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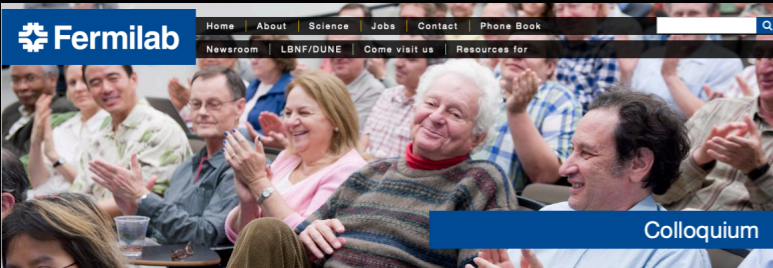
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## Outline

The LArTPC technology: from the original concept to protoDUNE - the ultimate step of detector development.

Motivations to the LArTPC technology choice for DUNE: *new technologies for new discoveries*

LArTPC technology in two “flavors”

ProtoDUNE at the CERN Neutrino Platform:  
**500+ days of continuing operation**

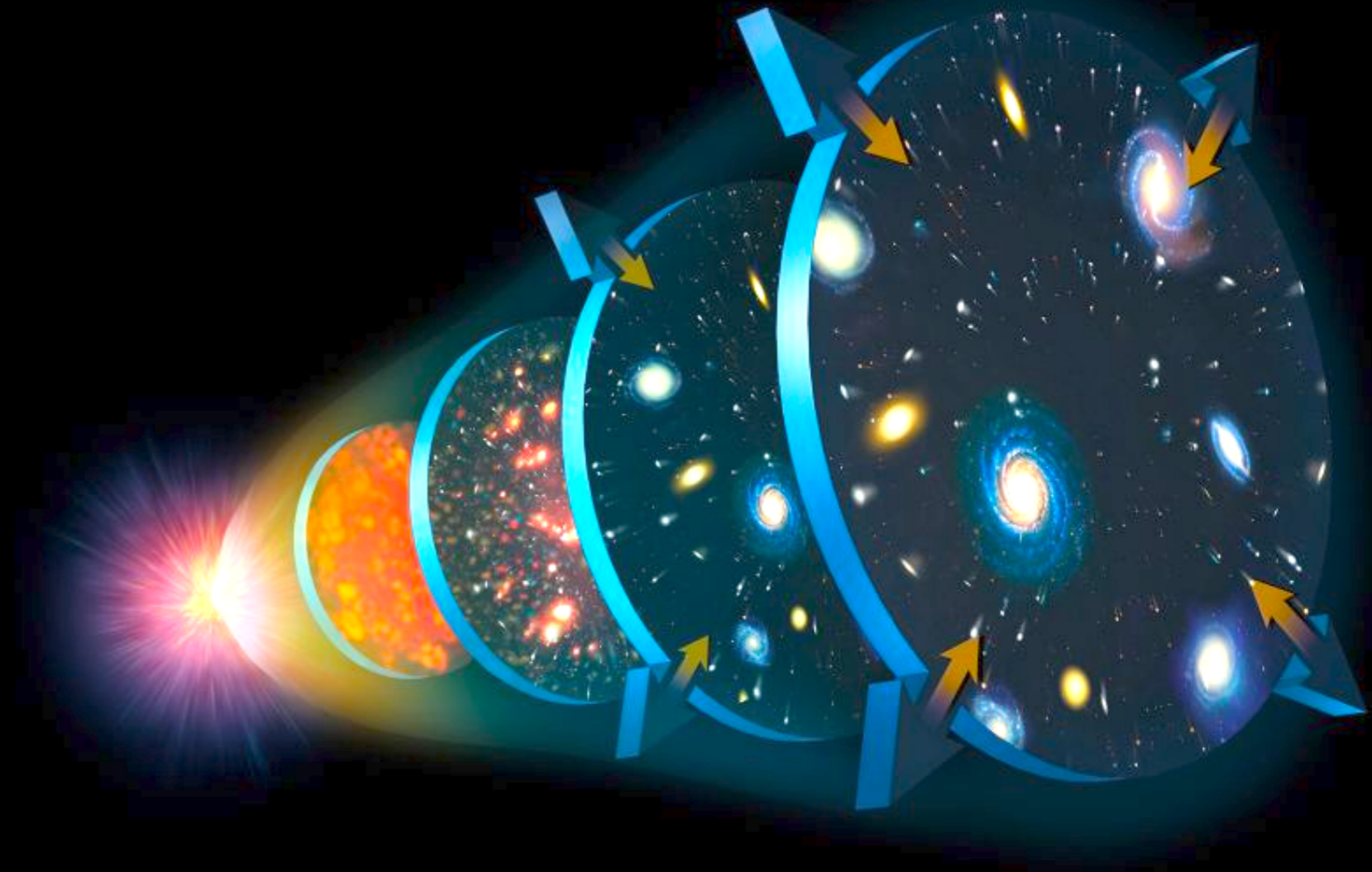
Preview of first results on LArTPC performance

# Motivations to the LArTPC technology choice for DUNE

Prominent and long standing basic questions are still waiting for answer... for example:

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According to current understanding of the Big Bang, matter and antimatter were formed in equal amounts when the universe began.



But if that were the case, all matter should have annihilated with antimatter by now, releasing lots of energy and filling the universe with light and radiation and no matter at all.

So, the question is “why is the world made of matter and not antimatter or nothing at all”?



The answer may hide in  
the way we distinguish  
between matter and  
antimatter:  
the CP transformations

*In the Standard Model a tiny amount  
of violation of the CP symmetry  
exists in the baryon sector...*

*.. but this CP violation is not enough to account for the observed matter-antimatter  
unbalance. Therefore, other CP violation sources must contribute*

CP violation in the **neutrino** sector **is the prime candidate**

**If this is true, we should find signs of CP violation  
in the oscillation of today's neutrinos....**

# DUNE/LBNF: the Long Baseline Neutrino program

SANFORD UNDERGROUND RESEARCH FACILITY  
Lead, South Dakota

FERMILAB  
Batavia, Illinois

**DUNE** DEEP UNDERGROUND  
NEUTRINO EXPERIMENT

1300 km

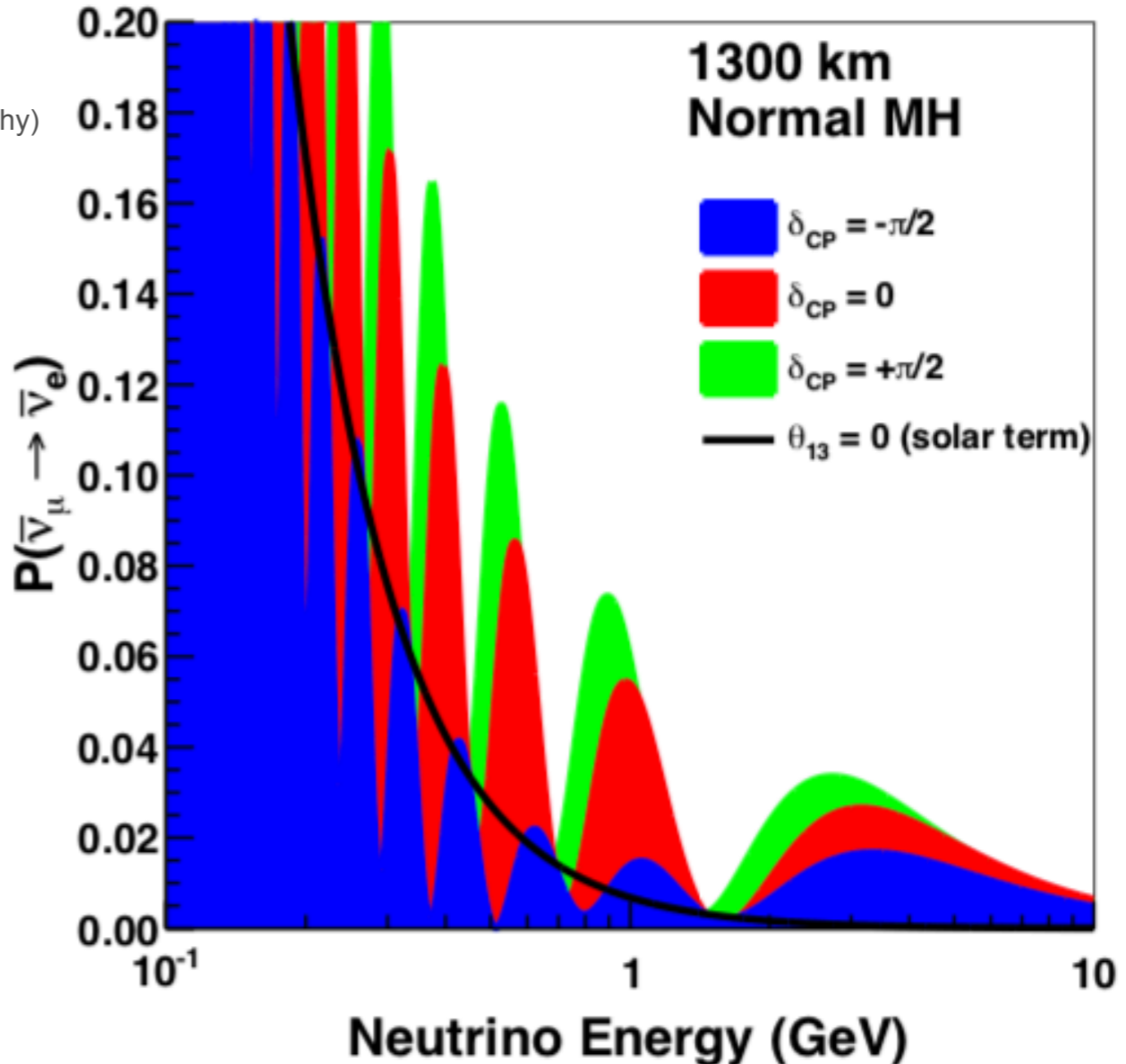
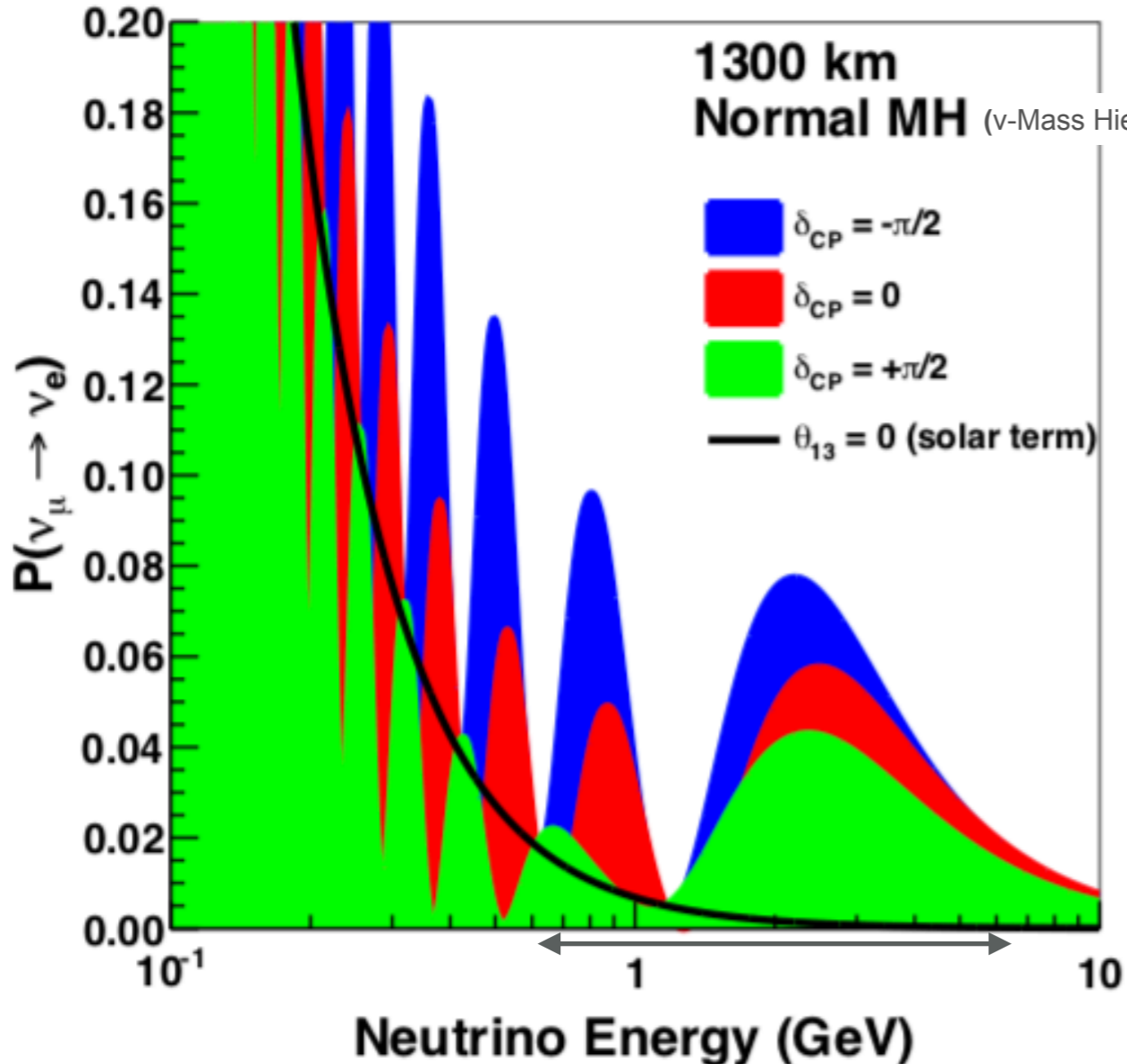
Far Detector

Near Detector



The **DUNE/LBNF** project in the US is the first **neutrino** international mega-science **project** [based on the ATLAS-CMS/LHC model at CERN in Europe and similar in size to LIGO]

the oscillation patterns of  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  beams over a 1300 km long baseline



The CP Asymmetry

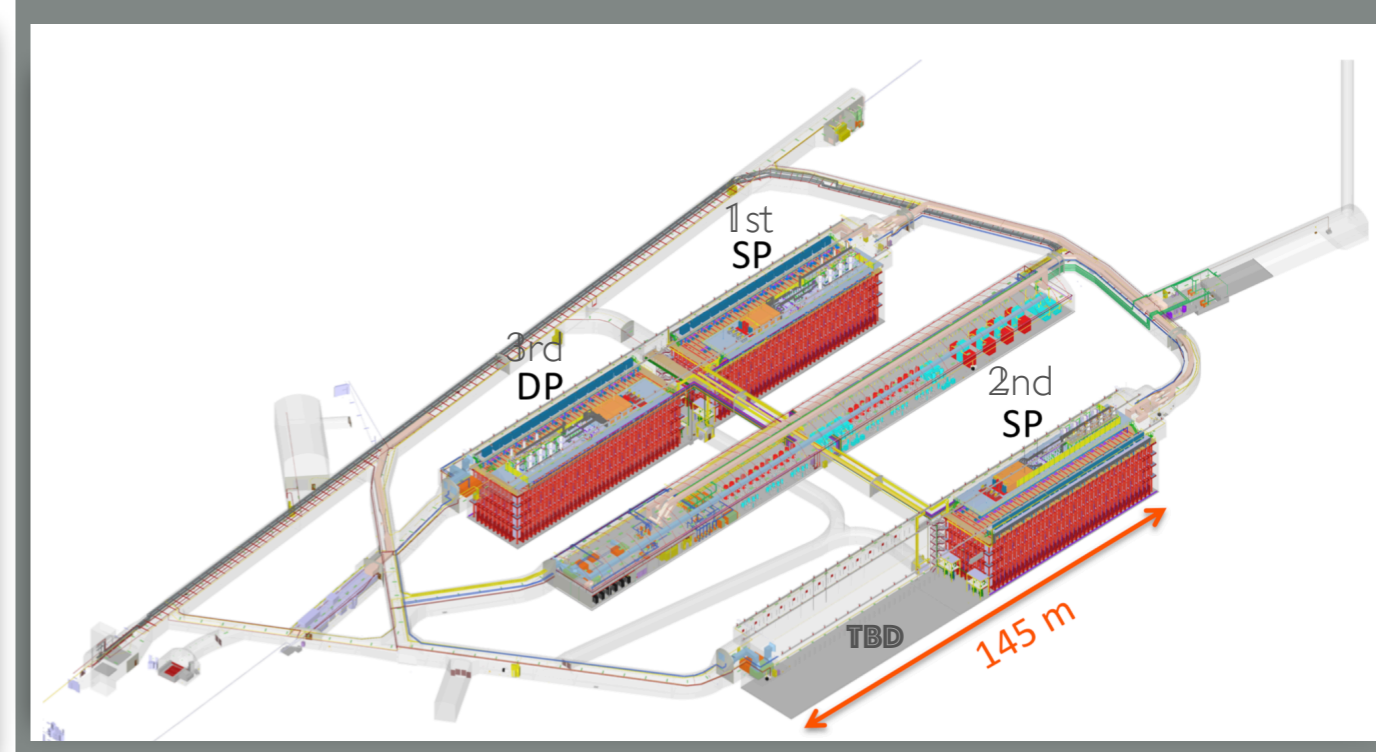
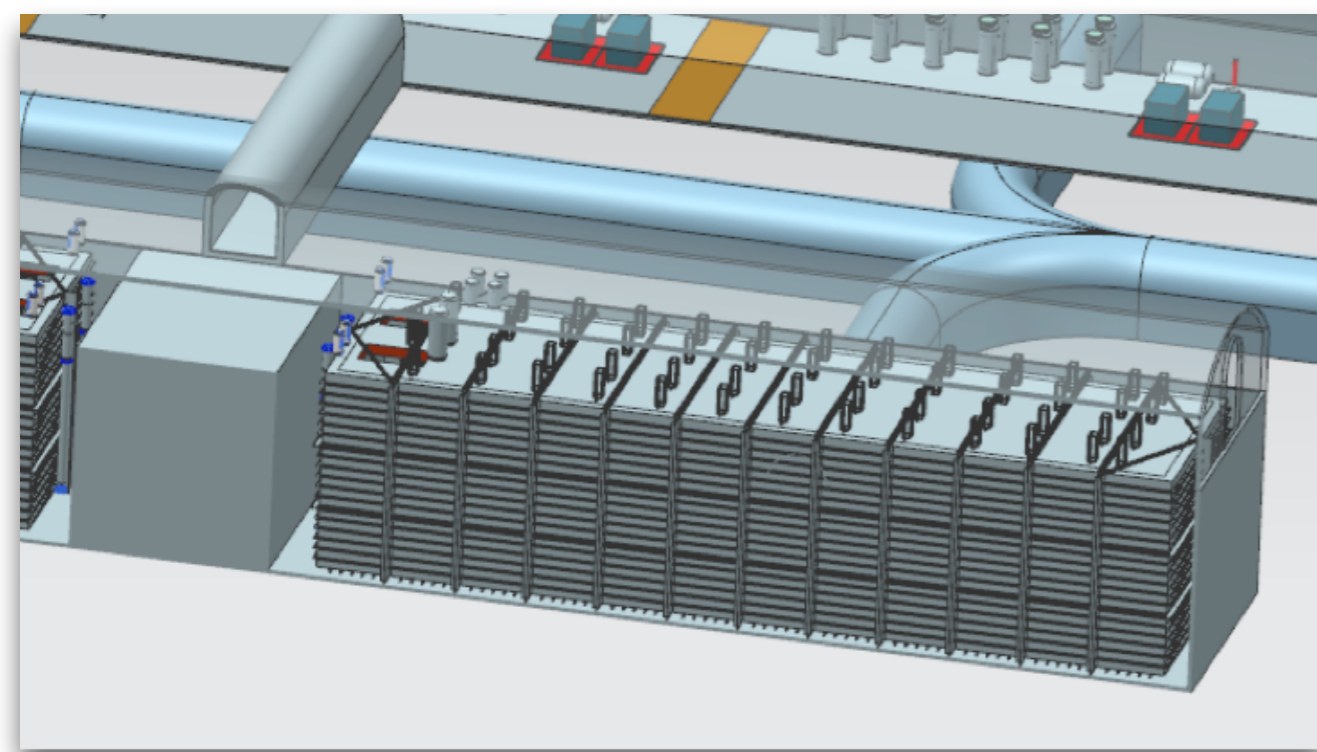
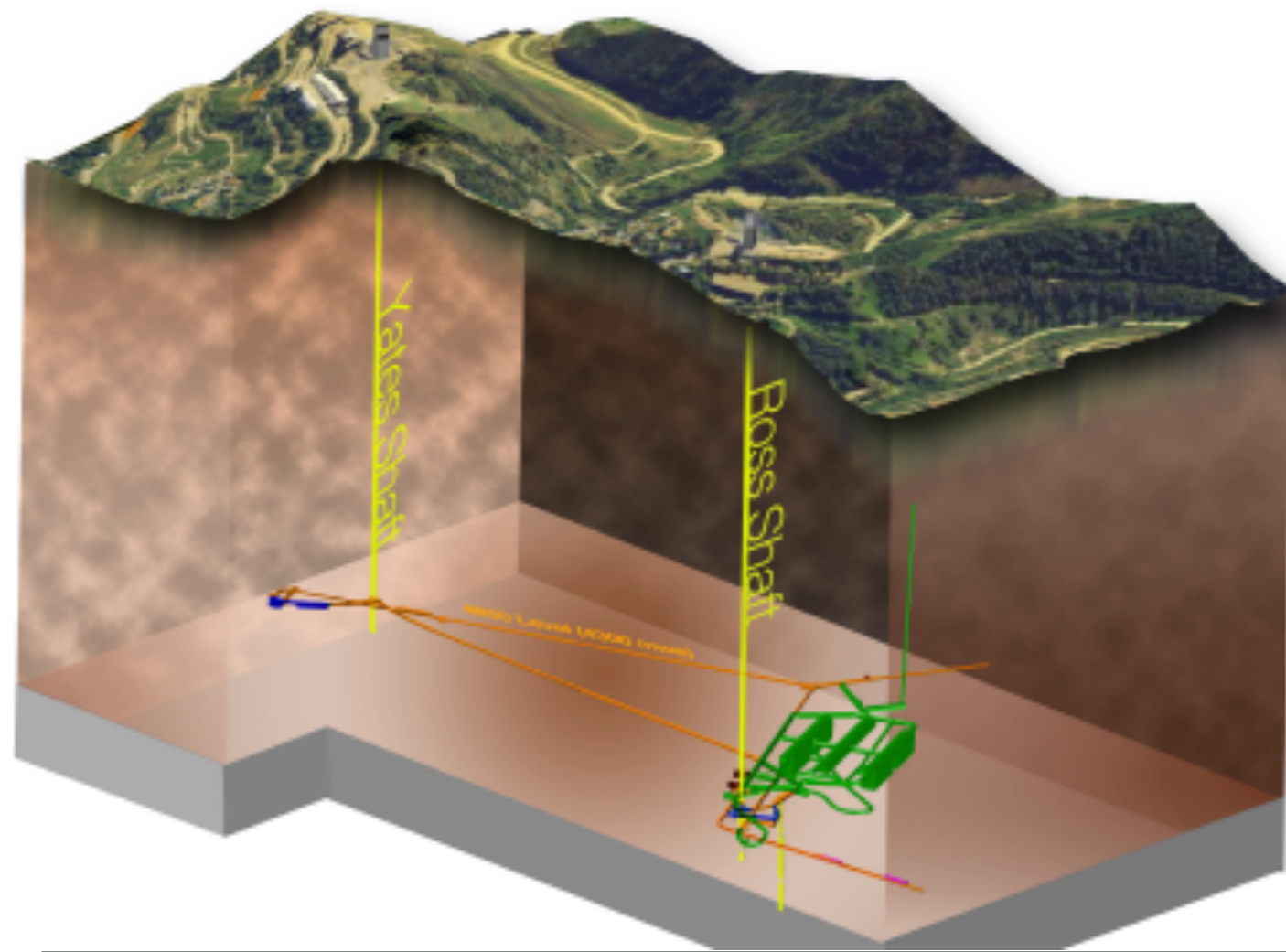
$$A_{CP} = \frac{P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) - P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)}{P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) + P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)}$$

The signal for  $\nu_e$  ( $\bar{\nu}_e$ ) appearance is an excess of charged current (CC)  $\nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_e$  events over the expected background (in the  $\sim[0.5-5]$  GeV Energy range)

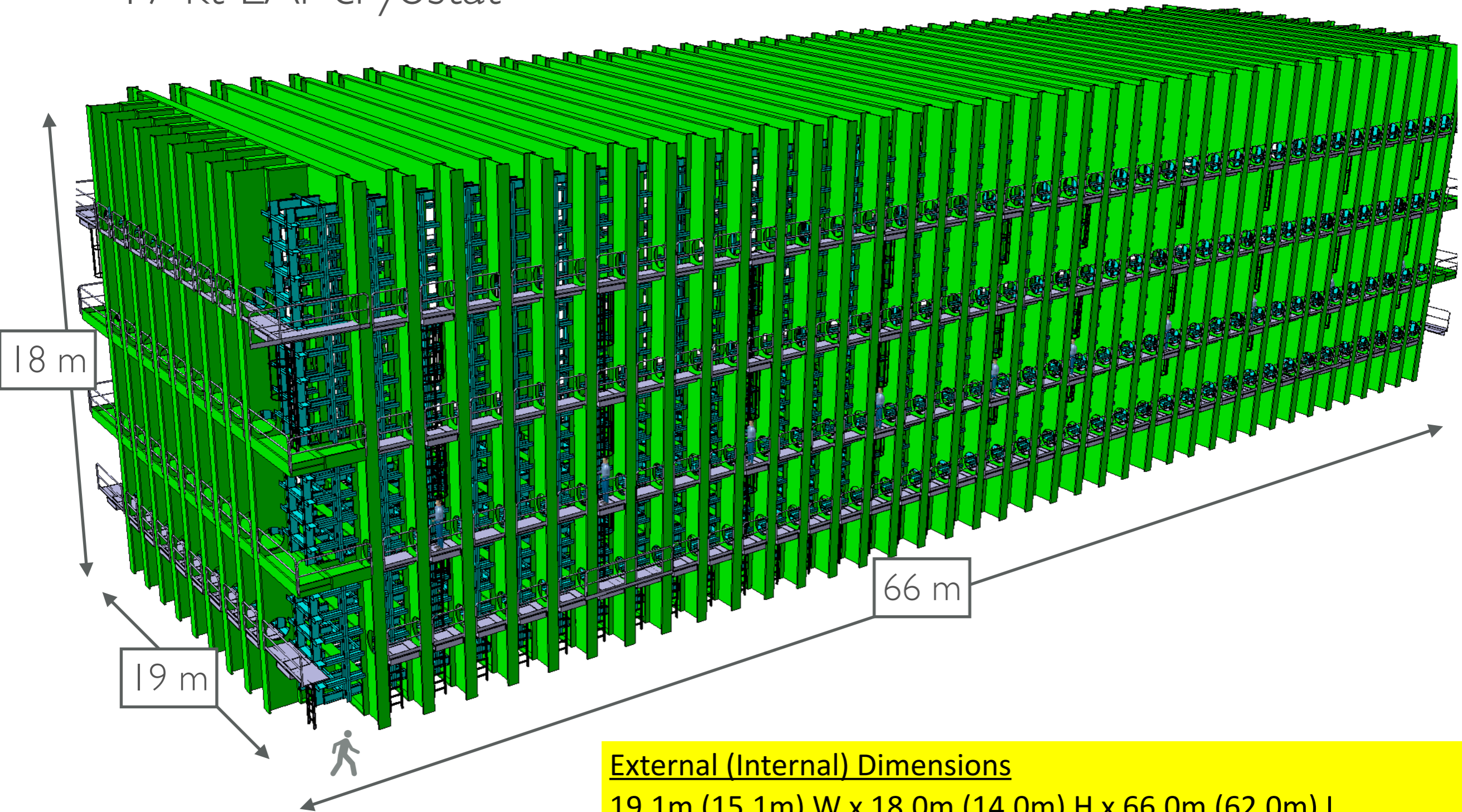


# “Far Site”: SURF 4850 Level

- Major underground excavation removing ~800,000 tons of rock
- Two large caverns housing **four** cryostats and a central utility space
- $4 \times 17,000$  tons of LAr to fill the cryostats: *the target for neutrino interactions*

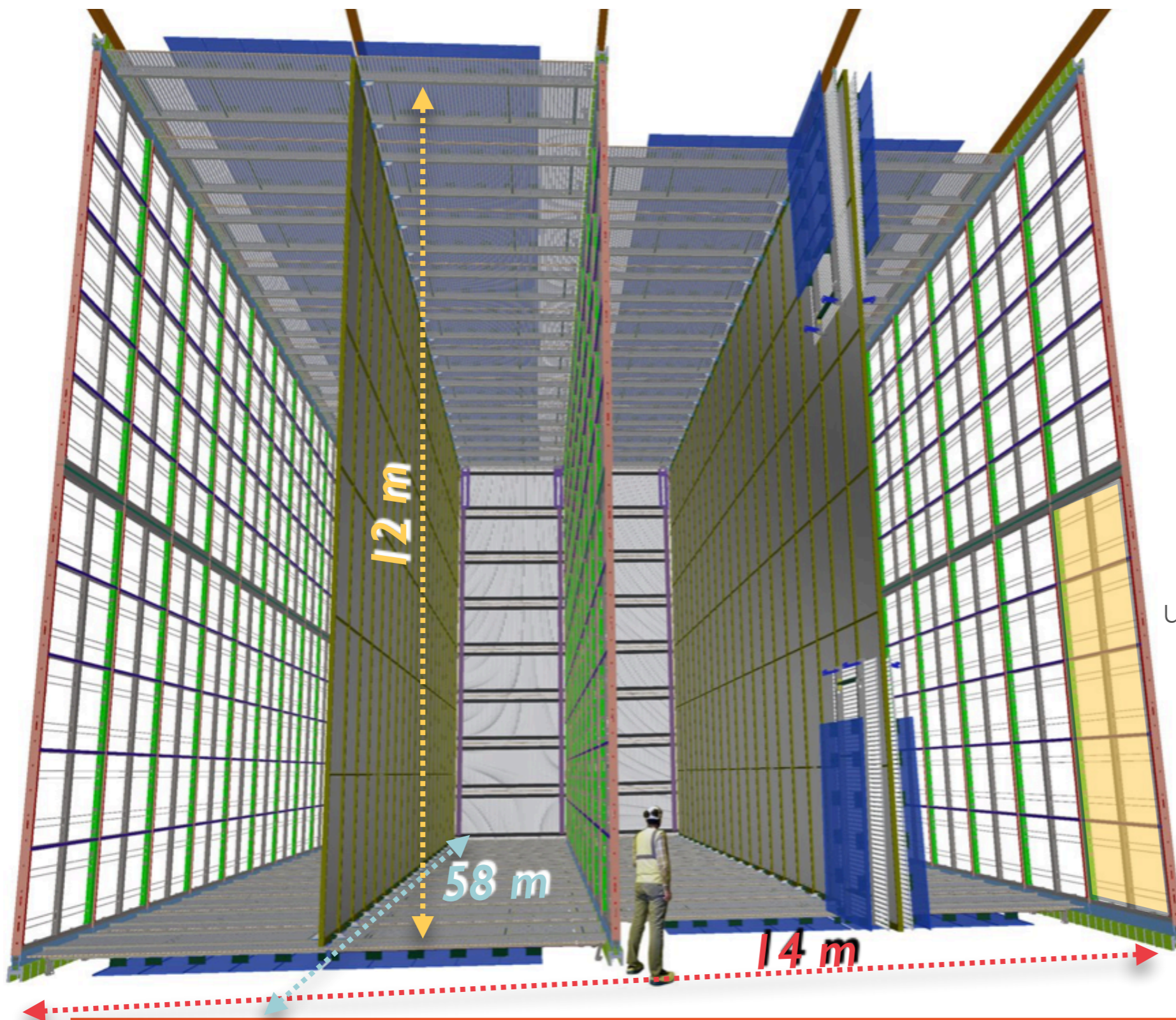


# The first FD Module: 17 kt LAr cryostat

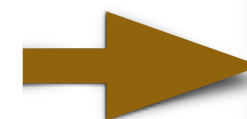


External (Internal) Dimensions  
19.1m (15.1m) W x 18.0m (14.0m) H x 66.0m (62.0m) L

and the **LArTPC** instrumented inside the cryostat



LArTPC modular unit (APA) in real



New technologies for  
new discoveries



*Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber - LAr TPC*  
is the  
**Technology Choice**  
for the International Neutrino Program in the US

**Q:** Why **Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber?**

**A:** LAr TPC is a modern technology with Automated 3D Imaging, Particle ID (e.g.  $e/\gamma$  separation) with added full Calorimetry and Self-Triggering Capability

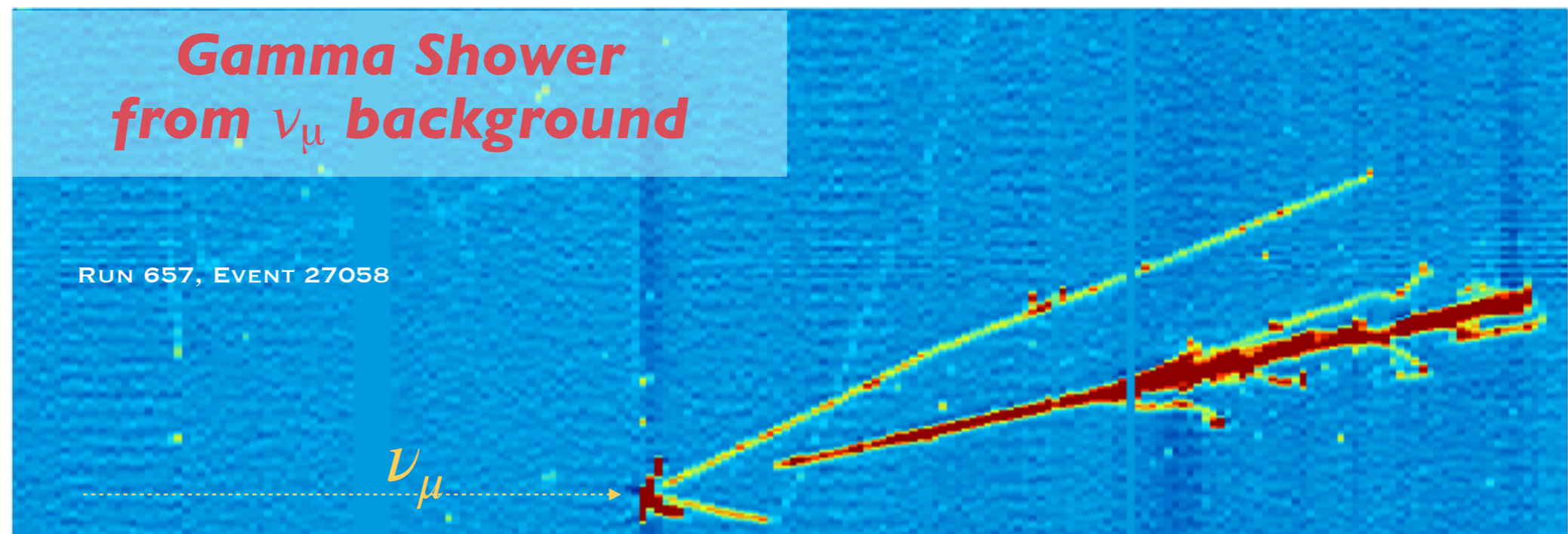
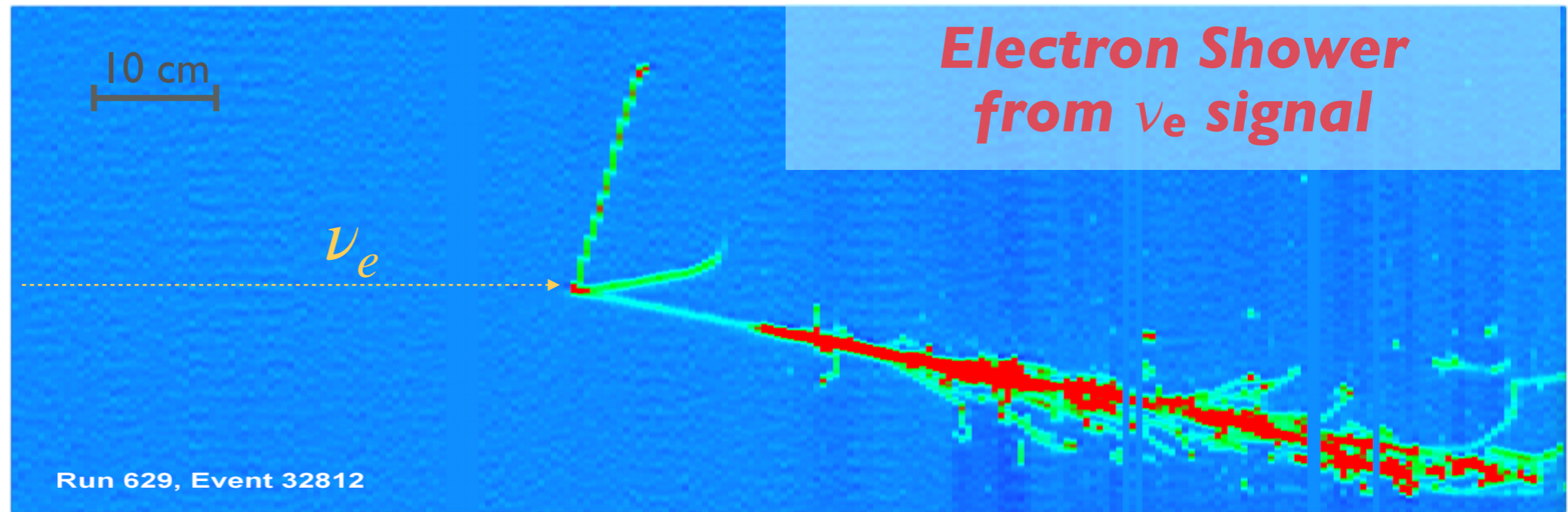
Combine Target and Detector in one

Scalable to very large mass

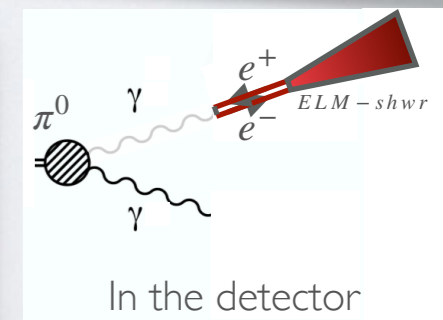
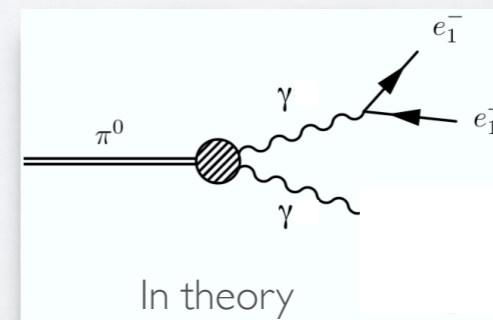
# *e*/ $\gamma$ separation



**ArgoNeuT**  
FNAL  
2009-10



$\nu_e$  appearance and background rejection  
( $\nu_e \rightarrow$ ) electron /  $\gamma$  ( $\leftarrow \pi^0$ ) discrimination



# 1977 - the LArTPC Concept

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## THE LIQUID-ARGON TIME PROJECTION CHAMBER:

### A NEW CONCEPT FOR NEUTRINO DETECTORS

C. Rubbia

#### ABSTRACT

It appears possible to realize a Liquid-Argon Time Projection Chamber (LAPC) which gives an ultimate volume sensitivity of  $1 \text{ mm}^3$  and a drift length as long as 30 cm. Purity of the argon is the main technological problem. Preliminary investigations seem to indicate that this would be feasible with simple techniques. In this case a multi-hundred-ton neutrino detector with good vertex detection capabilities could be realized.

G E N E V A

1977

Quoting this document, "*the original idea of Nygren (1974)*" for a so-called "*Time Projection Chamber (TPC)*" with a noble gas as **ionization** medium "*is extended to a liquefied noble gas - more specifically, liquid Argon - leading to what is*" thereafter "*called a Liquid-Argon TPC (LAr-TPC)*". Briefly, the idea consists of drifting the whole electron image of an event occurring in the noble liquid towards a collecting multi-electrode array which is capable of reconstructing the three-dimensional image  $(x,y,z)$  of the event from the  $(x,y)$  information and the drift time  $(t)$ ".

- **Features of different experimental technologies are combined in a single device**
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*(ideal for detection and full reconstruction of rare events like neutrino interactions and nucleon decays).*

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## OBSERVATION OF IONIZATION ELECTRONS DRIFTING LARGE DISTANCES IN LIQUID ARGON\*

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Department of Physics, University of California, Irvine, California 92717, U S A

Received 26 September 1977 and in revised form 1 November 1977

Measurements using a  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  internal conversion source demonstrate that ionization electrons will drift at least 35 cm in liquid argon in electric fields of a few kV/cm

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# 1986 - proposal for a massive LArTPC ICARUS

*“Principle of Operation (from ICARUS Proposal):*

*The imaging of the ionising events inside the cryogenic volume of the detector is made possible because of*

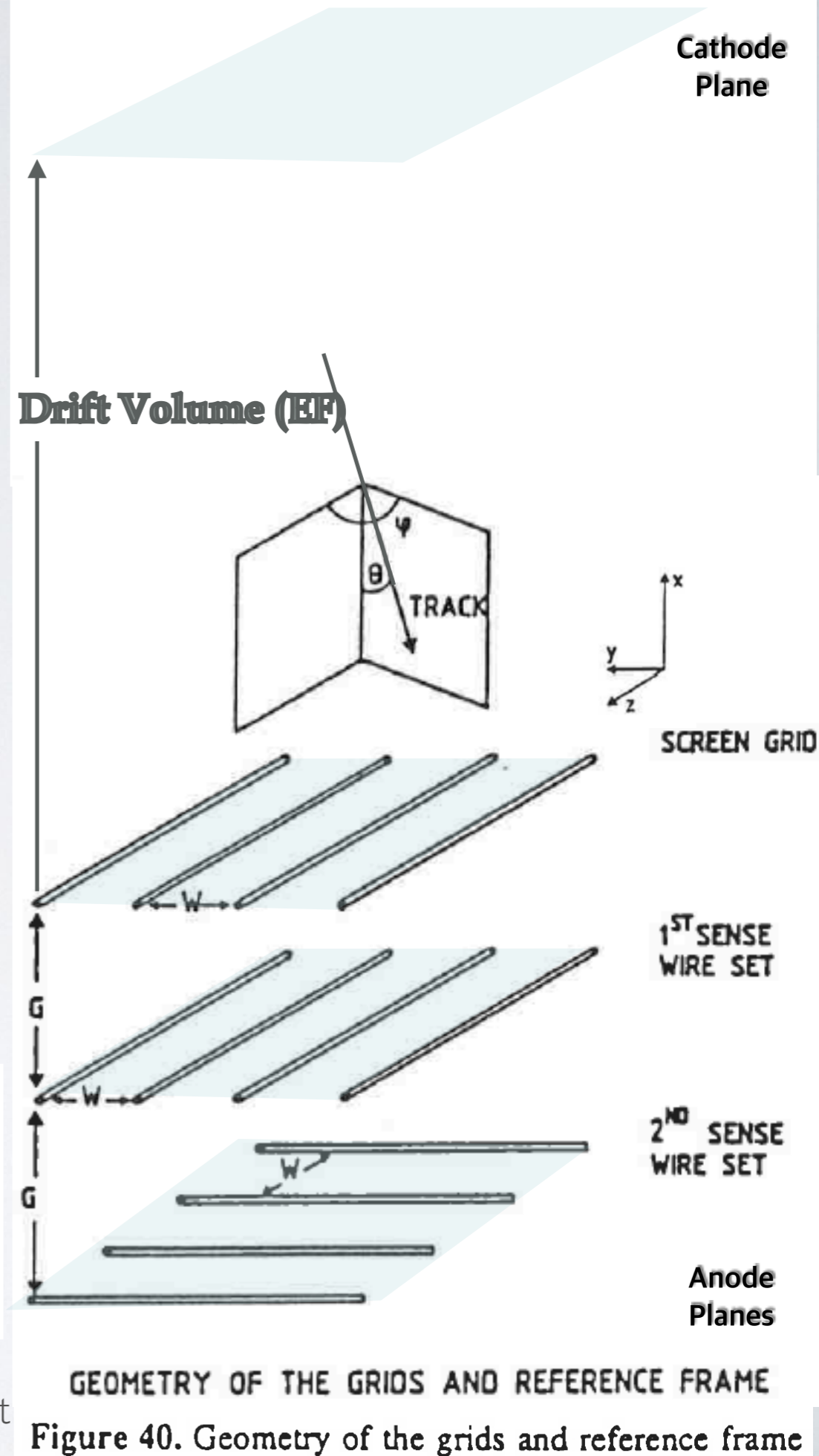
- (1) the long lifetime of the drifting electrons in excess of one millisecond (i.e. very high LAr purity) and*
- (2) the sensitivity of modern (low noise) charge sensitive amplifiers that are capable of sensing an electron signal produced by a few millimetres of minimum ionising tracks”.*

*... “main features” ...*

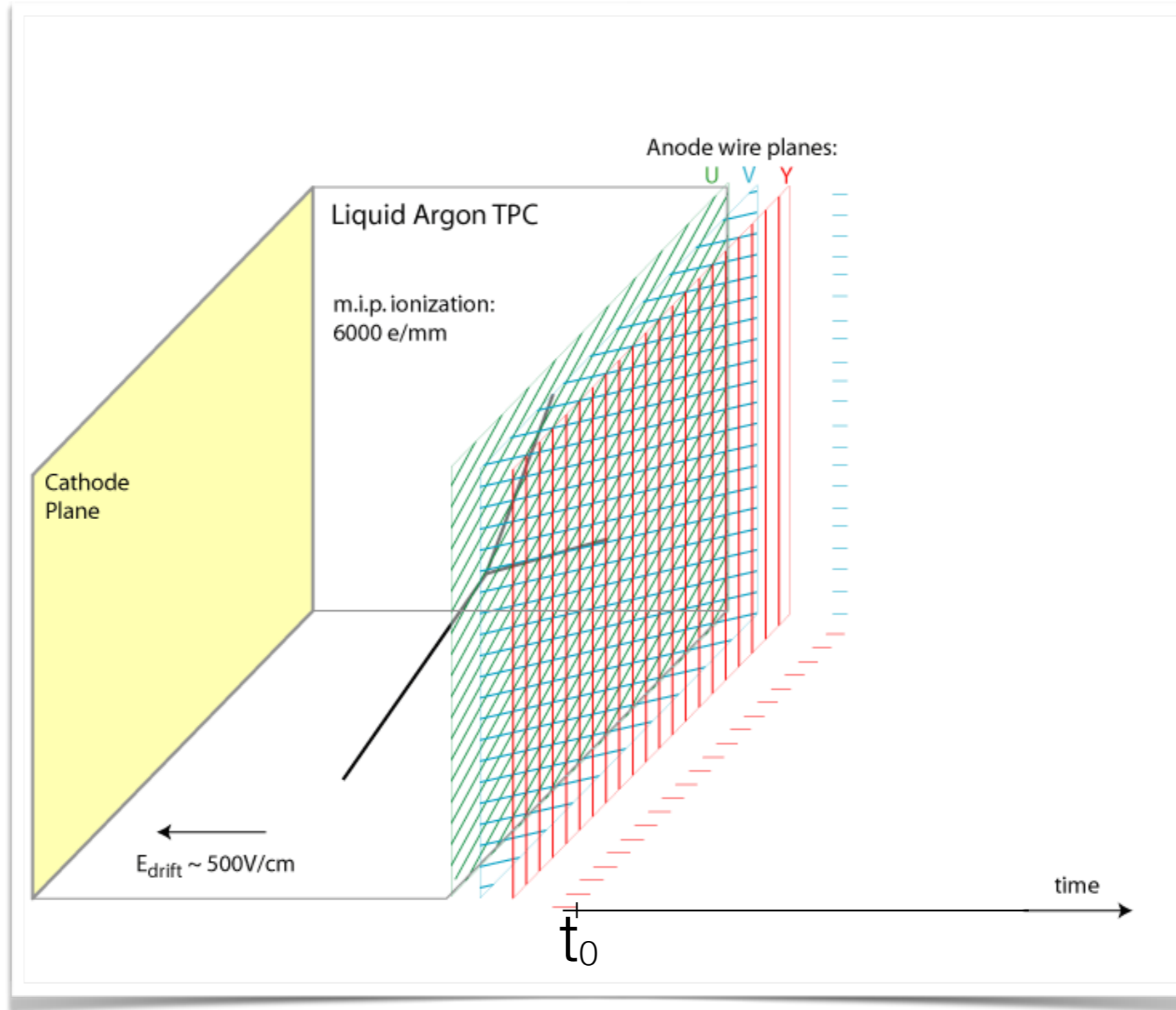
*Non-destructive read-out with determination of the  $t=0$  signal ... (for the measurement of) the drift time and hence of the drift distance*

~~that the current through the grid is proportional to the solid angle  $d\Omega$ .~~ We remark that the signal is due to the images of the charges of the electrons and is not produced (as sometimes incorrectly assumed) by a simple electron collection.

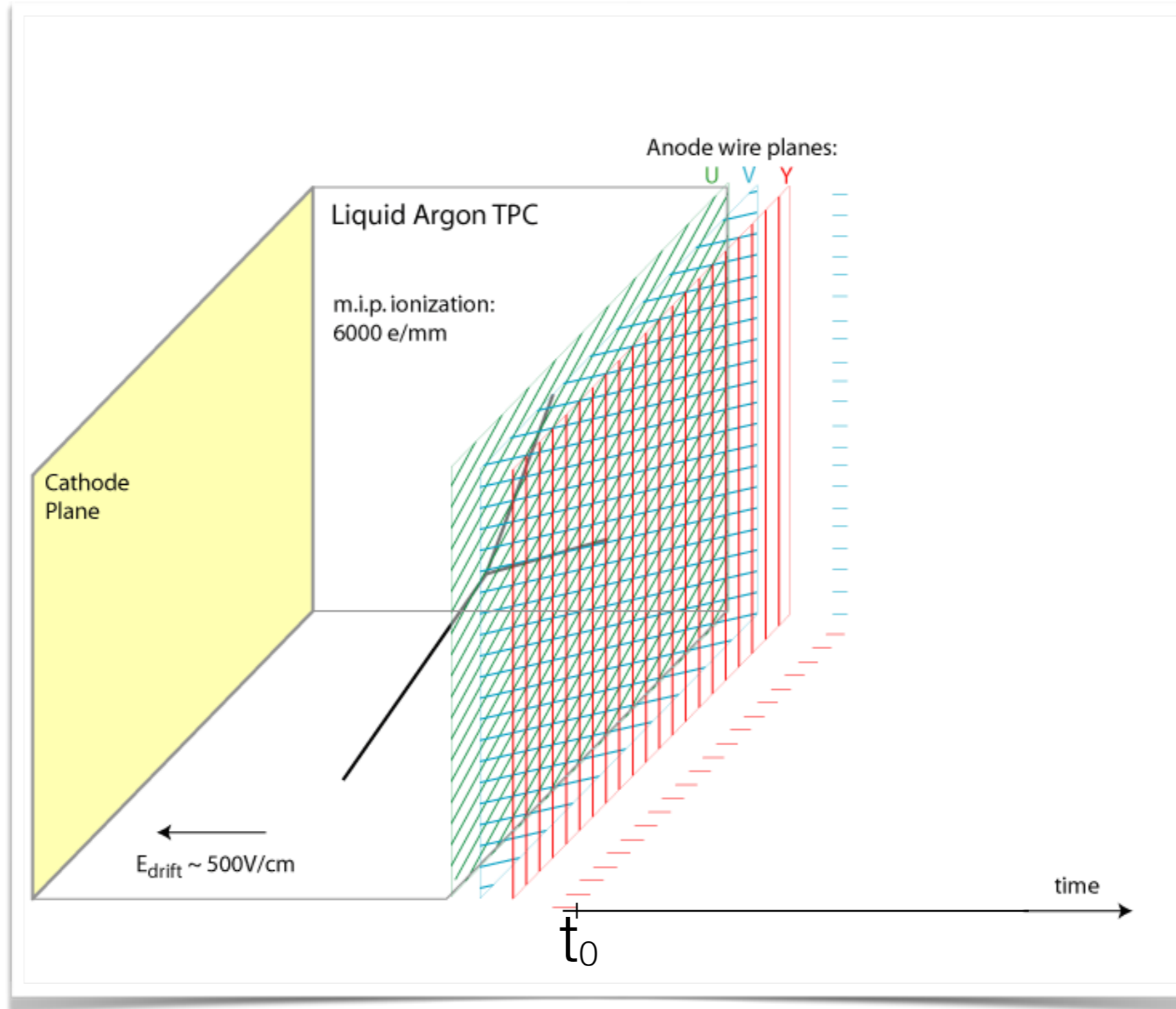
If we replace solid electrodes with wire planes or grids, we can preserve the electrons and we can realize a non-destructive read-out. ~~The use of a grid~~



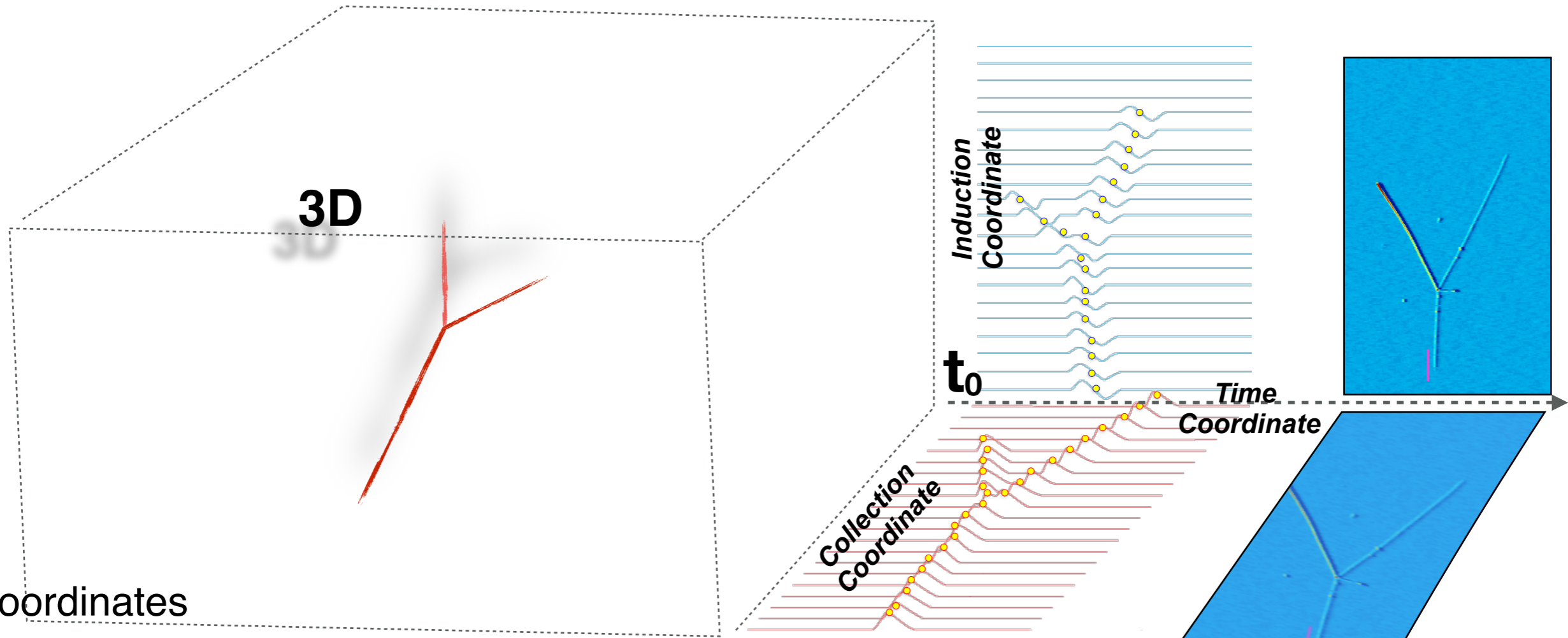
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1. Hit coordinates

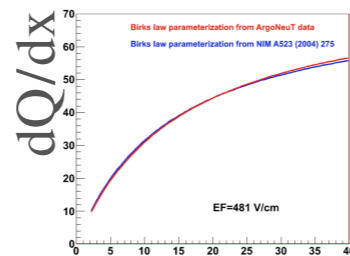
(wire# and  $t_{hit} \Rightarrow 2 \times 2D \Rightarrow 3D$  image

2D Image(s)  
(graphic rendering)

2. Hit Amplitude  $\Rightarrow dQ$  Ionization Charge Deposited

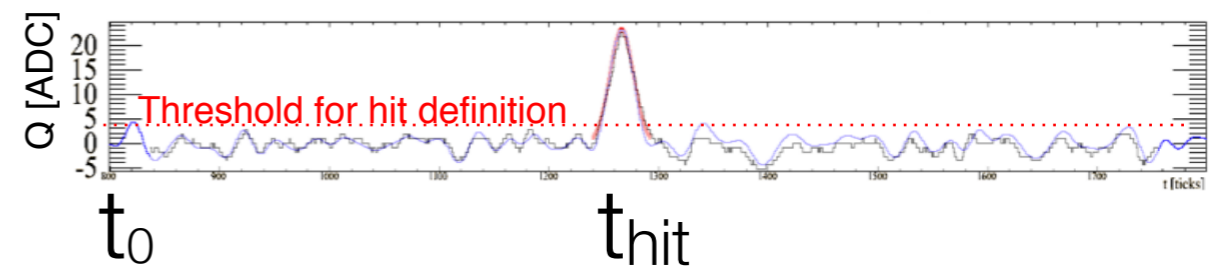
3. Distance in space between hits  $\Rightarrow dx$  (track pitch)

4.  $dQ/dx \Rightarrow dE/dx \Rightarrow$  **Ptcl Id**



5.  $\int_l \frac{dE}{dx} dx = E_{Tot} \Rightarrow$  **Calorimetry**  $dE/dx$

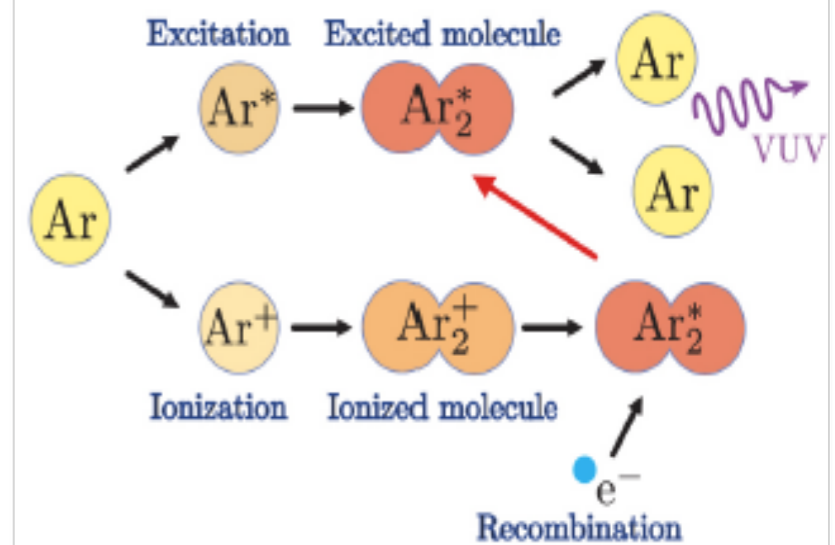
TPC wire Signal: find **Hit**



(real) TPC wire Signal

t0 time

*Need a fast signal  
to identify the time of the interaction (t0)*



Prompt scintillation light produced in LAr as part of the ionization process ideal for t0 (and a lot more):

*Need a **Photo-Detector** embedded in the TPC structure*

Ar Scintillation light is very abundant (40 k photons/MeV) but photon wavelength is in the VUV (128 nm)

*Need wavelength-shifter (easiest solution)*

in the modern LArTPC technology - Light Detector (PDS) is becoming an important complement to the Charge Detector (TPC)

# LArTPC at work: LAr purity - the issue, the solution

Ionization electrons must drift over distance of  $\mathcal{O}(m)$ , ie drift times  $\mathcal{O}(ms)$ , without substantial capture by electronegative impurities  $\Rightarrow$  limit on level of contamination [ $O_2$ -equiv]  $\leq 100$  ppt (part per trillion)

*"The starting material is Argon gas which has a (typical) impurity concentration of  $\approx 0.1$  ppm of Oxygen. The gas is passed through the (filter) cartridge to remove the Oxygen present ... at a typical rate of 0.35 l of gas per second. The gas is then liquefied ..."*

[J. Bahcall, M. Baldo-Ceolin, D.B. Cline and C.Rubbia, **Phys.Lett B178**, (1986)]

## The issue:

At this rate it would take  $\sim 1000$  yr to purify&fill one DUNE Module

## The solution:

*"Argon purification in the liquid phase"* [NIM A333 (1993), 567]

*"we have shown that ultrapure liquid Argon can be obtained by direct purification of the liquid. The final purity corresponds to an electro-negative impurity concentrations below 0.1 ppb  $O_2$  equivalent, equal to that obtained with similar procedures (OXY reactant + molecular sieves) purifying the gas phase. ... The flows are almost three orders of magnitude (the ratio of the densities) higher. As a consequence, the problem of filling a large scale detector is much simplified (... few weeks for a kiloton sized detector)".*

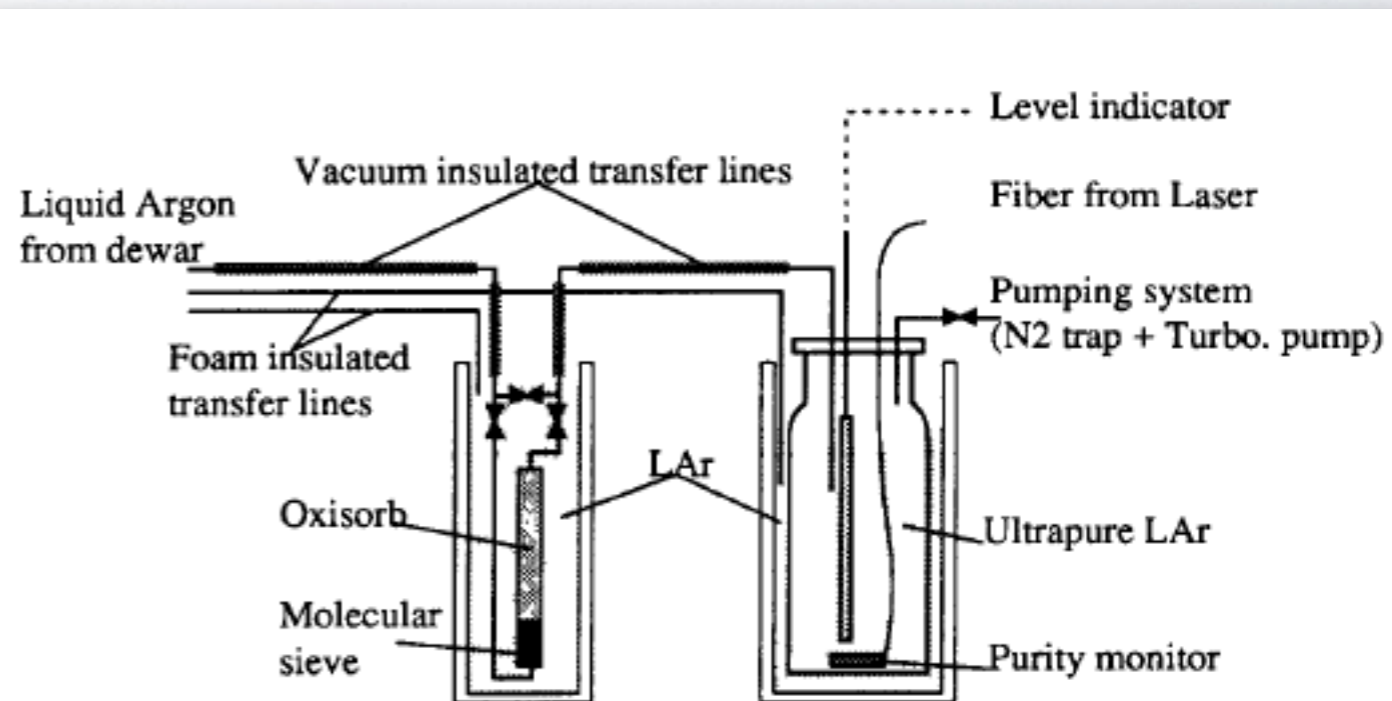


Fig. 1. Schematic view of the liquid phase argon purification system.

## LArTPC technology in two “flavors”

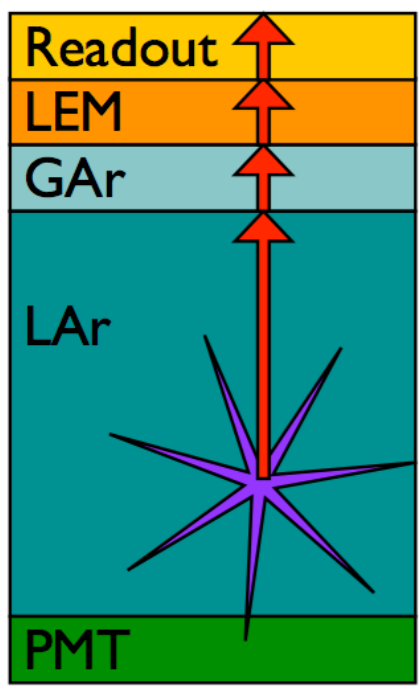
While the first LArTPC detectors for Neutrino Physics were built/operated..

a new concept in the technology (*derived from LArTPC detectors for Dark Matter Search*) was proposed and developed:

### **Dual Phase LAr+GAr TPC**

where the read/out system is in the gas  
(above the liquid)

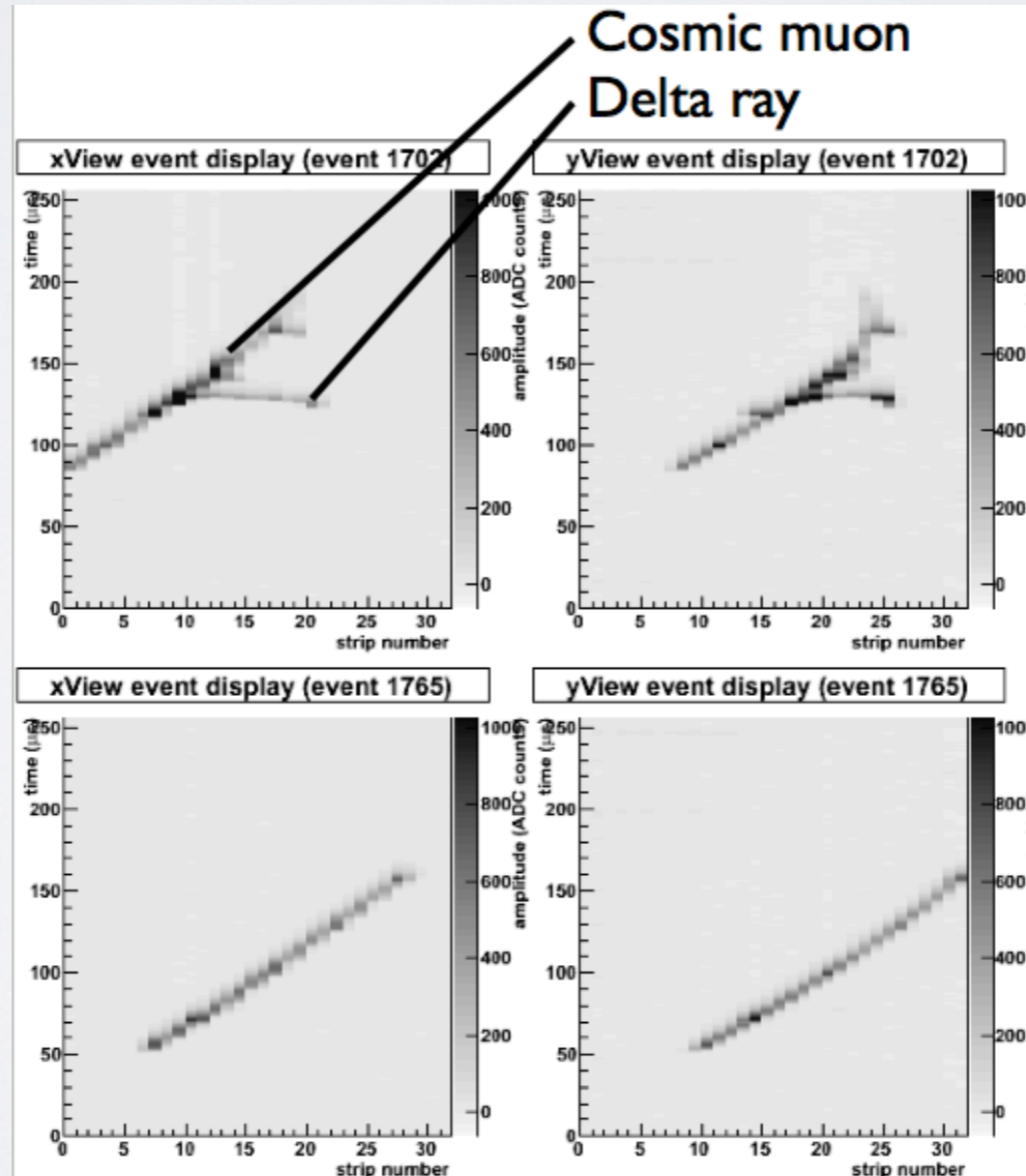
# Dual Phase Ar TPC Concept (~2005)



a 3D-imaging and calorimetric device capable of adjustable charge amplification based on LEM - Large Electron Multiplier



Electron avalanche in LEM hole

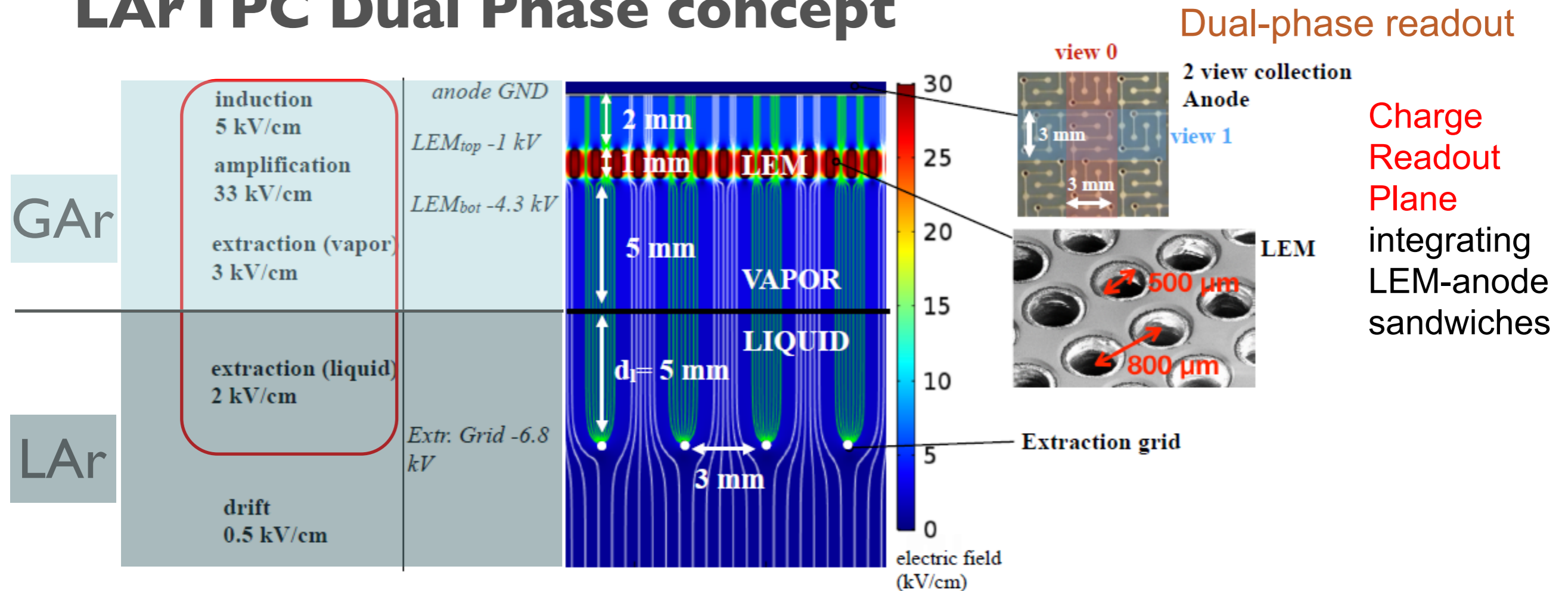


Proof of Principle

LAr LEM-TPC @ CERN (by **ETH**)



# LArTPC Dual Phase concept



## Features of dual-phase design:

- **Gain** in the gas phase  $\rightarrow$  robust and tunable S/N, lower detection threshold, compensation for charge attenuation due to long drift paths
- **Finer readout pitch** (3.125 mm), implemented in two identical collection views (X,Y) on 3m long strips
- **Long drift projective geometry:** reduced number of readout channels, absence of dead materials in the drift volume
- **Fewer construction modules, costs, installation**
- **Full accessibility and replaceability** of cryogenic front-end (FE) electronics during detector operation

# LARTPC (SINGLE PHASE)

## READY FOR PHYSICS ON NEUTRINO BEAMS

**Icarus 50 t** - CERN WANF (1997)

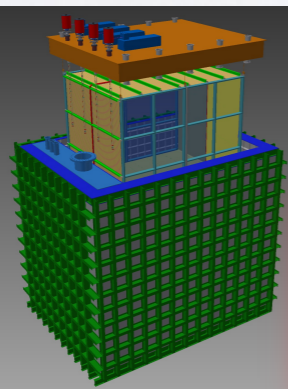
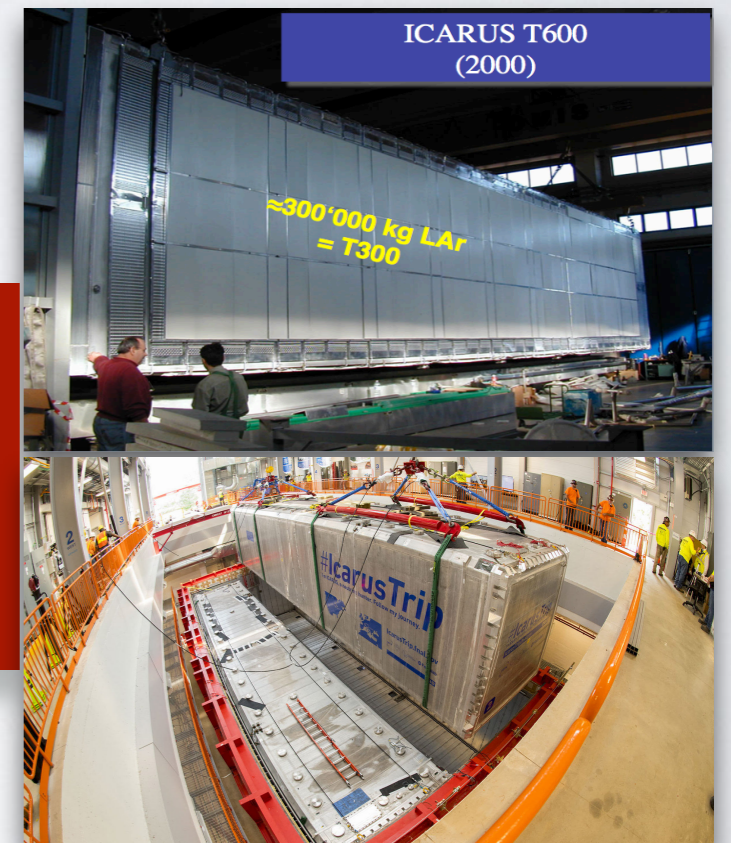
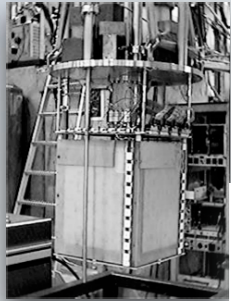
**ArgoNeuT 0.5 t** - FNAL NuMI (2008-9)

**MicroBooNE 100 t** -  
FNAL Booster (2015-present)

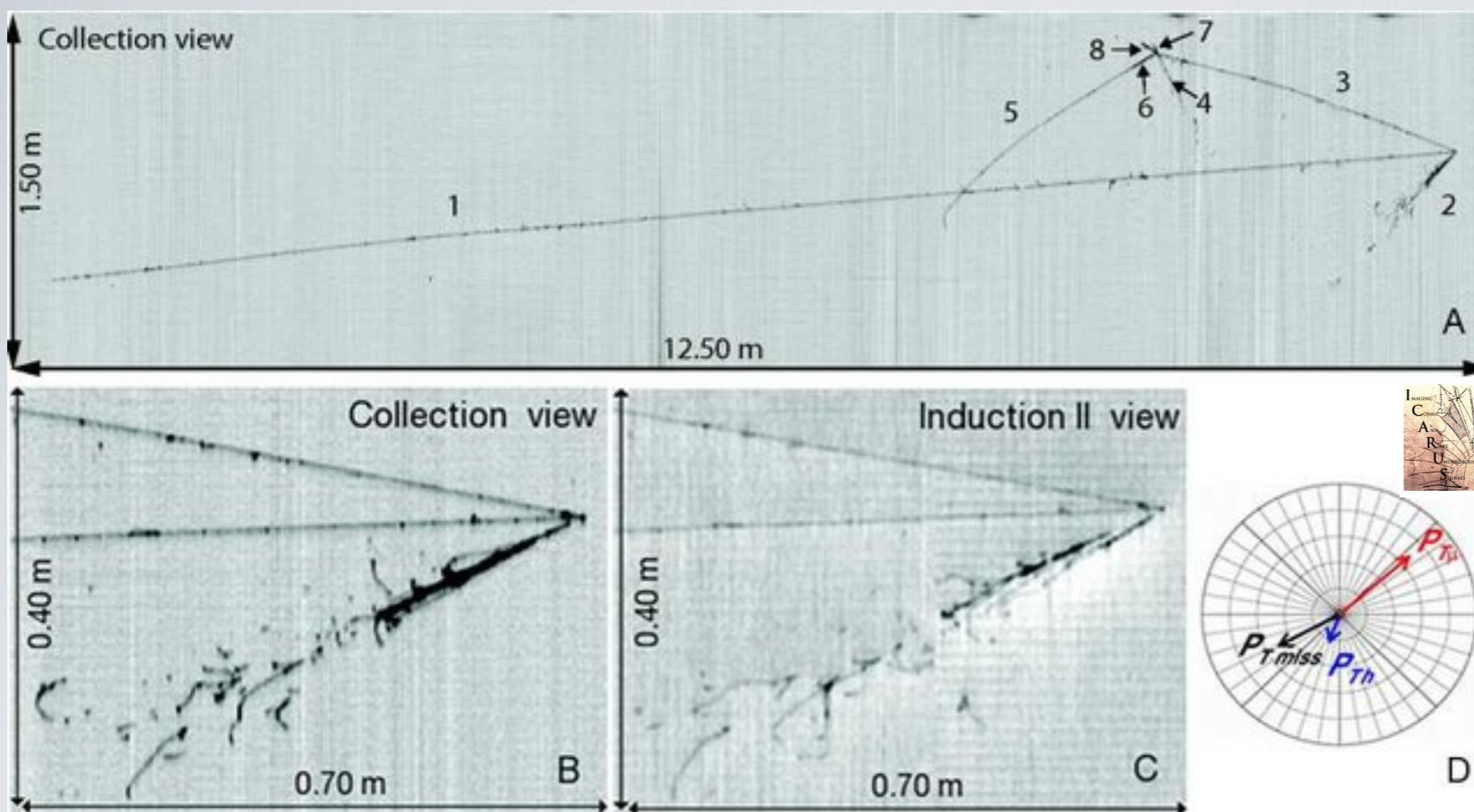
### **ICARUS 300 t x 2**

- CERN CNGS (2010-13)
- FNAL Booster (today LAr filling completed !)

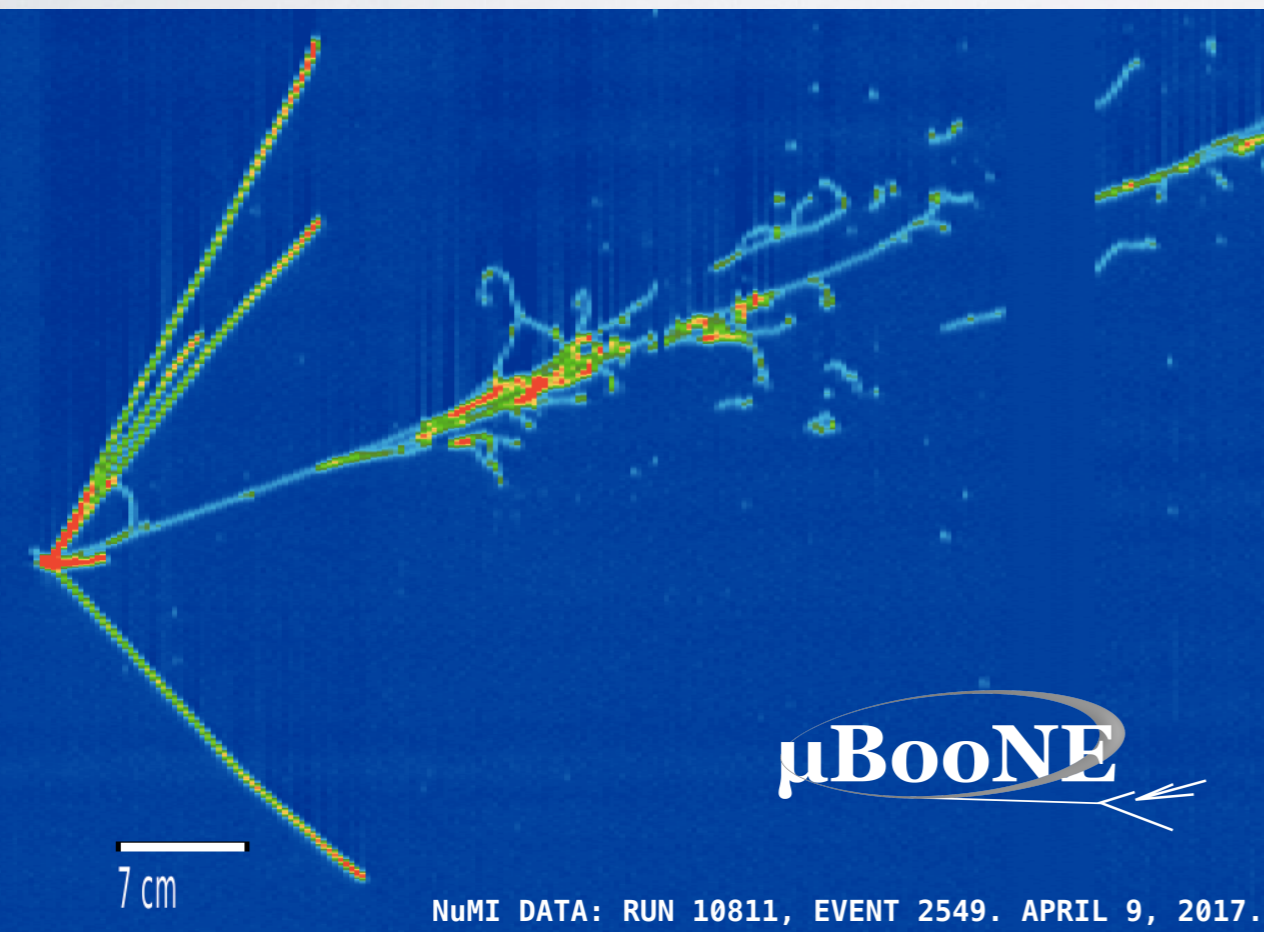
**SBND 200 t** -  
FNAL Booster (under construction)



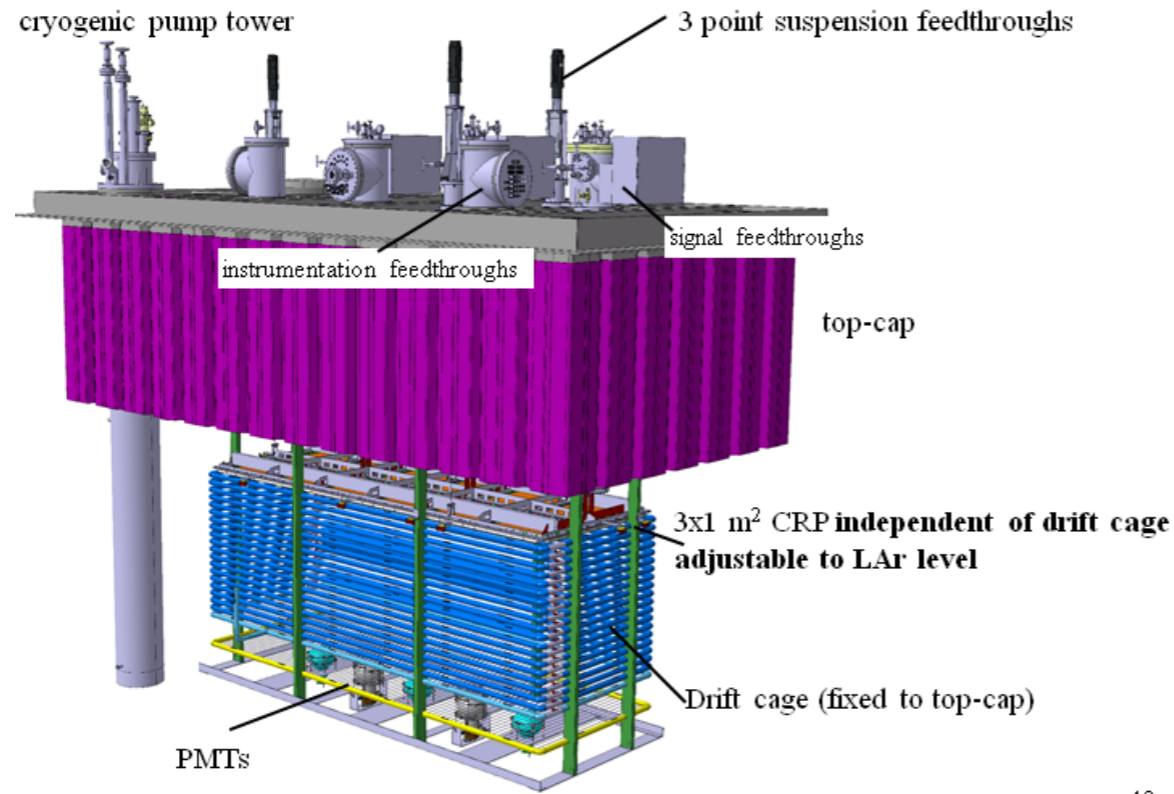
ICARUS at  
 GranSasso Lab  
 operated on the  
 CNGS beam  
 from 2010 to  
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 producing  
 physics results



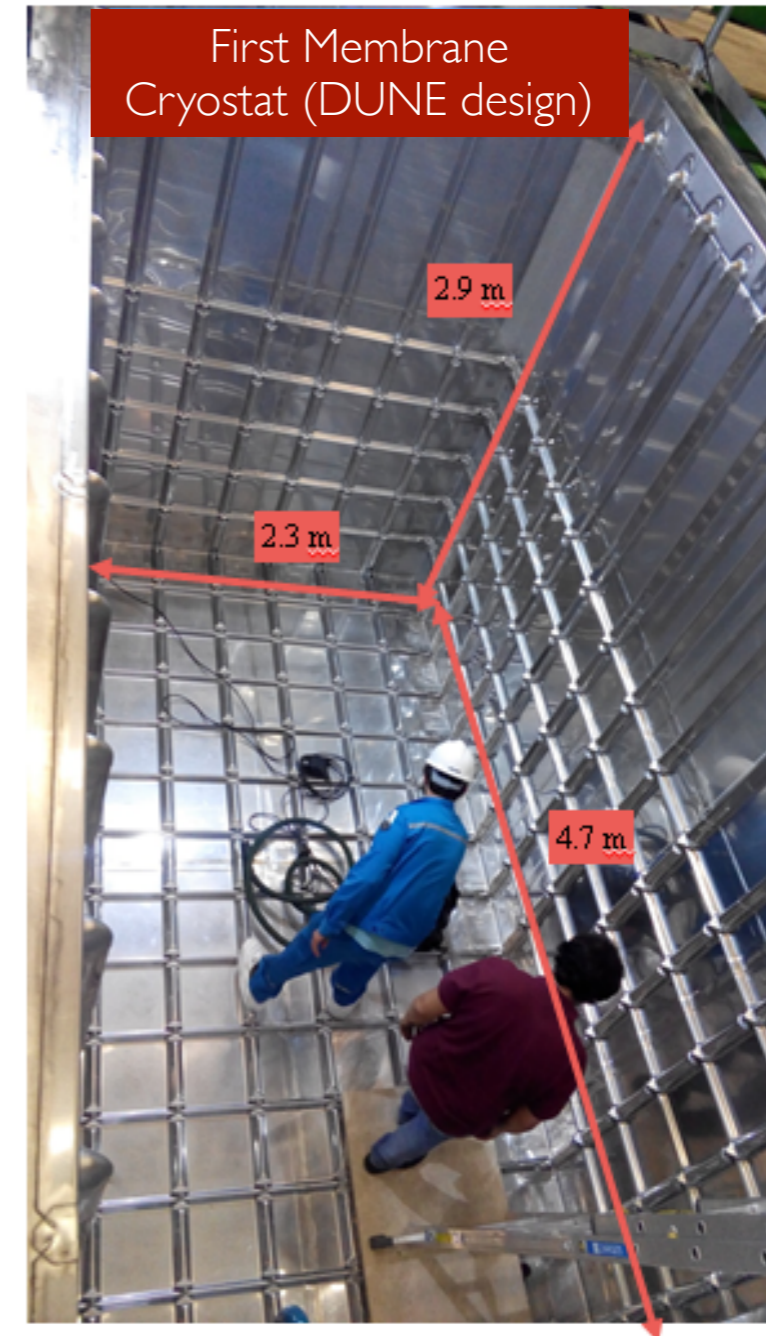
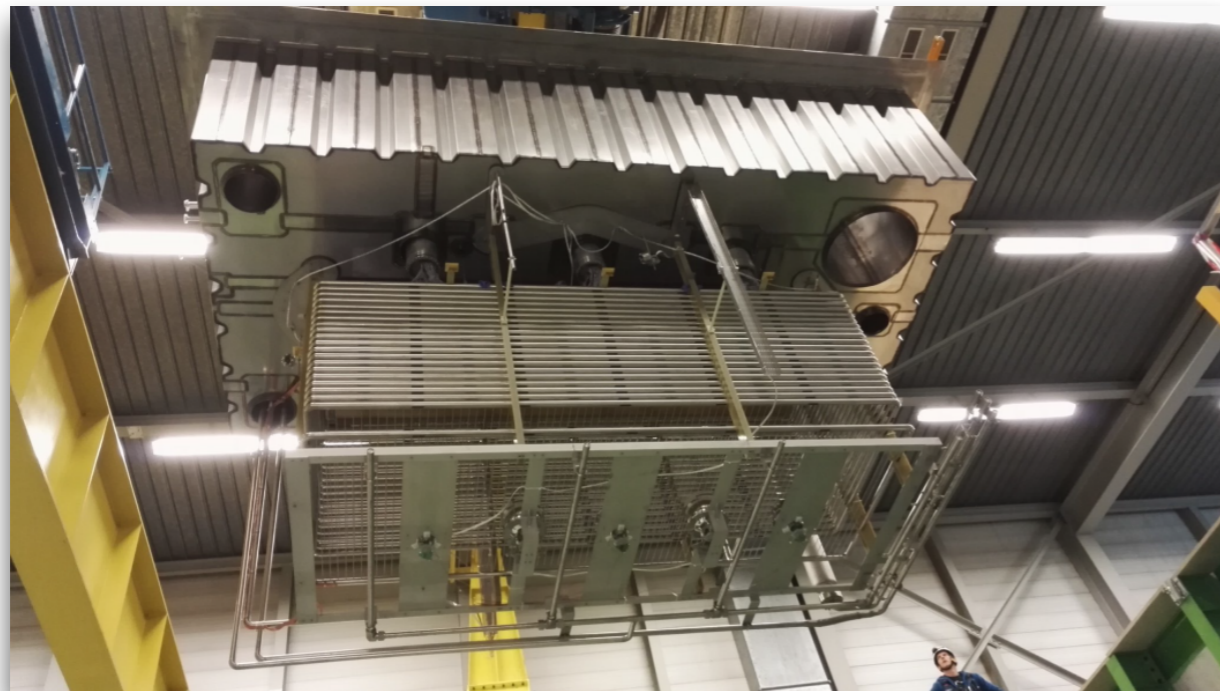
MicroBooNE at  
 FNAL  
 takes neutrino  
 data since 2015  
 and is producing  
 physics results  
 (a main one  
 expected in summer)



# Pilot Dual Phase Detector: $3 \times 1 \times 1 \text{ m}^3$ at CERN



Detector installation  
completed in fall 2016



# DUNE First Module

## 17,000 t LArTPC Single Phase

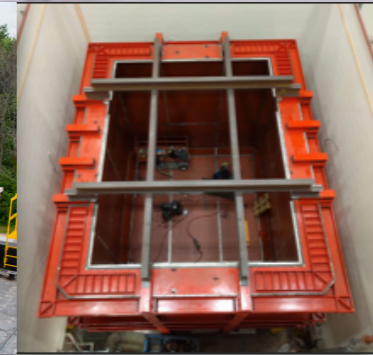
*one giant leap for the technology*



**ICARUS**



**MICROBOONE**

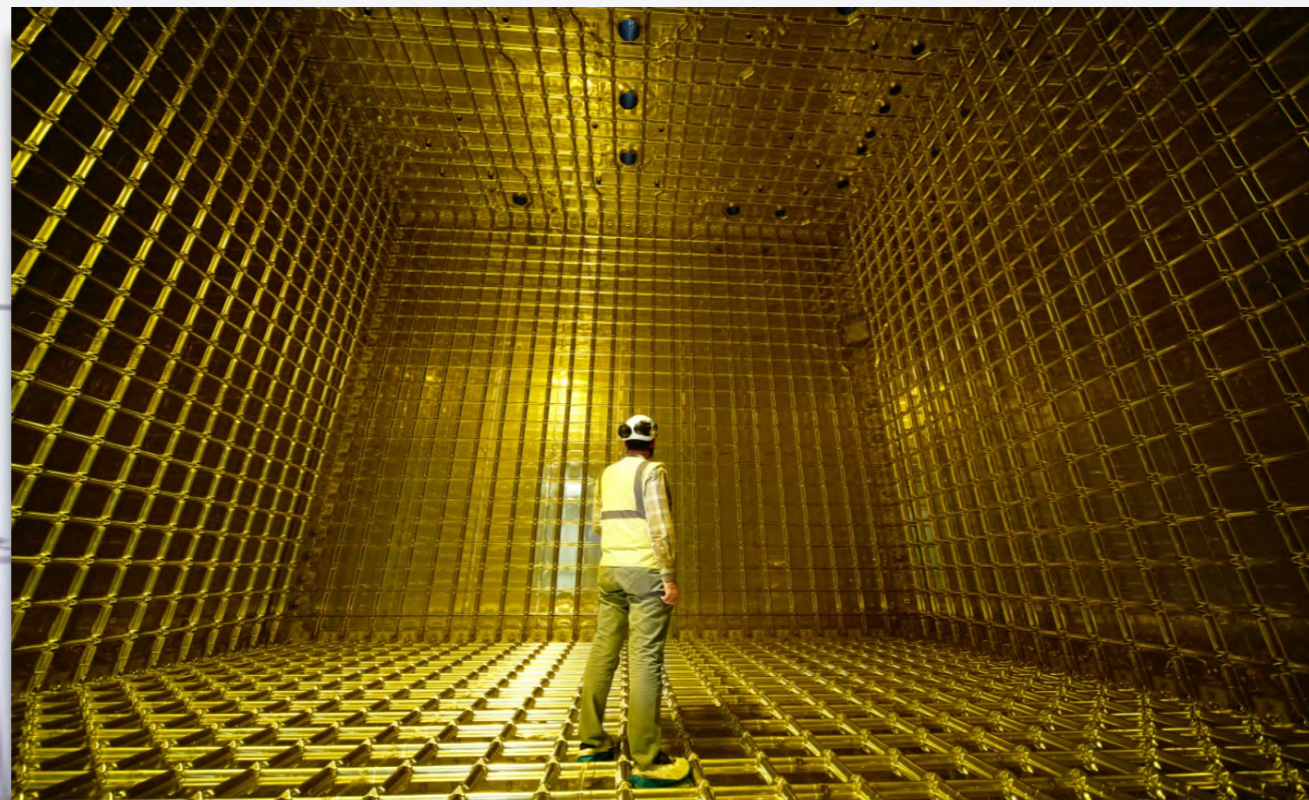


**SBND**

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protoDUNE-SP  
**1kt LAr**



**ICARUS**



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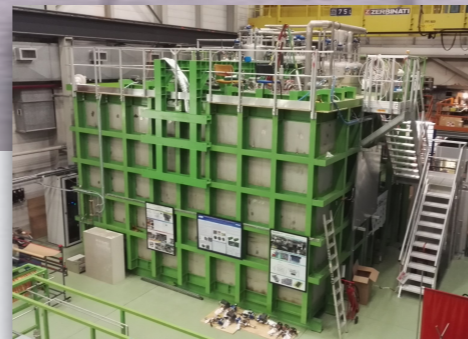
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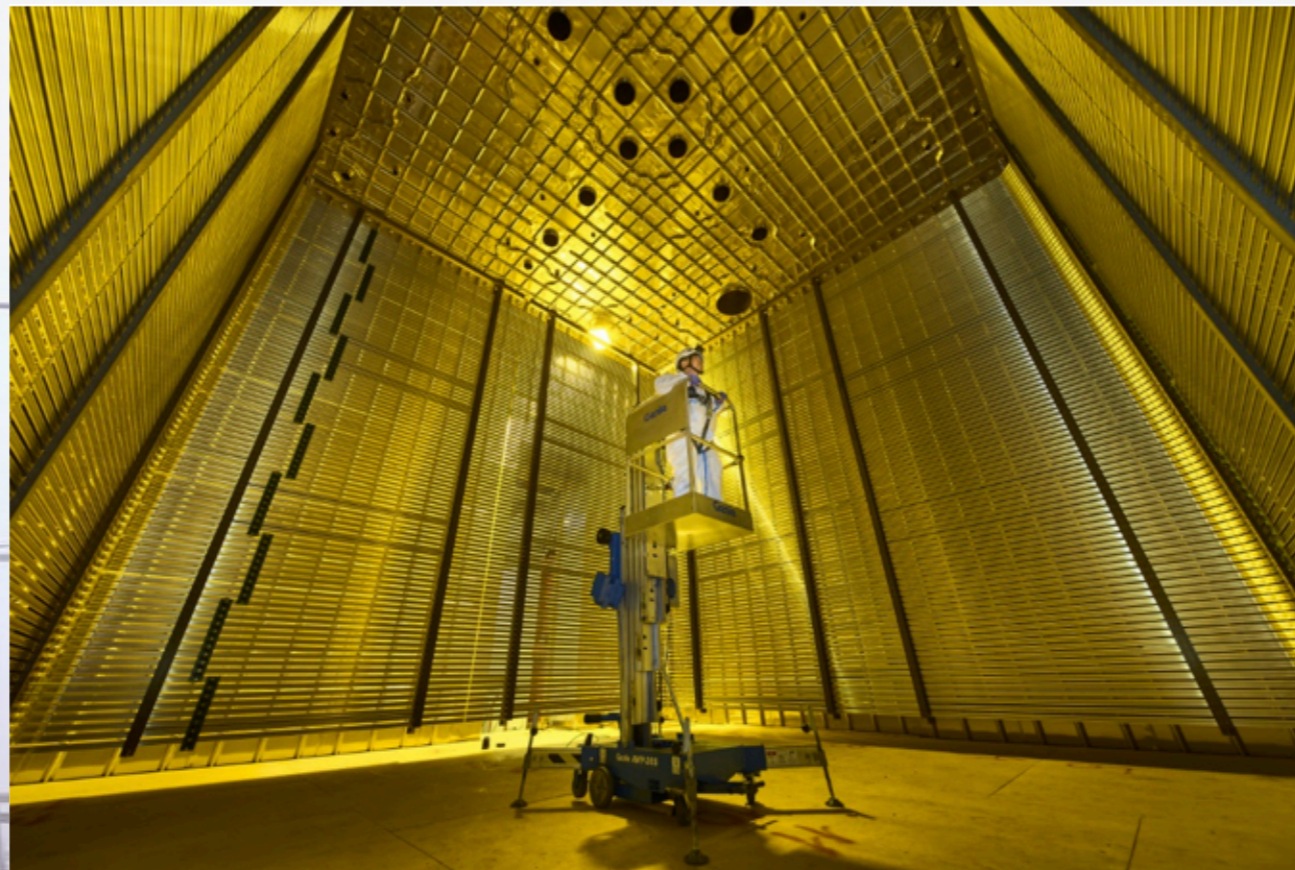
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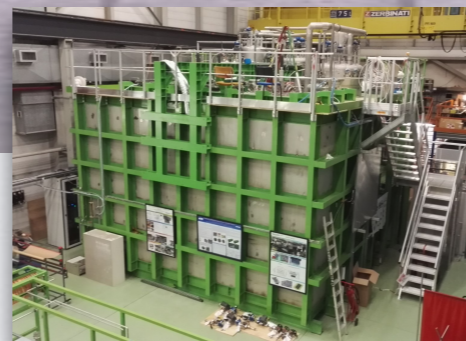
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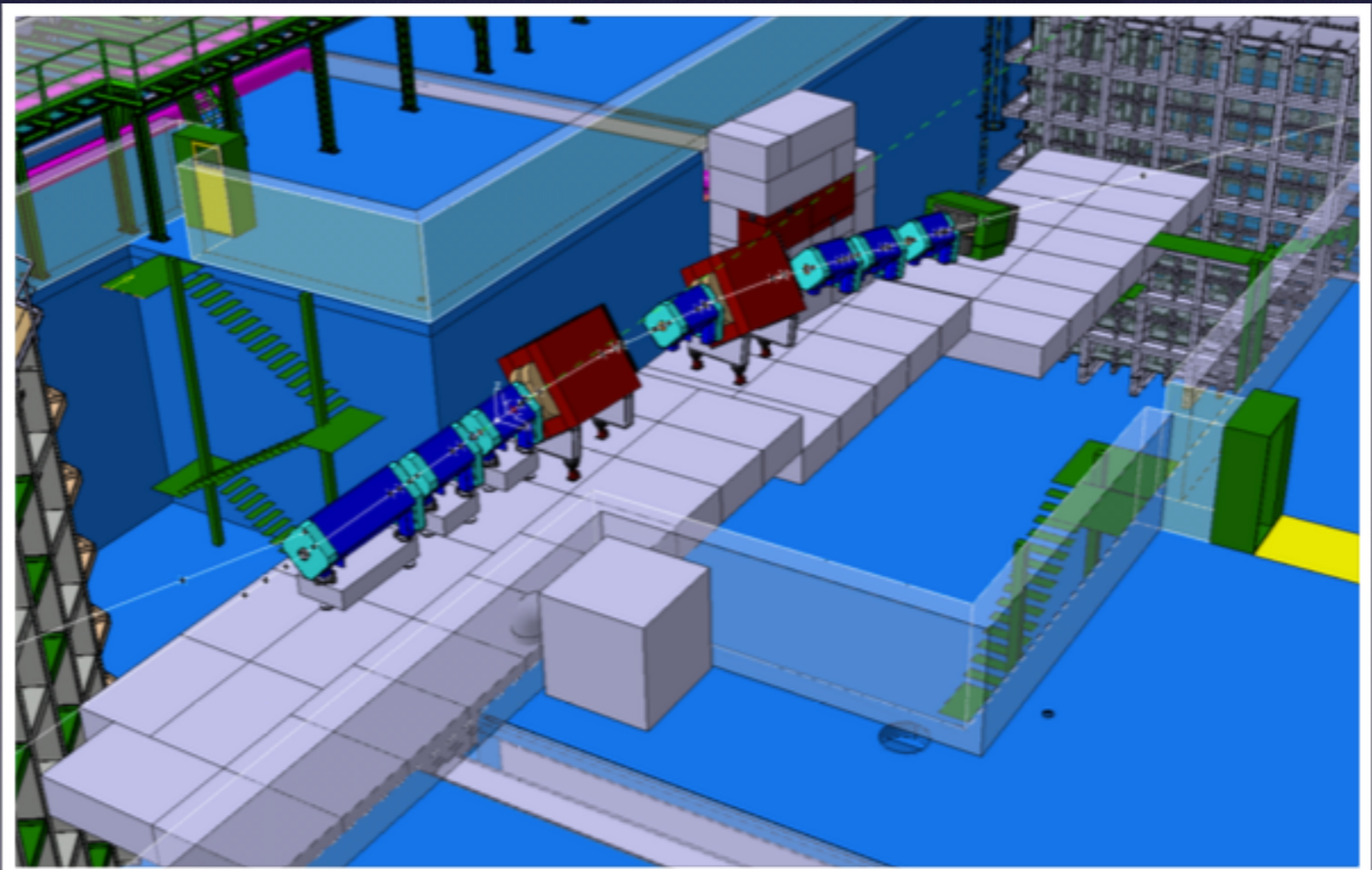
protoDUNE-DP  
**1kt LAr**



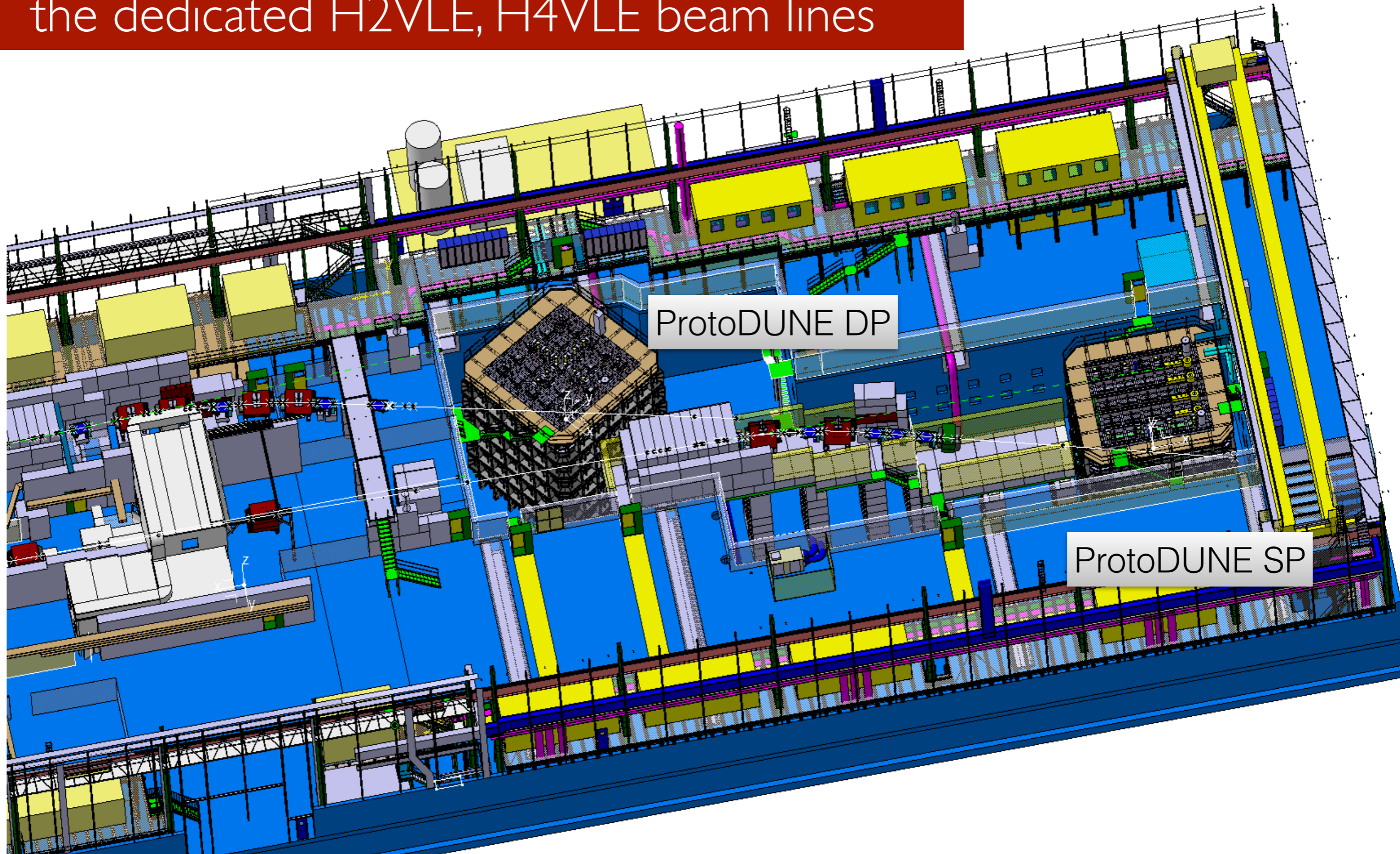
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# ProtoDUNE at CERN



# The Neutrino Platform and the dedicated H2VLE, H4VLE beam lines



extension of the EHN1 experimental area at CERN's Prévéssin site

# the CERN Neutrino Platform: a new dedicated experimental facility for



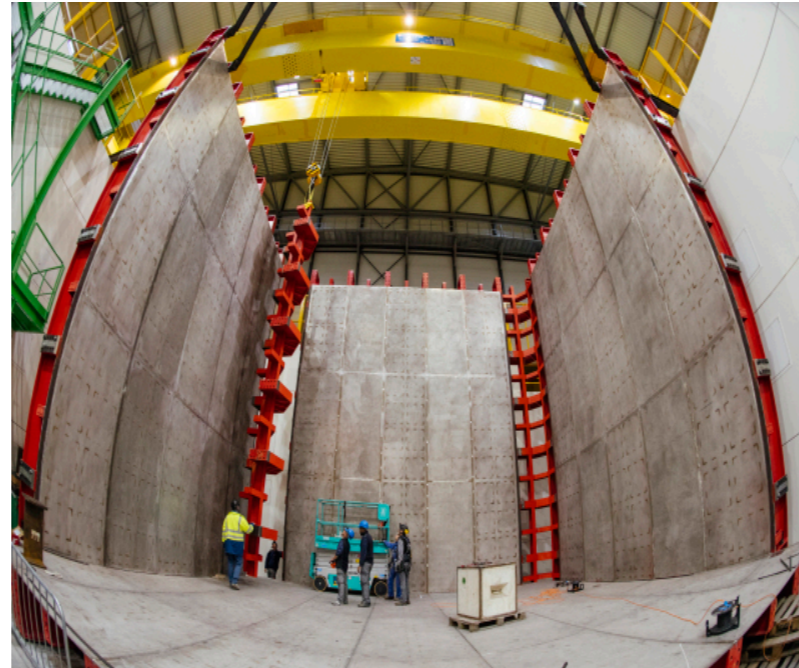
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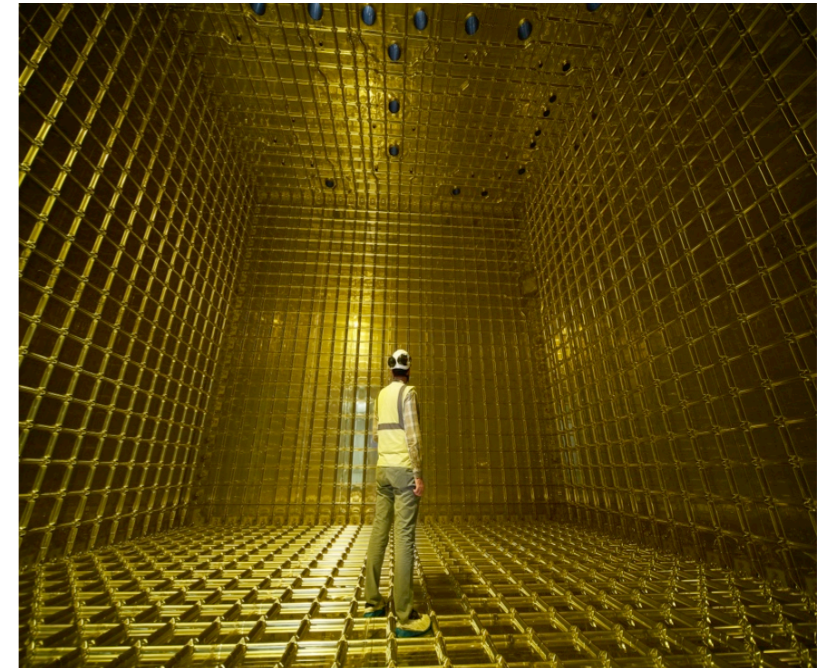




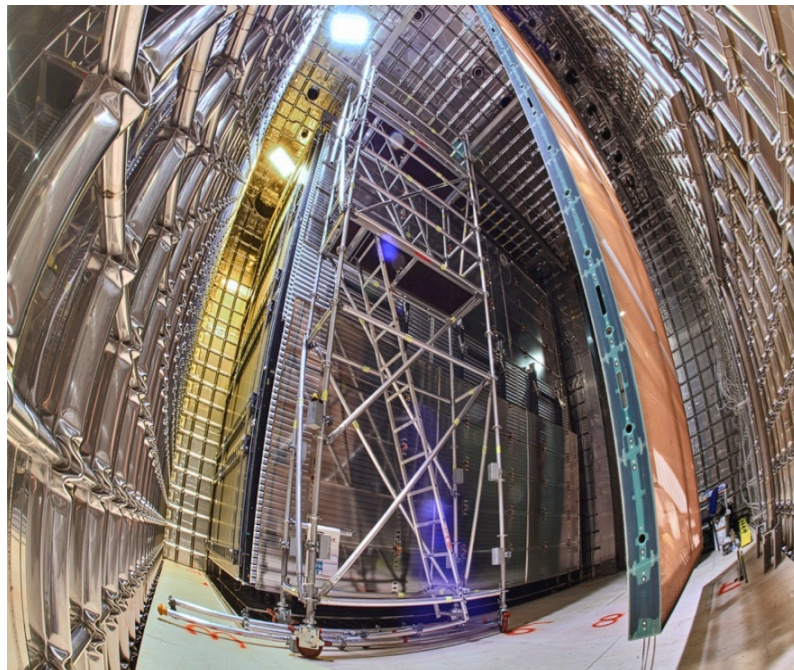
March 2016, construction of EHN1 extension



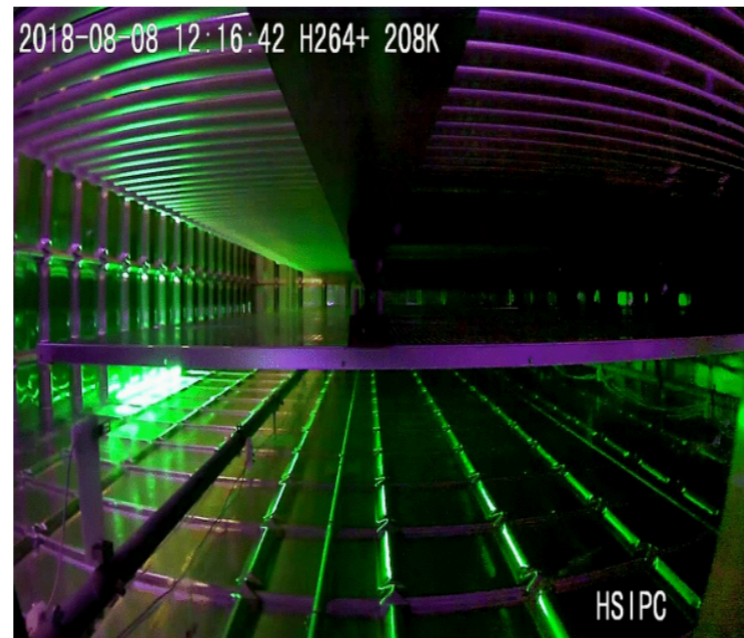
November 2016, cryostat structure assembly



September 2017, cryostat completion



February 2018, detector assembly



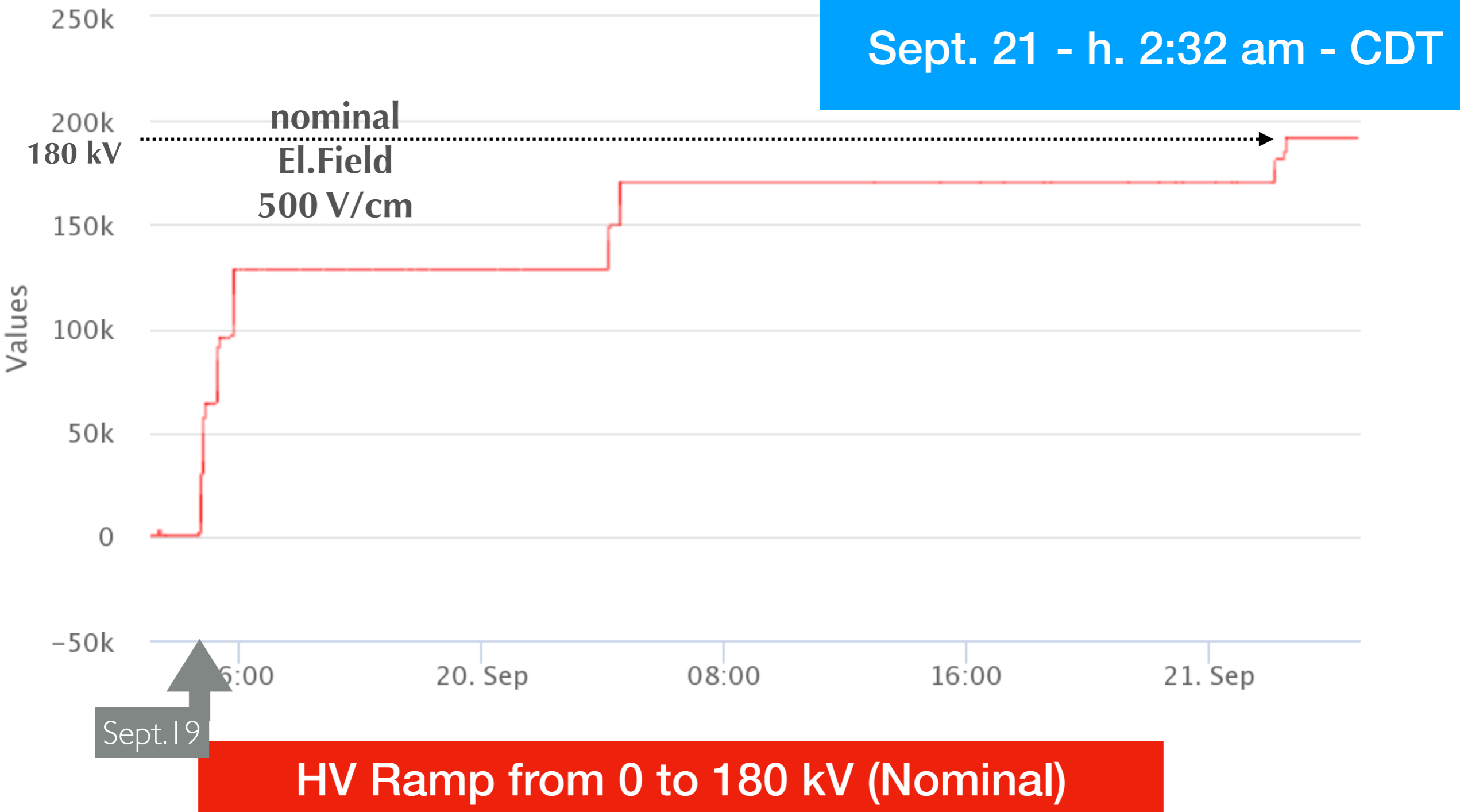
August 2018, LAr filling



September 19, 2018 - ready for beam!

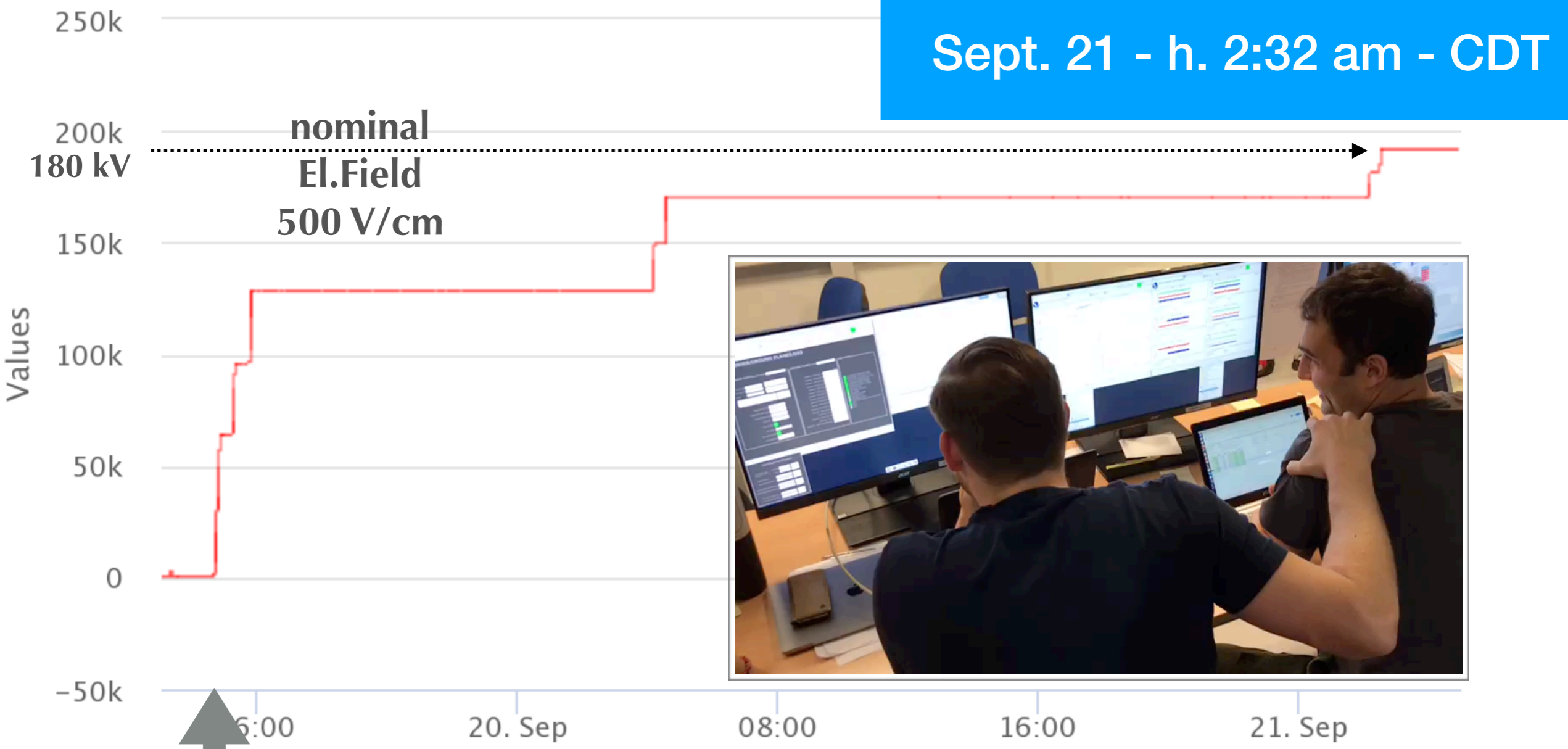
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Using the Boost module



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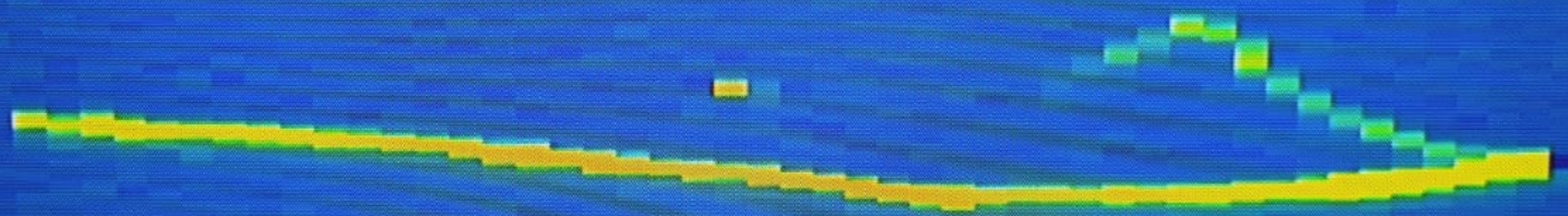
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**HV Ramp from 0 to 180 kV (Nominal)**



few seconds after, from the On-Line Monitor



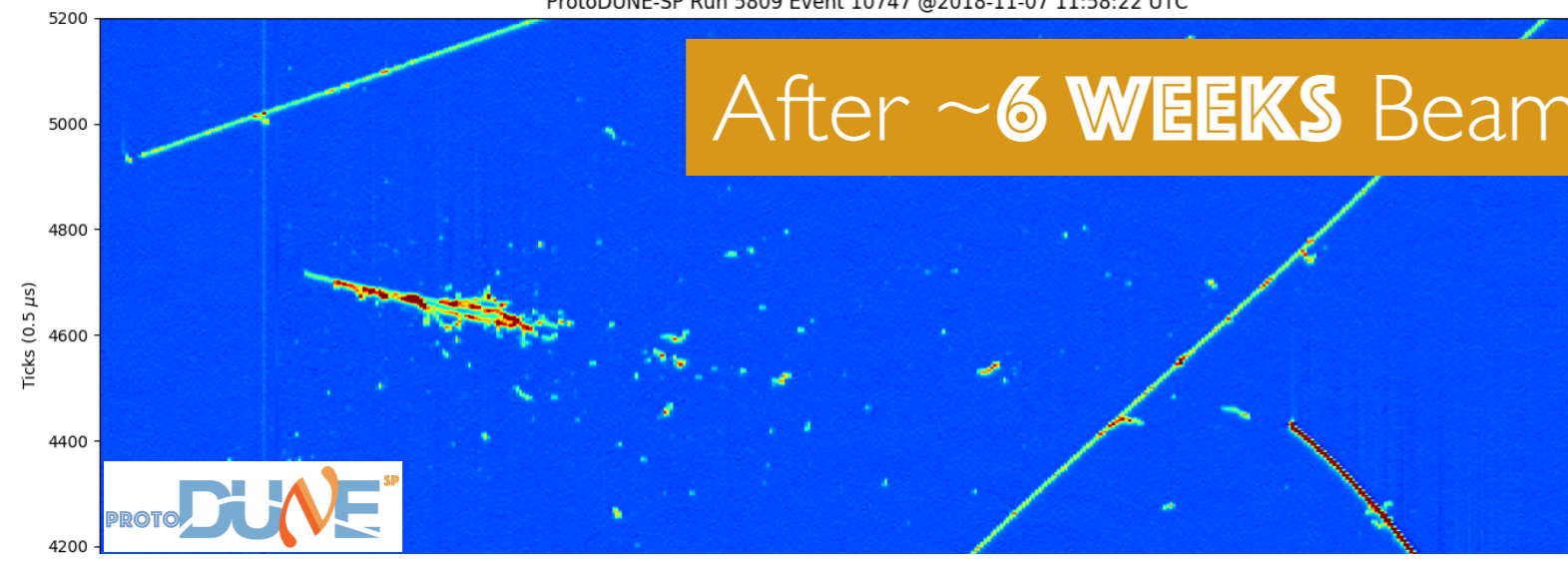
First track recorded at Nominal El.Field

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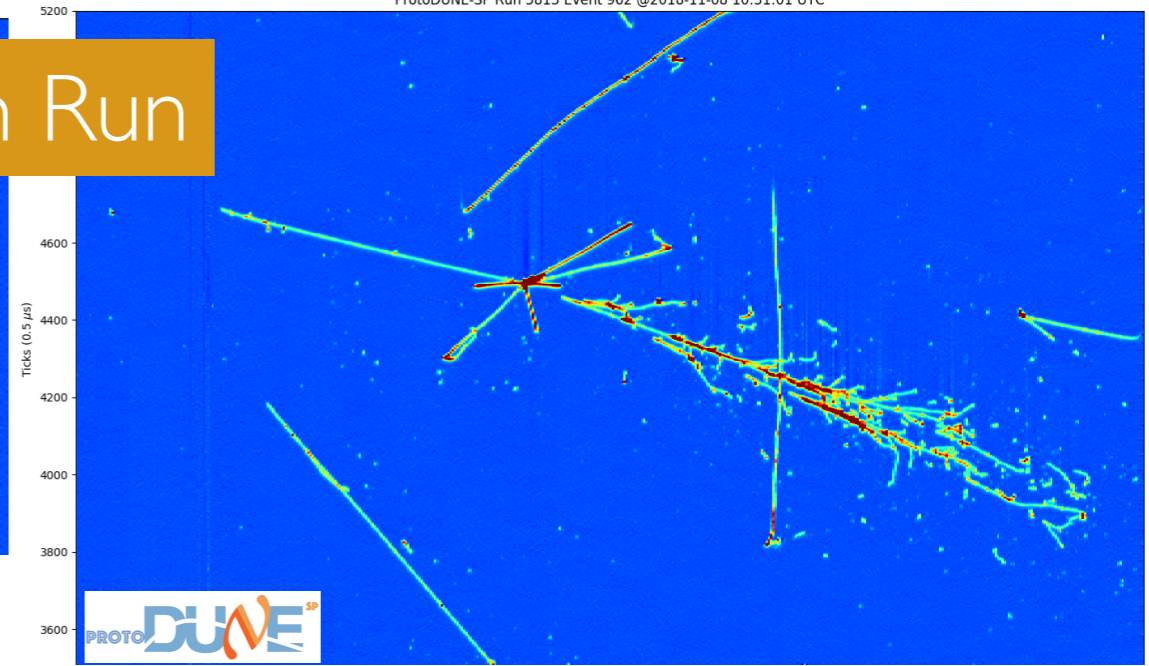


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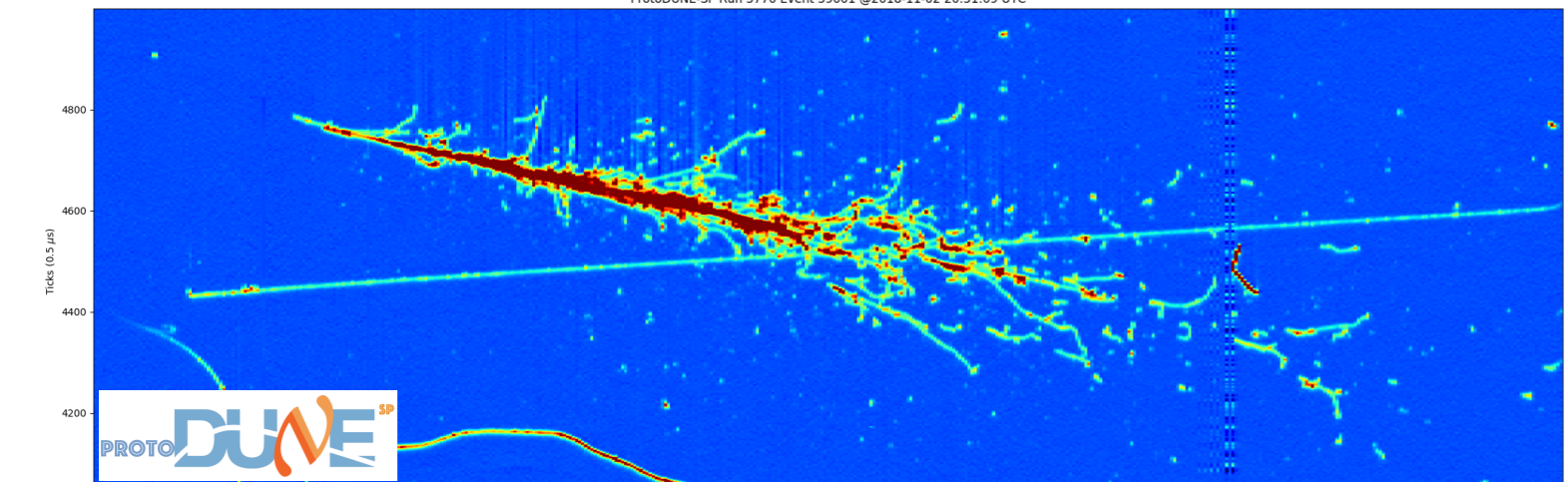
After ~6 WEEKS Beam Run



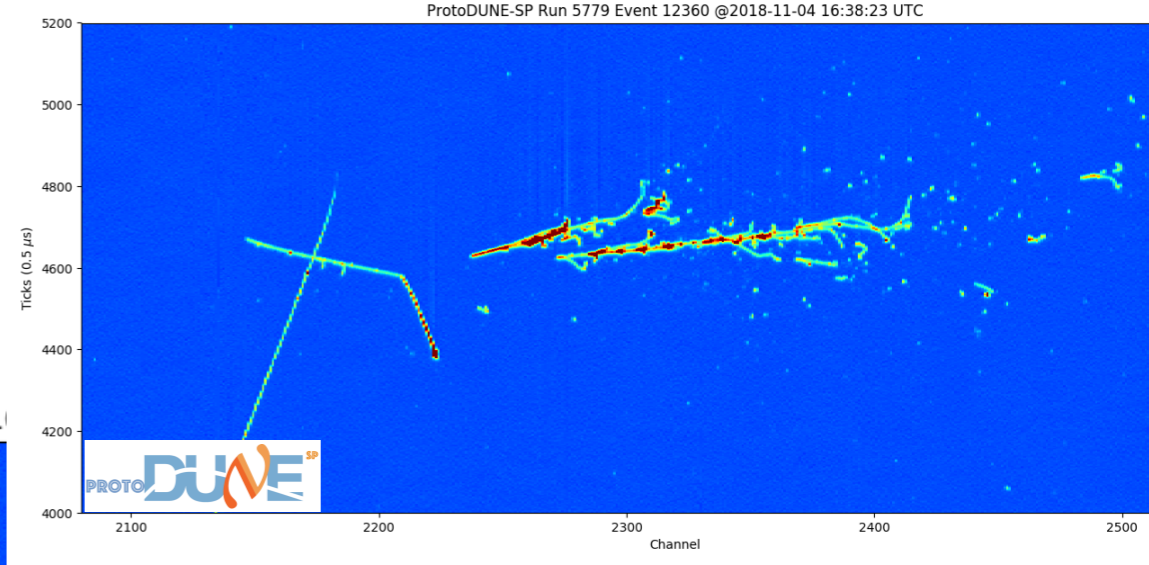
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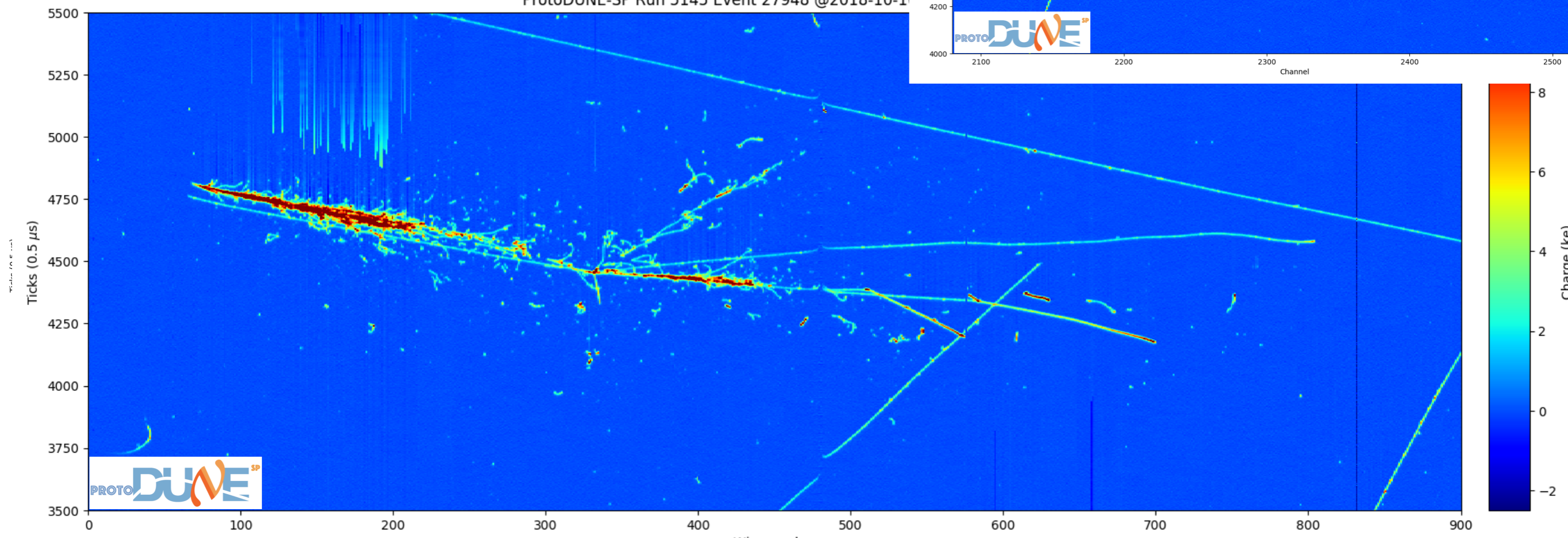
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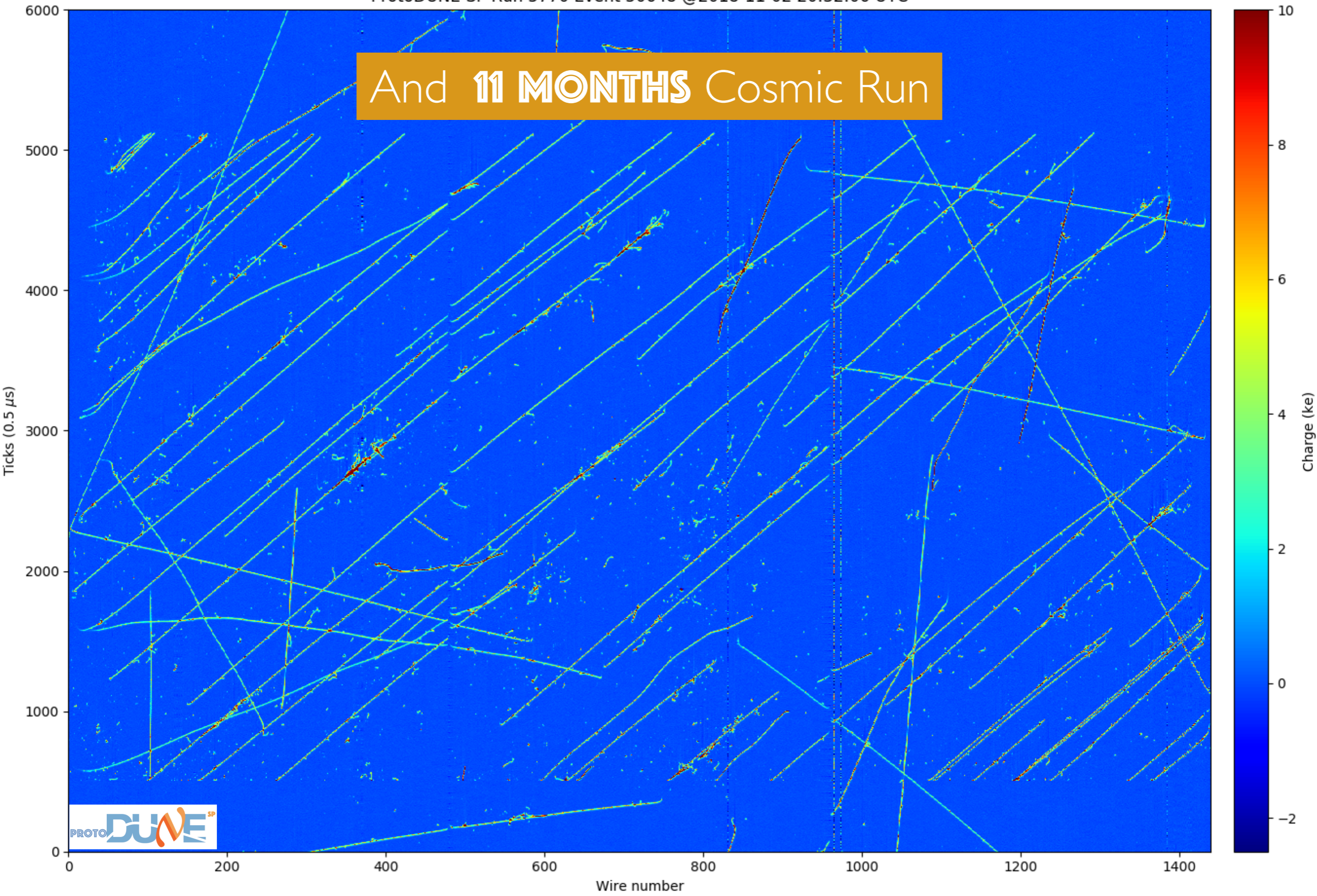
real beam event in 3D

click here for a  
[gallery of ProtoDUNE events](#)

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And **11 MONTHS** Cosmic Run



# 1ST PAPER COMPLETED ON DEC. 15, 2019

Currently under DUNE internal review  
expect to submit for publication by end of April

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2 PREPARED FOR SUBMISSION TO JINST

## 3 **First results on ProtoDUNE-SP LArTPC performance from** 4 **a test beam run at the CERN Neutrino Platform**

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5 **ABSTRACT:** The ProtoDUNE-SP detector is a single-phase liquid argon time projection chamber  
6 (LArTPC) with an active volume of  $7.2 \times 6.0 \times 6.9 \text{ m}^3$ . It is installed in a specially-constructed  
7 beam that delivers charged pions, kaons, protons, muons and electrons with momenta in the range  
8  $0.3 \text{ GeV}/c$  to  $7 \text{ GeV}/c$ . Beam line instrumentation provides accurate momentum measurements  
9 and particle identification. The ProtoDUNE-SP detector is a prototype for the first far detector  
10 module of the Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment, and it incorporates full-size components  
11 as designed for that module. This paper describes the beam line, the TPC, the photon detectors, the  
12 cosmic-ray tagger, the signal processing and particle reconstruction. It presents the first results on  
13 ProtoDUNE-SP's performance, including TPC noise and gain measurements,  $dE/dx$  calibration  
14 for muons, protons, pions and positrons, drift electron lifetime measurements, and photon detector  
15 noise, signal sensitivity and time resolution measurements. ProtoDUNE-SP's successful operation  
16 during 2018 and 2019 and its production of large samples of high-quality data demonstrate the  
17 effectiveness of the single-phase far detector design.

18 **KEYWORDS:** Noble liquid detectors (scintillation, ionization, single-phase), Time projection cham-  
19 bers, Large detector systems for particle and astroparticle physics

# DETECTOR RESPONSE (BEAM DATA)

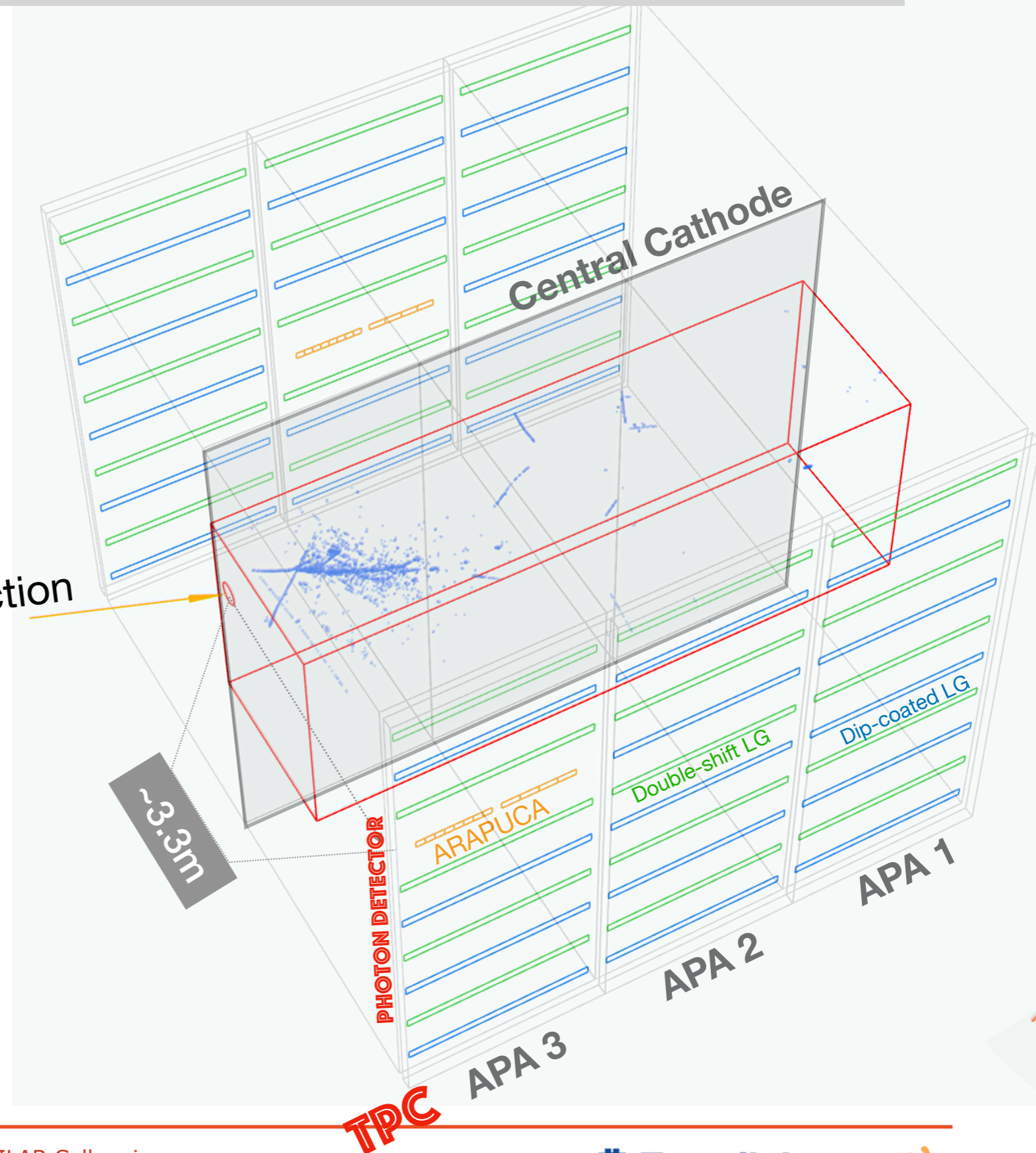
## TPC

- Signal-to-Noise & Imaging
- $dE/dx$  - Calorimetry
- Particle ID

## PHOTON DETECTOR

- Efficiency
- Light Yield
- Calorimetric Energy from Light

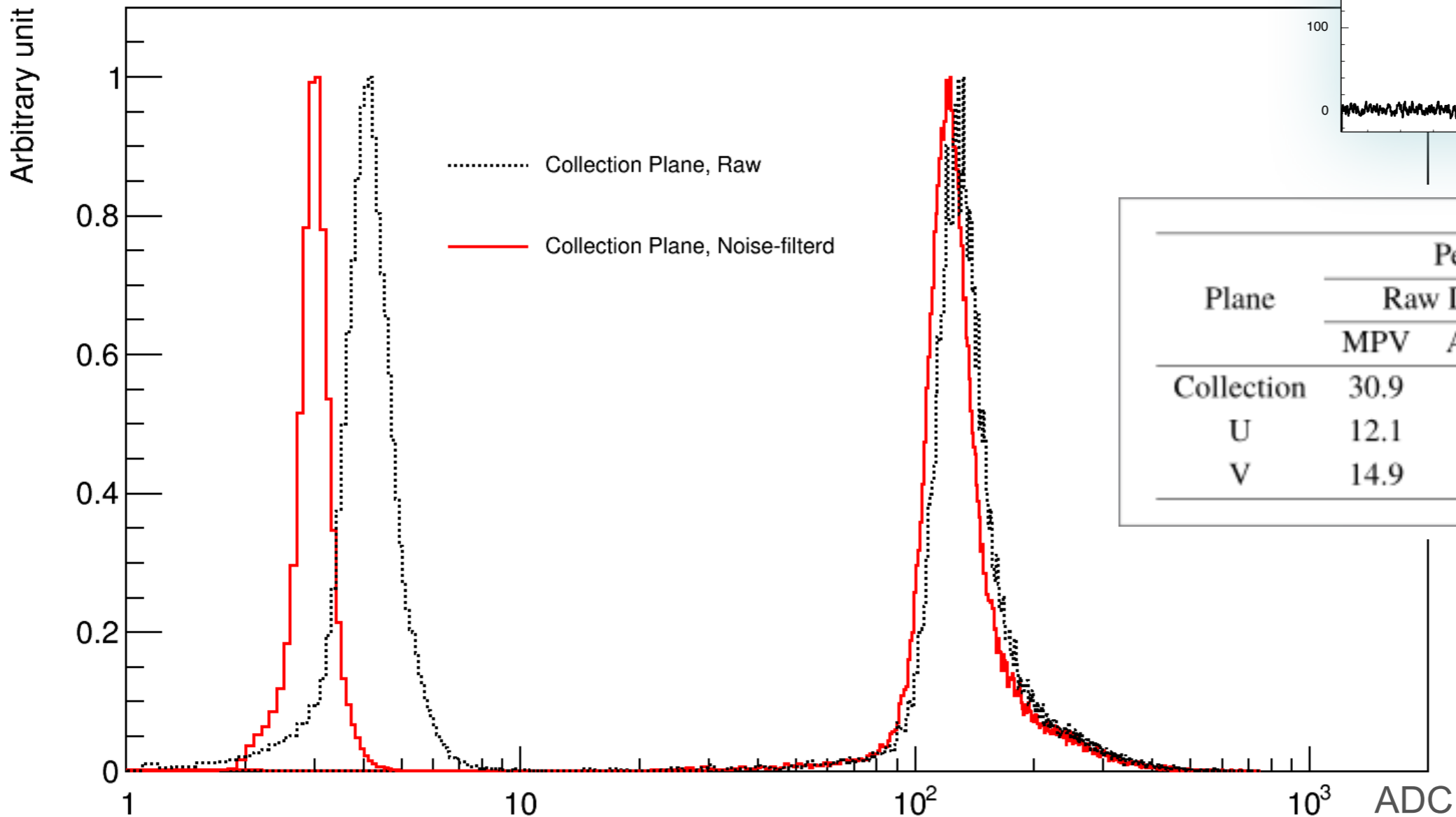
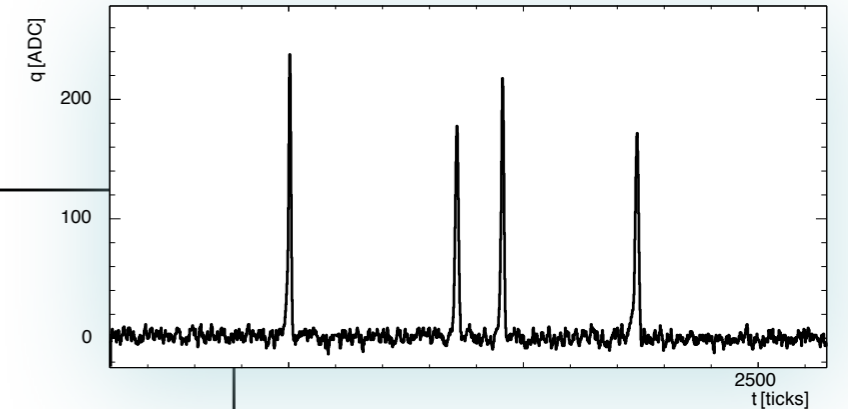
Beam Entry Point and Direction



**Signal:** detected Charge (*hit Peak-amplitude*) in individual channel waveform from mip tracks (the minimal detectable signal)

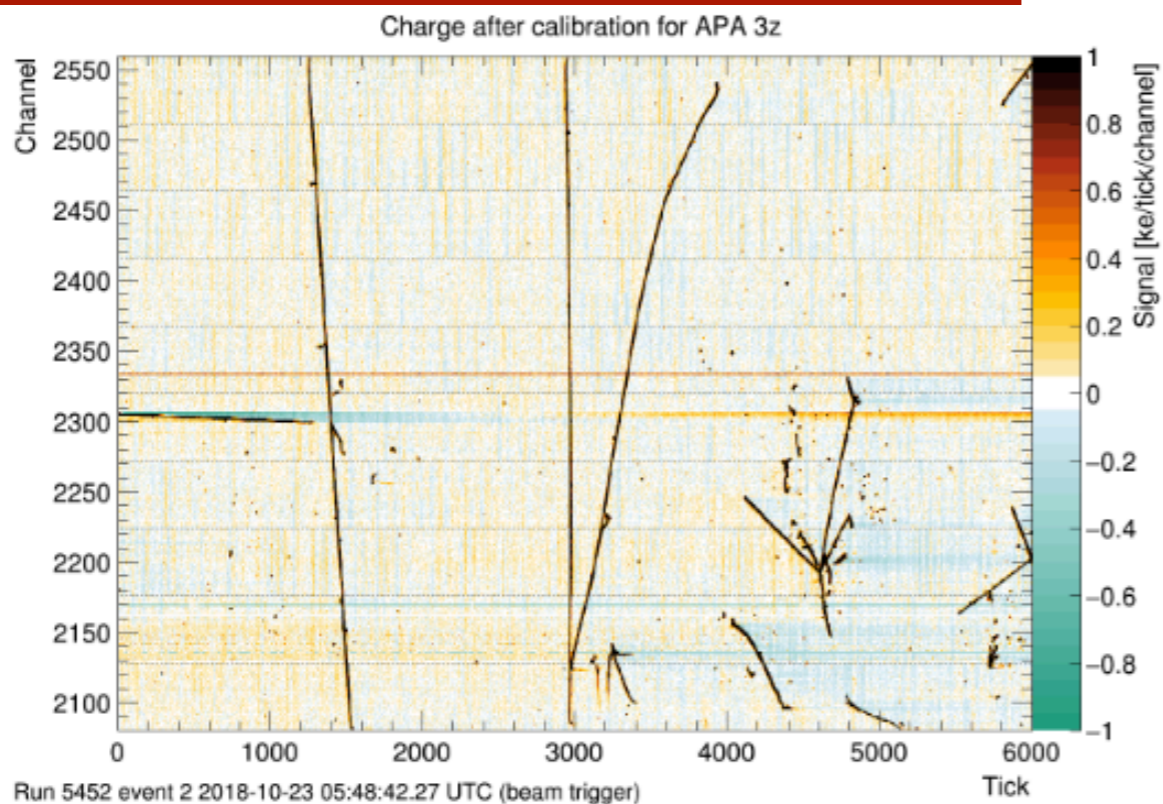
**Noise:**  $\sigma$  of baseline fluctuation in corresponding channel waveform

Typical waveform from a TPC-CE channel

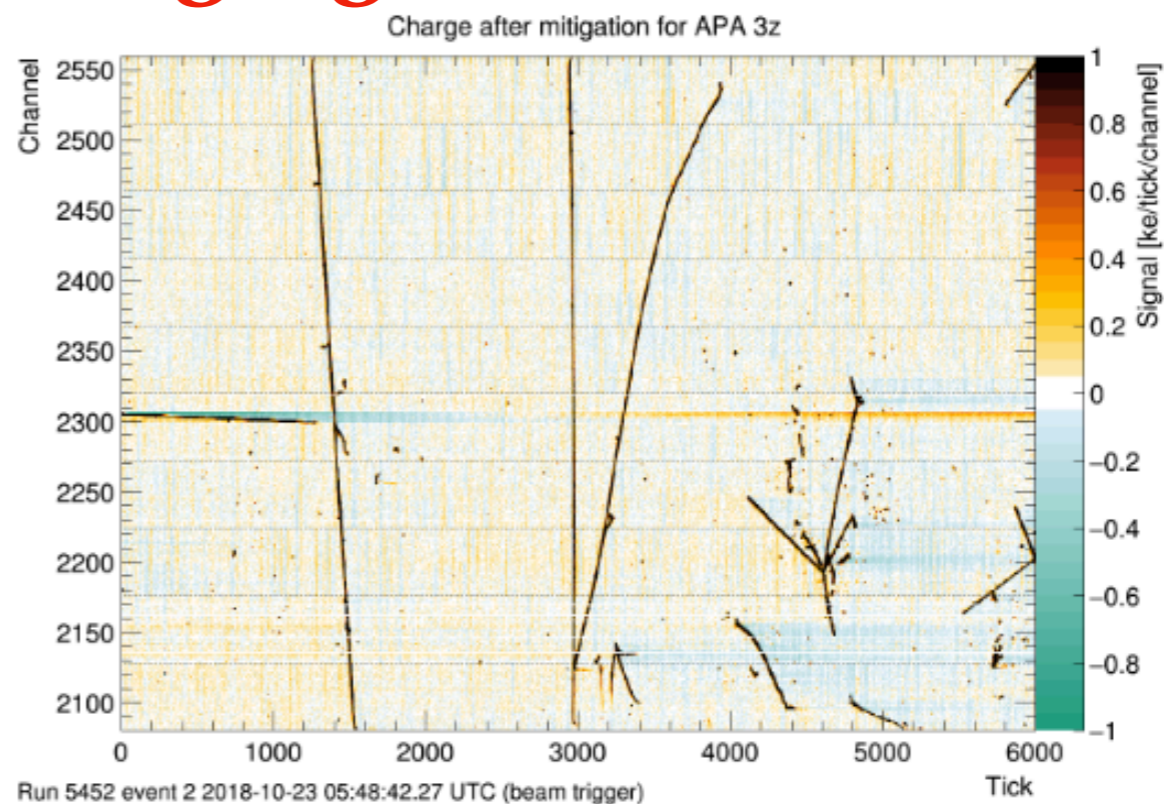


Plane	Peak signal-to-noise ratio			
	Raw Data		After Noise Filtering	
	MPV	Average	MPV	Average
Collection	30.9	38.3	40.3	48.7
U	12.1	15.6	15.1	18.2
V	14.9	18.7	18.6	21.2

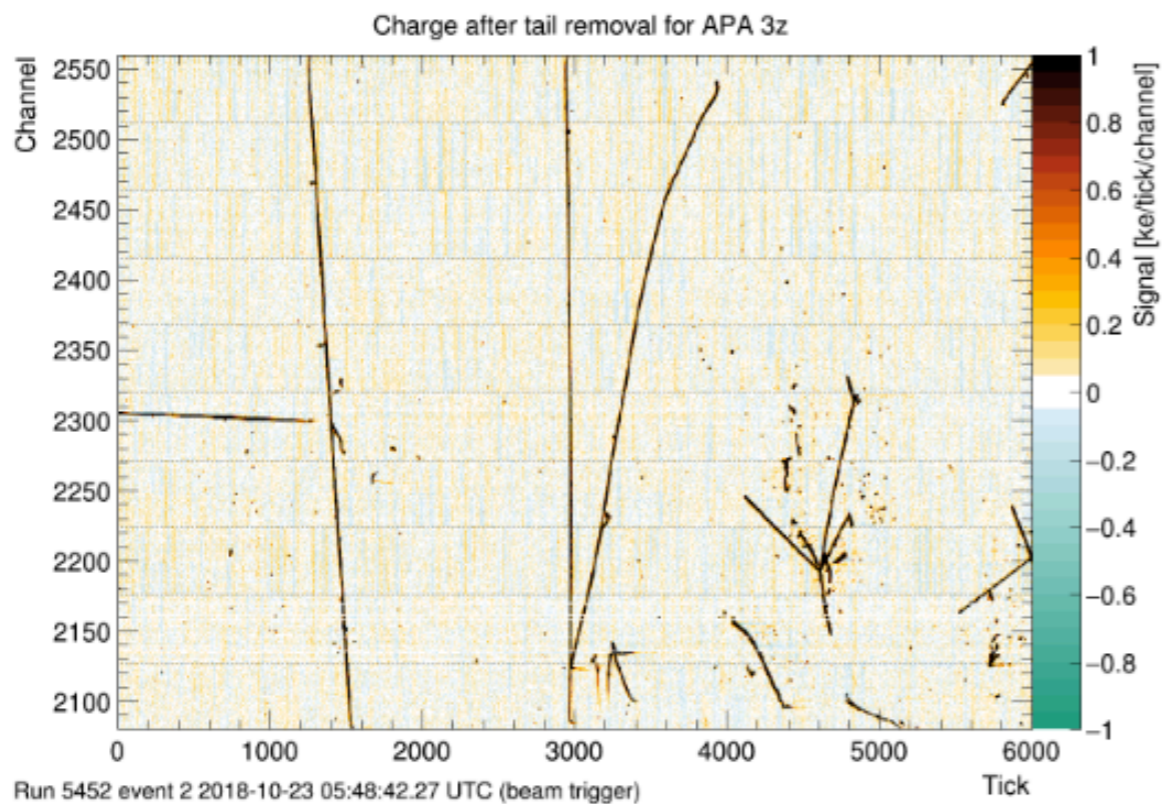
**138 e/ADC**



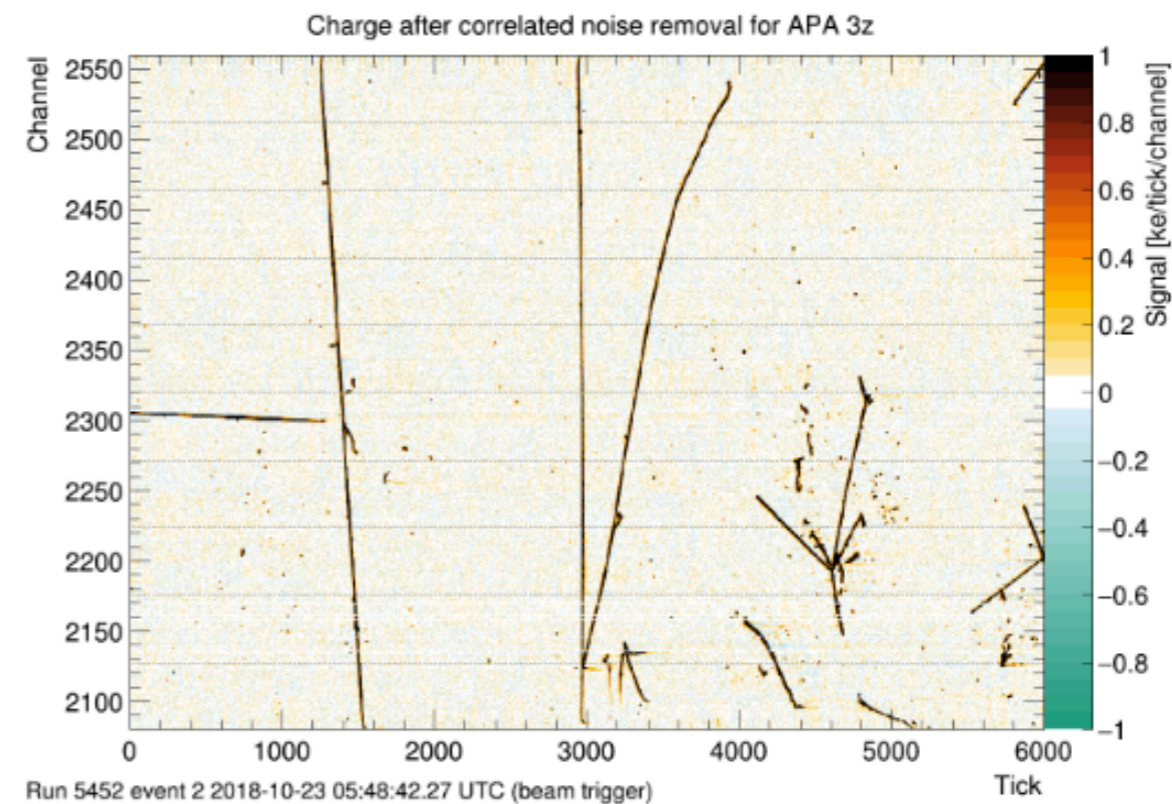
(a) After pedestal subtraction and calibration.



(b) After mitigation (Sticky code)

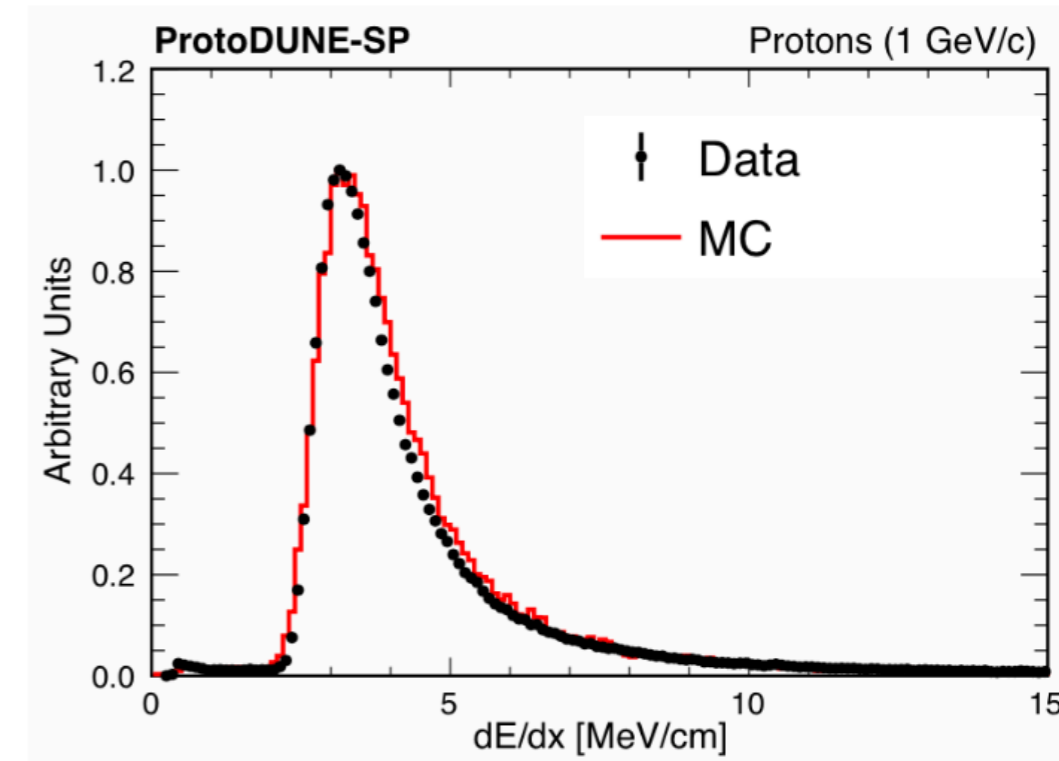
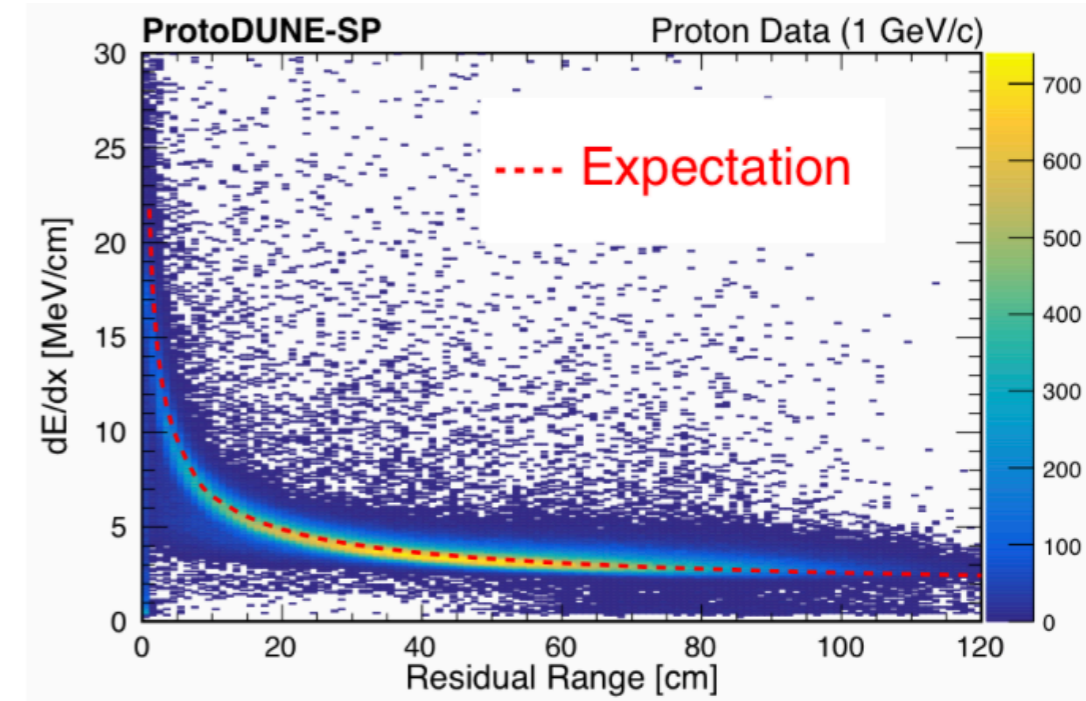
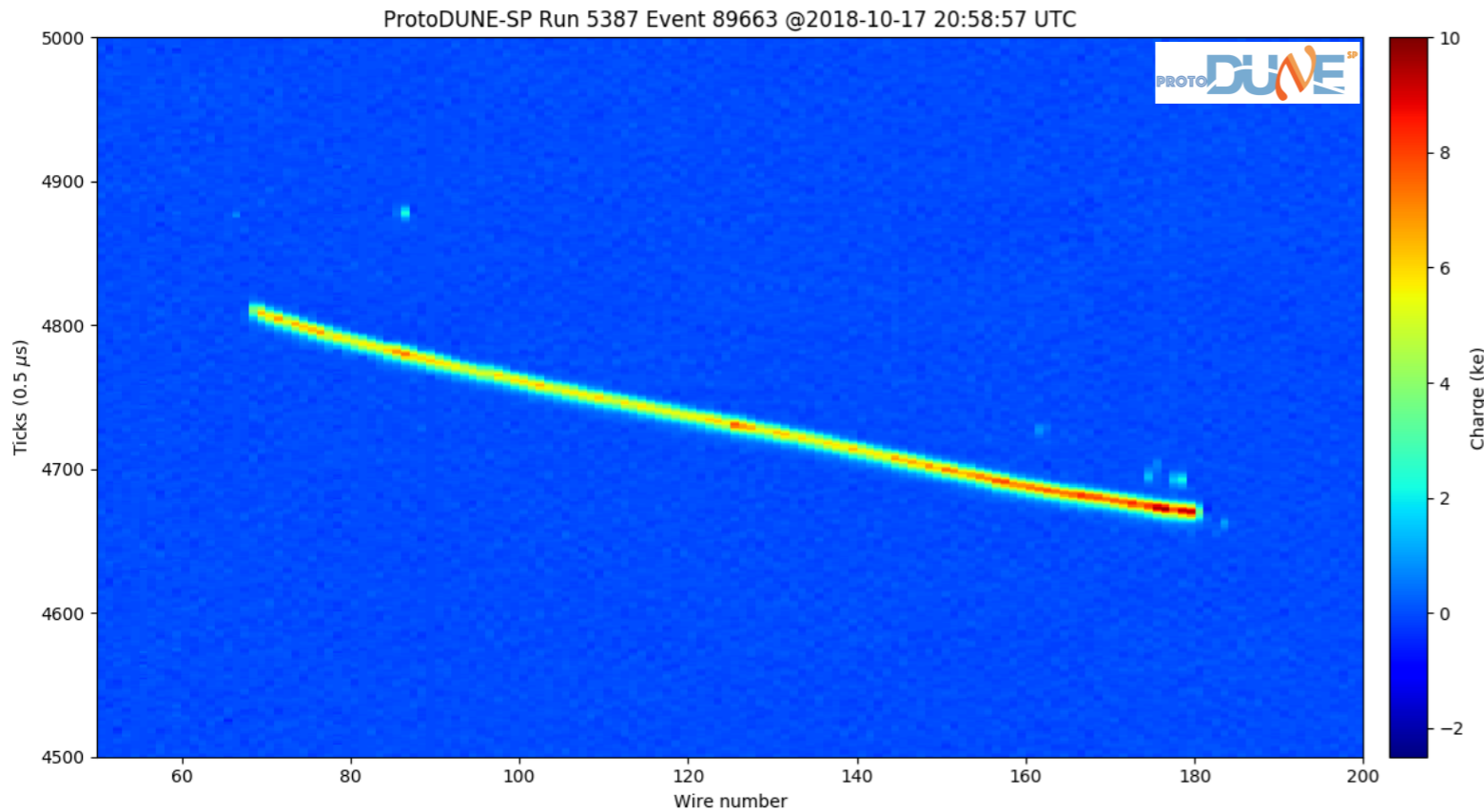


(c) After tail removal.



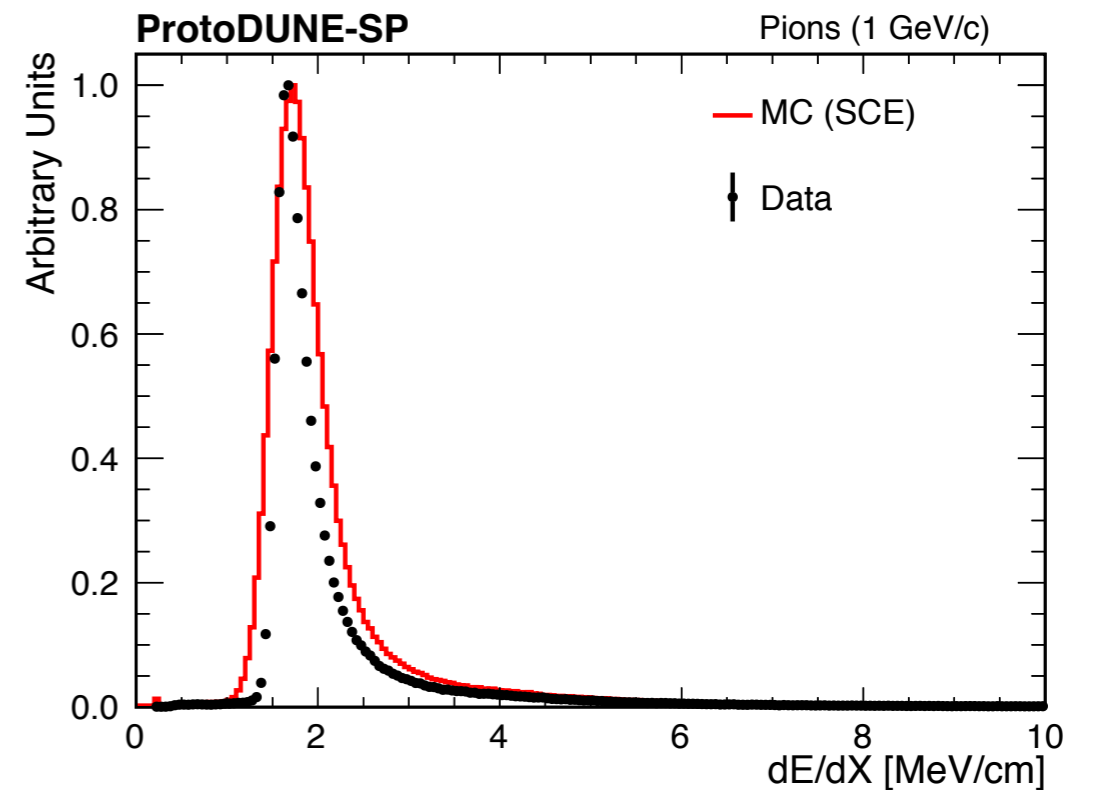
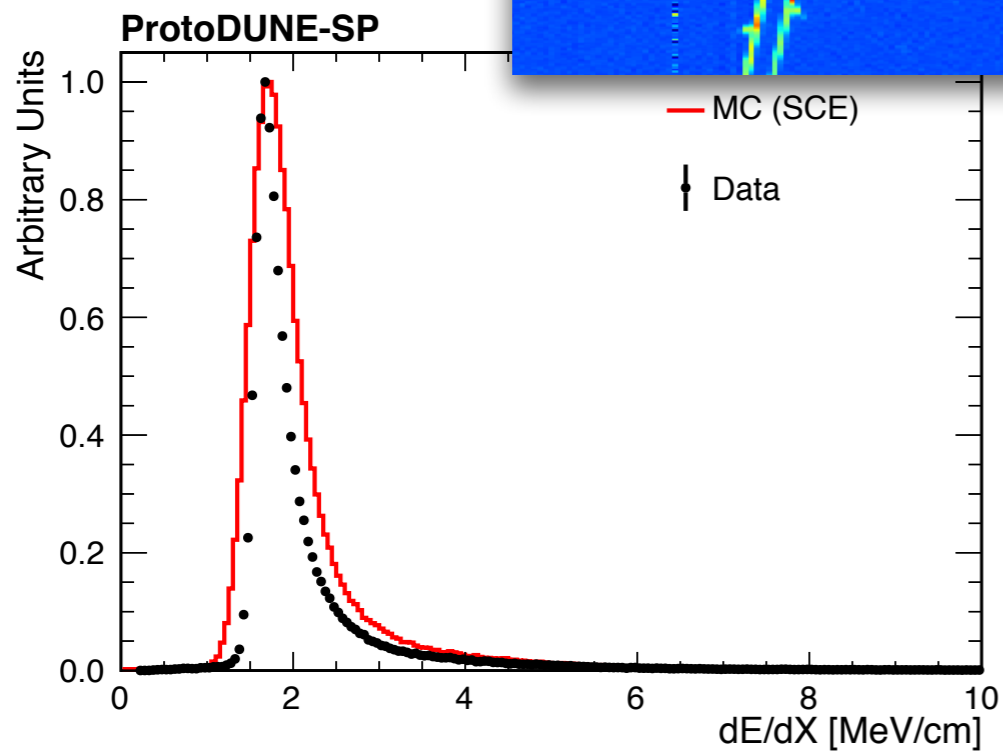
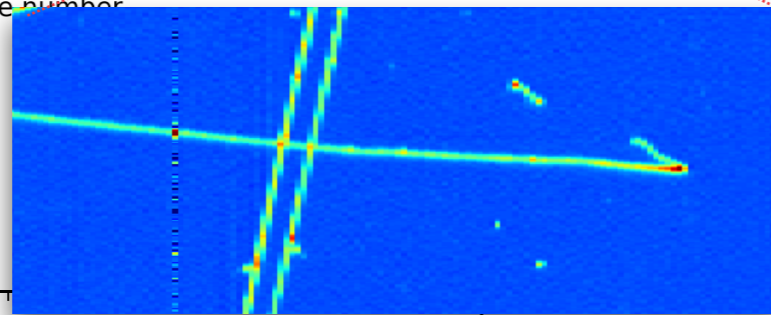
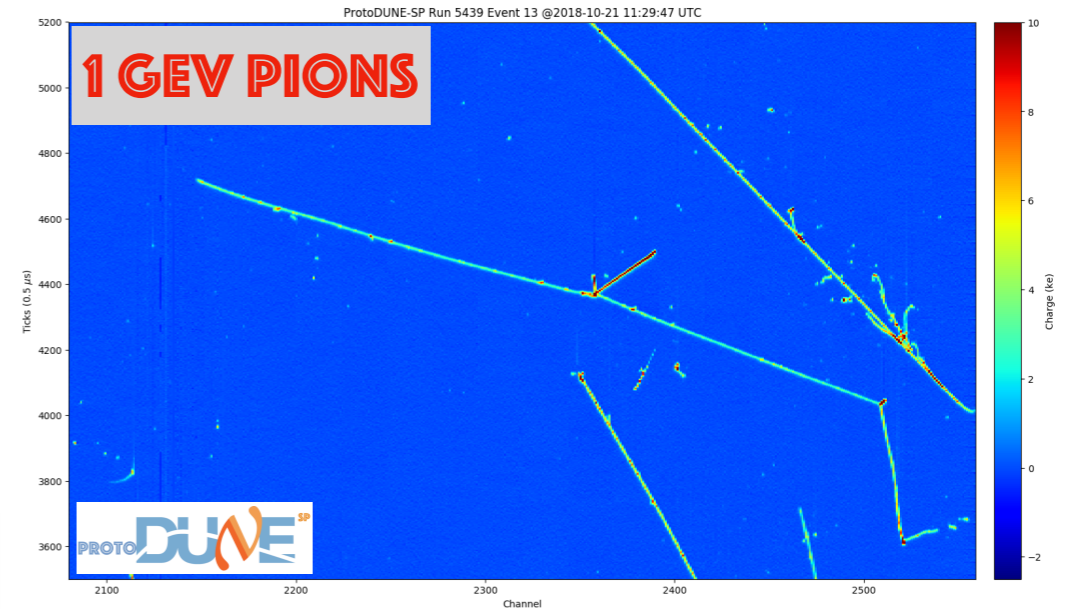
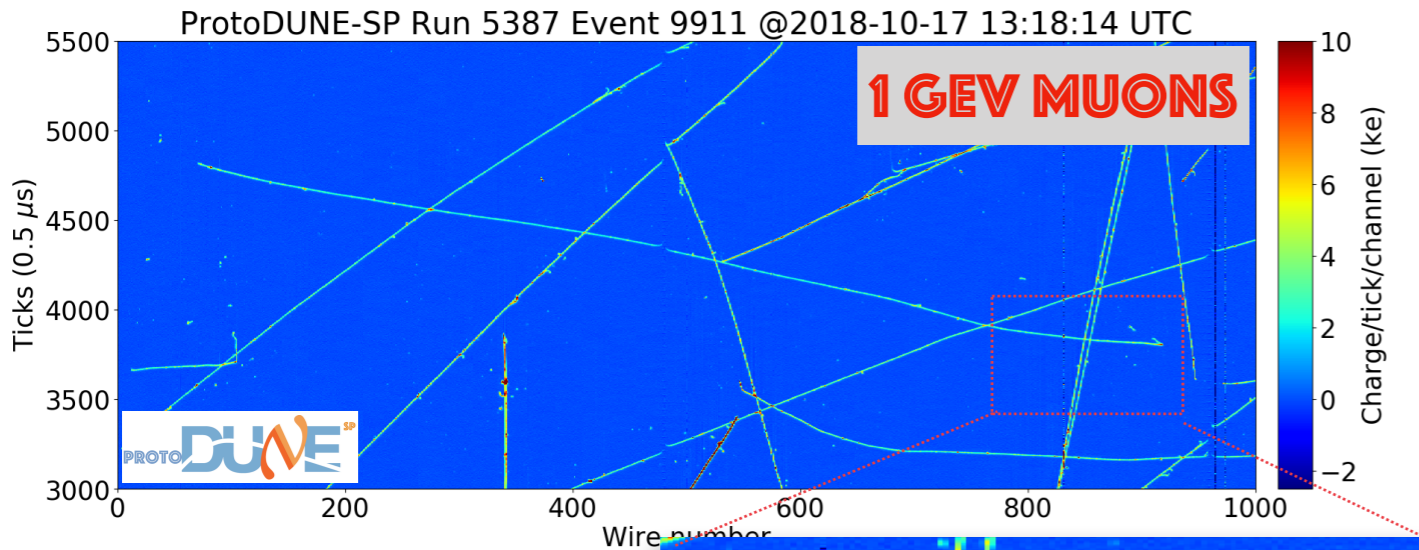
(d) After correlated noise removal.

## 1 GEV PROTONS

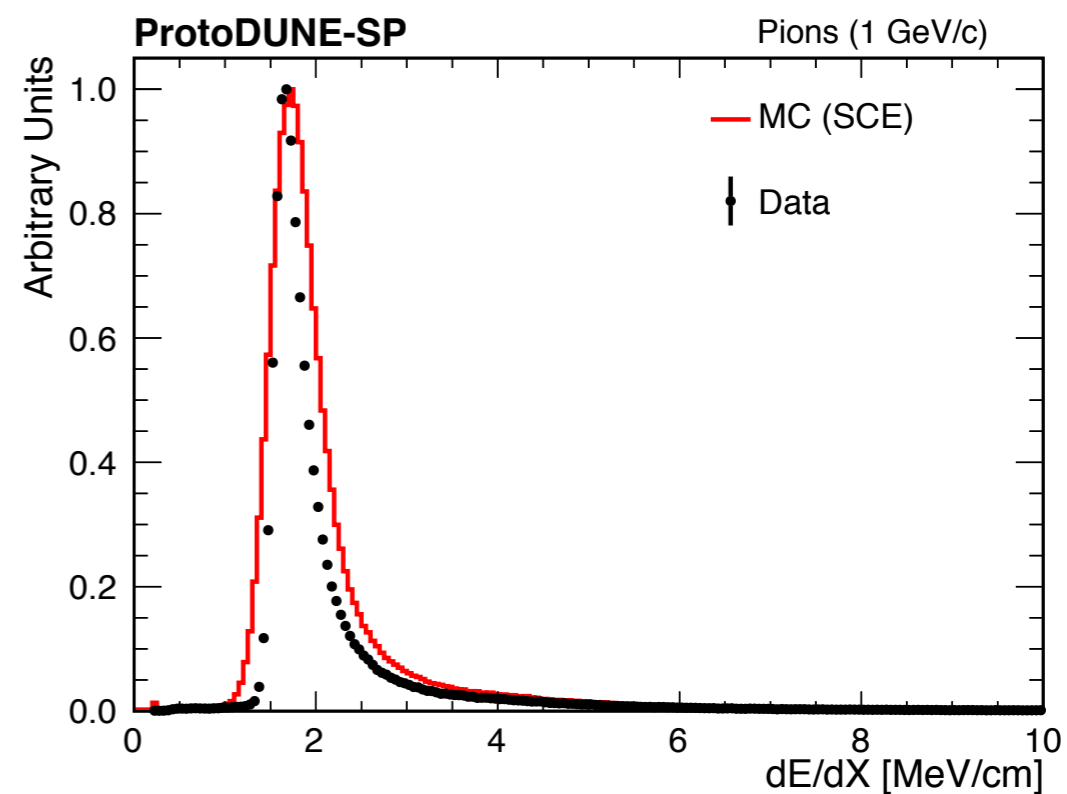
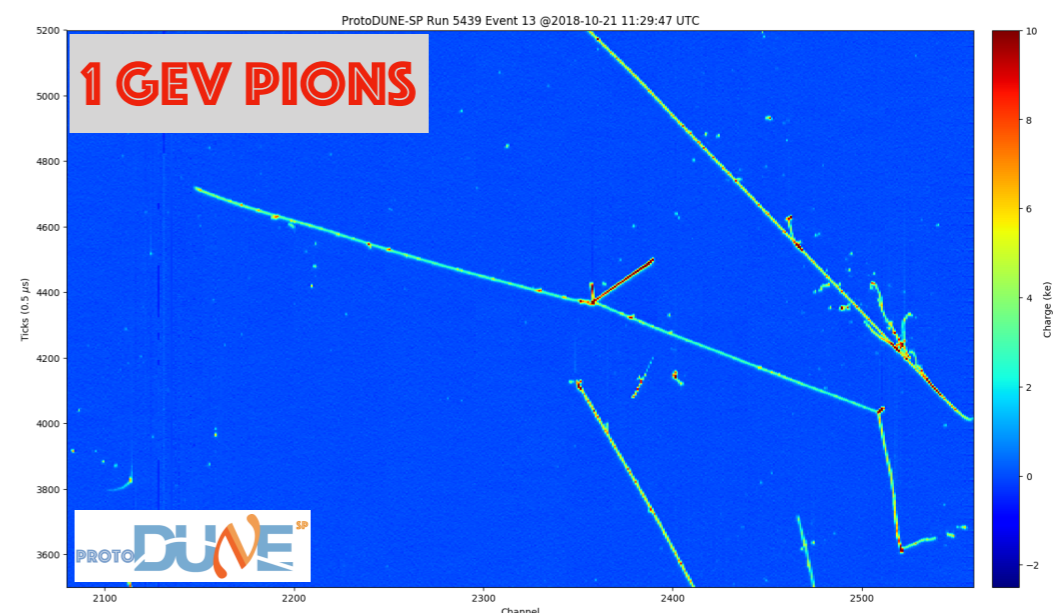
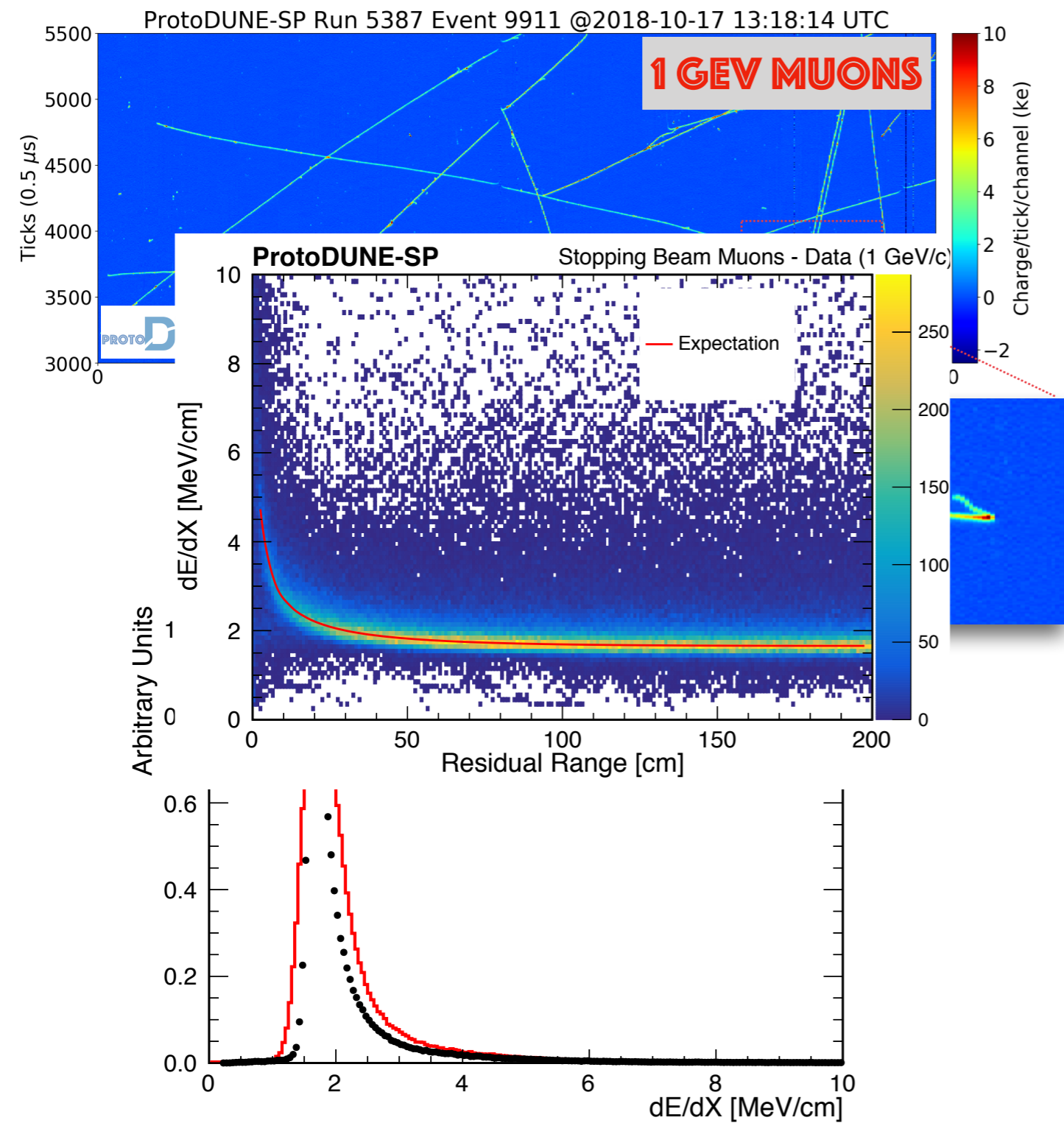


**Resolution appears better in DATA than in MonteCarlo !**





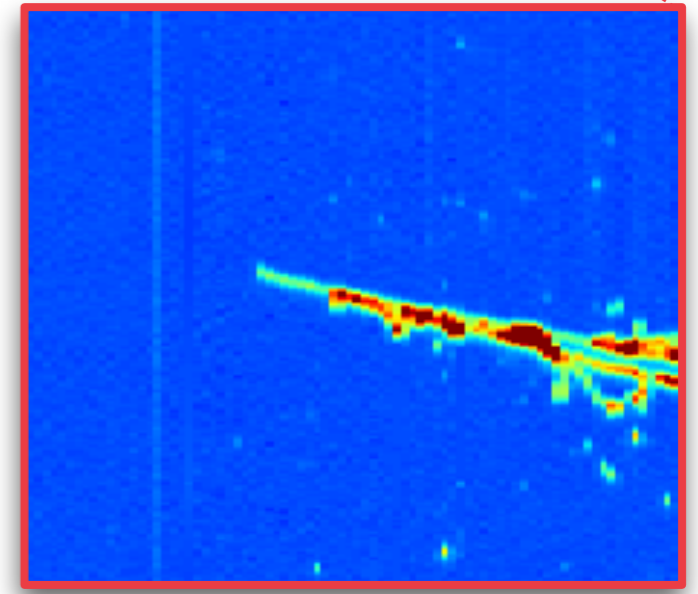
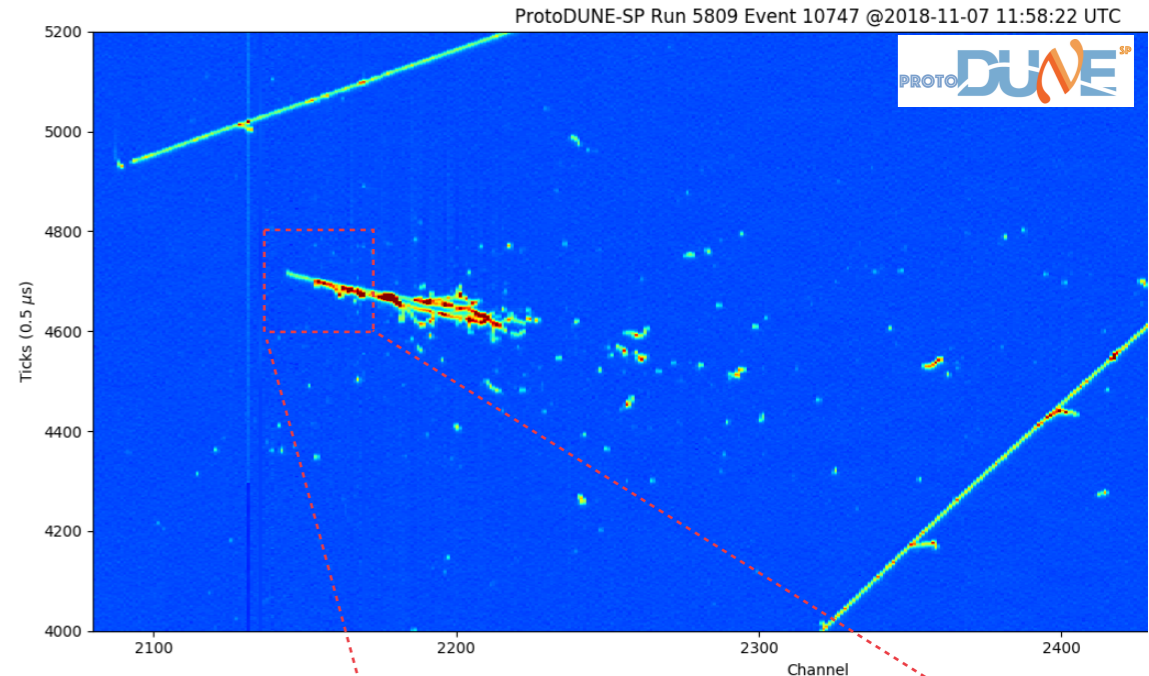
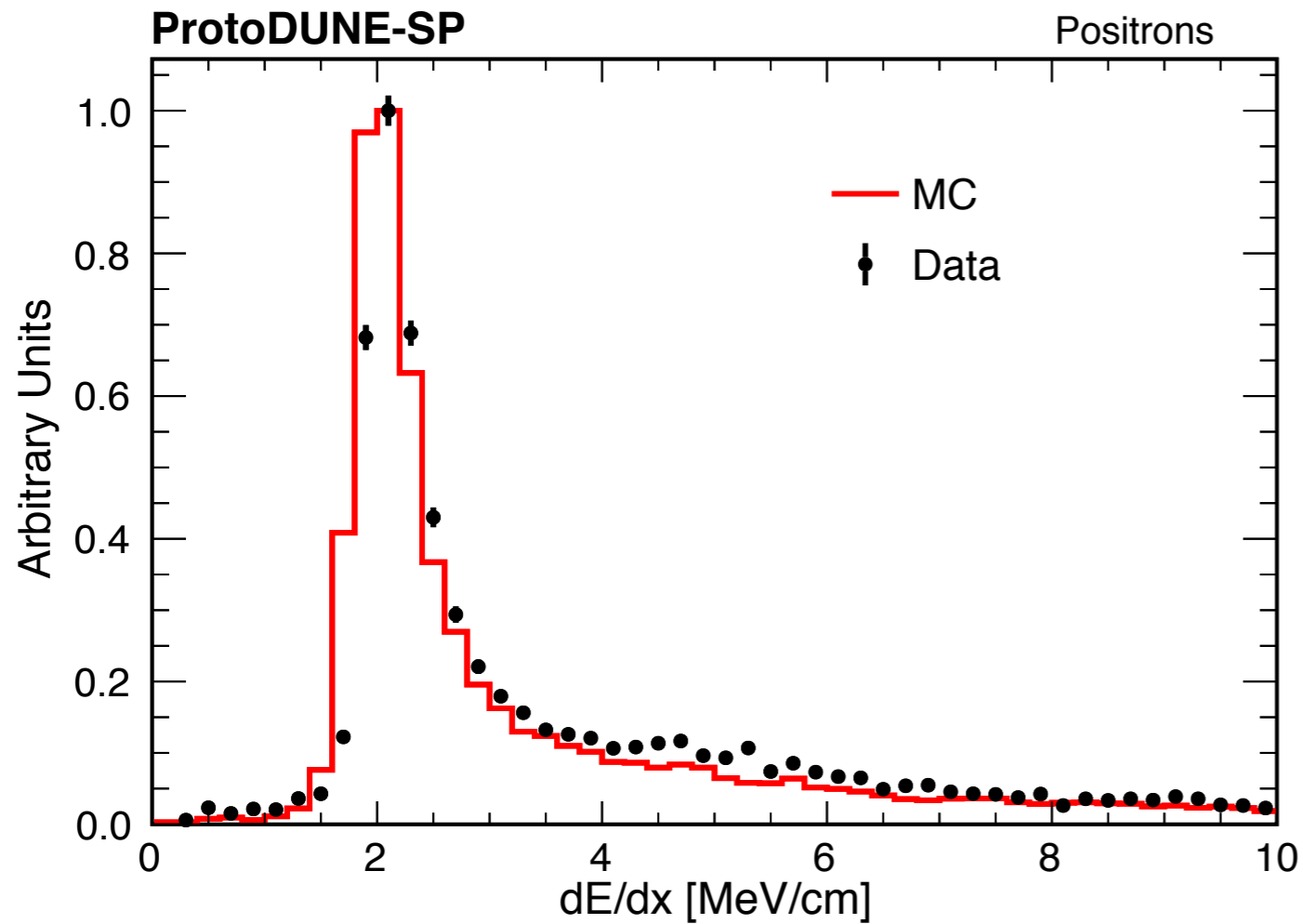
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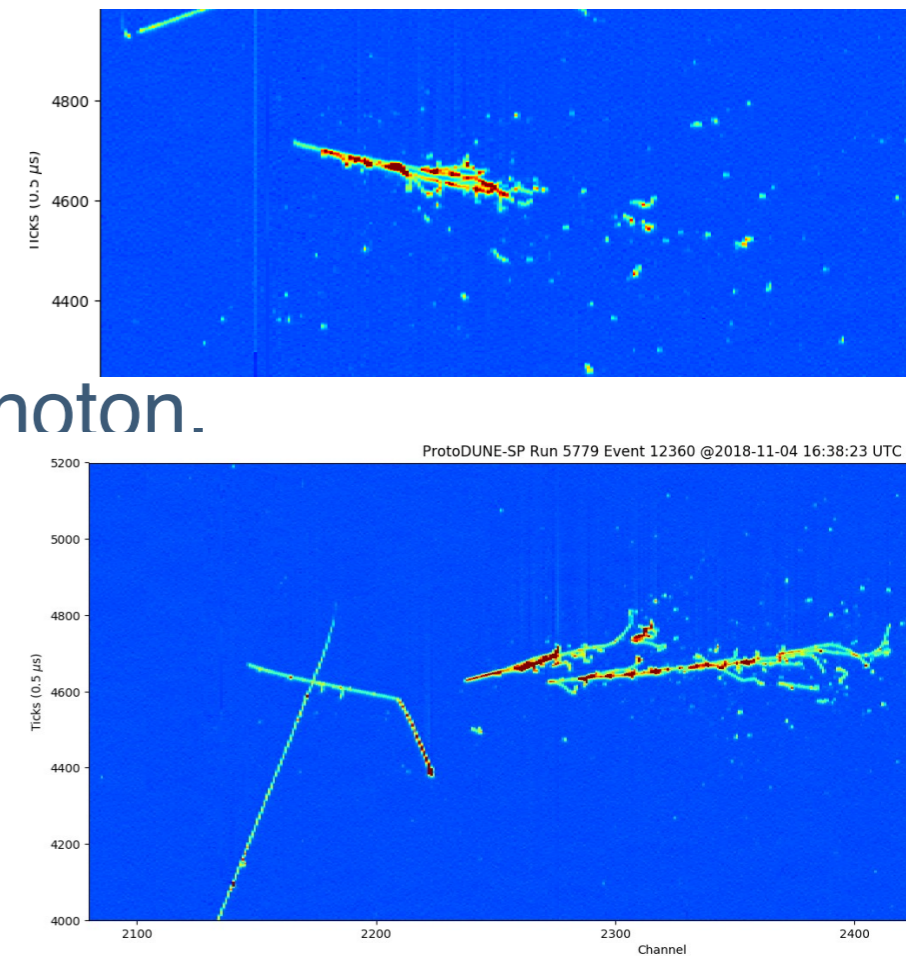
(after Space Charge Calibration)

1 GEV ELECTRONS

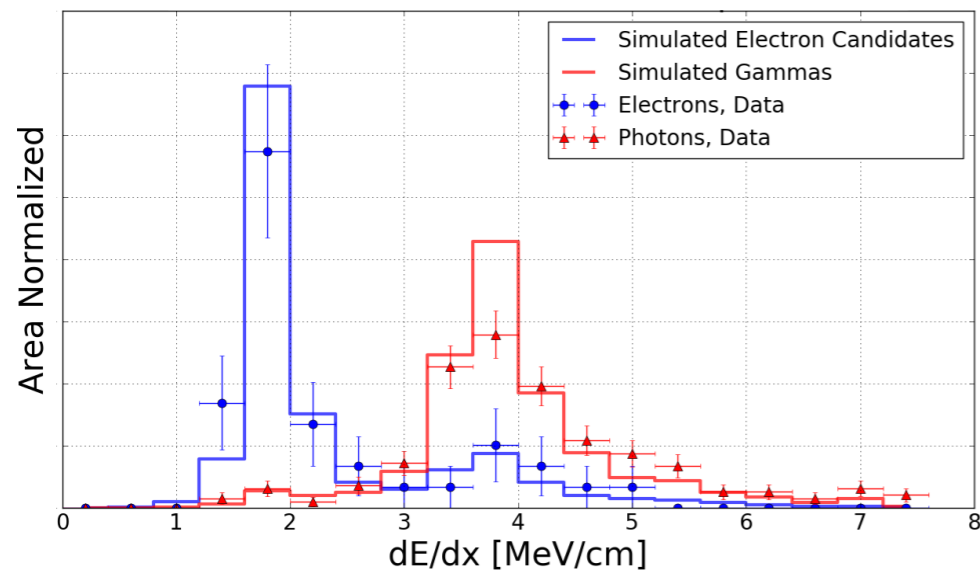


# Electron/photon $dE/dx$

- Measure  $dE/dx$  at the beginning of electron or photon.
- 1 GeV beam electrons.
- Photons from 6 GeV pion interactions.
- Clear  $e/\gamma$  separation in  $dE/dx$  distributions.

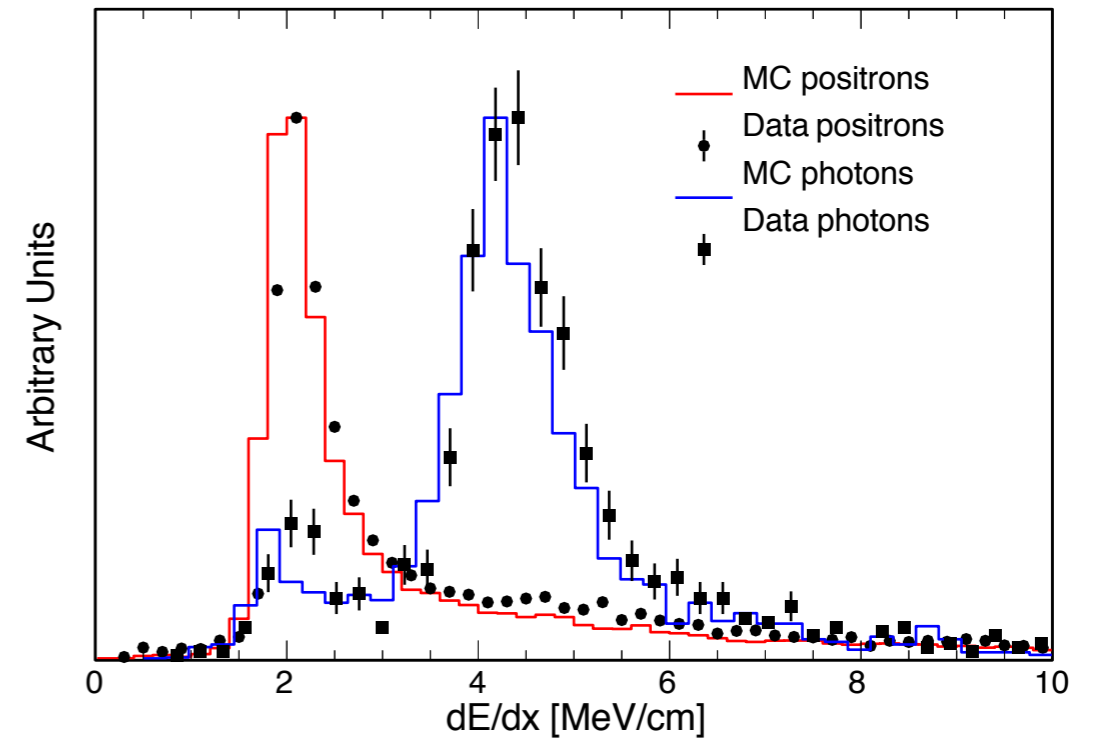


ArgoNeuT, PRD 95, 072005 (2017)



Hand picked events, limited statistics

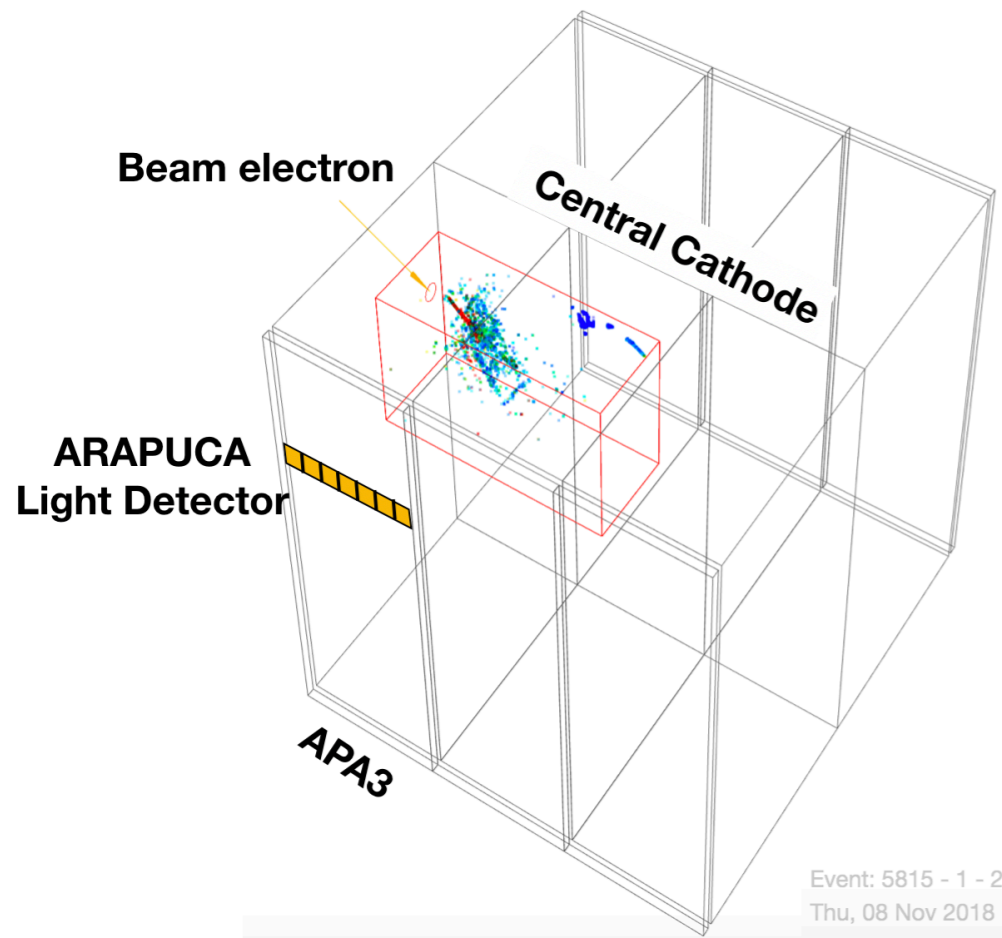
ProtoDUNE-SP



Fully automated reconstruction and event selection, large statistics.

# PHOTO-DETECTOR PERFORMANCE :

## calorimetric response to EM showers from *LIGHT* Signal



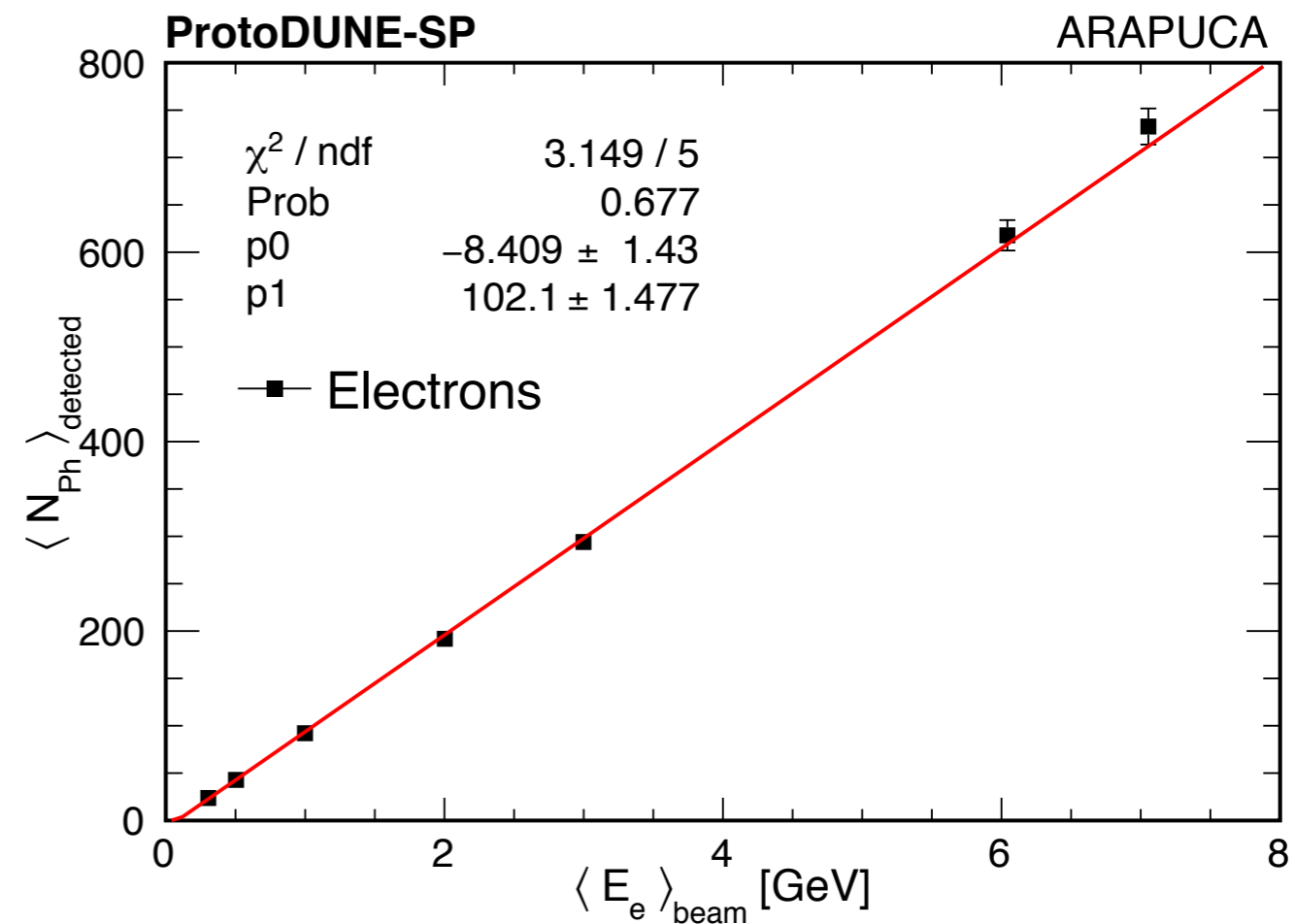
### LINEARITY

Observed (first approx) linear response over the entire range of energies.

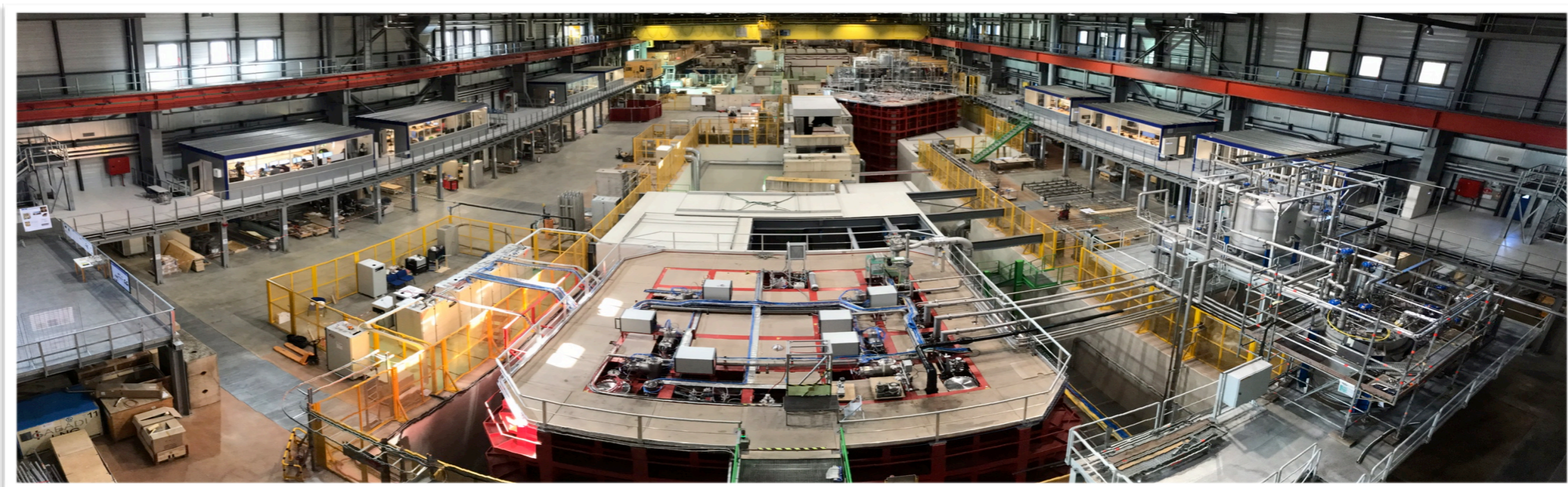
The slope gives the light yield

$$LY = 102 \text{ Ph/GeV}$$

from (only) one ARAPUCA PhDet module,  
relative to a diffused light source (EM shower)  
at a distance of about 3 m



single ARAPUCA module  
(~0.5‰ photo-sensitive area coverage)



PROTO **DUNE**<sup>SP</sup> (Phase 1) **MISSION**

- ✓ Prototyping production and installation procedures for DUNE Far Detector Design
- ✓ Validating design from perspective of basic detector performance → inform TDR
- ✓ Accumulating test-beam data to understand/calibrate response of detector to different particle species **~ 3M BEAM TRIGGERS ACCUMULATED AND ANALYZED**
- ✓ Demonstrating long term operational stability of the detector **500+ DAYS OF OPERATION**

# protoDUNE DUAL Phase

## History of Dual-Phase ProtoDUNE / WA105

**LBNO-DEMO (WA105)**

Project started in 2013 (CERN RB approval) following the submission of LBNO Expression of Interest

Collaborators from 10 countries and 22 institutes

EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH

March 31st, 2014  
CERN-SPSC-2014-013  
SPSC-TDR-004

Technical Design Report  
for large-scale neutrino detectors prototyping  
and phased performance assessment  
in view of a long-baseline oscillation experiment

Collaboration

TDR:  
submitted on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014  
CERN-SPSC-2014-013  
SPSC-TDR-004(2014)

EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH

CERN-SR-XXX  
March 31, 2015

Progress report on LBNO-DEMO/WA105 (2015)

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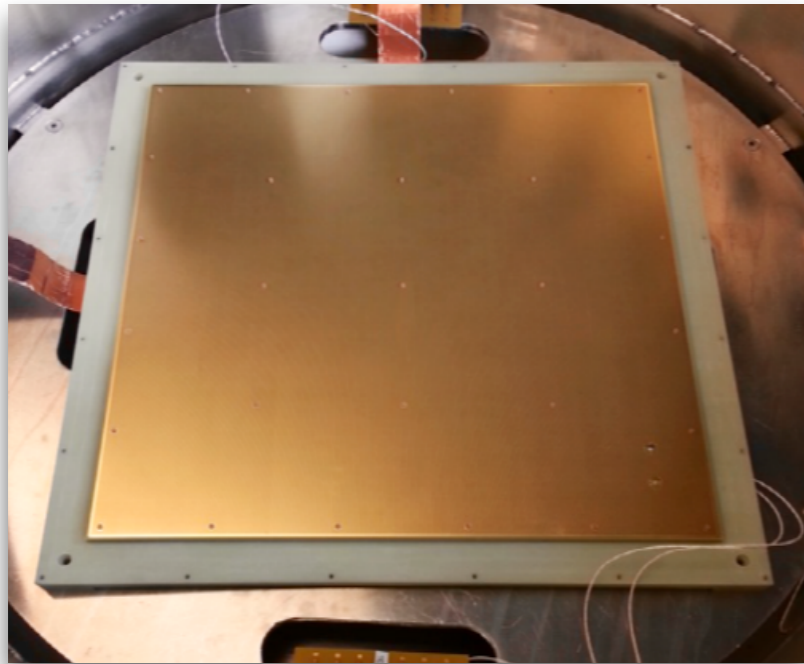
DUNE CDR, July 2015: WA105 and Dual-phase 10 kton design

WA105 project MOU signed December 2015

Integration in the DUNE project as ProtoDUNE-DP - December 2015

Technical Design Review April 2017

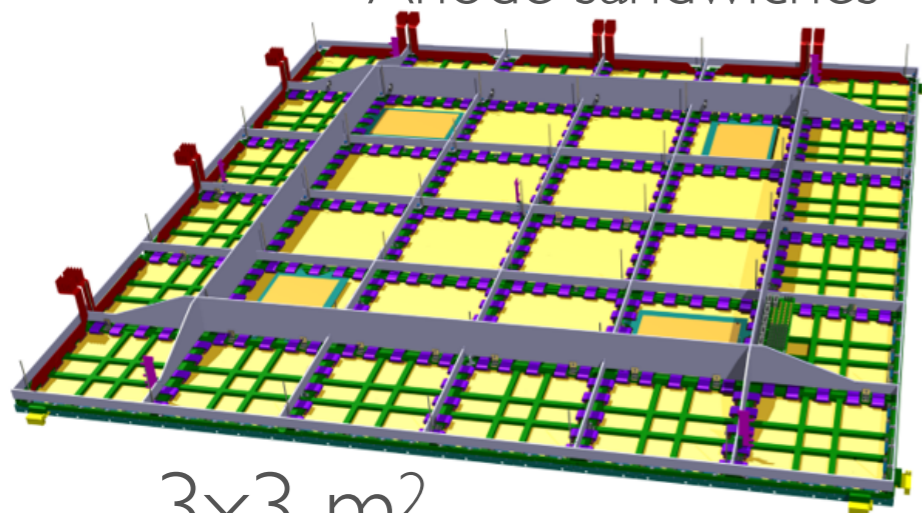
During detector installation  
inside protoDUNE-DP  
cryostat (spring 2019)



LEM-anode  
sandwich  
(50x50 cm<sup>2</sup>)



Charge Readout Plane (CRP)  
integrating 36 LEM  
Anode sandwiches



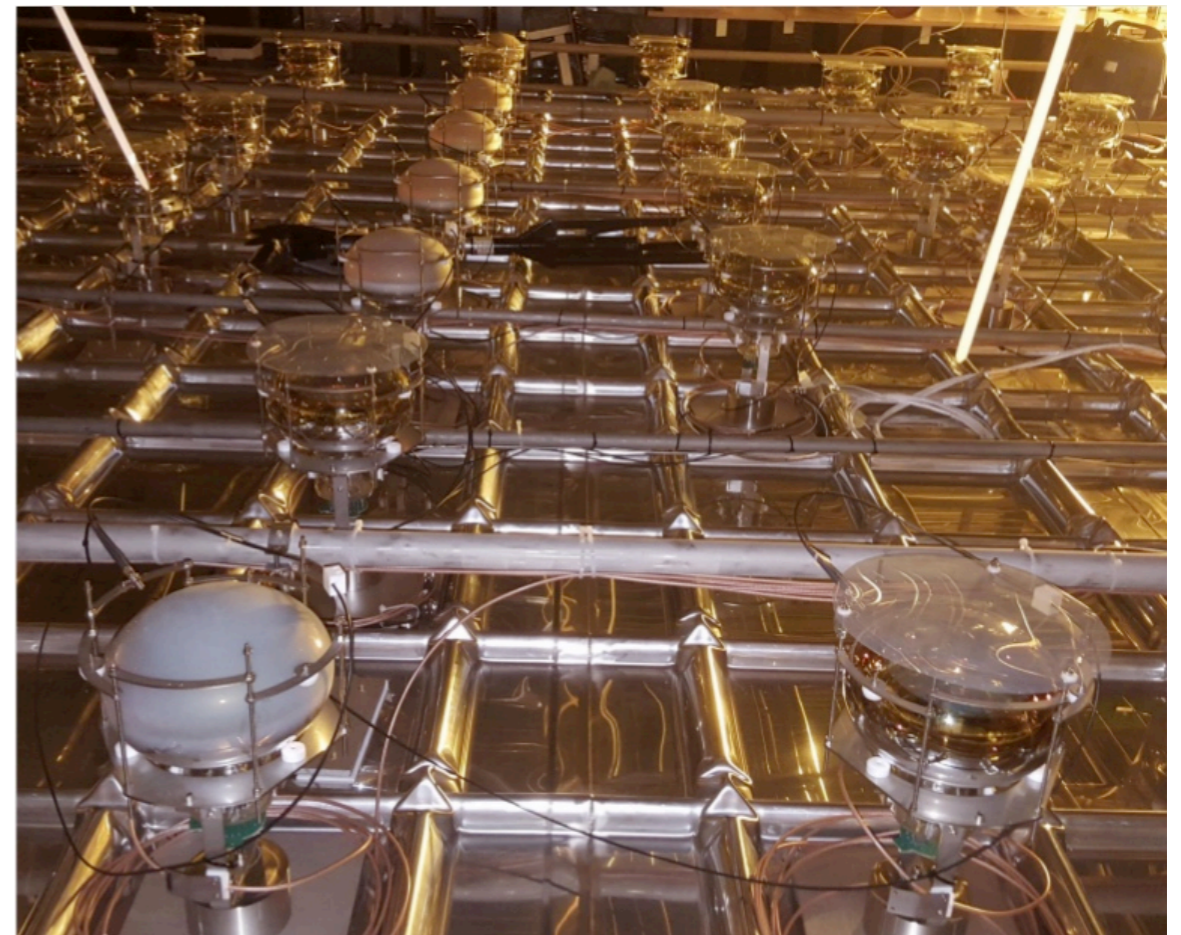
3x3 m<sup>2</sup>

< 50  $\mu\text{m}$  accuracy in  
positioning wrt to LAr surface level



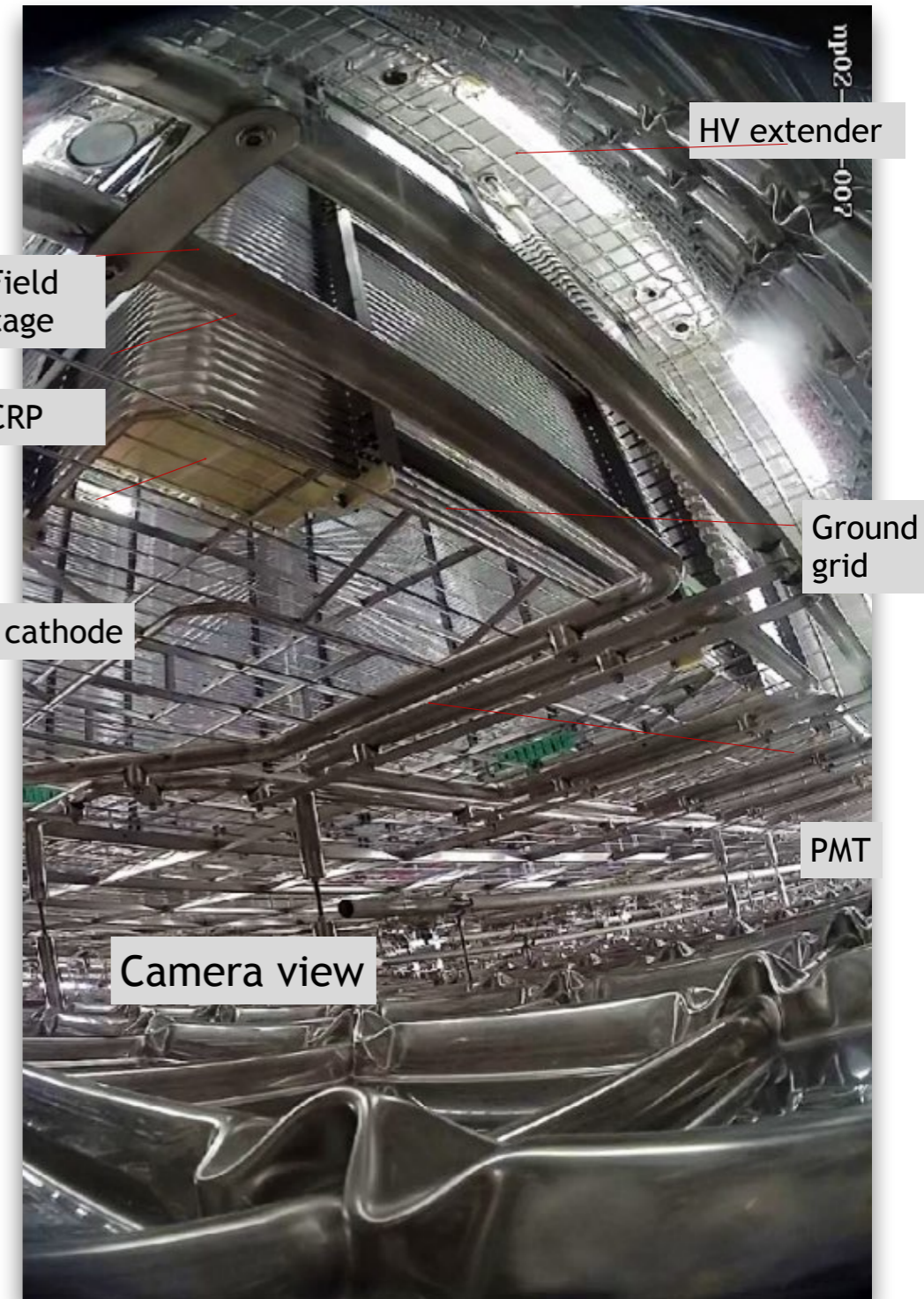
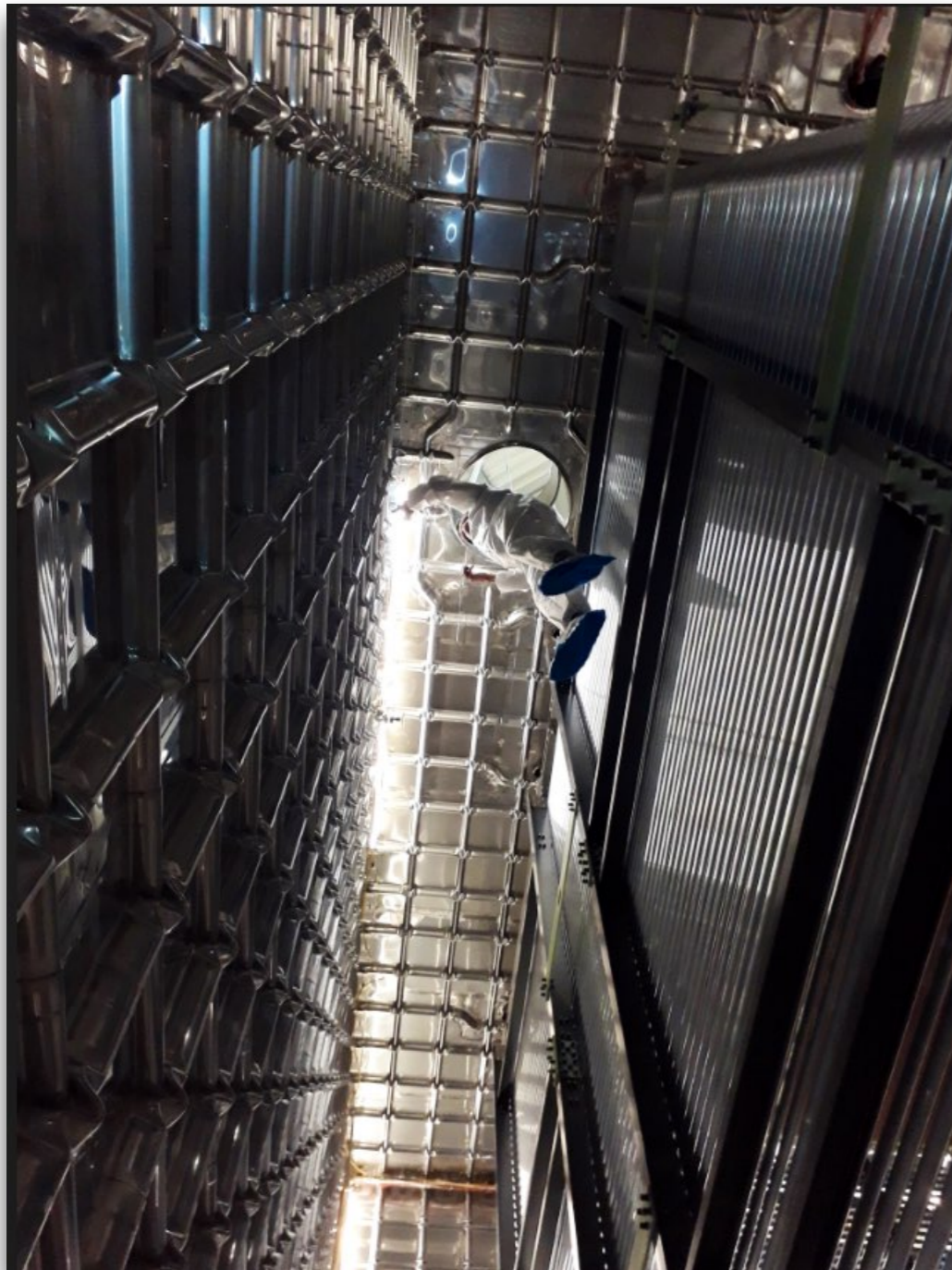
# Photon Detector: PMT Array with wavelength-shifter

- 30 PMTs with PEN sheets and 6 PMTs with TPB coating



# Last day with cryostat open

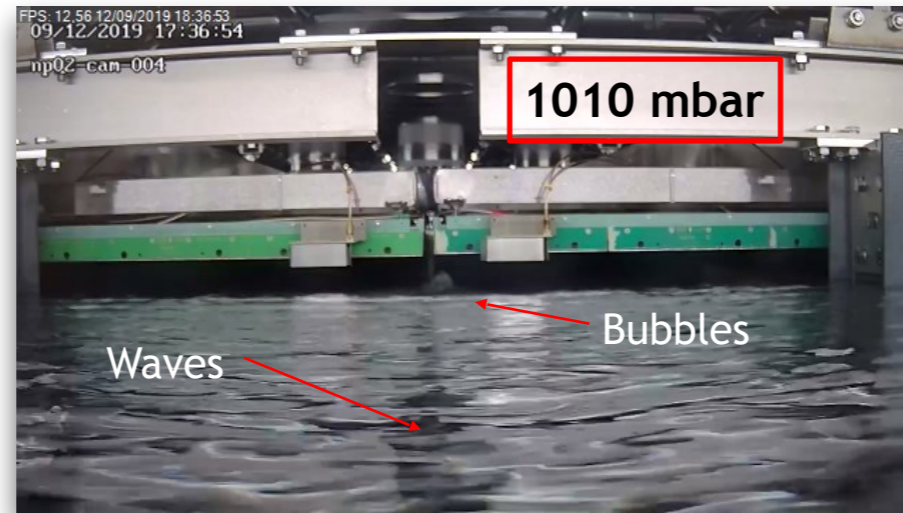
June 13<sup>th</sup> 2019



- June 2019: cryostat purge with Ar gas and cool-down procedure with a mist of LAr droplets to about 150k
- July 2019: filling with LAr  
~40 tons/day
- August 2019 detector filled, start of operation



✓ Bubbles forming along internal surface of first field cage ring.  
*Phenomenon not yet completely characterized related to heath flow and cryogenics*



✓ CRP operation at higher cryostat gas pressure (1045 mbar) to dump formation of bubbles and LAr surface perturbations.

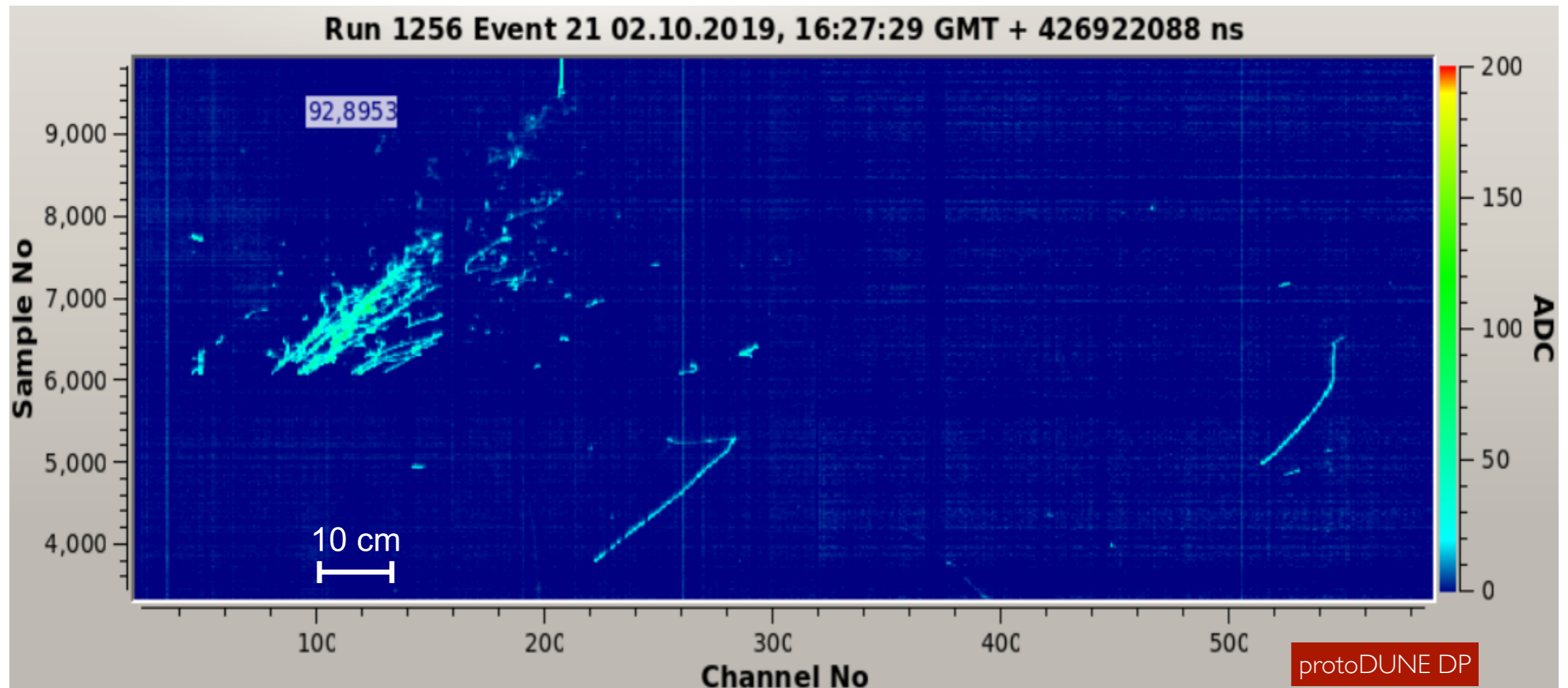
- Stability HV tests of grids + LEMs
- Grids of all 4 CRPs tested up to 7.5kV extraction voltage (exceeding goal)

CRP LAr level tracking (adjustments of 250 um every 15 minutes). LAr level increasing by ~1mm/hour

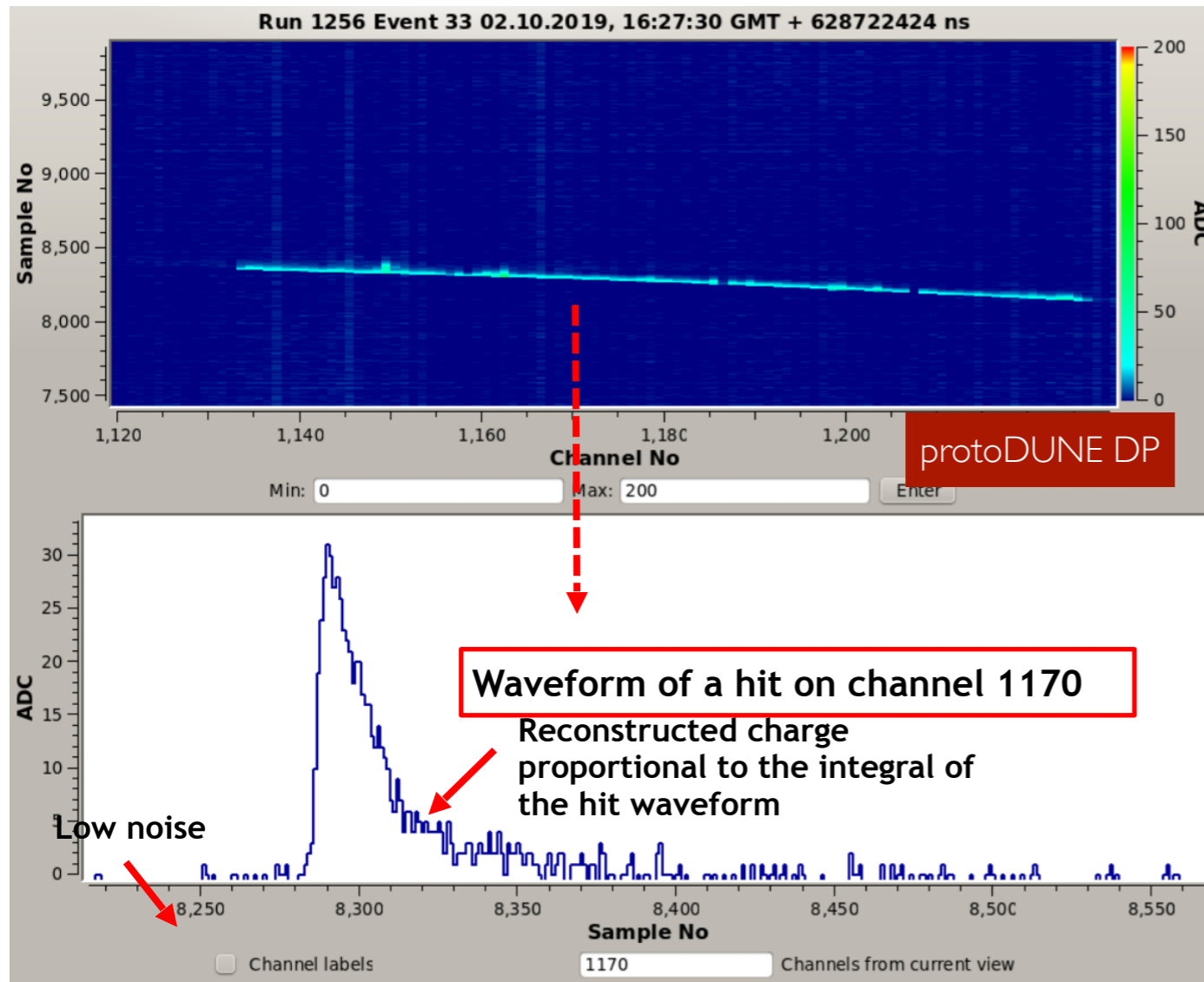
✓ Implemented automatic tracking of LAr level based on level meters reading



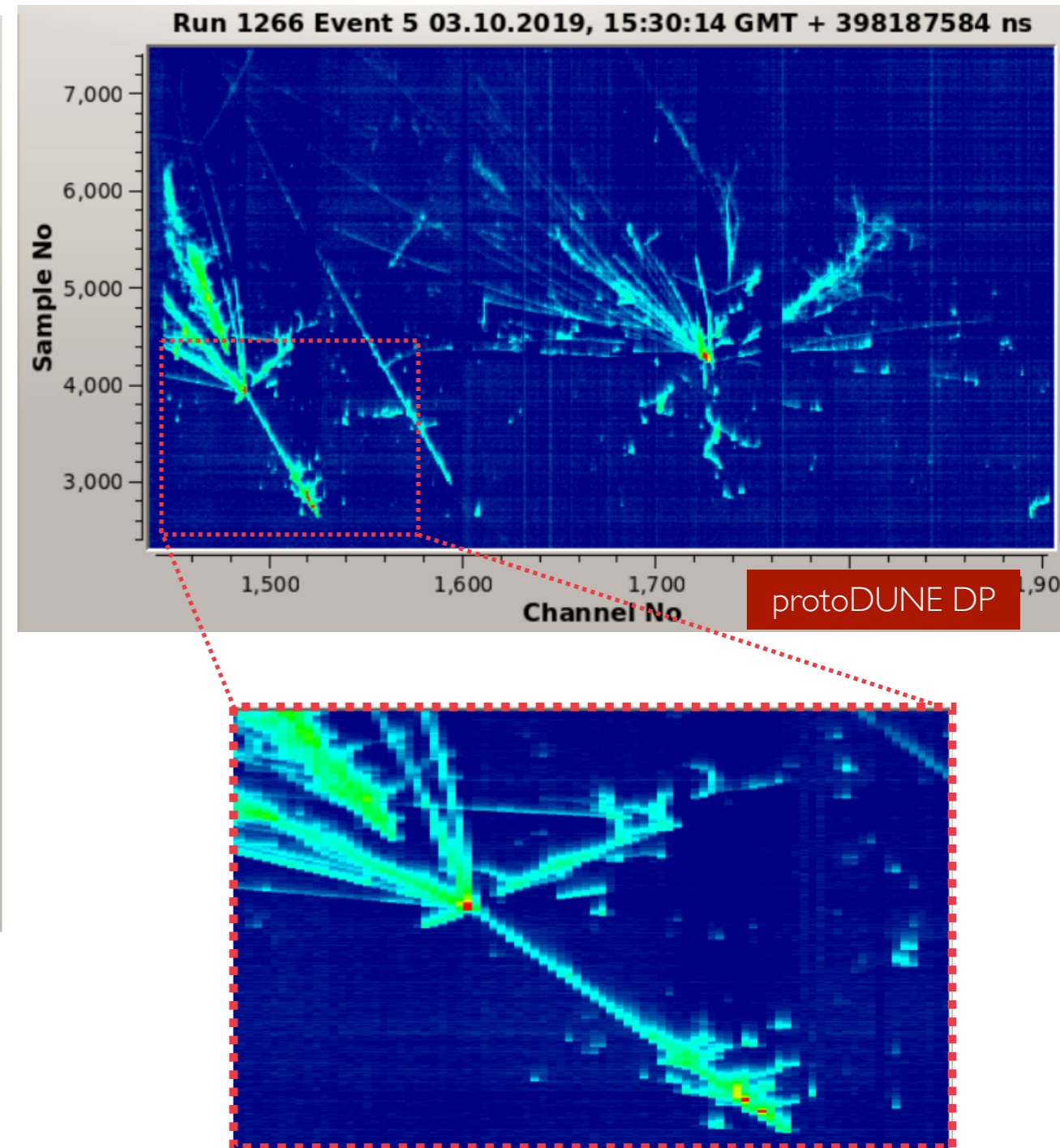
Event with electromagnetic showers and two muon decays  
- LEM  $\Delta V = 3.1$  kV



Horizontal muon track  
- LEM  $\Delta V = 3.1$  kV



Multiple hadronic interactions in a shower - LEM  $\Delta V = 3.2$  kV



## **Compelling questions in Physics await being addressed**

The liquid Ar TPC is the new experimental technology adopted for the worldwide Neutrino Program in the U.S.

**The realization of the DUNE/LBNF will represent one of the most challenging and endeavoring effort in HEP.**

**The path toward DUNE is now open by the success of ProtoDUNE at CERN**