

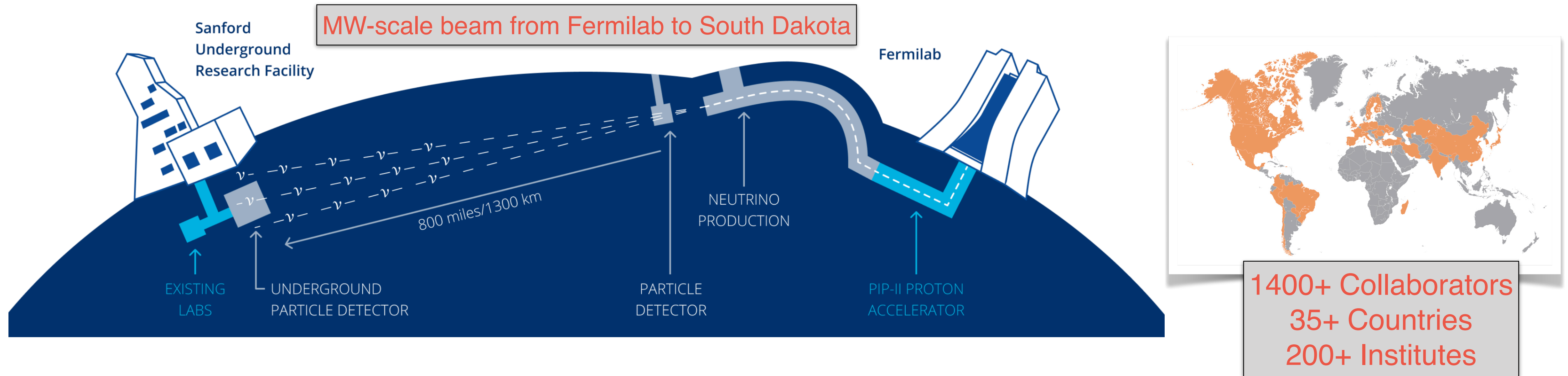
# Overview of the DUNE Phase-II Program

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# The Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE)



- A massive (70-kt total mass liquid argon equivalent) far detector a mile underground at Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF)
- A capable near detector at Fermilab comprising of multiple technologies
- Far and Near site facilities and beam provided by the Long Baseline Neutrino Facility (LBNF)
- **Rich physics program:** Charge-Parity (CP) Violation, mass ordering, precision measurement of oscillation parameters, neutrino astrophysics, and Beyond the Standard Model (BSM) physics

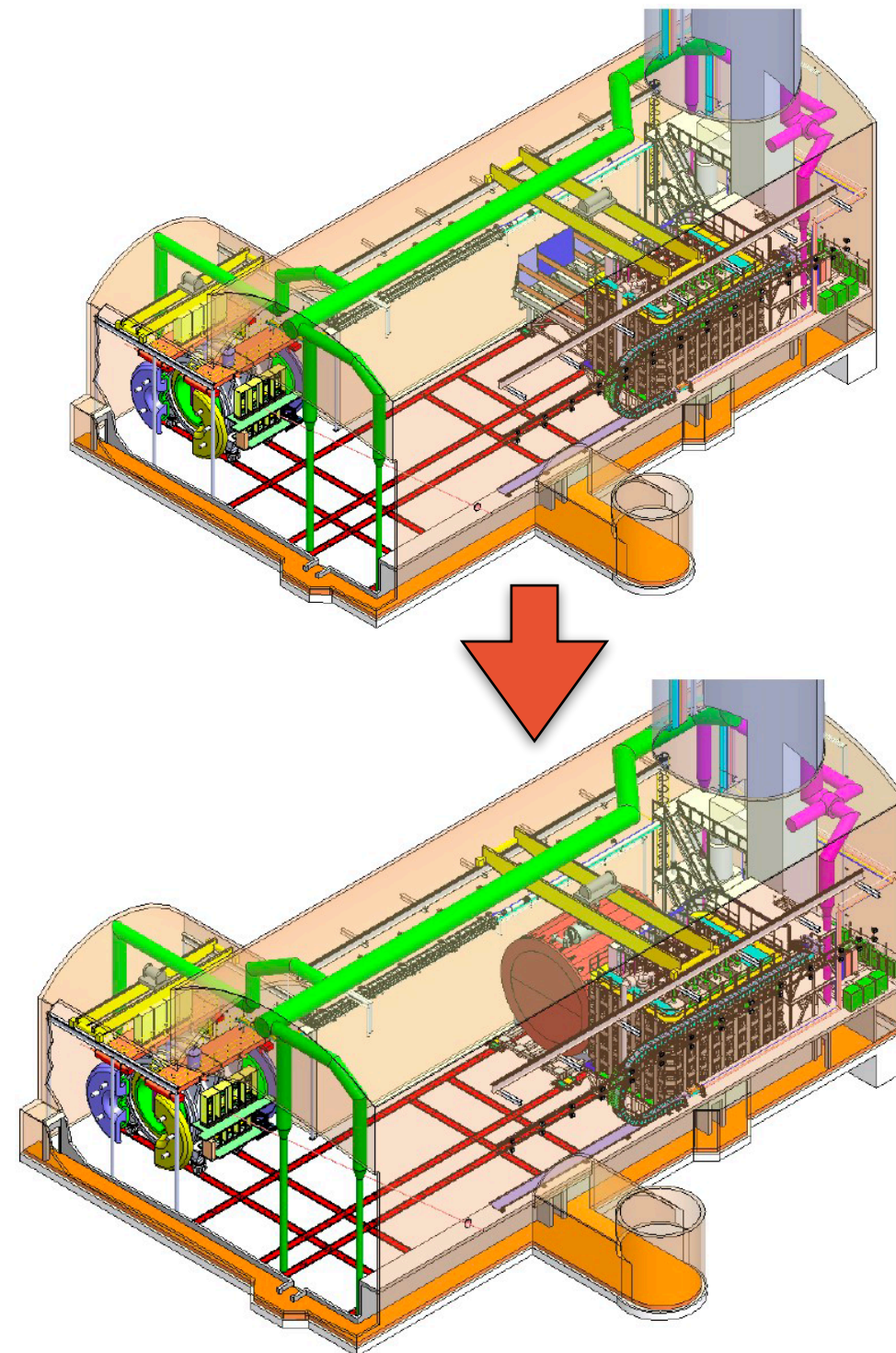
# Underground Facility at SURF



- *The DUNE far detector will be located a mile underground at SURF*
- *Excavation of the underground spaces began in 2021*
- *Some 800,000 tonnes of rock have been excavated and transported to the surface.*
- *As of January 2024, excavation of the massive underground caverns at SURF complete!*

# DUNE will be Built in Two Phases

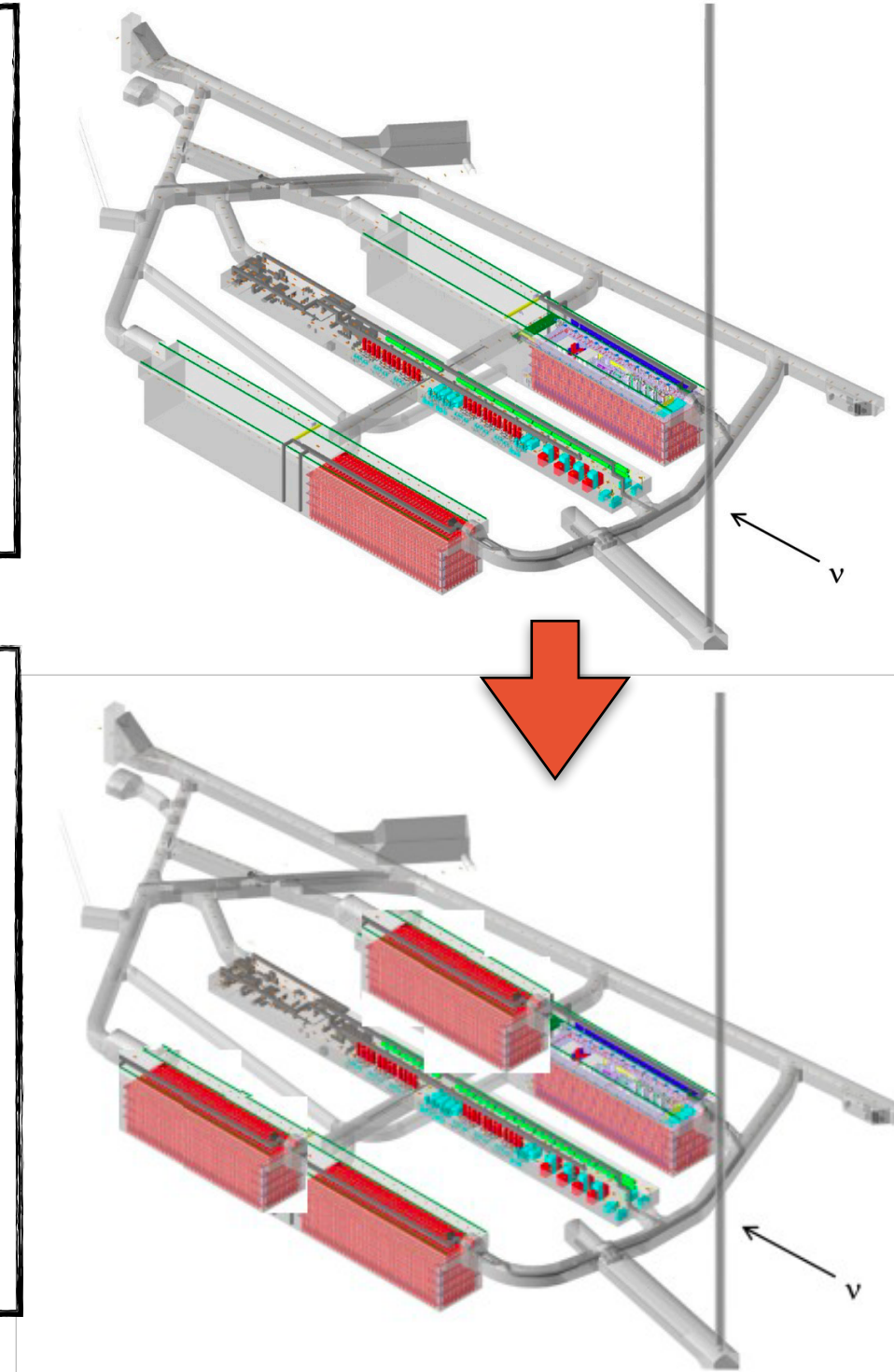
## Near Detector (ND)



- Phase I**
- **FD:** 2 x 17 kt LArTPC modules
  - **ND:** ND-LAr+TMS (with PRISM) + SAND
  - **Beam:** 1.2 MW beam line (PIP-II)

- Phase II**
- **FD:** 2 additional modules (total: 4 x 17 kt LAr-equivalent)
  - **MCND:** ND-LAr+ND-GAr (with PRISM) + SAND
  - **Beam:** > 2 MW beam line (ACE Upgrades)

## Far Detector (FD)



*LArTPC: Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber*

*ND-LAr: Liquid argon-based ND*

*TMS: Temporary Muon Spectrometer*

*SAND: System for on-axis ND*

*MCND: More Capable ND*

*ND-GAr: Gaseous argon-based ND*

*PRISM: movable ND capability for off-axis beam measurements*

*PIP-II: Proton Improvement Plan-II*

*ACE: Accelerator Complex Evolution at Fermilab*

Parameter	Phase-I	Phase-II	Impact
FD mass	20 kt fiducial	40 kt fiducial	FD statistics
Beam power	up to 1.2 MW	>2 MW	FD statistics
ND configuration	ND-LAr, TMS, SAND	ND-LAr, ND-GAr, SAND	Systematics

*\*Non-Argon options currently under consideration for Phase-II near and far detectors not listed*

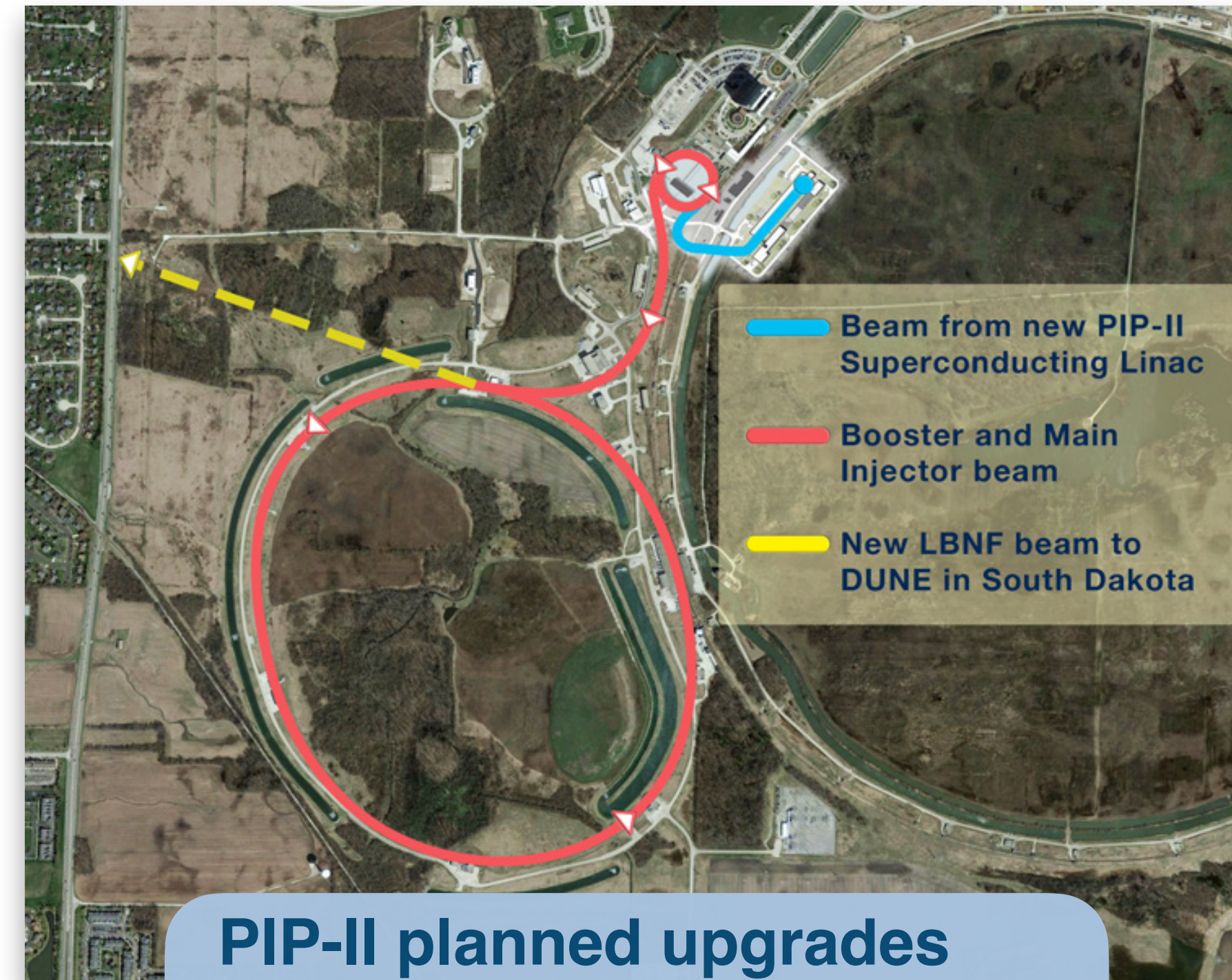
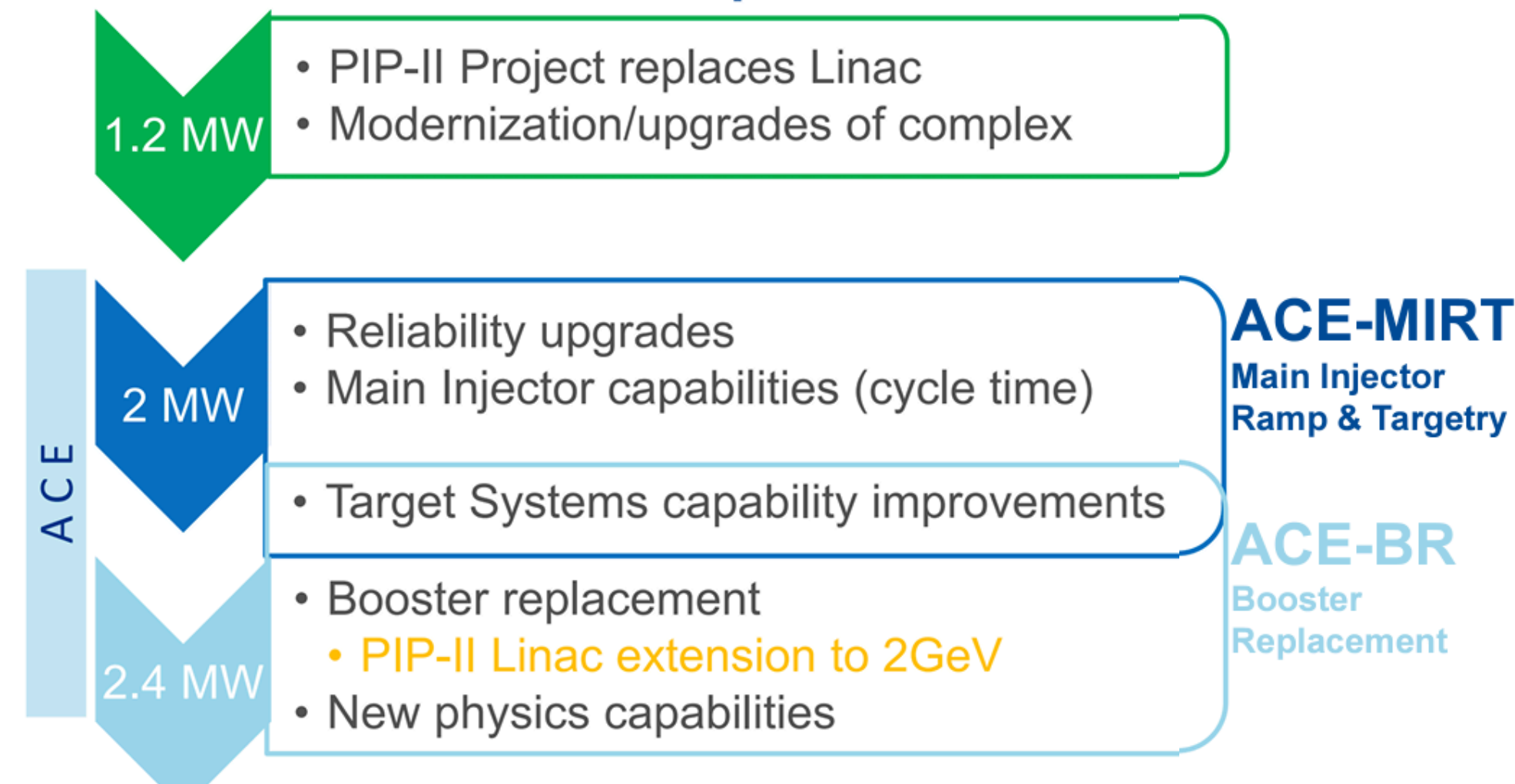
# Accelerator Upgrades: PIP-II and ACE

## PIP-II

- New PIP-II linac (to be completed in 2029) provides beam for injection into Booster at energy increased to 800 MeV from present 400 MeV
- Proton flux at 8 GeV increases 2 times resulting in beam power from Main Injector up to 1.2 MW

## ACE

- The Accelerator Complex Evolution (ACE) plan has two main components ACE-MIRT and ACE-BR to achieve greater than 2 MW beam power for DUNE



### PIP-II planned upgrades

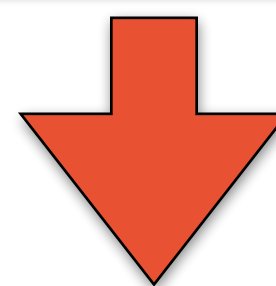
- 800 MeV LINAC
- LINAC to Booster Transfer line
- Upgraded Booster
- Upgraded Recycler and Main Injector
- Conventional Facilities

PIP-II creates a platform for next-generation upgrades

# Phase-II Elements and Science Drivers

## Elements

- **Beam:** 1.2 → > 2 MW beam power
- **FD:** Two additional modules FD3 and FD4 (total of 4 detectors; 70 kt total LAr-equivalent)
- **ND:** More capable ND (TMS → ND-GAr)



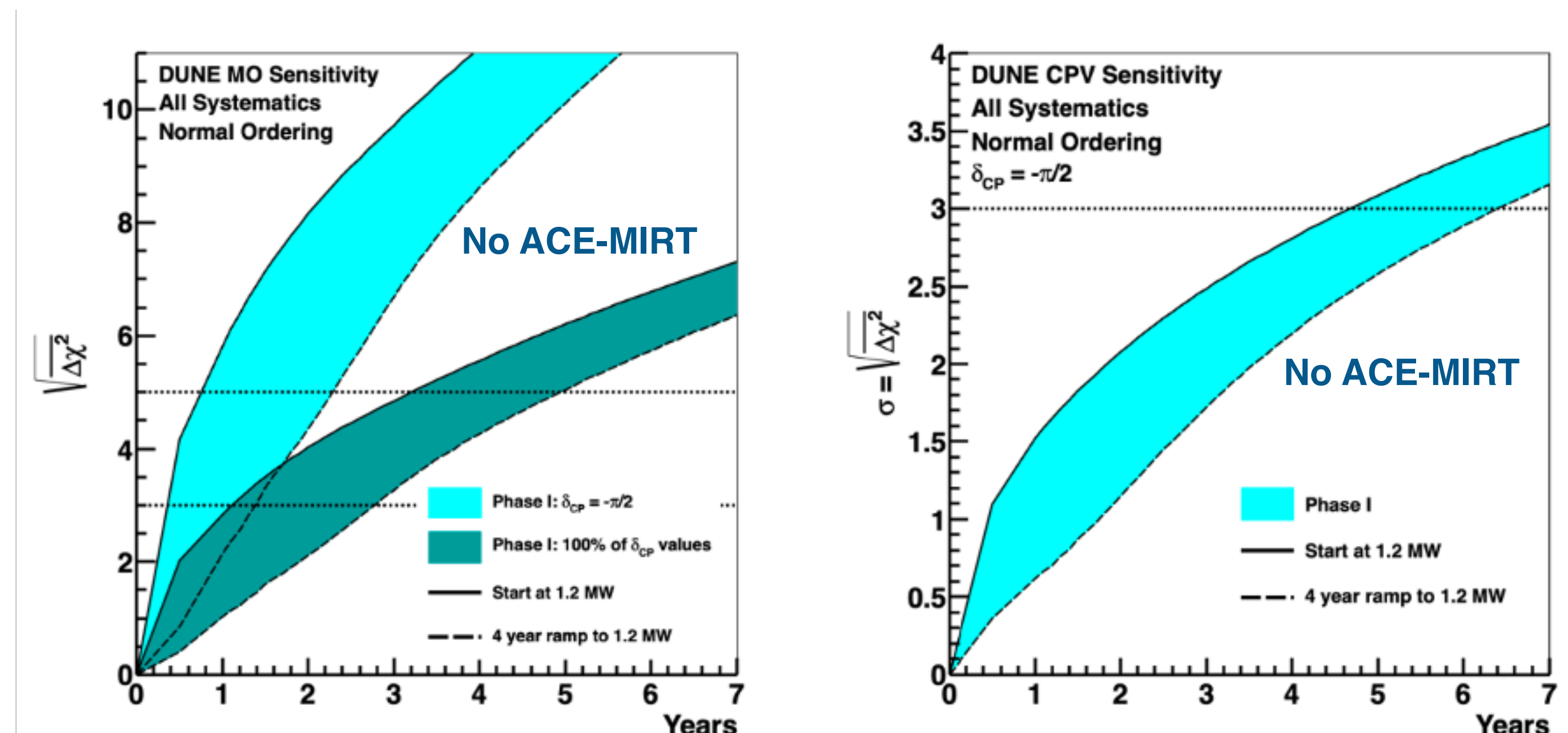
## Science Drivers

- **Long-baseline Physics:** Phase I+II combined provide ultimate measurement of 3ν oscillation parameters ( $\Delta m^2_{32}$ ,  $\theta_{13}$ ,  $\theta_{23}$ , and  $\delta_{CP}$ ) with 600-1000 kt·MW·yr exposure and percent-level systematic uncertainties
- **Neutrino Astrophysics:** Expand MeV-scale neutrino astrophysics reach (e.g. supernova, solar neutrinos)
- **BSM Physics:** More sensitive searches for long-lived particle decays and tests of 3ν oscillation paradigm at ND and FD, and more

# Long Baseline Physics with Phase-I

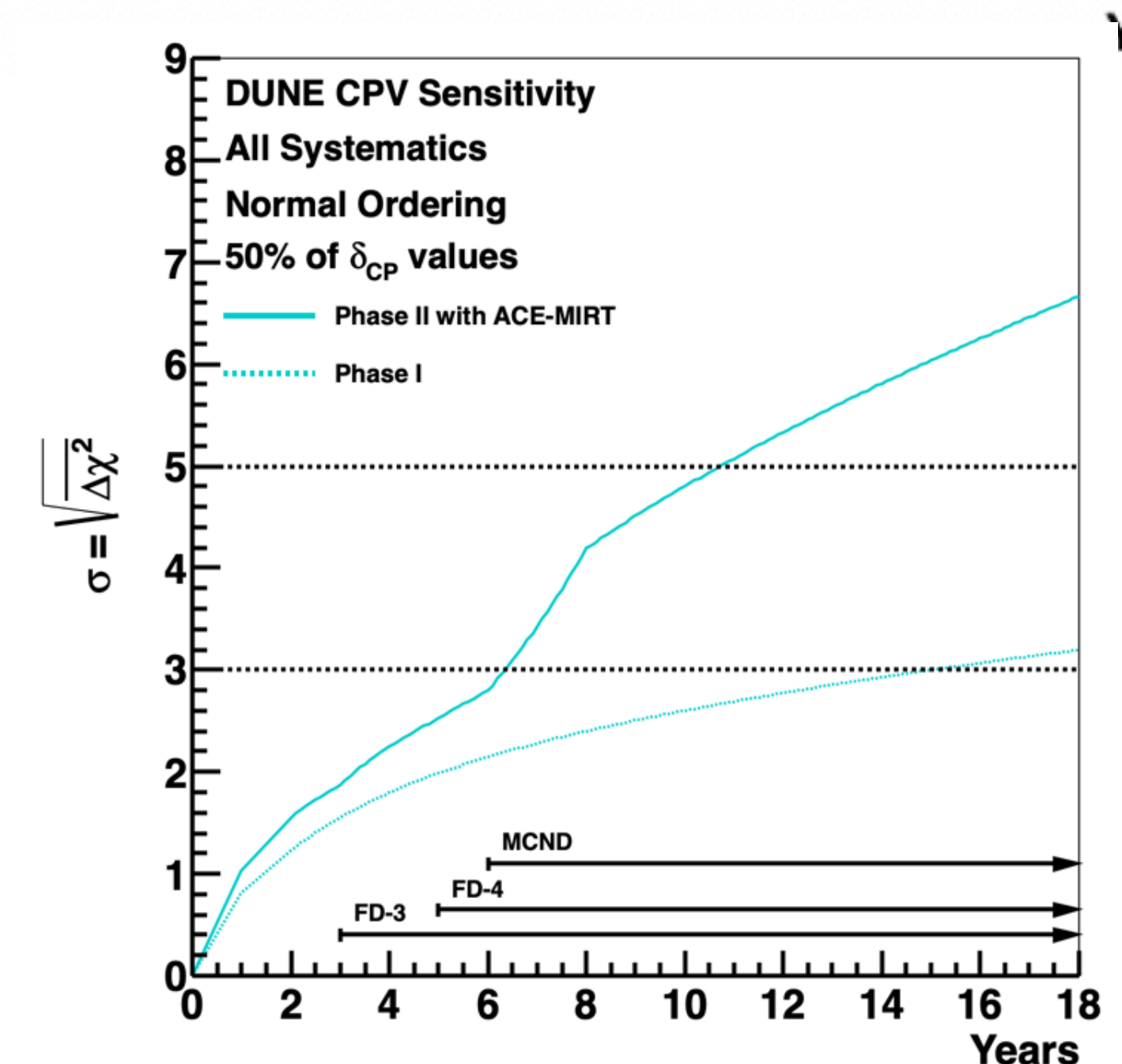
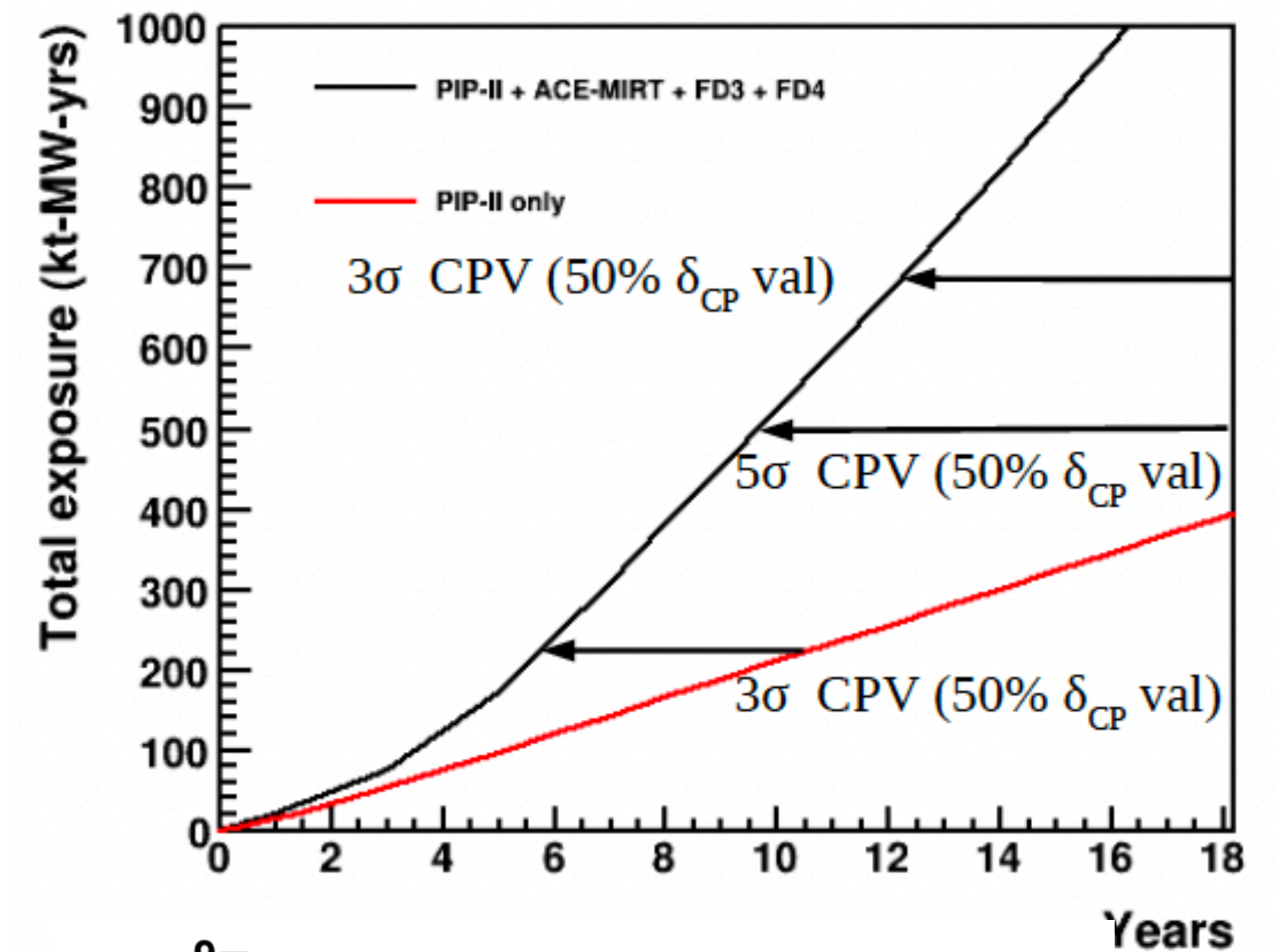
- In Phase I, DUNE can accumulate  $\sim 100$  kt-MW-yr of data in 5 years. This is sufficient to
  - conclusively determine neutrino mass ordering at  $> 5\sigma$  significance, regardless of the true parameter values.
  - establish CP violation at  $3\sigma$  if CP violation is nearly maximal ( $\delta_{CP} \approx \pm \pi/2$ )
- Early implementation of Fermilab accelerator upgrades can accumulate Phase-I statistics twice as fast

*The statistics of Phase-I are not sufficient to determine the octant of  $\theta_{23}$  or to establish CP violation except in the most favorable scenario*



# Long Baseline Physics with Phase-II

- All elements of Phase-II (**ACE-MIRT, FD3, FD4, MCND**) essential for DUNE to achieve its full physics potential
  - *ACE-MIRT would enable more rapid acquisition of beam neutrino statistics*
  - *MCND provides important systematic constraints as precision increases*
- Phase-II will enable high precision measurements of all four parameters governing long-baseline oscillations ( $\Delta m^2_{32}$ ,  $\theta_{13}$ ,  $\theta_{23}$ , and  $\delta_{CP}$ )
- Establish CP violation at high significance over a broad range of possible values of  $\delta_{CP}$ , and test the 3-flavor paradigm as a way to search for new physics in neutrino oscillations.

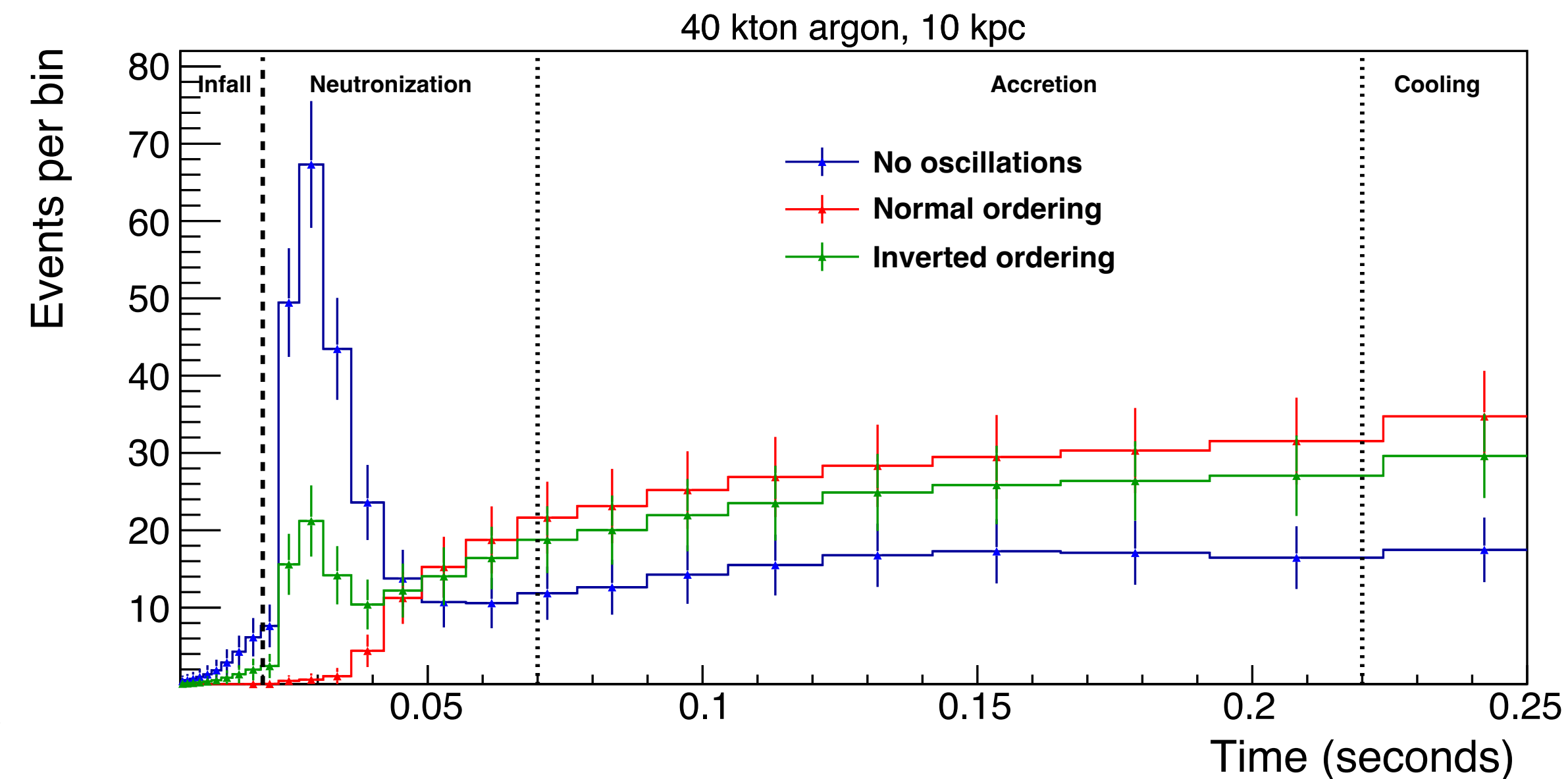
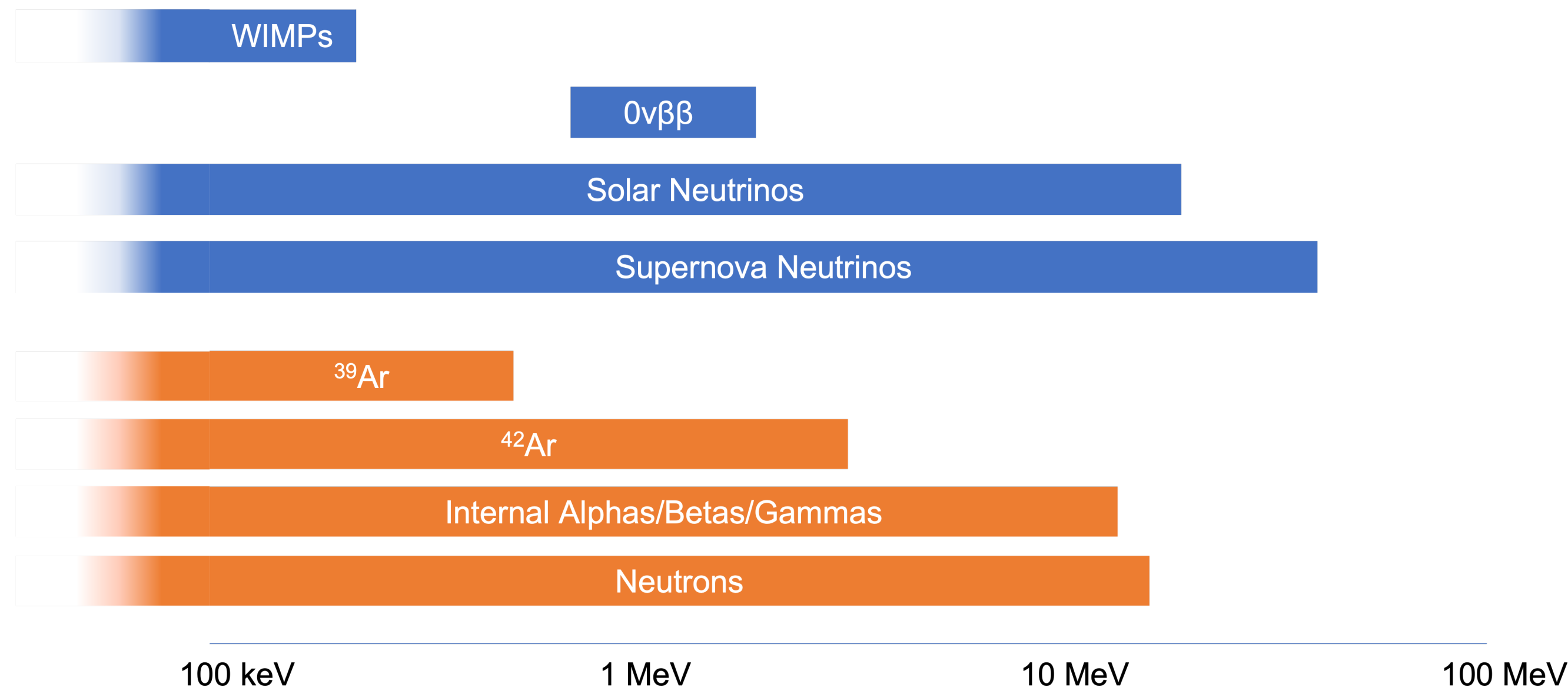




# Neutrino Astrophysics with Phase-II

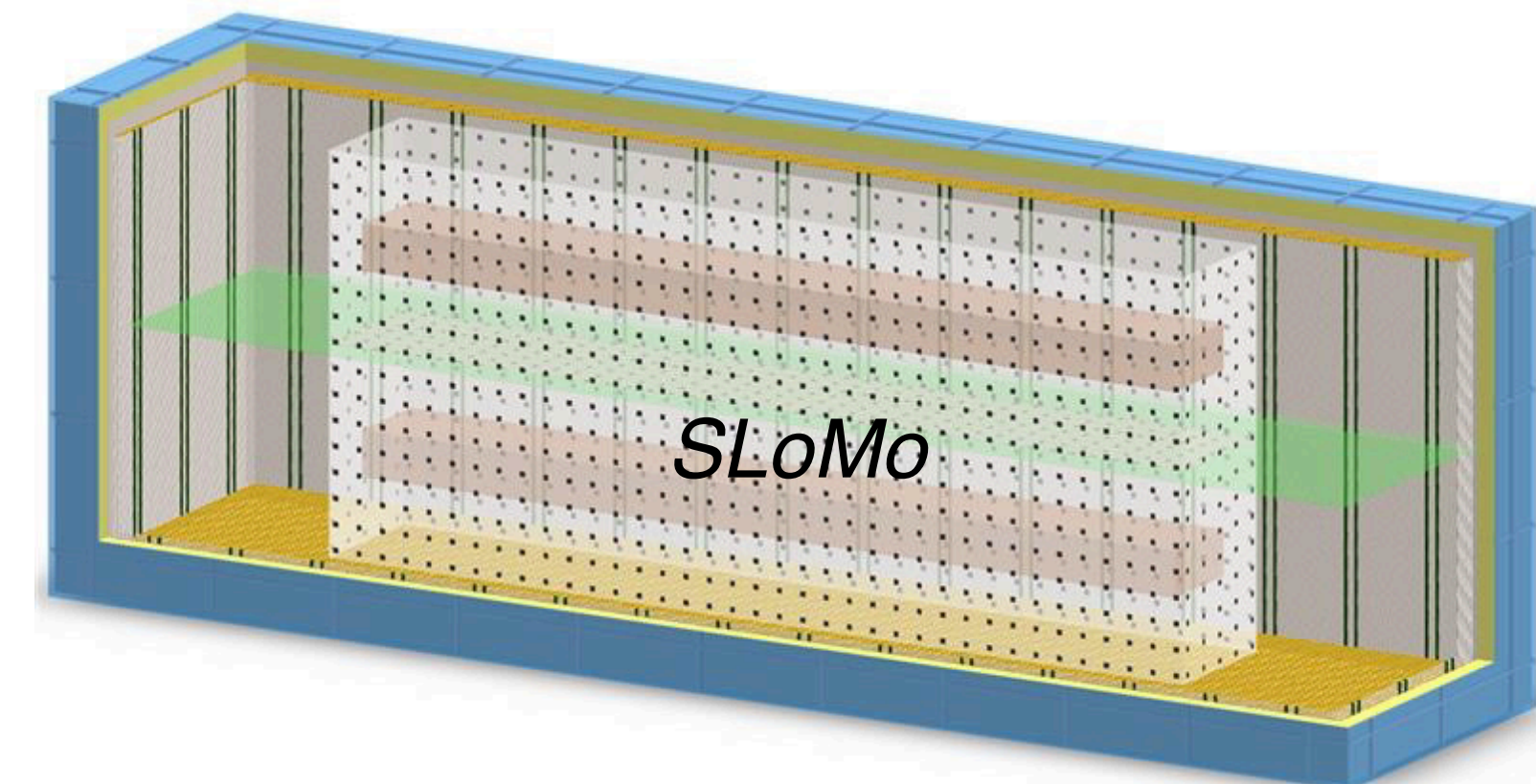
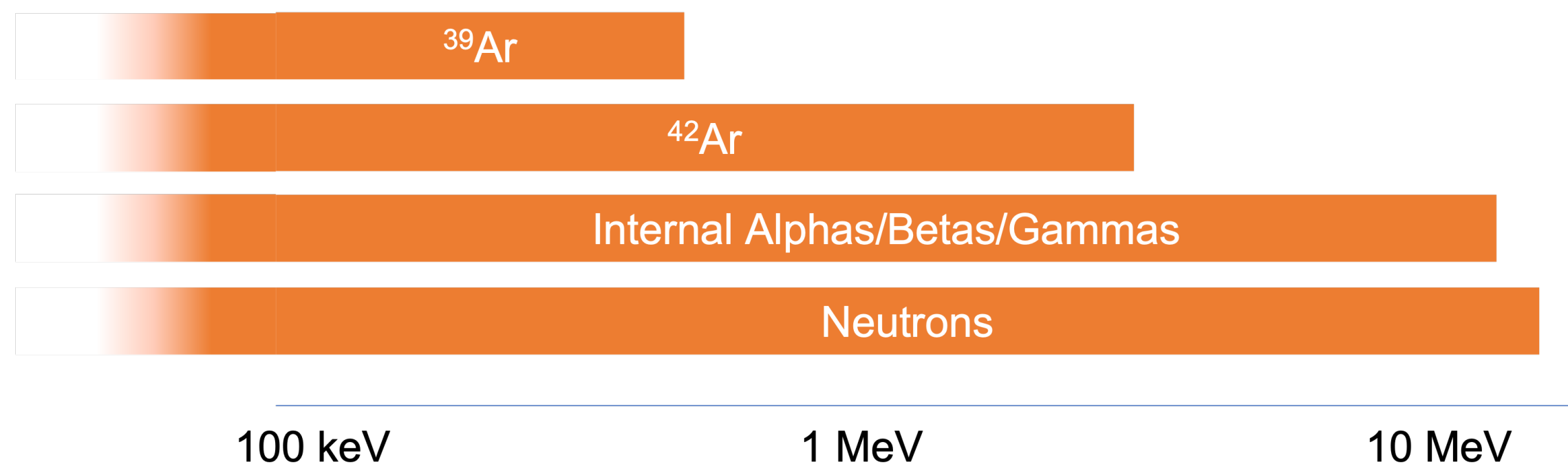
See DUNE talks in the  
Supernova and Solar  
Neutrino parallel

- Phase-II FD increased target mass, as well as potential improvements in energy resolution and background levels, key to improve detection of neutrinos from astrophysical sources in the MeV energy range
  - Supernova neutrino bursts, solar neutrinos, diffuse supernova neutrino background
  - Initial studies suggest that a significant improvement in the measurement of  $\Delta m^2_{21}$  is possible in DUNE Phase-II, as well as a first observation at  $> 5\sigma$  of the hep solar neutrino flux, produced via the nuclear fusion reaction ( ${}^3\text{He} + p \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} + e^+ + \nu_e$ ) in the Sun's interior.



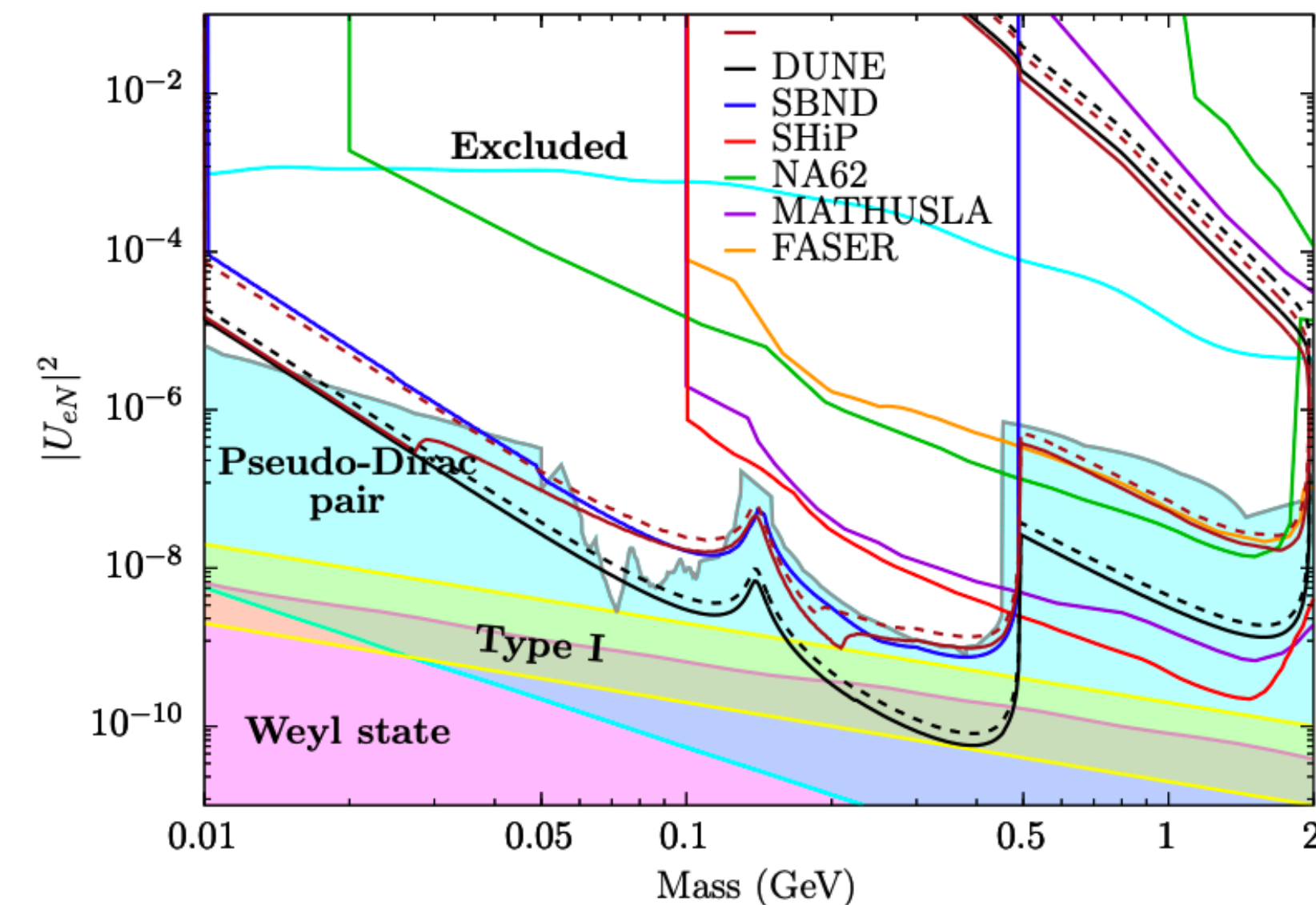
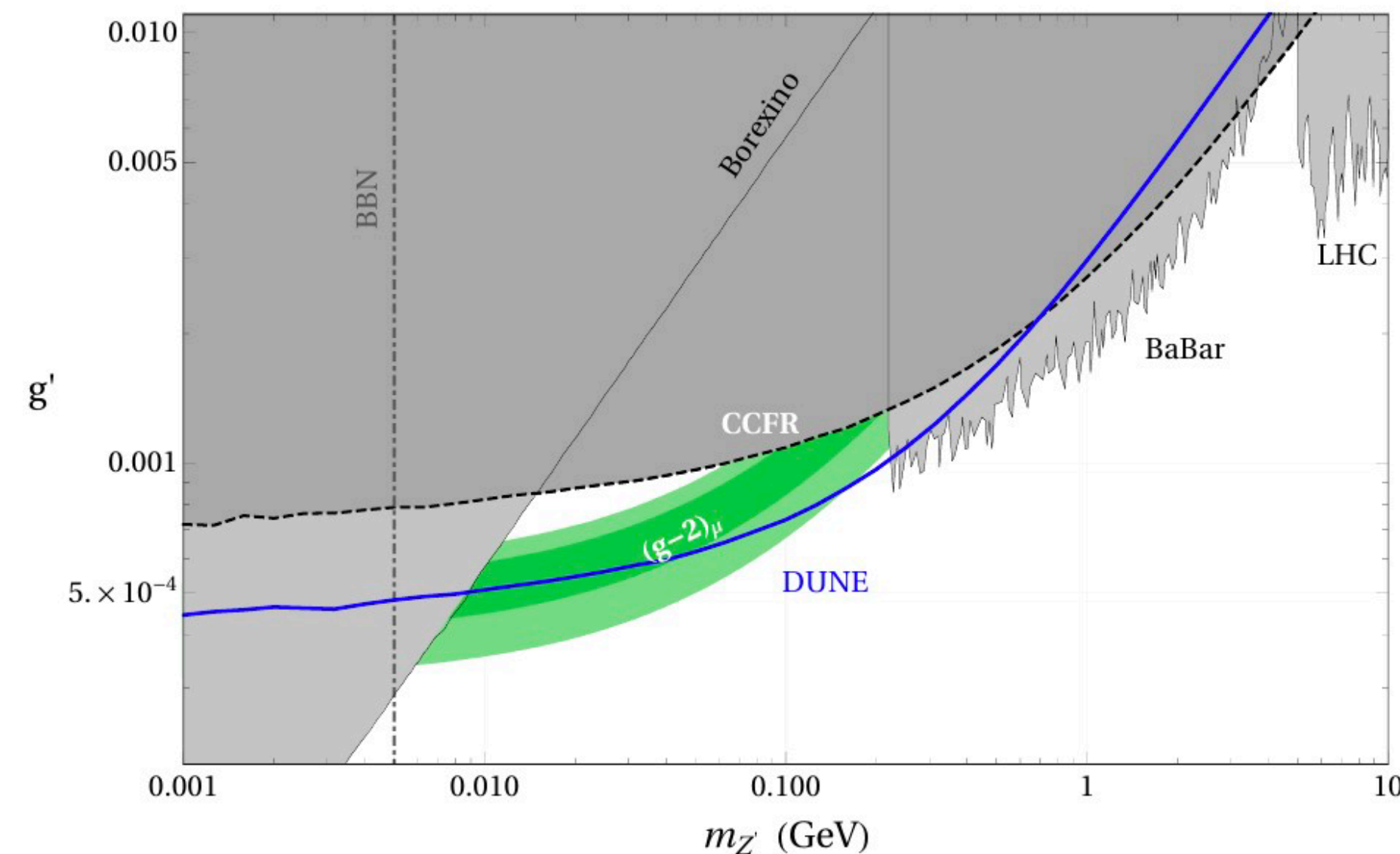
# FD Background Control

- Enhancement of DUNE physics to lower energies relies on lower radioactive backgrounds
- Realistic background target extends threshold down to 5 MeV, just above the  $^{42}\text{K}$  beta endpoint from  $^{42}\text{Ar}$
- Most significant radioactive backgrounds and mitigation strategies
  - *External neutrons and gammas* → *passive shielding (eg, water)*
  - *Internal backgrounds from detector materials* → *careful material selection programs*
  - *Radon gas* → *inline radon trap, detector materials with low radon emanation*
  - *Intrinsic argon backgrounds ( $^{39}\text{Ar}$ ,  $^{42}\text{Ar}$ )* → *argon from underground sources*
  - *use underground argon in an acrylic vessel, reduce background (eg, SLoMo)* *See talk by C. Jackson*



# BSM Physics with Phase-II

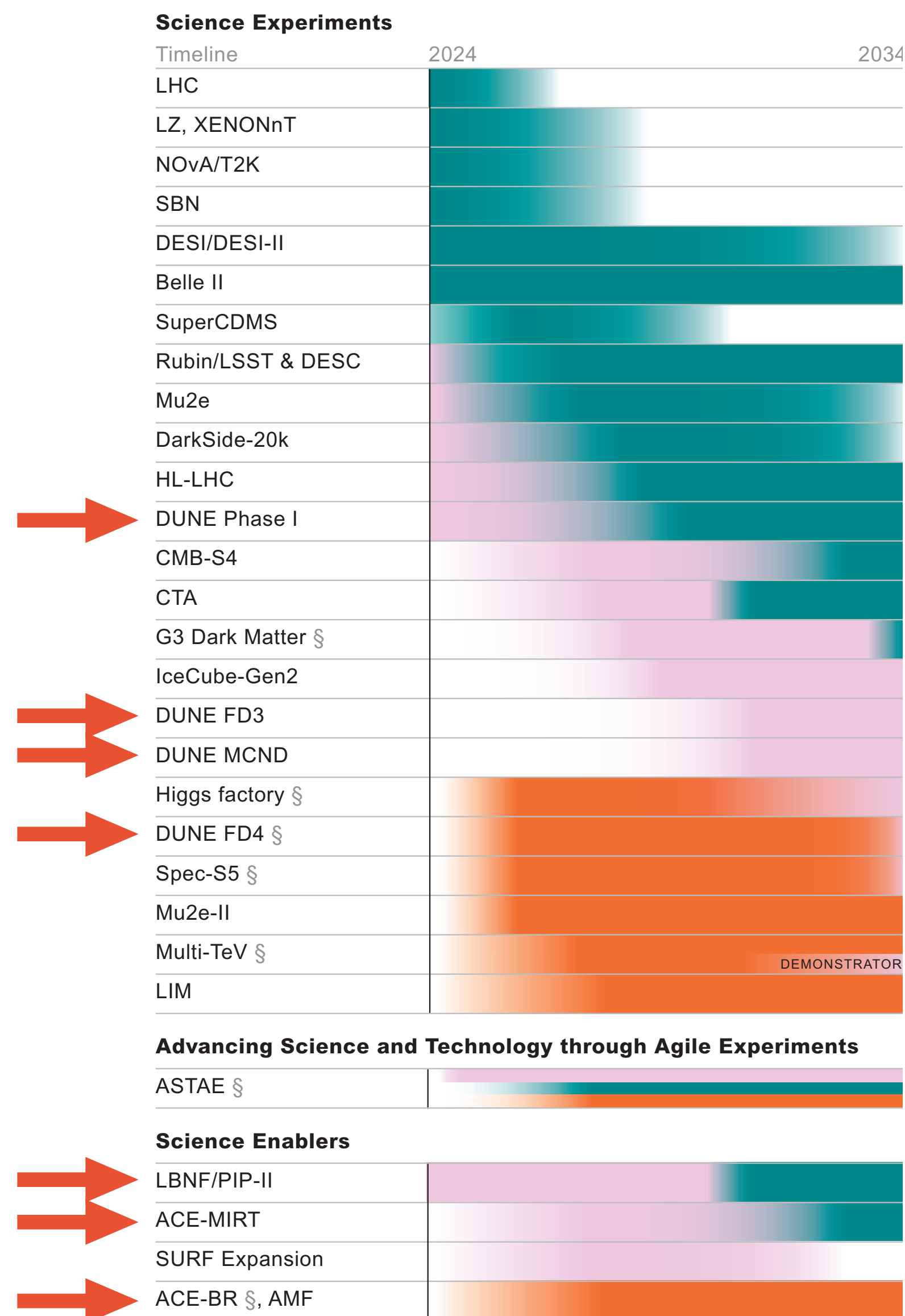
- Low-density ND-GAr adds additional unique sensitivity to any BSM search involving neutral particles produced in the beam and decaying in the ND (e.g., Heavy Neutral Leptons, Axion-Like Particles)
- Phase-II FD particularly beneficial for searches that are expected to be virtually background-free at the scale of the experiment's full exposure (e.g., some Baryon Number Violation searches)
- Phase-II improves  $\nu_\tau$  detection capabilities at both ND and FD
  - a promising tool to search for non-standard oscillations, for example created by light or heavy sterile neutrino mixing, or by Non-Standard Interactions (NSIs)



# 2023 P5 Strongly Endorses Phase-II

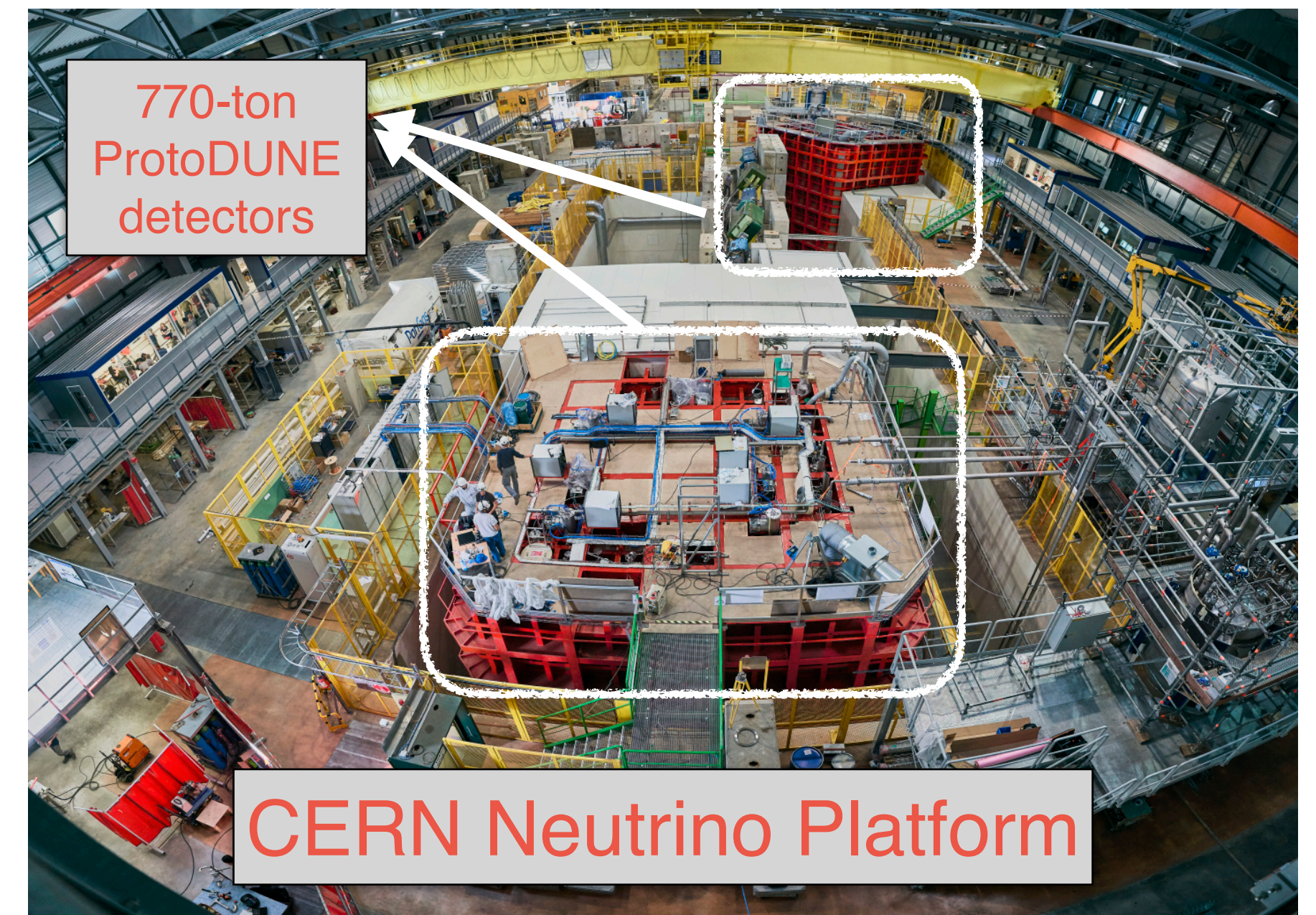
- DUNE Phase-II (> 2 MW beam ACE-MIRT, FD3, and MCND) endorsed as second highest priority (**Recommendation 2**), “as the definitive long-baseline neutrino oscillation experiment of its kind”
- The Panel also endorsed the DUNE FD4 concept as a “Module of Opportunity” and recommended an accelerated/expanded R&D program in the next decade including initiating construction of FD4 if budget scenarios are favorable

*P5 = Particle Physics Project Prioritization Panel*



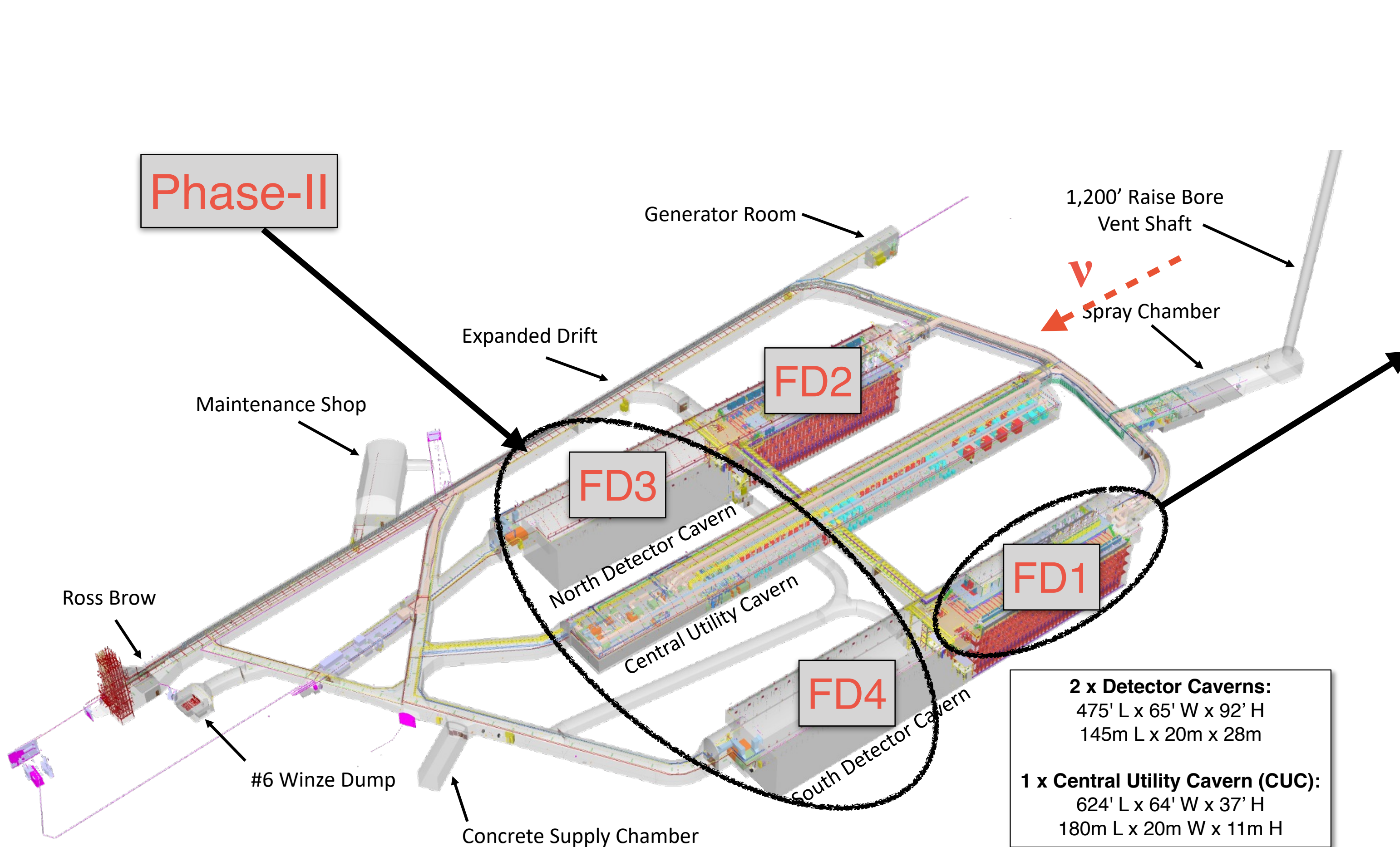
# A Global R&D is Forming

- The 2013 Update of the **European Strategy for Particle Physics** and its 2020 update recommended that “*Europe and CERN continue to collaborate towards the successful implementation of full scope of LBNF and DUNE*”
- The R&D underpinning the Phase-II concepts is performed as part of a global program which includes the **European Committee for Future Accelerators (ECFA)** and the **Coordinating Panel for Advanced Detectors (CPAD)** in the United States
- Ongoing coordination between U.S. R&D Collaborations (RDCs) and non-U.S. Detector R&D (DRD) groups on synergistic areas of R&D and towards achieving common DUNE Phase-II goals
  - **DRDs:** *Liquid Detectors (DRD2); Gaseous Detectors (DRD1)*
  - **RDCs:** *Noble Element Detectors (RDC1); Photodetectors (RDC2); Gaseous Detectors (RDC6)*



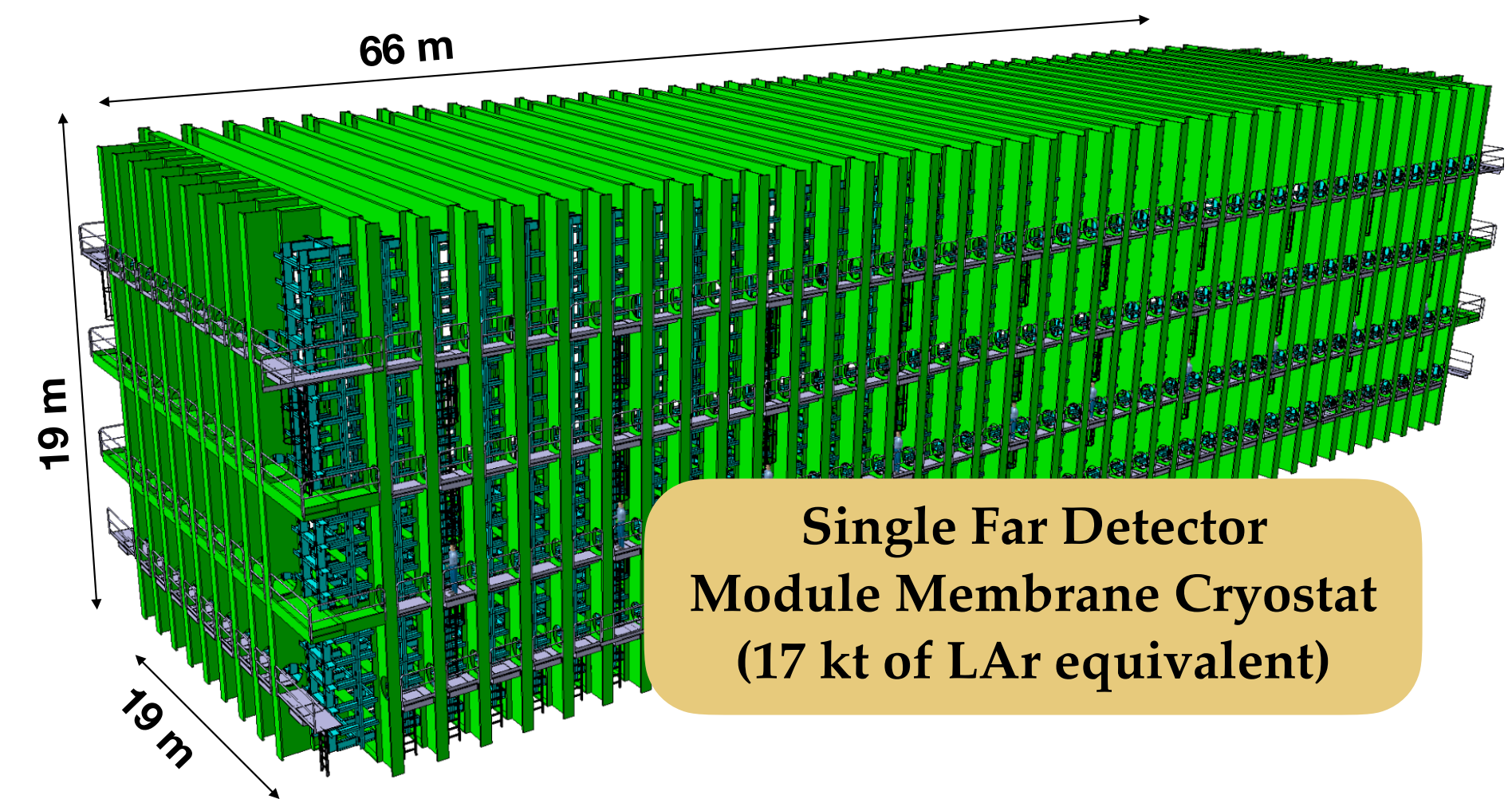
# Phase-II Far Detector

# The DUNE Far Detector



**2 x Detector Caverns:**  
 475' L x 65' W x 92' H  
 145m L x 20m x 28m

**1 x Central Utility Cavern (CUC):**  
 624' L x 64' W x 37' H  
 180m L x 20m W x 11m H

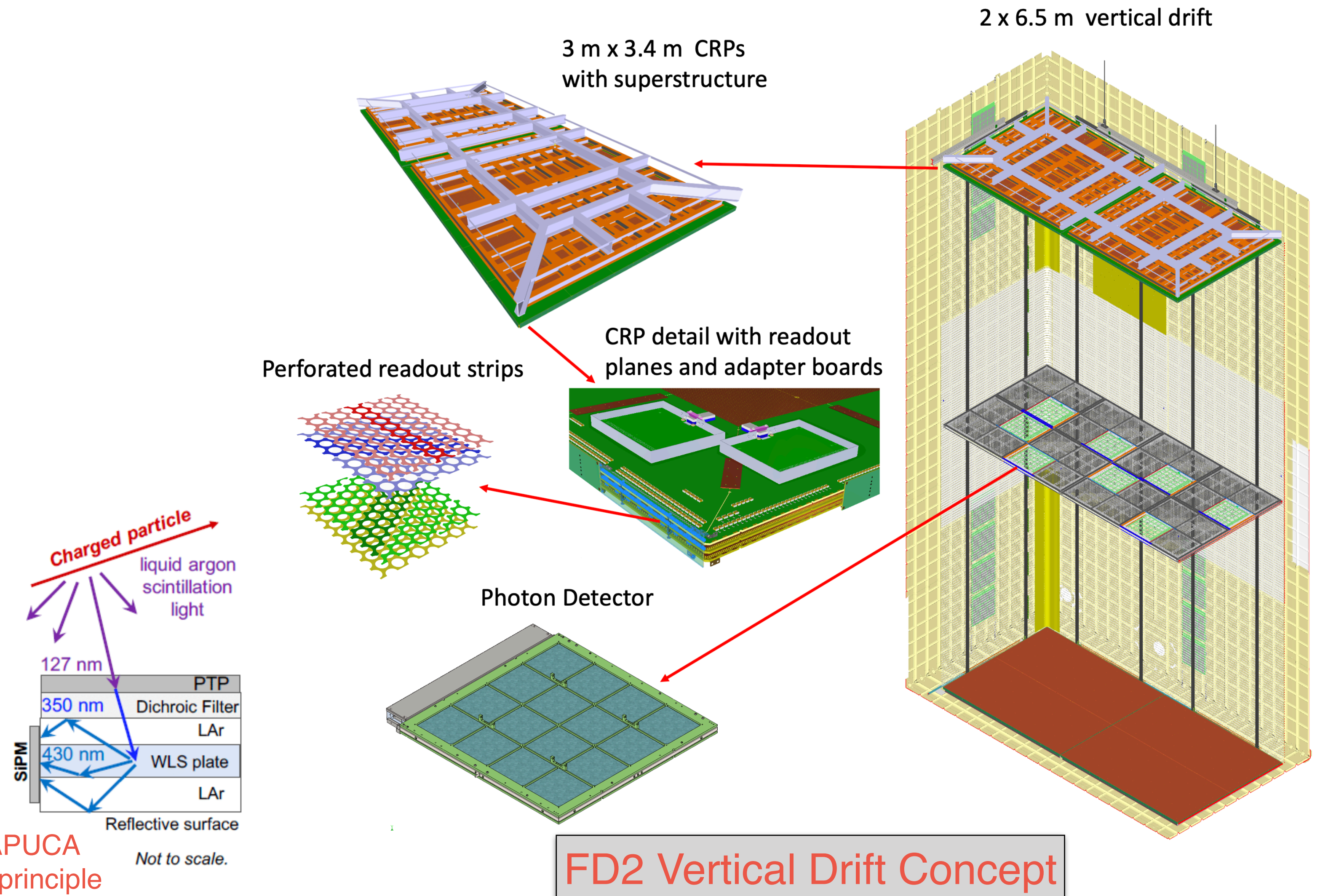


The first three DUNE FD modules will be Liquid Argon Time Projection Chambers (LArTPCs) with 17 kt total mass each

- **FD1:** Horizontal Drift (HD)
- **FD2:** Vertical Drift (VD)
- **FD3:** Improved LArTPC
- **FD4:** Module of opportunity (*both LAr and non-Argon options being explored*)

# FD2 as a Starting Point for FD3/4

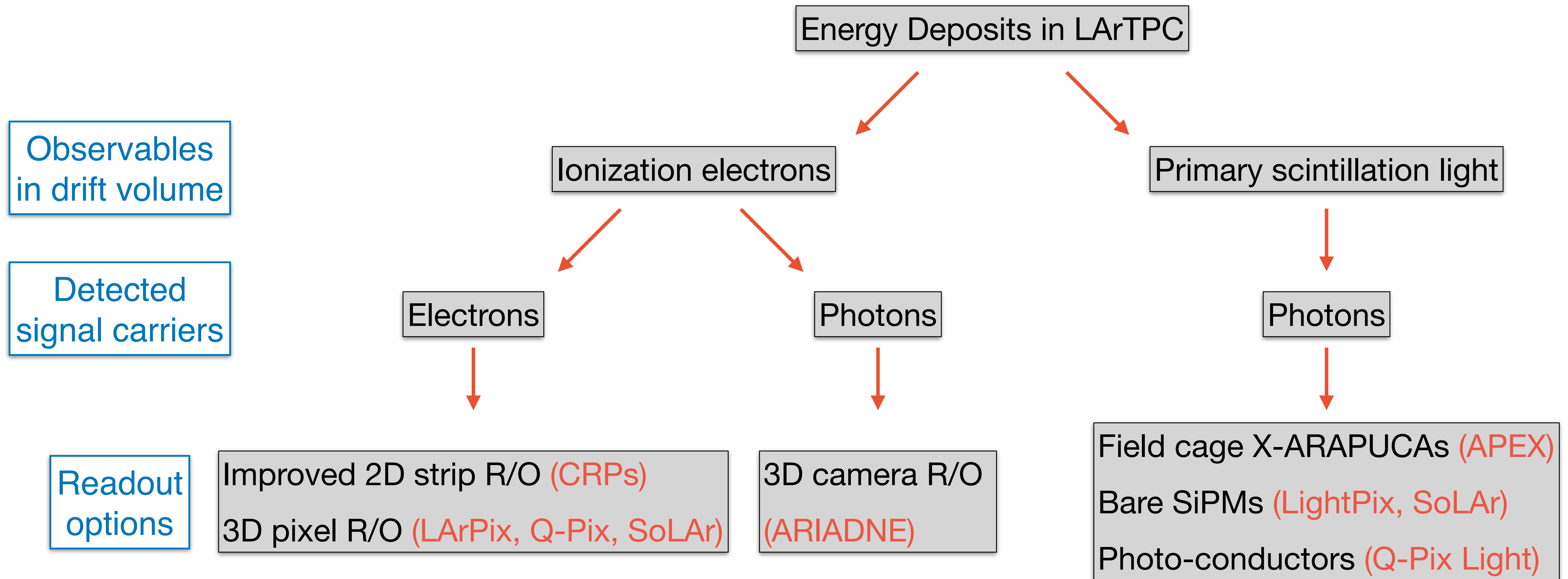
- FD2 Vertical Drift (VD) LArTPC forms the starting point for FD3/4
- Charge Readout Planes (CRPs) provide three-view charge readout: two induction planes and one collection plane
- Cathode plane at mid-height, two drift volumes of 6.5 m each
- X-ARAPUCA-based Photon Detector System (PDS) on cathode and membrane walls





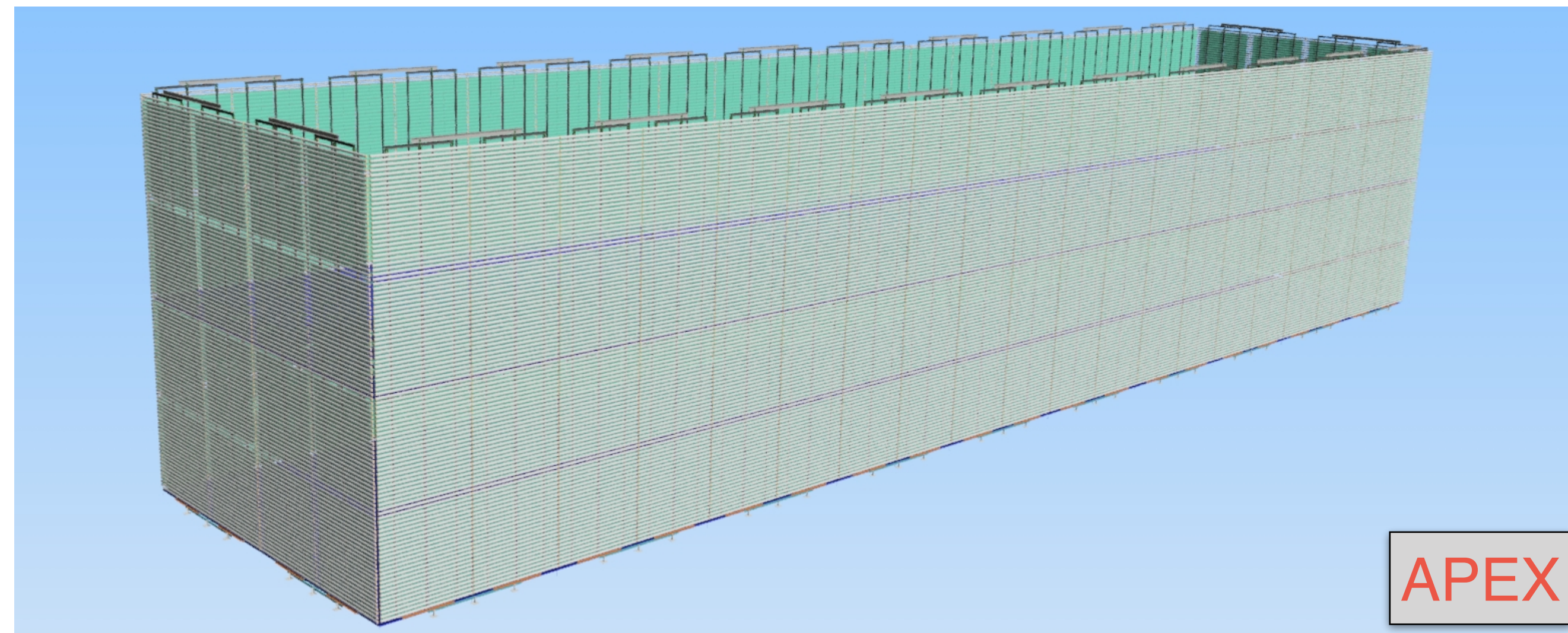
# Potential Improvements to FD2 Charge/Light Readouts

- FD3/4 R&D aimed at optimizing or upgrading VD designs for charge and light readout in an effort to broaden the physics program towards expanded sensitivity for MeV-scale physics



# Detector Concepts: FD3

- **FD3:** FD2-like, with improvements to CRP-based TPC readout and X-ARAPUCA-based PDS
  - *Single-phase and two vertical drift volumes, 6.5 m each*
  - *Possible CRP optimizations: strip pitch, simpler construction techniques, ASIC upgrade*
  - *Possible PDS optimizations (via APEX R&D): Photon detector system on field cage, larger (up to x10) coverage compared to FD2 (~60% optical coverage of LAr active volume), digital optical transmission*

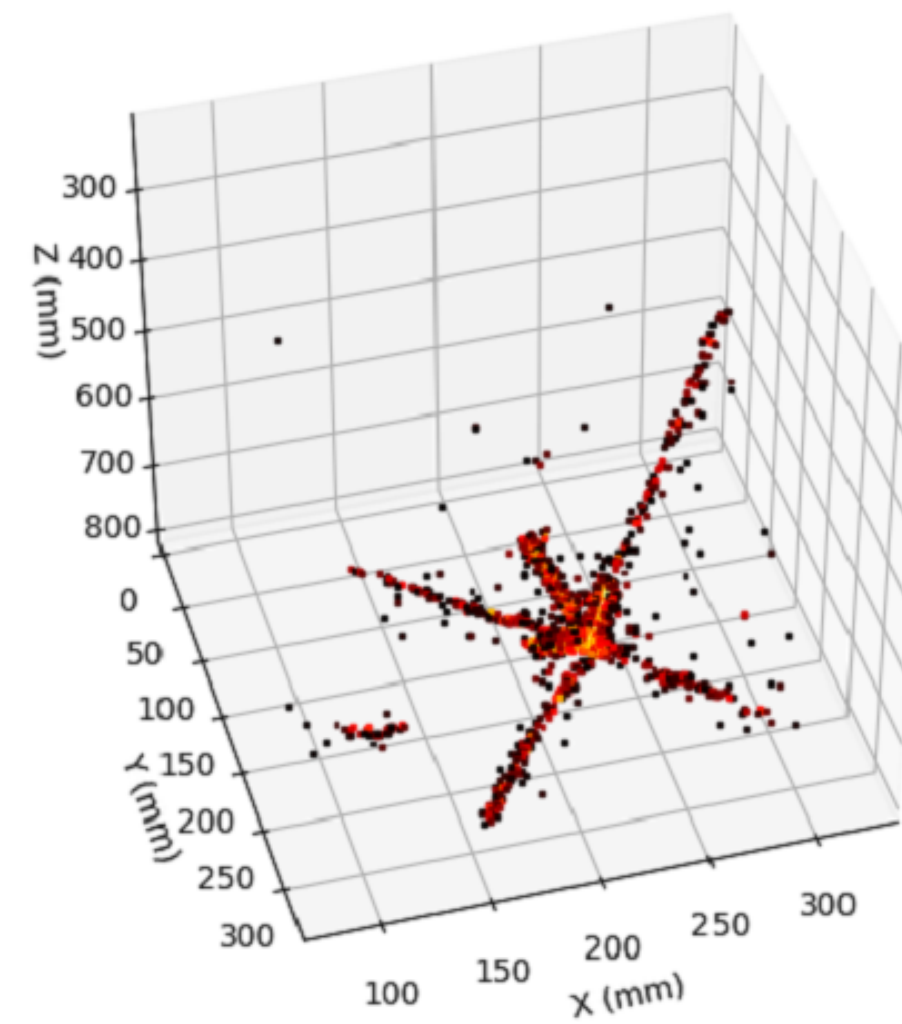
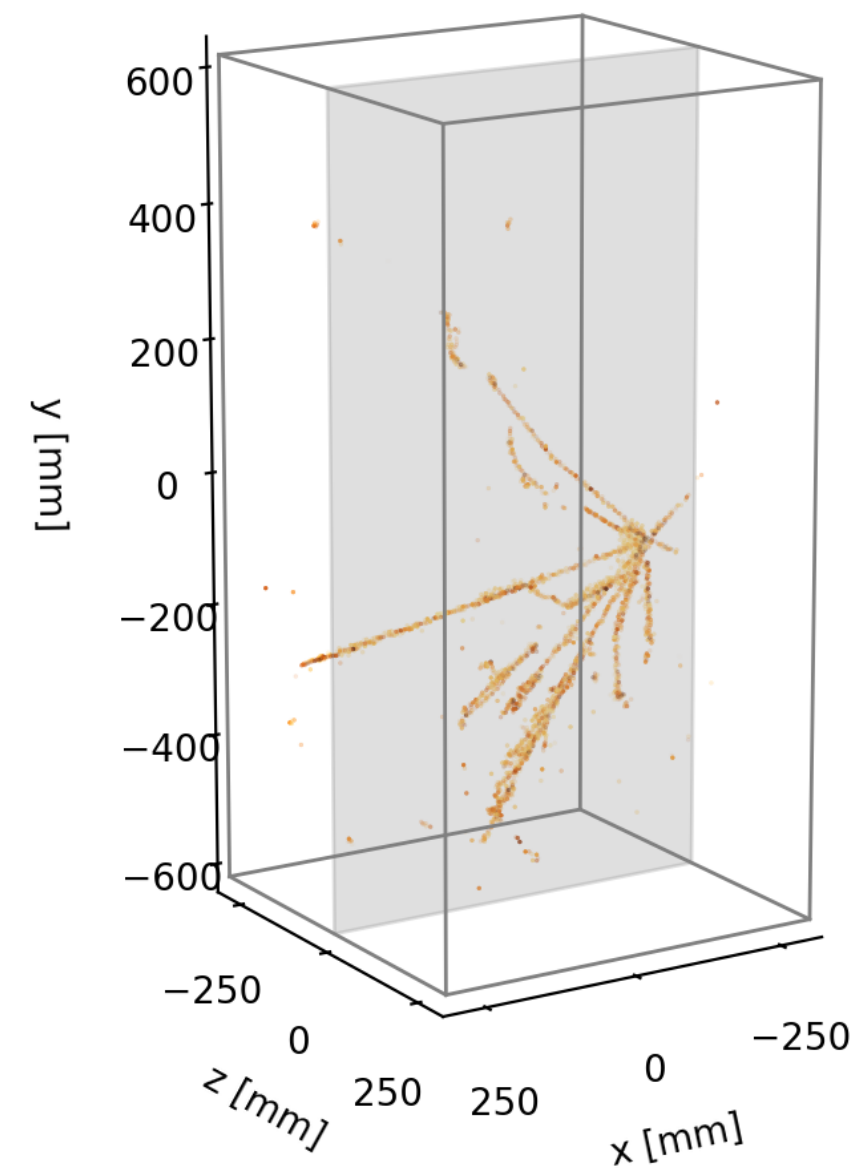


*See talk by W. Shi  
on APEX (DUNE  
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# Detector Concepts: FD4 Baseline

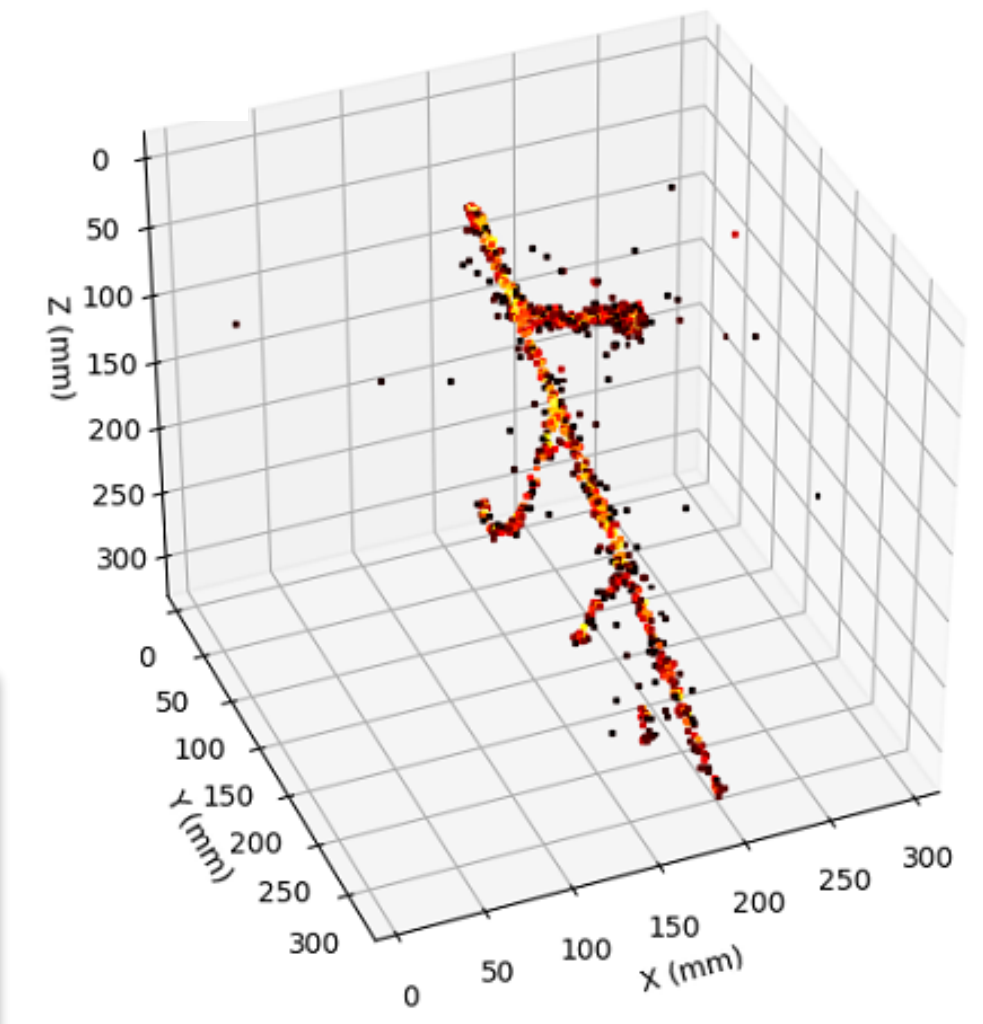
- **FD4 baseline:** VD-LArTPC with central cathode, and native 3D anode readouts
  - *Either charge pixels (LArPix or Q-Pix) or optical-based readout (ARIADNE)*
  - *Pixels may also serve for integrated charge/light readout (SoLAr, LightPix or Q-Pix Light)*
  - *Different solutions for top/bottom anodes in principle possible. Compact shield design*

LArPix



ARIADNE

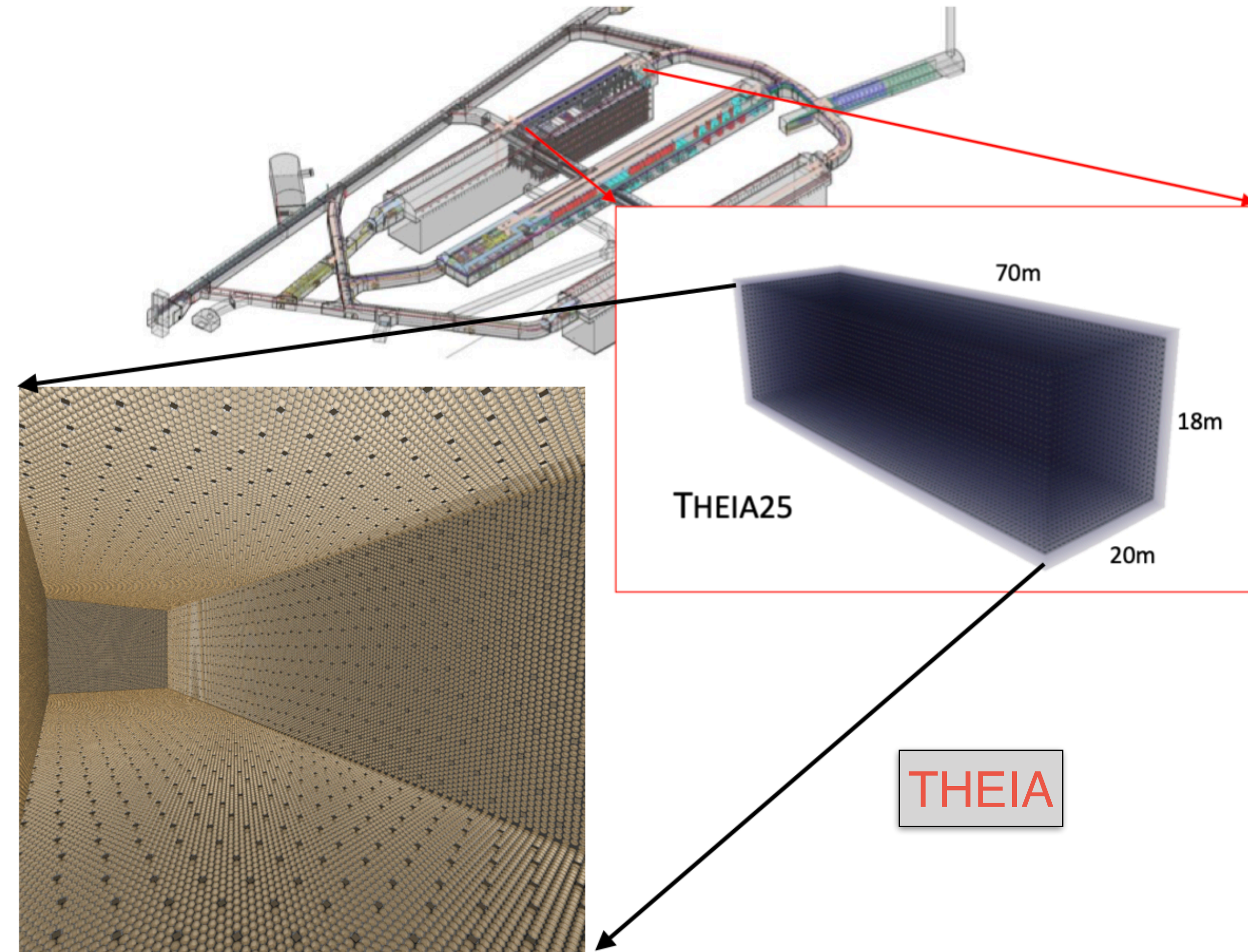
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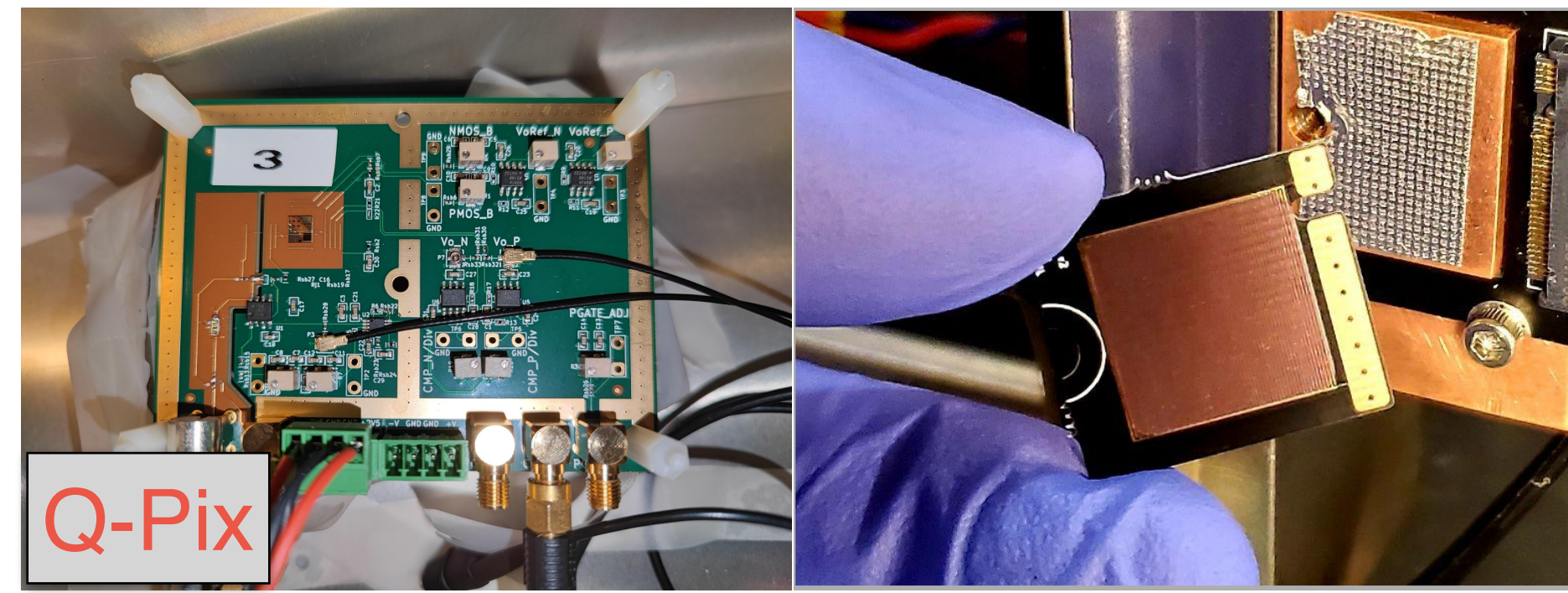
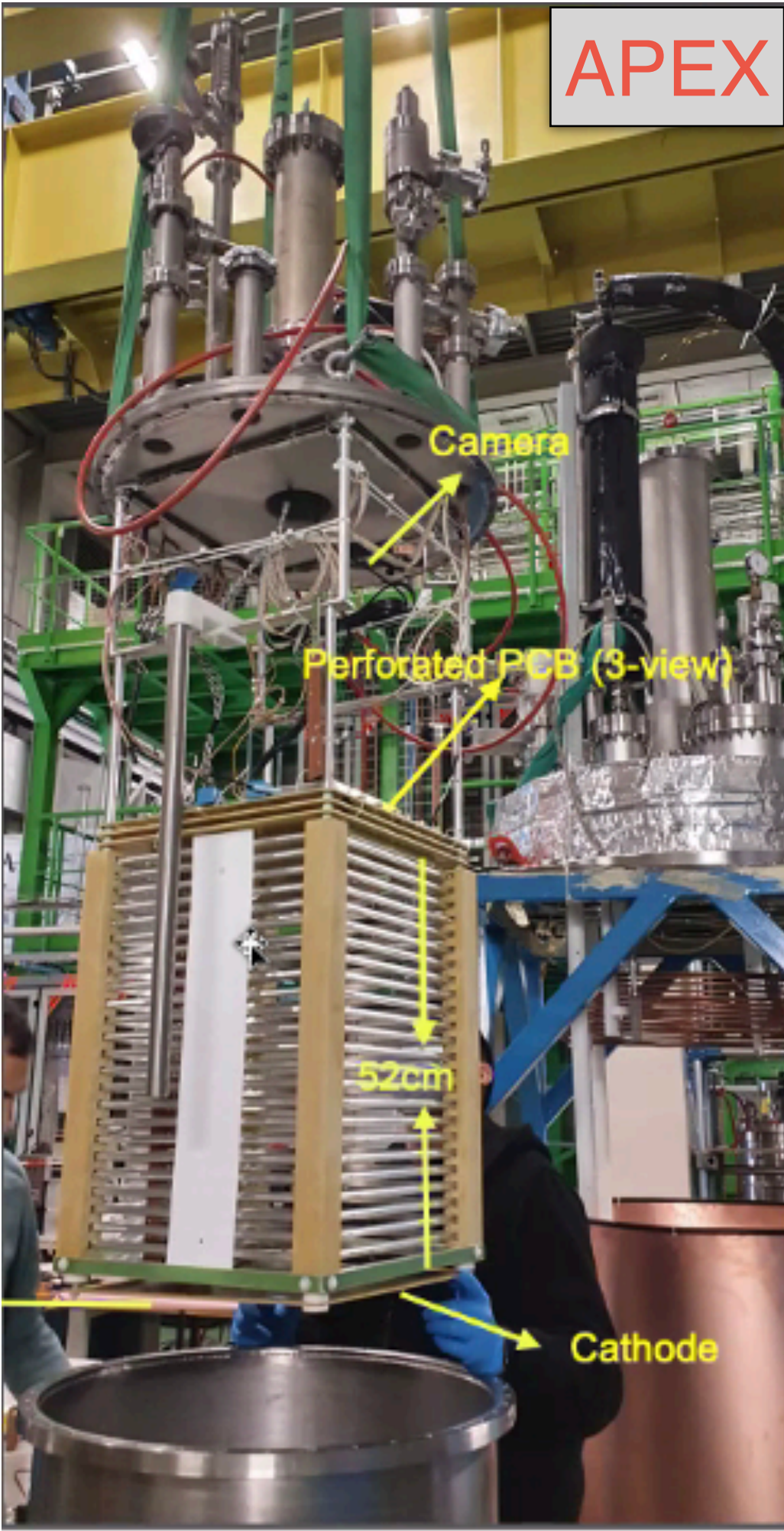
# Detector Concepts: FD4 Alternative

- Water-based liquid scintillator module measuring scintillation and Cherenkov light separately (**THEIA**)
- Cherenkov light offers  $e/\mu$  discrimination via ring imaging, and sensitivity to particle direction
- Scintillation light offers improved energy and vertex resolution, Particle-ID capability via quenching effects, and sub-Cherenkov-threshold particle detection
- Requires corresponding modifications to ND to carry out long-baseline oscillation program

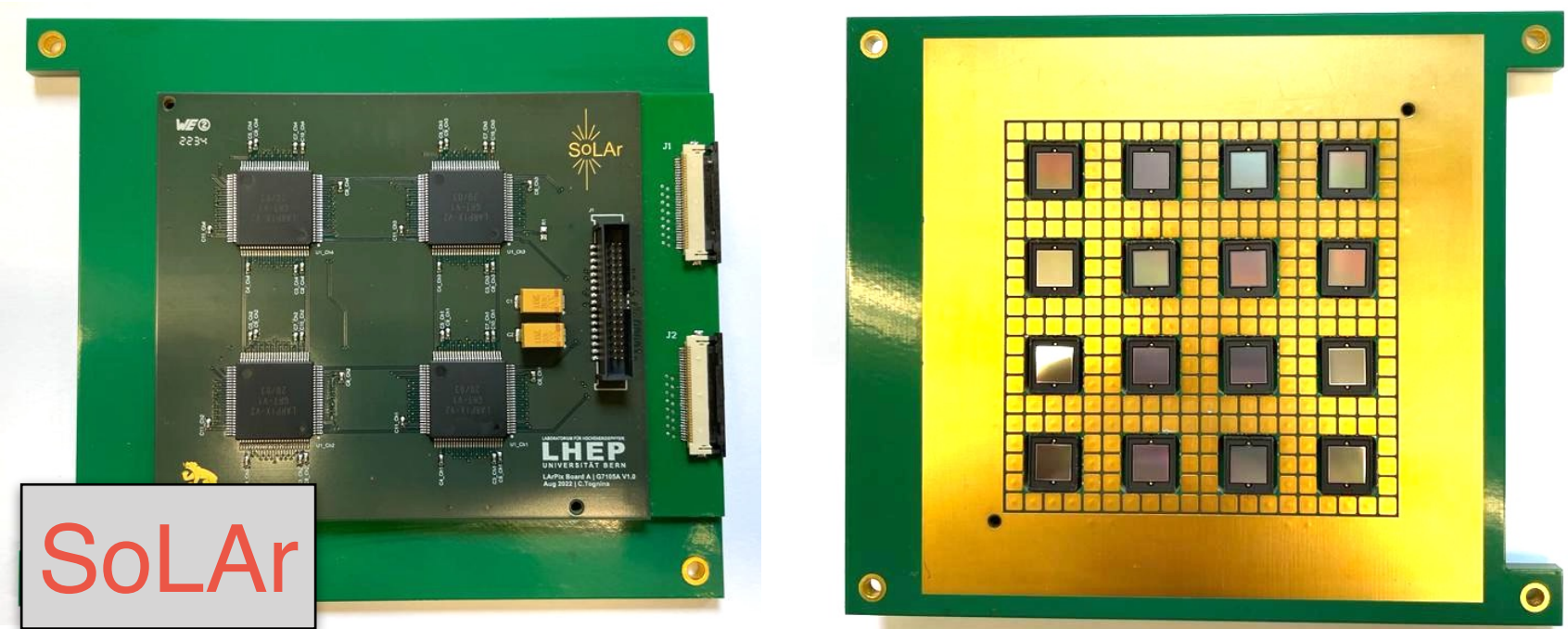
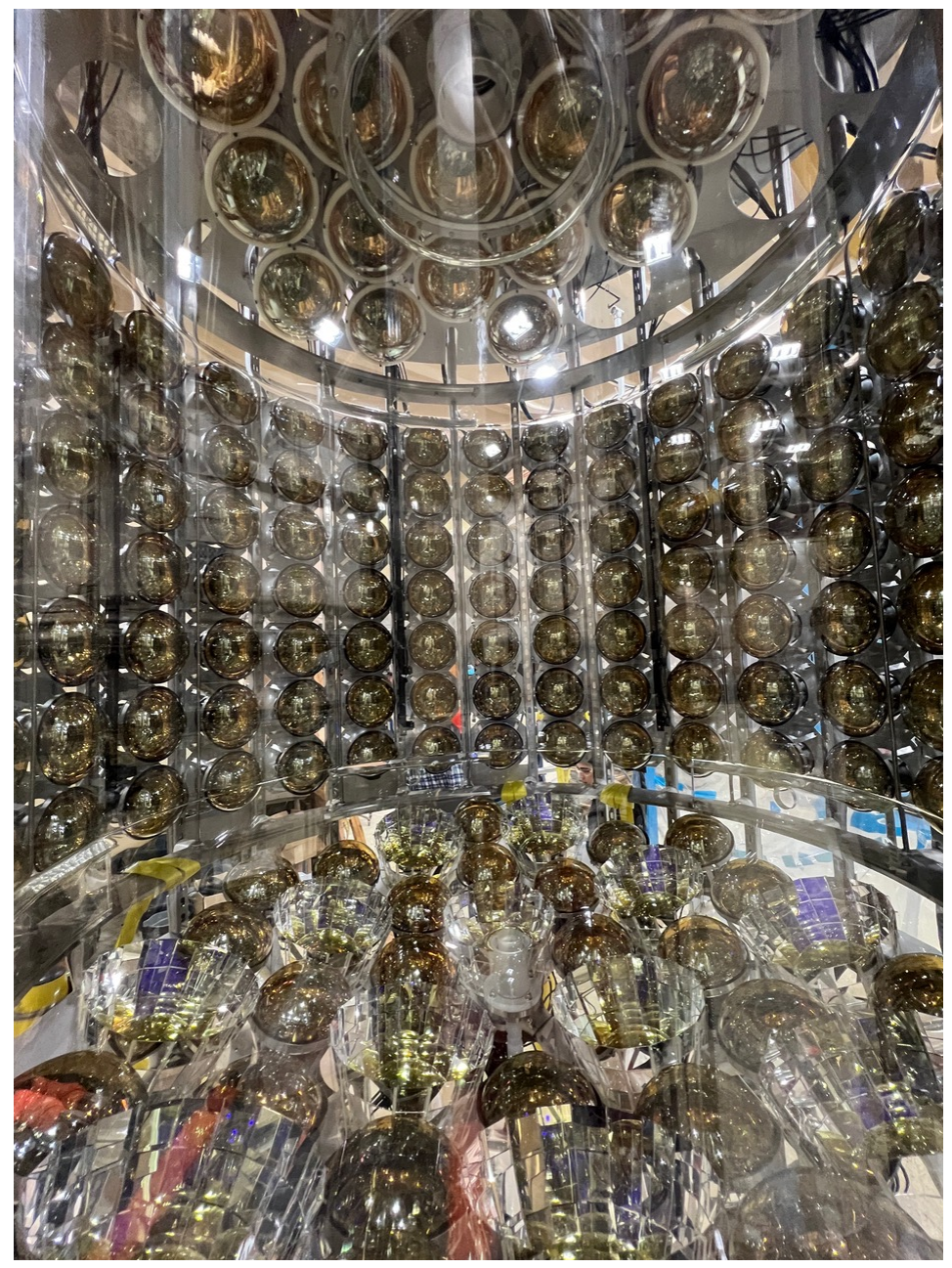
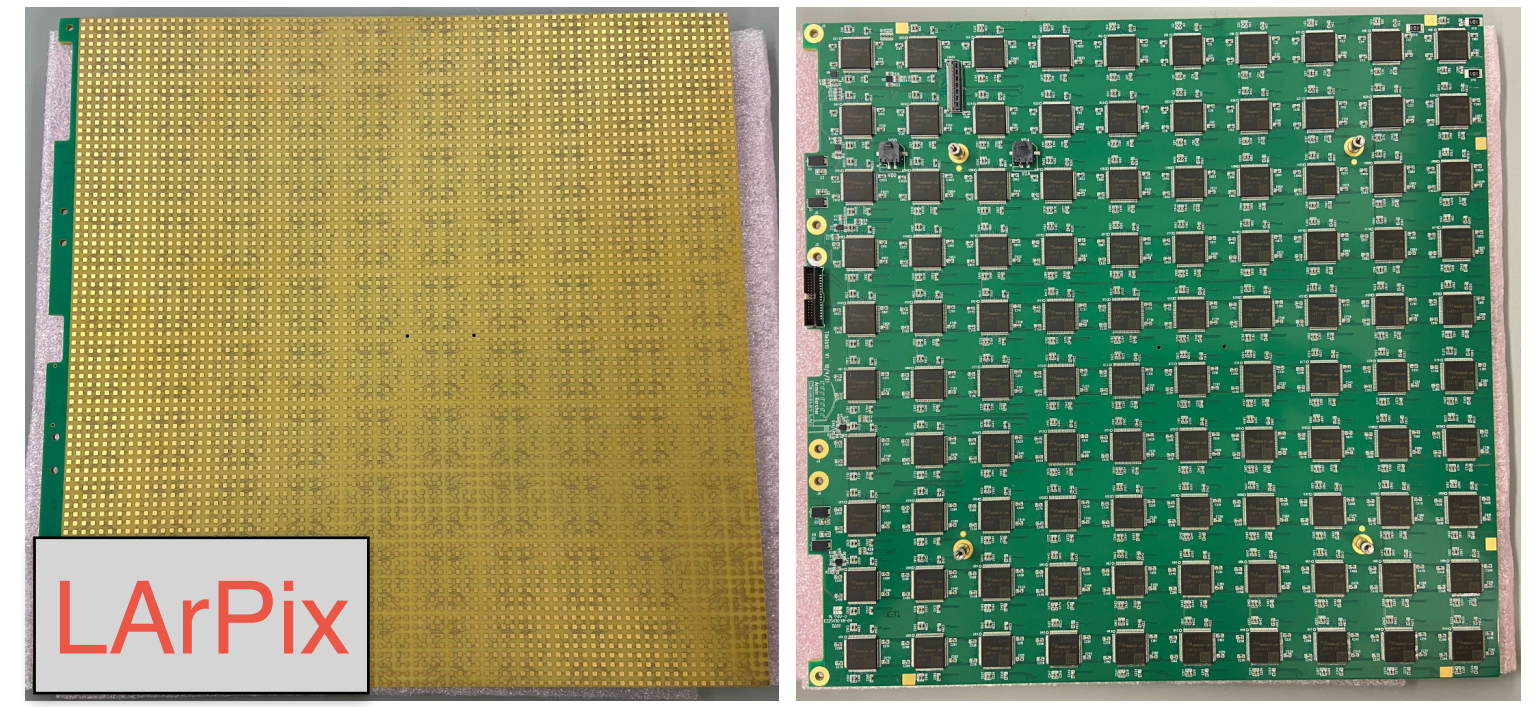
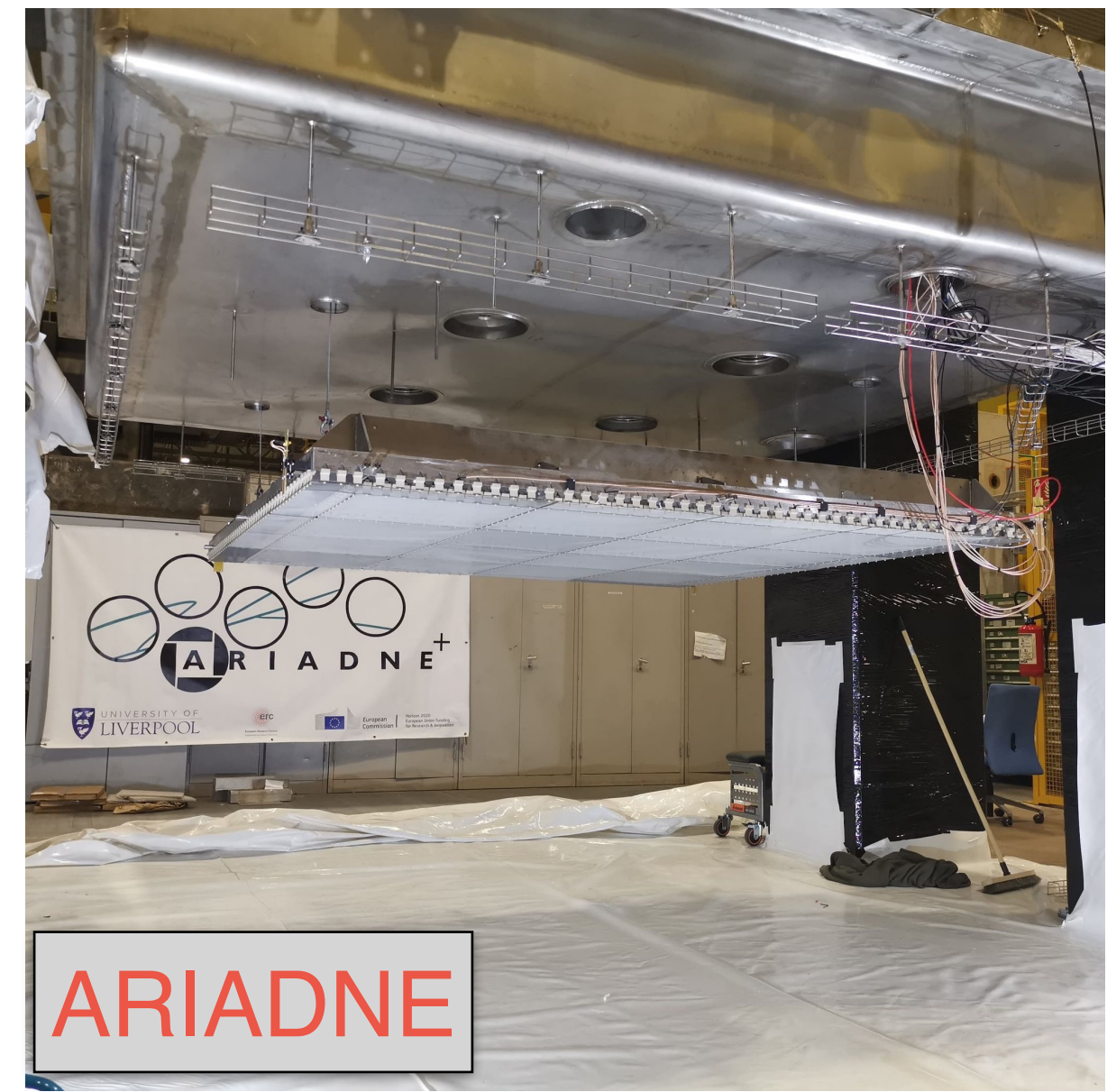
*See talk by L. Pickard on THEIA (DUNE Phase-II parallel)*



# Active Prototyping Underway for FD3/4 Technologies



See talks in the DUNE Phase-II parallel session



# Phase-II FD Technology Integration Options

- All LArTPC technologies can be combined or integrated with others
- The WbLS technology being considered for FD4 will be complementary to LAr

Technology	LArTPC Integration
<b>CRP</b> (Strip-based charge readout)	APEX
<b>APEX</b> (X-ARAPUCA-based light readout on field cage with SiPMs)	CRP, LArPix, Q-Pix, ARIADNE, SoLAr
<b>LArPix, LightPix</b> (Pixel-based charge and light readout)	APEX, SoLAr
<b>Q-Pix, Q-Pix-LILAr</b> (Pixel-based charge and light readout)	APEX, SoLAr
<b>ARIADNE</b> (Dual-phase with optical readout of ionization signal)	APEX
<b>SoLAr</b> (Integrated charge-light pixel readout)	APEX, LArPix, Q-Pix
<b>WbLS</b> (Water-based liquid scintillator)	None (complementary to LAr)

# FD4 Prototyping Plans and Key R&D Goals

- All leading technologies have identified the main R&D challenges
  - *Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) currently achieved:  $TRL \geq 3$  on all items*
- They all have small- and medium-scale prototypes in operation or planned
- The ProtoDUNEs at CERN will continue to serve as an important platform to demonstrate several of these technologies and their potential for integration.

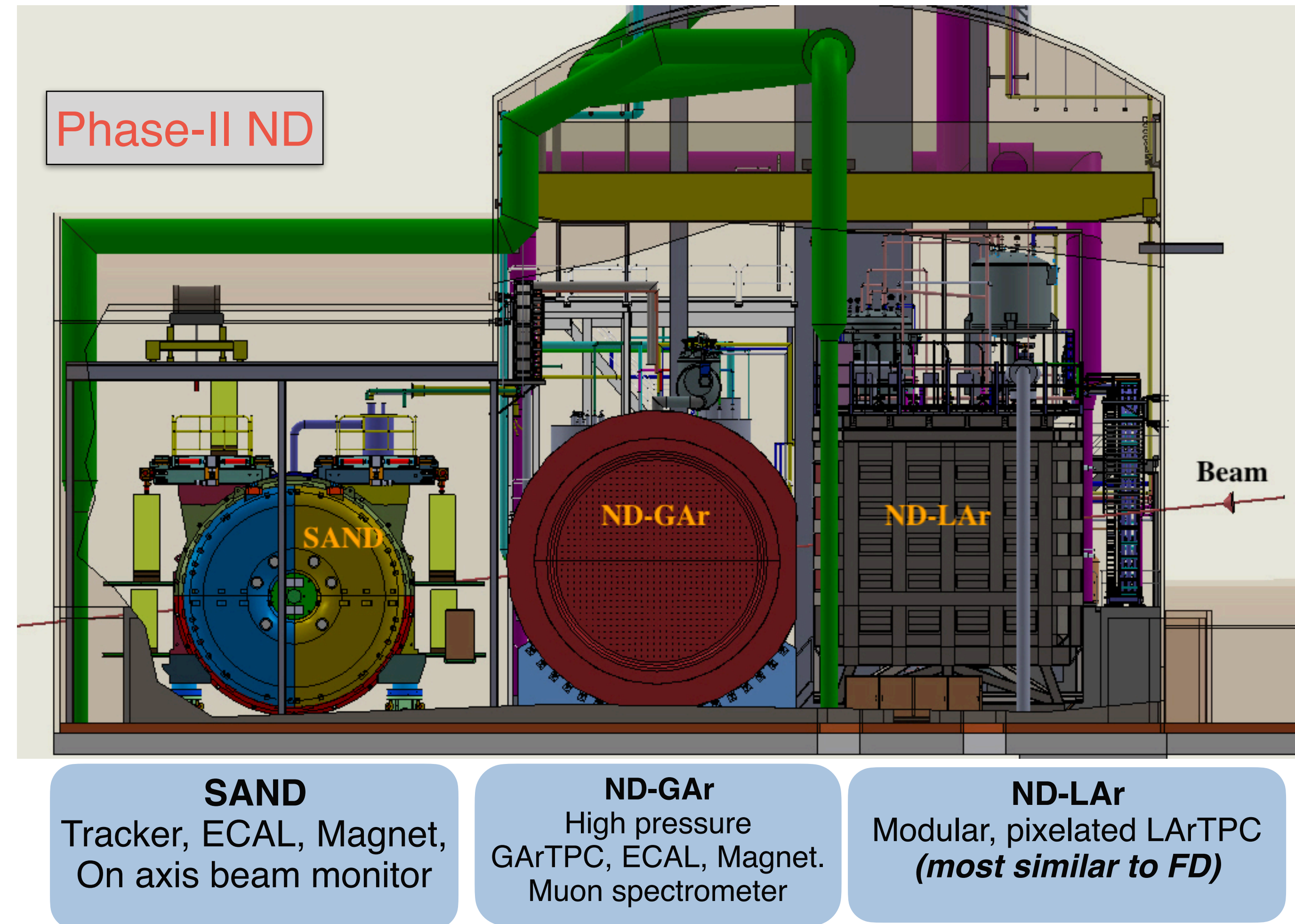
Technology	Prototyping Plans	Key R&D Goals
CRP	<b>2024:</b> Cold Box tests at CERN. <b>2025-2026:</b> ProtoDUNE-VD at CERN.	Port LArASIC to 65 nm process
APEX	<b>2024:</b> 50lt & 1-ton prototypes at CERN. <b>2024-25:</b> $\mathcal{O}(100)$ -channel demonstrator at Fermilab. <b>2025-28:</b> ProtoDUNE-VD at CERN.	Mechanical integration of APEX PD in FC Signal conditioning, digitization and multiplexing in cold
LArPix, LightPix	<b>2024:</b> 2x2 ND demonstrator at Fermilab. <b>2024-25:</b> Cold Box tests at CERN. <b>2026-28:</b> ProtoDUNE at CERN.	Micropower, cryo-compatible, detector-on-a-chip ASIC Scalable integrated 3D pixel anode tile Digital aggregator ASIC and PCB
Q-Pix, Q-Pix-LILAr	<b>2024:</b> Prototype chips in small-scale demonstrator. <b>2025-26:</b> 16 channels/chip prototypes in ton-scale demonstrator at ORNL. <b>2026-27:</b> Full 32-64 channel “physics chip”.	Charge replenishment and measurement of reset time Power consumption R&D on aSe-based devices and other photoconductors
ARIADNE	<b>2024:</b> Glass THGEM production at Liverpool. <b>2025-26:</b> ProtoDUNE-VD at CERN.	Custom optics for TPX3 camera Light Readout Plane design with glass-THGEMs Characterization of next-generation TPX4 camera
SoLAr	<b>2024:</b> Small-size prototypes at Bern. <b>2025-2028:</b> Mid-scale demonstrator at Boulby.	Development of VUV-sensitive SiPMs ASIC-based readout electronics
WbLS	<b>2024-25:</b> Prototypes at BNL (1- & 30-ton), LBNL (EOS), Fermilab (ANNIE). <b>2025-26:</b> BUTTON at Boulby.	WbLS organic component manufacturing WbLS <i>in situ</i> purification Spectral photon sorting (dichroicons)

# Phase-II Near Detector



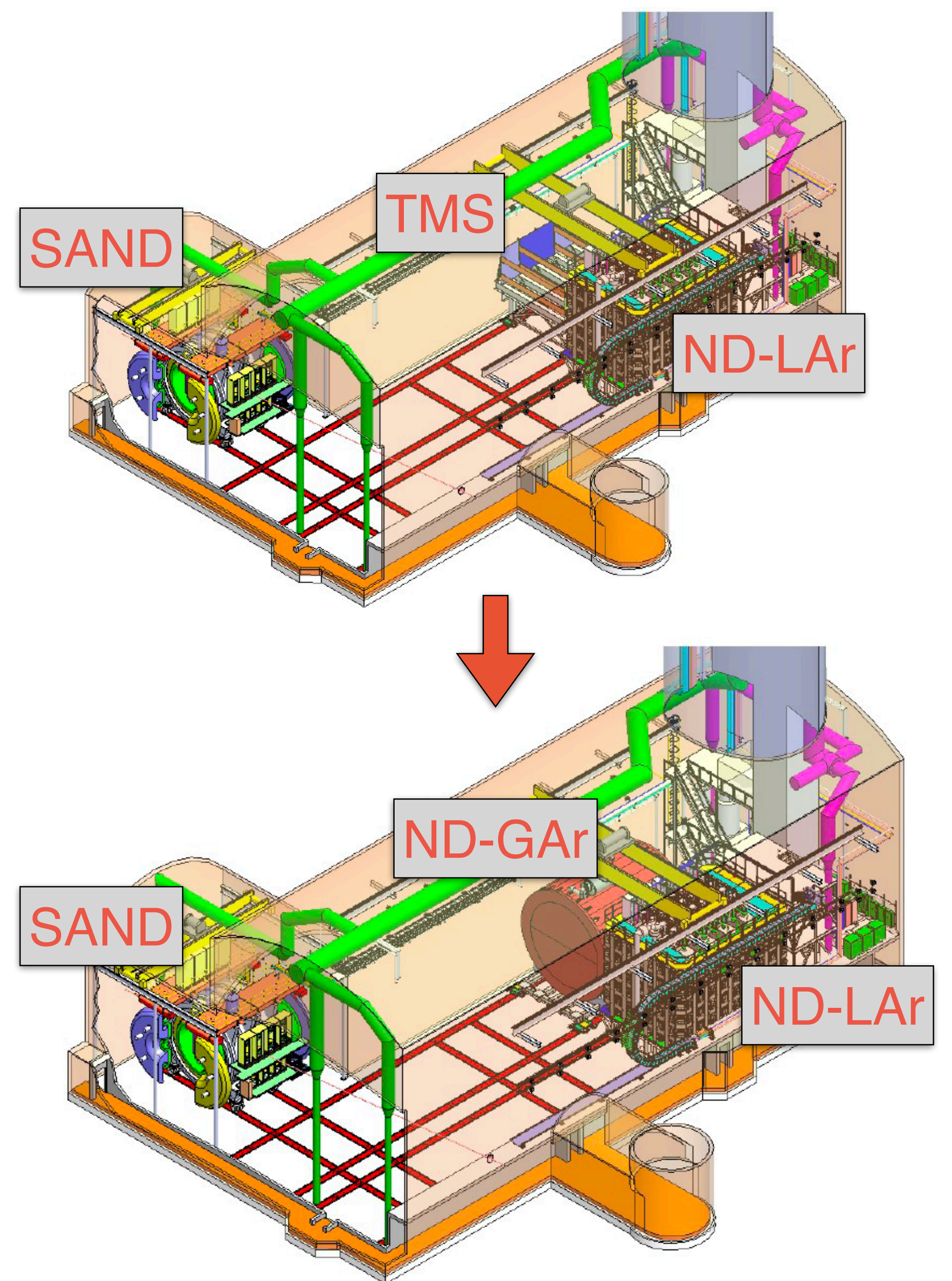
# Phase-II ND Requirements

- To ensure that DUNE is not systematically limited, important to have a More Capable ND in Phase-II
- MCND should expand the physics capabilities of the liquid-argon ND (ND-LAr)
- Phase-II ND Requirements for an Ar target
  - Argon as primary target nucleus
  - Very high particle ID efficiency
  - Low thresholds for protons and pions
  - $4\pi$  acceptance over a wide range of momenta and angles
  - Magnetization for sign selection



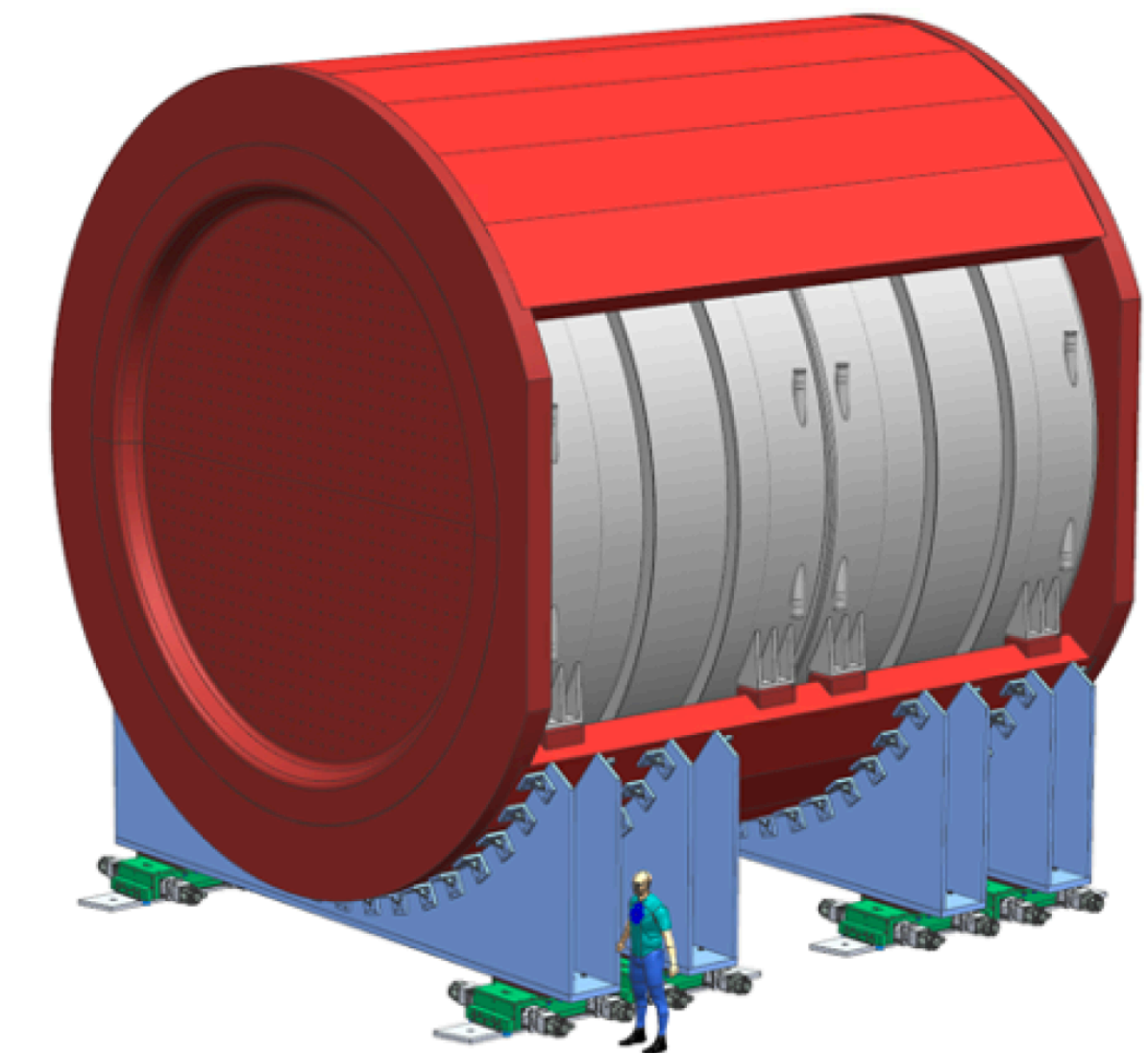
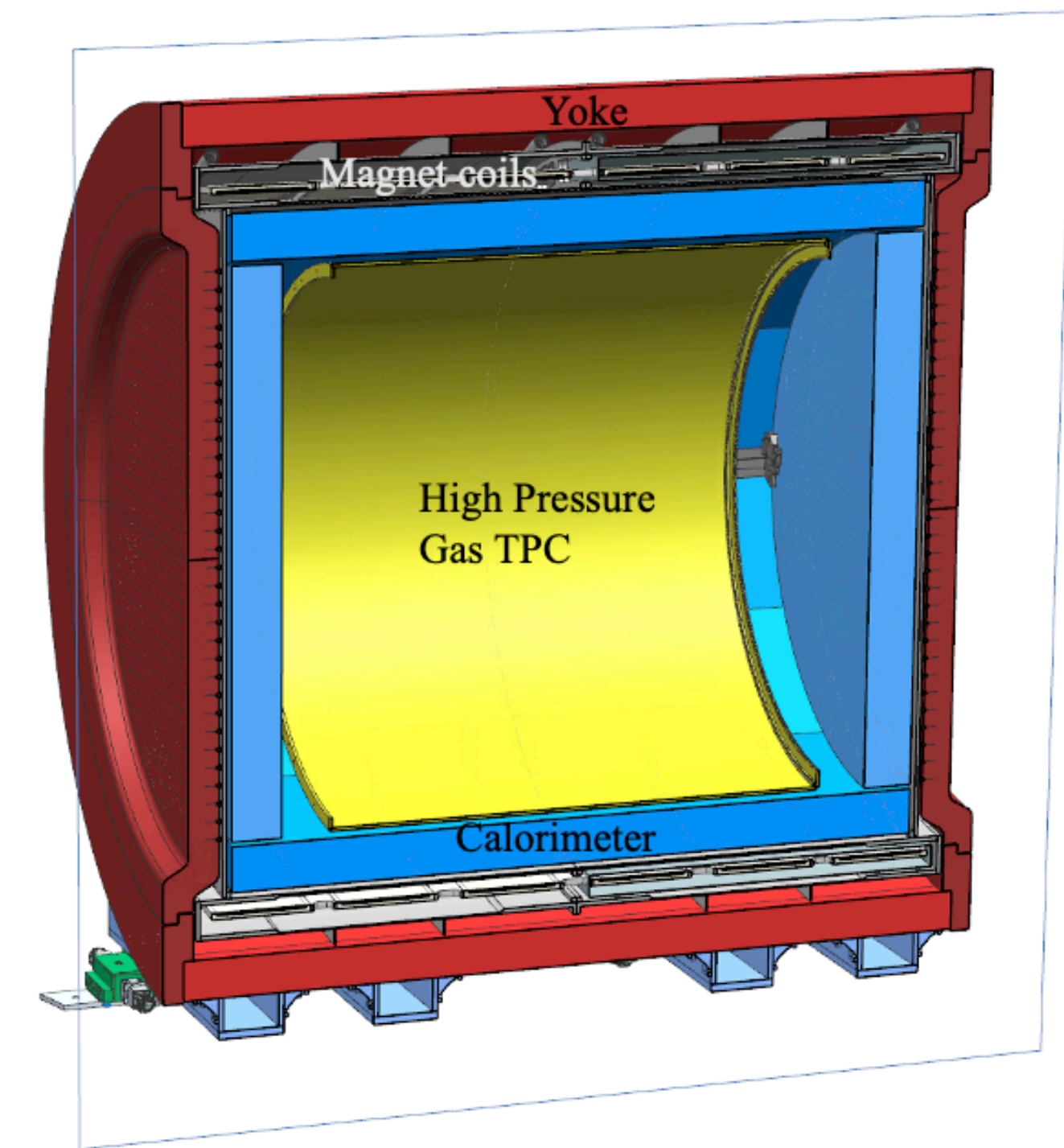
# Phase-I → Phase-II ND

- Gaseous argon detector (ND-GAr) will replace the Temporary Muon Spectrometer (TMS) in DUNE ND Phase-II upgrade
- Upgrades to ND-LAr and SAND are also possible
- If FD4 neutrino target is not Ar (e.g., THEIA), Phase-II ND would need to measure neutrino interactions on those target nuclei
  - *Several options under consideration*



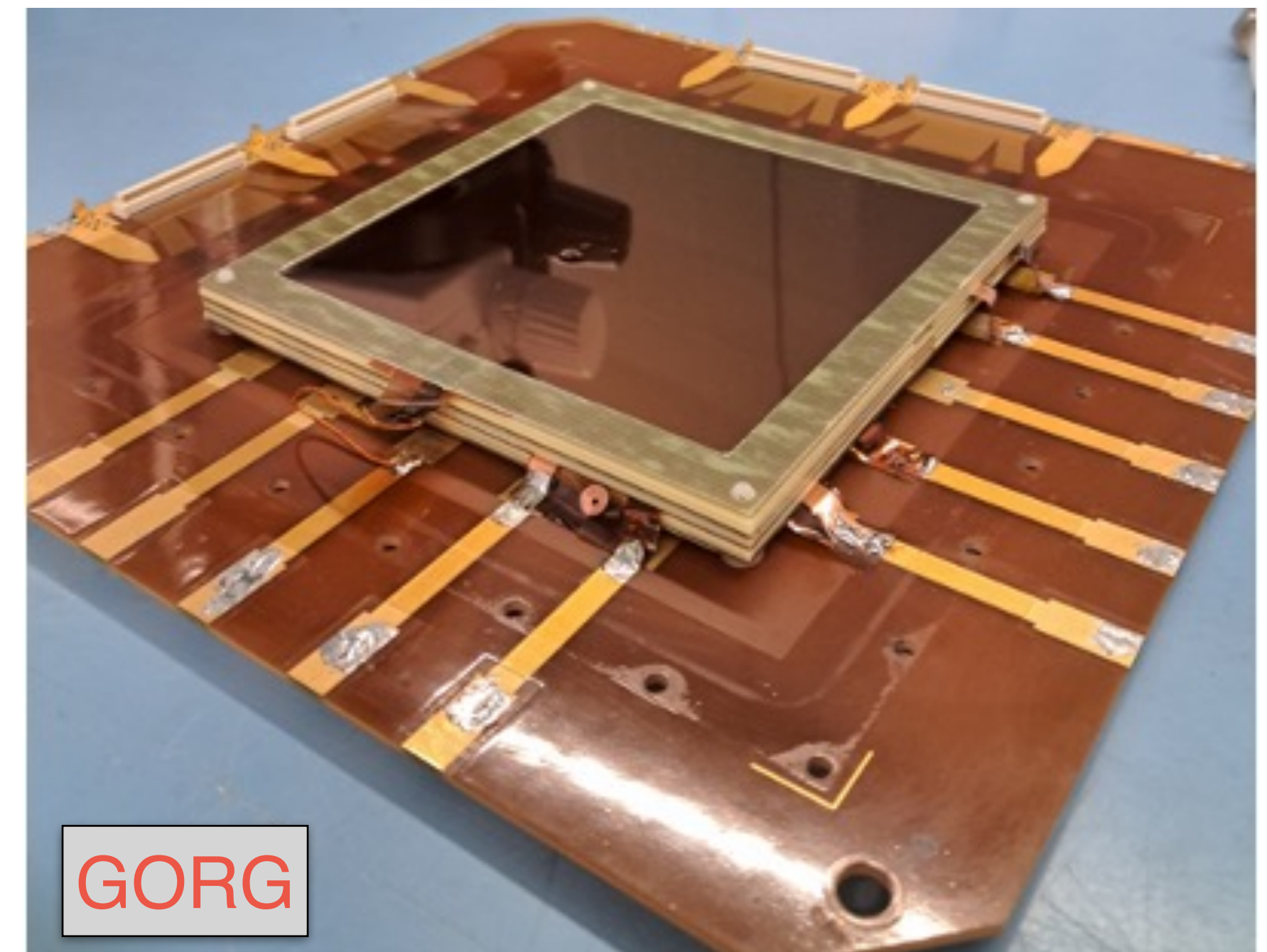
# ND-GAr Baseline Concept

- Cylindrical volume of 5 m linear dimensions filled with gas at 10 bar (~1 ton of Ar)
- Baseline concept includes:
  - *Pressurized gaseous argon TPC*
  - *Surrounding calorimeter*
  - *Magnet: solenoid with partial return yoke*
  - *Muon-tagging system*
- Light detection system maybe necessary to reduce pileup, and to provide the event t0 in events that do not reach the calorimeter
- Will move perpendicularly to beam with ND-LAr (DUNE-PRISM concept)



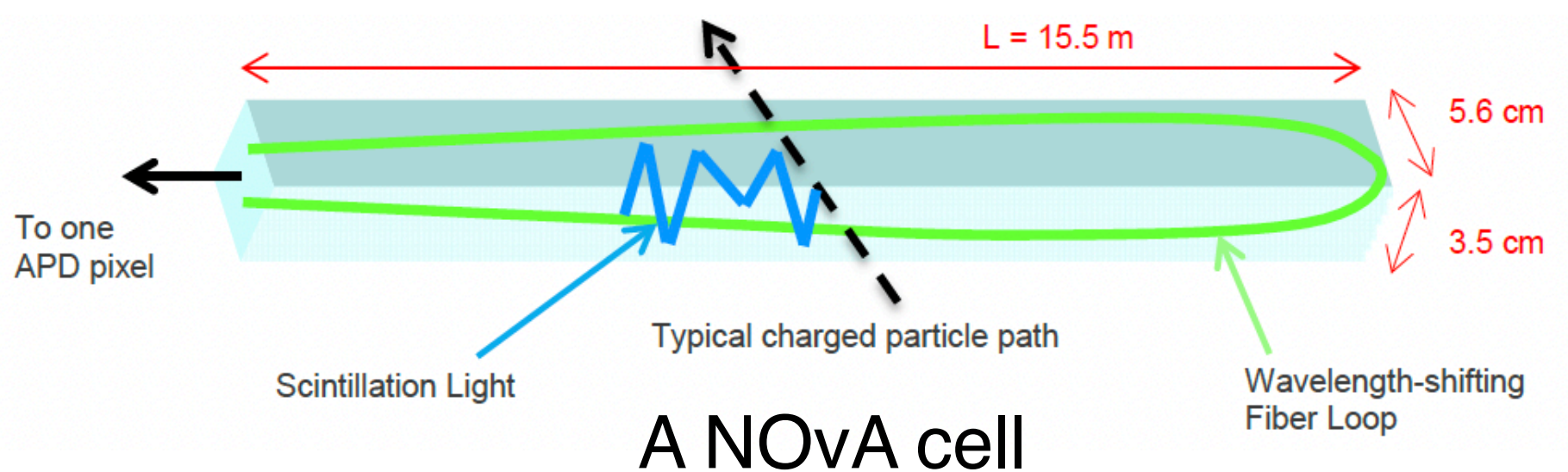
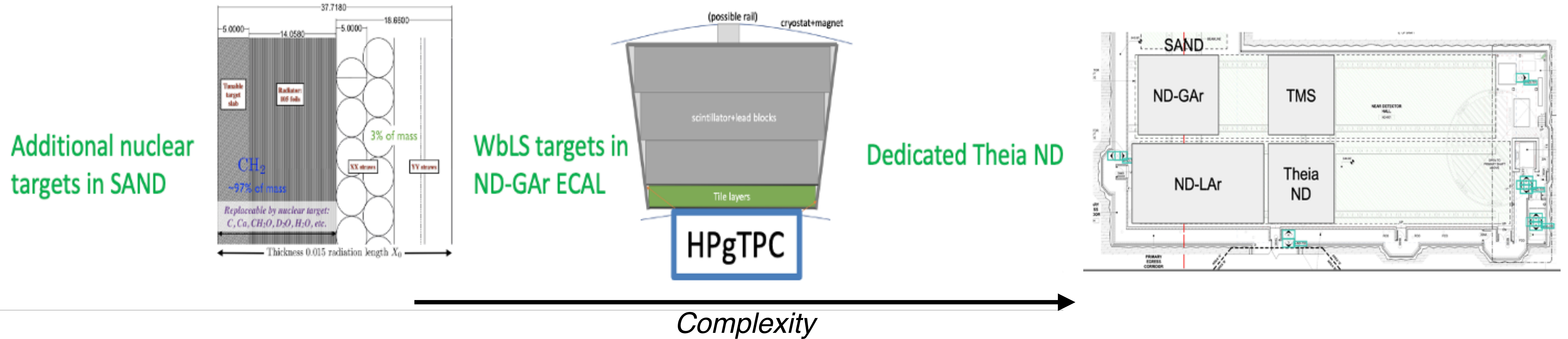
# ND-GAr R&D Roadmap

- Current R&D priority: testing the full chain from amplification technology to readout electronics in a high-pressure test stand
  - *Ensure adequate stability and gain in a non-flammable gas with a high argon fraction*
- Amplification technology: both MWPCs and GEMs currently being tested

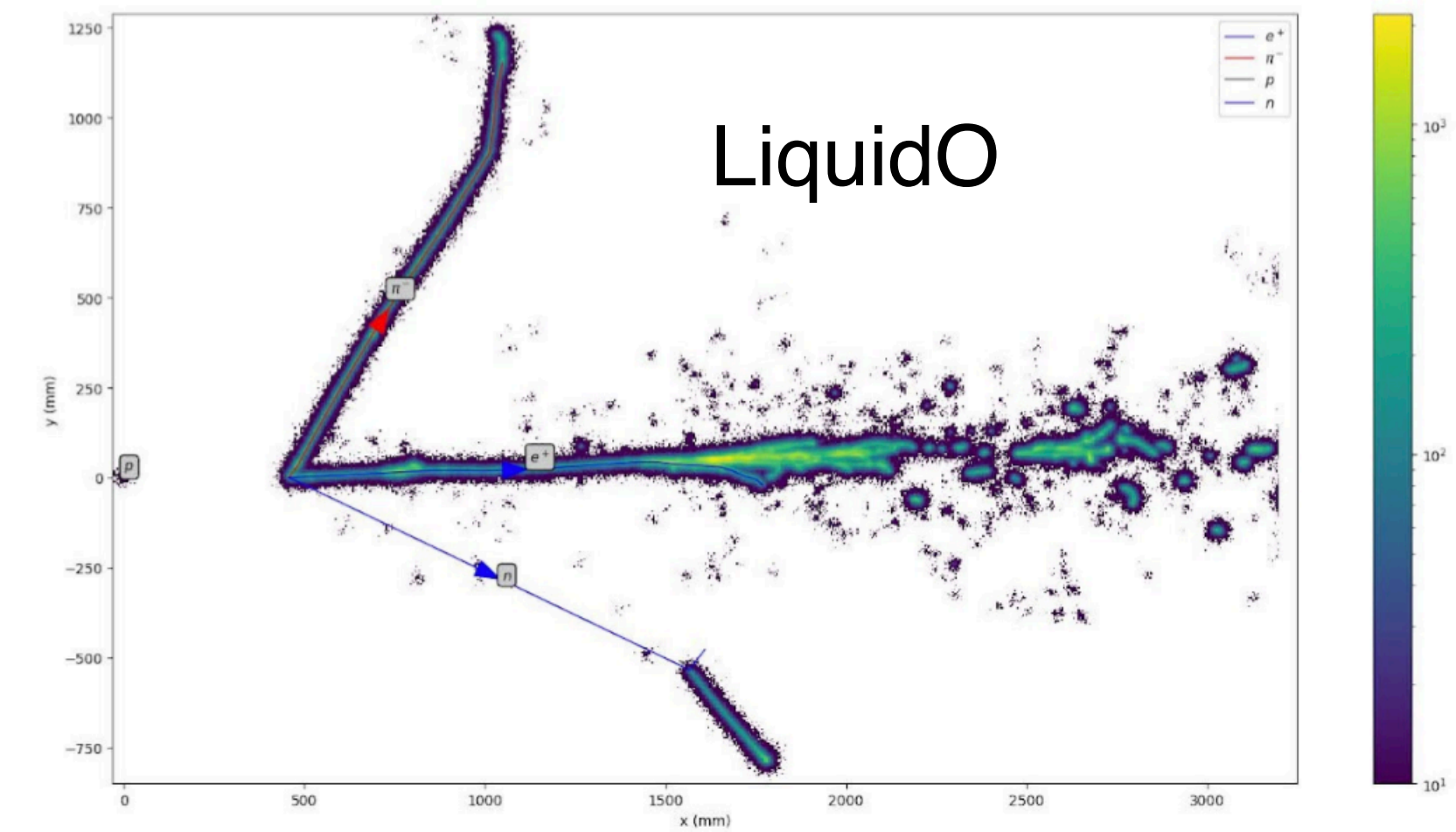


# ND Options for Non-Argon Far Detectors

- Several options under consideration

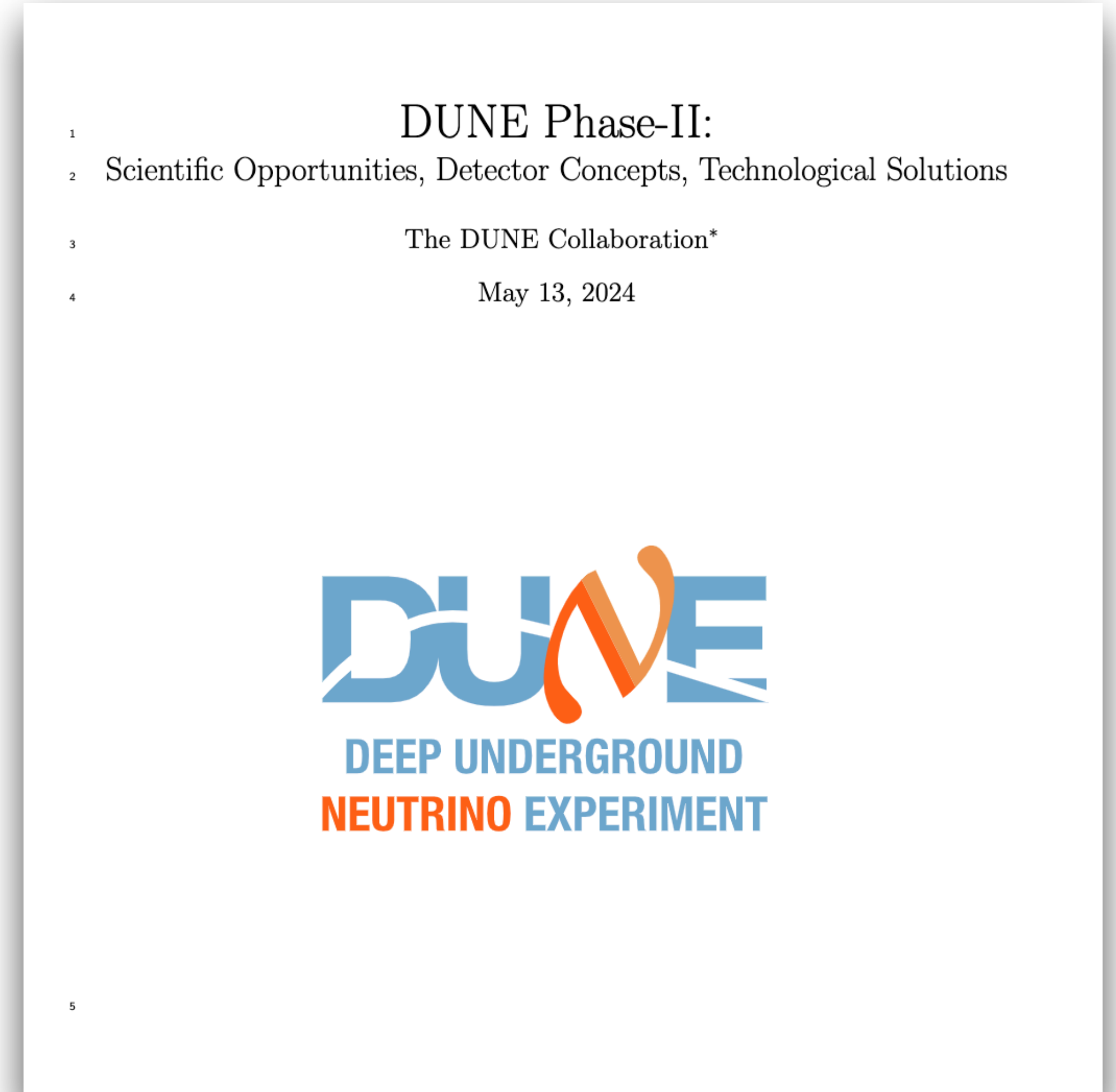


- Options for a dedicated WbND
- **NOvA-style ND** (replace NOvA scintillator with WbLS)
- **LiquidO ND** (use opaque scintillators with mm-scale scattering length to produce high resolution images of  $\nu$  interactions)



# A Phase-II White Paper

- A White Paper (~70 pages) that discusses scientific opportunities and detector concepts along with a R&D roadmap for Phase-II near and far detector is underway
- Will be made public soon (arXiv and journal publication)
- Currently going through internal collaboration review
- Will serve as a reference for various stakeholders (e.g. funding agencies, new collaborators etc.)
- *All Phase-II efforts are also open to institutions that are currently not part of DUNE Phase-I*



# Summary

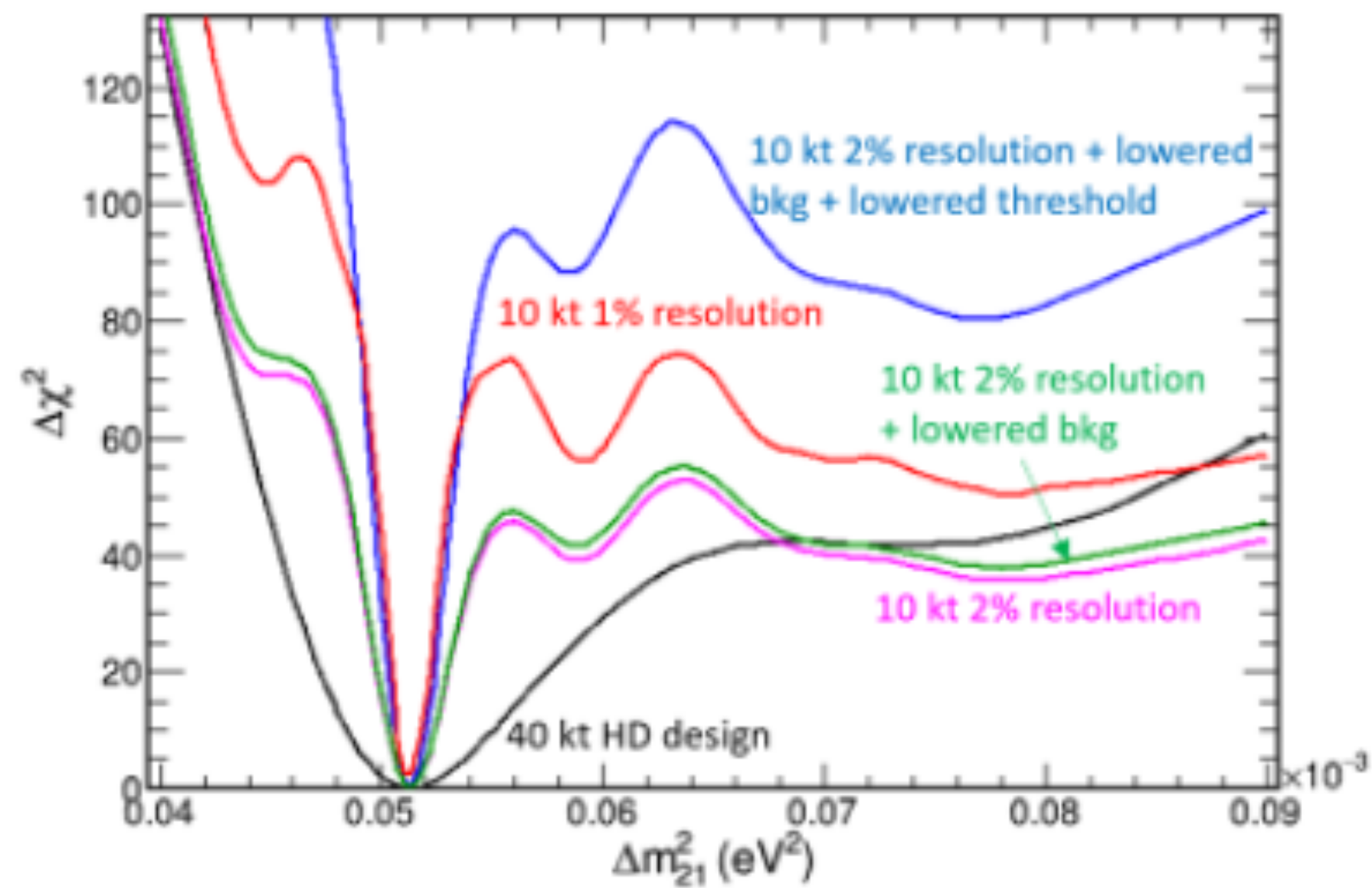
- **Science:** Phase-II is essential to realize DUNE's full physics potential, as strongly endorsed also by 2023 P5 and European Strategy for Particle Physics
- **Design and R&D:** Significant progress in the past months towards defining a baseline scenario for Phase-II FD & ND
  - *Detector requirements and concepts are being developed*
  - *Key R&D goals have been identified, prototyping actively underway*
  - *Details in DUNE Phase-II White Paper, to be made public soon*
- **Infrastructures:** LBNF facilities at both the near and far sites support Phase-II beam and detectors from the beginning (part of Phase-I scope), simplifying Phase-II implementation
- **Resources:** Phase-II project highly international, with funding expected to be shared between US and non-US partners similarly to Phase-I
- **Timeline:** In a technically-limited schedule, FD3 cryostat installation could start in 2029, with FD3 filling in 2034. MCND and FD4 would follow after that.

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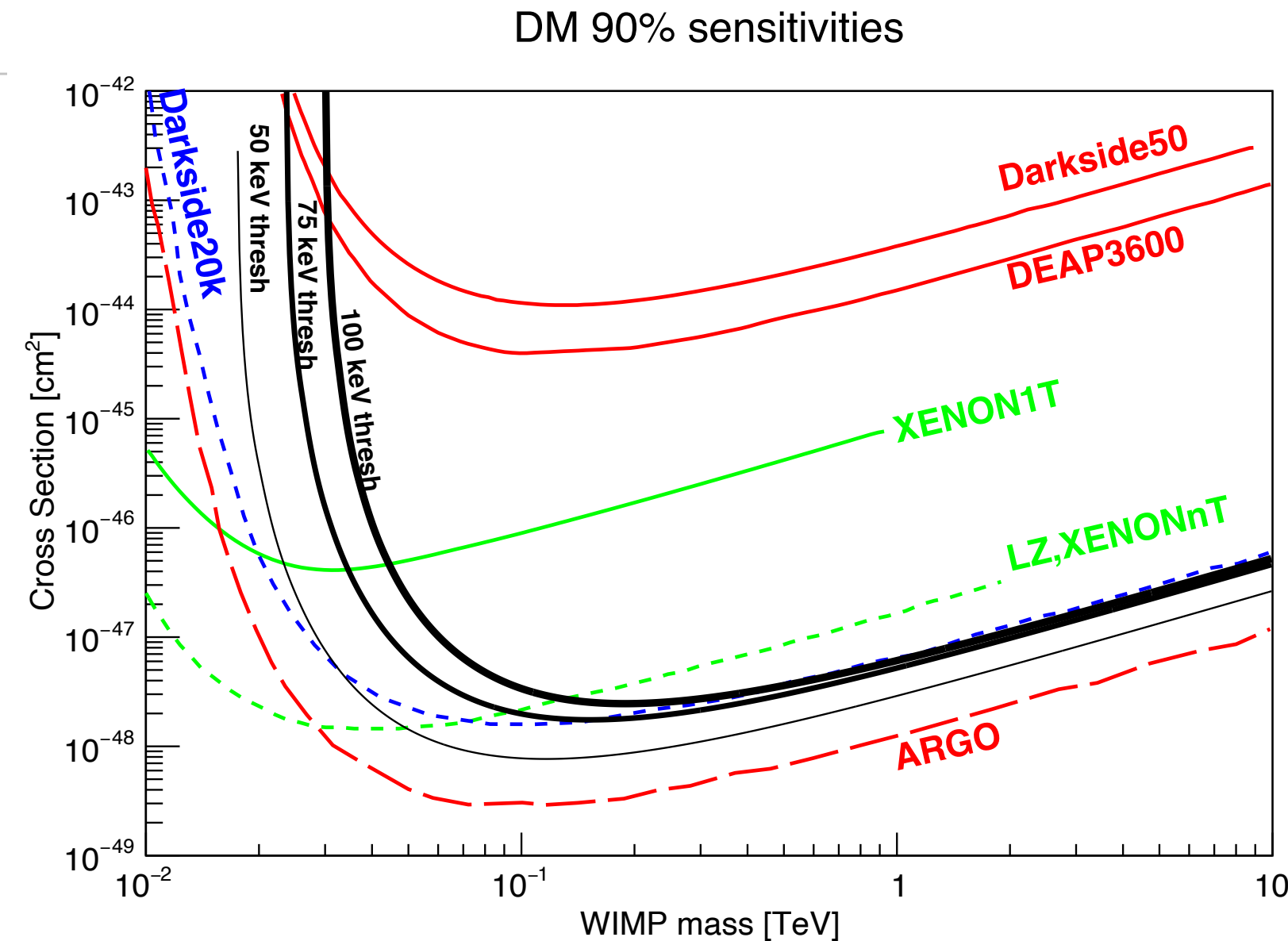


# Physics Enabled by Low Backgrounds

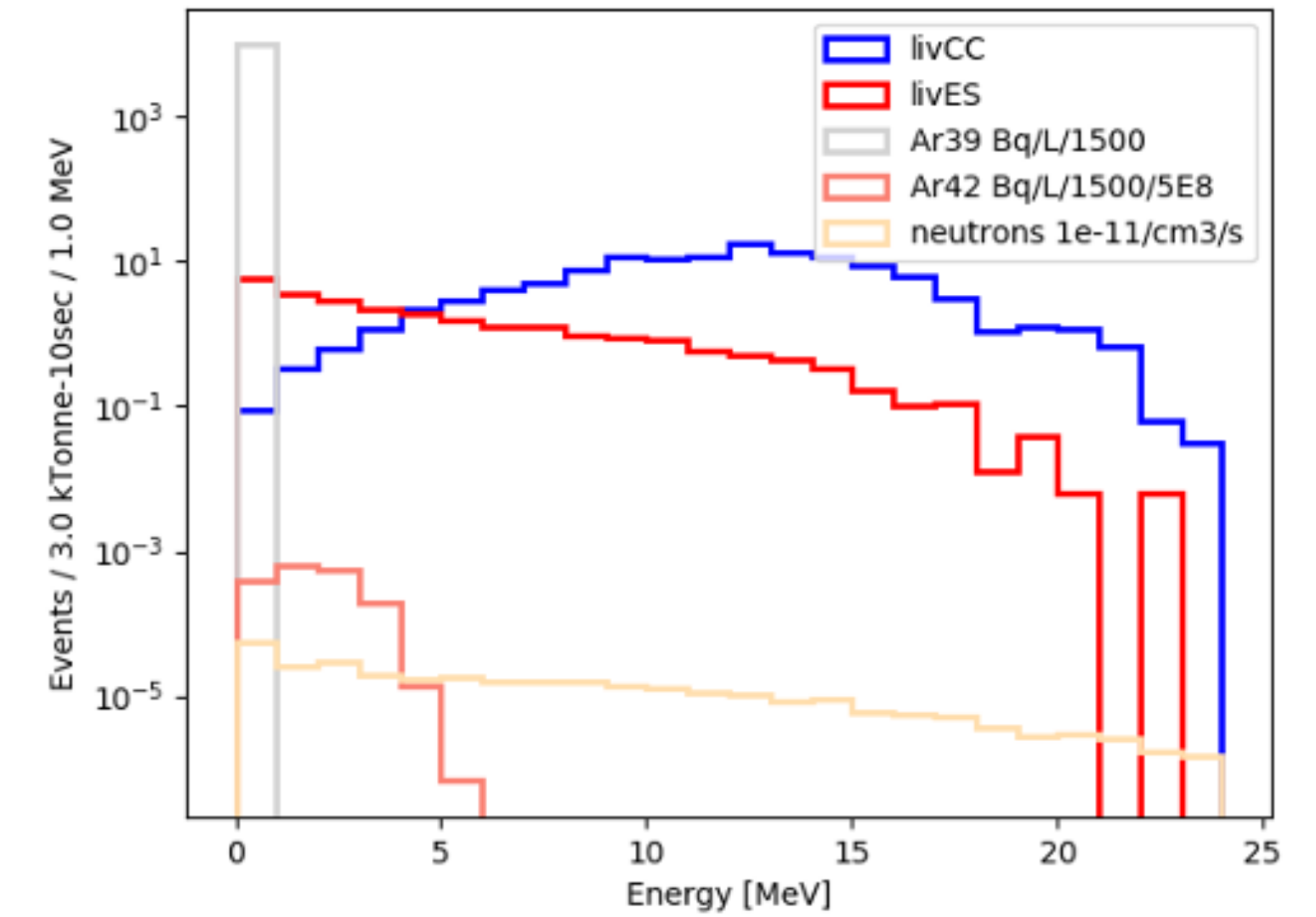
- Example physics enabled by low backgrounds and radio purity control



Solar neutrino parameters tighten up considerably



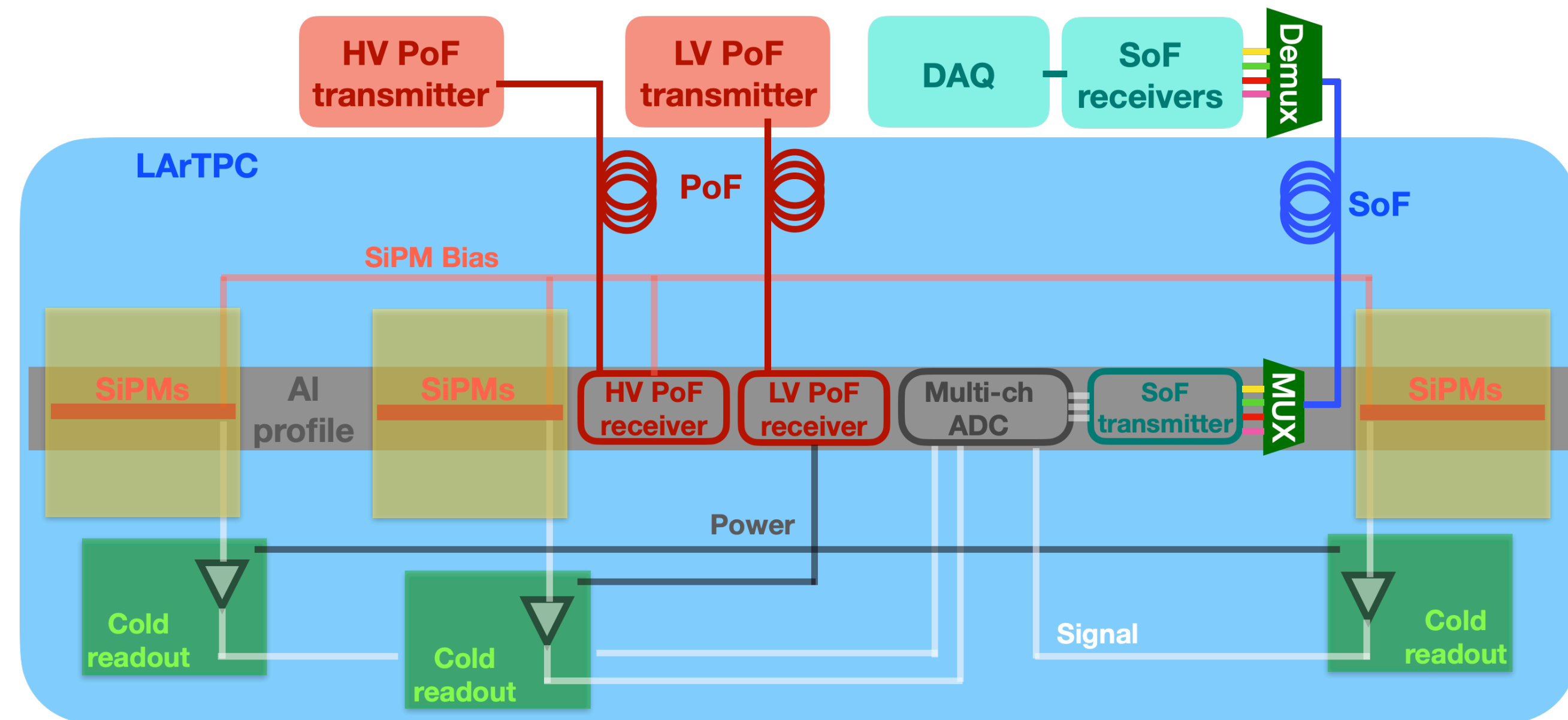
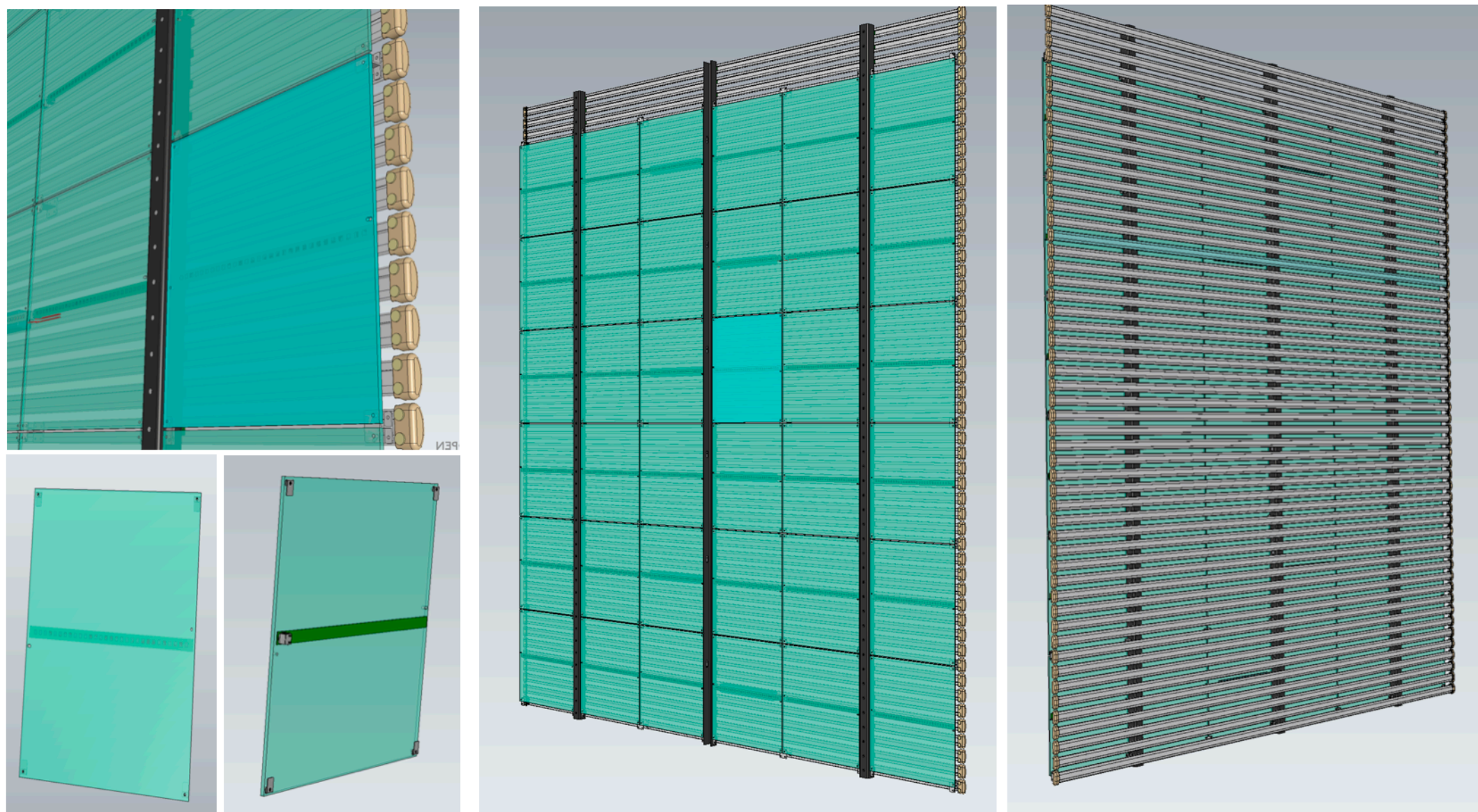
Supernova distance sensitivity and pointing accuracy (due to access to elastics) increases



A WIMP search becomes possible with FD module's enormous volume, the interior of which can be fiduciarized and densely instrumented

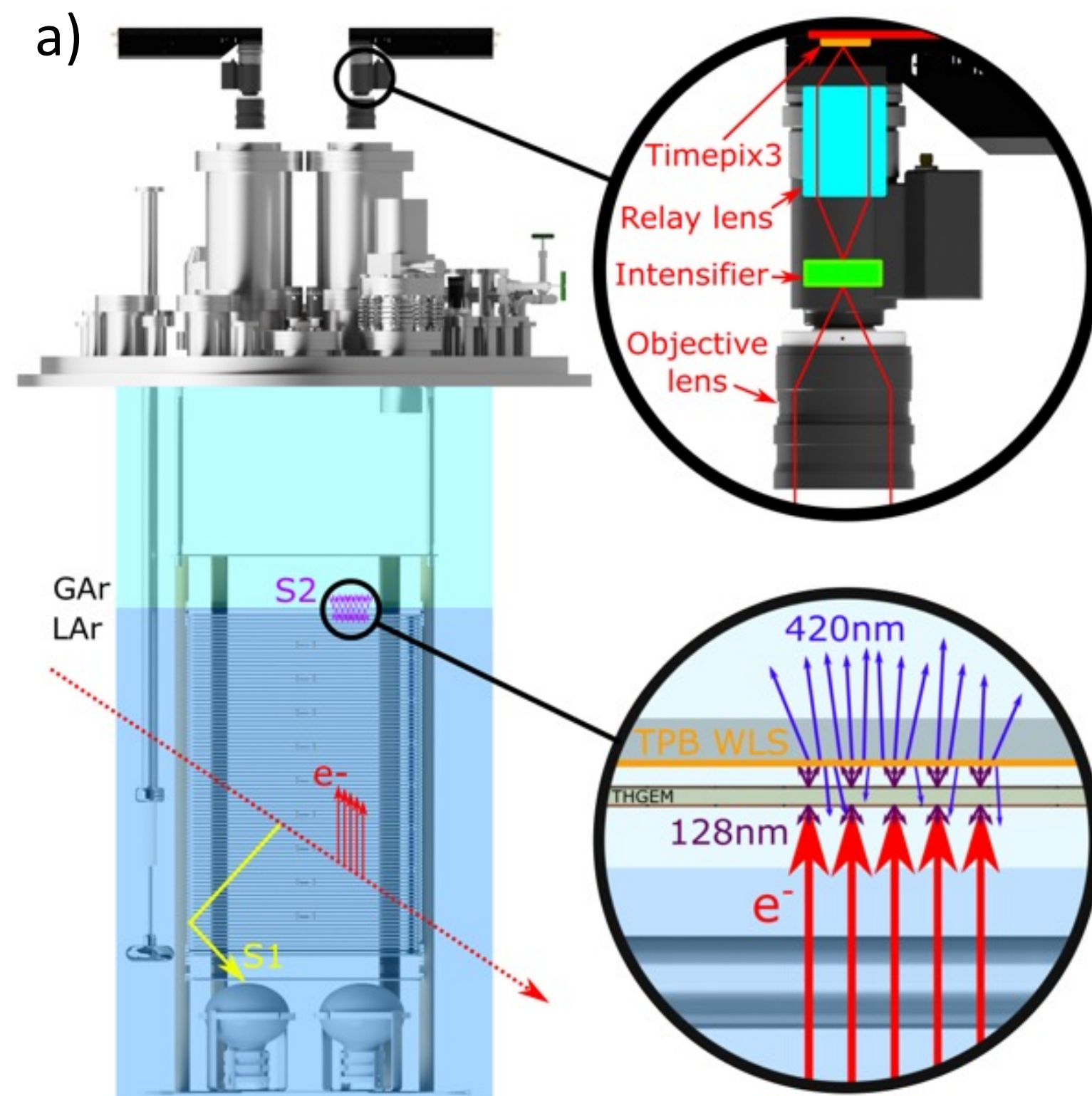
# APEX (Aluminum Profiles with Embedded X-Arapucas)

- A fully integrated VD TPC field cage + Photon Detector System
- Keep the same FC structure as designed for the DUNE FD2 VD Module
- Simplify the ARAPUCA concept, and significantly increase photon system coverage
- Expand Power-over-Fiber (PoF) and Signal-over-Fiber (SoF) technologies developed for FD2, adopt digital optical readout



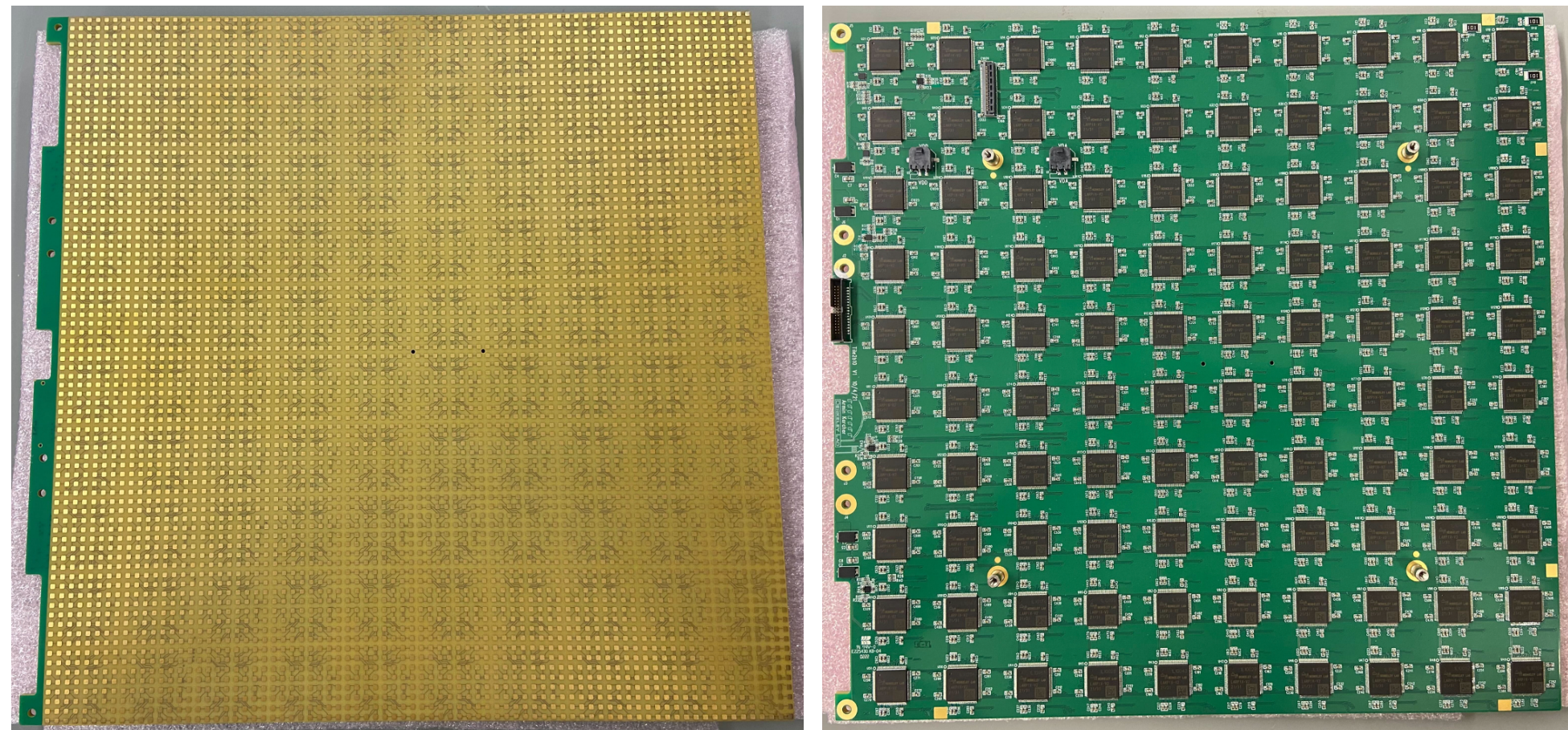
# ARIADNE

- Optical-based charge readout: S2 light produced in THGEM holes can be captured by fast cameras (eg, TimePIX3) to reconstruct in 3D the primary ionization track
- Successfully prototyped with 1-ton ARIADNE and ARIADNE+



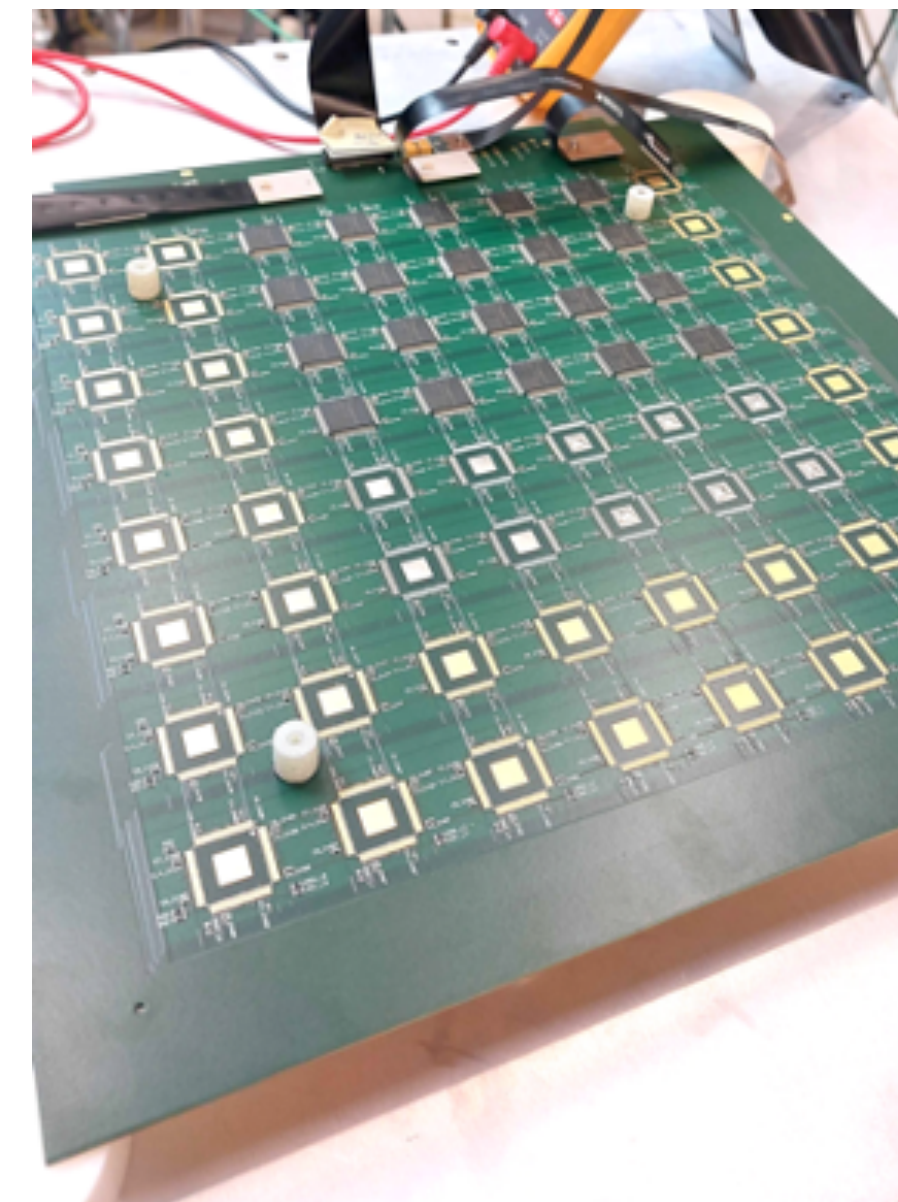
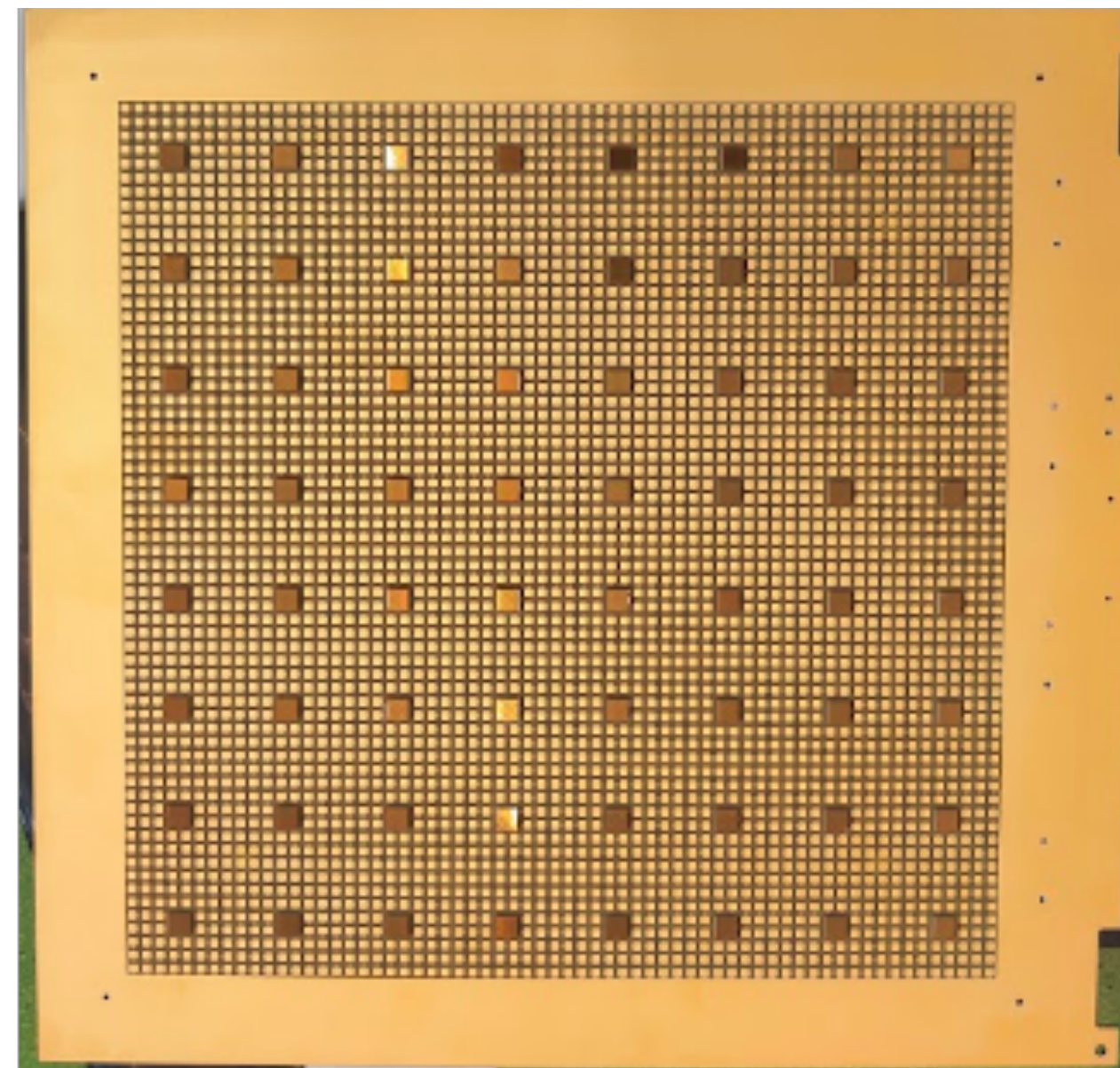
# LArPix

- Complete pixel readout system for LArTPCs, developed for ND-LAr
- Relies on LArPix ASIC, a 64-ch detector system-on-a-chip including analog amplification, self-triggering, digitization, multiplexing, and a configuration controller
- Current LArPix-v2 pixel tile has 32x32 cm<sup>2</sup> size, 6400 pixels at 3.8 mm pitch, and 100 ASICs
- LightPix: LArPix ASIC variant designed for scalable readout of very large arrays of SiPMs



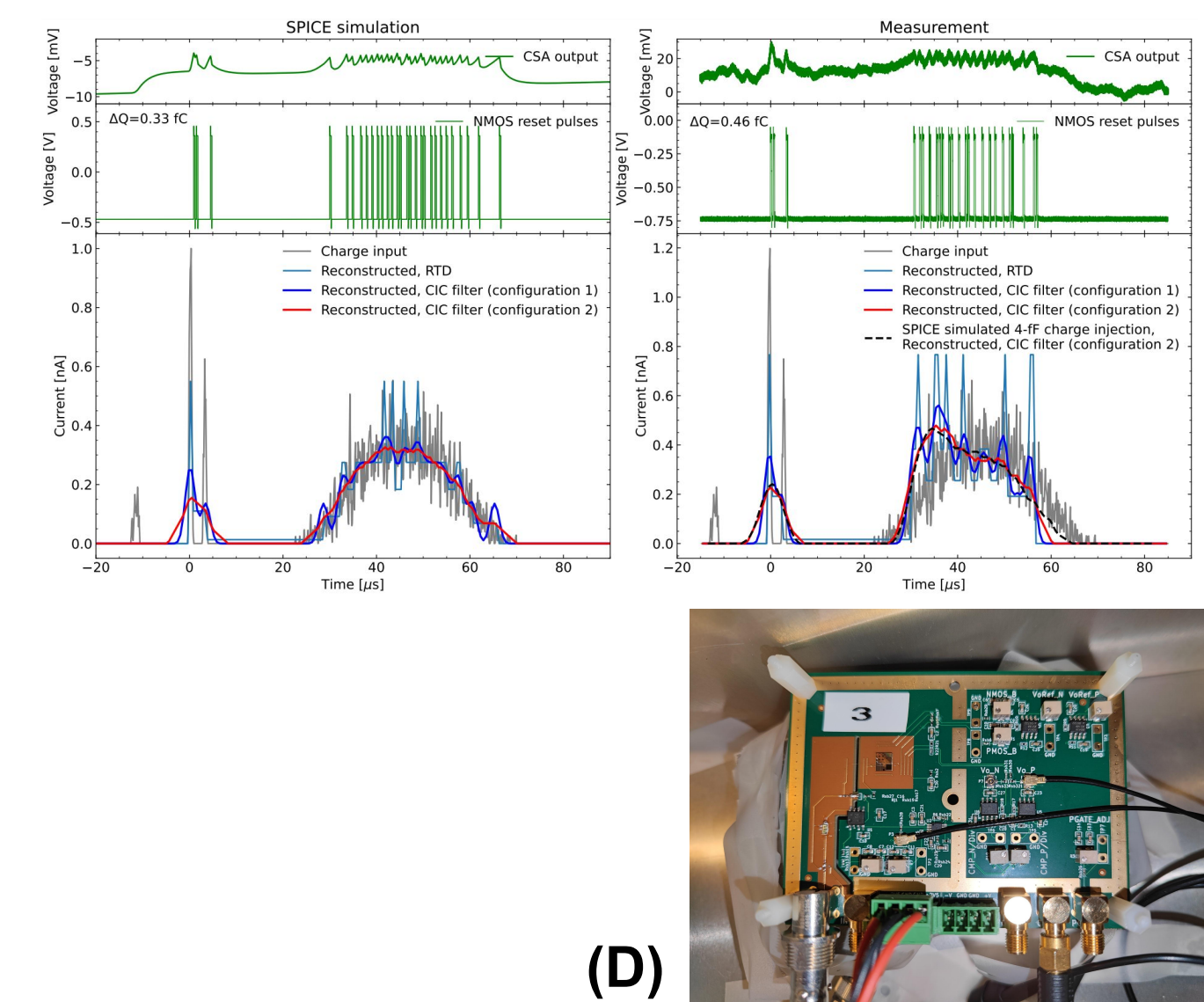
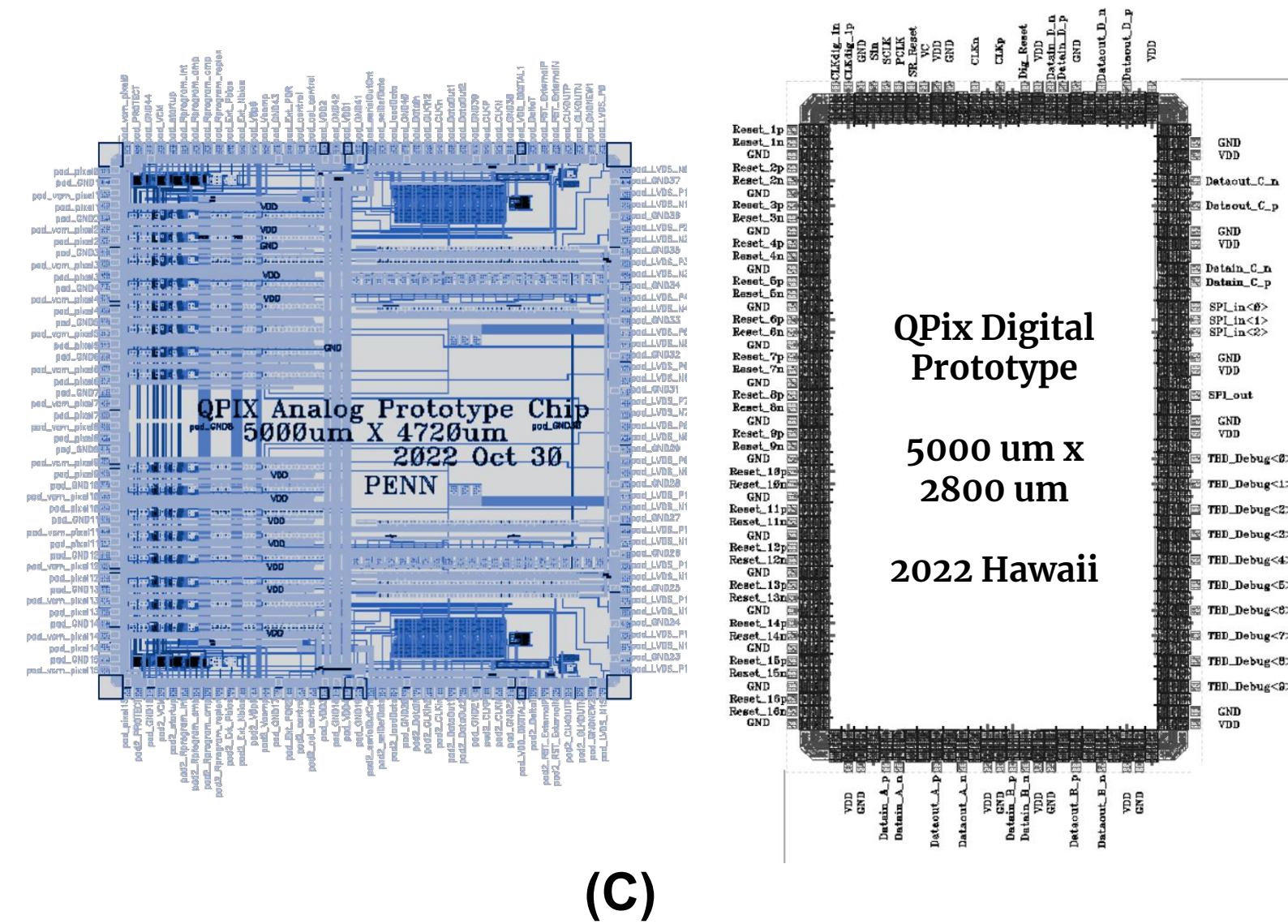
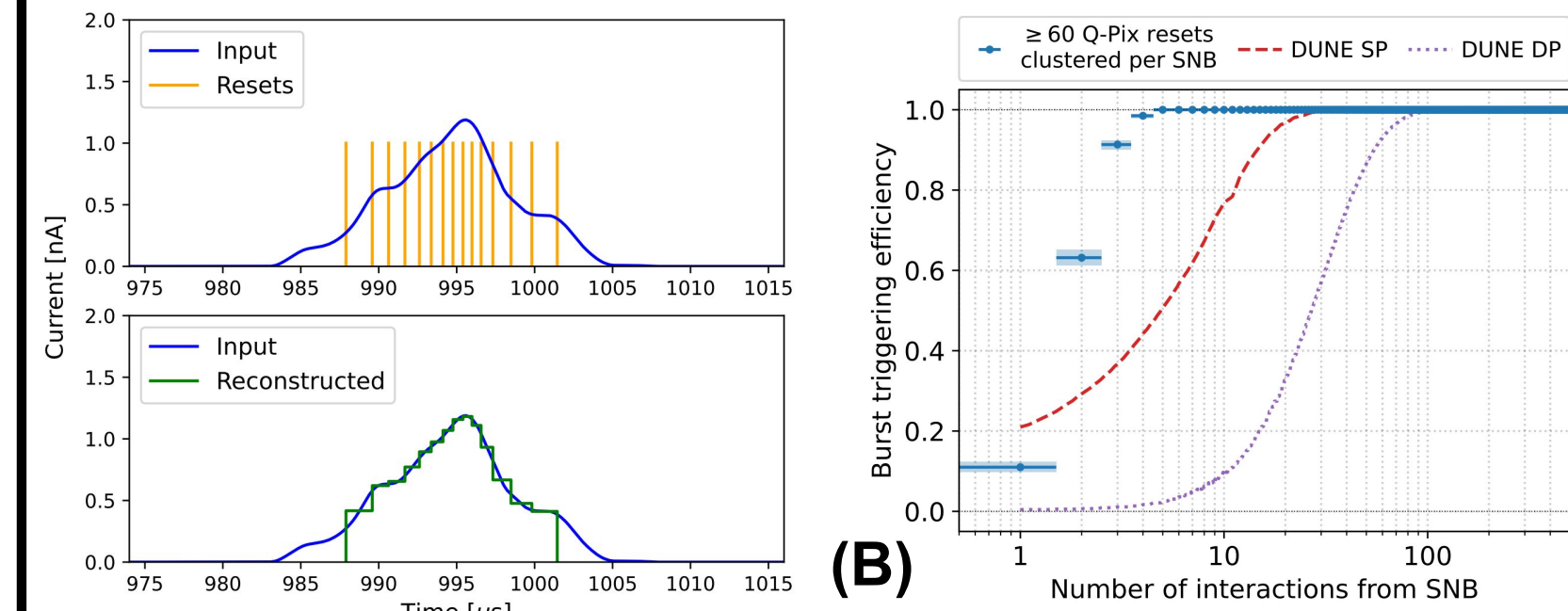
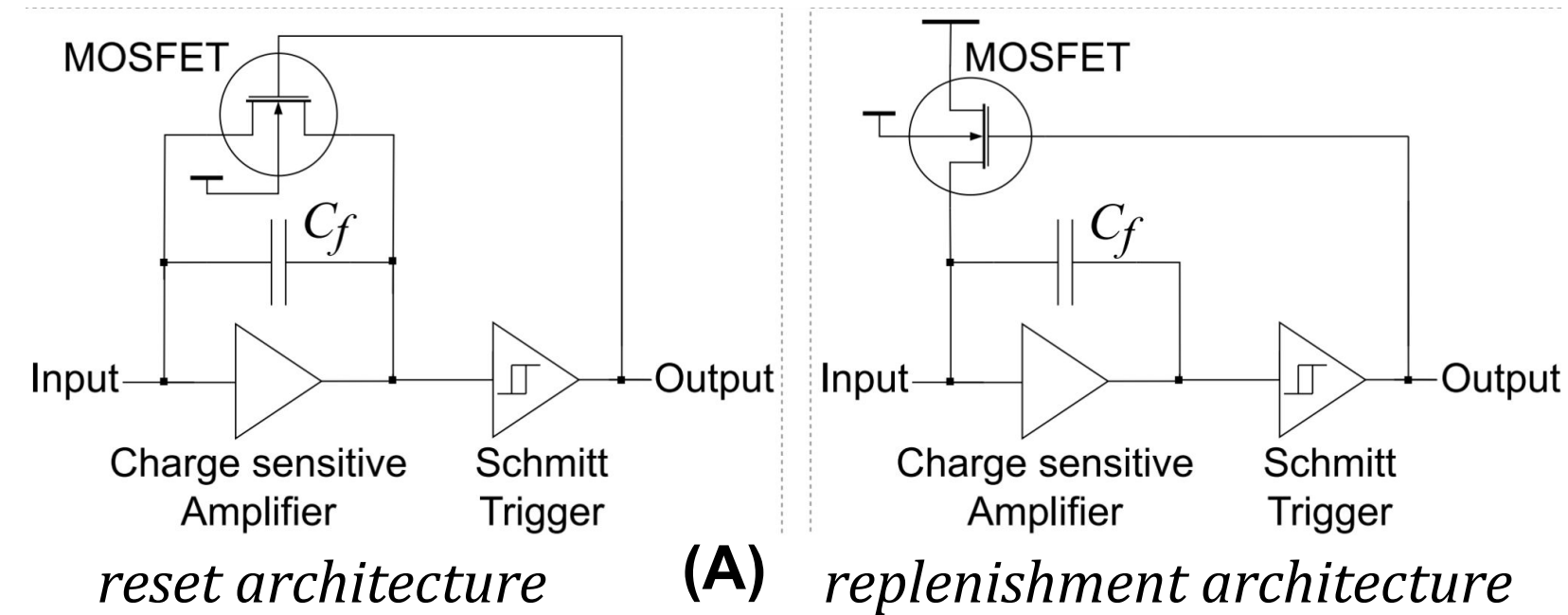
# SoLAr

- Integrated array of VUV SiPMs on pixelated anode
- Online localized triggering for dealing with high data rates
- Existing prototypes:
  - *SoLAr v1: 7x7 cm<sup>2</sup> anode plane, 16 VUV SiPMs, 3.5 mm pitch, 4 LArPix v2a chips*
  - *SoLAr v2: 30x30 cm<sup>2</sup> anode plane, 64 VUV SiPMs, 4 mm pitch, 20 LArPix v2b chips*



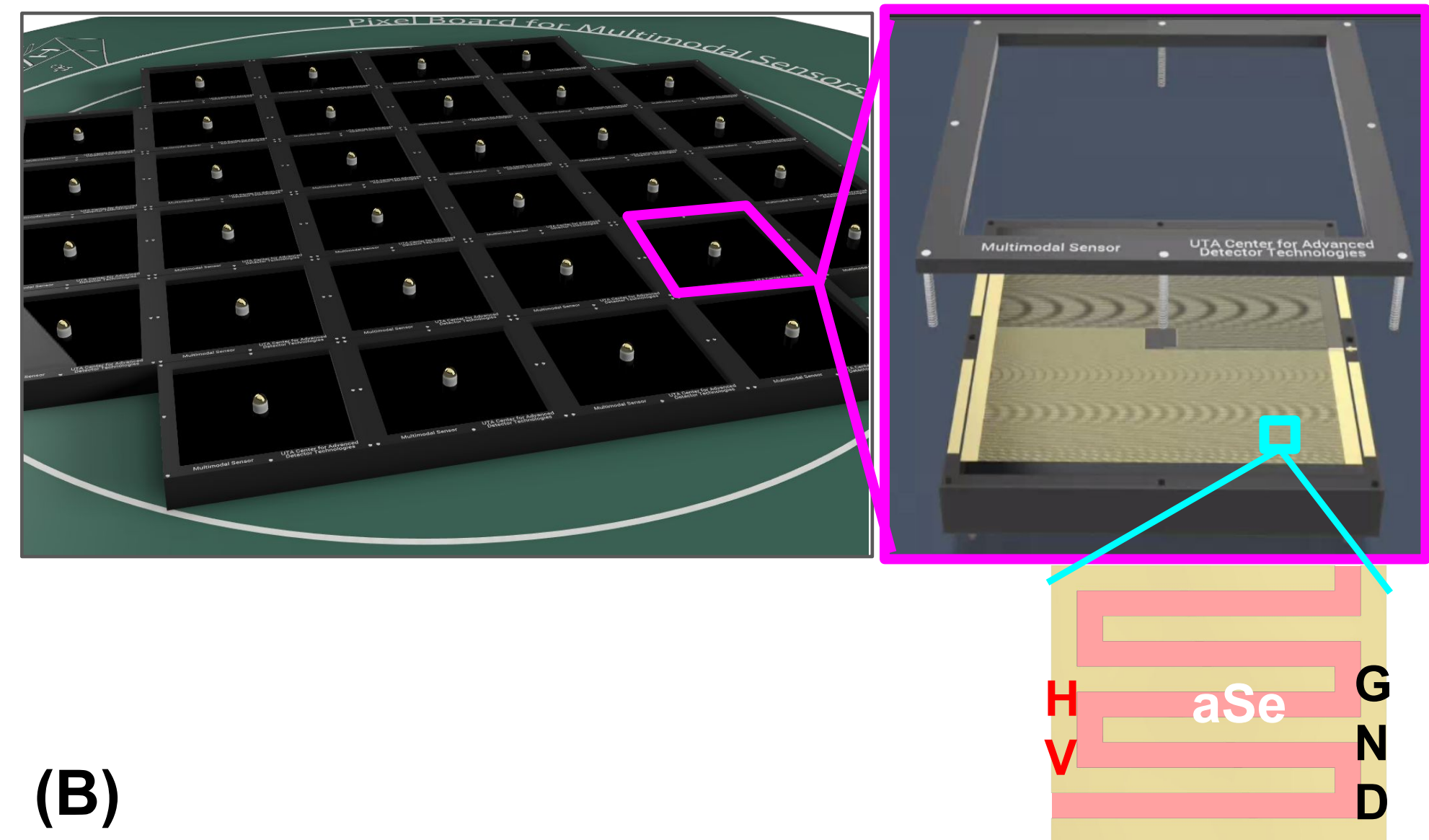
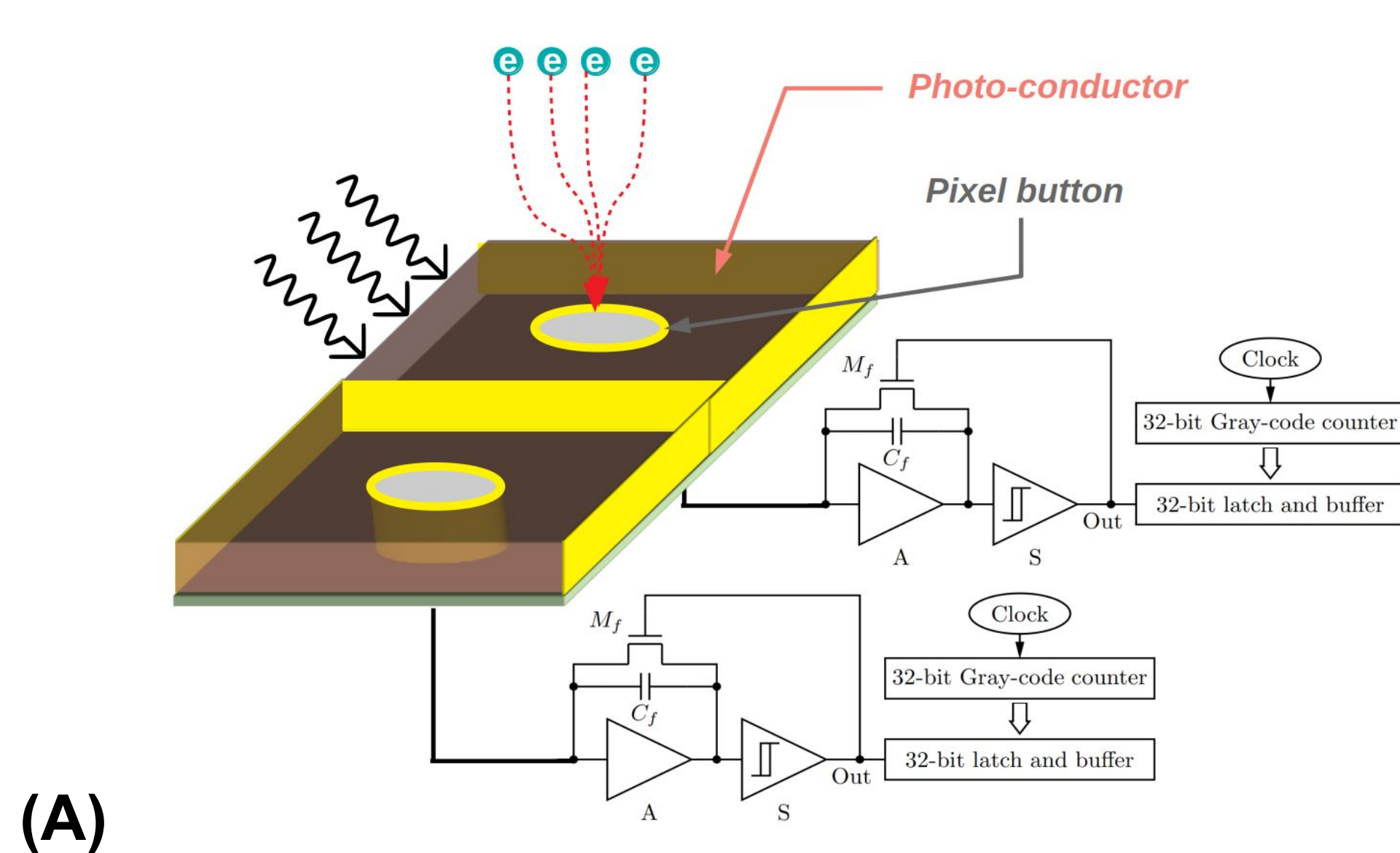
# Q-Pix

- Self-triggering, low-threshold, high-granularity pixelated readout
- Changes basic quantum of information from traditional “charge per unit of time” data format to time difference between clock captures for a fixed  $\Delta Q \rightarrow$  low data throughput
- A number of prototypes are currently under construction and evaluation



# Q-Pix Light

- Integrated charge and light readout on anode: coating of Q-Pix charge readout with photoconductive material (eg, aSe) that, when struck by a VUV photon, would generate a signal detectable by the same readout scheme used for ionization charge
- Viability of an aSe-based device at cryogenic temperatures with response to VUV photons has been demonstrated

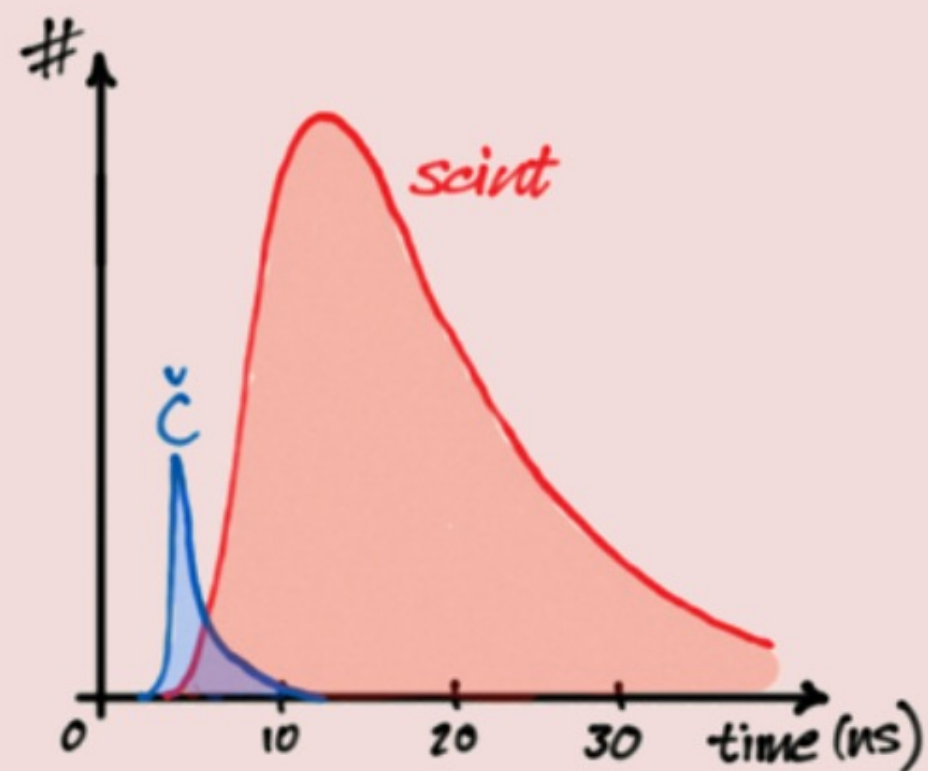


# THEIA

- THEIA technologies: WbLS, fast photon detectors (PMTs or LAPPDs) and dichroic filters
- THEIA prototypes: 1-/30-ton at BNL, EOS at LBNL, ANNIE at Fermilab, BUTTON at Boulby
- Hybrid optical technology: practical Cherenkov/Scintillation light separation

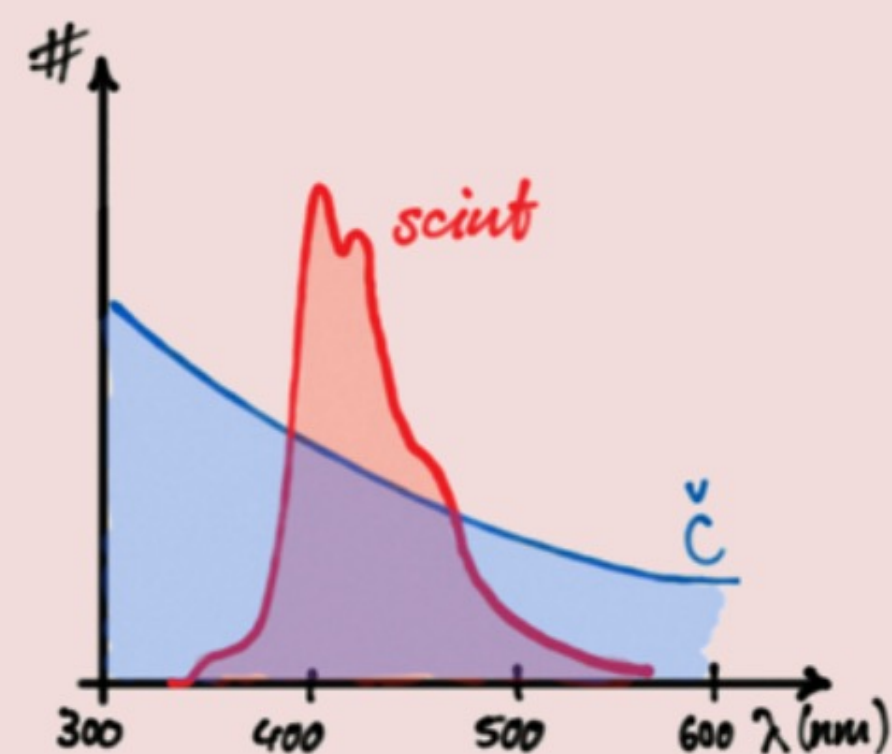
## Timing

“instantaneous chertons”  
vs. delayed “scintons”  
→ ns resolution or better



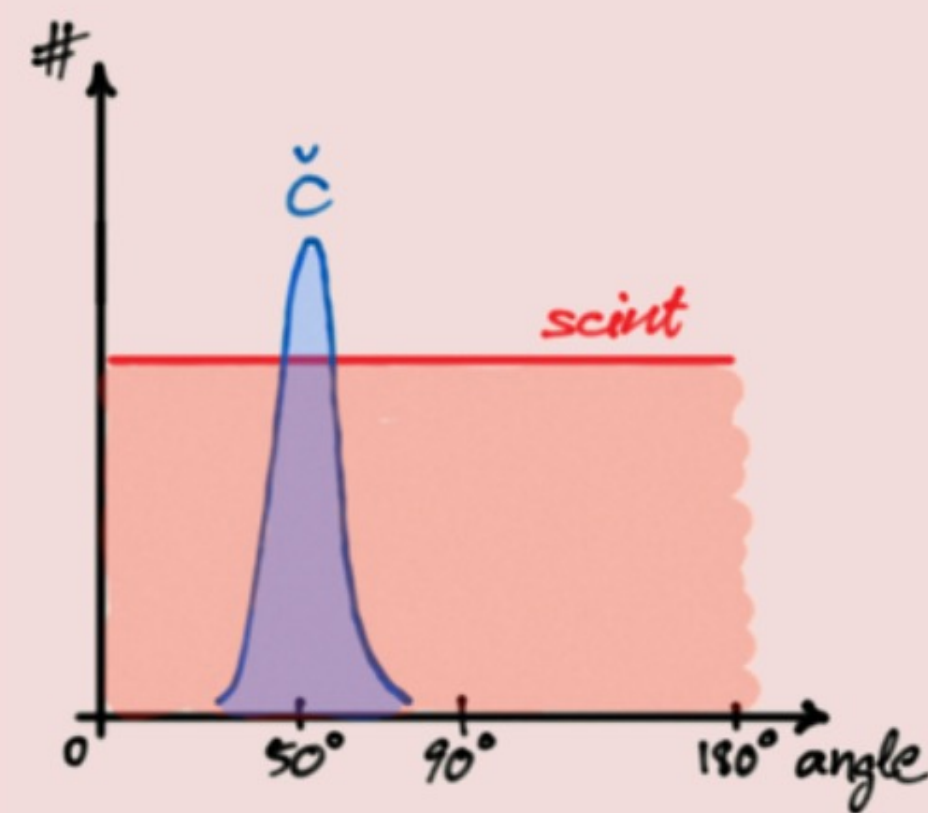
## Spectrum

UV/blue scintillation vs.  
blue/green Cherenkov  
→ wavelength-sensitivity



## Angular distribution

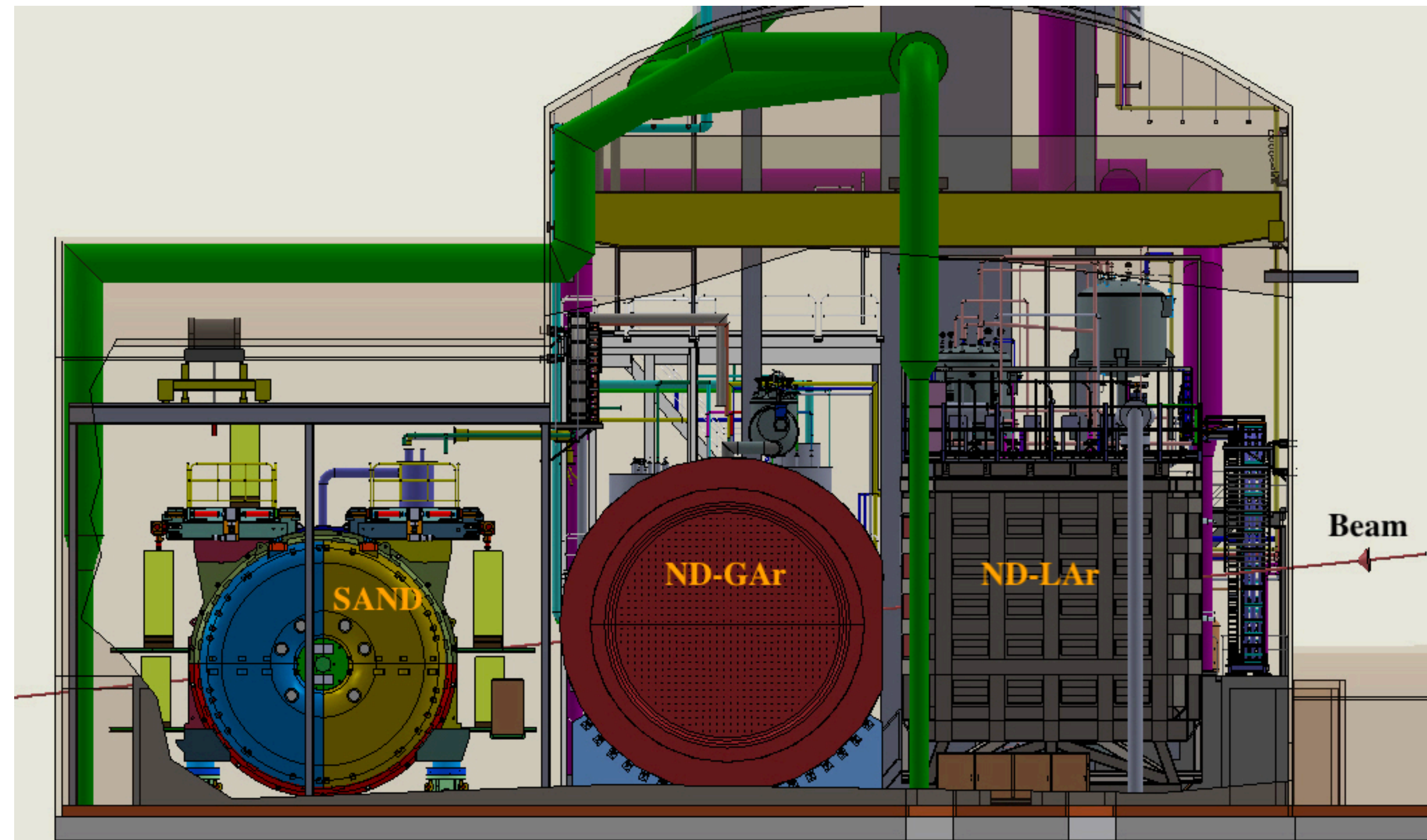
increased PMT hit density  
under Cherenkov angle  
→ sufficient granularity





# Potential Upgrades to ND-LAr and SAND

- ND-LAr upgrades that require emptying: improved neutron detection with  $^6\text{Li}$ -glass scintillator, replacement of charge tiles with smaller pixels and lower threshold
- ND-LAr upgrades that do not require emptying: upgrade of the off-detector electronics, addition of an upstream rock muon tracker
- SAND upgrades: improving light collection with backside illuminated SiPMs



# FD3 and FD4 Timeline

- Earliest installation start in 2029 with FD3 completed in 2034 and FD4 in 2036
- The final schedule for FD4 will be driven by the technology choice and extent of upgrades planned in the case of a LArTPC

*Figure: A notional, technically limited schedule for FD3/4 assuming it is a vertical drift LArTPC similar to FD2*

