

H2GCROC3A testing

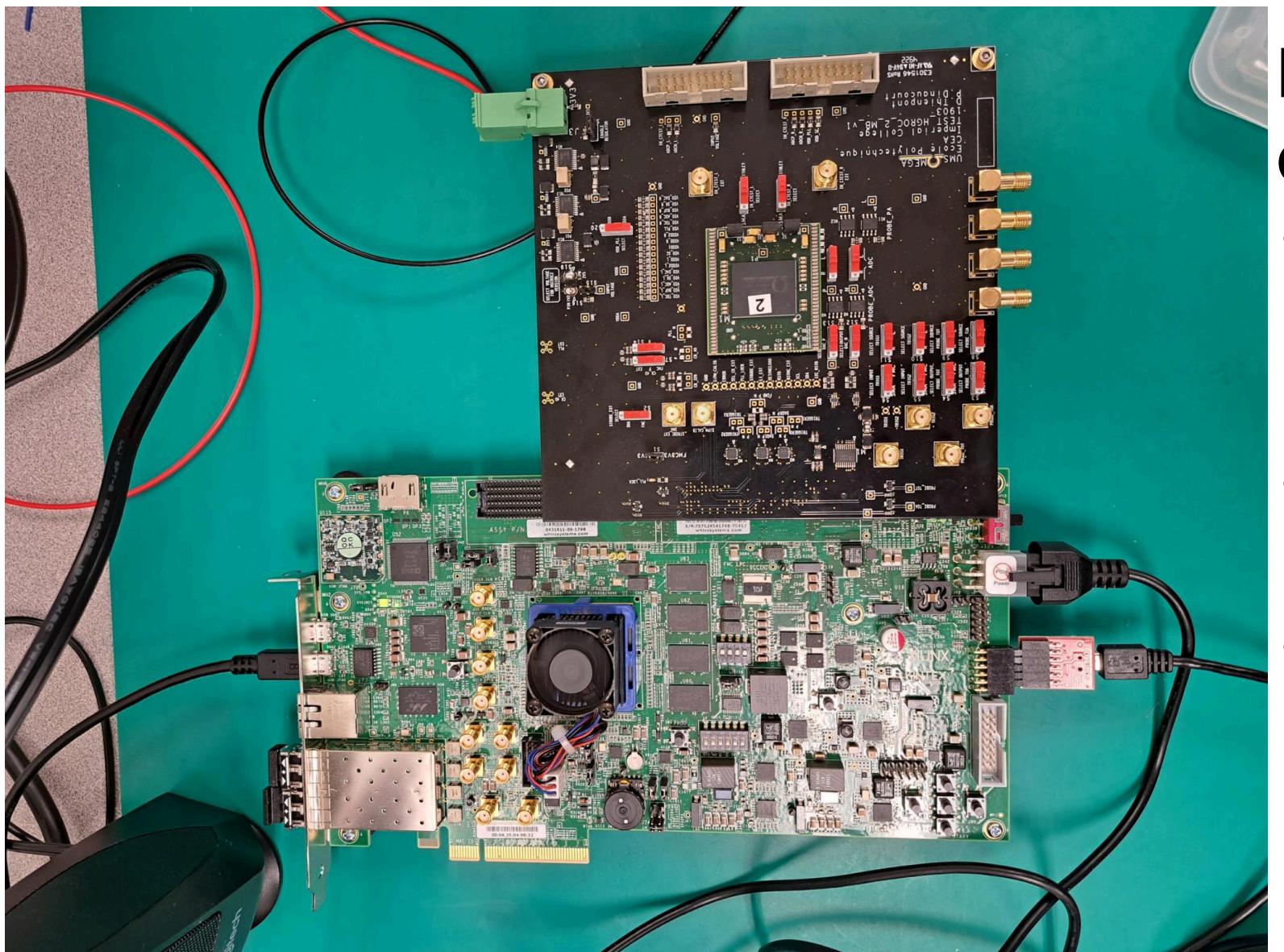
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What do we have? What we produced so far



First mezzanine + carrier board designed by Omega:

- Received the chip and produced couple of mezzanines and carrier boards for testing
- Understanding the communication, setup of the chip
- We can physically solder inputs (SiPM) on channels, but this is more for single-channel testing



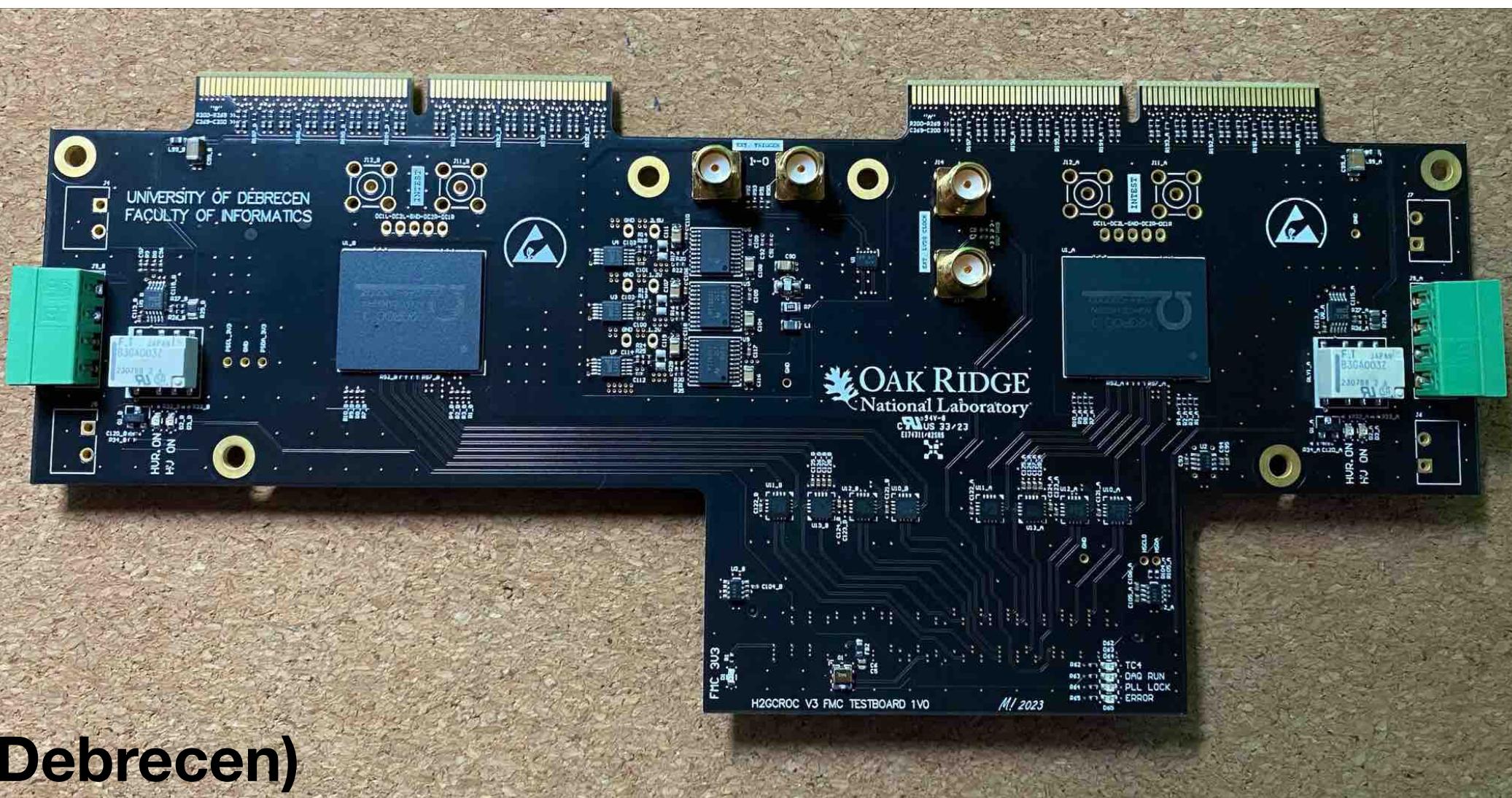
ComBoard1.0:

- USB3 readout communication
- Testing the Samtec Cables (connectors attached)

ProtoBoard1.0:

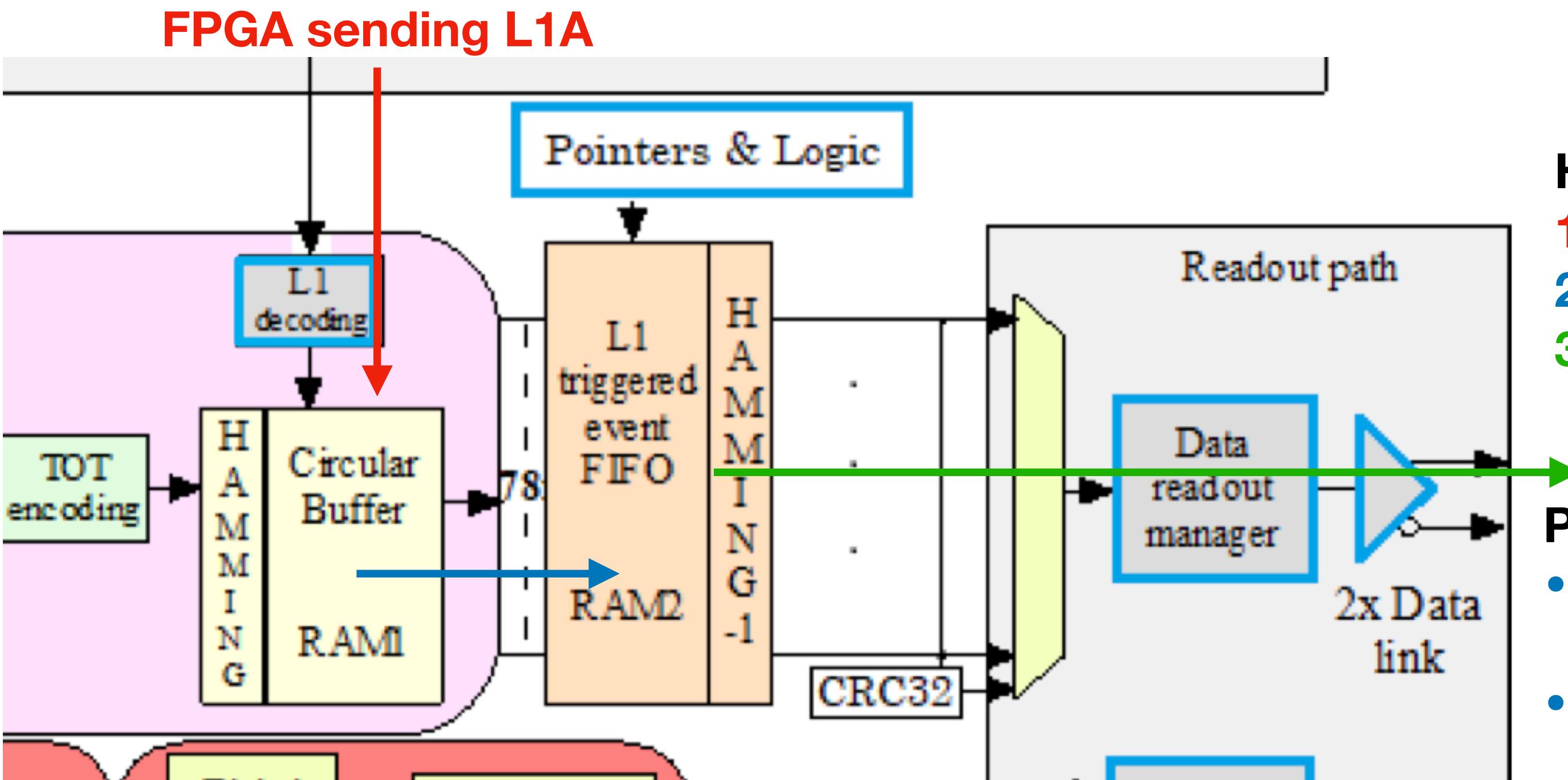
- Produced 2 of these boards so far with H2GCROC3A
- Made so it is compatible with the CAEN commercial readout
 - The upper golden pins can accept the CAEN backboards (2x)
- $64 \times 2 = 128$ channel readout - not every of the 72 channel is connected
- LVDS readout via the FMC connector
- Compatible with the KCU105 (firmware, software done):
 - Still work-in-progress, there are improvements coming as we speak

ProtoBoard1.0



Thanks a lot to Miklos Czeller and Gabor Nagy (Debrecen)

One known problem quickly discovered - this is only H2GCROC3A



How we see it working:

1. **FPGA sends an L1A trigger signal**
2. **RAM1->RAM2 moving data**
3. **RAM2 trickles down the data as they come in**

Problem arises in step 2:

- When RAM1—>RAM2 move is done, the power can decrease
- If the next L1A comes quickly, then it might flip 1—>0 bit
- Depends on the frequency of the L1A coming in

Problem fix:

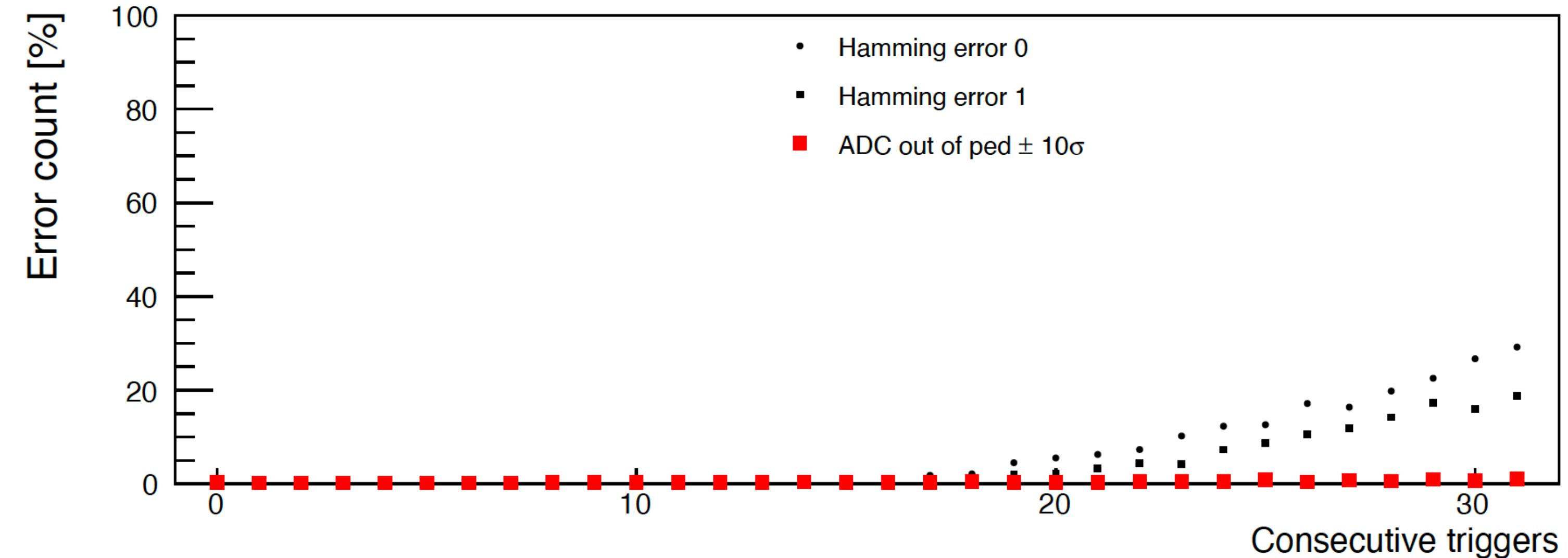
- Connect the VH10 pin to the 1.2 V
- This prevents the drop of power and corruption of the data
- Hamming code has to be ==0 in order to see no corruption

This problem is annoying, we fix it with implementation of dead time. We found 1 μ s is sufficient for see no significant Hamming code errors

We connected the 1.2V and will retest

This bug is fixed in the H2GCROC3B - available in early November

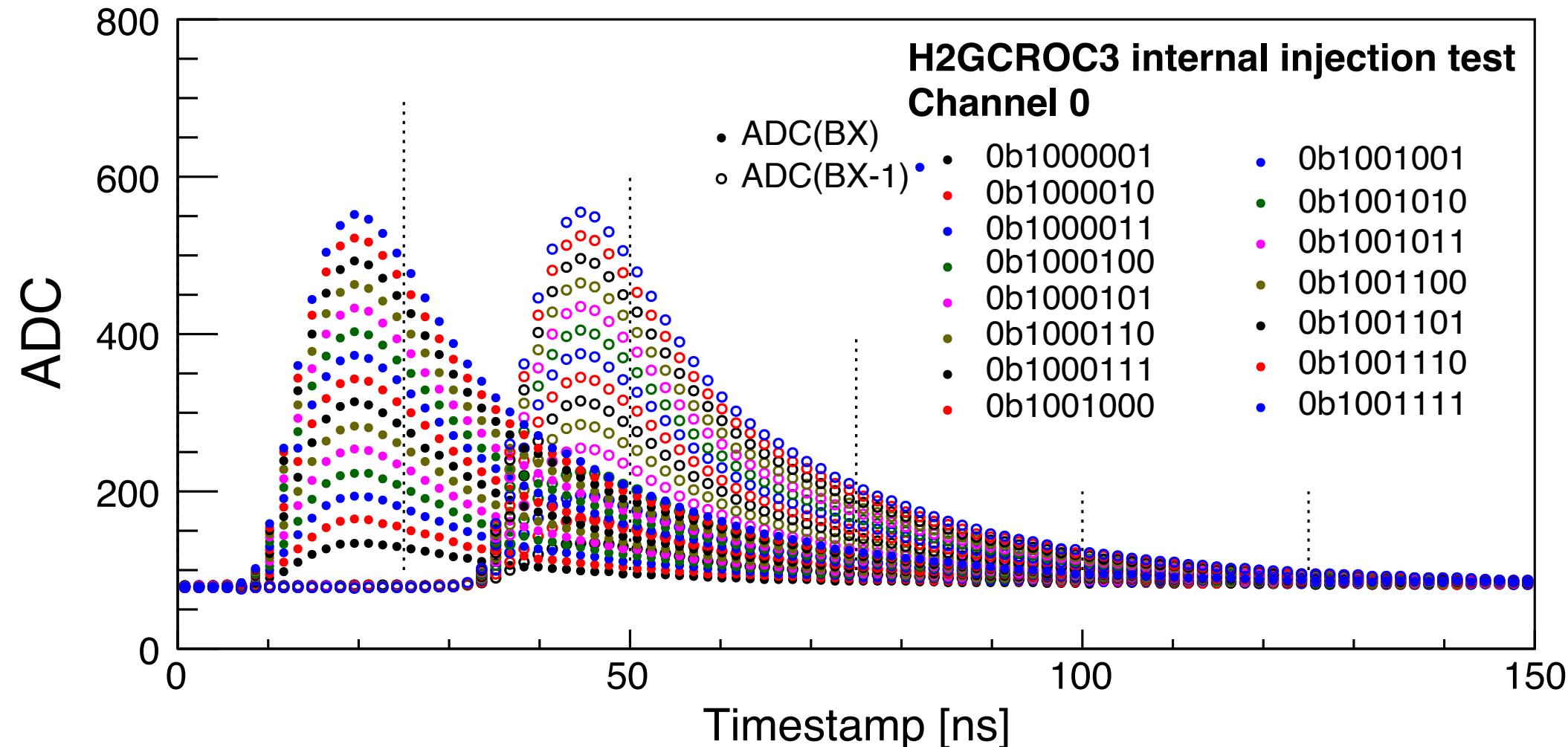
Fixed



The depth of RAM2 is 32:

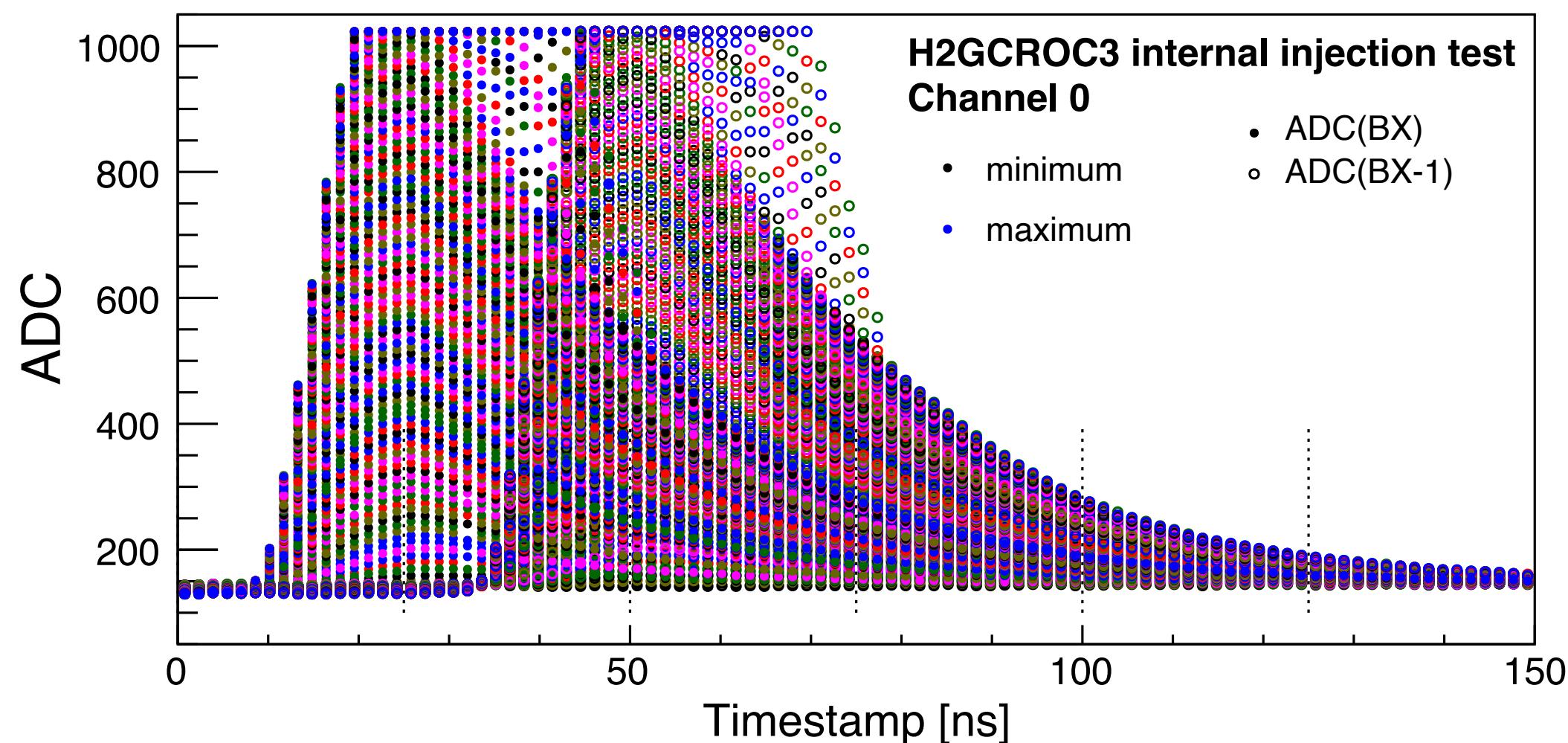
- Implemented machine-gun trigger (consecutive bunch crossing)
- Up to 32 triggers to fill completely the secondary RAM:
 - 800 ns long sampling
- Checking Hamming Errors on both sides of the ROC:
 - Tells us the bit flip errors
 - Run each setup for 1k events
- We see no problem up to 18 consecutive triggers. Then there are some corrupted ones up to 30% of events at 32.

Signals!



Low injection test:

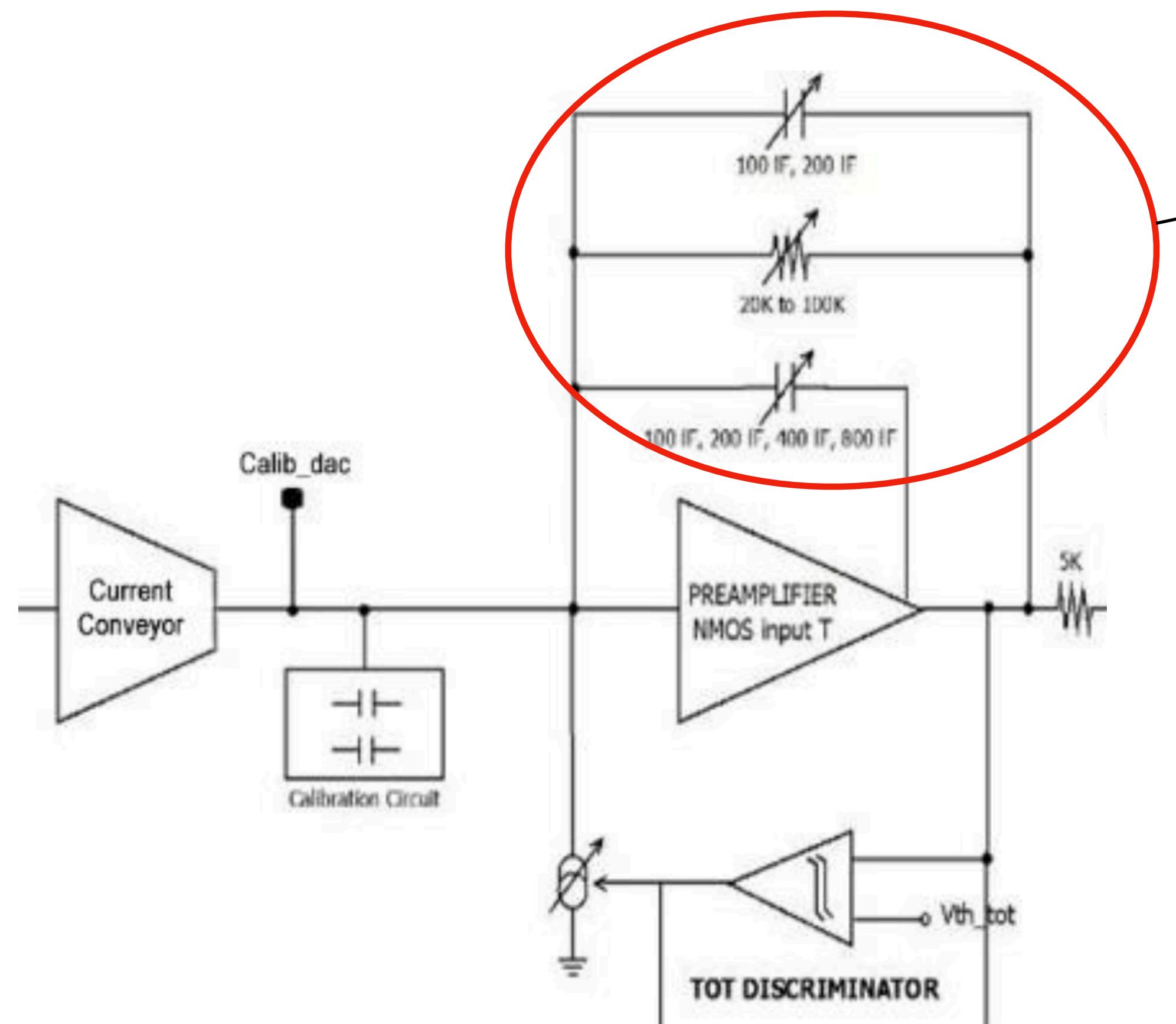
- The legend is different injections:
- 0b1001111 = low injection + “F00” = 3840 (almost maximum)
- Scanned the full shape of the signal:
 - The ADC and ADC(BX-1) is shown
- TOA and TOT purposefully turned off
- All channels were tested, in the backup



High injection test:

- TOA and TOT purposefully turned off
- Tested from lowest to higher signals
- Let the ADC saturate
- Shape is very consistent, does not change with the height

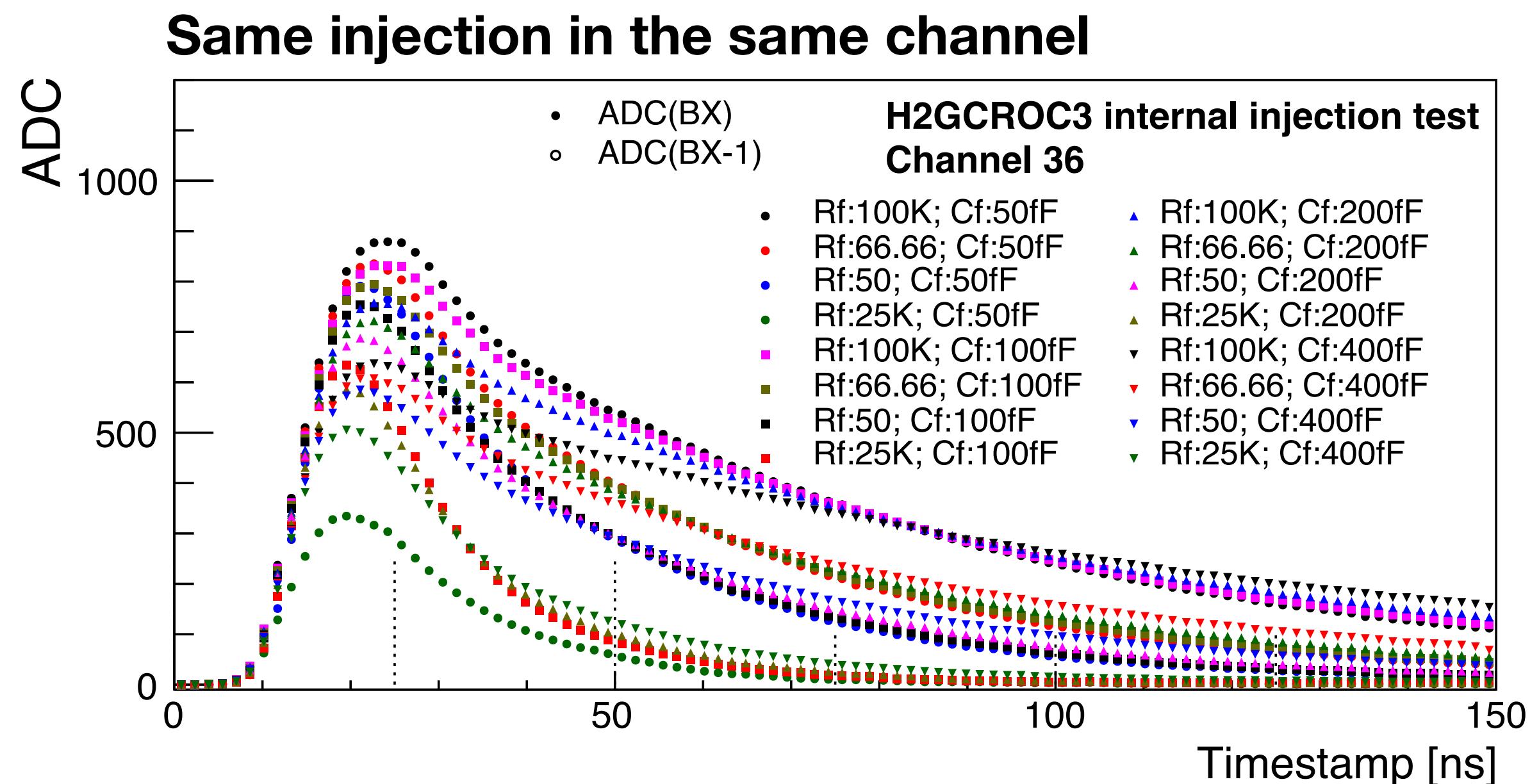
Gain checks



Pre-amp gains can be changed in the ASIC anytime, built-in setup can be further tuned to our needs (EIC)

Cd (pF)	5, 10, 20	At the conveyor output and at the preamp input. To ensure the preamp stability.
Rf (Ω)	25K, 50K, 66.66K, 100K	In parallel, these resistors provide 15 values to be adjusted with the Cf and Cf_comp values to get the desired decay time constant.
Cf (fF)	50, 100, 200, 400	Combined with the Cf_comp capacitors, provide the gain of the preamplifier.
Cf_comp (fF)	50, 100, 200, 400	Same purpose than Cf capacitors but connected differently to improve the preamplifier stability. From gain point-of-view can be considered in parallel with Cf capacitors.

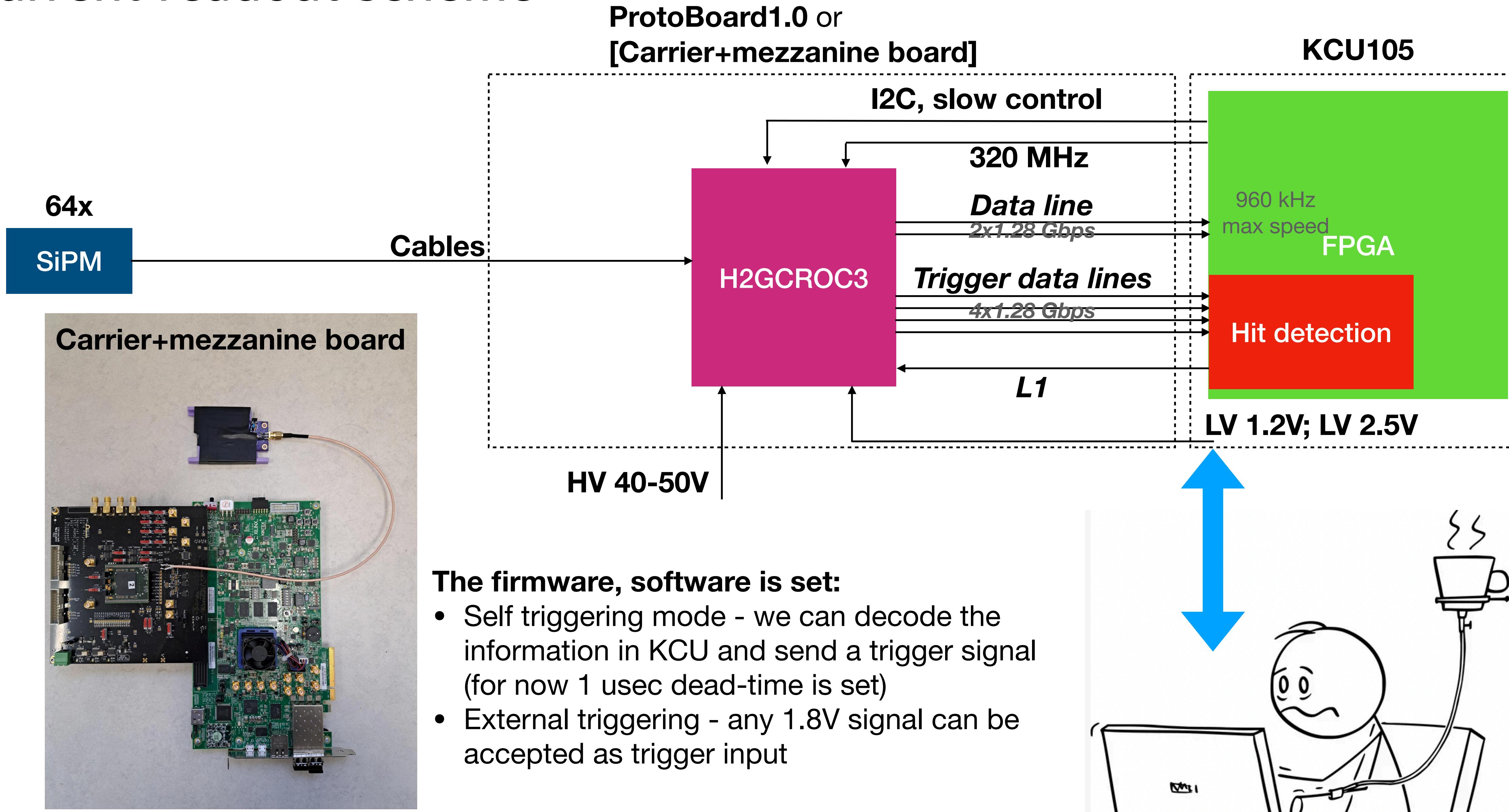
Table 1.1: Values for Rf, Cf and Cd



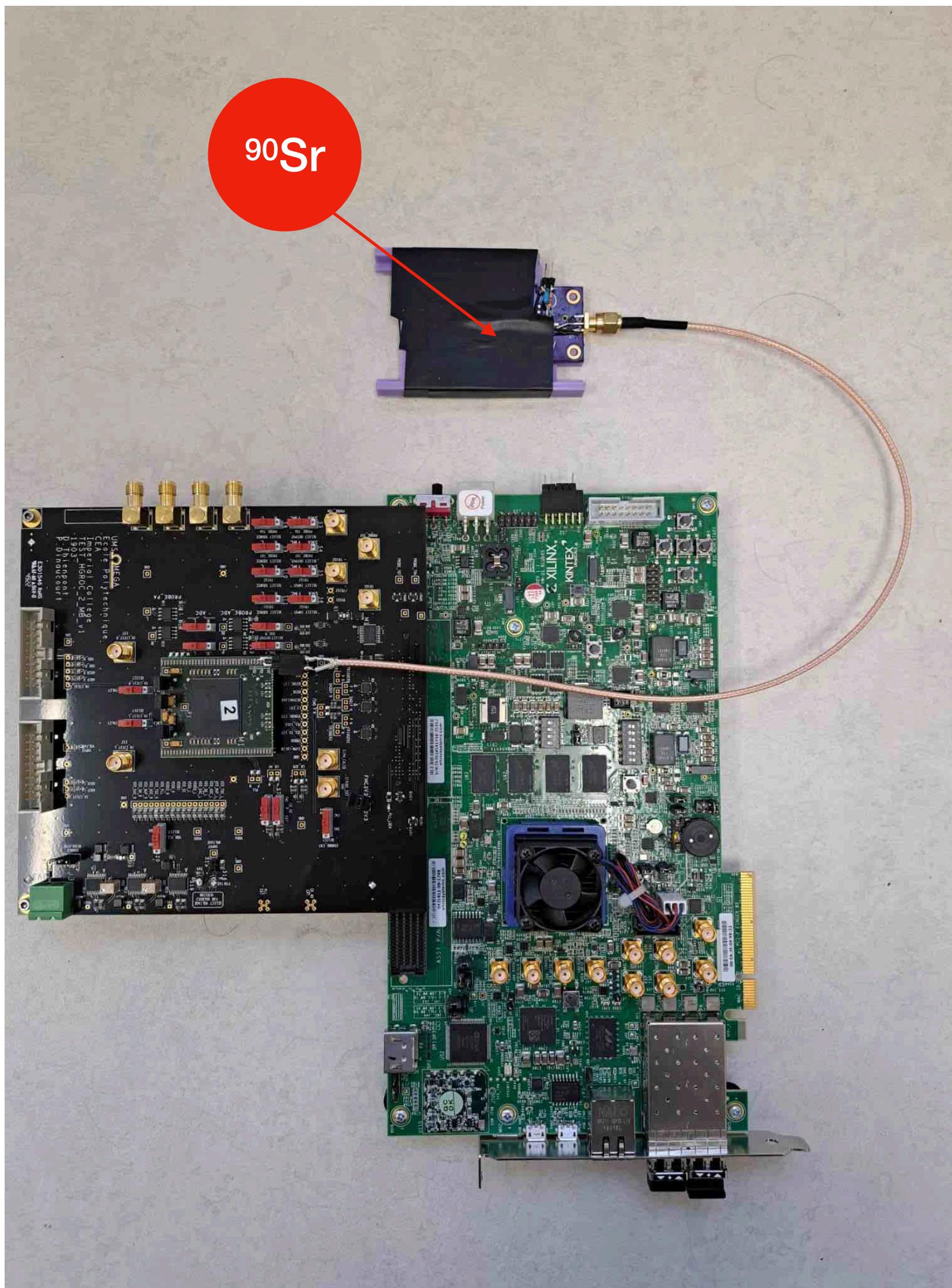
With the quick test, 16 different gains were explored:

- Dynamic range can change a factor of 3!
- More setups can be added

Current readout scheme

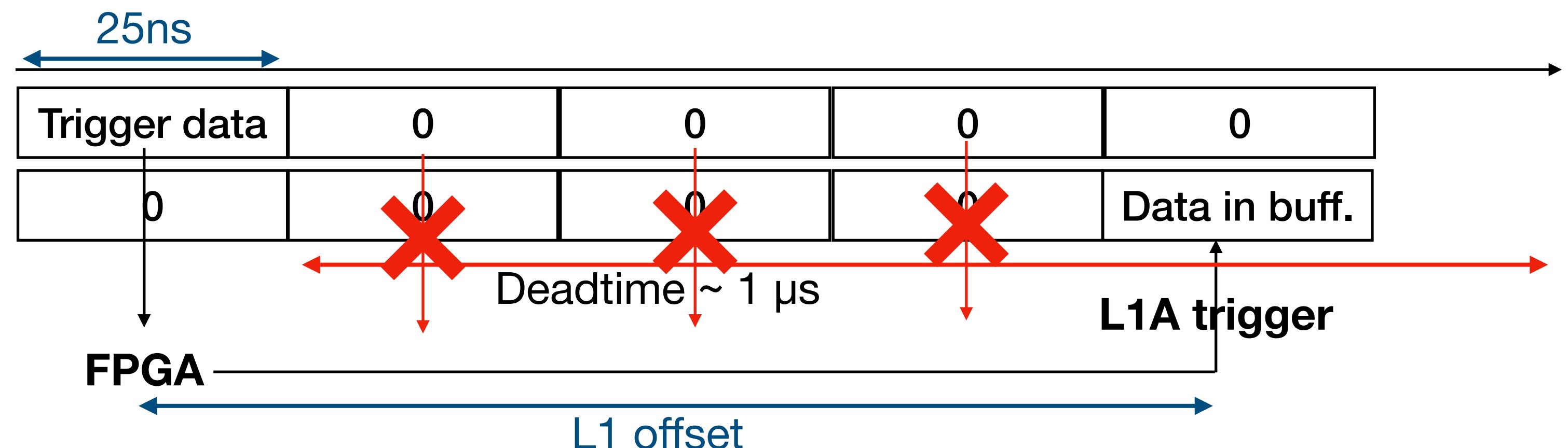


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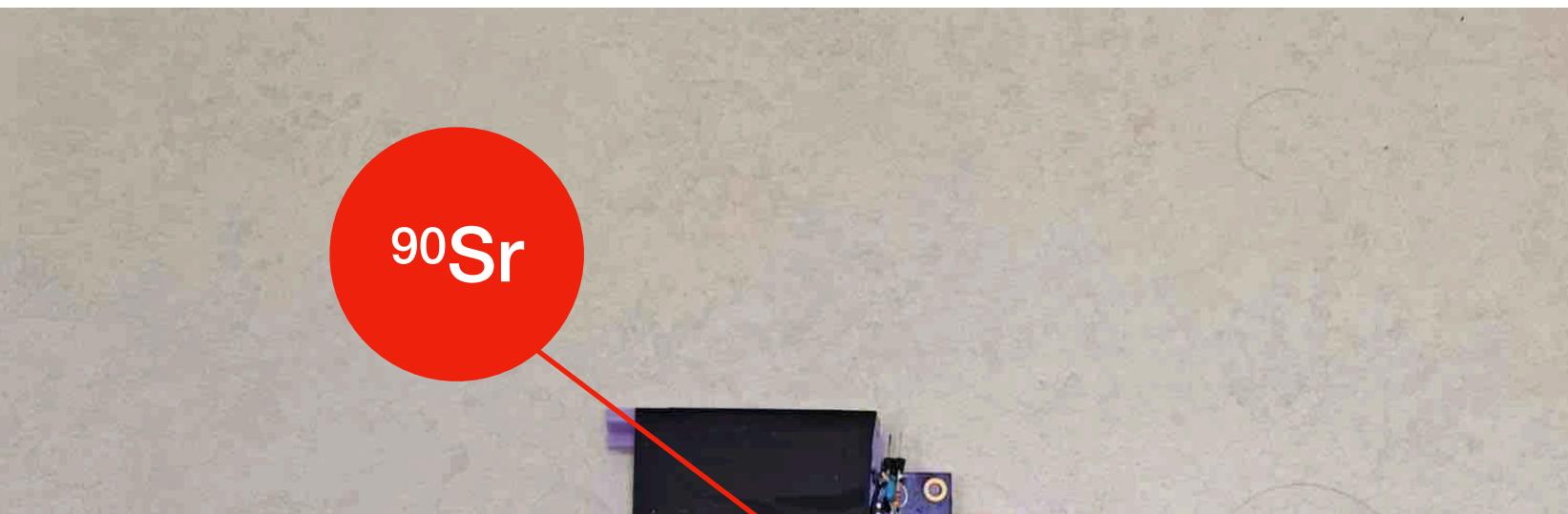


Self triggering test:

- We put the source directly on the 5x5 cm² scintillator
- External triggering is not possible, we utilize the self-triggering mode:
 - First 4 channels are summed up in the trigger line 0
 - Pedestals are loaded to the I2C of the chip
 - Compare the outgoing trigger data to a threshold:
 - If threshold is reached → send the L1A trigger
 - The L1Offset sets how many clock cycles we wait

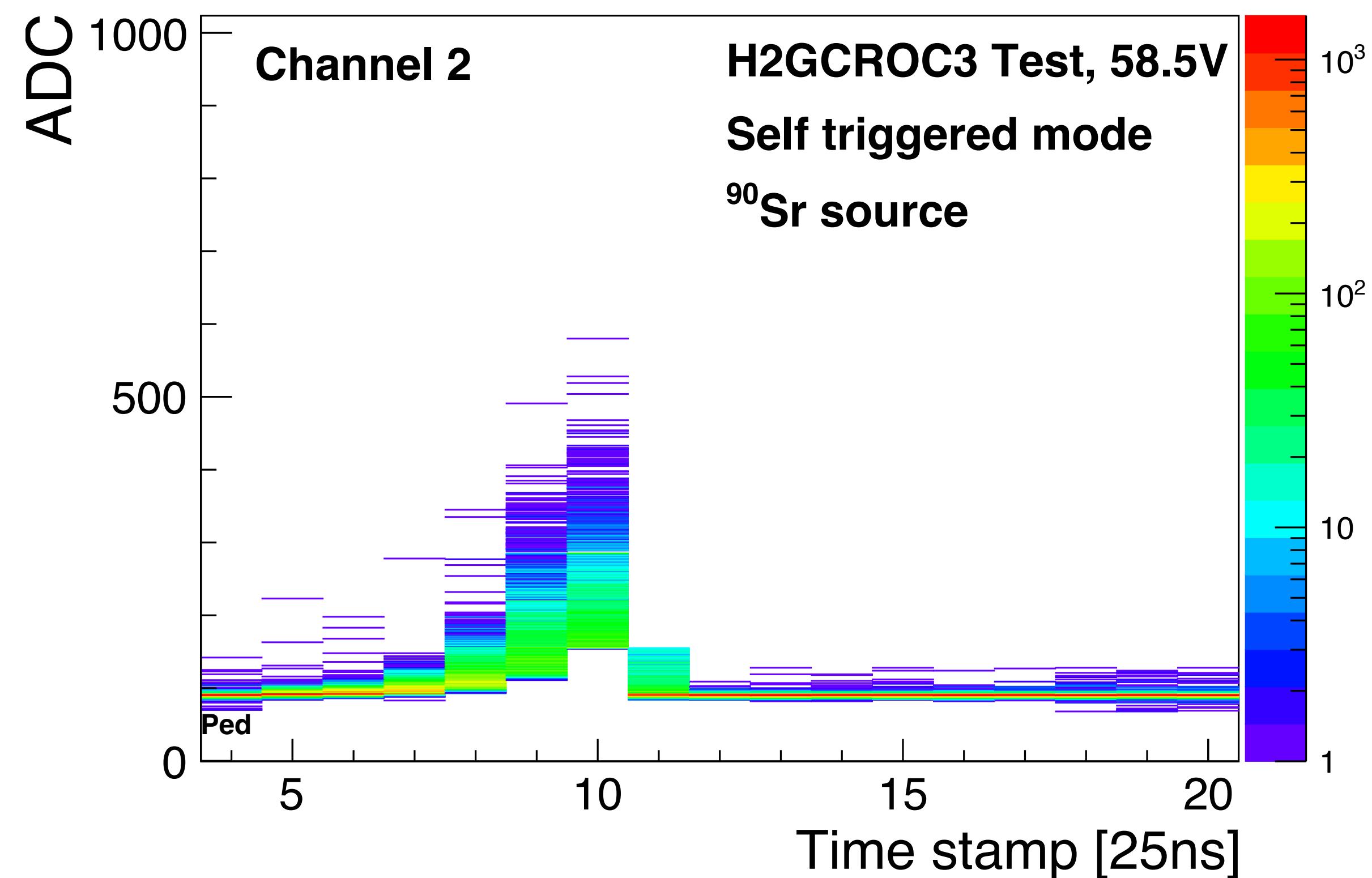
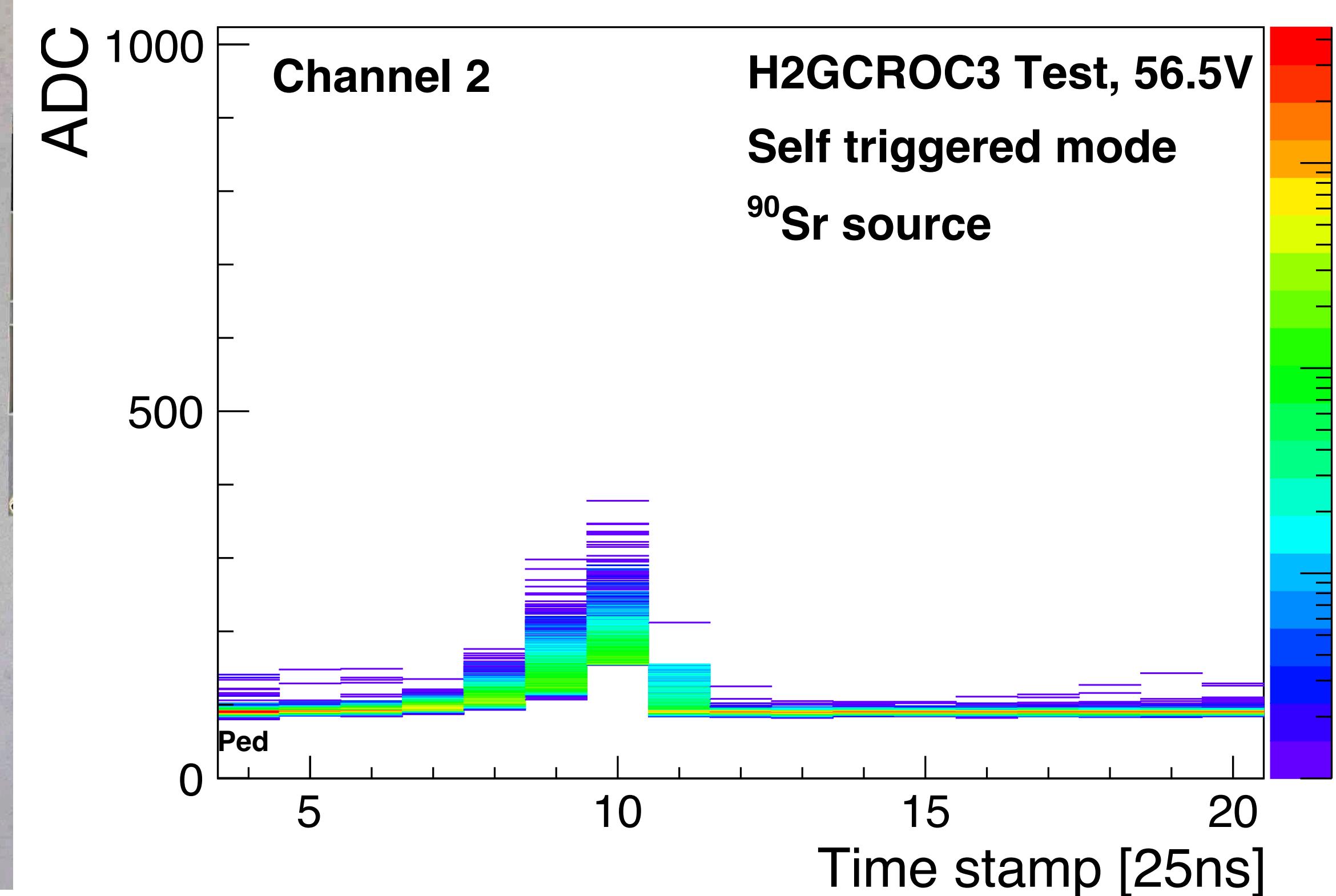


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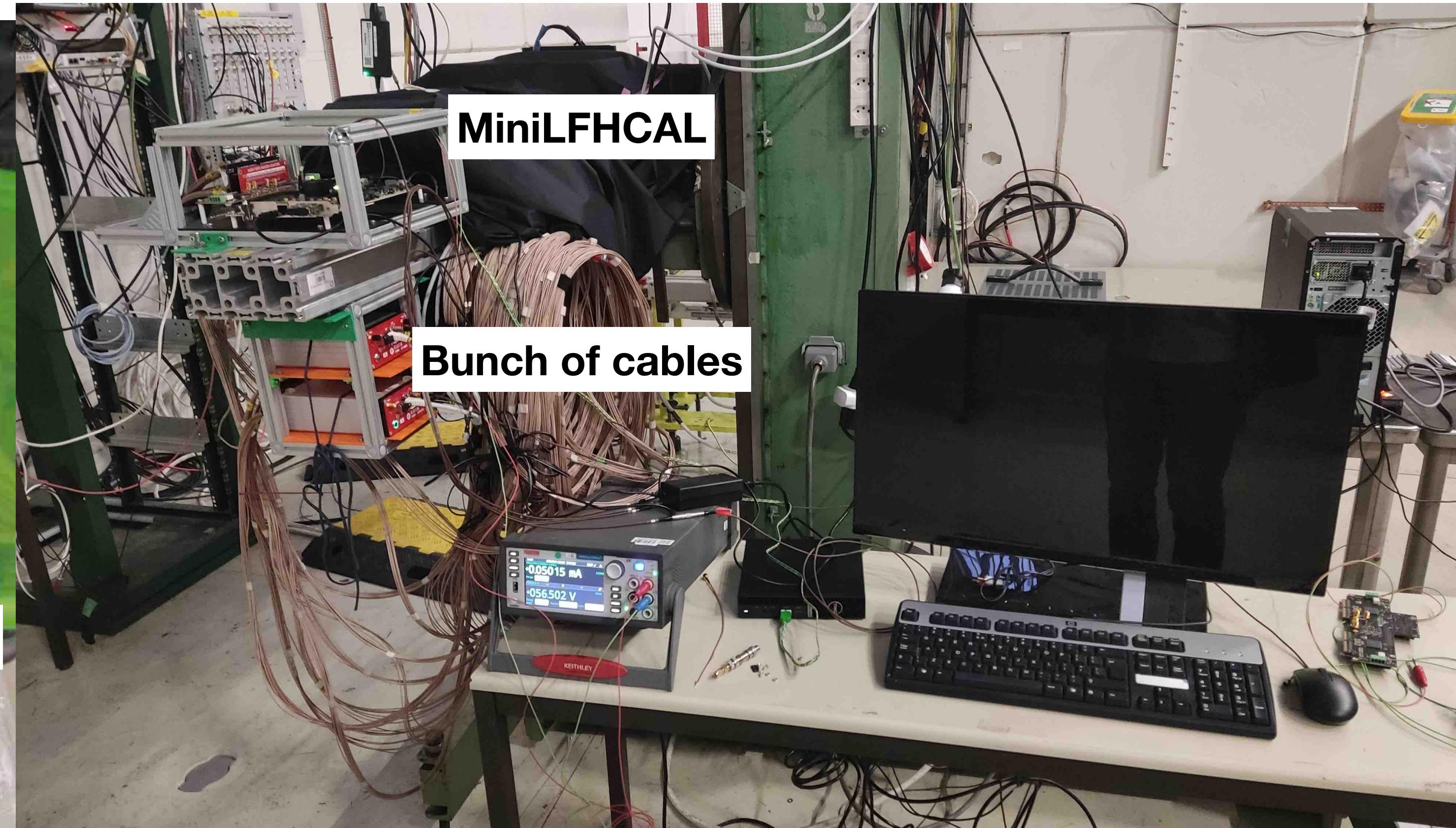
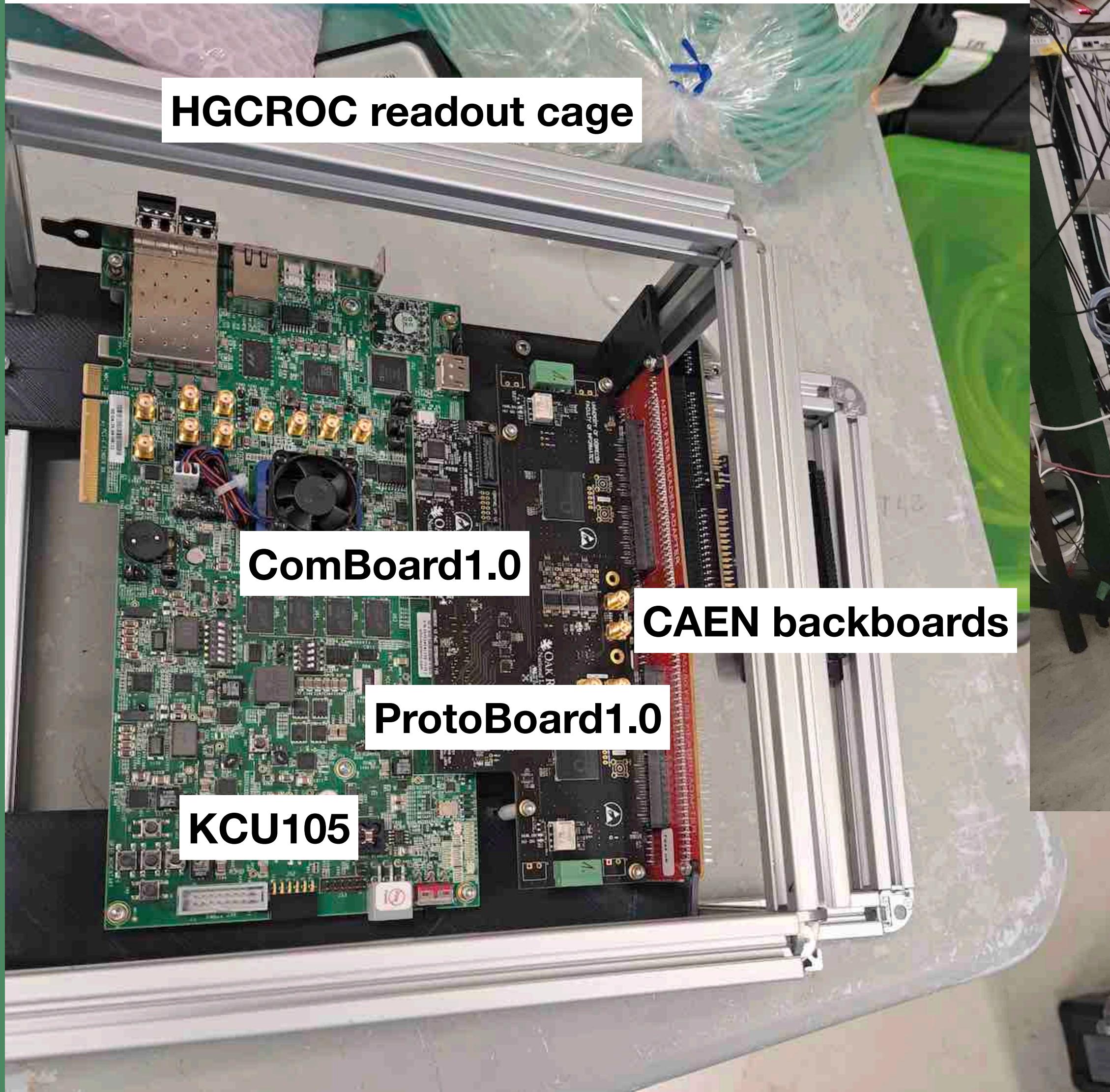


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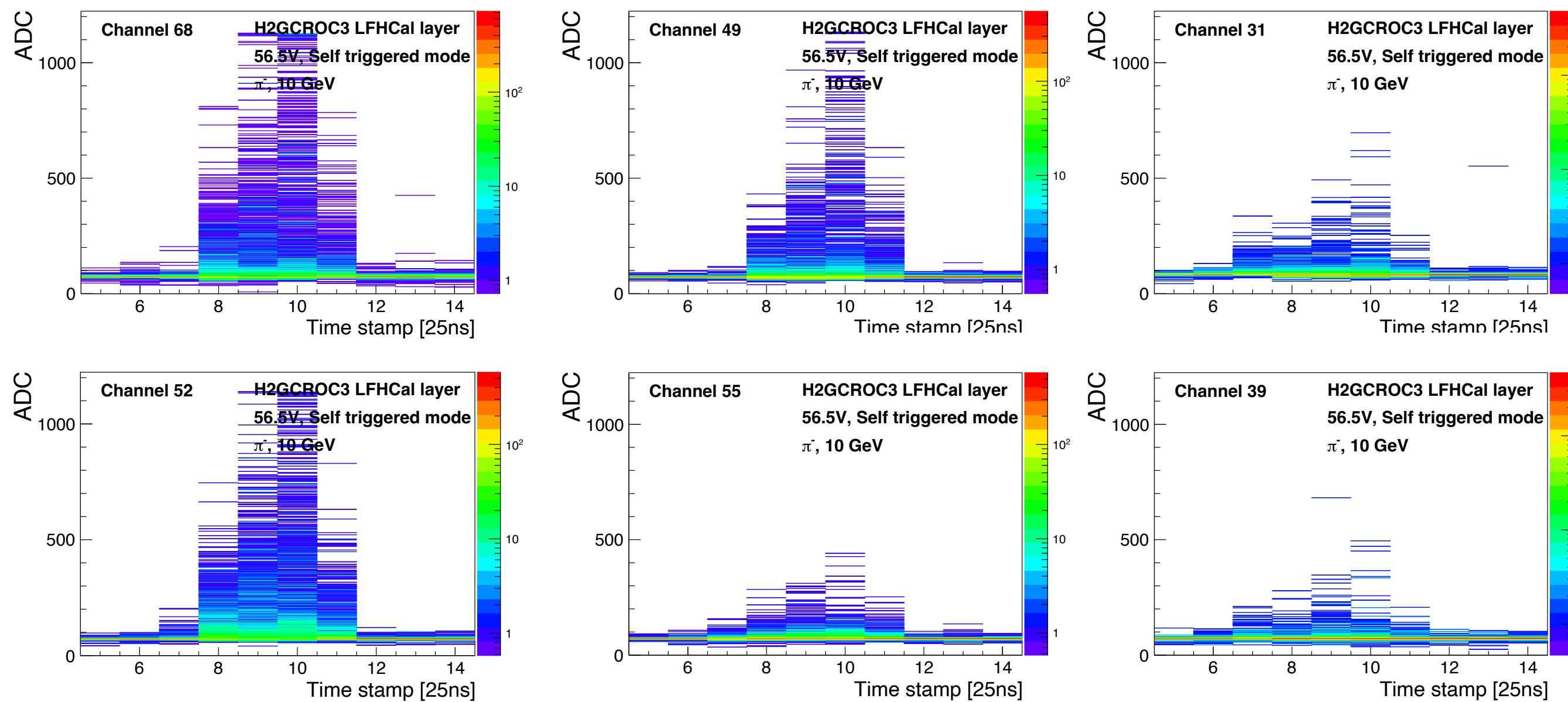
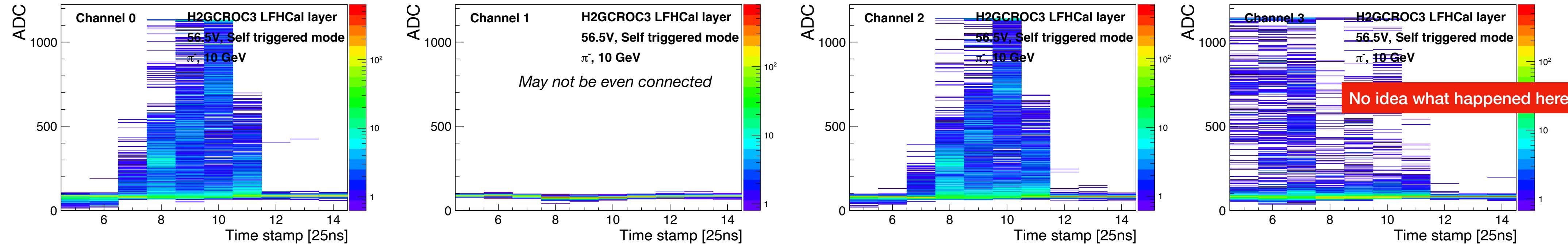


After a lot of debugging and searching for signal, we moved for a testbeam at PS with the MiniLFHCAL

Testbeam results

We first tried to see the signal:

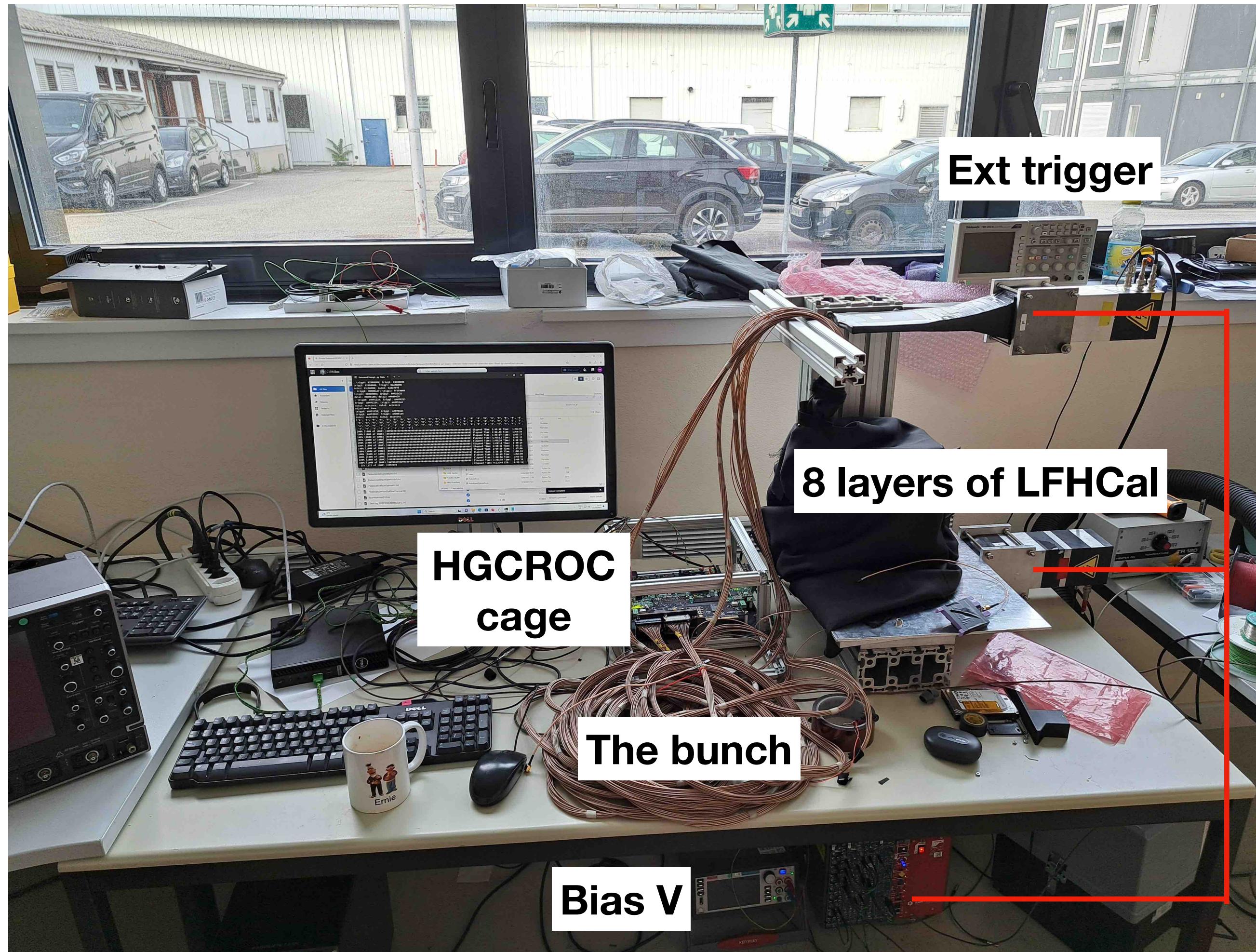
- Self triggering (the sum of first 4 channels for simplicity)
- Vary the L1offset to search for response



In all 40 channels responded some quite visible, some medium, some small

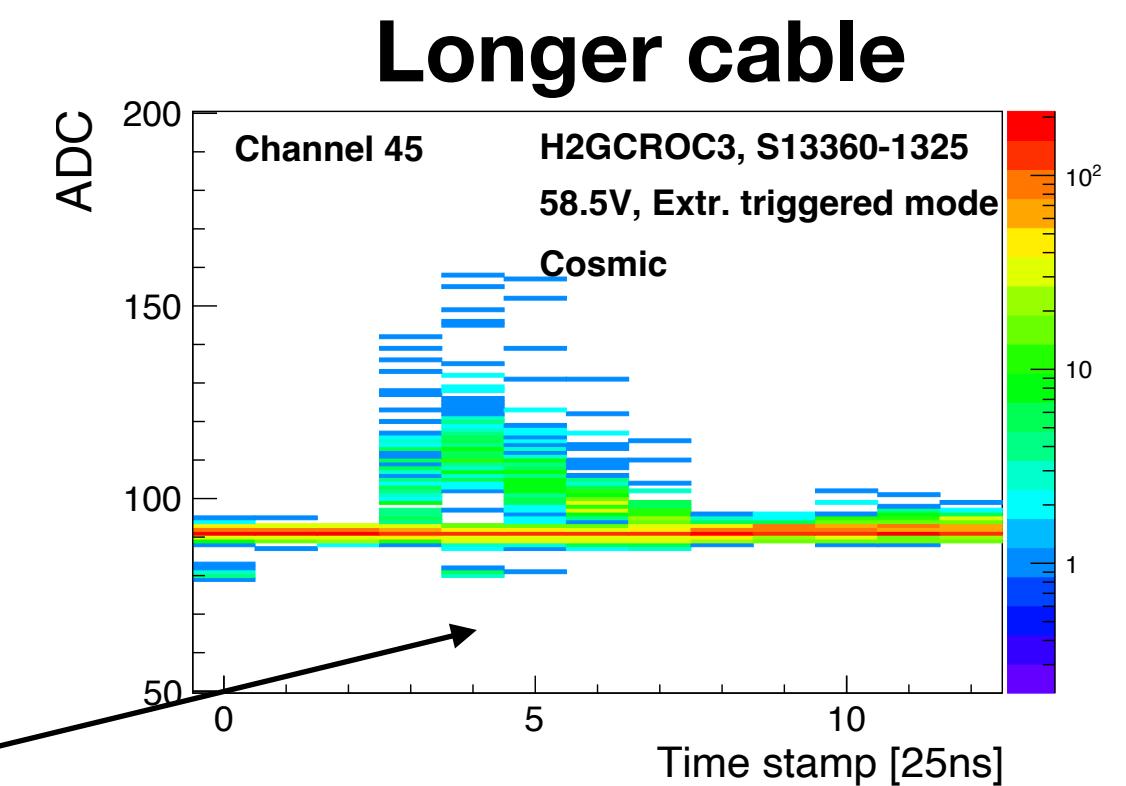
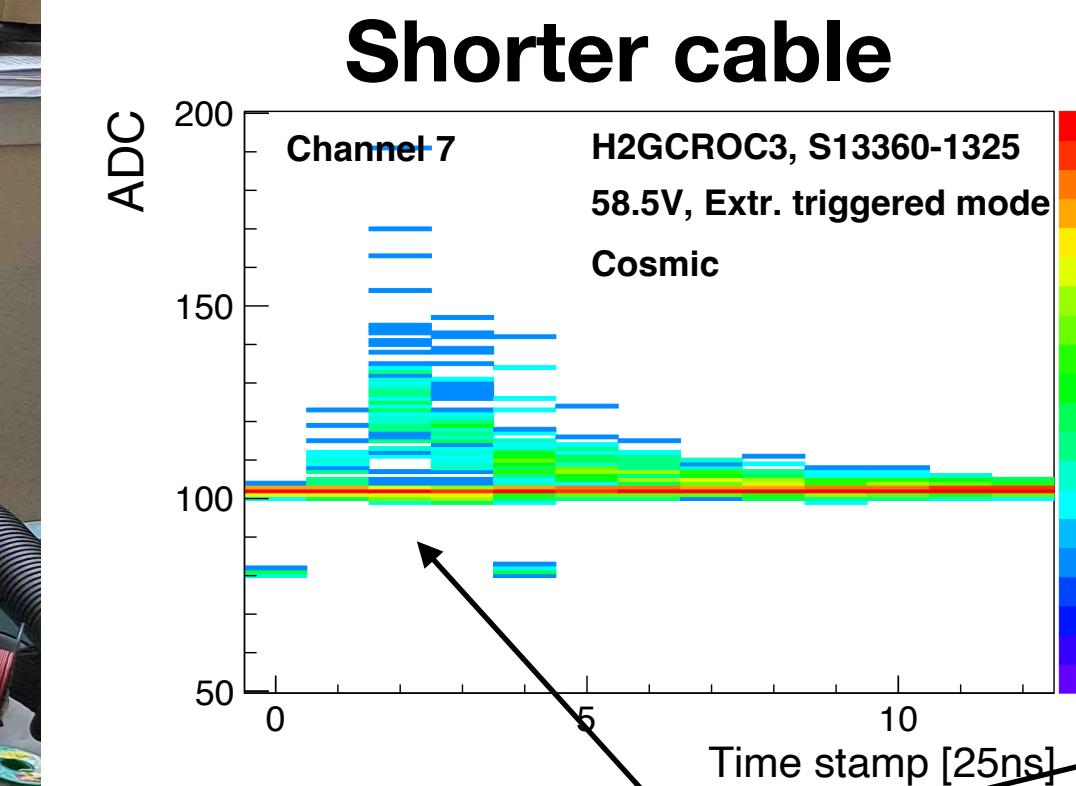
Unfortunately, then Linac got broken for the night and they could not restore the beam until we had to move out

Not yet the end!

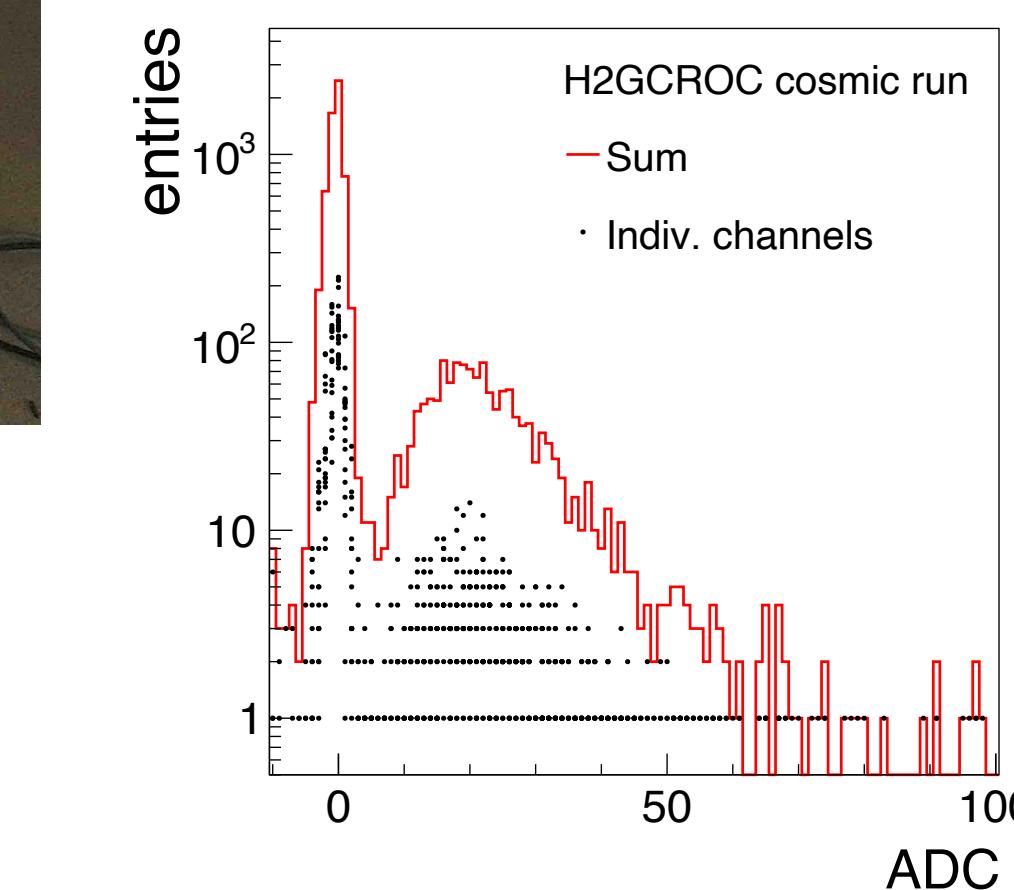


Never-give-up cosmic setup:

- Quickly done after the testbeam setup was removed
- 10x10cm² scintillator for external trigger
 - This is different, dropped the self triggering now



Check the max for responding channels



We see the MIP peak from the cosmic runs

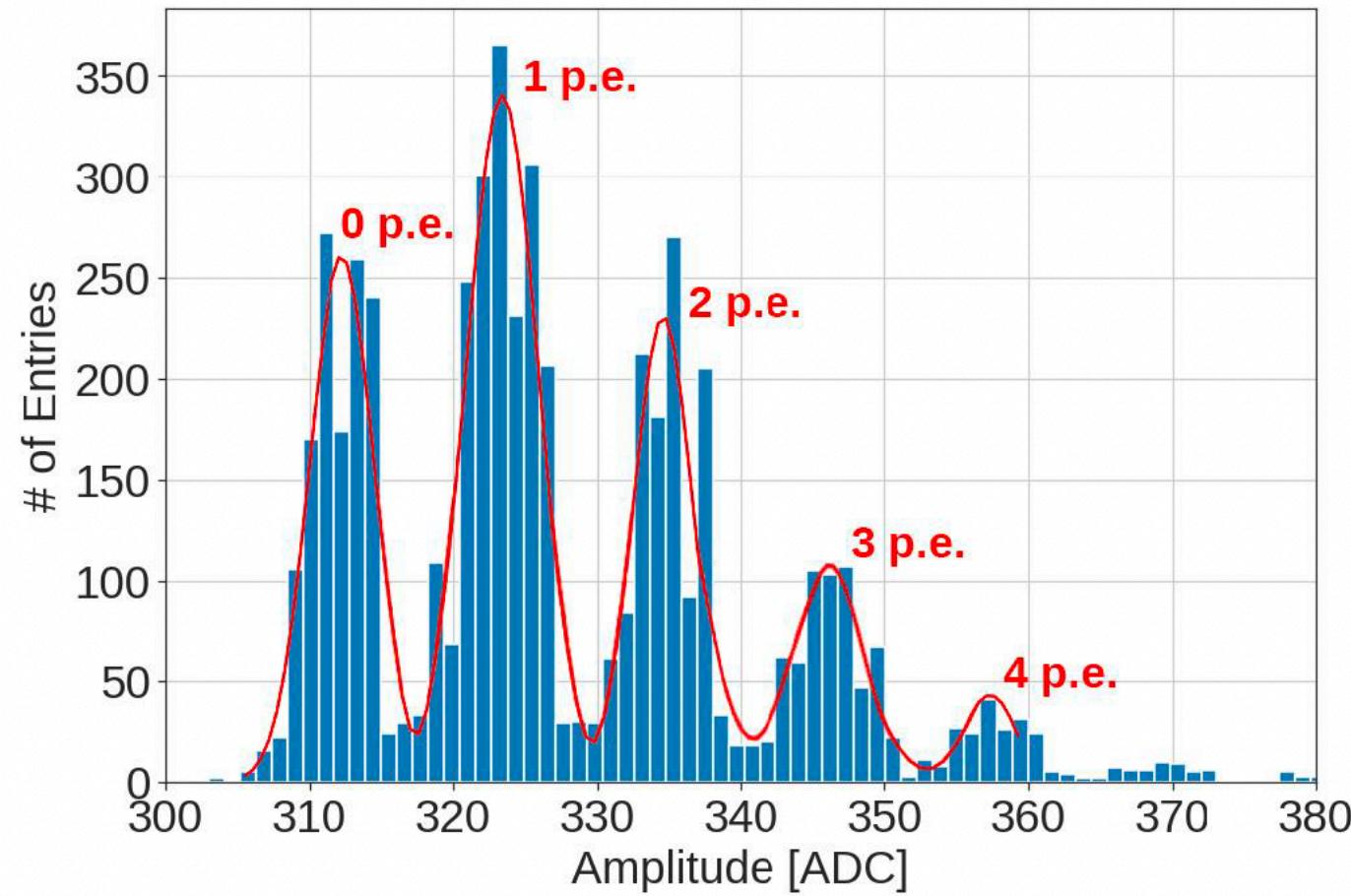
Extra stuff from Omega



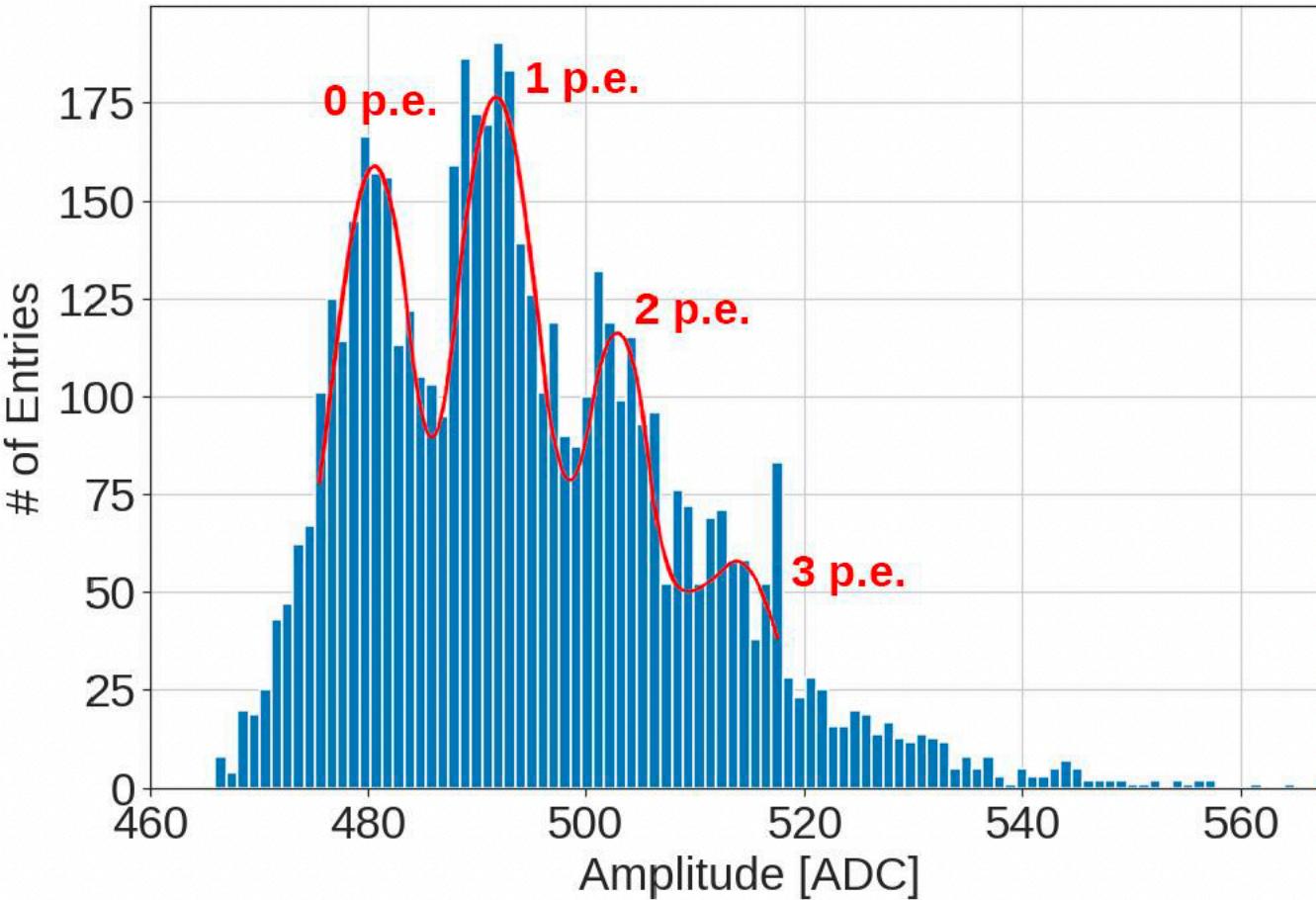
Calibration: Single-photon-spectrum

Ωmega

- 2mm²:



- 9mm²:

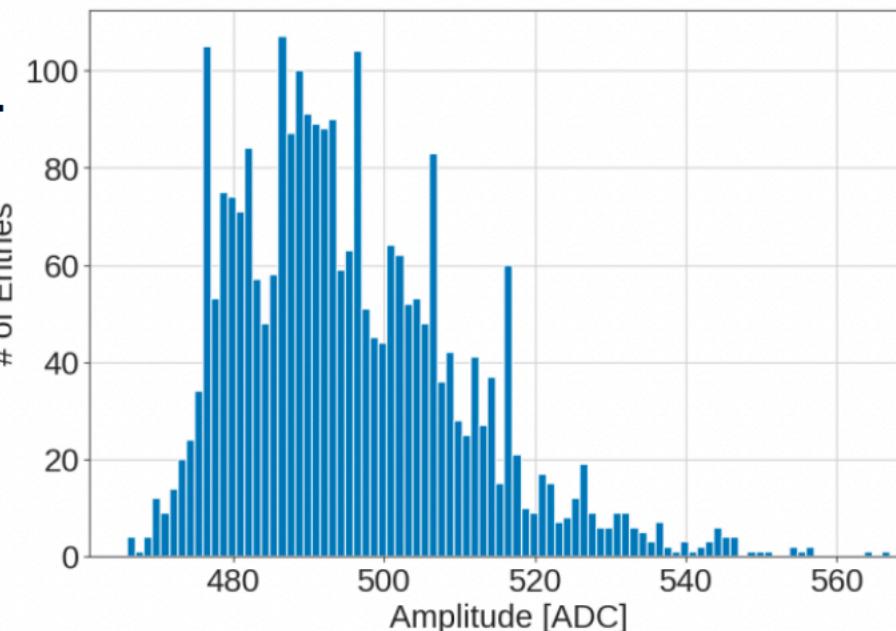


*Extra step for 9mm² SiPM calibration:

The large C_{det} of the 9mm² SiPM produce an increment of DNL and make it harder to see the photon separation.

The DNL can be mitigated taking data with different pedestal levels using the ASIC to move the pedestals ([Trim_inv](#) parameter). SPS is clearer after aligning the data.

Without DNL correction:



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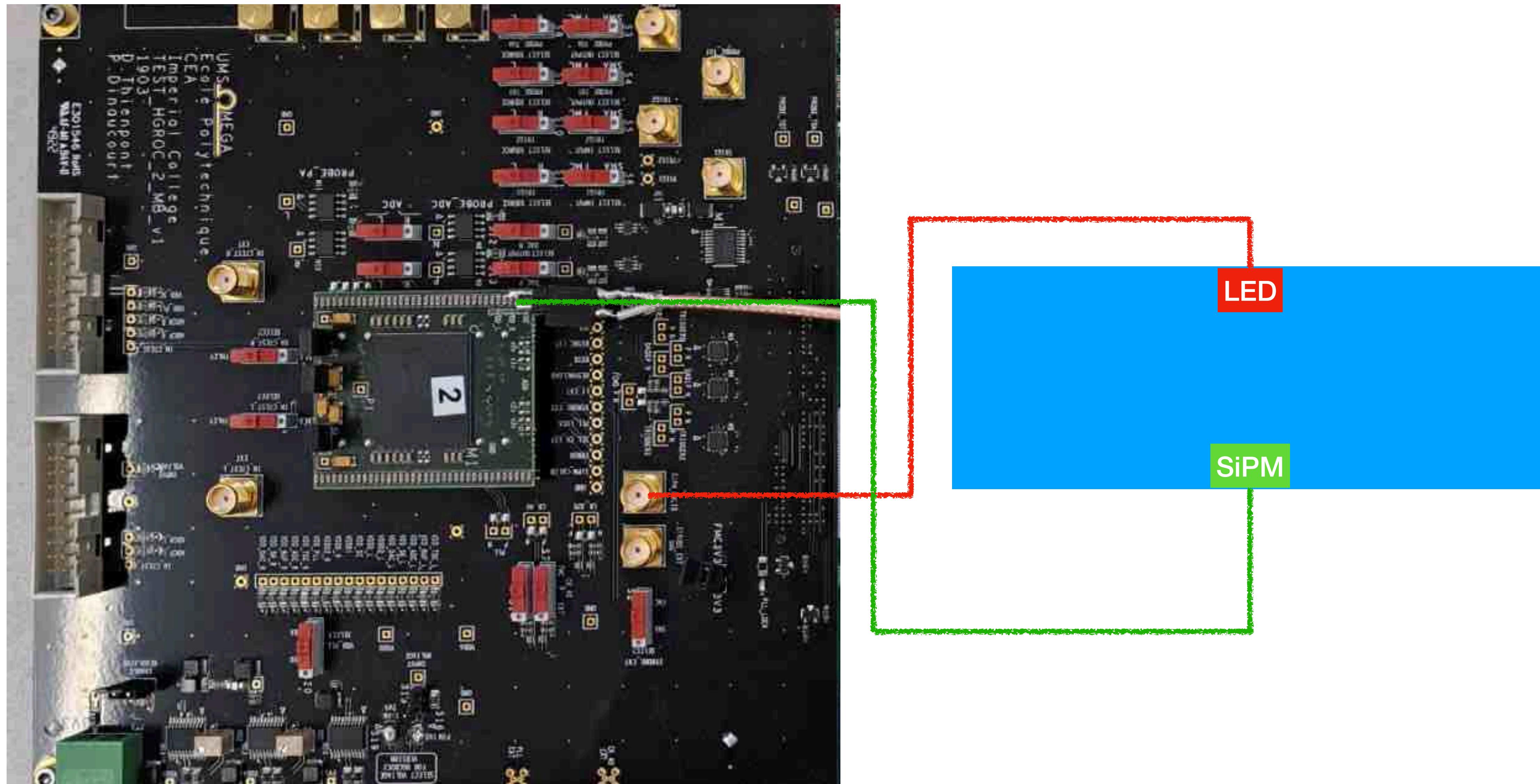
Thanks to **Jose Gonzales et al**



Some single photon spectra using the H2GCROC from the Omega test setup

- Small SiPM is clearly visible
- Larger ones are getting less visible (larger capacitance)
- They will also check the 36 mm² SiPM

Calibration Circuit Plan

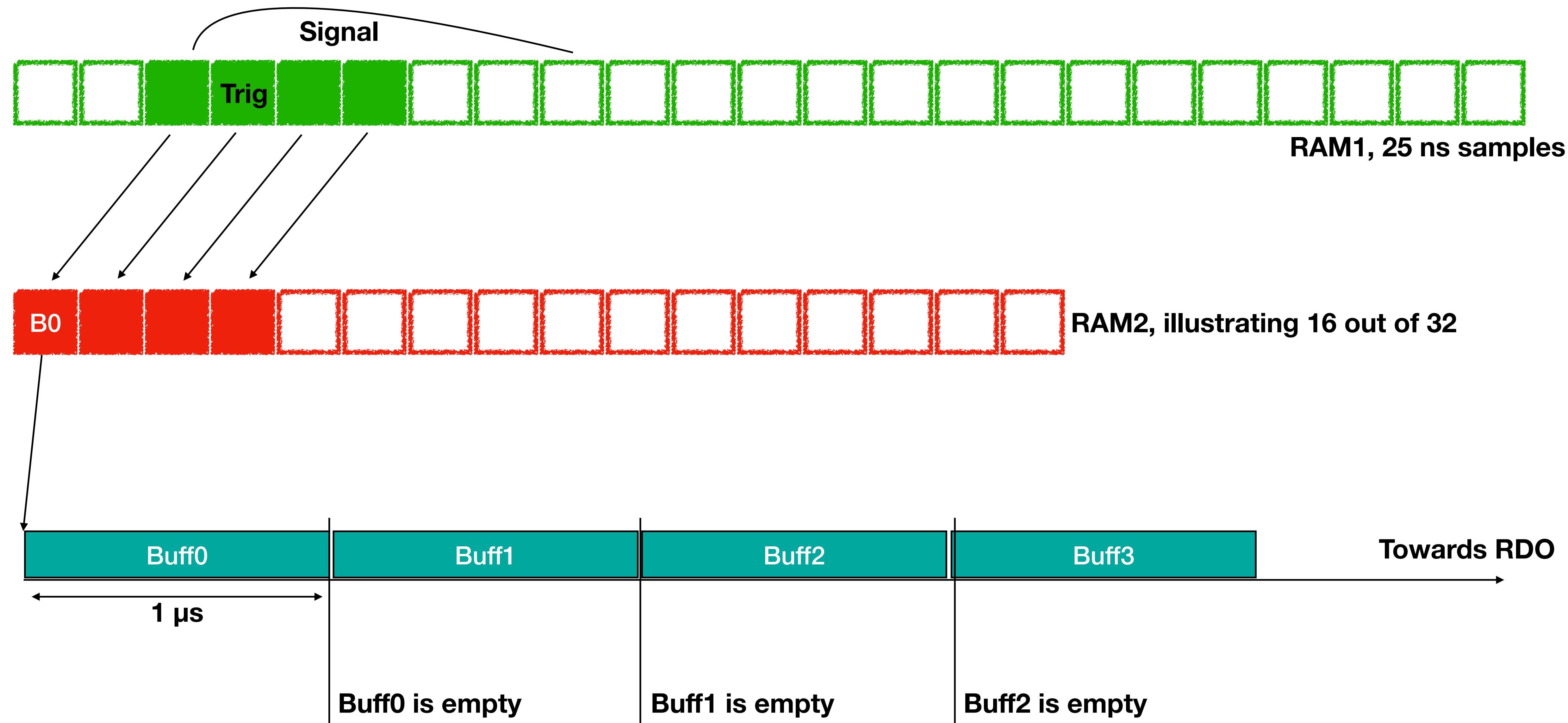


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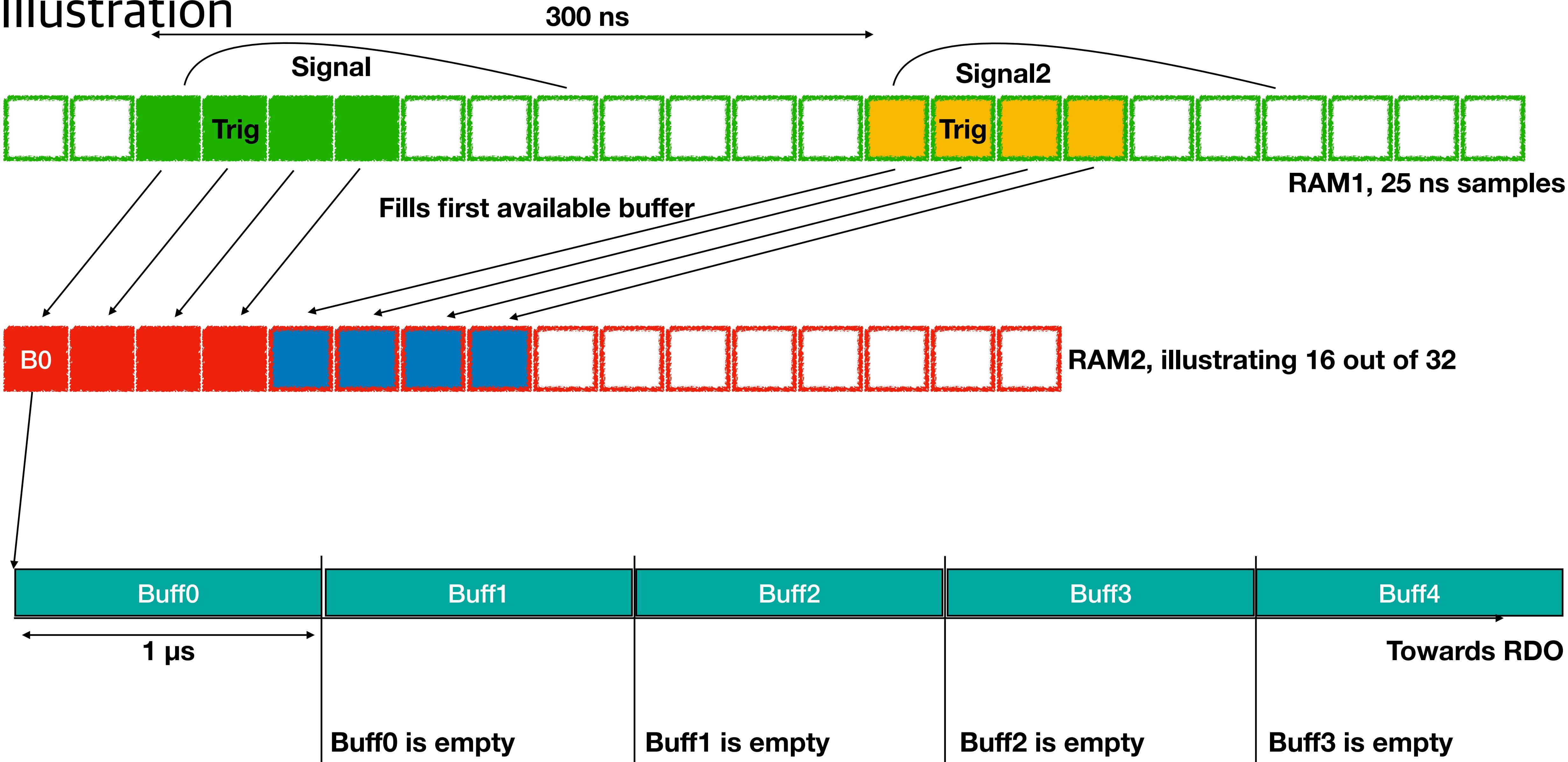


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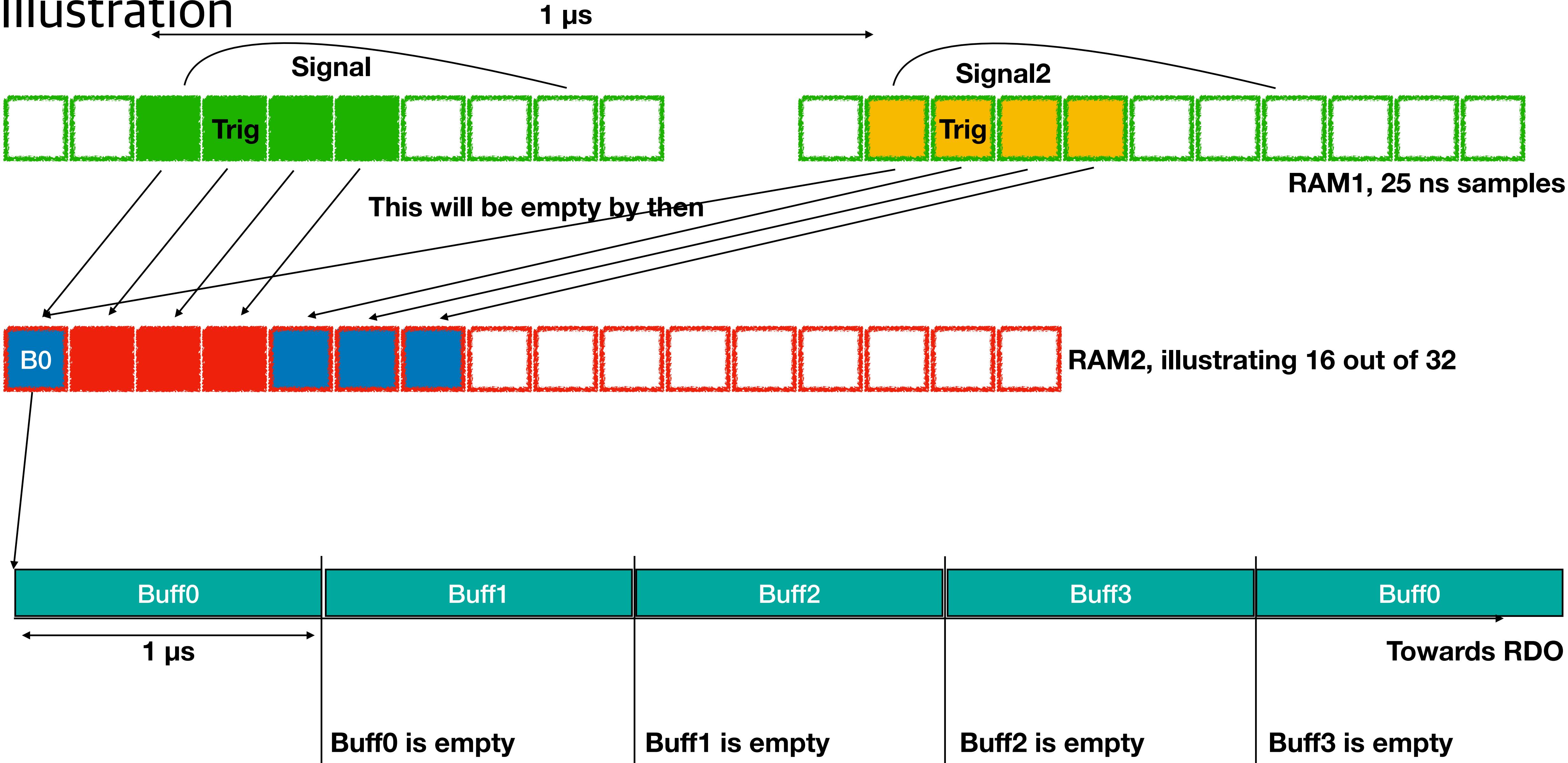
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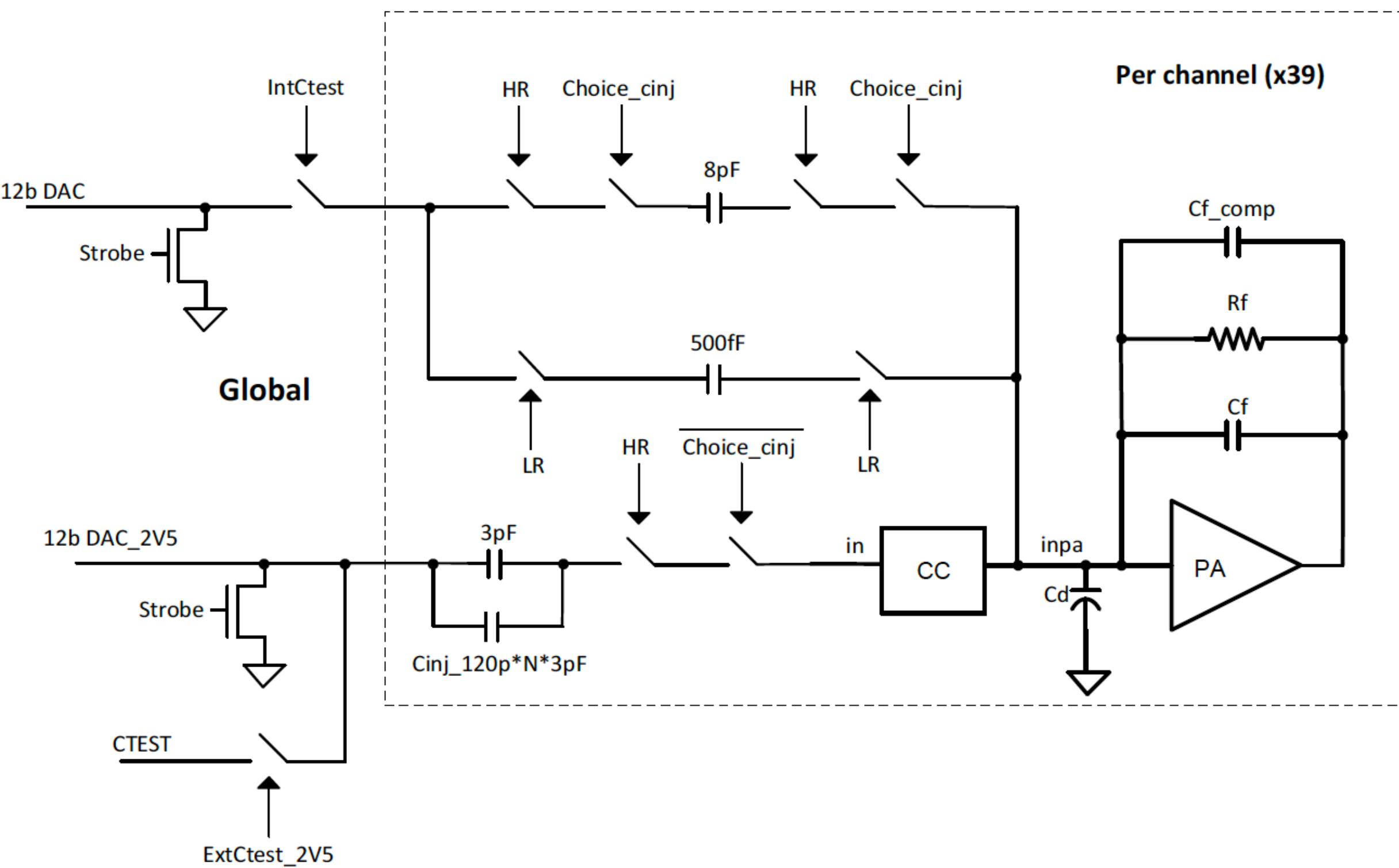
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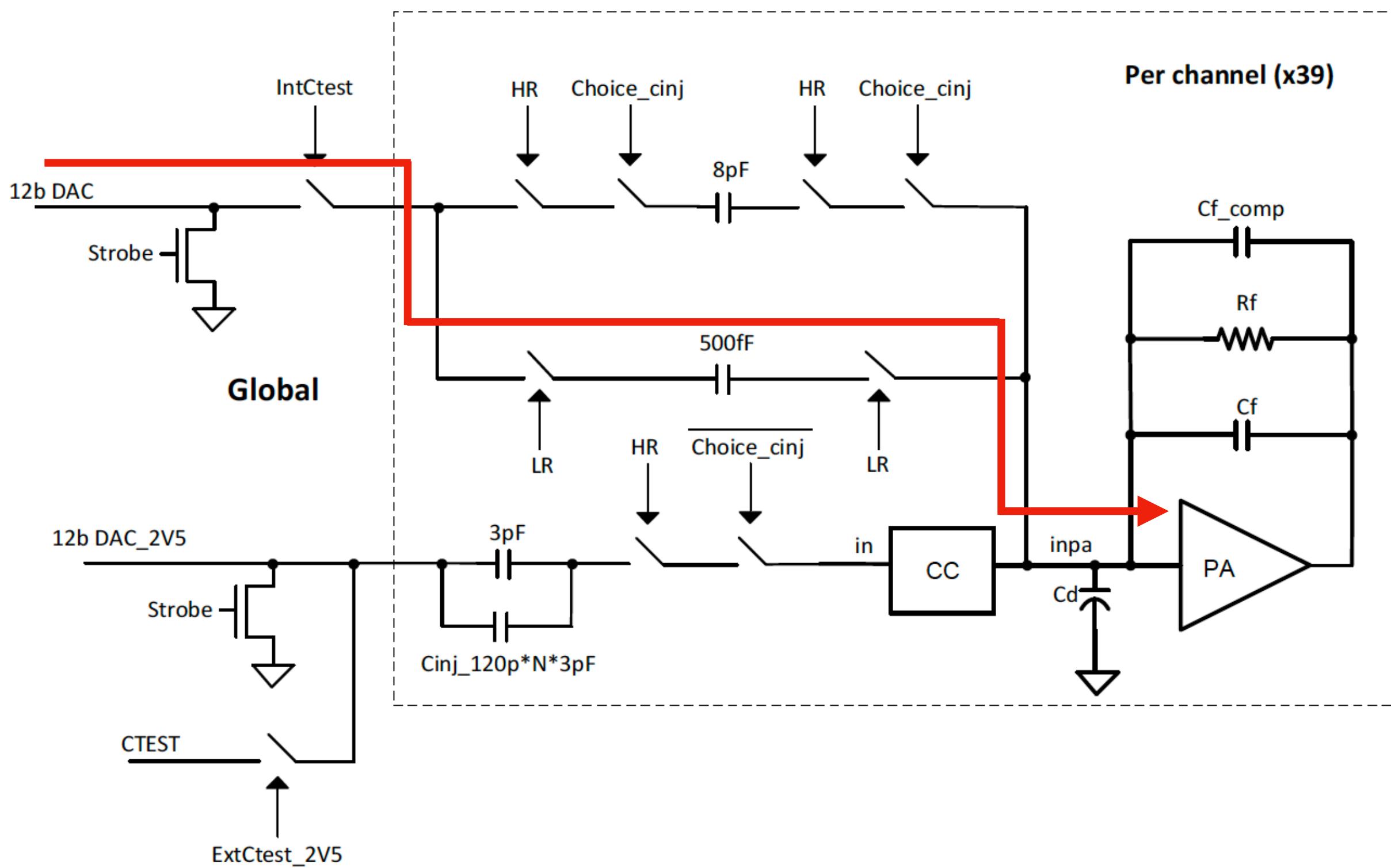


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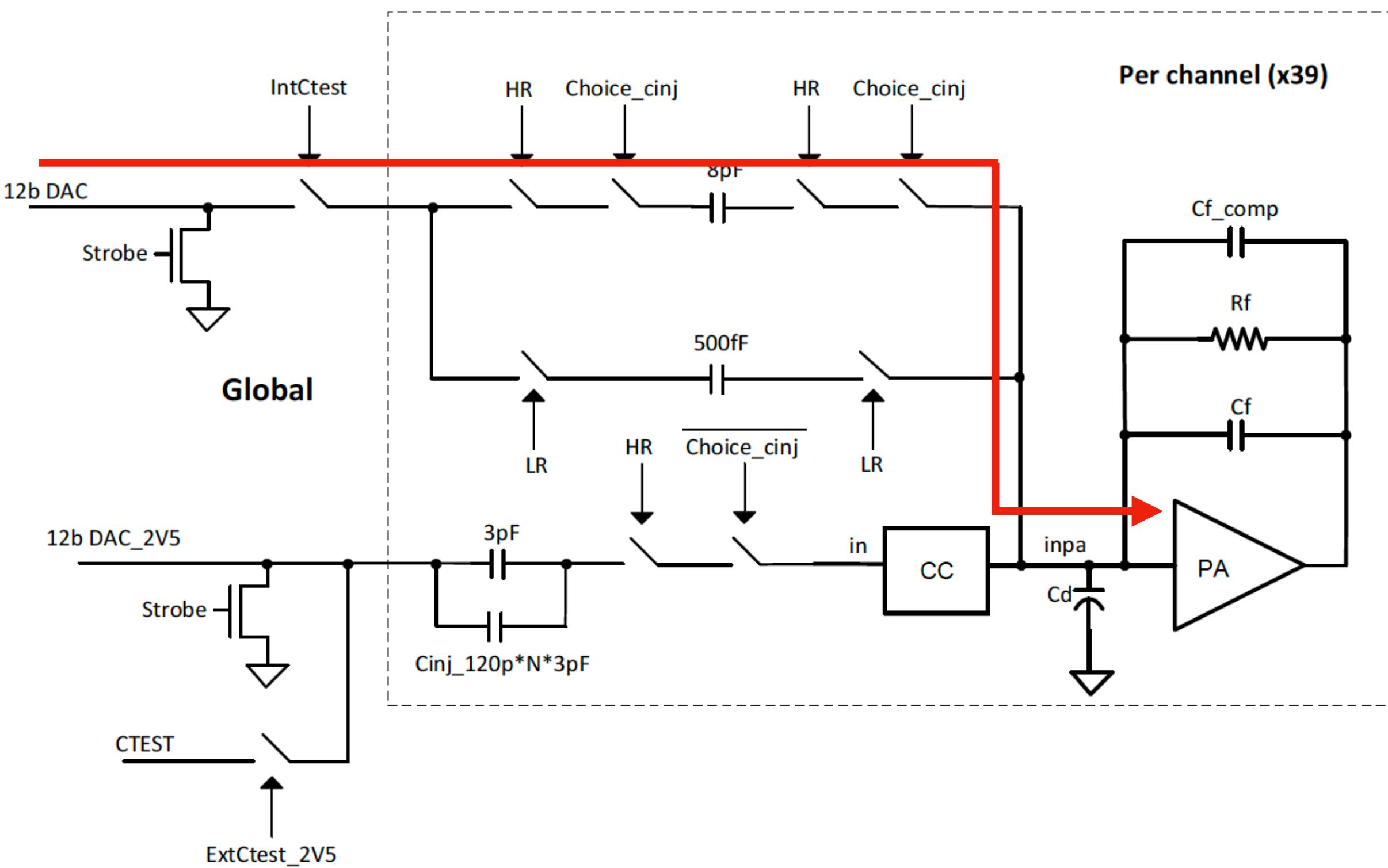
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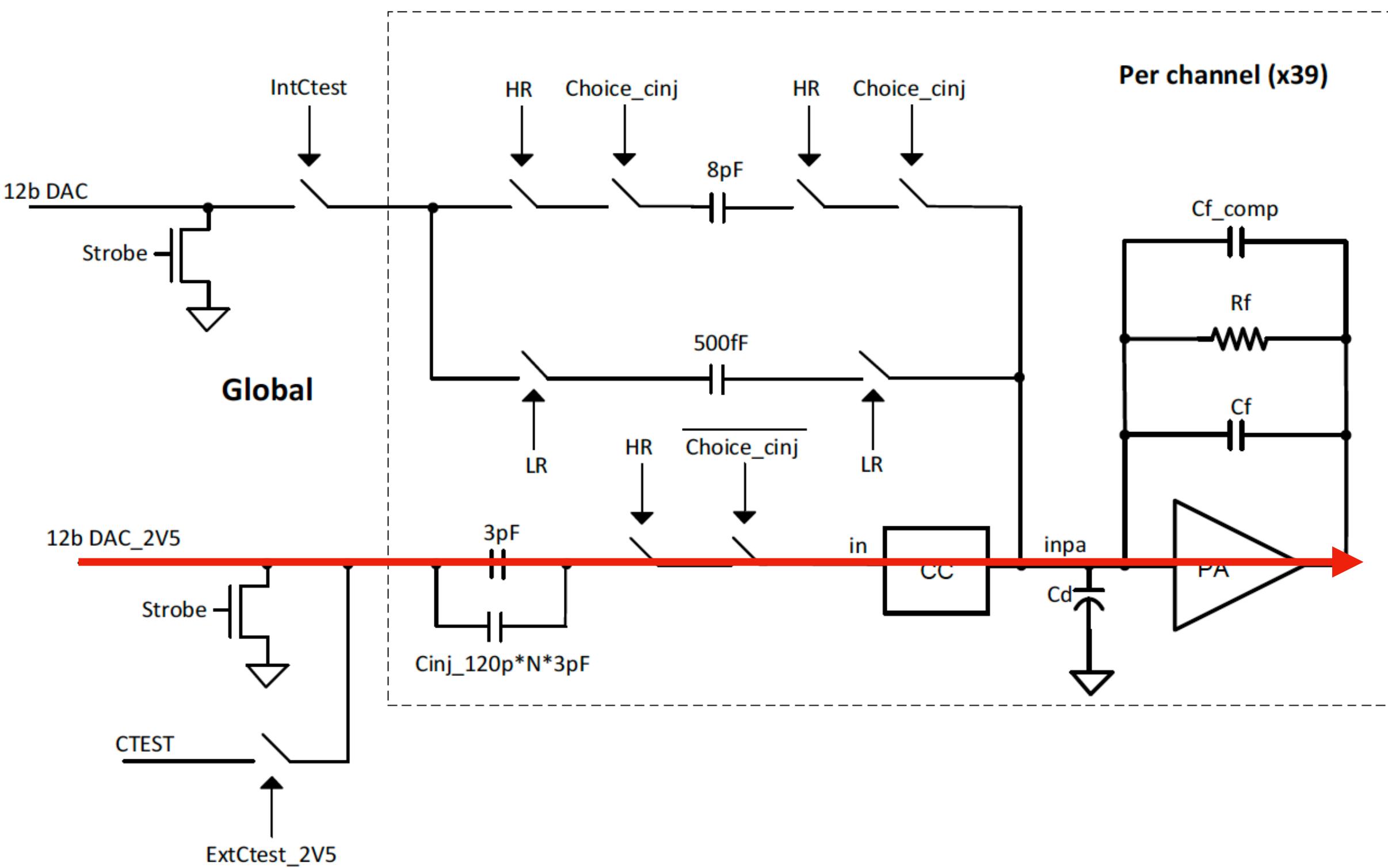


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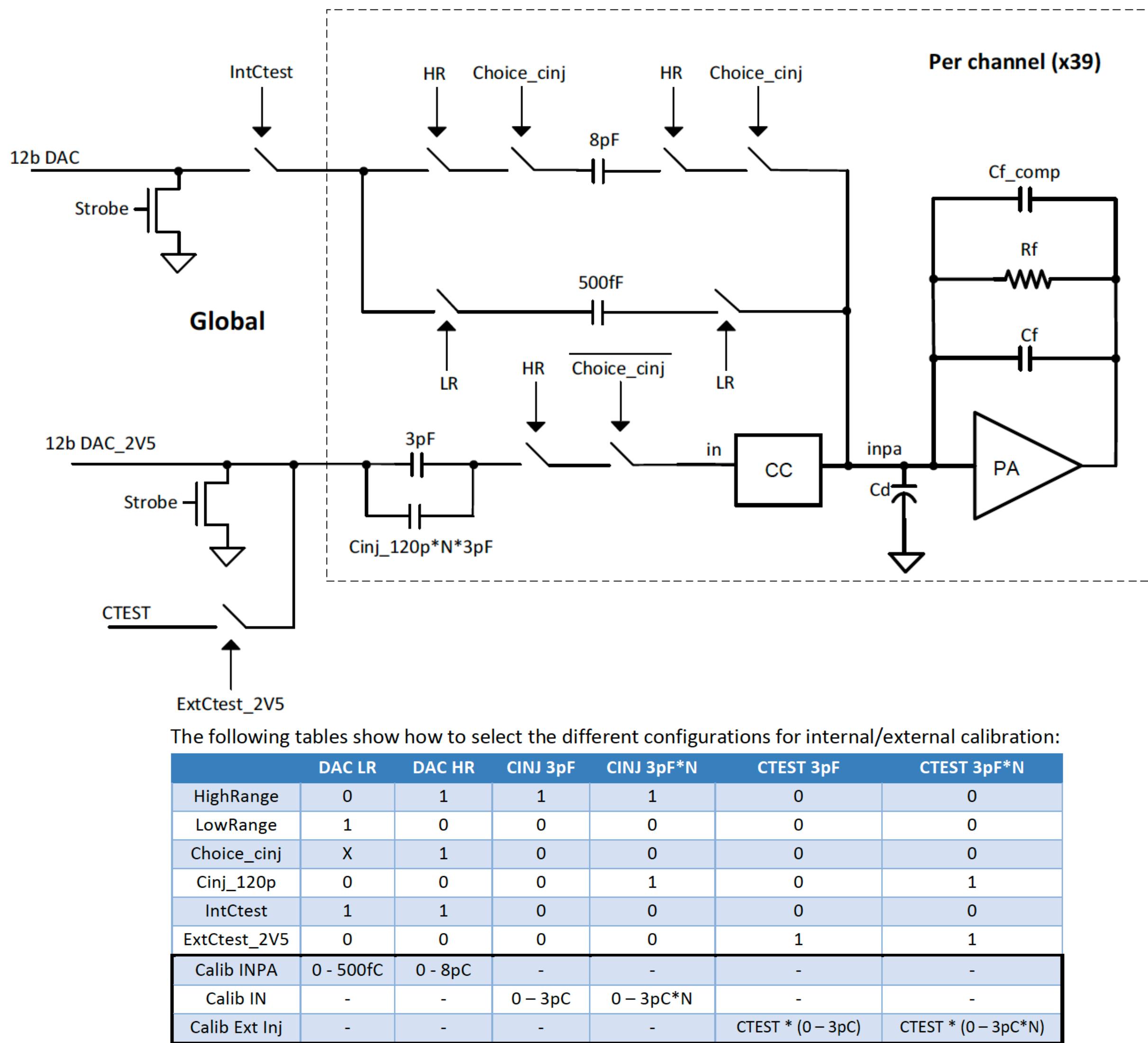


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This is the map of I2C registers to set each injection path

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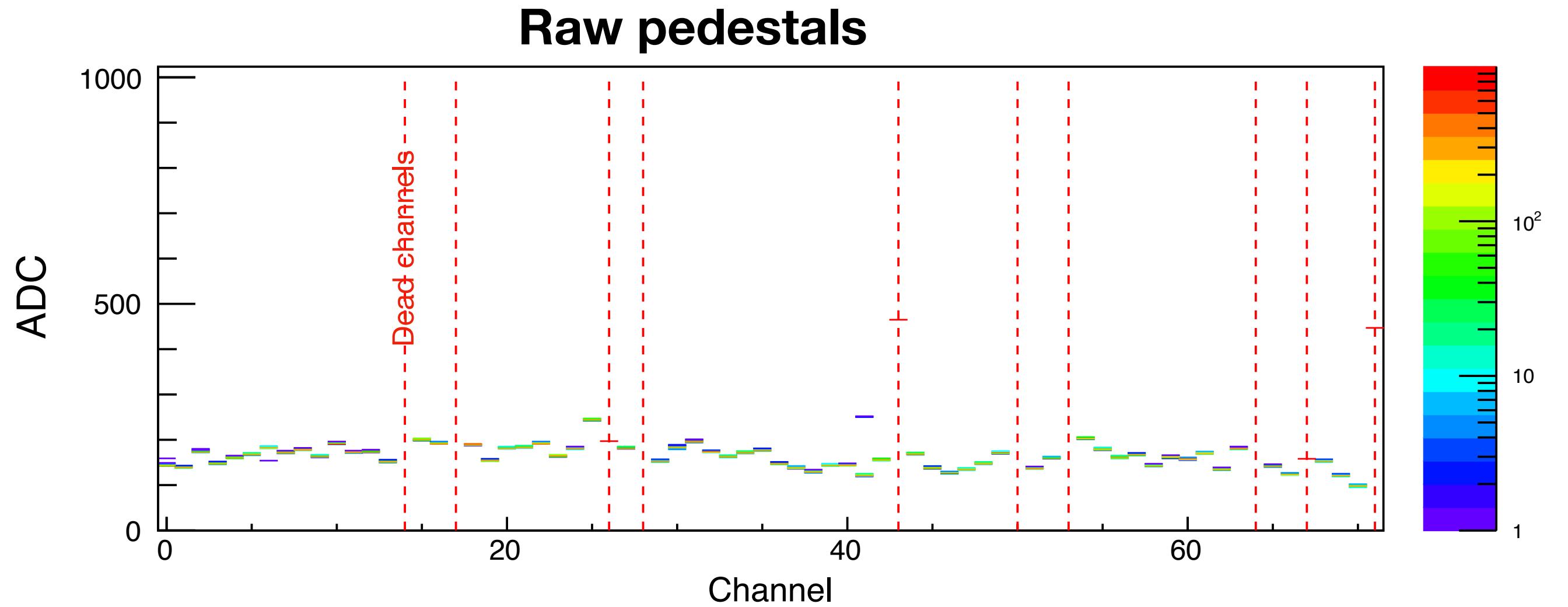
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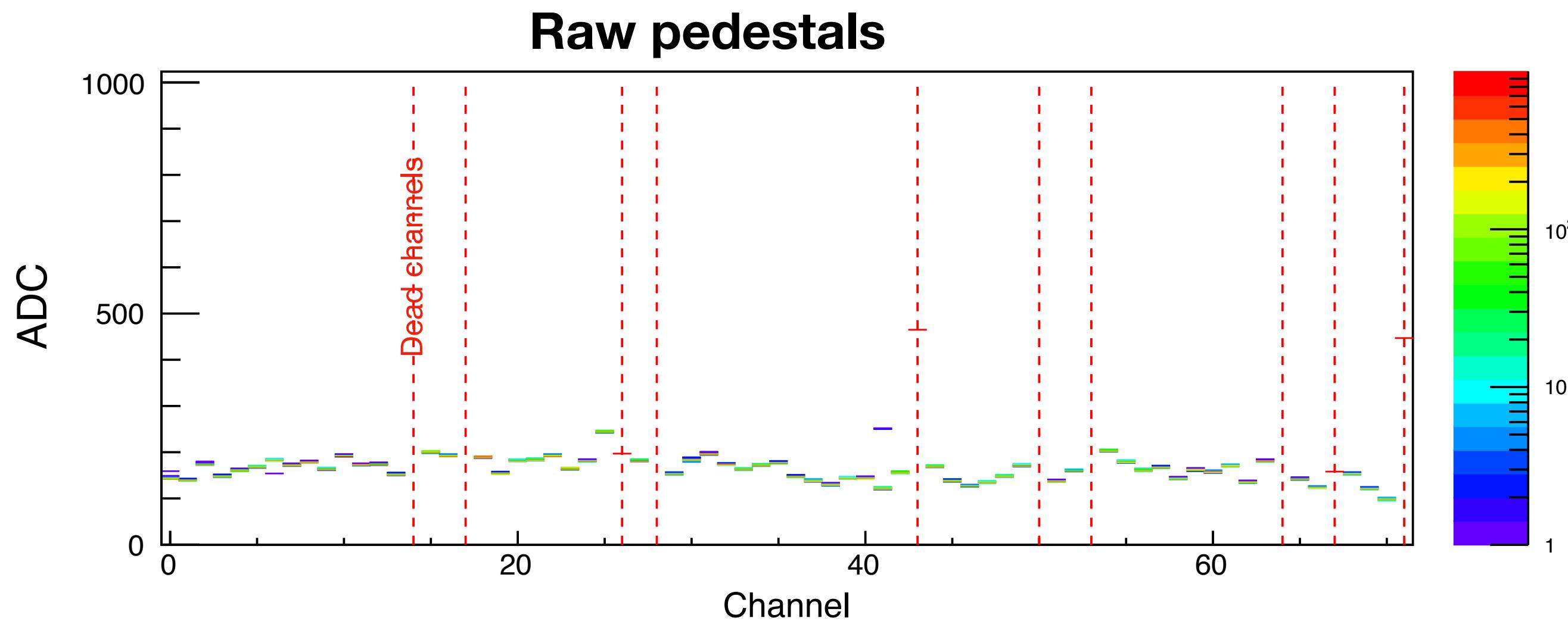
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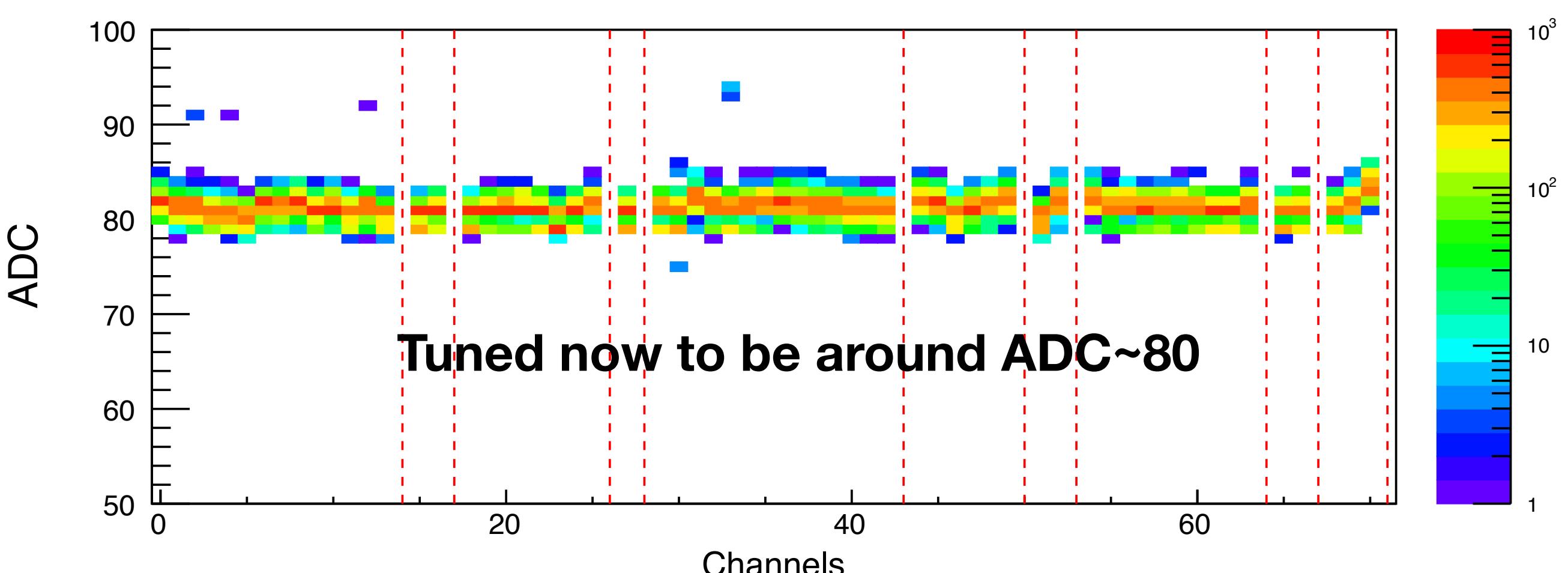
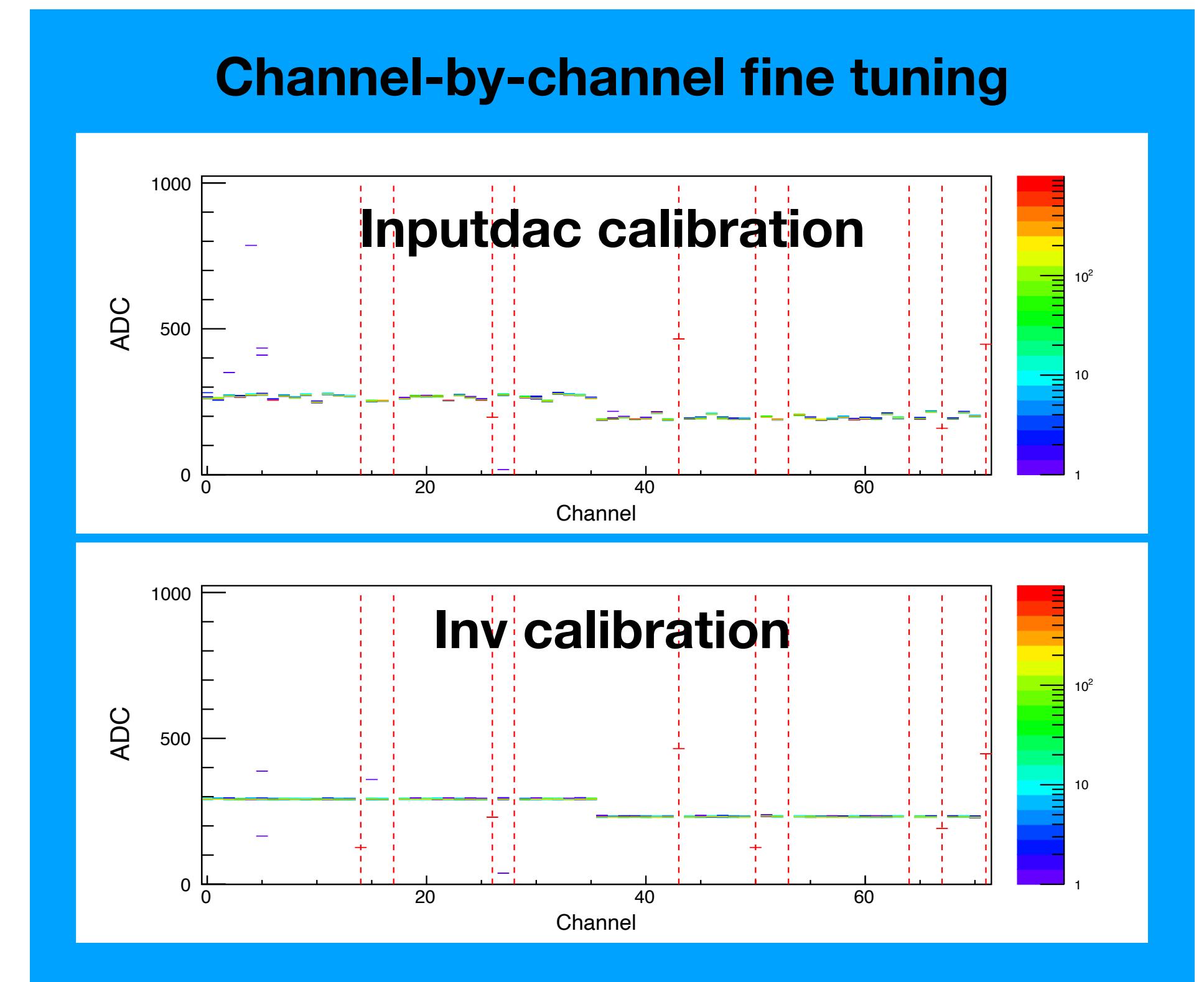


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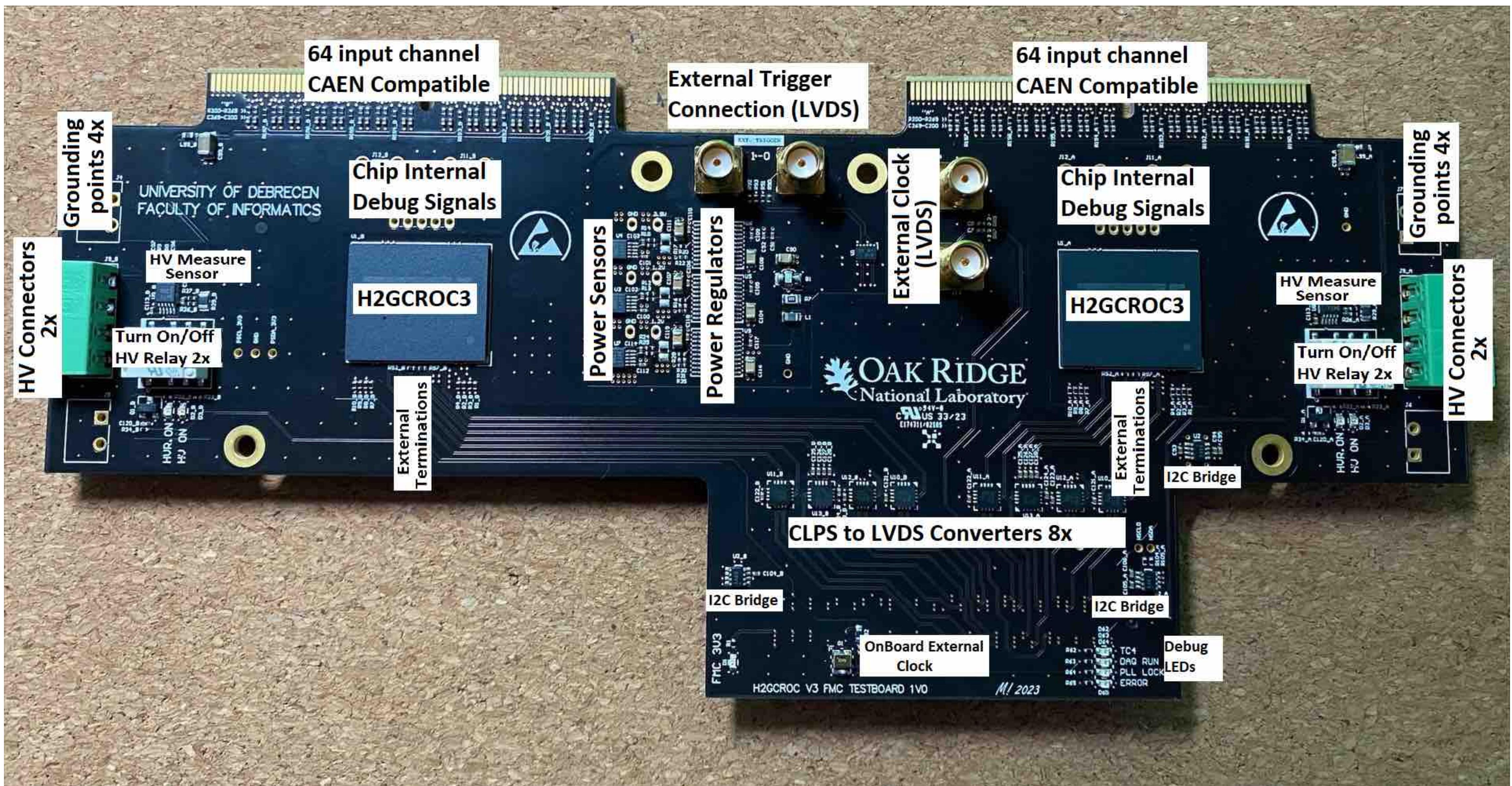
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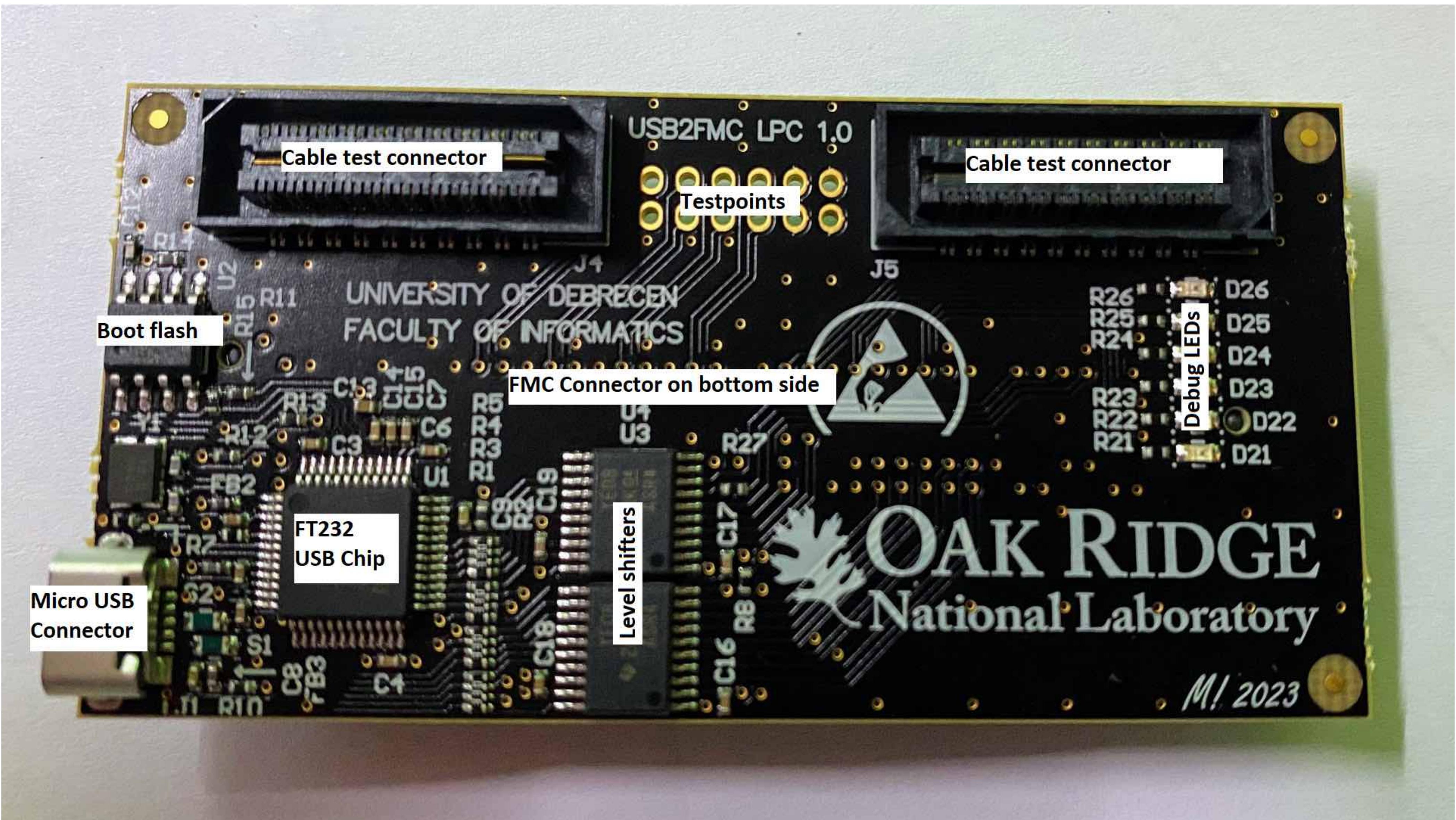
- Channel-by-channel calibration is done:
 - Register_0 inputdac
 - Register_3 trim_inv
- We can set the global pedestals by half-chip:
 - Register_4 Inv_vref
 - Register_5 Noinv_vref



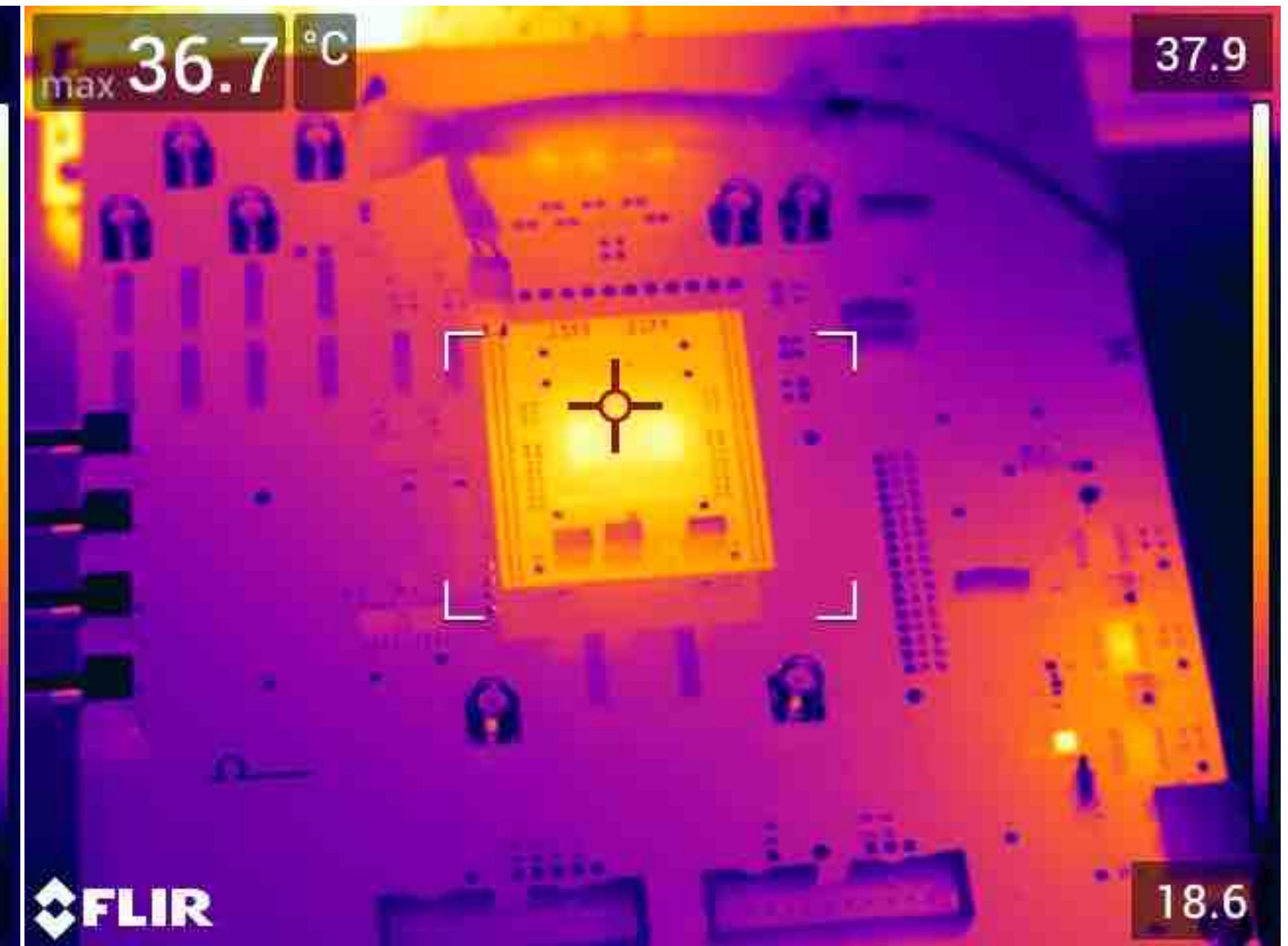
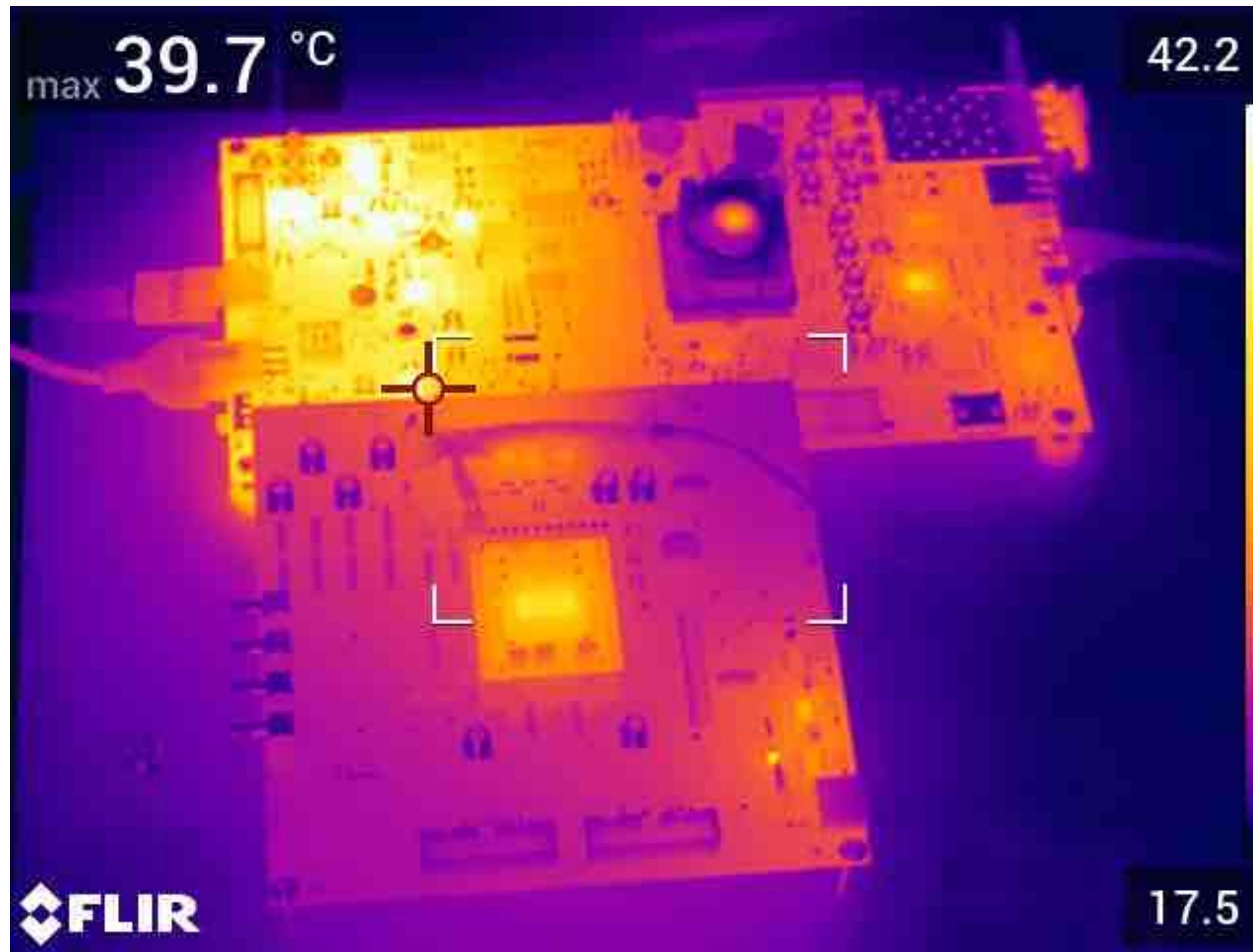
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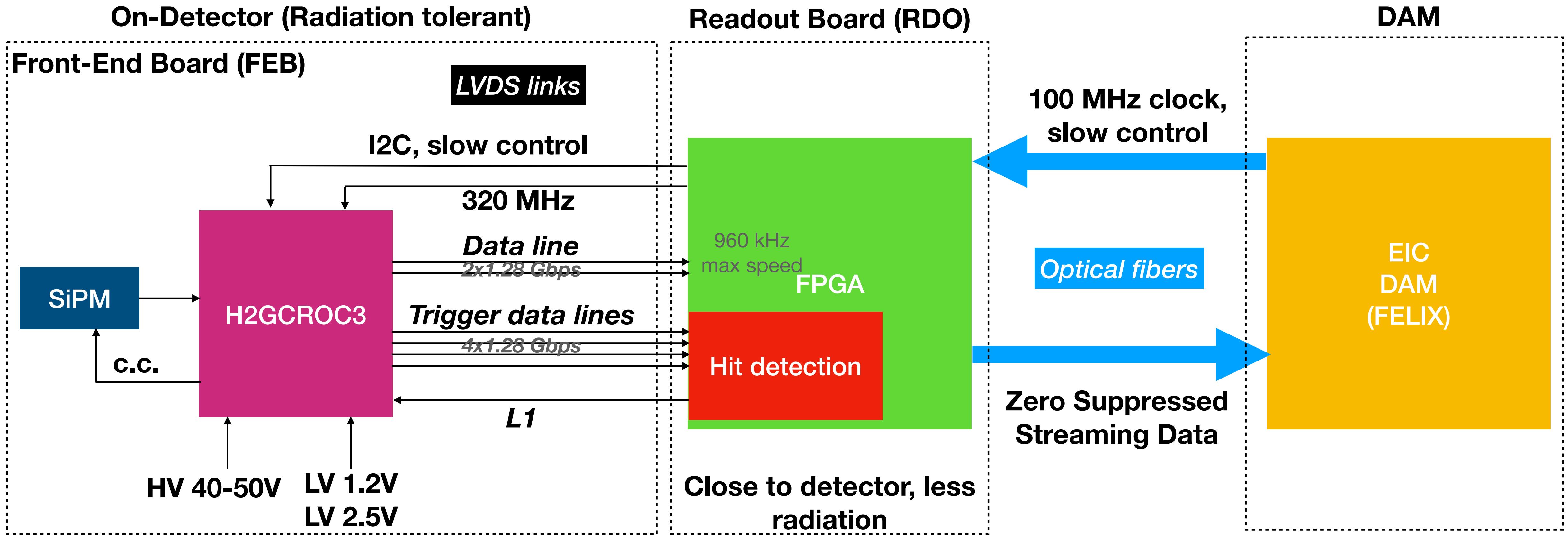
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Some IR pictures while working



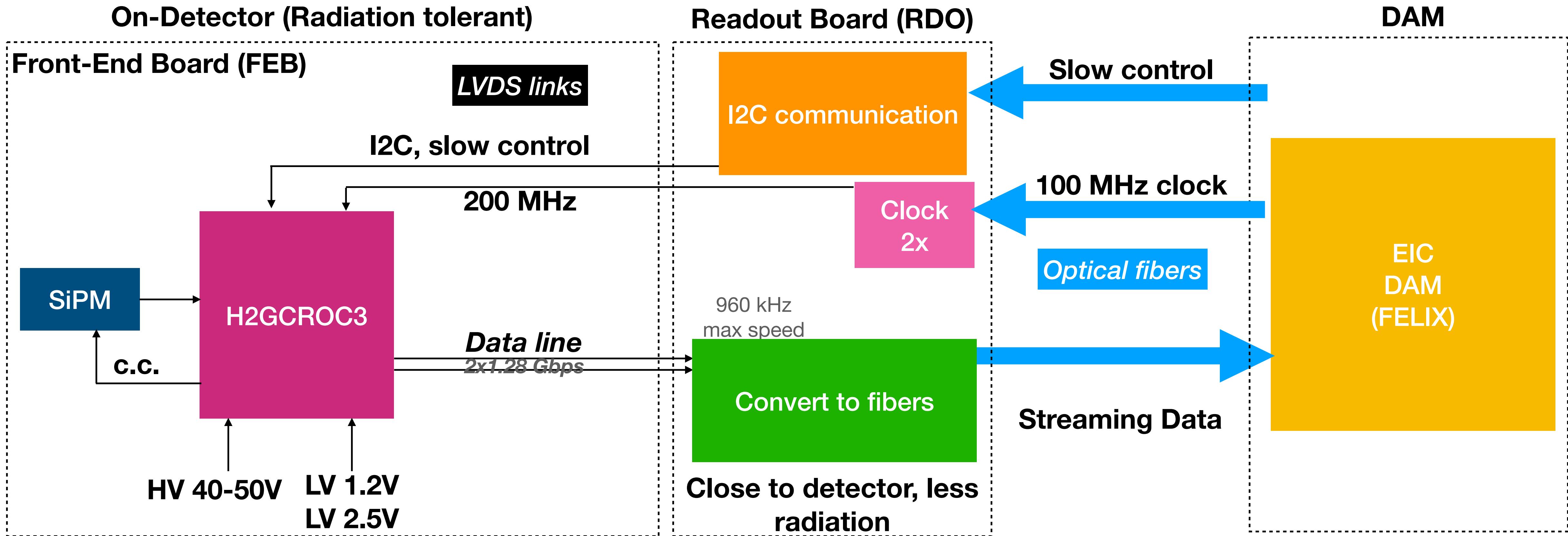
LFHCal readout hierarchy (as of now)



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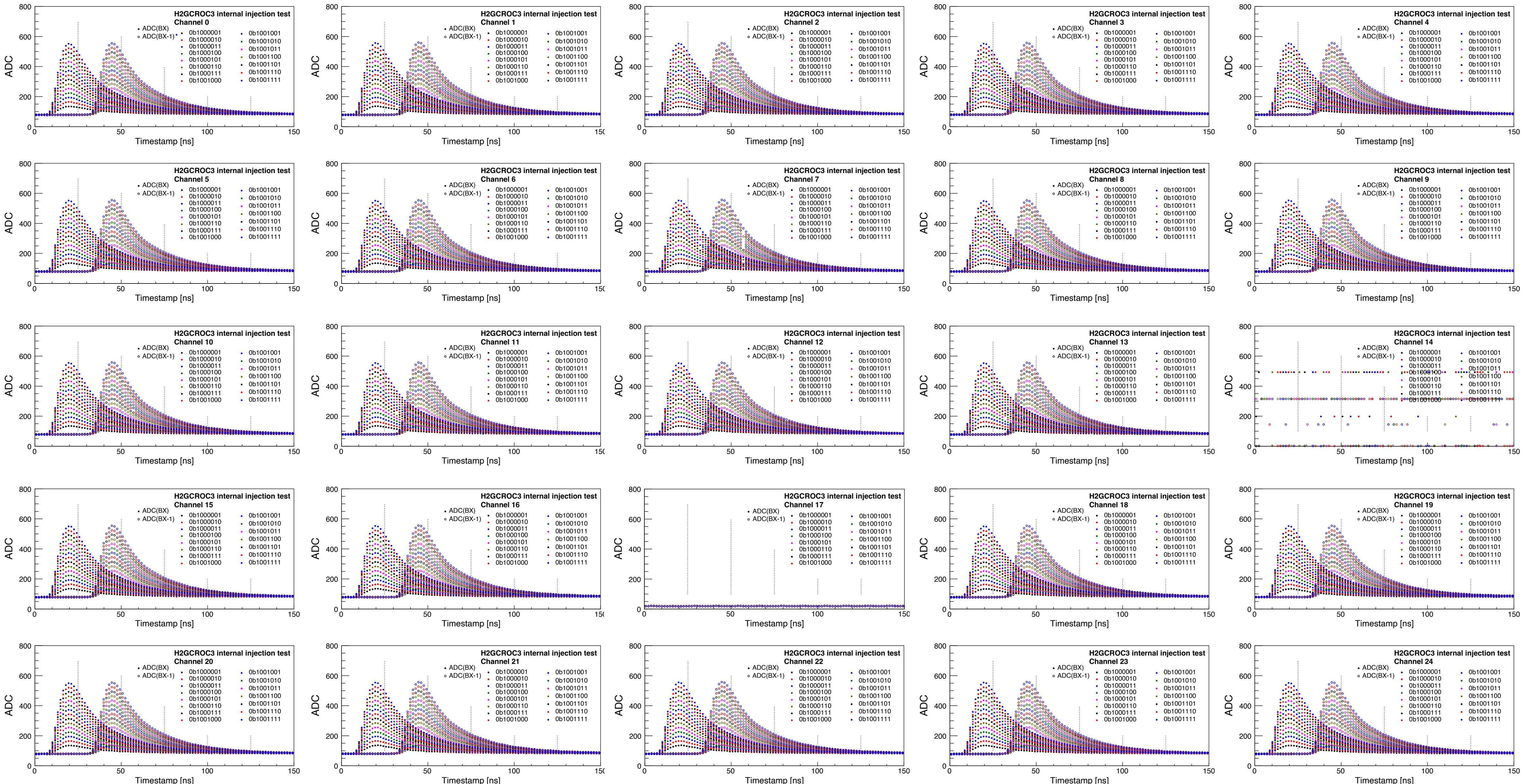
LFHCal readout hierarchy (after the upgrade)



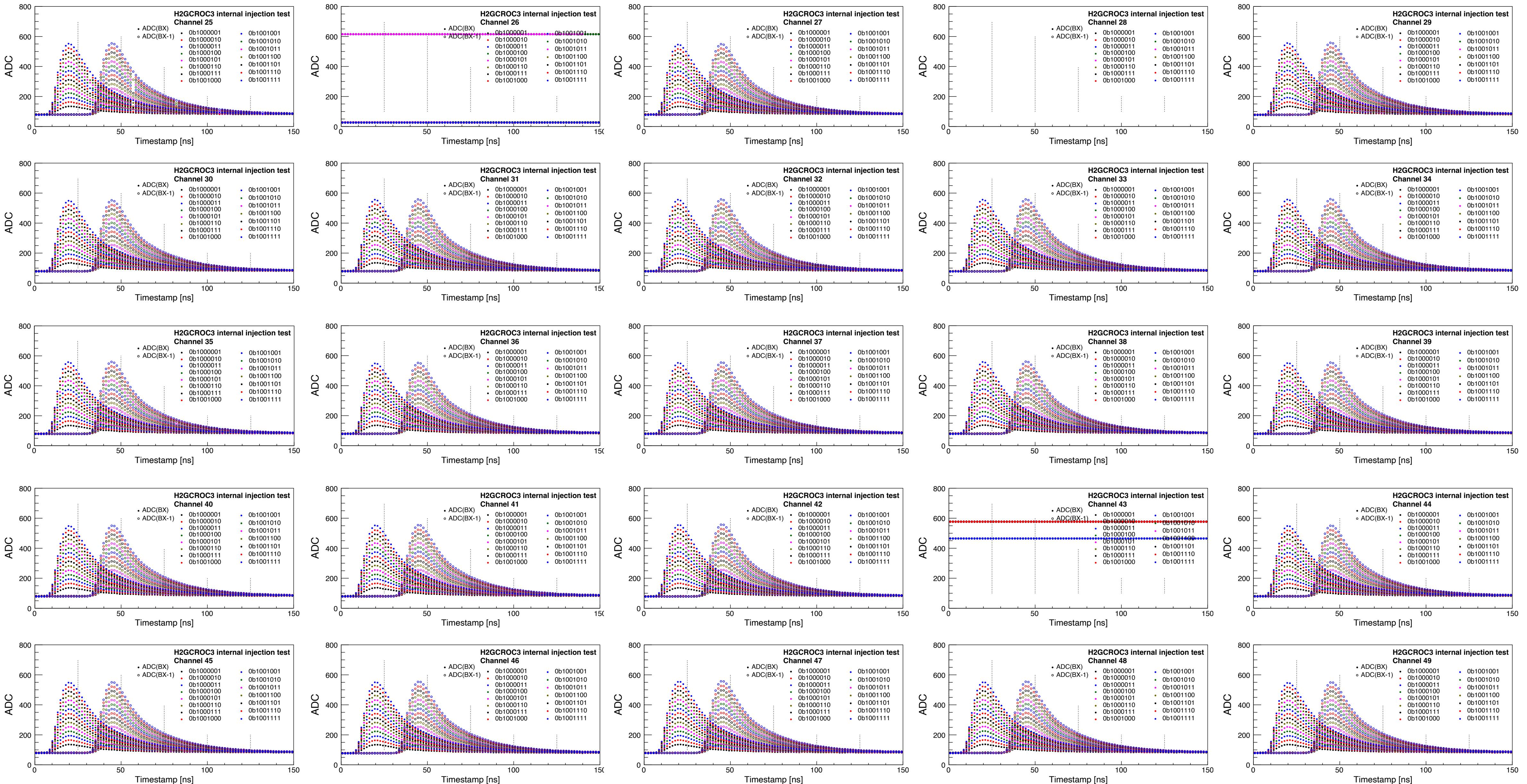
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