

# Development and operation of large dual phase liquid argon TPCs

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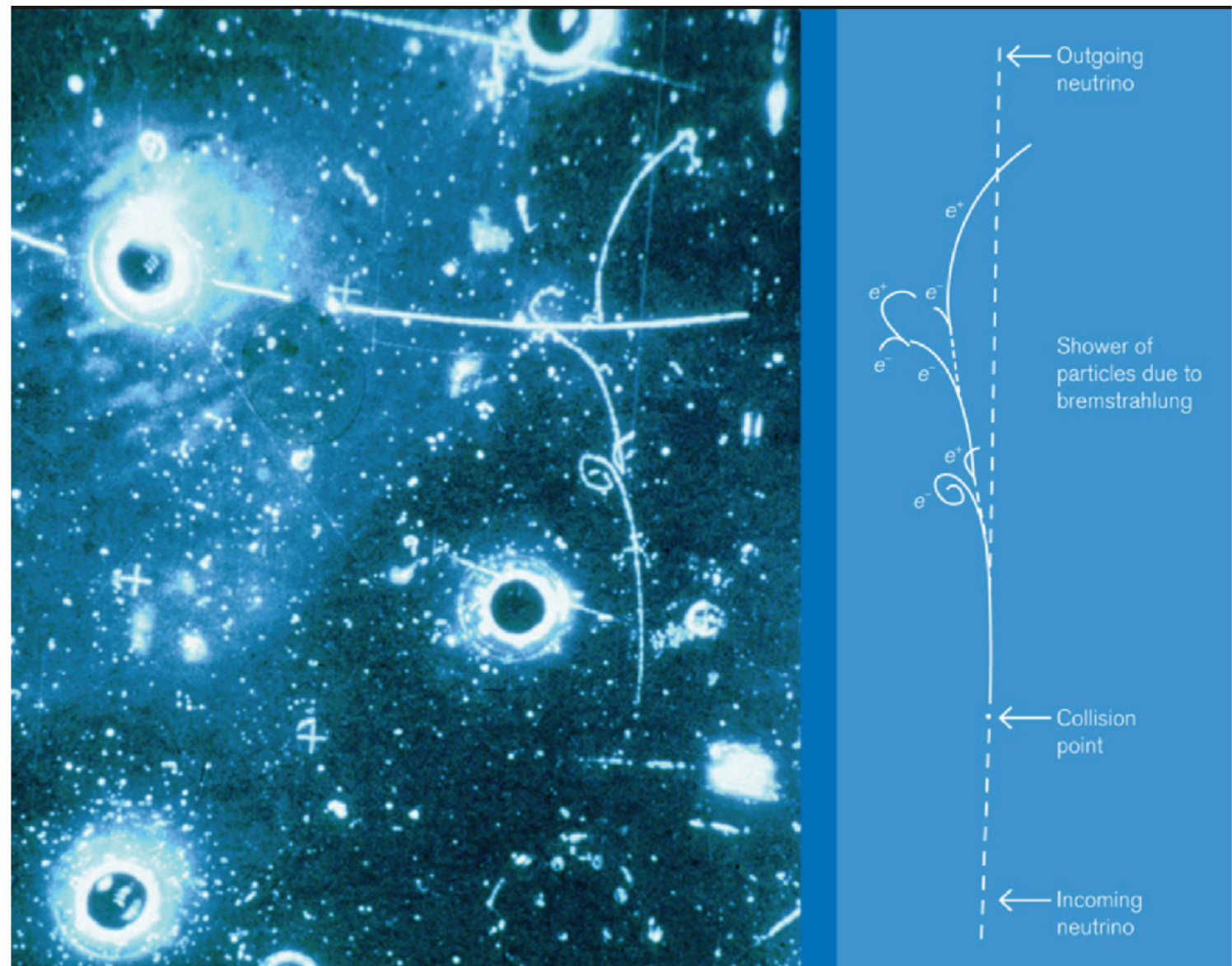
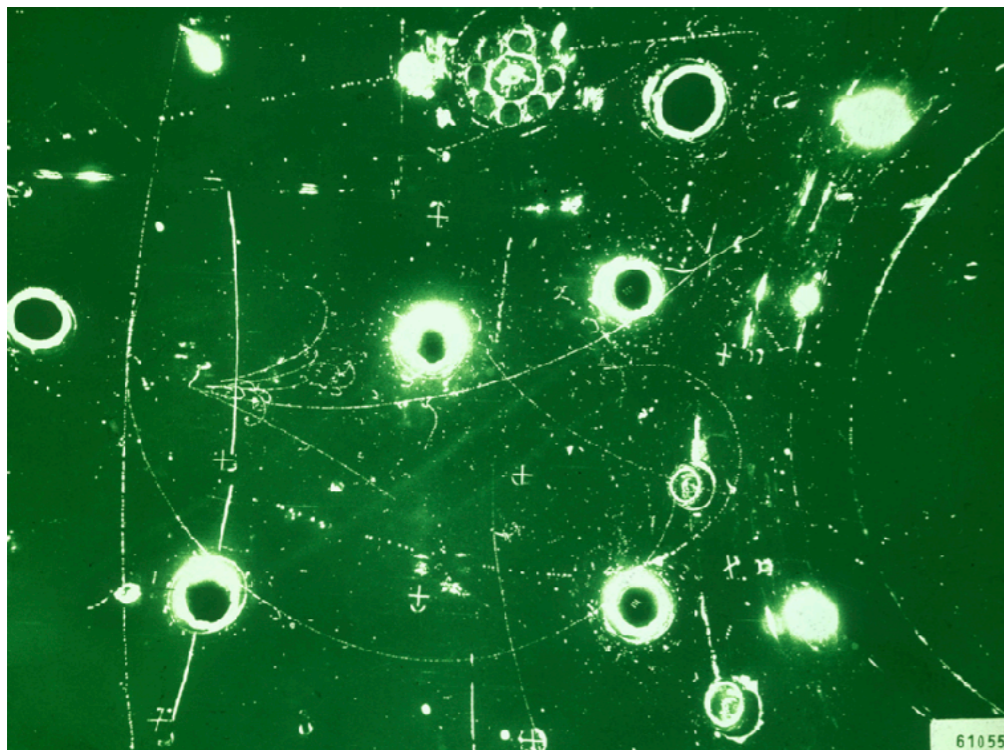
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Gargamelle bubble chamber at CERN 1970-1978. 12 m<sup>3</sup> CF<sub>3</sub>Br

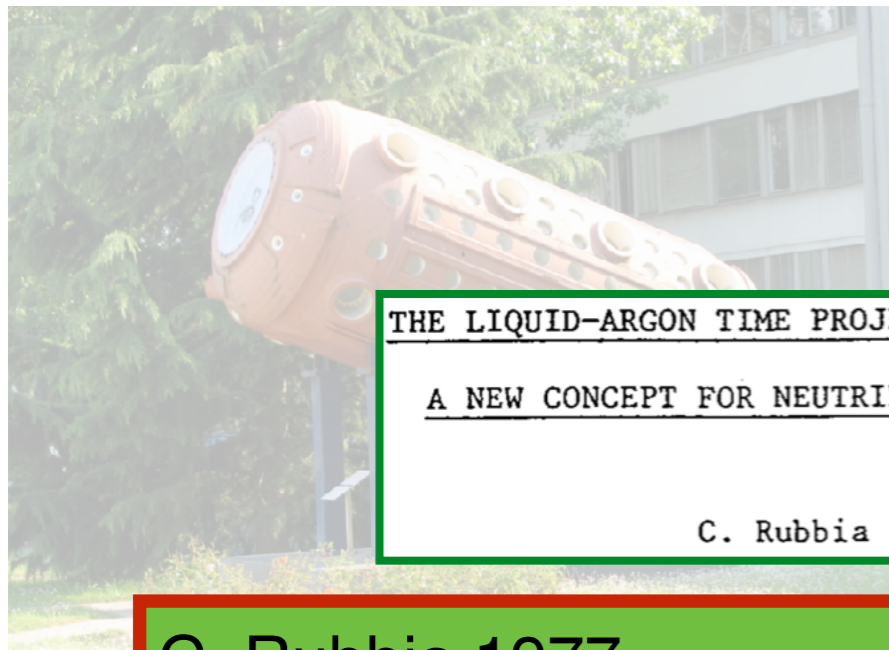
1973: 1st experimental observation of weak neutral current



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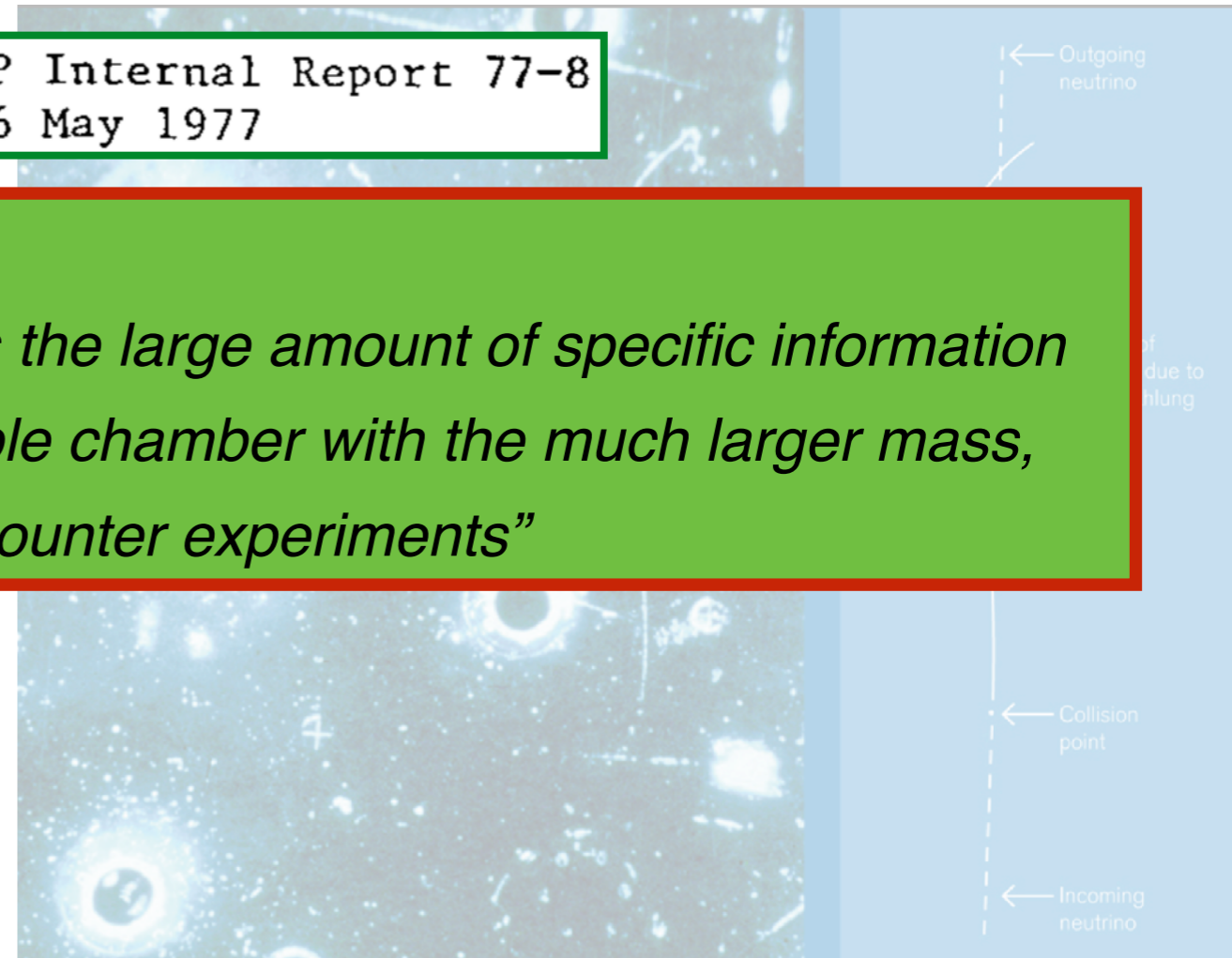
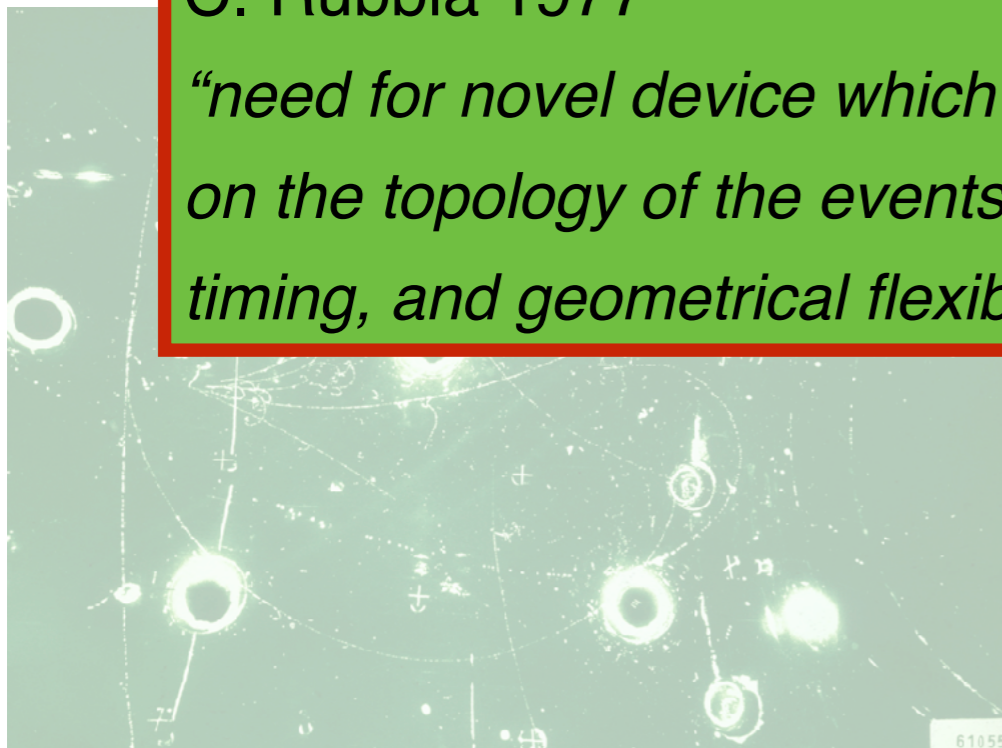
A NEW CONCEPT FOR NEUTRINO DETECTORS

C. Rubbia

EP Internal Report 77-8  
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*“need for novel device which combines the large amount of specific information on the topology of the events of a bubble chamber with the much larger mass, timing, and geometrical flexibility of a counter experiments”*



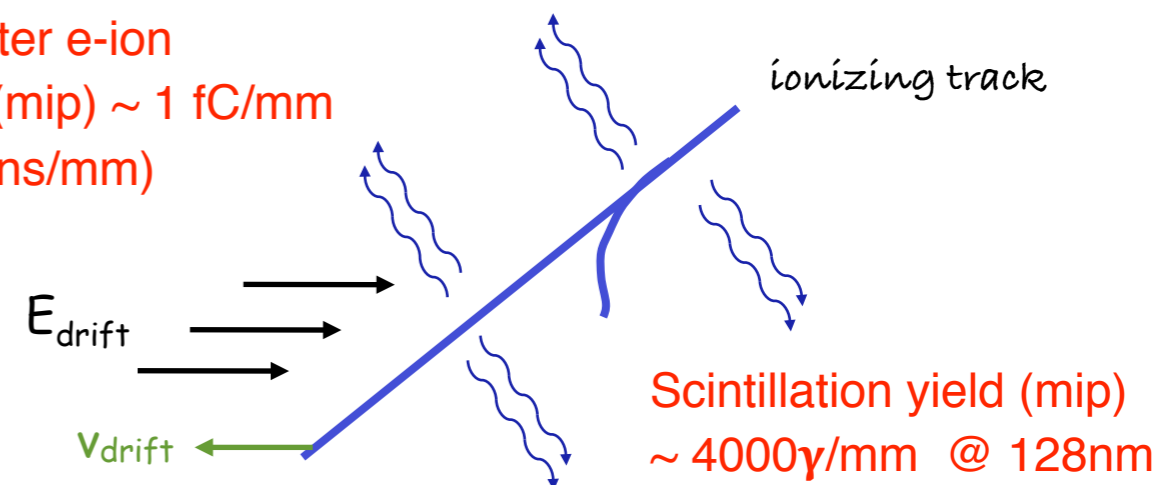
# The electronic bubble chamber

## Liquid Argon:

- High density, cheap medium
- Quasi free electrons from ionising tracks are drifted by  $E_{\text{drift}} \sim 500 \text{ V/cm}$
- Electron drift velocity  $\approx 2 \text{ mm}/\mu\text{s}$  @ 1 kV/cm
- Electron cloud diffusion is small  
( $\sigma \approx \sqrt{2Dx}/v_{\text{drift}} \approx \text{mm}$  after several meters of drift)
- High scintillation yield (@ 128 nm) can be used for  $T_0$ , trigger, ...

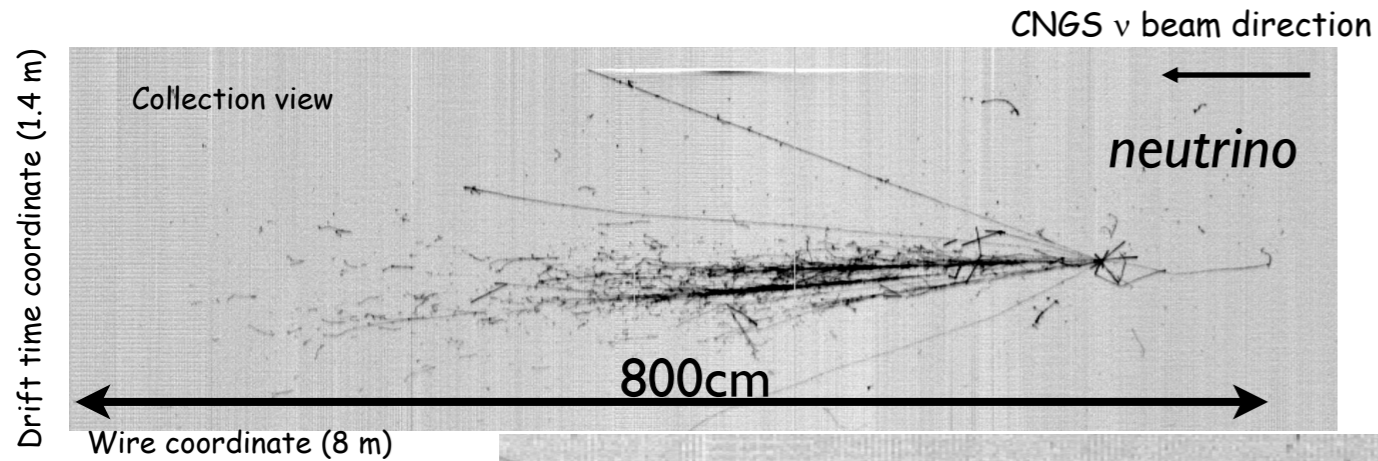
Property	Liquid Argon
Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.4
Radiation length (cm)	14
Interaction length (cm)	83.6
dE/dx mip (MeV/cm)	2.1
We (eV) @ E=∞	23.6
W <sub>γ</sub> (eV) @ E=0	20
Refractive index (visible)	1.24
Cerenkov angle	36°
Cerenkov d <sup>2</sup> N/dEdx (β=1)	≈ 130 eV <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup>
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Charge yield after e-ion recombination (mip)  $\sim 1 \text{ fC/mm}$   
( $\sim 6000 \text{ electrons/mm}$ )

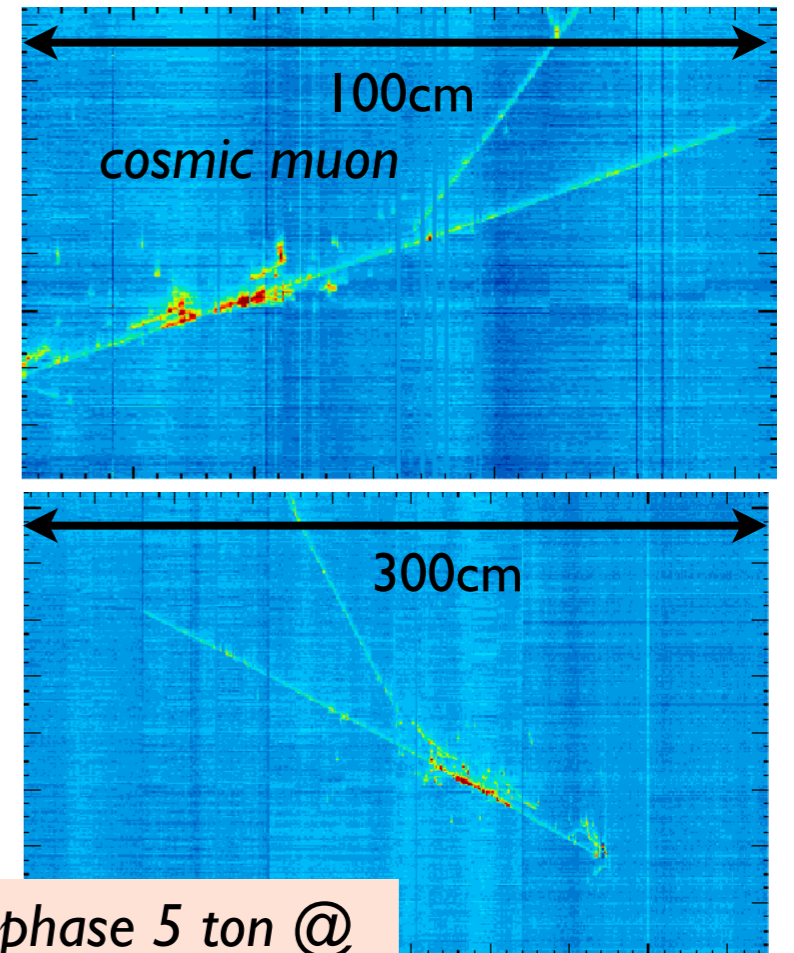
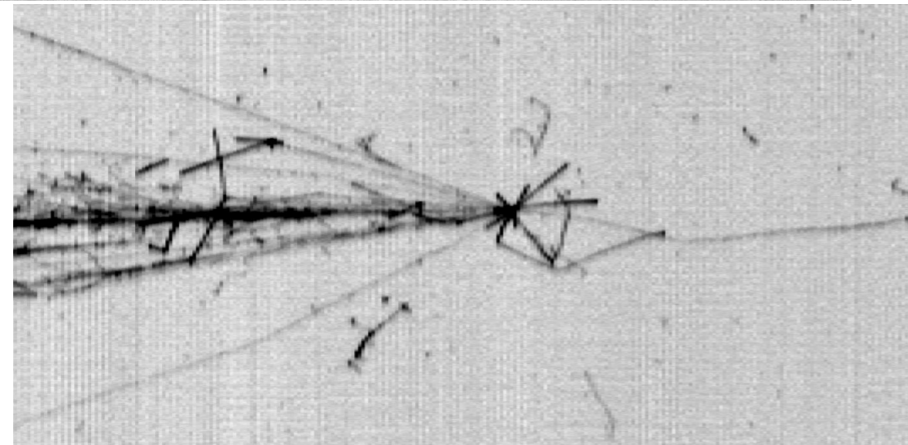


(Electron-ion recombination  $\approx 30\%$  for m.i.p. @ 1 kV/cm)

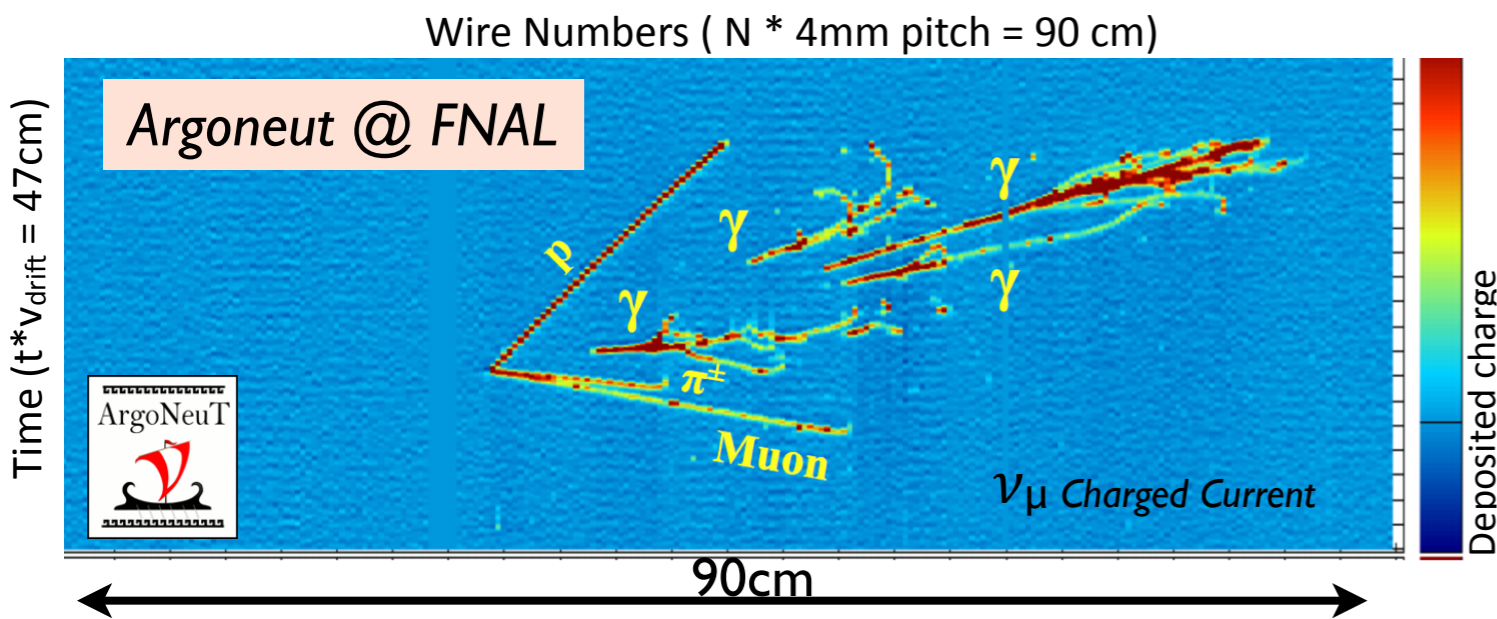
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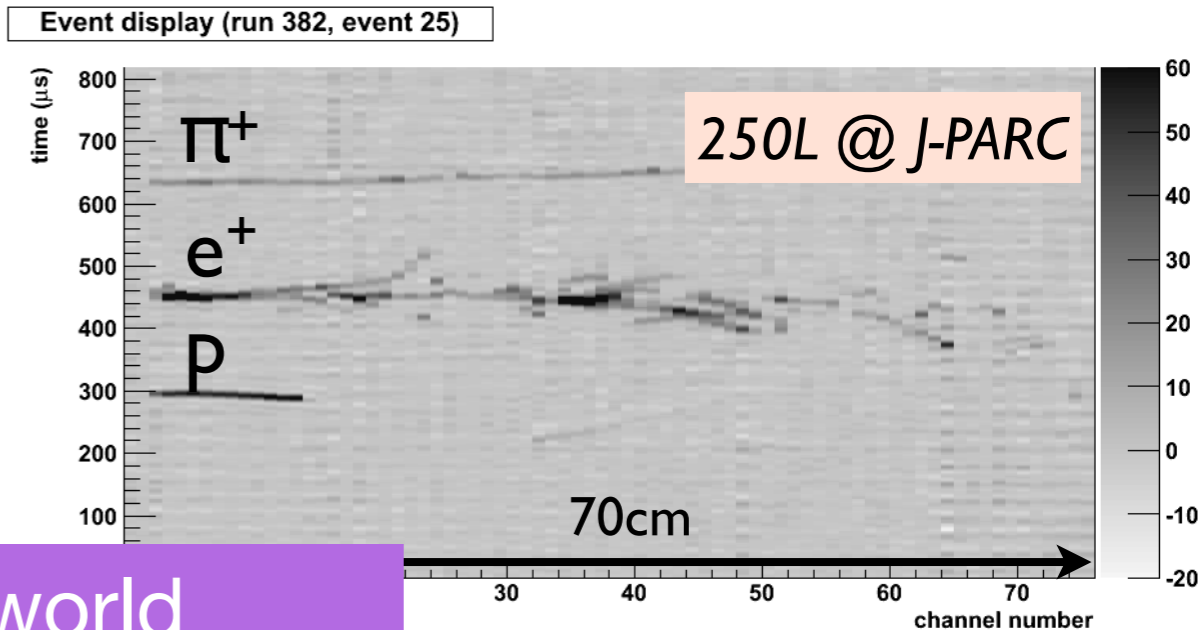
ICARUS T600  
@ LNGS



Dual phase 5 ton @  
CERN (WAI05)



Charged particle beam  $\approx 800$  MeV/c exposure



Features reproducible around the world

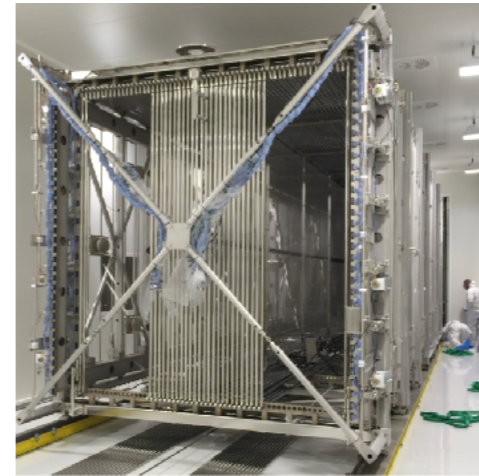
# Liquid Argon TPCs for neutrino physics

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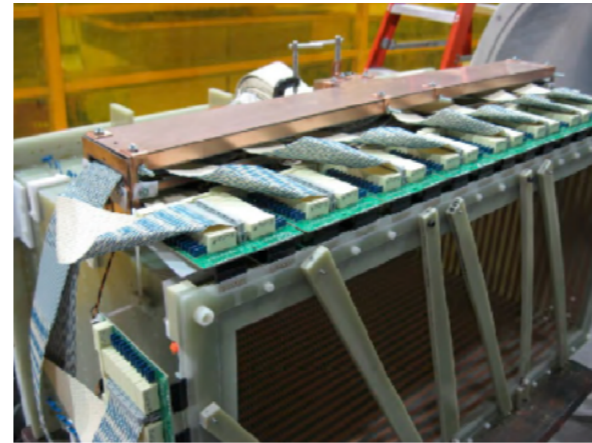
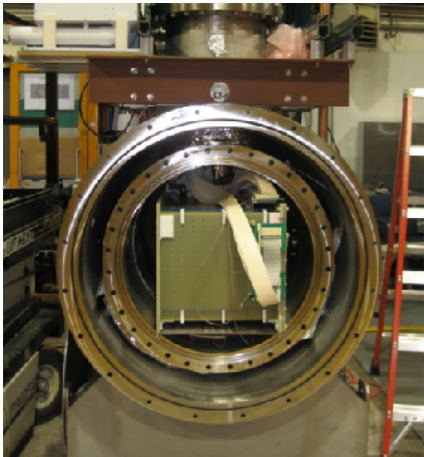
- ★ The **Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber** is the successful marriage between the “gaseous TPC” and “the liquid argon calorimeter” to obtain a dense and very fine grained 3D tracking device (mm-scale resolution) with local dE/dx information and a homogenous full sampling calorimeter (e.g.  $\approx 2\%X_0$  sampling rate for 3mm pitch). It can be operated in trigger-less mode, hence is continuously active.
  
- ★ After many decades of pioneering R&D, the technology has matured into a **fundamental and necessary technique to address the particle physics challenges of the 21st century**. It has the potential to be the tool to discover new phenomena, such as:
  - ★ the convincing case for the existence of sterile neutrinos;
  - ★ the discovery of CP-violation in the lepton sector;
  - ★ the measurement of the neutrino mass states ordering
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# Liquid Argon TPCs exposed to neutrinos

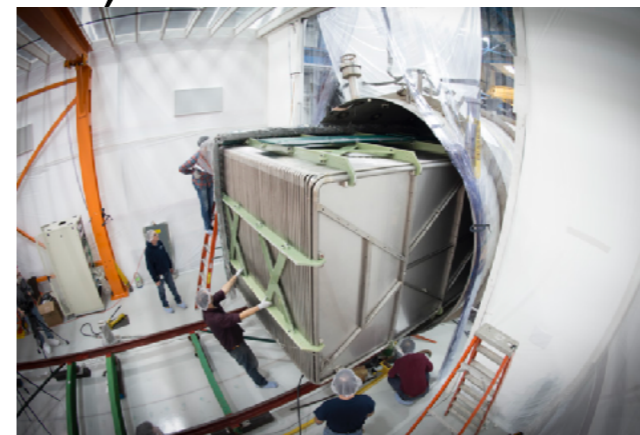
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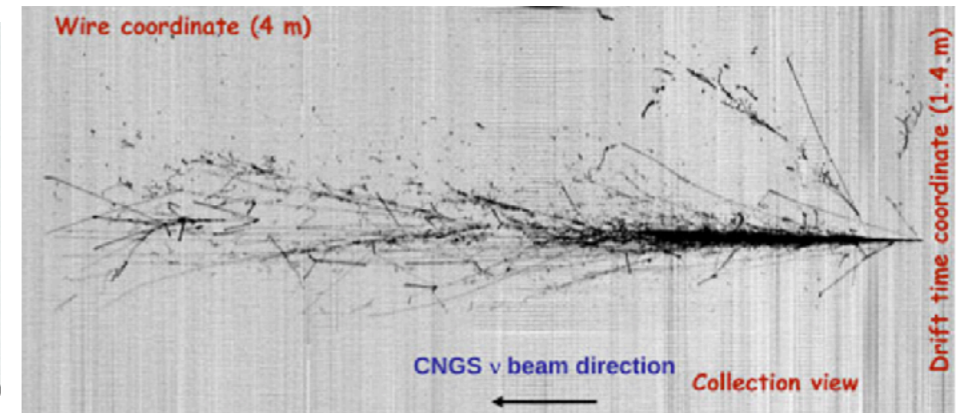
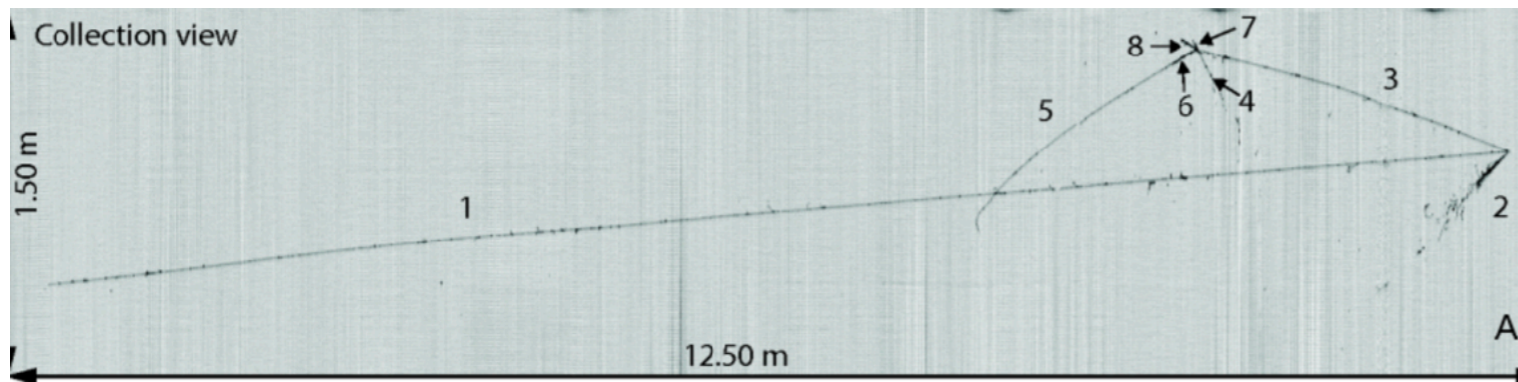


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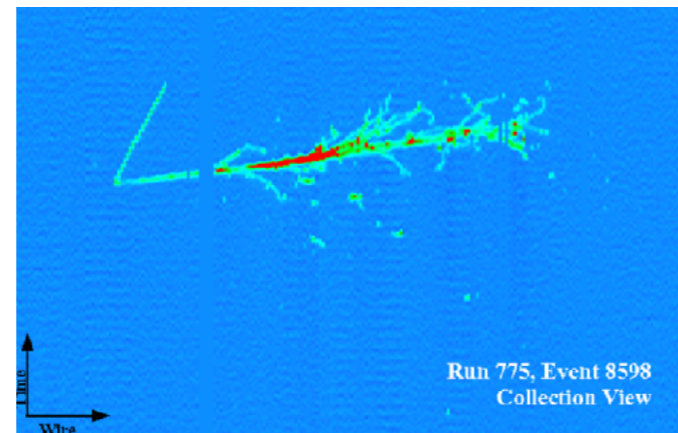
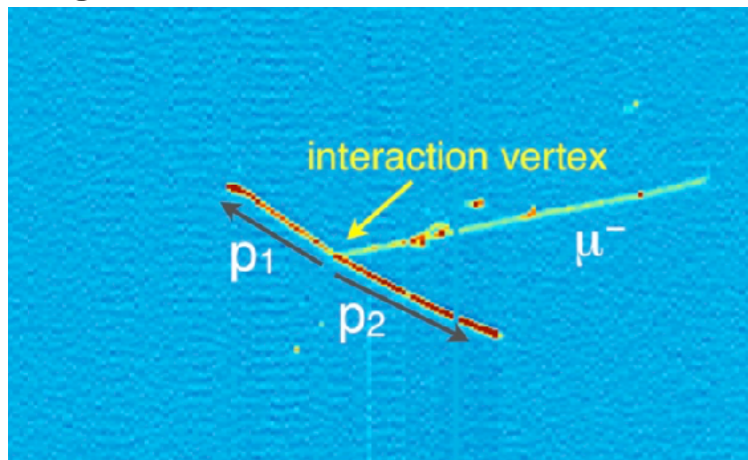


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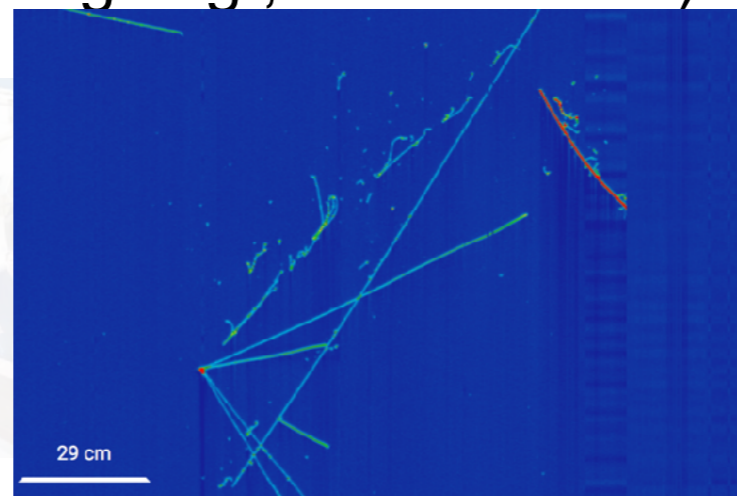
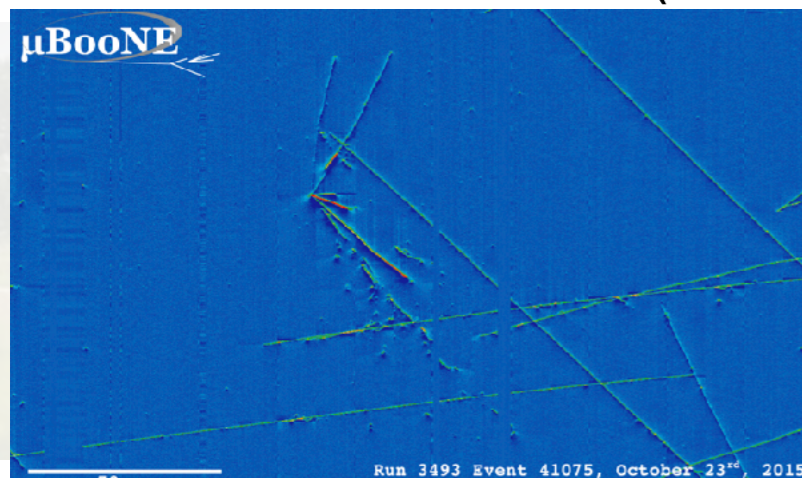
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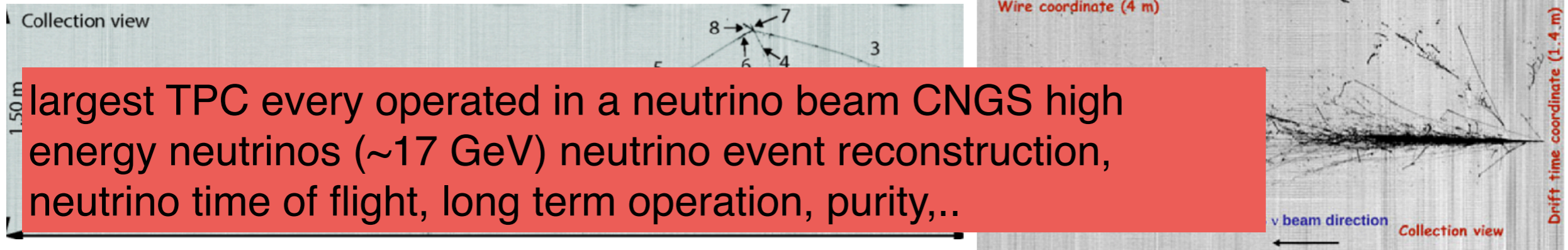




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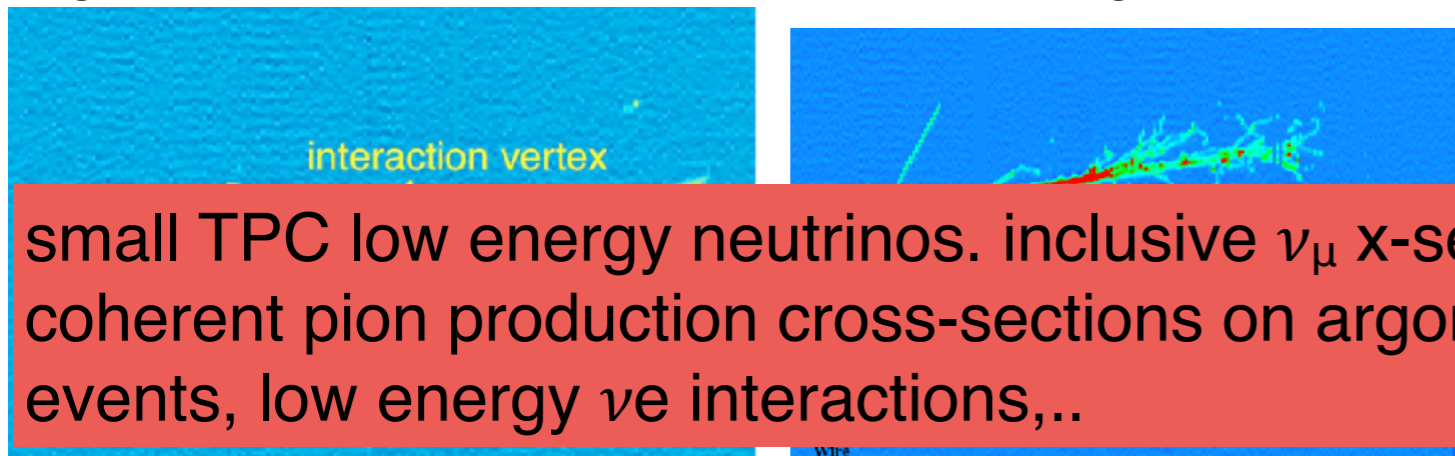
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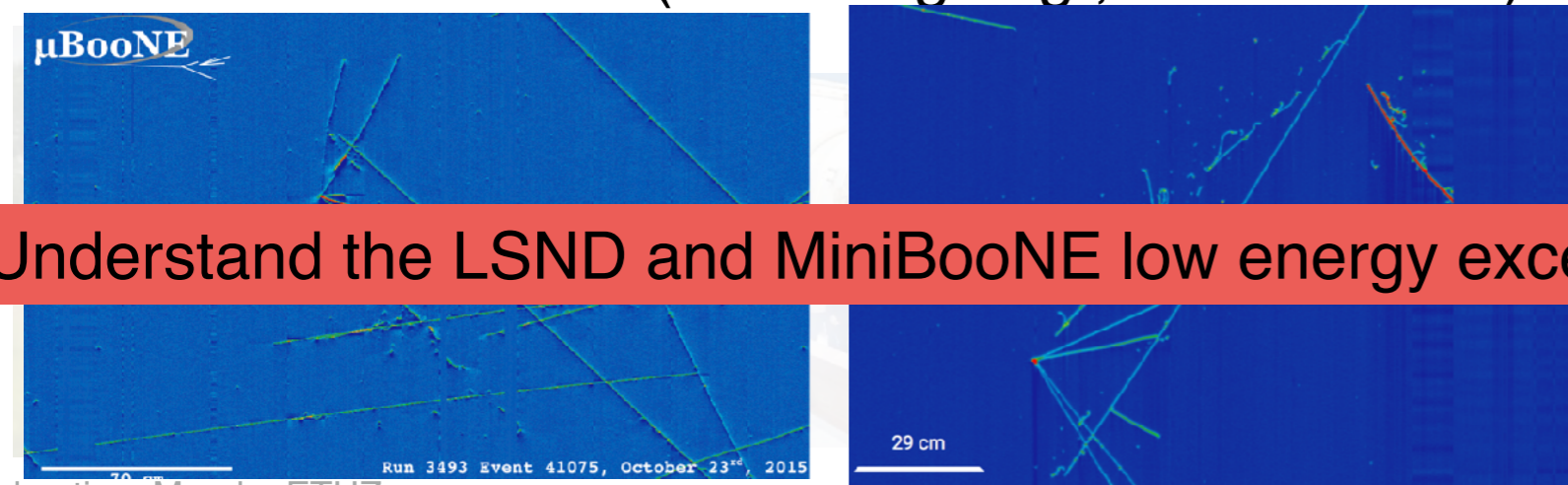
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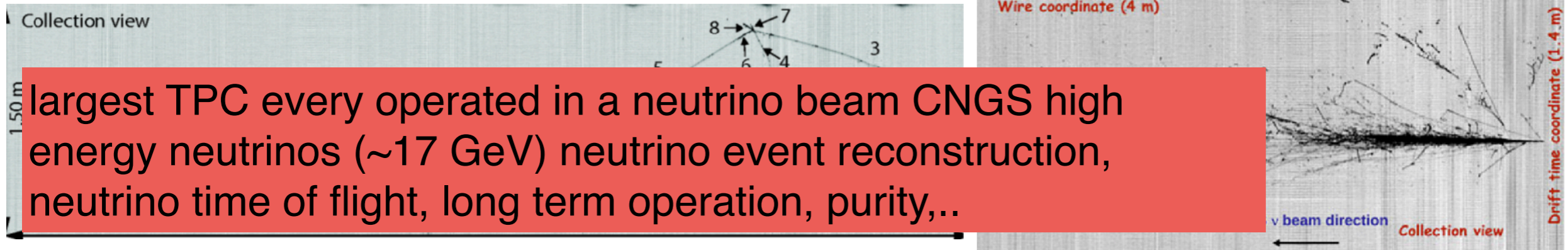


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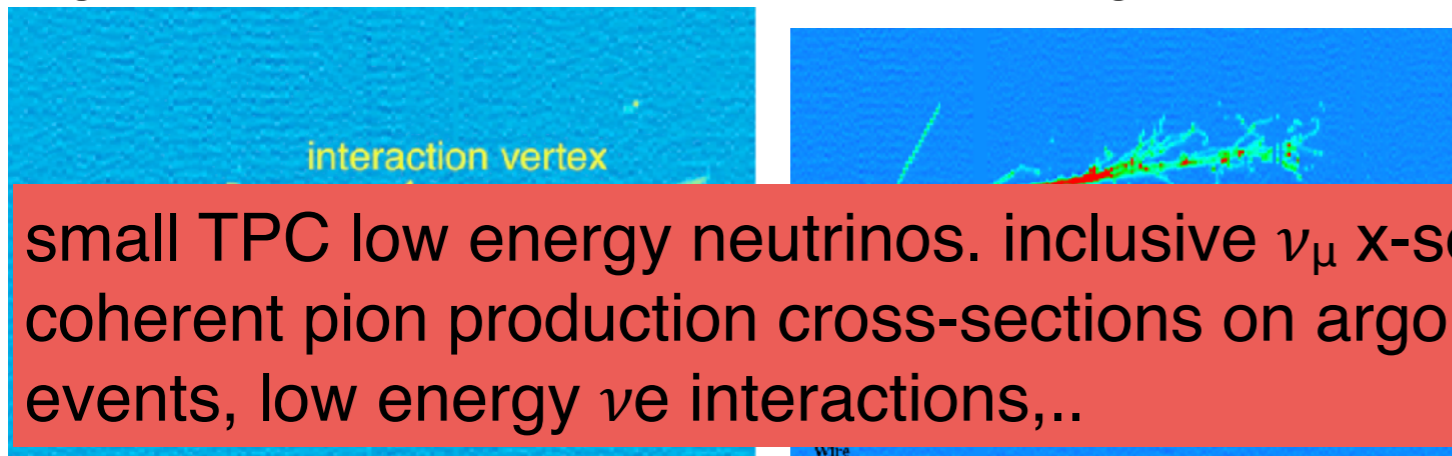
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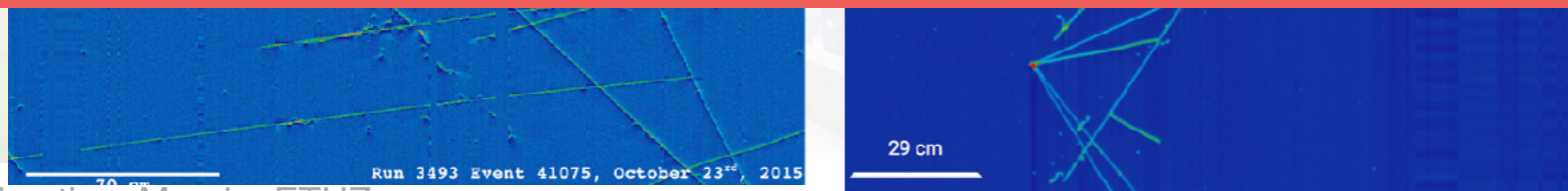
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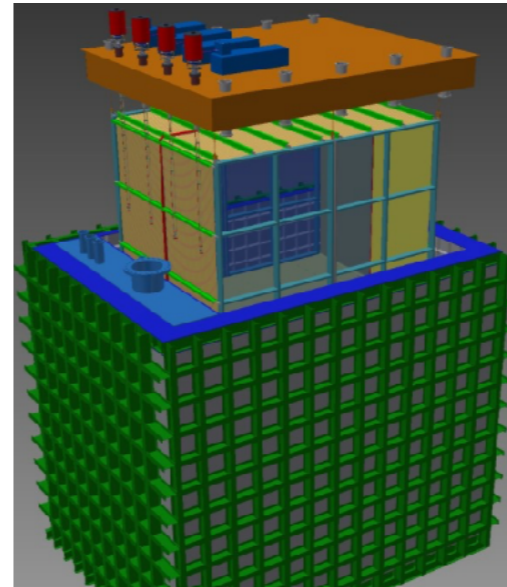
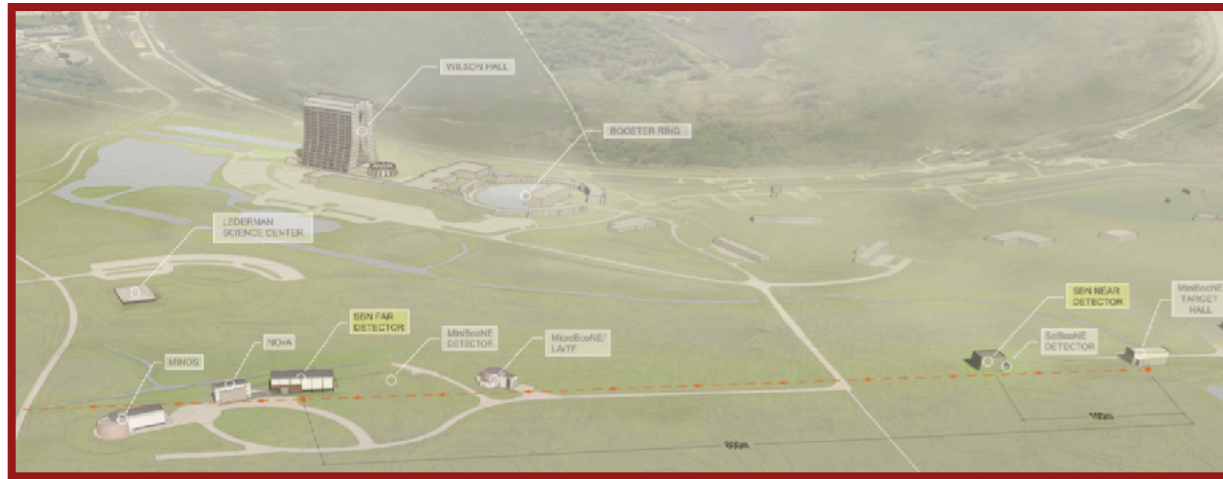
Have demonstrated that LAr TPCs offer unprecedented imaging of neutrino interactions (vertex activity, final state interactions, good sig/background discrimination,..) and that they indeed provide a powerful tool for future neutrino experiment.

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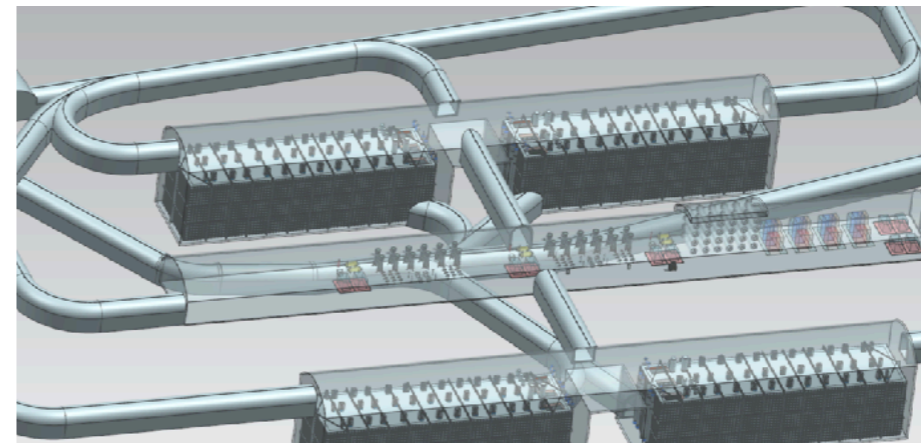
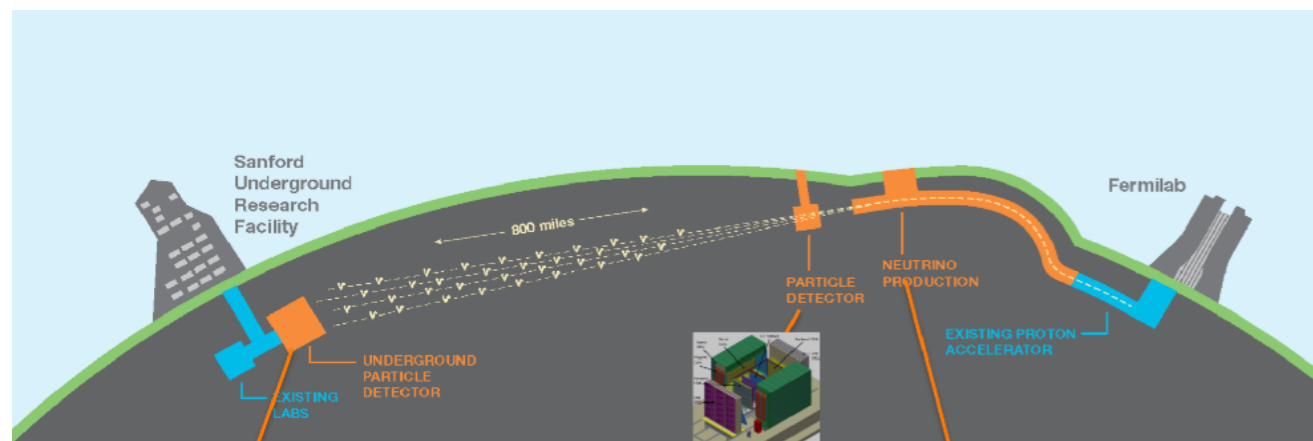
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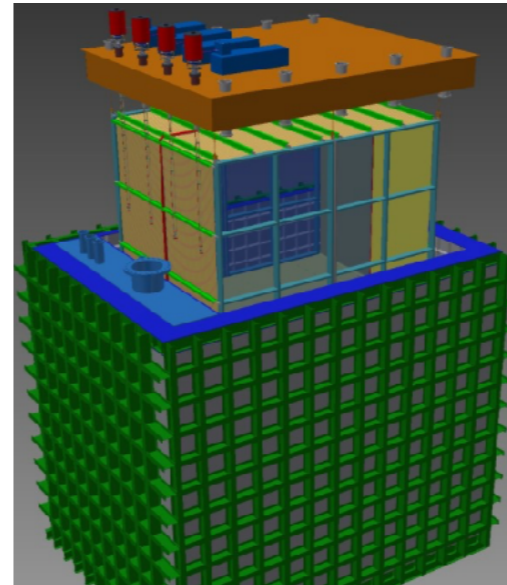
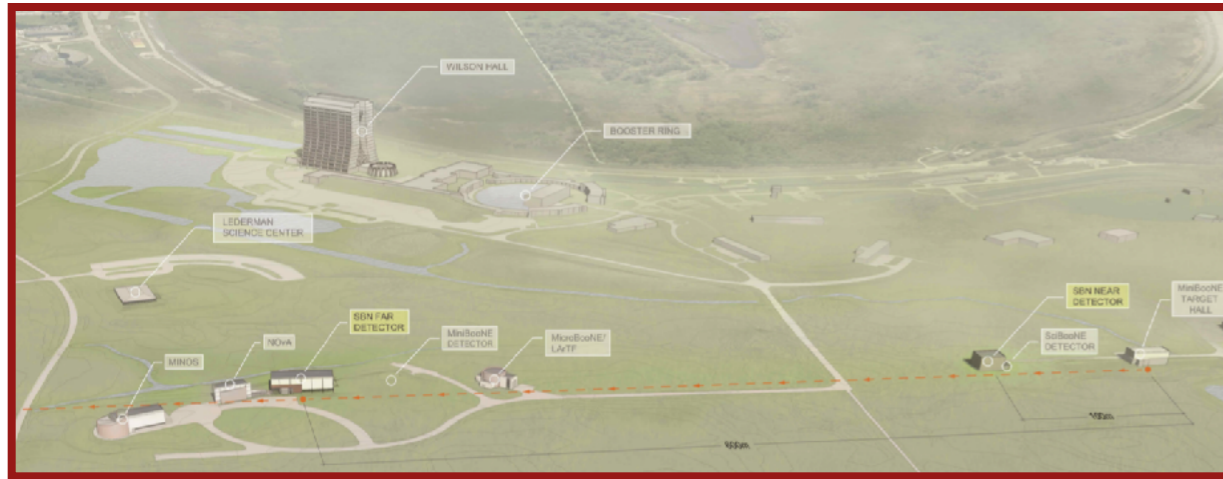
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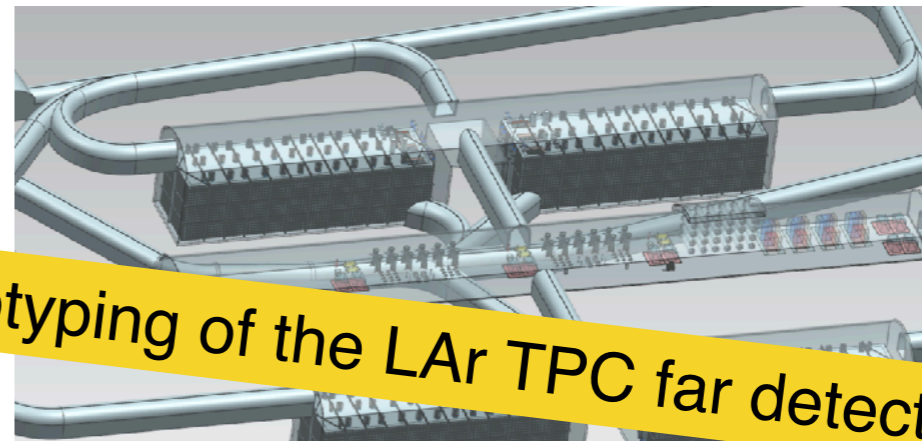
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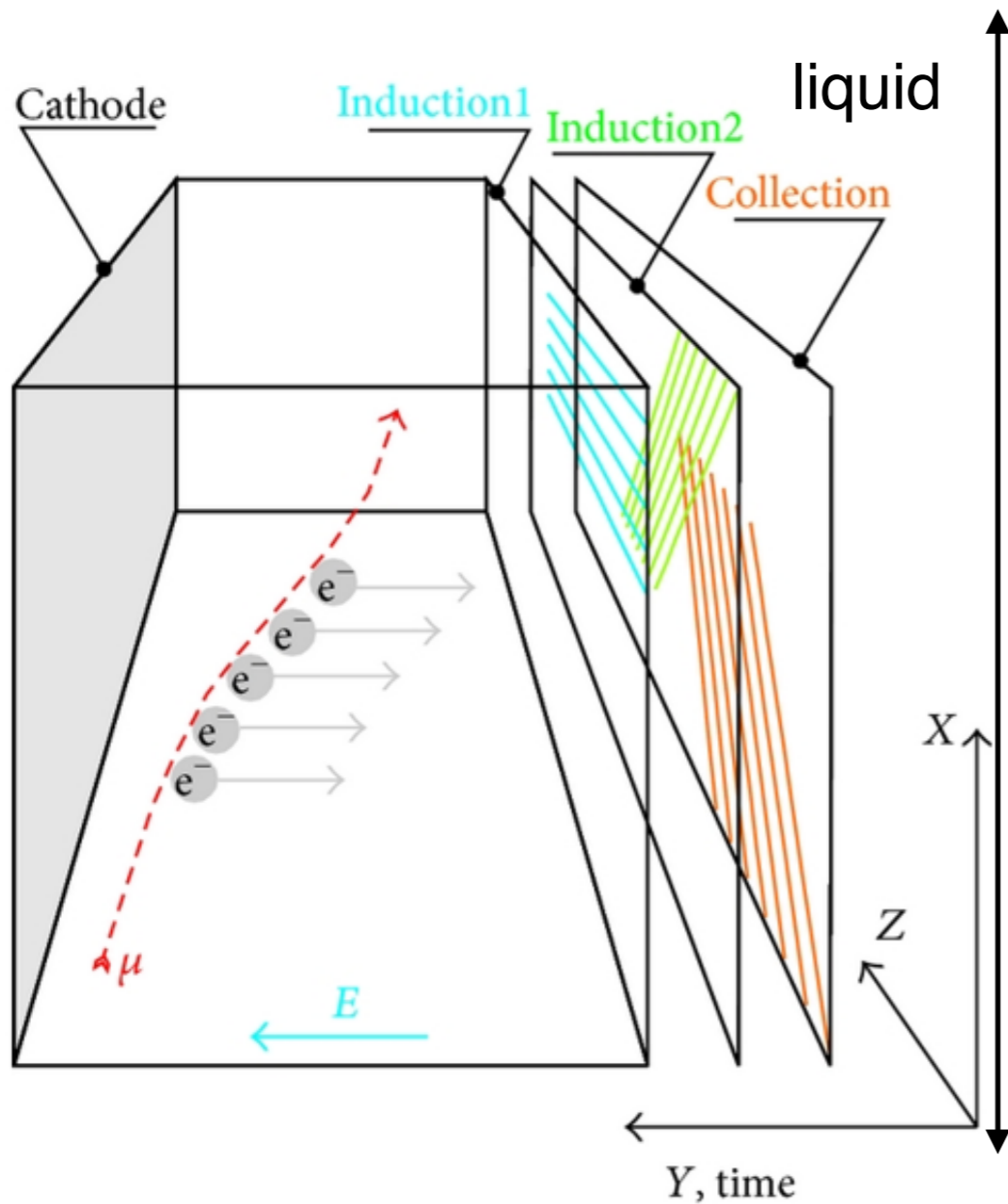
Major scientific discoveries - extensive prototyping of the LAr TPC far detectors required

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# Liquid argon TPC-single and dual phase

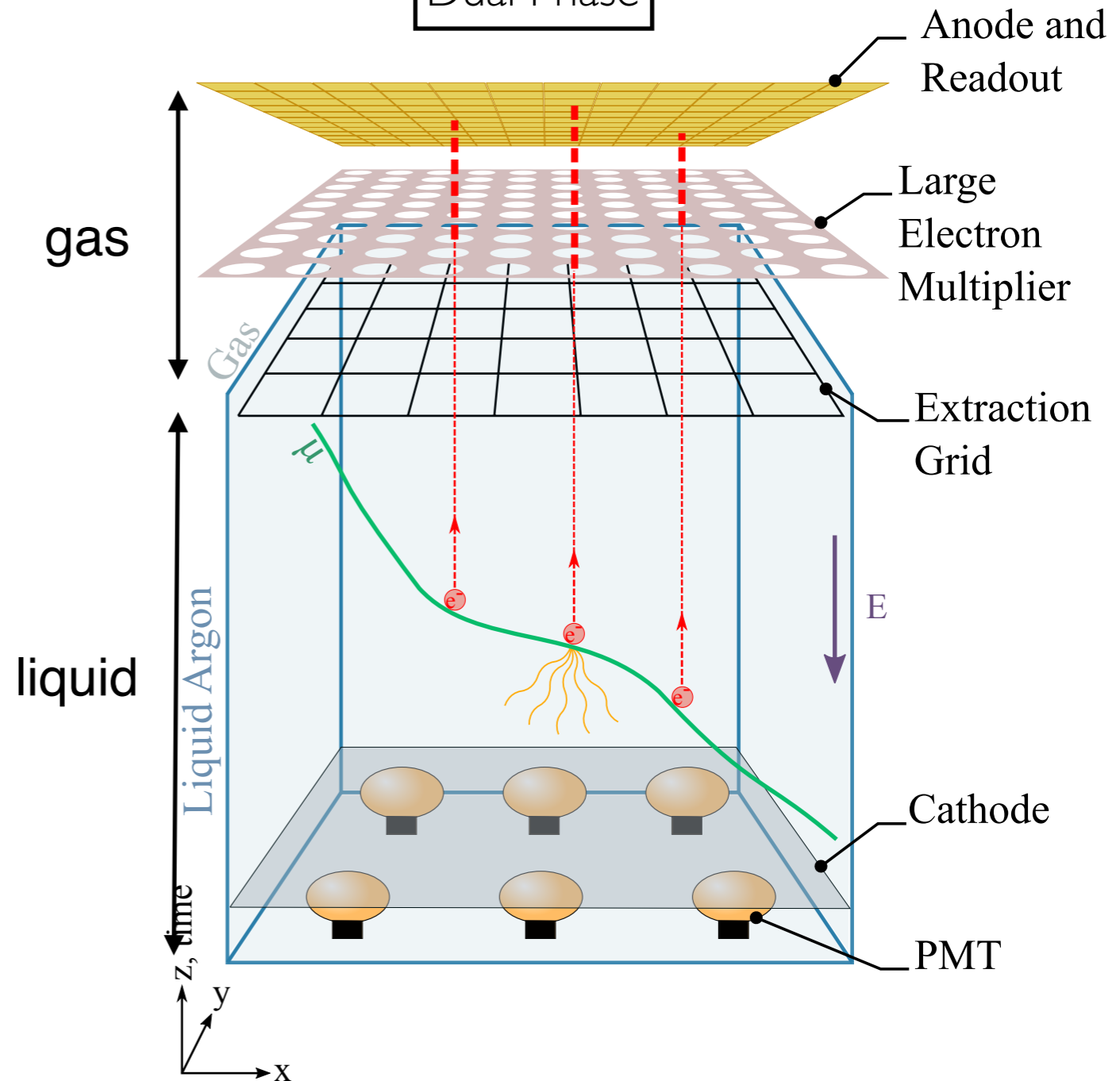
- ionisation charges are drifted horizontally and readout by wires.
- No amplification of the signal.

Single Phase

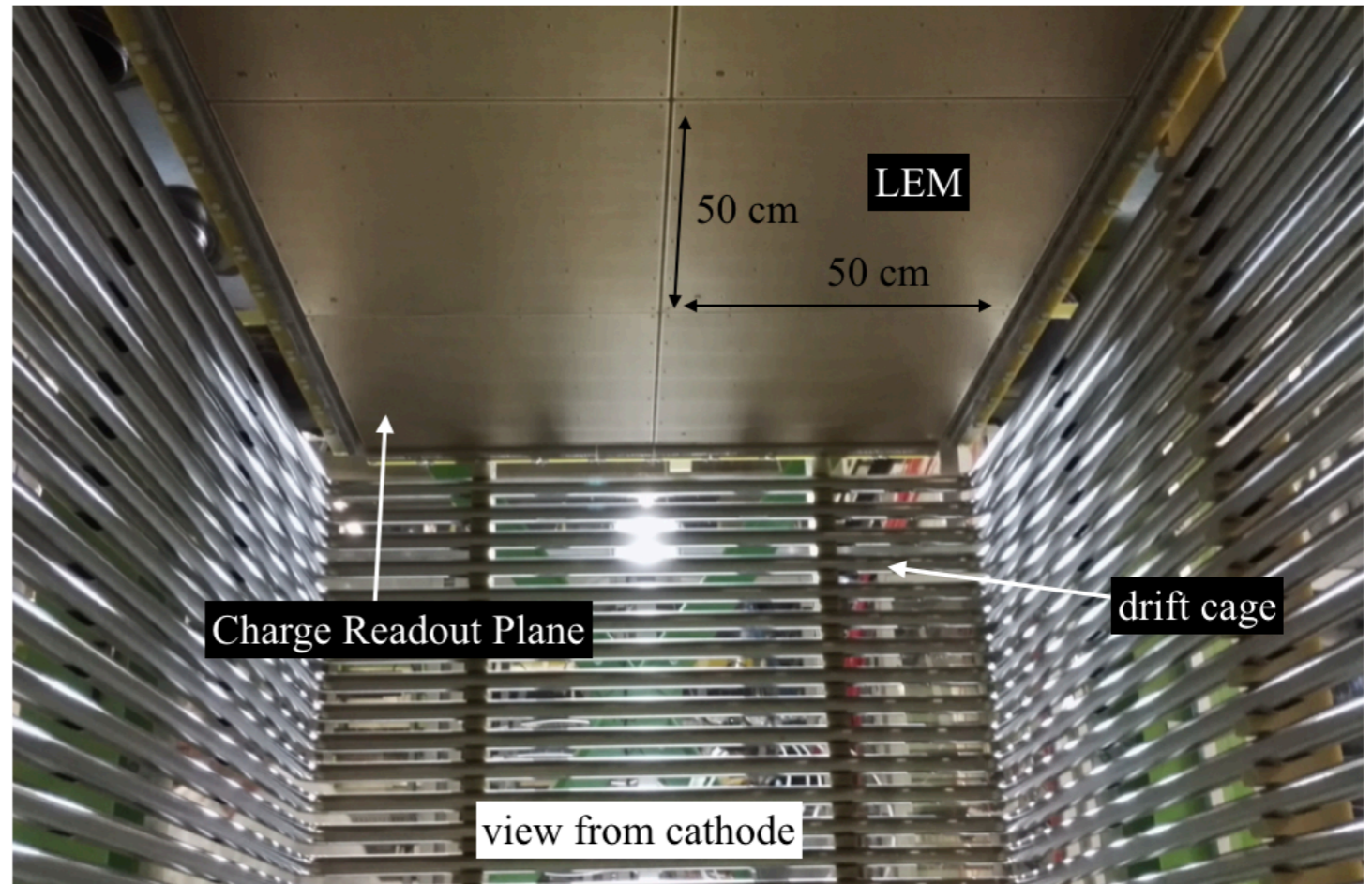
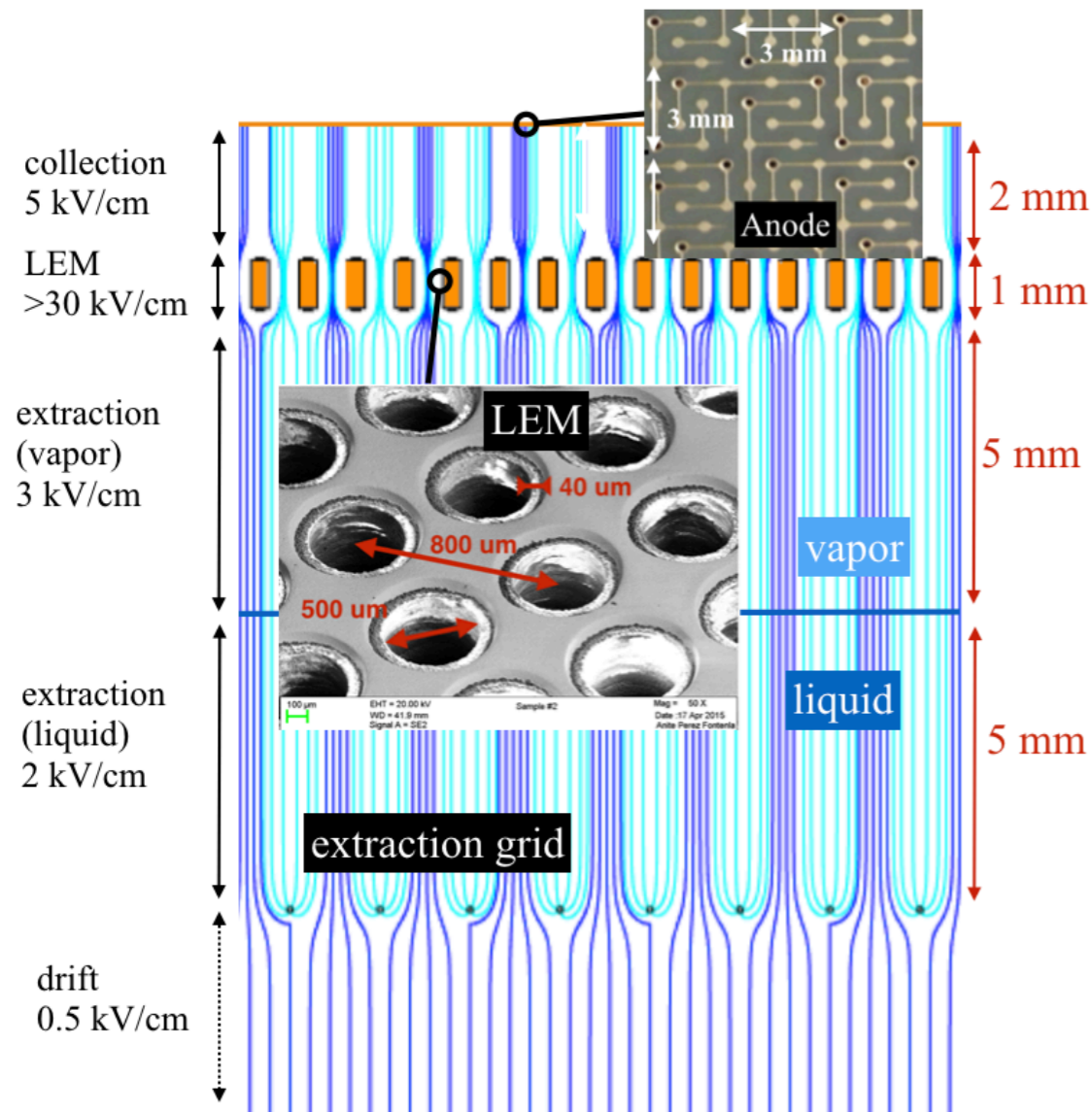


- ionisation charges are drifted vertical and readout by PCB anodes.
- amplification of the signal in LEMs

Dual Phase



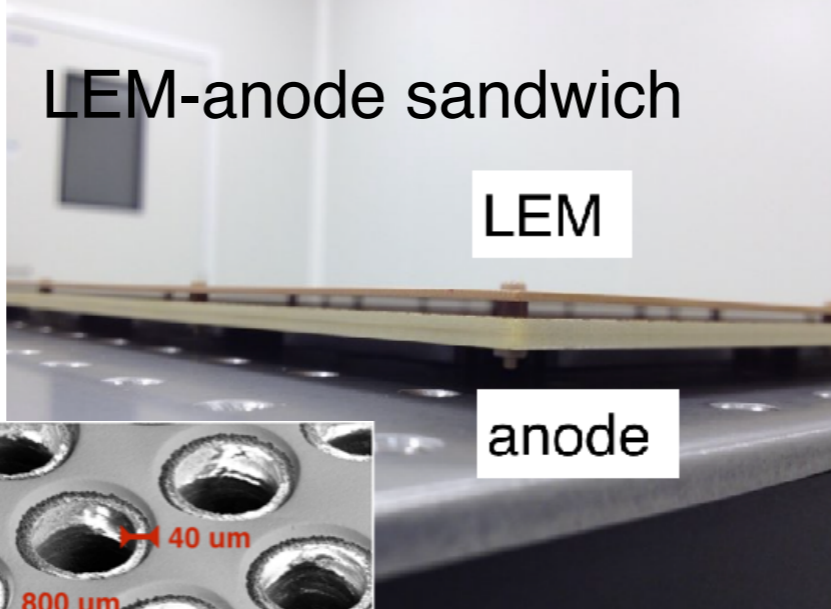
# Dual phase LAr TPCs



- drifting charges are extracted from the liquid to the vapour phase by an electric field in the liquid of around 2 kV/cm
- the charges once in pure argon vapour are multiplied inside LEMs (Large Electron Multipliers)
- the amplified charges are collected on a 2D segmented anode

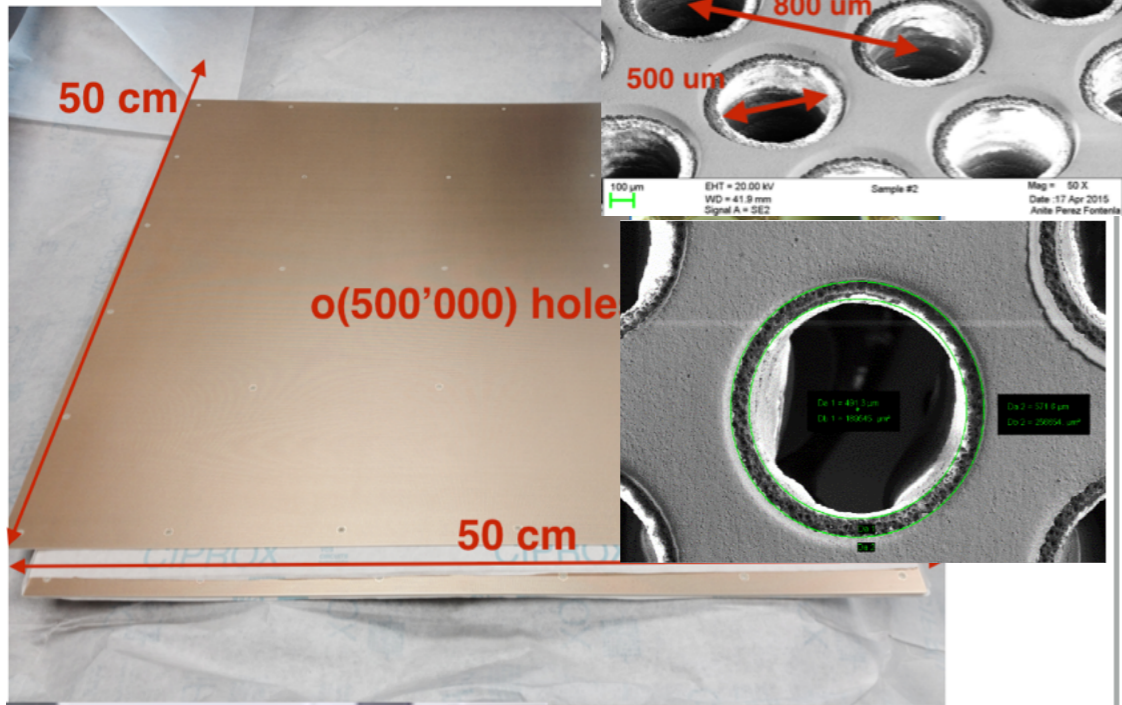
# LEMs and anode

design has matured from many year of R&D on small prototypes and from dedicated tests in cryogenic environment of a 50x50.

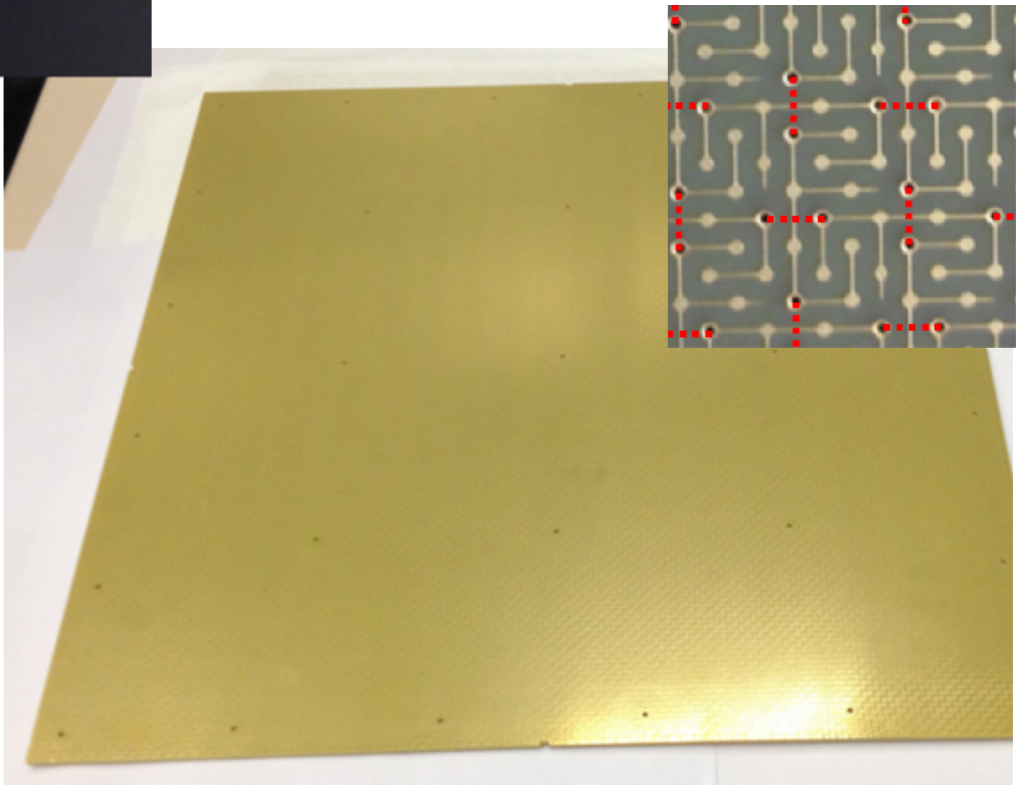


dC/dI 140 pF/m. about 450-500 pF before preamp on 3m readout. ENC of ~ 1500 electrons at 110 K

LEMs



Anodes



- ✓ PCB CNC drilled with o(150) holes per cm<sup>2</sup>. 1 mm thick.
- ✓ 500 um hole diameter 800 um pitch.

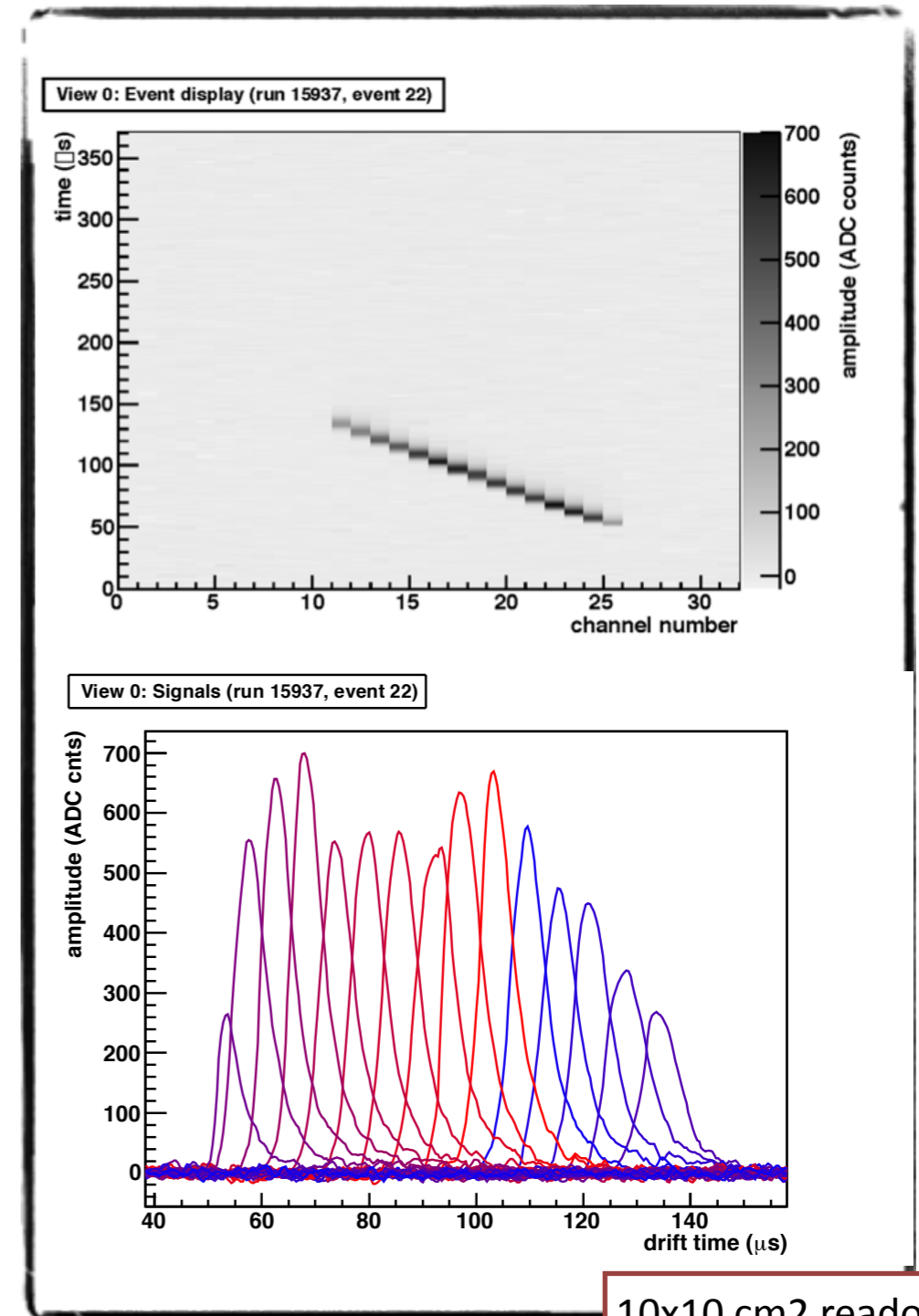
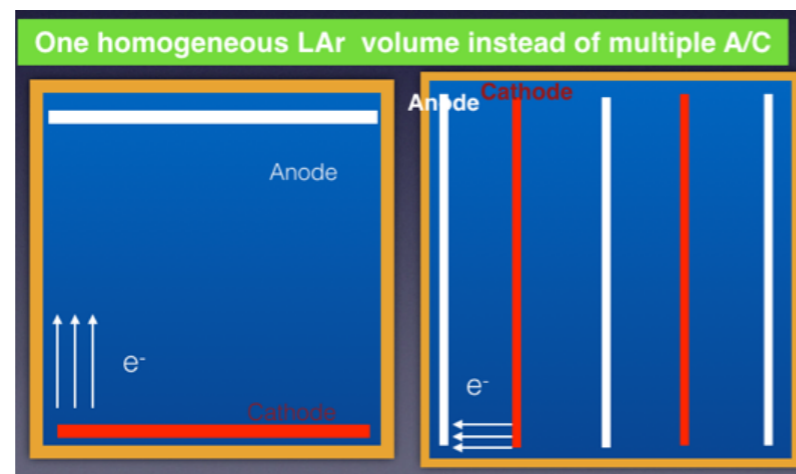
- 4-layer 3.4 mm thick PCB
- Rather standard to manufacture
- electrical continuity tested by company
- Minimal QC needed on our side.

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# Dual phase LAr TPCs

Double-phase for charge readout with amplification:

- Long drift distances (>10 meters)
- More robust S/N ratio with tuneable gain
- Low energy detection thresholds
- Gain demonstrated up to 90 on small prototypes
- readouts with only collection views on PCBs (avoid wire-planes and induction views)
- One fully homogeneous active LAr volume with reduced number of channels.
- rigid structure insensitive to microphonic noise

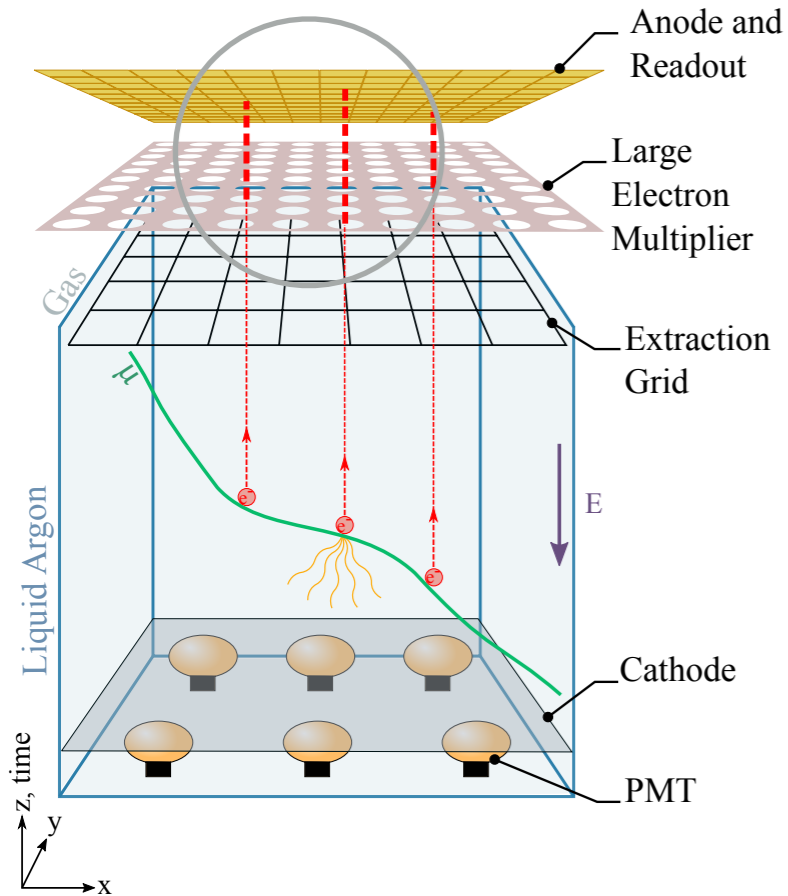


10x10 cm<sup>2</sup> readout  
Raw waveform no  
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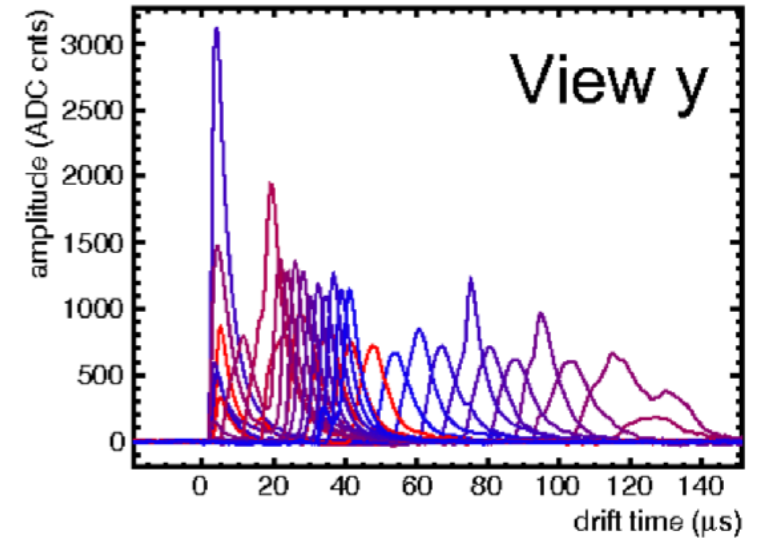
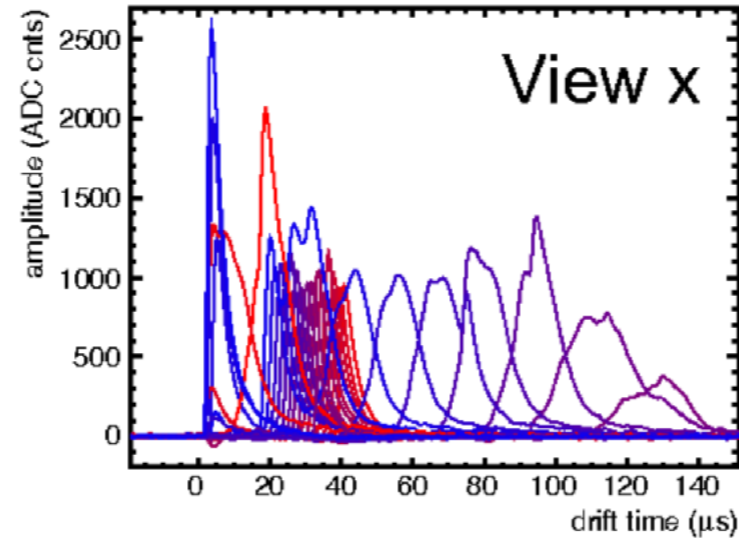


# 2 Symmetric collection planes/views

## Dual phase 2 collection planes



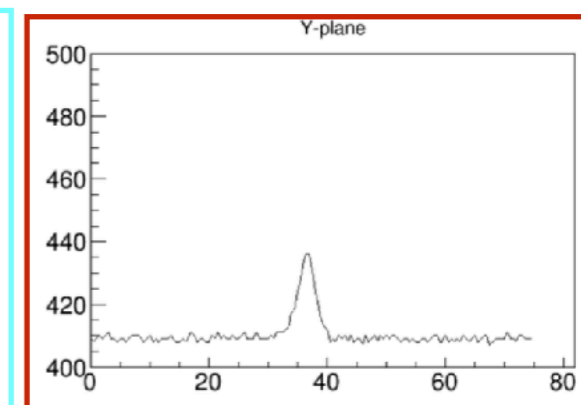
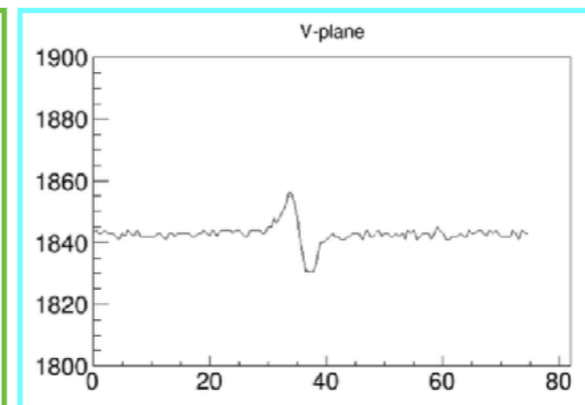
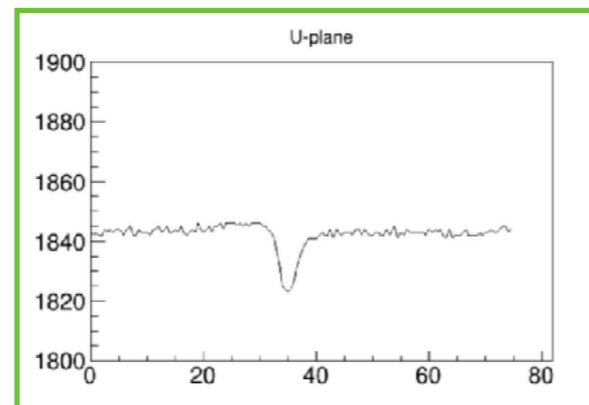
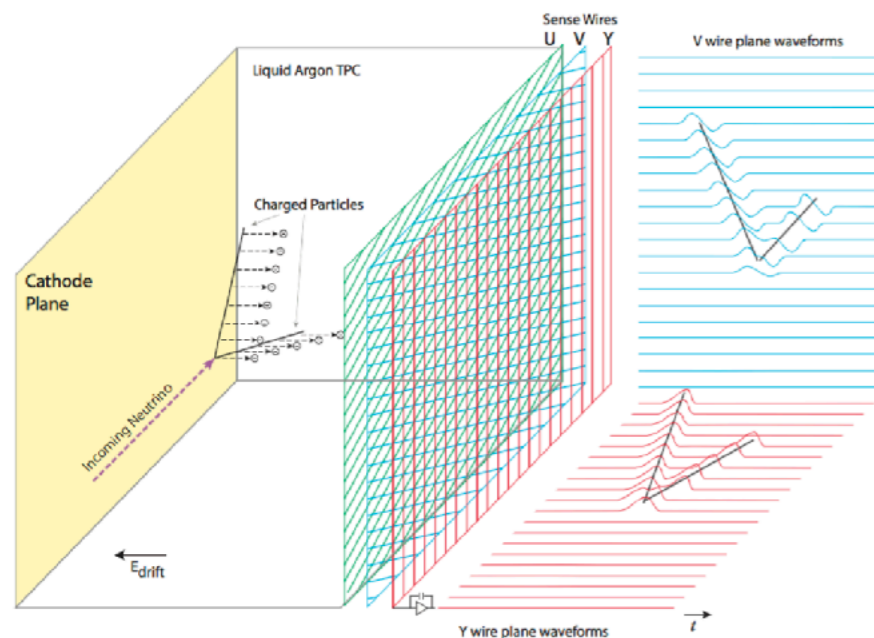
electrons are collected on both planes (each plane sees half of the signal)



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## single phase: 1 collection and 2 induction planes

electrons induce a bipolar signal on two induction wire planes (=views) and are collected on the last one

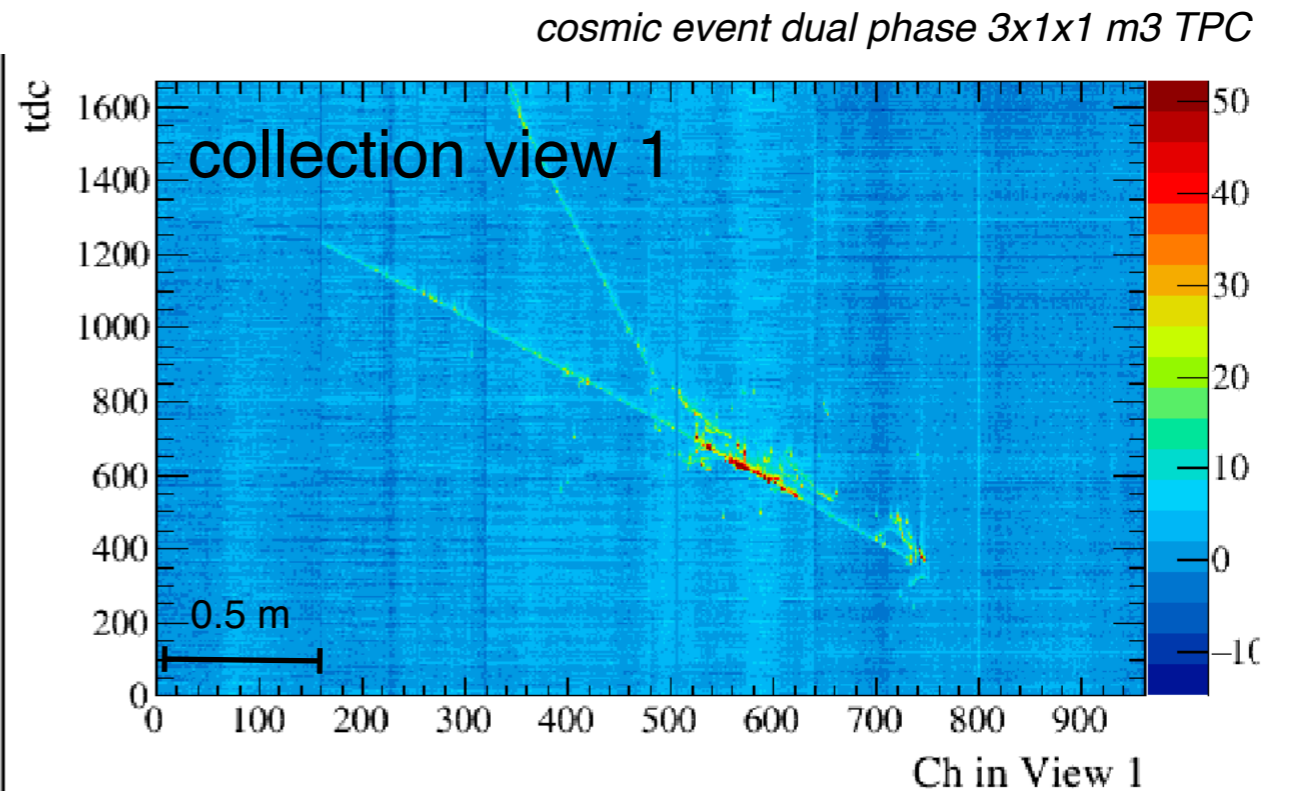
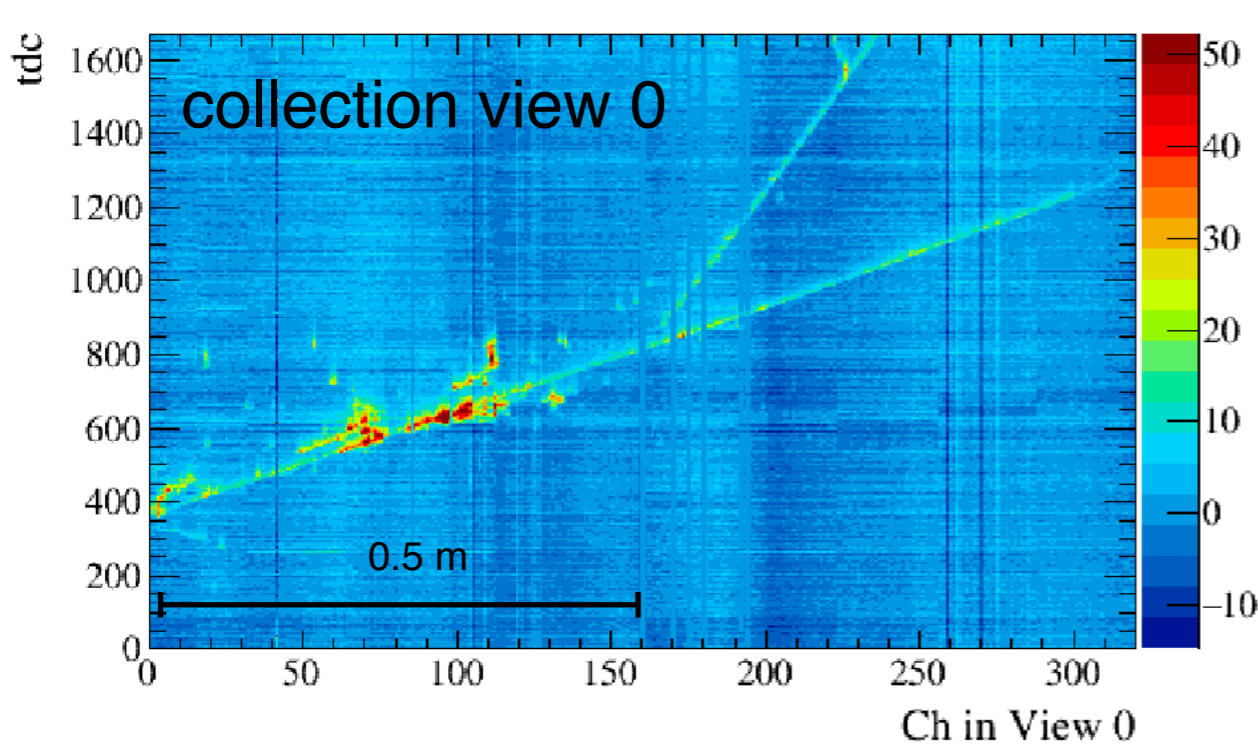


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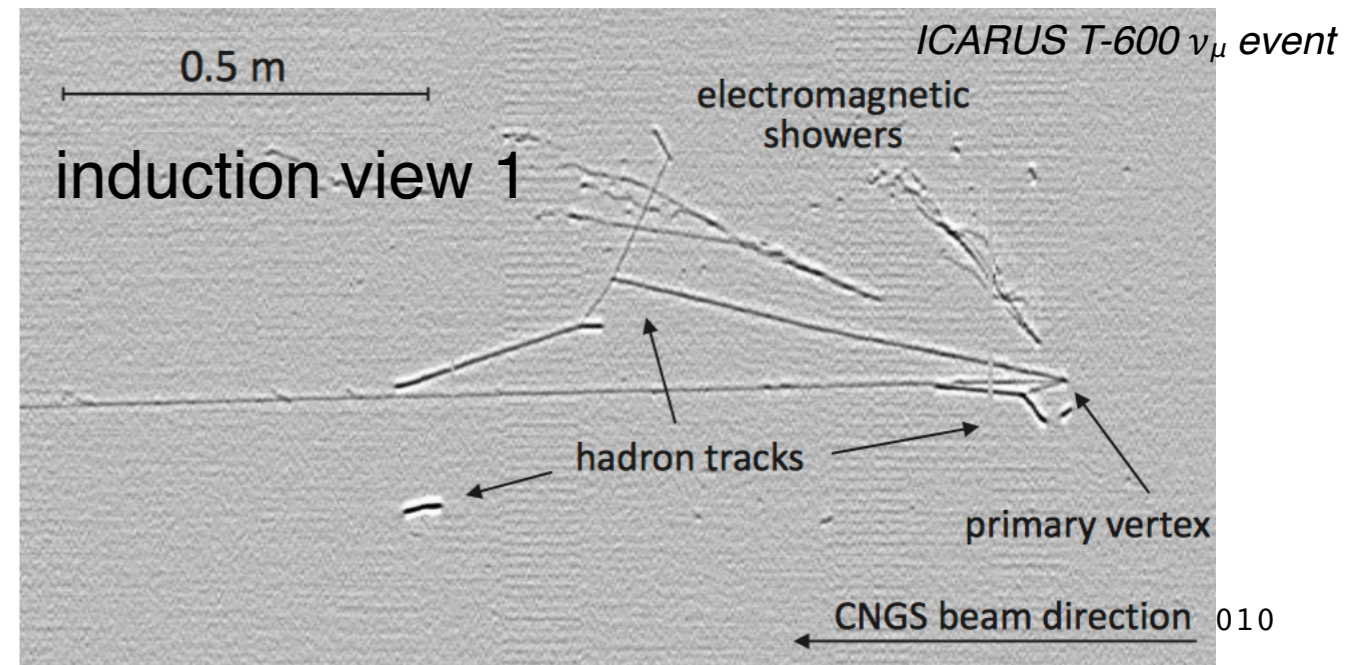
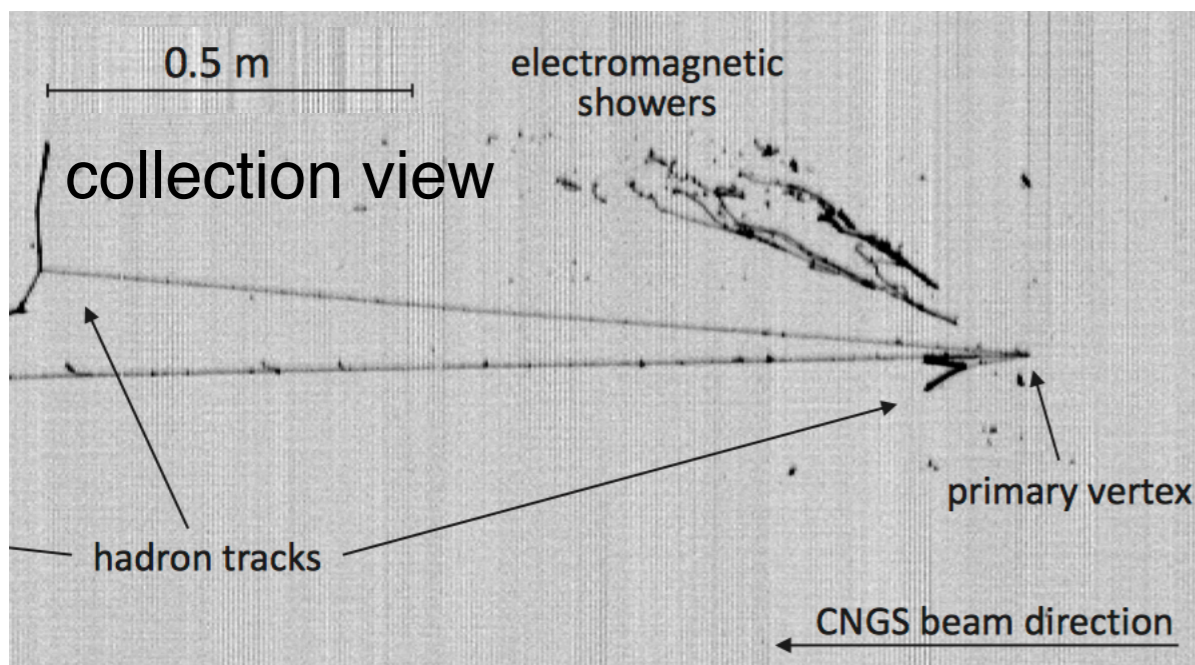
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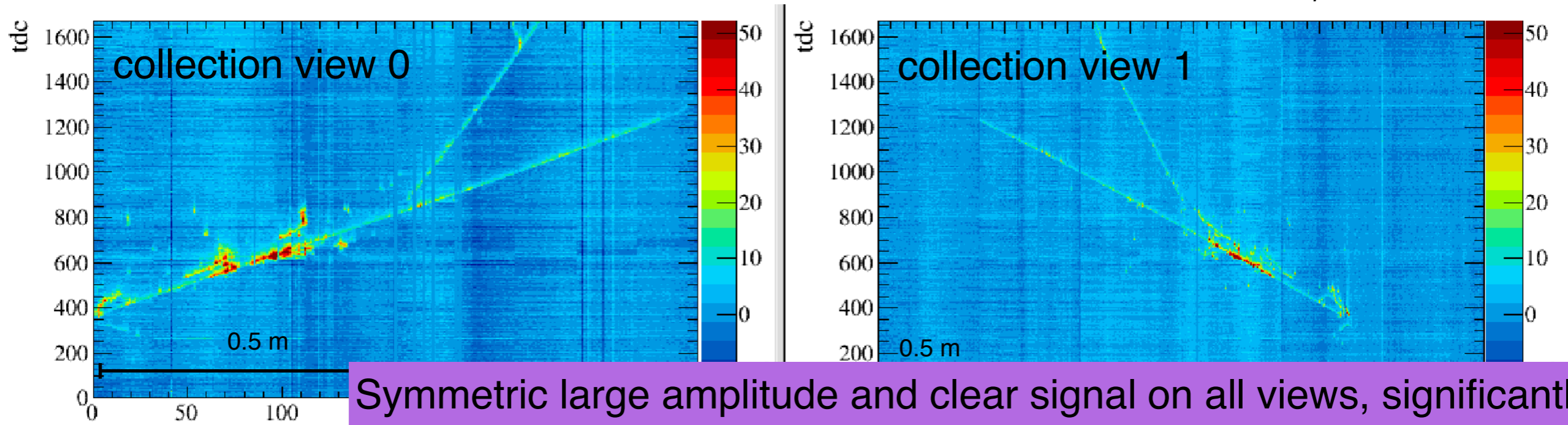


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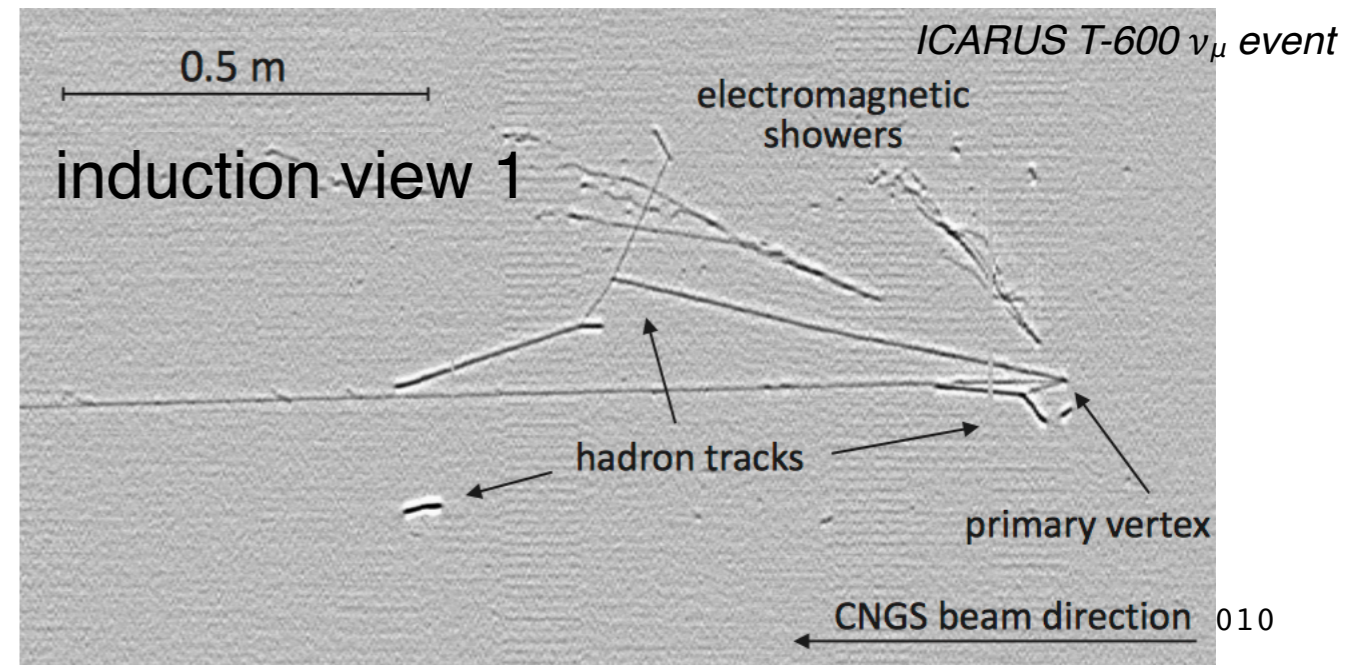
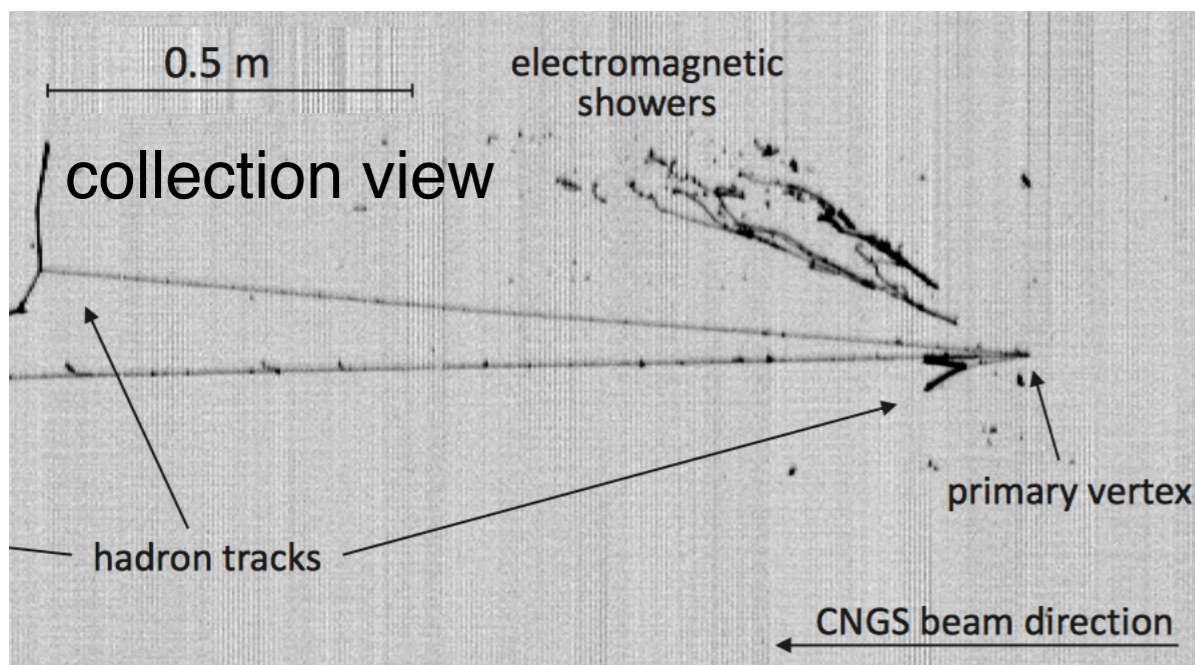
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Symmetric large amplitude and clear signal on all views, significantly easier to reconstruct no need for complex deconvolution algorithms.

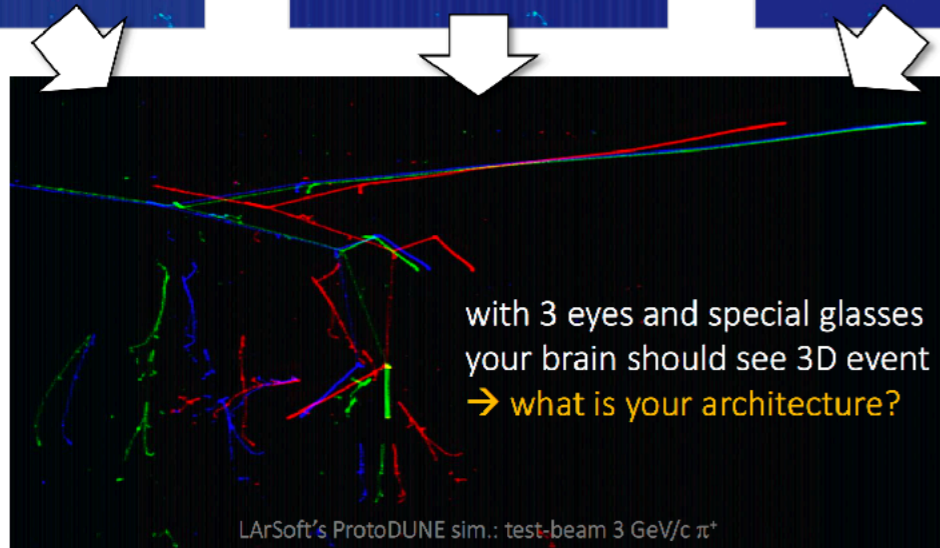
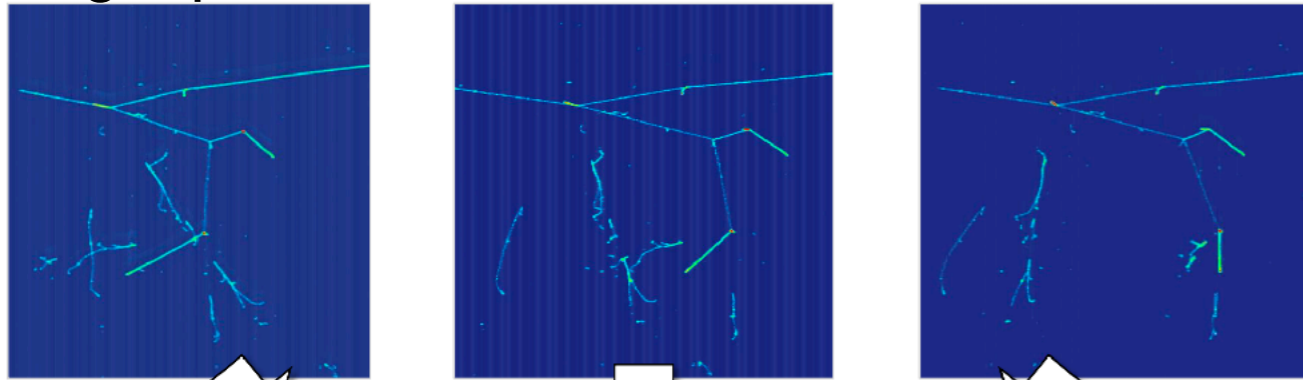
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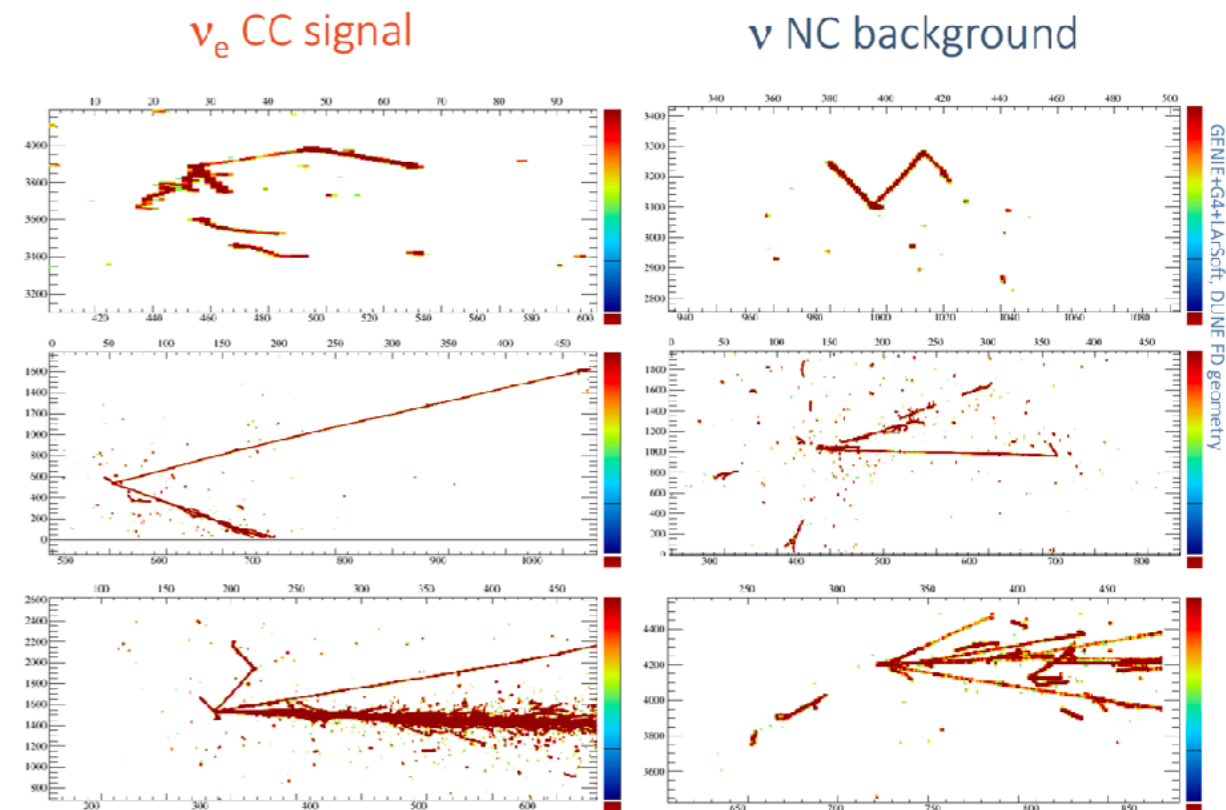
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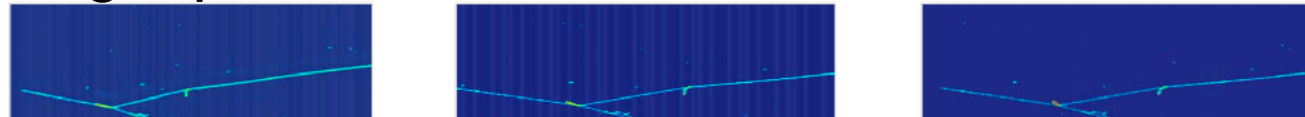
huge effort for reconstruction of LAr event in the community

[R.Sulej, How Machine Learning conquers reconstruction in neutrino experiments, CERN EP/IT Data Science seminar, 26.07.2017](#)

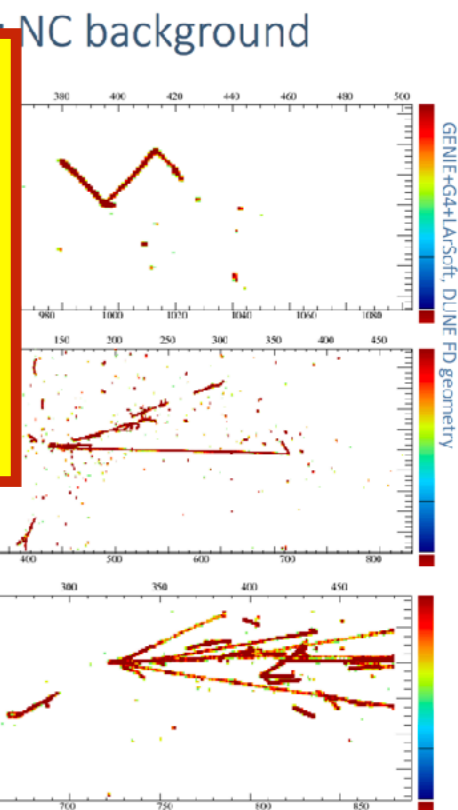
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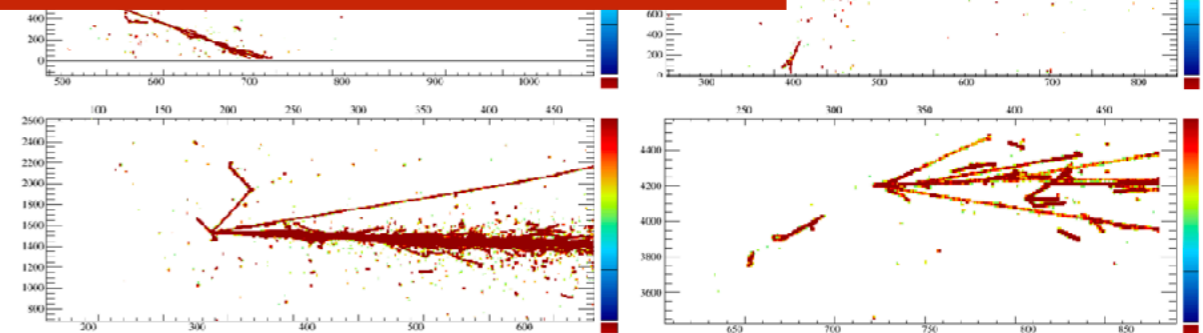
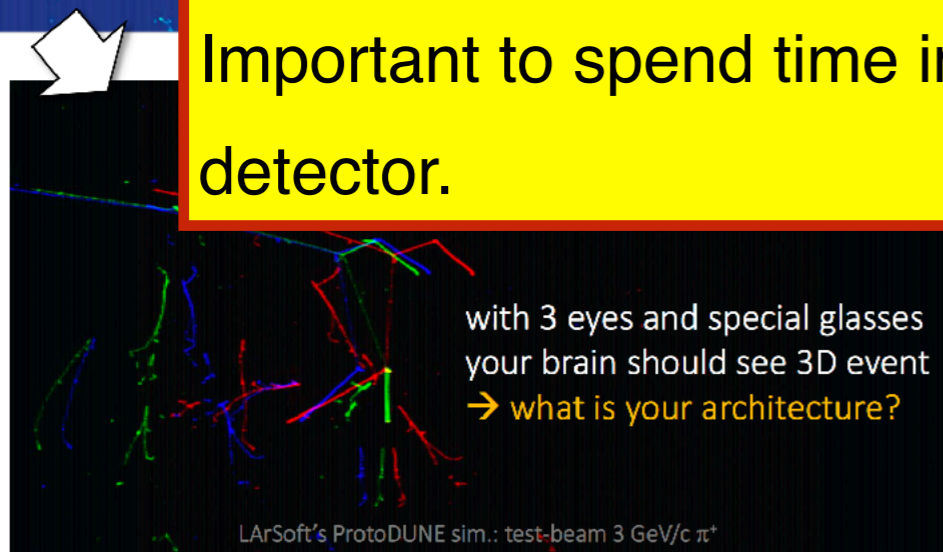
single phase MC



single phase MC



to be able to produce nice “Monte Carlo like” events the key is good detector performance and large signal to noise ratio. Important to spend time in constructing the best possible detector.



huge effort for reconstruction of LAr event in the community

[R.Sulej, How Machine Learning conquers reconstruction in neutrino experiments, CERN EP/IT Data Science seminar, 26.07.2017](#)

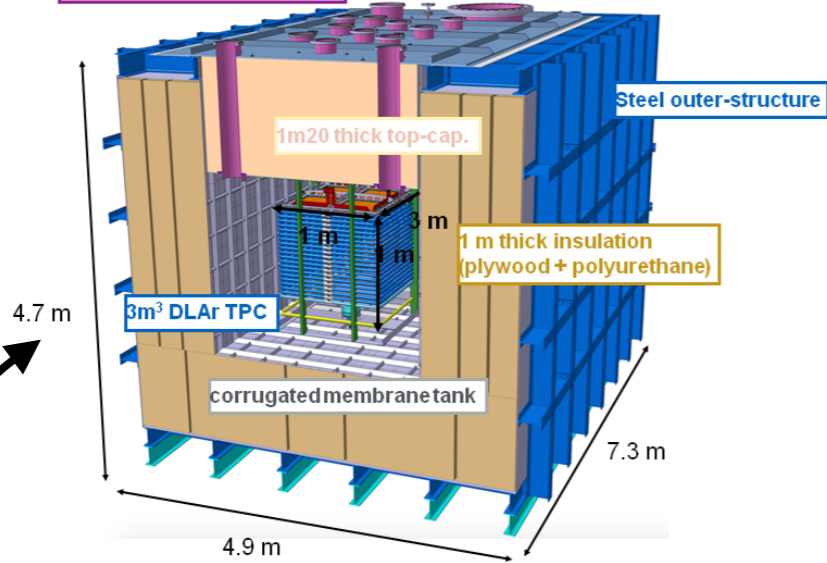
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2014 ~ 2017

3x1x1 m<sup>3</sup> demonstrator

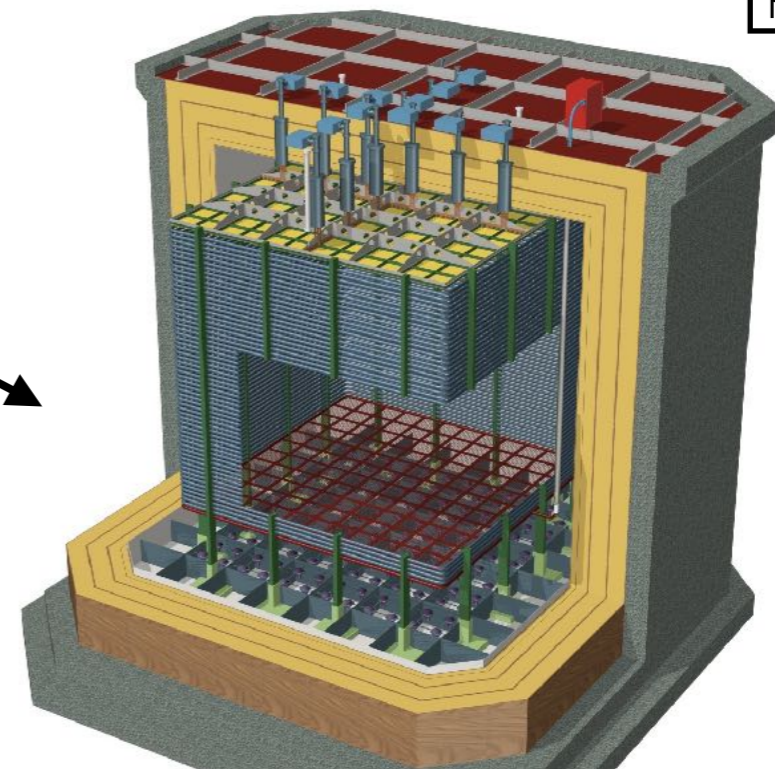
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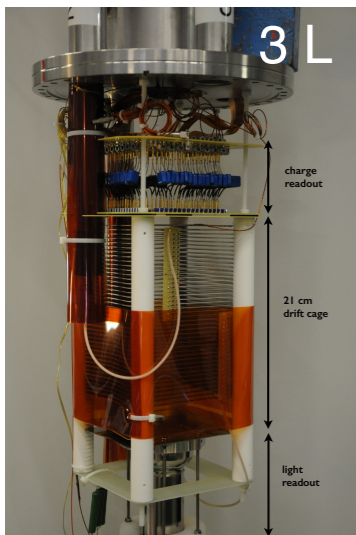
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2016 ~ 2019



Small TPCs for R&D

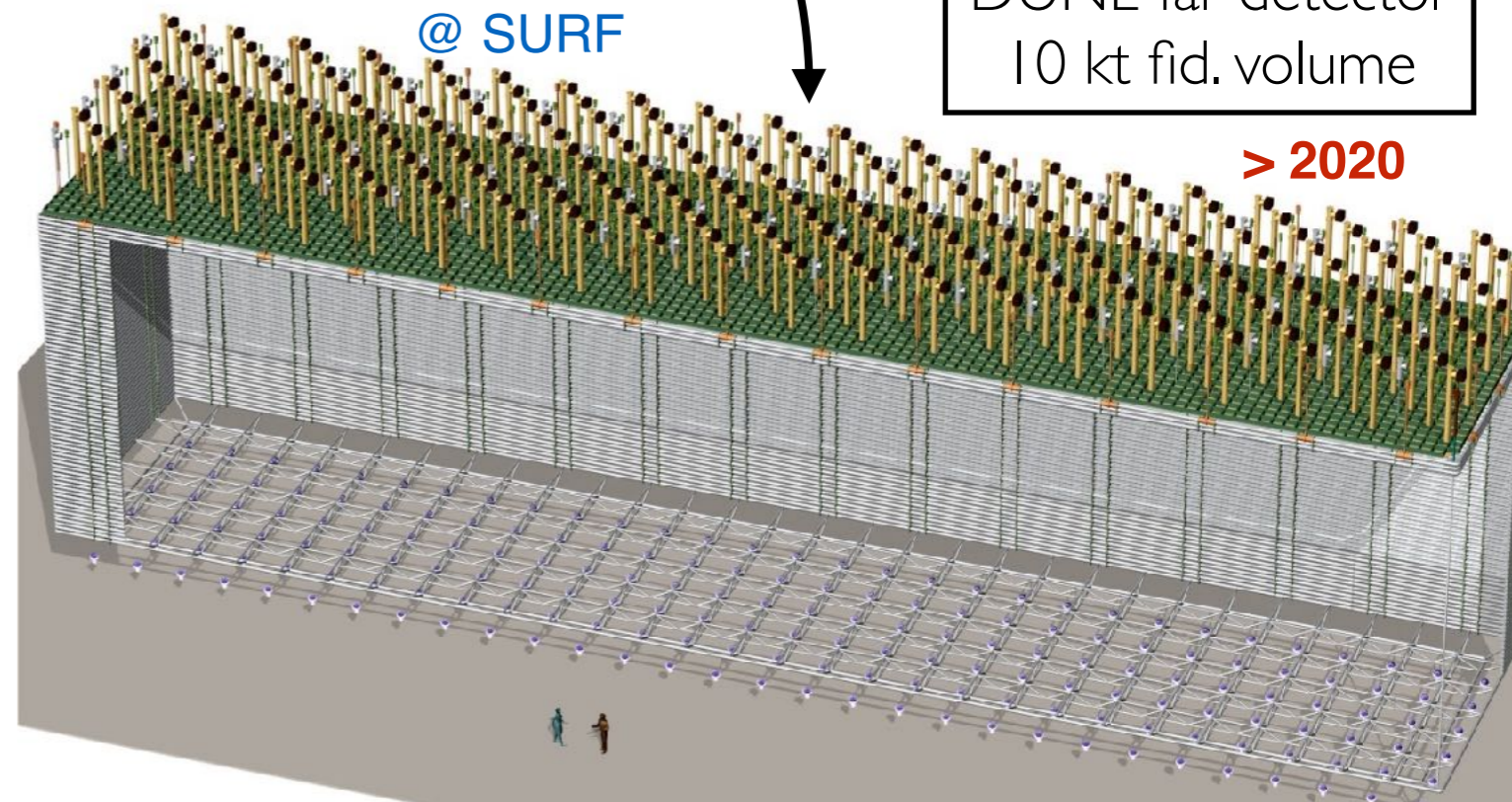


2007 ~ 2014

DUNE far detector  
10 kt fid. volume

> 2020

@ SURF



# The path towards 10 kt dual phase TPCs

**2014 ~ 2017**

chimneys and feedthroughs

**3x1x1 m<sup>3</sup> demonstrator**

Steel outer-structure

1m20 thick top-cap.

1 m thick insulation (plywood + polyurethane)

3m<sup>3</sup> DAr TPC

4.7 m

4.9 m

**@ CERN BLDG. 182**

5 ton demonstrator constructed - being operated. Cosmic ray data

**@ CERN IN NORTH AREA**

**6x6x6 m<sup>3</sup> prototype**

**2016 ~ 2019**

300 ton prototype under construction in North Area. Charge particle test beam data.

Small TPCs for R&D

3 L

250 L

charge readout

liter scale TPCs. A decade proof of principle and design optimisation.

**2007 ~ 2014**

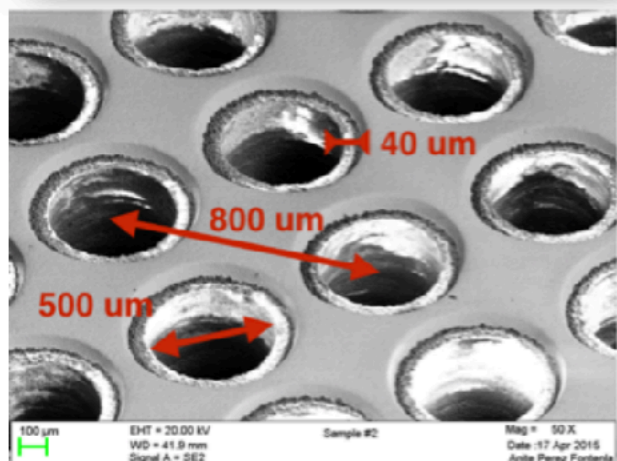
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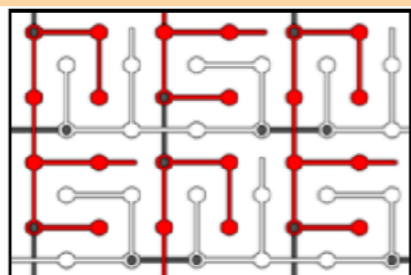
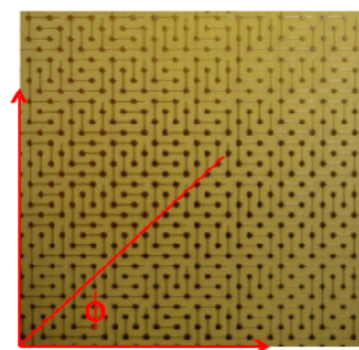
10 kton underground. TDR for 2019.

# Dual phase: a decade of test and optimisation

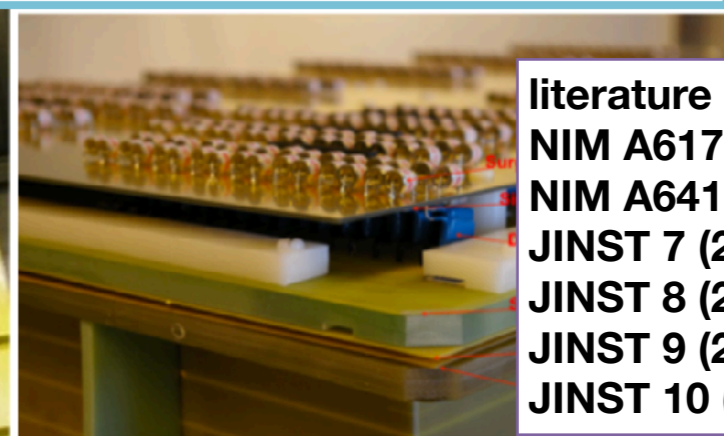
10x10cm<sup>2</sup>: LEM/anode R&D



dC/dl ~ 120 pF/m

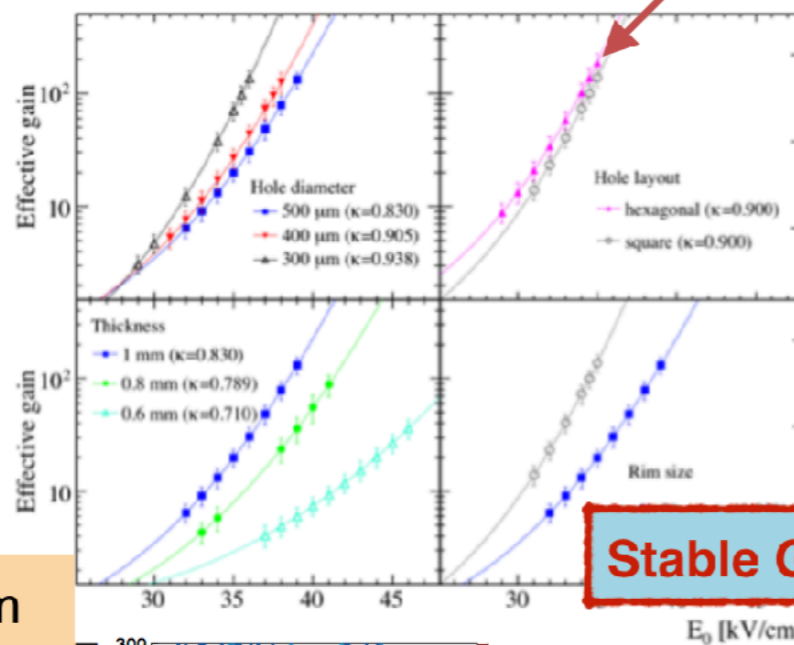


40x80cm<sup>2</sup>: stable operation of large area readouts

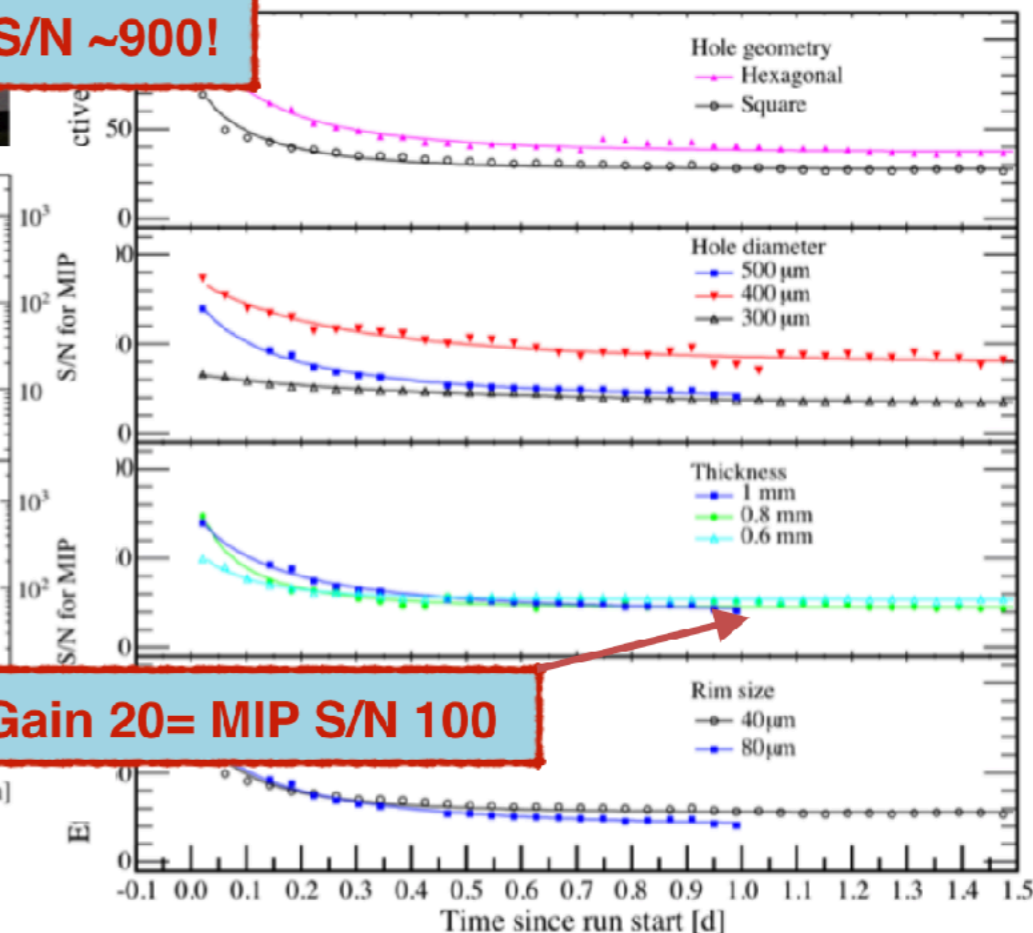


literature  
 NIM A617 (2010) p188-192  
 NIM A641 (2011) p 48-57  
 JINST 7 (2012) P08026  
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 JINST 9 (2014) P03017  
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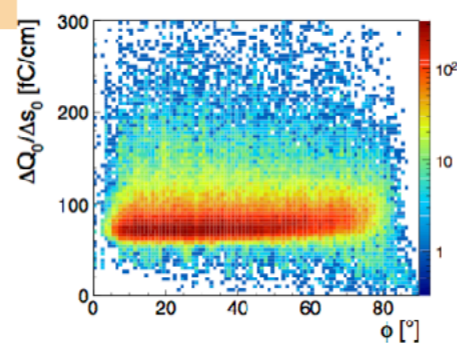
Max Gain 180 = MIP S/N ~900!



Stable Gain 20= MIP S/N 100



Operating with amplification of about a factor 20





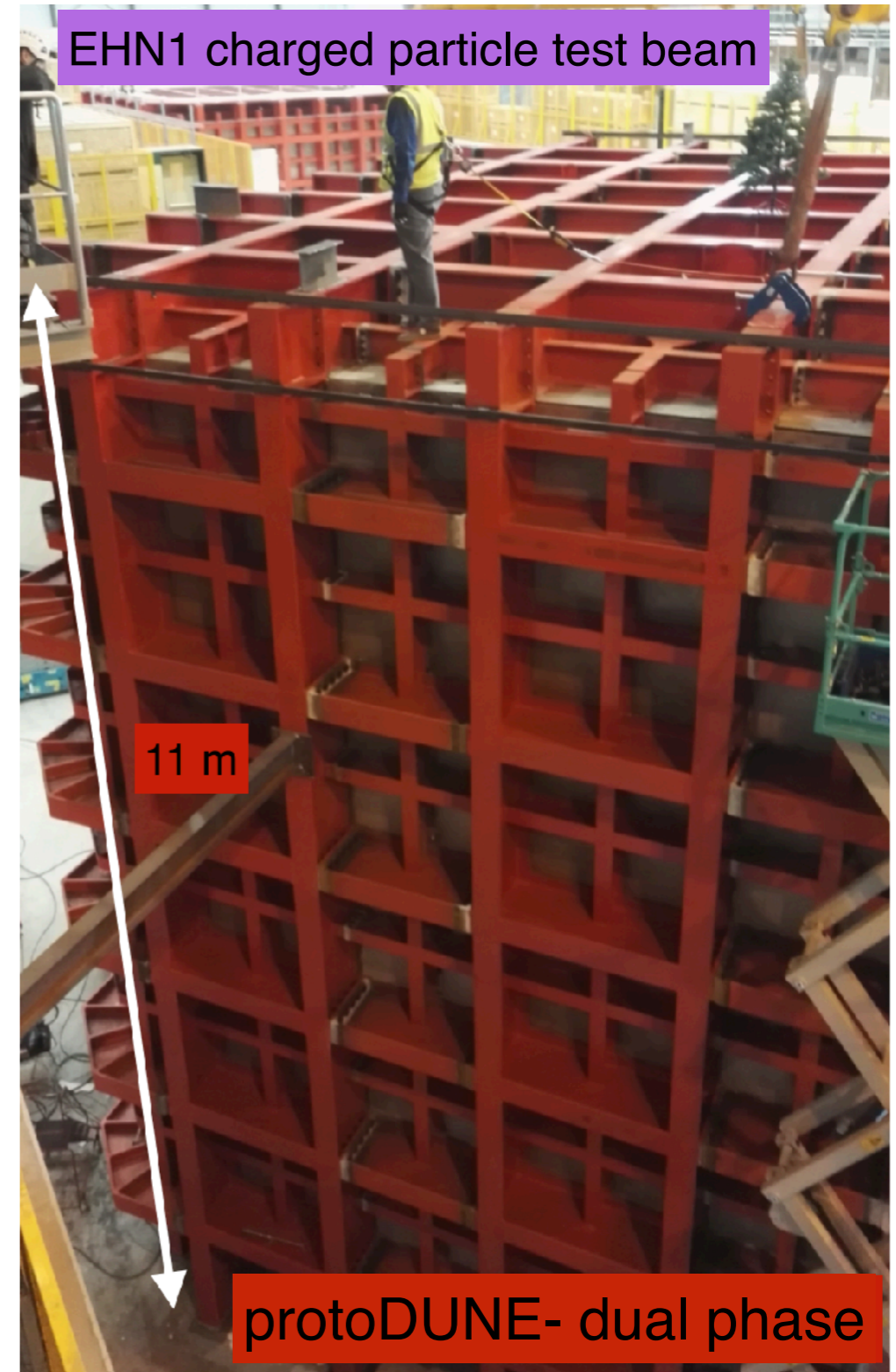
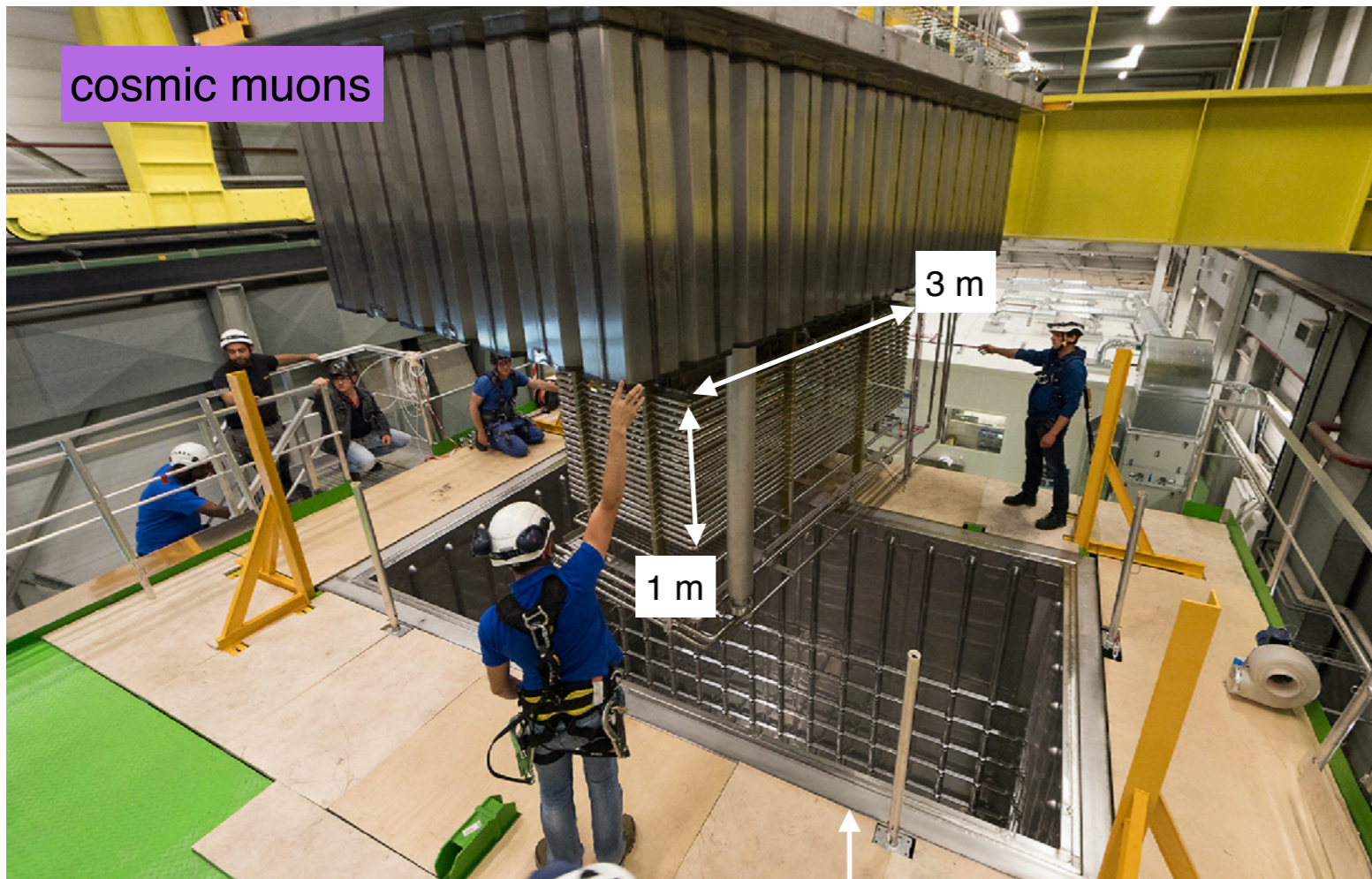
# WA105 collaboration

*demonstrate the capabilities of the dual phase technology at the kton scale*

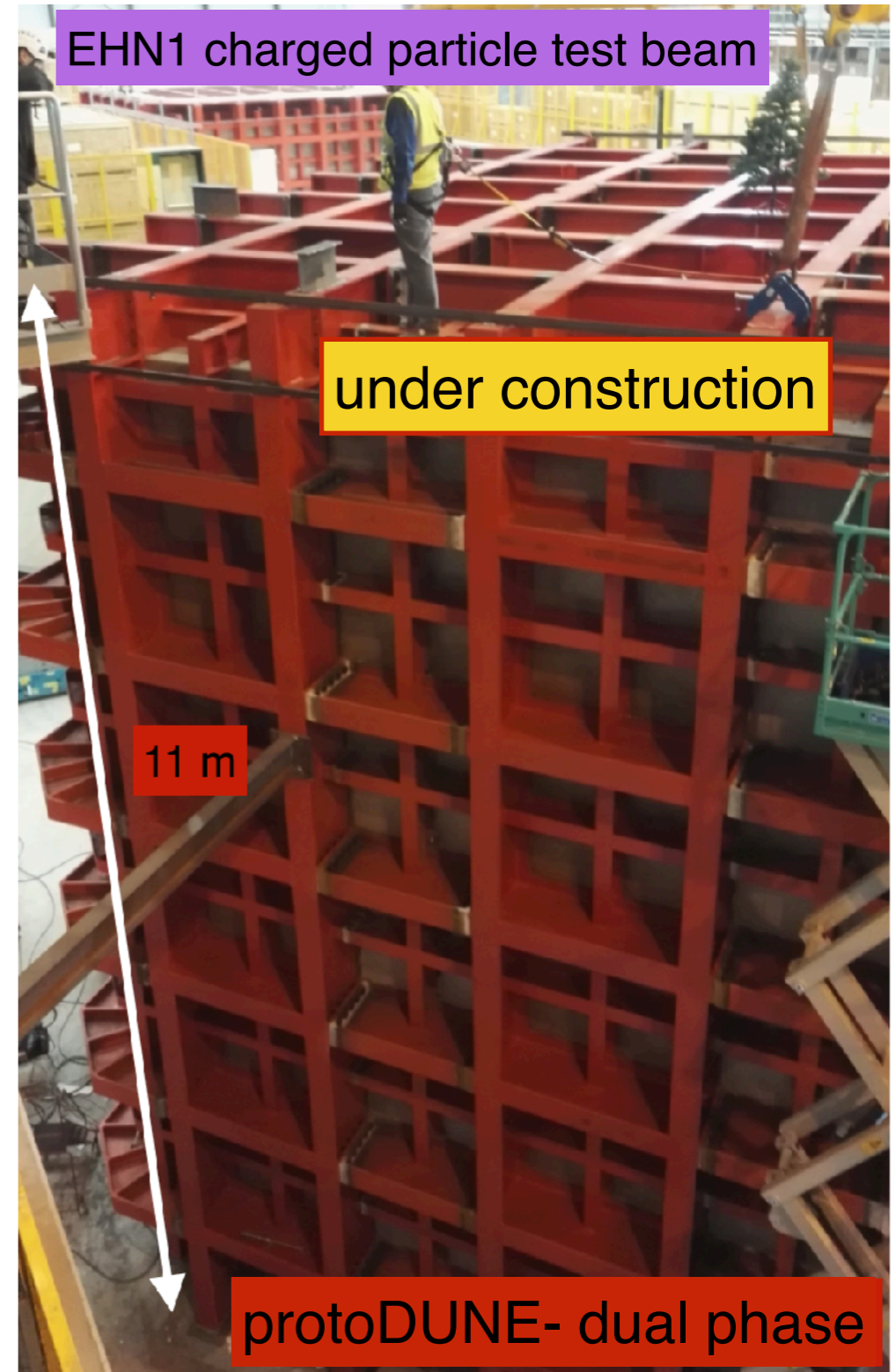
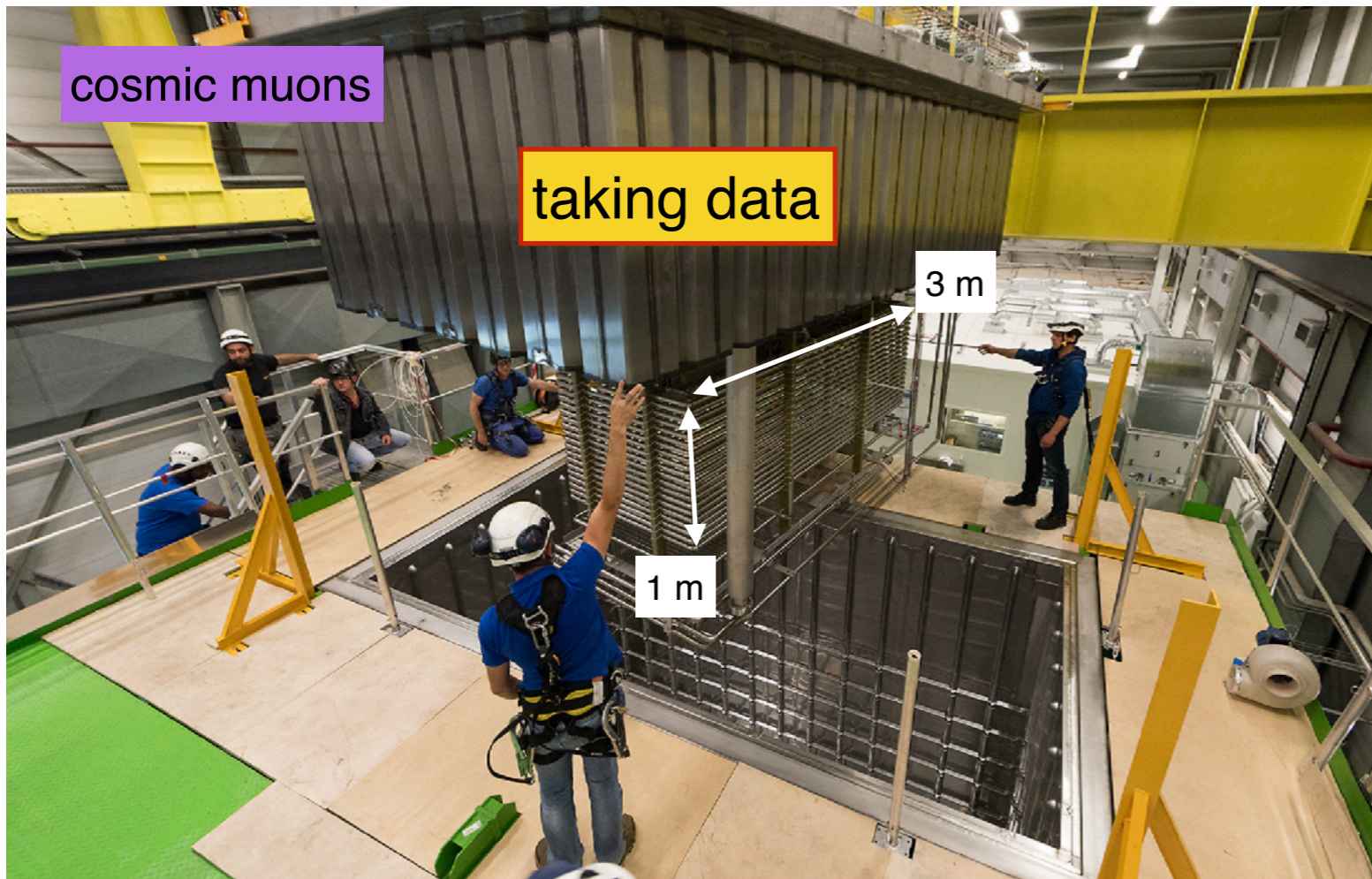


# LAr-TPC prototyping at CERN for DUNE

same technology, two scales, different goals

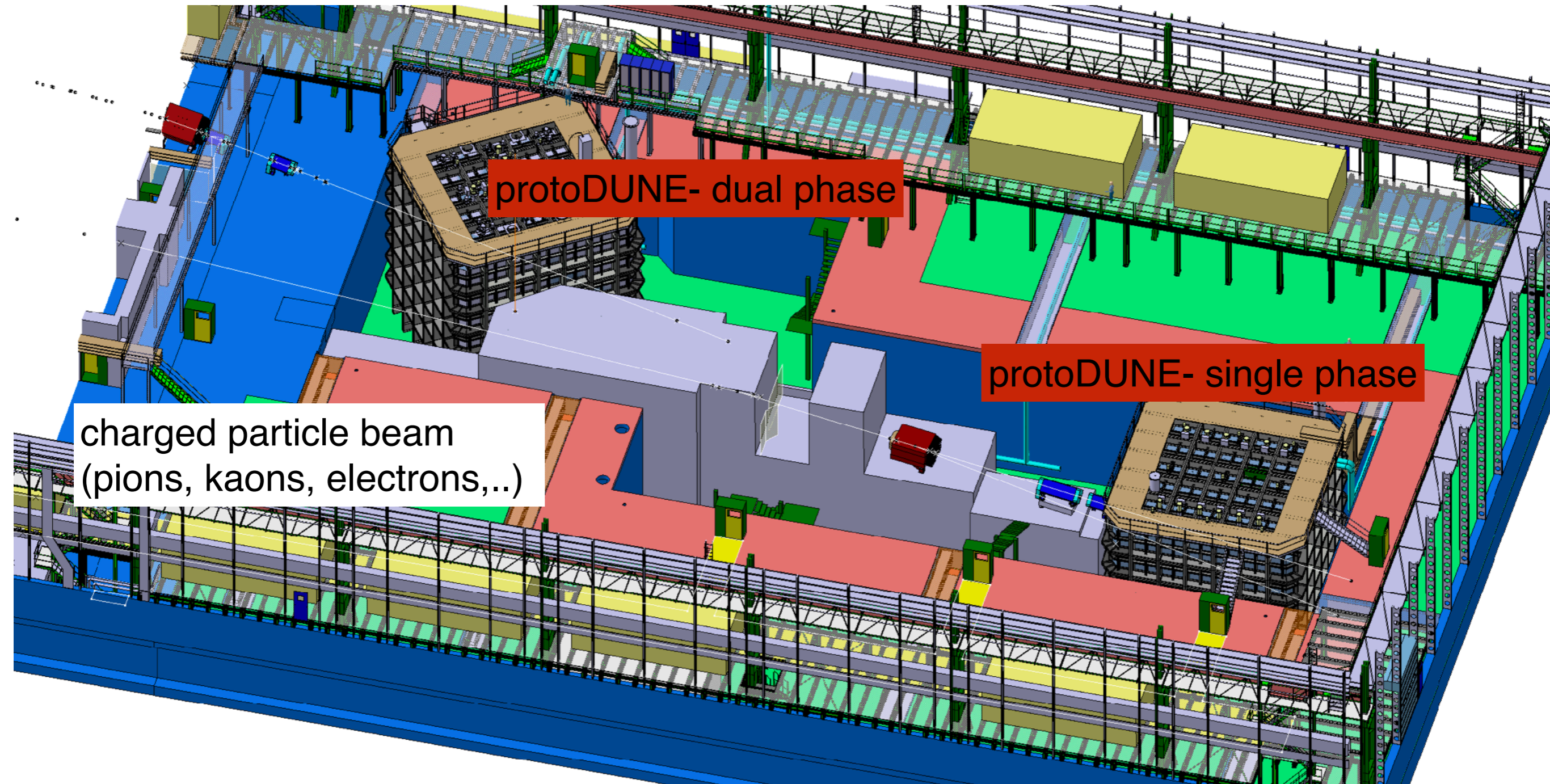


# LAr-TPC prototyping at CERN for DUNE



Since 2014 and the creation of the Neutrino platform. CERN has been significantly involved in the developments of large LAr TPCs prototypes.

unique setup to test and compare the performance of both technologies  
for the DUNE far detector





# Test beam area (EHN1 extension)

during construction of the cryostats (~April 2017)



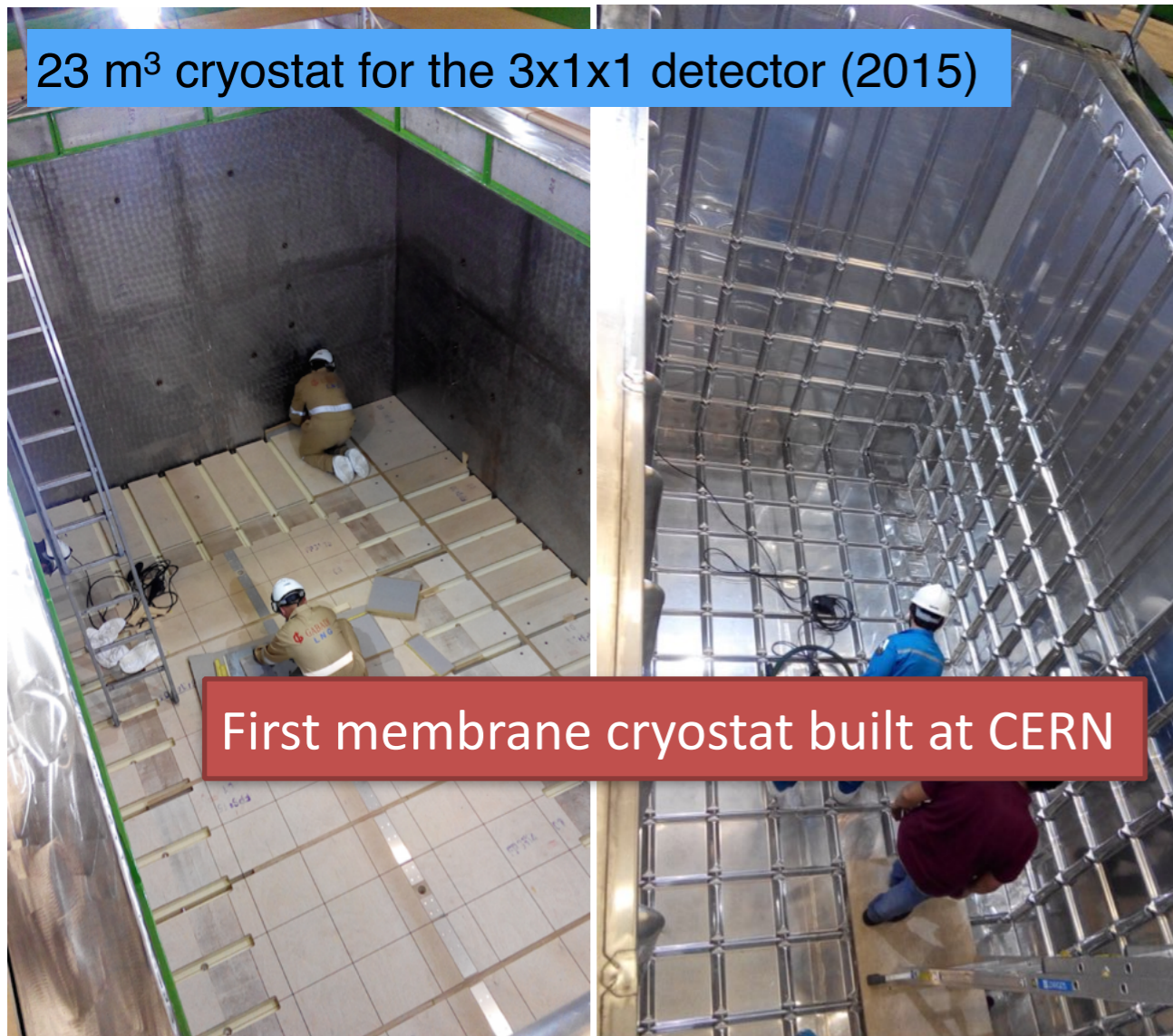
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# The cryostats

## Insulation:

- passive insulation <1 meter thick made from blocks of Polyurethane+plywood. designed for 5 W/m<sup>2</sup> heat input.
- inner surface made from corrugated “membrane” steel panels welded together.
- Tightness of welds tested to 1e-9 mbar l/s.

The cryostat itself is an important part of the R&D. GTT (France) licence. Corrugated membrane steel panels used for storage and transport of Liquefied Natural Gas.



# The role of CERN and Neutrino platform



large cryostats

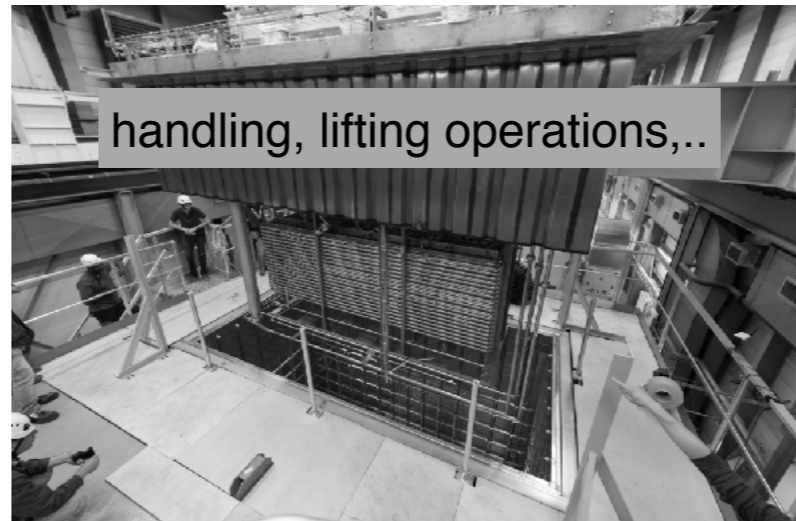


cryogenic installation (piping+ monitoring)



Detector slow control and monitoring

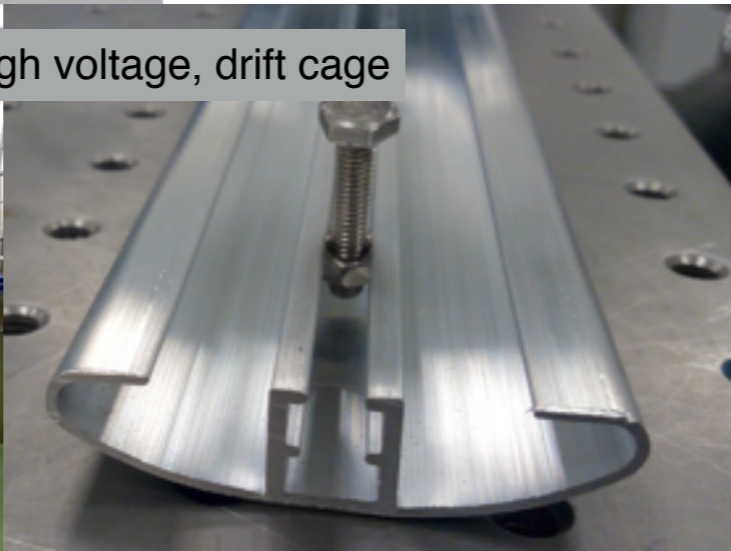
infrastructure (clean room, structures,..) & safety



handling, lifting operations,..



Very high voltage, drift cage

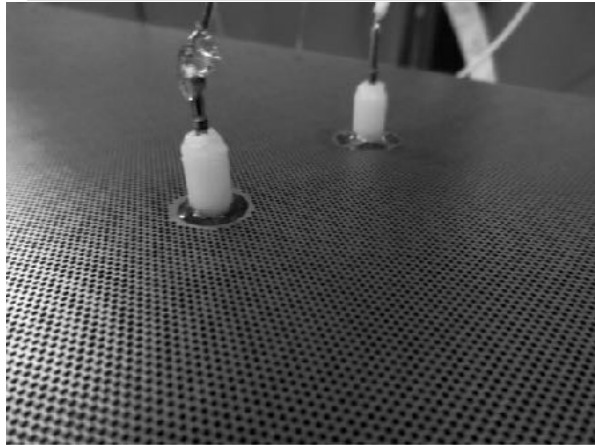




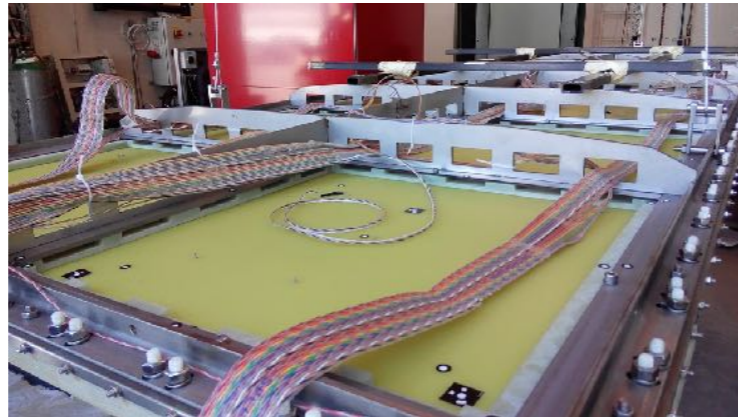
# The role of CERN

in addition to the support from Neutrino Platform, important assistance from many CERN groups and labs

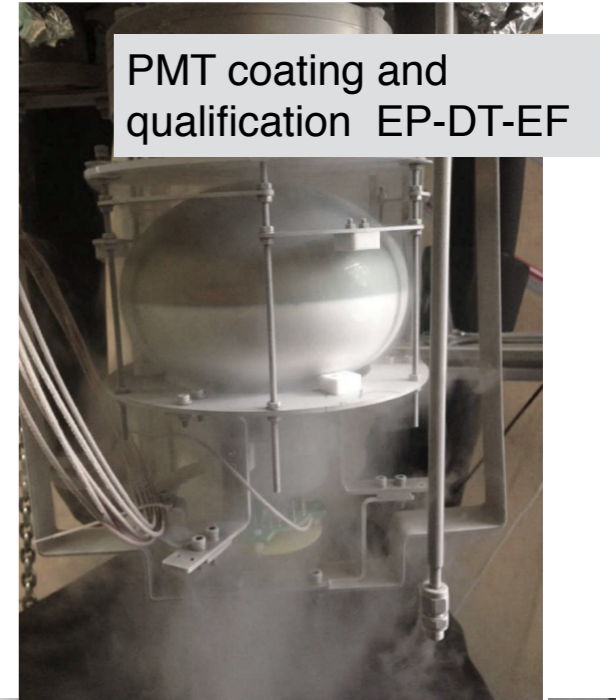
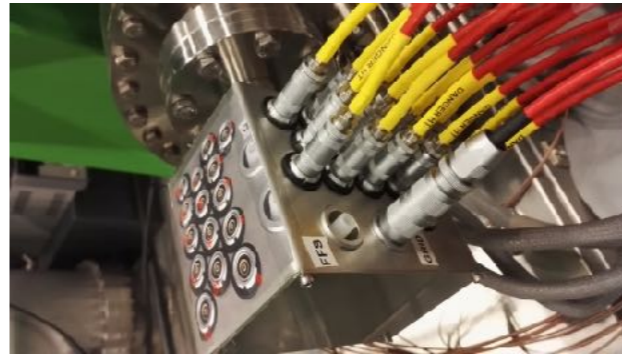
anode+LEM: EP-DT-EF



photogrammetry + survey EN-ACE-SU

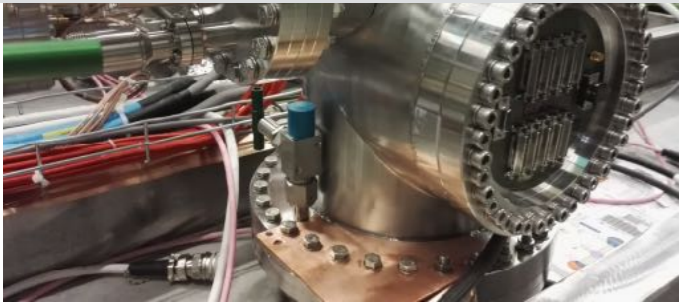


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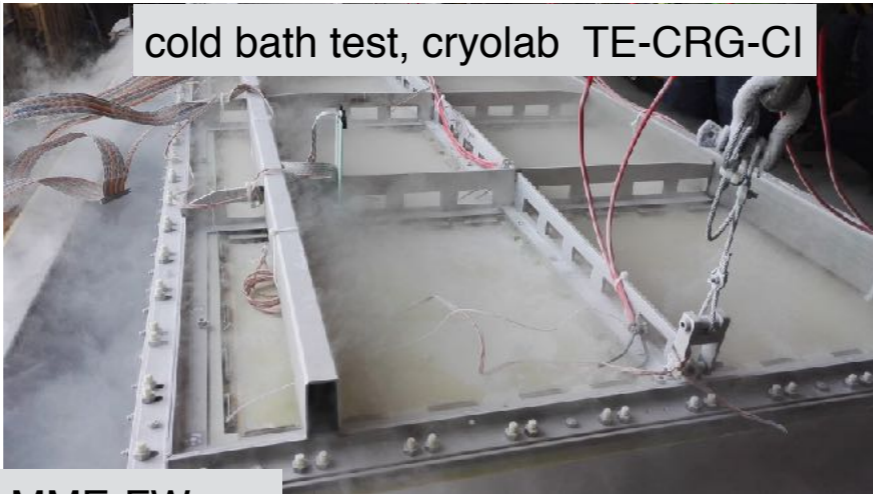


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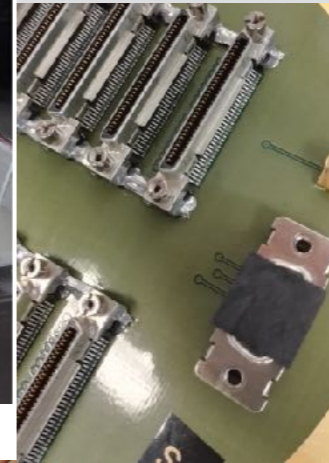
cabling and grounding installation EP-DT-DI



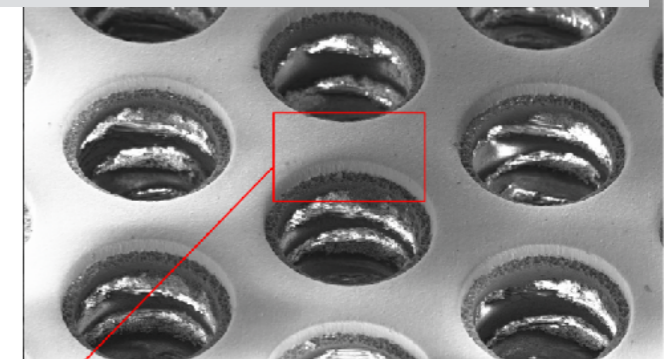
cold bath test, cryolab TE-CRG-CI



SMD soldering TE-MPE-EM



SEM observations: EN-MME-MM



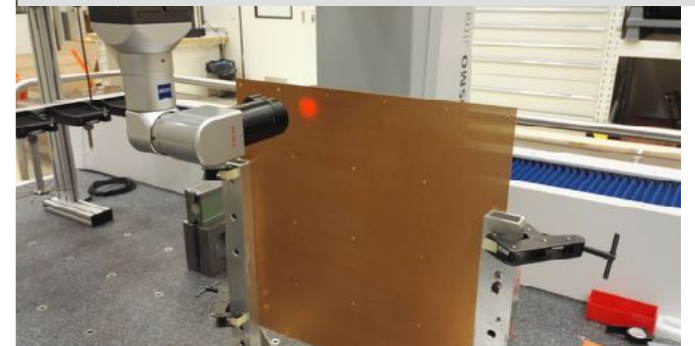
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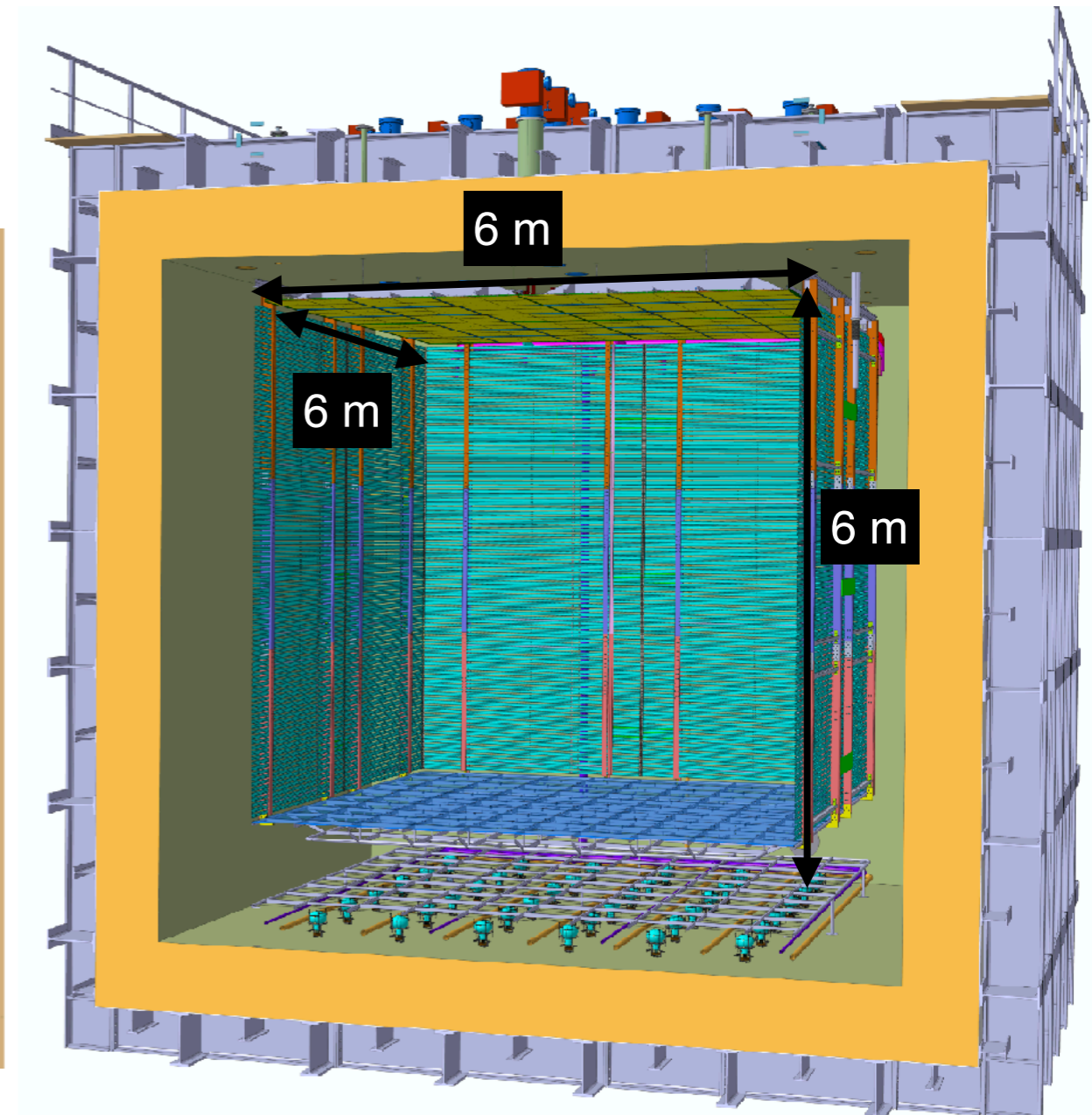
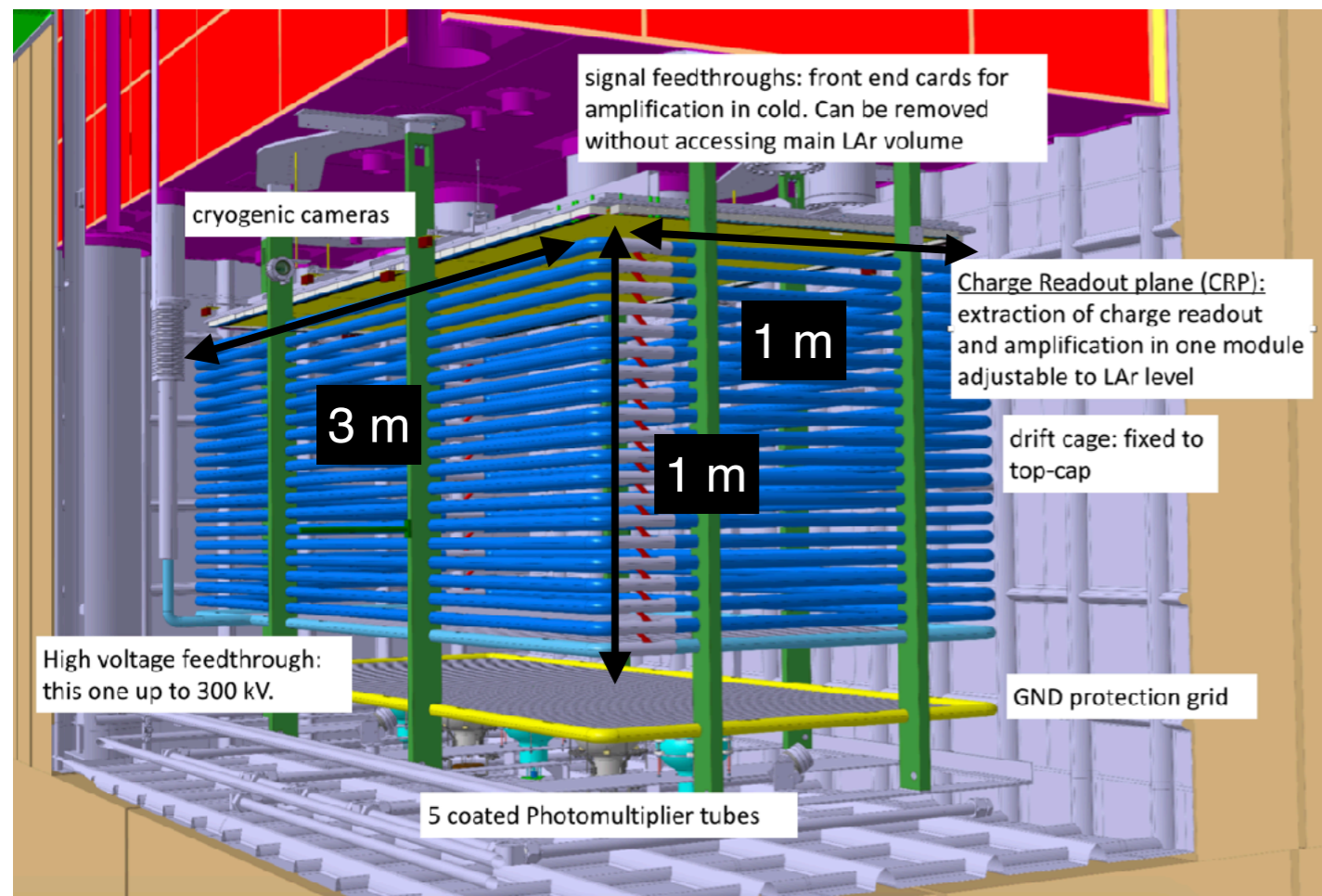


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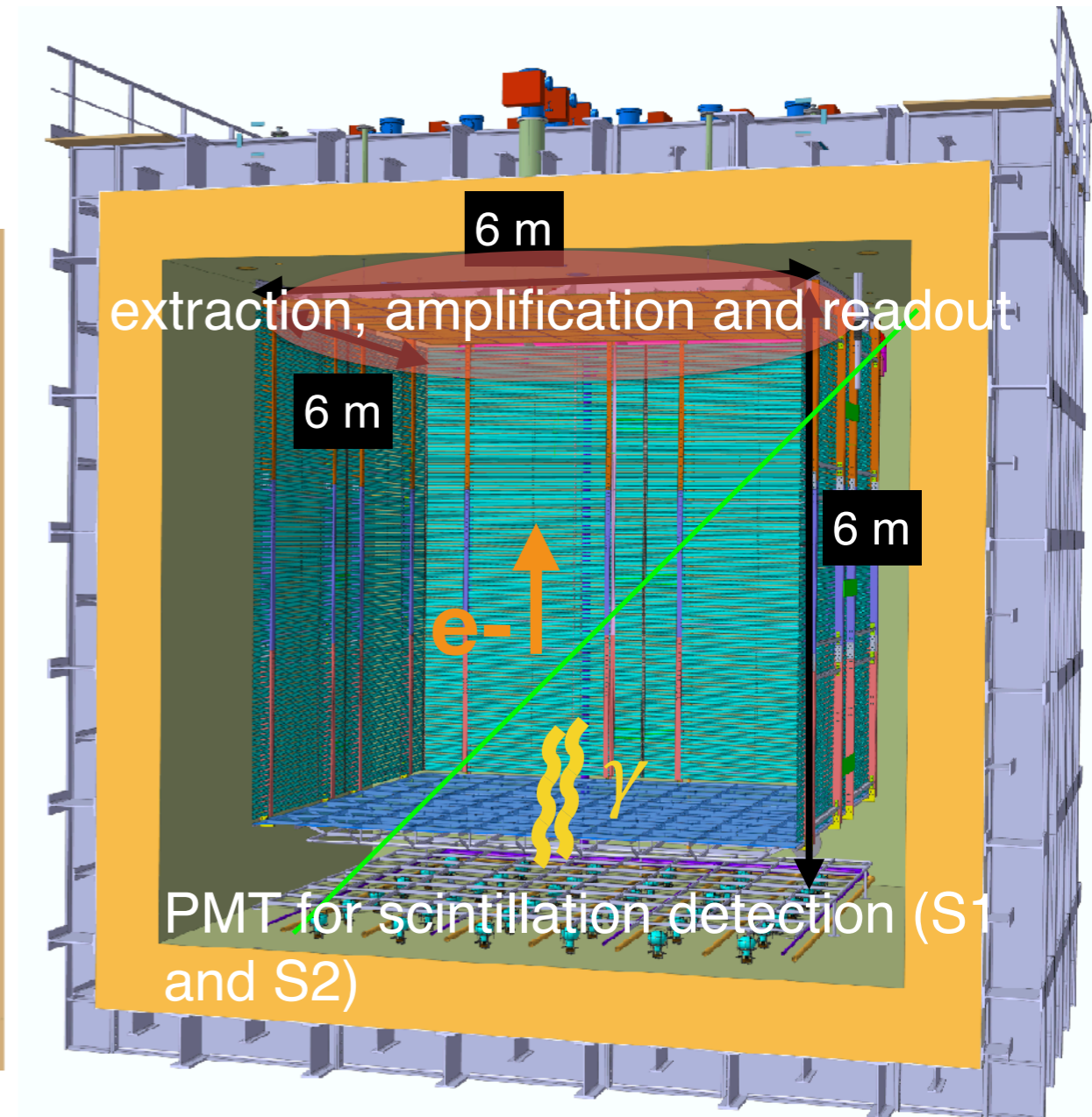
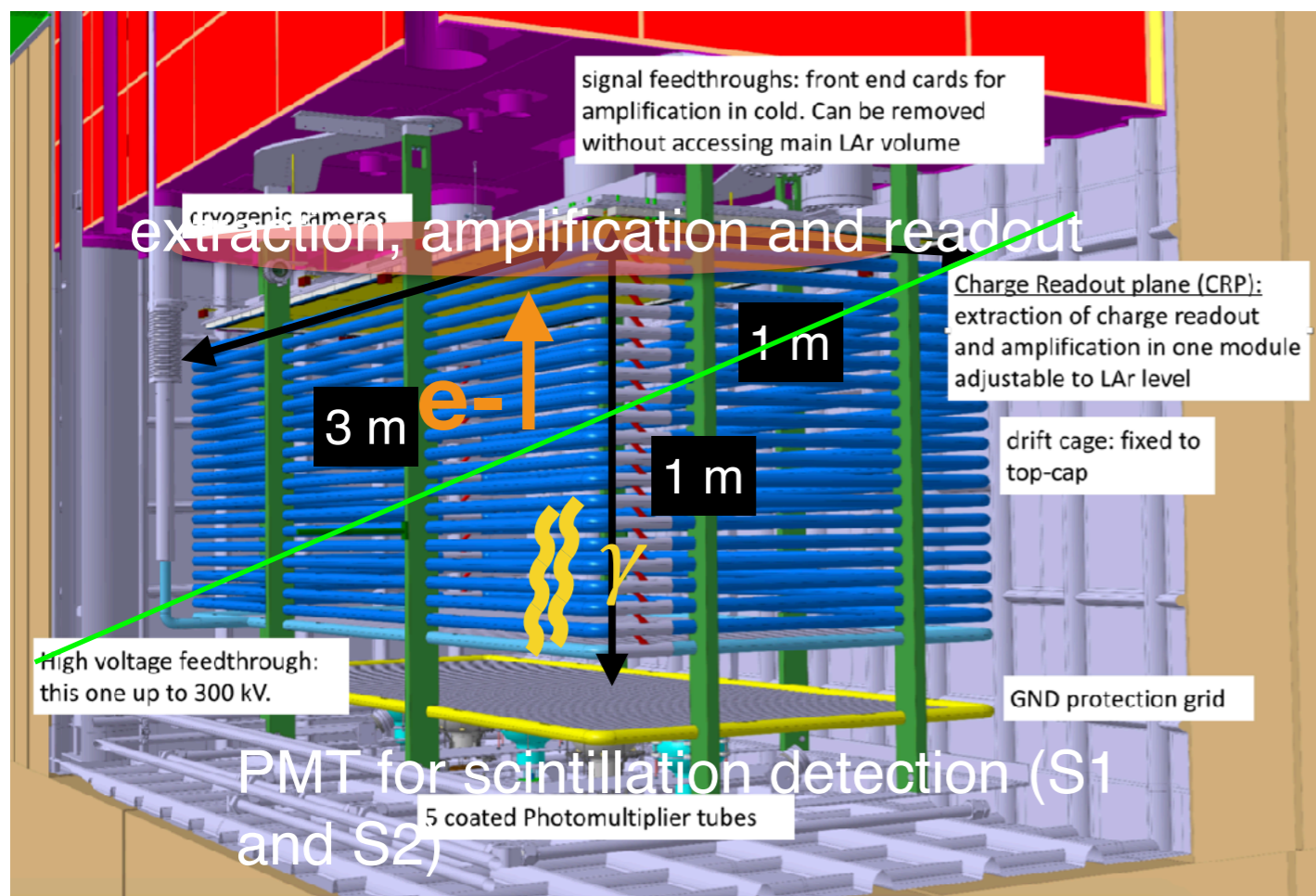
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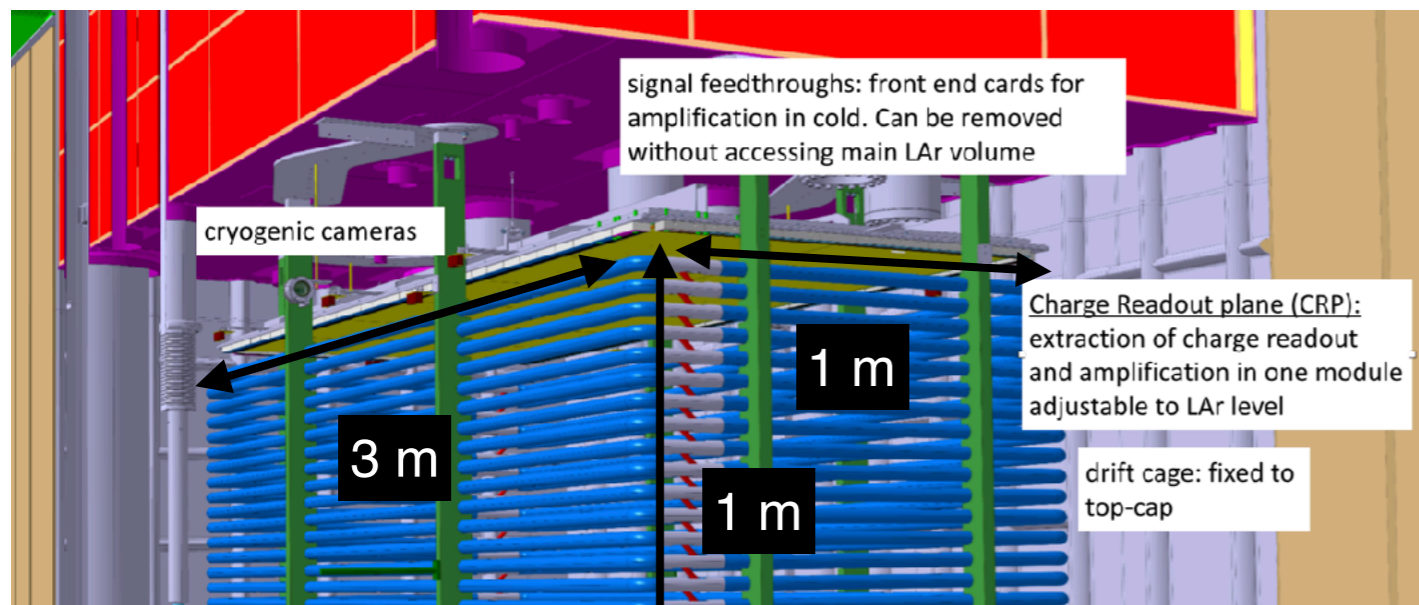
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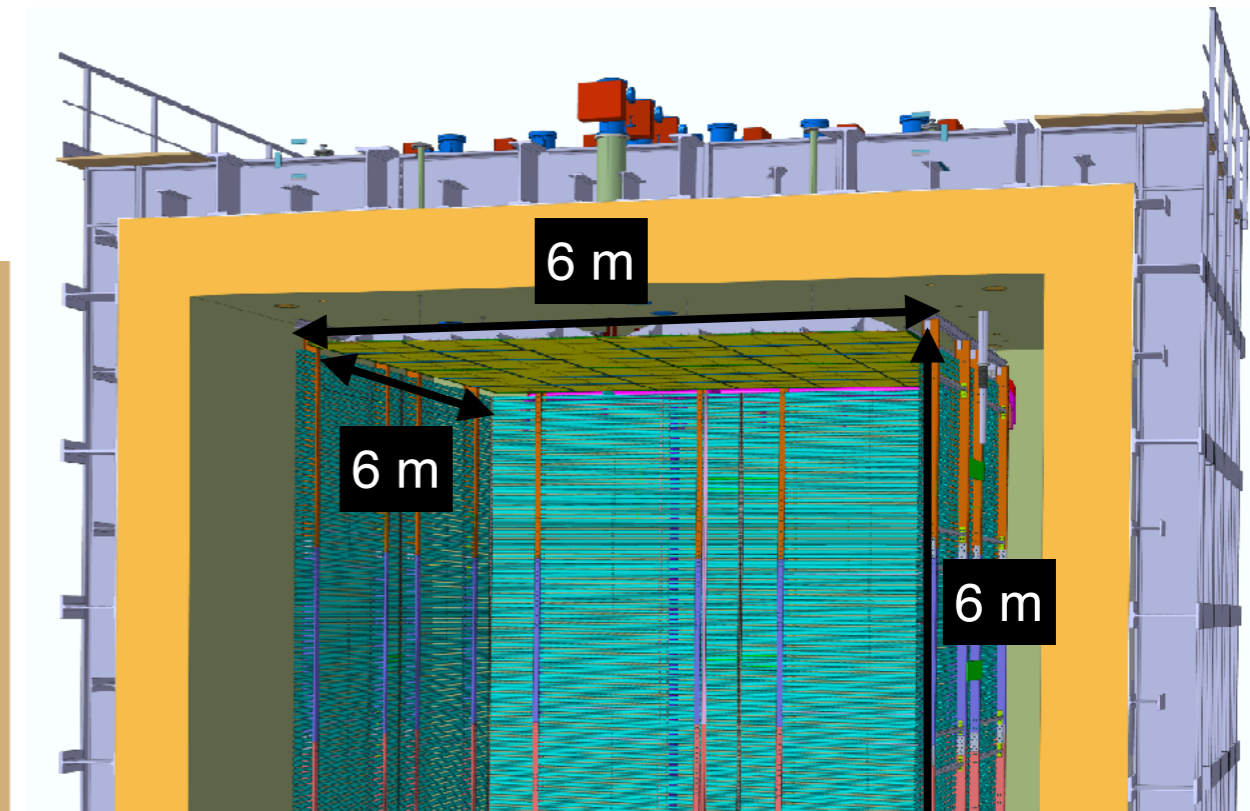


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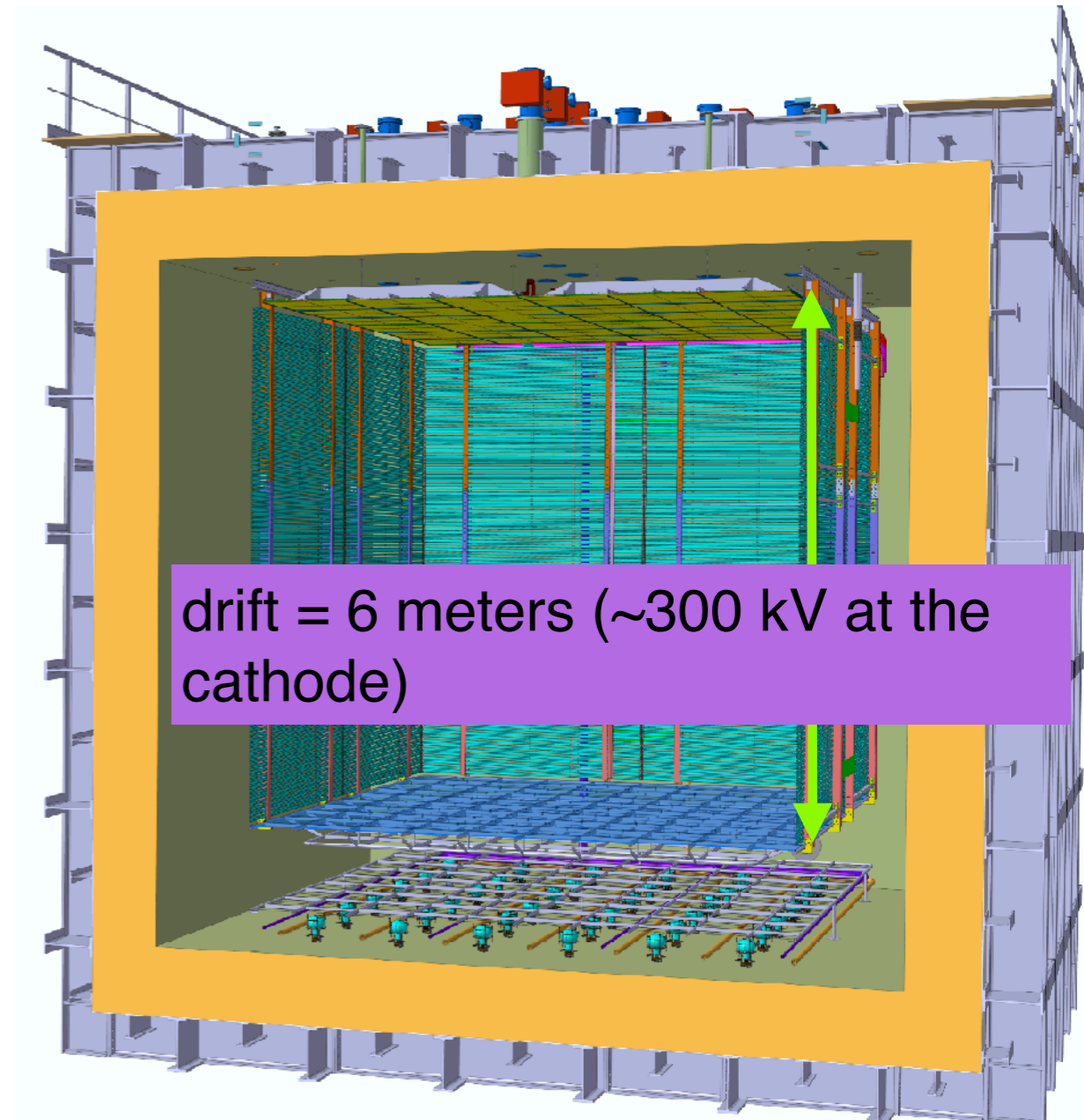
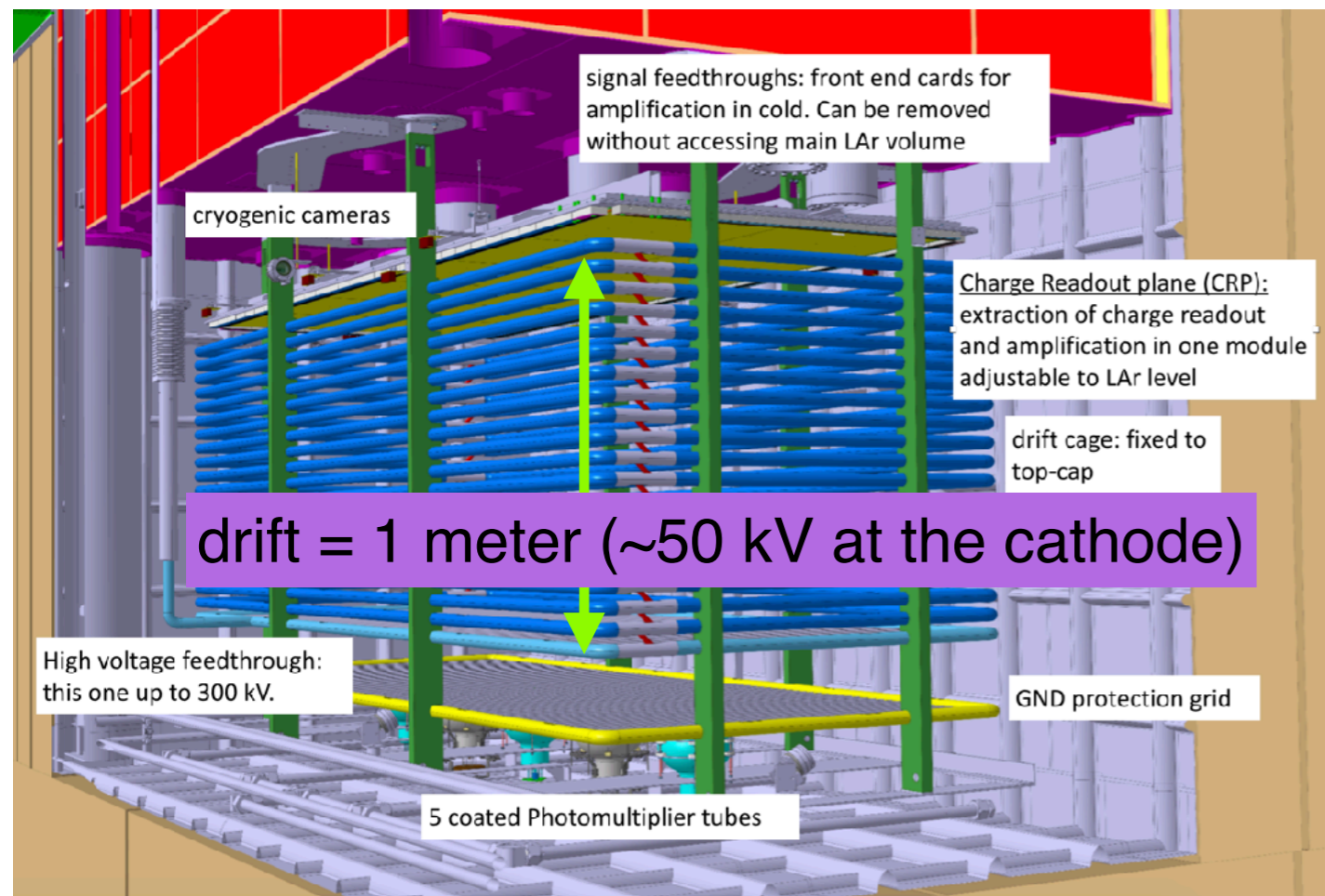
- test of extraction amplification and readout on square meter areas
- all instrumentation and feedthroughs
- QA/QC aspects
- light readout
- purity in non evacuable cryostat



- long drift and very high voltage
- almost all detector aspects are identical to those foreseen for the 10 kt
- The installation sequence is also similar to the underground deployment of the 10 kt

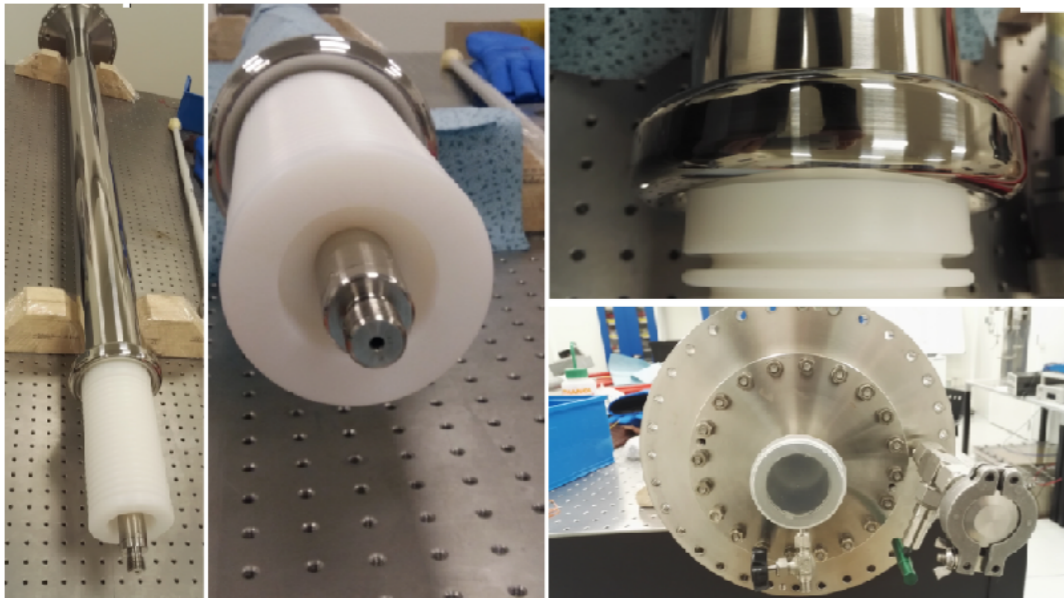
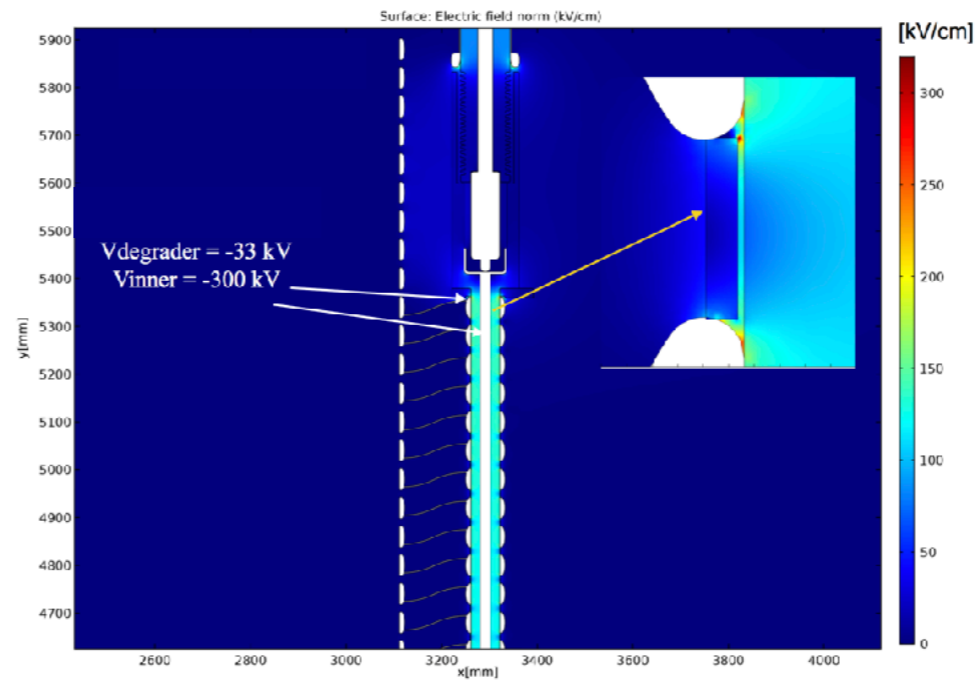
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# Very high voltage

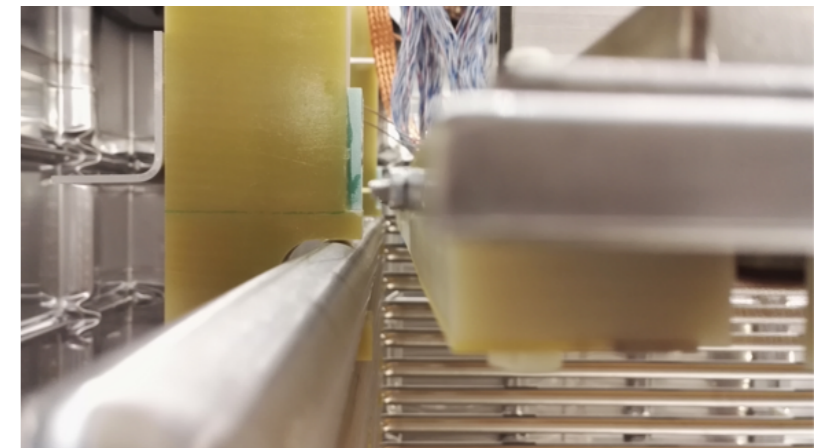
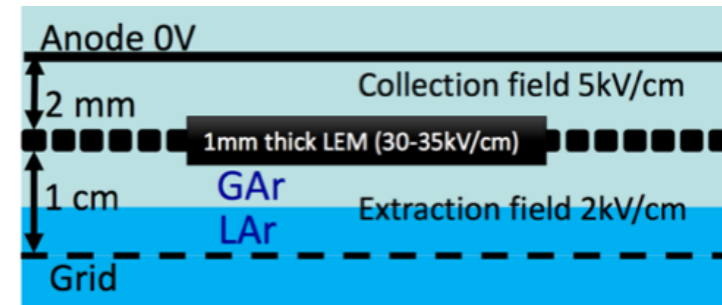
Tested, installed and are operating a 300 kV capable feedthrough inside the 3x1x1



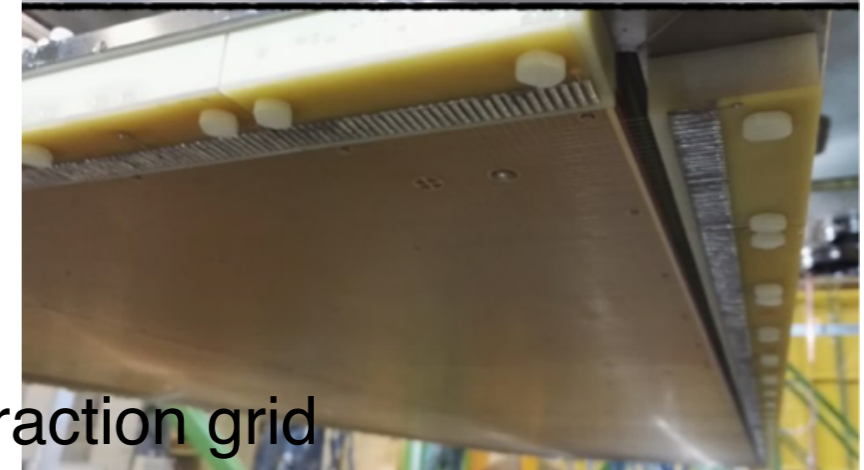
Design successfully tested in dedicated setup up to the end of the scale of the Heinzinger PSU. About 295 kV. [JINST 12 P03021 arXiv:1611.02085](#)

# Dual phase LAr TPC Charge Readout Section

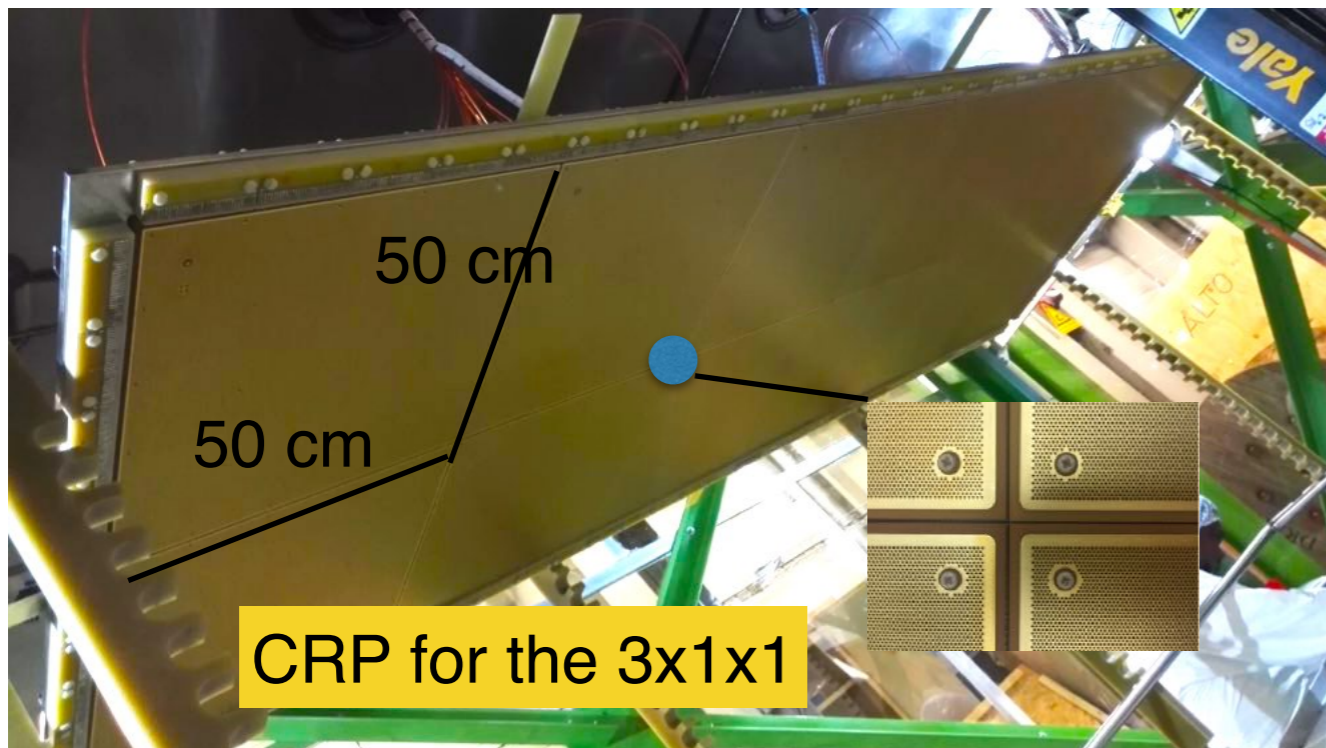
- The grid that provides the charge extraction from liquid to gas, the LEM amplification devices and the anodes are all mounted on a specifically designed frame called **Charge Readout Plane (CRP)**.
- The CRP is designed to precisely maintaining the interstage distances between the grid, LEM and anodes **at warm and cold**.
- The CRP is **modular and independent** from the drift cage, it can be **remotely adjusted** to the liquid argon level in order to align the LEMs and extraction grid with the LAr level



LEM + anode sandwich

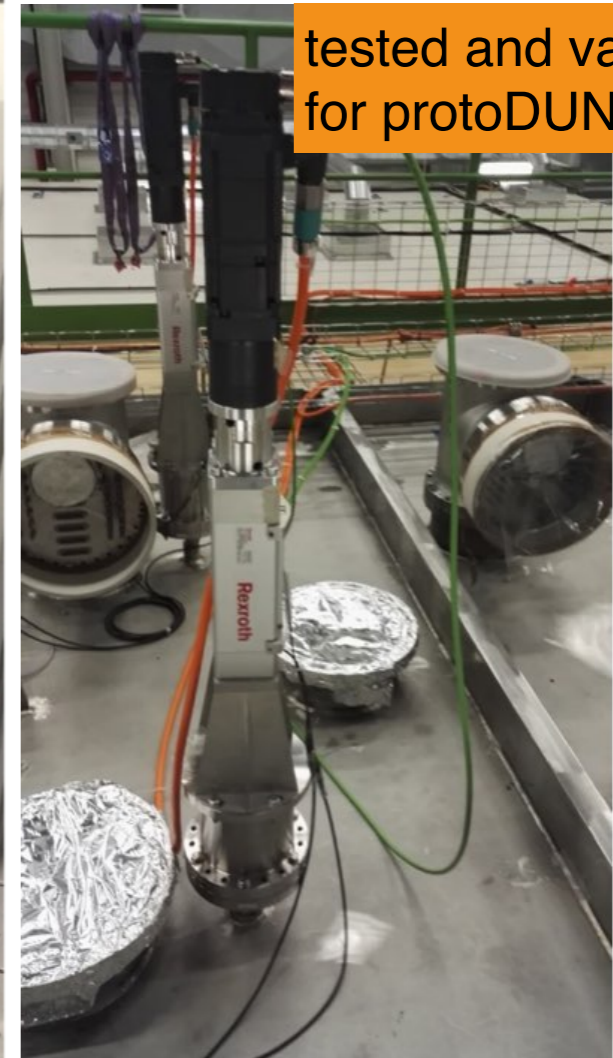
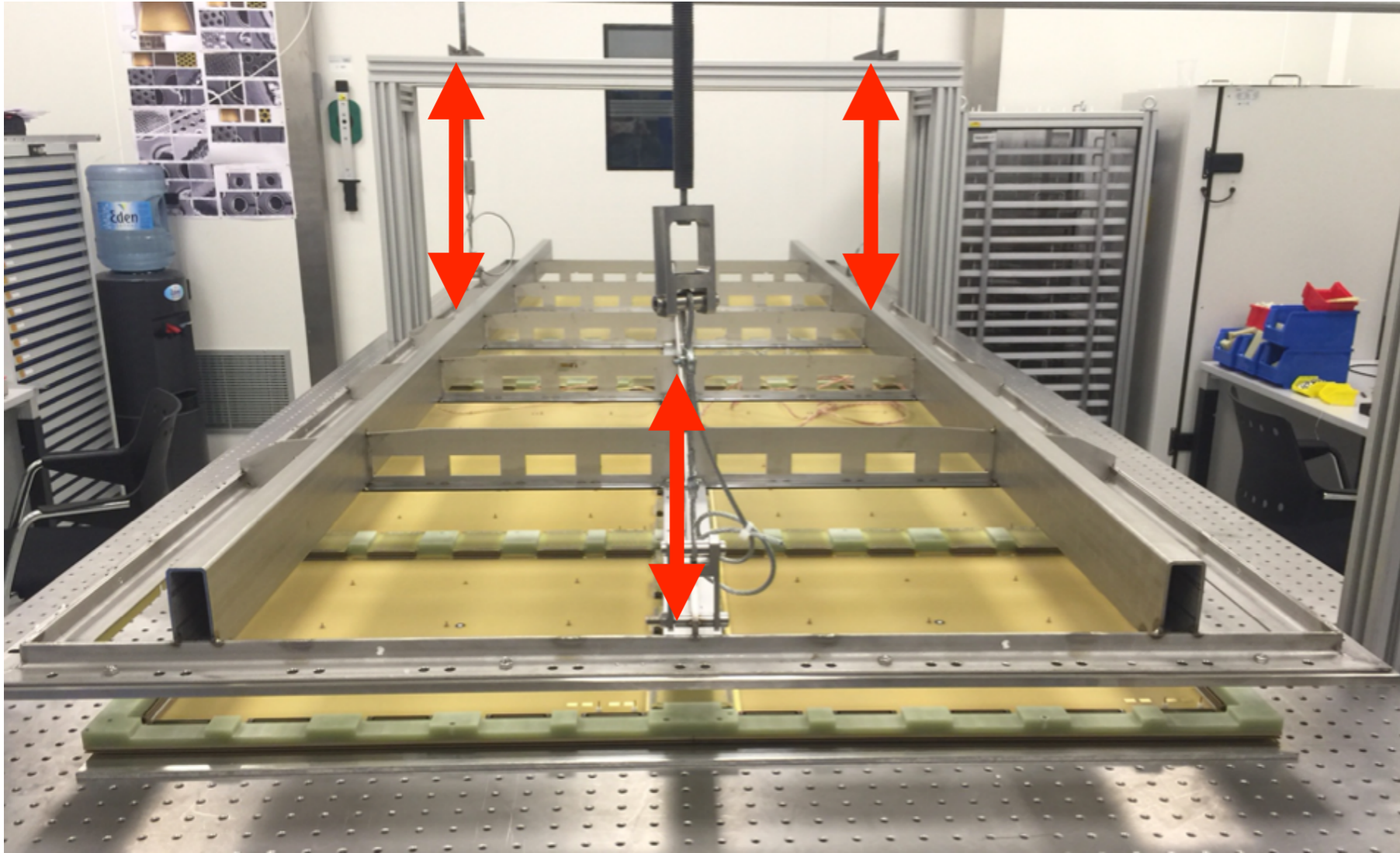


extraction grid

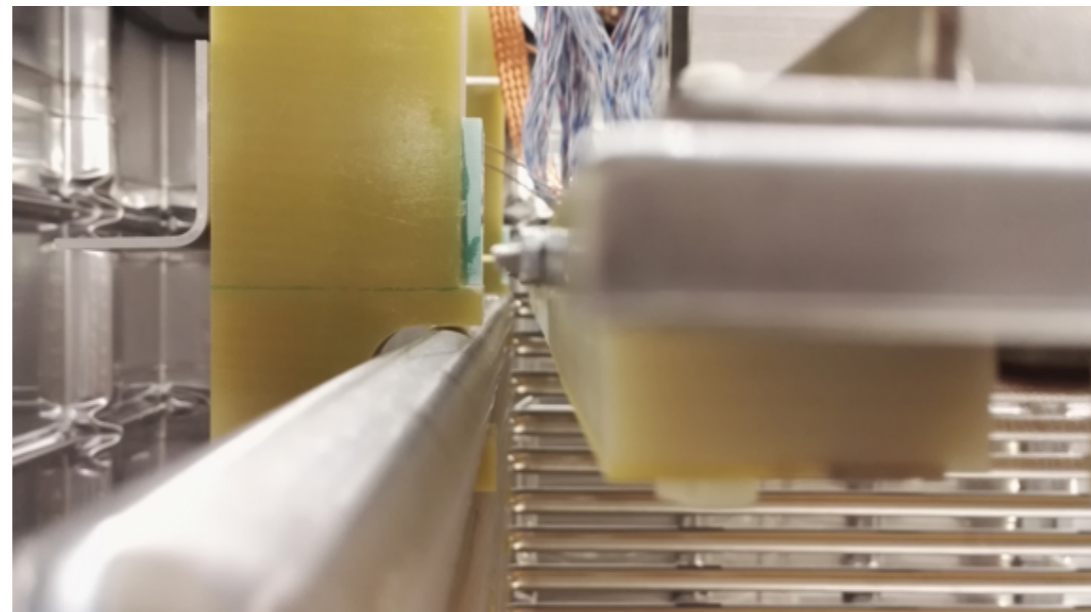
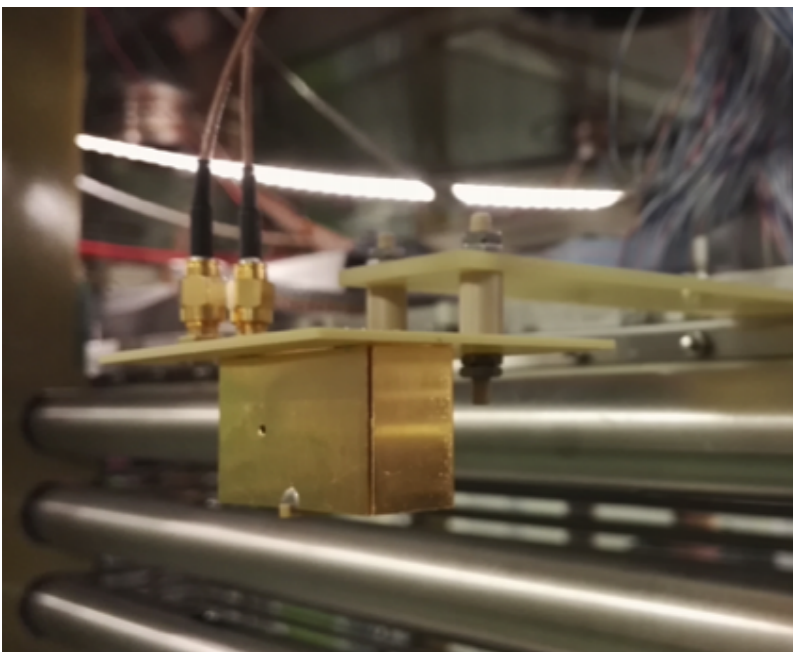


CRP for the 3x1x1

# CRP suspension



tested and validated for protoDUNE-DP



suspended by 3 ropes coupled to motors on top-cap. Precision of motors 100 um over 4 cm. 8 capacitive level meters readout the LAr level with similar precision

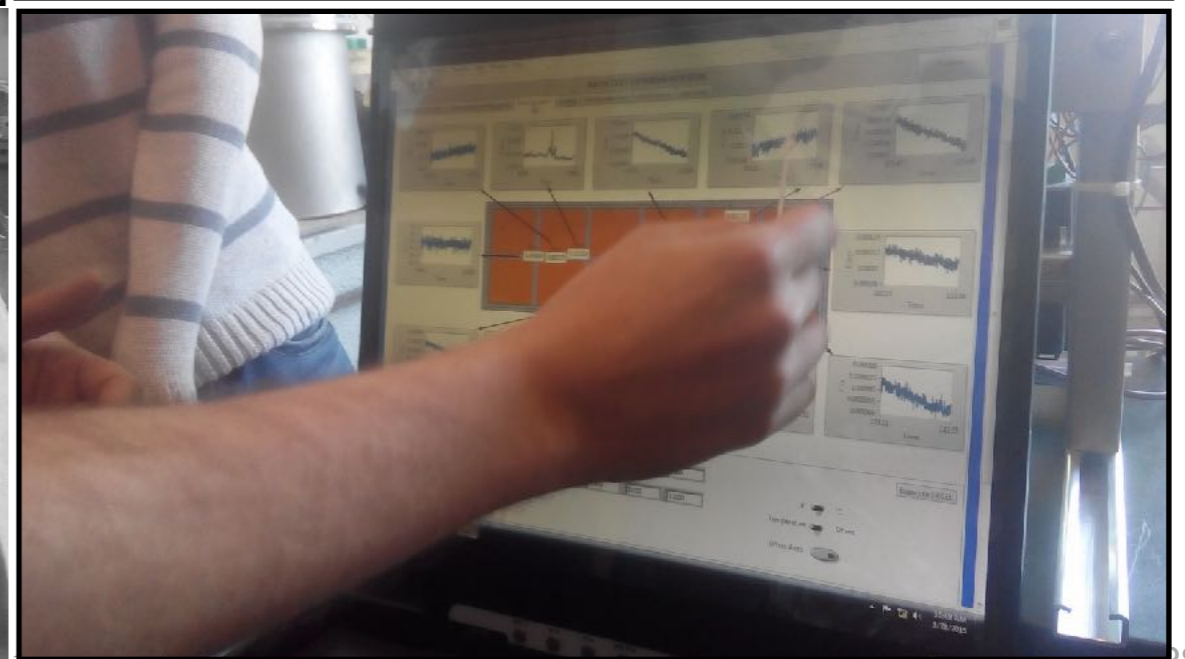
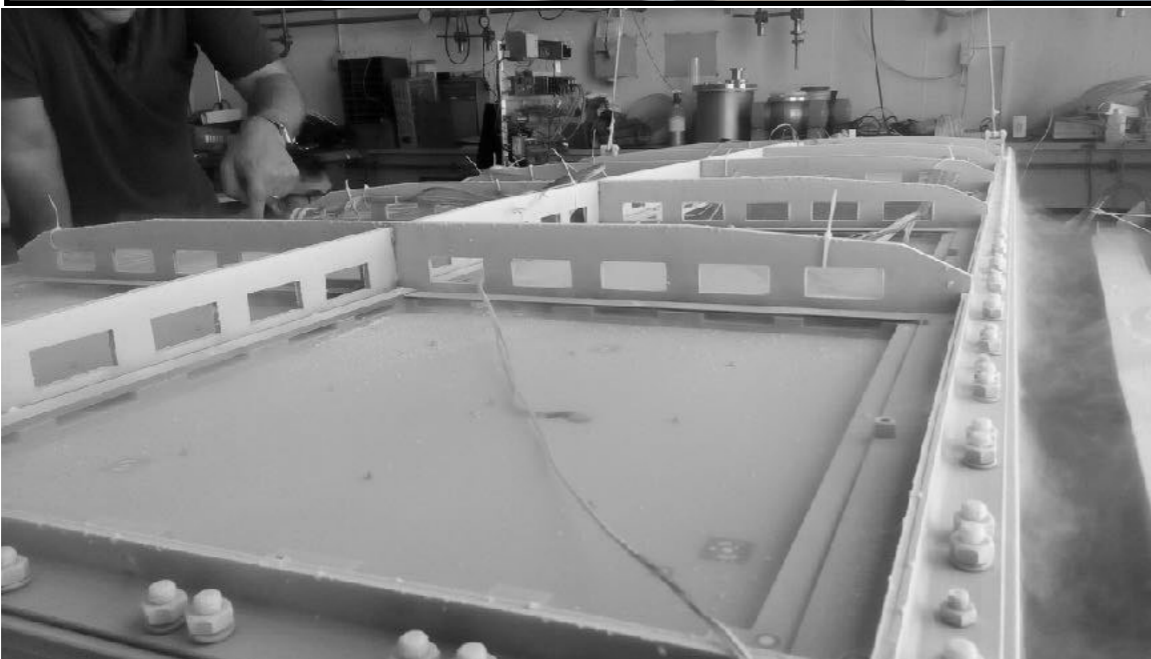
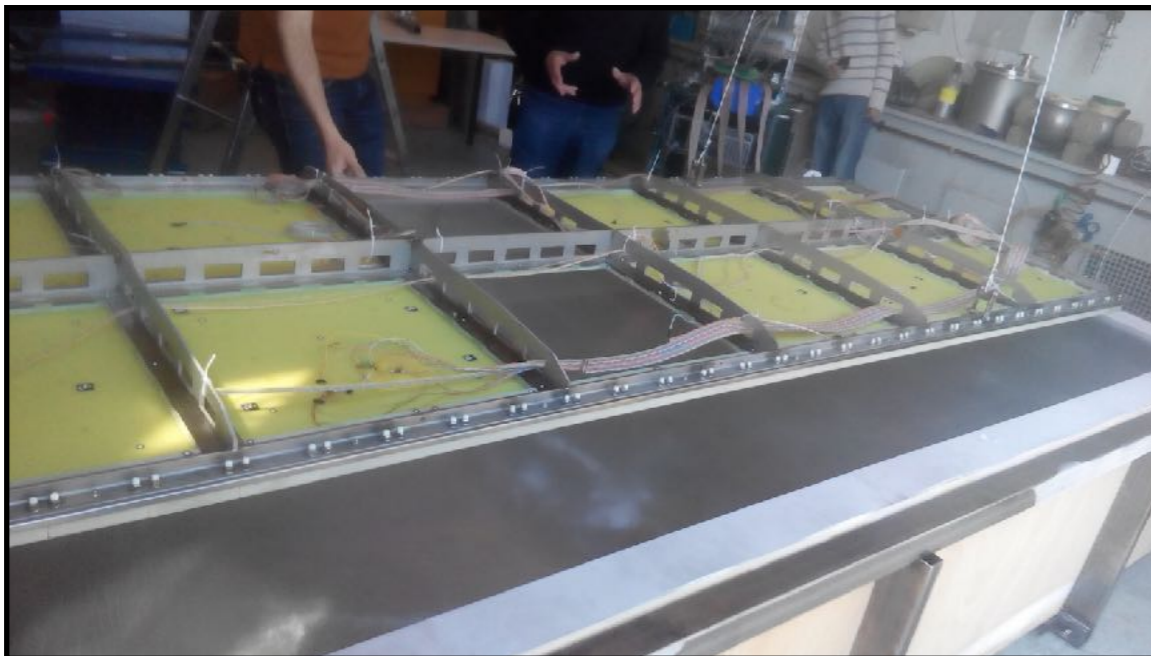


# 3x1 m<sup>2</sup> CRP: resistance to thermal shock

The horizontal geometry of the CRP allows to perform **cryogenic test in open baths**. Already demonstrated for the 3x1x1.

What we checked:

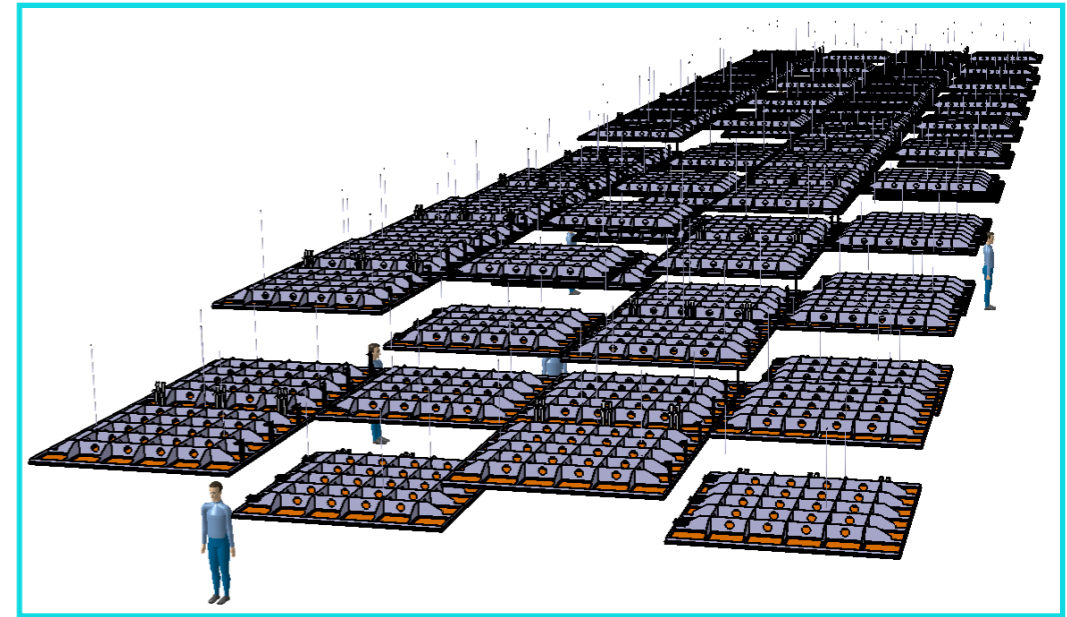
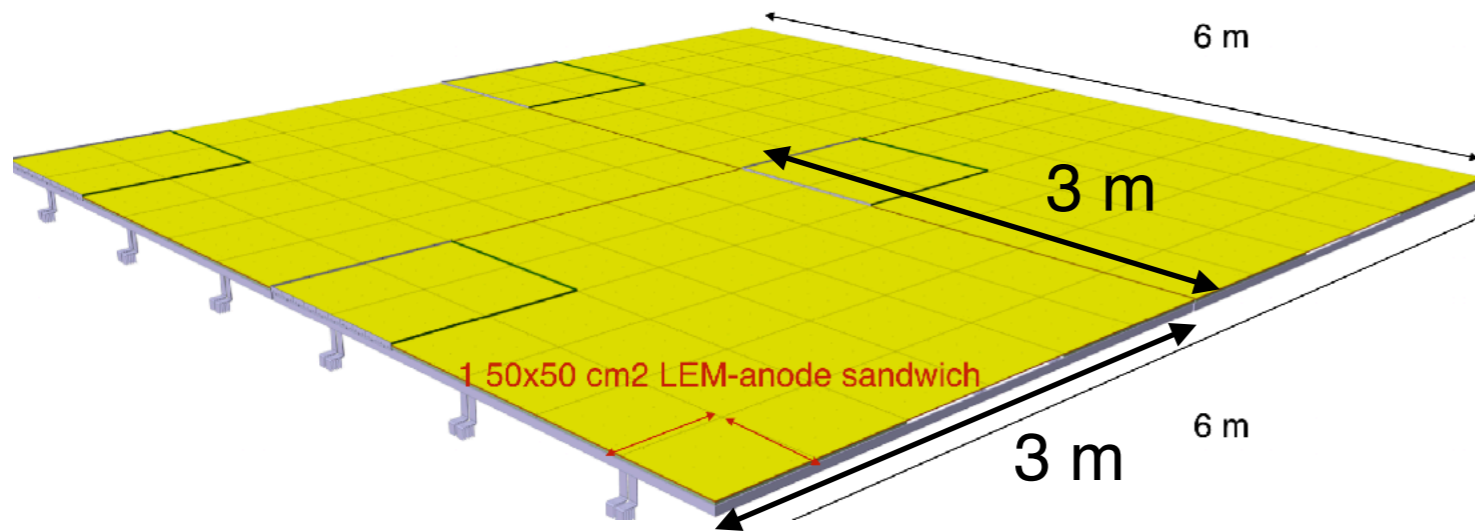
- monitor expected shrinkage with photogrammetric measurements.
- extraction grid robustness.



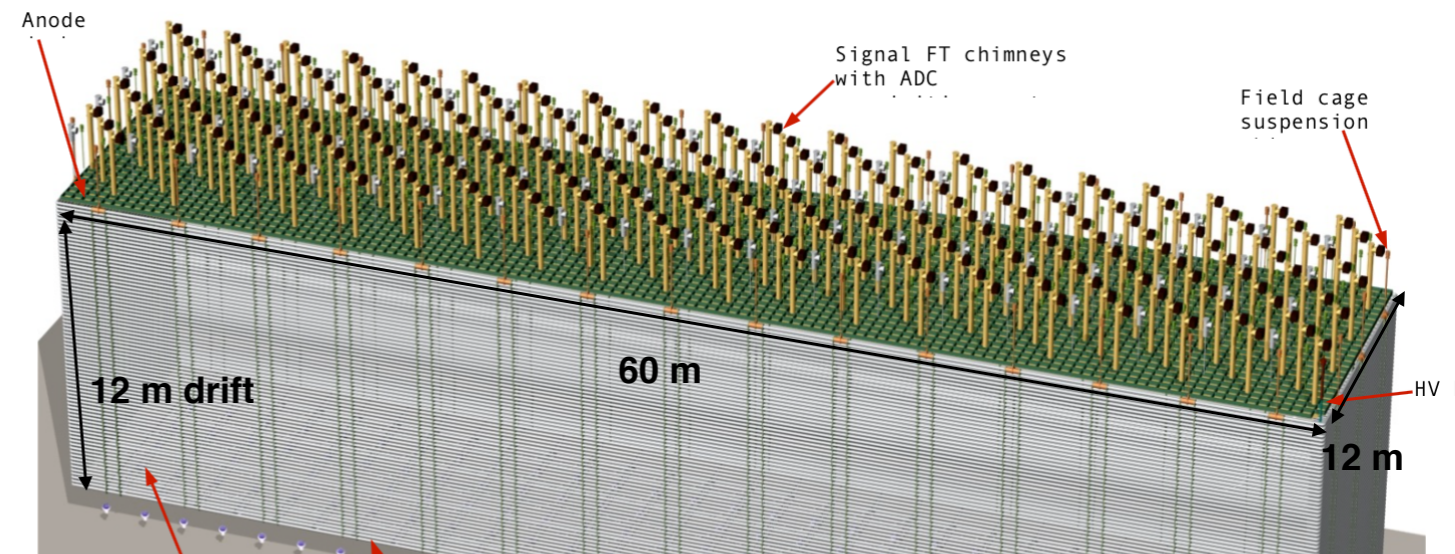
# Modularity of the detector

protoDUNE-DP and DUNE-10kt: each CRP functions as an independent detector of 3x3 m<sup>2</sup> unit

eighty 3x3 m<sup>2</sup> CRPs for DUNE 10kt

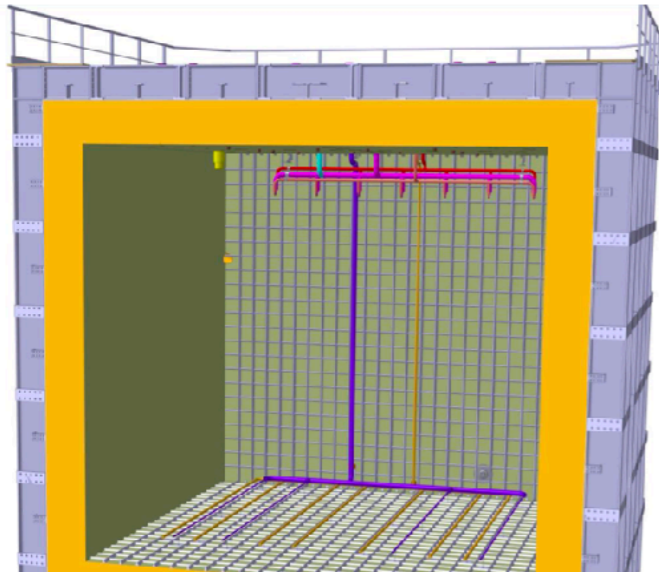


Four 3x3 m<sup>2</sup> CRPs for protoDUNE-DP

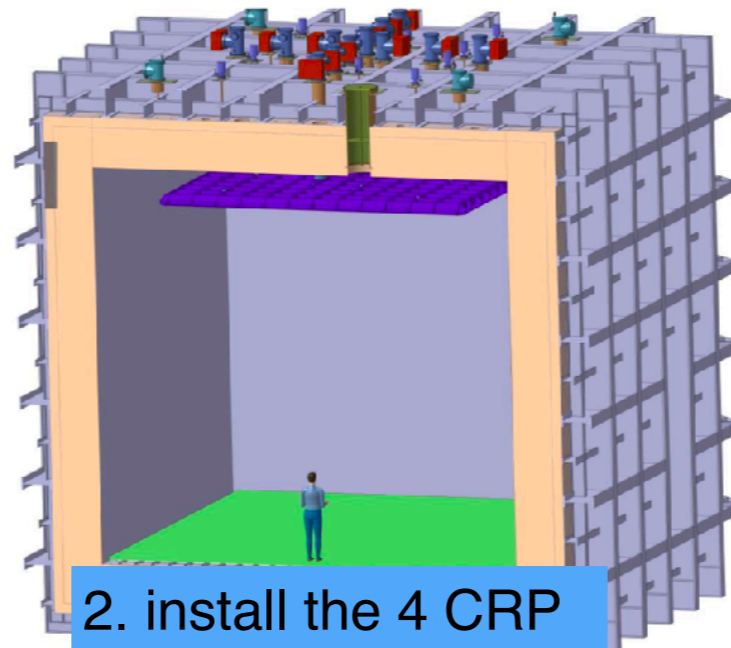


protoDUNE-DP: ultimate test of the 3x3 m<sup>2</sup> CRP before the construction of the 10 kt. First 3x3 m<sup>2</sup> CRP for protoDUNE-DP to be assembled in clean room b.185

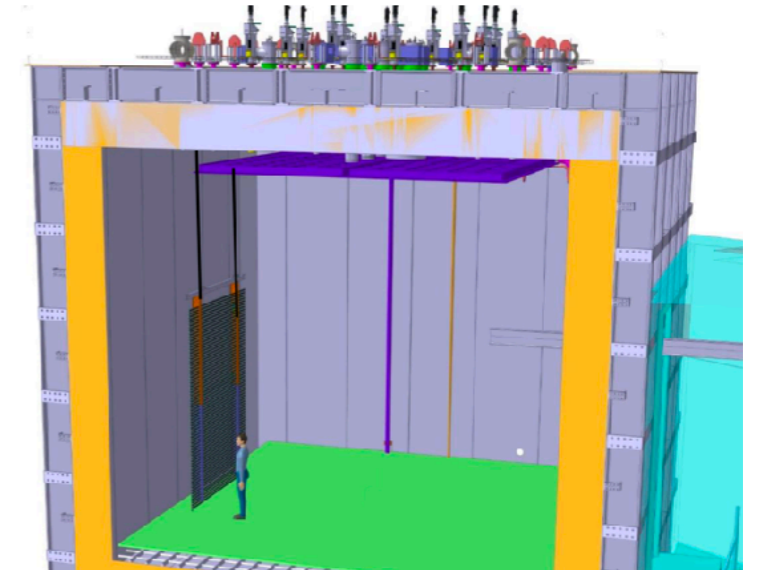
# protoDUNE-DP installation sequence



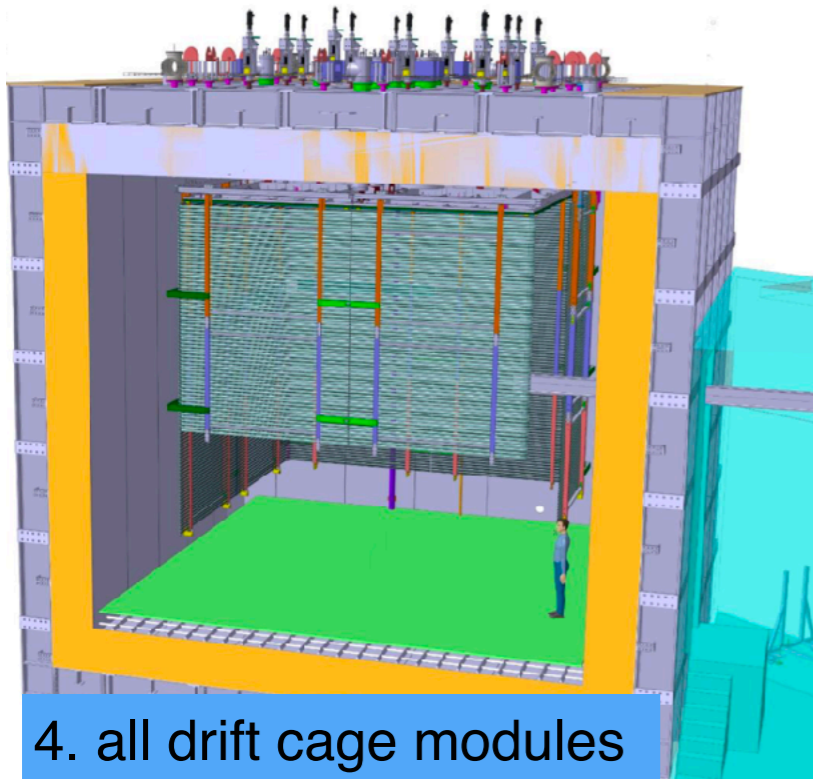
1. install internal piping & temporary floor



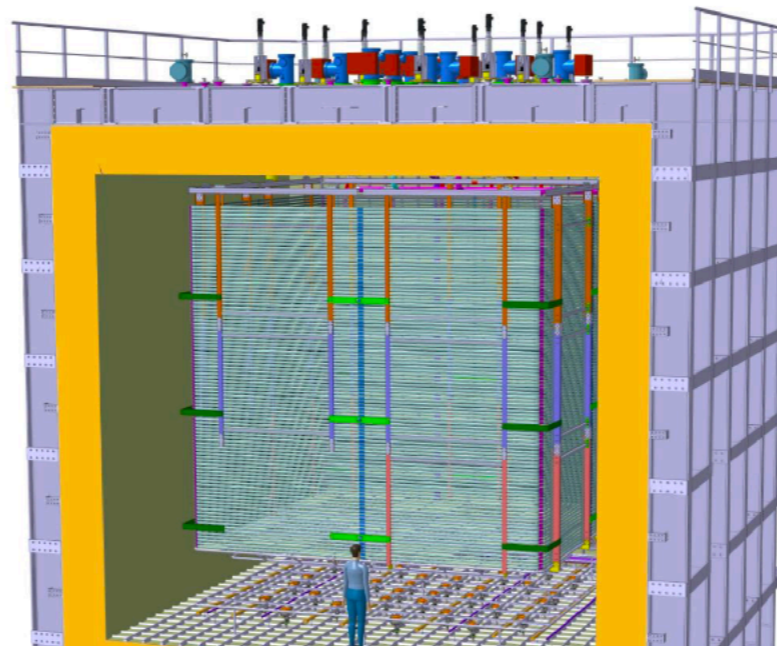
2. install the 4 CRP frames



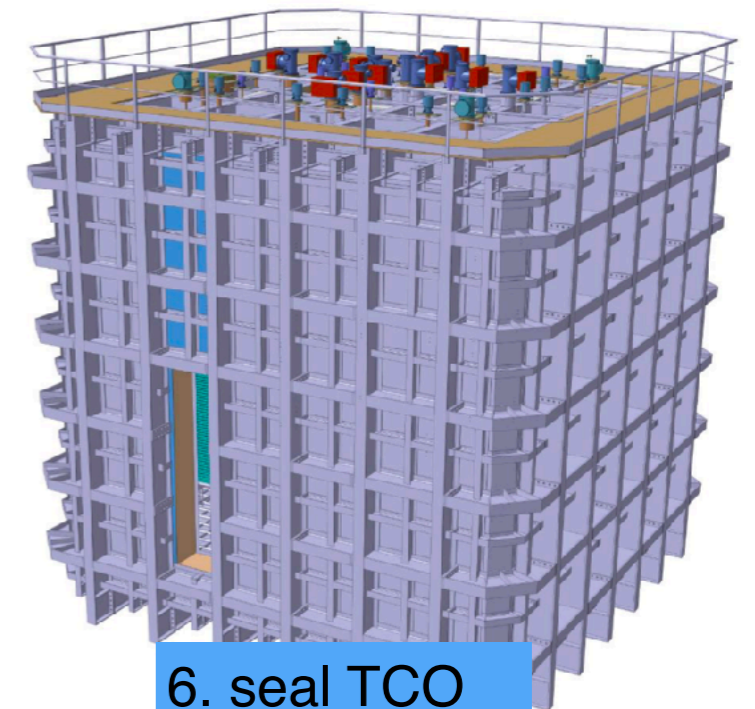
3. install the first drift cage modules



4. all drift cage modules installed



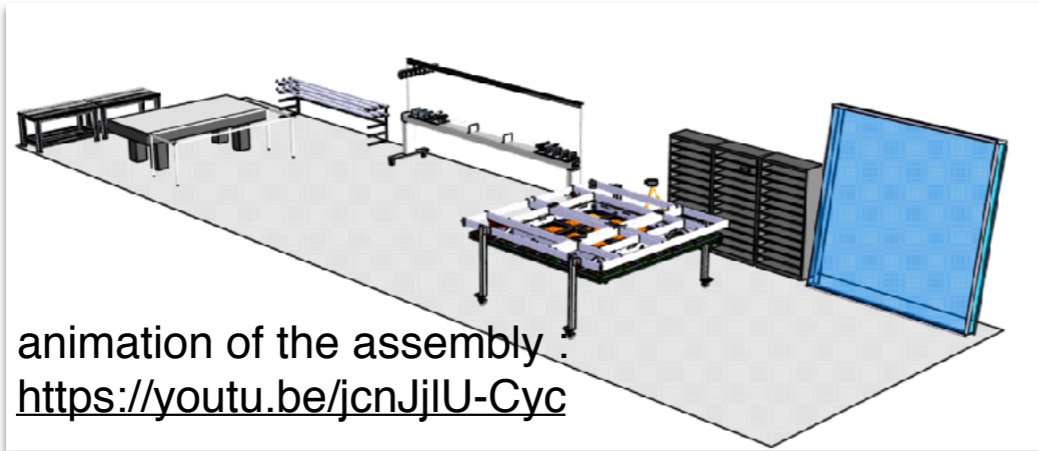
5. remove temporary floor and install photomultipliers



6. seal TCO

# Construction of detector parts has started

The individual CRPs are assembled in the clean room of building 182 and shipped one by one to the cryostat via the clean room buffer.

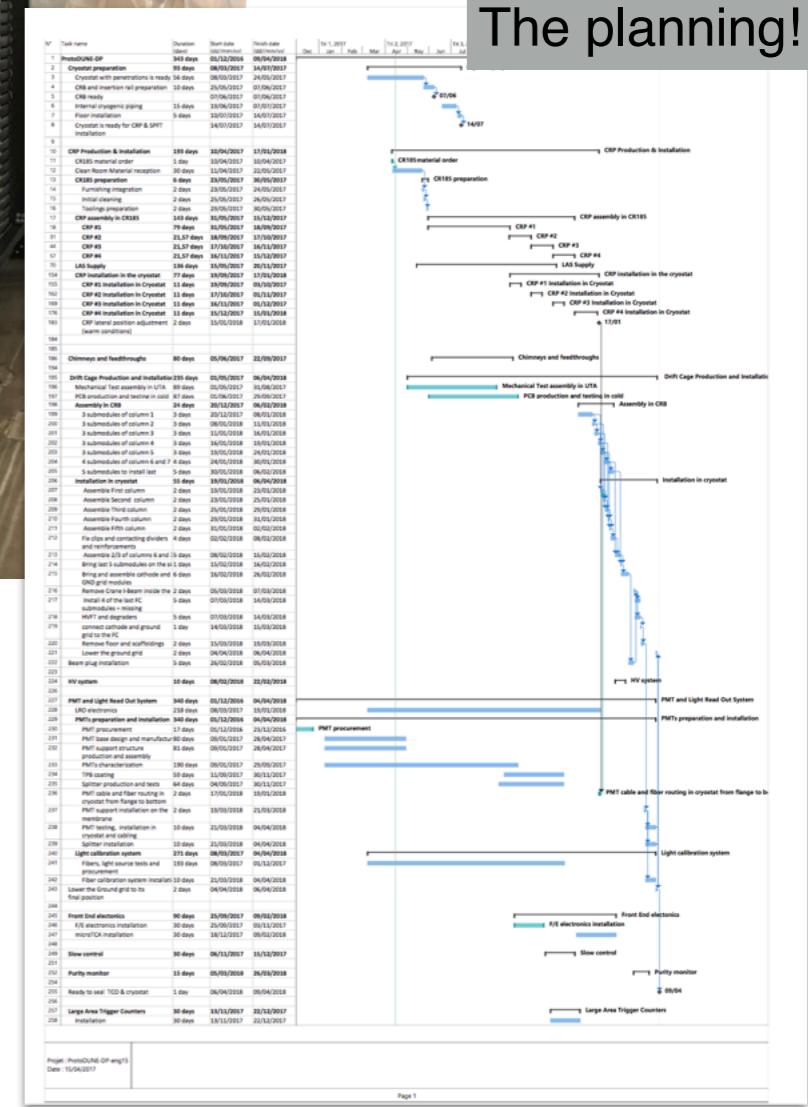


animation of the assembly  
<https://youtu.be/jcnJlU-Cyc>

drift cage mockup assembly (Texas)



The planning!

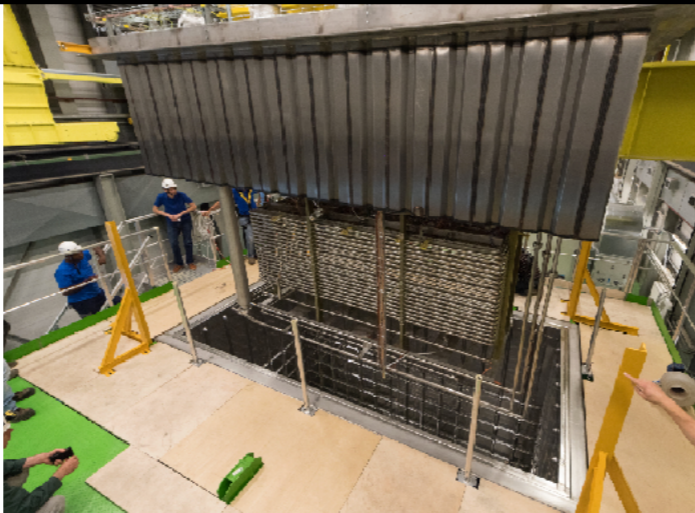


# Construction of the 3x1x1 in 2016

**Feb** : Top Cap delivered



**July** : Top Cap lifted inside the cryostat



**Aug** : FE electronics + cables installed inside feedthroughs



**Sept** : Test & insertion of 300 kV HV feedthrough



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**March** : CRP installed under top cap



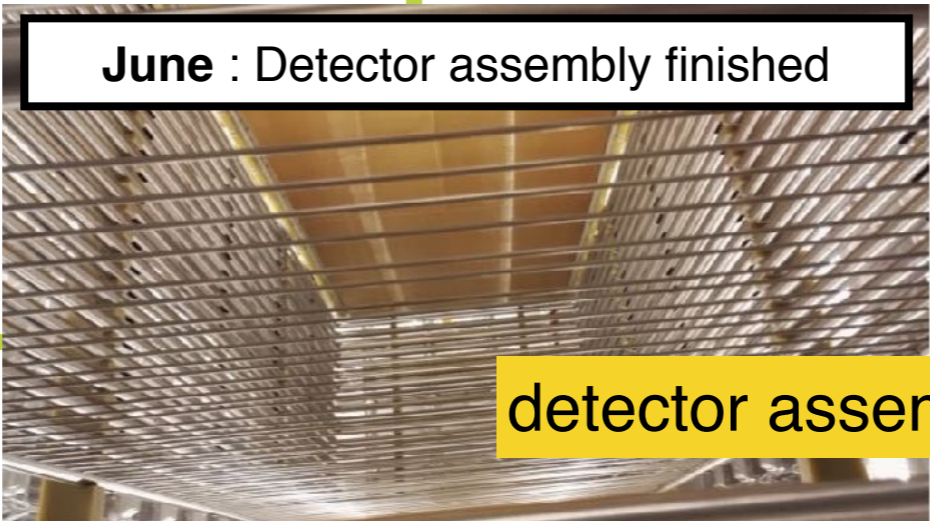
**Nov** : control racks, DAQ and cryogenics installed, cabled and tested



**April** : CRP cryogenic bath test



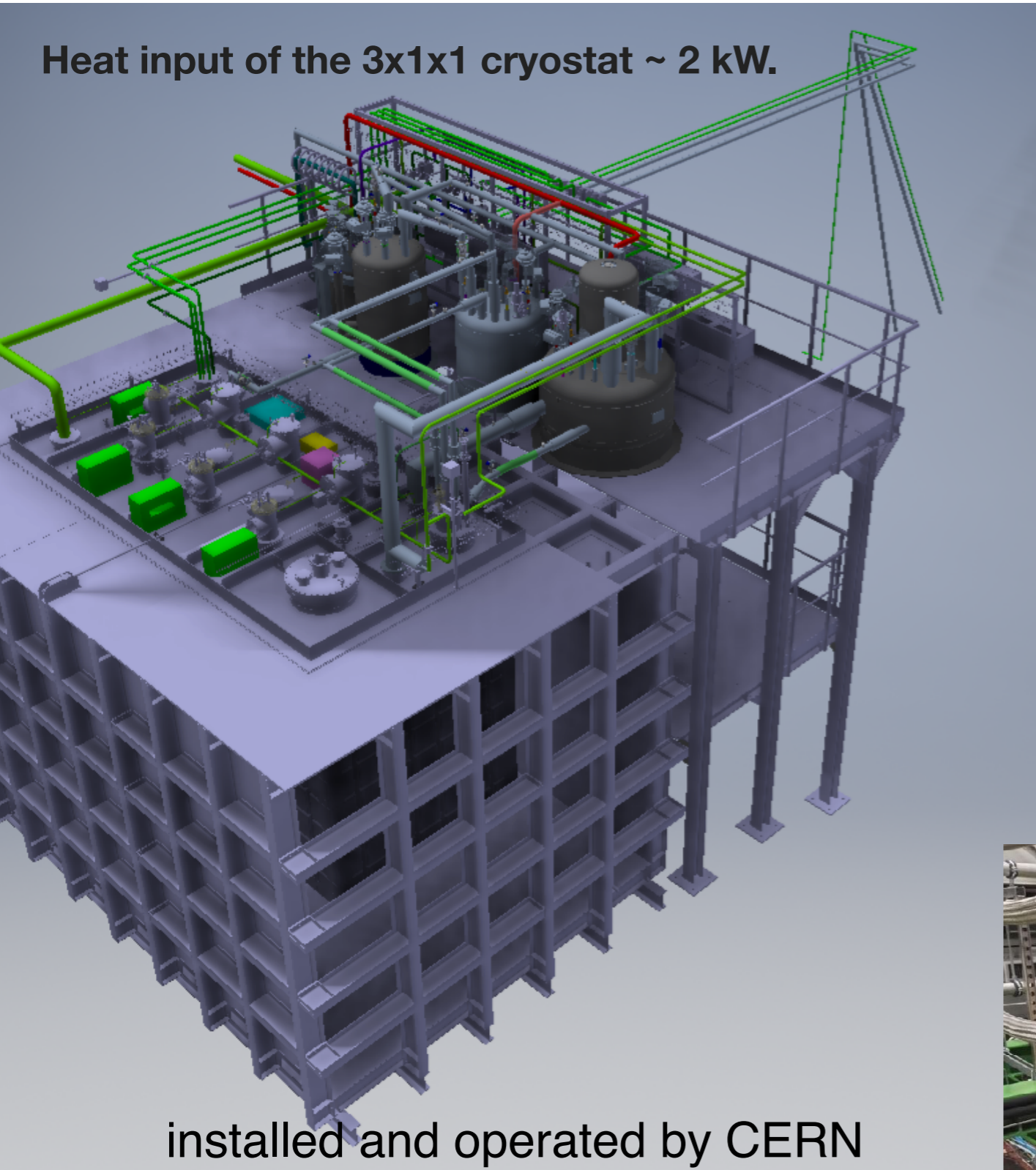
**June** : Detector assembly finished



detector assembled in 6 months

# Cryogenics and purity

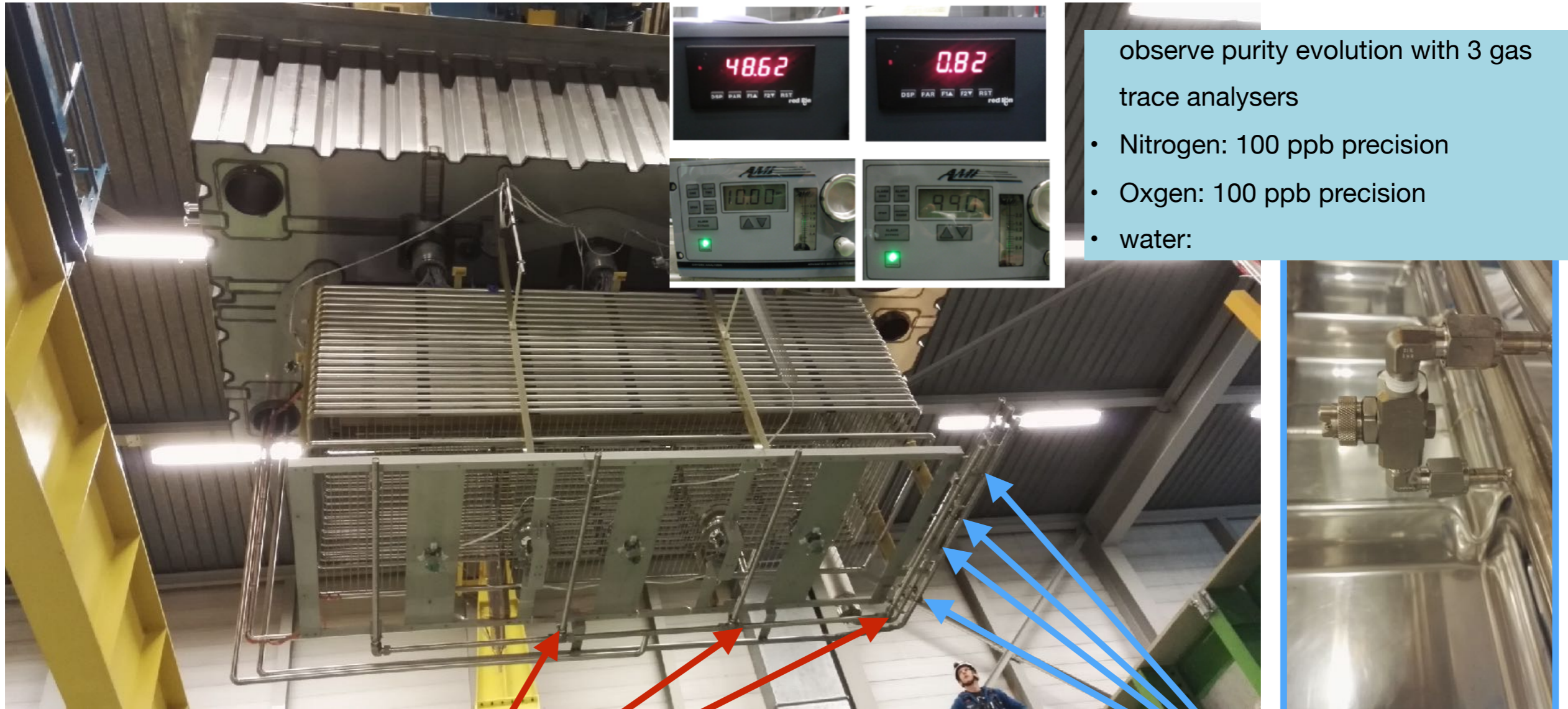
Heat input of the 3x1x1 cryostat ~ 2 kW.



- prior to operation: evacuation of air and cool down.
- during detector operation: safely condense the boiling-off gas and purify liquid+gas.
- Condensation of the boiling-off gas performed using liquid nitrogen heat exchangers.
- Purification with custom made cartridges filled with copper pellets to remove the oxygen and molecular sieve to remove the water by physical absorption.



# piston purge - evacuation of air



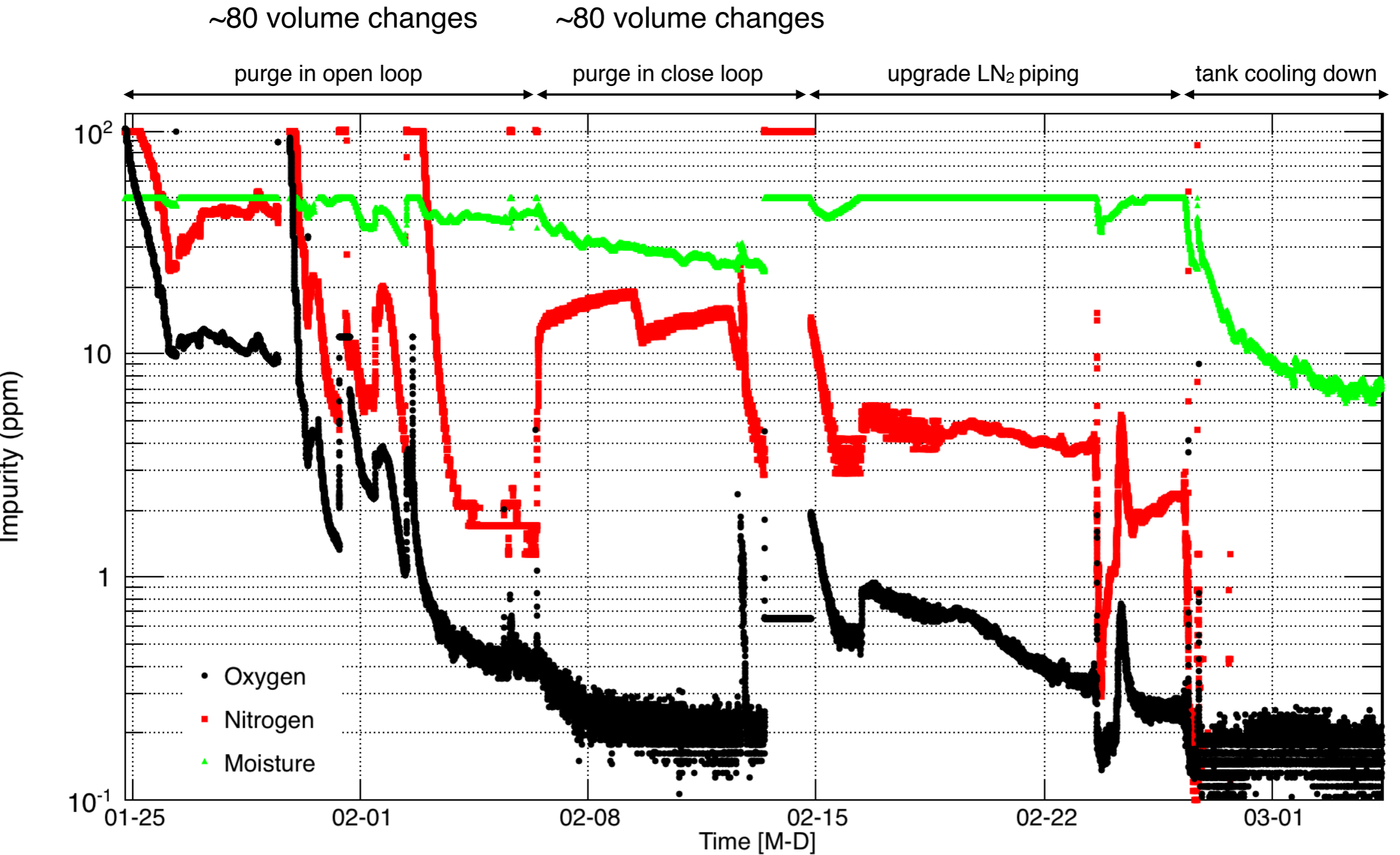
observe purity evolution with 3 gas trace analysers

- Nitrogen: 100 ppb precision
- Oxygen: 100 ppb precision
- water:

**Piston purge**  
4 warm gas lines each with 3 openings of 12 mm  $\varnothing$ .  
total flow rate during piston purge  $\sim 4$  l/s

Cool down: 4 sprays  
mixture of LAr and GAr  
for slow and uniform  
cool down. Nominal  
flows:  
300 K GAr 500 l/m  
87 K LAr 21 l/h

# Piston purge

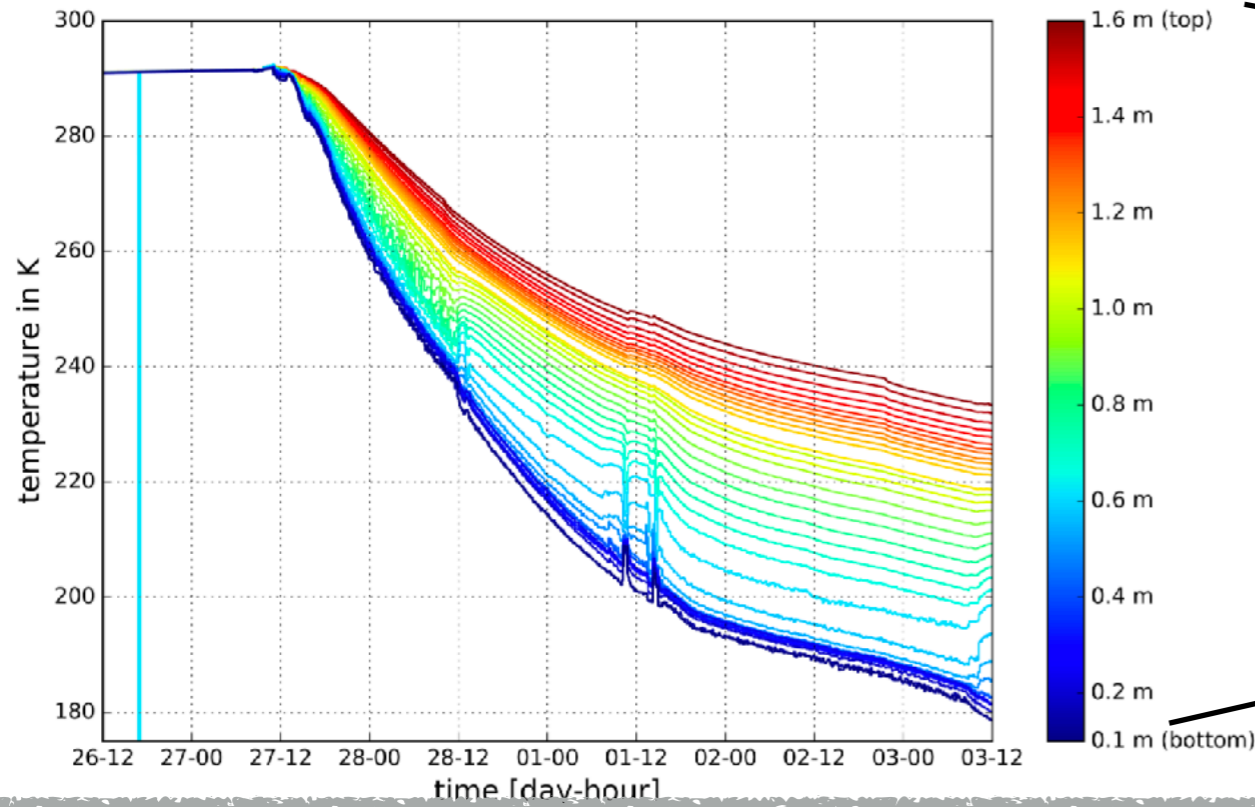




# Cool down and filling

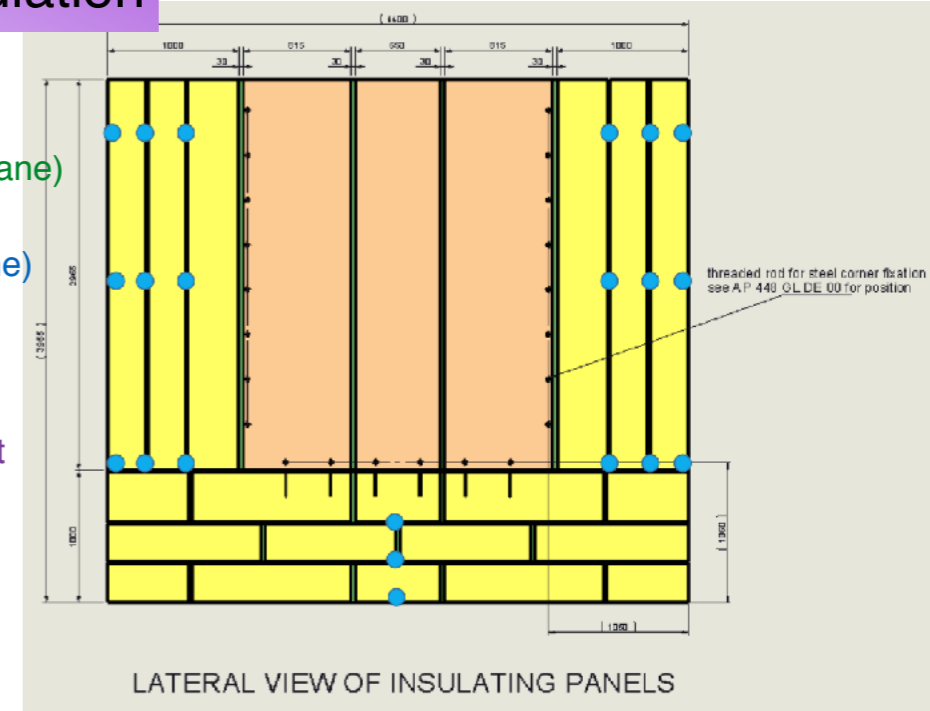
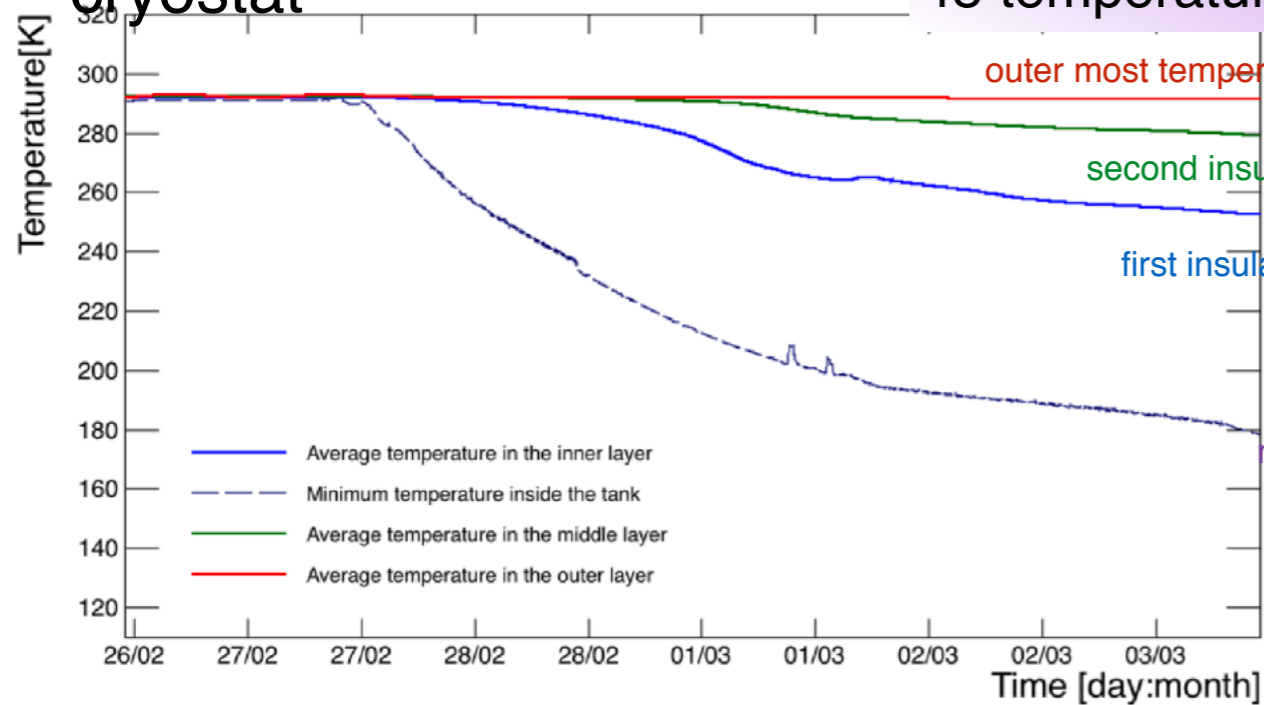
## detector

### chain of temperature probes along drift cage



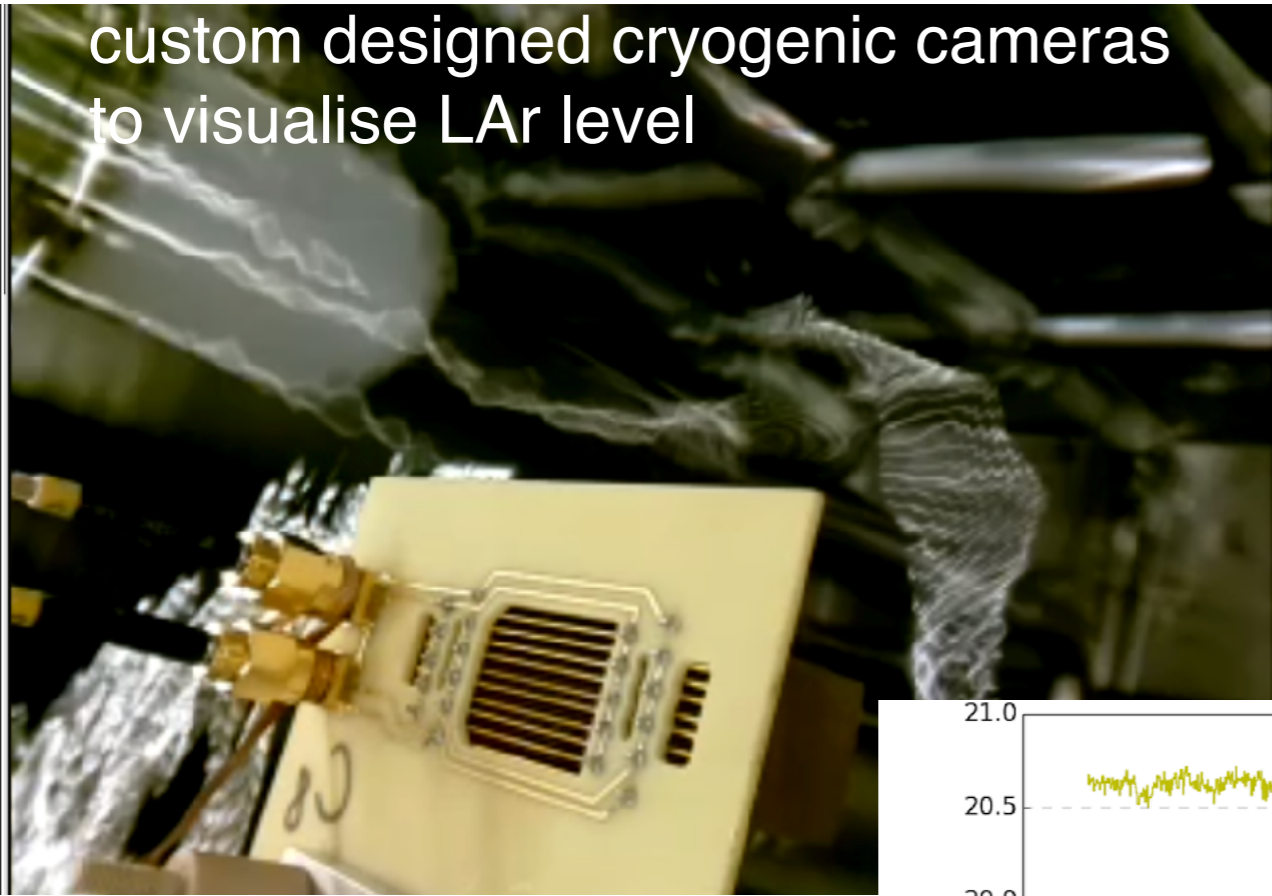
## cryostat

### 45 temperature probes inside insulation

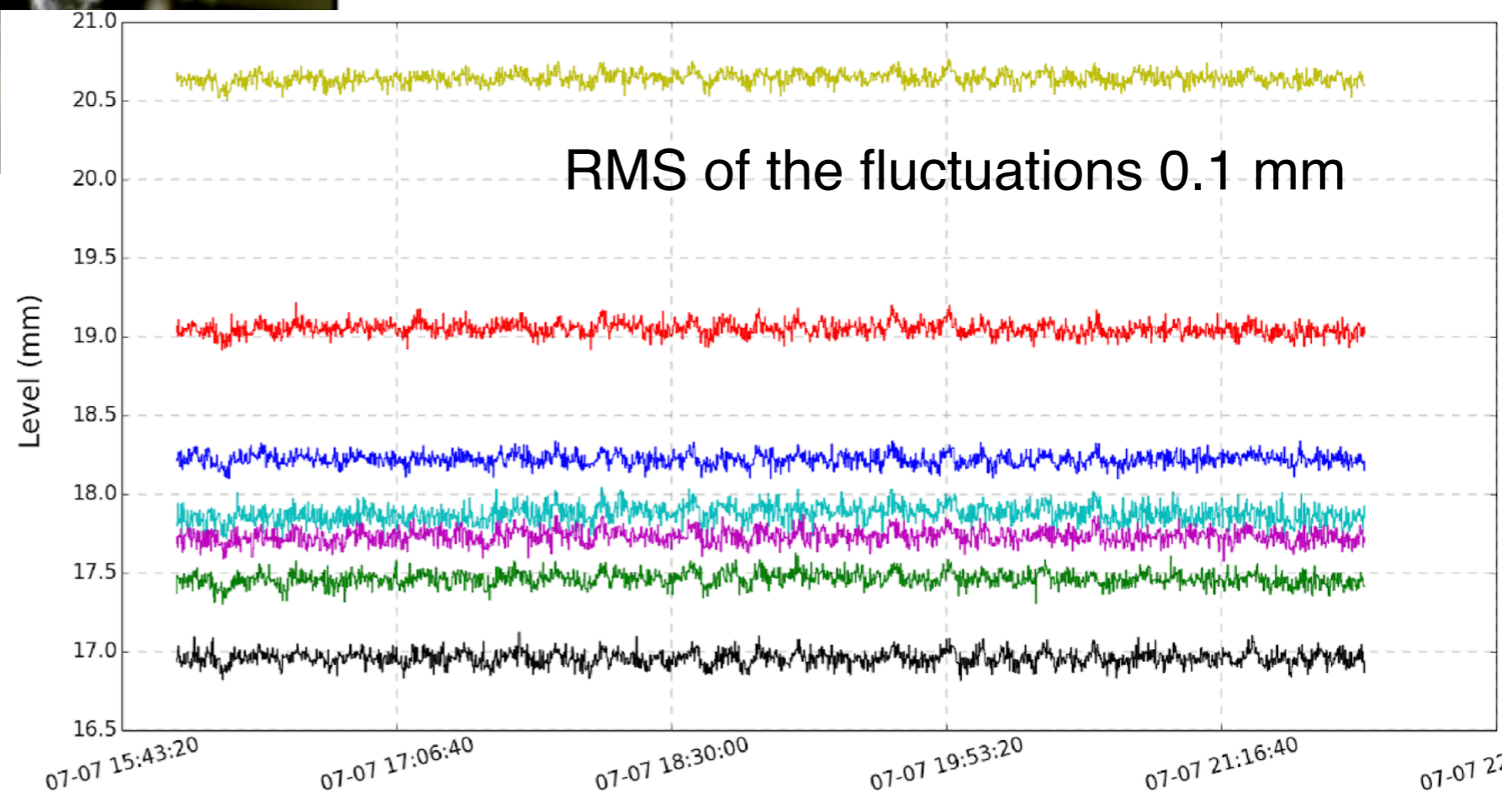


# Monitoring of liquid level during operation

custom designed cryogenic cameras  
to visualise LAr level

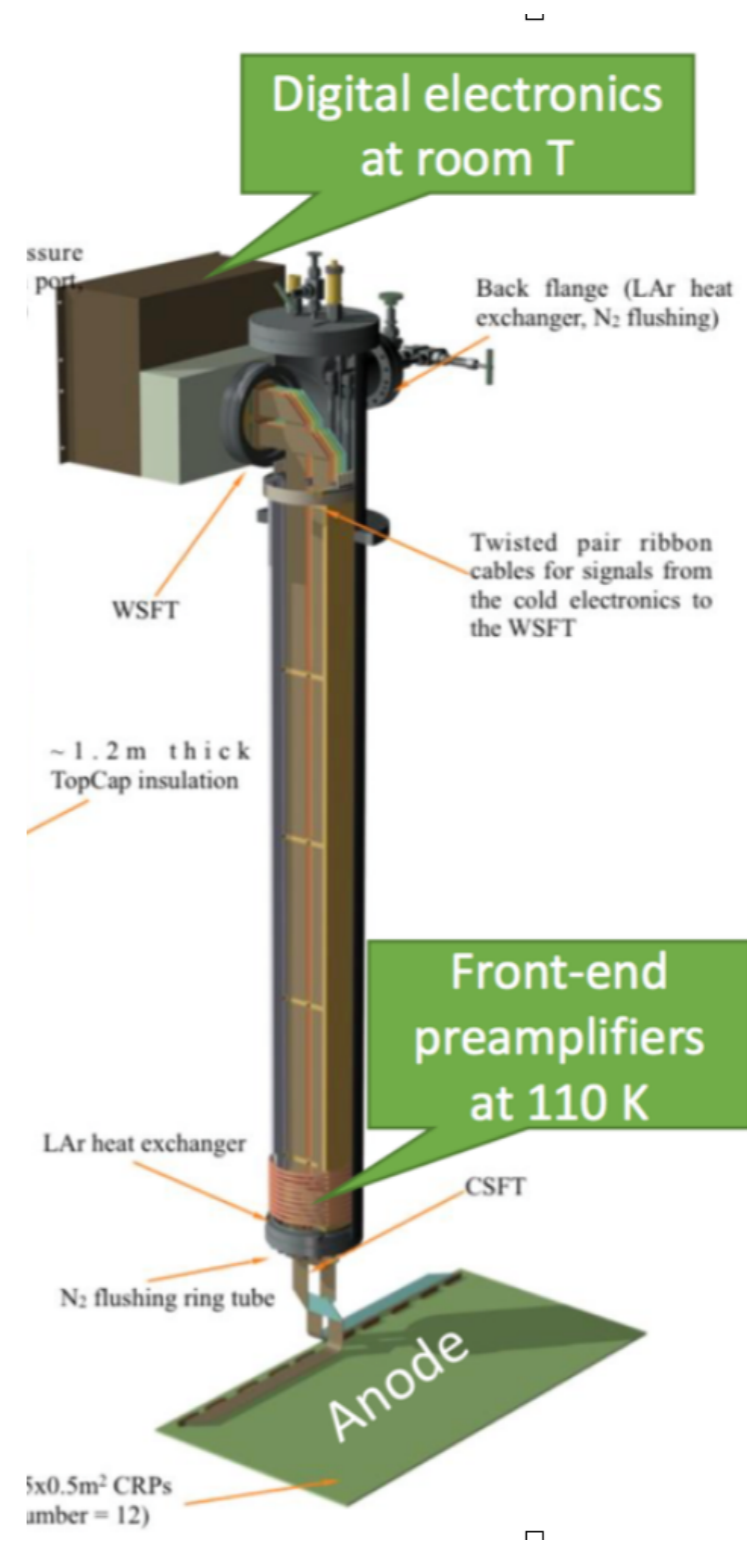
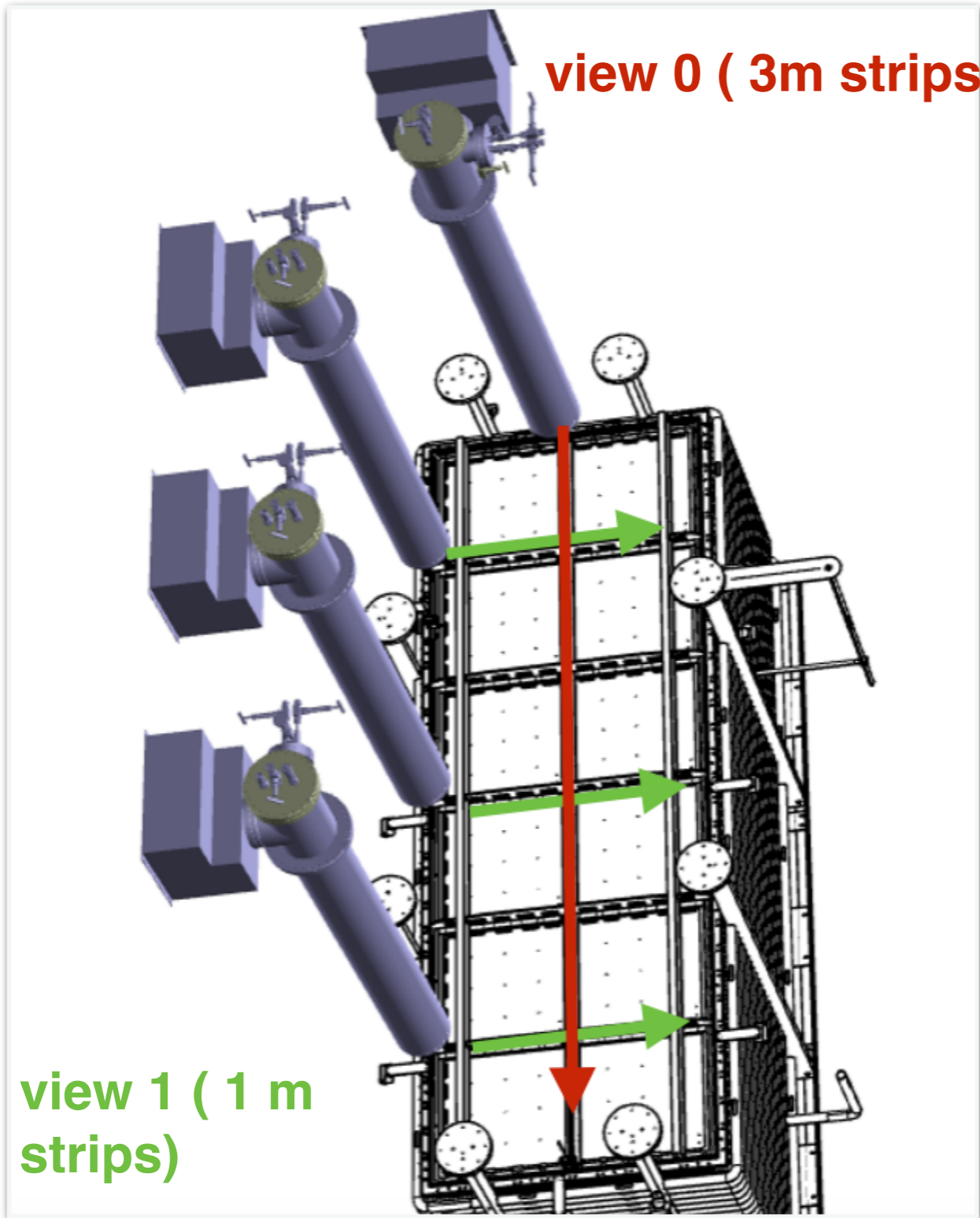


- The level is adjusted and constantly monitored using **7 capacitive level meters on the CRP**, and **5 along the drift cage**. This information is also sent to the cryogenic system to constantly regulate the system to keep the level stable.
- **4 cryogenic cameras** are recording pictures continuously.

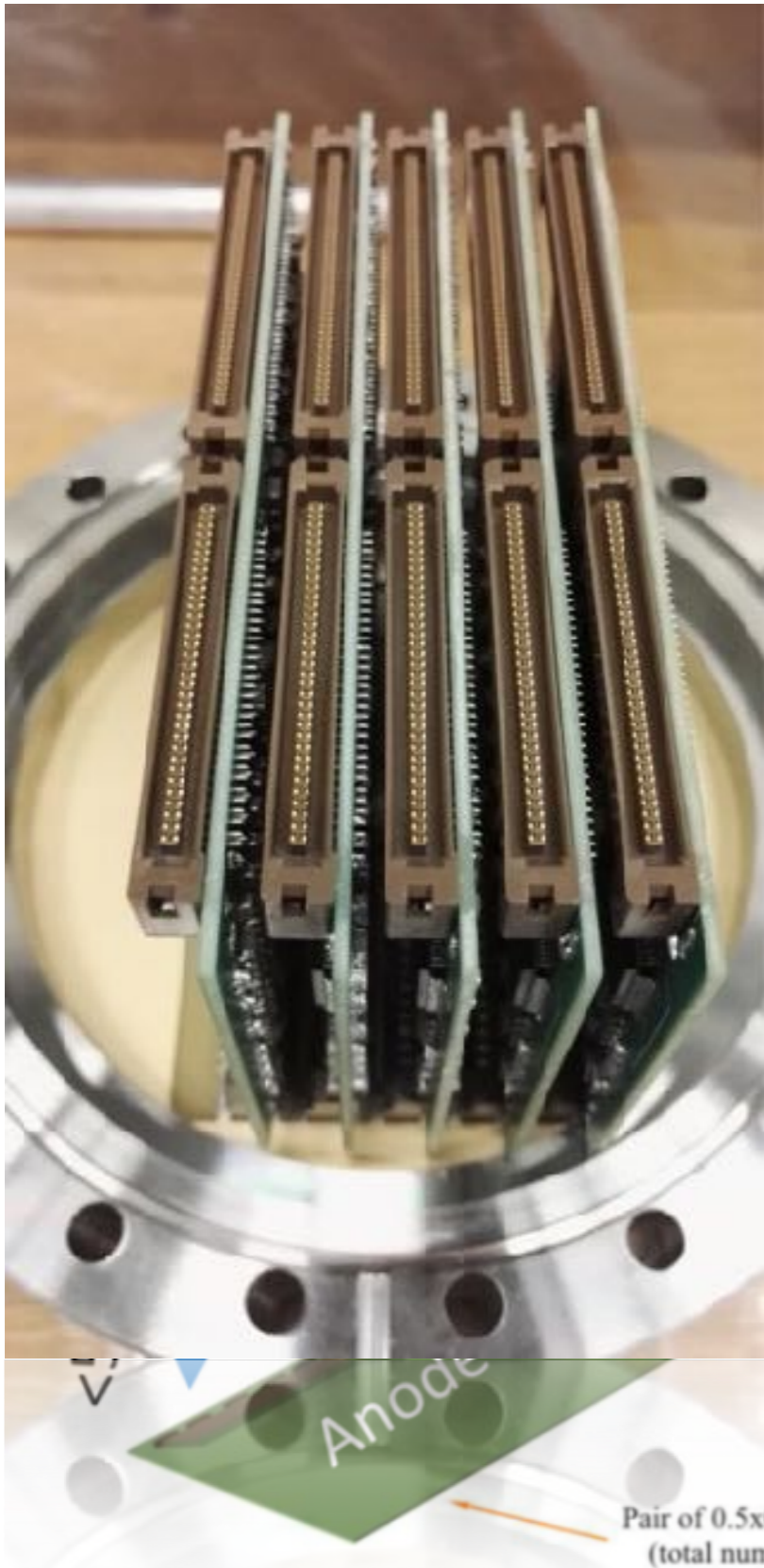


liquid level is flat, the cryogenic system and pressure inside the cryostat is very stable at 1000 mbar.

# Charge Readout



# Charge Readout



to digitisers



amplifiers accessible during operations



amplifiers inside closed volume. Close to anodes, ~110 K



signal

amplifiers

4 ASICs per board



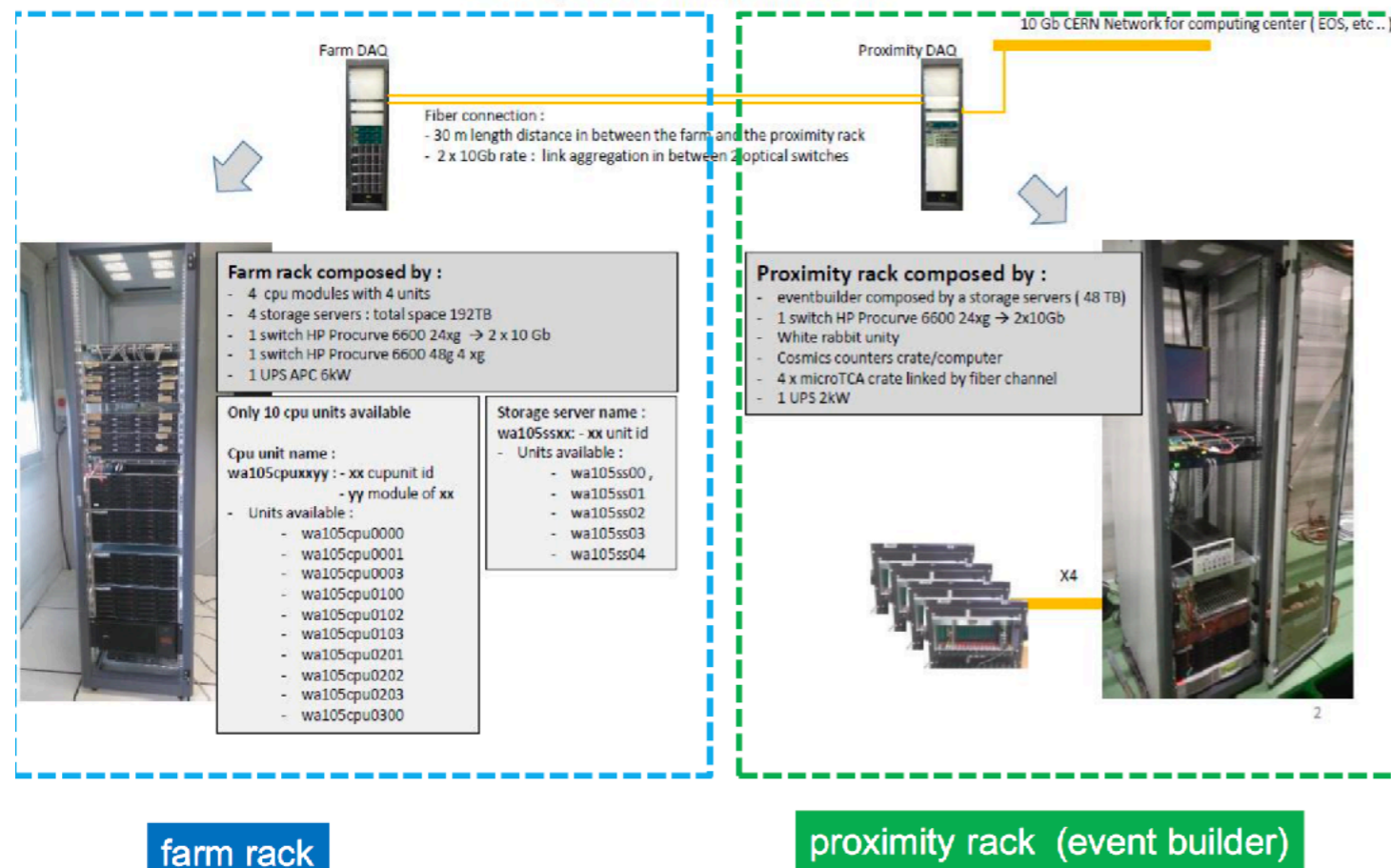
# Online processing and storage

## 3x1x1 online storage and processing: test for protoDUNE-DP.

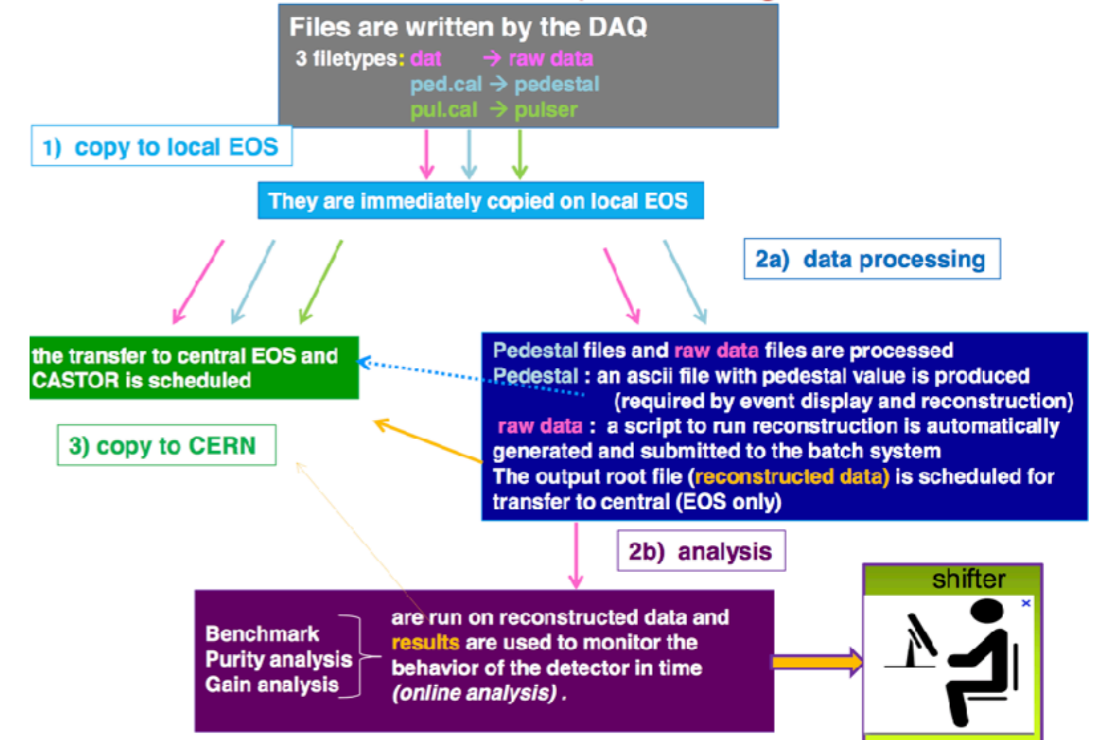
The online processing has been tested during the different campaigns of noise and data measurements in the 3x1x1: files transferred to a local EOS and then moved to the CERN computing center.

- All the necessary codes for 3x1x1 operation including online monitoring processes are functioning well and has been tested.

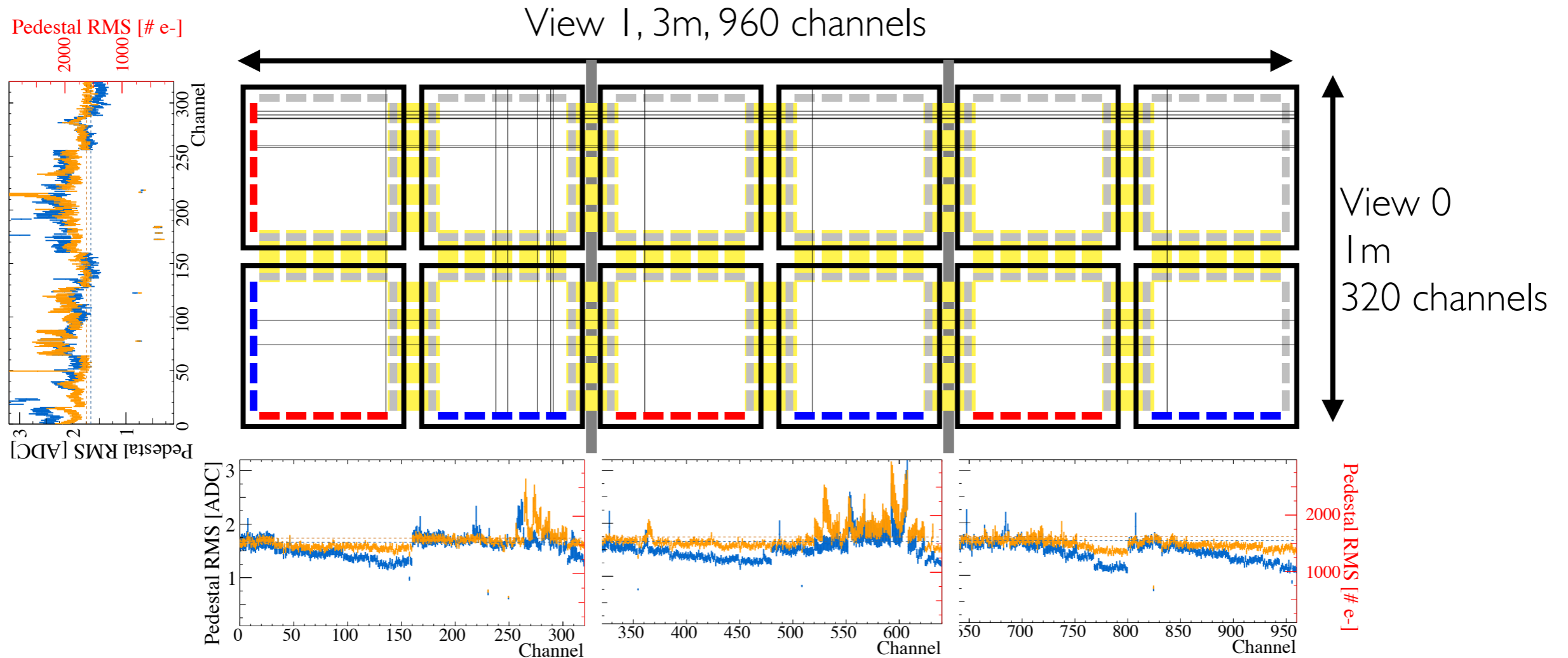
### DAQ racks installation



### automatic online data processing scheme



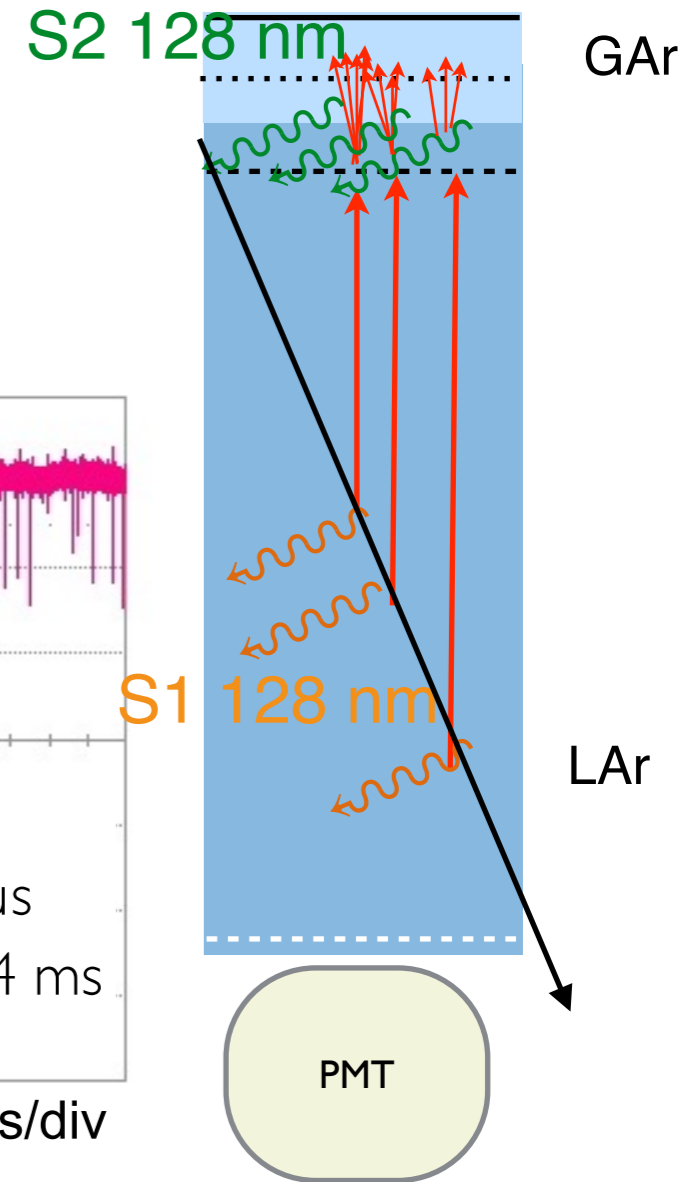
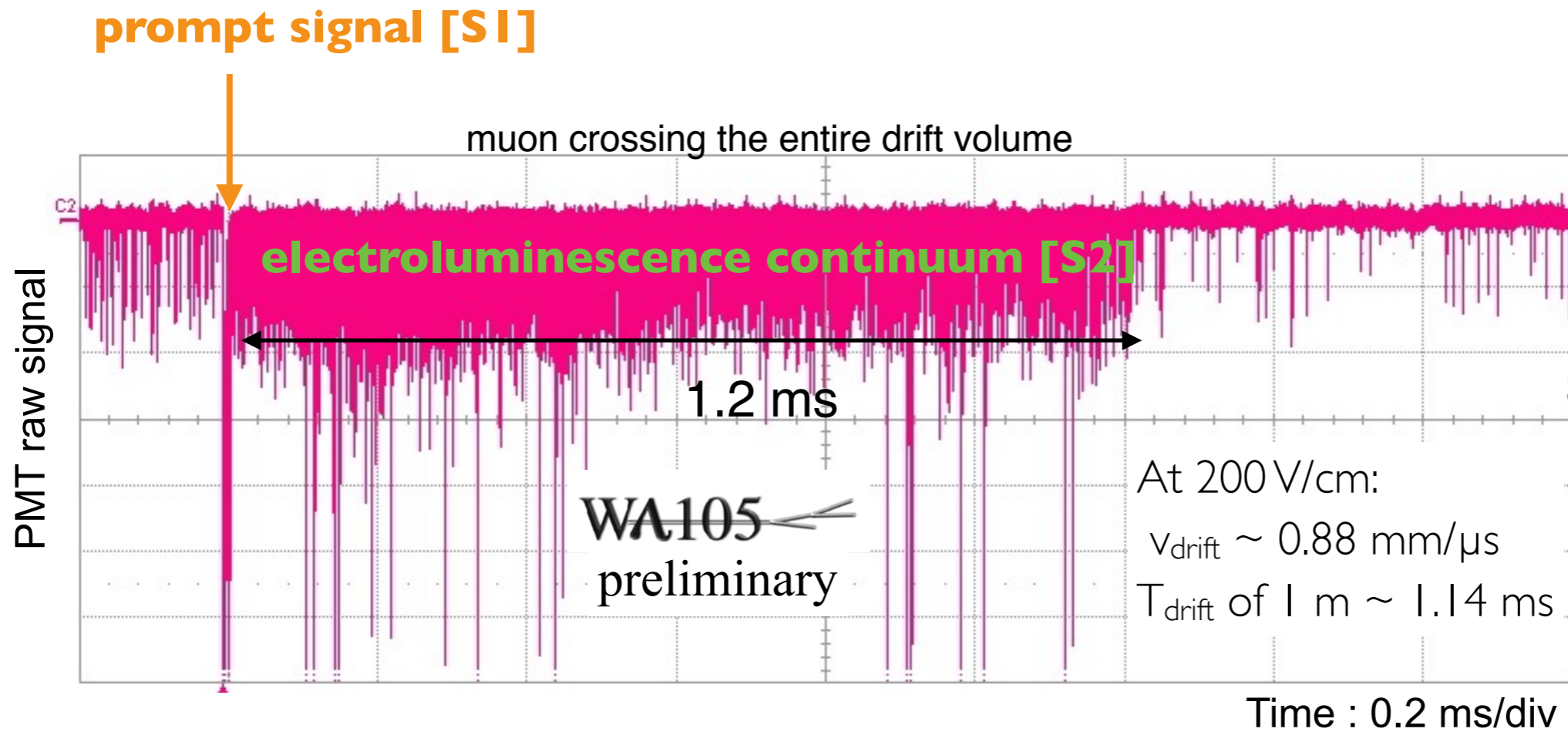
# Electronic noise



- Out of 1280 channels, 17 found problematic or dead (1.3%)
- Noise at room temperature stable at around 1600 e<sup>-</sup>
- Noise at cryogenic temperature stable at around 1550 e<sup>-</sup>
- Calibration runs with pulsed injected charge runs have shown ~ 4% of crosstalk

# June 15th First evidence of charge extraction

**First check with PMTs that ionisation charge is drifted and extracted to the gas phase.**



Detector configuration :

Drift field at 200 V/cm

Extraction field at 1600 V/cm

Amplification field at 10 kV/cm

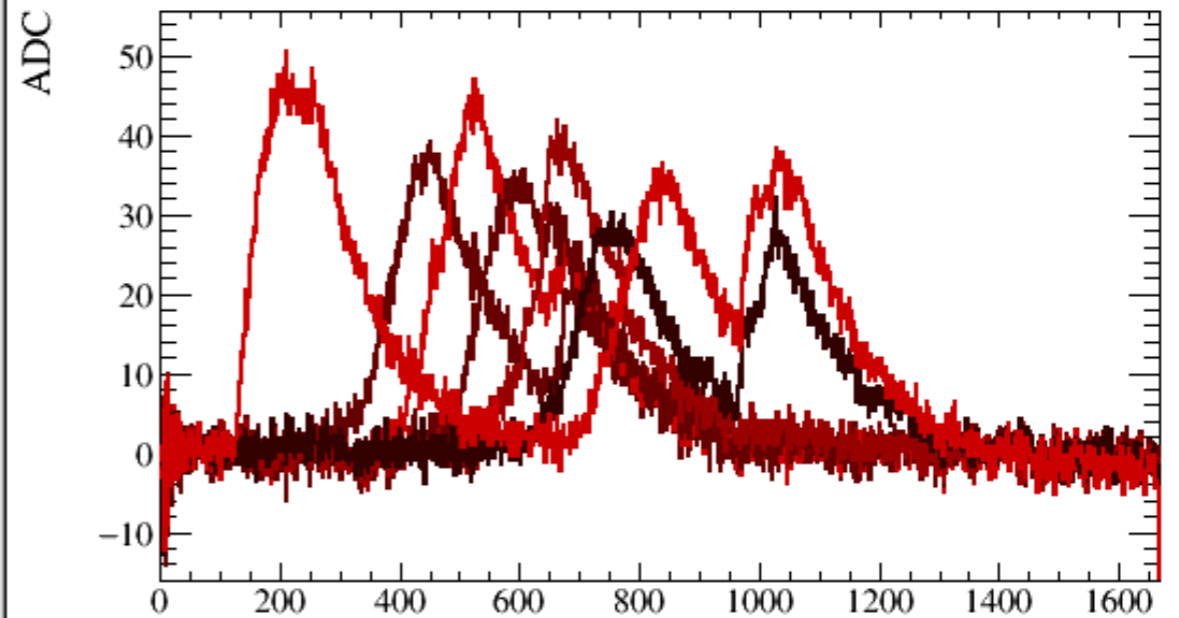
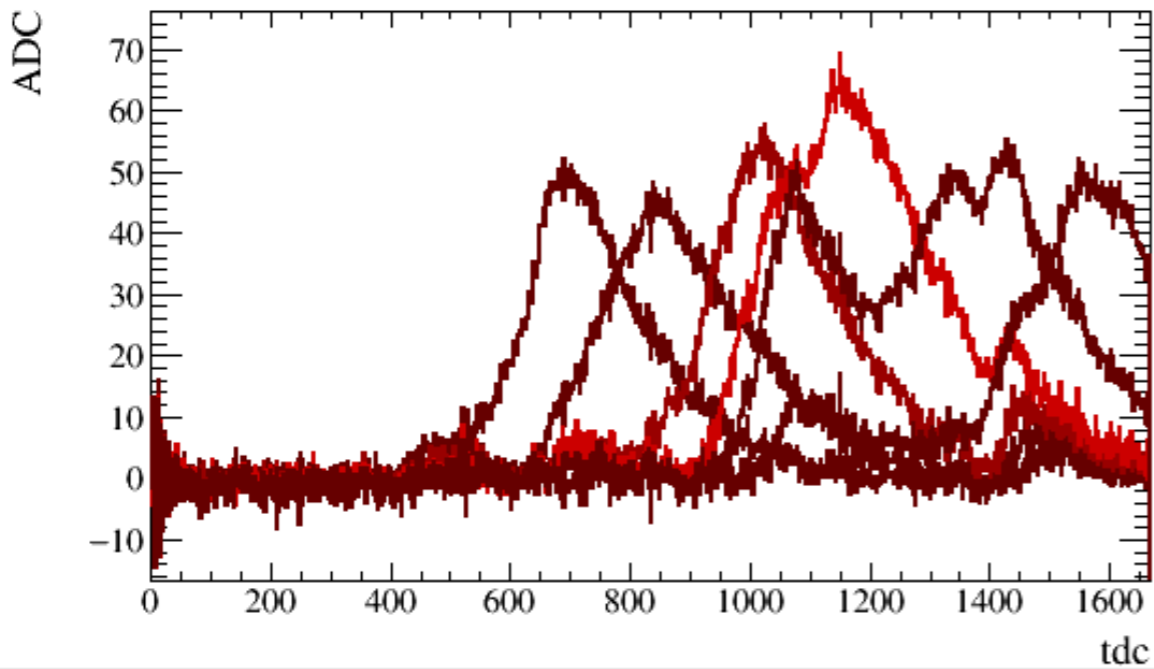
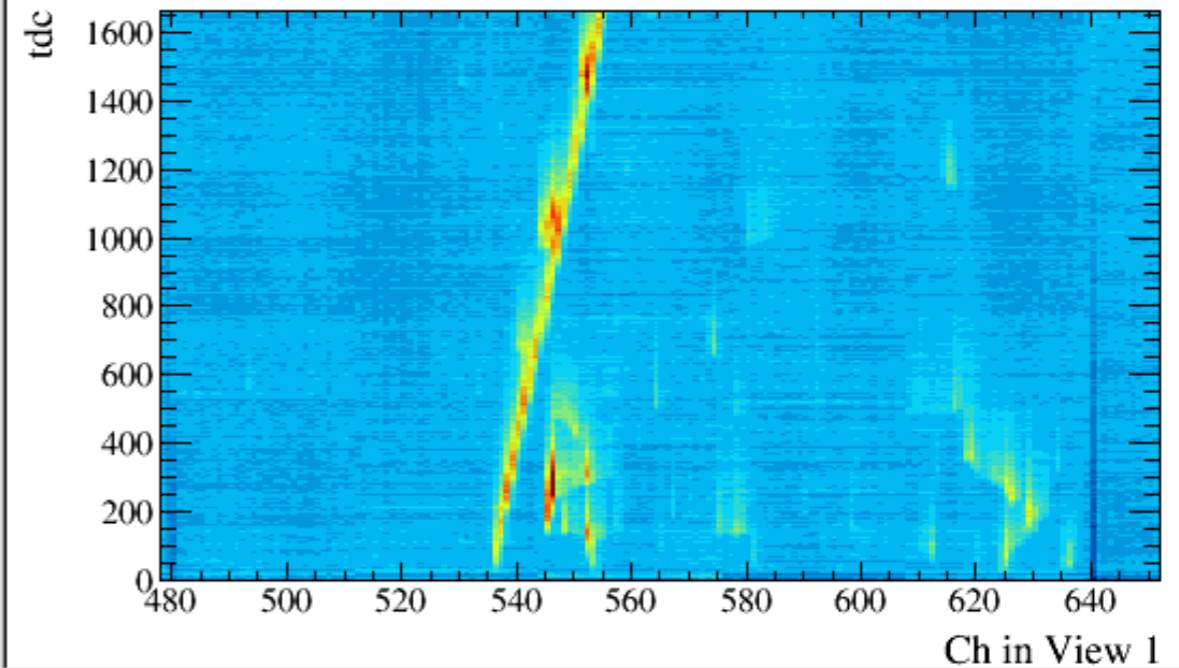
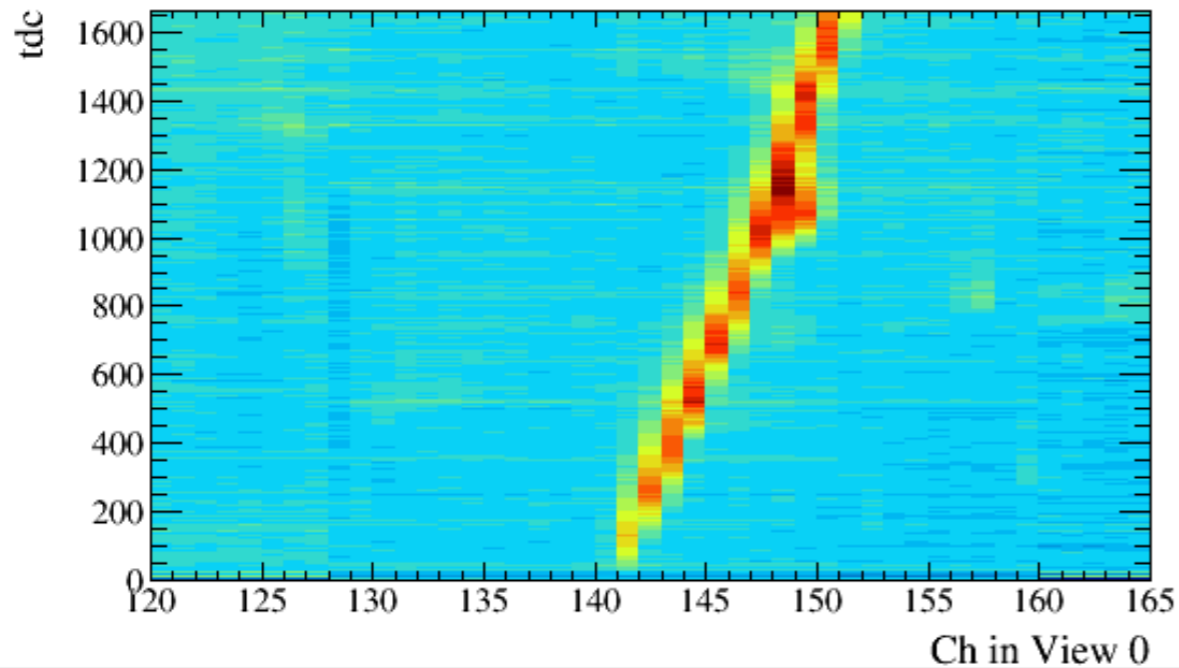
Long PMT runs (~10 k triggers/run) are being analysed.

From this event acquired on the scope :

- ▶ Evidence electron extraction and amplification in the LEM
- ▶ Evidence of good liquid argon purity through ms drift observation

# June 21st first cosmic track!

Run 732: Event 7 / 127, Wed, 21 Jun 2017 15:32:53 +0000 (GMT) +158447504 nsec



Detector configuration :

Drift field at 320 V/cm

Extraction field in liquid at 600 V/cm

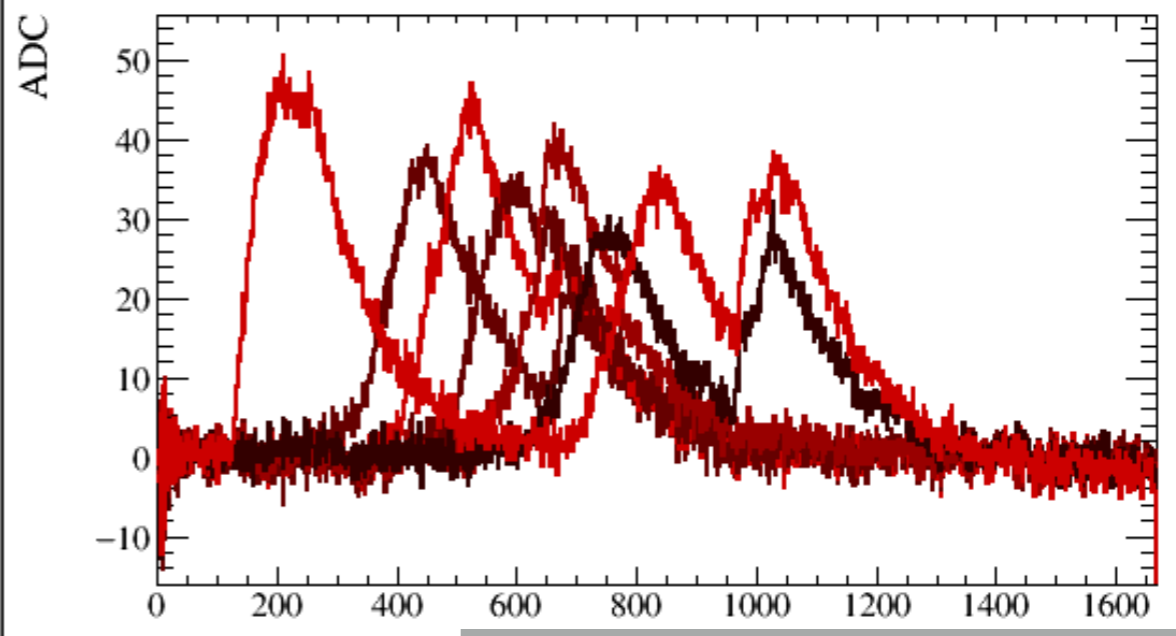
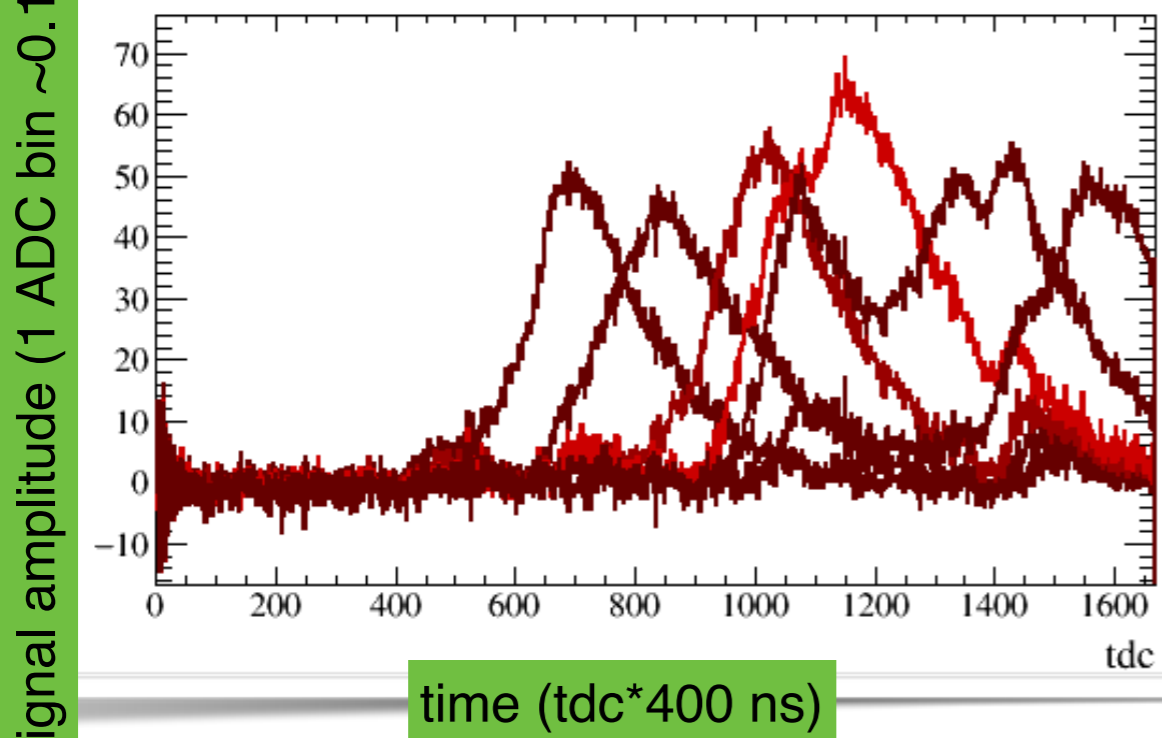
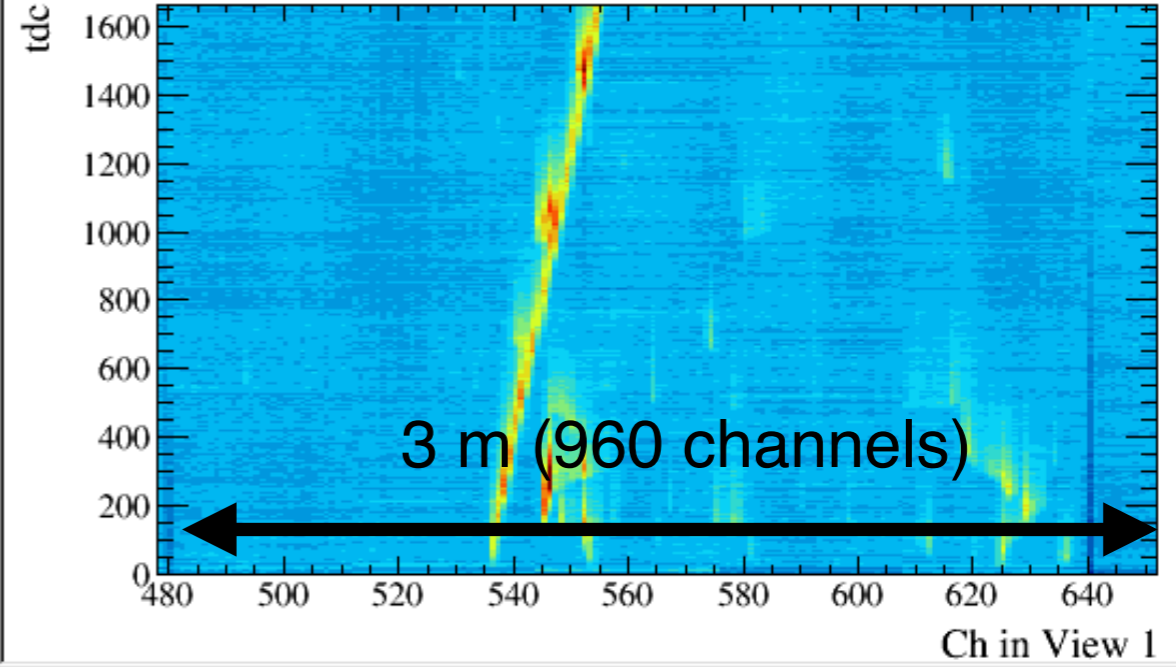
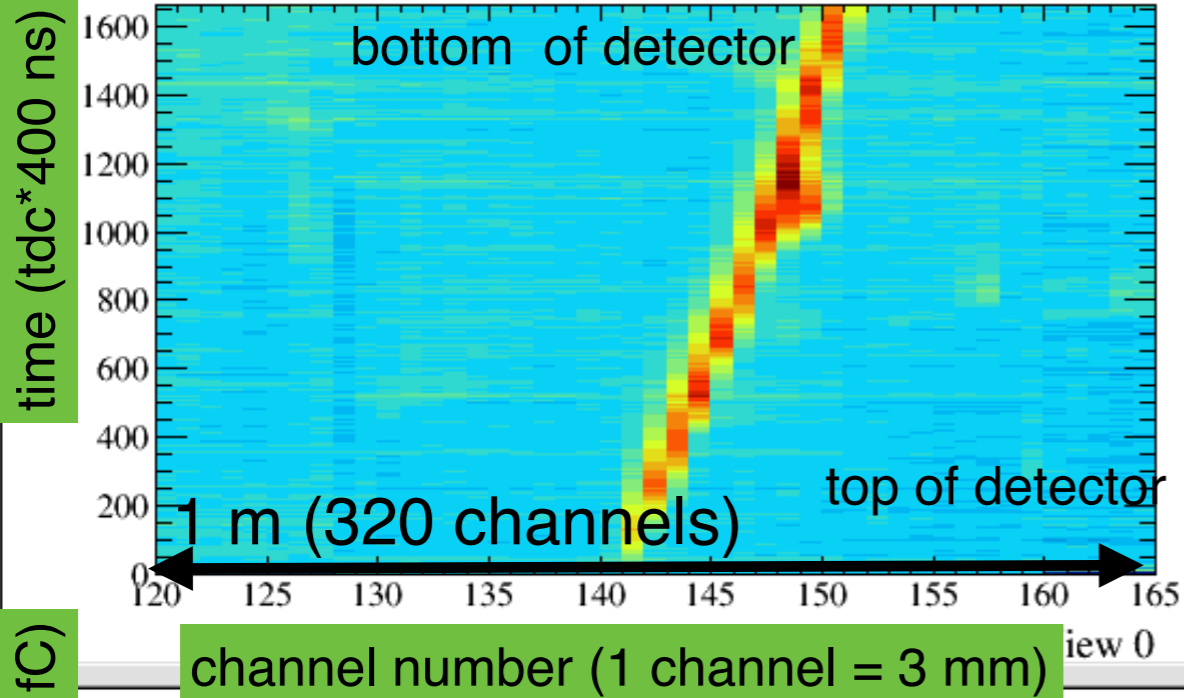
Amplification field at 29 kV/cm

Induction field at 1 kV/cm



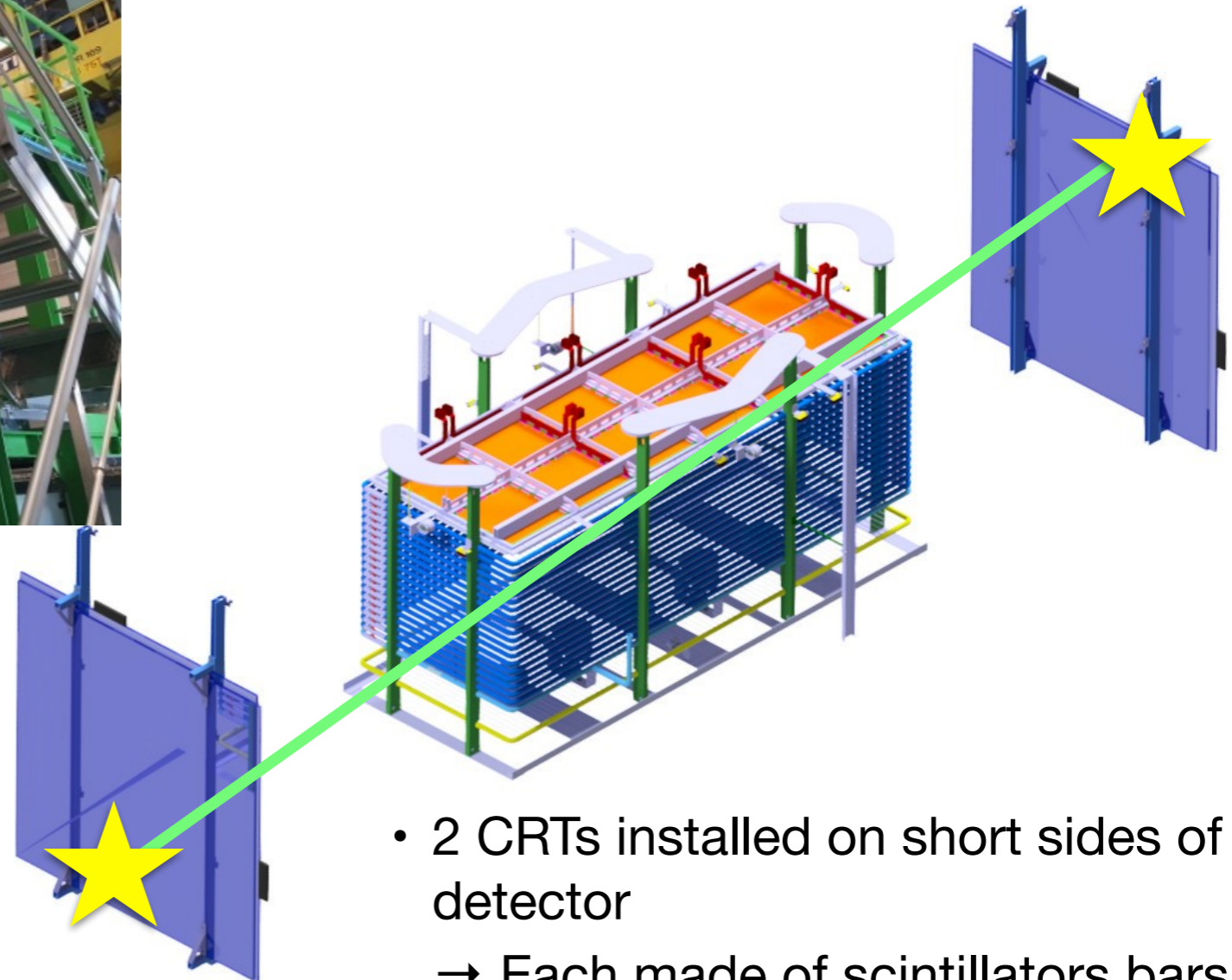
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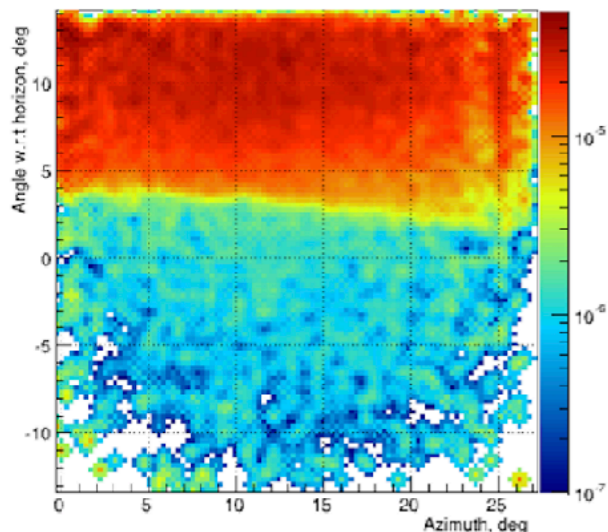
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## 2 type of triggers: Cosmic ray tagger

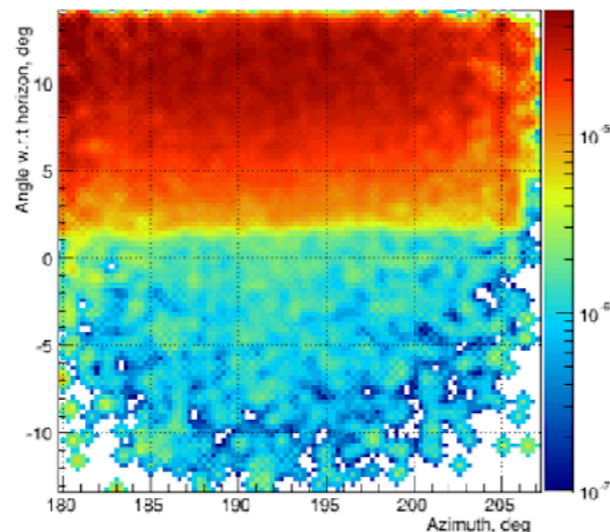


- 2 CRTs installed on short sides of the detector
  - Each made of scintillators bars in x-y to provide 2D coordinates
- Provide trigger for selecting crossing tracks along the detector, and inputs for  $\mu$  tracking
- Trigger rate at  $\sim 0.3$  Hz
- Can see the effect of Jura mountain shape on the cosmic ray flux !

Muon flux, from NW



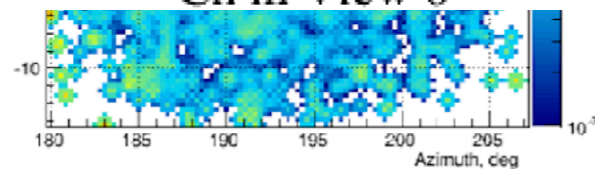
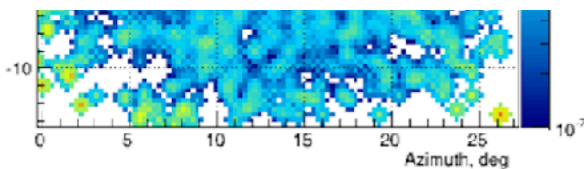
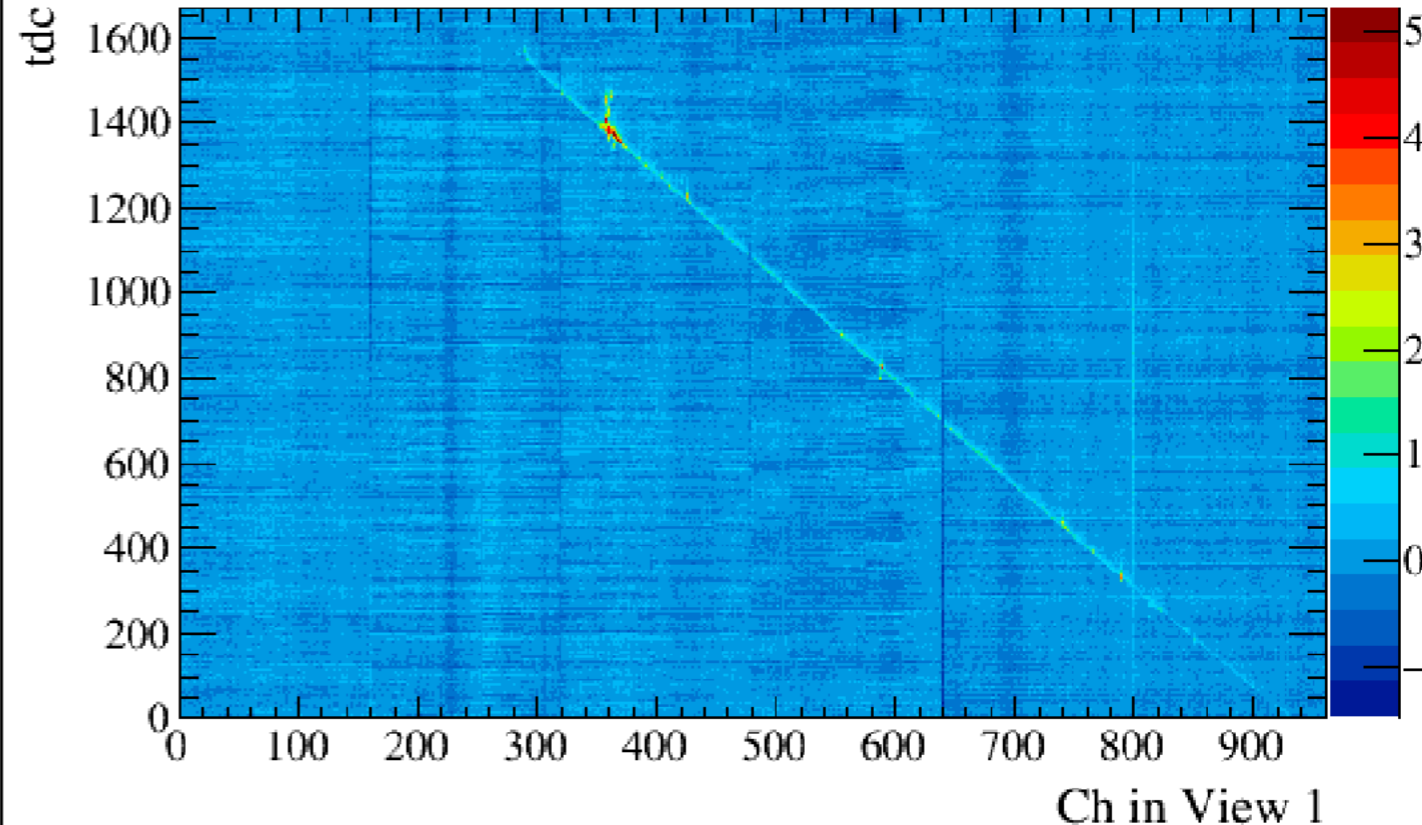
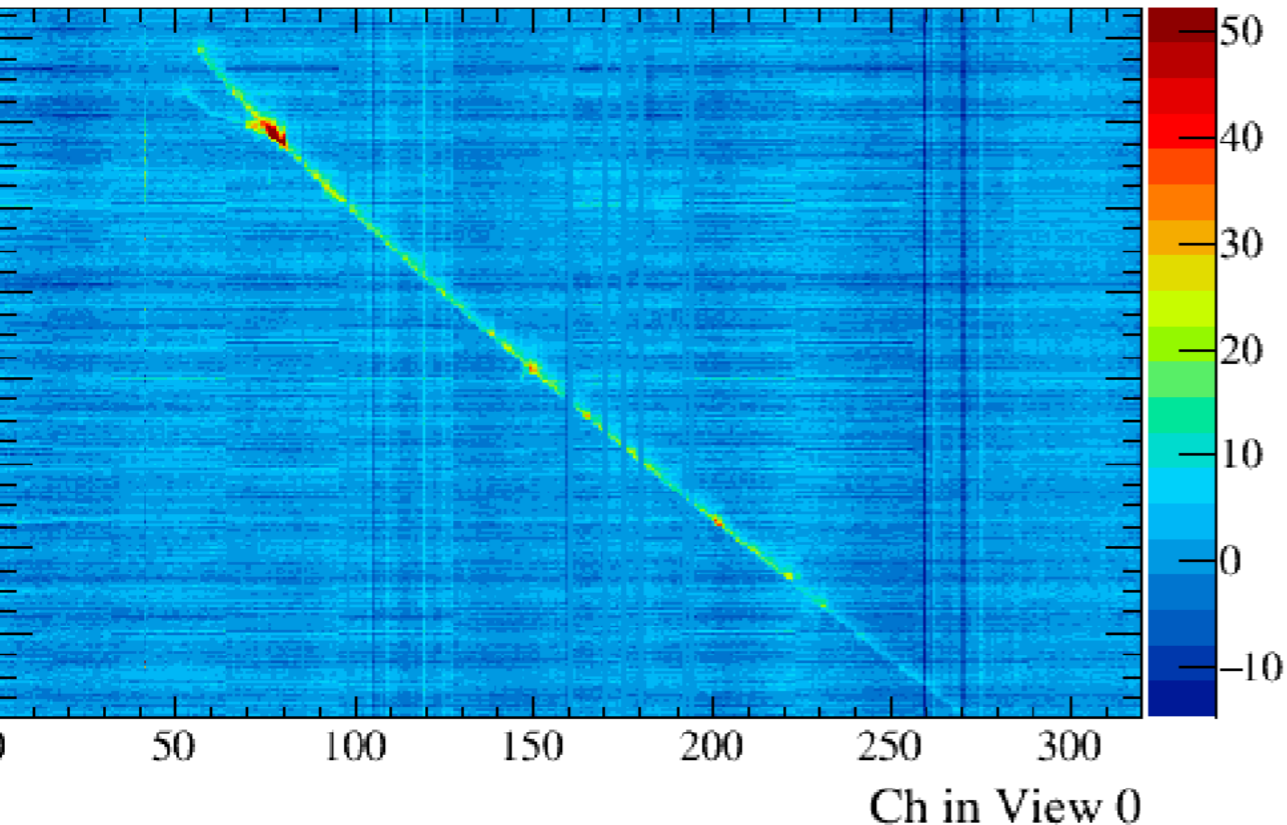
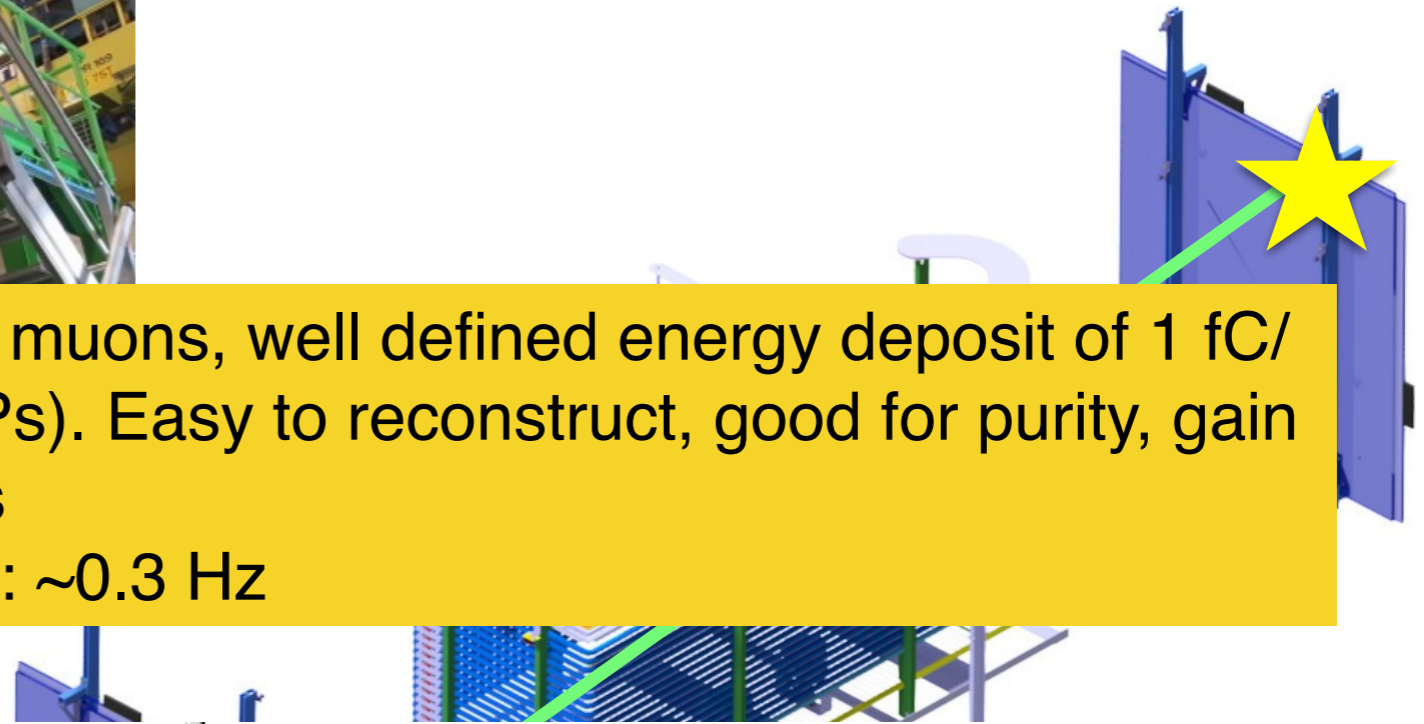
Muon flux, from SE



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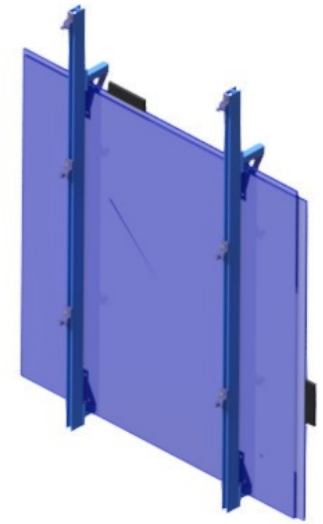
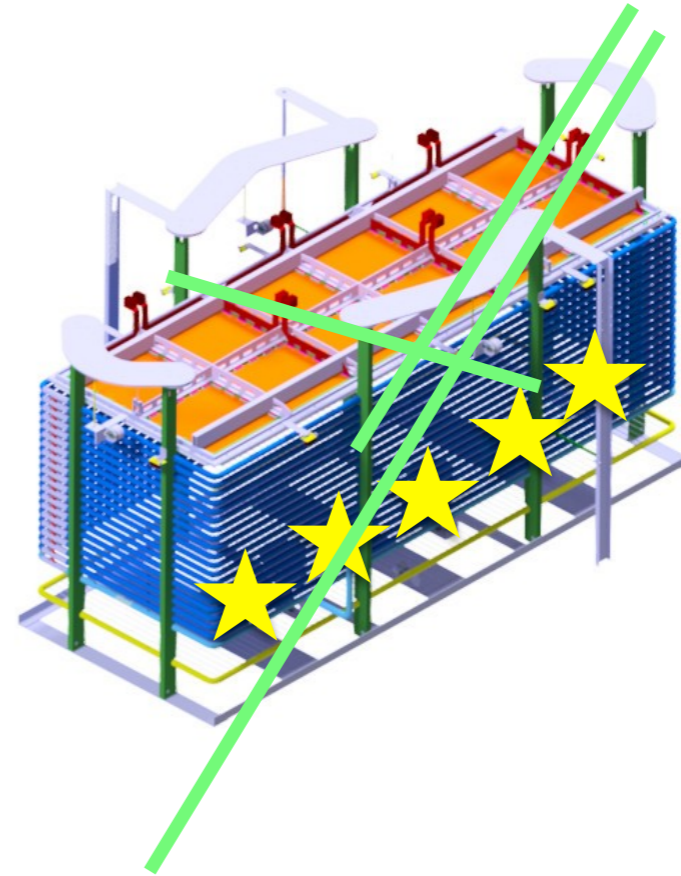


crossing muons, well defined energy deposit of 1 fC/mm (MIPs). Easy to reconstruct, good for purity, gain analyses  
 Low rate:  $\sim 0.3$  Hz

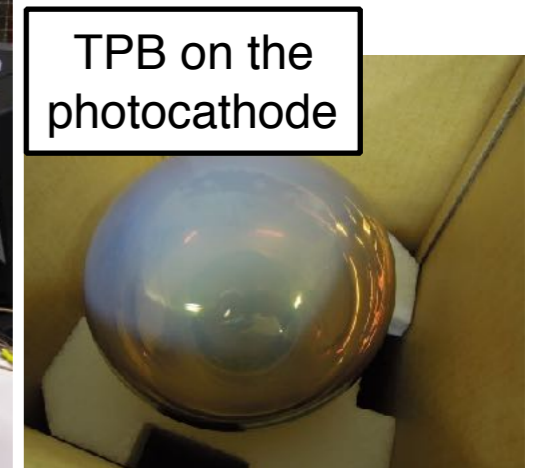
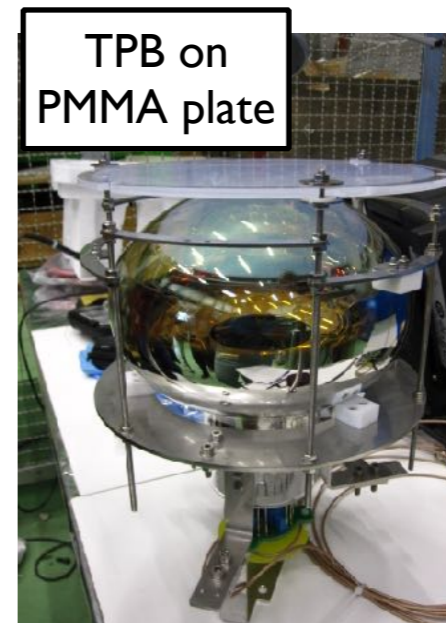
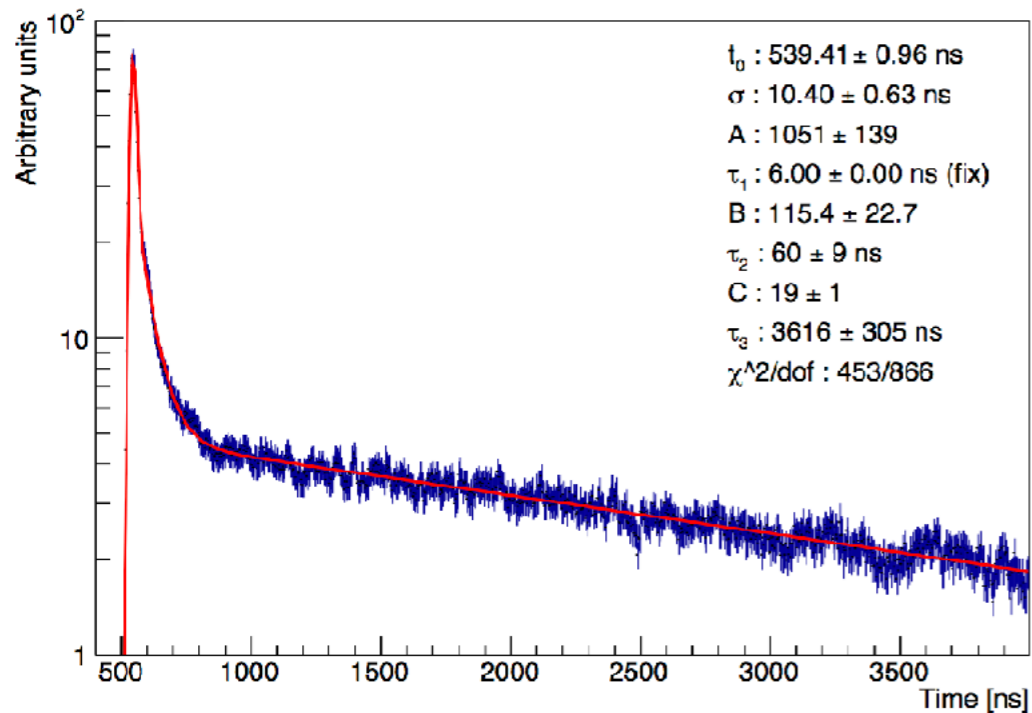


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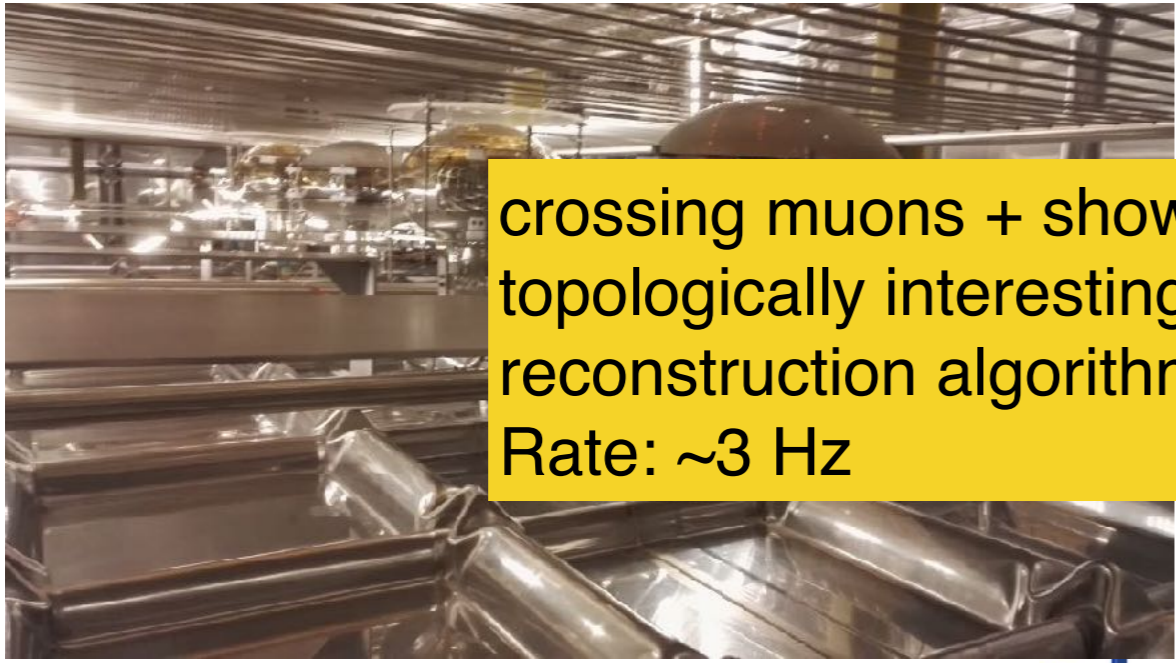
# 2 type of triggers: scintillation light



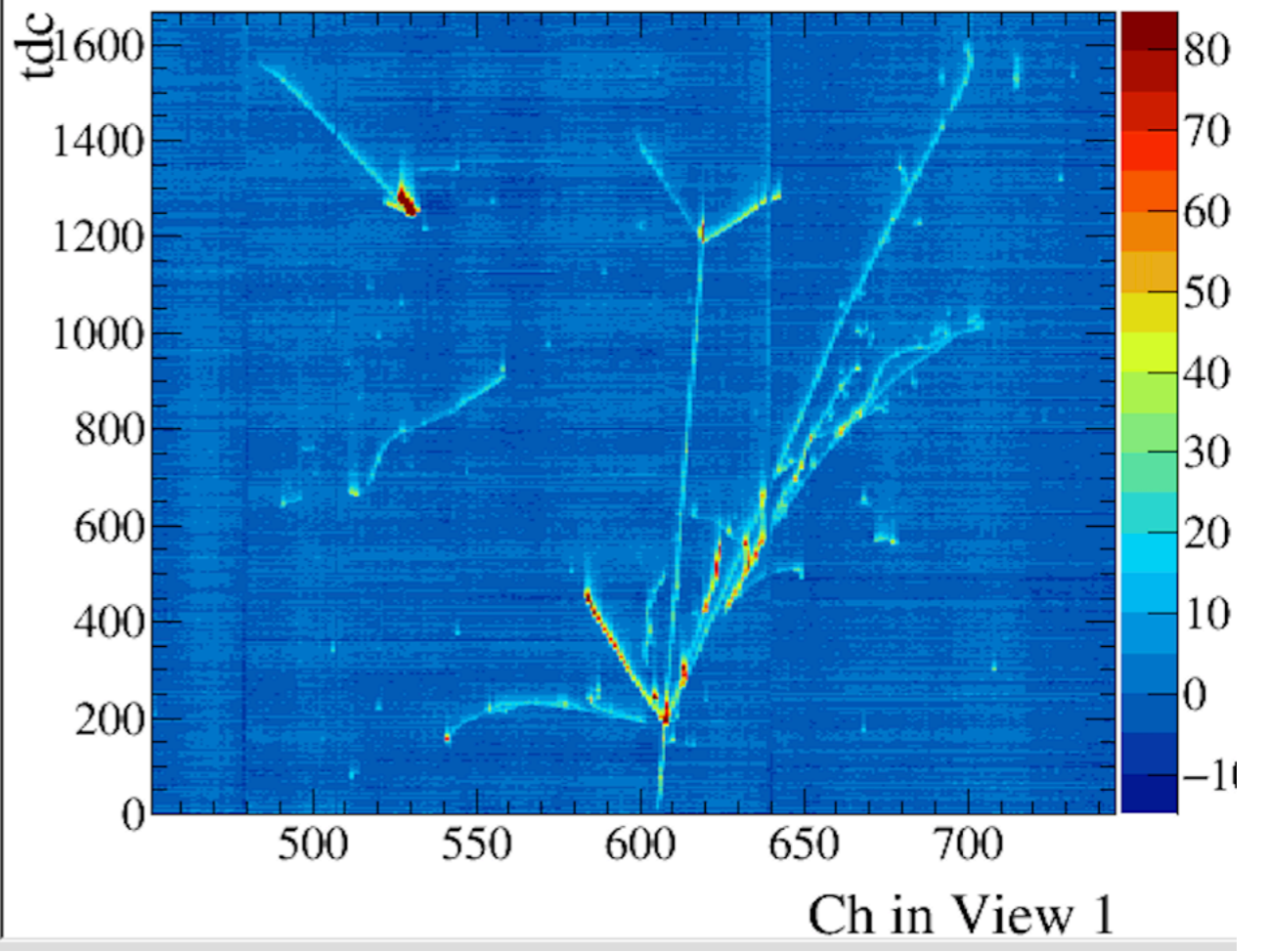
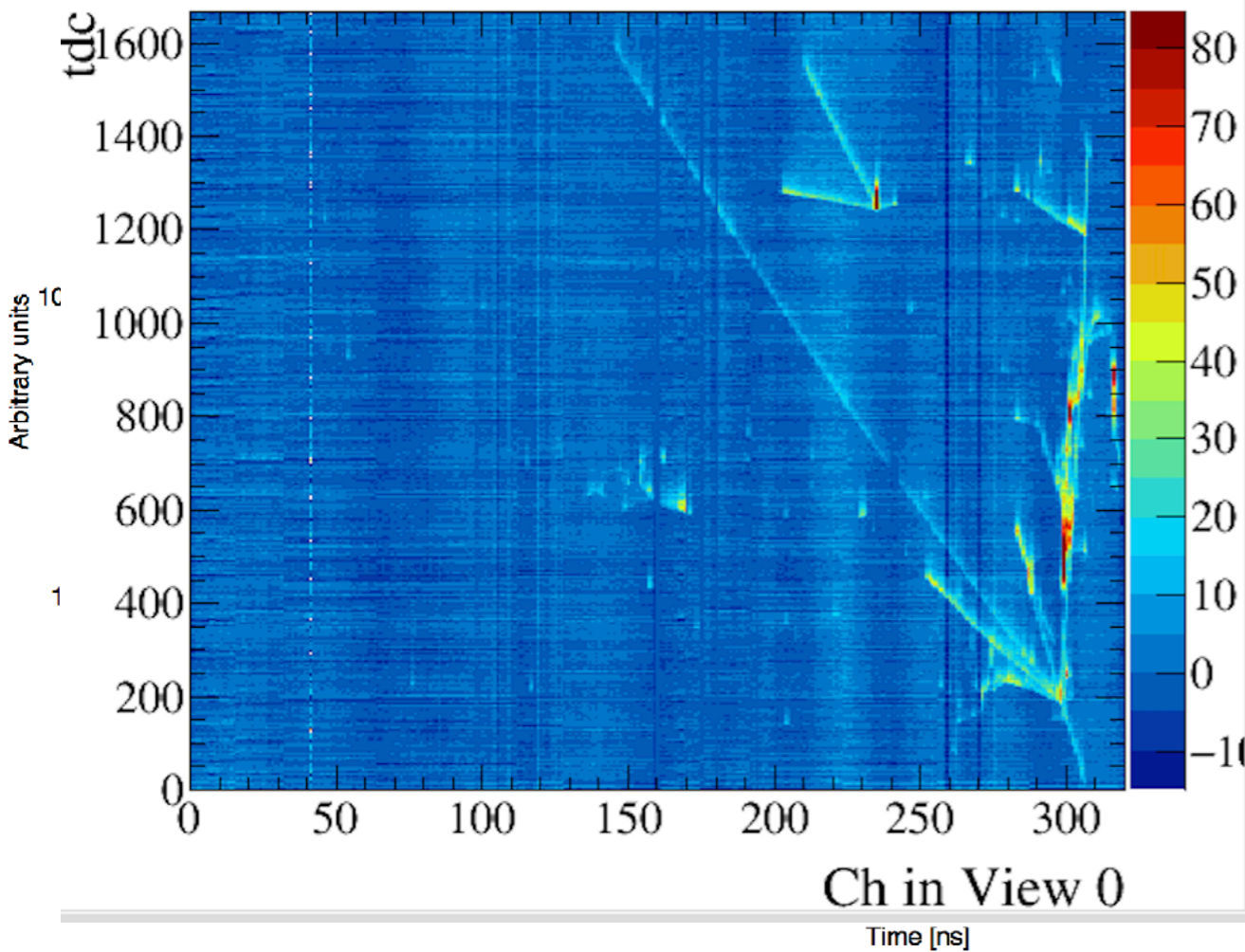
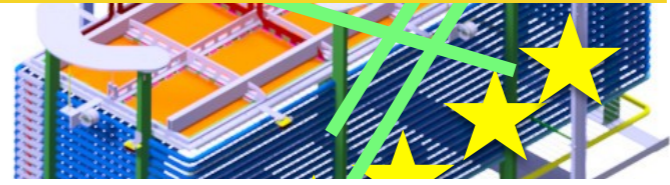
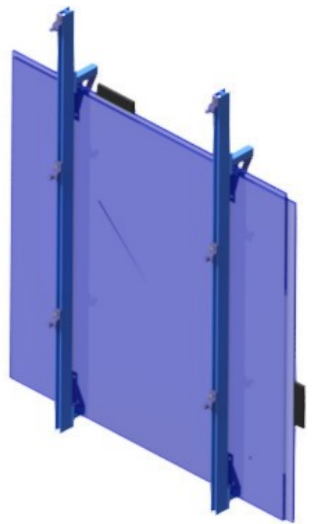
Scintillation time in GAr (1000 mBar, 215 K)



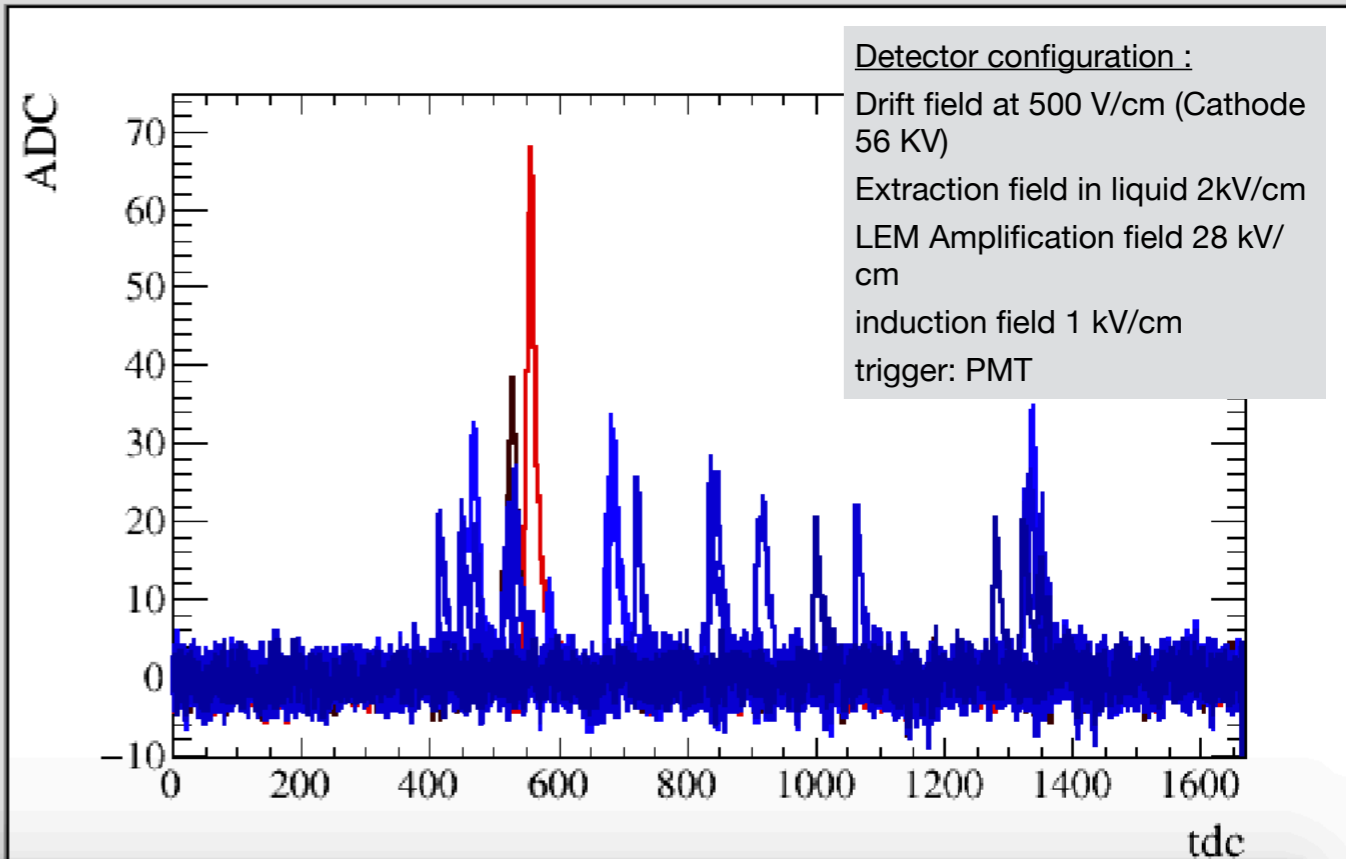
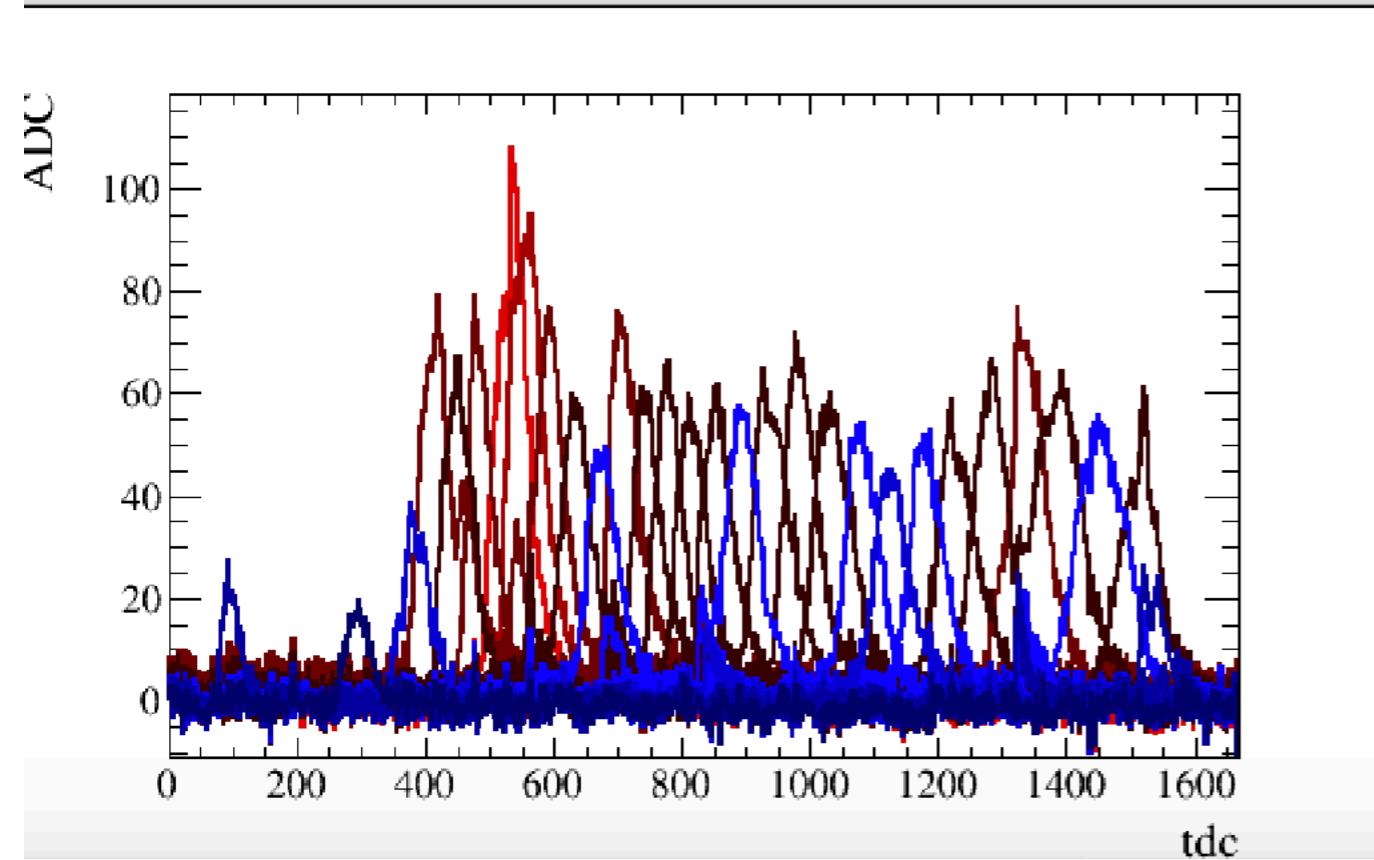
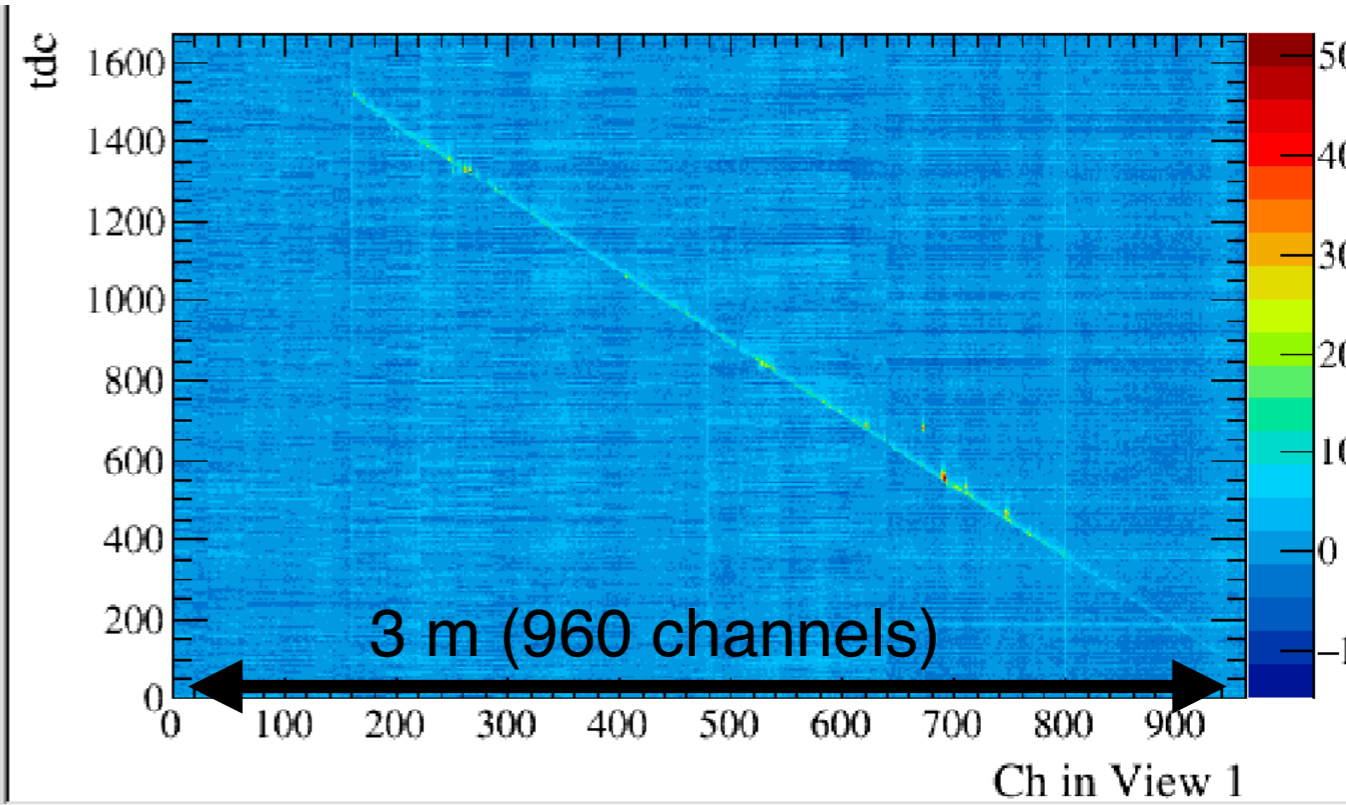
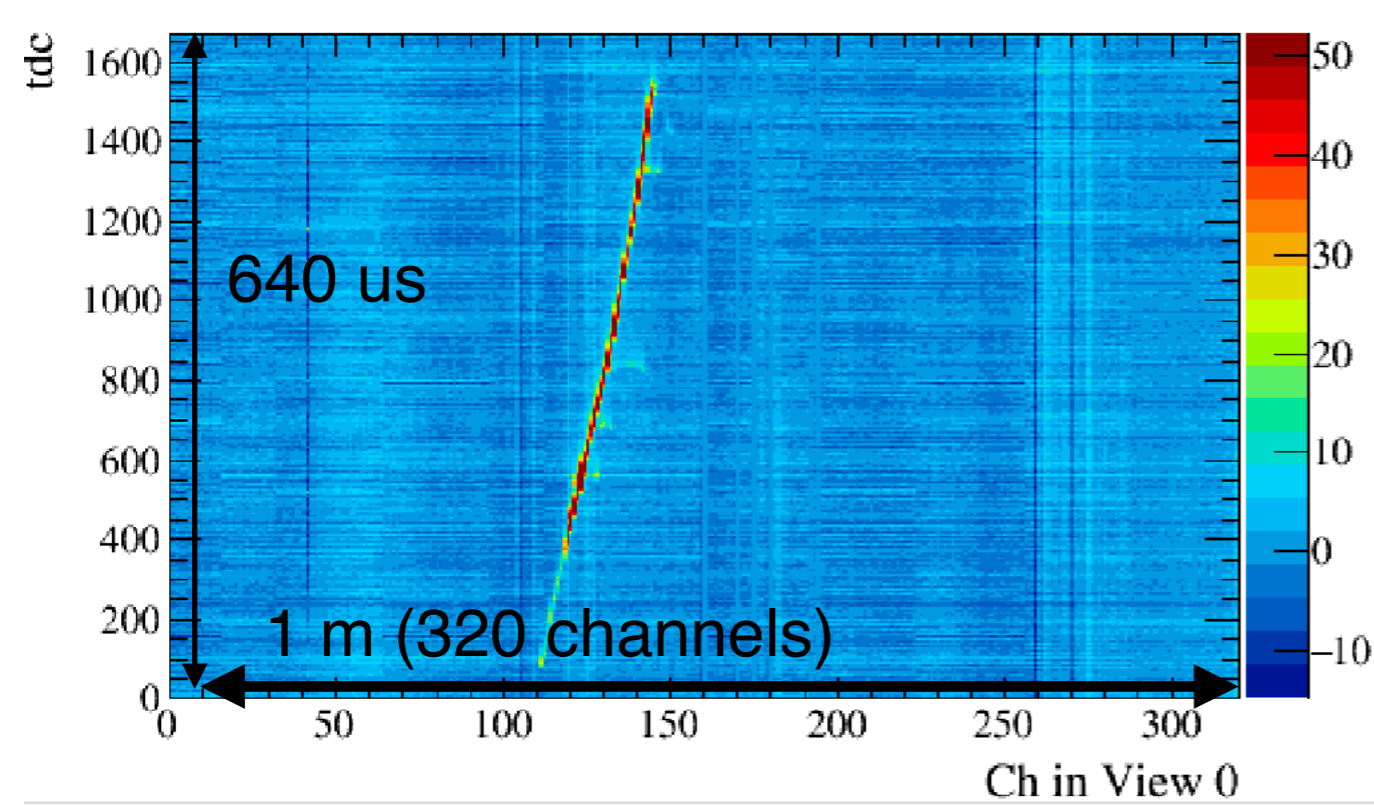
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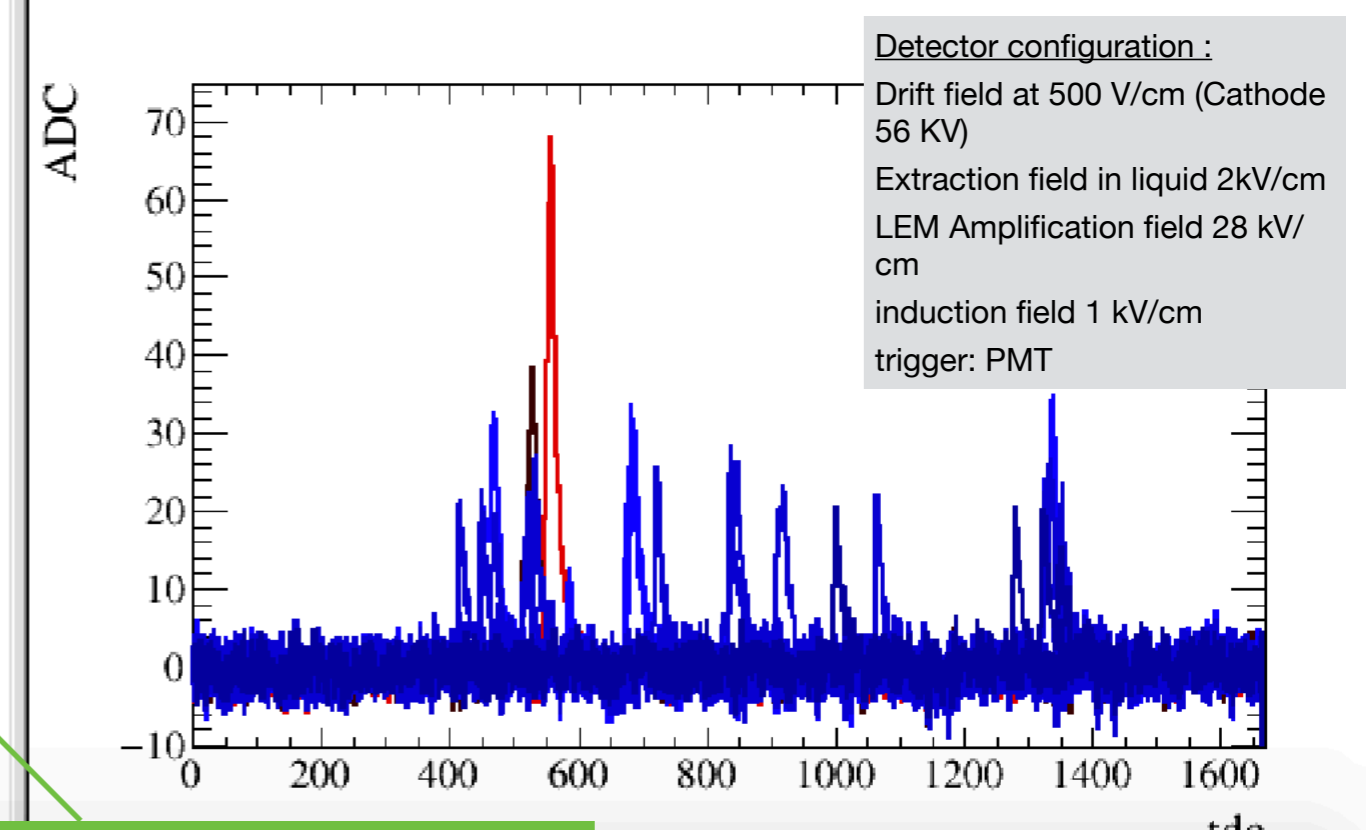
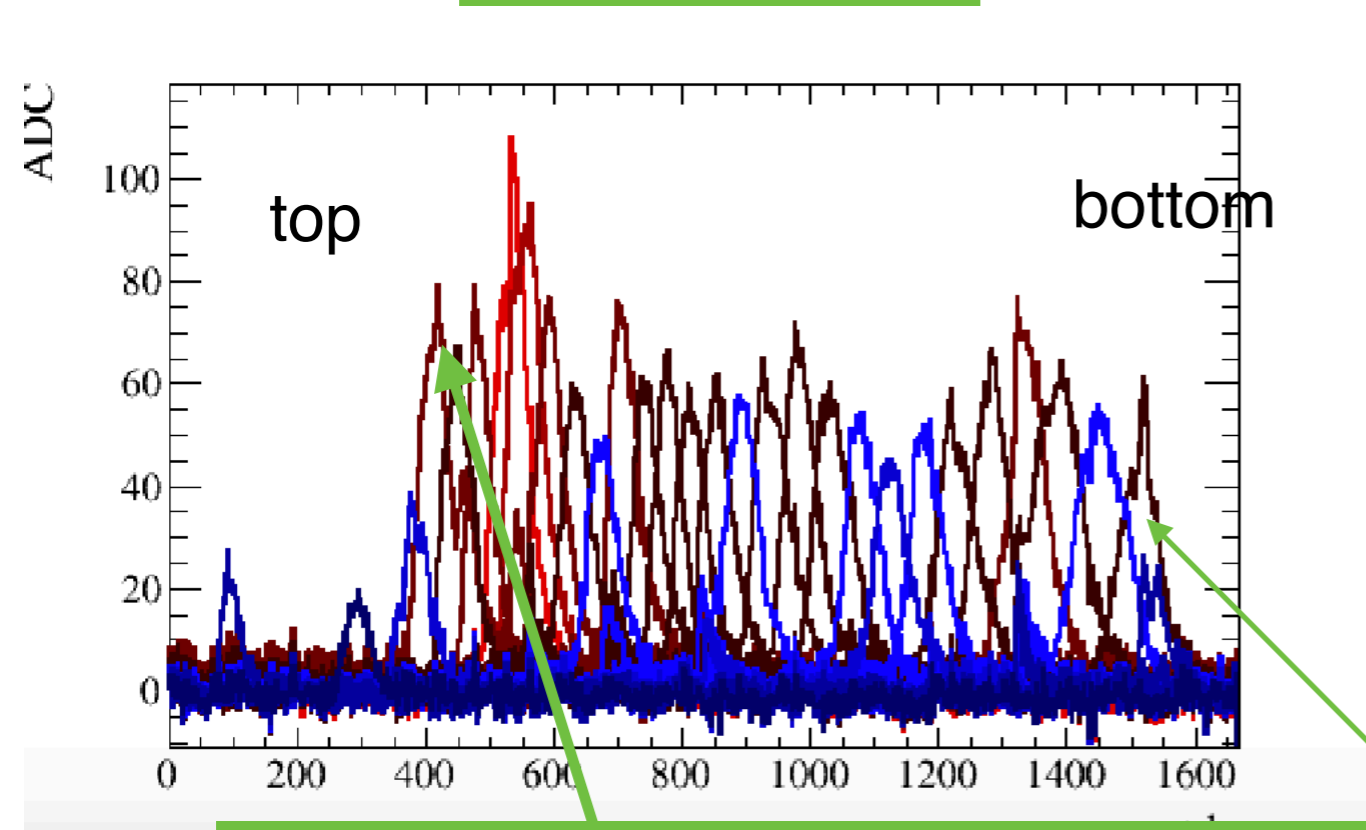
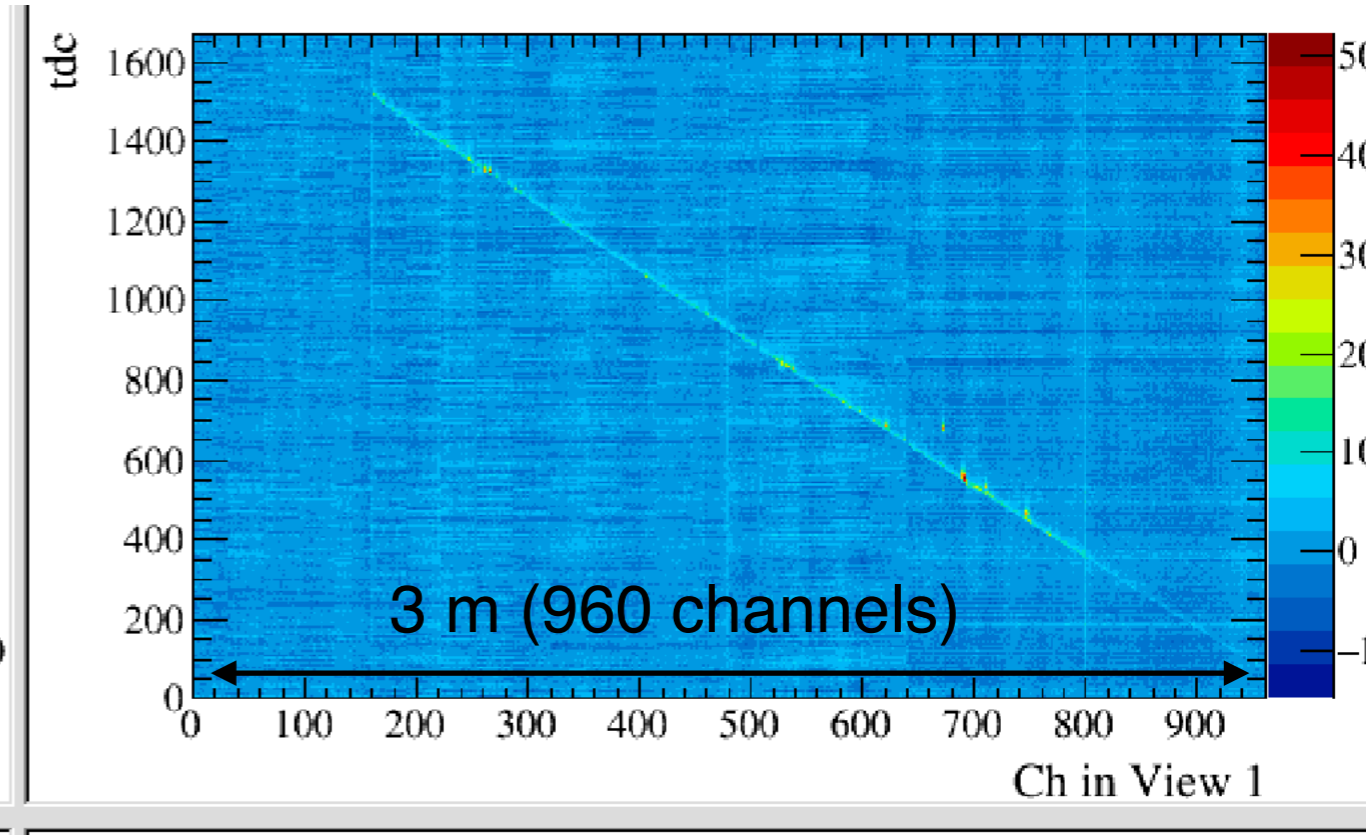
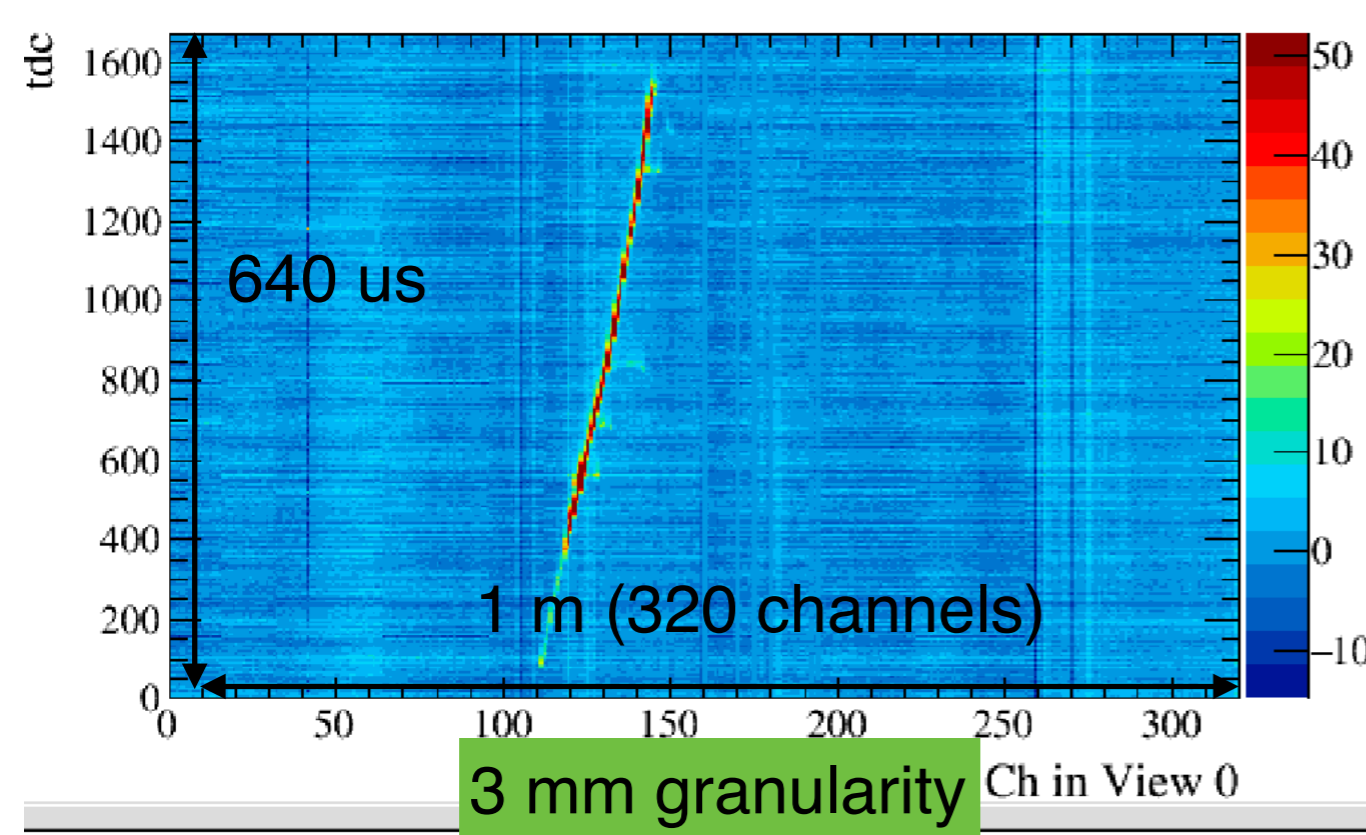
crossing muons + showering events. Many topologically interesting events, => test neutrino reconstruction algorithms.  
Rate: ~3 Hz



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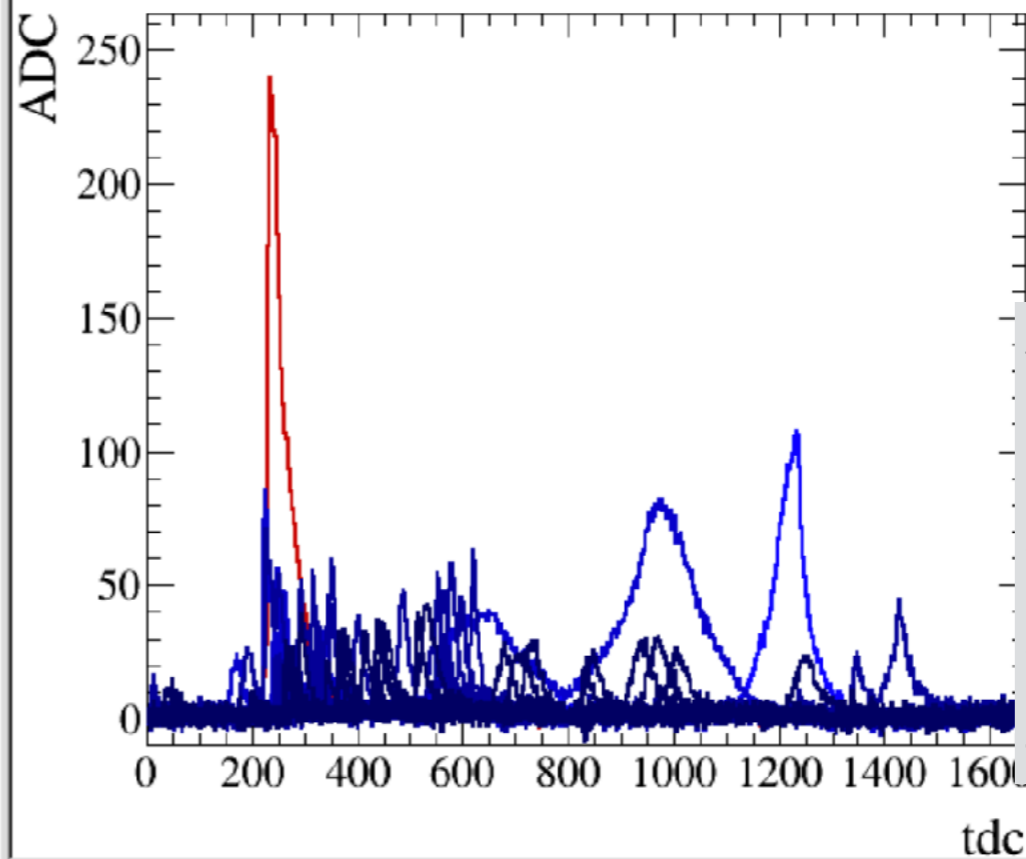
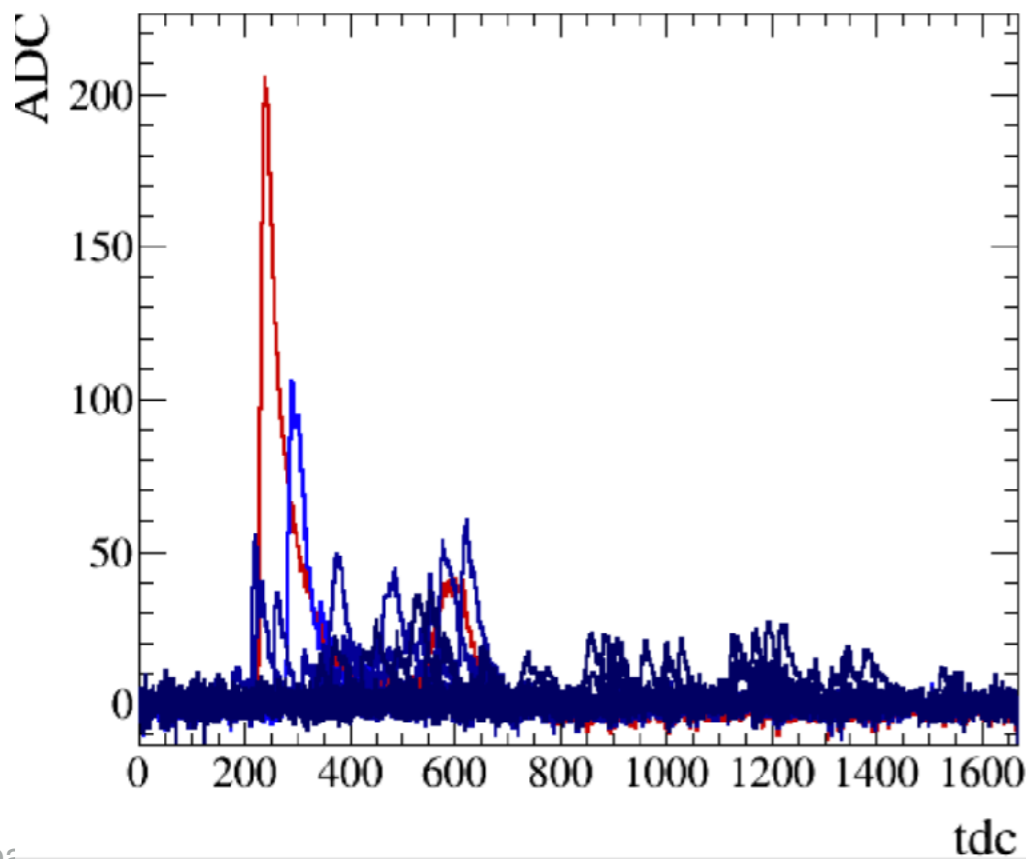
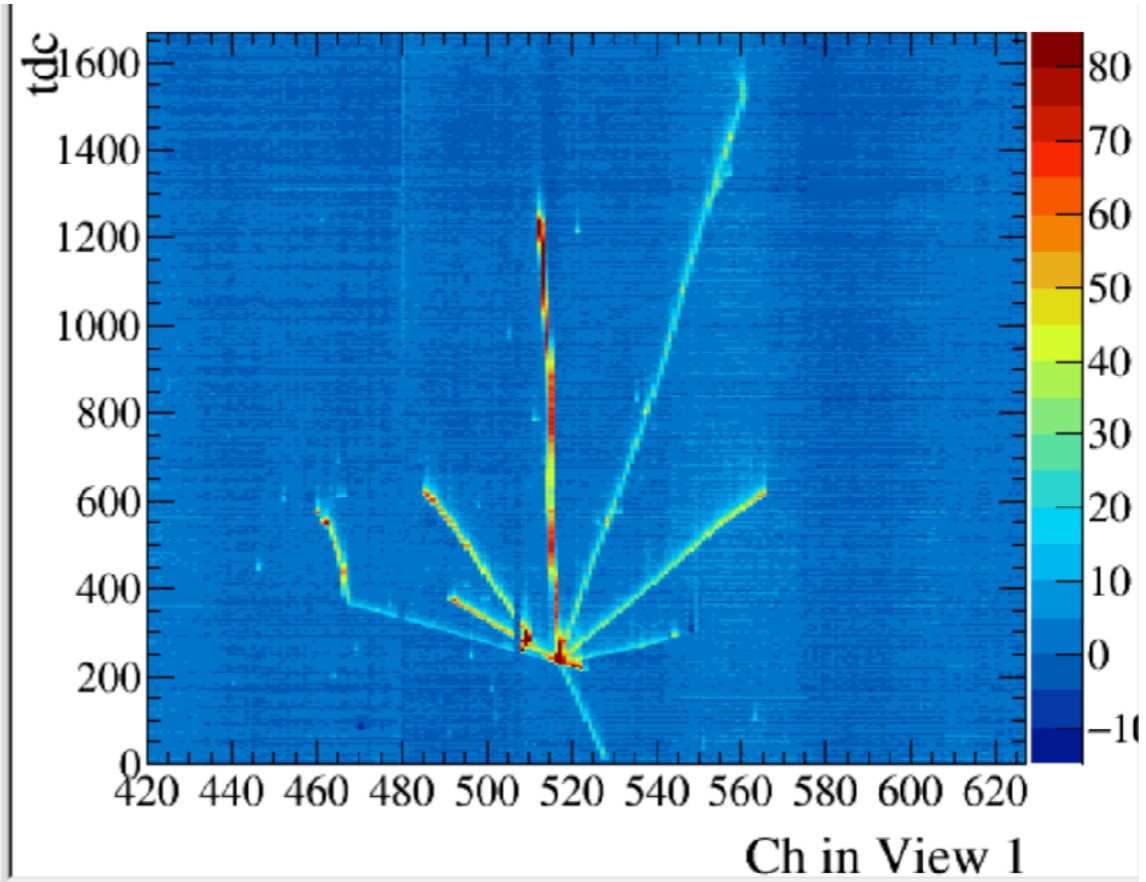
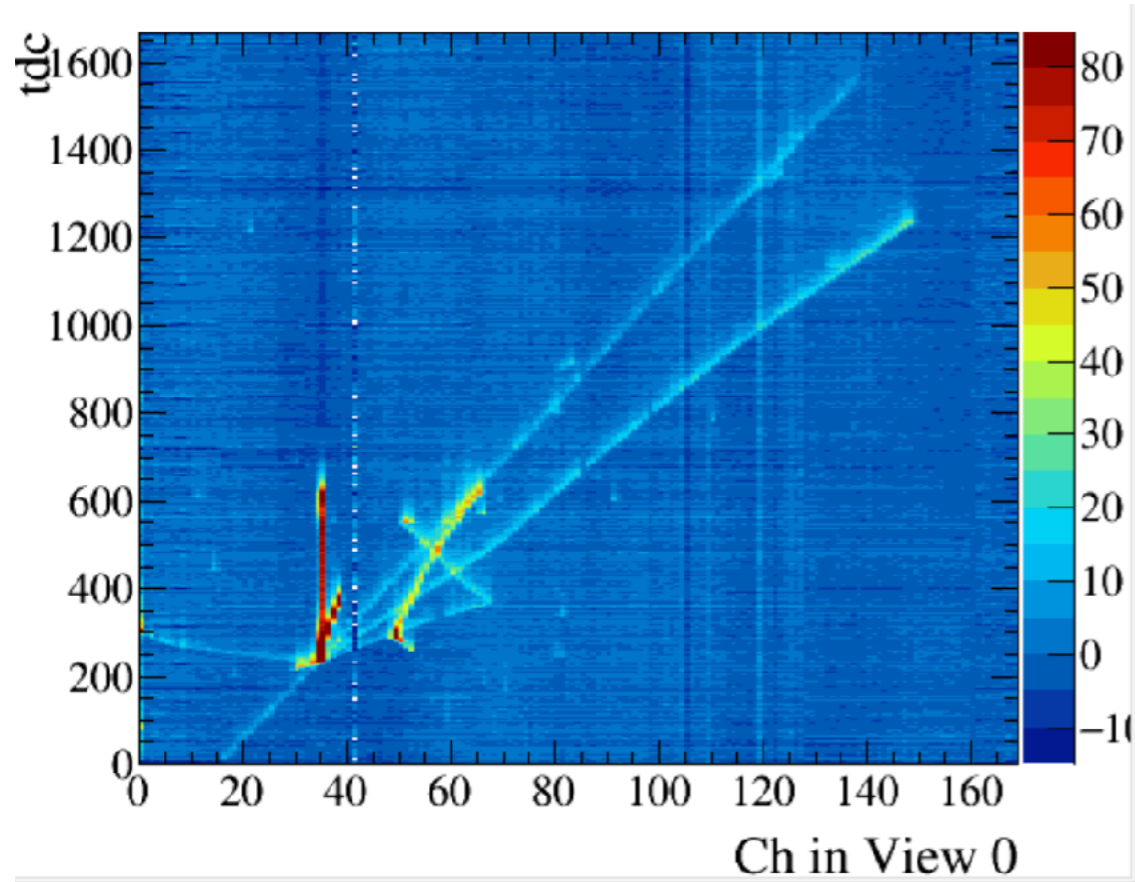


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indication of good purity over one meter drift (at 500 V/cm)

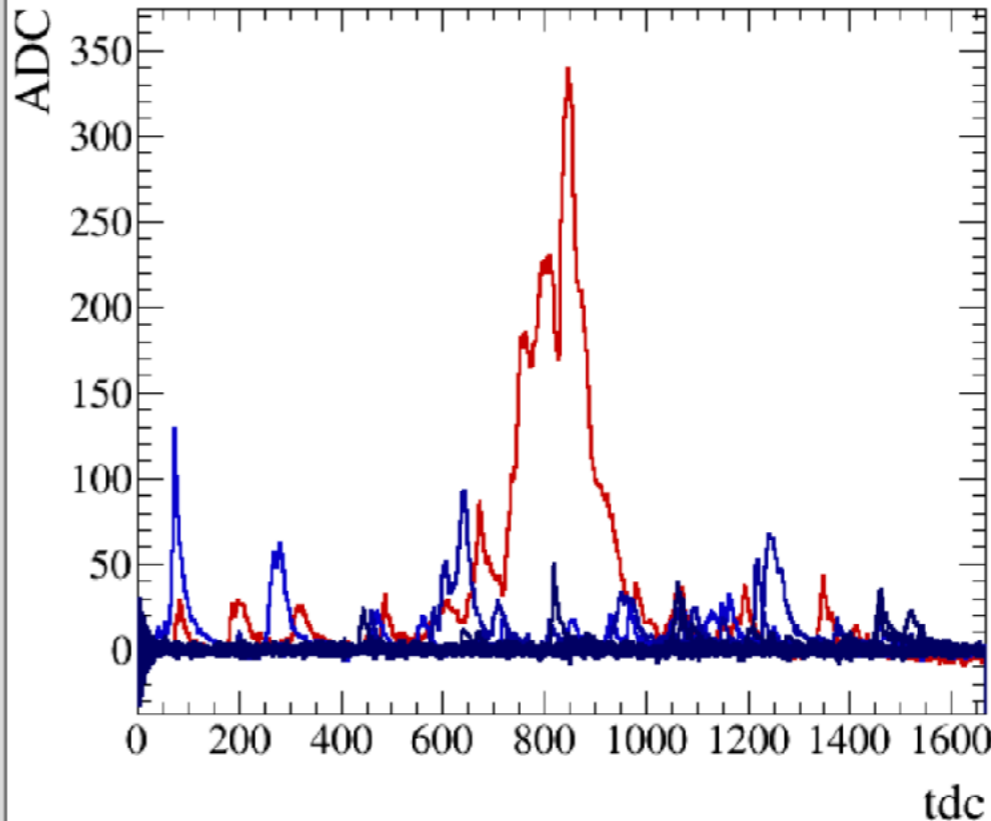
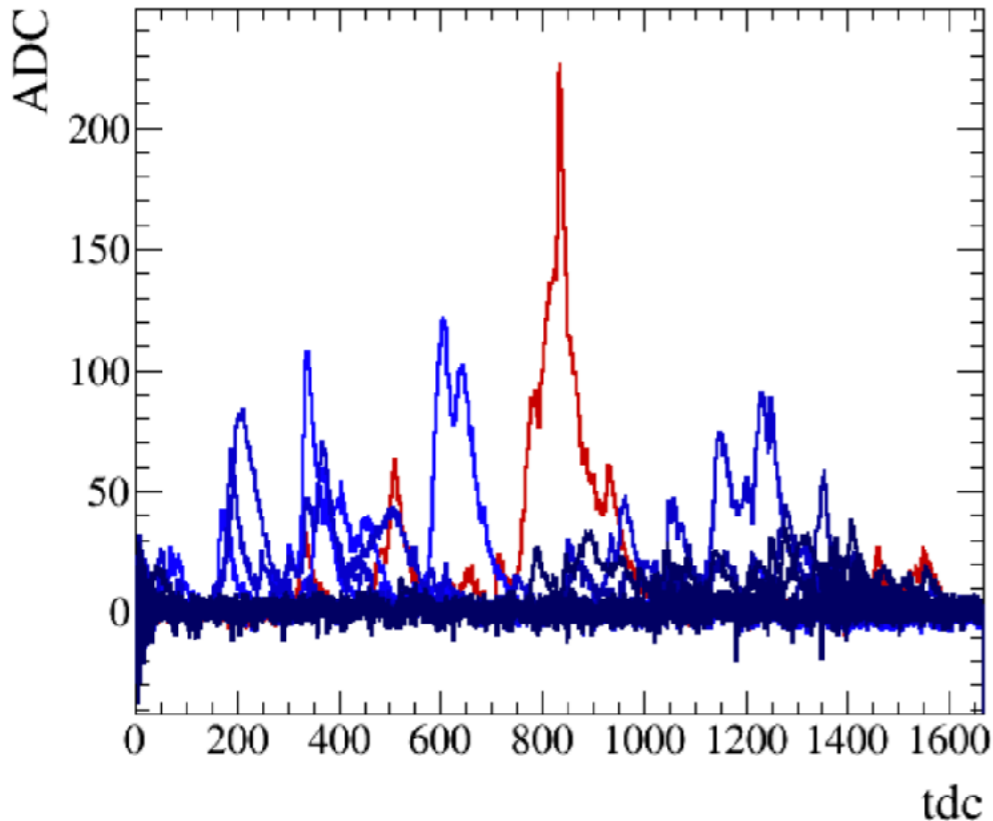
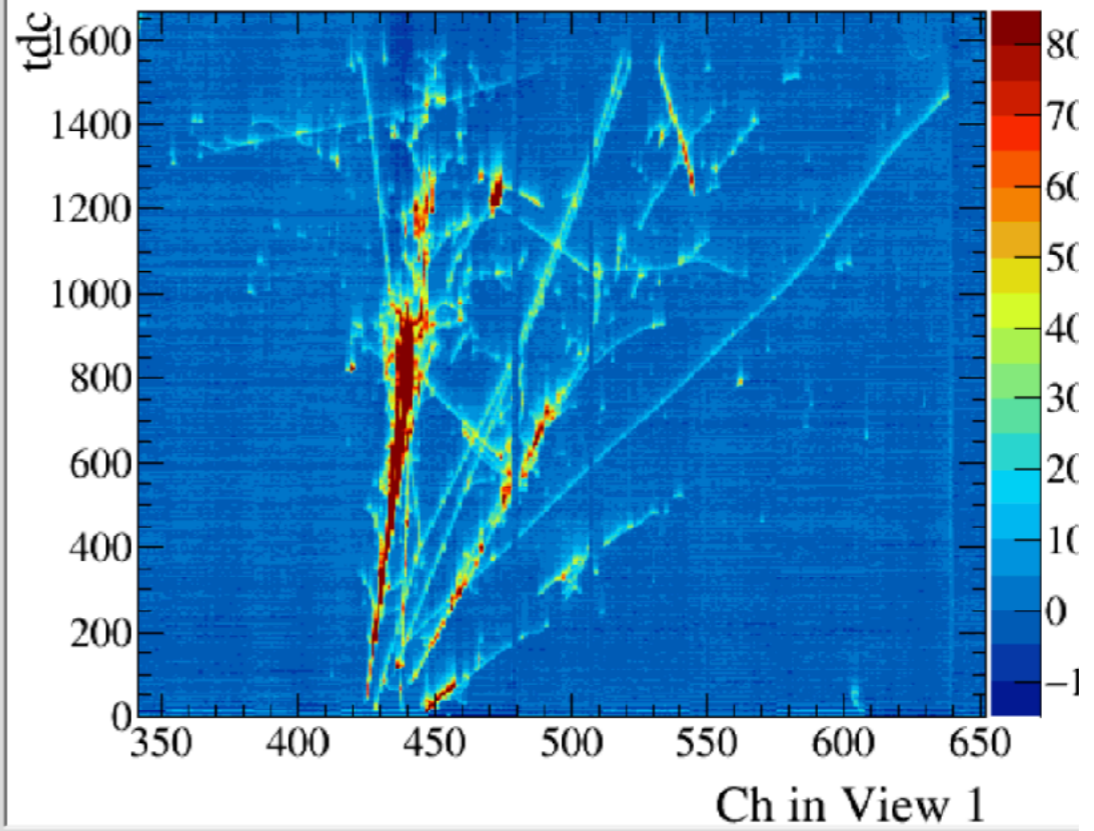
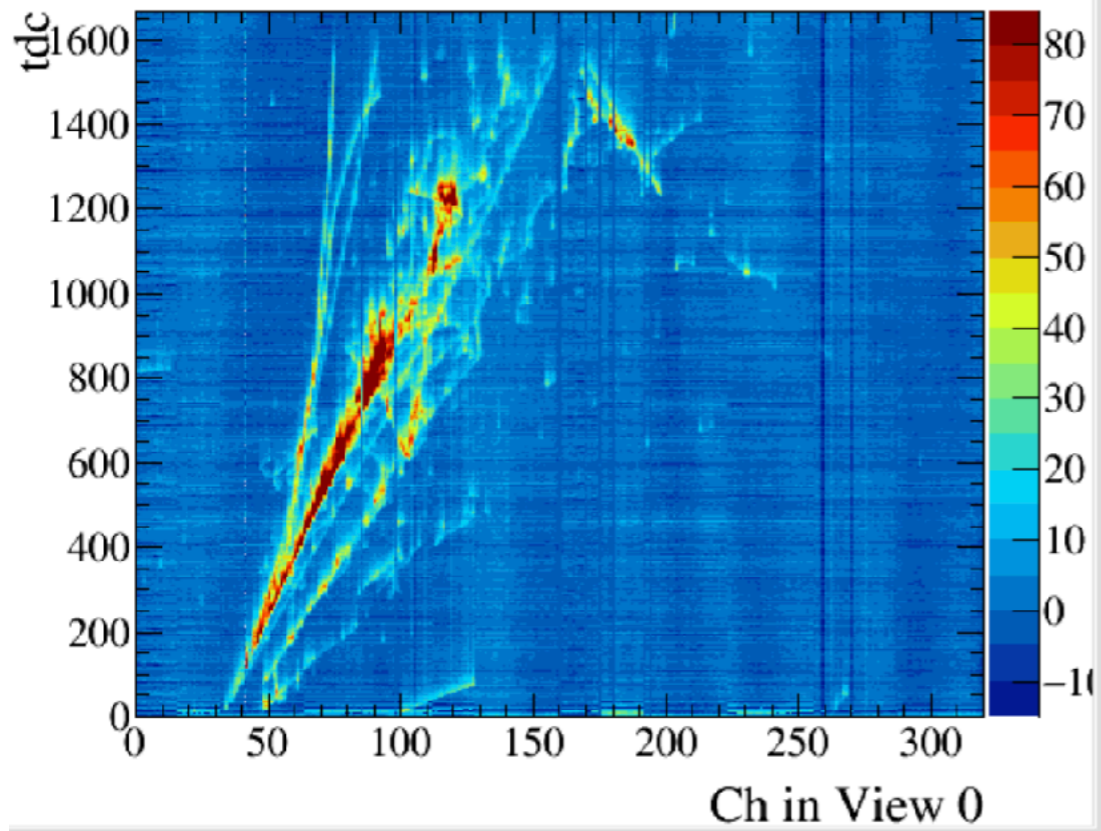
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 induction field 1 kV/cm  
 trigger: PMT

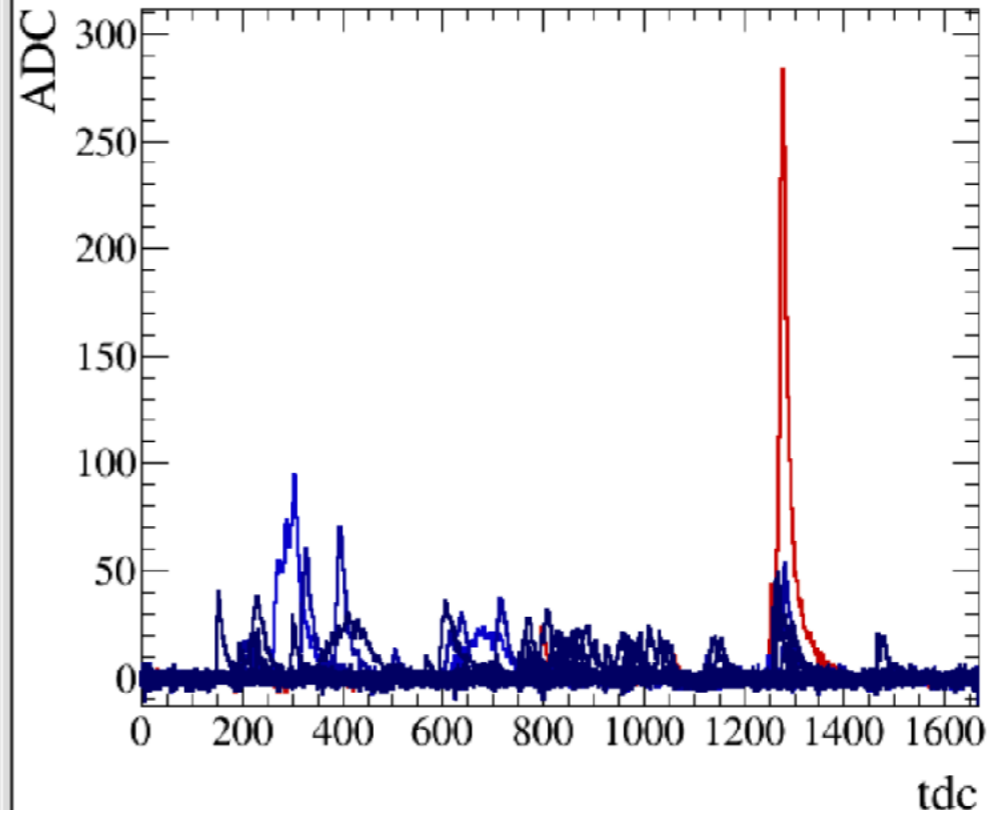
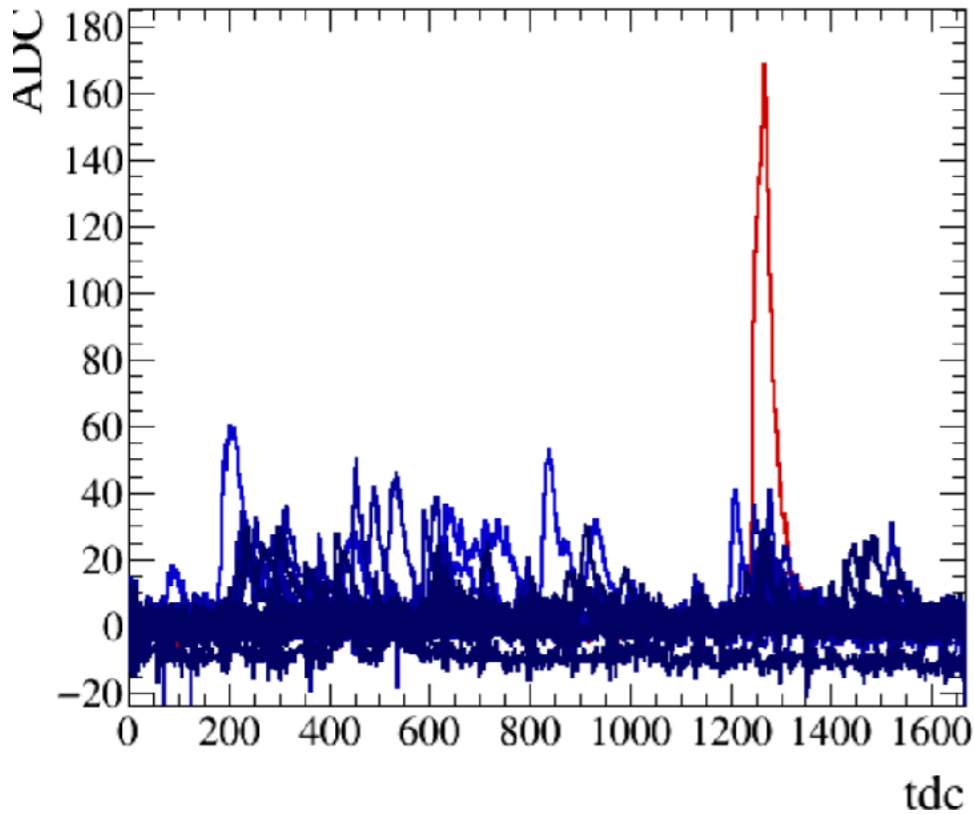
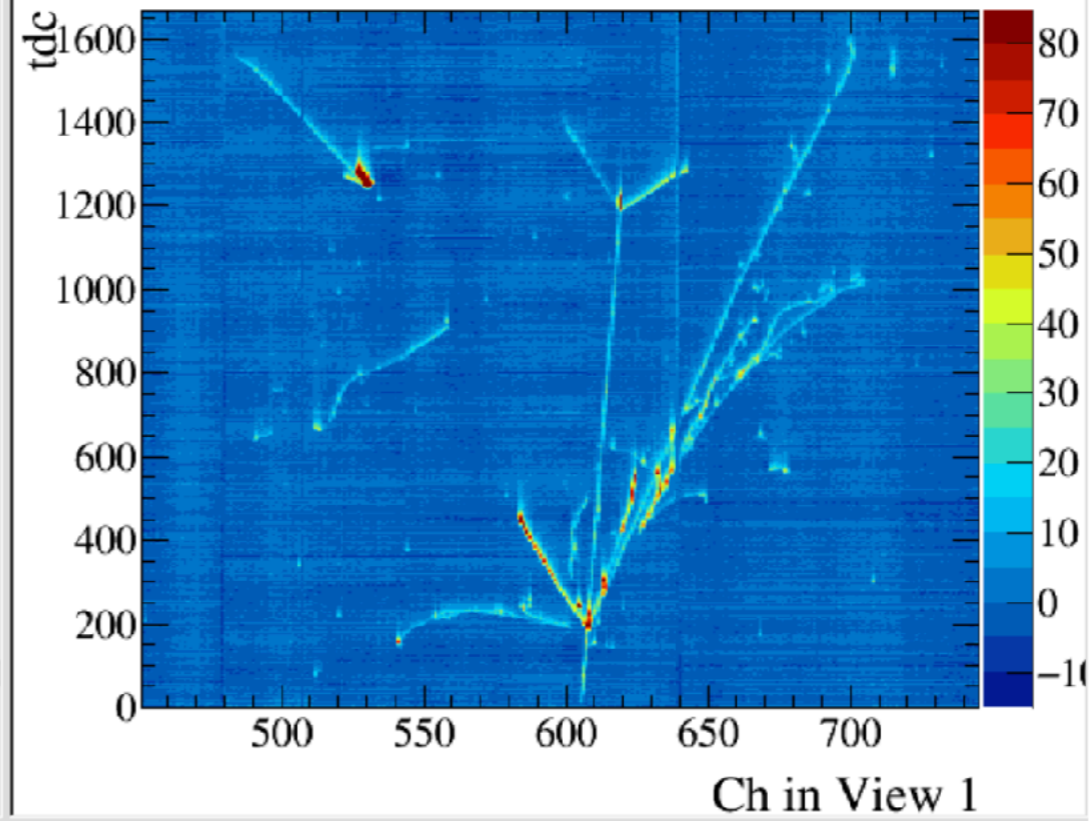
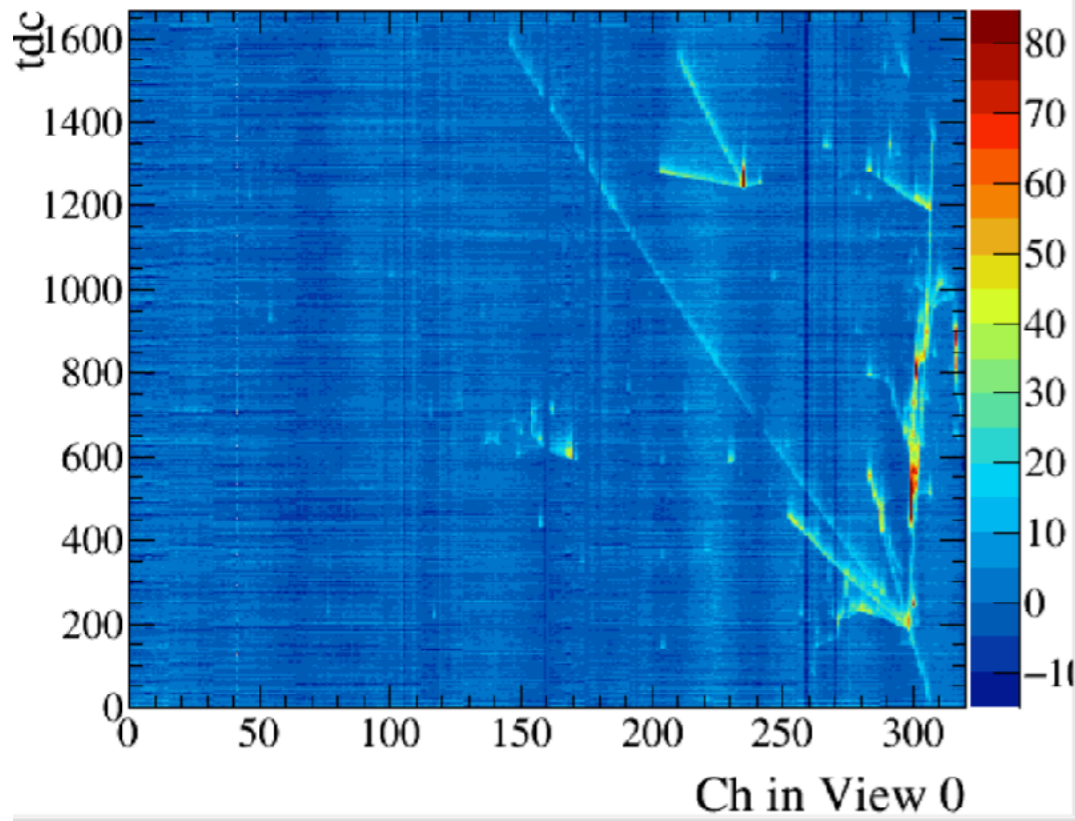


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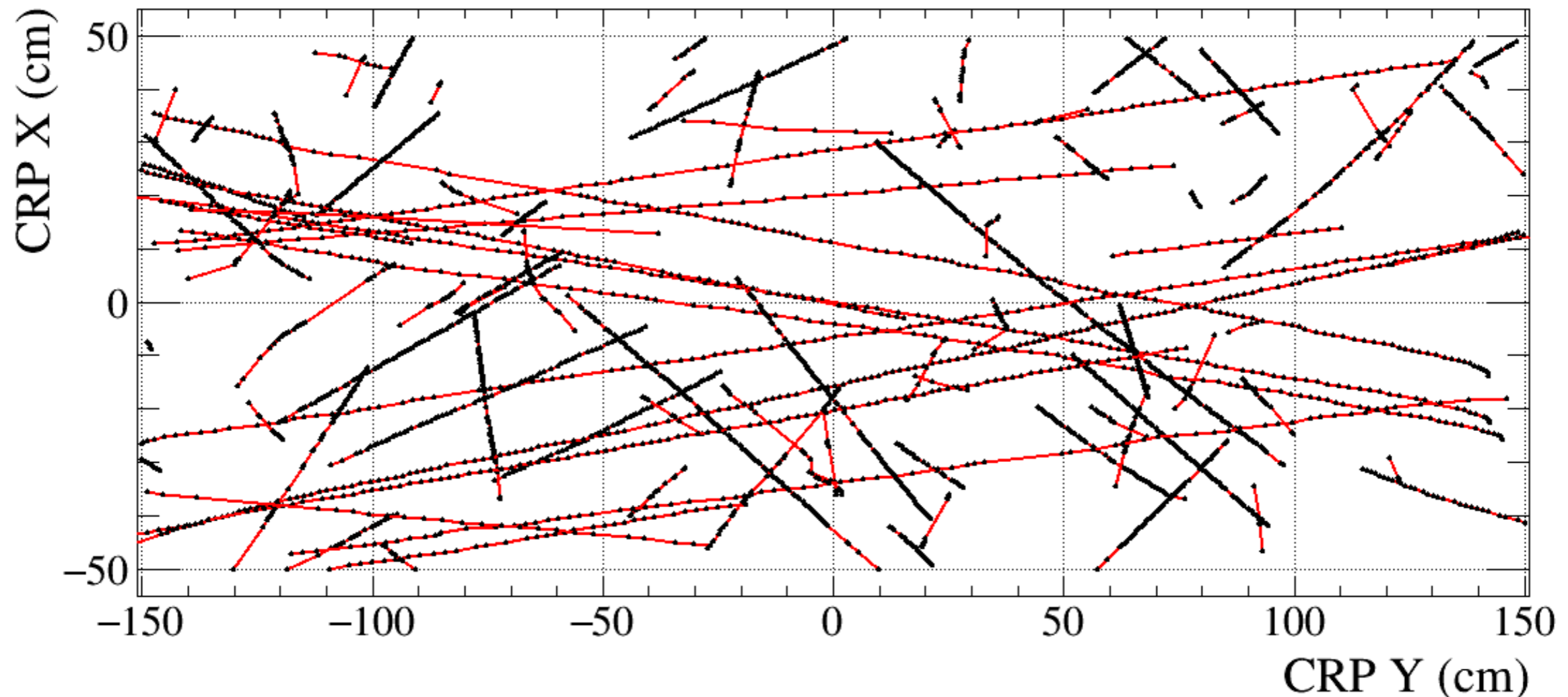
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# Preliminary track reconstruction

- Projection on the x-y plane of 3D tracks reconstructed in one run
- Points are the hits on view 0 associated to the reconstructed tracks (red line)
- Long tracks are the one triggered by the CRT, short tracks are cosmics crossing the detector during the readout window

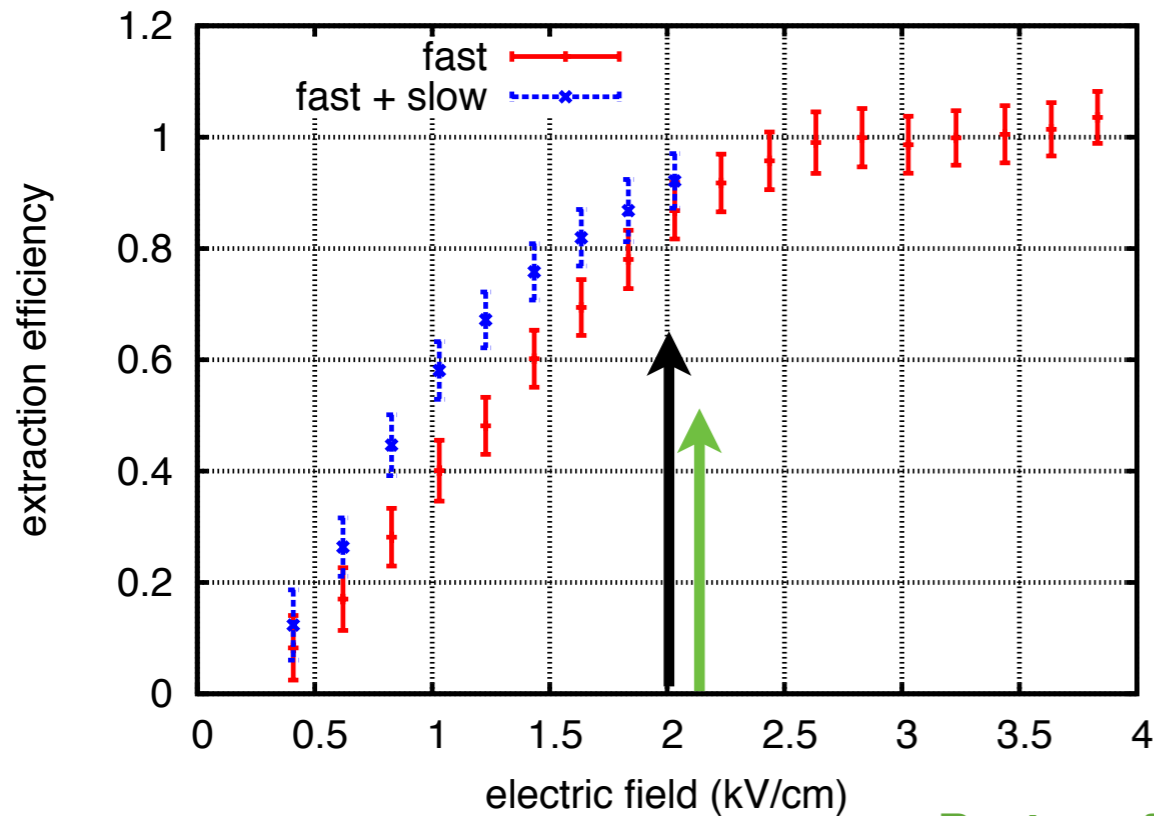


# Data taking - ongoing

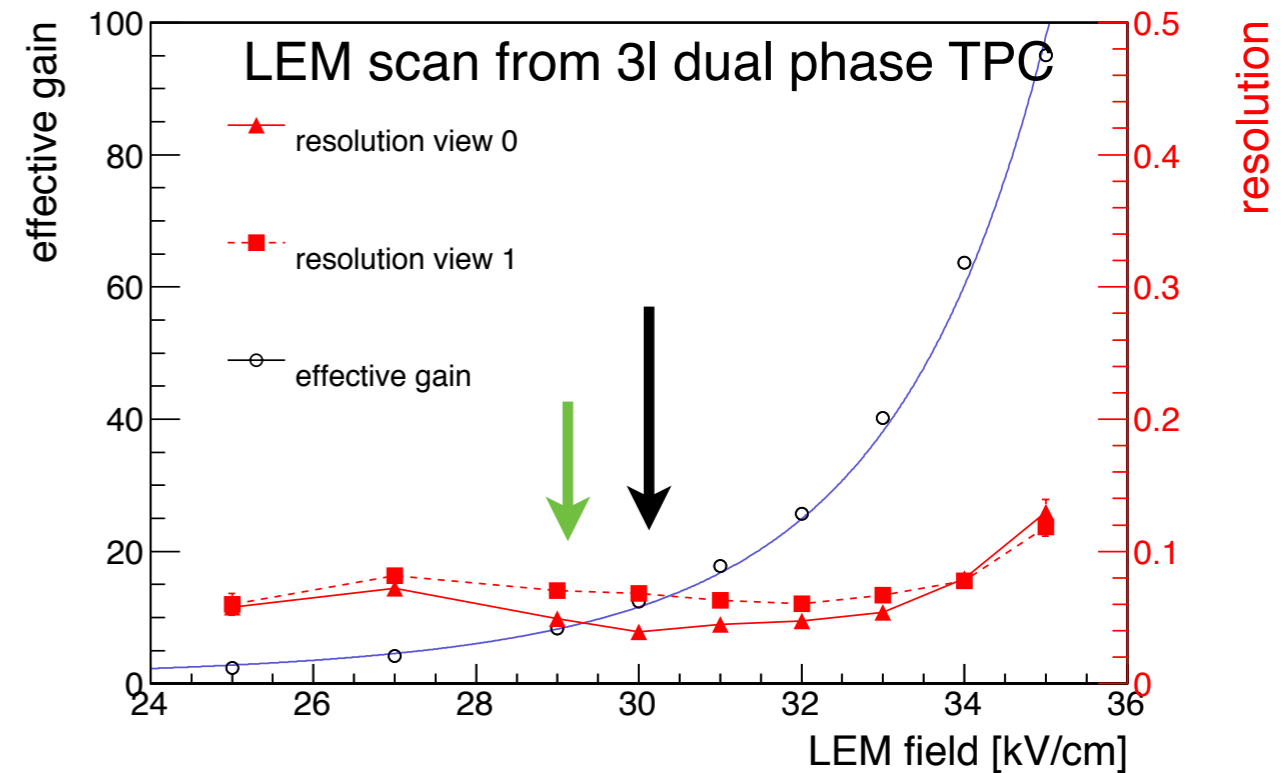
- Detector is under commissioning we have collected about 150 k “good” events with both trigger configurations.
- Currently trying to scan the different fields to optimise the gain and signal to noise ratio



Extraction Field



Amplification Field



**Best configuration achieved in the 3x1x1 so far**  
**Nominal configuration**

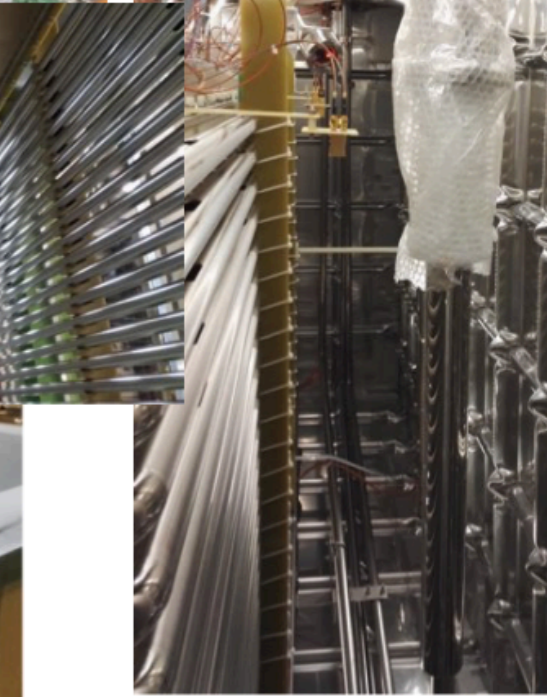
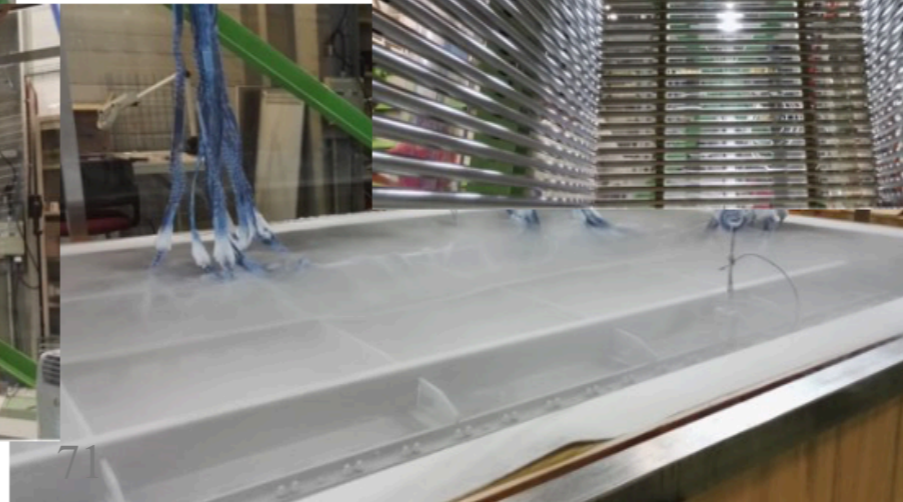
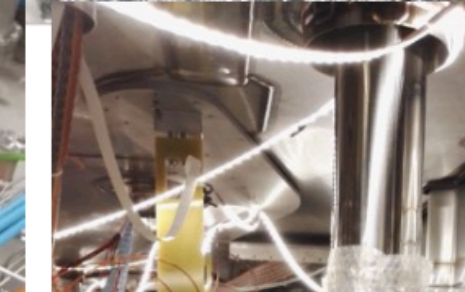
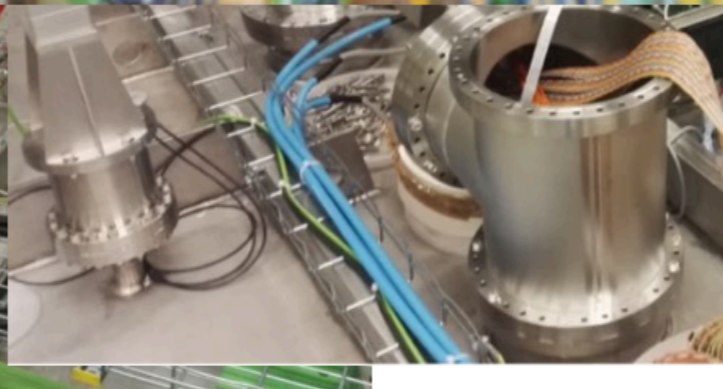
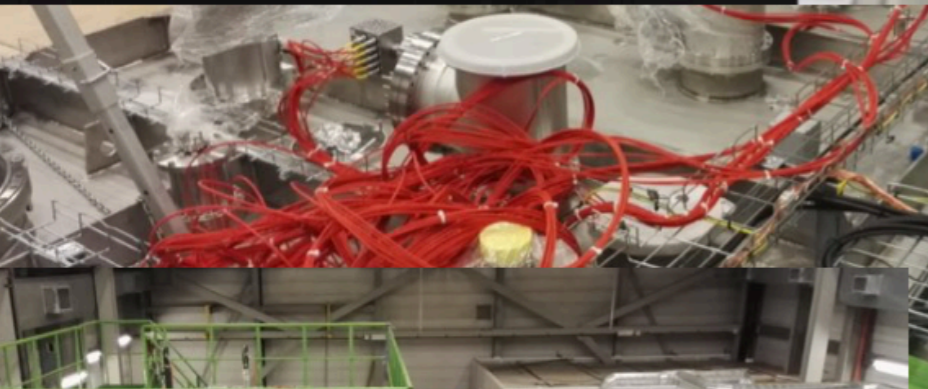
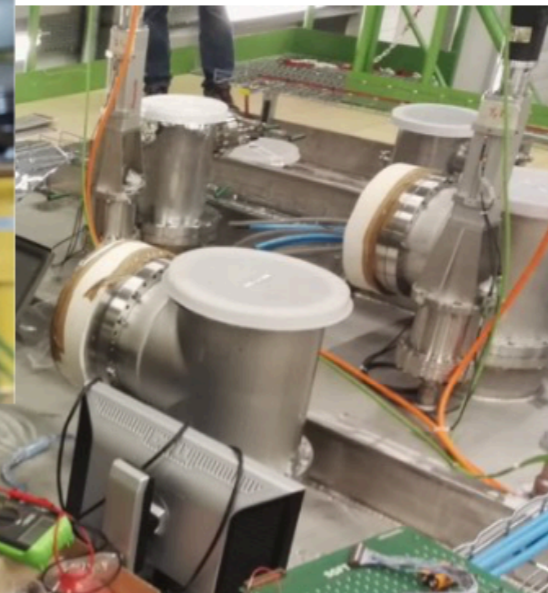
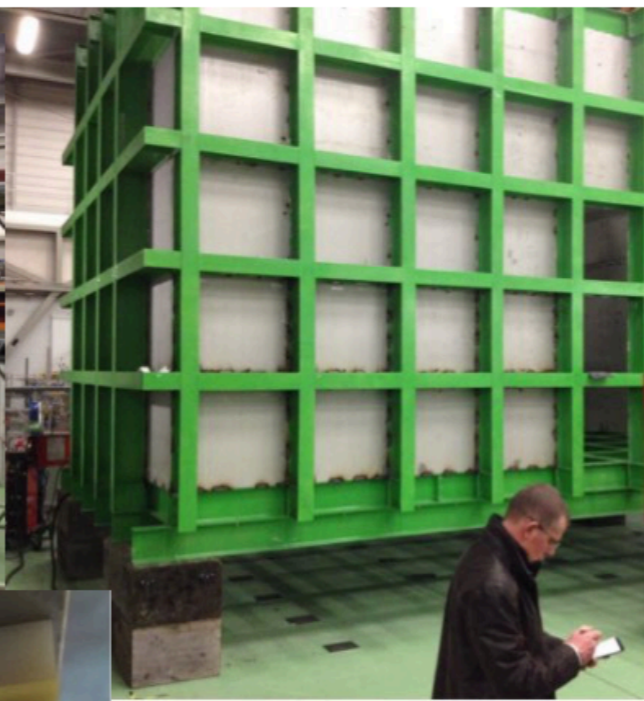
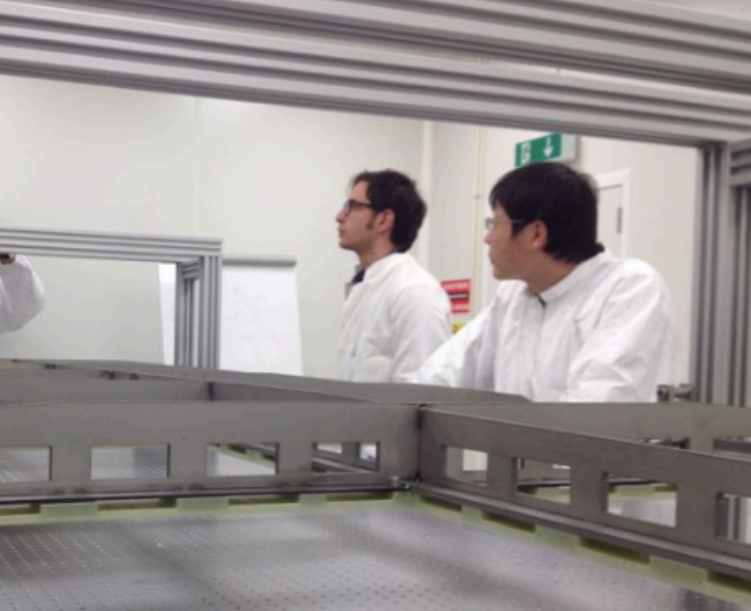
# Conclusion

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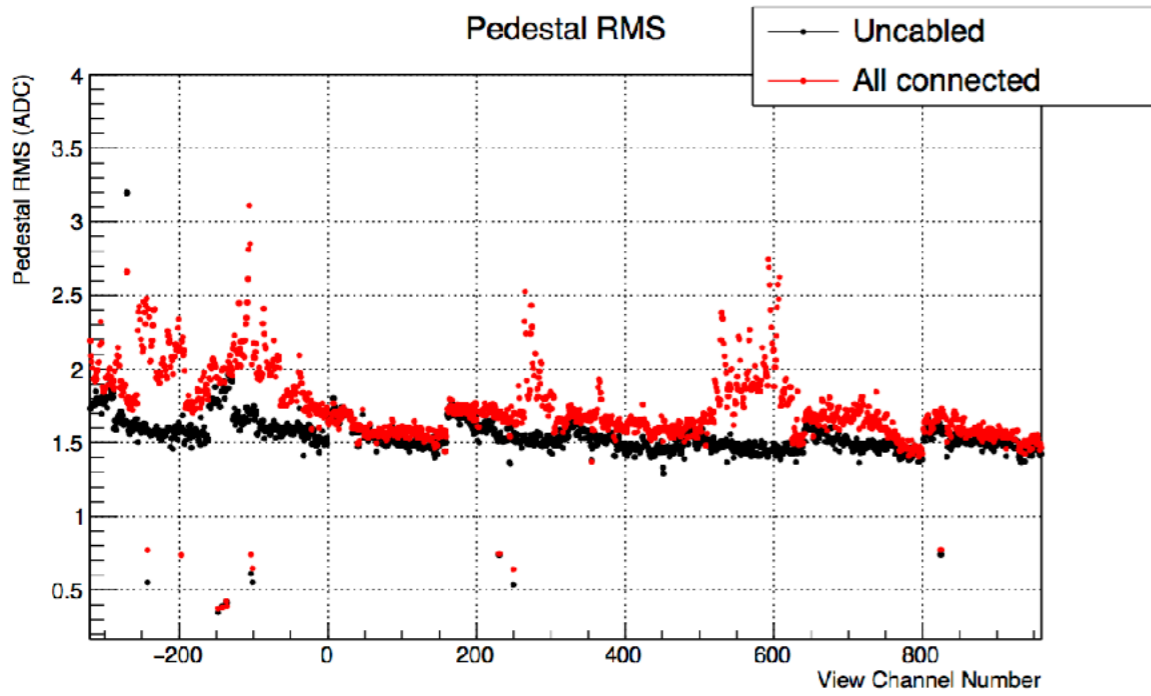
- Liquid argon TPCs have been under developments for a few decades. They have proven to provide unprecedented images of neutrino interactions and are clearly recognised as a unique tool to address the particle physics challenges of the 21st century.
- The dual phase TPC represents a major technological advancement for the field by amplifying the drifting electrons.
- The first data from the WA105 3x1x1 m<sup>3</sup> TPC is encouraging for the future of the technology and the construction of protoDUNE-DP.
- Still major challenges ahead with data analyses of the 3x1x1 and the construction and operation of protoDUNE-DP.
- CERN is playing a very important role with the developments or prototypes and the associated infrastructure (cryostats, cryogenics,..).



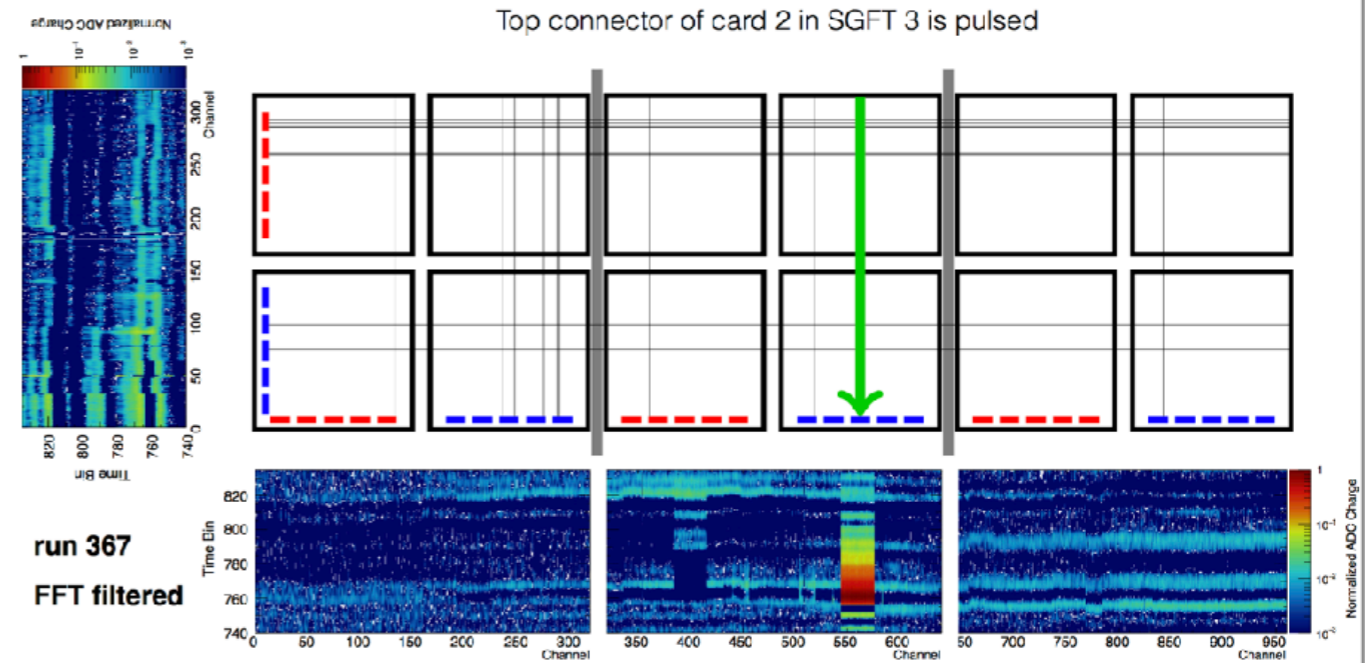
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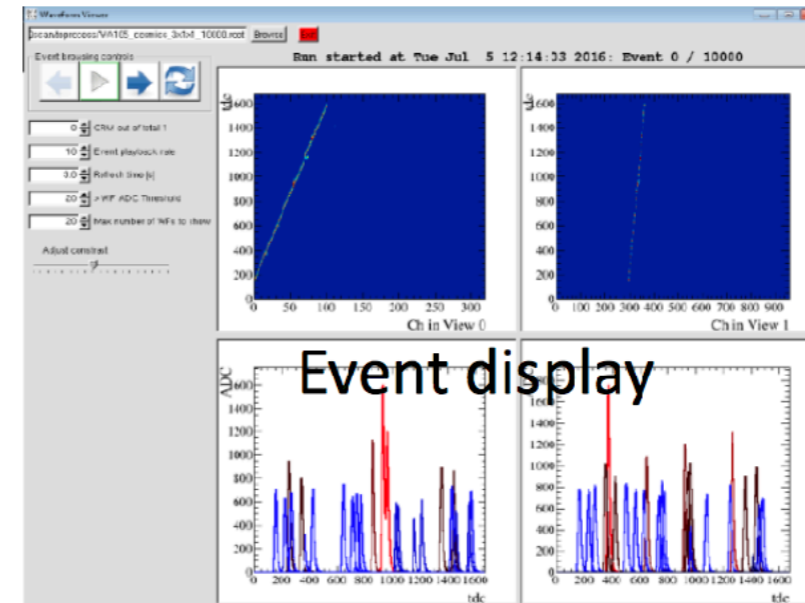
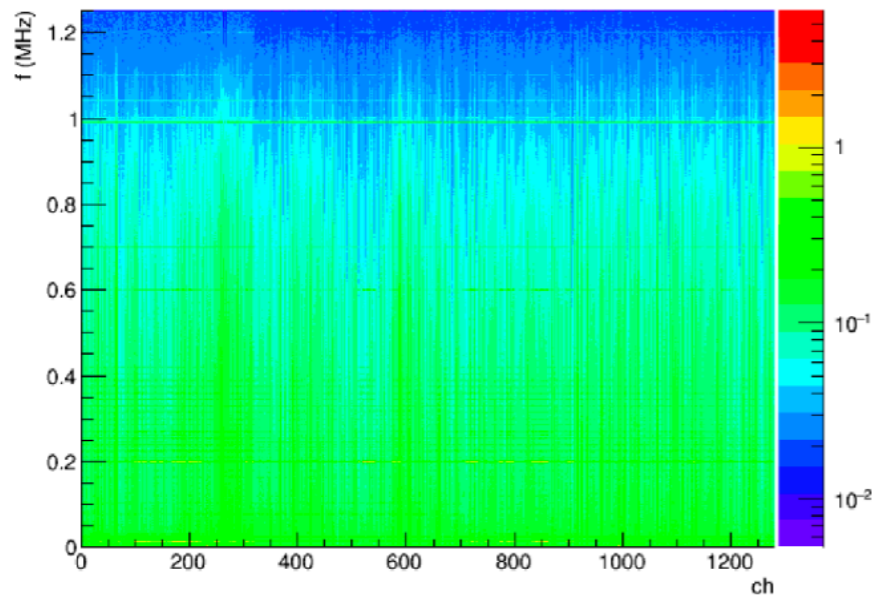


## pulsing to check detector response



src/dofft.cc performs FFT on the raw data

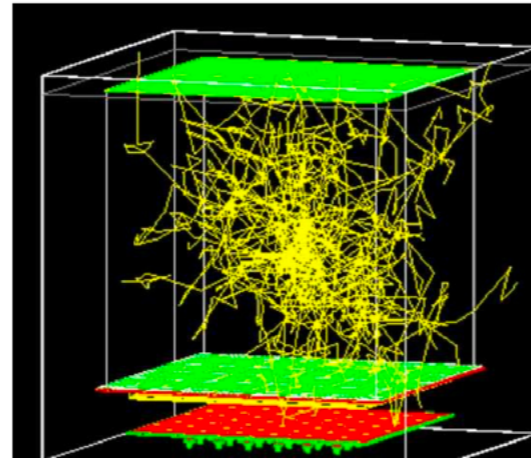
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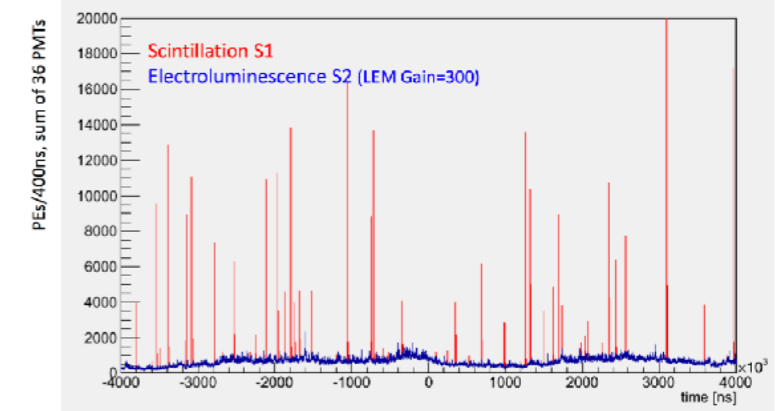


# Software tools protoDUNE-DP

- Light simulation:**
- light yield and accurate positioning of PMT
  - impact of electroluminescence (S2)
  - cosmic ray tagging
  - Absorption in LAr



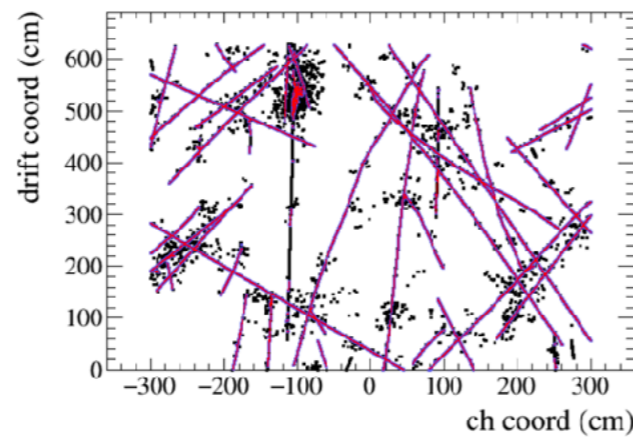
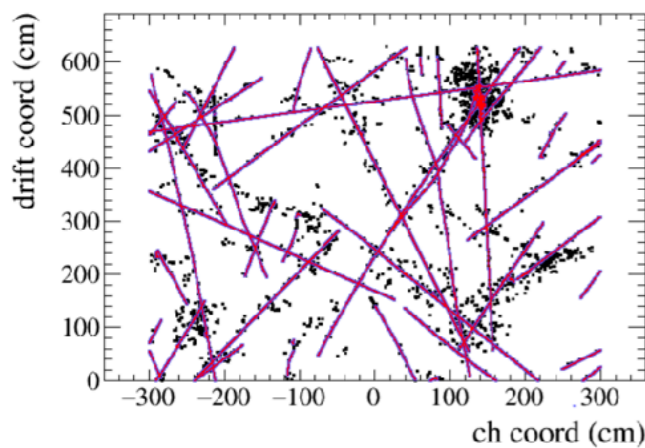
Cosmic muons' light signal in 8 ms window



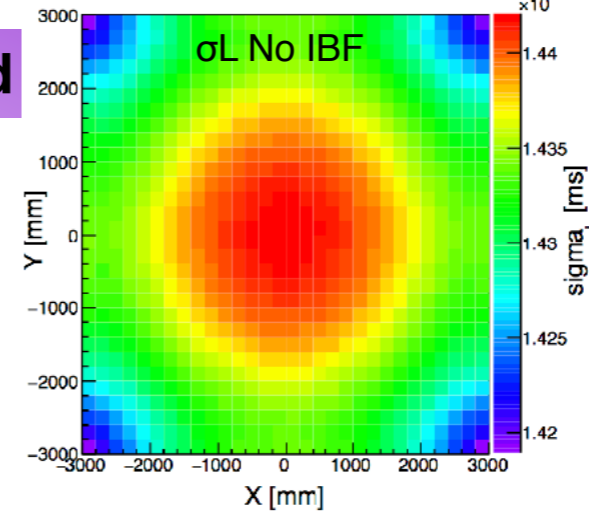
## Study of space charge and effect on electric field

## cosmic muon reconstruction

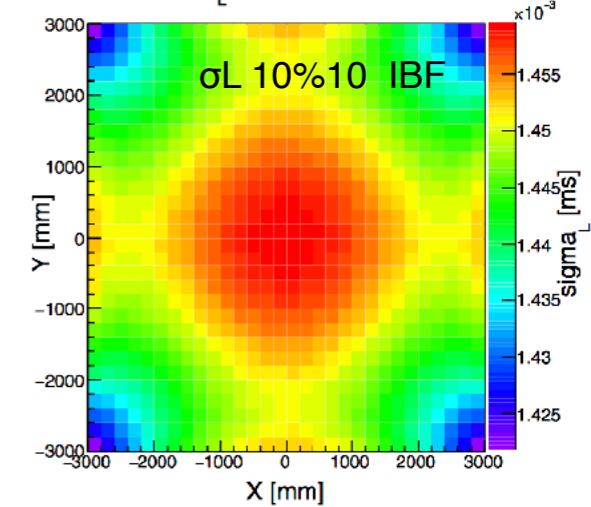
- Black points show the reconstructed hits
- Magenta points show hits associated to some track
- Red lines indicate track paths



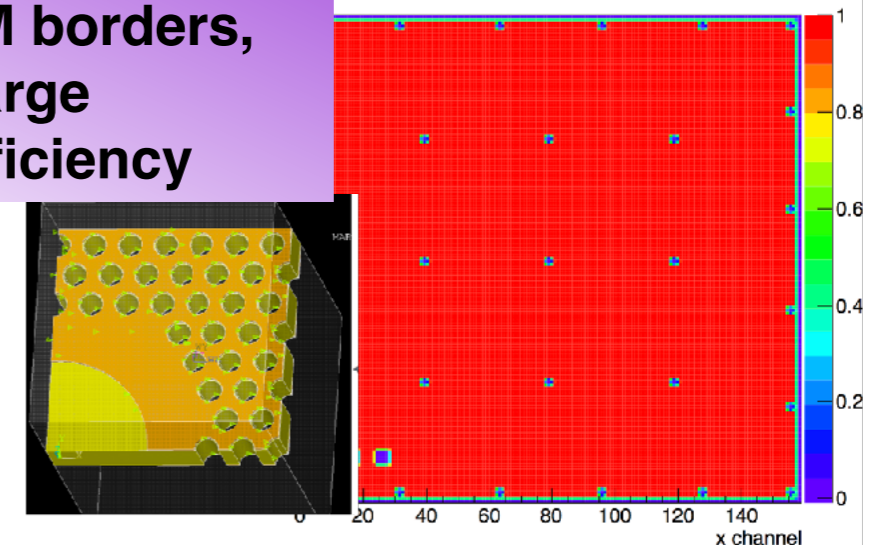
$\sigma_L$  at Z=-2900 mm



$\sigma_L$  at Z=-2900 mm



## Study of LEM borders, effect on charge collection efficiency



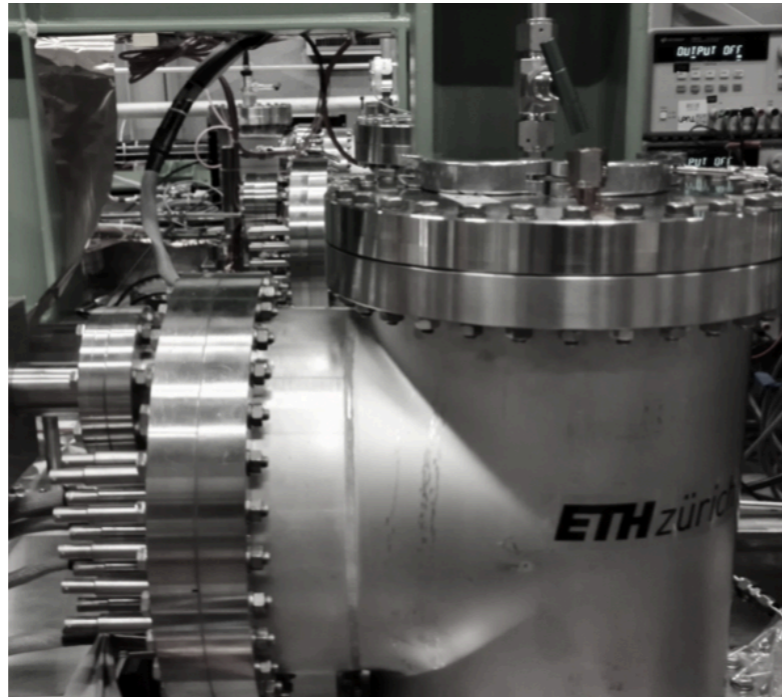
# Feedthroughs installed on the 3x1x1 m<sup>3</sup> TPC

All feedthroughs operational and tested over the past year. Same to be installed in pDUNE-DP

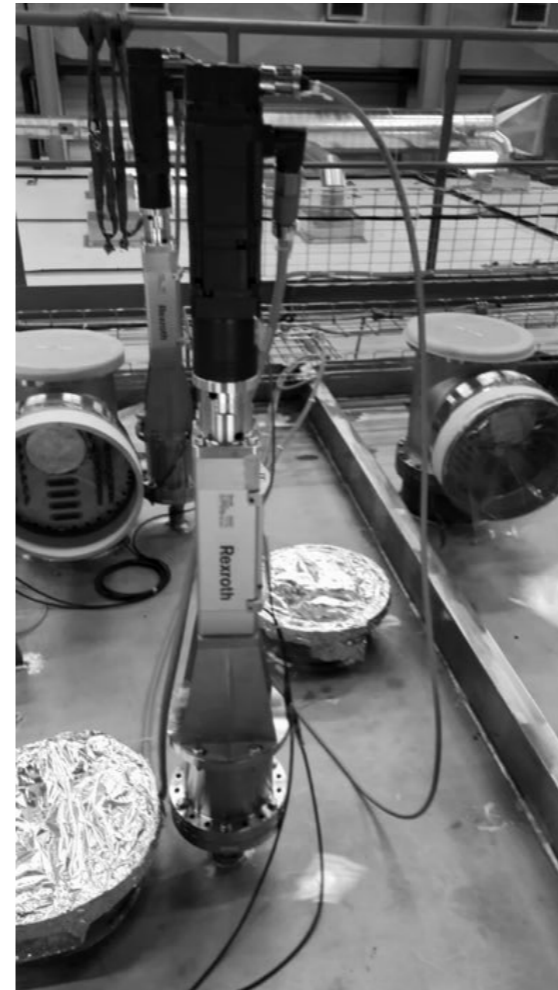
4 signal chimneys



3 slow control and medium voltage



3 CRP suspension

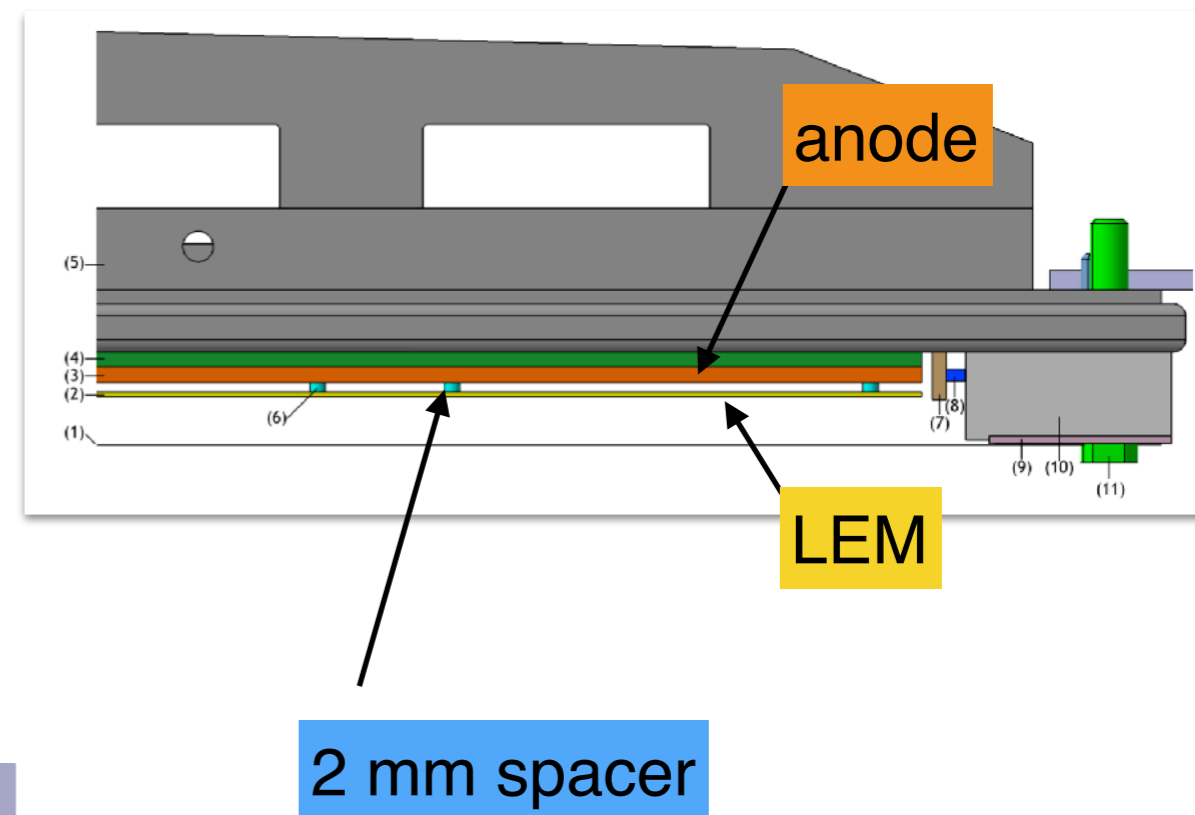
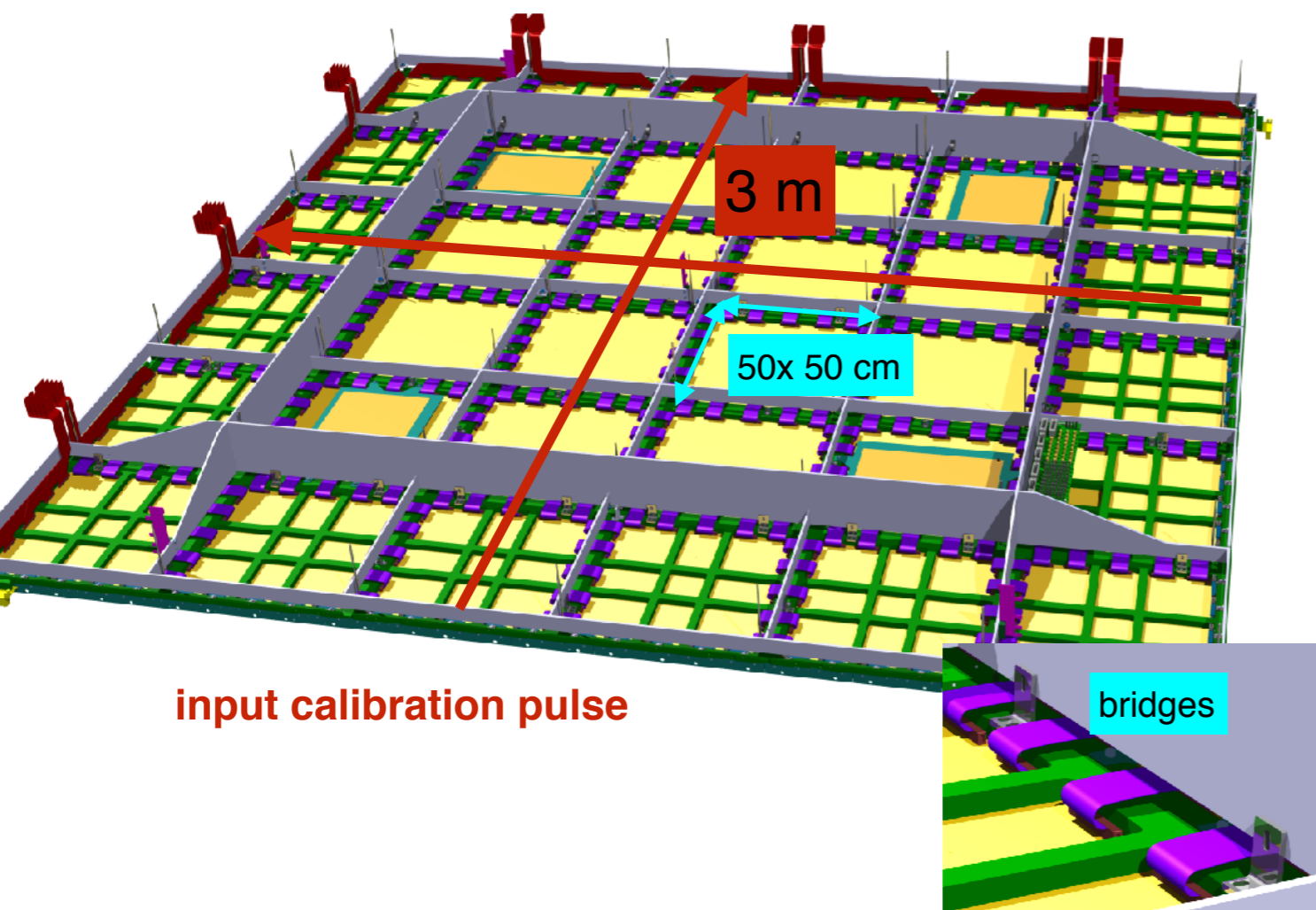


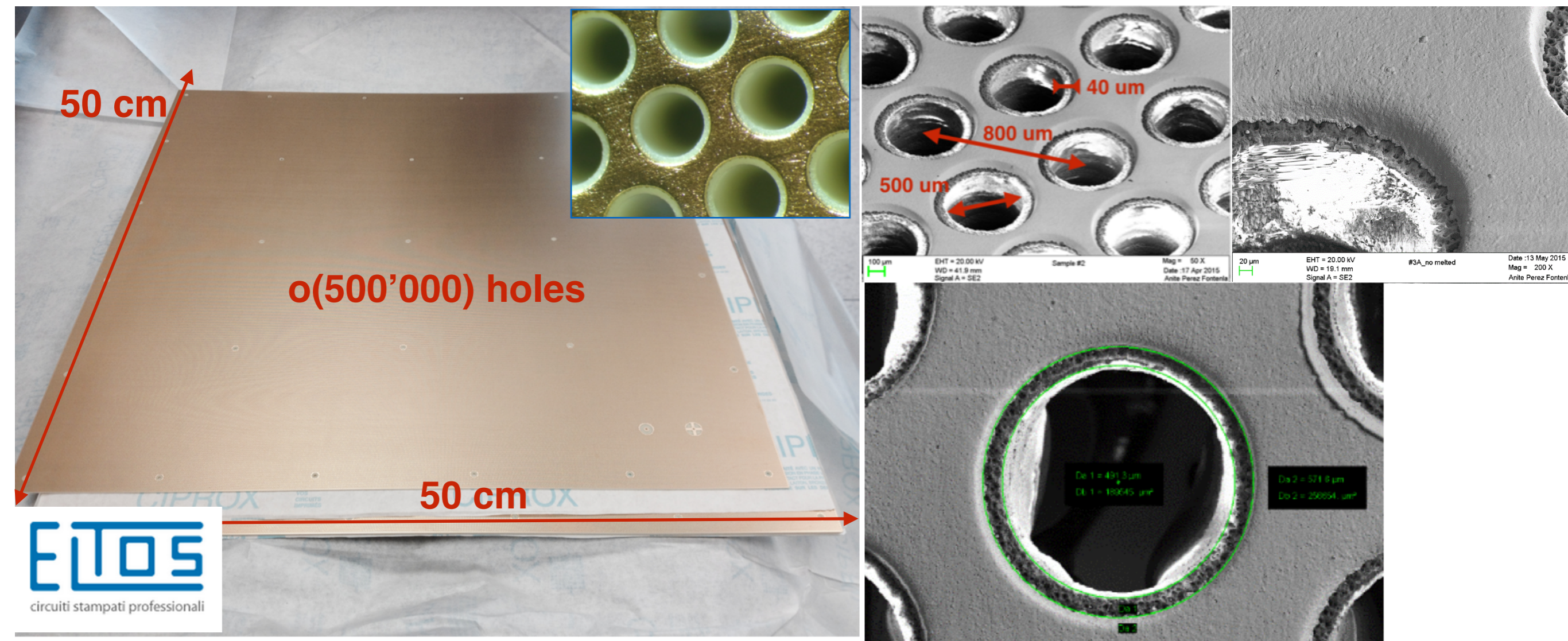
1 High voltage  
tested at 300 kV, operated at ~50 kV



- Tiled arrangement of independent 50x50 cm<sup>2</sup> LEM and Anode Sandwiches (LAS).
- Provide fully active amplification area and 3 mm granularity x-y strip readout
- The LEMs are independently powered to provide  $\approx 30$  kV/cm across the electrodes
- The anodes are bridged together to provide 3 meter long readout strips
- Both LEM and anodes are made from PCBs. They are produced industrially using standard techniques

to charge readout amplification and digitisation





- ✓ PCB CNC drilled with  $\approx 150$  holes per  $\text{cm}^2$ . 1 mm thick.
- ✓ 500  $\mu\text{m}$  hole diameter 800  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch.
- ✓ 40  $\mu\text{m}$  dielectric rim around the holes to avoid edge-induced discharges
- ✓ powered at around 30 kV/cm
- ✓ design is the result of many years of R&D on smaller scale prototypes.

Multiply number electrons by creating large electric field (>30 kV/cm) inside the holes.

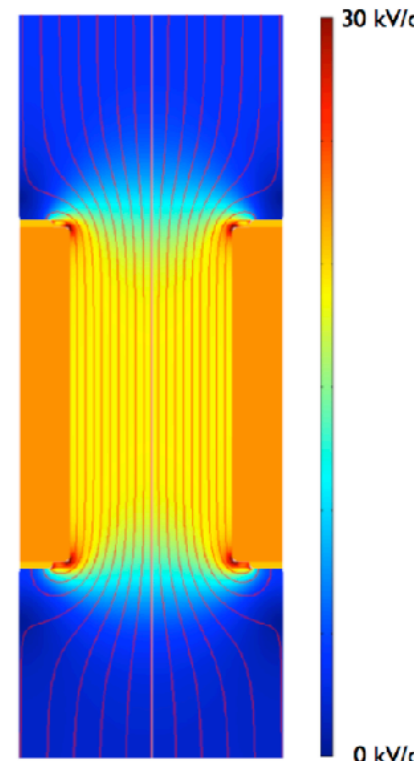
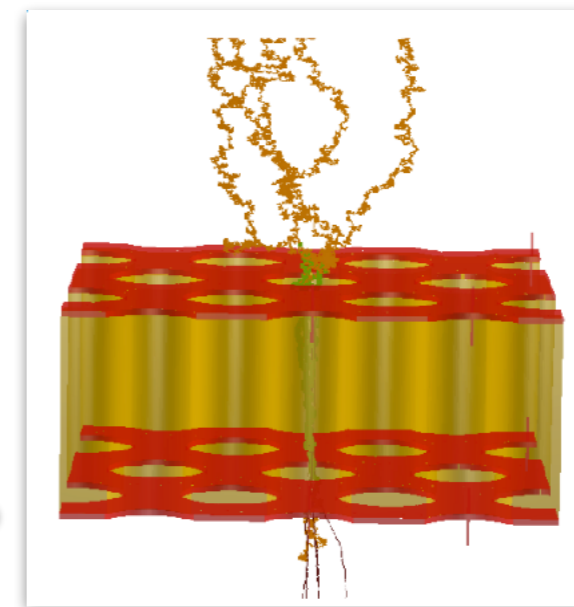
$$G_{eff} = T e^{\alpha x} = T e^{A \rho x e^{-B \rho / E}}$$

gas density

amplification length

electrical transparency of the LEM-anode system

electric field inside the LEM hole

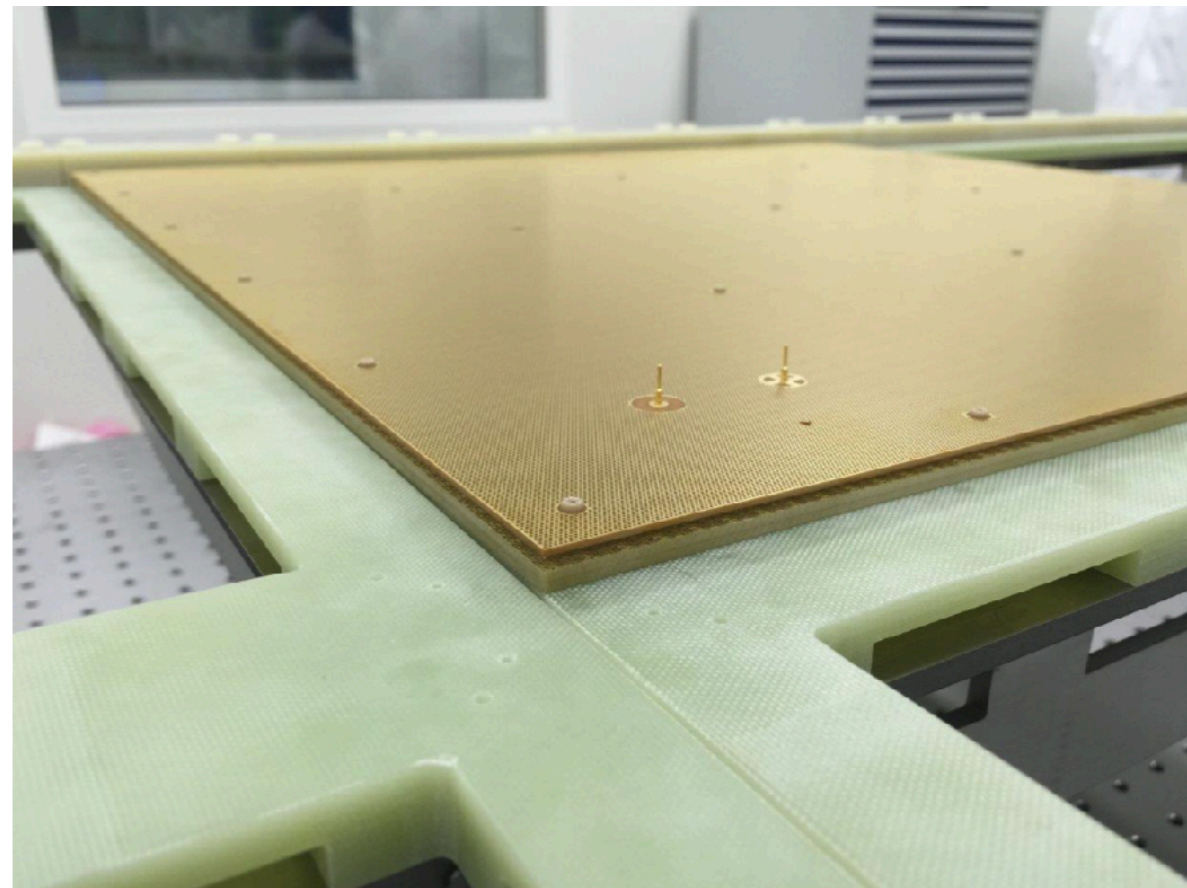
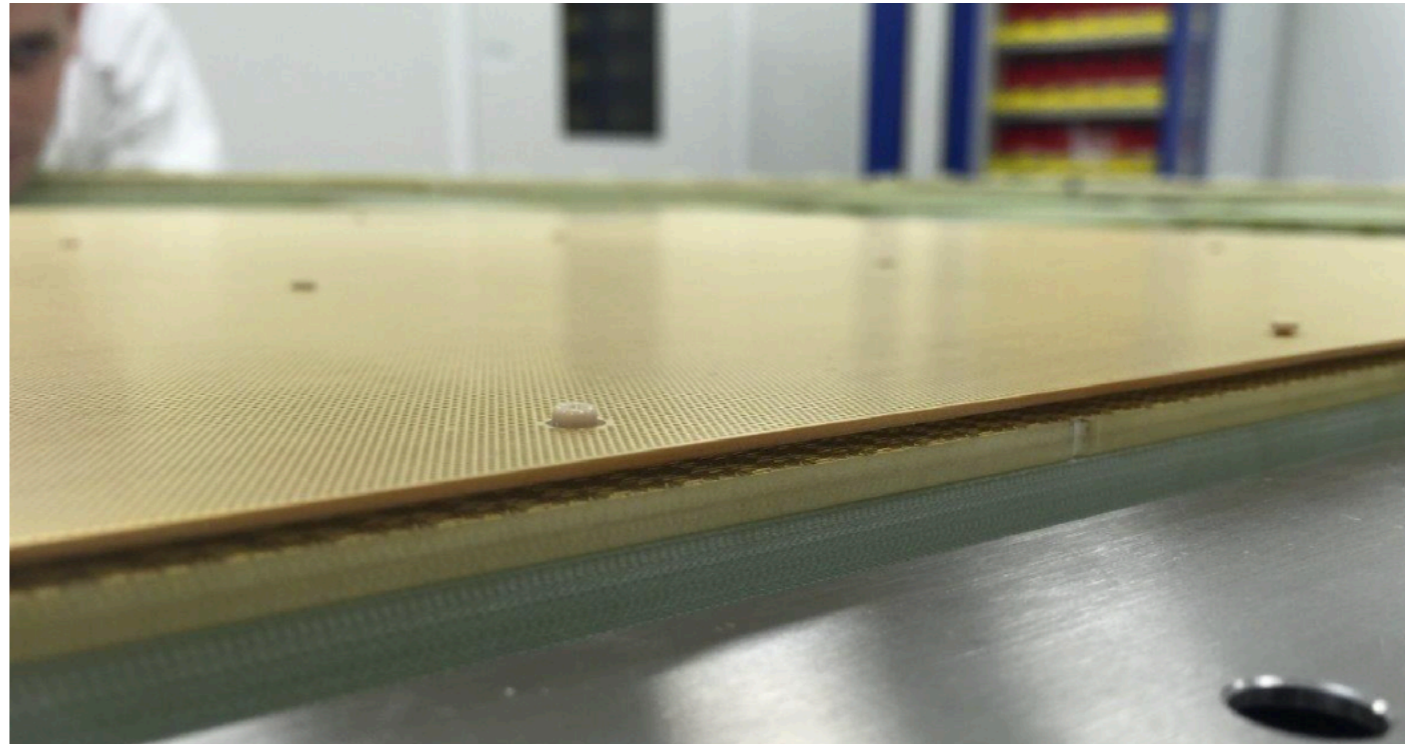
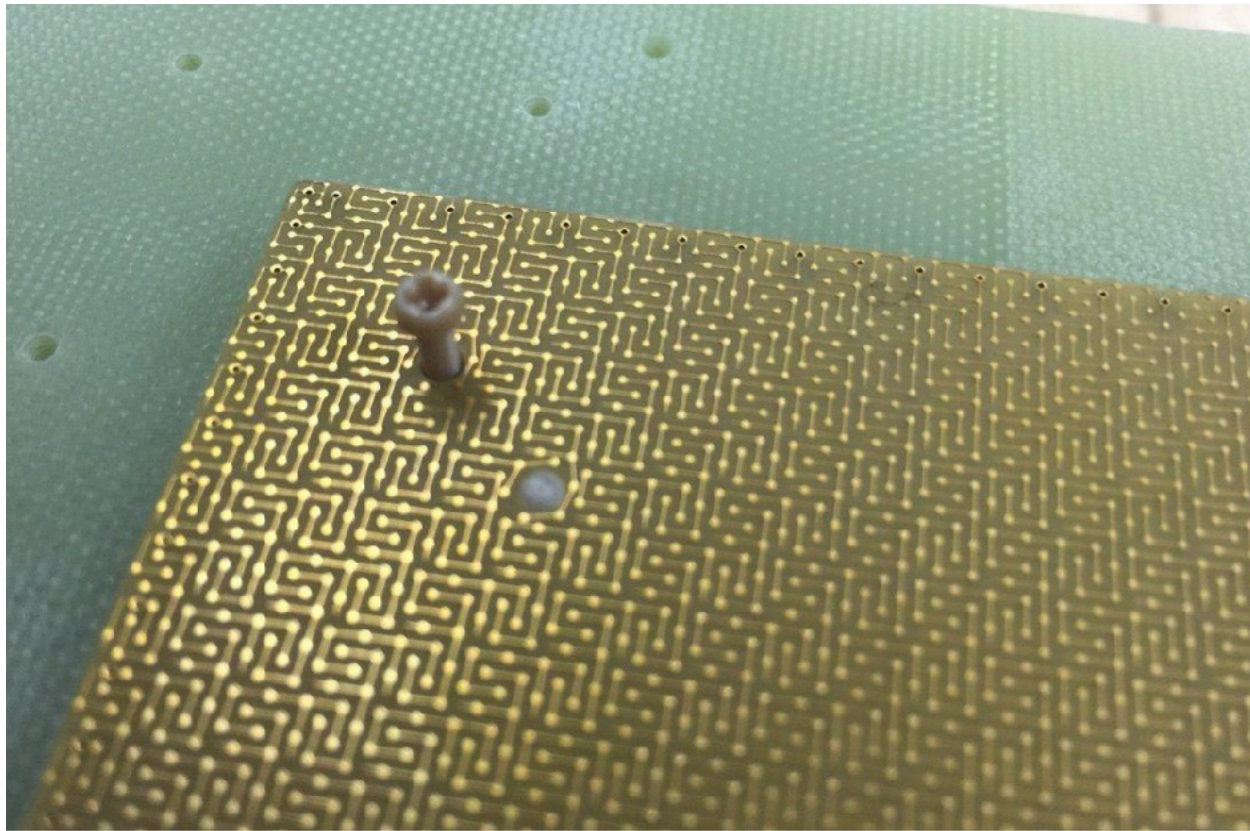


- Robust (1 mm thick), economic, high-gain electron multipliers for large area detectors. Well suited for cryogenic detectors and use in pure noble gas without quencher. Avalanche confinement preventing photon-feedback.

*NIM A (2005) 10.102 NIM A598 p121-125 JINST 3 P07001 JINST 8 P02008 NIM A423 (1999) p119-125*

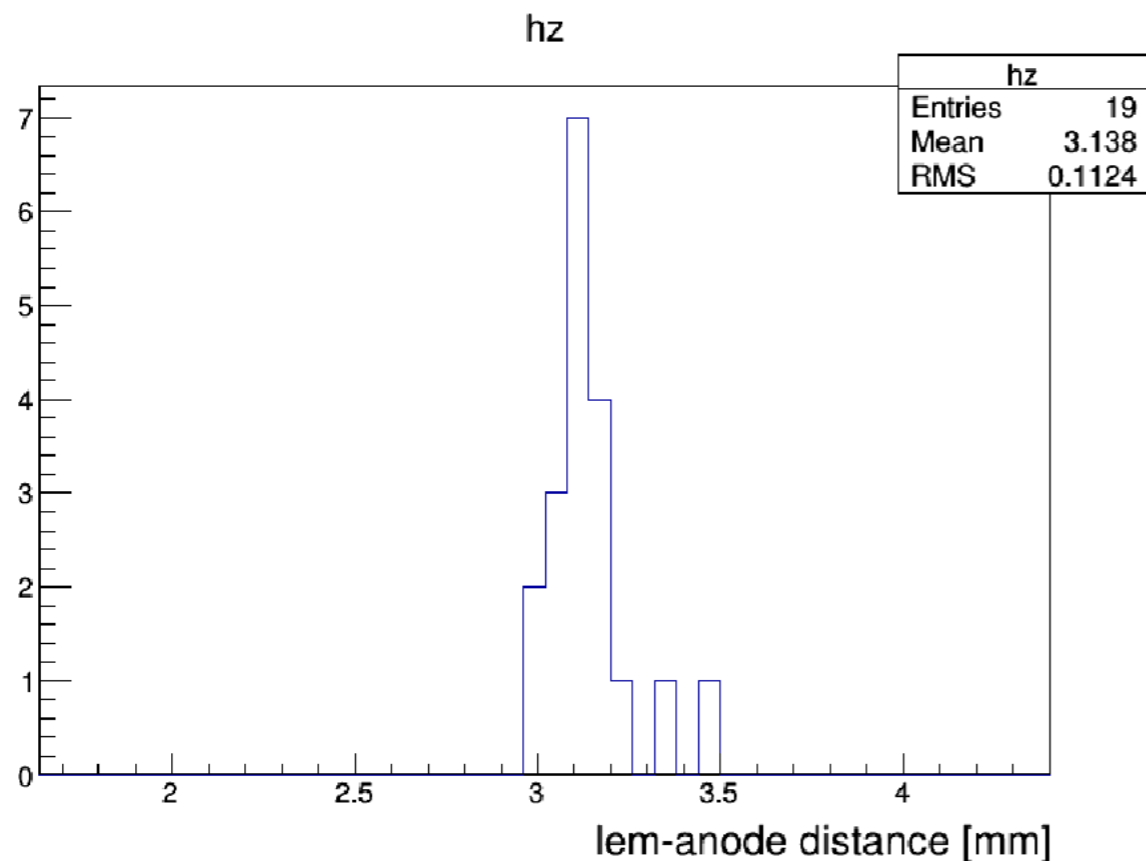
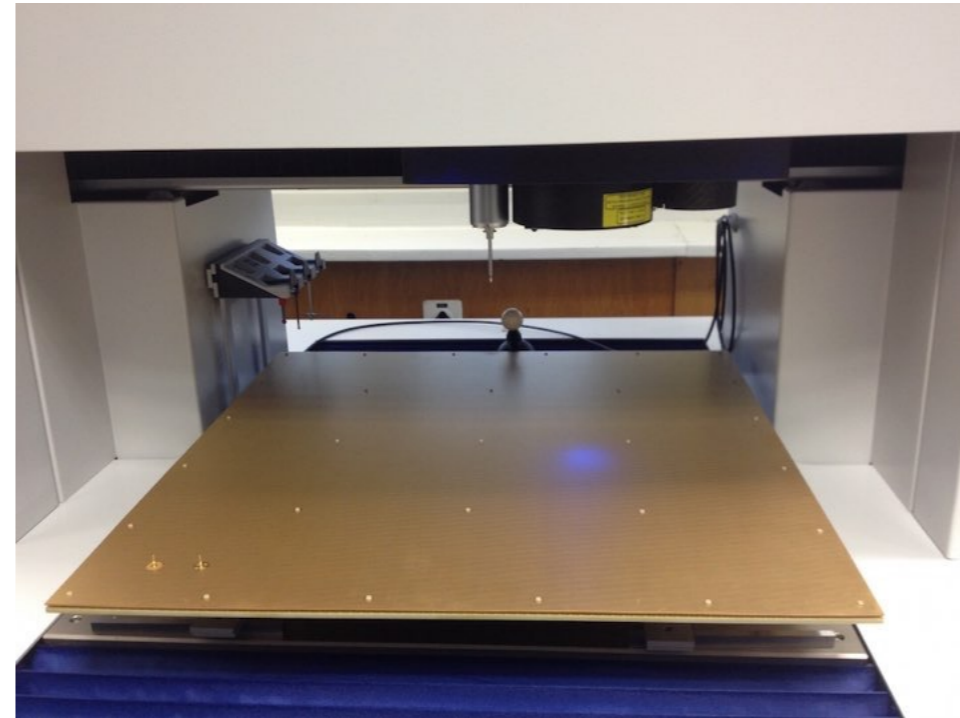
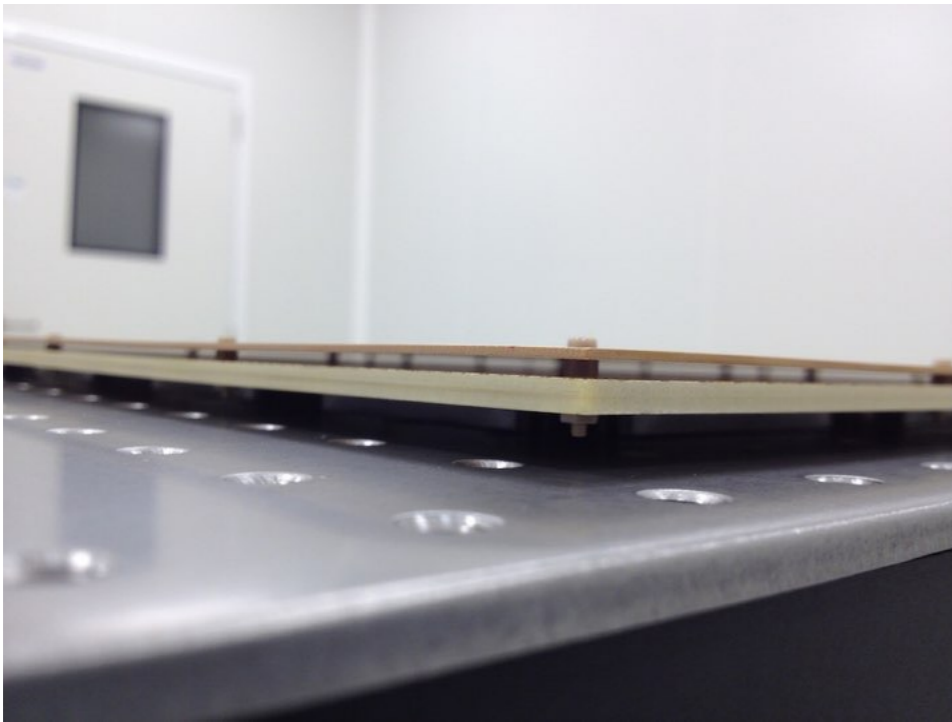
- Large expertise and almost a decade of developments by ETHZ group concerning operation in pure cryogenic argon gas of multiple 10x10 cm<sup>2</sup> and a 40x80 cm<sup>2</sup> LEM.

*NIM A617 (2010) p188-192 NIM A641 (2011) p 48-57 JINST 7 (2012) P08026 JINST 8 (2013) P04012 JINST 9 (2014) P03017 JINST 10 (2015) P03017*

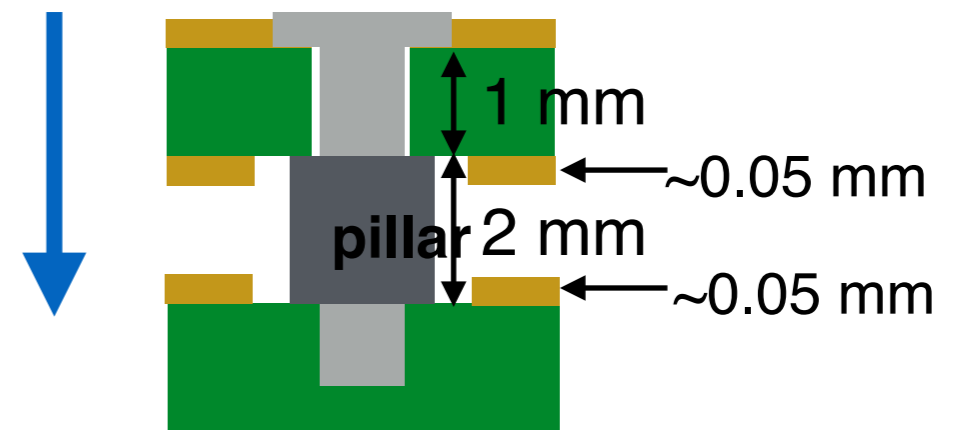


item	material	amount
M2 screw	peek	4176
LAS spacers	PE	4176
centering pins	G10	288

surveyed a 50x50 cm<sup>2</sup> LEM + anode with a camera through LEM holes

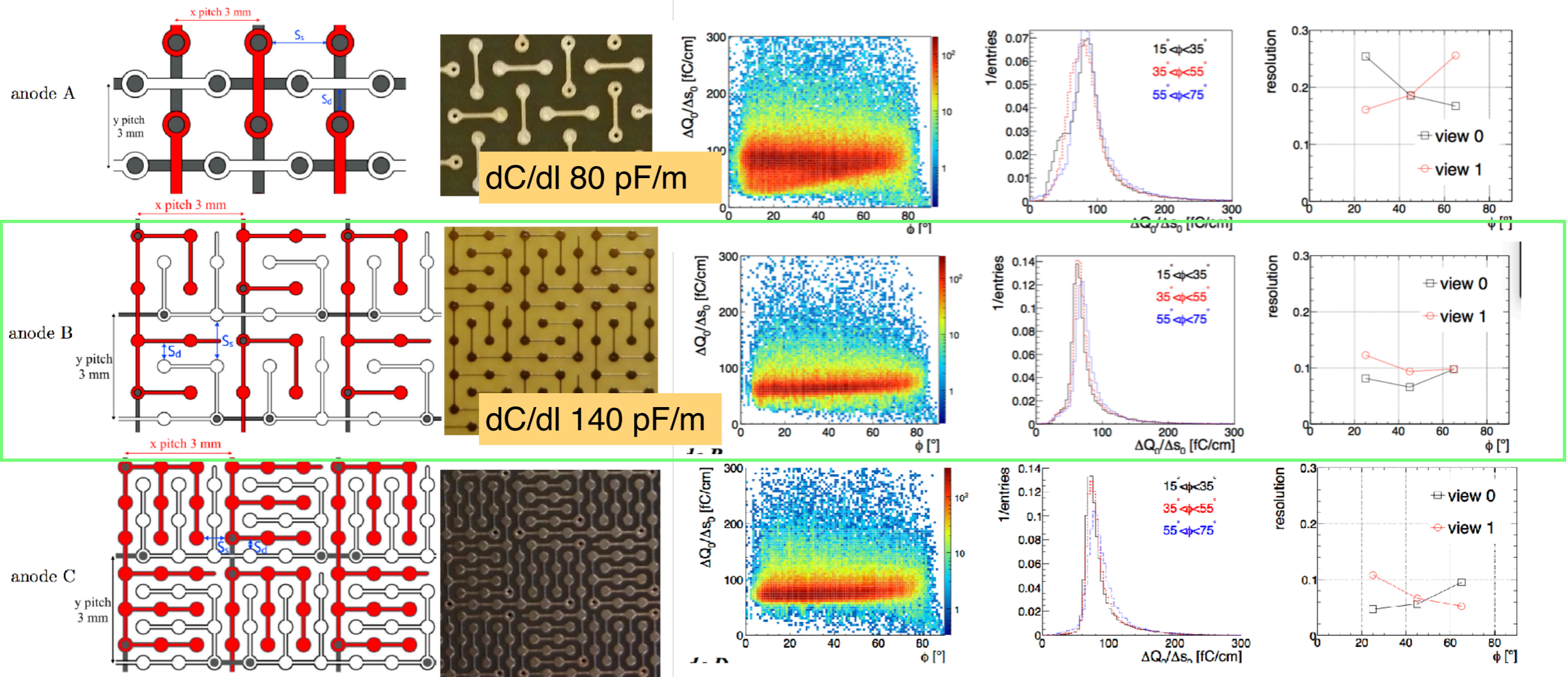


nominal  $\sim 2$  (LEM-anode) + 1 (LEM thickness) +  $\sim .05$  mm  $\approx$  **3.05 mm**  
camera through LEM hole

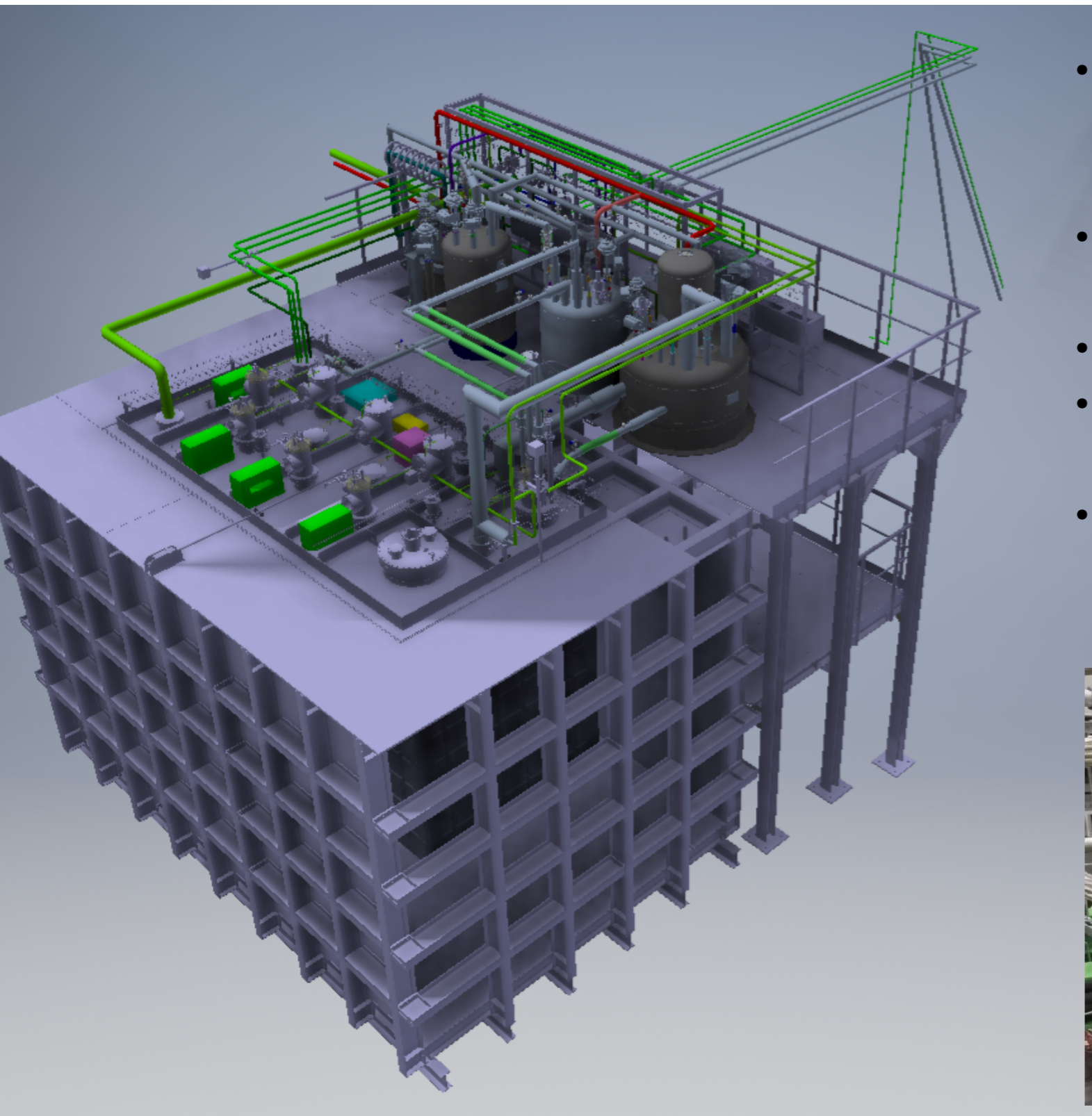


Obtain best charge sharing and minimal capacitance per unit length. Tests on 10x10 cm<sup>2</sup> readouts.

dC/dl 140 pF/m. about 450-500 pF before preamp on 3m readout. ENC of ~ 1500 electrons at 110 K



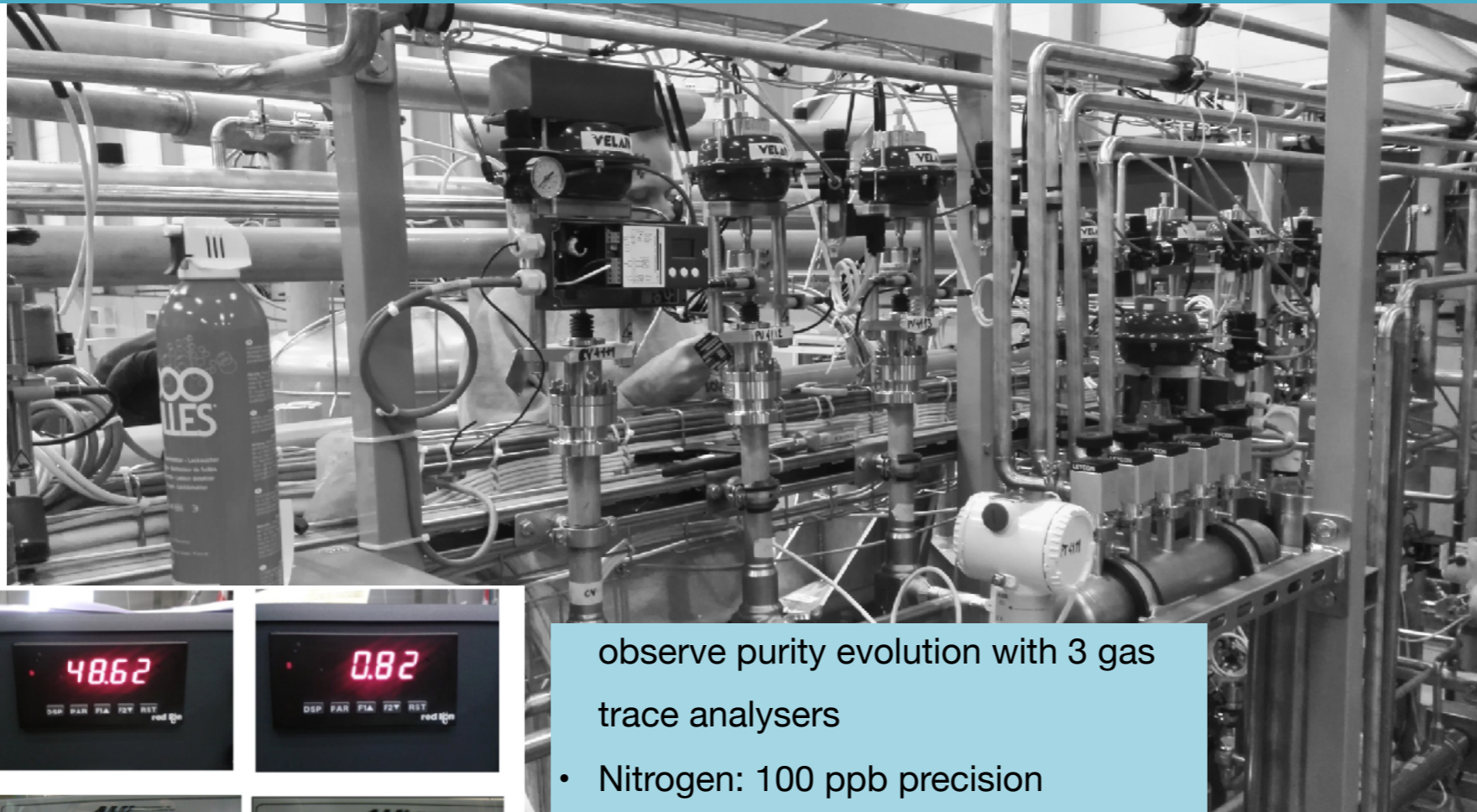




- Cold piping (LAr+ LN2 lines, valve boxes, liquid purification,..) Sept 19th- Oct 13th
- Warm piping (gas argon purification system, chimney purges, ..) Oct-Nov
- Control system Sept-Nov
- Start of gas argon piston purge Jan 24th
- Start of cool down Feb 27th



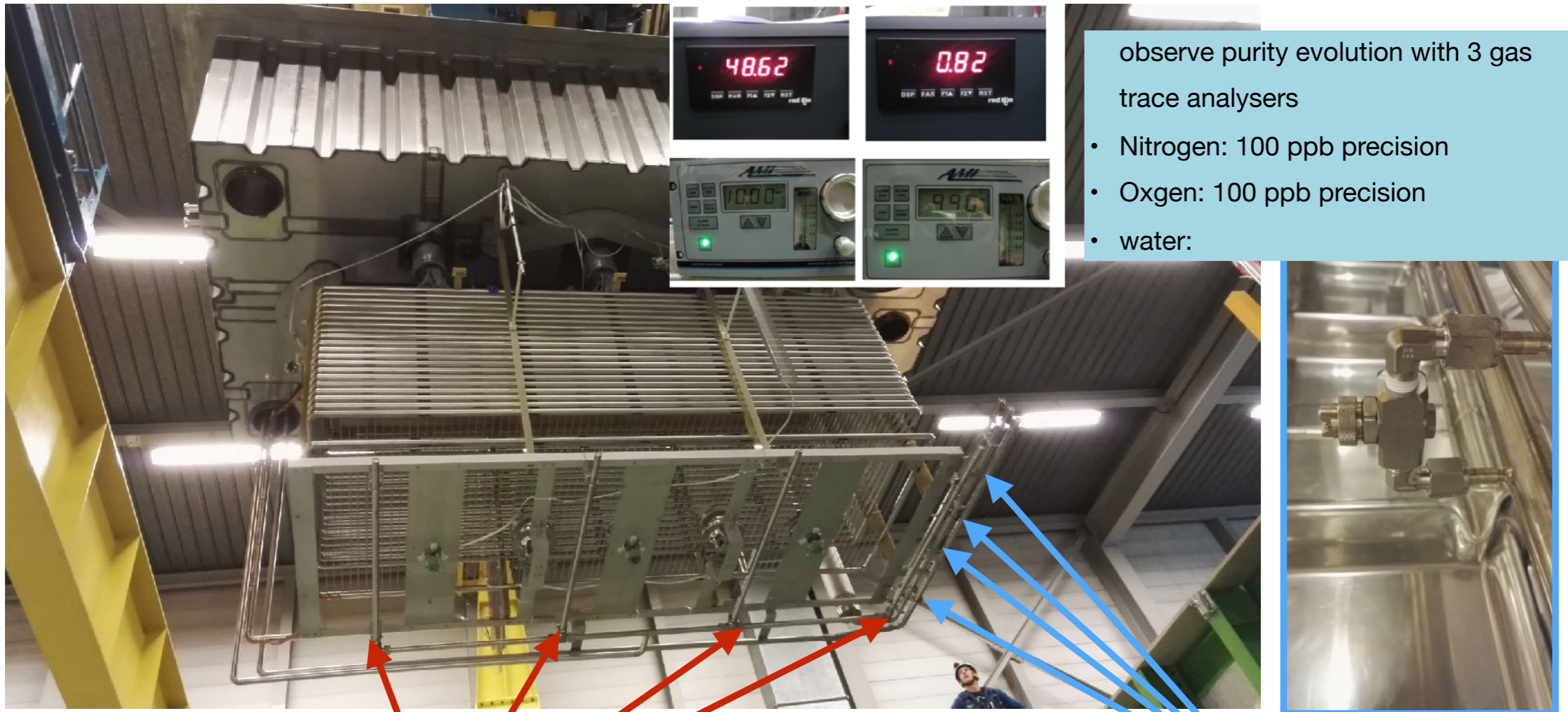
Remove contaminants by flushing gas argon and recirculating and filtering in closed loop.



observe purity evolution with 3 gas trace analysers

- Nitrogen: 100 ppb precision
- Oxygen: 100 ppb precision
- water:

all pre-tested and operated beforehand

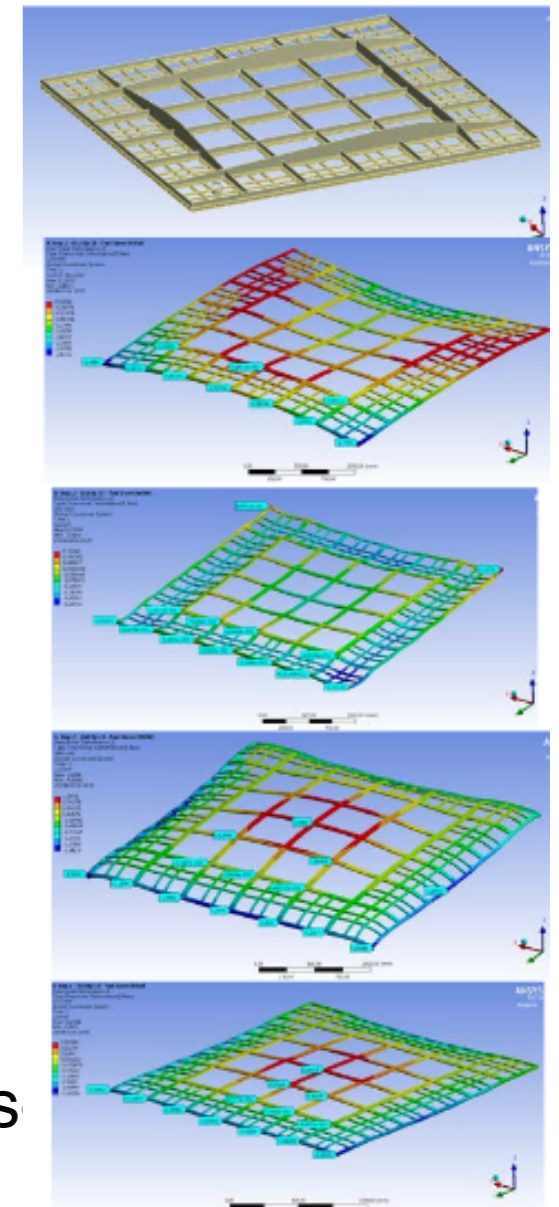
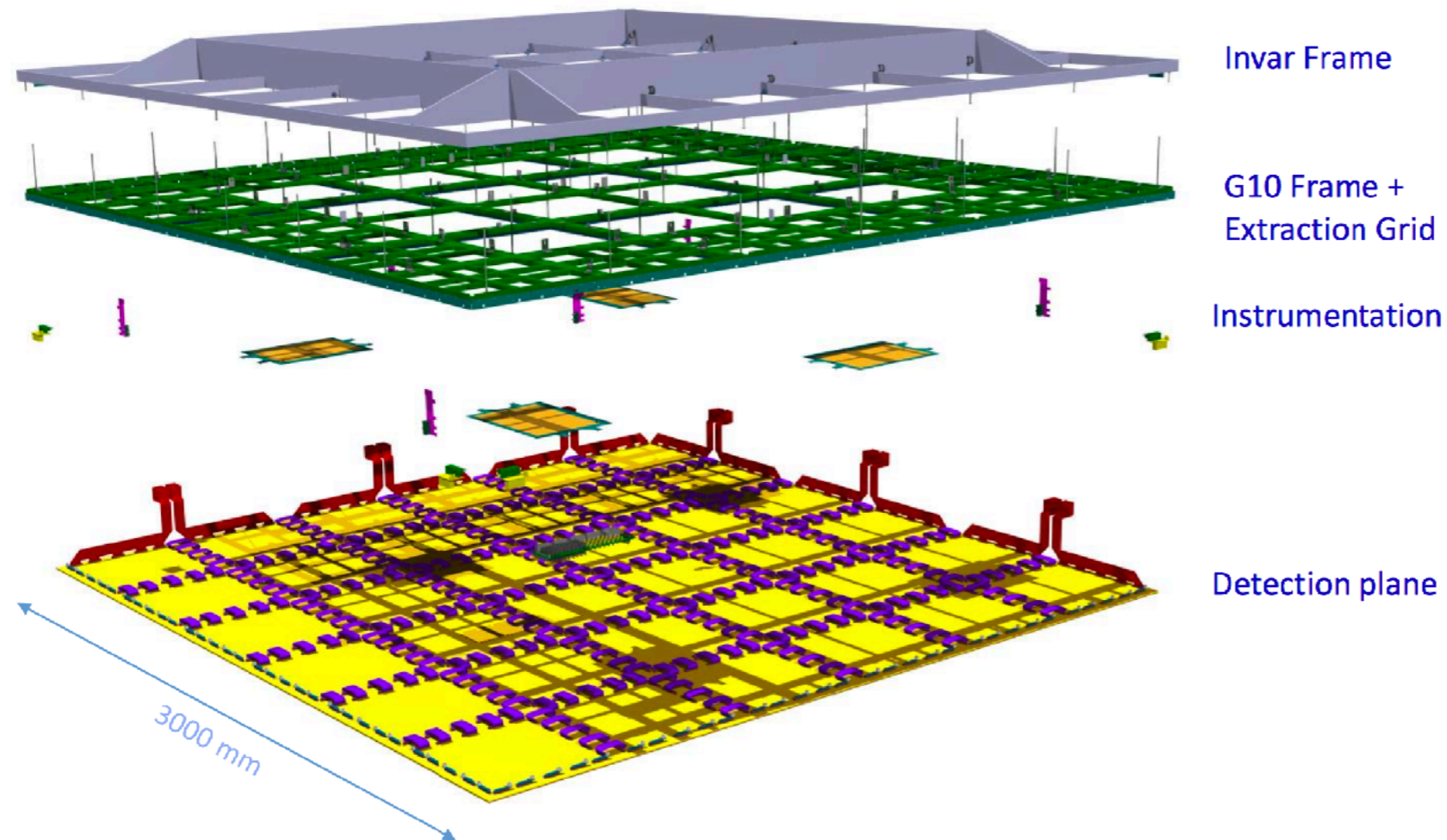


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- Nitrogen: 100 ppb precision
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- water:

**Piston purge**  
4 warm gas lines each with 3 openings of 12 mm  $\varnothing$ .  
total flow rate during piston purge  $\sim 4$  l/s

Cool down: 4 sprays  
mixture of LAr and GAr  
for slow and uniform  
cool down. Nominal  
flows:  
300 K GAr 500 l/m  
87 K LAr 21 l/h



- Four 3x3 m<sup>2</sup> CRPs integrating the LEM-anode sandwiches (50x50 cm<sup>2</sup>) and their suspension feedthroughs (CRP specific to dual-phase technology: critical item)
- Invar frame + decoupling mechanisms in assembly in order to ensure planarity conditions  $\pm 0.5$  mm (gravity, temperature gradient) over the 3x3 m<sup>2</sup> surface which incorporates composite materials and ensure minimal dead space in between CRPs

- During cool down, a formation of ice appeared on the side of the tank
- Holes were drilled around the cold spots in the membrane, and sheets of fiberglass appeared missing. It was replaced by polyurethane foam.
- Now the problem has been fixed by GTT experts.
- The protoDUNE-DP cryostat will be constructed in a different manner and this problem should not appear.

