

# ProtoDUNE Detector

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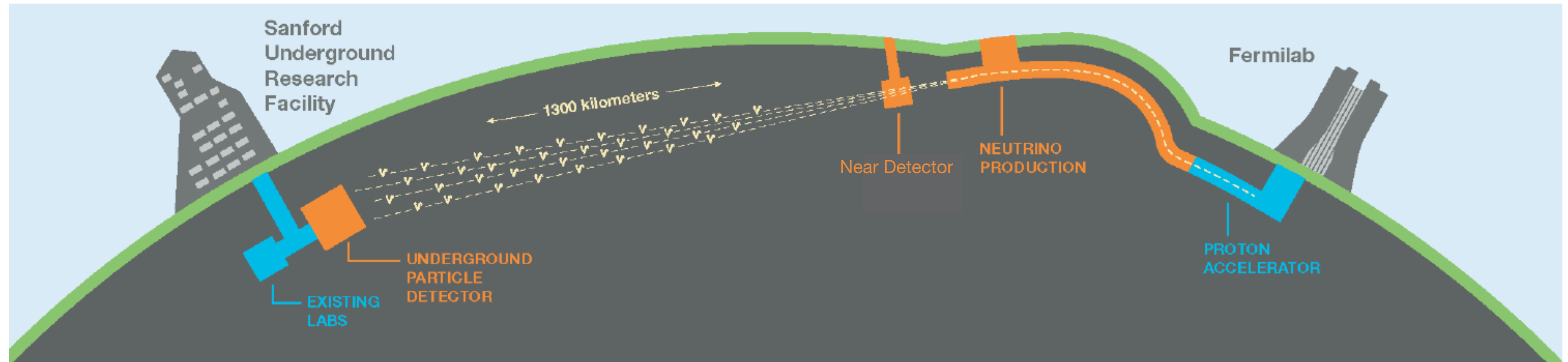
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# DUNE



- DUNE: next generation neutrino experiment using LArTPC technology

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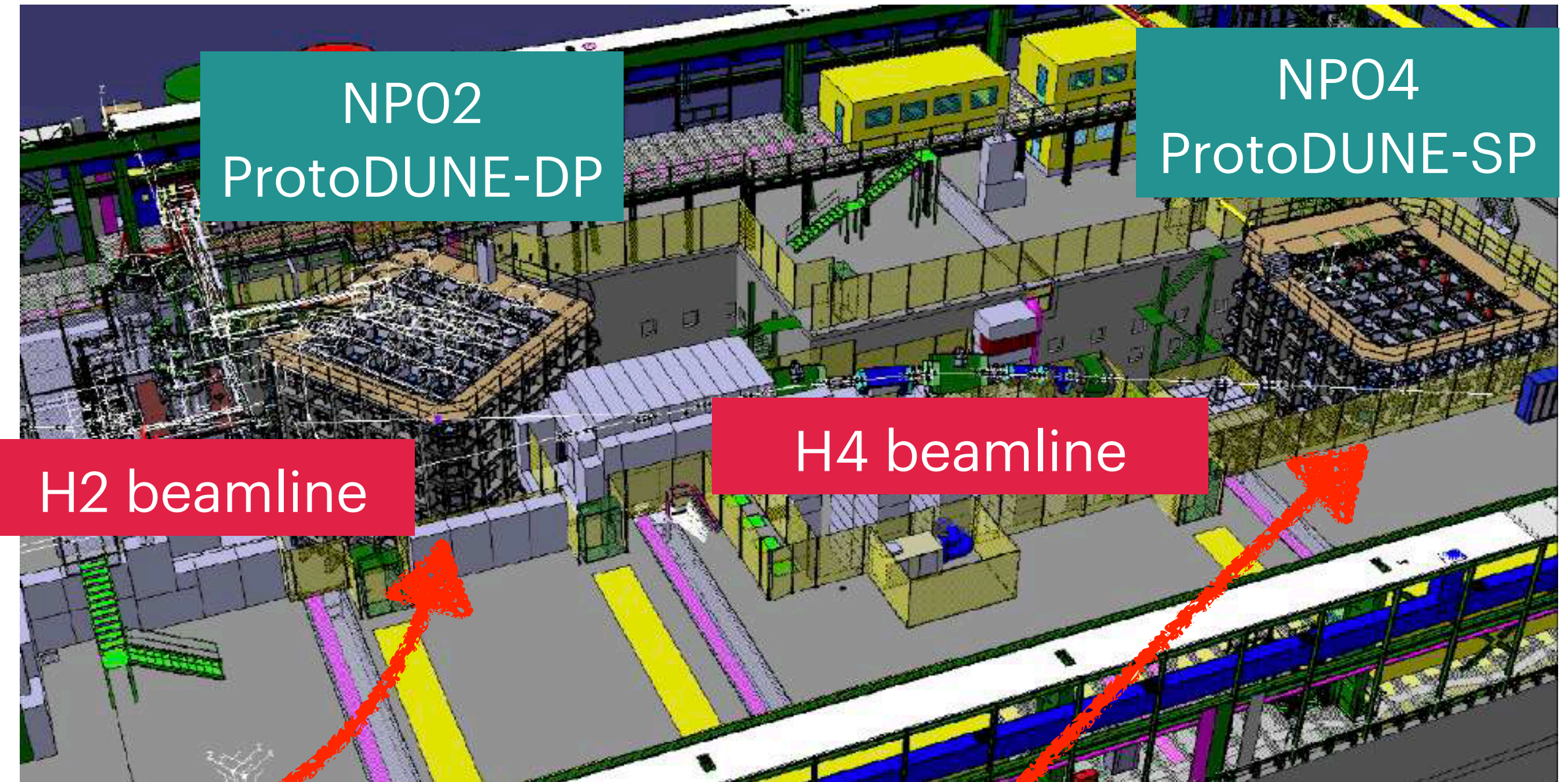
- New neutrino beam at Fermilab (1.2 MW, upgradable to 2.4 MW), 1300 km baseline
- 4 modules for Far Detector at Sanford Underground Research Facility, South Dakota, 1.5 km underground
- Multiple technologies for the Near Detector (ND)

*[Status of the DUNE near detector](#)  
by Richard Diurba @ Sept. 9*

- $\nu_e/\bar{\nu}_e$  appearance and  $\nu_\mu/\bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance  $\rightarrow$  Neutrino CP violating phase and mass ordering
- Large detector, deep underground, high intensity beam  $\rightarrow$  Supernova burst neutrinos, atmospheric neutrinos, nucleon decay and other BSM, etc
- Excavation started in 2017, start Far Detector installation in the middle of 2020s

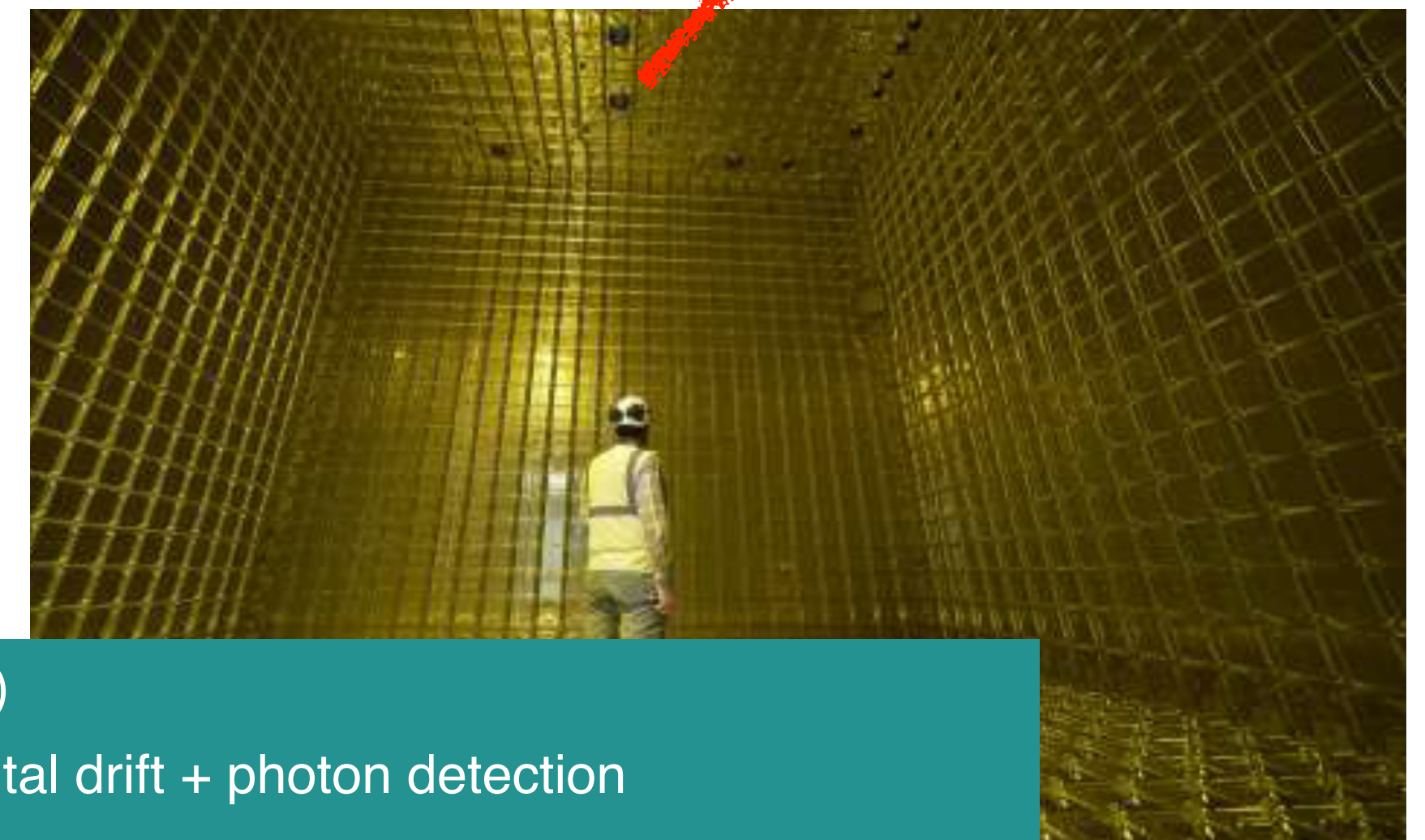
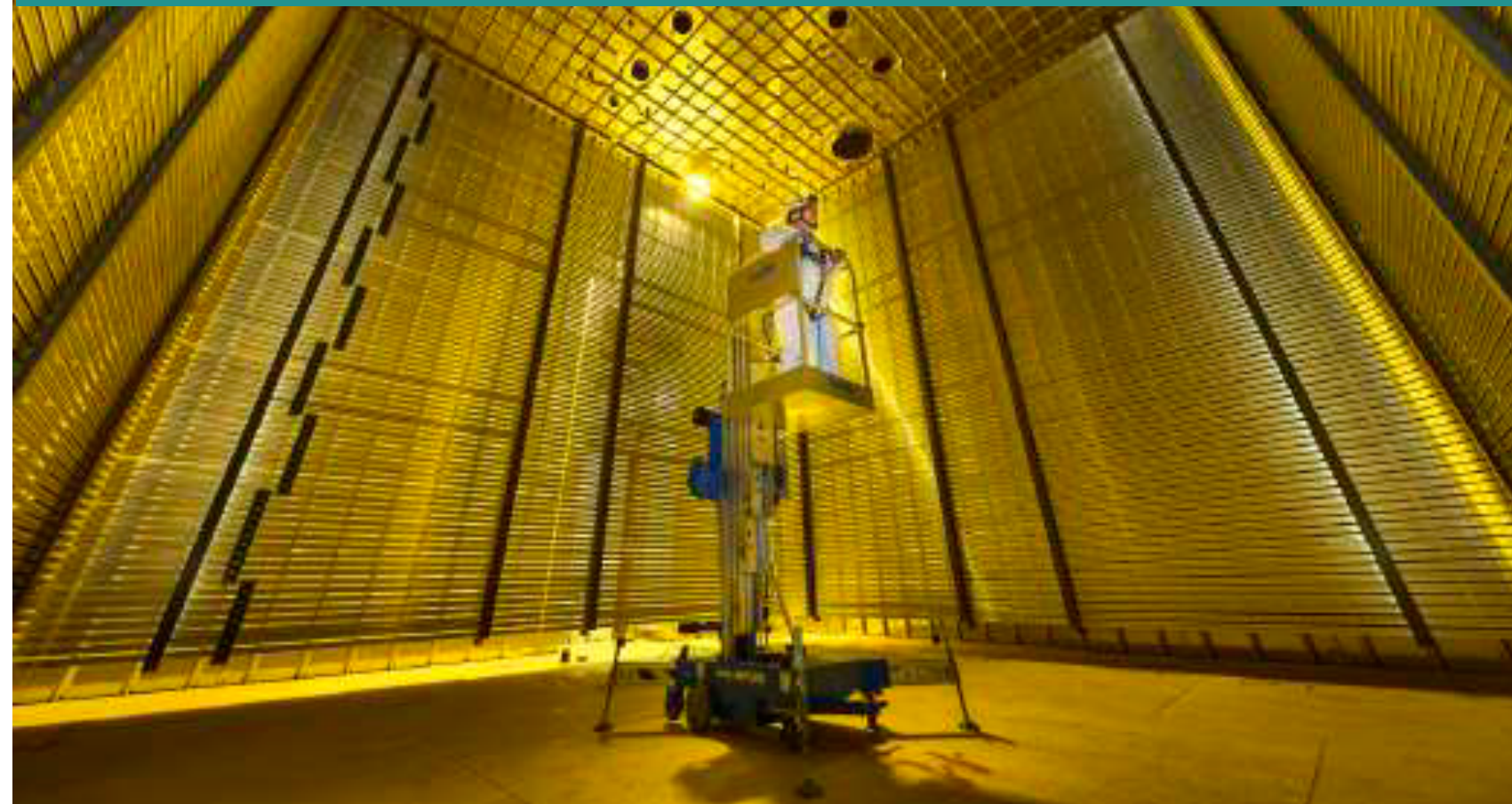
# ProtoDUNEs at CERN

- ProtoDUNE-SP and DP are DUNE's large scale prototypes (~1 kton-scale) of its far detector modules at CERN Neutrino Platform
  - Use components identical in size to those of the full-scale module
  - Critical to demonstrate viability of LArTPC technology



## ProtoDUNE Dual Phase (DP)

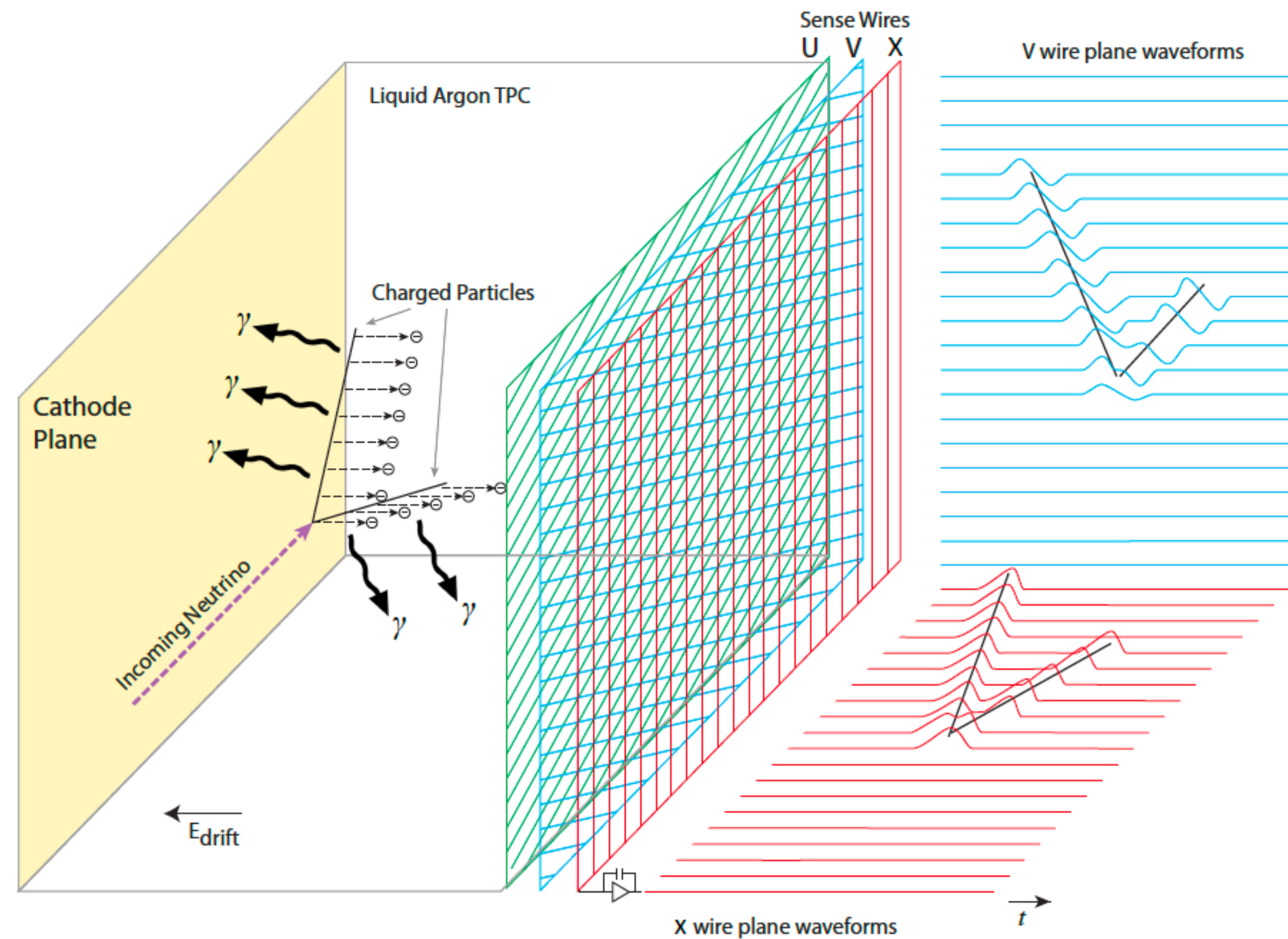
- LArTPC 6 m vertical drift + charge amplification in gas Ar + photon detection
- Cosmic-muon data in 2019 - 2020



## ProtoDUNE Single Phase (SP)

- LArTPC 3.6 m horizontal drift + photon detection
- Beam data taken in 2018 & cosmic data in 2018 - 2020
- ProtoDUNE-SP Phase II in 2022

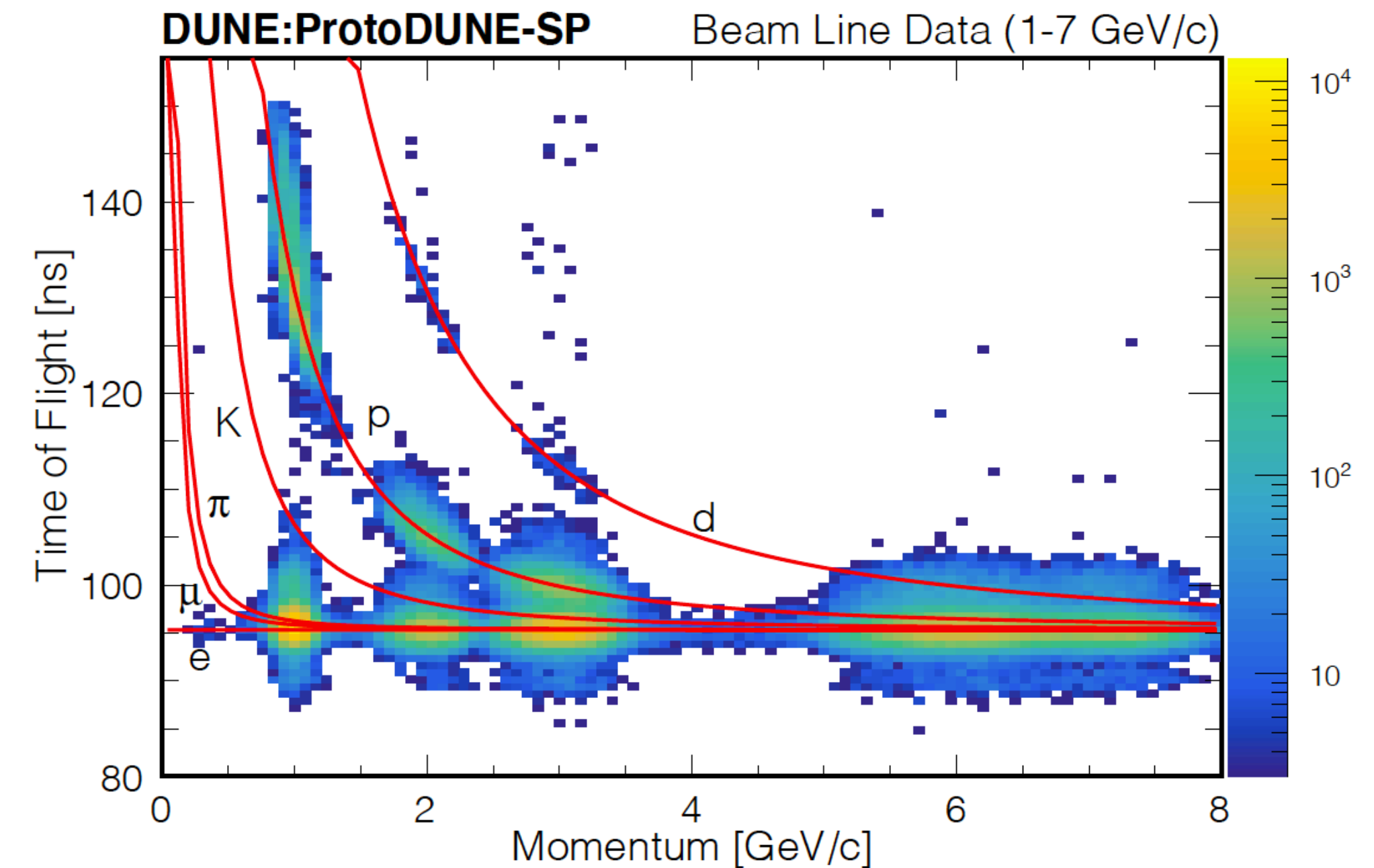
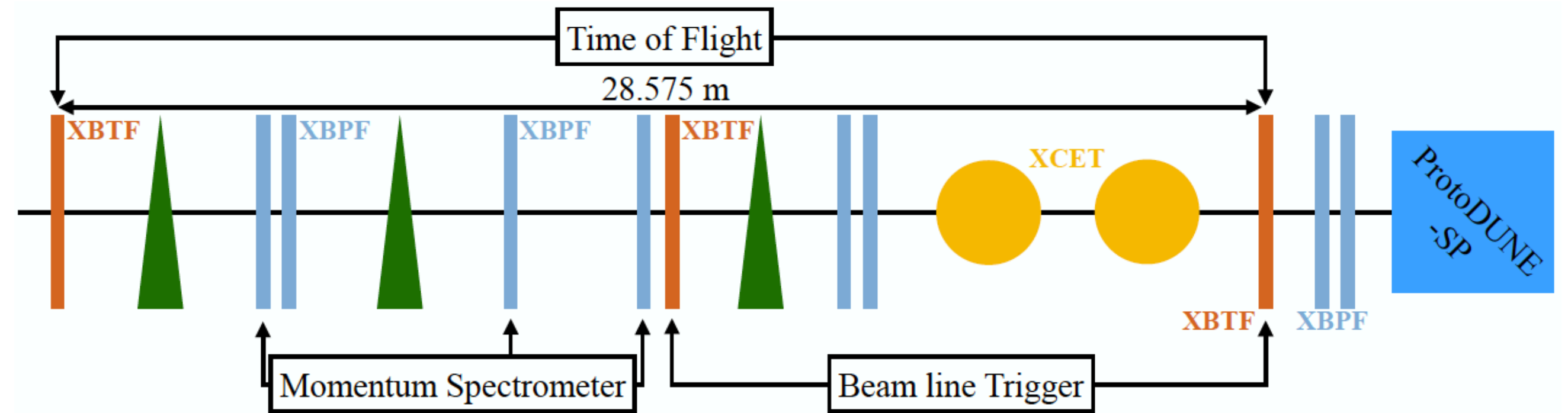
# ProtoDUNE-SP: Operating Principle



- Charged particles ionize argon atoms
- Ionized electrons drift horizontally opposite to the E field in the LAr and are collected on the anode wire planes ( $\sim$  ms)  $\rightarrow$  2D spatial location
- Electron drift time projection  $\rightarrow$  enable 3D spatial location
- Argon scintillation light ( $\sim$  ns) detected by photon detectors, providing event start time  $t_0$
- Key factors: **LAr purity** and **noise on the readout electronics**

# ProtoDUNE-SP at CERN Neutrino Platform

- Tertiary beam
- Spectrometer to measure the particle momenta
- Particle ID from time of flight and two Cerenkov detectors
- Over 4 million triggers over the momentum range 0.3 to 7.0 GeV (positrons, pions, muon, kaons and protons)



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First results on ProtoDUNE-SP liquid argon time projection chamber performance from a beam test at the CERN Neutrino Platform

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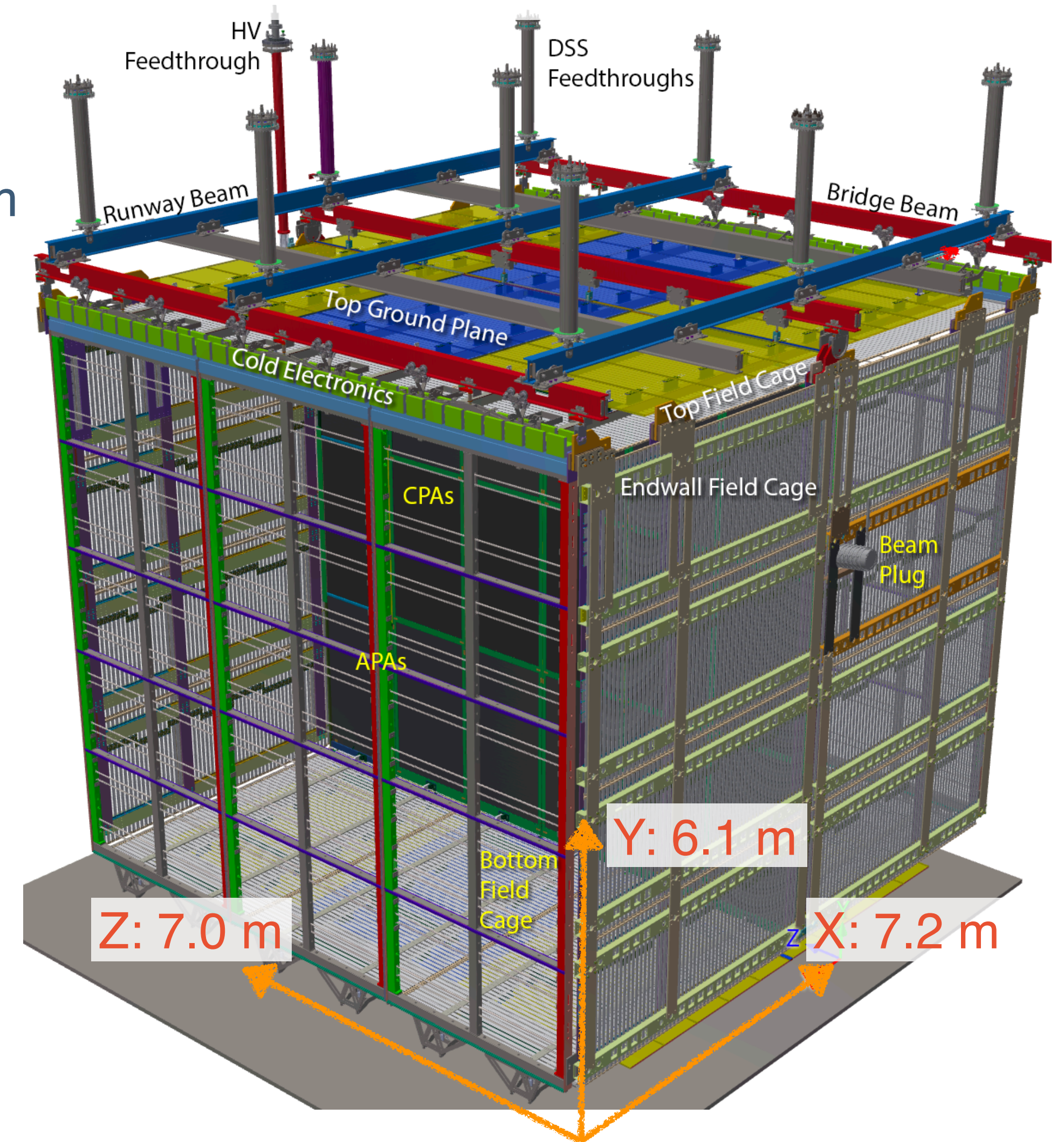
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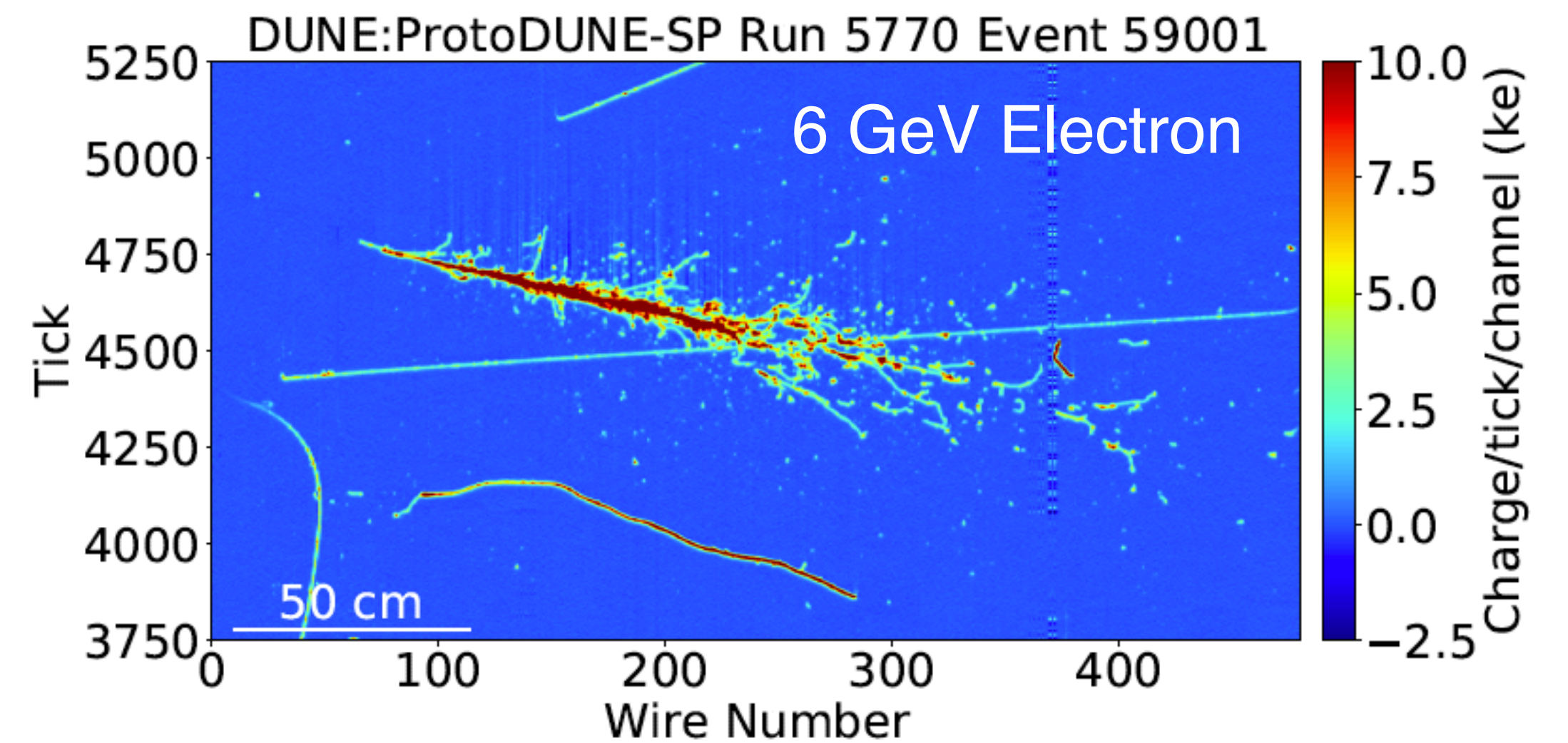
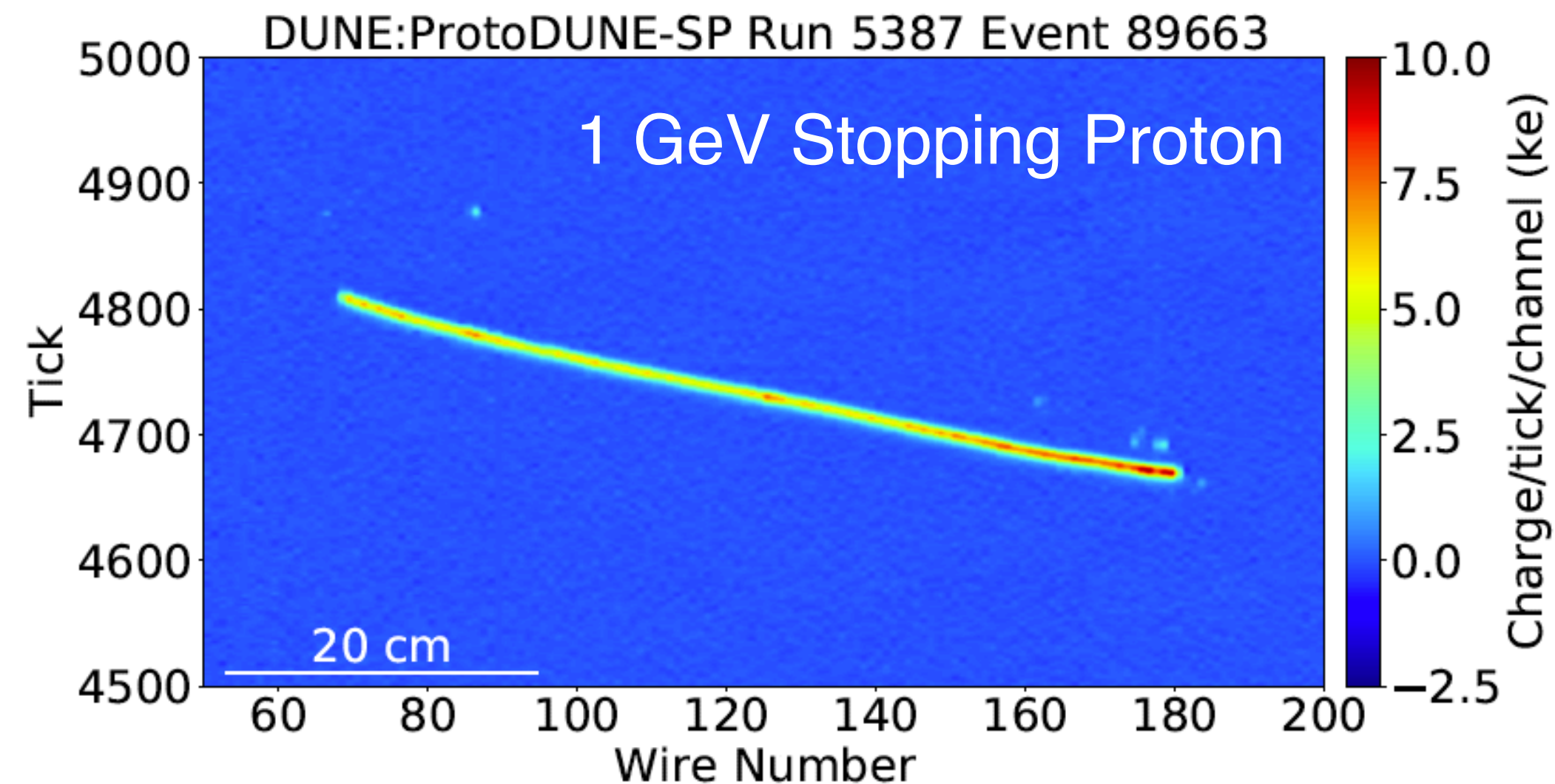
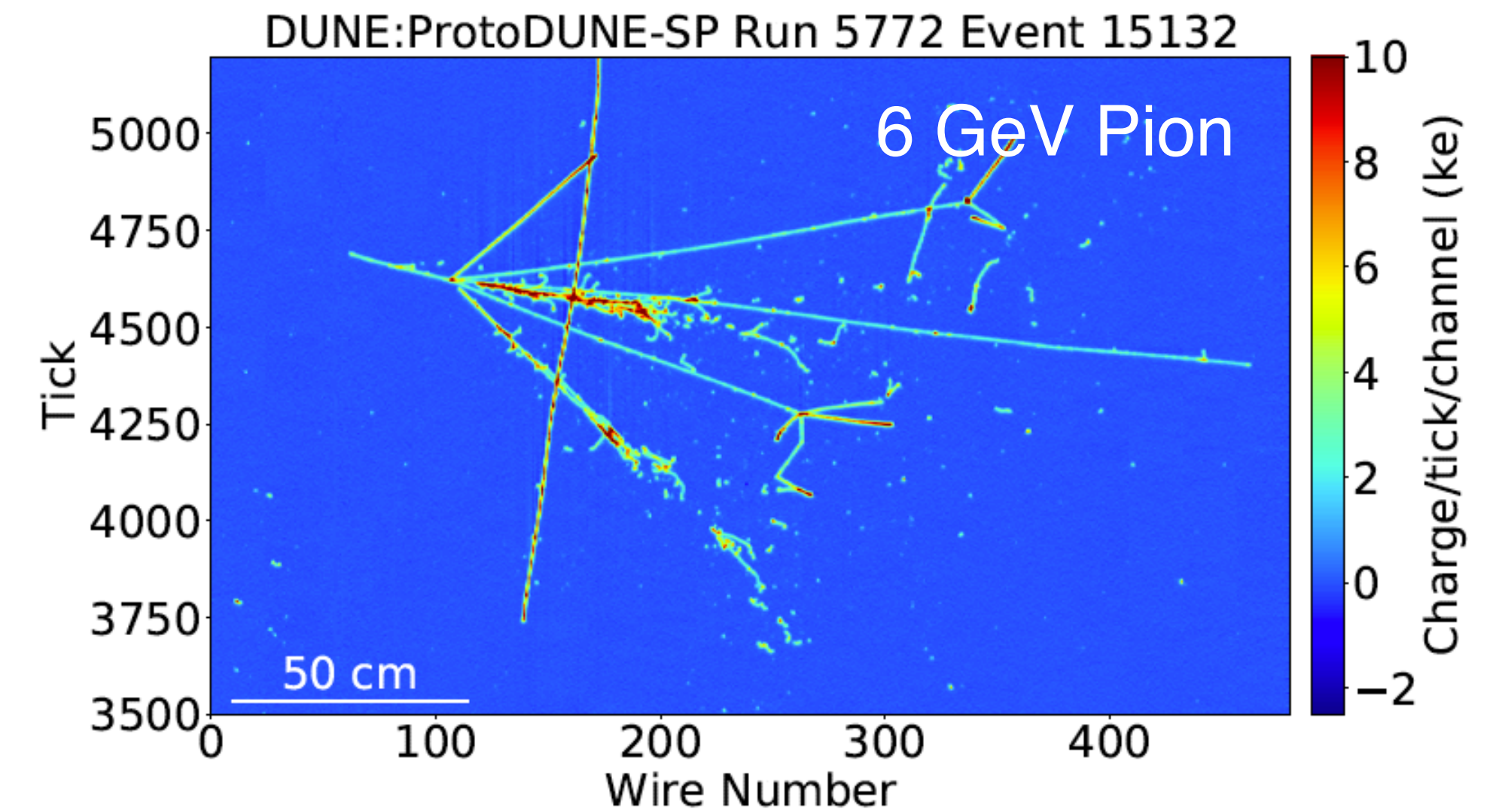
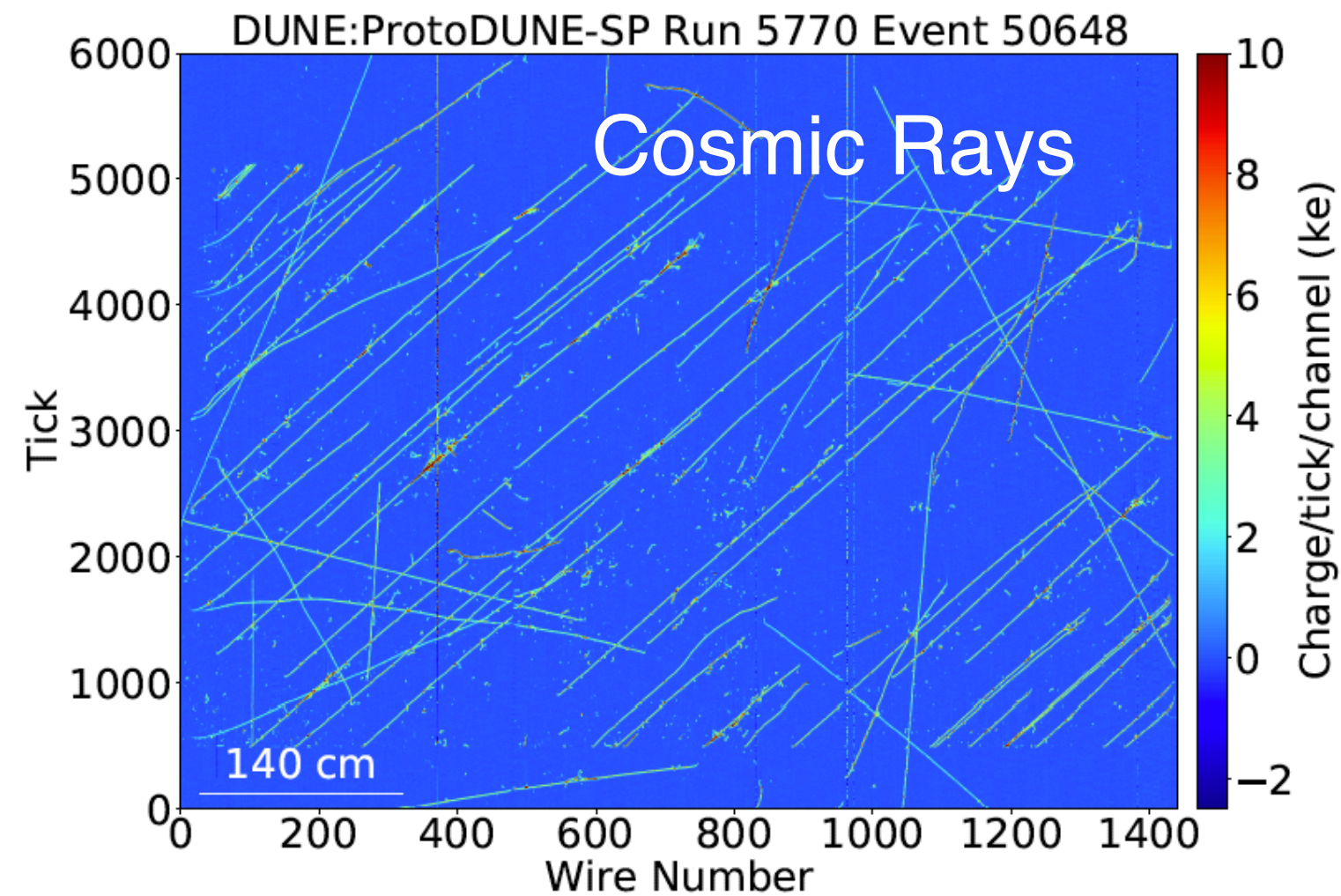
# ProtoDUNE-SP Detector

- TPC
  - Two drift volumes, 3.6 m drift distance (2.25 ms) @ 500 V/cm
  - Cathode Plane Assembly (CPA) on middle plane
  - Anode Plane Assemblies (APAs) on both sides
  - Cold electronics attached to the top of APAs
- Photon detectors (PDS)
  - SiPM readouts
  - Wavelength shifter converts VUV to visible light
  - 3 designs integrated into APA frame bars
- Cryogenic instrumentations: measure argon purity, temperature, liquid level and tag cosmic rays



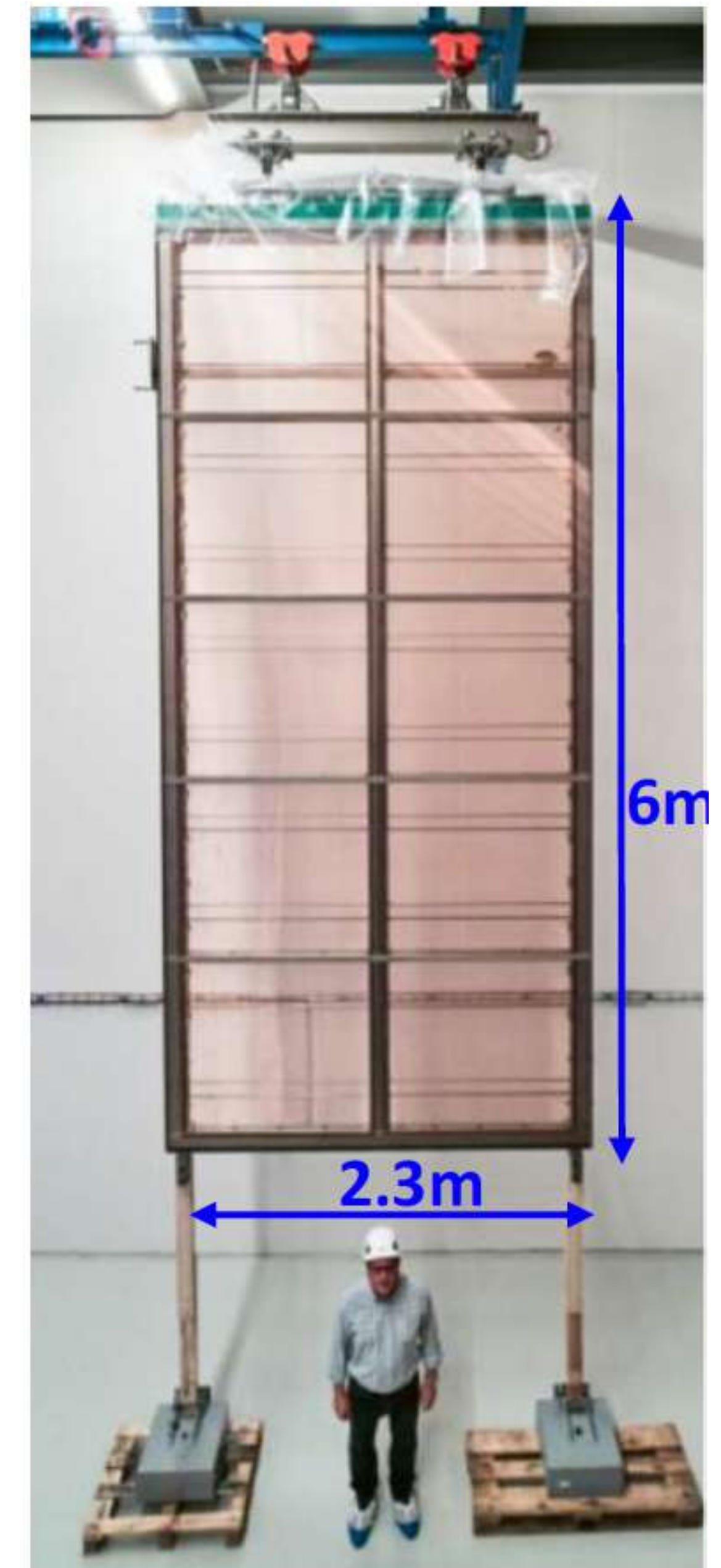
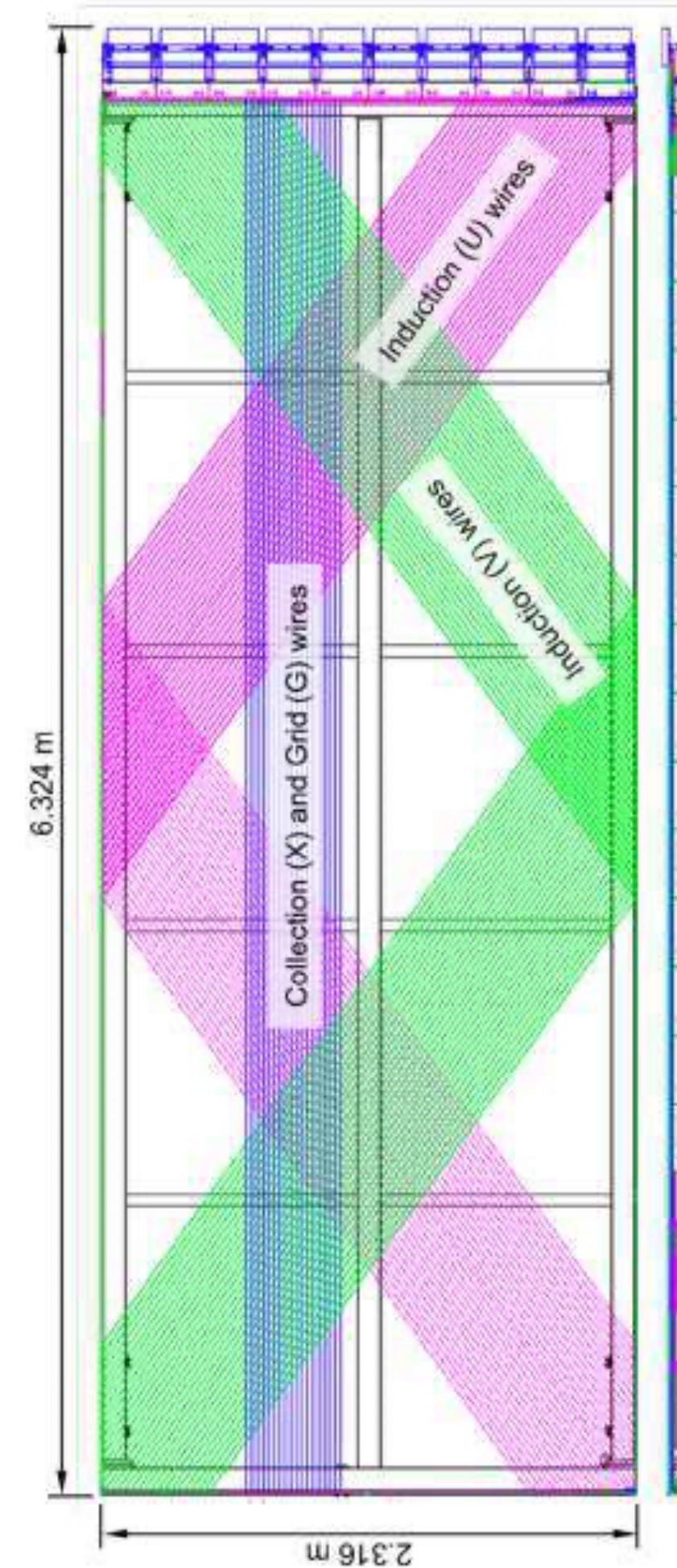
Schematic of ProtoDUNE-SP

# Event Displays in ProtoDUNE-SP Data



# The APA

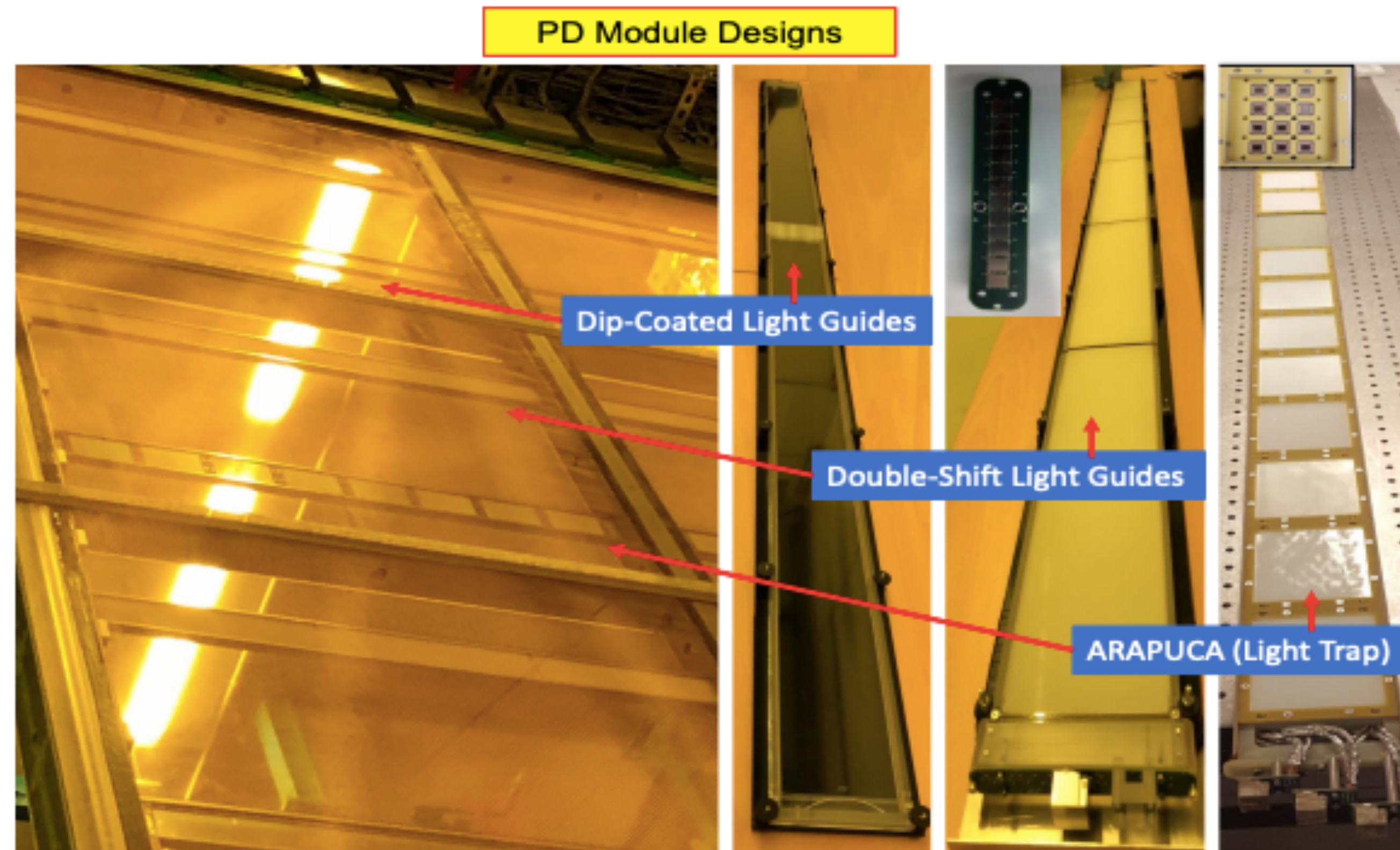
- APA: 3 wire planes (U/V, X) + 1 grid plane (G)
  - Grid plane prevents induction currents from drifting charge in drift volume
  - Induction wires (U, V): inclined at  $\pm 35.7^\circ$ , transparent to charges
  - Collection wires (X): collect charge forming unipolar signal
  - Grounding Mesh helps to shape an uniform electric field near the collection plane





# The Photon Detection System (PDS)

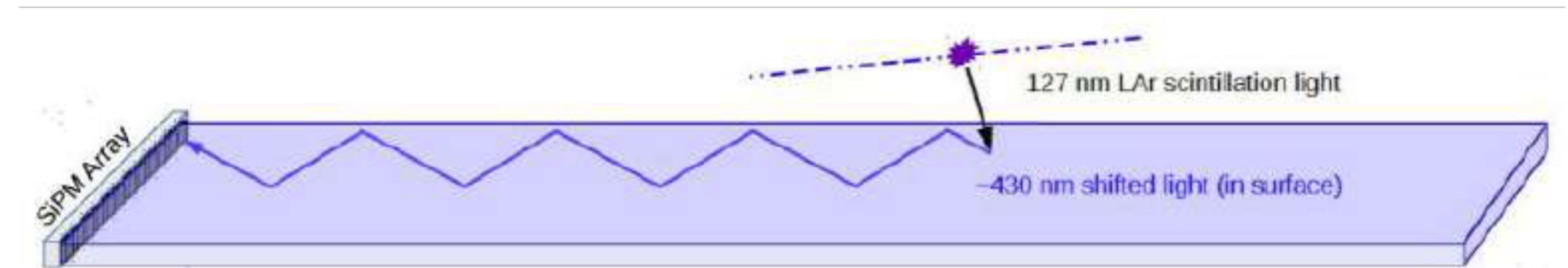
- LAr is highly transparent to its scintillated light: 24,000 photons/MeV @ 500 V/cm, wavelength=128 nm
- 3 technologies based on light-guide modules with wavelength shifter (WLS) read by arrays of 3 or 12 SiPM
- Detailed study of the performances for the 3 designs and the various SiPM configurations to define the layout for DUNE



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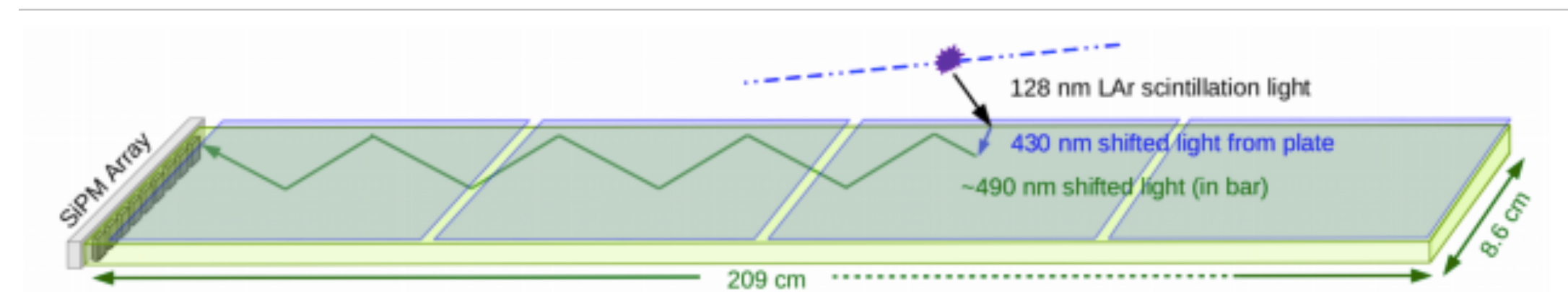
- **Dip-coated light guide:**

- 128 nm  $\rightarrow$  430 nm
- Acrylic light guide bar dip-coated with wavelength shifter
- Transport shifted light via total internal reflection to the readout on one side



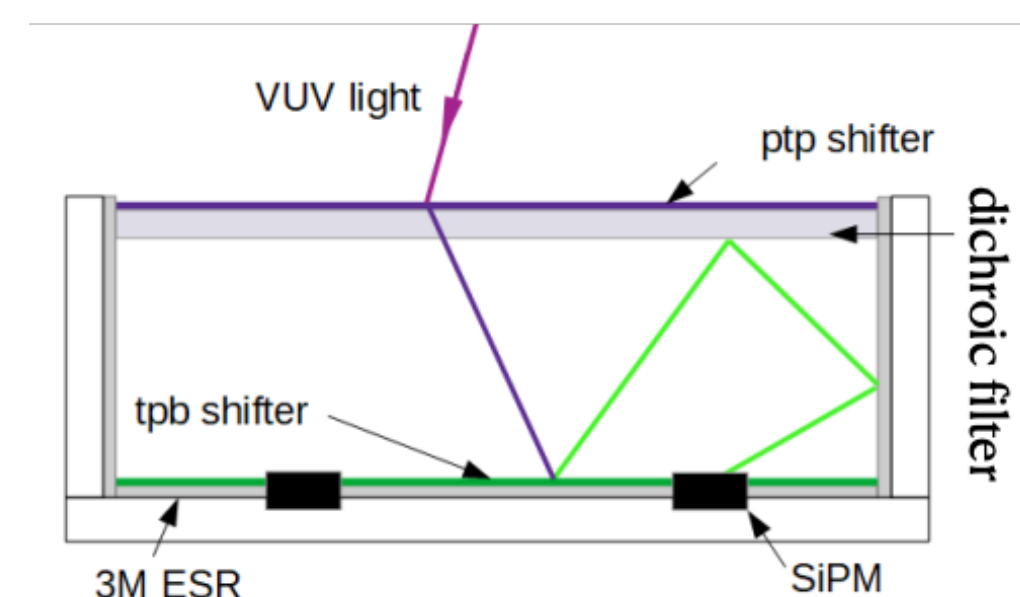
- **Double-shift light guide**

- 128 nm  $\rightarrow$  430 nm  $\rightarrow$  490 nm
- Wavelength-shifting plates + wavelength-shifting light guide
- Transport shifted light via total internal reflection to the readout on one side



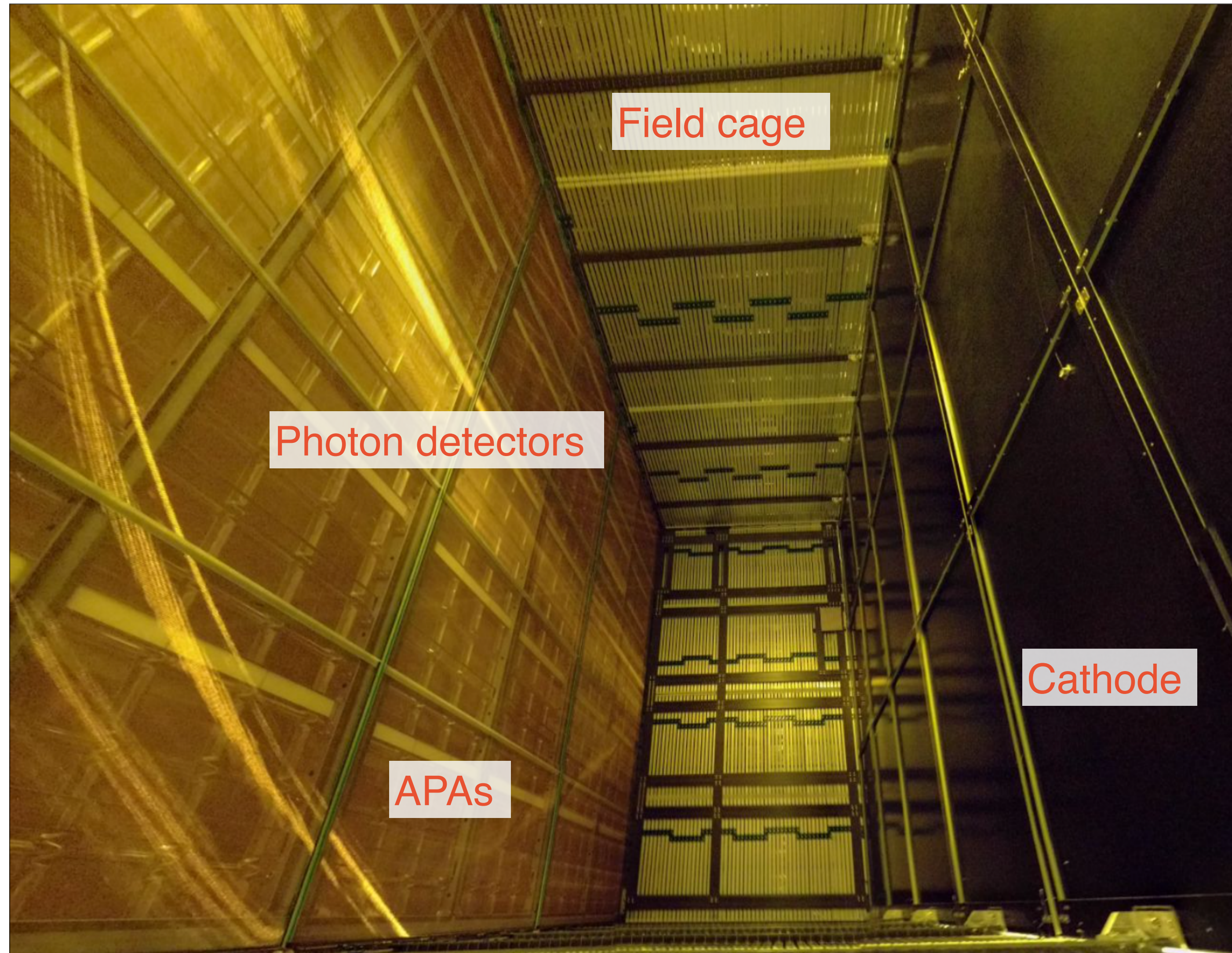
- **Arapuca**

- 128 nm  $\rightarrow$  360 nm  $\rightarrow$  420 nm
- First shift from a dichroic optical filter, second shift on the bottom
- Photons non directly absorbed are trapped and reflected till they hit one SiPMs, 5~10x light yield increase

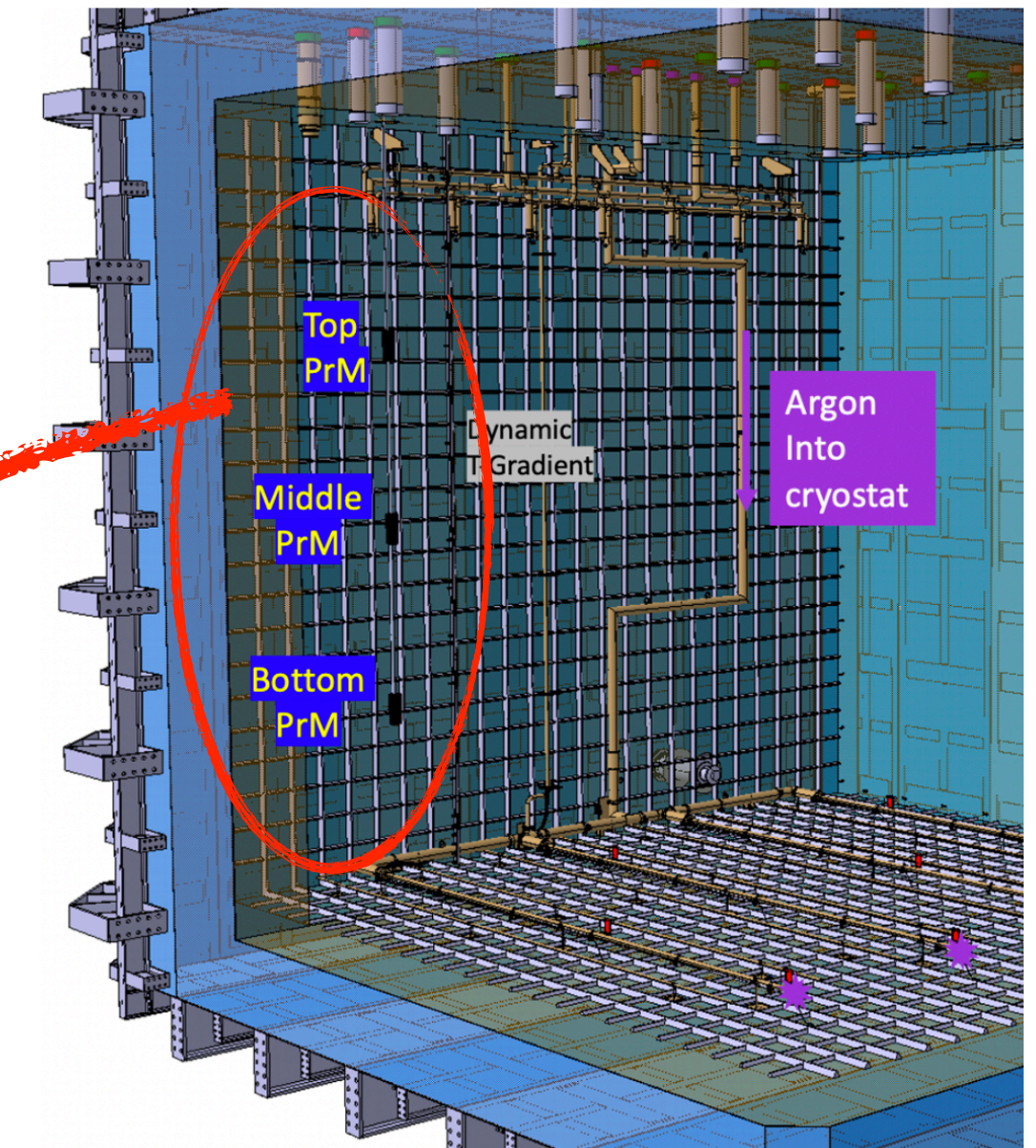
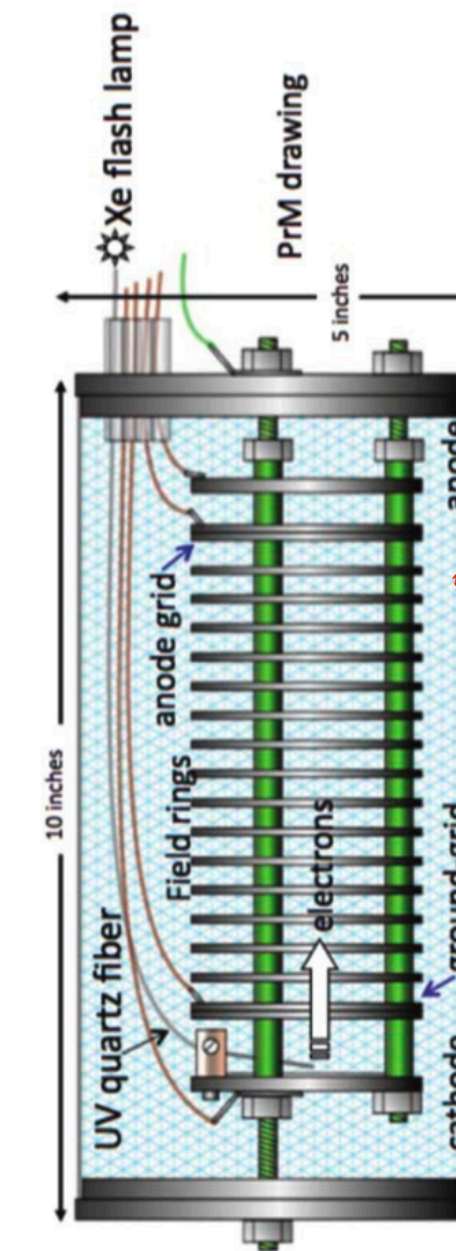
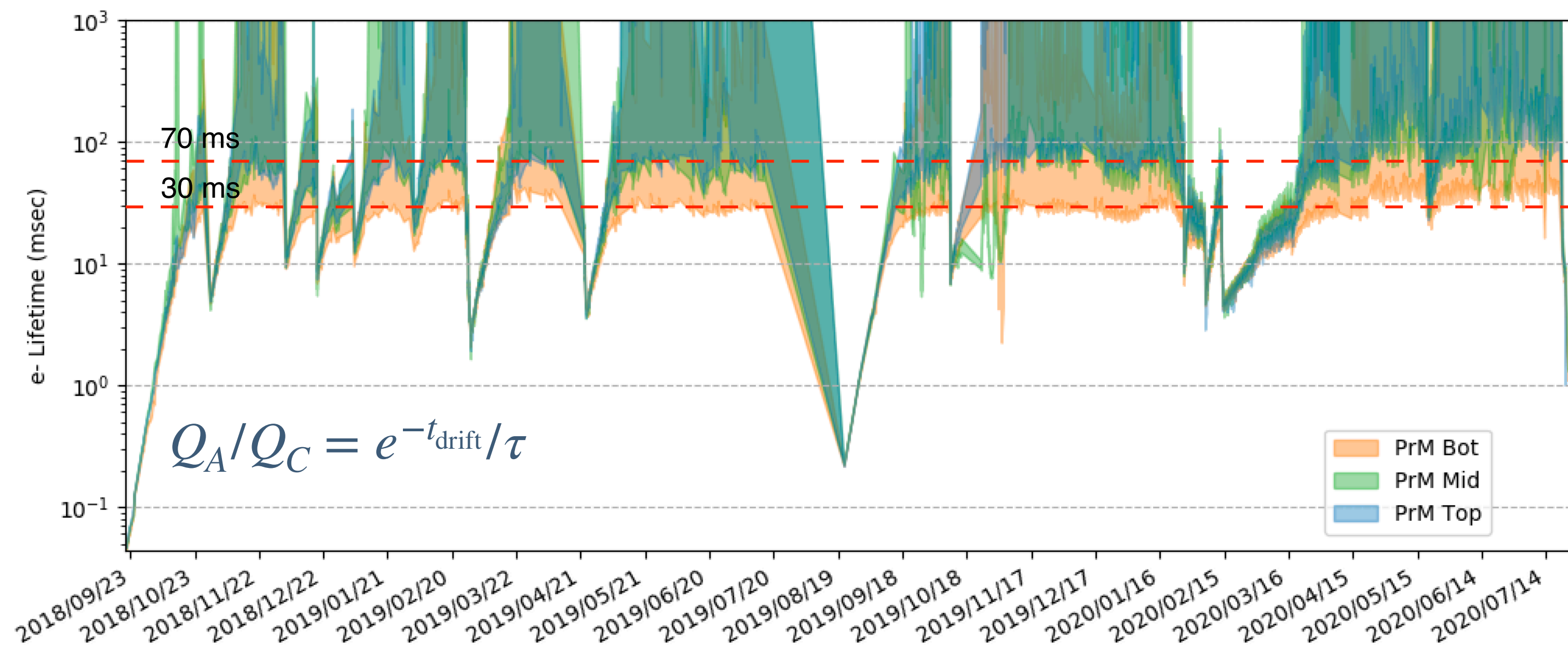


# ProtonDUNE-SP: View from Inside

One of the two  
TPC volumes



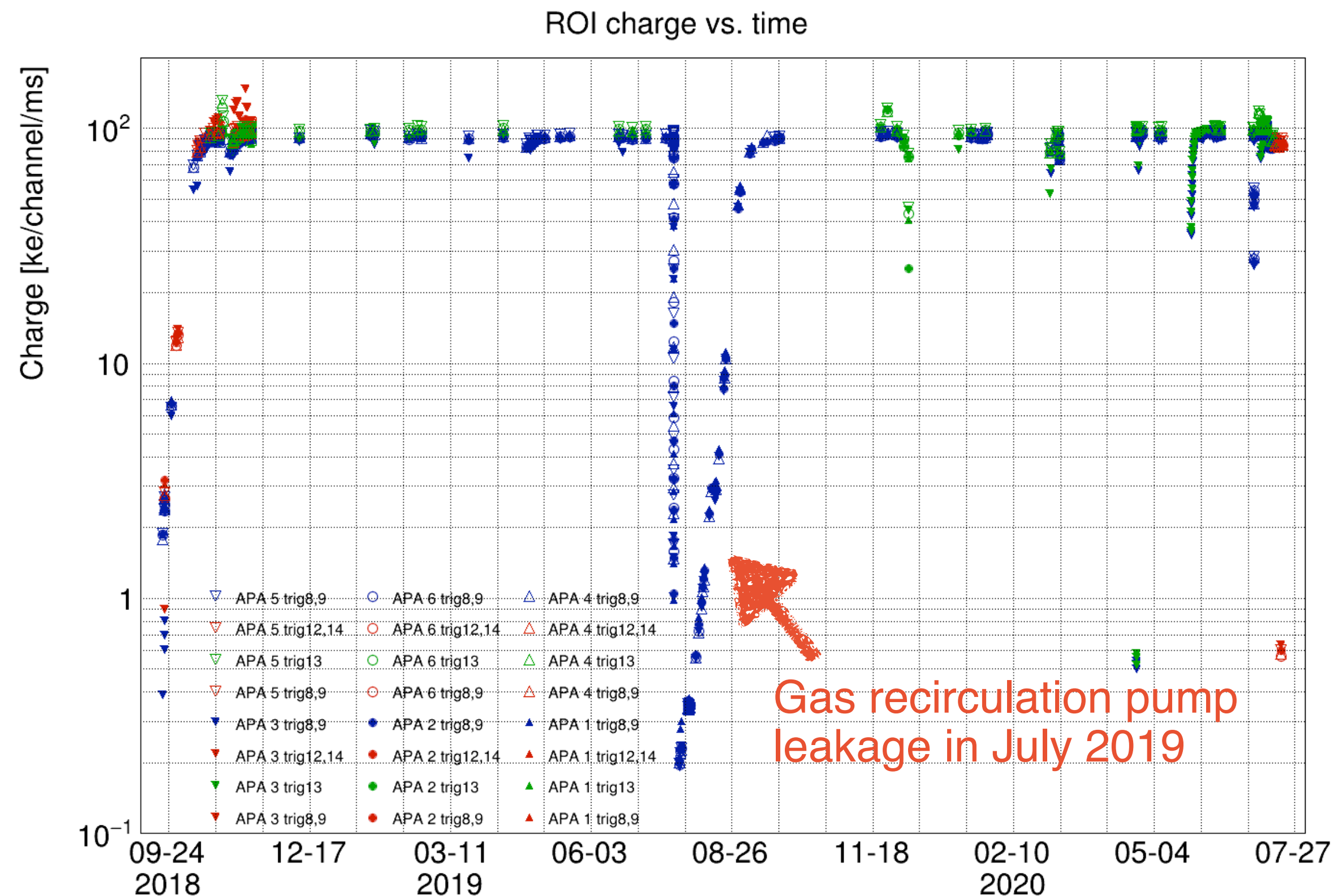
# ProtoDUNE-SP TPC Performance: LAr Purity



3 purity monitors at different heights to measure LAr purity

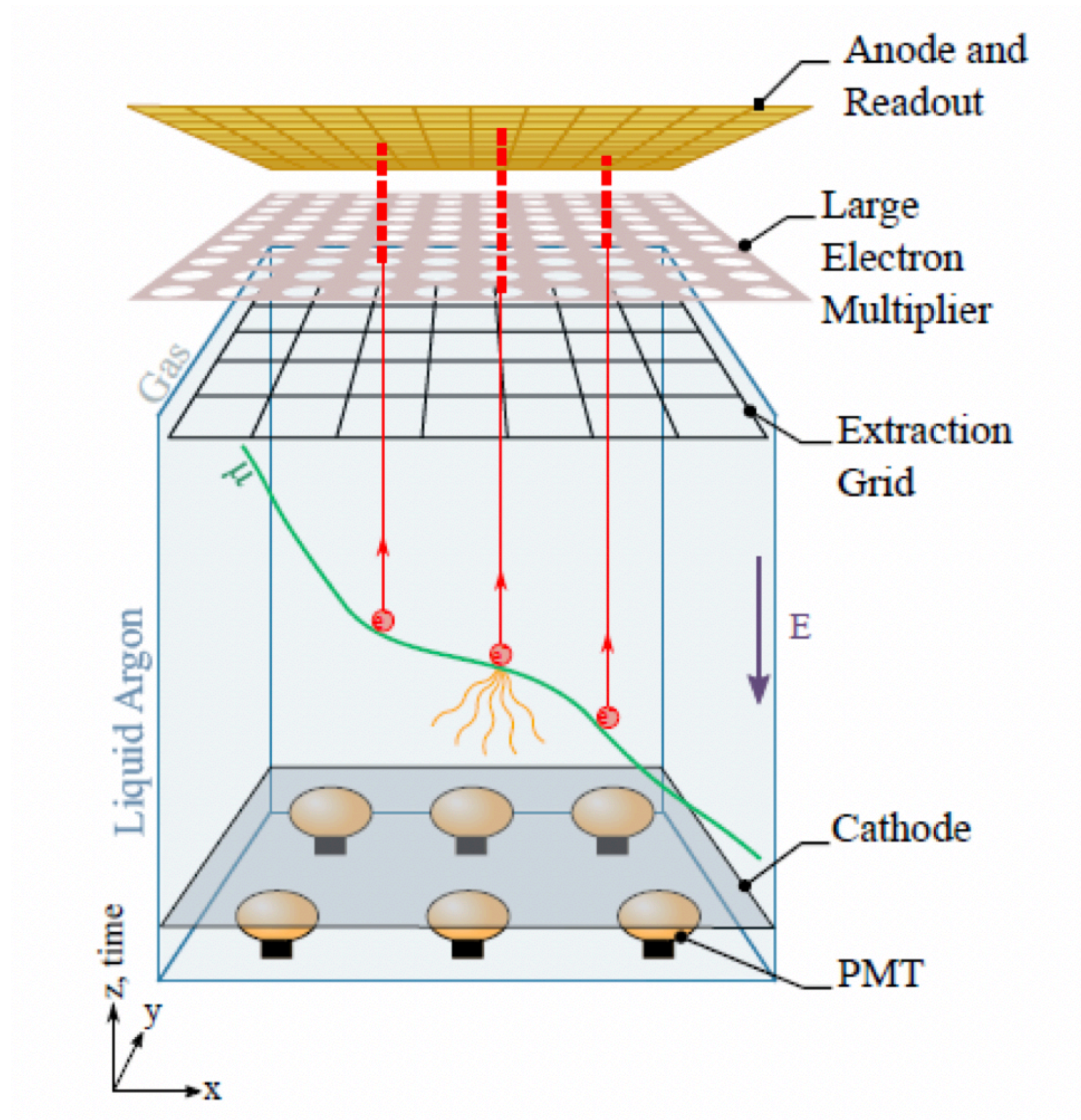
- Liquid Argon purity is routinely measured by three Purity Monitors
- High purity reached thanks to the gas/liquid recirculation & filtering
  - Lower limit of 30 ms lifetime over the majority of run period → 7% signal reduction over the entire 3.6 m drift distance (2.25 ms drift time)

# ProtoDUNE-SP TPC Performance: Det. Stability



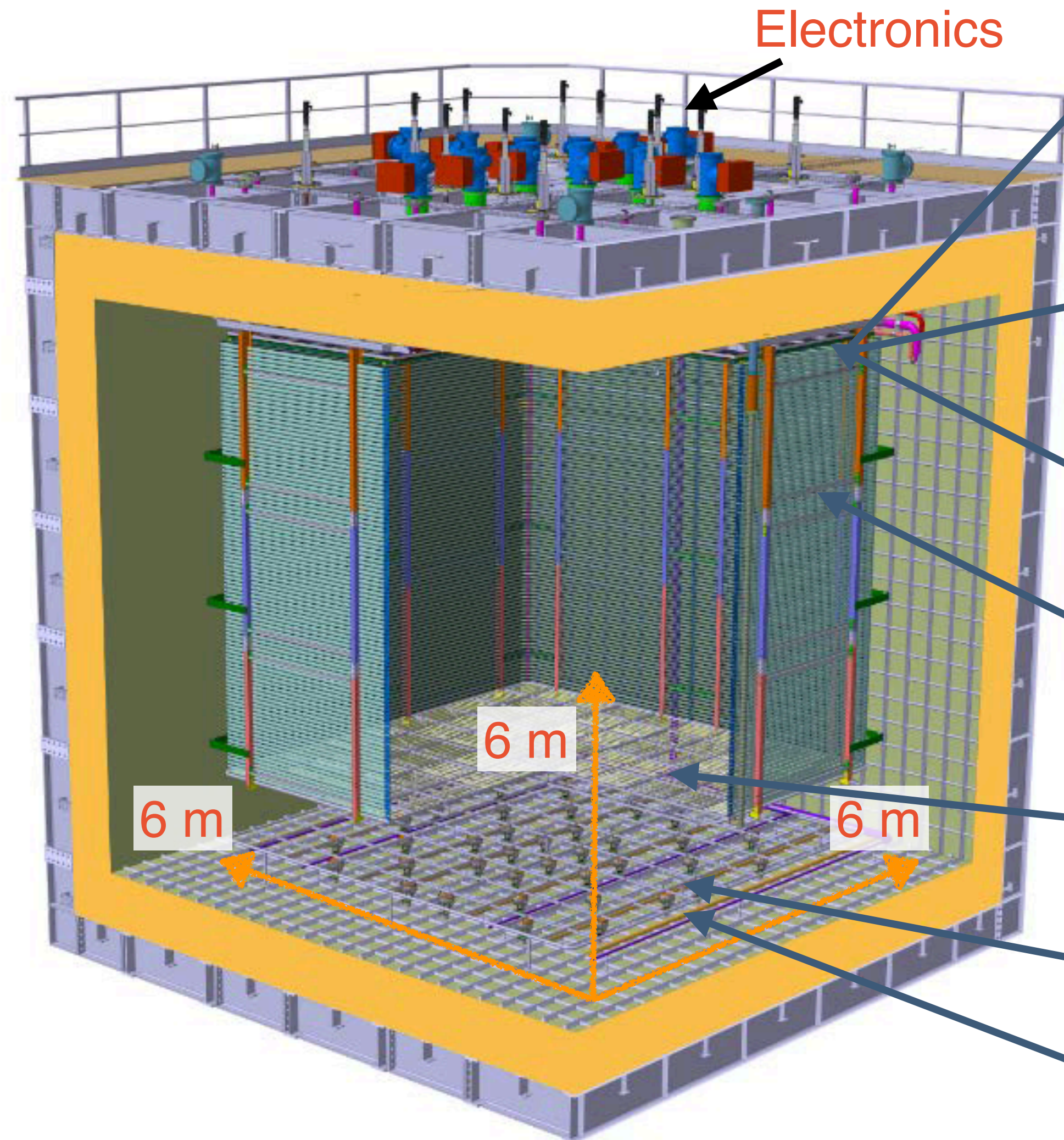
- TPC signal strength: The average charge per channel from cosmics
  - A monitor of overall detector response
  - Sensitive to amplifier/digitizer response, cathode voltage, LAr purity and other detector conditions
- Response has been stable over the 22 months of operation

# ProtoDUNE-DP: Operating Principle

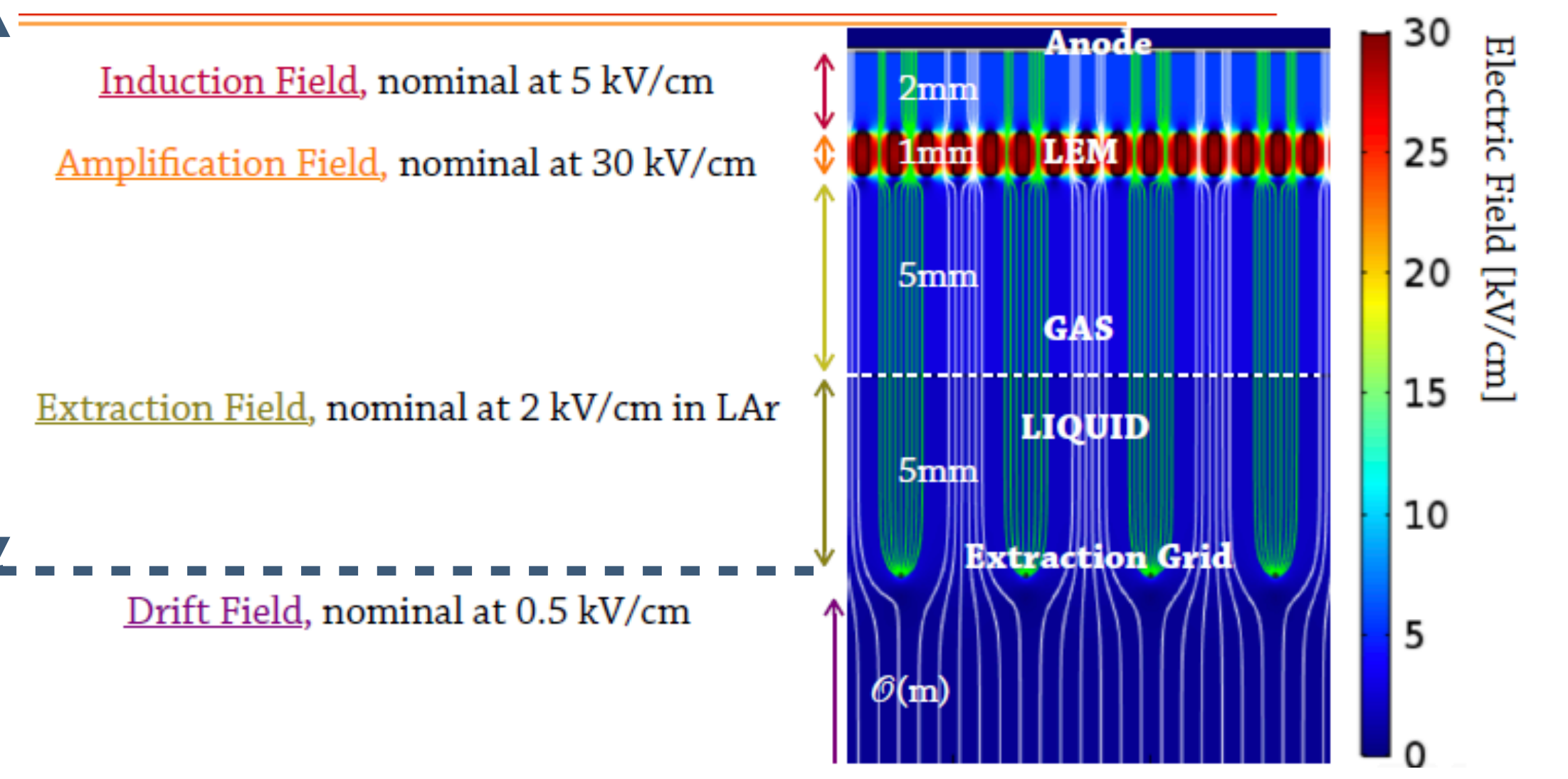


- Ionized electrons drift vertically upward in LAr
- Electrons are extracted from liquid into gas phase above the liquid
- Charge signal amplified and read out at the top
- PMTs detect scintillation light at the bottom
- Challenge: the overall design increases the possible drift length which requires a correspondingly higher voltage

# ProtoDUNE-DP Detector



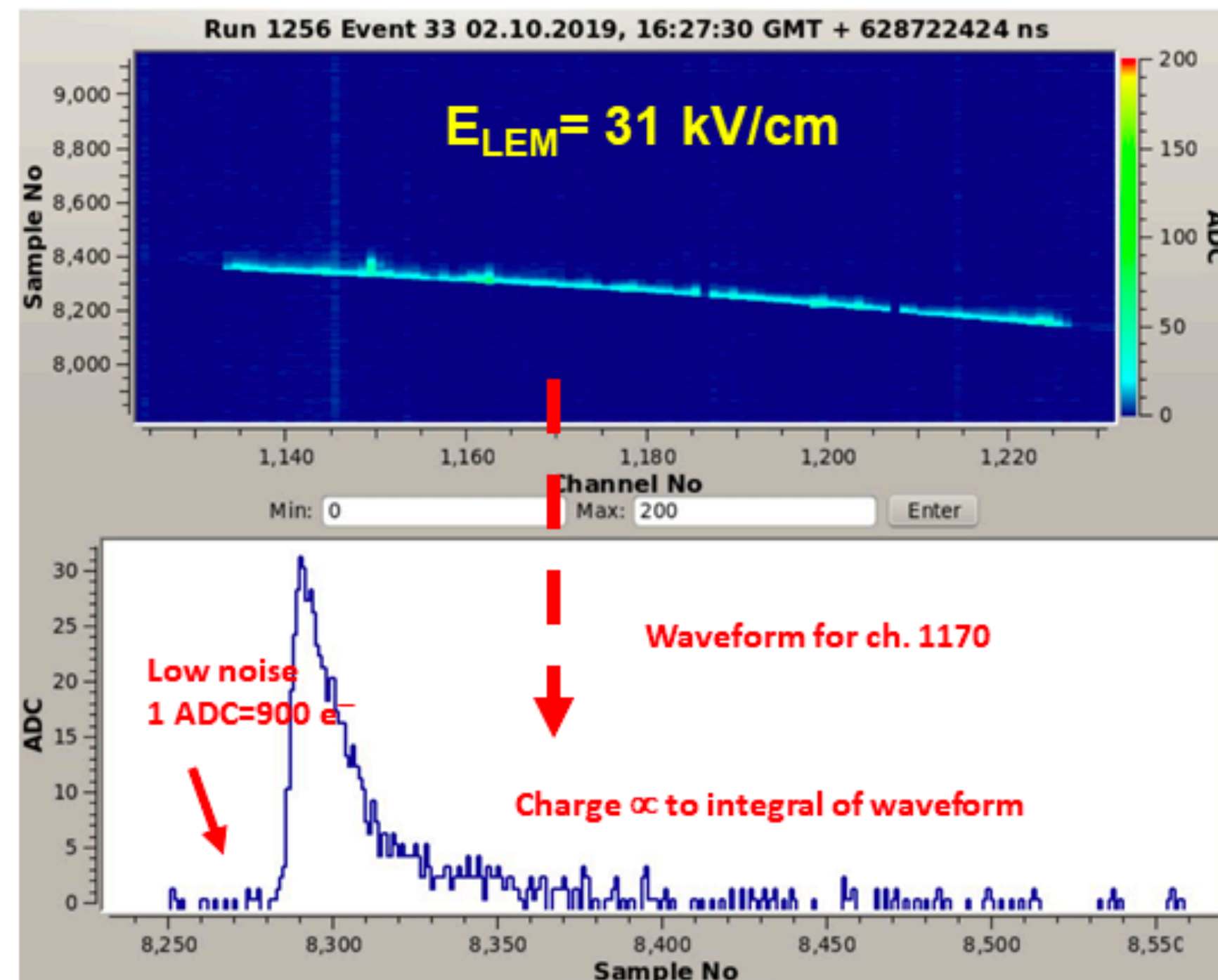
- Charge Readout Planes (CRP)
- Field Cage
- Cathode (300 kV)
- Ground grid
- Photomultipliers



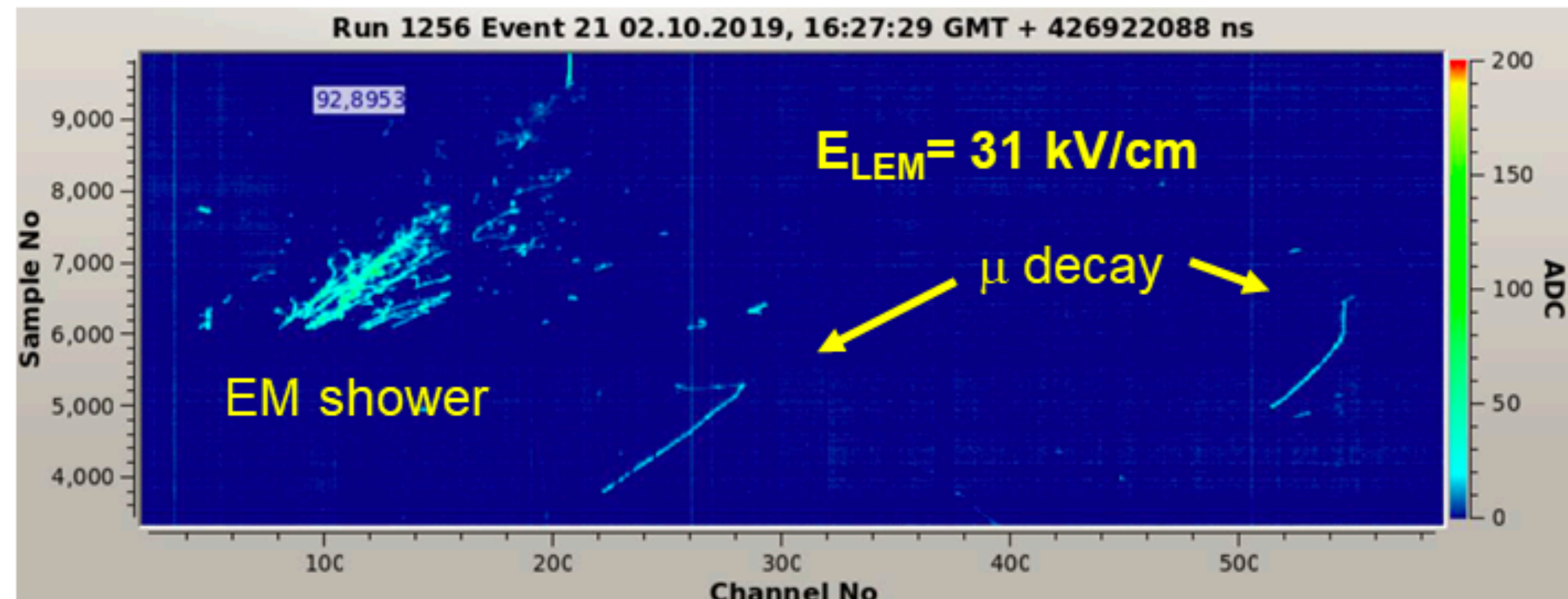
# ProtoDUNE-DP: Cosmic Ray Events

- Events with LEM  $\Delta V$  of 31–32 kV (Oct. 2019)

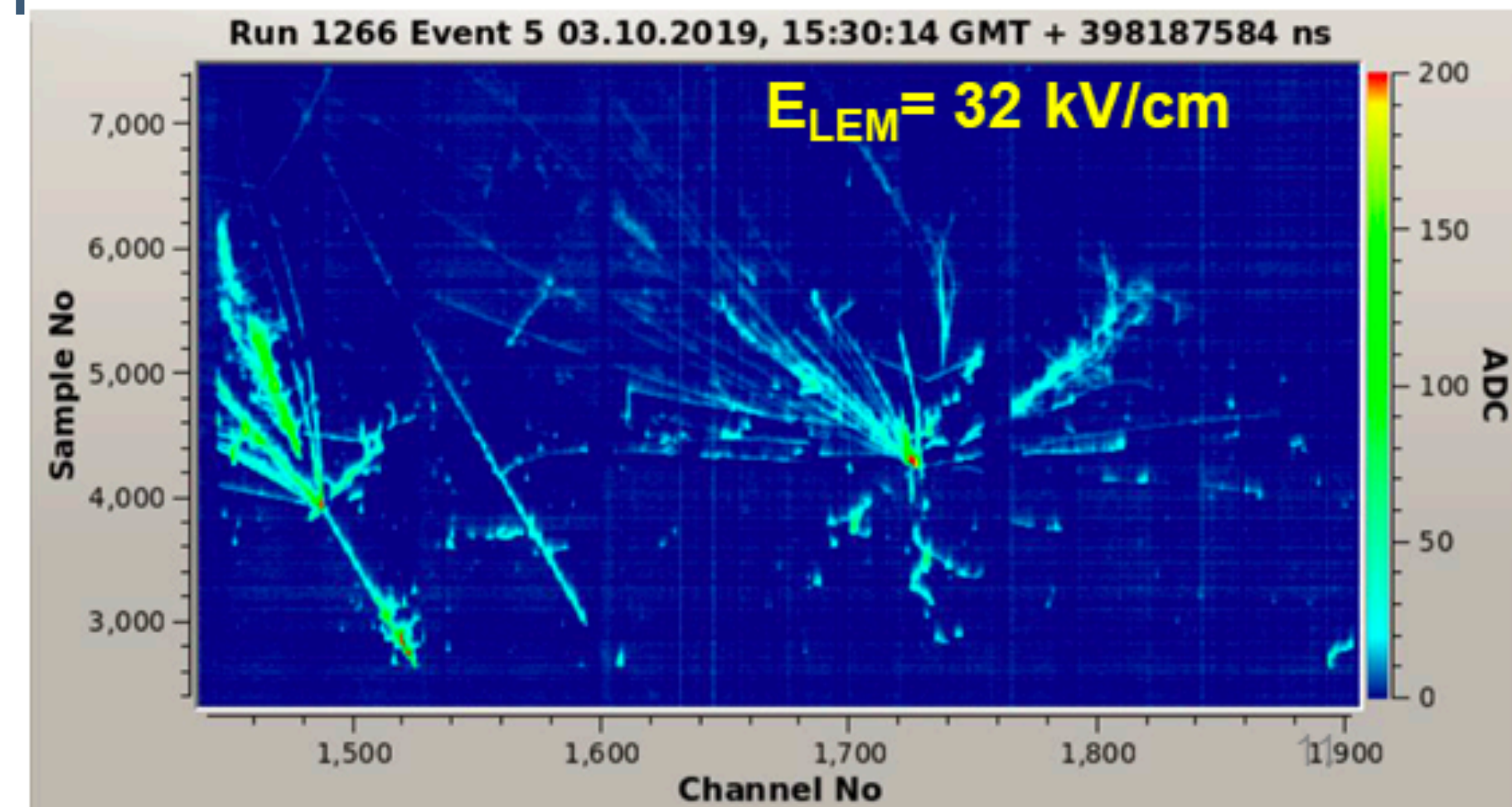
- Horizontal muon track



- Electromagnetic shower + 2 muon decays



- Multiple hadronic interactions in a shower





# Summary and Prospect

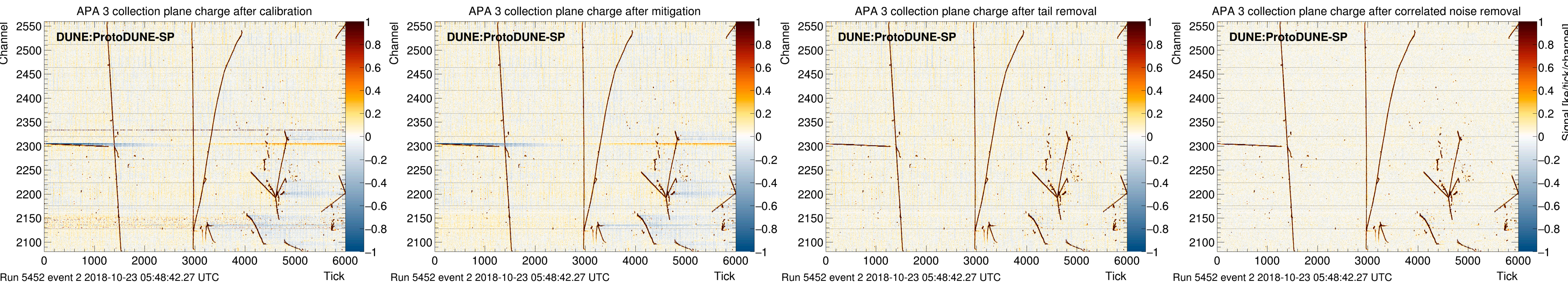
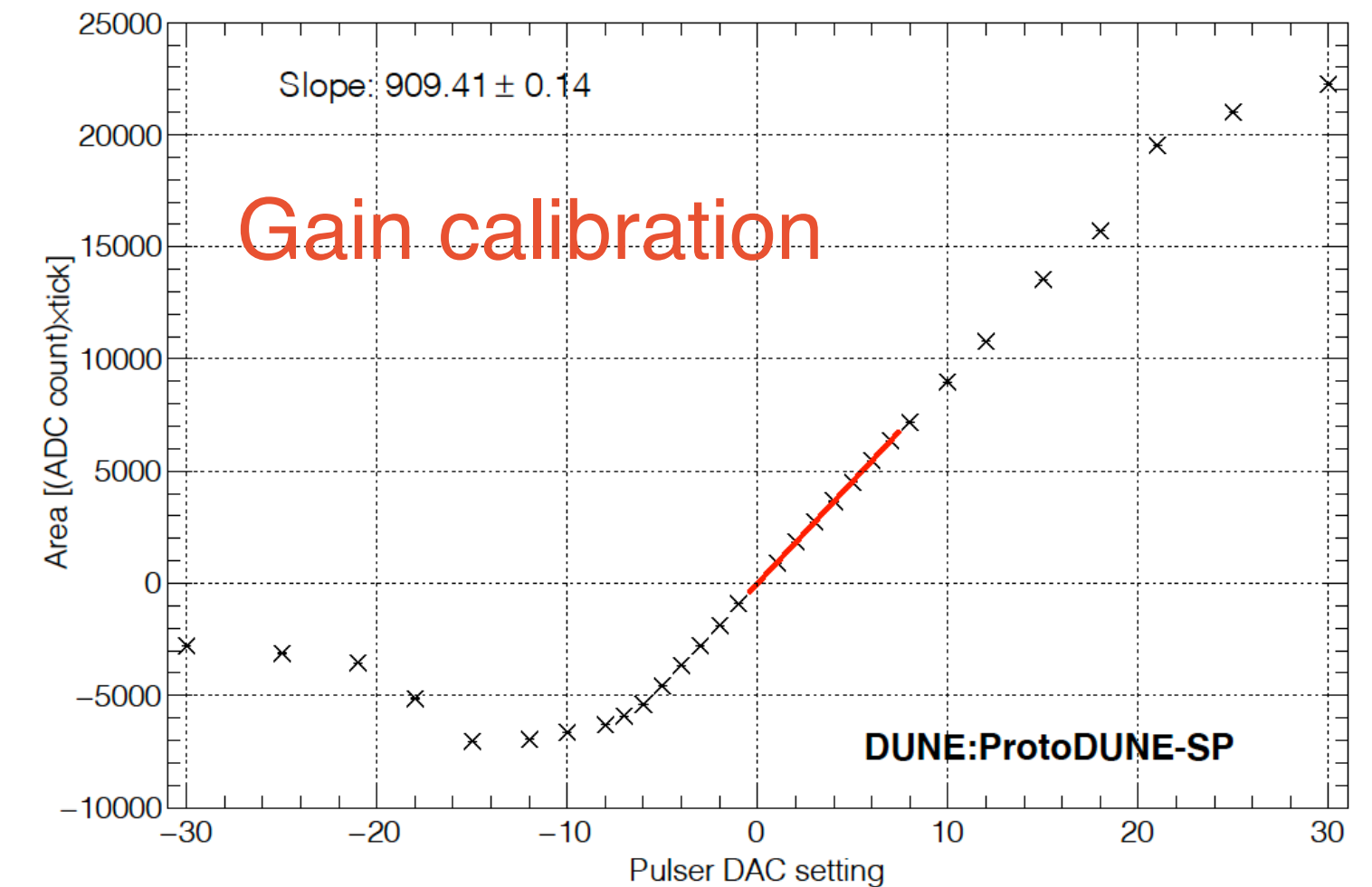
- The successful performance of ProtoDUNE-SP LArTPC using large samples of data from a test-beam run at the CERN Neutrino Platform demonstrates the effectiveness of the single-phase detector design and the execution of the fabrication, assembly, installation, commissioning, and operation
  - The data collected by ProtoDUNE-SP during beam runs and cosmic-ray runs will allow more detailed studies of detector characteristics and the measurement of argon-hadron cross sections
  - ProtoDUNE-SP Phase II, to test the final design for DUNE, is expected to start in late 2022
- ProtoDUNE-DP is the largest dual-phase TPC ever built and operated
  - Plenty of data to be analyzed and many interesting results to be share with a wider community interested in large LAr TPCs

*Stay tuned!*

# Backup

# ProtoDUNE-SP TPC Data Preparation

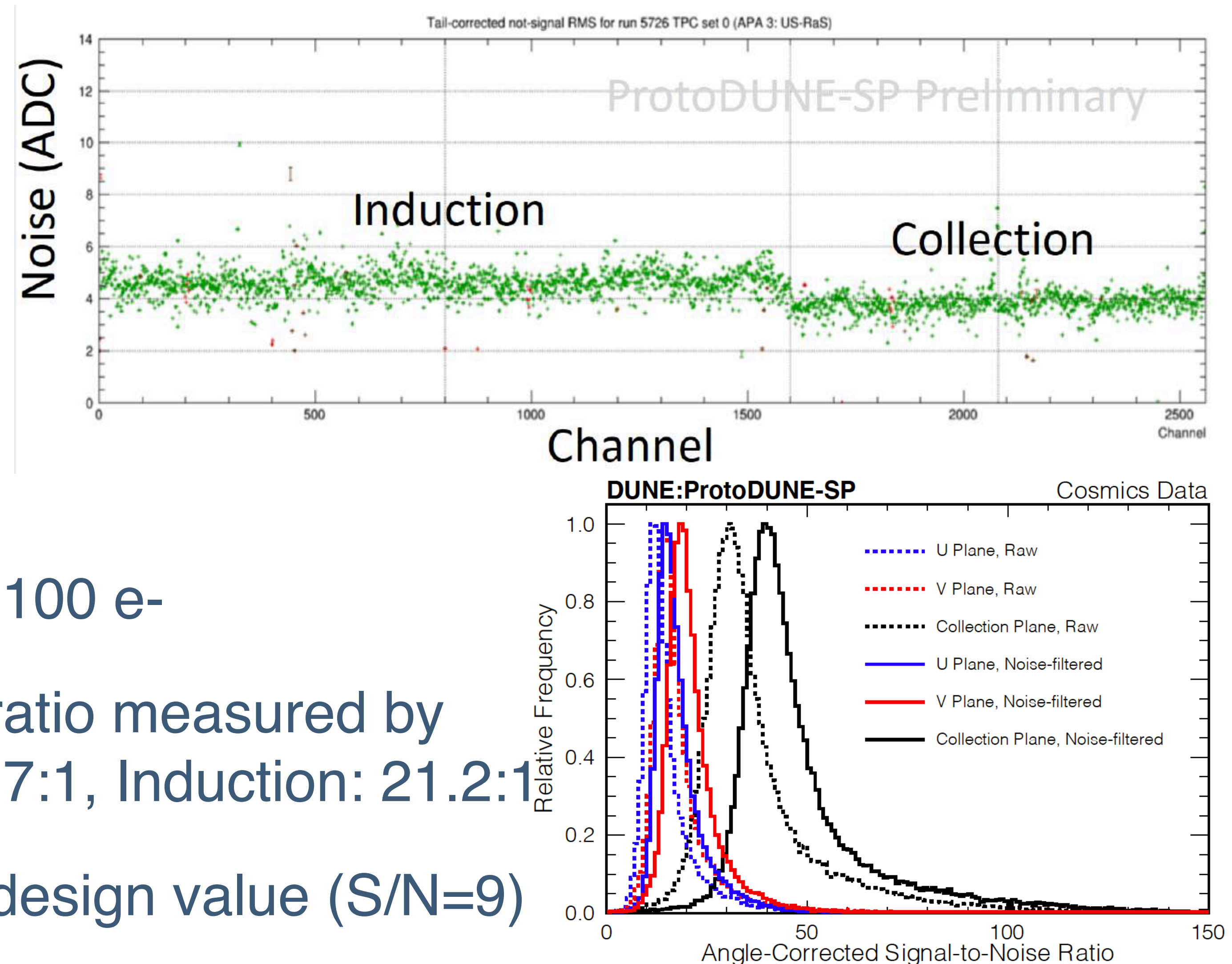
- Careful TPC data pre-processing and calibration to extract the ionizing signal
  - Data preparation: Pedestal subtraction, noisy/bad channel flagging, timing mitigation, tail removal, correlated noise removal
  - Charge calibration: using known pulse with variable amplitude



Example event displays for a collection plane showing background reduction in successive stages of data processing

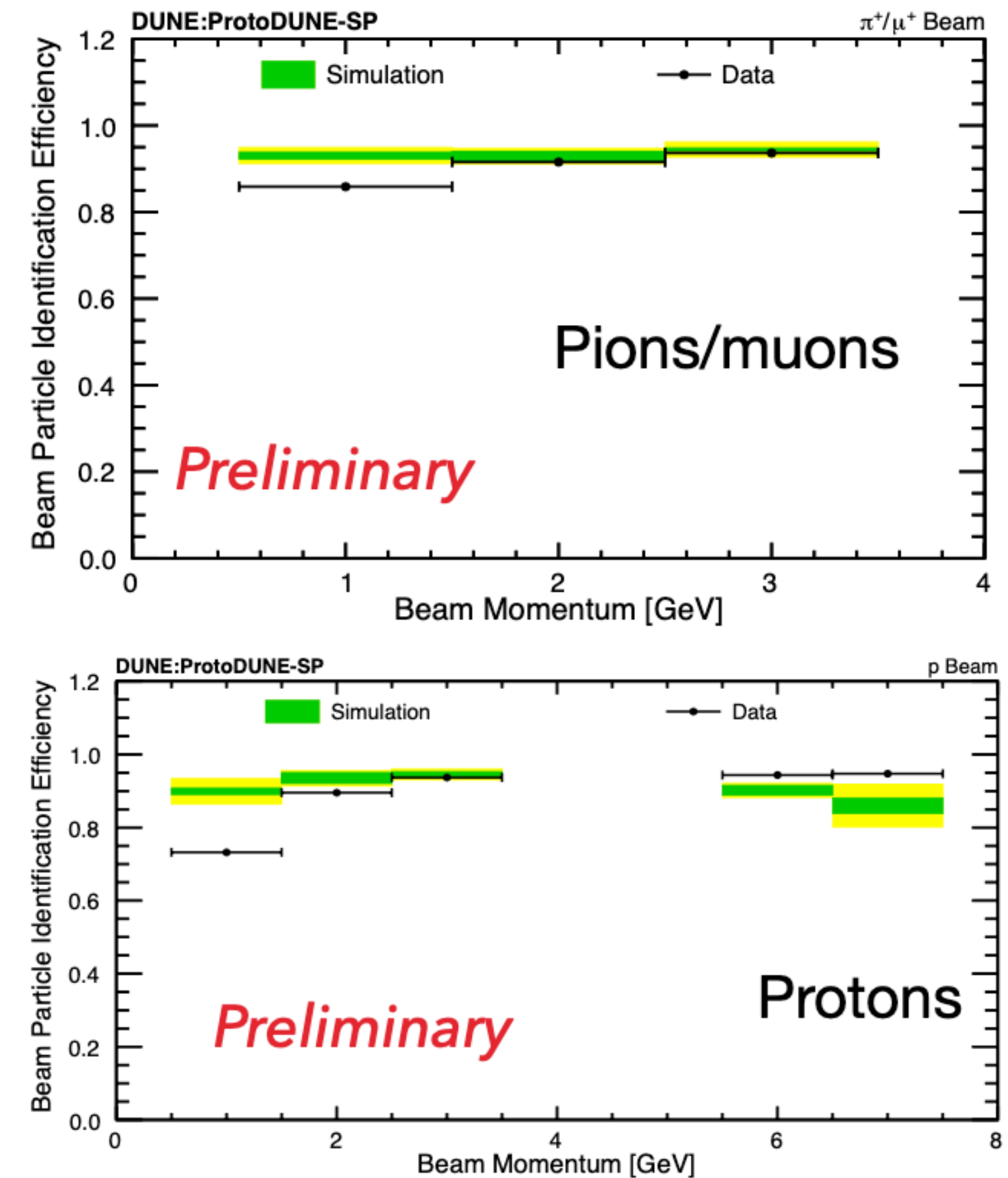
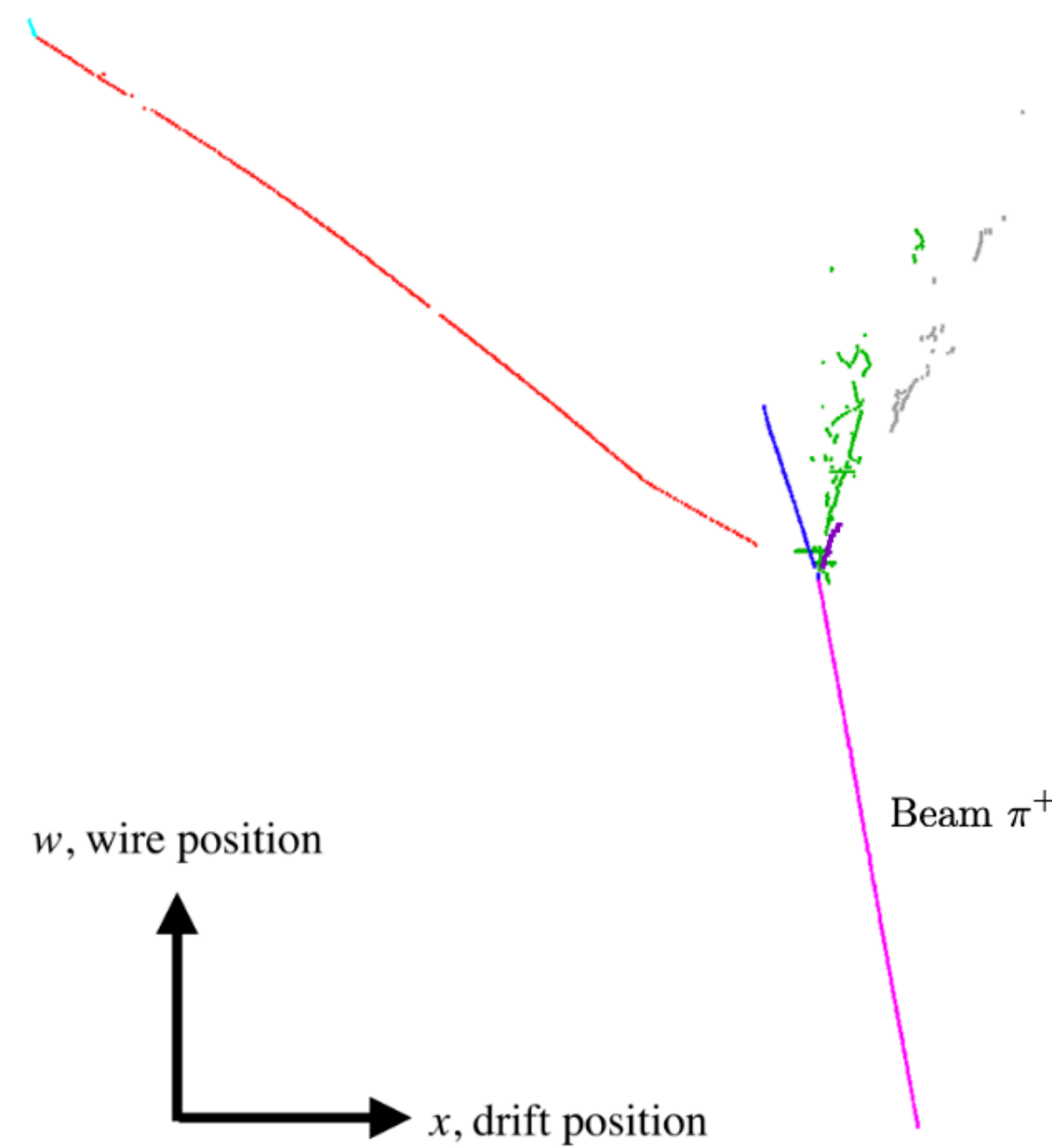
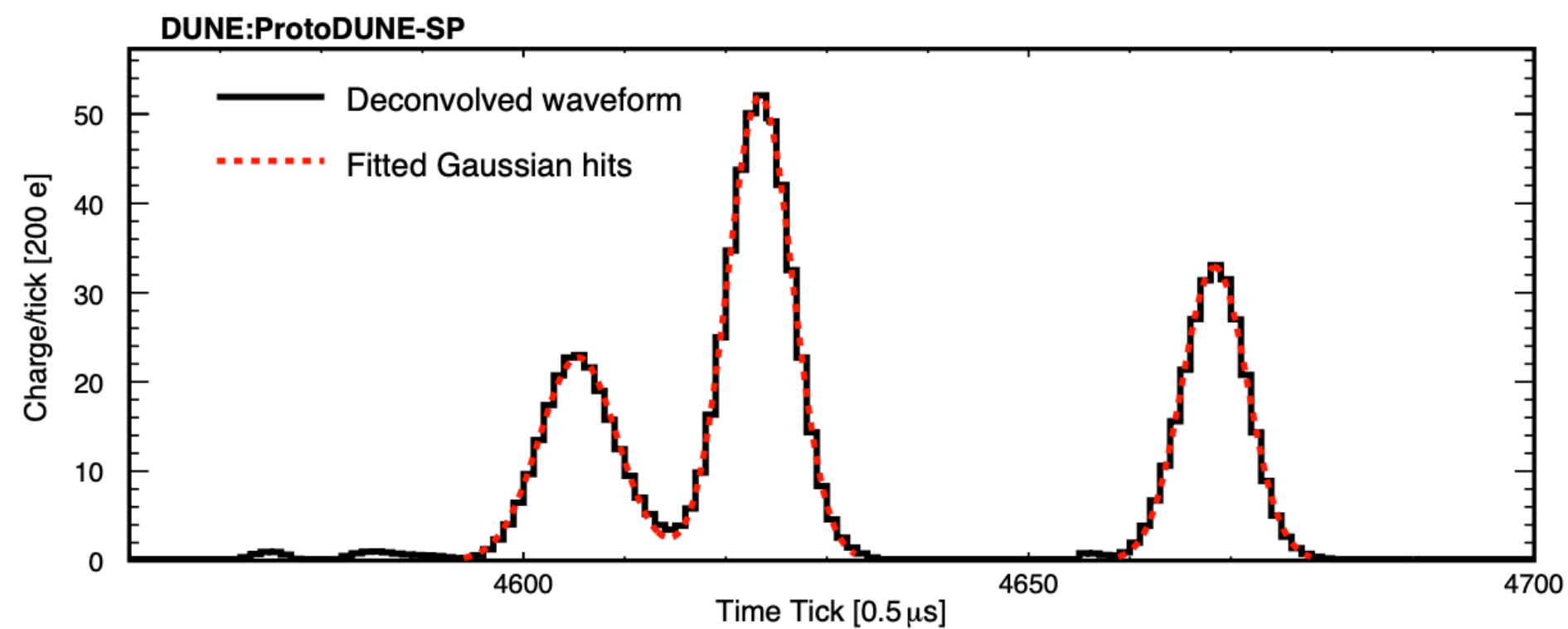
# ProtoDUNE-SP: Electronic Noise and S/N Ratios

- Electronic noise level measured by pedestal ENC (equivalent noise charge) before noise filtering: Collection (X): 550 e<sup>-</sup>, Induction: 650 e<sup>-</sup> (DUNE goal < 1000 e<sup>-</sup>)
- Noise filter reduces both by ~ 100 e<sup>-</sup>
- Noise-filtered signal-to-noise ratio measured by cosmic muons: Collection: 48.7:1, Induction: 21.2:1
  - Far better than the nominal design value (S/N=9)



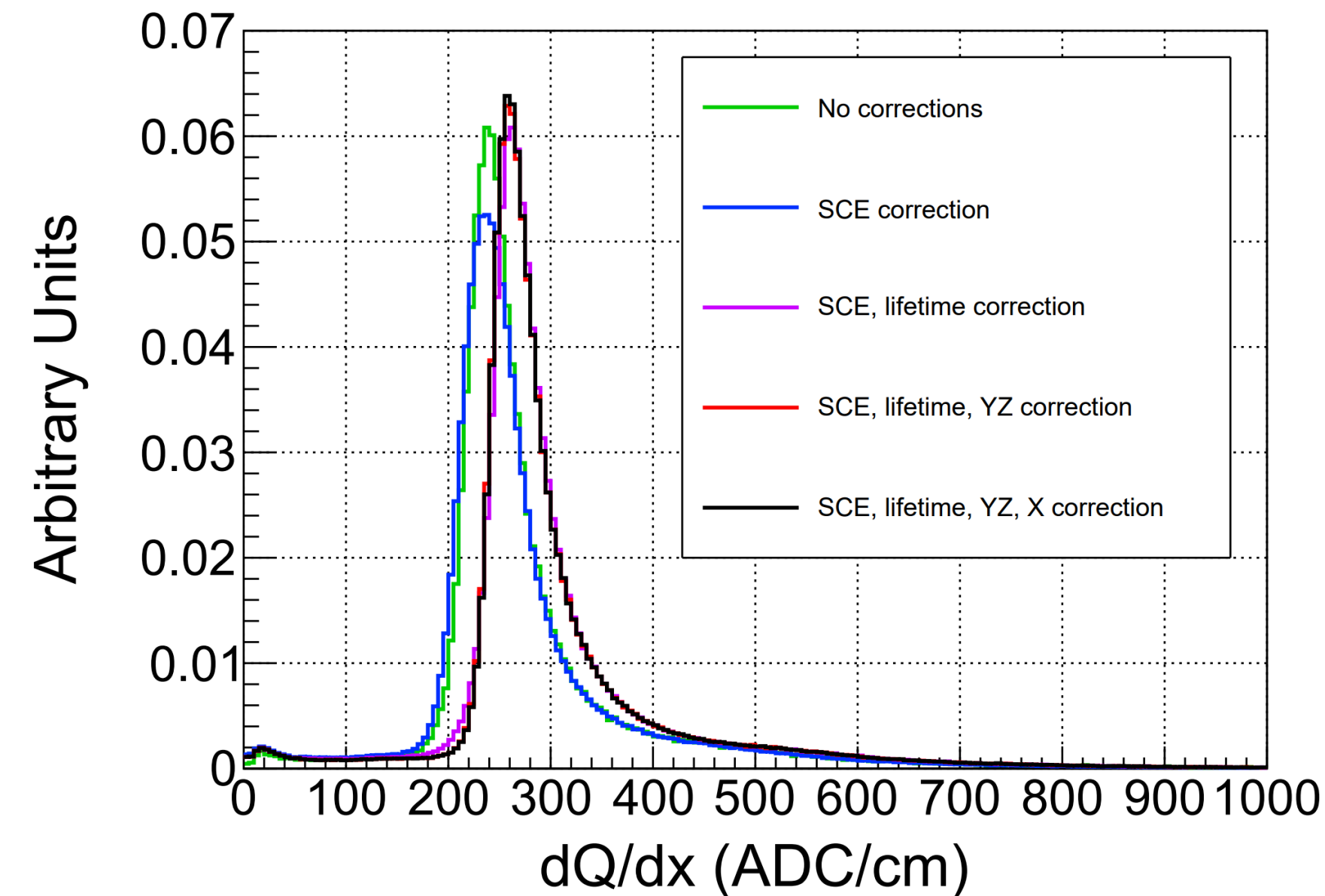
# ProtoDUNE-SP: Event Reconstruction

- From the deconvolved waveforms to fully reconstructed interactions
  - Hit finding : gaussian fit of waveform peak
  - pattern recognition with Pandora: from 2D to 3D hit clustering, 3D detector slicing, determination of cosmic/beam data, particle hierarchy

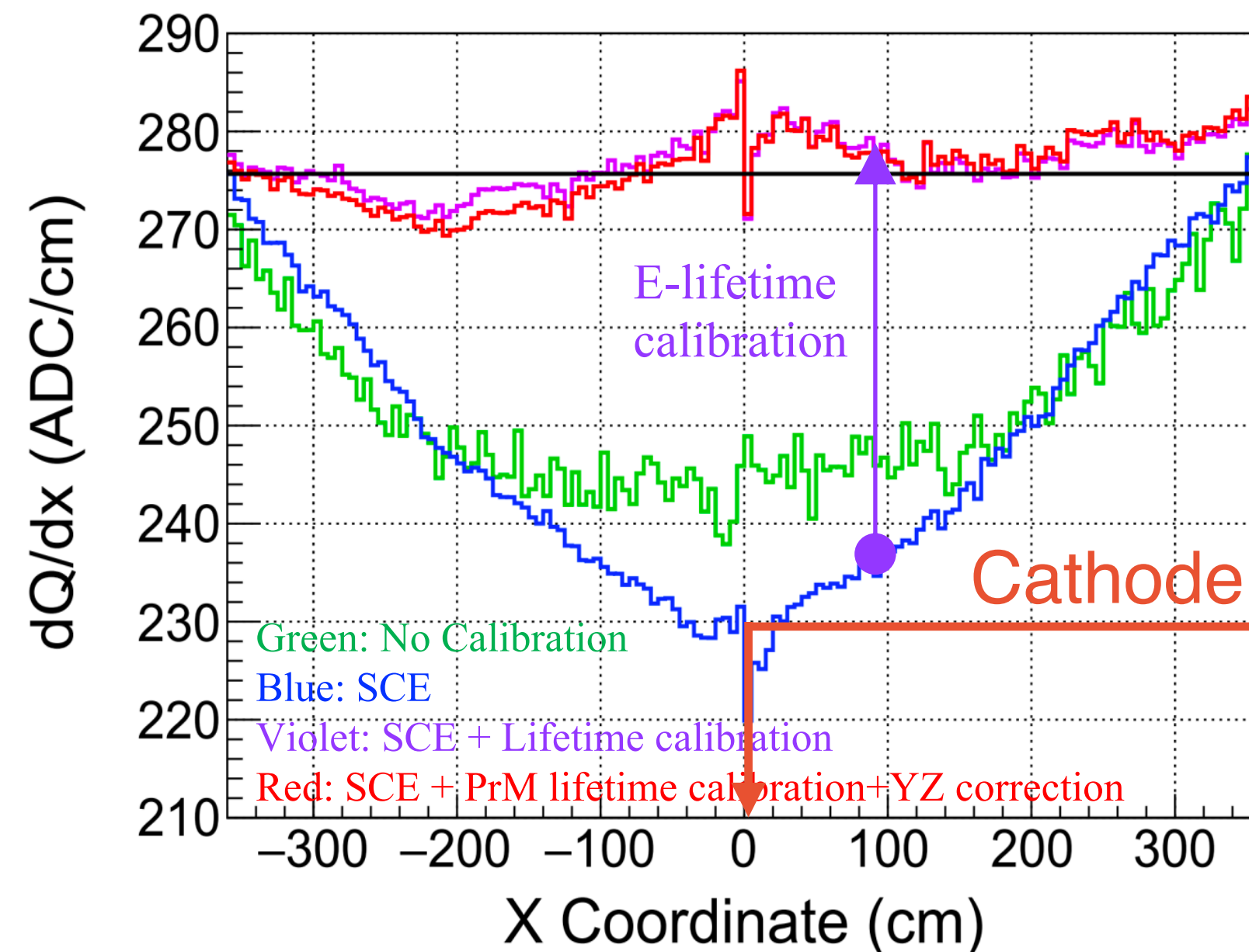


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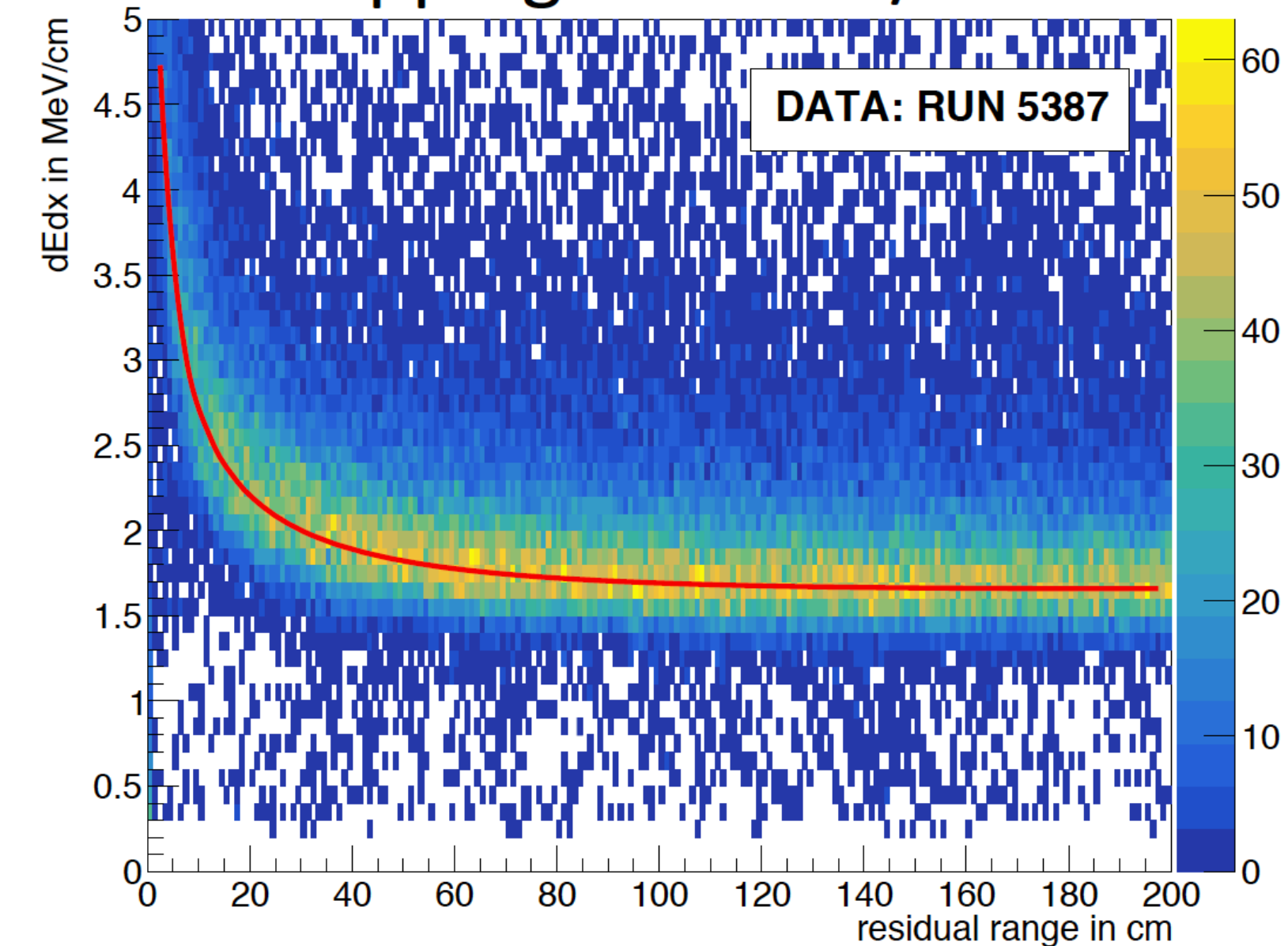
Run 5759, Plane 2



dQ/dx vs. drift distance of cathode-crossing cosmic muons

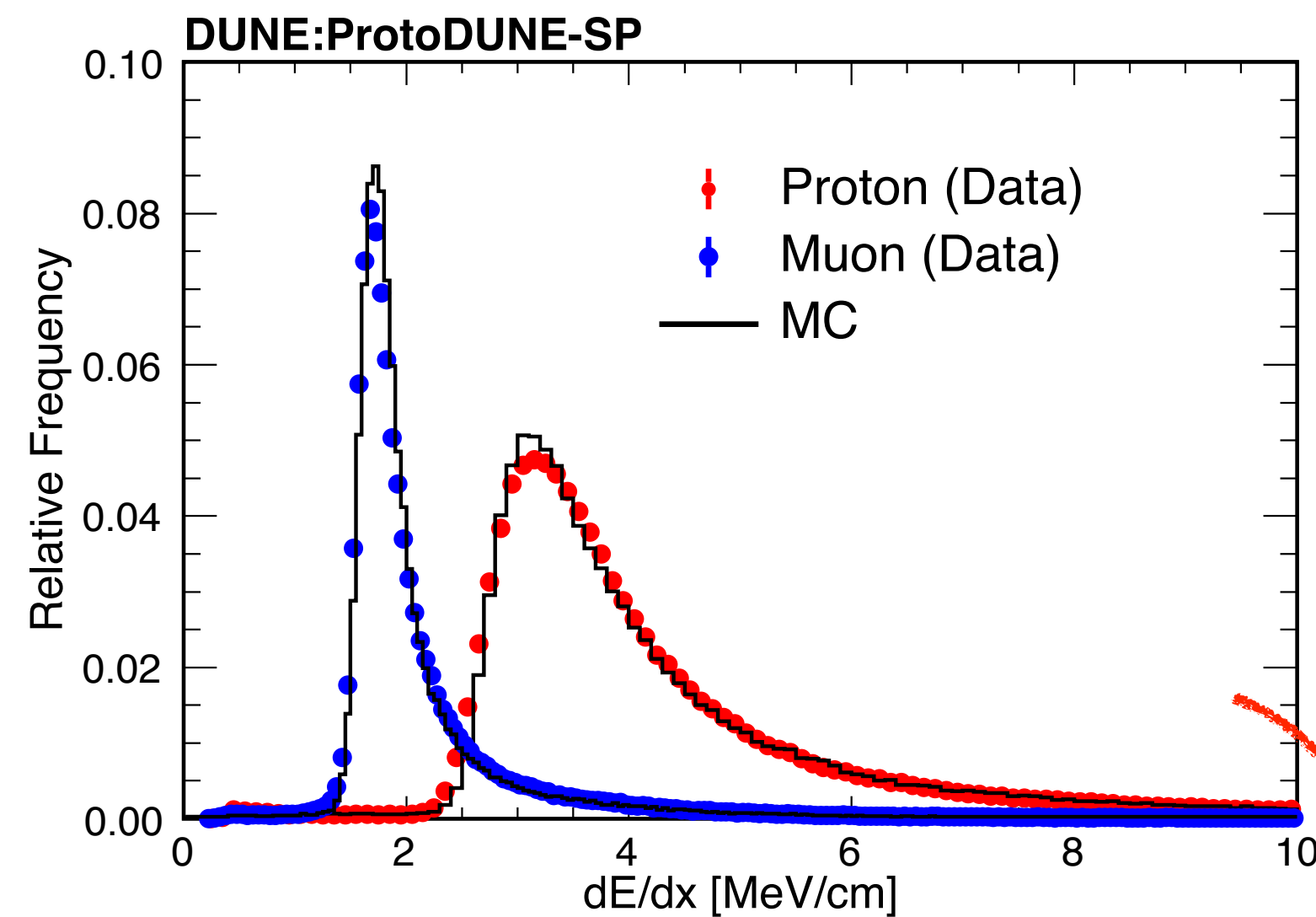


Stopping muon dE/dx

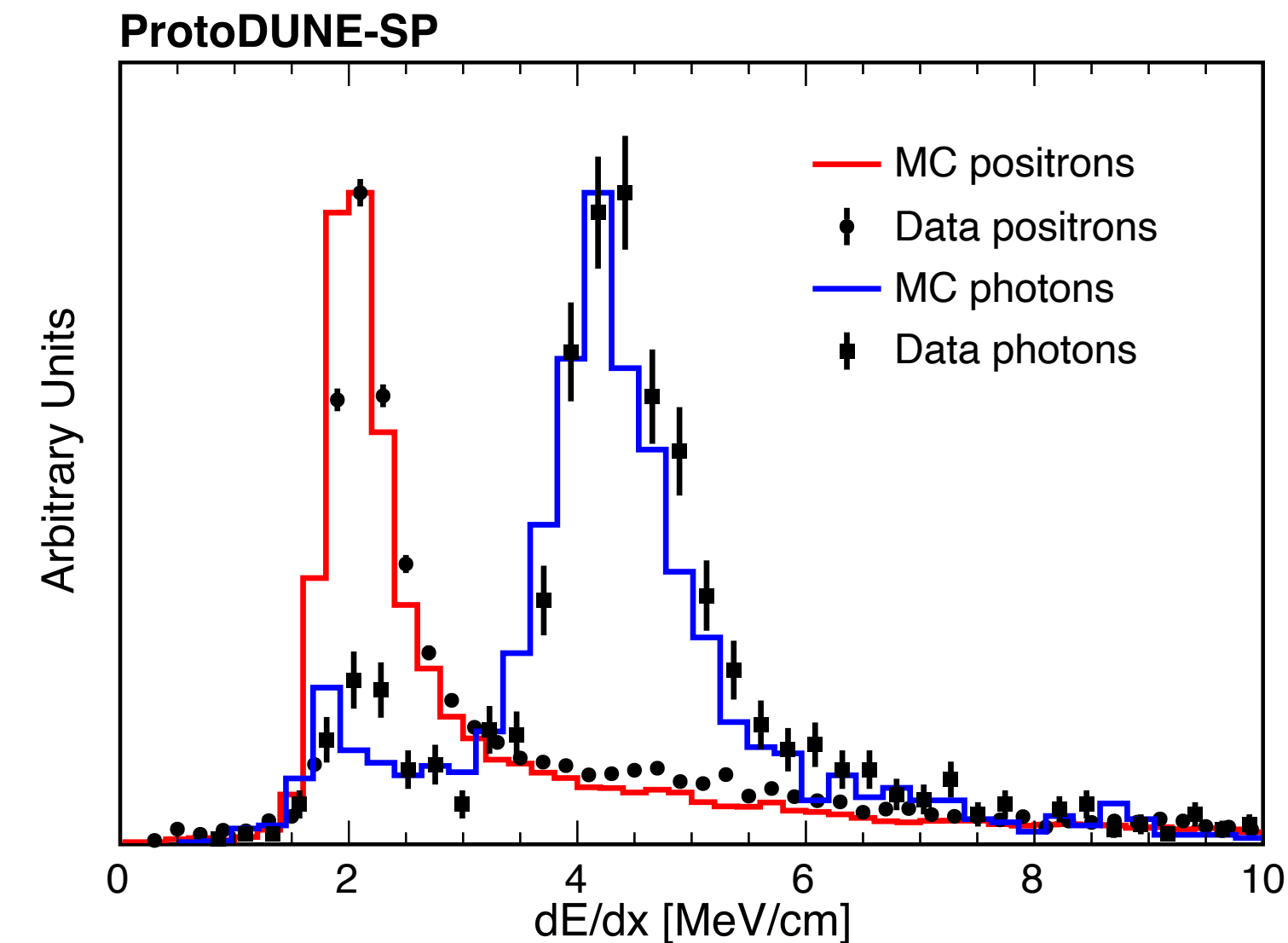


- Individual effects are measured and corrected for
  - SCE (Space charge effect), attenuation, electronic gain, diffusion, recombination, etc
  - Detector response is uniform in space and over time after the corrections
- Absolute energy scale is determined using stopping muons

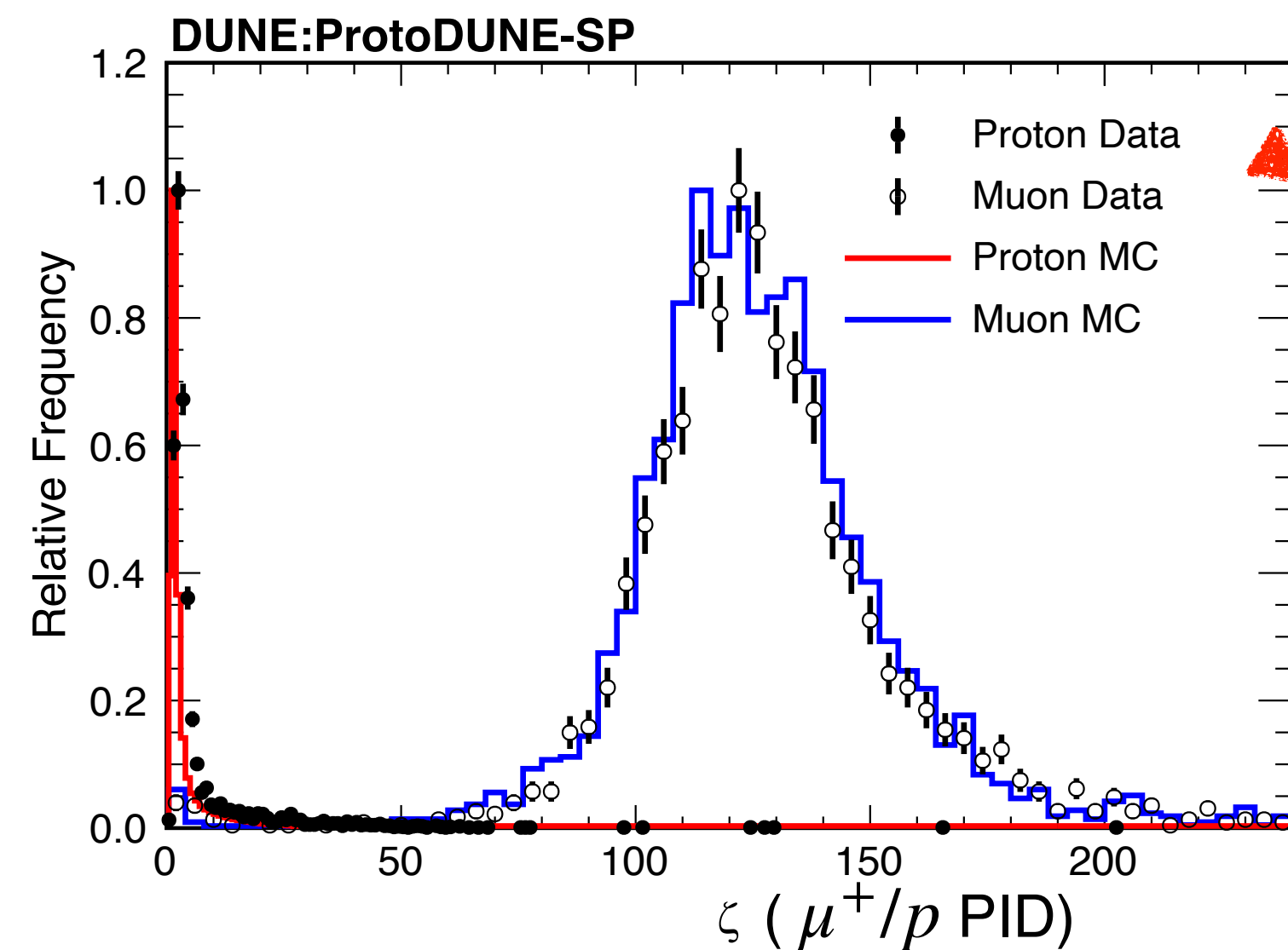
# ProtoDUNE-SP: dE/dx Measurements



Precise dE/dx leads to excellent  $\mu^+/p$  separation

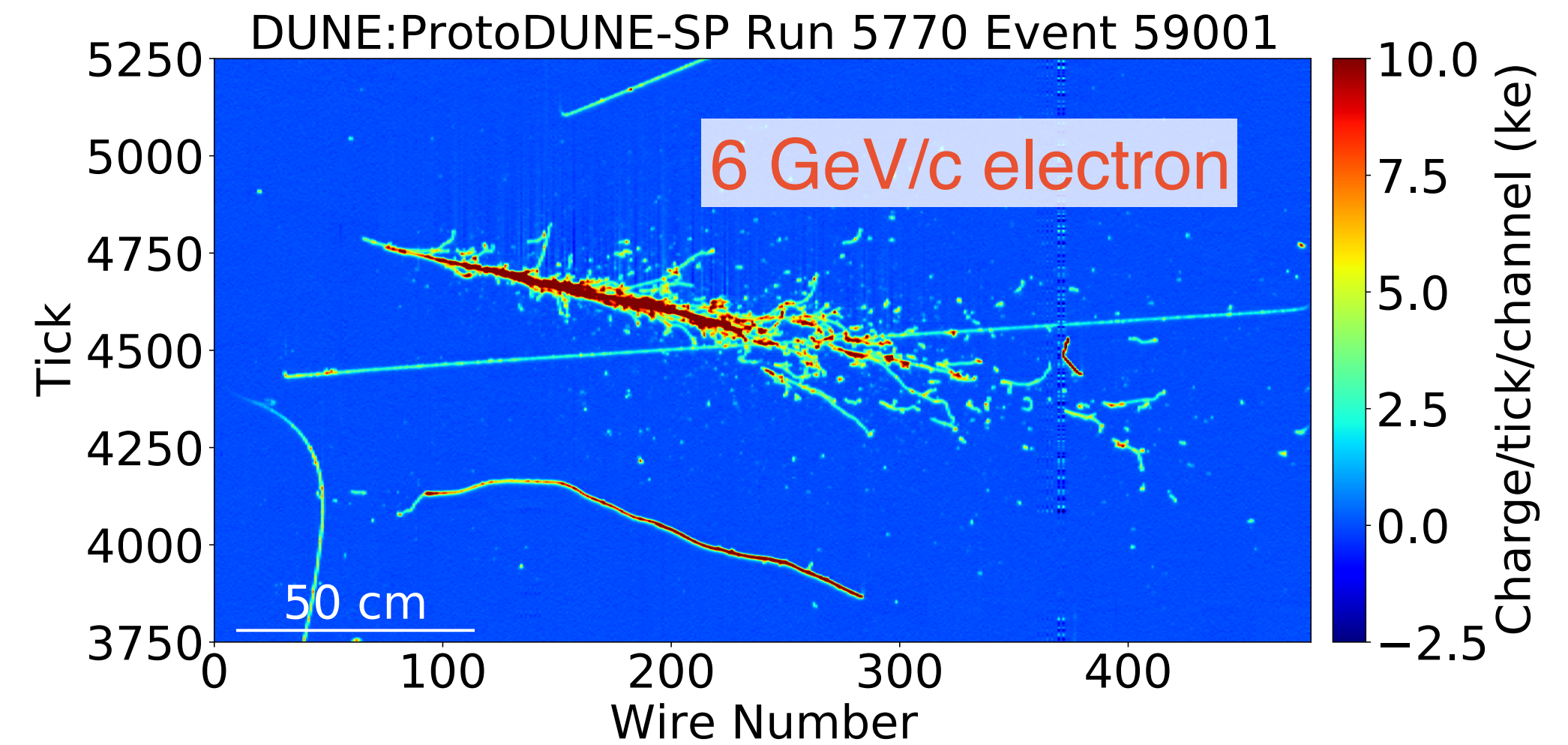
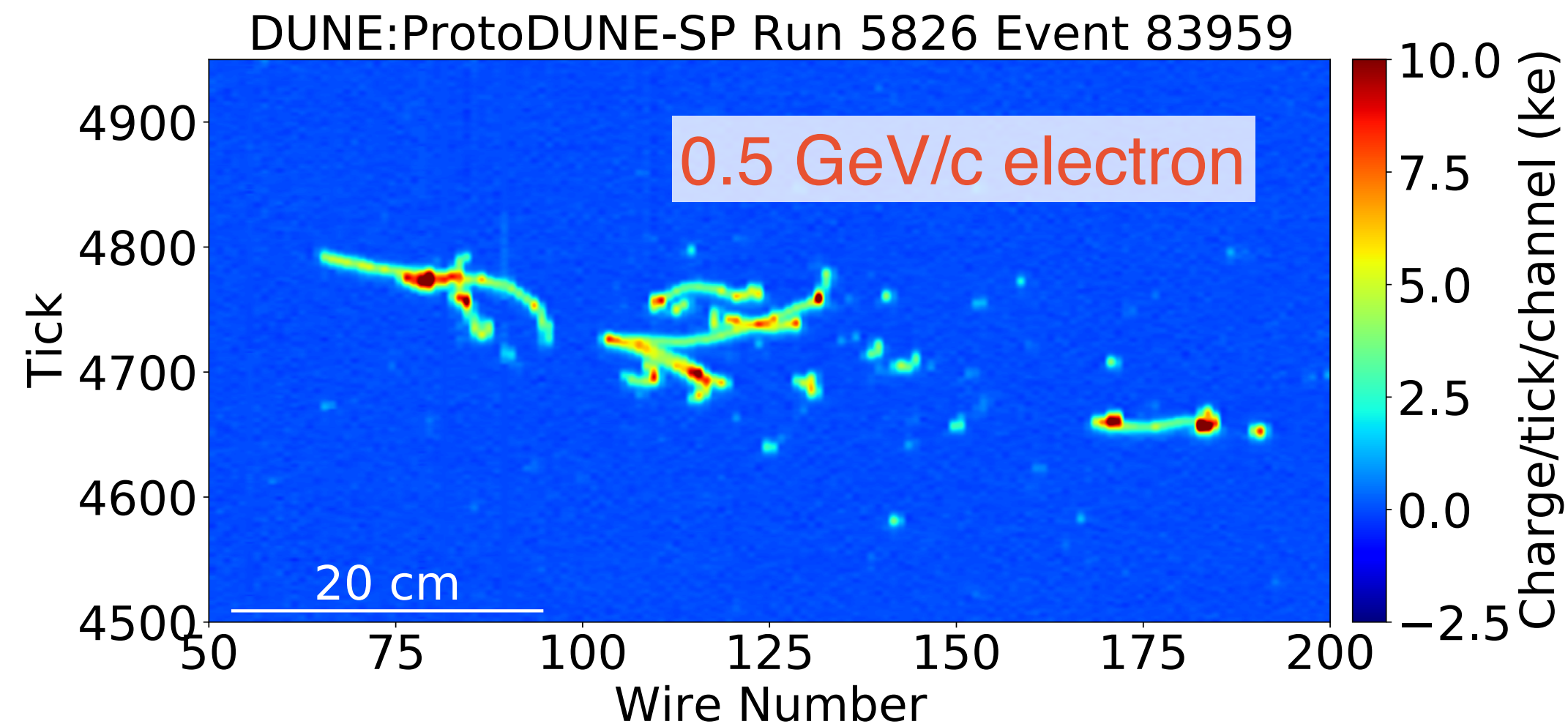


Good  $e/\gamma$  separation crucial for electron neutrino ID

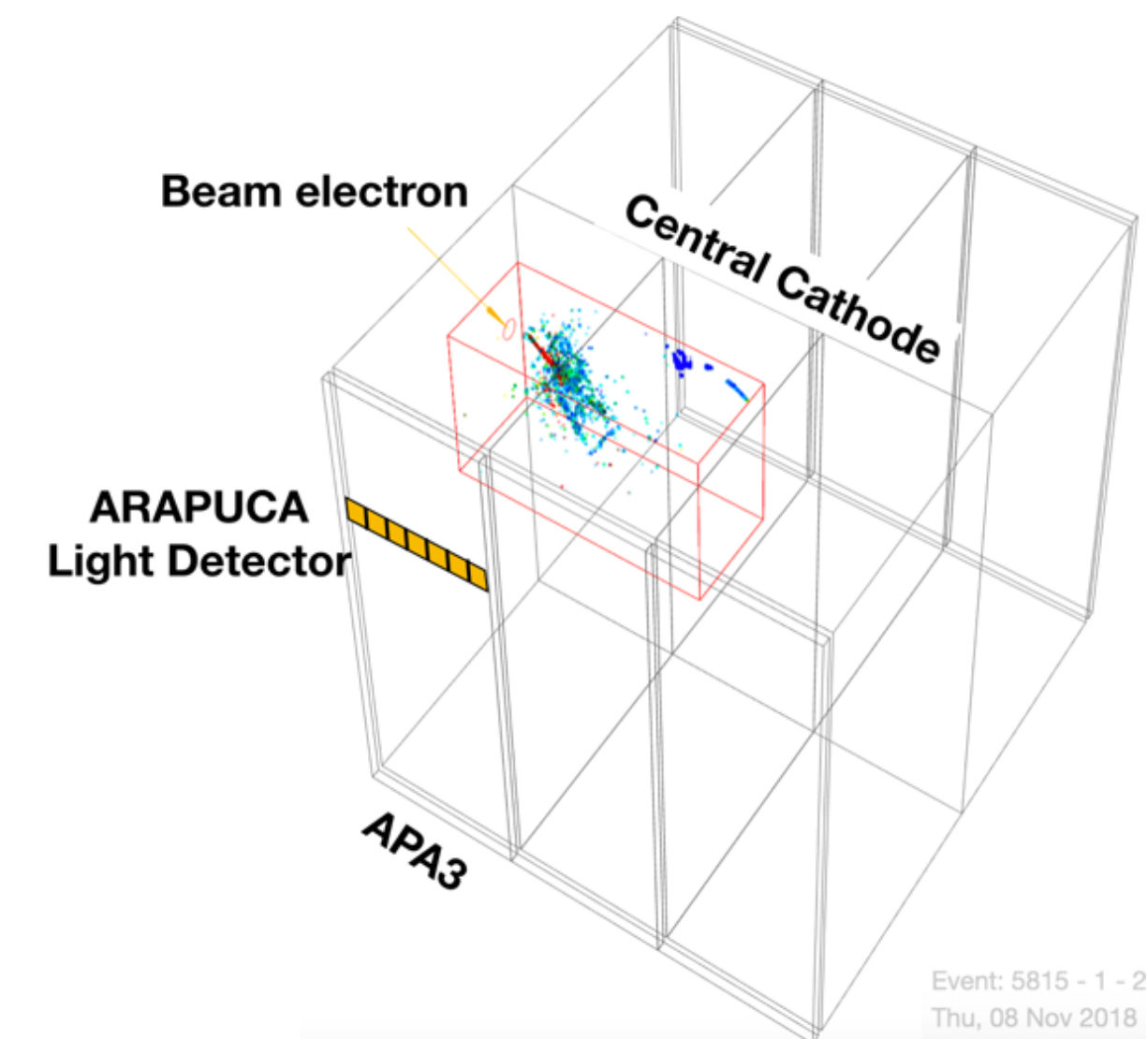


- The calibration constants applied to test beam particles and yielded good data and MC agreements
  - Excellent  $\mu^+/p$  separation: crucial for cross section measurements
  - Good  $e/\gamma$  separation: crucial for DUNE's neutrino oscillation measurements

# SP: Beam electron energy reconstruction



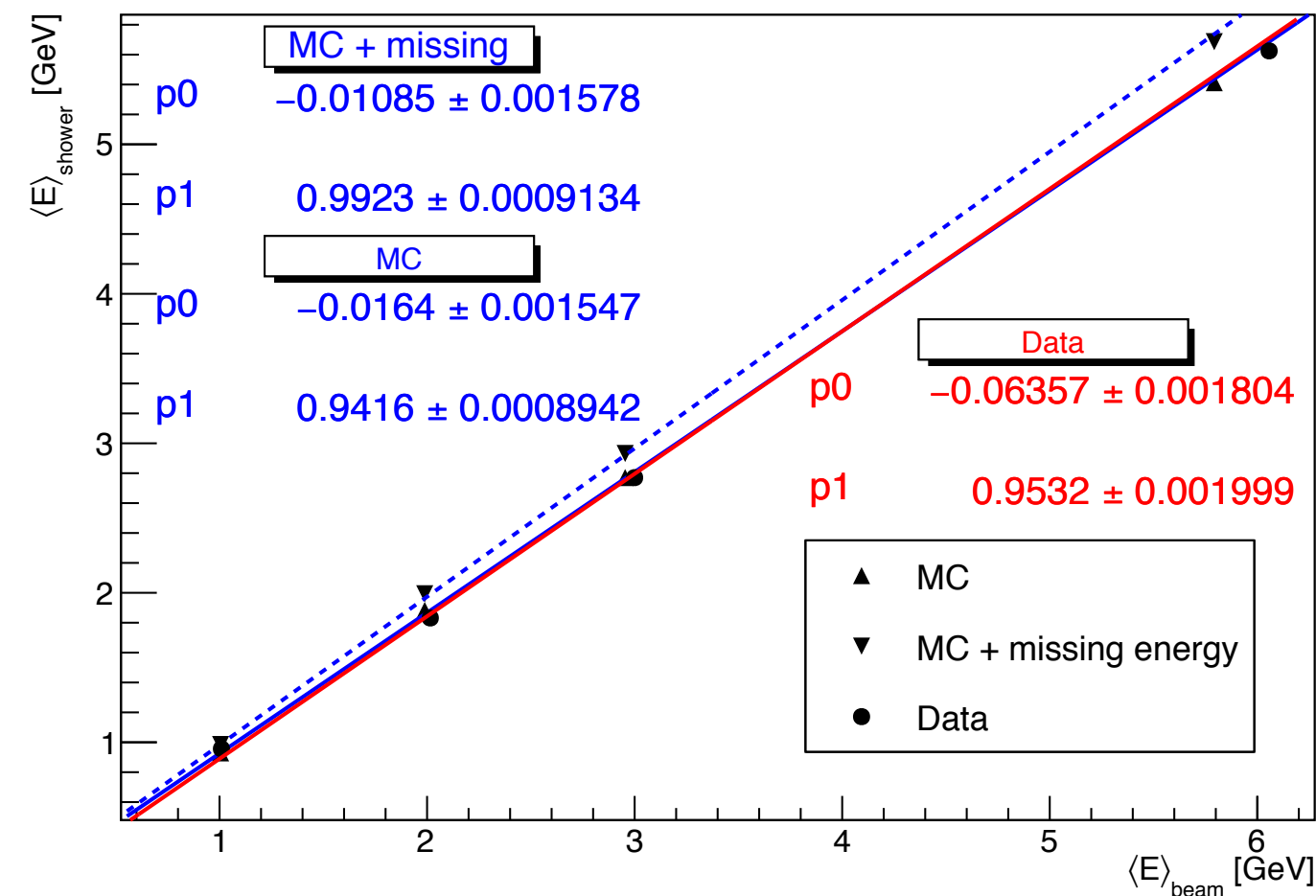
- Electron energy resolution is crucial for DUNE's oscillation measurements
  - $E_{\nu_e} = E_e + E_{had}$
- Two analyses to measure beam electron energy resolution
  - TPC charge information
  - Photon detector information with only one ARAPUCA bar



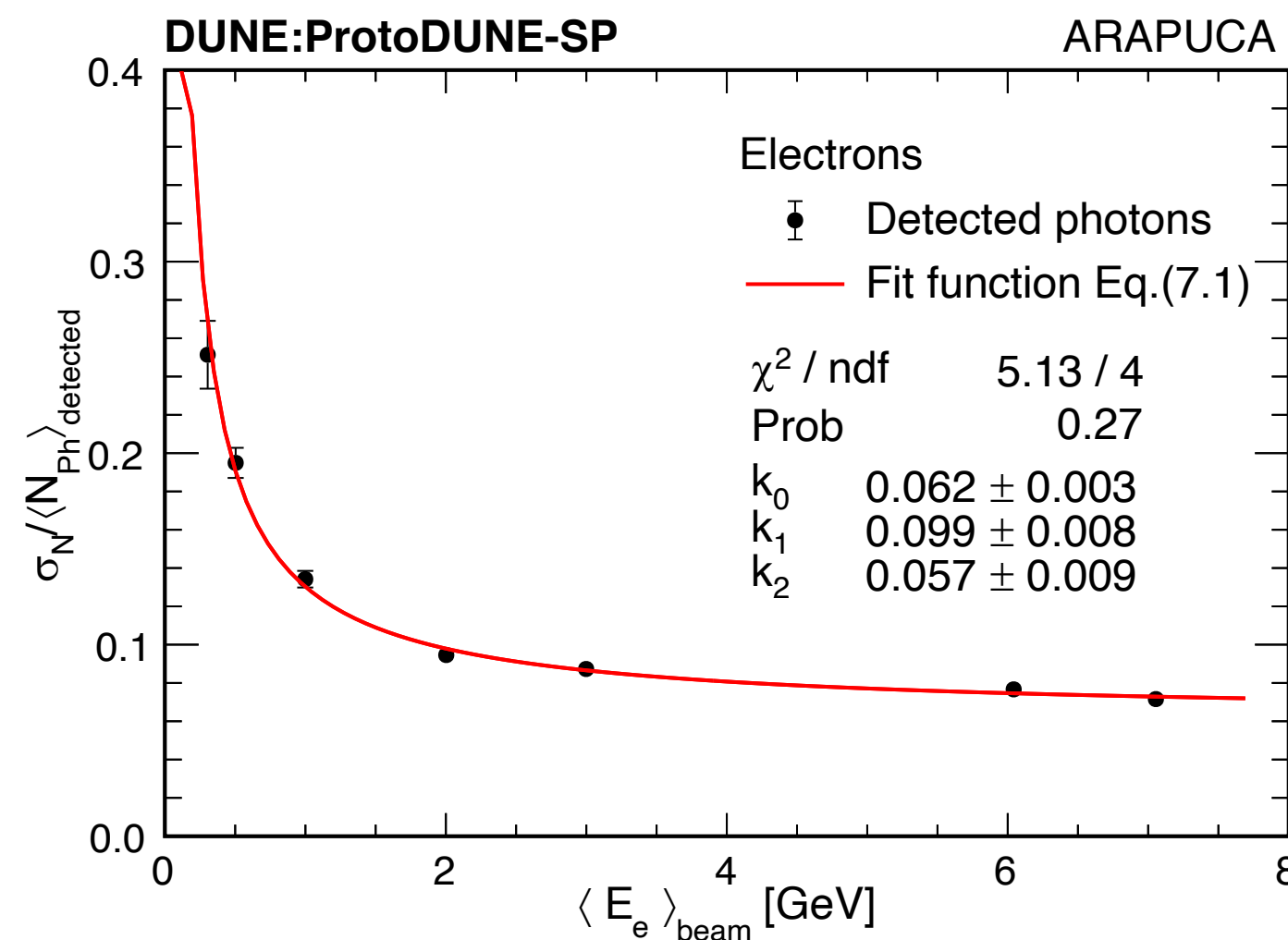
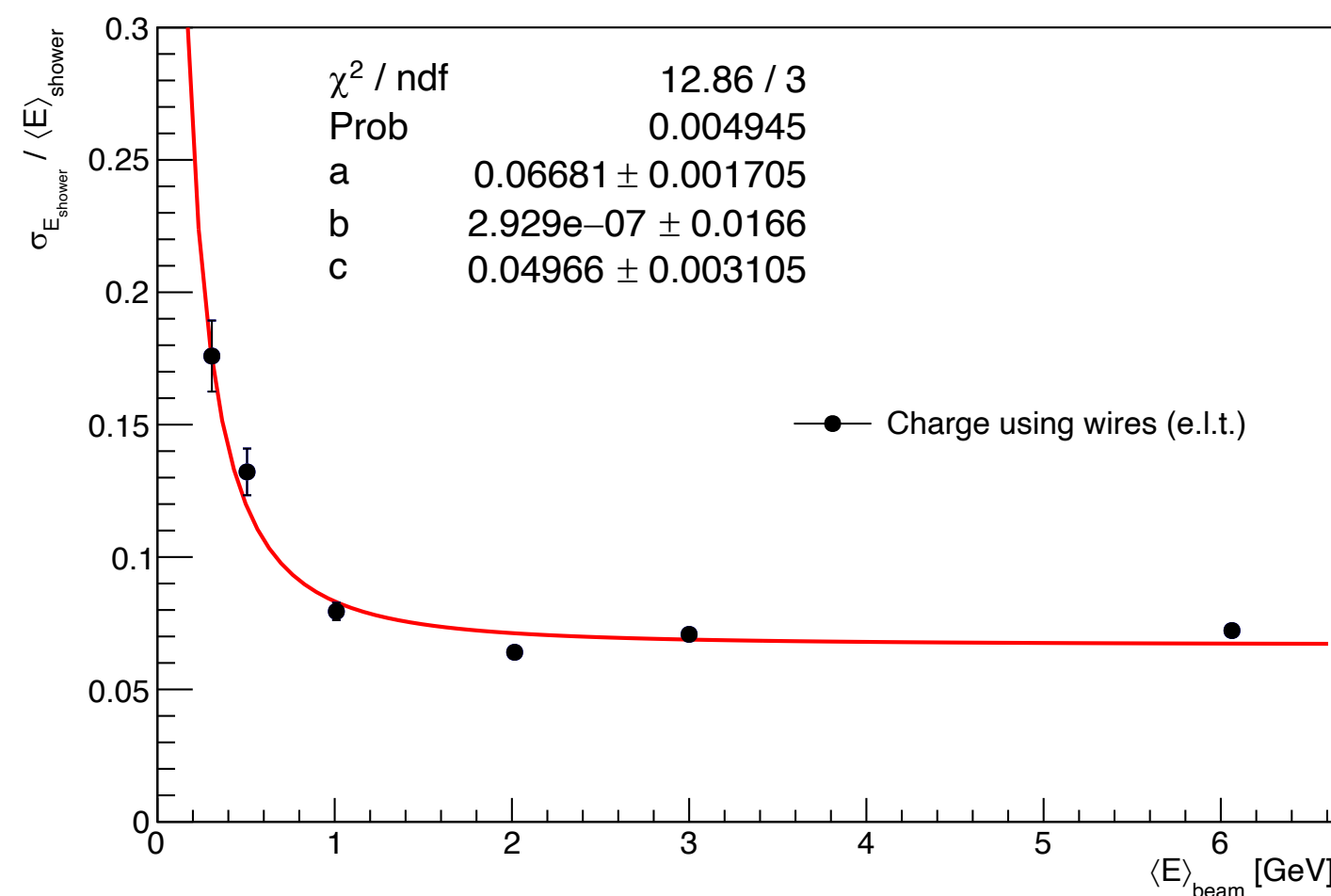
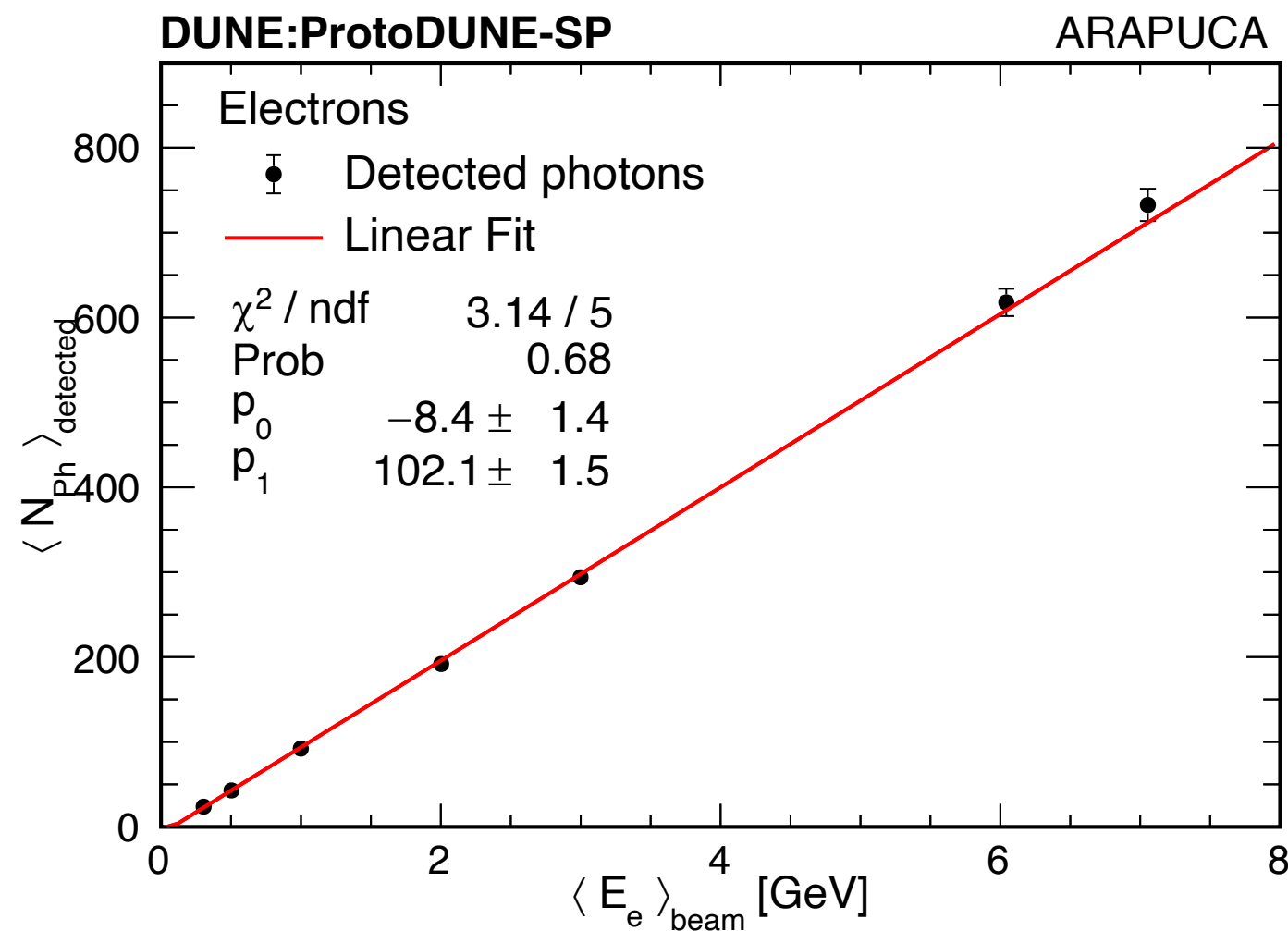


# SP: Beam electron energy resolution

TPC



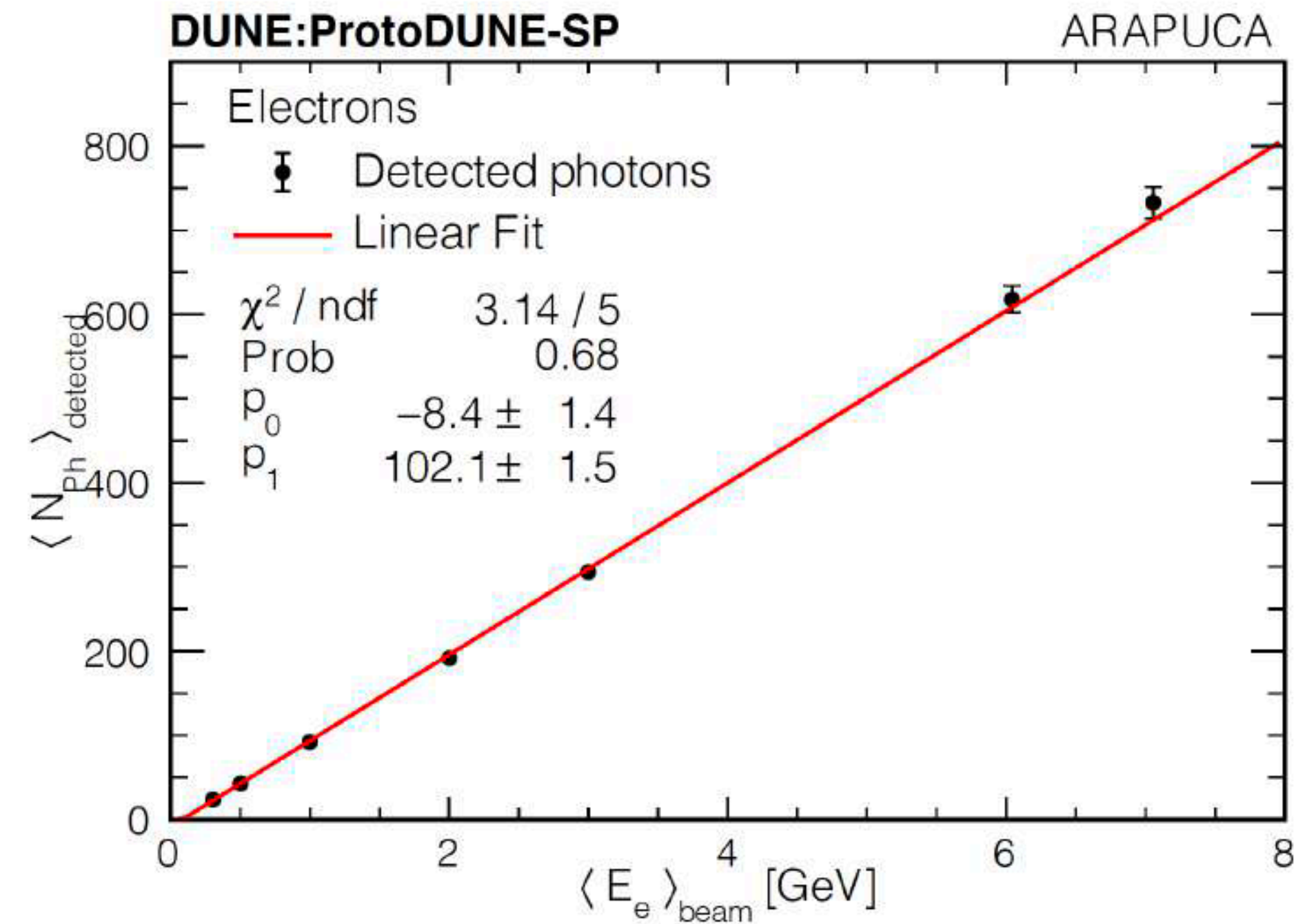
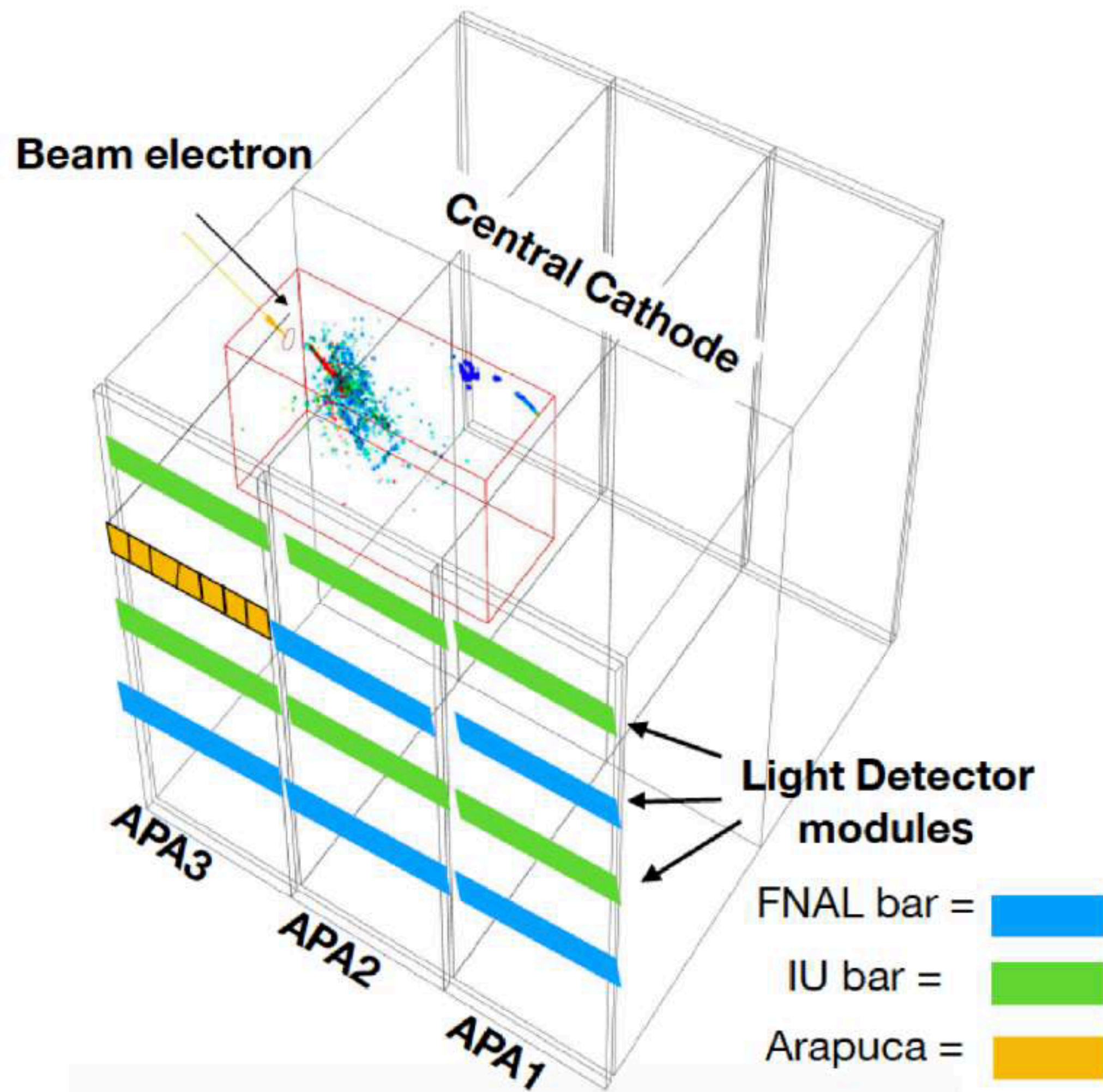
Photon Detector



$$\sigma_E / \langle E \rangle = \sqrt{a^2 + (b/\sqrt{E})^2 + (c/\langle E \rangle)^2}$$

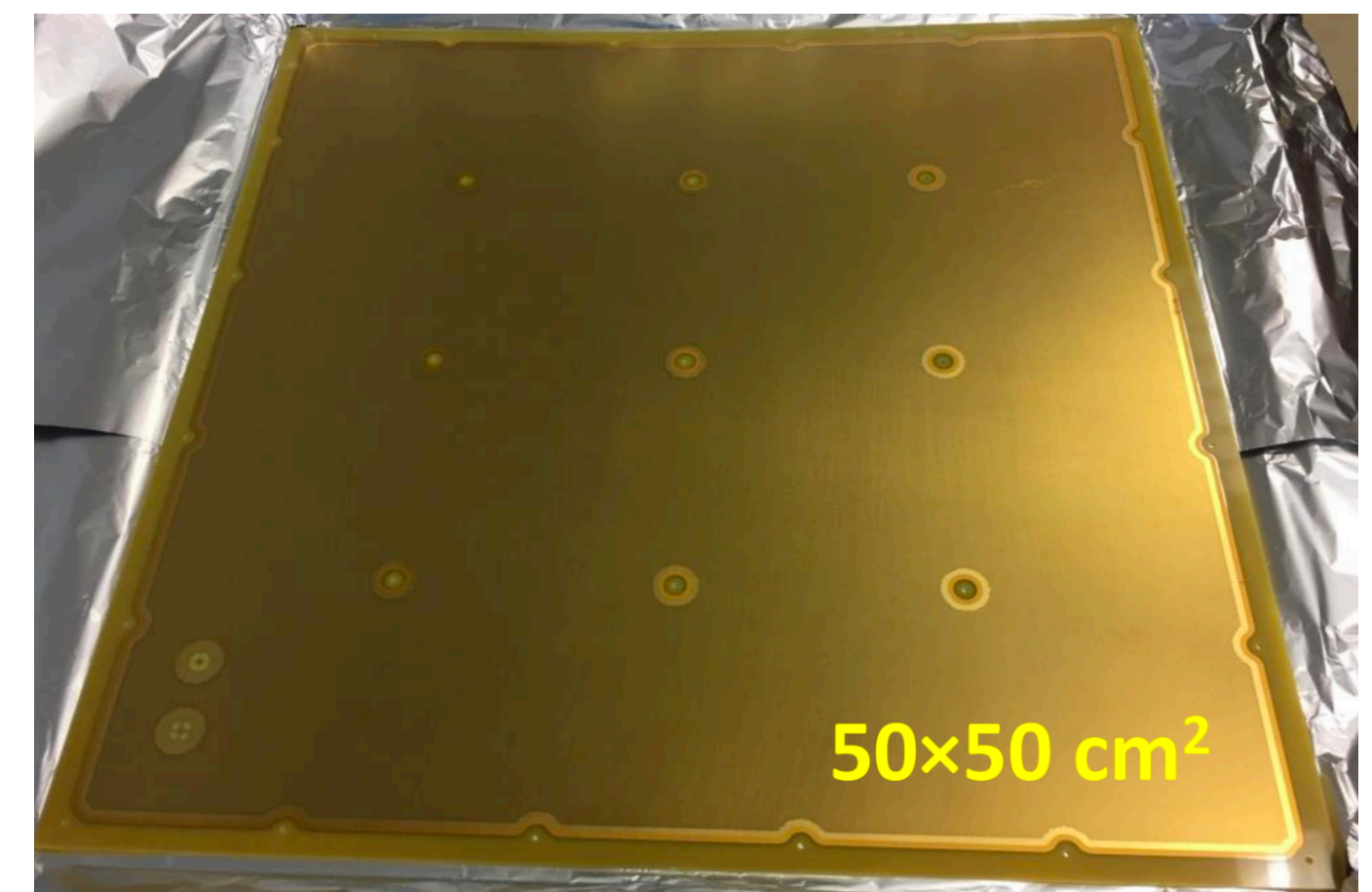
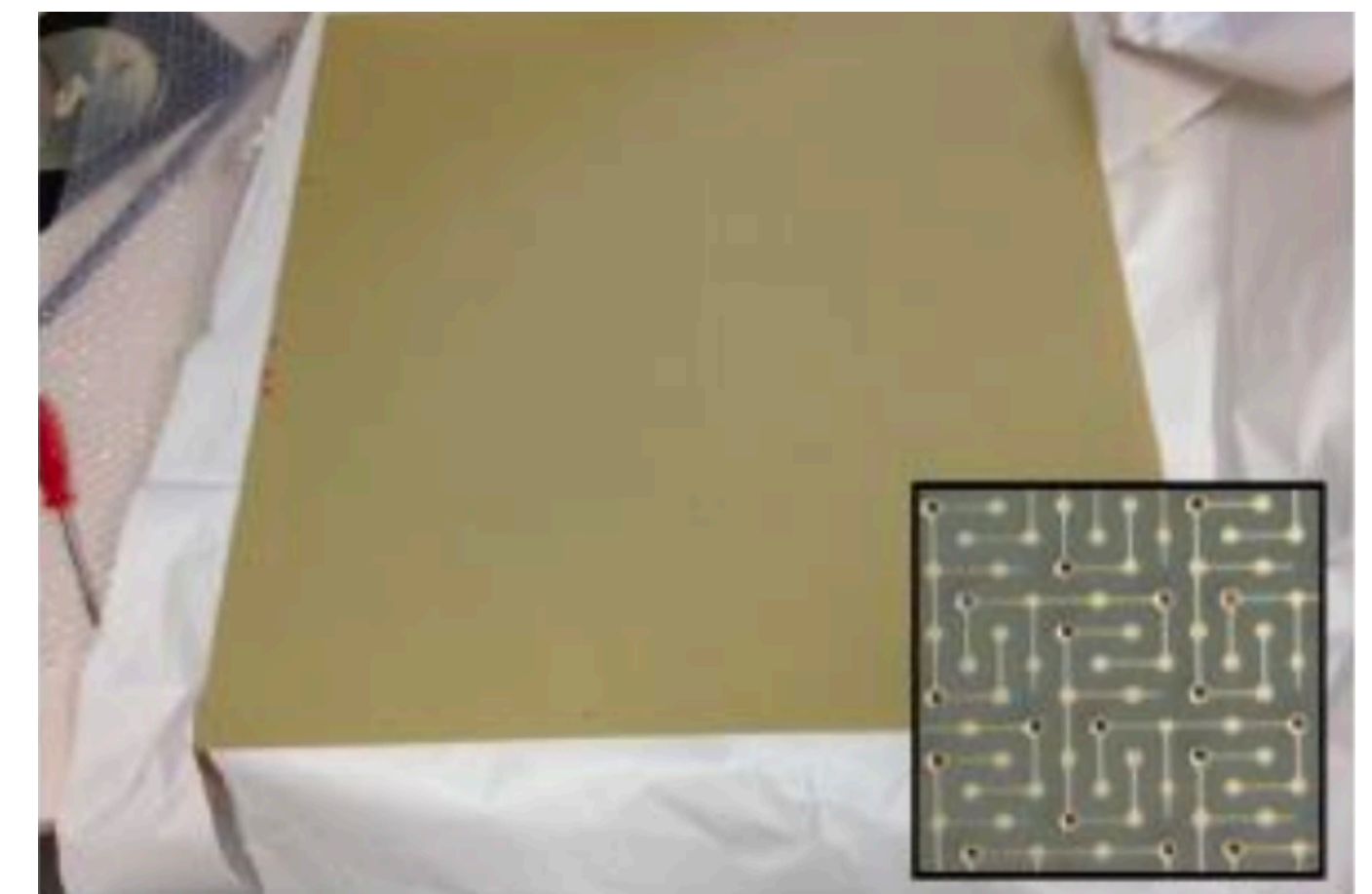
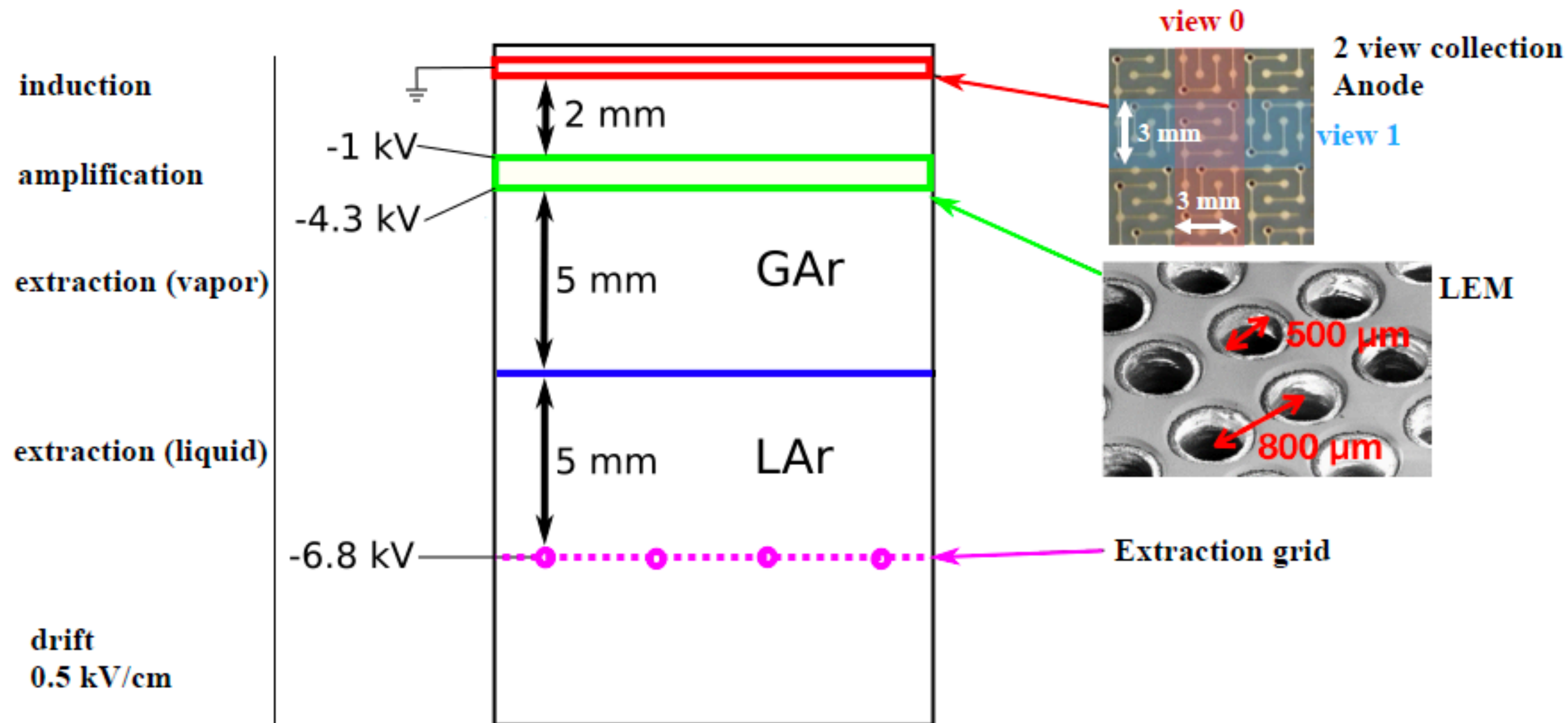
- Good linearity seen in both analyses
- Constant term dominated by spread of beam momenta
- Noise term dominated by fluctuation in the energy loss upstream
- Stochastic term characterizes the intrinsic detector resolution
  - ~ 2% for TPC and 9.9% for PD
  - Better than the design requirements

# SP: Photon Detector Performance



- Good energy linearity for contained beam electrons in the detector
- Working on geometry, attenuation and efficiency corrections

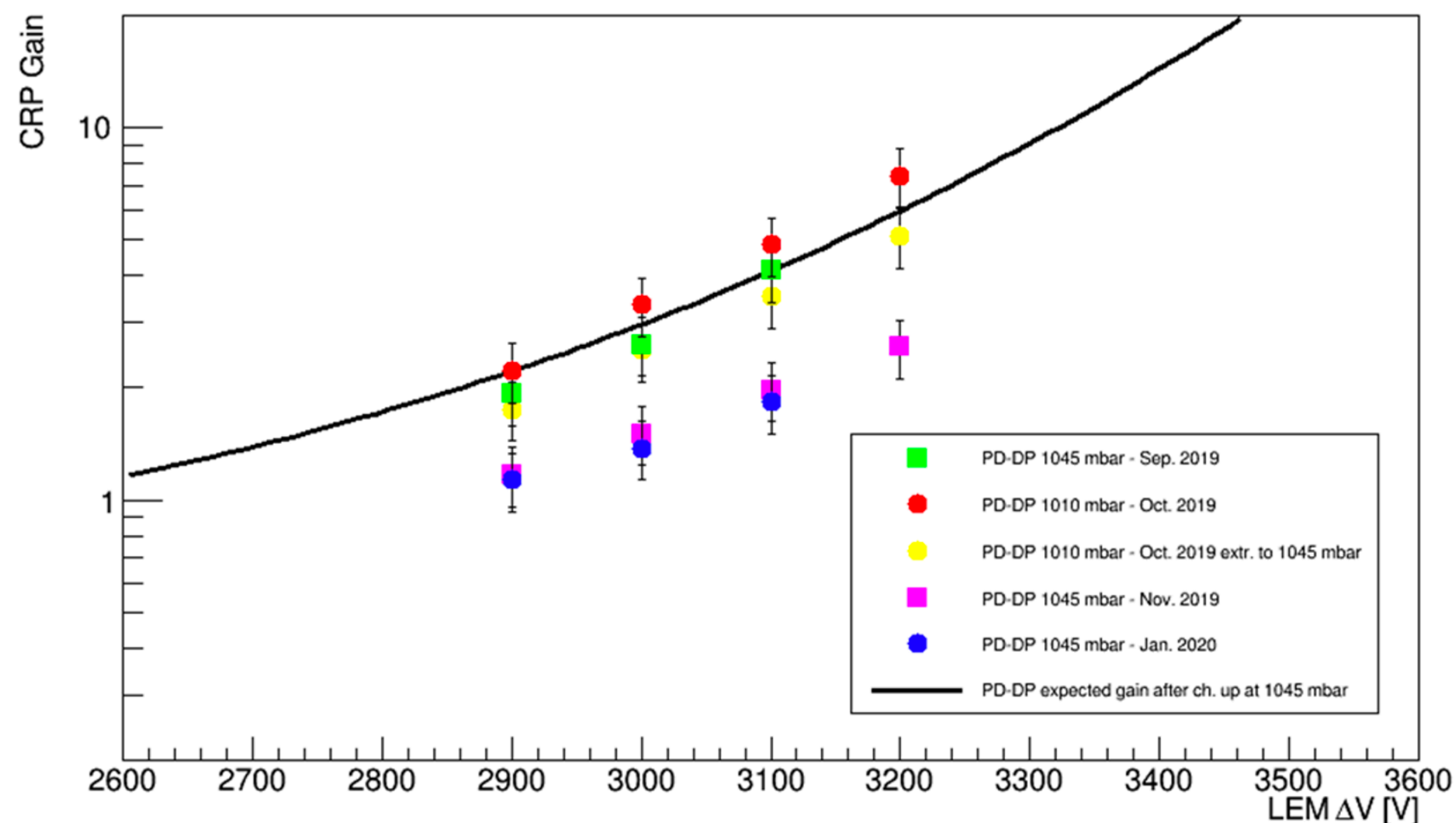
# DP: Operating Principle



- Homogeneous 0.5 kV/cm drift field (cathode + field cage)
- Extraction field  $\sim 2.5$  kV/cm between grid and LEM bottom
- Amplification  $\sim 20$  in LEMs holes
- Readout in two directions (3.125 mm pitch) by collection on anode via field between LEM top electrode and anode

# DP: Charge Readout Plane gain measurement

- Measurements between Sept. 2019 and Jan. 2020 with cosmics
- Operating conditions: 1045 mbar and  $\sim 90$  K
- CRP gain:  $\epsilon_{\text{extraction}} \times \epsilon_{\text{LEMs, amplification}} \times \epsilon_{\text{Qcollection}}(E_{\text{induction}})$
- $\epsilon_{\text{extraction}}$  estimated to be well above 90%



- Sept.  $\rightarrow$  Nov: Reduction by at least a factor of 2 due to LEM charging up effects
- Nov.  $\rightarrow$  Jan.: very small reduction, charging up completed
- Gain a factor of 2 lower than extrapolated from previous prototypes
- Discrepancy not yet understood, dedicated study to come