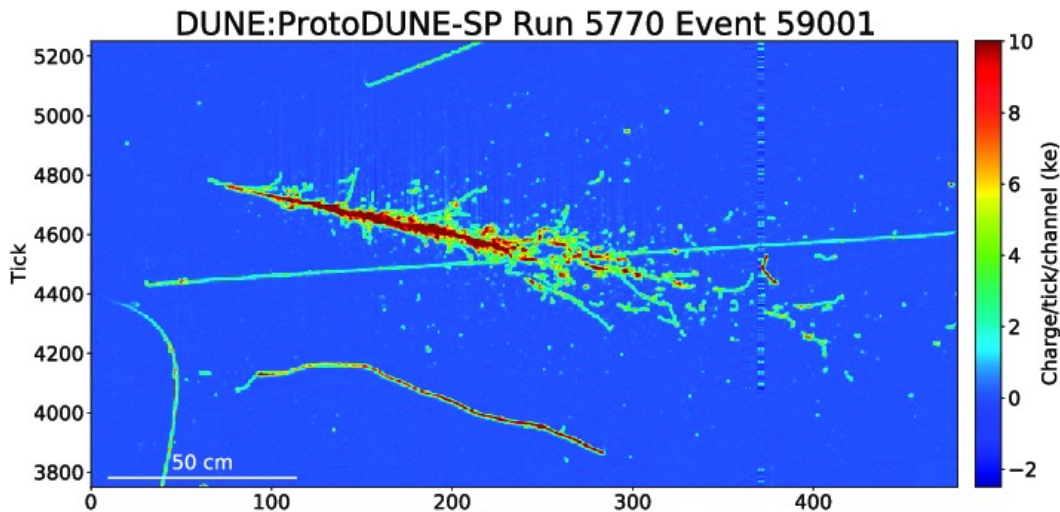


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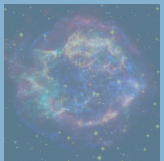
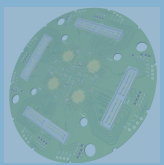
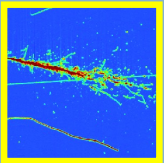
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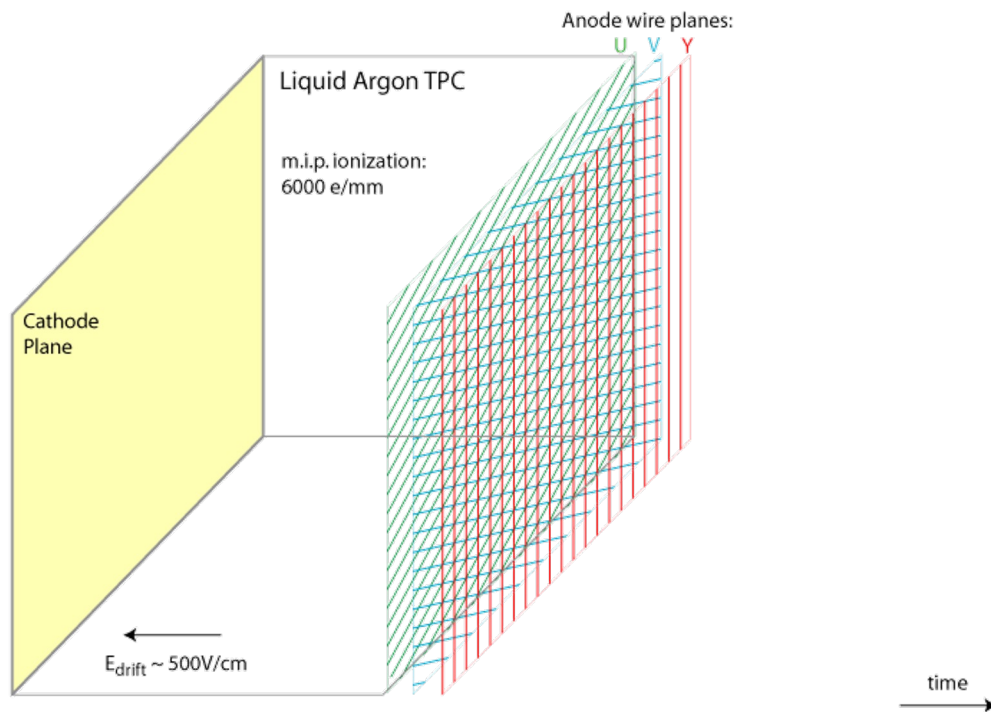


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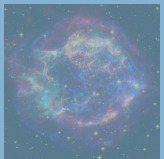
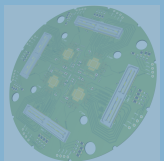
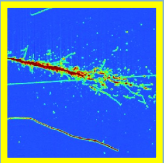




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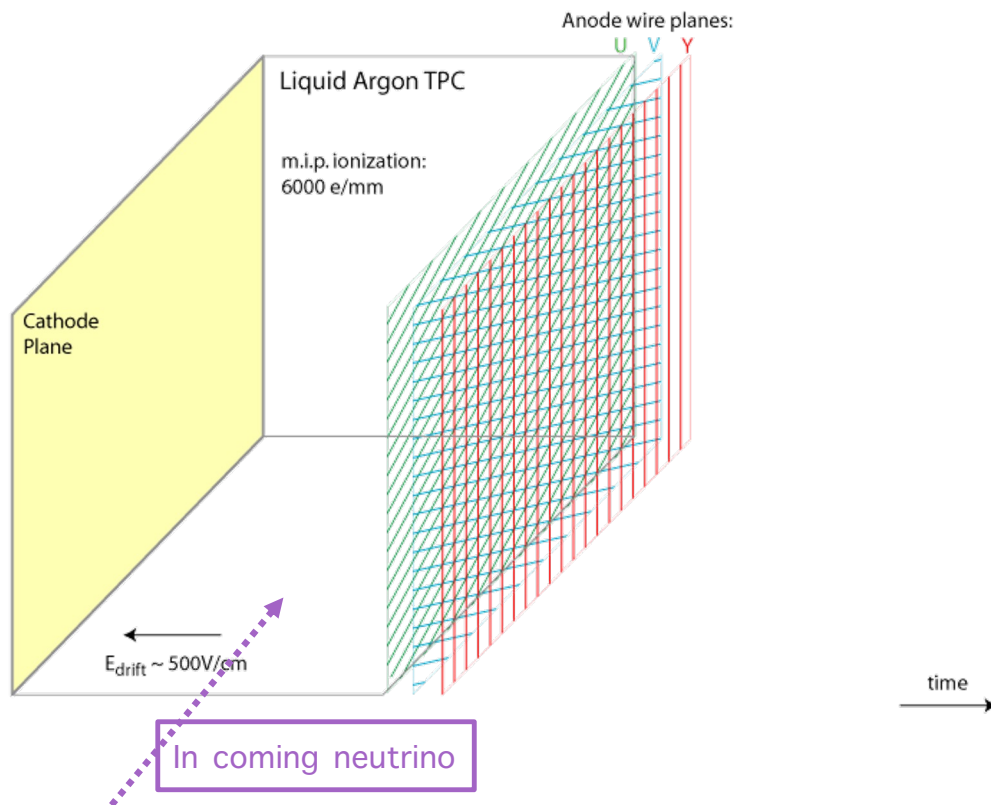


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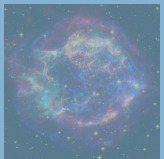
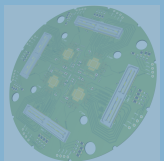
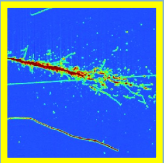




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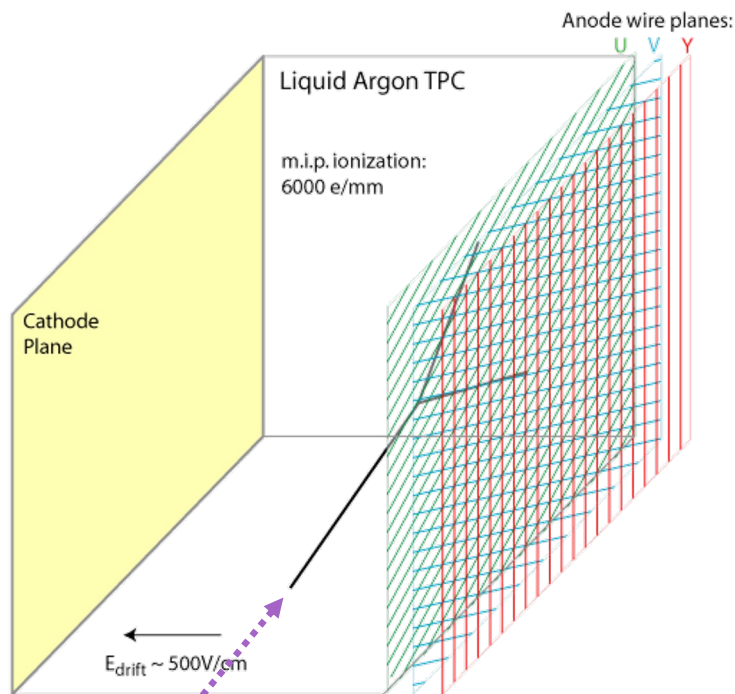


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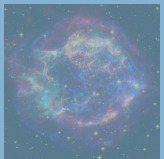
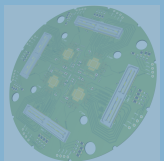
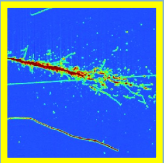




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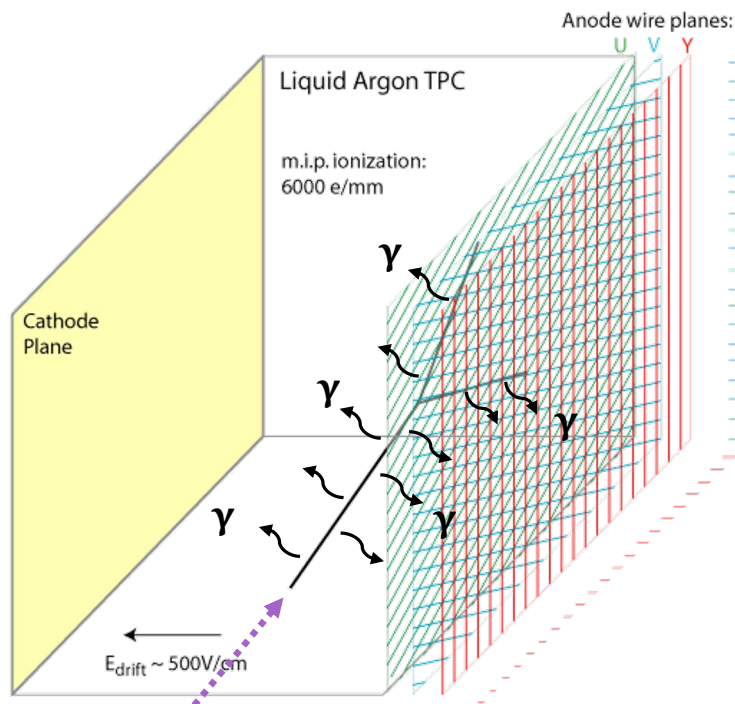


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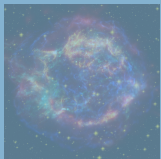
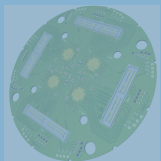
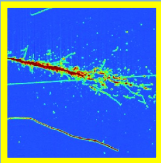




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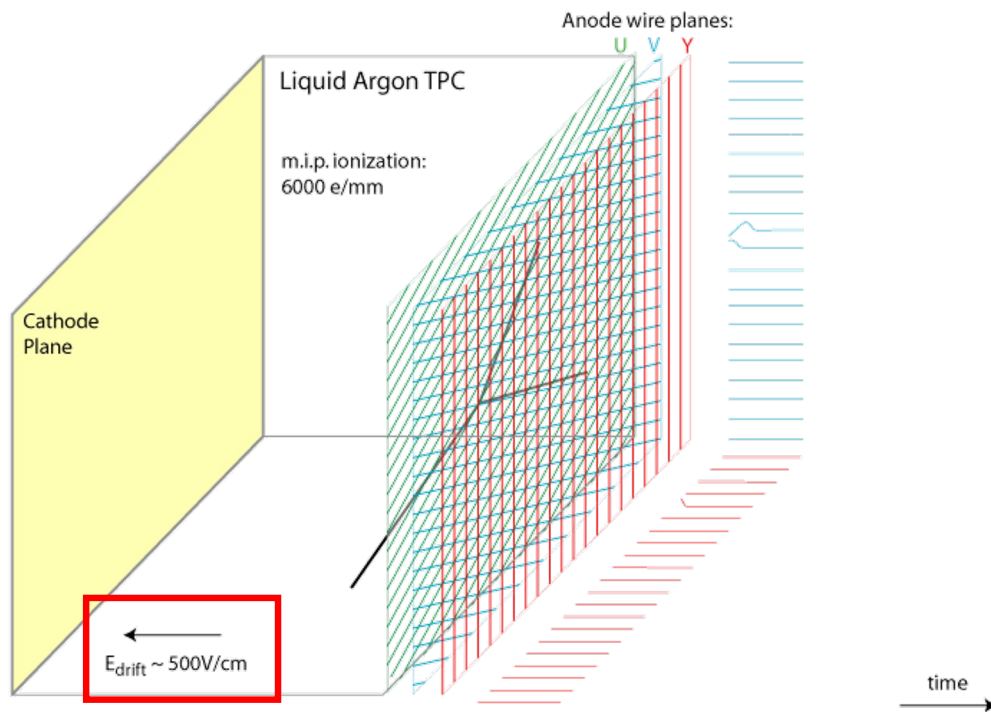


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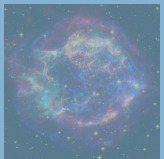
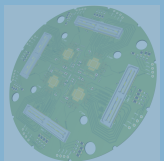
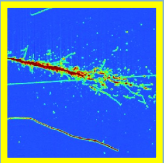




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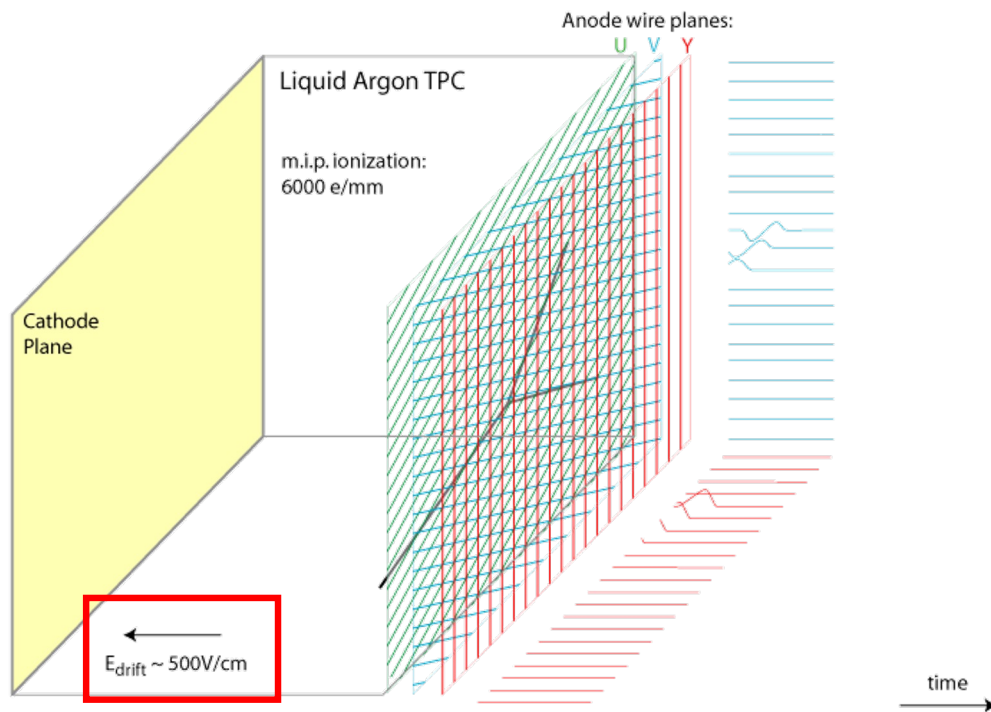


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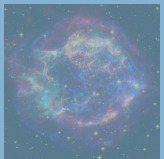
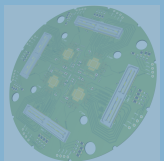
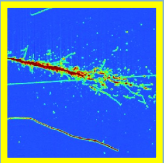




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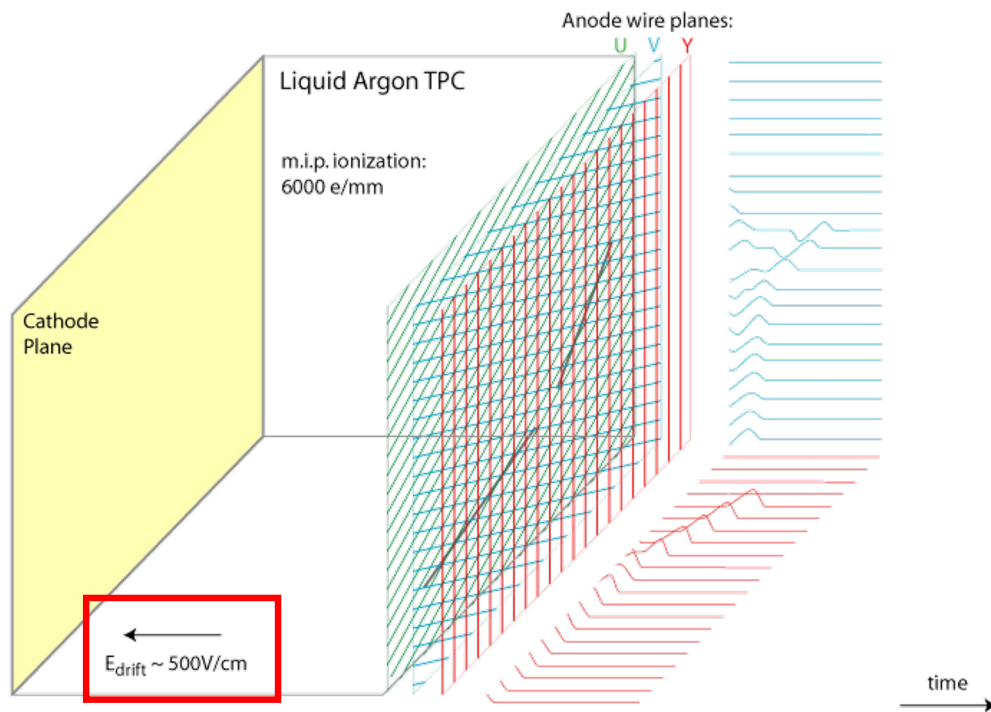


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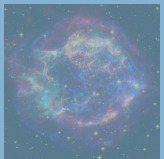
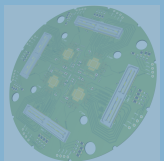
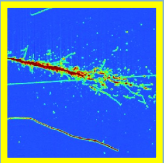




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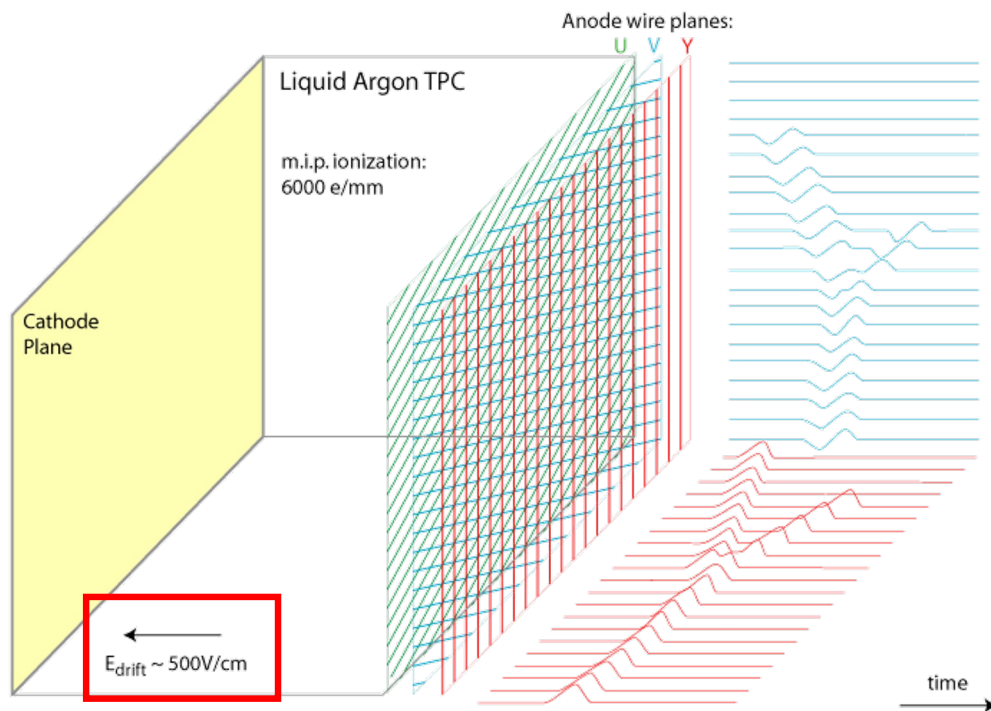


- ✓ Higher density
- ✓ Transparency to its own scintillation
- ✓ High dielectric strength
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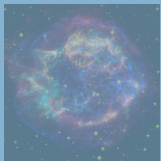
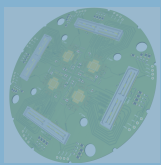
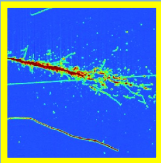




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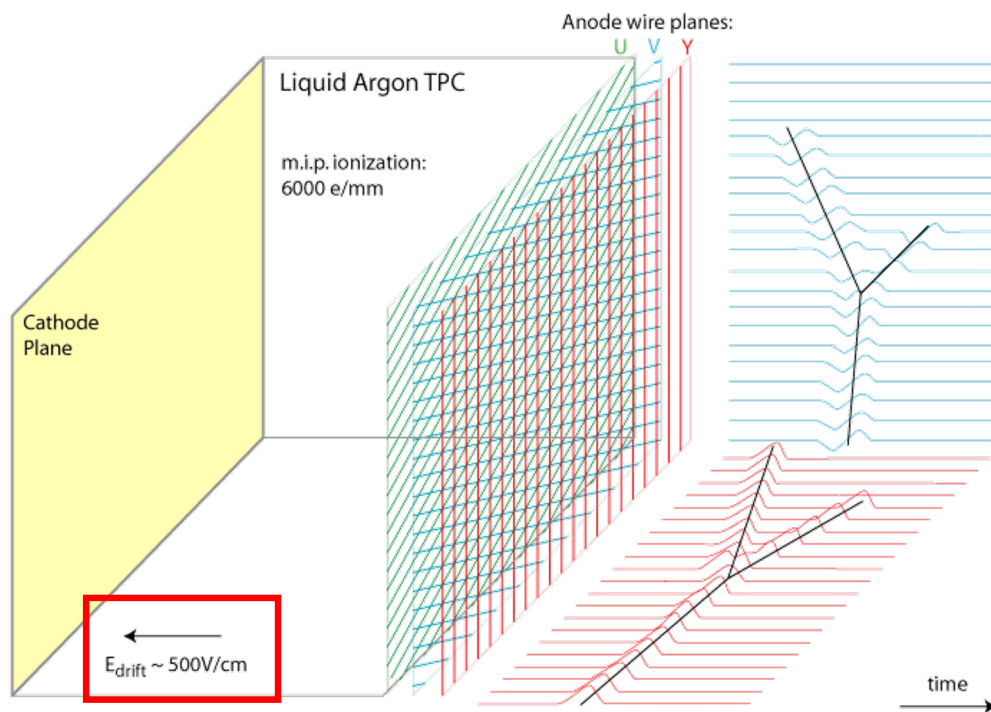


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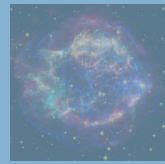
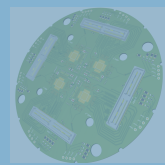
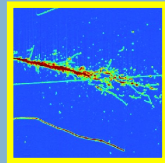




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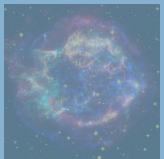
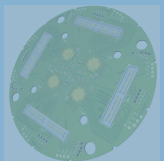
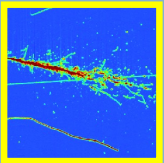
# APA (Anode Plane Assembly)



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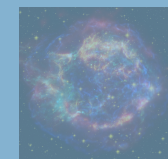
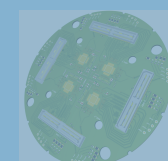
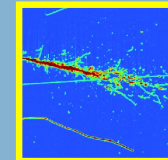
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Each module has  
over 10,000 wires!

150 APA modules  
will be installed in  
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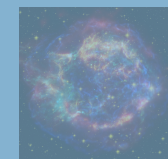
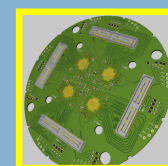
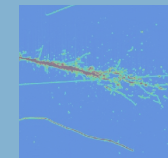


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Wire-based LArTPC  
Well established technology



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New R&Ds that can maximize  
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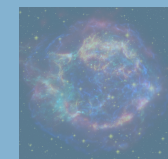
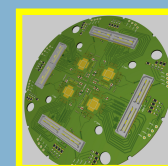
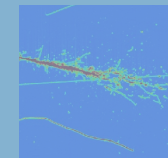
E.g. Q-Pix, LArPix

## Pixel-based LArTPC

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## Wire-based LArTPC

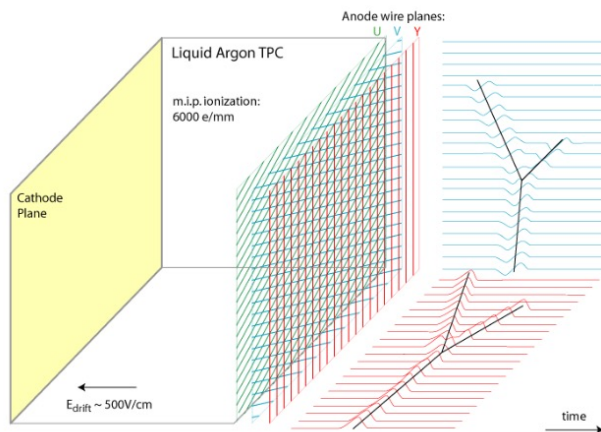
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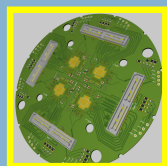
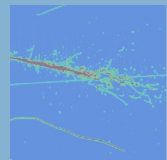
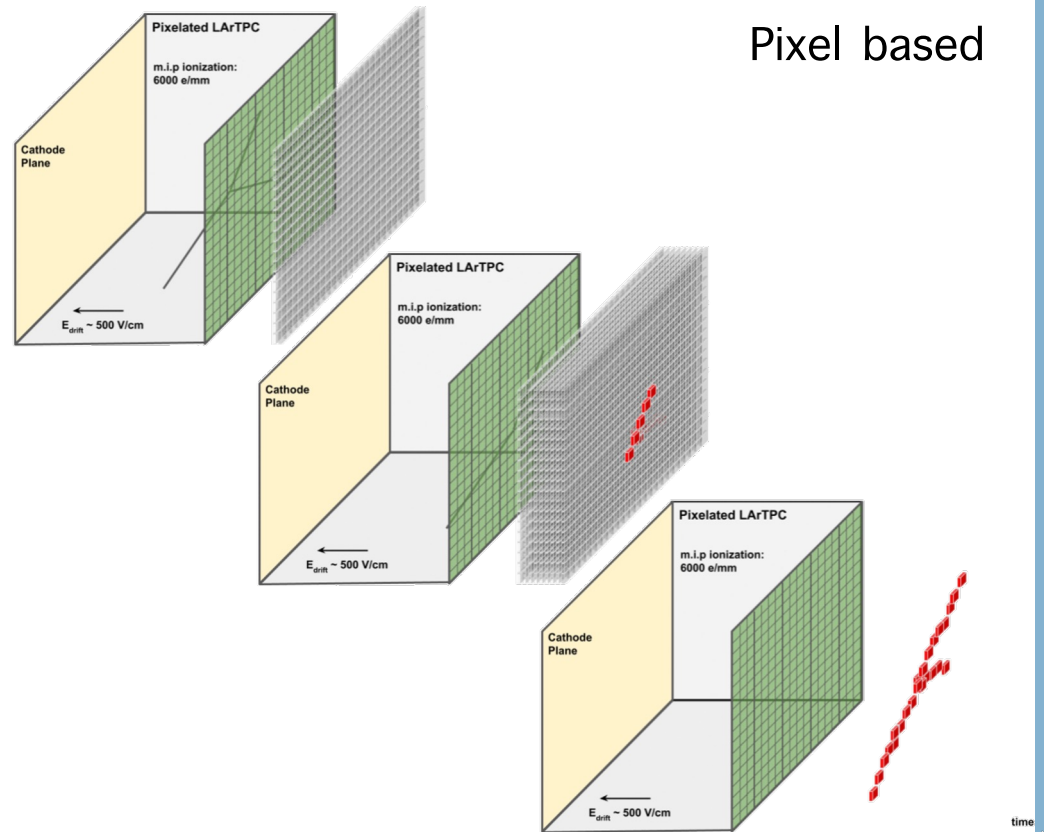


# Pixelated LArTPC is the way!

Wire based



Pixel based





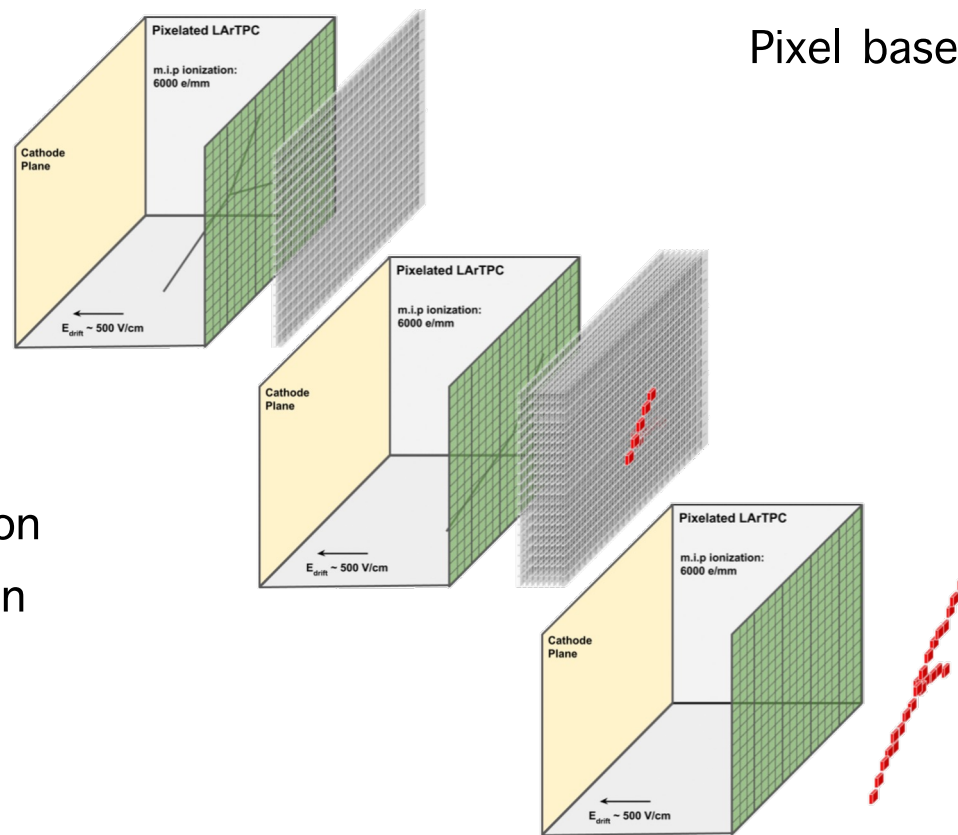
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Challenge:  
increase in the number of channels

Solutions by Q-Pix:

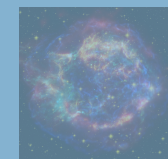
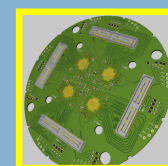
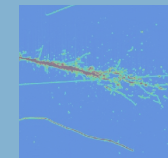
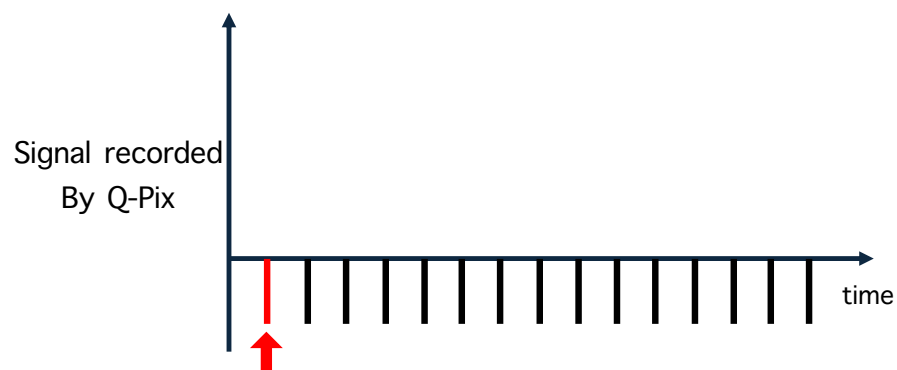
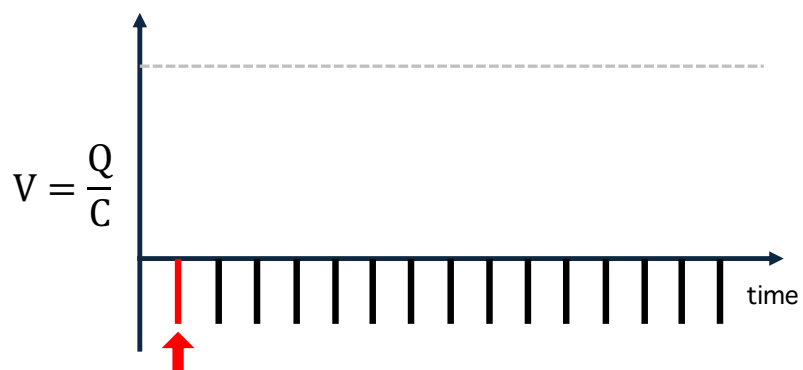
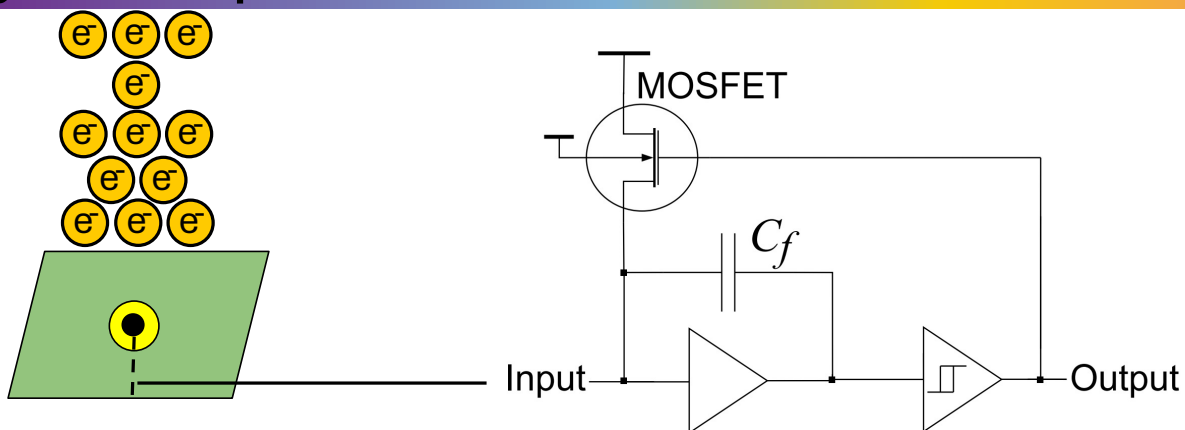
- 1) Electronic principle of least action
- 2) New way to quantize information

Pixel based



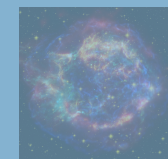
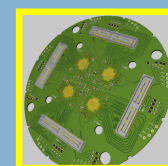
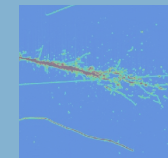
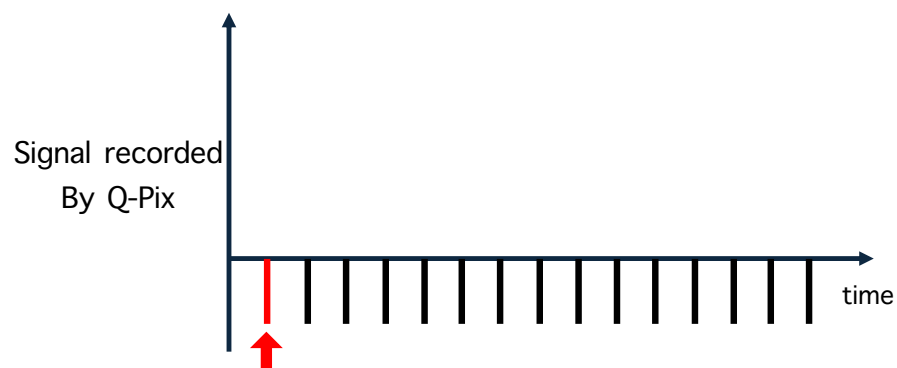
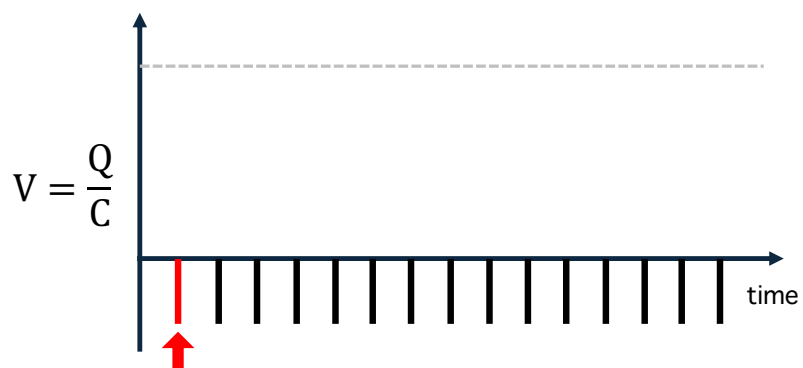
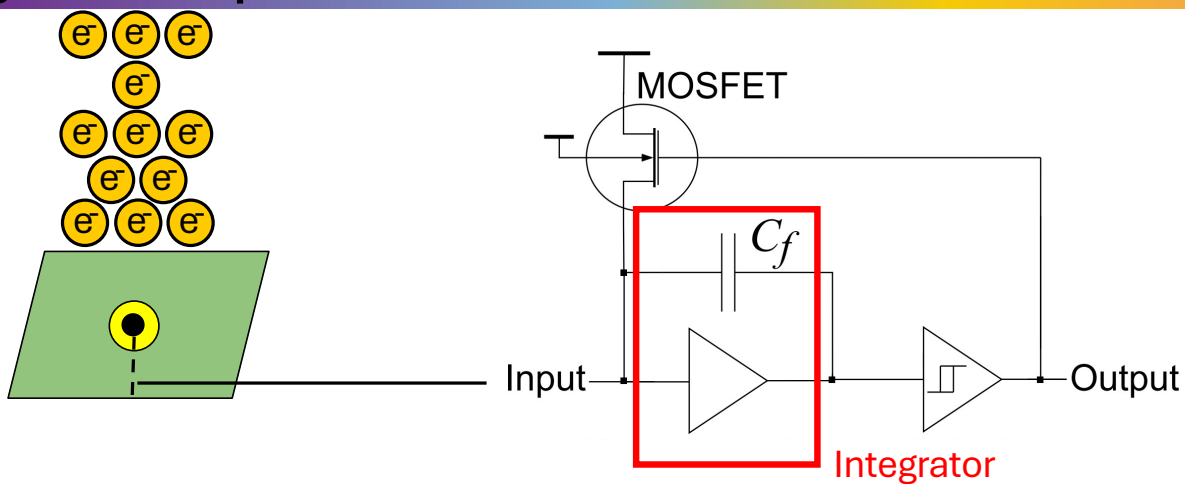


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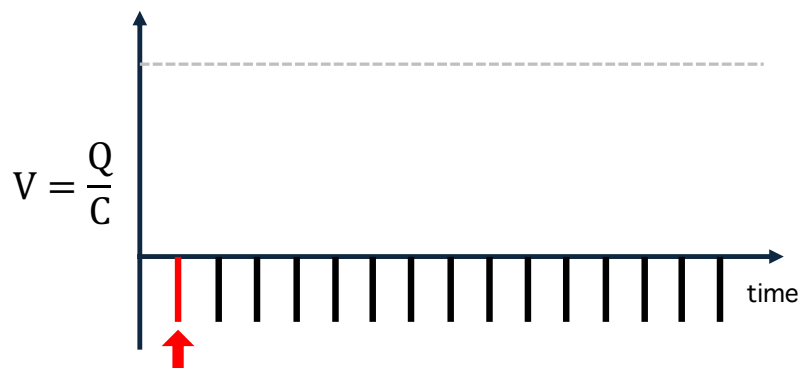
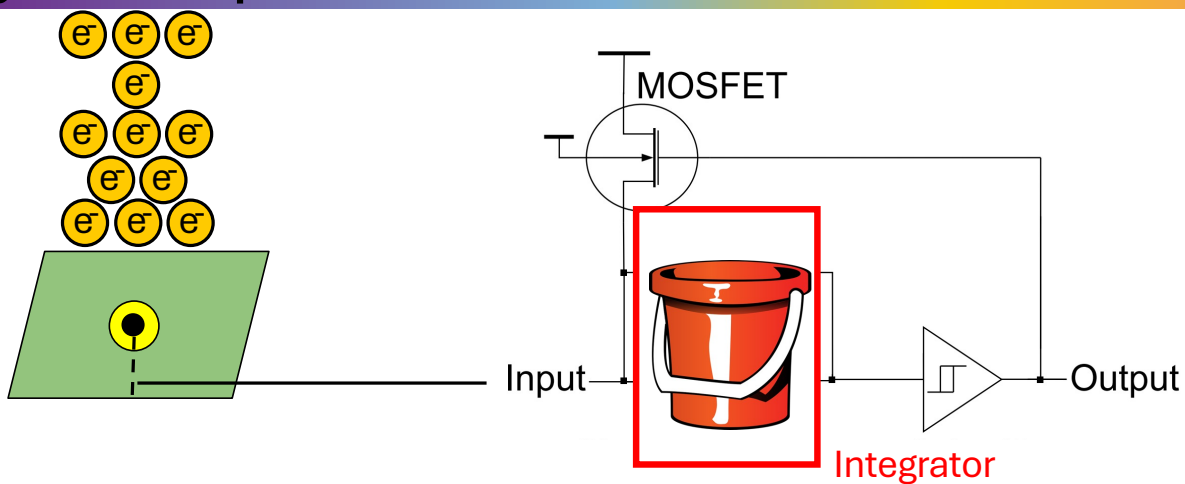


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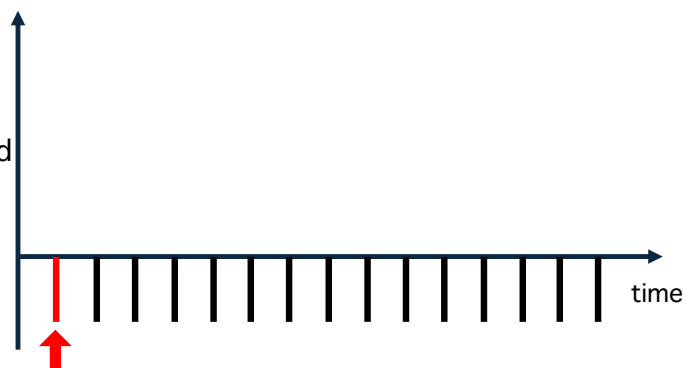




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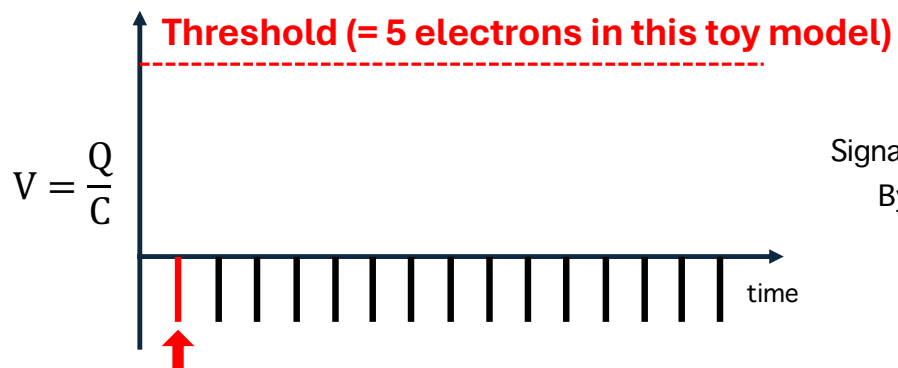
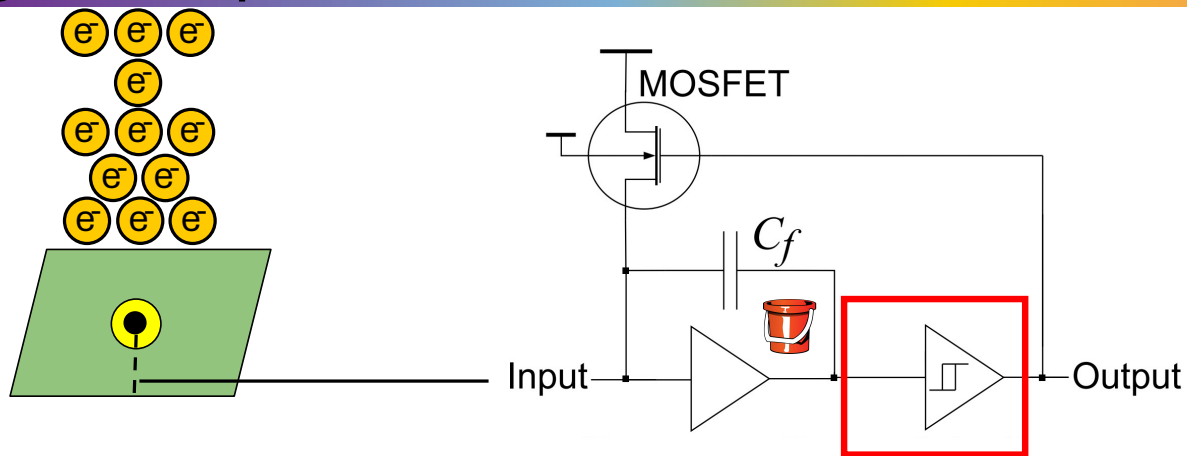


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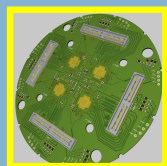
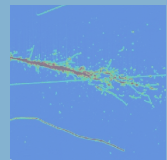
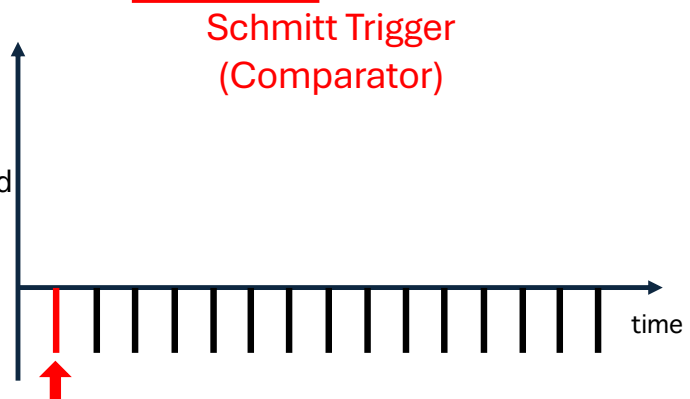




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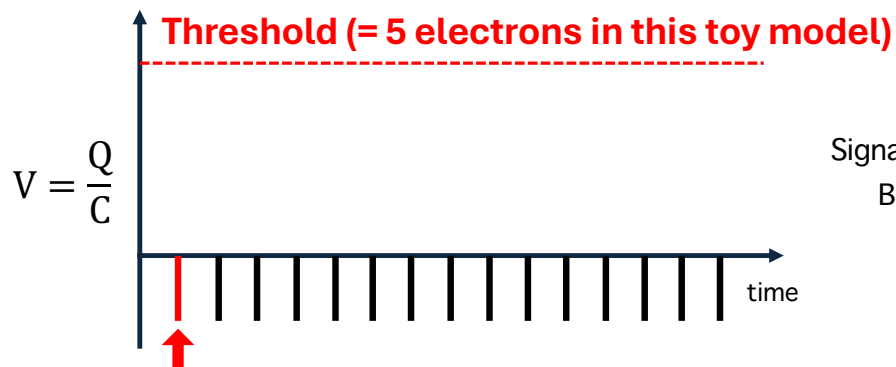
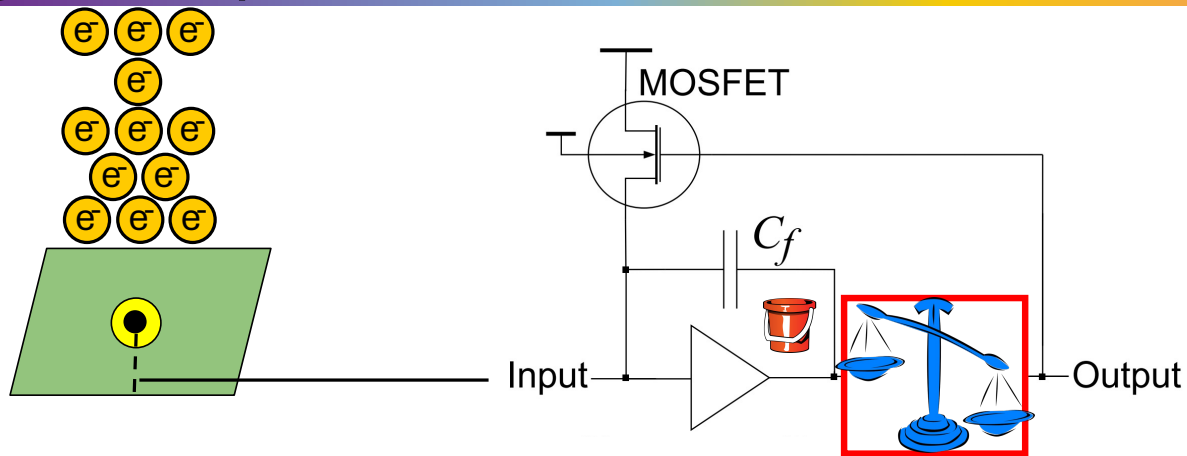


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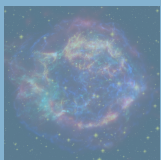
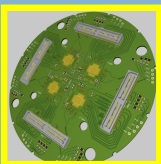
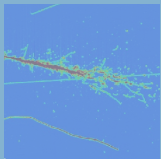
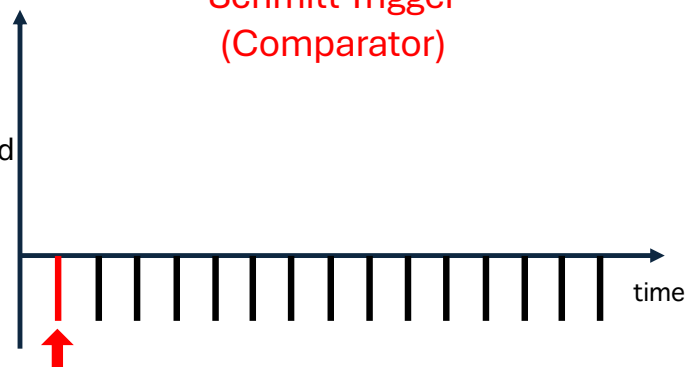




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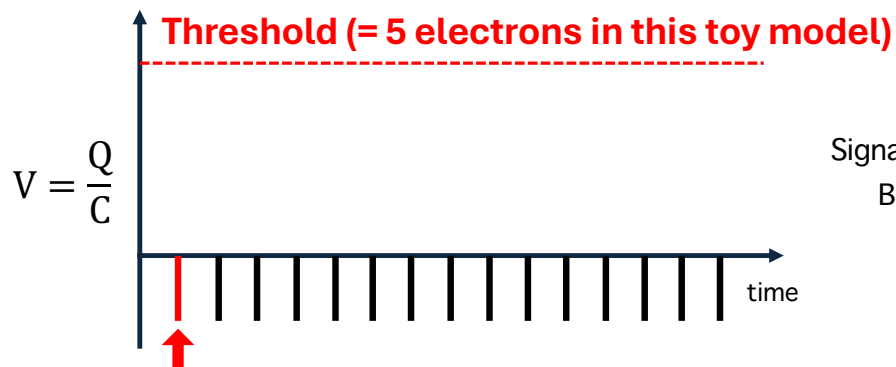
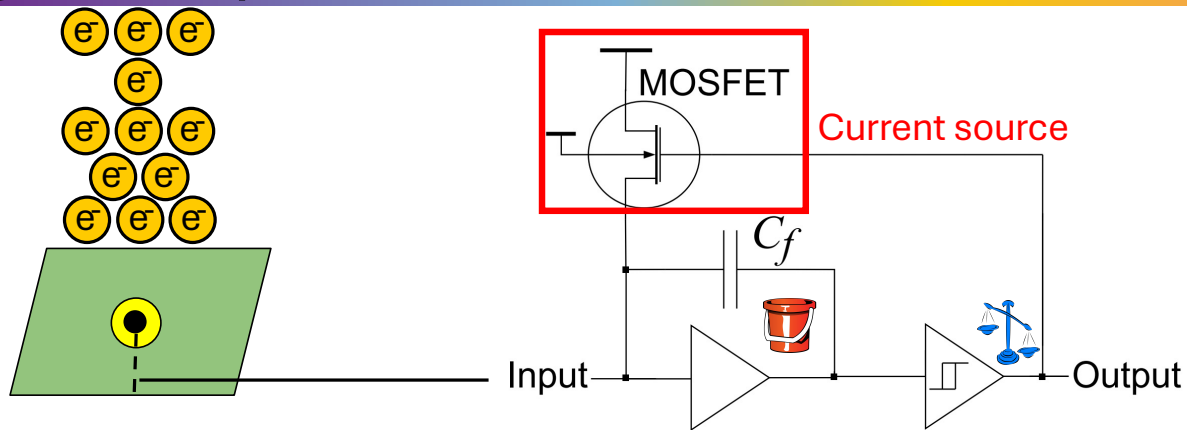


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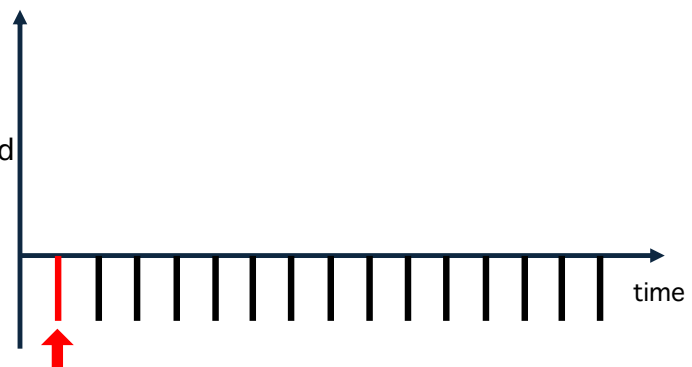




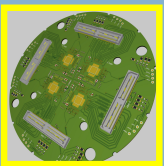
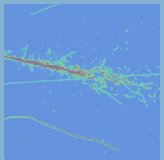
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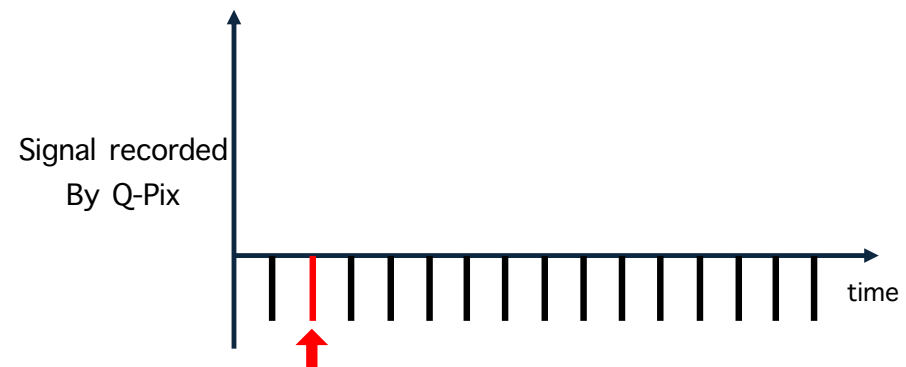
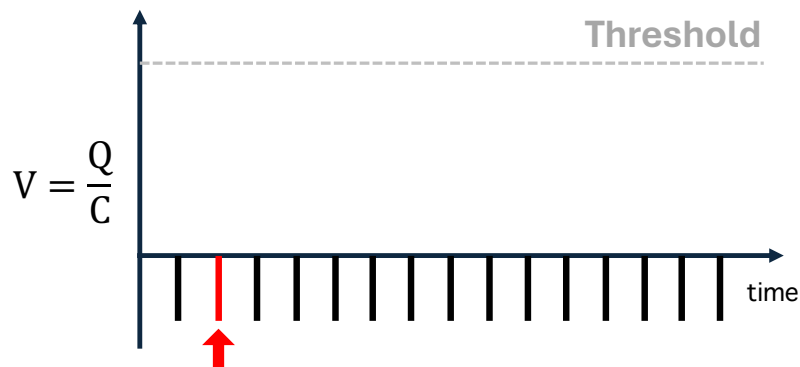
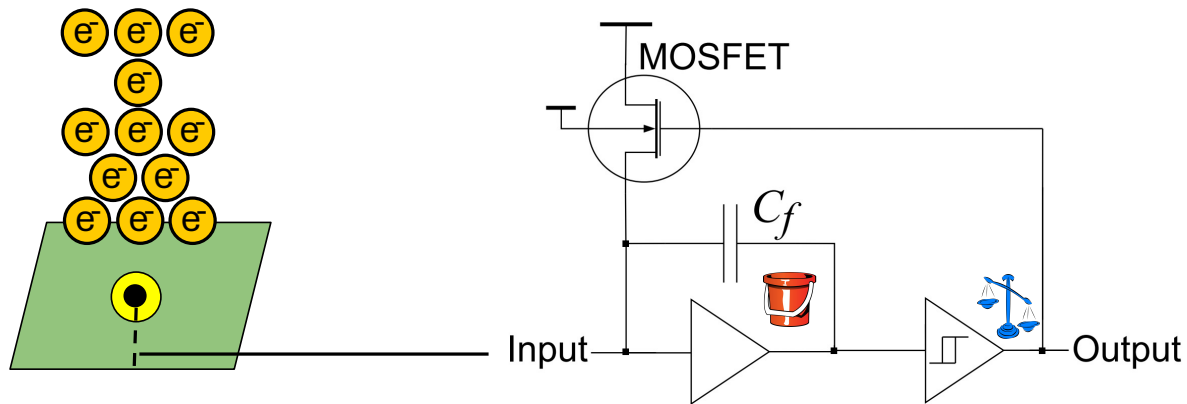


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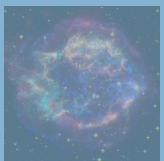
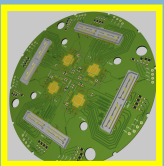
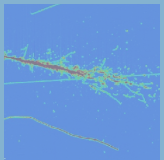




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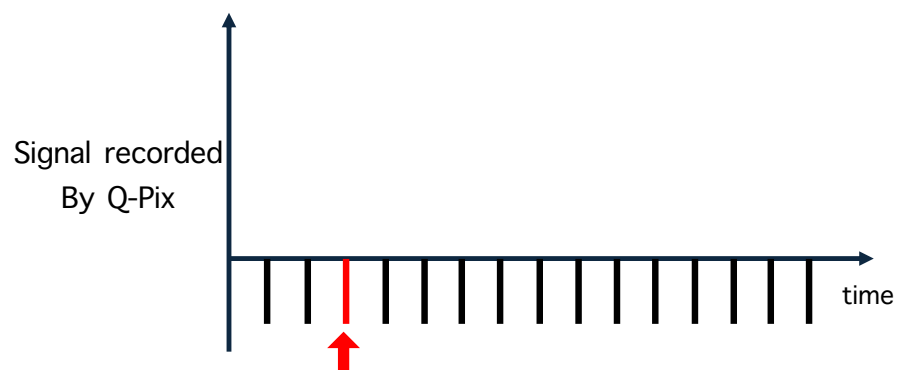
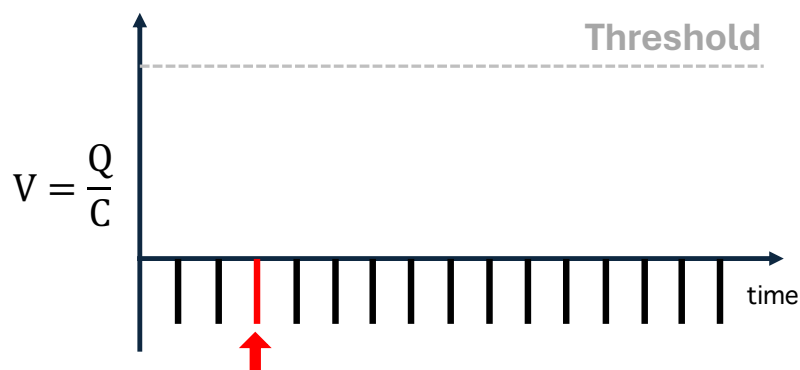
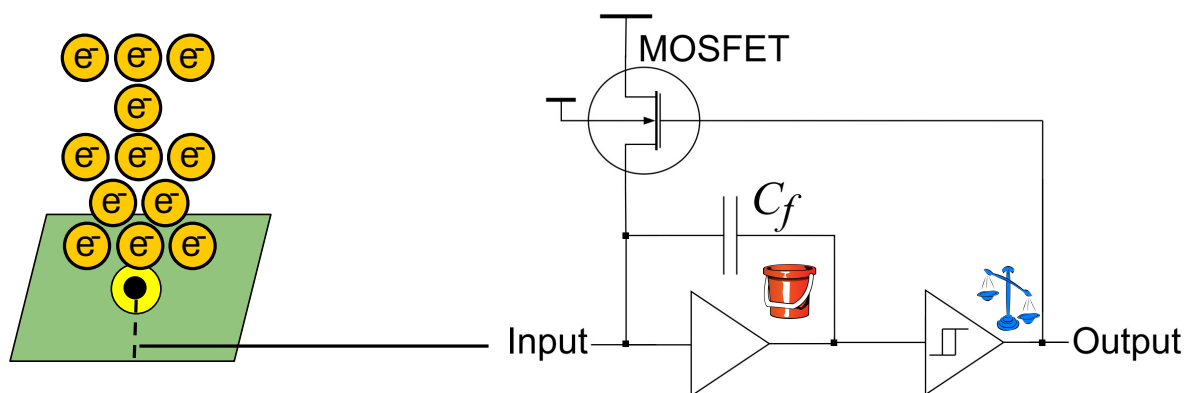


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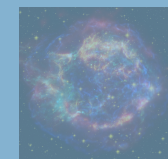
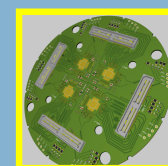
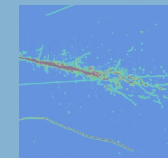




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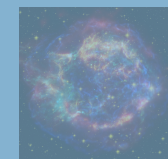
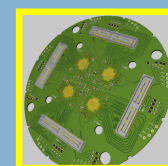
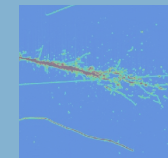
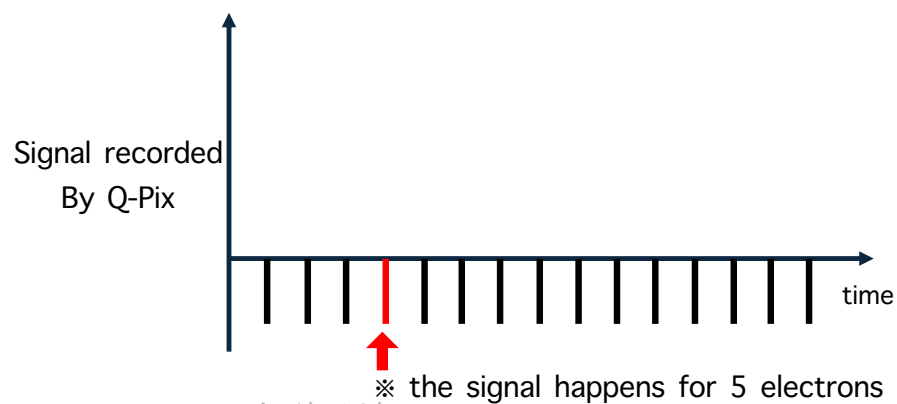
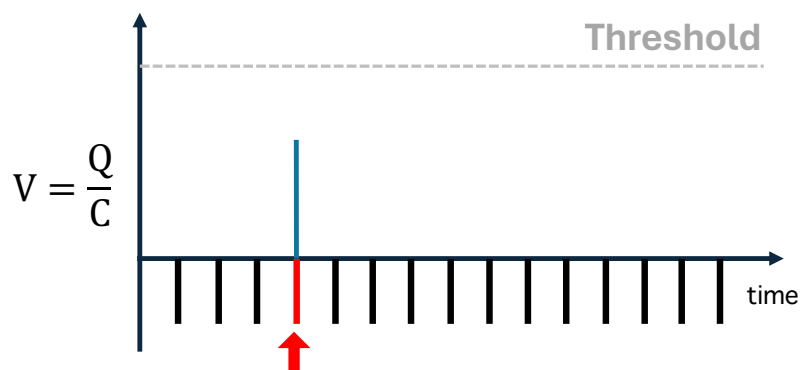
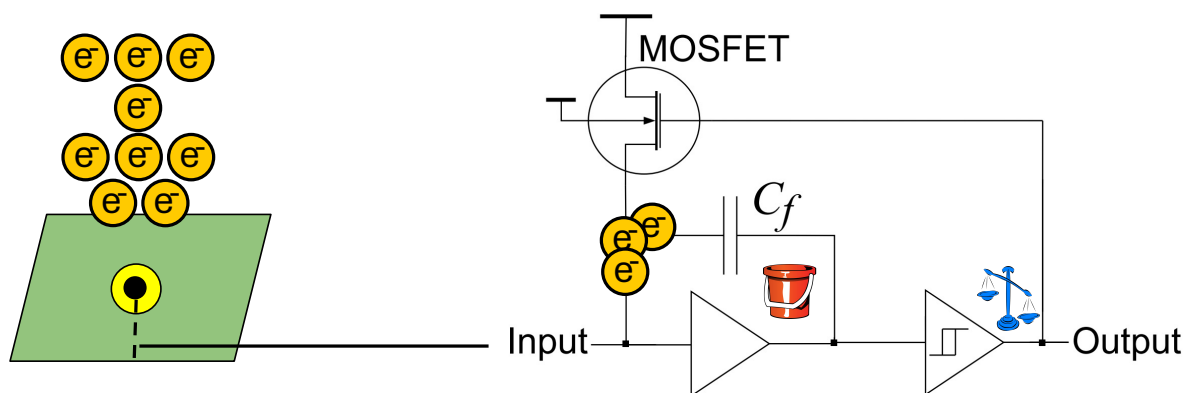


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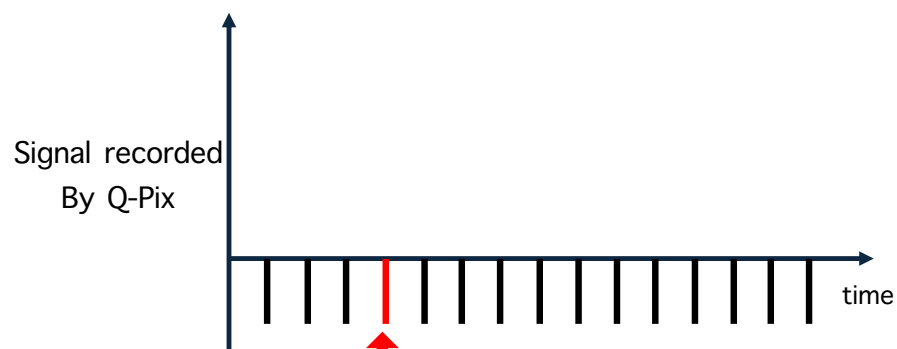
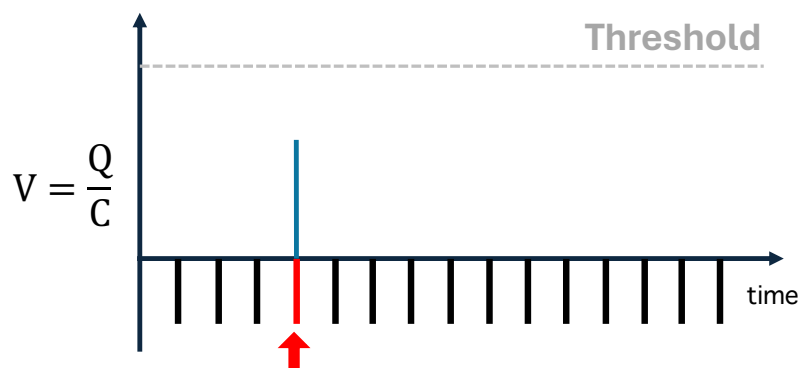
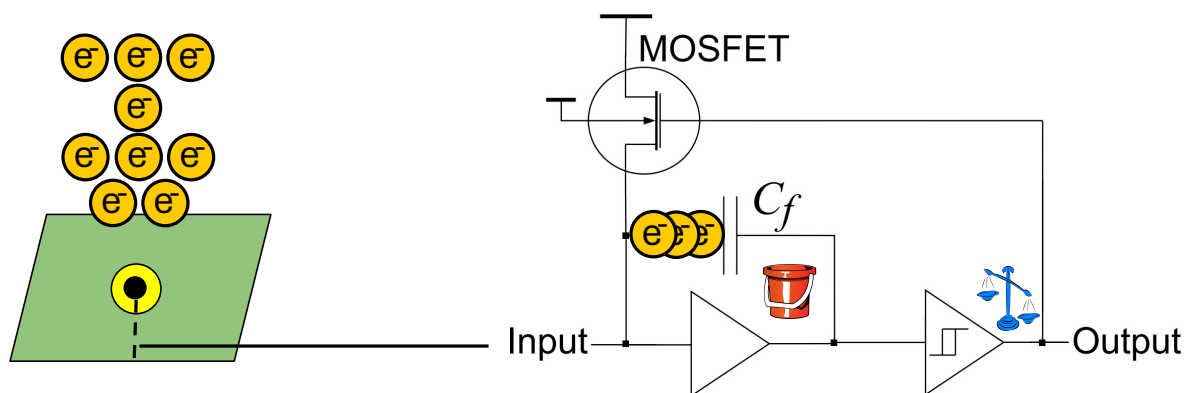


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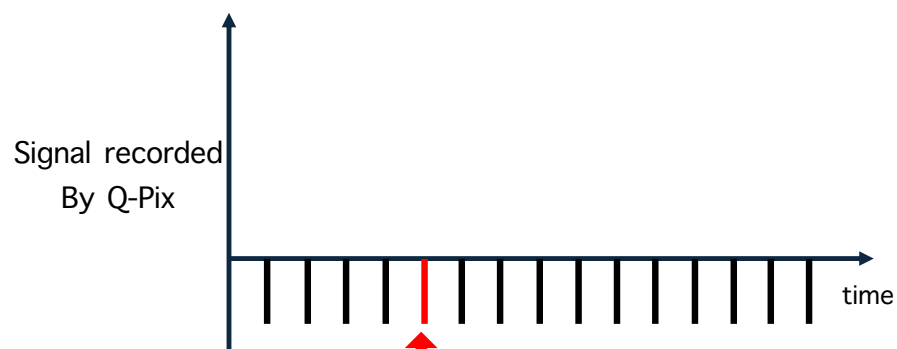
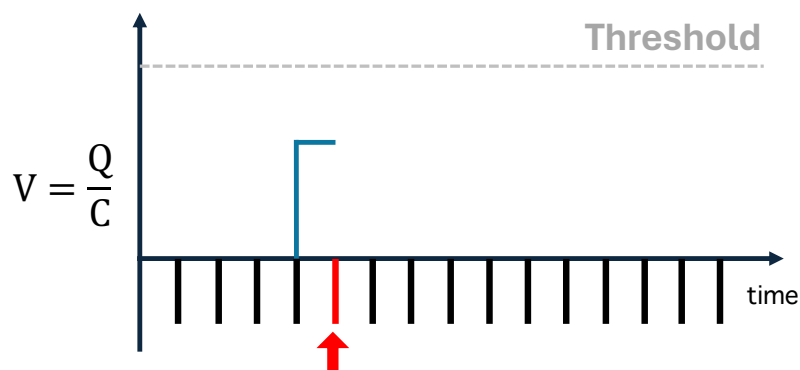
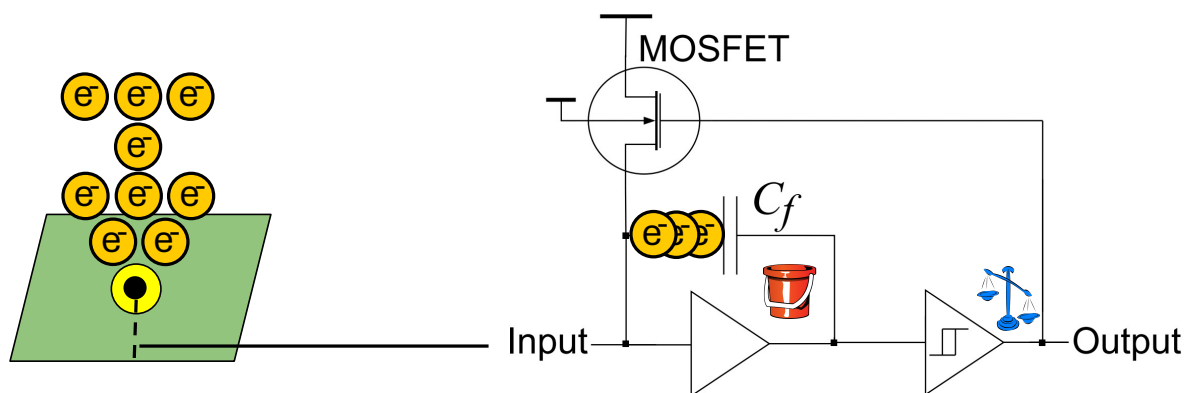
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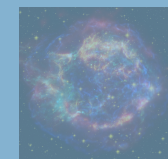
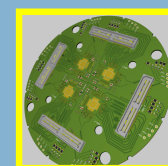
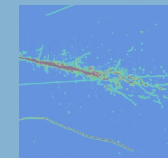
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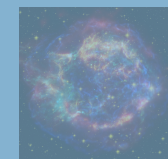
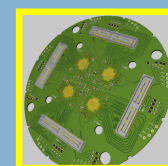
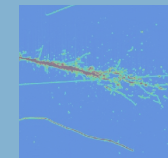
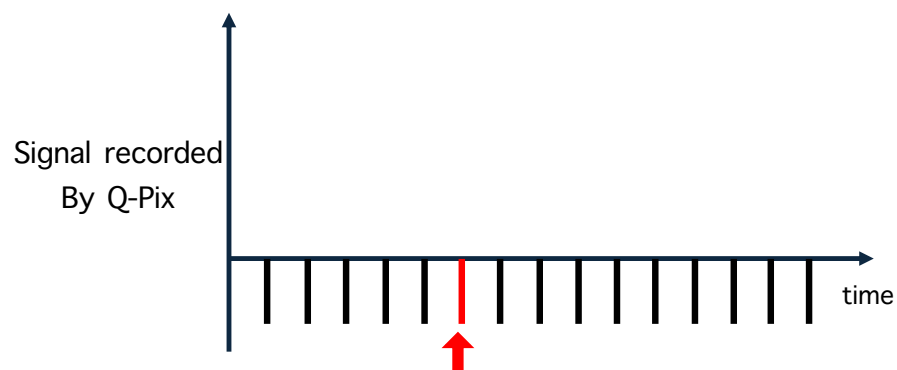
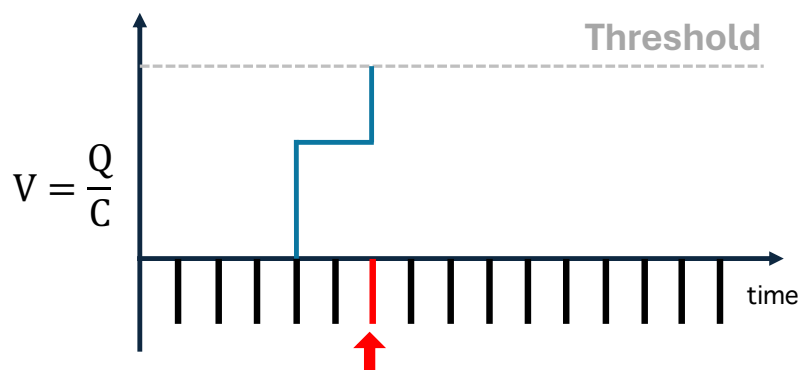
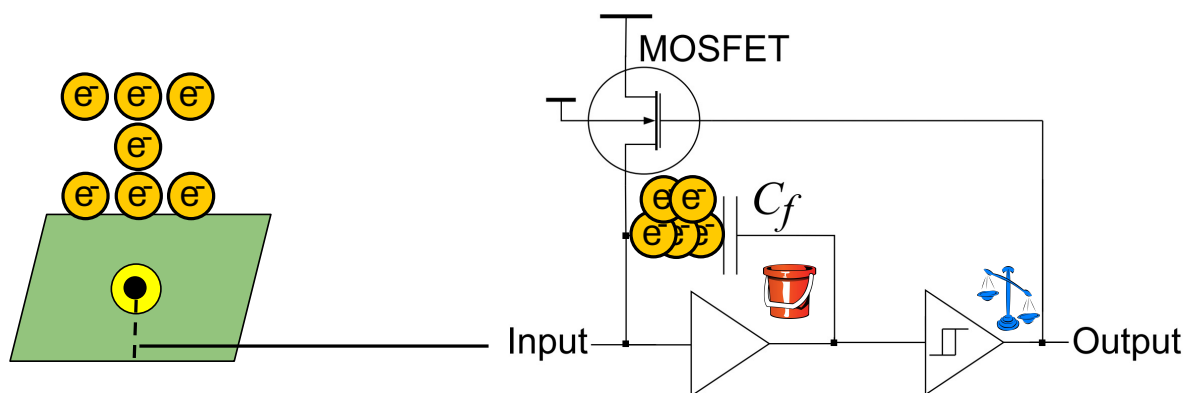


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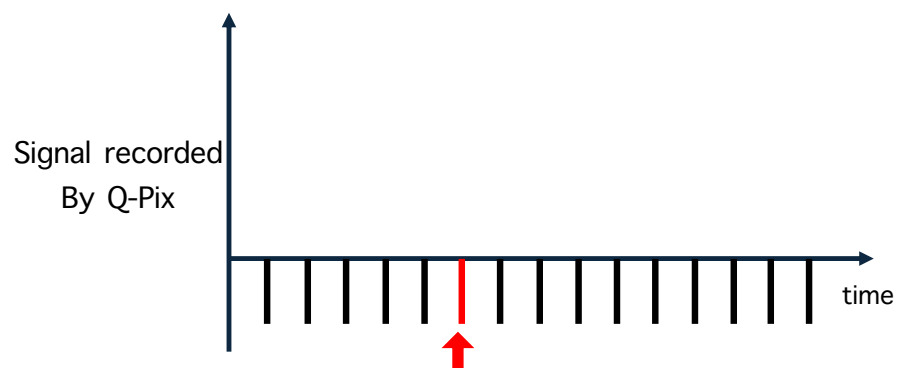
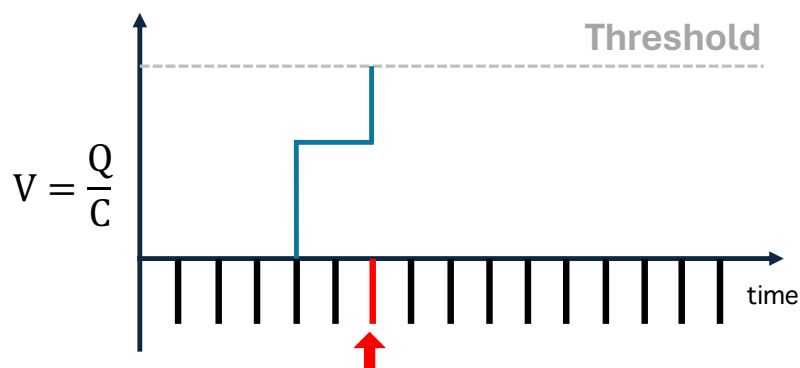
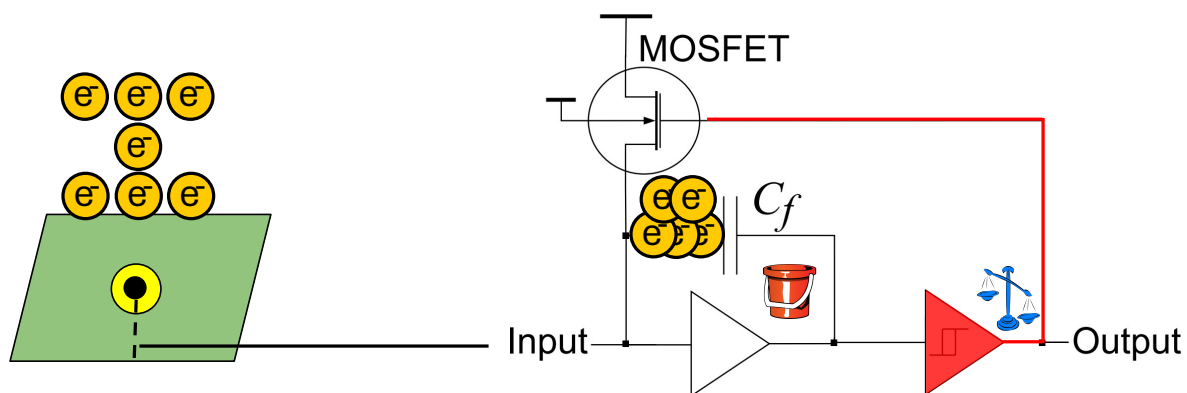


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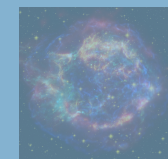
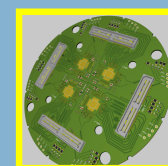
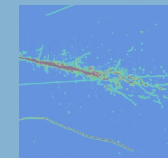




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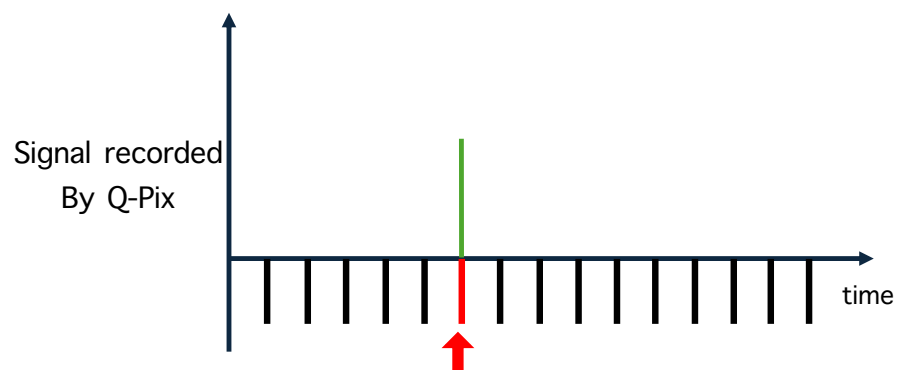
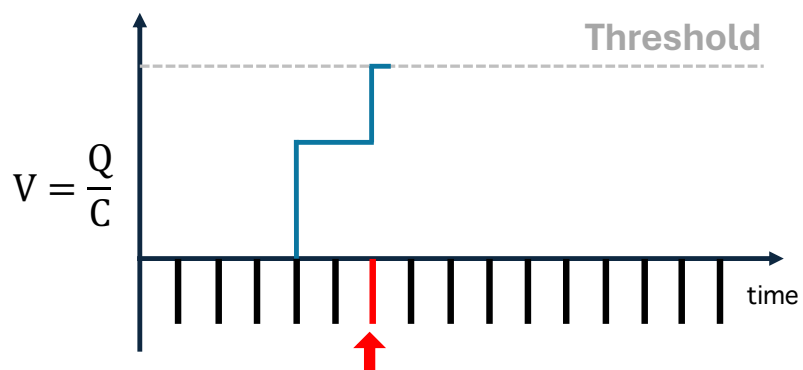
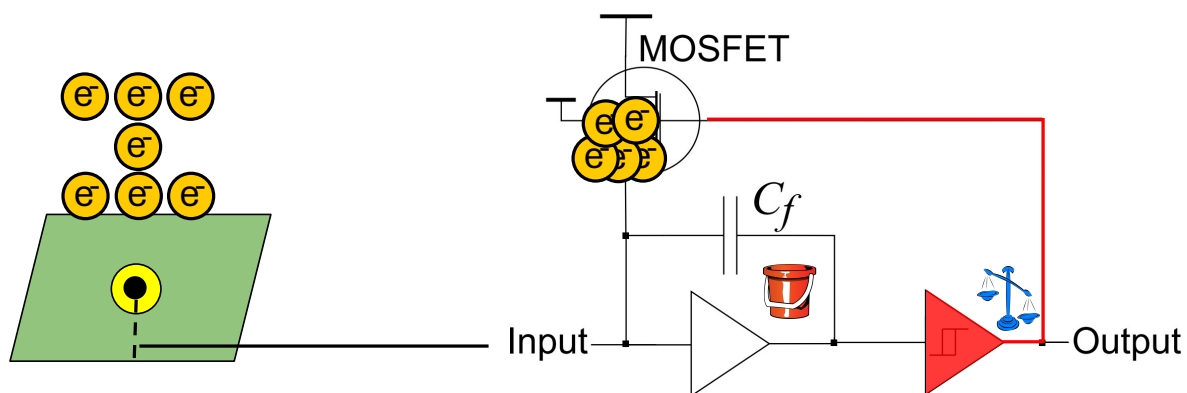


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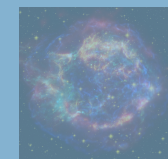
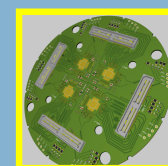
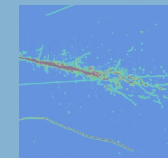




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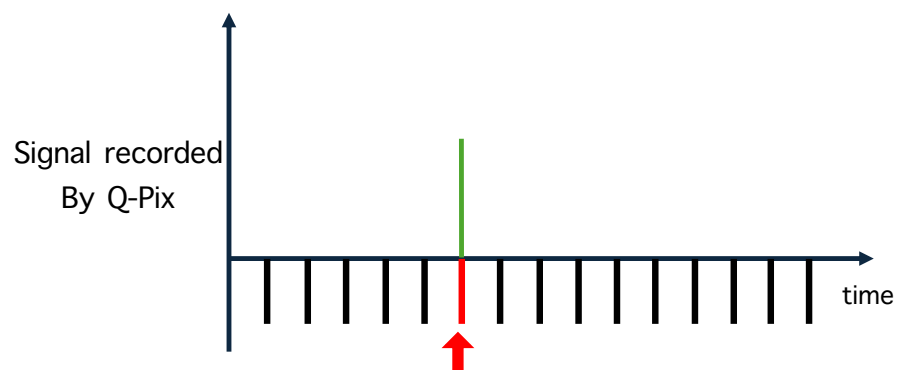
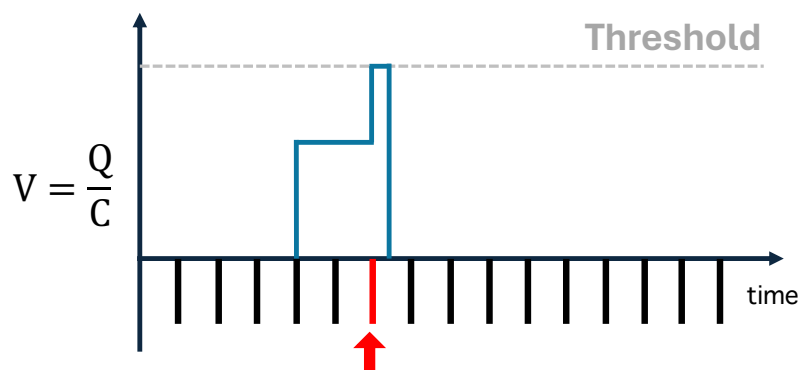
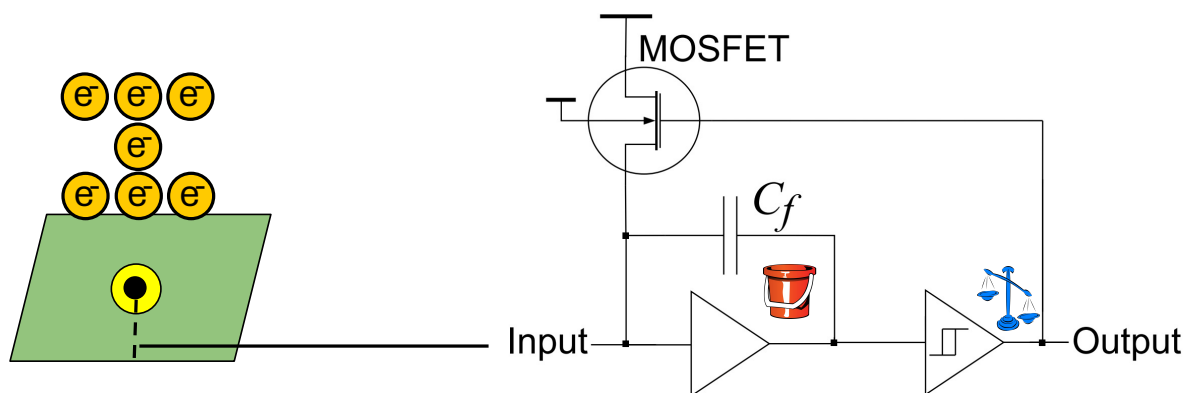


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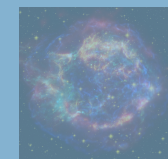
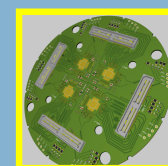
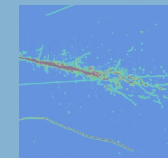




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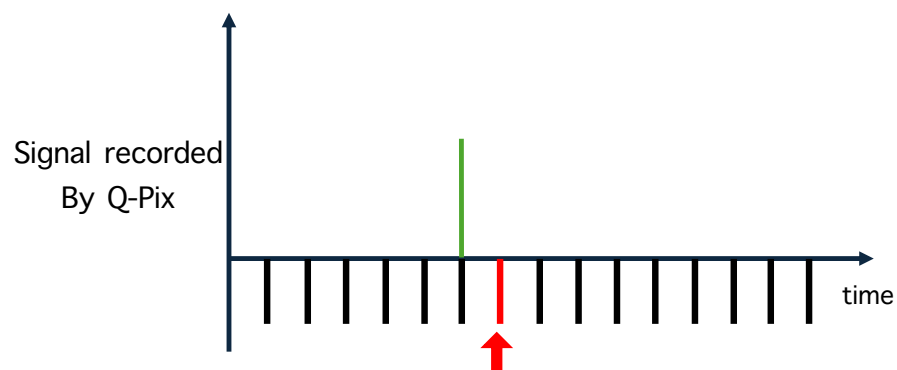
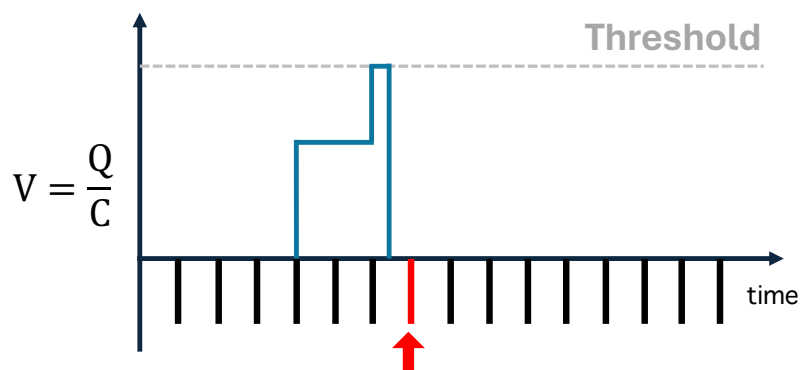
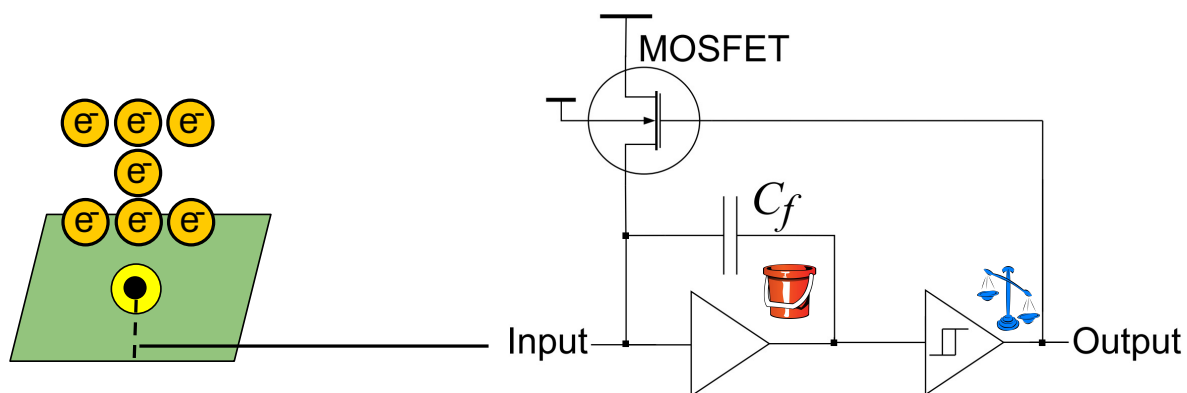


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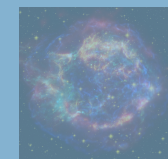
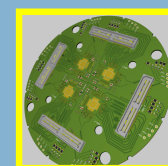
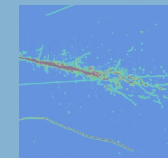




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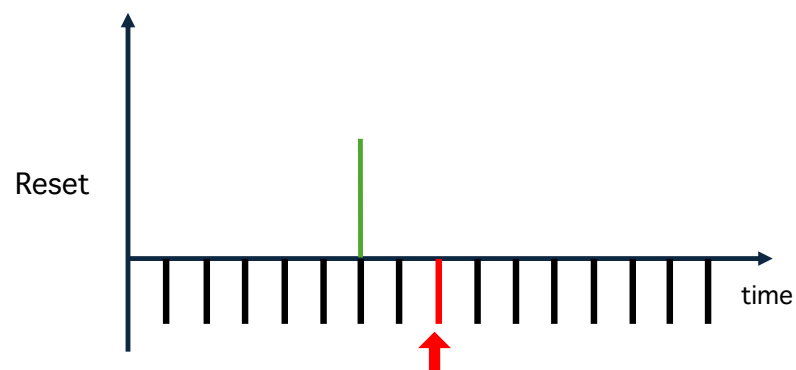
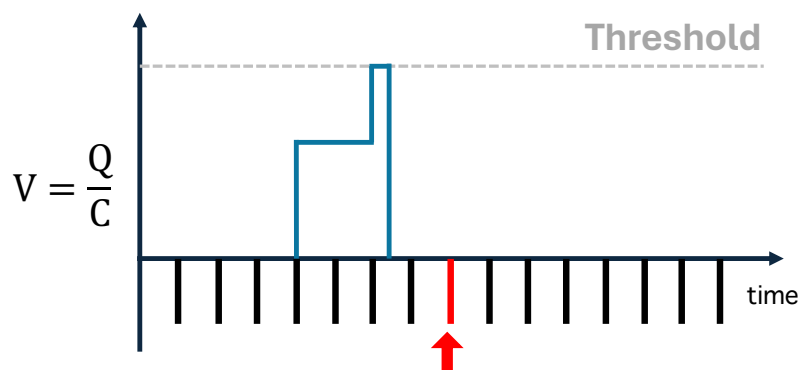
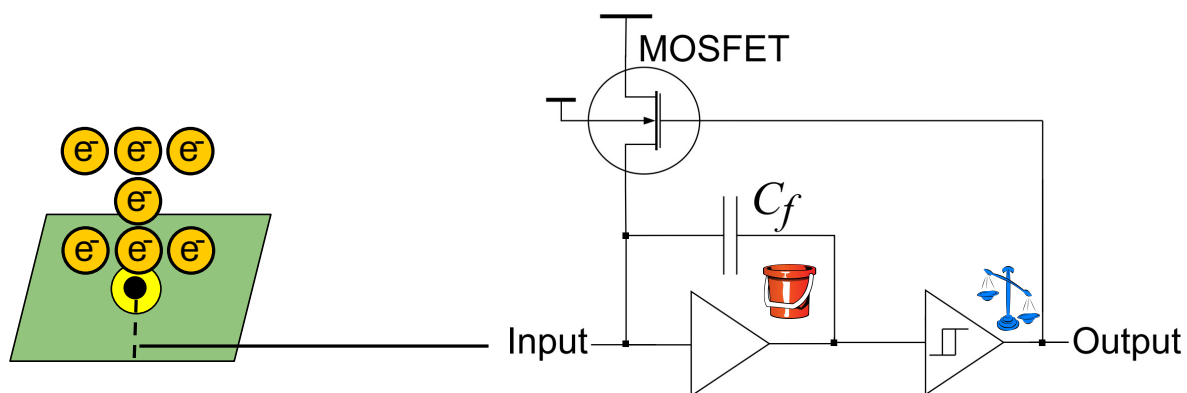


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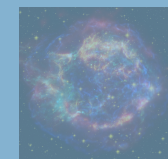
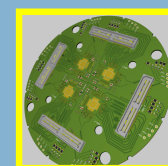
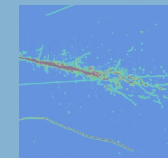




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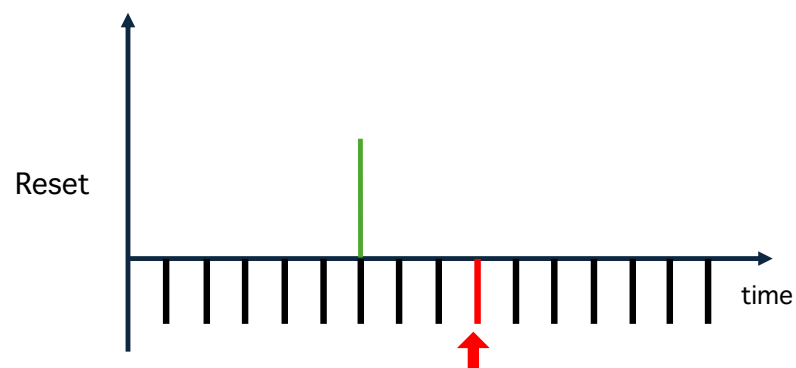
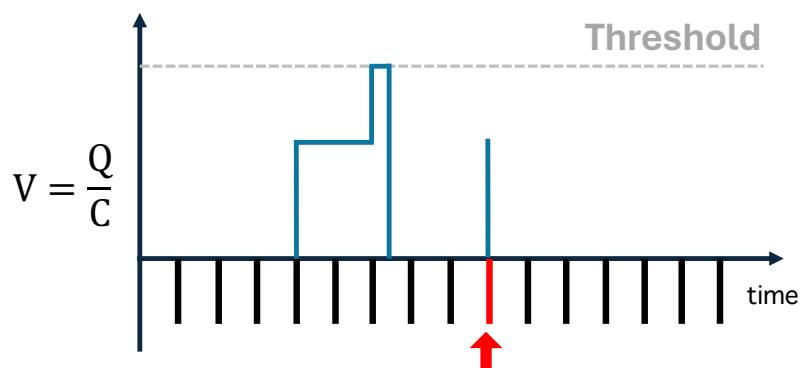
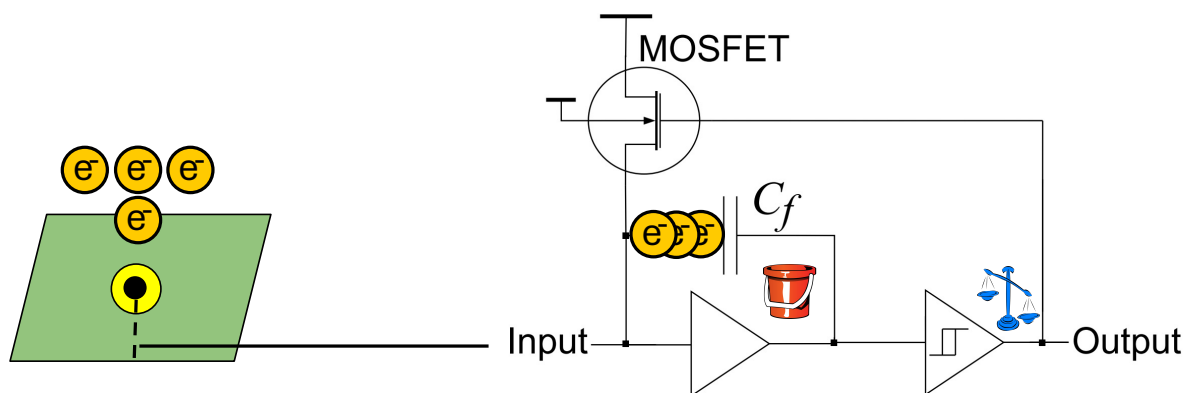


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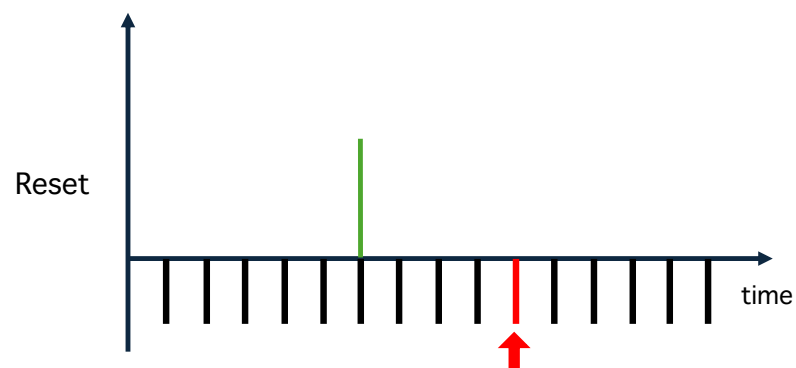
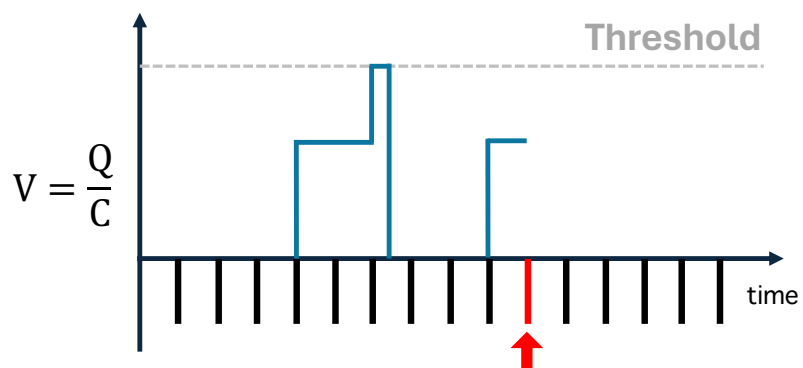
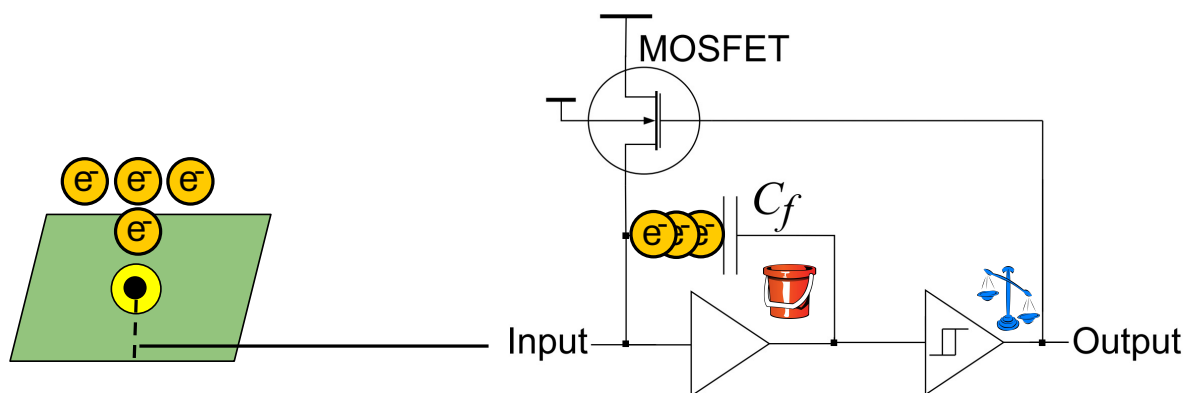
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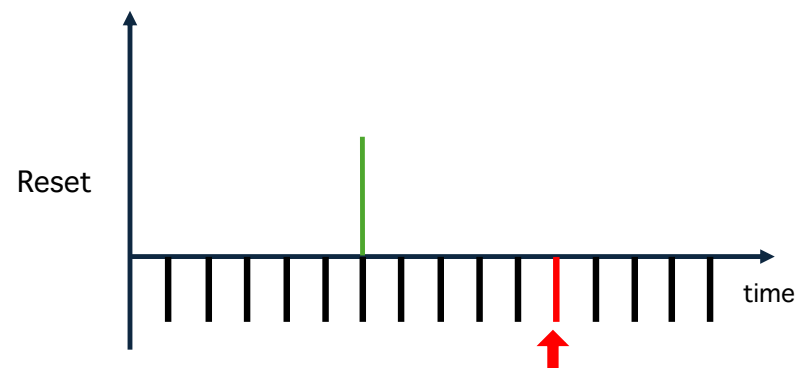
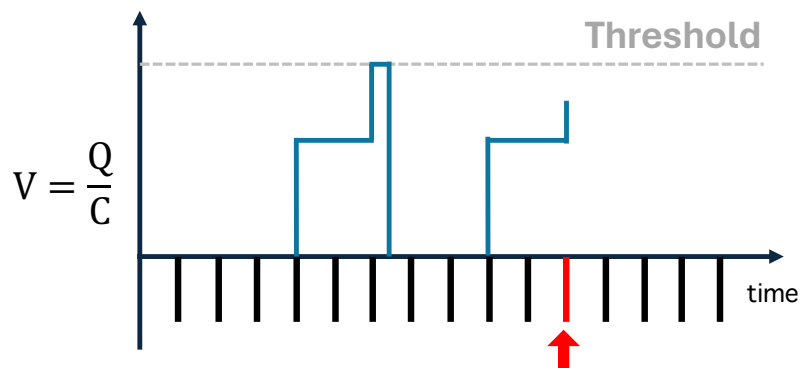
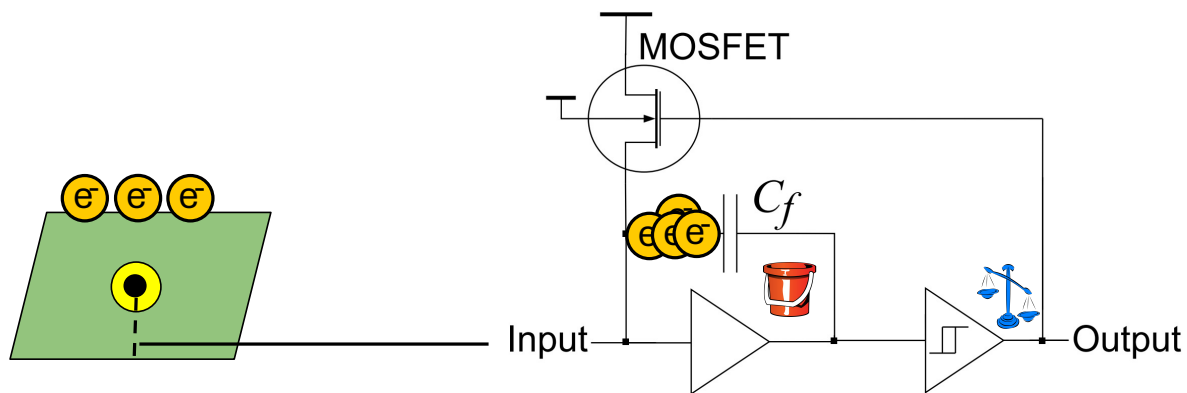
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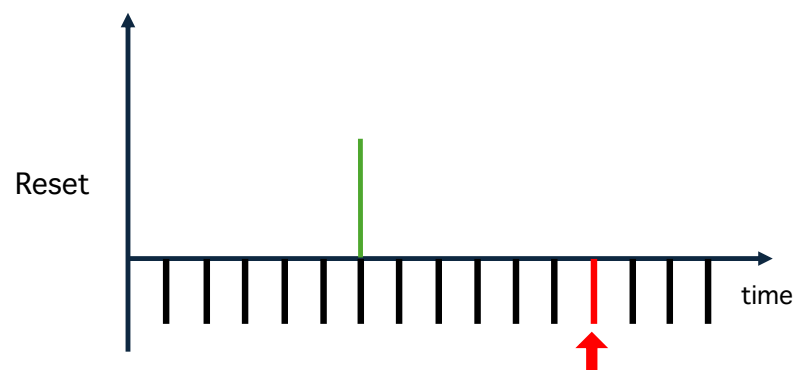
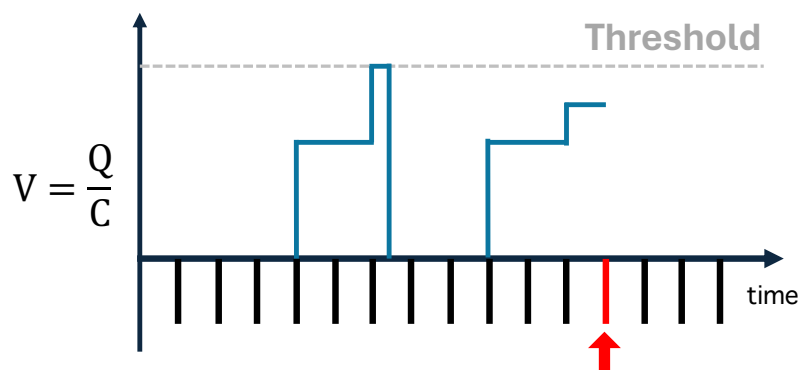
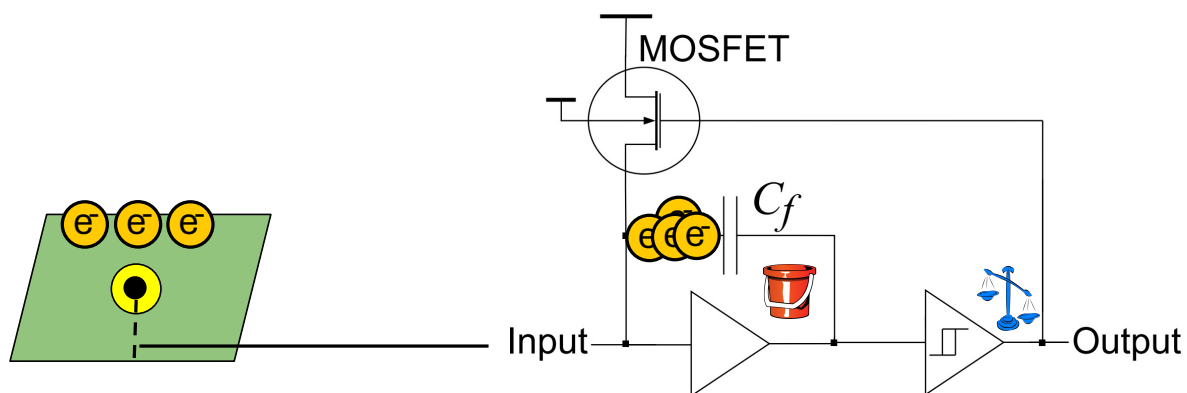


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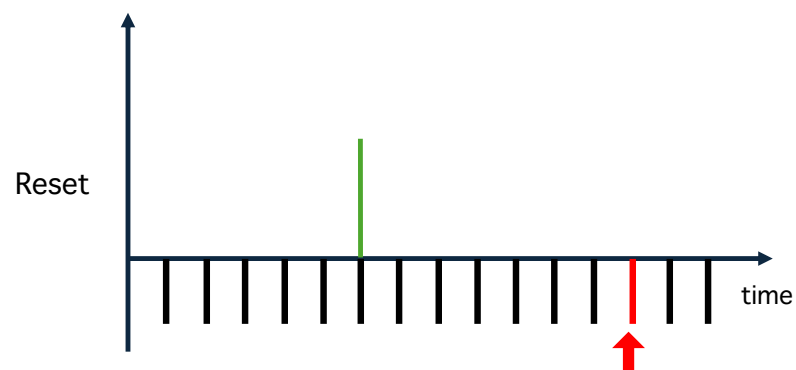
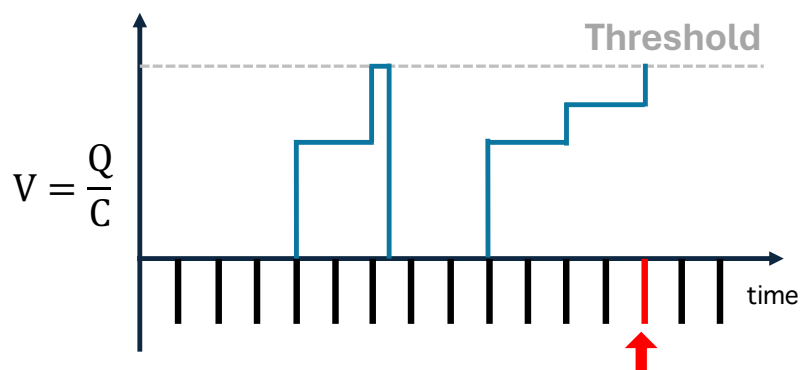
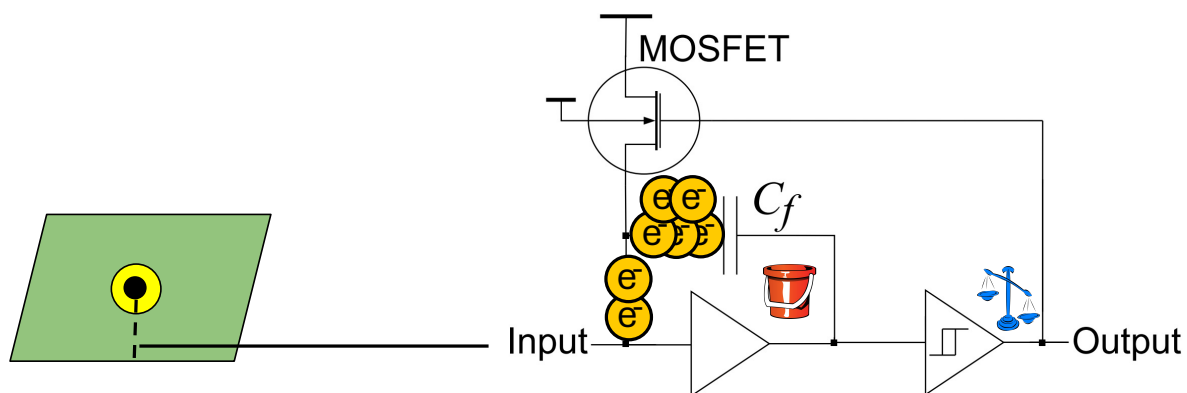
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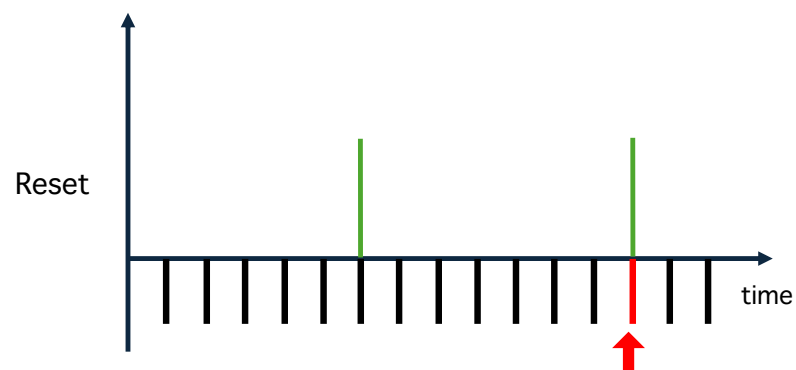
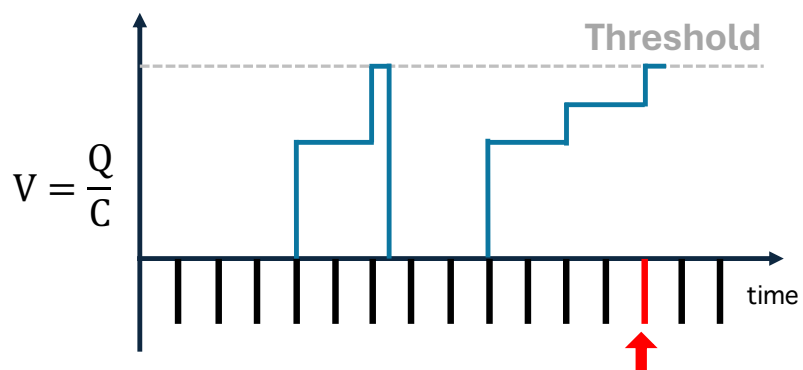
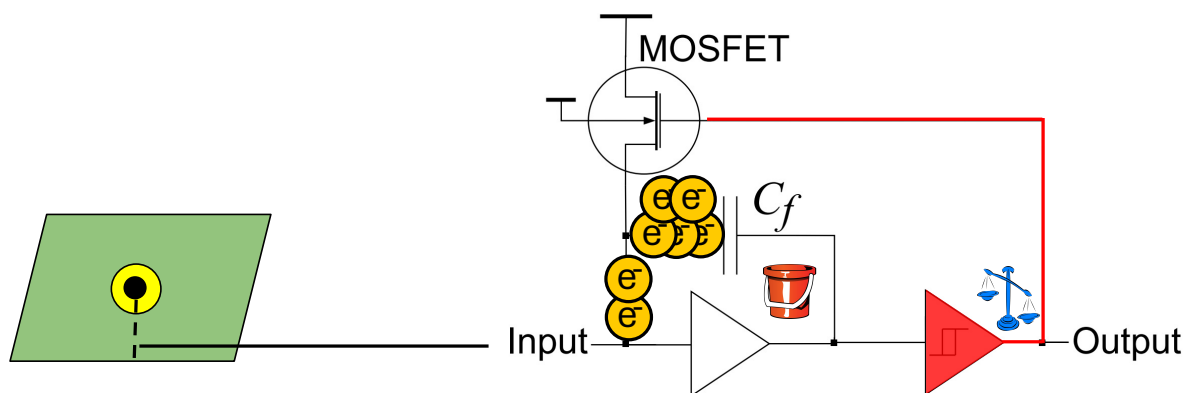
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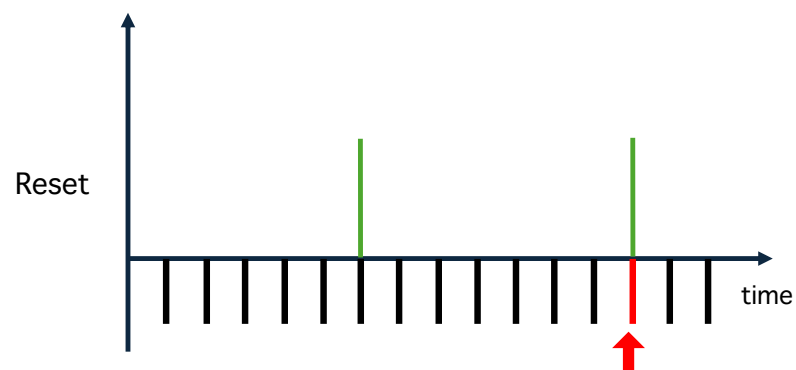
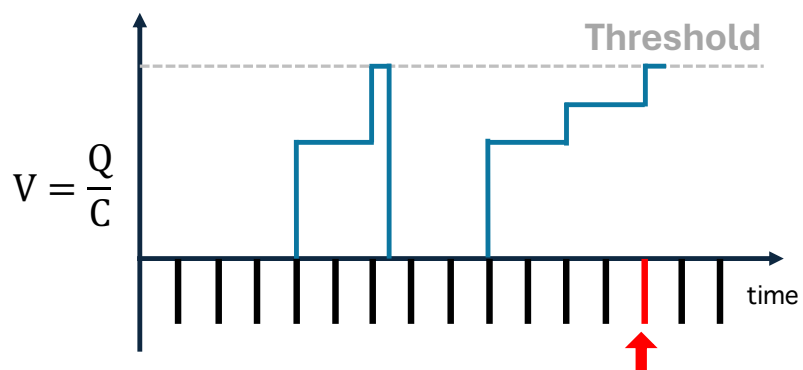
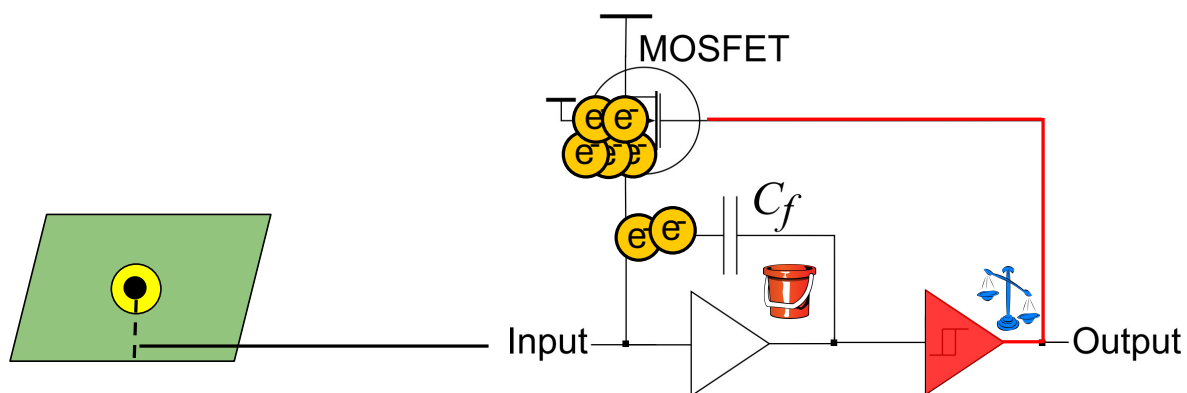
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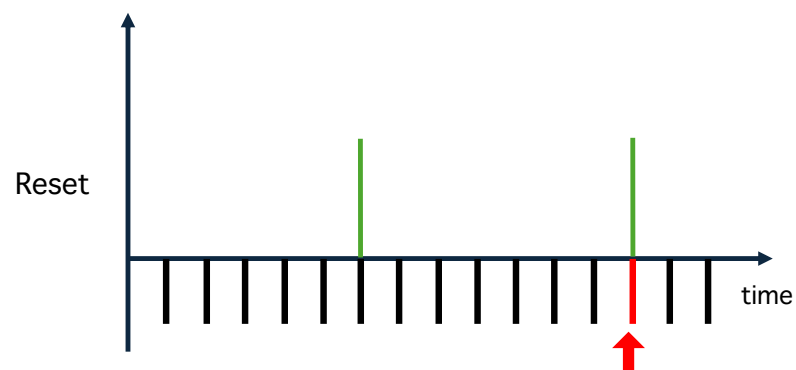
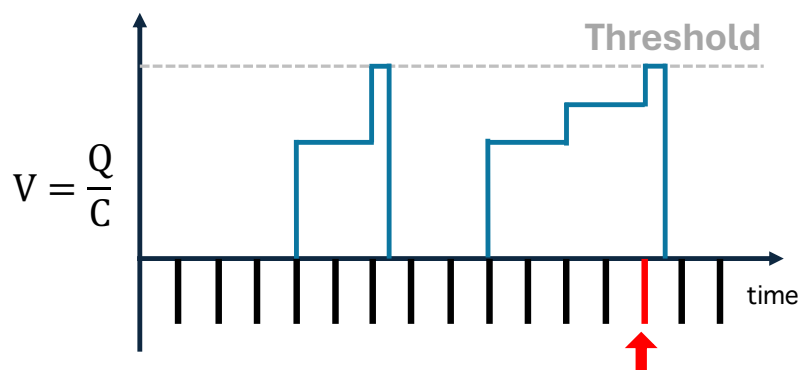
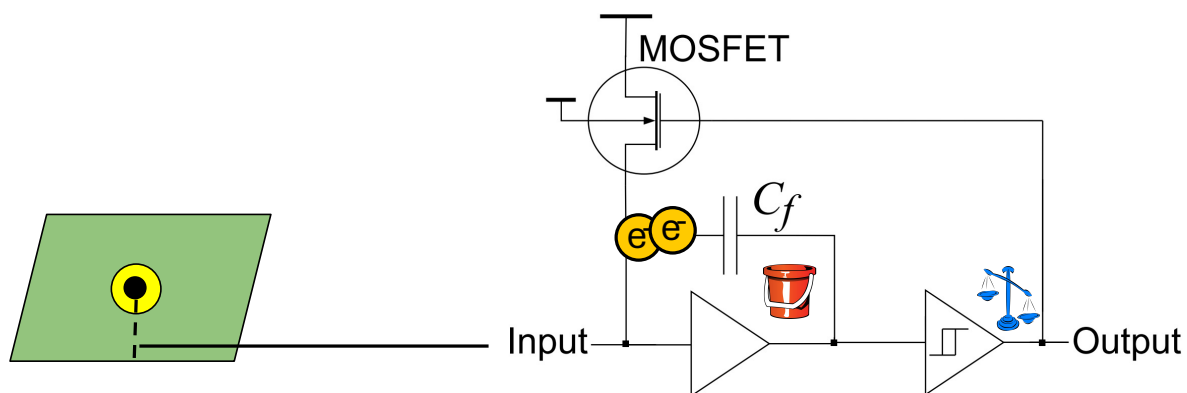
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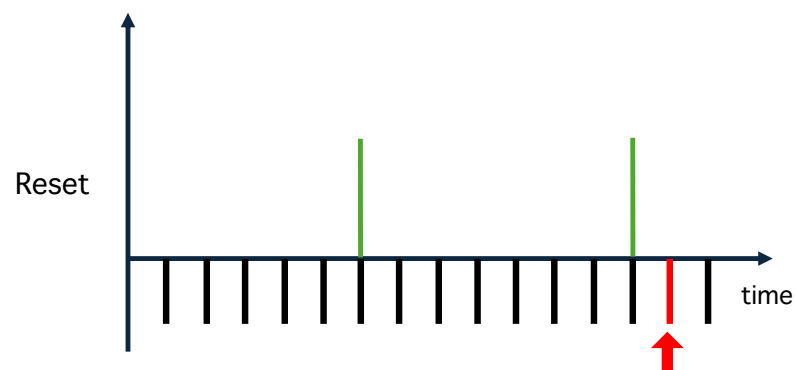
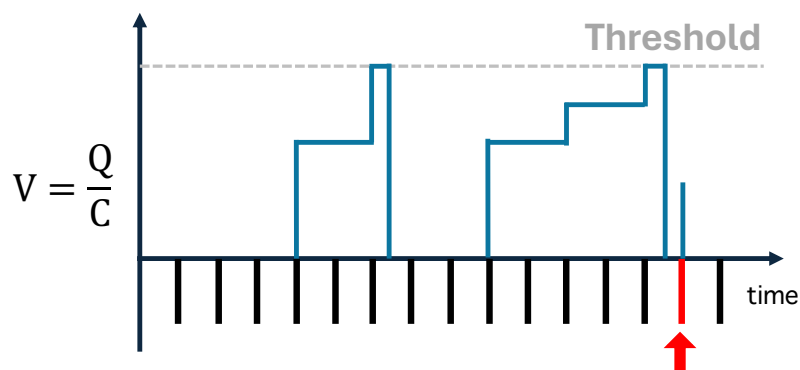
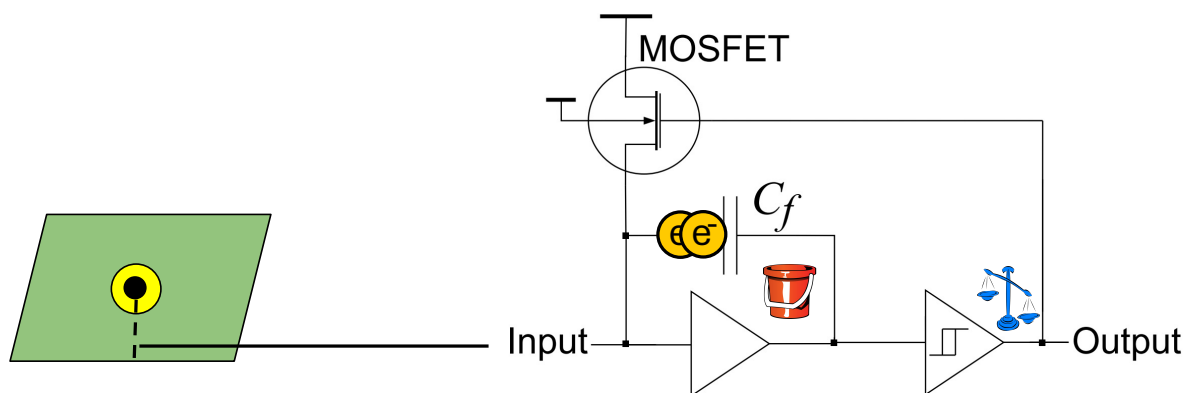
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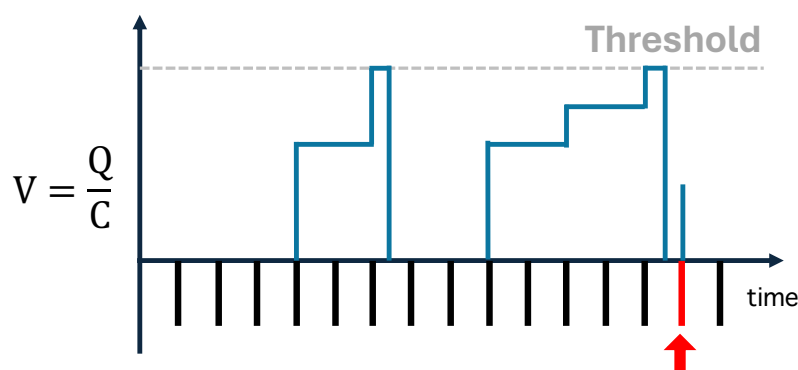


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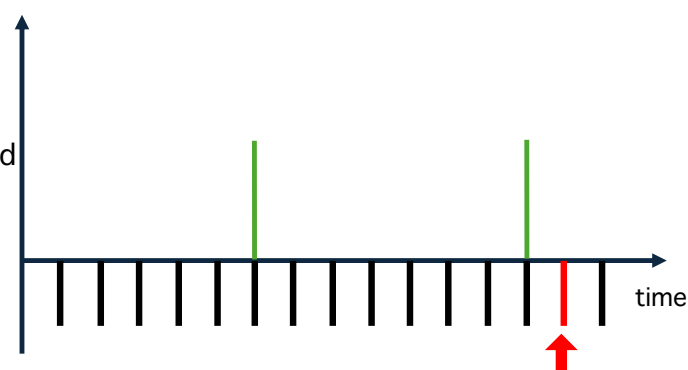
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We are measuring  
how long it took ( $\Delta t$ ) to accumulate fixed amount of  $Q$

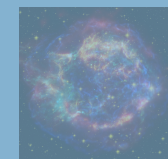
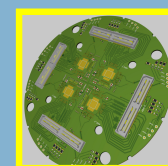
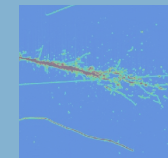
Instead of recording the entire waveform,  
we only need to record time stamps!



Signal recorded  
By Q-Pix

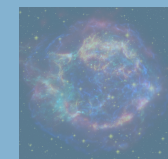
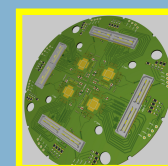
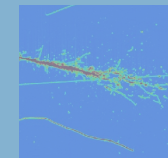
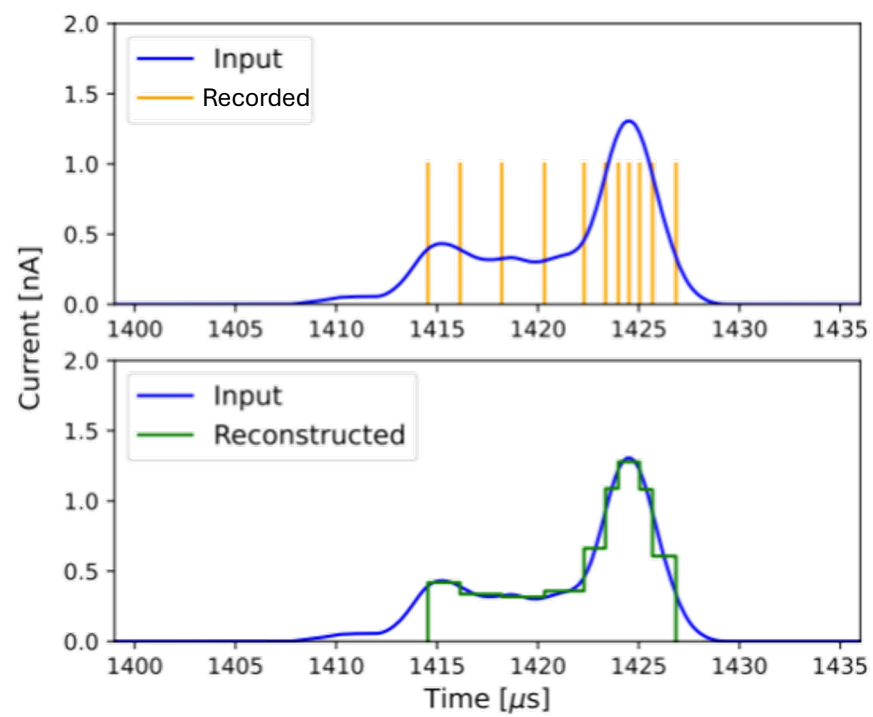


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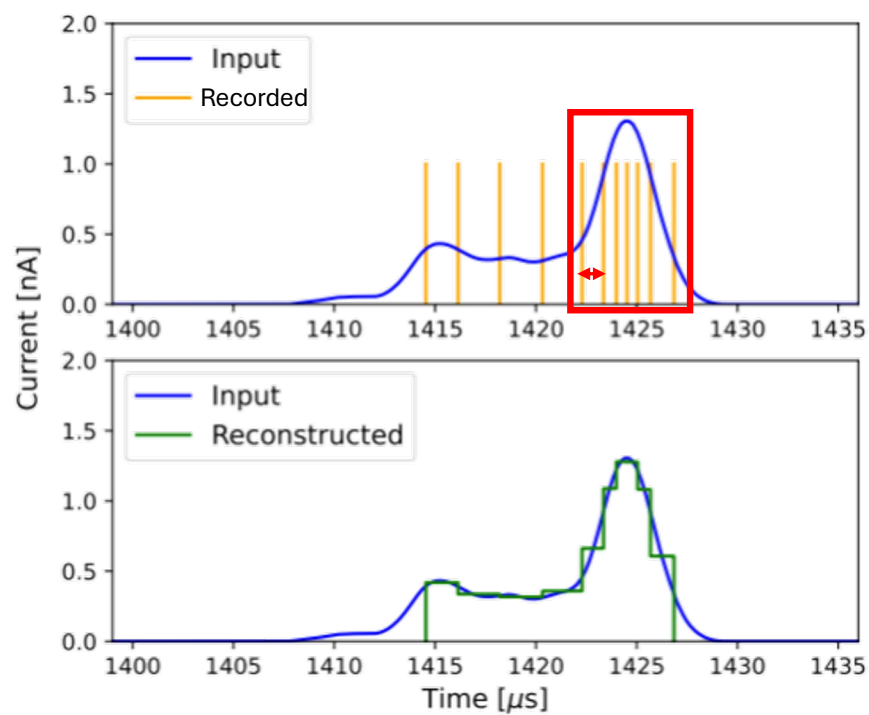


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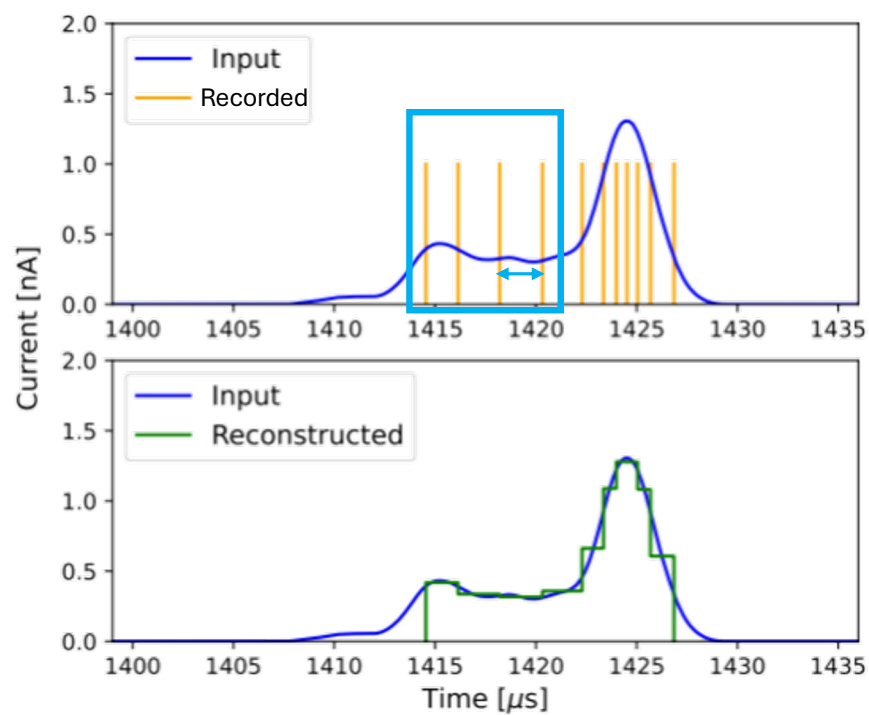


Denser area  
↓  
took pixel **less** time to get  
unit amount of charge

↓  
**More** current



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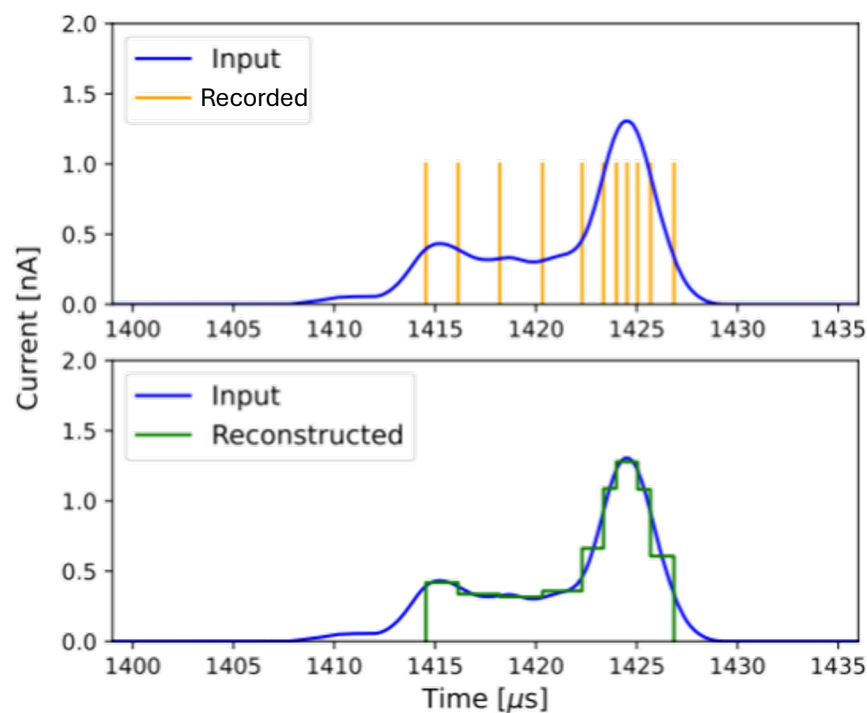


Sparse area  
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took pixel **more** time to get  
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↓  
**Less** current



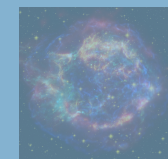
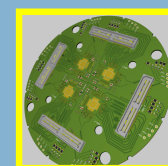
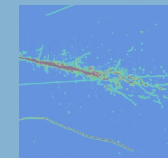
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With this method,  
the data rate is  **$10^6$  times less**  
than the traditional wire readout!

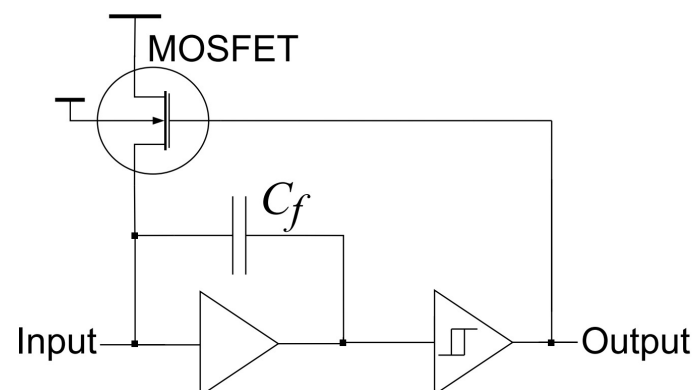
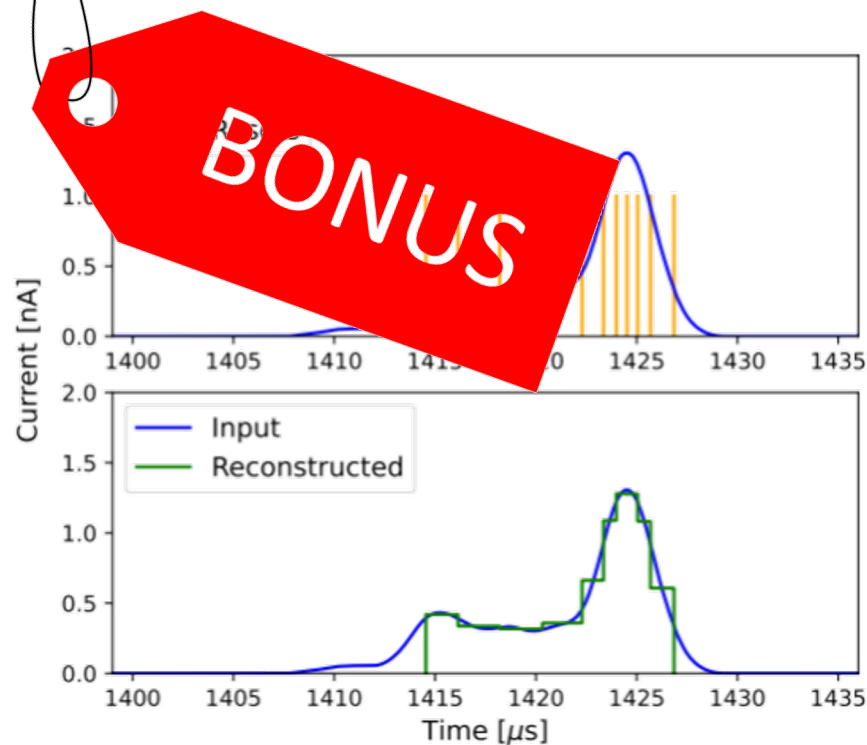


Q-Pix can offer a direct solution  
to the data-rate problem that  
pixelized kton-scale LArTPC has





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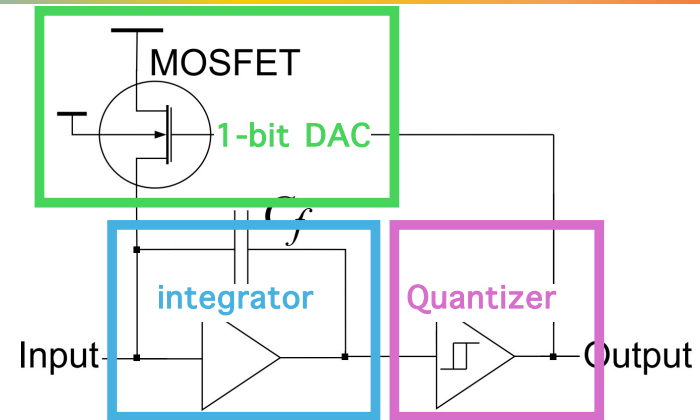
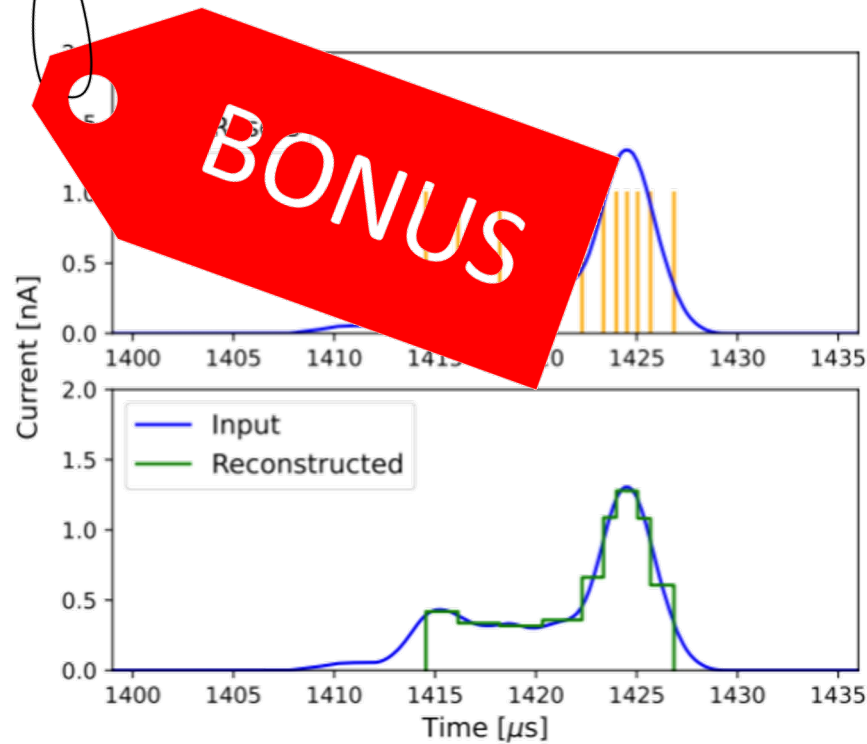


Moreover, this can be seen as

**one-bit Sigma-Delta modulator**



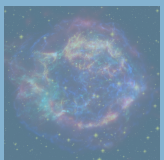
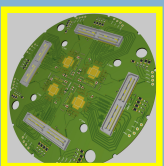
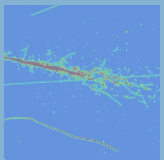
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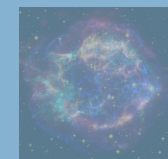
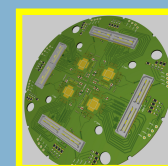
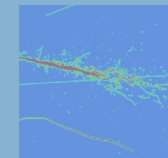
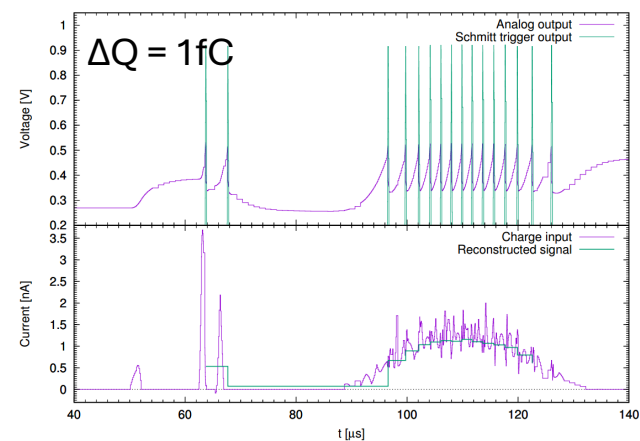
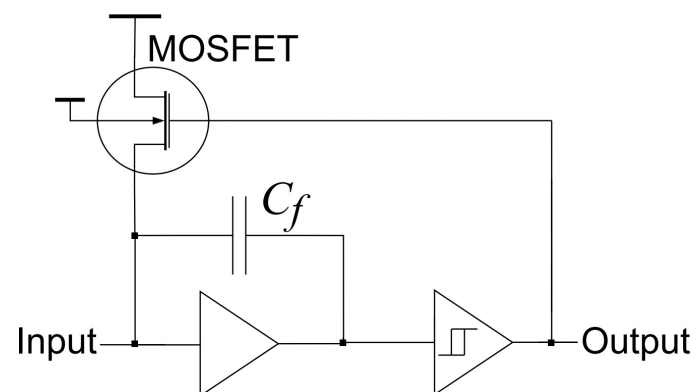
## one-bit Sigma-Delta modulator

- Greater flexibility in data type
- More efficient data analysis
- More applications



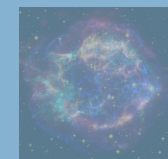
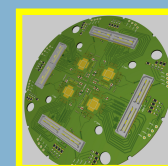
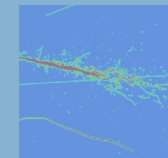
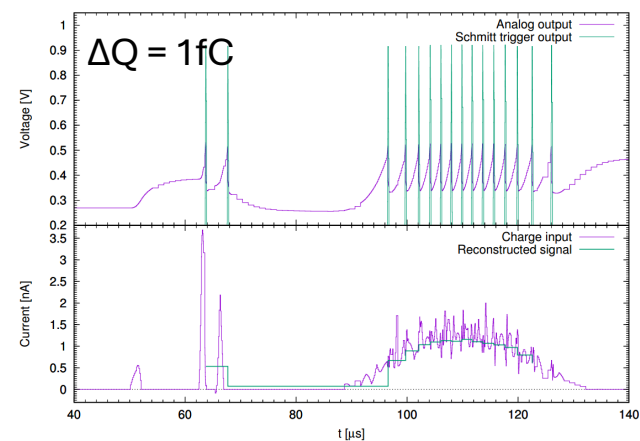
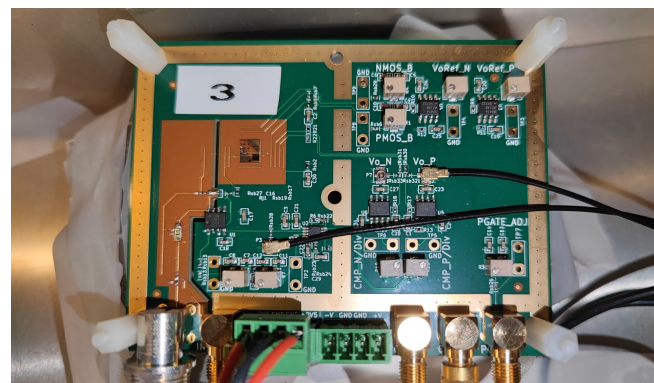


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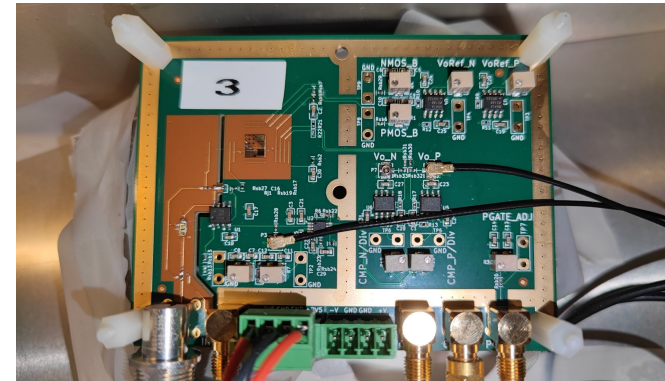
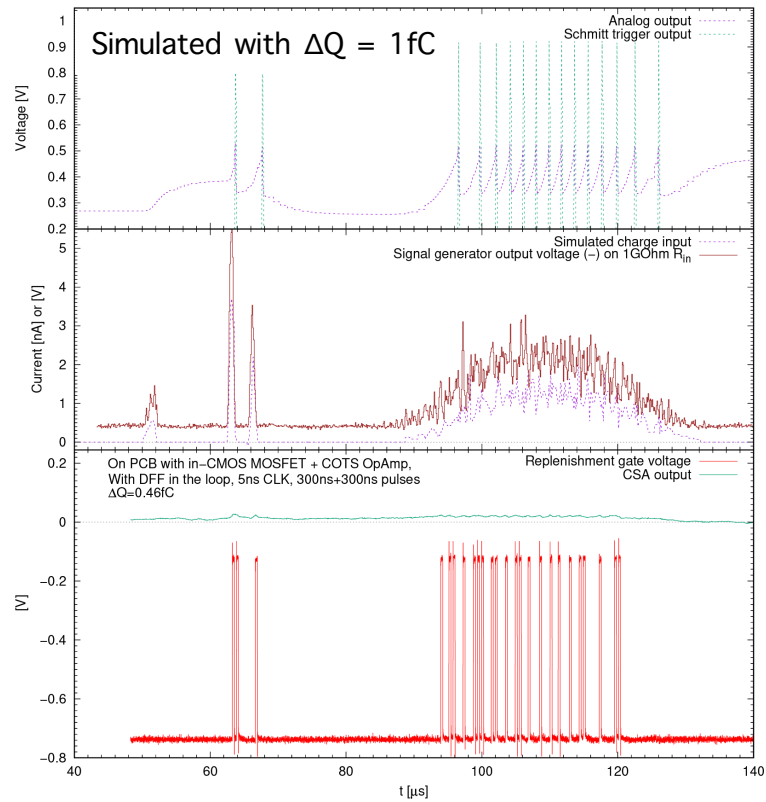


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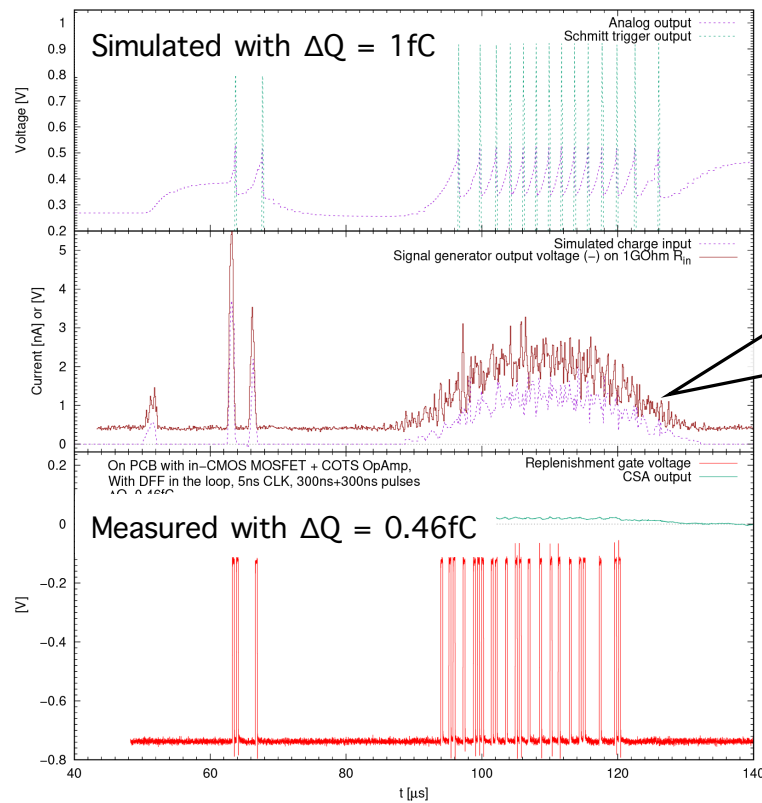


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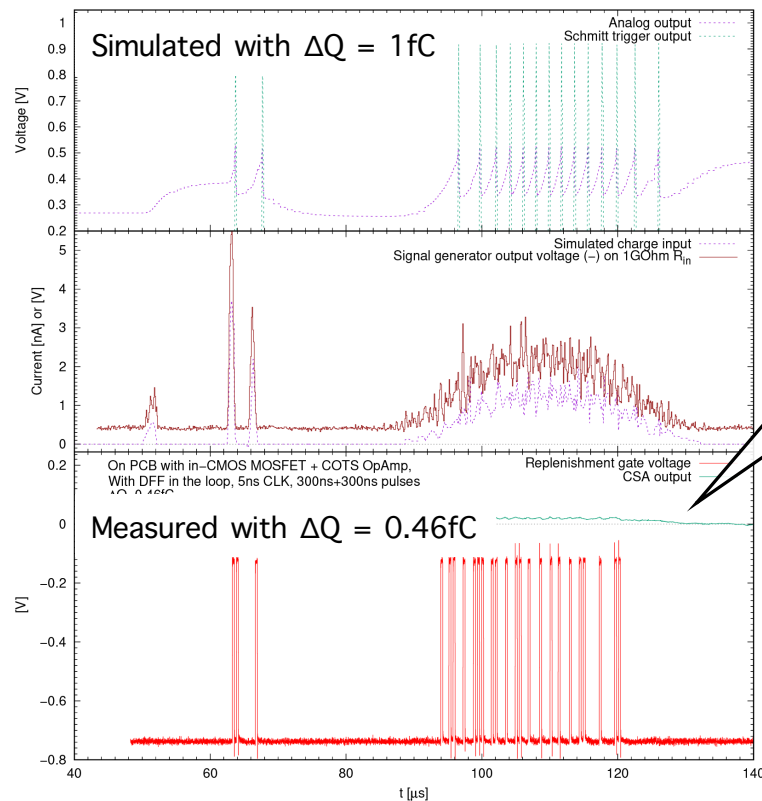
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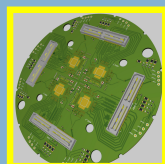
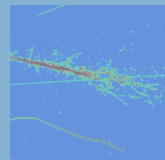


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**0.46 fC enables ~50 KeV signal detection!**

Demonstrating the Q-Pix front-end using discrete OpAmp and CMOS transistors

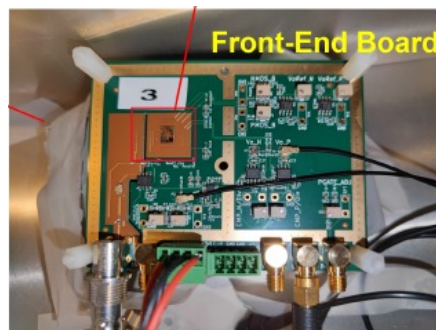
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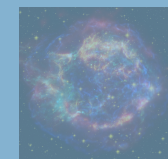
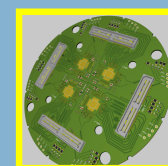
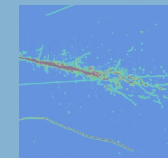
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Q-Pix reconstruction mechanism demonstrated with mostly COTS

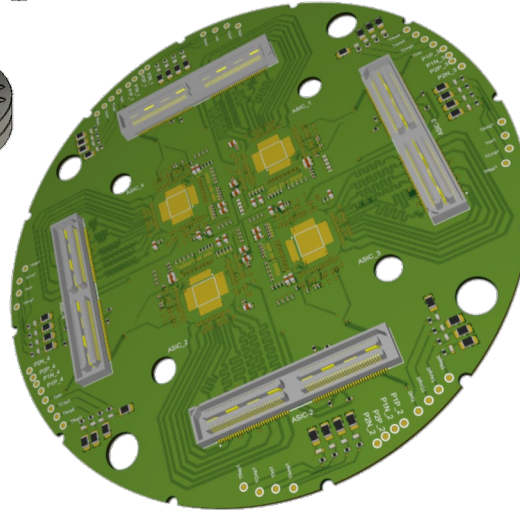
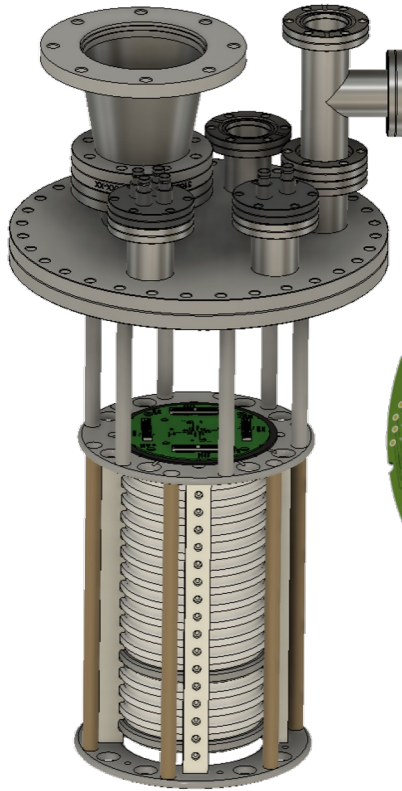
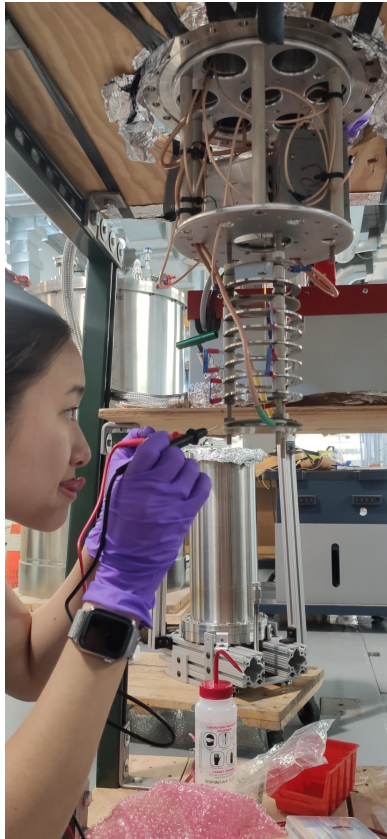
Q-Pix's capability in physics studies demonstrated with COTS

First Q-Pix ASICs' functionality demonstrated



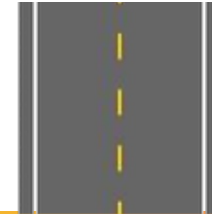


# And finally the first test in LAr!

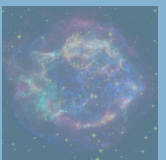
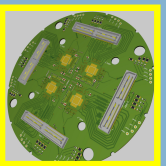
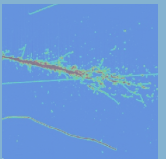


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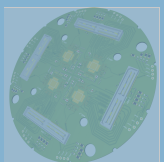
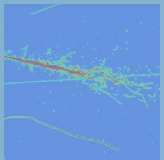
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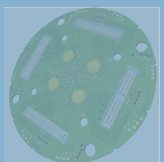
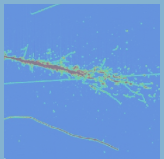
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DUNE is trying to achieve

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⇐ ...and maybe DUNE can also investigate this too



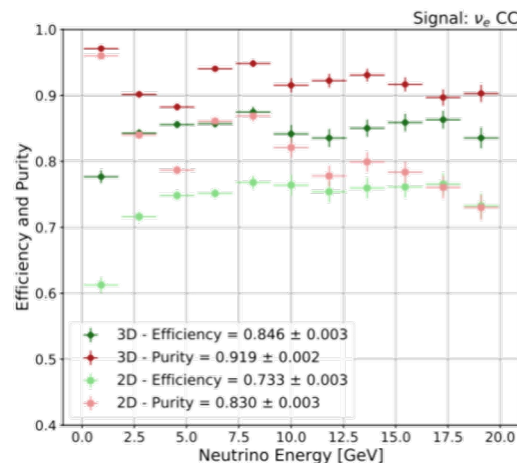


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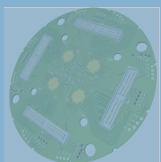
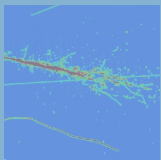
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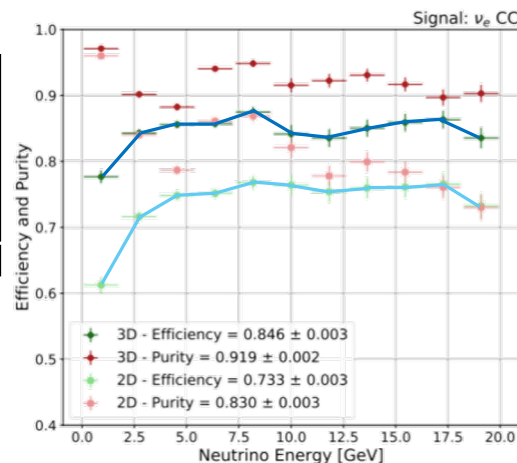
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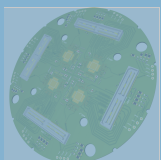
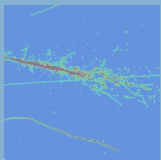
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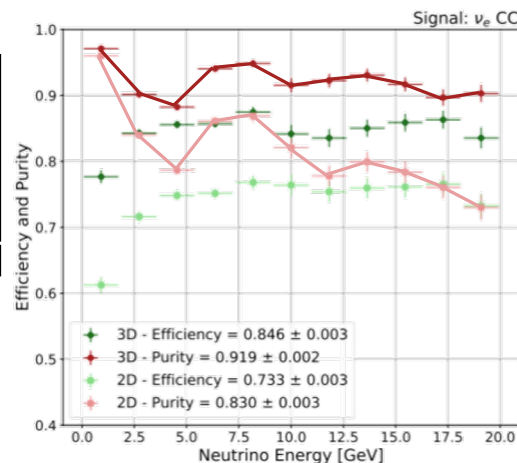
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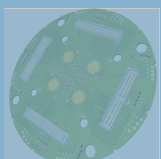
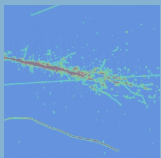
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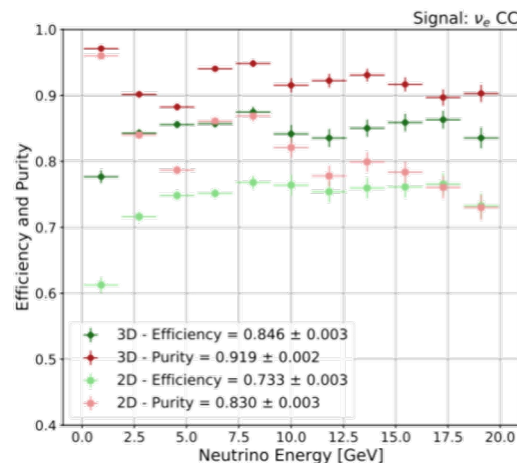


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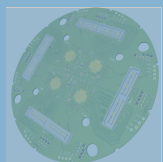
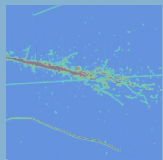
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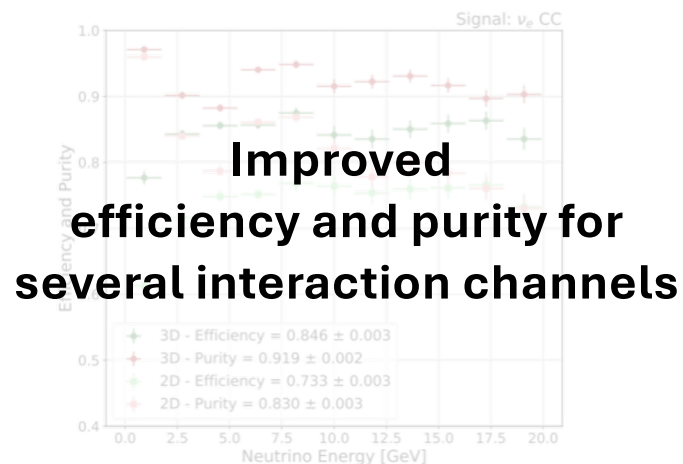


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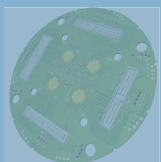
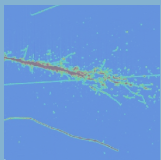
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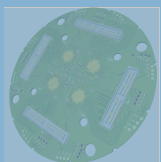
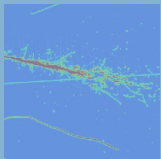
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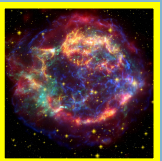
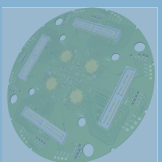
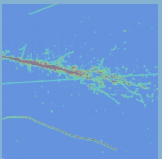
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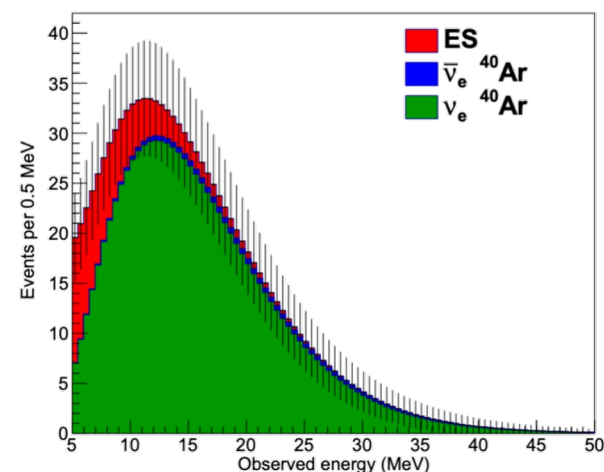
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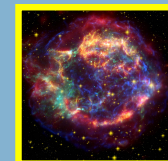
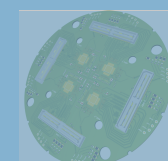
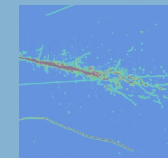
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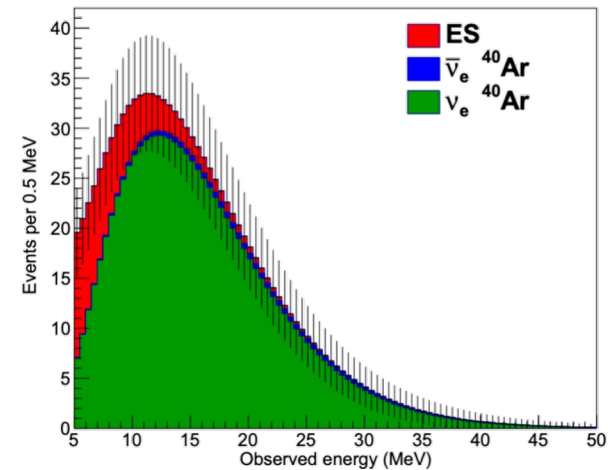
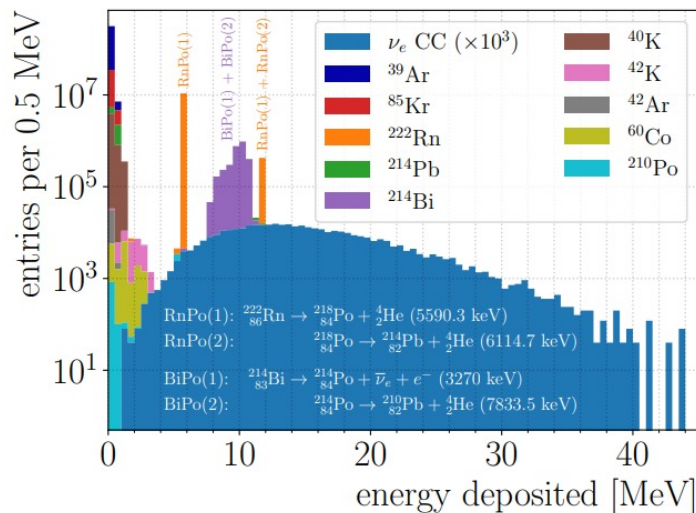
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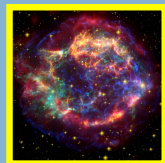
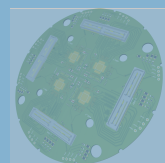
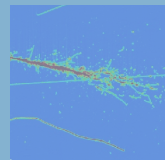
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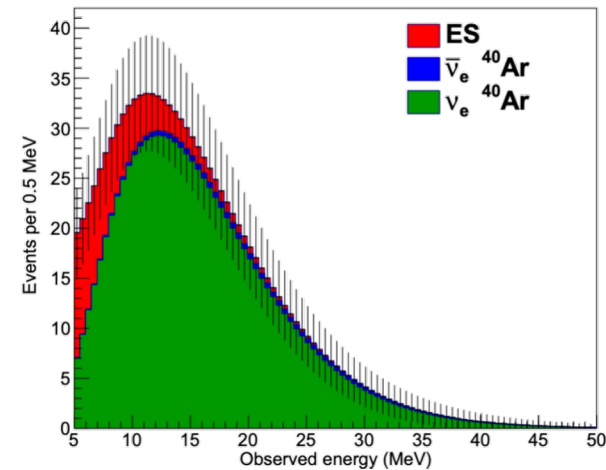
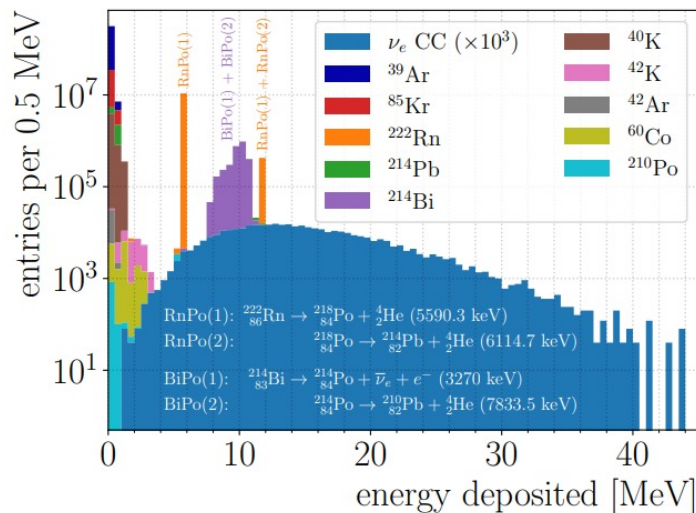
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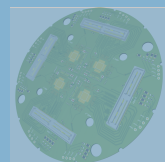
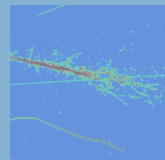


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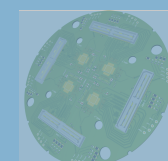
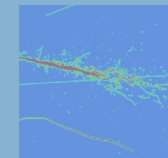
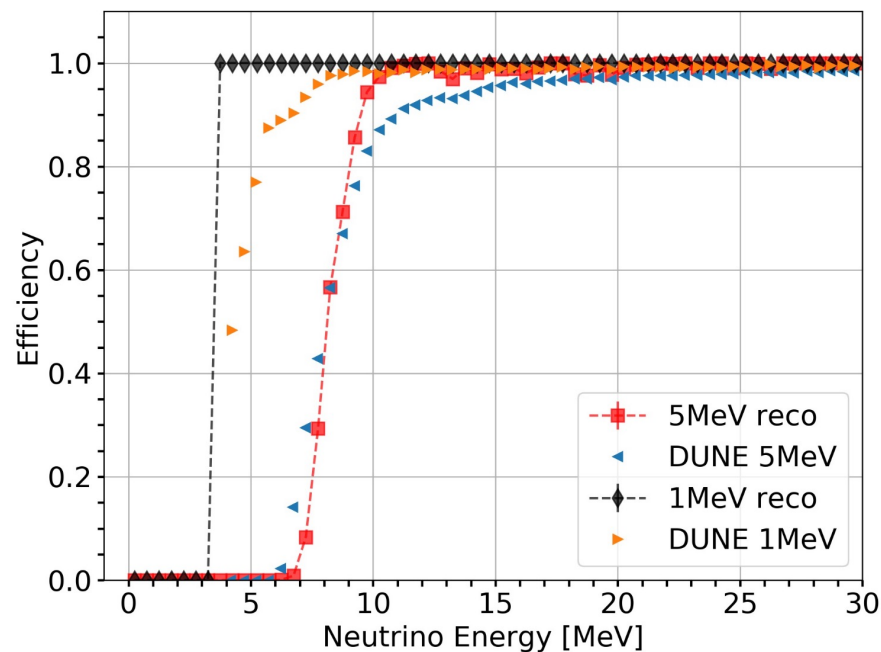
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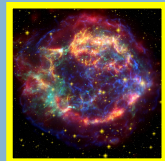
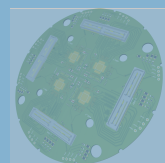
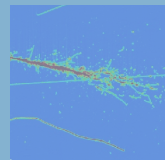
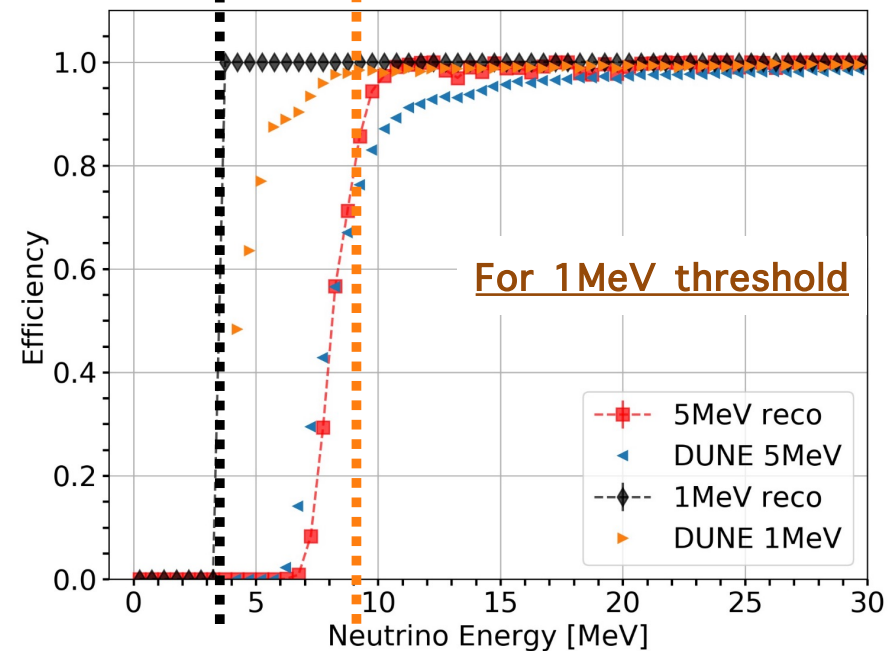


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Q-Pix reaches to 100% efficiency  
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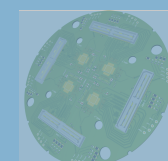
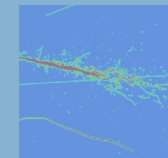
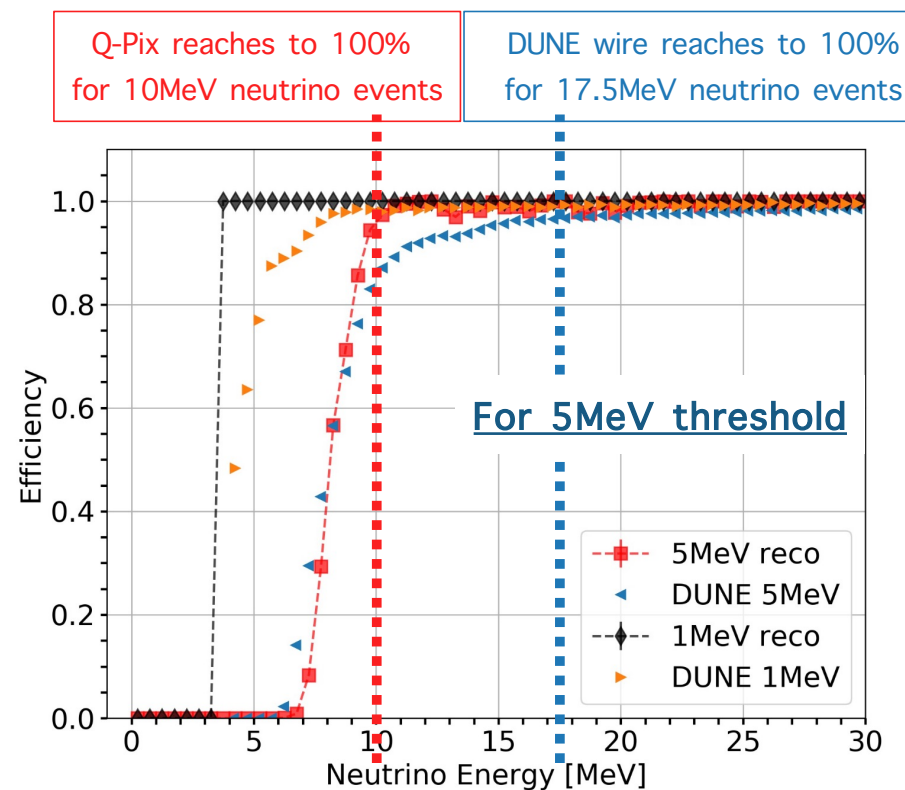
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- The efficiency rises to nearly 100% very rapidly and maintains this high efficiency down to lower neutrino energy.

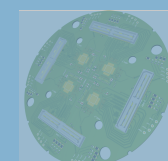
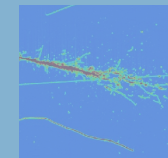




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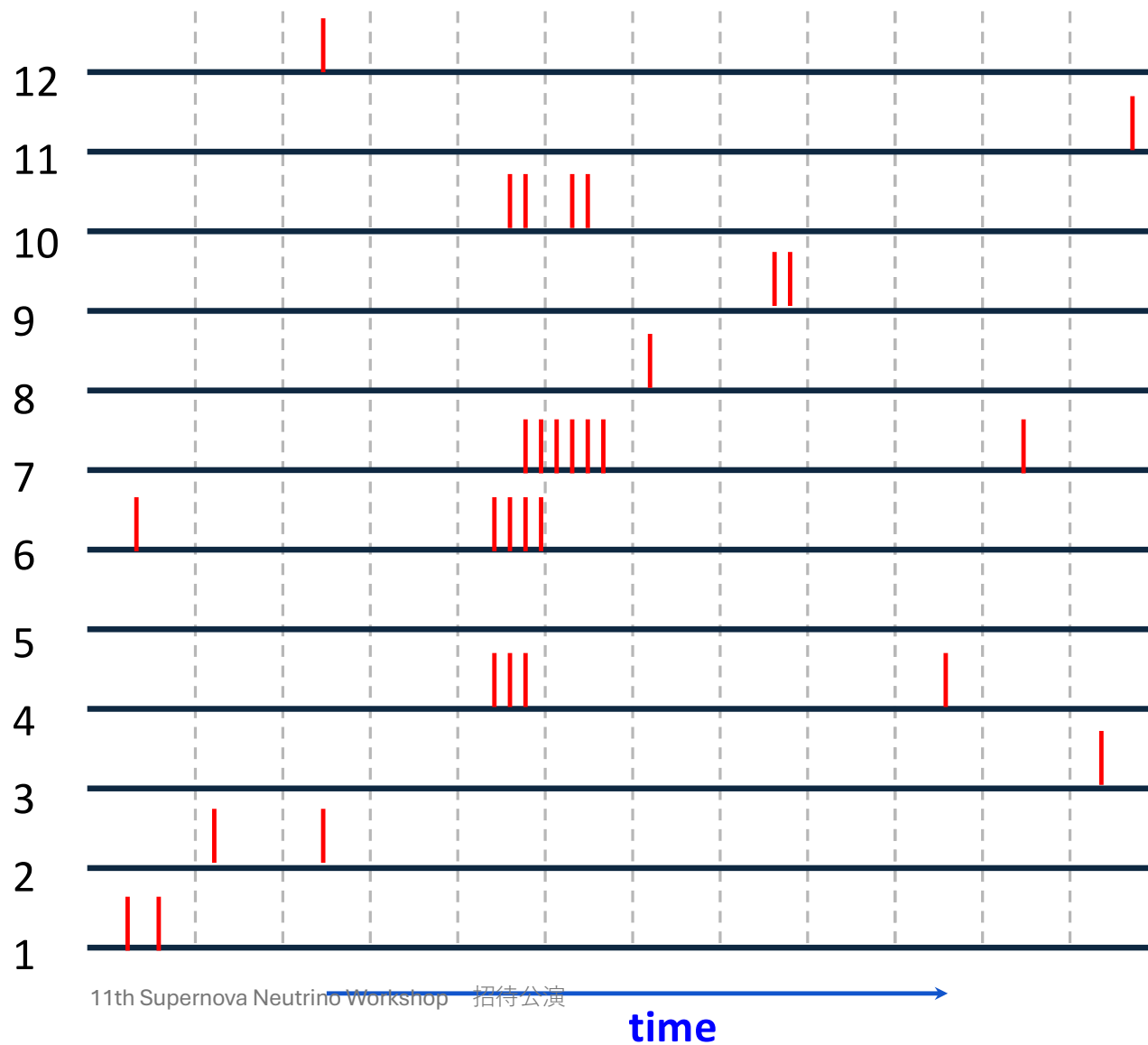
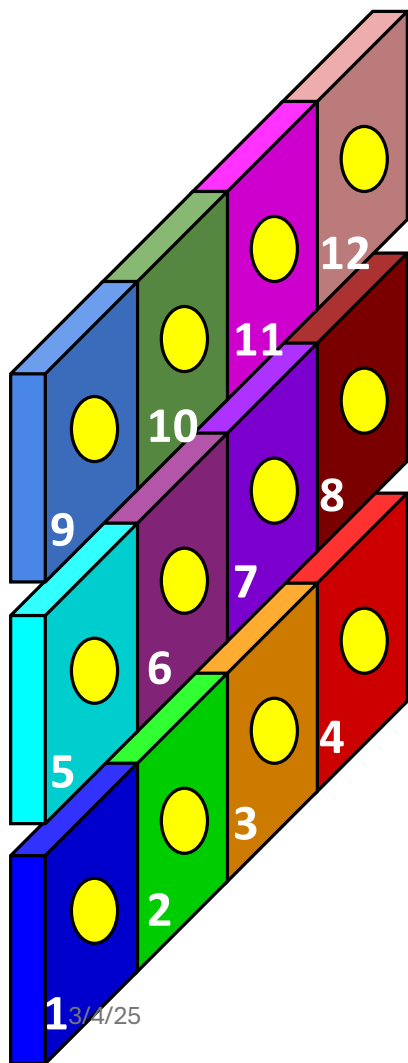
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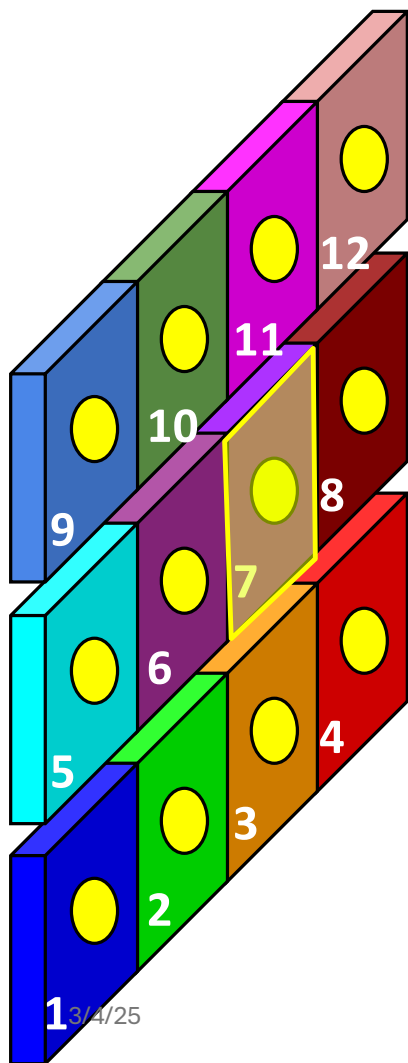


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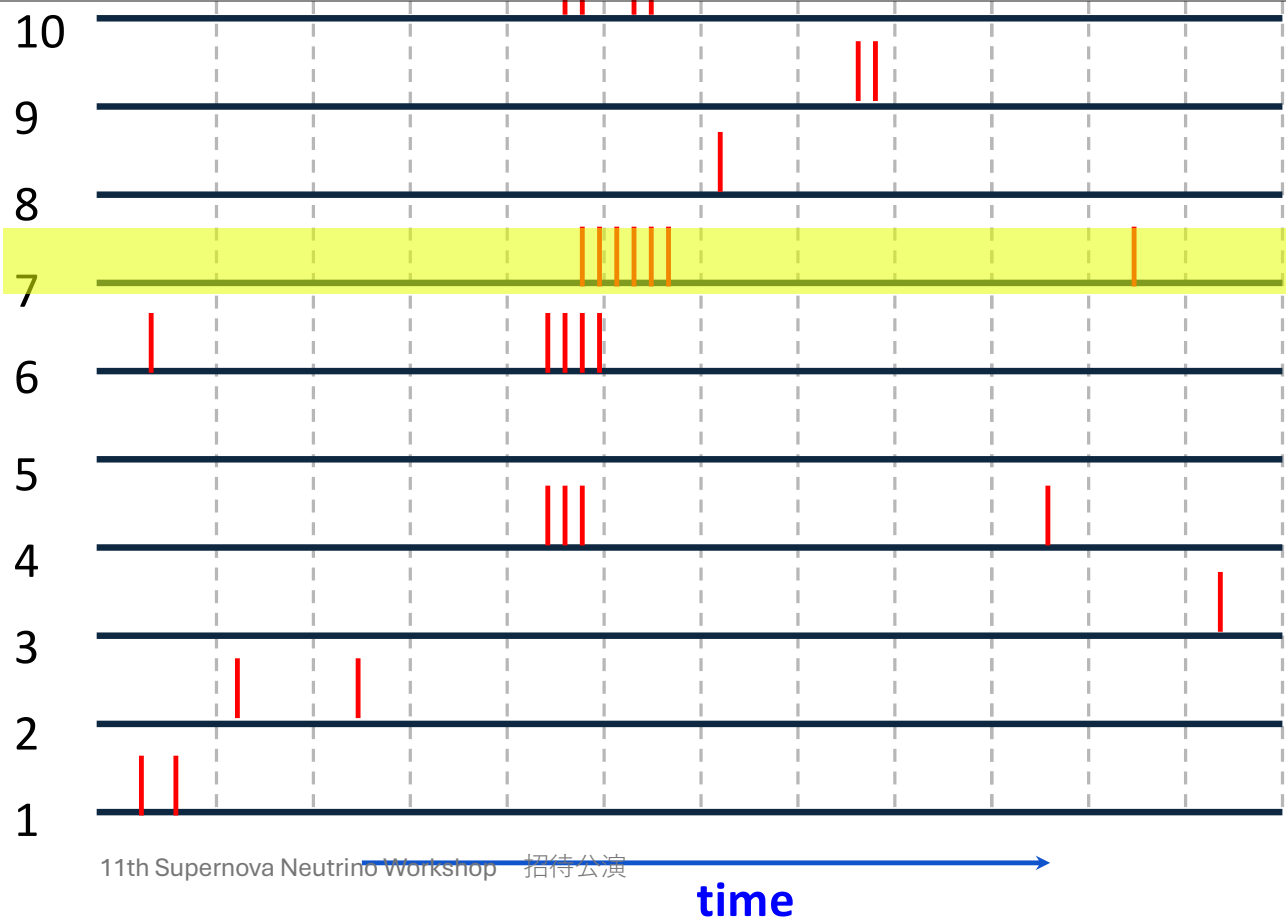




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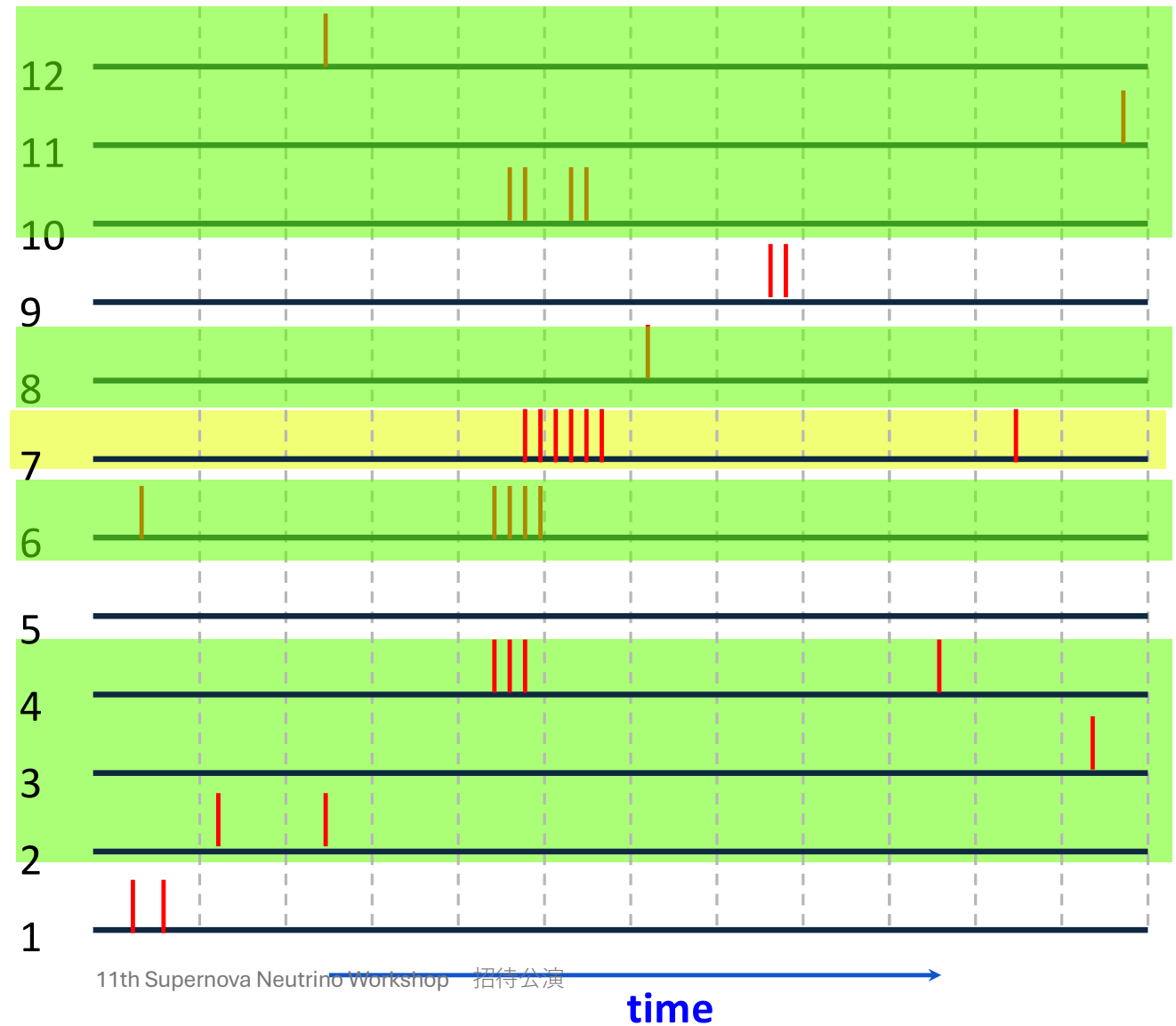
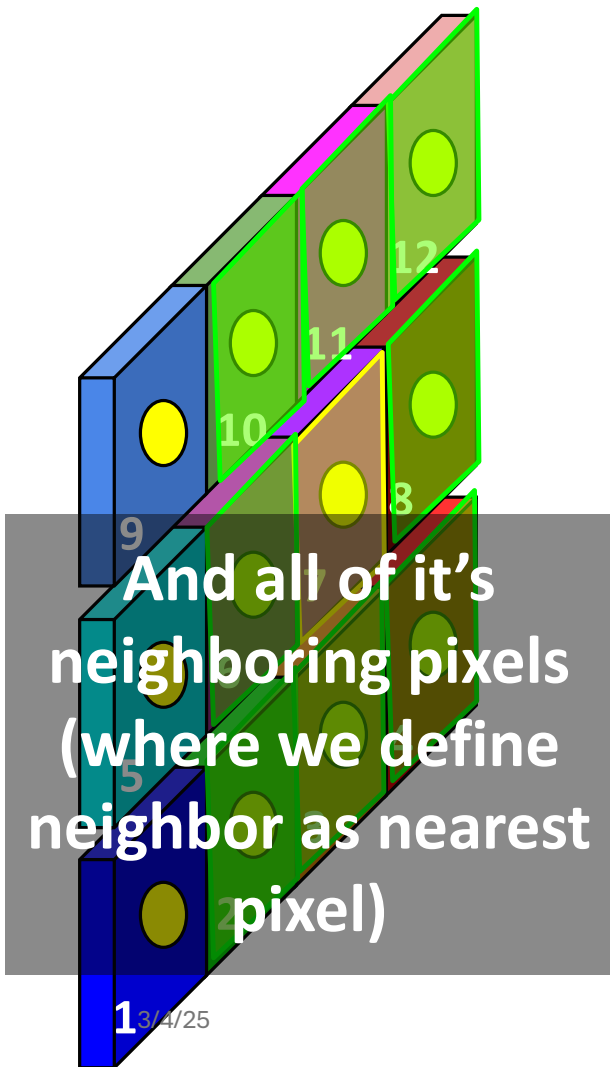


For this example, we start by analyzing the RTD's on a particular pixel





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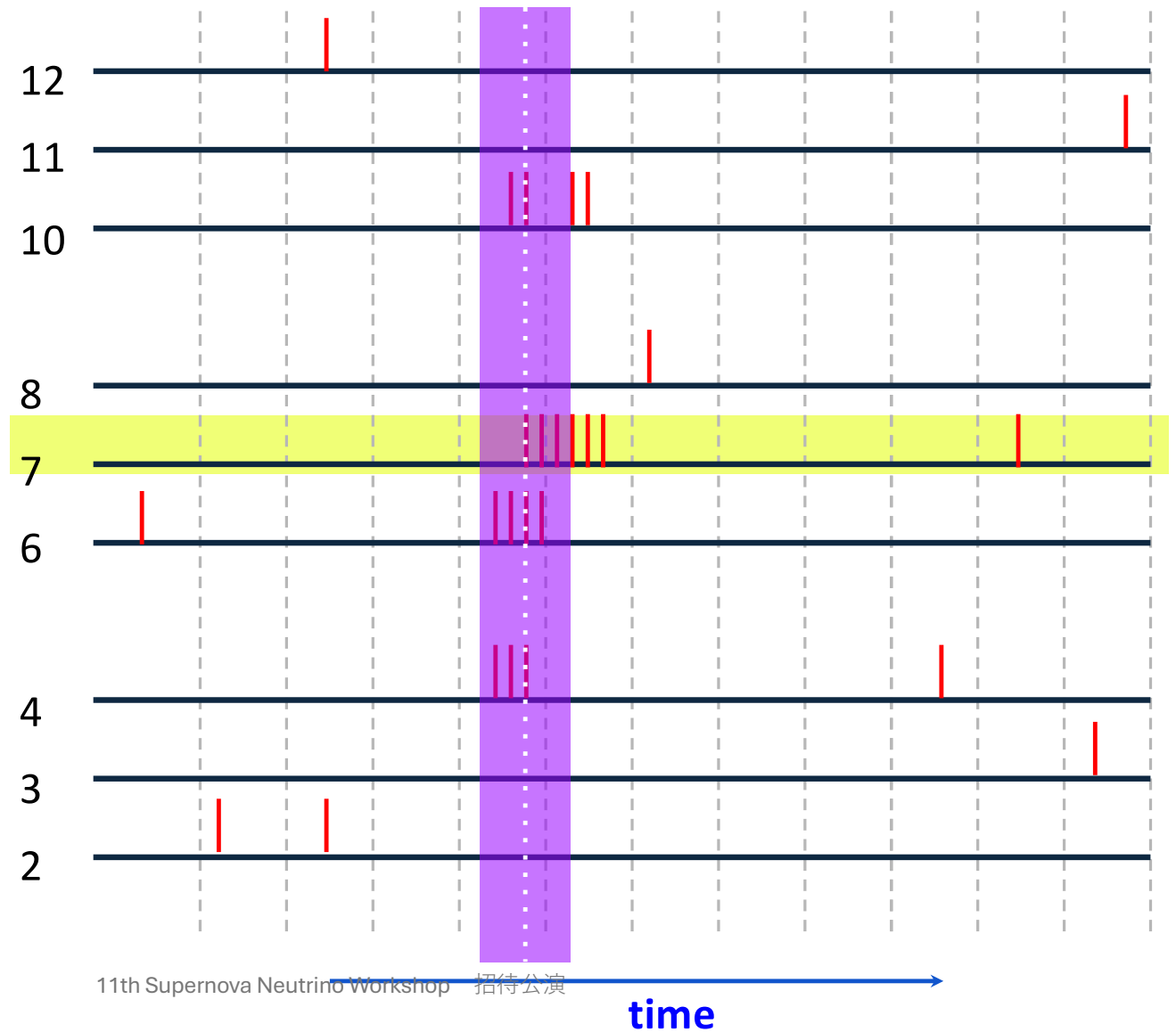


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We now define an interval in time around which we will “cluster” together RTD’s and begin from the first RTD

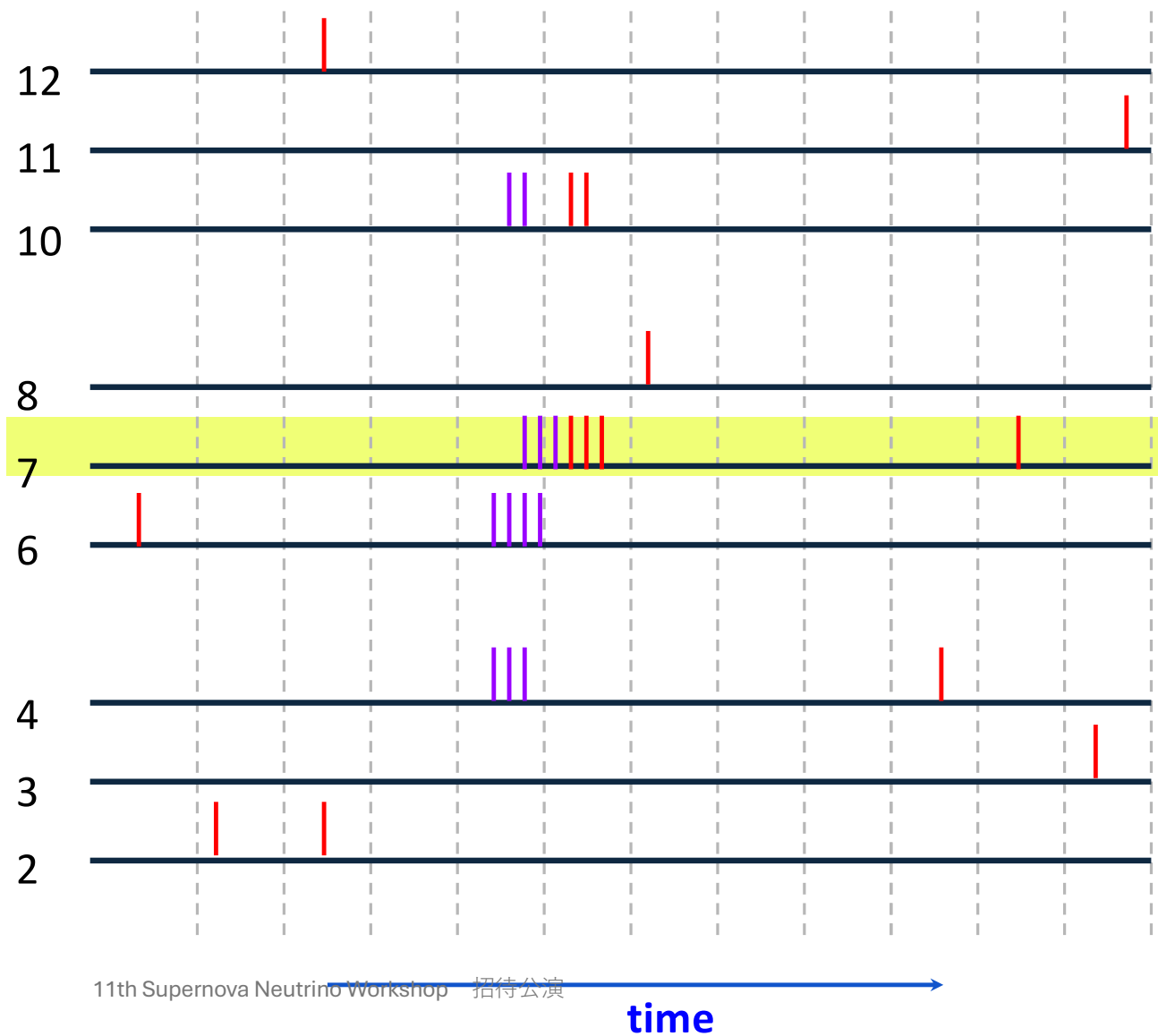
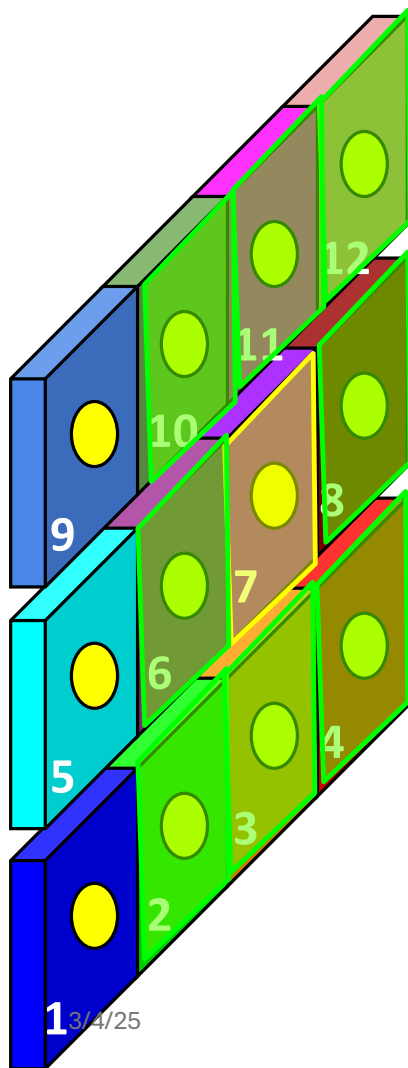


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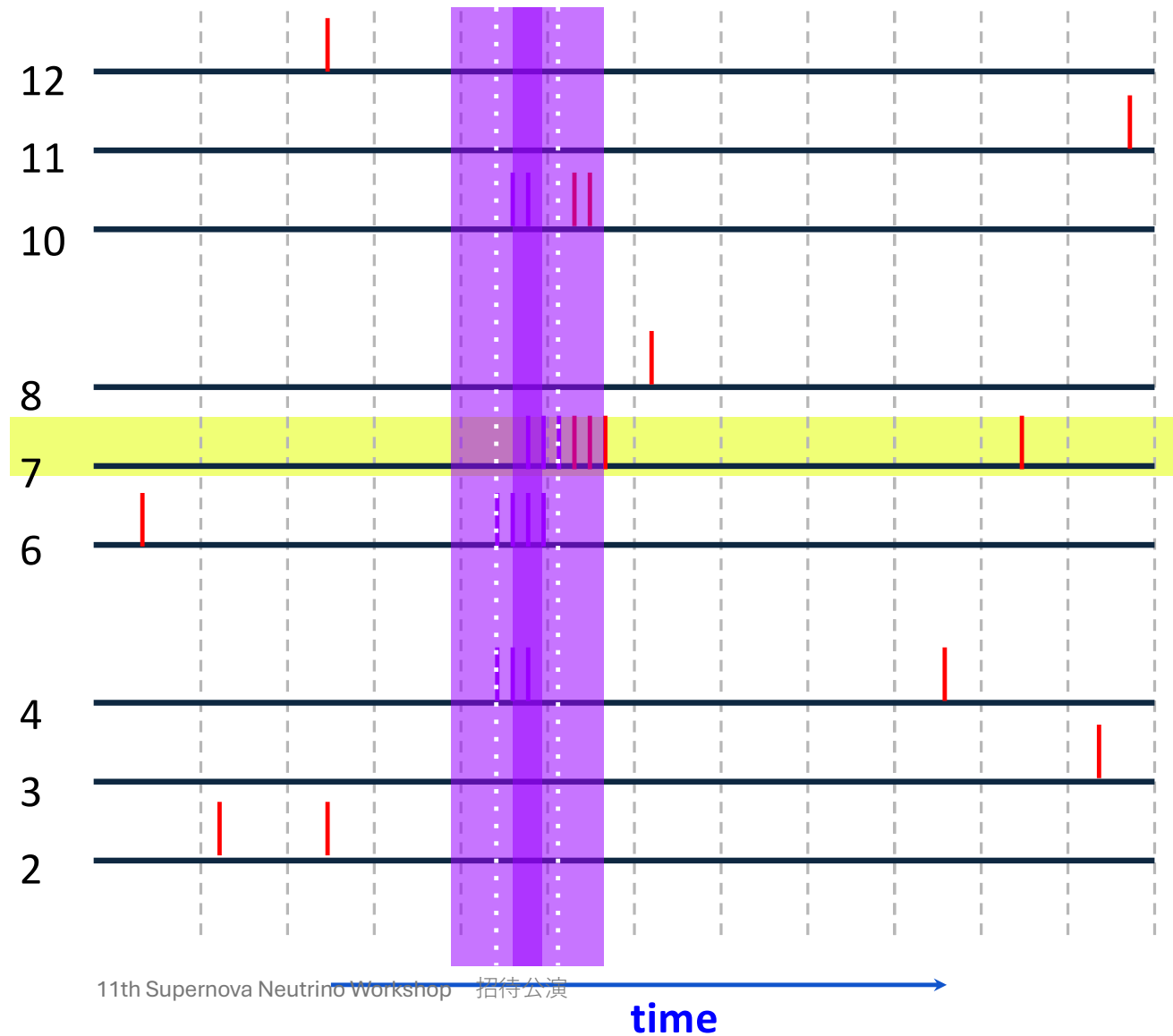
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time



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The process now repeats growing outward in time till there are no more RTD's to cluster

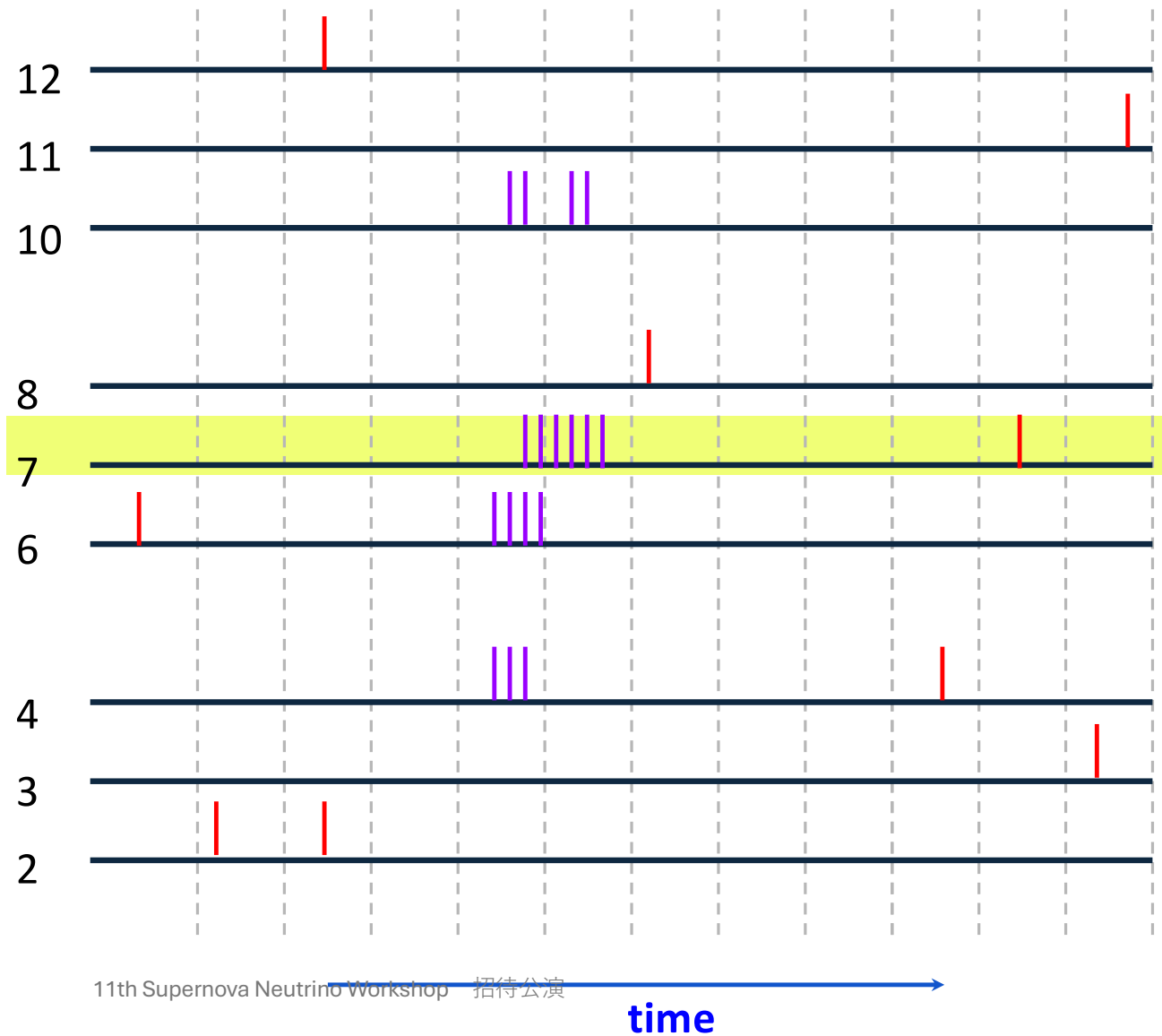


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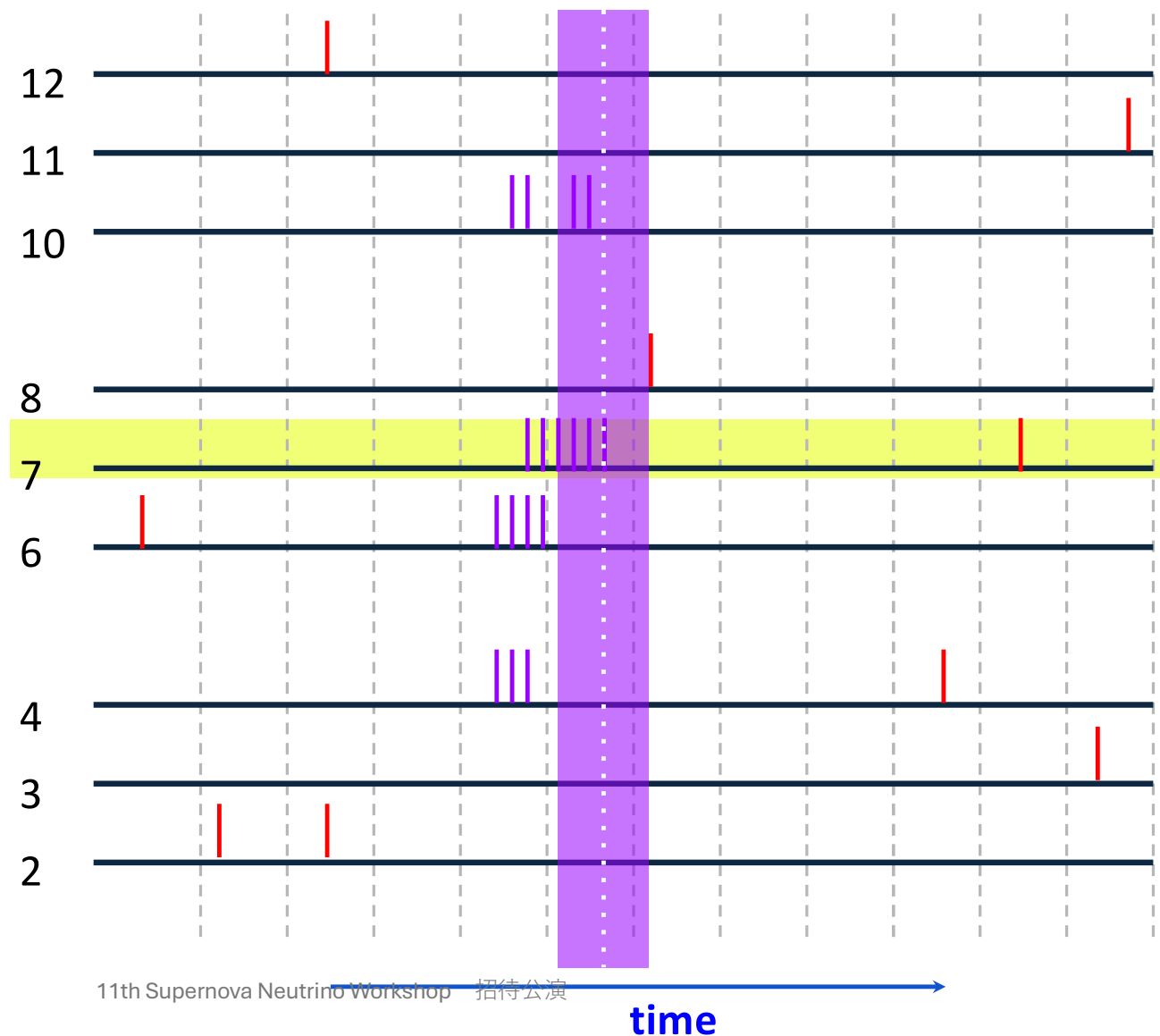
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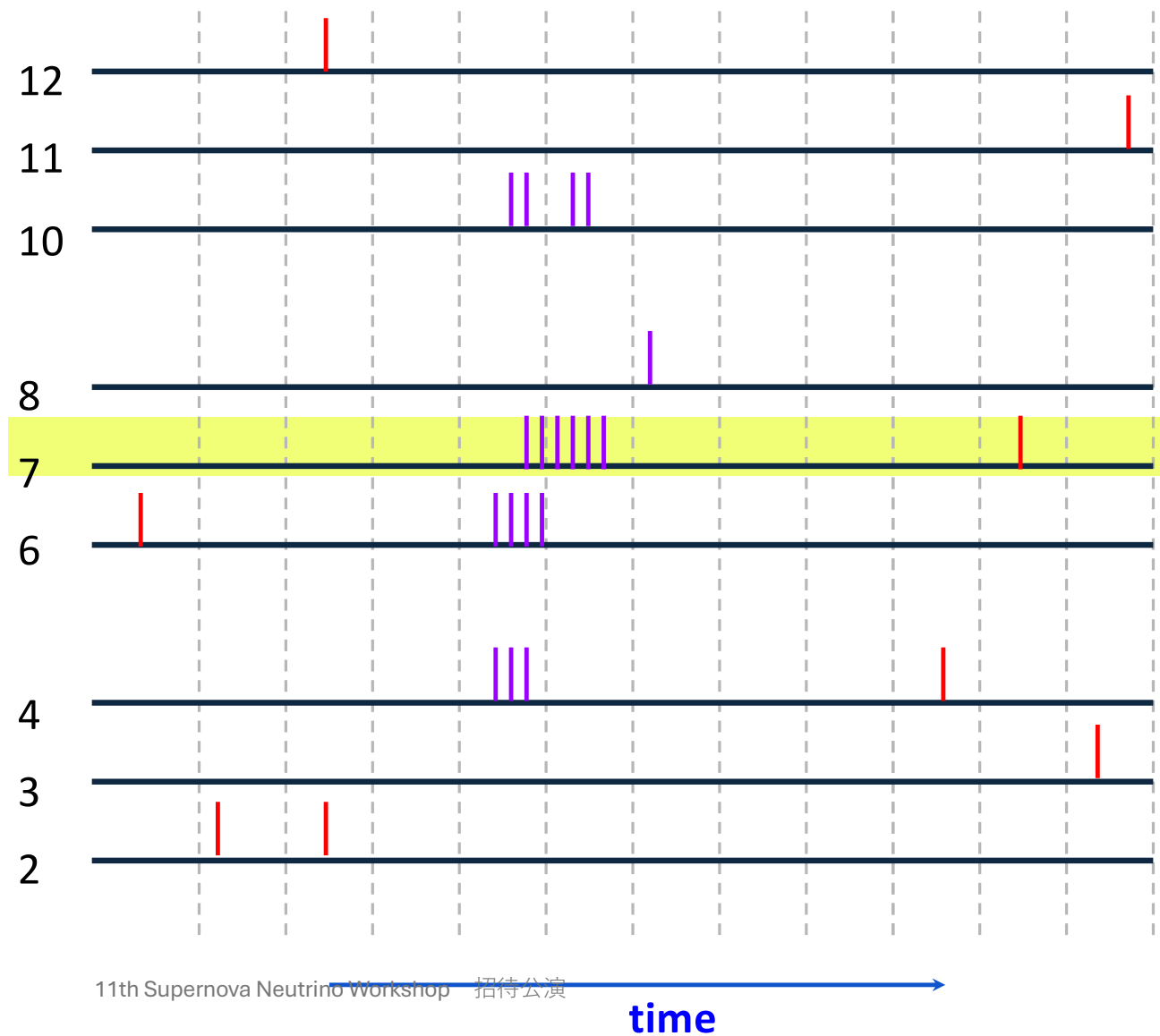
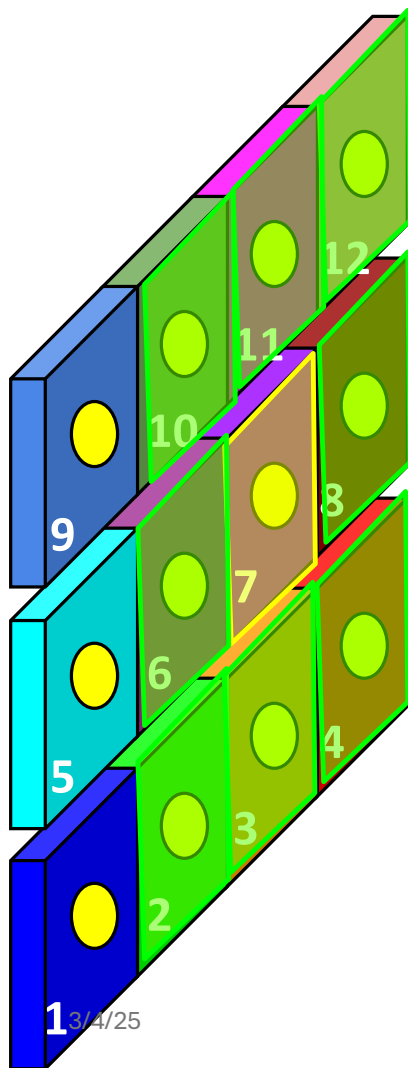
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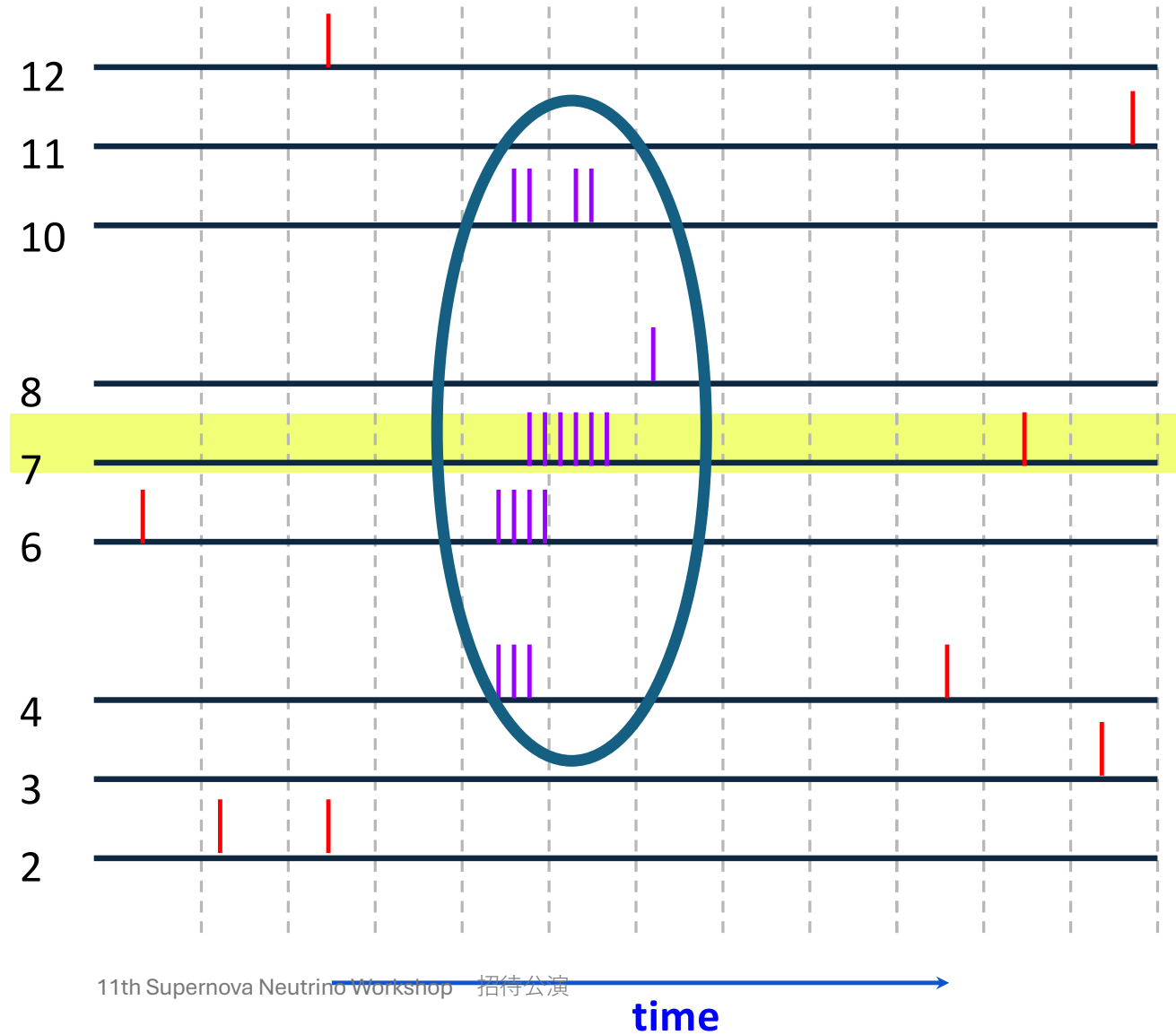
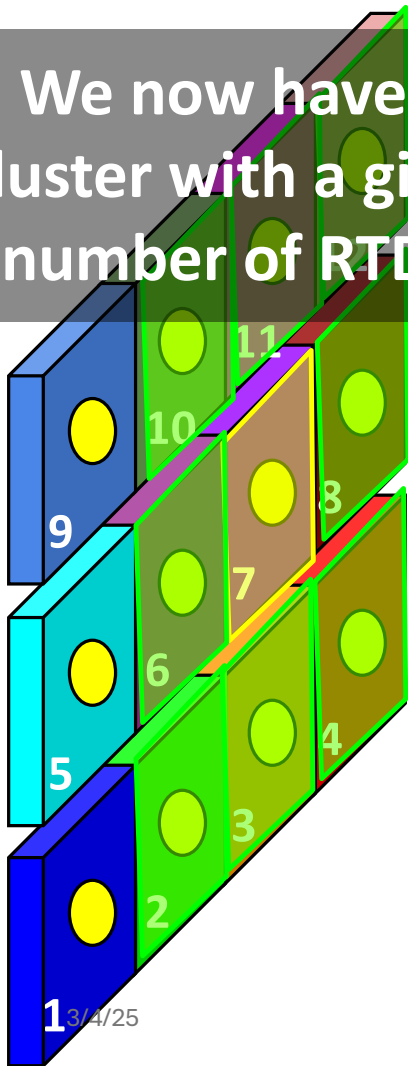
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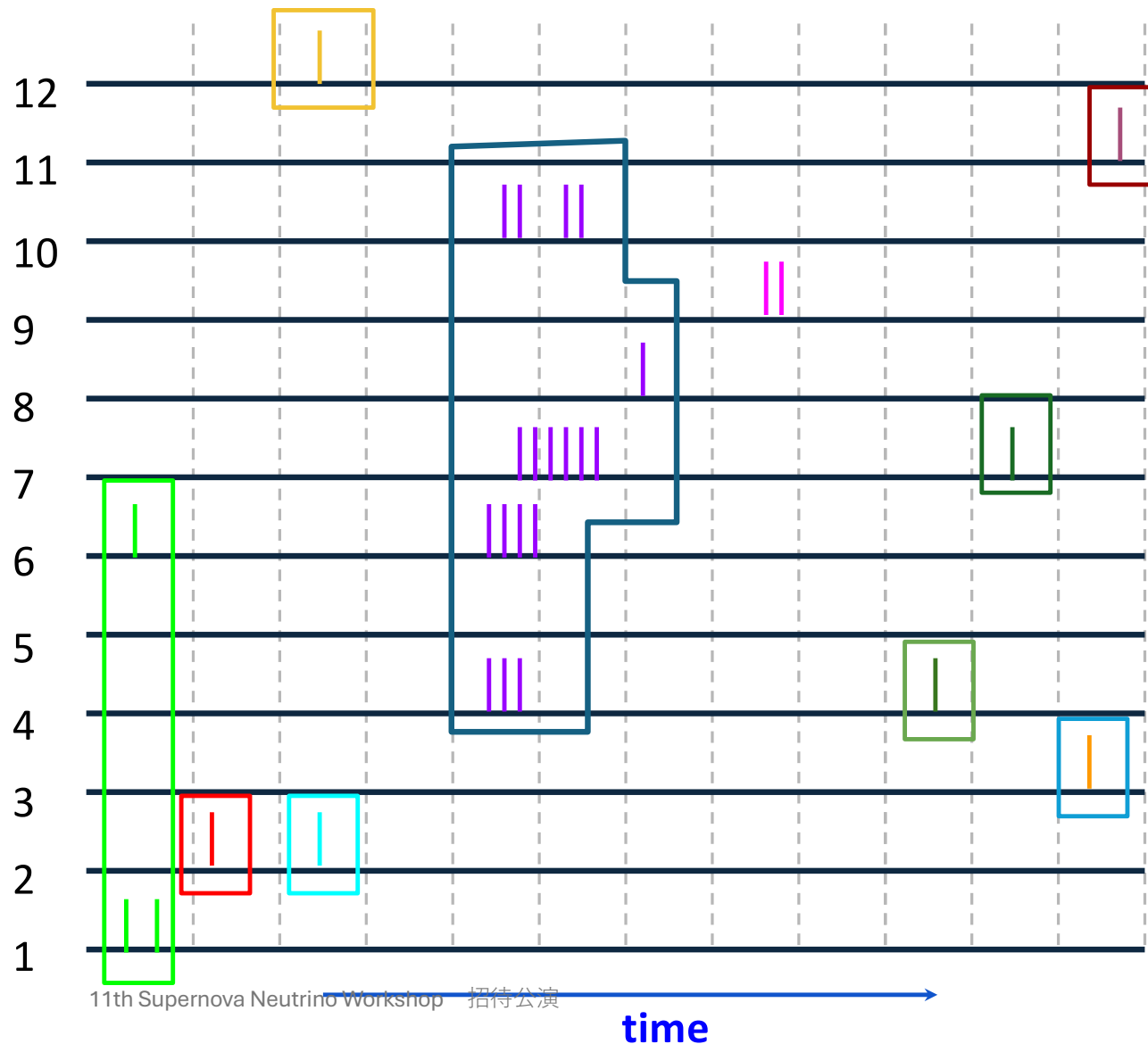
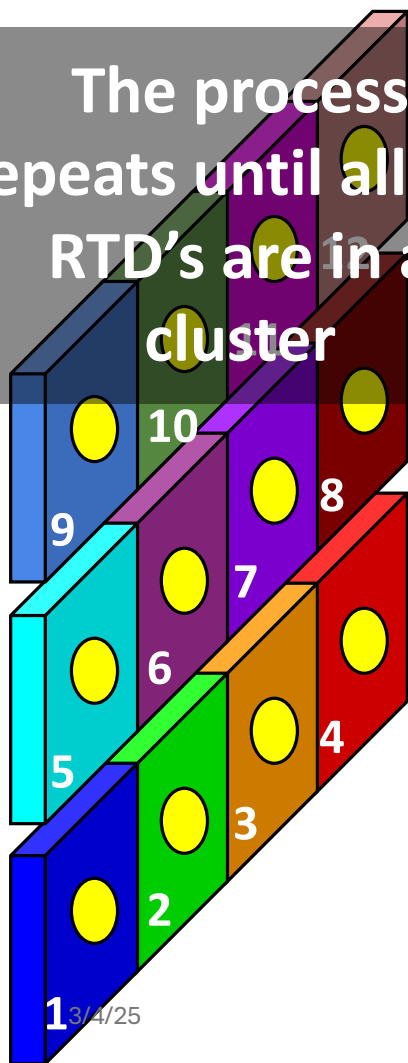
We now have a cluster with a given number of RTD's





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The process  
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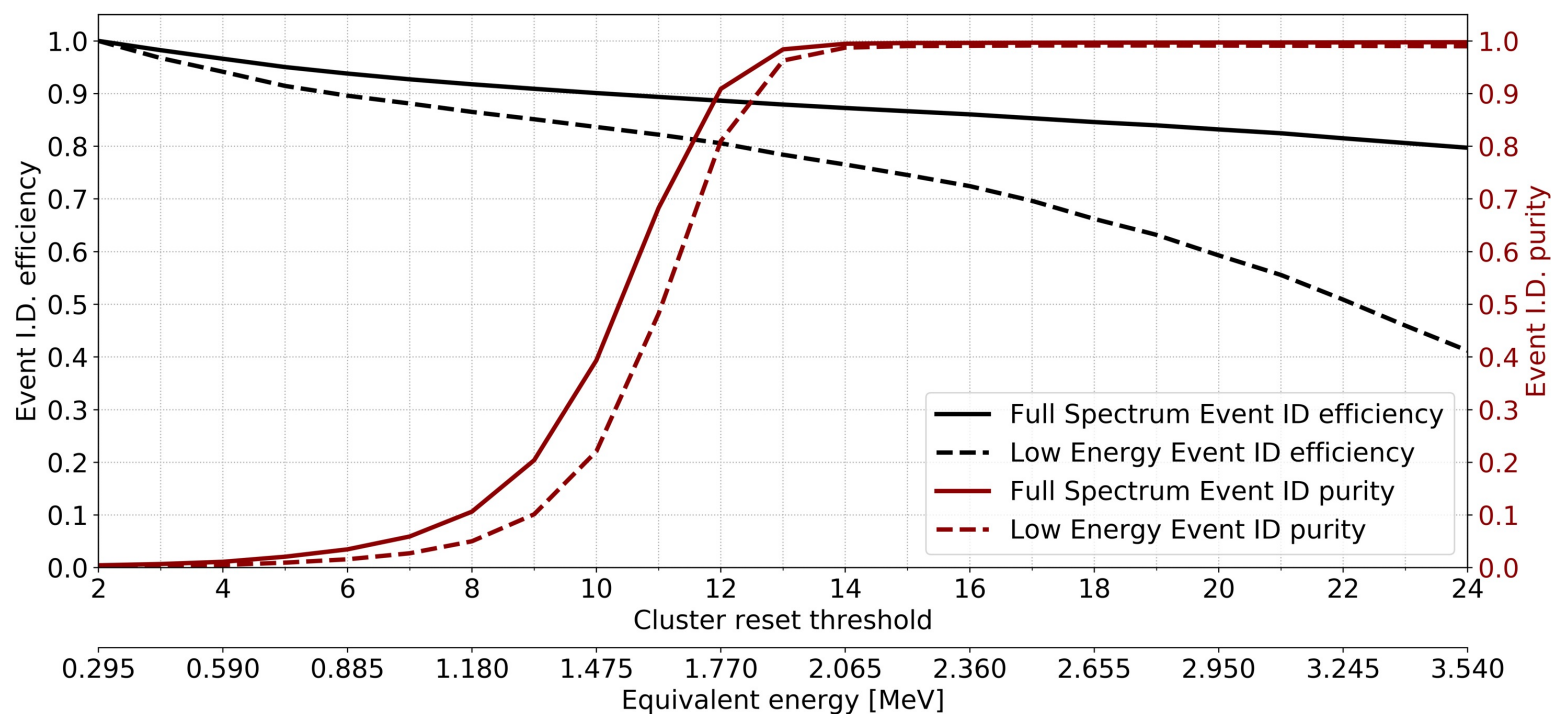
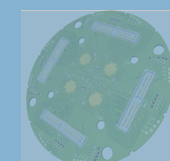
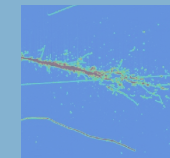


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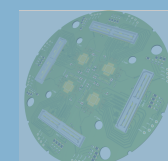
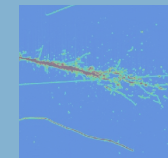
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So far, it's been shown that  
Q-Pix can detect each neutrino event with enhanced capabilities!

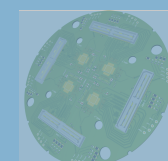
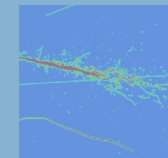
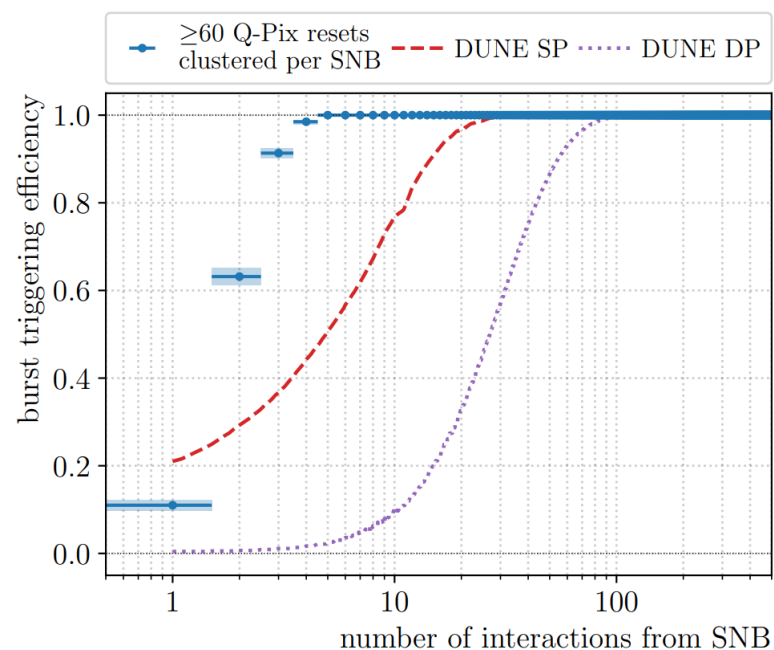
Now, we will explore  
how well we can identify SNs using those detected neutrinos





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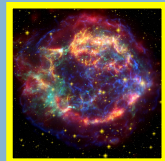
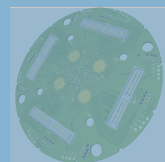
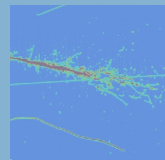
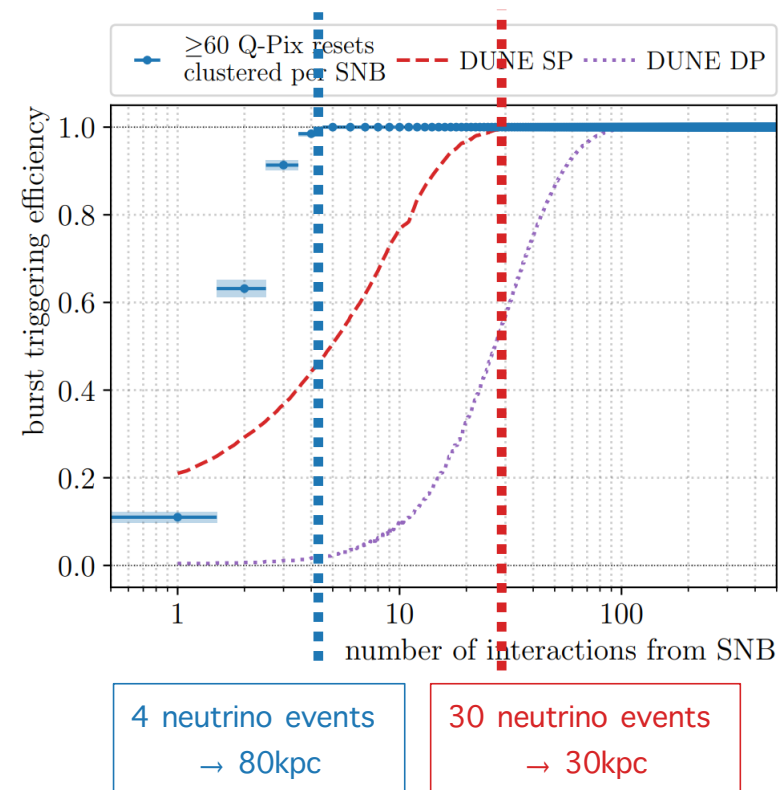
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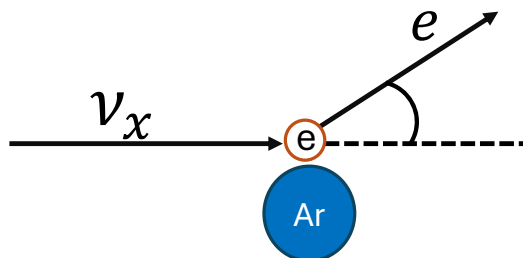
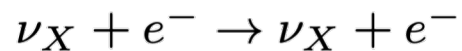




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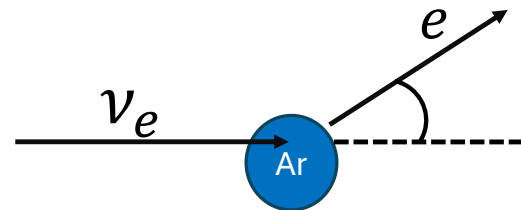
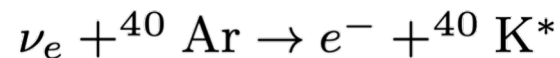
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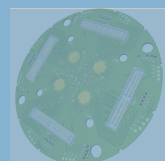
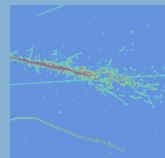


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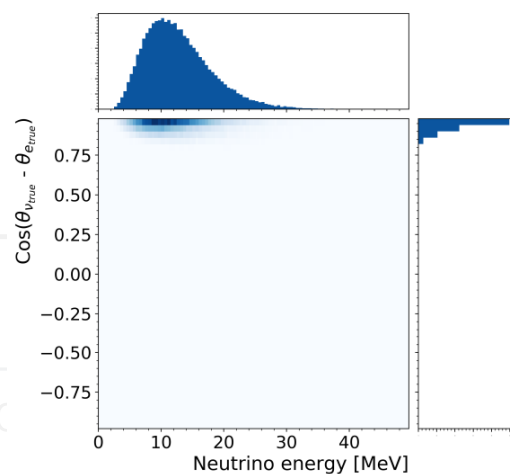




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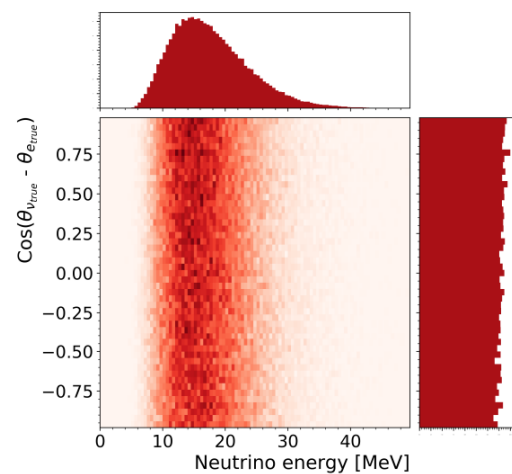
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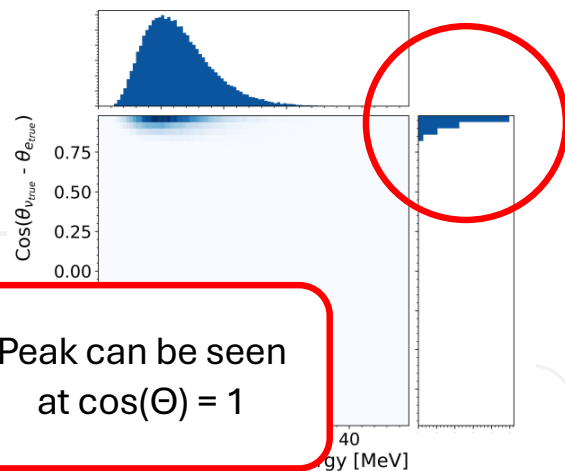
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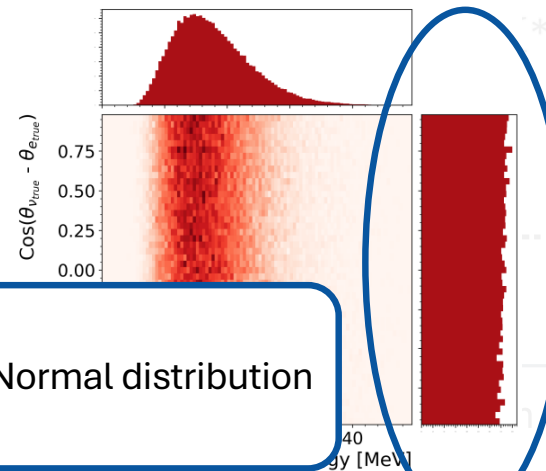
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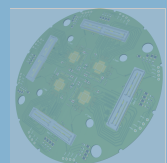
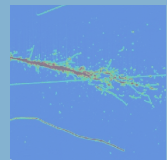
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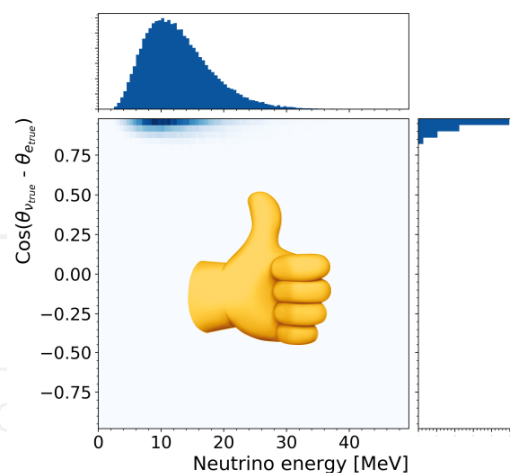




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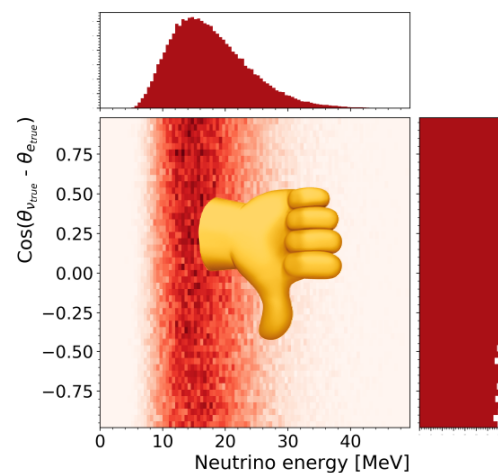
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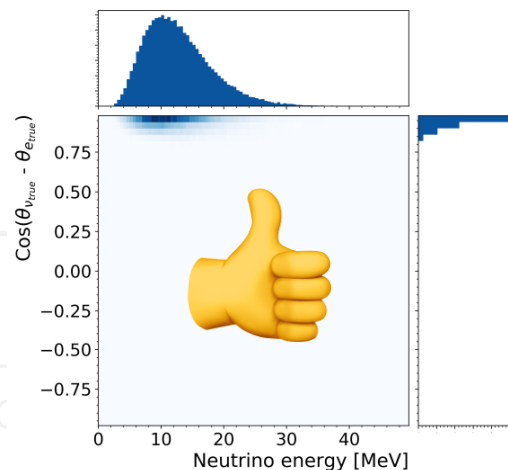
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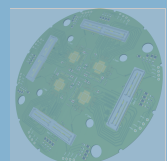
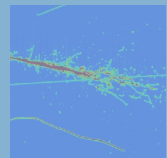


$$\text{Since } \vec{\nu} \approx \vec{e_1}$$

we can infer SN neutrino's direction  
by reconstructing the direction  
of primary electron of ES events

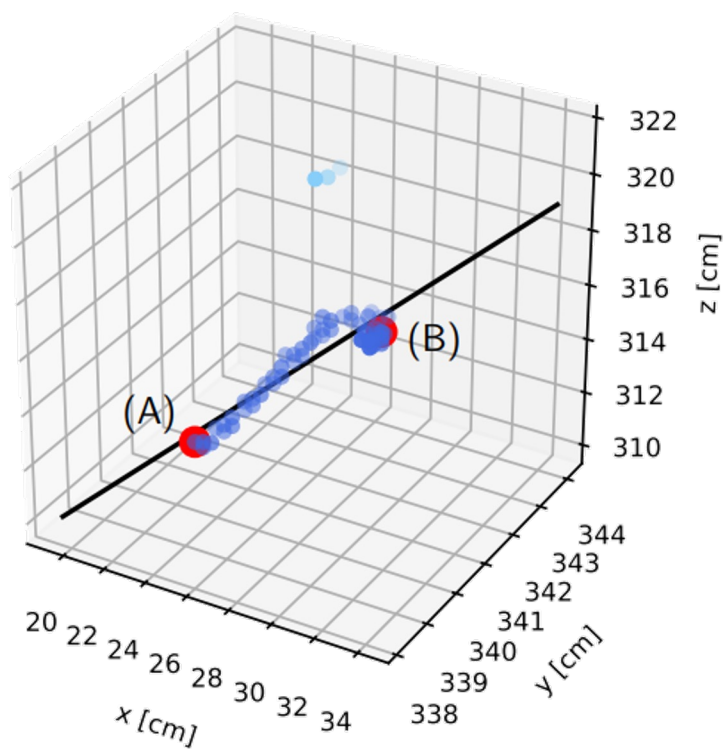
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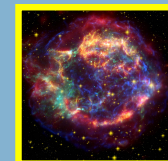
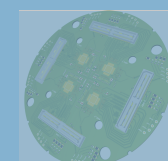
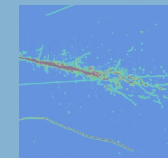
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The axis of the neutrino's track  
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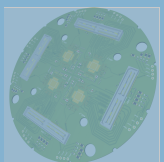
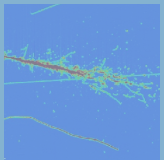
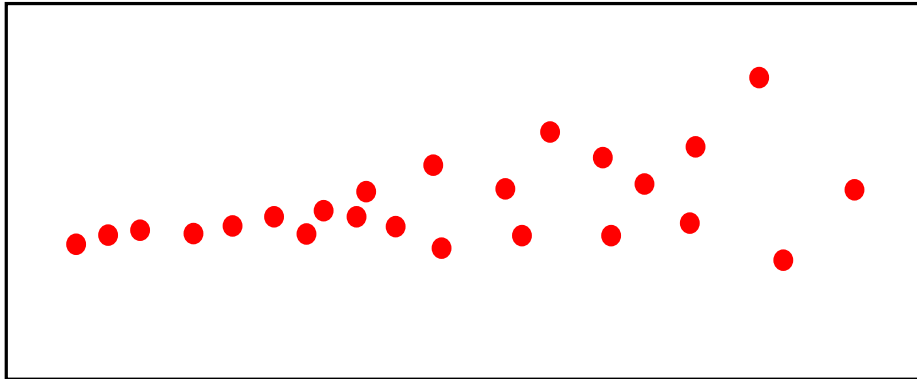
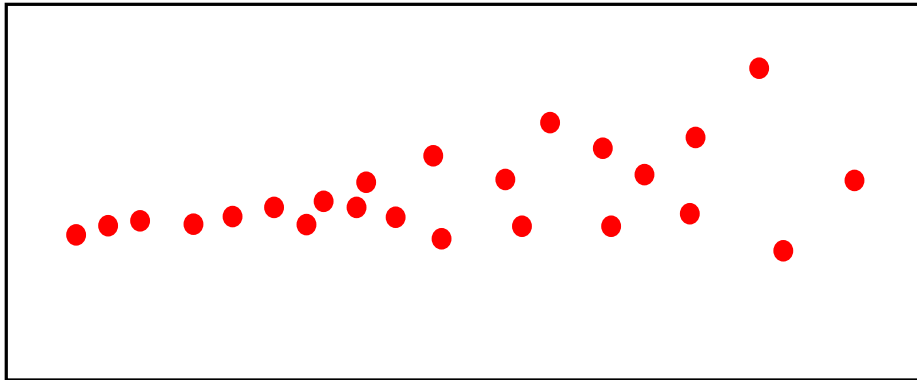


**But what about directionality?**



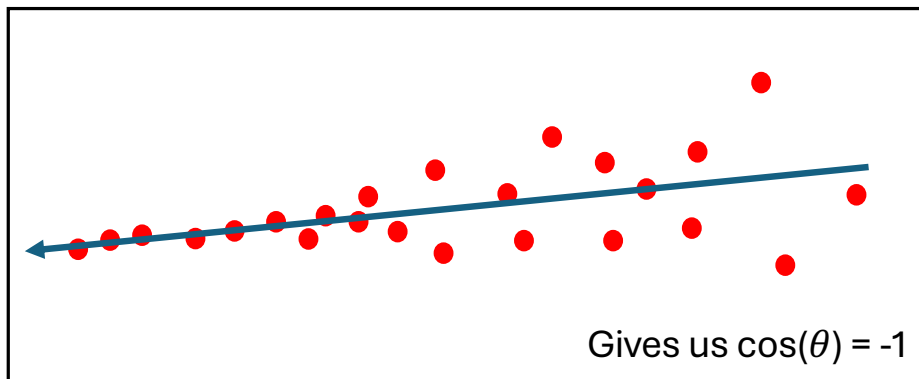
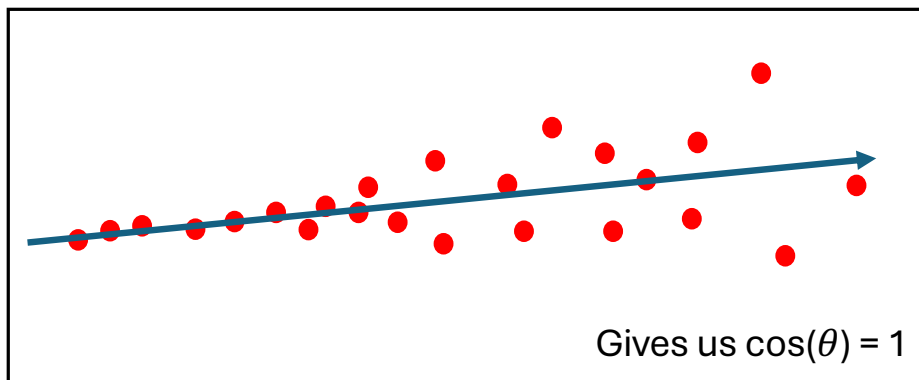


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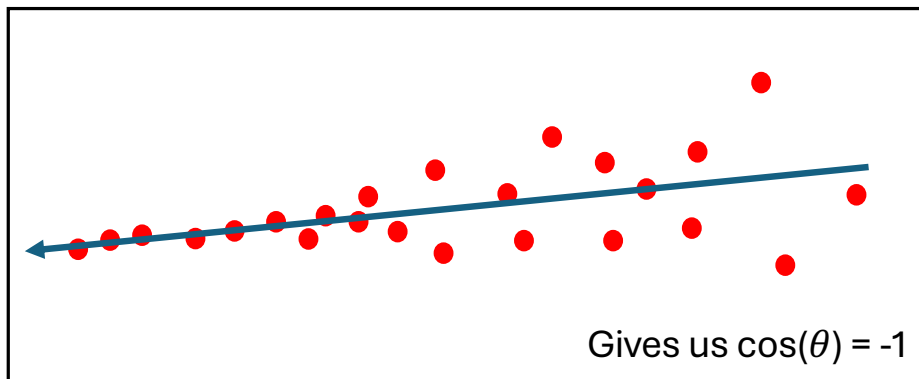
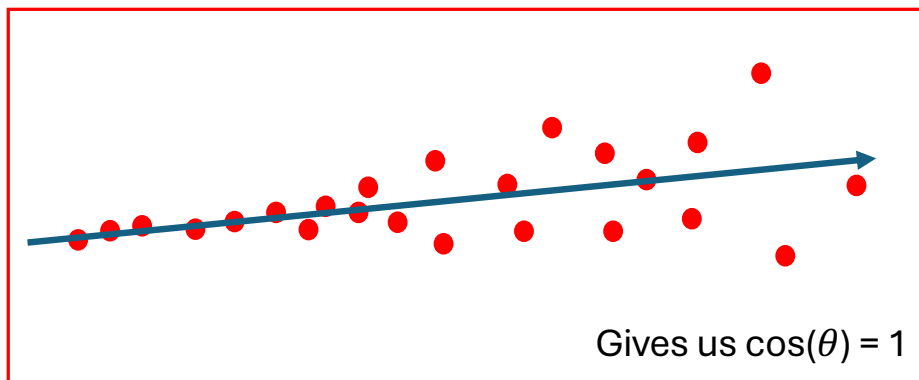


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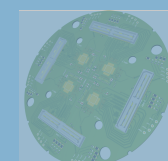
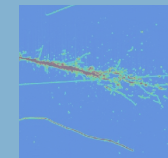
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Electron scatters more often as it loses energy.

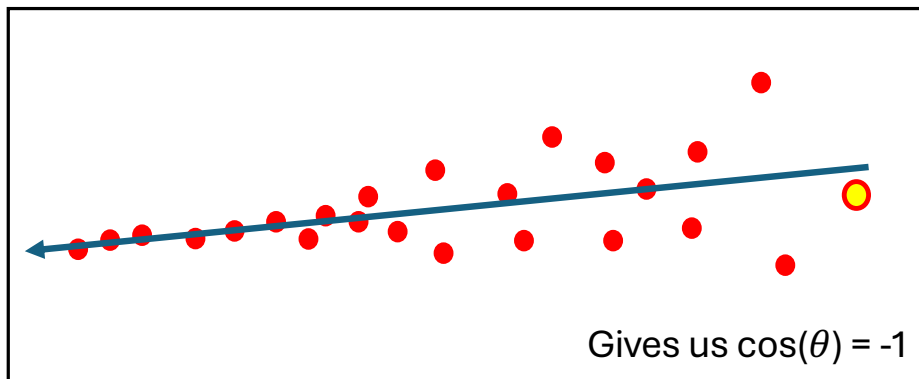
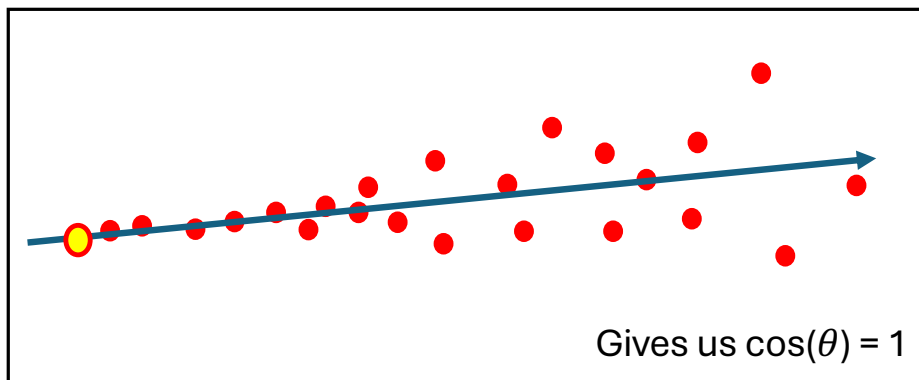
More scattered = less energy = end of the track

Less scattered = more energy = beginning of the track





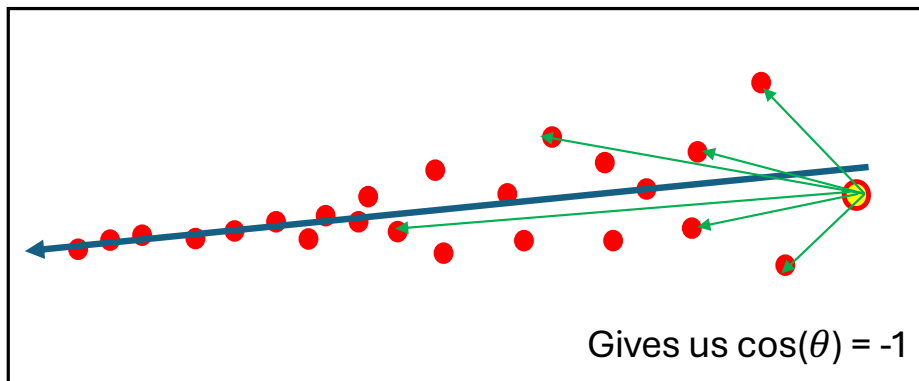
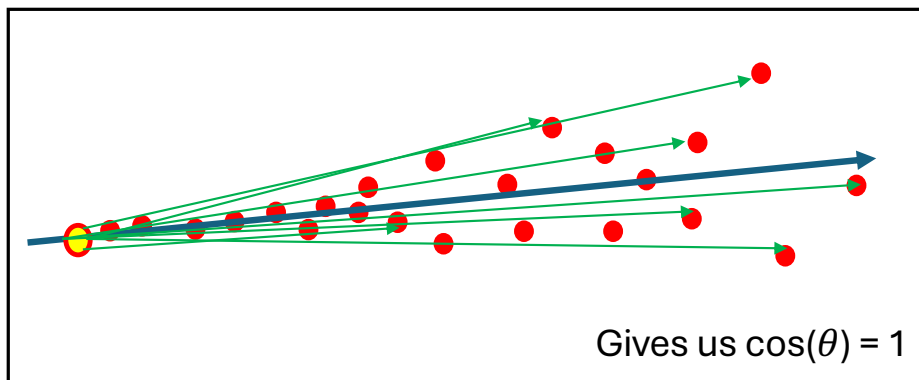
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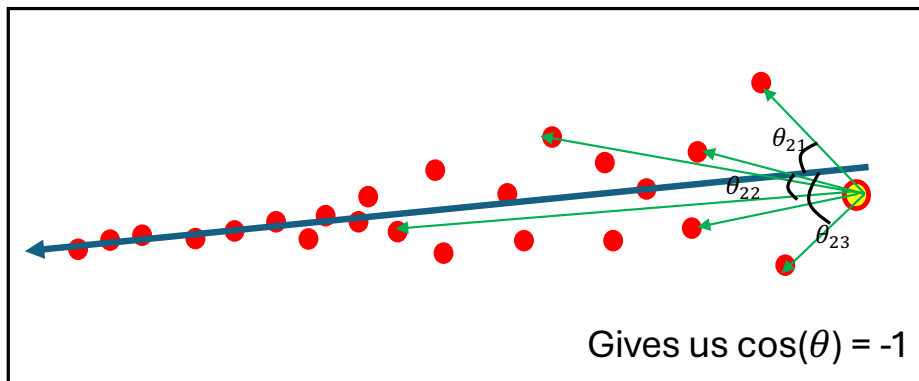
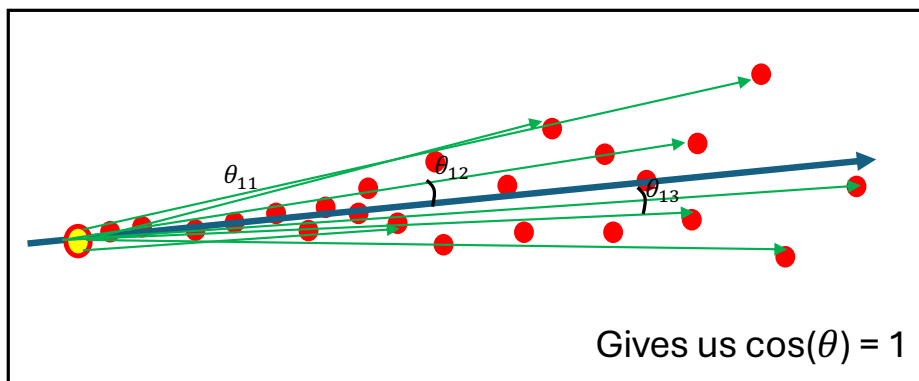


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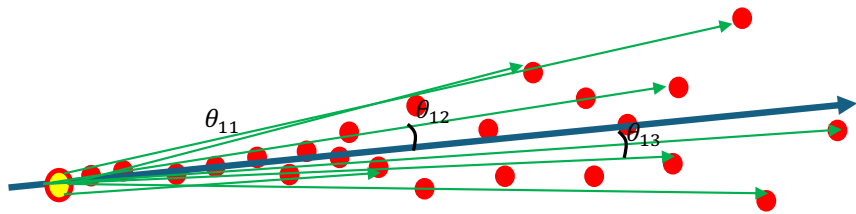
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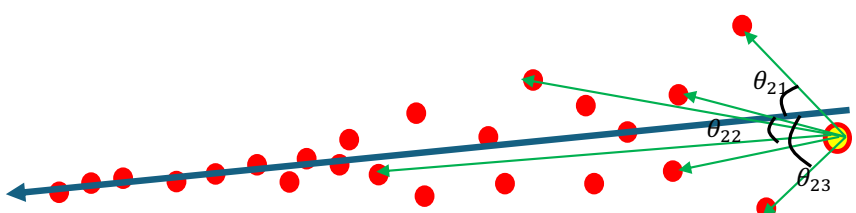
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Case1



Gives us  $\cos(\theta) = 1$

Case2



Gives us  $\cos(\theta) = -1$

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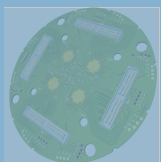
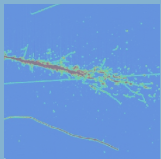
$\theta$  values are smaller  $\rightarrow \cos(\theta)$  values are bigger

$$\text{sum\_cos\_case1} = \cos(\theta_{11}) + \cos(\theta_{12}) + \cos(\theta_{13}) \cdot \cdot \cdot$$

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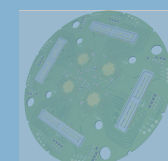
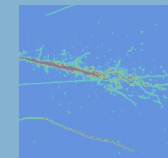
$$\text{sum\_cos\_case2} = \cos(\theta_{21}) + \cos(\theta_{22}) + \cos(\theta_{23}) \cdot \cdot \cdot$$

$$\text{sum\_cos\_case1} > \text{sum\_cos\_case2}$$

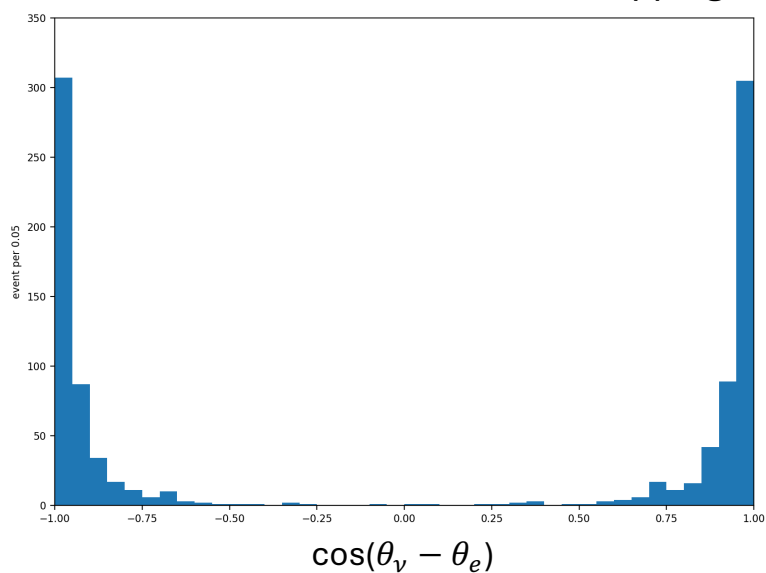




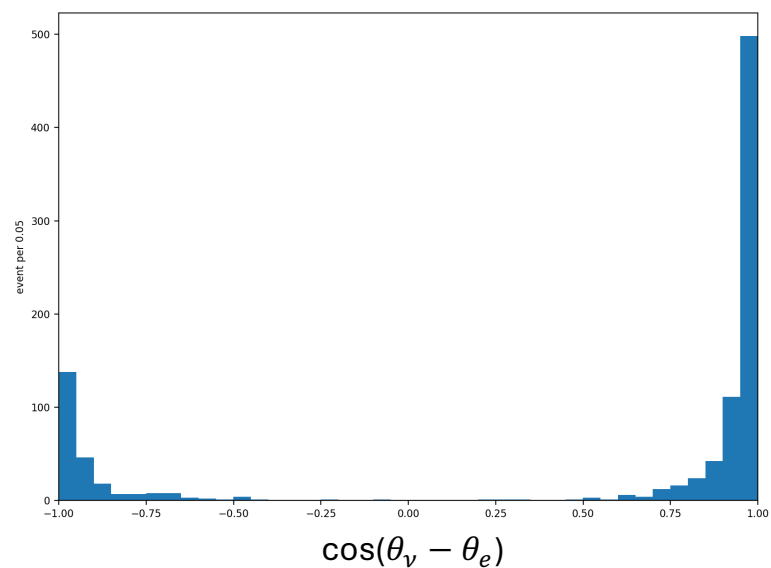
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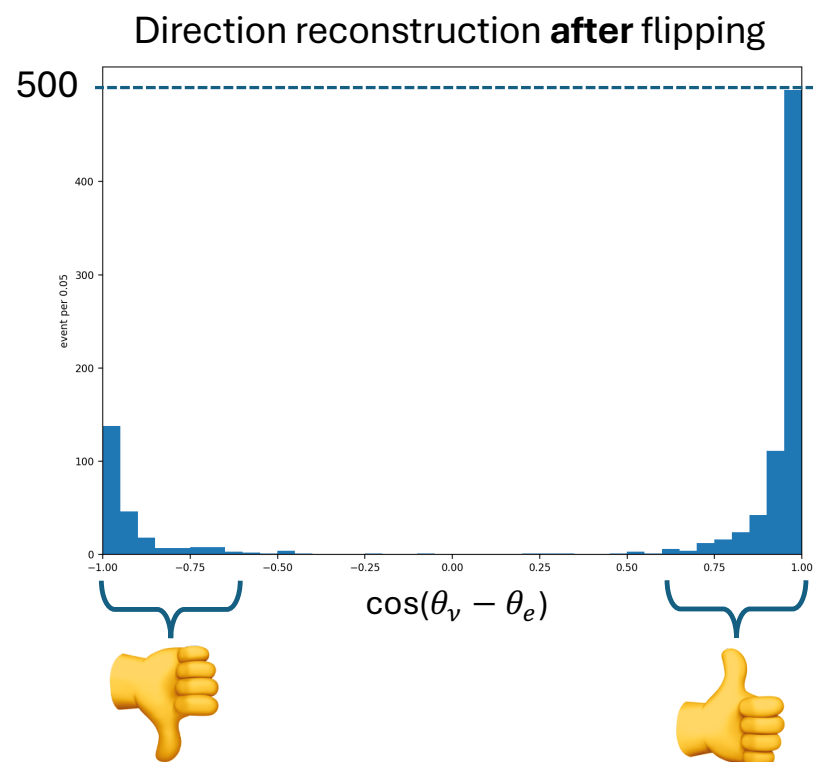
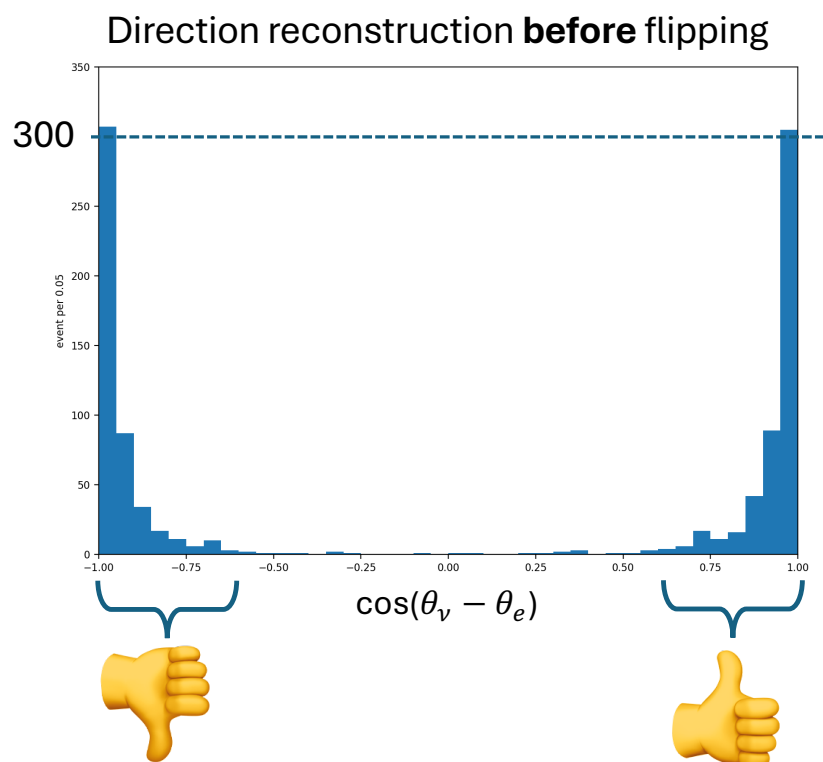


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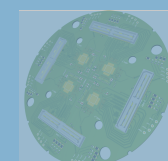
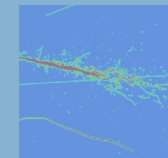


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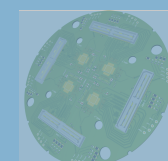
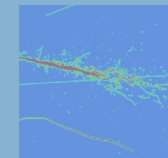
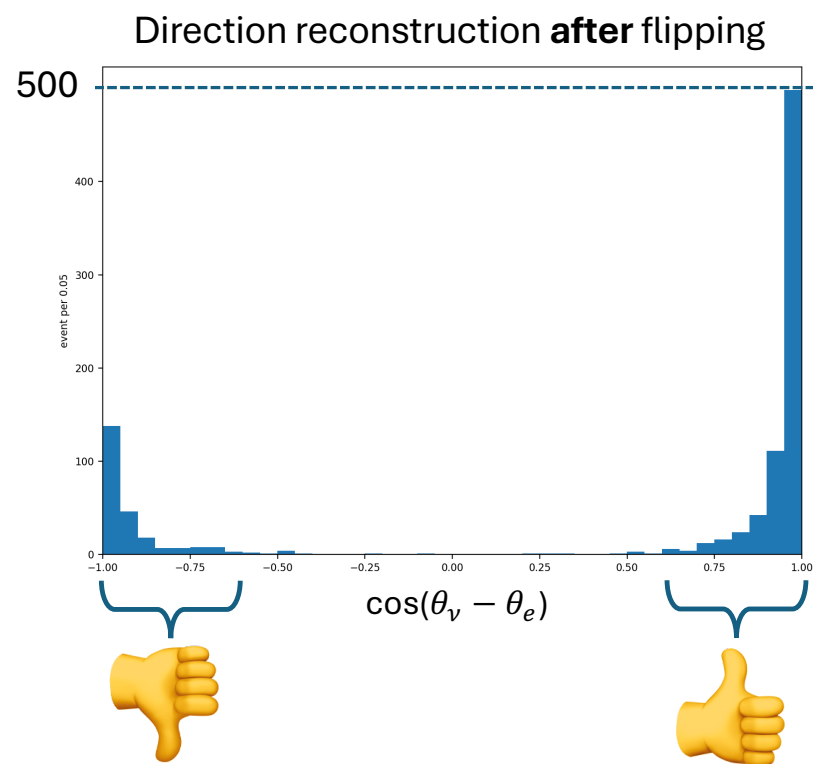
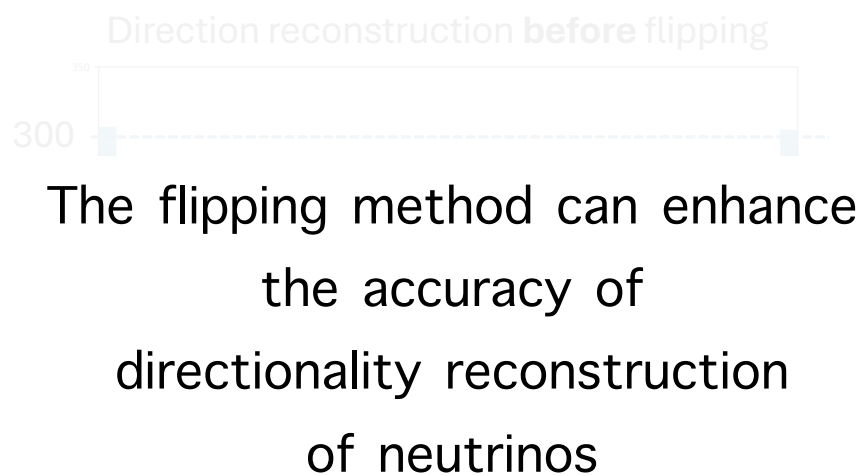
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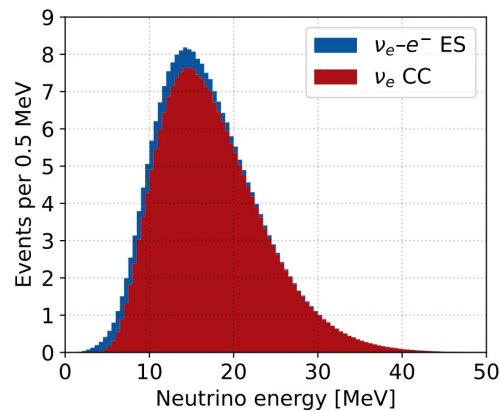




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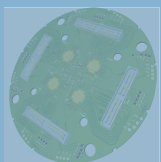
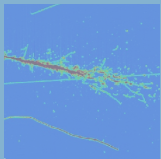


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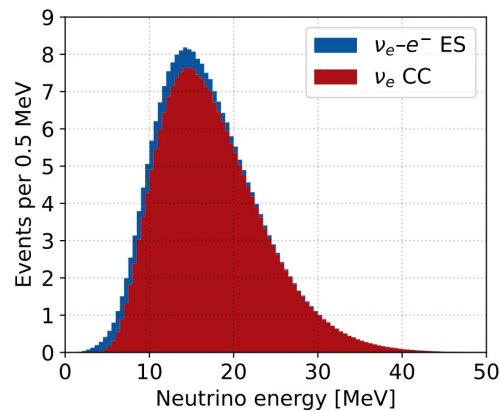




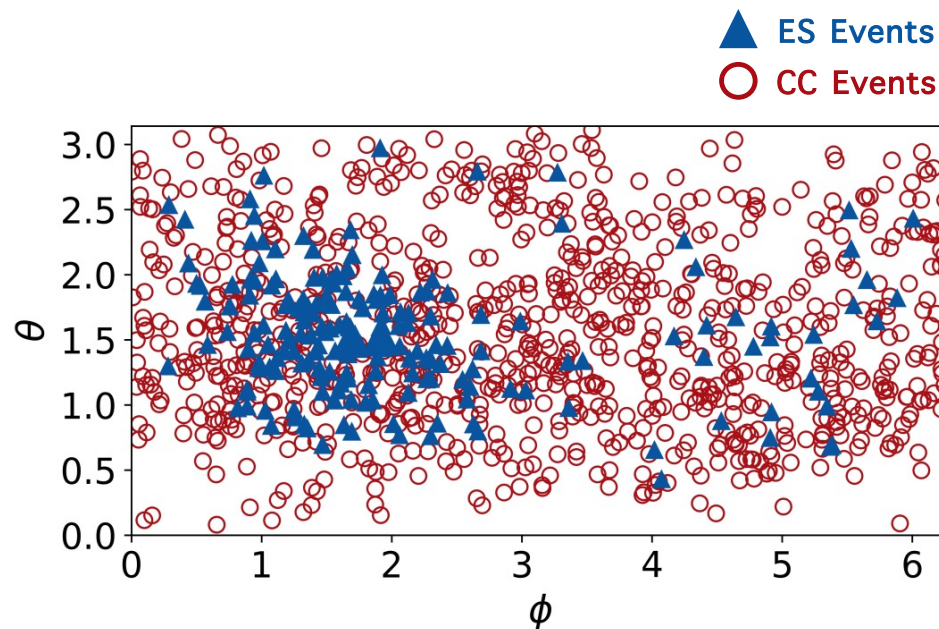
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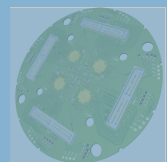
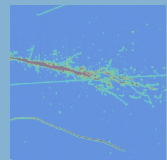
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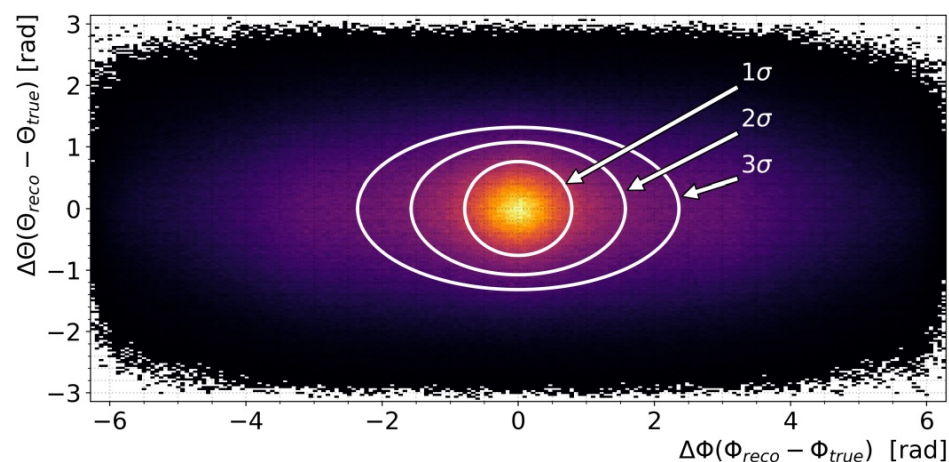
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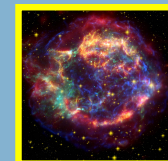
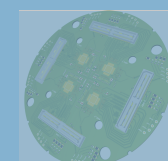
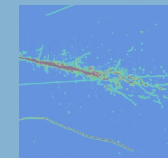


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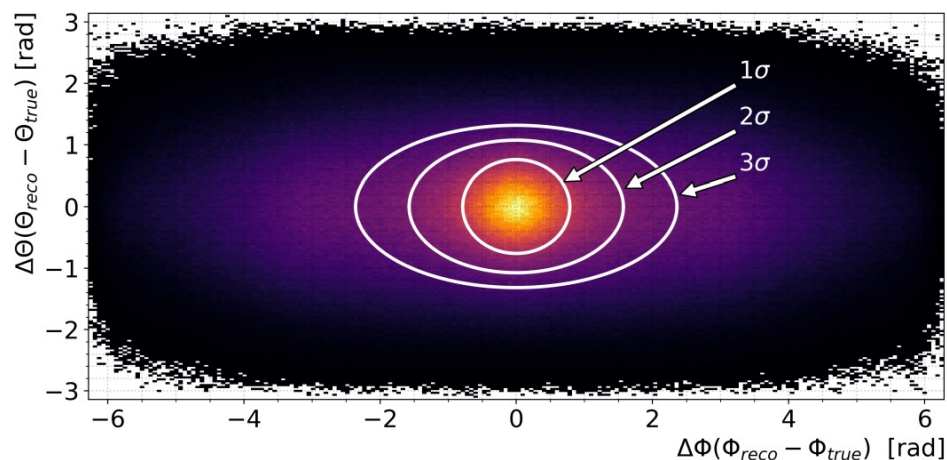
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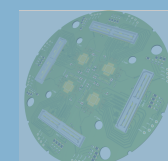
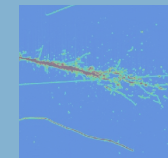
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In recent DUNE results (July 2024), it was claimed that pointing resolution\* of 102 degrees.

This is very exciting, because our studies with Q-Pix have already shown similar capabilities; we can expect enhanced supernova studies with Q-pix!

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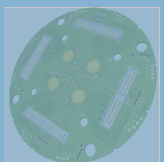
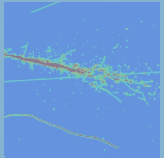




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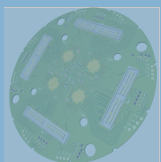
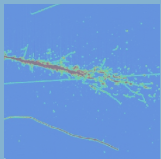
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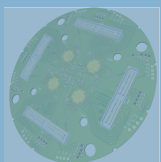
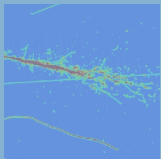
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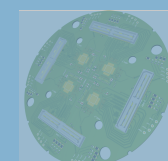
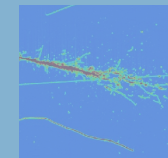




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Good tracking

Good energy resolution

Low energy threshold

Data handling

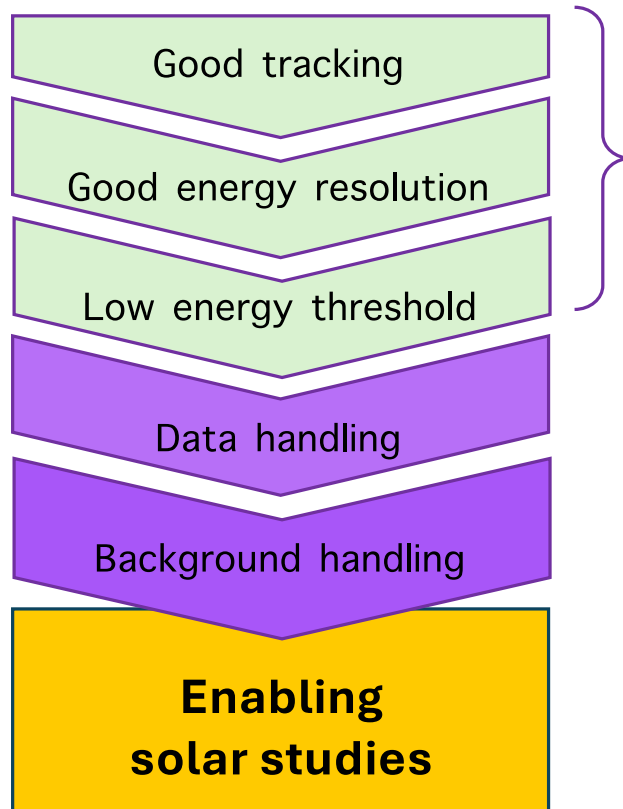
Background handling

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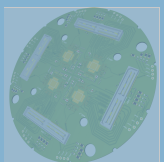
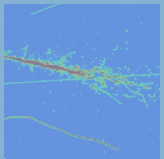




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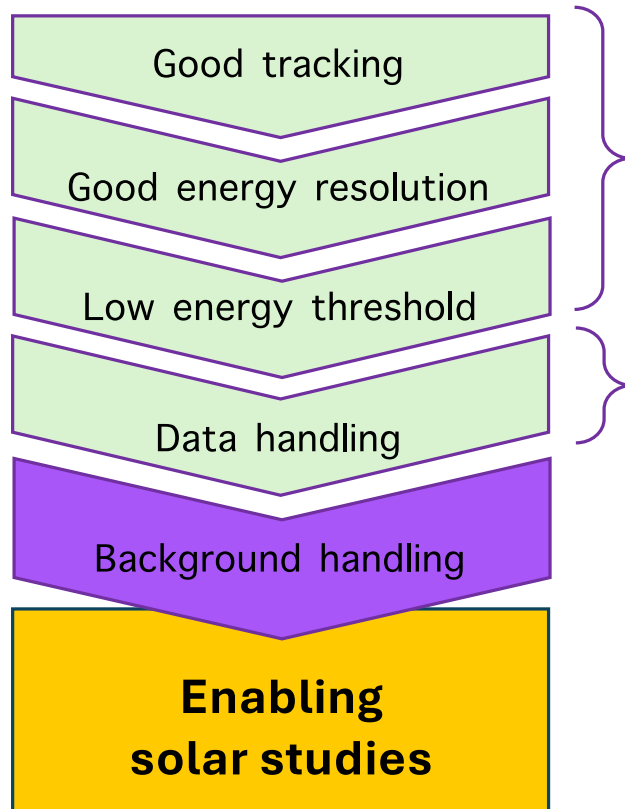
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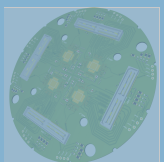
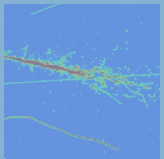
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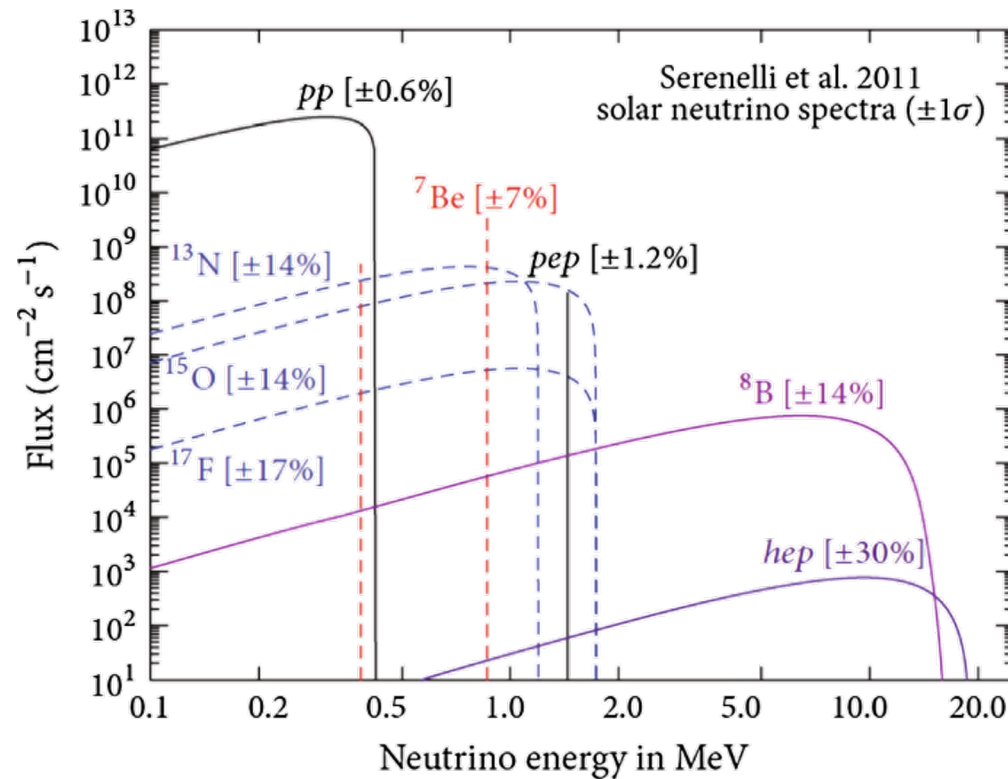
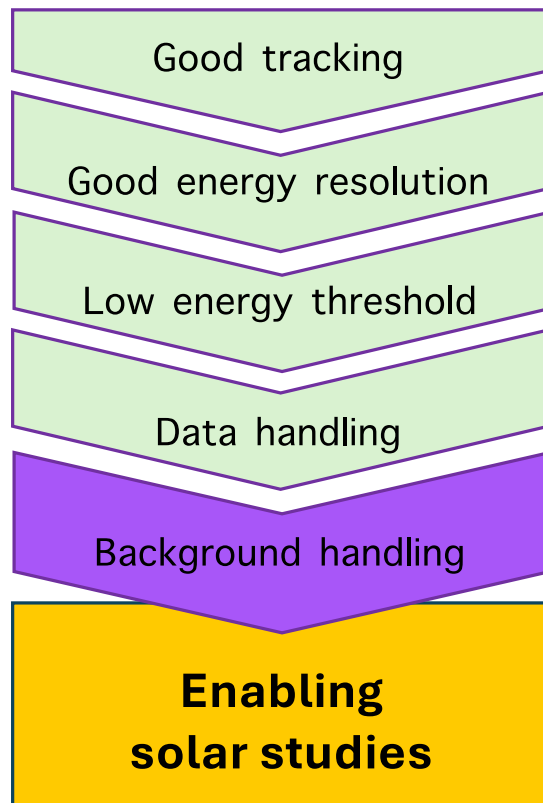
Can reduce the data amount by factor of  $10^6$ ! ✓



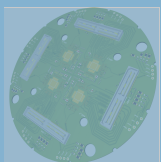
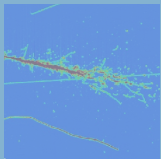




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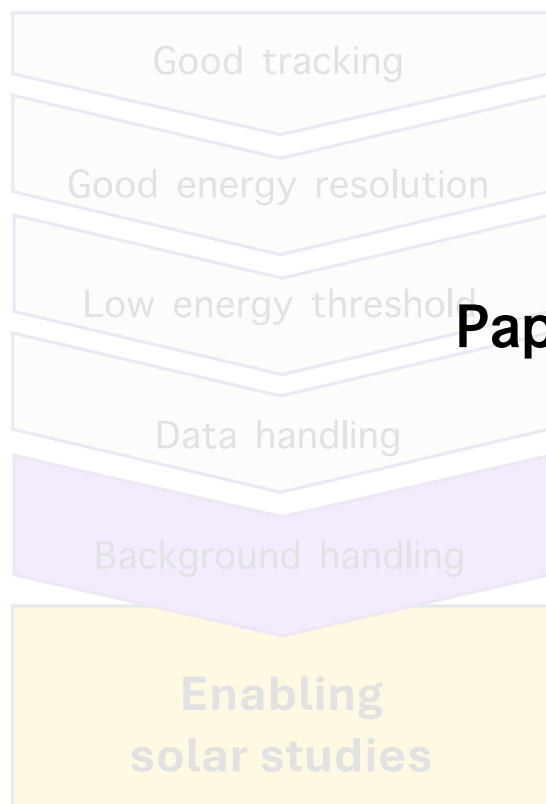


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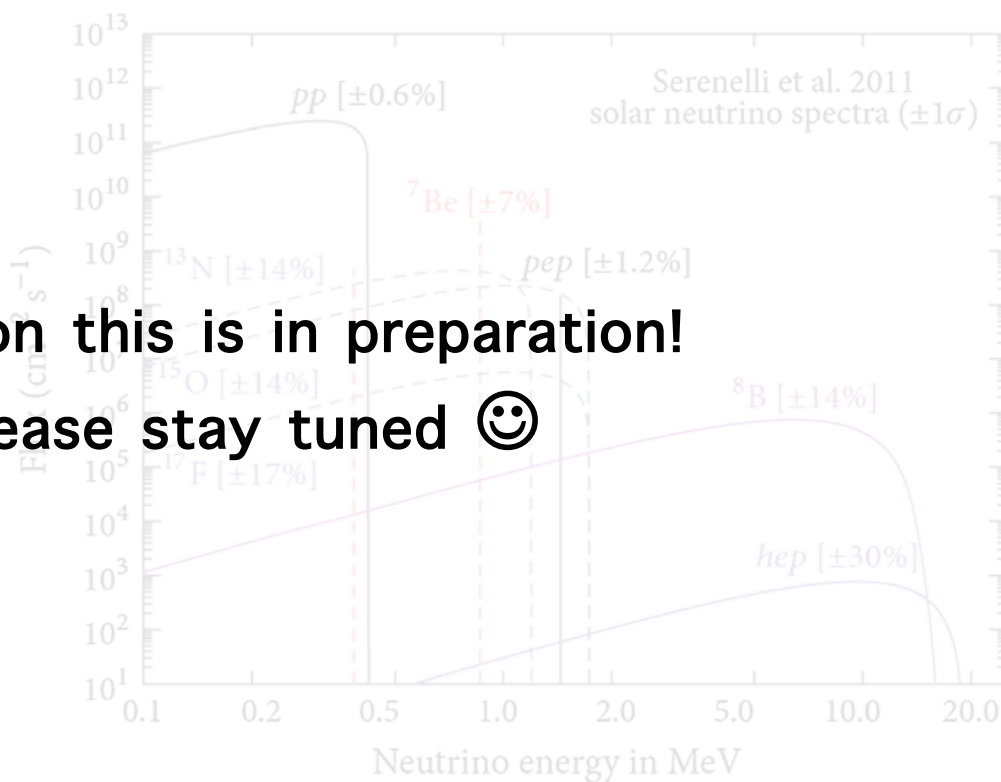




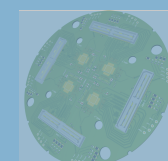
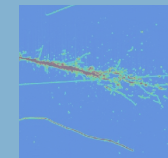
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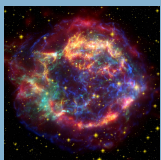
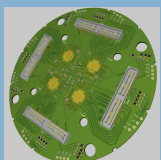
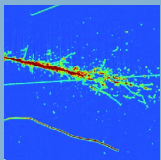
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# Summary

- DUNE is under construction, first 2 modules will be with chosen technology, the last 2 to be decided.
- DUNE's capability can be further enhanced with pixelated readout.
- Physics studies have shown that pixels would improve DUNE's physics reach in beam, supernova neutrino, and solar neutrino (paper in preparation) studies.
- Q-Pix prototype is being tested now, and more R&D activities will continue for the upcoming years.
  - ⇒ Further investigation and analysis with pixel-based readout technologies!





# Thank you!



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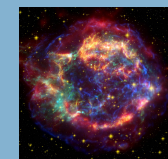
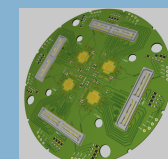
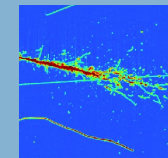
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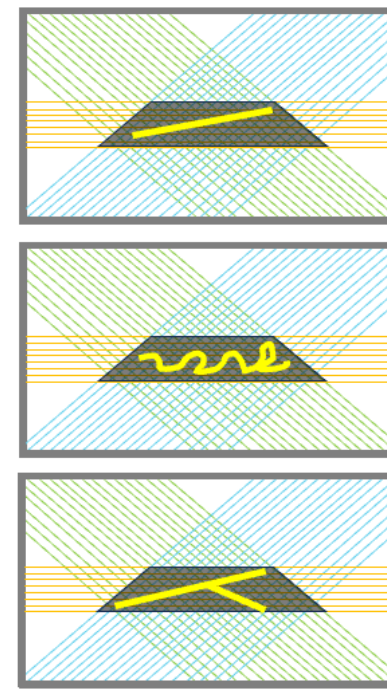
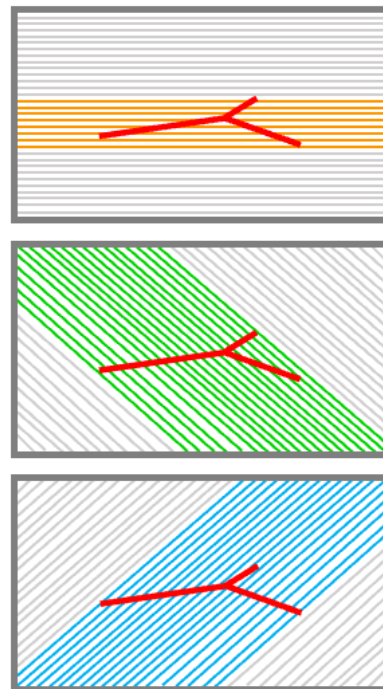
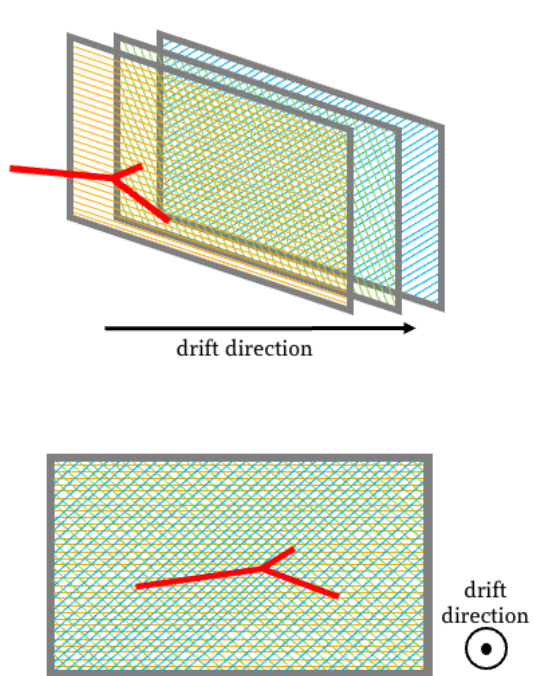




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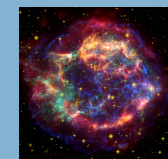
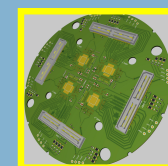
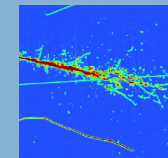
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# Q-Pix and LArPix

Specification	Q-Pix	LArPix	DUNE Cold Electronics
<b>Threshold</b>	<b>Target:</b> 0.3–0.5 fC (1800–3100 electrons)	<b>Self Trigger Threshold:</b> 0.9 fC [1] (5800 electrons)	0.7 fC [3] (4300 electrons)
<b>Noise</b>	<b>Target:</b> $\leq 500$ electrons	850 electrons [2]	500–700 electrons [4]
<b>Data Rate</b>	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ kB/s/m <sup>2</sup> at 1 MeV deposited energy threshold [6]	1 MB/s/m <sup>2</sup> when operating on the surface with cosmic rays [1]	0.4 MB/s/m <sup>2</sup> at 10 MeV deposited energy threshold [5]
<b>Saturation</b>	$10^9$ electrons CIR can reliably handle 25 nA	$2 \times 10^6$ electrons; Dynamic Range on 8-bit ADC with 1 bit at noise limit	$5 \times 10^6$ electrons; Dynamic Range on 12-bit ADC with 1 bit at noise limit
<b>Power</b>	20–25 $\mu$ W/channel	60–100 $\mu$ W/channel	50 mW/channel





# Sigma Delta Modulator

## Integrator

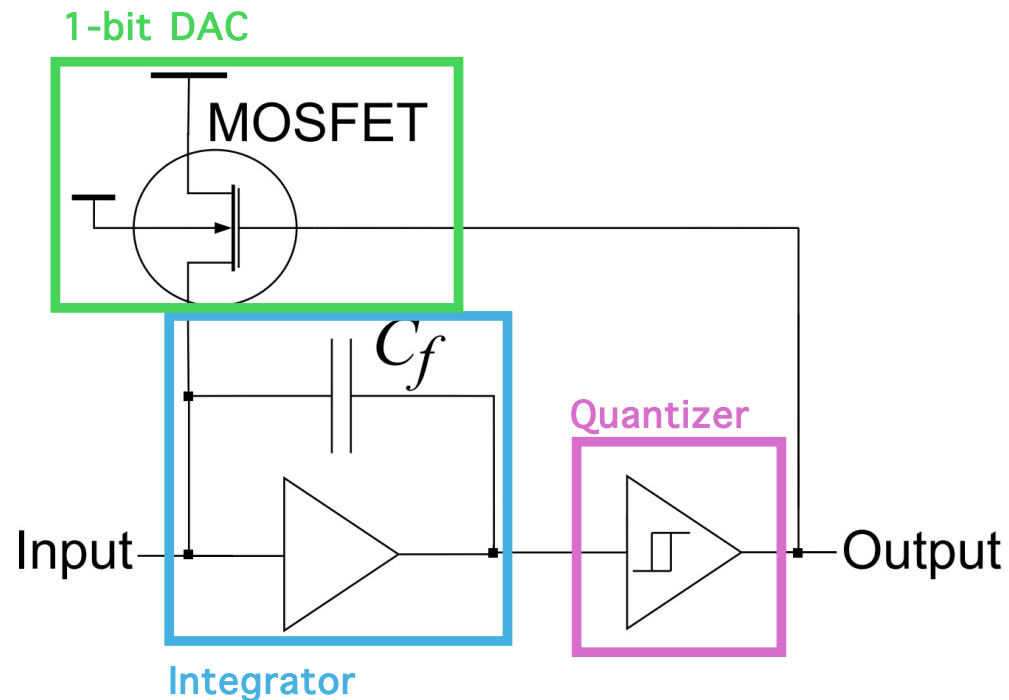
Sums the input signal over time, effectively smoothing it and making the system more tolerant to noise.

## Quantizer

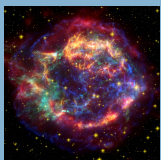
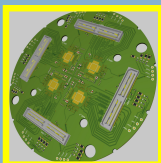
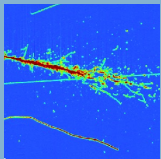
Converts the analog signal from the integrator into a digital signal. It is a single-bit quantizer with output of either 0 or 1.

## DAC

Receives the output from the quantizer and converts the digital output back into an analog signal. It limits the amount of charge on  $C_f$ .



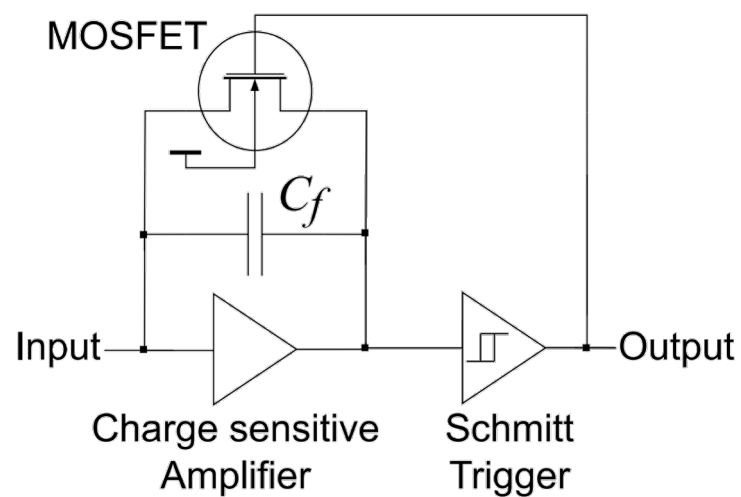
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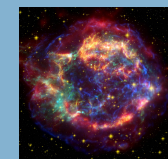
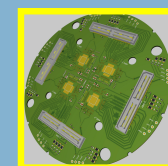
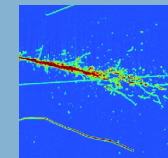
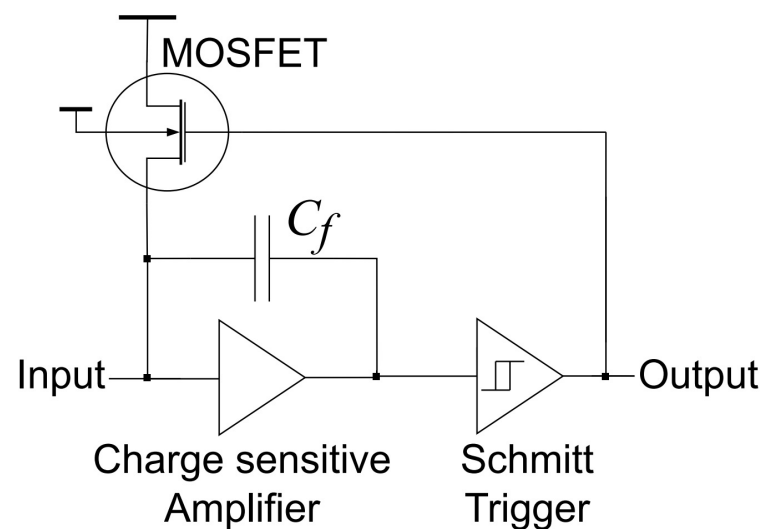


# Reset vs Replenishment scheme

## Reset



## Replenishment







# Profile used for SN studeis

Isotope	Rate [Bq/kg]	Region	Region mass [kg]	Rate [Bq]	Number of decays (per 10 s window)
<sup>210</sup> Po	0.2	PD [Bq/m <sup>2</sup> ]	2.46856	0.493712	5
<sup>60</sup> Co	0.0455	CPA	90	4.095	41
<sup>40</sup> K	0.49	APA	258	1,264.2	12,642
<sup>39</sup> Ar	1.010	bulk LAr	~70,000	70,700	707,000
<sup>42</sup> Ar	0.000092	bulk LAr	~70,000	6.44	64
<sup>42</sup> K	0.000092	bulk LAr	~70,000	6.44	64
<sup>222</sup> Rn	0.04	bulk LAr	~70,000	2,800	28,000
<sup>214</sup> Pb	0.01	bulk LAr	~70,000	700	7,000
<sup>214</sup> Bi	0.01	bulk LAr	~70,000	700	7,000
<sup>85</sup> Kr	0.115	bulk LAr	~70,000	8,050	80,500

TABLE I. Summary of the radiogenic backgrounds, adapted from Ref. [64], outlining the particular radioactive isotope, the region the isotope originates from, the estimated decay rate for the isotope, and the expected number of decays in a 10-second simulation window.

