

# Calibration at Low Energy with DUNE prototypes

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# I. Context of DUNE

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2. DUNE's main goals
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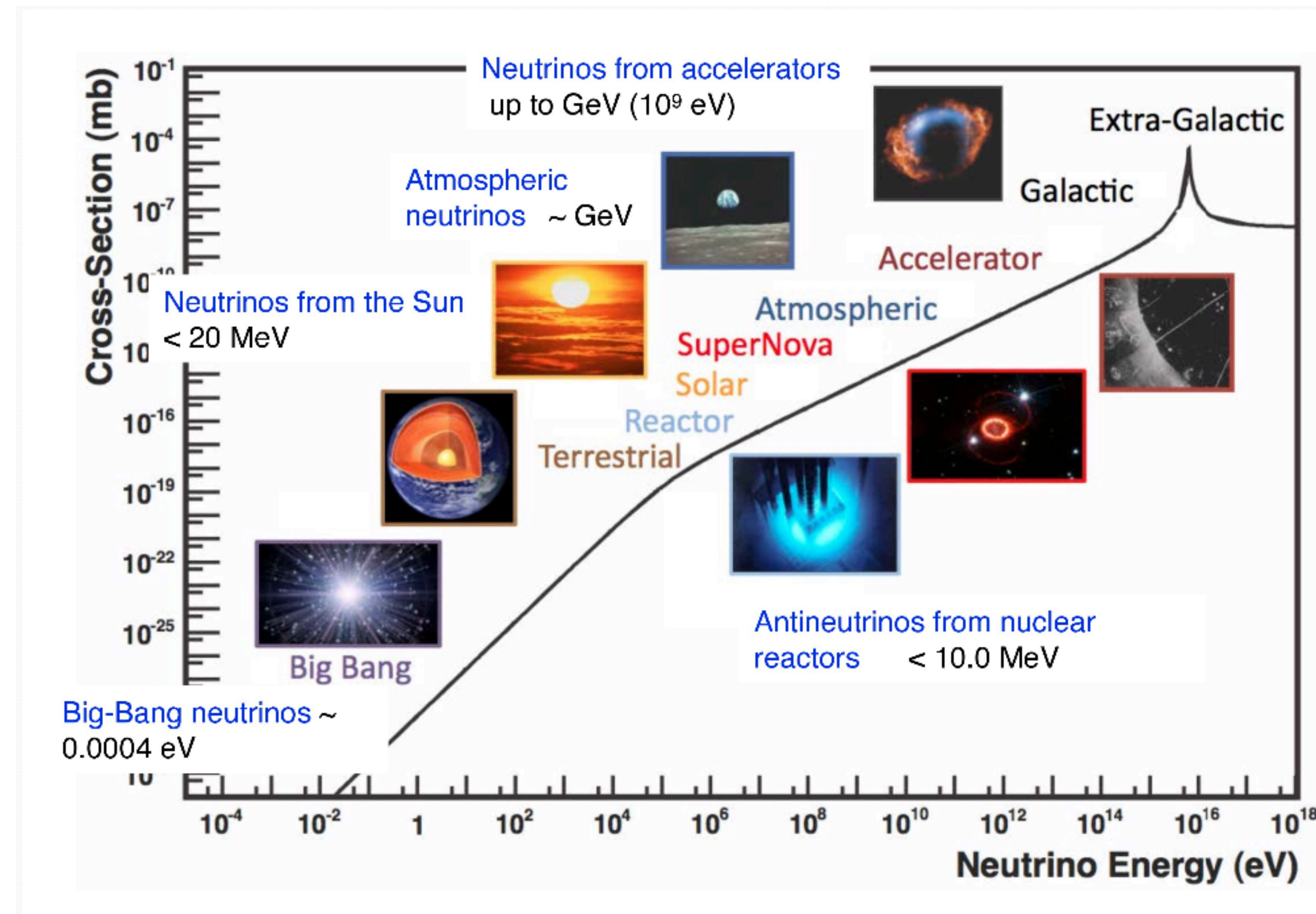
# II. Low Energy at DUNE

1. DUNE's Low Energy (LE) goals
2. Calibration sources (radiologicals)
3. Selection principal

# Conclusion

# Context of DUNE

- Neutrino can be produced from very **different sources** in a **large range of energy**
- DUNE → **Accelerator**, atmospheric, solar, SN...





- $\nu$ 's can be produced in **3 flavours states** ( $\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$ ) and **3 mass states** ( $\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3$ )
- $\nu$ 's can **oscillate** from one state to an other along their paths

$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\alpha) = \left| \sum_{i=1,2,3} U_{ei} U_{\alpha i}^* e^{-iE_i t} \right|^2$$

- where **U = PMNS matrix** (~CKM matrix)

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13} e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13} e^{i\delta_{CP}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$c_{ij} \equiv \cos \theta_{ij}$

atmos+LBL(dis)

$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu)$

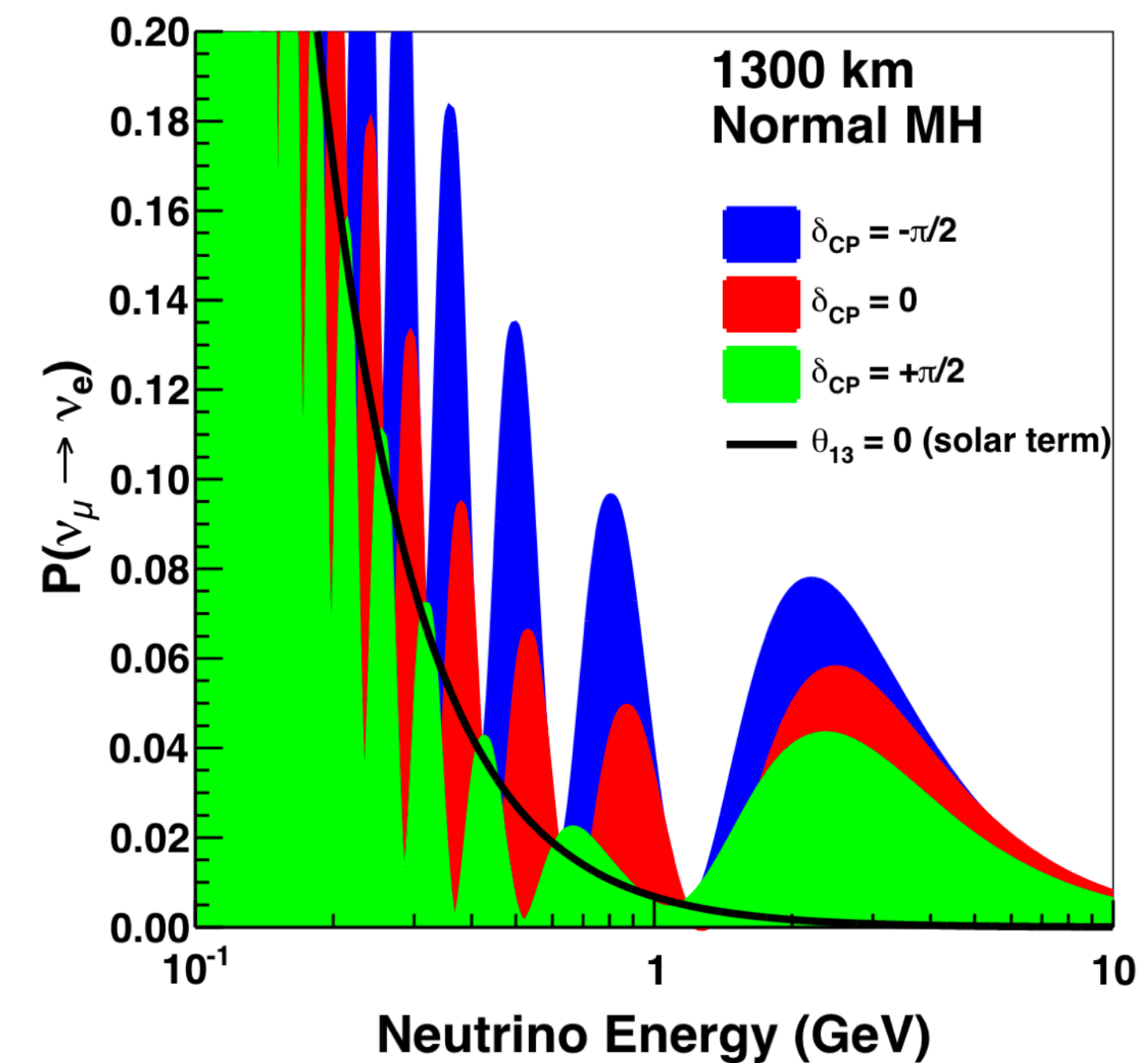
Chooz+LBL(app)

$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) \text{ \& } P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$

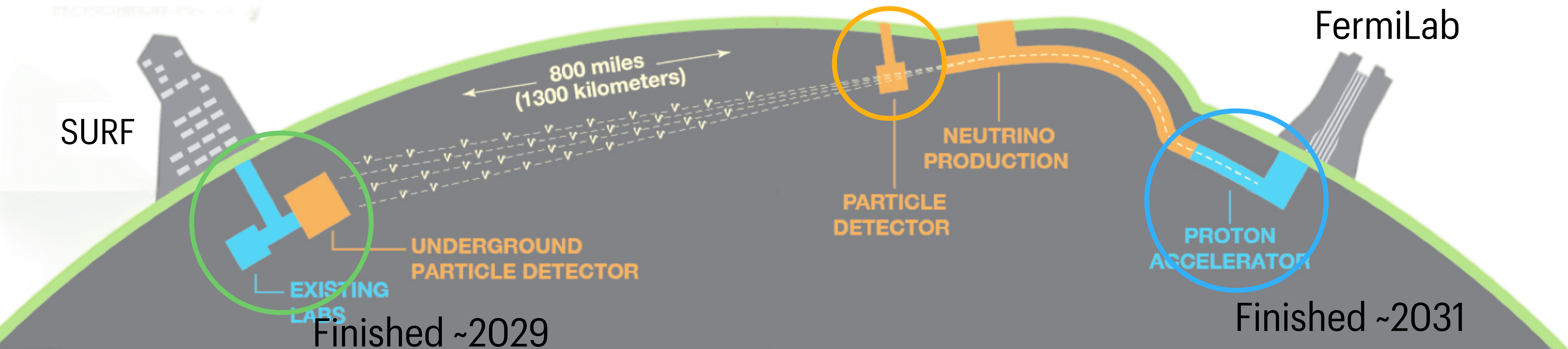
solar+KamLAND

$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_x)$

$s_{ij} \equiv \sin \theta_{ij}$

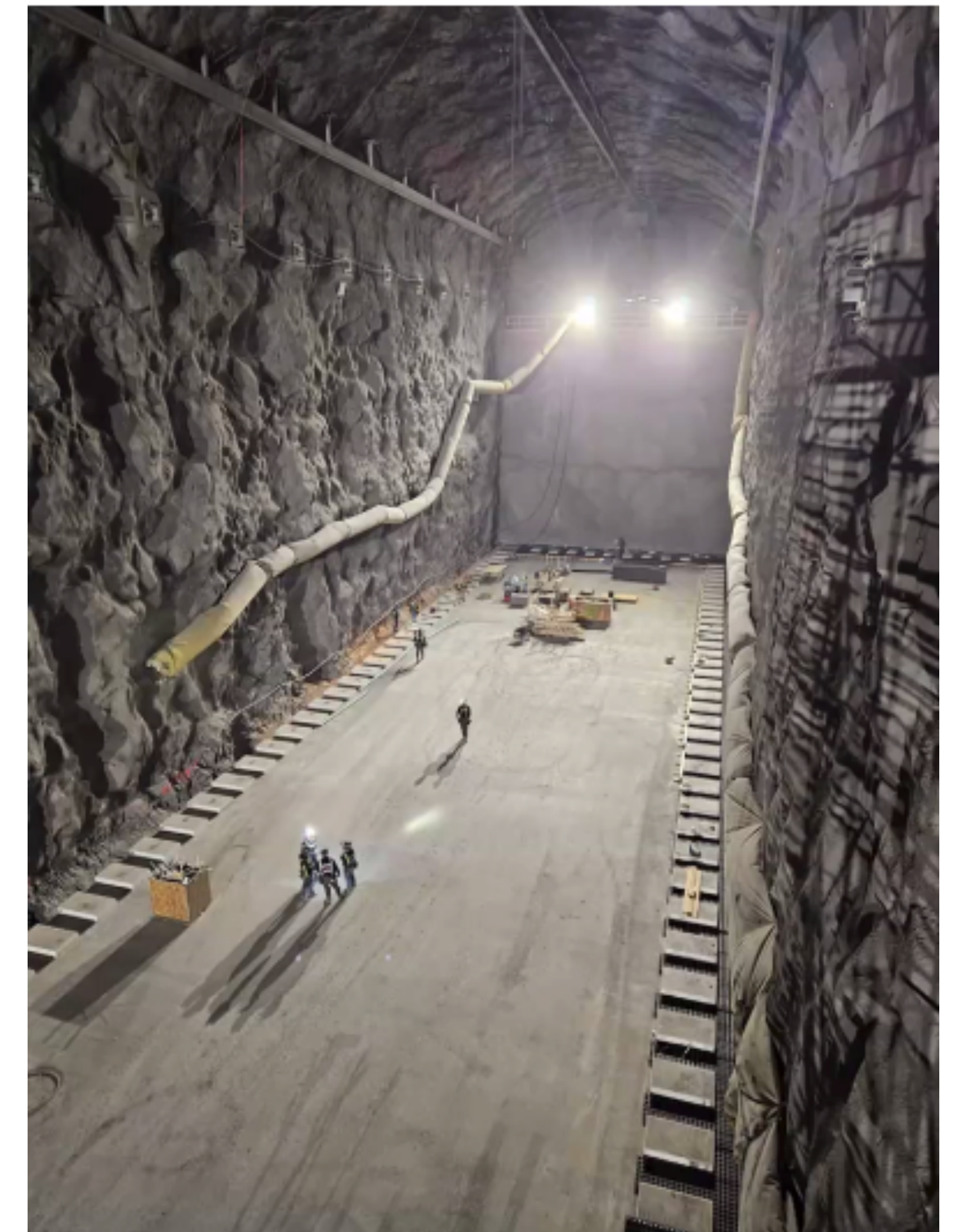
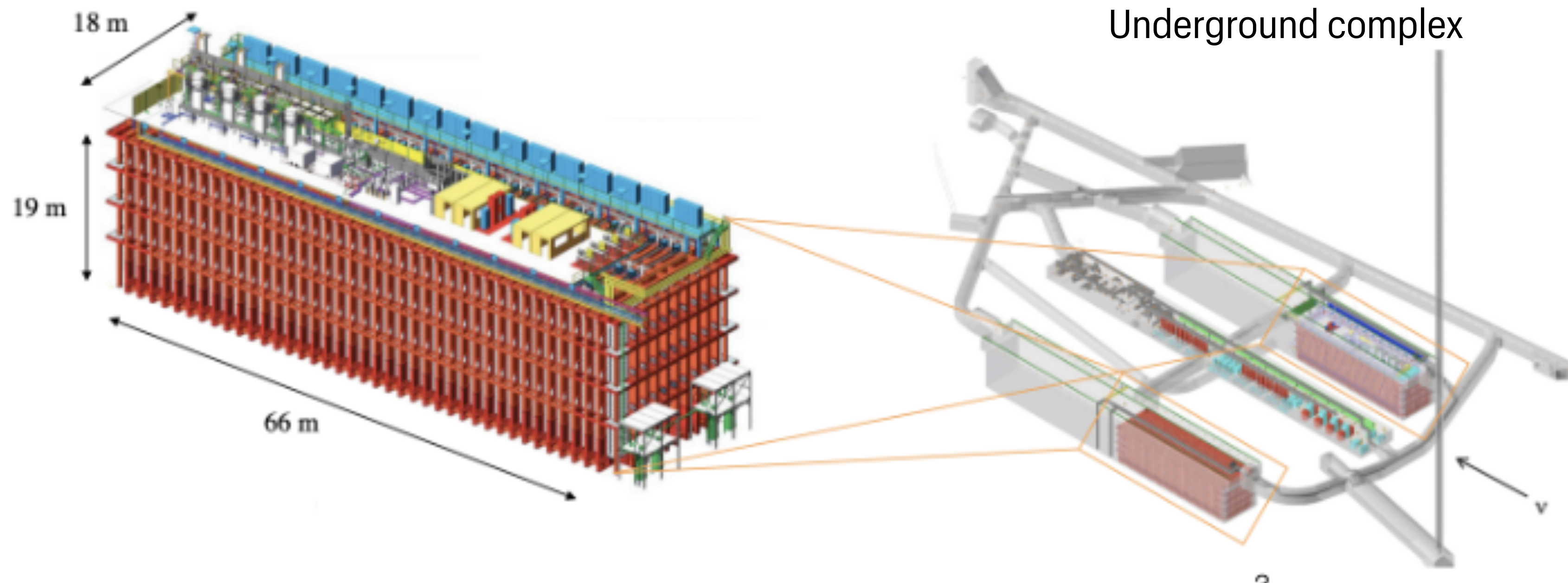


- DUNE is composed of three part : **Accelerator**, **Near Detector** and **Far Detector**
- Long baseline neutrino experiment → Oscillation oriented experiment
  - $\delta_{CP}$ ,  $\theta_{23}$  &  $\theta_{13}$  measurements
  - **testing unity of PMNS matrix**
  - resolving **mass hierarchy**
  - BSM, atmospheric  $\nu$ 's, proton decay ...



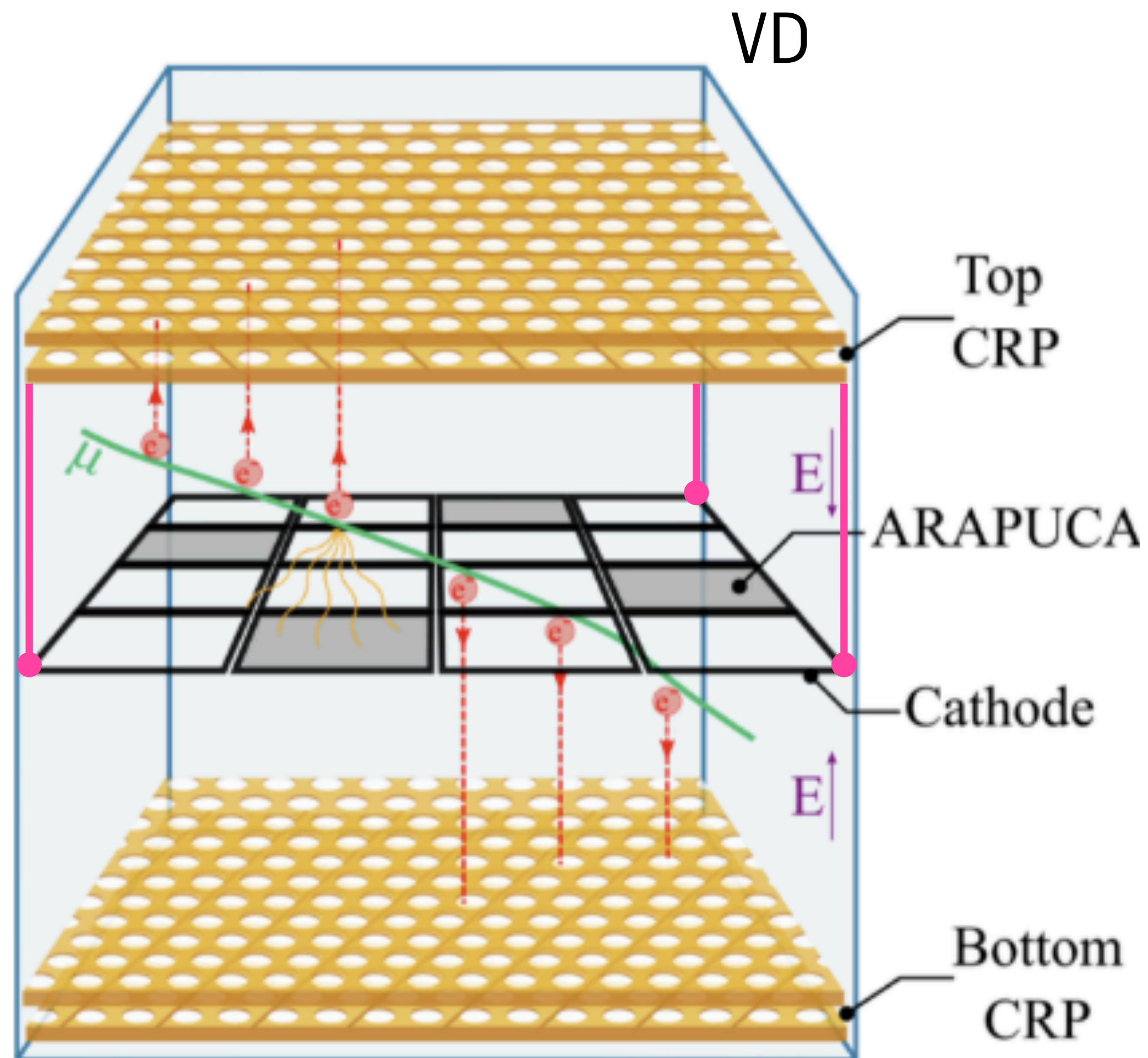


- **Far Detector** = 4 cryostats with **LArTPC based technologies** with dimensions 66m x 18m x 19m
  - Cryostats 1 & 3 → **Vertical Drift design**
  - Cryostat 2 → **Horizontal Drift design**
  - Cryostat 4 → to be defined



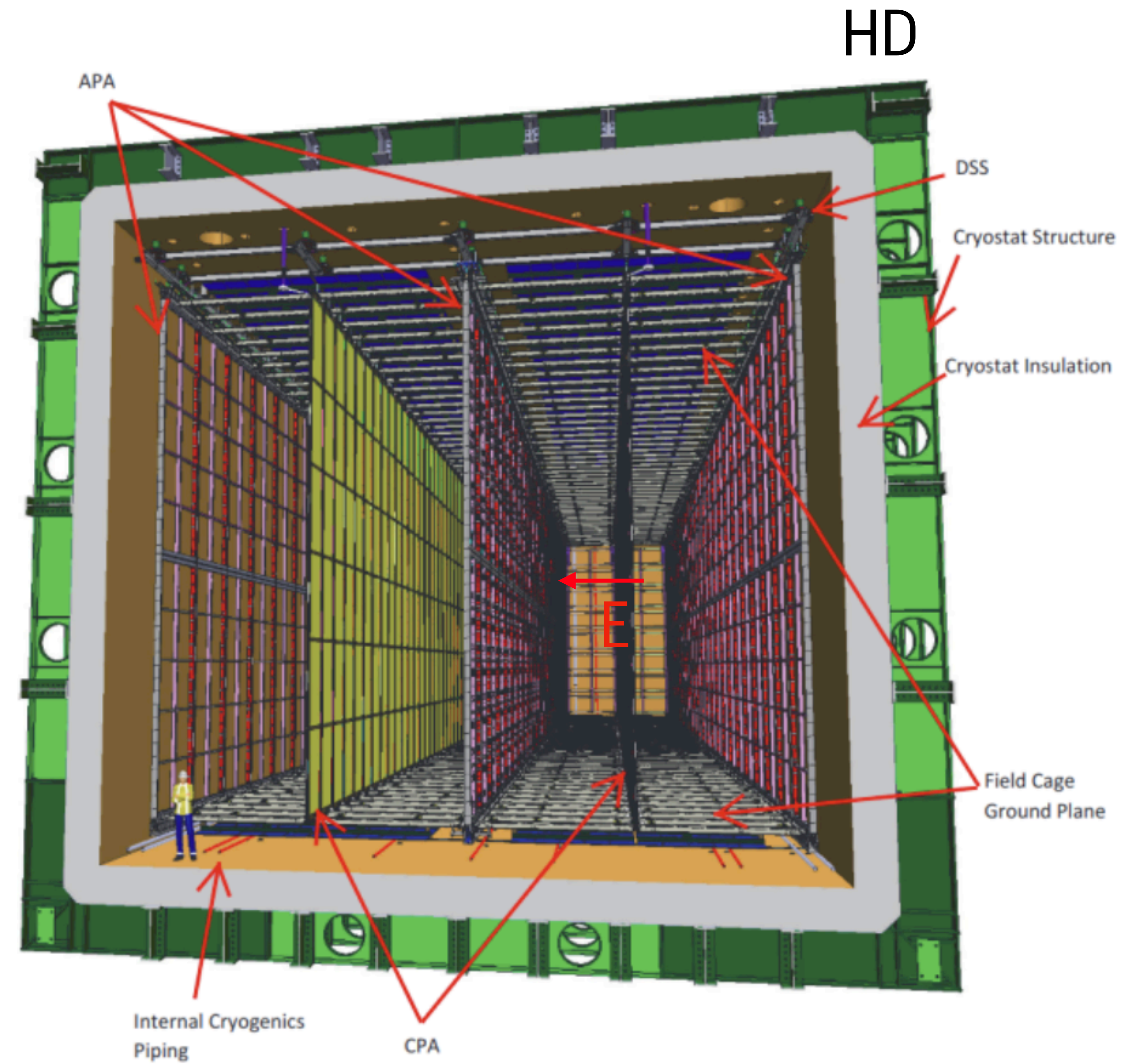
800 ktons of rock





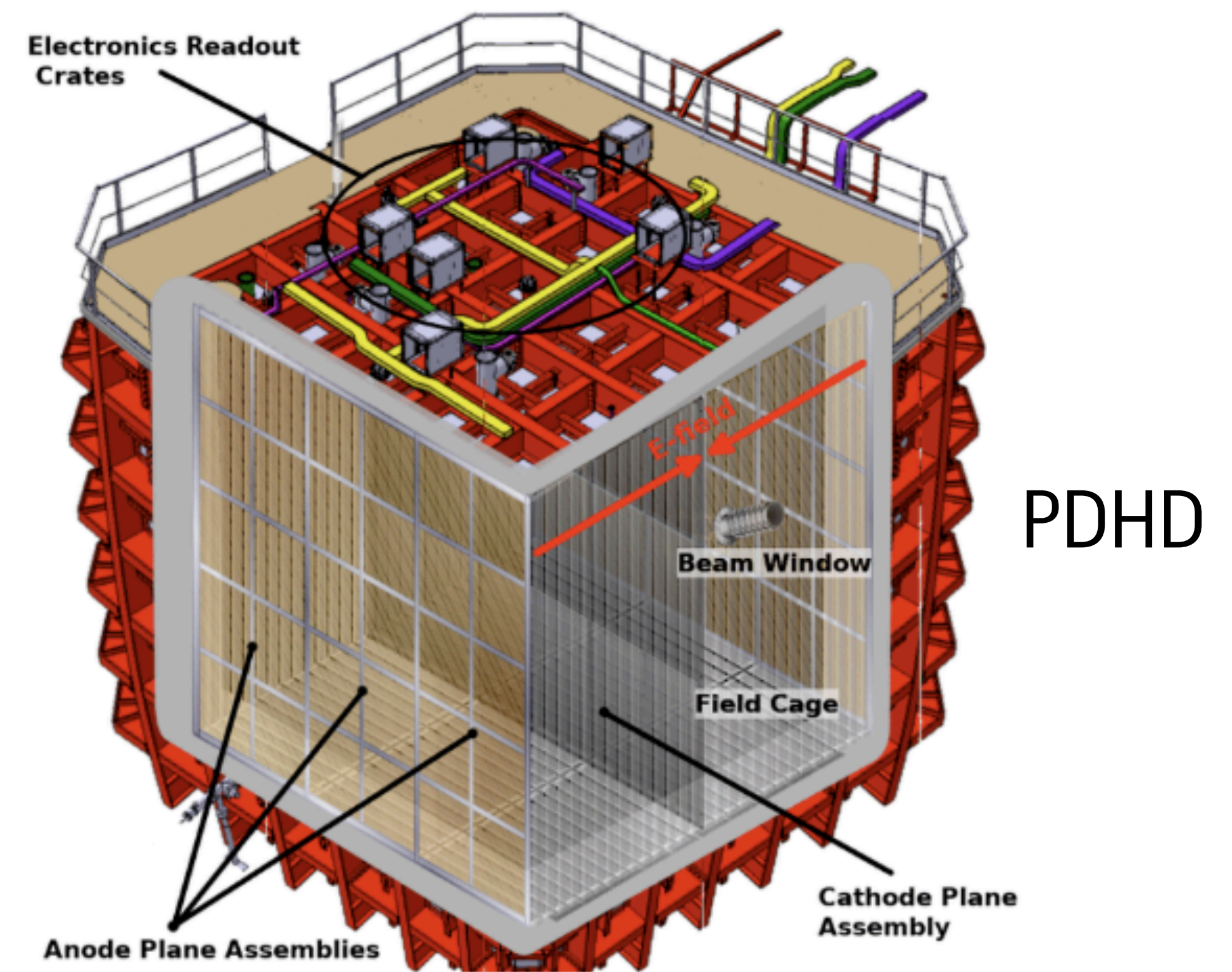
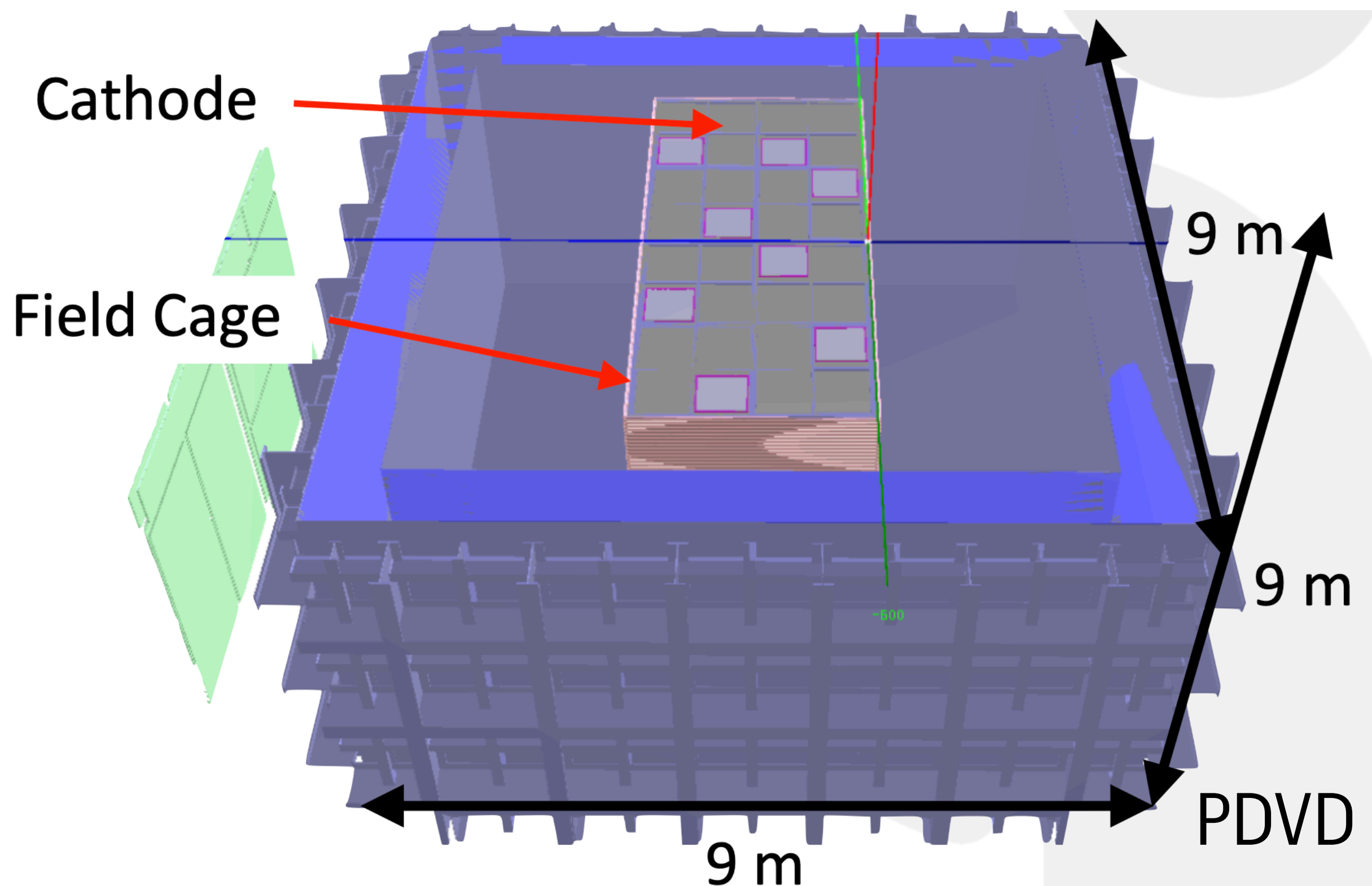
Other main topic of my thesis :  
 - characterisation of cables that lift the cathode

IJCLAB is producing the cathodes for VD

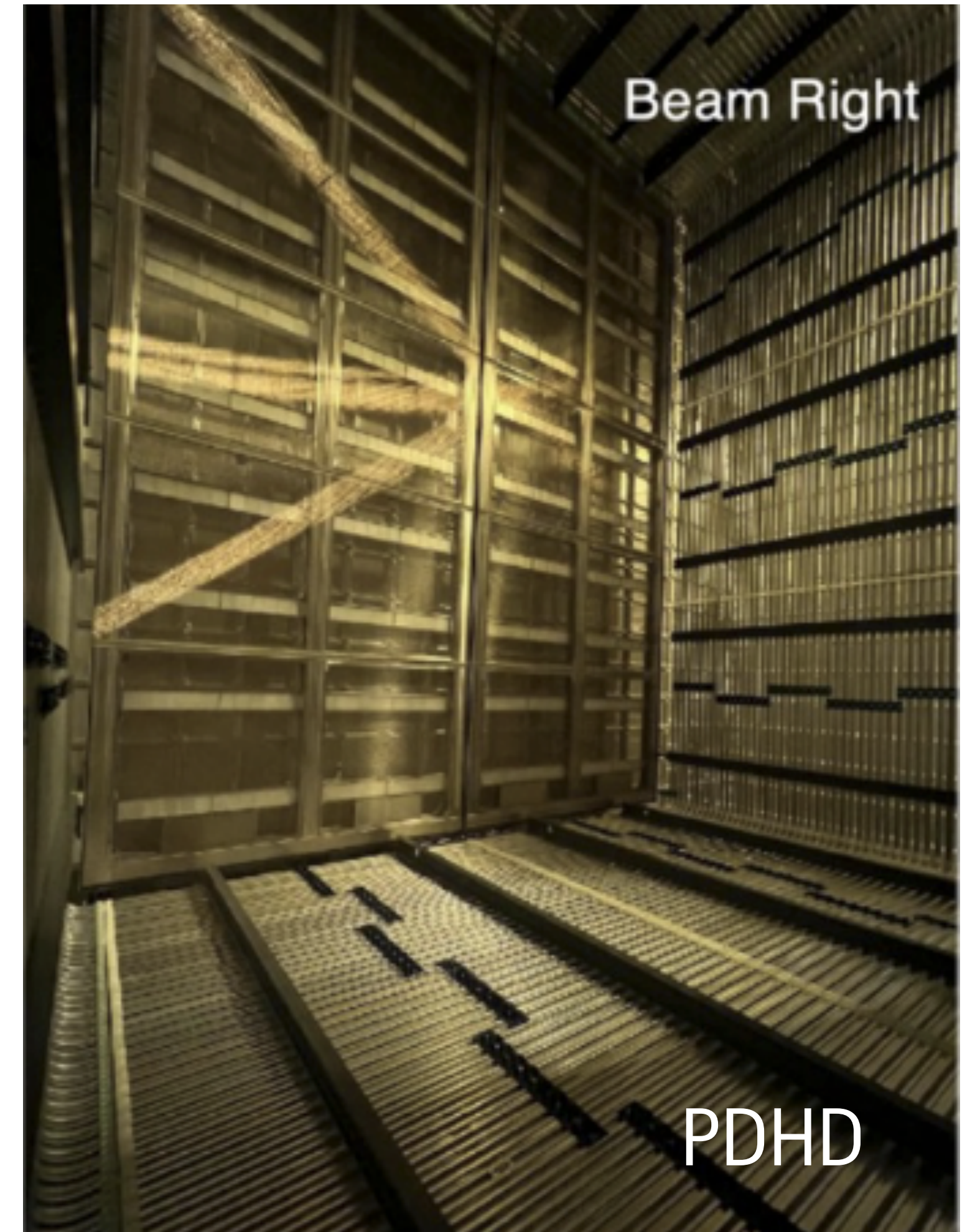
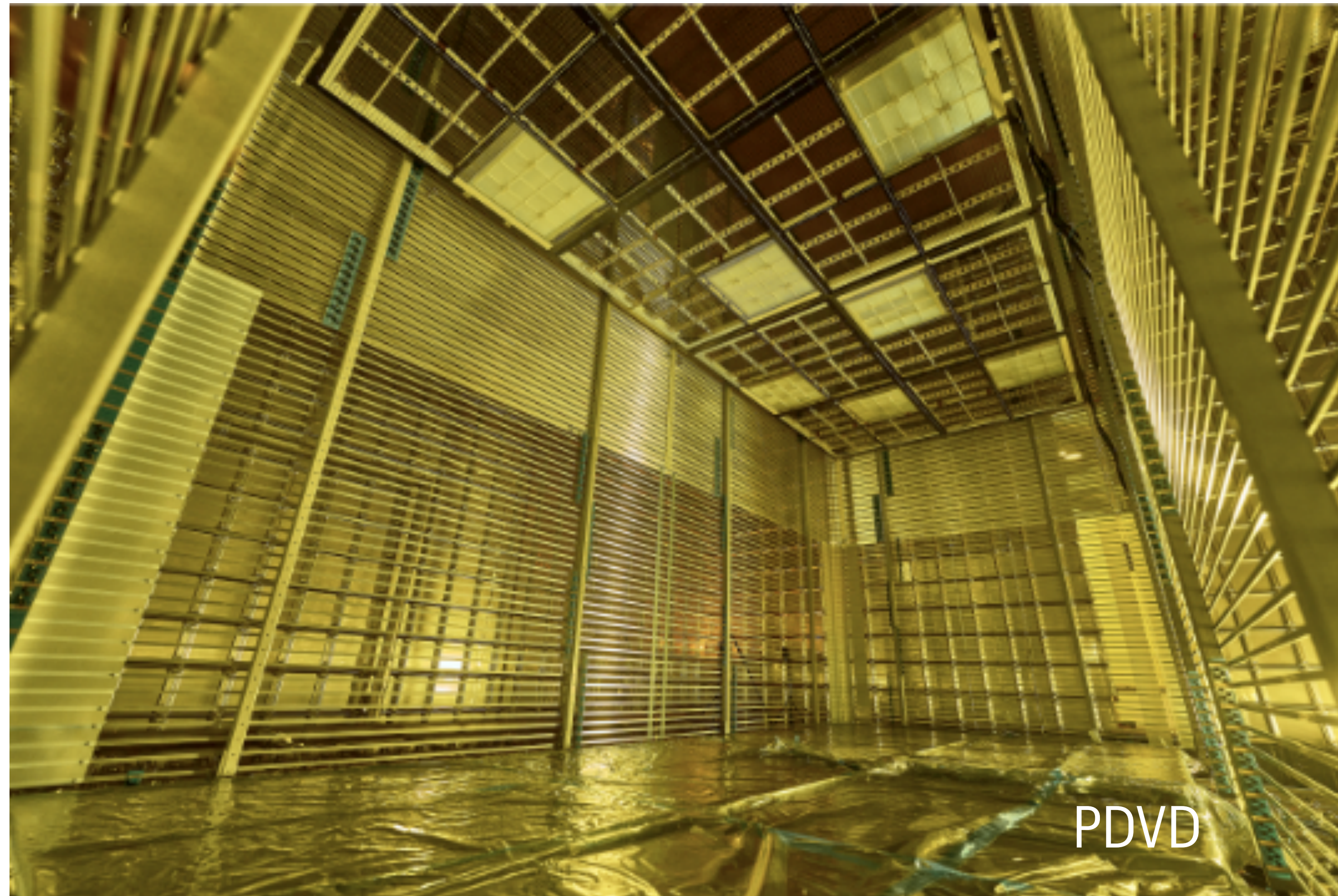




- 2 Prototypes @CERN on surface in 2 (9m x 9m x 9m) cryostats :
  - **ProtoDune Vertical Drift (PDVD)** → data taking in October
  - **ProtoDune Horizontal Drift (PDHD)** → data taking in May

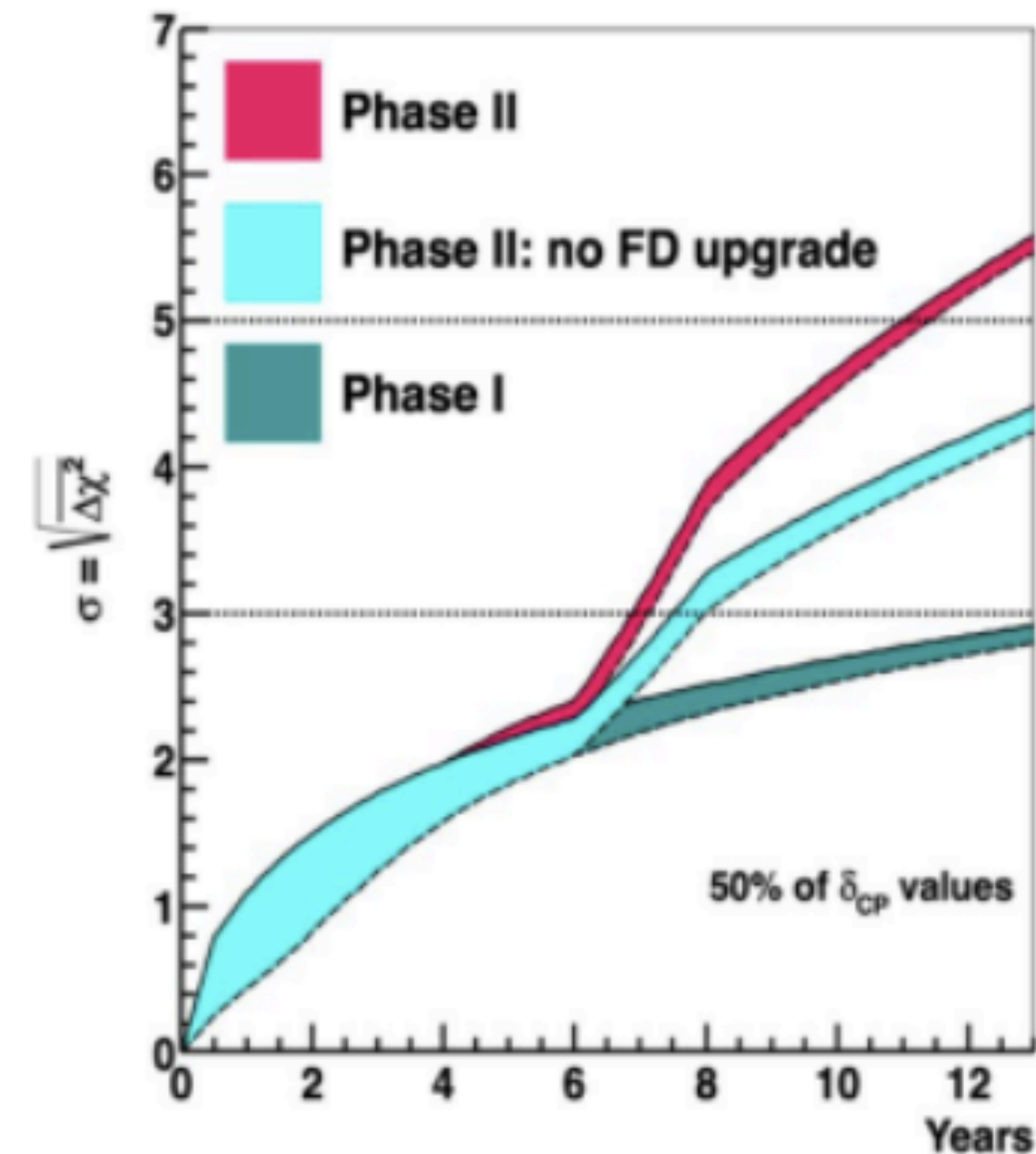
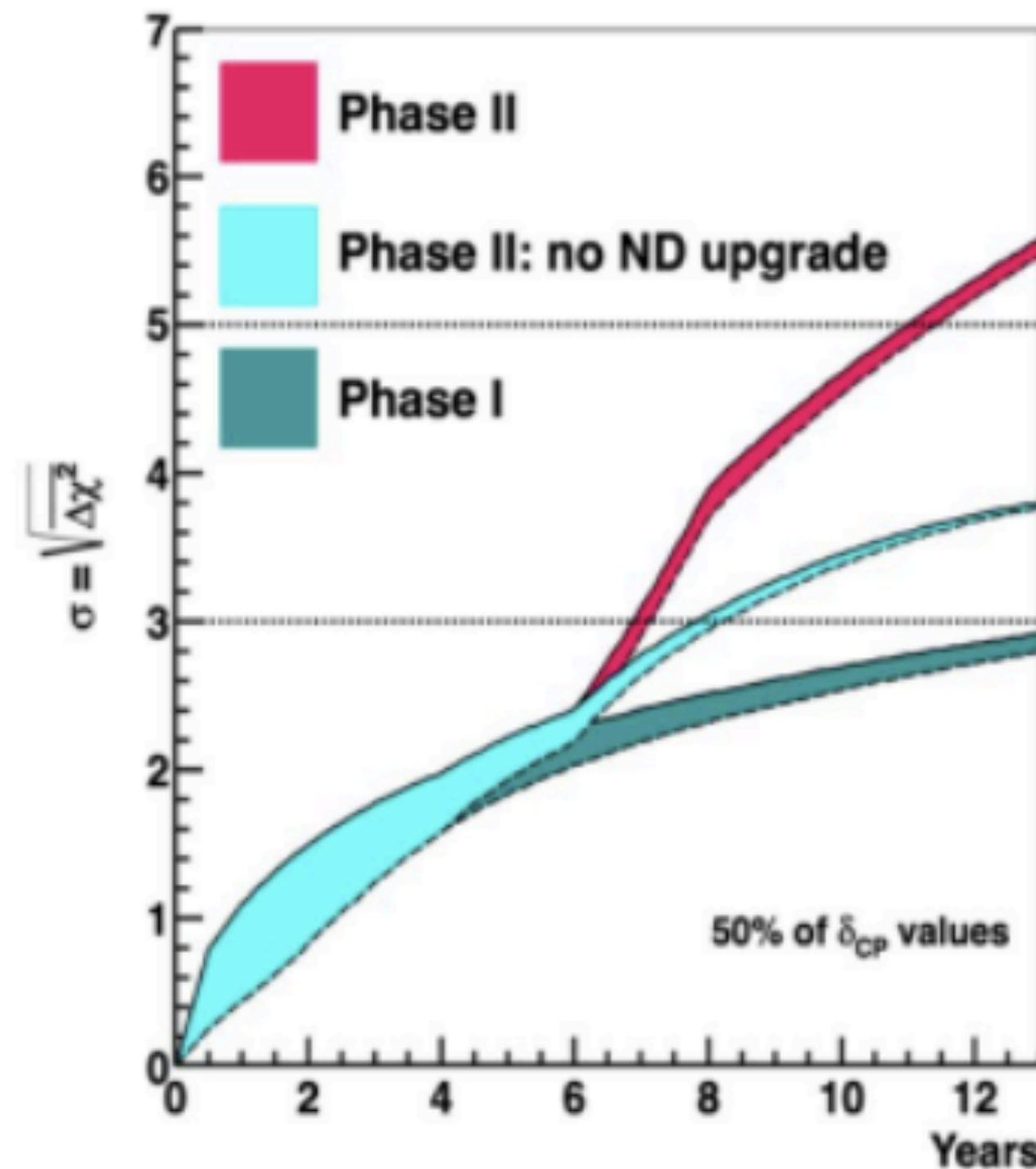
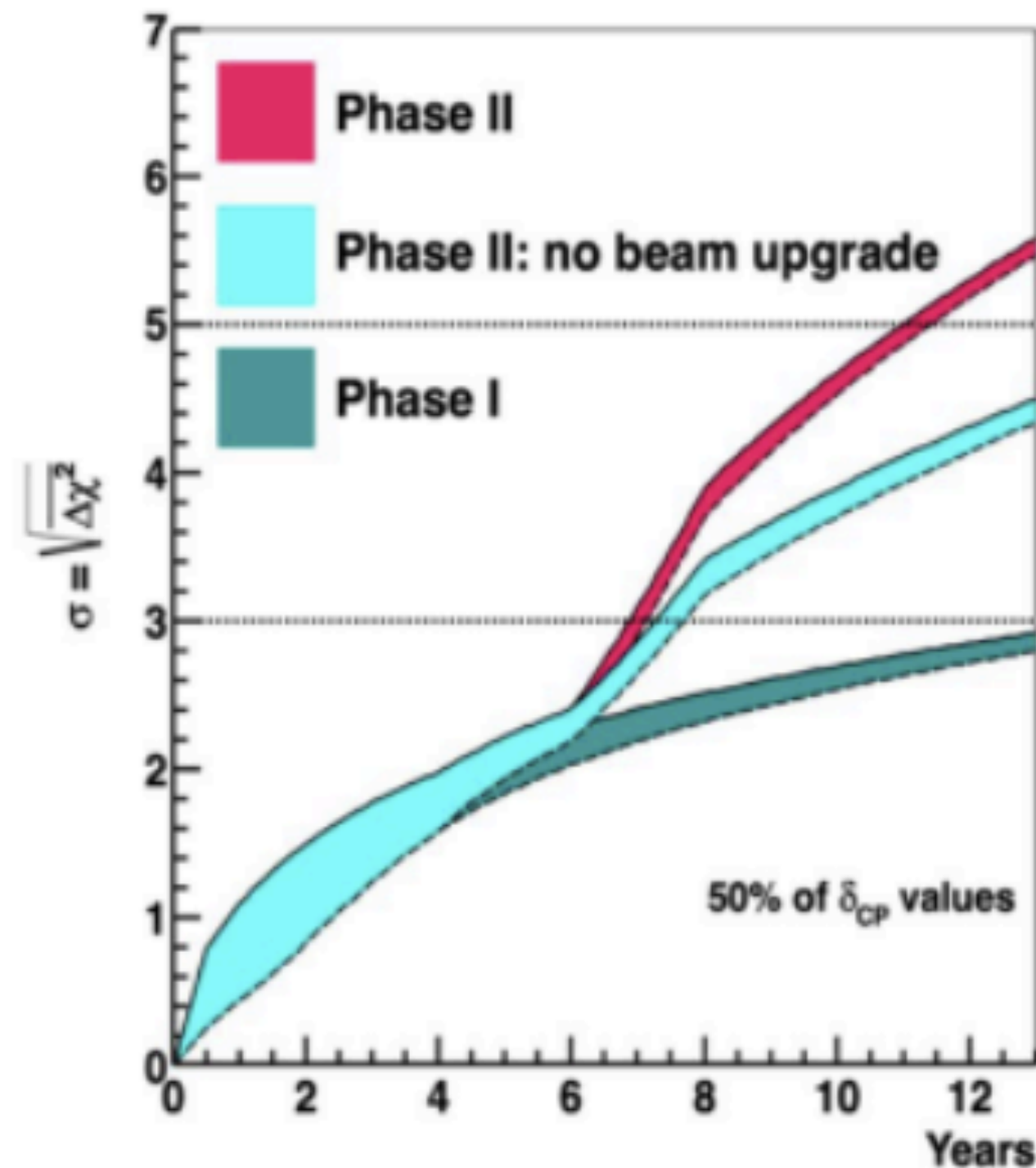








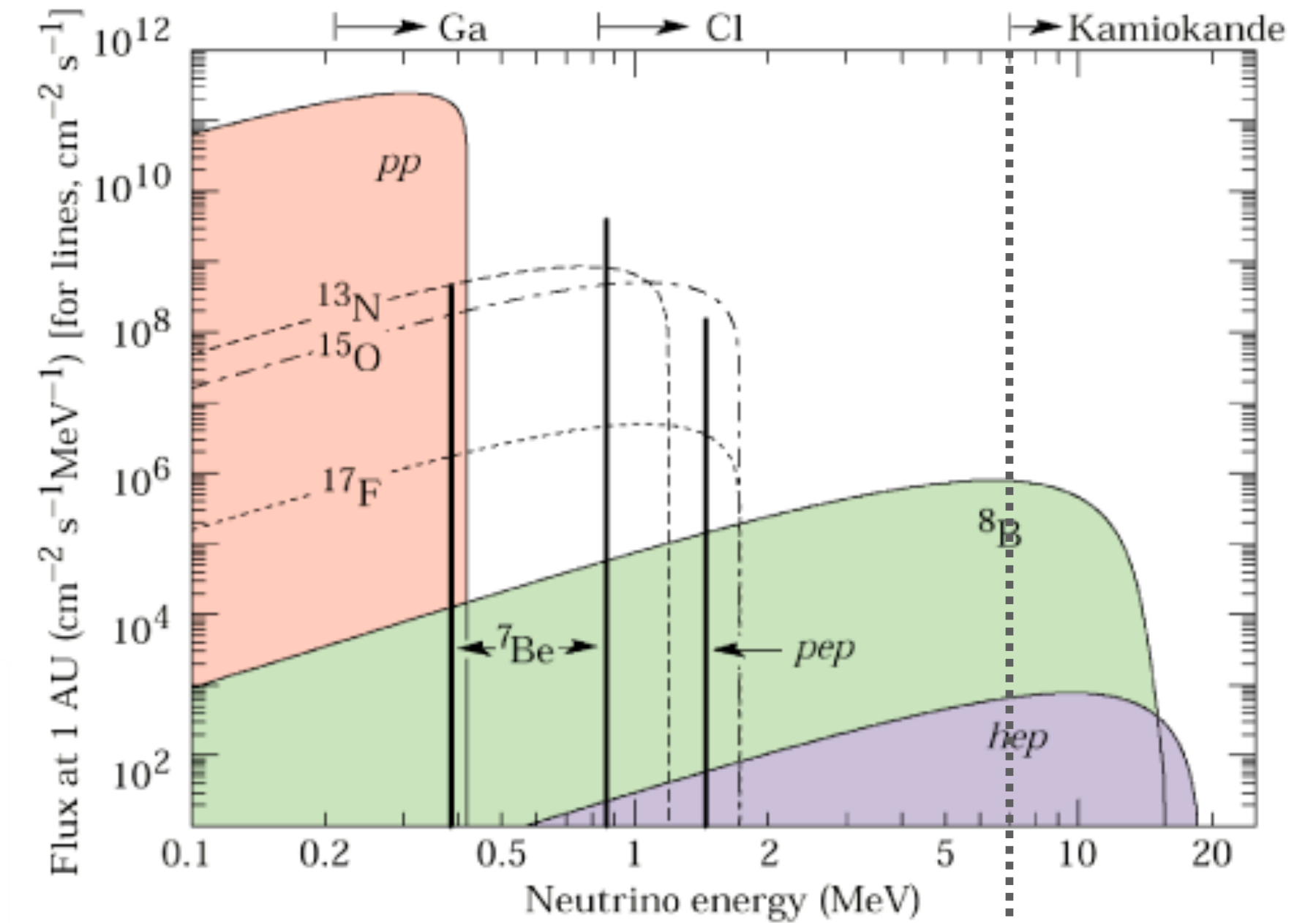
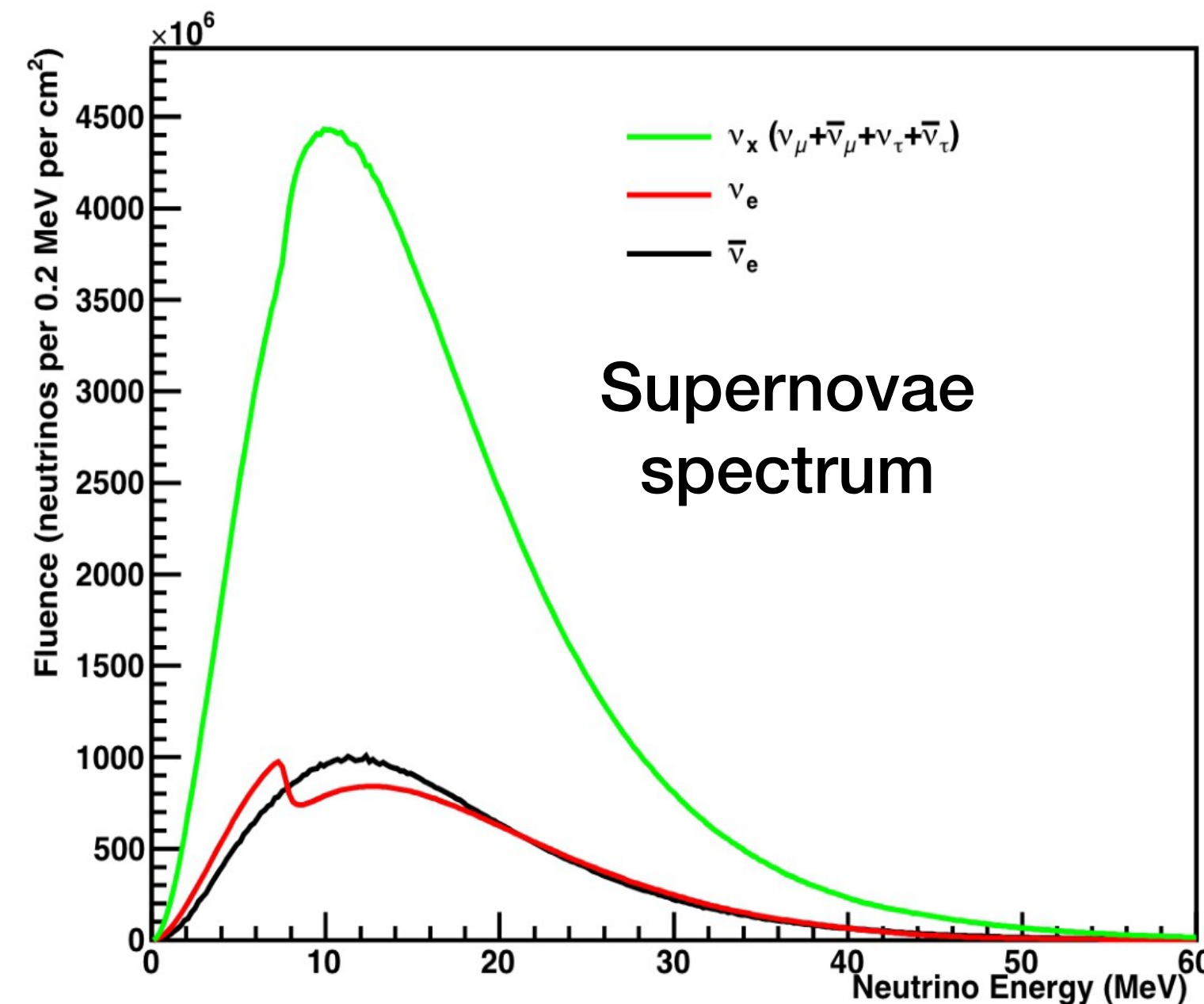
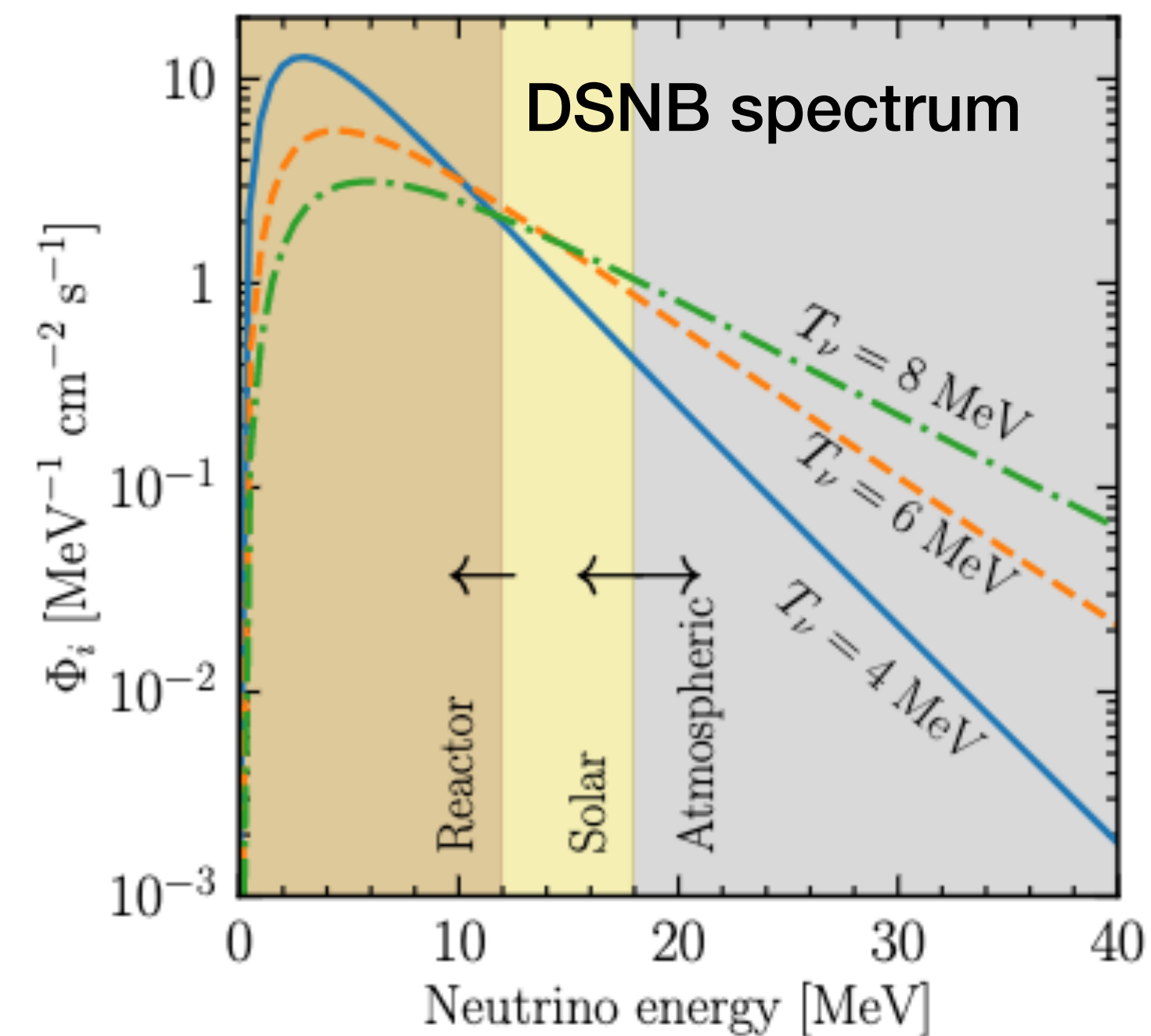
- Will be last to operate (< 2MW) → ~2031 while FD will be ready in 2029
- Need an update to reach **2.1 MW power**
- Oscillation studies will be limited by the beam power → **initial studies will focus on other physics topics**



# Low Energy at DUNE



- Solar neutrino's : may see **hep neutrino** for 1st time
- Supernovae :
  - **Supernovae burst**
  - Diffuse Supernovae Background (DSNB)



CC threshold for  
 $\nu_e + {}^{40}\text{Ar} \rightarrow {}^{40}\text{K} + e^-$

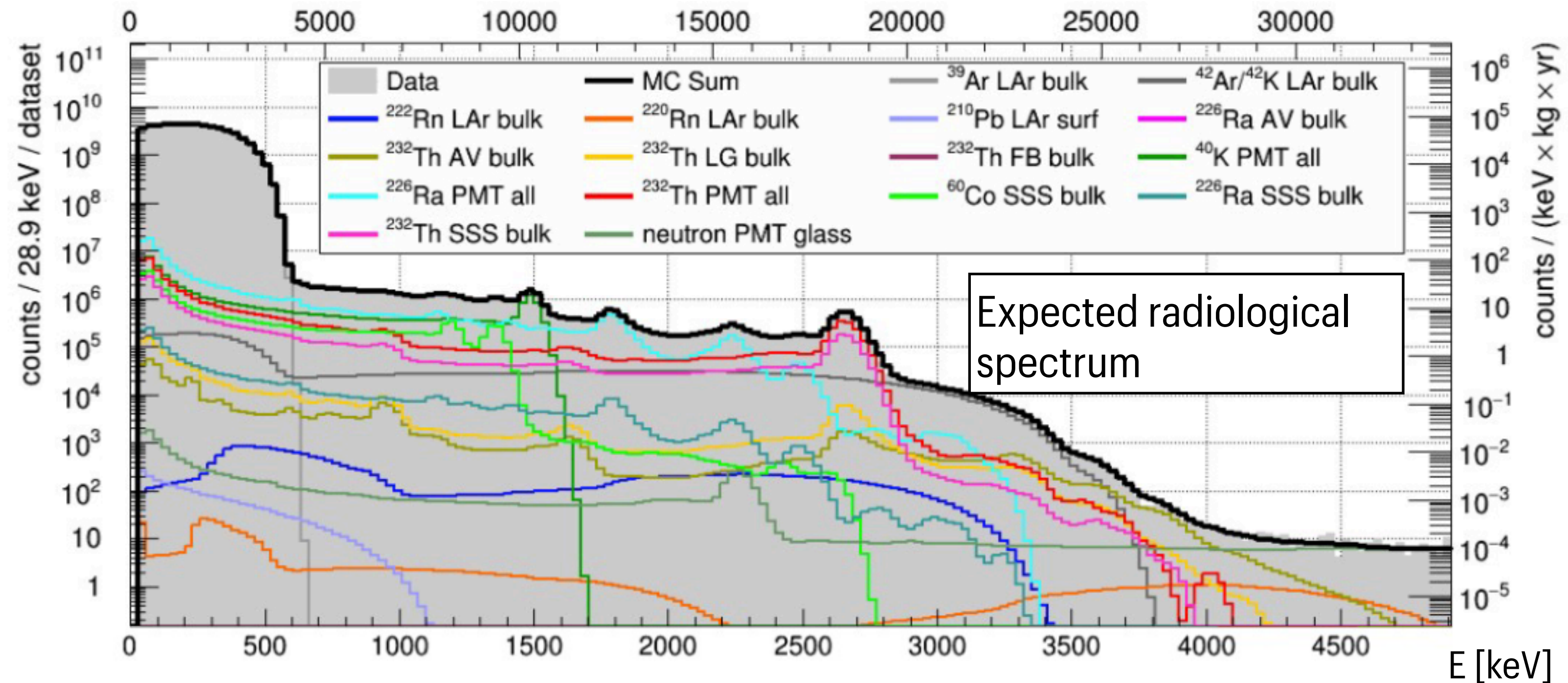
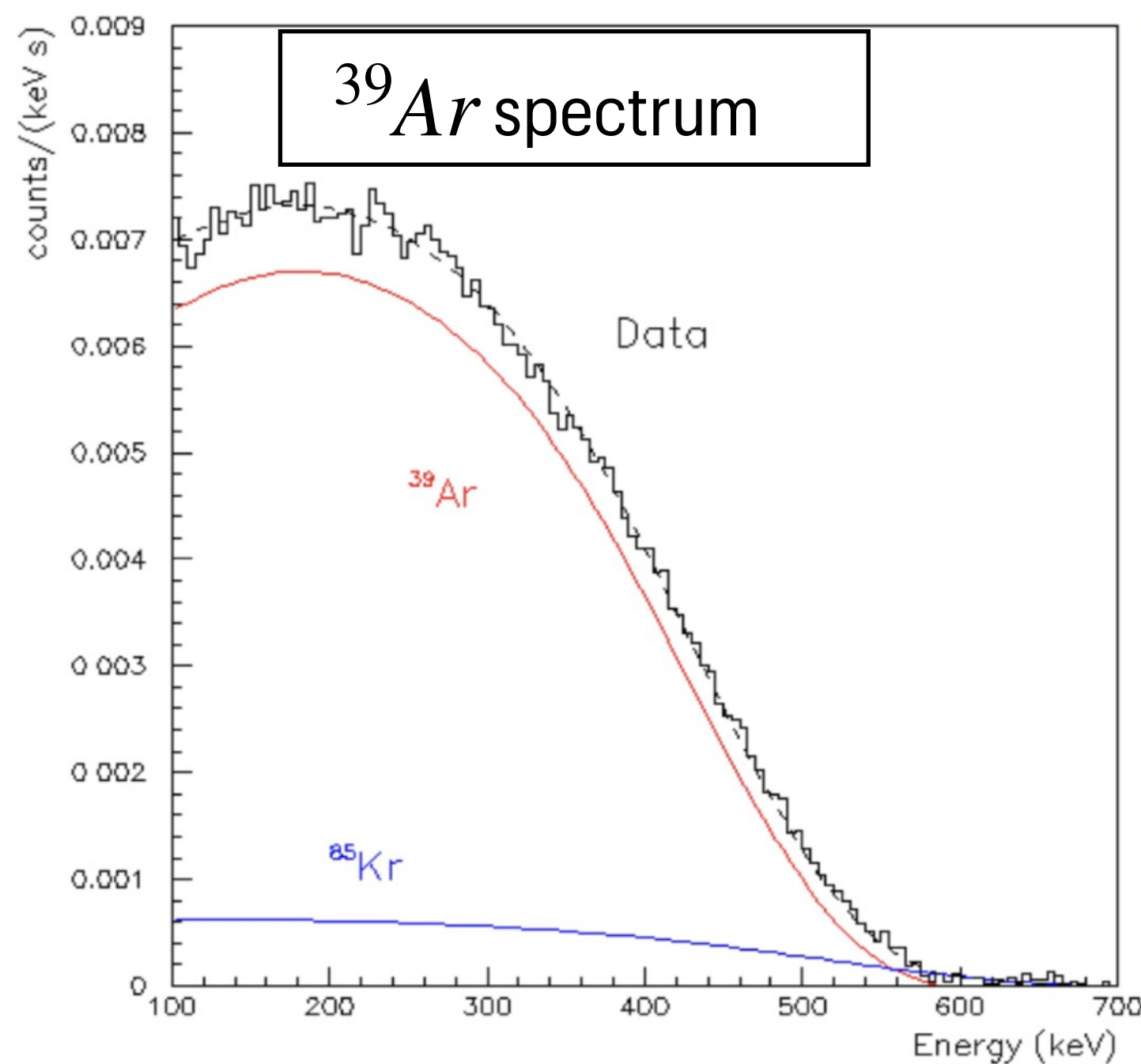
the energy spectrum of solar neutrinos.  
 Image reprinted from J. Bahcall,  
 A.M. Serenelli, and S. Basu Ap. J. 621, L85 (2005)

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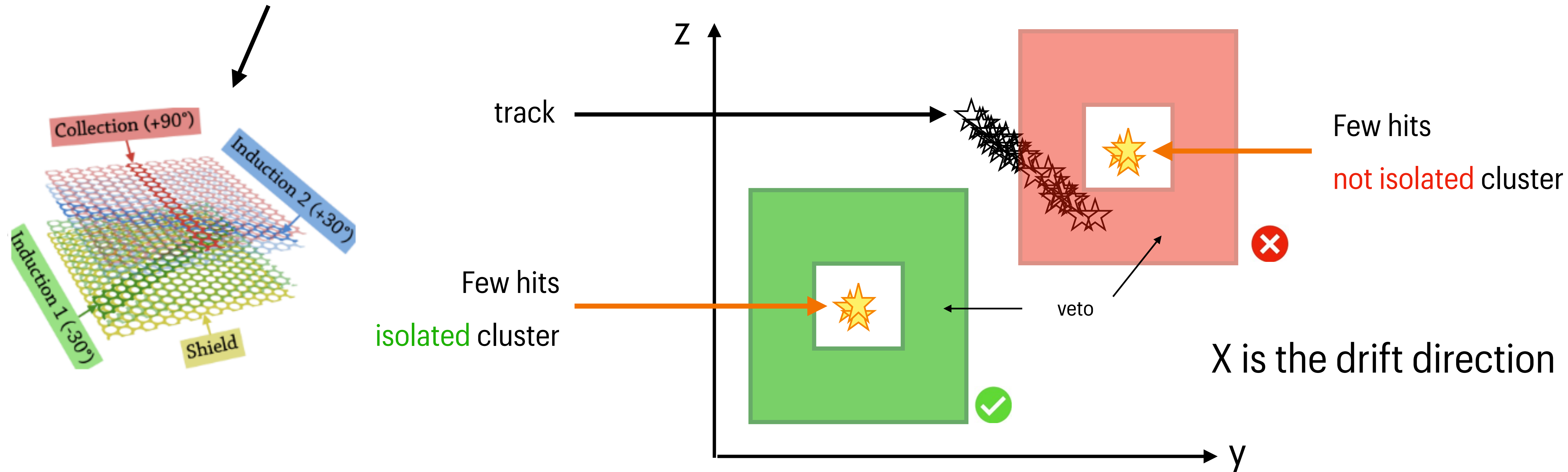
- **Cosmics** (suppressed a lot in FD)/**radiologicals** but important for prototypes (PD) @CERN
- Intern radioactivity, in LAr mainly  $^{39}\text{Ar}$ 
  - FD :  $\sim 10^7$  decays/s
  - PD :  $\sim 10^5$  decays/s
- From detector components (cathode, photodetector ...) mainly  $^{42}\text{K}$ ,  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  chain and  $^{238}\text{U}$  chain
- Radioactivity from the cavern rock (neutron...)
- **All these signals are point-like events**



Background measurement with DEAP-3600 (3.3 tonne LAr dark matter detector at SNOLAB)



- My analysis → **Selecting this decays** ( $^{39}\text{Ar}$ ,  $^{42}\text{K}$  ...) to **calibrate the prototypes** and then to **estimate background in FD**
- Geometric selection : Low energy decays → **few hits isolated** clusters (size ~1 cm)
- Hits in coincidence (needs to be seen by 3 crossing wires) → noise rejection



# Results on ProtoDUNES

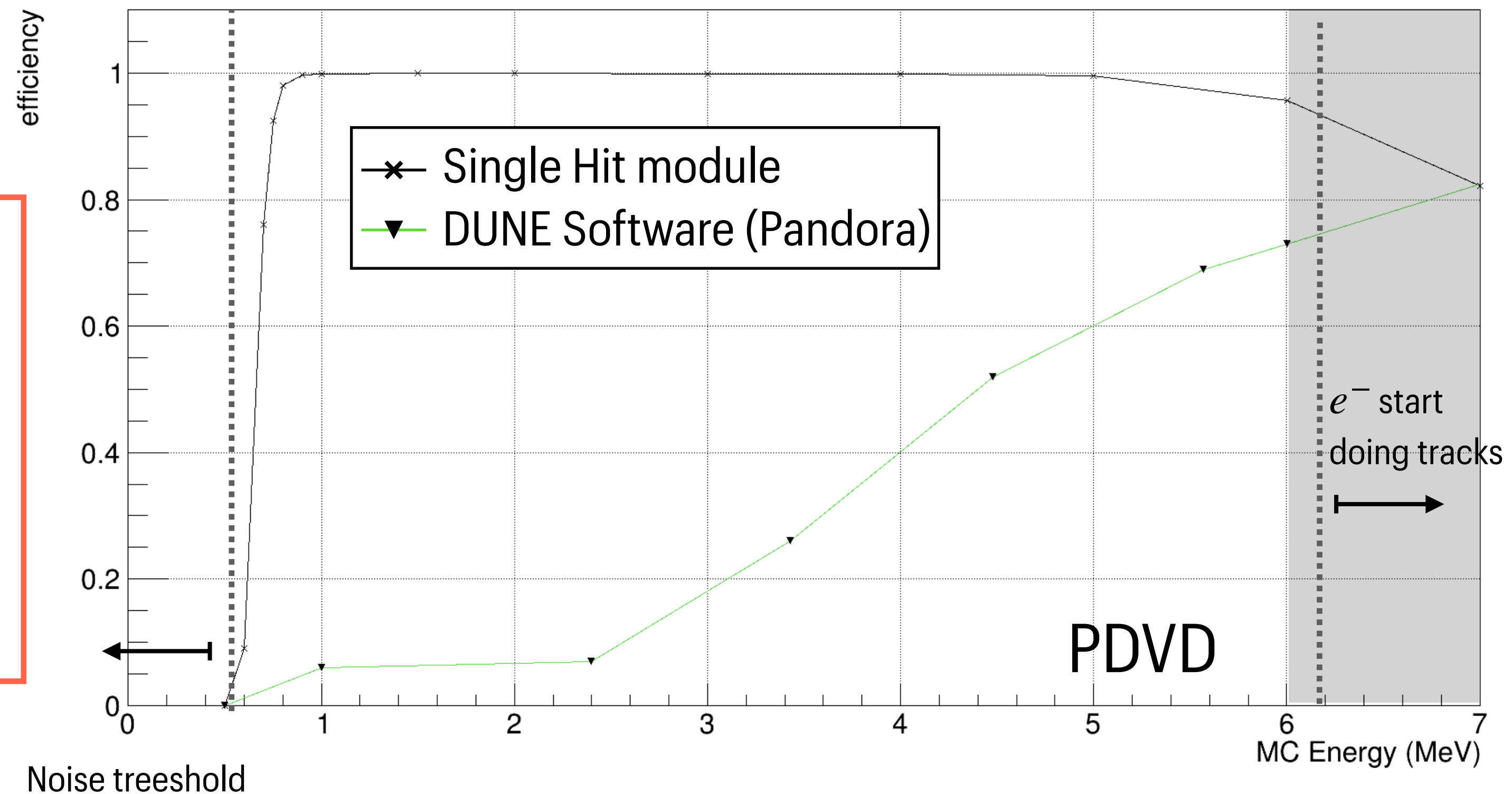


- $\sim 2500 e^-$  for a given energy  $E_{e^-}$  from 0.5 MeV to 10 MeV

$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{\sum^{N_{event}} \min(1, N_{cluster})}{N_{event}}$$

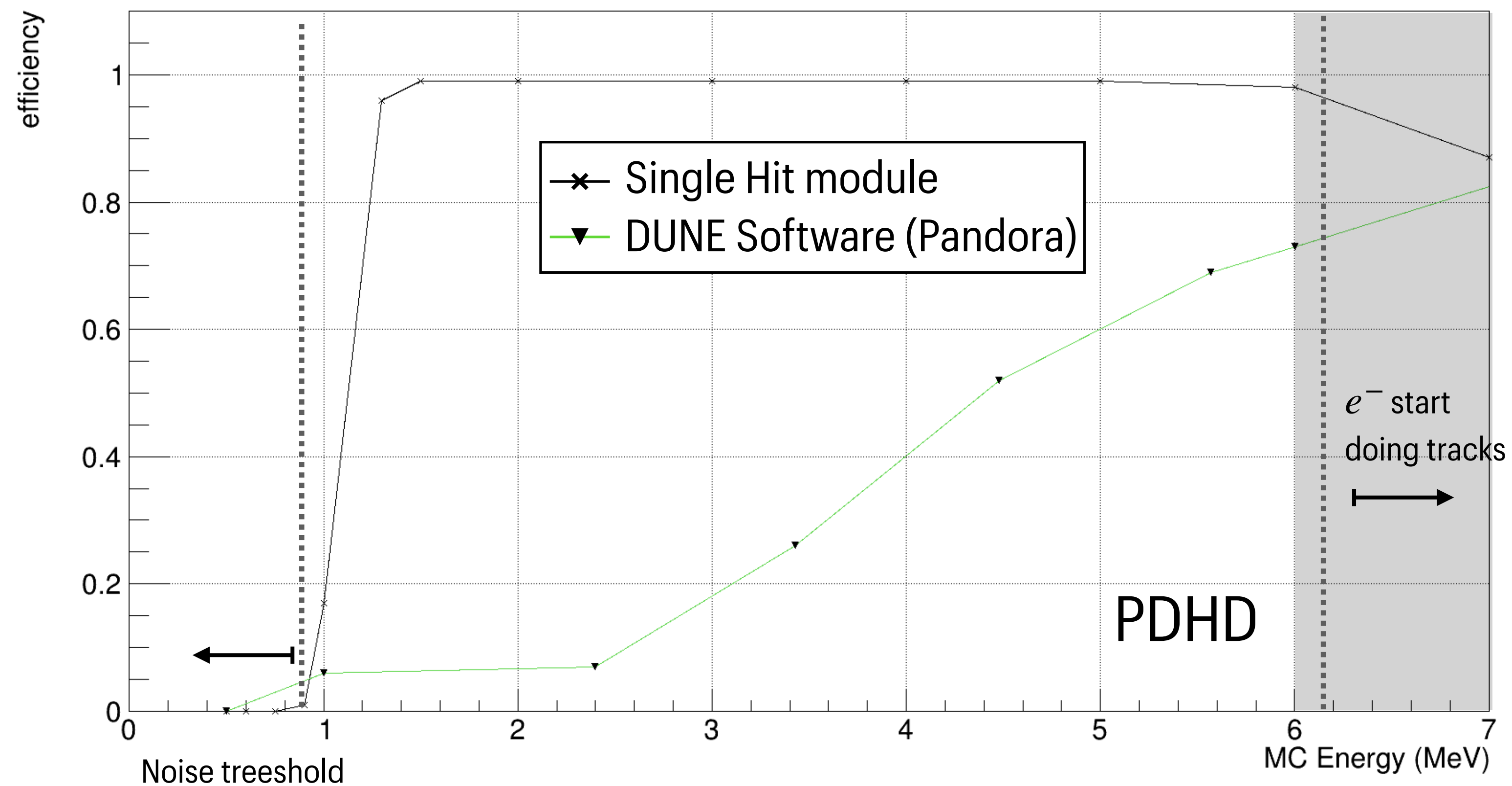
$N_{cluster}$  = Number of clusters with ( $d < 25$  cm)

$d$  = distance to True MC position [cm]



- No hit reconstructed with  $E_{e^-} \leq 600$  keV
- Reconstruct 99% of  $e^-$  if.  $800 \text{ keV} \leq E_{e^-} \leq 5 \text{ MeV}$

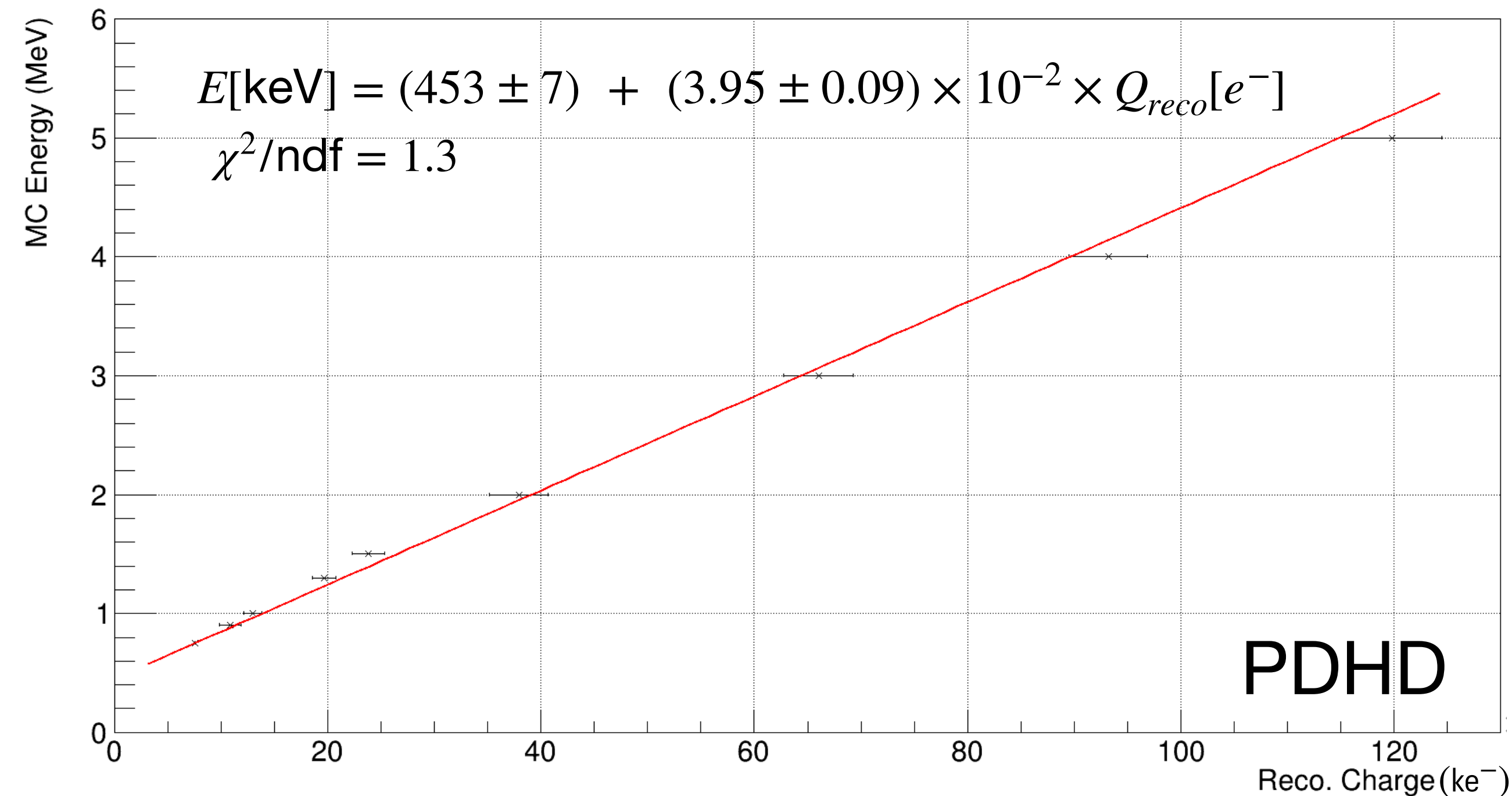
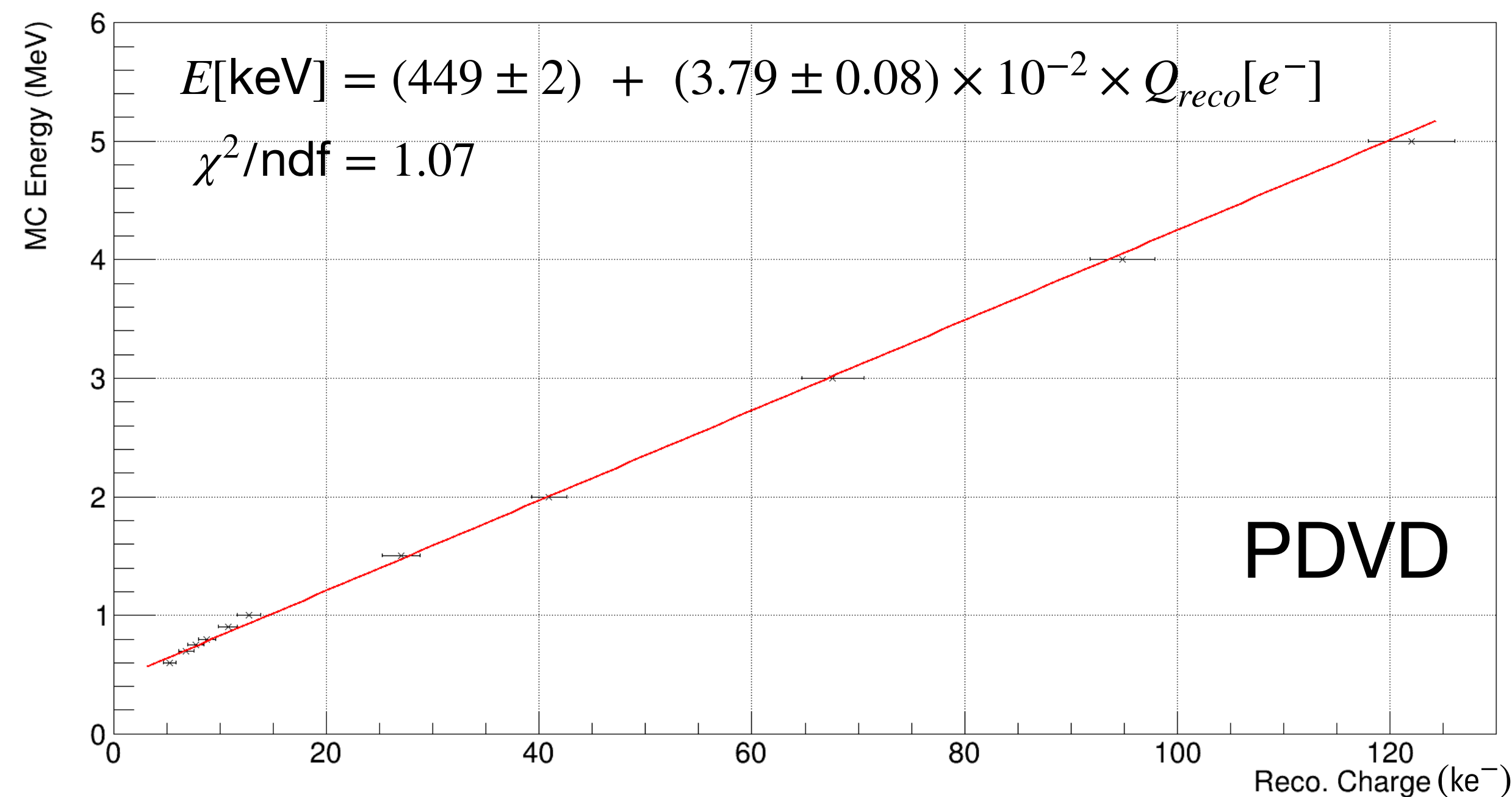
- No hit reconstructed with  $E_{e^-} \leq 800$  keV
- Reconstruct 99% of  $e^-$  if.  $1.3 \text{ MeV} \leq E_{e^-} \leq 5 \text{ MeV}$





- Calibration constants are compatible within the statistical errors
- understand offset? Artefact from noise?
- **Compatible at higher energy (10% error):**

$$N_{e^-}^{th}(1 \text{ GeV}) = 29.6 \times 10^6 \approx 26.3 \times 10^6 = N_{e^-}^{calib}(1 \text{ GeV})$$



# Conclusion

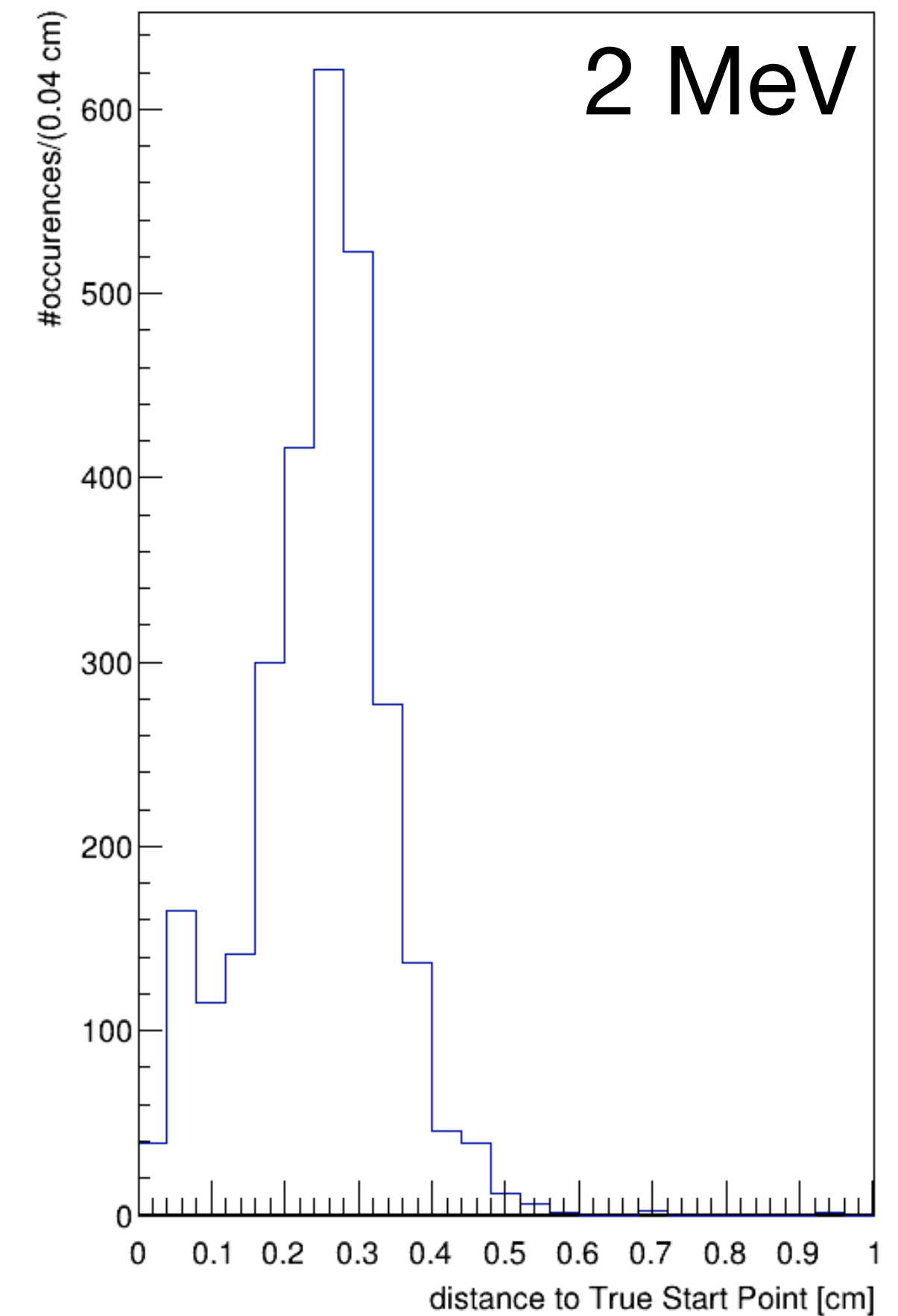
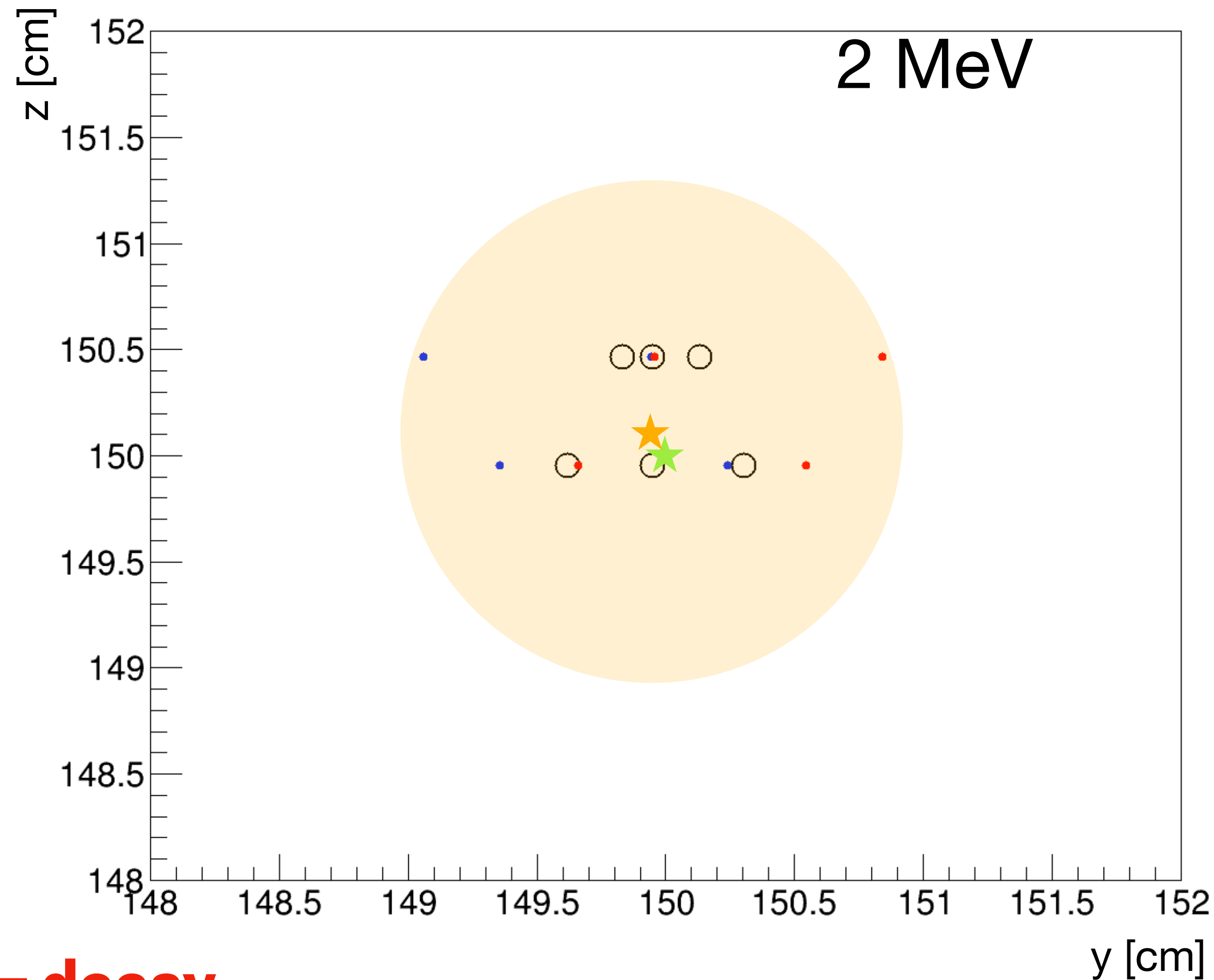


- Identification efficiency on PDVD/HD simulation : **~99% of e- in the 1-5 MeV region**
- **Capable of calibrating** both detectors at low energy
- Sharp threshold (limited by HitFinder)
- Calibration constant are compatible within the statistical errors (understand offset ? Artefact from noise ?)
- Next :
  - Apply the analysis on PDHD data in the coming months
  - Look at more realistic simulation with continuous spectrum (radiologicals + cosmics) and CALCI systems (PNS and laser data)
  - Simulation with different noise levels

# Annexe



- ★ True Start Point (Gen)
- Ind1/Col. Intersection
- Ind2/Col. Intersection
- SingleHit SpacePoint
- ★ Reco. Cluster (SingleHit)



- **Goal → 1 cluster = decay**
- **Cluster position is a barycentre of SpacePoint (with collection energy)**
- Spatial resolution for PDVD/HD :  $R_s \lesssim 1\text{cm}$



- **Near Detector (ND)** measurements shall be of sufficient precision to ensure that when extrapolated **to predict the FD event spectra**, the associated systematic error must not dominate the measurement precision

