



* Nuclear recoils in
CYGNO 10 L prototype



DIRECTIONAL DARK MATTER SEARCHES WITH CYGNO

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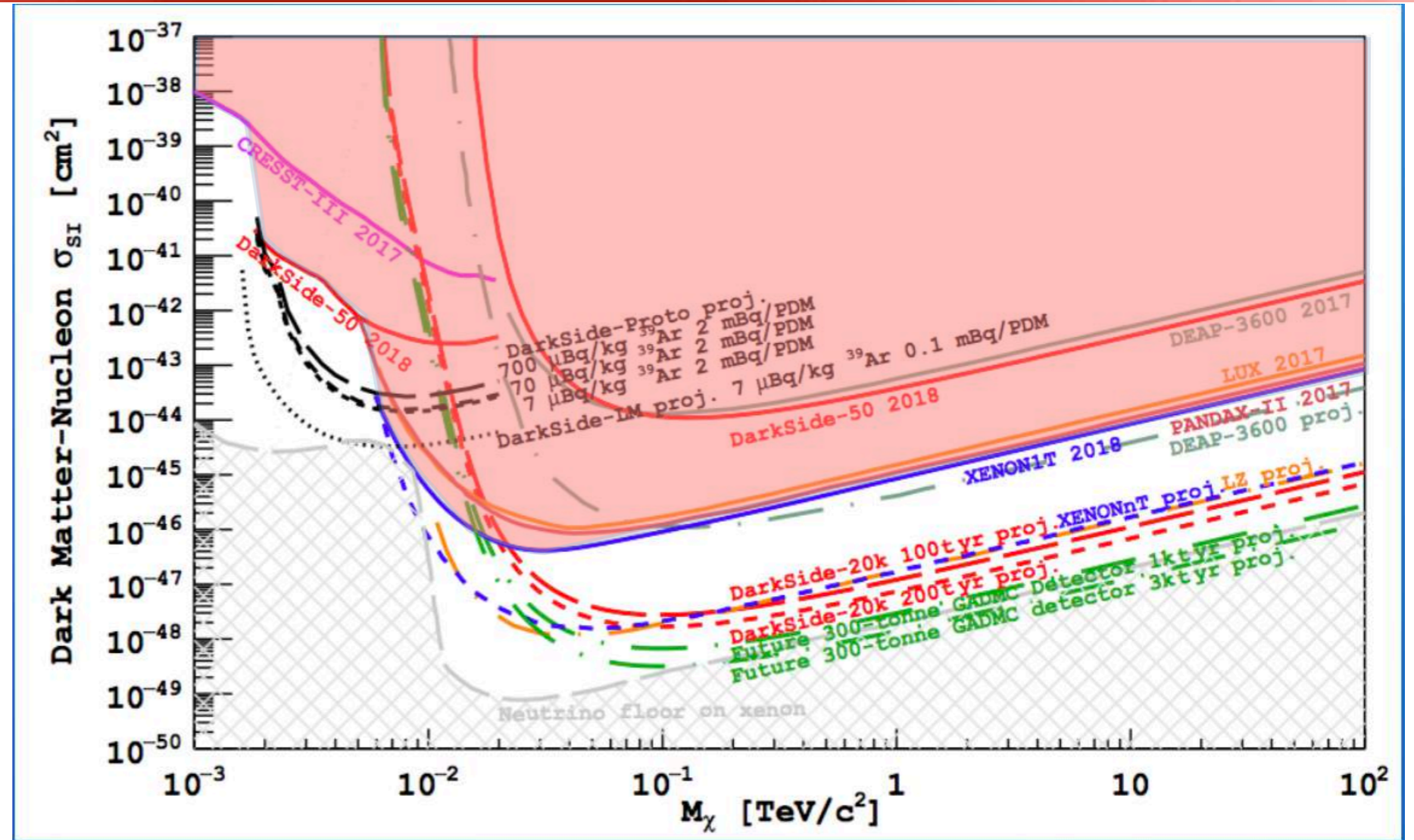
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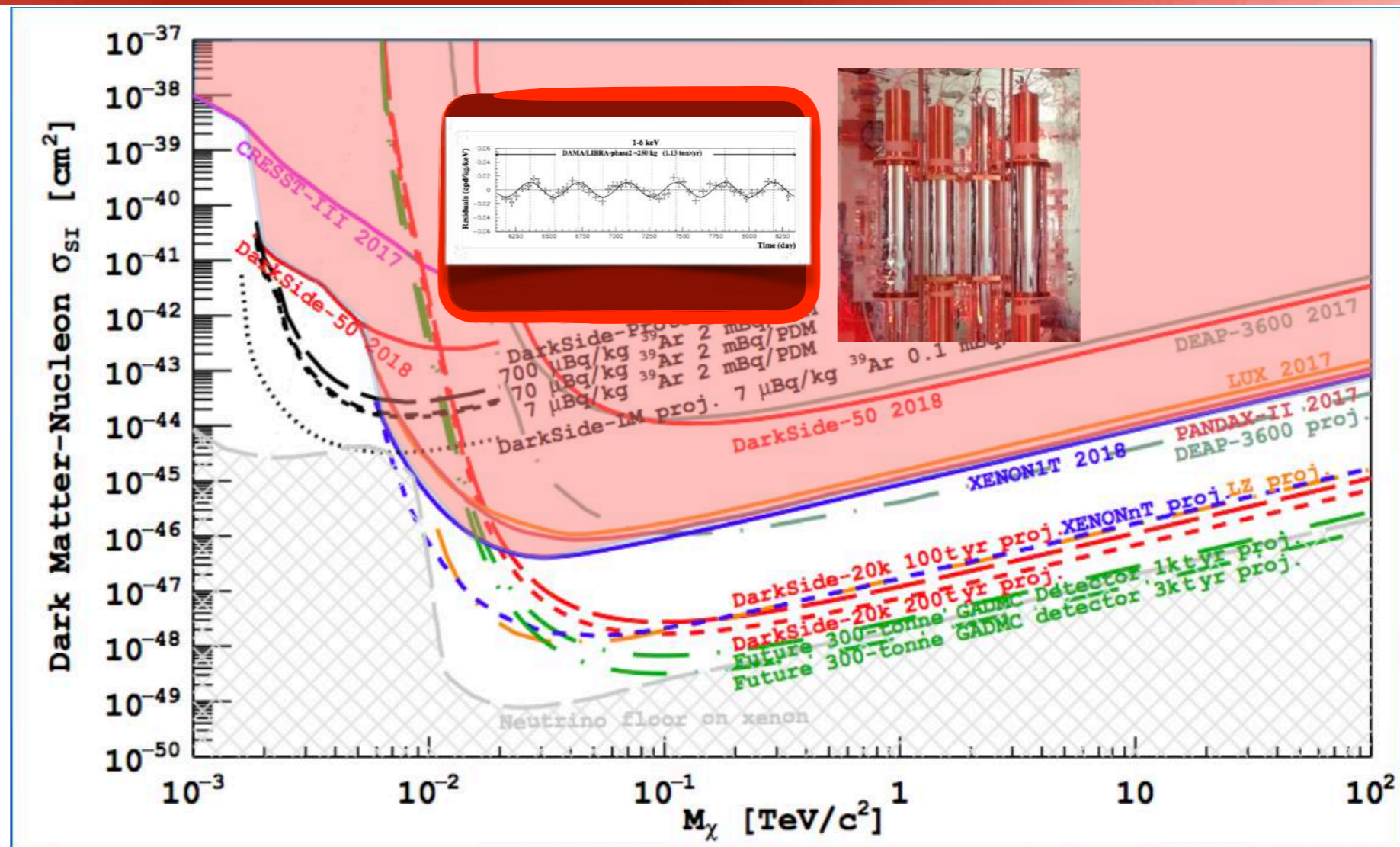


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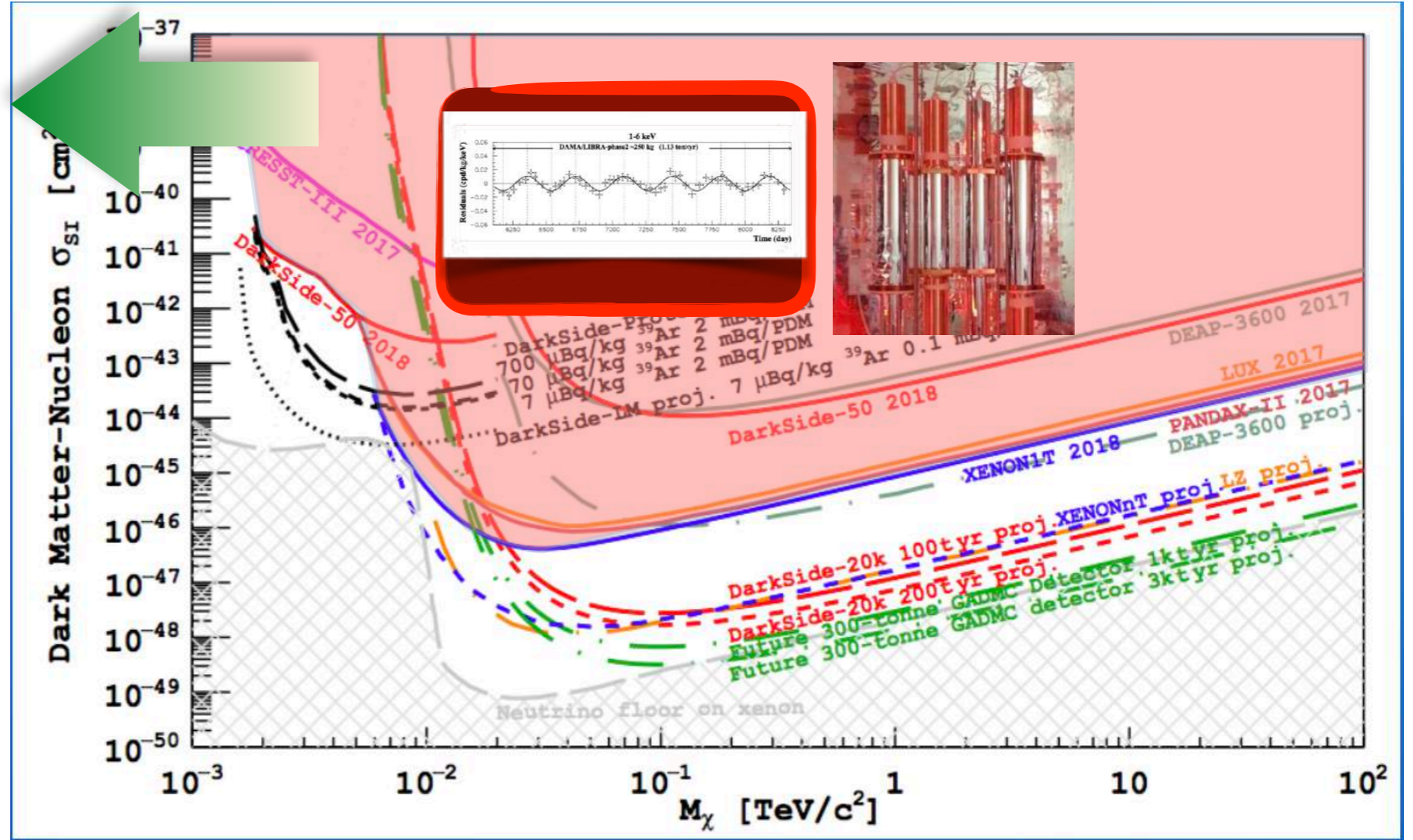
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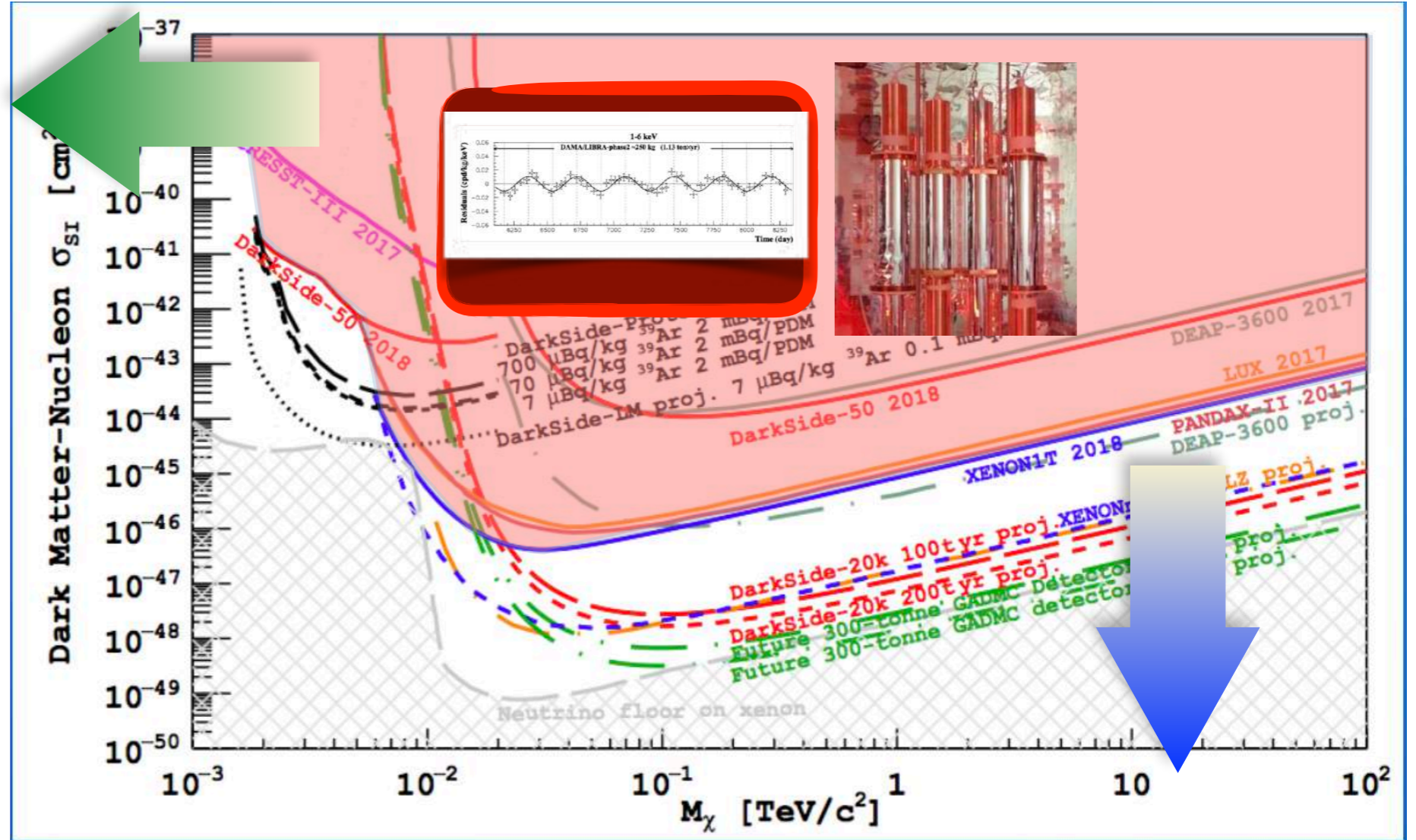
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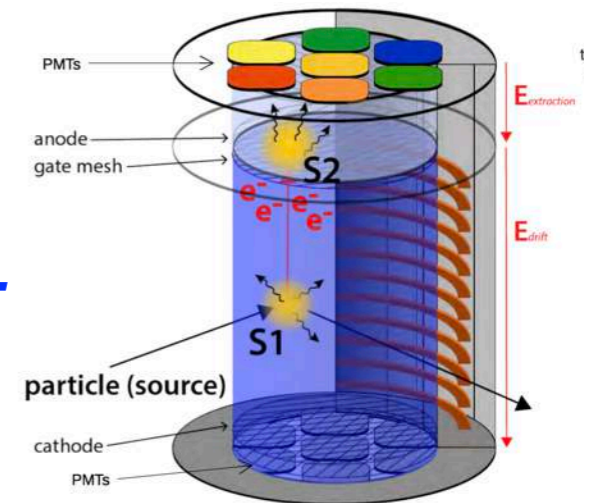
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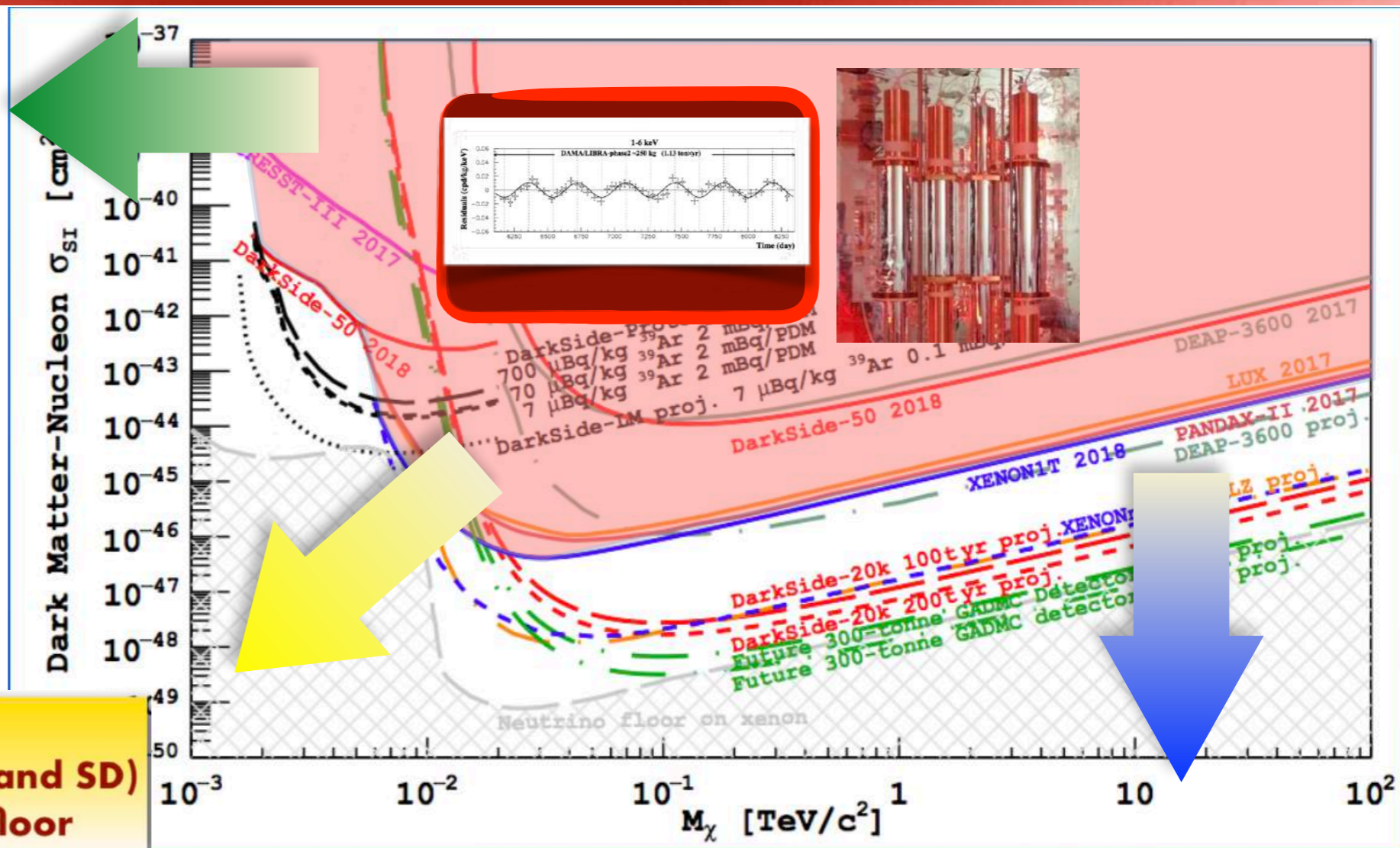
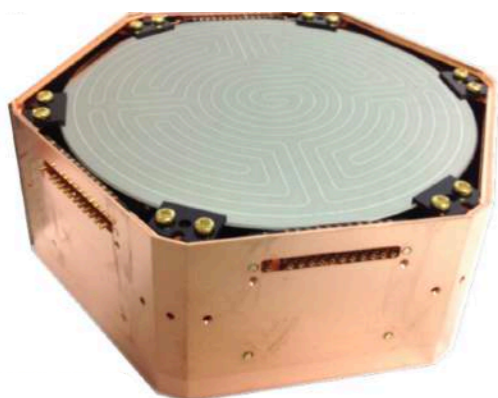
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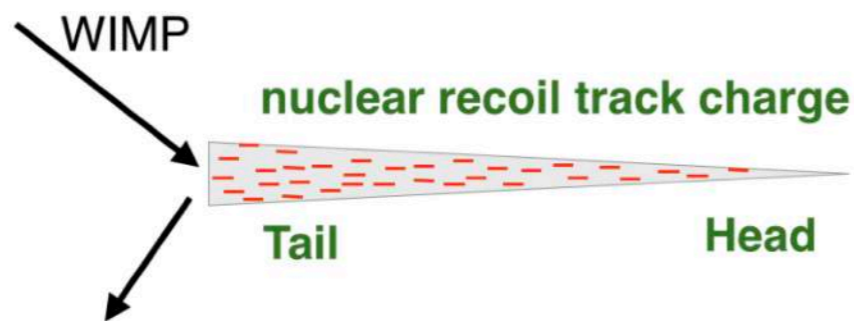
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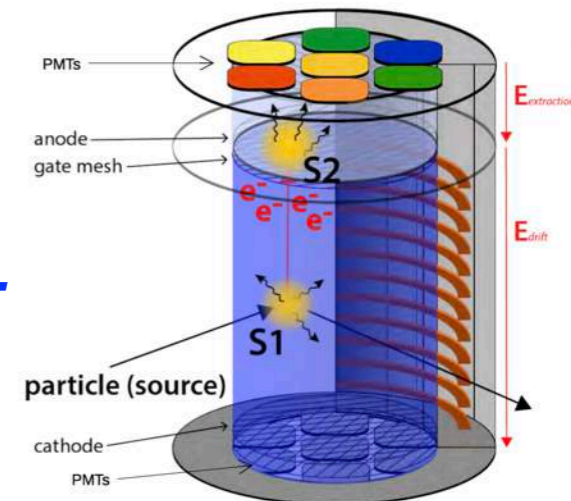
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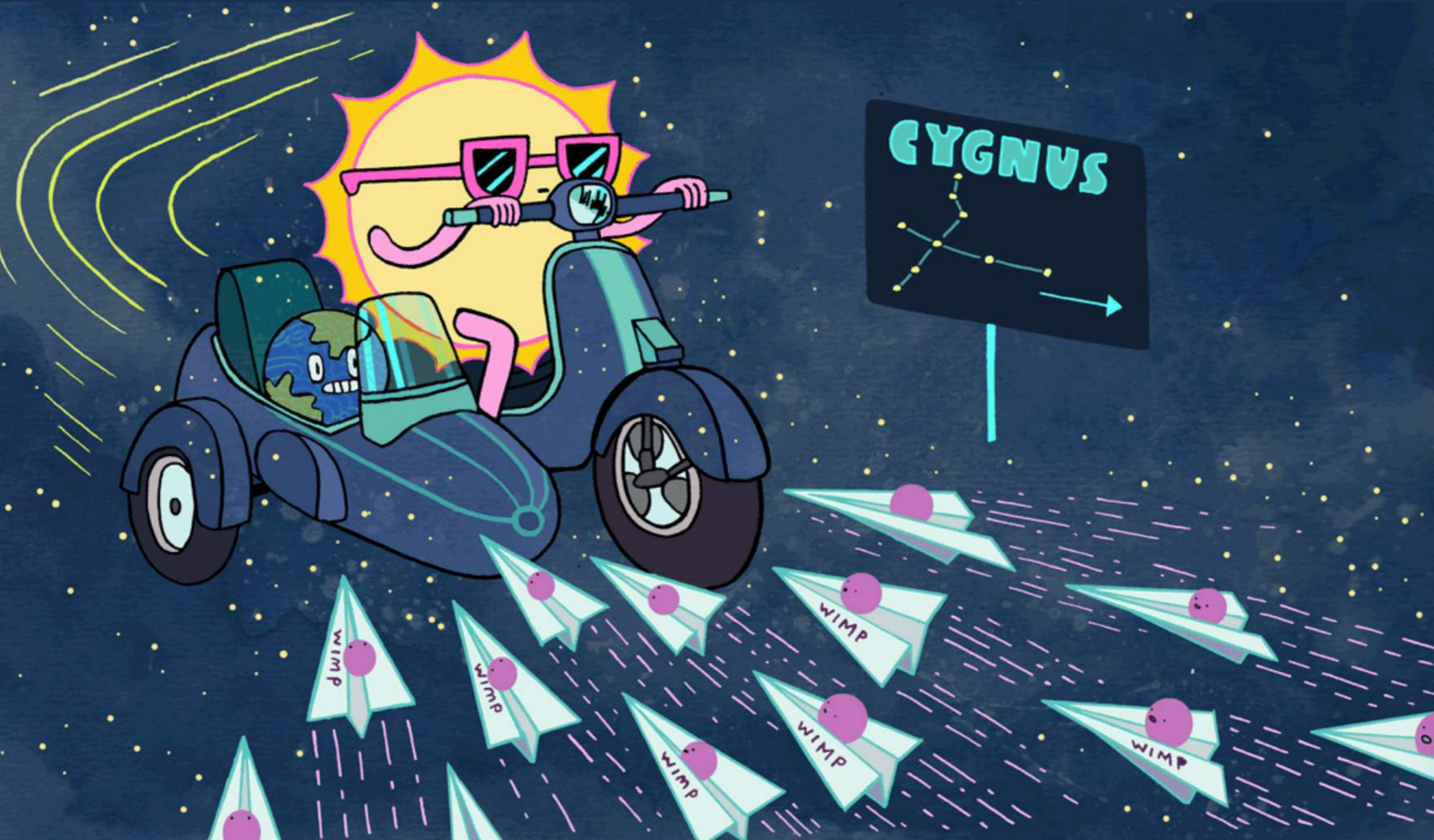
The "third way":
directionality (for both SI and SD)
through the Neutrino floor



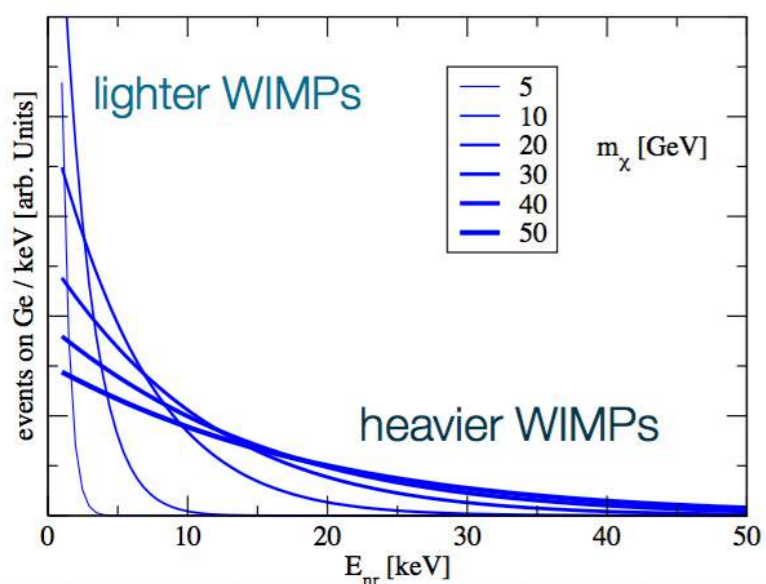
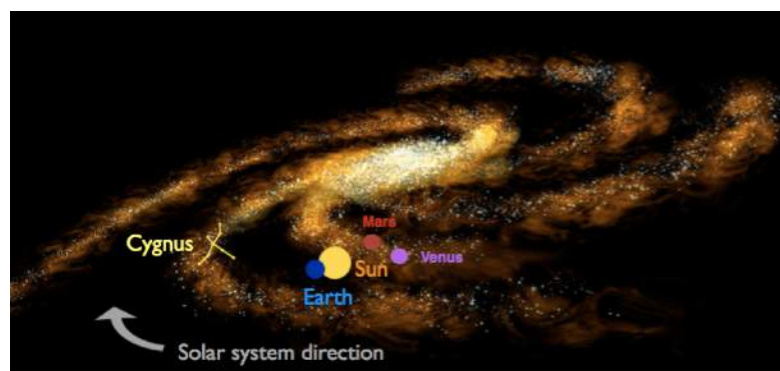
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Driving to CYGNUS with a DM wind blowing in your hair...

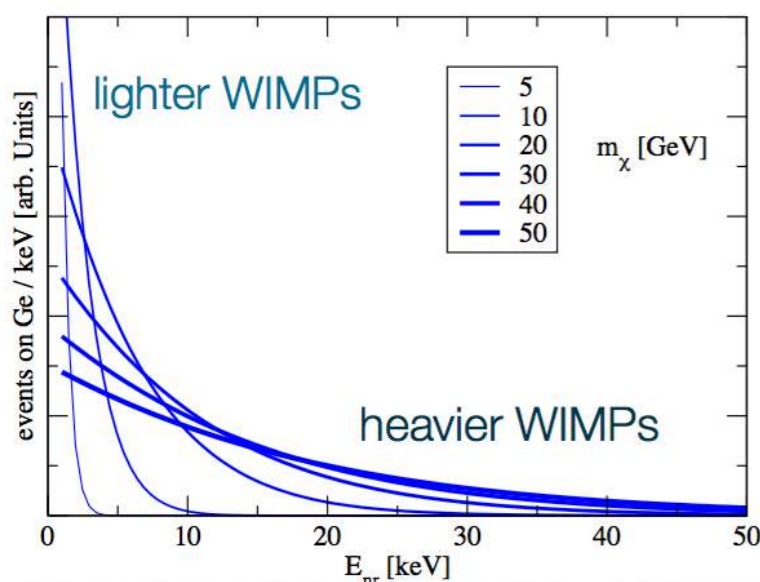
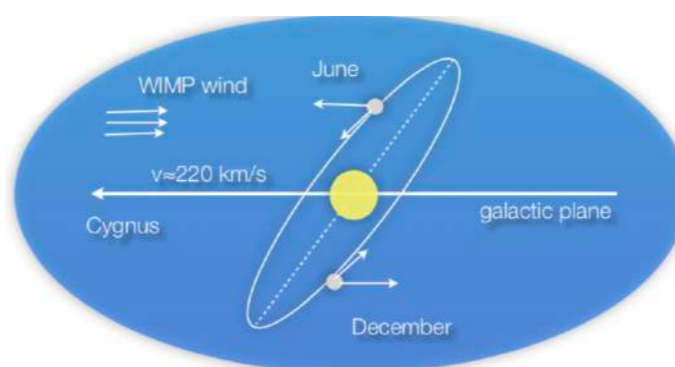
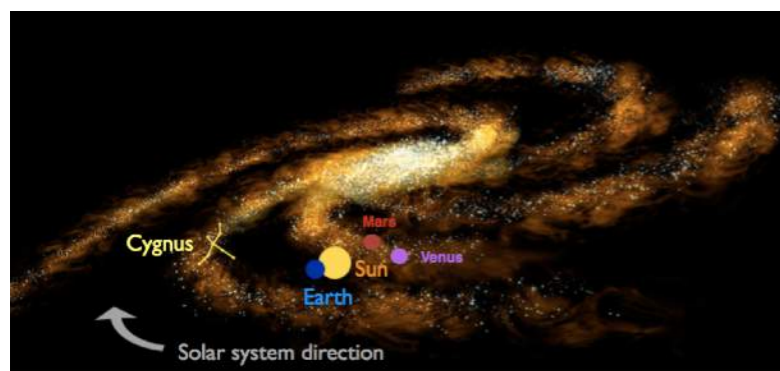


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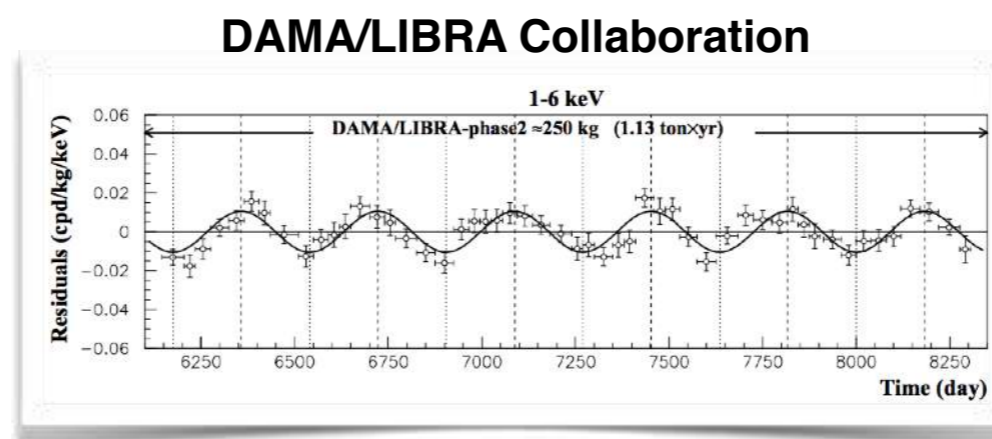


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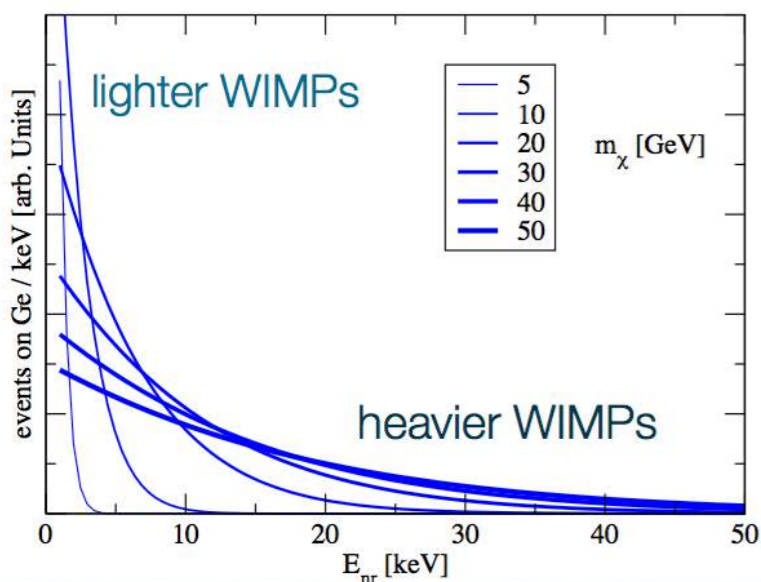
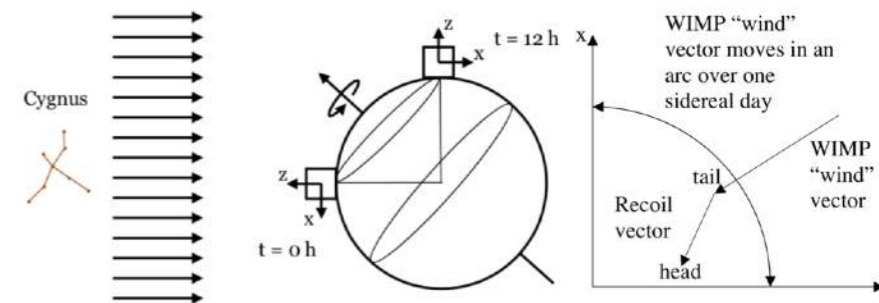
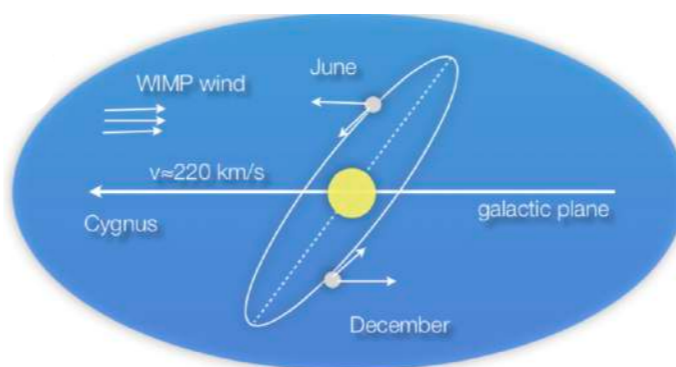
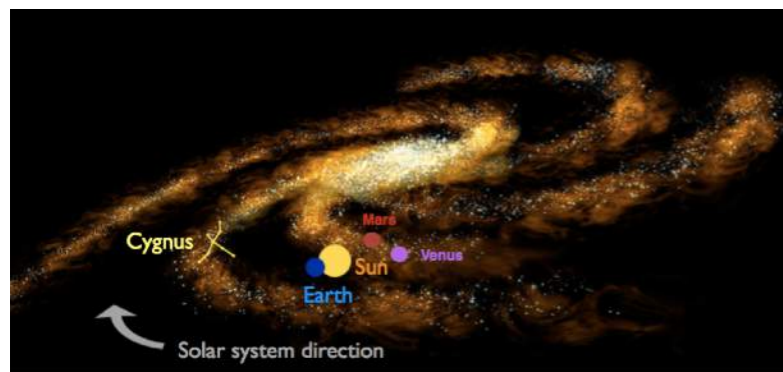


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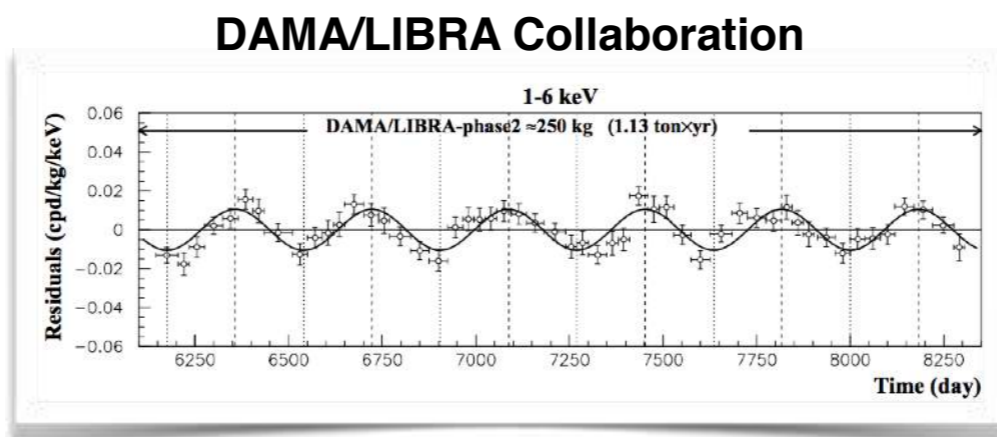
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Directionality as key for unambiguous identification of DM

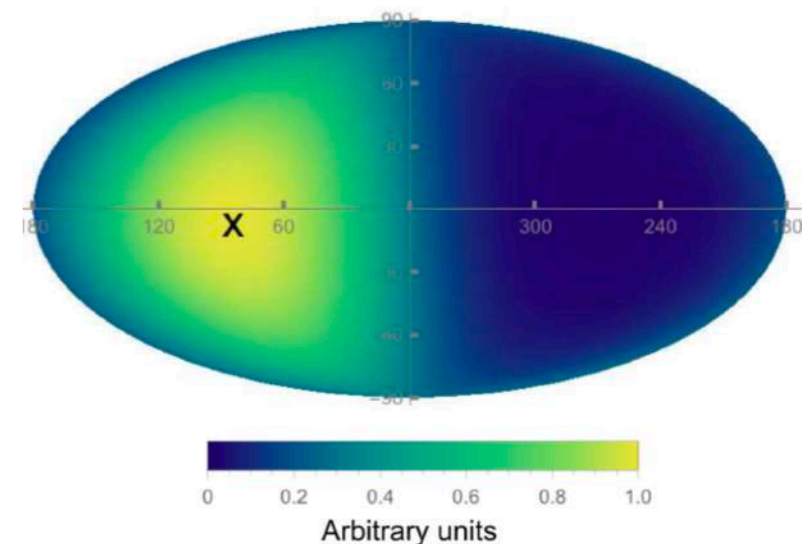
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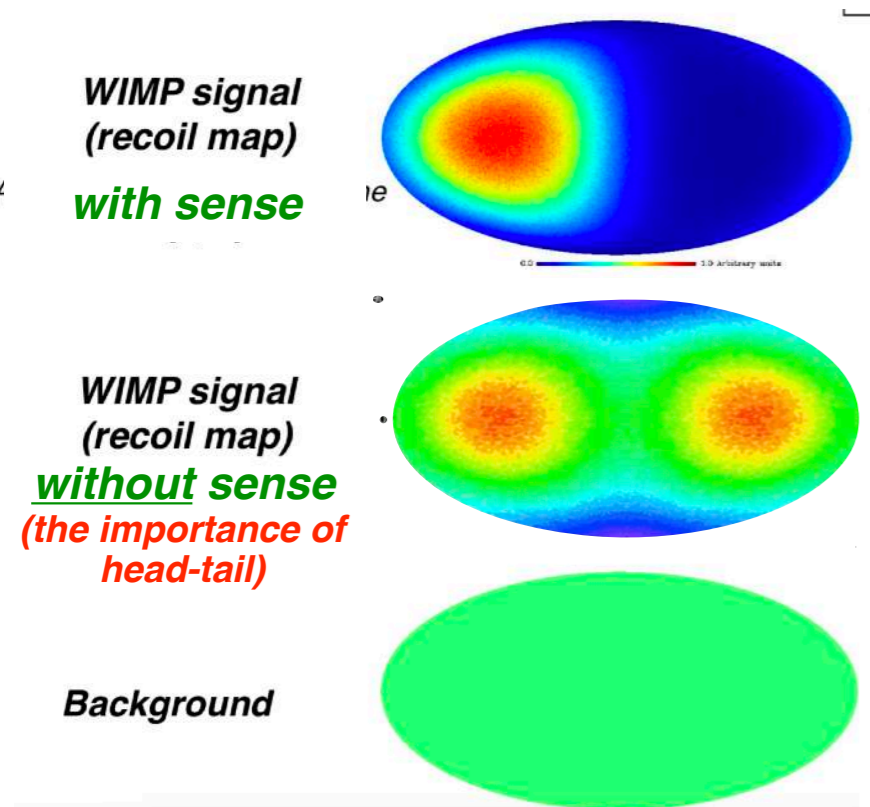


Directional dependence:
an O(1) effect that no
background whatsoever
can mimic

Directional correlation with an astrophysical source is the only available POSITIVE identification of a DM signal

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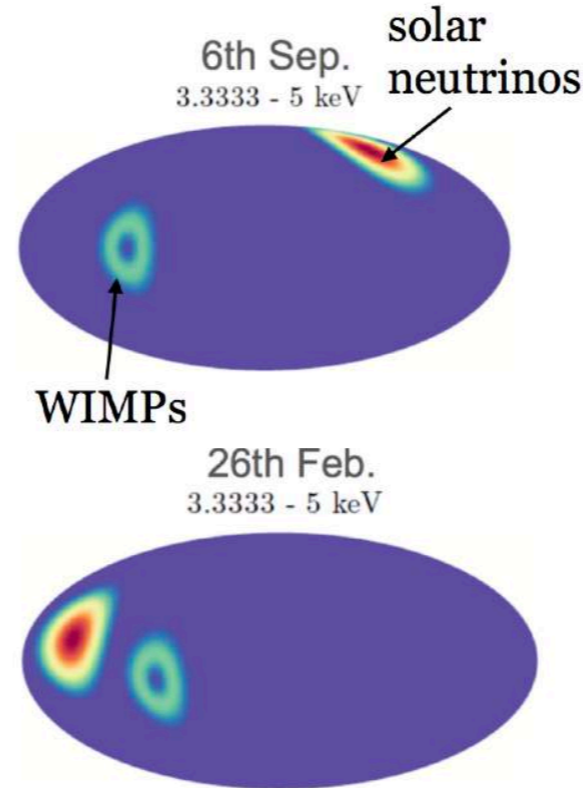
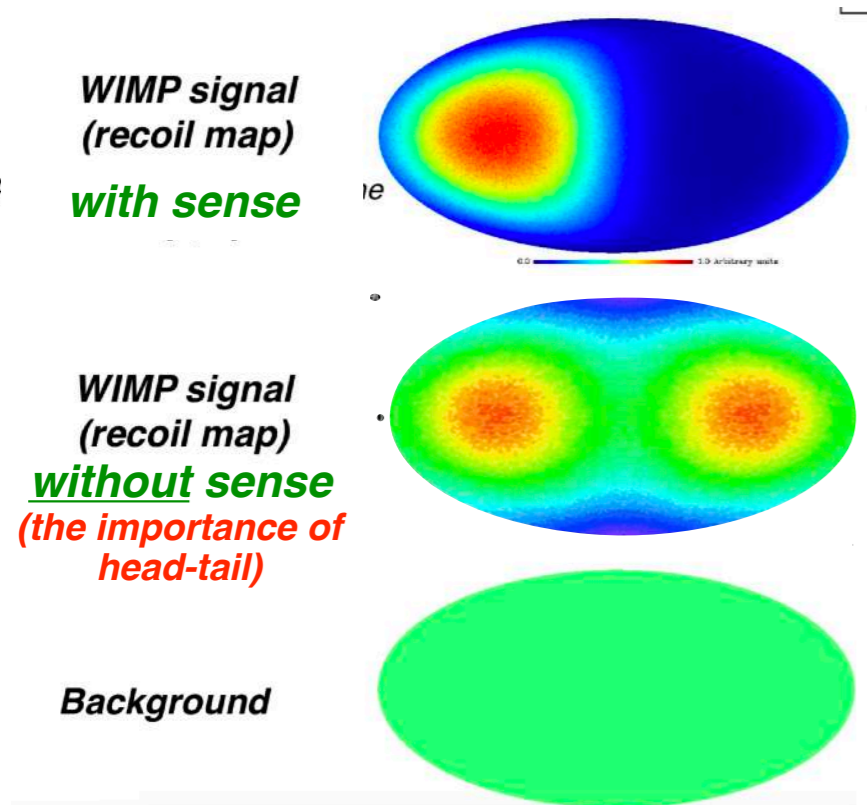
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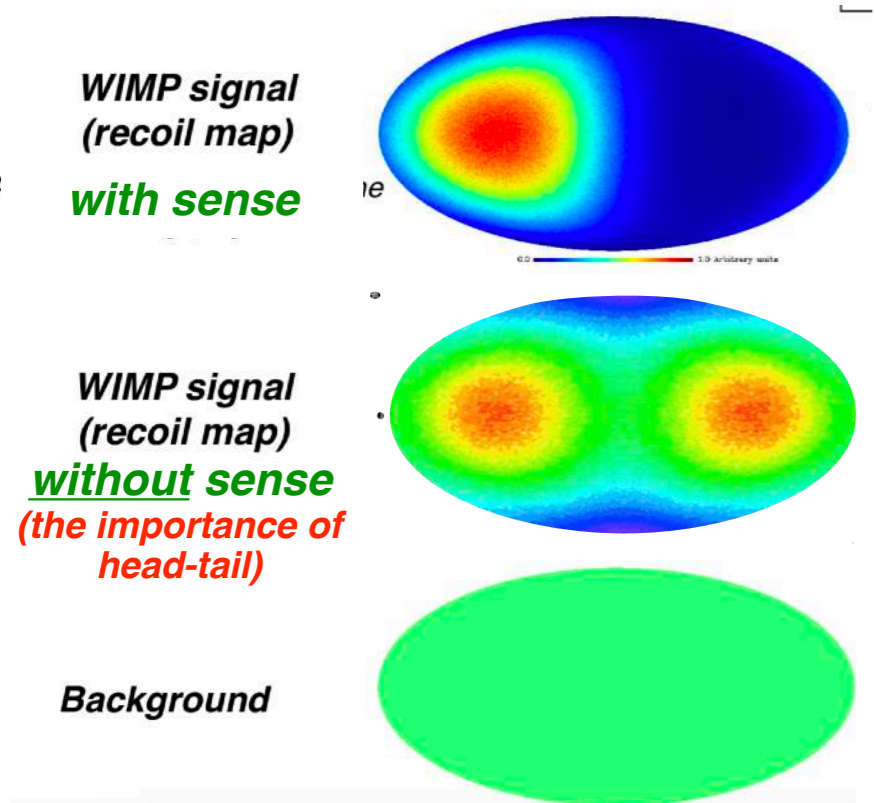
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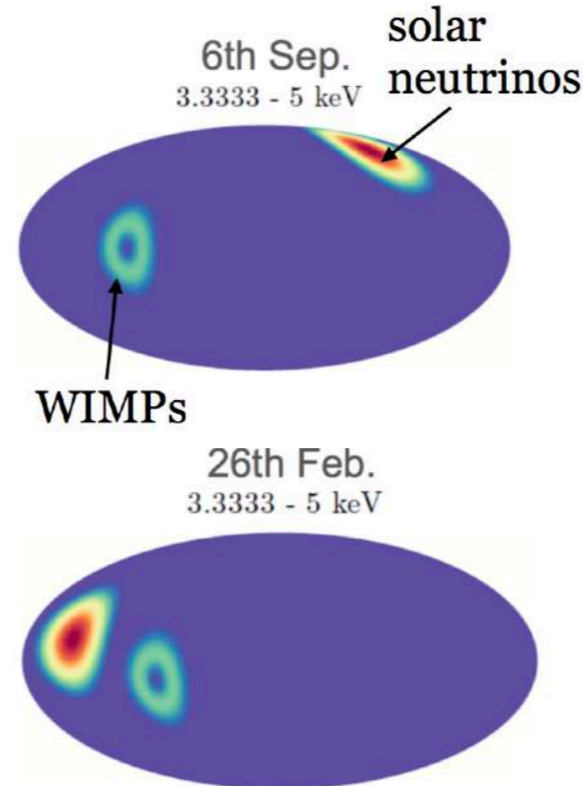
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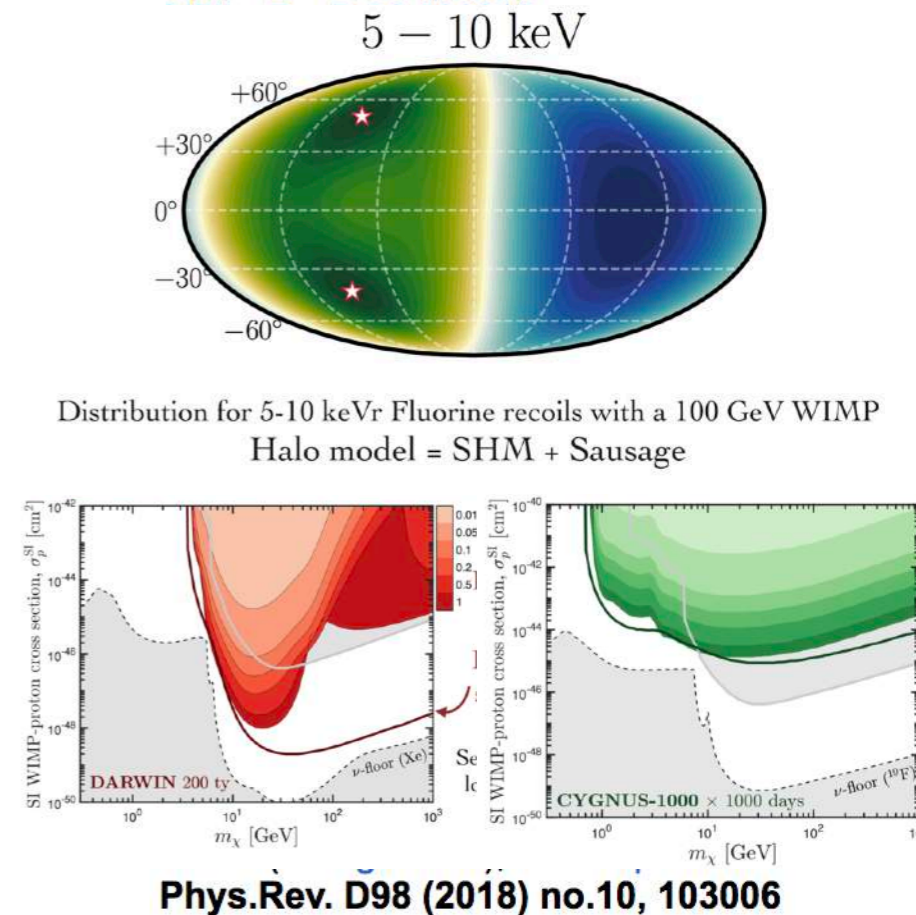
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Capability to probe DM nature

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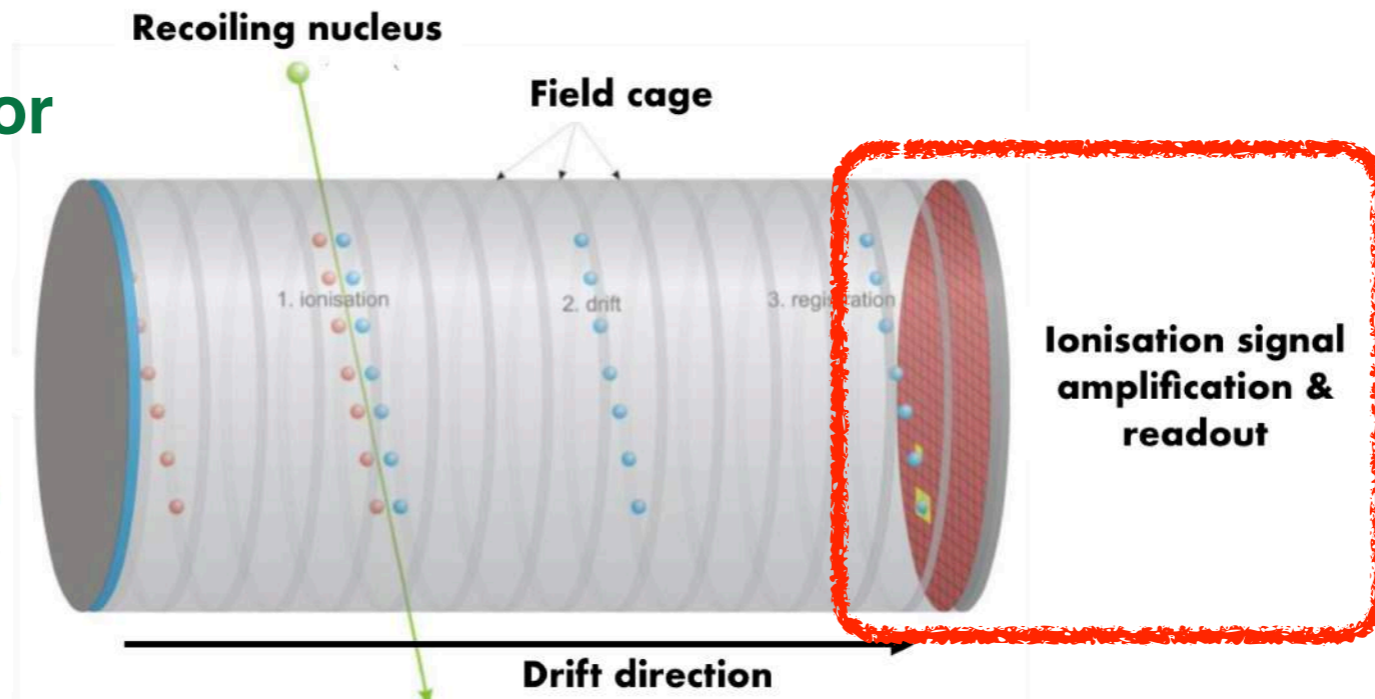
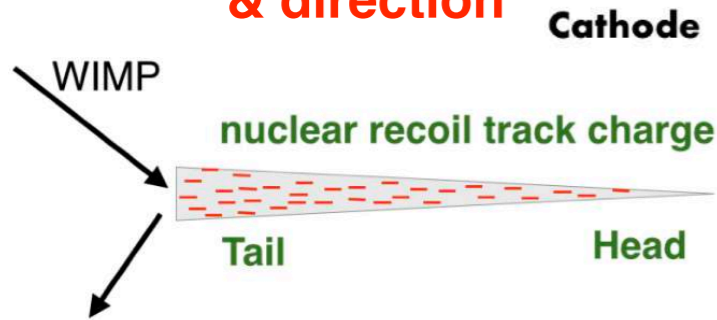
DM astronomy & DM interactions

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Gaseous TPC experimental approach to directionality

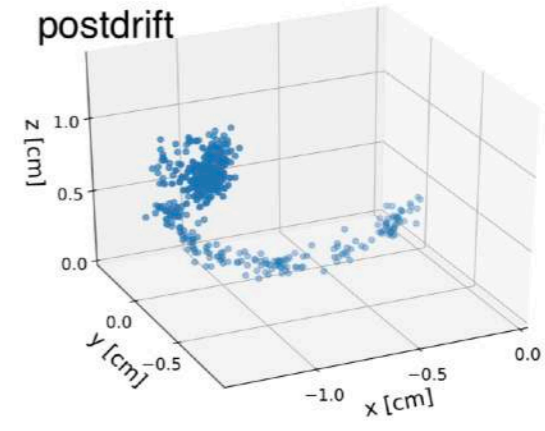
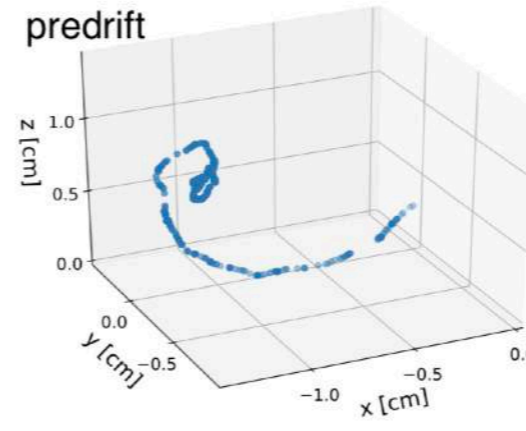
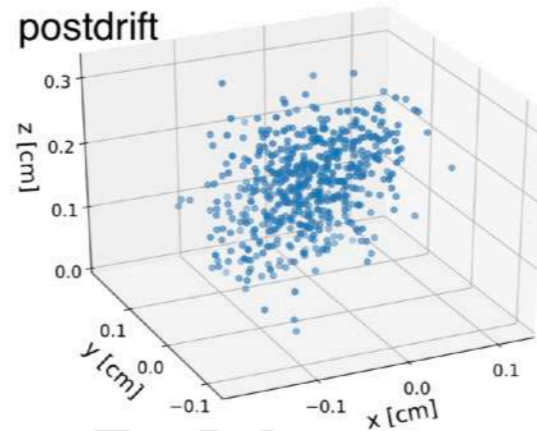
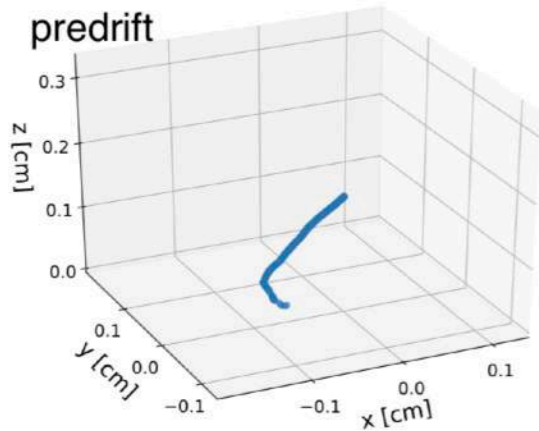
Inherently a 3D detector

Sensitive to track sense & direction



- Advantages:
 - Axial Directionality
 - **Head/tail**
 - Background rejection
 - Particle ID
 - 3D fiducialization
- Technologically challenging, but now achievable via multiple technologies

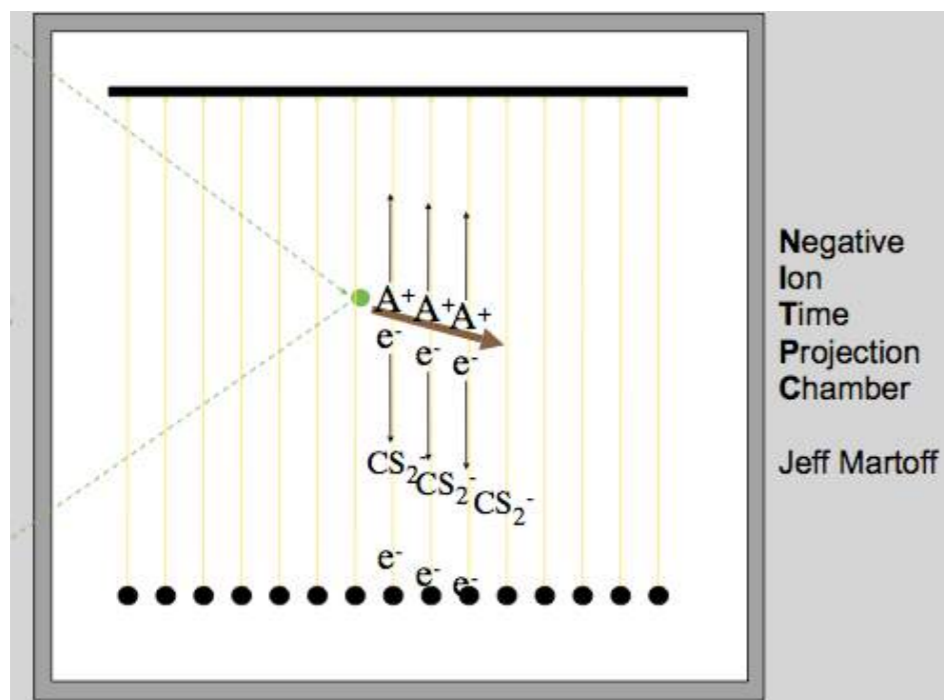
Energy loss and track topology to efficiently reject background at O(keV) energy threshold



25 keV_{nr} nuclear recoil in He:SF₆ 755:5 Torr

20 keV_{ee} electron recoil in He:SF₆ 755:5 Torr

arXiv:2008.12587



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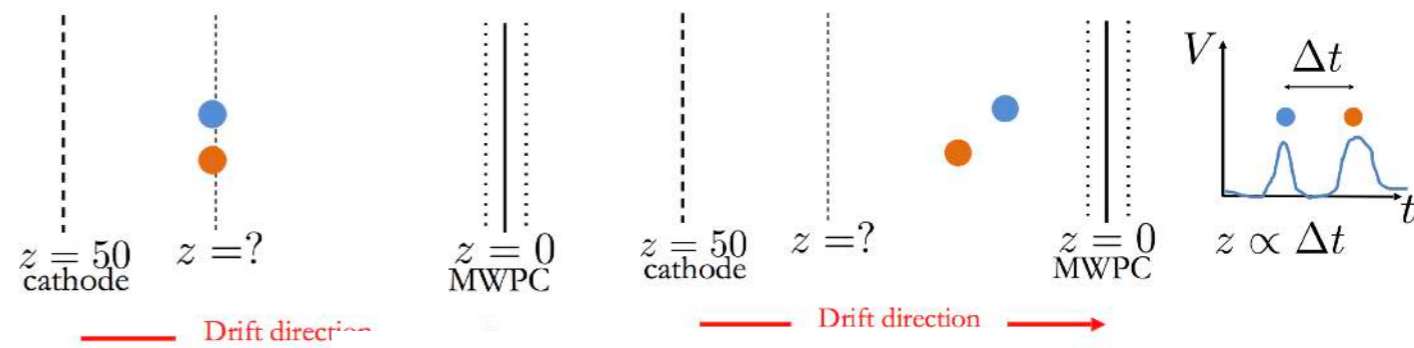
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Negative ion drift (NID): improved tracking & full fiducialization

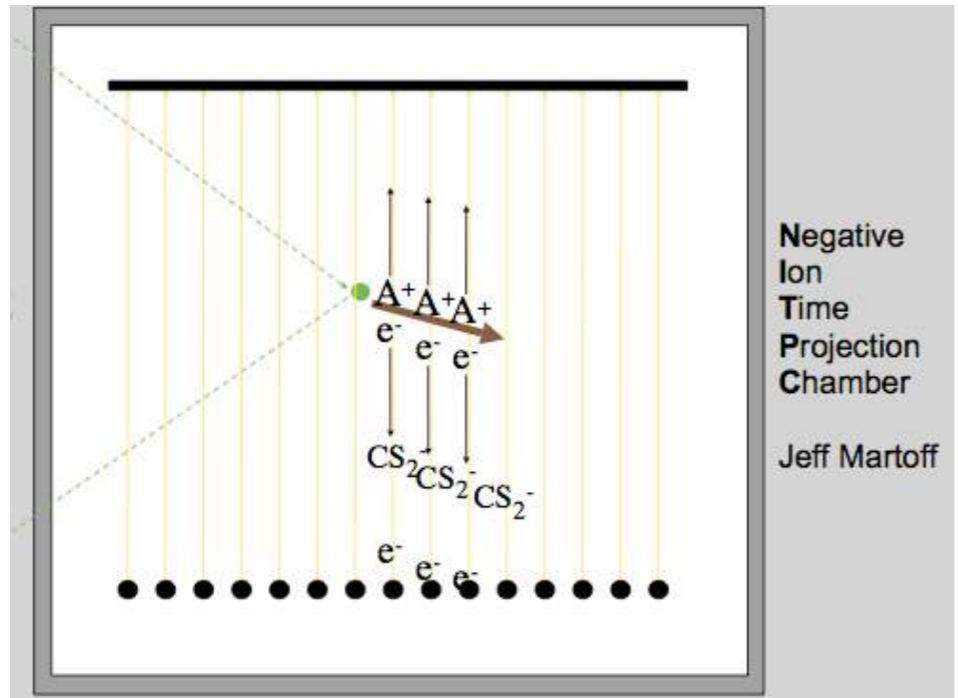
Multiple charge carriers

start together

...but drift at different velocity



$$z = (t_m - t_p) \frac{v_{drift}^m v_{drift}^p}{v_{drift}^m - v_{drift}^p}$$

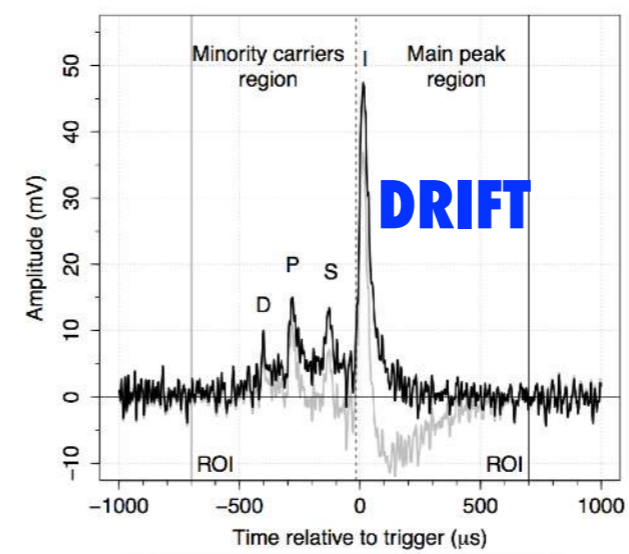


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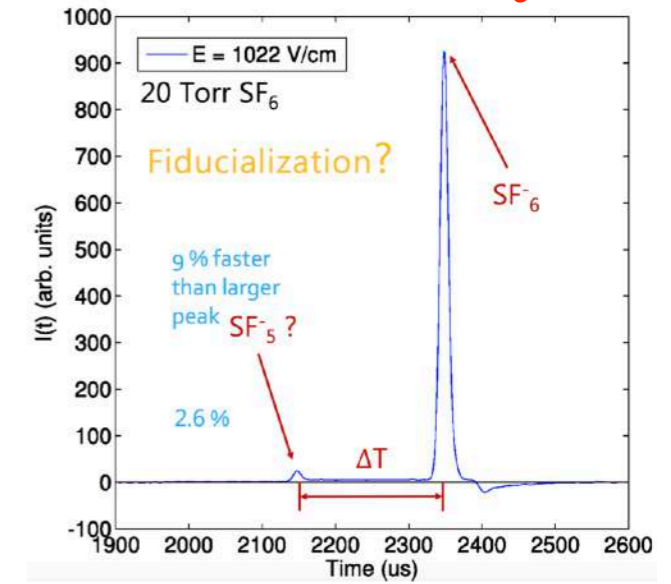
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- $CS_2:CF_4:O_2$ 30:10:1 Torr



D. Snowden-Ifft, Rev. Sci. Instrum. 85 (2014) 013303

From 2015 demonstrated also with SF_6



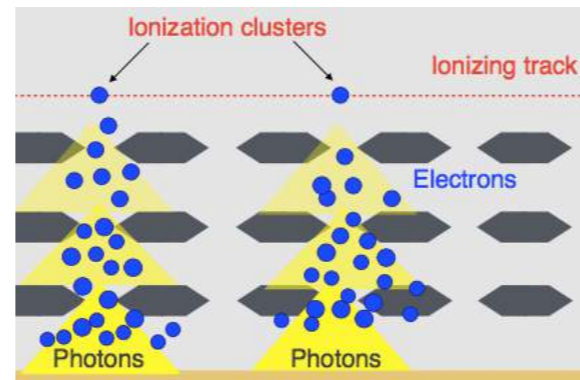
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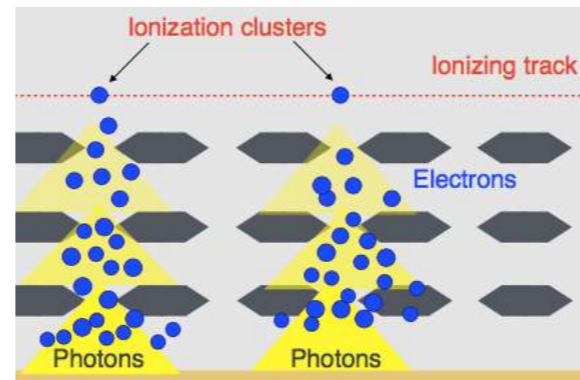
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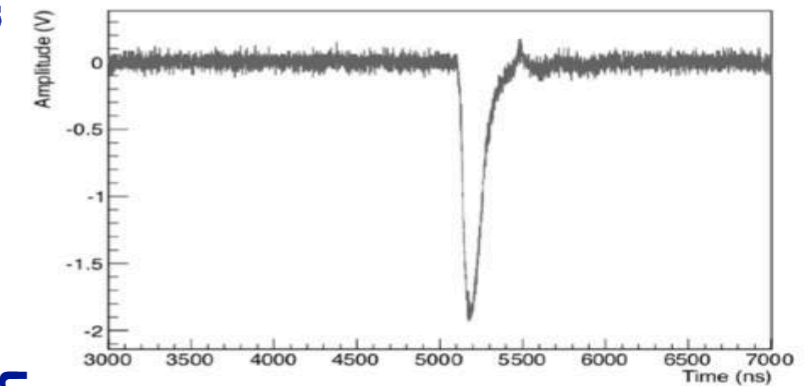
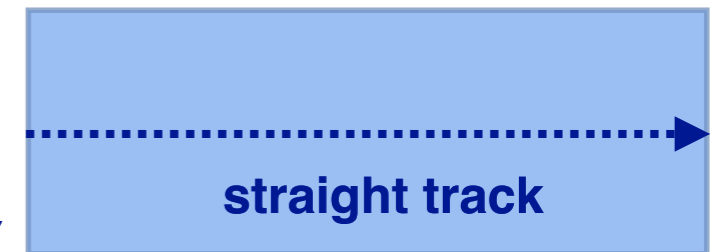
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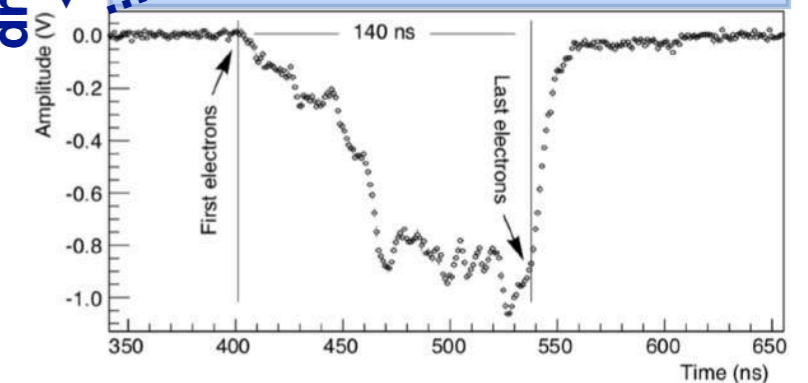
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**integrated
Z + energy measurement**

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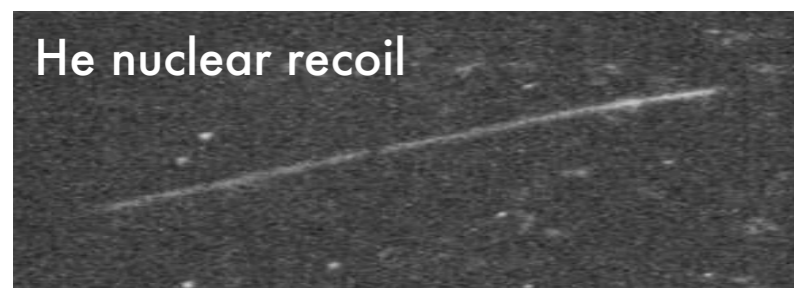
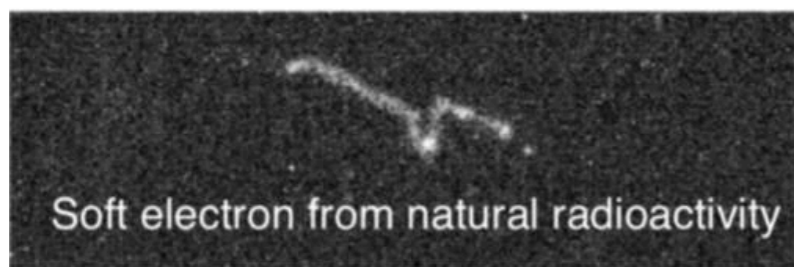
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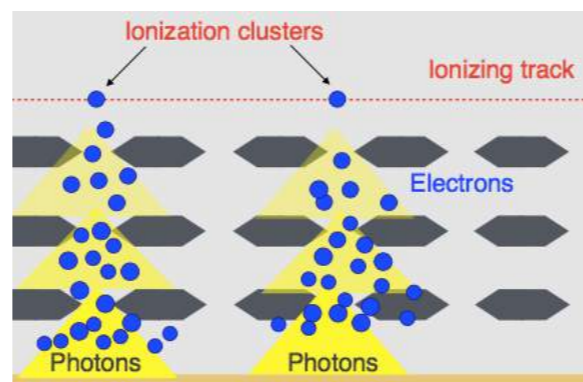
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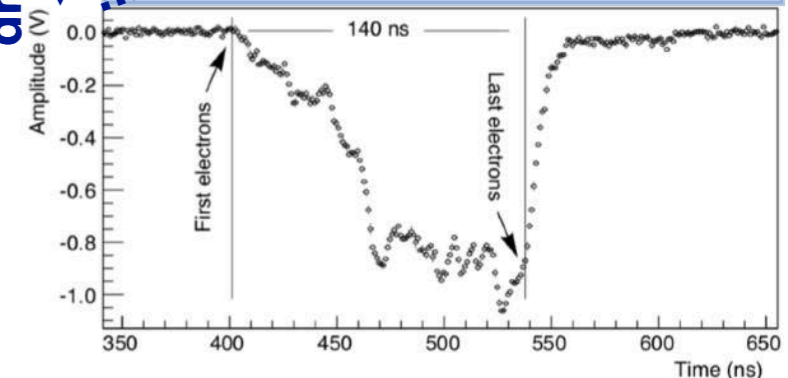
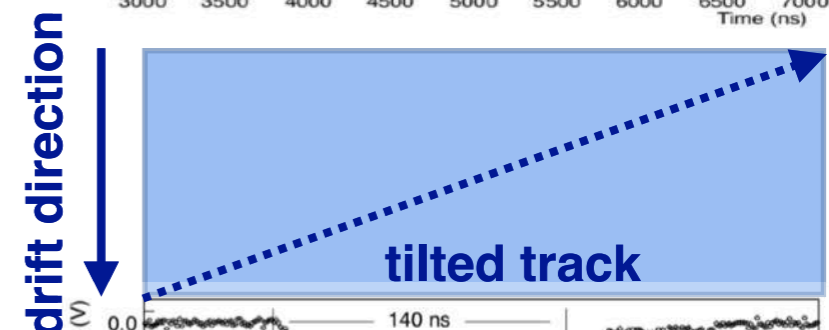
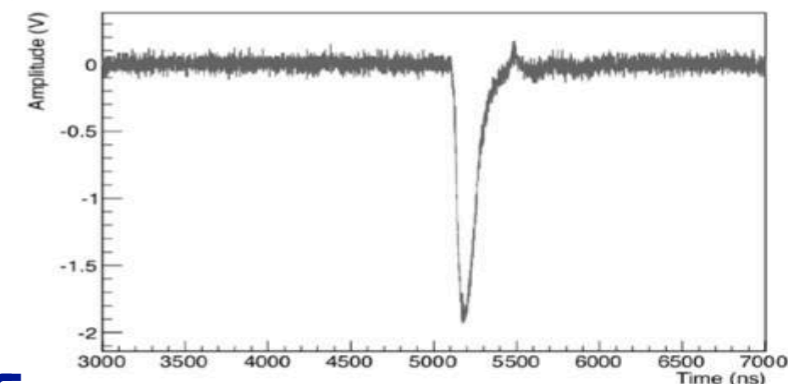


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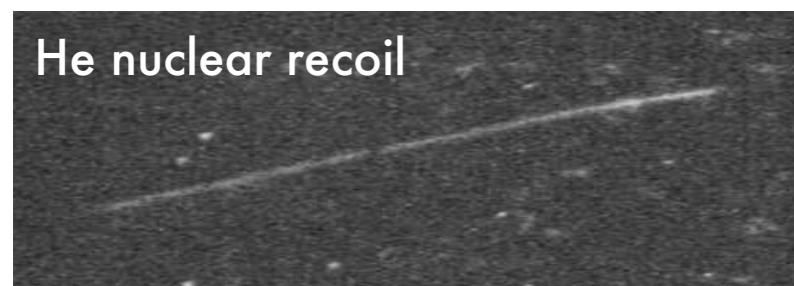
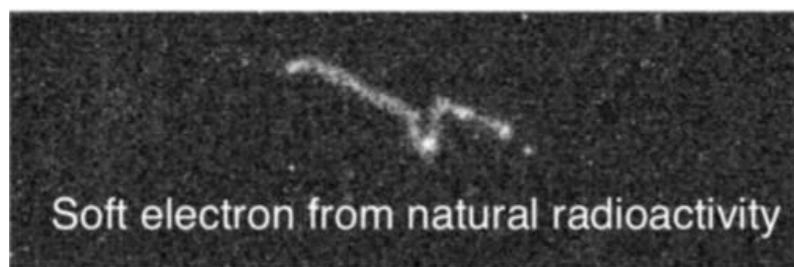
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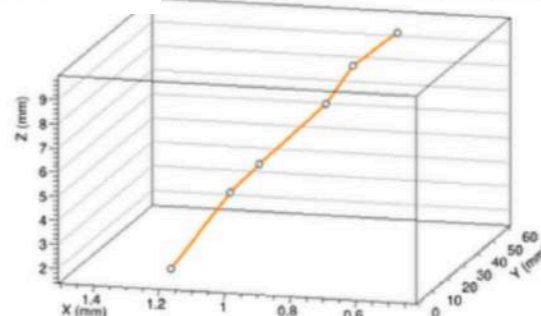
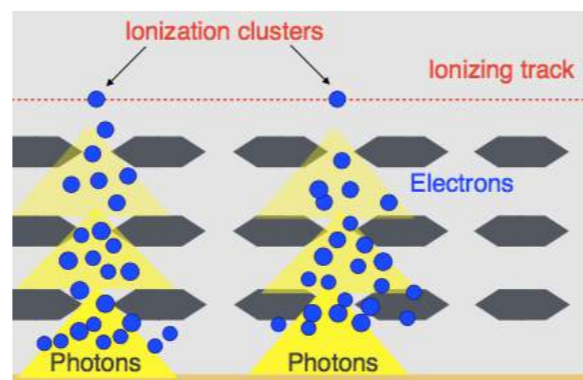
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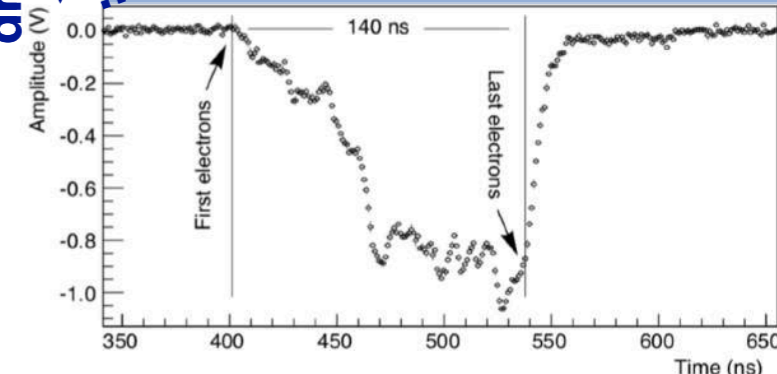
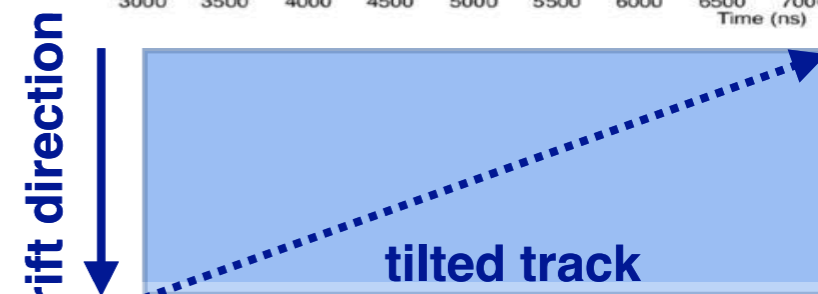
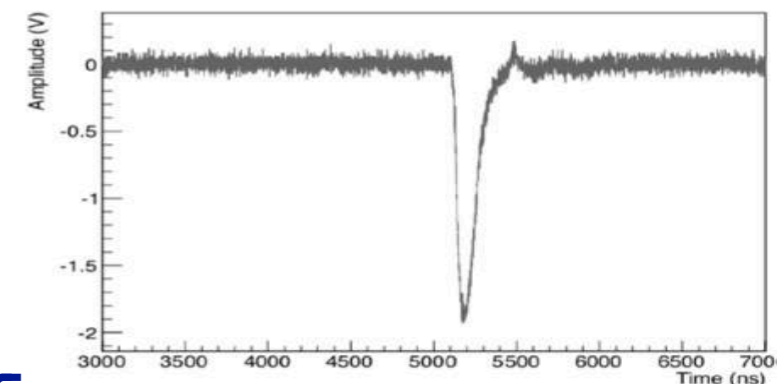
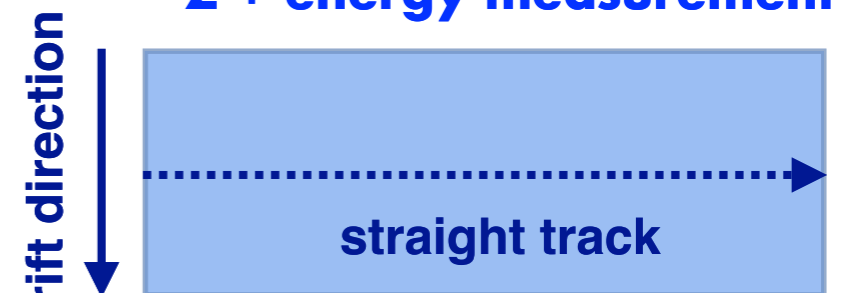
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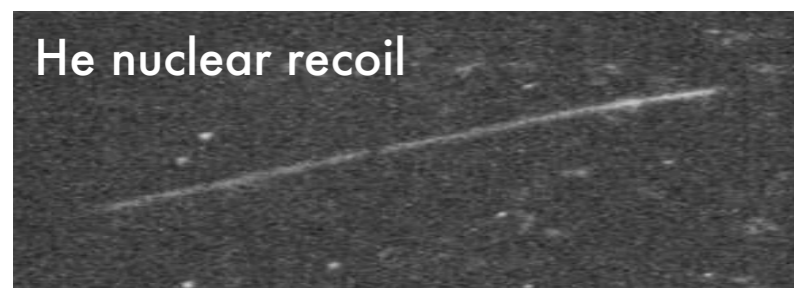
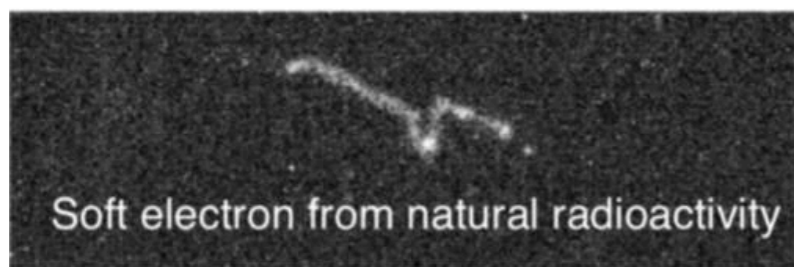
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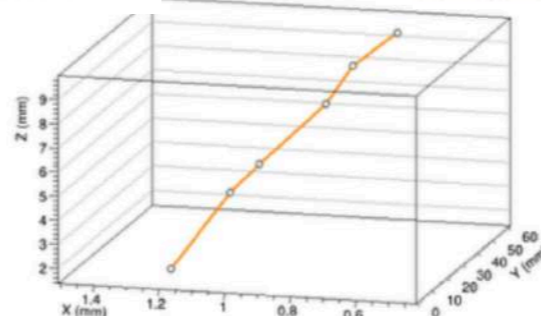
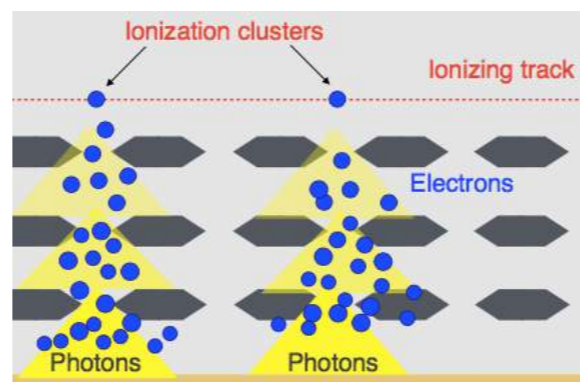
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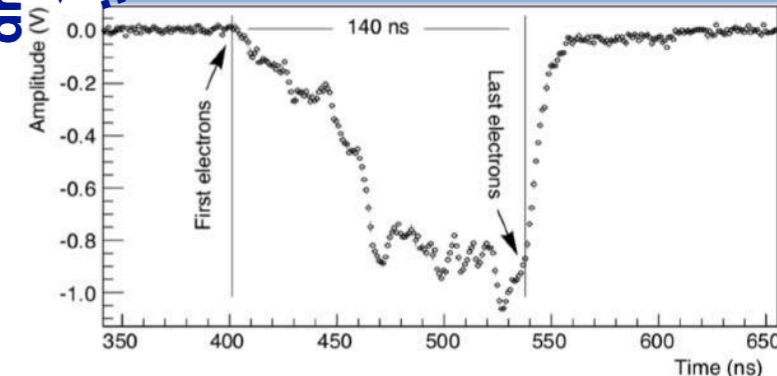
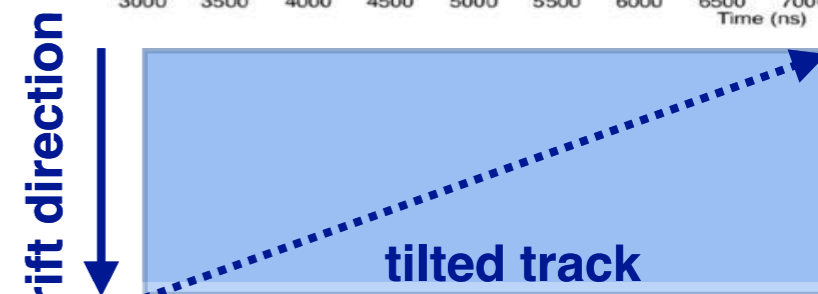
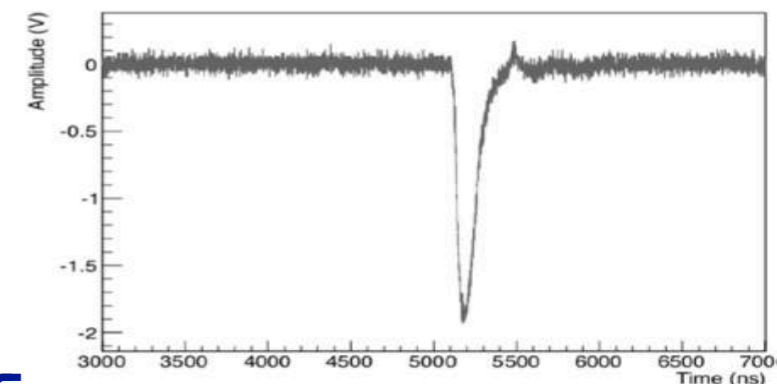
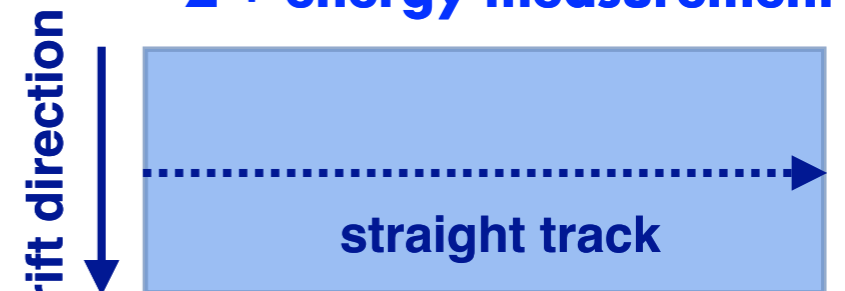


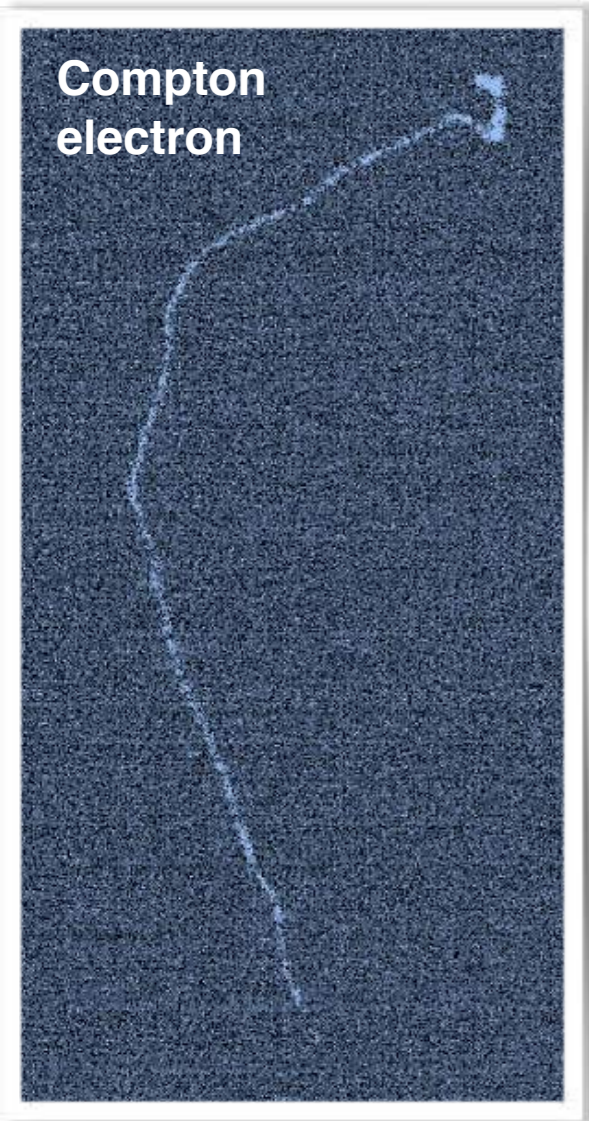
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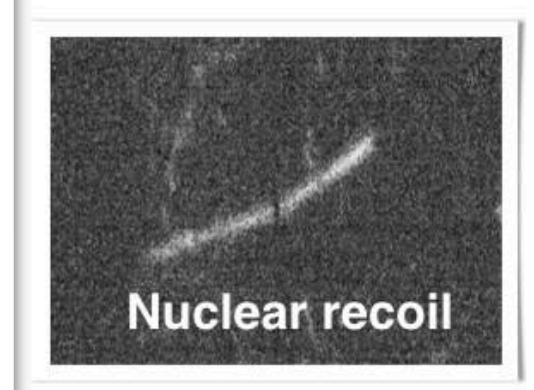
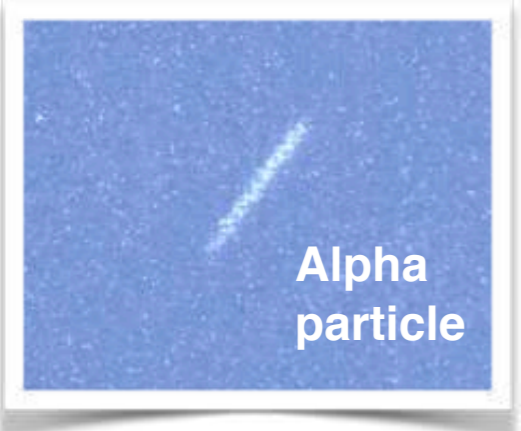
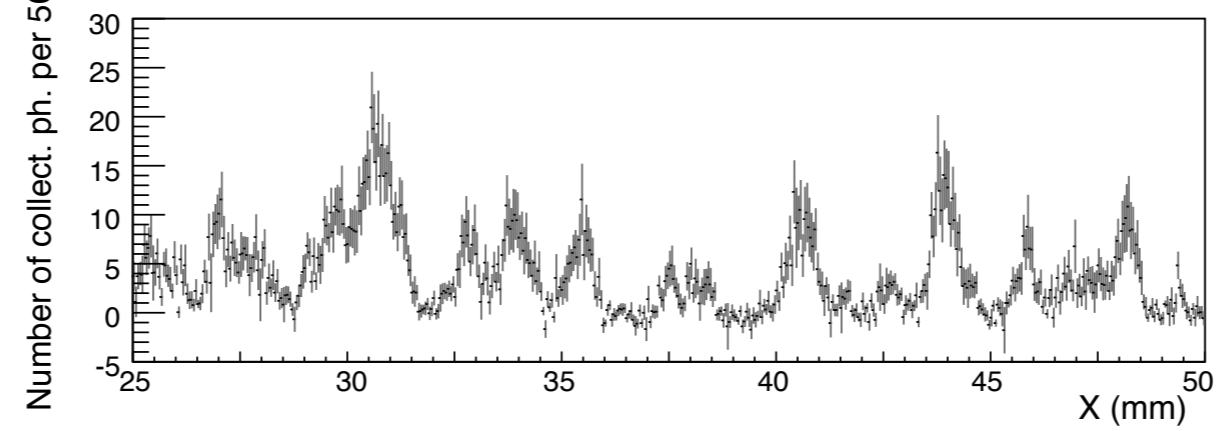
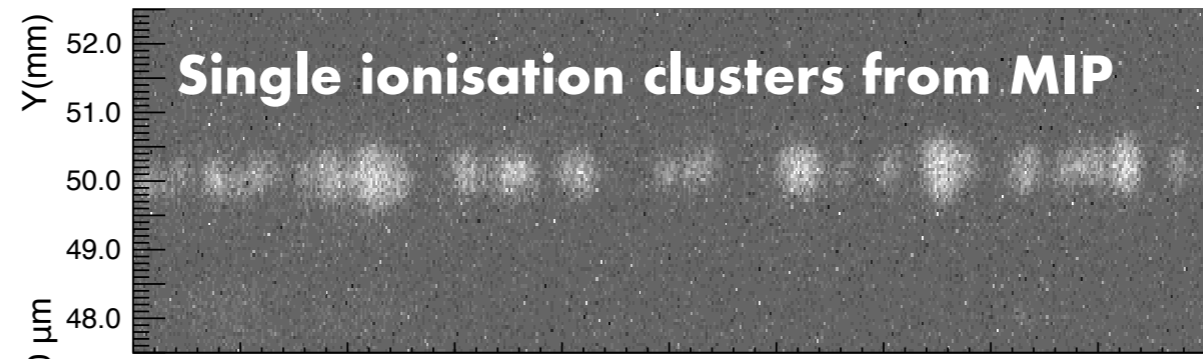
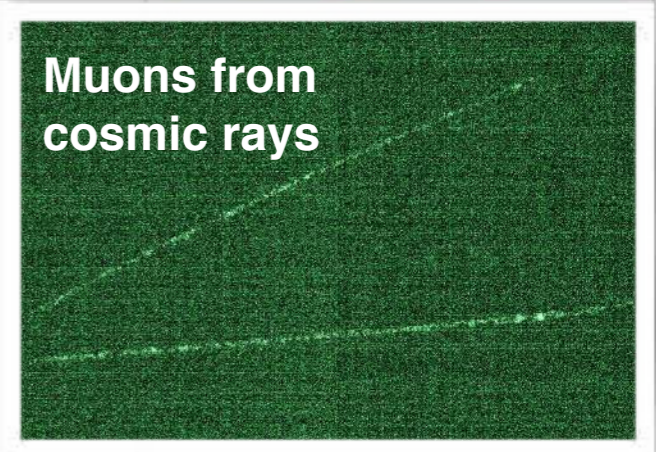
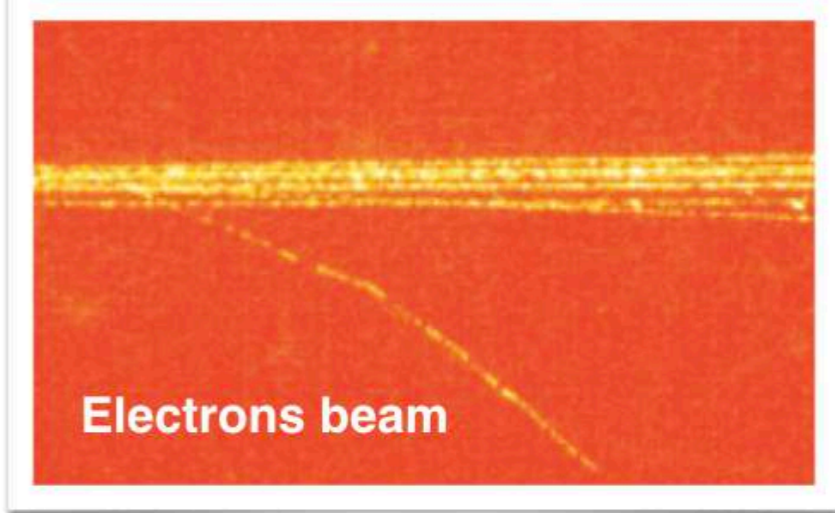
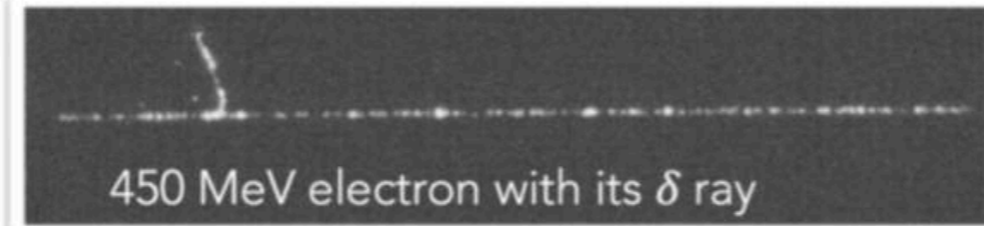
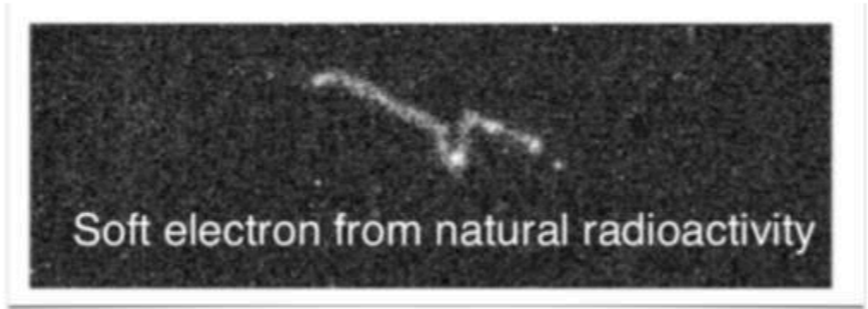
PMT:

integrated
Z + energy measurement





He:CF₄ @ 1 atm



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PHASE_0

PHASE_1

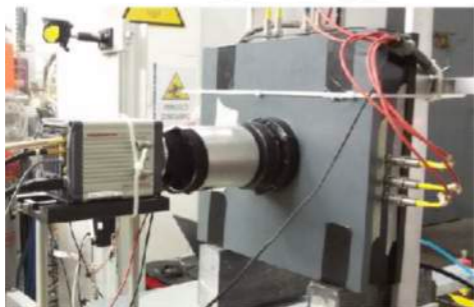
PHASE_2



Electron drift

100 cm³

ORANGE



*1 sCMOS
10 x 10 cm² area*

0.01 m³

LEMON



*1 sCMOS
20 x 24 cm² area*

**He:CF₄
1 atm**

CYGNO 30-100 m³

**He:CF₄:SF₆
0.8-1 atm**

*4 Timepix chips
3 x 3 cm² area*

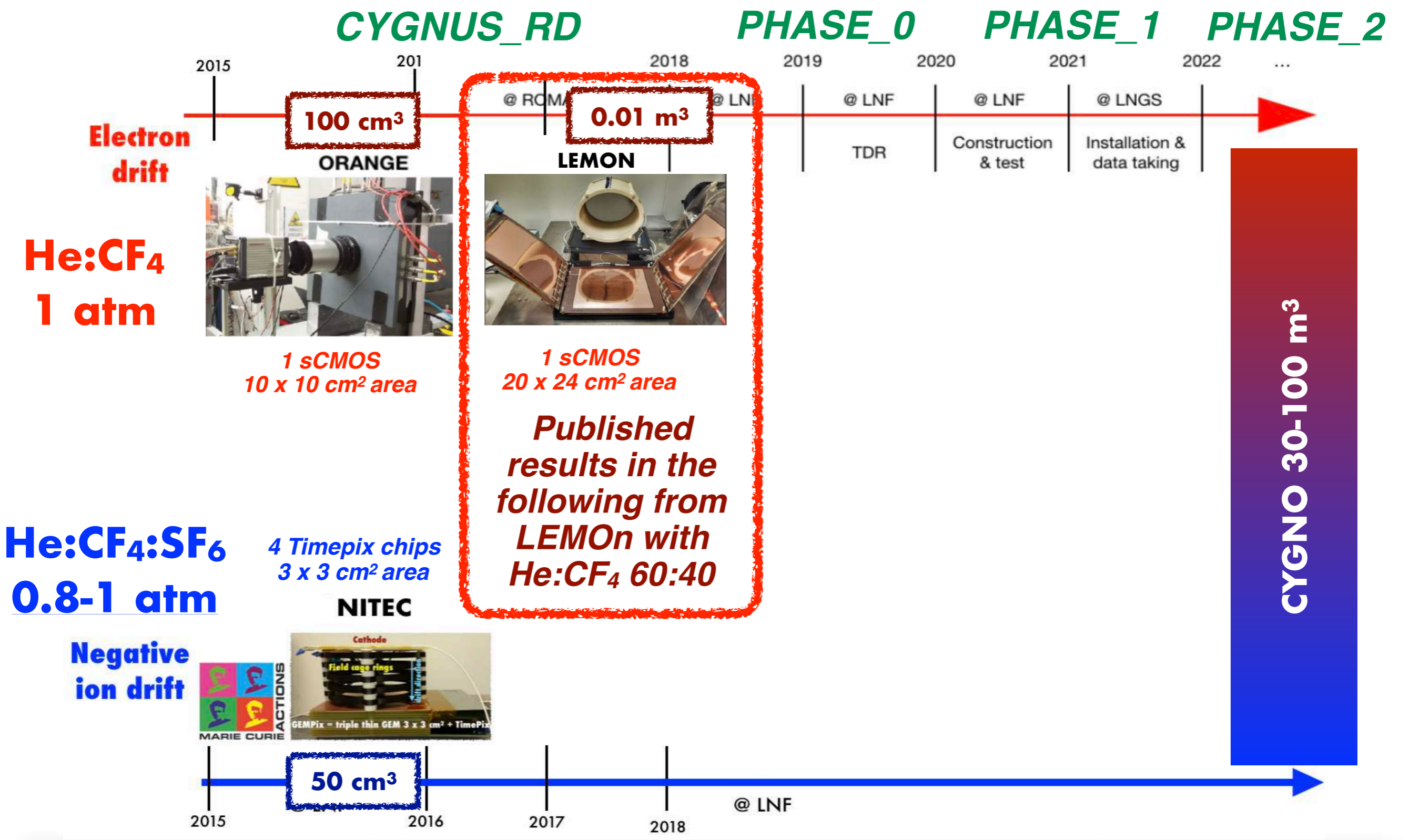
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Negative ion drift



50 cm³



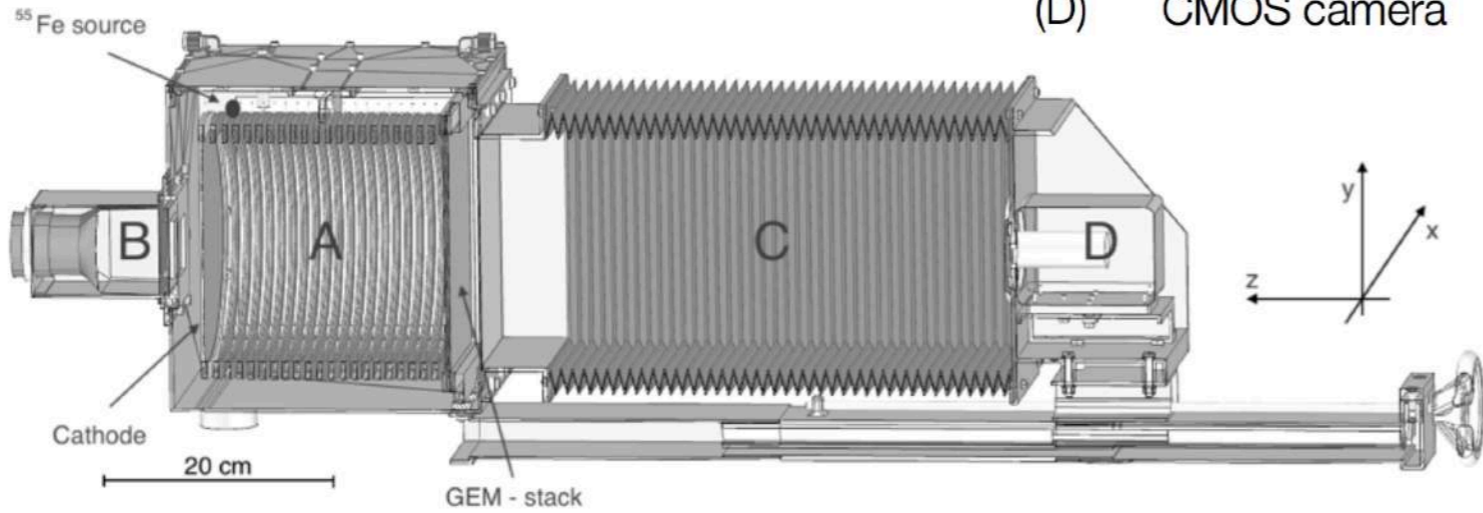


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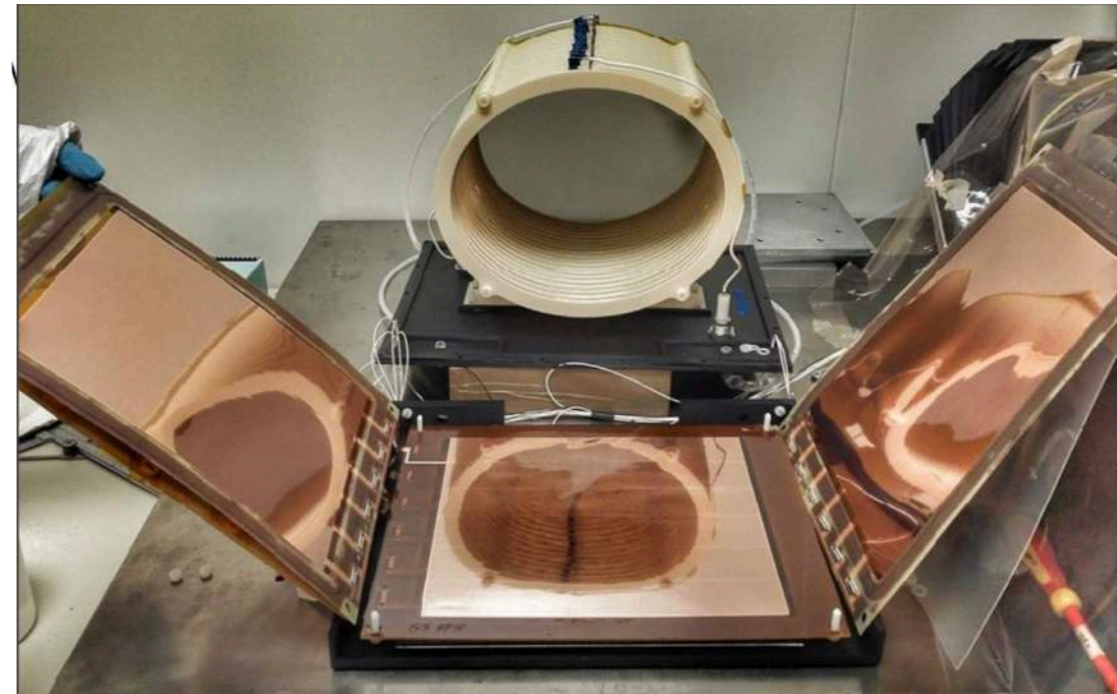


LEMO_n prototype

1 sCMOS + 1 PMT
20 x 24 cm² readout area
20 cm drift
7 L active volume



- (A) Field Cage
- (B) PMT
- (C) Adaptable bellow
- (D) CMOS camera

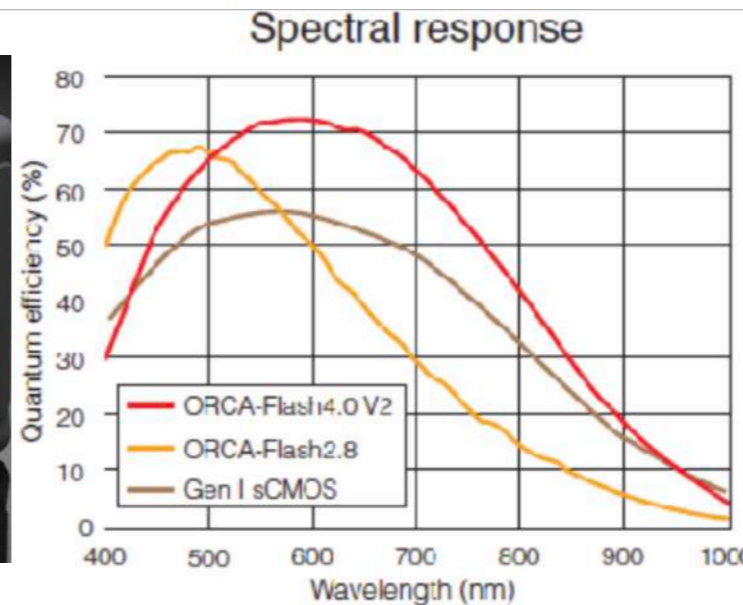


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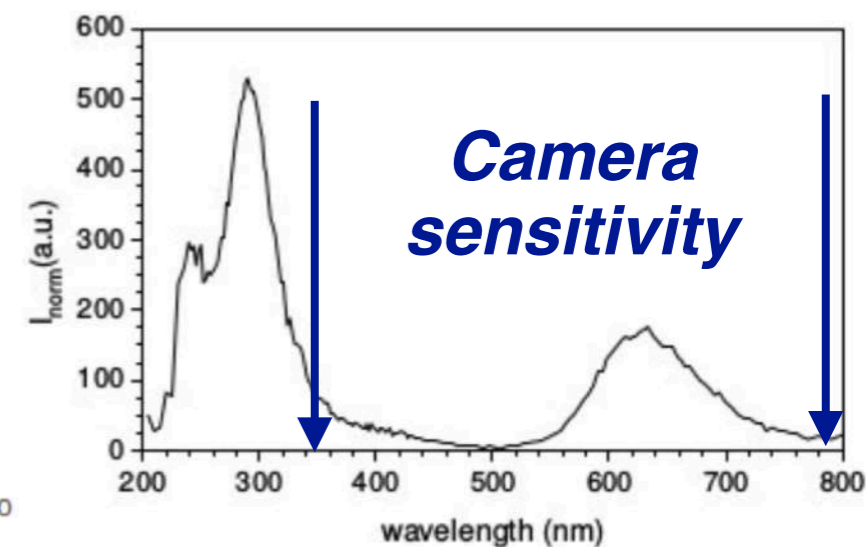
Low noise
1.0 electrons median **1.6** electrons rms
 Standard scan at 100 frames/s

Slow scan
0.8 electrons median **1.4** electrons rms
 at 30 frames/s

High-speed readout
100 frames/s
 Camera Link at 4.0 megapixels



He:CF₄ spectrum

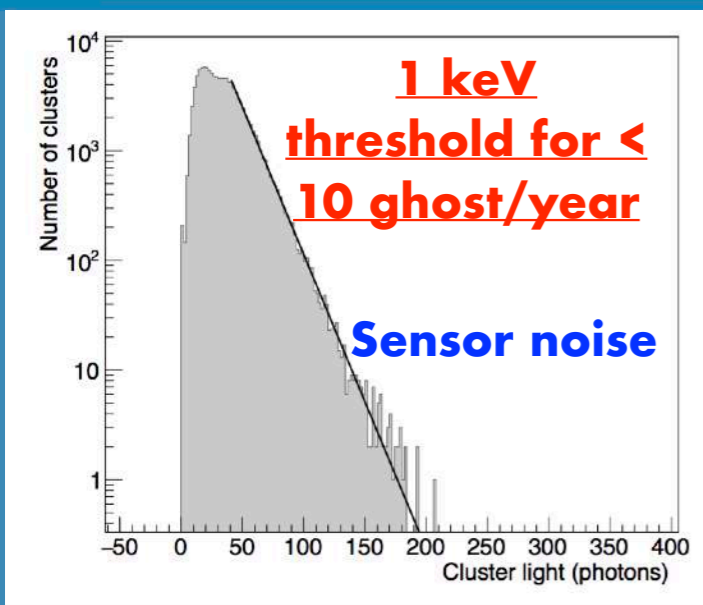
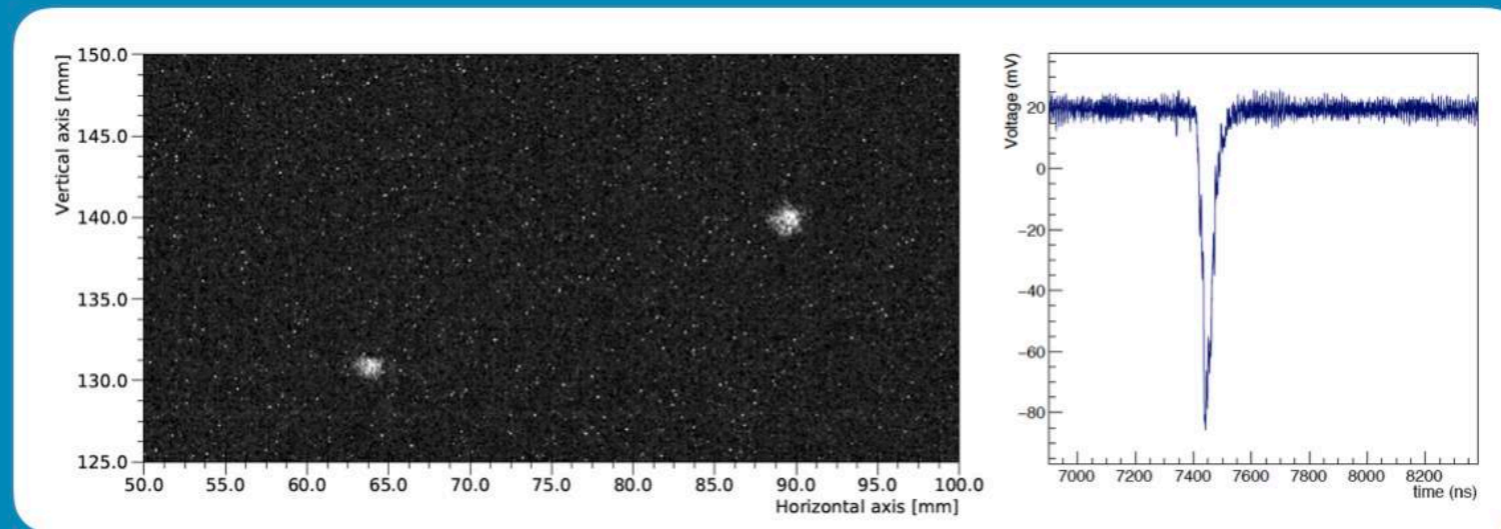
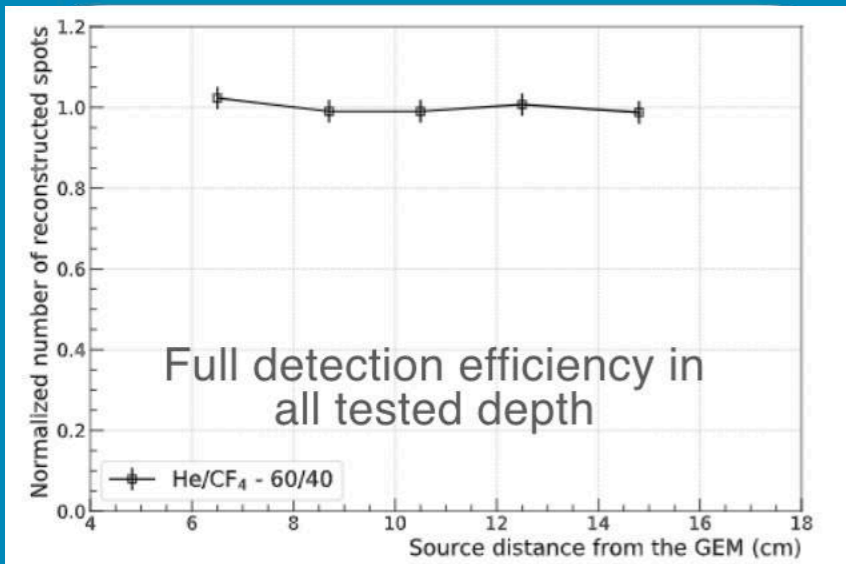


Response to X-rays: energy threshold

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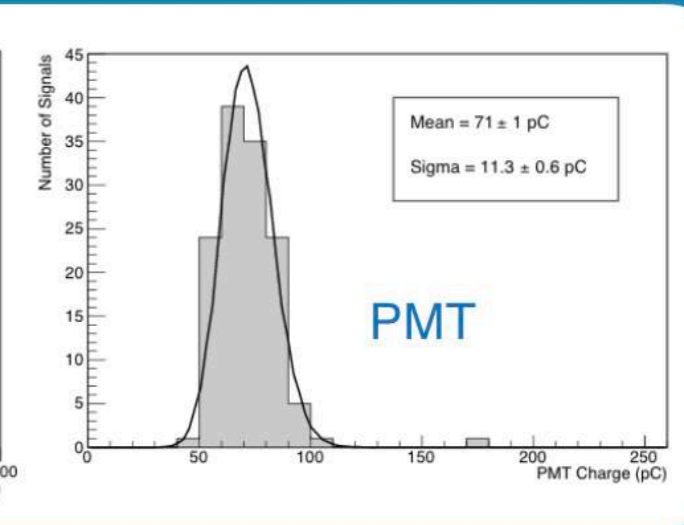
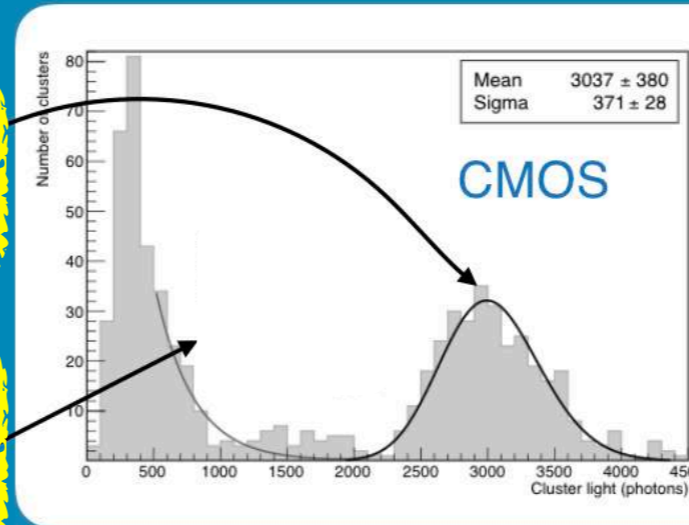
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Performance on 5.9 keV_{ee} electron recoils from ^{55}Fe x-ray source



500 photons collected per keV

Sensor noise below 200 photons (i.e. 400 eV)



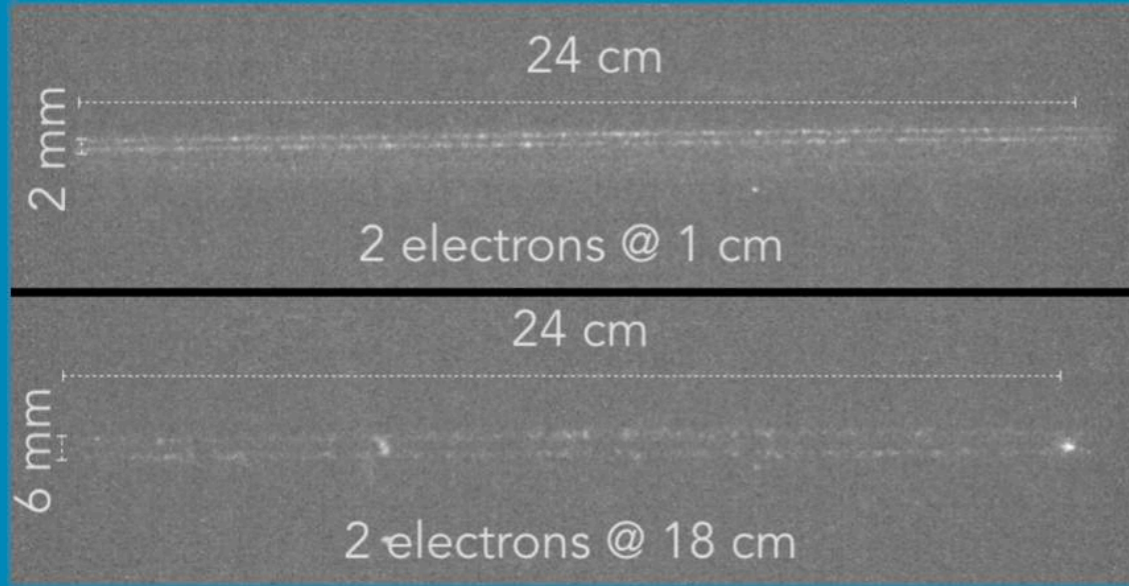
Energy resolution at 15% at 5.9 keV_{ee} from both sCMOS & PMT

Response to high energy electrons: tracking & fiducialization

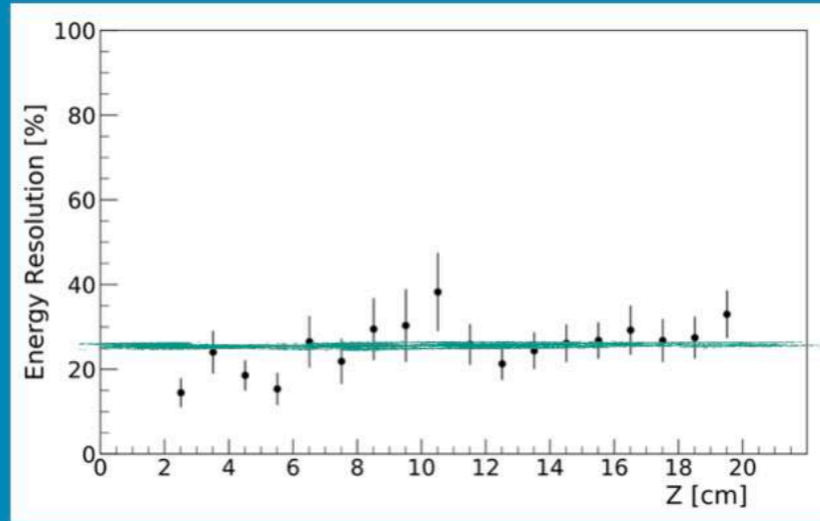
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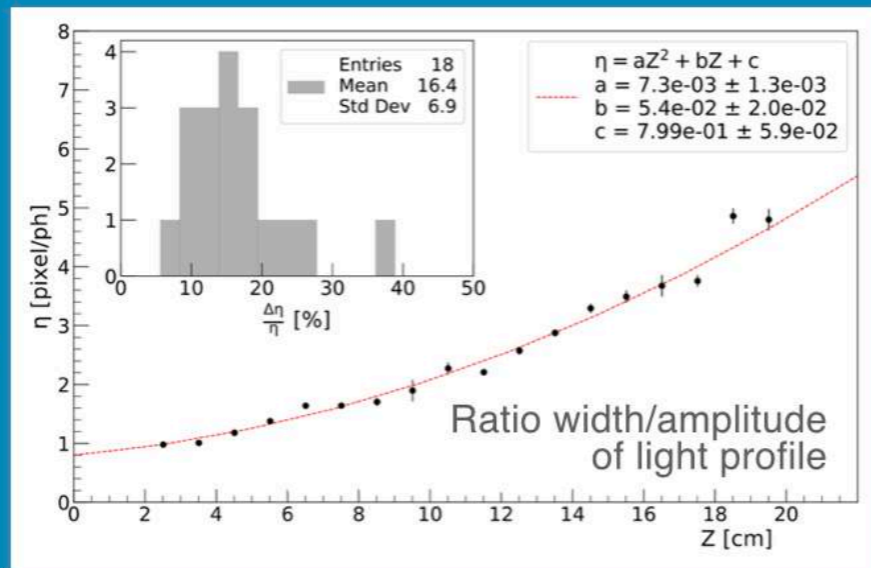
450 MeV electrons from Frascati BTF



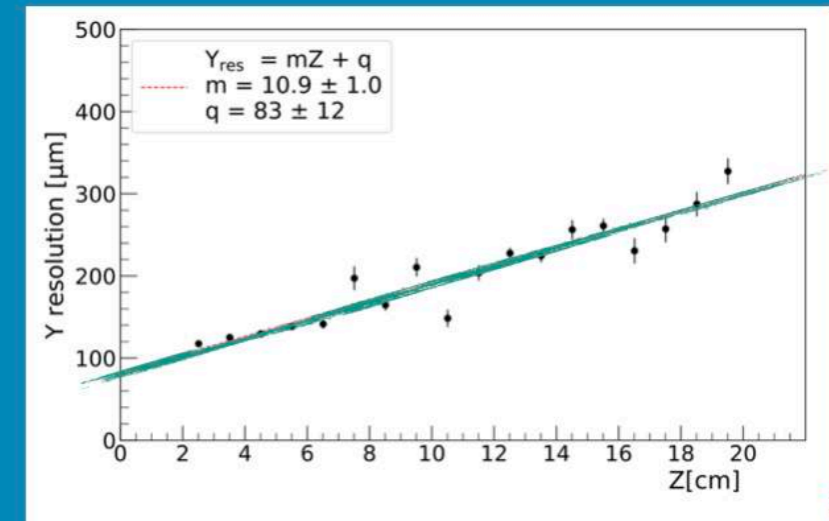
Analysis was performed by splitting tracks in 36 slices 7 mm long (i.e. 1.6 keV)



Average Energy resolution of 25% (i.e. 400 eV)



Relative position evaluated with a resolution between 100 μm and 300 μm



Diffusion can be exploited to evaluate absolute Z position with an average resolution of 15%



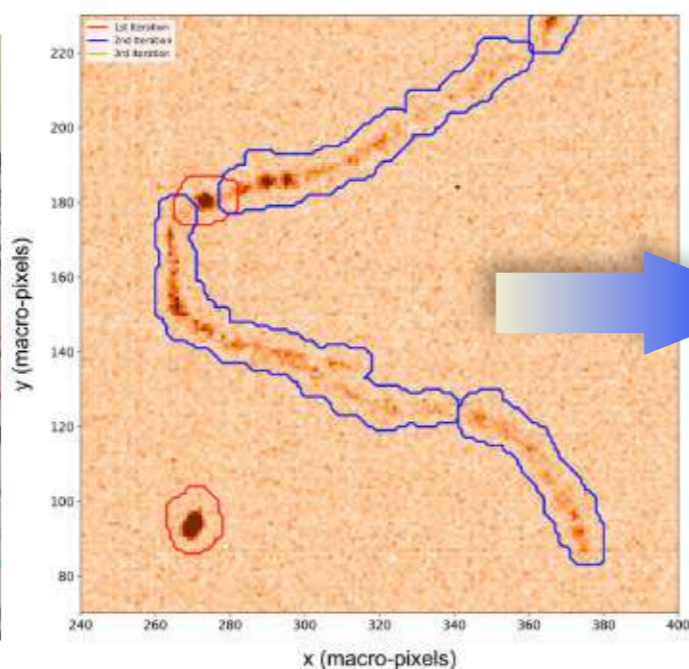
Tracking in X-Y with $O(100)$ um resolution
Fiducialization along Z with 15% average position resolution

Response to neutrons & gammas: low energy nuclear recoil & discrimination from ^{55}Fe

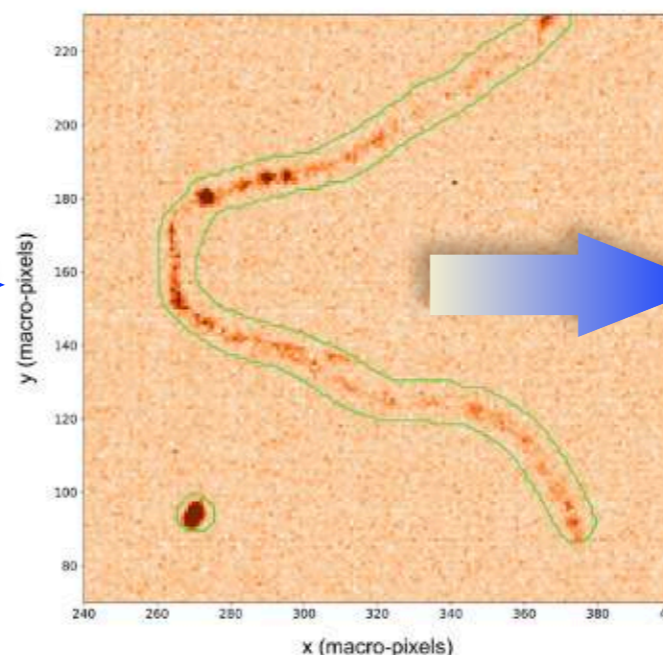
AmBe source, Pb shield



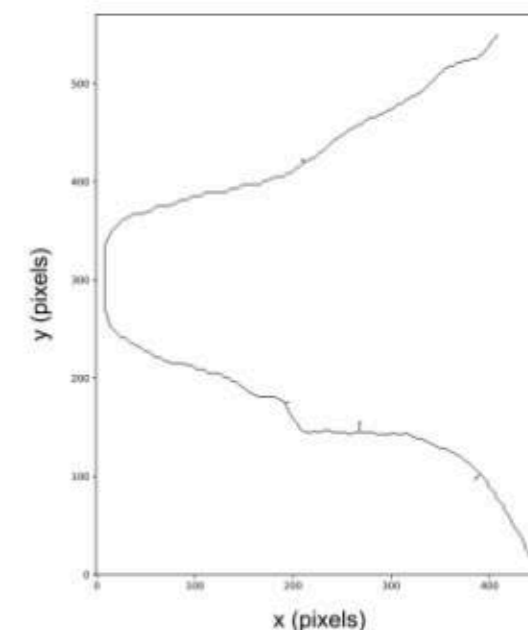
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supercluster axis

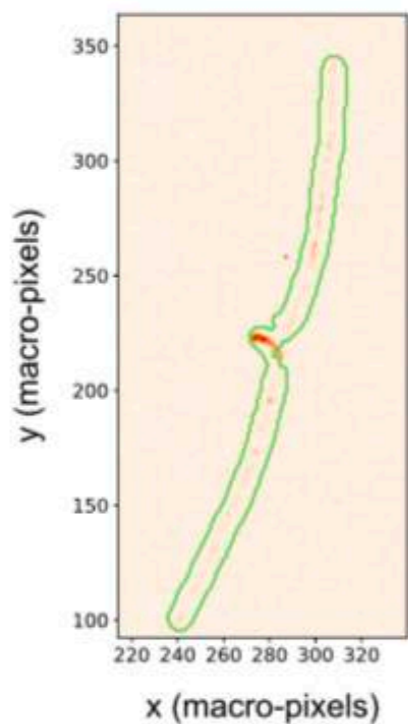


Multiple DBSCAN iteration to select different ionisation patterns

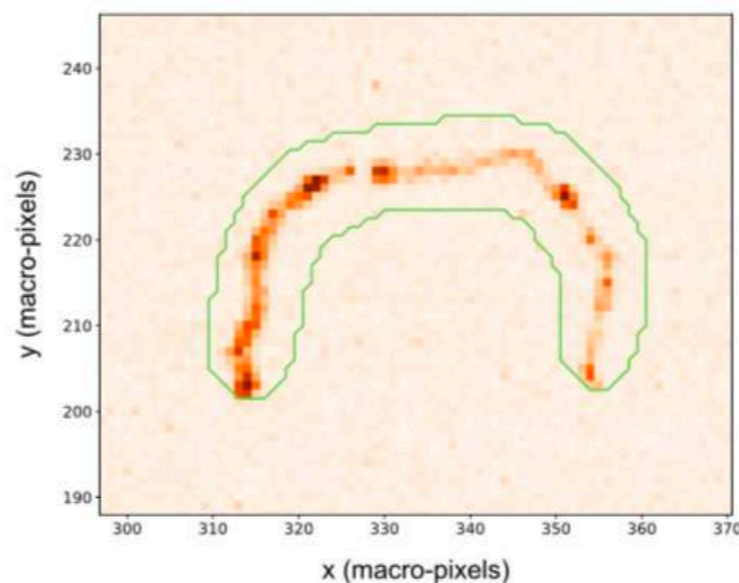
Morphological geodesic active contours (GAC) to connect long tracks

Iterative morphological thinning for actual track length

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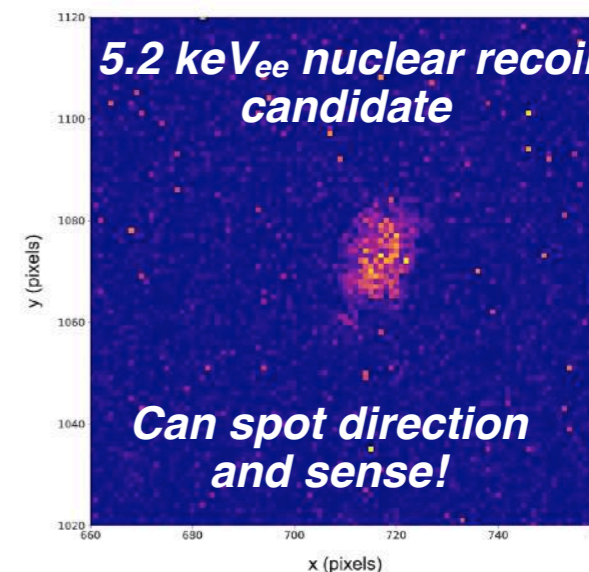


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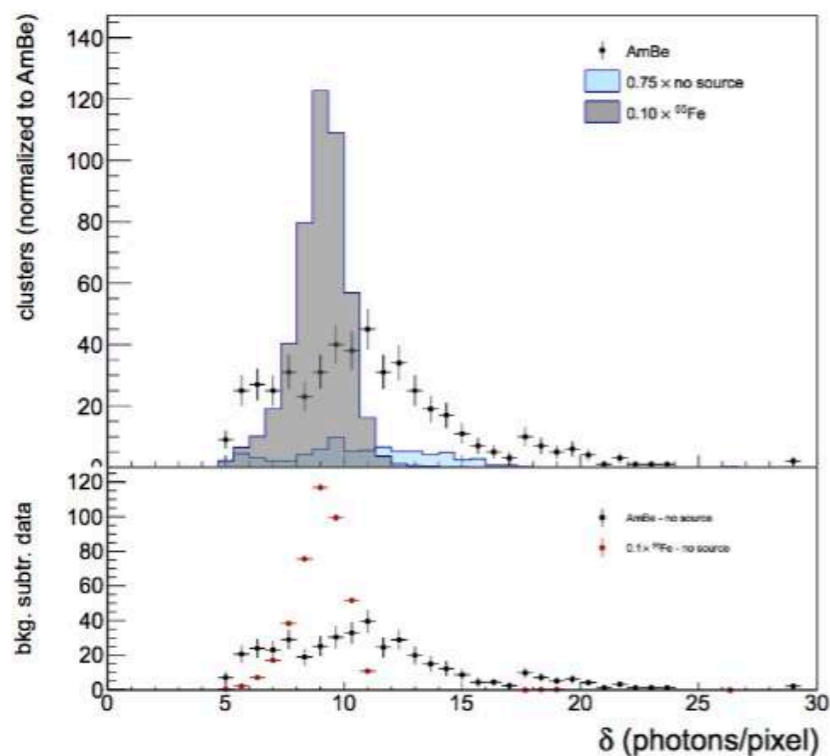


5.2 keV_{ee} nuclear recoil candidate

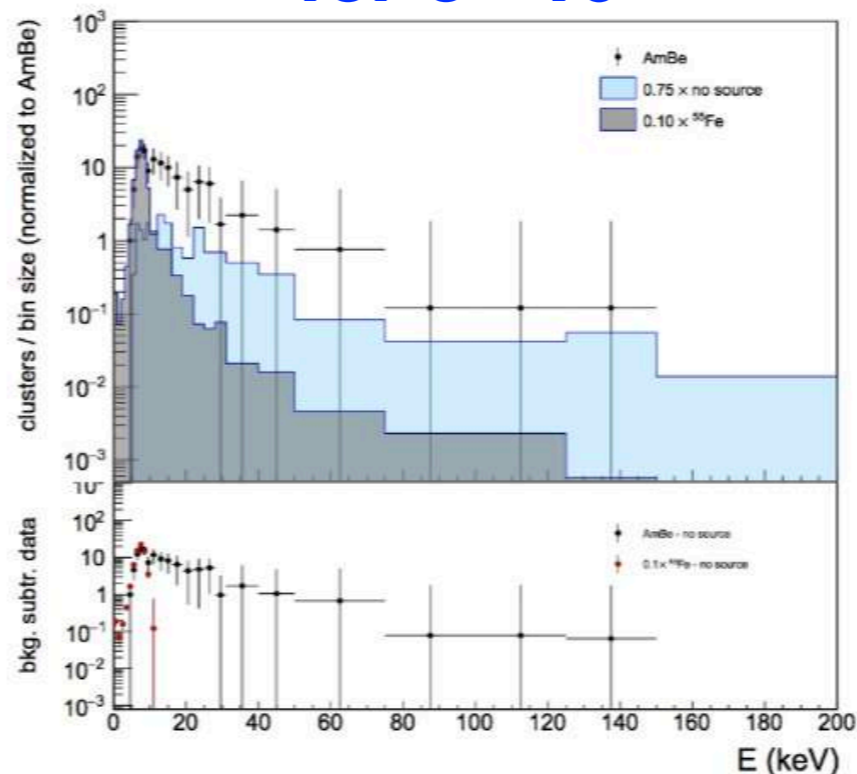
Can spot direction and sense!



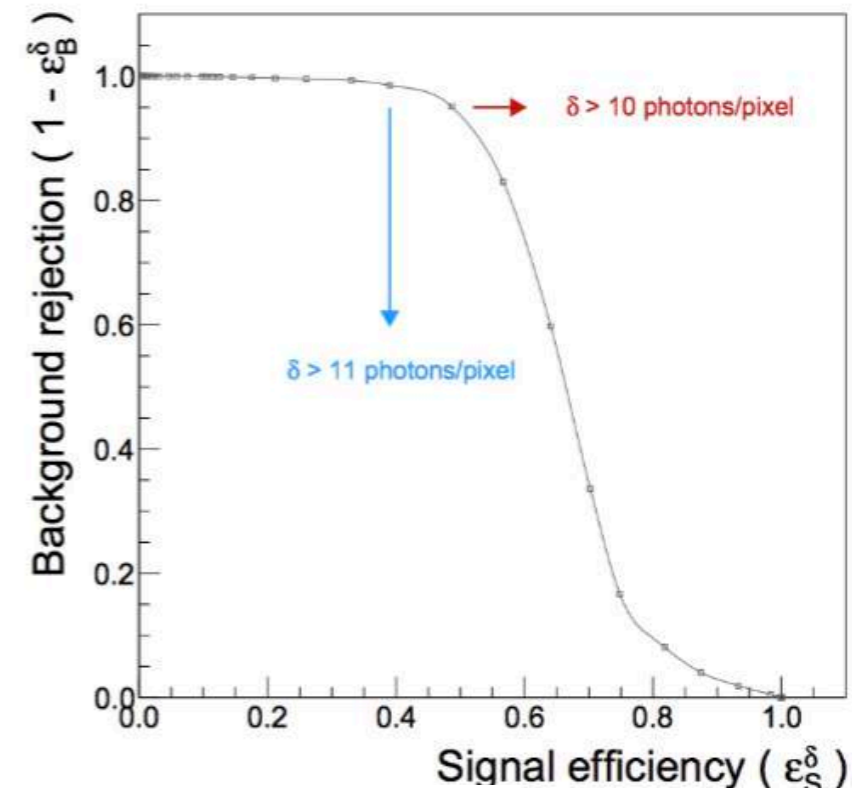
Light density δ



Calibrated energy for $\delta > 10$



ROC curve

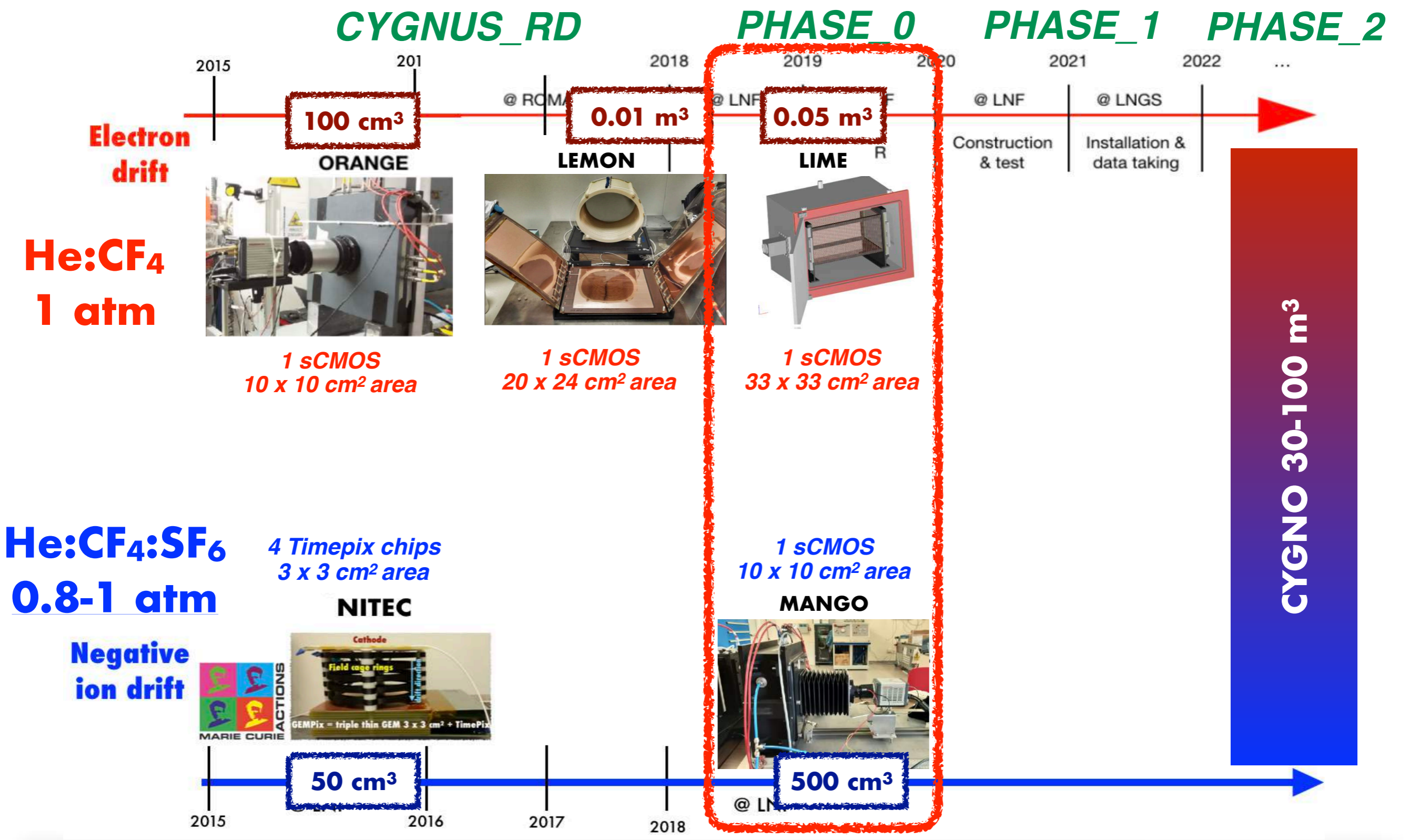


working point	Signal efficiency			Background efficiency		
	$\epsilon_S^{pre sel}$	ϵ_S^δ	ϵ_S^{total}	$\epsilon_B^{pre sel}$	ϵ_B^δ	ϵ_B^{total}
WP ₅₀	0.98	0.51	0.50	0.70	0.050	0.035
WP ₄₀	0.98	0.41	0.40	0.70	0.012	0.008

Meas. Sci. and Tech. 2020 • e-Print: [2007.12508](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.12508)

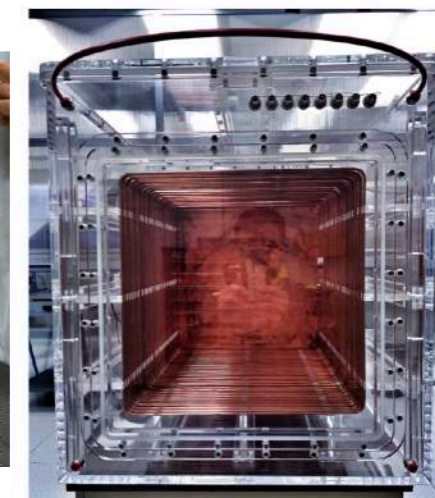
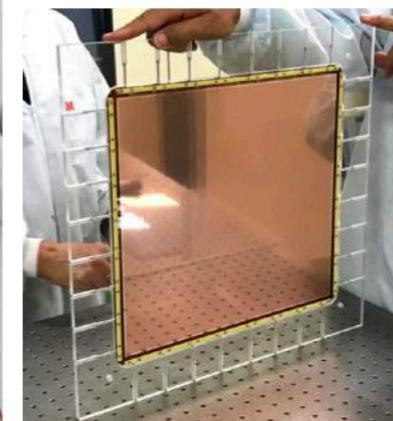
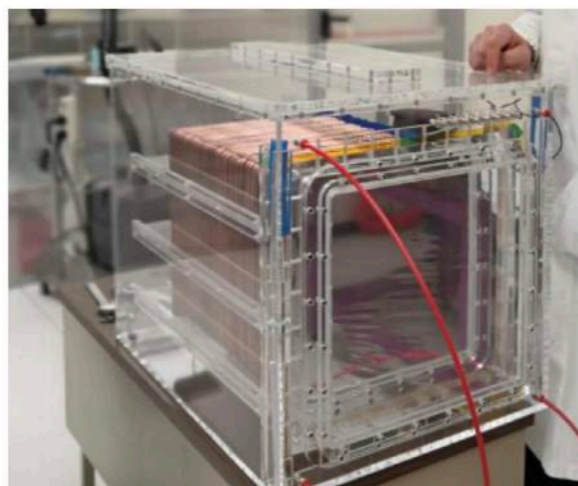
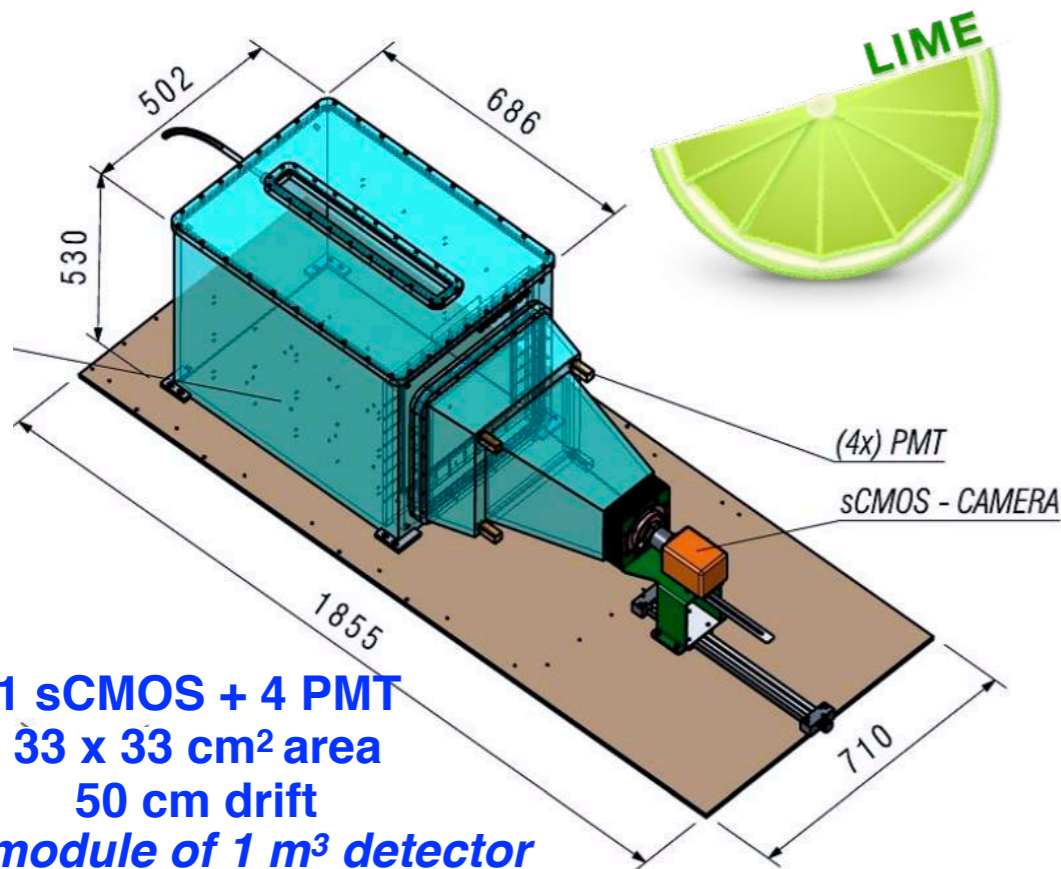


40% nuclear recoil efficiency for energies < 20 keV_{ee}, with 99% ^{55}Fe events rejected



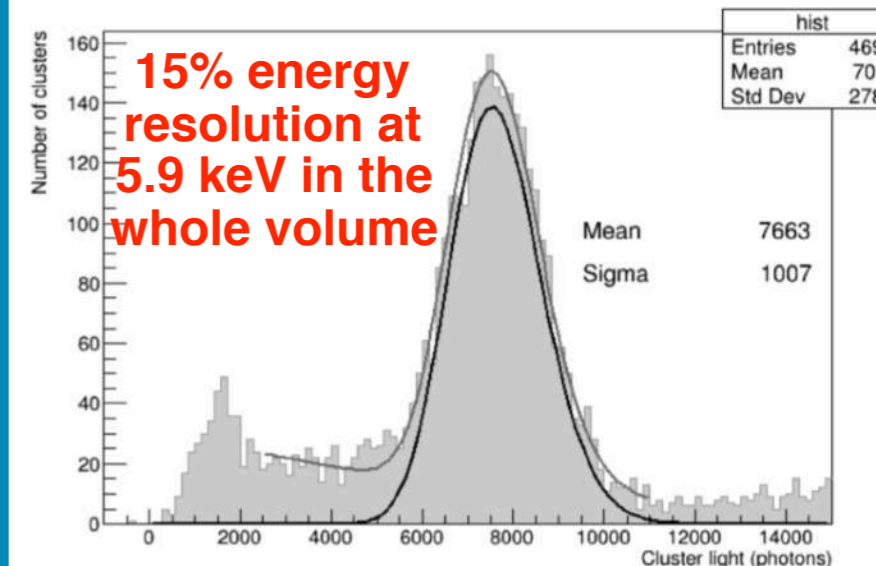
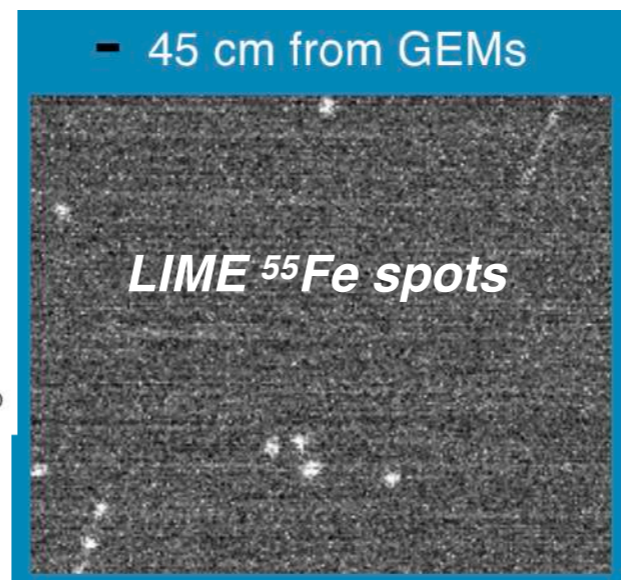
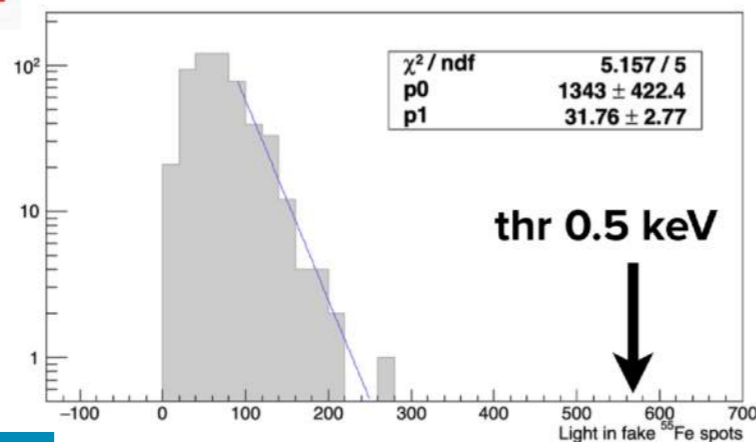
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LIME: a 1 m³ module prototype for 50 L active volume



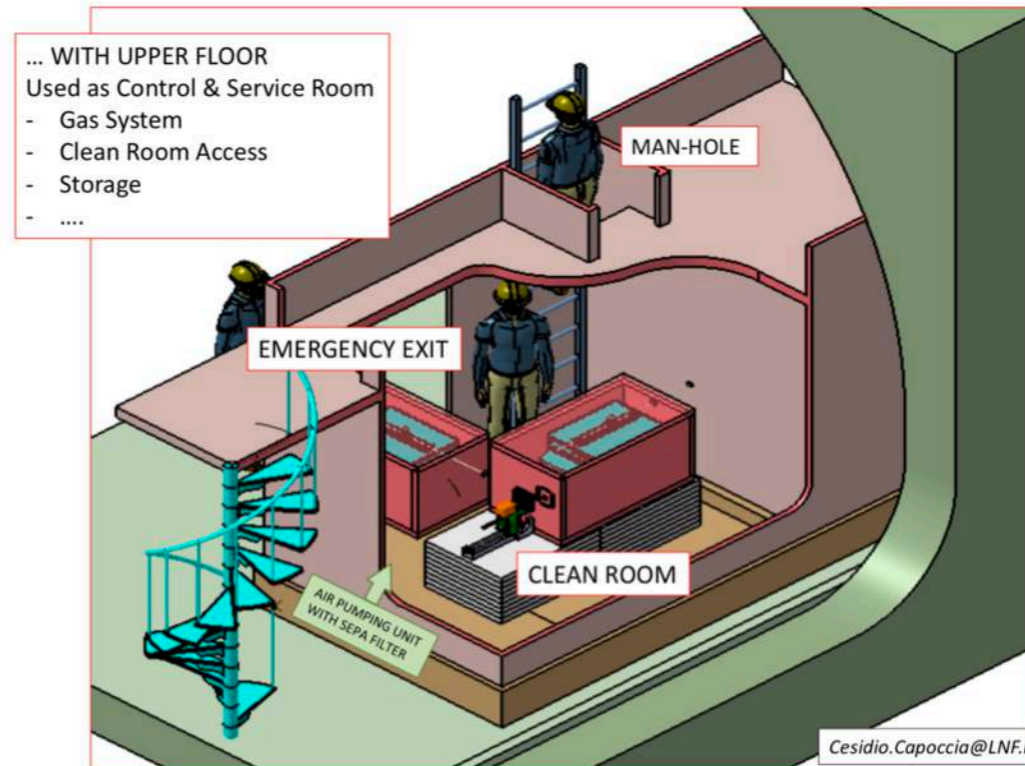
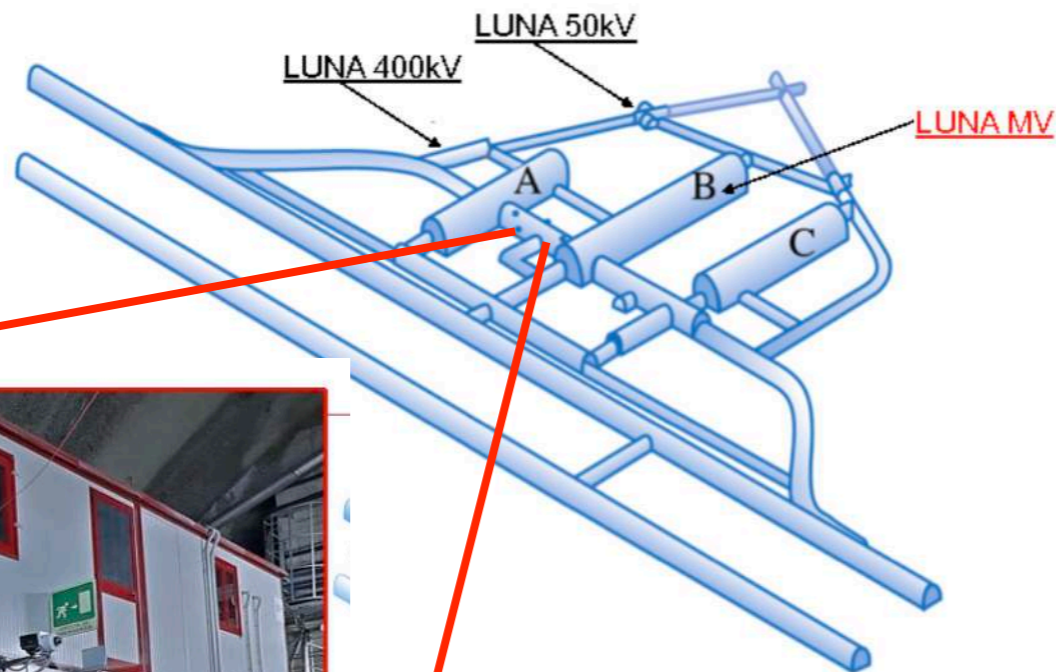
ORCA[®]-Fusion

Sensor noise



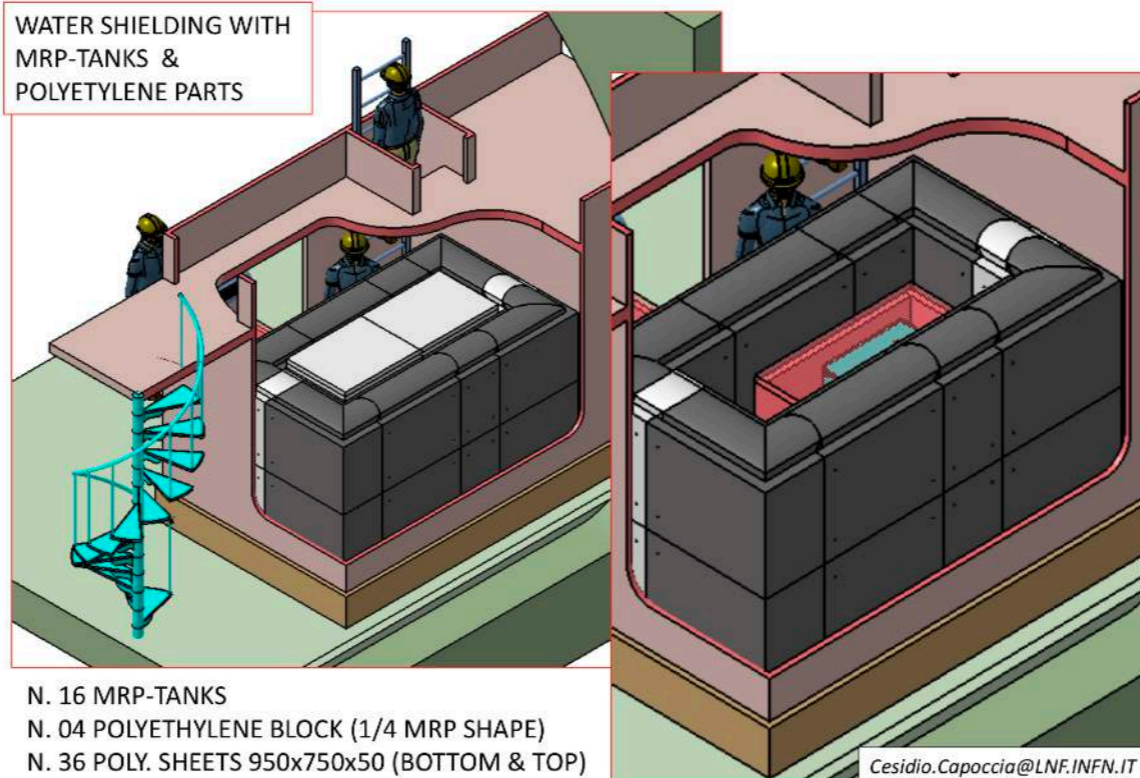
1 keV = 1180 counts
Larger sensitivity;
Lower noise;

Detection threshold could be lowered to 0.5 keV_{ee}



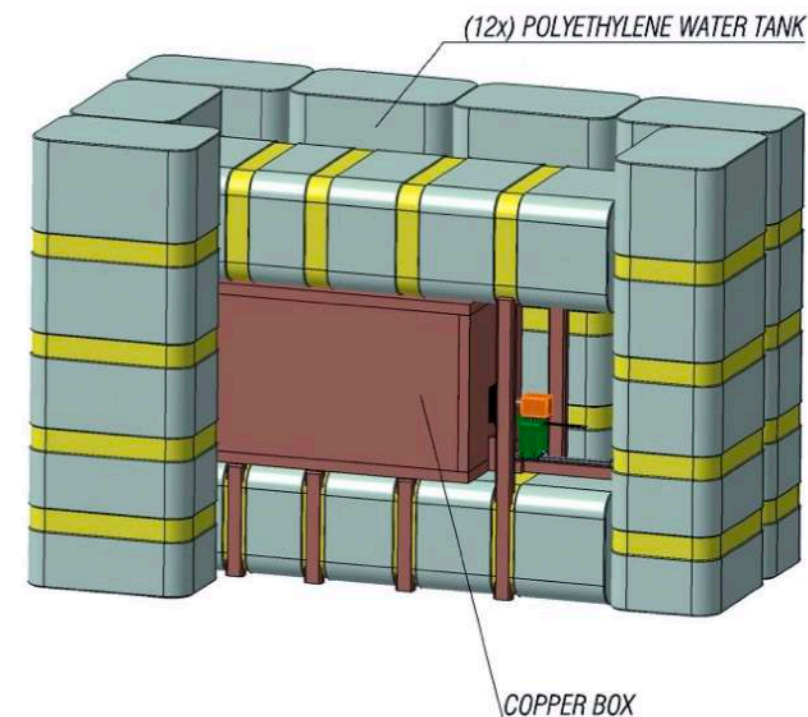
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WATER SHIELDING WITH MRP-TANKS & POLYETHYLENE PARTS



- N. 16 MRP-TANKS
- N. 04 POLYETHYLENE BLOCK (1/4 MRP SHAPE)
- N. 36 POLY. SHEETS 950x750x50 (BOTTOM & TOP)

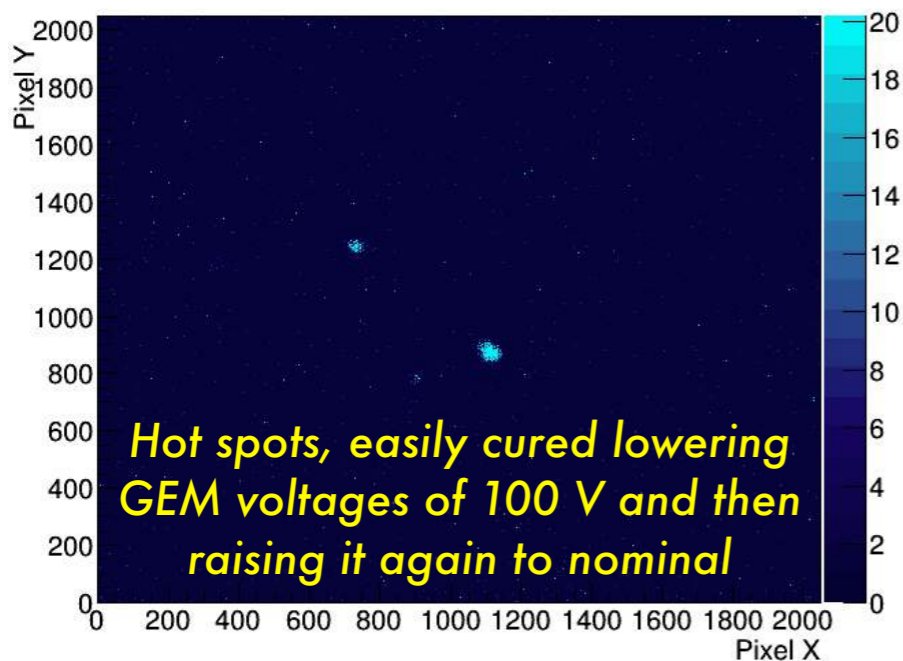
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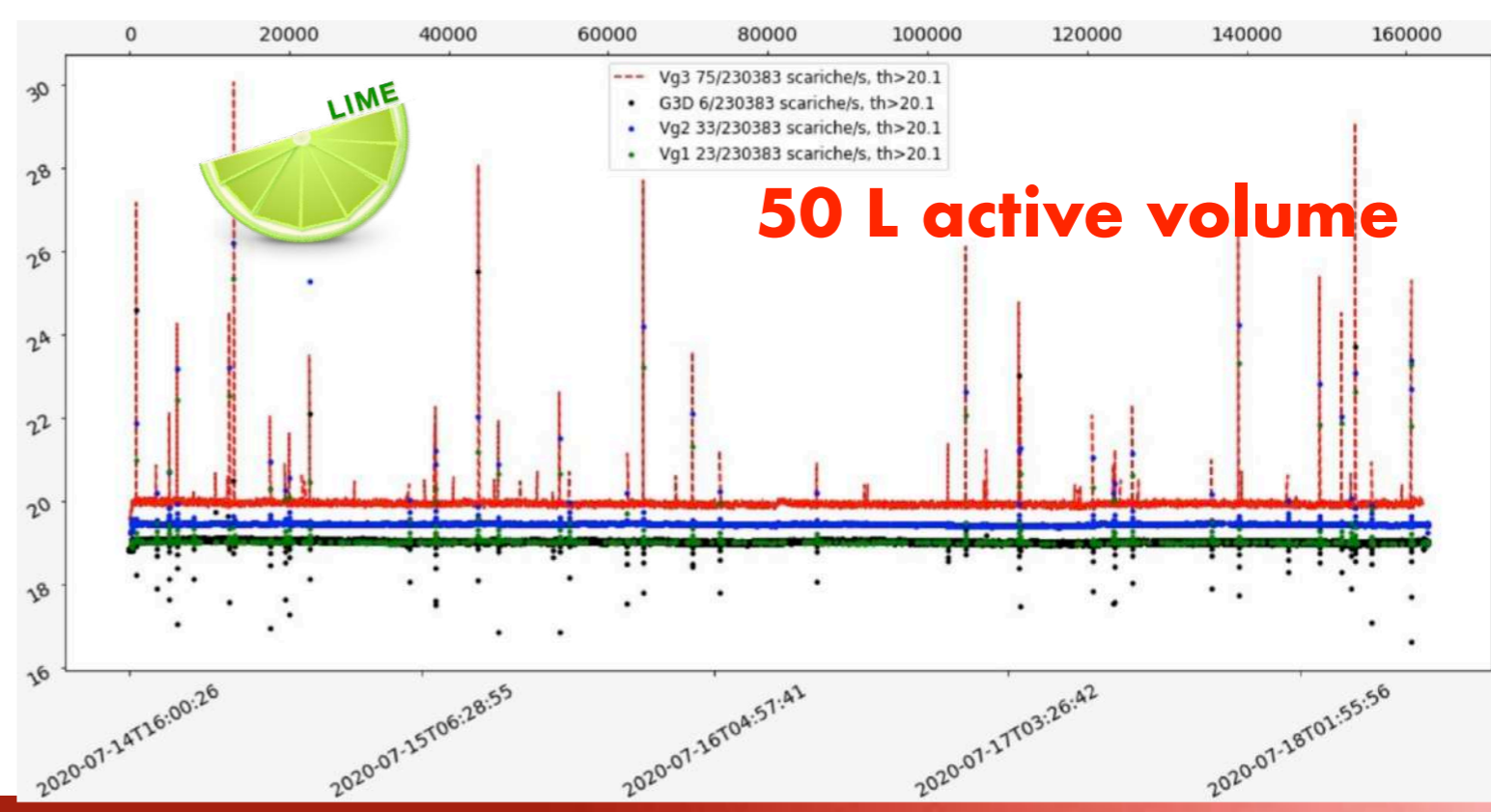
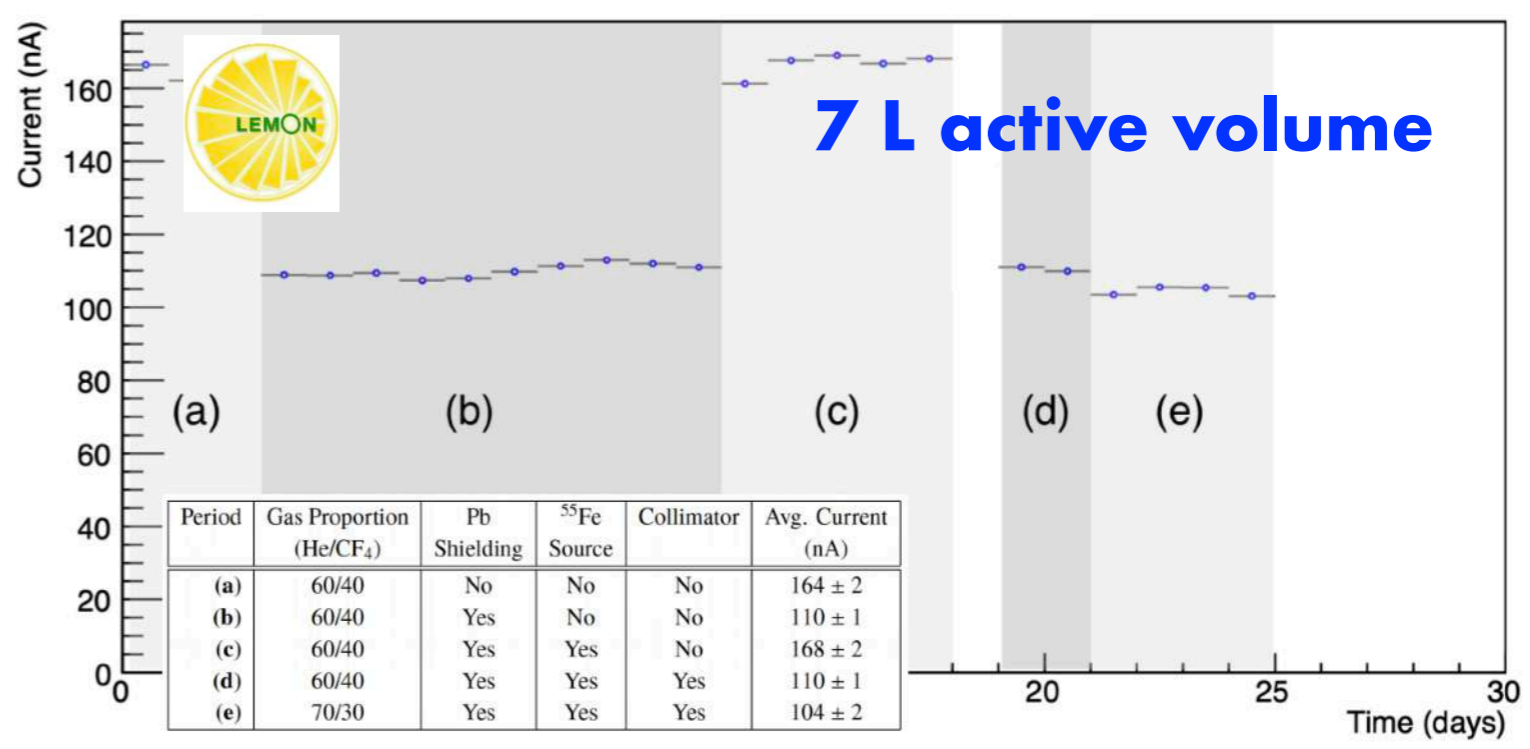
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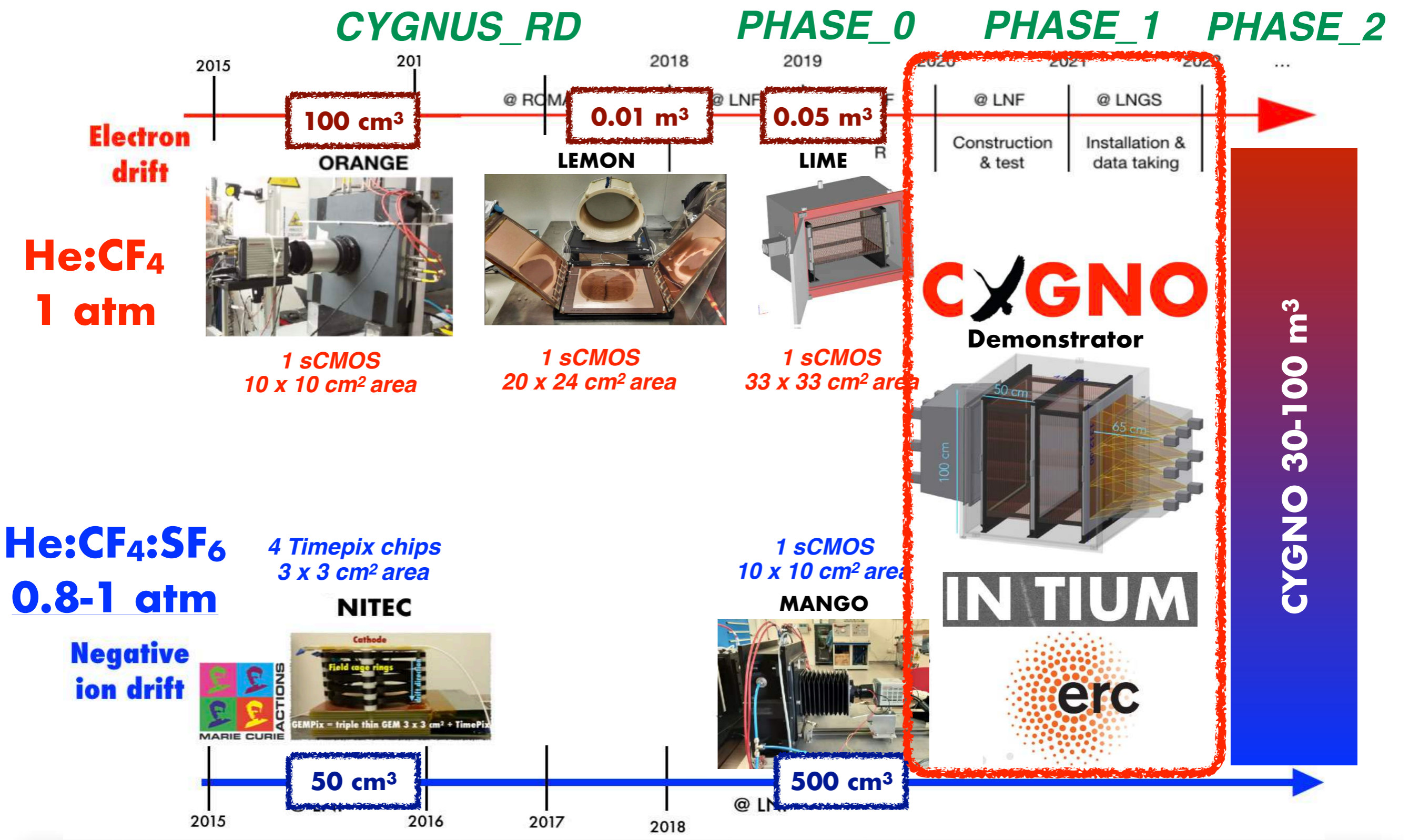
Large prototypes stability test



LEMON successfully operated for **25 consecutive days**, with **automatic GEM hot spots + trips recovery**
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Similar stability observed with LIME over 1 week (i.e. < 1 event/hour), in agreement with a factor 2 larger GEMs

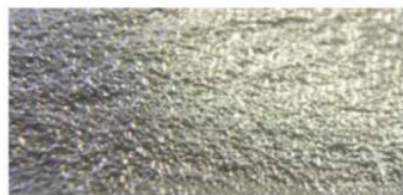




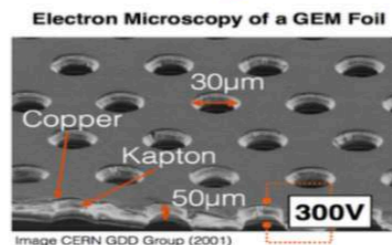
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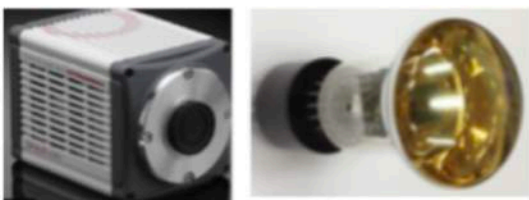
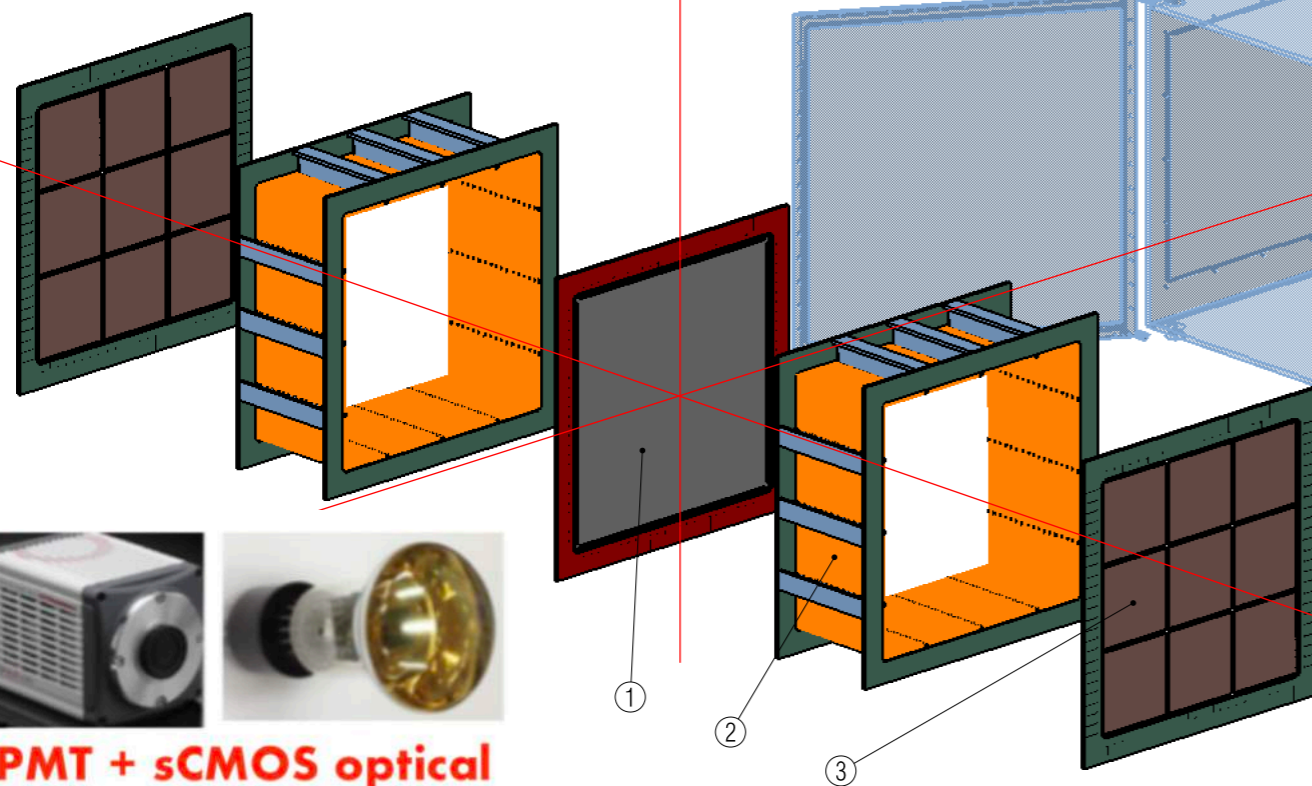
Transparent texturised mylar cathode a'la DRIFT



Gas Electron Multipliers (GEMs) amplification

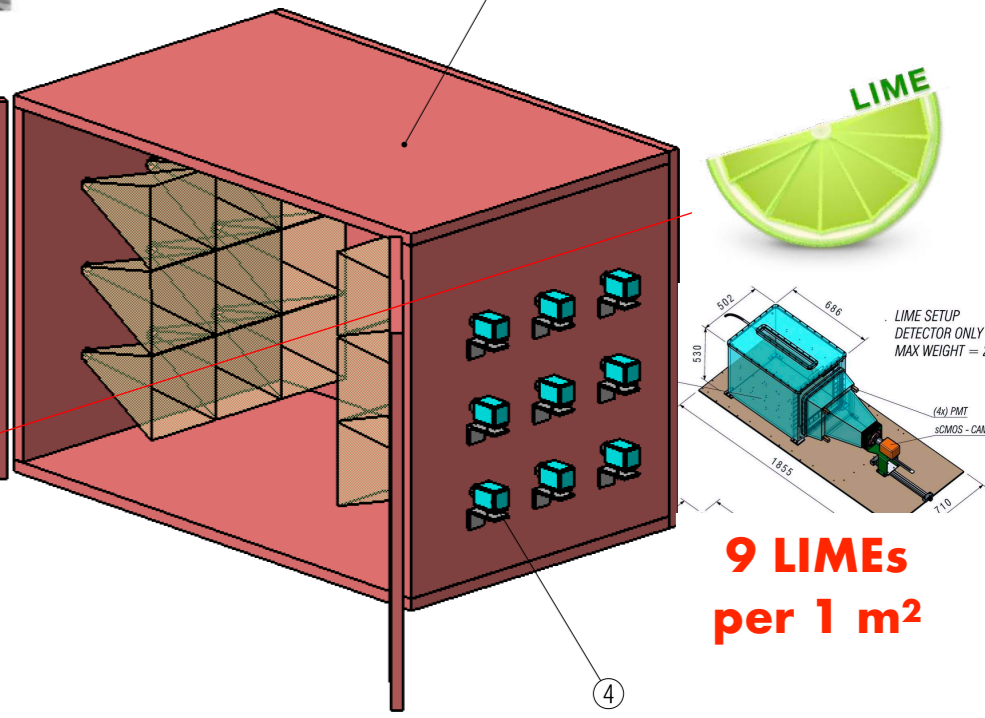


Atmospheric pressure & room temperature:



PMT + sCMOS optical readout decoupled from target volume

He:CF₄(:SF₆) 1.5 kg mass, 1 m³ volume

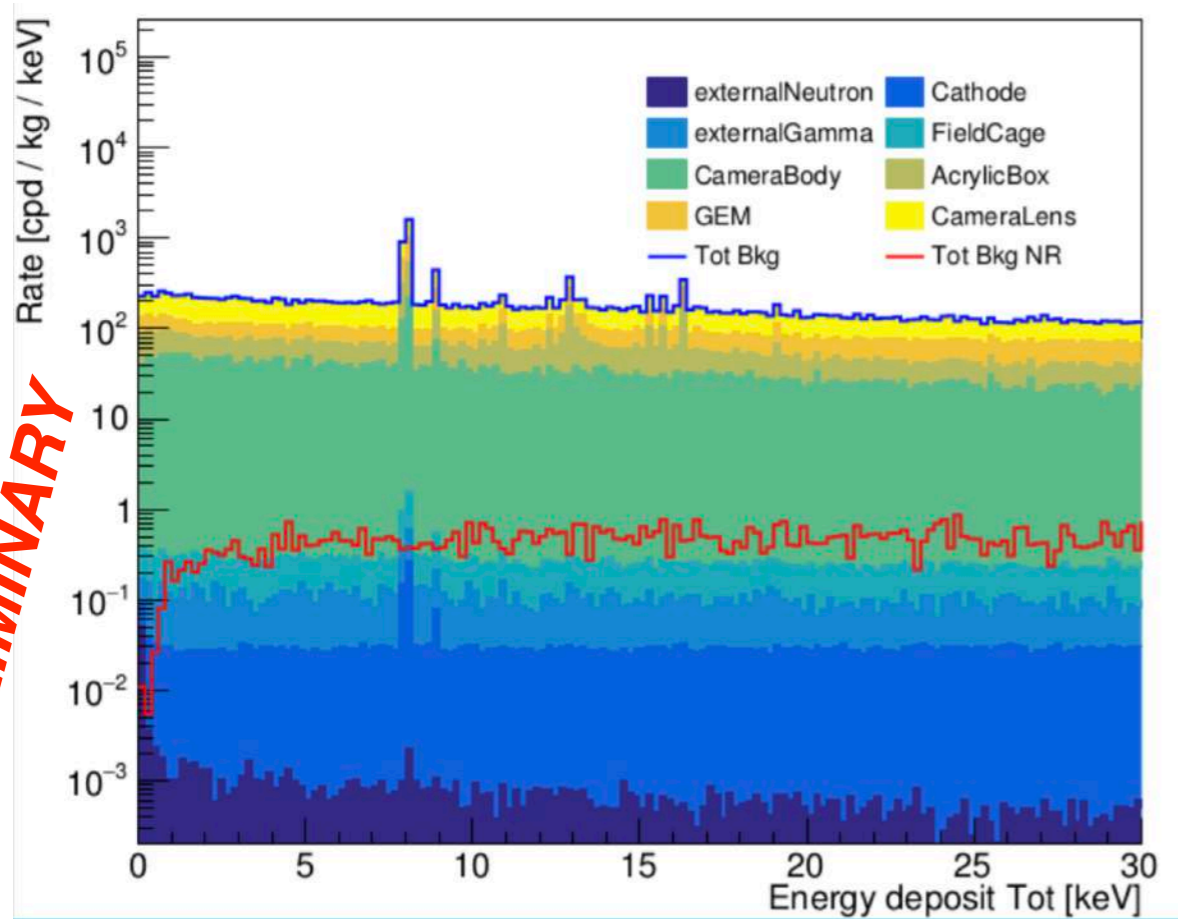


Isometric view
Scale: 1:15
9 cameras/m²
A total of 72 10⁶ readout
165 x 165 µm² pixels

**18 cameras monitoring
330*330 mm each
with 160 µm resolution**

(Ambitious) goal: < 10⁴ γ/year between 0-20 keV interacting in the active volume for zero background after ER rejection with 10⁵ discriminating power

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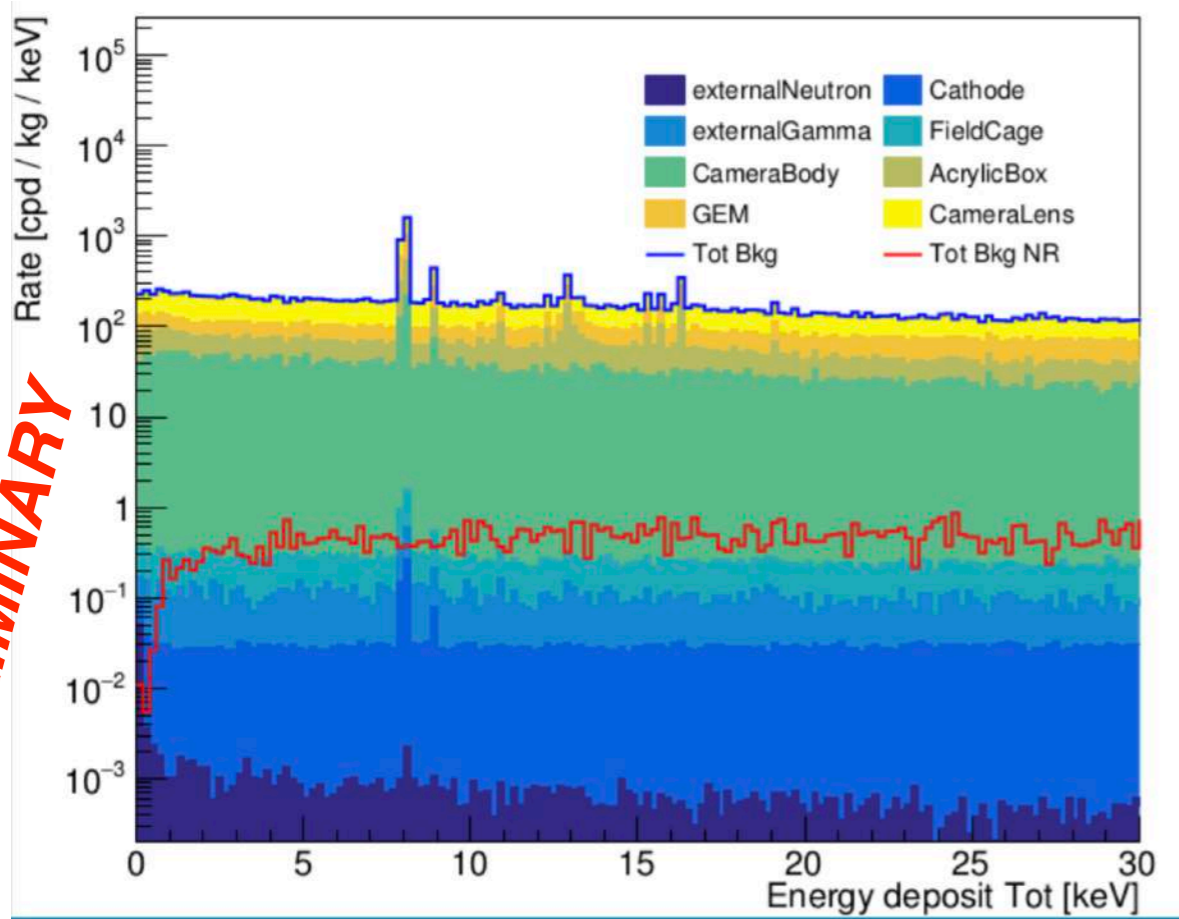


Shield: 200 cm water + 5 cm copper;
Detector: current GEM, acrylic, copper, camera and lens

Main internal contribution from sCMOS & GEMs O(10⁵) /year in [1-20] keV

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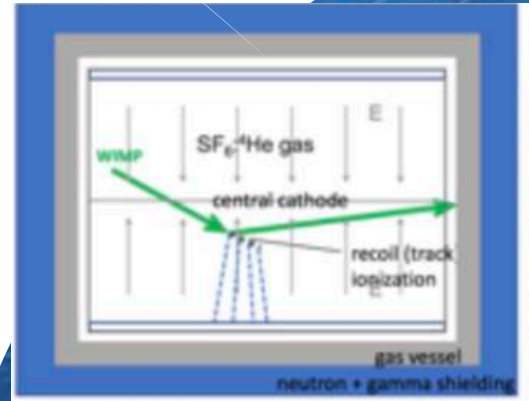


Camera	Sensitivity (eV/count)	Resolution (%)	Noise (eV)	²²⁸ Ra (Bq)	²²⁸ Th (Bq)	²²⁶ Ra (Bq)	²³⁴ Pa (Bq)	⁴⁰ K (Bq)	Total activity
Hamamatsu ORCA FLASH 4.0	2.96	15.2	4.6	2.1	2.1	1.9	7.0	1.9	15.0
ORCA FLASH sensor	2.6	15.2	8	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	4.3	8.5
Photometrics Prime BSI Mode 1	3.3	19.0	9.7	-	-	-	-	-	tbm
Photometrics Prime BSI Mode 2	1.12	16.4	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	tbm
Photometrics BSI Express Mode 2	0.84	13.4	3.0	1.3	1.8	1.0	6.0	3.6	13.7
Hamamatsu Fusion Closer (LEMON)	0.65	17.5	1.58	-	-	-	-	-	tbm
Hamamatsu Fusion Farther (LIME)	0.85	16.4	2.06	-	-	-	-	-	tbm
Thorlab Quantalux	tbm	tbm	tbm	0.3	0.6	0.2	3.0	1.2	5.3

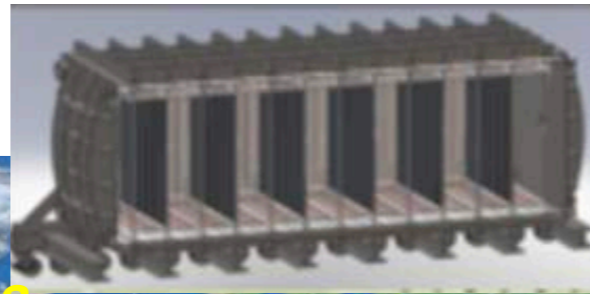
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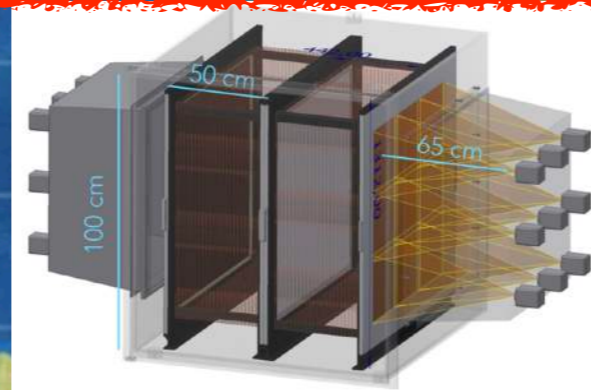




CYGNUS-10
 10 m³, GEMs + wires
 He:SF₆
 Boulby, UK
 R&D ongoing on 1 m³

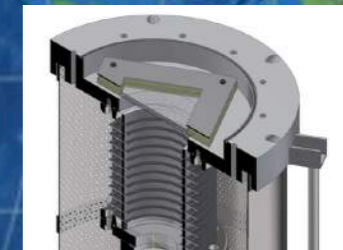


CYGNUS-HD10
 GEMs + 2D strips
 He:CF₄:C₄H₁₀
 1 m³ under construction
 towards 10 m³
 experiment



CYGNUS-KM
 1 m³, GEMs + 2D strips
 SF₆/CF₄
 Kamioka, Japan
 R&D ongoing on 1 m³

CYGNO/INITIUM
 GEMs + sCMOS + PMT
 He:CF₄ (:SF₆)
 LNGS, Italy
 1 m³ demonstrator
 funded towards 30 m³
 experiment



CYGNUS-OZ
 Stawell, Australia
 GEMs + CCDs for gas studies
 Plans for 1 m³
 demonstrator





CYGNUS proto-collaboration



*A multi-site, multi-target Galactic Recoil Observatory at the **ton-scale** to probe Dark Matter below the Neutrino Floor and measure solar Neutrinos with directionality*

• About 70 members

• Steering group:

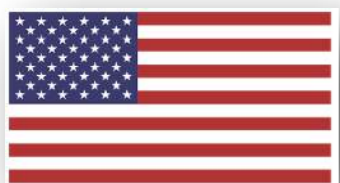
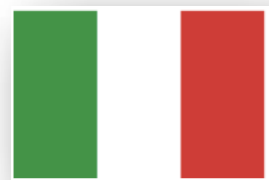
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• Helium/Fluorine gas mixtures at 1 bar

• Sensitivity to $O(\text{GeV})$ WIMP for both SI & SD couplings

• Possibility of switching between higher (search mode) and lower gas densities (improved directionality) for signal confirmation

• Reduced diffusion

• Through negative ion drift or “cold” gases

• 3D fiducialization

• Through minority carriers or fit to diffusion

• Directional threshold at $O(\text{keV})$

• Full background rejection at $O(\text{keV})$



CYGNUS: Feasibility of a nuclear recoil observatory with directional sensitivity to dark matter and neutrinos

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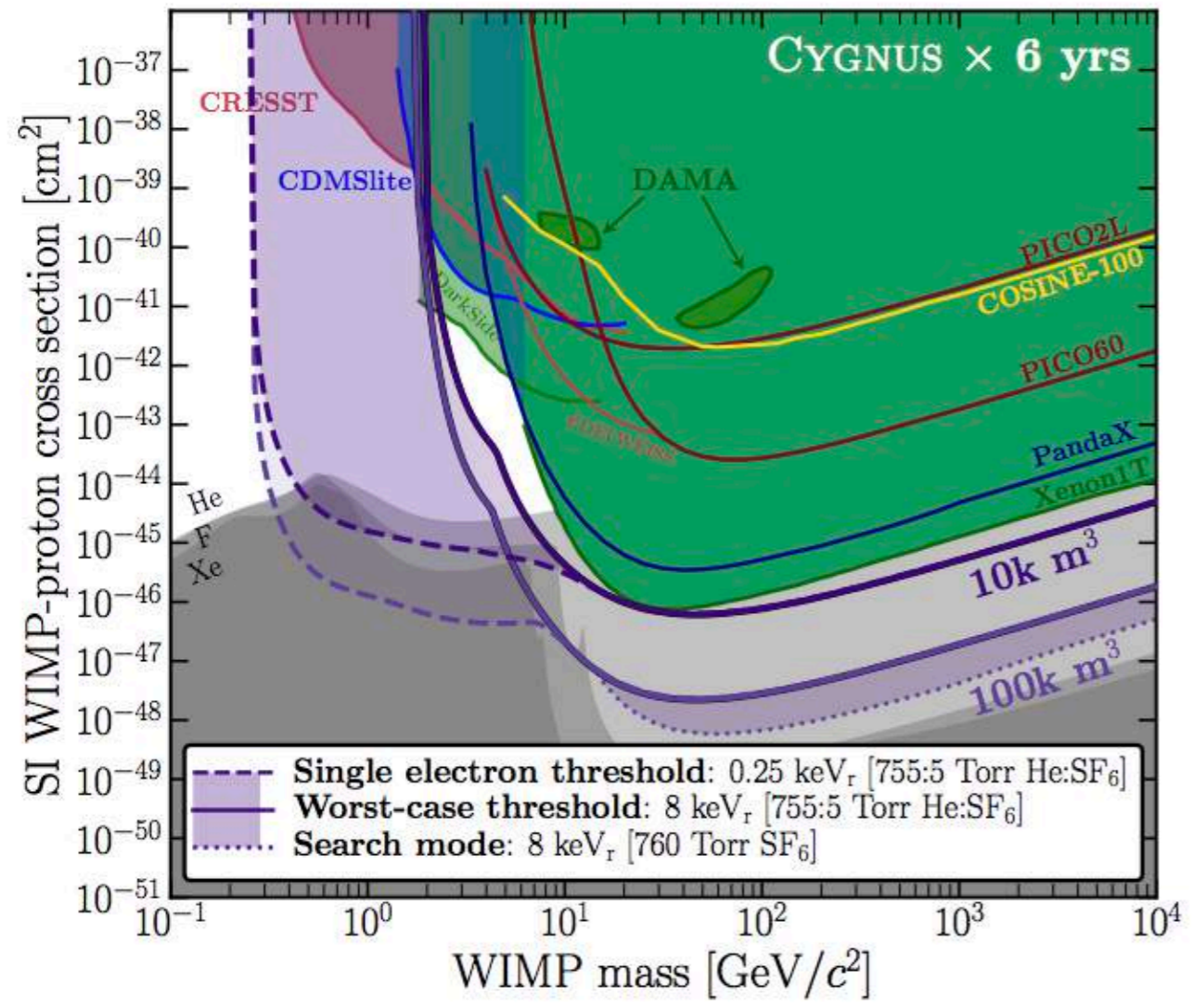


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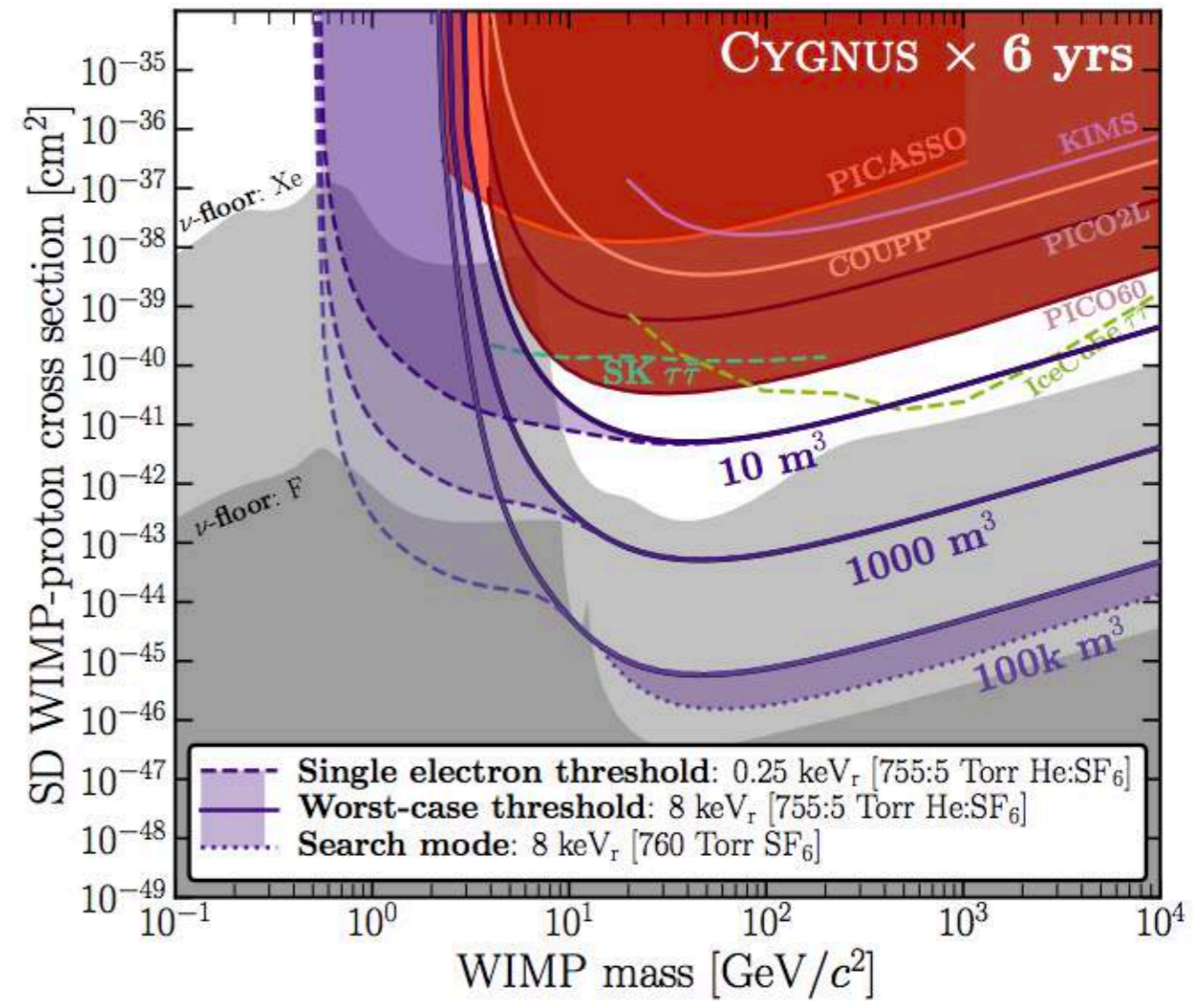
Final message of the paper:

need to demonstrate on actual O(m³) detector rejection performances

He:SF₆ 755:5

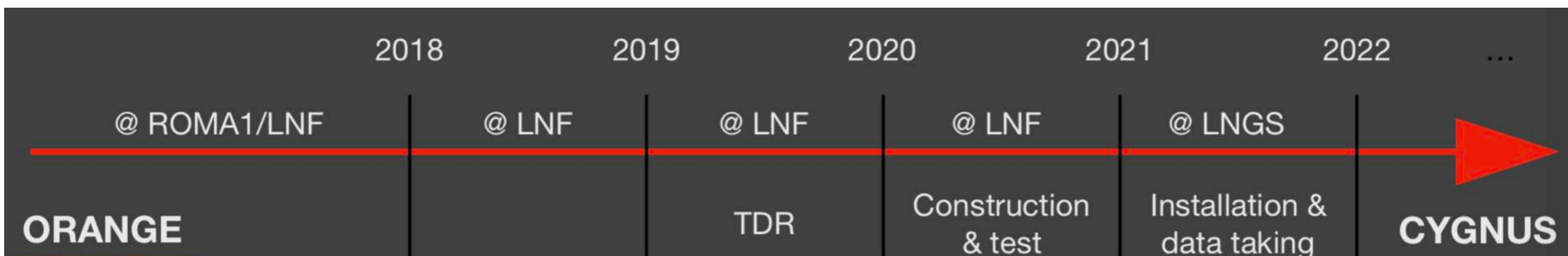


Significant improvement in SI in the low WIMP mass region, expect 10-50 IDENTIFIED neutrino nuclear recoil events



Significant improvement in SD reach over existing experiments for all WIMP masses, a 10 m³ detector can already breach the Xe neutrino floor

Stay tuned for (a flock of) CYGNUS birth!



<https://web.infn.it/cygnus/>

Backup slides