

# An overview of data calibration algorithms of NeuLAND in the R<sup>3</sup>B setup

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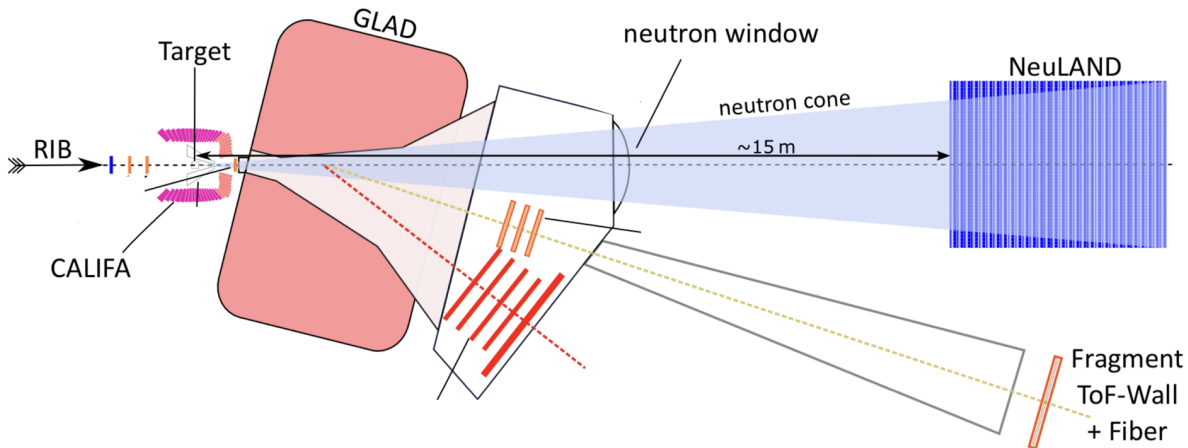
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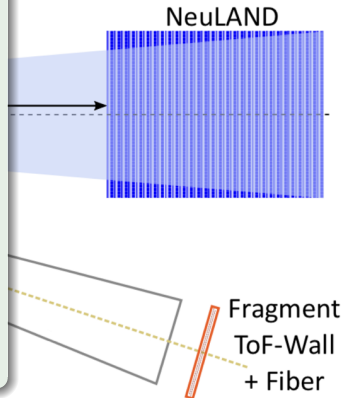
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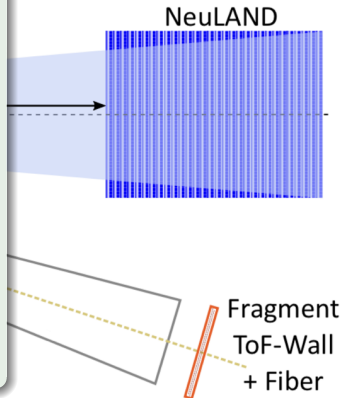


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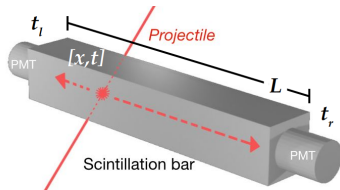
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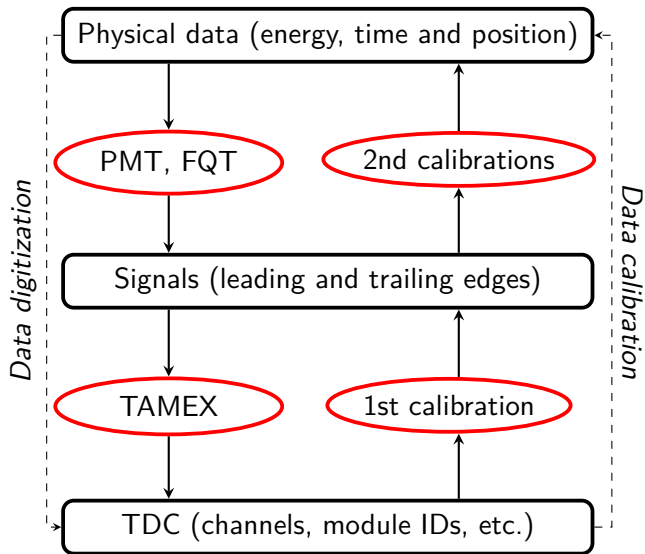
- interaction position
- interaction time
- energy deposition



## Physical interactions:

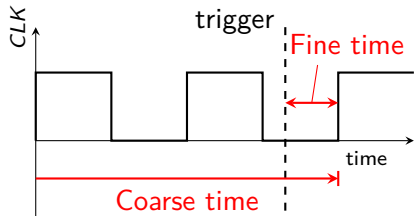


## Digitization of PMT signals:



# Time measurement and TDC calibration

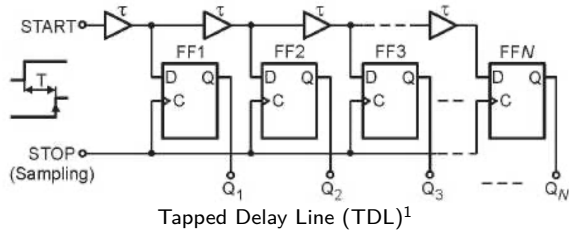
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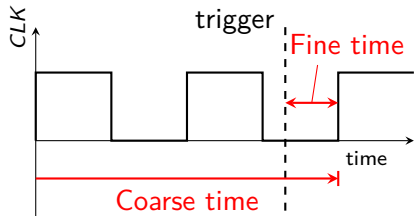
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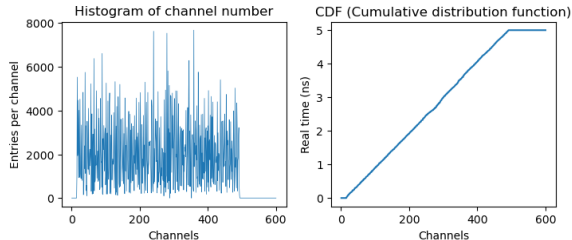
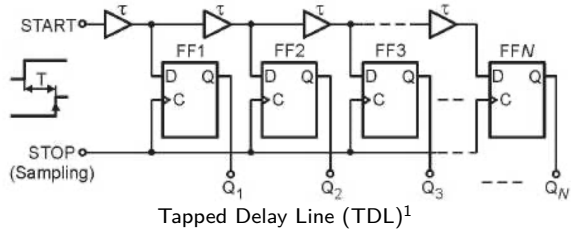
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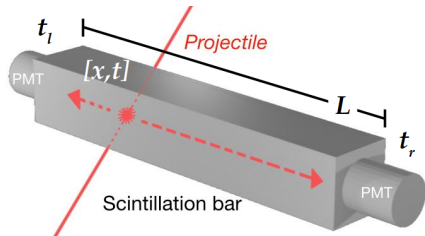
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TDC Calibration (Time resolution  $\sim 10$  ps)

[1] J. Kalisz, *Metrologia* **41**, 17 (2003)

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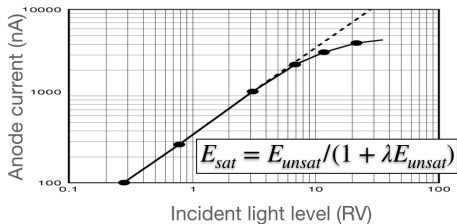
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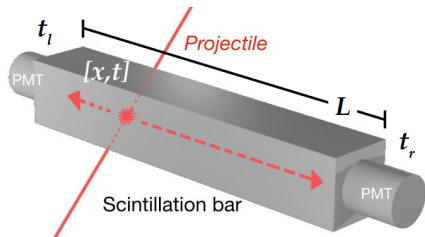
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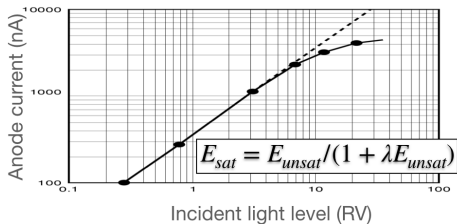
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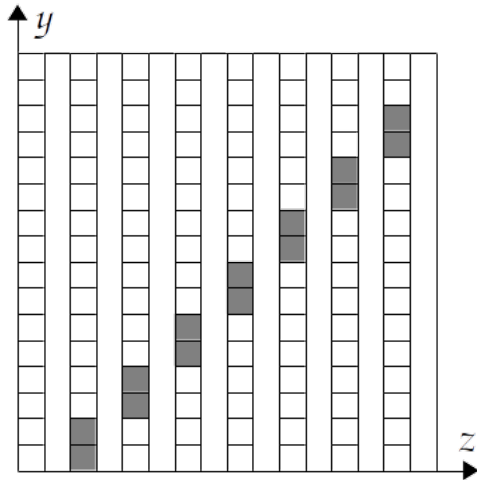
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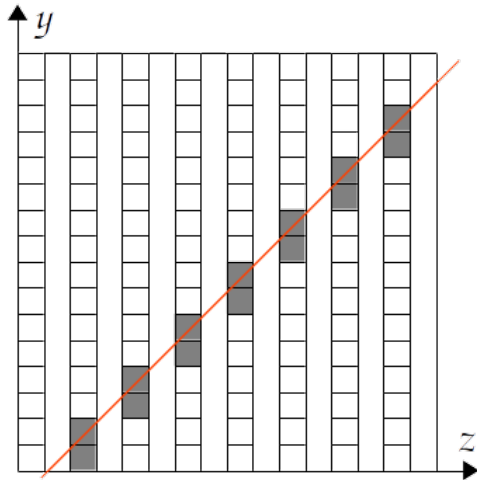
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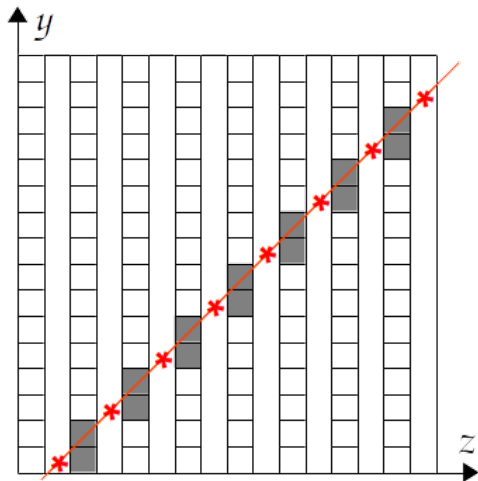
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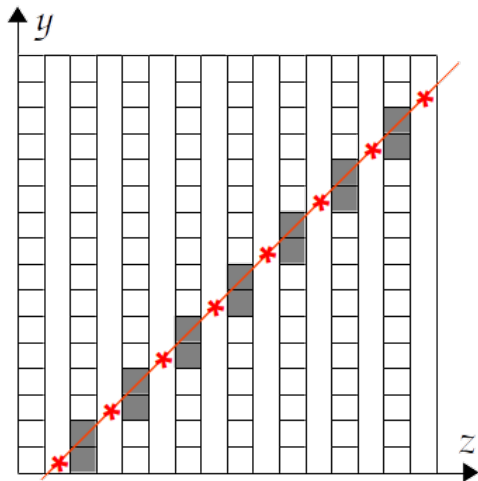
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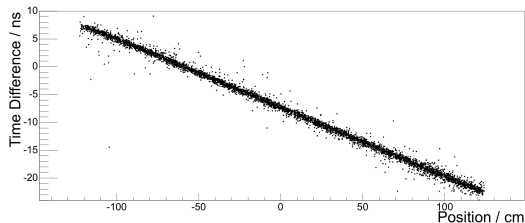
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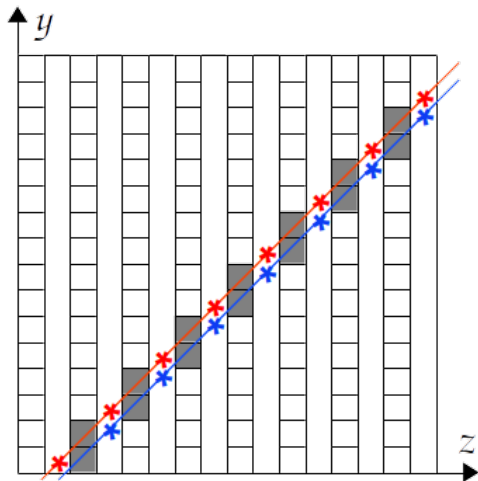
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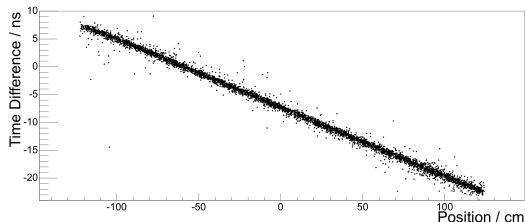
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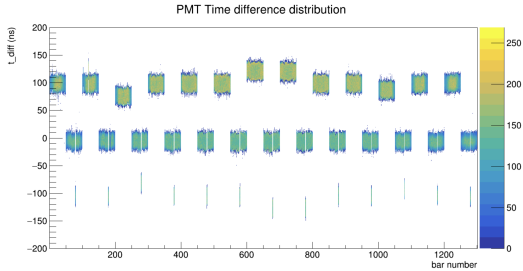
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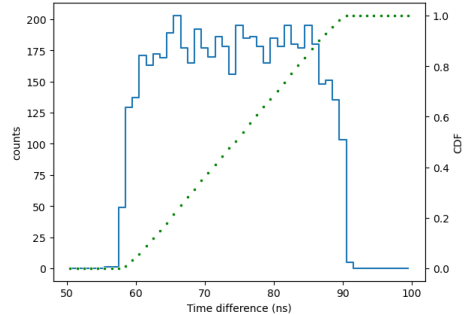
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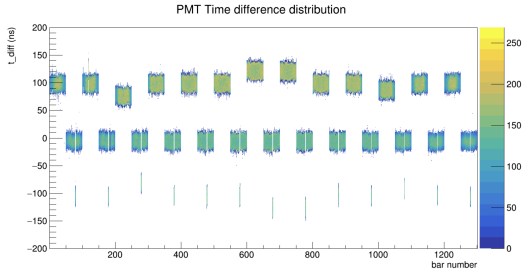
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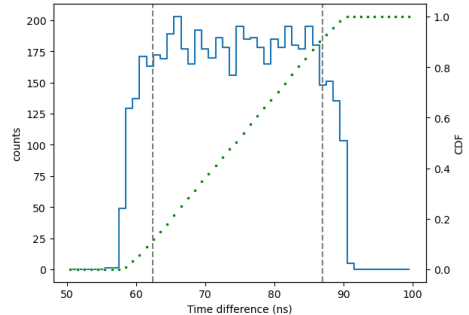
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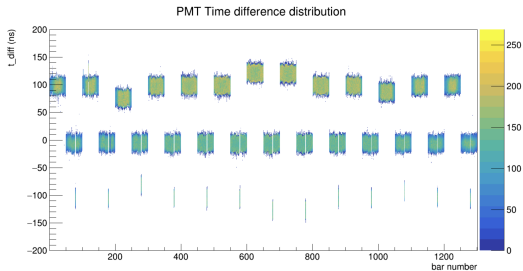
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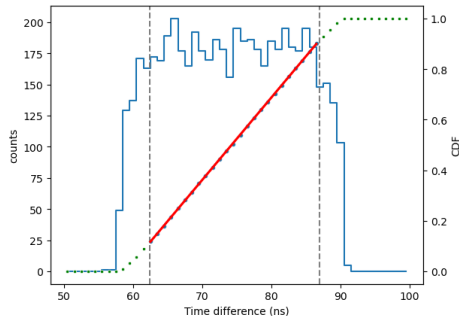
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## Parameter fitting:



## Fitting function:

$$y = a \cdot x + 0.5 - a \cdot b$$

## Calculation of parameters:

$$C_e = 2 \cdot a \cdot \text{bar length}$$

$$t_{\text{offset}} = b$$

# Current energy calibration method (WIP)

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## Assumptions

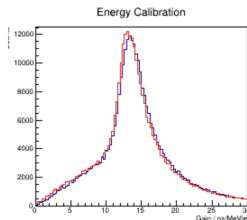
- 1 PMT saturation factor differs from gain factor by a constant value:  
 $\lambda = 0.00175 \times \mathcal{G}$
- 2 Cosmic muon's stopping power:  
 $1.73 \text{ MeV cm}^{-1}$
- 3 Adjacent PMTs have the same gain factor

Calculation of parameters:

- PMT baseline  $W_0$  is determined by the minimum cut on signal widths (i.e. trailing time – leading time).
- Calculation of attenuation factor:  
 $\alpha = \ln((W_r - W_0)/(W_l - W_0))/(2 \cdot x)$
- Calculation of gain factor:

$$\mathcal{G} = \frac{W - W_0}{I_{\text{PMT}}(1 - 0.00175(W - W_0))}$$

PMT gains from each event:



## Residual minimization

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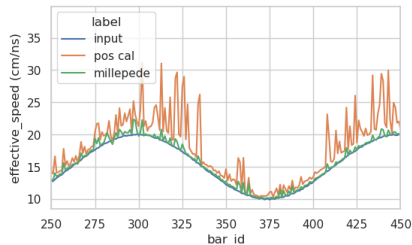
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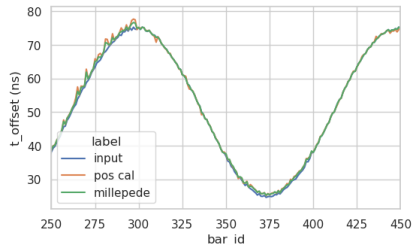
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- ① Principle of digitization processes
- ② Calibration with TDC for time values
- ③ Calibration with time values for physical values
- ④ Fine tuning with the Millepede-II algorithm

## Outlook

- ① Improve energy calibration
- ② Apply Millepede-II algorithm on energy-related parameters
- ③ Verify energy parameters via simulation

