



Digital signal processing in gamma spectroscopy



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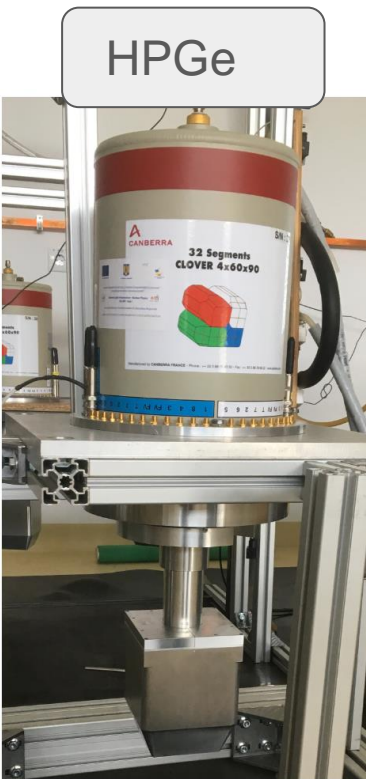
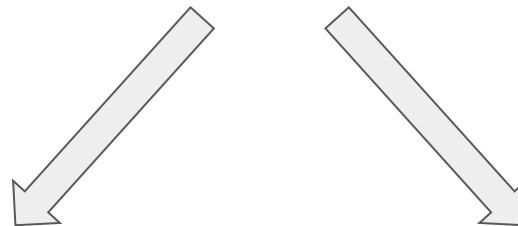
1. Introduction

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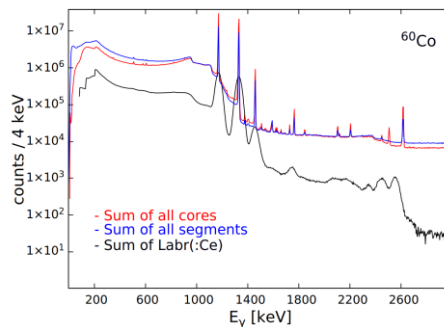
Types of detectors

- **ELIADE**: 8 HPGe + 4 LaBr₃ scintillators
- **ELIGANT-GN**: 15 LaBr₃ + 19 CeBr₃ + 22 Li-glass scintillators

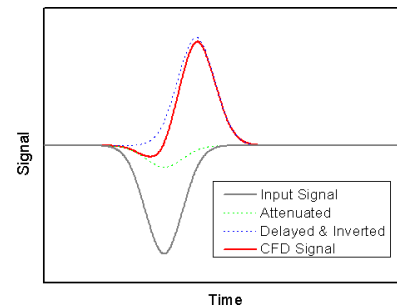
Why are they important



Scintillators

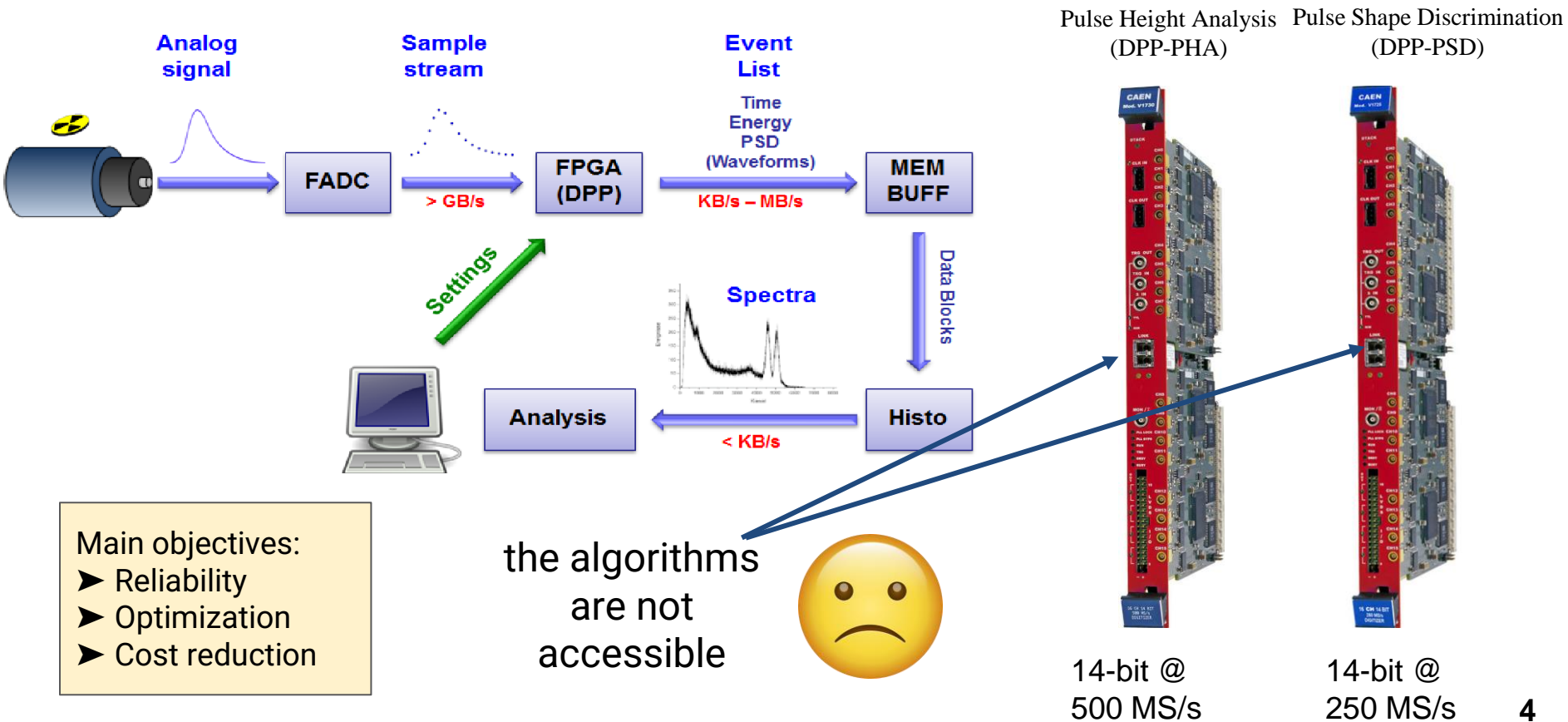


Energy

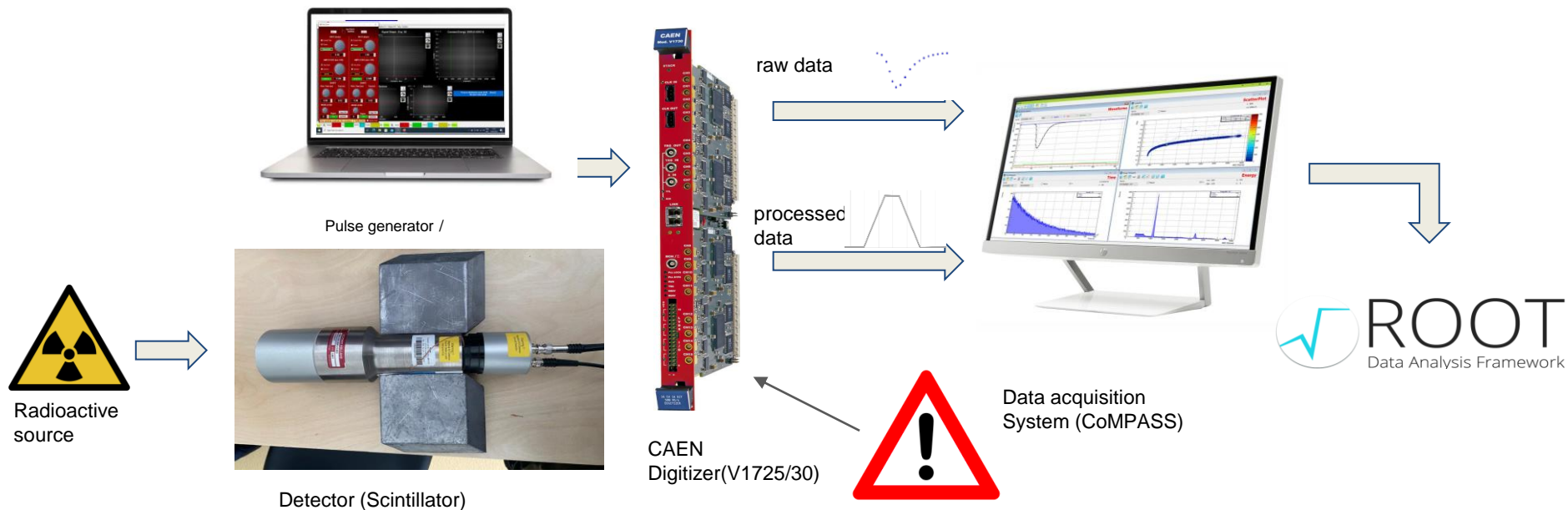


Timing

2.Motivation



3. Experimental setup



The incident photon from the radioactive source is captured by the detector and converted into an electrical signal.

The signal is transmitted to the digitizer, and the data will be collected using the CoMPASS data acquisition system.

CoMPASS will save the raw and filtered signal, and then we will process it using the ROOT framework (C++) and compare the results.

4.1. Pulse Shape Discriminator[1/3]

Pulse Shape Discrimination (PSD) - is technique used to discriminate between signals of different types of radiation

$$PSD = \frac{Q_{long} - Q_{short}}{Q_{long}}$$

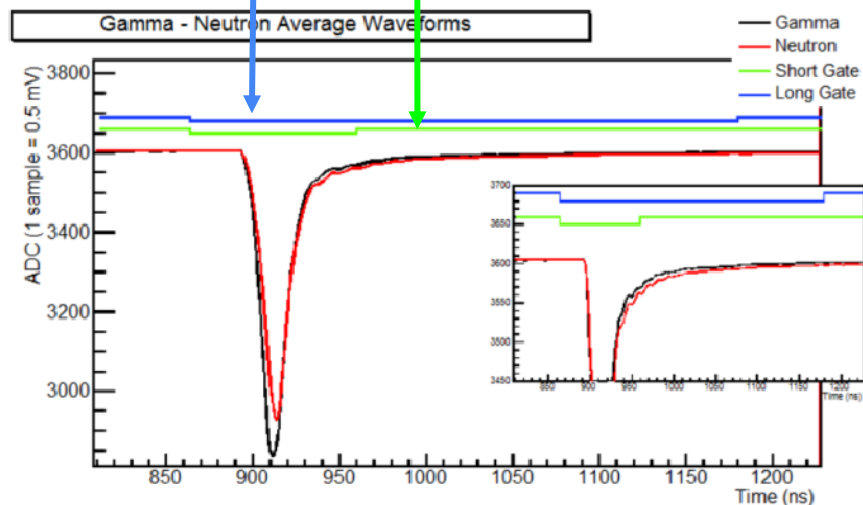
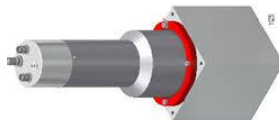


Fig.1 : Neutron-gamma discrimination

- **long gate** : duration of the signal gate for integrating the total electrical charge (= energy)
- **short gate** : duration of the signal gate for integrating the electrical charge of the fast component

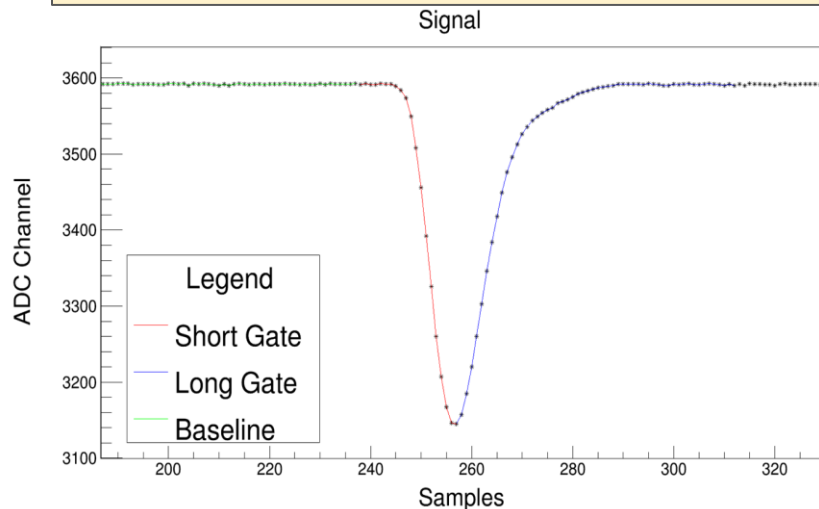


Fig.2 : Our signal with parameters

4.1 Pulse Shape Discriminator[2/3]

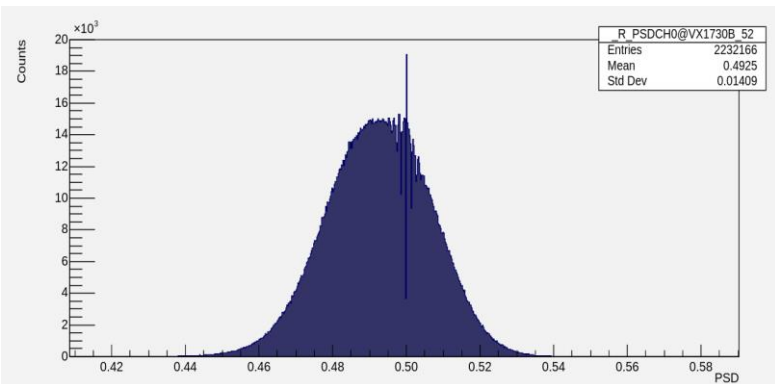


Fig.3 : PSD histogram by digitizer
Pulse Shape Discriminator

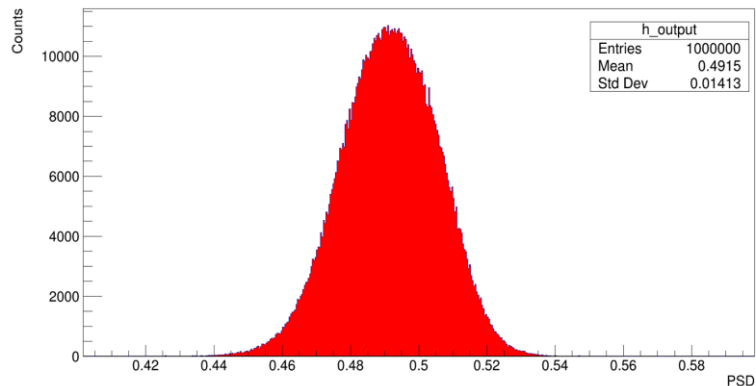
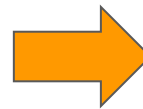


Fig.4 : PSD histogram by my algorithm

Results :

PSD_digitizer = 0.464

PSD_computed = 0.463



The algorithm's consistent and highly comparable results confirm its accurate and effective functioning.

we can observe gamma rays

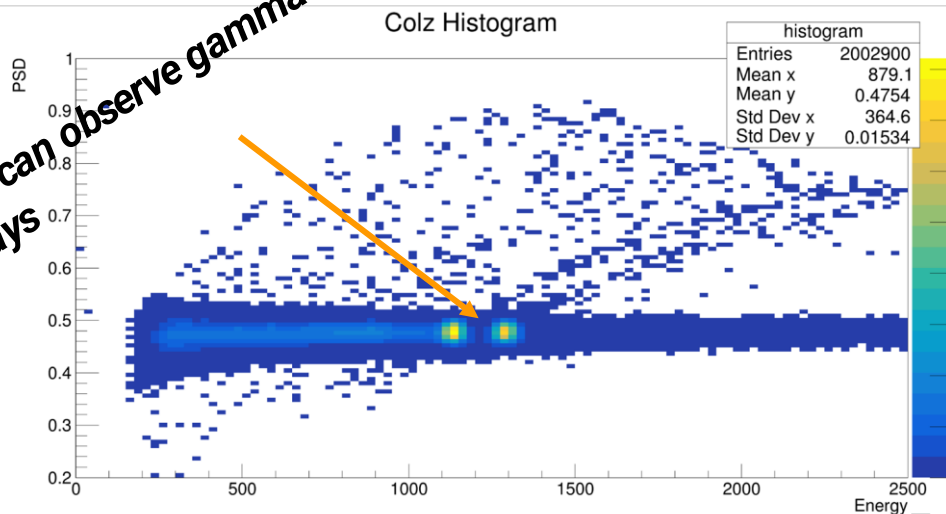


Fig.5 : PSD 2D histogram by my algorithm

4.1 Pulse Shape Discriminator (Energy Spectrum)[3/3]

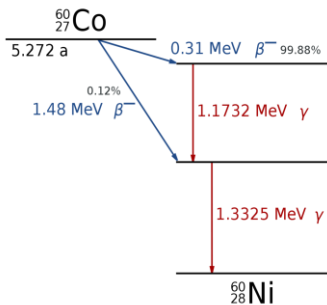


Fig.6 : ^{60}Co decay scheme

$$\text{Energy resolution}(\%) = \frac{FWHM}{\text{Centroid}} * 100$$

where :

$$FWHM = 2\sqrt{2\ln 2}\sigma \approx 2.355\sigma$$

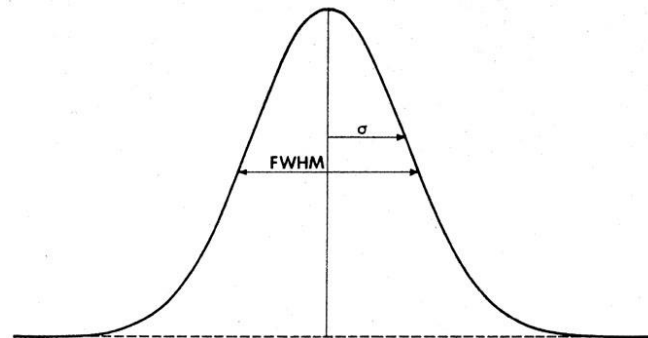


Fig.8 : Gaussian fit

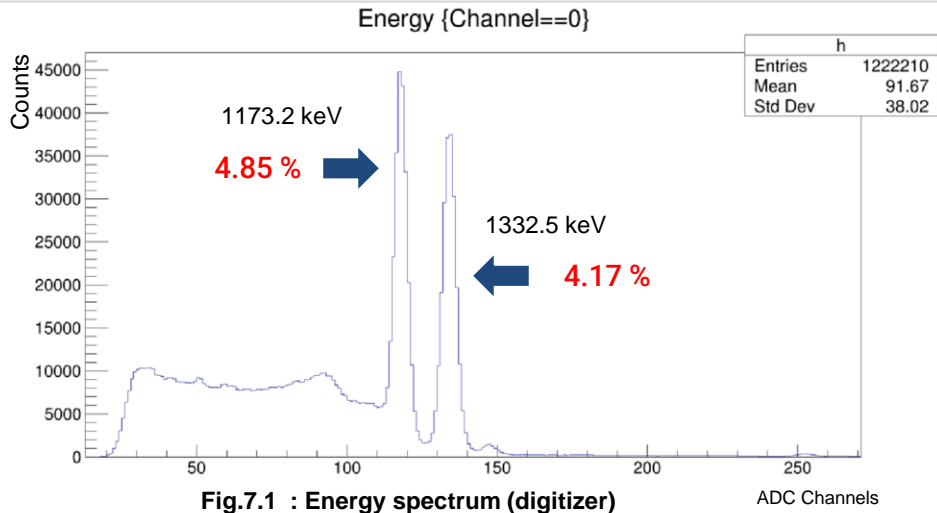


Fig.7.1 : Energy spectrum (digitizer)

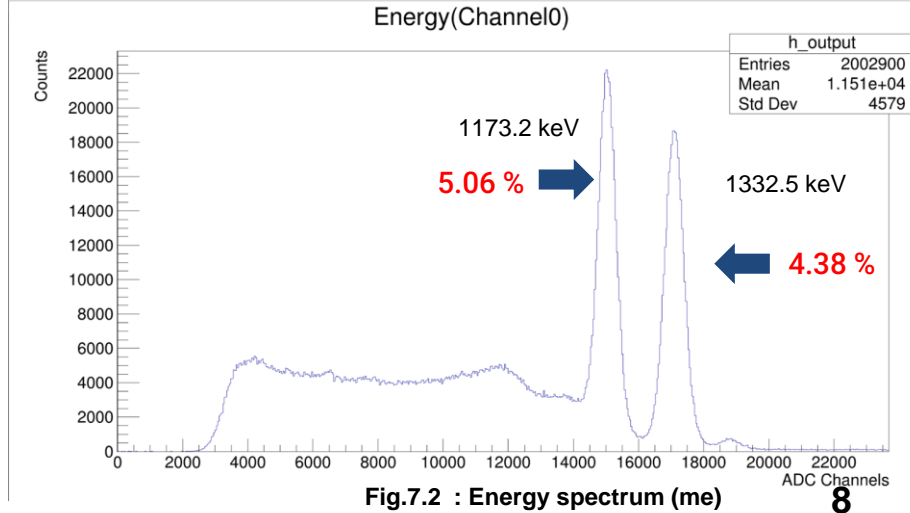


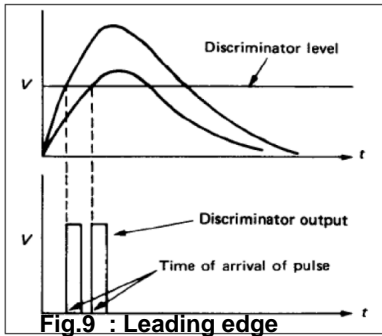
Fig.7.2 : Energy spectrum (me)

4.2 Timing algorithms[1/2]

- A timing discriminator main function is to accurately mark the arrival time of detected events.
- Achieving **optimal time resolution** is critical

Leading Edge

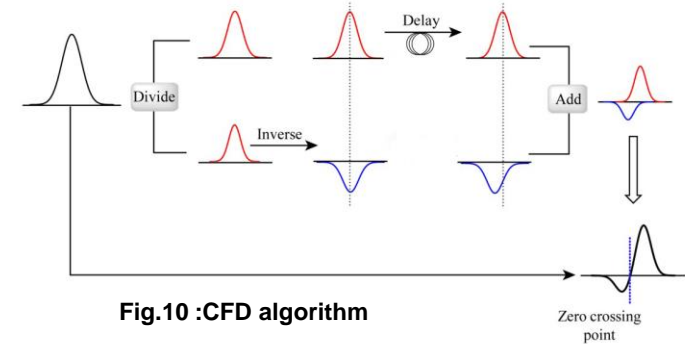
- it detects the point at which the signal rises above a certain threshold



**Problem :
Time walk**

Linear interpolation

**CFD
(Constant Fraction Discriminator)**



The CFD method calculates the time of arrival based on a fraction of the pulse amplitude

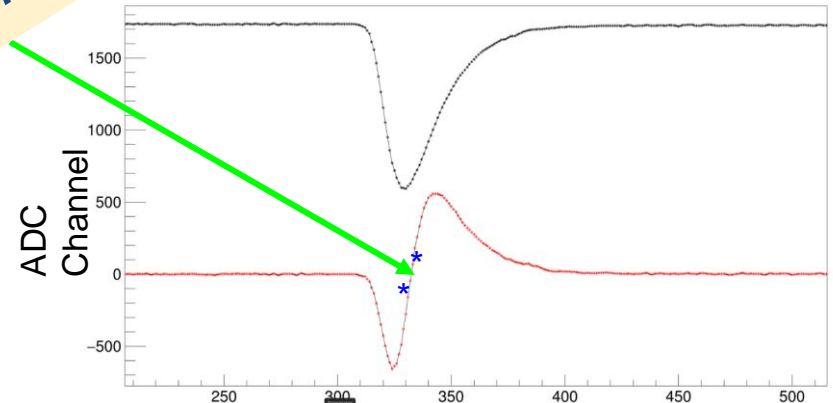
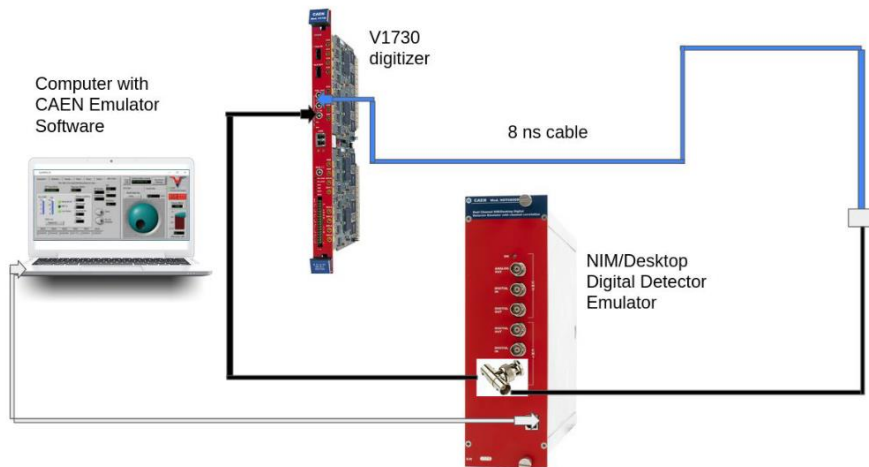


Fig.11 :Raw signal (black) and CFD signal (red) computed by me

4.2 Time difference[2/2]

Fig.12 : Pulser Set-up



Time coincidence

is an experimental design through which particle detectors register two or more simultaneous measurements of a particular event through different interaction channels.

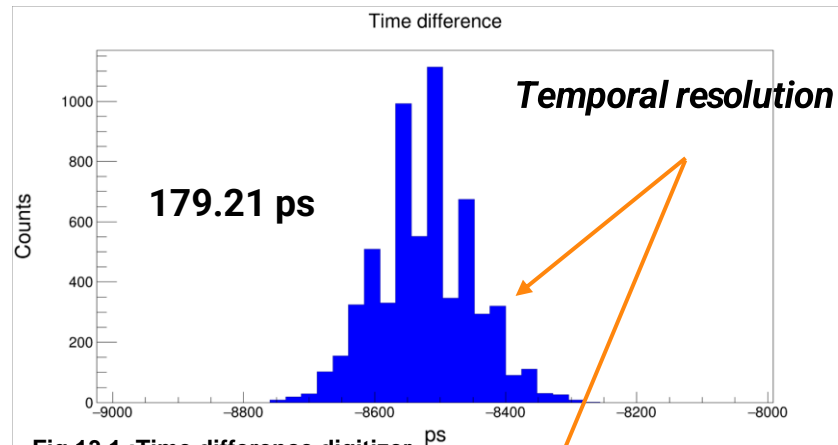


Fig.13.1 :Time difference digitizer

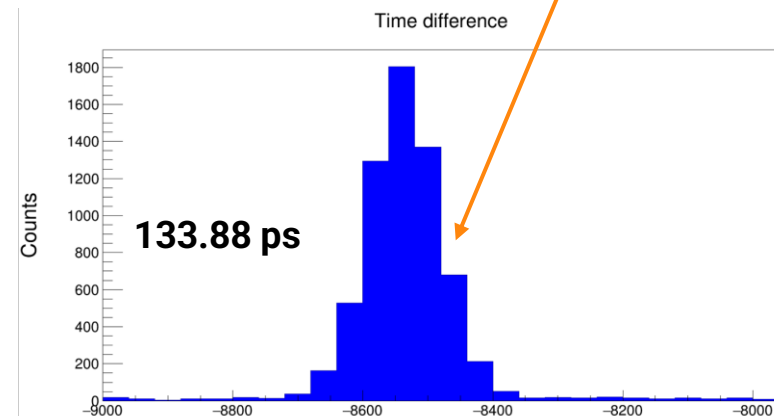
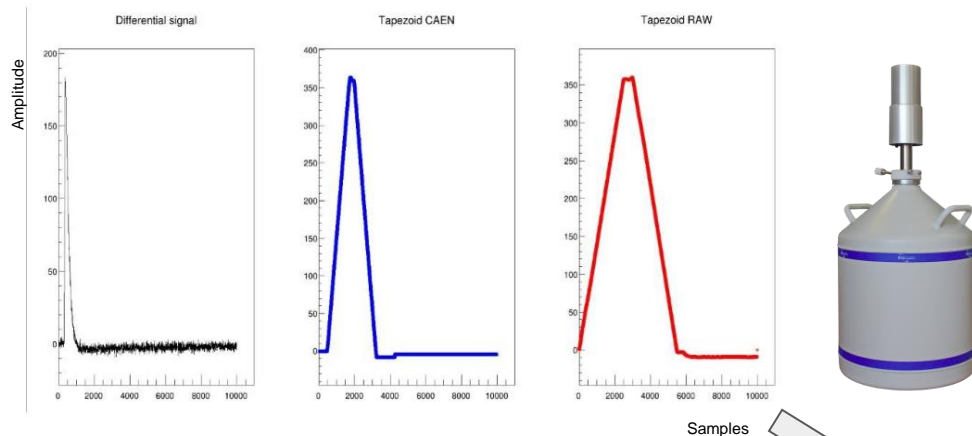
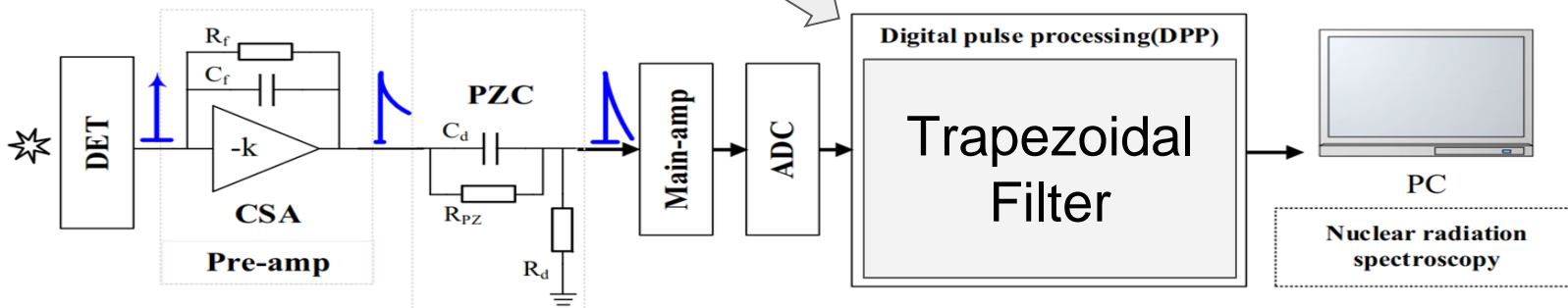


Fig.13.2 :Time difference my algorithm

5. Conclusion and future work[1/2]



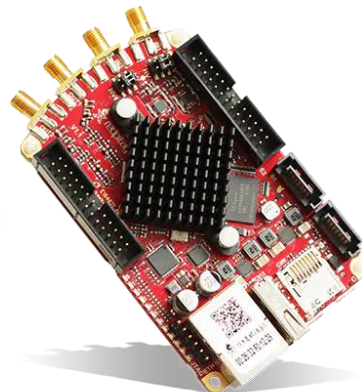
- Running the trapezoidal filter on multiple events
- Checking the energy resolution
- Performing the timing algorithm



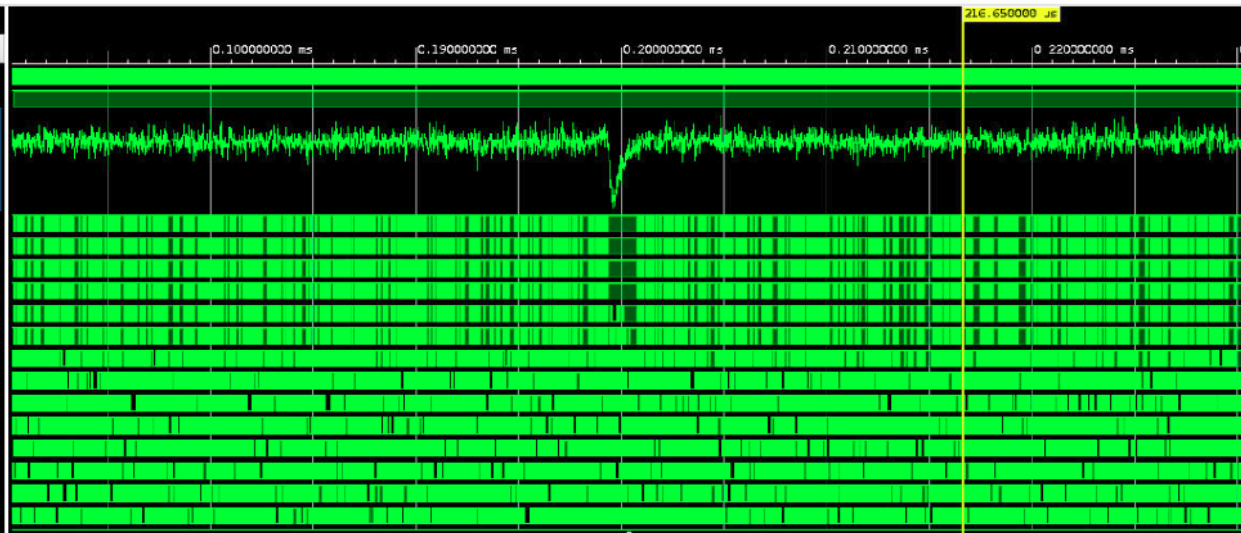
5. Future outlooks[2/2]

- analyzing the data in real-time
- improving the filters

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Do you have any questions?



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