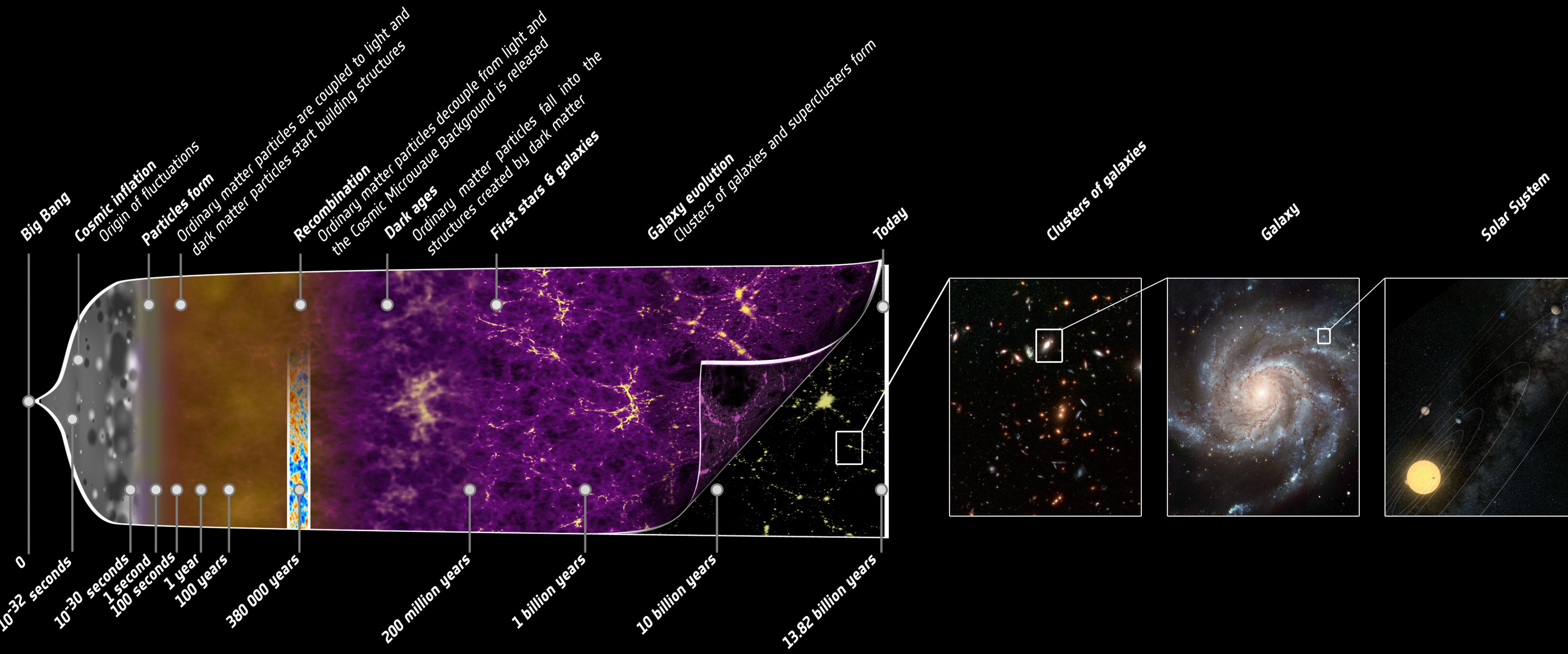


The DarkSide Program of Dark Matter Searches and Its Broader Impact

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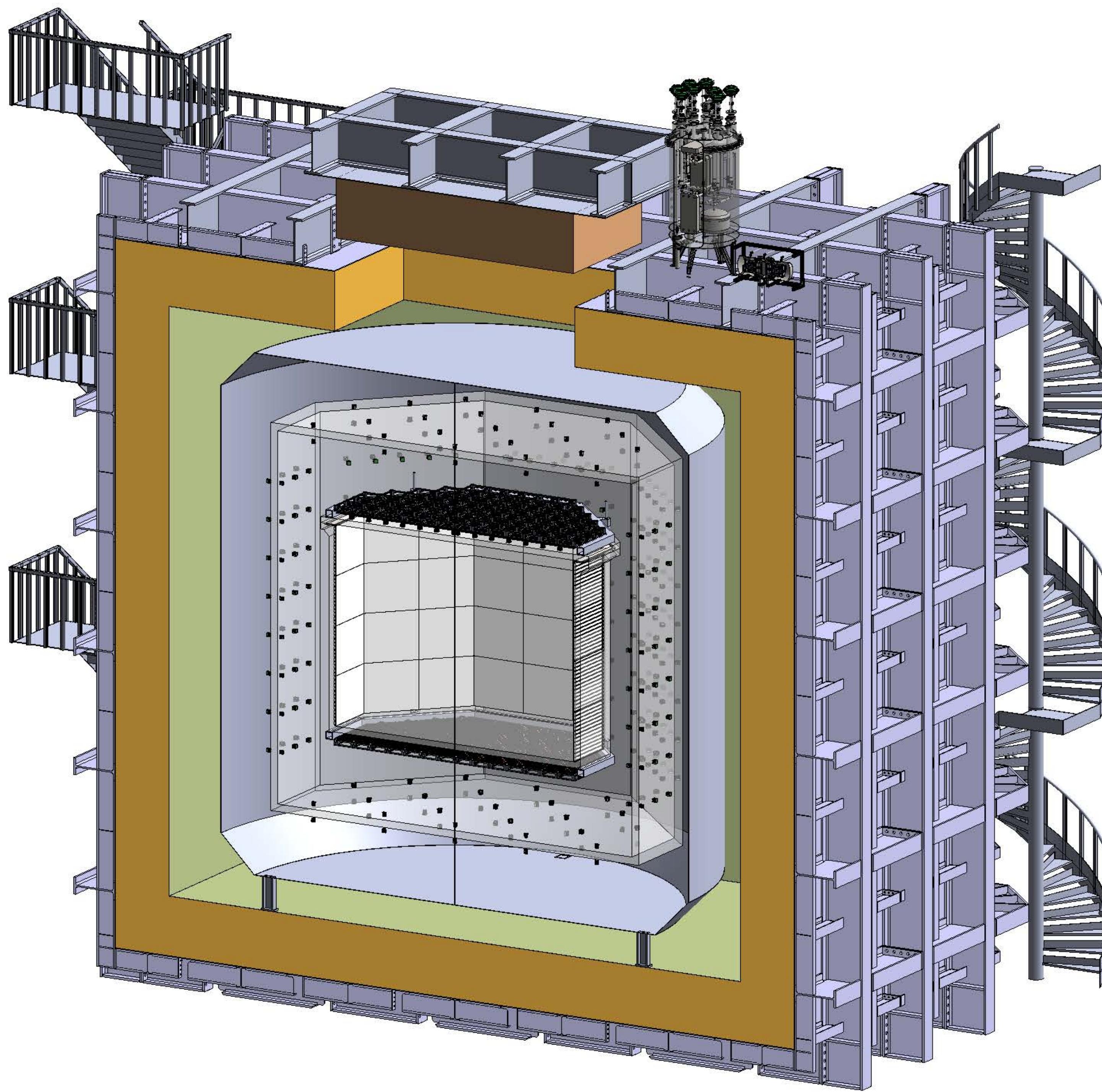


Deep underground laboratory support for global collaboration towards discovery of dark matter utilising liquid argon detectors.

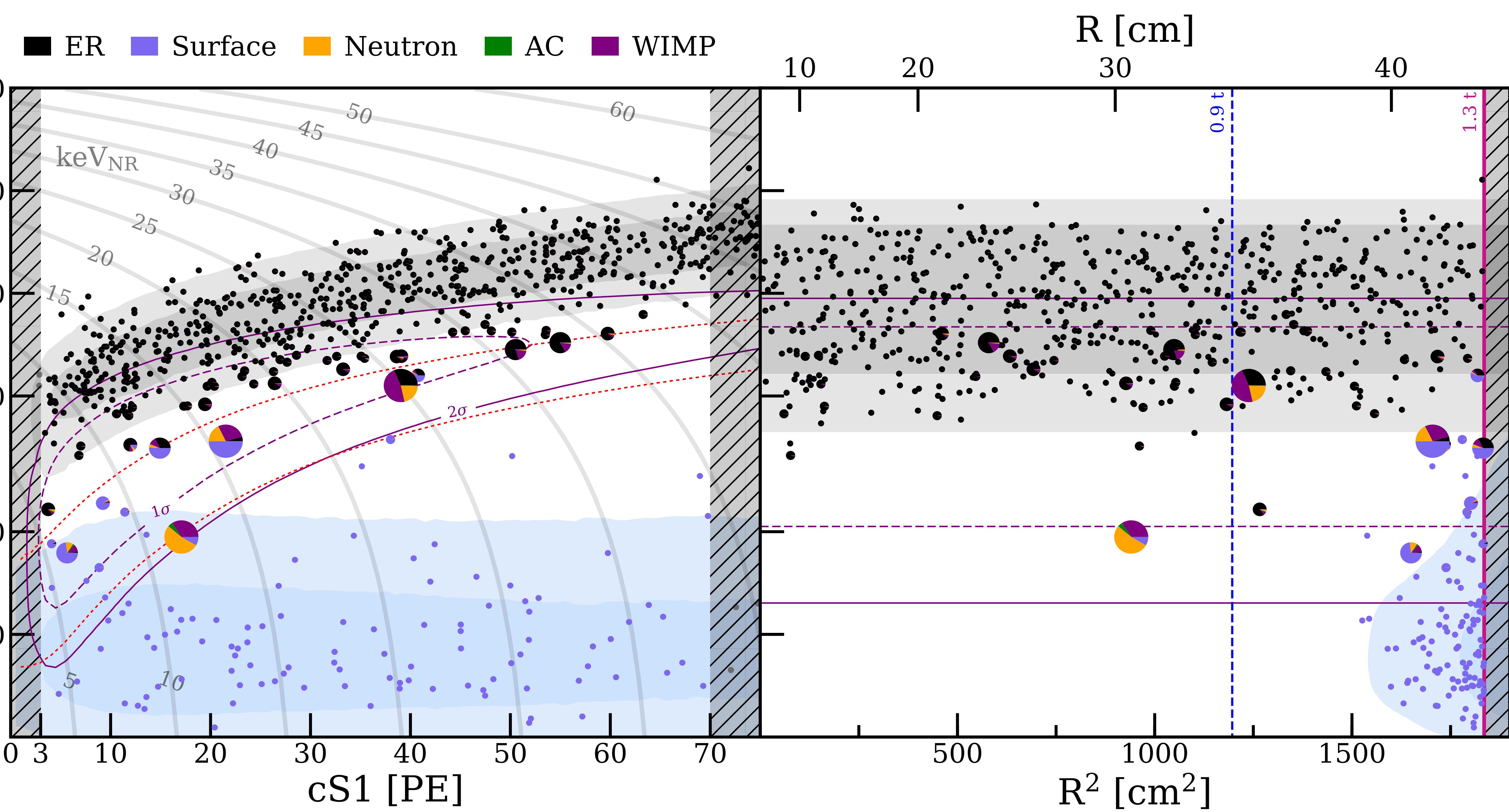
To whom it may concern;

As hosts of the existing operational liquid argon direct dark matter detectors, and as proponents and supporters of the Underground-GRI initiative, the LNGS, SNOLAB and LSC deep underground research facilities are pleased to recognize the collaborative developments within the global liquid argon dark matter community. The DarkSide project at LNGS, the DEAP project at SNOLAB and the ArDM project at LSC are all developing new technologies and capabilities to search for WIMP dark matter, and are beginning to coalesce into one collaboration to develop future, larger generations of liquid argon direct dark matter detectors. We encourage and support the development of this global community, with a focus on the development of DarkSide-20k at LNGS in the first instance, and a larger detector at a location to be determined from scientific requirements, in the future. Using available assay and research infrastructure,





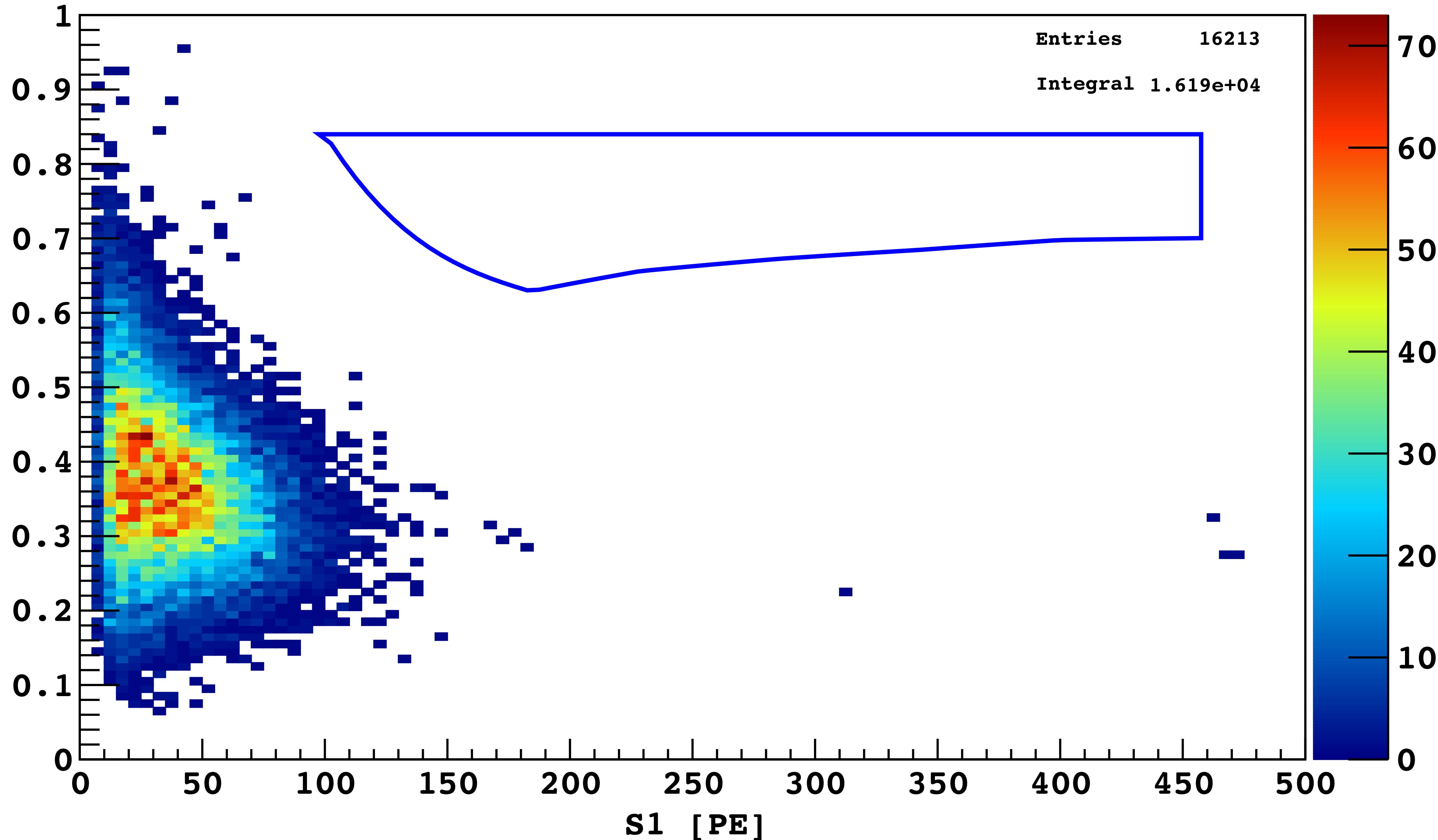




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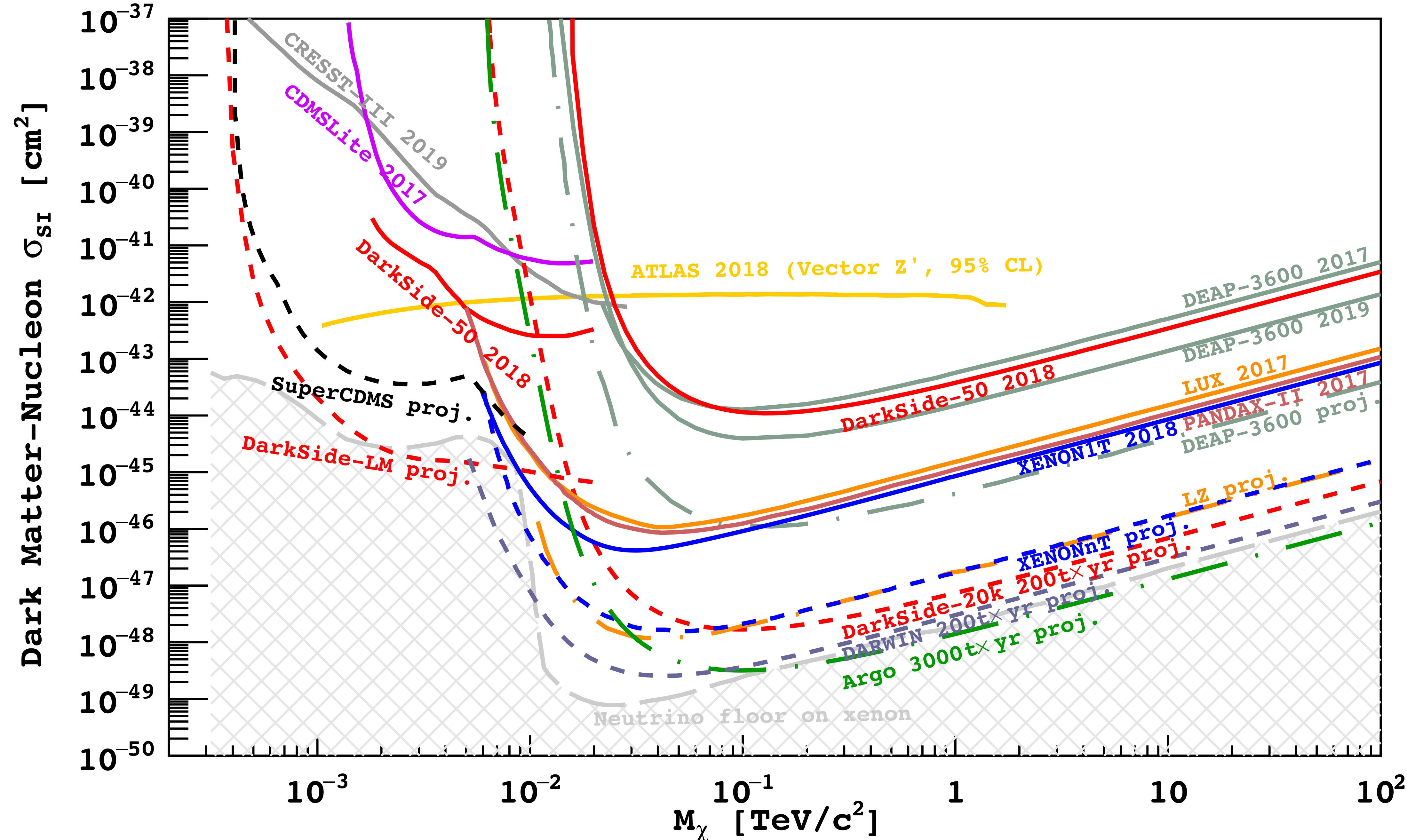
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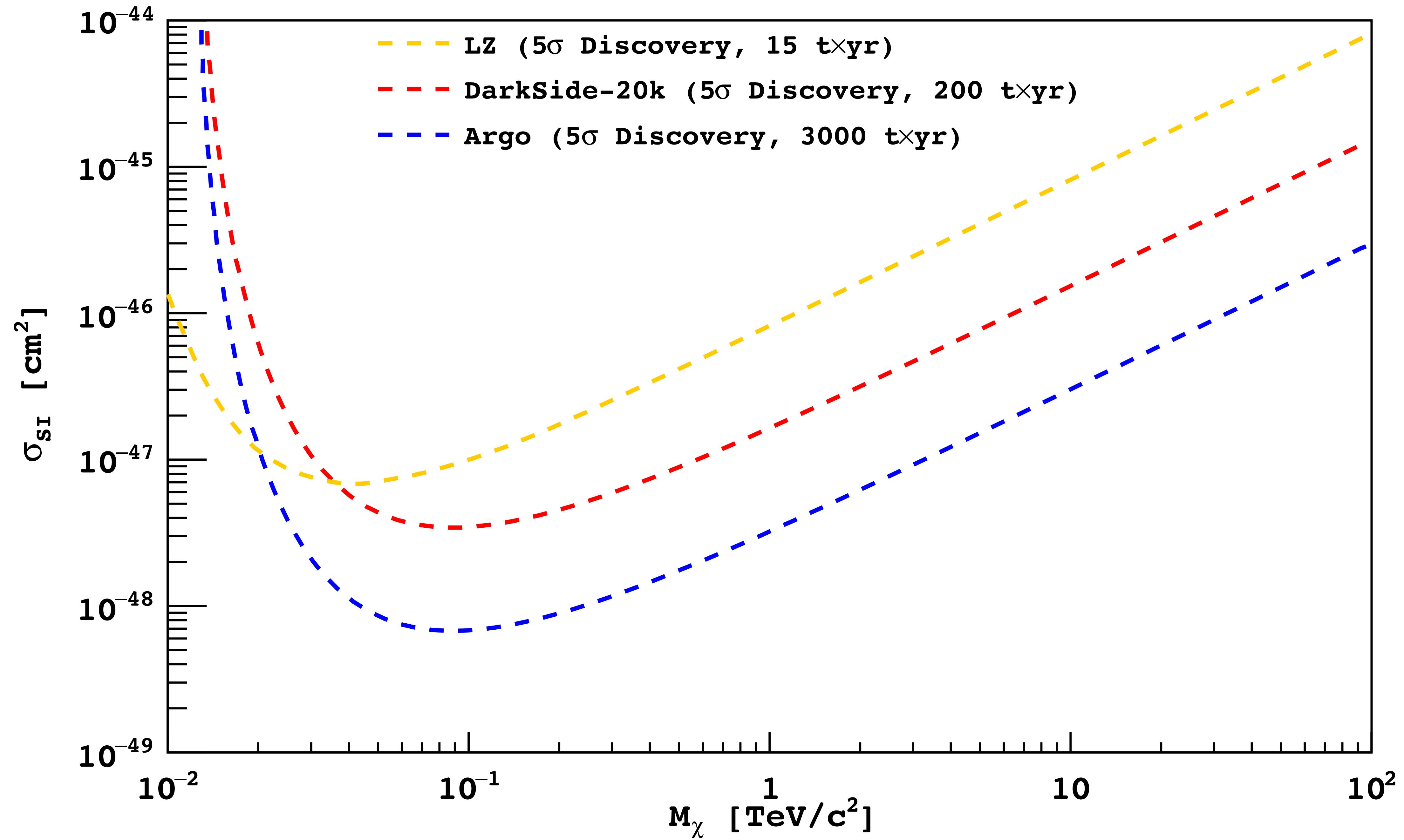
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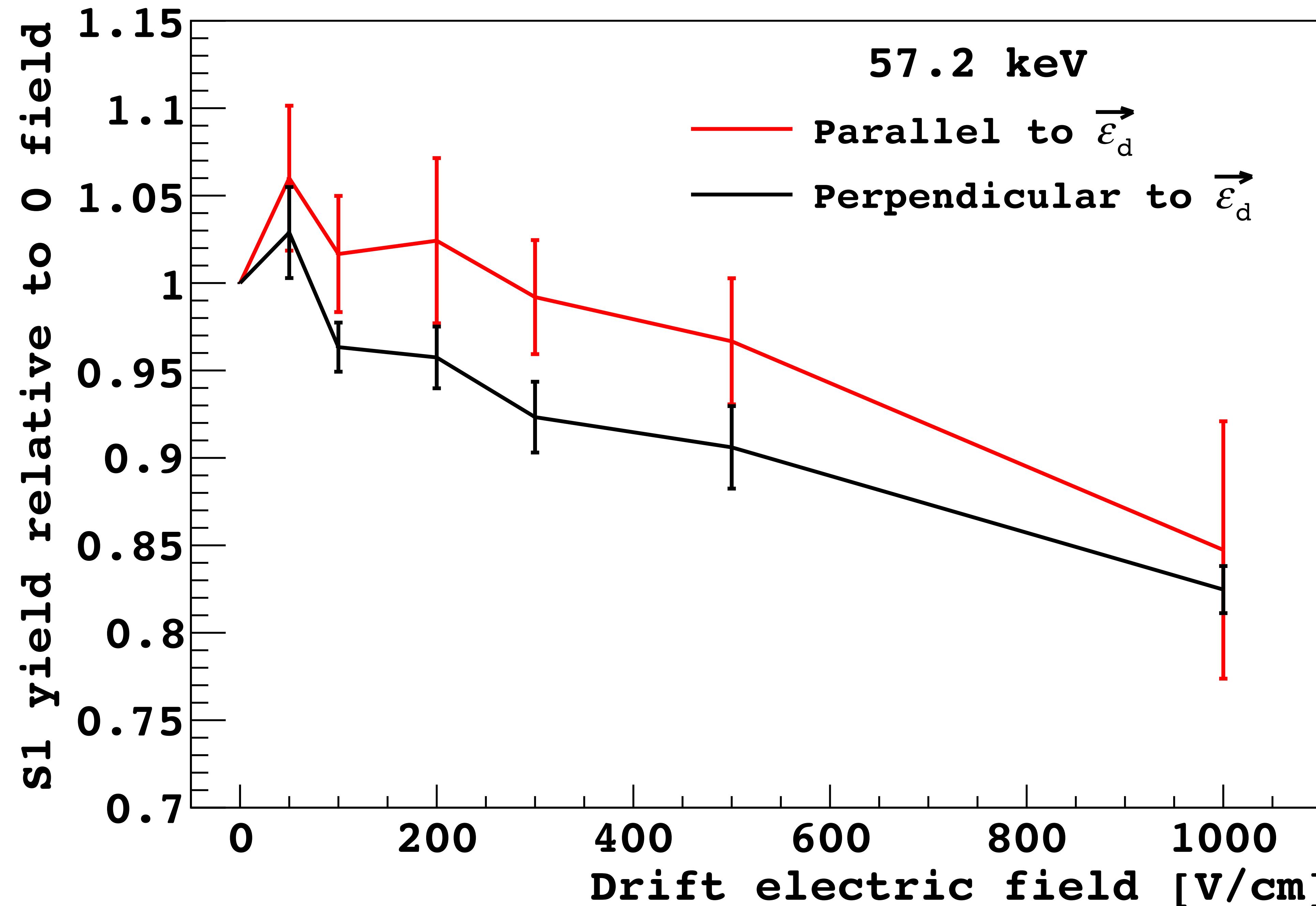


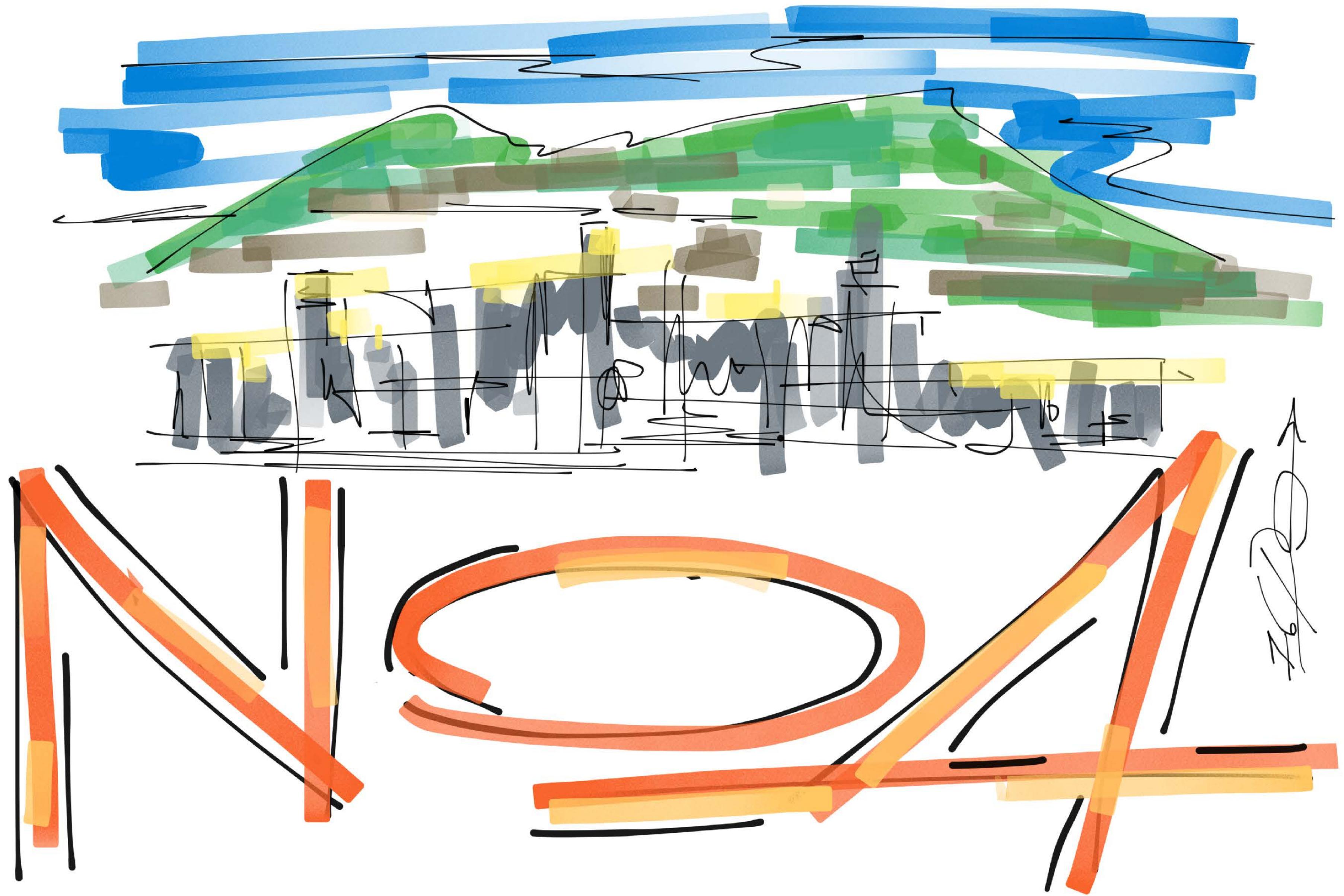
Material	Mass [tonne]	^{238}U [mBq/kg]	^{226}Ra [mBq/kg]	^{232}Th [mBq/kg]	Neutrons $[10 \text{ yr}]^{-1}$	+TPC $[200 \text{ t yr}]^{-1}$	+TPC+veto $[200 \text{ t yr}]^{-1}$
TPC Vessel	2.7	1.2×10^{-2}	10	4.1×10^{-3}	5.7×10^2	0.17	1.7×10^{-2}
TPC SiPMs	0.12	-	-	-	5.4×10^3	0.16	1.6×10^{-2}
TPC Electronics	1.0	-	-	-	1.2×10^4	0.36	3.6×10^{-2}
TPC Mechanics	1.1	3.9	3.9	1.9	9.0×10^2	1.8×10^{-2}	2.0×10^{-3}
Veto SiPMs+elec.	0.40	-	-	-	6.4×10^3	0.10	1.0×10^{-2}
Veto Acrylic	13	1.2×10^{-2}	10	4.1×10^{-3}	2.6×10^3	4.2×10^{-2}	4.0×10^{-3}
Veto Reflectors	1.0	1.2×10^{-2}	1.0	4.1×10^{-3}	2.0×10^2	2.4×10^{-2}	2.0×10^{-3}
Veto Steel	1.1	3.9	3.9	1.9	9.0×10^2	1.4×10^{-2}	1.0×10^{-3}
$\text{Gd}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ α 's on self	0.26	7.0	7.0	0.2	1.1×10^2	2.0×10^{-3}	$<1.0 \times 10^{-3}$
$\text{Gd}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ α 's on PMMA	0.26	7.0	7.0	0.2	3.6×10^2	6.0×10^{-3}	1.0×10^{-3}
Copper Cage	1.0	0.30	0.30	2.0×10^{-2}	6.0	$<1.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$<1.0 \times 10^{-3}$
Cryostat Steel	250	50	1.0×10^3	3.9	1.0×10^6	-	$<1.0 \times 10^{-3}$
Cryostat Insulation	40	3×10^3	8.0×10^3	3.0×10^3	8.0×10^7	-	$<1.0 \times 10^{-3}$
Total						0.9	0.09

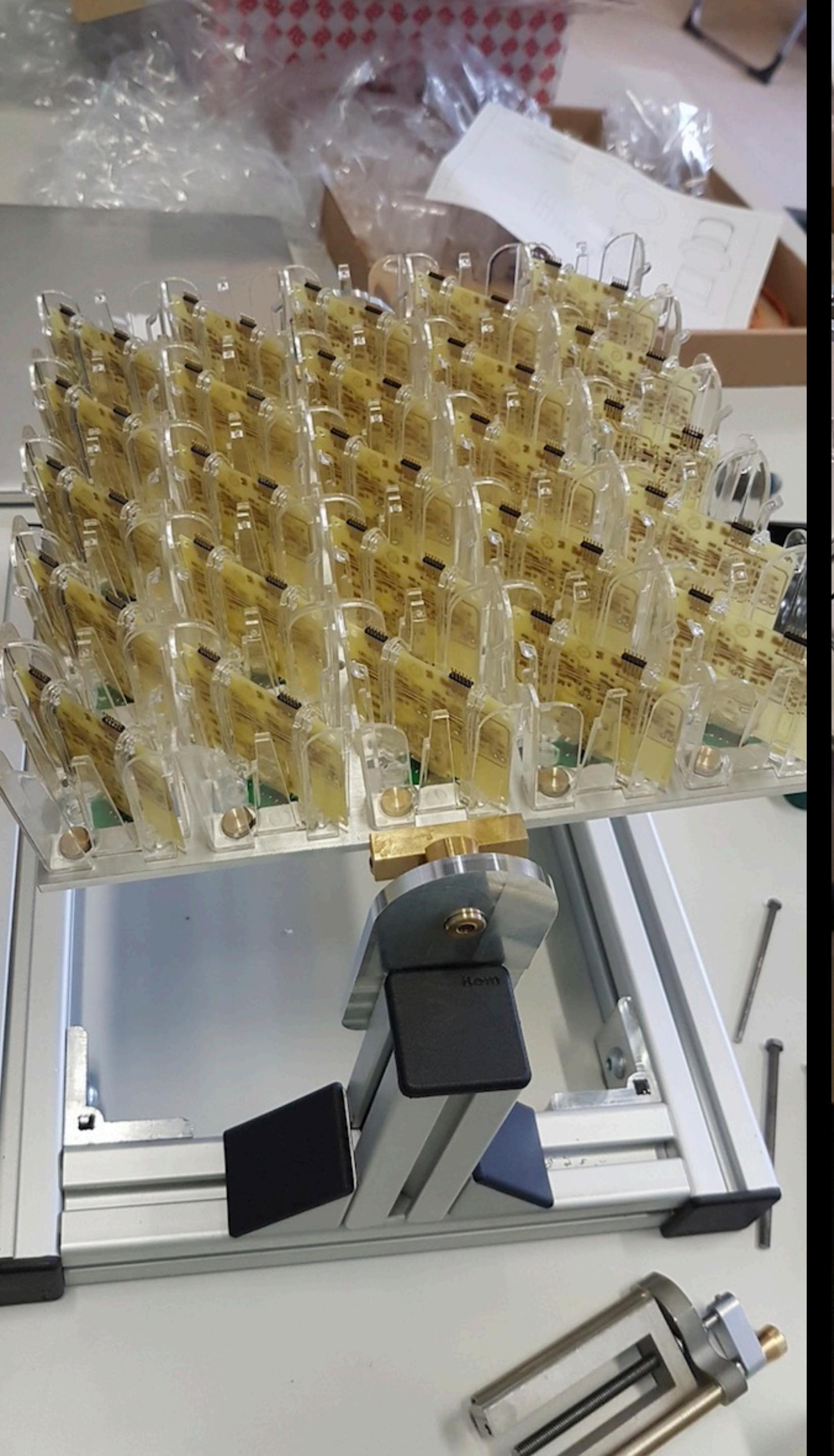
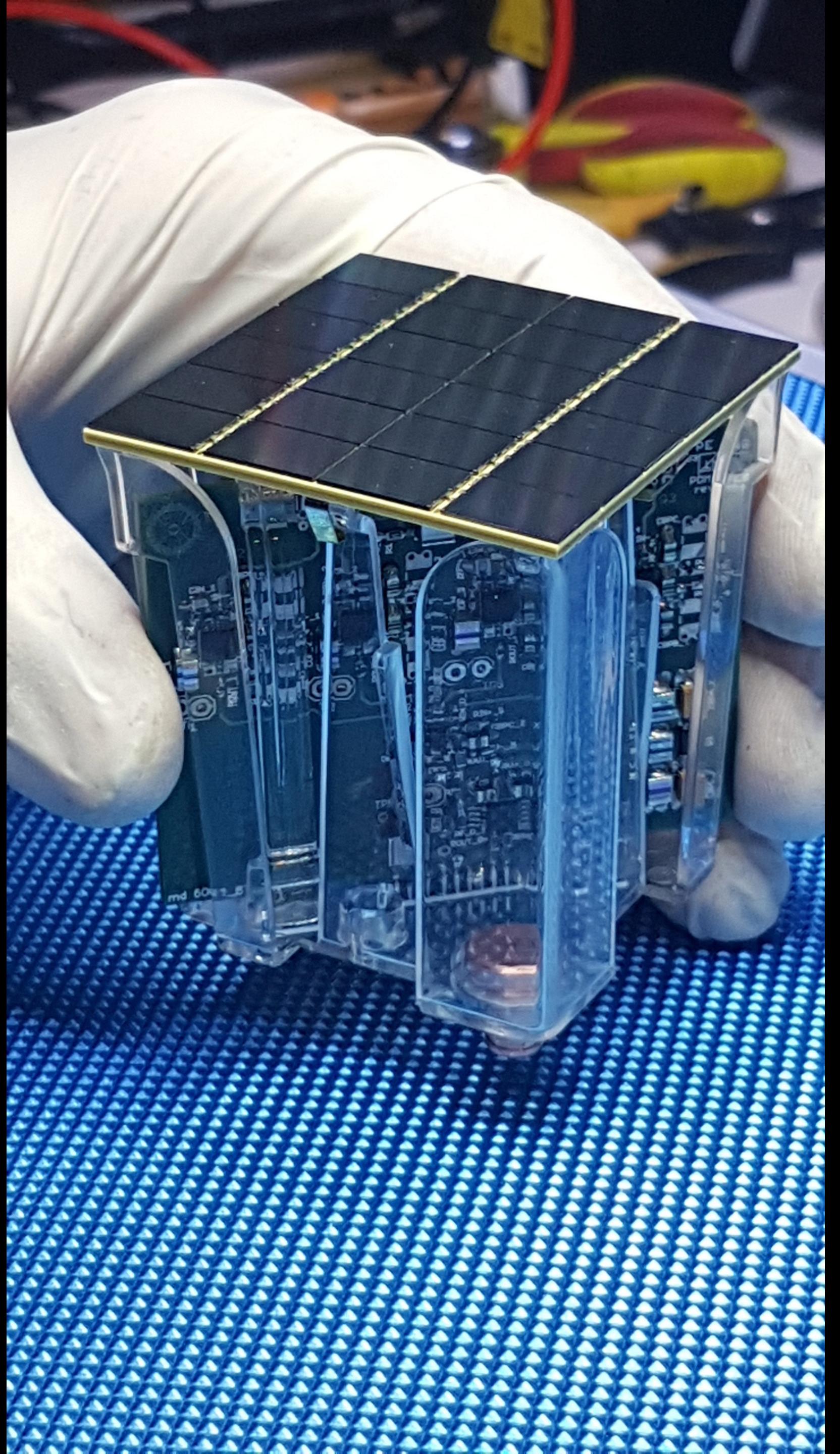
TABLE I. Radiogenic neutrons sourced by the LAr TPC construction materials, veto and cryostat materials, with details of expected contamination levels, background after TPC cuts, and residual background after combined TPC and veto cuts, all relative to the full 10 yr run time and the full fiducial 200 t yr exposure. The number of neutrons source is calculated from the expected contamination levels and material composition. Note that no specific activity is reported for the TPC SiPMs and associated electronics: in this case the predicted neutron yield is the results of an extremely detailed calculation, accounting for the cumulative contribution of several tens of components, individually assayed. The same consideration holds for the veto SiPMs and electronics, whose contribution is reported in combination. For neutrons due to (α, n) reactions from α 's from impurities in $\text{Gd}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$, the contribution is broken down between those due reactions on Gd sulfate itself and those due to reactions in the PMMA matrix containing the Gd sulfate; the mass fraction of Gd in the GdAS 1 %, for the anticipated 2 % concentration by mass of $\text{Gd}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$. (For ease of conversion: $1 \text{ ppt}({}^{238}\text{U}) \simeq 1.2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mBq/kg}$; $1 \text{ ppt}({}^{232}\text{Th}) \simeq 4.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mBq/kg}$.)

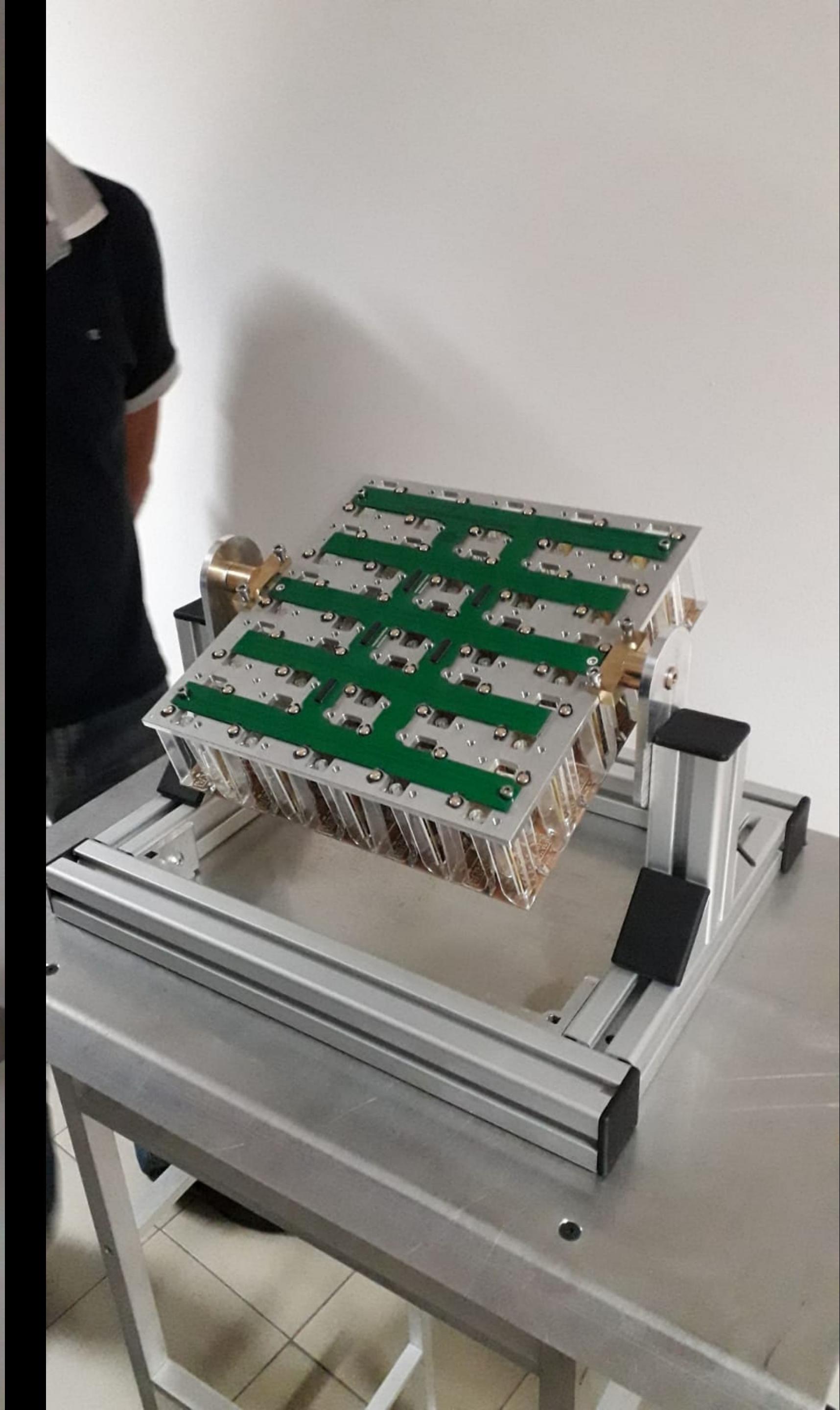
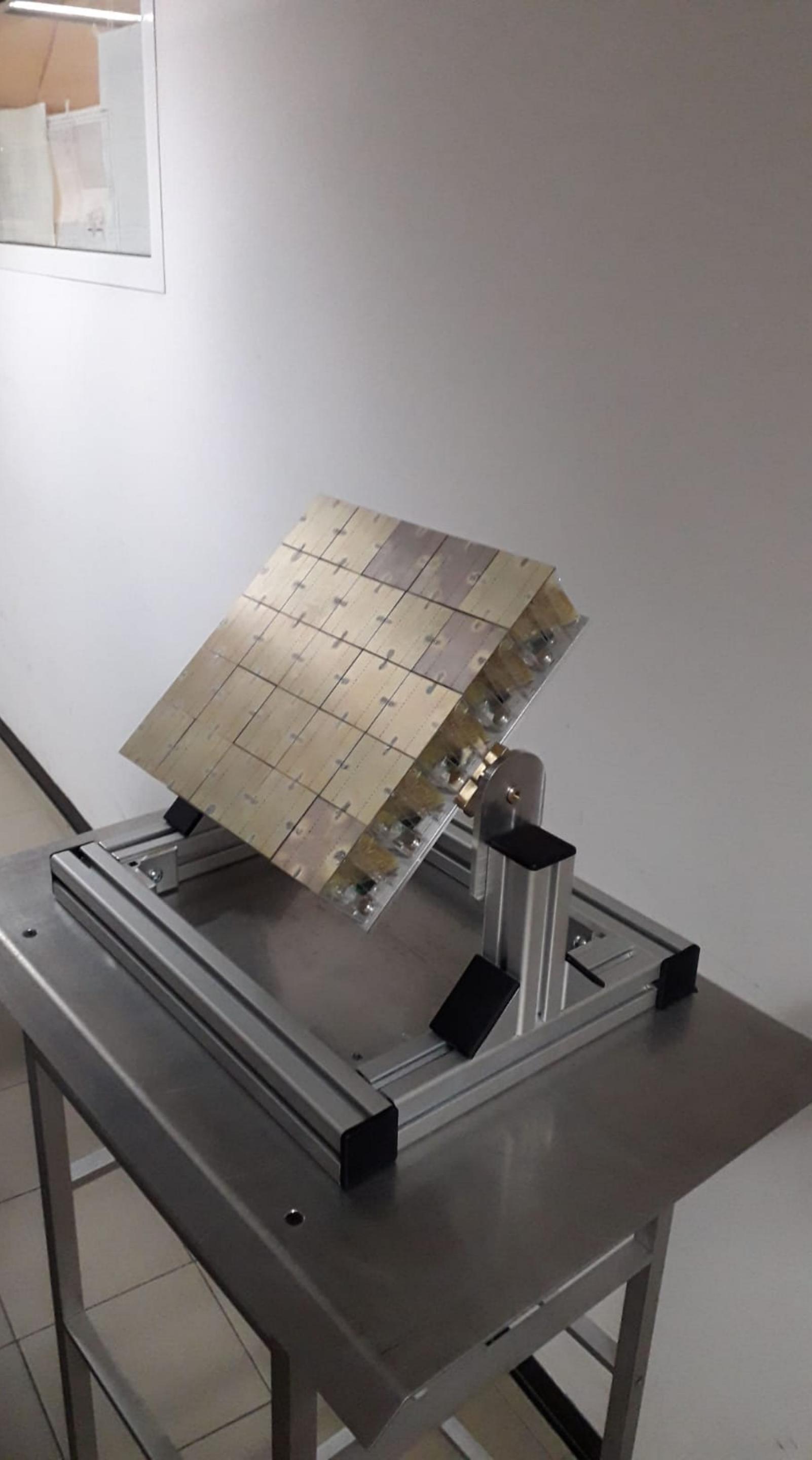








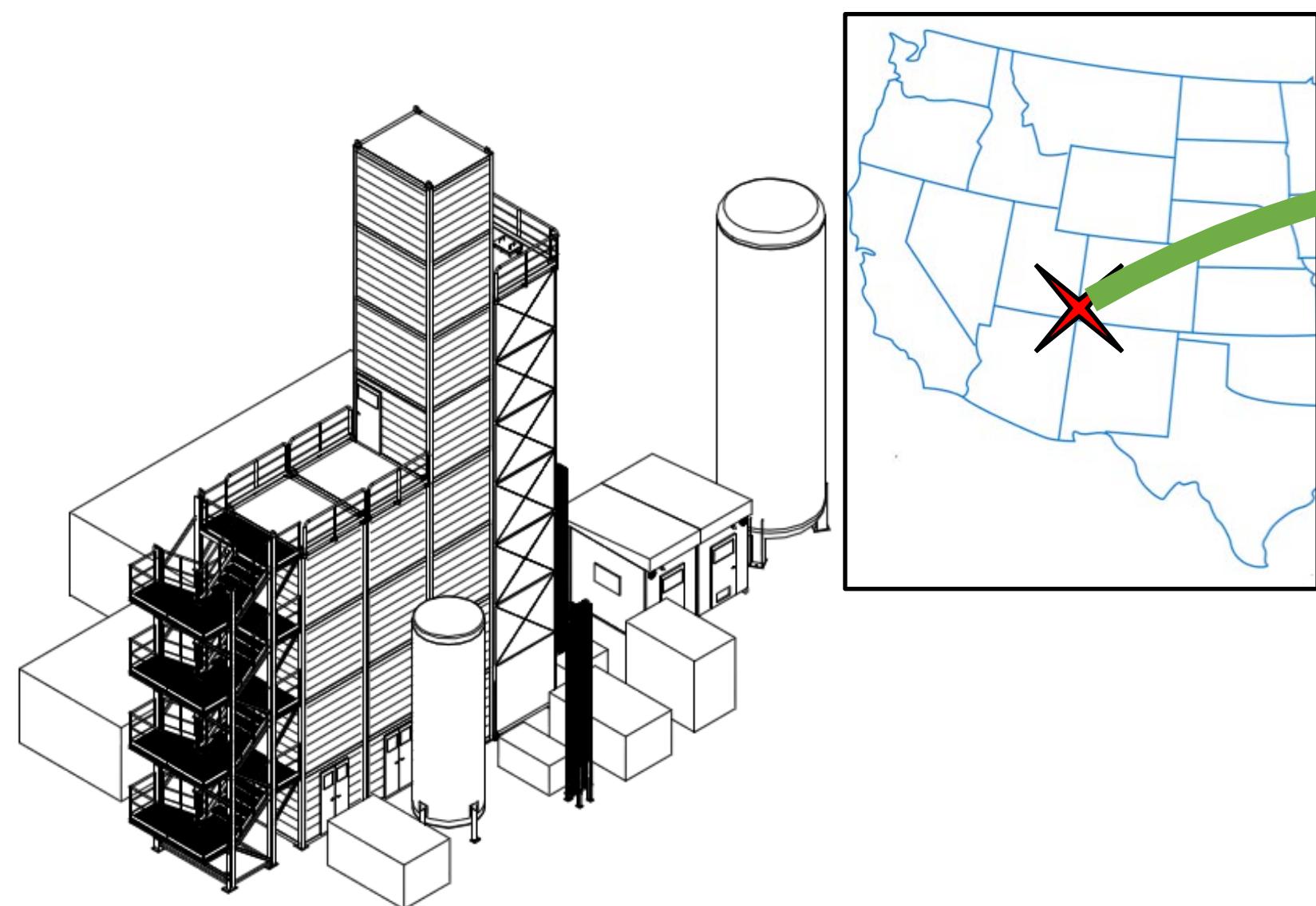




Obiettivo Economico

- Creare in Abruzzo il leader mondiale in:
 - Produzione di rivelatori di luce al silicio per Big Science
 - Produzione di rivelatori di luce al silicio per Medical Physics
 - Produzione di Skipper CCD (<1e noise) per missioni satellitari Dark Energy Science

Production and Purification

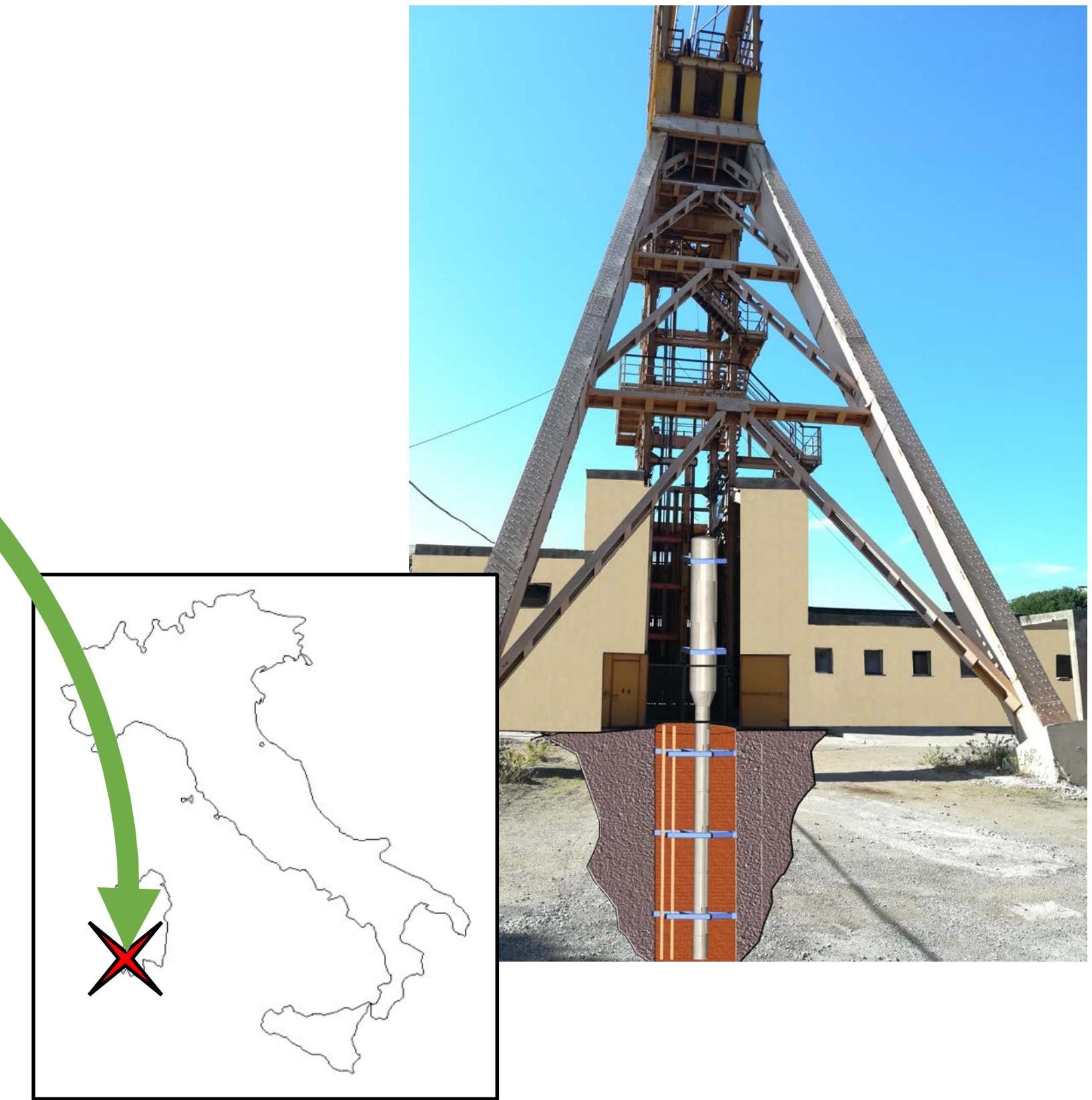


UAr transported via boat
for final purification at Aria

Production: Urania

- Commercial-scale plant to extract UAr
- Located in Southwestern Colorado
- UAr extracted from CO₂ well gas at the tonne scale

Focus of this talk



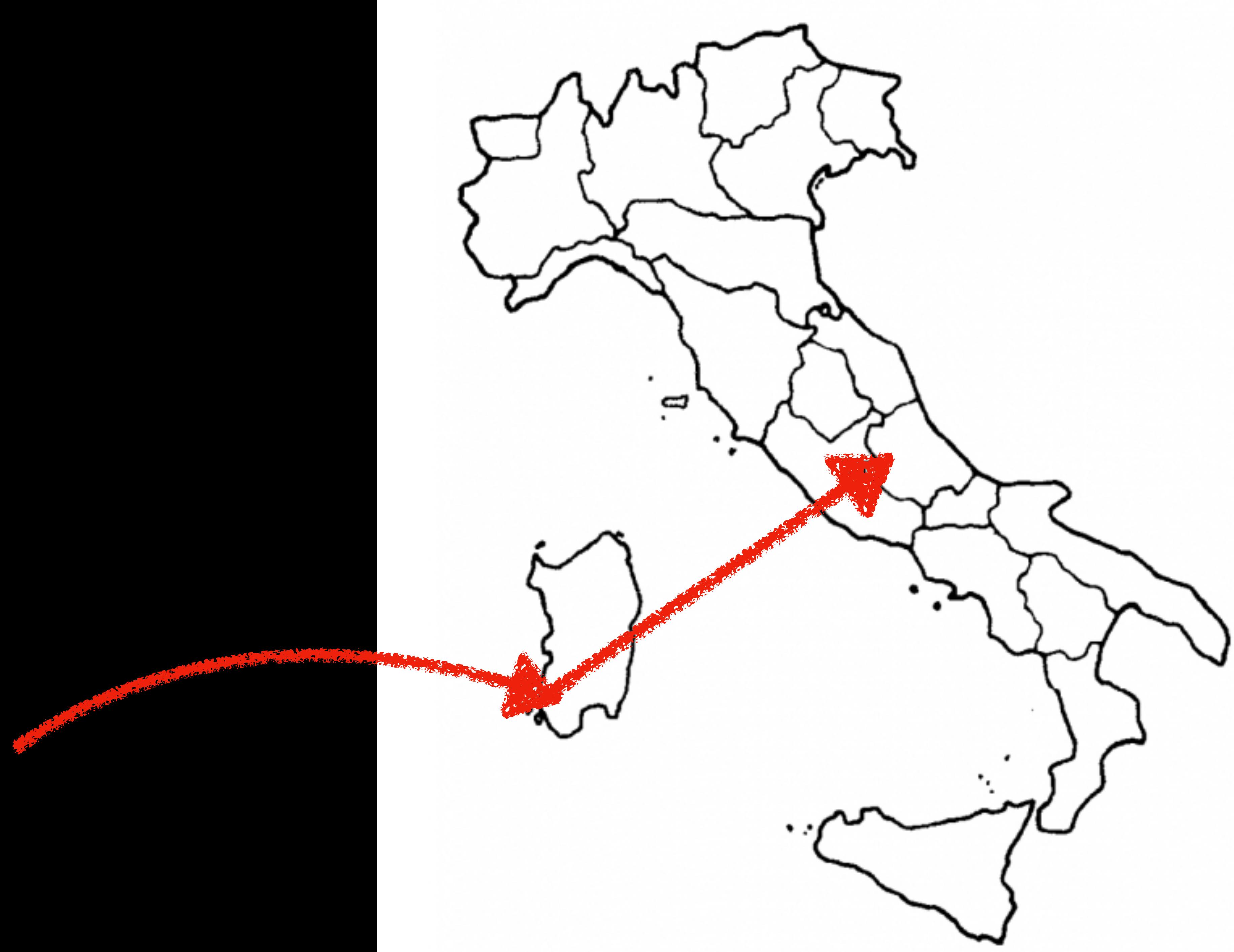
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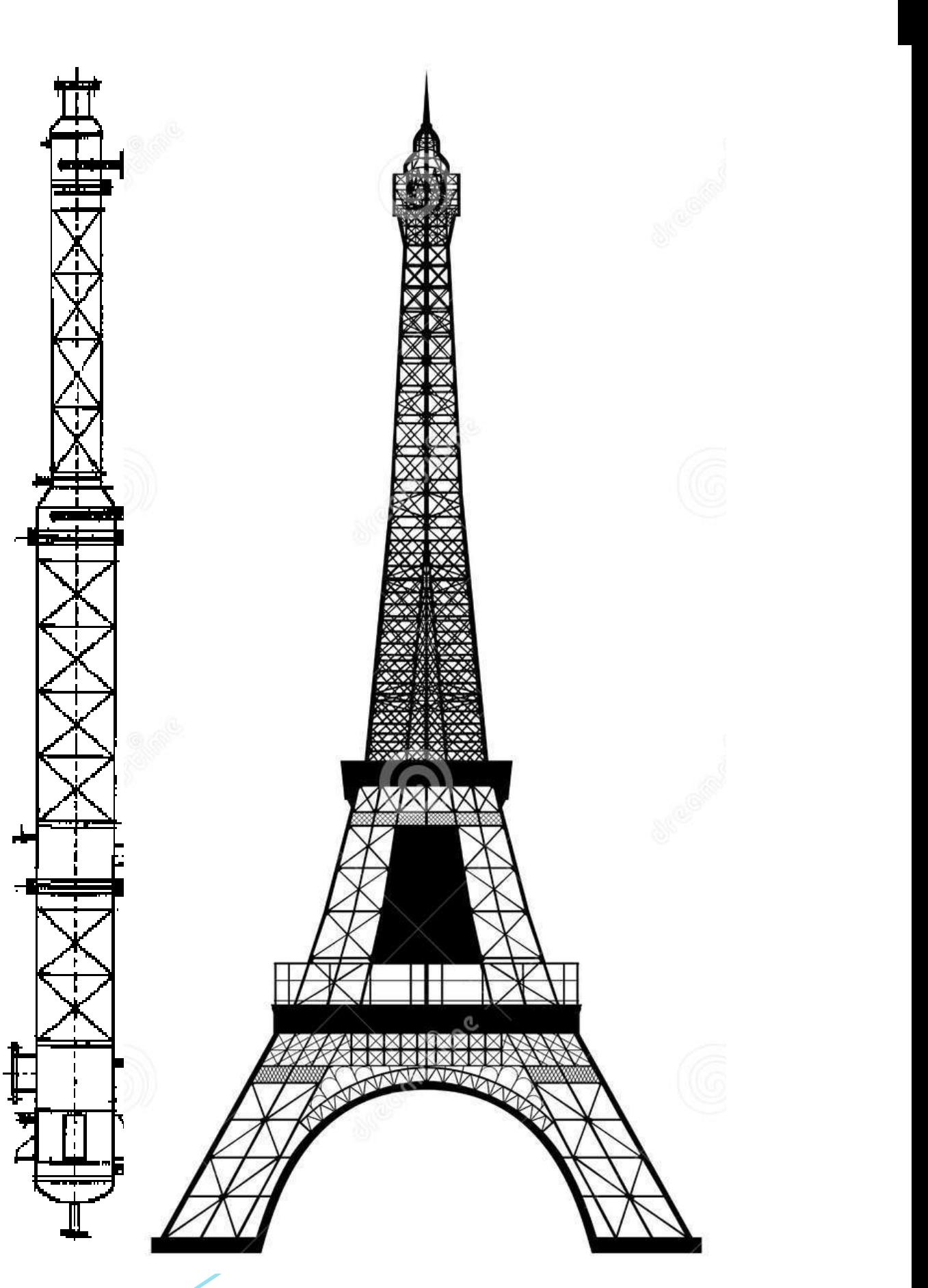
(see M. Simeone's talk for details)

- 350 m tall cryogenic distillation column to purify UAr and isotopically separate argon and other elements
- Located in refurbished carbon mine shaft in Sardinia, Italy
- Will chemically purify the UAr for DS-20k to detector grade









Collaboration with AstroCeNT

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- Nektarios Benekos, Marcin Kuzniak, Masayuki Wada
- Marcin Ziembicki

Collaboration with AstroCeNT

- Photoelectronics Cryogenic Positron Emission Tomography
- Detector Development
- Adaptation of DarkSide Technology to $0\nu\beta\beta$ searches

The End