

# Scintillation time profile in PD-VD using PMTs

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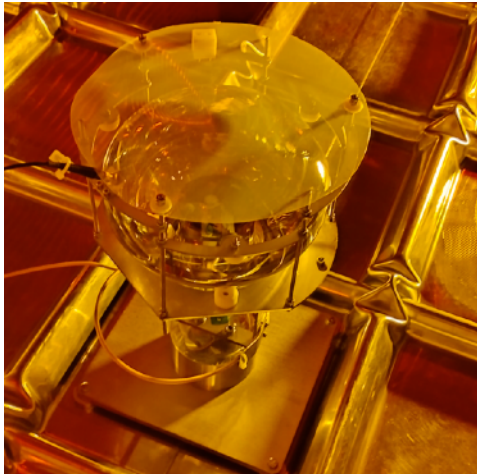


## Objectives

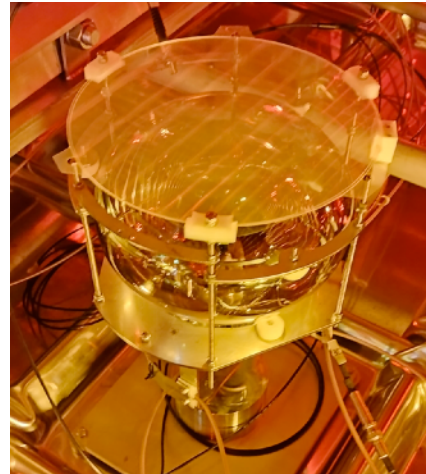
- » Understand the **time profile** of the different time components using various combinations of WLS (PEN, TPB), Quartz windows and Xenon concentrations

## Installation aspects

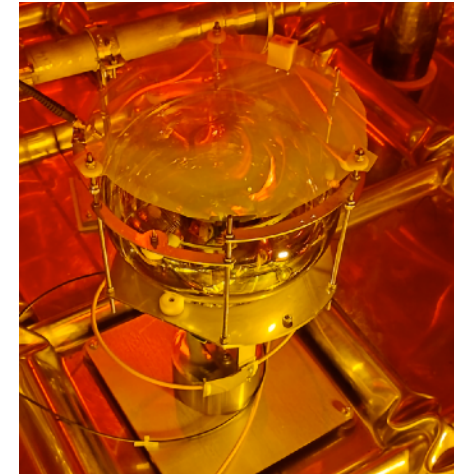
- » IFIC (J. Soto) organized and installed **Quartz windows** on several PMTs and X-ARAPUCAS on ProtoDUNE-VD
- » They are Photon Export UV Grade Fused Silica glasses, already characterized at IFIC



PMT with PEN

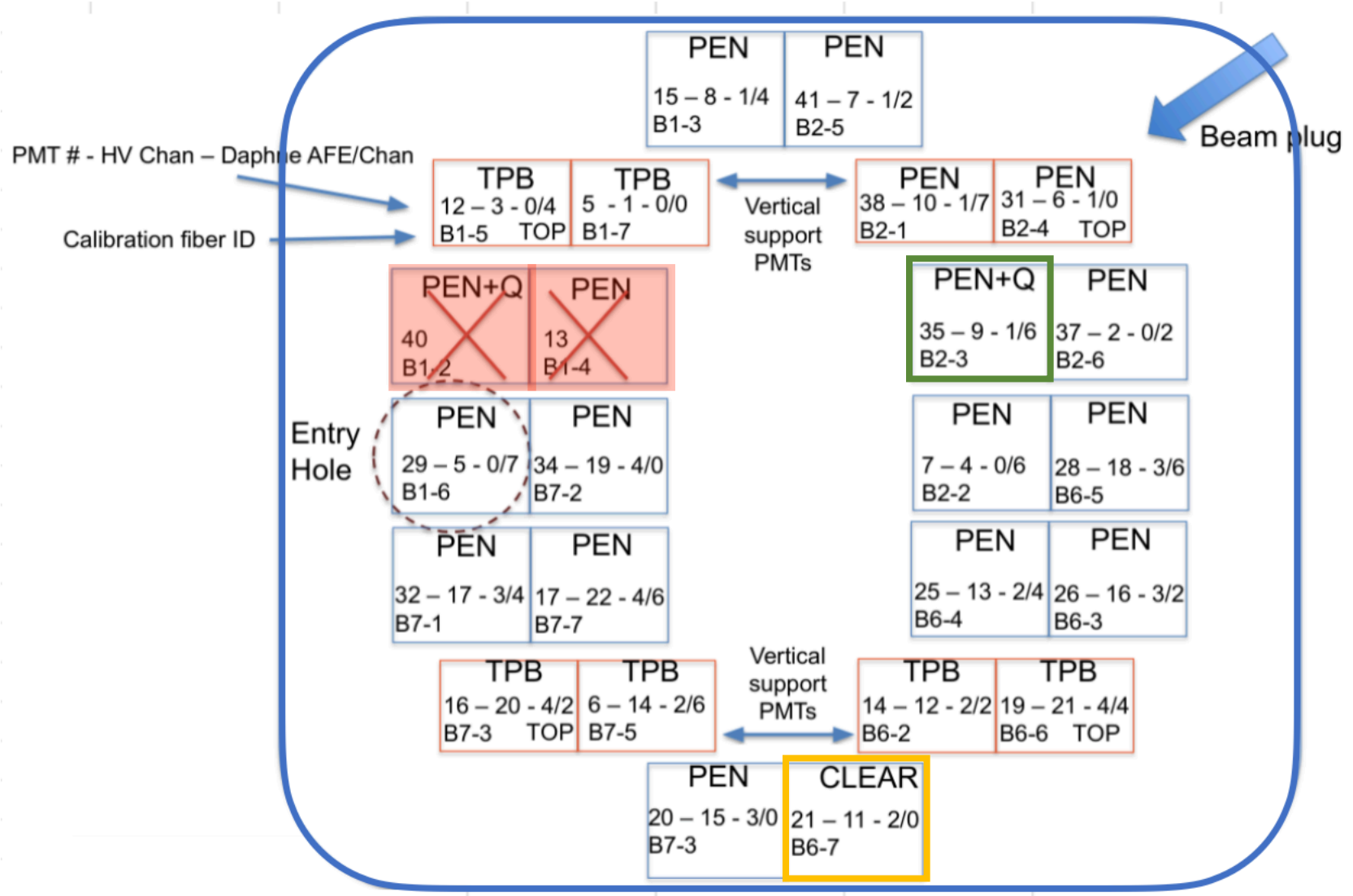


PMT with PEN and Quartz window



PMT with PEN next to the one with Quartz

# 1. Introduction - PMTs mapping



# 1. Introduction - Light contributions in LAr

**PMTs with Q**

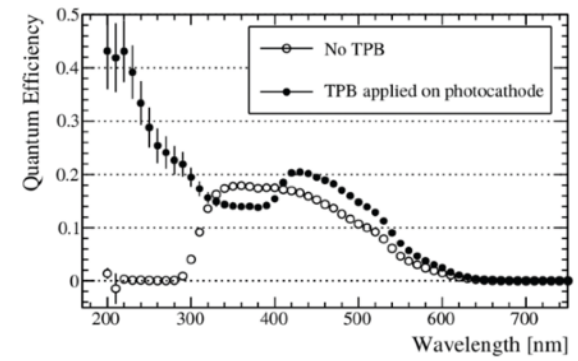
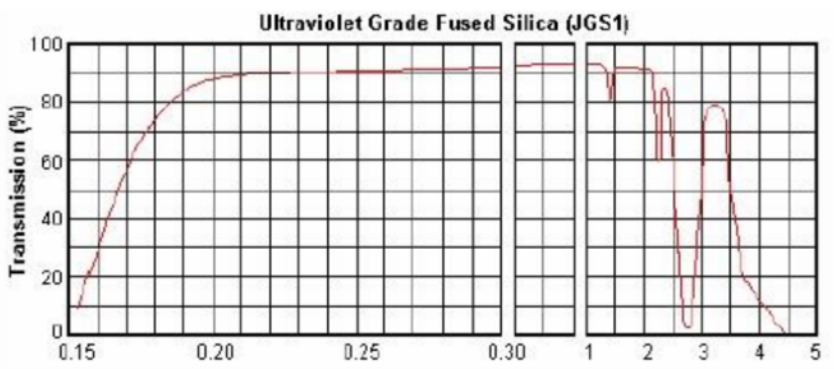
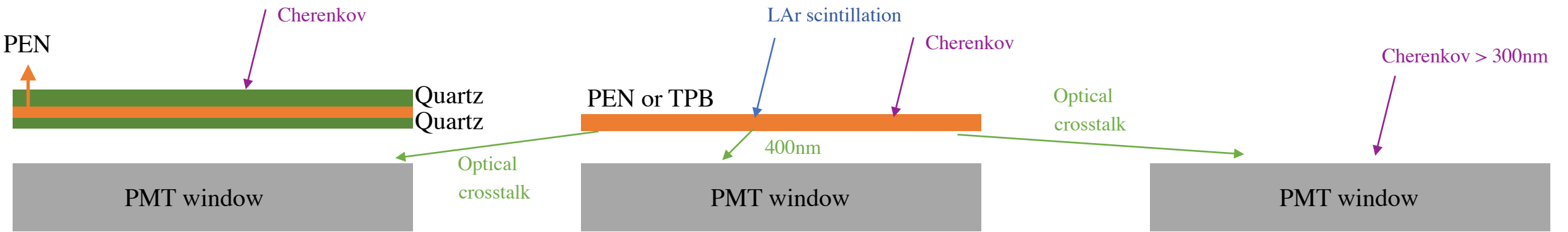
- » Cherenkov from ~170nm
- » Crosstalk from near PMTs

**PMTs with PEN or TPB**

- » Scintillation from LAr at 128nm
- » Cherenkov from ~128nm
- » Optical crosstalk from near PMTs

**PMTs with NONE**

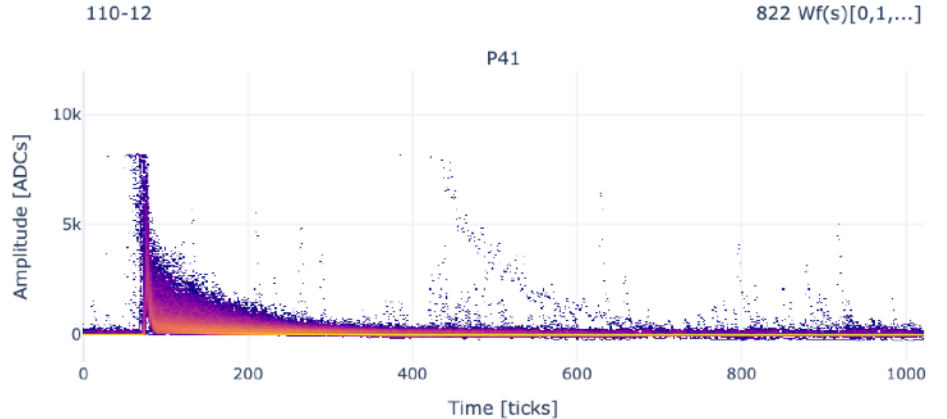
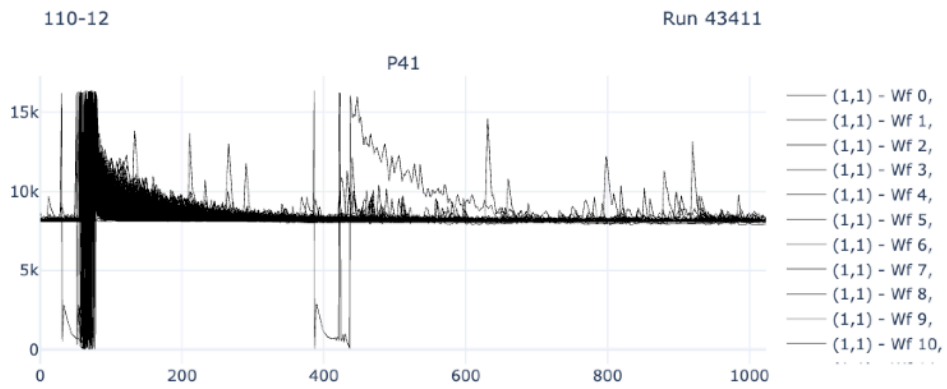
- » Cherenkov from ~300nm
- » Crosstalk from near PMTs



❖ An additional LAr fast component above 160nm has been shown in [Ettore's](#) presentation, that could be detected by the Quartz and PEN/TPB PMTs

# 2. Results from PMTs in LAr

Visualization of raw waveforms

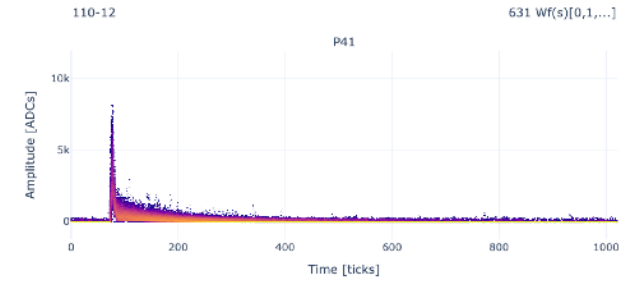
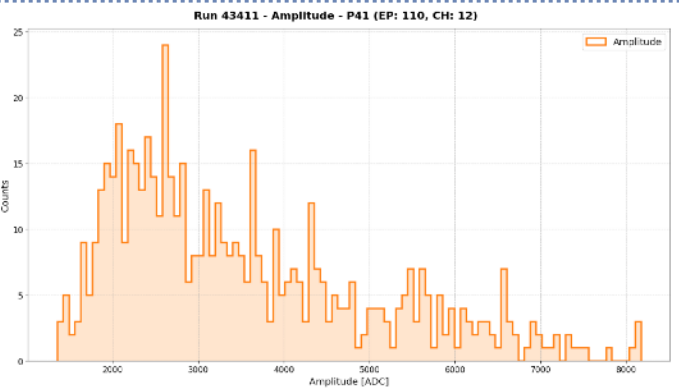
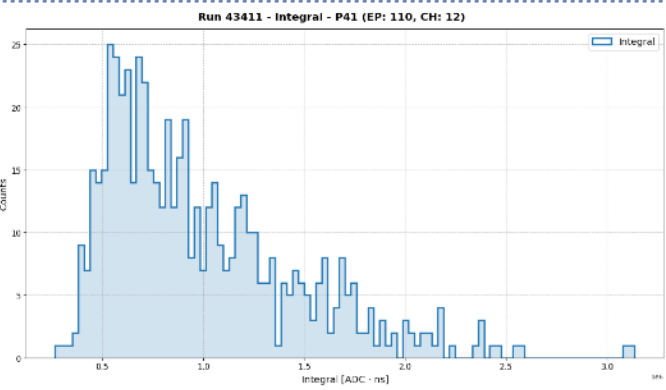
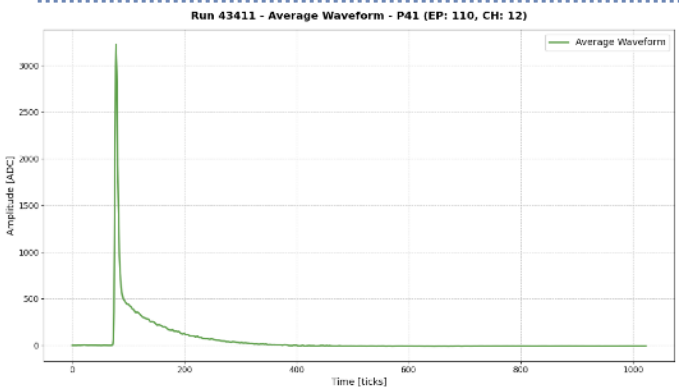


Apply generic cuts for all runs and PMTs

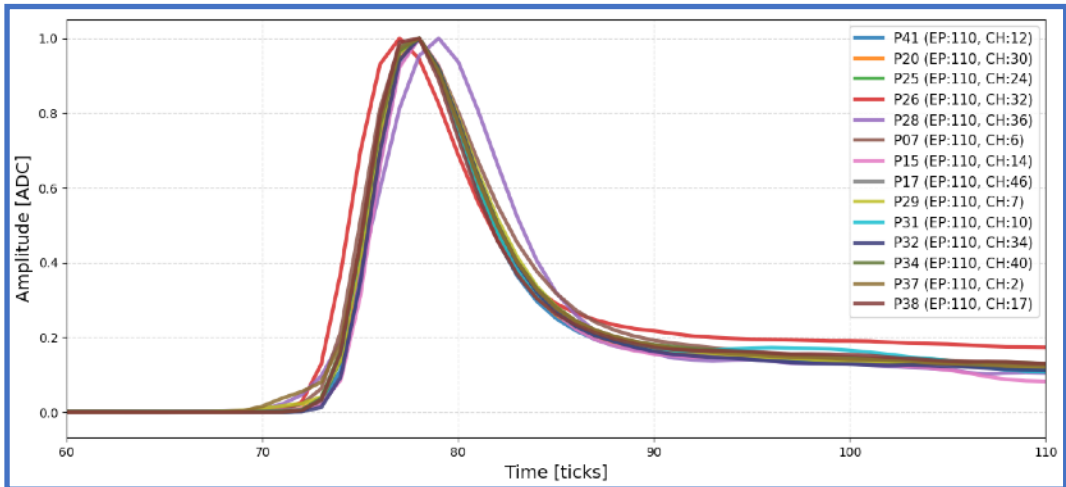
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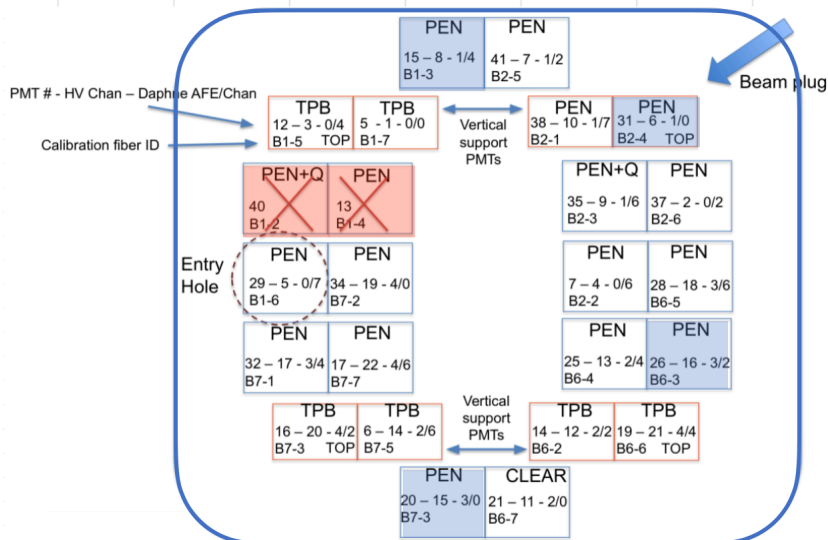
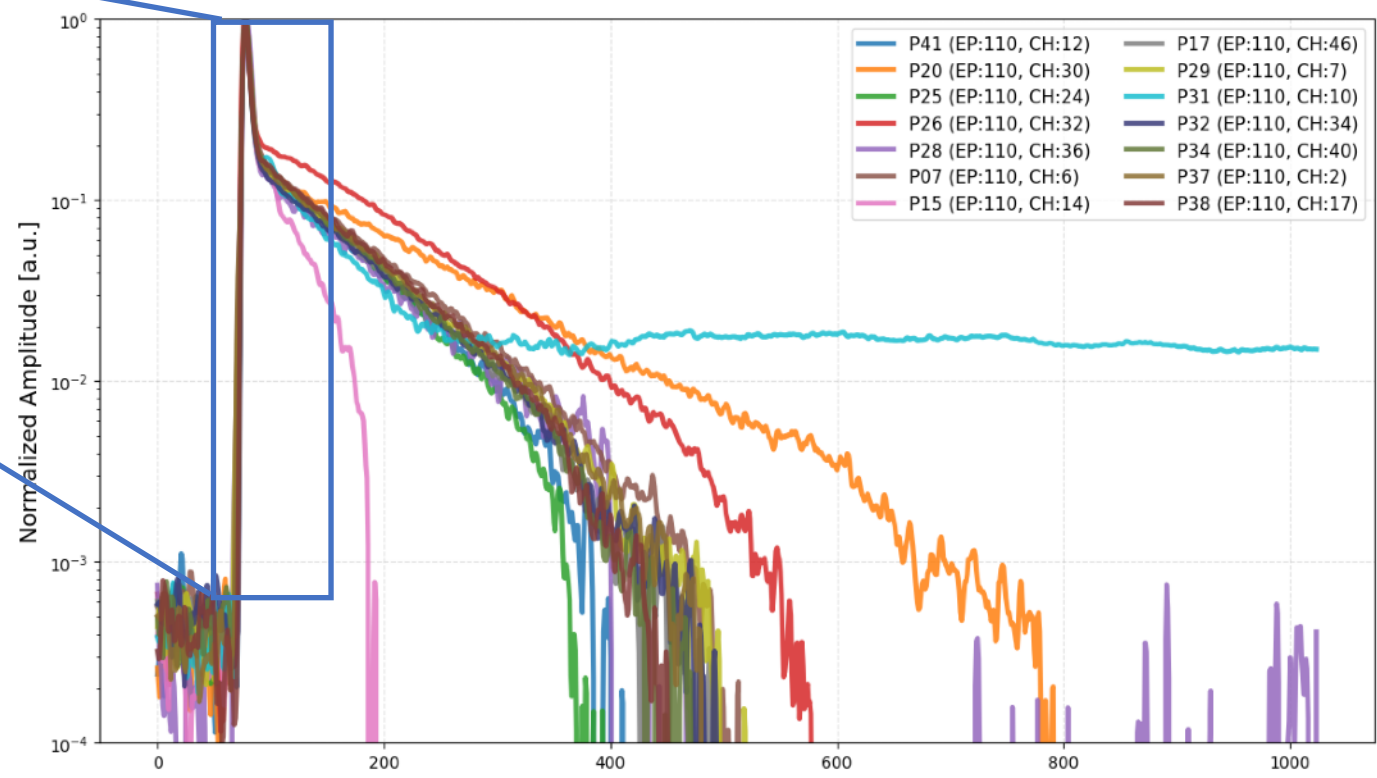
Average waveform, integral and amplitude histograms



# 2. Results from PMTs with PEN in LAr



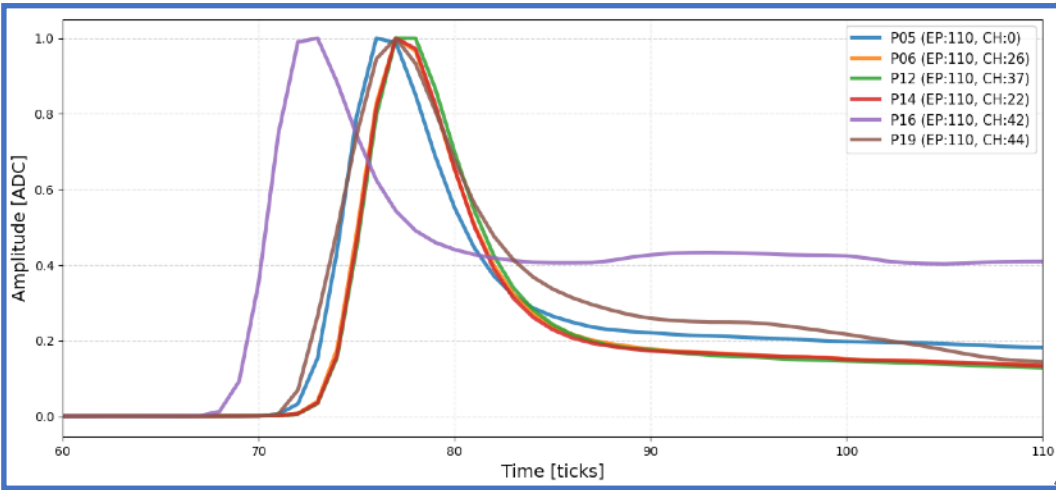
Normalized Average Waveforms - Run 43411



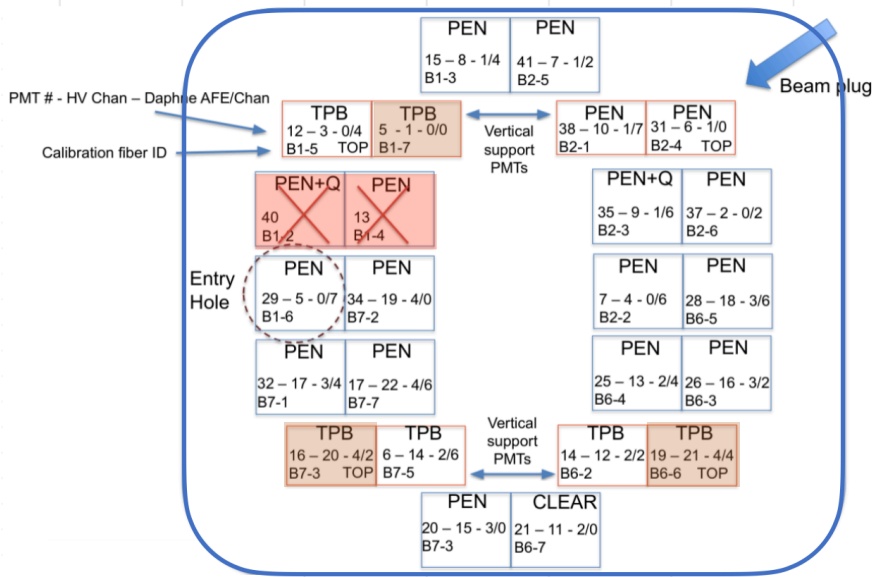
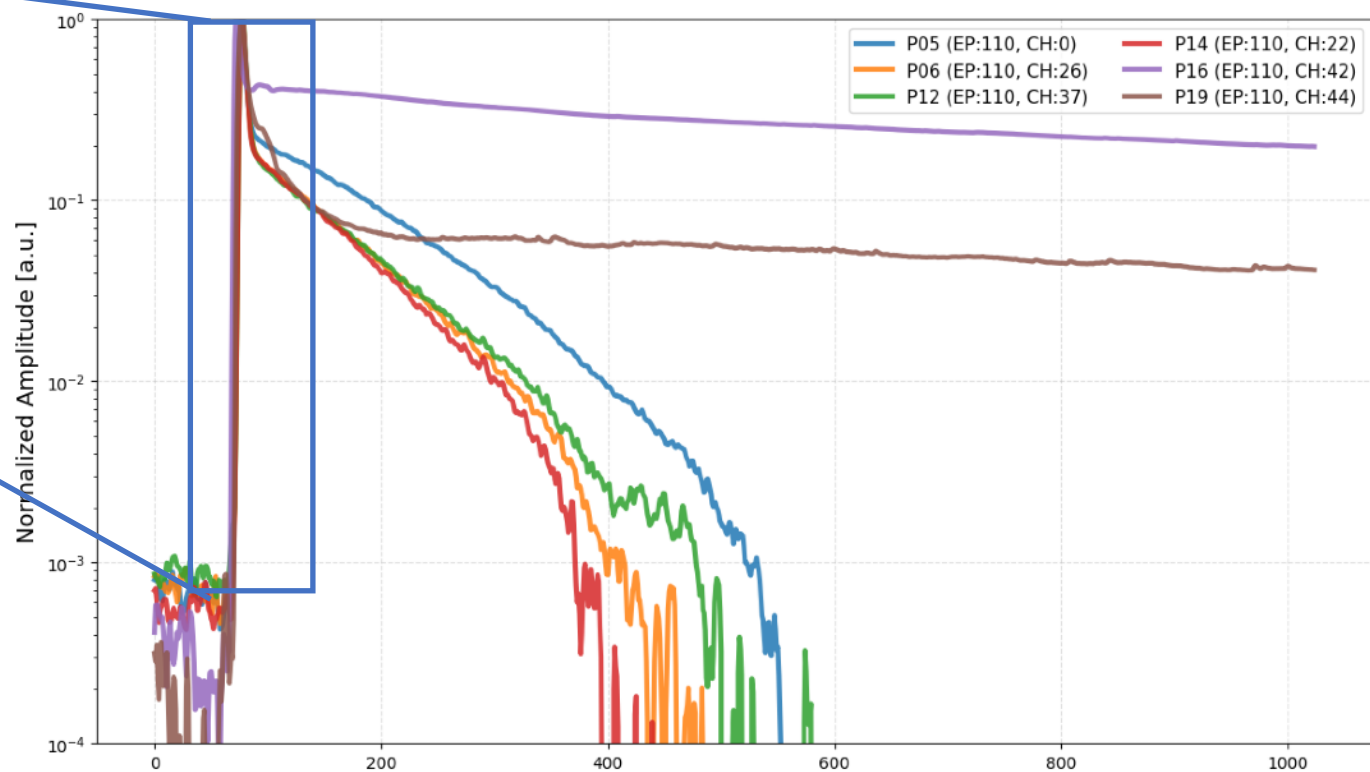
## Conclusions

- » P15, P31, P26 and P20 show a different and unusual tendency
- » Exclude from this timing analysis from now on

# 2. Results from PMTs with TPB in LAr



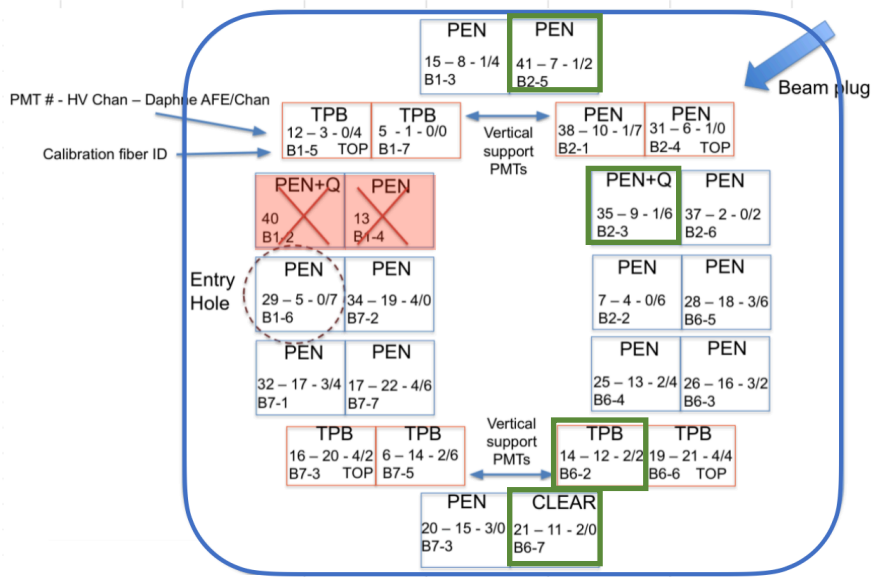
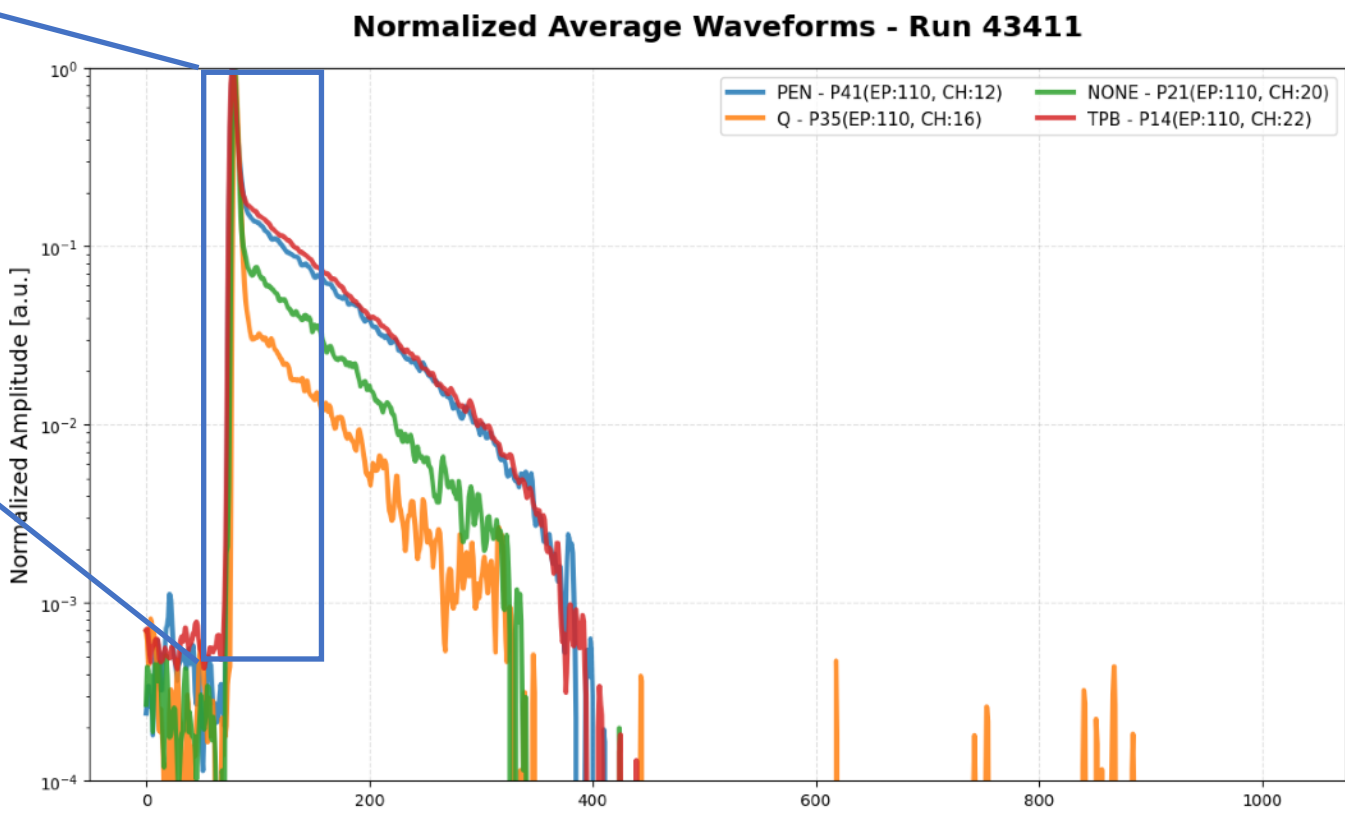
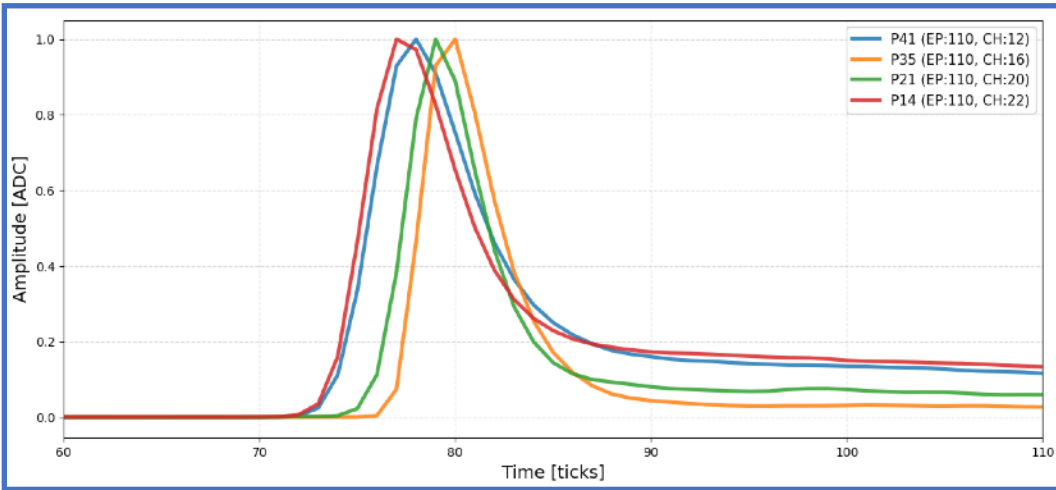
Normalized Average Waveforms - Run 43411



**Conclusions**  
 » P16, P05 and P19 show a different and unusual tendency  
 » Exclude from this timing analysis from now on



# 2. Results from PMTs in LAr

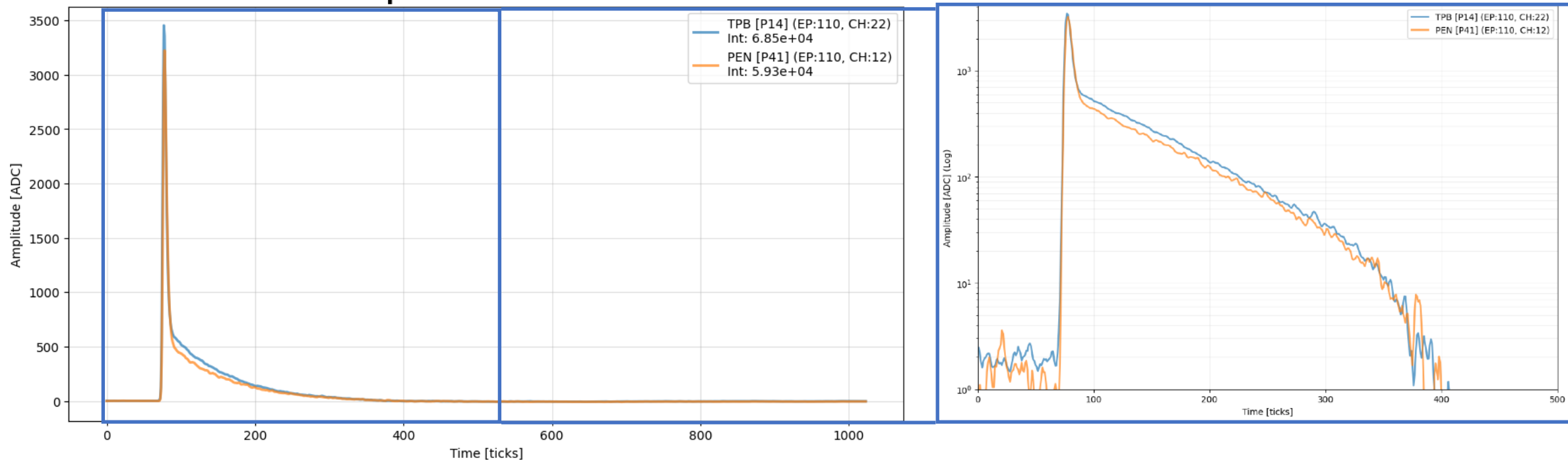


**Results**

» Comparison between these PMTs (PEN, NONE, Q and TPB) will be shown in the next slides

### 3. Comparison - Comparison btw PEN/TPB

Comparison - Run 43411

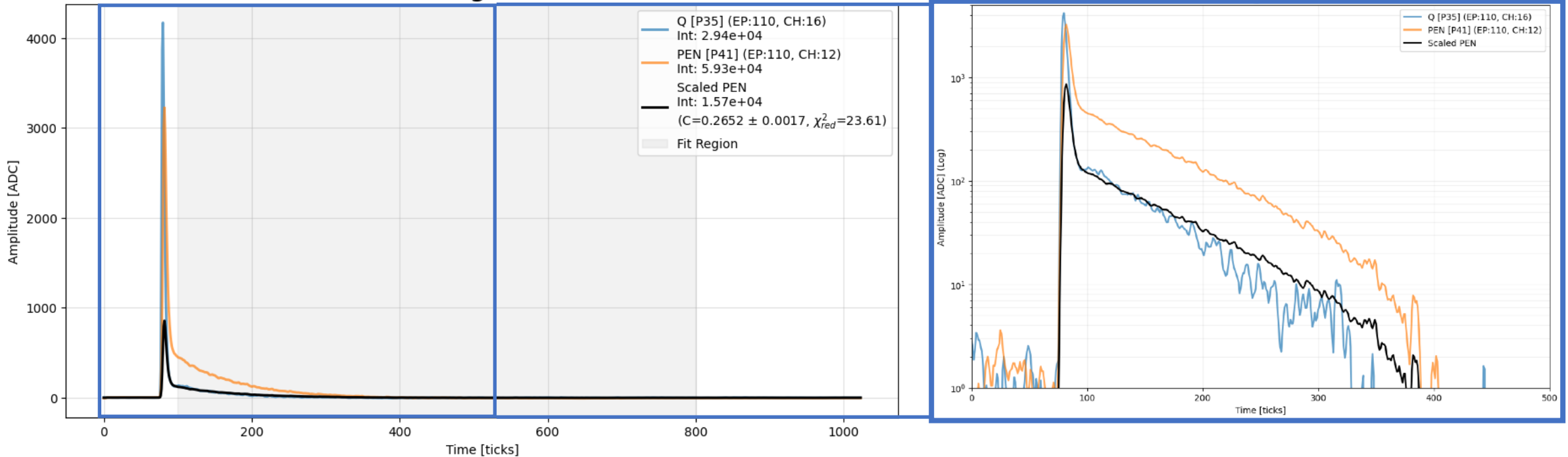


#### Light contributions

- › PMT with PEN: LAr scintillation light, Cherenkov from 128nm and crosstalk from near PMTs
- › PMT with TPB: LAr scintillation light, Cherenkov from 128nm and crosstalk from near PMTs
- › Similar fast and slow components, since they have the same contributions

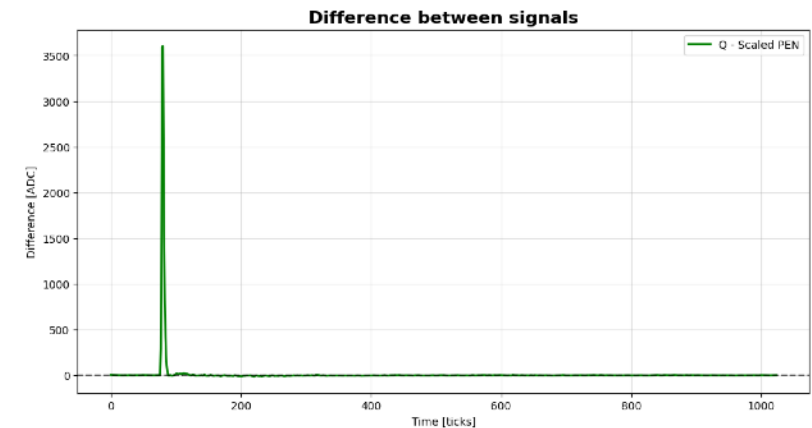
### 3. Comparison - Tail matching btw PEN/Q

Tail Matching - Run 43411



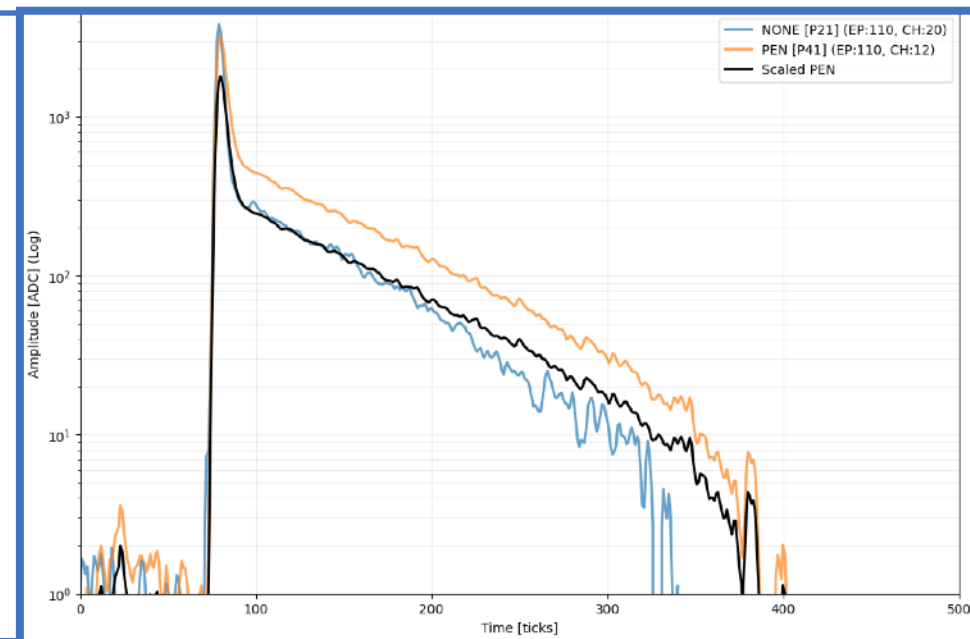
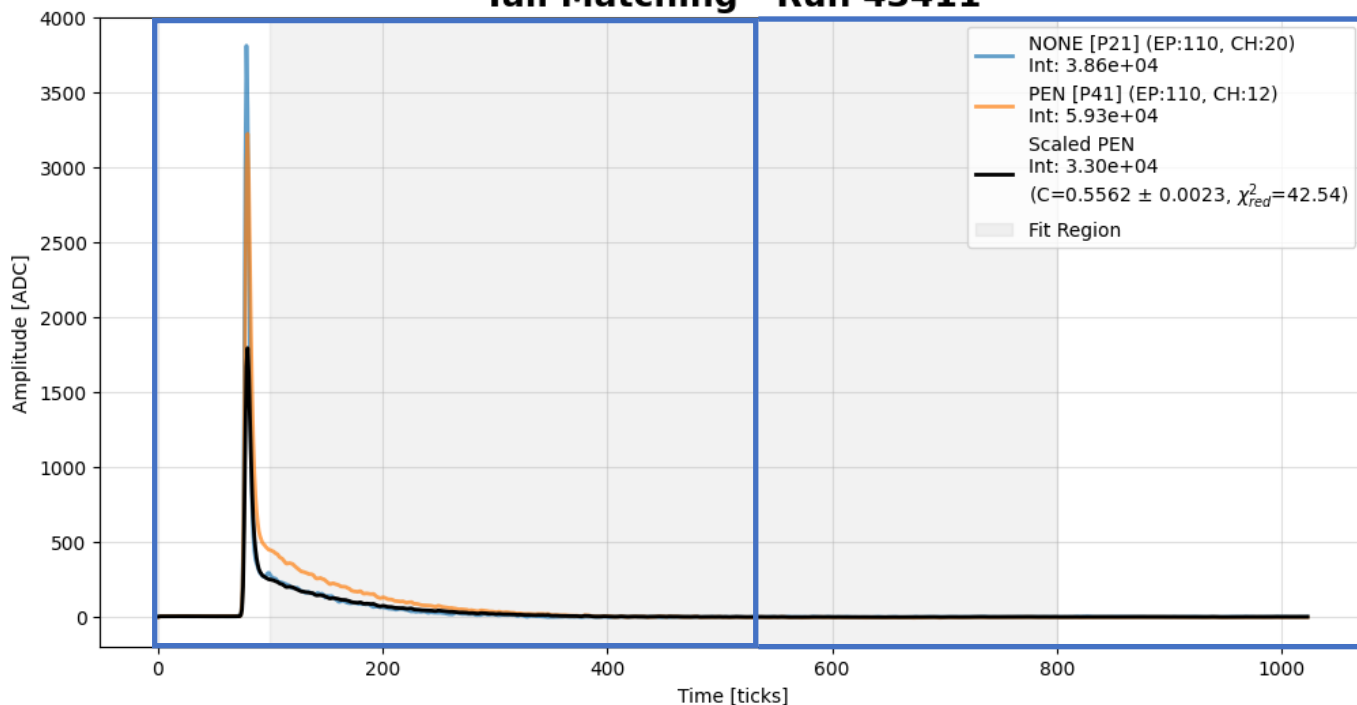
#### Light contributions

- » PMT with PEN: LAr scintillation light, Cherenkov from 128nm and crosstalk from near PMTs
- » PMT with Quartz: Cherenkov from 170nm and crosstalk from near PMTs
- » Assuming the slow light detected by PMT with Quartz is scintillation, this (scintillation) would be 26% of the total detected light



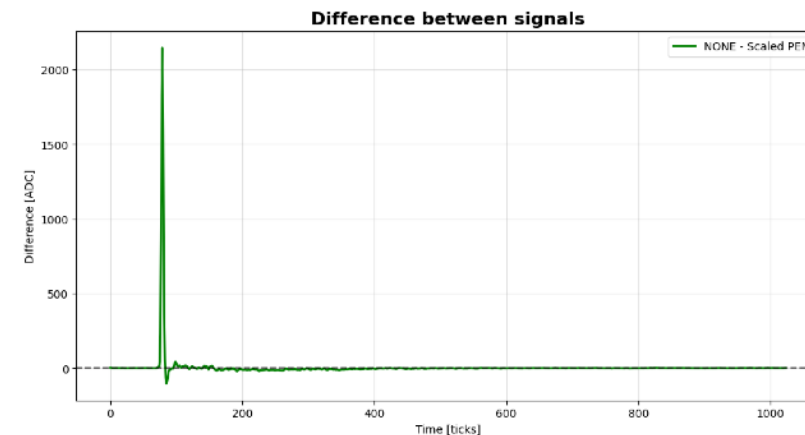
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Tail Matching - Run 43411



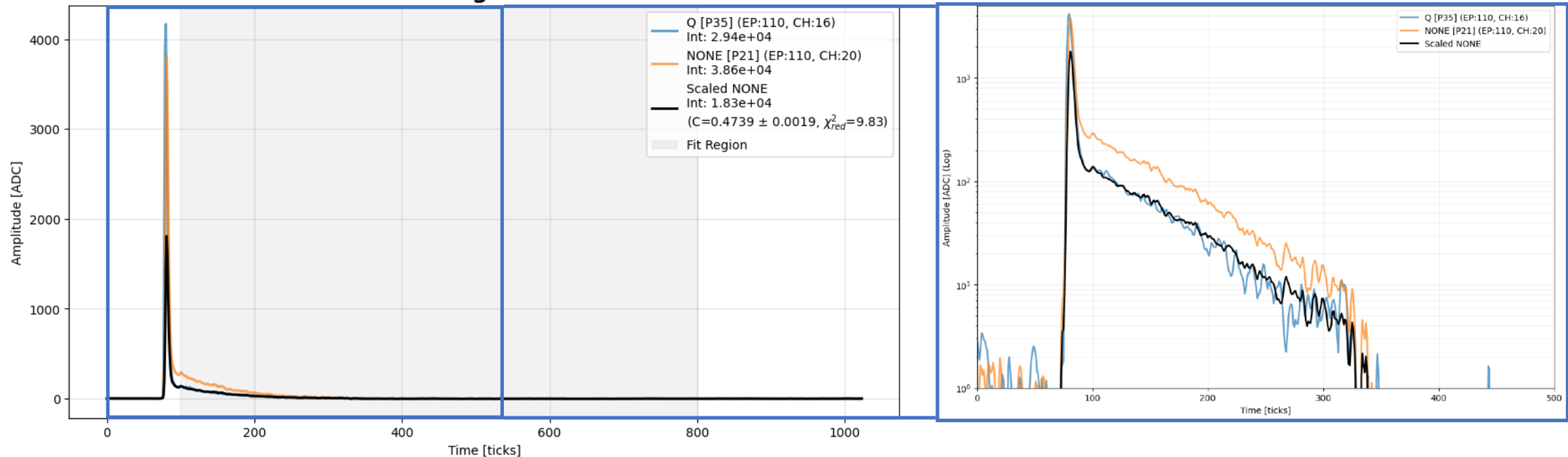
#### Light contributions

- » PMT with PEN: LAr scintillation light, Cherenkov from 128nm and crosstalk from near PMTs
- » PMT with NONE: Cherenkov from 400nm and crosstalk from near PMTs
- » Assuming the slow light detected by PMT with NONE is scintillation, this (scintillation) would be 56% of the total detected light



### 3. Comparison - Tail matching btw NONE/Q

Tail Matching - Run 43411

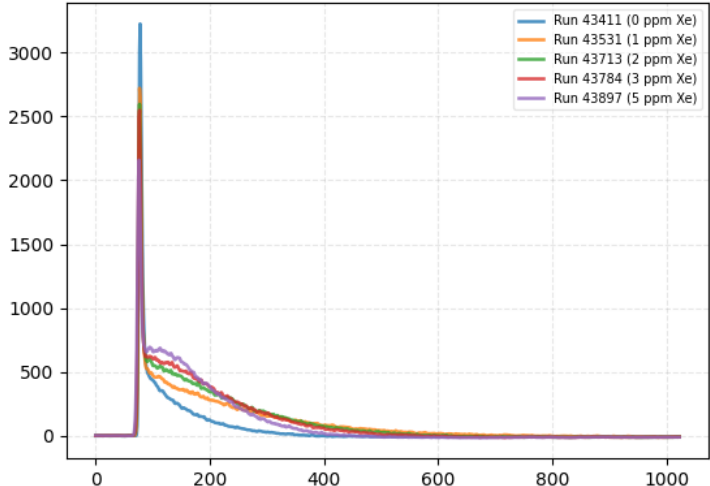


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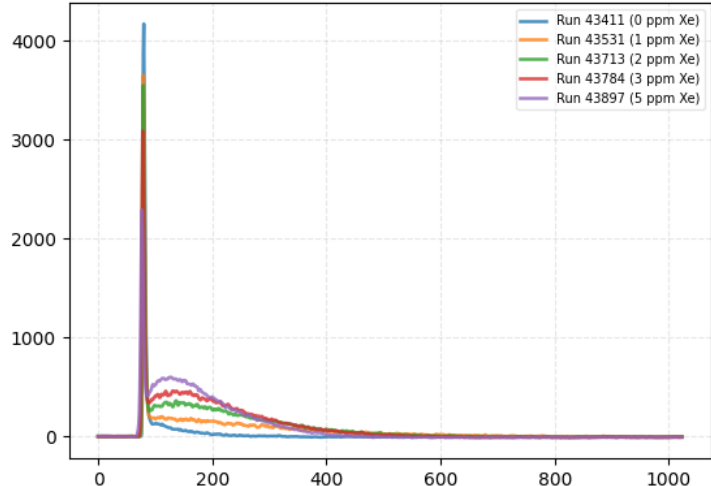
- › PMT with NONE: Cherenkov from 400nm and crosstalk from near PMTs
- › PMT with Quartz: Cherenkov from 170nm and crosstalk from near PMTs
- › Similar tail tendency, they seem to have the same slow component contribution
- › Light difference between them in the fast component could be Cherenkov light

# 4. Results from PMTs in LAr with Xe doping

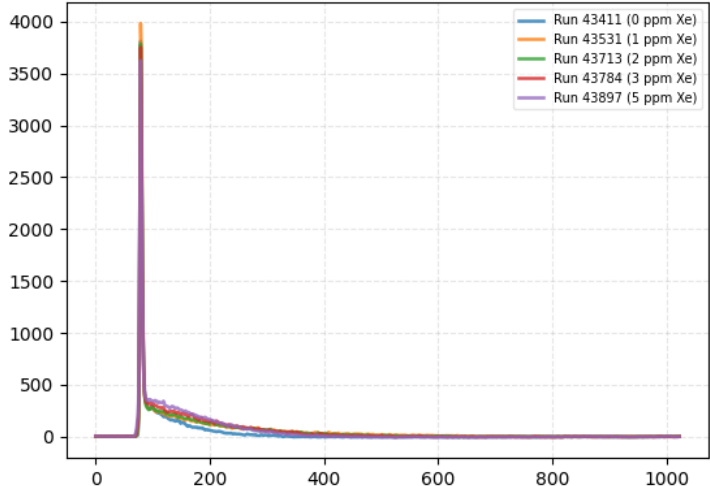
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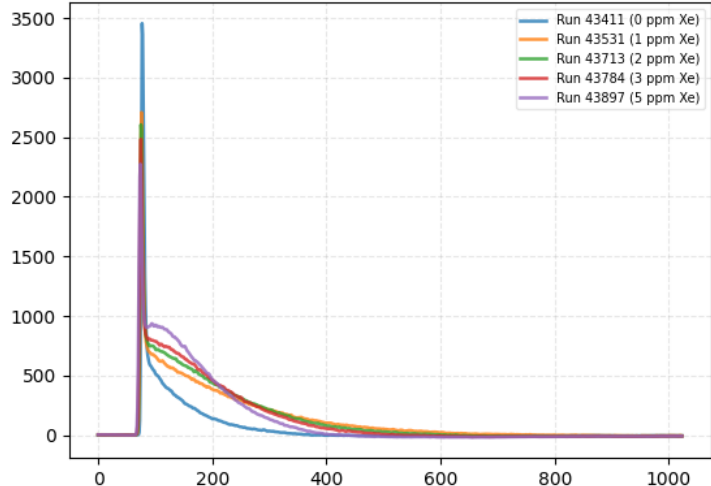
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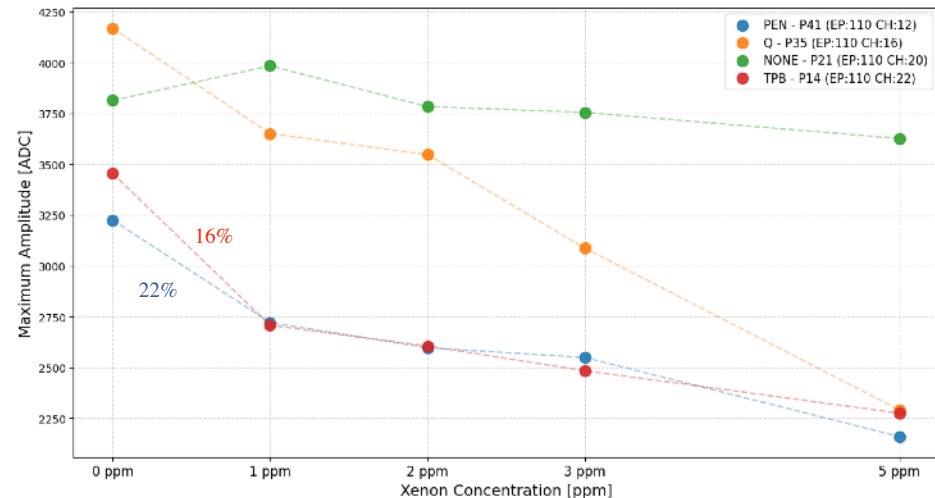
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**TPB - P14 (EP:110 CH:22)**



**Maximum Amplitude for different Xe concentrations**

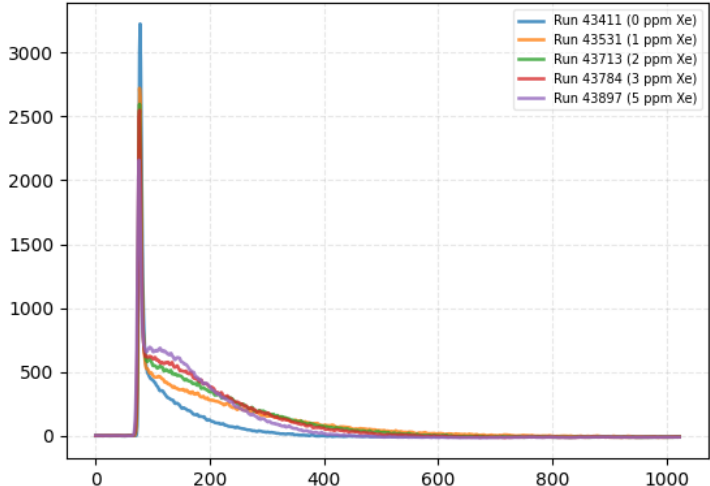


## Conclusions

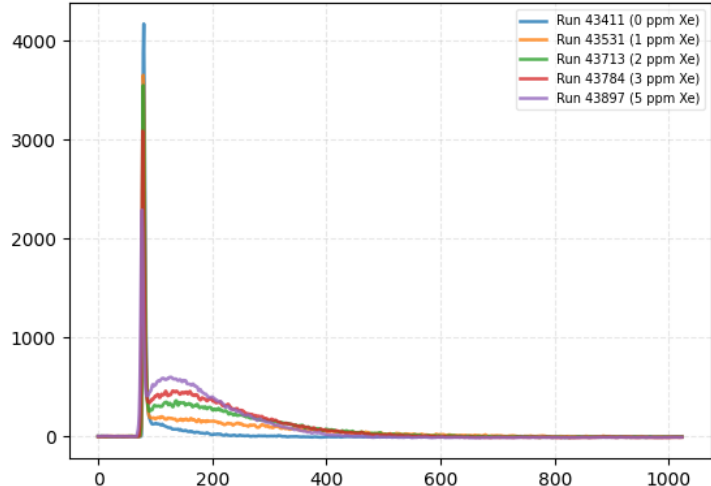
- » The average waveforms change their tendencies, as the Xe concentration increases
- » The amplitude of the fast component decreases, as the Xe concentration increases, in the Xe-sensitive PMTs

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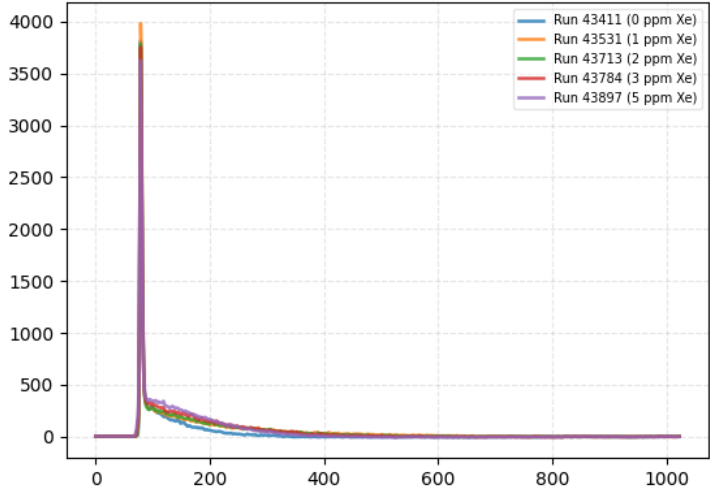
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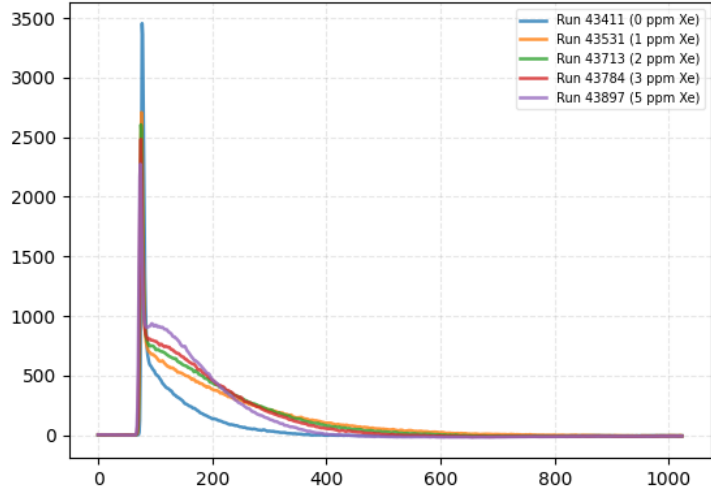
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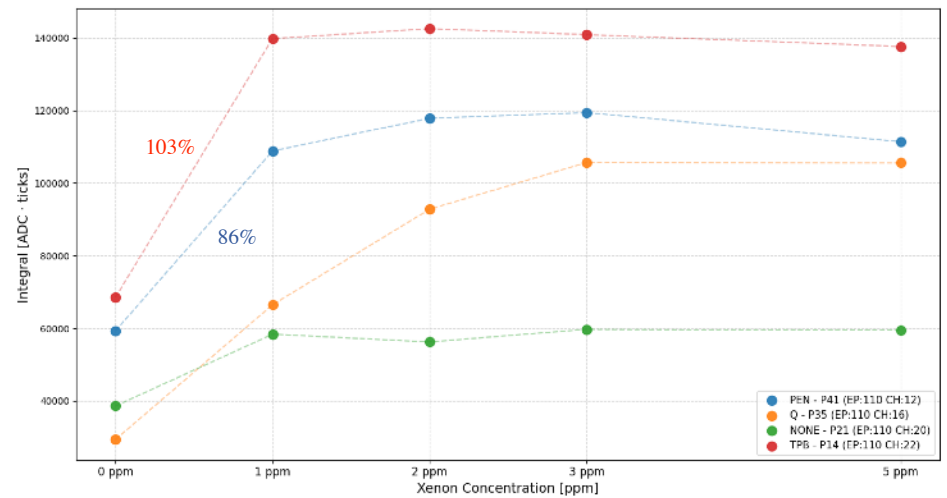
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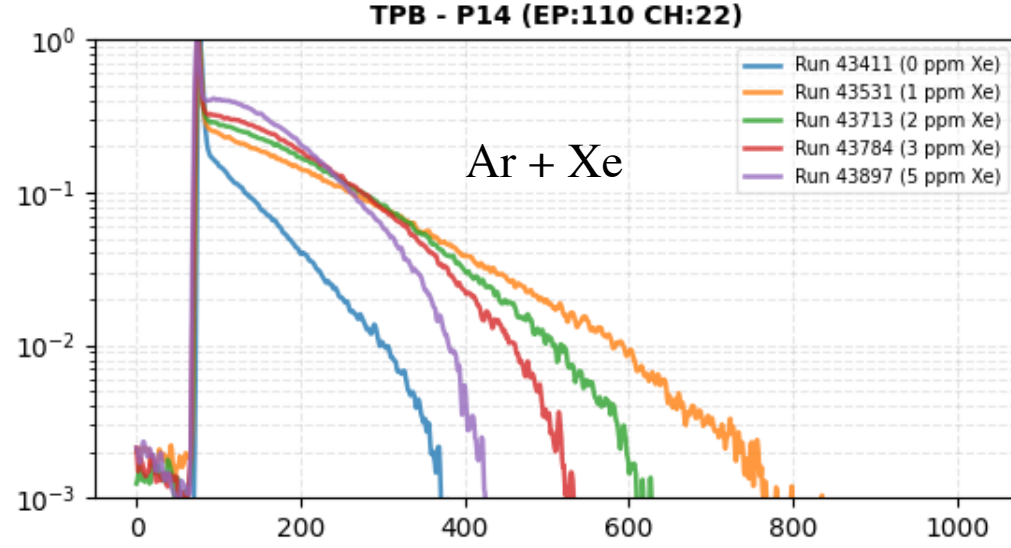
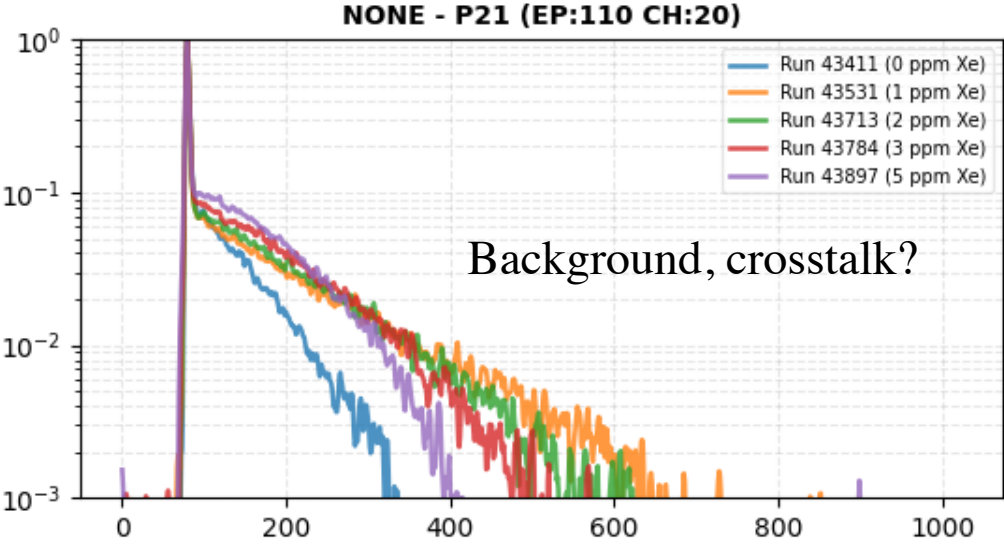
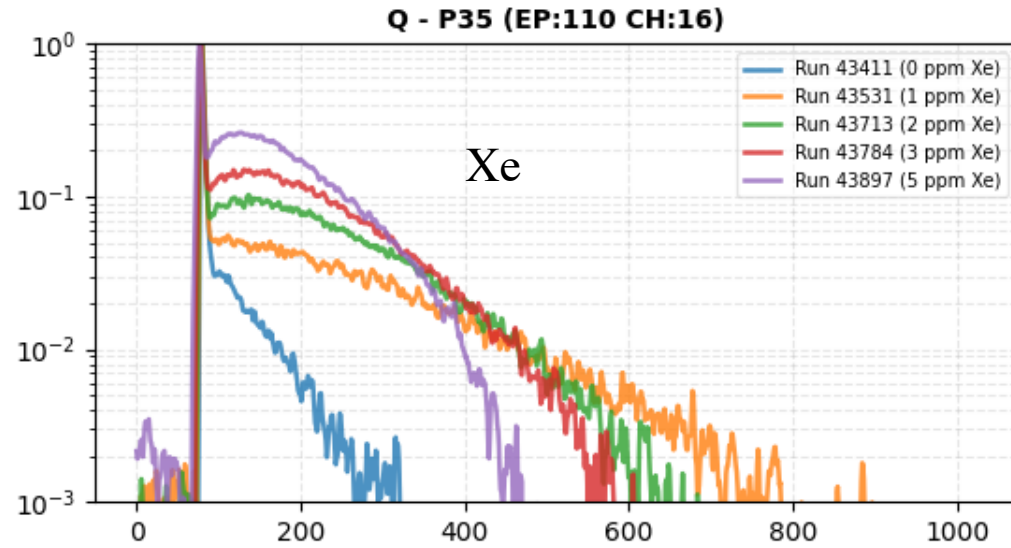
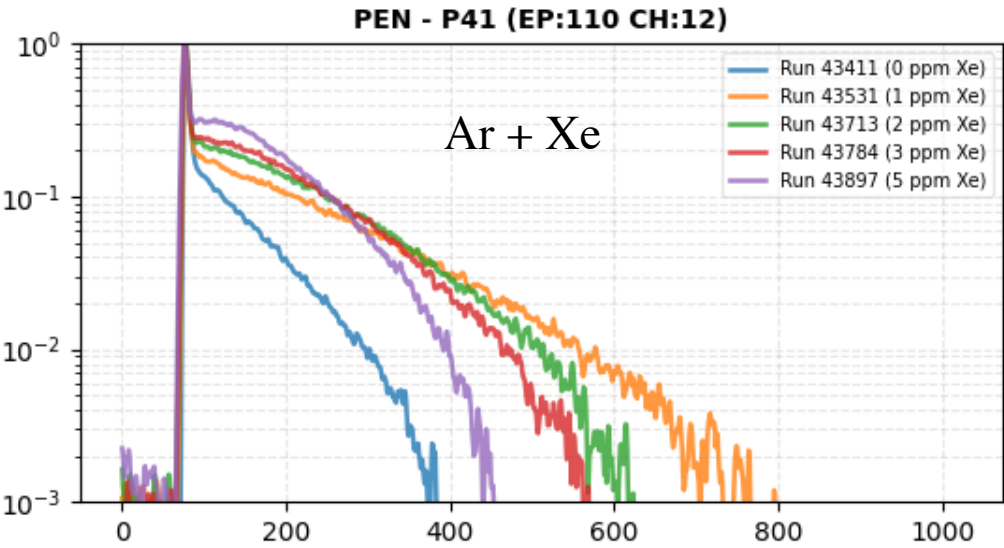
## Conclusions

- » The average waveforms change their tendencies, as the Xe concentration increases
- » The amount of light increases from 0ppm to 1ppm, and then stabilizes

**Integral for different Xe concentrations**



# 4. Results from PMTs in LAr with Xe doping



### Conclusions

- › Most PMTs are detecting light and working properly
- › Employing different WLS and configurations help understanding the light insights
- › This is a first approximation of a deeper Ar+Xe study

### Next steps

- › Perform an **event per event study** using CRTs data to acquire quantified results in LAr with Xe doping, related to scintillation, possible Cherenkov light and the additional fast component shown in [Ettore](#)'s presentation
- › Fit the average waveforms in different Xe concentrations to obtain the  **$\tau$  parameters**
- › Extend this study to all the **different Xe concentrations** in ProtoDUNE-VD
- › Compare **these results** with the membranes and cathodes as well