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Multi-ton Argon
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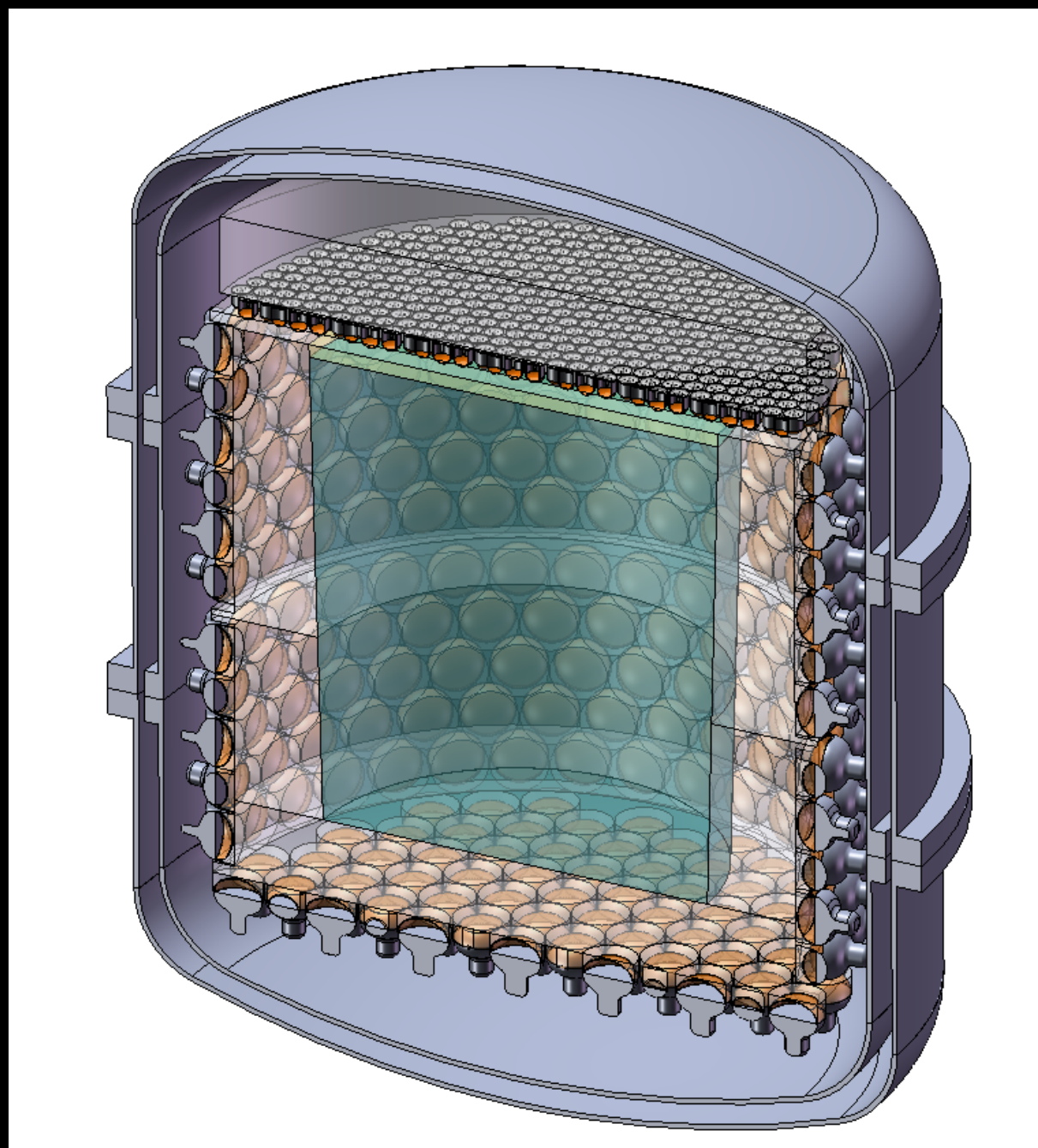
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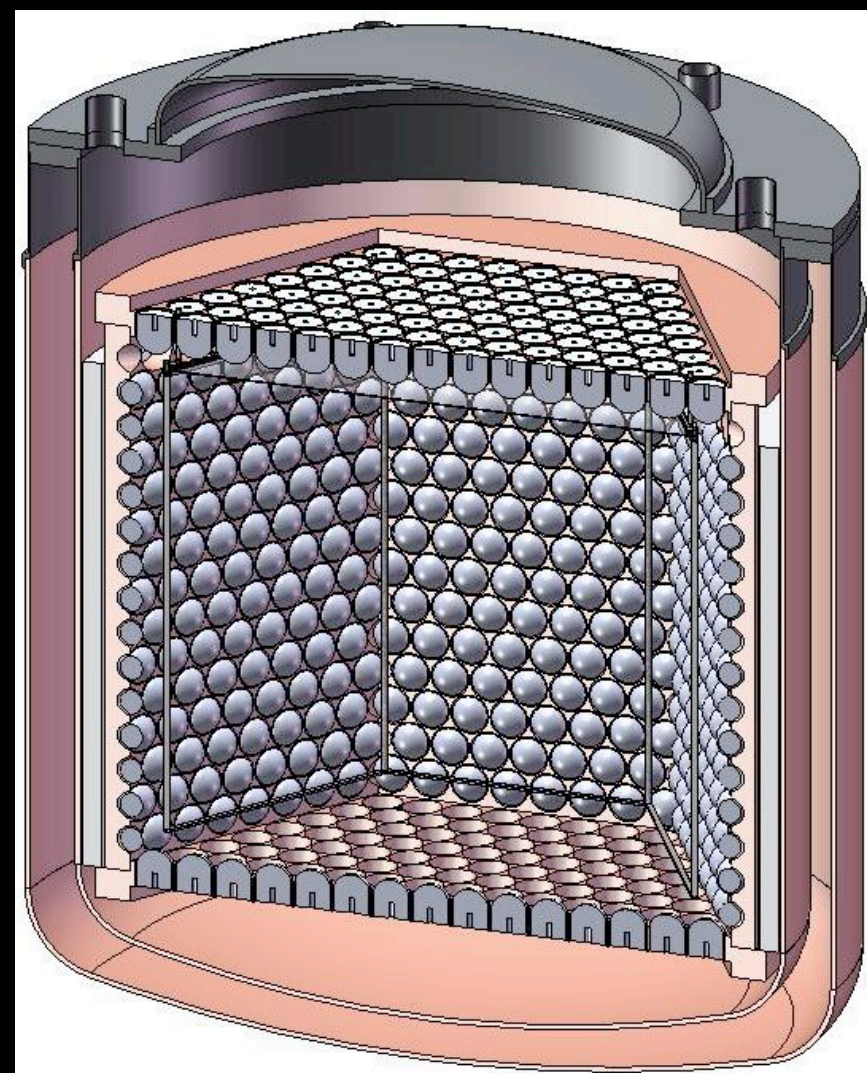
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5 ton DAr TPC



2.5 ton Xe TPC

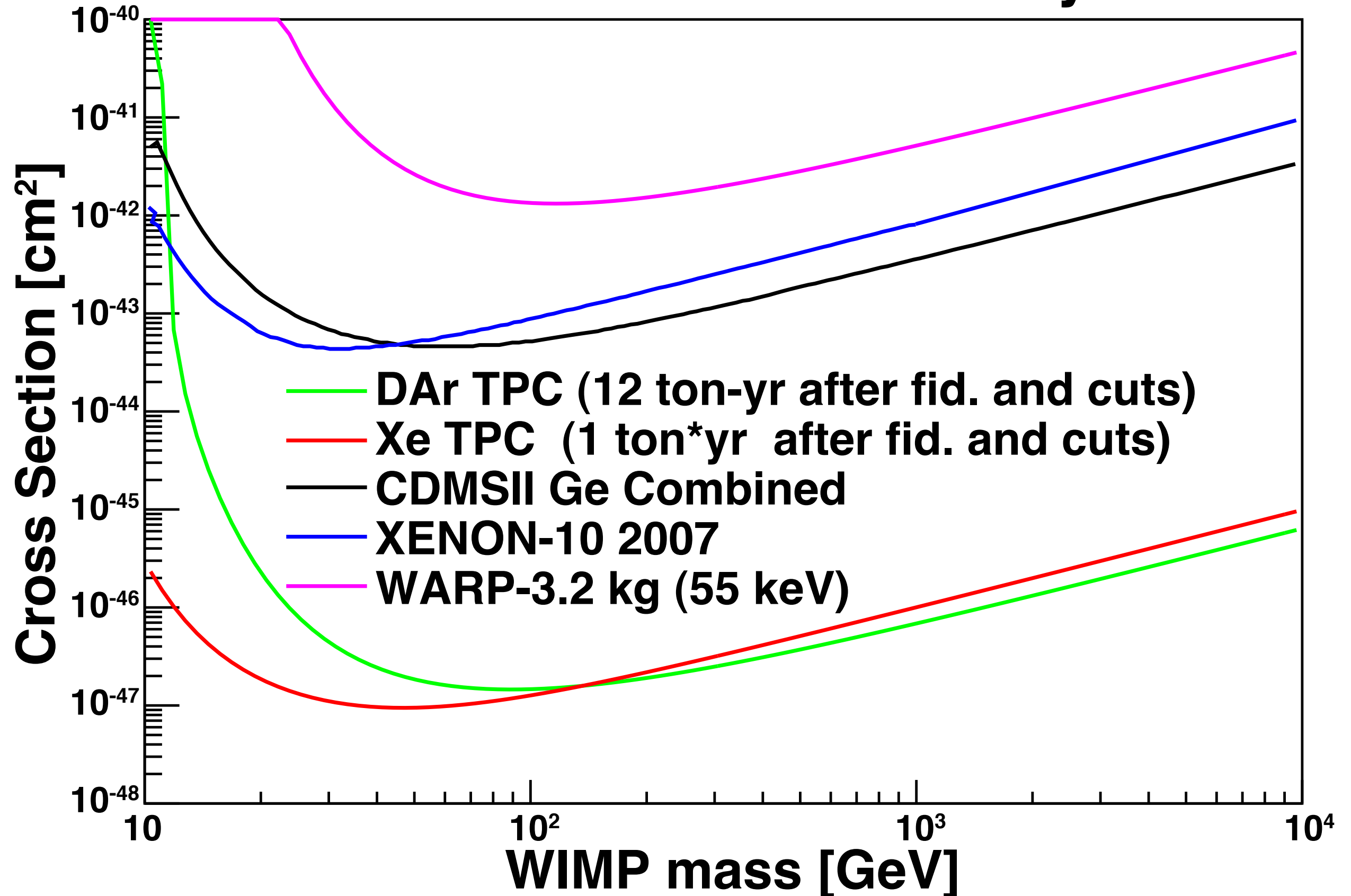
Compelling Case for Cooperation

- Cooperative effort of XENON and DarkSide Collaborations
- Ar and Xe two enticing targets, easily scalable
- Strong commonalities to be exploited
 - Extremely low background photosensors (QUPIDs) designed for LAr and LXe temperatures
 - Common “two-phase technology” for detection of scintillation and ionization
 - Common scheme for cryocooling, mechanics, shielding, etc.
 - Common engineering and design results in significant savings with

The Physics of MAX

- Discovery potential
- Confirmation in twin targets: Xe and Ar
- Confirmation of A^2 dependence of cross section
- Measurement of the mass of the WIMP by comparison of recoil spectra in different targets
- Indication on spin-dependent or spin-independent nature of interactions

Cross Section Sensitivity



Mass Measurement

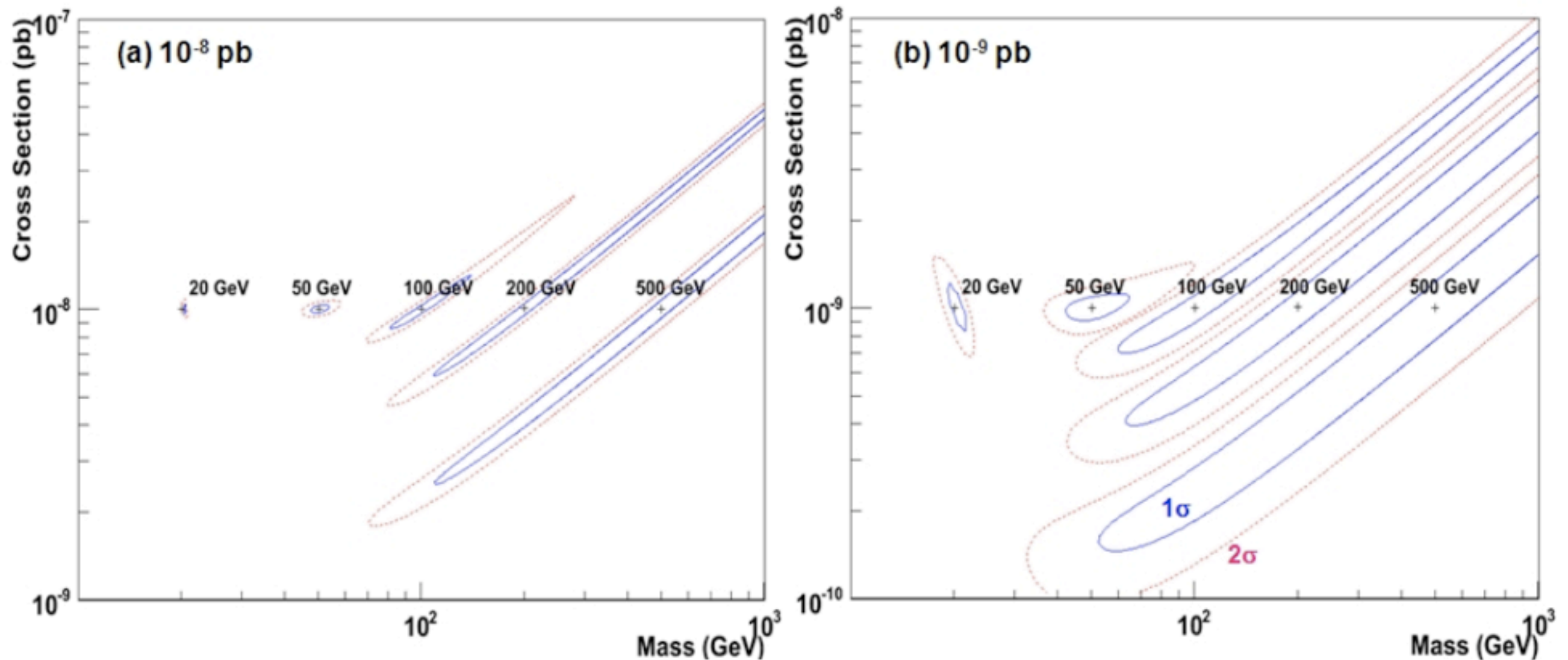


FIG. 8: 1σ and 2σ uncertainties in determining WIMP mass and cross-section by Xe target in XAX in 10 ton-years of data taking. WIMP masses 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 GeV, and cross sections of (a) 10^{-8} pb, (b) 10^{-9} pb are assumed. Above 100 GeV/c^2 WIMP mass, there is degeneracy between mass and cross section, resulting in the 45° slope in this figure.

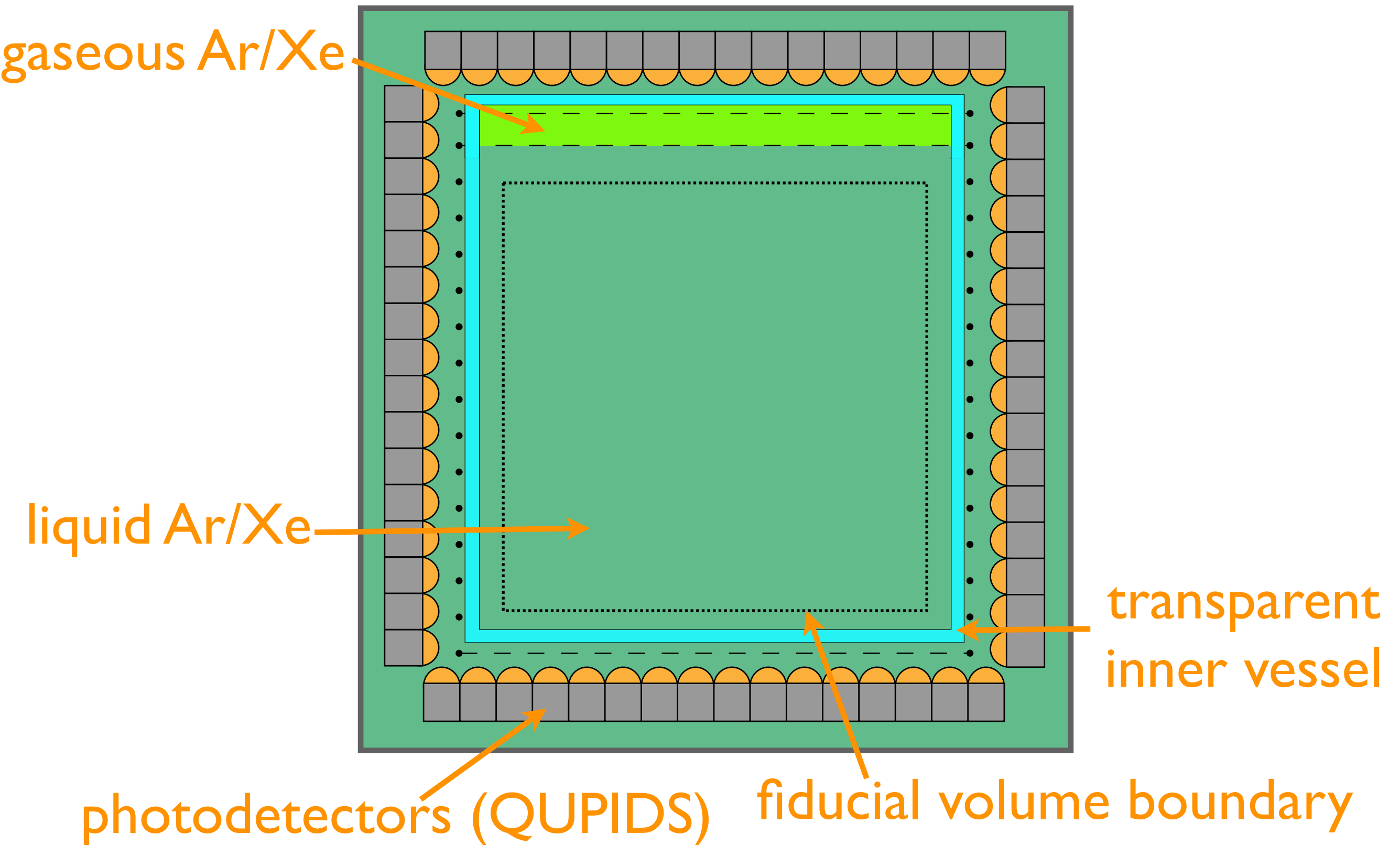
The Technology Case

- Superior 3" QUPID photosensors
 - no background detected in best Ge
 - 6" and 8" QUPIDs under study
- Alkali-LT photocathode for >35% QE at liquid xenon and argon temperature on 3"/6"/8" photosensors
- 4π optical coverage - optimal light yield
- Strong fiducialization for xenon target
- β/γ background free by pulse shaping in Argon
- Depleted Argon from underground sources

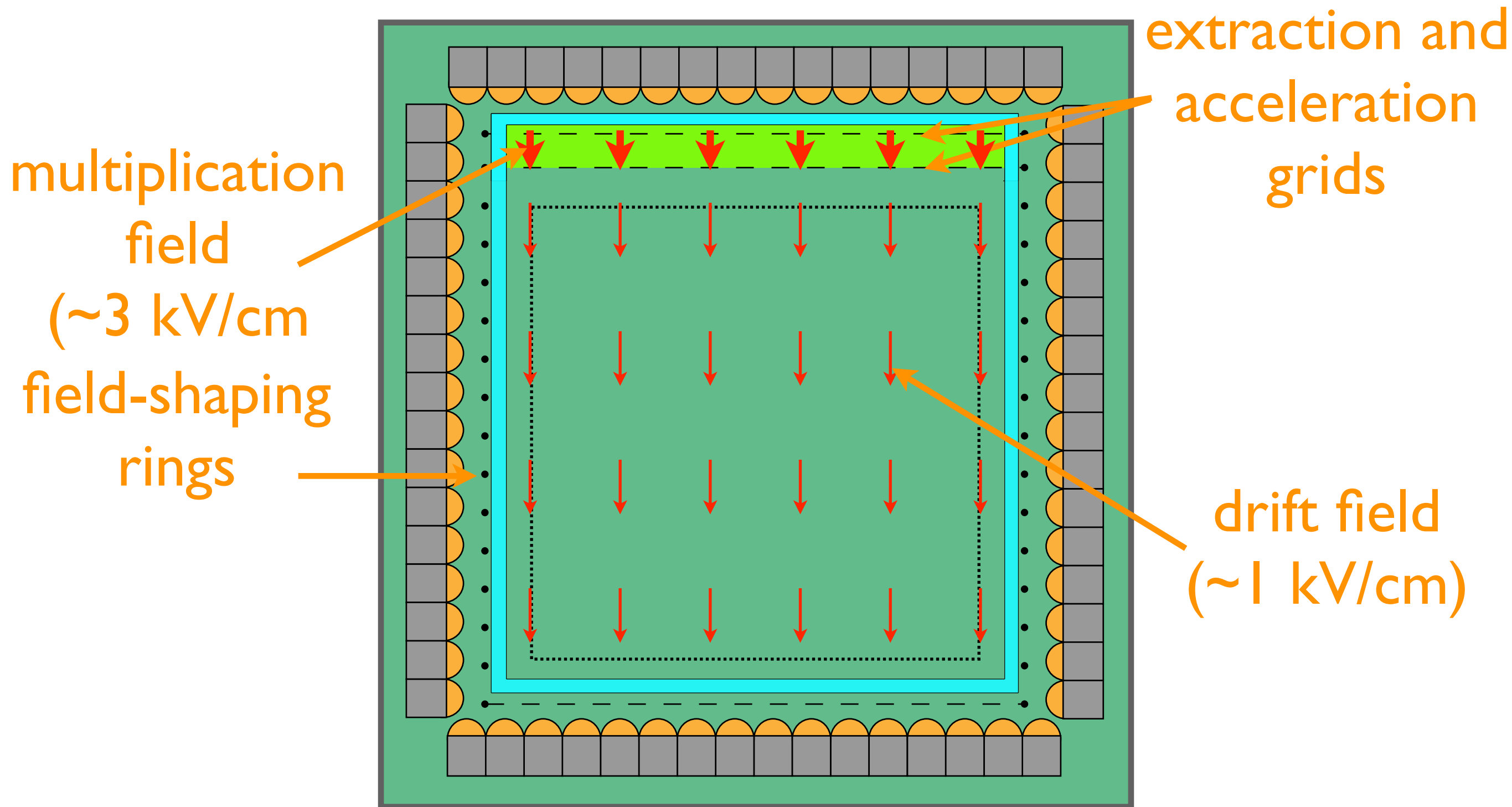
Noble Liquid Detectors

- Target = Detector
- Excellent scintillation detectors
 - 40 photons/keV (Ar, 128 nm), 46 photons/keV (Xe, 178 nm)
- Excellent ionization detectors
 - 40 electrons/keV (Ar), 64 electrons/keV (Xe)
- Photons and electrons not self-absorbed: long e drift distance
- Large multi-ton detectors possible and “cheap”
- Background discrimination possible

TPC in Action

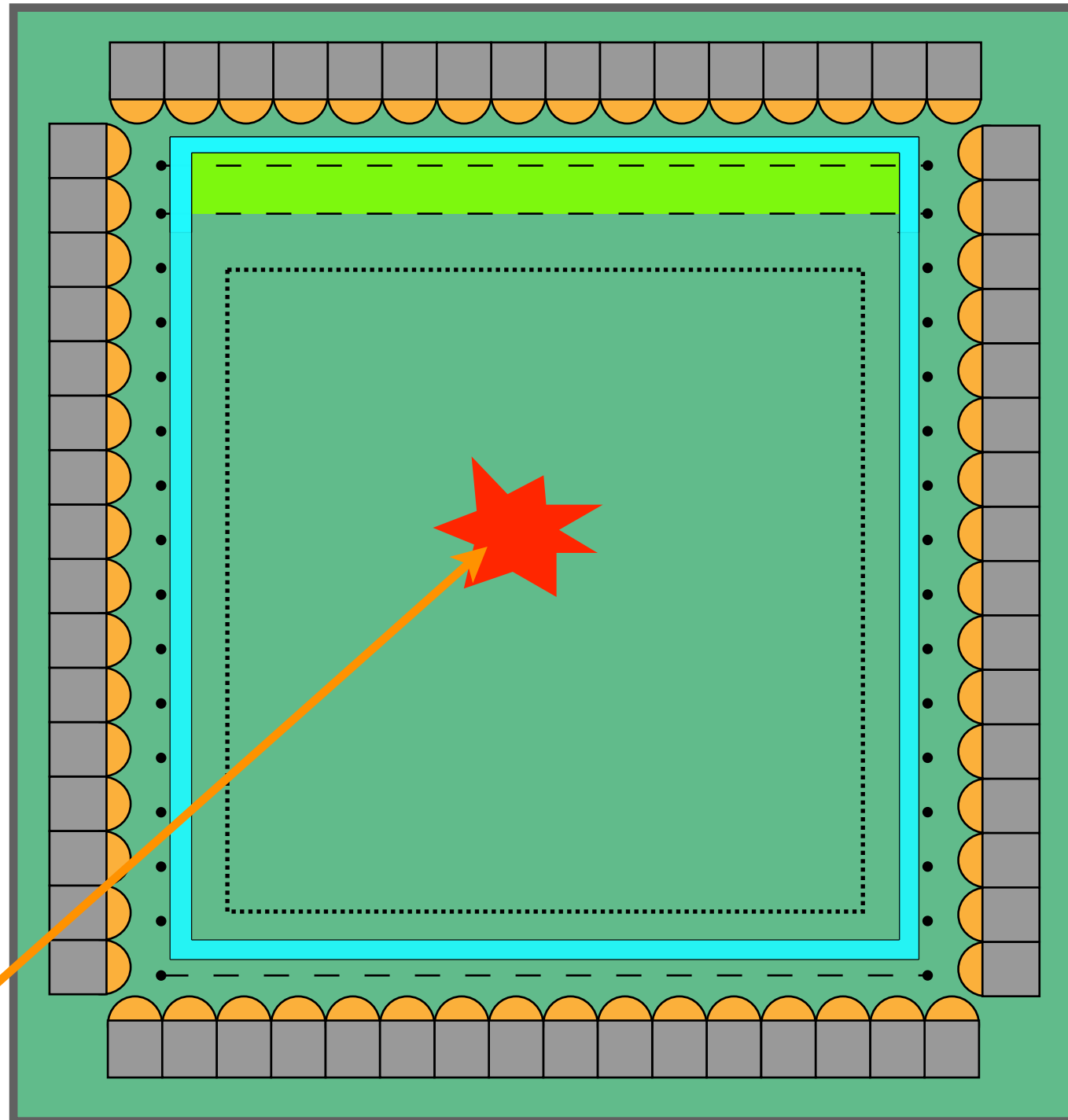


TPC in Action



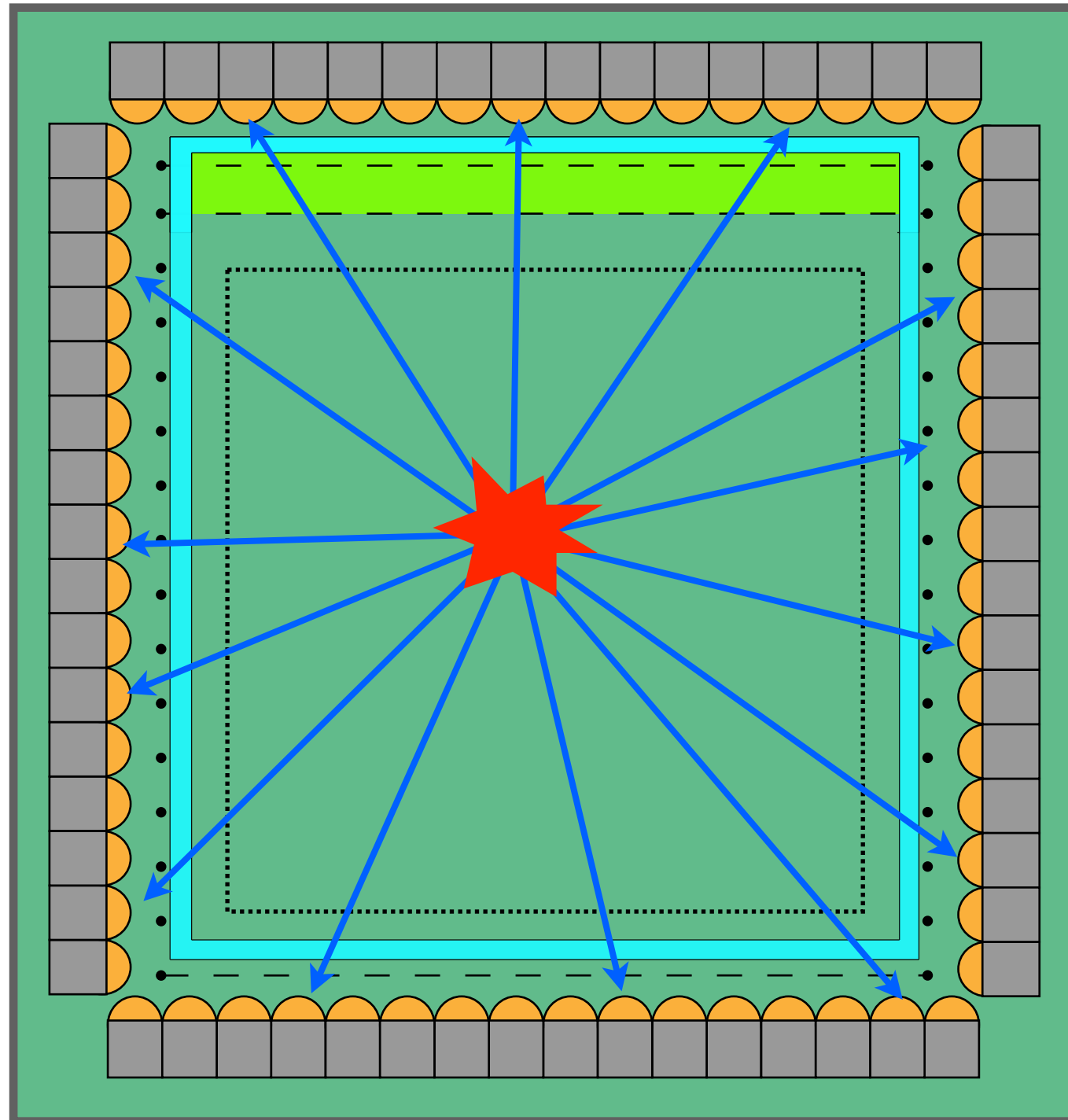
TPC in Action

WIMP Scatter
deposits
energy in FV

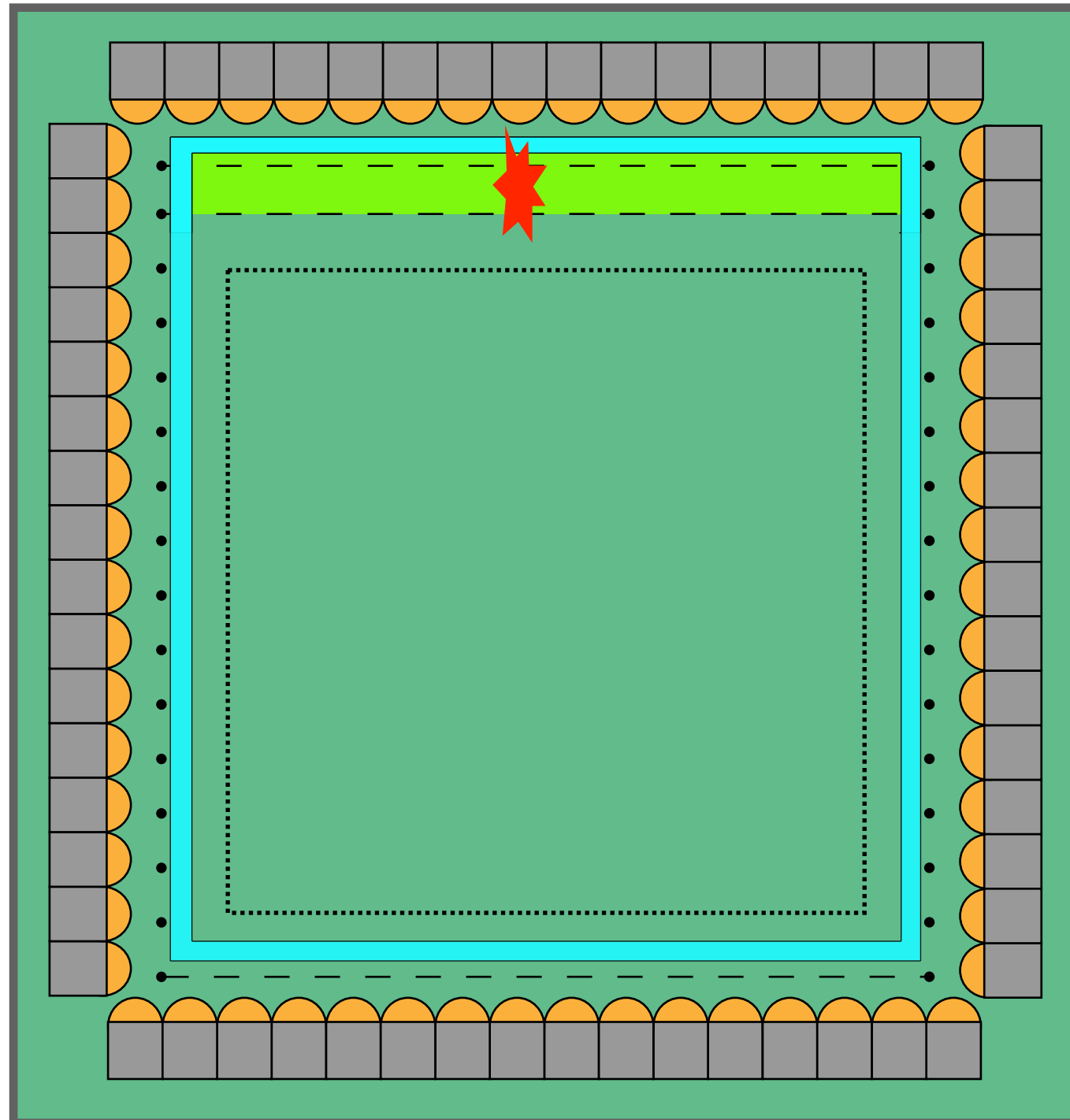


TPC in Action

primary scintillation photons
emitted and detected



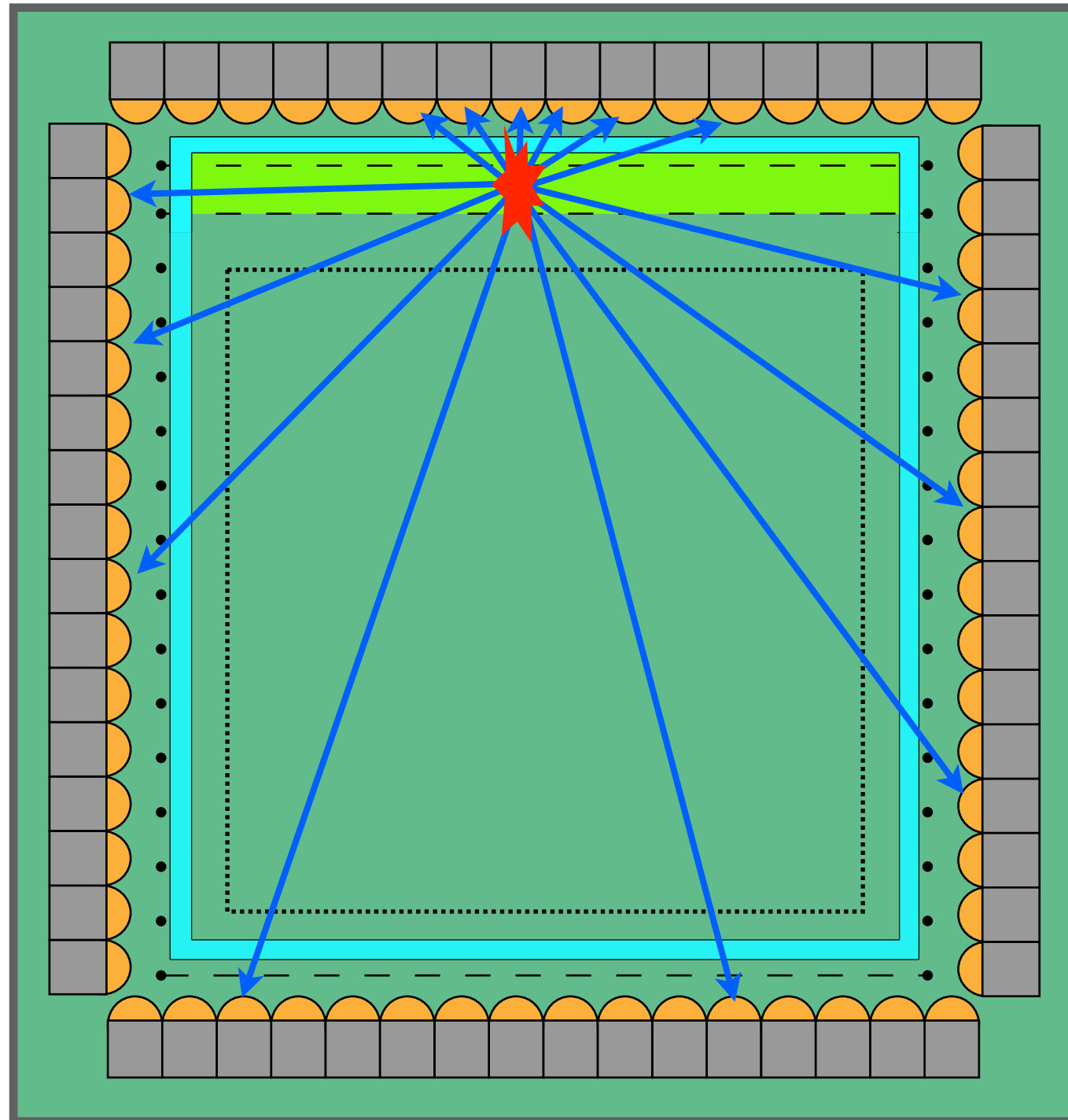
TPC in Action



ionized
electrons
drifted to
gas region

TPC in Action

secondary photons emitted
by multiplication in gas region



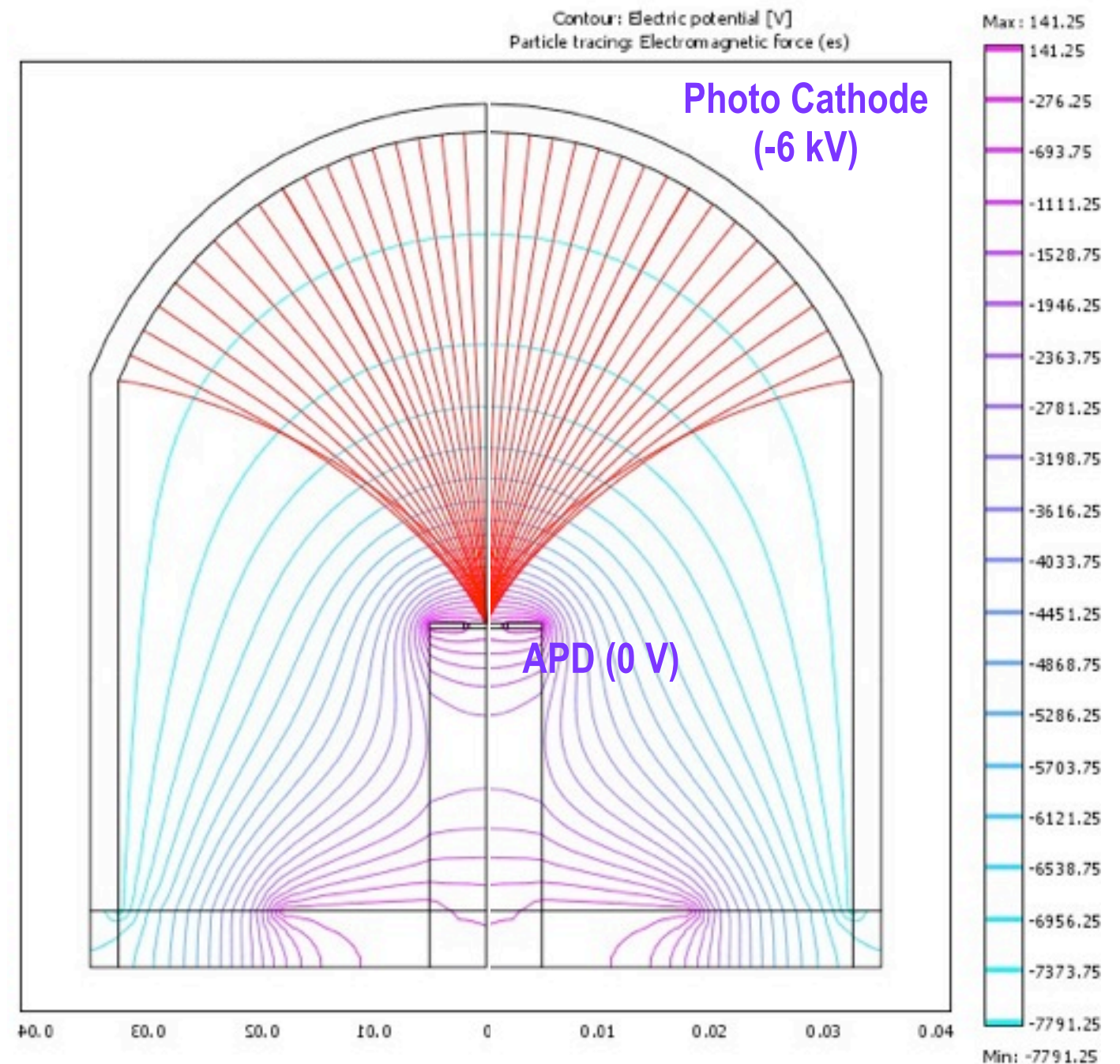
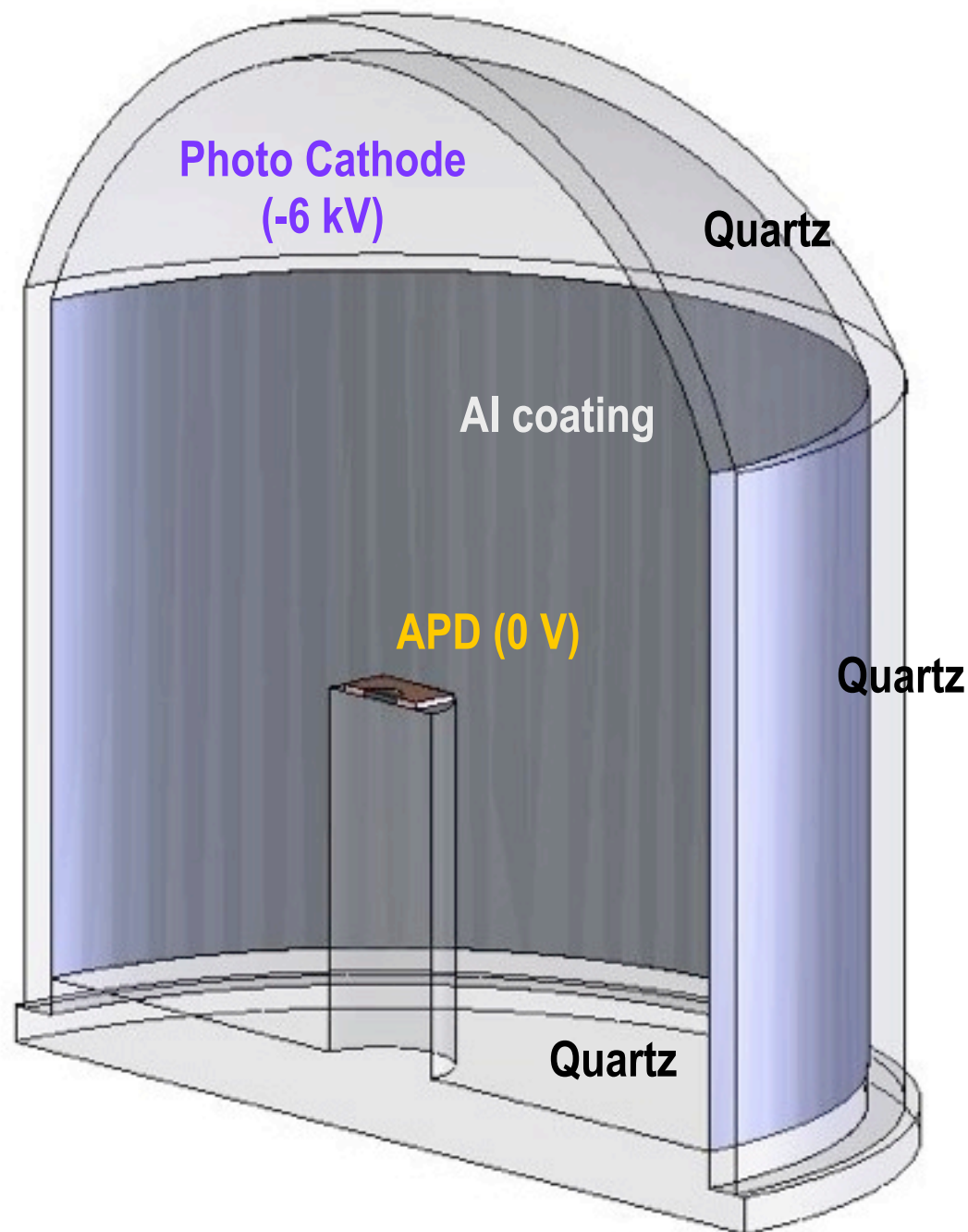
Discrimination in Xenon

- **Fiducialization** reduces the background from construction and external materials in the fiducial region
- **Difference in ratio of the prompt scintillation (S1) to the drift time-delayed ionization (S2)** with strongly dependent upon recombination of ionizing tracks, which in turn depends on ionization density
 - Rejection $\sim 10^2-10^3$
- **Precise determination of events location in 3D**
 - 1-5 mm x-y, <1 mm z
 - Additional rejection for multiple neutron recoils and γ background

Discrimination in Argon

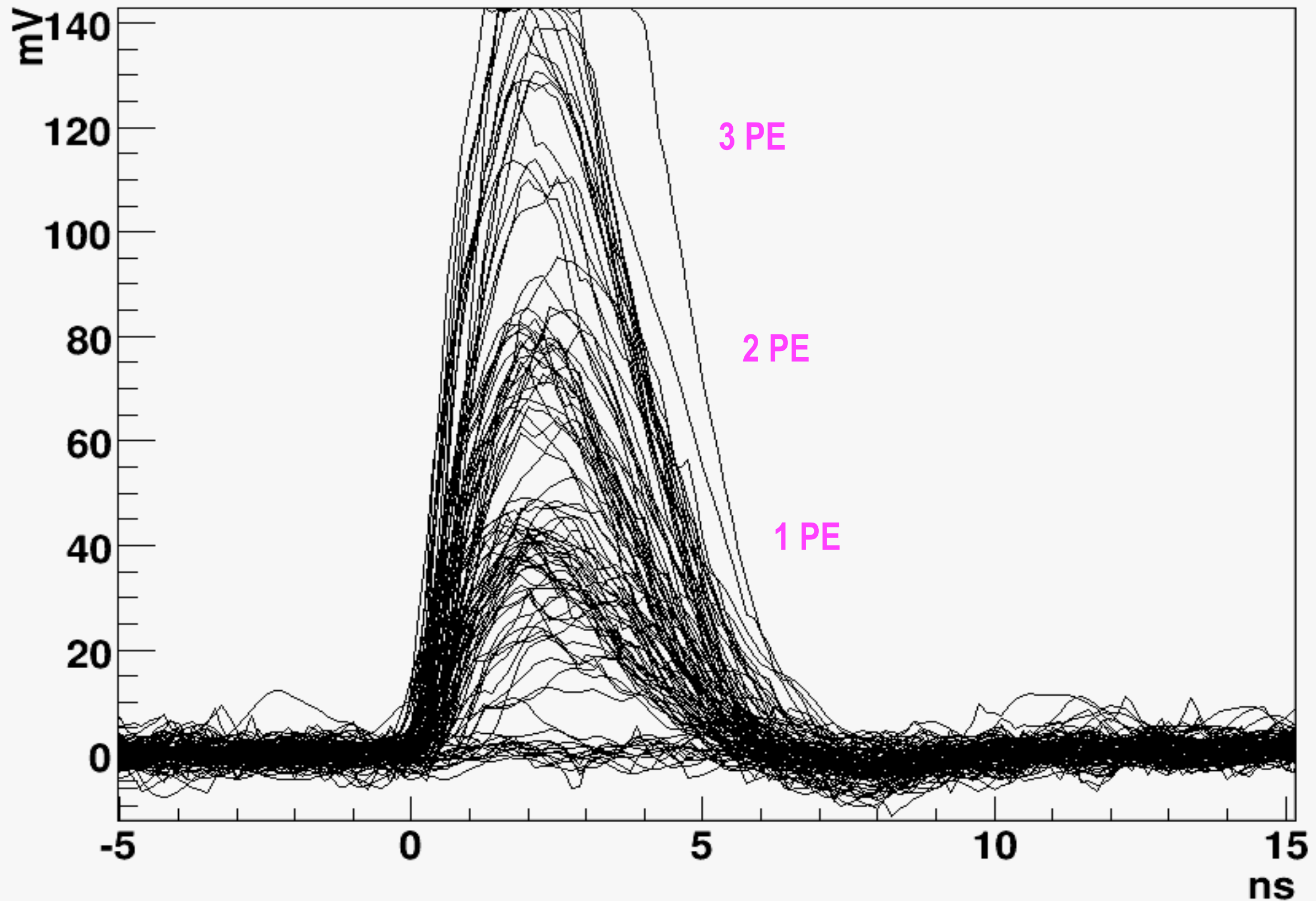
- **Pulse shape discrimination of primary scintillation (S1)** based on the very large difference in decay times between singlet (≈ 7 ns) and triplet (1.5 μ s) components of the emitted UV light
 - Minimum ionizing: triplet/singlet $\sim 3/1$
 - Nuclear recoils: triplet/singlet $\sim 1/3$
 - Theoretical Identification Power exceeds 10^8 for > 60 photoelectrons (Coakley & McKinsey; Boulay & Hime)
- **Difference in ratio of the prompt scintillation (S1) to the drift time-delayed ionization (S2)**
- **Precise determination of events location in 3D**

3" QUPID (Quartz Photon Intensifying Detector)



*Invented by K. Arisaka & H. Wang in 2007
(US patent pending)*

1, 2 and 3 PE Distribution with 2m cable

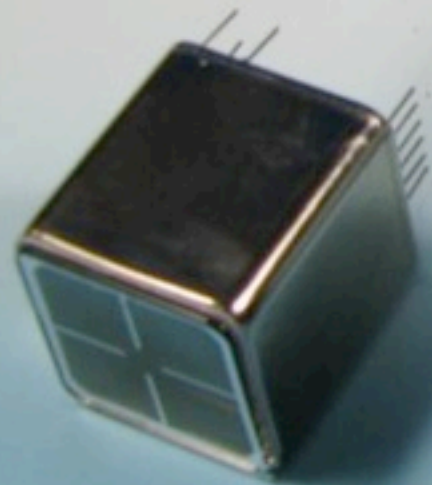


Comparison of Low-radioactive Photon Detectors from Hamamatsu

R8520
1 inch

R8778
2 inch

QUPID
3 inch

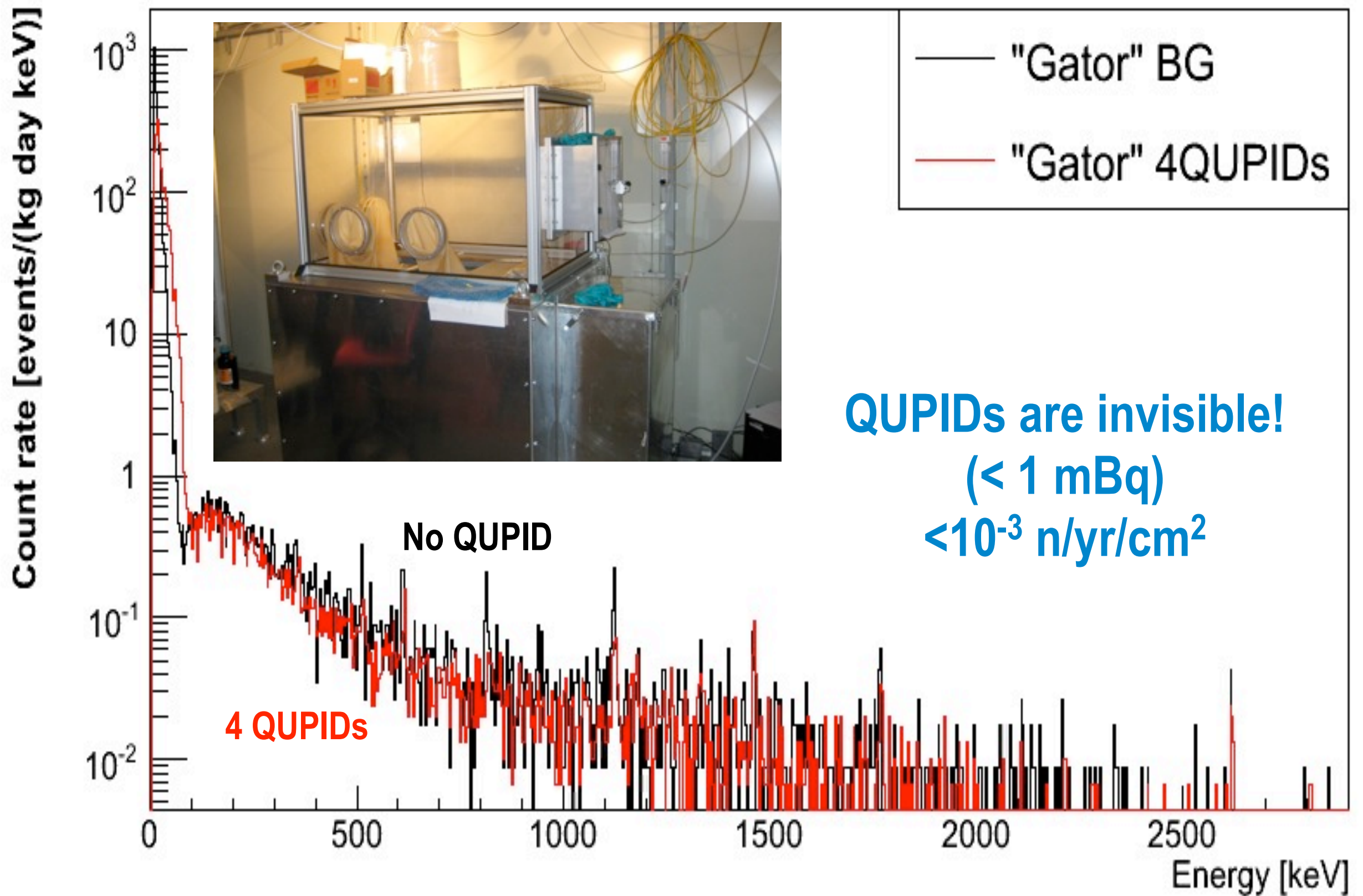


XENON10
XENON100

XMASS

XENON100+
DarkSide
MAX
XAX

Spectrum of QUPIDs and Background (4 QUPIDs x 1 month data)



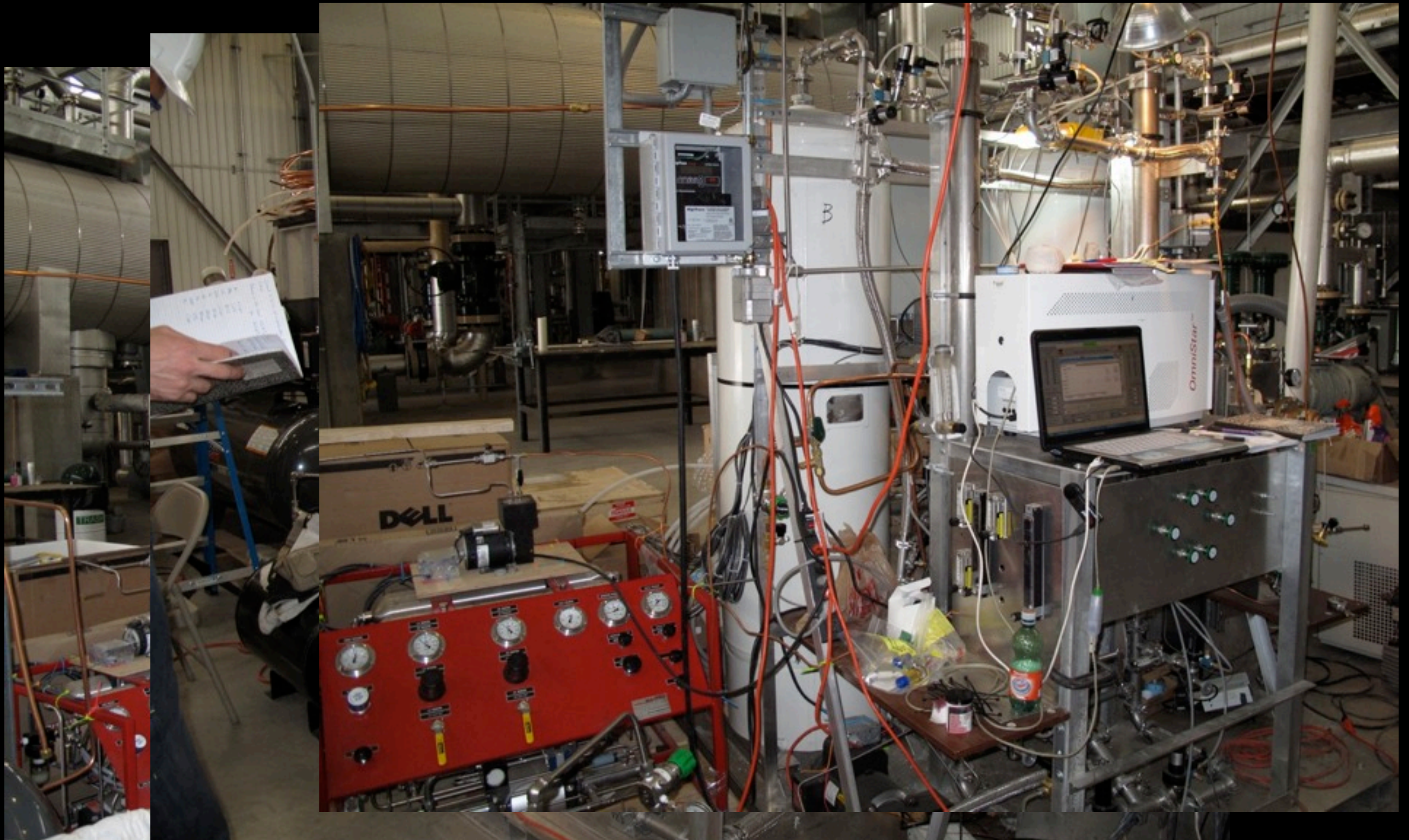
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Achieved 0.5 kg/day (depletion >25)
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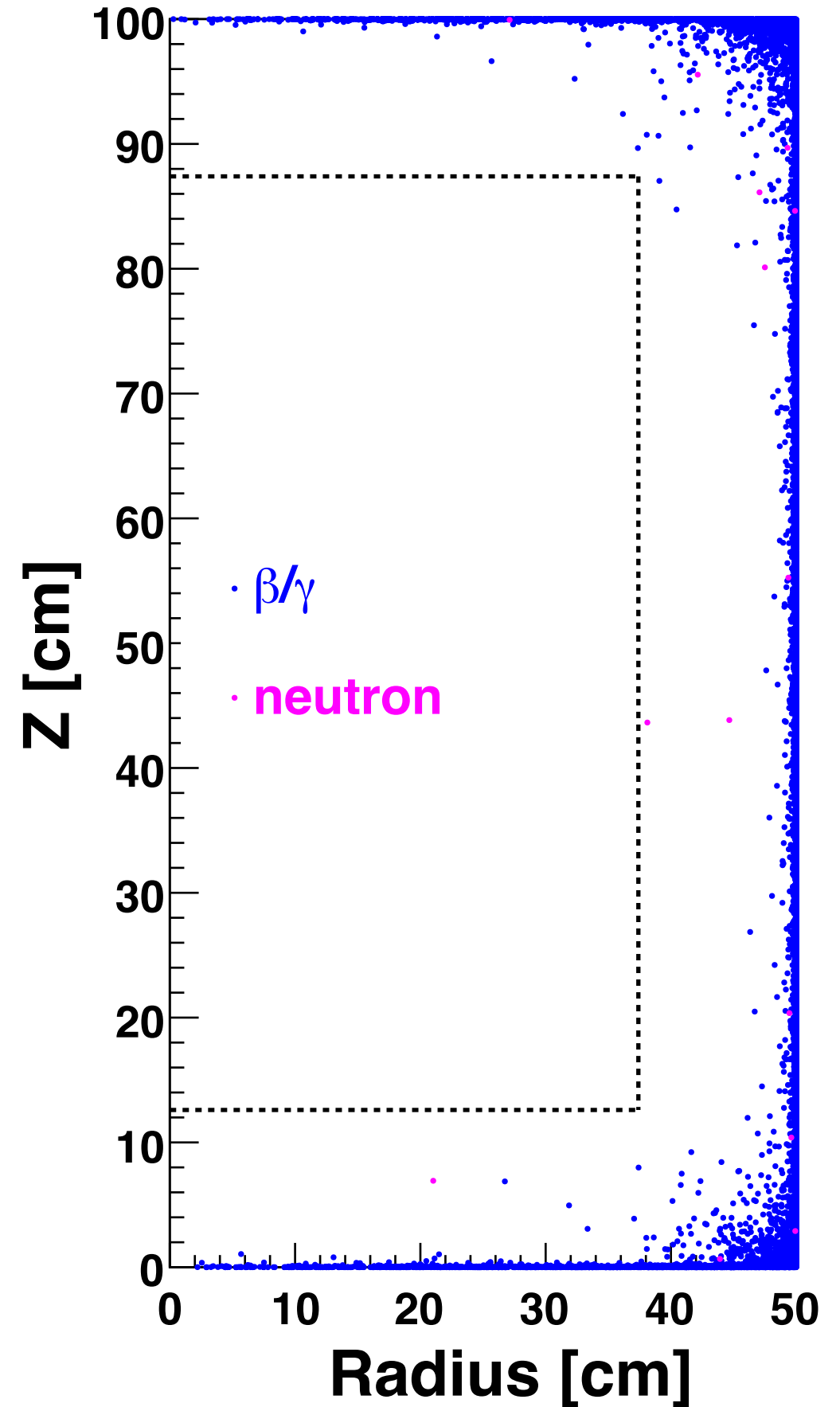
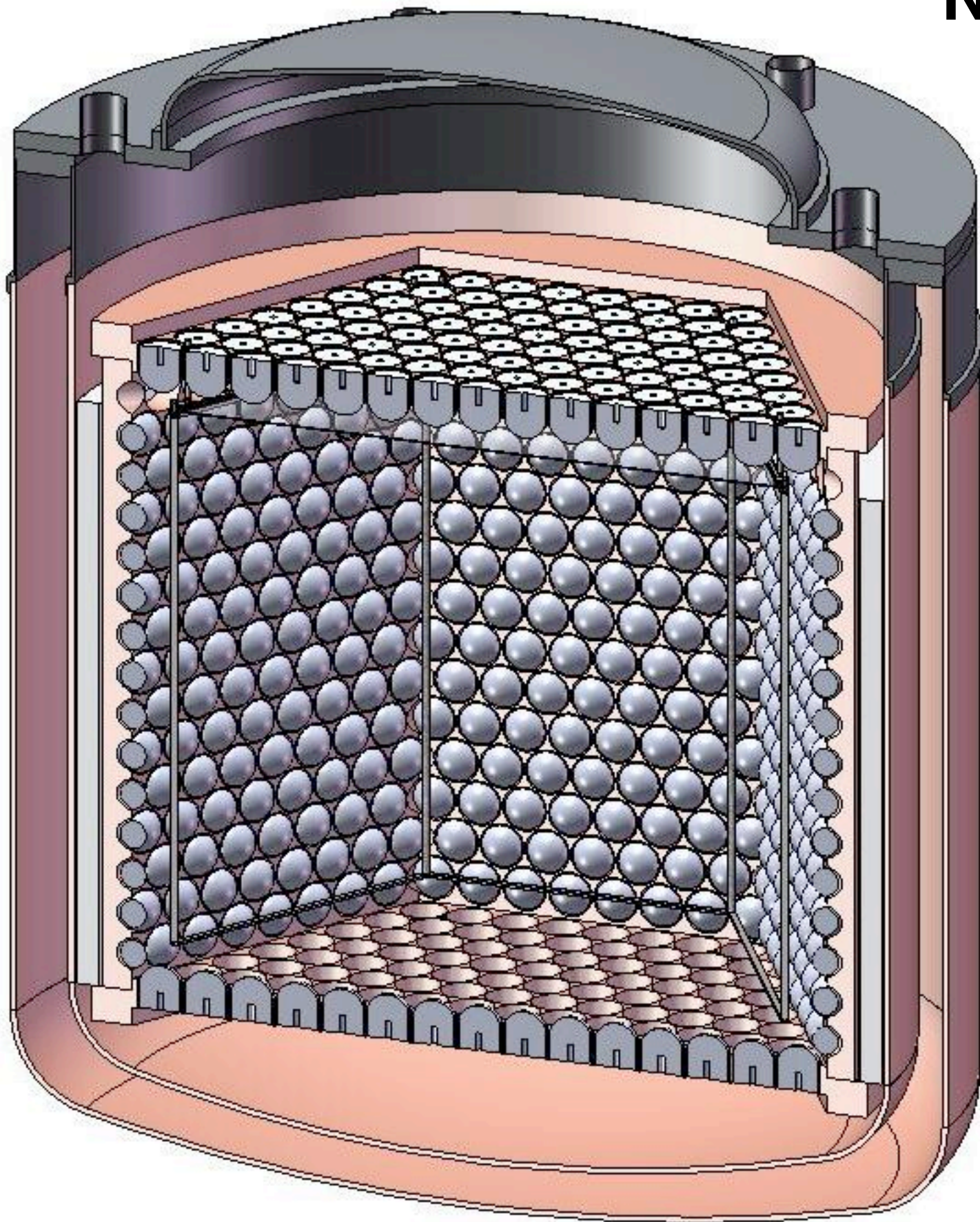
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Neutron and β/γ Backgrounds



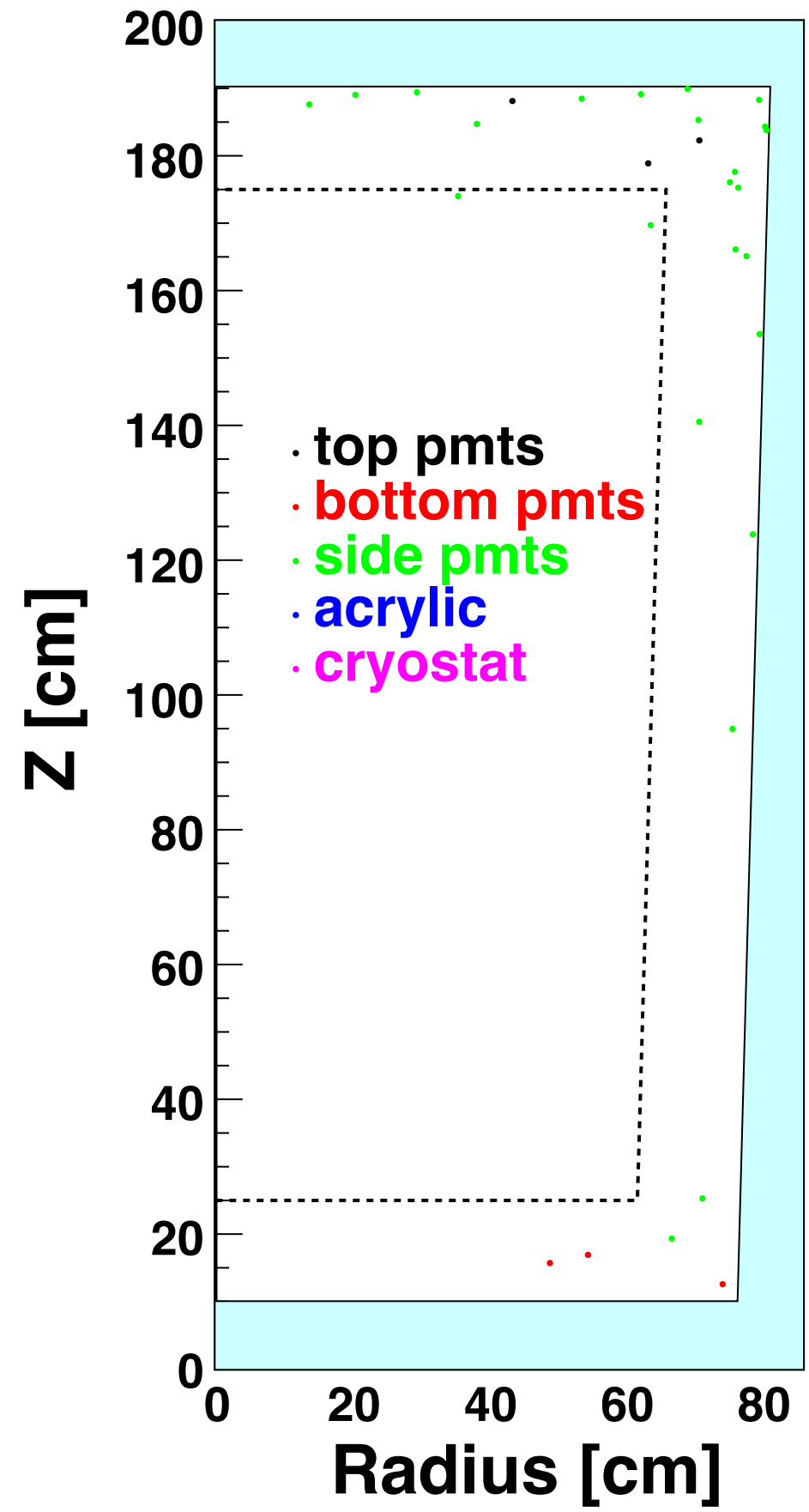
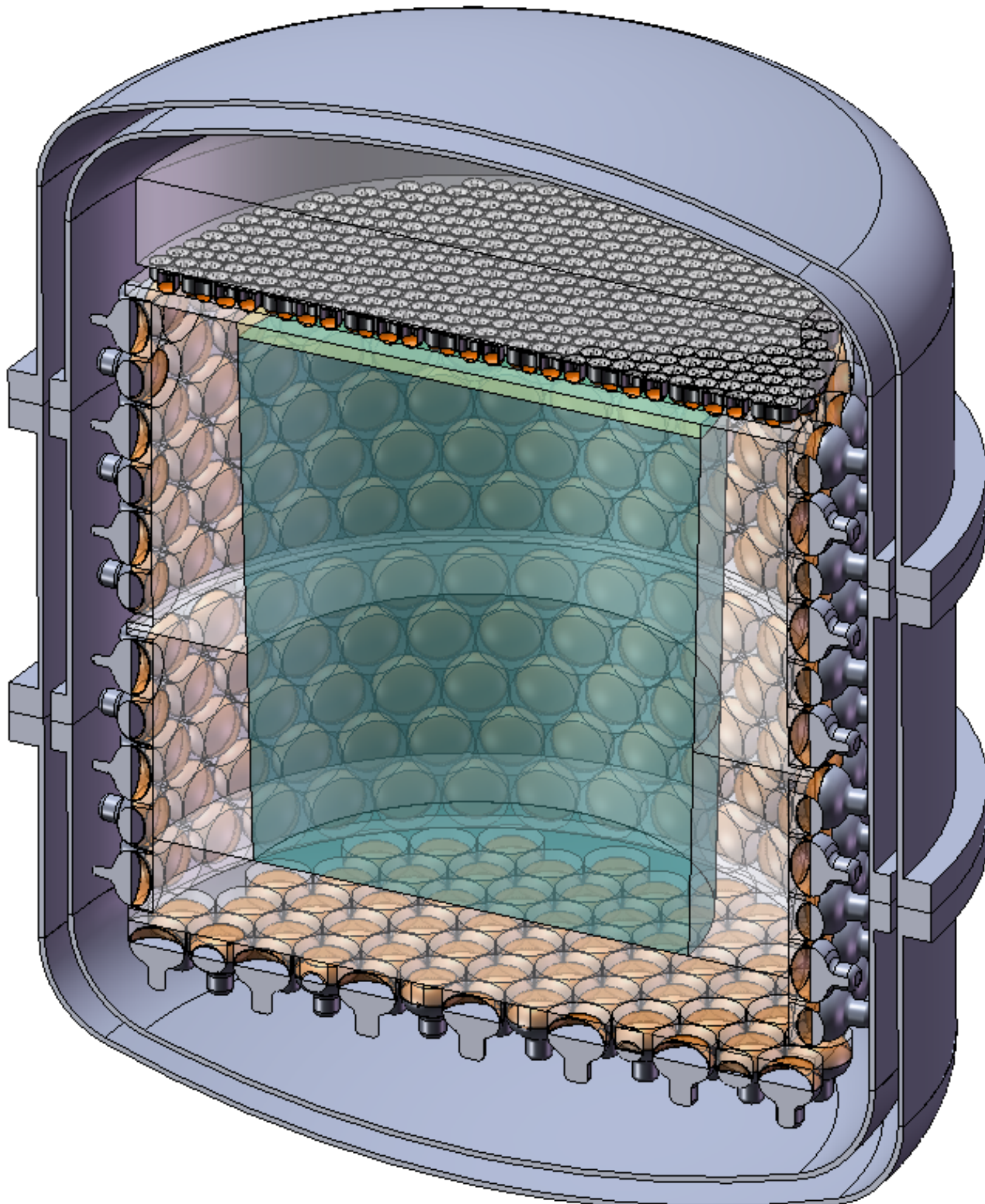
Component	Characteristics	Component	Characteristics
Active Liquid Volume Height	90 cm	3" QUPIDs, Top	169
Gas Height	5 cm	3" QUPIDs, Bottom	169
Drift Electric Field	1 kV/cm	3" QUPIDs, Side	630
Extraction Field	5 kV/cm	Mean Photocathode Coverage	60%
Active Volume Diameter	100 cm	Active Xenon Mass	2.4 tons
Cryostat, Height	200 cm	Passive Xenon Mass	0.6 tons
Cryostat, Diameter	180 cm	Cryostat OFHC Cu Mass	6.8 tons
Cooling Power	300 W	Mass of Detector, Full	10 tons

TABLE V: Xenon TPC: detector dimensions and other parameters

Source	Quantity	$^{238}\text{U}, ^{232}\text{Th}$	n	n after cuts	β/γ before cuts
		[Bq, total]	[$n\text{yr}$]	[(1 ton·yr) $^{-1}$]	[events/(kg·keV·d)]
Water tank steel	100 ton	1200, 400	10^5	$\ll 0.1$	$\ll 10^{-6}$
Water	2500 ton	0.25, 0.1	3×10^5	$\ll 0.1$	$\ll 10^{-6}$
Reentrant tube	25 ton	300, 48	1.3×10^4	$\ll 0.1$	$\ll 10^{-6}$
Cryostat OFHC	6.8 ton	<0.1, <0.1	<15	<0.1	$\ll 10^{-6}$
3" QUPIDs	968	<0.5, <0.4	<45	<0.2	$< 5 \times 10^{-6}$

TABLE VI: Background sources and background budget for the Xe TPC. The sixth column reports the β/γ background before removal with $S2/S1$ discrimination.

Neutron Backgrounds

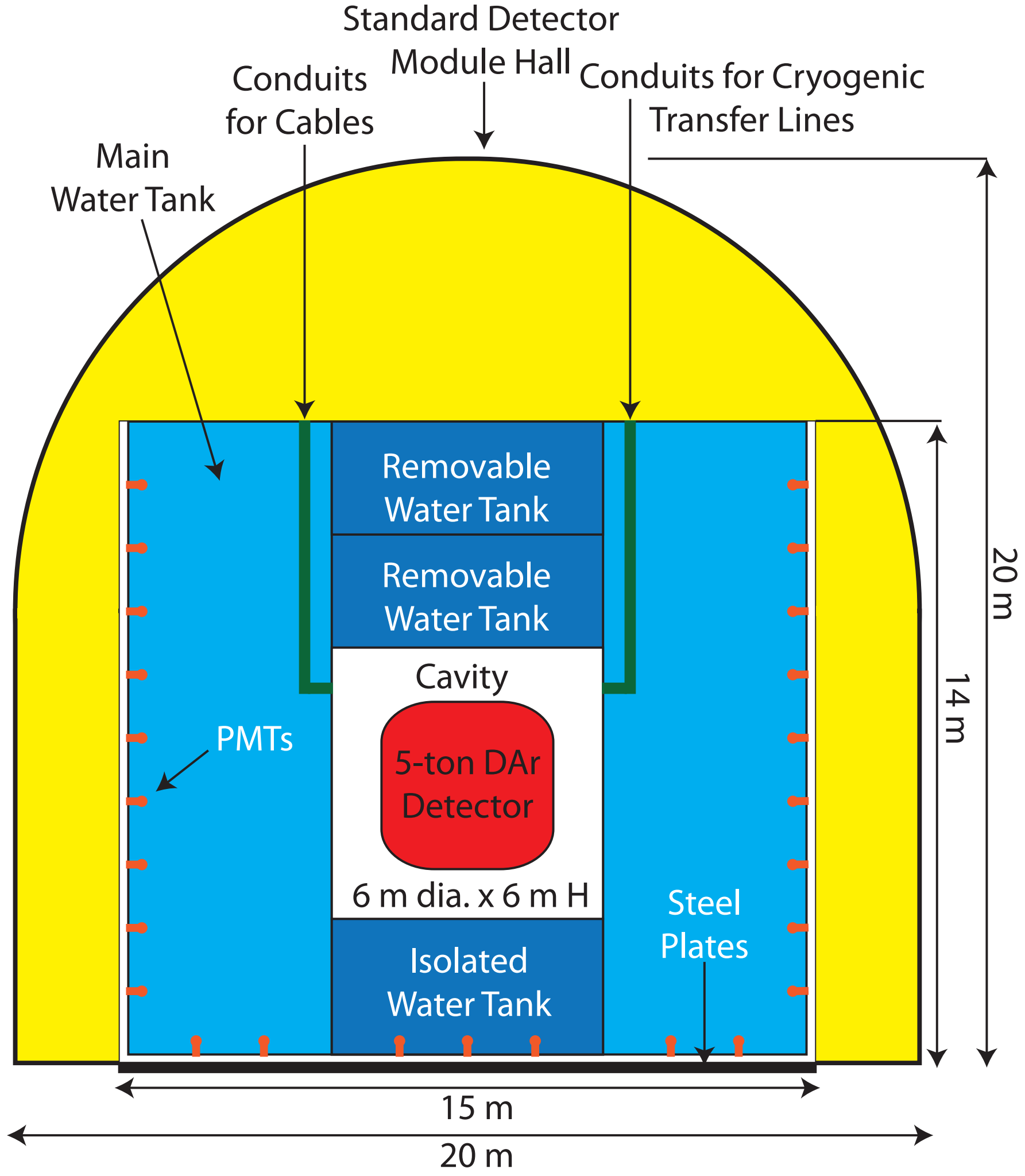


Component	Characteristics	Component	Characteristics
Active Liquid Volume Height	180 cm	3" QUPIDs, Top	745
Gas Height	5 cm	8" R5912-MOD02 PMTs, Bottom	109
Drift Electric Field	800 V/cm	8" R5912-MOD02 PMTs, Side	363
Extraction Field	3.8 kV/cm	Mean Photocathode Coverage	60%
Active Volume Diameter, Top	162 cm	Depleted Argon Mass	5 tons
Active Volume Diameter, Bottom	152 cm	Acrylic Mass	10 tons
Acrylic Minimum Thickness	40 cm	Cryostat Steel Mass	20 tons
Cryostat, Height	380 cm	Cooling Argon Mass	~10 tons
Cryostat, Diameter	366 cm	Mass of Detector, Full	55 tons
Cooling Power	440 W		

TABLE III: Depleted argon TPC: detector dimensions and other parameters

Source	Quantity	$^{238}\text{U}, ^{232}\text{Th}$ [Bq, total]	n [n/yr]	n after cuts [[$(12\text{ ton}\cdot\text{yr})^{-1}$]]	β/γ before cuts [$\text{ev}/(\text{kg}\cdot\text{keV}\cdot\text{d})$]
Water tank steel	100 ton	1200, 400	10^5	$\ll 0.1$	$\ll 10^{-5}$
Water	2500 ton	0.25, 0.1*	2.5×10^5	$\ll 0.1$	$\ll 10^{-5}$
Reentrant tube steel	25 ton	300, 48	1.3×10^4	$\ll 0.1$	2×10^{-5}
Cryostat steel	20 ton	240, 40	2×10^4	$\ll 0.1$	0.2
Vessel acrylic	10 ton	0.1, 0.04	2	$\ll 0.1$	0.04
^{39}Ar	5 ton DAr	250**	–	–	10
8" PMTs	472	190, 85	10^5	0.3	3
3" QUPIDs	745	<0.4, <0.3	<35	$\ll 0.1$	<0.07

TABLE IV: Background sources and background budget for the DAr TPC. The fifth column reports the β/γ background before any cuts (pulse shape discrimination, $S2/S1$, multiple deposition cuts). *Low energy neutrons from radioactivity in the water do not contribute significantly to the background – the 2.5×10^5 n/yr are high-energy cosmogenics. **Beta decays of ^{39}Ar .



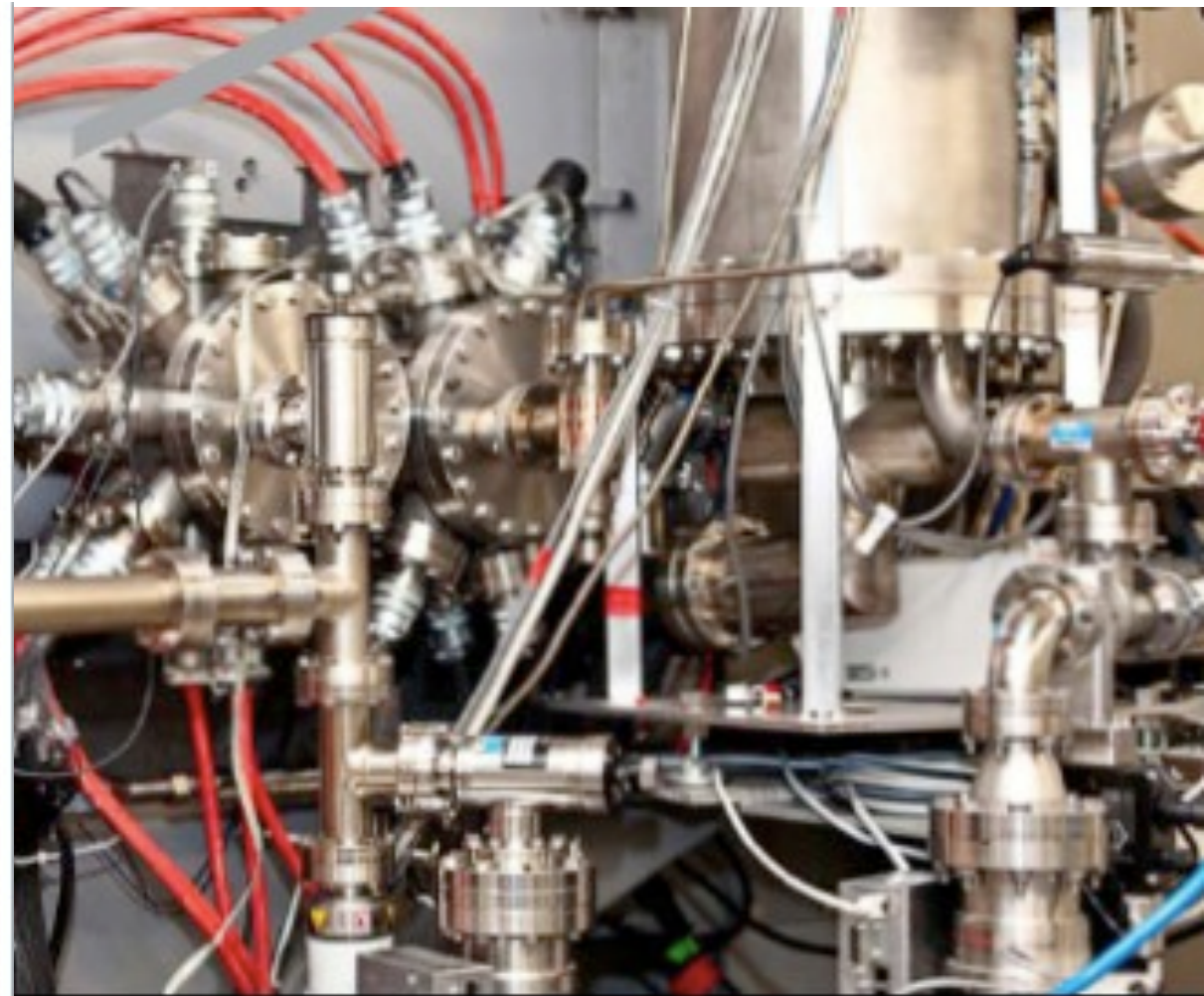
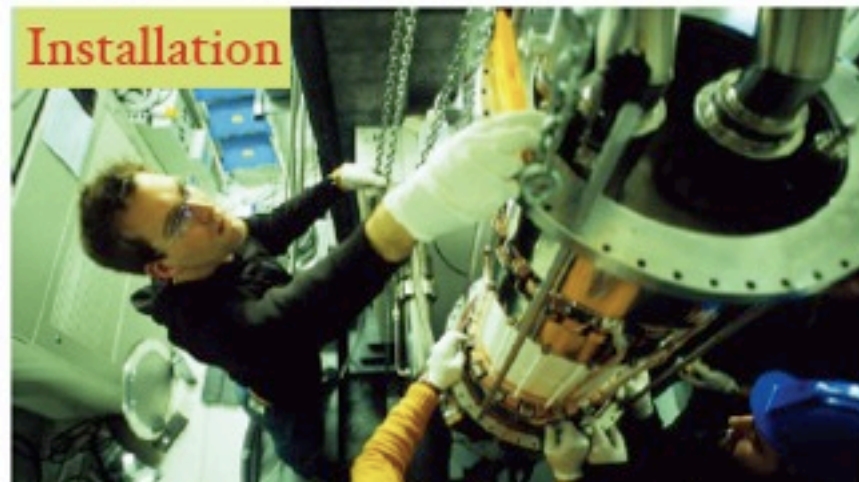
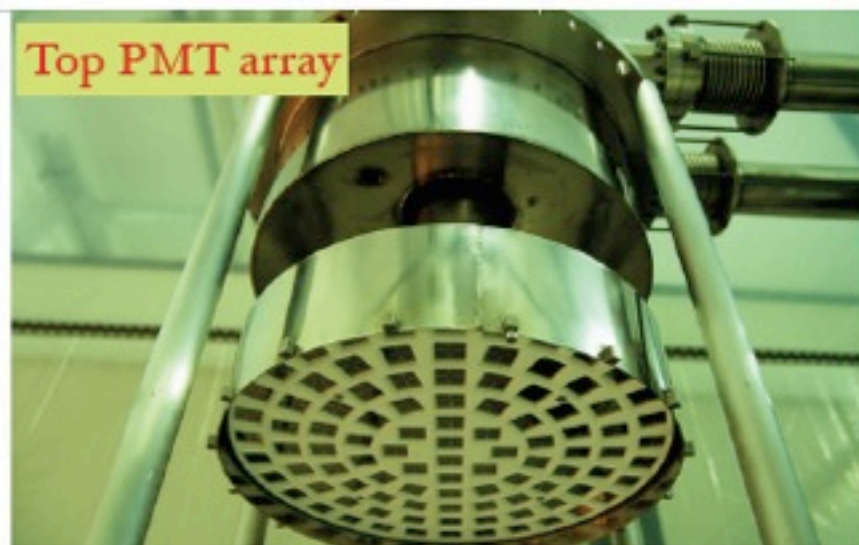
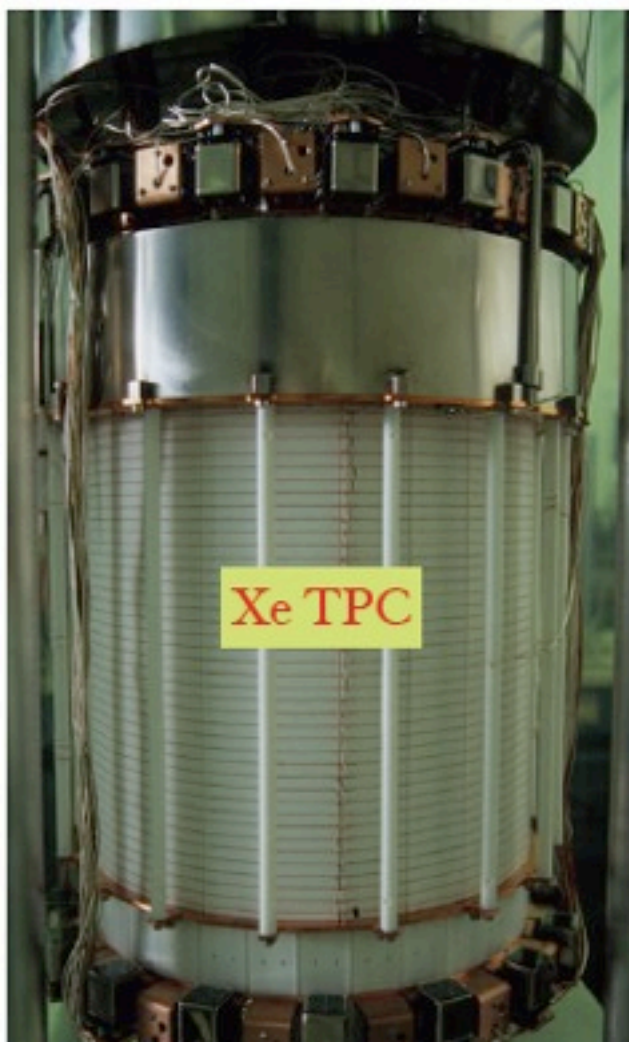
Phase 2

- 10 ton fiducial Xenon
- 50 ton fiducial Argon
- WIMP Dark matter reach extended to $< 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$

The XENON100 Experiment @ LNGS

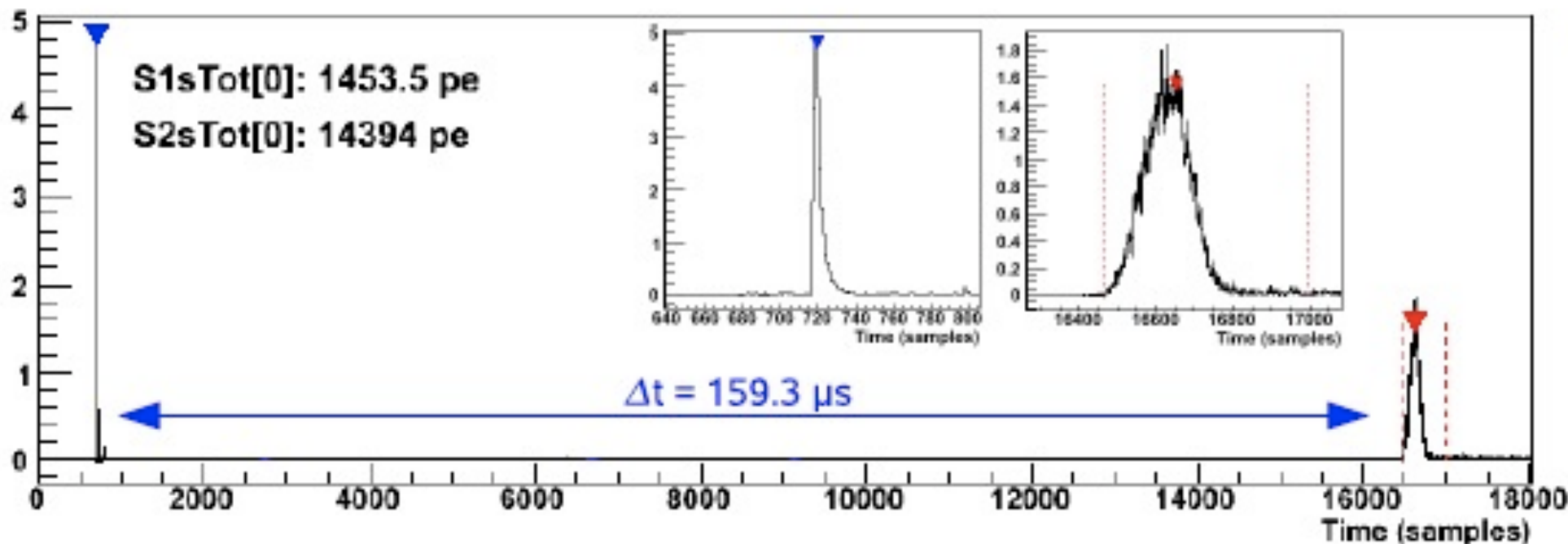
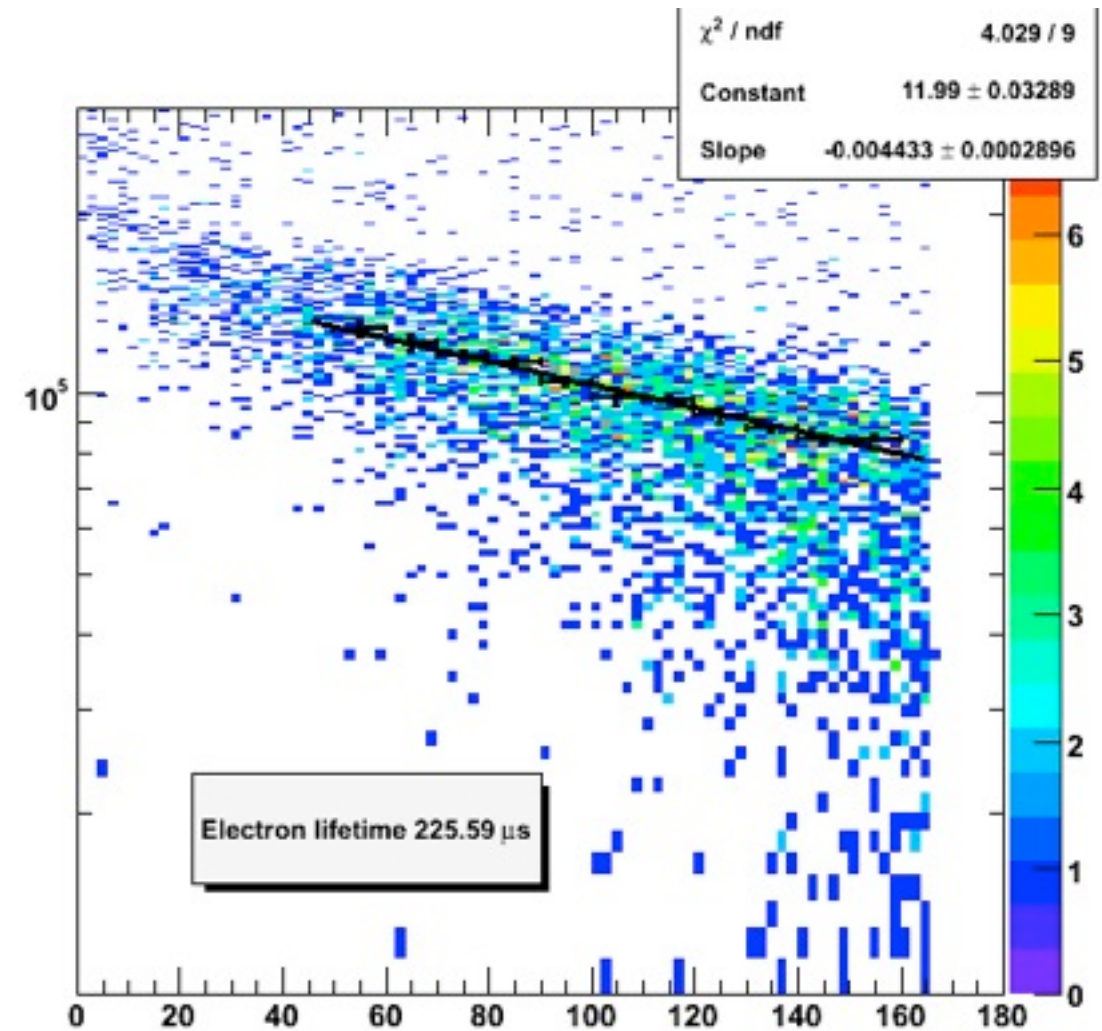
USA, Switzerland, Italy, Portugal, Germany, France, Japan, China

- 170 kg of ultra pure LXe: 70 kg as active target and 100 kg as 4pi LXe scintillation veto
- 200W Pulse Tube Refrigerator for Xe liquefaction: excellent operating temperature stability ($<0.1\text{C}$)
- 30 cm drift gap TPC with two PMT arrays to detect both charge and light signals
- 242 x 1 inch square PMTs with $< 1\text{mBq/PMT}$ in U/Th) and high QE (25- 33 %) at 178 nm
- 3D event localization with a few millimeter resolution in X-Y and sub-millimeter in Z
- ~ 100 x less background than XENON10: low activity materials; LXe veto; improved passive shield

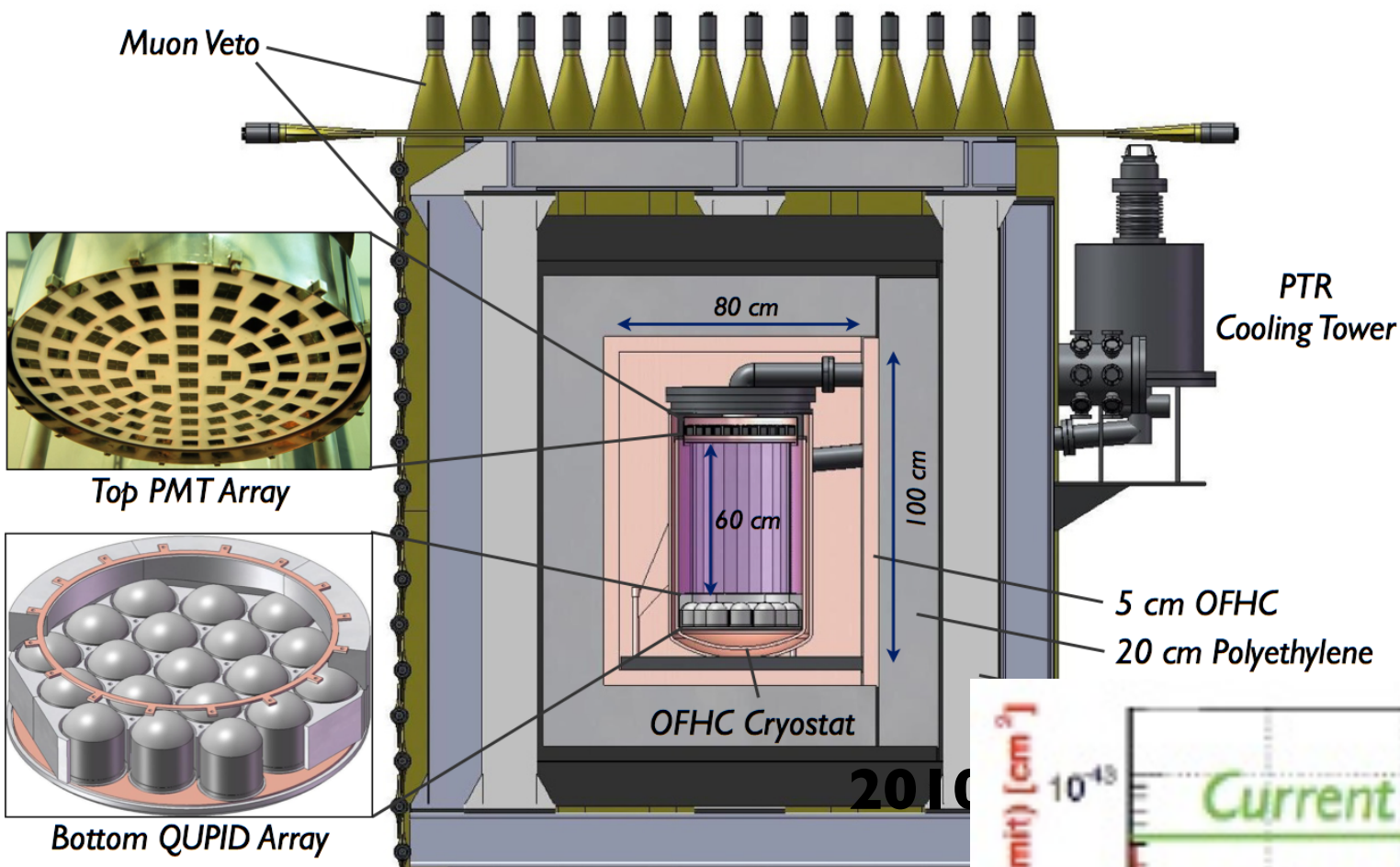


XENON100 Status and Schedule

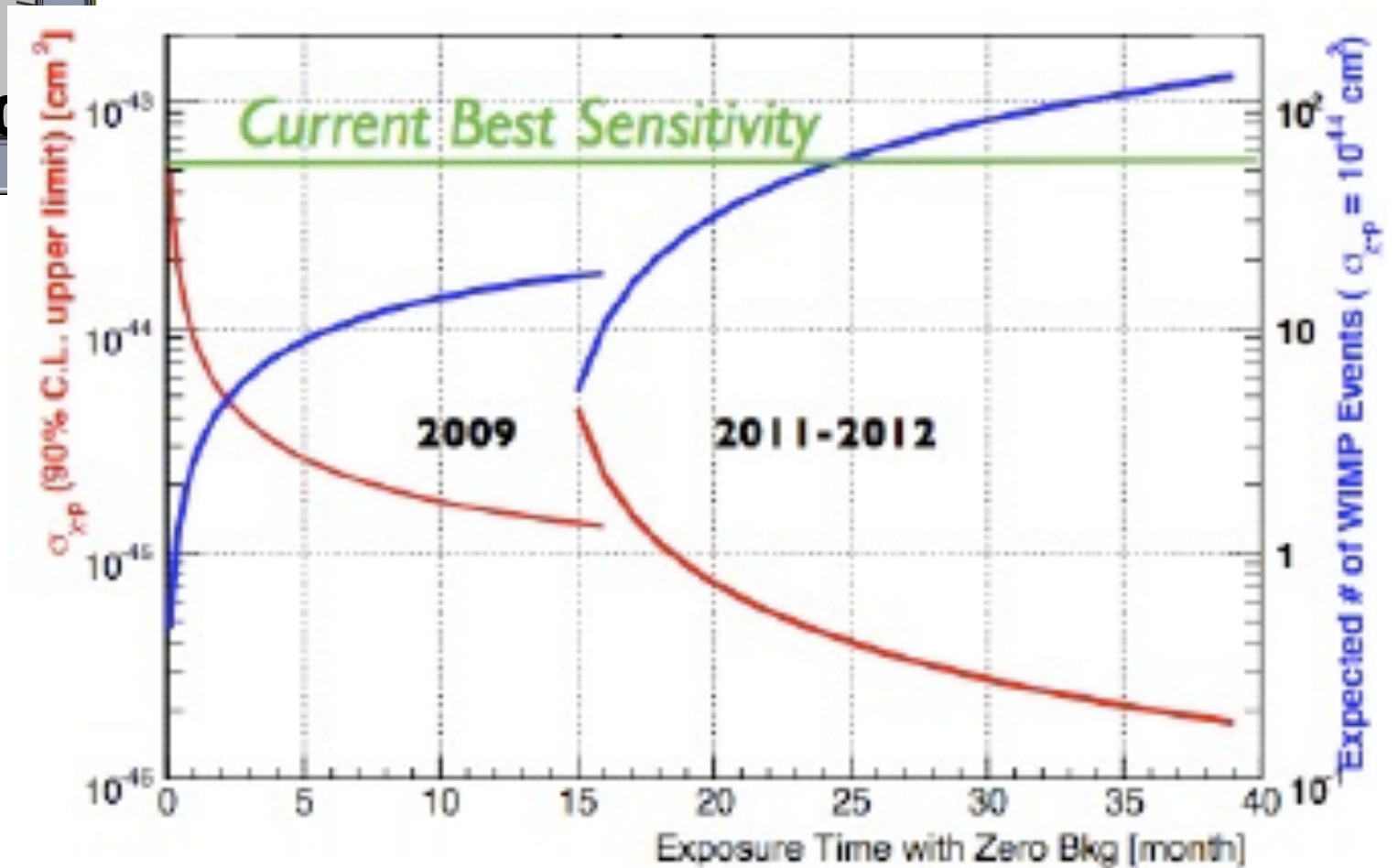
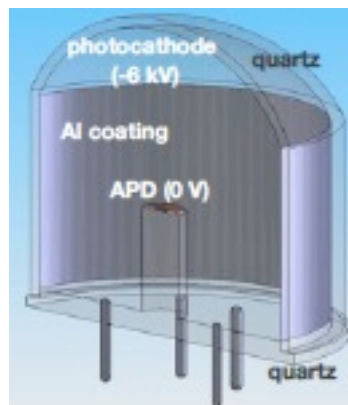
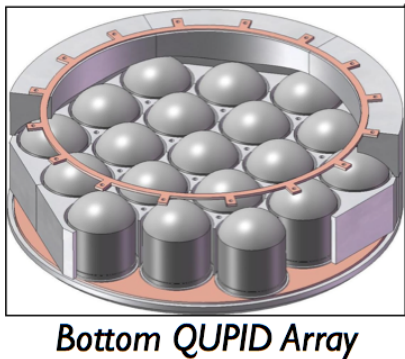
- Detector filled with low-Kr Xe and operational underground
- Taking Gamma calibration data. Neutron calibration in Nov09
- Light Yield has reached a maximum value of ~ 4.5 pe/keVee
- Purity allows drift of ionization electrons across entire gap
- Initial background data show a level consistent with predicted
- Schedule: Start DM search before end of 2009.
- Take DM data for > 6 months in 2010



Continuation of the XENON100 Program



- reduce back from PMTs with QUPIDs
- XENON100+ funded by the NSF
- Sensitivity shown is for 100 kg fiducial
- however..much larger TPC in discussion
- test key technologies for further scale-up



WARP 140-kg Detector

The WARP 140-kg detector, currently under commissioning at LNGS

140 kg active target

4 π active neutron veto (9 tons Liquid Argon, 300 PMTs)

Active control on nuclide-recoil background, owing to unique feature (LAr active veto)

Achieved 1.5 p.e./keV_{ee}

Problem with malfunctioning HV connector

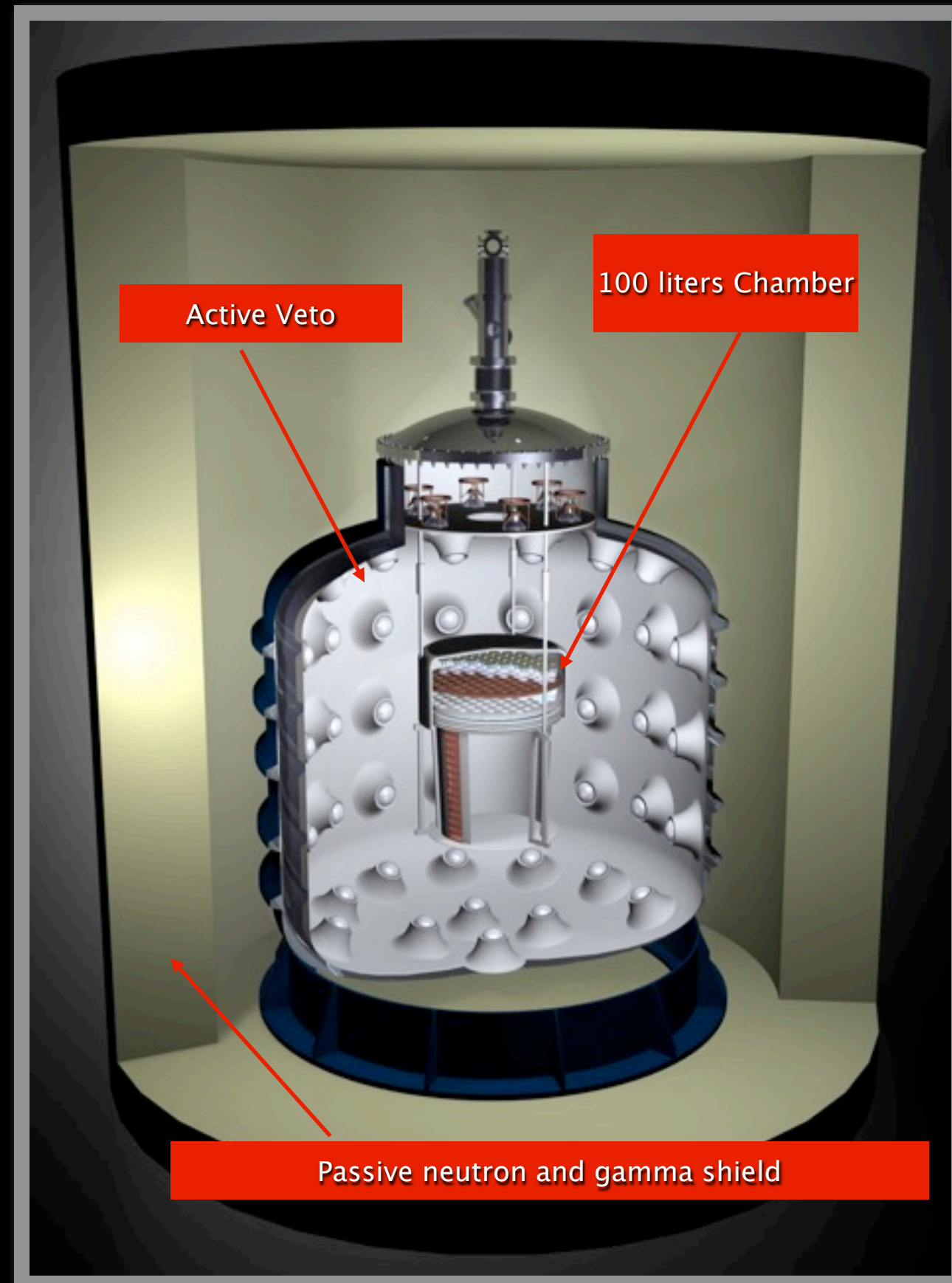
Drained Aug 2009

Restart Dec 2009

Extrapolated threshold 65 keV_r

Extrapolated sensitivity 10⁻⁴⁴ cm²

Cryostat designed to allocate a possible 1400 kg detector





DarkSide

First depleted argon
detector

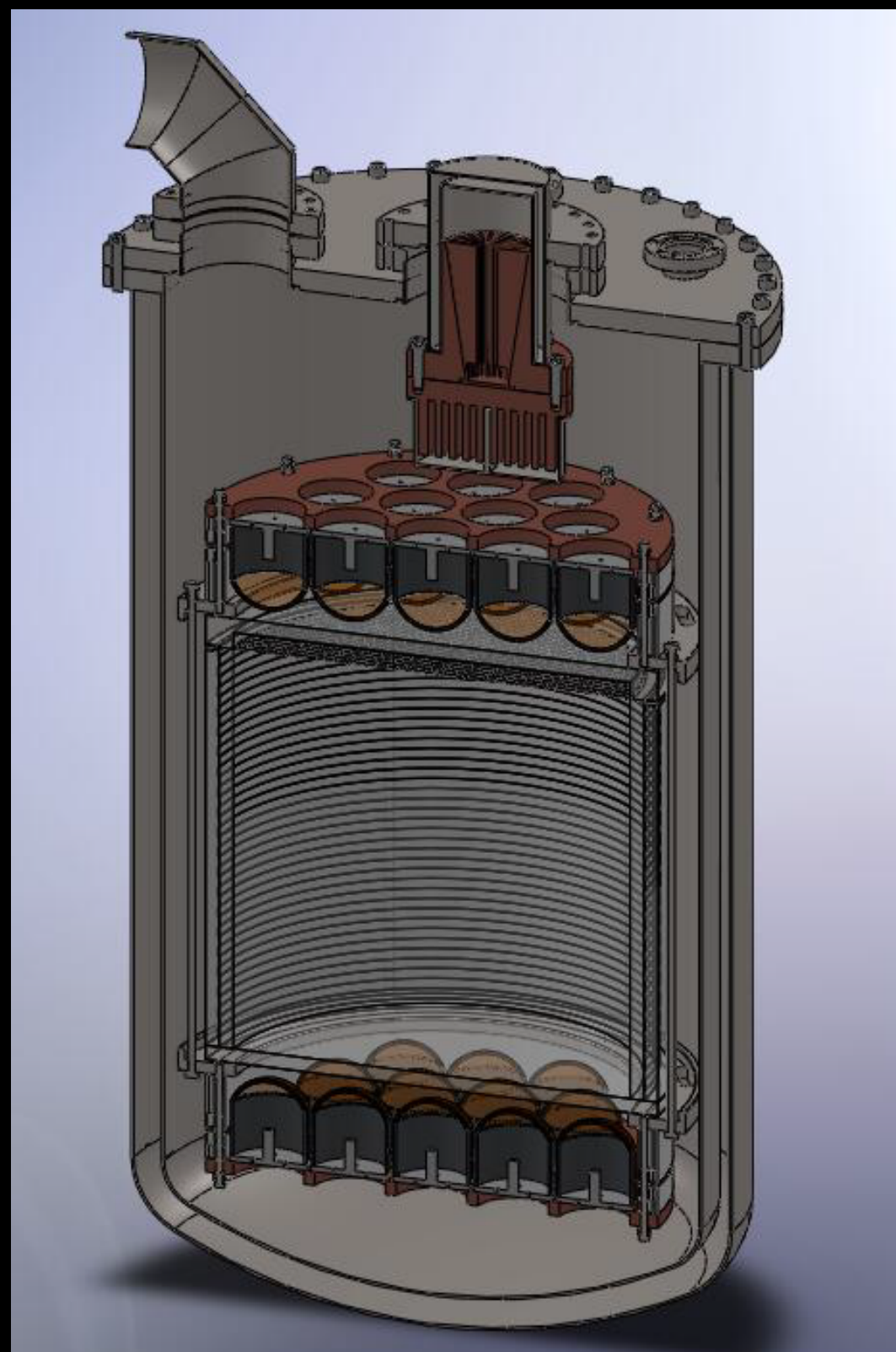
QUPIDs

Low background

Two discriminations

25 keV_r threshold

10^{-45} cm²



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collaborations: XENON and DarkSide
Strong international participation

Yes, we can!



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... resolve our differences and work together

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Like the jelly beans in this jar, the Universe is mostly dark: 96 percent consists of dark energy (about 70%) and dark matter (about 26%). Only about four percent (the same proportion as the lightly colored jelly beans) of the Universe - including the stars, planets and us - is made of familiar atomic matter.

The End

