

The DarkSide experimental program

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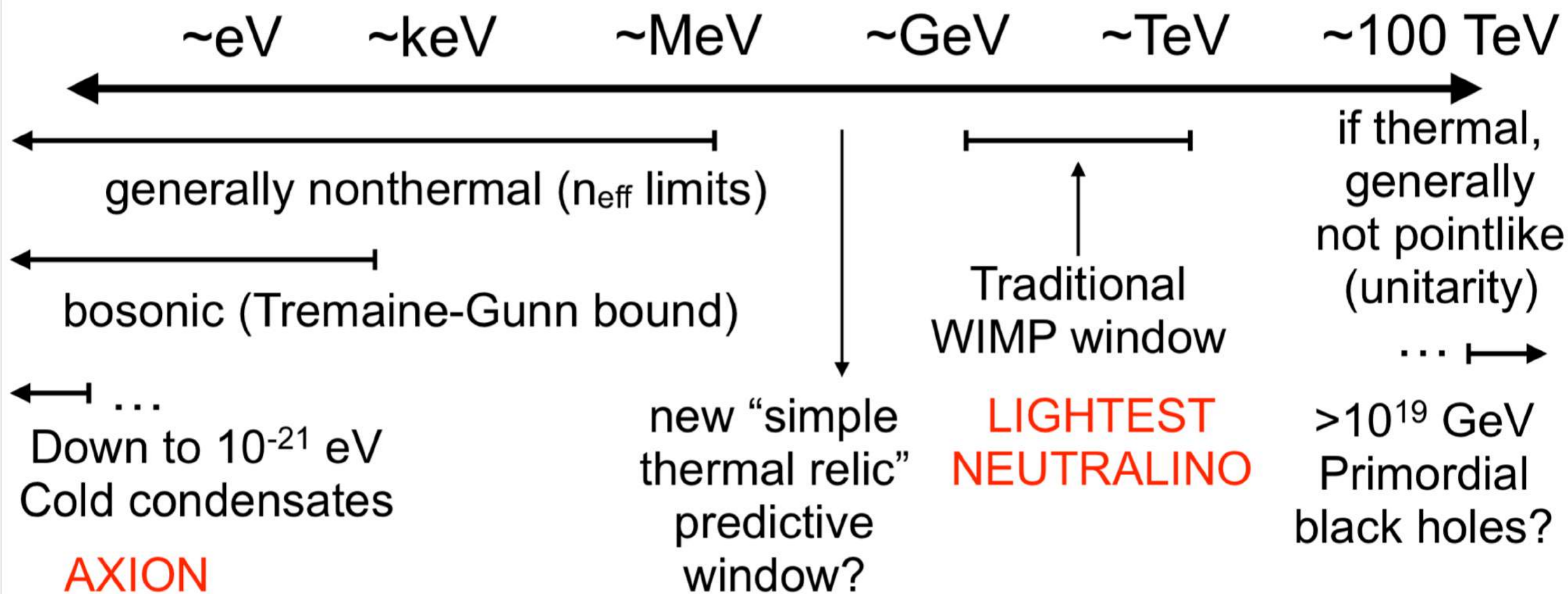
Korea-Italy Bi-lateral Symposium

Current developments in underground physics

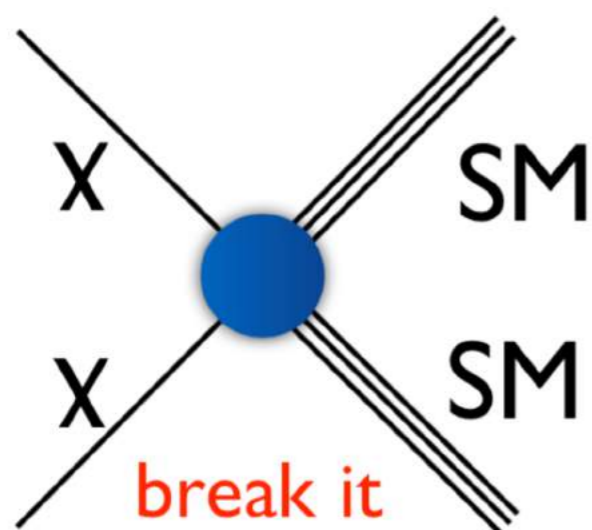
- ◆ Time: October 1, 2018 (9:00 - 17:00)
- ◆ Location: Theory bulid. B109, Institue for Basic Science, Korea

DarkSide:
Not only science
Also a big technology driver!

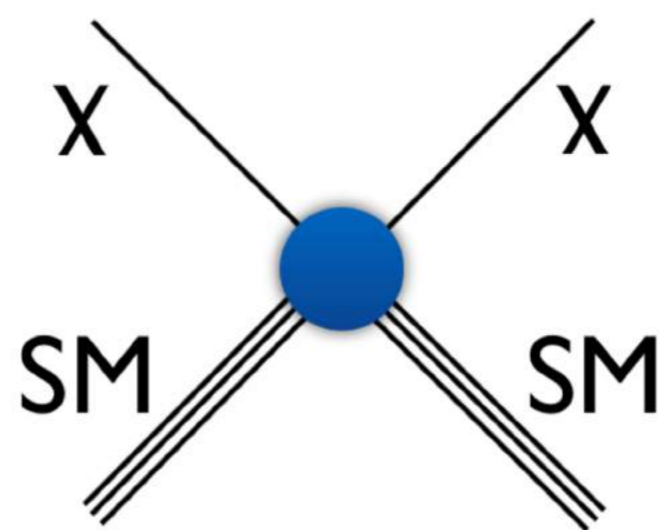
Dark matter mass scales



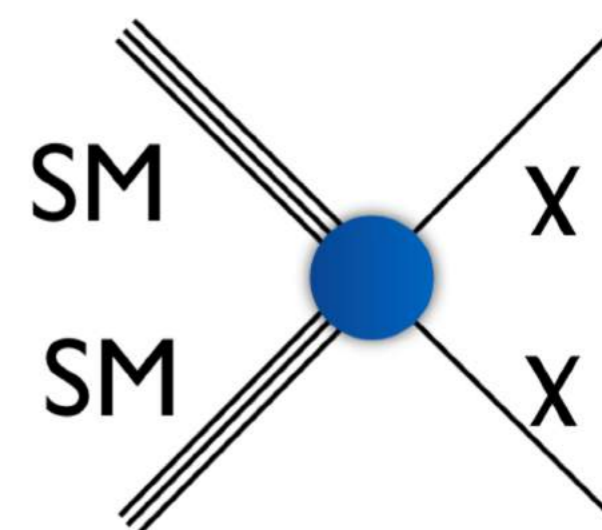
WIMP searches



Indirect detection



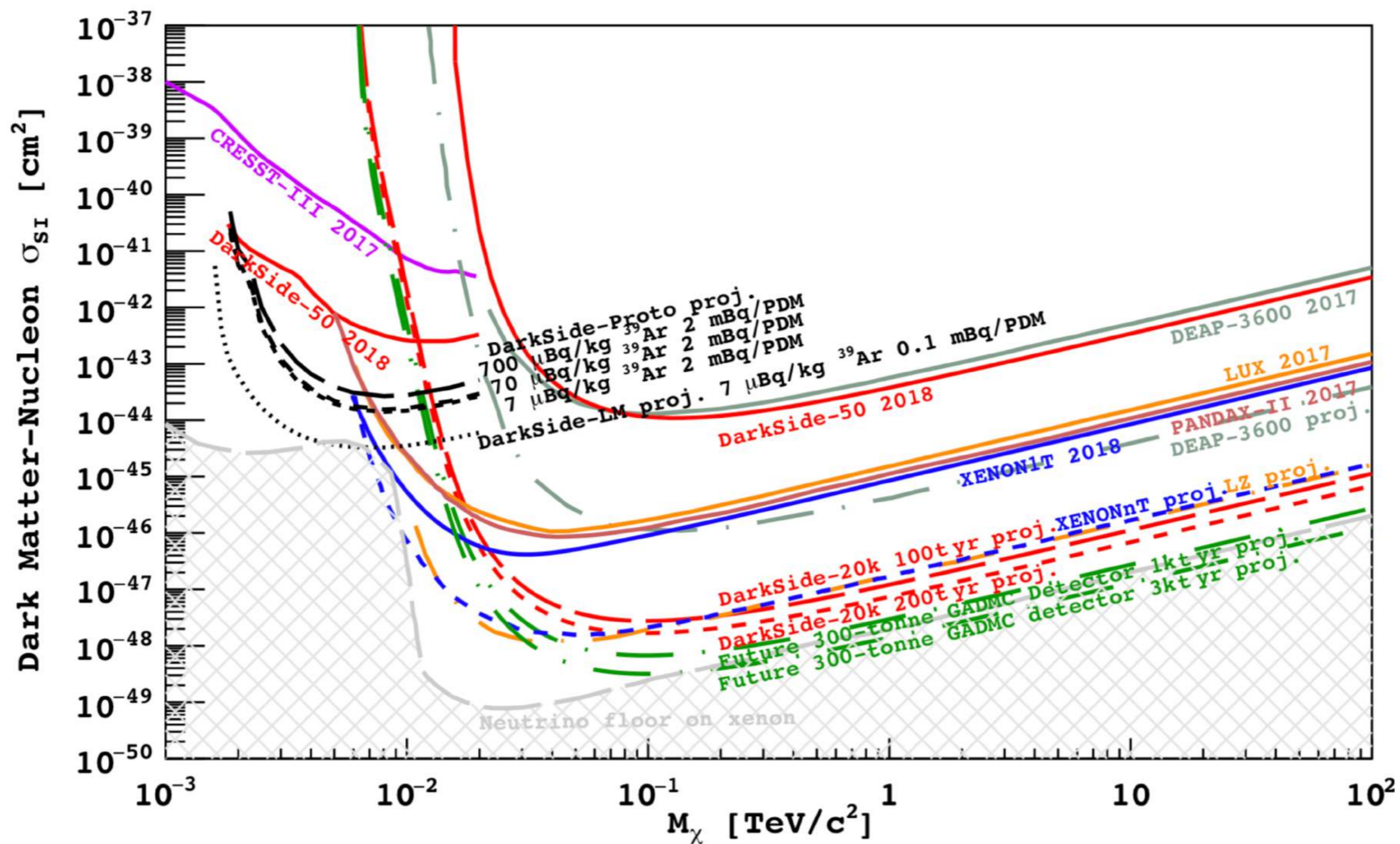
Direct detection



Collider

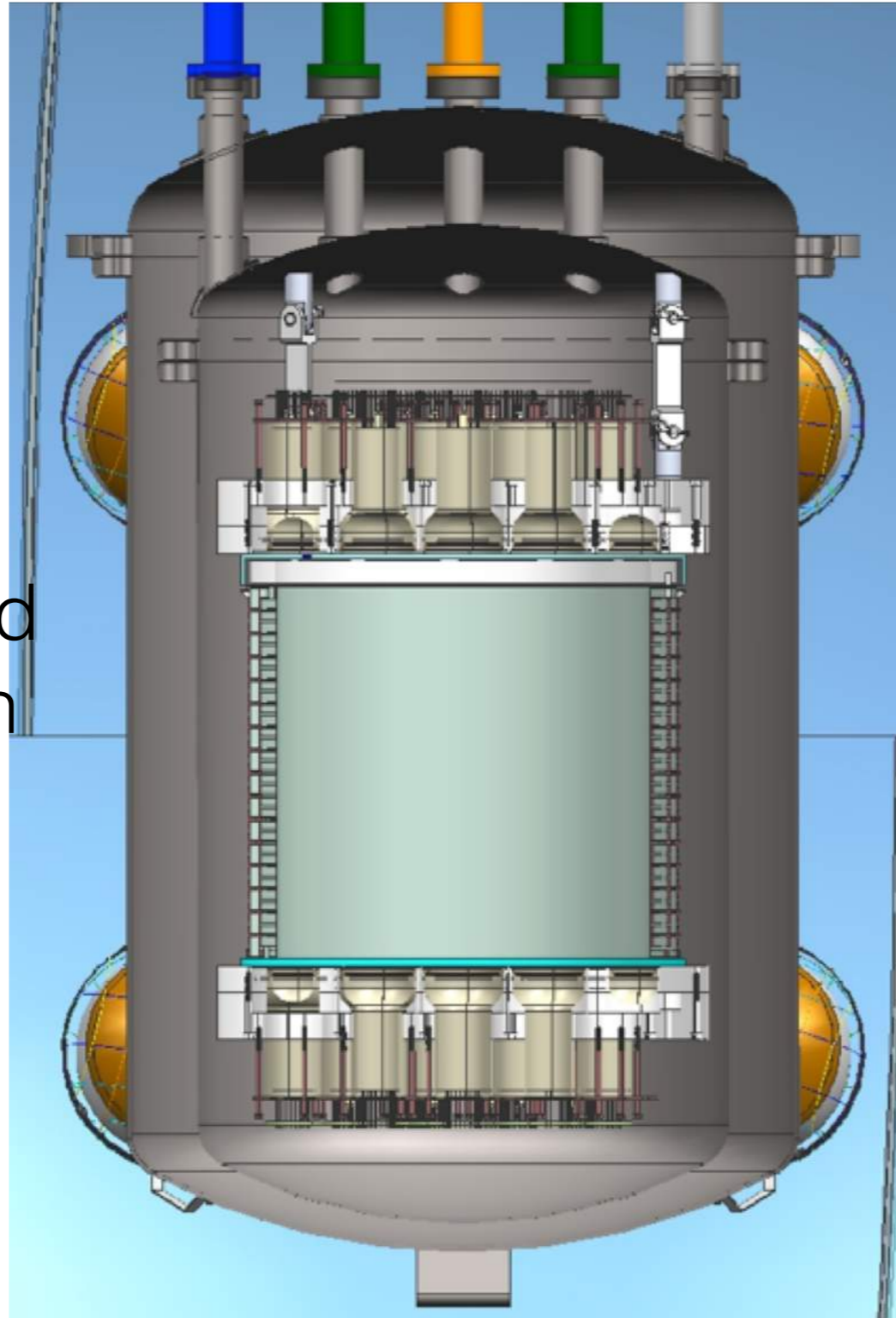
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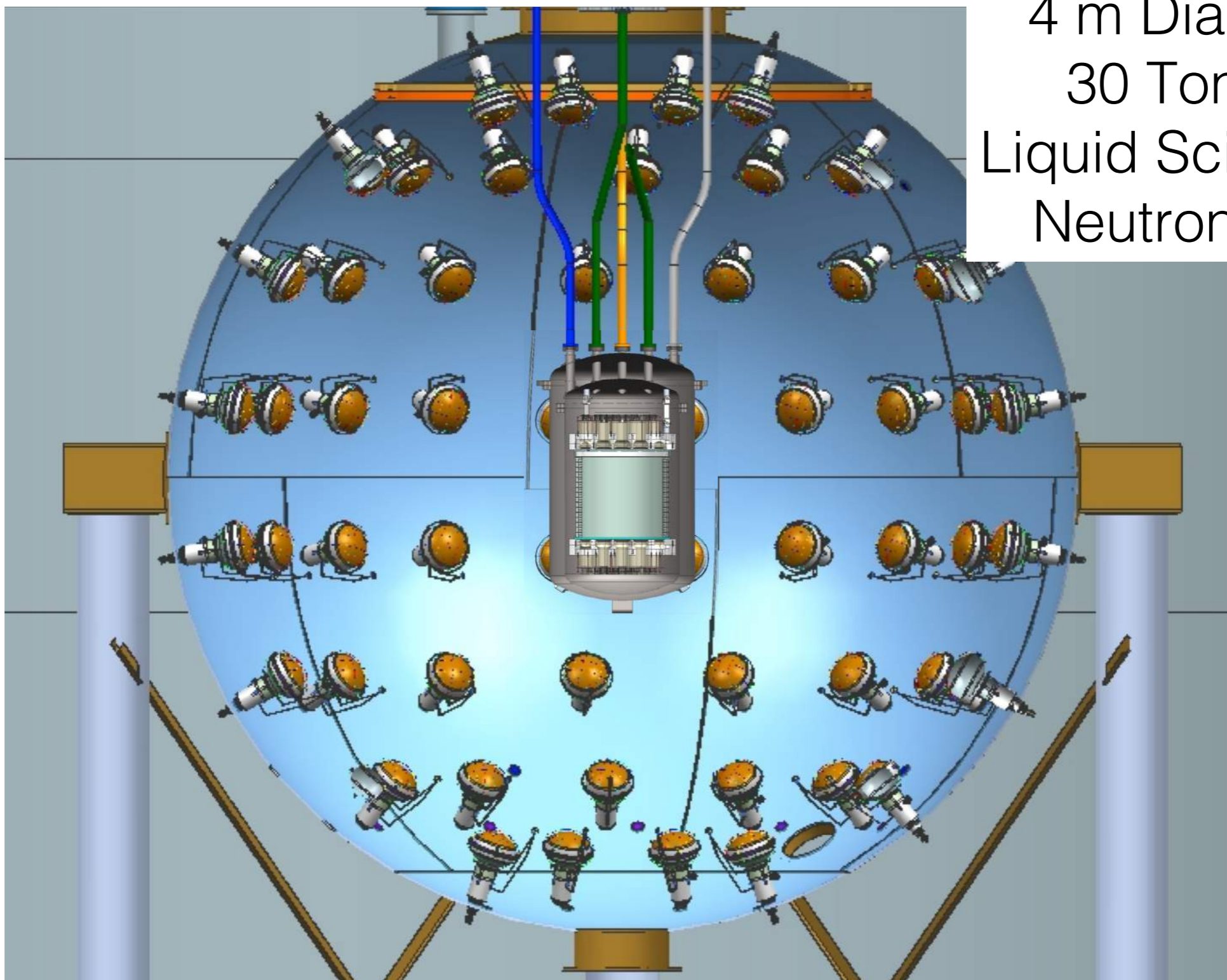




Setting the stage: DarkSide-50 results

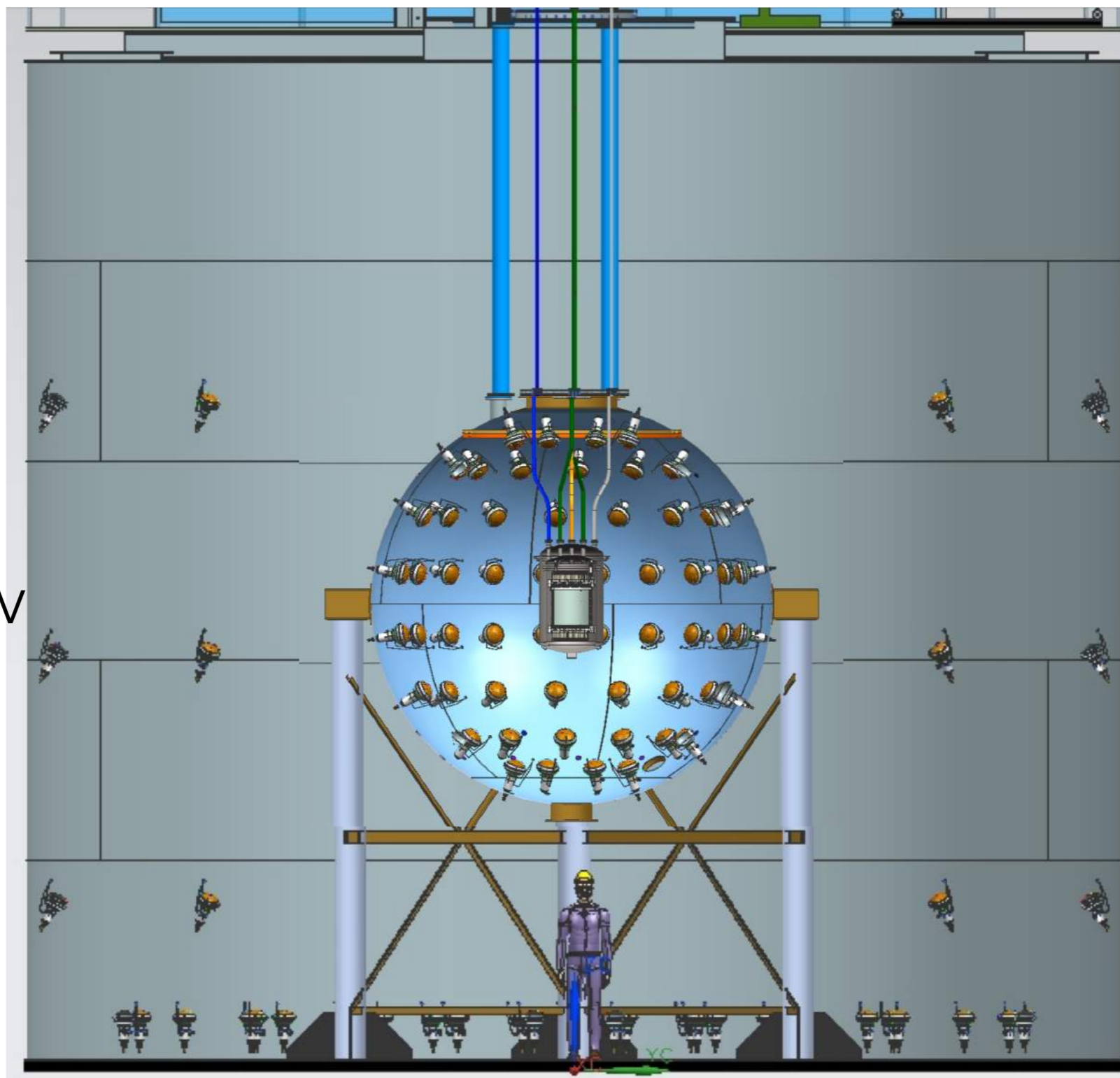
Liquid Argon TPC
153 kg ^{39}Ar -Depleted
Underground Argon
Target





4 m Diameter
30 Tonnes
Liquid Scintillator
Neutron Veto

10 m Height
11 m Diameter
1,000 Tonnes
Water Cherenkov
Muon Veto

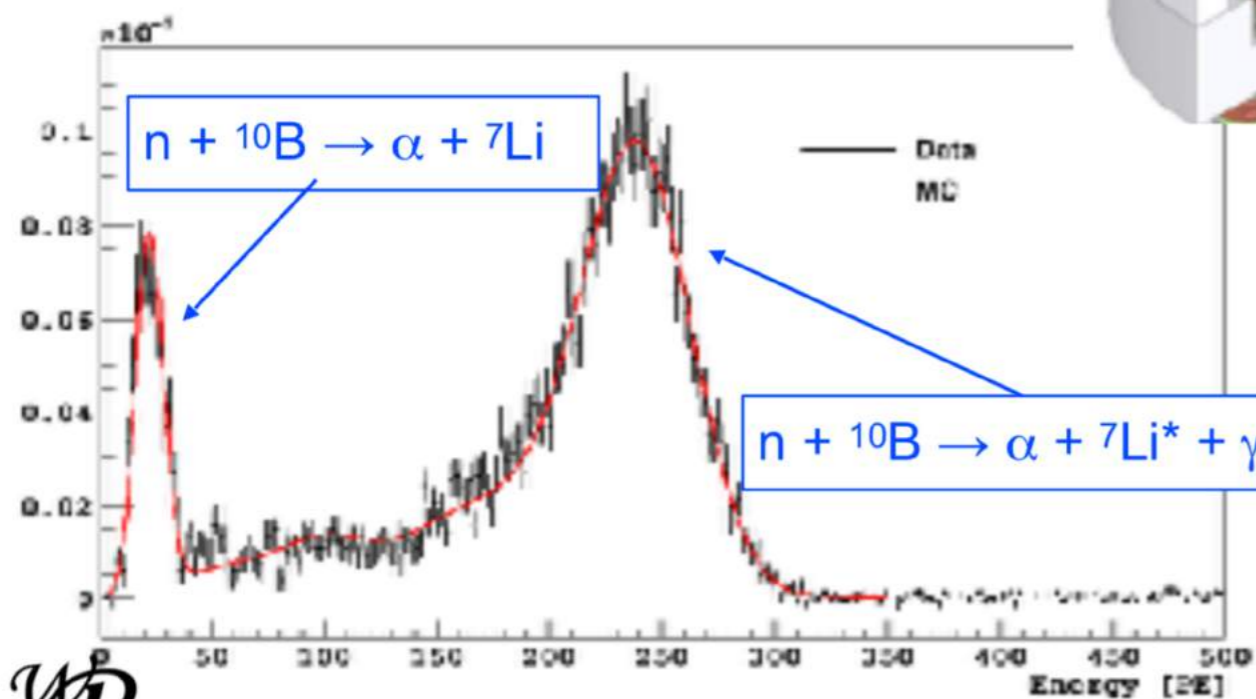




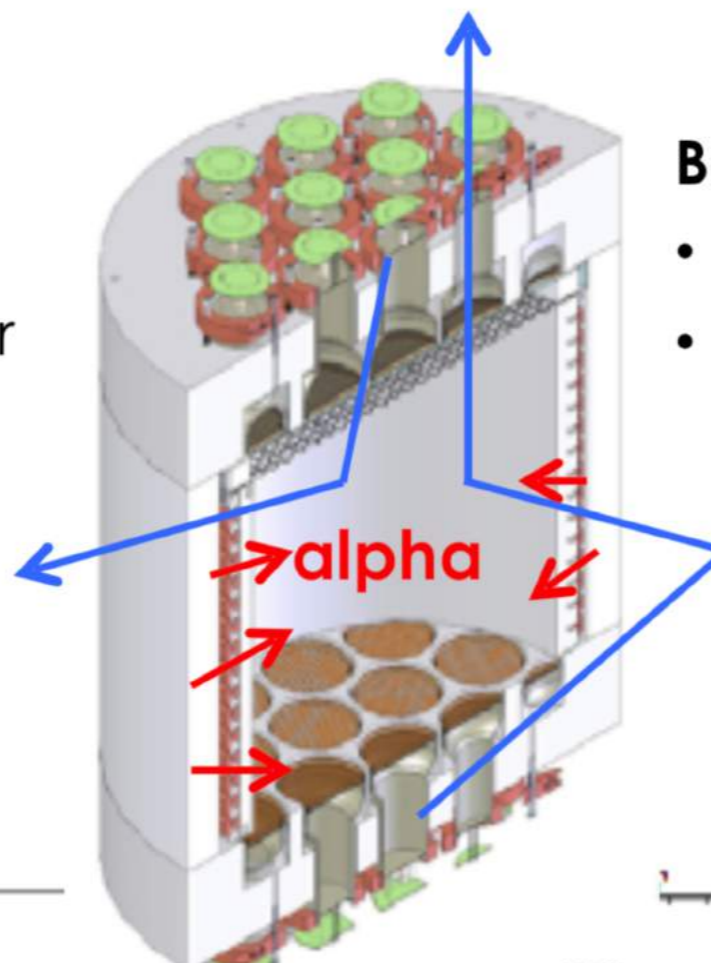
Neutrons

Background rejection:

- TPC: multi-scatter
- LS Veto: efficiency from Am-C for TPC single-NR: 0.9964 ± 0.0004
- Water Cherenkov Veto
- Neutrons in data counted



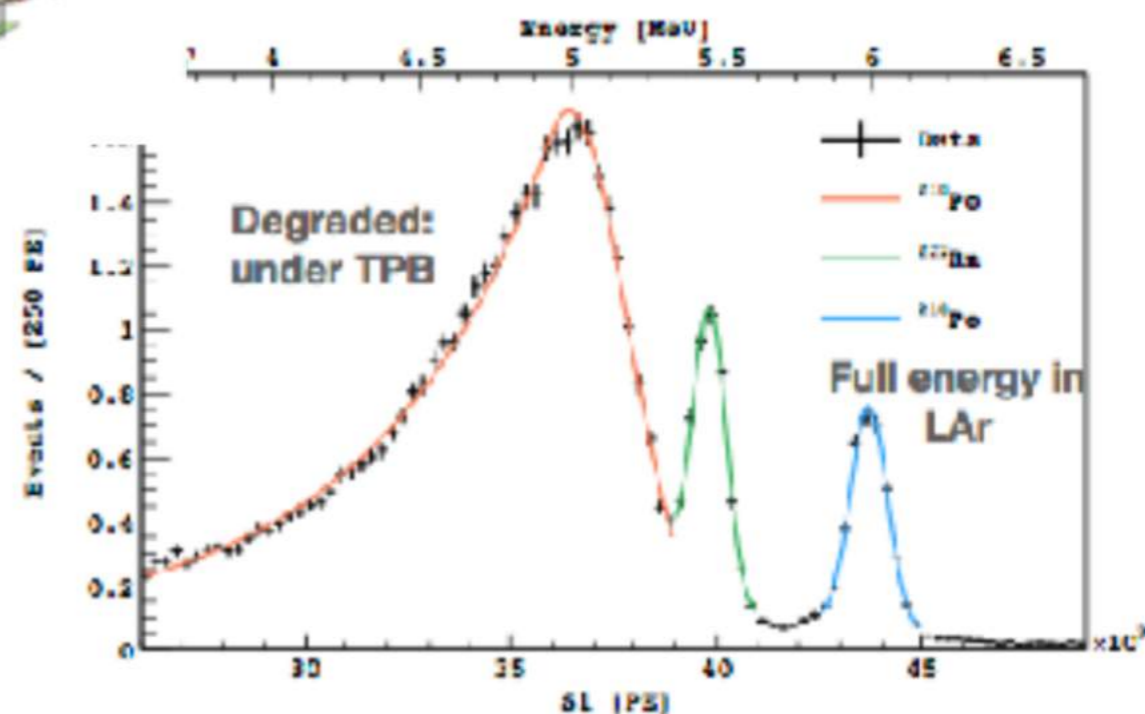
neutron



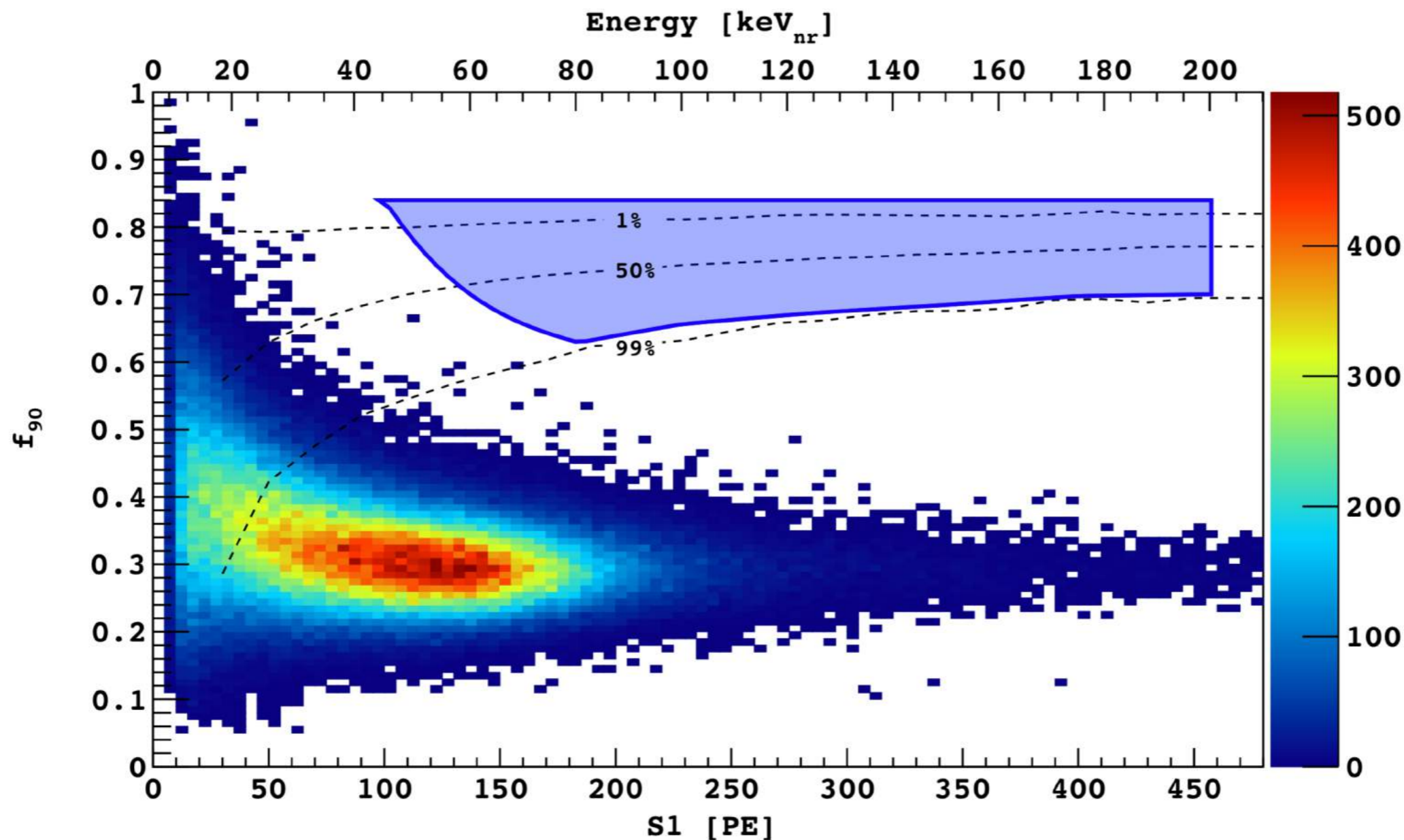
Alpha's

Background rejection:

- Small fraction at low energies
- Self-vetoing in DS-50!
 - Small or no S2
 - Long S2 tail from TPB fluorescence



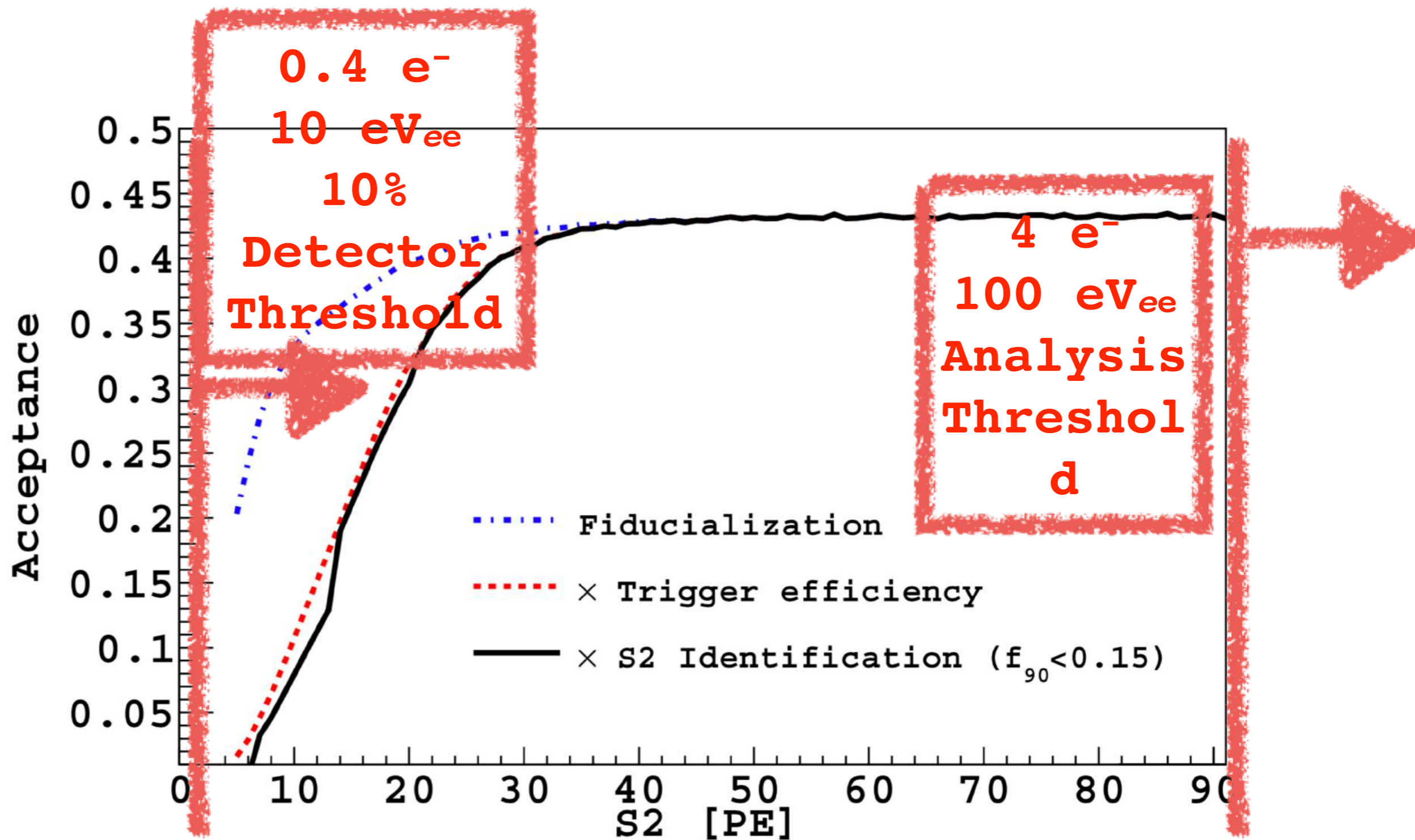
DM-nucleon High-mass

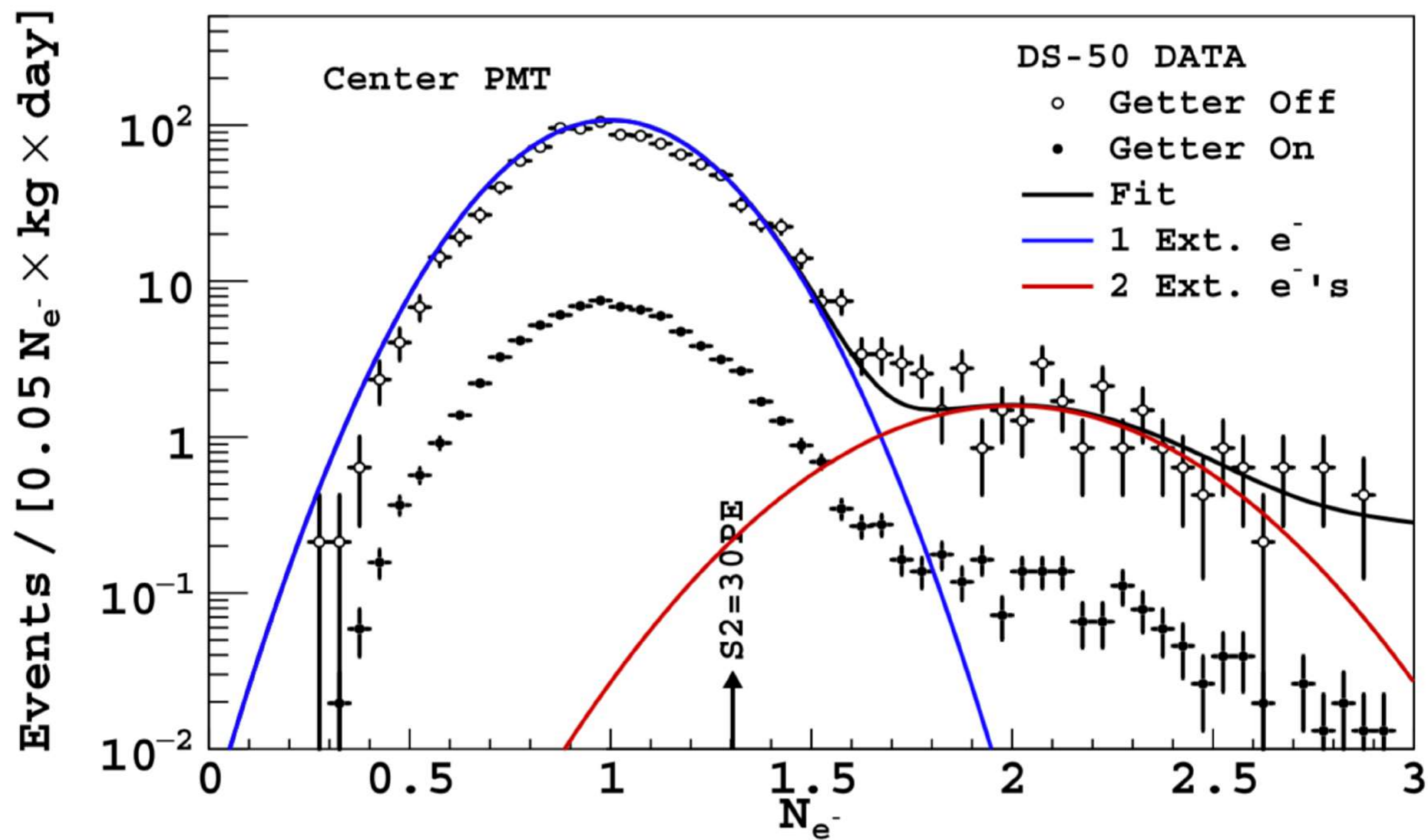


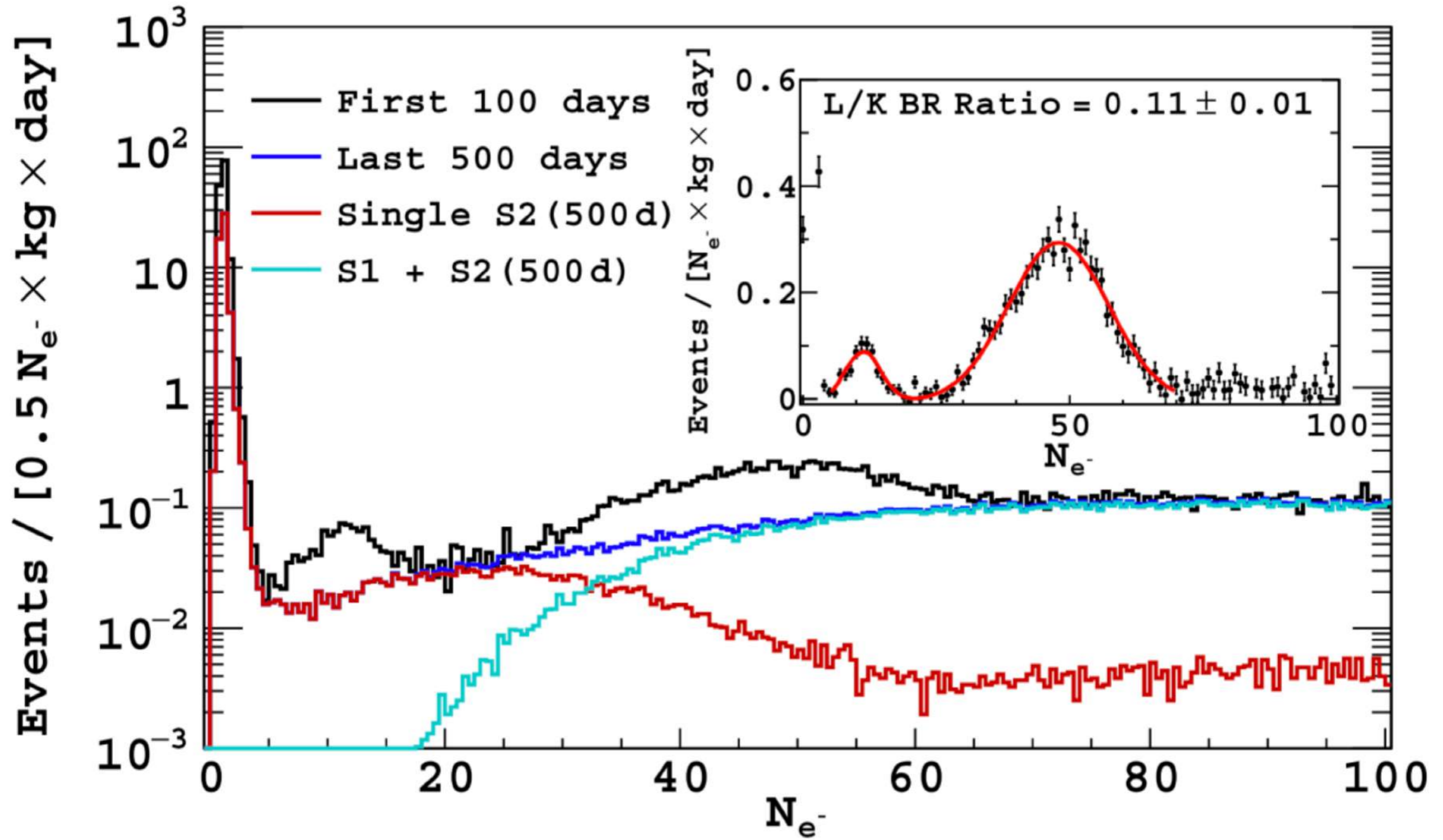
High Mass WIMPs: $> 20 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

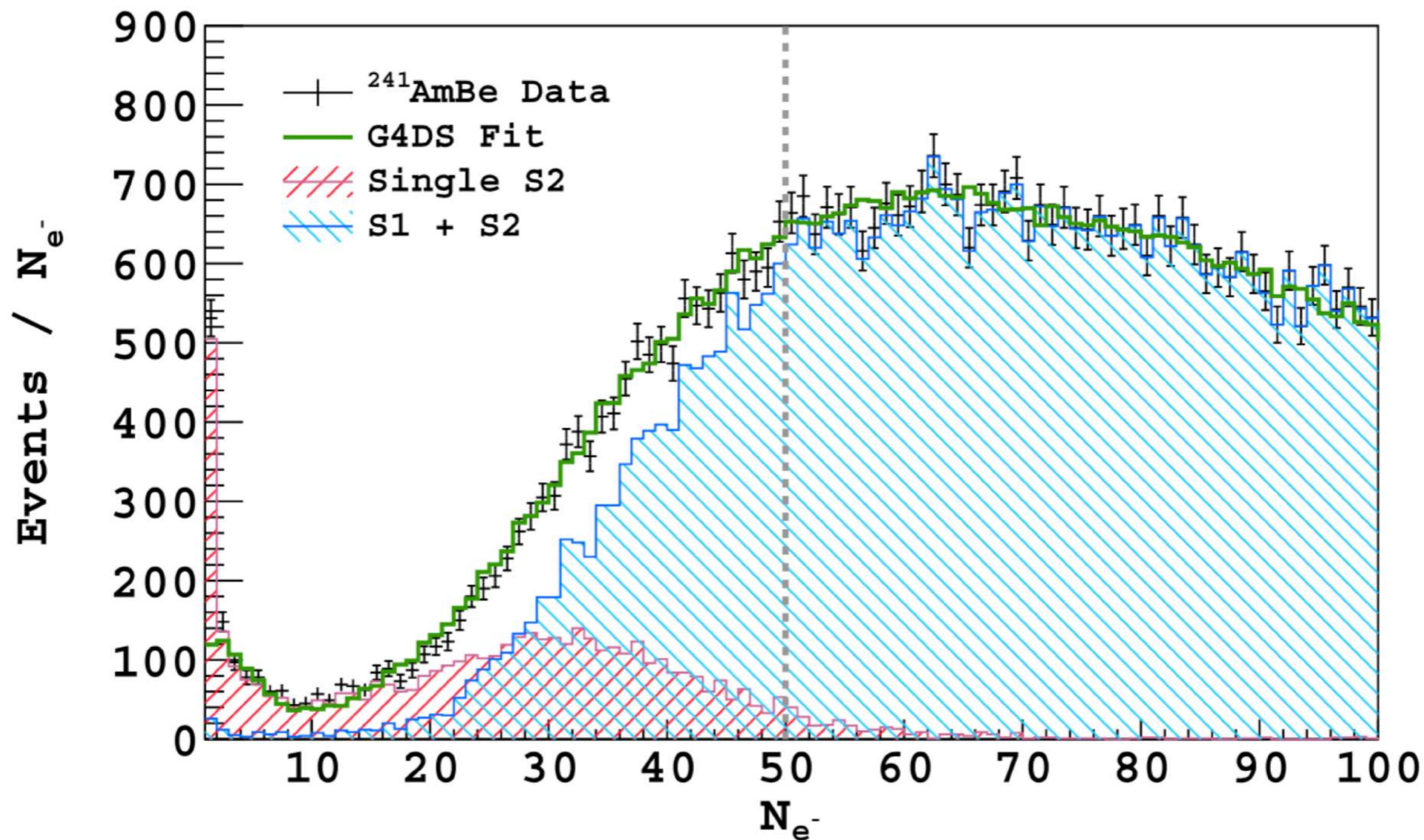
- Range: **45-200 keV_{nr}**
- S1 and S2 signals
- Excellent Pulse Shape Discrimination
- **Background free (< 0.1 events) analysis**

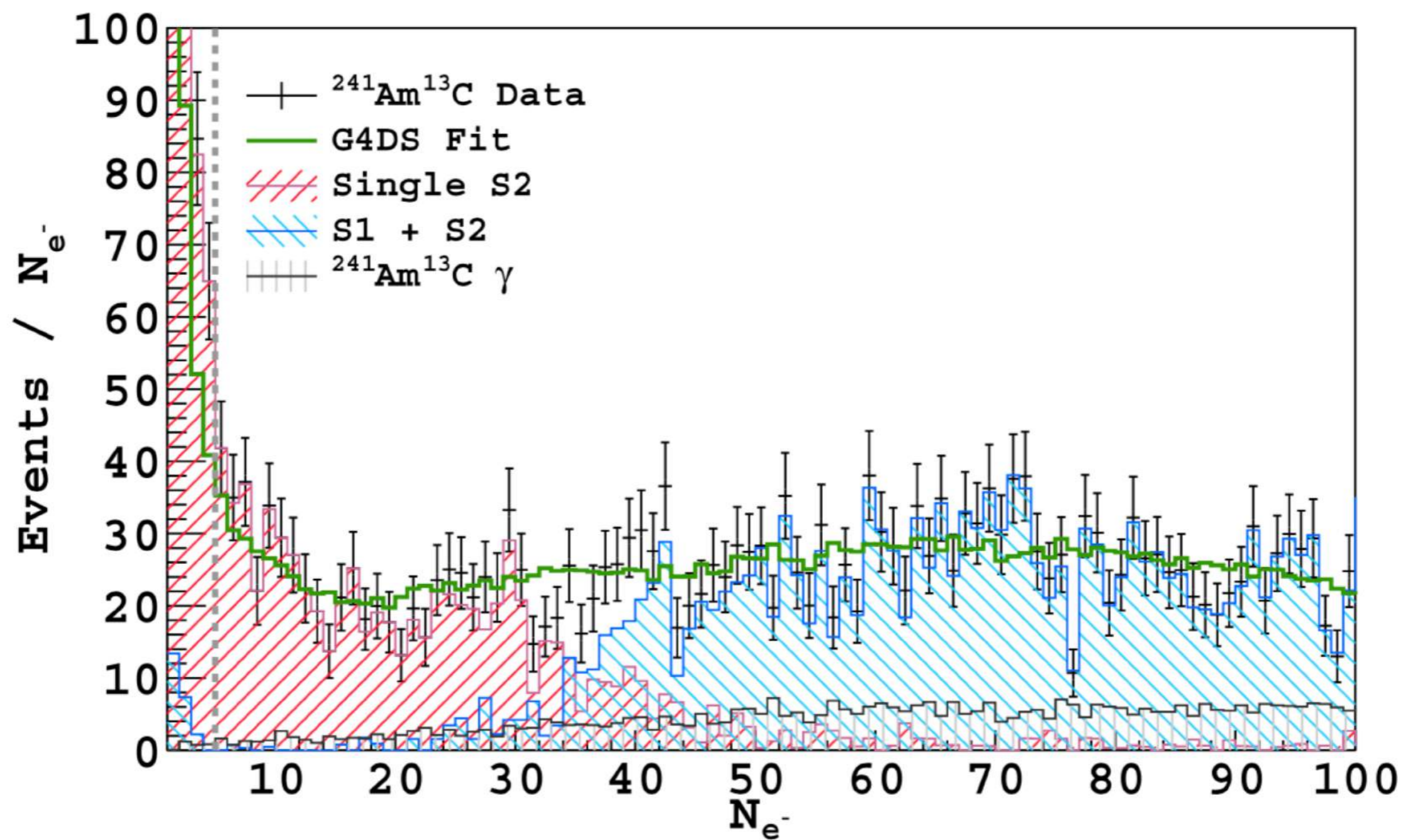
DM-nucleon low-mass

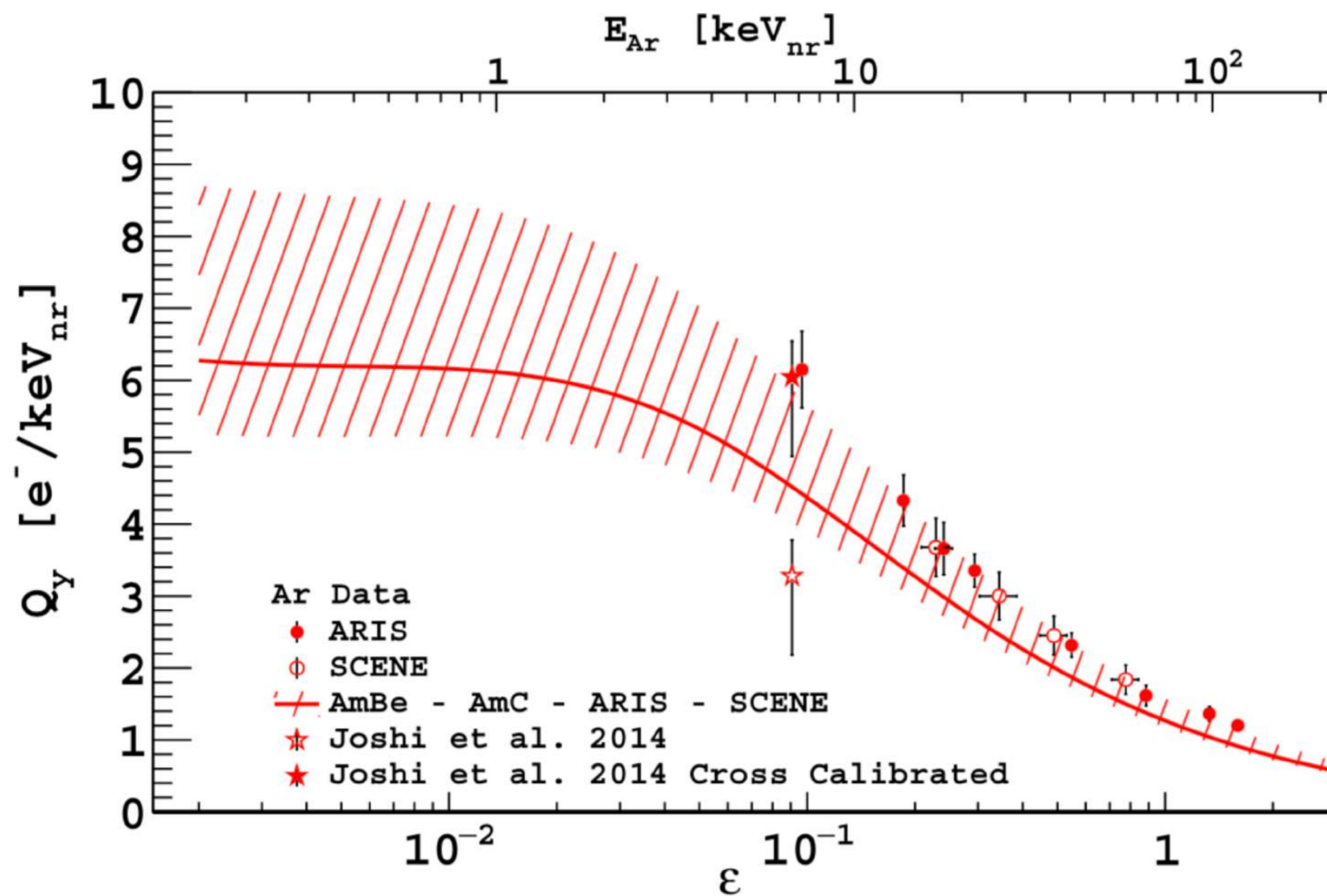


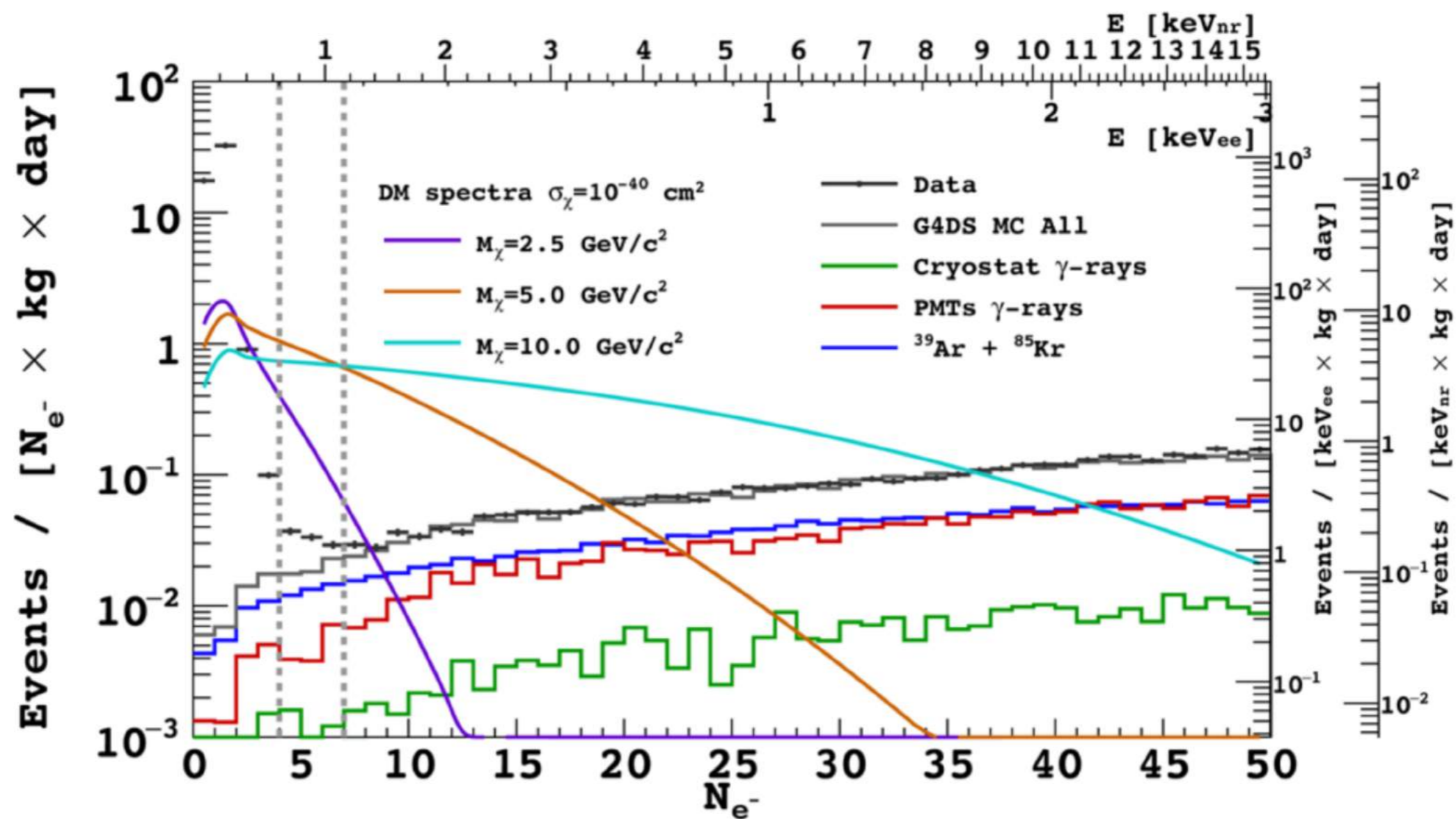


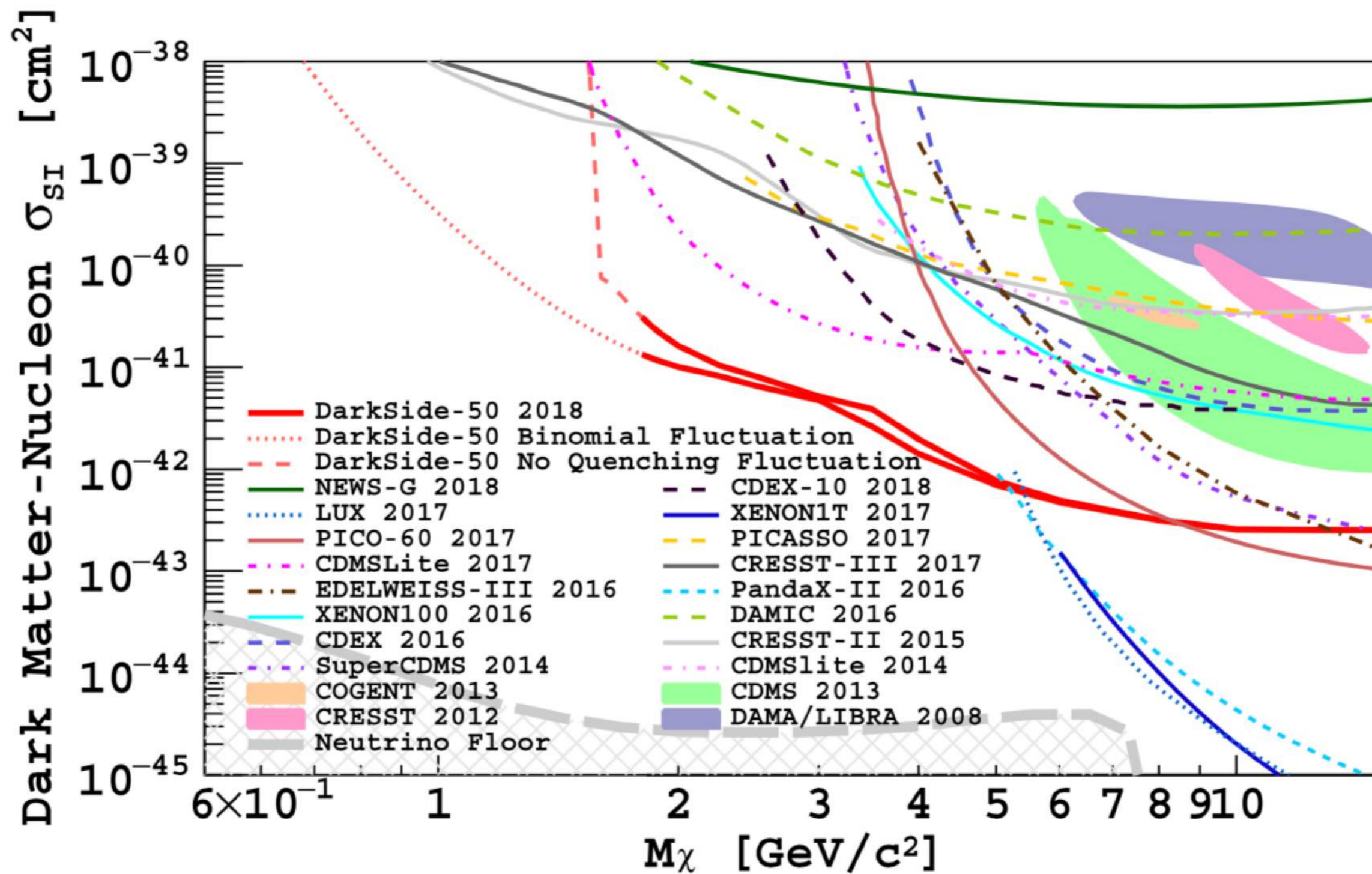




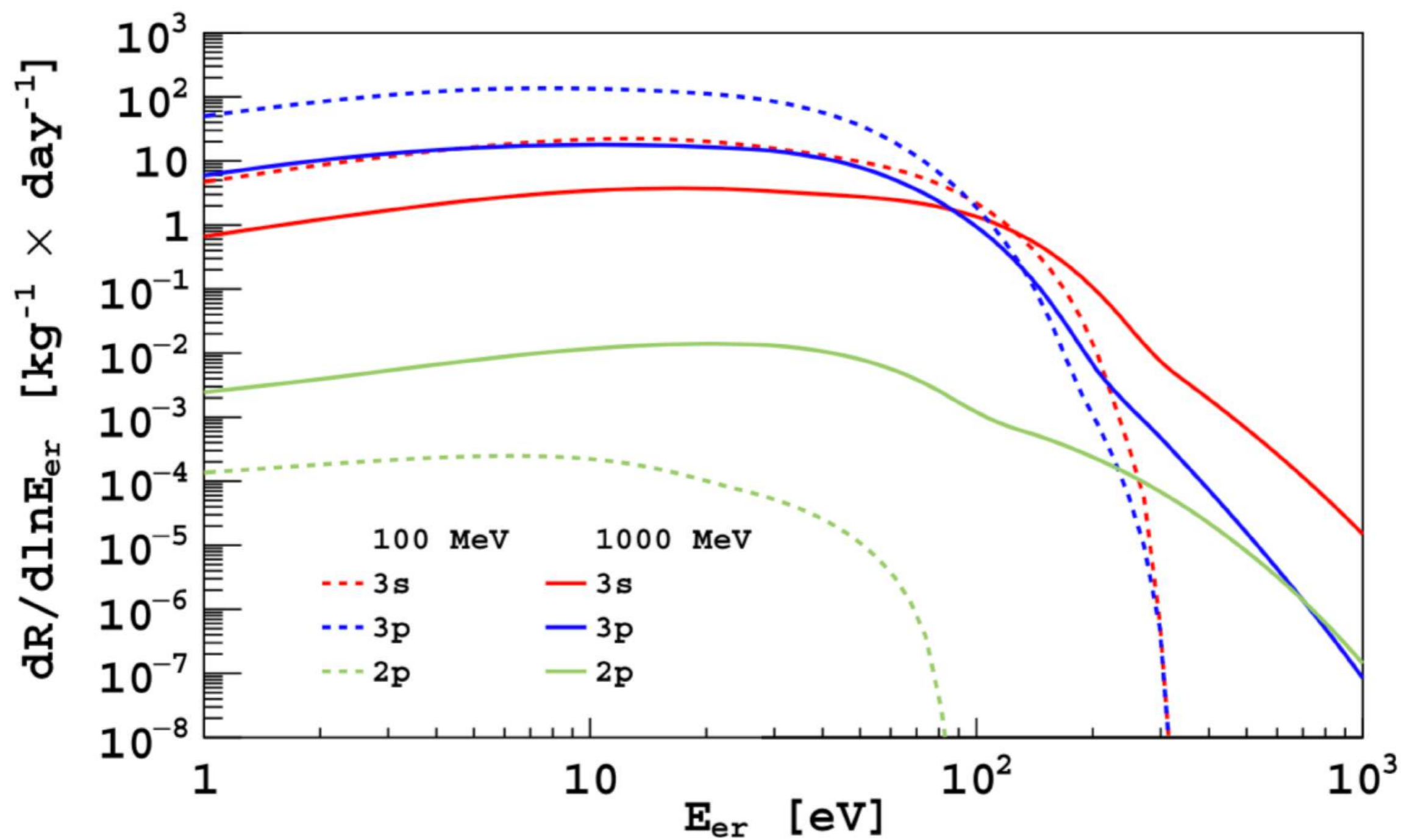


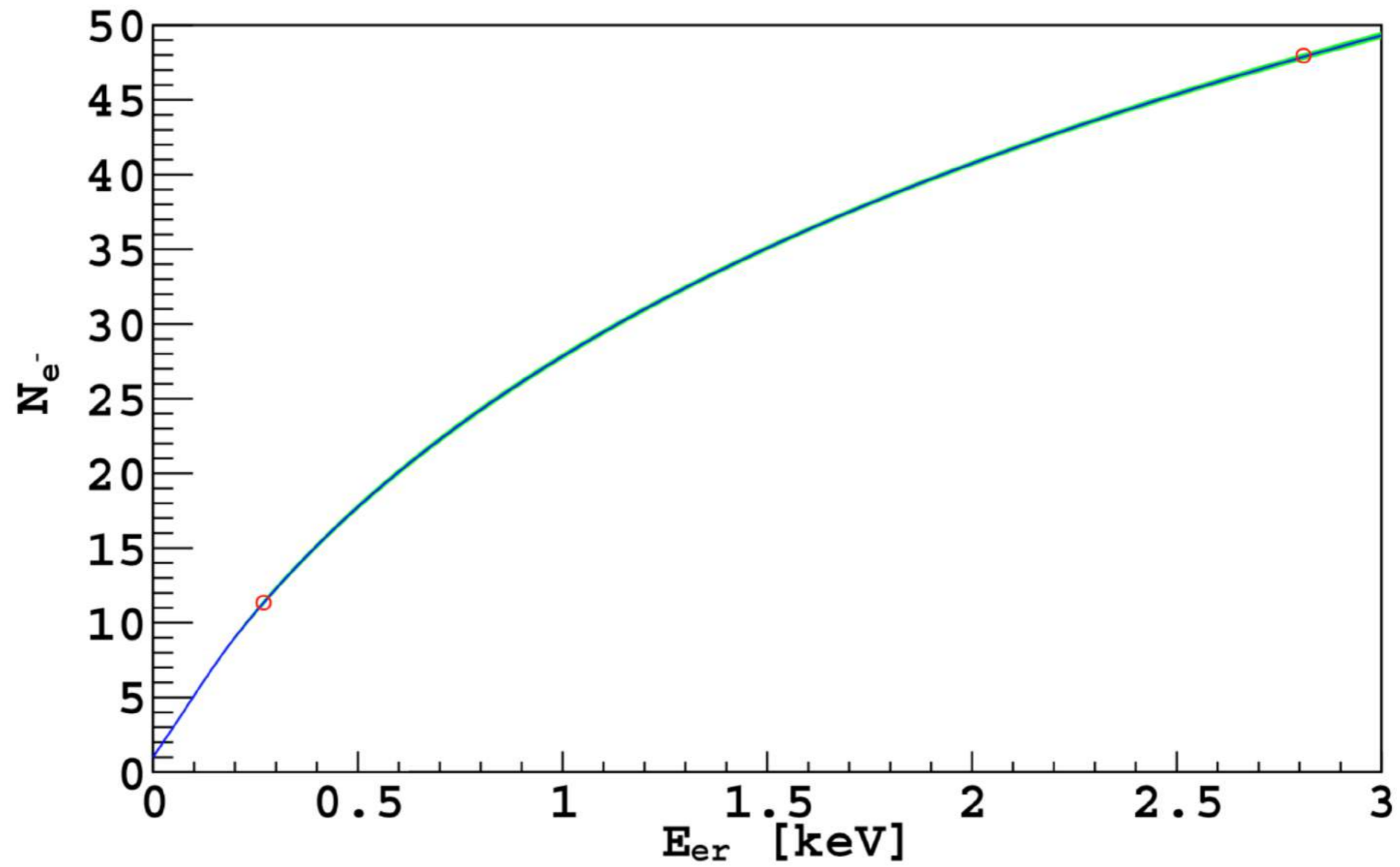


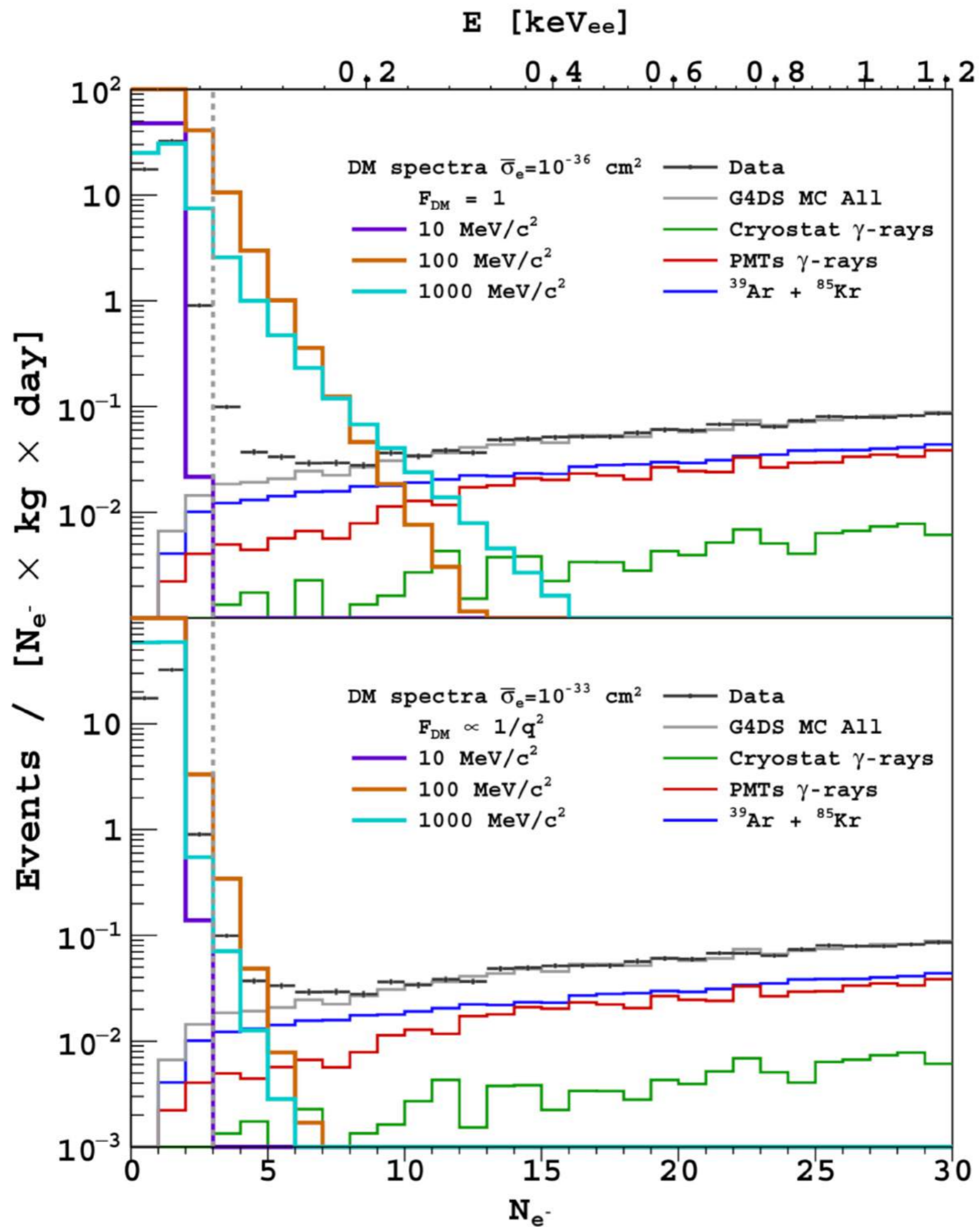


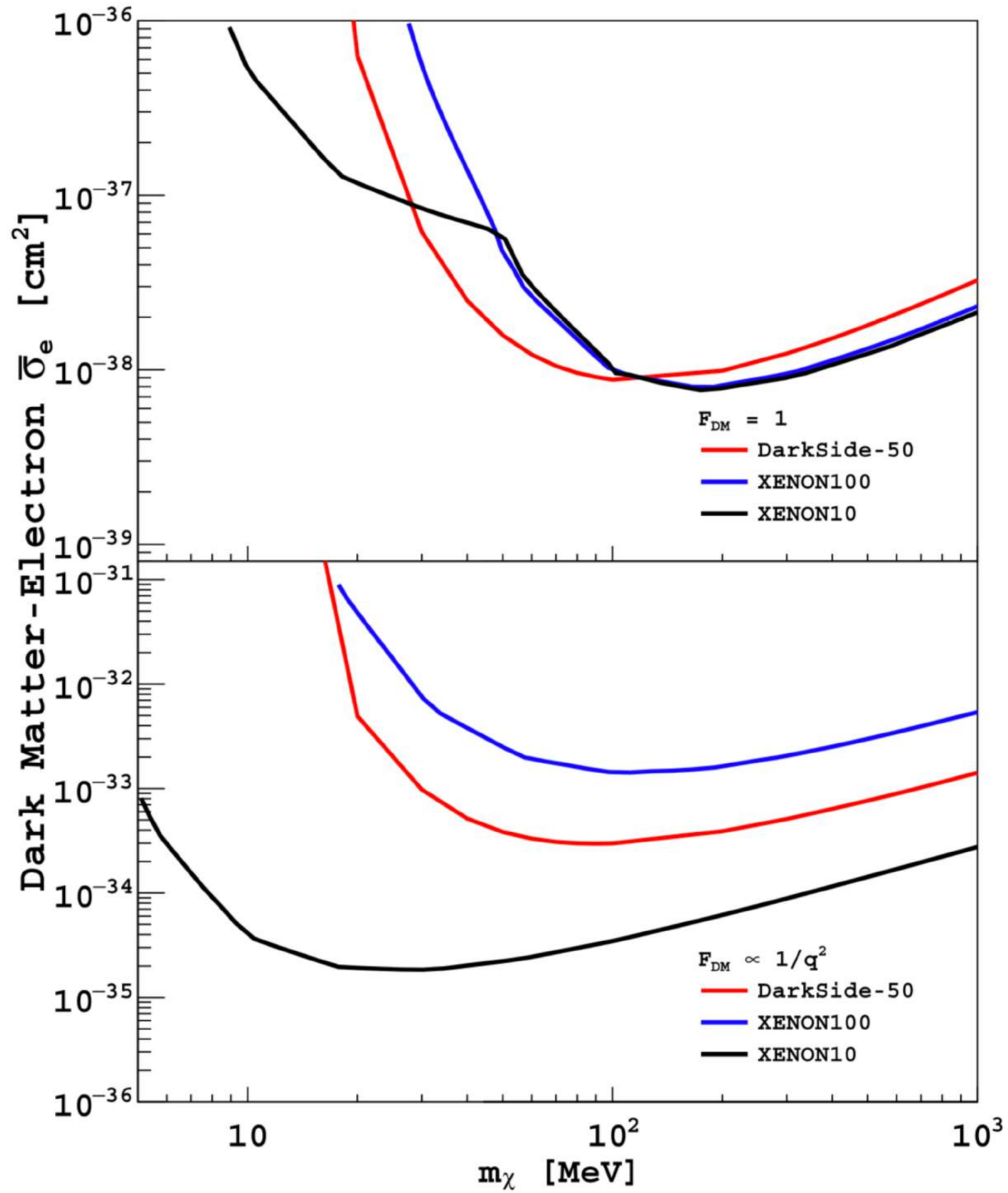


DM-electron low-mass



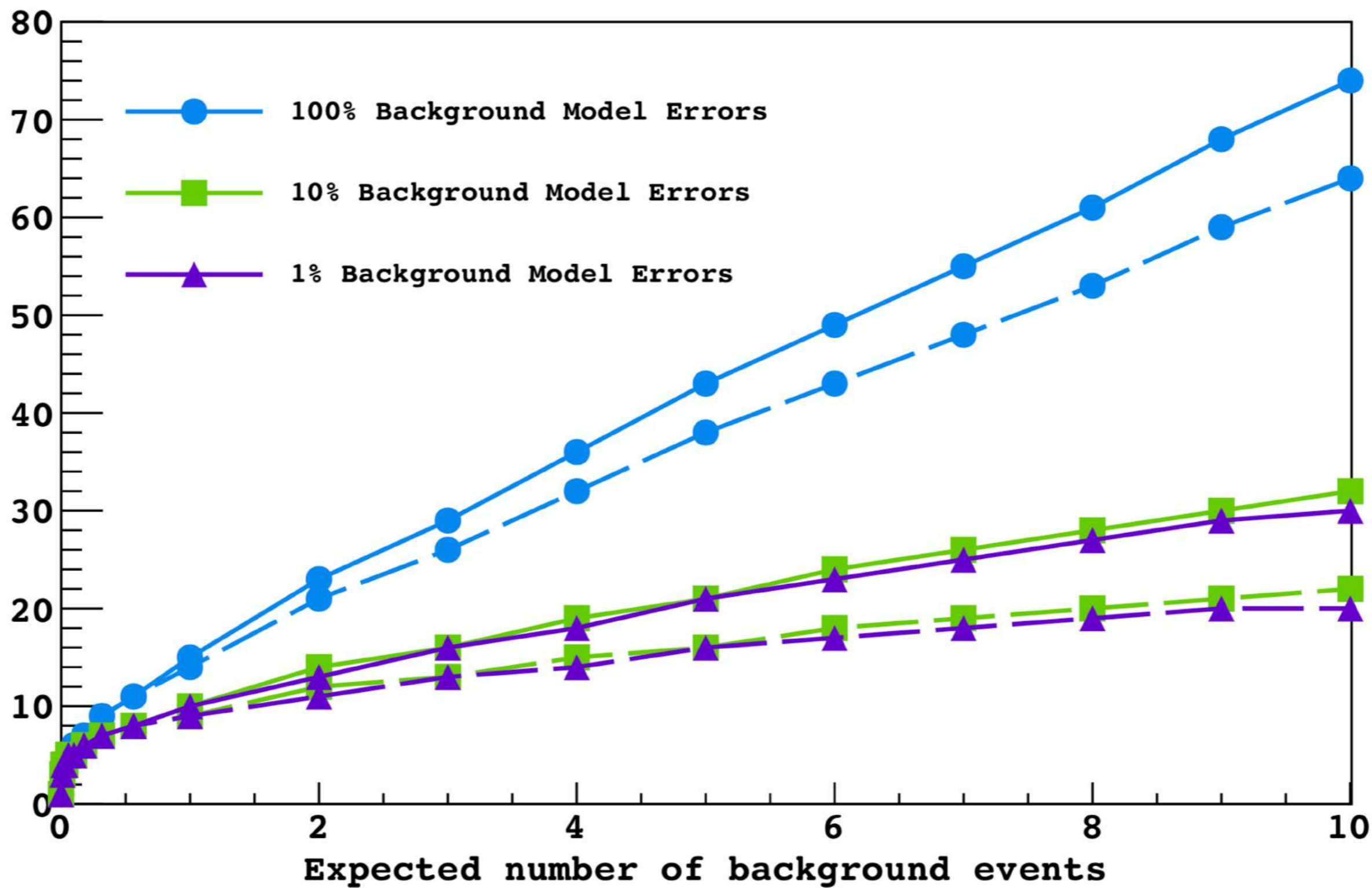






Search for high-mass DM: DarkSide-20k and beyond The GADMC Collaboration

Number of WIMP-like events needed



“Zero Background” condition
(<0.1 background events)
necessary to conduct
discovery program



(New) Argon Collaboration

Researchers from



planning to collaborate on future program:

- Completion of current science and R&D programs by each collaboration (DS-50, DEAP-3600, MiniCLEAN, ArDM)
- Joint collaboration on DS-20K at LNGS, including Low Radioactivity Argon (operation starting 2021) and SiPM photodetectors
- Joint collaboration on future multi-hundred-tonne LAr detector, site TBD (mid-2020's)

Letter of Intent

September 8, 2017

Rev B

Scientists at LNGS, LSC, and SNOLAB are joining in an international effort to mount a phased argon dark matter program with the goal of being sensitive to the neutrino floor. This effort will include a broad collaboration of scientists and will represent the global community for dark matter searches with argon. This letter is an update of a previous communication dating June 2017, which detailed the first conception of the program; this letter was expanded to capture the intent of all institutions and scientists participating in the program.

In this document, the undersigned representatives of groups working on argon dark matter searches, including Brazilian, Canadian, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Italian, Mexican, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Swiss, US, and UK groups among others, memorialize their intent to form a Global Argon Dark Matter Collaboration to carry out a program for direct dark matter searches, consisting of two main elements.

The first element of the program is the DarkSide-20k experiment at LNGS, whose science goal is to perform a dark matter search with an exposure of 100 tonne·yr of low-radioactivity underground argon (the low intrinsic background, free from any background other than that induced by atmospheric neutrinos, may also permit a 200 tonne·yr exposure for extended operation). This detector will be competitive with next generation liquid xenon dark matter searches at high WIMPs masses and will be built in time to start data taking by 2021.



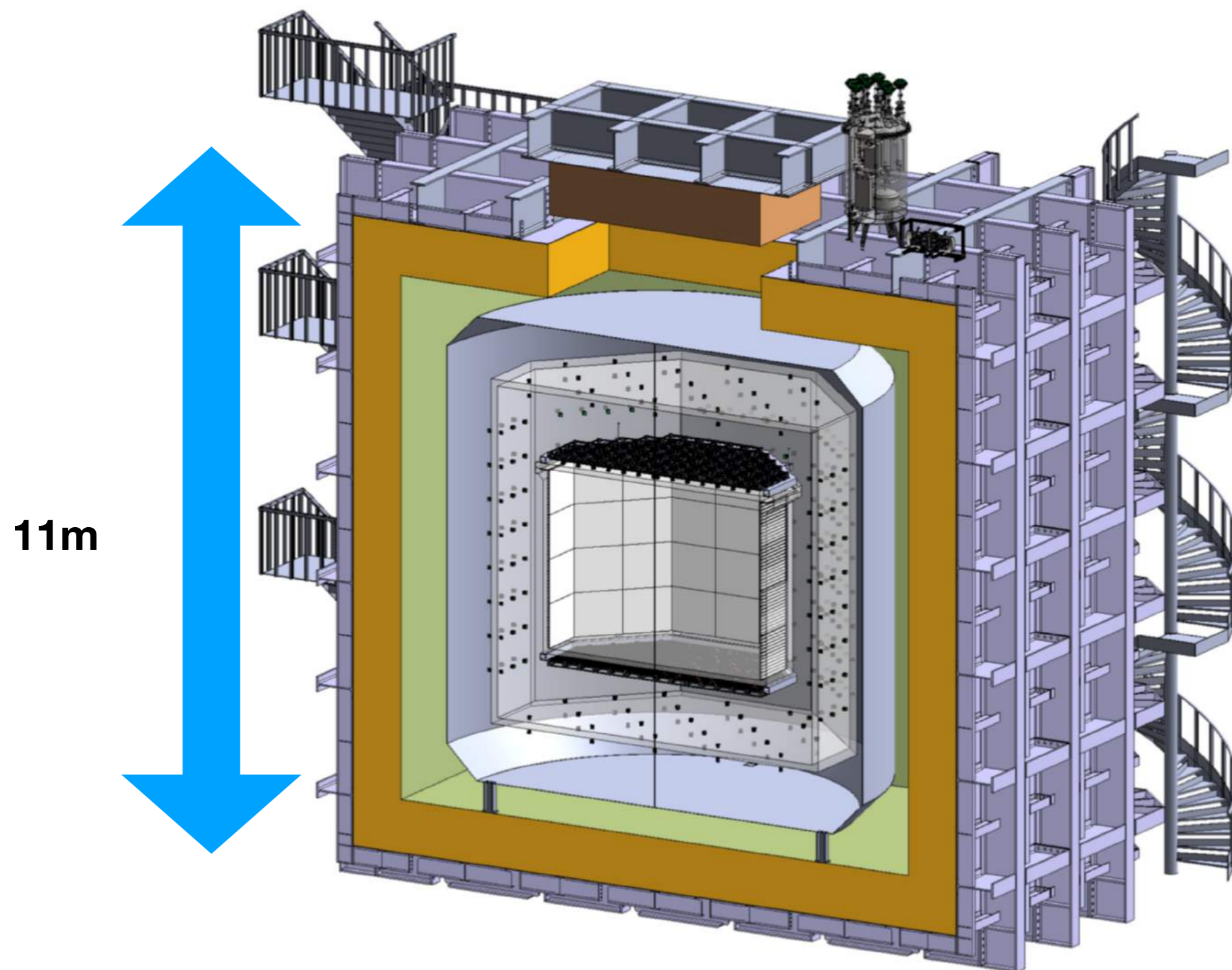
Deep underground laboratory support for global collaboration towards discovery of dark matter utilising liquid argon detectors.

To whom it may concern;

As hosts of the existing operational liquid argon direct dark matter detectors, and as proponents and supporters of the Underground-GRI initiative, the LNGS, SNOLAB and LSC deep underground research facilities are pleased to recognize the collaborative developments within the global liquid argon dark matter community. The DarkSide project at LNGS, the DEAP project at SNOLAB and the ArDM project at LSC are all developing new technologies and capabilities to search for WIMP dark matter, and are beginning to coalesce into one collaboration to develop future, larger generations of liquid argon direct dark matter detectors. We encourage and support the development of this global community, with a focus on the development of DarkSide-20k at LNGS in the first instance, and a larger detector at a location to be determined from scientific requirements, in the future. Using available assay and research infrastructure, the three deep underground research facilities will support the activities and development of the various generations of liquid argon detectors.

**No liquid scintillator allowed
anymore in LNGS:
how to do the experiment?
How to reach $<0.1\text{n}/100\text{ty}$?**

NEW CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

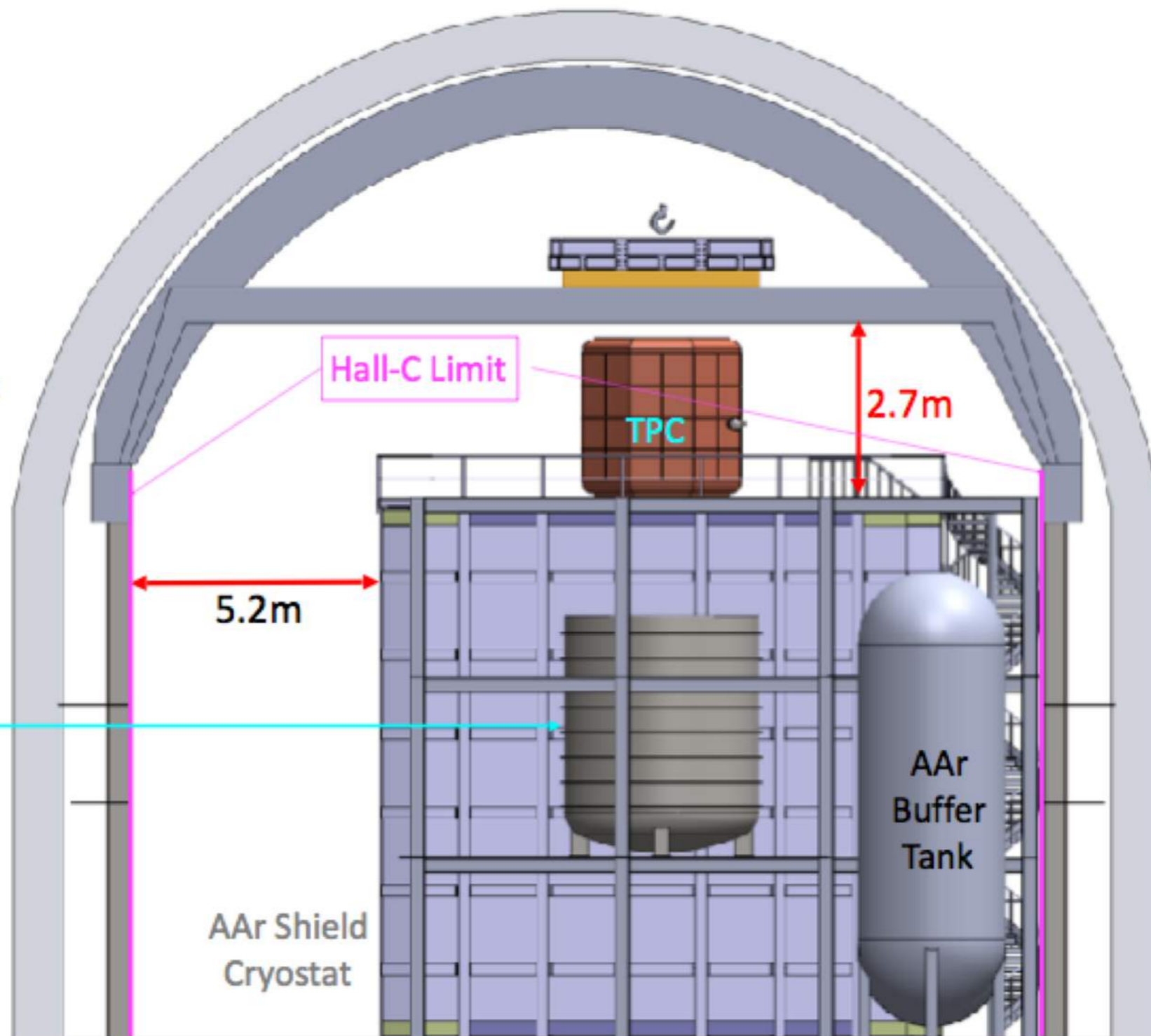


Allows a straightforward scale-up to the 300t detector

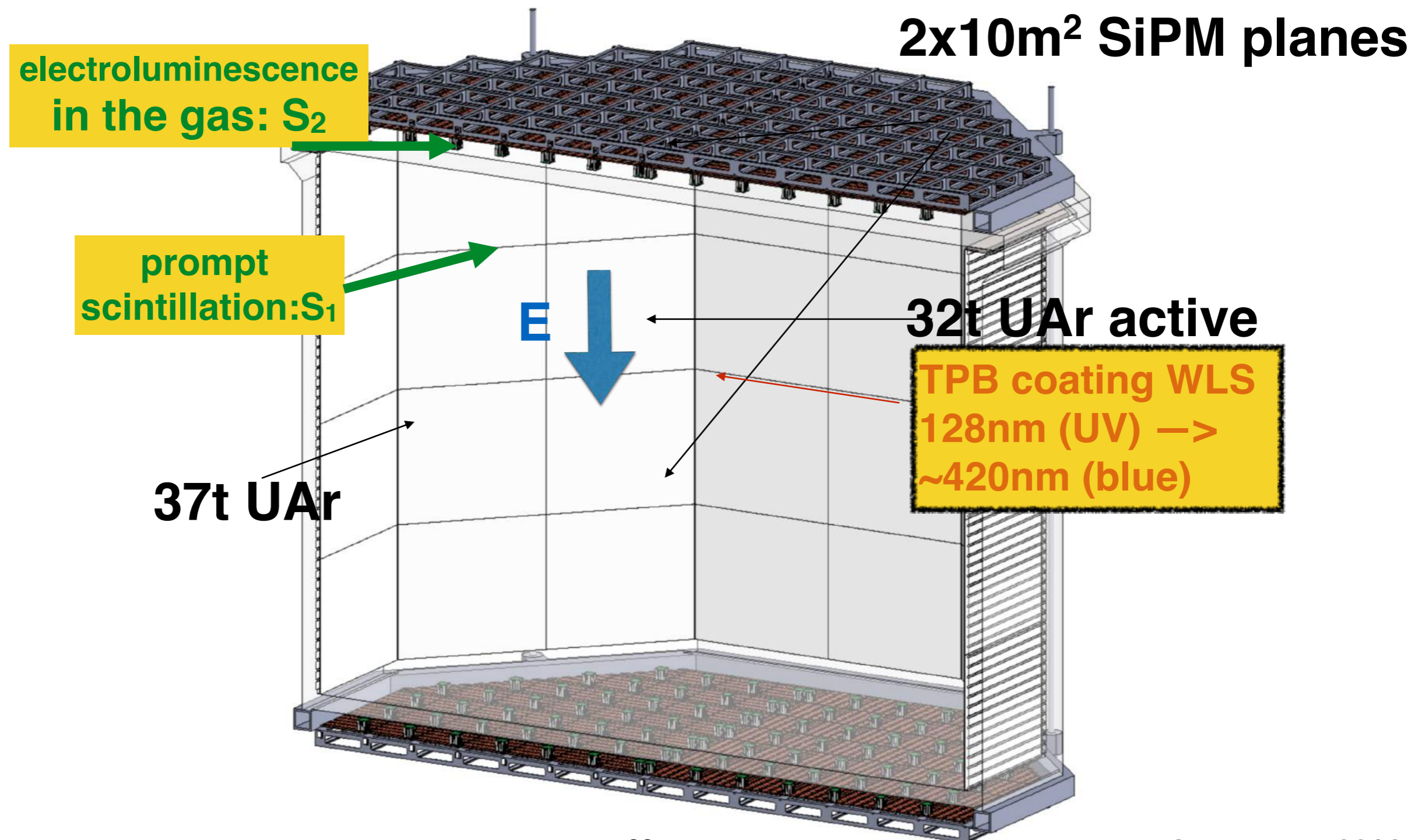
DarkSide-20k Inner Detector include TPC and UAr Cryogenics System

Relative sizing of
the
DarkSide-20k
system in Hall-C

Temporary
TPC Test
Dewar

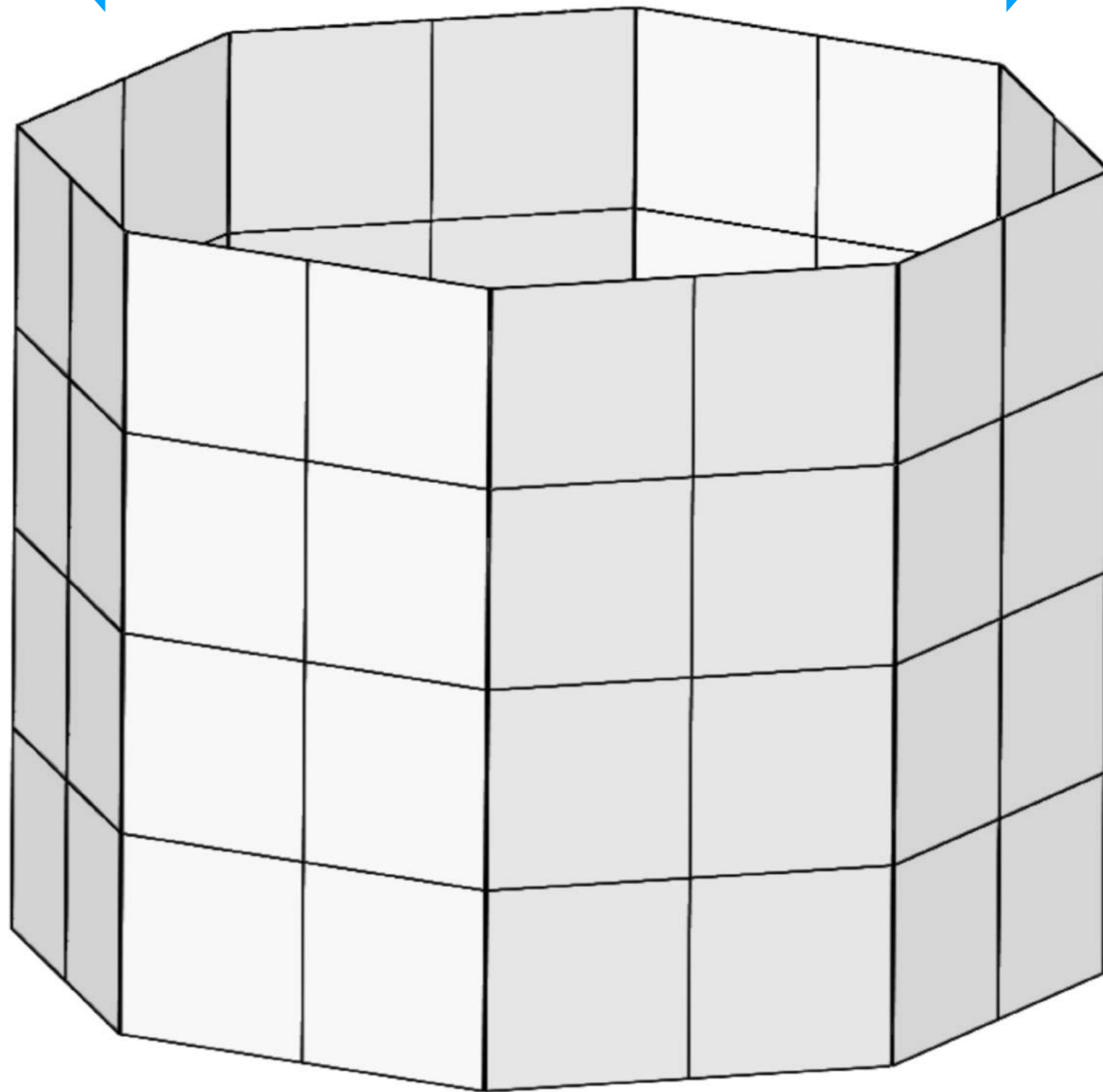



The DarkSide-20k TPC

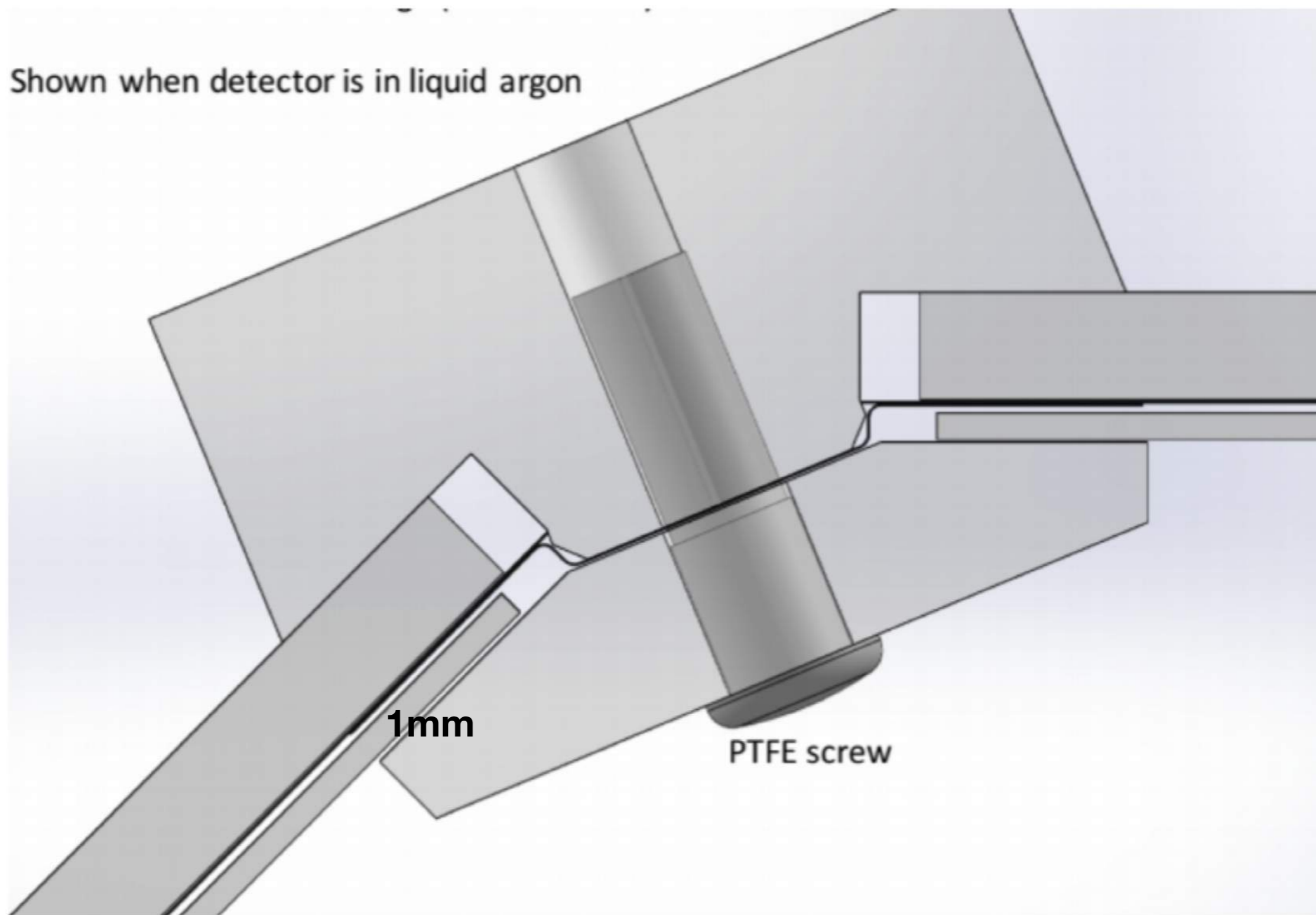


2.6m

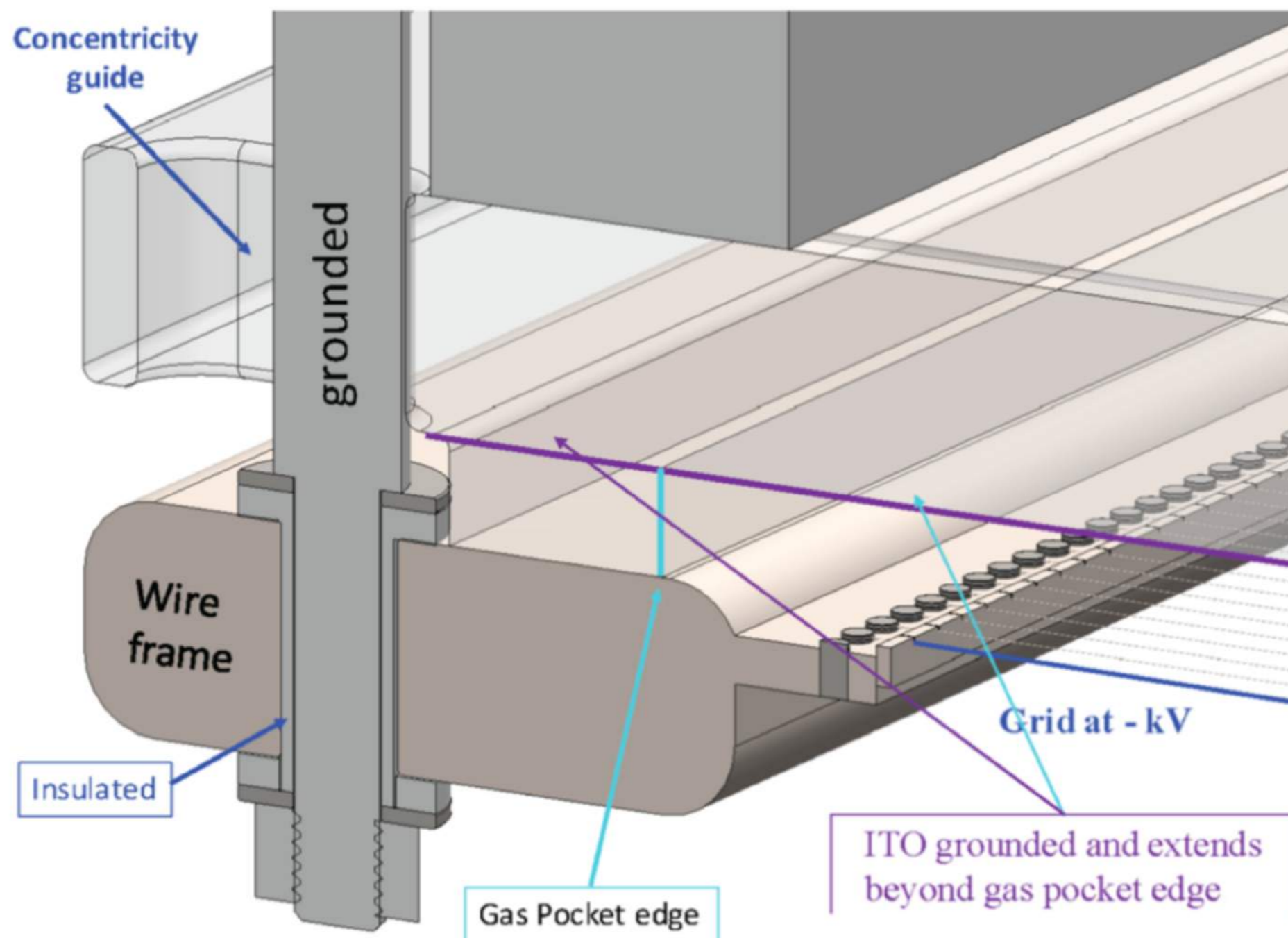
3.5m



Shown when detector is in liquid argon

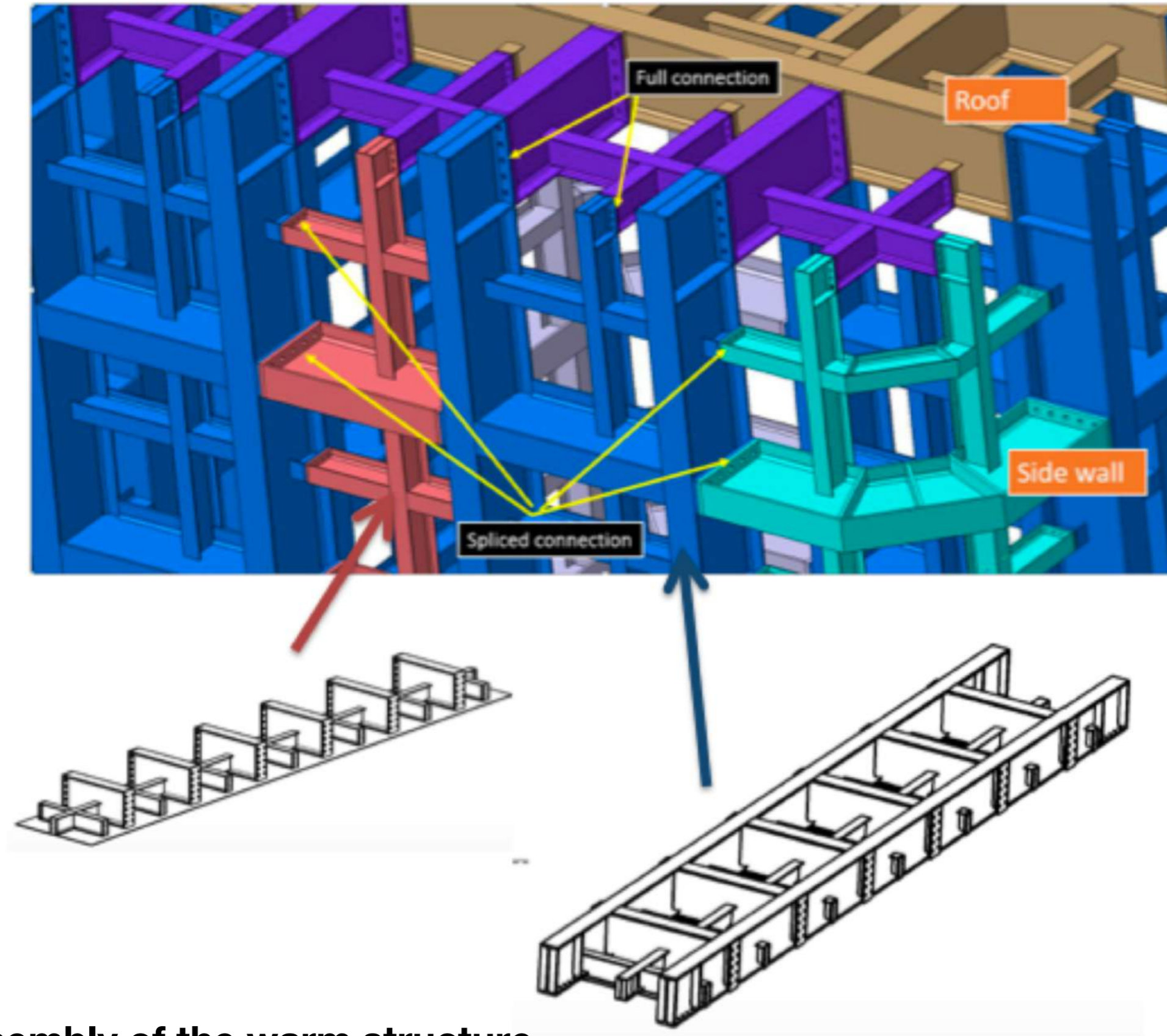


ESR 65um

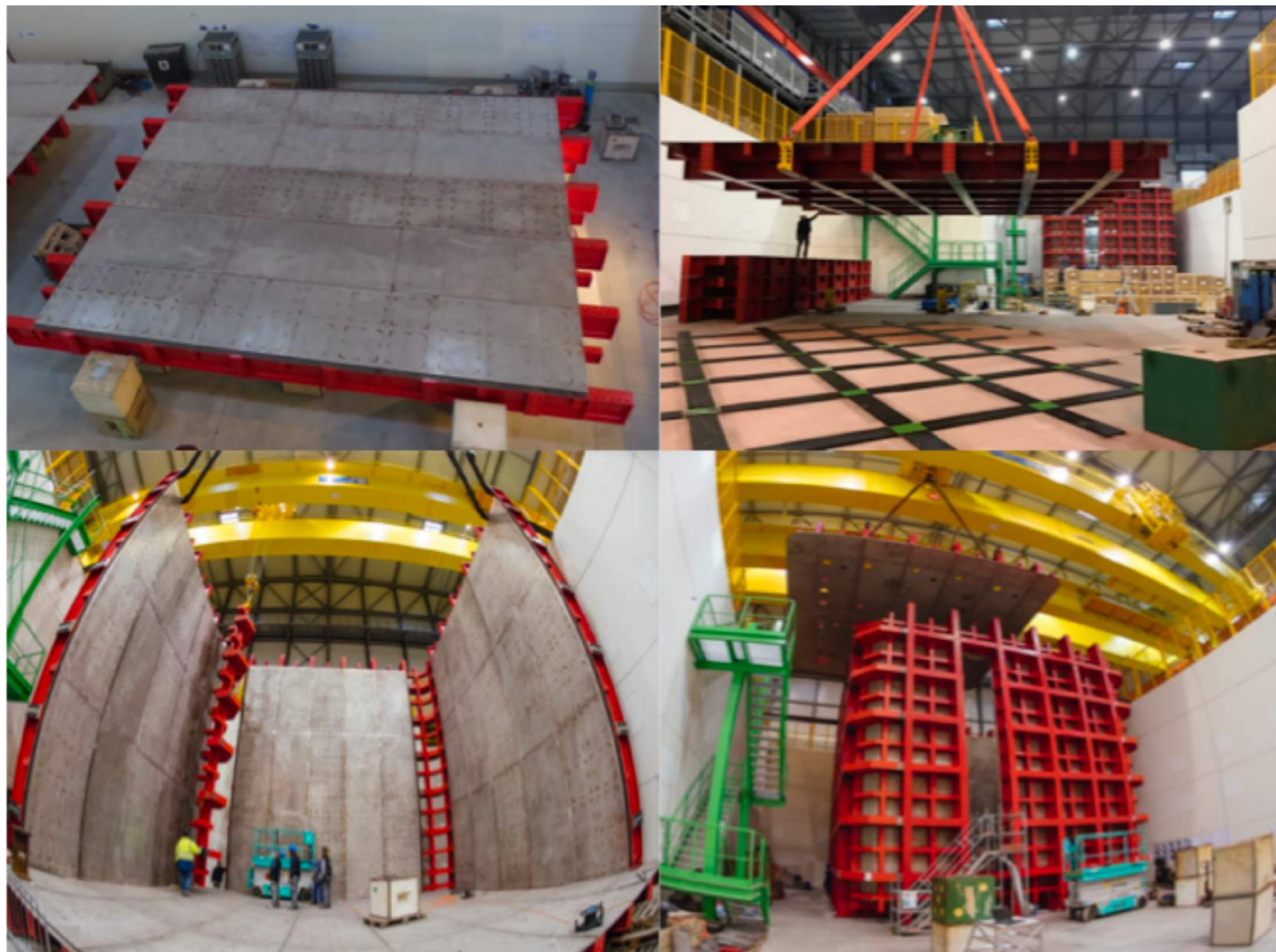


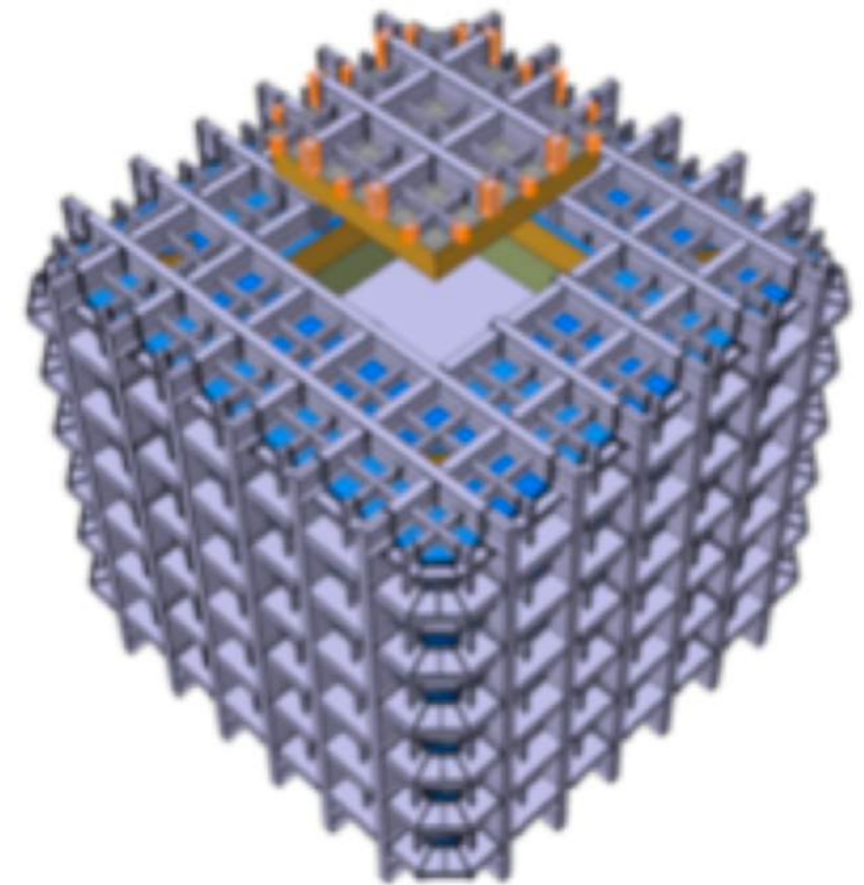
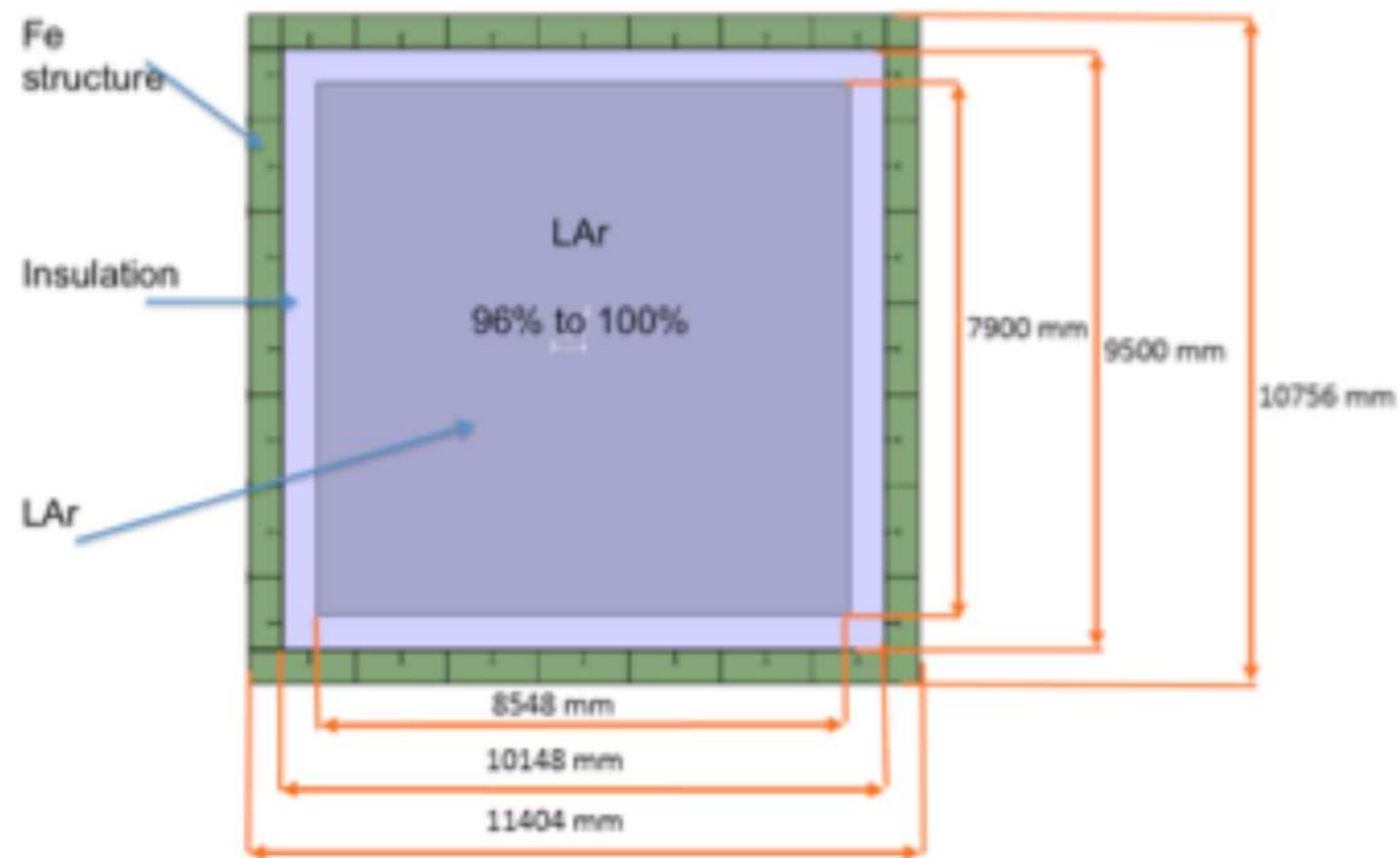
ITO
+
TPB



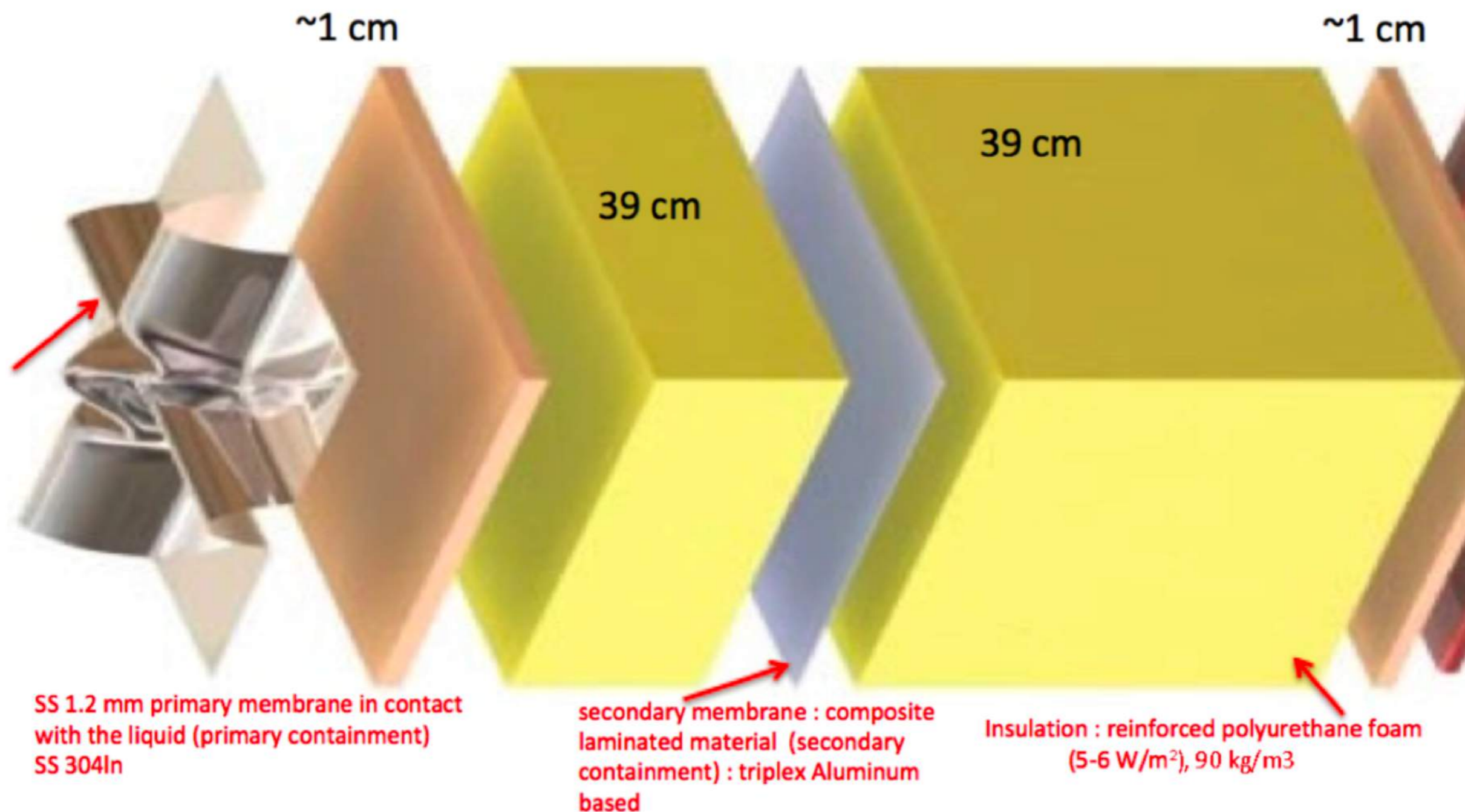


Assembly of the warm structure



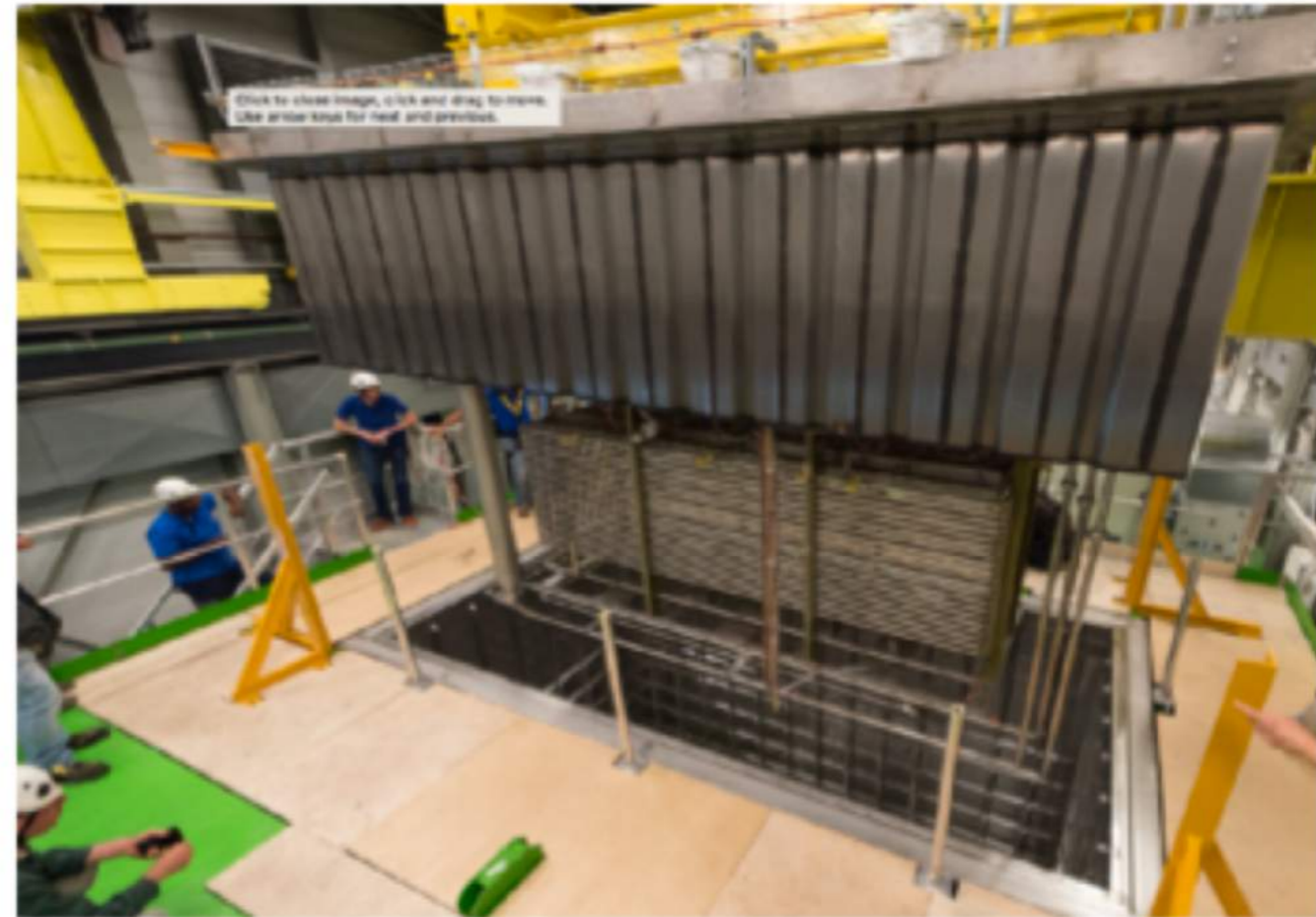
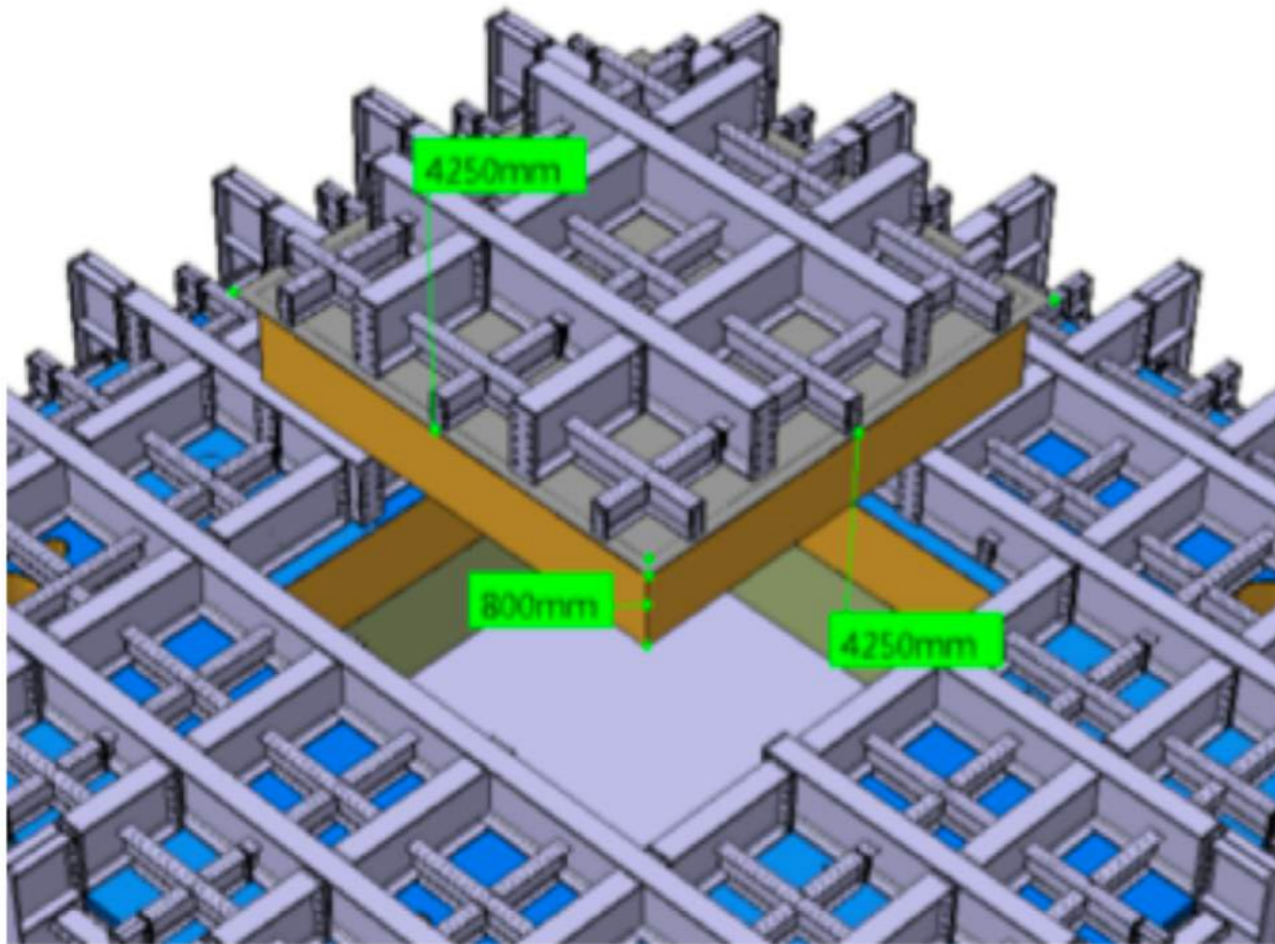


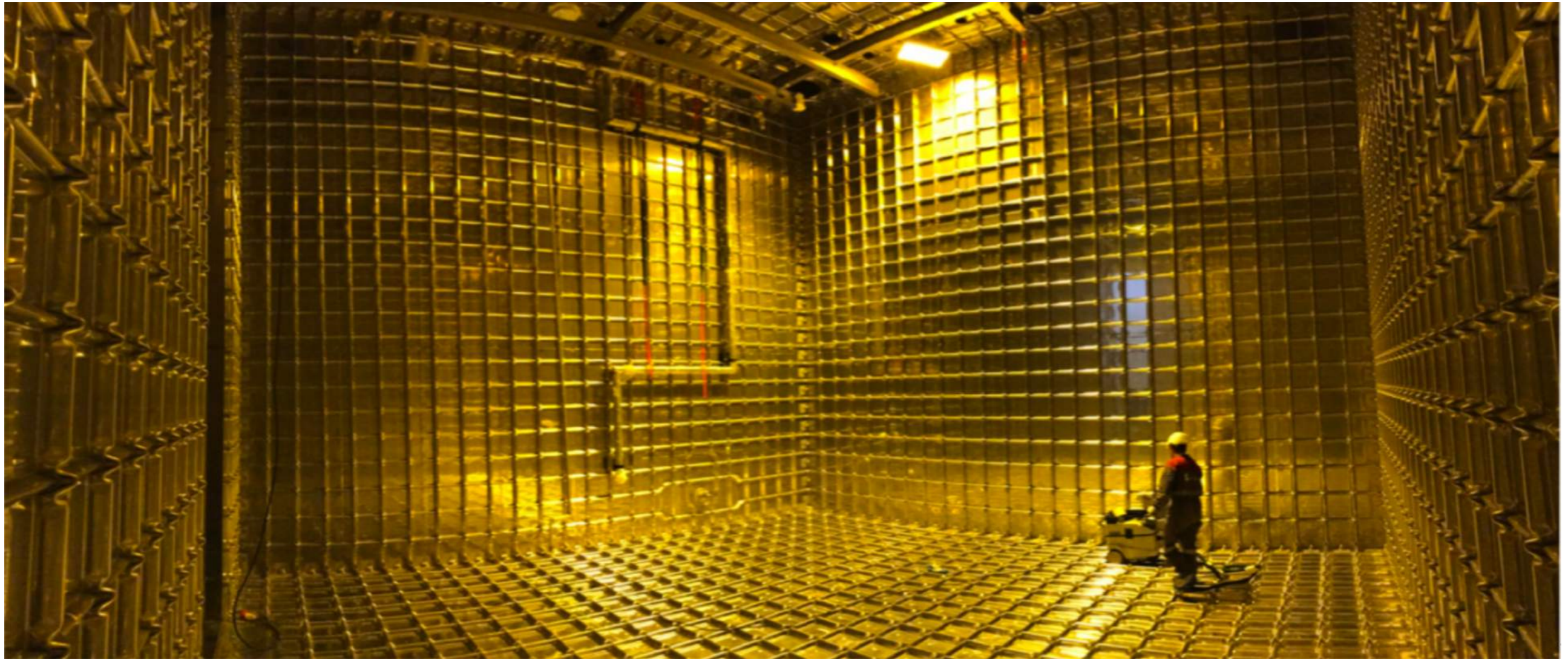
GTT technology – Collaboration agreement with CERN

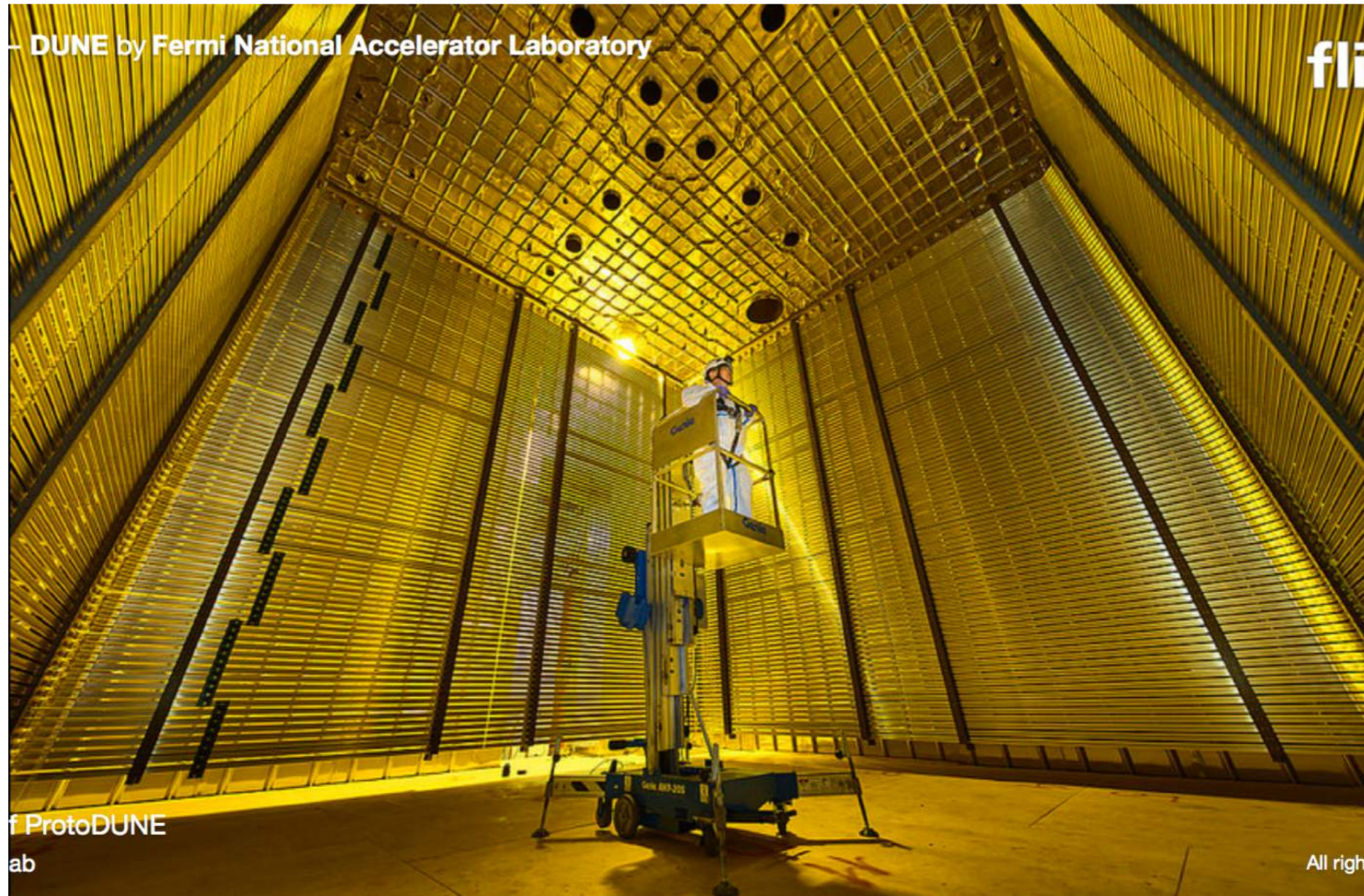


Foam and corrugated membrane produced in South Korea

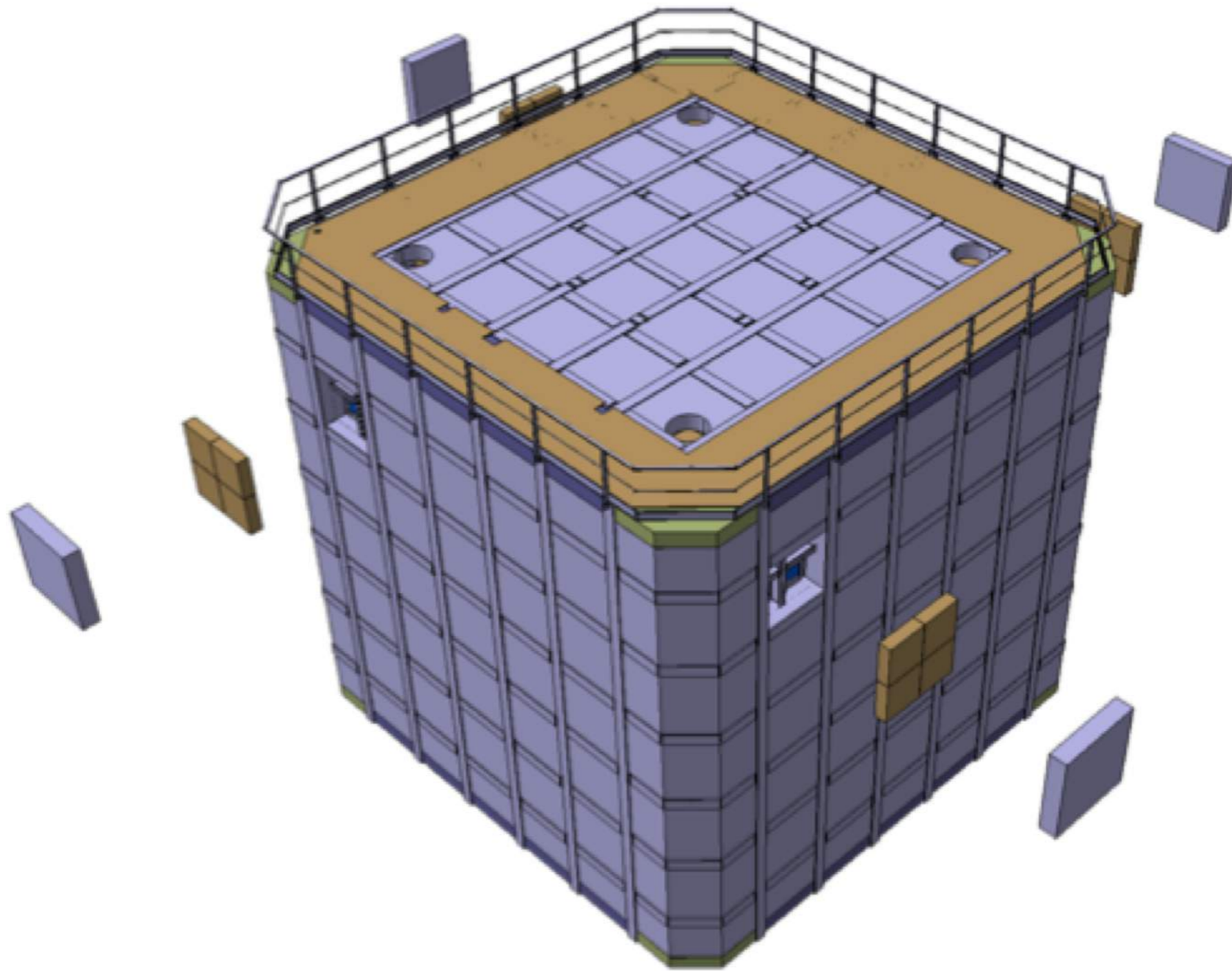
<6.3W/m²













First particle tracks seen in prototype for international neutrino experiment

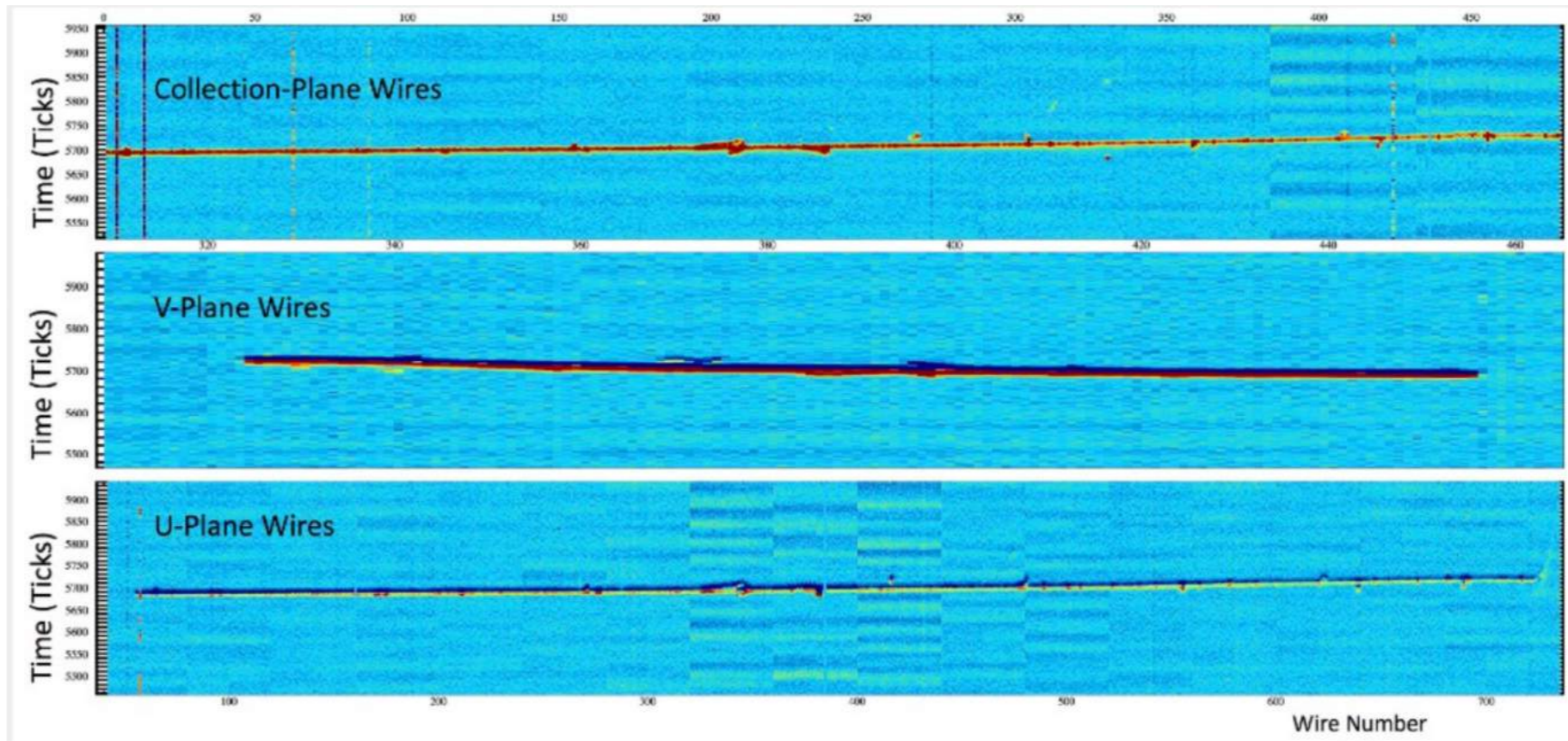
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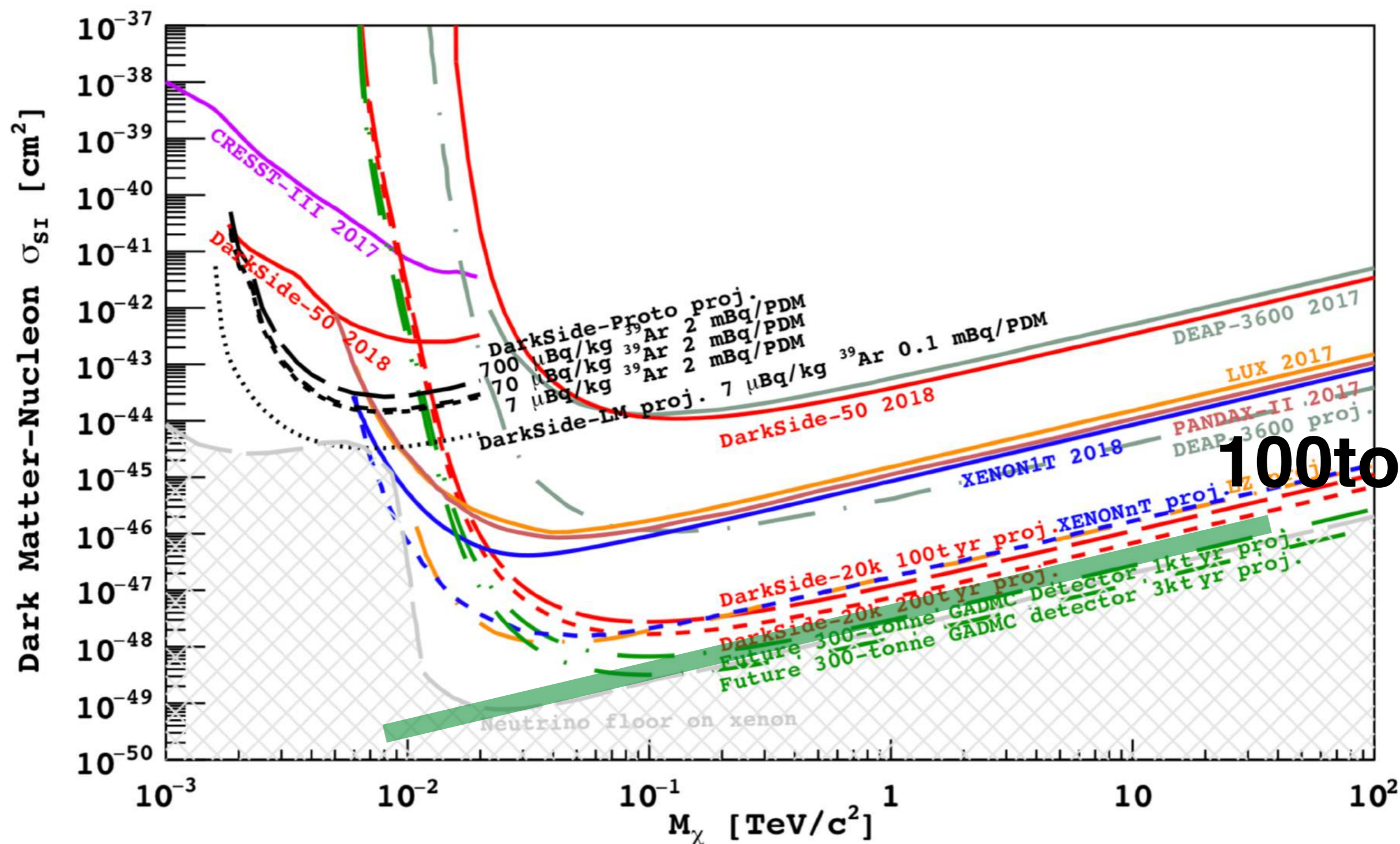
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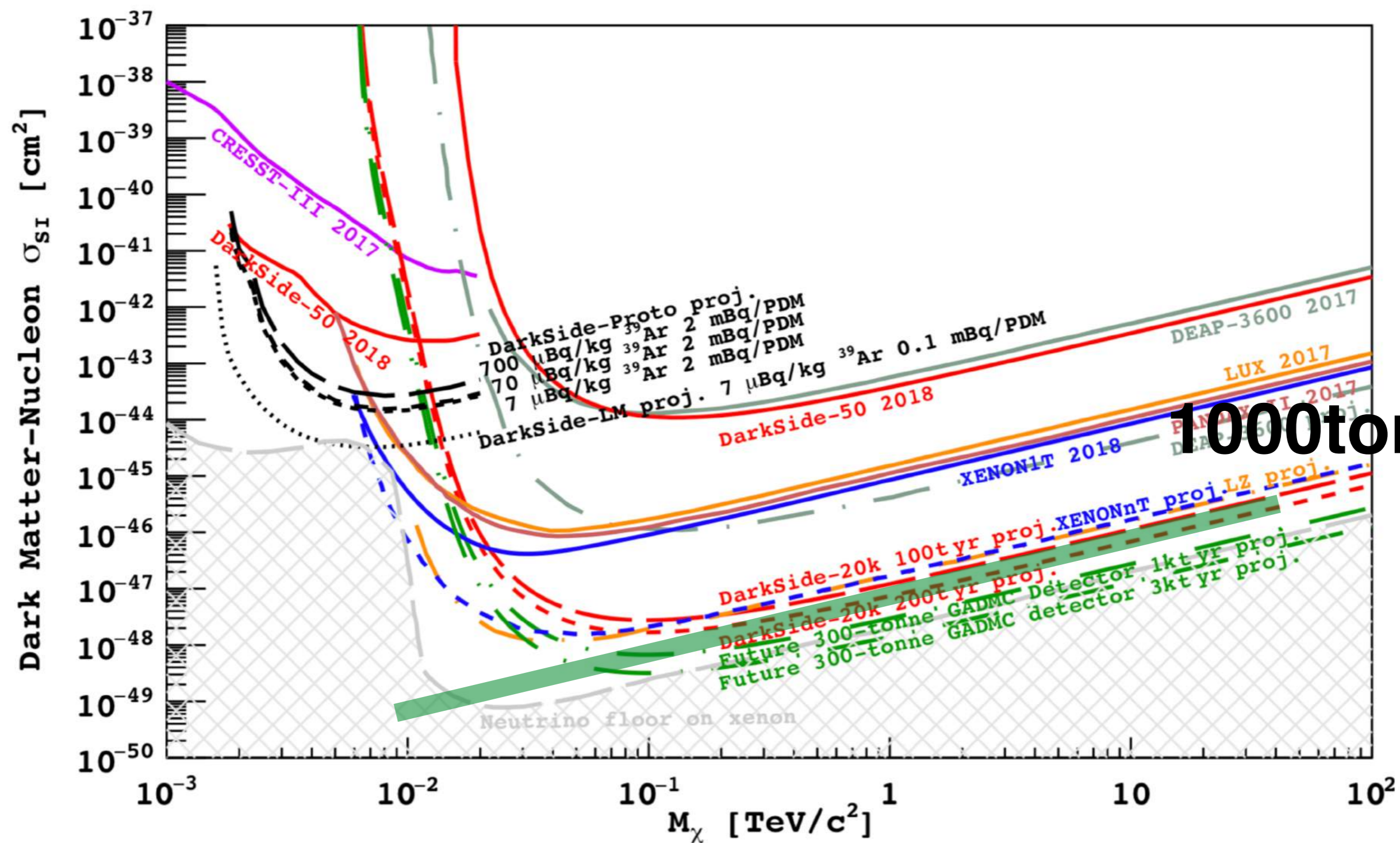
CERN

CERN and Fermilab announce big step in Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment





Scaling to large masses —> background suppression capability: argon is very well suited to this due to PulseShapeDiscrimination (PSD) capability

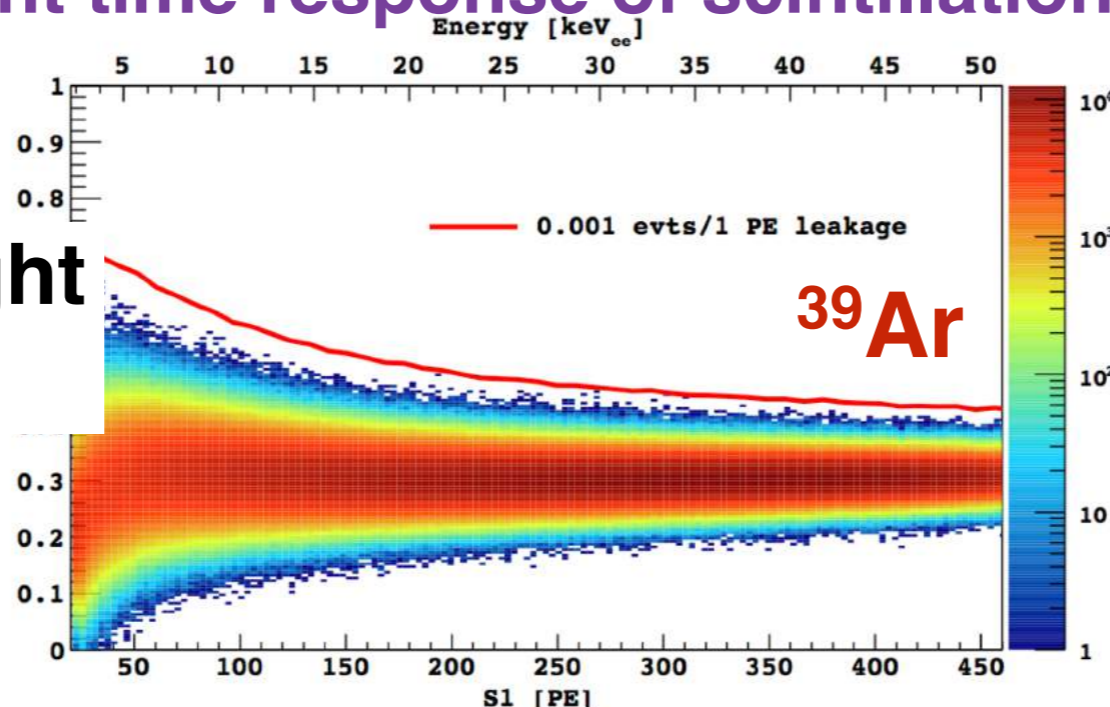


Backgrounds to DM search: e- recoils and nuclear recoils

For Ar detectors the dominant e- recoil background is due to the cosmogenic ^{39}Ar , with atmospheric or natural Ar having a radioactivity of 1 Bq/Kg

To reject e- background PulseShapeDiscrimination (PSD) is used based on different time response of scintillation to e- and nuclear recoils

fraction of S1 light
in 200ns

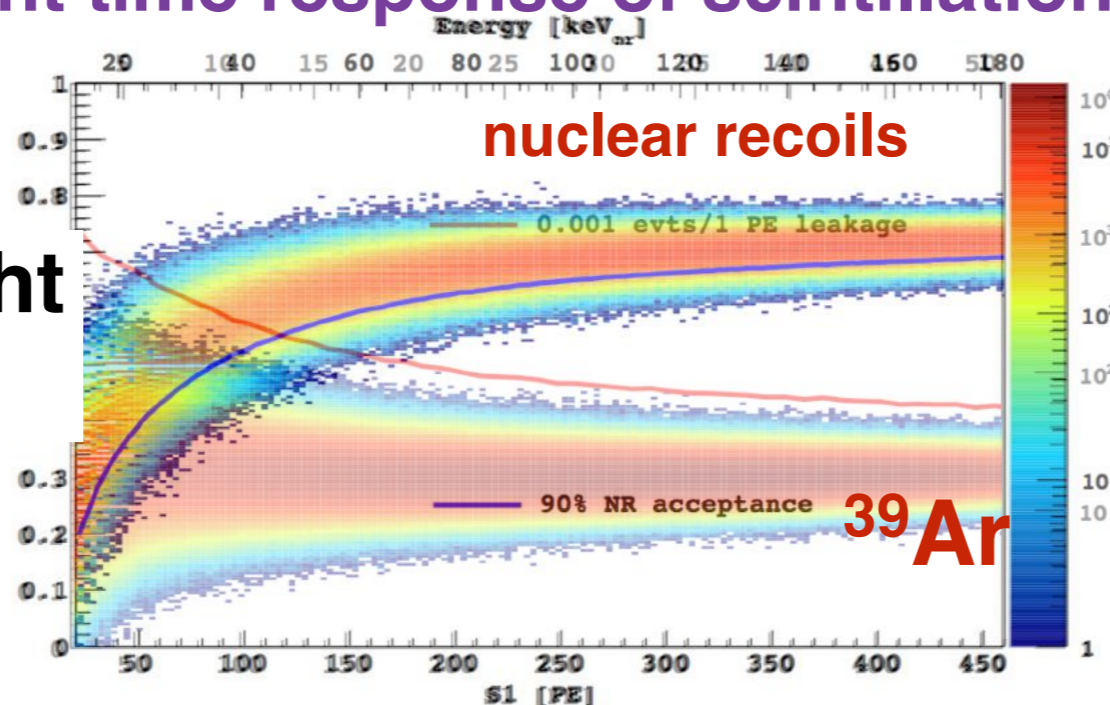


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DarkSide-20k
10p.e./KeV

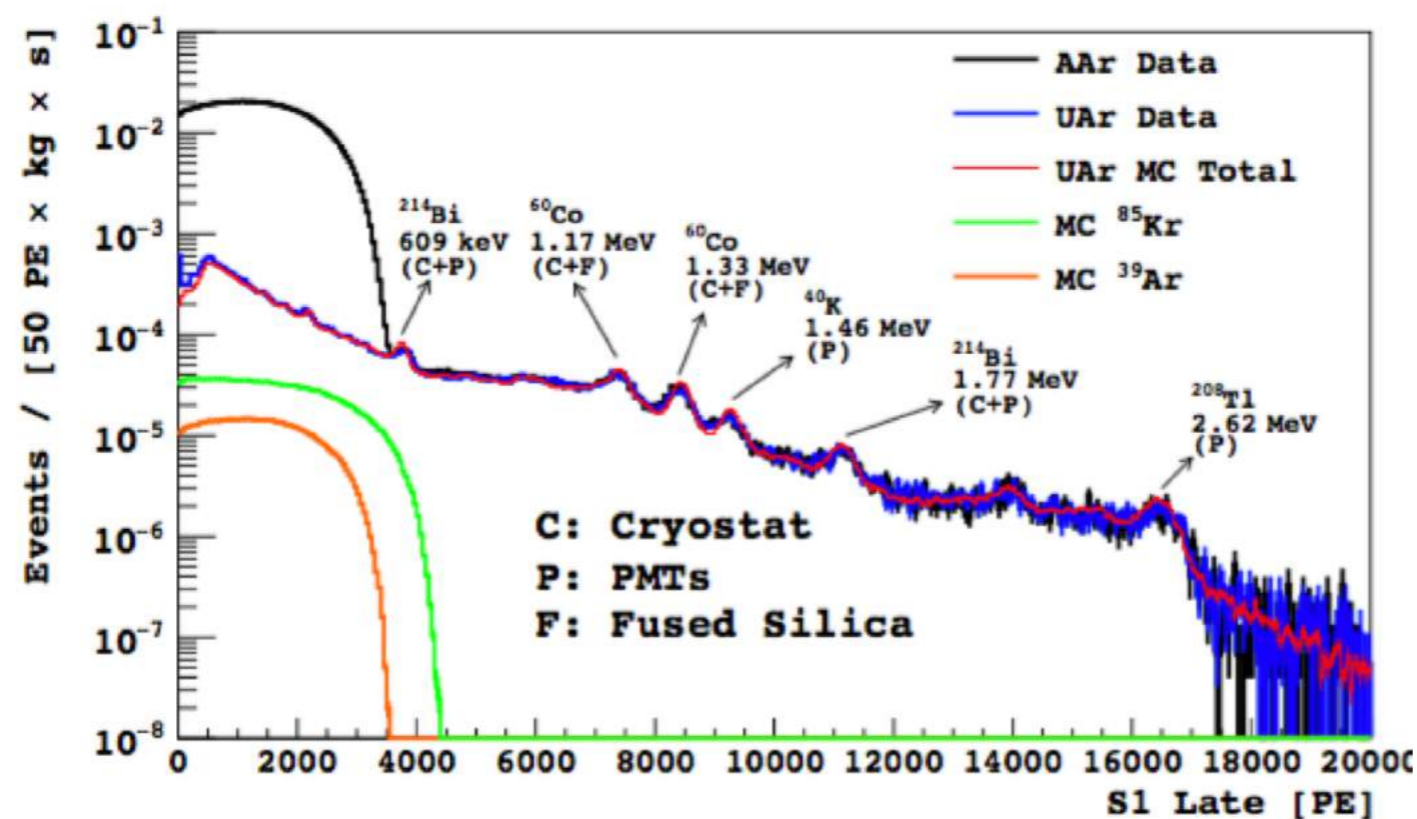
Two crucial technologies

Liquid argon target depleted in the radioactive ^{39}Ar , with respect to the 1Bq/Kg of the atmospheric argon (AAr)

- > allows to keep PSD thresholds low
- > mandatory to reduce pile-up for dual phase argon detectors above the few 100Kg,

Cryogenic SiPMs replacing PMTs

- > higher light yield (#PE/KeV), essential to keep PSD threshold low, low cost for large areas, very low dark noise, very low radioactivity background (with radio-pure substrates), long term stability



For DarkSide-50, about 70Kg of underground argon (UAr) were extracted with a pilot plant

UAr vs AAr in DS-50: $(0.73 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-3} \text{Bq/Kg}$ vs 1Bq/Kg



The argon path

The Urania project@Kinder Morgan Doe Canyon Facility, CORTEZ,CO (USA)

extraction of 50t of UAr from CO₂
deep wells where cosmic rays
hardly make any ³⁹Ar

Starting from 95% CO₂ and
440ppm of UAr!

New plant, funded, under tendering



The Aria project: includes regional funds from Sardinia, Italy

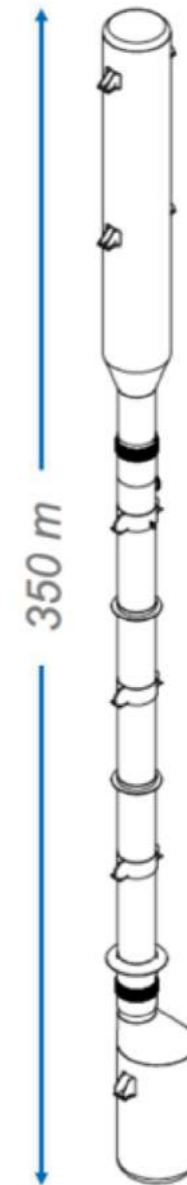
^{39}Ar isotopic separation with cryogenic distillation \rightarrow factor 10 suppression per pass (from UAr to DAr)

CarboSulcis mine in

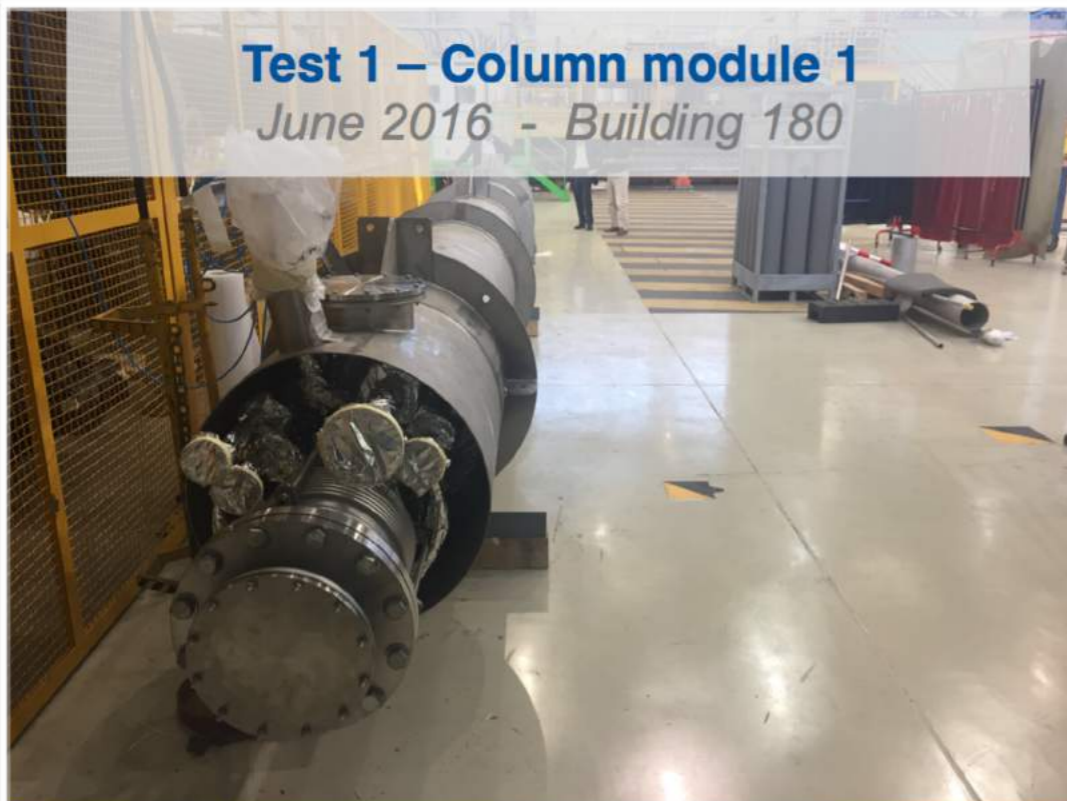
Nuraxi-Figus

The Seruci-I column:

350m height, 30cm diameter



Test 1 – Column module 1
June 2016 - Building 180



Test 2 – Top&Bottom
August 2016 - Building SMI2



ARIA at CERN



Test 3 – Bottom cryo test
March 2017 - Building 185

CERN : leak tests

**first step : installation and test of a
28m tall test column Seruci-0 in a
surface building at the mine**













For DarkSide-20k:

Seruci I → removal of chemical impurities to make the UAr detector grade with 2 passes at 1t/day with 85% recovery → inlet purity required by DS20k getters of order 0.25-1ppm

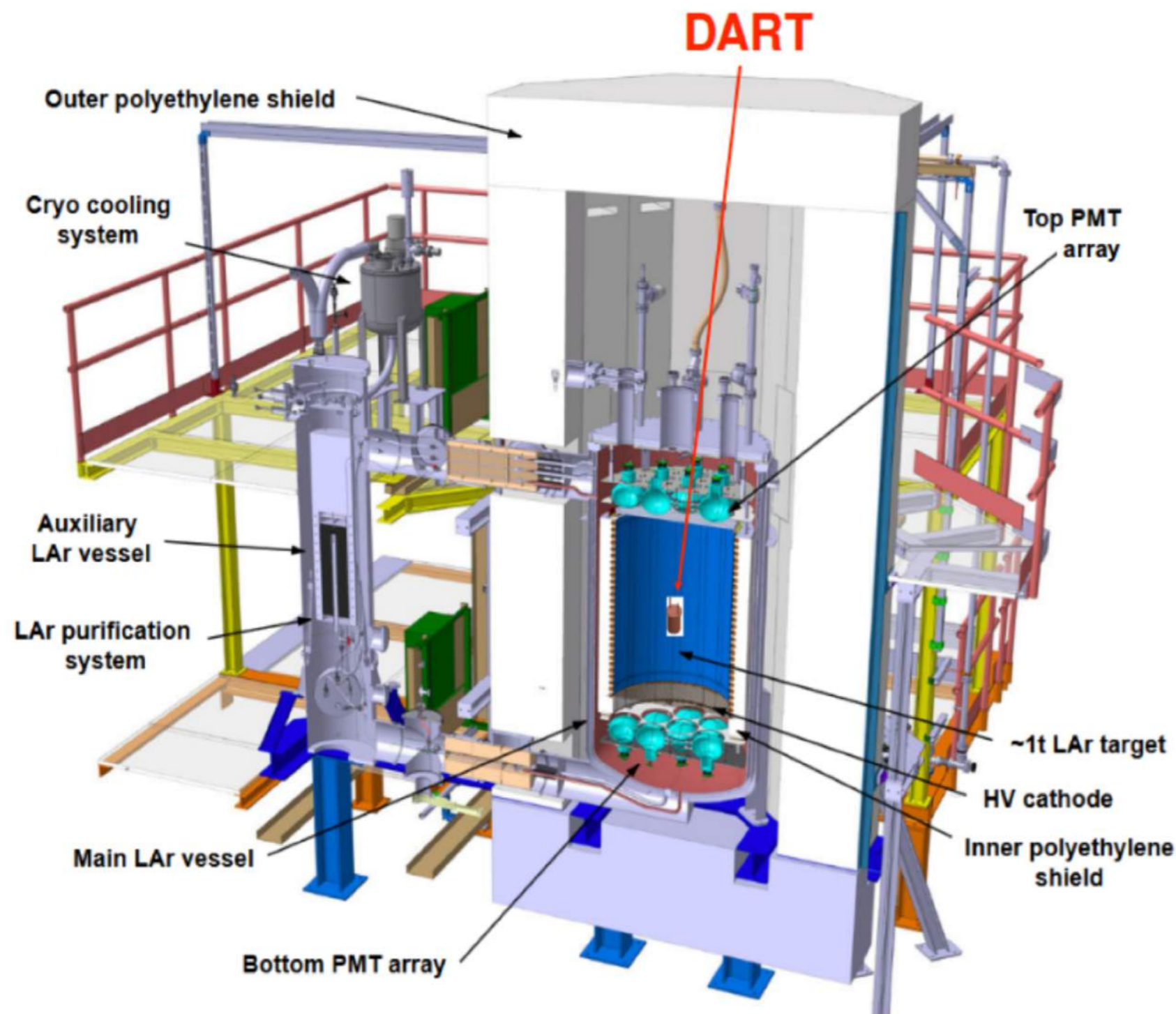
For DarkSide low-mass:

10Kg/day isotopic distillation of ^{39}Ar and chemical purification

A measuring device:

The measurement of ^{39}Ar content in the argon coming from Urania and Aria is planned with a specific innovative device named DART based on LAr active vetoing approach

EXPERIMENTAL SET-UP USING THE ARDM FACILITY



Insertion of active small chamber in ArDM. Use ArDM as veto(single phase).

Dissipated power and condensation heat to be absorbed by ArDM cryogenic system.

**At LSC
Spain**

3

A new SiPM production chain

NUV-HD-LF working at cryogenic temperatures

Low field SPADs, near UV (410nm) peak efficiency, 25 μ m cell size

Regional funds from Abruzzo, Italy—>

- SiPM large scale production at LFoundry, Avezzano (AQ) after successful R&D and design by FBK, Trento (TN)**
- NuovaOfficinaAssergi at LNGS for packaging and module assembly**

Summary of SiPM technologies produced by FBK used in DS 20k project

NUV-HD

(PDE peak at 410nm)

RGB-HD

(PDE peak at 560nm)

Other runs 2016/17

**NUV-HD
Triple Dose**

(Low AP at cryo-T,
high operating over-voltage)

DS NUV Run 2015/16

NUV-HD LF

(Low DCR, high $R_q \sim 10M\Omega$
at 77 K)

DS RGB Run 2015/16

RGB-HD LF

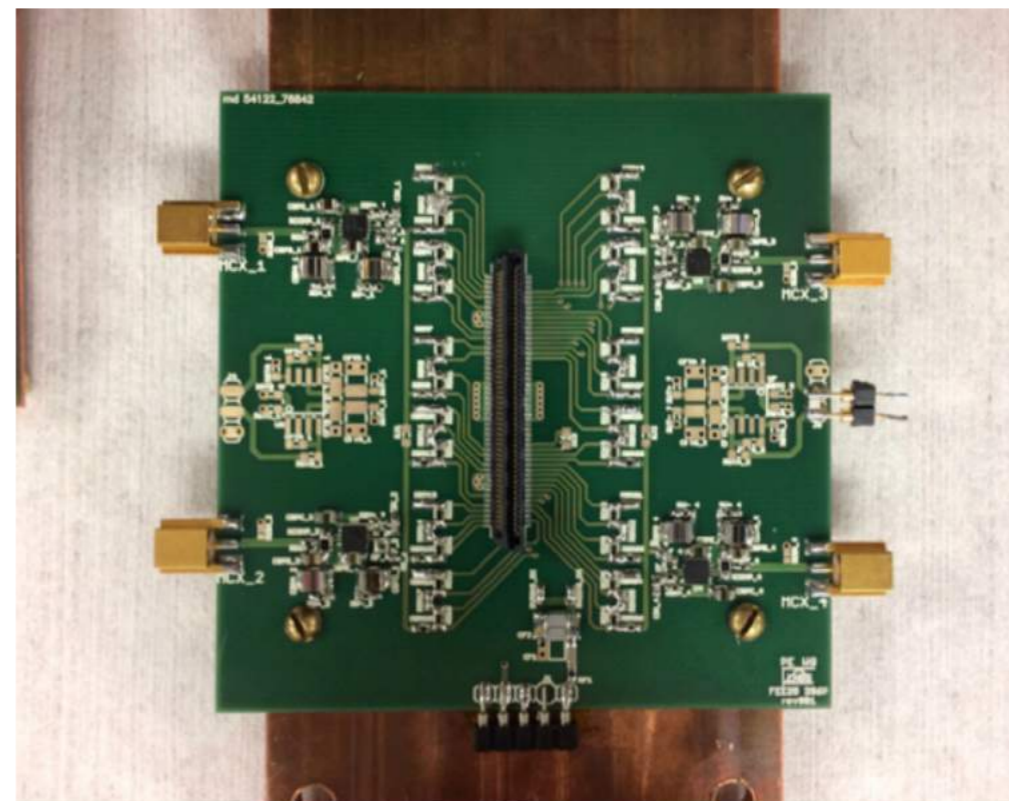
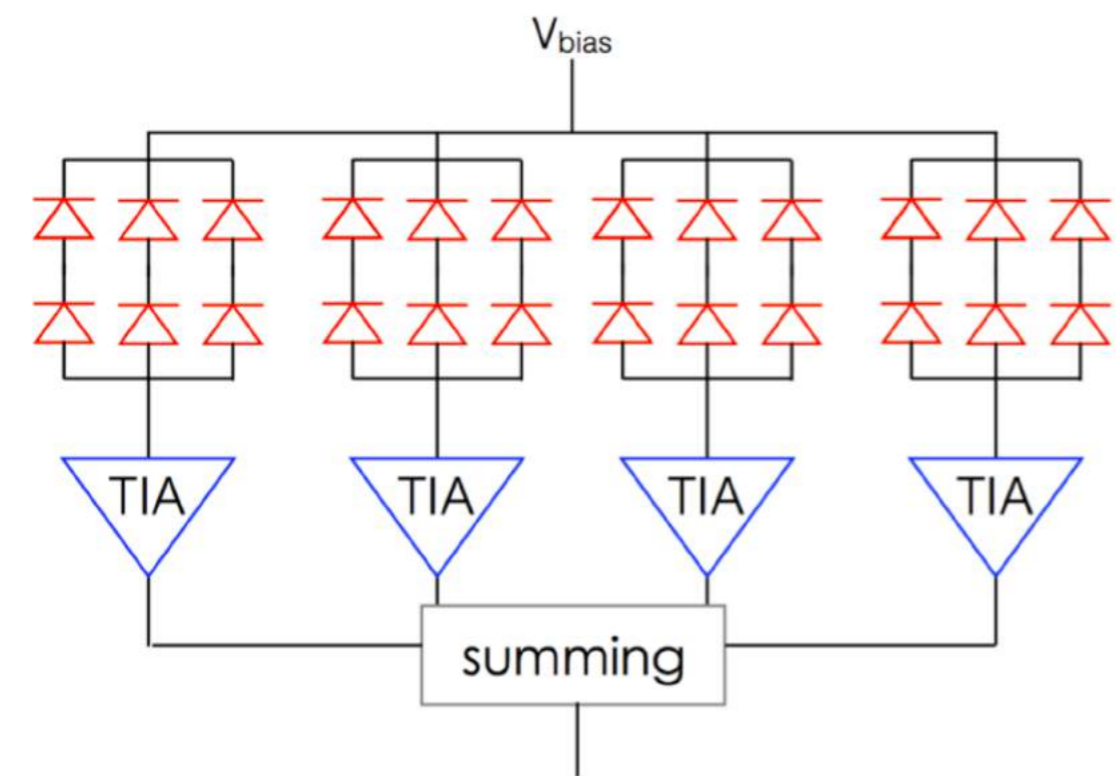


NEW !

DS Runs 1 to 3 2017/18

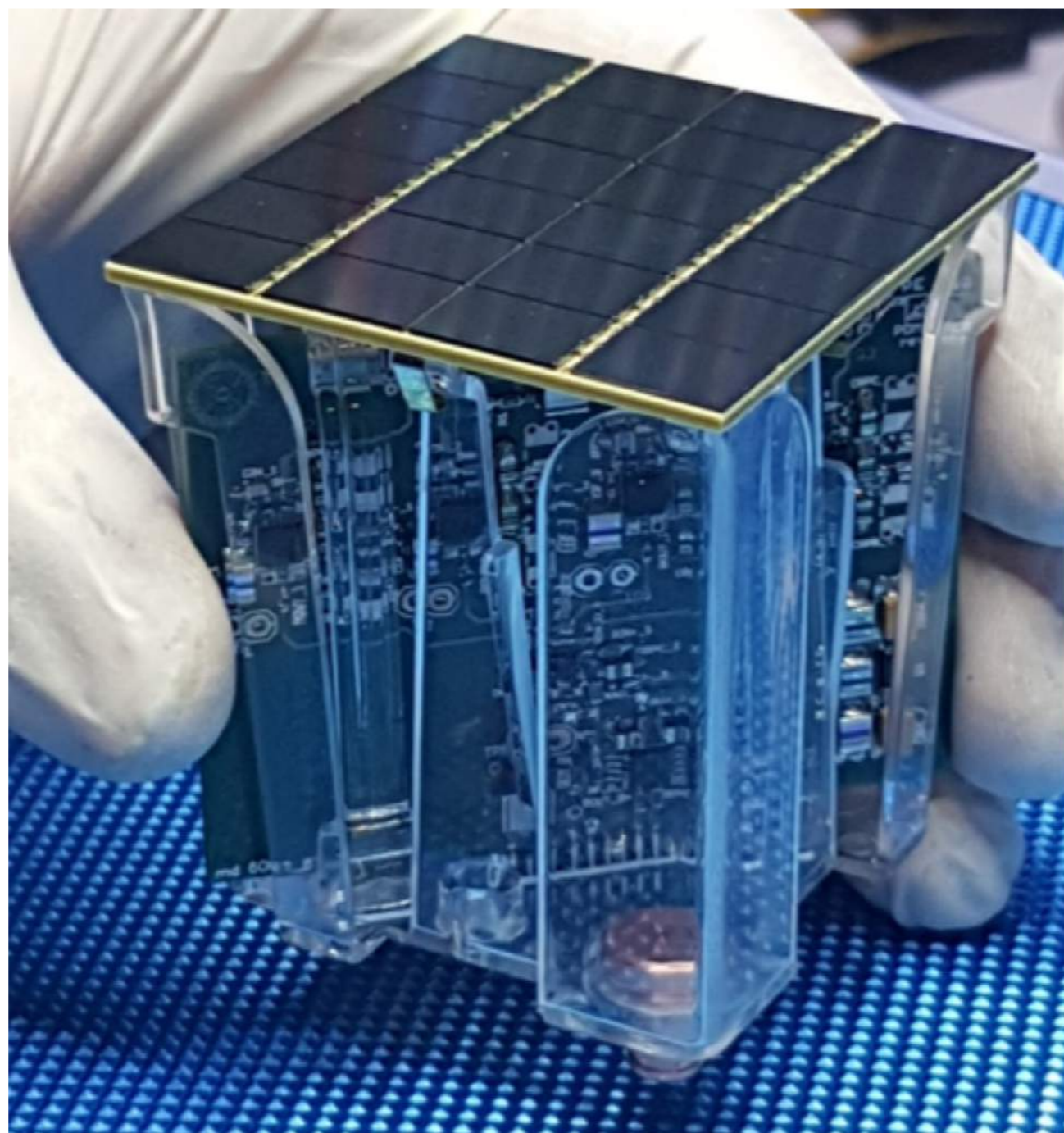
**NUV-HD LF
Triple Dose**

- Higher overvoltage
- Larger cells
- Lower value of quenching resistors



**The tile is readout by 4
TransImpedanceAmplifiers (large detector C
of 50 pF/mm²) with discrete components
mounted on radio-pure substrates**

24 cm² tiles equipped with 1x1cm² SiPMs fully working



Need 8280

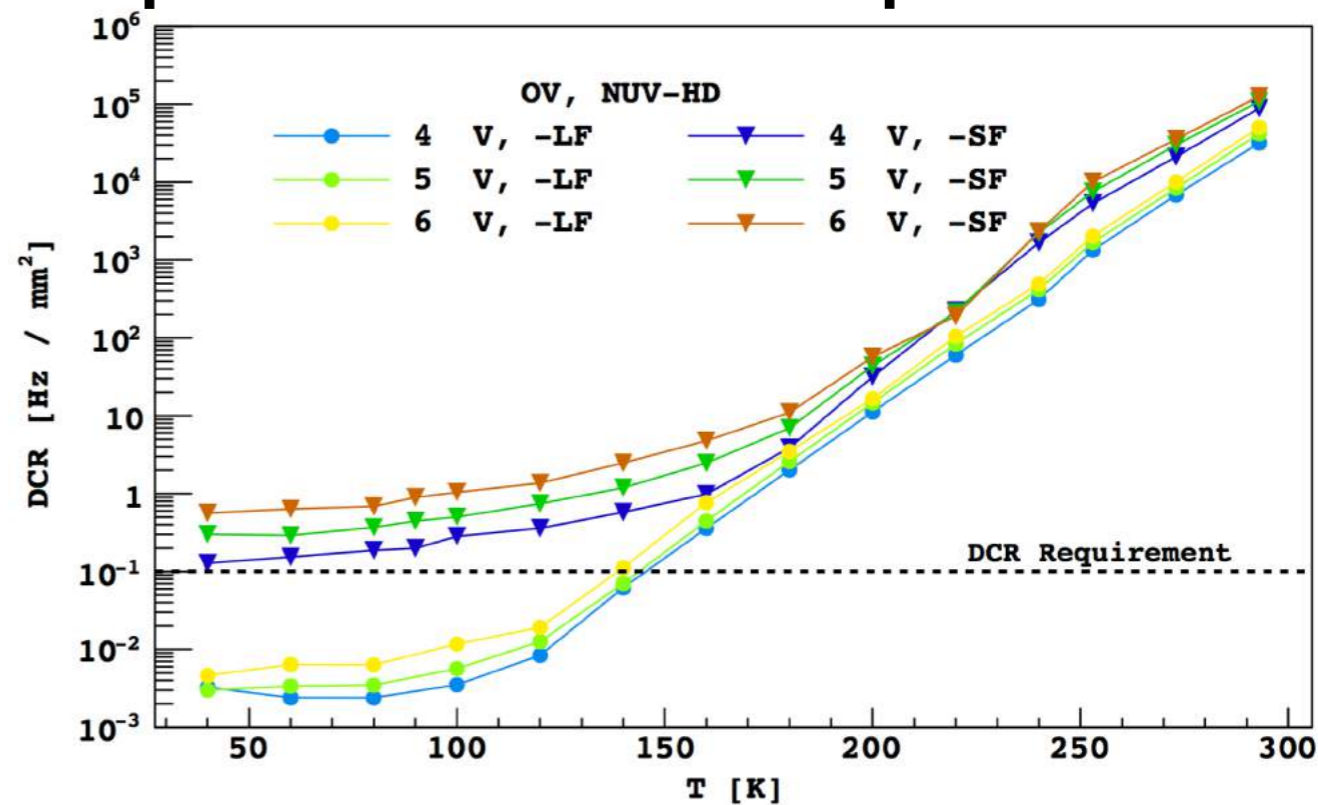
... assembled as self-consistent one-channel units PhotonD

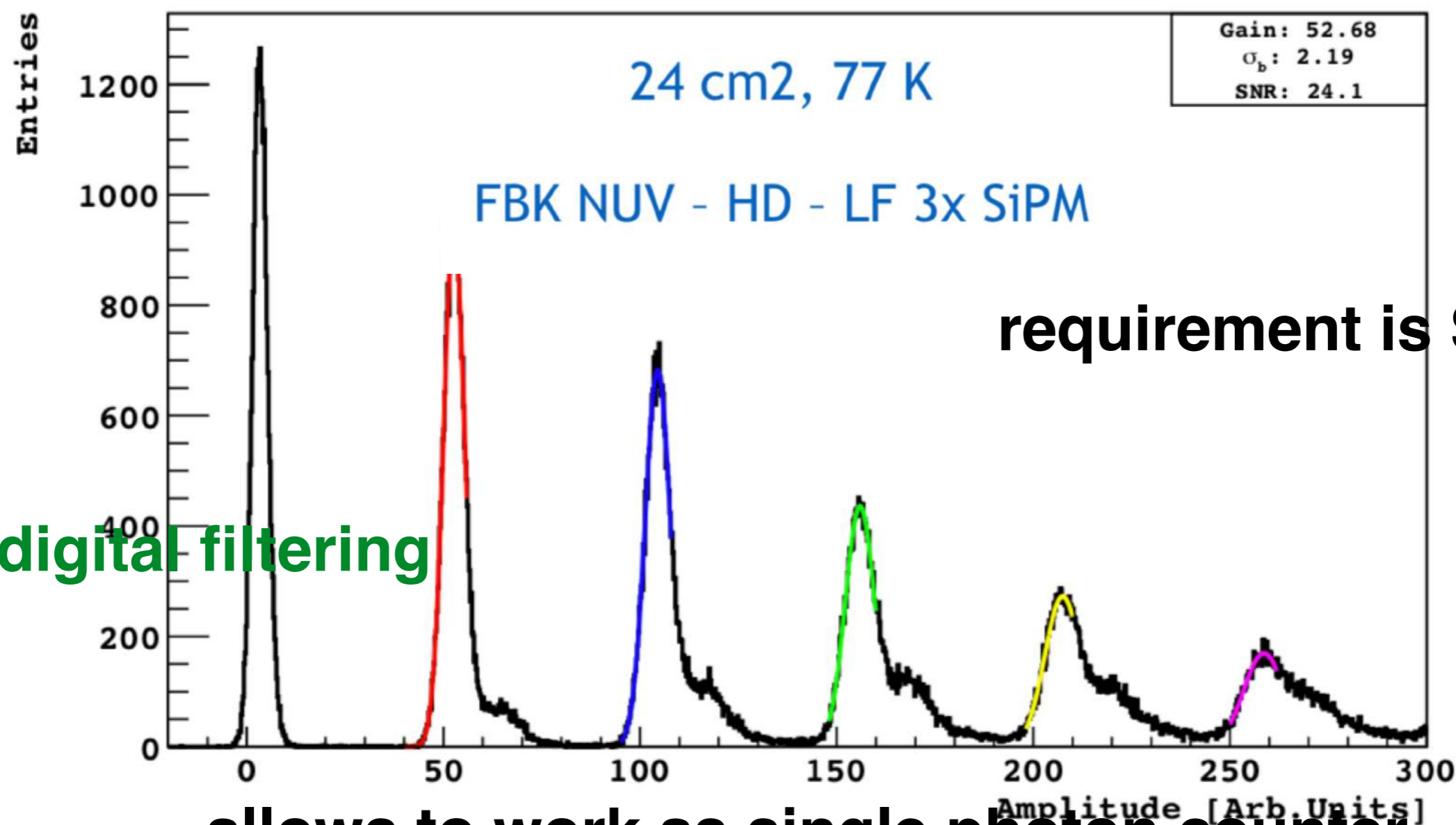
Photon Detection Efficiency (PDE): 45% requirement met and surpassed

Dark Count Rate (DCR): 0.1 Hz/mm² requirement met and surpassed

250mW power/consumption/PDM

20ns time resolution

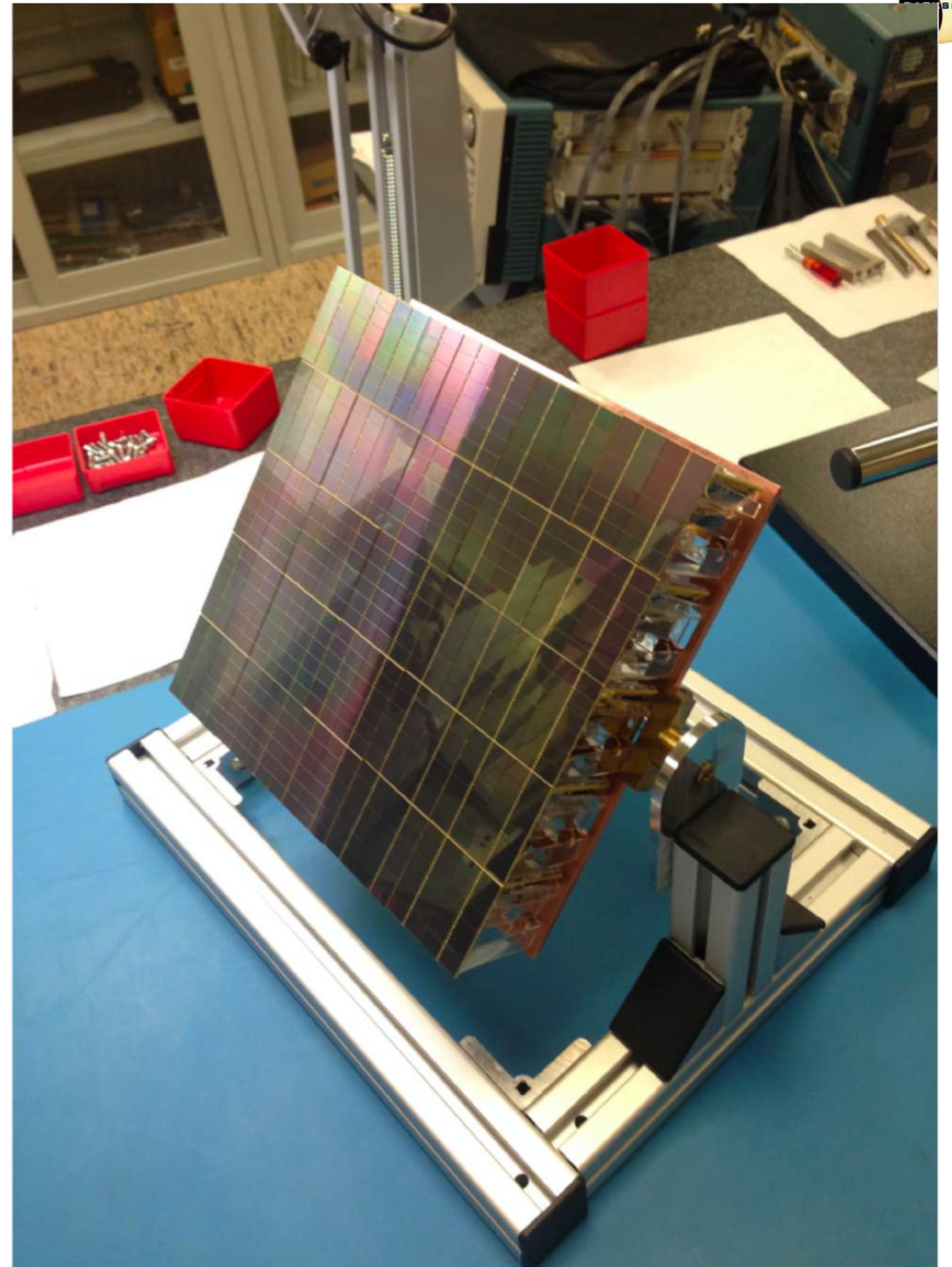
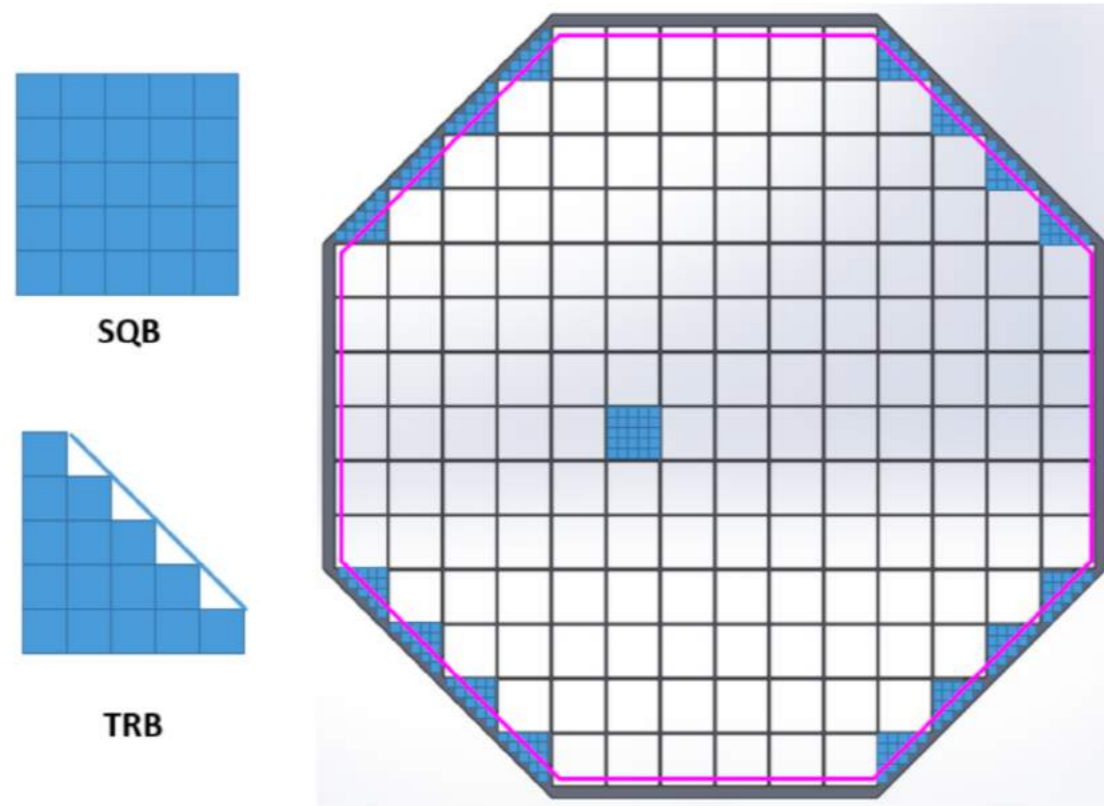




after digital filtering

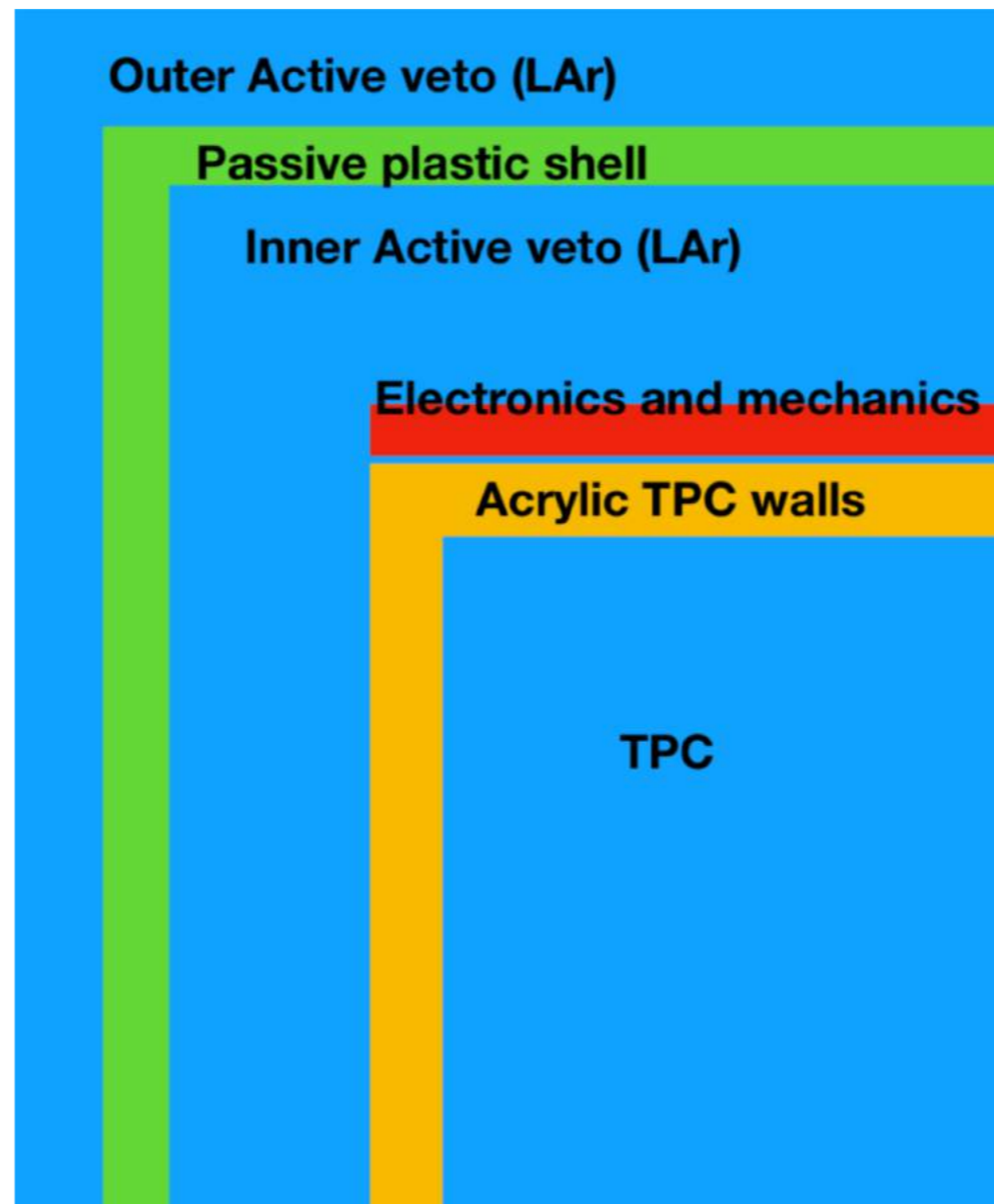
requirement is $\text{SNR} > 8$

allows to work as single photon counter



The neutron veto

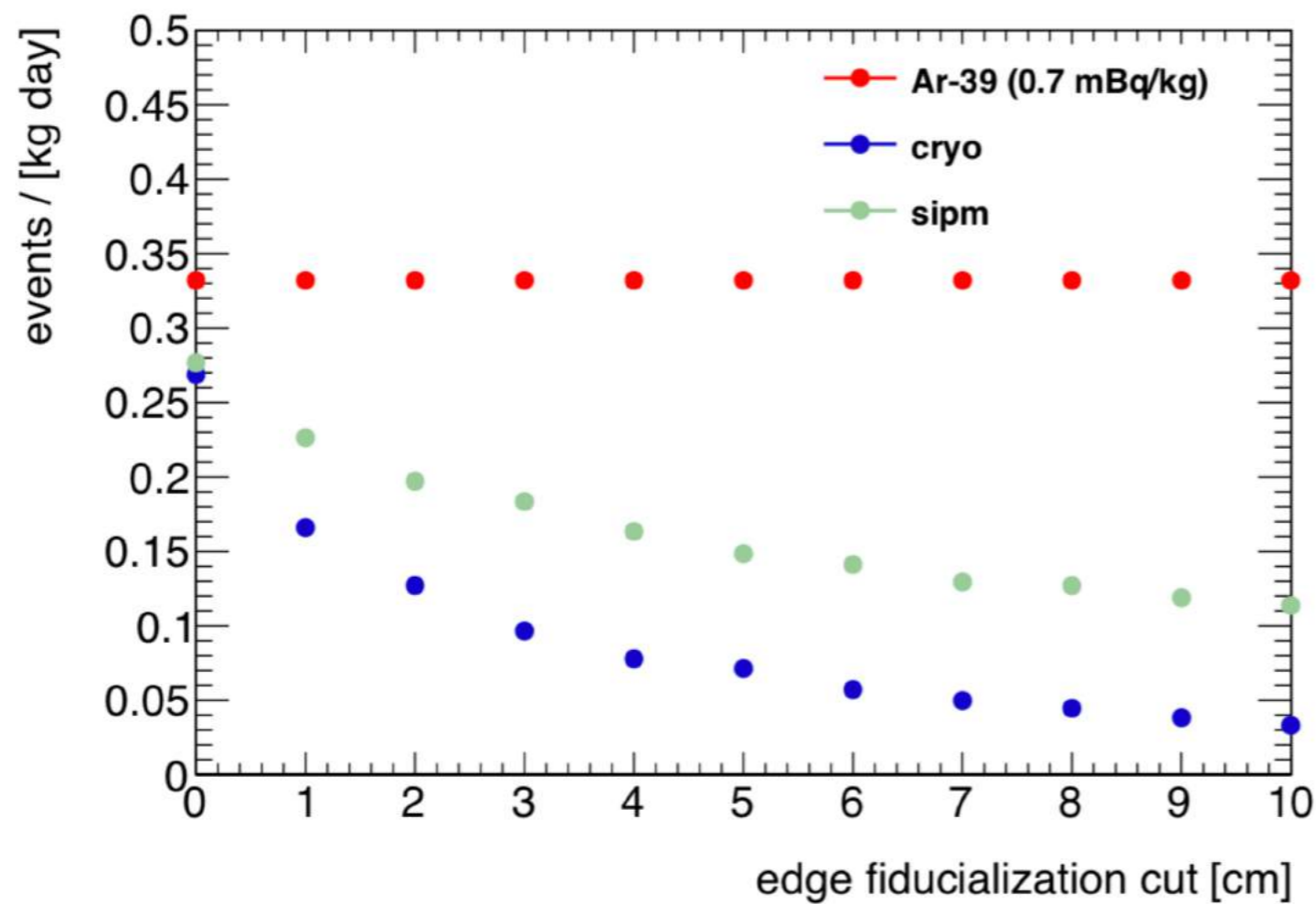
PRELIMINARY NUMBERS



Neutron source position	LAr	TPC cuts ineff.	Veto cuts ineff.	Sourced n 's [100 t yr] ⁻¹	Residual background [100 t yr] ⁻¹
PDMs		2.4×10^{-4}	0.08	2000	0.04
LAr TPC PMMA vessel		3.3×10^{-4}	0.10	5	$<10^{-3}$
GdsAS		2.3×10^{-5}	0.10	750	0.002
Total					<0.05

Search for low-mass DM: DarkSide-LM



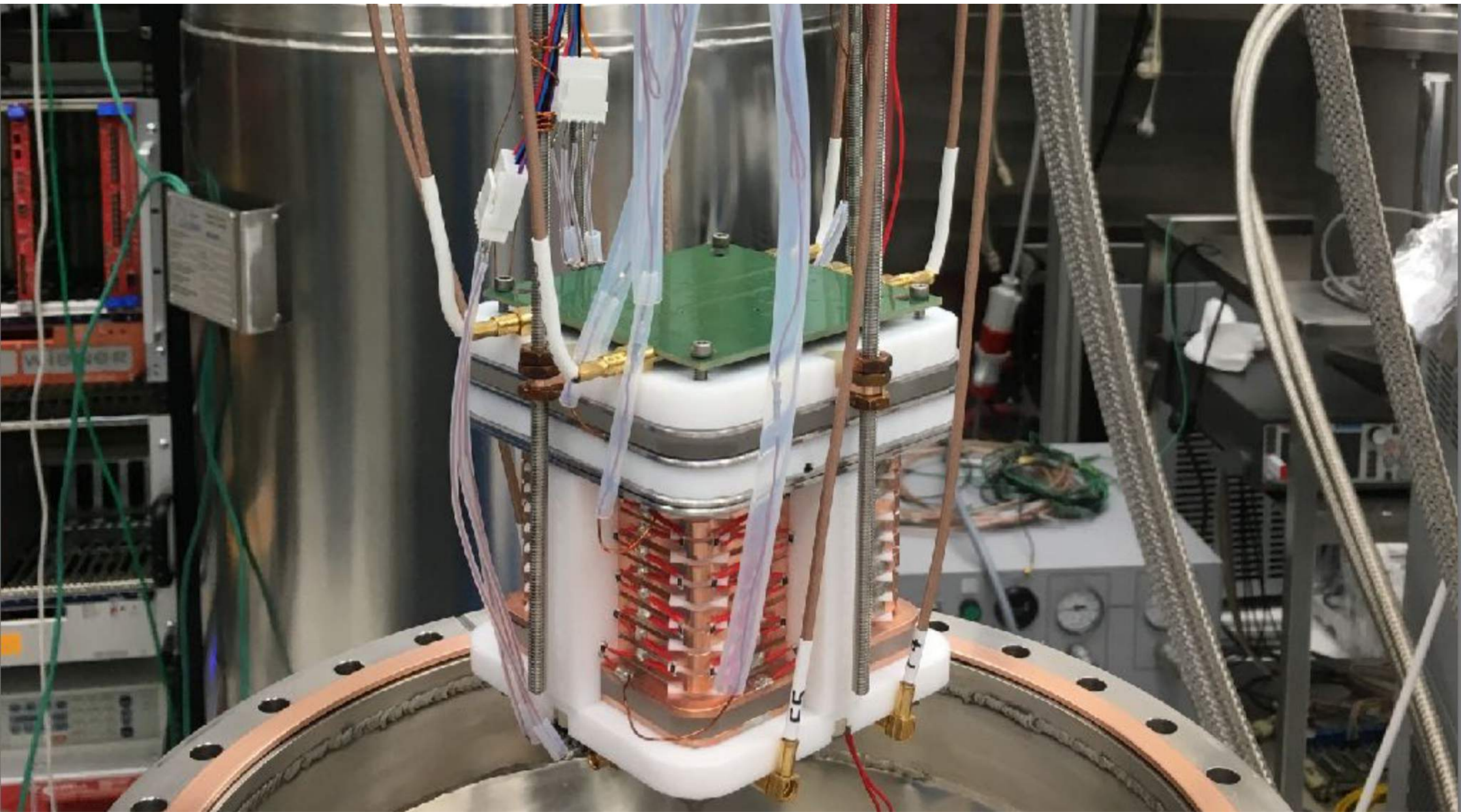


To be compared to DS50

$^{39}\text{Ar} + ^{85}\text{Kr}$: 1.75 ev/kg/day

cryo: 0.27 ev/kg/day

PMT: 1.57 ev/kg/day



**Reaching and going beyond the neutrino floor for
discovering WIMPS demands for a ultra-low background
technology**

**This is in our opinion best done with LAr thanks to its PSD
capability and the GADMC is pursuing this road with the
UAr and more with the 1ton DS-proto and DS-LowMass for
low mass, the DS-20k and the ultimate 300t detector for the
high mass WIMPs**