

# EICROCO testing at BNL



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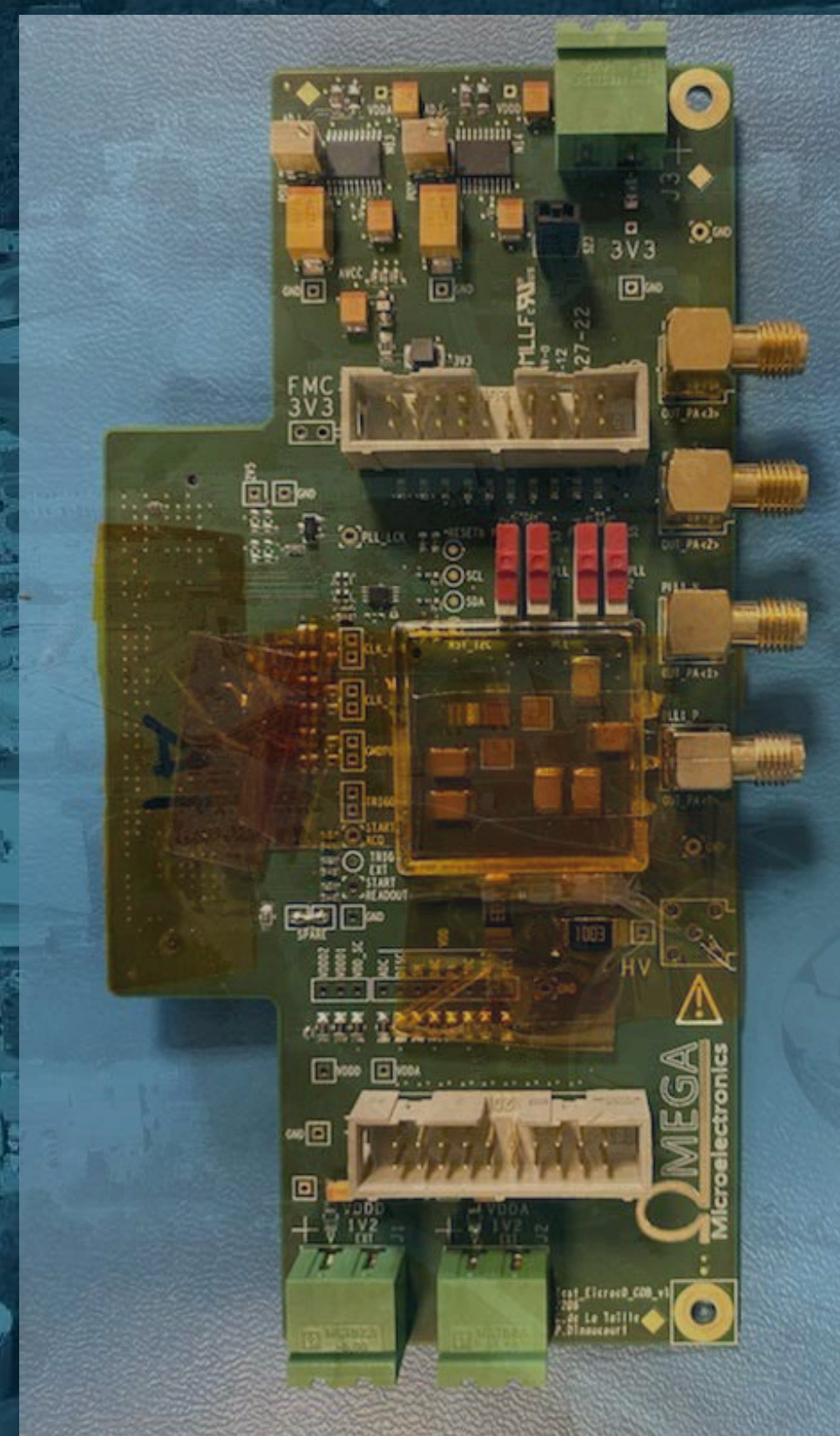
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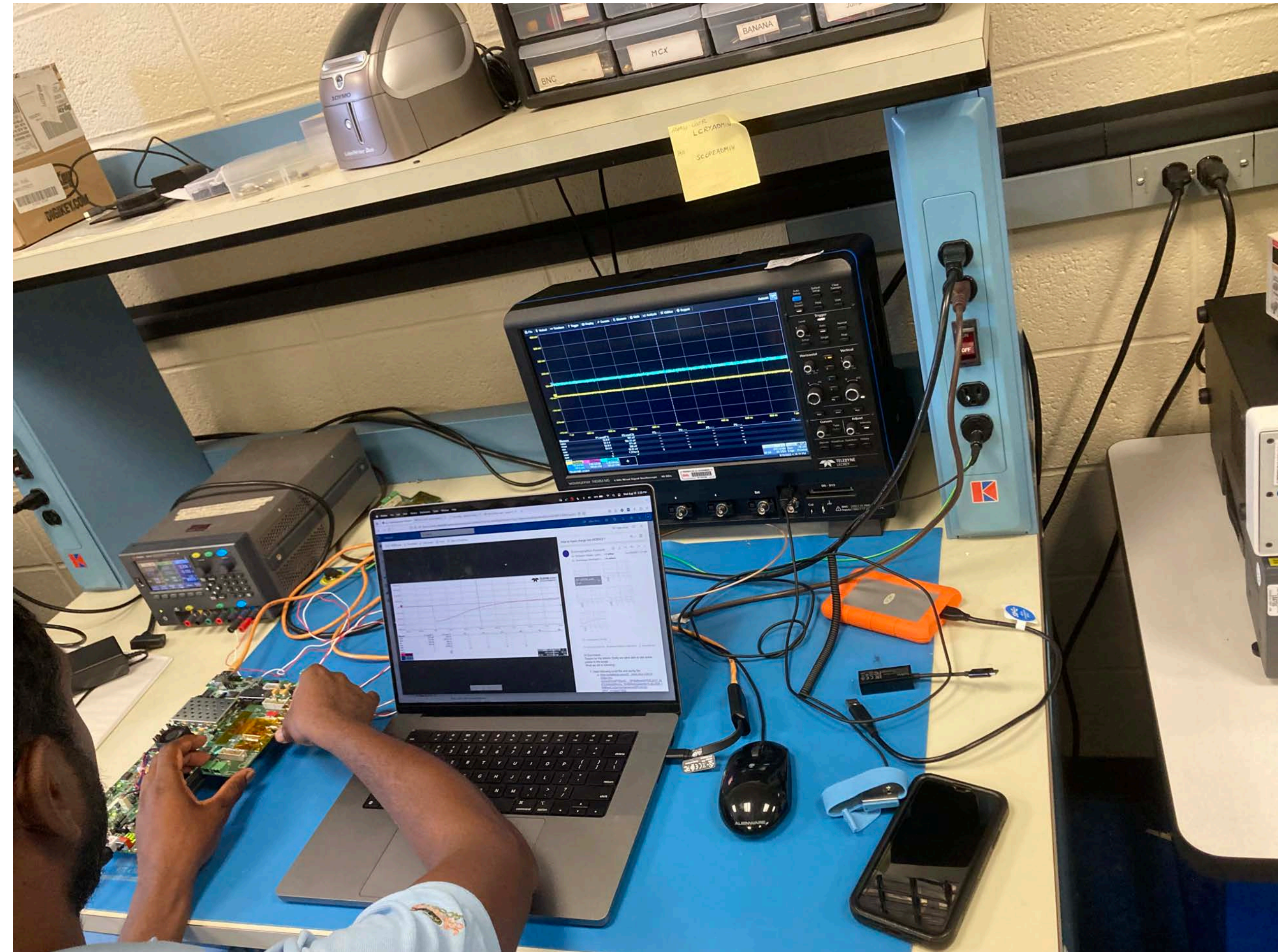
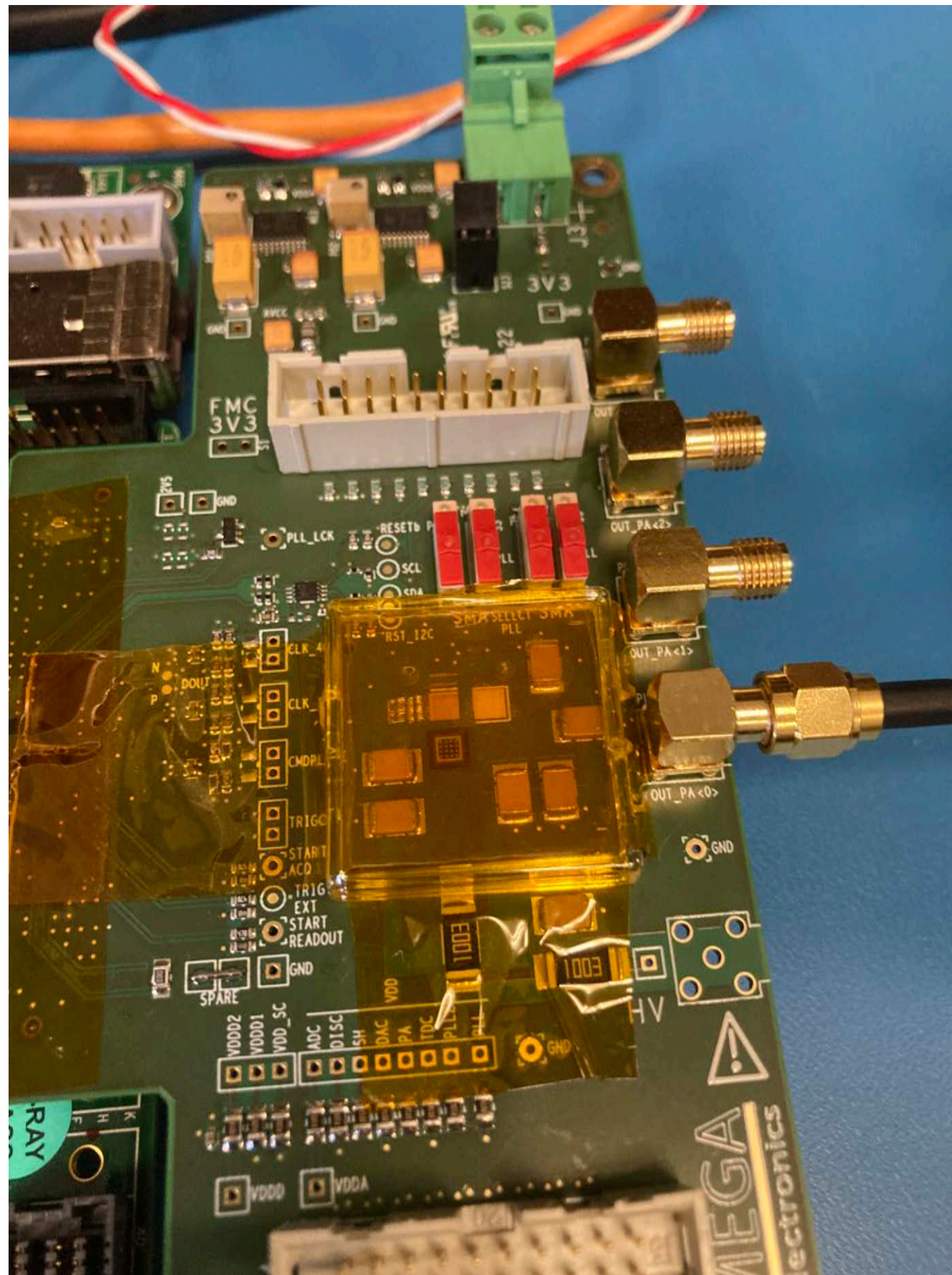
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# Frist test: Pre-amplifier output

Test setup

PCB board A1 and G1



All resistors are measured removing from the board, corrected as specified

For this study: we inject charge & study pre-amp output with a scope, reproduce results from Dominique's slides:

[https://indico.bnl.gov/event/19528/contributions/76533/attachments/47836/81223/EICROC0\\_Progress\\_report\\_eRD112\\_20230\\_06\\_06.pdf](https://indico.bnl.gov/event/19528/contributions/76533/attachments/47836/81223/EICROC0_Progress_report_eRD112_20230_06_06.pdf)



# Updating the value of the resistors on PCB

## PCB board A1 (only ASIC)

R5 = 150 ohm

R17 = 150 ohm

R52 = 30.1 kOhm

R54 = 4.22 kOhm

R57 = 30.1 kOhm

R58 = 4.22 kOhm

M13 and M14 originally installed correctly.

S23 installed, SPARE jumper installed.

ASIC wirebonded.

## PCB board G1 (ASIC+sensor)

R5 = 150 ohm

R17 = 150 ohm

R52 = 30.1 kOhm

R54 = 4.22 kOhm

R57 = 30.1 kOhm

R58 = 4.22 kOhm

**M13 only** was originally flipped, but has been corrected.

S23 installed, SPARE jumper installed.

ASIC wirebonded.

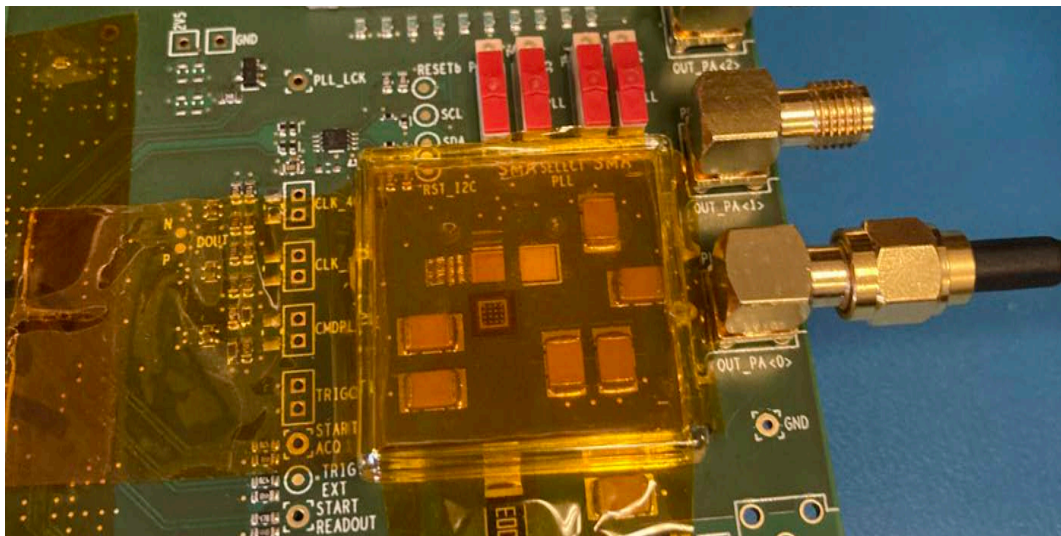
SMA connectors were added for comparison testing.

We have tested all of the resistors out of the PCB network, and they all match the correct nominal values. In-network effective resistances remain the same as earlier testing. We have also applied corrections to the resistors, regulator IC, and jumpers

All resistors were updated, double-checked according to the instructions from the developers



# Pre-Amp output amplitudes: large charge



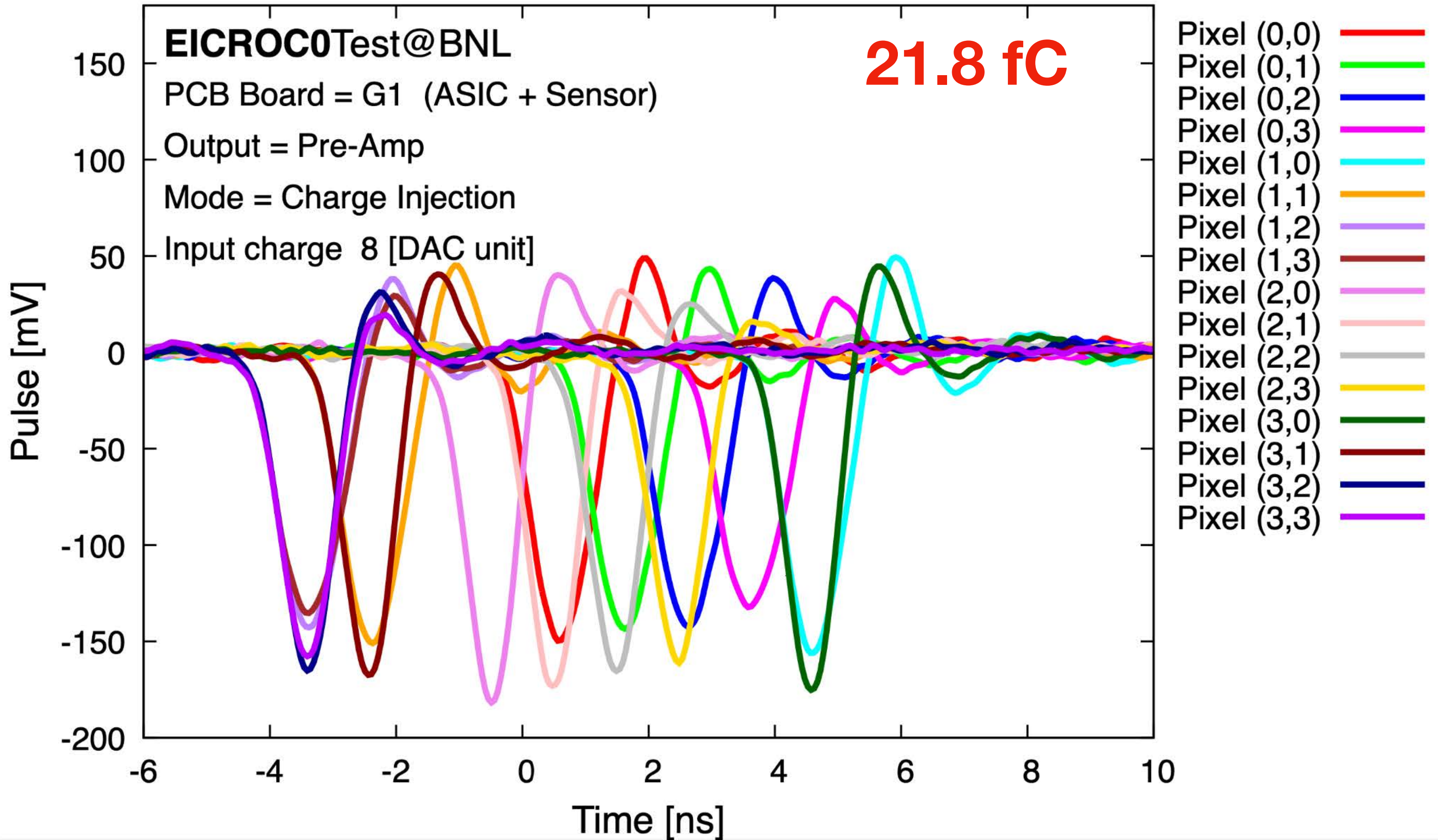
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| Pixel / Channel Mapping | Column 0           | Column 1           | Column 2           | Column 3           |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Line 0                  | Pixel (0,0)<br>#00 | Pixel (1,0)<br>#04 | Pixel (2,0)<br>#08 | Pixel (3,0)<br>#12 |
| Line 1                  | Pixel (0,1)<br>#01 | Pixel (1,1)<br>#05 | Pixel (2,1)<br>#09 | Pixel (3,1)<br>#13 |
| Line 2                  | Pixel (0,2)<br>#02 | Pixel (1,2)<br>#06 | Pixel (2,2)<br>#10 | Pixel (3,2)<br>#14 |
| Line 3                  | Pixel (0,3)<br>#03 | Pixel (1,3)<br>#07 | Pixel (2,3)<br>#11 | Pixel (3,3)<br>#15 |

We inject charge into each column

We select the pixel we read in the column by setting bit-4 of register EN\_digprobe. Pixel (0,0) is only read in Column 0 and so on.

Input charge = 8 DAC = 21.8 fC



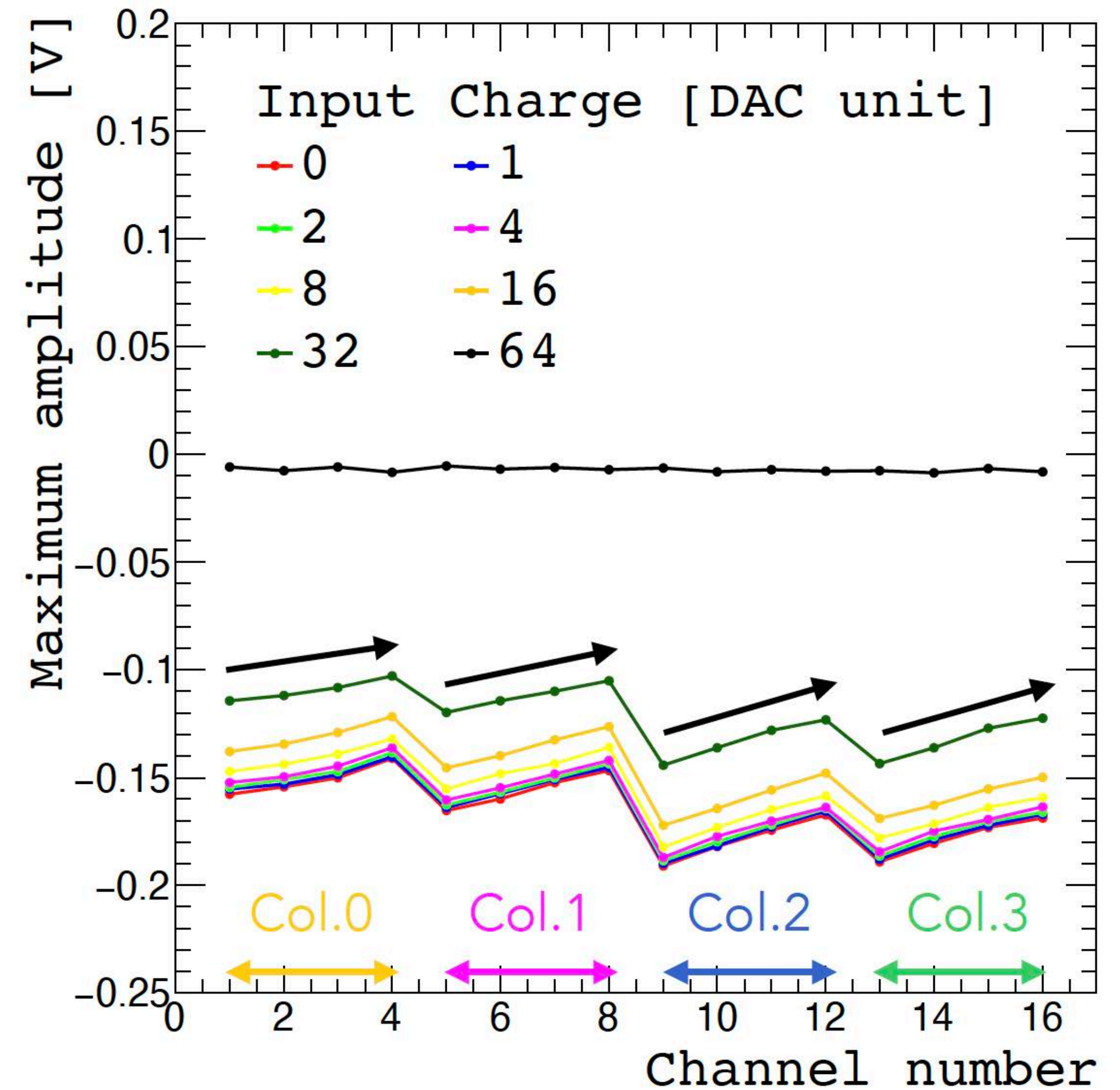
All the pixels perform as per expectations



# Column wise variation

In the same column, the larger pixel number has a higher amplitude in all columns.

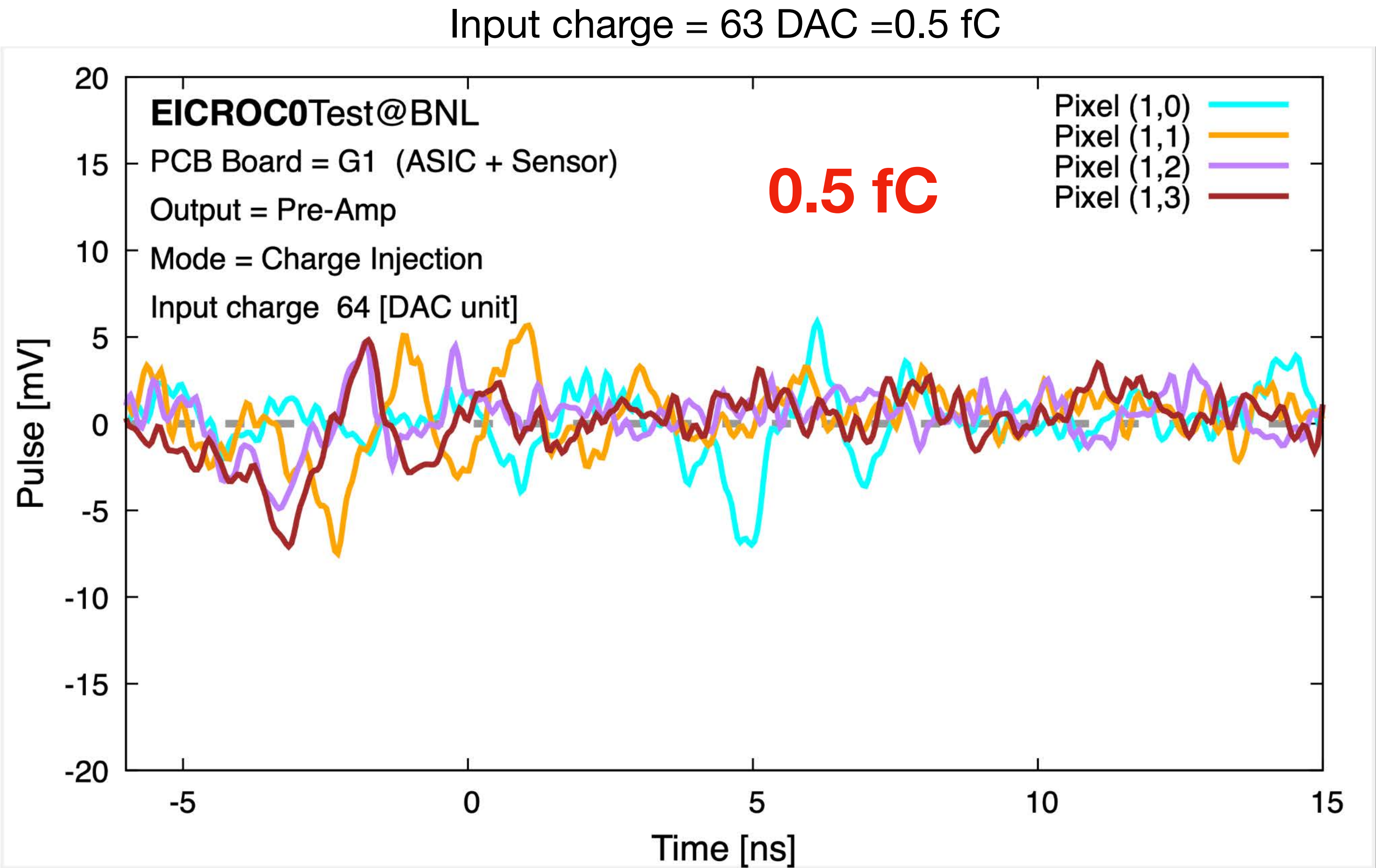
We need to understand why there is a hierarchy in the maximum amplitude



# Pre-Amp output amplitudes: small charge

| Reg 0x20C dacb_pulser value | Tension [mV] | Charge [fC] |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 0                           | 249,1        | 24,91       |
| 1                           | 245,3        | 24,53       |
| 2                           | 241,4        | 24,14       |
| 4                           | 233,4        | 23,34       |
| 8                           | 218,2        | 21,82       |
| 16                          | 187,3        | 18,73       |
| 32                          | 124,8        | 12,48       |
| 63                          | 5,05         | 0,505       |

We get signals for the lowest charge injected, but the Pre-amplifier output is dominated by noise. Noise from remaining channels (columns) used as trigger

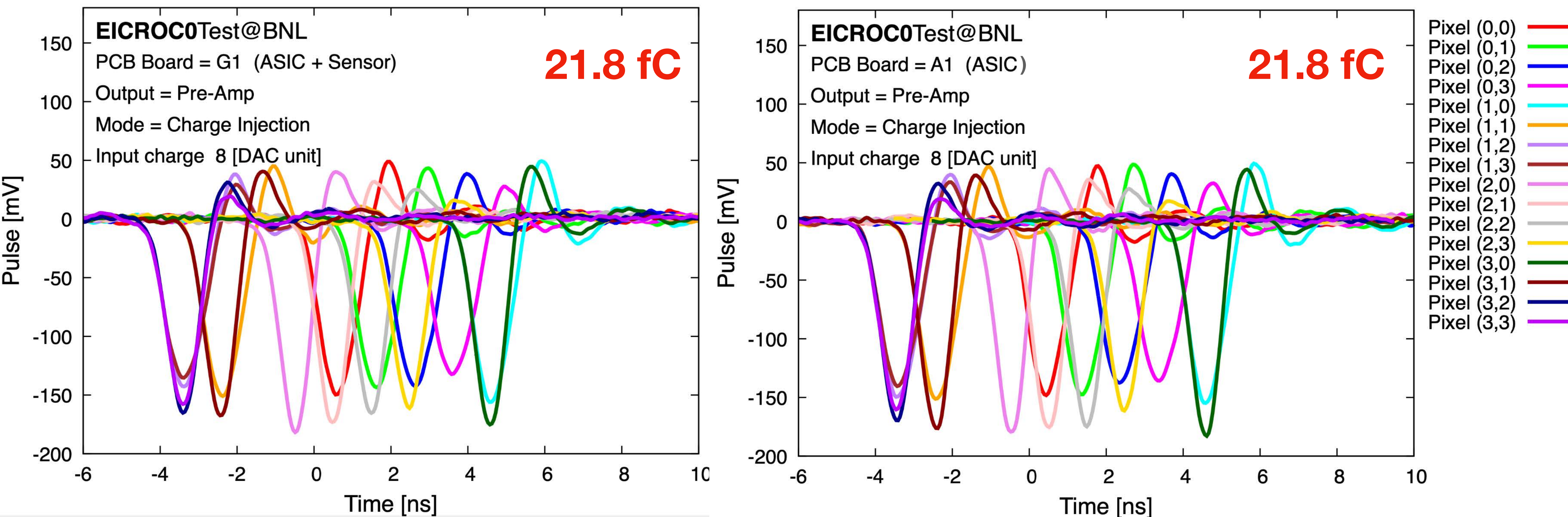


Noise dominated pulse for minimal injection



# Cross checking with two different boards

Input charge = 8 DAC



Two PCB boards behave similarly

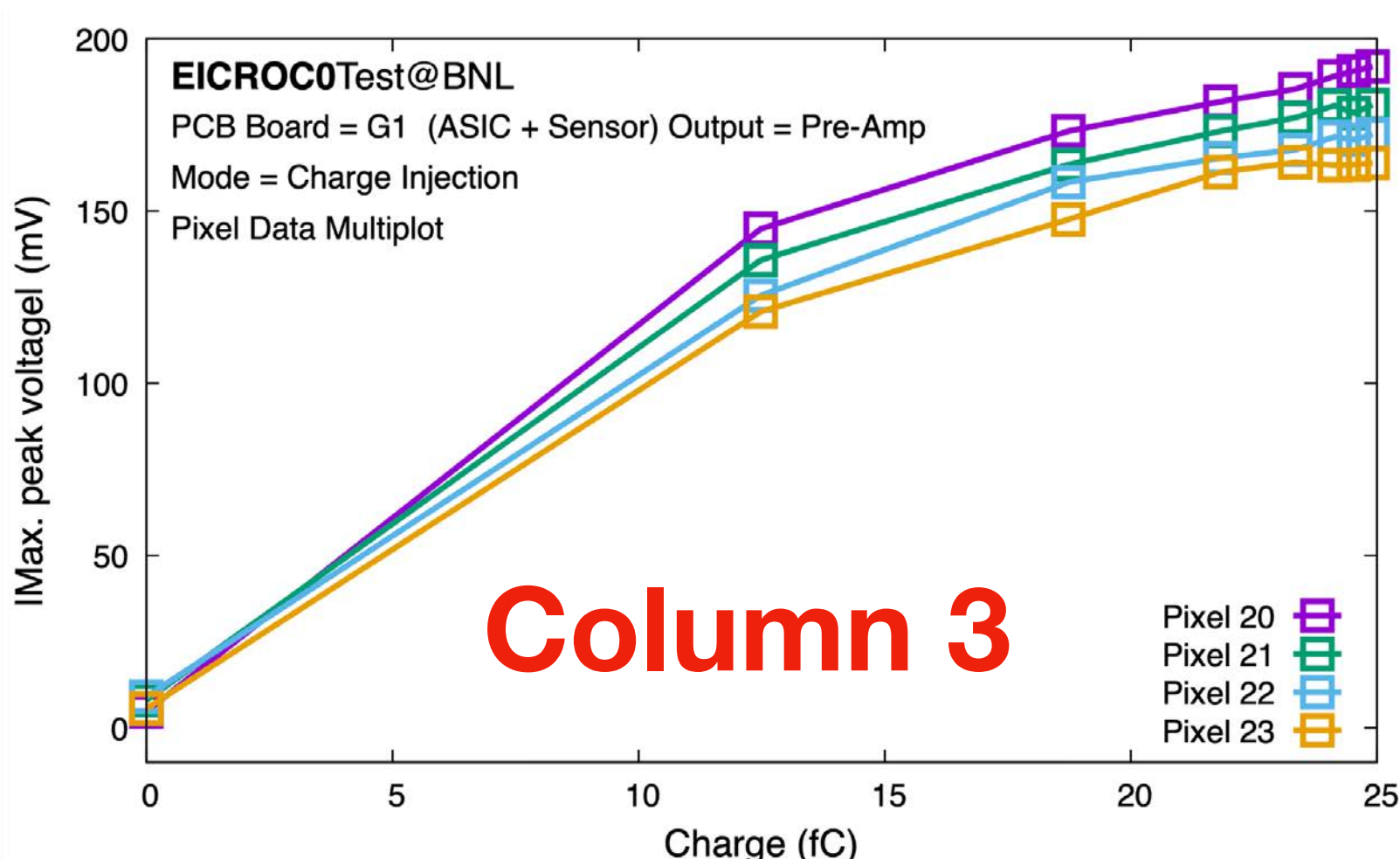
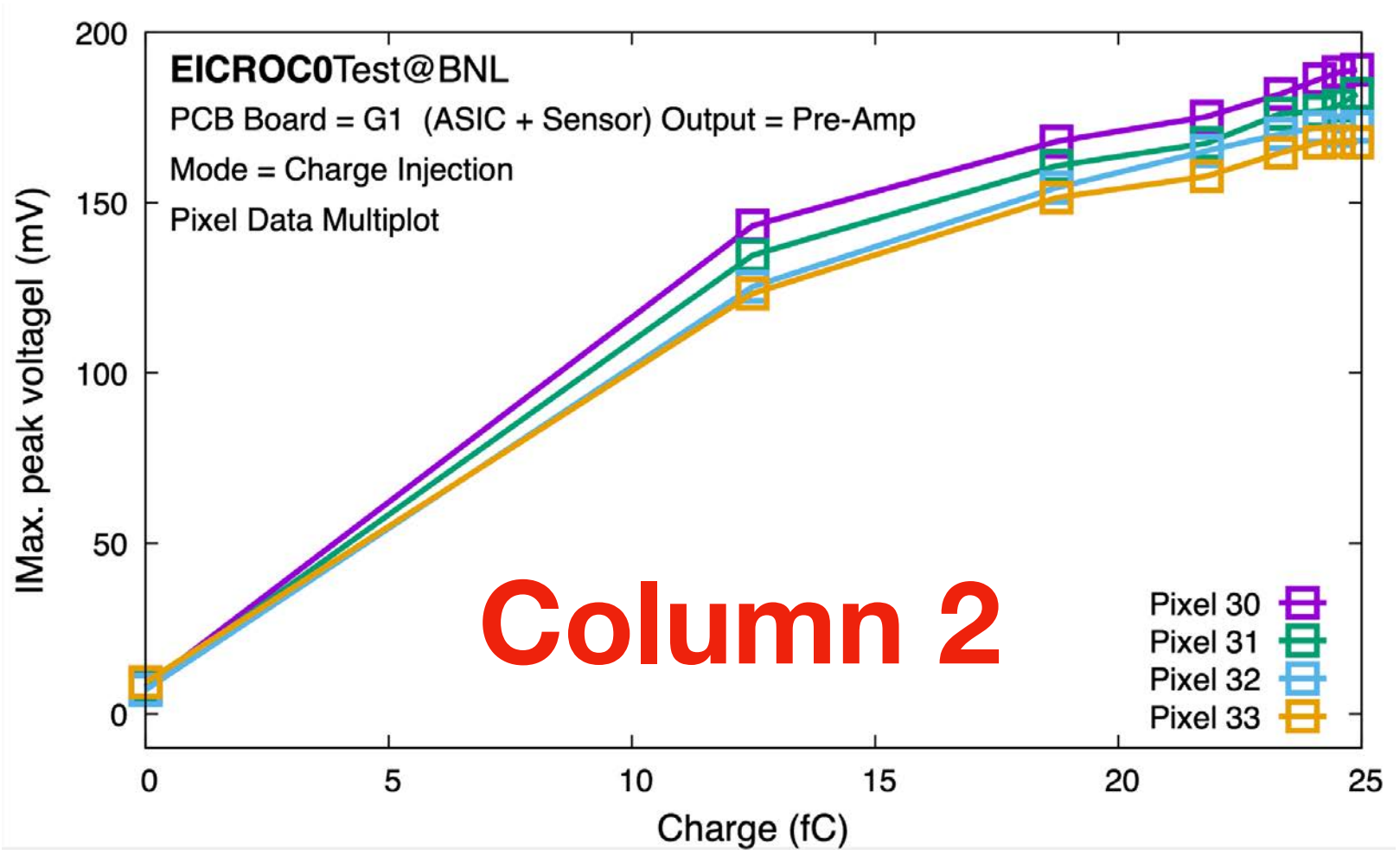
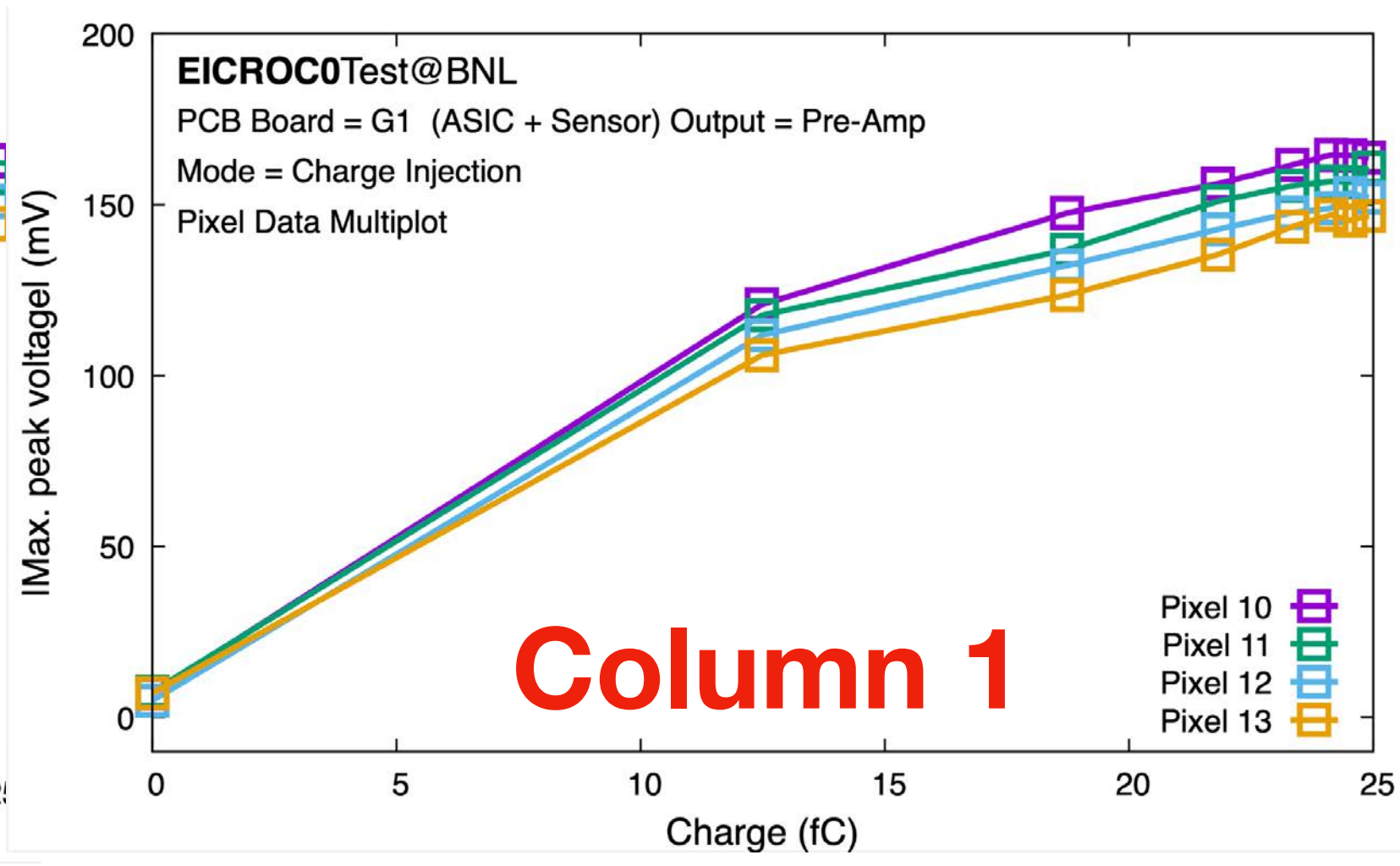
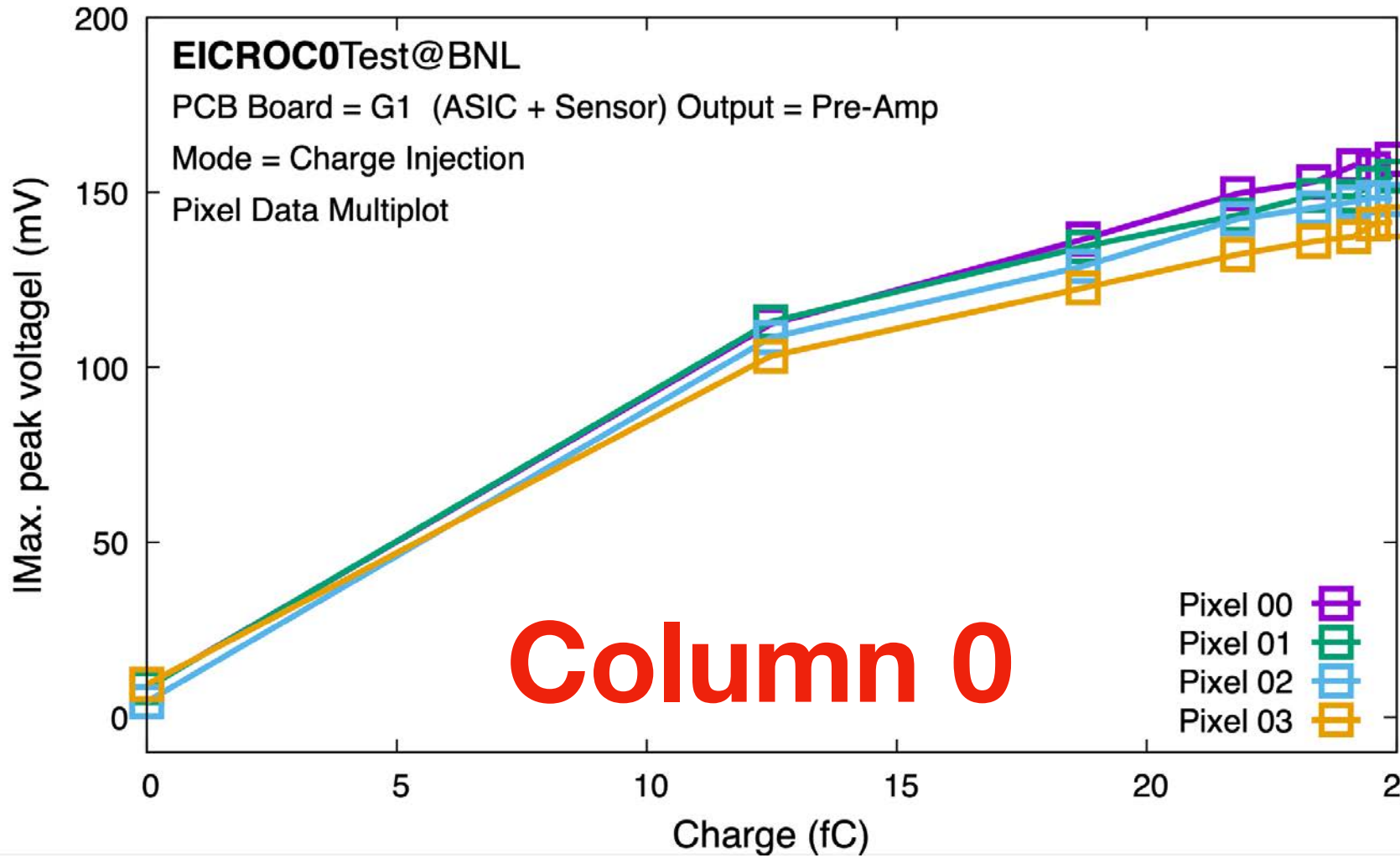


# Absolute max. amplitude vs Injected charge

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$Q \text{ [fC]} = C \text{ [fF]} \times U \text{ [mV]}$   
 $C = 100 \text{ fF}$

Non-linear behaviour in general.  
For a given injected charge,  
Columns 2 and 3 have greater  
absolute maximum amplitudes  
(of signal) in comparison to  
Columns 0 and 1.

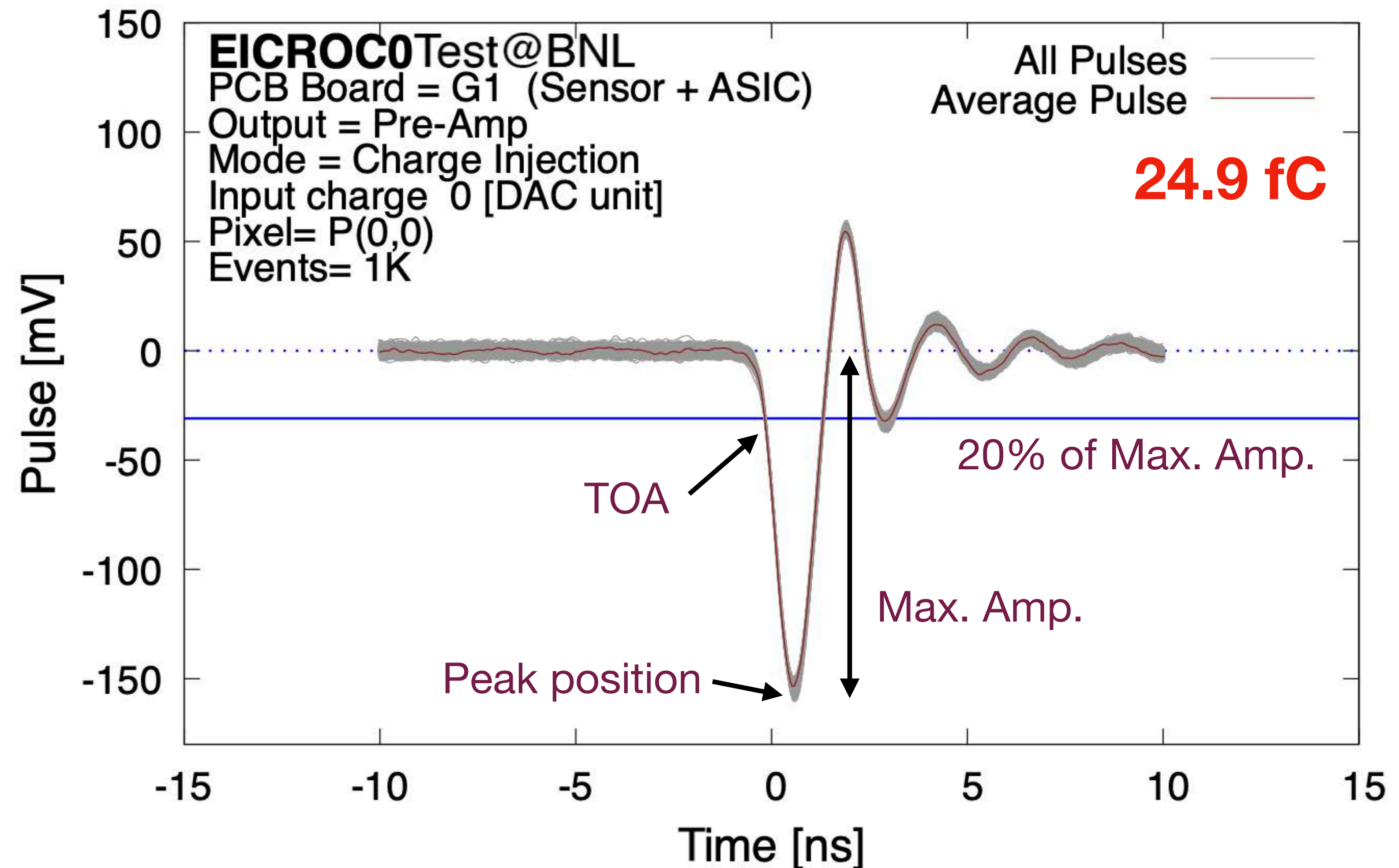


Correlated response as expected



# Average pulse shape & TOA

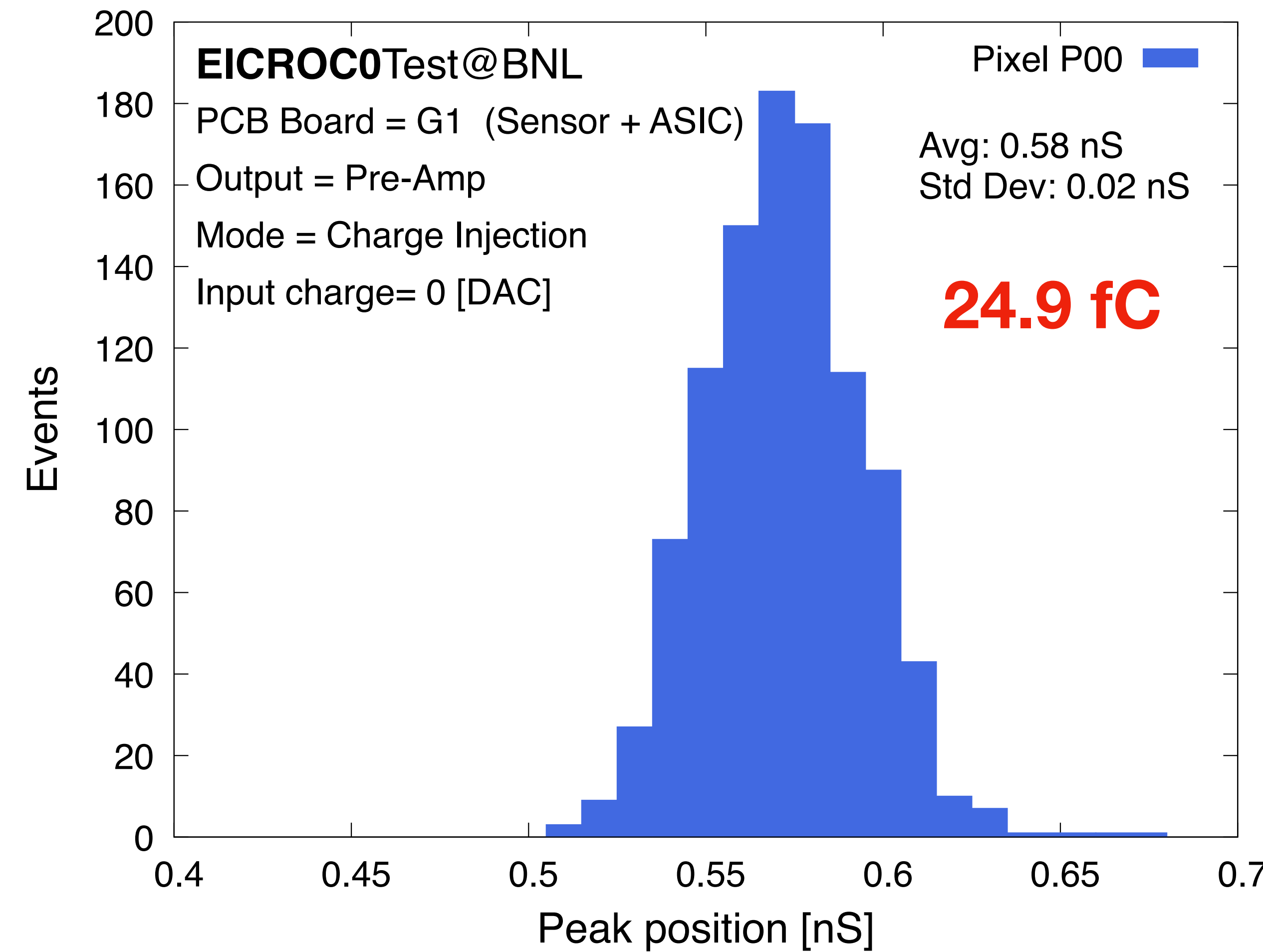
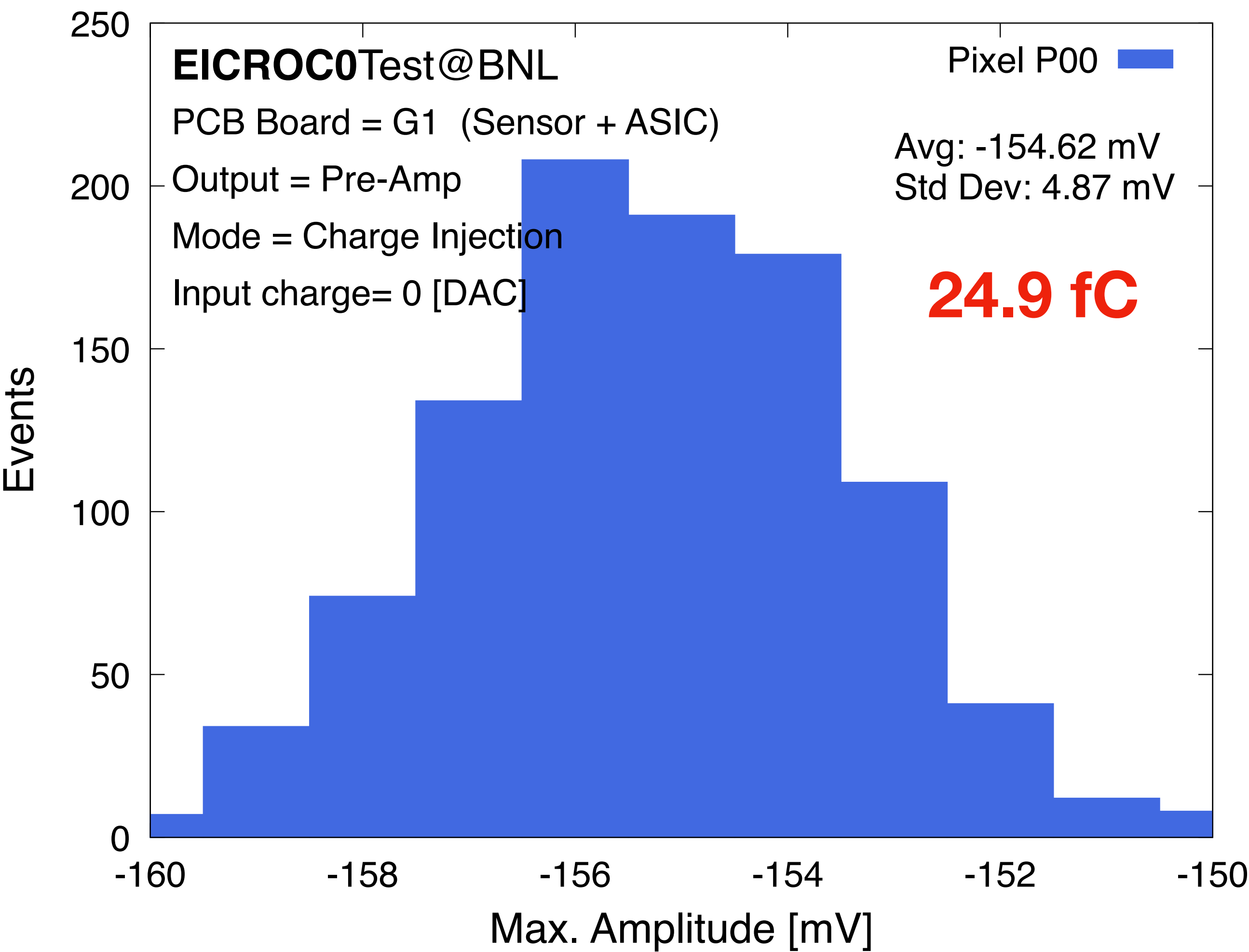
Time of arrival computed  
as threshold at 20 % of  
the |Max. Ampl.|



We collect 1K events to study the  
average behavior and pulse distributions



# Study of the signal distributions



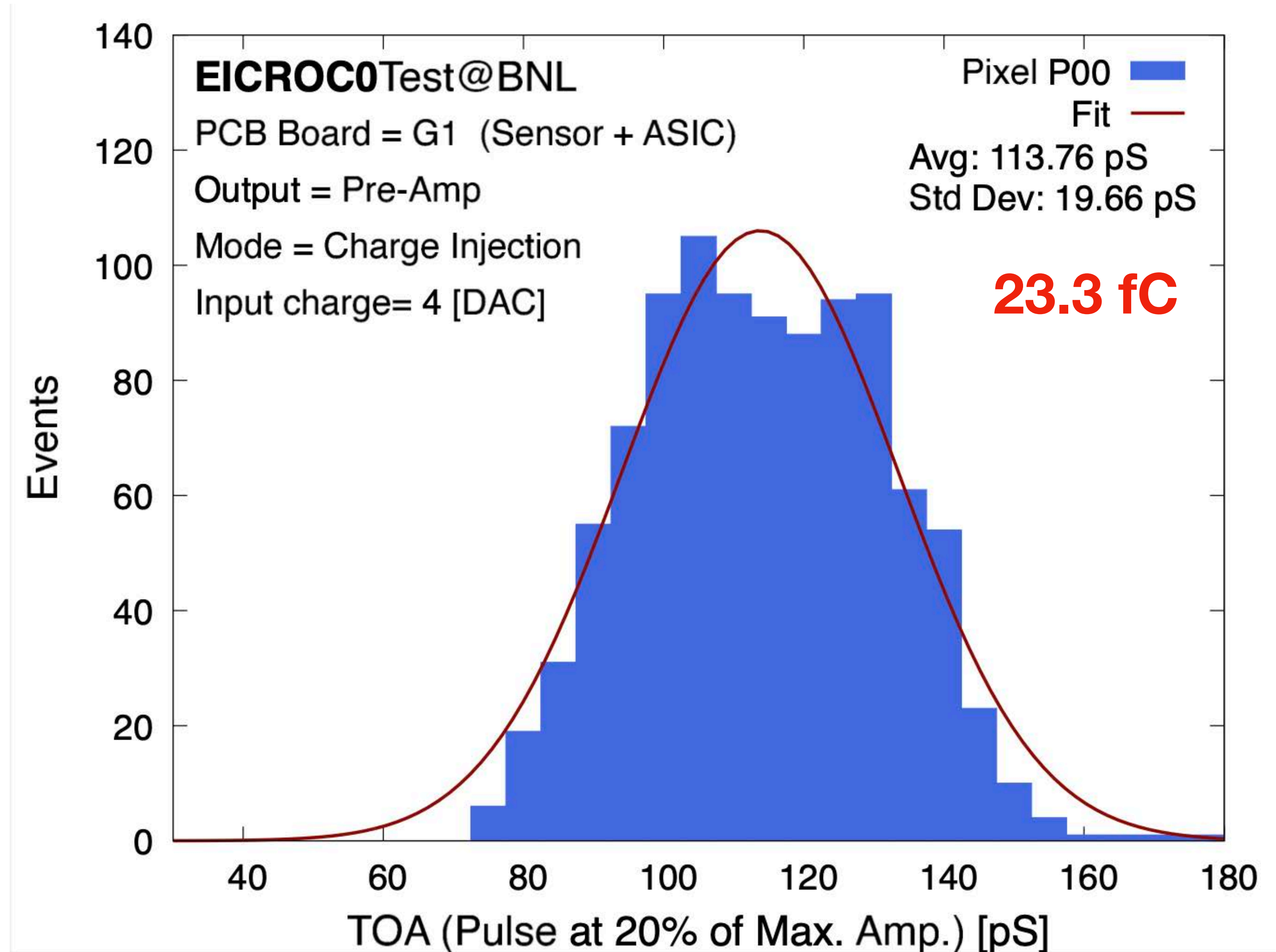
Peak amp. and position studies: More studies needed to understand the distribution



# Jitter Investigation for Time of arrival

- This is a tentative study
- Jitter is equivalent to  $\sigma$
- Mean Time of Arrival (ToA)  
sets the threshold for  
Constant Fraction  
Discriminator

We find a width of 20 pS  
for the TOA defined as  
time of 20% of the Max.  
Amp.





# Summary

Procured EICROC0 ASIC PCB and bonded AC-LGAD + EICROC0 onto the PCB with BNL's instrumentation division

- Made necessary corrections to the PCB
- Acquired Xilinx development kit and set up a test stand at BNL
- Installed required software and firmware, currently modifying software for connections
- We have a fully operational test stand combining sensor, ASIC, and prototype board
- Performed some primary characterizations and replication of EICROCx developer's results
  - Read Pre-amp output with charge injection for all 16 pixels
  - Study Max. amps with injected charge
  - Tentative study of the distribution of amplitude and jitter

## To Do:

- Read the digitized output TDC/ADC, Pulse with clock ON/OFF
- Characterization with sensor using a source