

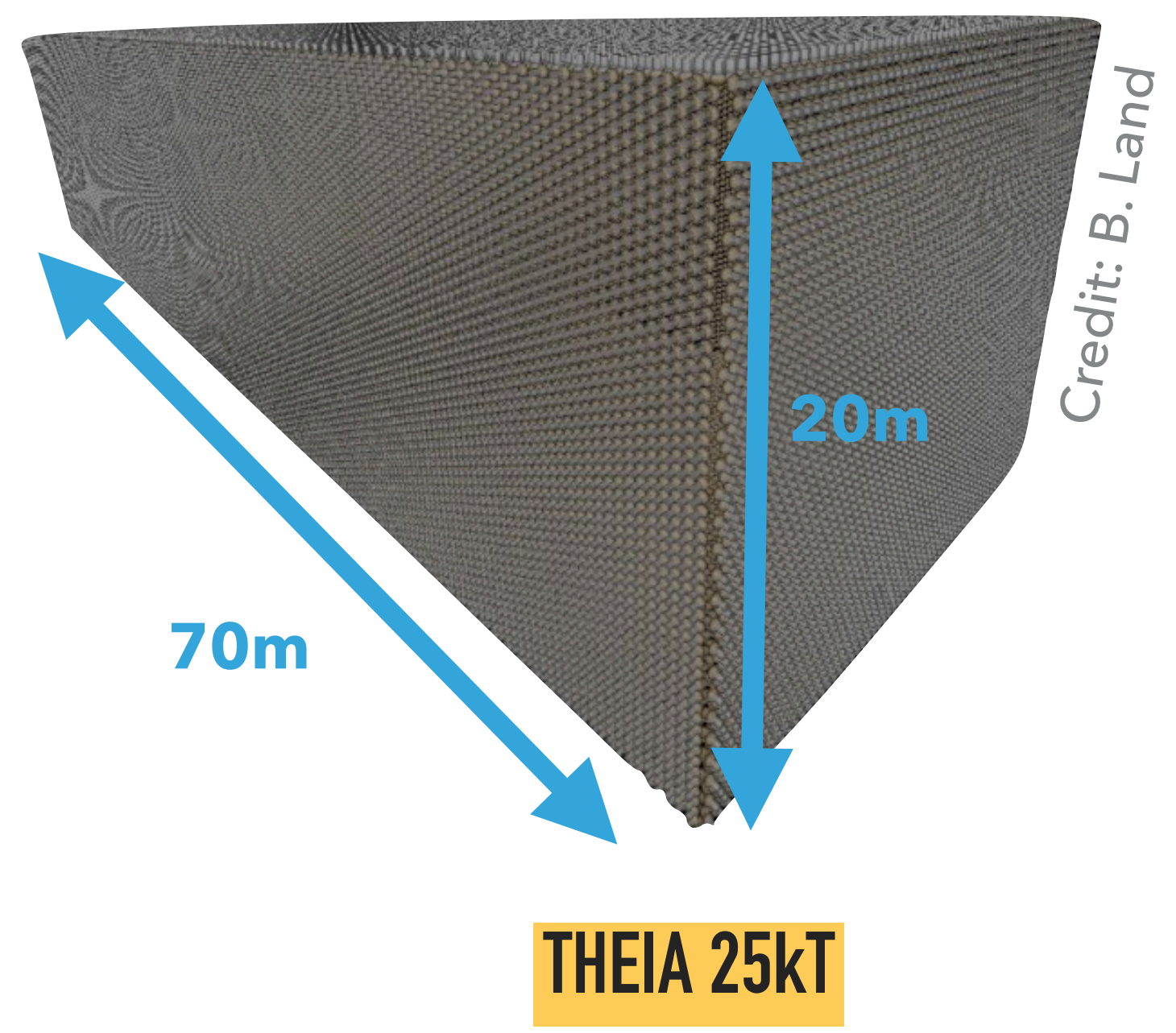


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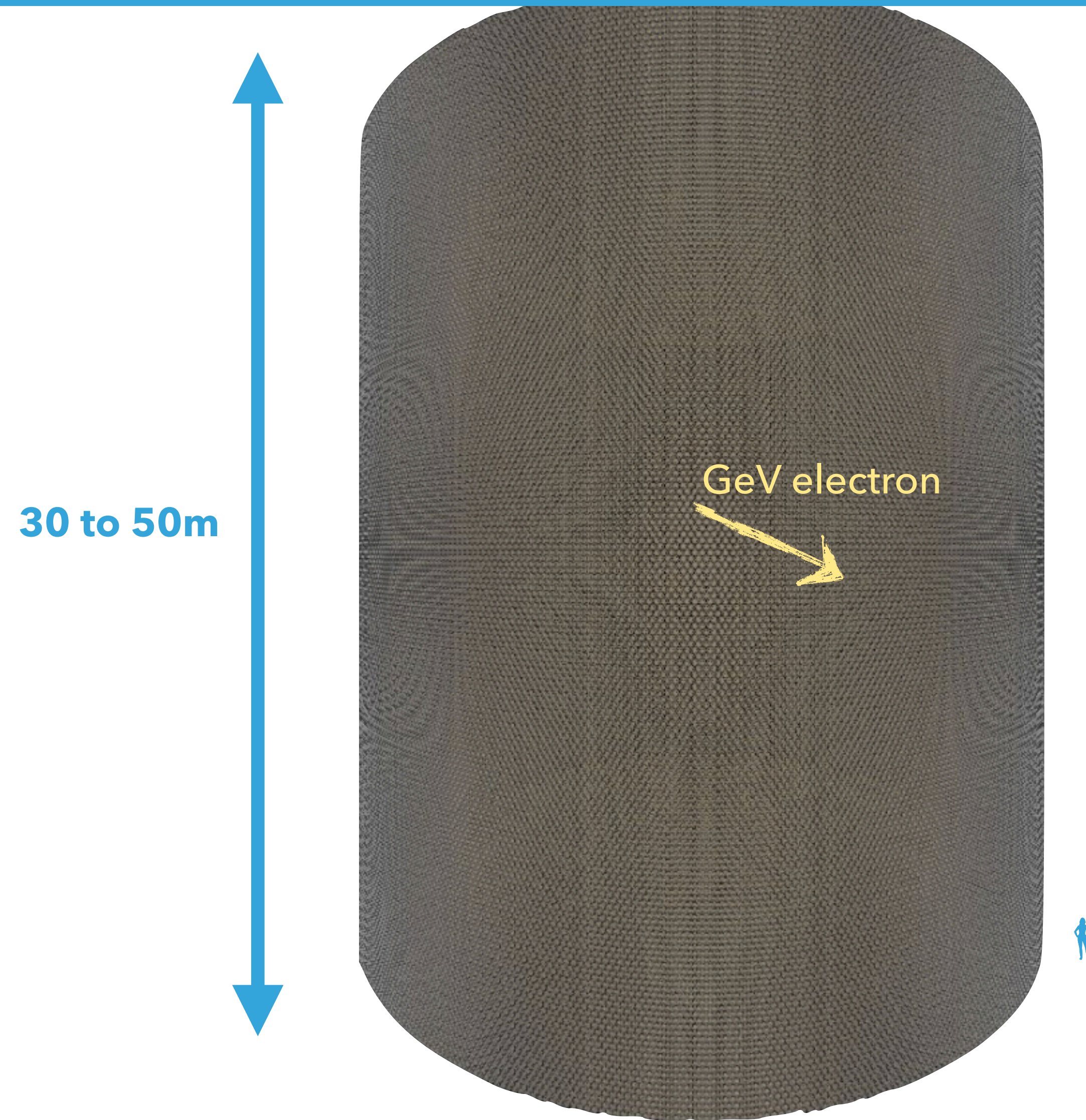
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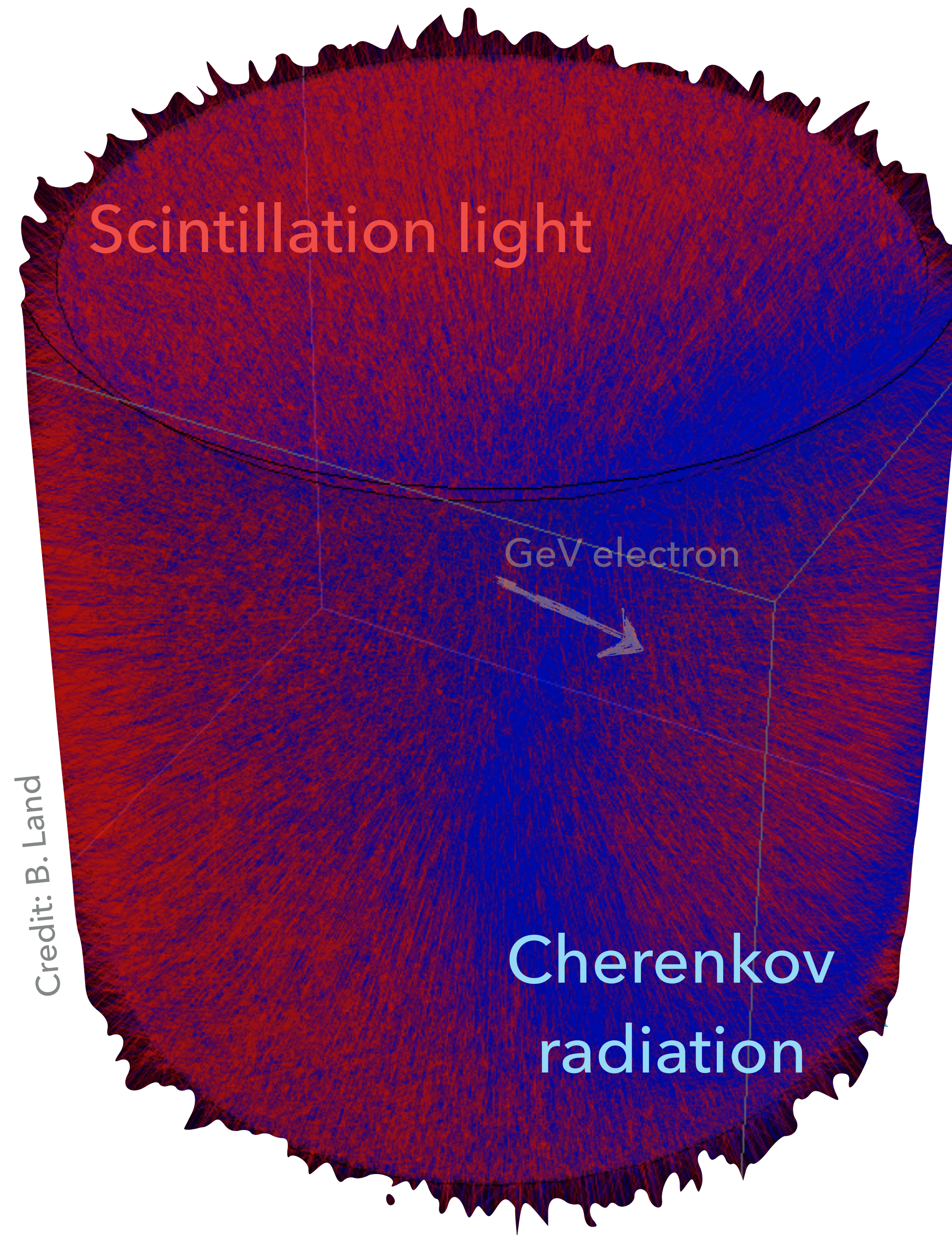


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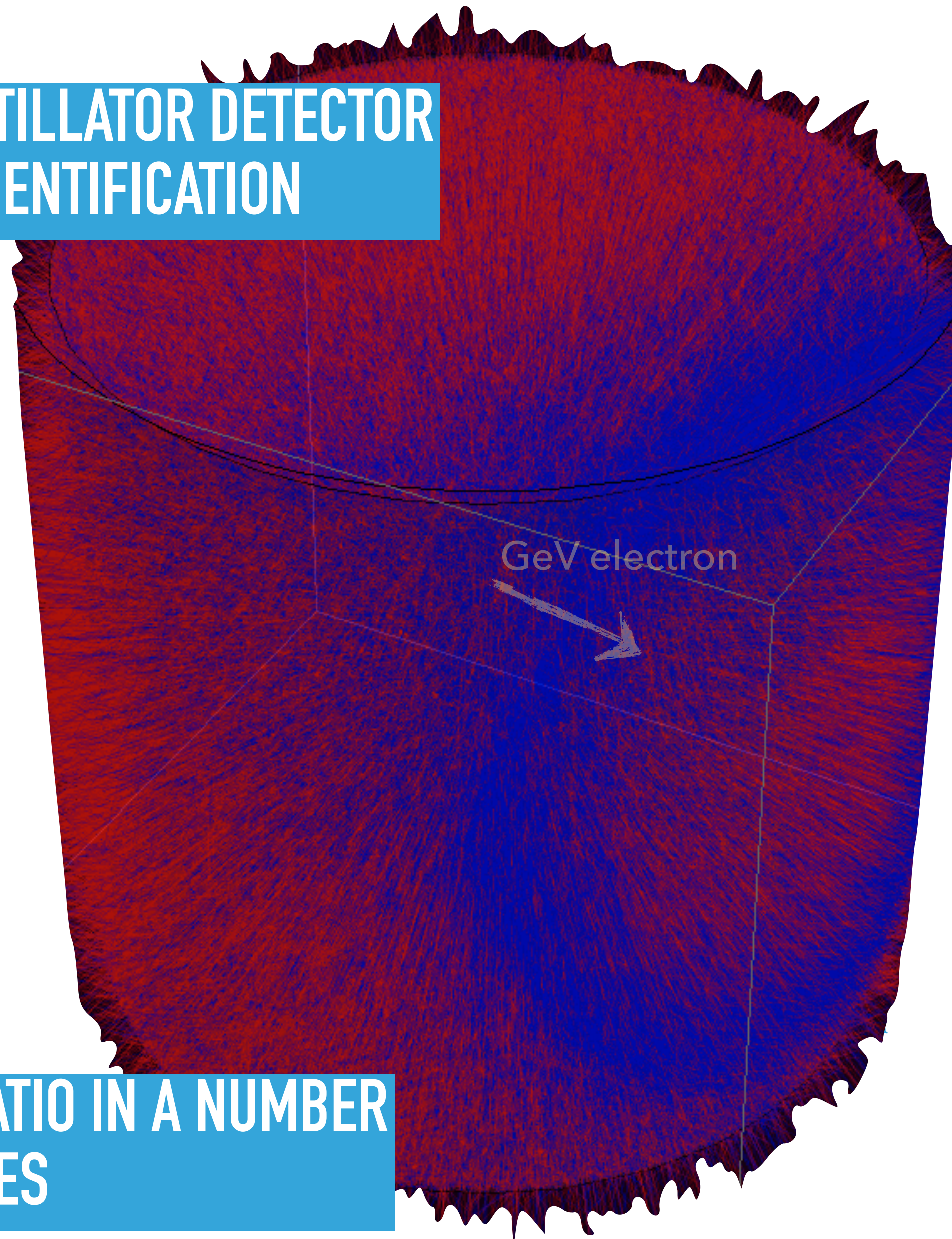
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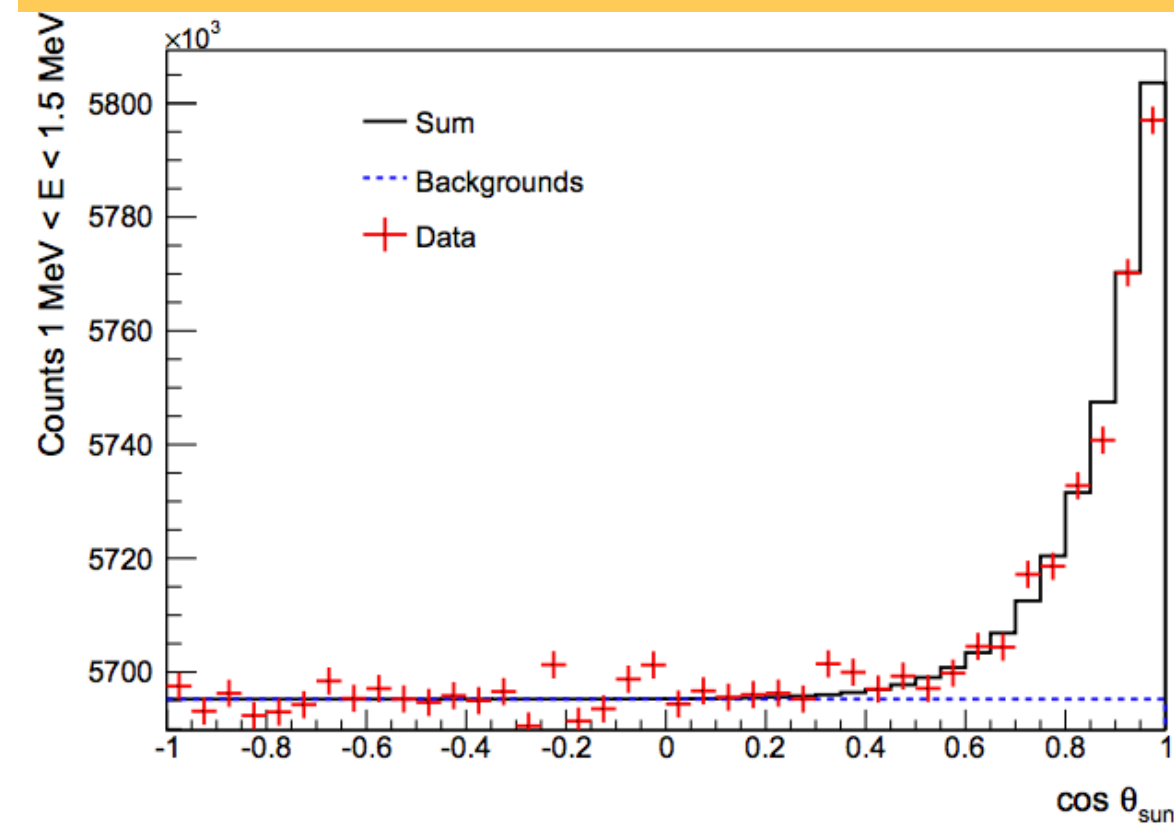


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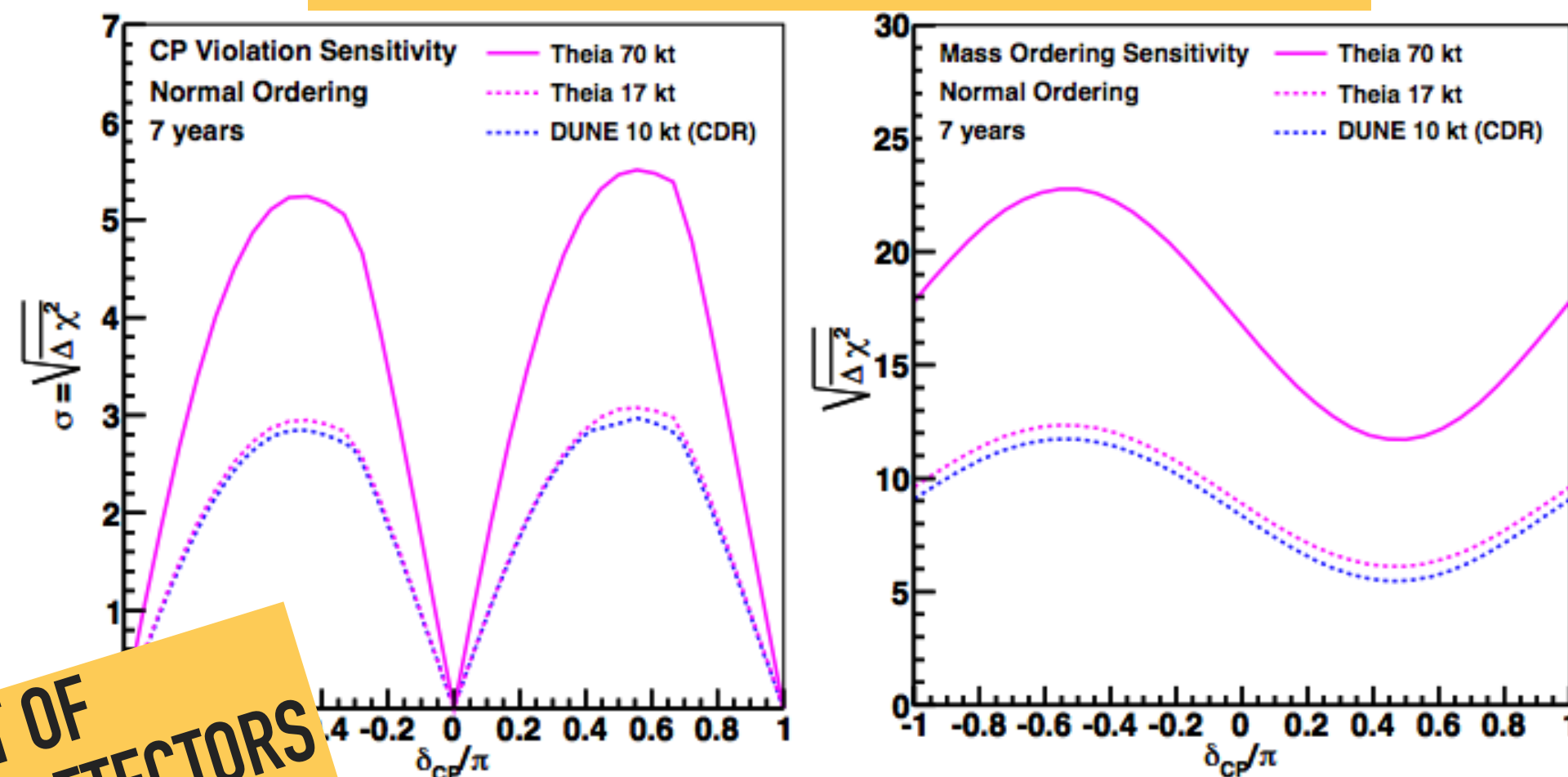


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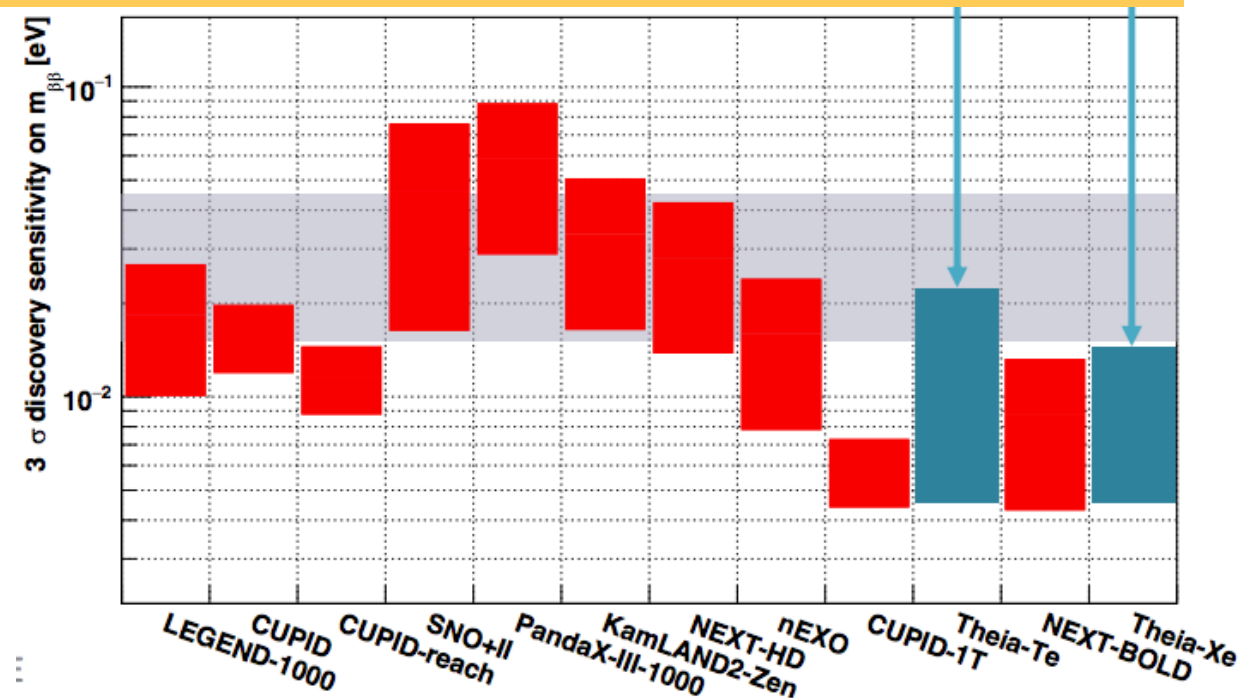
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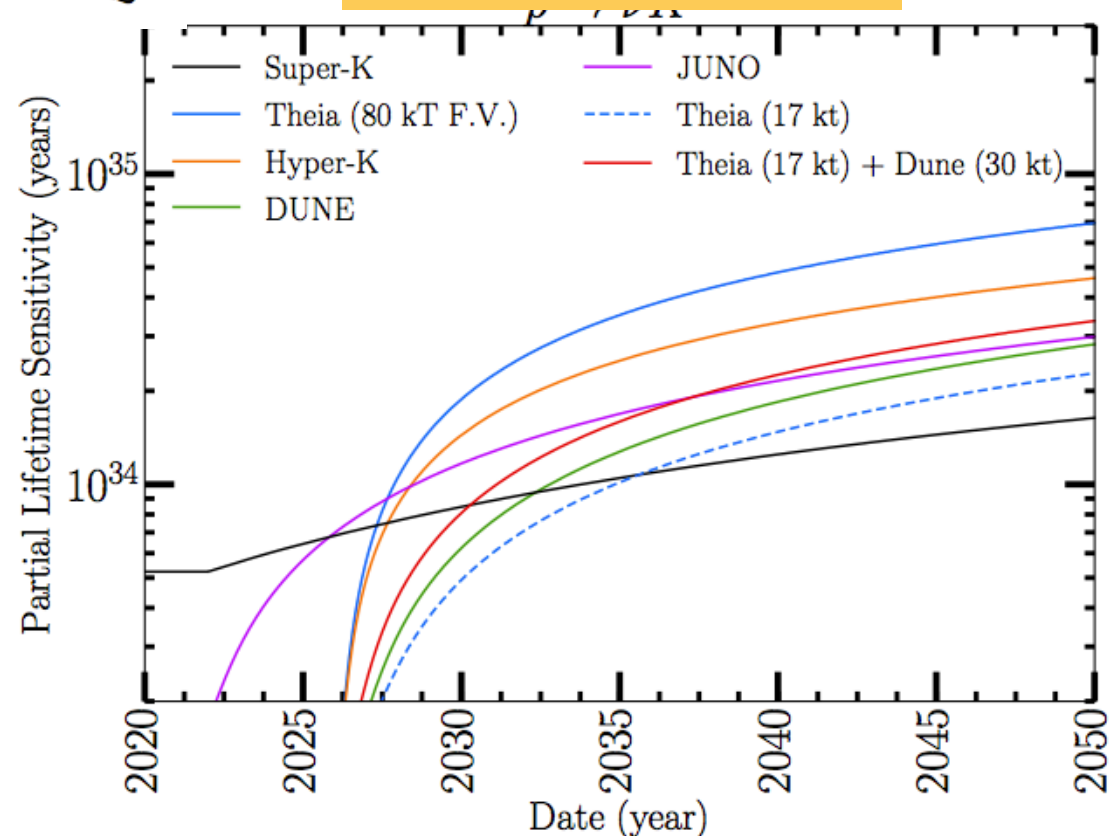


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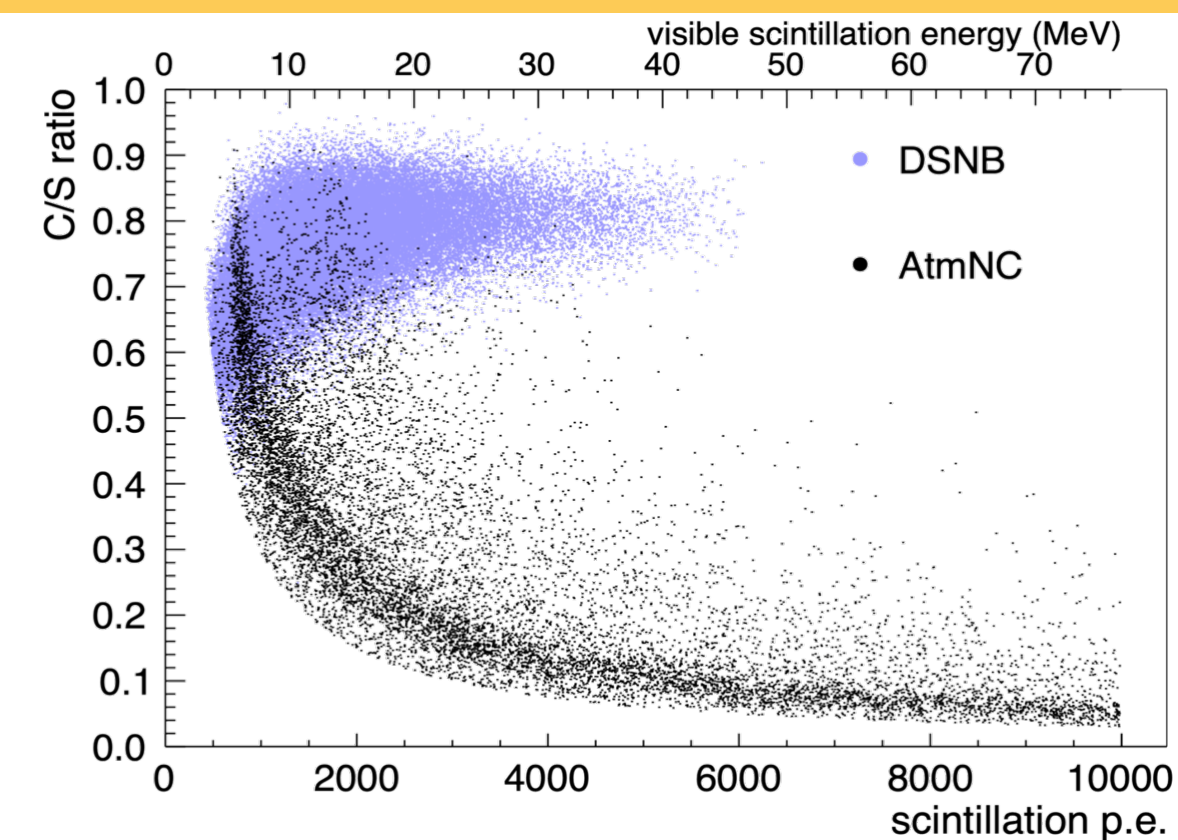


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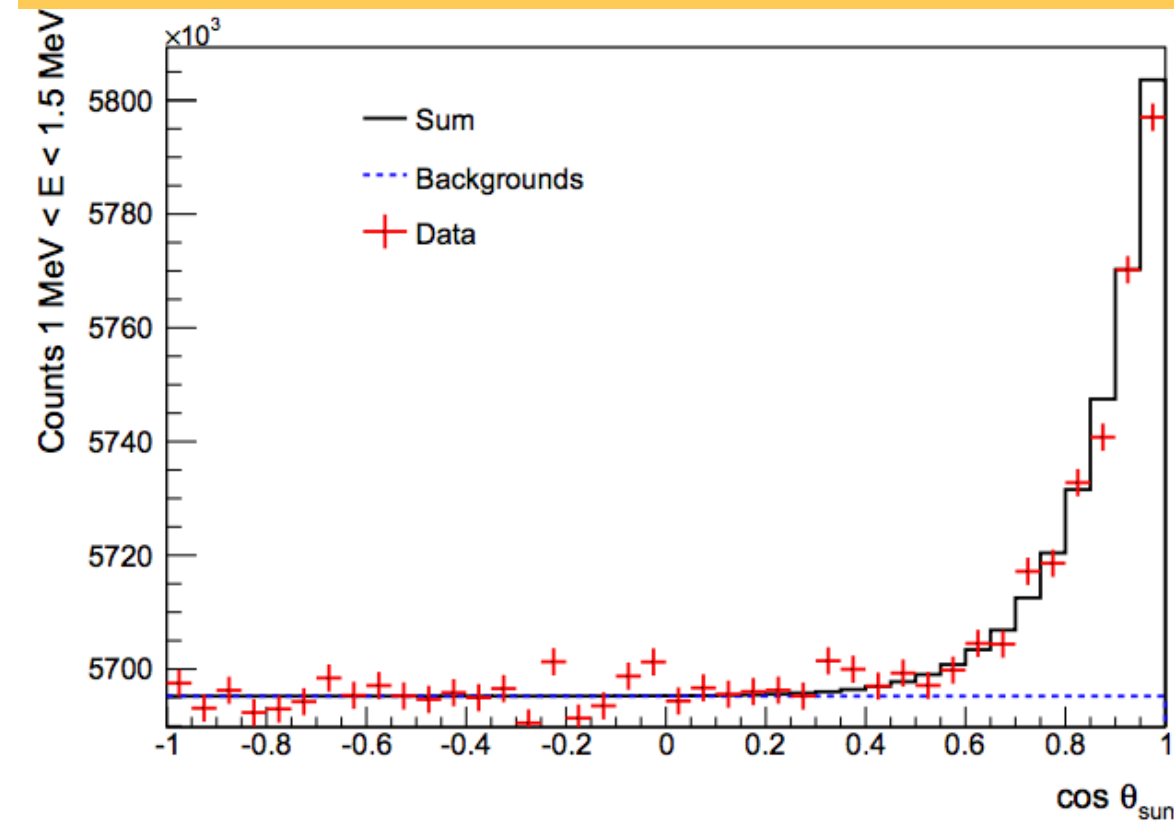


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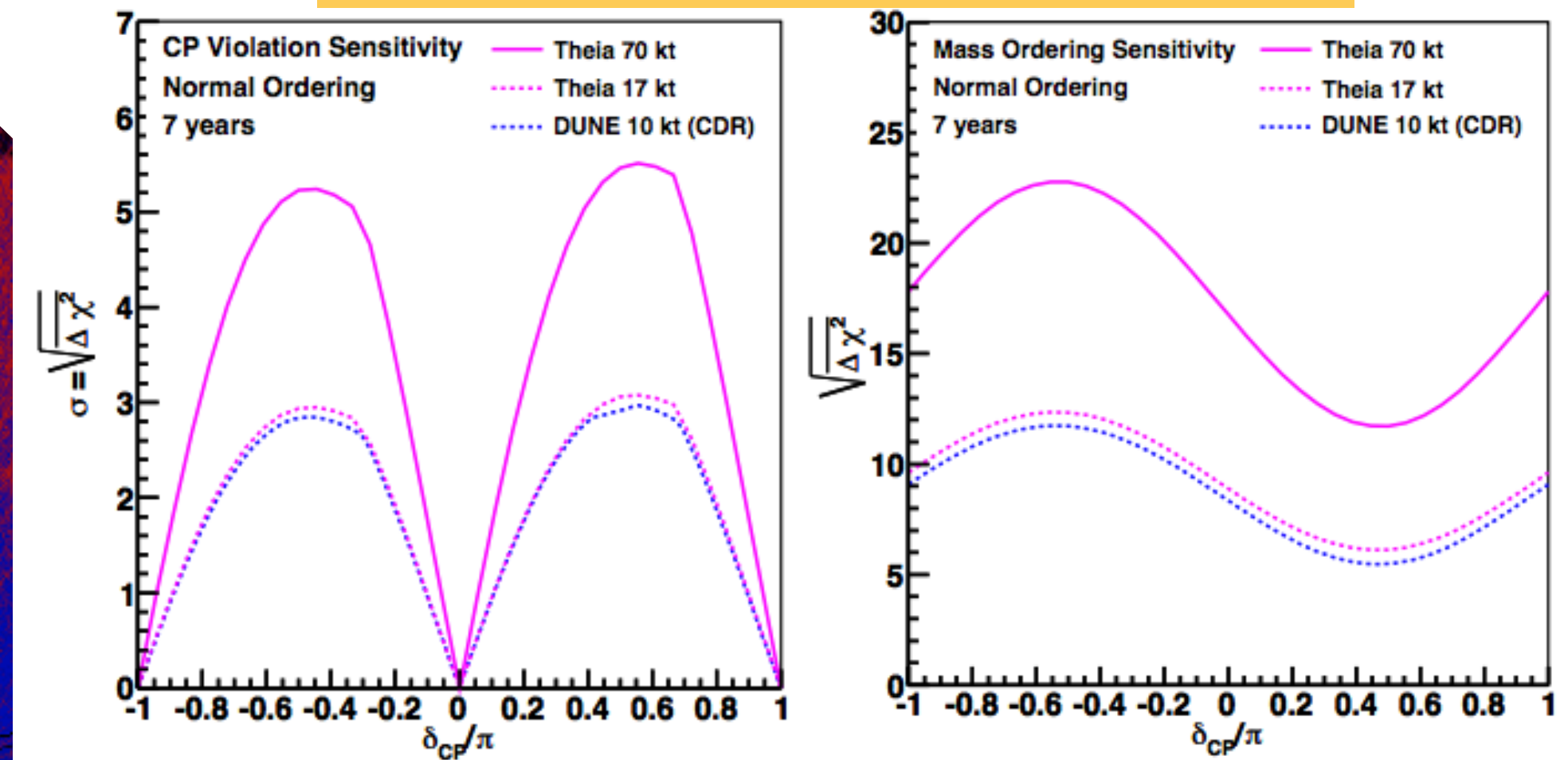


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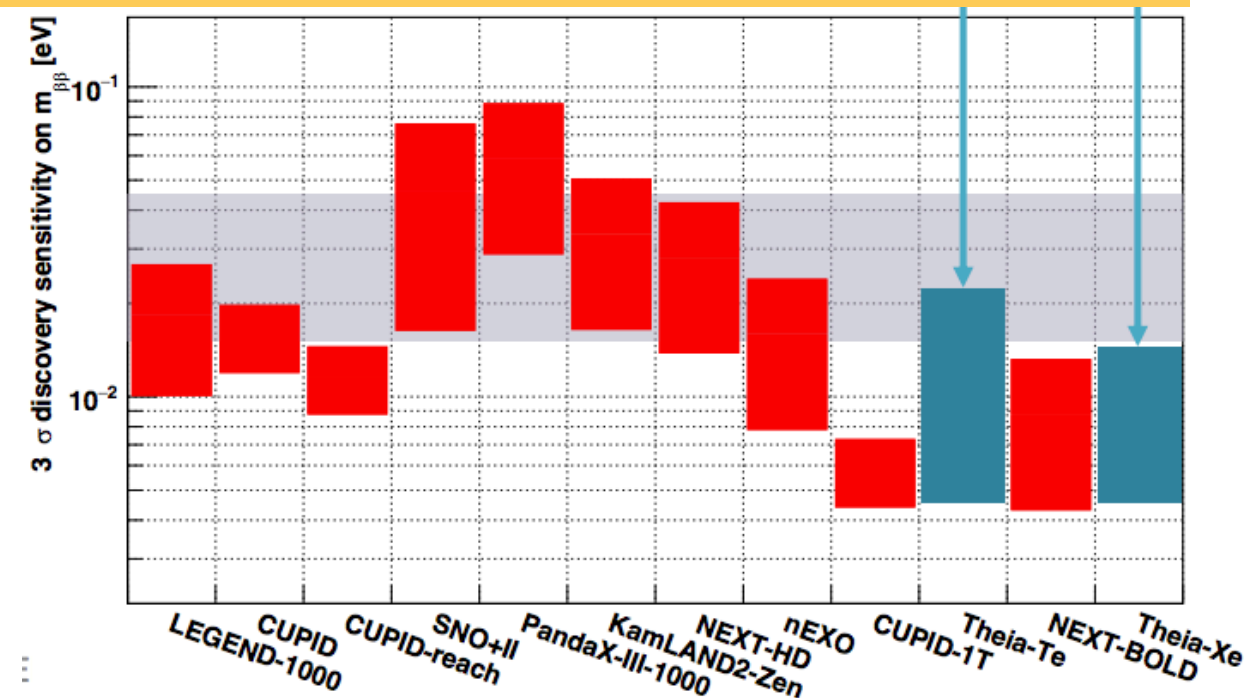
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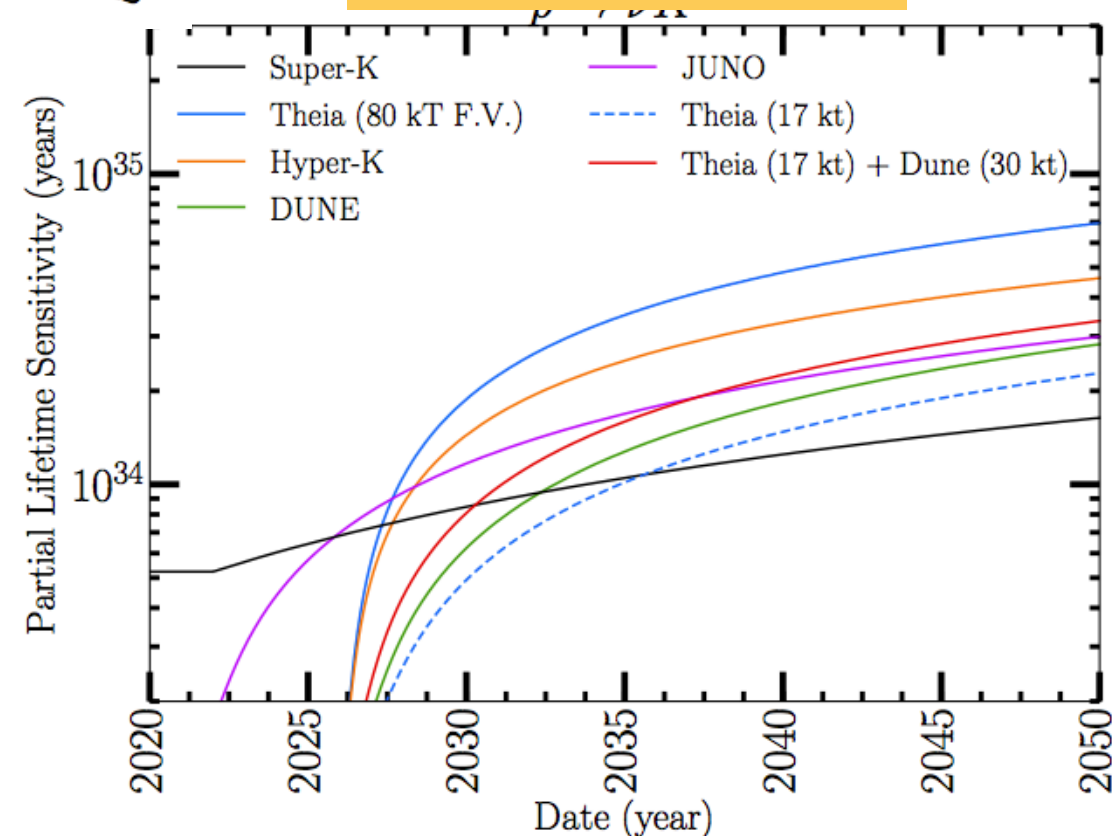


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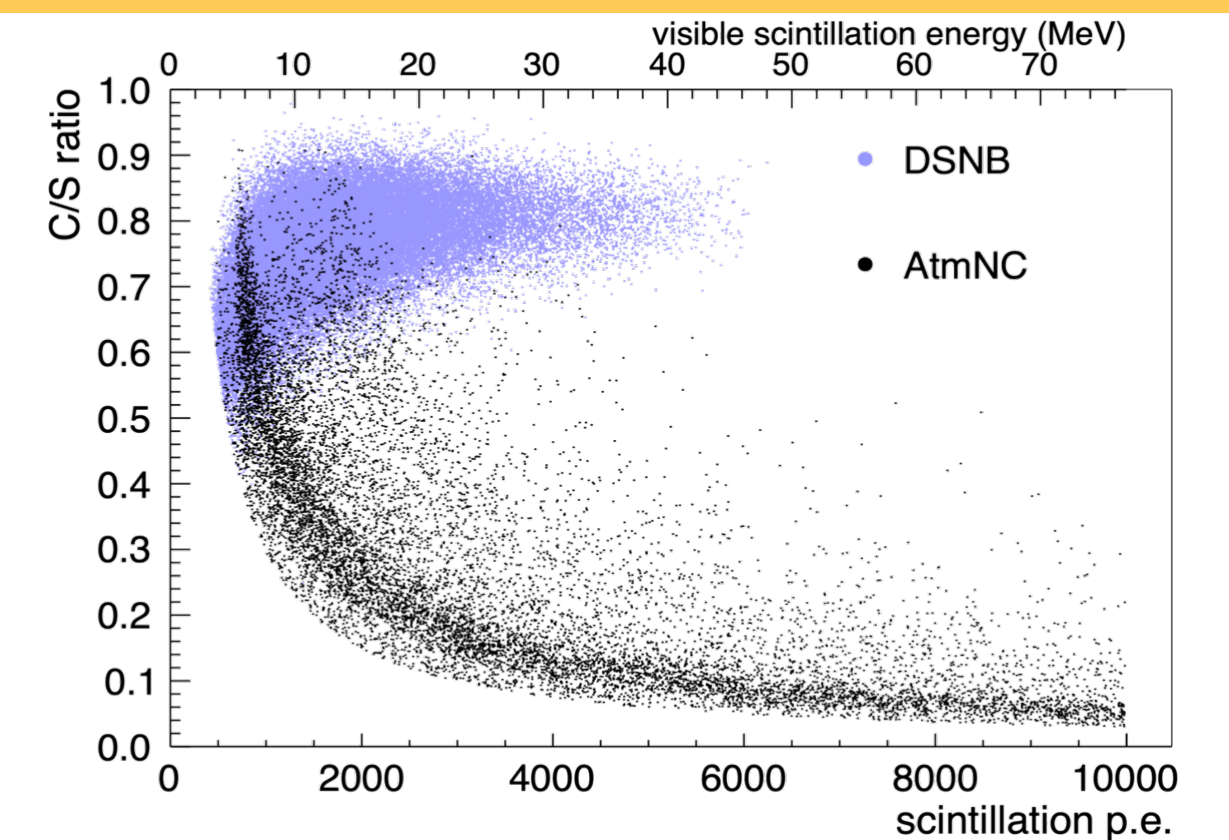


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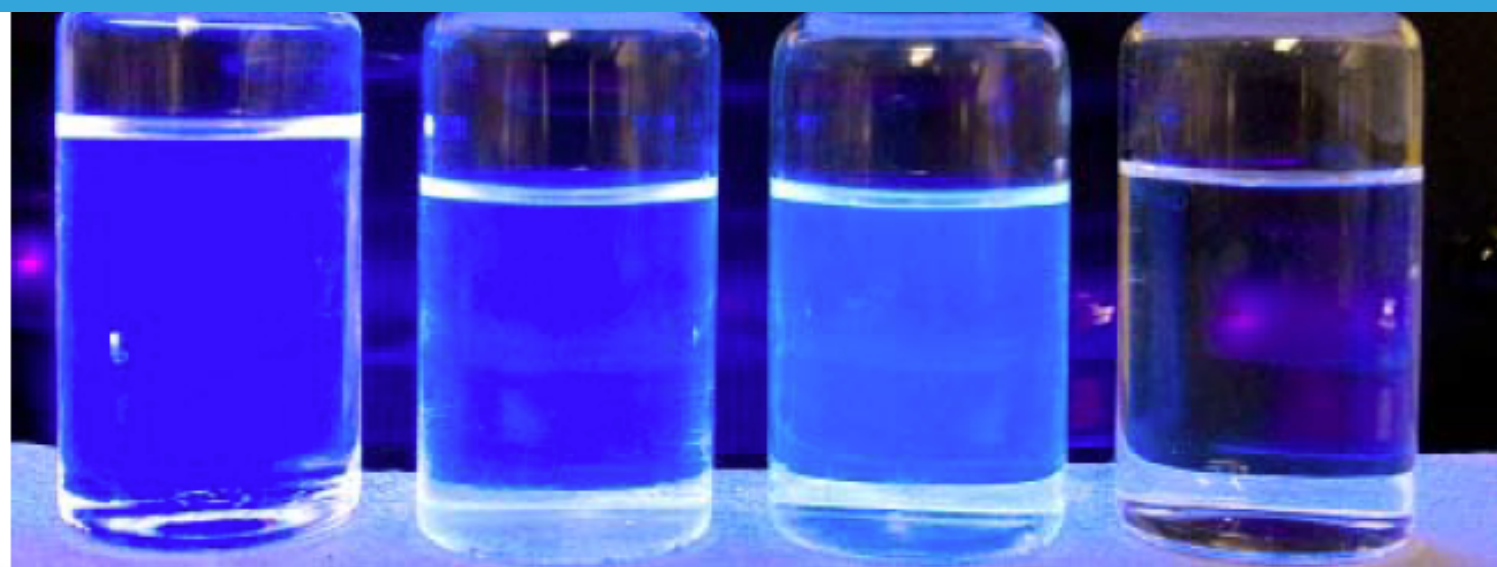
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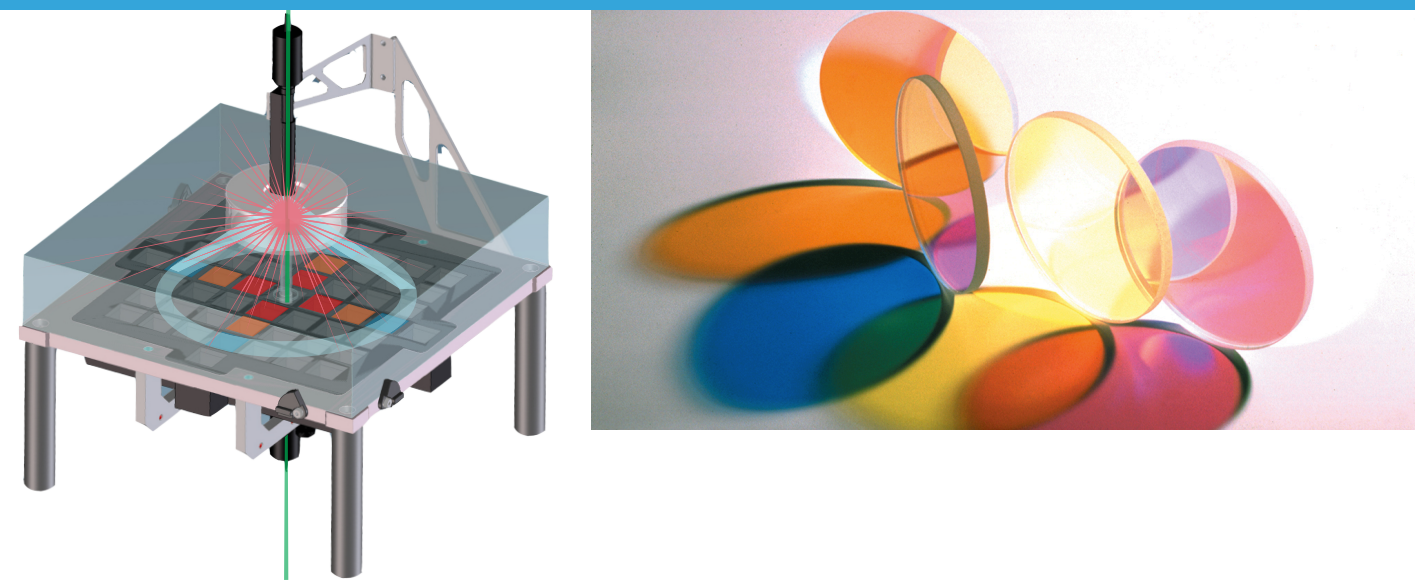
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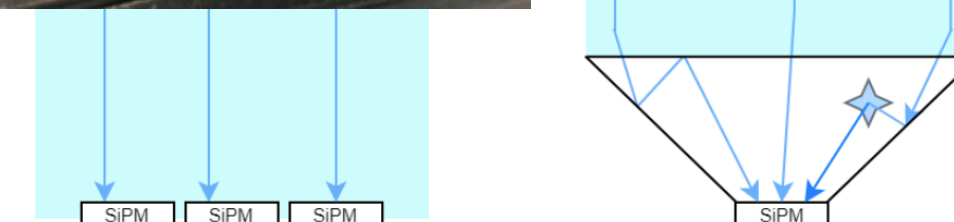
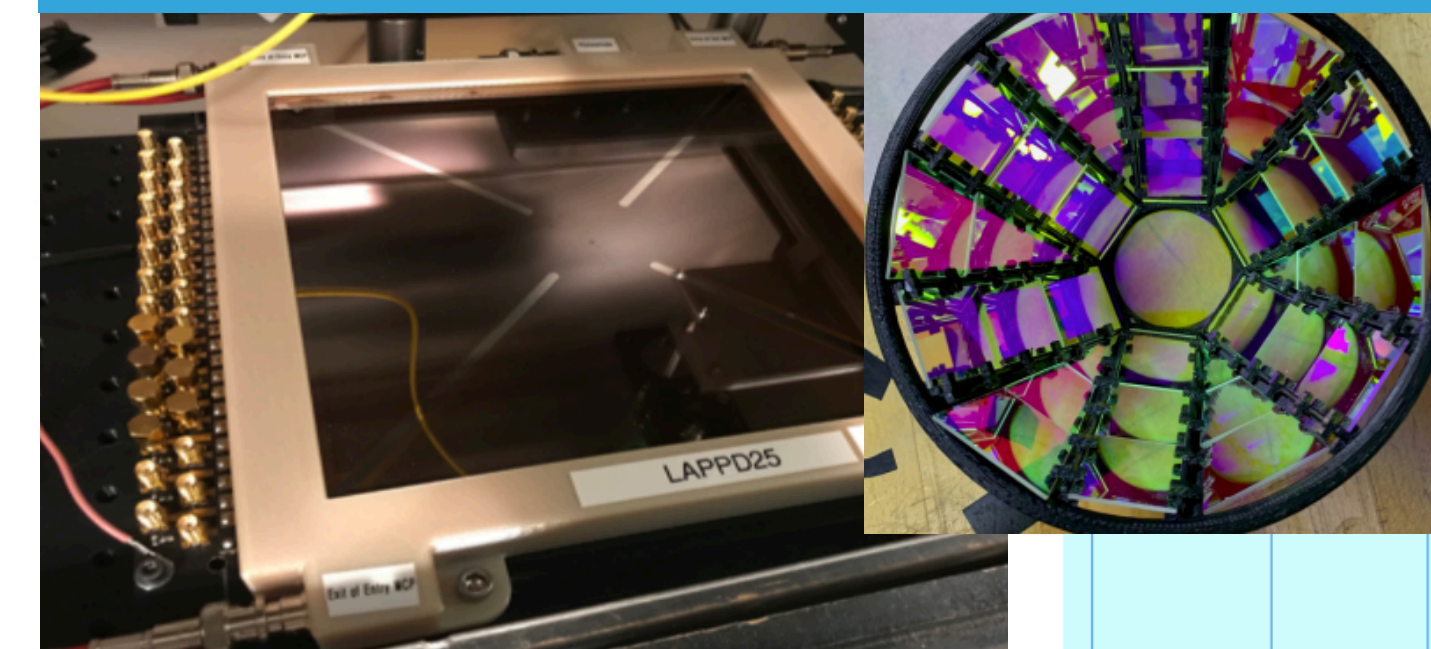
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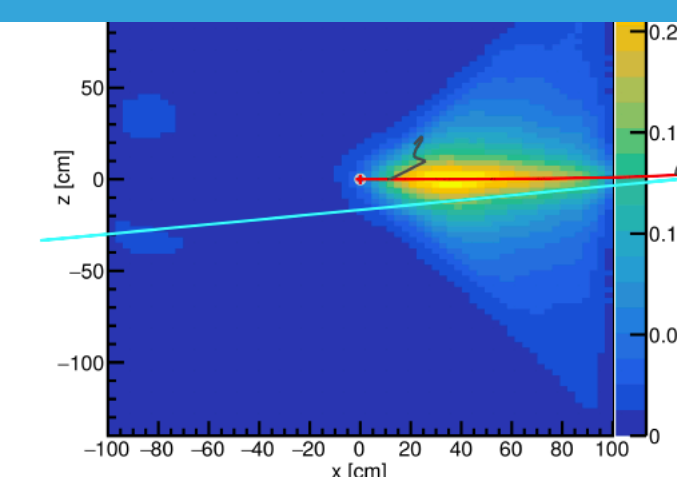
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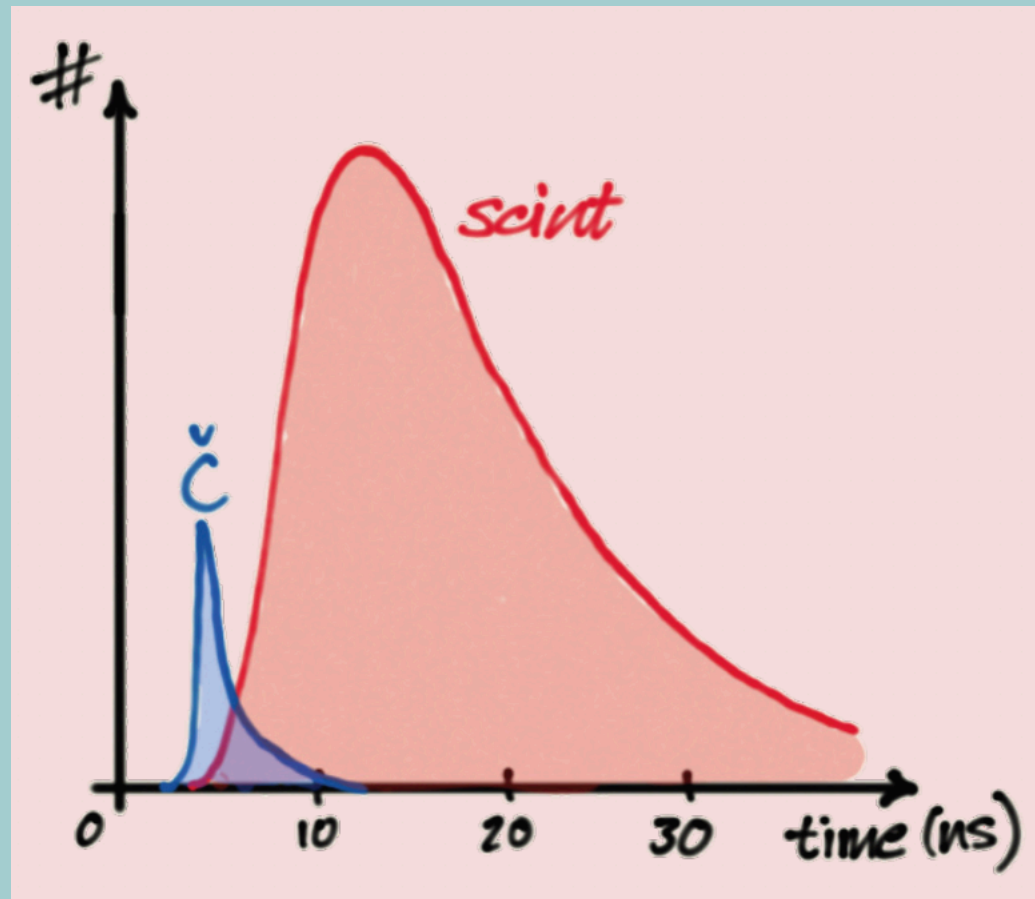


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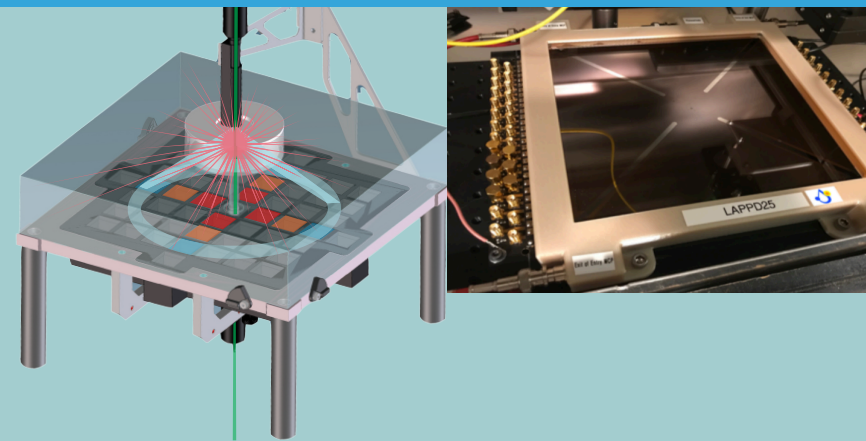


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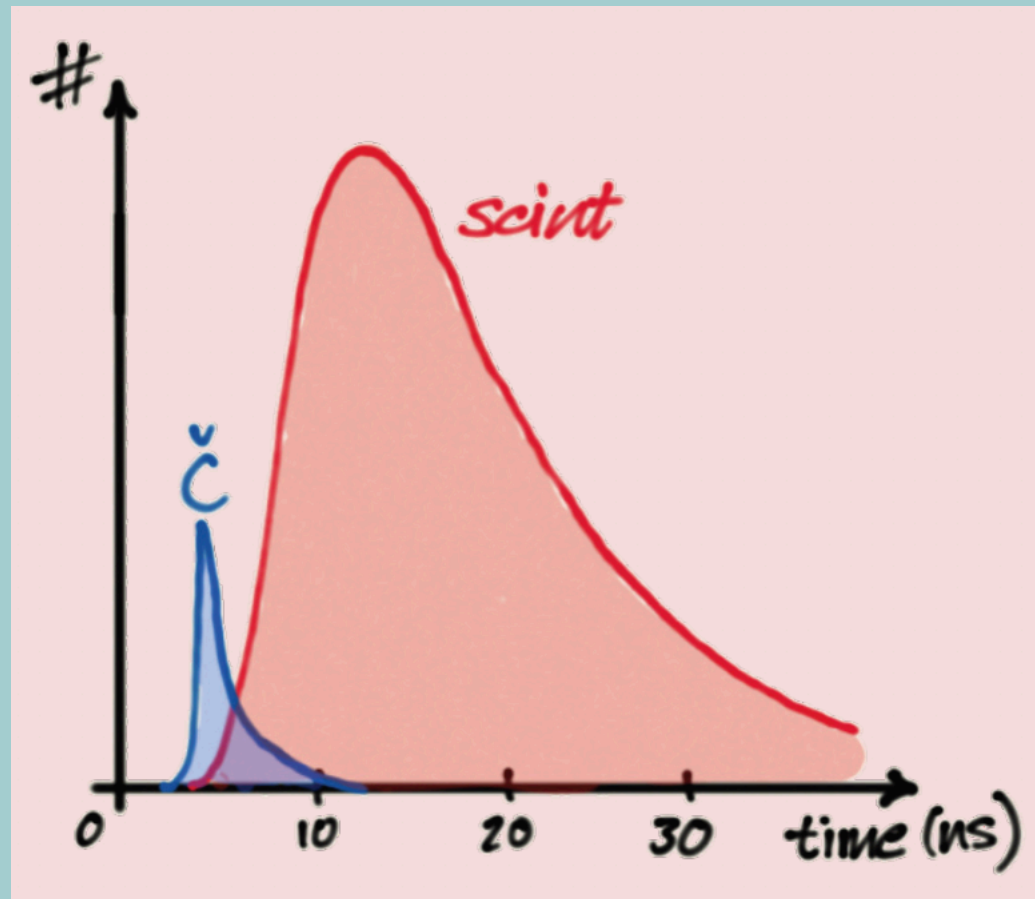
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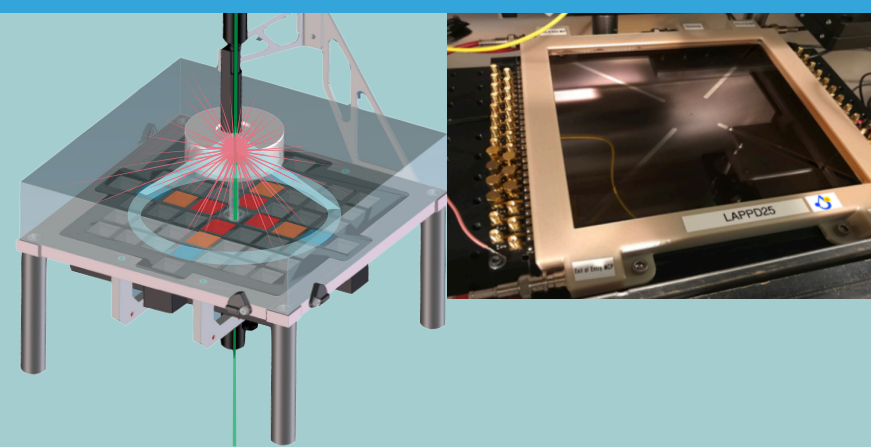
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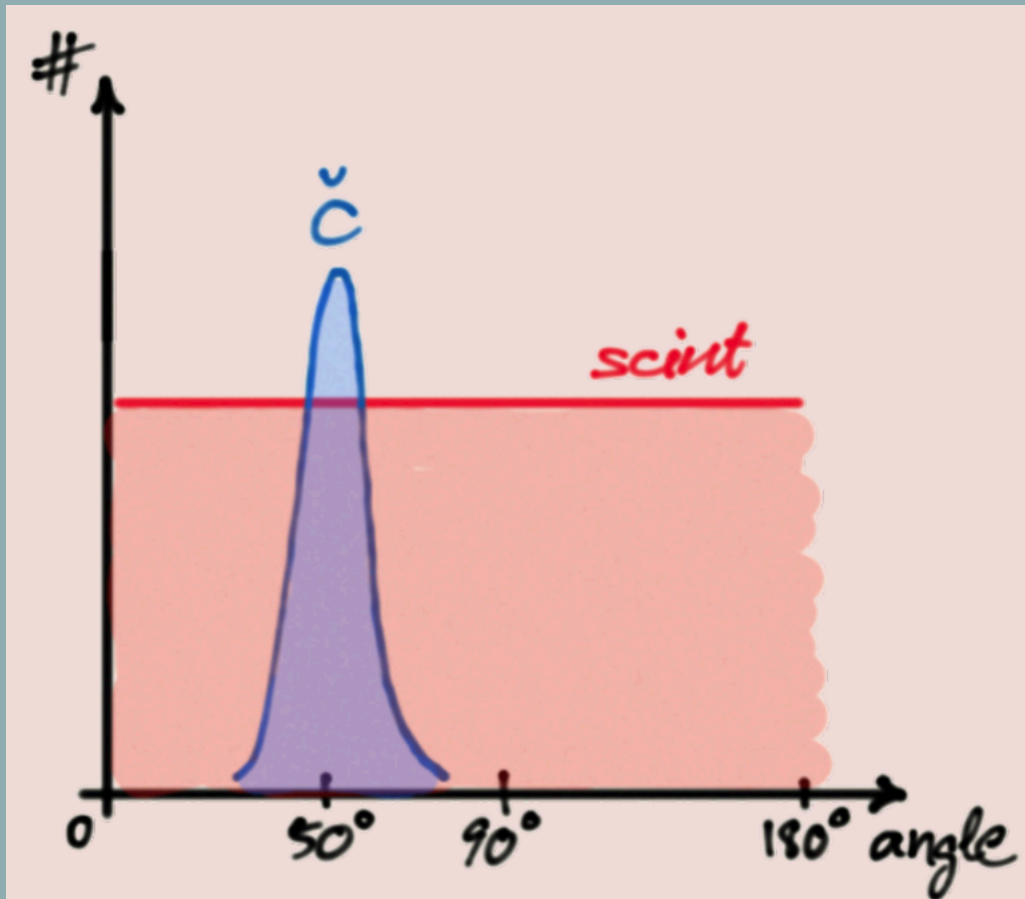
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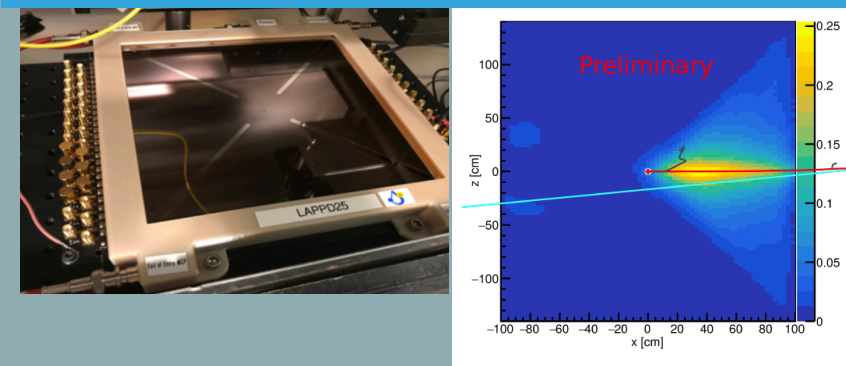
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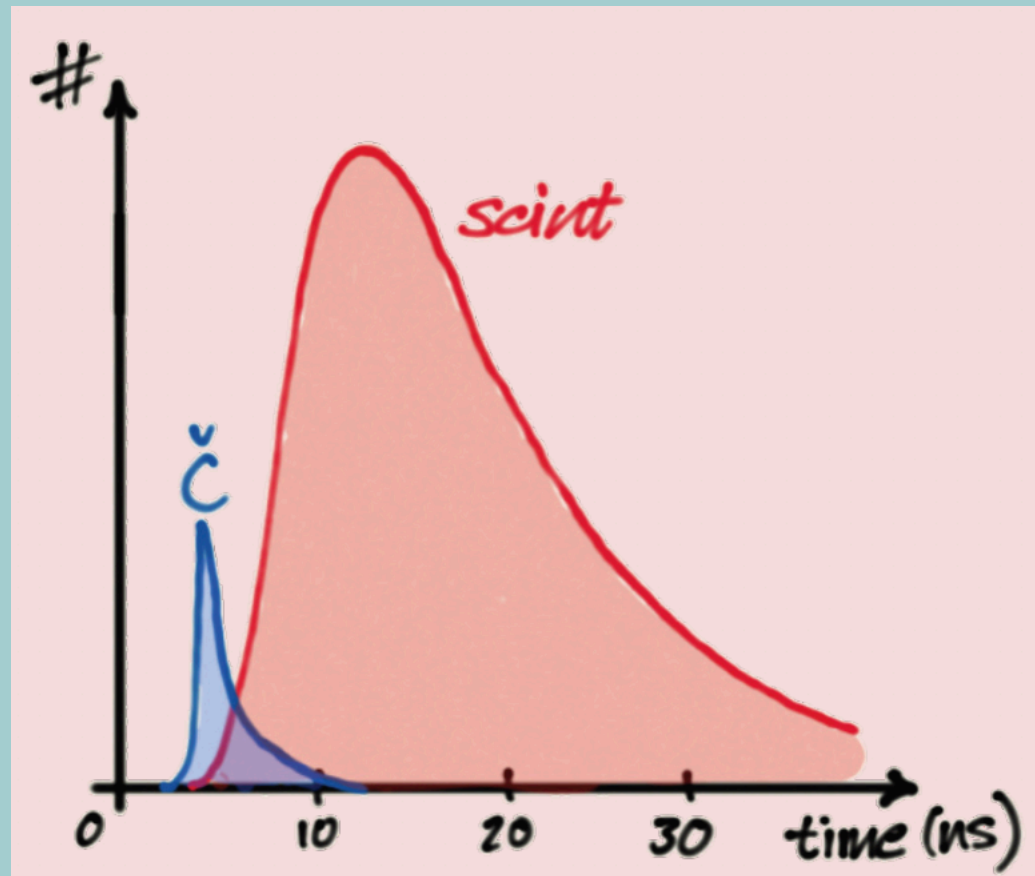
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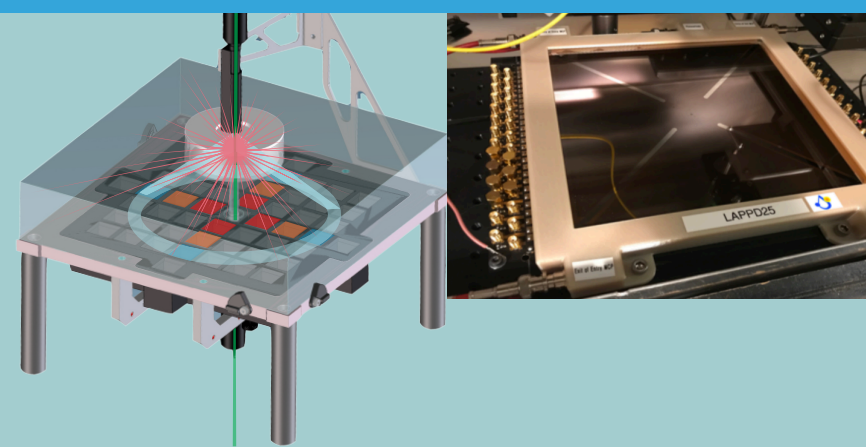
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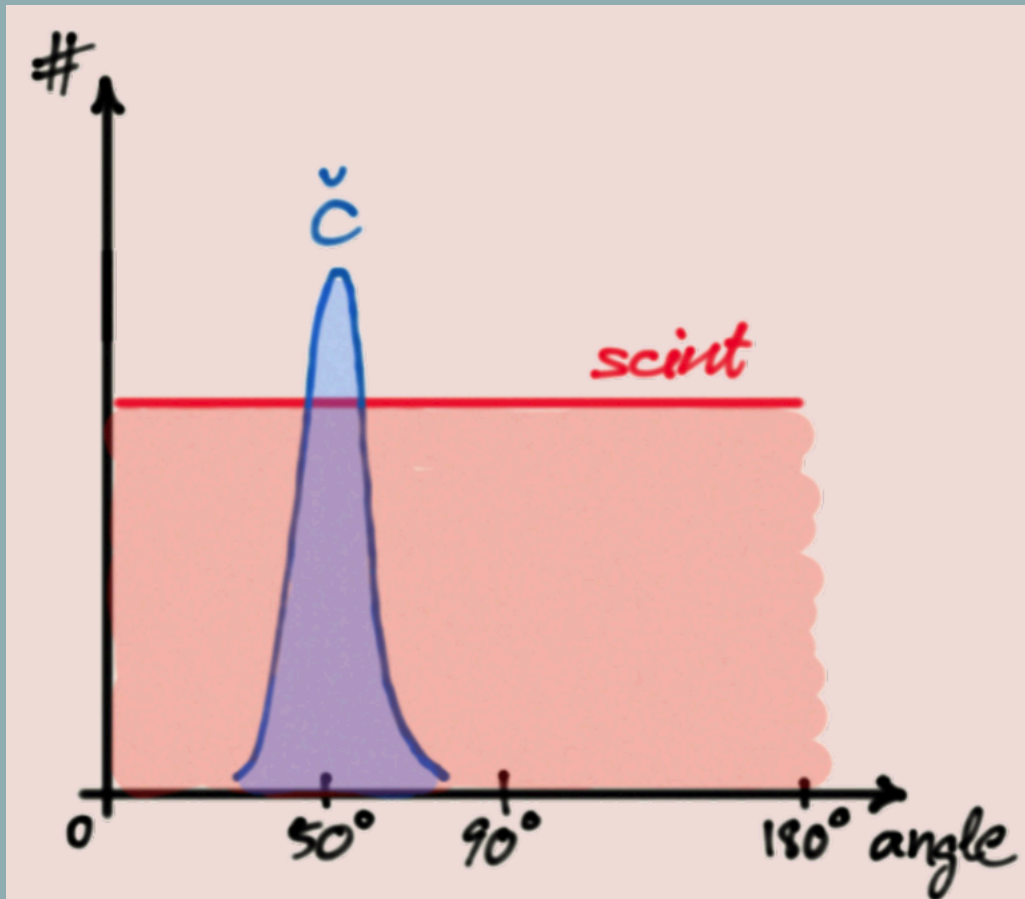
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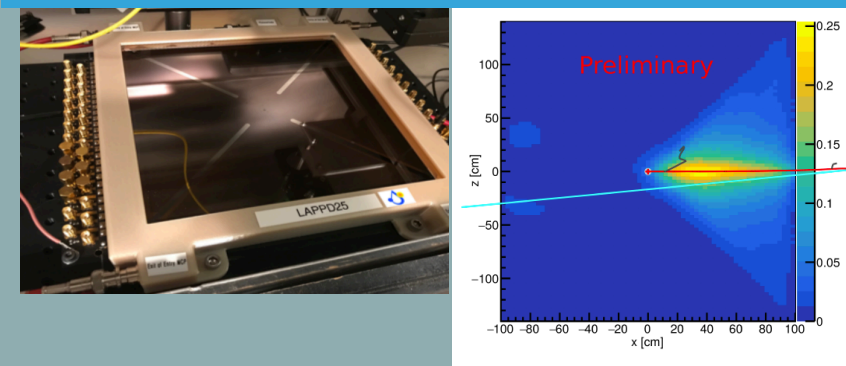
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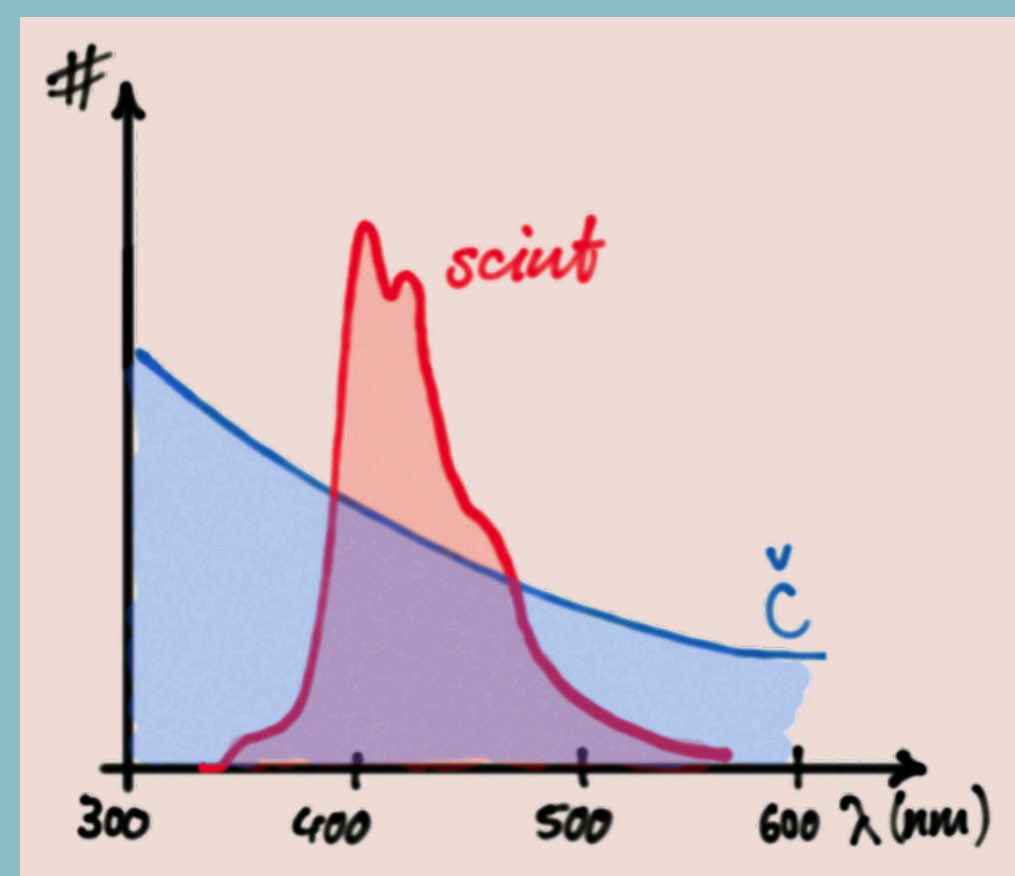
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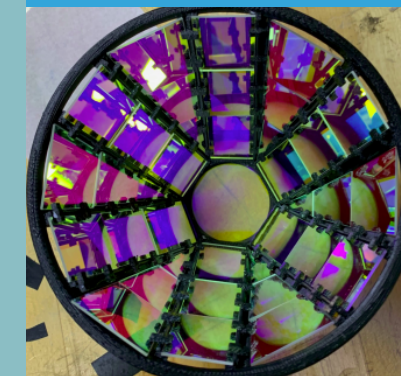
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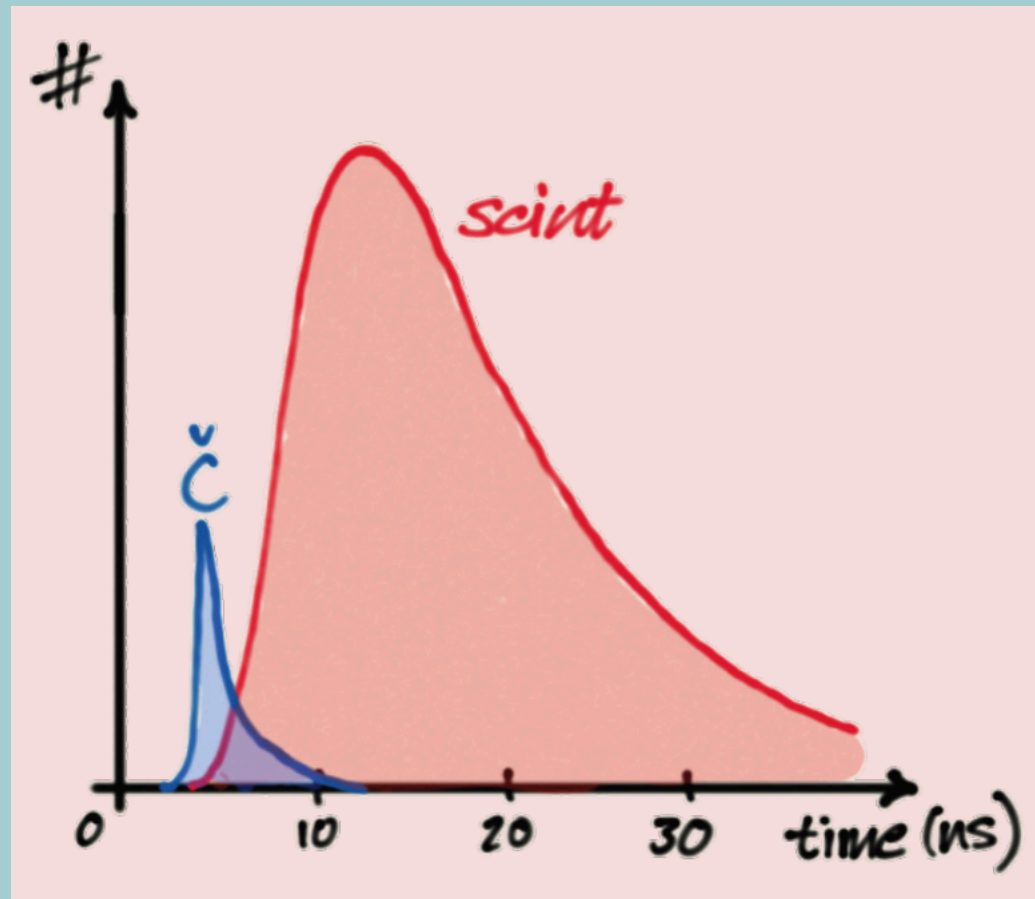
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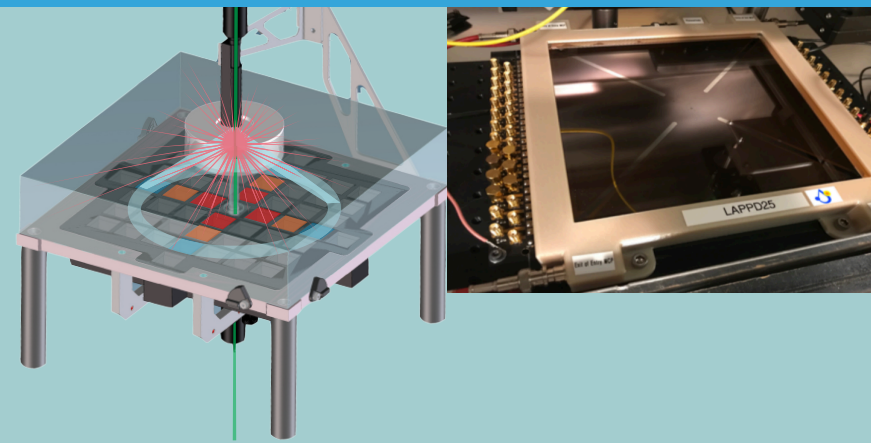
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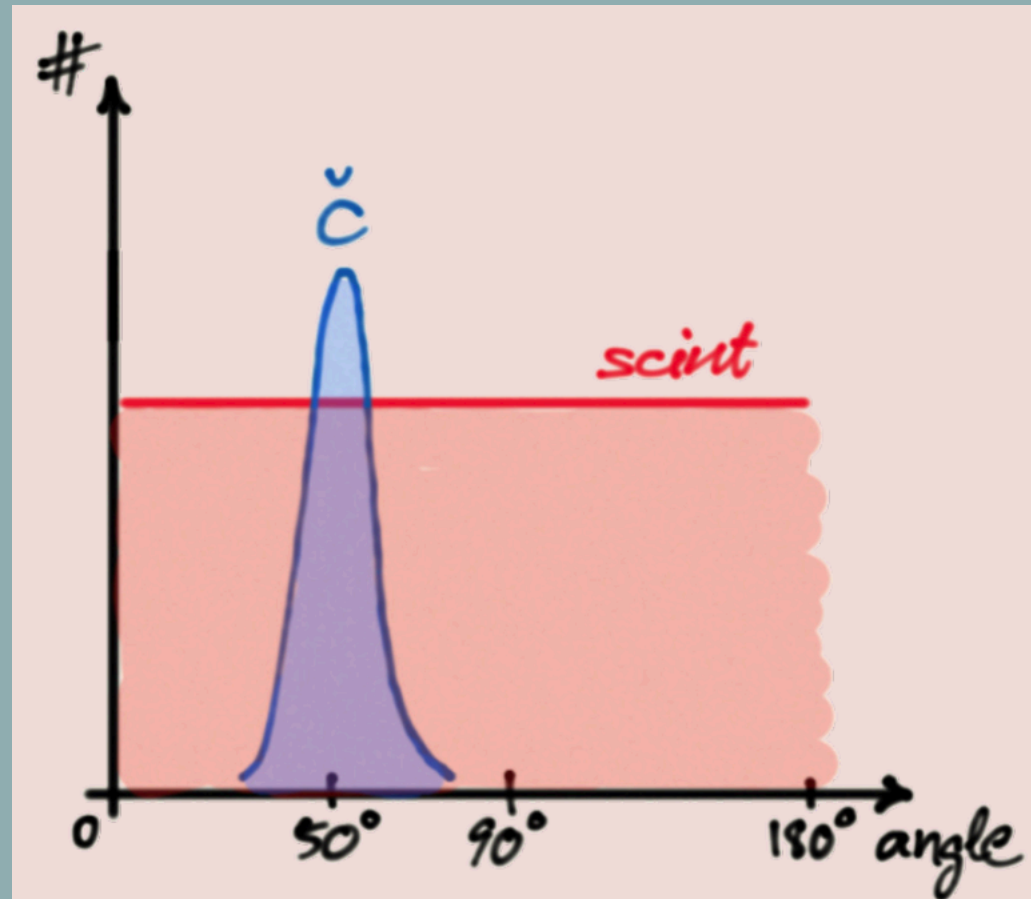
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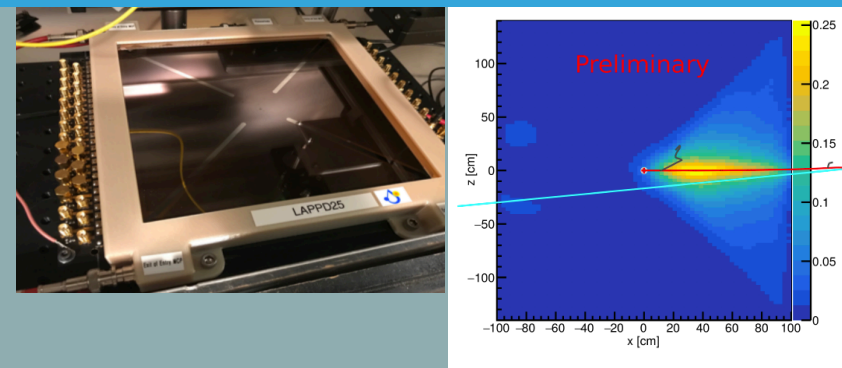
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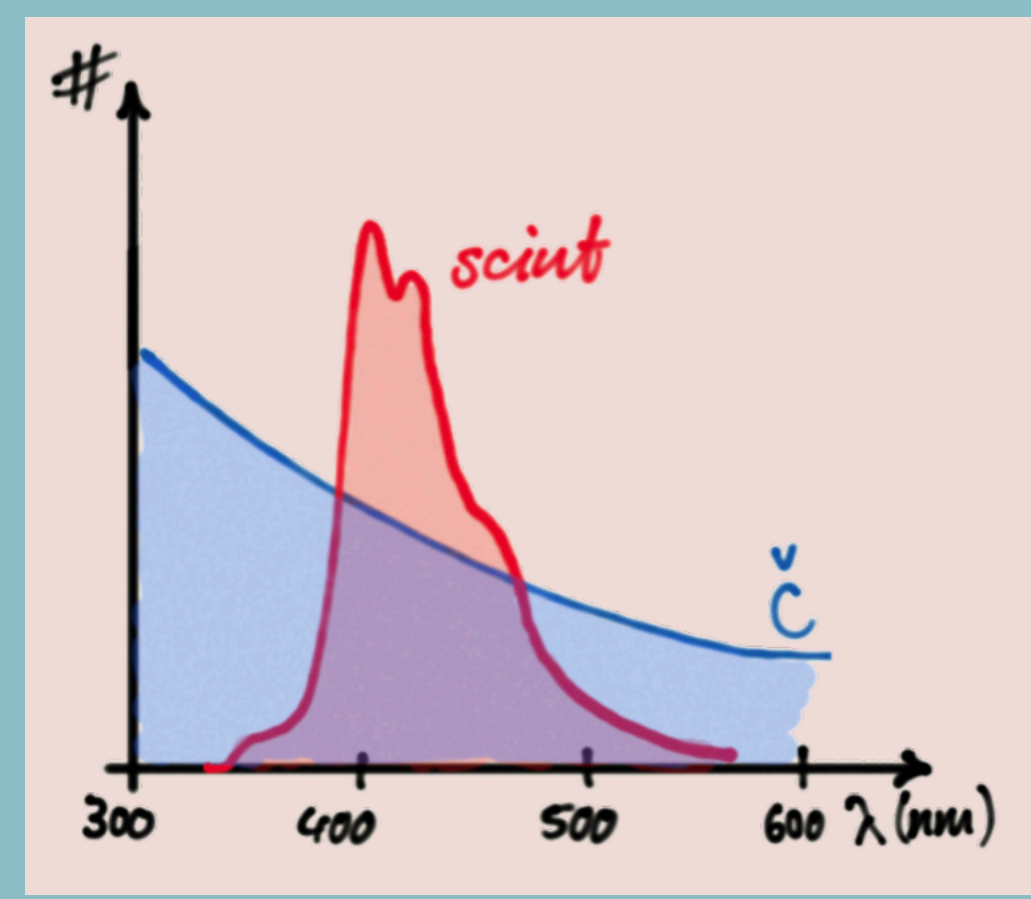
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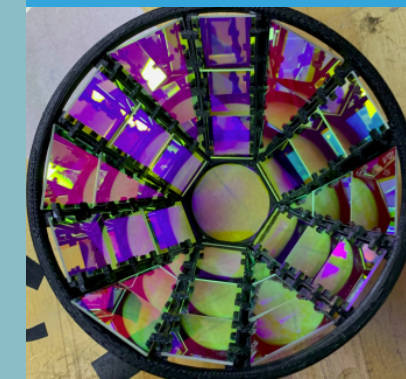
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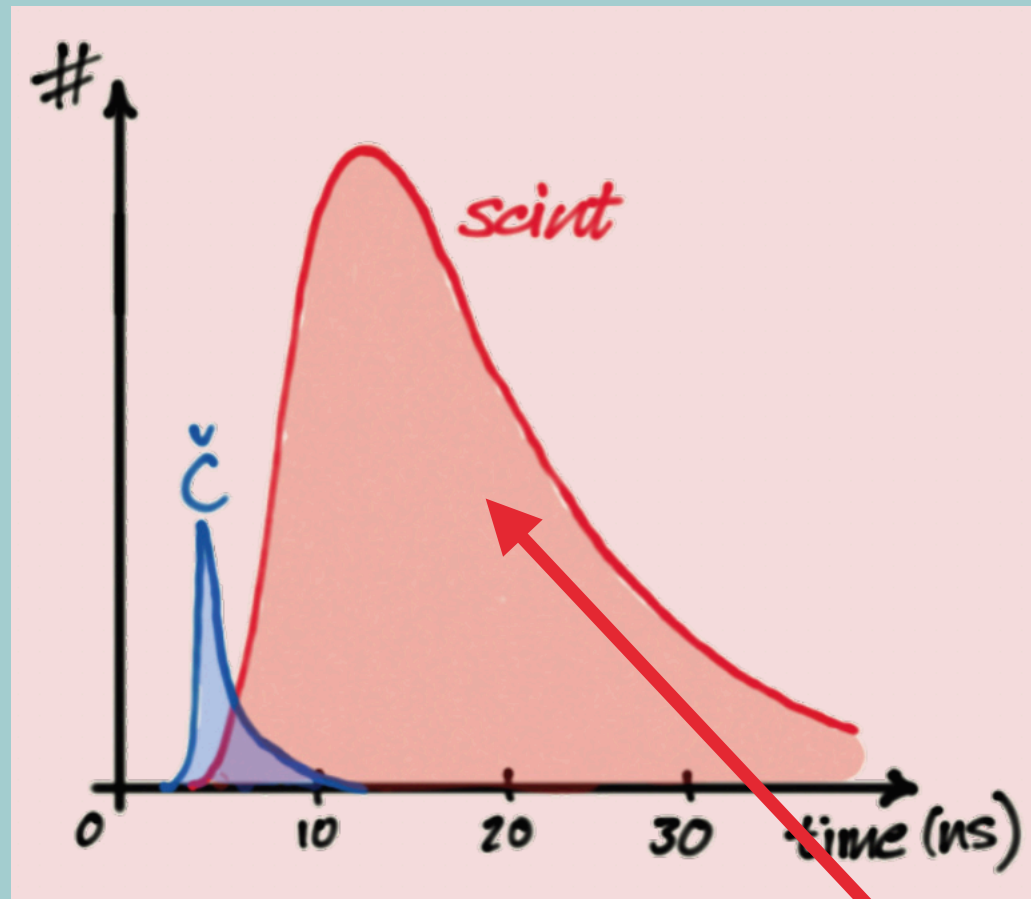


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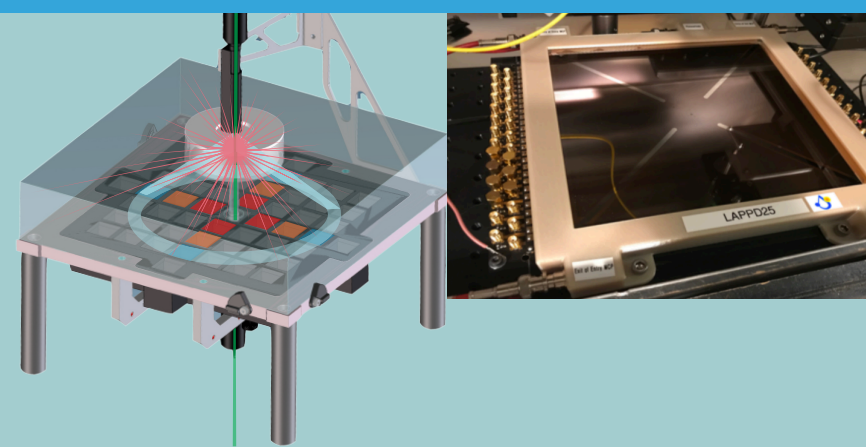


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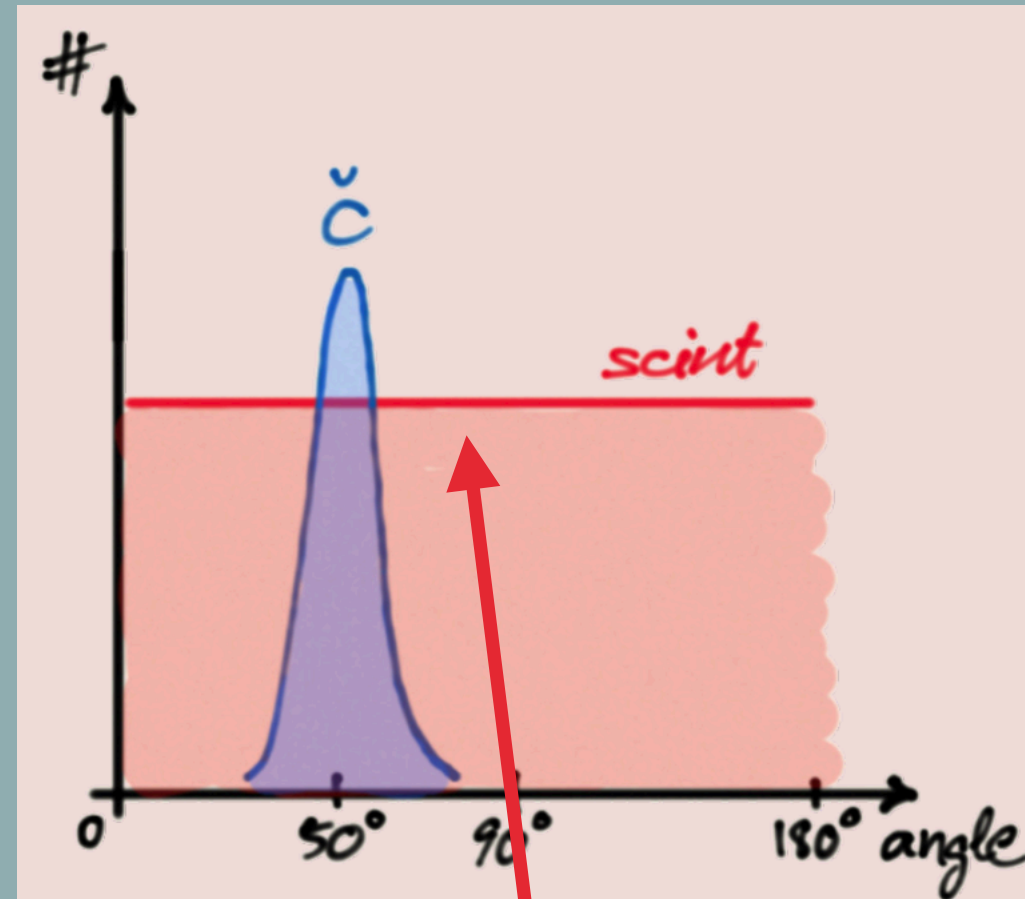
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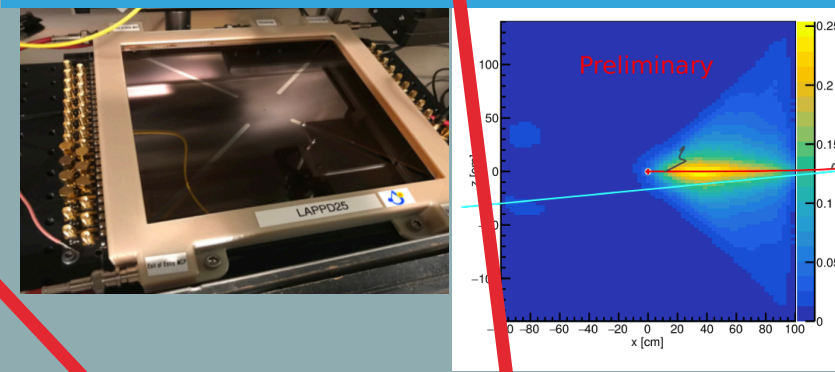
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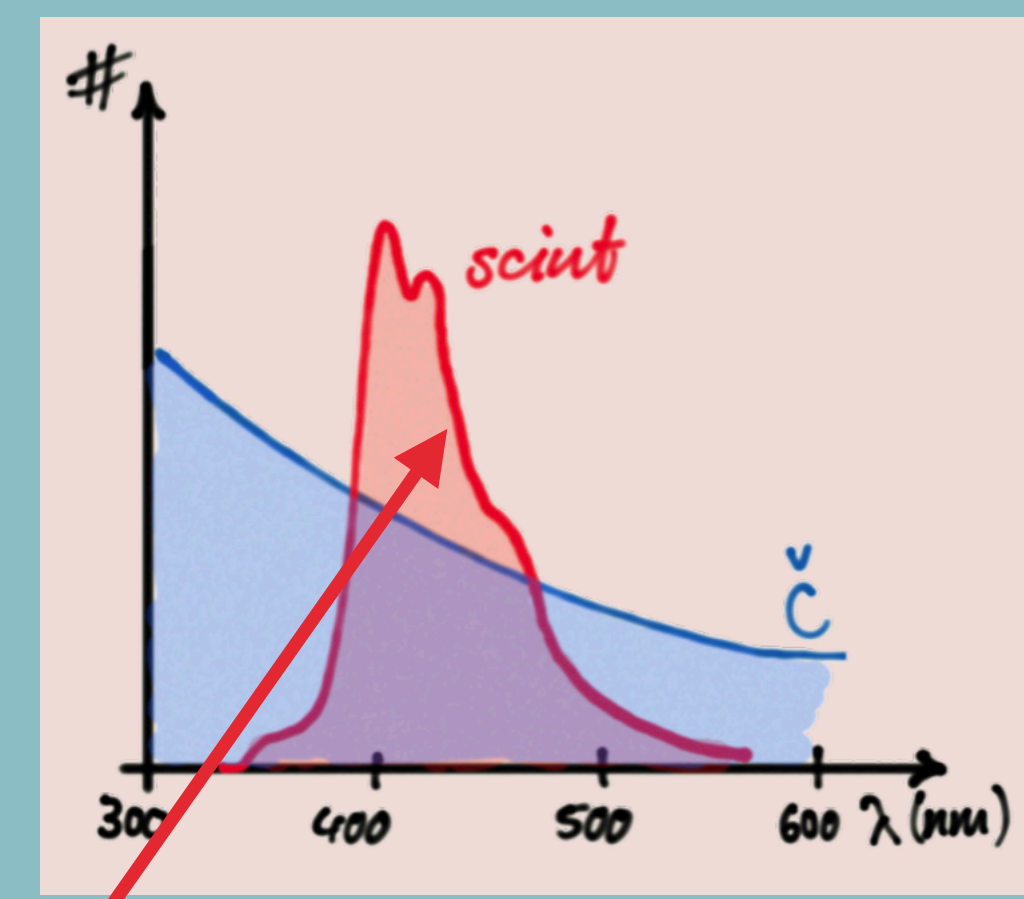
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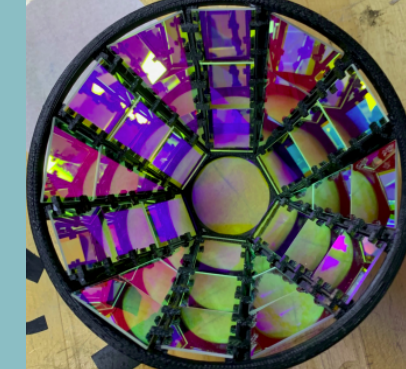
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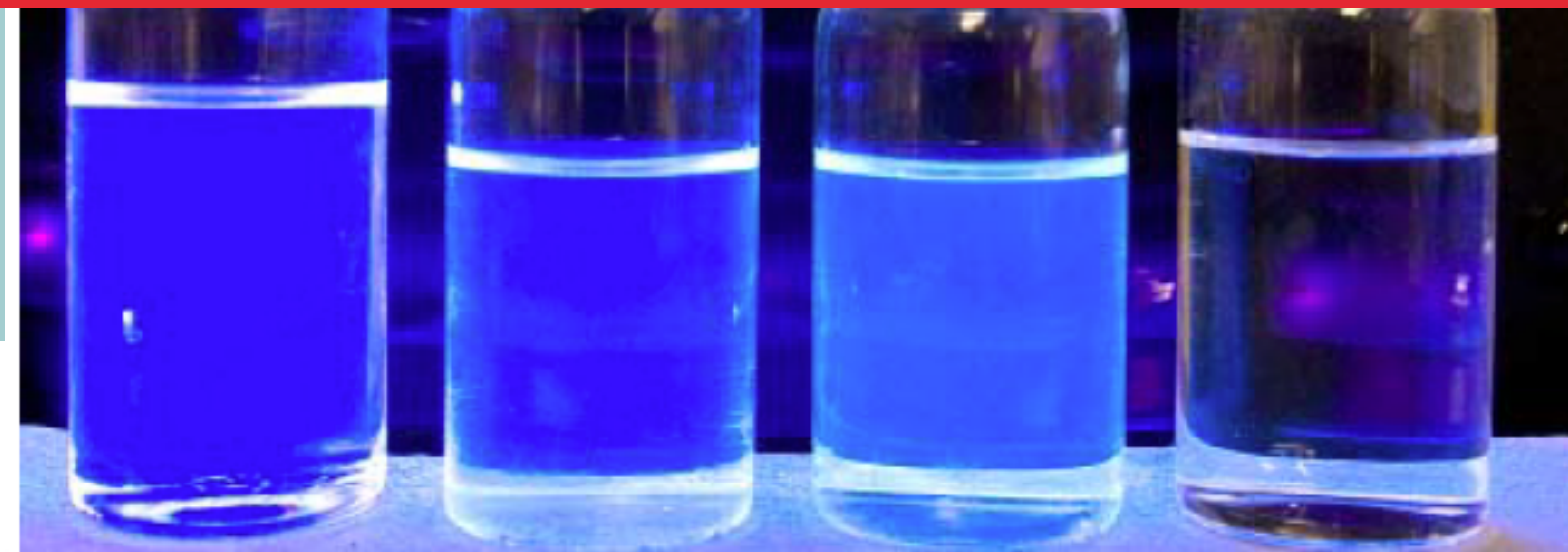
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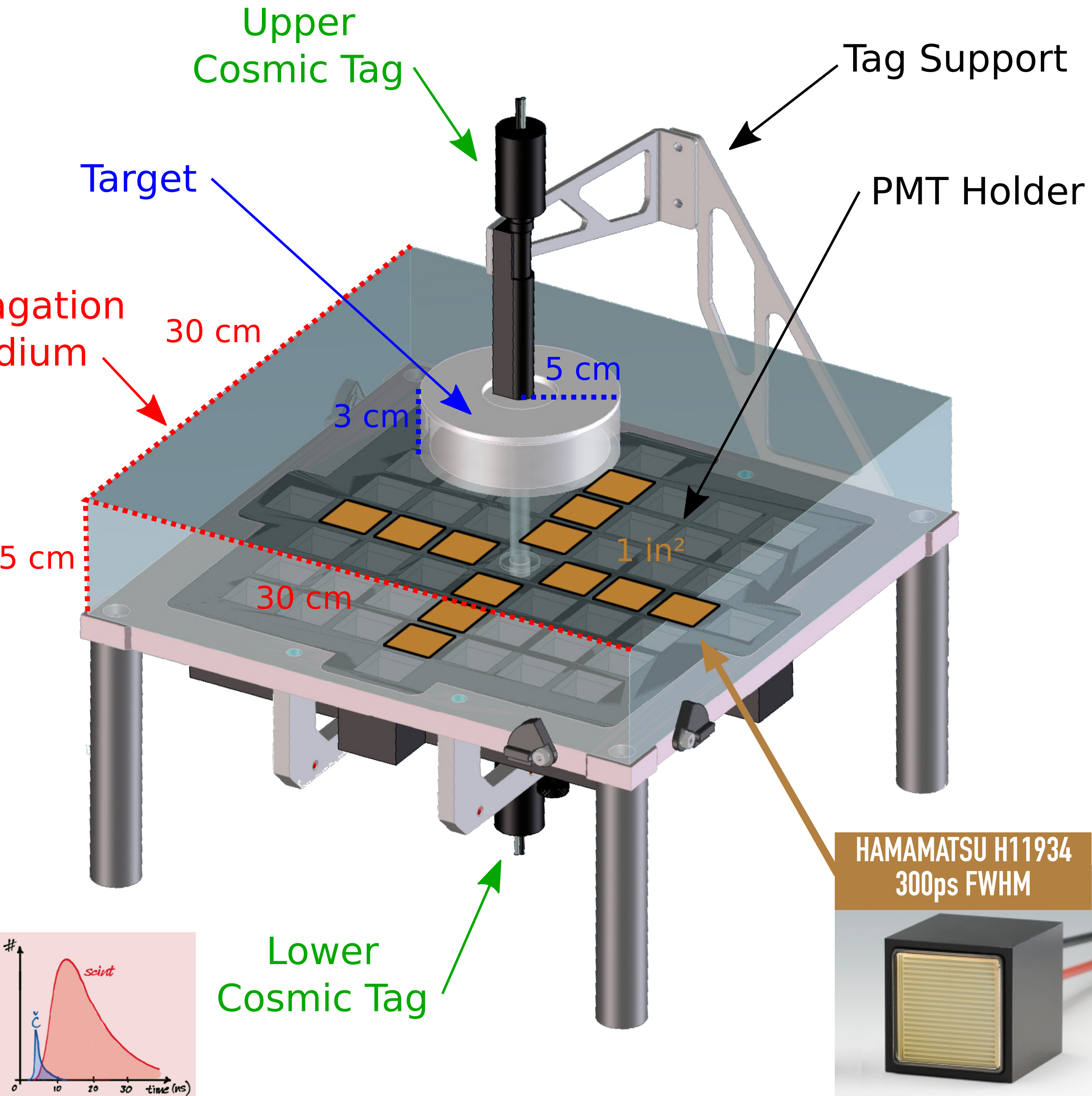
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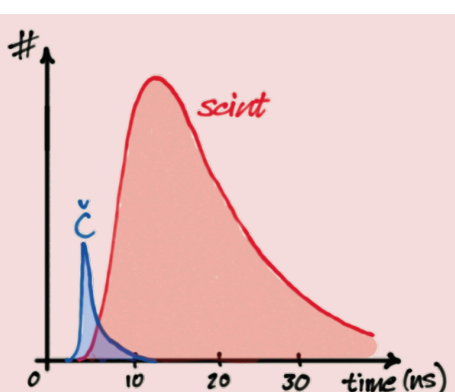
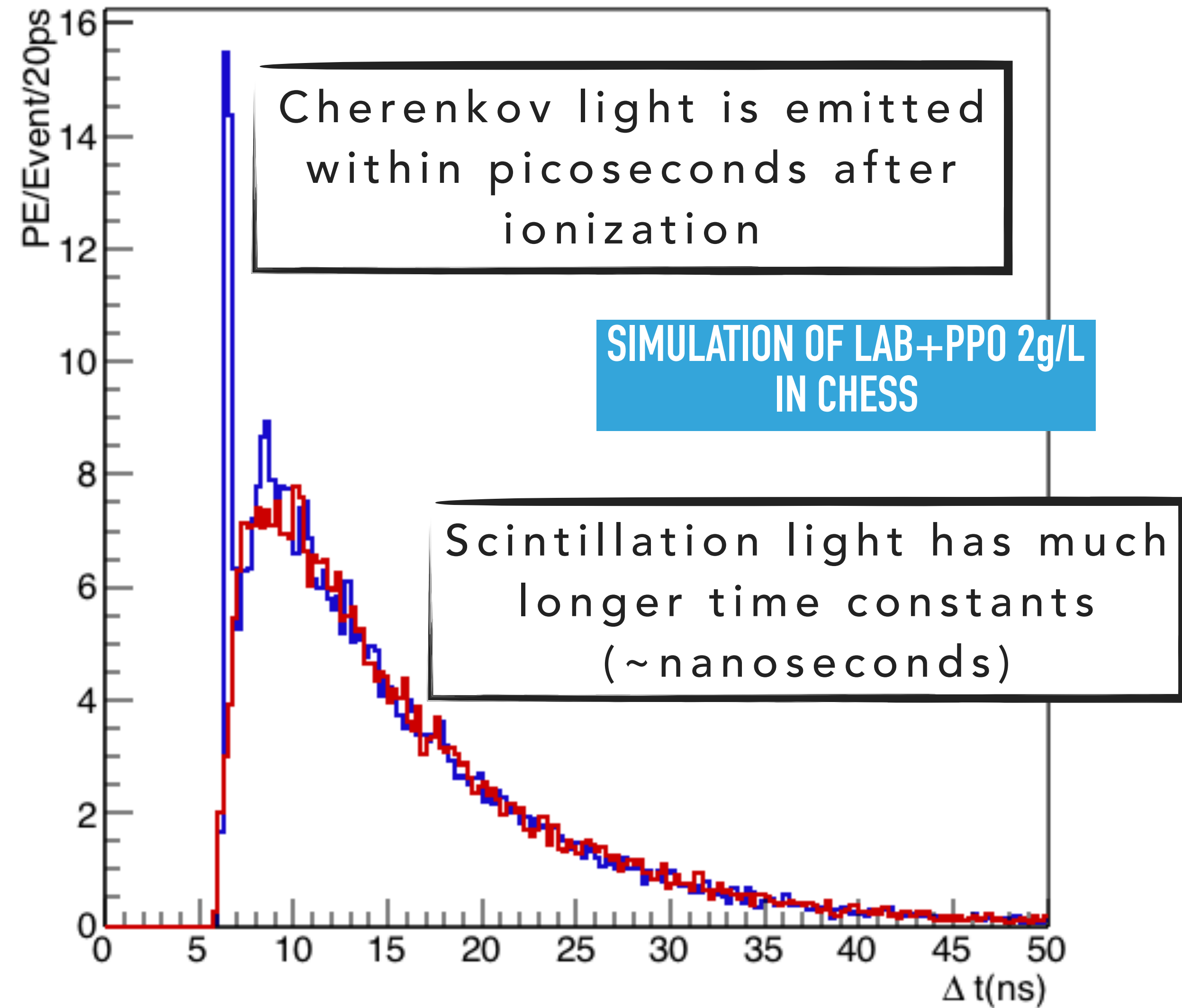
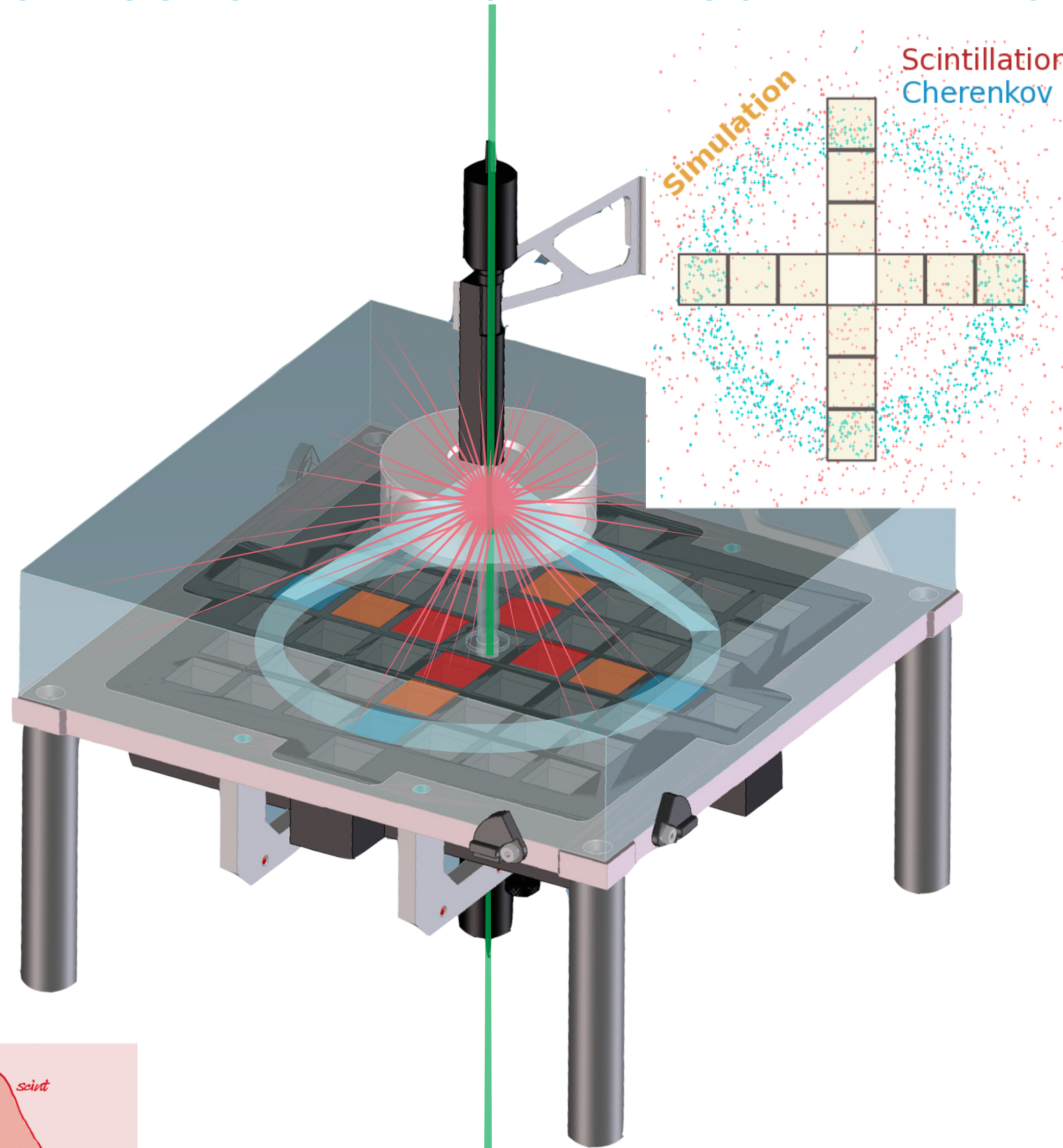


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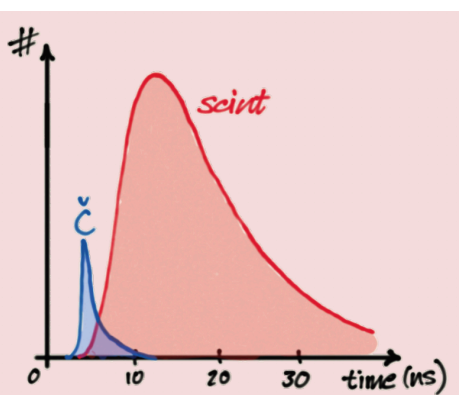
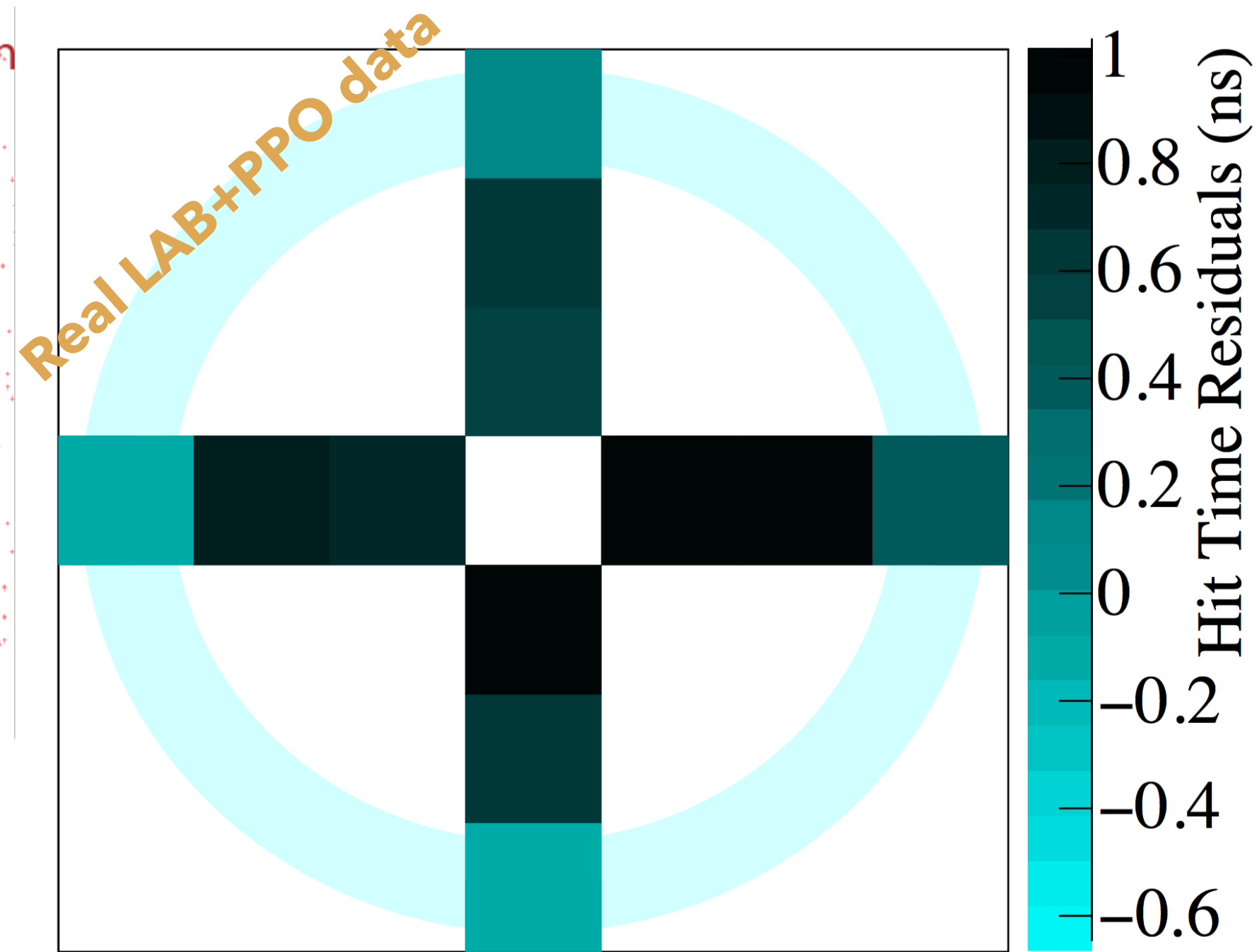
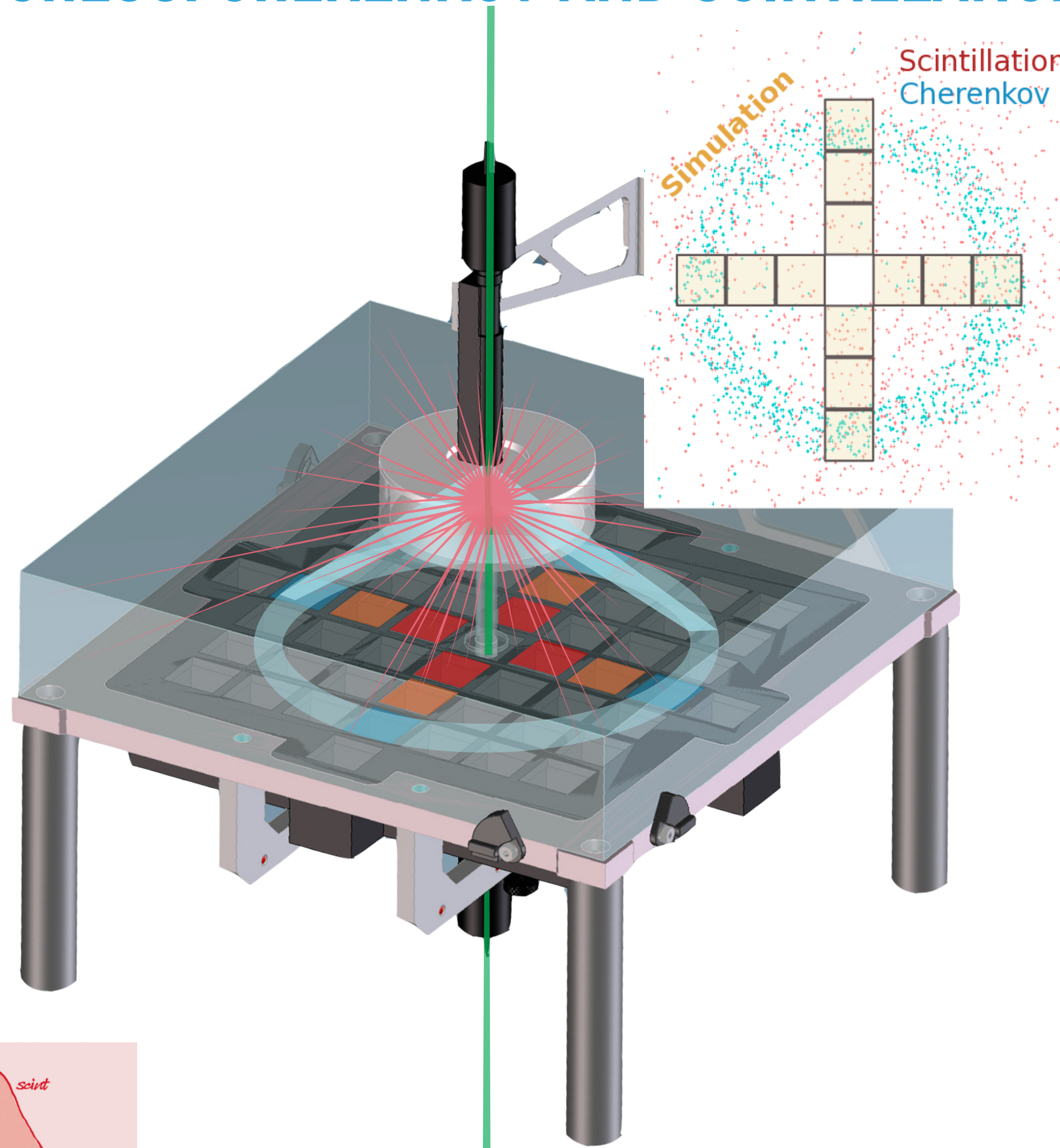
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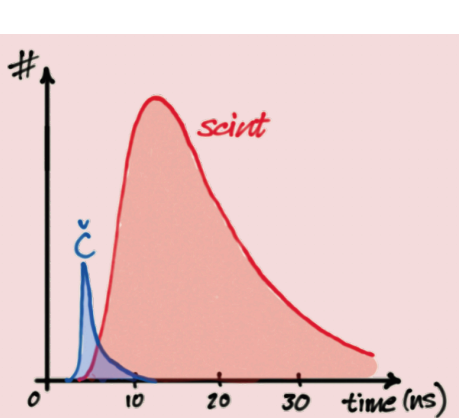
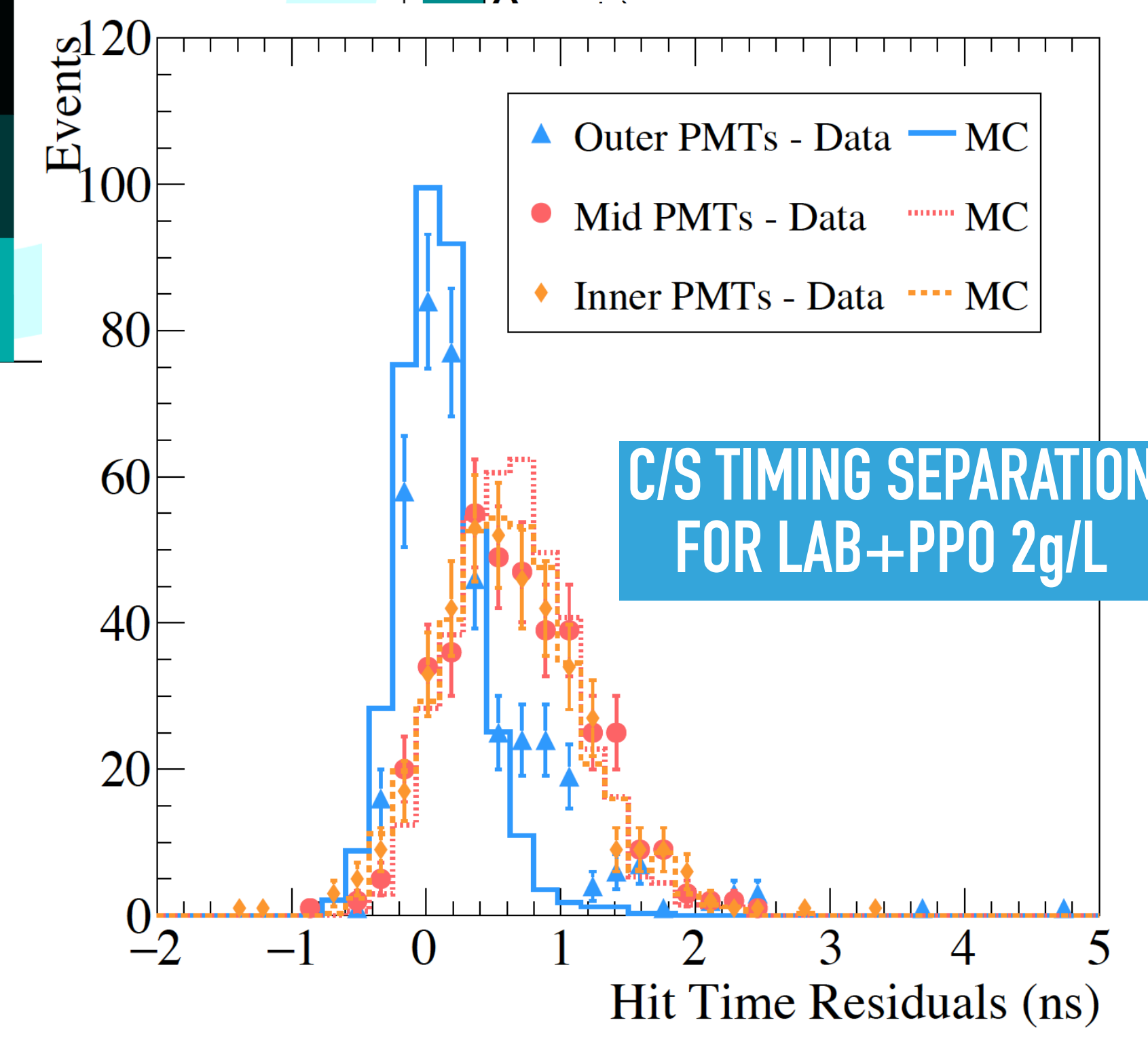
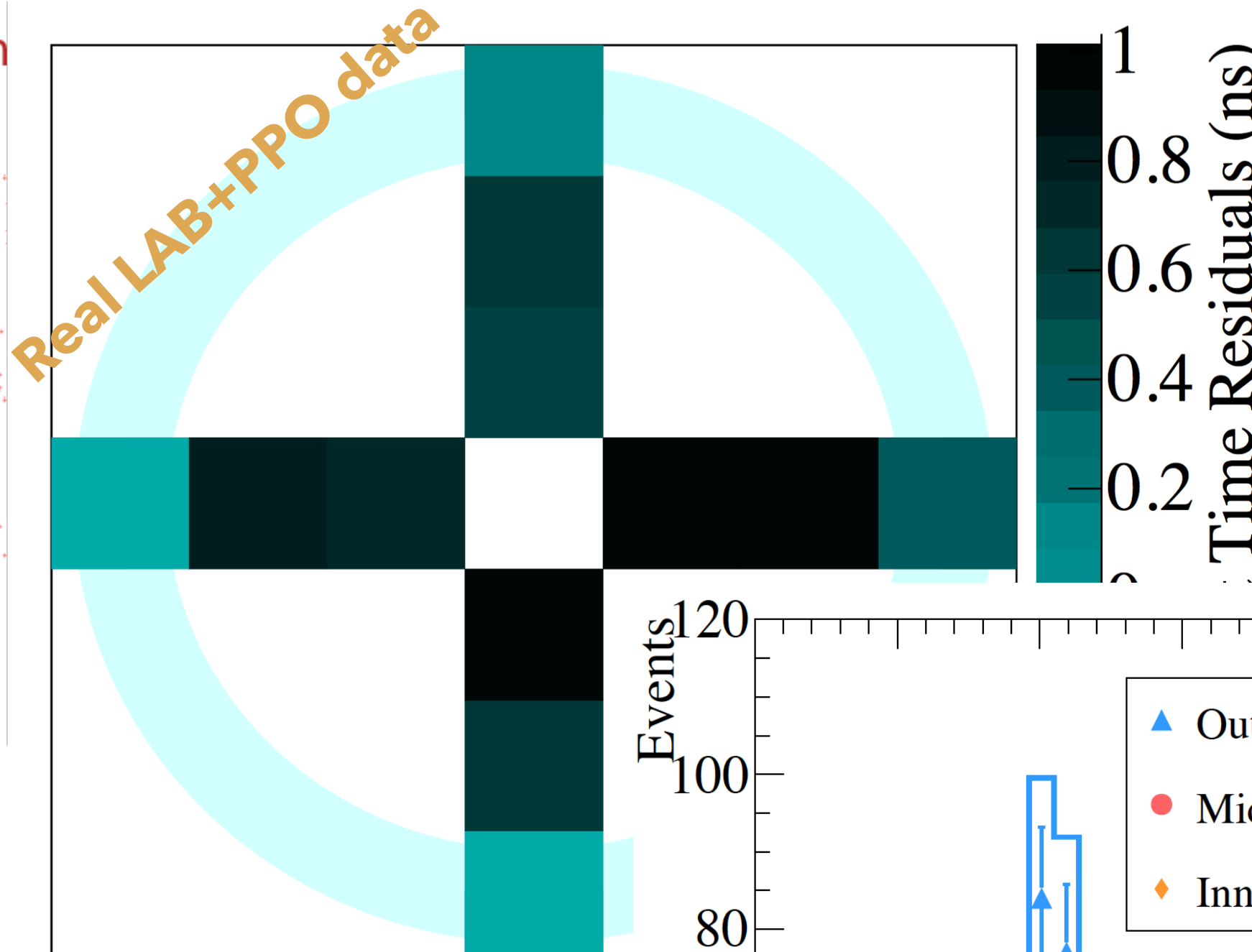
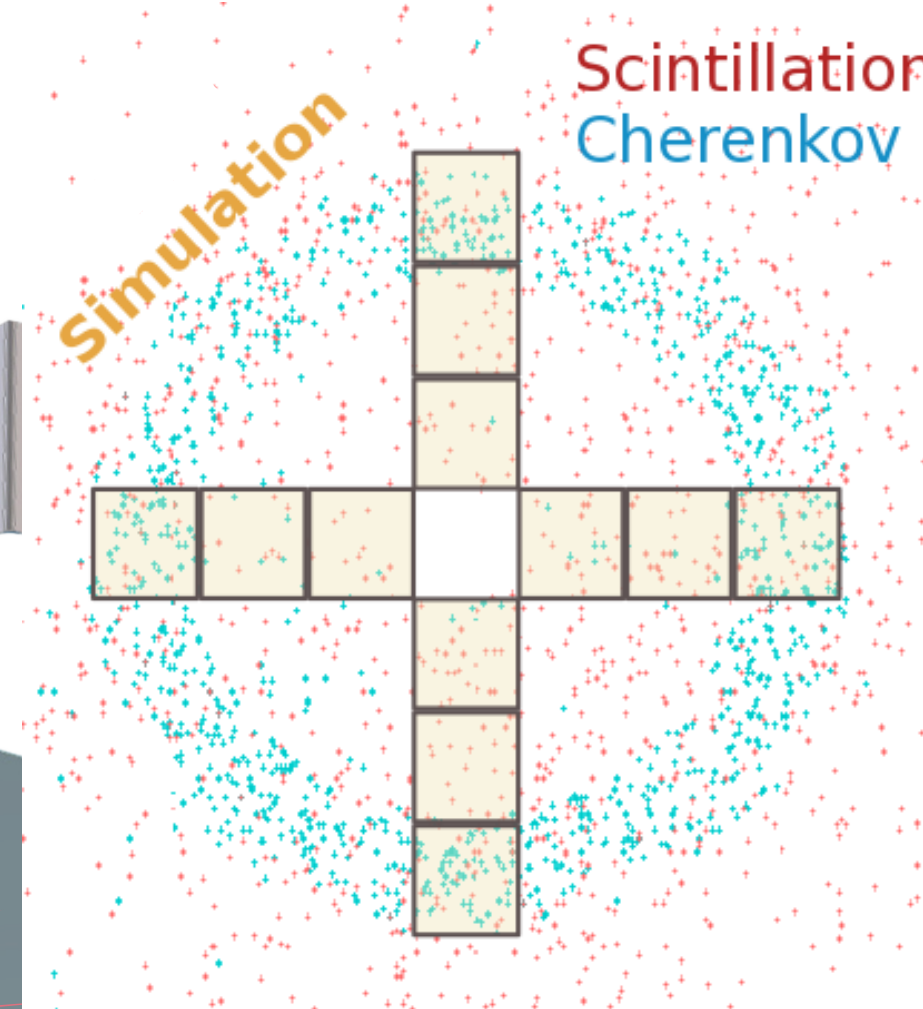
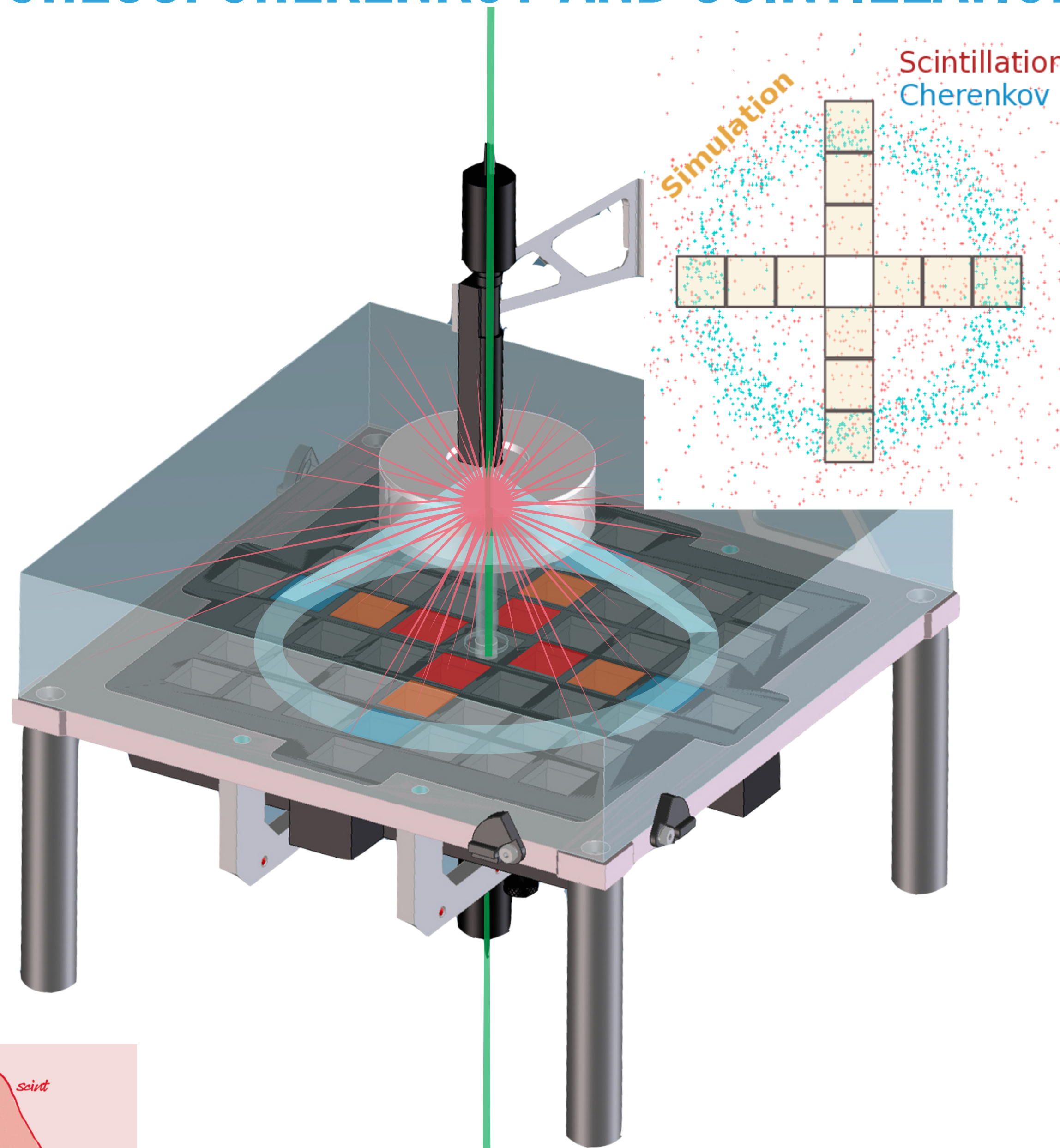
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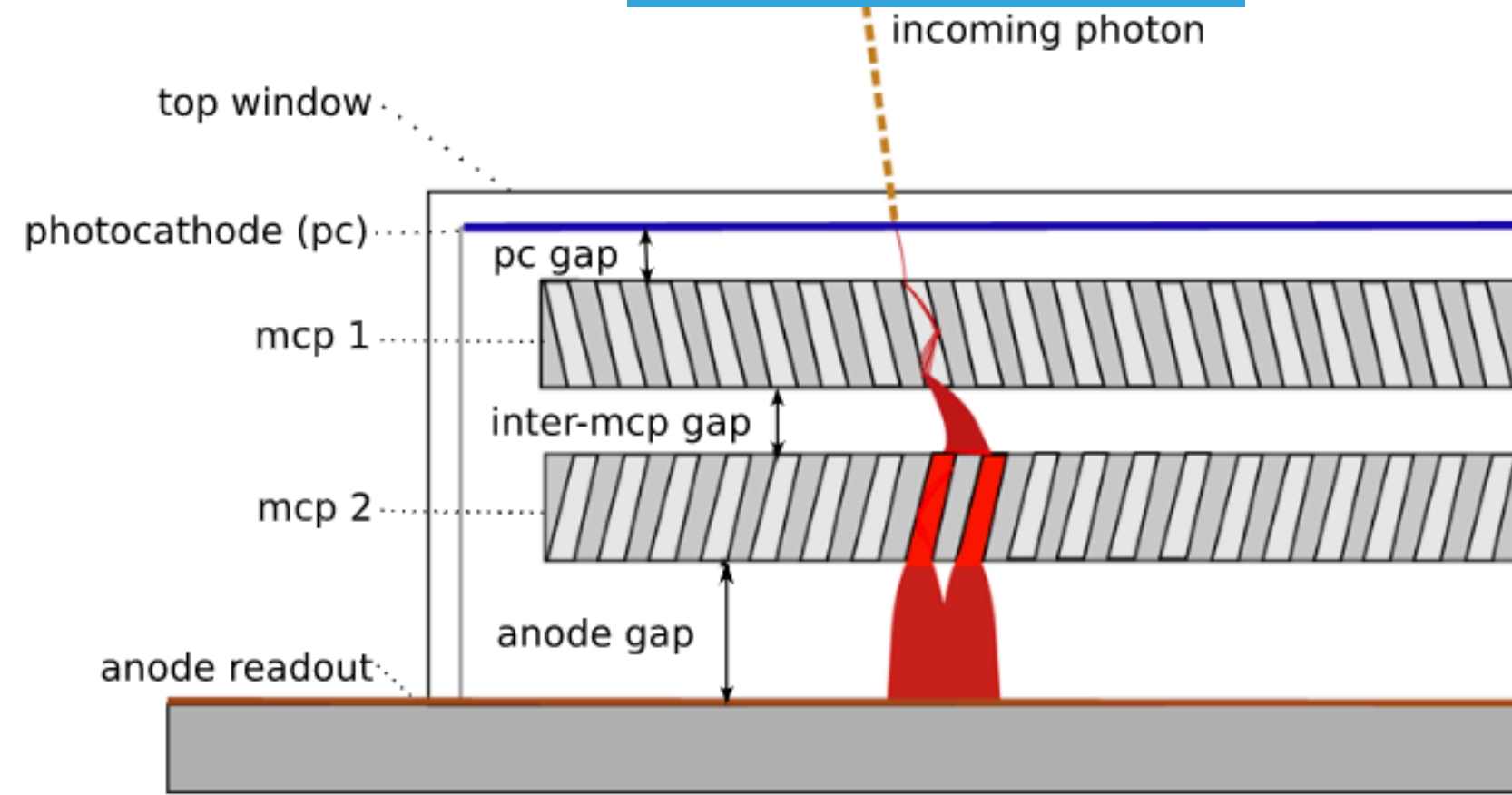
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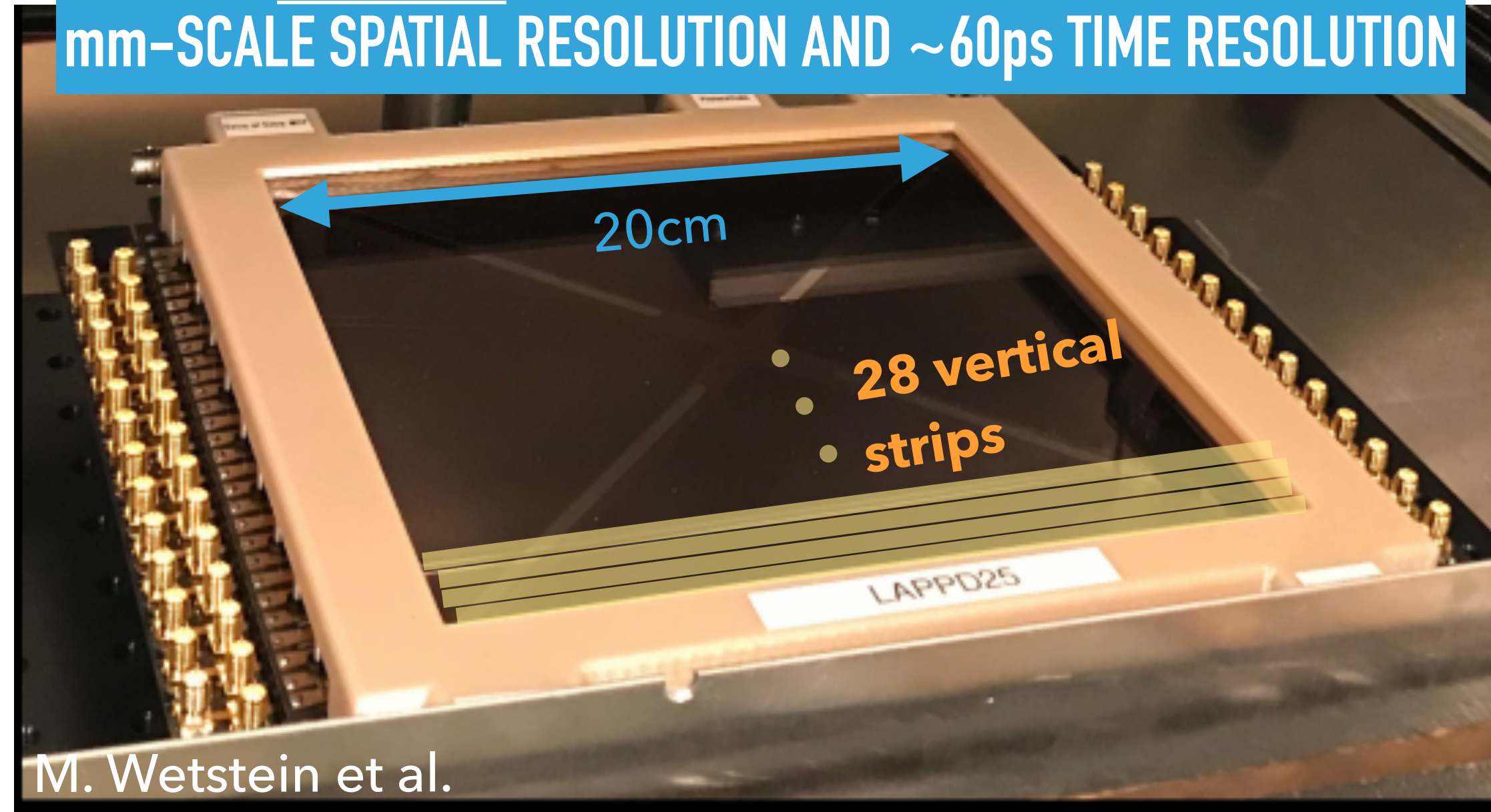


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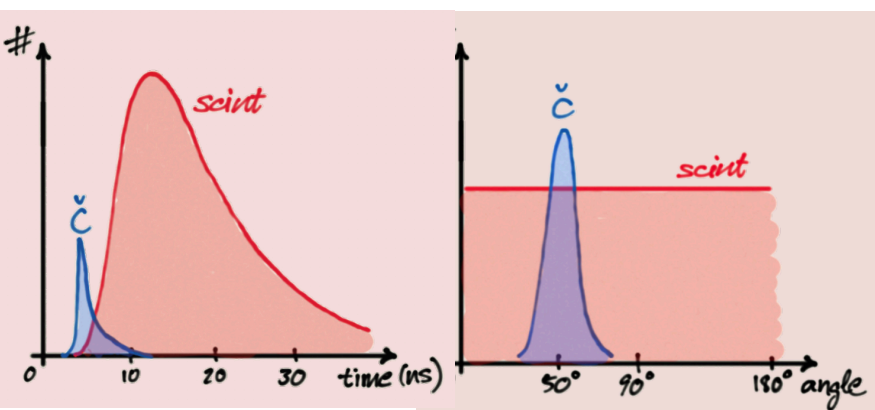
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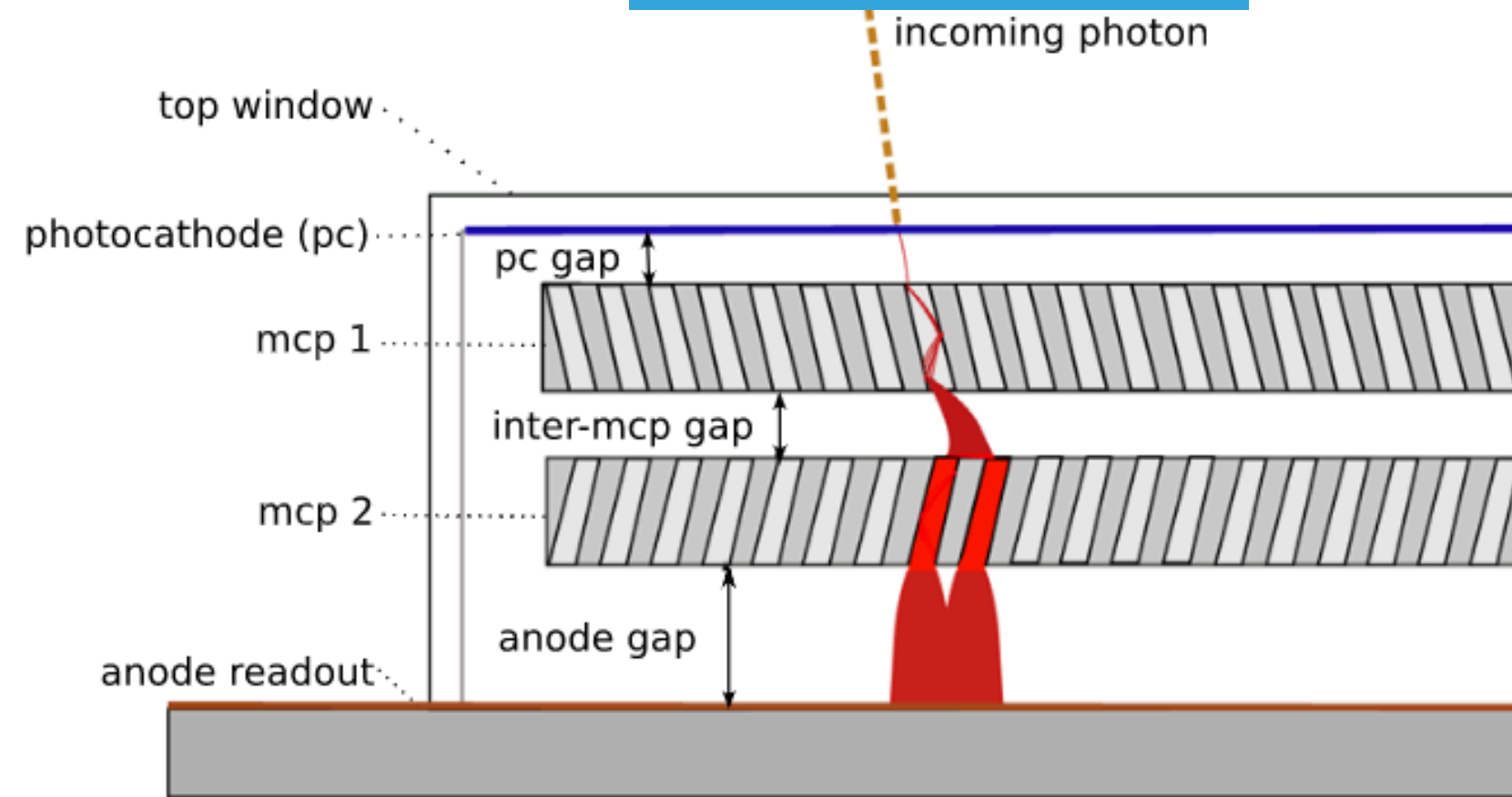
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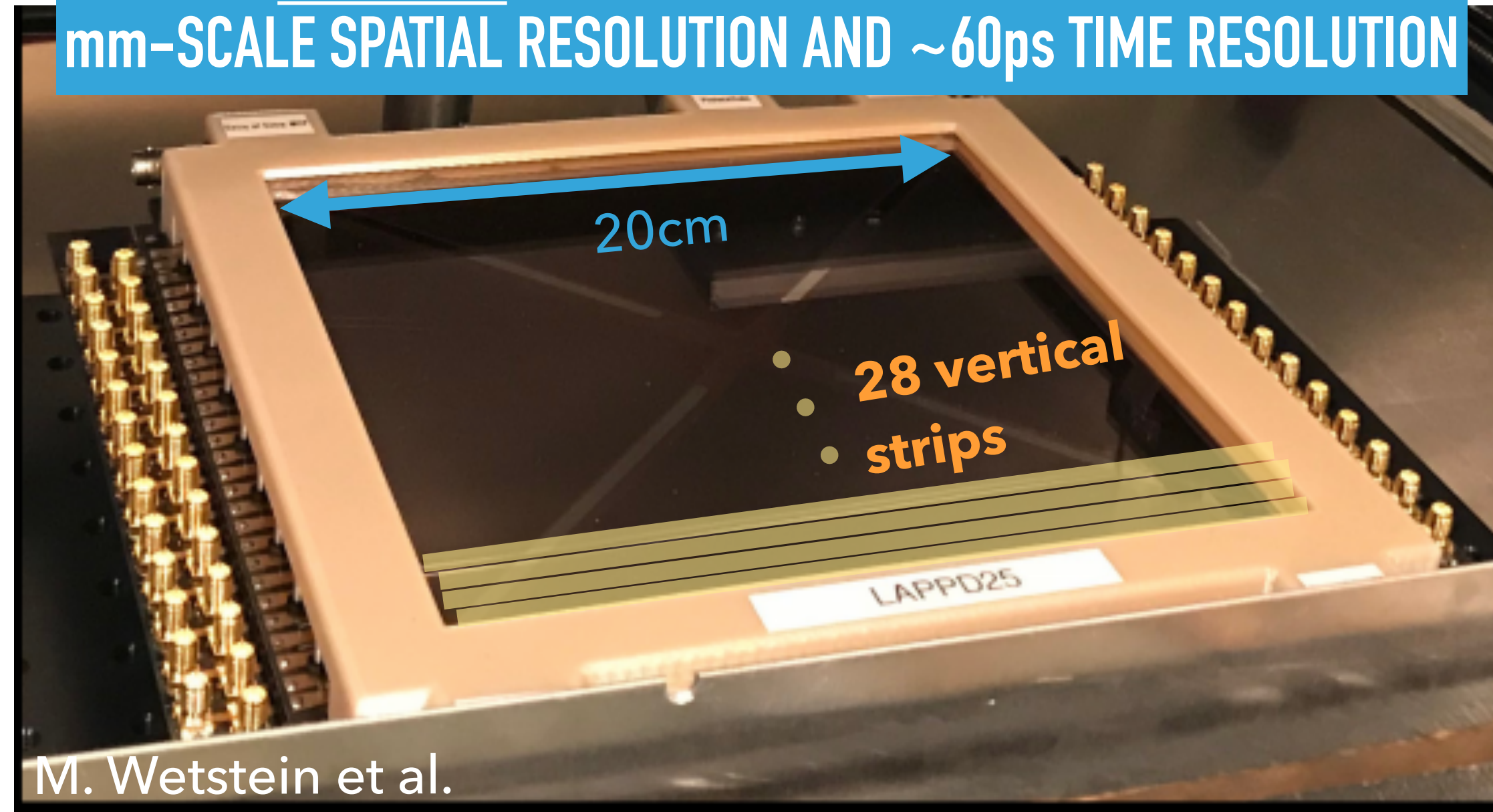
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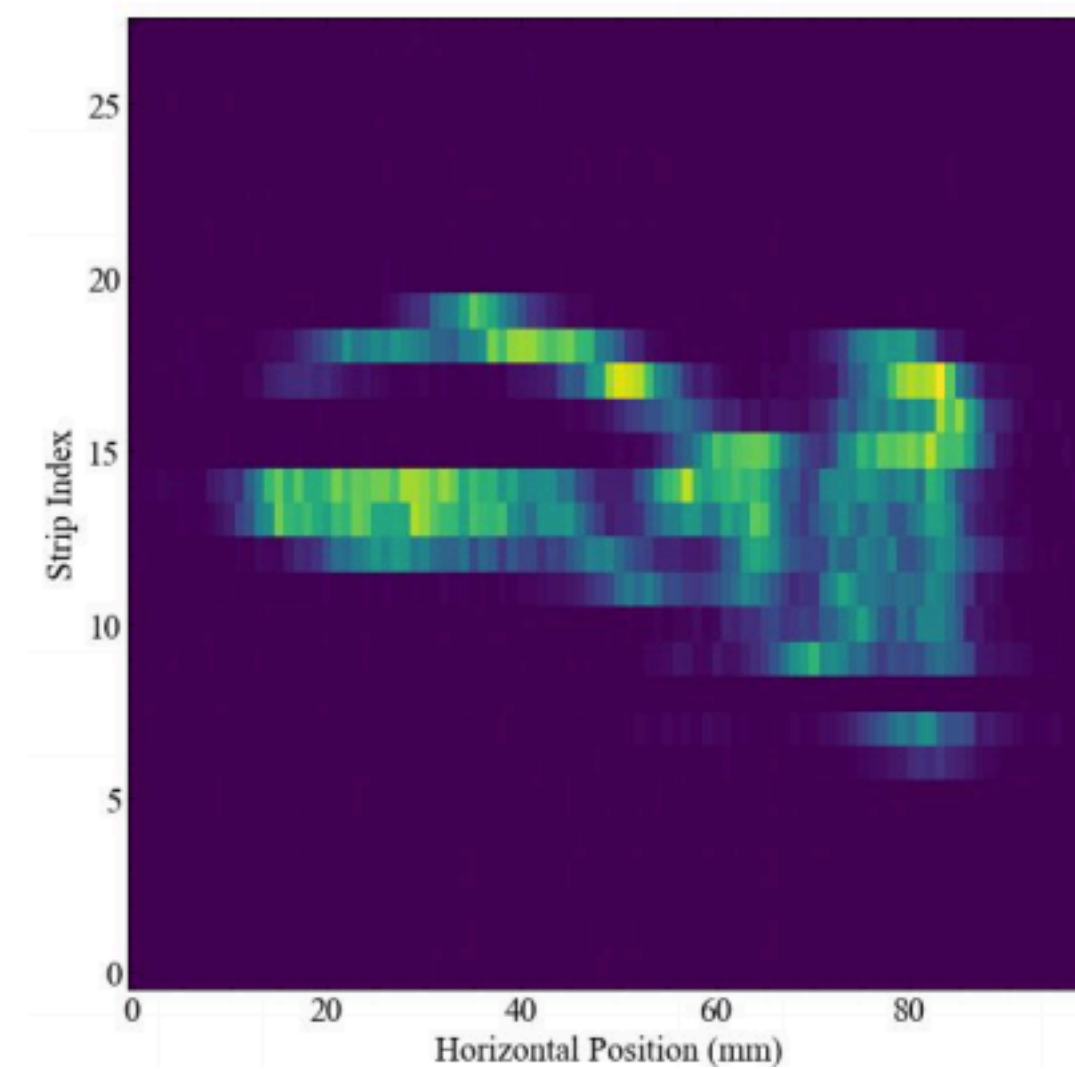
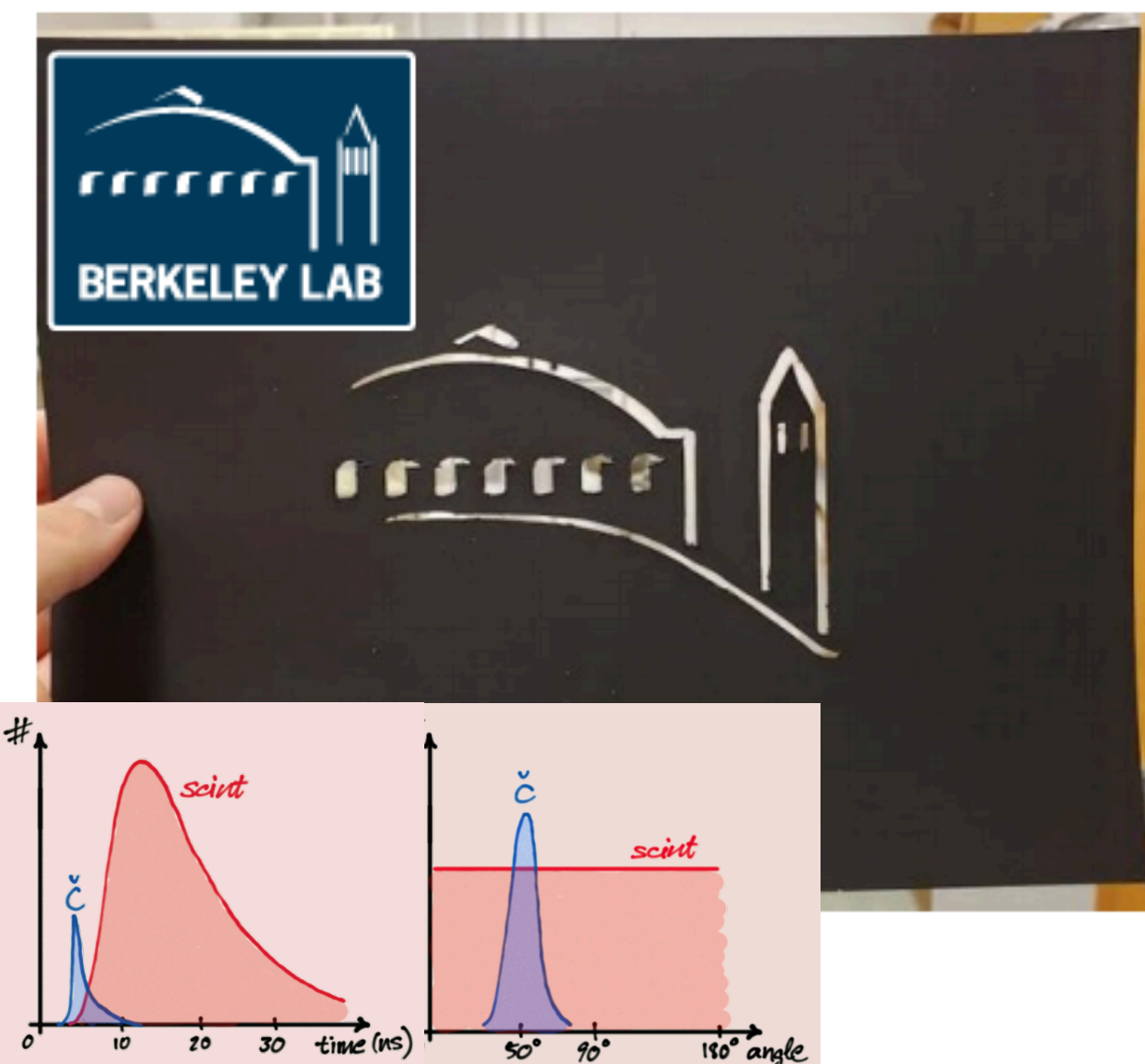


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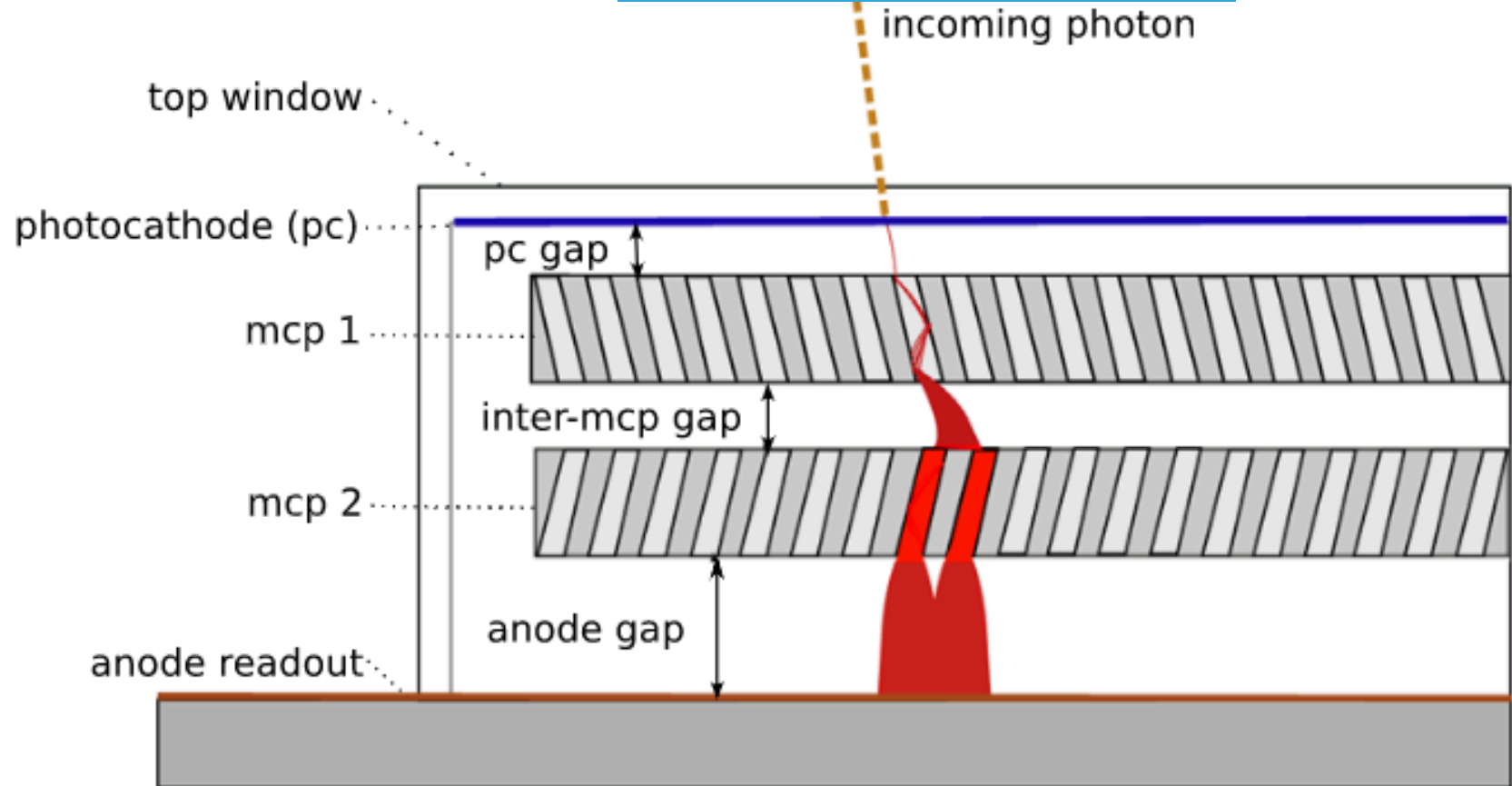


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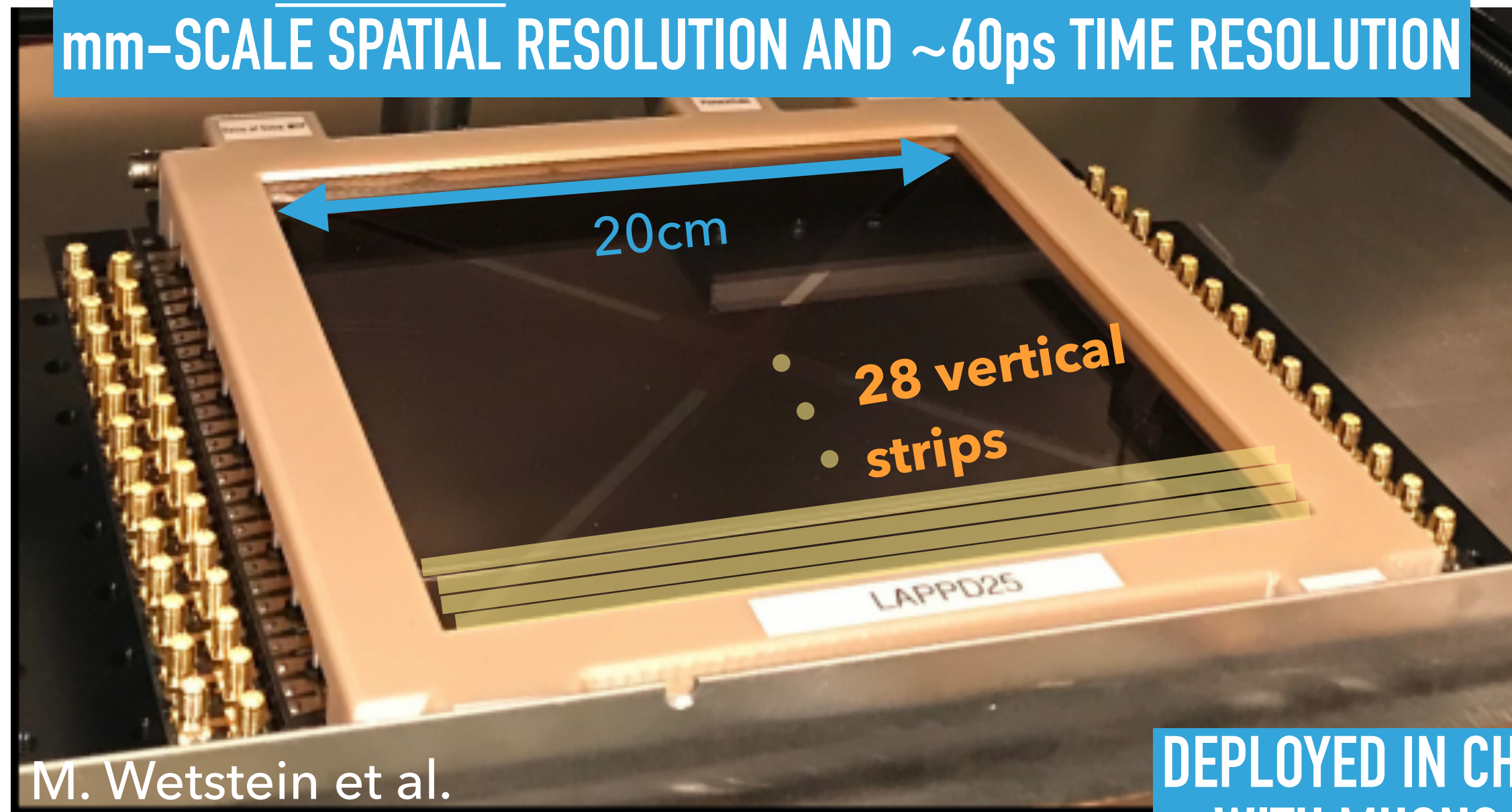
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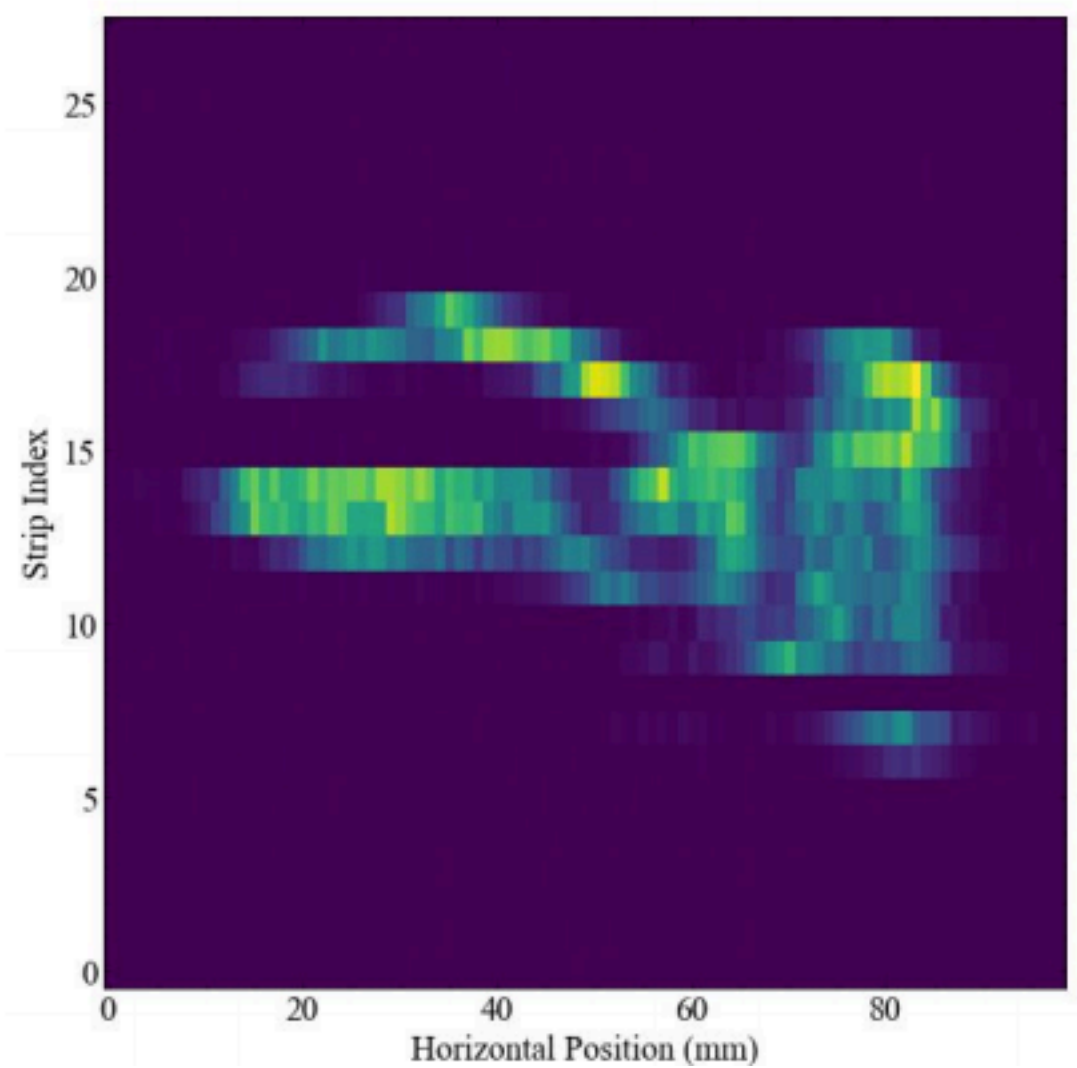
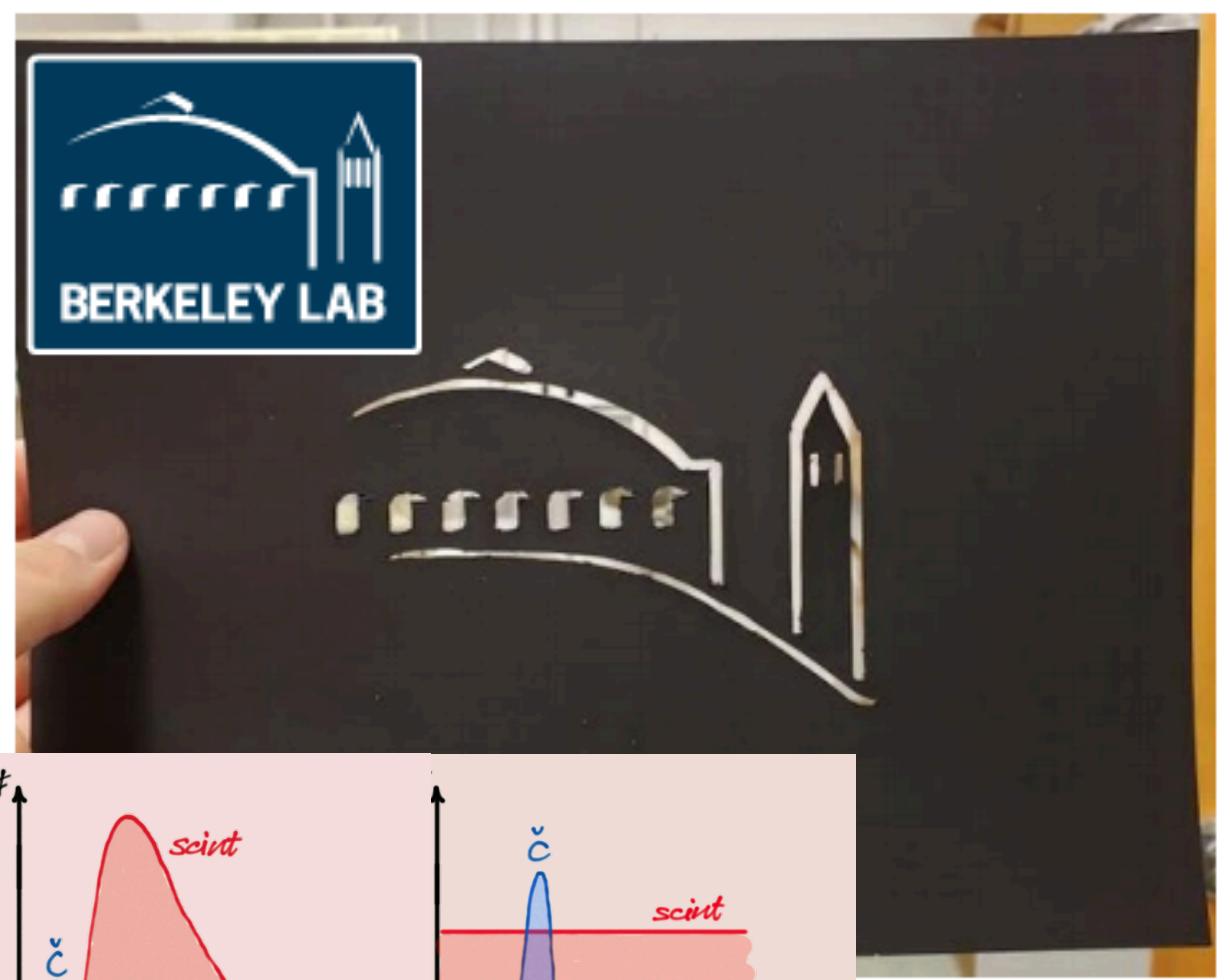


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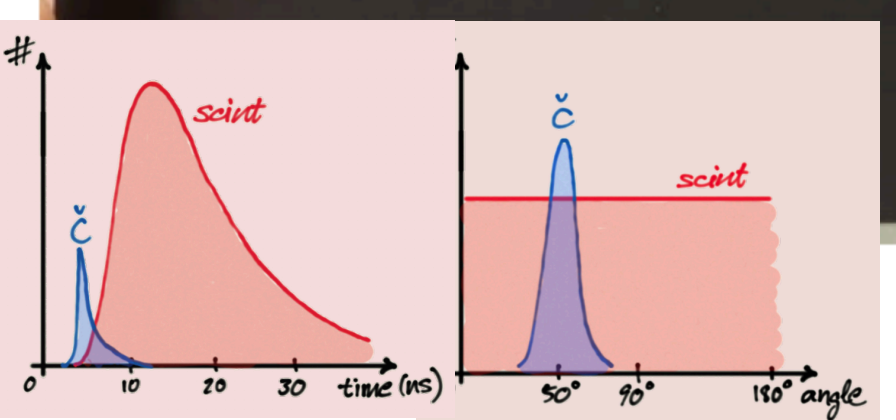
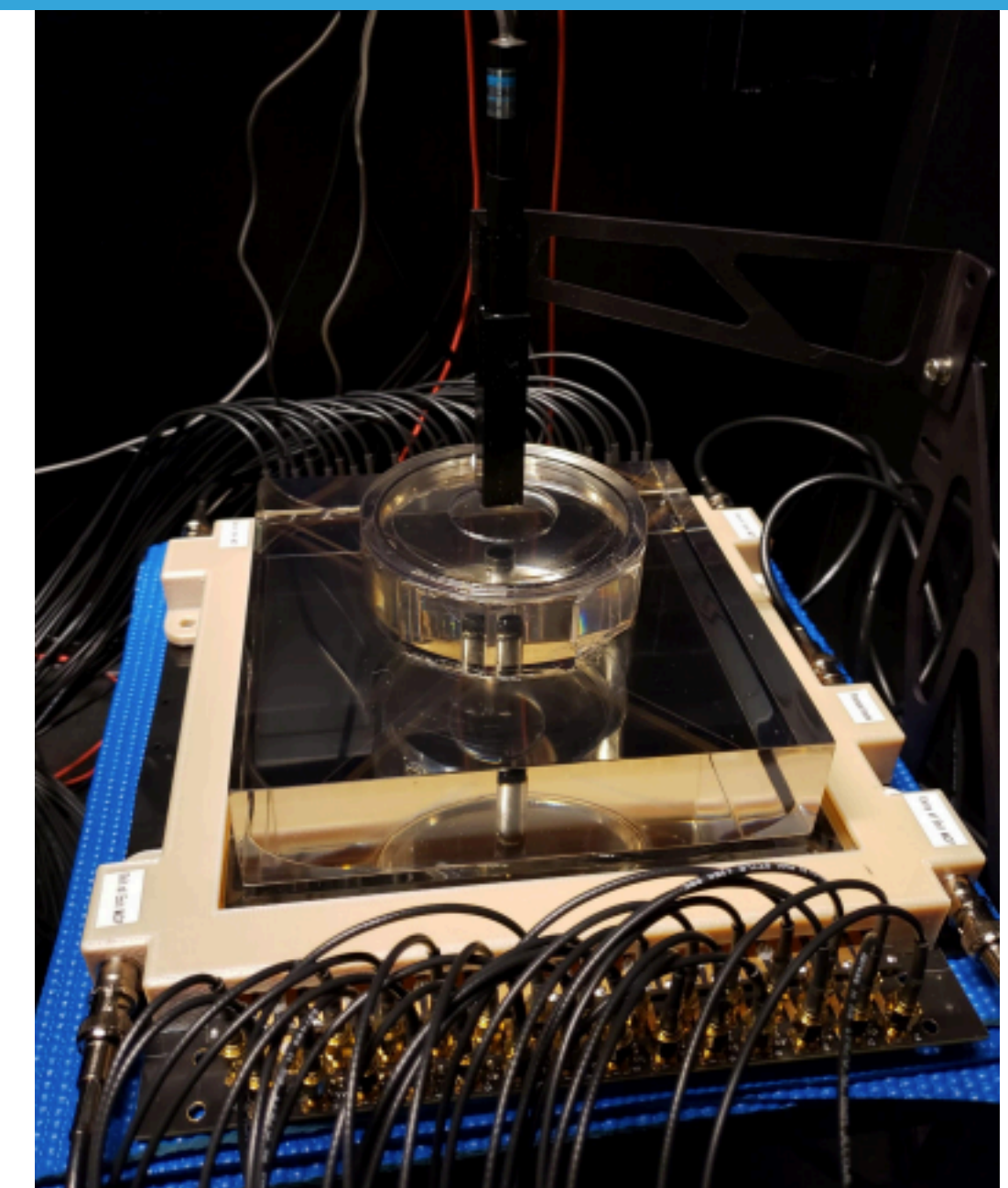


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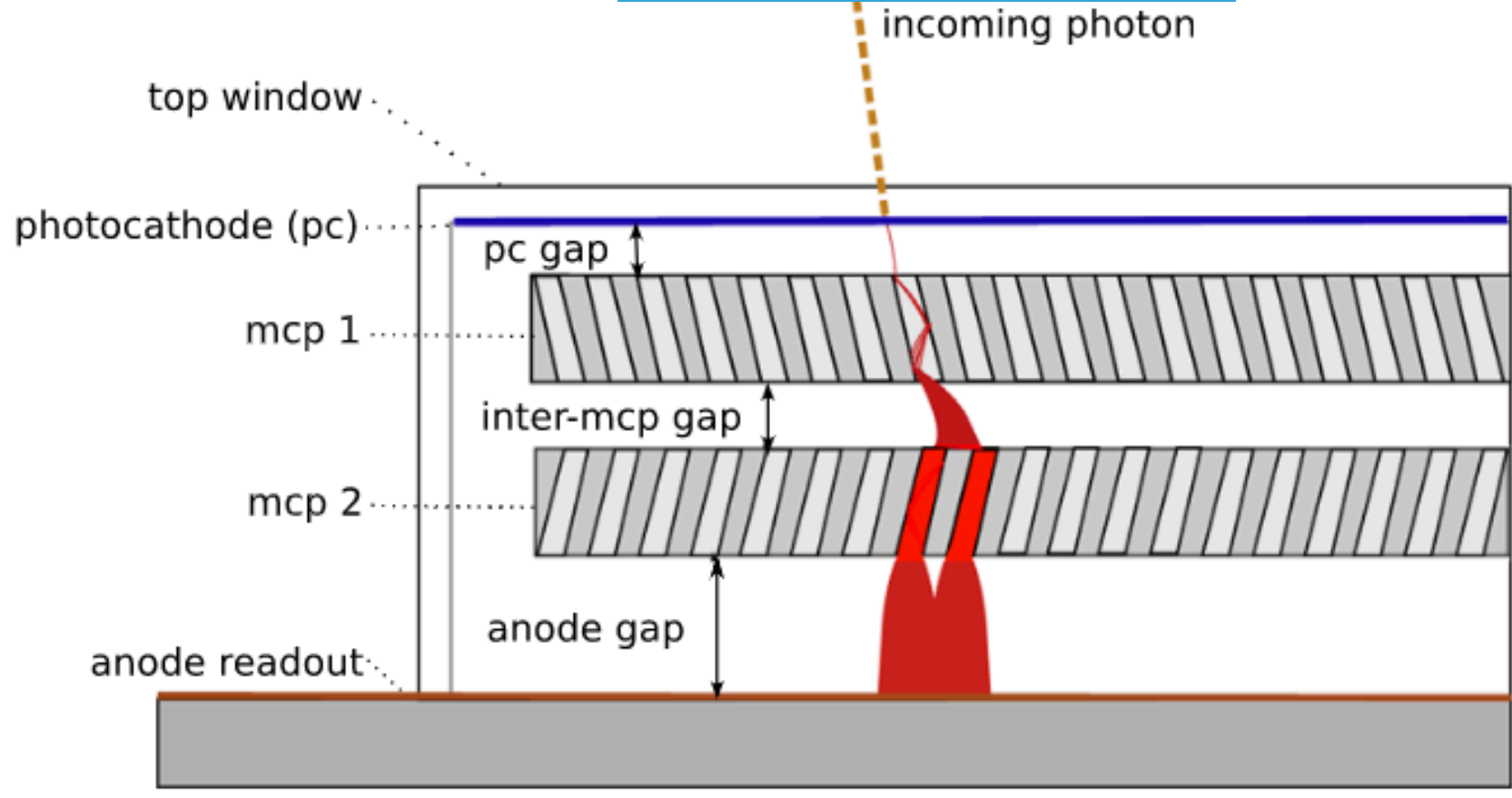
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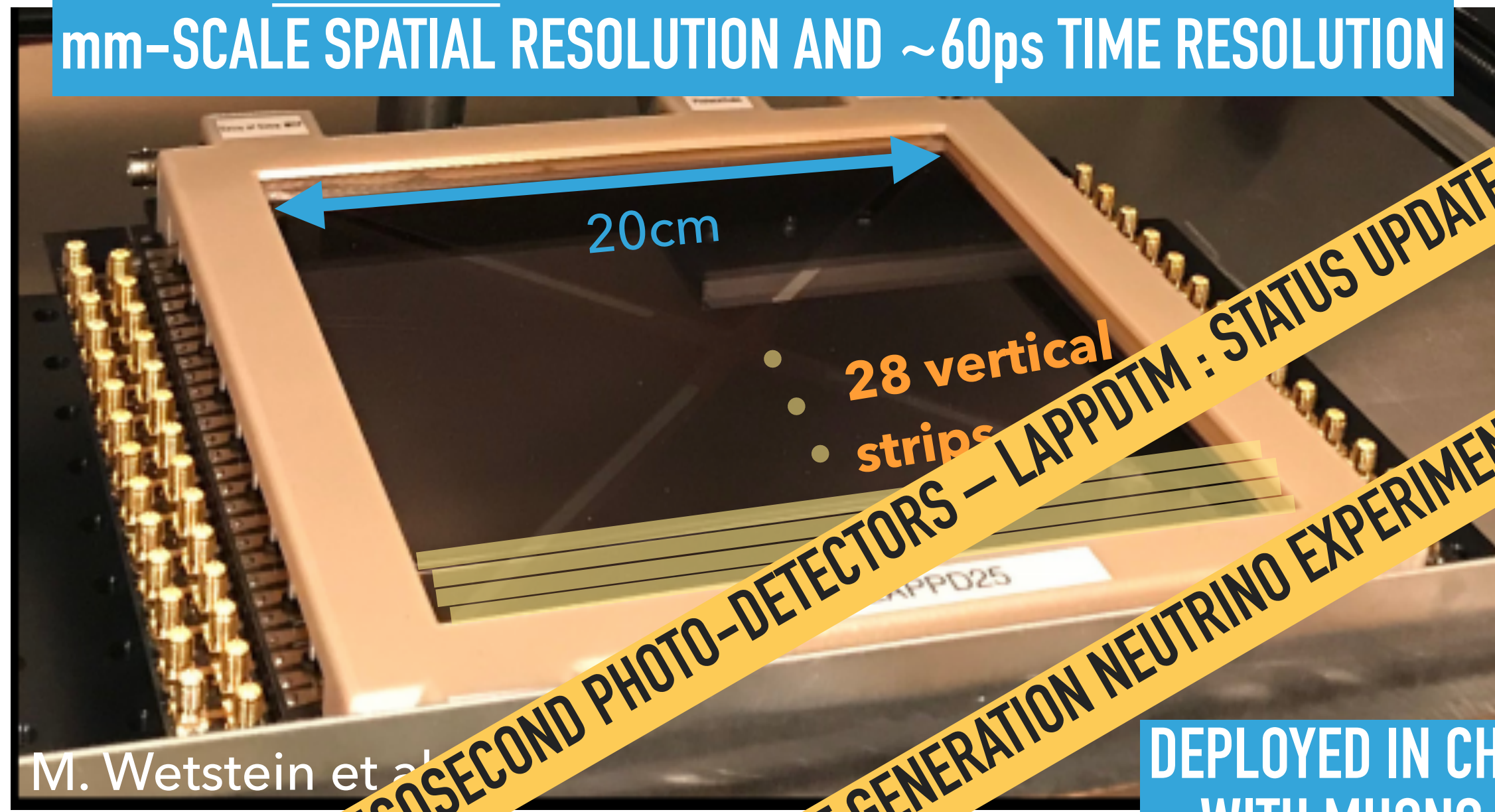
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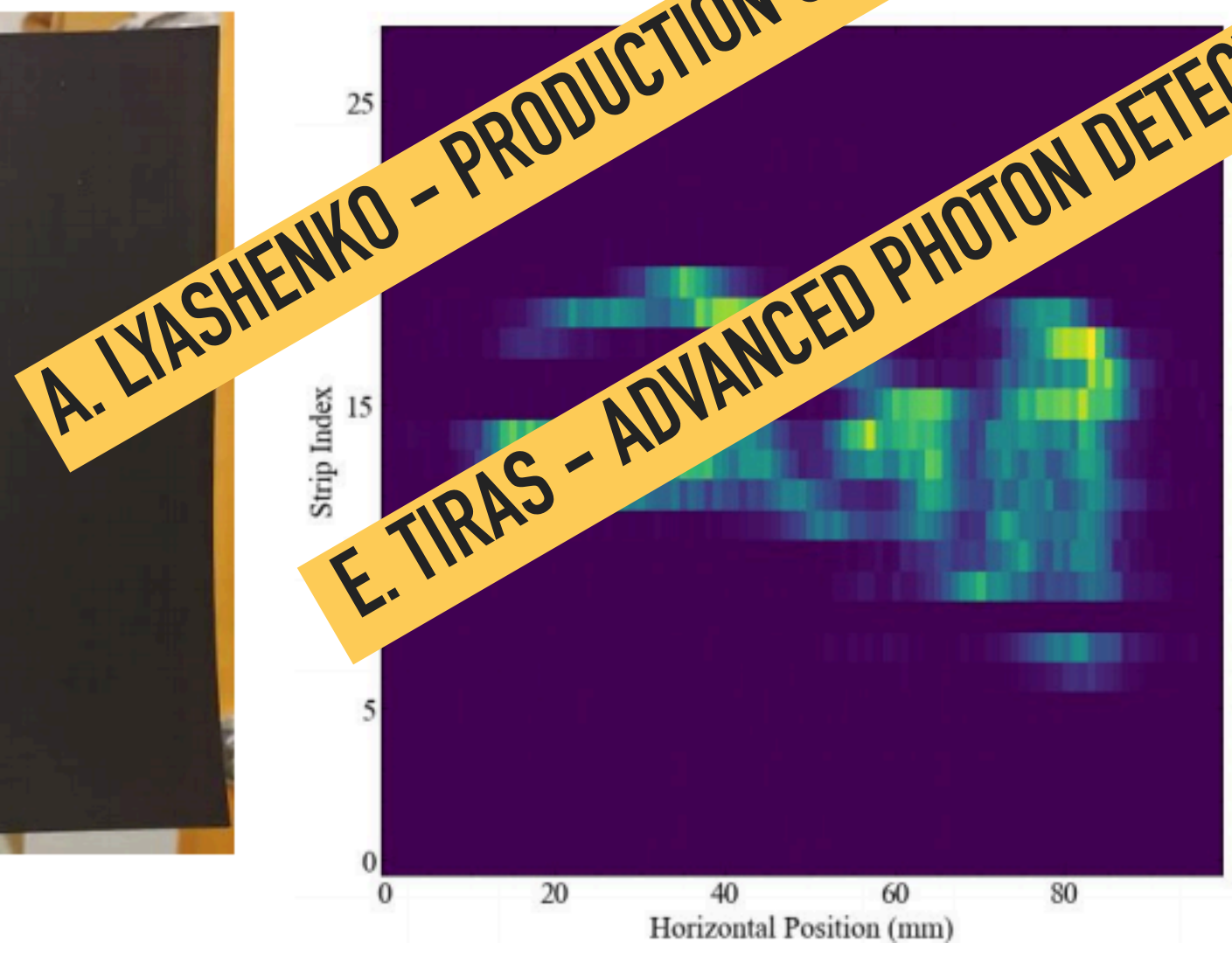
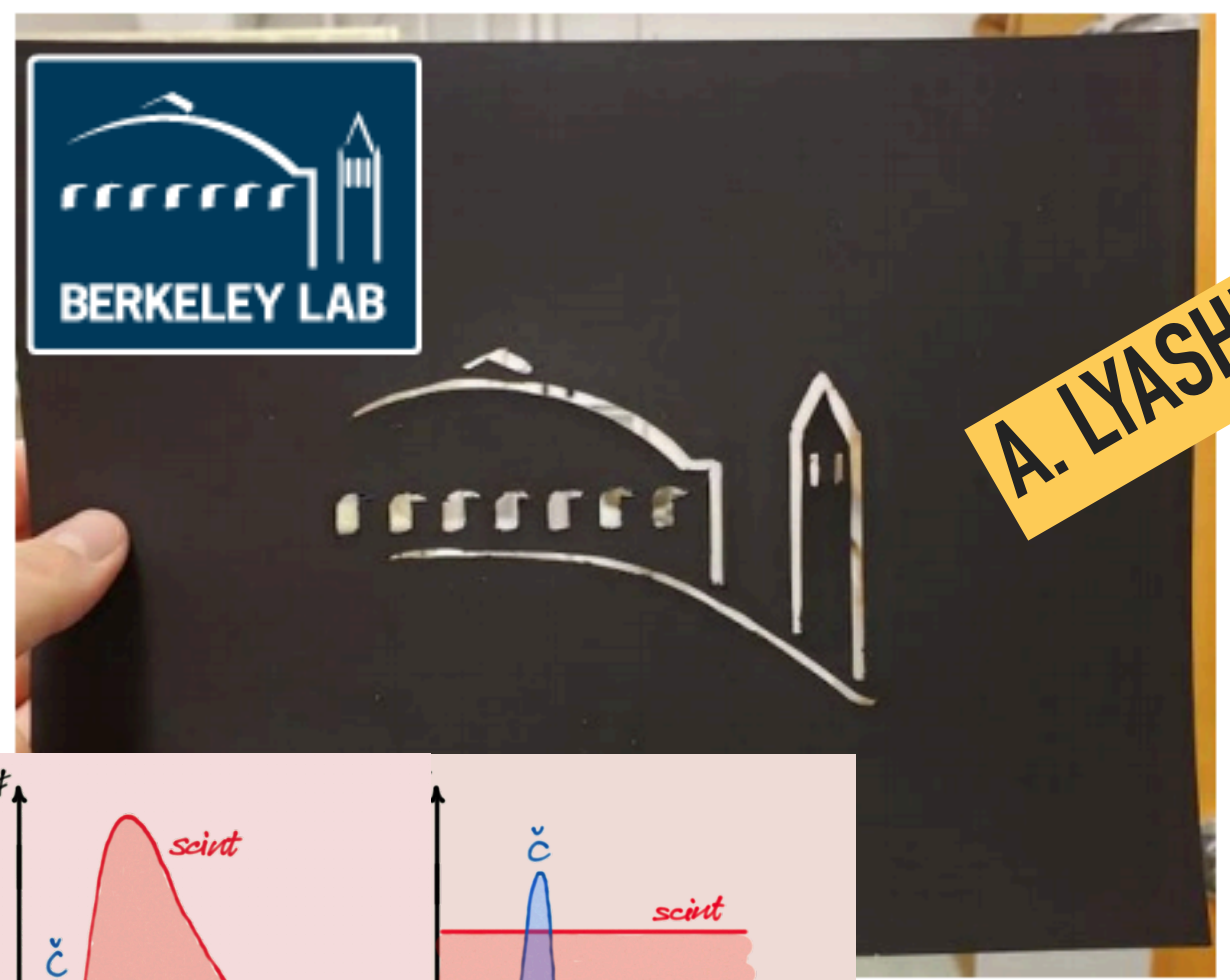


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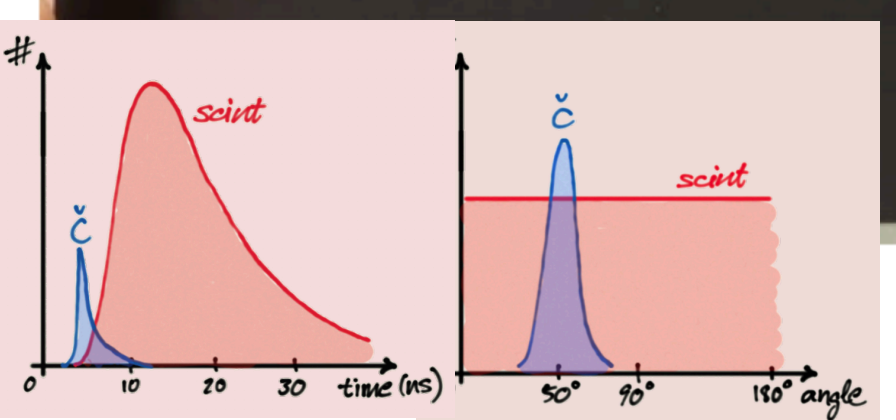
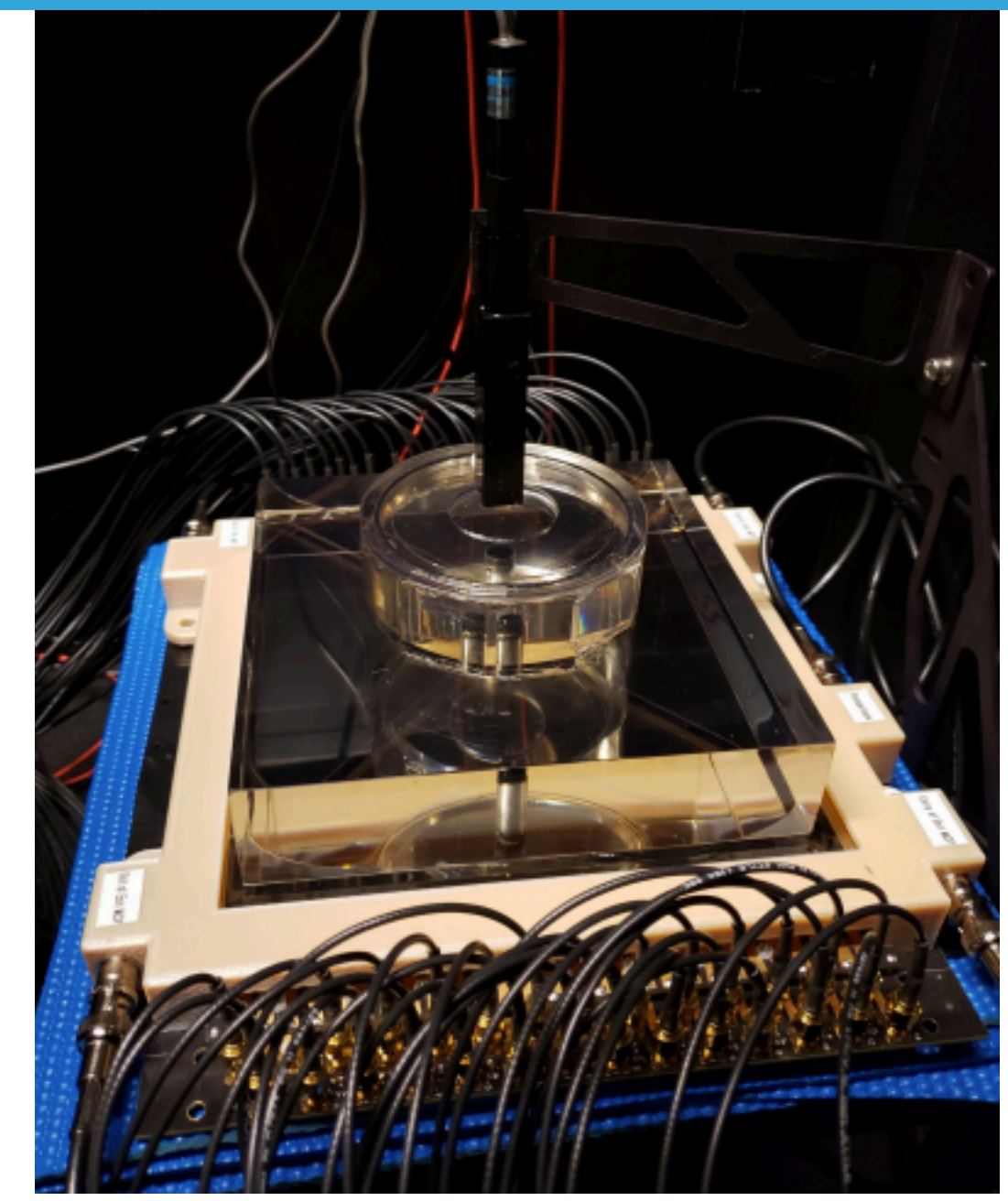
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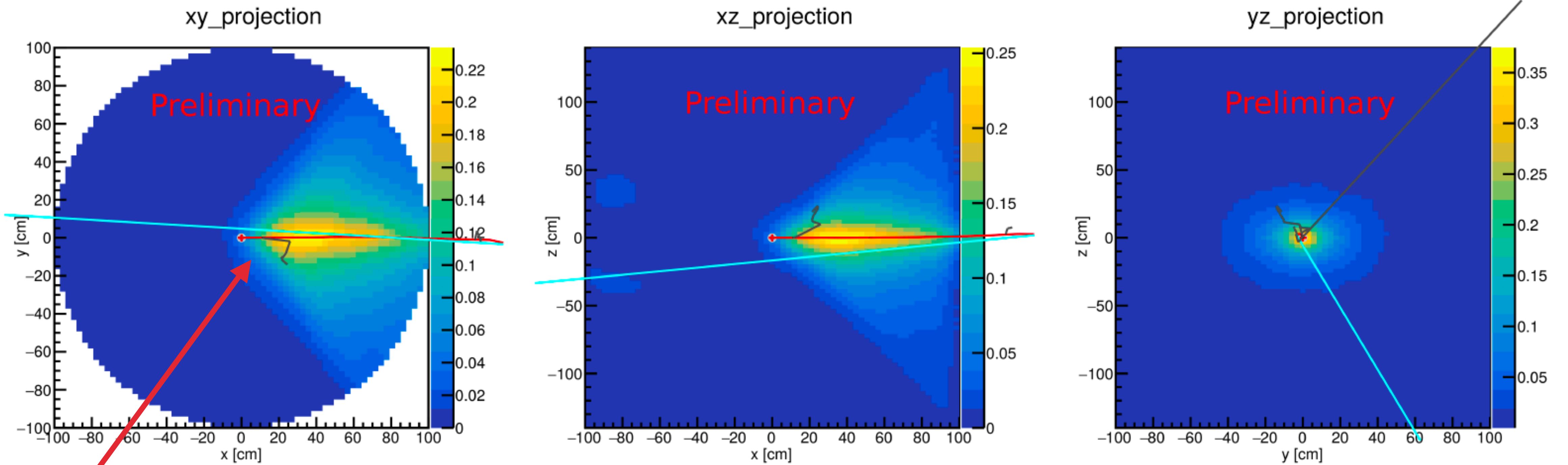
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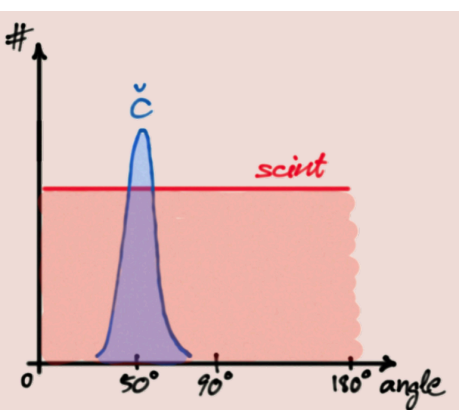


TOPOLOGICAL RECONSTRUCTION (JGU MAINZ)

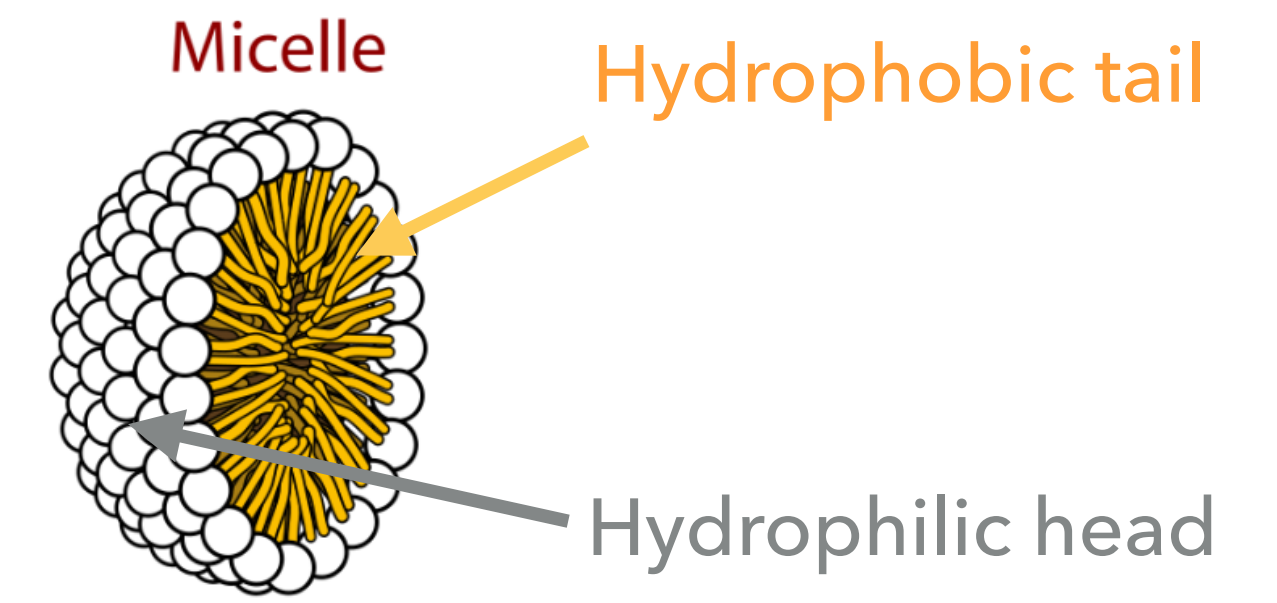
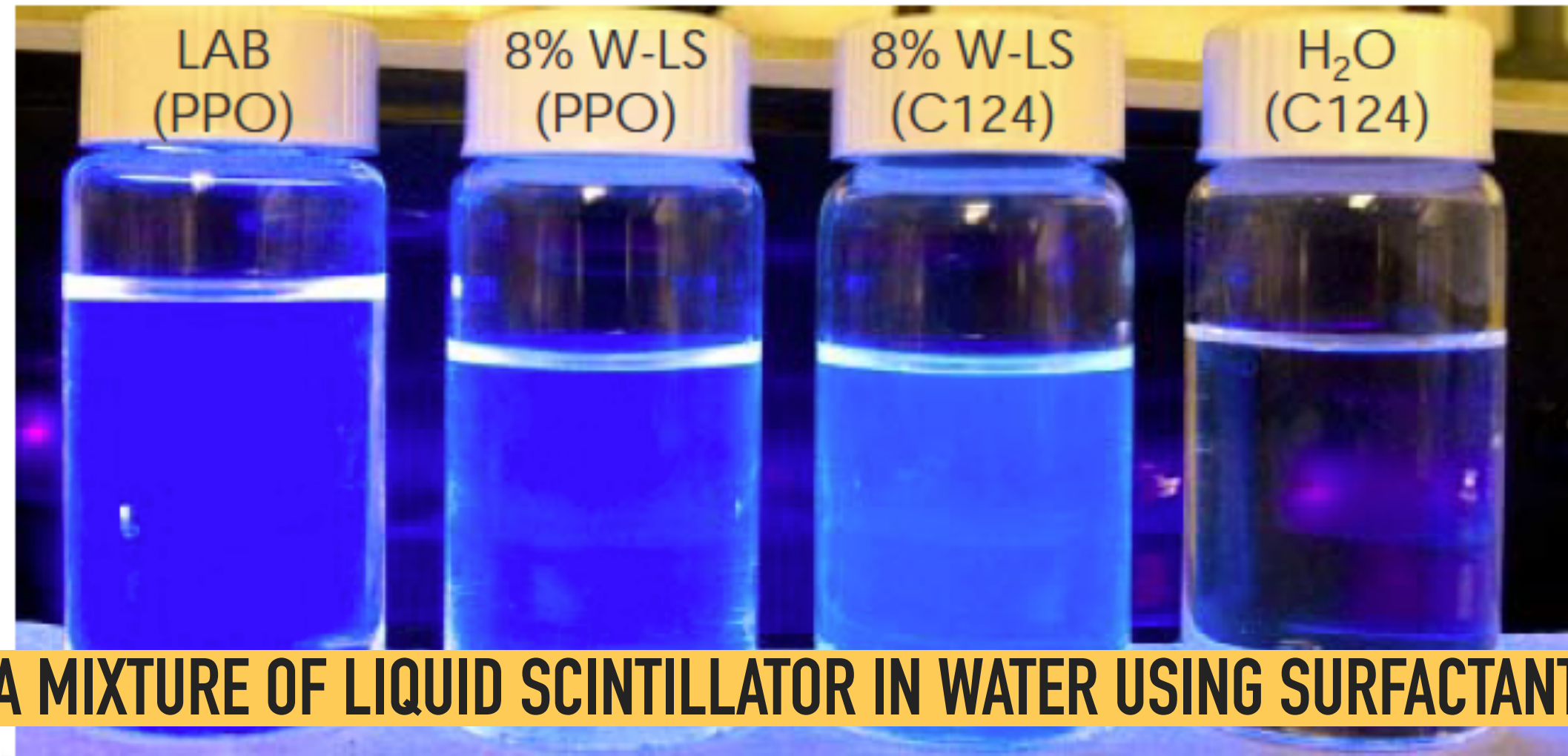
FINE-GRAINED PHOTSENSORS COULD HELP RESOLVE THE CHERENKOV ANGULAR DISTRIBUTION AT SHORT DISTANCES

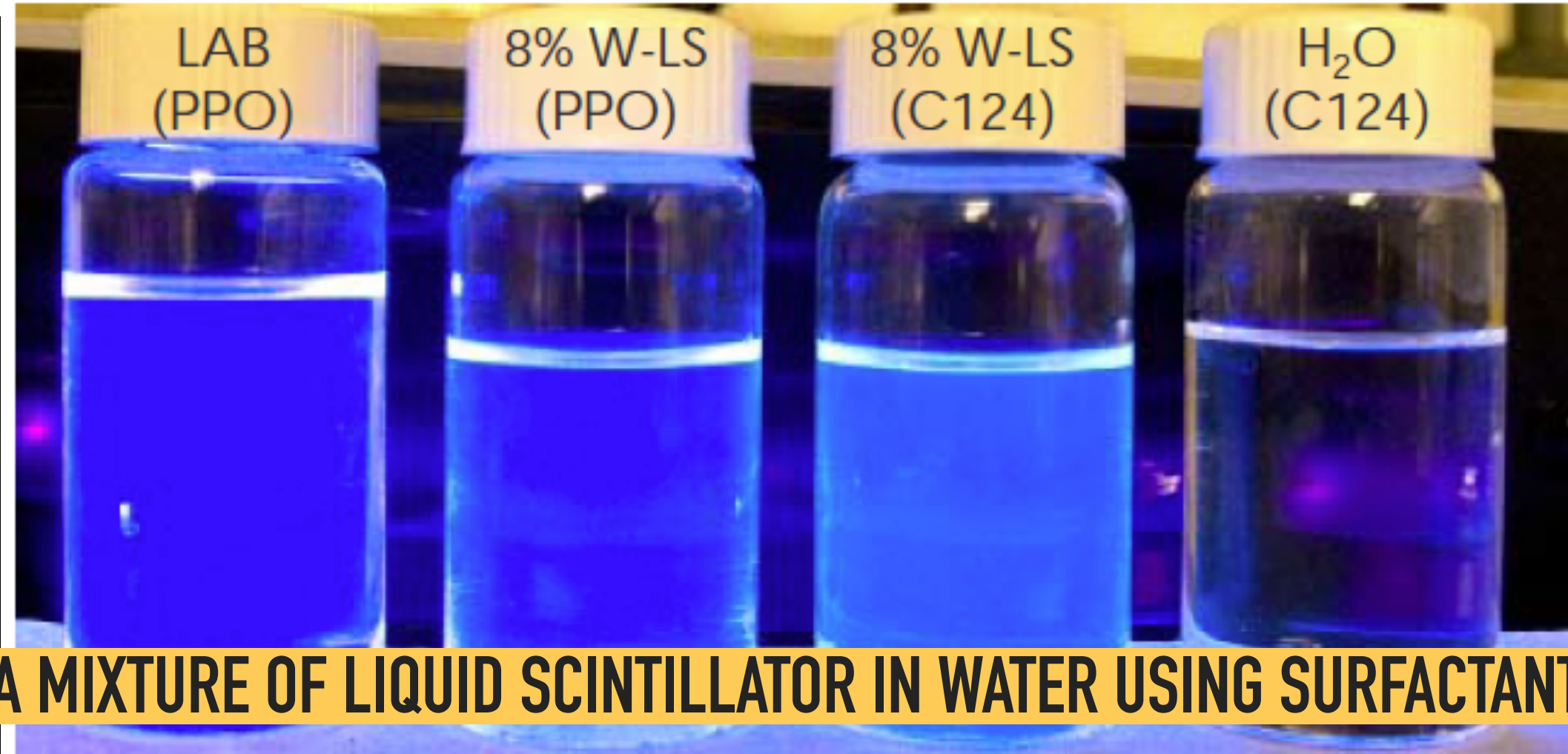


SIMULATION OF 500 MEV MUON IN 1.2m CYLINDRIC WATER TANK

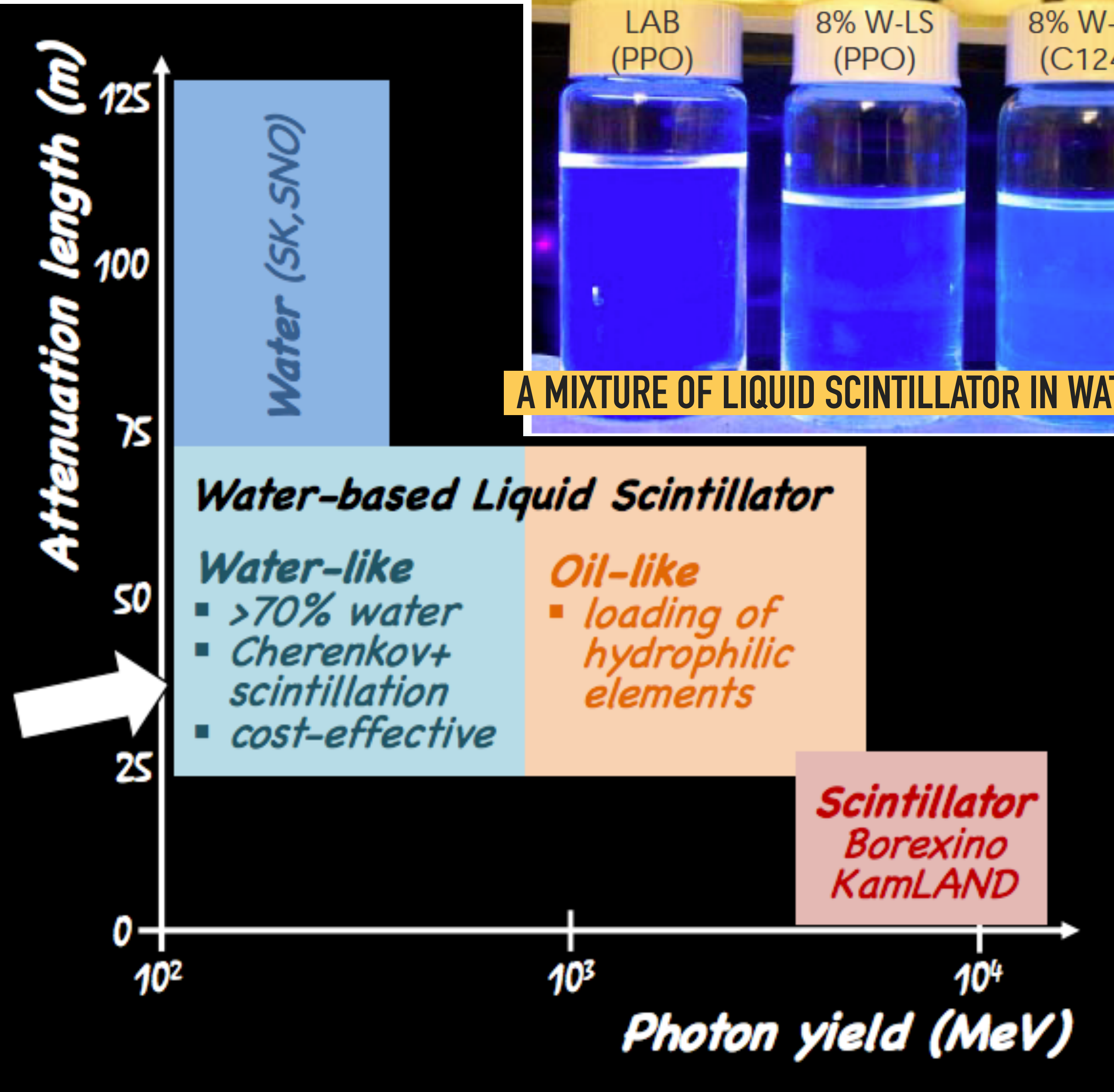
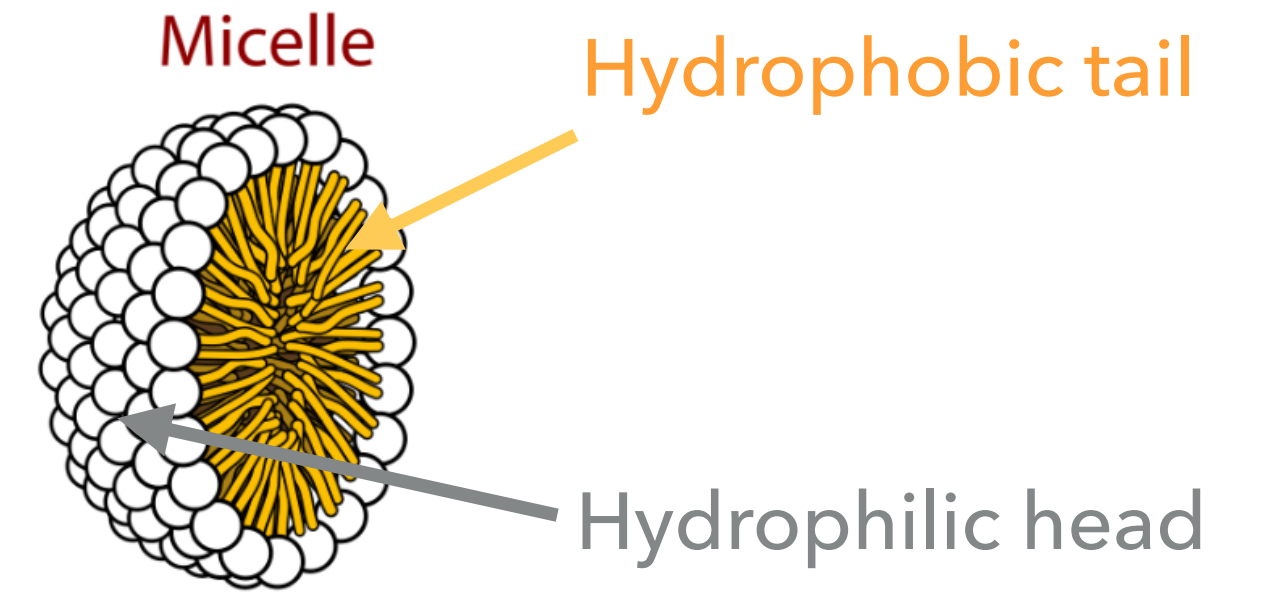


WATER-BASED LIQUID SCINTILLATOR





A MIXTURE OF LIQUID SCINTILLATOR IN WATER USING SURFACTANTS

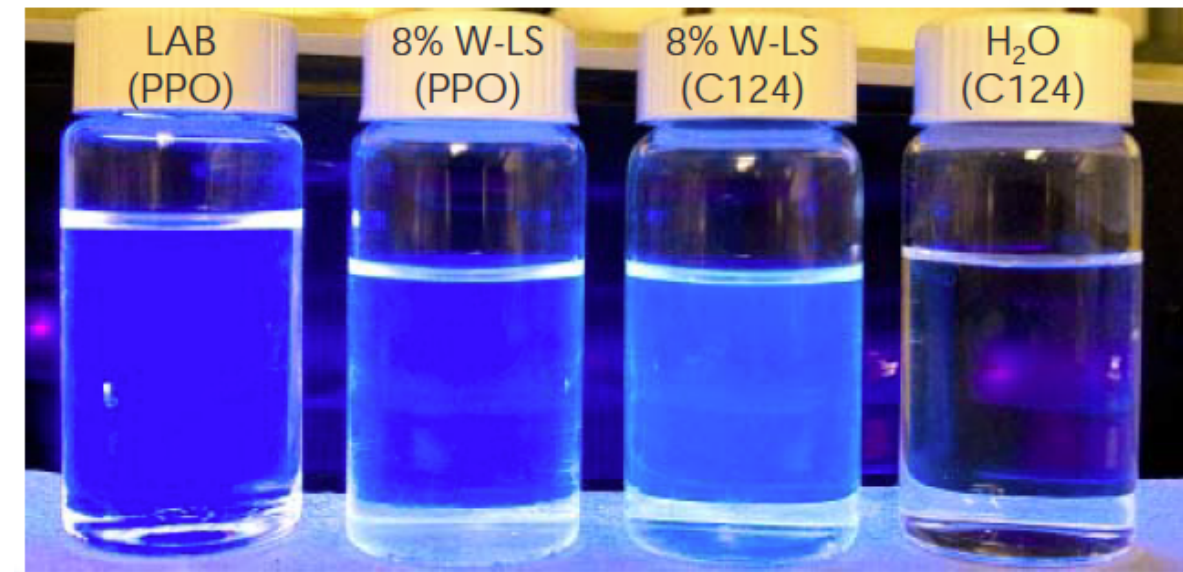


- ▶ Provides a liquid scintillator with almost water-like transparency
- ▶ Different loading fraction → Tunable Cherenkov/scintillation ratio and time profile to meet physics goals
- ▶ Cheaper scintillator media → Allows very large scale LS detectors
- ▶ Production currently in R&D phase (BNL and TU München)

WbLS PRODUCTION

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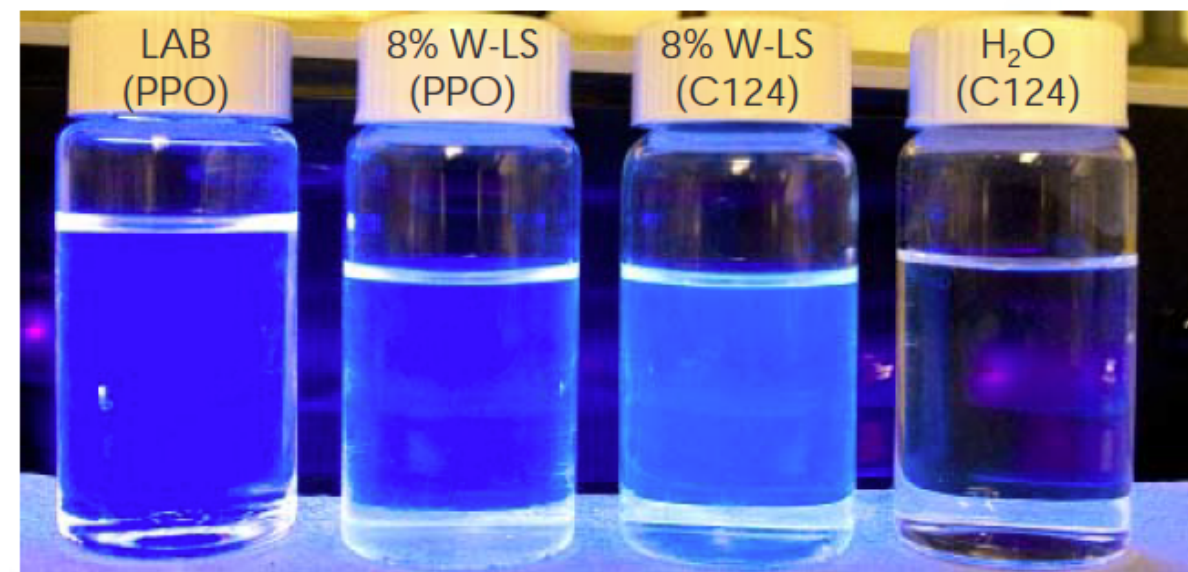
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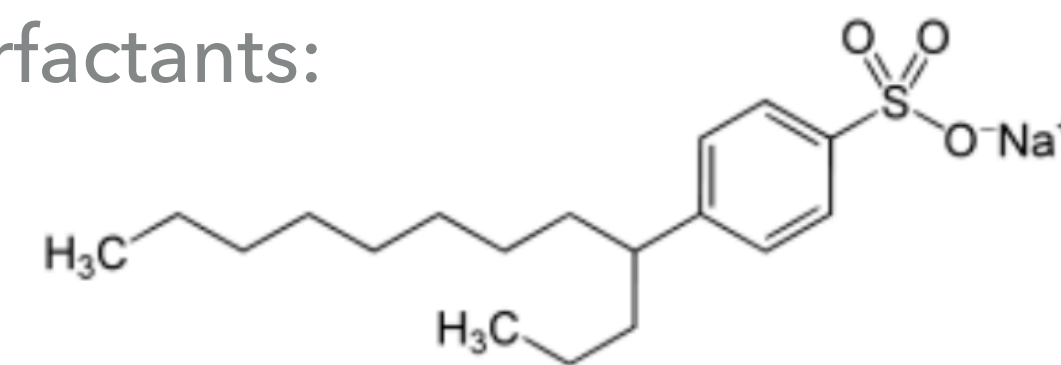


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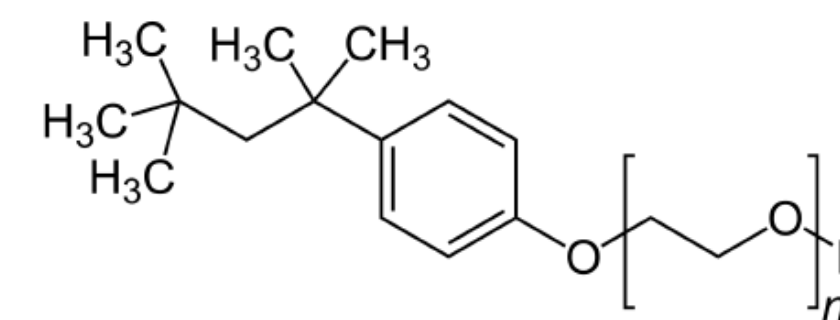


TU MÜNCHEN AND JGU MAINZ (GERMANY): WbLS PRODUCTION AND OPTIMIZATION R&D

Testing different surfactants:

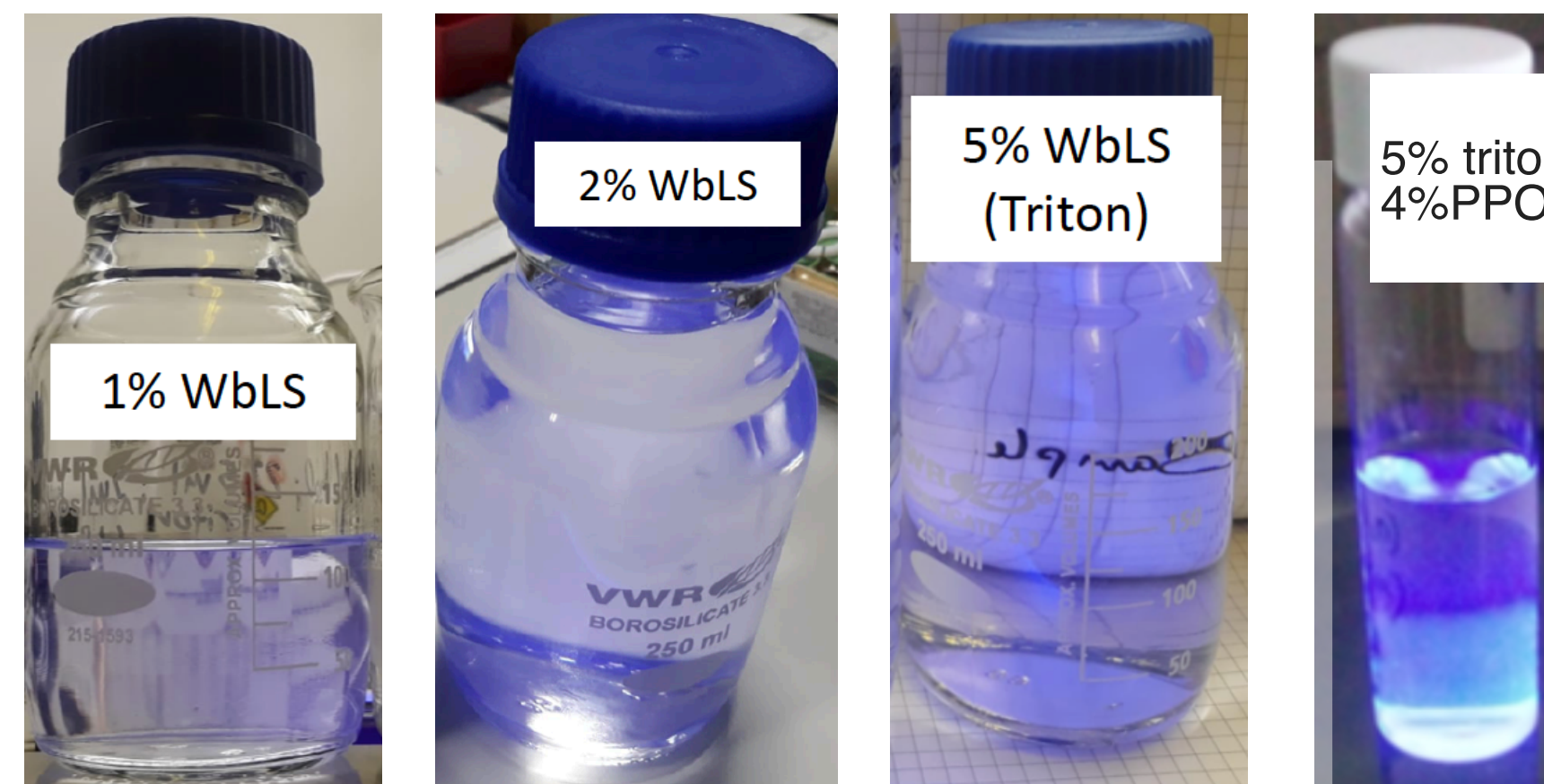


Sodium dodecylbenzenesulfonate



Triton X100

Optimized surfactant concentrations and achieved different LS loading at small scales:



WbLS CHARACTERIZATION EFFORT IN A NUTSHELL

Light yield
Emission spectrum
Attenuation length
Time profile
Particle identification
Cherenkov and scintillation separation

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ABSOLUTE LIGHT YIELD

UV AND PULSED X-RAYS

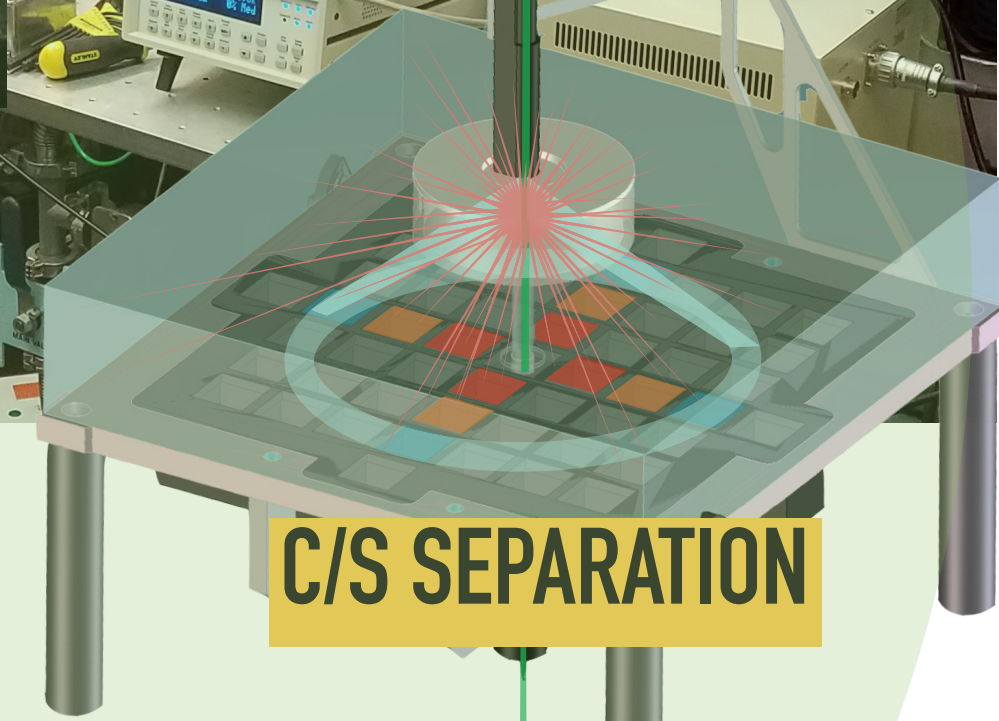
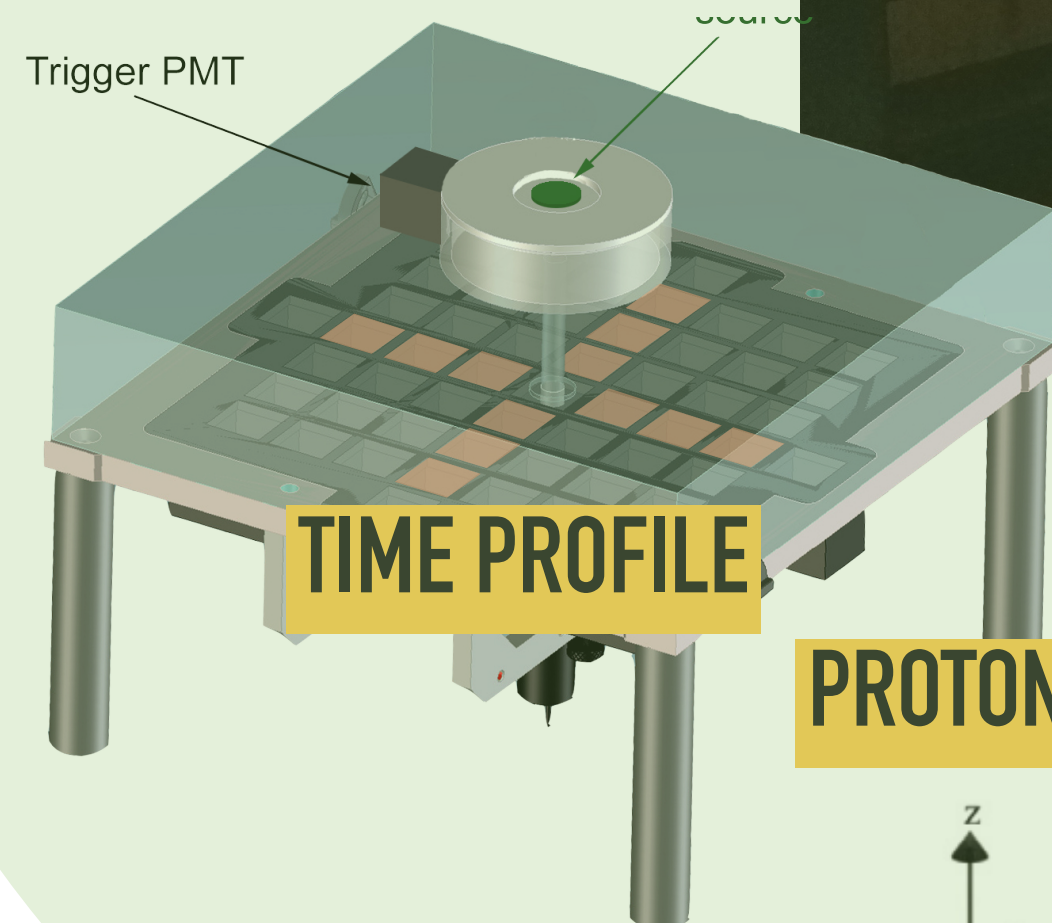
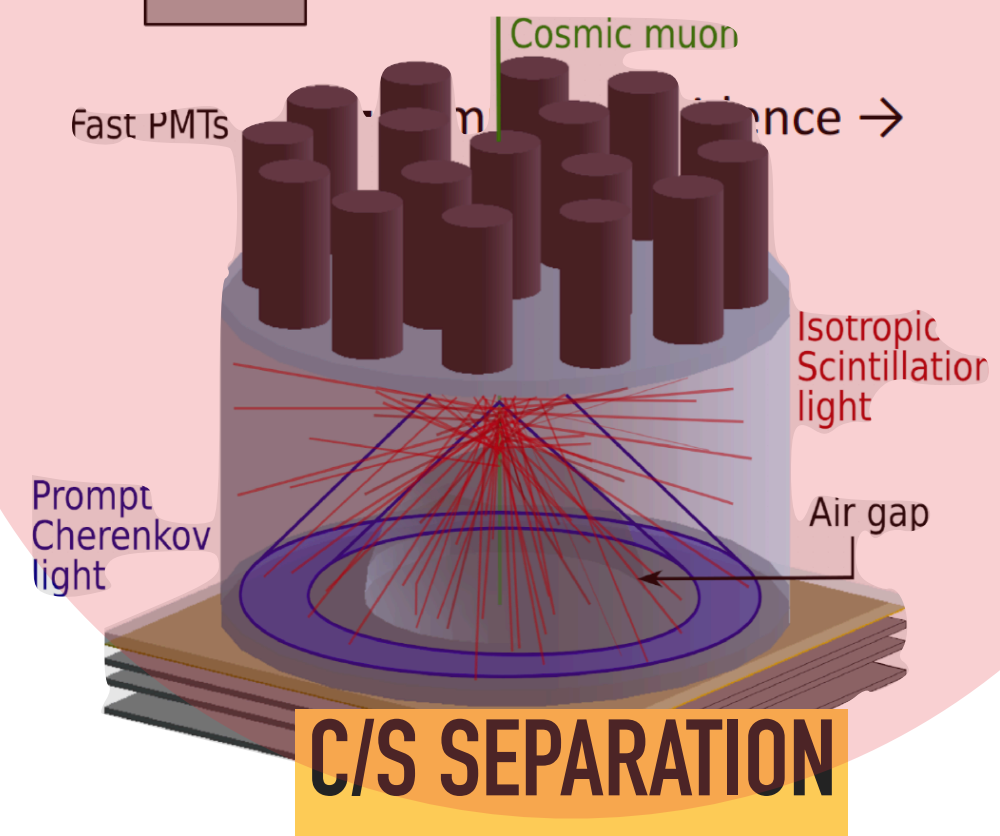
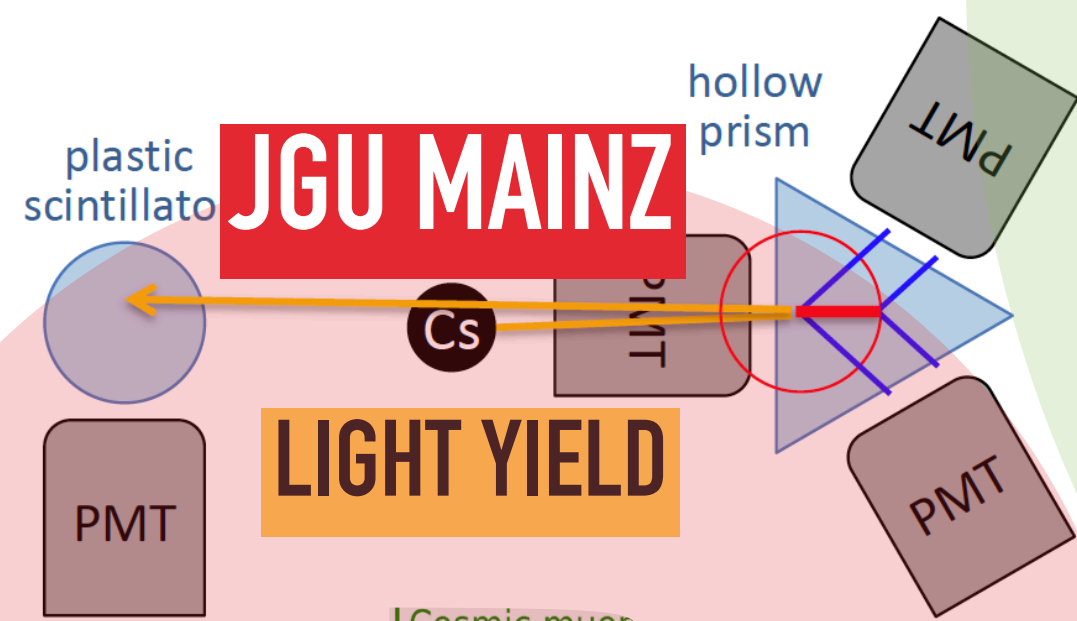


Trigger PMT

TIME PROFILE

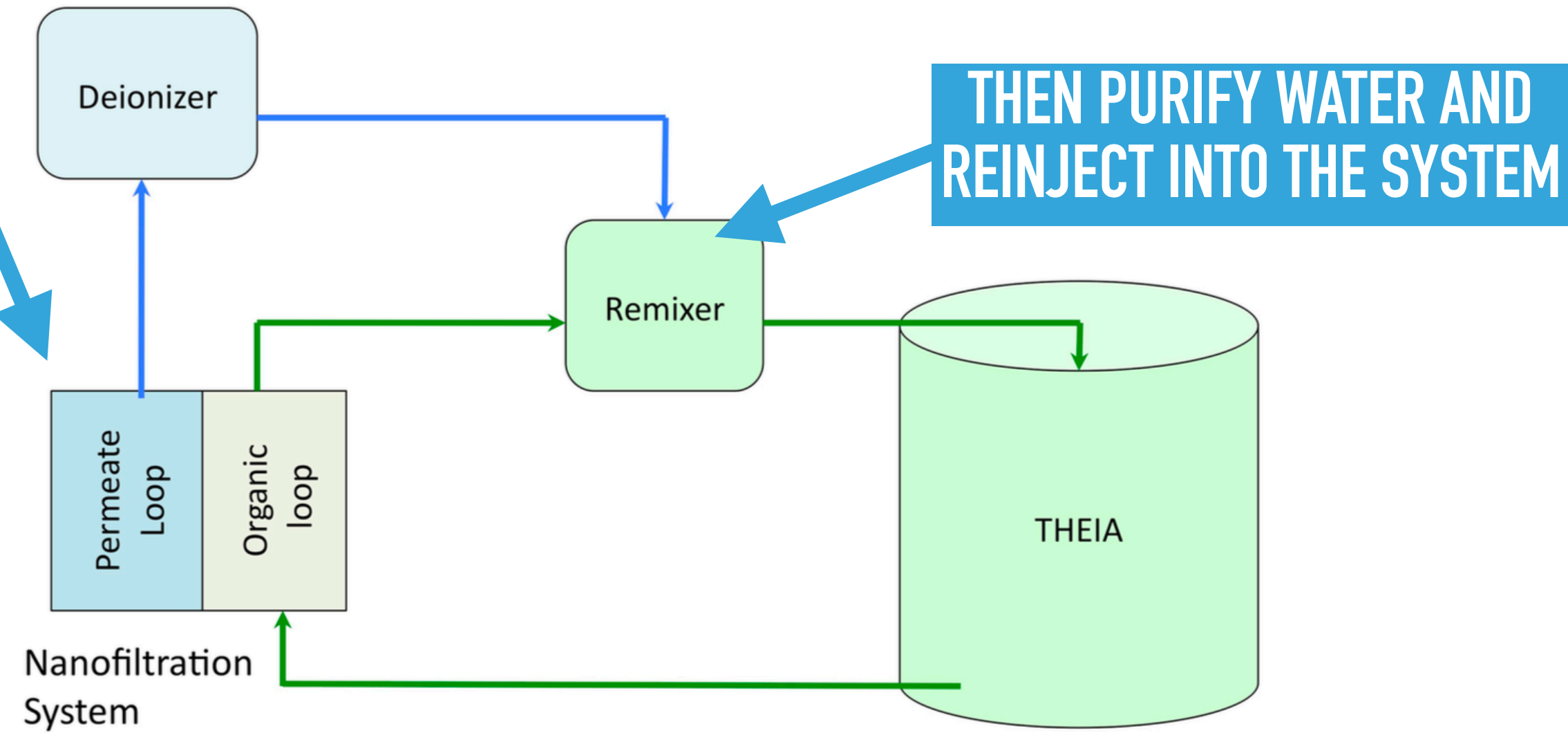
C/S SEPARATION

PROTON RECOILS FROM NEUTRON BEAM

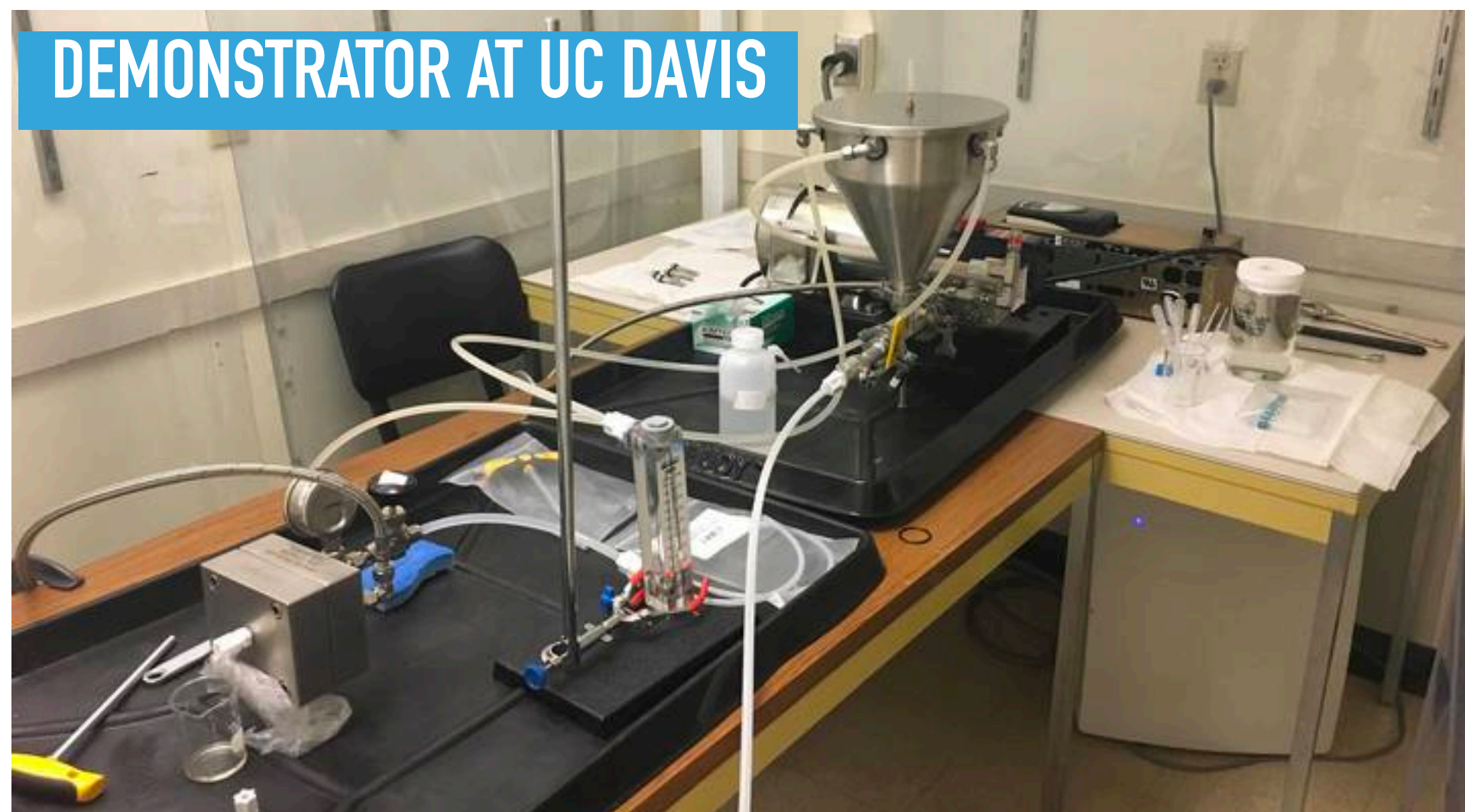


WbLS PURIFICATION

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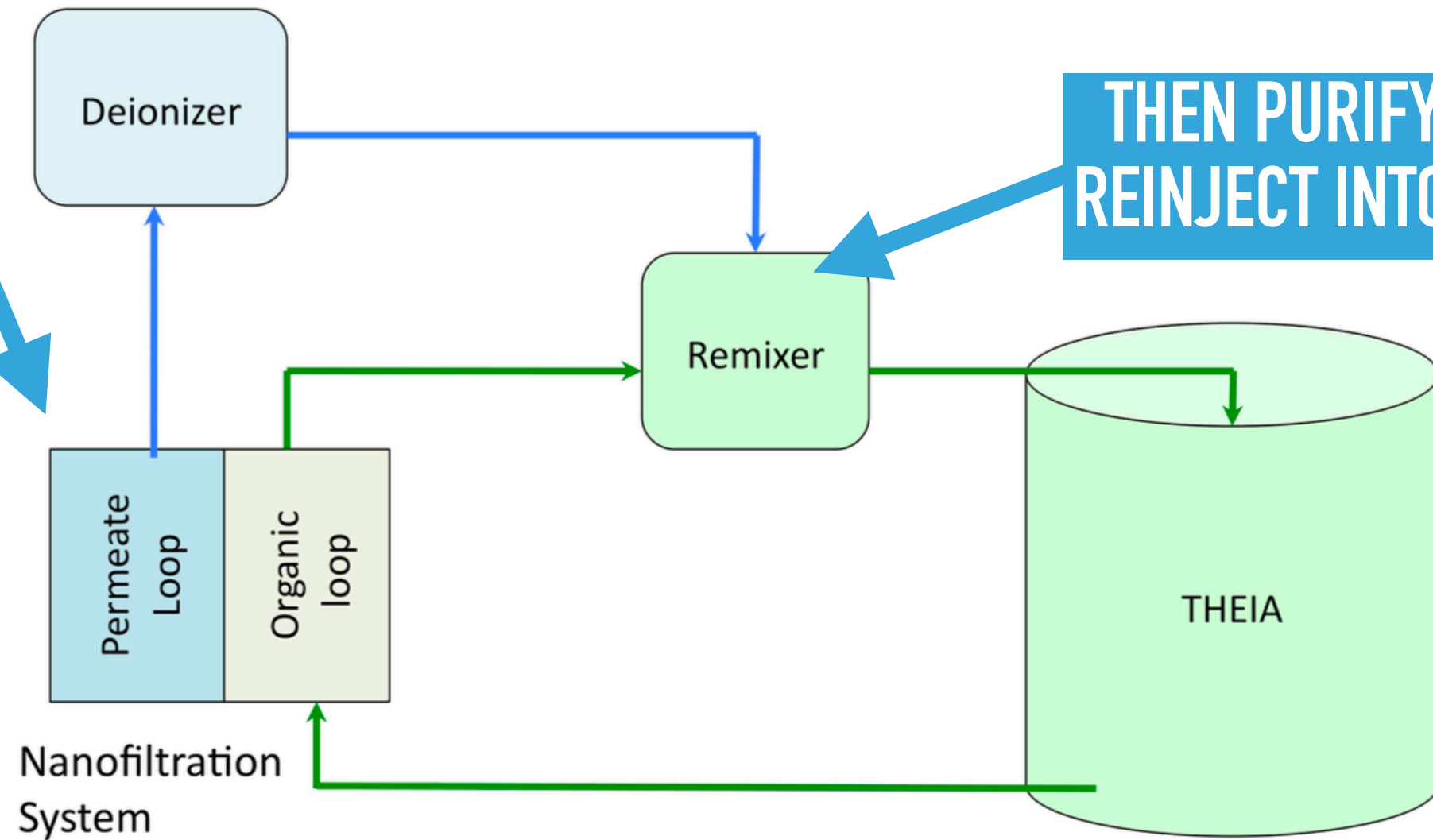


THEIA recirculation concept



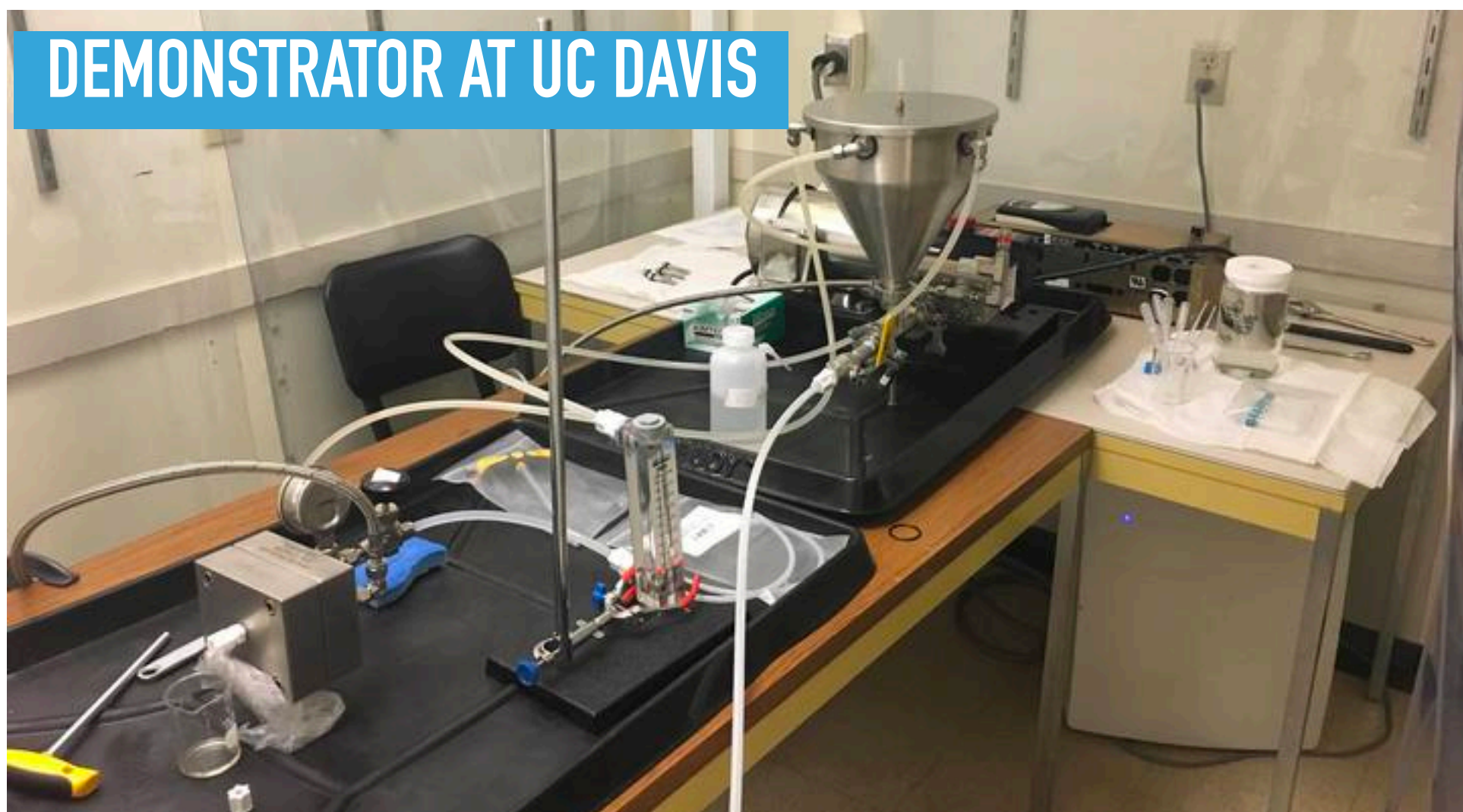
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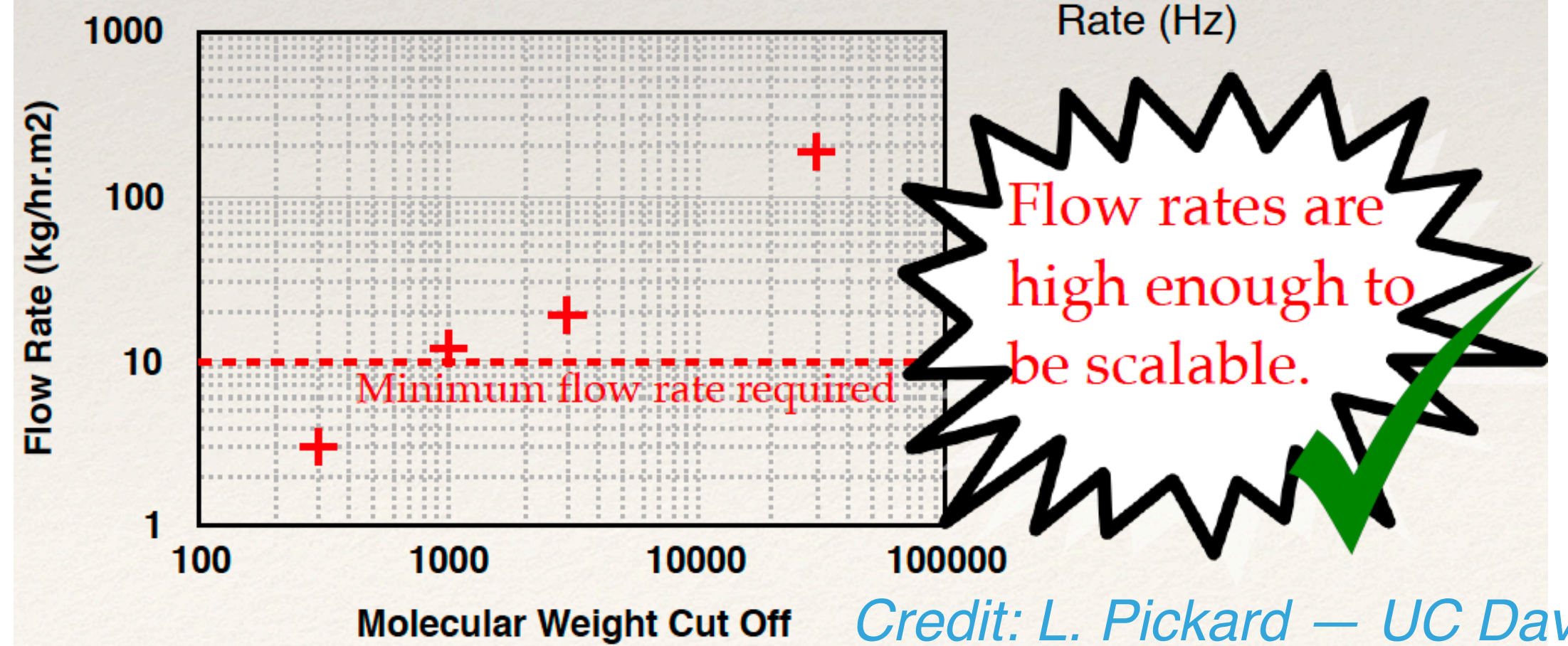
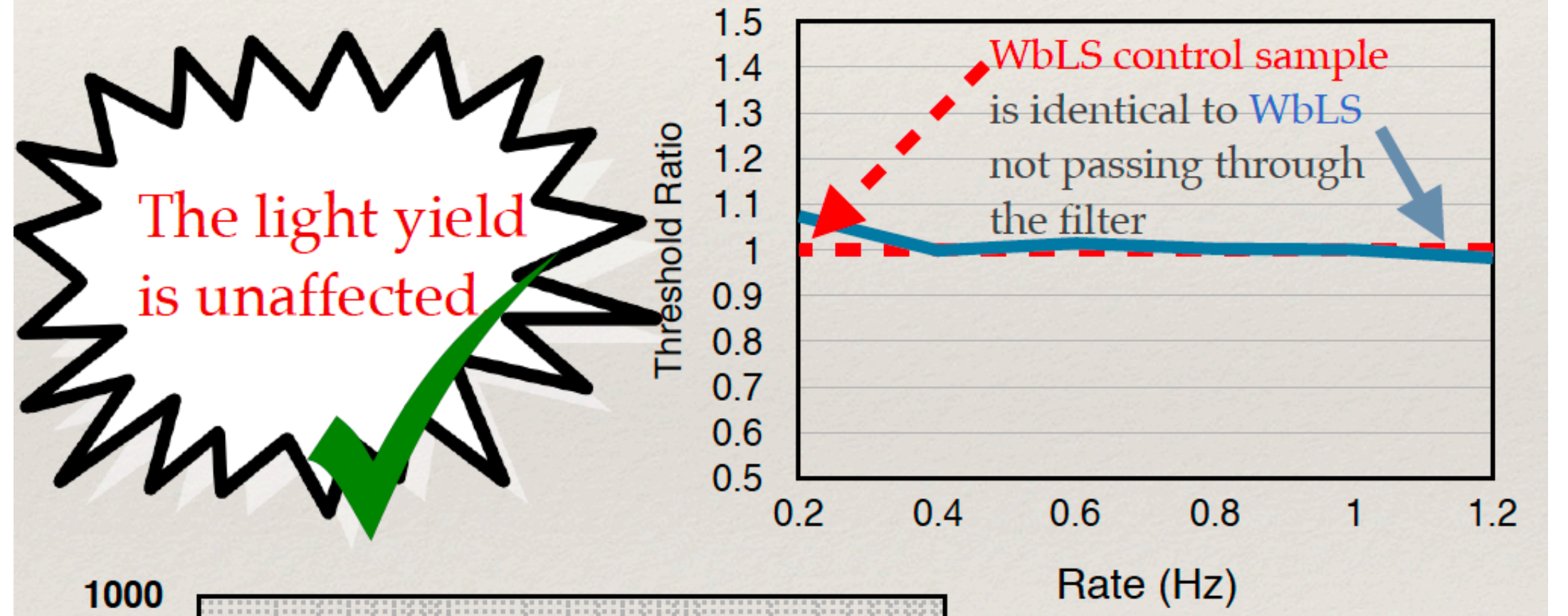
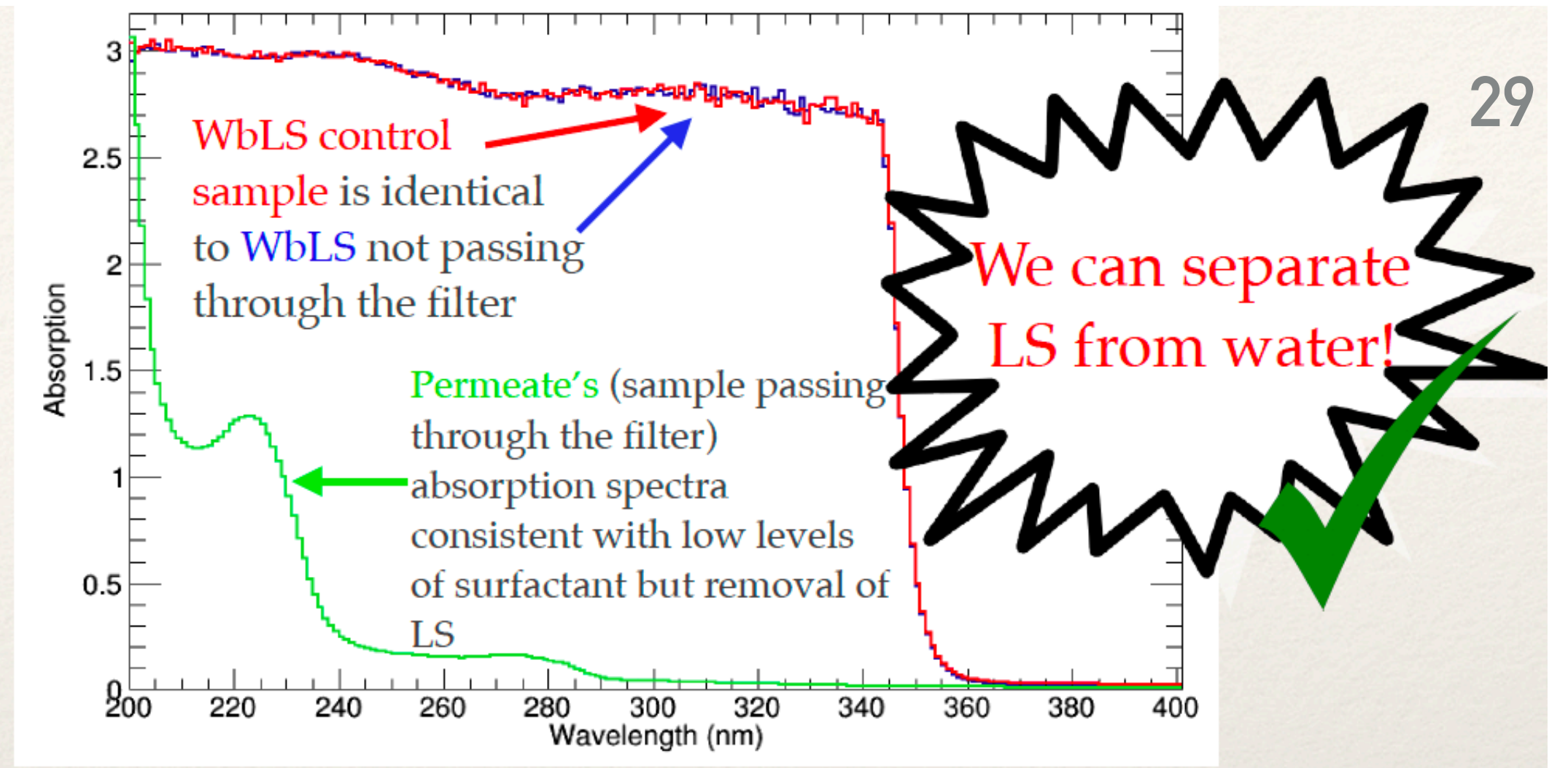


THEN PURIFY WATER AND REINJECT INTO THE SYSTEM

THEIA recirculation concept



DEMONSTRATOR AT UC DAVIS



WbLS-COMPATIBLE HAMAMATSU PMTs



WbLS-RESISTANT HOUSING

Tested for:

- Long term submersion
- High pressures
- High/low and changing temperatures (55°/-20°)

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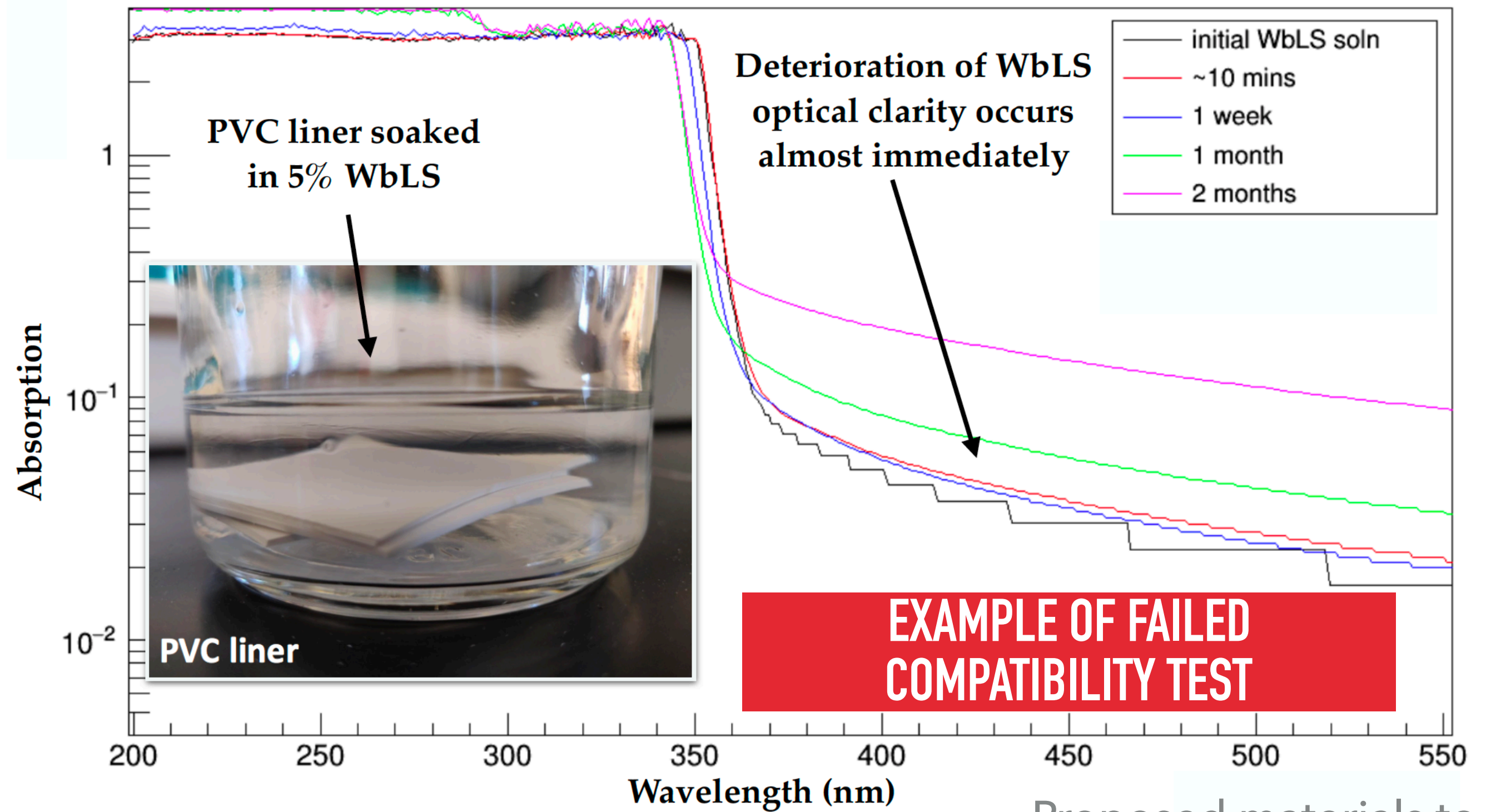
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COMPATIBILITY TESTS AT UC DAVIS

Soak materials in WbLS 5% and monitor absorbance

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Proposed materials to be tested:

- ❖ PPS
- ❖ PCB
- ❖ Polyolefin
- ❖ Urethane resin
- ❖ PMT glass (see next slide)
- ❖ Stainless steel
- ❖ Teflon
- ❖ All proposed balloon materials
- ❖ ...

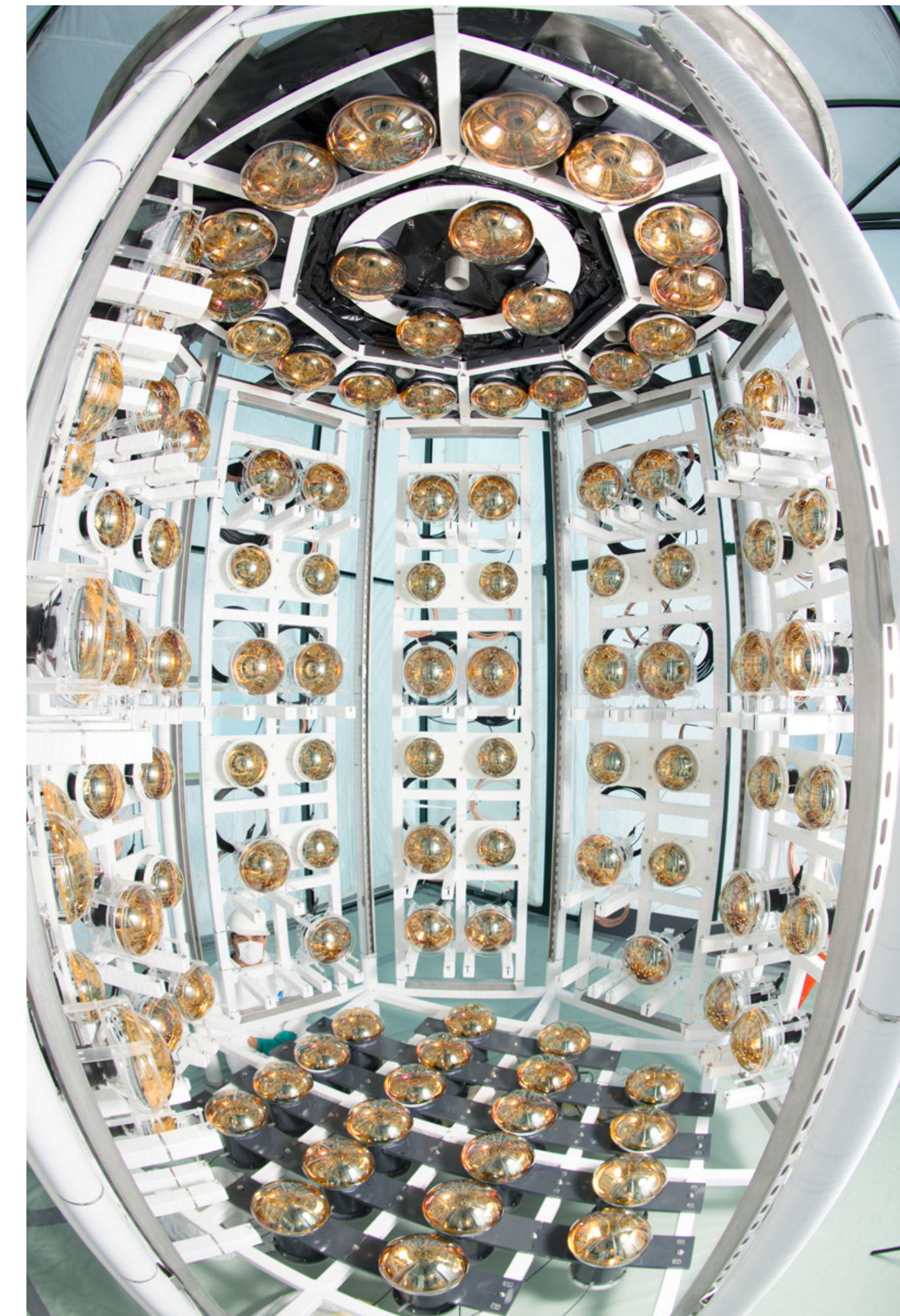


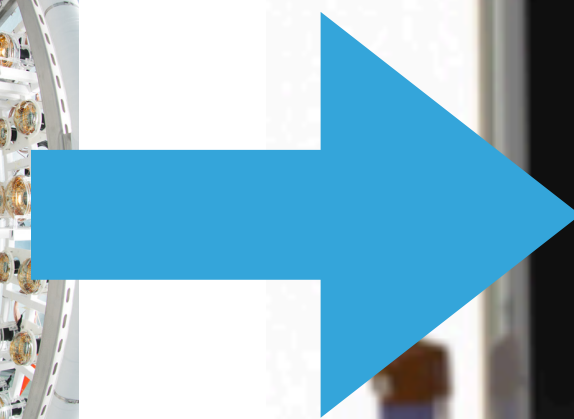
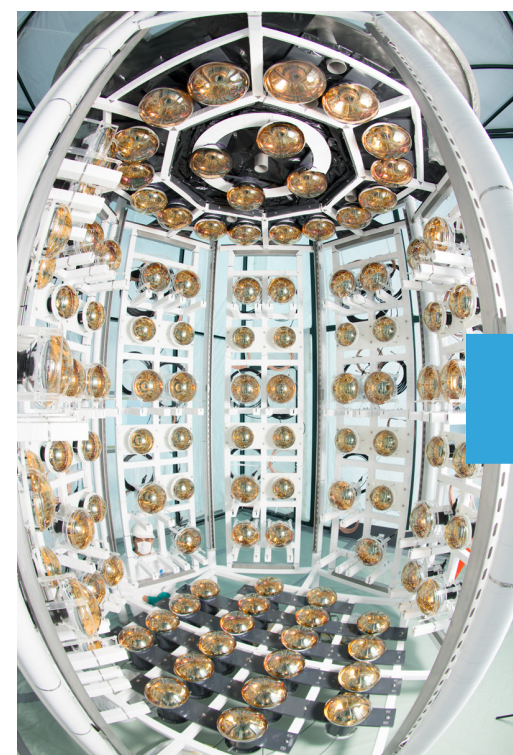
- ▶ 26-ton Cherenkov detector located in a neutrino beam (Fermilab)

- ▶ First usage of LAPPDs for neutrino physics

- ▶ Currently filled with Gd-doped water → It will characterize WbLS performance for first time in large-scale detector

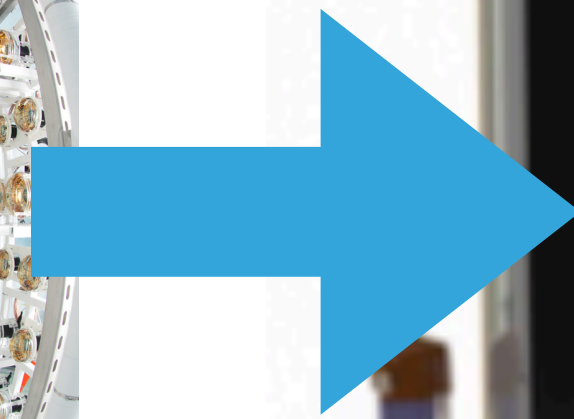
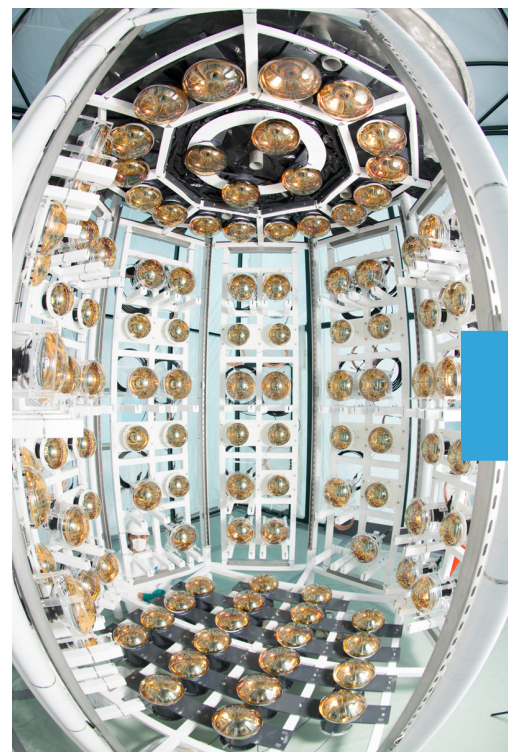
E. TIRAS - ADVANCED PHOTON DETECTION IN ANNIE FOR NEXT GENERATION NEUTRINO EXPERIMENTS



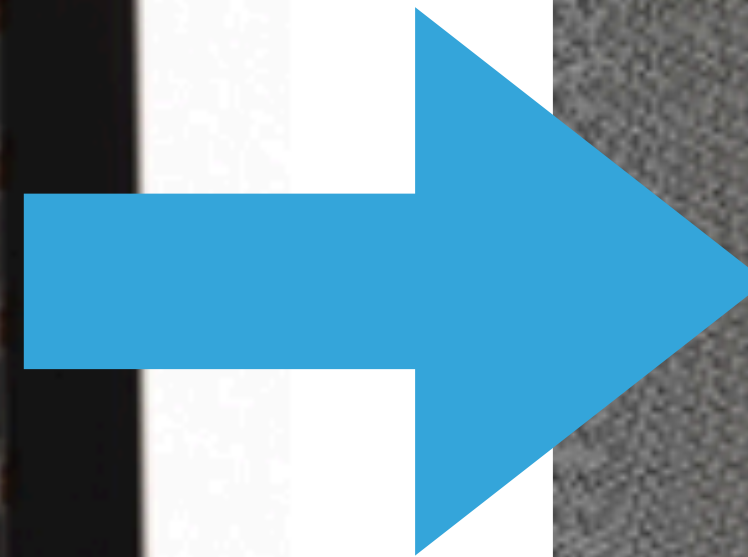


- ▶ Kiloton Cherenkov detector located underground in the UK
- ▶ Testbed for novel technologies: WbLS, LAPPDs, etc.
- ▶ Could inform Theia design

NEXT-GEN DEMONSTRATORS



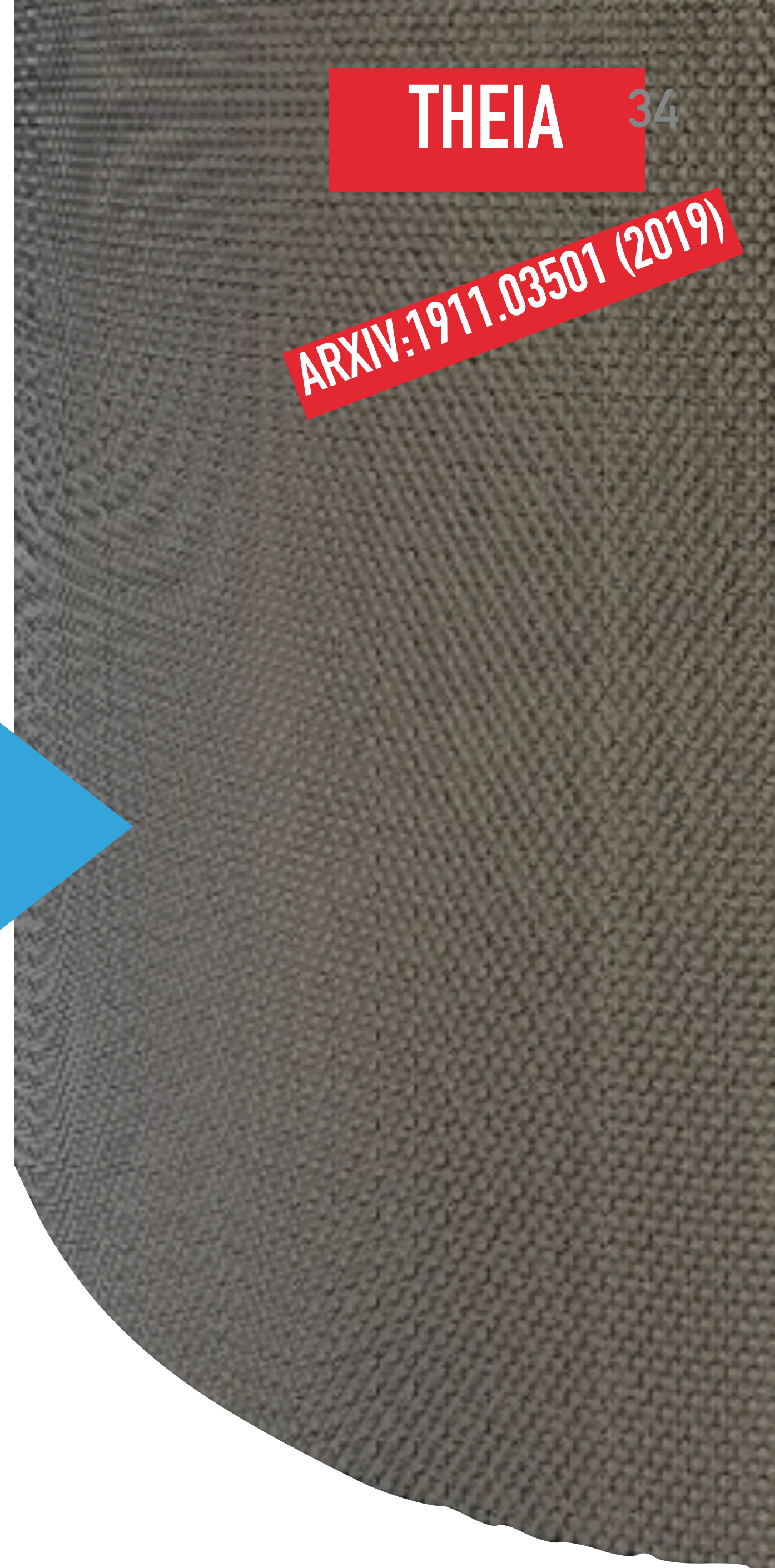
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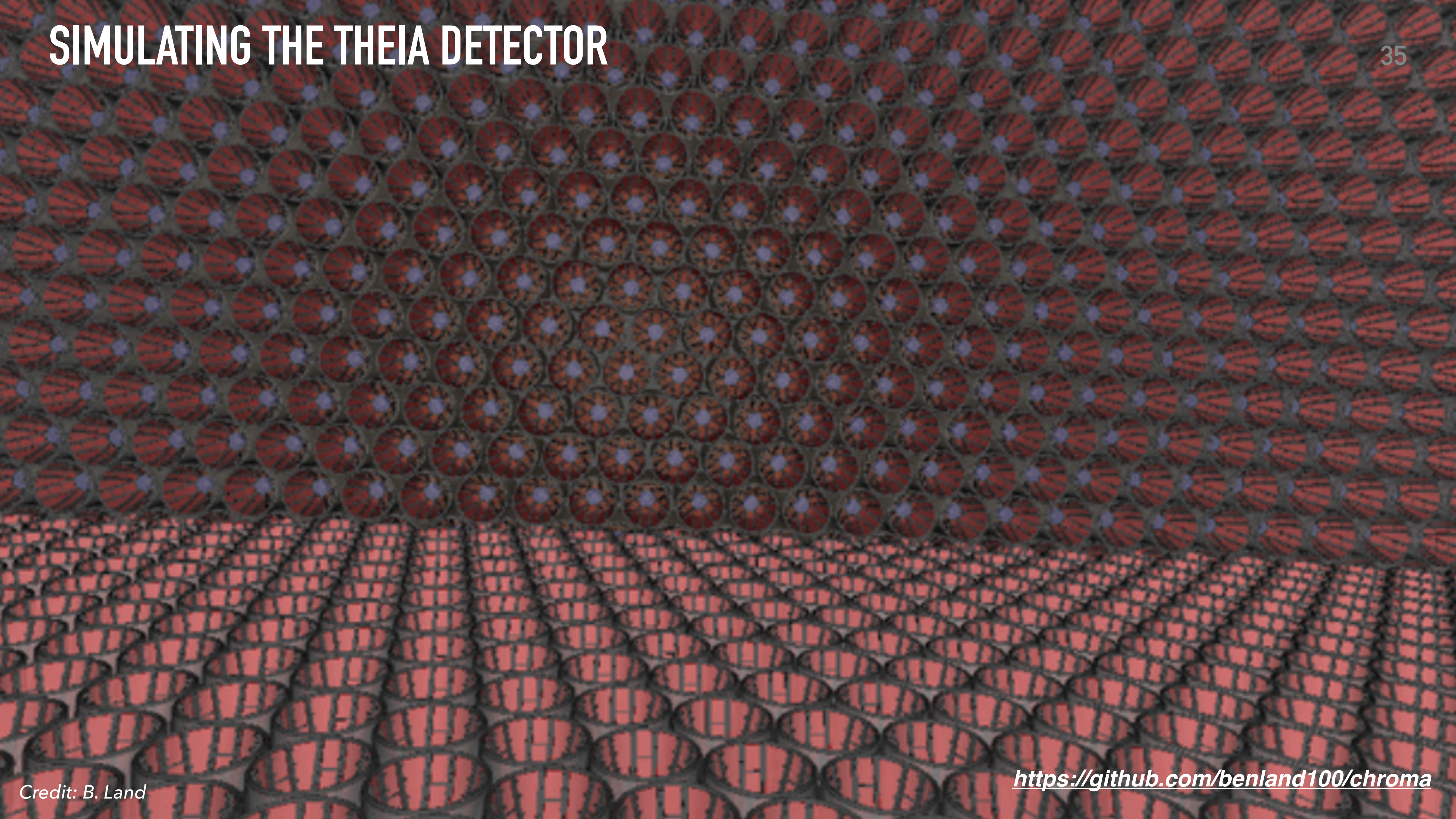
THEIA

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SIMULATING THE THEIA DETECTOR



SIMULATING THE THEIA DETECTOR

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- ▶ Monte Carlo simulation of a Theia-sized liquid scintillator detector is very computer intensive
- ▶ Exploring alternatives using GPU power → Chroma
 - ▶ Capable of tracking millions of photons in seconds (x100 faster than Geant4)

- ▶ Theia is a new optical detector concept that exploits both Cherenkov and scintillation light
- ▶ A broad R&D effort is ongoing towards the Theia realization:
 - ▶ Implementation of fast photosensors
 - ▶ Production and characterization of water-based liquid scintillators
 - ▶ Wavelengths sorting with dichroicons
 - ▶ Potential large-scale demonstrators for a staged approach



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BACKUP SLIDES

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