



Characterization of the PMT System in the TRIDENT Pathfinder Experiment

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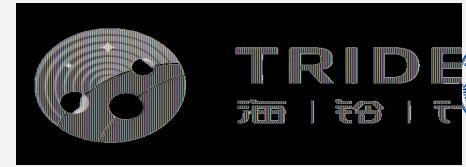
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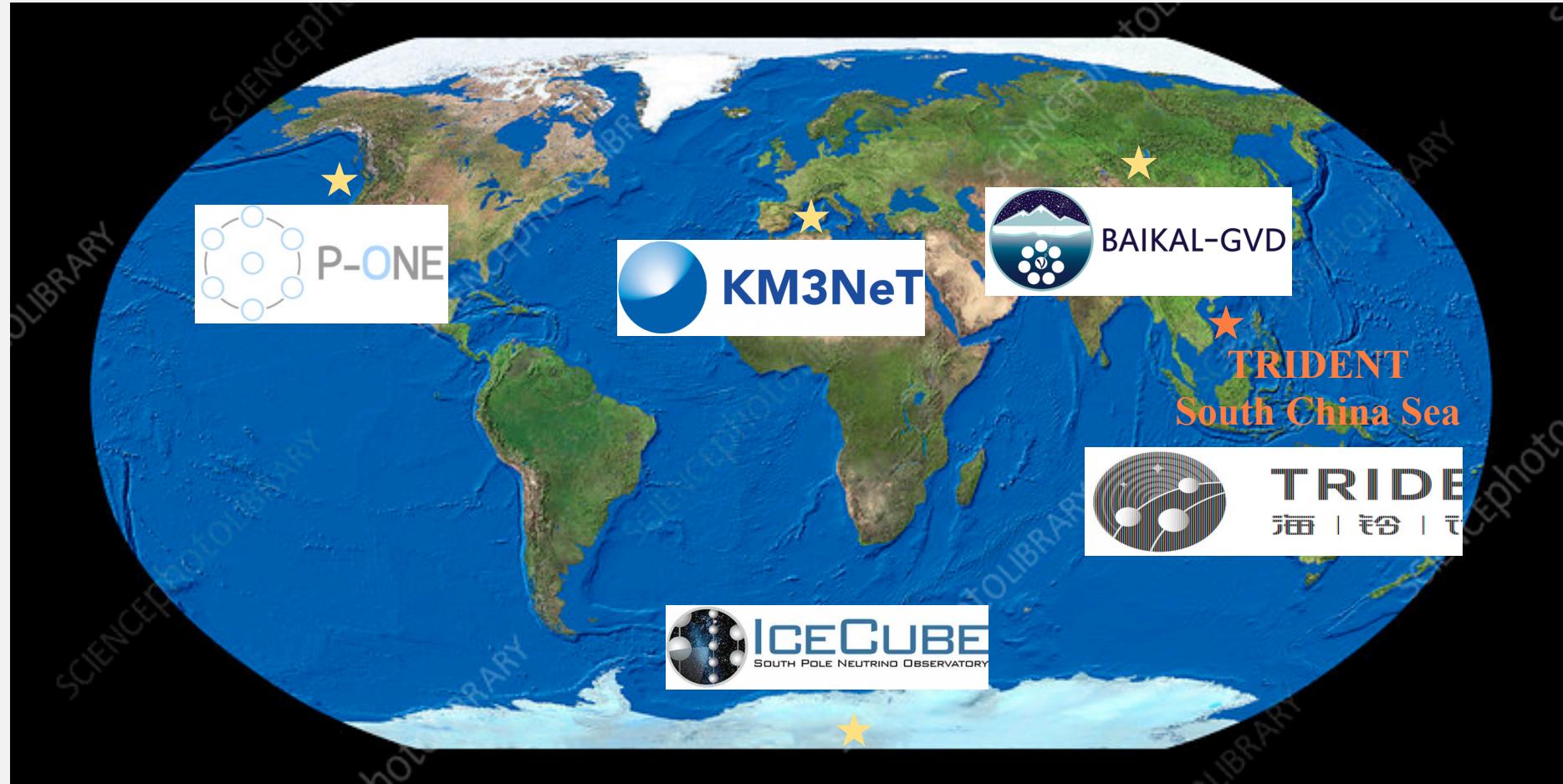


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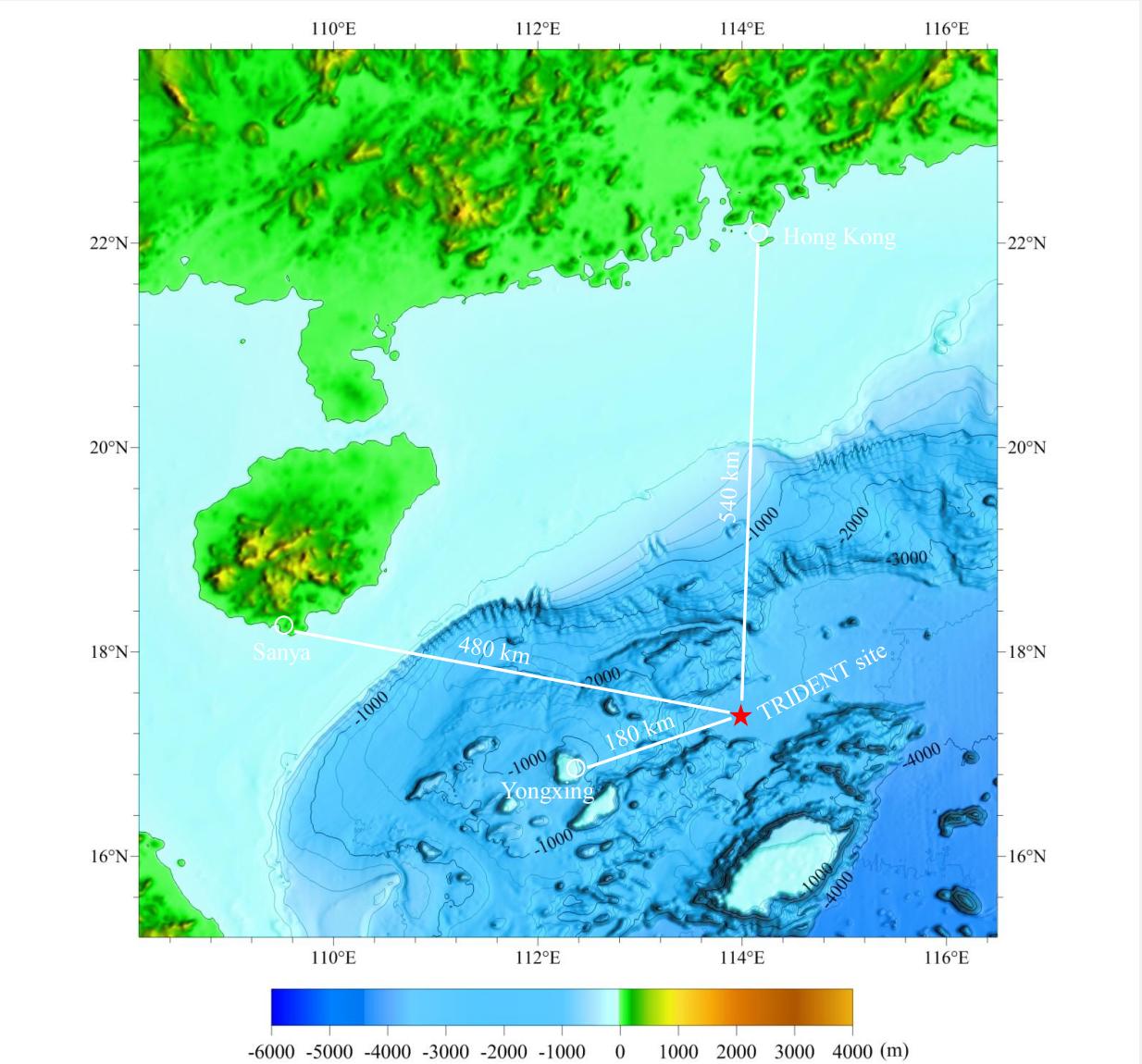
TRIDENT Pathfinder Experiment

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The tRopIcal Deep-sea Neutrino Telescope



- Selected Site: near 114.0°E , 17.4°N
 - Abyssal plain
 - full depth $\sim 3.5\text{km}$
 - 180 km away from Yongxing Island



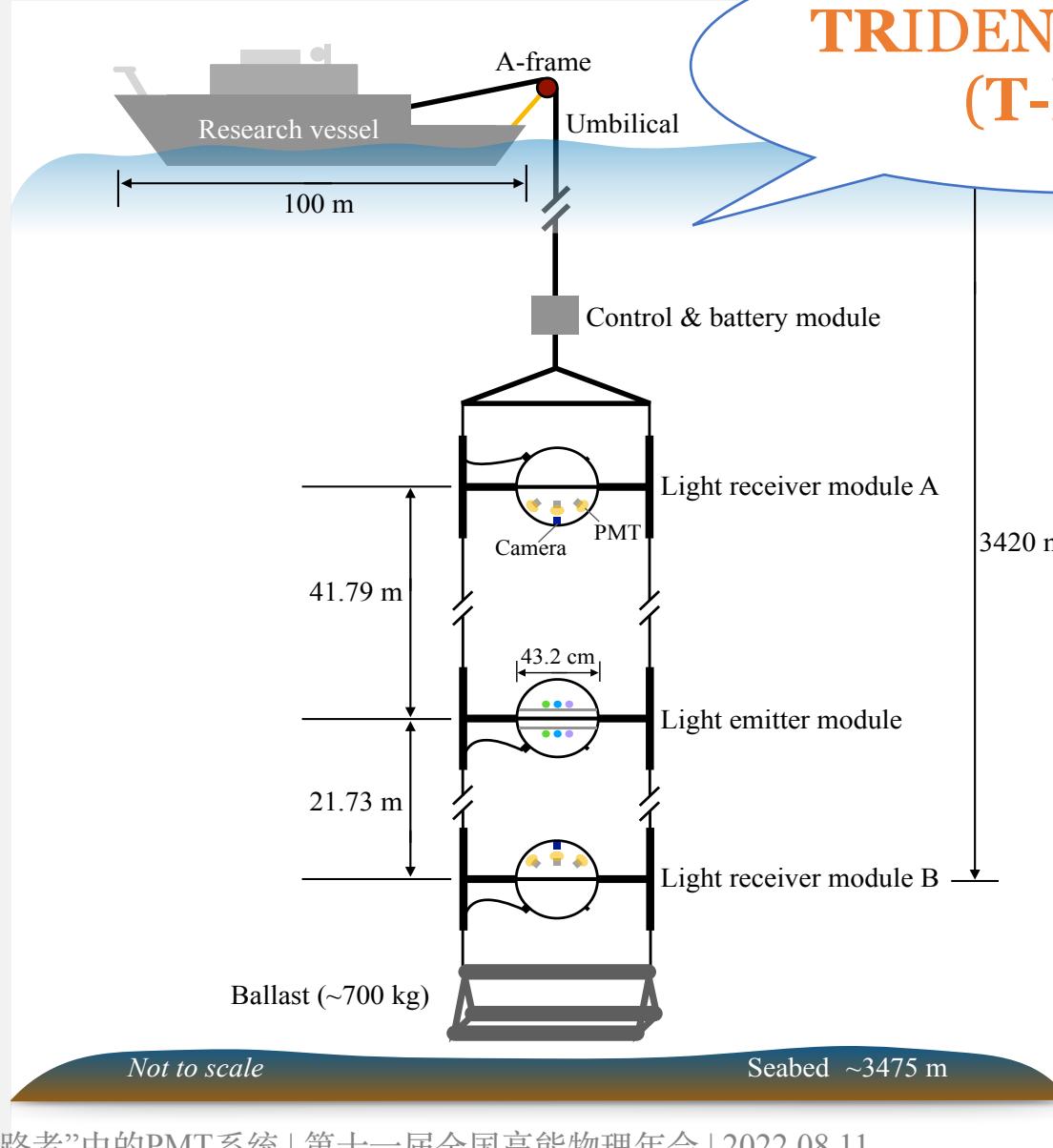
Z. P. Ye, et al., TRIDENT Collaboration, arXiv:2207.04519

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- **TRIDENT Pathfinder Experiment**
 - carried out in 2021.09
 - *in-situ* measurements of optical properties





TRIDENT EXplorer (T-REX)

- Two measurement systems in Light Detection Modules:
PMT and **Camera**
- Collecting data for $\sim 2\text{h}$
- (10, 50, 10) min for (405, 450, 525) nm pulsing LEDs, respectively
- Three 3-inch PMTs in each module
- PMTs are externally triggered in 10 kHz

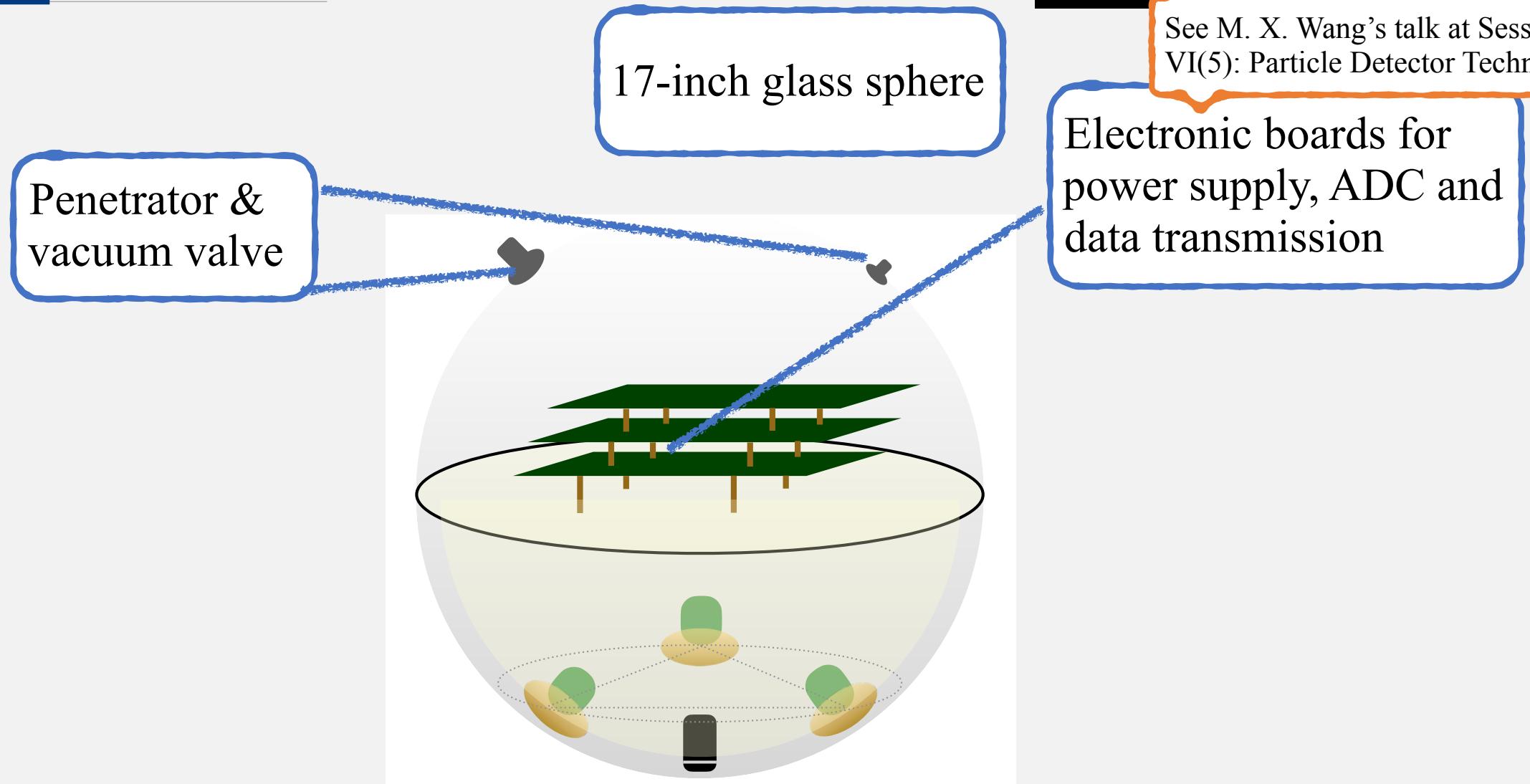
See W. Tian's poster at Session IX(5): Particle Detector Technology

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PMT System of T-REX

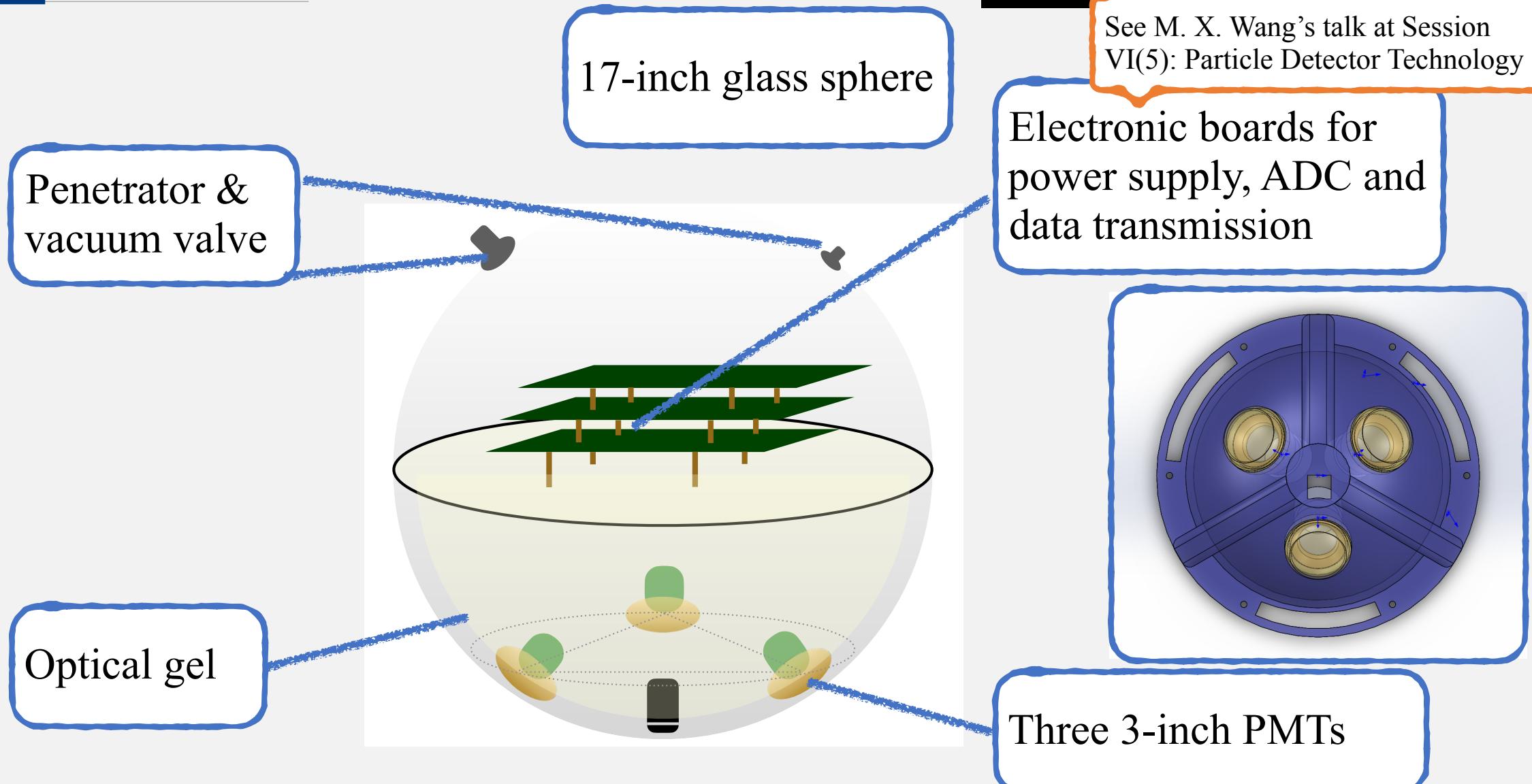
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● Light Detection Module



See M. X. Wang's talk at Session VI(5): Particle Detector Technology

● Light Detection Module



● PMT Selection

- HZC Photonics XP72B22 PMT

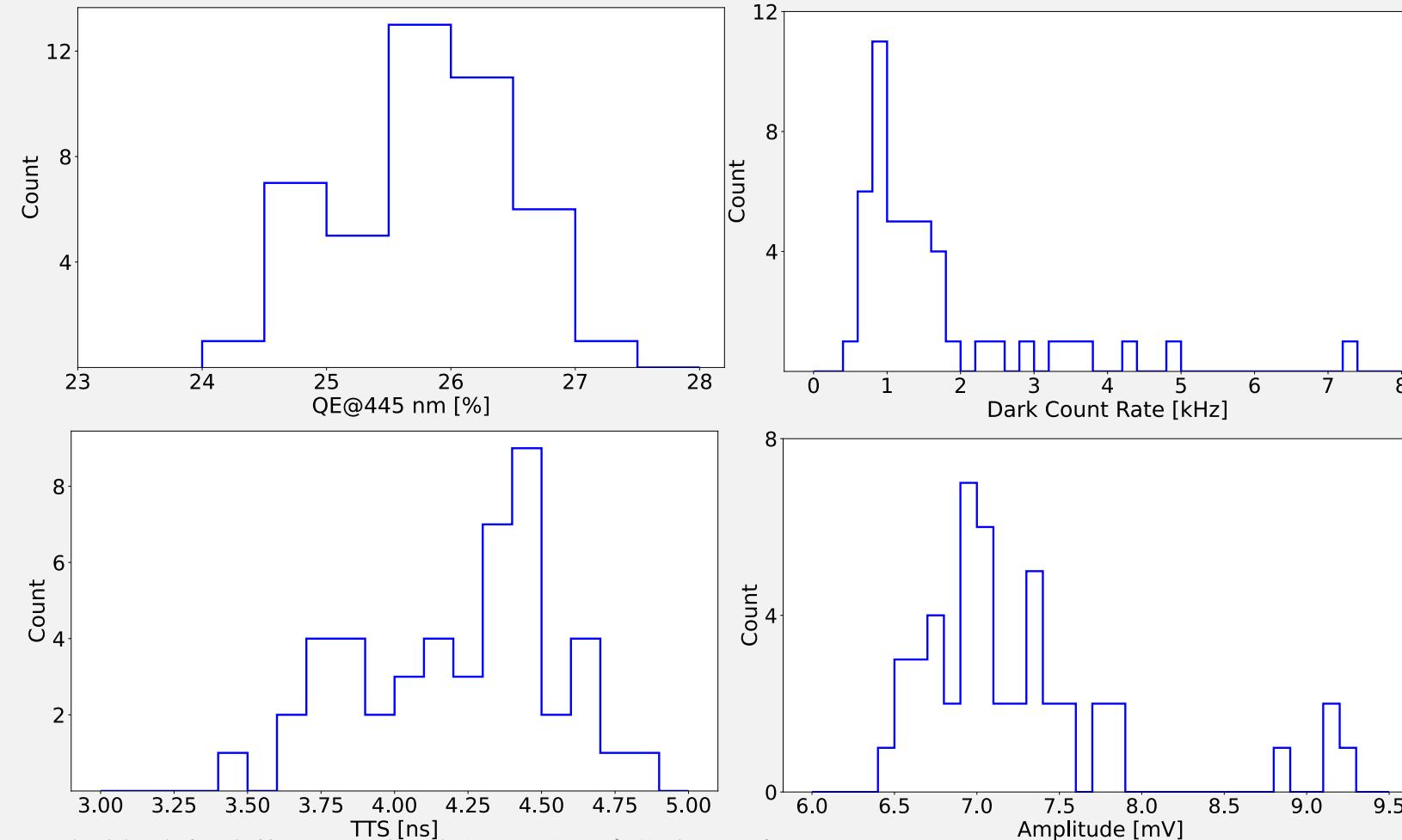


QE @ 404 nm	28%
Dark Noise	2 kHz, max
Gain	10^7
Supply Voltage	1500V, max

Typical characteristics of XP72B22 PMT given by datasheet

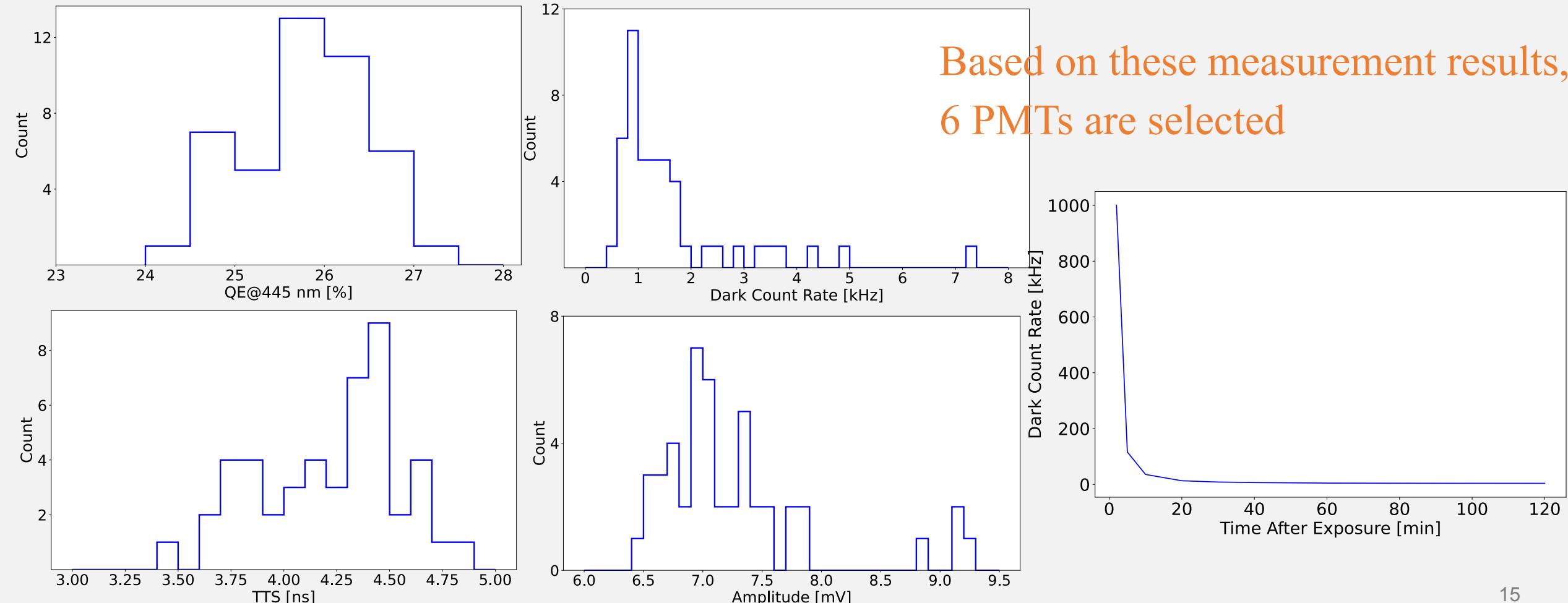
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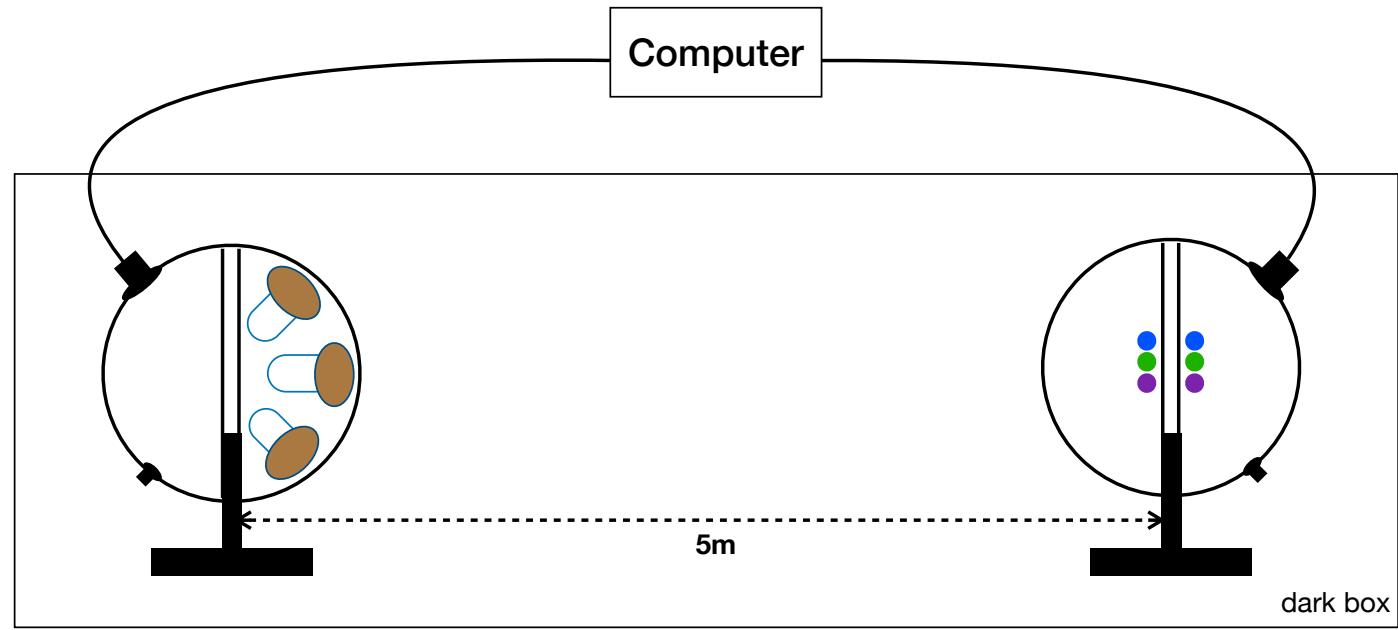


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Lab Calibration at a Low Temperature

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• Calibration Setup



A Freezer at SJTU Campus



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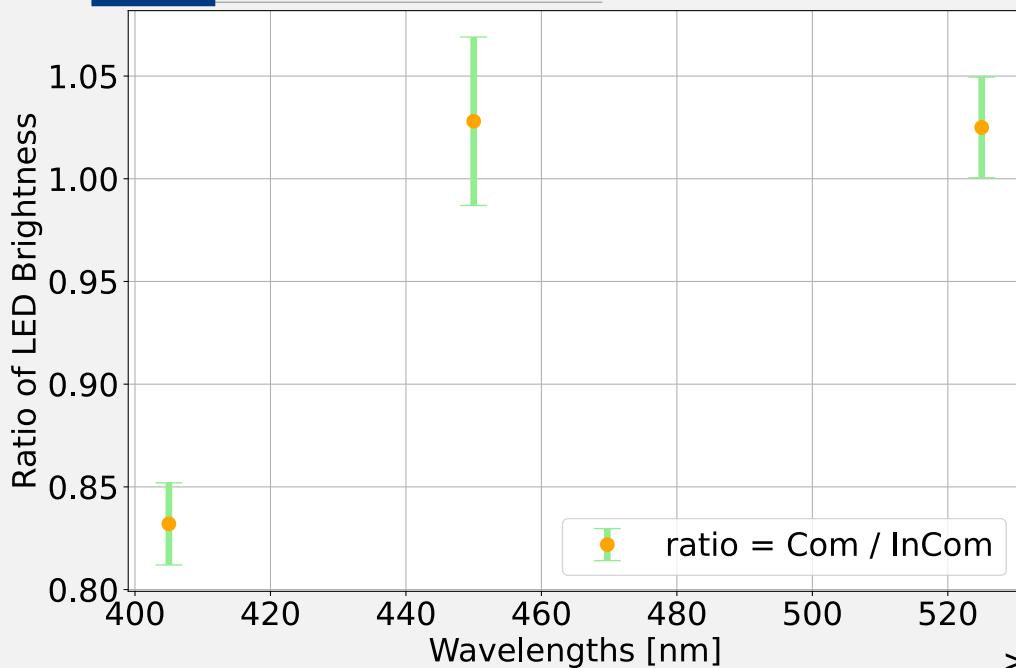


- Temperature controlled at ~ 2 degree
- To measure: LED brightness ratio,
relative photon detection efficiencies,
photon arrival time distribution in air.

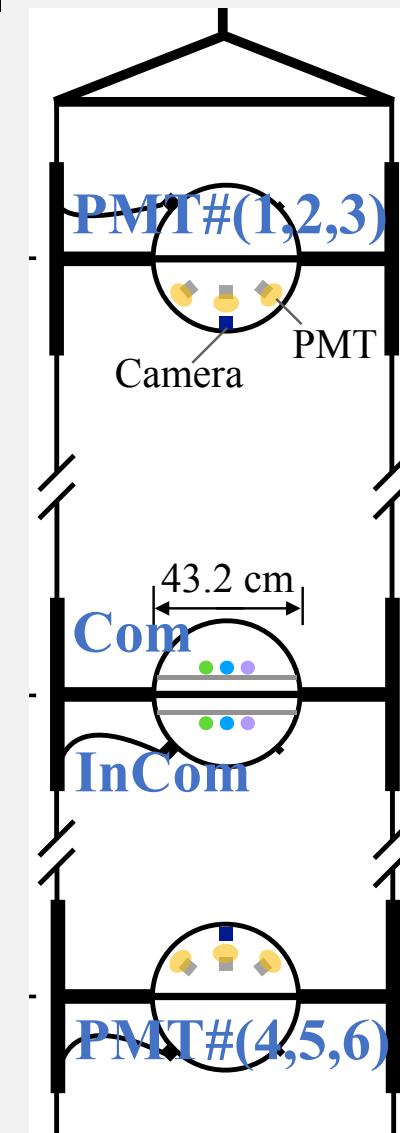
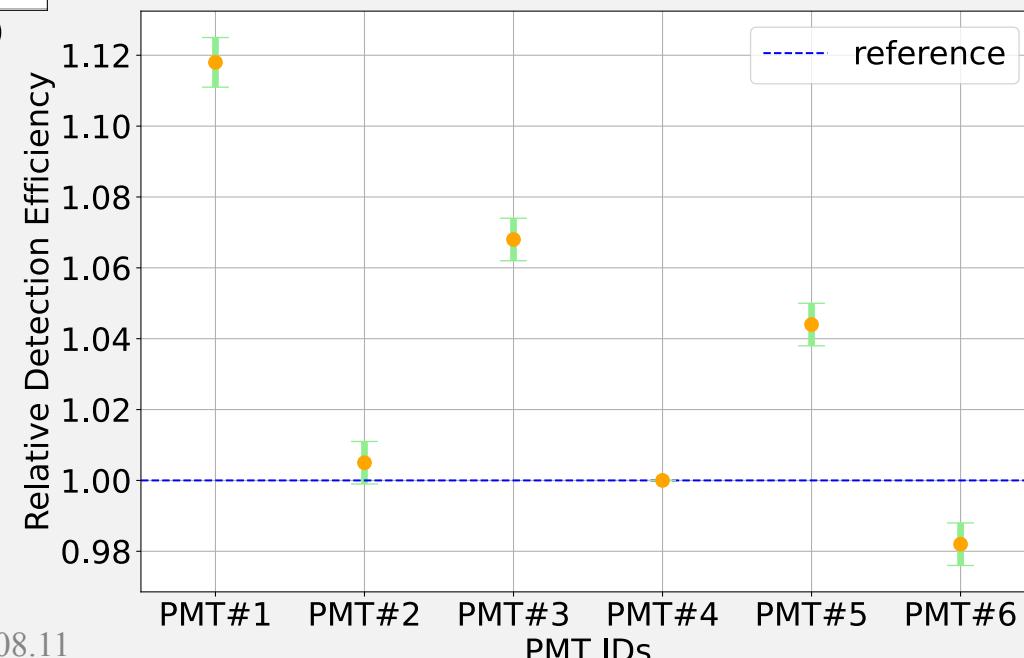
● Results from Lab Calibration



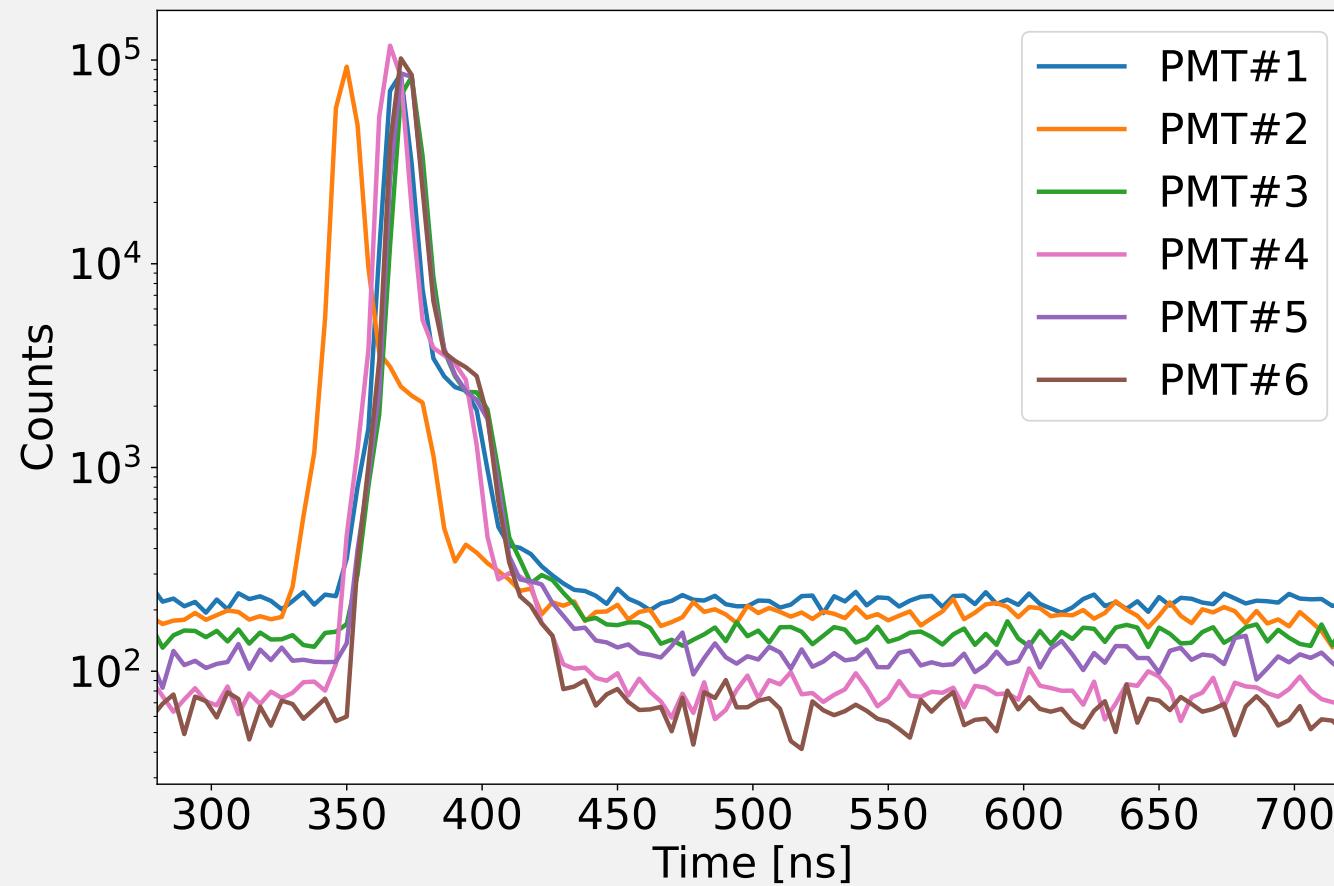
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Relative detection efficiency@450nm



Photon Arrival Time Distribution in Air



- Describe the LED pulsing profile & PMT response
- Used to construct model to fit optical properties (absorption/scattering length) of the sea water

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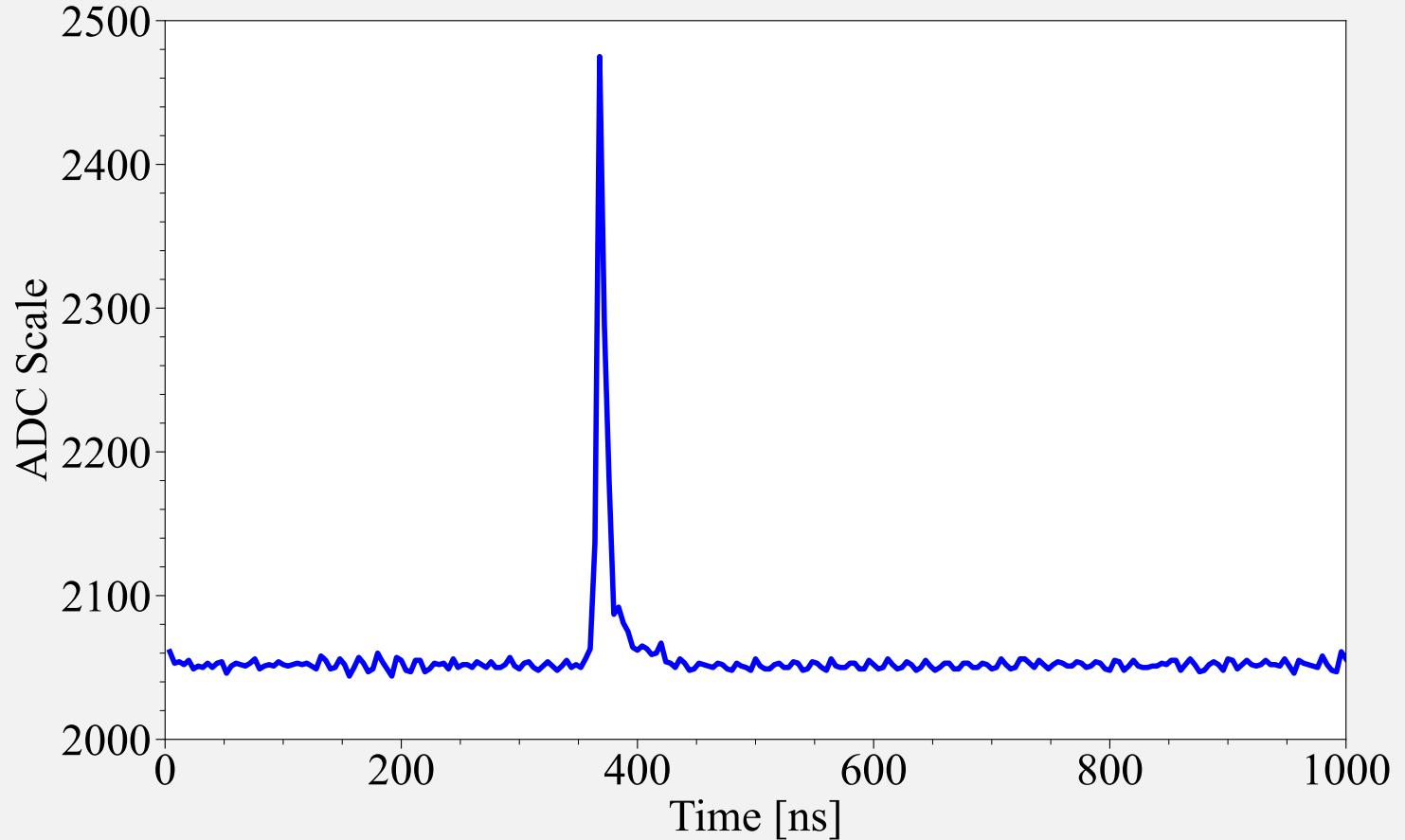
PMT Data Analysis

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● Decoding optical properties of sea water



- Measurement strategy:
 - LEDs pulse per 0.1ms
 - ADC samples per 4 ns
 - 1000 ns waveform

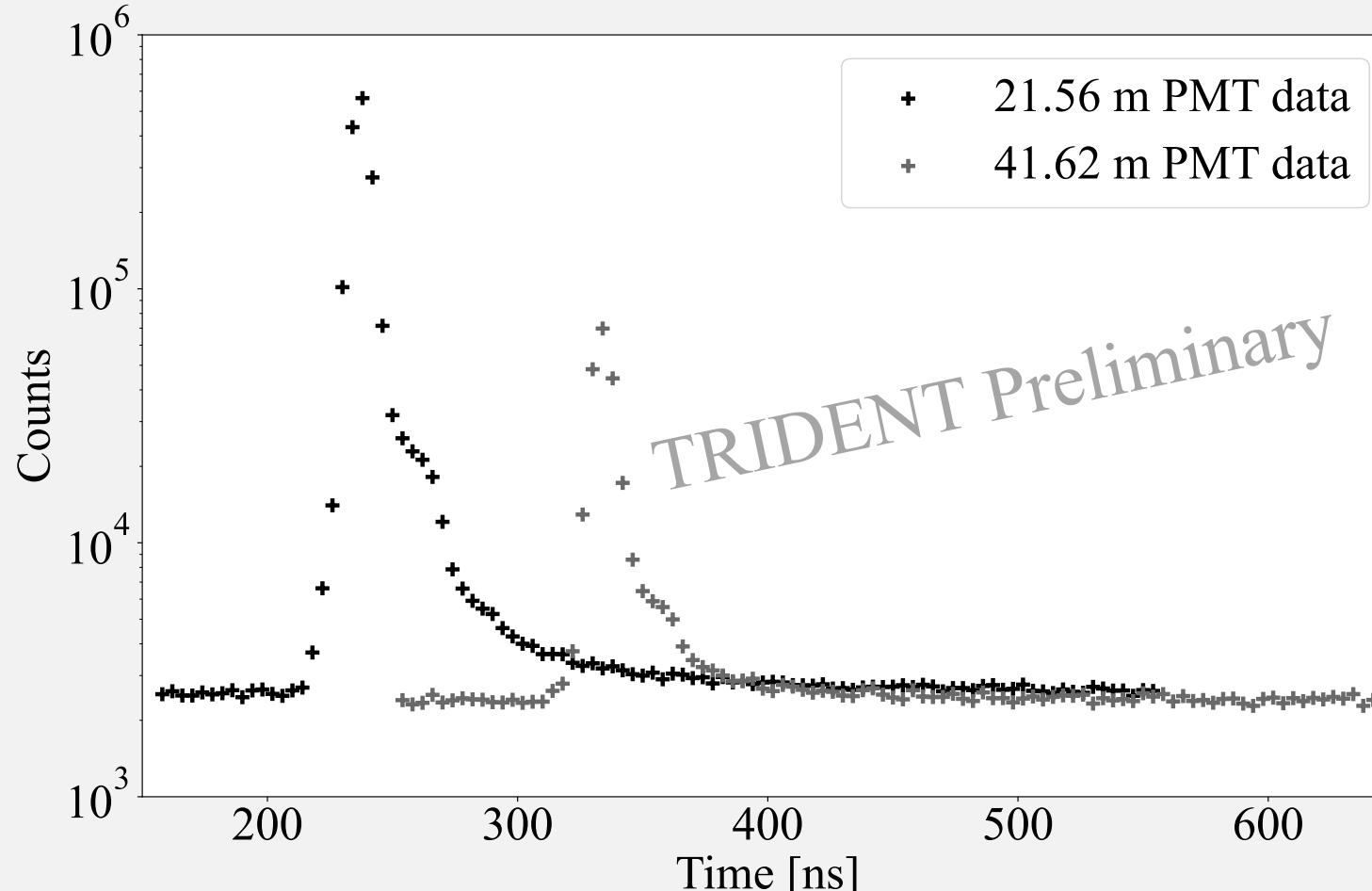


A typical PMT waveform

● Decoding optical properties of sea water



- Reconstruct photon arrival time distribution in sea-water
(3 wavelengths, 6 PMT distributions for each wavelength)

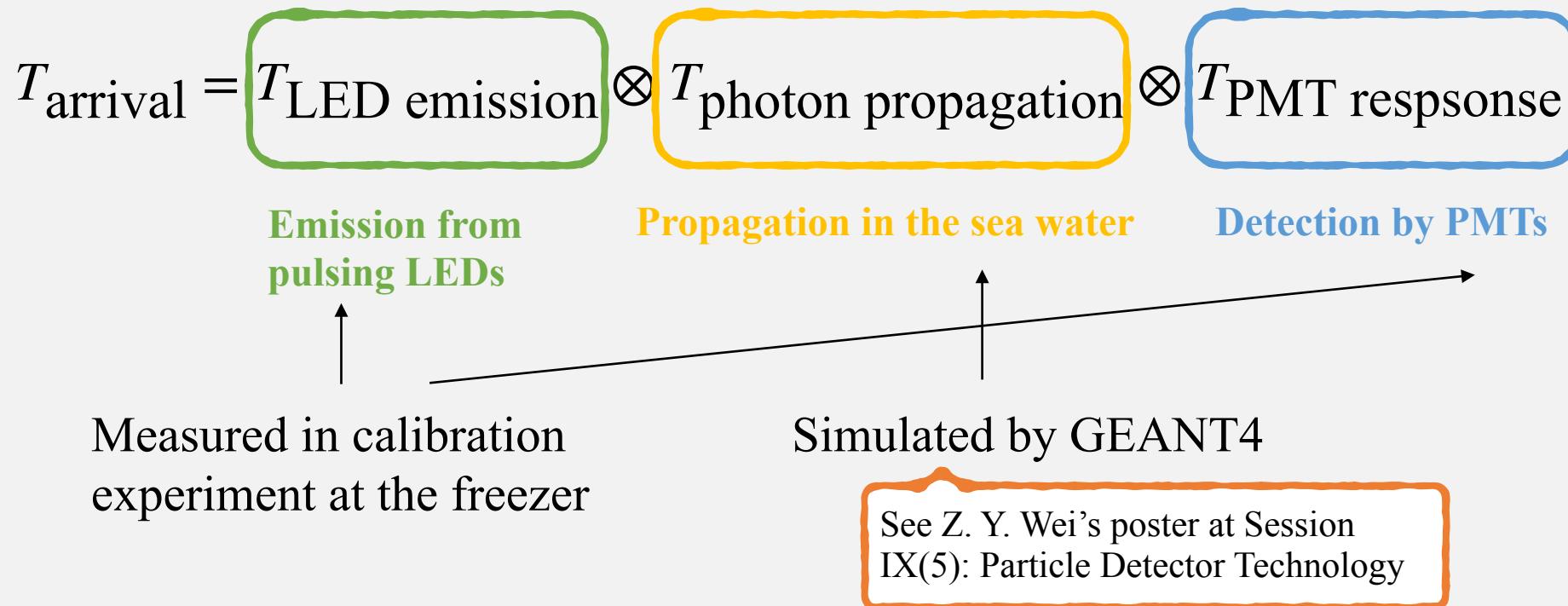


one pair of PMTs measured
photon arrival time
distribution @ 450 nm

• Fitting optical properties of sea water



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$$T_{\text{arrival}} = T_{\text{LED emission}} \otimes T_{\text{photon propagation}} \otimes T_{\text{PMT response}}$$

Emission from pulsing LEDs Propagation in the sea water Detection by PMTs

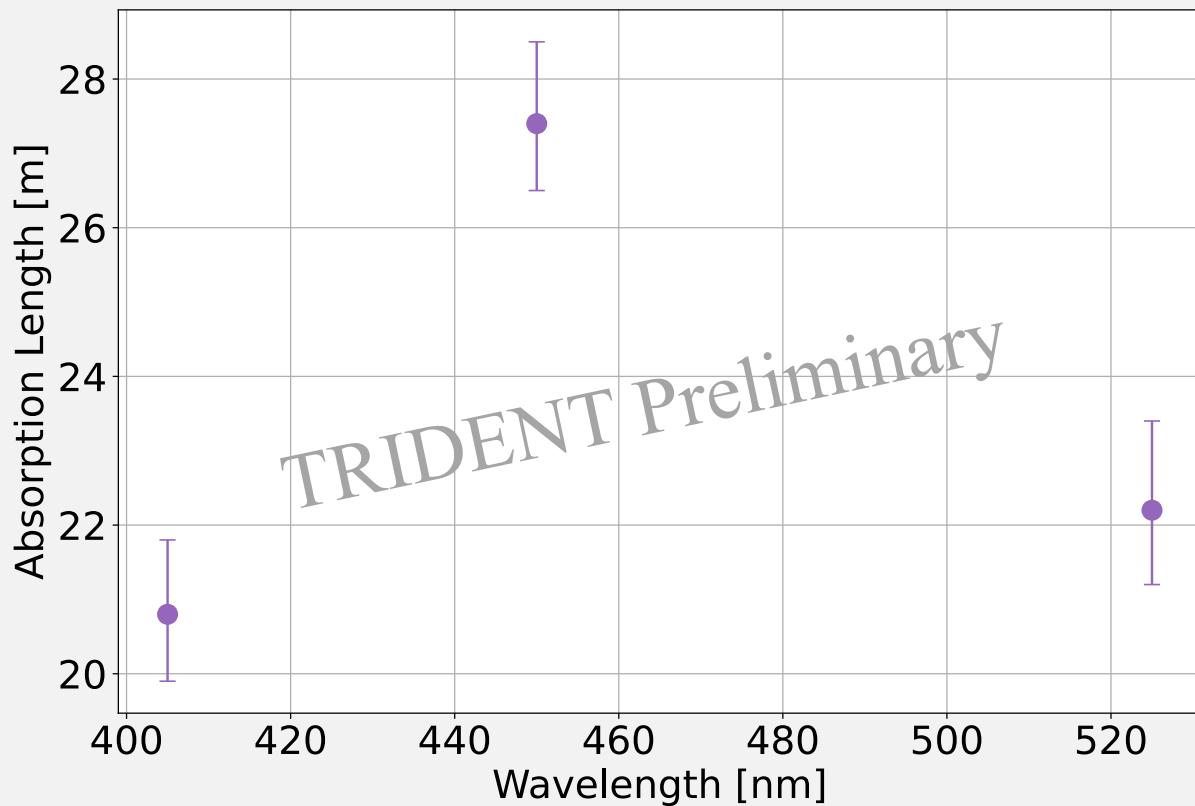
- Chi Square Test

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(D_i - M_i - \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_{ki} \cdot r_k)^2}{\sigma_i^2} + \sum_{k=1}^K r_k^2$$

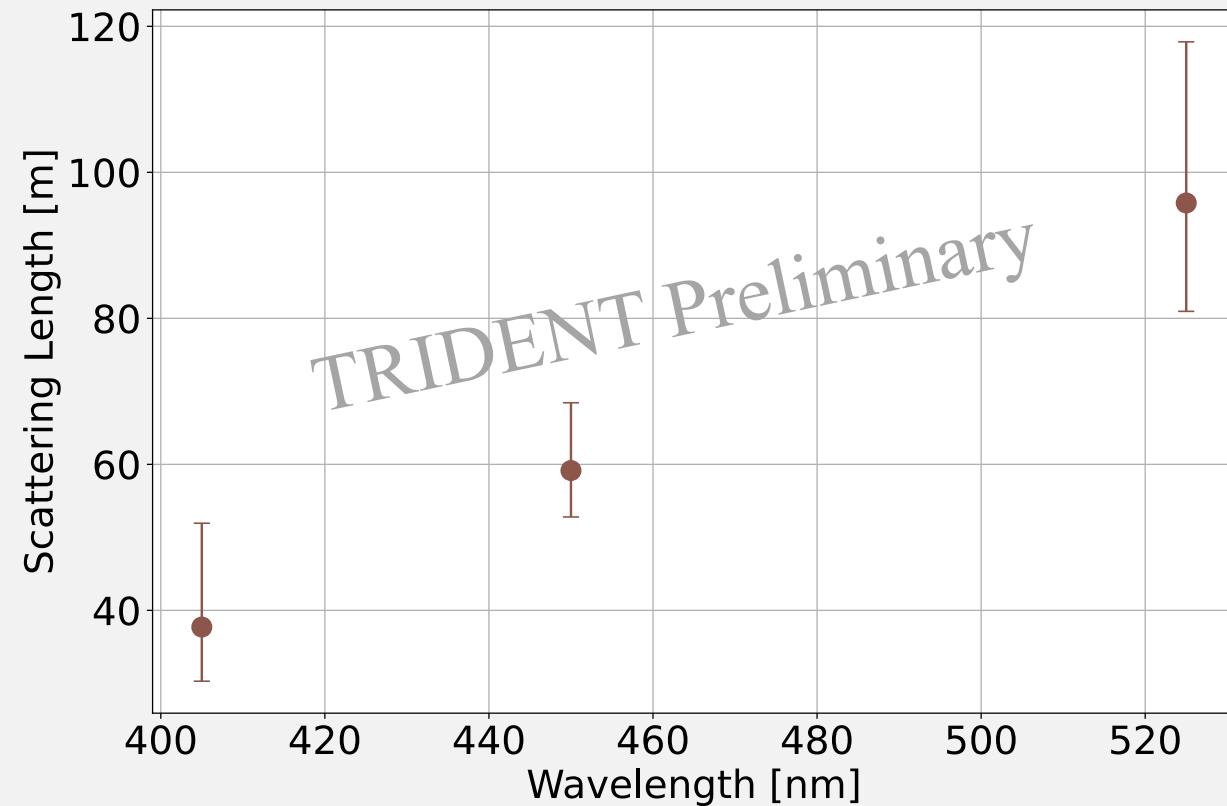
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Absorption Length

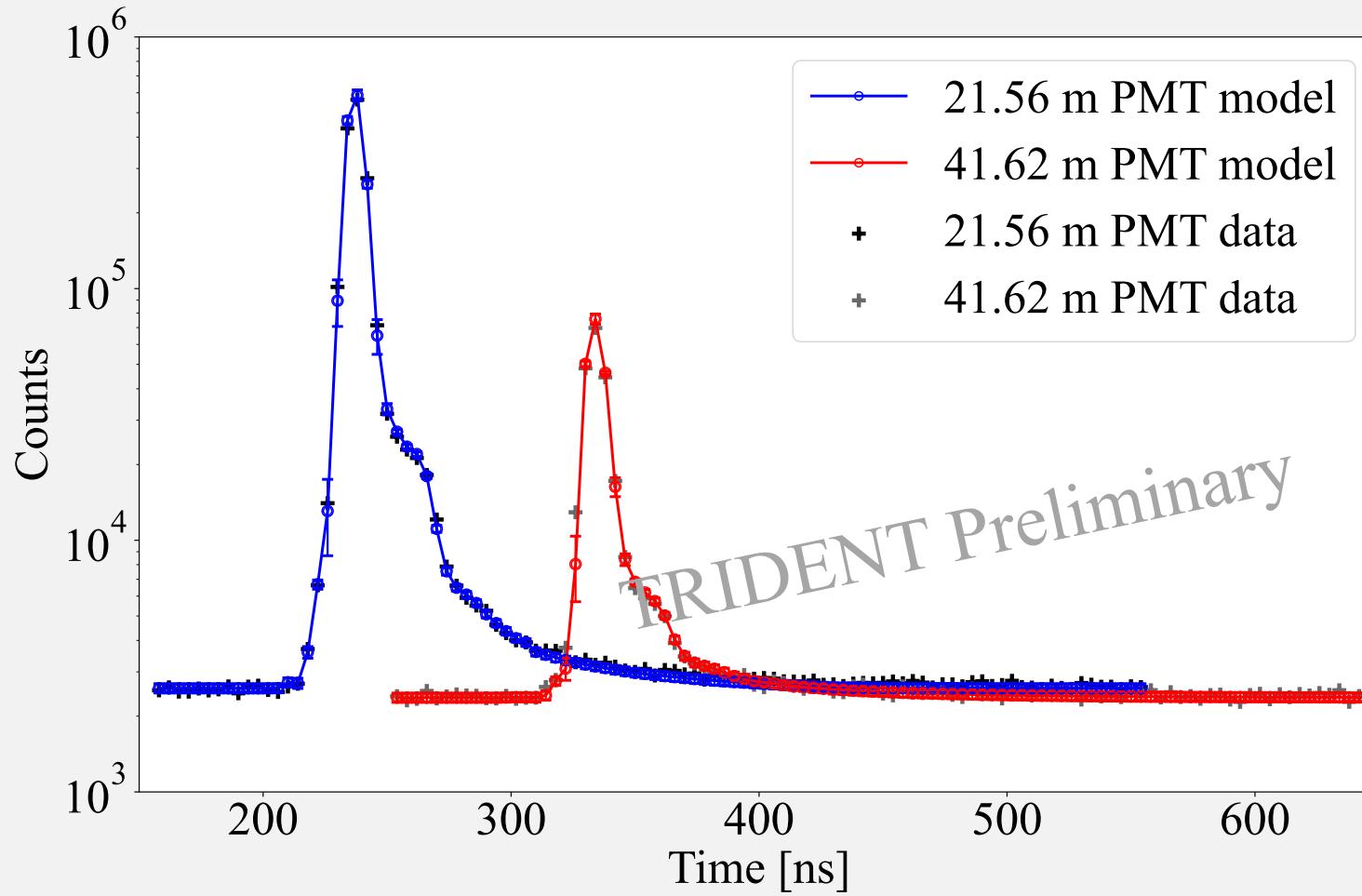


Scattering Length



$$\frac{1}{\lambda_{\text{sca}}} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{\text{ray}}} + \frac{1}{\lambda_{\text{mie}}}$$

● Best fitted model@450nm



$$\lambda_{\text{abs}} = 27.4^{+1.1}_{-0.9} \text{ m}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{ray}} = 200^{+13}_{-10} \text{ m}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{mie}} = 84^{+12}_{-8} \text{ m}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{att}} = 18.7^{+3.0}_{-2.1} \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_{\text{att}}} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{\text{abs}}} + \frac{1}{\lambda_{\text{ray}}} + \frac{1}{\lambda_{\text{mie}}}$$

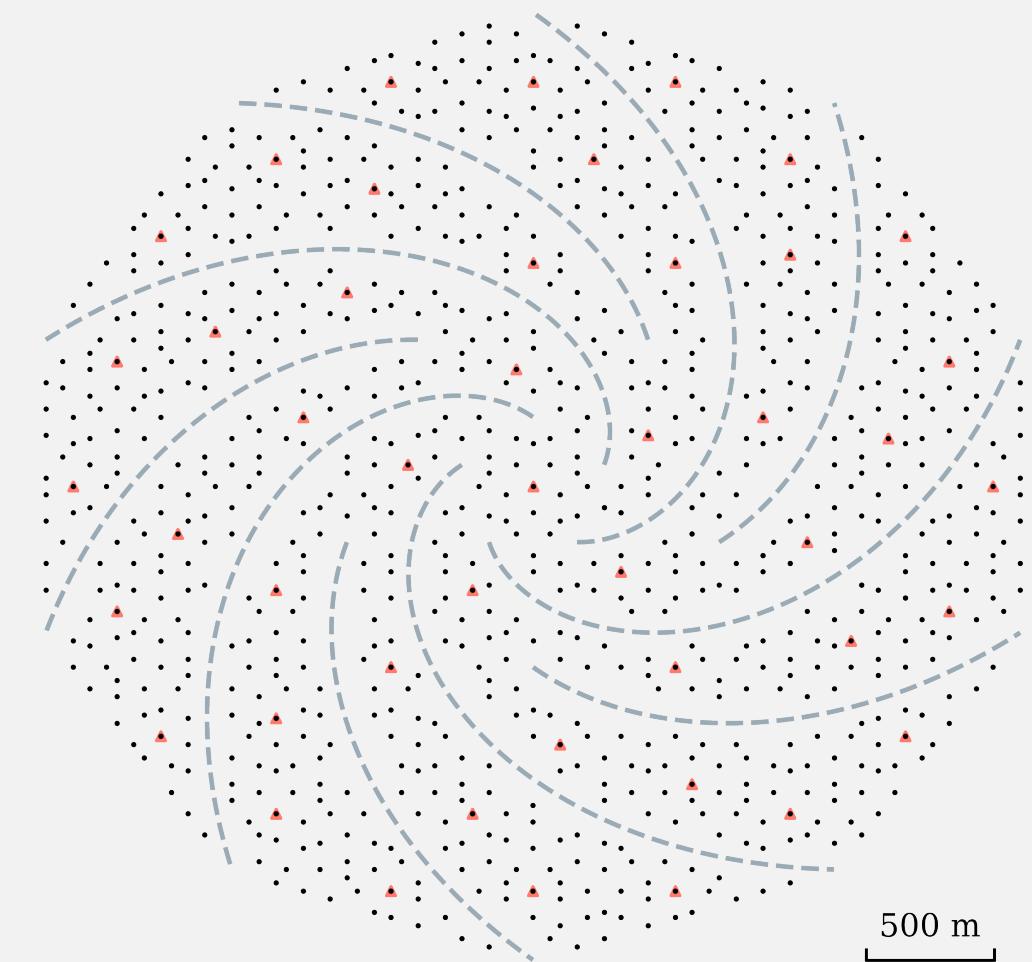
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Outlook and Summary

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- Envisioned full detector:
 - volume $\sim 8 \text{ km}^3$
 - 1211 strings
 - 30 hDOMs per string

- String
- Junction box
- ROV path



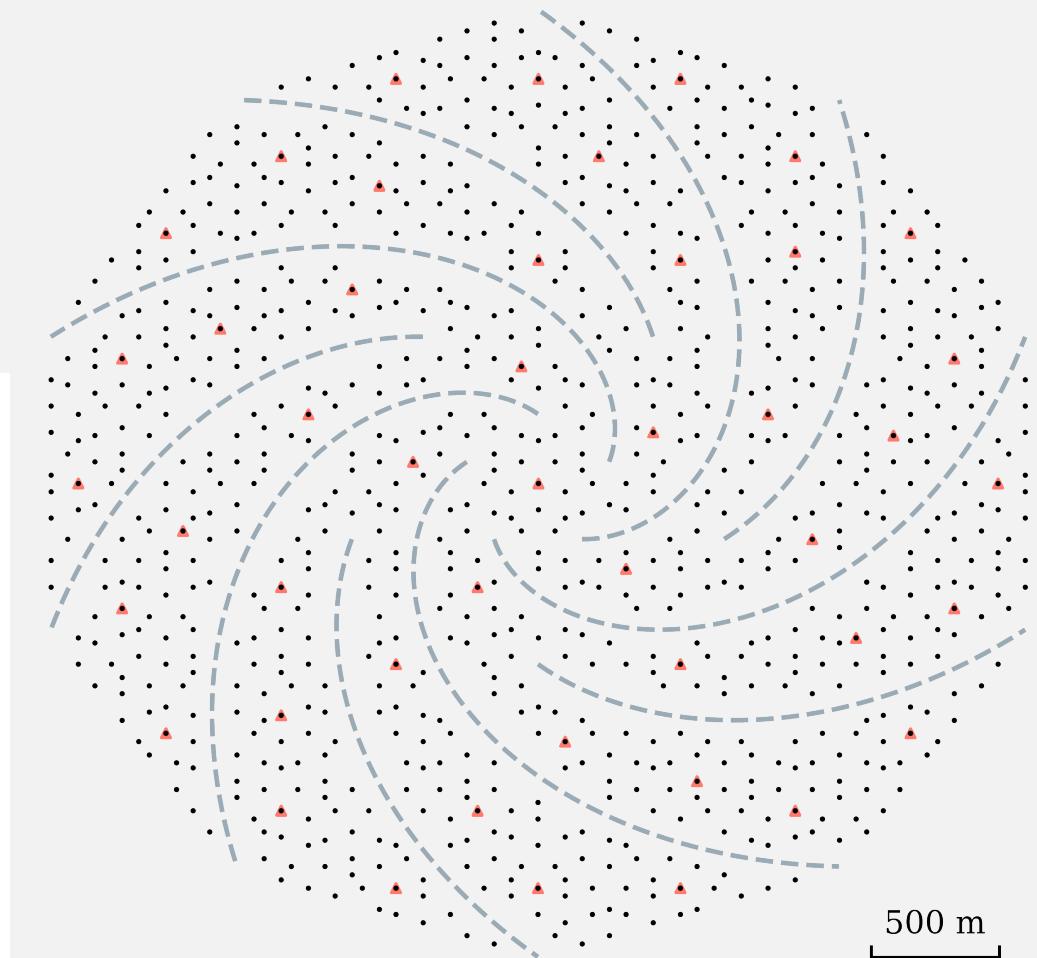
● Future

- Envisioned full detector:
 - volume of 7.5 km^3
 - 1211 strings
 - 30 hDOMs per string
 - hDOM = PMT + SiPM
 - in early 2030s

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- String
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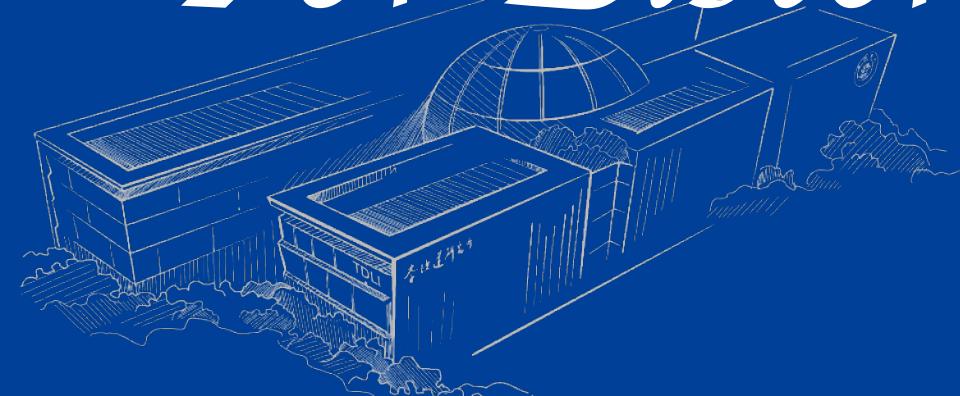
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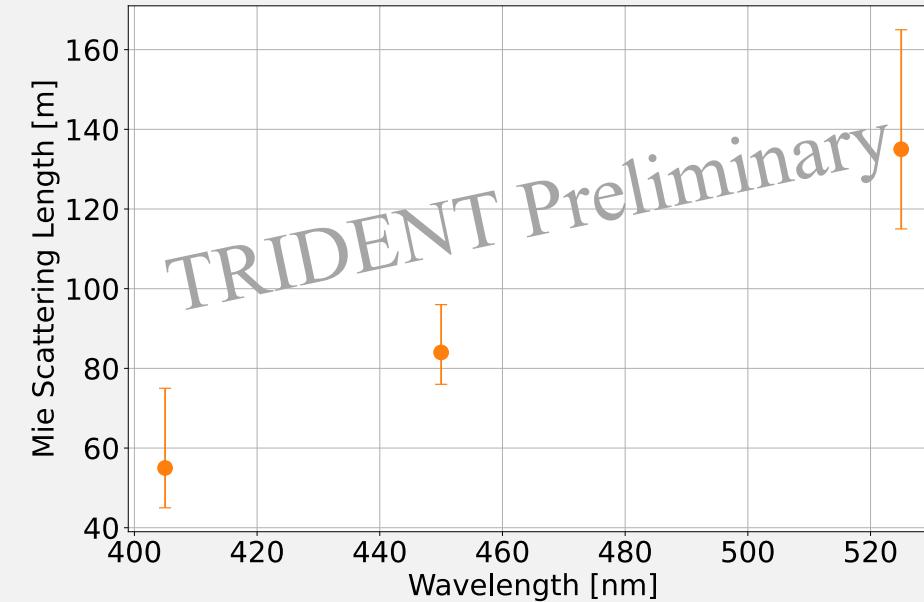
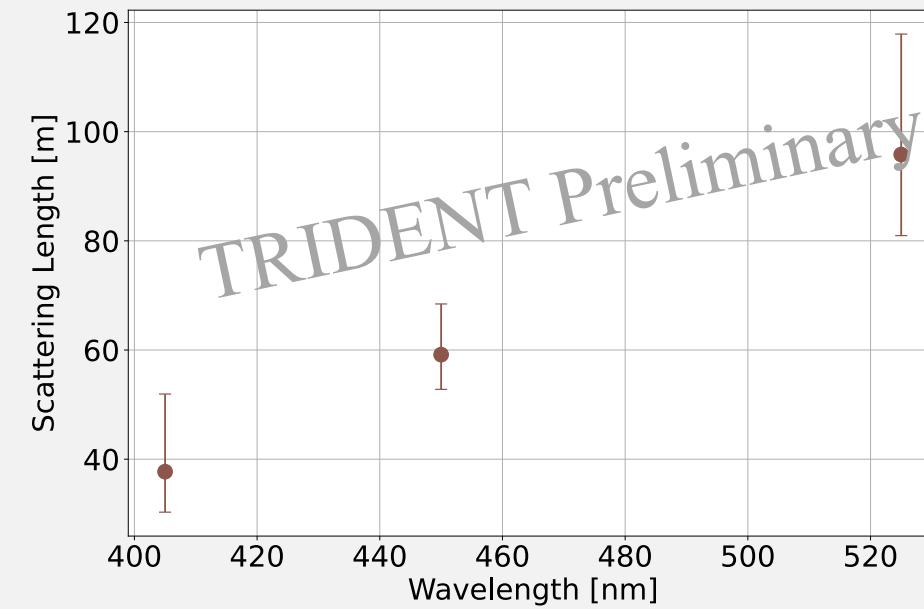
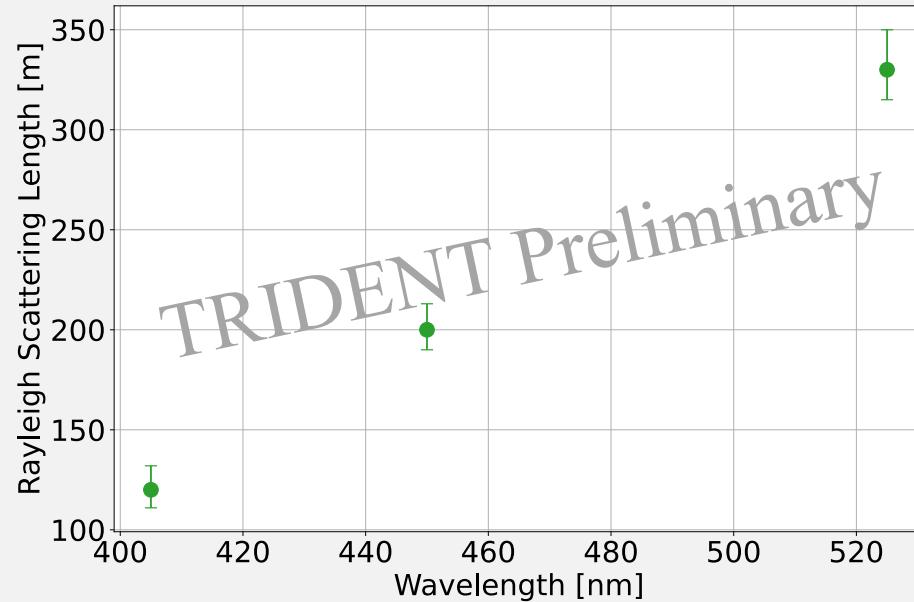
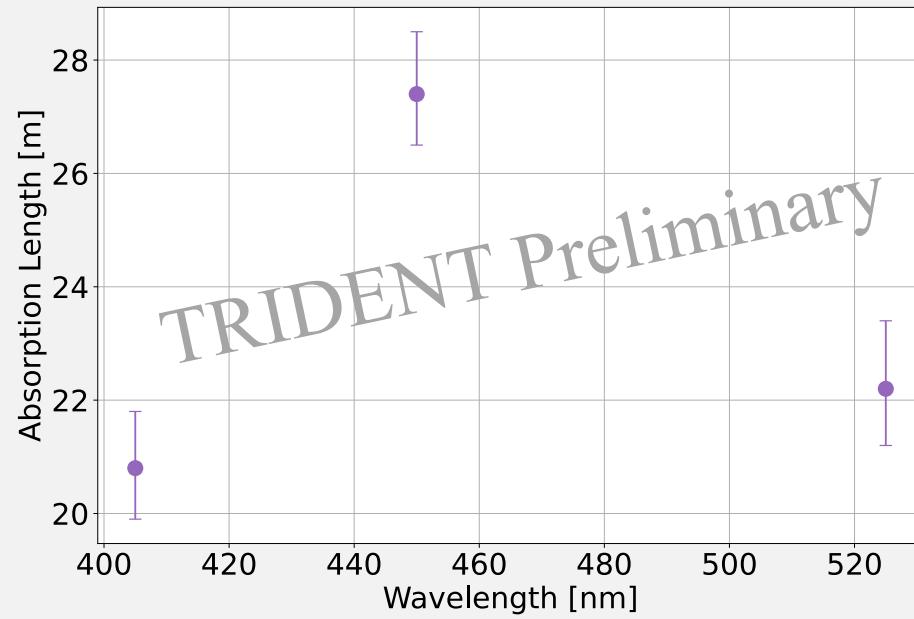


- TRIDENT: envisioned neutrino telescope in South China Sea
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- PMT System of T-REX: three 3-inch PMTs & pulsing LEDs@(405, 450, 525)nm
- Further PMT selection among HZC Photonics, North Night Version and Hamamatsu
- Pilot project (2022-2026): 3 strings

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For Listening

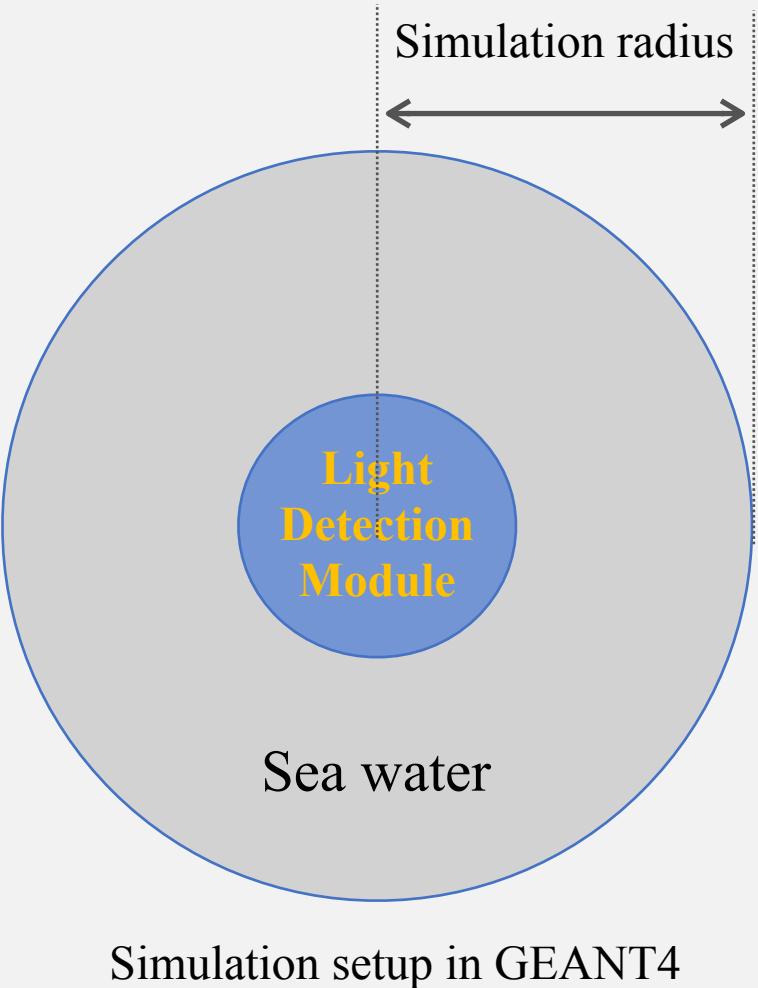
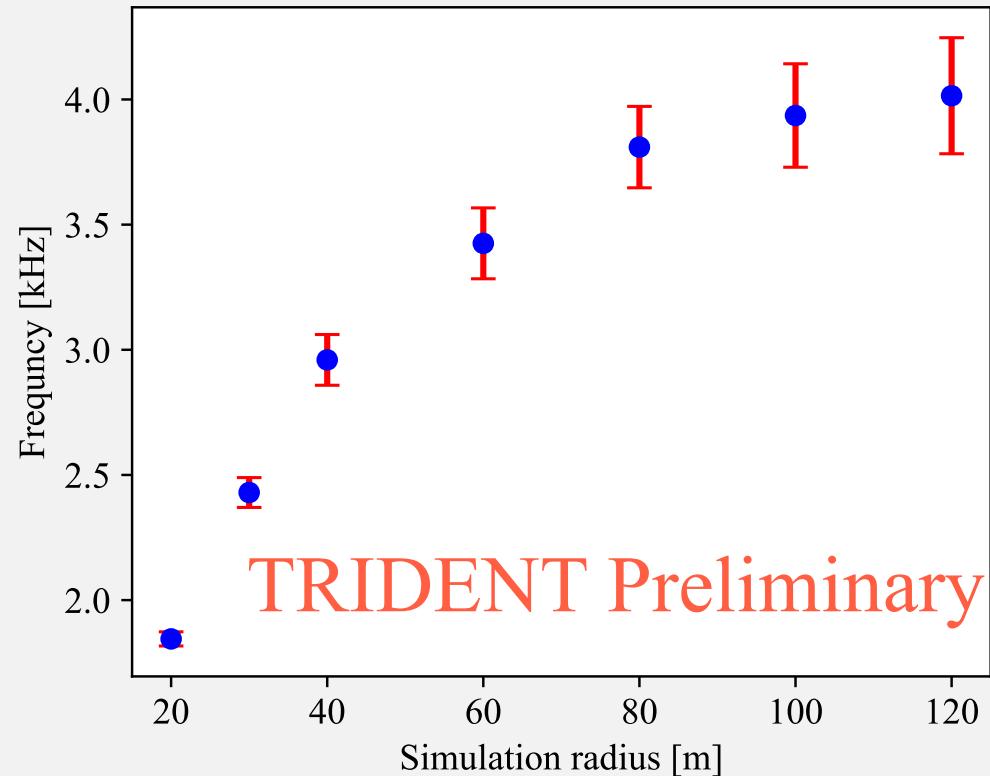


• Fitting optical properties of sea water



K40 Simulation

- abundance of K40: 10.78 ± 0.21 Bq/kg
(Measured by PandaX Team at China Jingping Underground Laboratory)
- contribute to 4 kHz trigger rate per PMT



• Effective Attenuation Length

LED brightness ratio

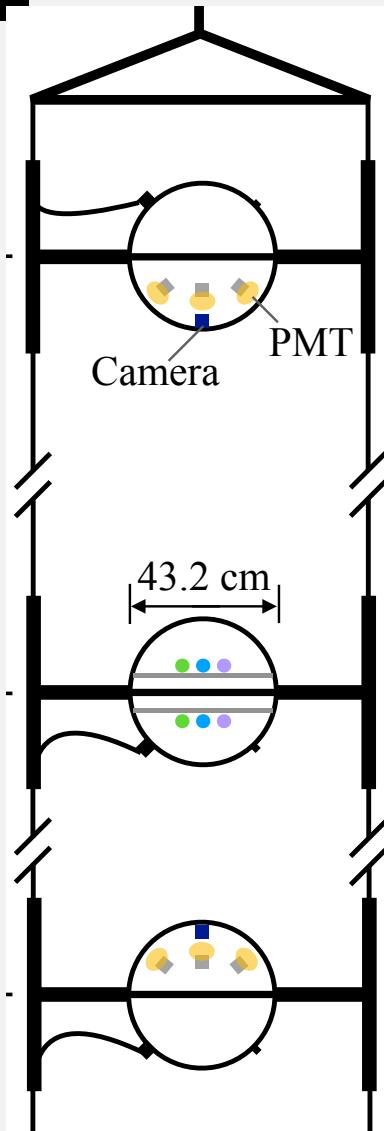
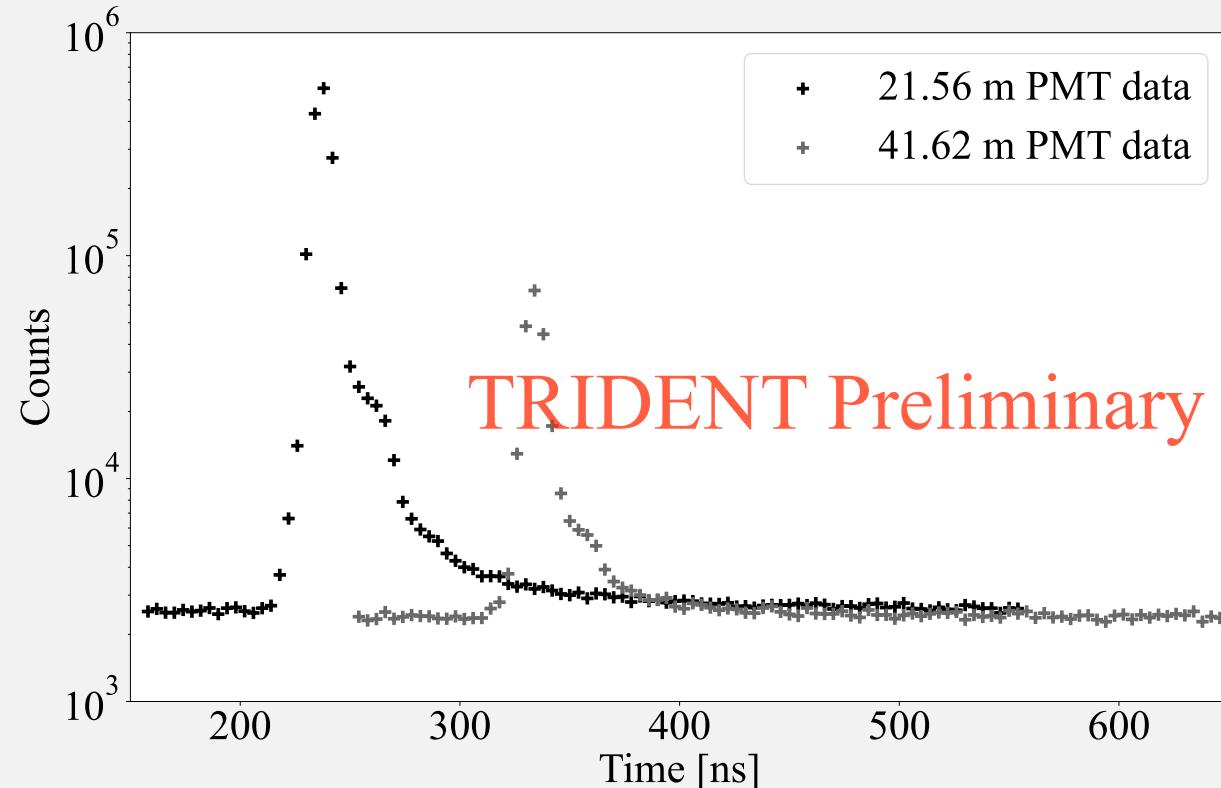
$$\frac{N_{PE}^u}{N_{PE}^b} = \frac{B_{LED}^u}{B_{LED}^b} \cdot \left(\frac{D^b}{D^u}\right)^2 \cdot e^{-\frac{(D^u - D^b)}{\lambda_{att,eff}}} \cdot \frac{\eta_{PMT}^u}{\eta_{PMT}^b}$$

Total number of photons received by PMTs

$$D^b = 21.56 \text{ m}$$

$$D^u = 41.62 \text{ m}$$

Relative detection efficiency



• Chi Square Test



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- uncorrelated uncertainty σ_i includes:
 - statistical fluctuation
 - electronic noise
 - uncertainty in the LED pulse profile and PMT time response
- β_{ki} is the contribution from the k^{th} correlated uncertainty, includes:
 - fluctuations in LED brightness
 - PMT gains
 - PMT detection efficiencies