Trigger Scintillator Status

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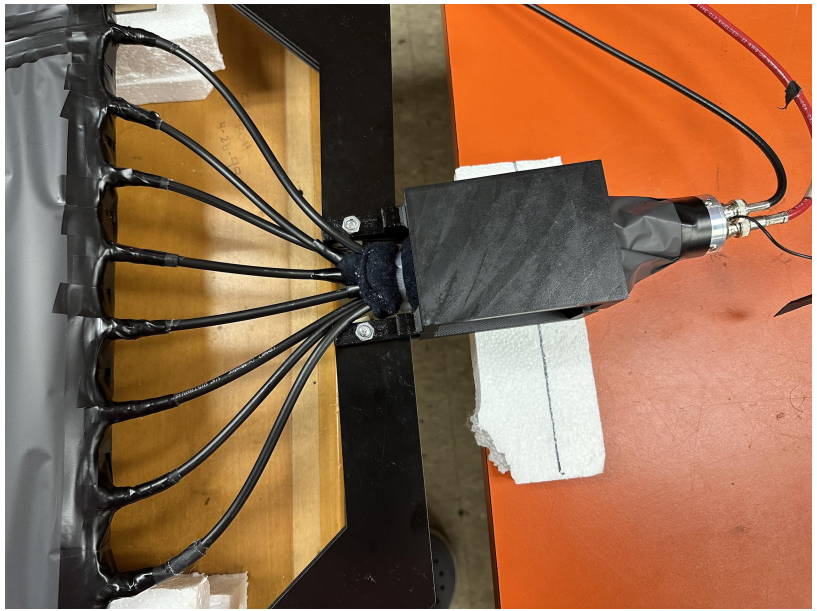
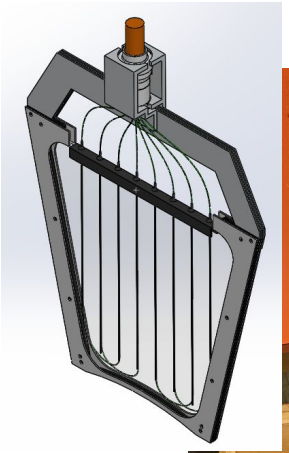
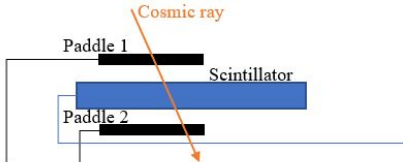
Prototype Mounted to Production Frame



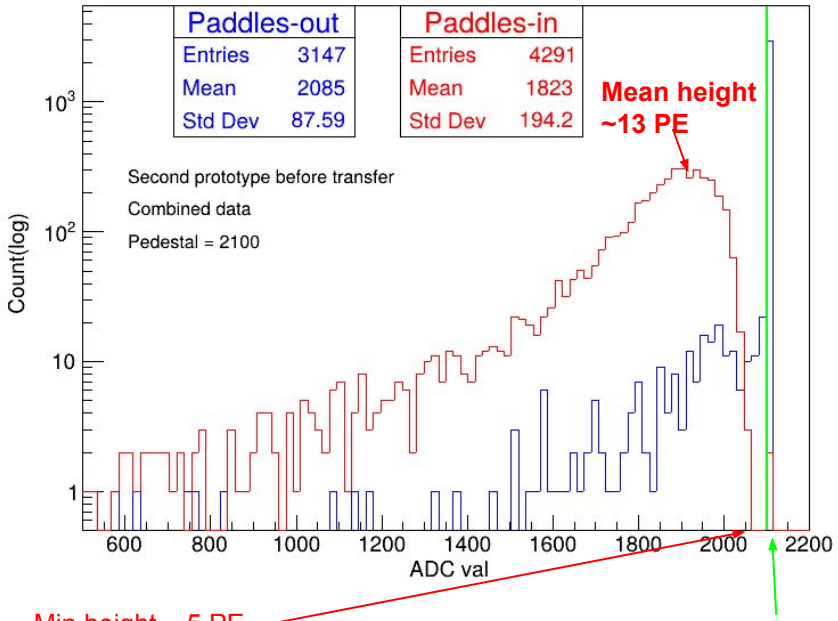
First Prototype Mounted to Final Production Module



Cosmic pulse height and Hit Timing



Min ADC value variation for all events

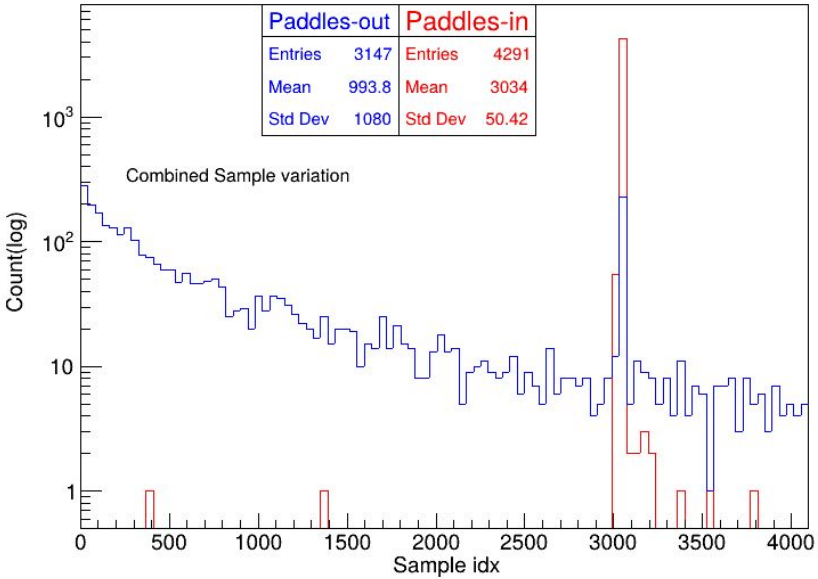


Mean height ~13 PE

Min height ~5 PE

2 PE Threshold Applied

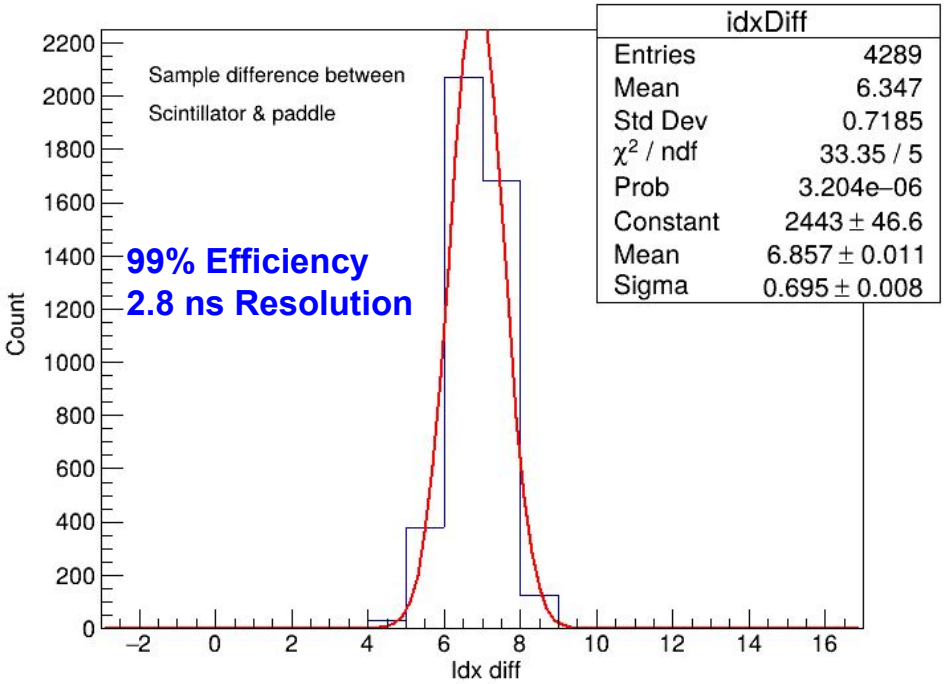
Sample index of the ADC min



Hit Time of 2 PE below pedestal: Scint vs paddle-scinti

CAEN V1720 12 bit samples 4 ns times.

Paddle and Scintillator hit time difference

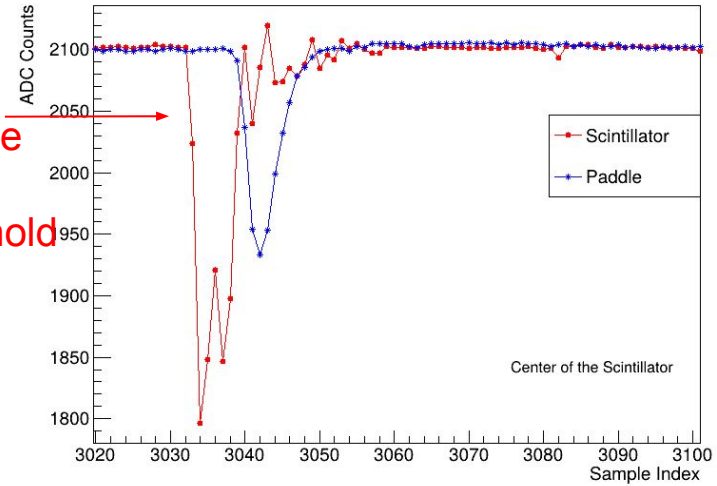


x-axis in Δt of paddle and scint hit time difference

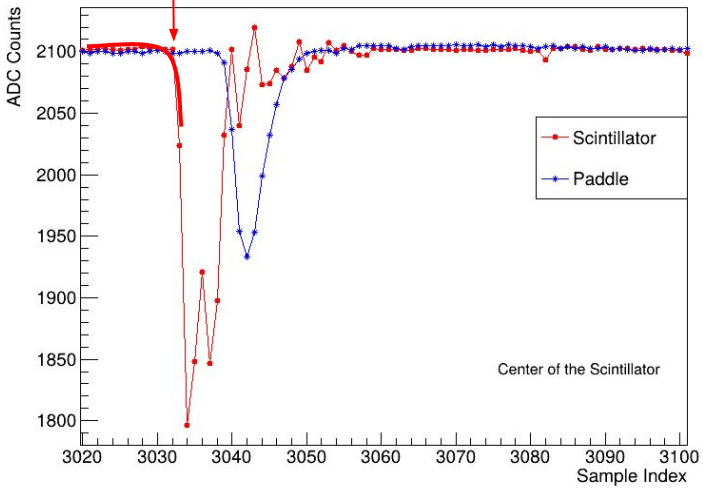
Current Status

- **With Cosmics we get about 2.8 ns timing resolution at 99% efficiency with a simple algorithm to find first sample below threshold**
- A fitting algorithm suitable for hardware implementation will improve the timing
- Scintillation light from 8 fibers picks up a detailed structure of initial interaction and internally reflected light. See next slides

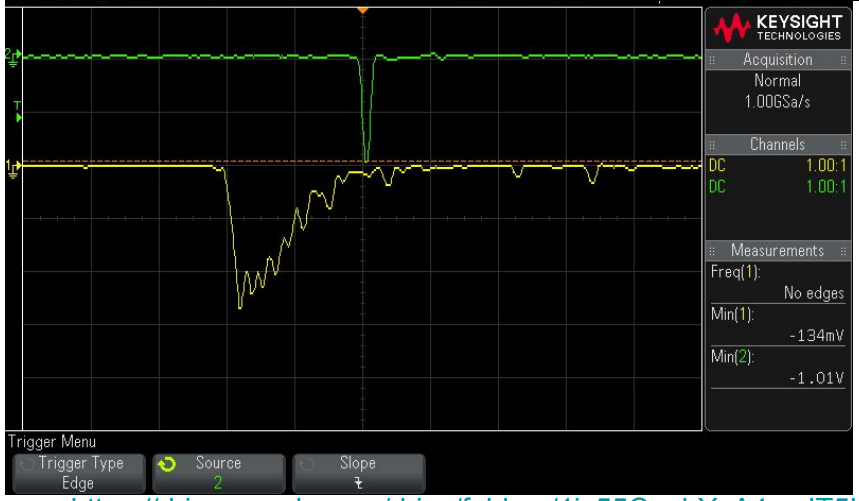
first sample below threshold



fitting algorithm



Scope Traces of Cosmic Hits



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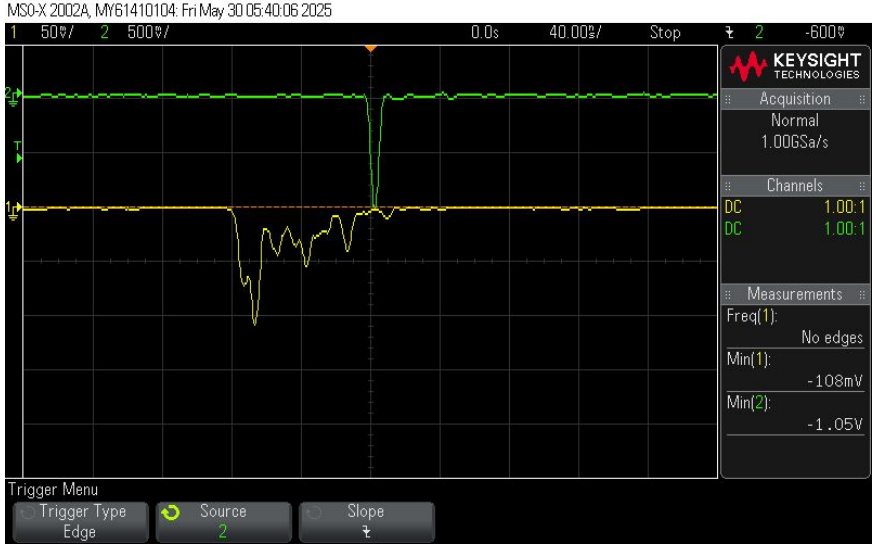

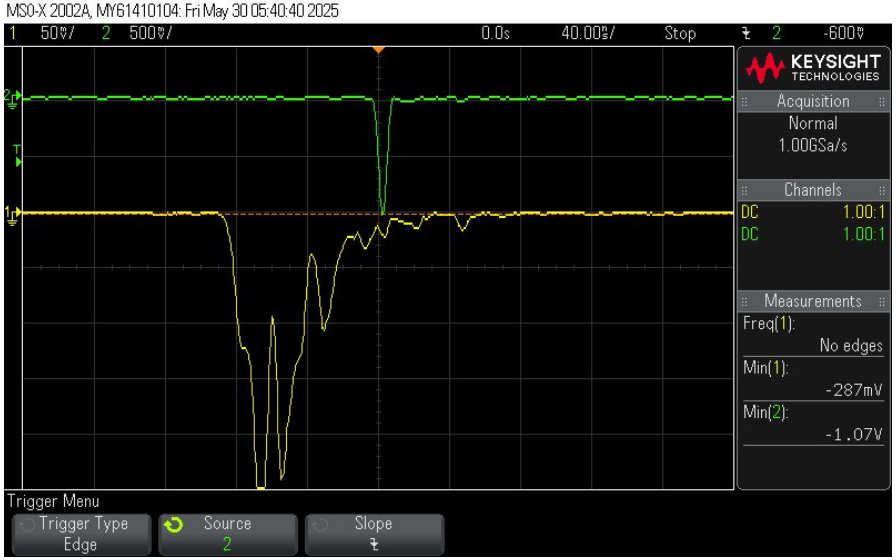

More traces

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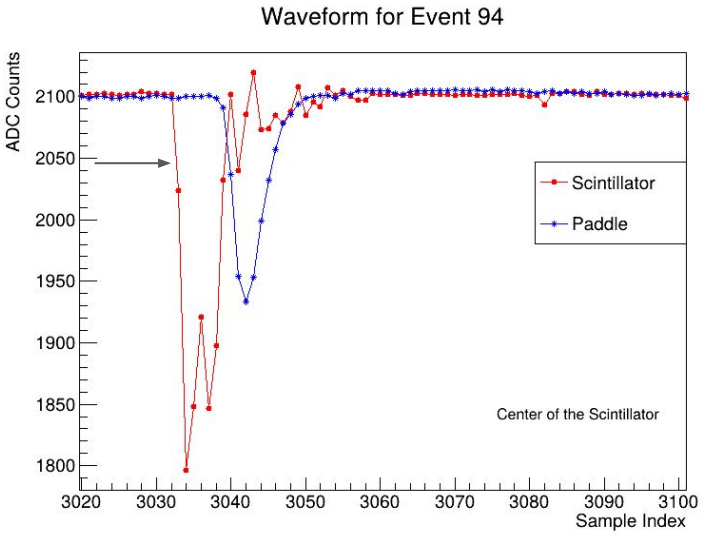
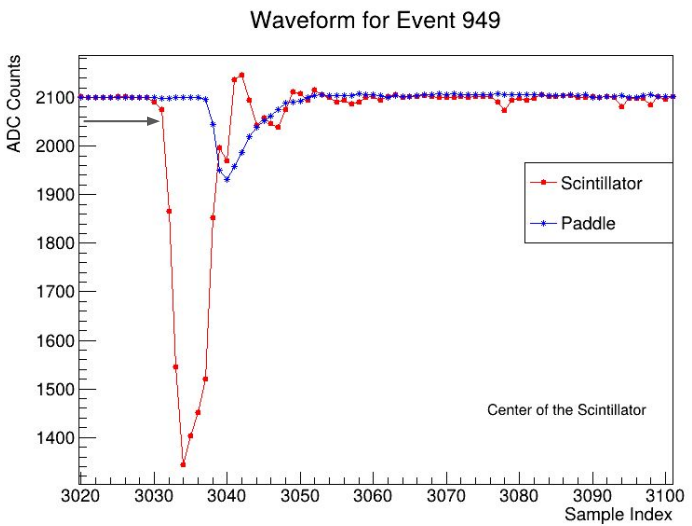
Waveforms of Cosmic Events Sampled (4ns) by CAEN ADC


Waveform for Event 94
ADC Counts
Sample Index
Scintillator
Paddle
Center of the Scintillator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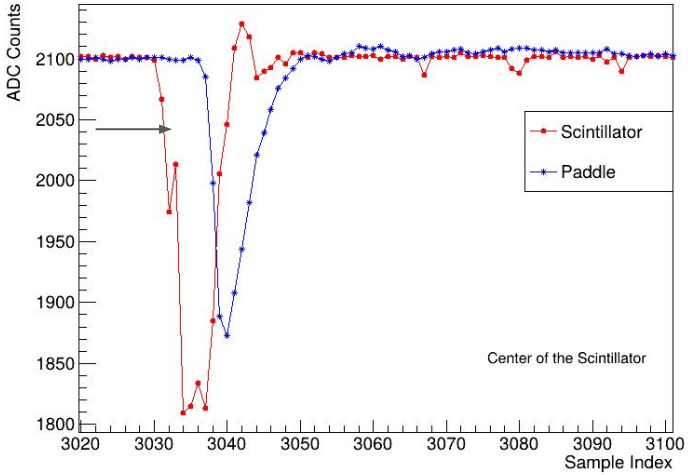
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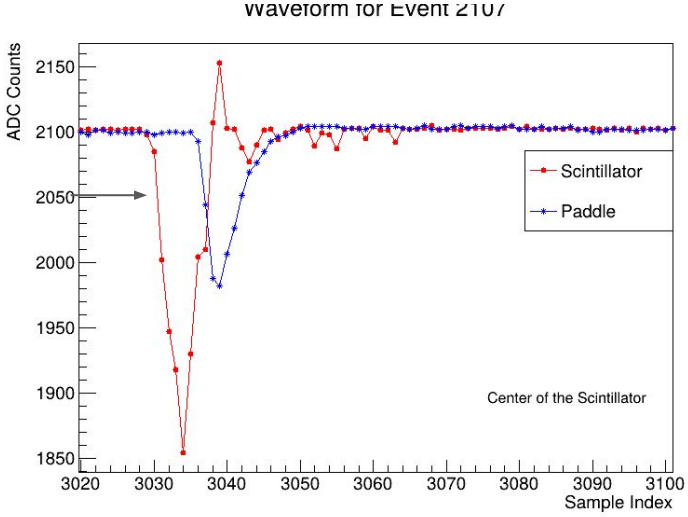
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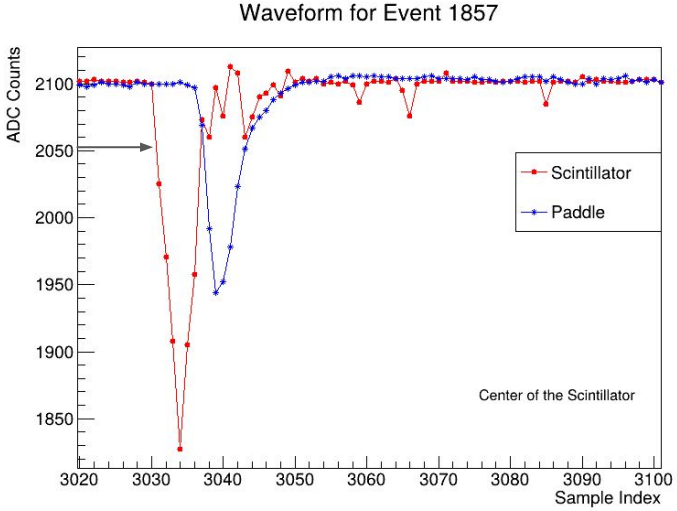
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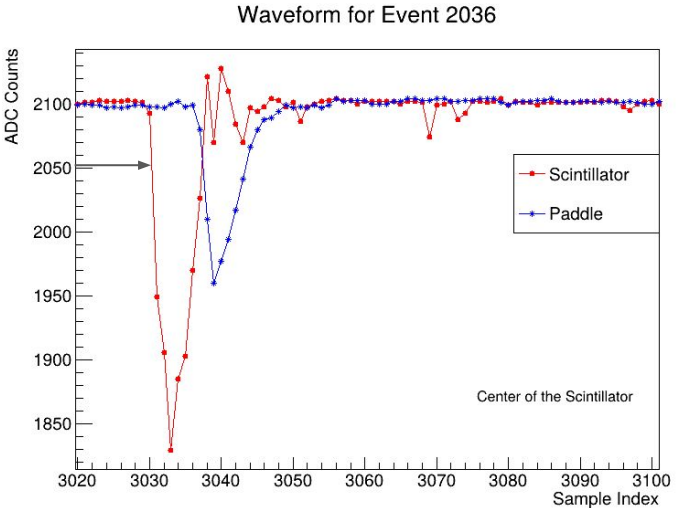
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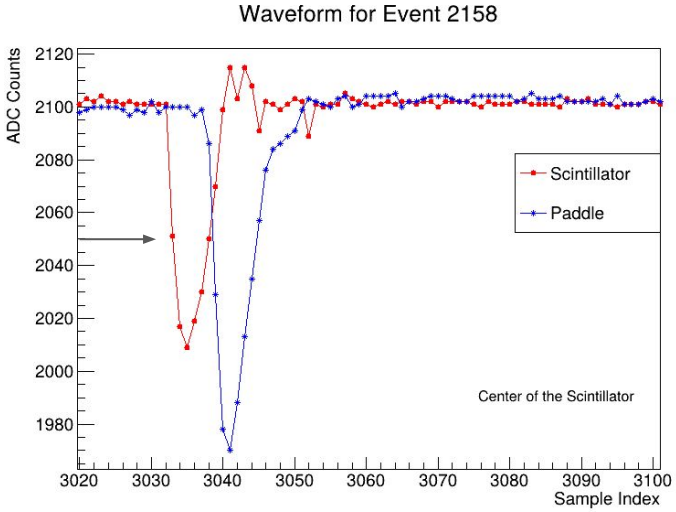
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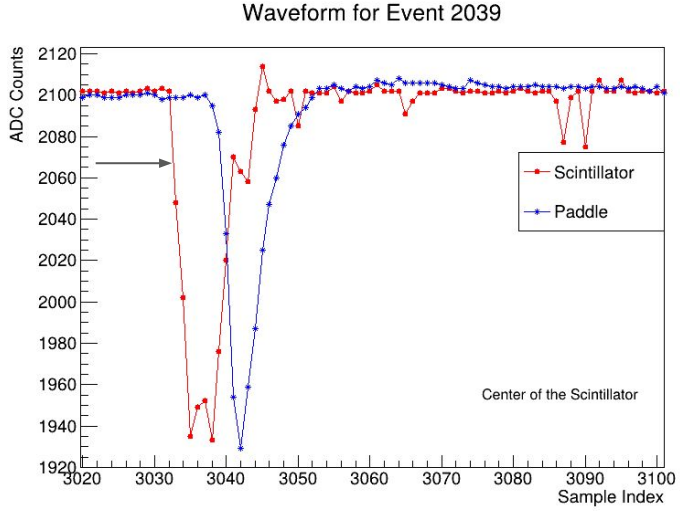
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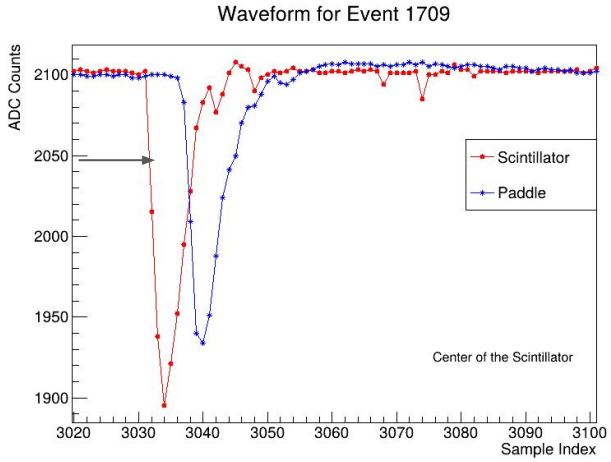
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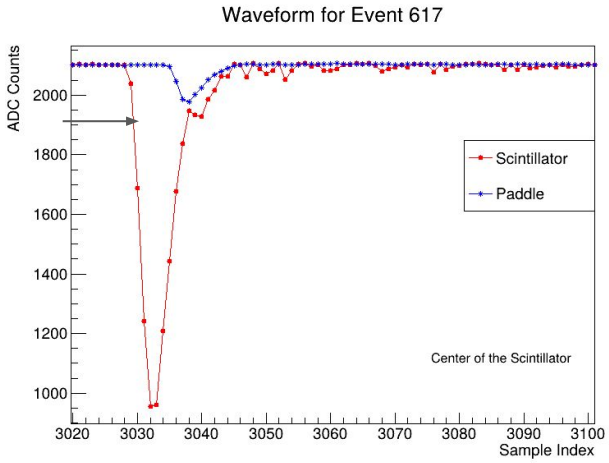
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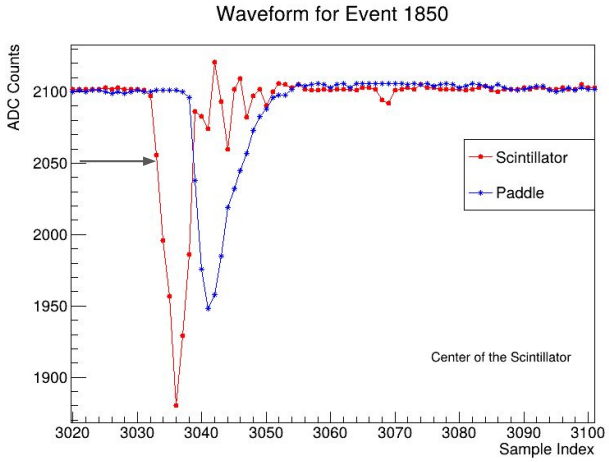
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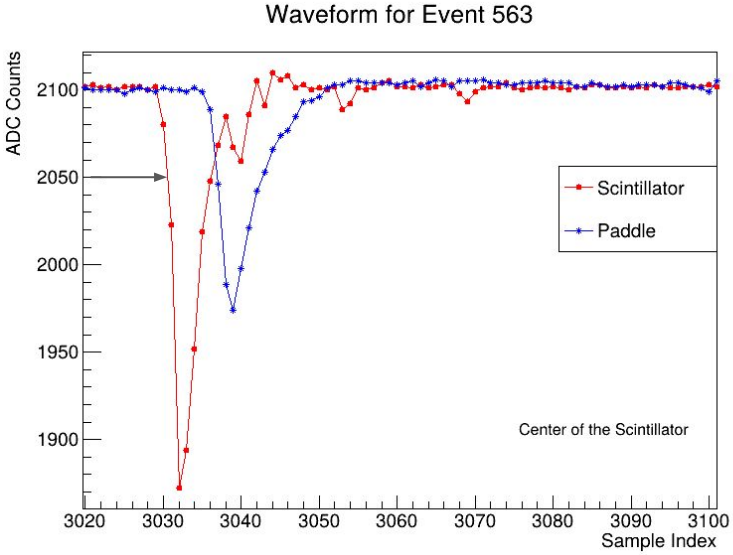
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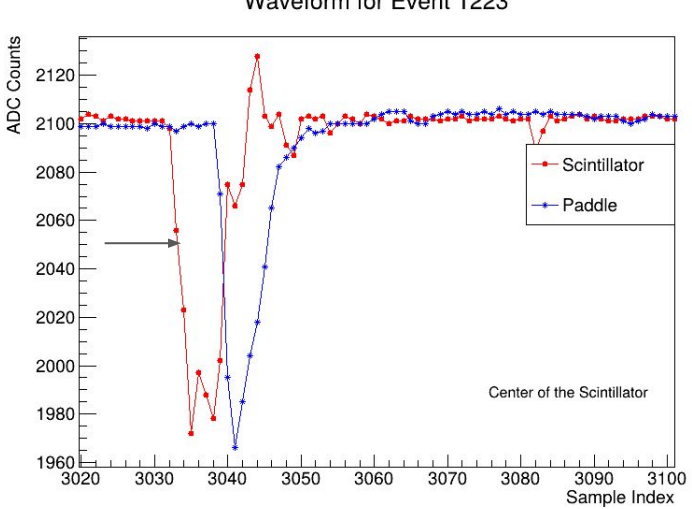
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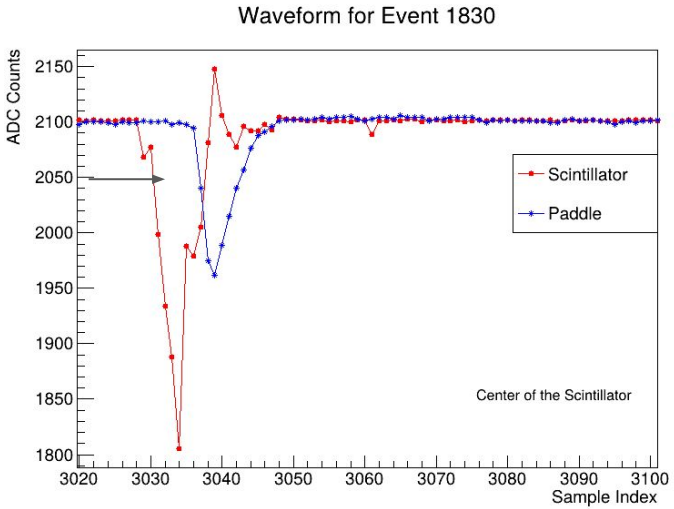
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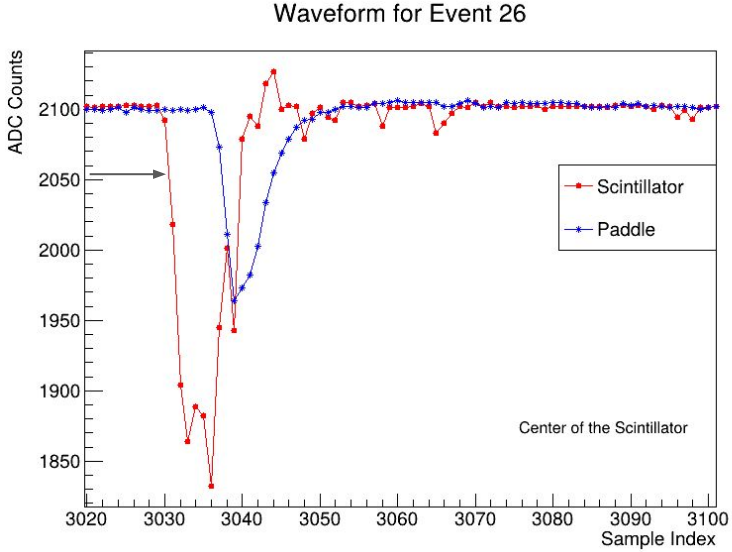
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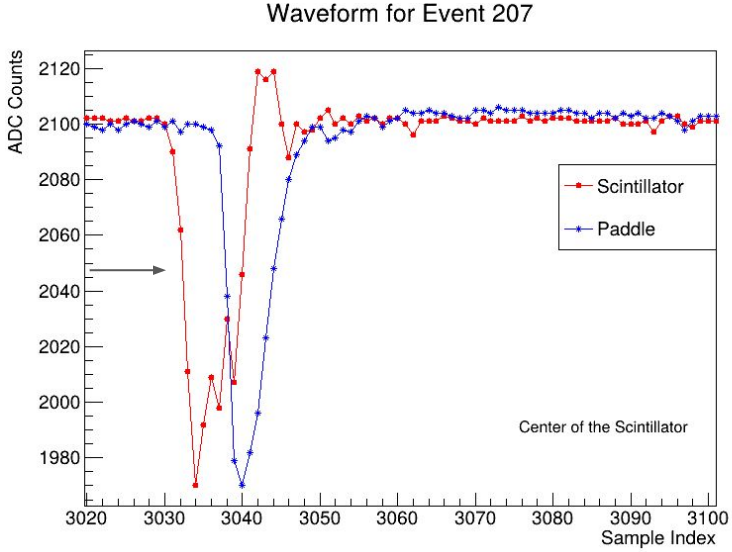
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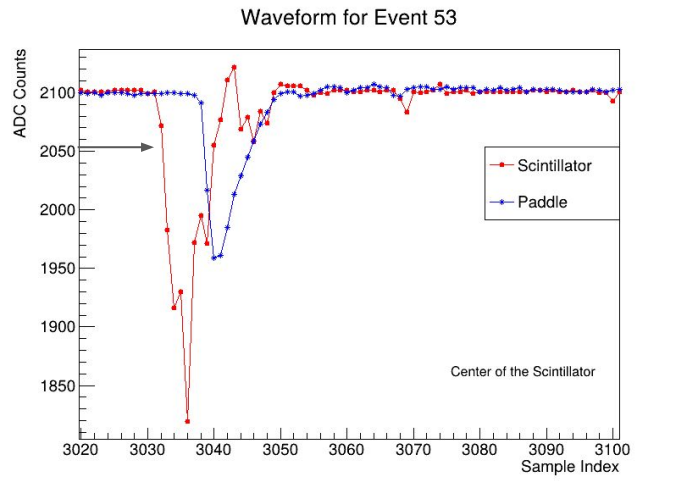
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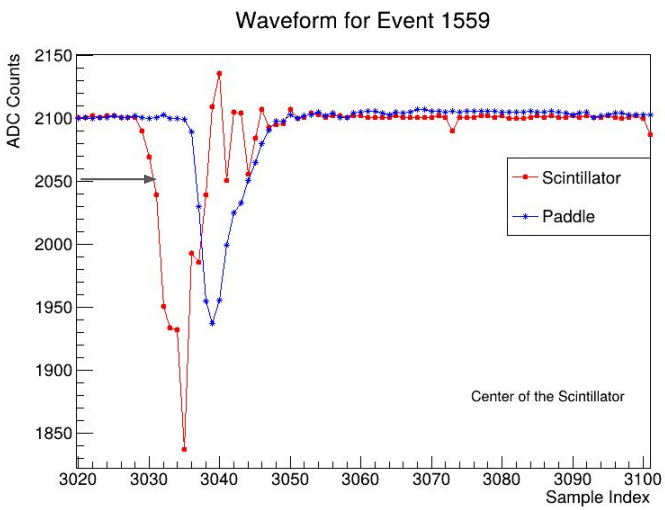
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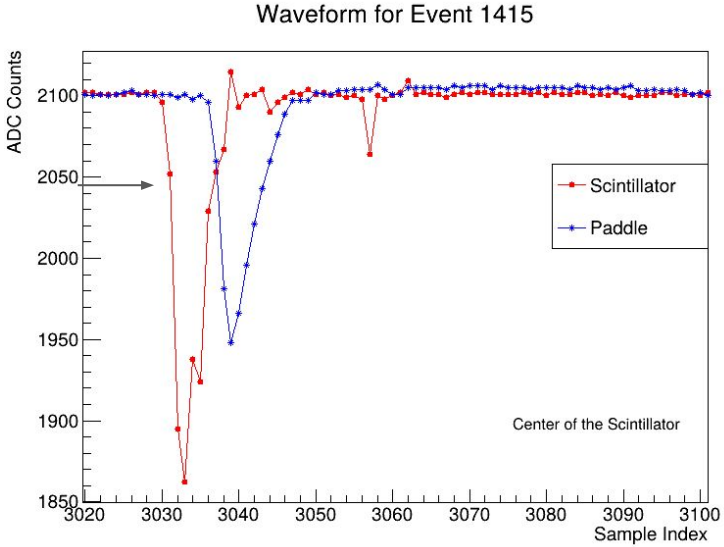
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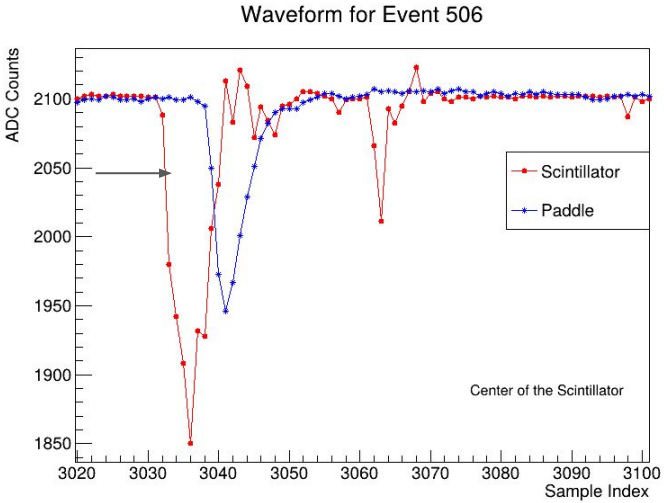
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Center of the Scintillator

Current Issue

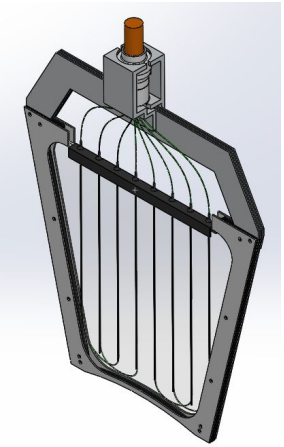
- Scintillation light from 8 fibers picks up a detailed structure of initial interaction and internally reflected light
- This effect adds uncertainty to timing resolution
- Major concern is at high noise experimental conditions, current timing resolution could further degrade due to how light is picked up by fiber set.
    - **Not sure how much more PEs we need to overcome this effect?**

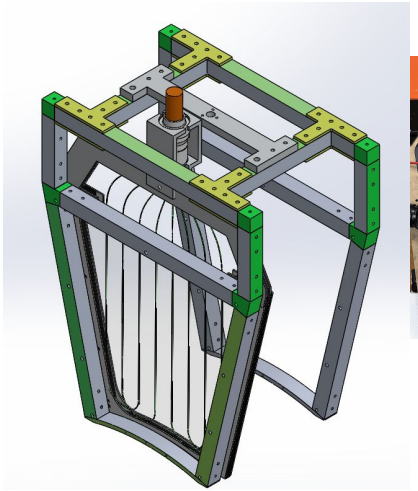
How to Proceed

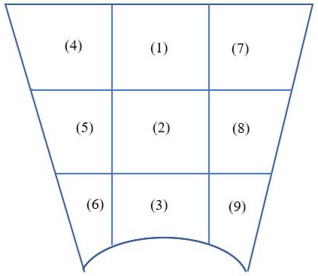
- **With Cosmics we get about 2.8 ns timing resolution (CAEN V1720 sample size is 4 ns) at 99% efficiency**
  - **No pulse amplification**
  - **This is with PMT at -900 V can we can up to -1100 V**
- What is acceptable for the experiment?
- Can a trigger algorithm like fitting algorithm improve to the timing ?
- As a contingency we are going to have a Light guide design ready?
  - Due to space constraints, we may need dual light guides on the top of the scintillator with two PMT
  - In communication with Eljen to get parts for lighguide based prototype
- Explore adding more fibers to smooth out the pulse structure and increase light yield
- Currently we use Kuraray Y-11 1.3 mm fibers,
  - Go to 2 mm fibers to increase yield
  - Try different fiber vendor that minimizes the effects we see from Y-11
- Any suggestions?

Backups

Prototype production model







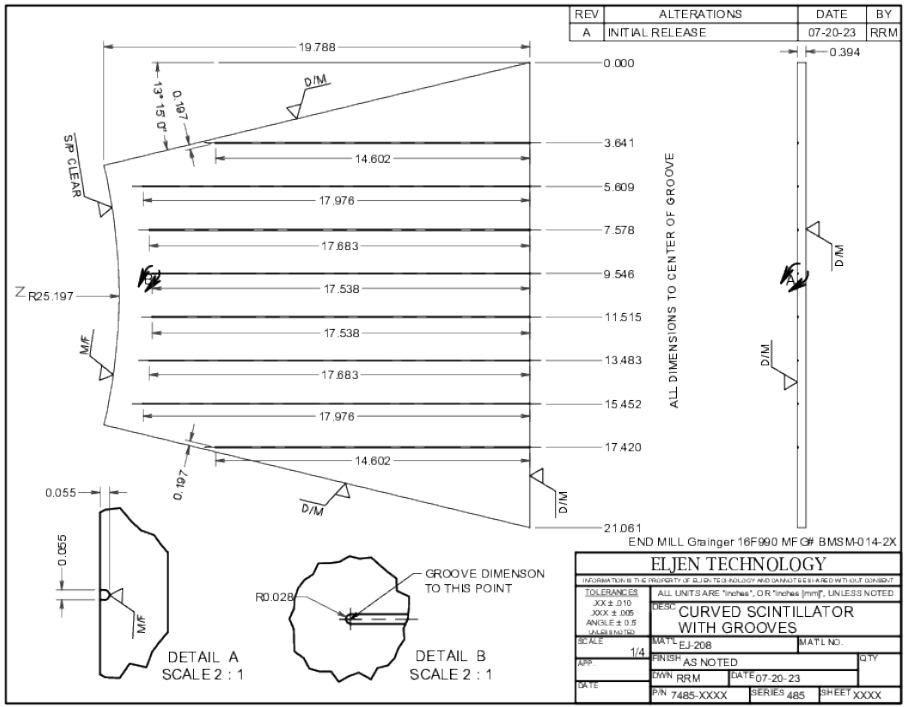
Different testing positions

Efficiency and timing resolution results

Position	Efficiency for > SPE (%)
1	100.00
2	99.87
3	99.80
4	99.02
5	99.83
6	99.96
7	99.83
8	99.43
9	98.03
Average	99.58

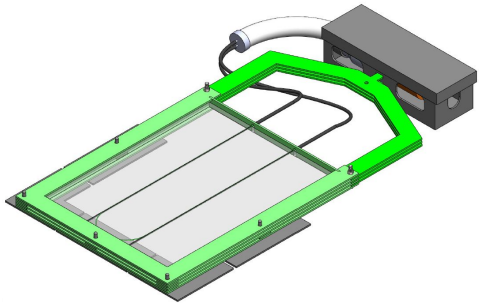
Final Design

- Curved scintillator model to fit in the tracking rotator
- 8 WLS fibers
- Surface is diamond milled
- The grooves are circular and machine finished
- The bottom is sanded and polished
- Fibers will be glued to the scintillator grooves using optical glue EJ500
- Scintillator to be wrapped in 3M DF2000MA (over 99% reflective wrap for wavelengths relevant)

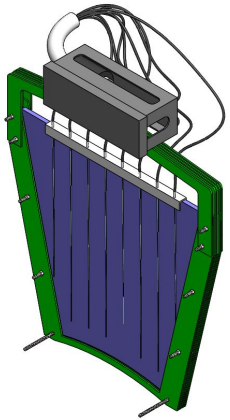


Scintillator design and progress

- 4 parts in the design
  - Scintillator
    - EJ-208
  - Mounting frames
    - G10 high pressure fiber glass
  - Wavelength shifting (WLS) fibers
    - Kurary Y-11
  - Photo-Multiplier Tube (PMT)
    - Et-enterprises 9181SB
- Optical cement to hold WLS fibers in the scintillator
  - EJ-500
- We developed and tested two prototypes



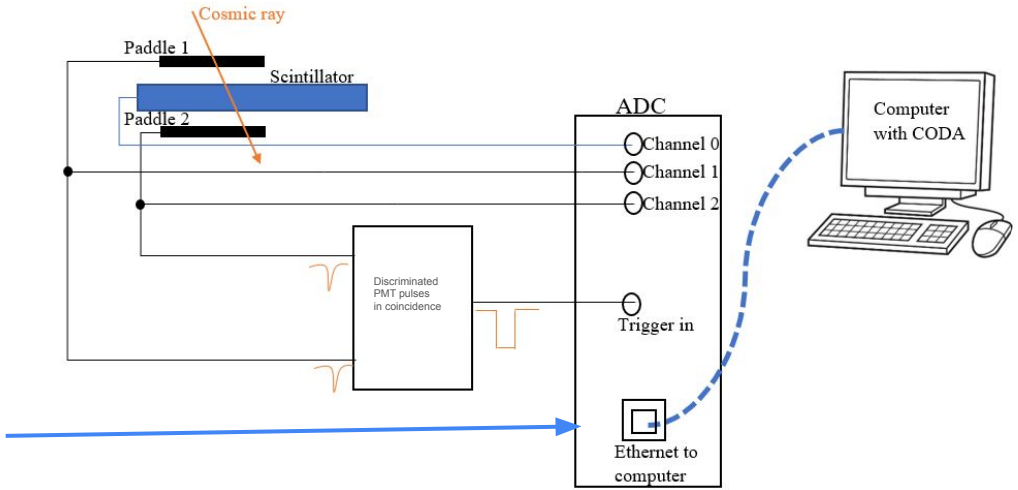
Initial prototype *SolidWorks* model and constructed model



Final prototype *SolidWorks* model and constructed model

Trigger Setup

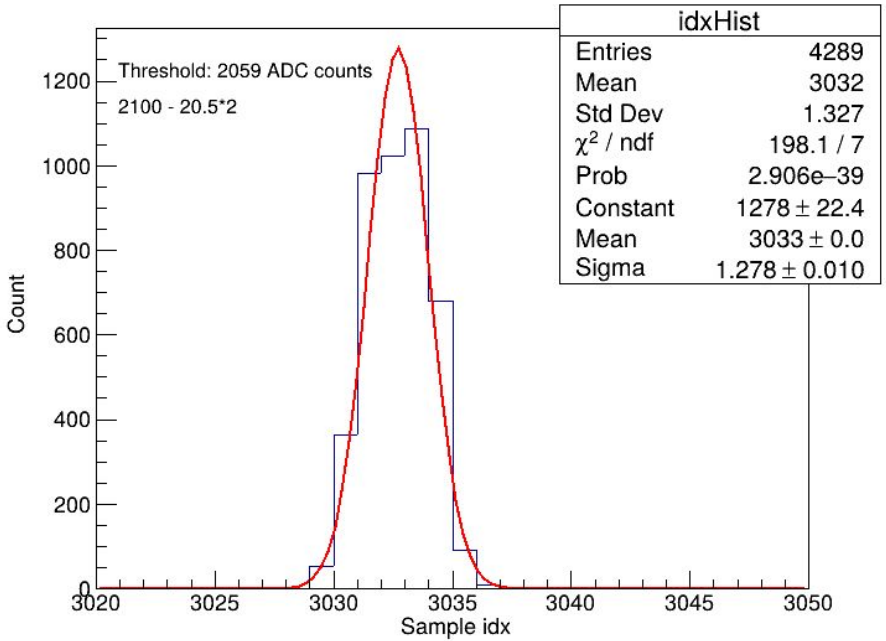
CAEN, Module V1720,
8 channel 12 bit - 250 MS/s



Schematic of the cosmic ray testing setup

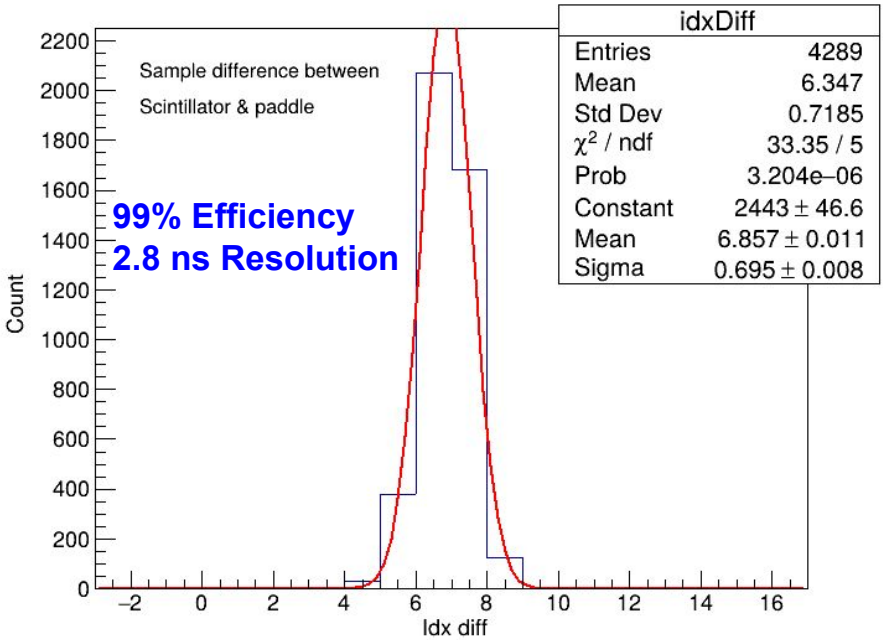
Hit Time of 2 PE below pedestal: Scint vs paddle-scinti

Scintillator hit time



CAEN V1720 12 bit samples 4 ns times.
x-axis in 4 ns unit samples

Paddle and Scintillator hit time difference



x-axis in Δt of paddle and scint hit time difference