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Virtual Segmentation of a Small Contact HPGe Detector



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I. Introduction

Introduction

□ Search Ge-76 $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay with HPGe detector:

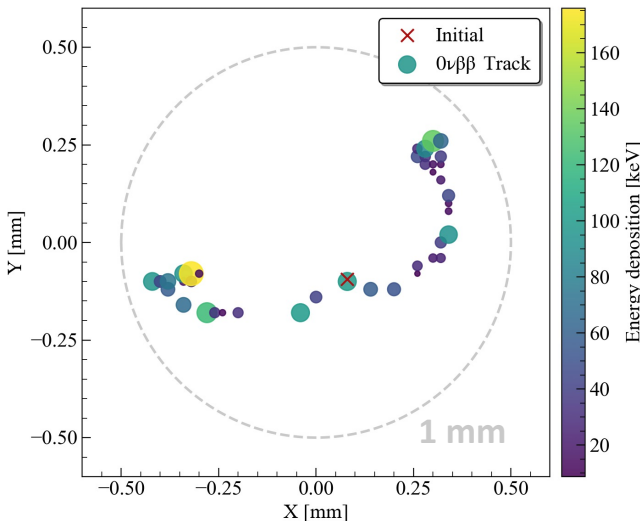
$0\nu\beta\beta$ experiment requires Extreme Low Background (“0” Background in ROI for HPGe)

Small contact HPGe detector has Pulse Shape Analysis (PSA) for Background Suppression

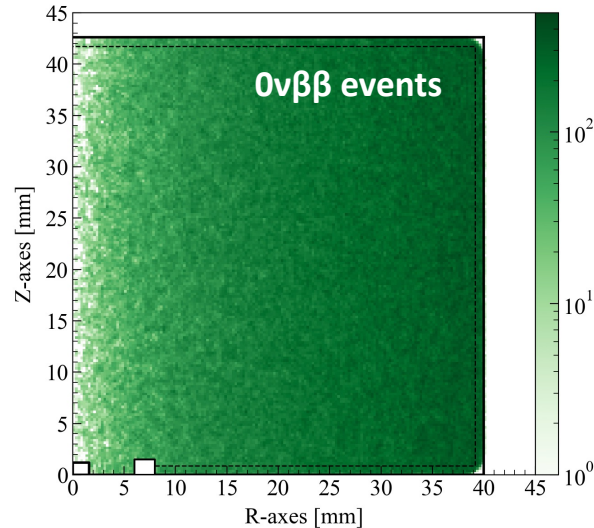
➤ Identify Signal & Background by pulse shape features originating from their spatial difference

Signal ($2e^-$ from $0\nu\beta\beta$)

Single-site event (SSE)



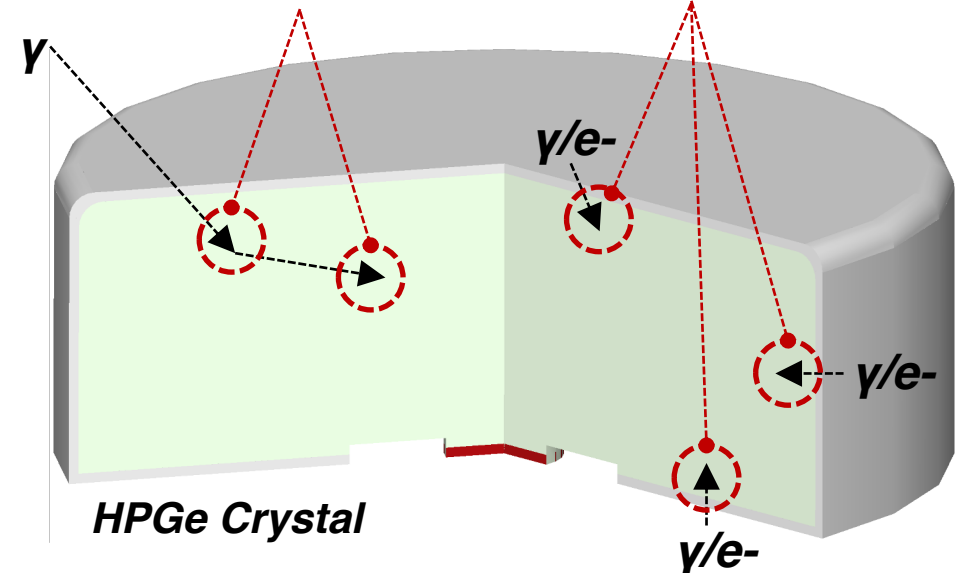
Uniformly distributed



Background (e^- , γ from outside)

Multi-site event (MSE)

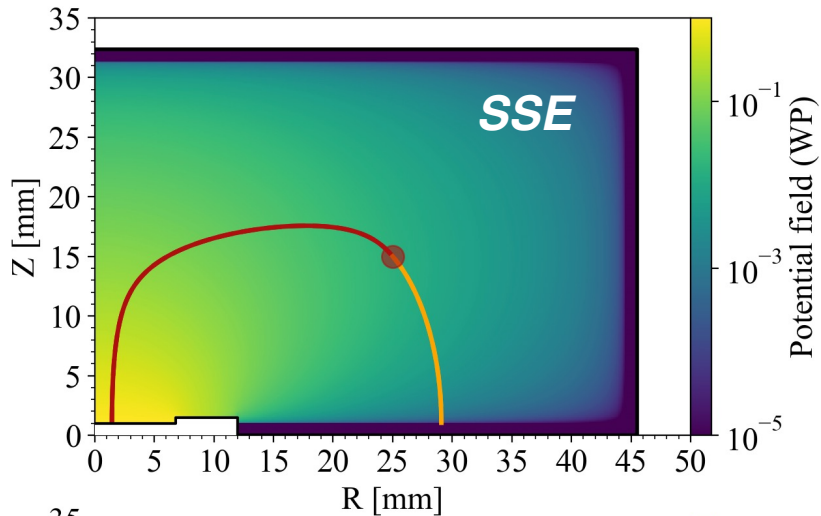
Surface event



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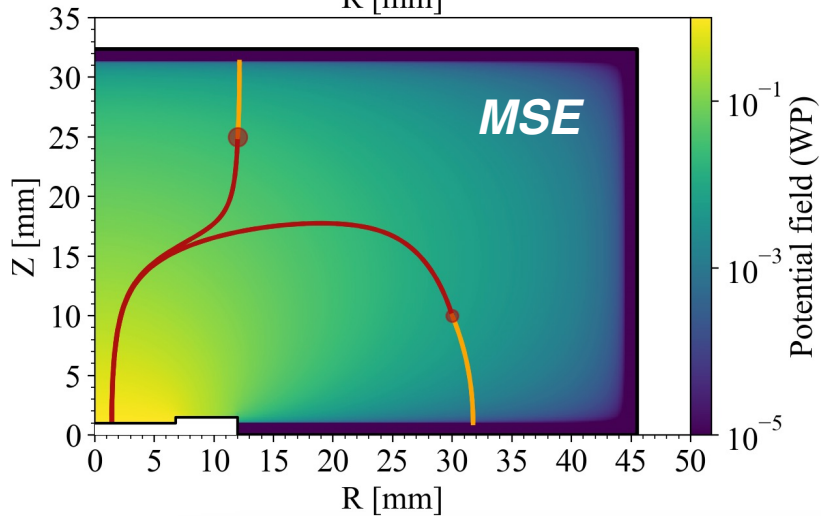
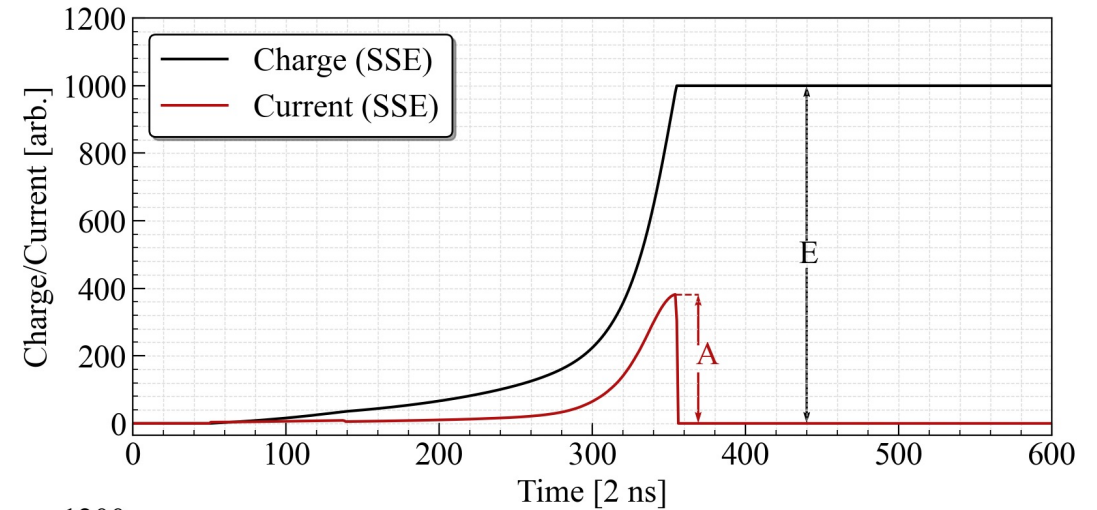
□ Discrimination between SSE / MSE:

A/E method identifies single/multiple hits using different drift times of the induced charge carriers



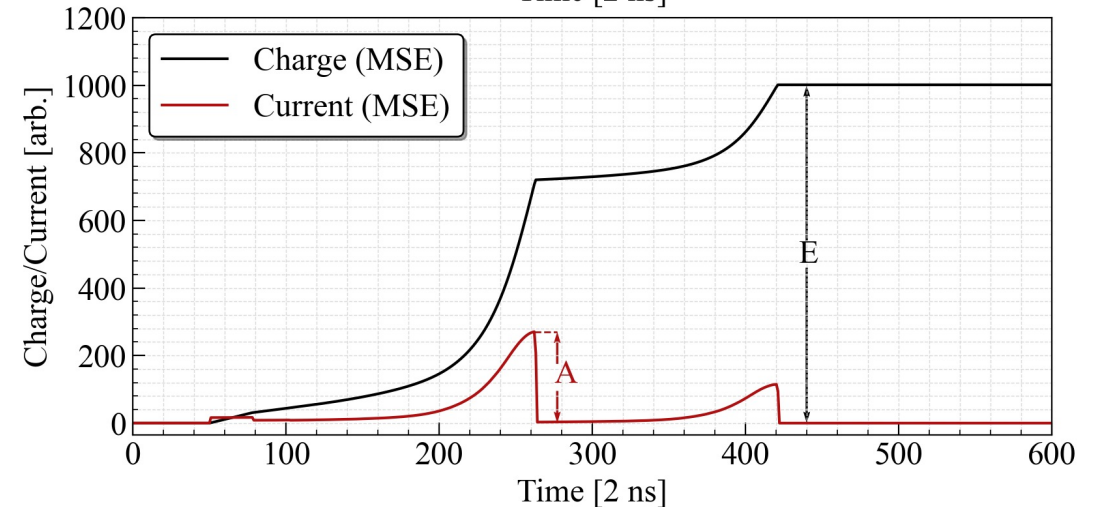
Single hit

- One current peak
- $A \propto E$



Multiple (two) hits

- Two current peak
- $(A1+A2) \propto E$
- $(A/E)_{MSE} < (A/E)_{SSE}$

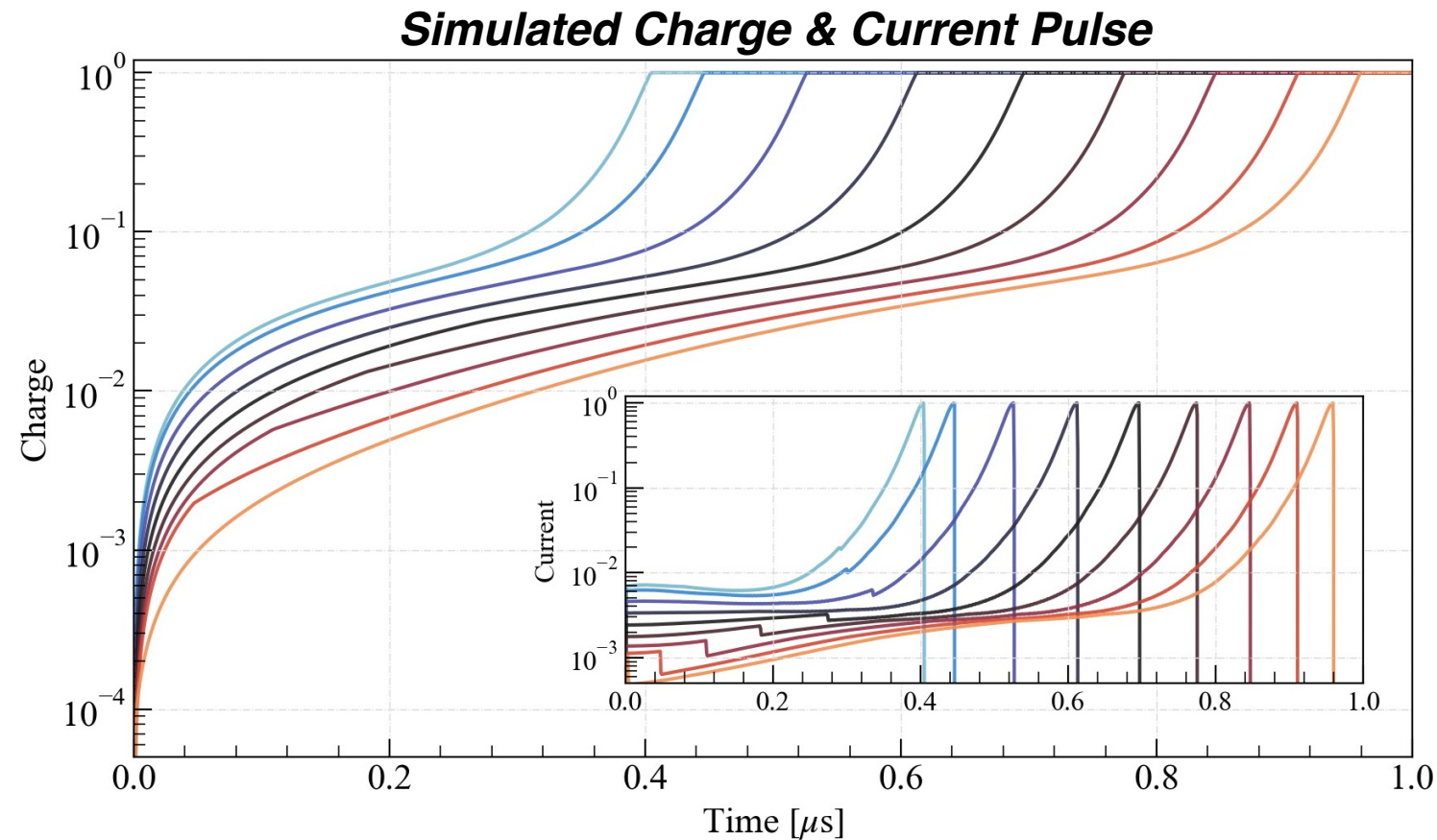
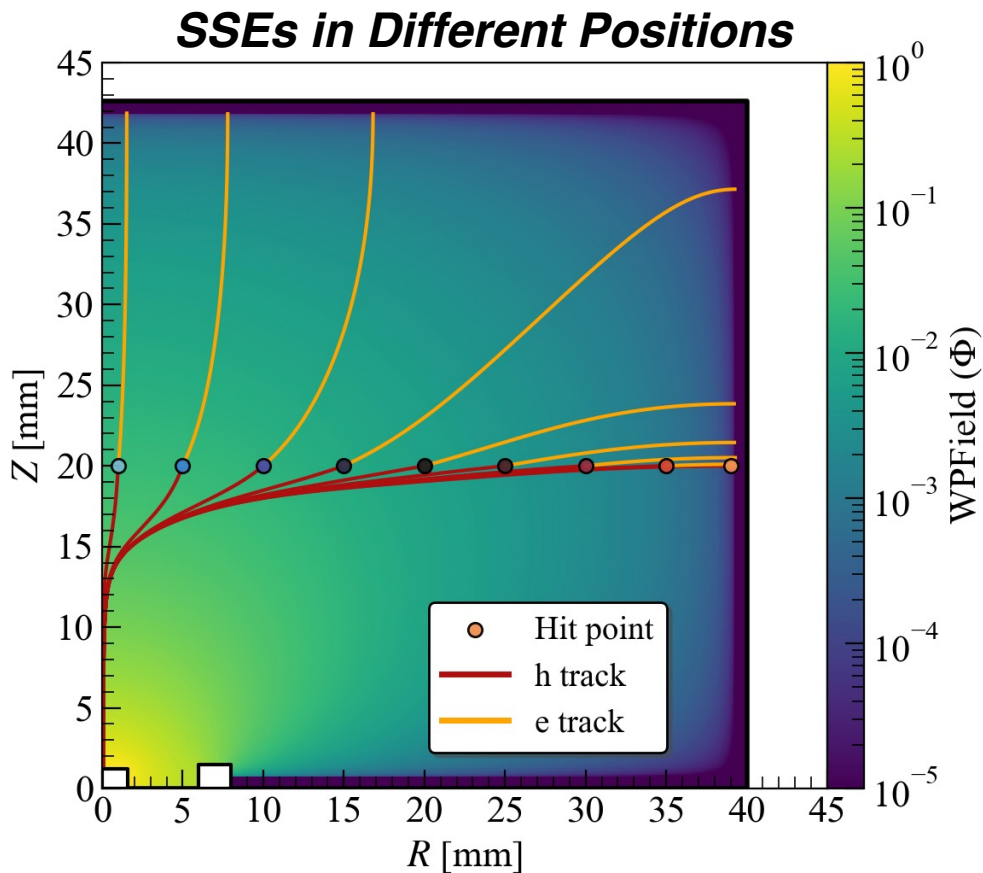


Introduction

□ Idea of Virtual Segmentation:

Hit position of SSE determines the drift time of induced charge carriers and its pulse shape

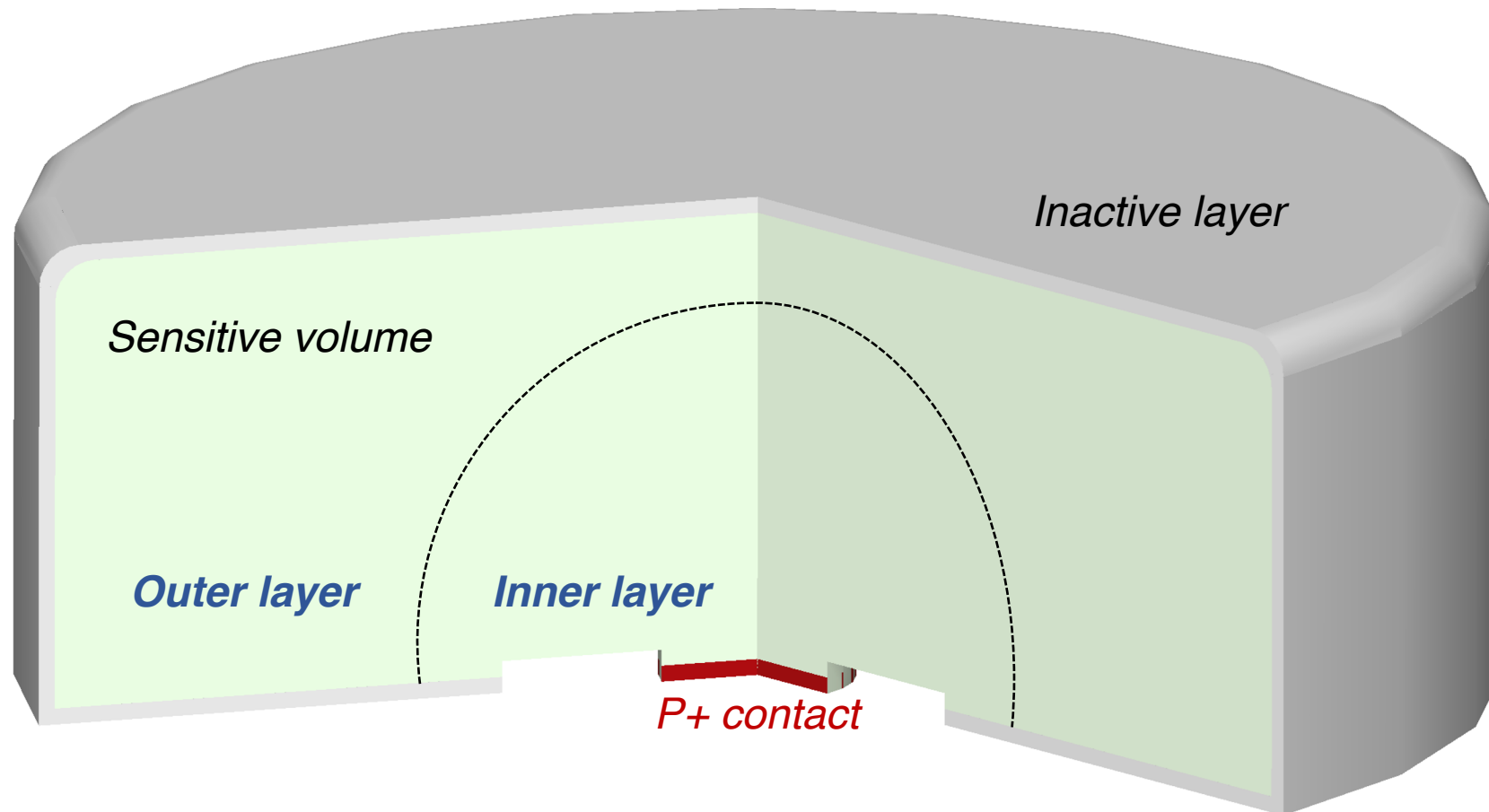
Virtual Segmentation: Determine SSE position by Pulse Shape Analysis



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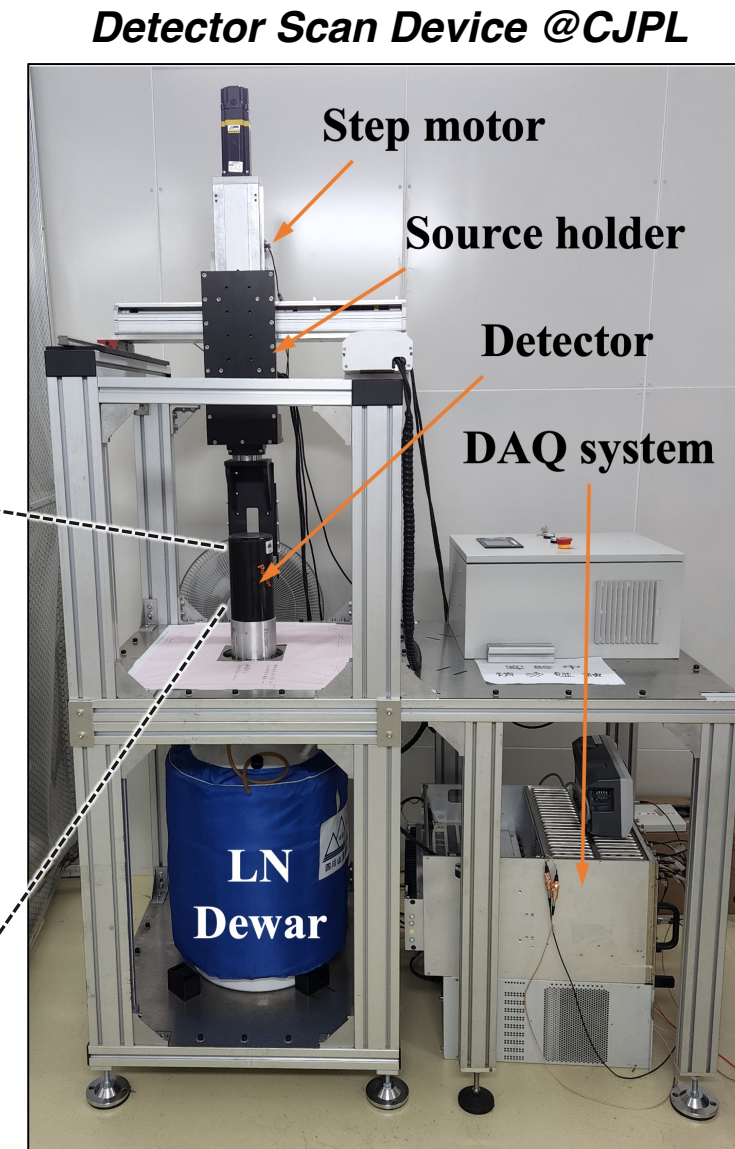
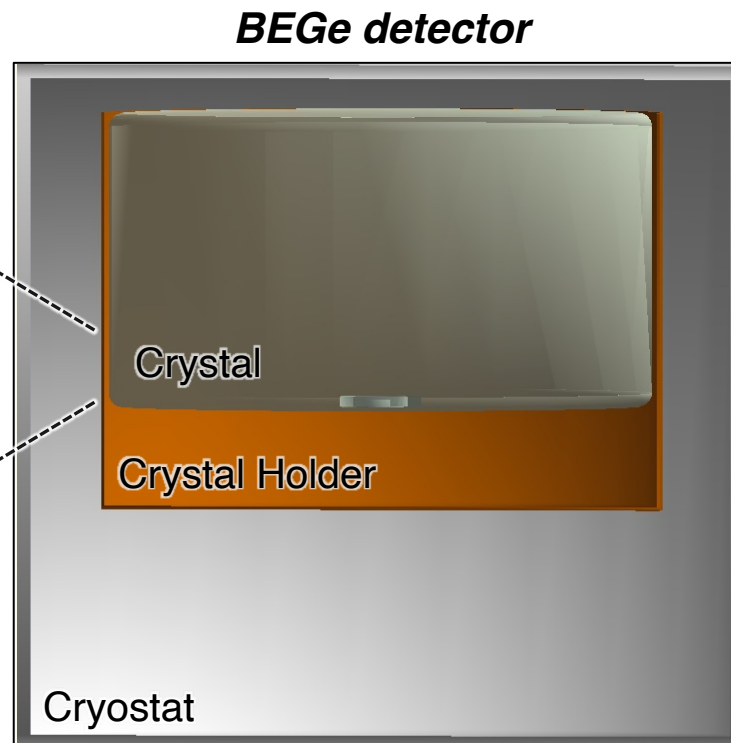
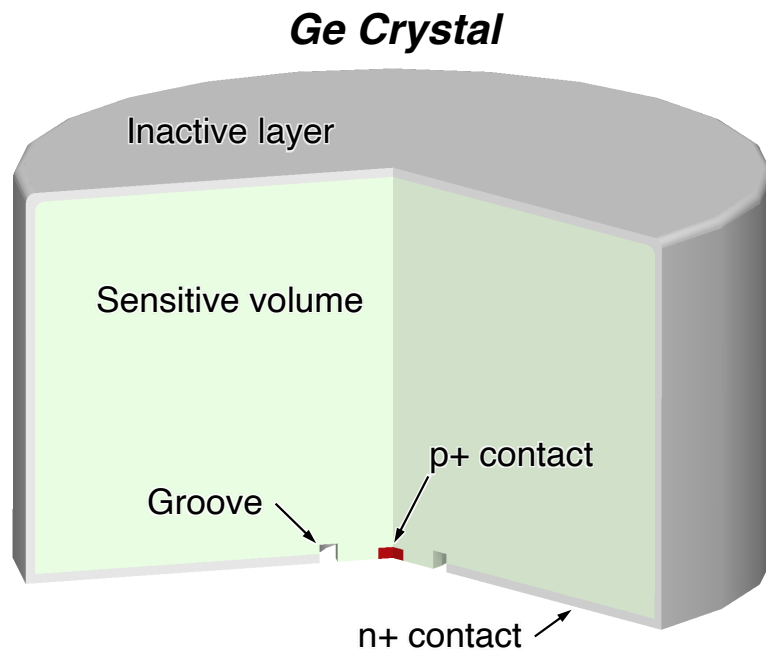
- ① *Identify SSE position by Pulse Shape Analysis*
- ② *Determine the Shape and Volume of the inner and outer layers by calibration*



Introduction

Study on a single-readout BEGe detector:

- Crystal size: $80 \text{ mm} \times 42.6 \text{ mm} (\Phi \times H)$
- Inactive layer thickness: $0.87 \pm 0.67 \text{ mm}$
- Sensitive volume (mass): $197.98 \pm 0.76 \text{ cm}^3$ ($1052.3 \pm 4.0 \text{ g}$)

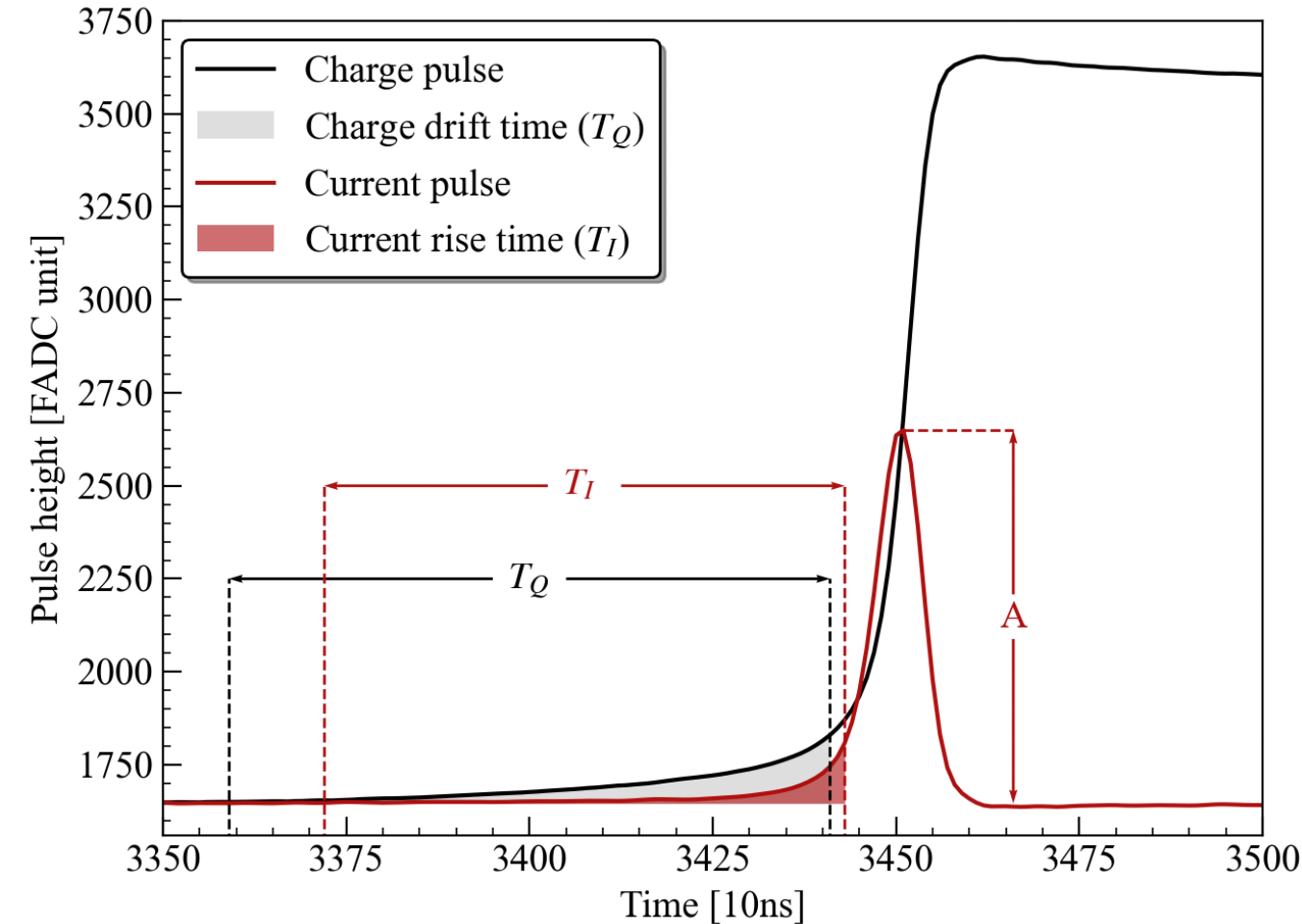


II. Select Inner/Outer Layer SSE via PSA

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□ Pulse Shape Parameters:

Three parameters (A , T_Q , T_I) are used to discriminate SSE/MSE & Inner/Outer Layer events



Current Amplitude (A):

- Get current by Moving-Average-Differential filter
- Select SSE by A/E method

Charge drift time (T_Q):

- 0.2% ~ 10% rise time of the charge pulse
- Applied to SSEs only

Current rise time (T_I):

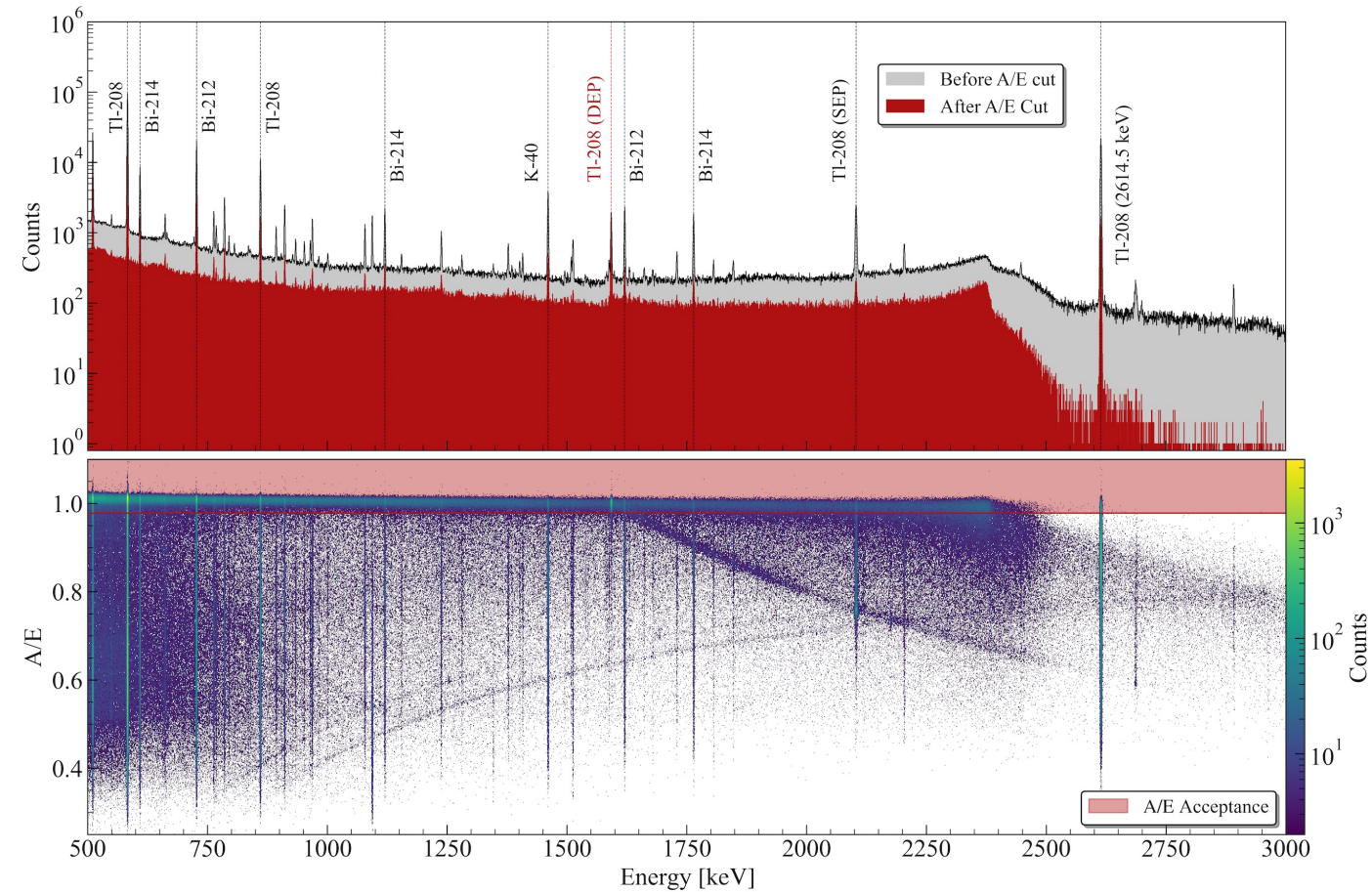
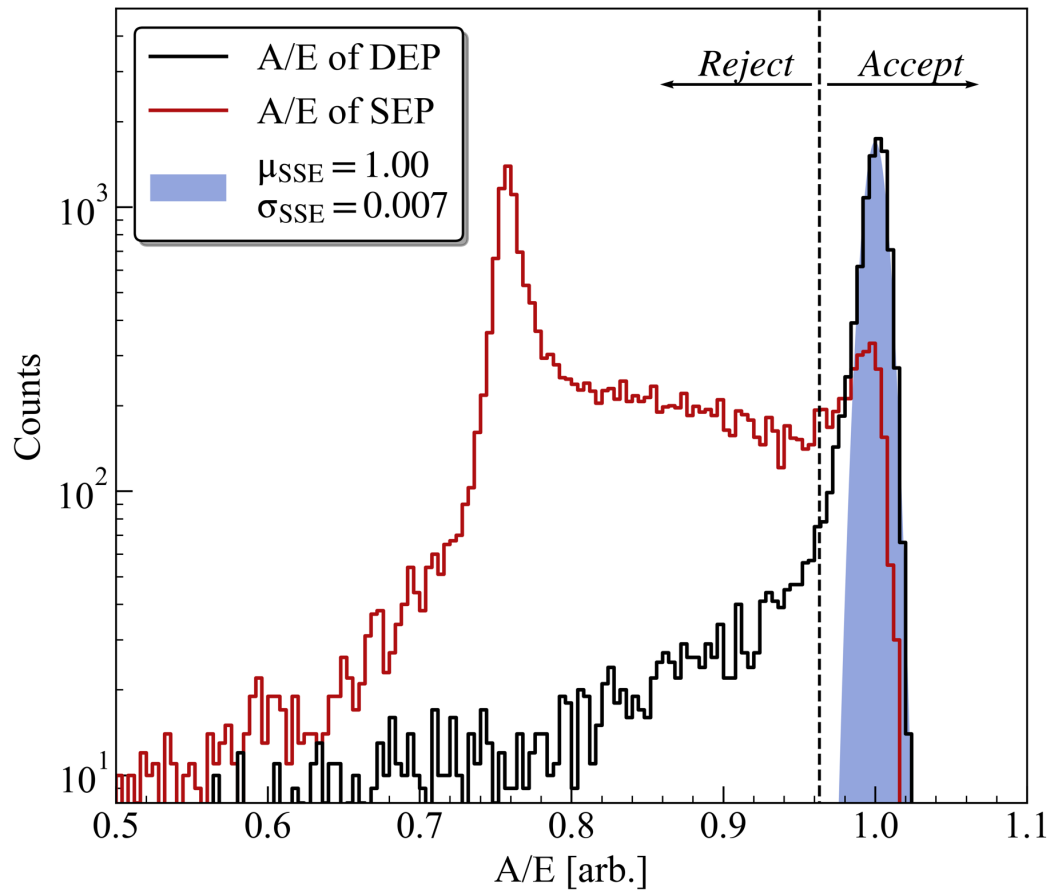
- 0.2% ~ 20% rise time of the current pulse
- Applied to SSEs only

Select Inner/Outer Layer SSE via PSA

□ Select SSEs by A/E method:

Cut determined by Double Escape Peak (DEP) events in Th-228 data: $(A/E)_{SSE} > \mu_{DEP} - 5\sigma_{DEP}$

➤ 80% survival for DEP events (SSE) and 9% survival for SEP events (MSE)

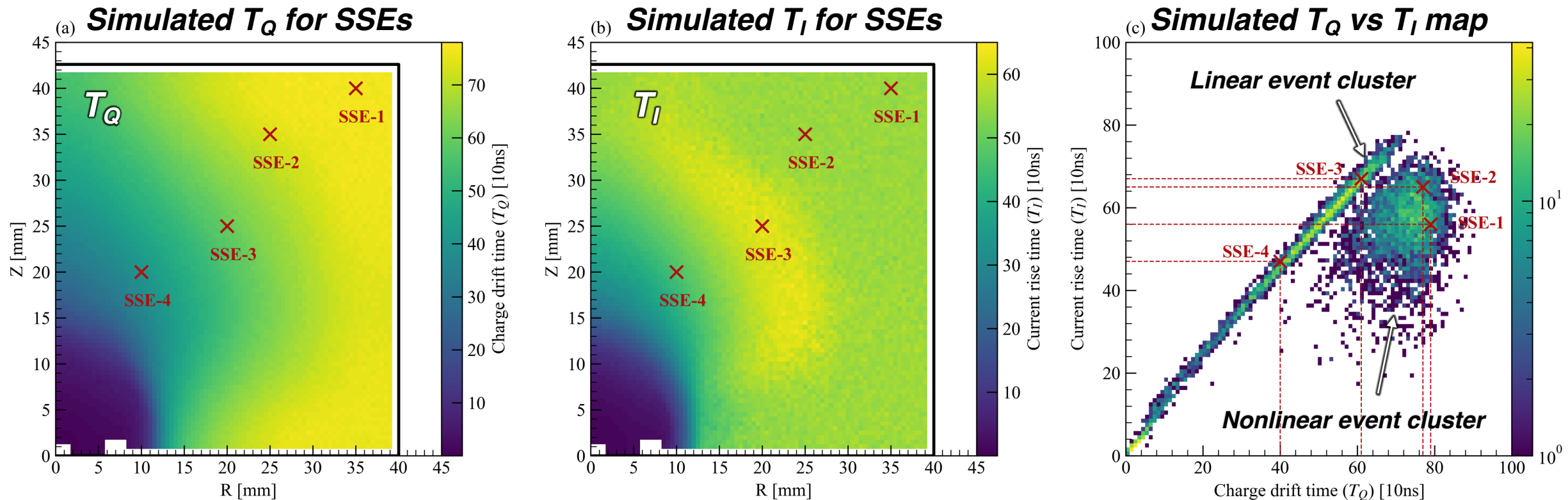


Select Inner/Outer Layer SSE via PSA

□ (T_Q , T_I) Distribution for Inner & Outer Layer SSEs:

The Linear & Nonlinear relation between T_Q & T_I separates the Inner & Outer SSEs

- T_Q & T_I are both **proportional to charge carrier drift distance** for inner layer SSEs
- Charge/current signal **do not exceed T_Q , T_I threshold** when charge carriers drift in Outer layer

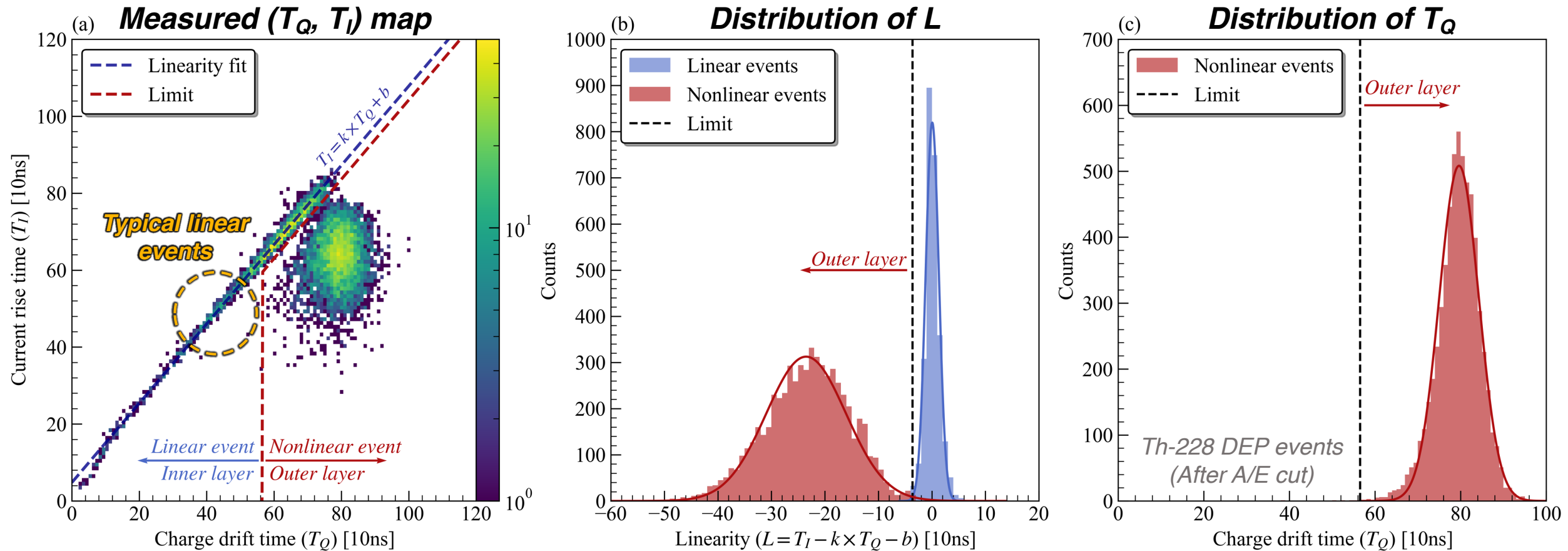


Select Inner/Outer Layer SSE via PSA

Discriminate Inner / Outer SSEs via Linearity index:

Linearity index between T_Q and T_I : $L = T_I - (k \cdot T_Q + b)$

➤ Parameters k and b are fitted using typical linear events: $T_I = k \times T_Q + b$



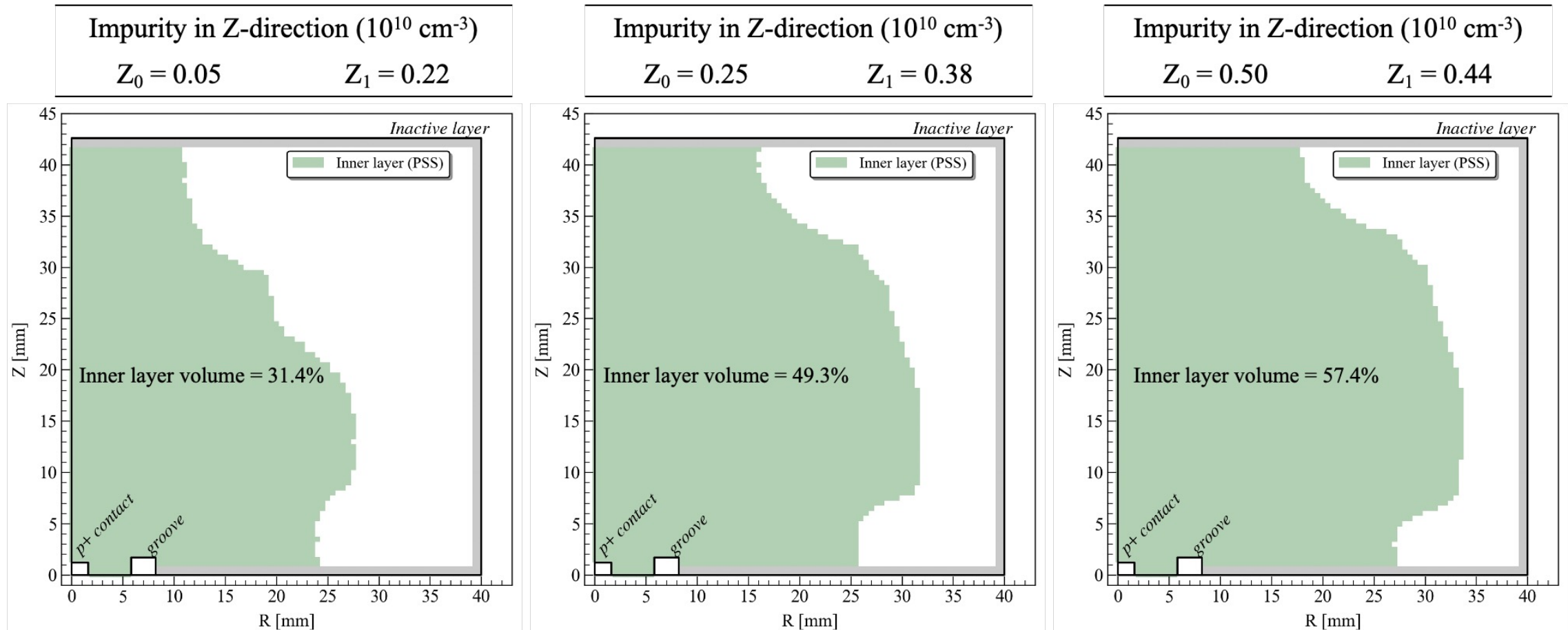
III. Determine Inner/Outer Layer Shape & Volume

Determine Inner/Outer Layer Shape & Volume

□ Pulse Shape Simulation (PSS):

Inner layer Shape & Volume heavily rely on the [*crystal impurity profile*](#)

➤ *As precise impurity profile not known, Inner/Outer Layer is calibrated experimentally*

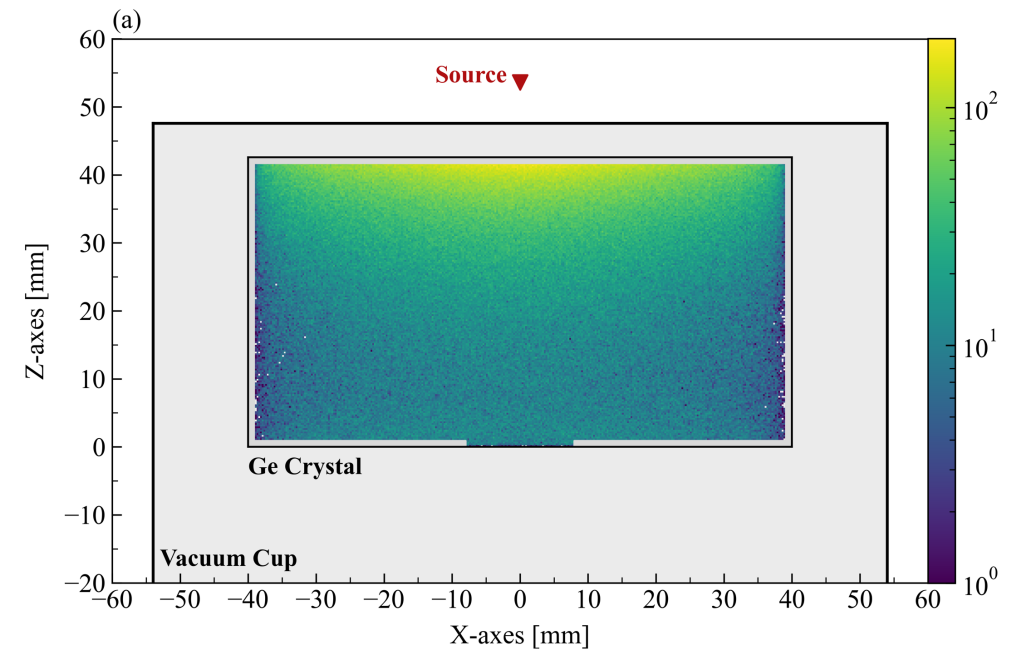
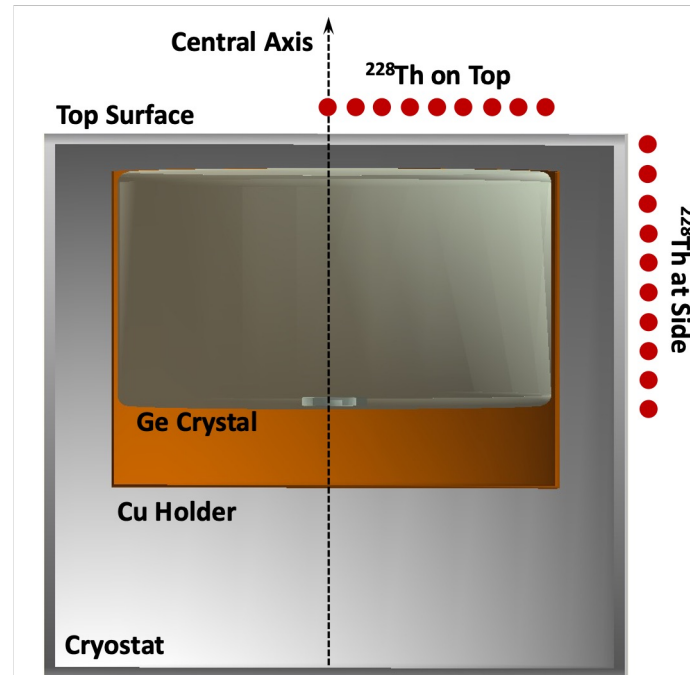
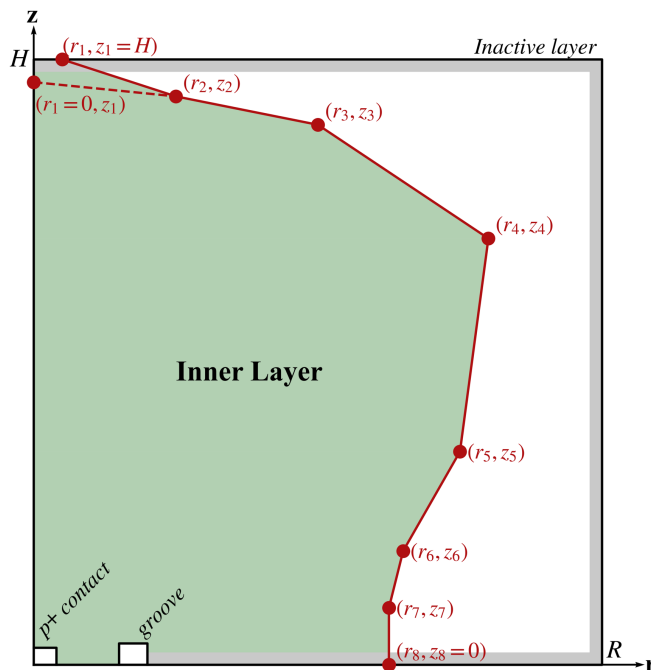


Determine Inner/Outer Layer Shape & Volume

□ Calibrate Inner/Outer Layer using Th-228 DEP Data:

$$R_L = \iint M(r, z|\theta) \cdot F_{DEP}(r, z) dr dz$$

- ① Parameterized segment model $M(\theta)$: 8 points, 14 parameters
- ② Inner layer event ratio (R_L) in Th-228 scanning experiments: 19 positions on Top & Side
- ③ SSE spatial PDF (F_{DEP}): calculate via Geant4 simulation



Determine Inner/Outer Layer Shape & Volume

□ Measure R_L for different source positions:

Linear events in Th-228 data

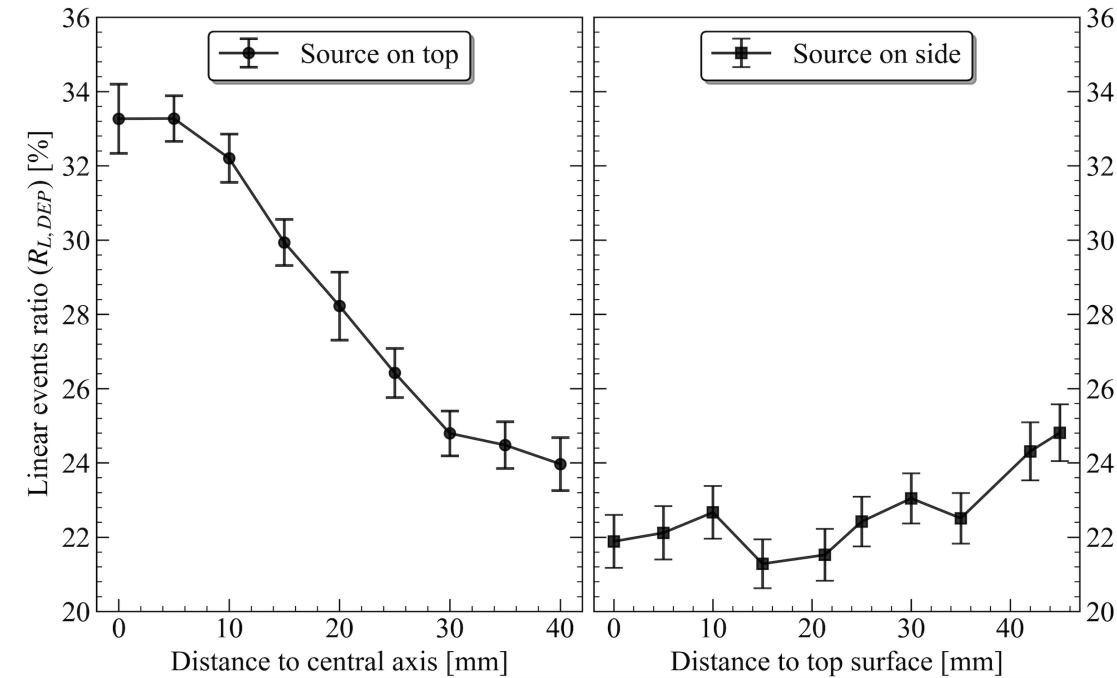
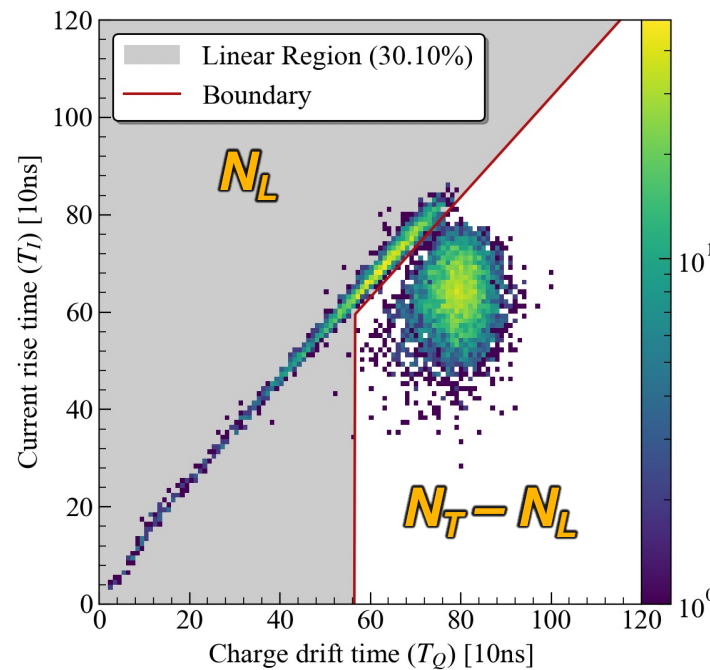
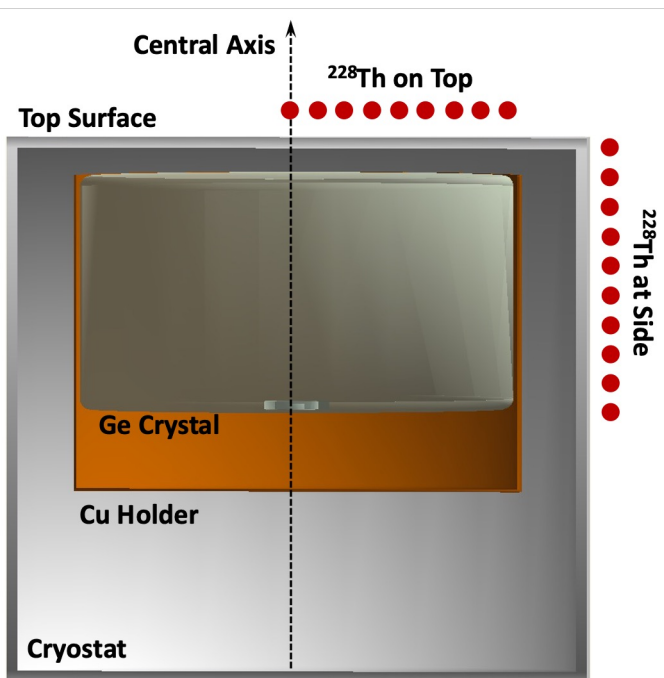
Linear events in background data

$$R_L = \frac{N_{L,S} - N_{L,B} \cdot t_S/t_B}{N_{T,S} - N_{T,B} \cdot t_S/t_B}$$

t_S : source measure time
 t_B : background measure time

Total events in Th-228 data

Total events in background data



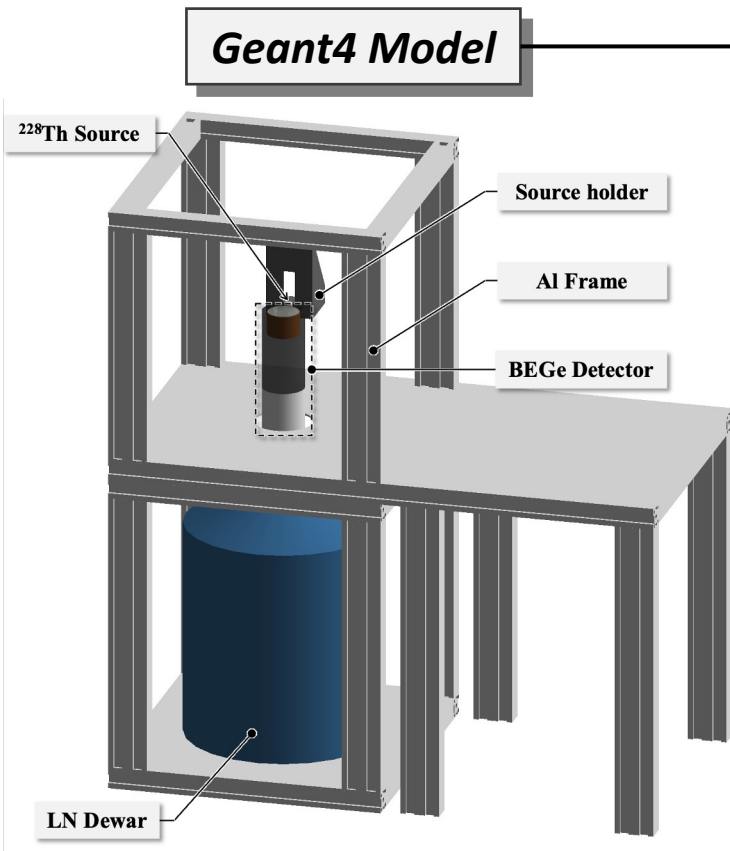
Determine Inner/Outer Layer Shape & Volume

□ Simulate Spatial PDF:

- Detailed detector model in Geant4
- Simulate energy deposition of DEP events
- Parameter δ_D to remove MSEs in simulation

$$R_{L,M}(\theta) = \iint M(r, z | \theta) F_{DEP}(r, z) dr dz$$

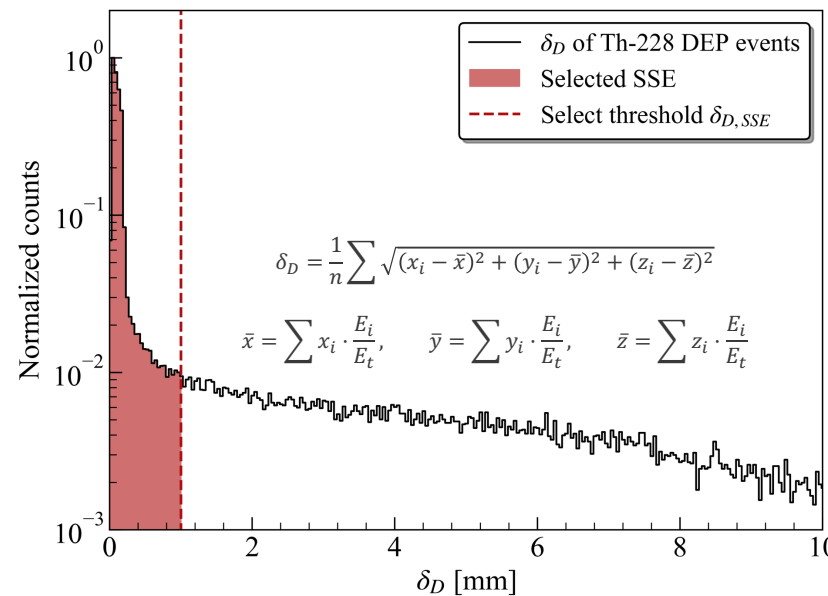
$$M(r, z | \theta) = \begin{cases} 1 & (r, z) \in \text{Inner Layer} \\ 0 & (r, z) \in \text{Outer Layer} \end{cases}$$



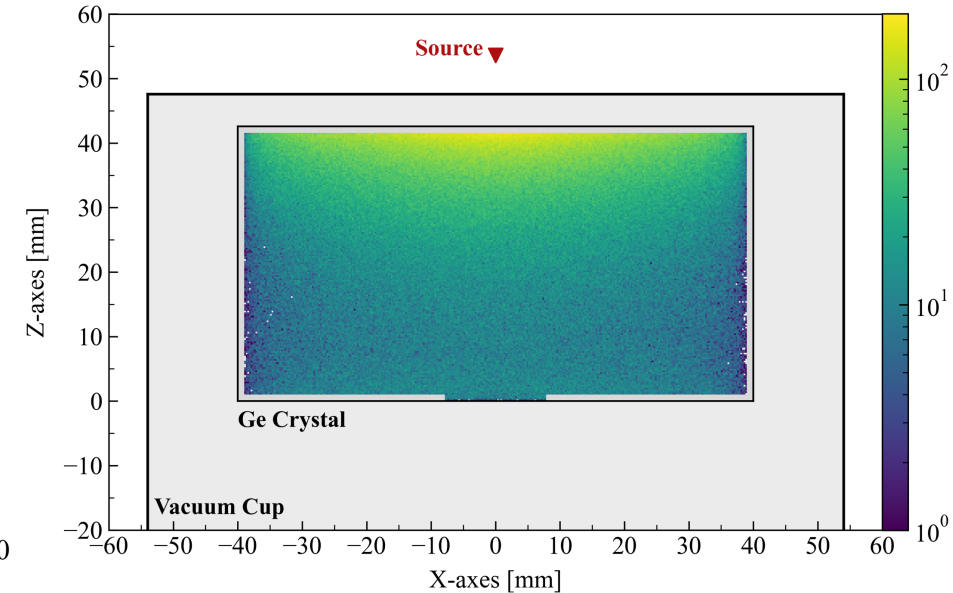
Select SSE

Spatial PDF $F_{DEP}(r, z)$

Same survival fraction with A/E cut



F_{DEP} for Th-228 DEP event



Determine Inner/Outer Layer Shape & Volume

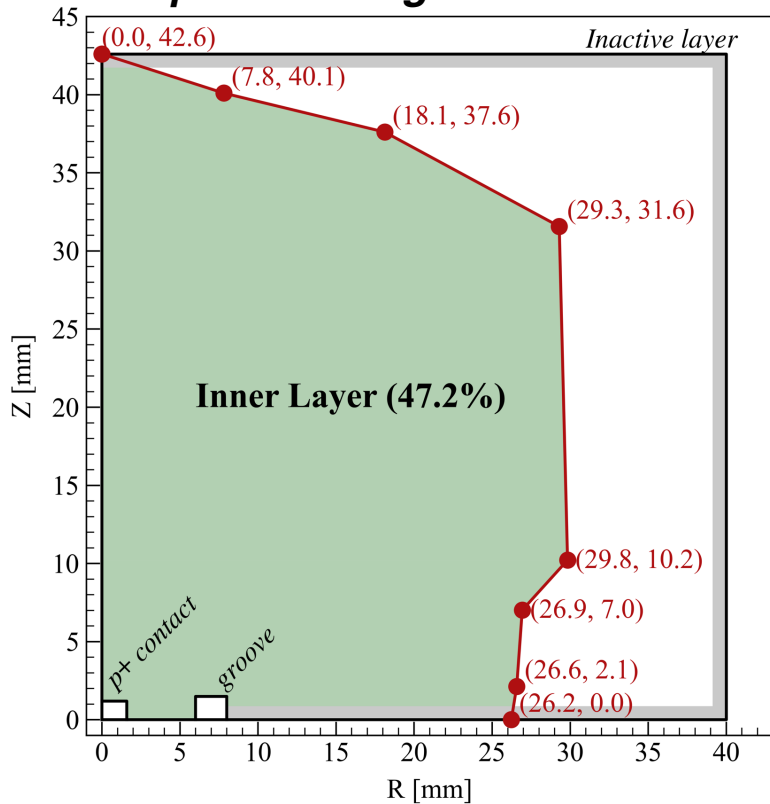
Fit Model Parameters:

Measured inner event ratio

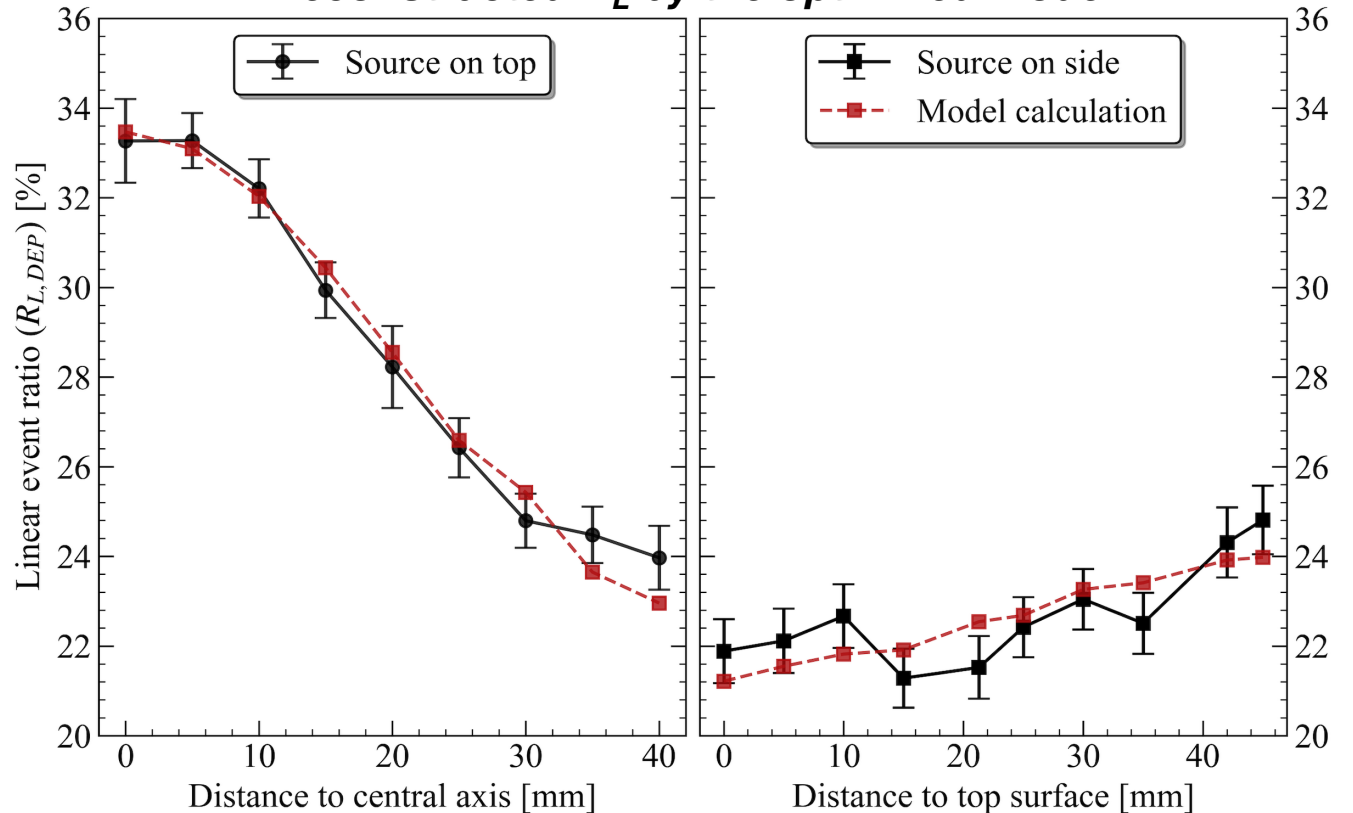
$$\chi^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{19} \frac{\left(R_{L,DEP} - \iint M(r, z | \theta) F_{DEP}(r, z) dr dz \right)^2}{\sigma_k^2}$$

Segment model (points to $M(r, z | \theta)$)
Spatial distribution (points to $F_{DEP}(r, z)$)
Uncertainty of measured $R_{L,DEP}$ (points to σ_k^2)

Optimized segment model



Reconstructed R_L by the optimized model



Determine Inner/Outer Layer Shape & Volume

□ Uncertainty Assessment:

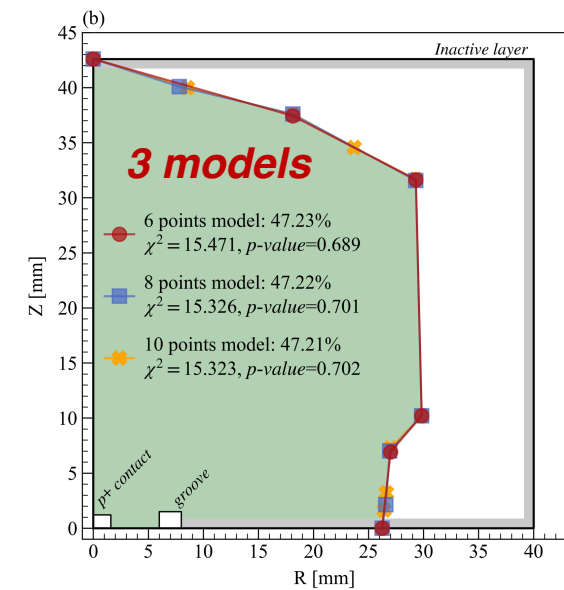
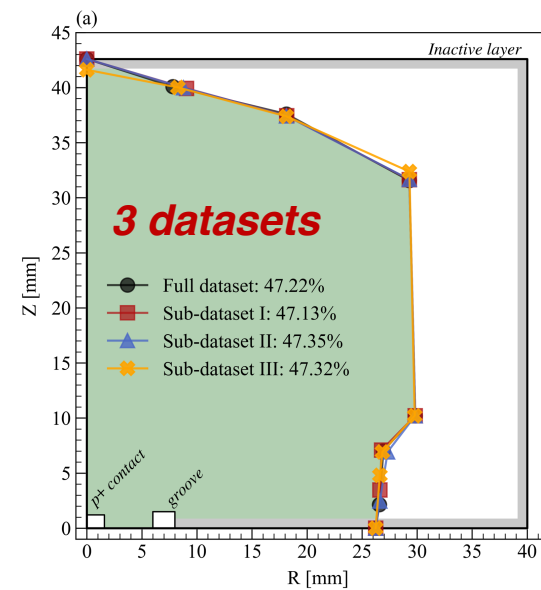
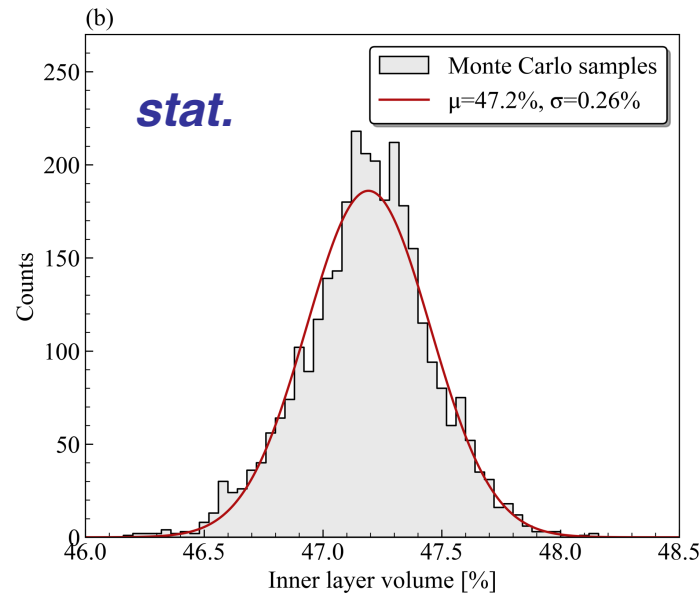
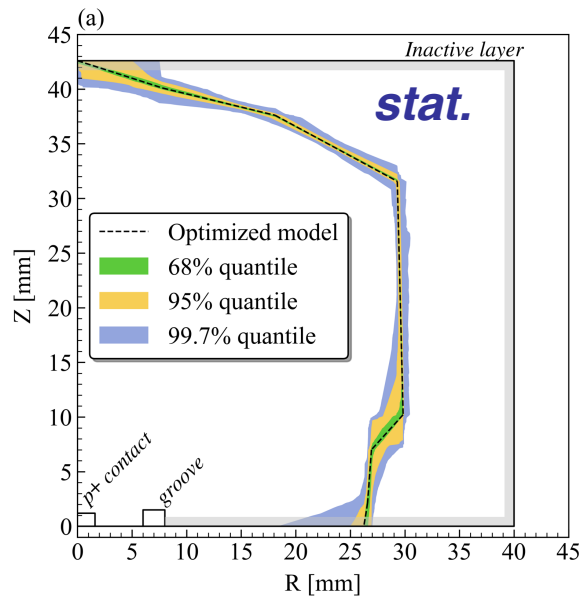
Inner layer in sensitive volume =
 $47.2\% \pm 0.26\%$ (stat.) $\pm 0.22\%$ (datasets) $\pm 0.18\%$ (Inactive.)

Statistic uncertainty:

- 3000 times toy-Monte Carlo sampling $\rightarrow (\pm 0.26\%)$

Systematic uncertainty:

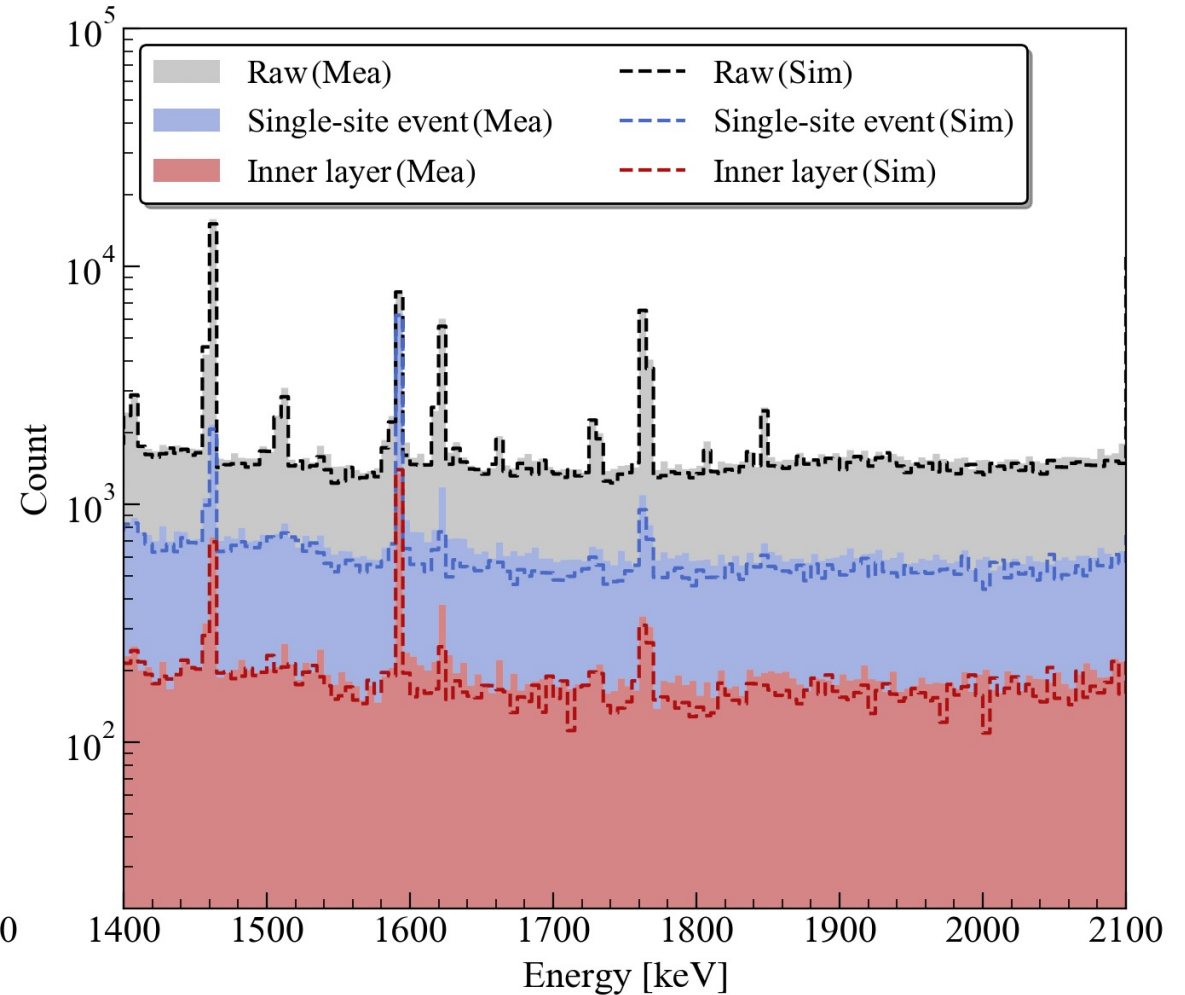
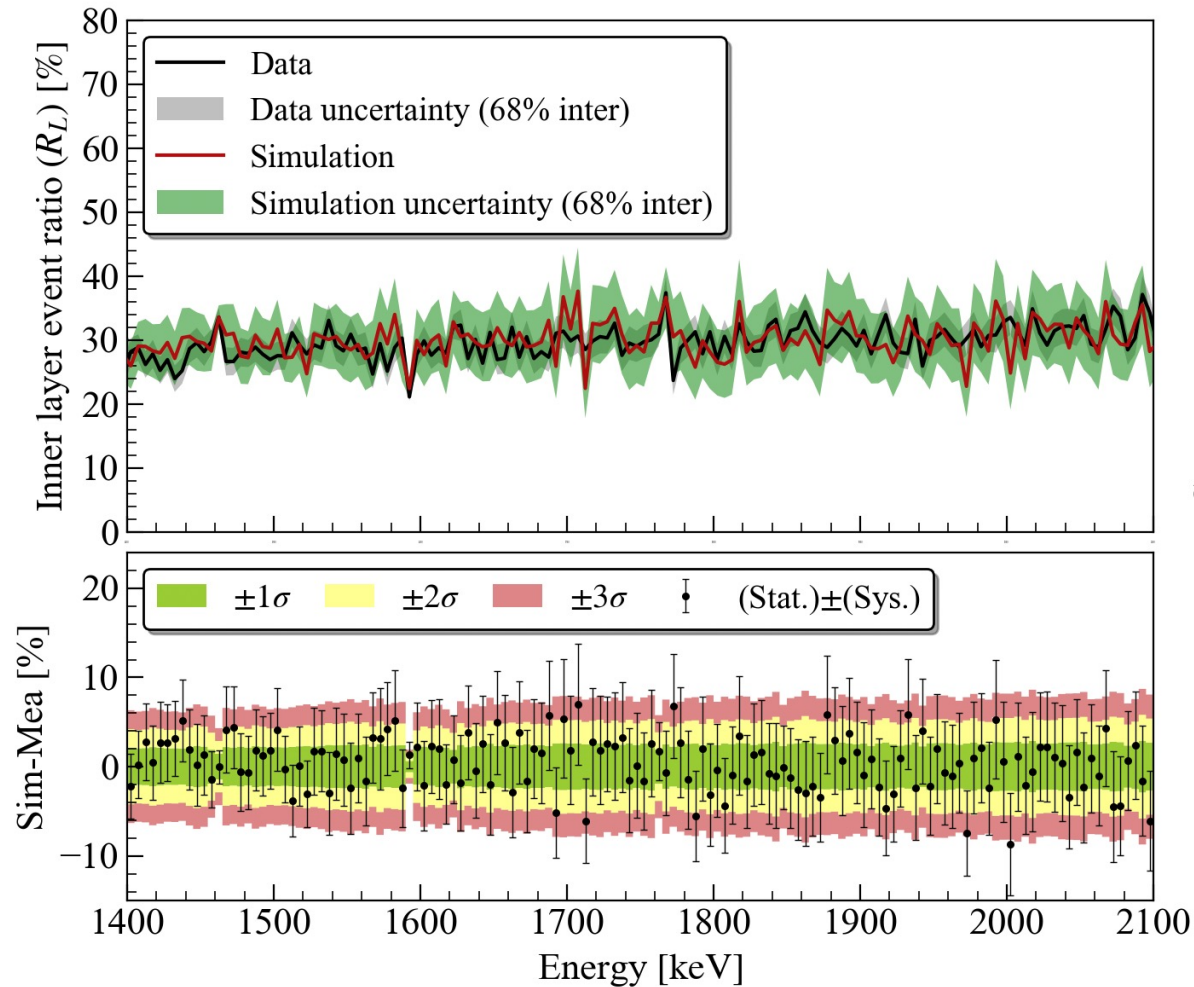
- ① Inactive layer thickness: measurement ($870 \pm 67 \mu\text{m}$) $\rightarrow (\pm 0.18\%)$
- ② Dataset selection: re-fit model using 3 sub-datasets $\rightarrow (\pm 0.22\%)$
- ③ Model construction: analyze 6, 8, and 12 points models $\rightarrow (\pm 0.02\%, \text{negligible})$



Determine Inner/Outer Layer Shape & Volume

Model Validation in Ge-76 $0\nu\beta\beta$ signal region (2039 keV):

Model optimized using 1592.5 keV DEP events and validated in 1400 ~ 2100 keV region



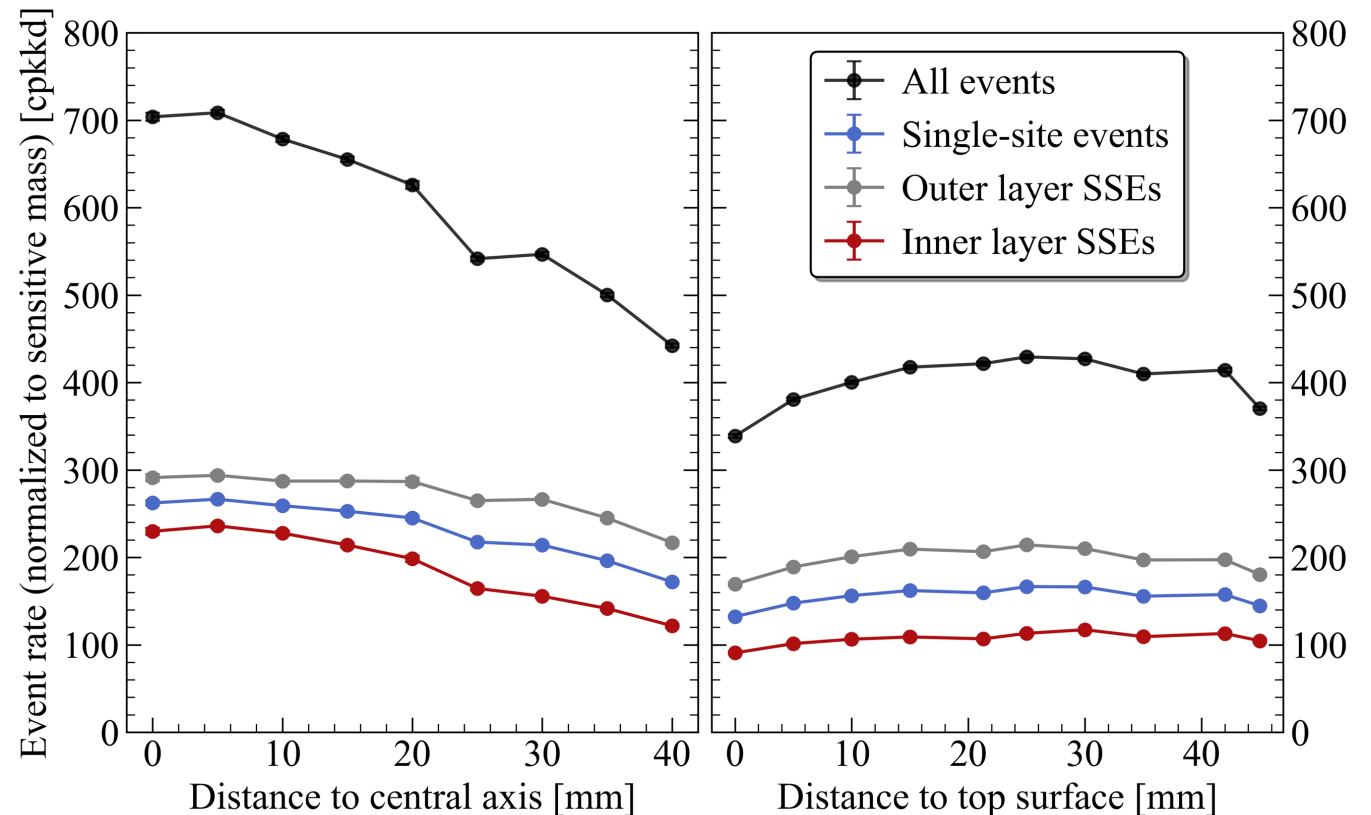
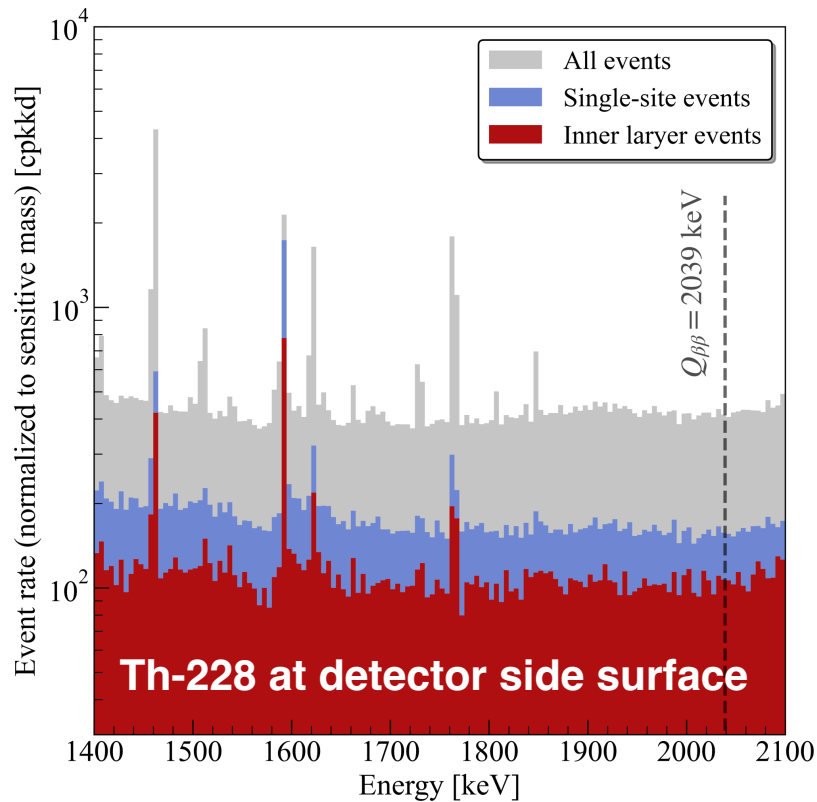
IV. Background Suppression by Virtual Segmentation

Background Suppression

High energy γ background in $0\nu\beta\beta$ signal region

Th-228 at different positions is a good proxy for external High energy γ background sources

- Inner layer has a lower background rate (**5~12% BG suppression on top of the A/E method**)
- Best background suppression for Th-228 at the side of the detector

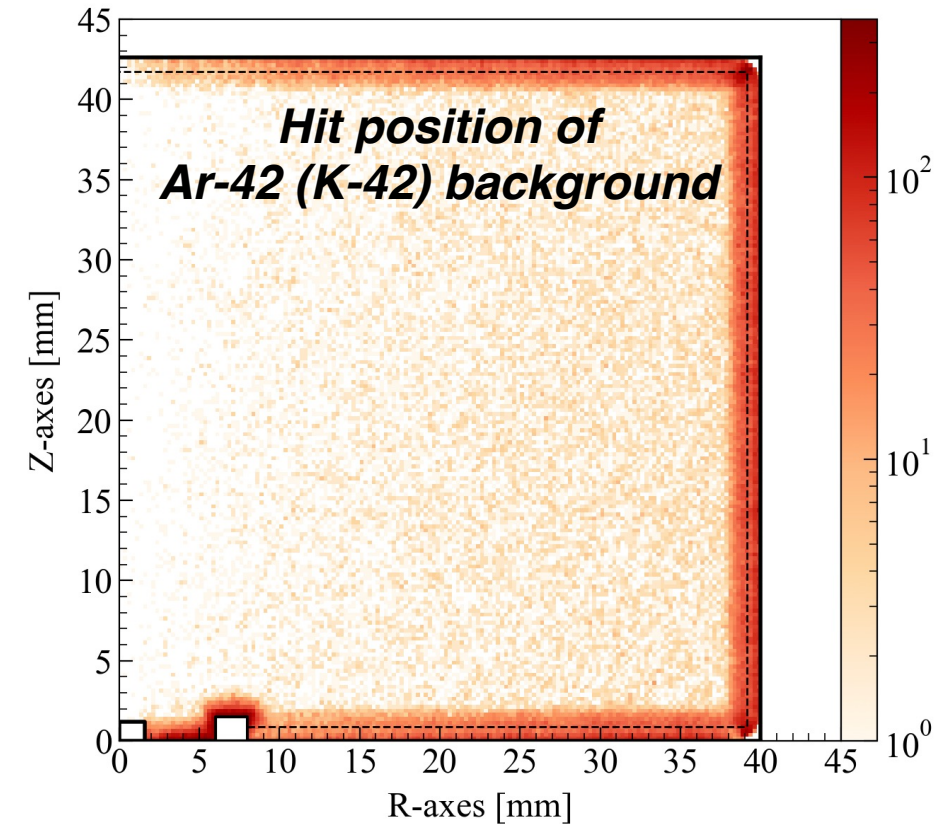
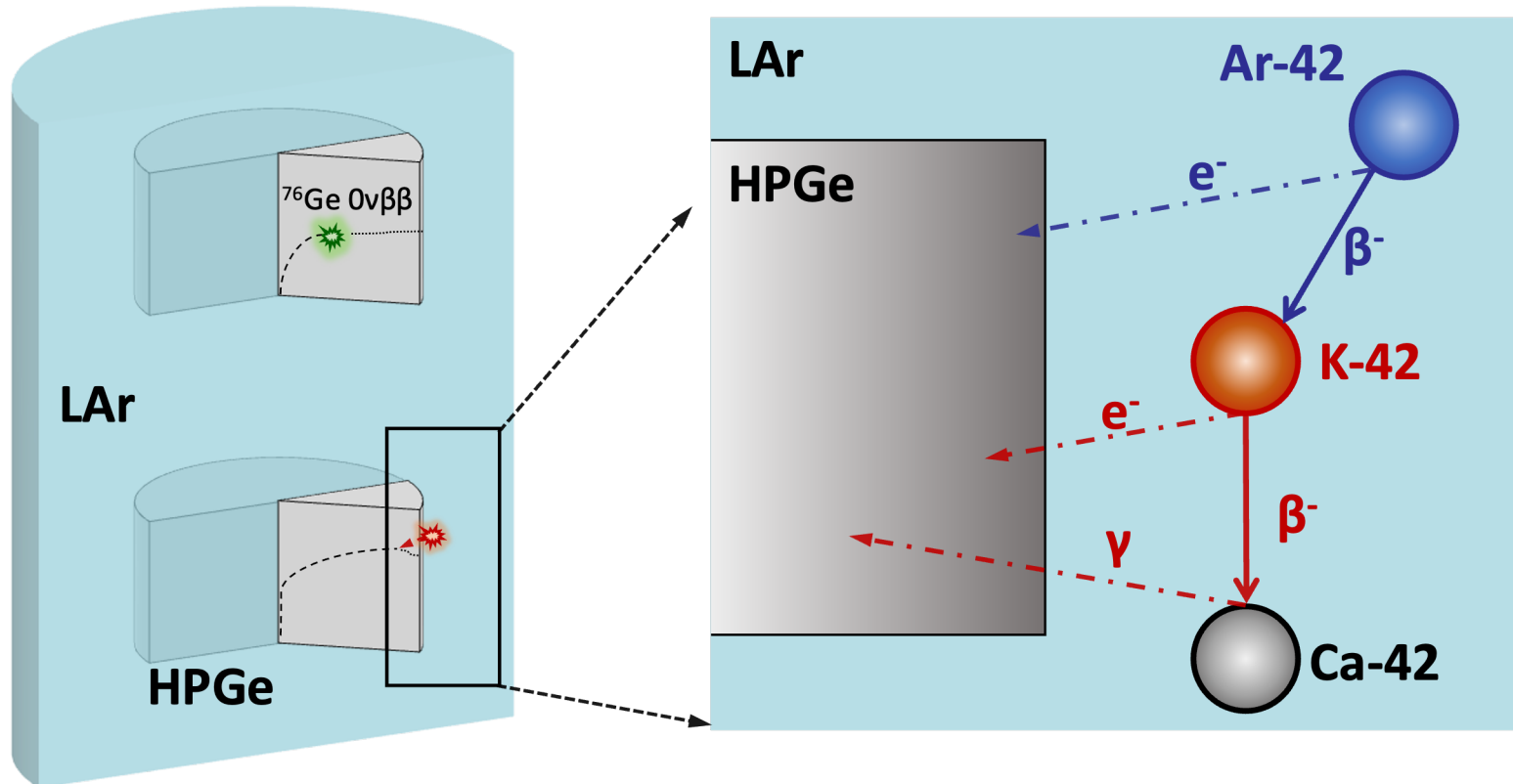


Background Suppression

□ Surface background from Ar-42

When HPGe is immersed in LAr, background from Ar-42 (K-42) cluster on the detector surface

- *Ar-42 in Atmosphere Argon: $92 \mu\text{Bq/kg}$*
- *Background in ROI (2039 keV): $(16.8 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-4} \text{ cpkky}$*

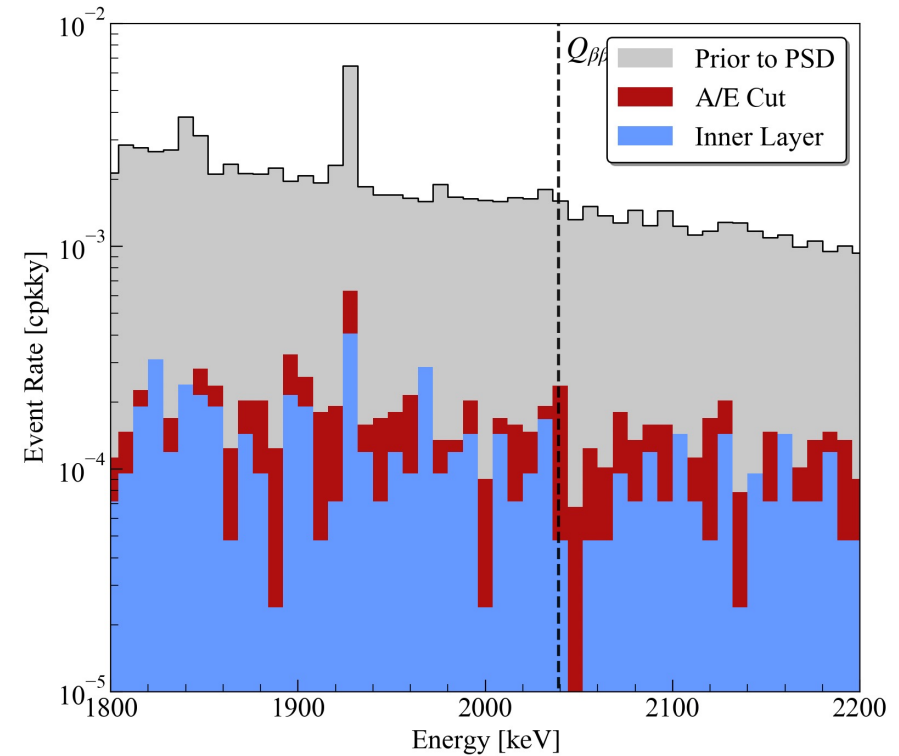
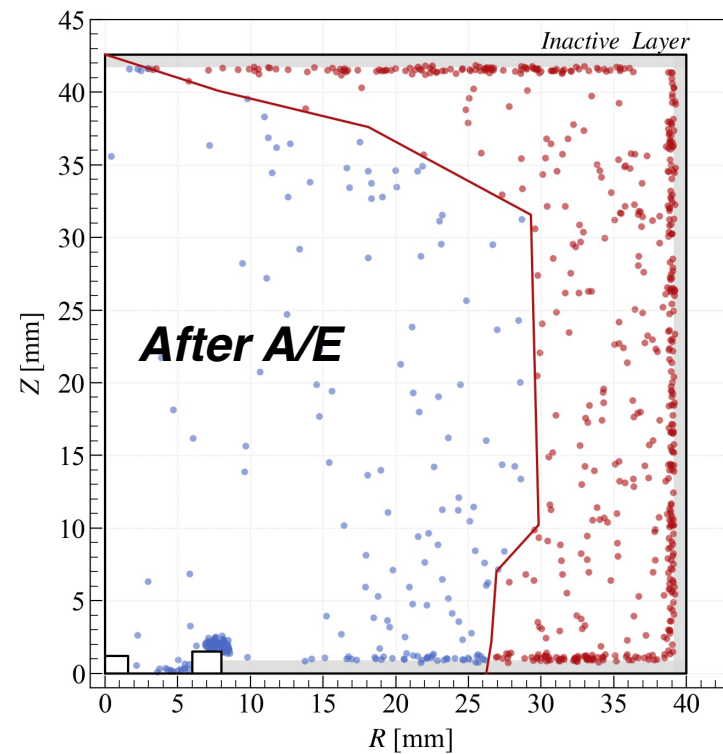
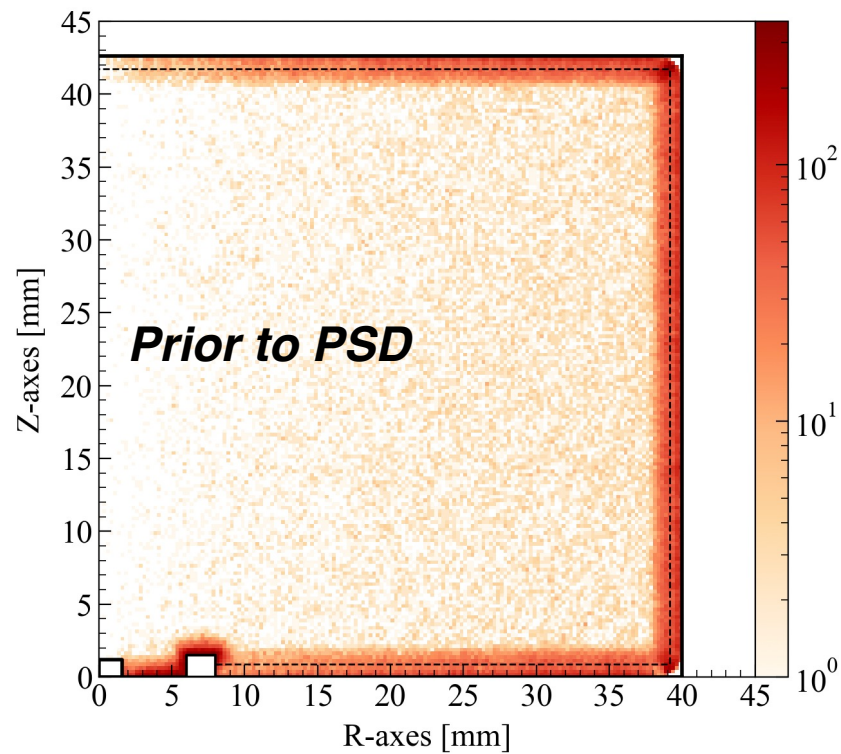


Background Suppression

Surface background from Ar-42

Assess PSD background suppression power by Geant4 + Pulse Shape Simulation

PSD Method	Prior to PSD	A/E Cut	Outer Layer	Inner Layer
Background [10^{-4} cpkky]	16.8 ± 0.90	1.61 ± 0.11	2.10 ± 0.15	1.05 ± 0.09



V. Summary

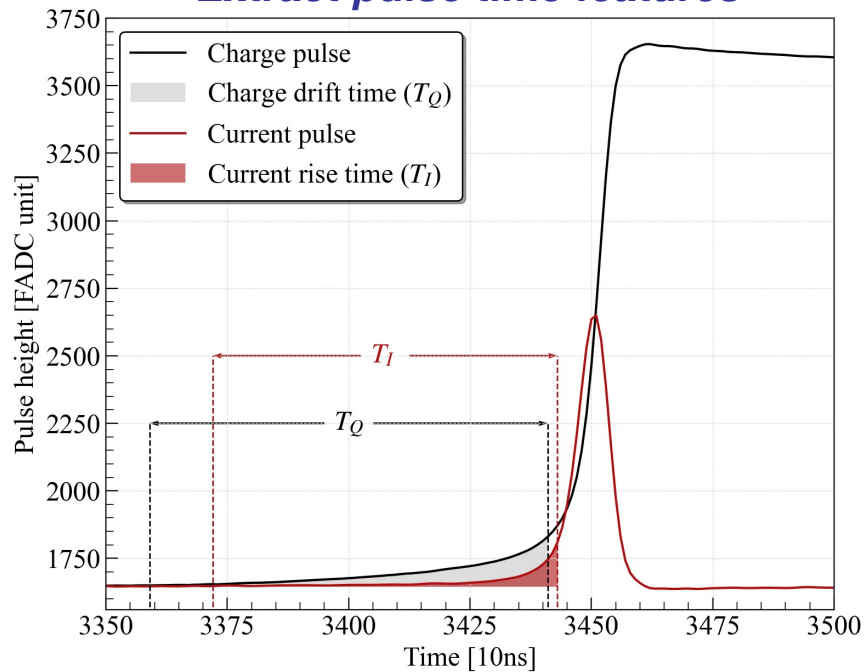
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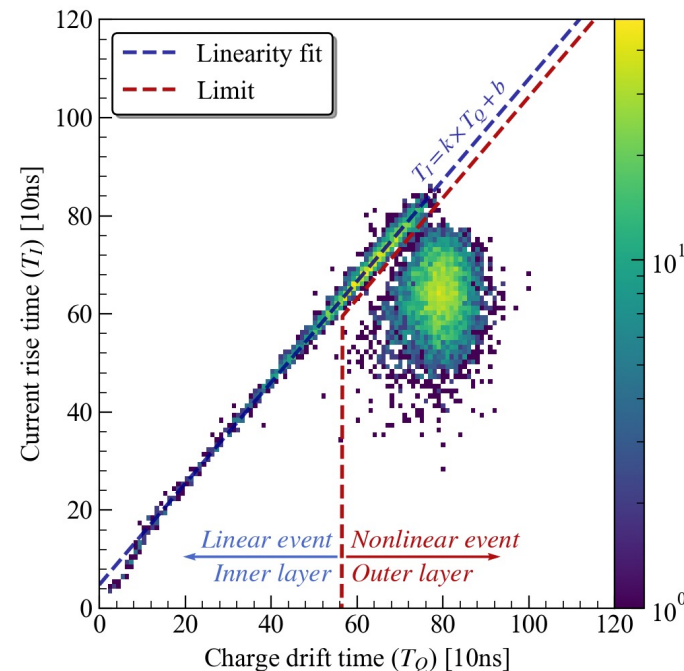
Virtual segmentation of a small contact HPGe

- ① SSEs in Inner/outer segments are selected using pulse time feature T_Q and T_I
- ② Volume and shape of segments are calibrated by a Th-228 scanning experiment
- ③ Inner volume = $47.2\% \pm 0.26\%$ (stat.) $\pm 0.22%$ (sys.) $\pm 0.18%$ (sys.)
- ④ Virtual segmentation could suppress surface background for $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiments

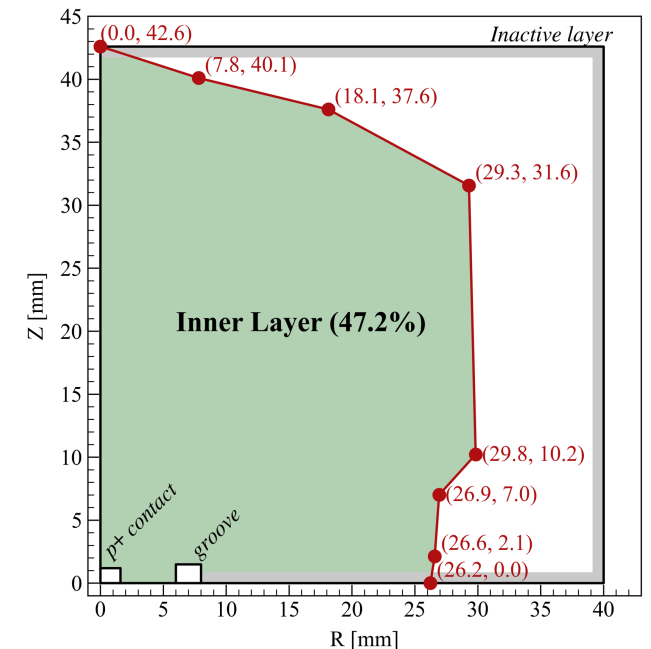
Extract pulse time features



Select of inner/out SSEs



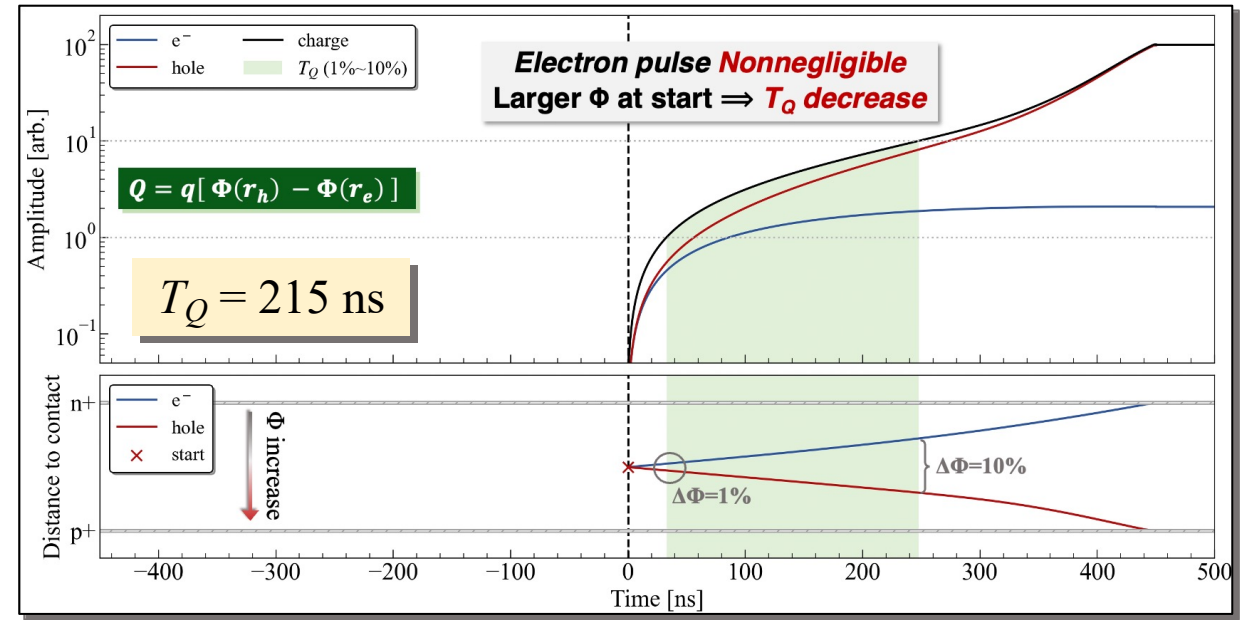
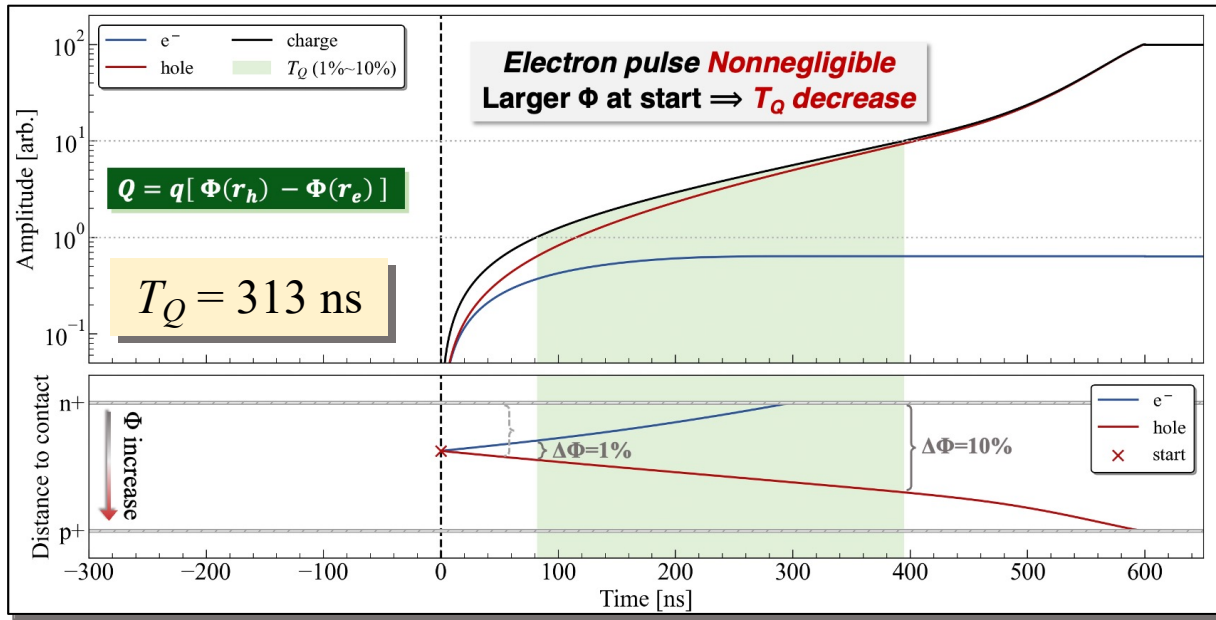
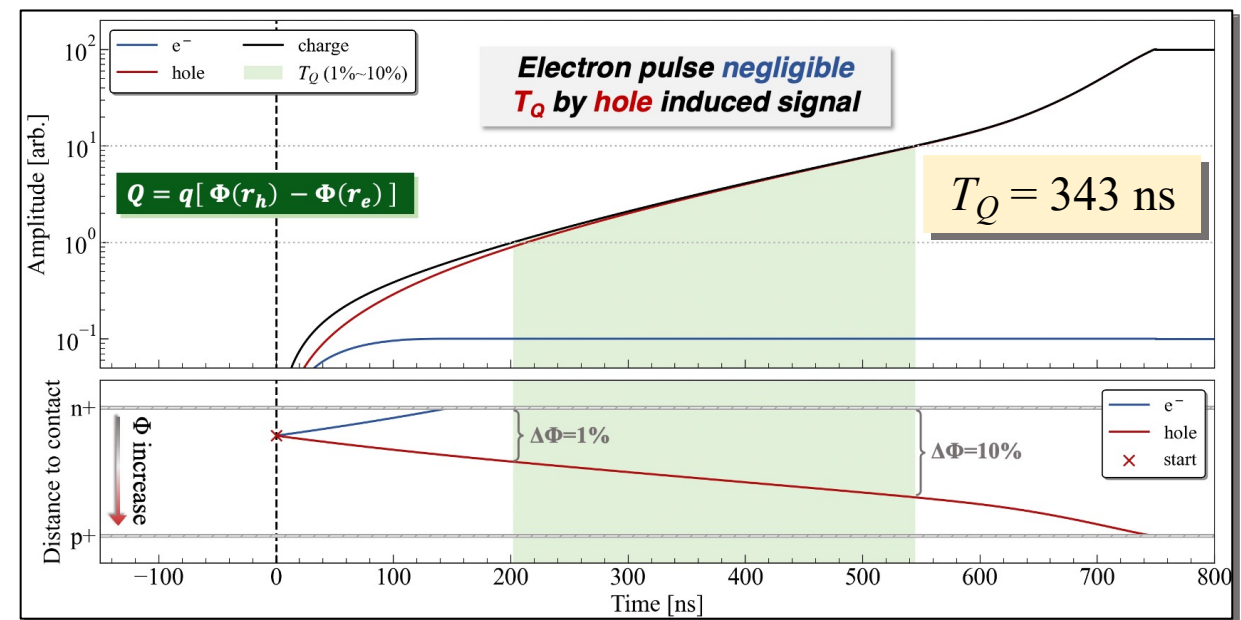
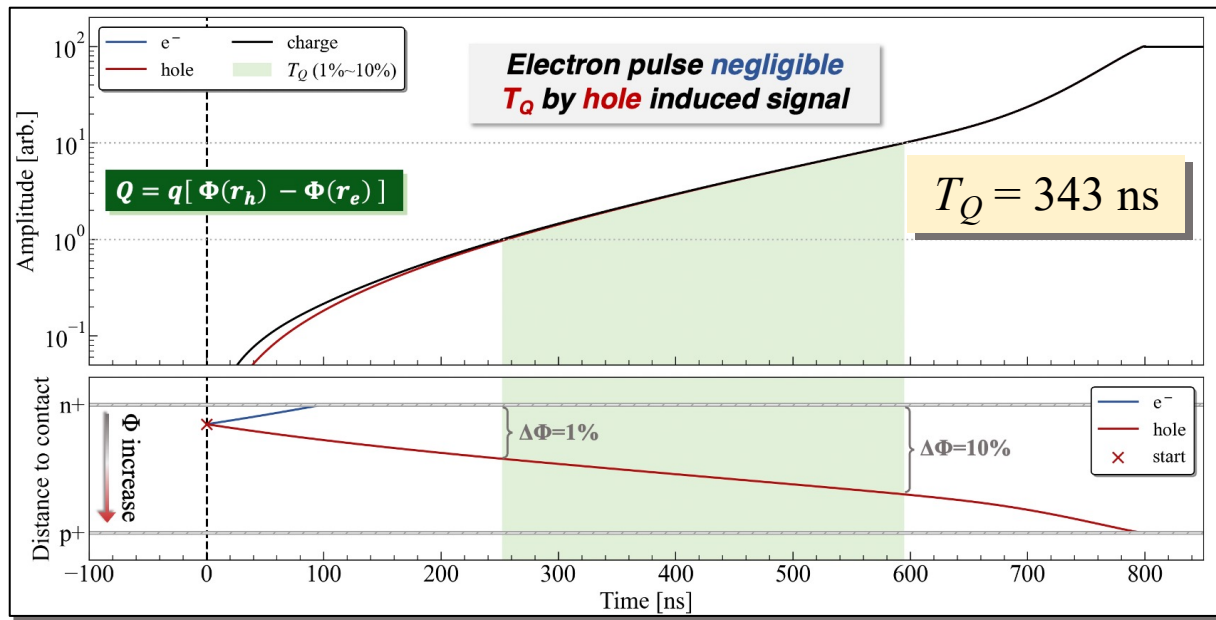
Optimized segments model



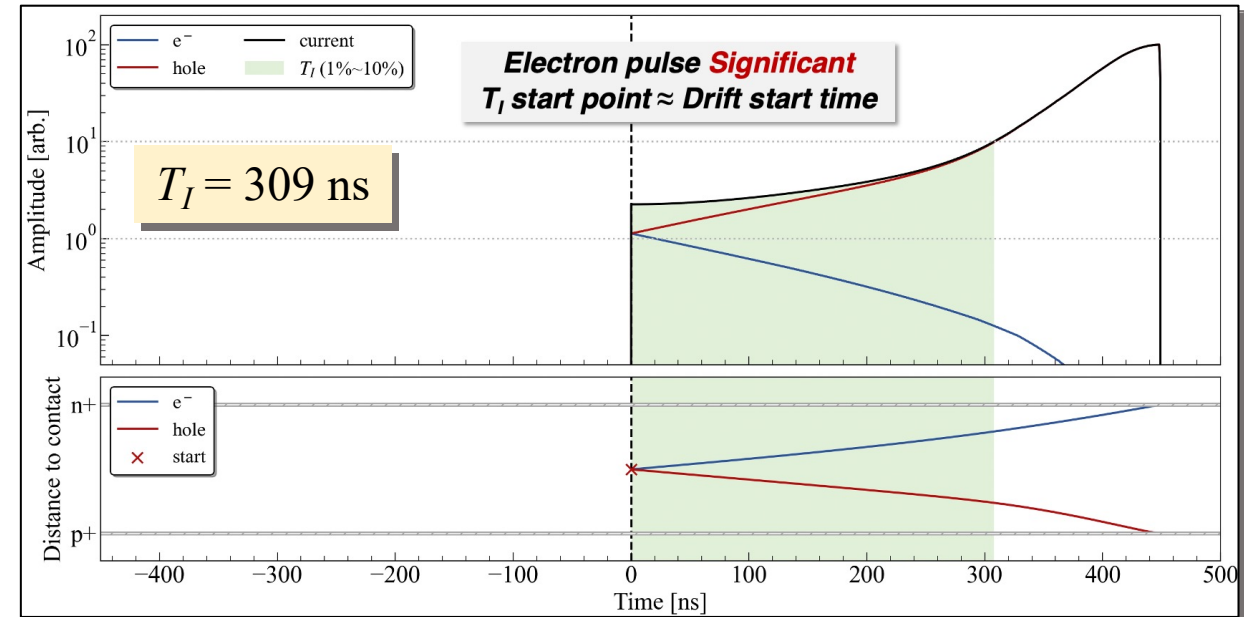
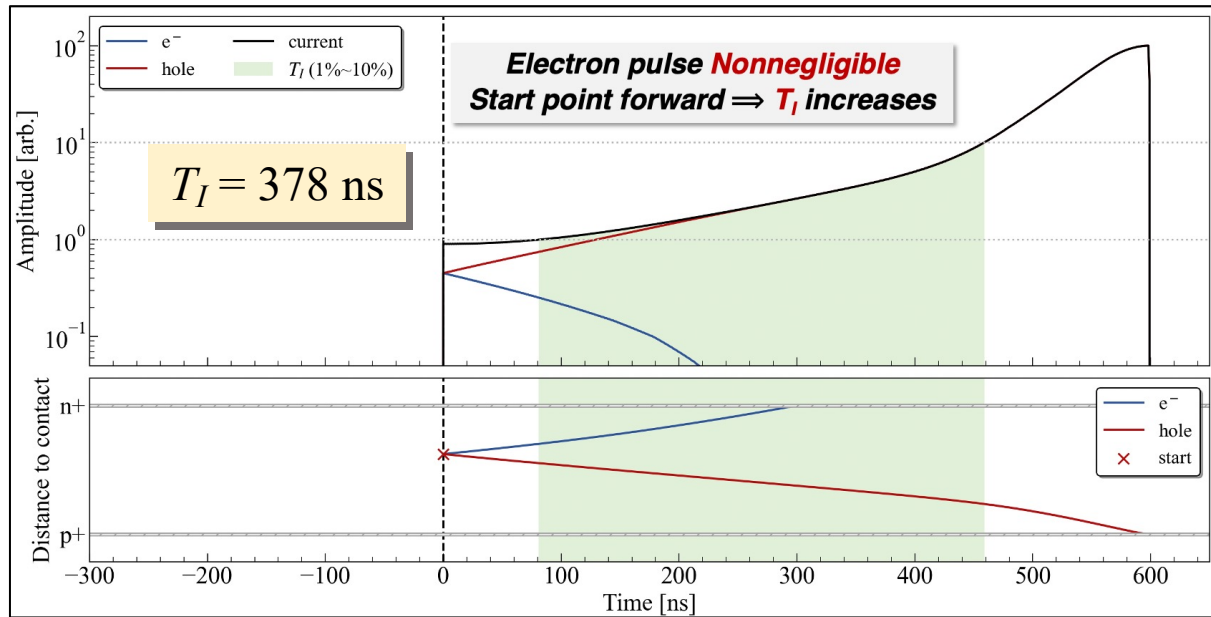
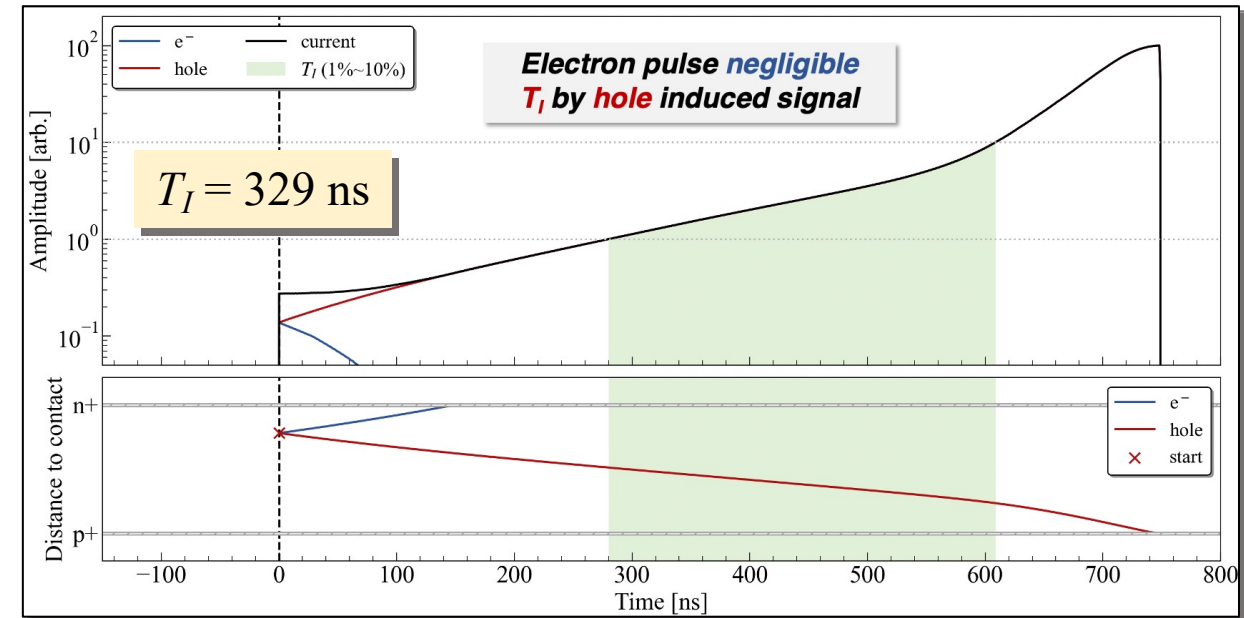
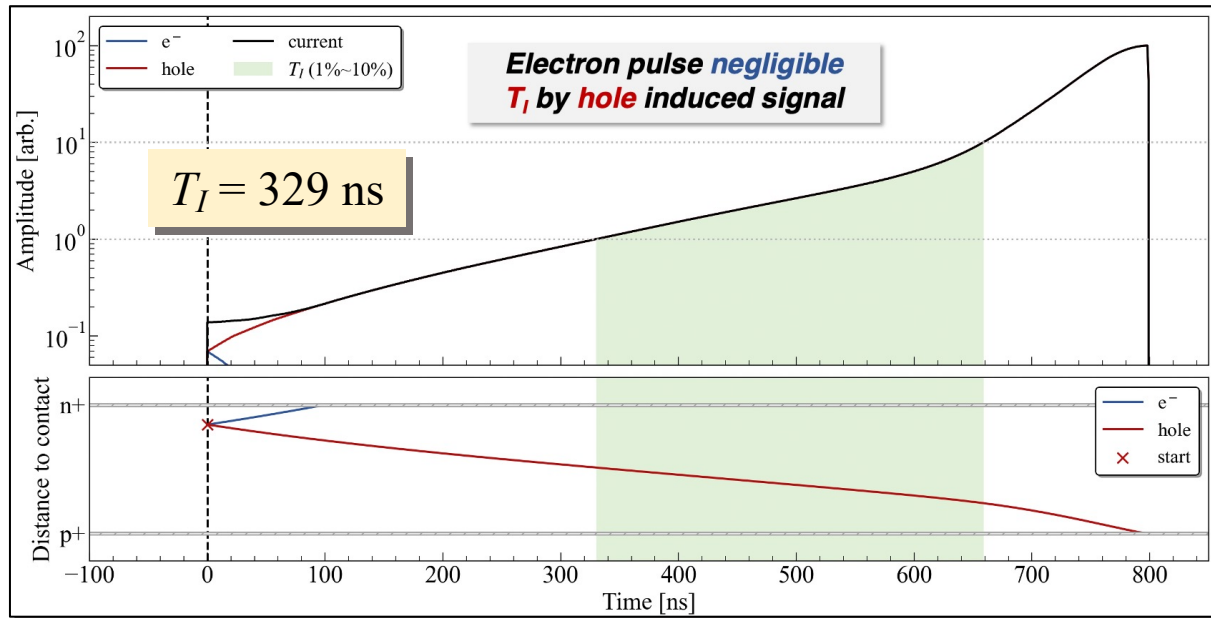
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Back up Materials

Back Up: Charge Pulses of SSEs in different Position



Back Up: Current Pulses of SSEs in different Position

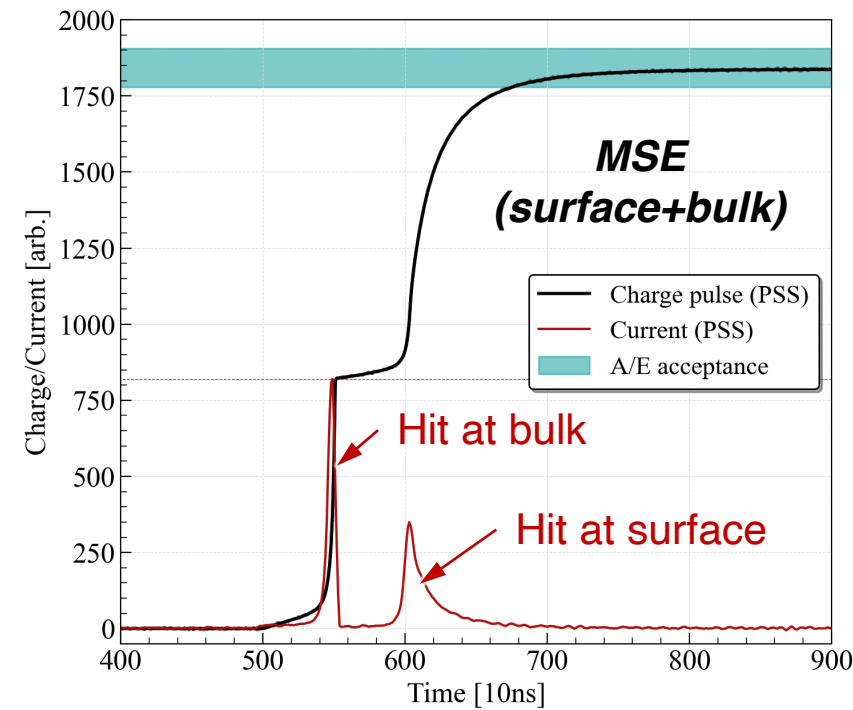
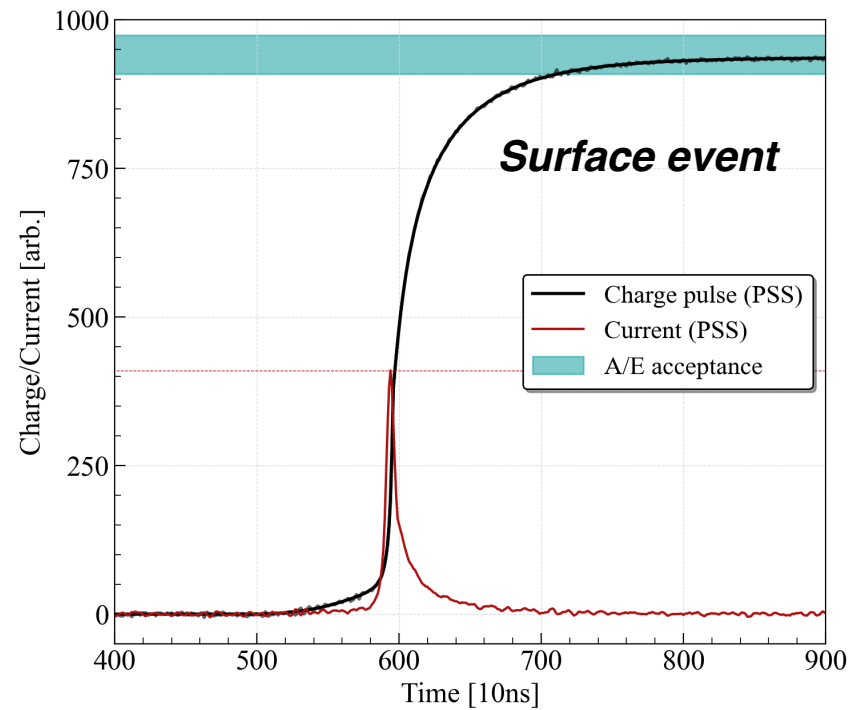
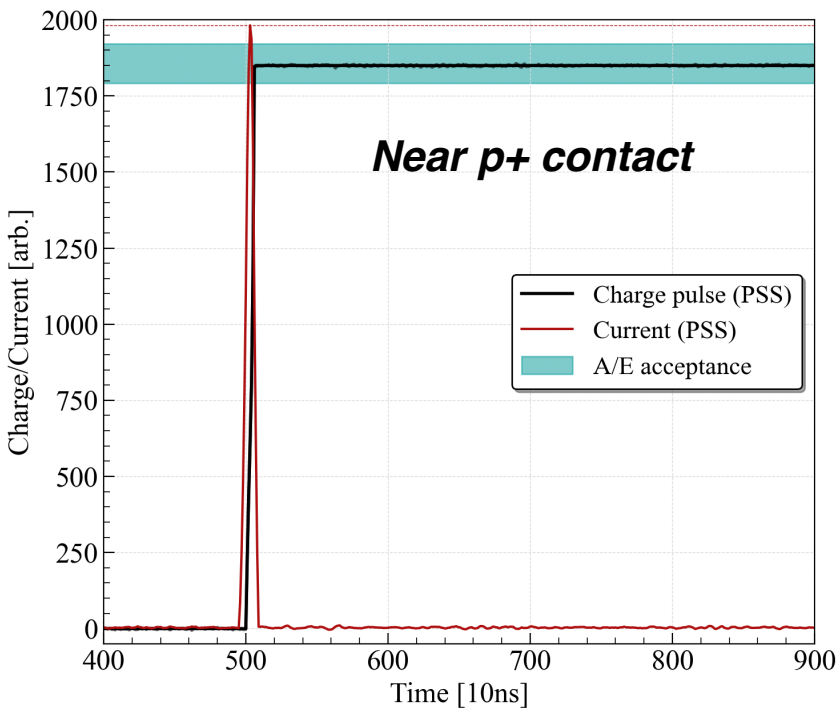


Background Suppression

□ Pulse shape simulation for Ar-42 surface events:

Three types of Ar-42 events could be removed by **A/E cut**:

- ① **Near p+ contact:** High A/E value than normal SSE
- ② **Surface events:** slow pulse and incomplete charge collection (lower A/E)
- ③ **Multi-site events:** a mixture of surface and surface/bulk hit position (lower A/E)

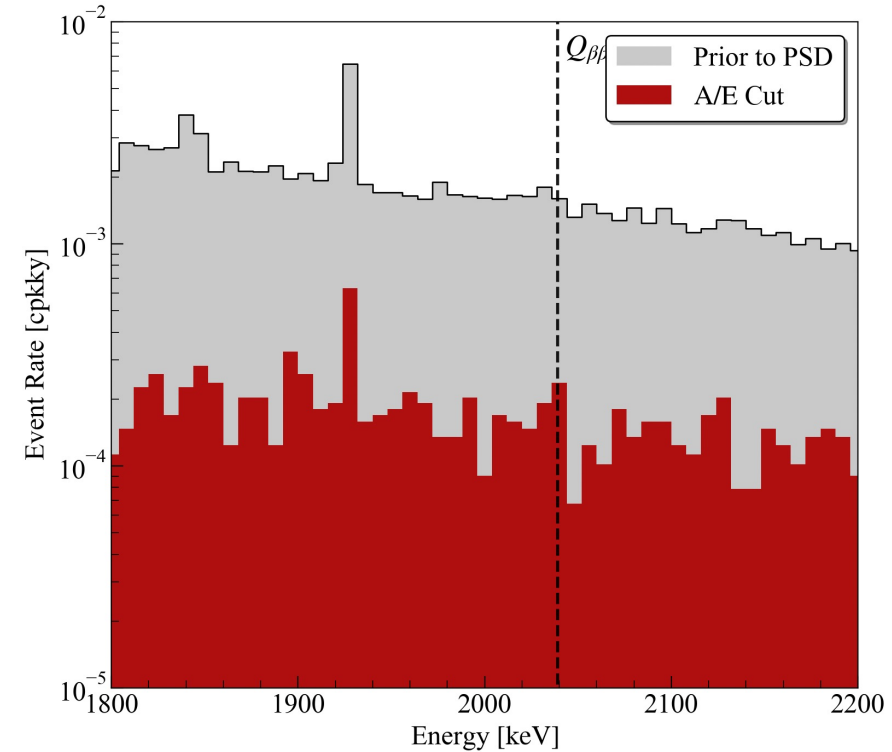
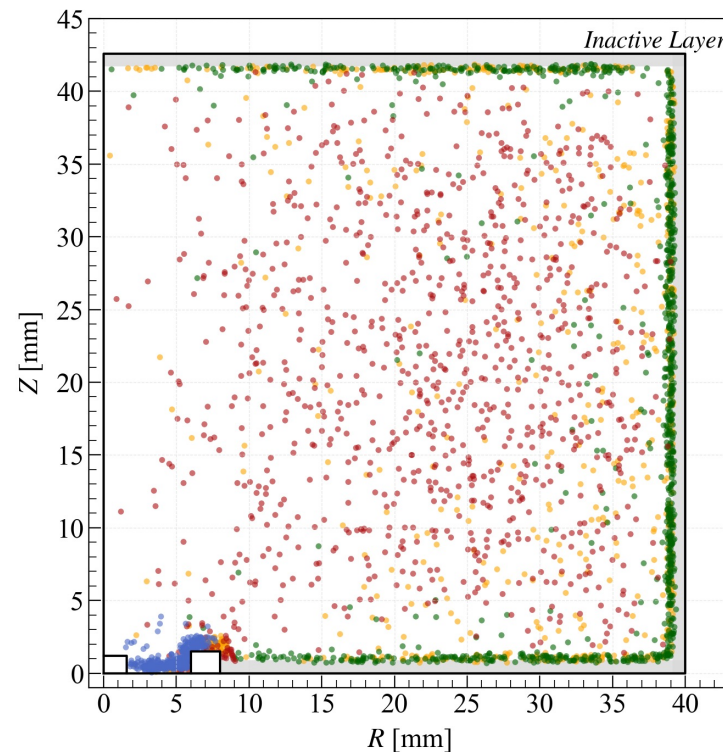
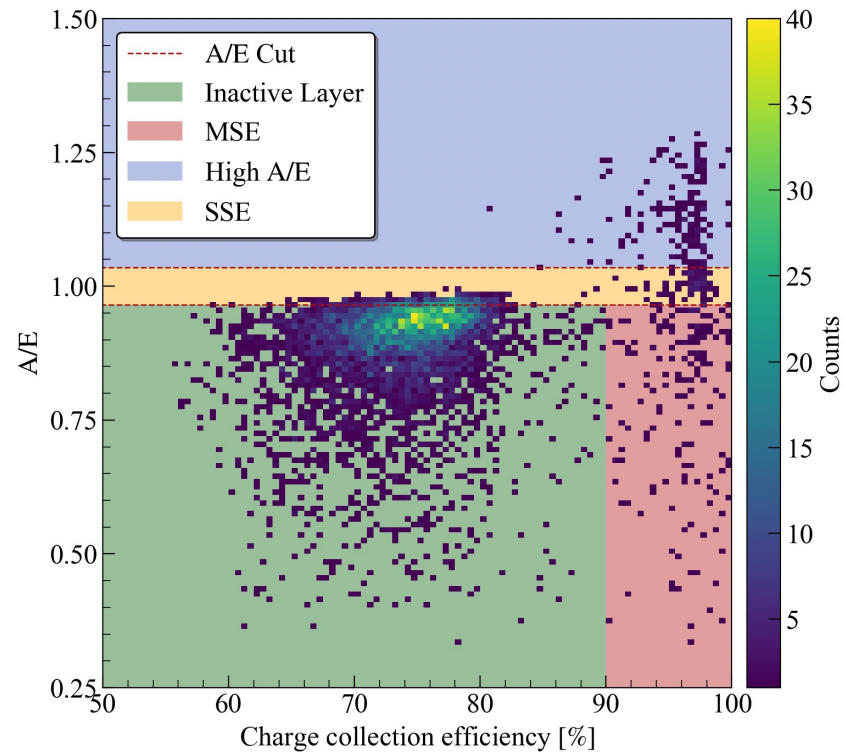


Background Suppression

□ A/E Cut for Ar-42 surface events:

- ① Most Ar-42 backgrounds are surface events and be removed by a low A/E cut
- ② When the background is near p+ contact, it can be removed by a high A/E cut

A/E method could suppress Ar-42 background by ~10 times in $Q_{\beta\beta}$ region



Improve $0\nu\beta\beta$ Sensitivity by Virtual Segmentation

□ Joint Analysis of Inner/Outer Layer Data

- Inner Layer has a ***lower Background*** while the Outer Layer ***shares ~1/2 sensitive mass***
Combine Inner/Outer Layer data to achieve better sensitivity

Joint Analysis

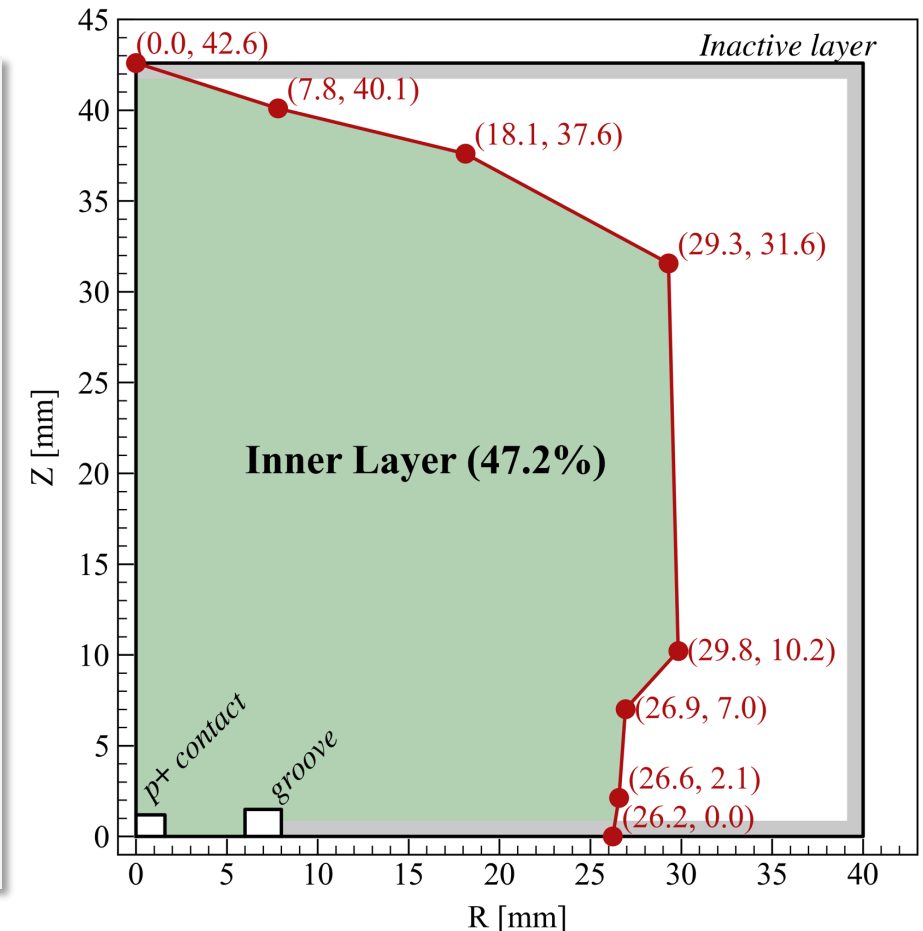
Likely hood Function for counts in $0\nu\beta\beta$ ROI:

$$L(N_{0\nu}) = \text{Poisson}(C_1 | B_1 + S \cdot f_1 \cdot \varepsilon_1) \times \text{Poisson}(C_2 | B_2 + S \cdot f_2 \cdot \varepsilon_2)$$

- **S** is number of $0\nu\beta\beta$ signal
- **C** the counts, **B** the background,
- **f** the inner layer volume, **ε** the signal efficiency
- Index 1 (2) represents inner (outer) layer

Estimate signal number (\hat{S}) via Maximum likely hood:

$$\frac{\partial L(S)}{\partial S} = 0 \implies \hat{S} = F(C, B, f, \varepsilon)$$



Improve $0\nu\beta\beta$ Sensitivity by Virtual Segmentation

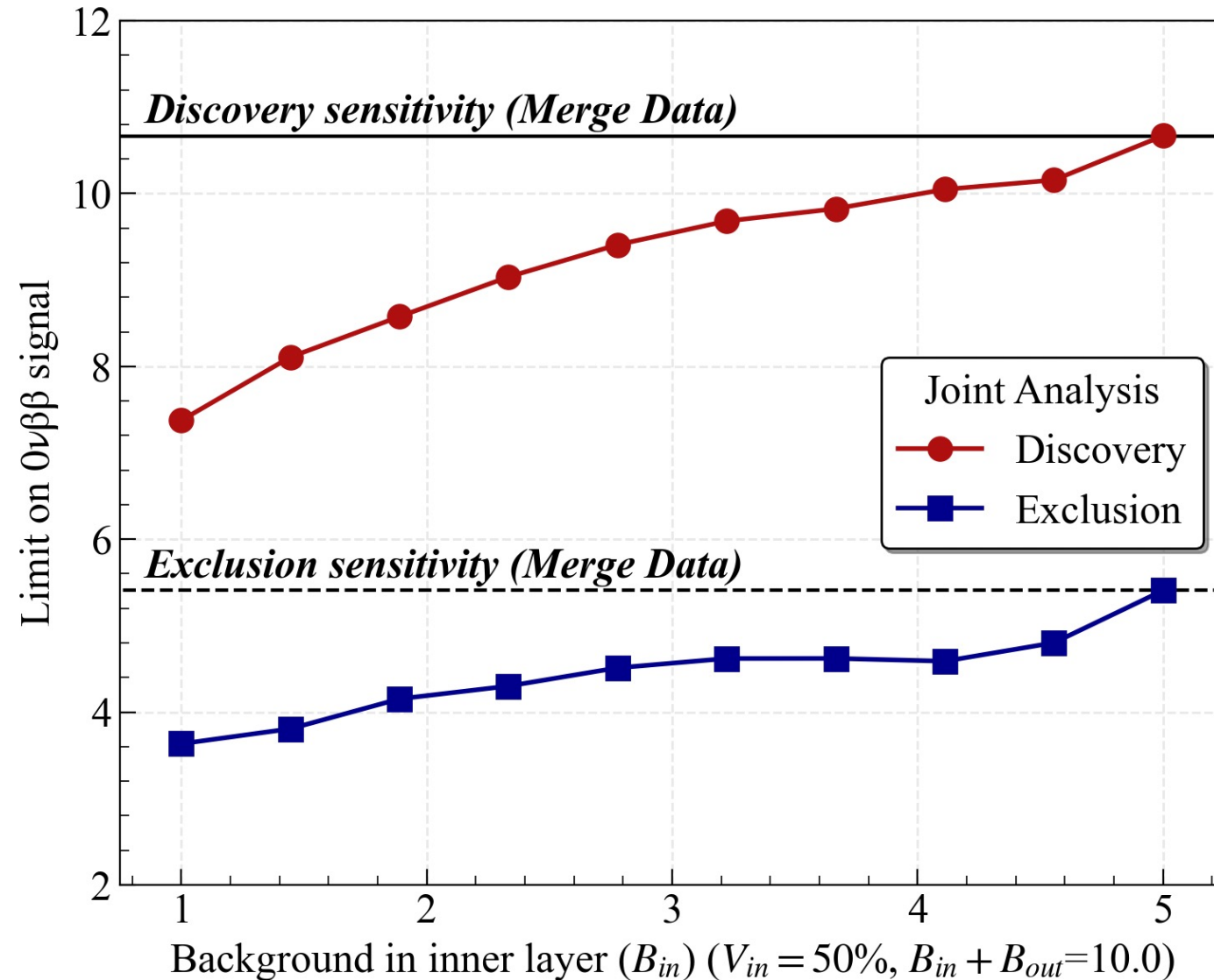
Discovery Sensitivity

$$\begin{cases} P(\hat{S}_{0\nu} \leq x \mid B_1, B_2, S_{0\nu} = 0) \geq 99.73\% \\ P(\hat{S}_{0\nu} \geq x \mid B_1, B_2, S_{0\nu} = S_{dis}) \geq 50\% \end{cases}$$

Exclusion Sensitivity

$$\begin{cases} P(\hat{S}_{0\nu} \leq x \mid B_1, B_2, S_{0\nu} = 0) \geq 50\% \\ P(\hat{S}_{0\nu} \geq x \mid B_1, B_2, S_{0\nu} = S_{exc}) \geq 90\% \end{cases}$$

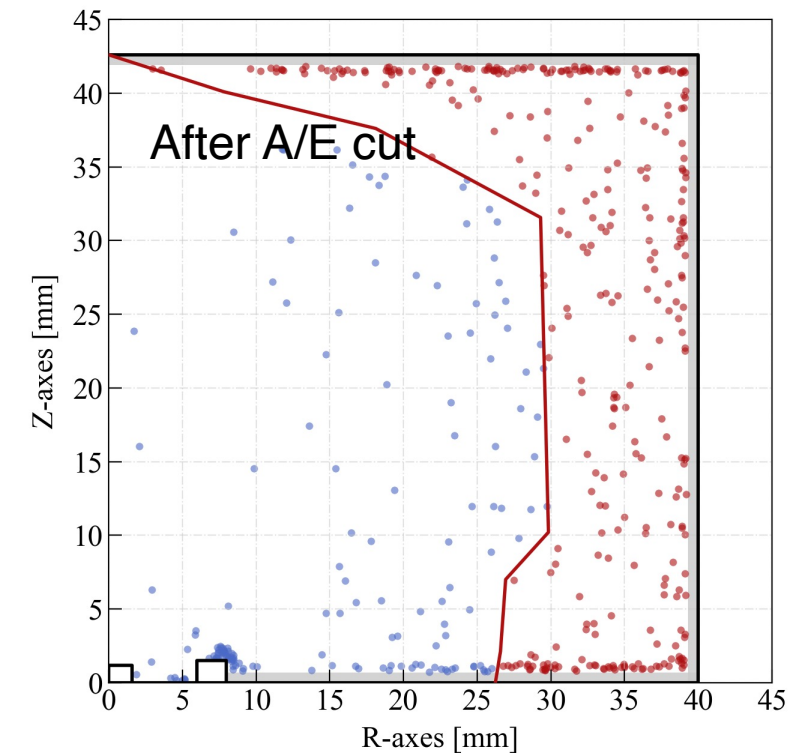
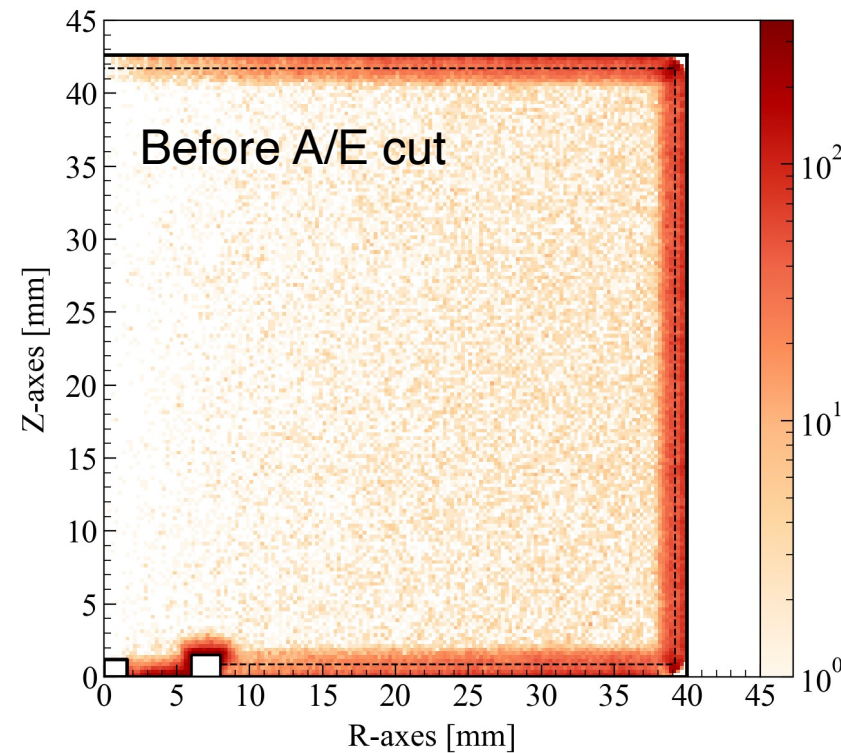
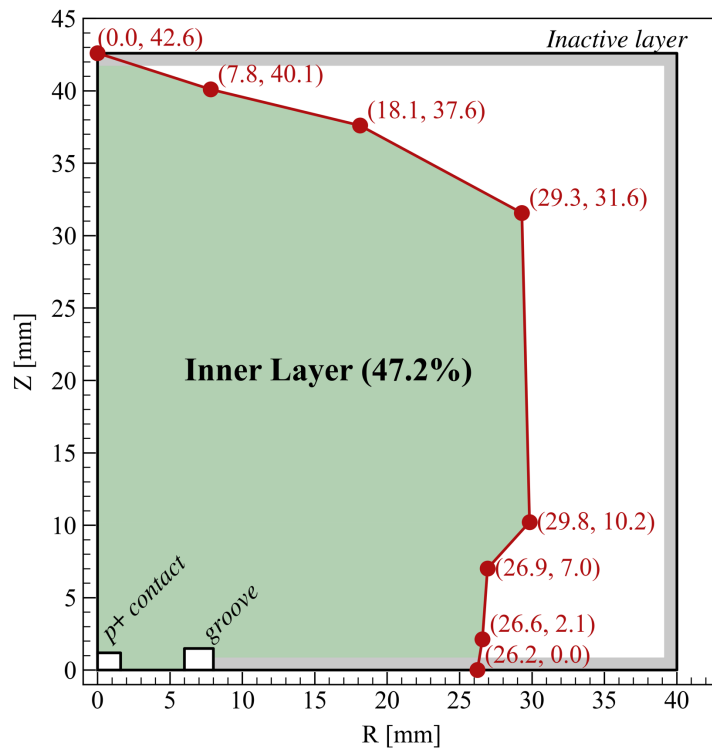
Joint analysis gives a **better sensitivity** for a **lower** inner layer background



Improve $0\nu\beta\beta$ Sensitivity by Virtual Segmentation

□ Apply Method on Ar-42 Background in CDEX-300:

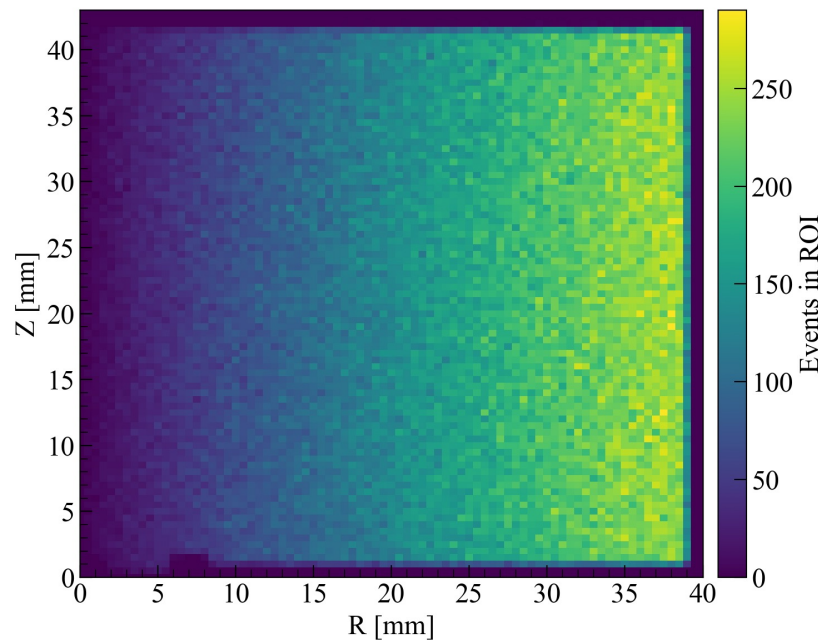
PSD cuts	Before cut	A/E Cut	Outer layer	Inner layer
BI/ 10^{-4} cpkky	16.8 ± 0.89	1.61 ± 0.11	2.10 ± 0.15	1.05 ± 0.09
Background in 1-ton·yr	10.7	1.03	0.71	0.32



Improve $0\nu\beta\beta$ Sensitivity by Virtual Segmentation

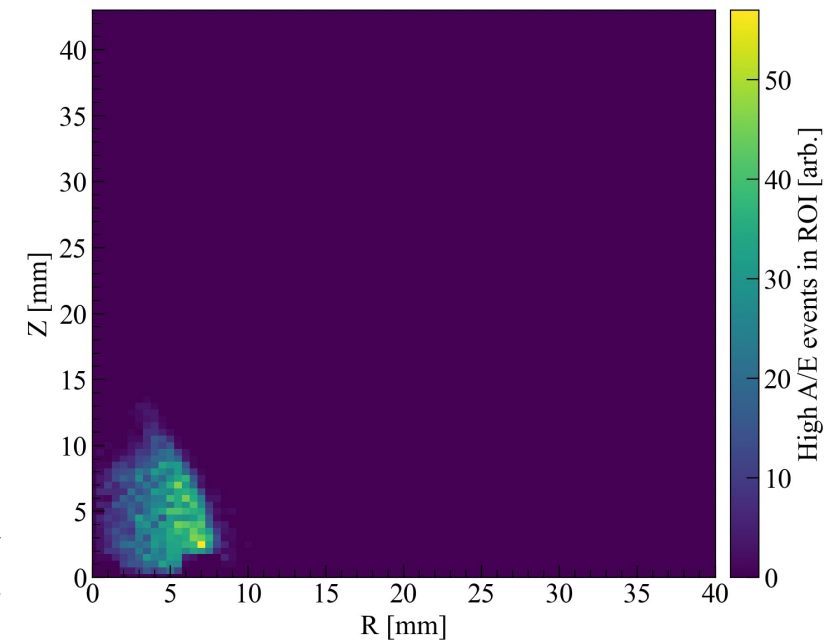
□ Apply Method on Ar-42 Background in CDEX-300: Signal efficiency

PSD Cut	Sensitive Volume	$0\nu\beta\beta$ Signal Loss			$0\nu\beta\beta$ Signal Efficiency
		Energy Loss	Low A/E cut	High A/E cut	
Before cut	100.0%	16.6%	/	/	85.4%
A/E cut	100.0%	16.6%	10.67%	0.53%	72.2%
Inner layer	47.2%	8.9%	16.50%	1.20%	73.4%
Outer layer	52.8%	22.8%	6.00%	0.00%	71.2%



*Events in Signal Region
energy in $(Q_{\beta\beta} \pm 3\sigma)$*

*Events rejected by
High A/E cut*



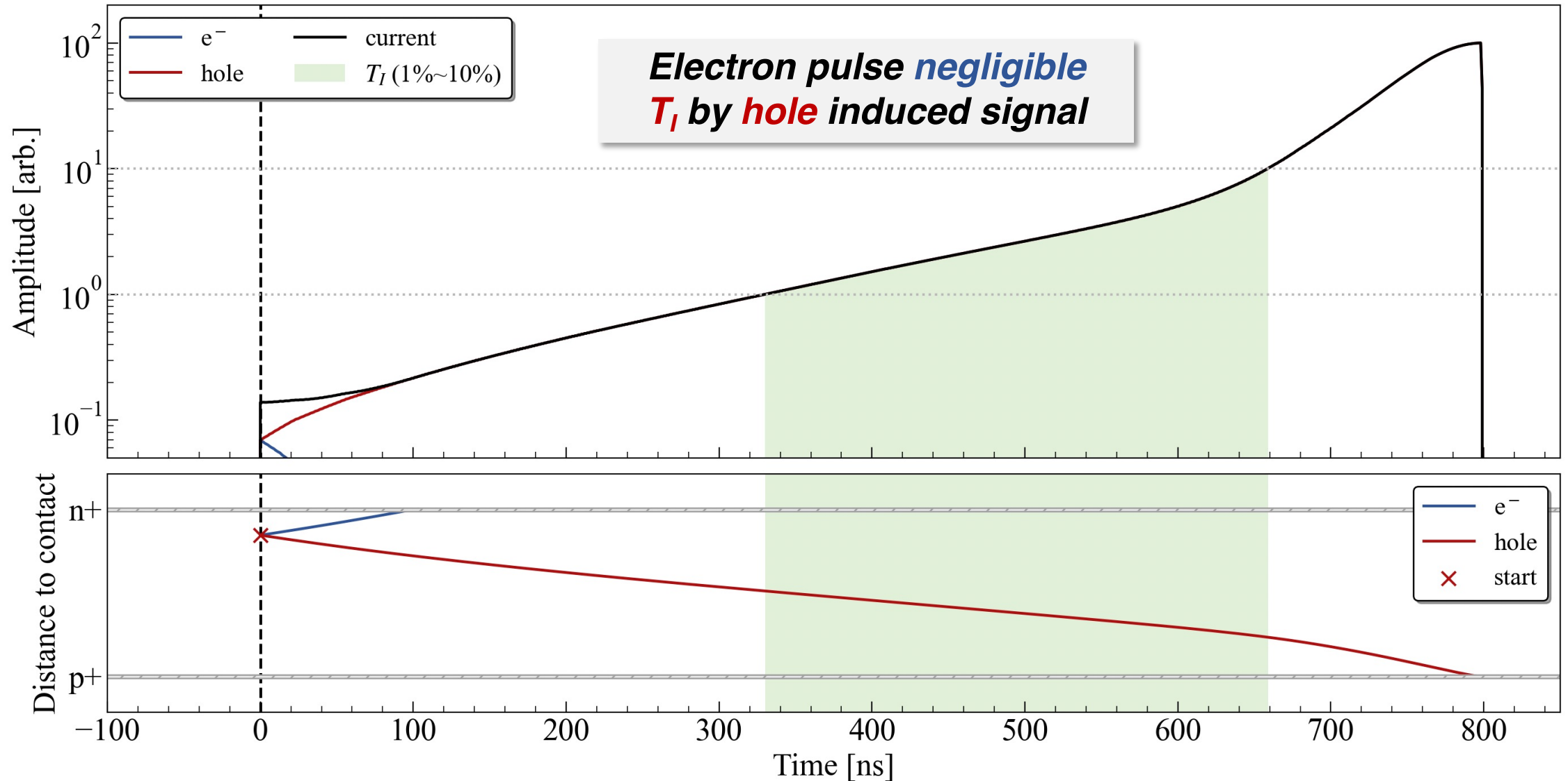
Improve $0\nu\beta\beta$ Sensitivity by Virtual Segmentation

□ Apply Method on Ar-42 Background in CDEX-300:

PSD Cut	Sensitive Volume	$0\nu\beta\beta$ Signal Efficiency	Background	Sensitivity (Exclusion)	Sensitivity (Discovery)
Before cut	100.0%	85.4%	10.7	6.91	12.84
A/E cut	100.0%	72.2%	1.03	3.97	6.44
Inner layer	47.2%	73.4%	0.32	5.74	9.69
Outer layer	52.8%	71.2%	0.71	8.46	10.54
Joint analysis	100%	/	/	3.26	5.40

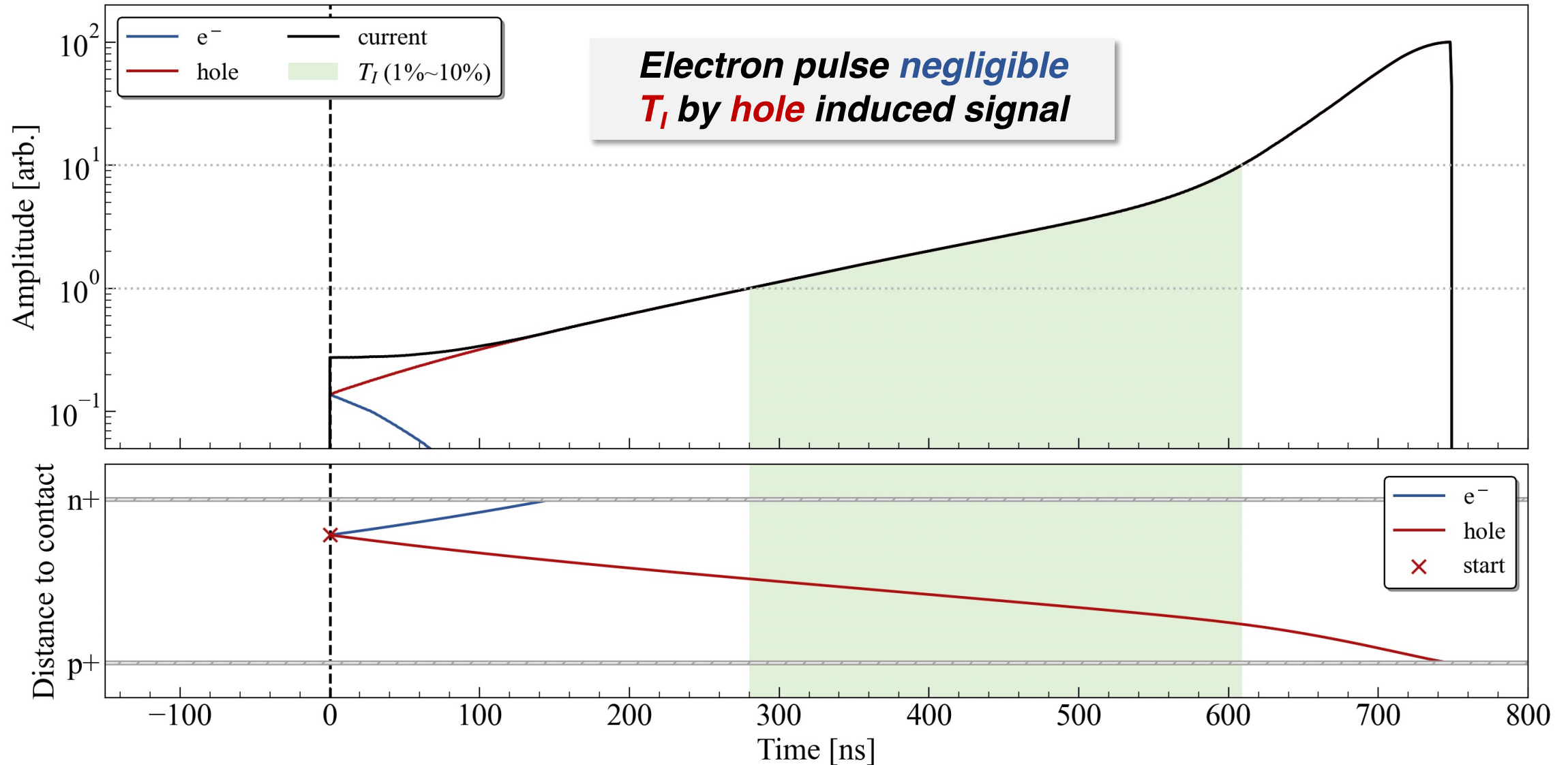
Back Up: Current Pulses of SSEs in different Position

□ Start Point at Outer Layer: $T_I = 329$ ns



Back Up: Current Pulses of SSEs in different Position

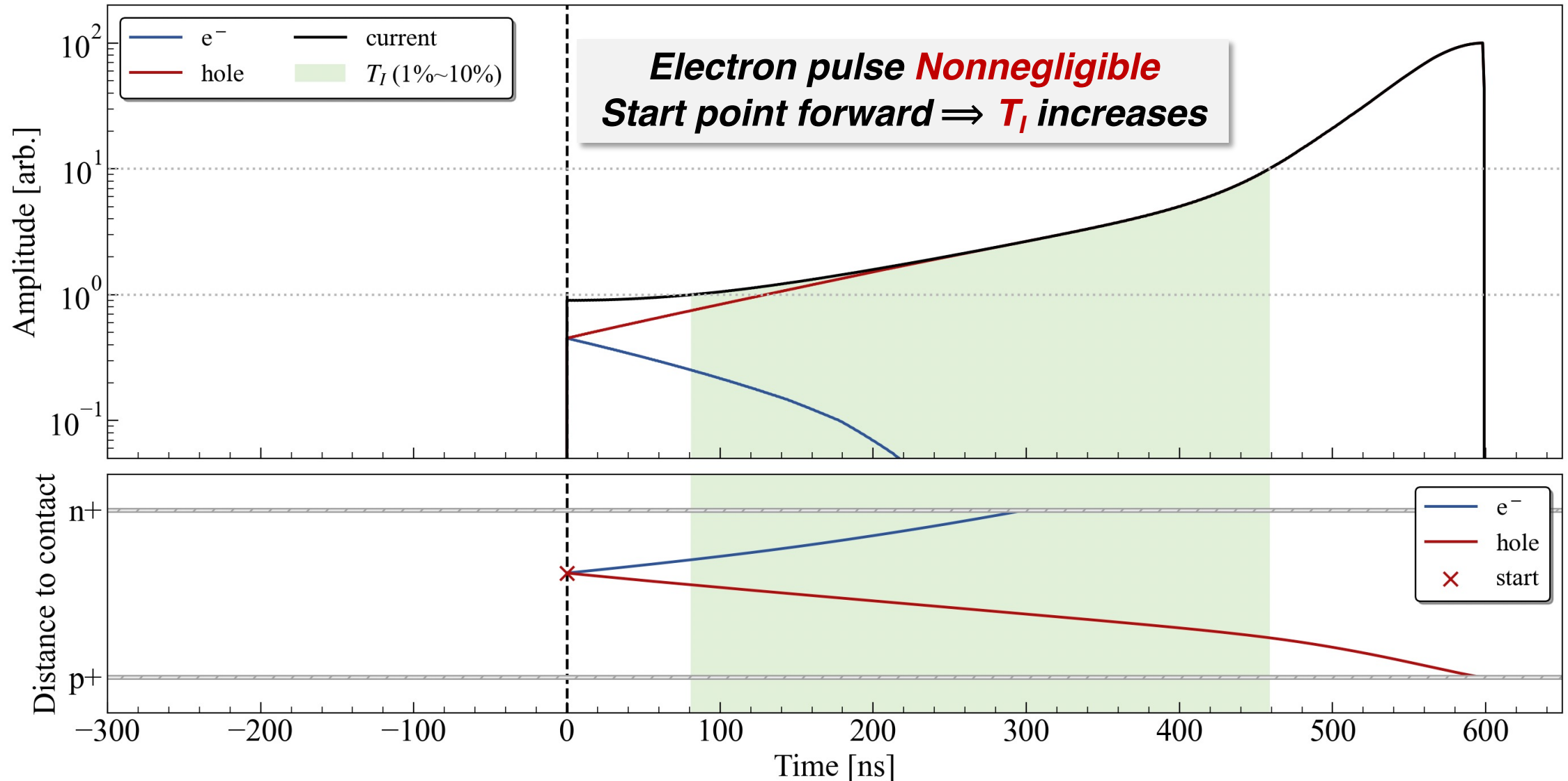
□ Start Point at Outer Layer: $T_I = 329$ ns



Back Up: Current Pulses of SSEs in different Position

□ Start Point at Middle: $T_I = 378$ ns

Out $T_I = 329$ ns

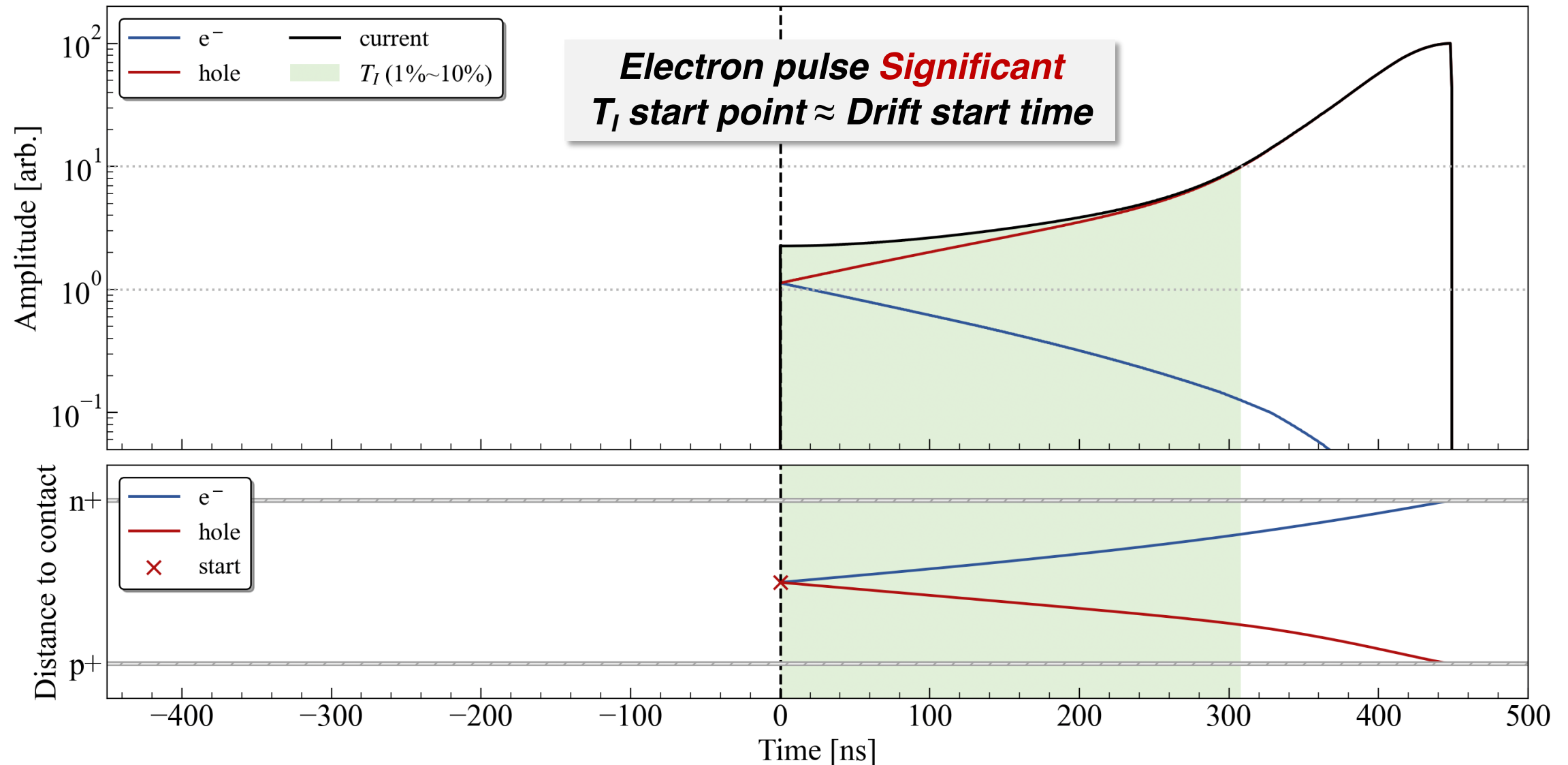


Back Up: Current Pulses of SSEs in different Position

□ Start Point at Outer Layer: $T_I = 309$ ns

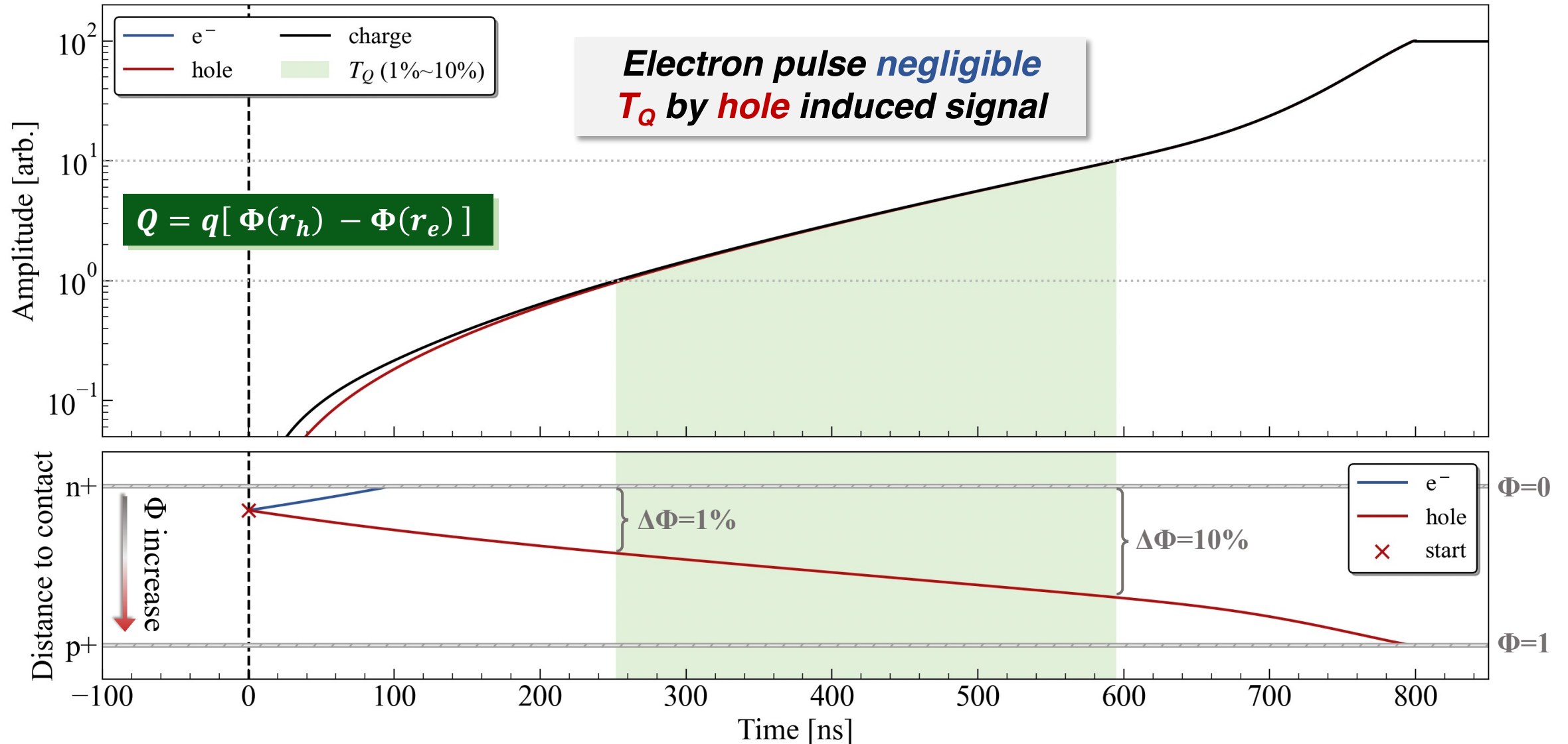
Mid $T_I = 378$ ns

Out $T_I = 329$ ns



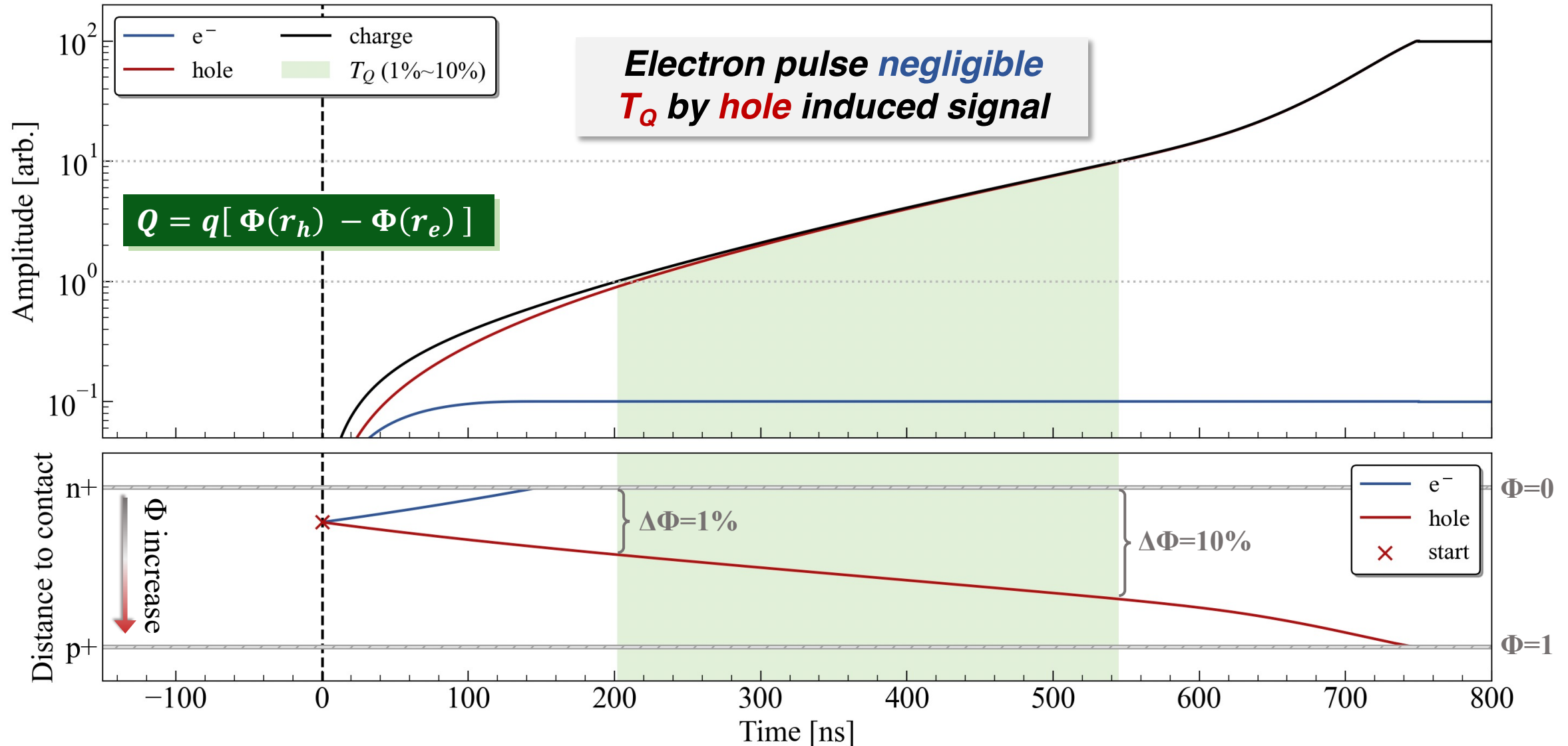
Back Up: Charge Pulses of SSEs in different Position

□ Start Point at Outer Layer: $T_Q = 343$ ns



Back Up: Charge Pulses of SSEs in different Position

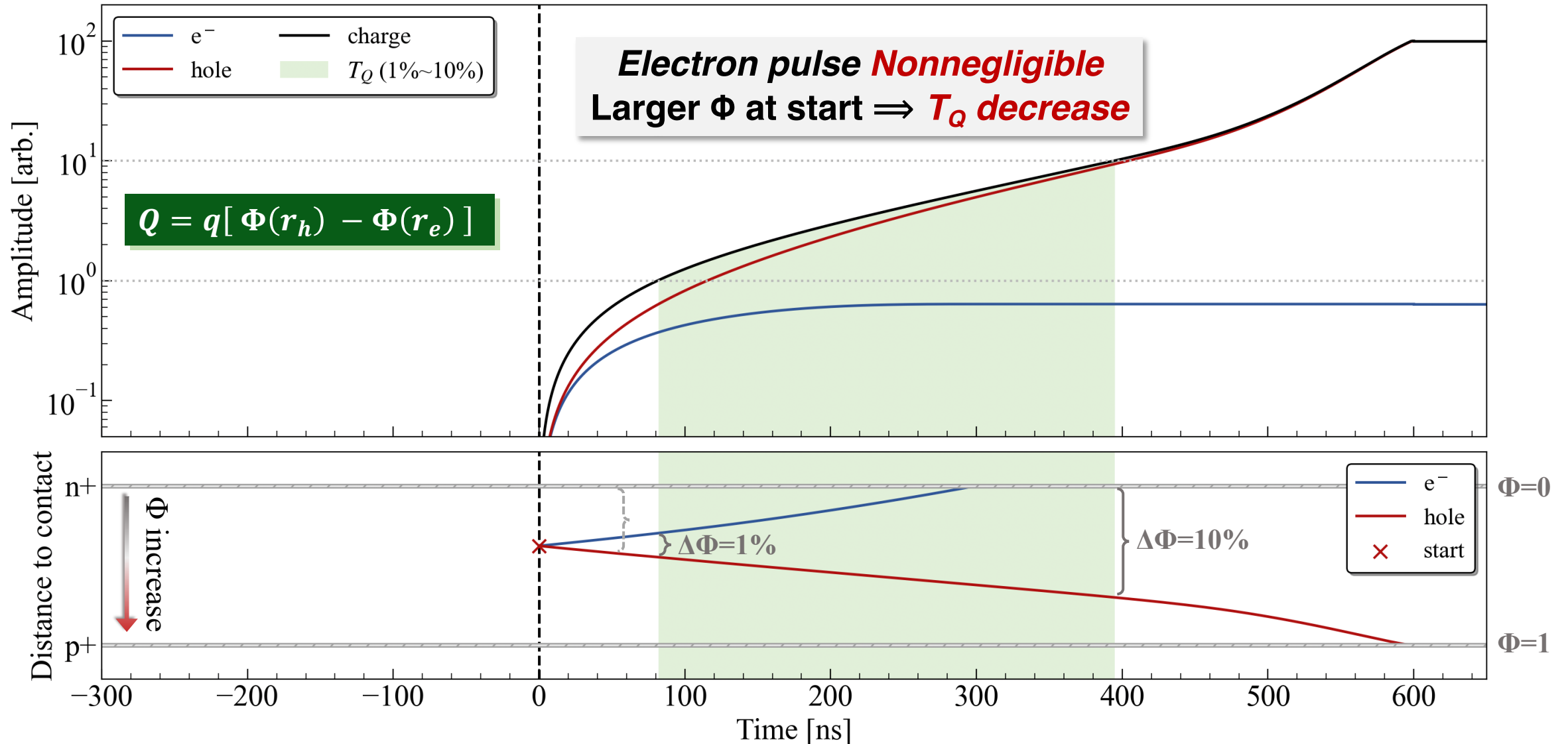
□ Start Point at Outer Layer: $T_Q = 343$ ns



Back Up: Charge Pulses of SSEs in different Position

□ Start Point at Middle: $T_Q = 313$ ns

Outer Layer $T_Q = 343$ ns



Back Up: Charge Pulses of SSEs in different Position

□ Start Point at Inner Layer: $T_Q = 215$ ns

Mid $T_Q = 313$ ns

Out $T_Q = 343$ ns

