

# VD Technology and APEX Design for DUNE FD3

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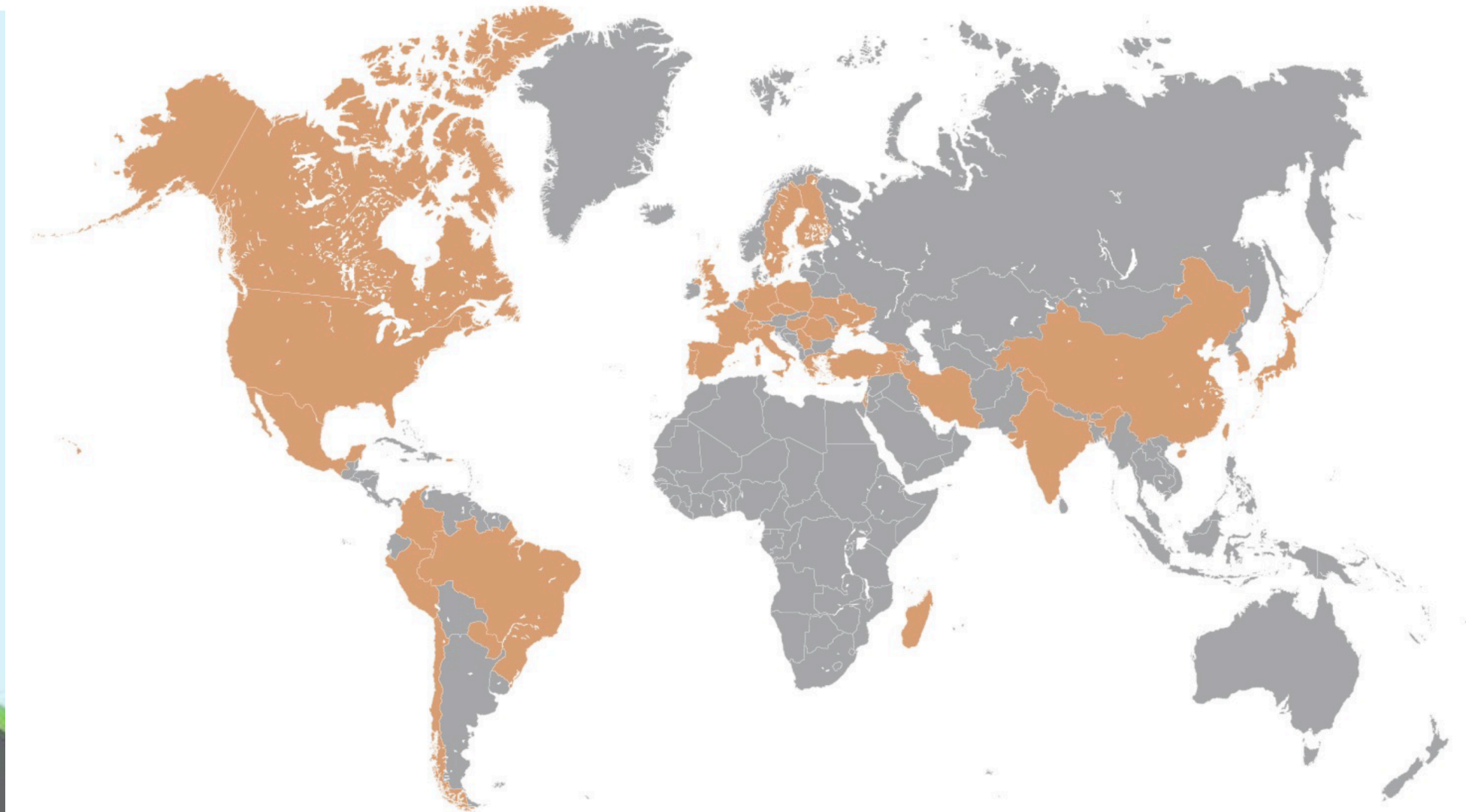
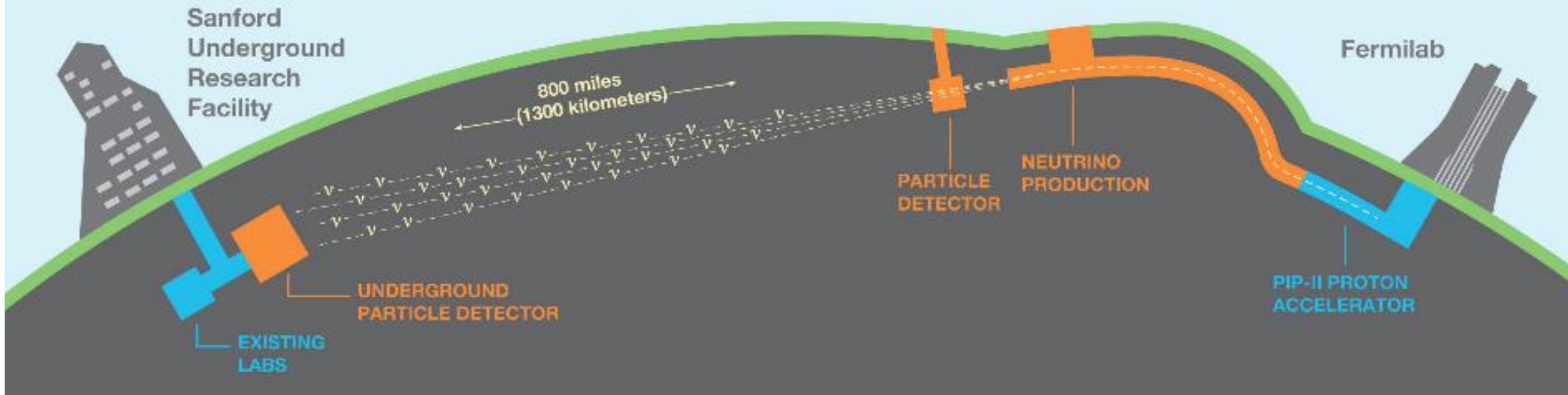
*on behalf of the APEX working group*



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# DUNE Collaboration

1,450 collaborators  
215 institutes, including CERN  
35 countries



# DUNE Phase II and FD3

## Phase I (day 1)

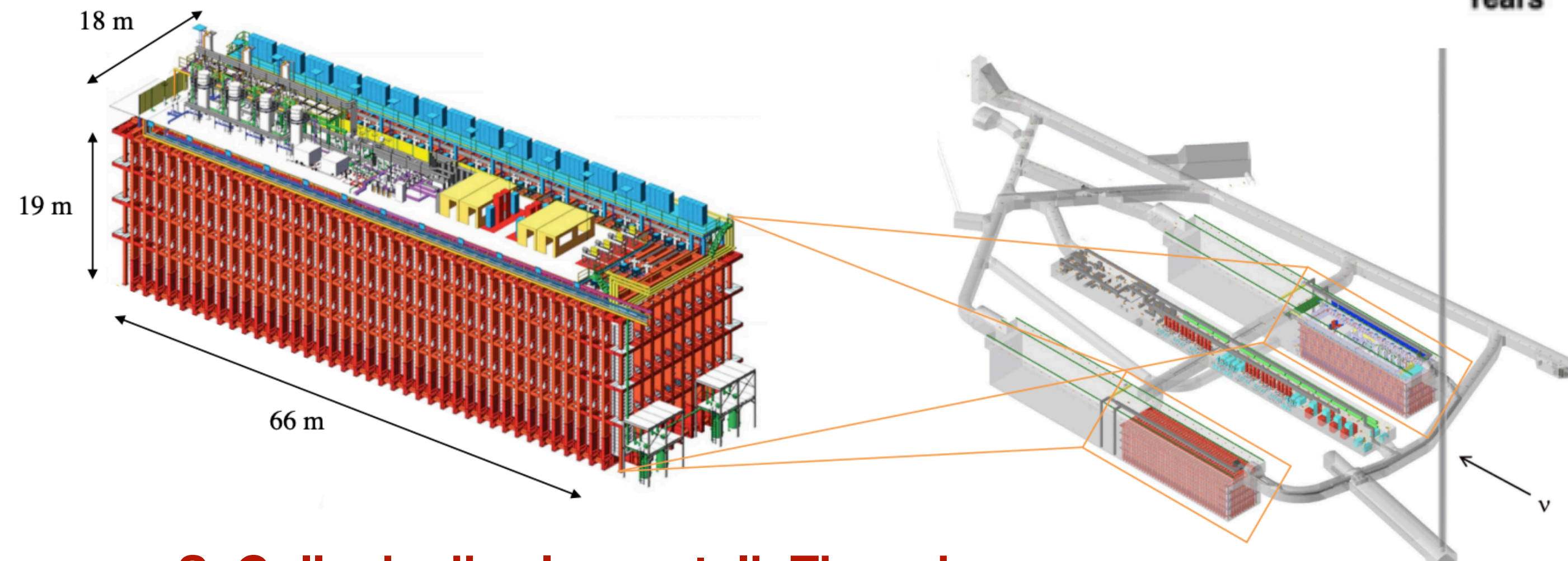
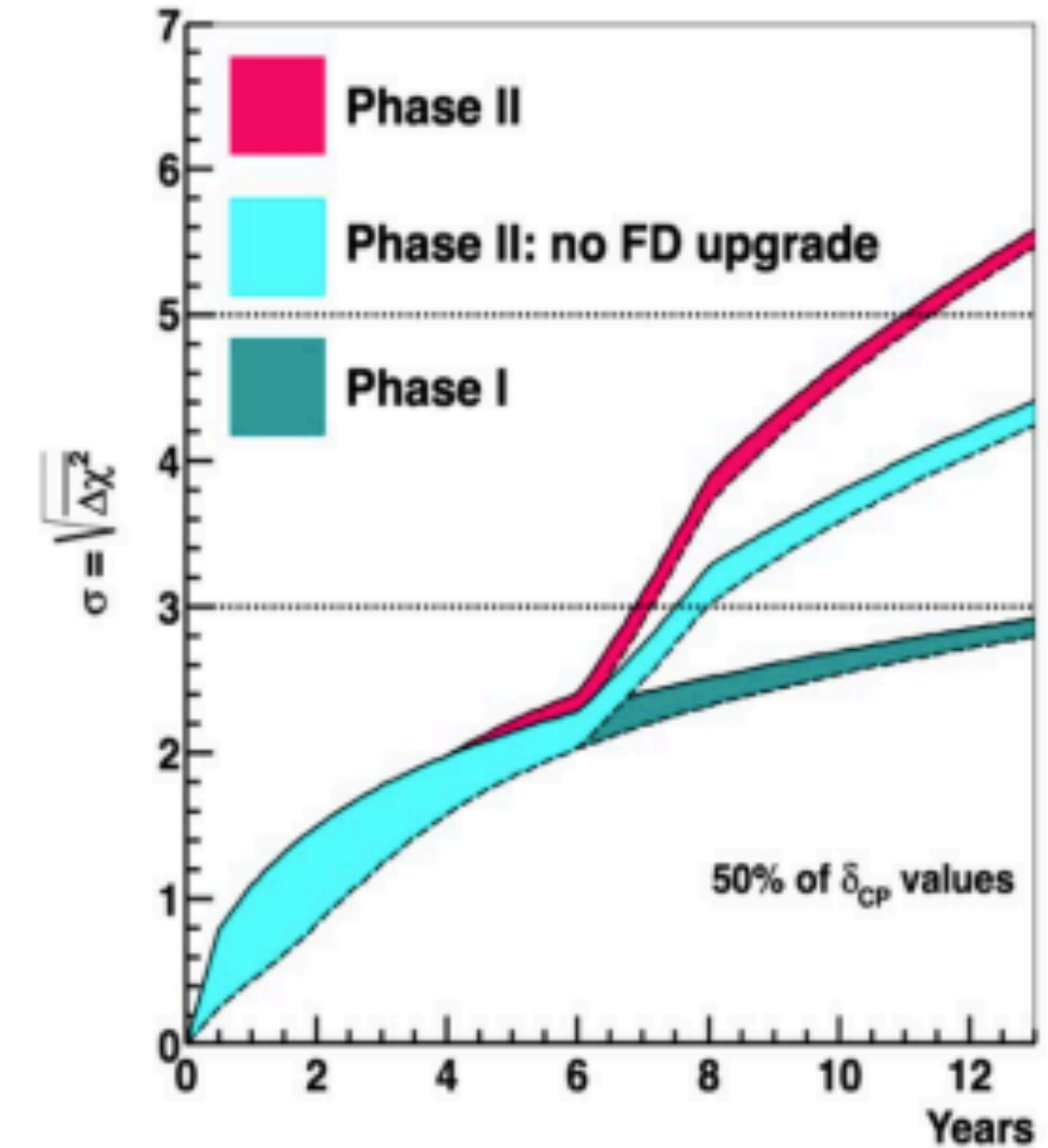
- FD (approved): two 17 kt (total) LAr TPCs - FD1 (Horizontal Drift), FD2 (Vertical Drift)
- ND (baseline TBC and approve by 2025): ND LAr with TMS; DUNE-PRISM; SAND on-axis

## Phase II - open to new (non-DUNE) collaborators!

- Two additional 17 kt FD modules: FD3 and FD4
- More Capable Near Detector (MCND) including ND-GAr
- > 2MW beam
- All necessary to complete the core CPV program of DUNE and more

## DUNE FD3 vision

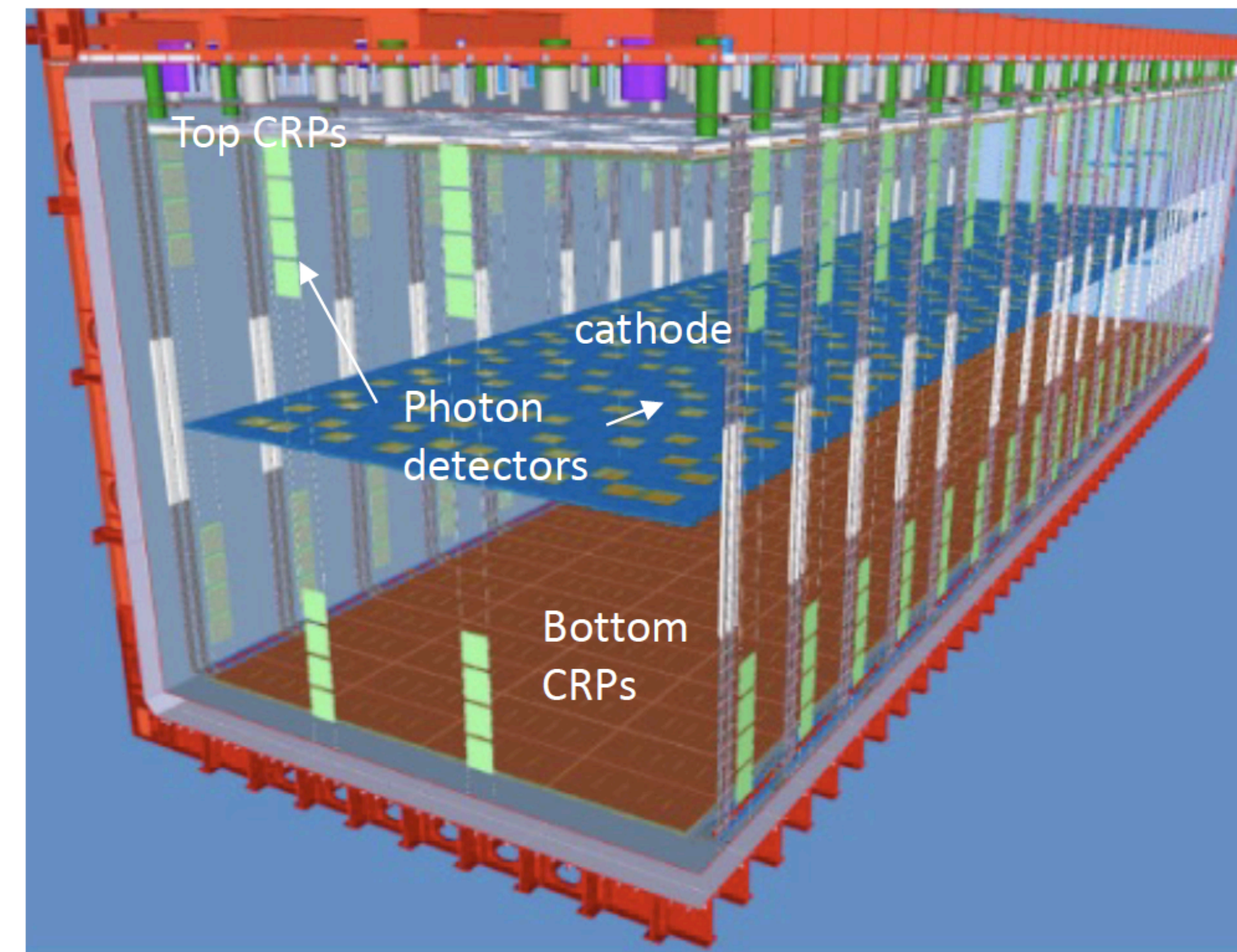
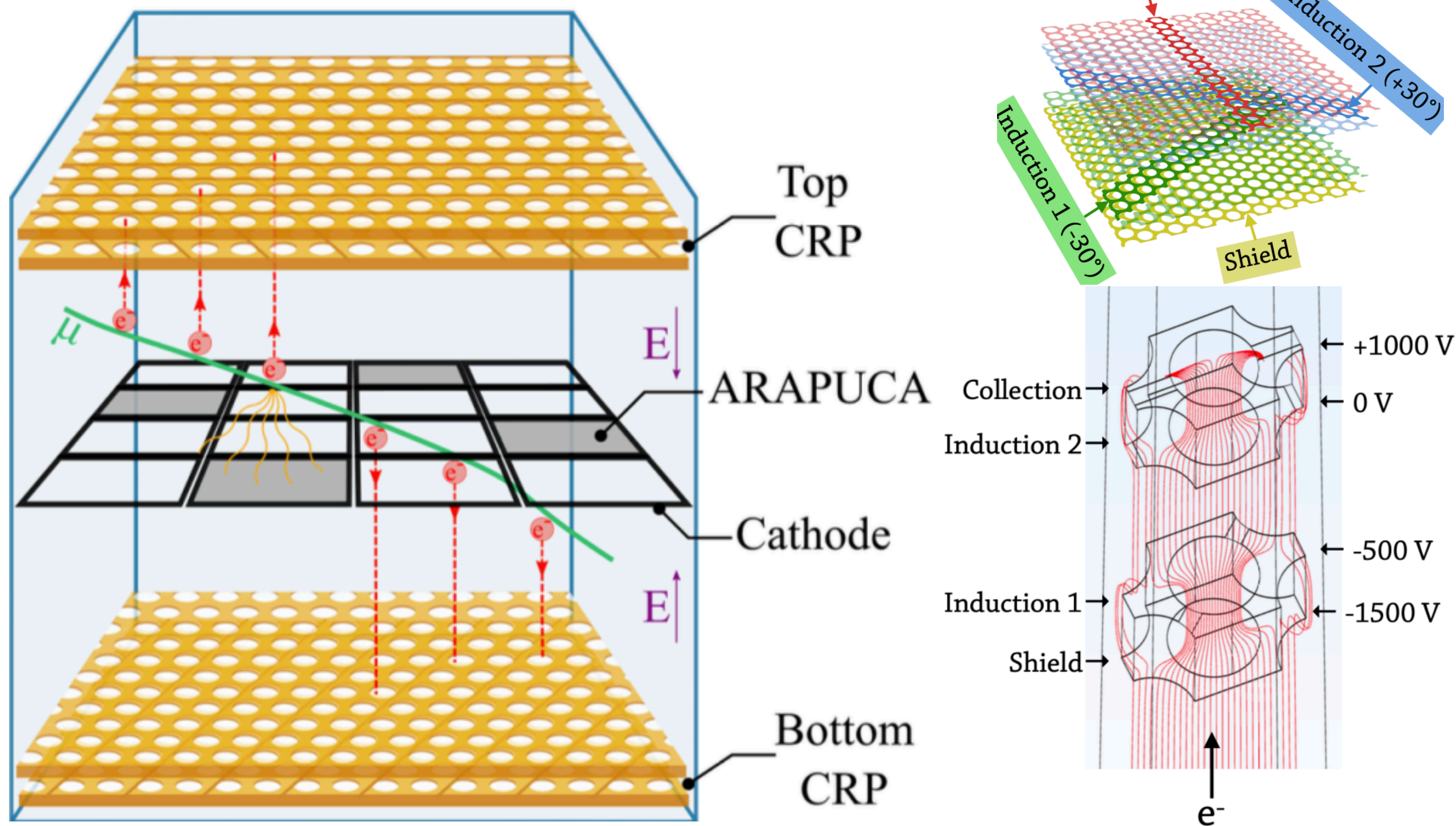
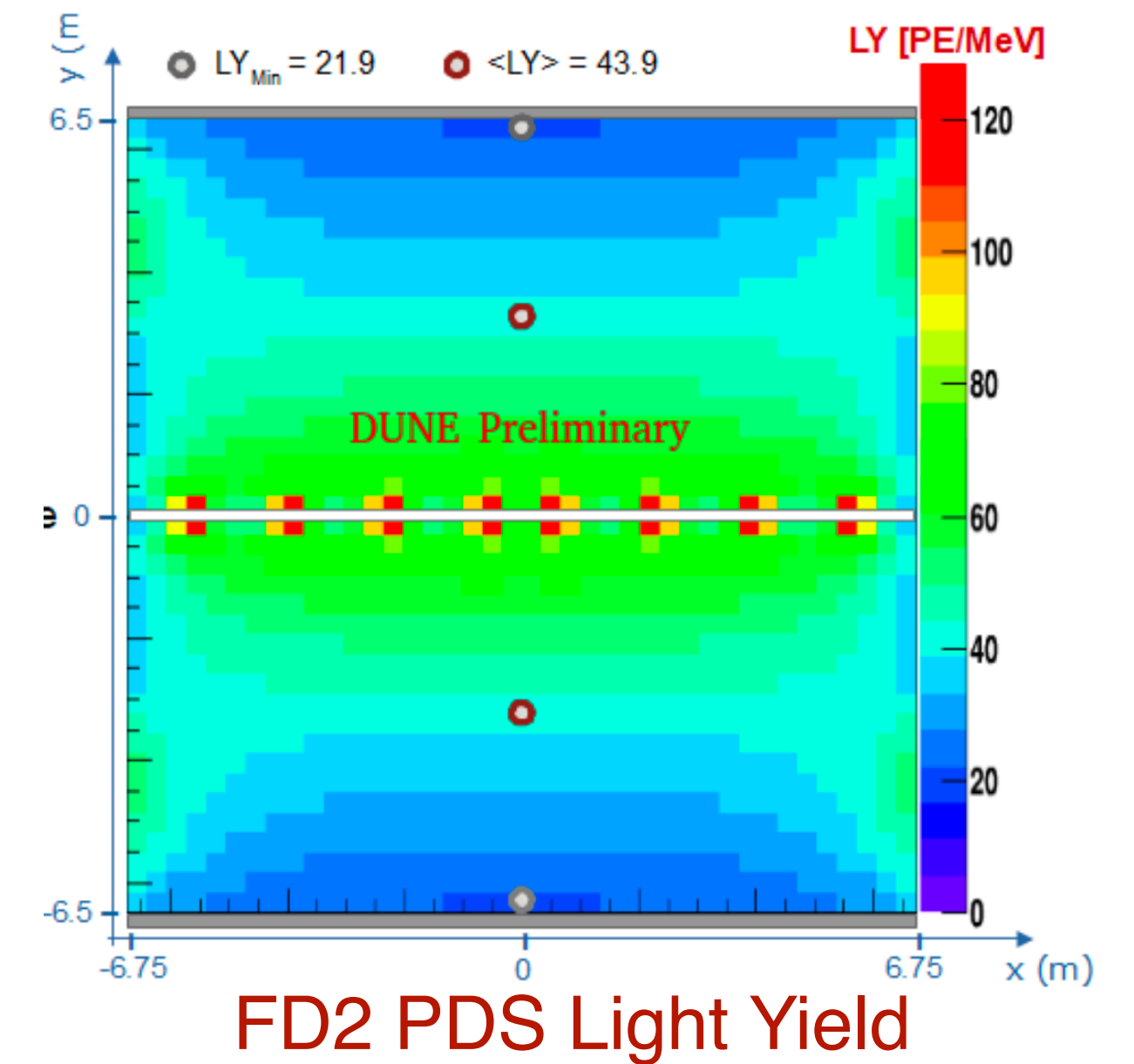
- Similar in concept to FD2 - optimized VD
- Proposed upgrades:
  - **Major upgrade: light detection system - APEX** ★ (This talk)
  - Xe-doping
  - Modest optimization on charge readout
  - Incremental background control
- **Construction fully endorsed by the 2023 P5**
- FD technically limited schedule
  - **Earliest installation (completion): 2029 (2034)**



**More on DUNE Phase II program: see S. Gollapinni's plenary talk Thursday**

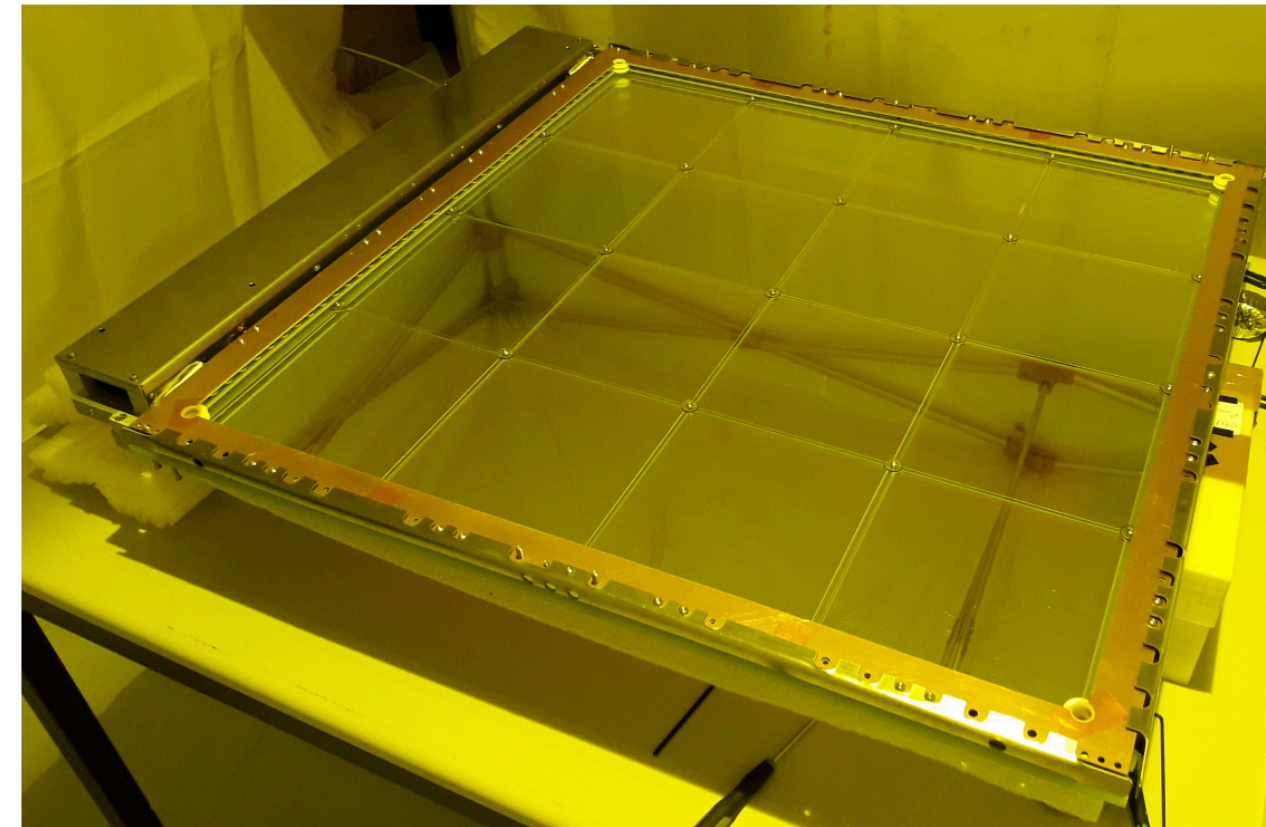
# DUNE FD2 (VD)

- The **state-of-the-art: 6.5 m vertical drift distance**, maximized active volume 14,190 ton
- Simplified charge readout plane (CRP) perforated PCB, reducing overall costs to FD1
- **Power-over-Fiber (PoF)** technology enables **320 photodetectors** (X-Arapuca) deployed on **300 kV** high voltage surface in LAr
  - Noise immunity, voltage isolation and spark free
  - **First-ever** realization in cryogenics and particle physics - Paper soon on arXiv

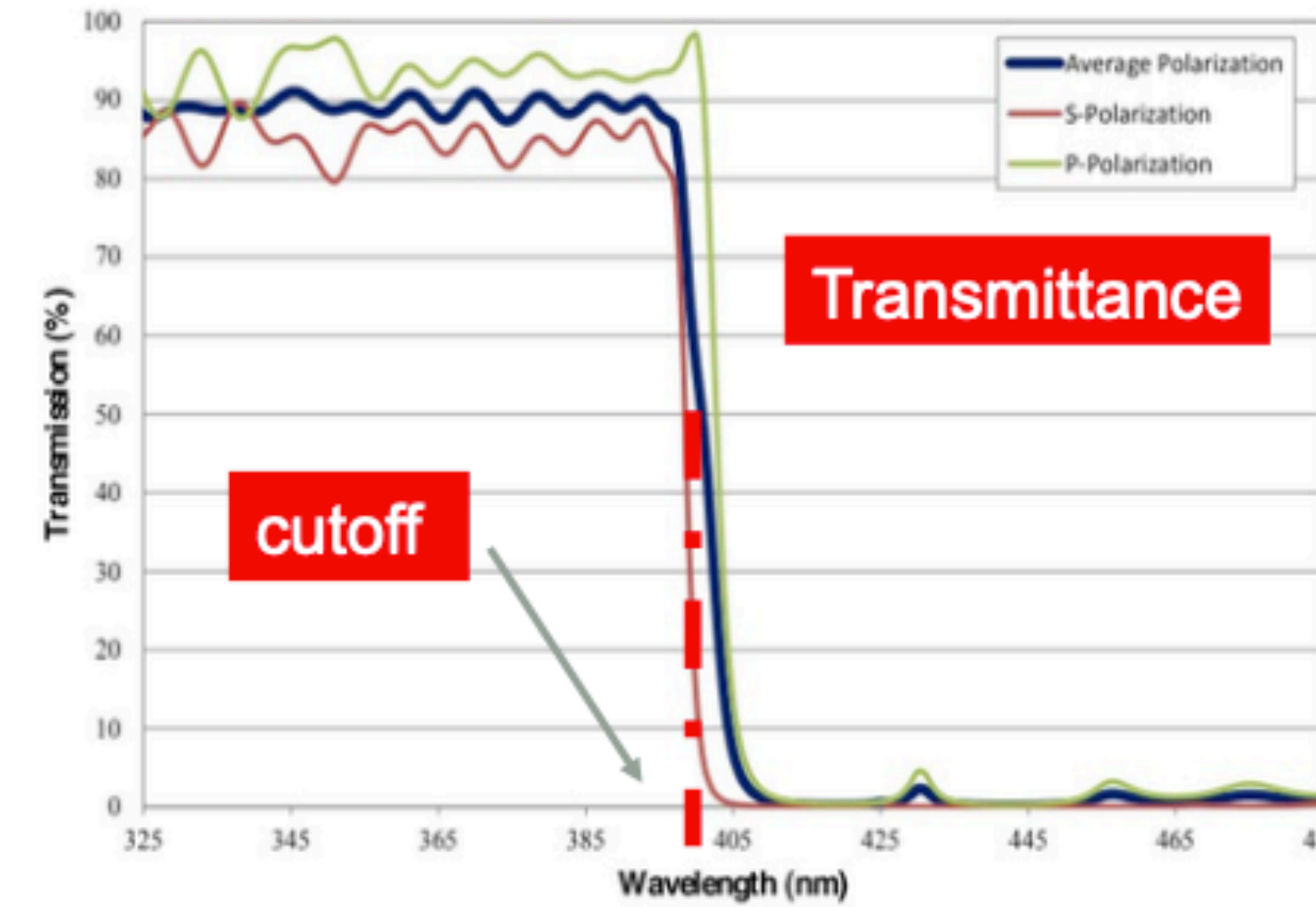


# X-arapuca Photodetector in VD

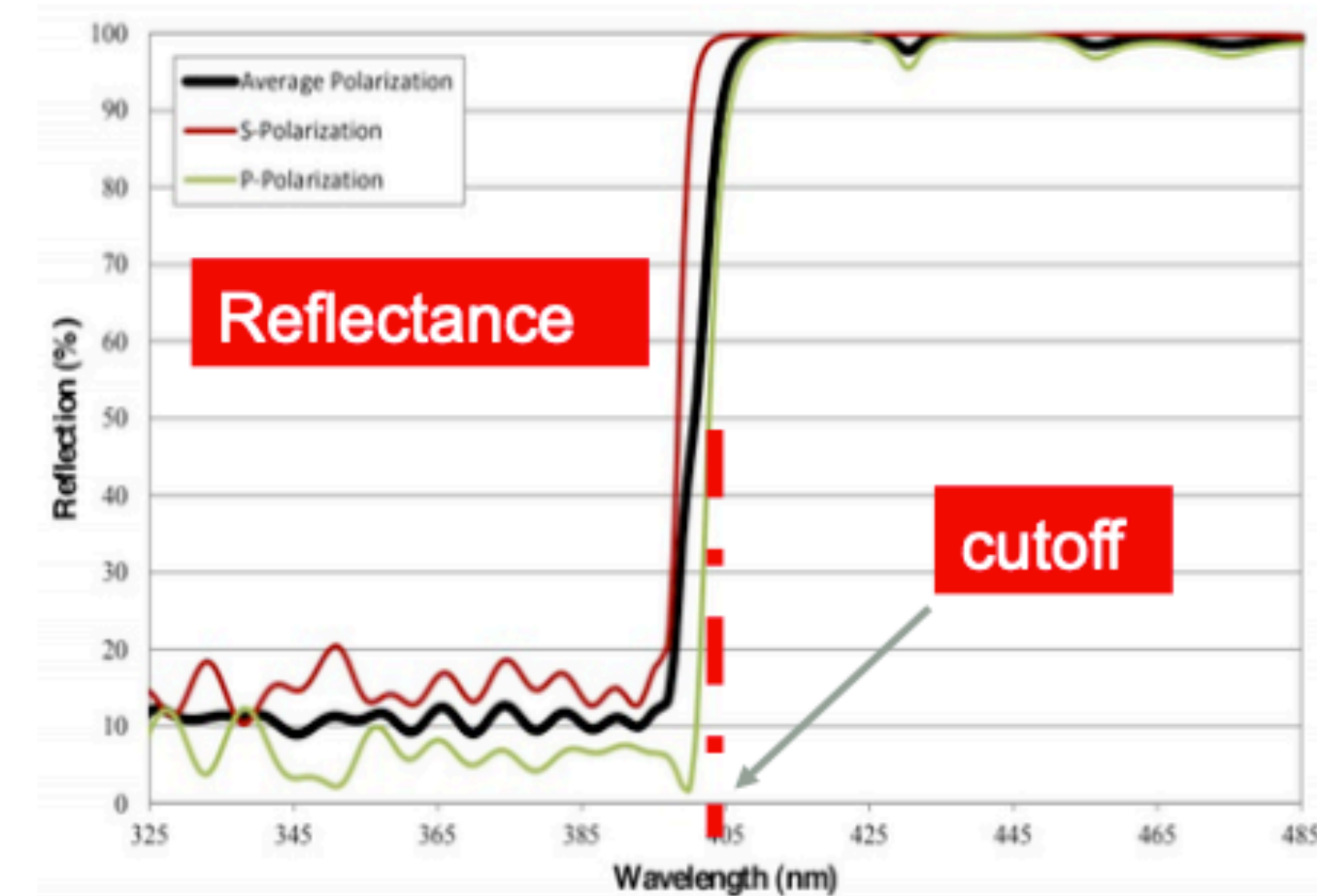
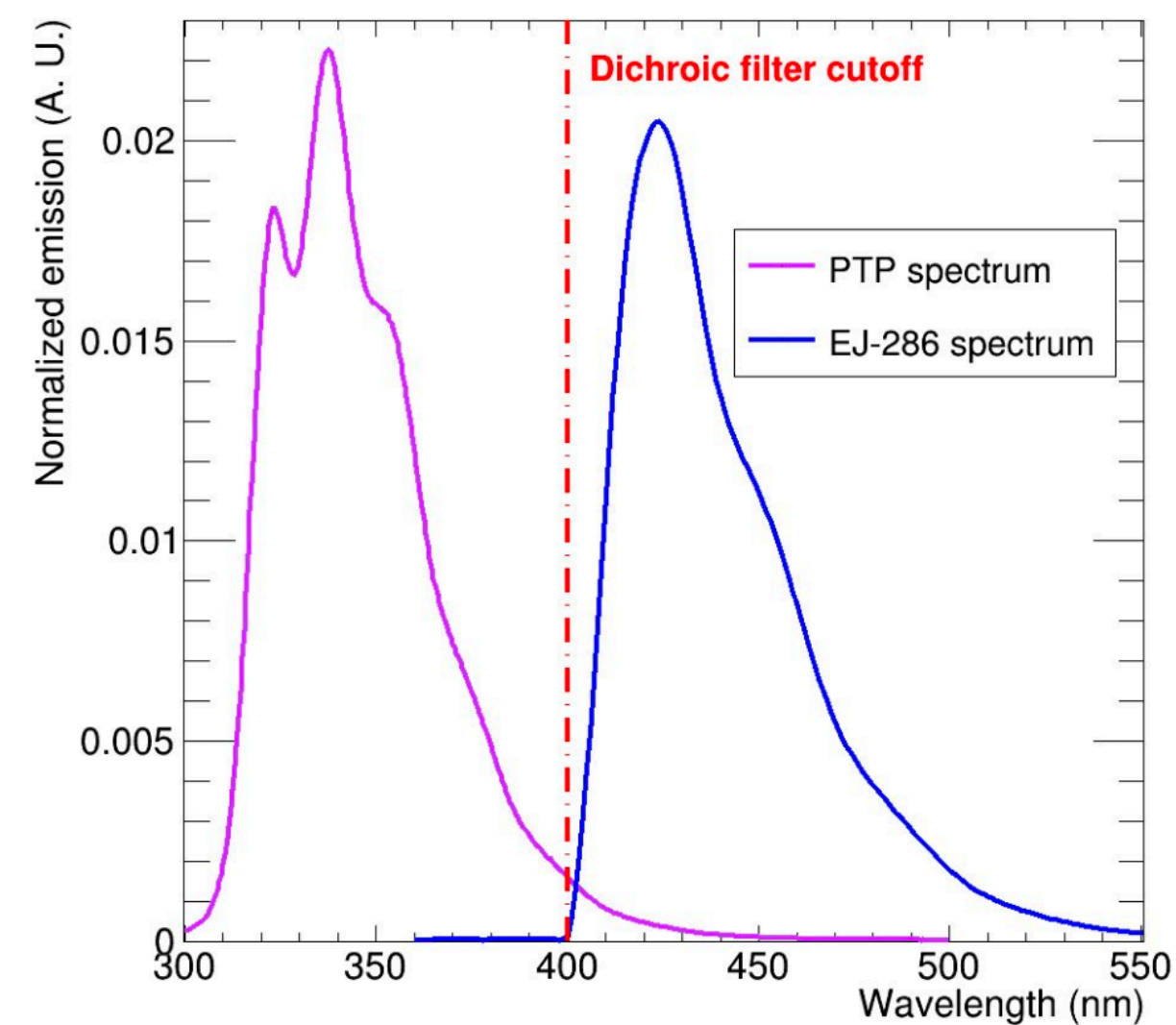
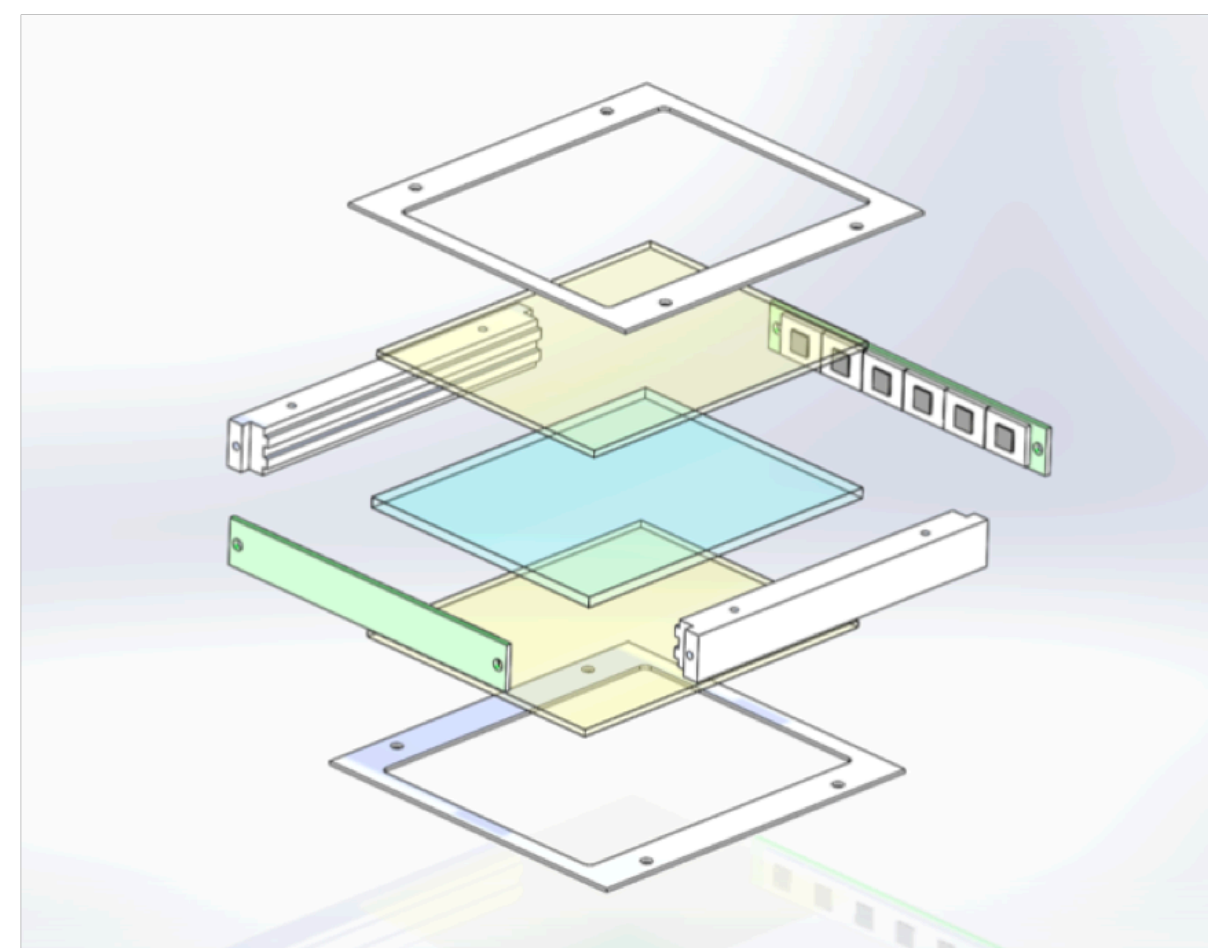
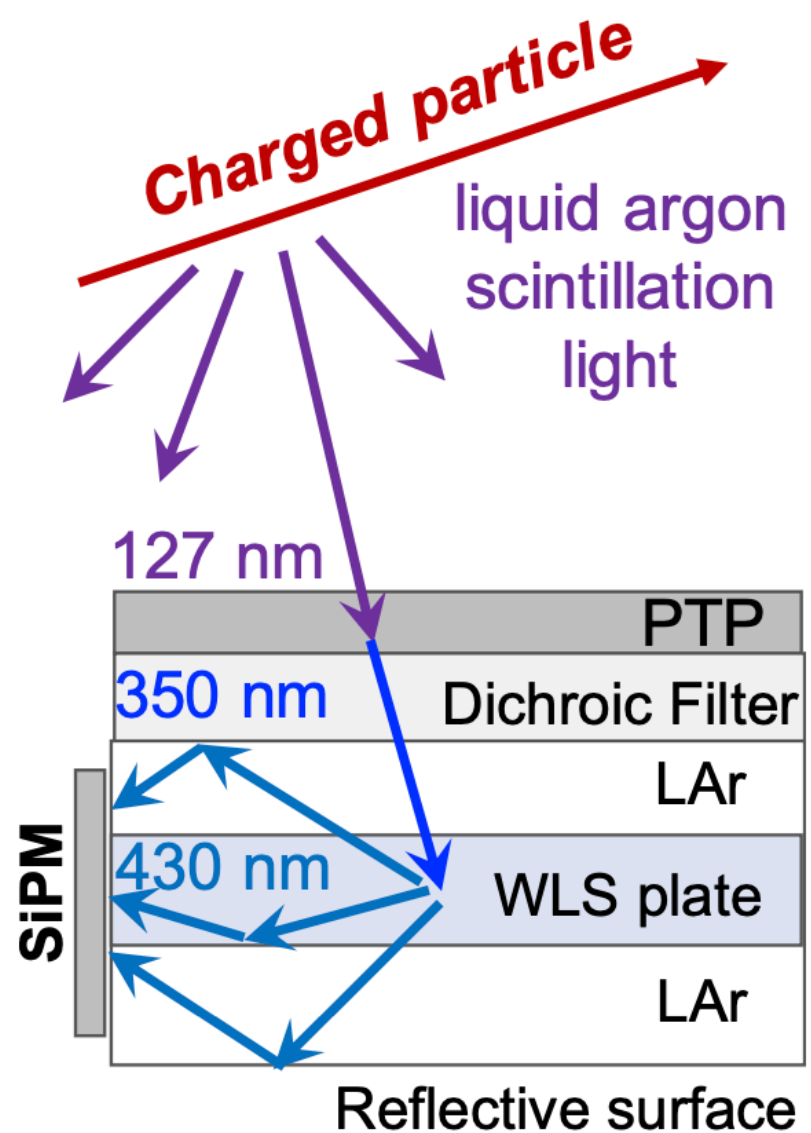
- **X-arapuca is a light trap**
  - pTP (1st wavelength shifting) and dichroic coating deposited on glass
  - Bulk material is acrylic (PMMA) plate doped with chromophore (2nd wavelength shifting)
- Widely used in LArTPC: MicroBooNE, ProtoDUNE-SP, SBND, DUNE FD1 & FD2
  - Average detector efficiency is **2-3%**
  - **Easy to scale up** for large area coverage
  - **Compact**: save space for more fiducial volume



X-arapuca for ProtoDUNE-VD



Dichroic filter spectrum

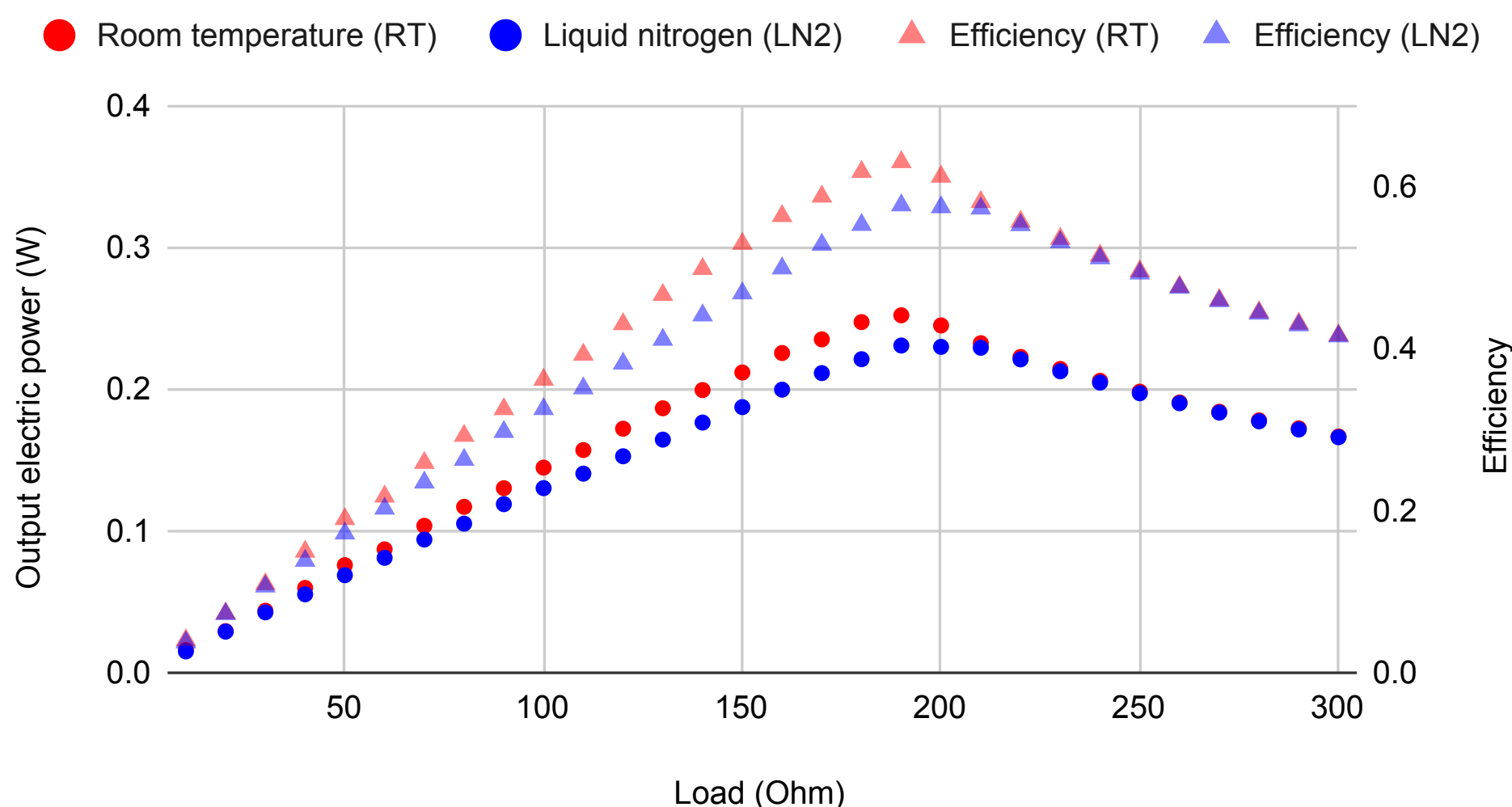


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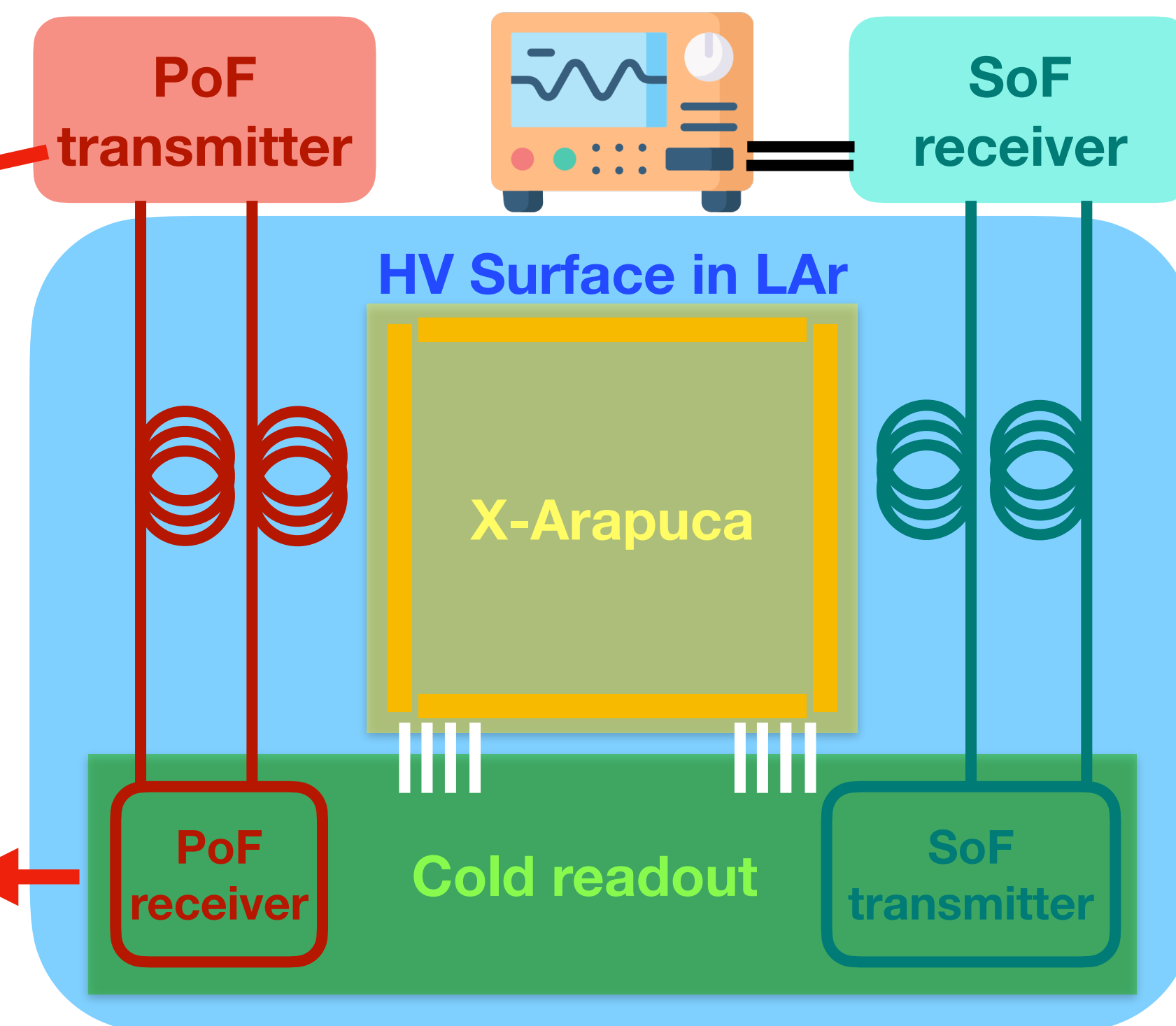
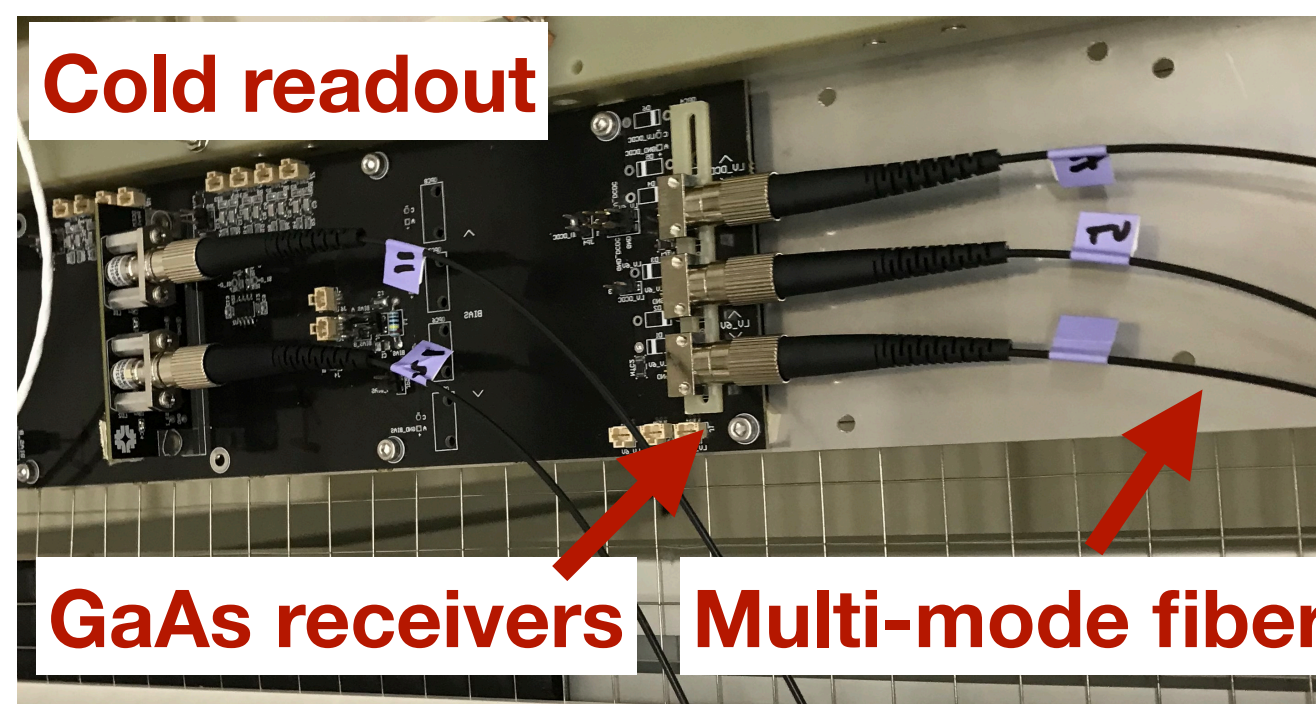
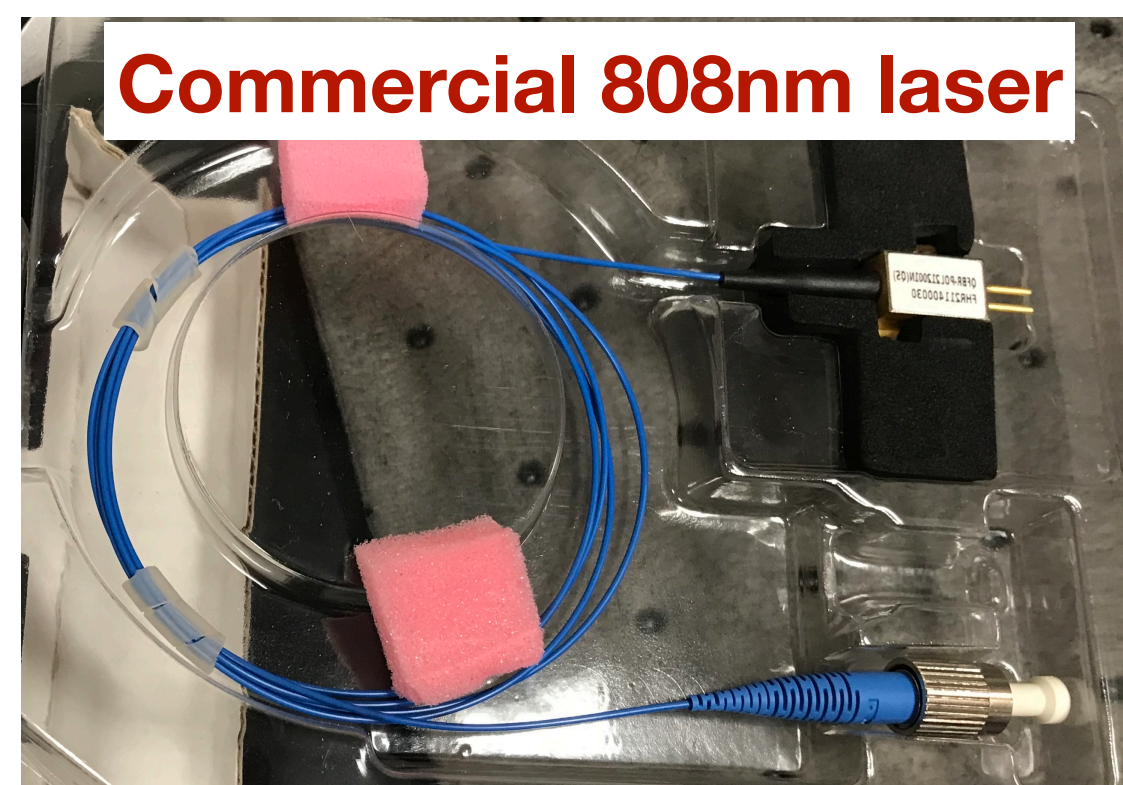
# Solution for Detectors on HV Surface: Power over Fiber (PoF)

- Power can't transmit via conductive cables due to discharge risks (field cage at HV)
- **PoF is a new technology to transmit power via optical fibers to detectors on HV surface, already applied in DUNE VD: developed over 3 years at Fermilab with industrial and university partners**
- Laser power is converted to electrical power: efficiency already at ~55%, could reach 75% in theory
- Light noise from PoF system well understood and mitigation solutions are developed

GaAs Receiver Power Conversion Performance

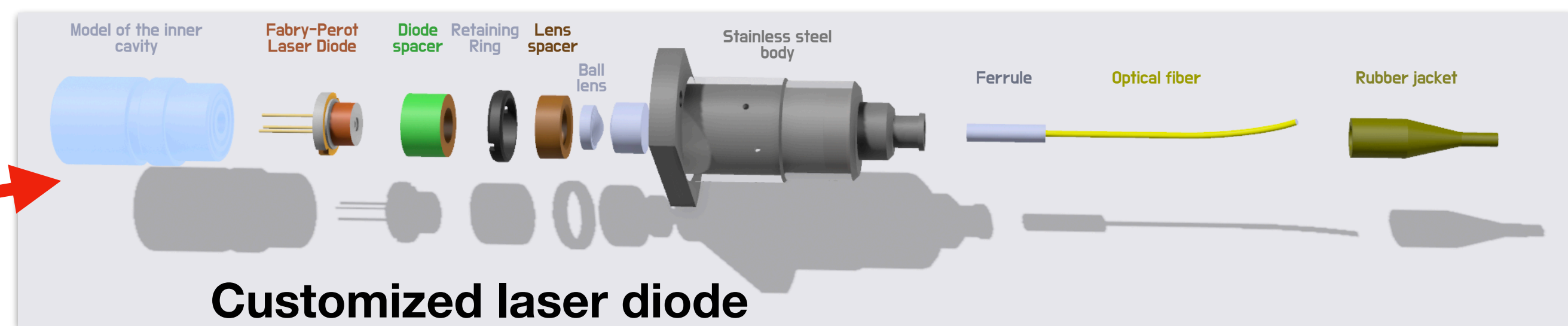
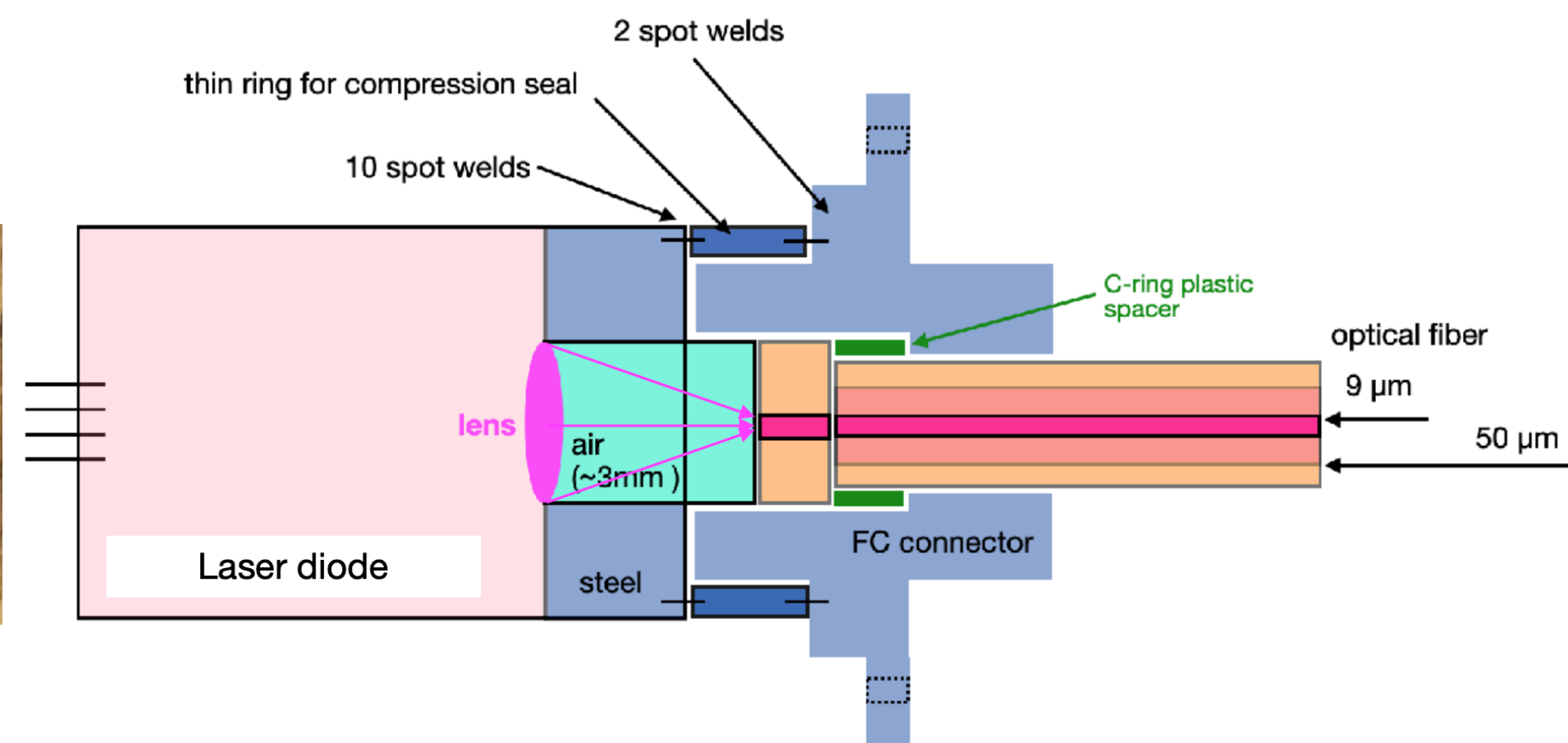
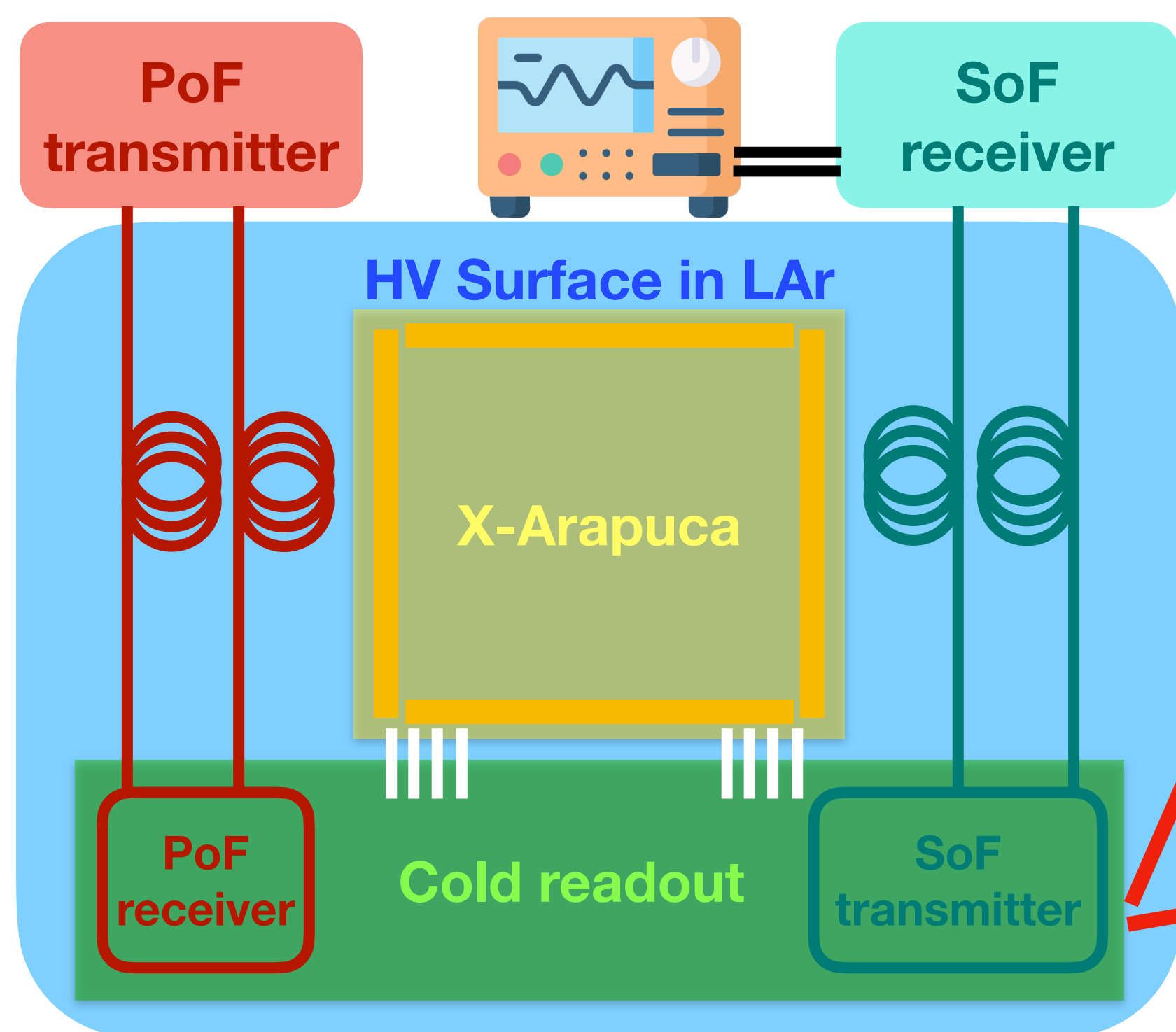


Input 808nm Laser@ 400mW



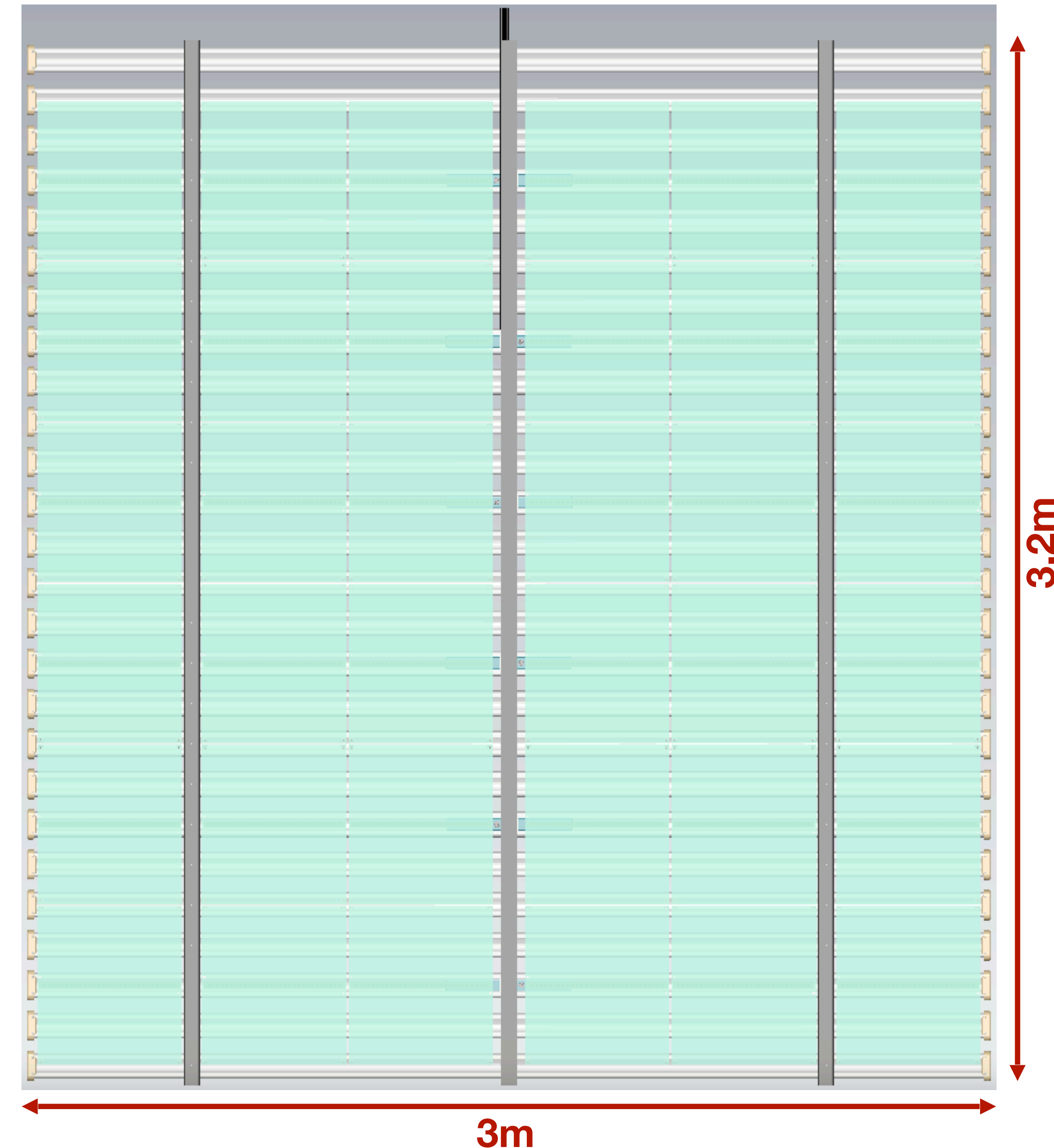
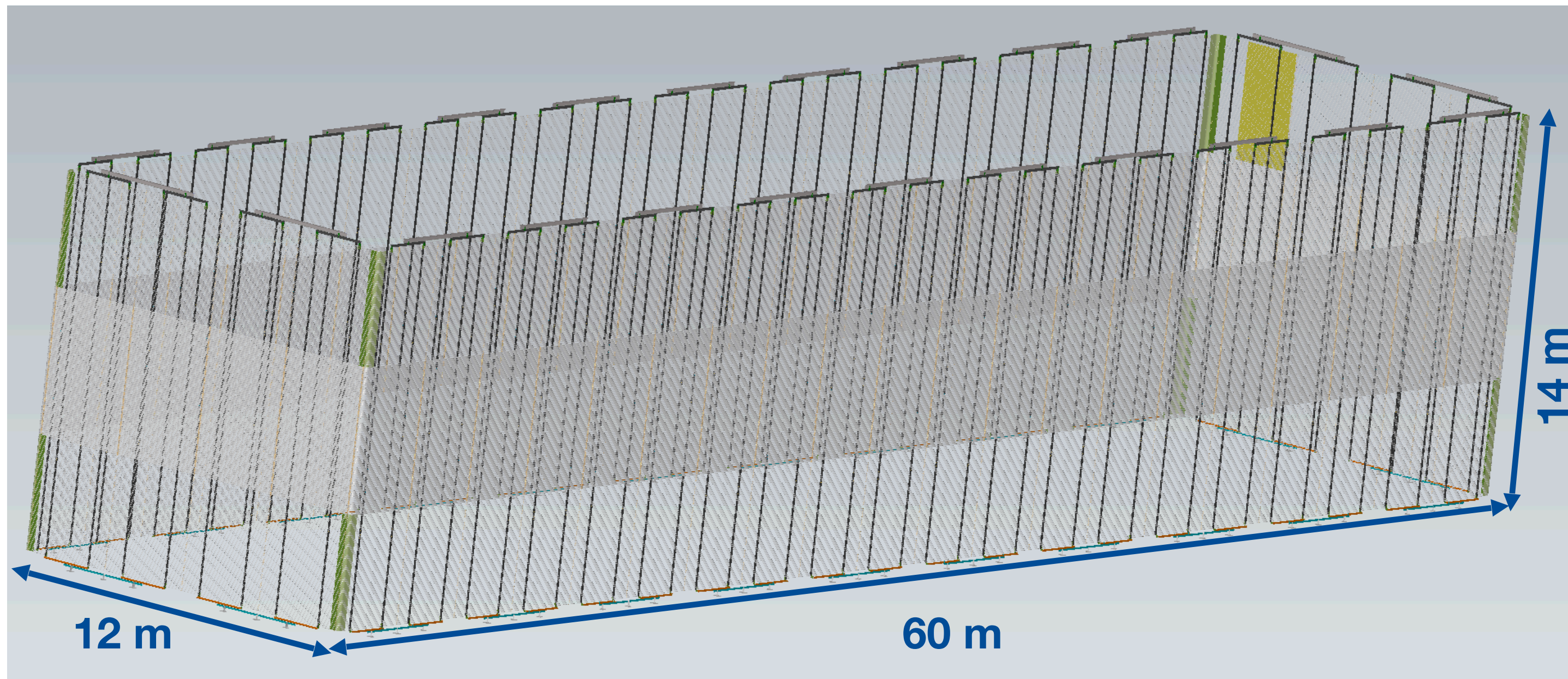
# Solution for Detectors on HV Surface: Signal over Fiber (SoF)

- Use 1310 nm (room temperature) Fabry–Pérot laser diodes on front end cold electronics to convert SiPM electric signals to optical signals and transmit over fiber
- **A commercial laser diode with > 2 years of R&D to customize it for LAr application**
  - E.g.: customized defocused products solved power stability problem when immersed in >12” LAr
- Demonstrated long term stability above 6m LAr hydrostatic pressure (~12psig)



# Convert LArTPC Field Cage Structure into a Fully Active Photon Detection System

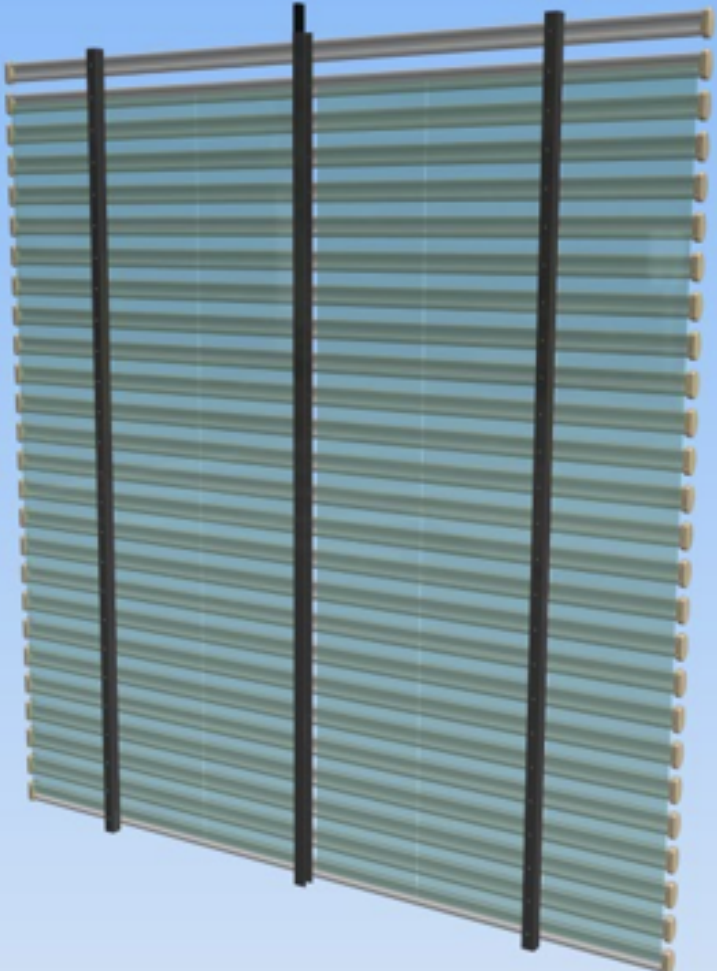
- If X-arapuca photodetectors are on field cage walls of LArTPC active volume, would naturally expand optical coverage up to  $2000m^2$  (10x DUNE VD) ~ half of American football field!
- Integrate to field cage modular unit - 3m x 3.2m panel
  - Operate X-arapuca on HV surface enabled by PoF & SoF
  - 0.5m x 0.5m X-arapuca directly facing active volume, 6 modules per row share power and readout
  - Up to 6 FRP box beams as structural support



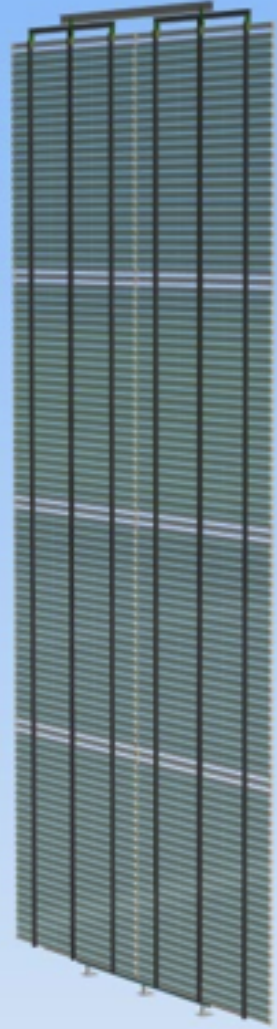


# Views for DUNE FD3

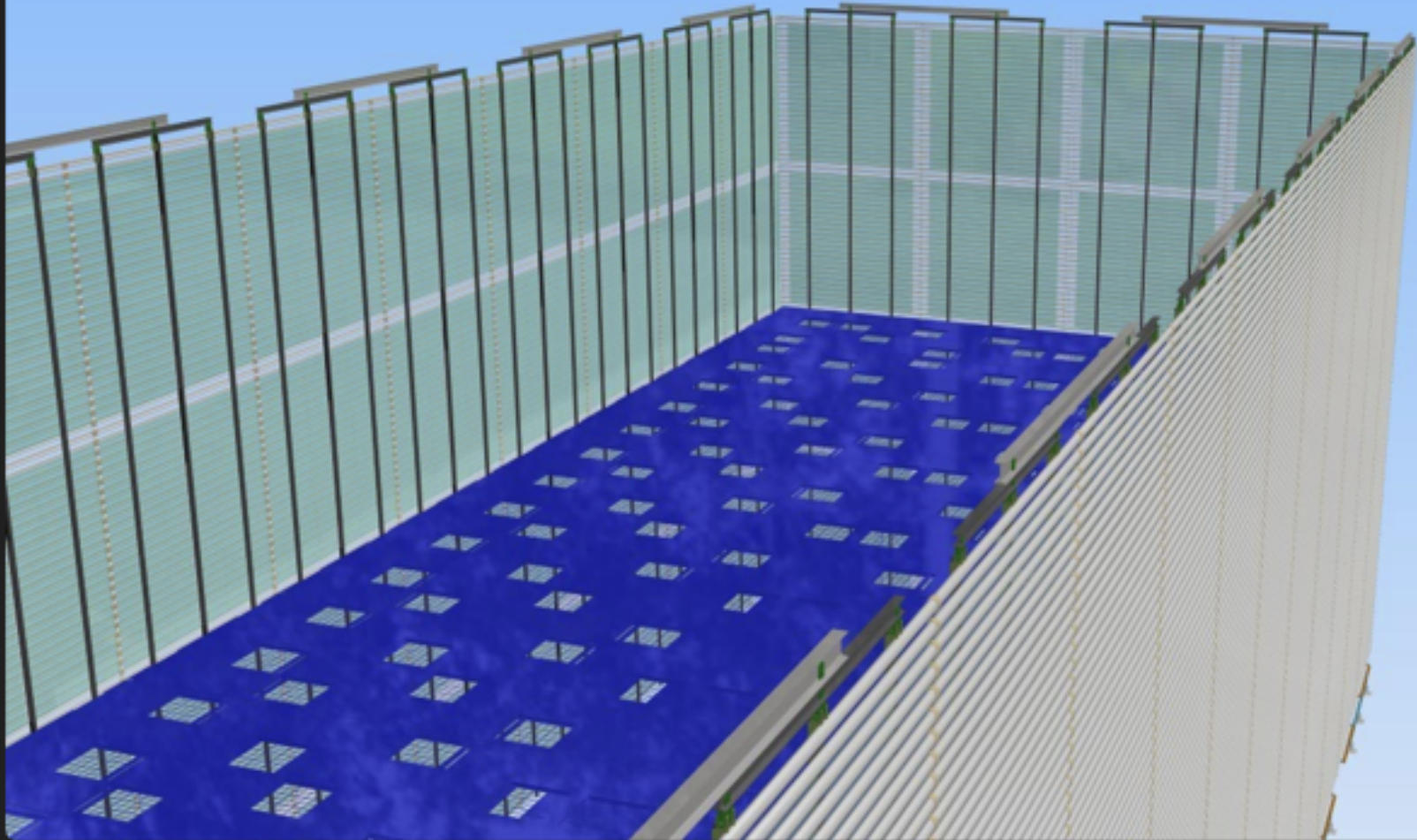
3 m x 3.2 m module



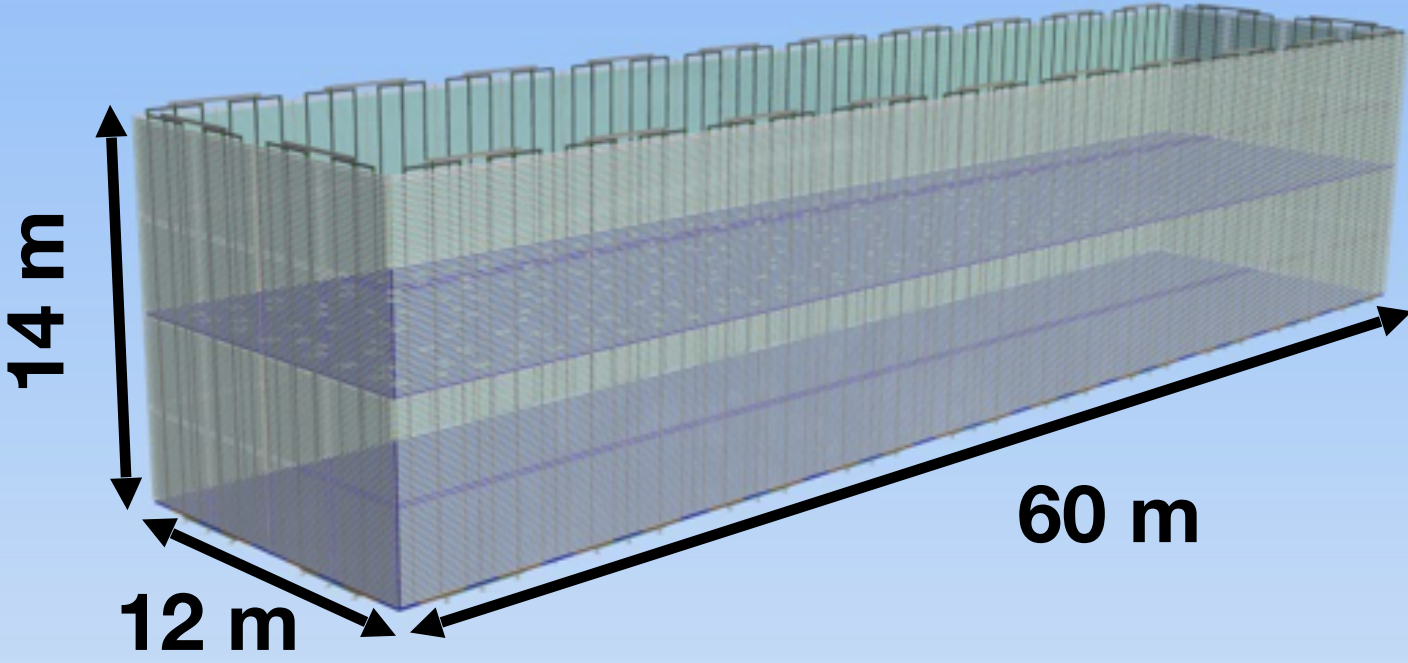
4 modules/column



Interior view

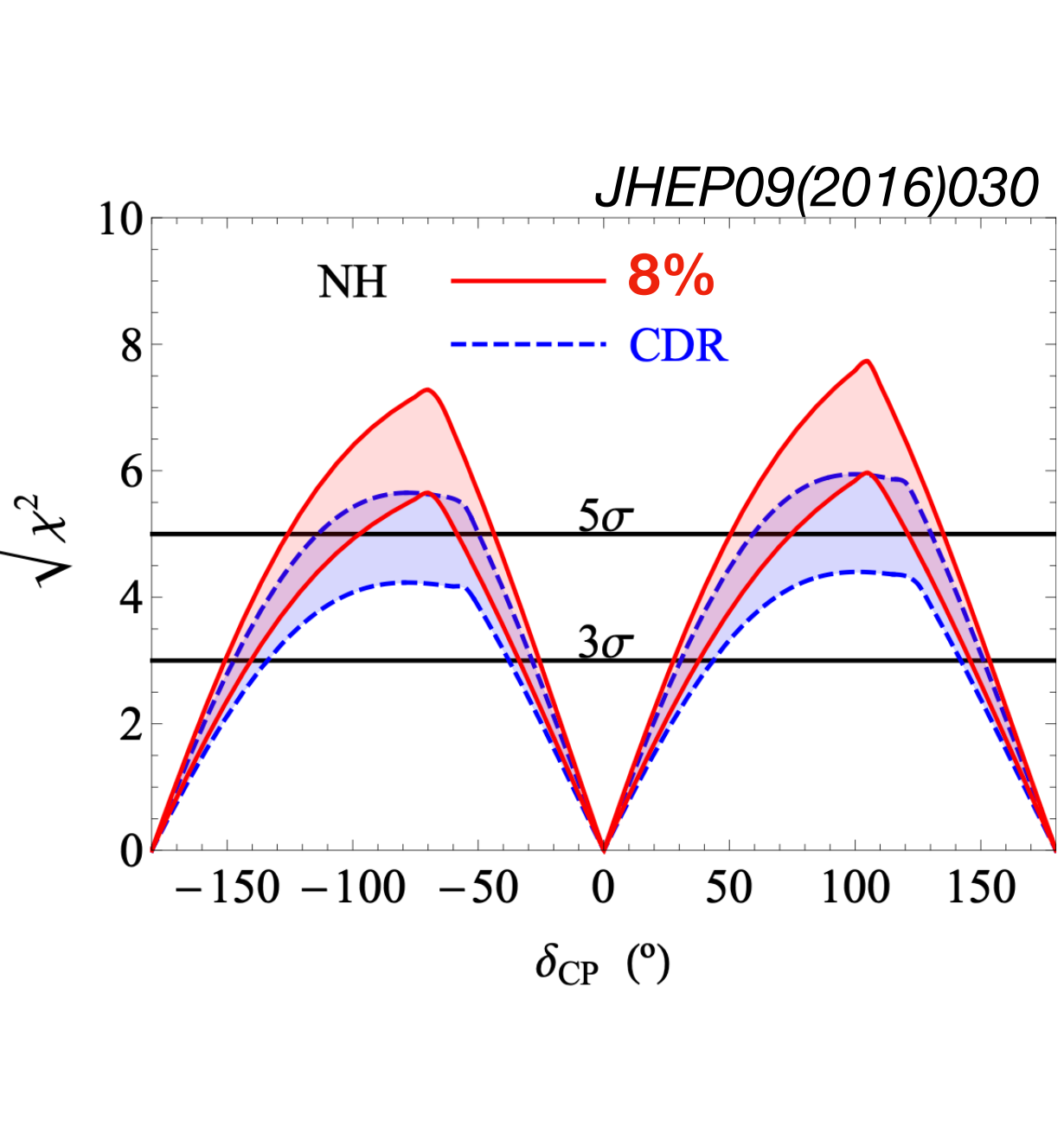
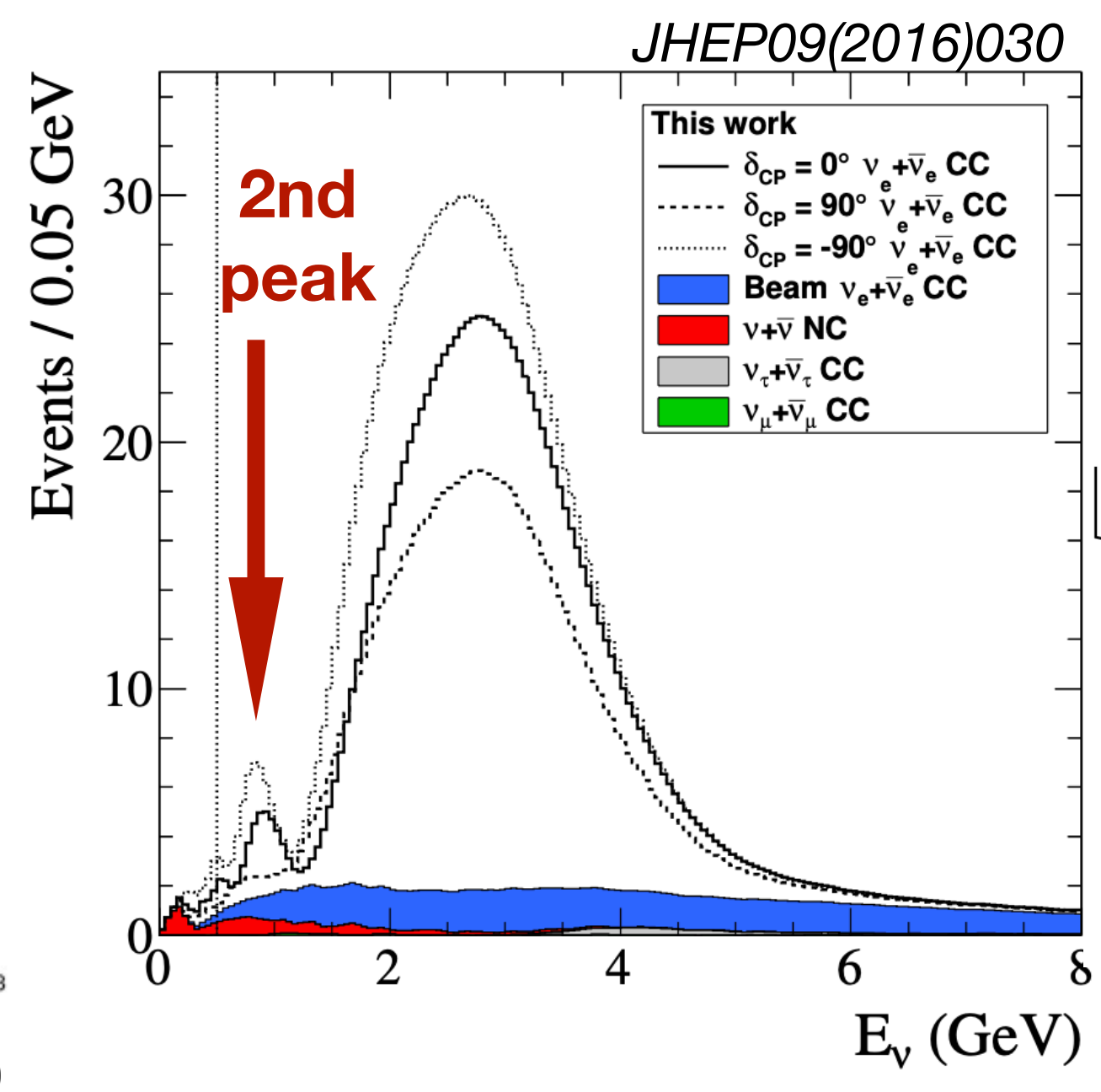
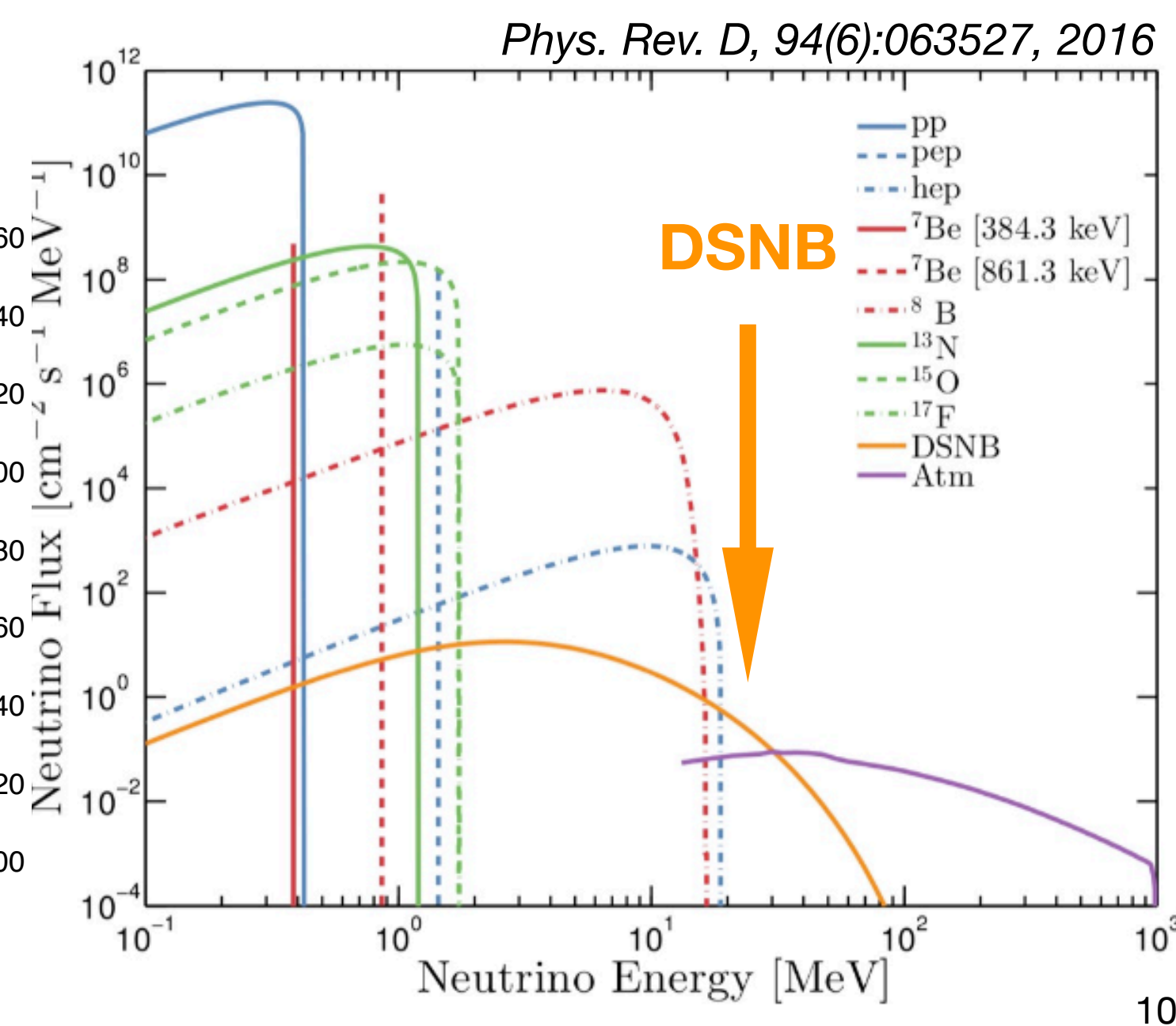
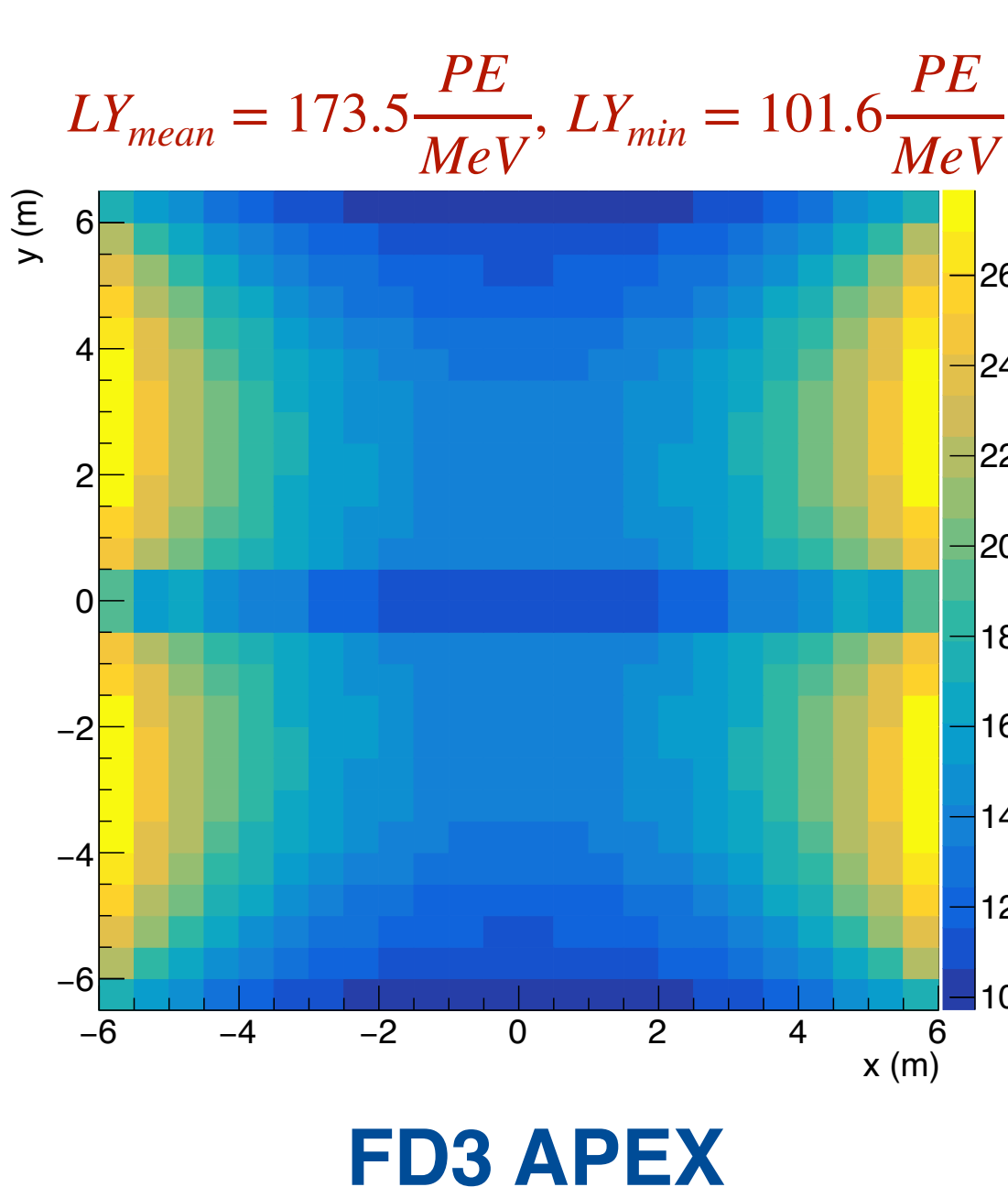
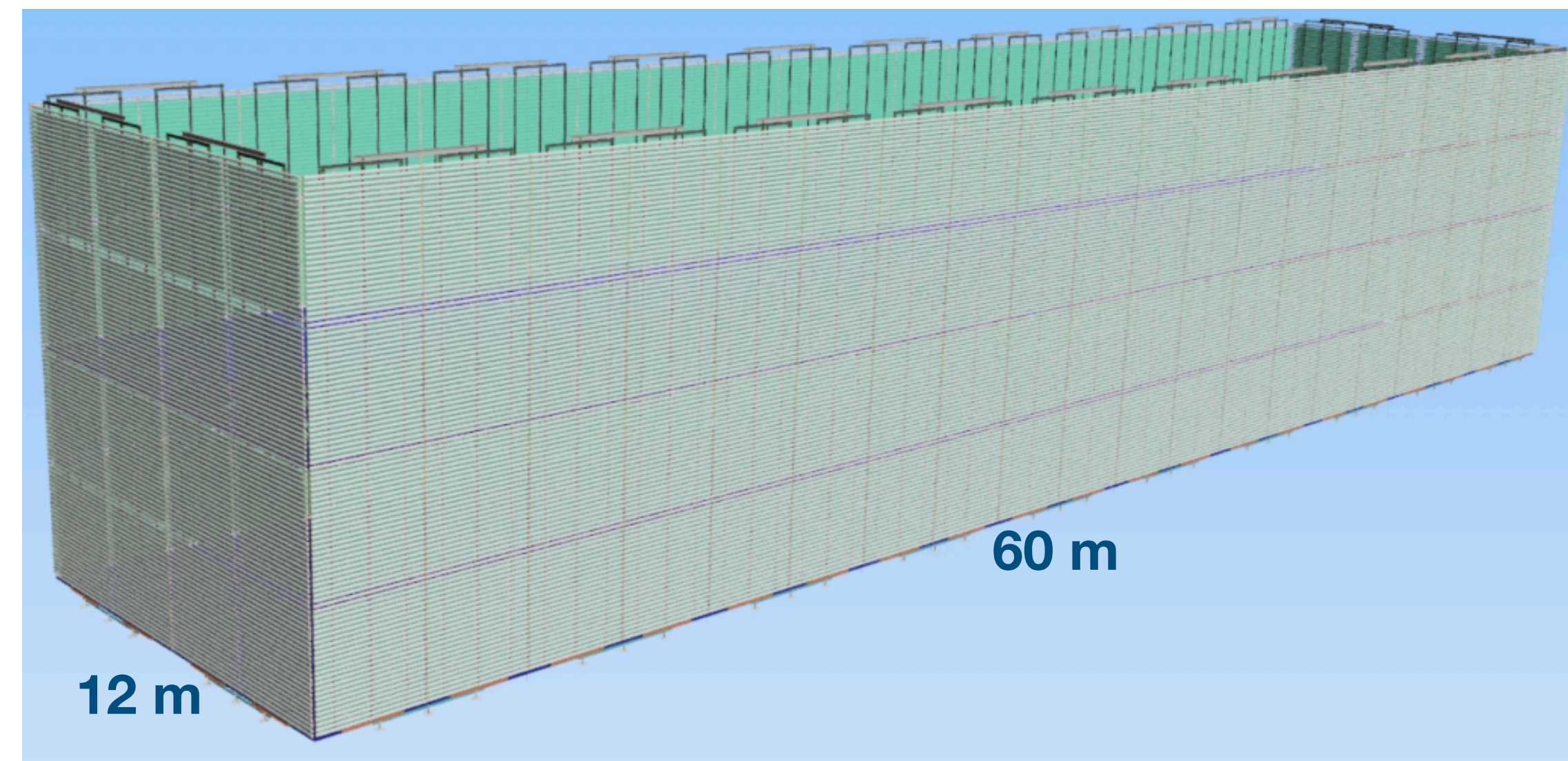


Bird's-eye view



# DUNE FD3 APEX (Aluminum Profiles with Embedded X-Arapucas): A fully integrated LArTPC field cage + photodetector system

- ~60% optical coverage of LAr (active) volume
- **Min (avg.) light yield x6 (x4)** times higher wrt FD2, higher uniformity
- Lower detection thresholds, better timing and energy resolution extend frontiers of neutrino oscillation and low E astroparticle physics
  - Diffused supernova neutrino background
  - Separate CPV measurement in neutrino 2nd oscillation peak
  - Background tagging (e.g. neutron capture) and rejection
    - Enhance supernova & solar neutrinos sensitivity
  - Increase SNB trigger efficiency (to ~100%) in the range  $\geq 5$  MeV deposited energy
  - BSM/dark matter

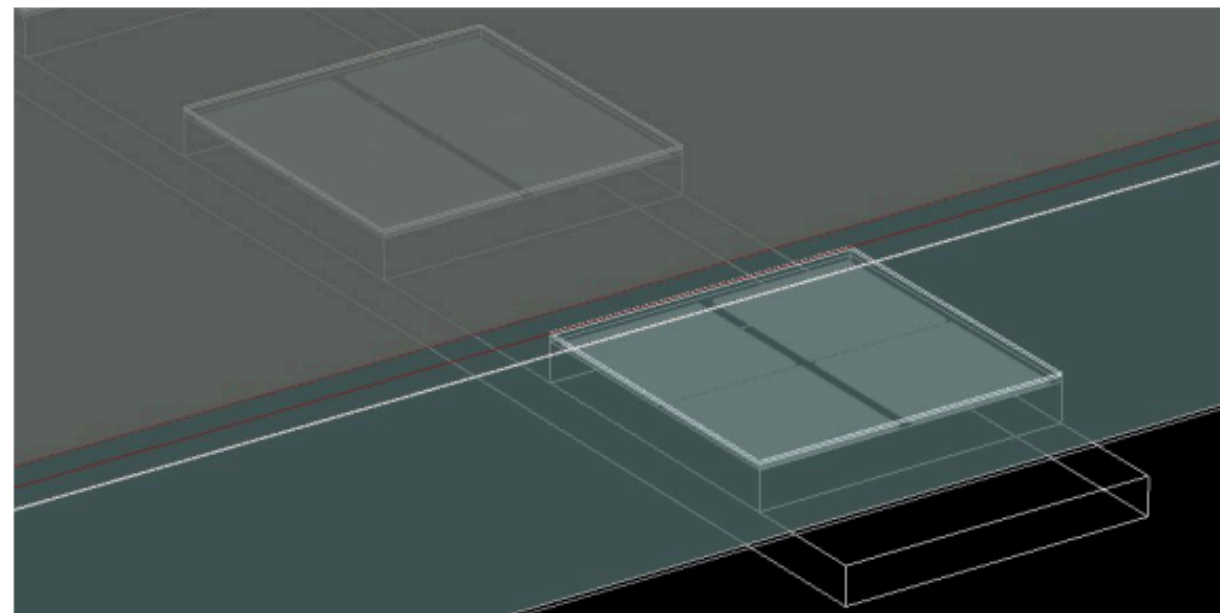
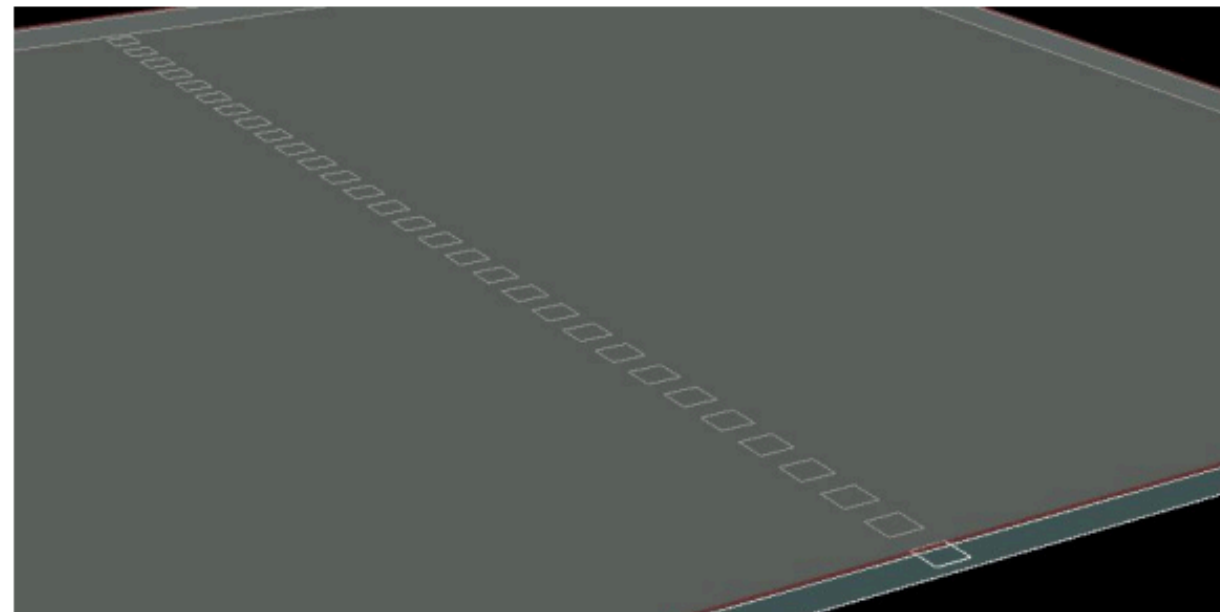


# Optimize Photodetector Design

*Simulation shows SiPM on edge doubles photon collection efficiency than glued at the center of acrylic*

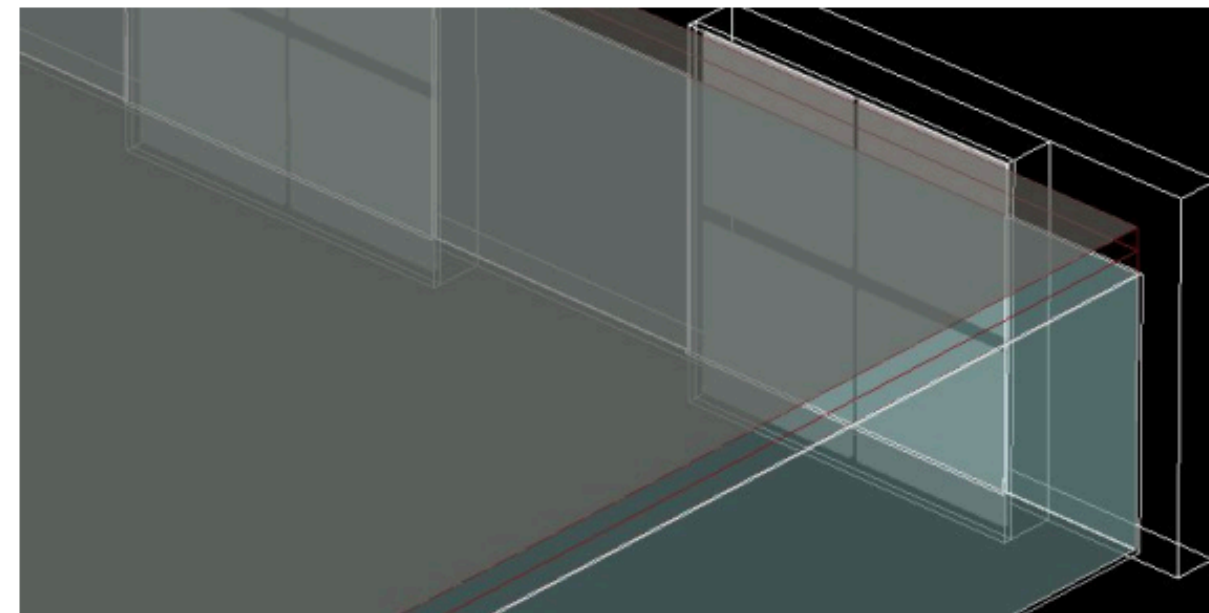
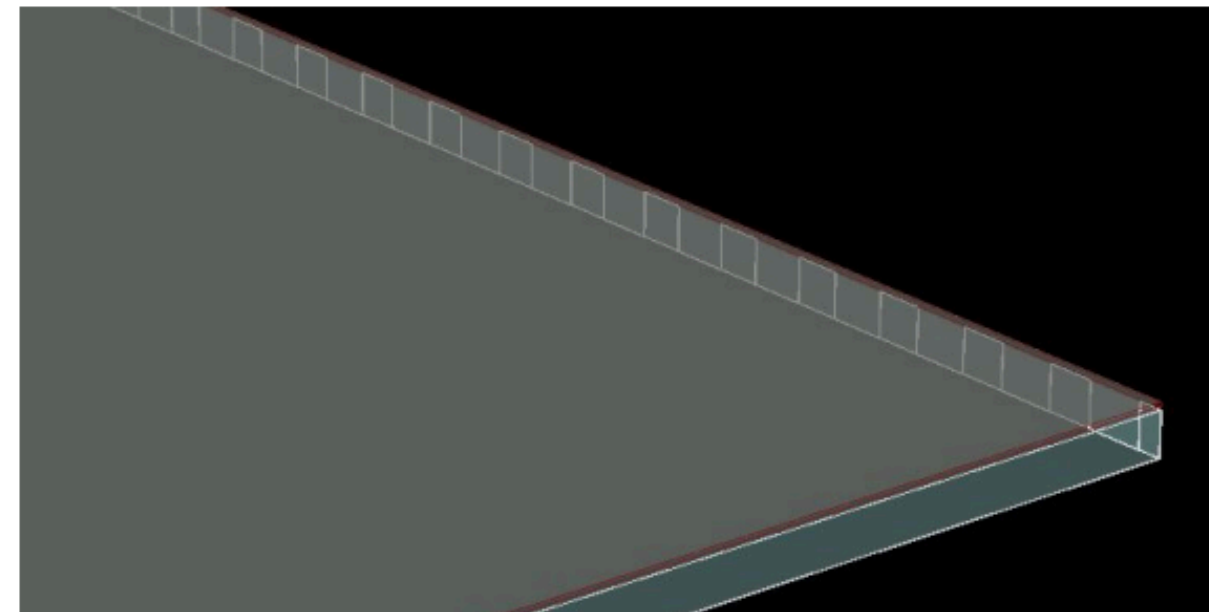
## Results

Baseline




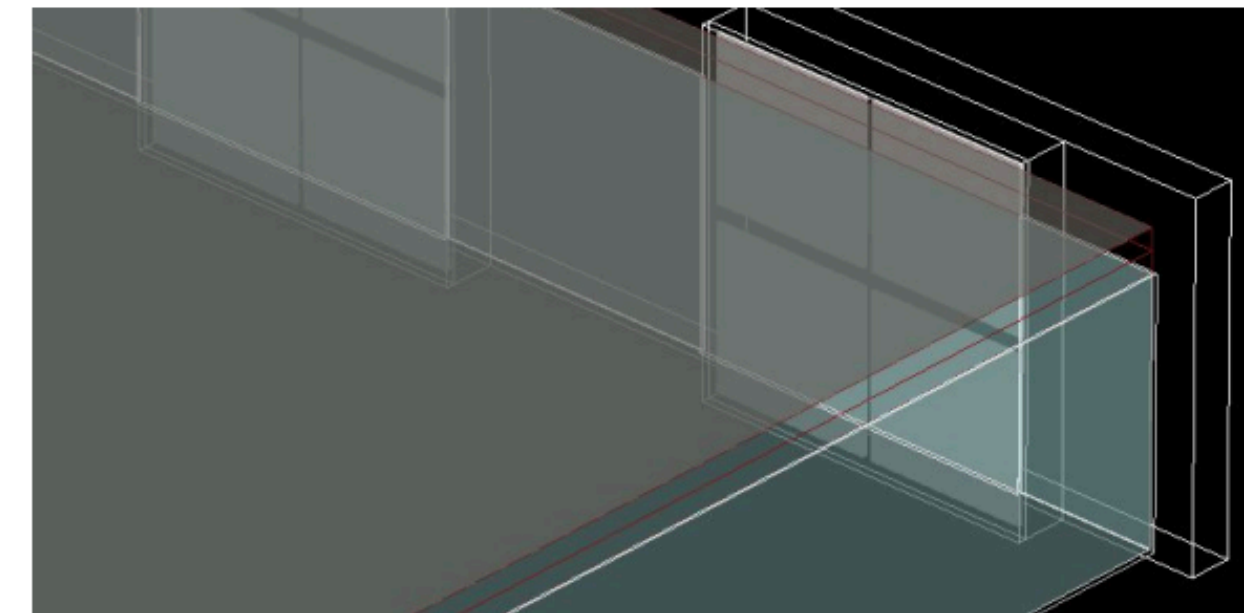
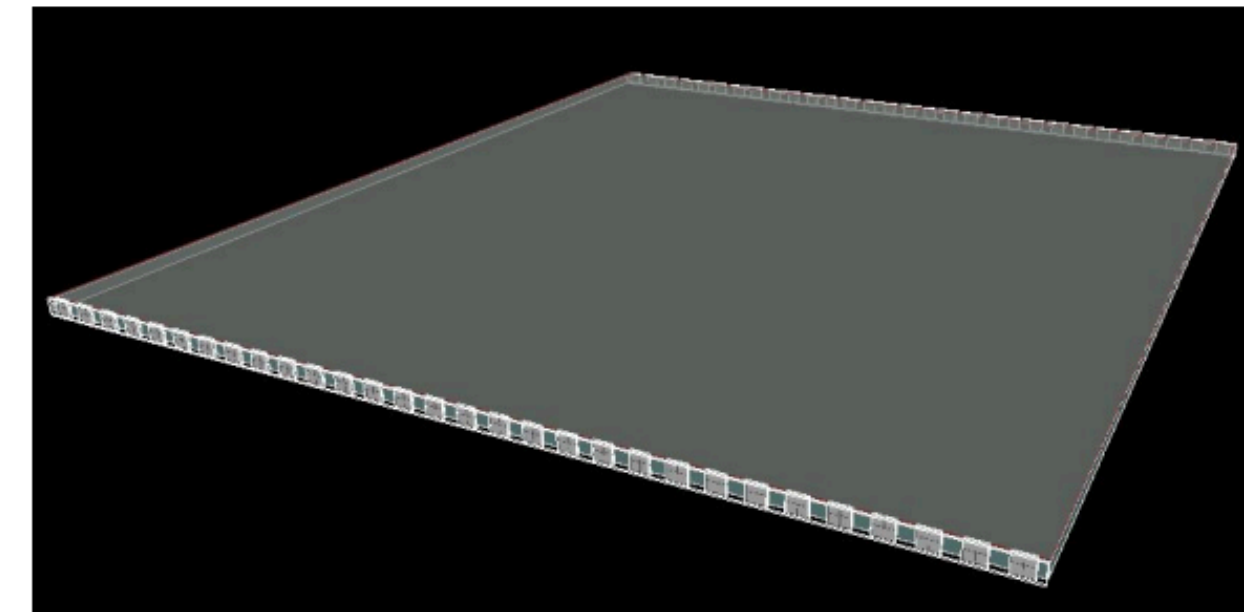
PCE ~ 0.63%

Side SiPMs



PCE ~ 1.23%

Side SiPMs (doubled) 

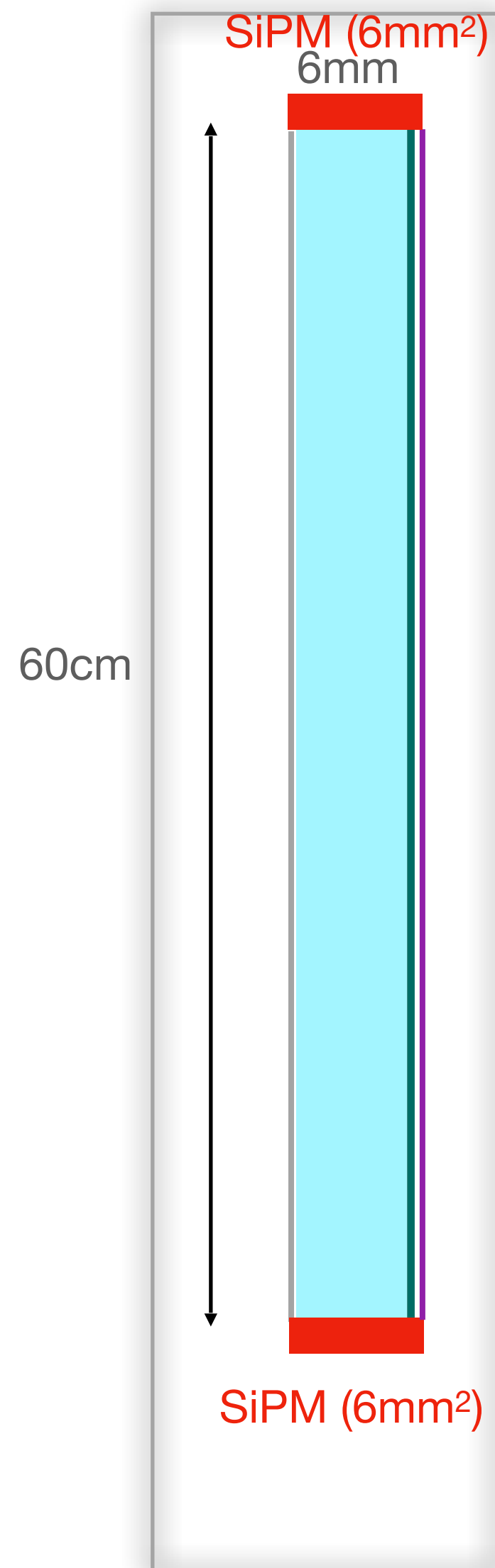


PCE ~ 2.27%

# A Potential Two-acrylic-layer Design

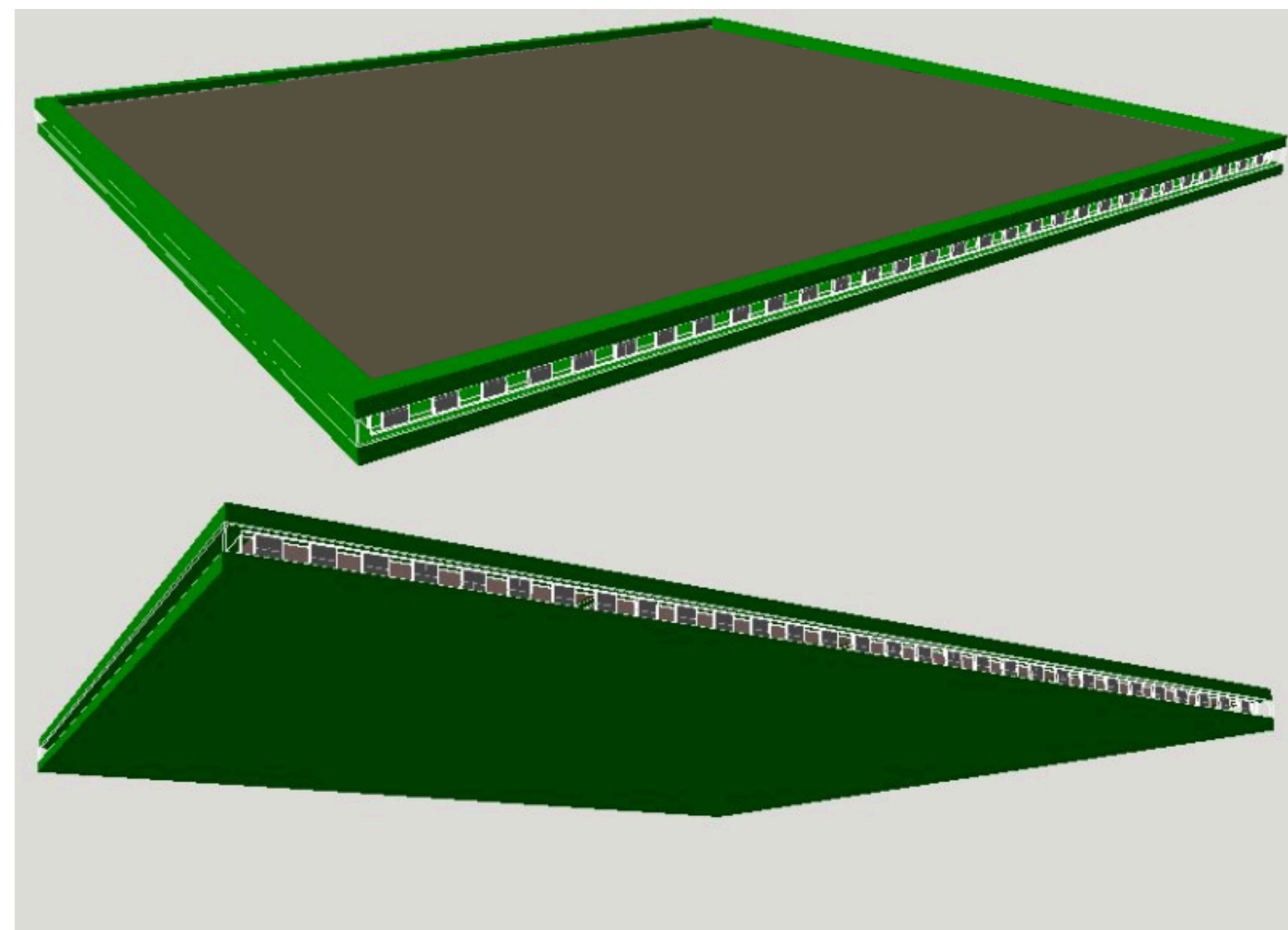
## Baseline XA design

[Reflector - WLS2 - Dichroic - WLS1]  
 VIKUITI foil - PMMA - ALD - pTP film



Single sided SiPMs (PDE 1.23%)

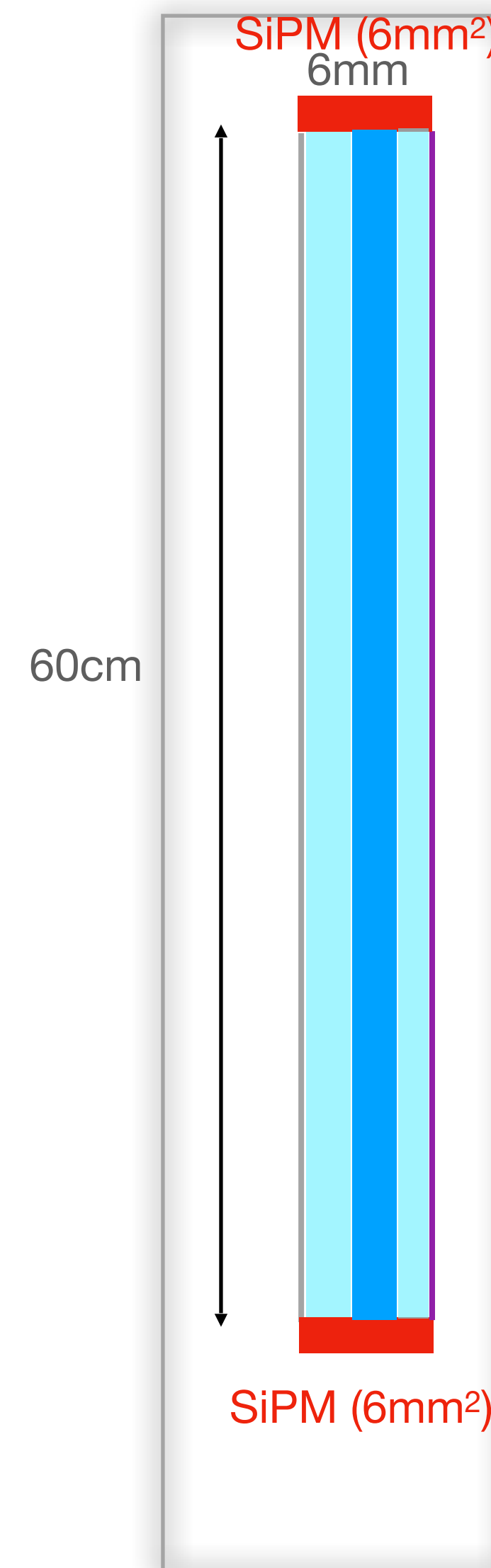
**Detached acrylic plates  
 with LAr filled gap enable total reflection  
 PDE ~ 1.73% (40% higher)**



**Two-acrylic-layer design  
 for improved efficiency**

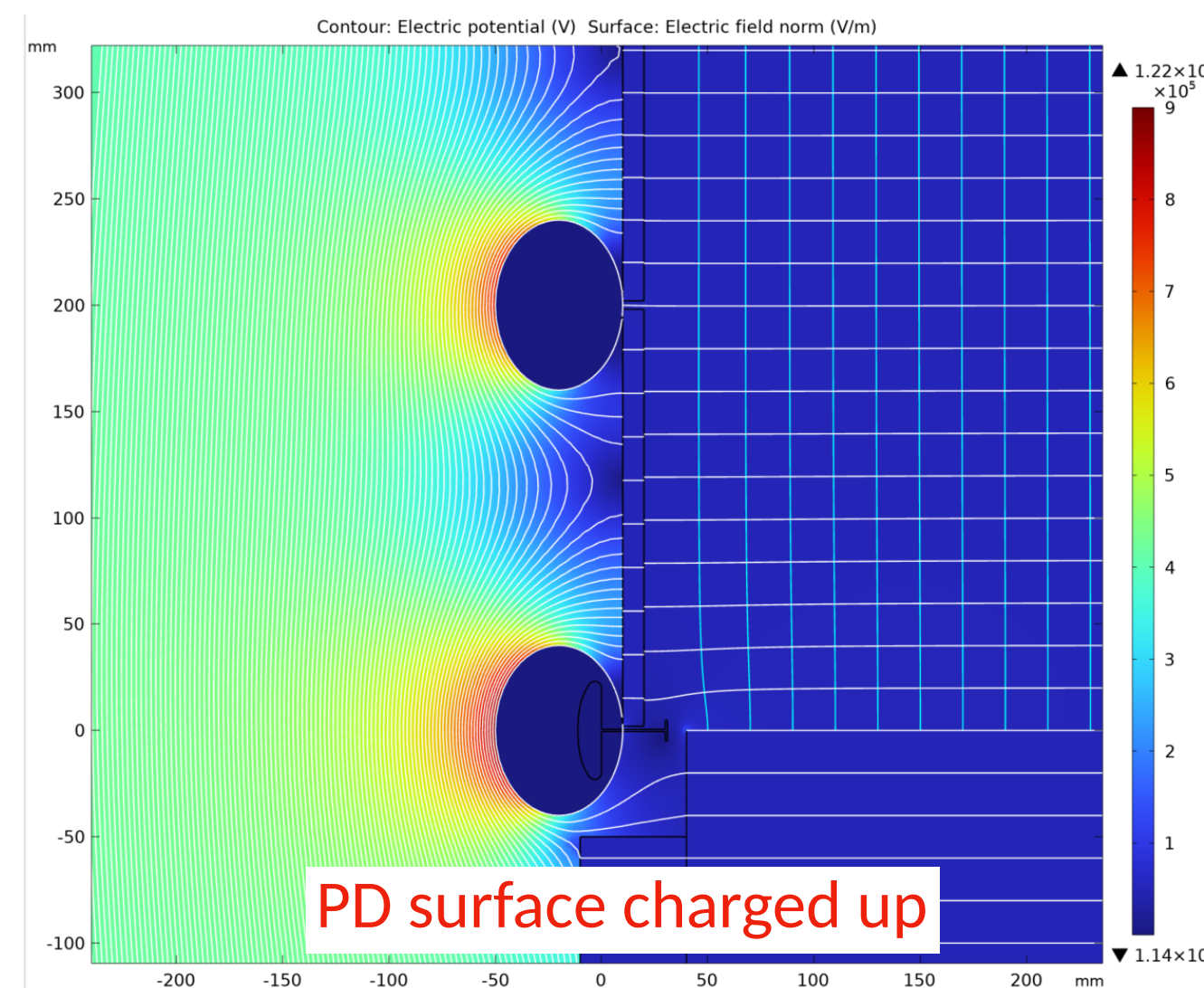
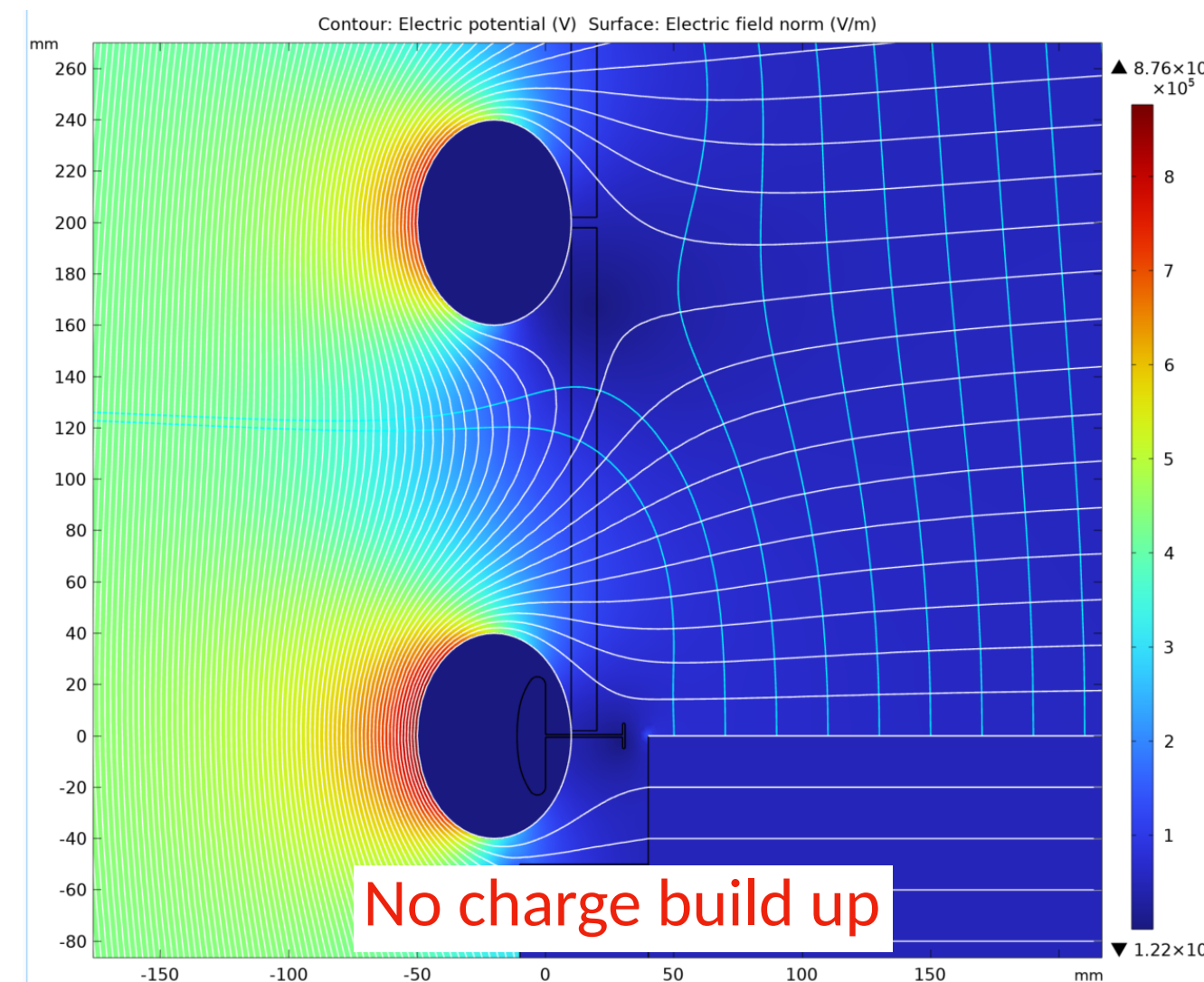
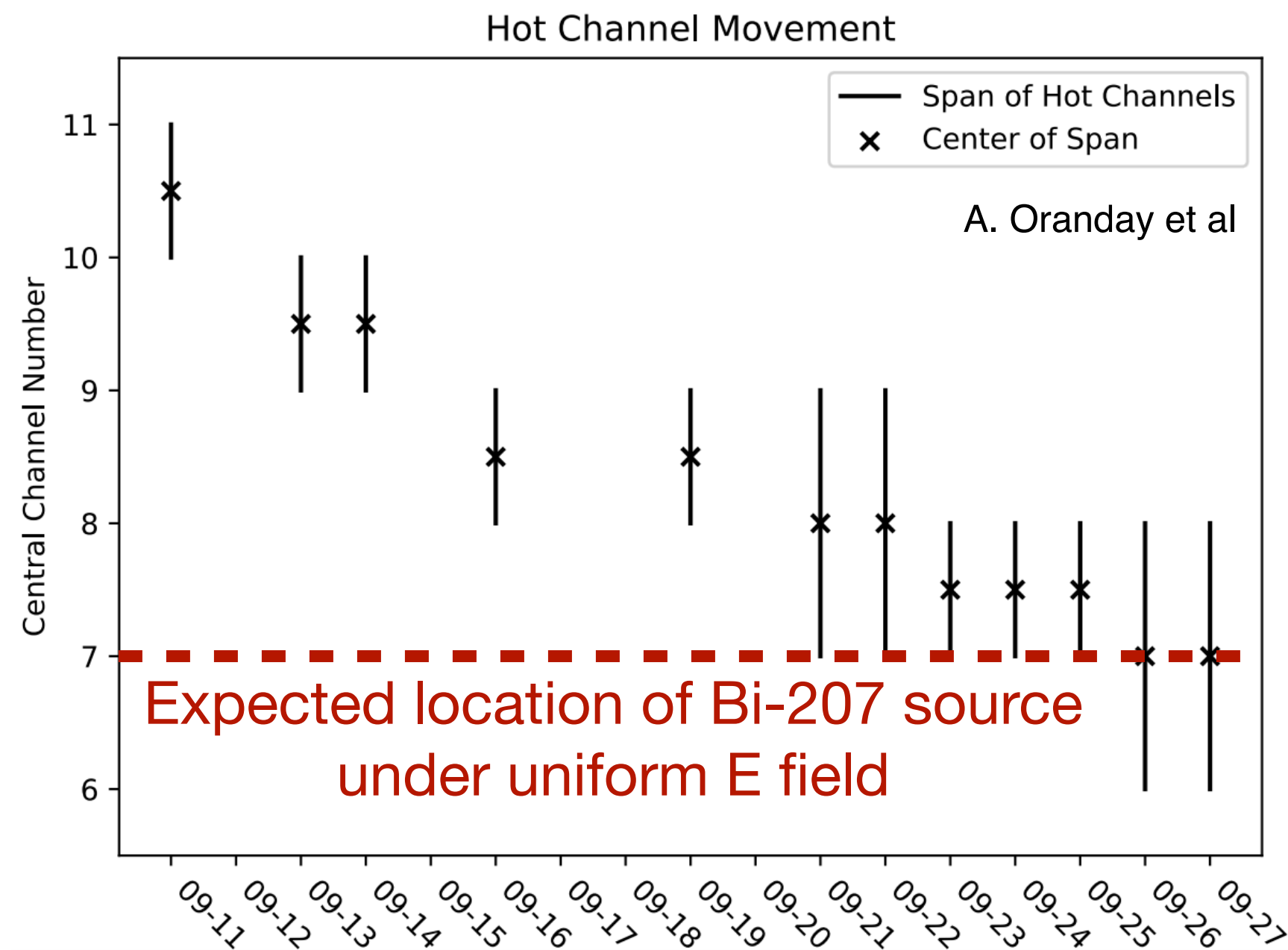
***Pending further simulation.***

[Reflector - WLS2 - LAr - PMMA - WLS1]  
 VIKUITI foil - PMMA (doped) - LAr - PMMA - pTP film



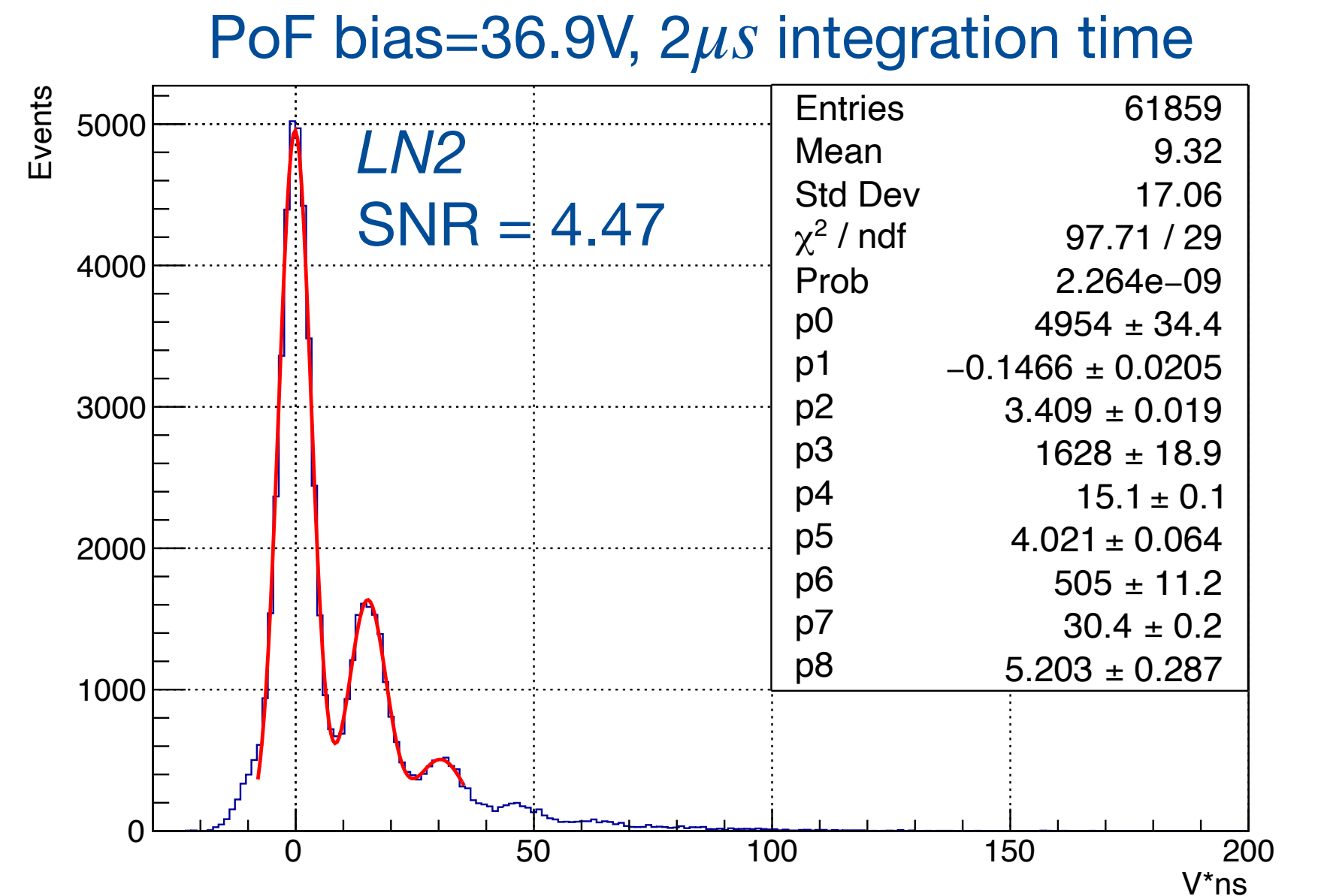
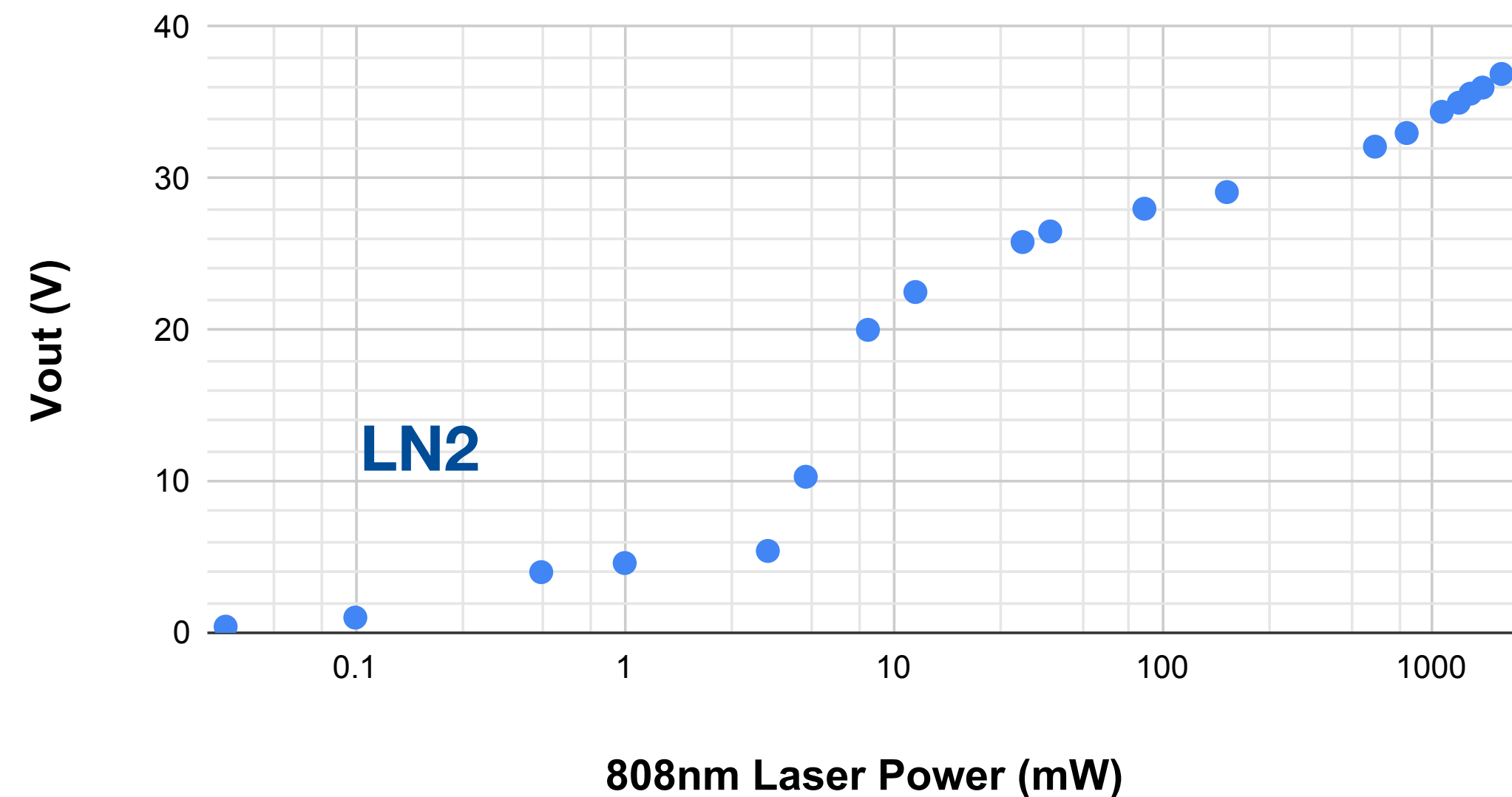
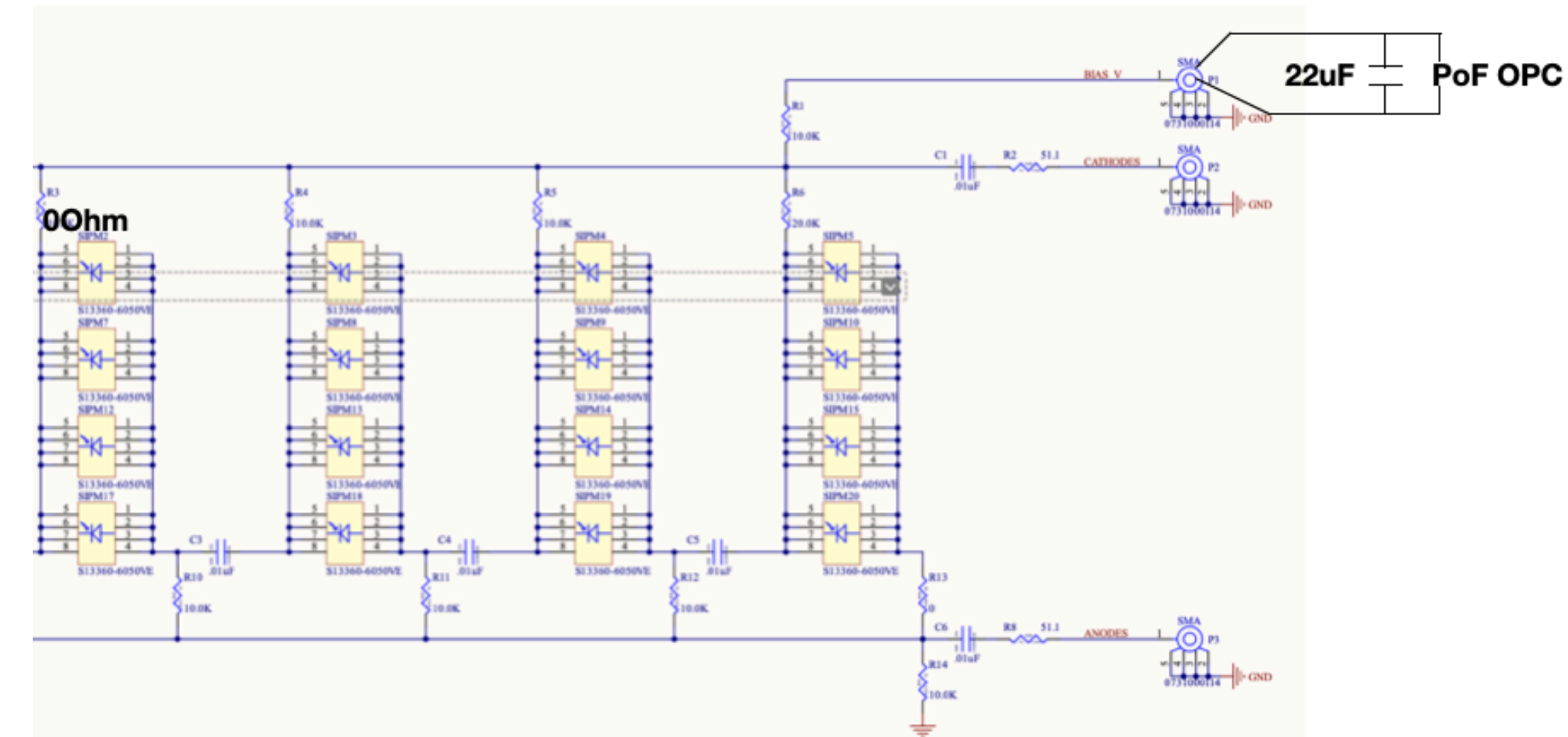
# Charging up Test @ CERN 50L TPC

- A bulk G10 between FC metallic (conductive) profiles will charge up in **E** field
  - Interest to reduce the number of FC profiles if charging up time is short
- Test shows it's a slow process on surface: 2 weeks
  - **Extra FC profiles needed across PD**



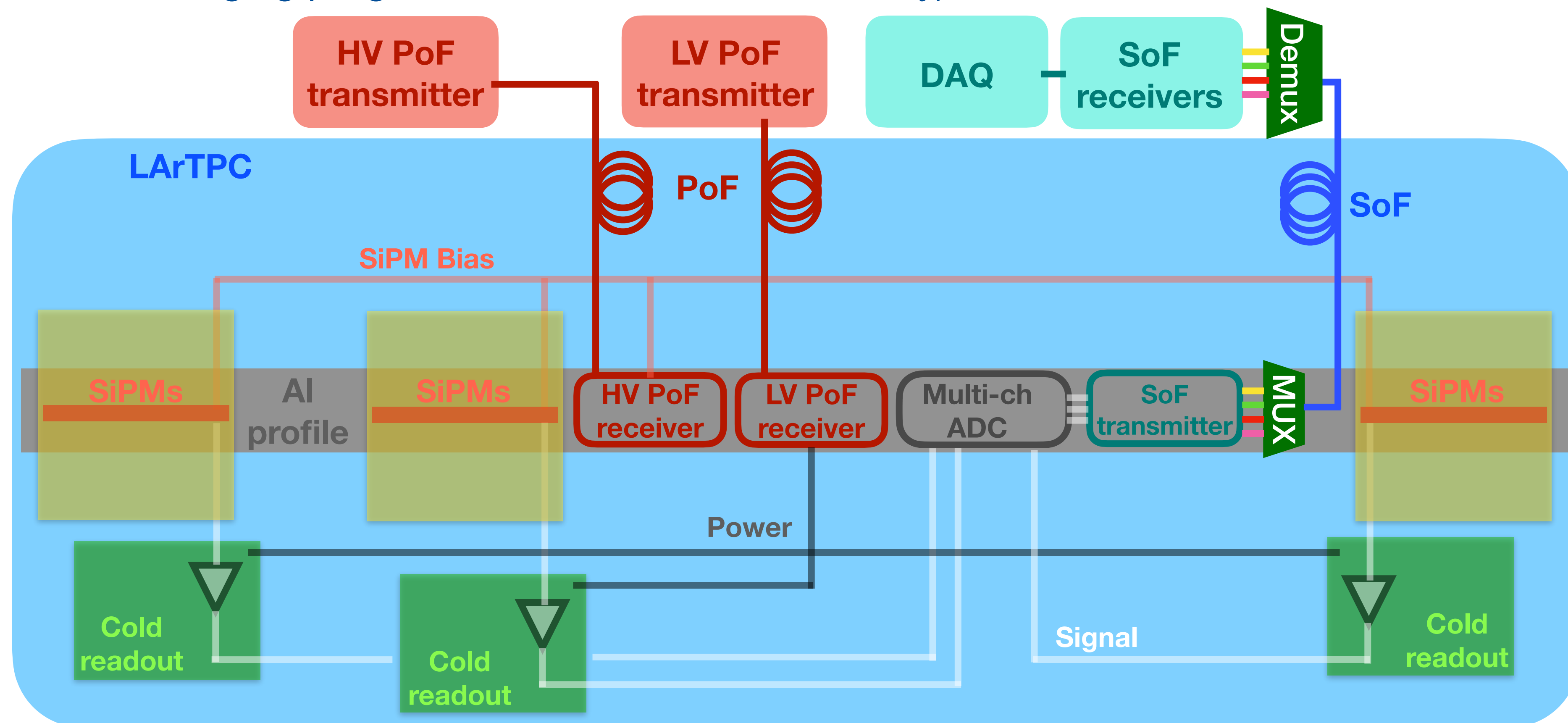
# New Development for APEX: HV PoF for SiPM Bias

- PoF system for VD only outputs lower voltage (~7V)
  - VD adopted LDO + DC-DC stepup for SiPM bias
- Latest PoF HV product can provide bias up to 36.9V
  - Higher output possible by improving the receiver design
- Demonstrated SiPM can be successfully biased from PoF and have good SNR**



# APEX Module Readout Concept with PoF and SoF

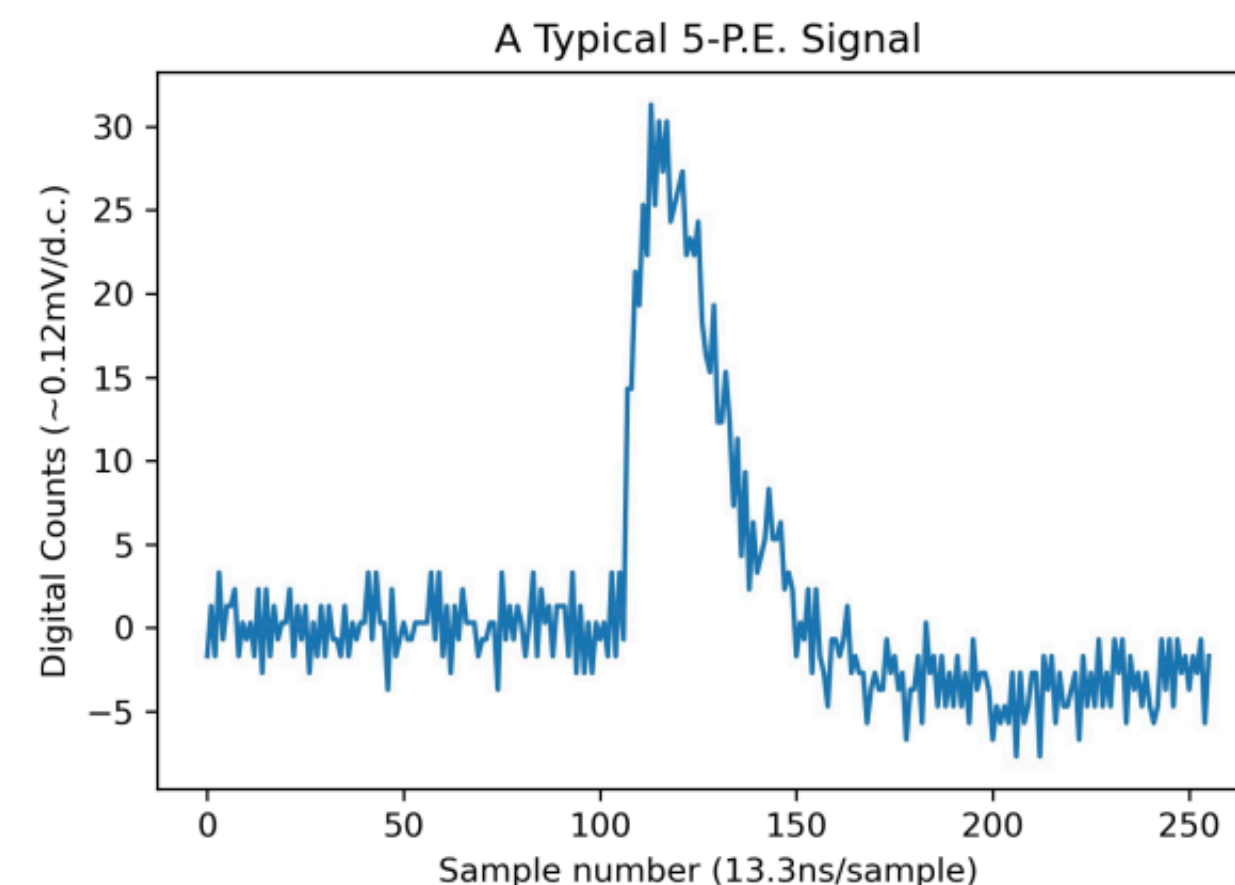
- LV PoF for powering cold readout electronics
- Each row of 6 PD modules share HV PoF to bias all SiPMs, share multi-channel ADC to SoF
- **Digital SoF is widely implemented in HEP experiments, the challenge is to make it work in LAr**
  - Wavelength division multiplexing for SoF can further reduce number of fibers (later slide shows some encouraging progress has been achieved already)



# Signal Digitization and Transmission via Cryogenic Digital Optical Link

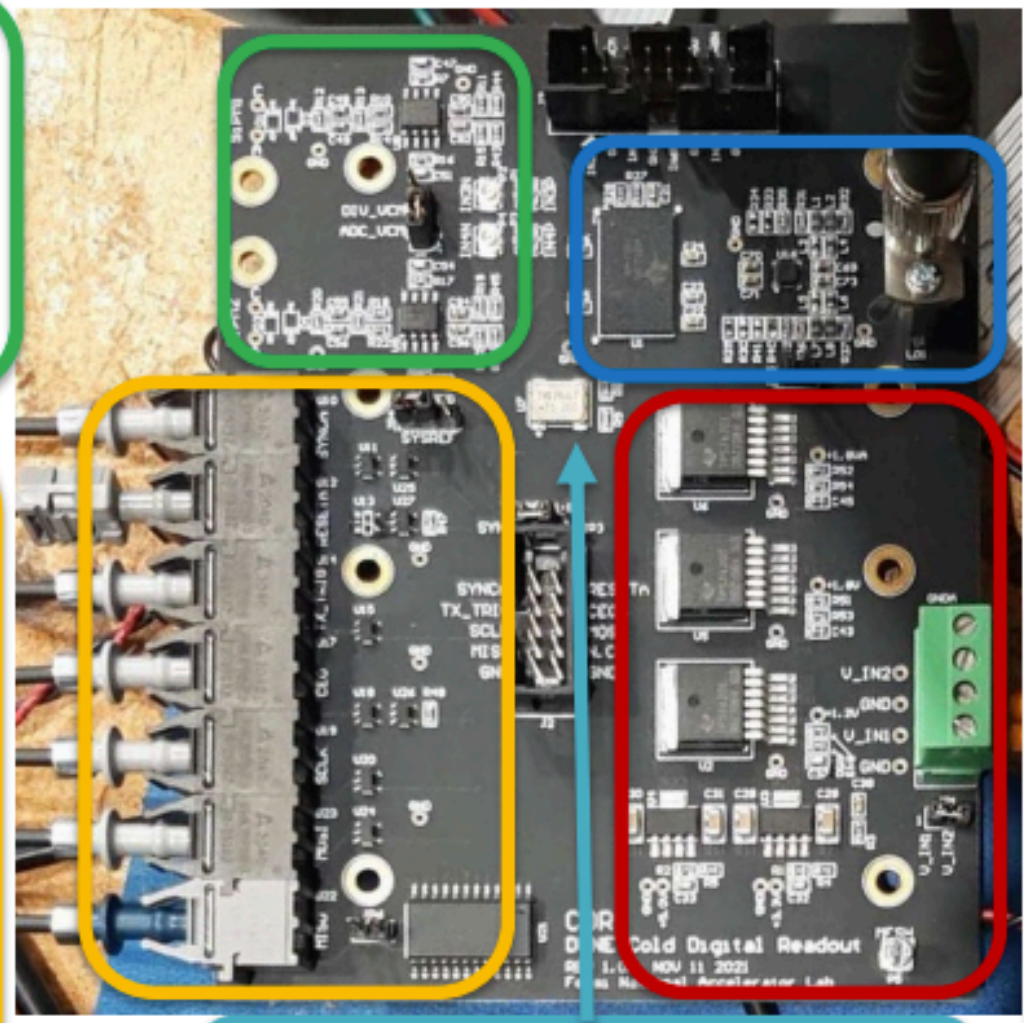
## Baseline Solution

- Several prototypes at Fermilab
  - ADC chips: TI ADS52J90, ADI AD9656, TI ADS52J65 (to be tested)
    - Best efficiency when many channels can be utilized
- Slow control signals
  - Had issues with plastic optical fibers with LED transmitters
  - An onboard active controller device (ASIC, FPGA, Microcontroller) would greatly simplify the design, eliminating the need for most control



**Analog front-end**  
X10 gain, copied from analog design  
Could use multiple gains.

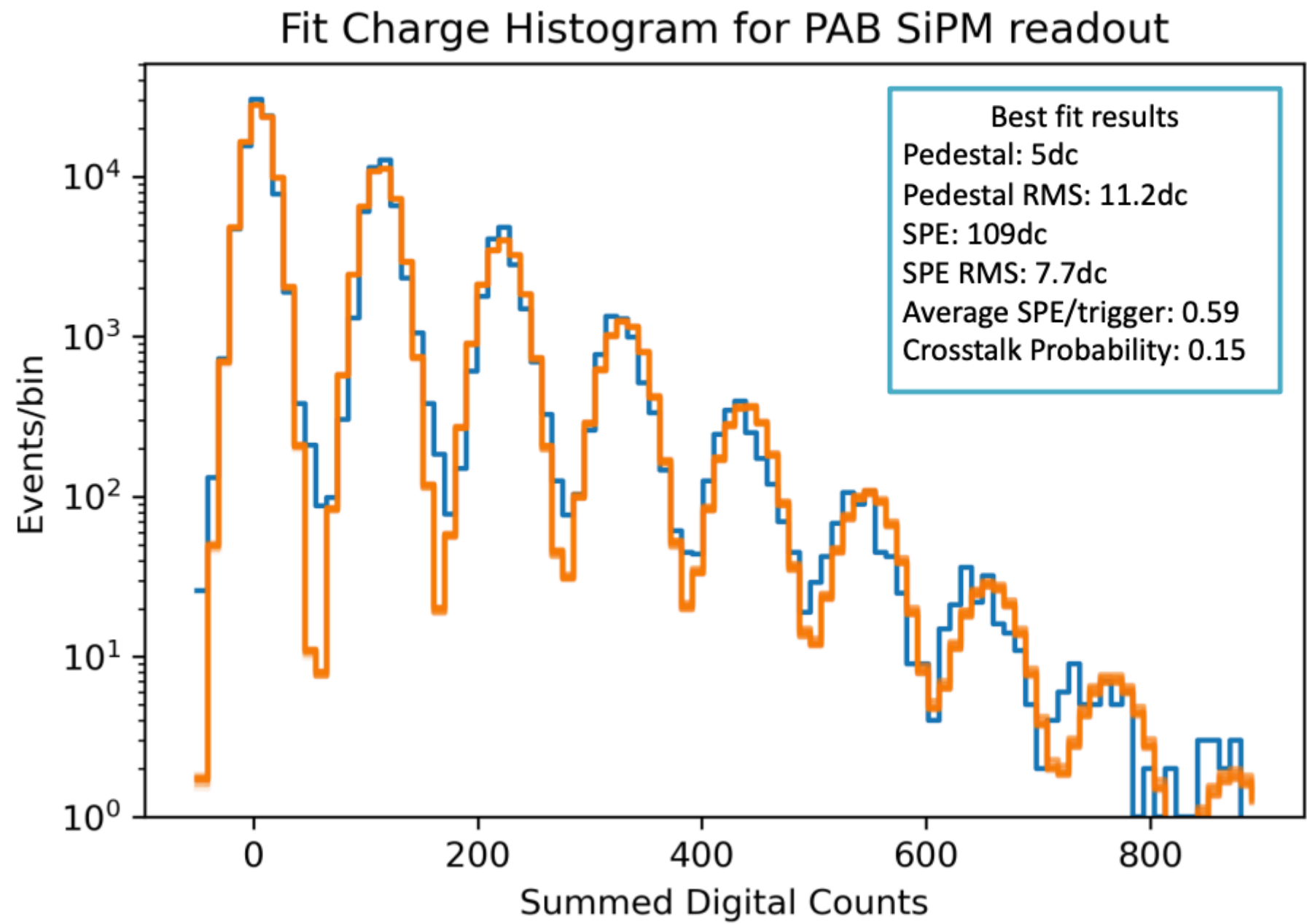
**Control and timing**  
LED-based signaling over plastic optical fiber, stable at DC levels and multiple MHz in liquid argon.



75MHz free-running crystal oscillator with CMOS output.

**ADC and Laser Driver**  
Unique to this design (laser diode shared with analog design)

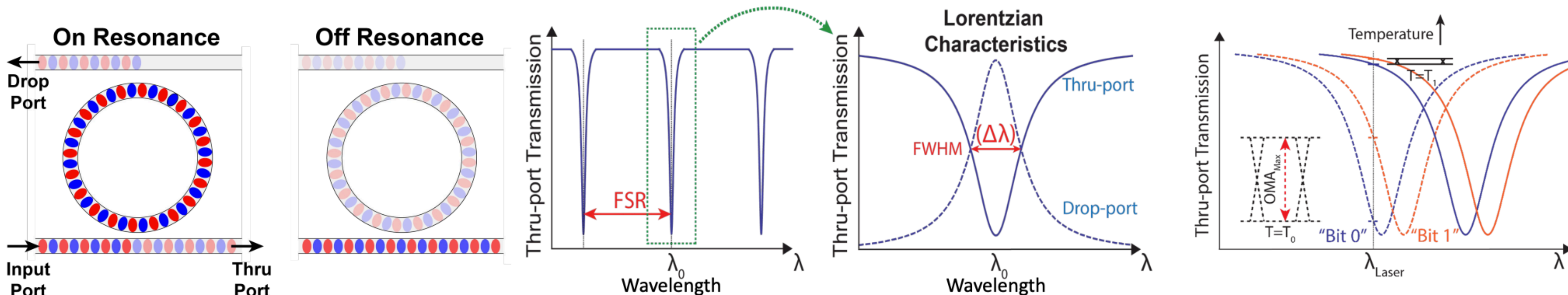
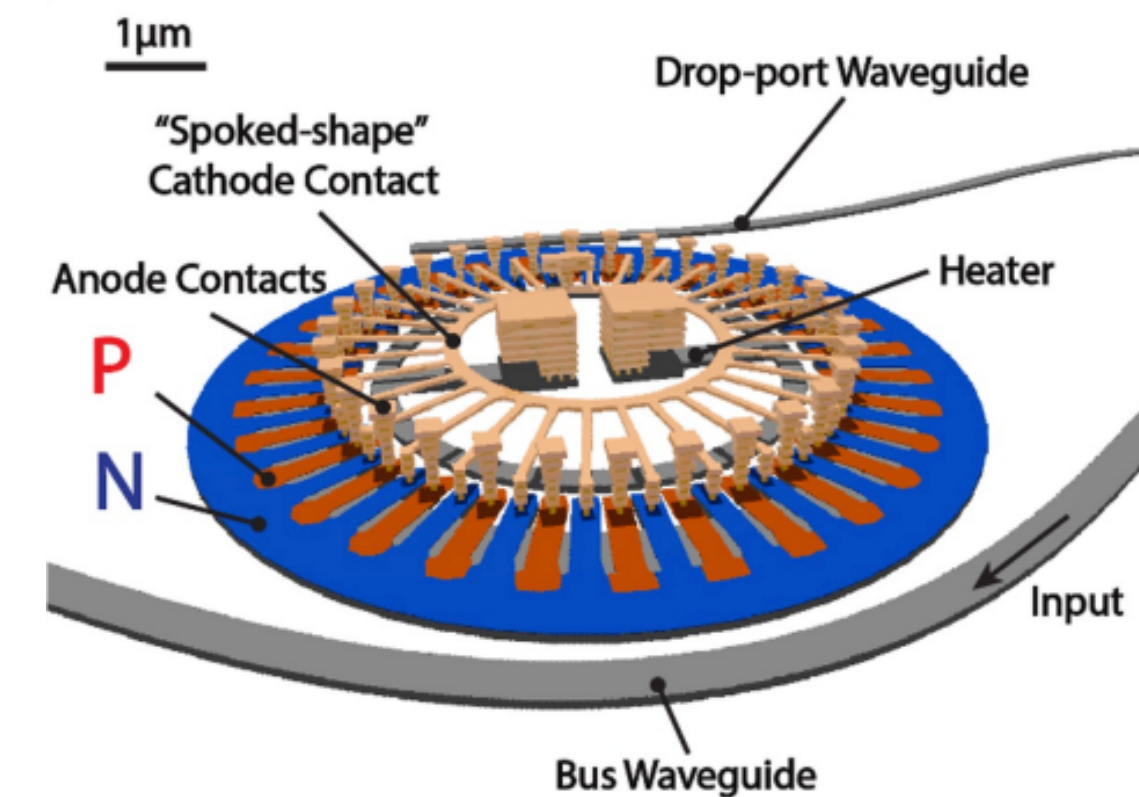
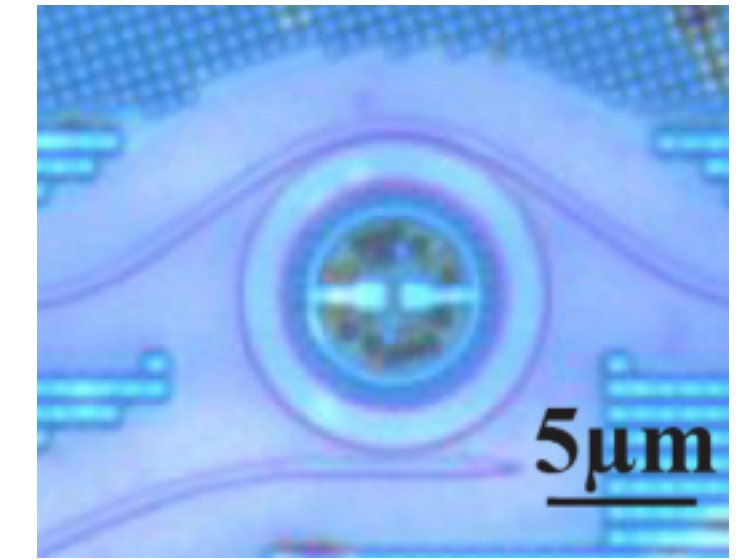
**Power**  
Linear regulators chosen from existing cryo designs.  
5V (Analog front end and controls)  
3.3V Laser driver and Oscillator  
1.8V digital and analog for ADC





# Advanced Solution: Ring Resonator for SoF

- Challenge of increasing readout channels and large bandwidth data transfer
  - 14(ADC-bits) x 67 MHz x 288 channel per FC ring x 24 rings ~ 6.5 **Tbit/sec**
- Micro-ring modulators (MRM)** offers low power, low heat load solution
  - < 1 pJ per bit@25Gb/s, translates to ~mW per FD3 XA
  - Signal bits modulates laser on and off
  - Wavelength division multiplexing can reduce number of fibers
- Already used in LHC experiments, but need to be customized for 87K application
  - MRM's tuning, optical packaging, integration with CMOS and detector
  - Have industry partners, R&D ongoing



# Toward DUNE Phase II FD

## DUNE FD3 Mini-Workshop Toward a Combined Photon Detection and Field Cage System

> 60 participants!

Jun 26 – 28, 2023  
Stony Brook University Physics Building  
US/Eastern timezone

- Kickoff workshop at Stony Brook
- Discussed items (detector & electronics) that can be further improved from VD
- Discussed synergies with other FD3 concepts (TPC charge readout)
- Made plans toward prototypes



# 20+ Participating Institutions (US, South America, Europe)

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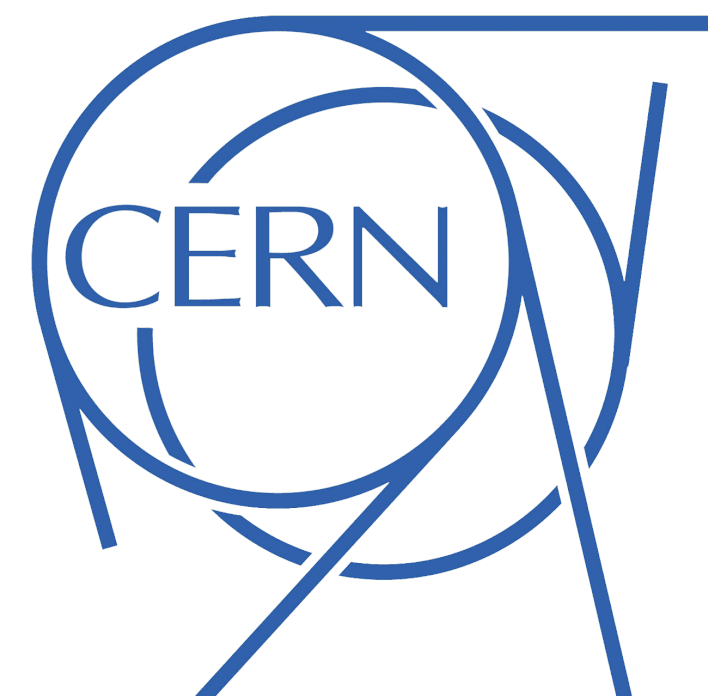


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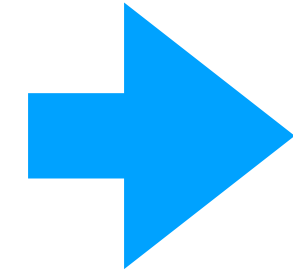
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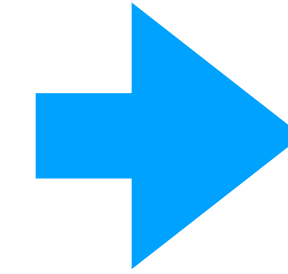
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# DUNE FD3 APEX Prototyping Stages

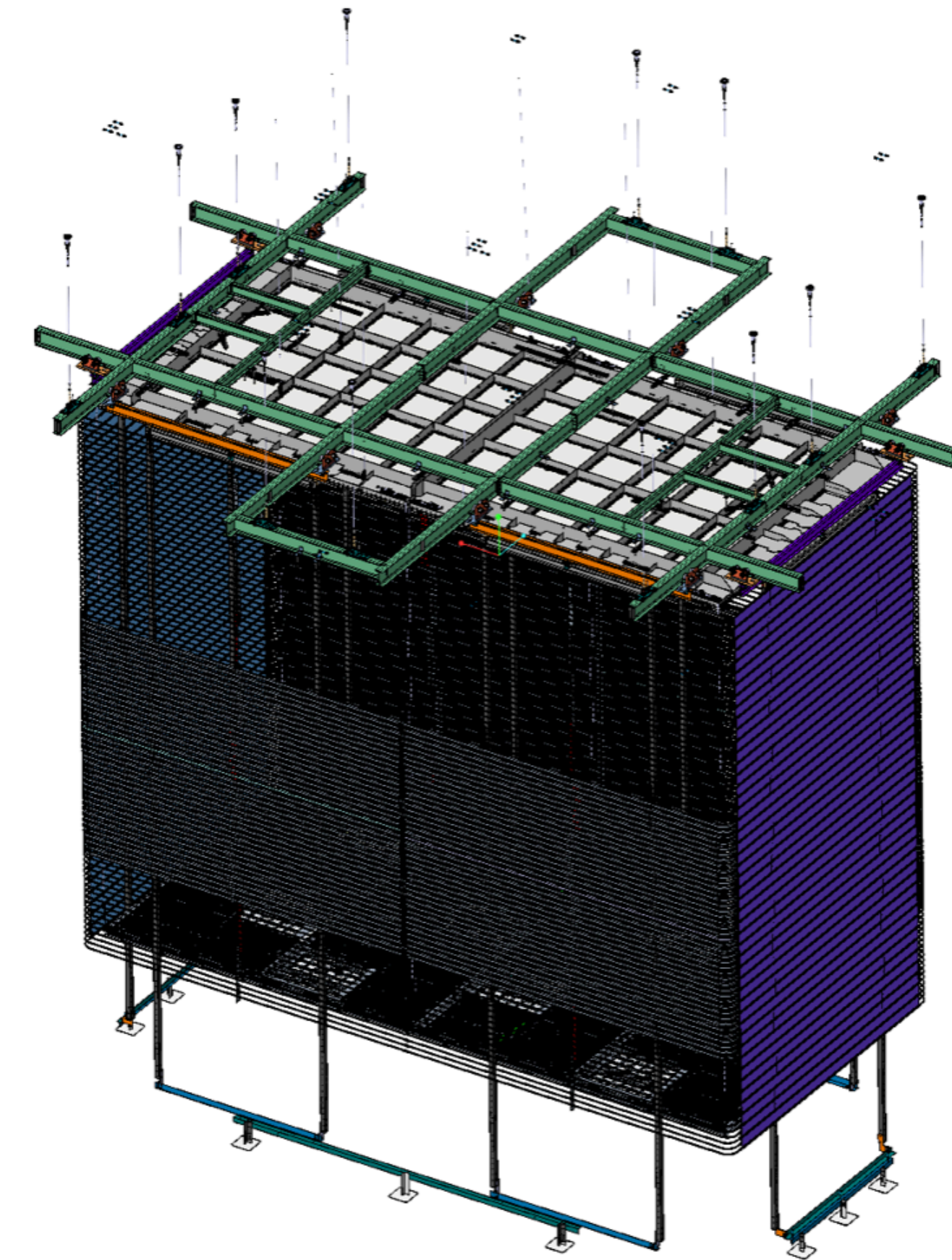
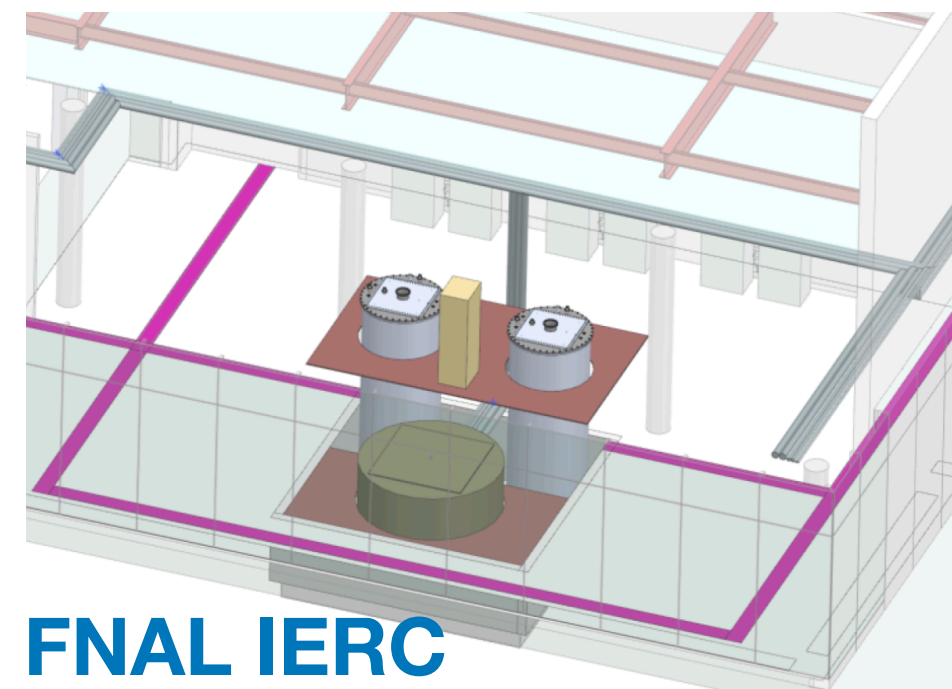
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Table-top  
50L TPC



2024-2025  
Ton-scale APEX  
(CERN/Fermilab)

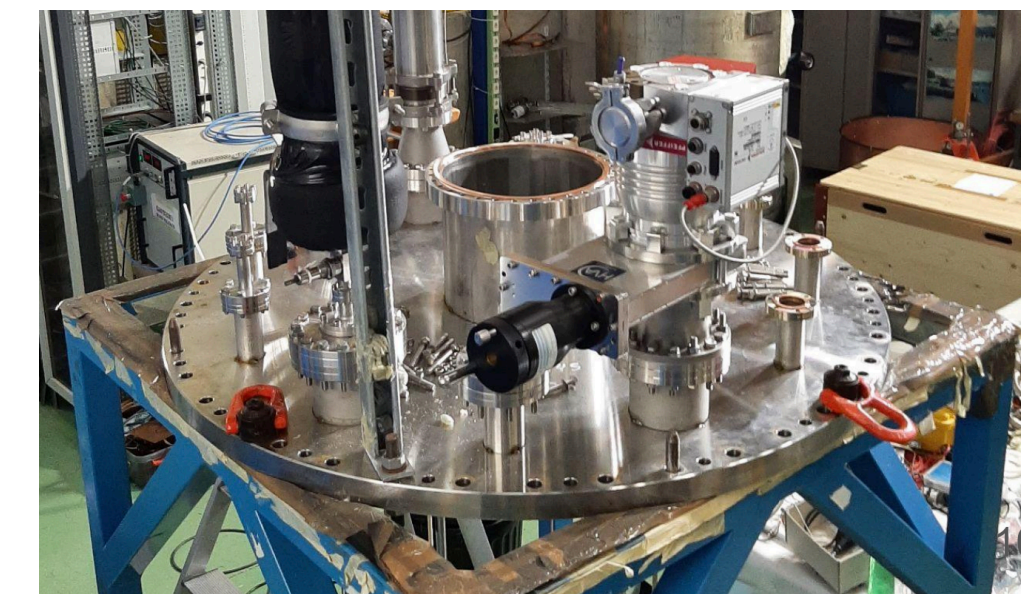
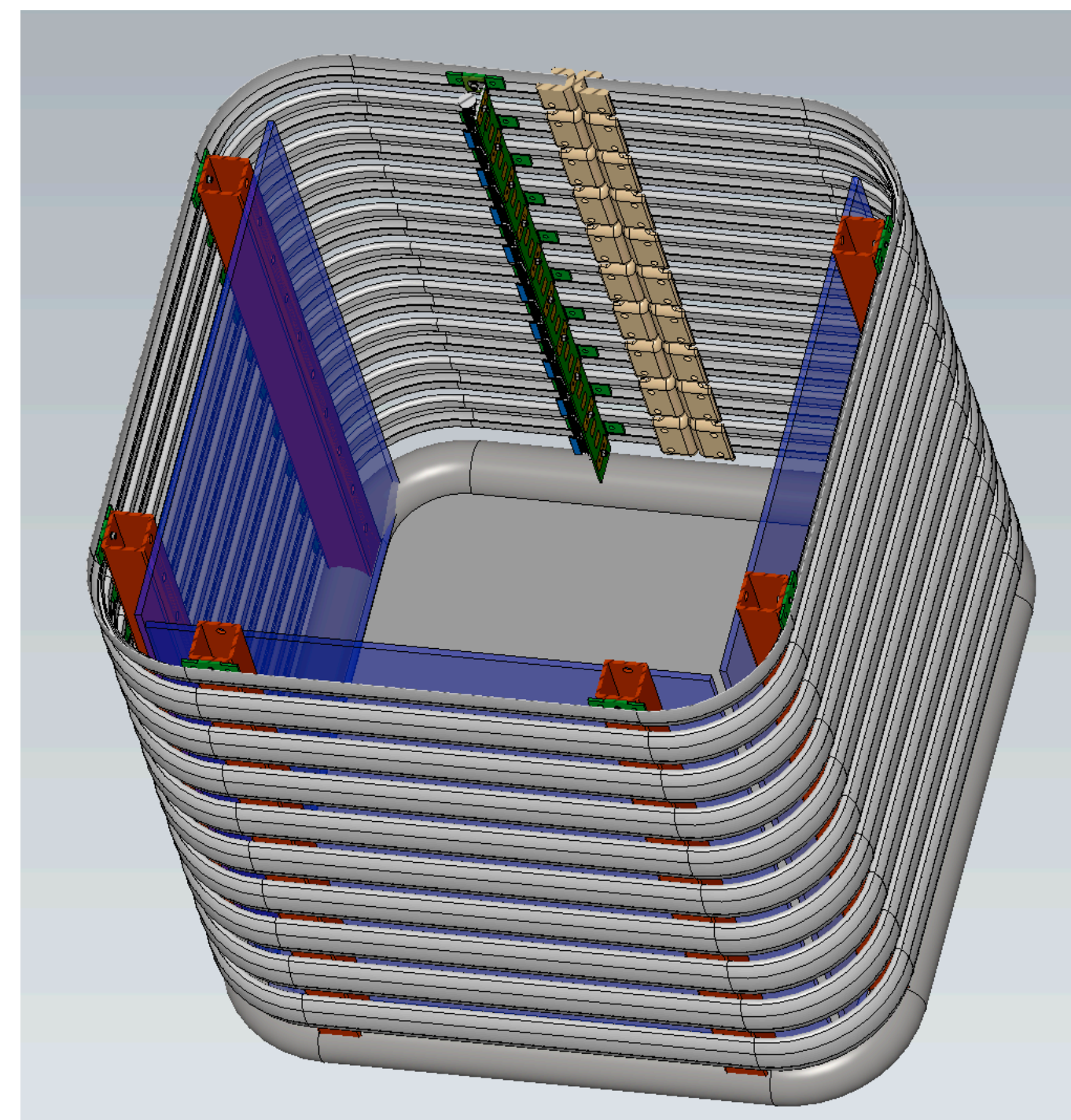
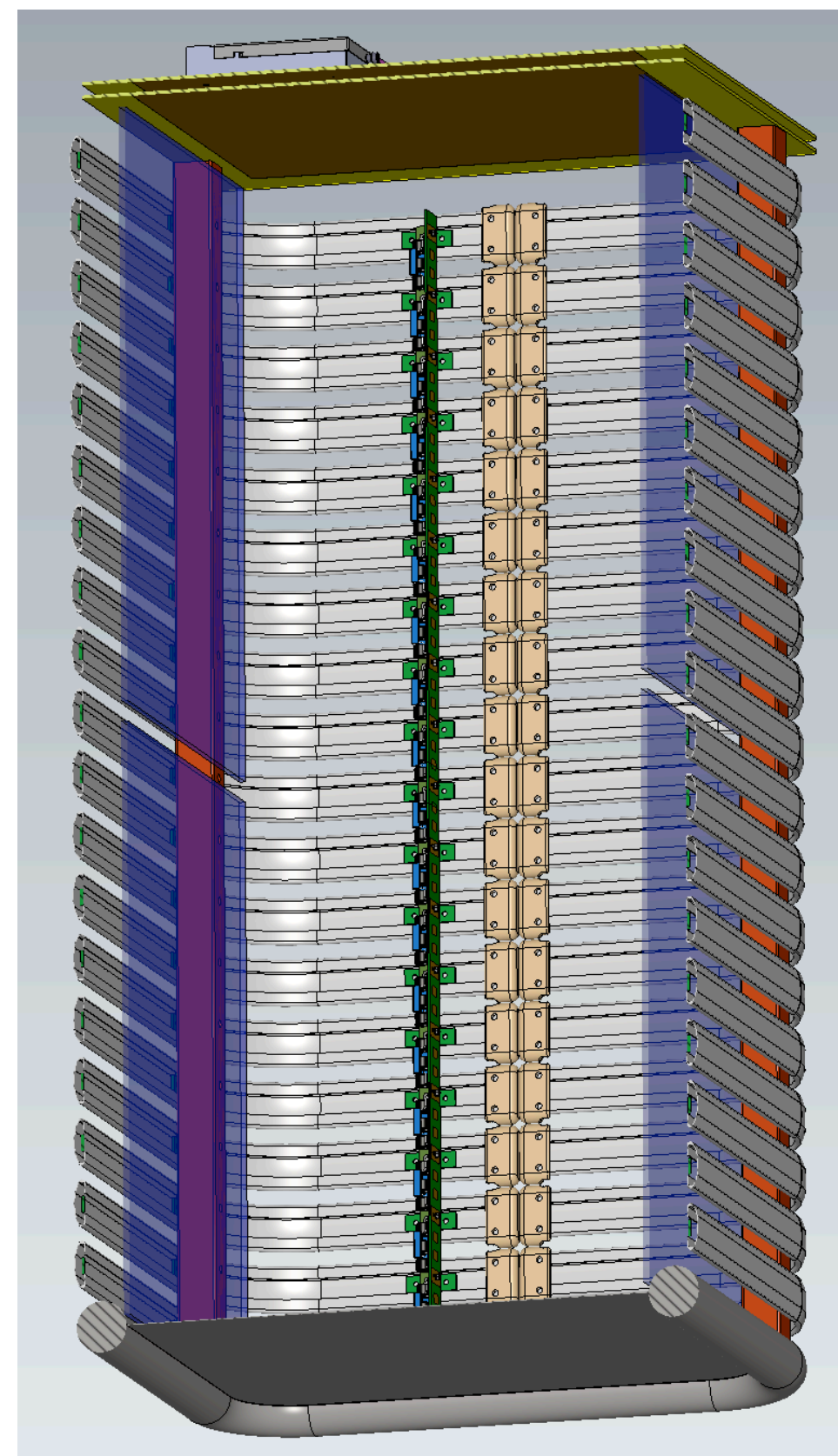
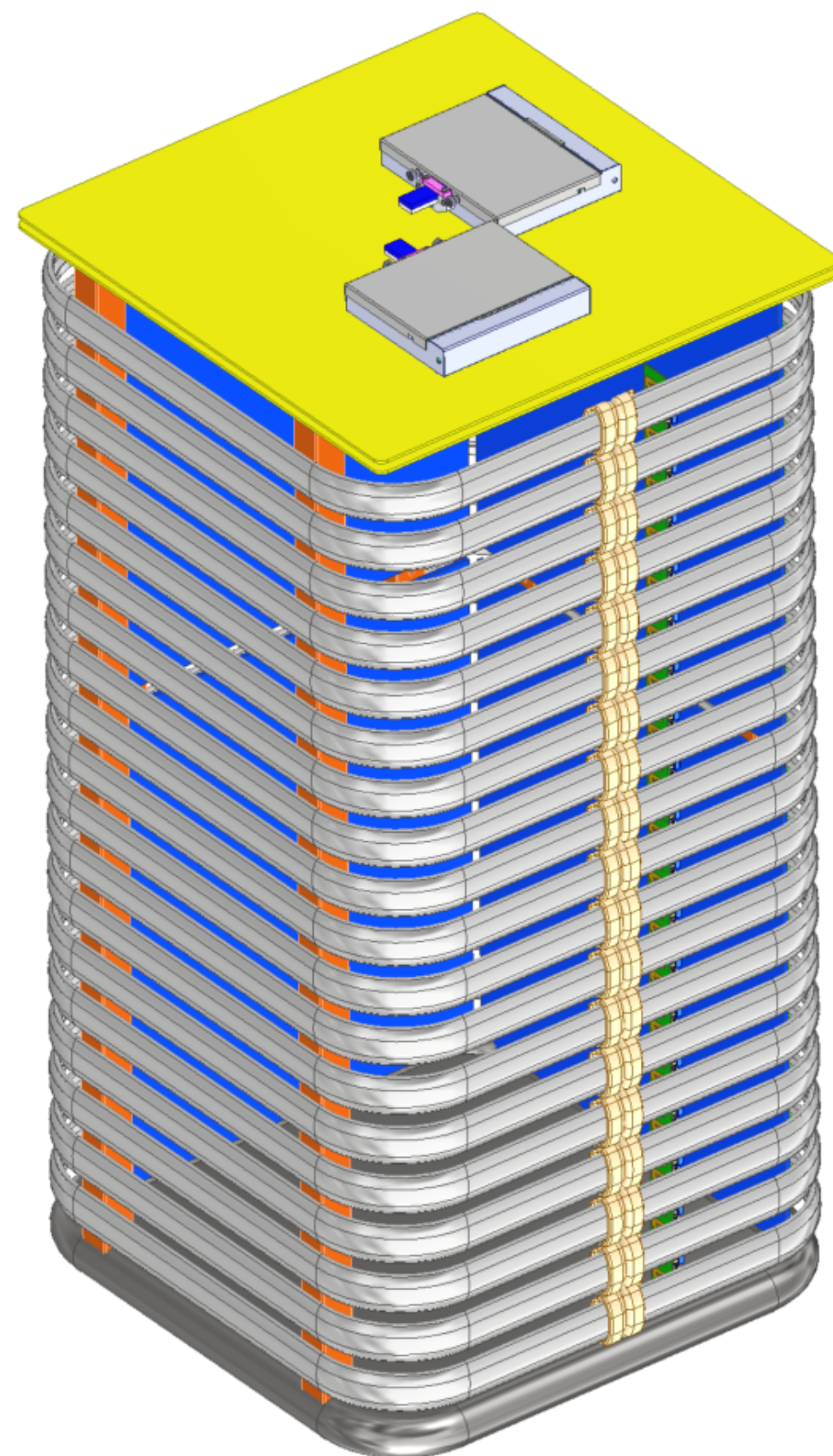


2025-2027  
Kiloton-scale  
ProtoDUNE/NP02  
(CERN)



# CERN 2t Prototype - Staged

- **1st prototype (summer 2024):** pure acrylic + FC mechanical mockup only
  - Mechanical & cryogenic cool down stability tests
  - TPC/E field tests (charge up test...)
- **2nd prototype (end of 2024):** Improved mockup with photodetector + SiPM + PoF/SoF readout
  - Electronics/fiber routing + signal readout tests
- Both prototypes could instrument up to 8 X-Arapuca modules



# Summary

- APEX is a proposed solution to significantly expand the active optical coverage area to  $O(2000m^2)$  toward  $4\pi$  light collection for DUNE Phase II FD
- Many new ideas developed from DUNE VD R&D
- Prospects of improving energy resolution at GeV and MeV region by leveraging dual calorimetry and PDS timing
- Challenging but exciting: integration of PDS to the LArTPC field cage, power delivery and cold readout via fiber, and reducing channel count
- Staged 2t prototypes expected to be built and tested this year