

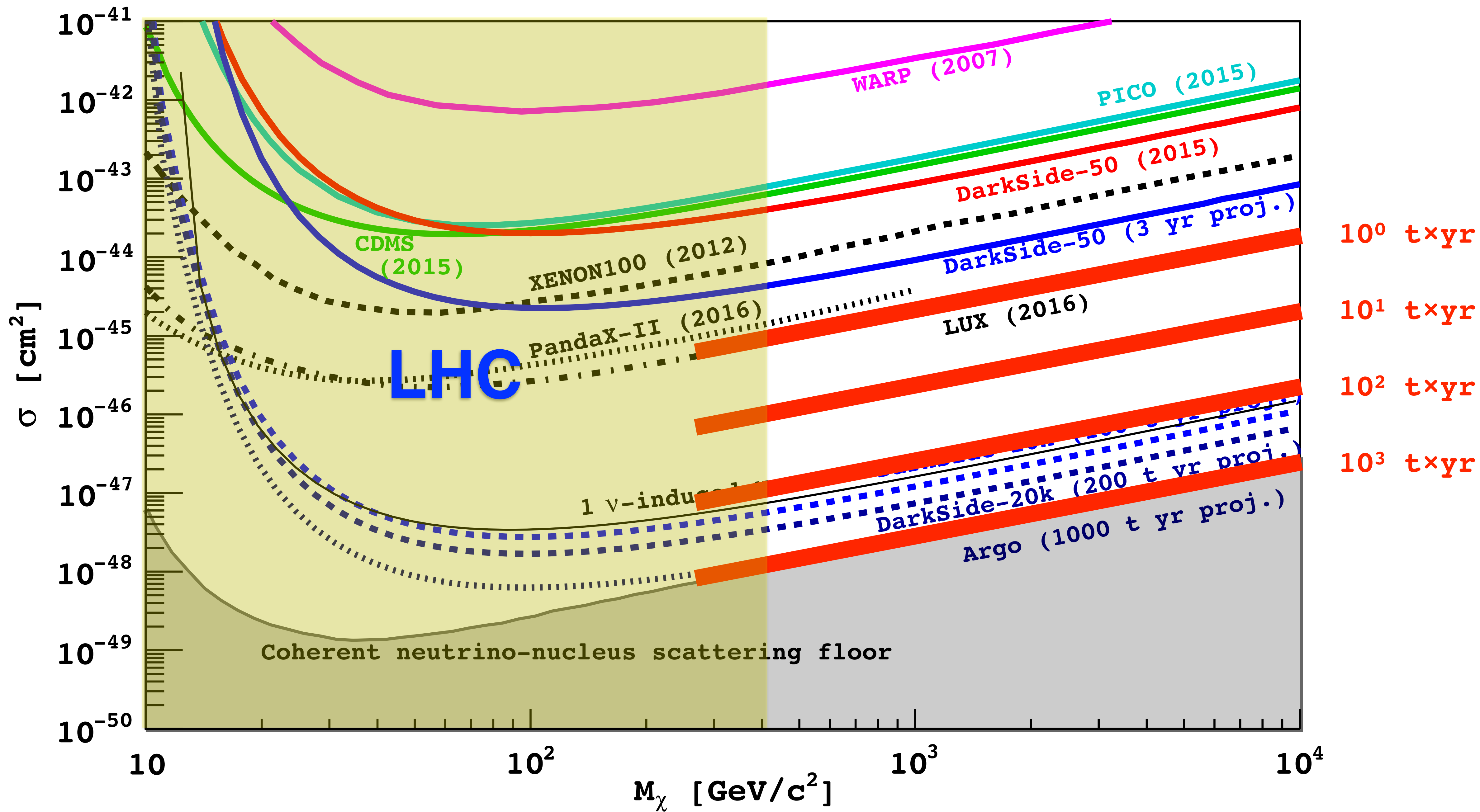
DarkSide

Dark Matter with Ar

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June 30, 2017

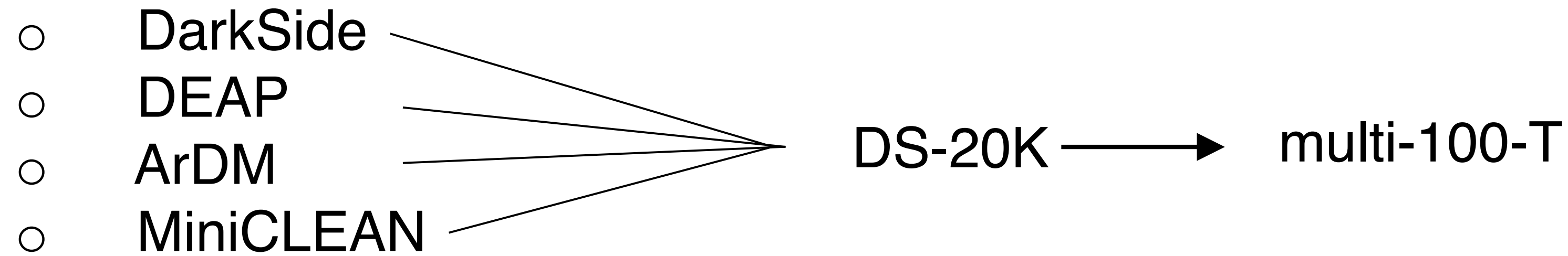
Yann Guardincerri (1983-2017)





(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)

Towards global argon collaboration:

DarkSide, DEAP, miniCLEAN, ArDM > 350 researchers

Collaboration

- 68 institutes
- 350 researchers
- 12 nations:

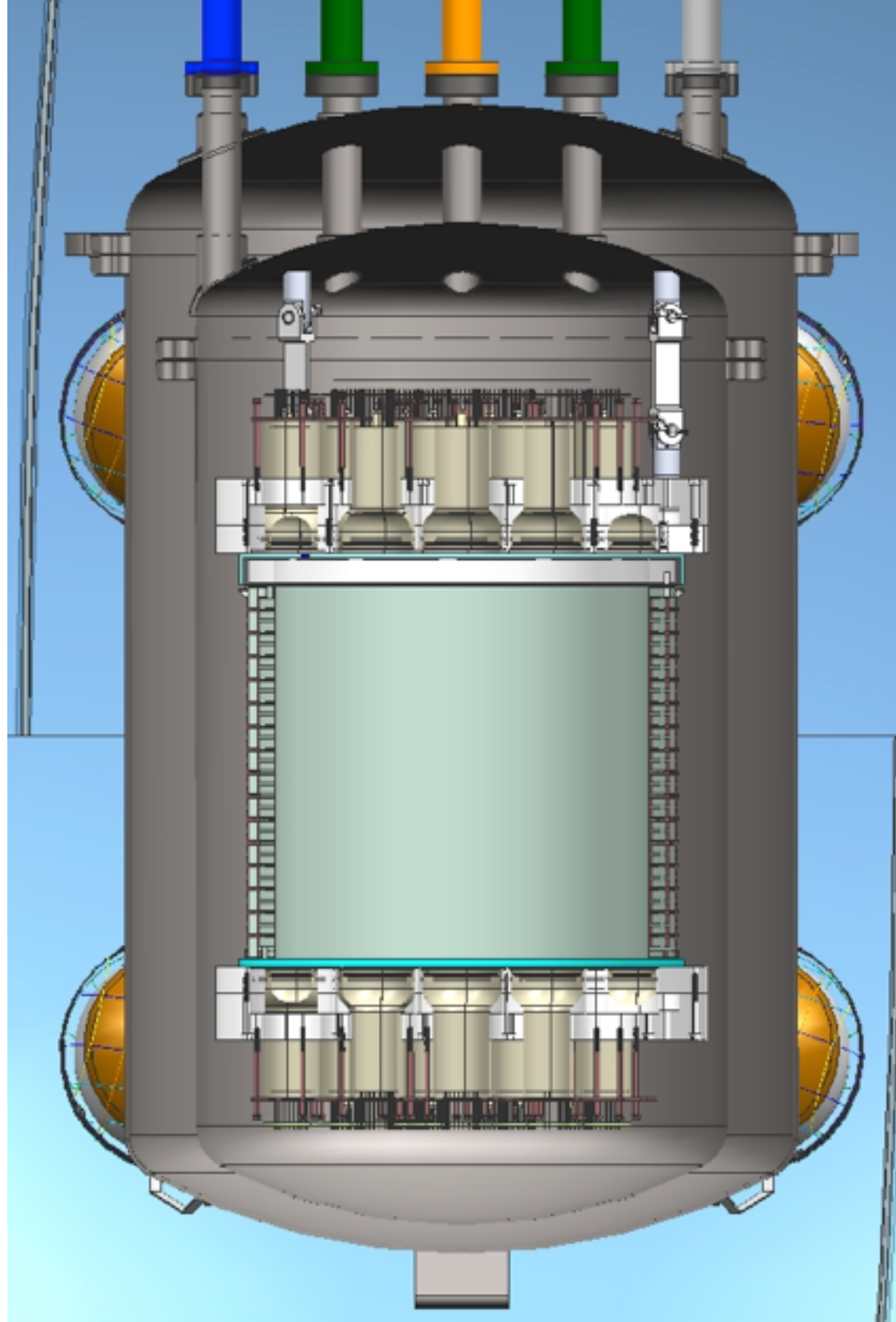
Brasil, Canada, China, France,
Greece, Italy, Poland, Romania,
Spain, Switzerland, UK, USA



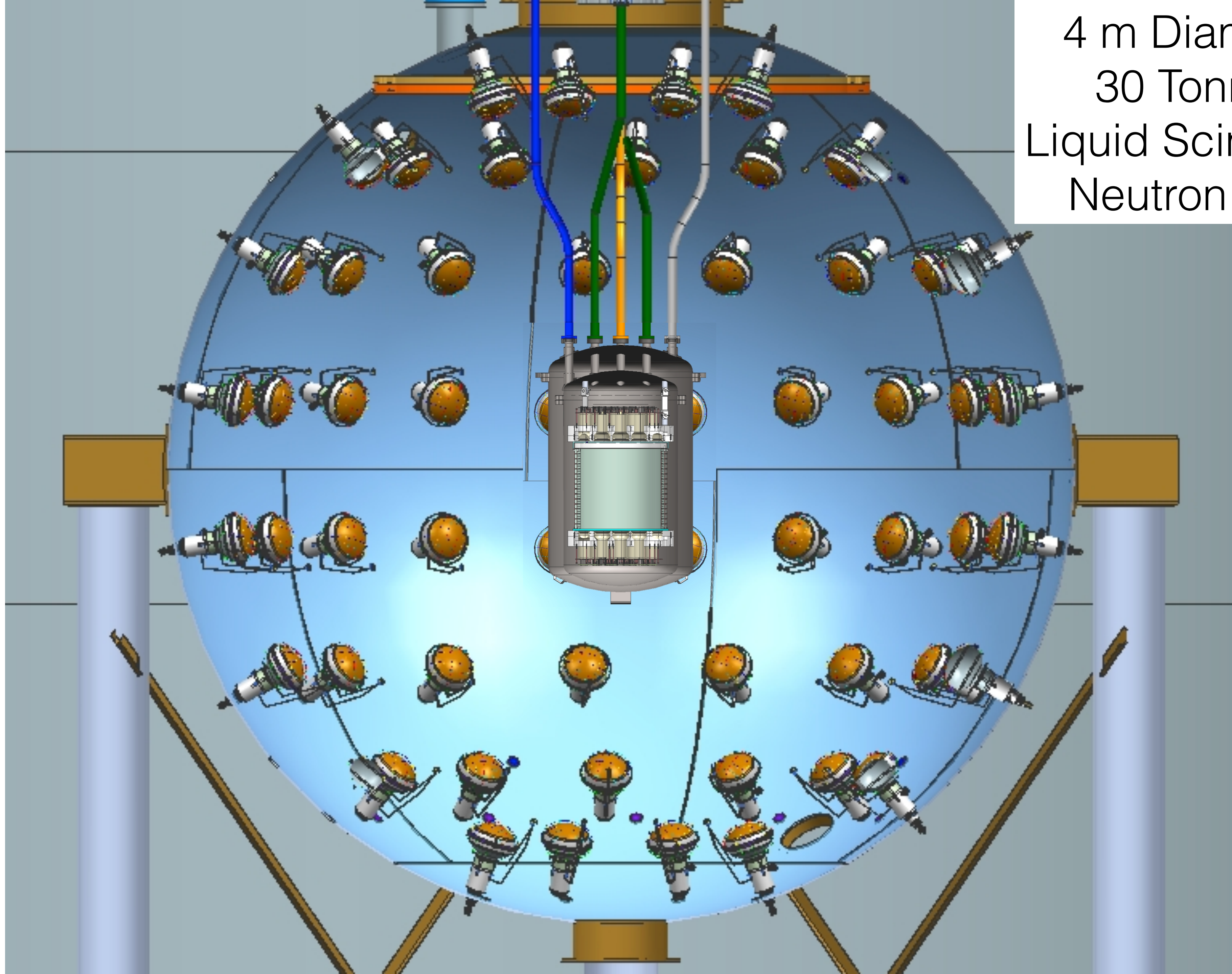
An Ambitious Discovery Program

- Complementary to LHC
- Raising the bar: from 1 tonne $\times$ yr $\rightarrow$ 1,000 tonne $\times$ yr
- “Zero Background” necessary for a discovery program
- Two crucial technologies
 - Liquid argon target depleted in the radioactive ^{39}Ar
 - SiPMs replacing cryogenic PMTs

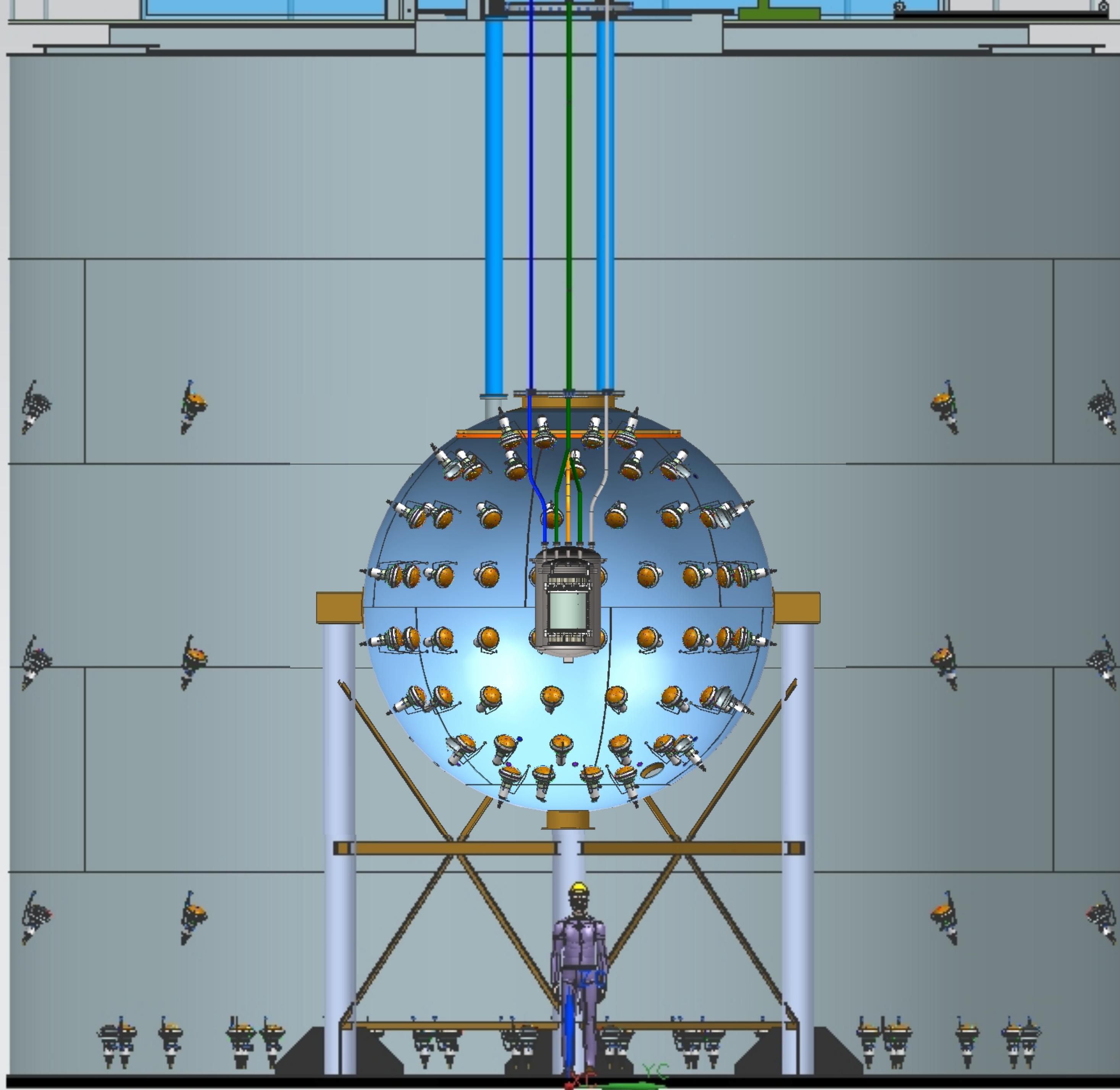
Liquid Argon TPC
153 kg ^{39}Ar -Depleted
Underground Argon
Target



4 m Diameter
30 Tonnes
Liquid Scintillator
Neutron Veto



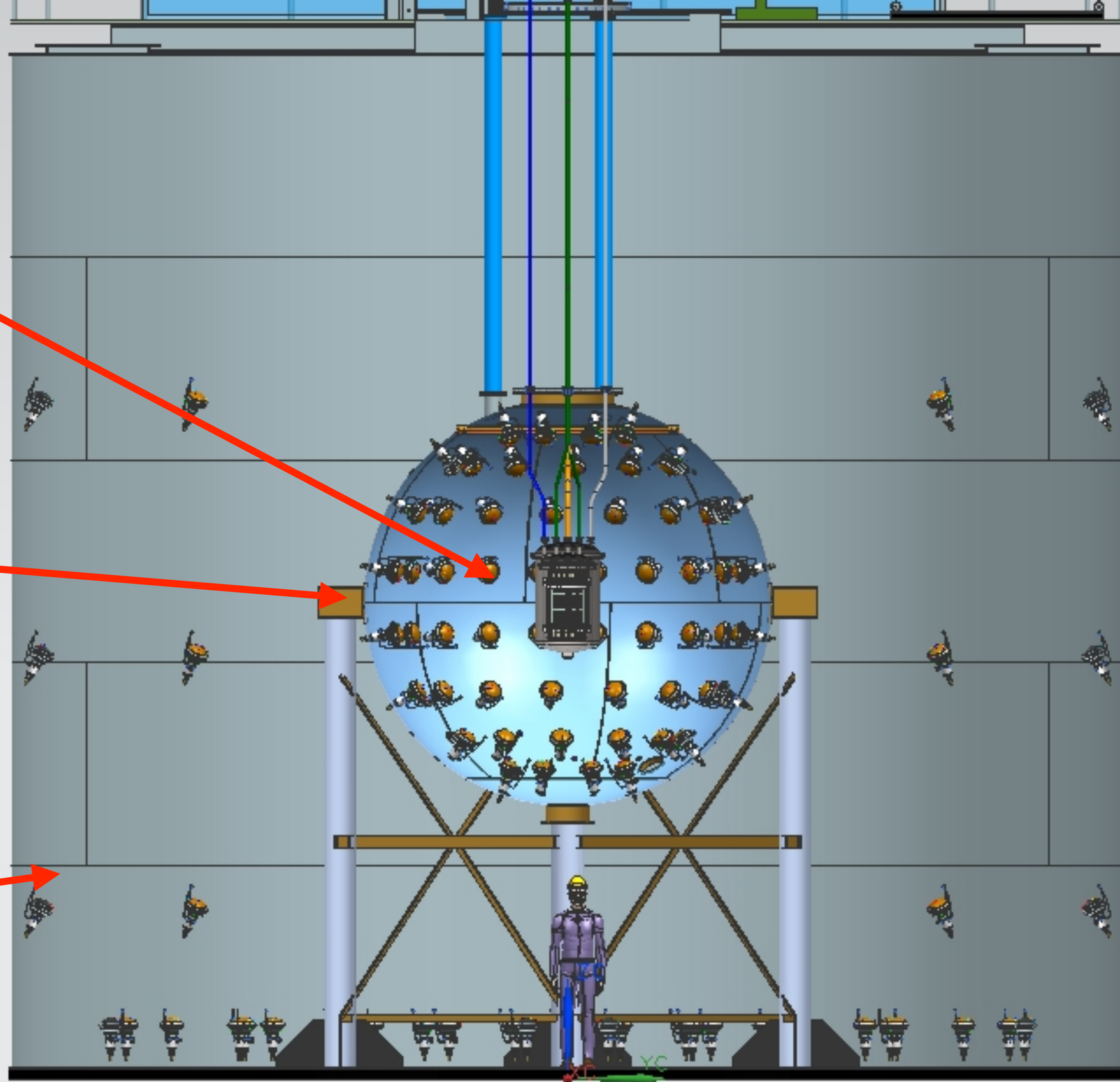
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11 m Diameter
1,000 Tonnes
Water Cherenkov
Muon Veto



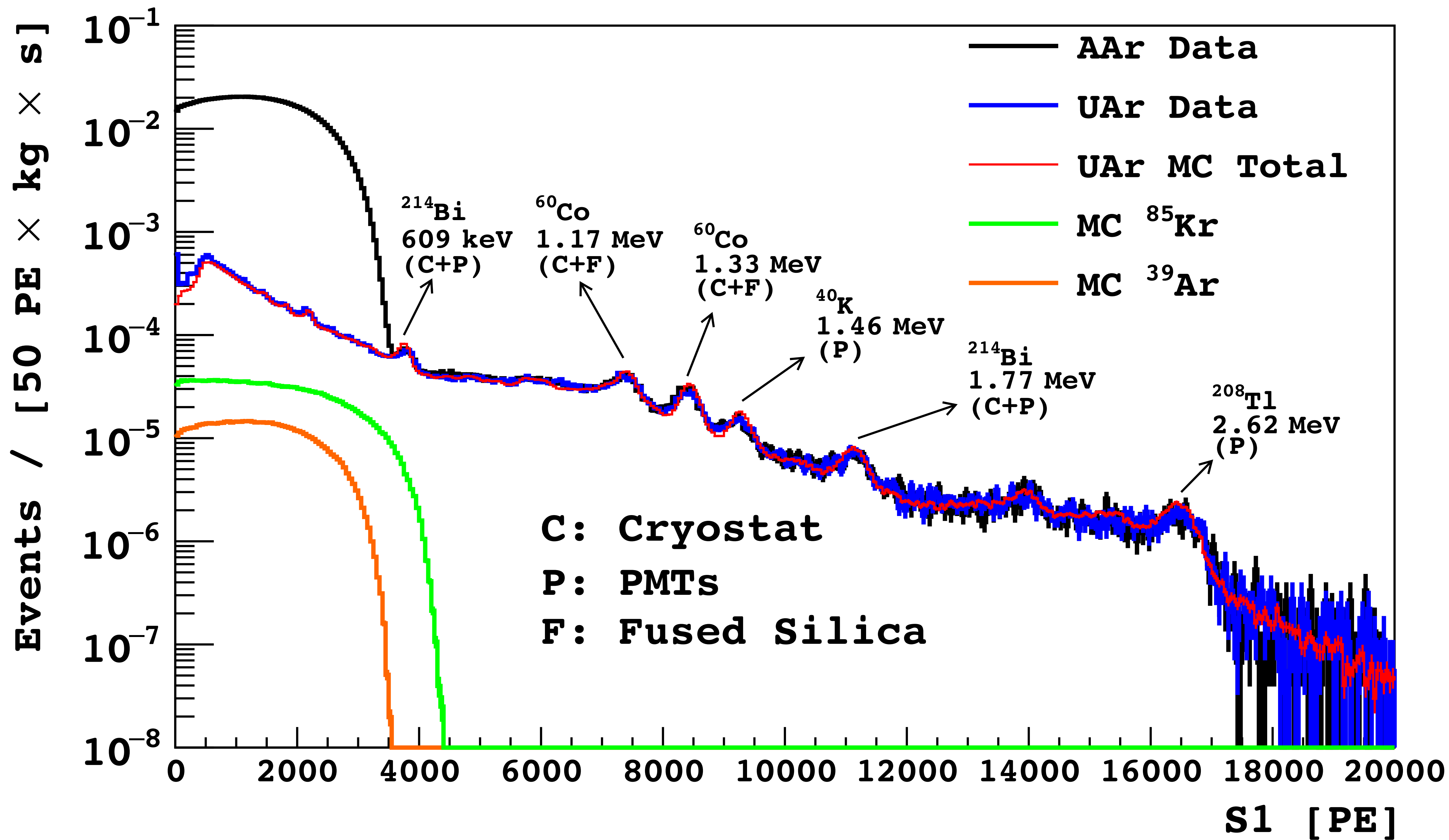
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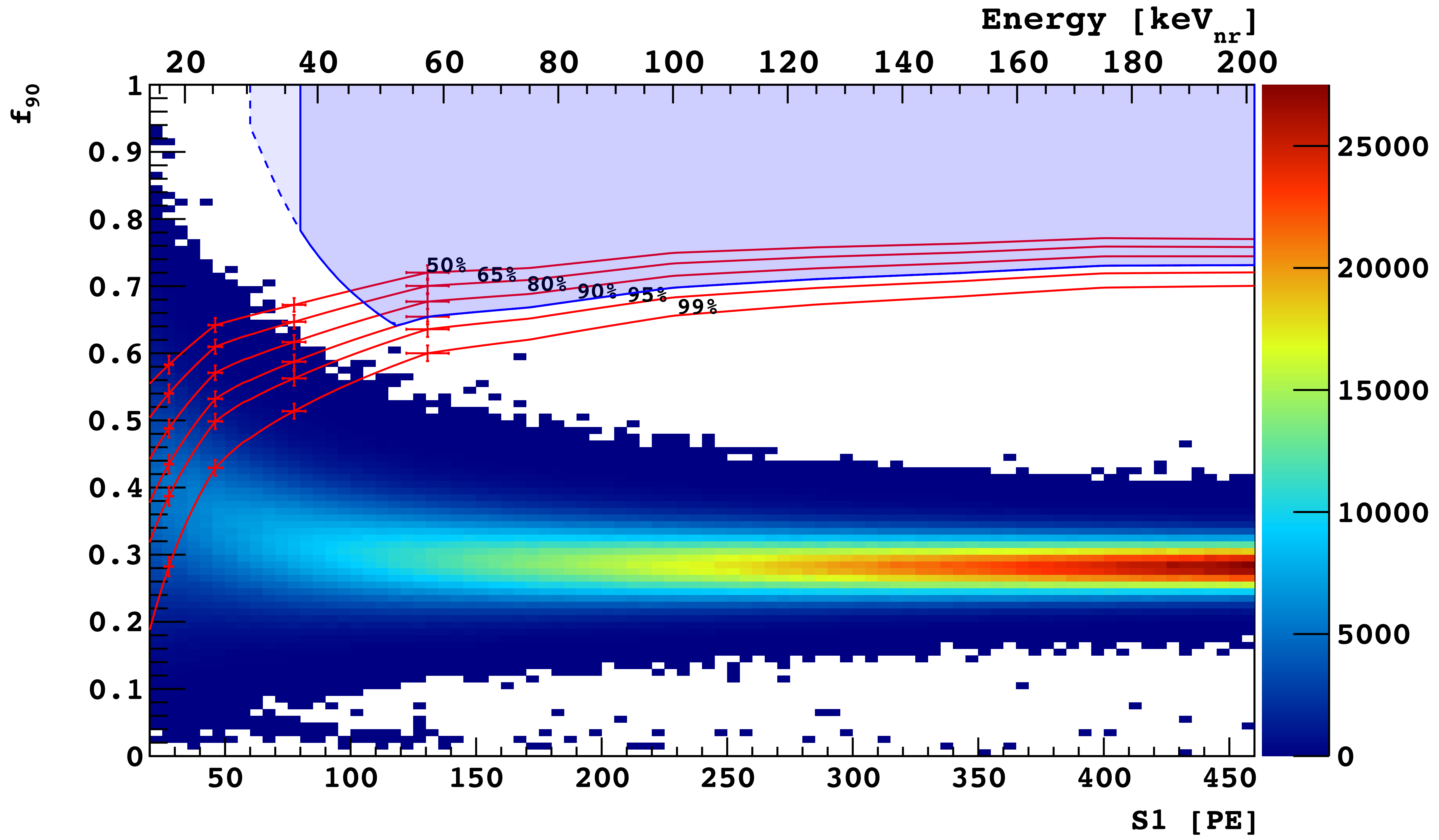
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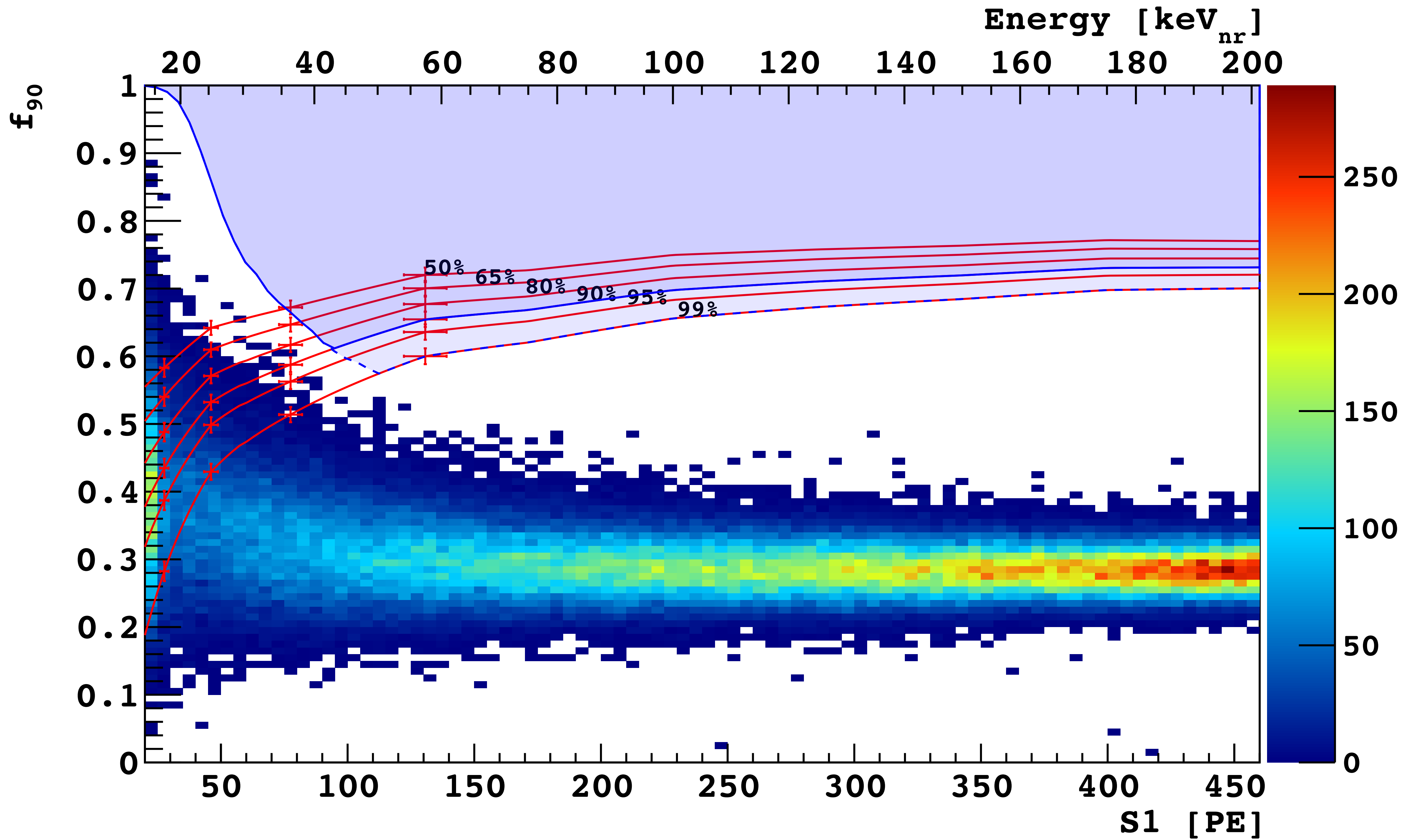


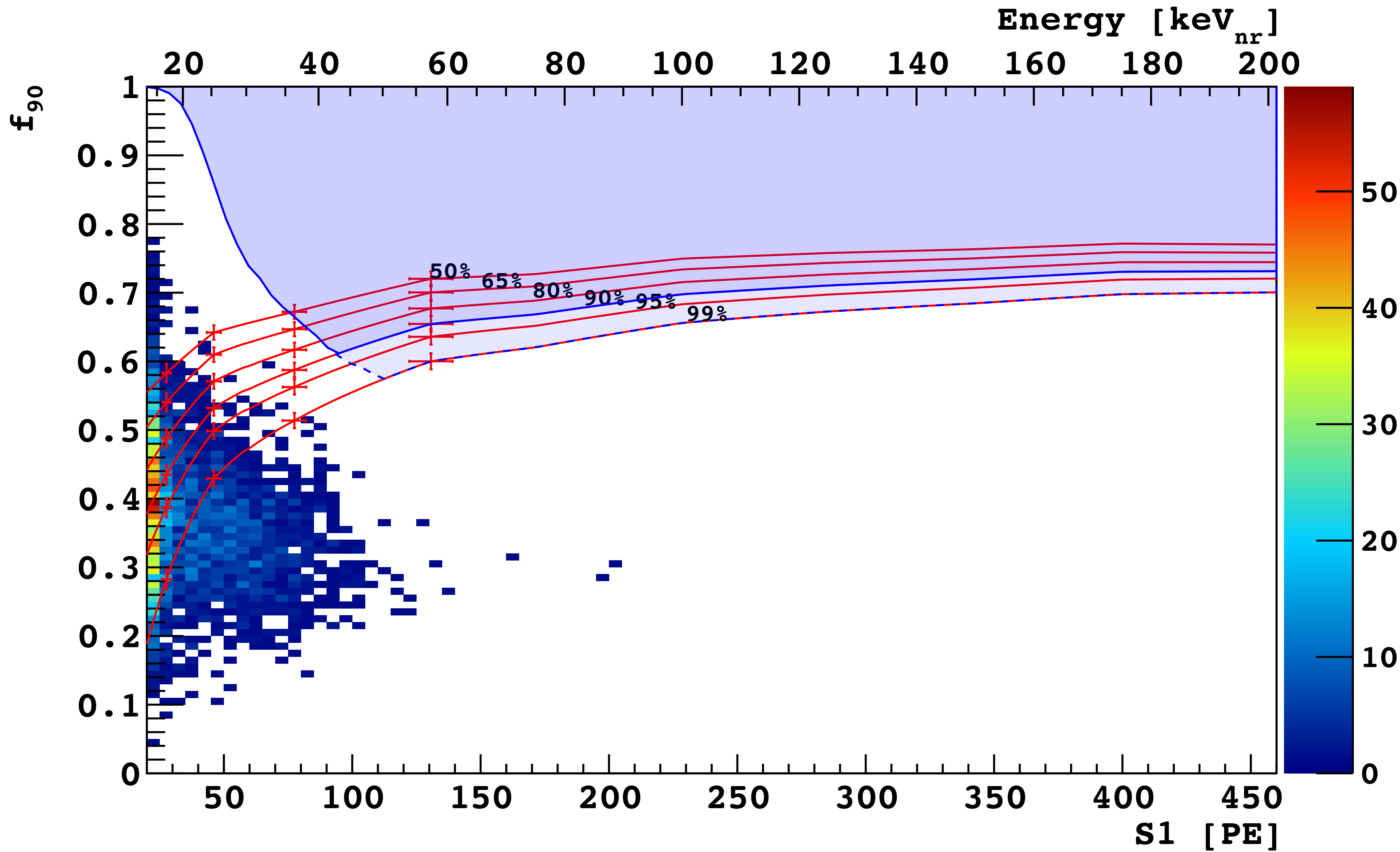




1,422 kg d AAr - PLB 743, 456 (2015)







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

What are the instrumental
backgrounds for large scale,
high mass dark matter
searches?

Minimum Ionizing Events:

- Scatters of pp solar neutrinos on electrons
- Radioactive noble gases (^{39}Ar)

Nuclear Recoils:

- ν -induced coherent scattering of atm neutrinos [$\sim 1/(100 \text{ tonne} \times \text{yr})$]

Elastic Scatters of pp Solar Neutrinos on Electrons

- 200 events/tonne $\times$ yr in ROI
- 200,000 background events @neutrino floor
- Defeated in argon thanks to β/γ rejection better than $1 \div 1.6 \times 10^7$

16M ^{39}Ar events
1,422 kg $\times$ day (@AAr)

$\div 1400$ ^{39}Ar depletion
AAr/UAr

16M ^{39}Ar events
5.5 tonne $\times$ yr (UAr)

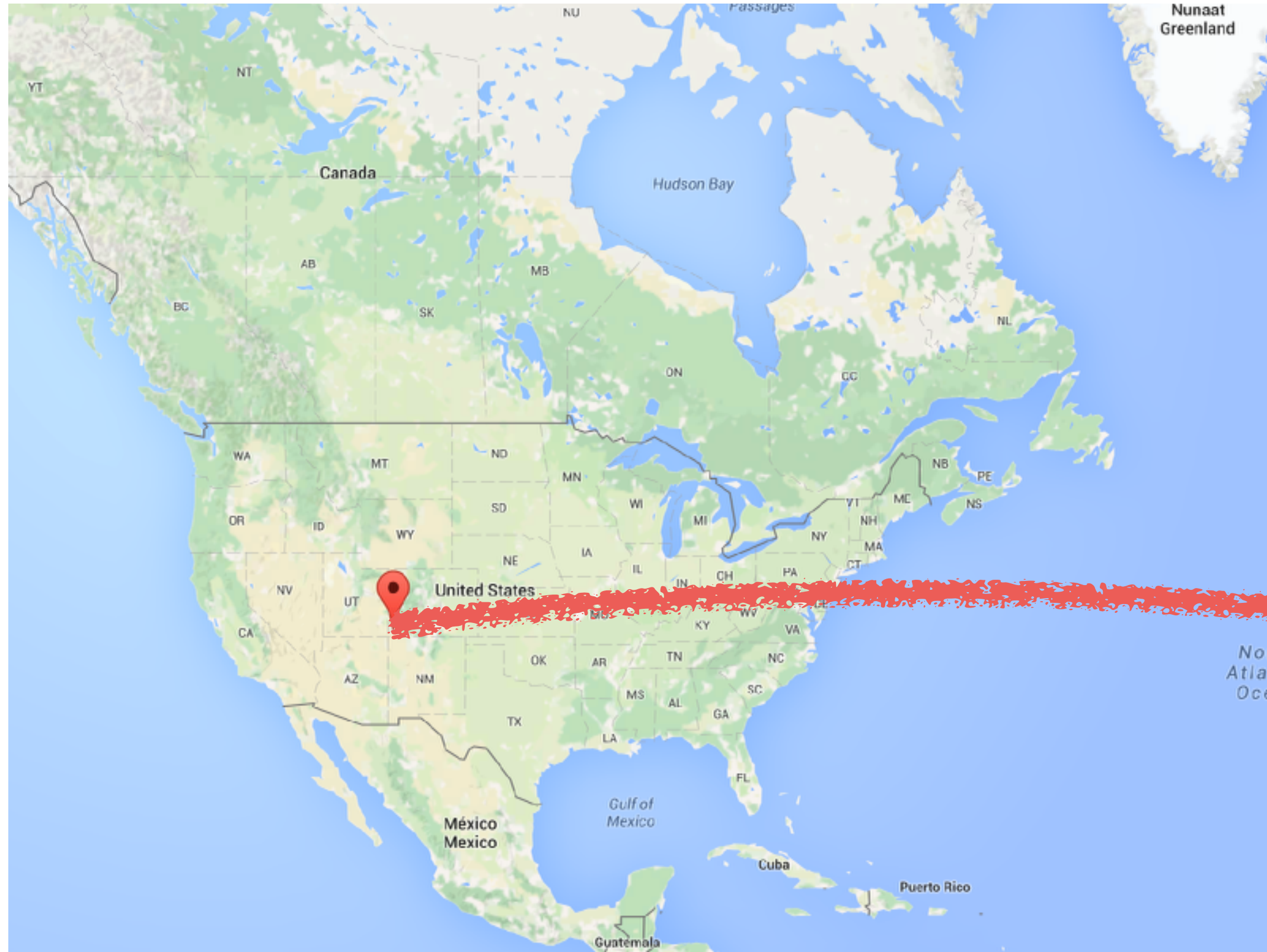
additional active
isotopic depletion
higher light yield

1,000 tonne $\times$ yr (DAr)

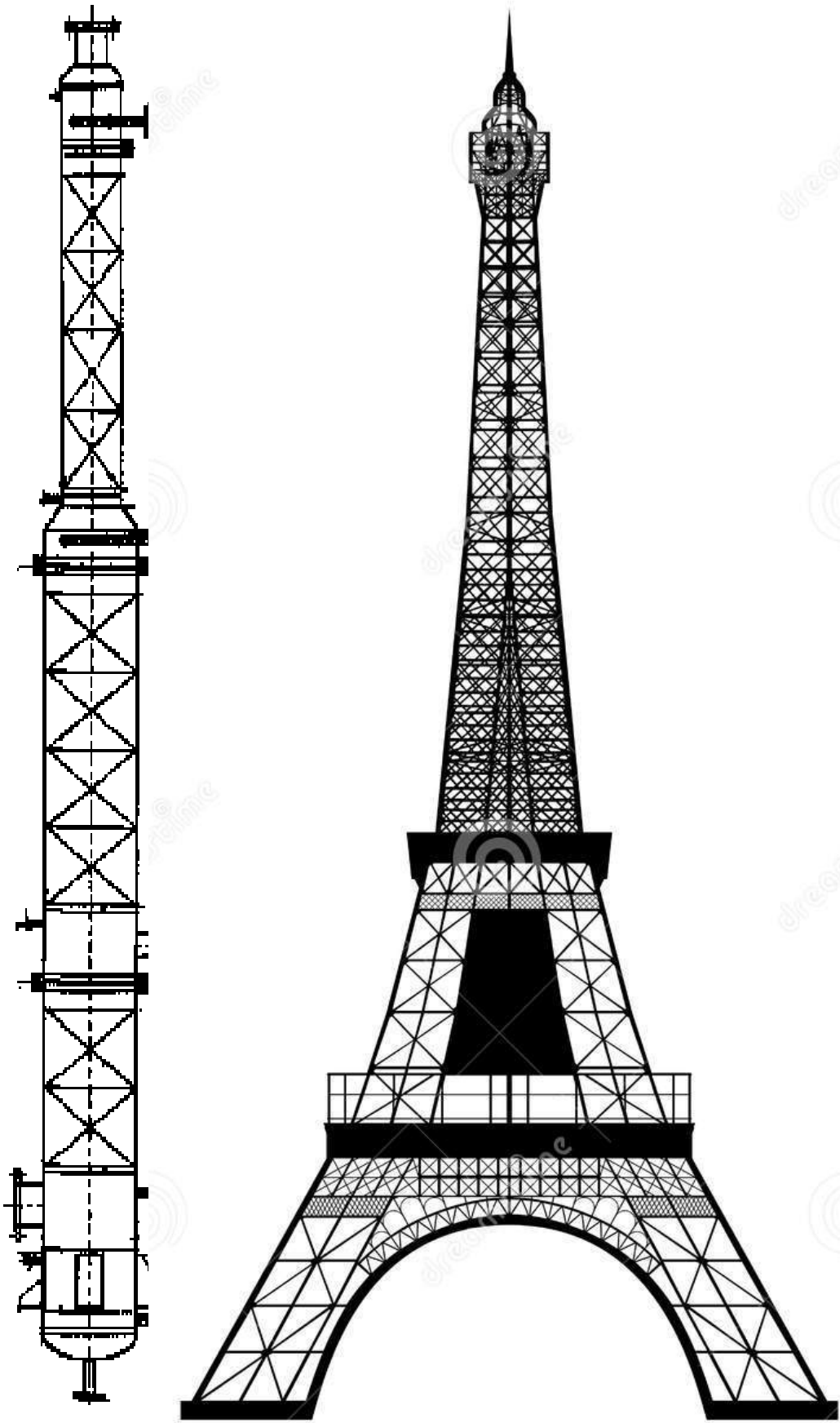
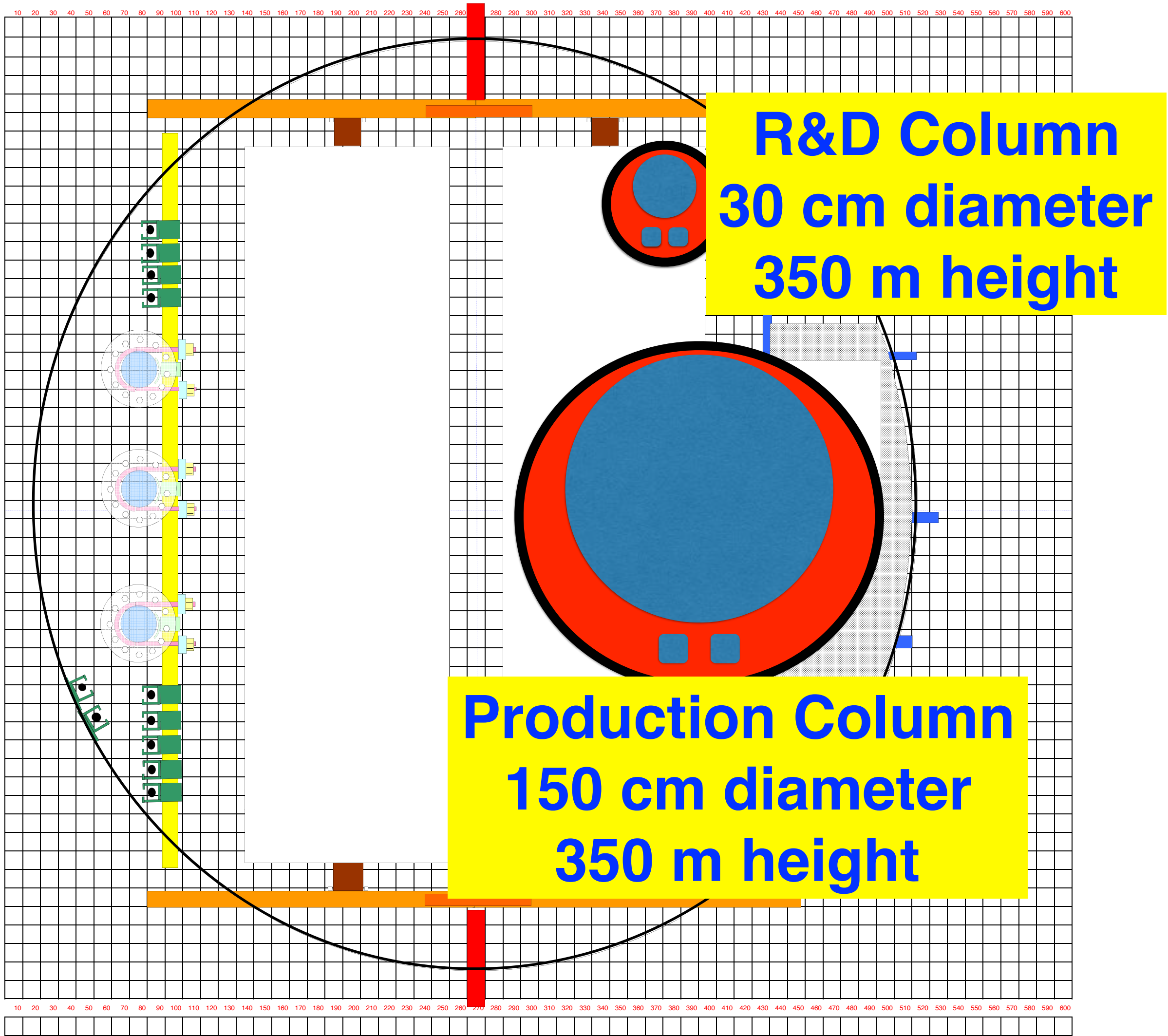
Based on what we know today, can a depleted argon experiment be free of any instrumental (other than ν -induced recoils) background at the scale of 1000 tonnes $\times$ yr?

Yes.

Urania to Aria to LNGS



Aria

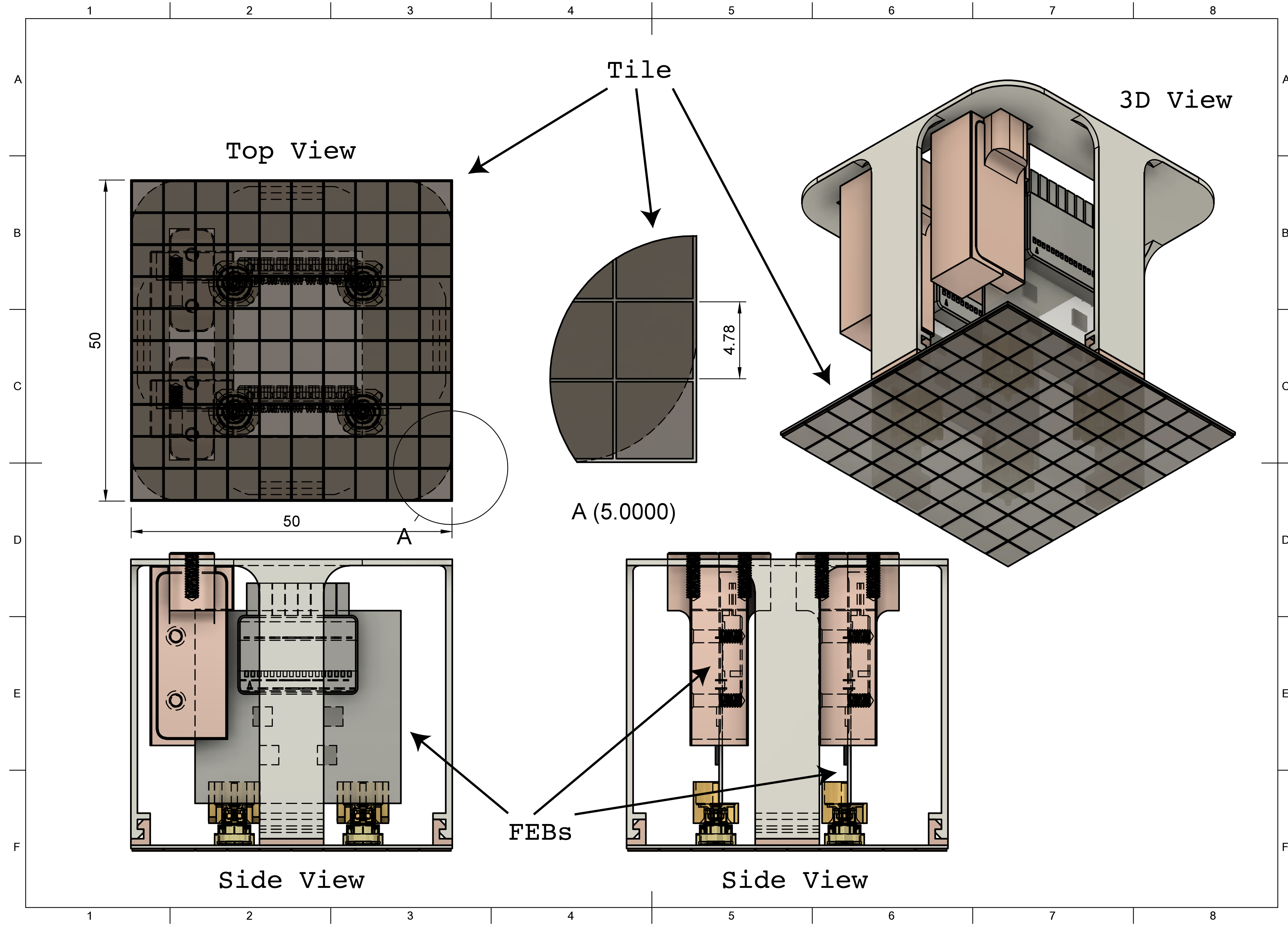






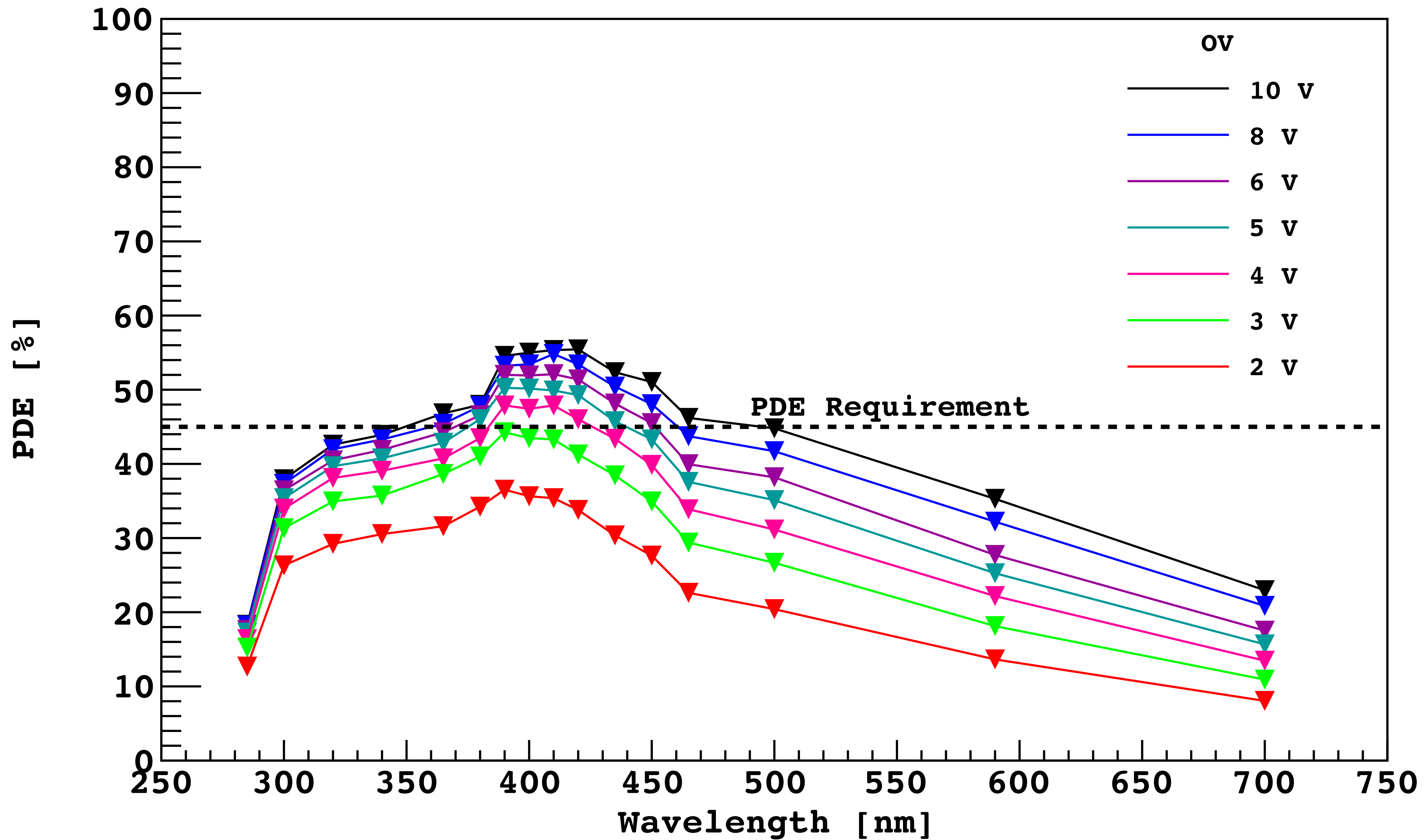
Nostra Signora di Bonaria, Cagliari

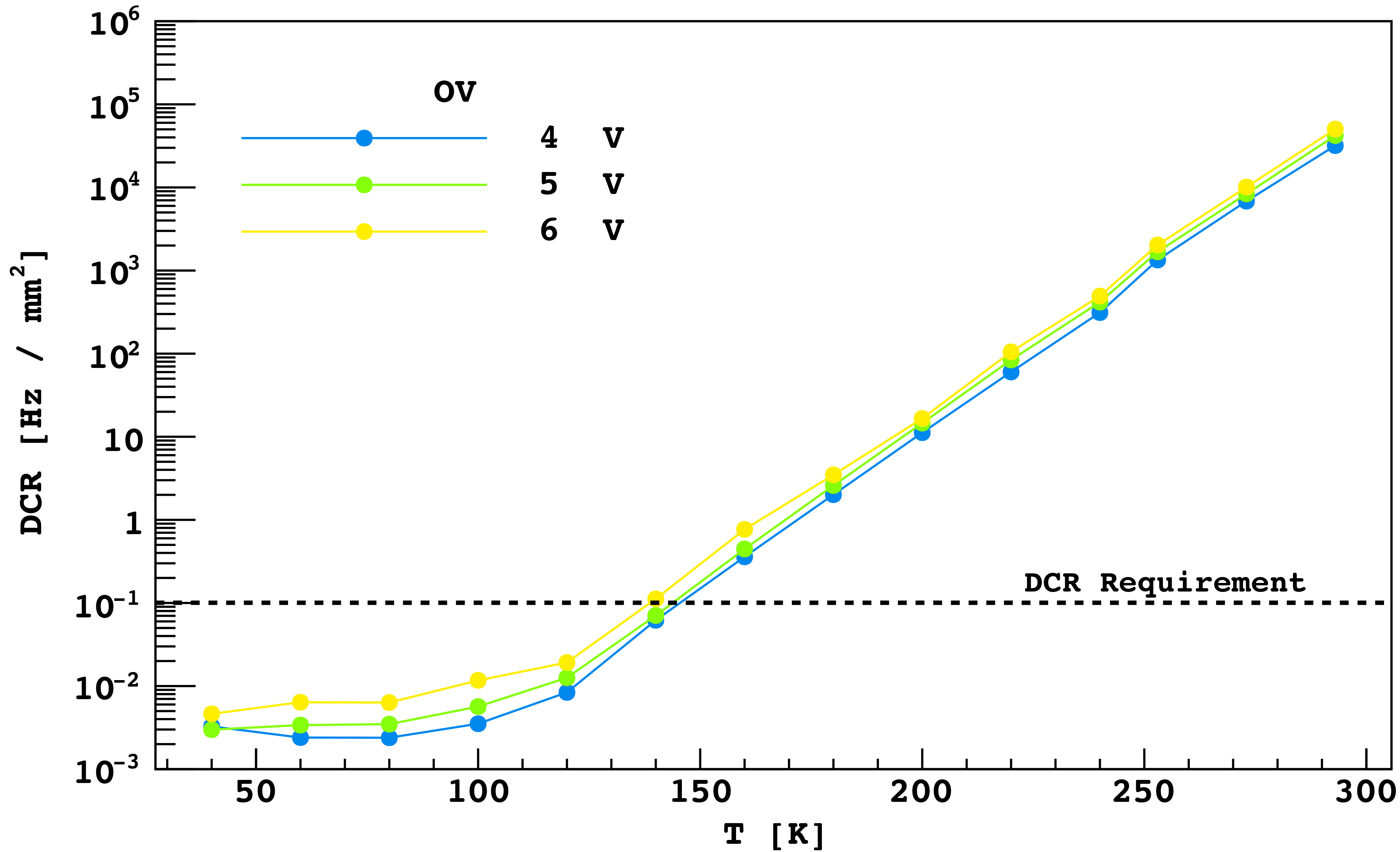


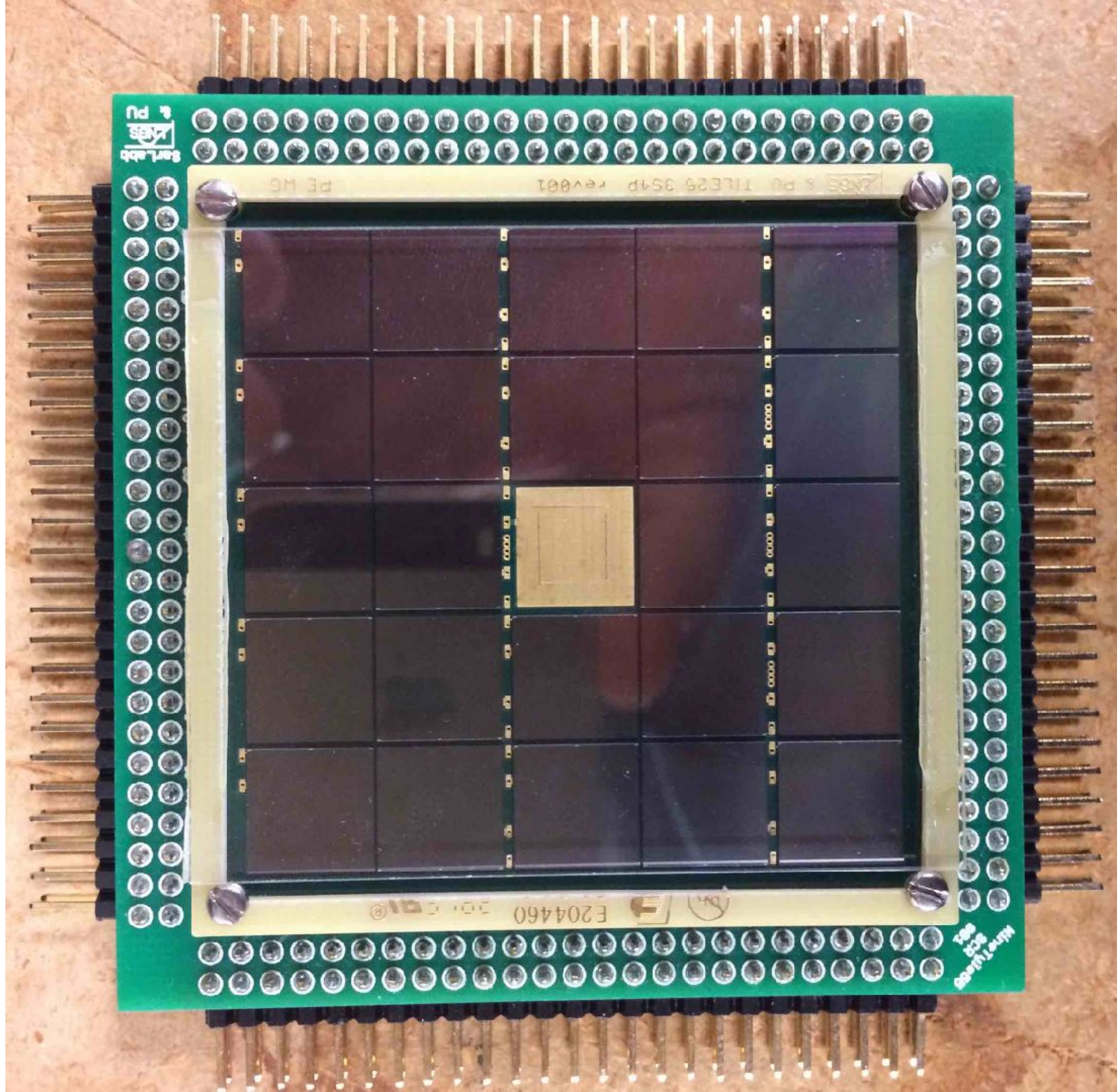


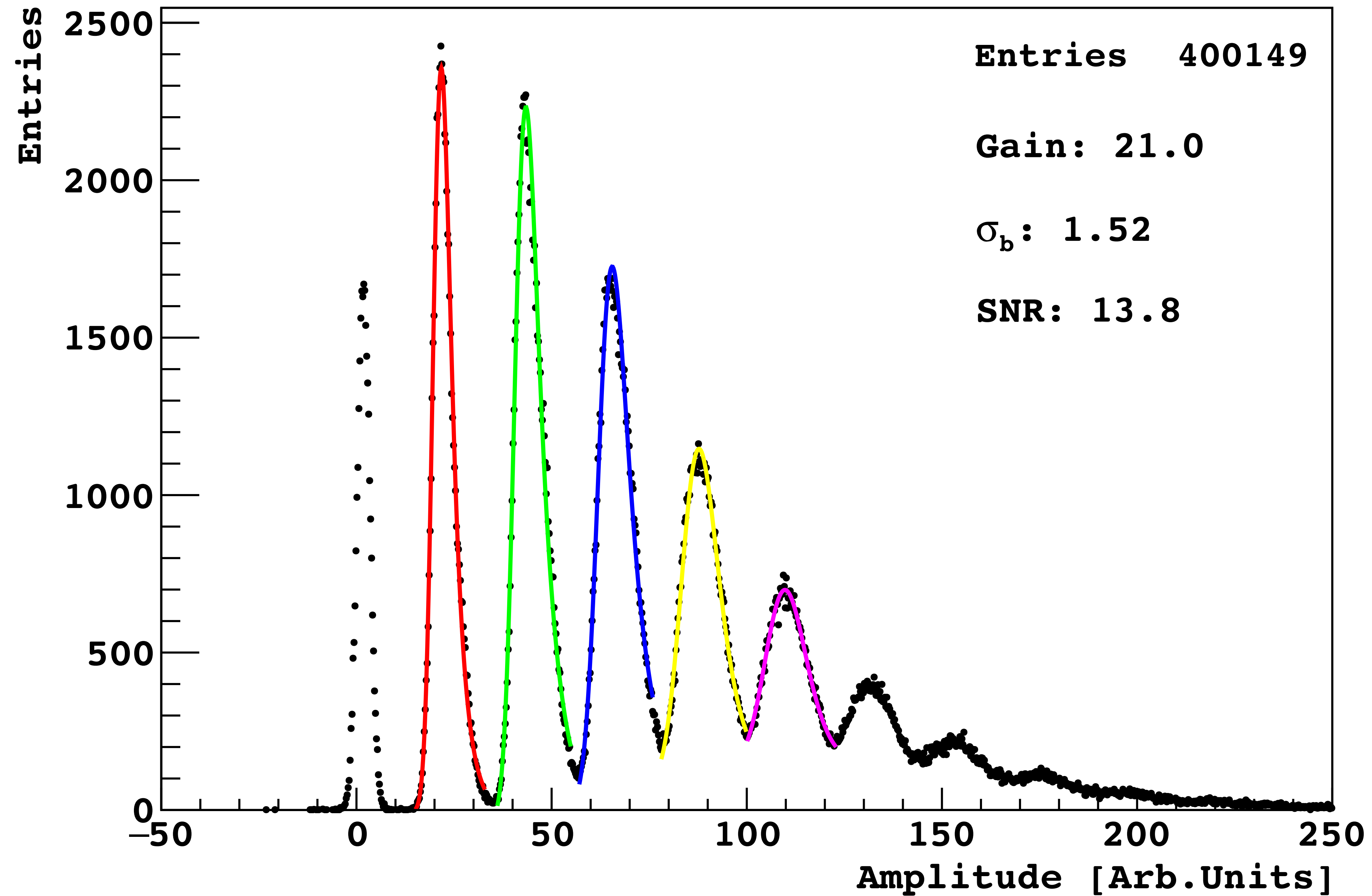
SiPM Status

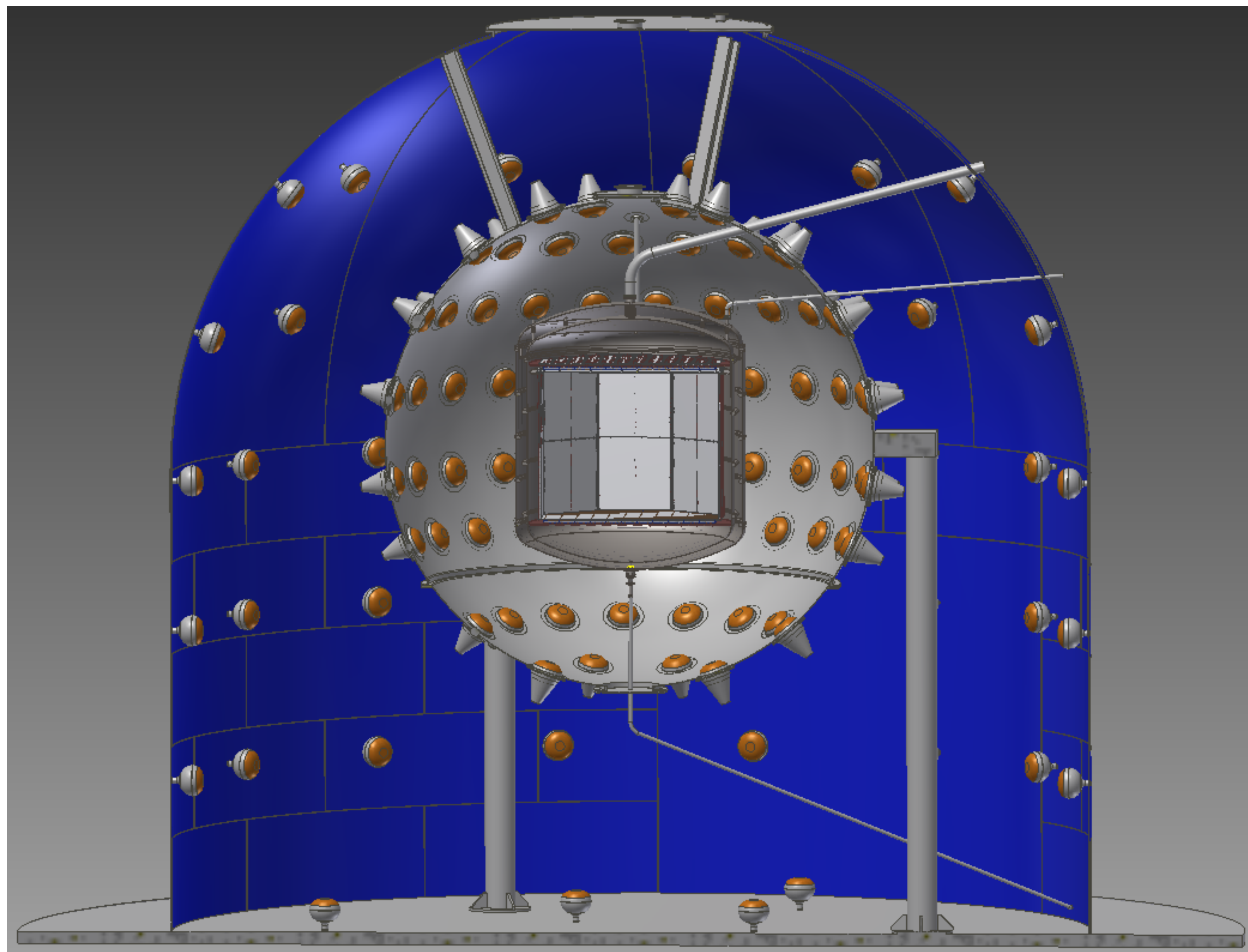
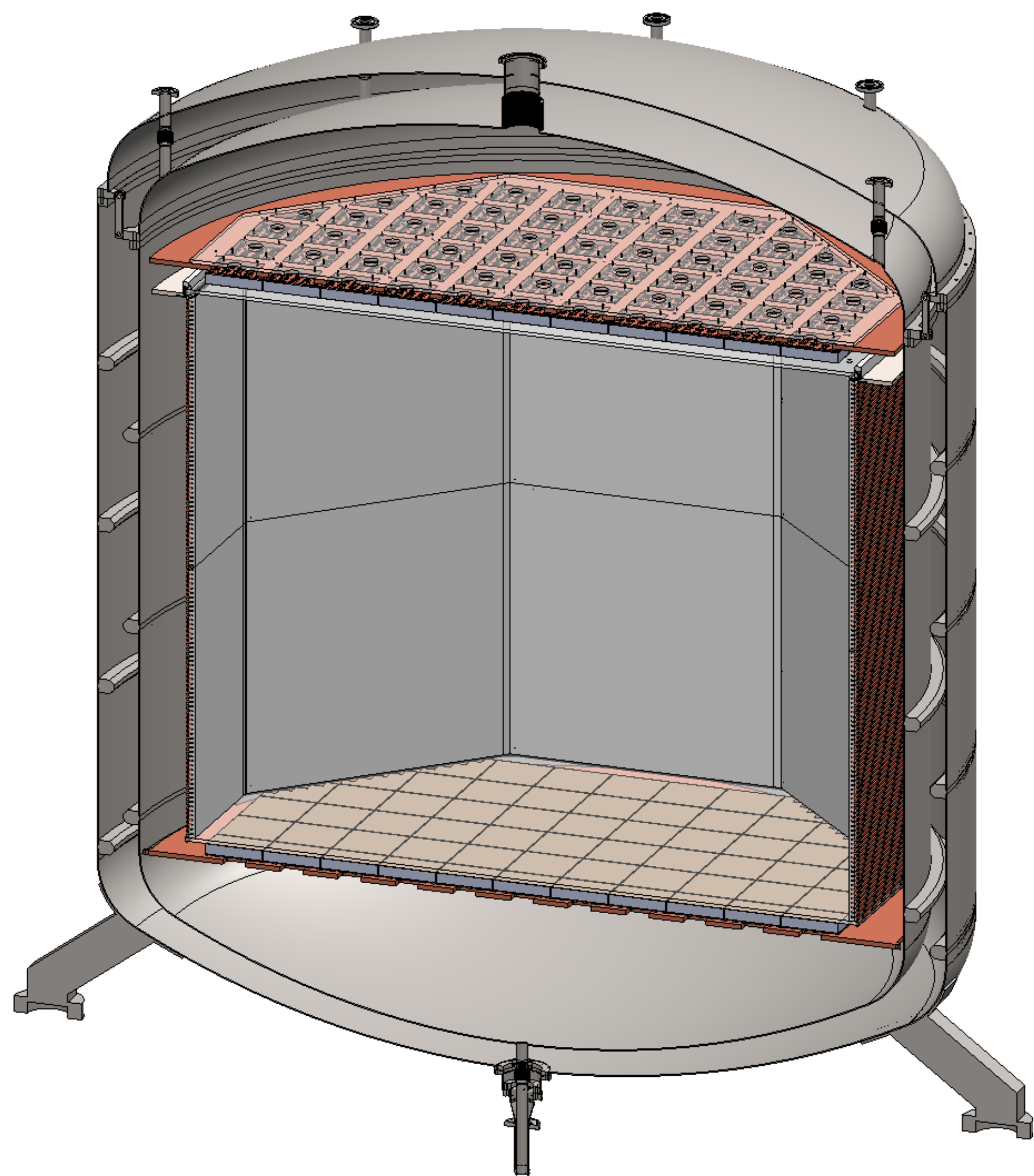
- Photon Detection Efficiency (PDE): 45% requirement met and surpassed
- Dark Count Rate (DCR): 0.1 Hz/mm² requirement met and surpassed
- Challenge in tiling due to 50 pf/mm² capacity. Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) rapidly decreases with increasing surface. The steps:
 - 2×2 cm² tile: fully demonstrated
 - 3.5×3.5 cm² tile: on the way, success projected on the basis of available data
 - 5×5 cm² tile: in 2017, some R&D necessary to improve SNR due to the increase in capacity











DarkSide-20k

20-tonnes fiducial dark matter detector

start of operations at LNGS within 2021

100 tonnextyear search for dark matter free of instrumental background

INFN-NSF science review: ✓

Yellow Book to LNGS: ✓

INFN-NSF budget and schedule review: ongoing

20–	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
DS–20k																				
ARGO																				

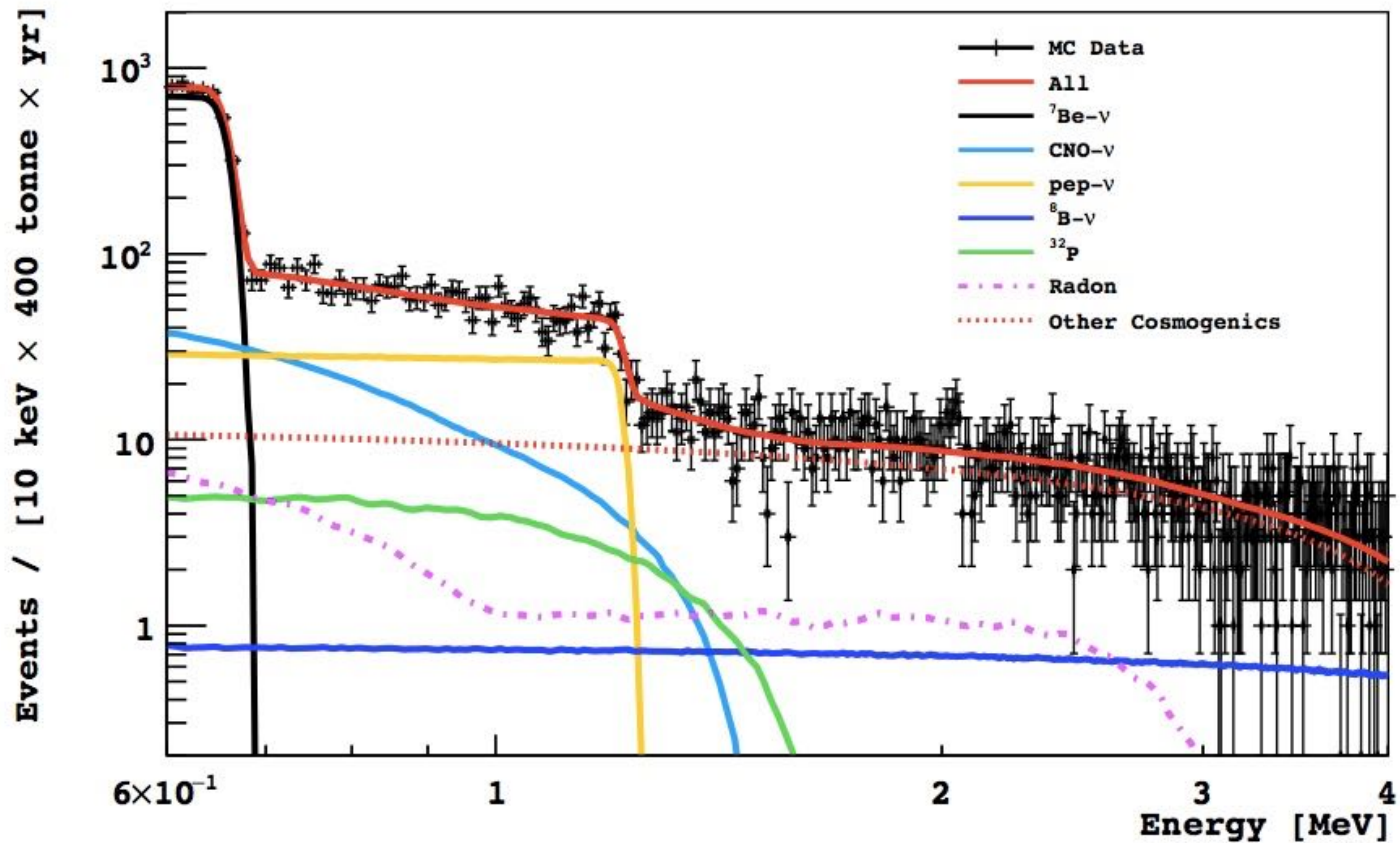
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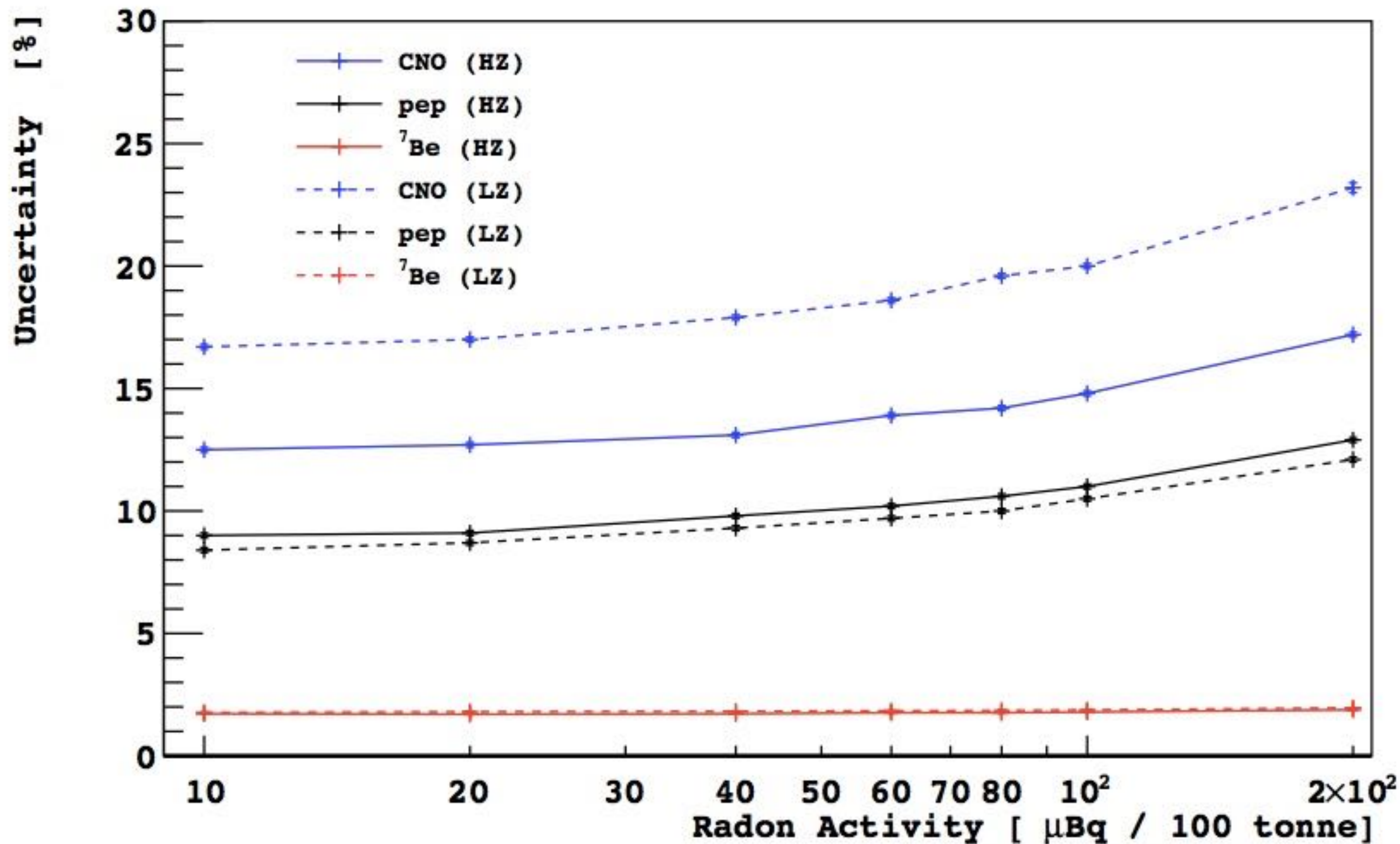
300-tonnes depleted argon detector

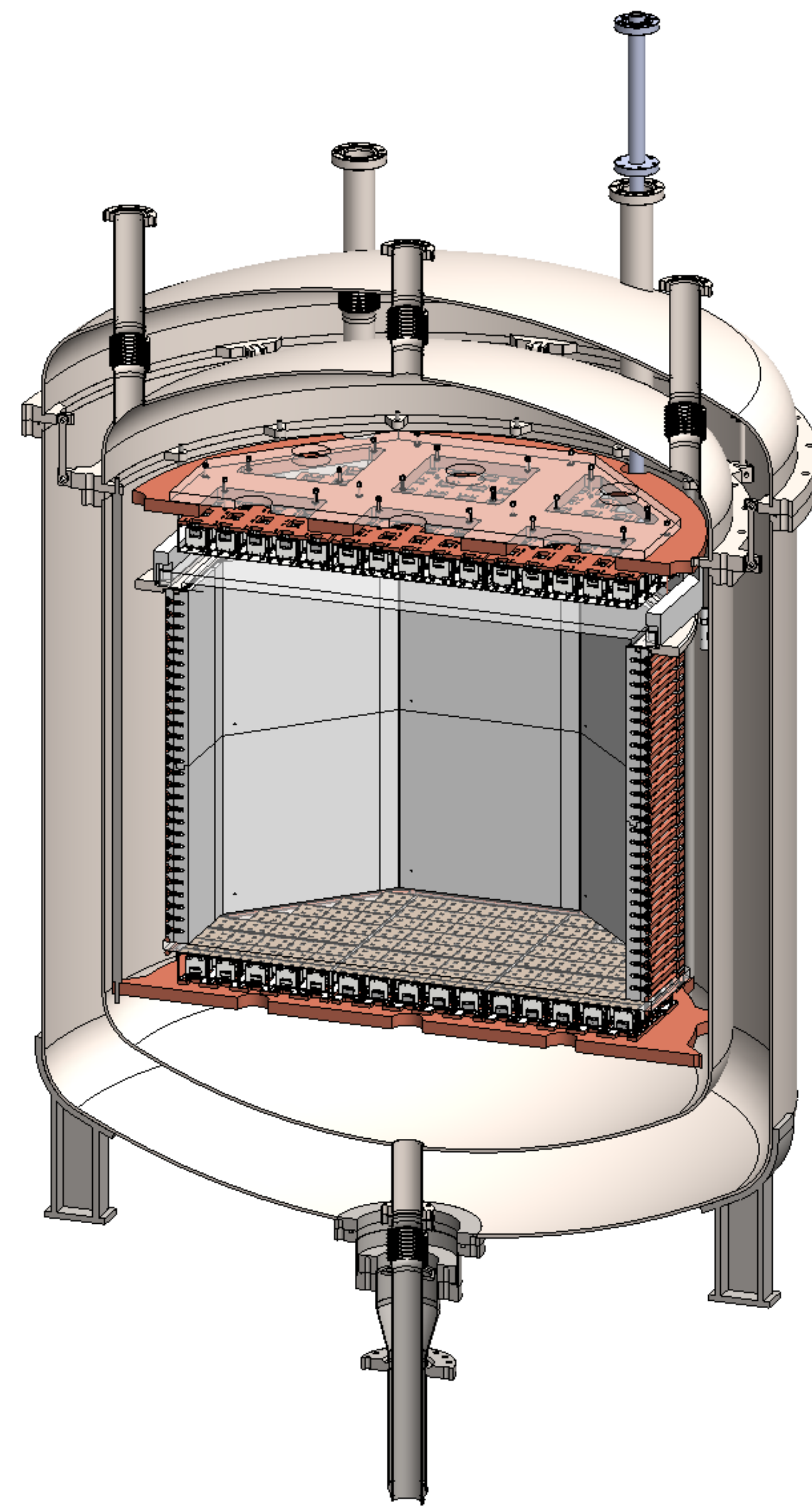
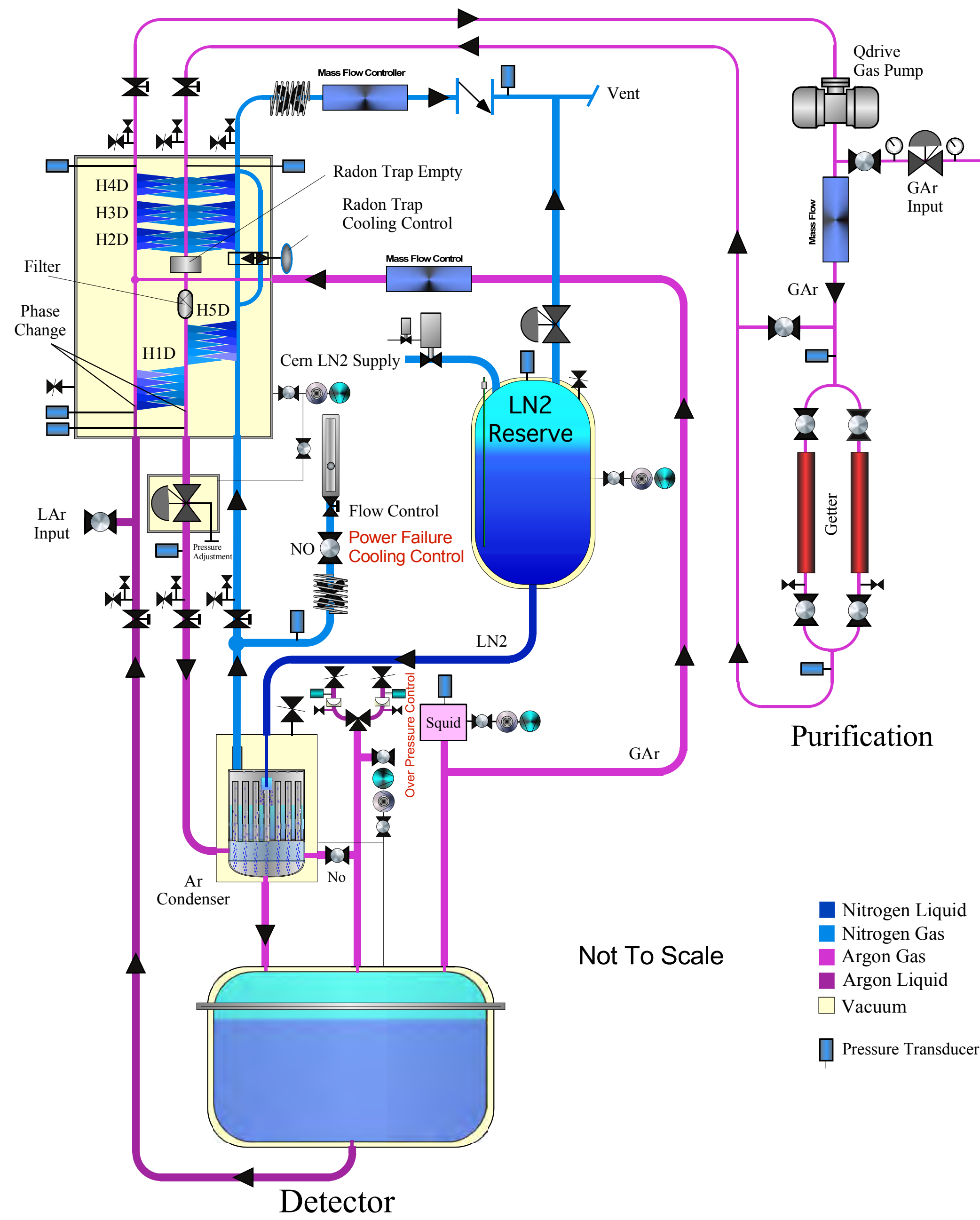
start of operations at LNGS within 2027

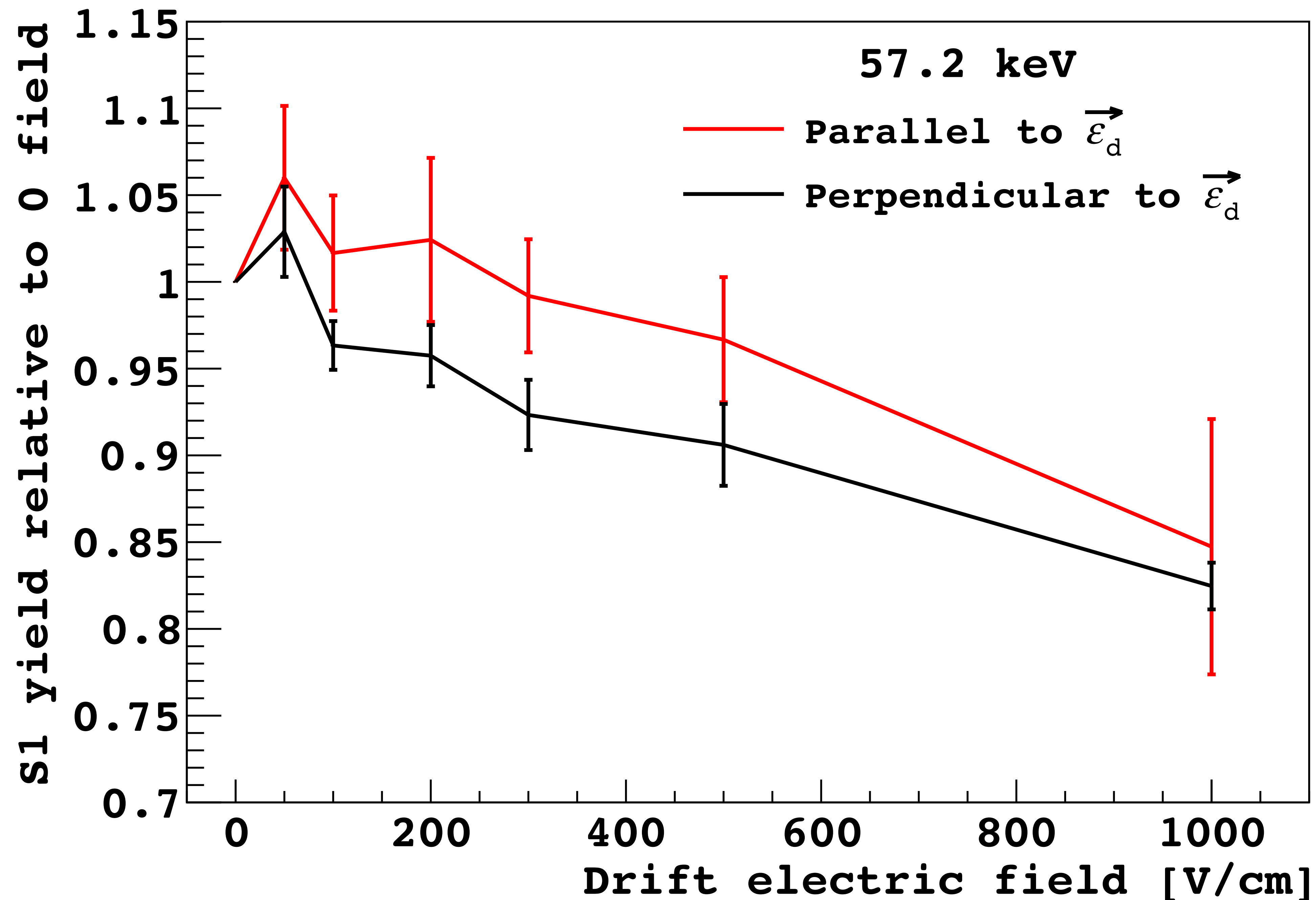
100 tonnextyear search for dark matter free of instrumental background

precision measurement of solar neutrinos









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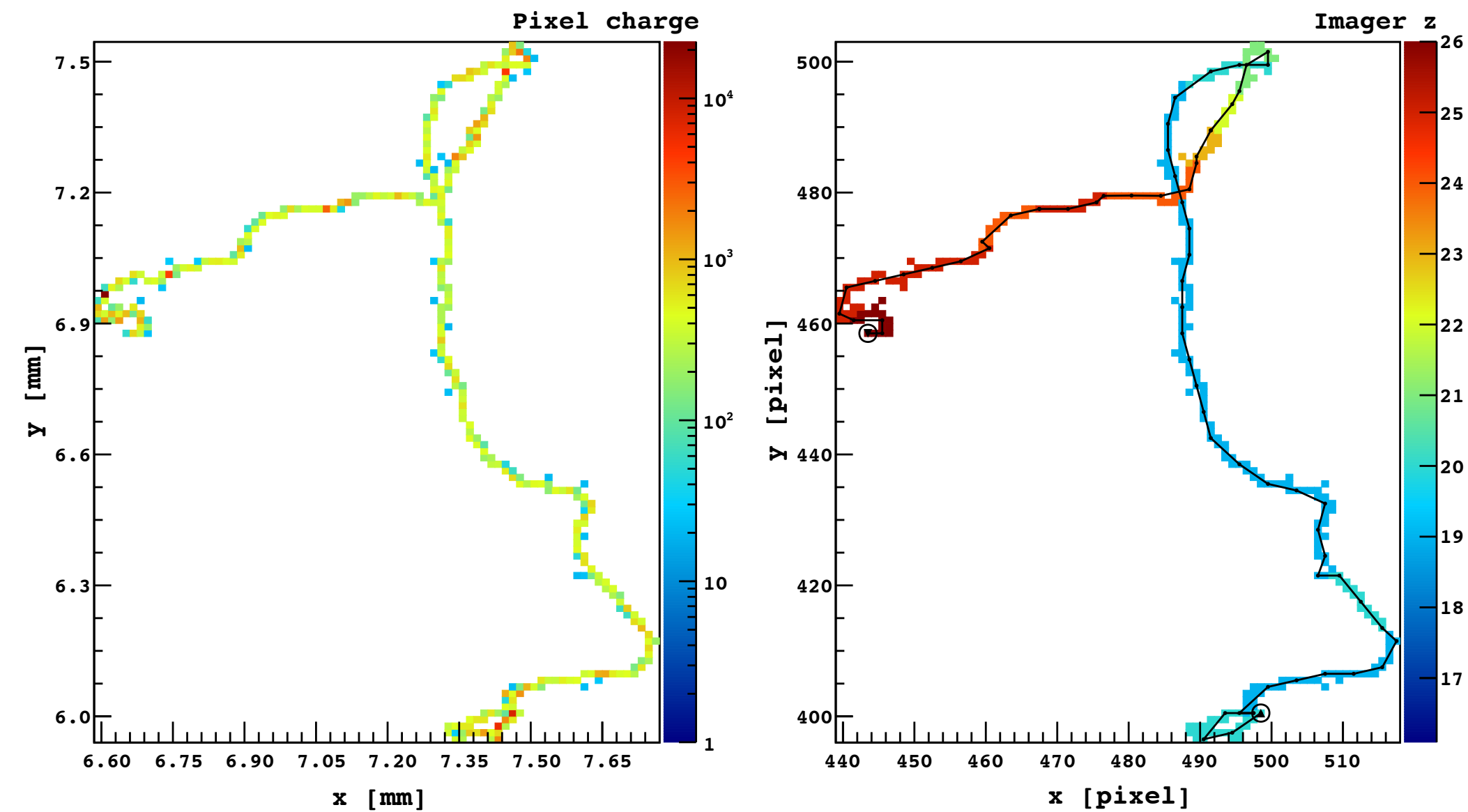


Single/double electron

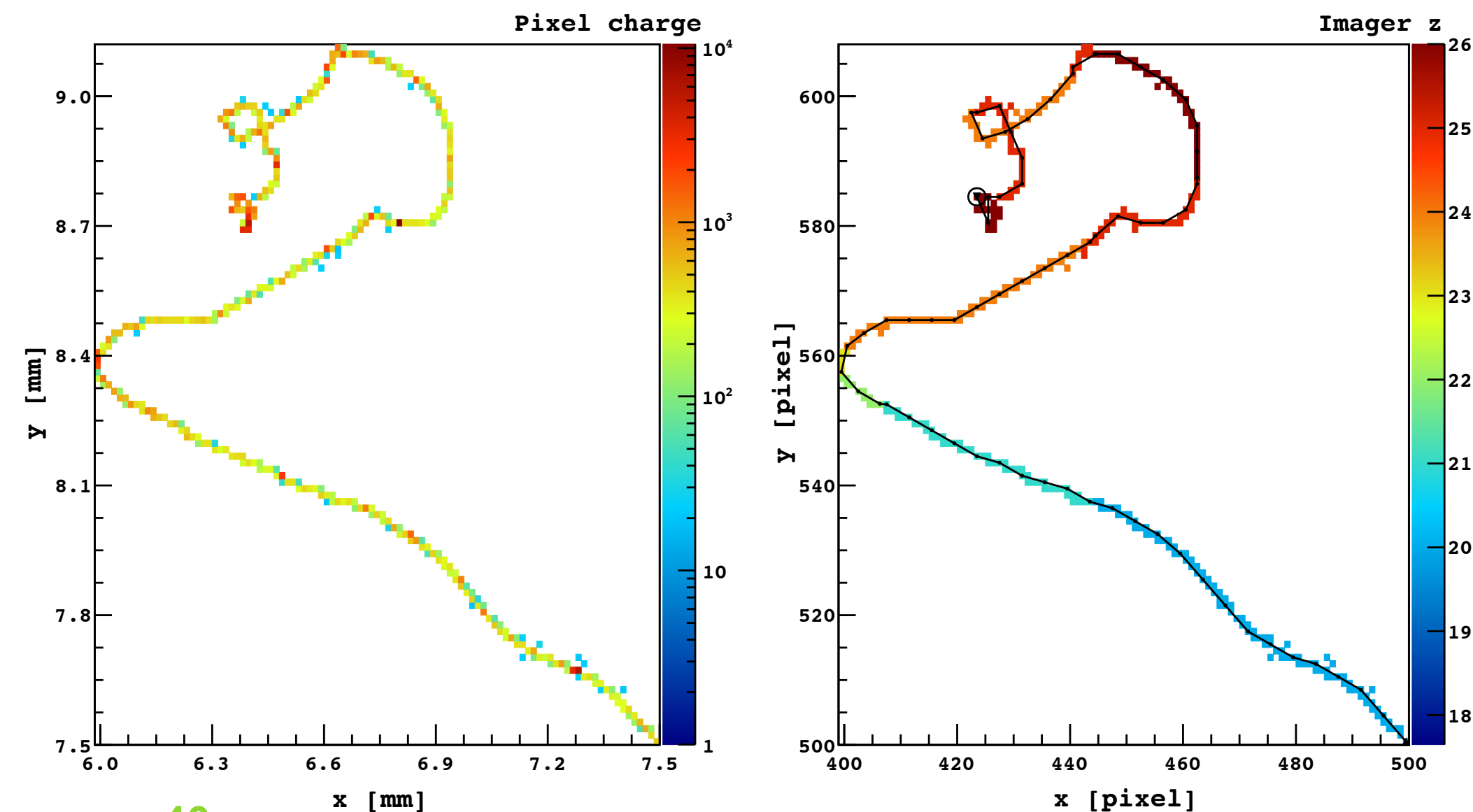
From simulation:
By identification of
Bragg peak have
achieved 10^{-3}
suppression of single
electron background,
with 50% signal
acceptance.

Strongly suppresses γ -
ray and single β
backgrounds

Double electron



Single electron



Radioactive backgrounds

In ROI		Raw background rate / $\text{kg}^{-1}\text{y}^{-1}$	After discrimination / $\text{kg}^{-1}\text{y}^{-1}$
Source			
β -decay (bulk)		$< 3.3 \times 10^{-1}$	$< 3.7 \times 10^{-9}$
β -decay (surface)		$< 4.1 \times 10^{-1}$	$< 1.2 \times 10^{-8}$
β -decay (cosmo.)		$< 9.9 \times 10^{-5}$	$< 1.5 \times 10^{-7}$
γ -ray (photo-elec.)		$< 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$	$< 7.2 \times 10^{-7}$
γ -ray (Compton)		$< 1.6 \times 10^{-3}$	$< 4.1 \times 10^{-7}$
γ -ray (pair prod.)		$< 1.9 \times 10^{-6}$	$< 1.9 \times 10^{-7}$
Total		$< 7.4 \times 10^{-1}$	$< 1.5 \times 10^{-6}$

Bulk backgrounds suppressed by α/β particle ID and spatial coincidences.

Also applied multiple scattering cut, limited to 10^{-1} suppression of nearby scatters.

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Ivone Albuquerque



Maximo Ave Pernas



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Ana Amélia Machado



Ana Amélia Machado, que coordena o projeto na Unicamp ao lado de Segreto:
"Tem de ter uma eficiência de visualização muito grande para poder detectar alguma coisa"

Ettore Segreto



O pesquisador Ettore Segreto, um dos coordenadores do projeto: "O estudo do neutrino poderia explicar essa assimetria entre matéria e antimatéria. Essas são questões muito fundamentais"

The End