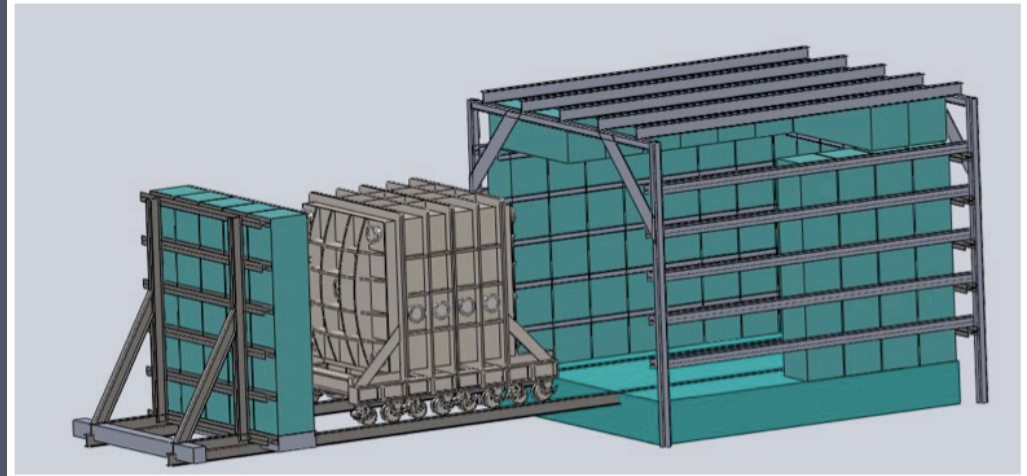
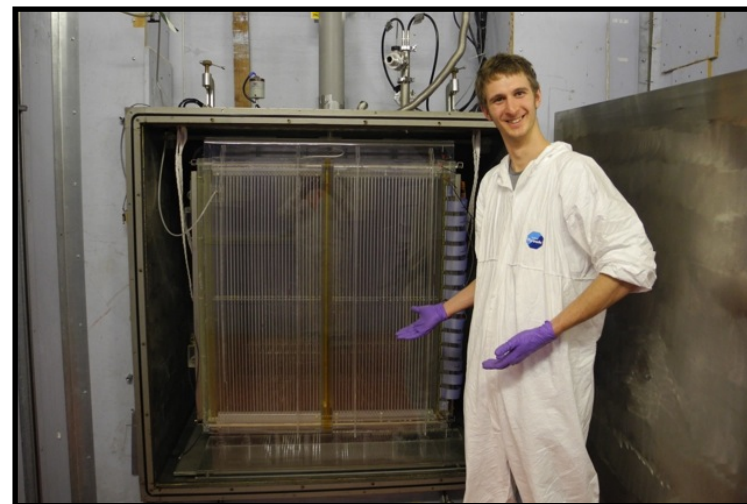


The DRIFT Directional Dark Matter Experiments.....



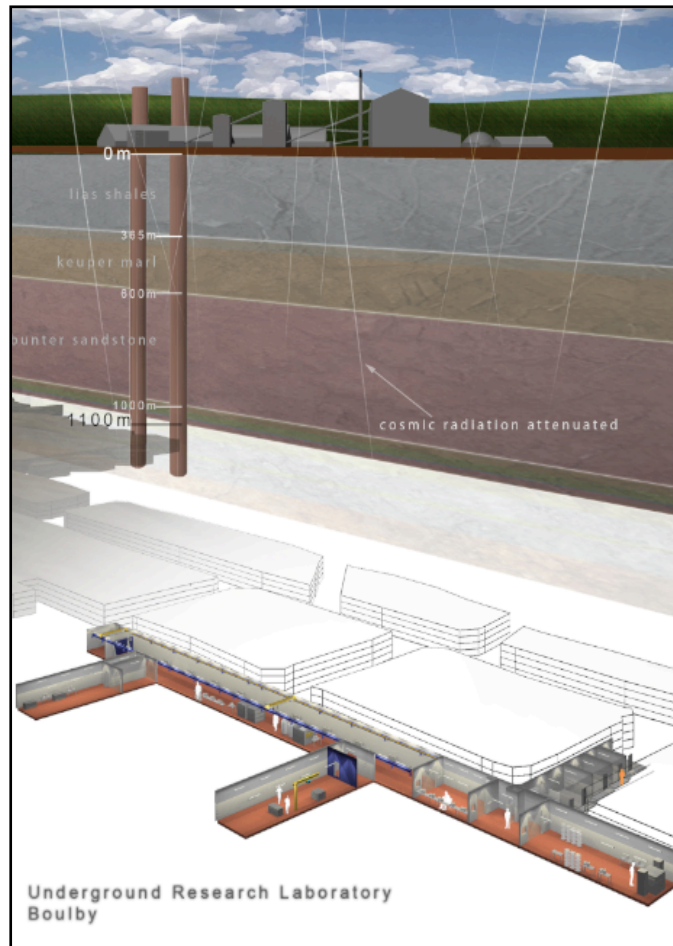
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DRIFT collaboration, Boulby
(Occidental, UNM, USC, Sheffield, Edinburgh, STFC)

- DRIFT IIa-d
- DRIFT IIe - scale-up tests
- DRIFT III - 24m³
- Tonne-scale



Boulby Mine - Palmer Laboratory

- Current site (1.1 km deep) in salt rock
- Deeper excavation underway to 1.4 km depth
- Suitable for a large TPC!



Boulby - Current Status of Projects

Palmer Laboratory now funded under STFC-Futures programme

DRIFT-IIId



SKY0,1



PROJECTS

- DRIFTIIId, DRIFTIle (under construction), DRIFTIII (new lab)
- SKY0, SKY1 (climate change)
- DM-ICE test stand
- Project Deep Carbon (carbon sequestration and muon tomography)
- Extreameophiles
- Low background studies, radon facility

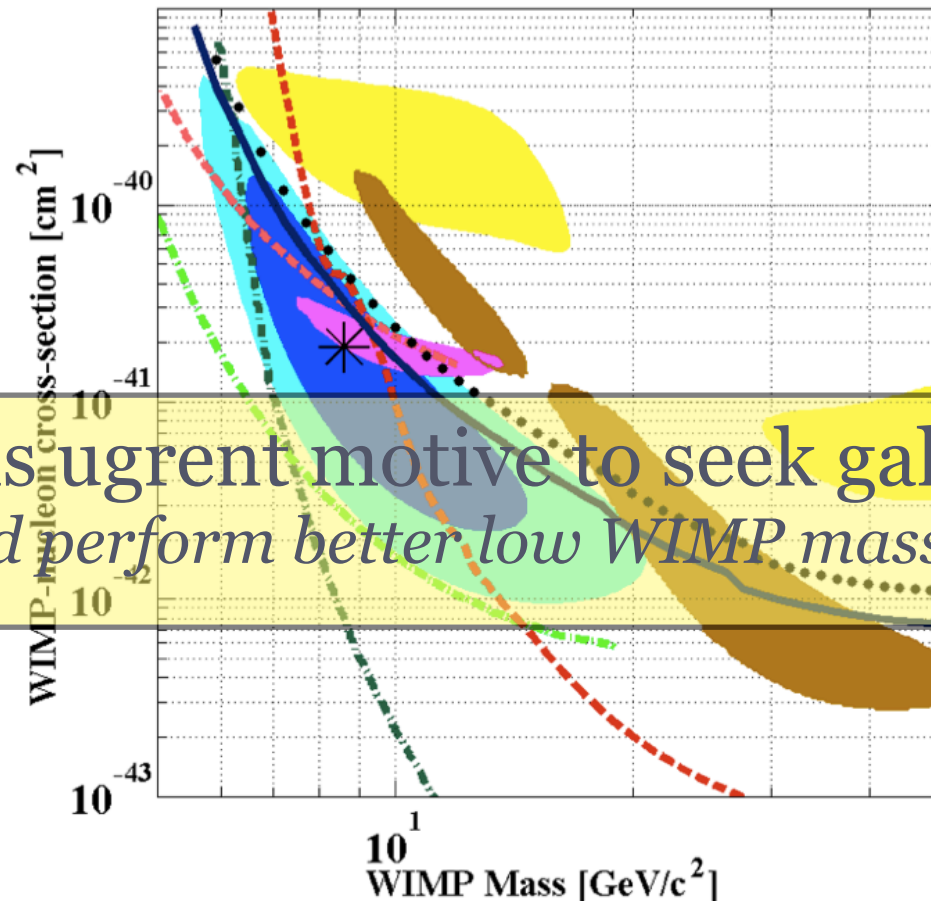
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ZEPLIN III now closed, DRIFTIIId continuing, DRIFTIle under construction

Excitement and Confusion in WIMP World

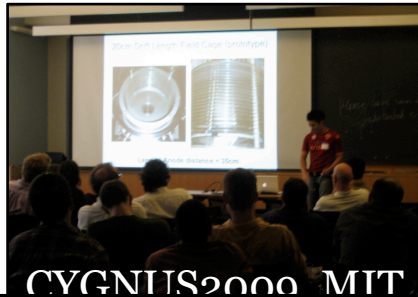
- Currently 6 direct search experiments see events above expected background - DAMA/LIBRA, CoGENT, CRESST, CDMS/Edelweiss **and three/four claim detection of WIMP DM**



There is urgent motive to seek galactic signals
and perform better low WIMP mass searches

- There is also indirect claimed evidence, e.g. the spectrum of gamma rays from the region surrounding the Galactic Centre peaks at a few GeV, consistent with a ~ 7 - 10 GeV dark matter particle annihilating largely to leptons

CYGNUS Workshops 2007-2009-2011-2013..



CYGNUS 2007

First Workshop on Directional Detection of Dark Matter
 22-24 July 2007
 Boulby Underground Laboratory, UK
 ILIAS-N3 - advanced detectors meeting

CYGNUS 2009

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13 Directional R&D Challenges

Techniques

Implementation

Theory

1. Development/demonstration of **directional sensitivity** for low energy nuclear recoils
2. Development/demonstration of **head/tail discrimination** for low energy nuclear recoils
3. Development/demonstration of **background discrimination and reduction**
4. Demonstration of **robustness and stability** for long-term operation
5. Selection/optimisation of **gases or gas mixtures** for SD and SI sensitivity
6. Determination of **gas parameters**, gains, sensitivities, W and form factors
7. Development of **end-to-end simulations**
8. Development/optimisation of **readout techniques and instrumentation**
9. Optimisation of **gas pressure** (or pressures) for directional and non-directional operation.
10. Development/demonstration of **cost reduction** techniques for scale-up
11. Assessment of **infrastructure requirements** – size, depth, vetos?
12. Study of **halo / cosmology theory** and likely science reach.
13. Study of **wider applications**: KK axions? DAMA?

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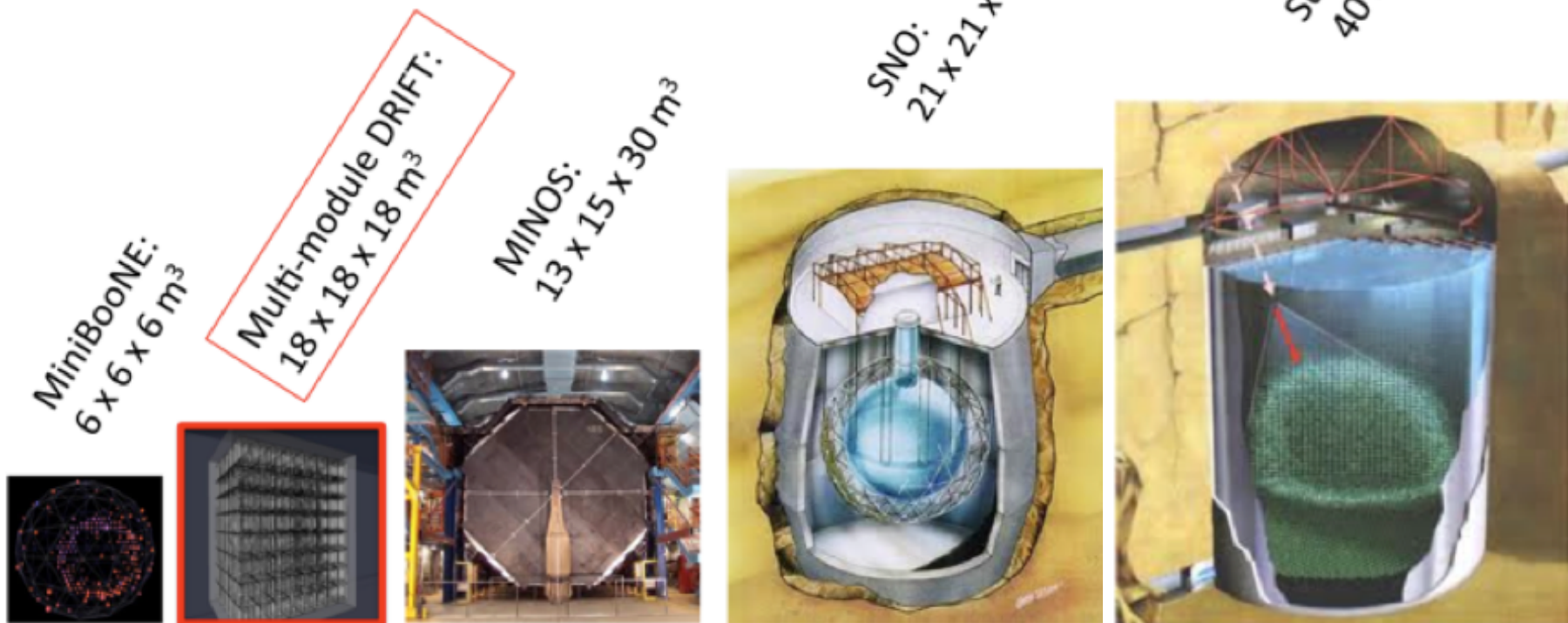
Towards Tonne Scale

- A **1 Tonne** target is not unimaginable - target (10keV Thresh, 0 bg) would give **10^{-10} pb** (raw) & **$>10^{-9}$ pb** (halo) SI sensitivity.
- Vol = 2,500–10,000m³ (160-40 Torr).
- 1/30th-1/120th volume of LNGS
- 4/3^{rds} – 1/3rd the size of MINOS

Excavation not a cost driver: €20-50/m³, €250K/tonne target

Cost extrapolation from DRIFT IIId: €50K/m³

⇒ ~€40M/tonne (with scale factors)???

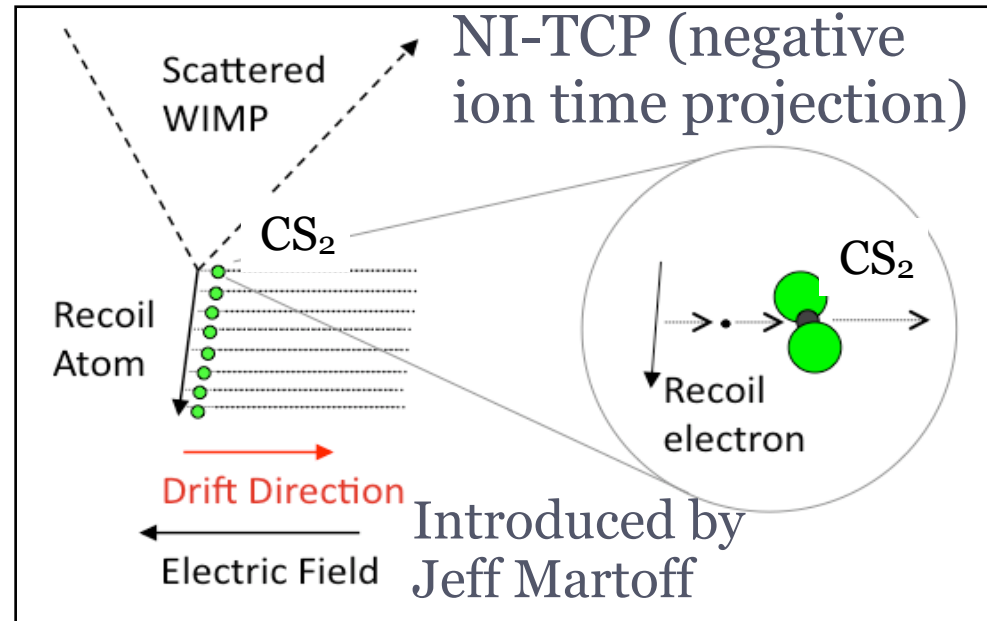
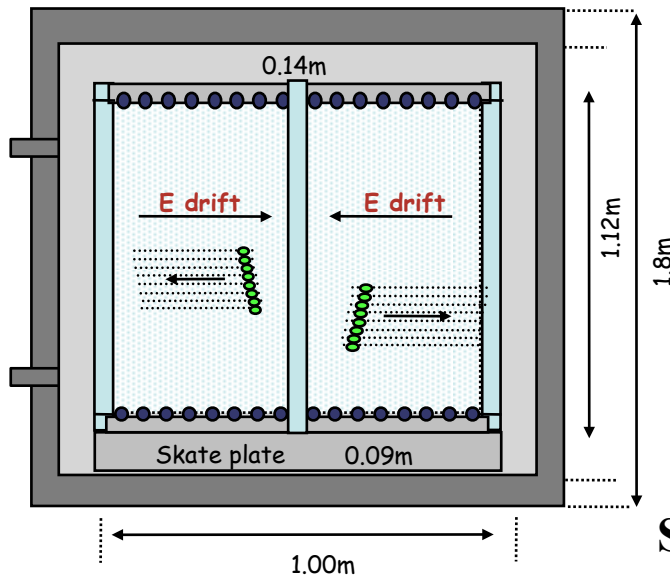
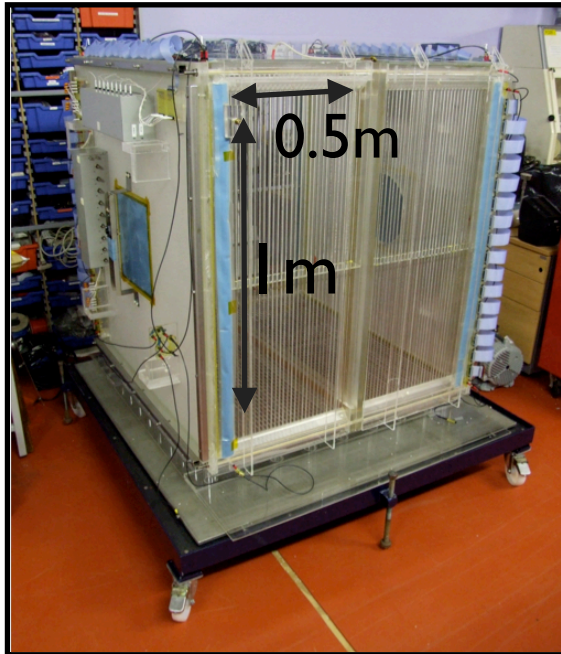


DRIFT History

- DRIFT is a proven directional detector
- Operational in the Boulby Mine since 2001
- DRIFT-I, DRIFT-IIa, DRIFT-IIb, DRIFT-IIc and DRIFT-IId



DRIFT II Concept



- 1 m³ active volume - back to back MWPCs
- Gas fill 40 Torr CS₂ => 167 g of target gas
- 2 mm pitch anode wires left and right
- Grid wires read out for Δy measurement
- Veto regions around outside
- Central cathode made from 20 μm diameter wires at 2 mm pitch
- Drift field 624 V/cm
- Modular design for modest scale-up

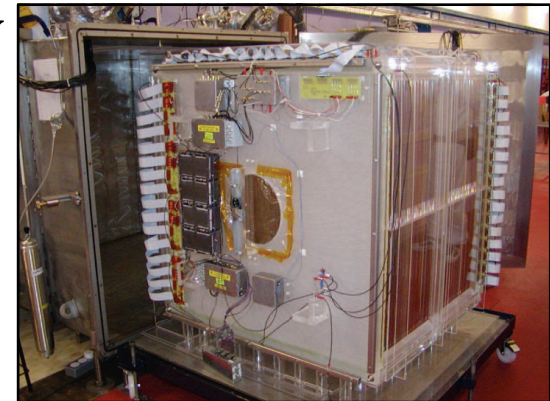
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DRIFT IIa-d Summary

- Operational in the Boulby Mine since 2001
- DRIFT-I, DRIFT-IIa, DRIFT-IIb, DRIFT-IIc, DRIFT-IId
 - Low threshold potential (< 3 keV, S-recoil)
 - Directional signatures (and 3D reconstruction)
 - Head-tail (sense) is feasible, and verified by theory
 - Radon backgrounds (RPR) understood reduced
 - *Fiducialisation via minority carriers works*
 - *Thin cathode works*
 - Neutron backgrounds understood
 - Stable and safe operation with CS_2 and CF_4
 - Competitive SD WIMP-P limits with directionality

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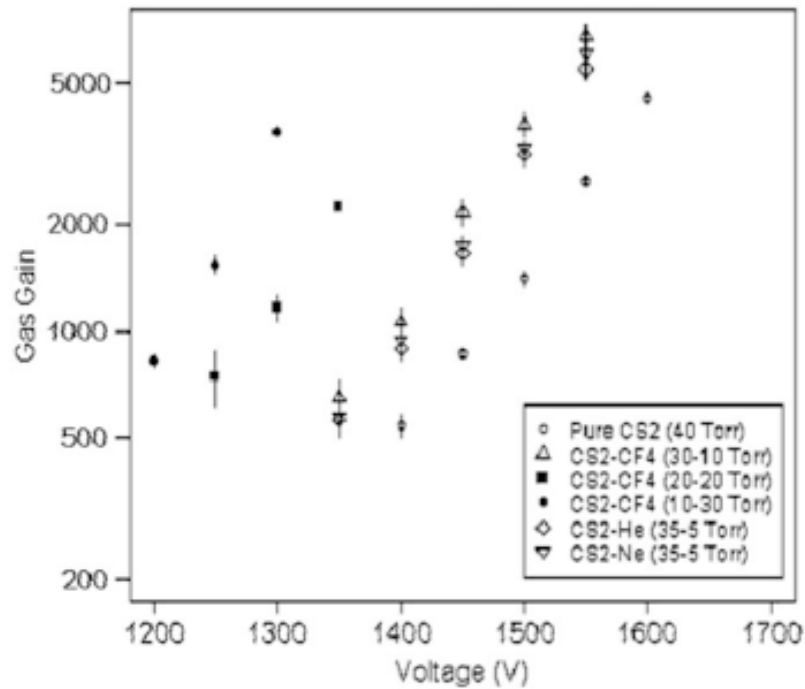
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the last 2 years



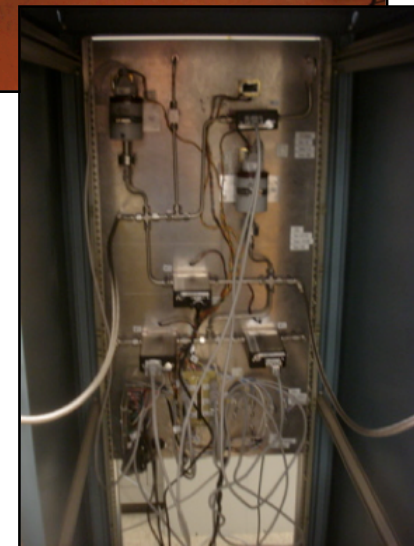
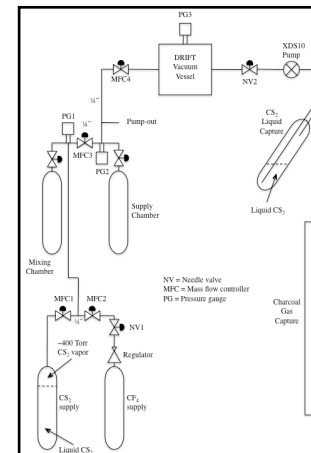
Ready for new experiment DRIFT III Module - 24m^3

DRIFT IIId Tech Highlights - Gas Physics

- CS₂ is an amazing gas!
- Measured ionization, gain, drift velocity and diffusion in various CS₂ gas mixtures **with CF₄ and now O₂ minority carrier**
- CS₂ works with only 5% concentration
- DRIFT-IIId new set-up with CS₂/CF₄/O₂



CS₂/CF₄ gain vs mixture

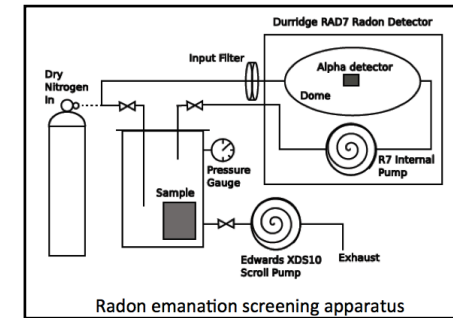


DRIFT IId Tech Highlights - Radon

- Radon mitigation by acid cleaning
- Radon mitigation by material selection and emanation studies



sensitivity $\sim 1\text{mBq}$



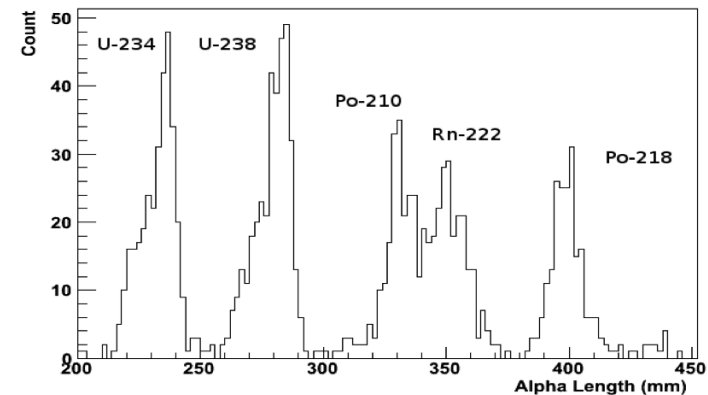
- Internal radon assay by alpha particle range

Sample	Rn emanation (atoms/s)	Scaling & notes
Nitrile O-ring	0.0602 ± 0.0068	$\times 0.5$.
Black HV cables	0.1069 ± 0.0134	None, full set tested.
Rubber bungs (old)	0.0333 ± 0.0027	$\times 2$ and $\times 0.718$. $\frac{1}{2}$ number of bungs.
Aluminized Mylar	0.0076 ± 0.0046	$\times 2$. Sample was $\frac{1}{2}$ cathode area.
Electronics boxes ¹	0.05 ± 0.01	None
FEP ribbon cables ¹	0.00 ± 0.02	None
PTFE signal cables ¹	0.00 ± 0.02	None
Total	0.258 ± 0.034	GPCC implied rate: 0.277 ± 0.017

Detector materials present during April 2012 run

Sample	Rn emanation (atoms/s)	Scaling & notes
Nitrile O-ring	0.0602 ± 0.0068	$\times 0.5$.
White HV cables	0.0053 ± 0.0019	None, full set tested.
20 silicone bungs	0.0129 ± 0.0015	$\times 0.718 \pm 0.028$.
Aluminized Mylar	0.0076 ± 0.0046	$\times 2$. Sample was $\frac{1}{2}$ cathode area.
Electronics boxes ¹	0.05 ± 0.01	None
FEP ribbon cables ¹	0.00 ± 0.02	None
PTFE signal cables ¹	0.00 ± 0.02	None
Total	0.136 ± 0.031	GPCC implied rate: 0.151 ± 0.013

3-d Alpha Length Downgoing

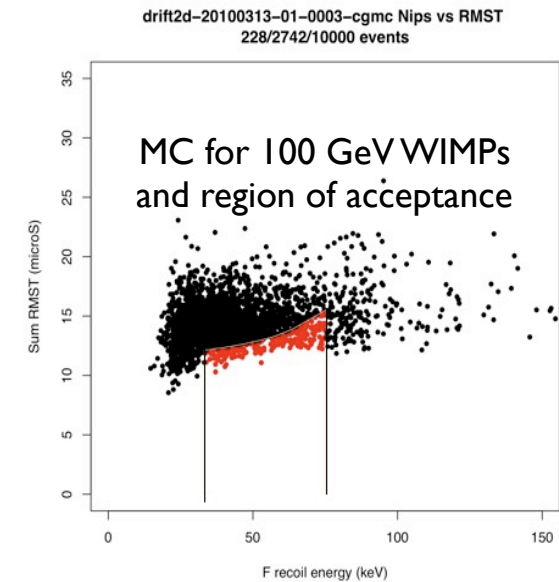
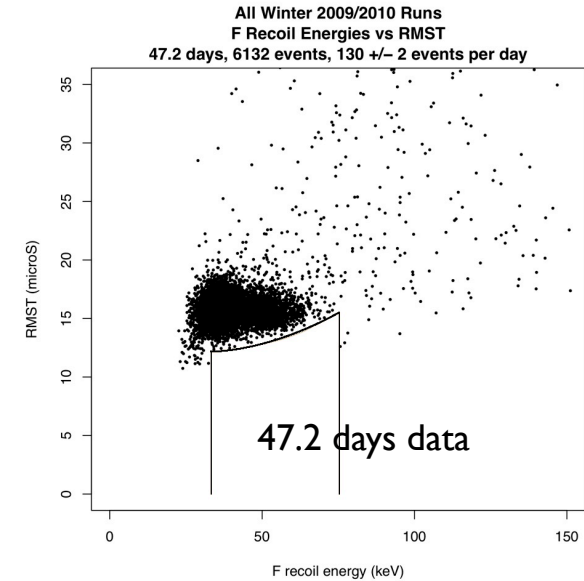
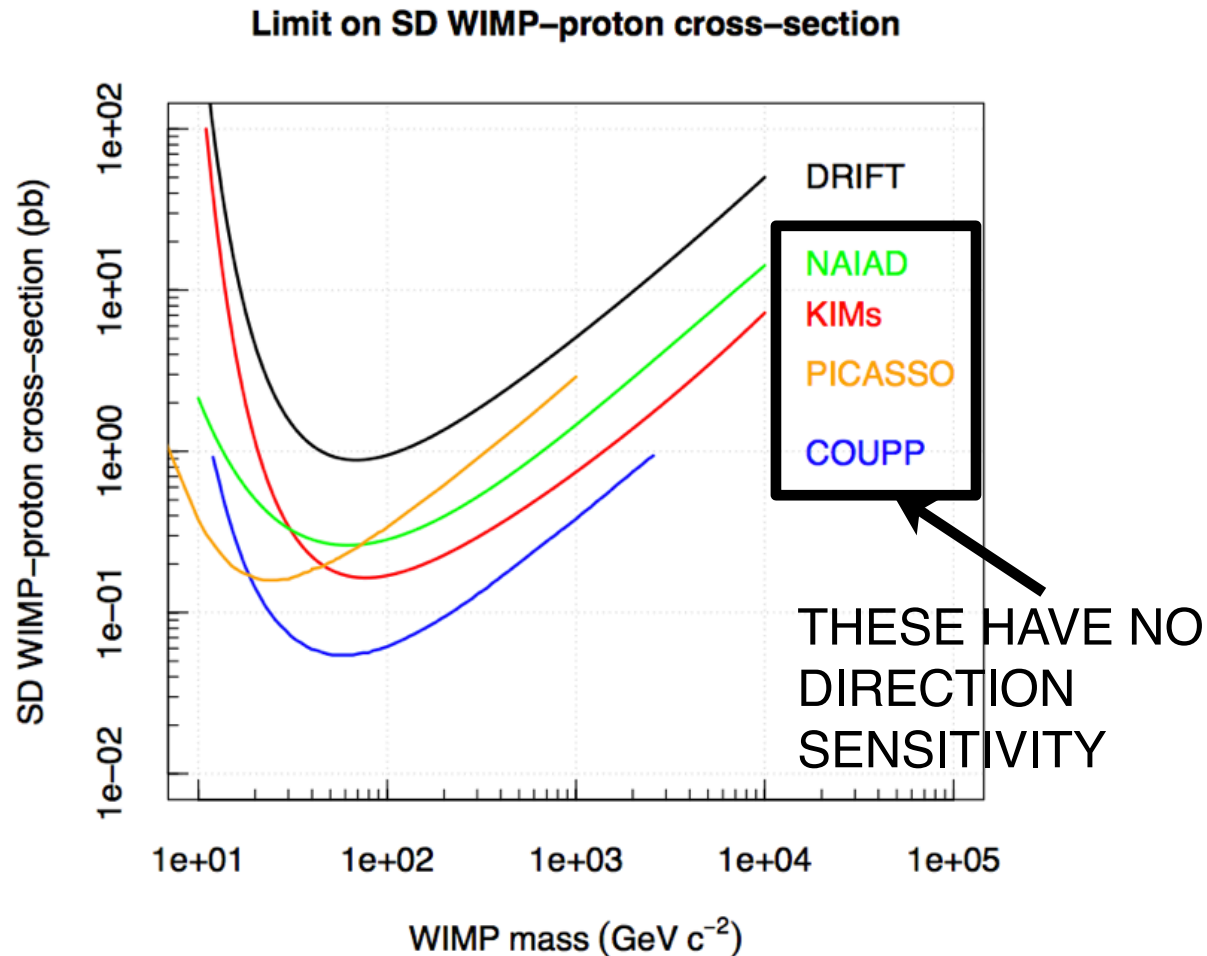


Isotope	Dirty	Clean
²³⁴ U	$12 \pm 2\text{ppt}$	$\leq 2 \pm 0.3\text{ppt}$
²³⁸ U	$260 \pm 31\text{ppb}$	$1.2 \pm 2.4\text{ppb}$

Together, these reduced the RPRs by 96% relative to D-IIa rate

SD Limit from 47.2 days

- 30 Torr - 10 Torr CS₂-CF₄,
- MC simulation calibrated by neutron data
- No compromise on directional sensitivity
- Signal region chosen for zero events (unblind analysis)

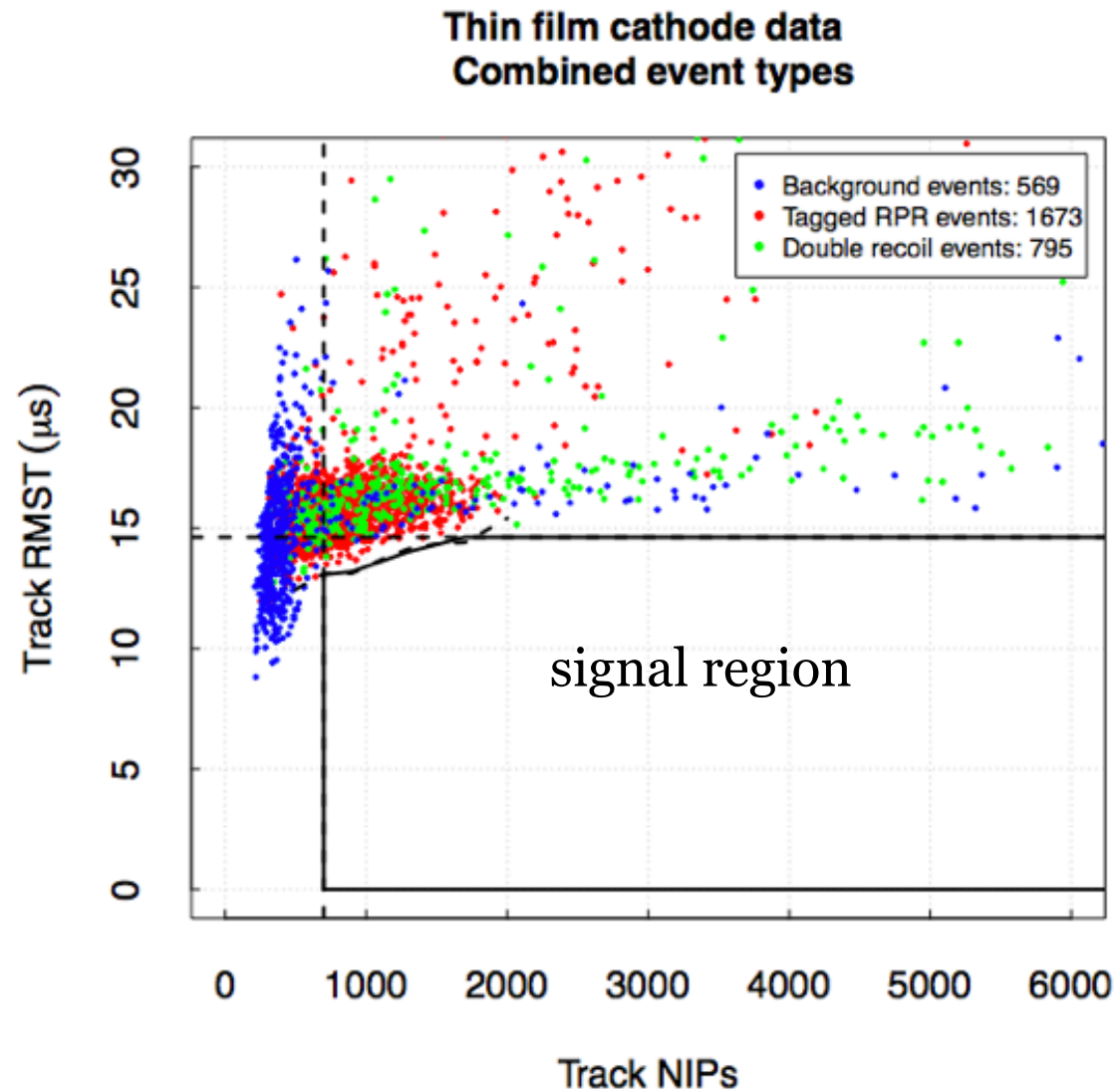


DRIFT II d

Recent Advances/Upgrades

- Operation with multiple target gases - CS₂ is an amazing gas!
- Radon mitigation - factor x ~500 reduction from DRIFT II b
 - Introduce texturised thin film cathode for radon progeny recoil tagging
 - Introduce fiducialisation with minority carrier using O₂
 - Improve electronics and analysis
 - Introduce blind analysis

BLIND Analysis Test



Unblind Analysis



blind Analysis

PhD Thesis
Mark Pipe

DRIFT IId - 0.9 μ m Central Cathode

Use of multi-panel 0.9 μ m thick DRIFT cathode

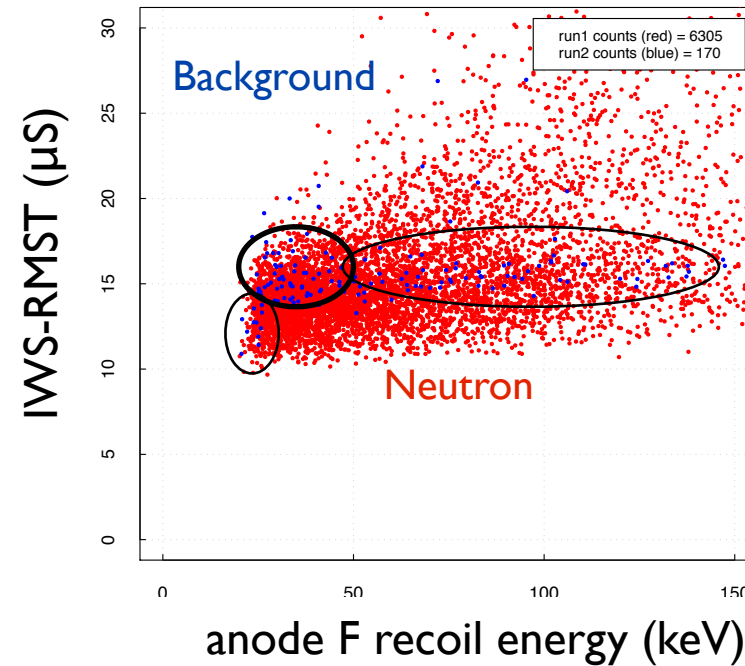
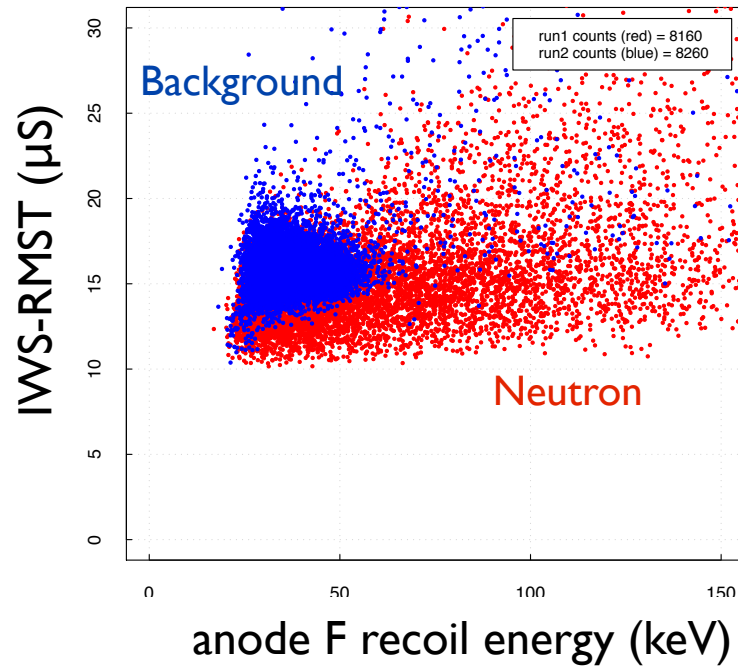
cathode tested at full
voltage (32.5kV)



Running stably since installation

DRIFT IIId - 0.9 μm Central Cathode

20 μm wire cathode \longrightarrow 0.9 μm film cathode

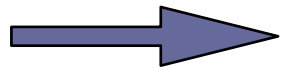


New upgrade to thin (alpha transparent) cathode shown to suppress background by another x15-30

But other smaller backgrounds are now revealed that account for the lower difference seen compared to expectation of \sim x40 (LEAs, betas...)



Texturised thin cathode



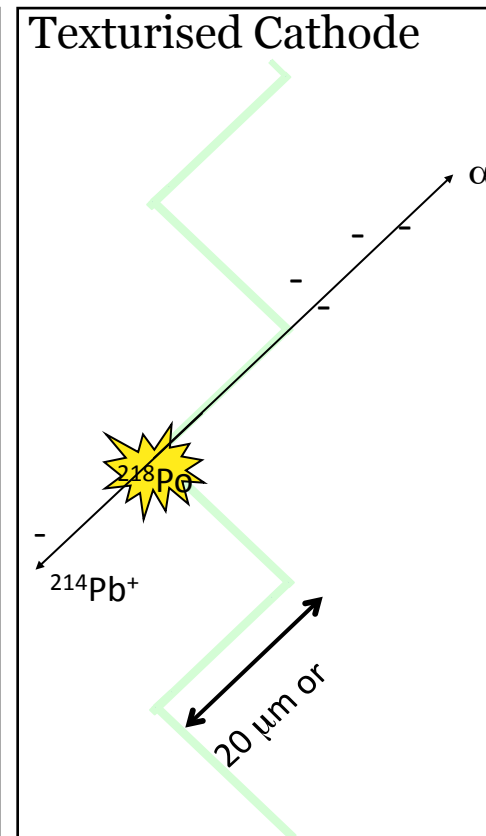
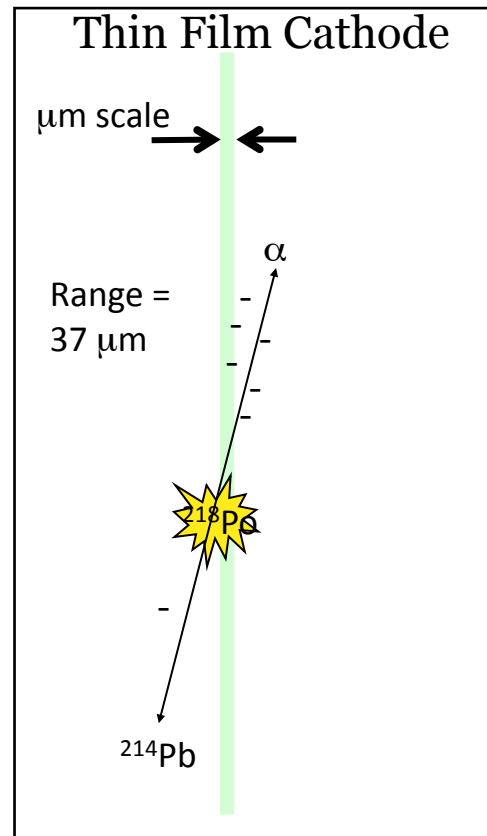
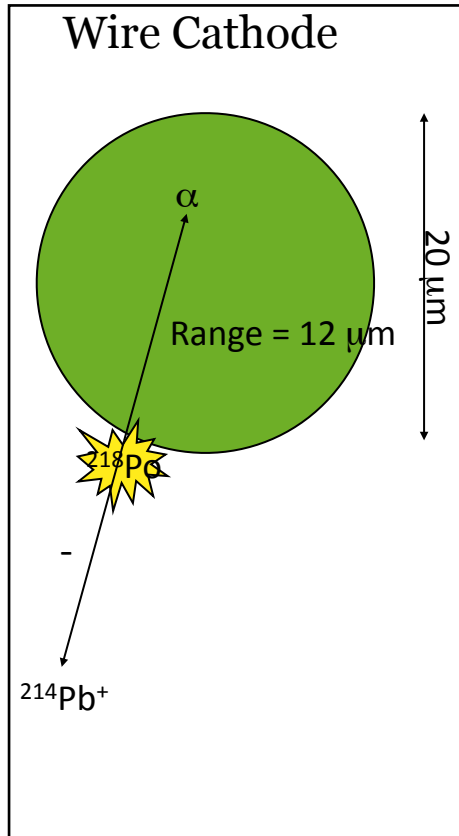
Minority carrier fiducialisation

DRIFT IId Texturised Cathode Instal

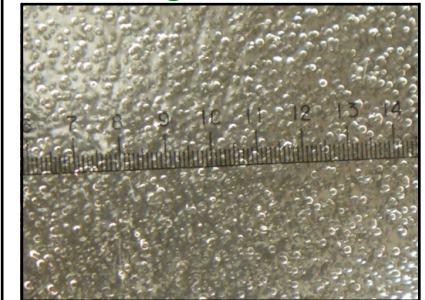
Wire Cathode \longrightarrow Thin Cathode \longrightarrow Thin Texturised Cathode

~500 RPRs/day ~100 RPRs/day ~2 RPRs/day ~0.01? RPRs/day

nitric etch



- Texturizing 0.9 micron thin film is really difficult!!
- 0.9 micron texturized thin film deployed on DRIFT-IId in Boulby in May 2013.
- Awaiting results...

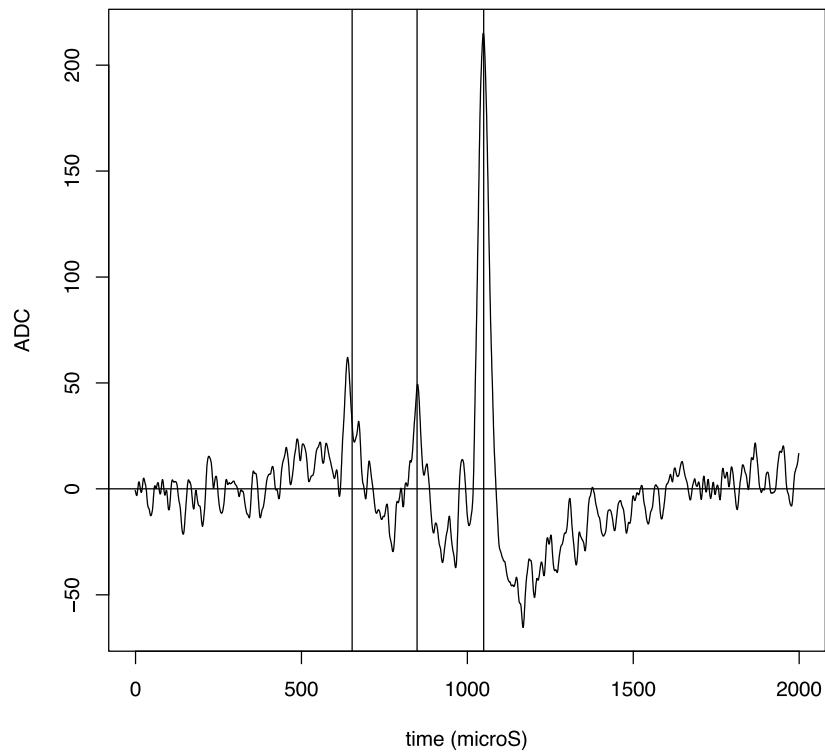


Give the alphas **no** place to hide in a **texturized** aluminized Mylar thin film

DRIFT II_d Fiducialisation Instal

Before O₂ Fiducialisation

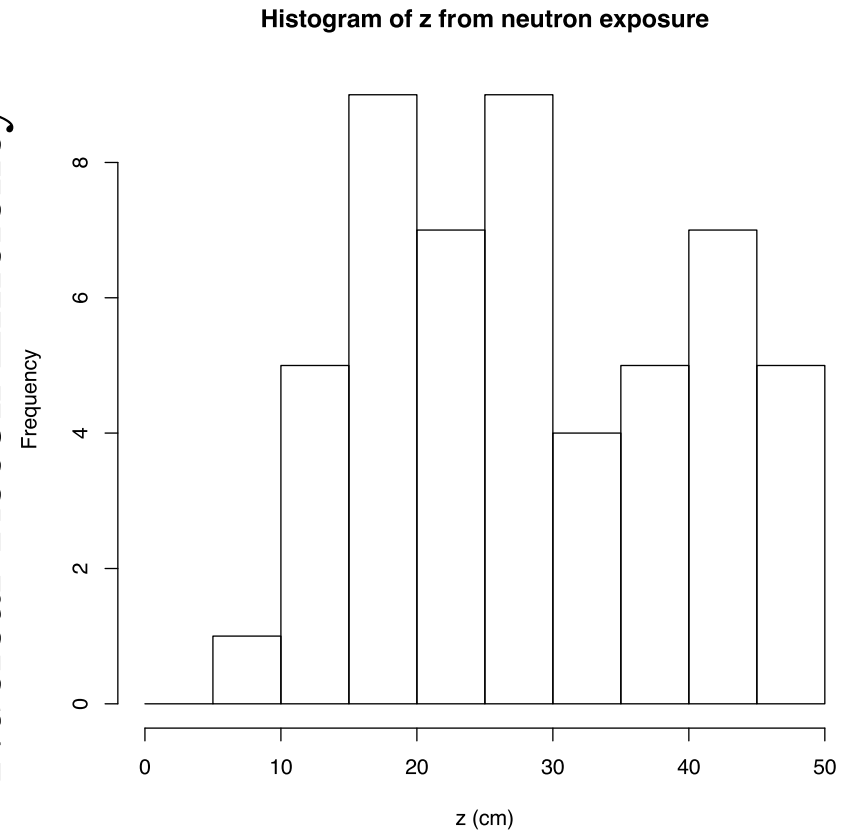
WIMP efficiency ~5%



After O₂ Fiducialisation

WIMP efficiency ~90%?

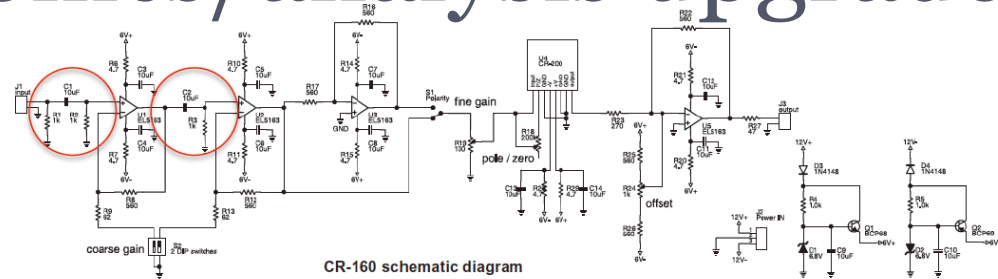
Nuclear Recoil Efficiency



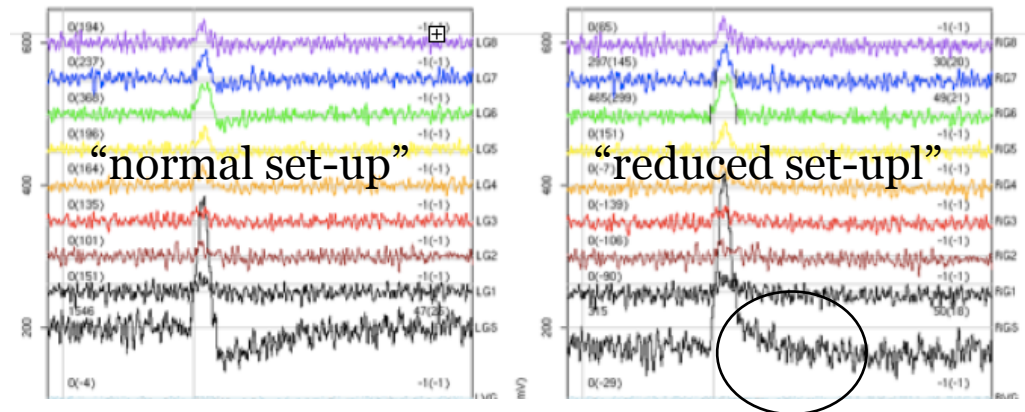
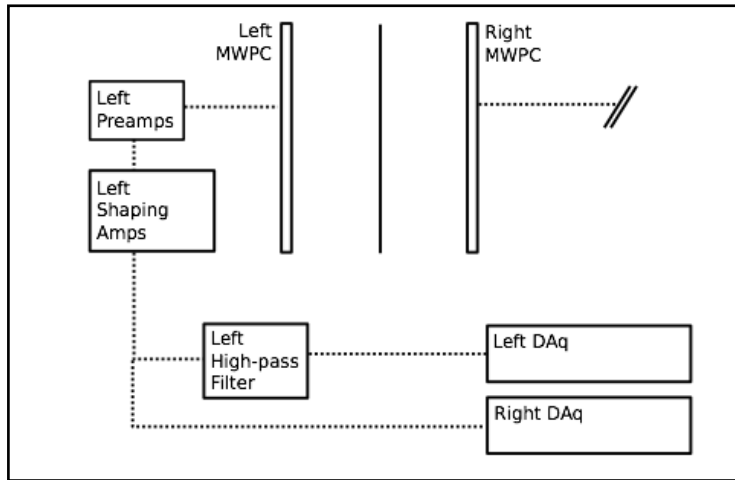
Depth in DRIFT II_d

DRIIFT IId Electronics/analysis upgrades

Aim: remove pulse shaping and introduce filtering in software: lower noise, better PSD for track reconstruction and background rejection

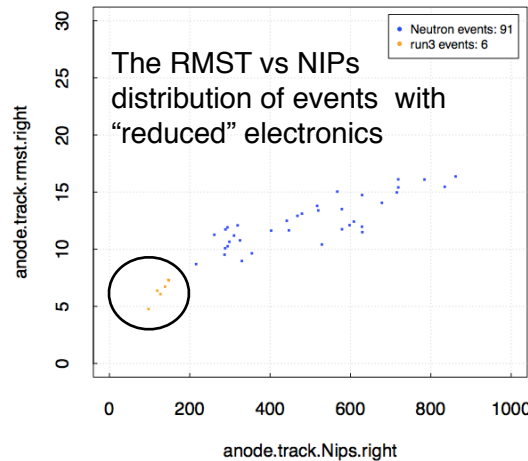
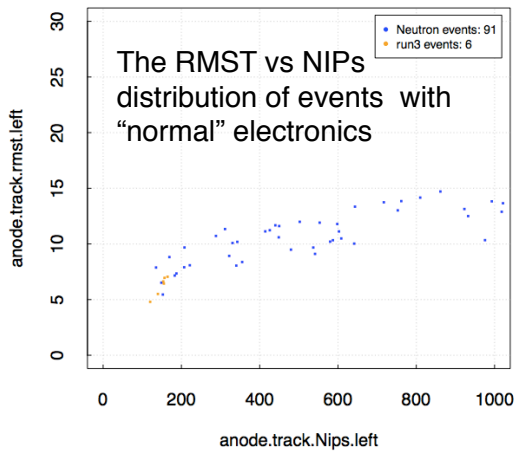


- Current IId electronics uses Cremat pre-amps and shapers plus filters



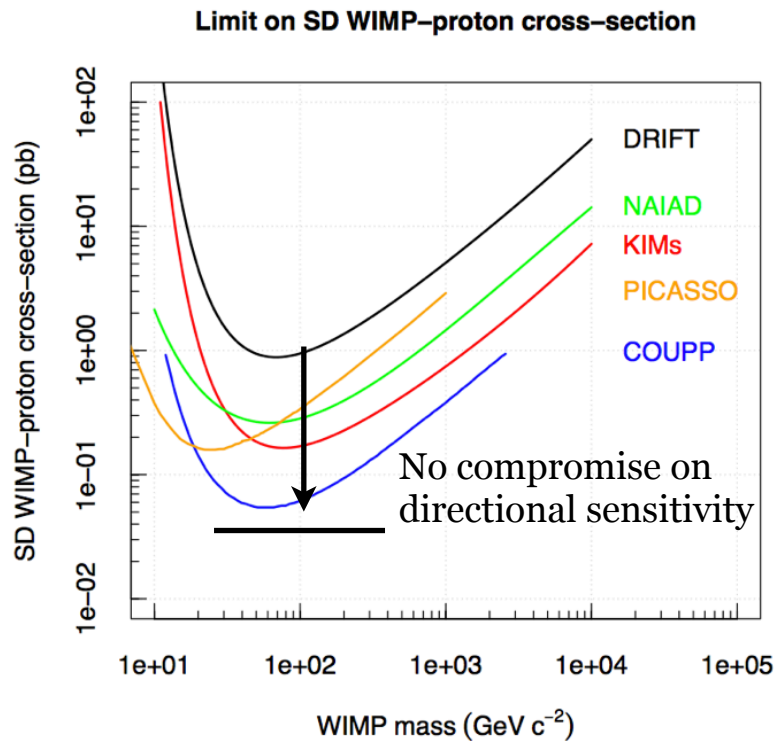
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- Analysis shows improved separation of RPRs from neutron-induced recoils

DRIFT IIe Sensitivity Prediction Now



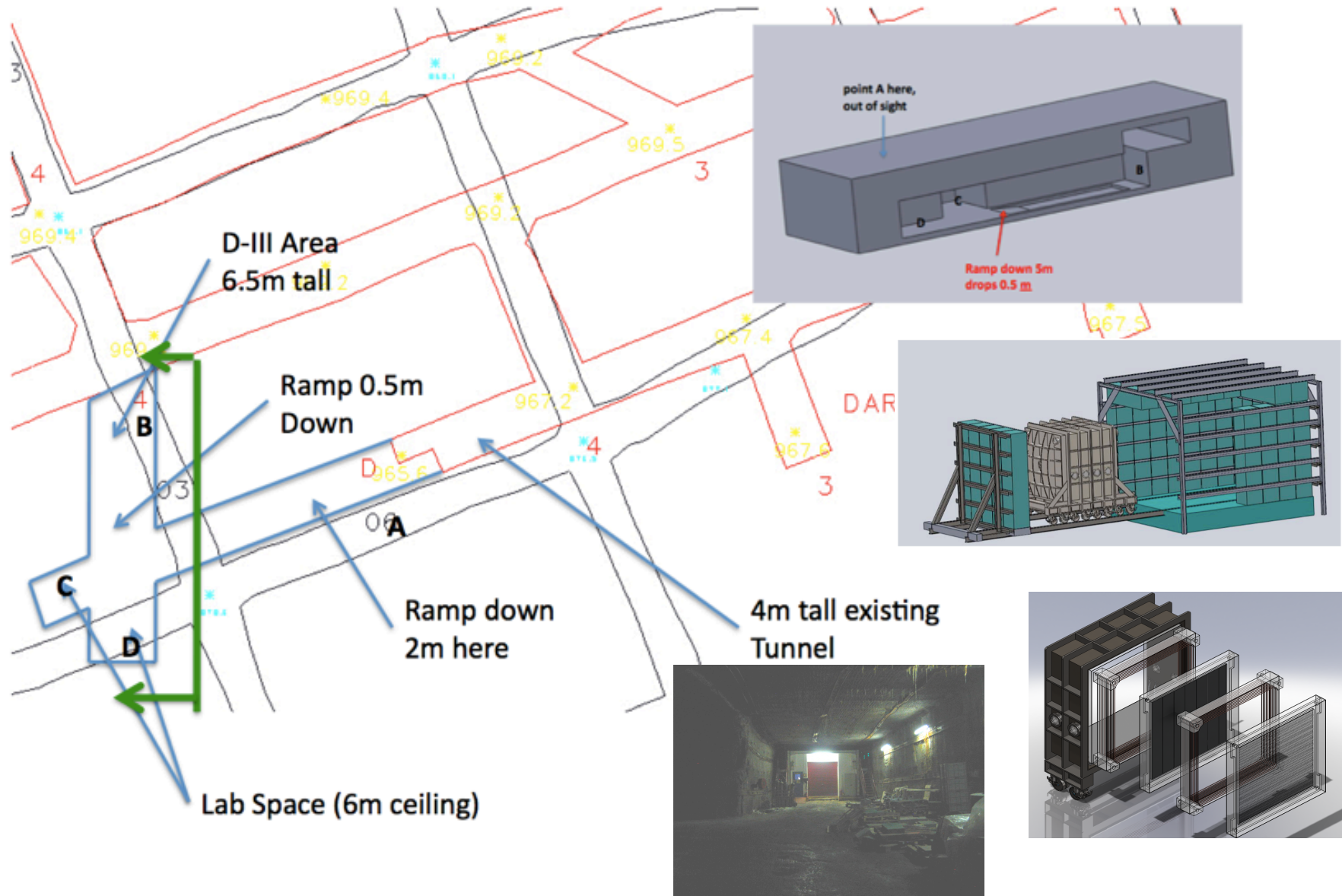
Points to DRIFT III
scale-up (24m^3)

DRIFT IIe demonstrator
under construction to
test DRIFT III features

- New low radon emanation materials
expect $\times 10$ reduction in intrinsic radon background
- New texturised central cathode
expect $\times 40$ reduction in intrinsic RPR background
- New O_2 fiducialisation
expect $\times 20$ increase in fiducial volume
- New analysis/electronics
expect improved particle ID
- 0.02pb limit projected assuming RPRs have same distribution
- DRIFT II is then volume limited not background limited

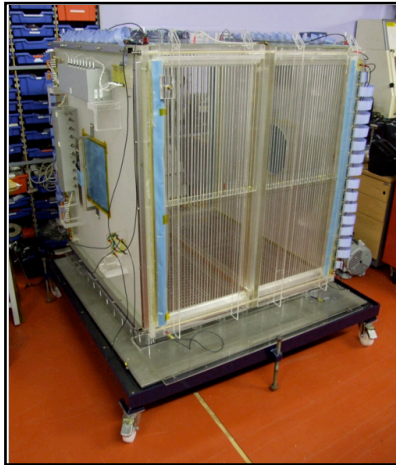
DRIFT III Proposed - New Lab

- New underground lab for DRIFT III module to be built for us by CPL



DRIIFT IIe

Test-Bed for DRIIFT III



DRIIFT IIc



DRIIFT IIe



DRIIFT IIe incorporates tests of all major components needed for DRIIFT III

- Vessel with reduced outgassing and leaks
- Simpler shielding
- New robust, low radon MWPC cage and cathode engineered for 2 x 2m
- New simpler gas system with multiple new gases
- Introduction of gas recirculation and radon scrubbing
- Addition of minority carrier gives pre-signals to allow full 3D fiducialisation
- New Shielding
- New electronics allows all wire readout at reduced cost (test of 3 DAQ concepts)

DRIIFT IIe + DRIIFT IIc to operate together -> 2 m³

DRIFT IIe - Vessel



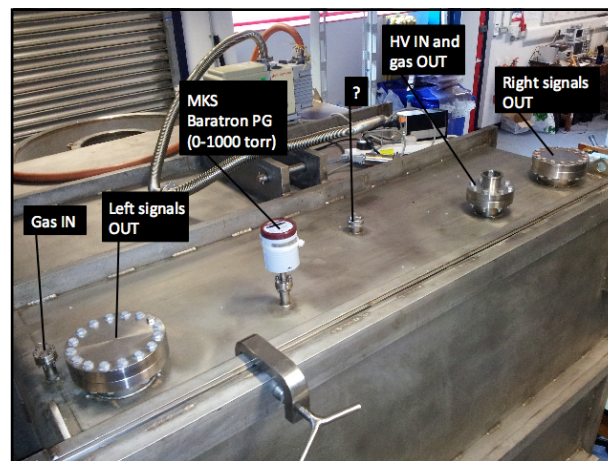
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- Arrives underground

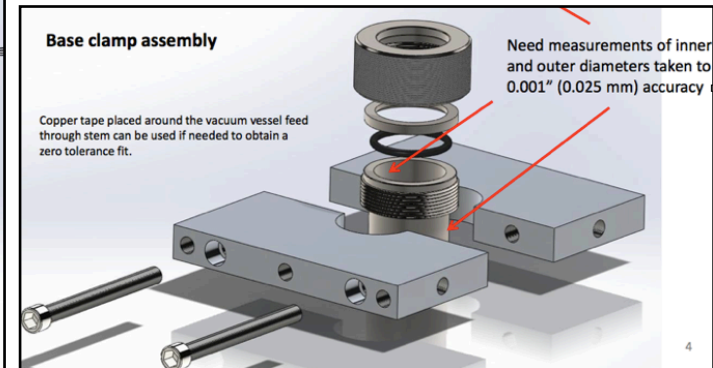
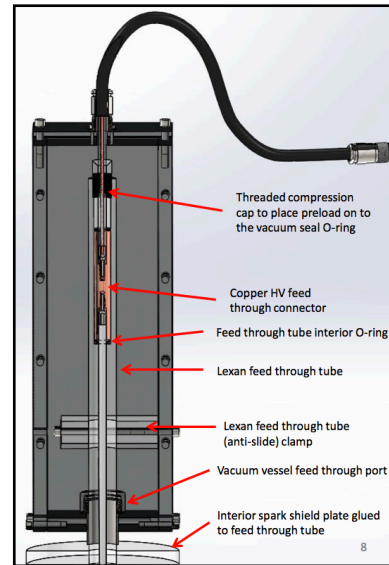
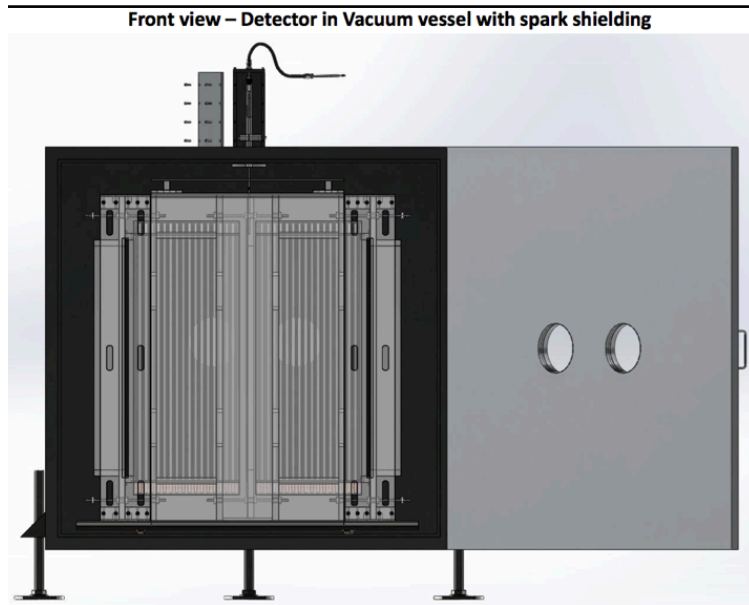


- Installed in shielding
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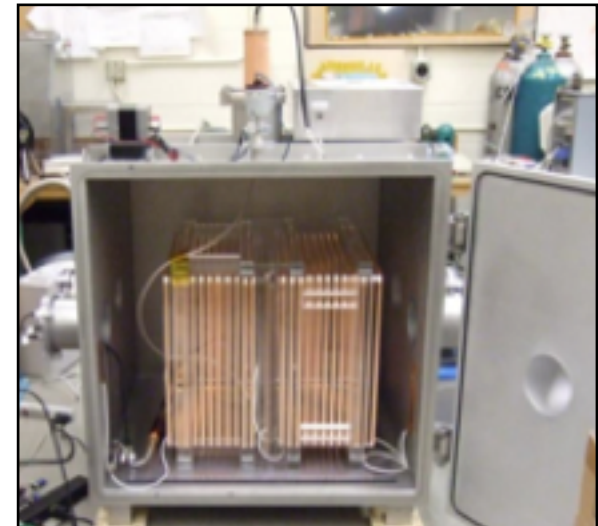
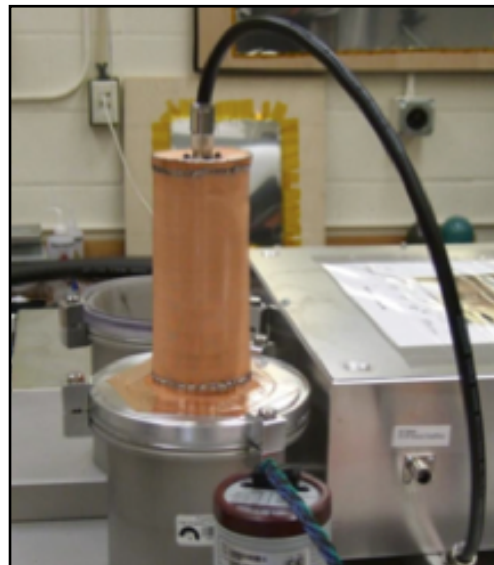
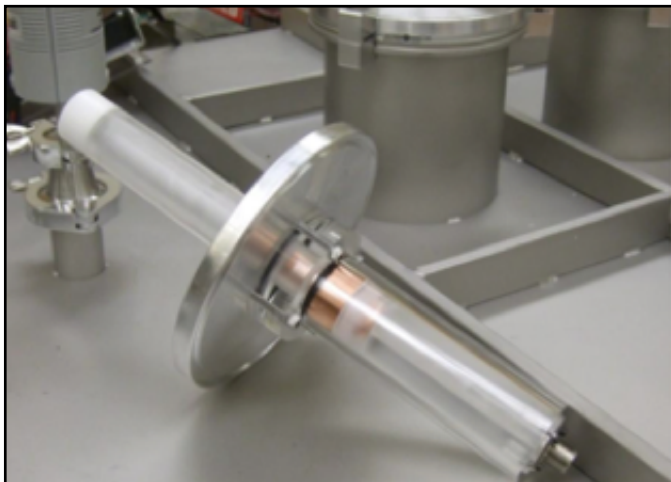


- Top plate details

DRIFT IIe - High Voltage Feeds

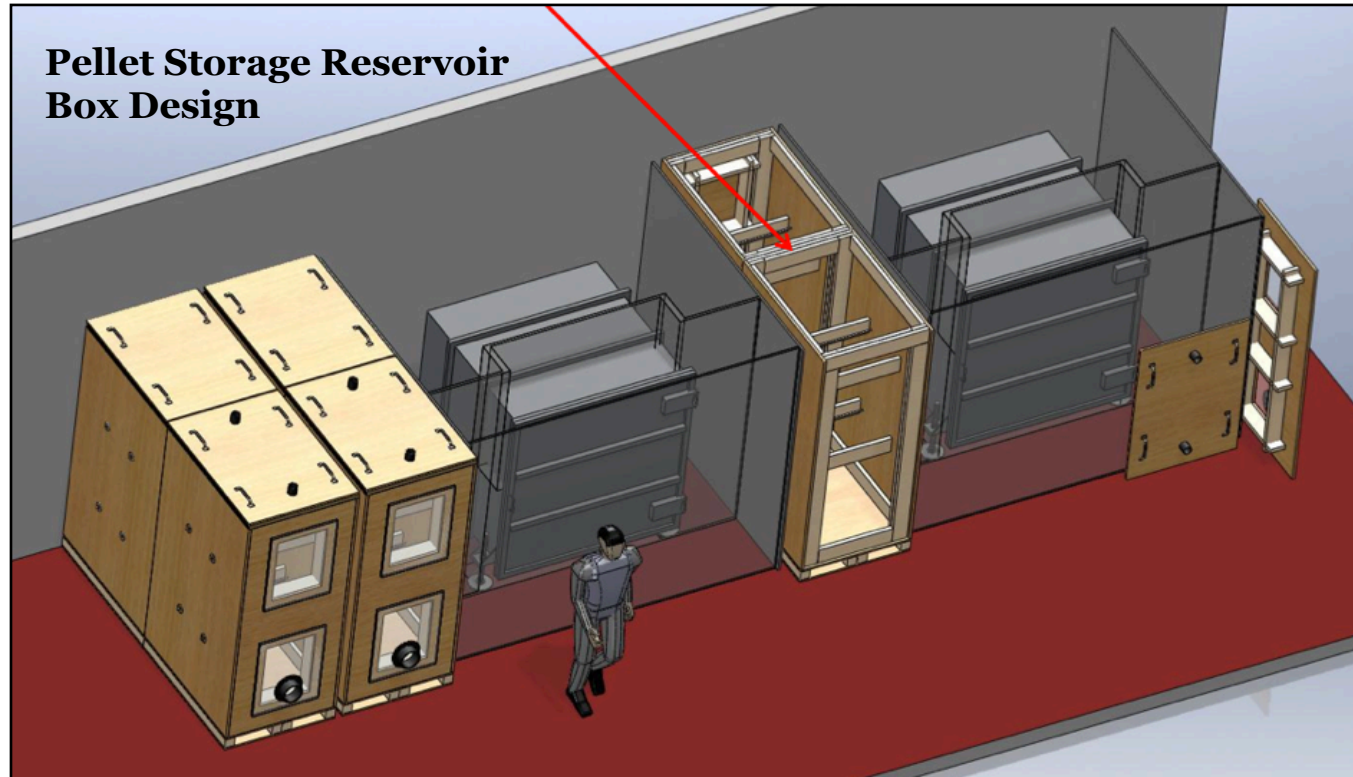


- Designed by UNM and tested on mini-DRIFT at UNM



DRIIFT IIe - Shielding

Frame surfaces pushed together with foam gasket in between them. After the frames are compressed together with C-Clamps, bolt holes are drilled and threaded bolt, nut and washers attach the two pellet storage box halves. Open front allows carpenters easy access to the interior during this joining operation.

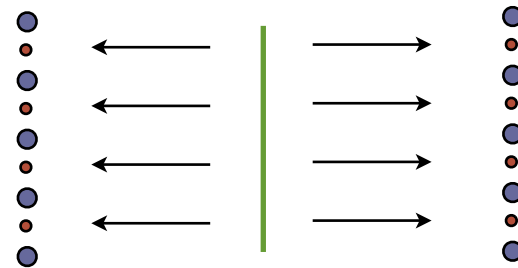
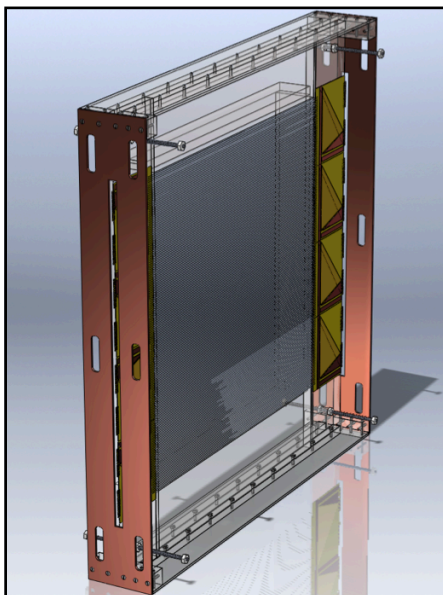
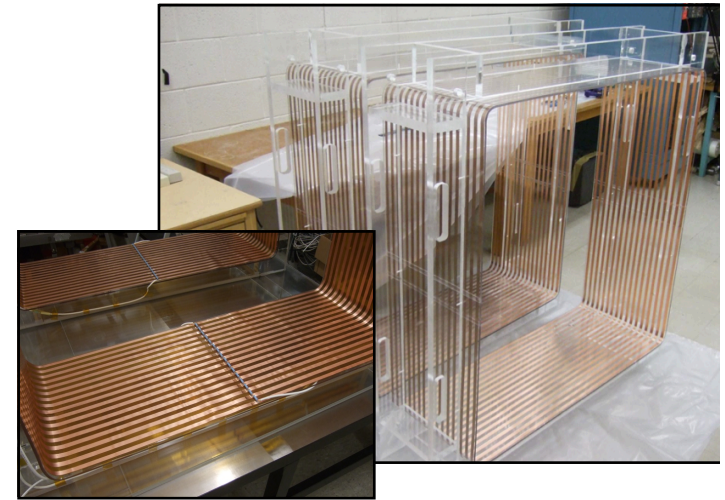
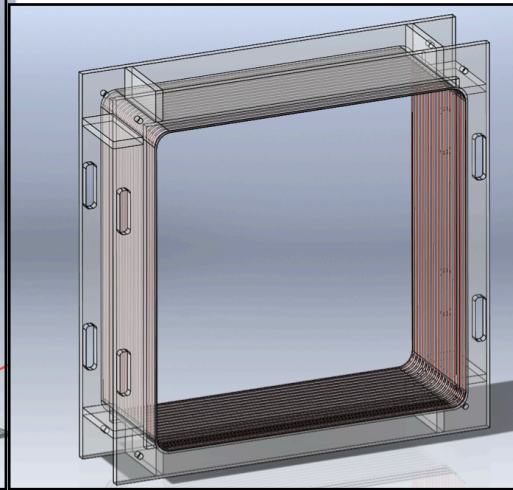
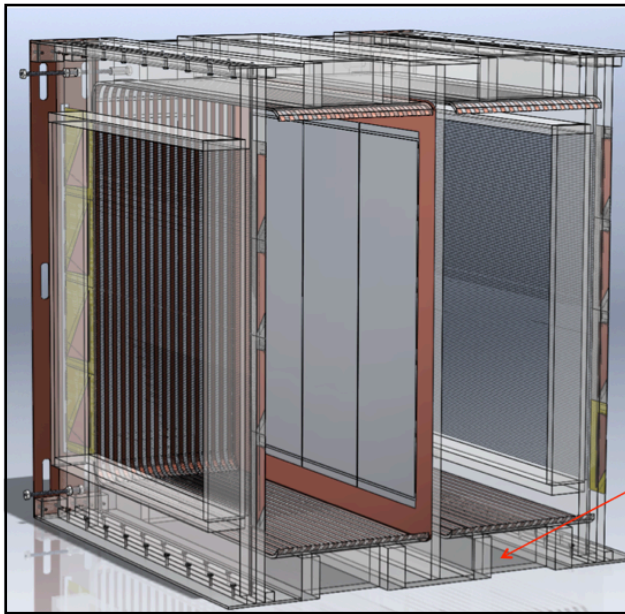


Polypropylene shielding, consisting of pellets is used to shield the DRIIFT detector. Neutrons are readily absorbed by hydrogen atoms.

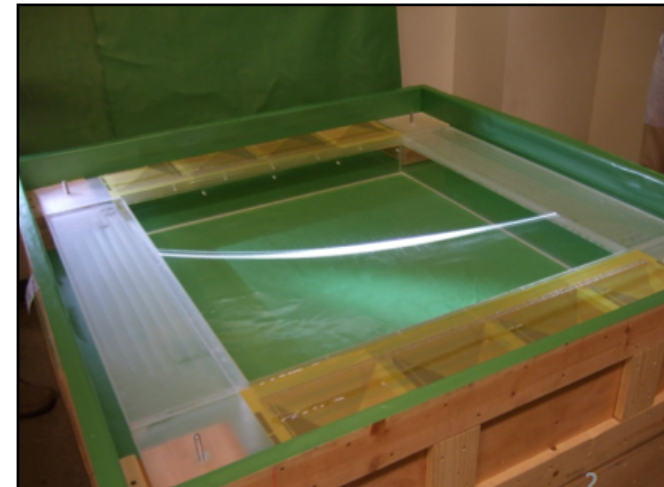


DRIFT IIe - Detector, Field Cage, MWPC

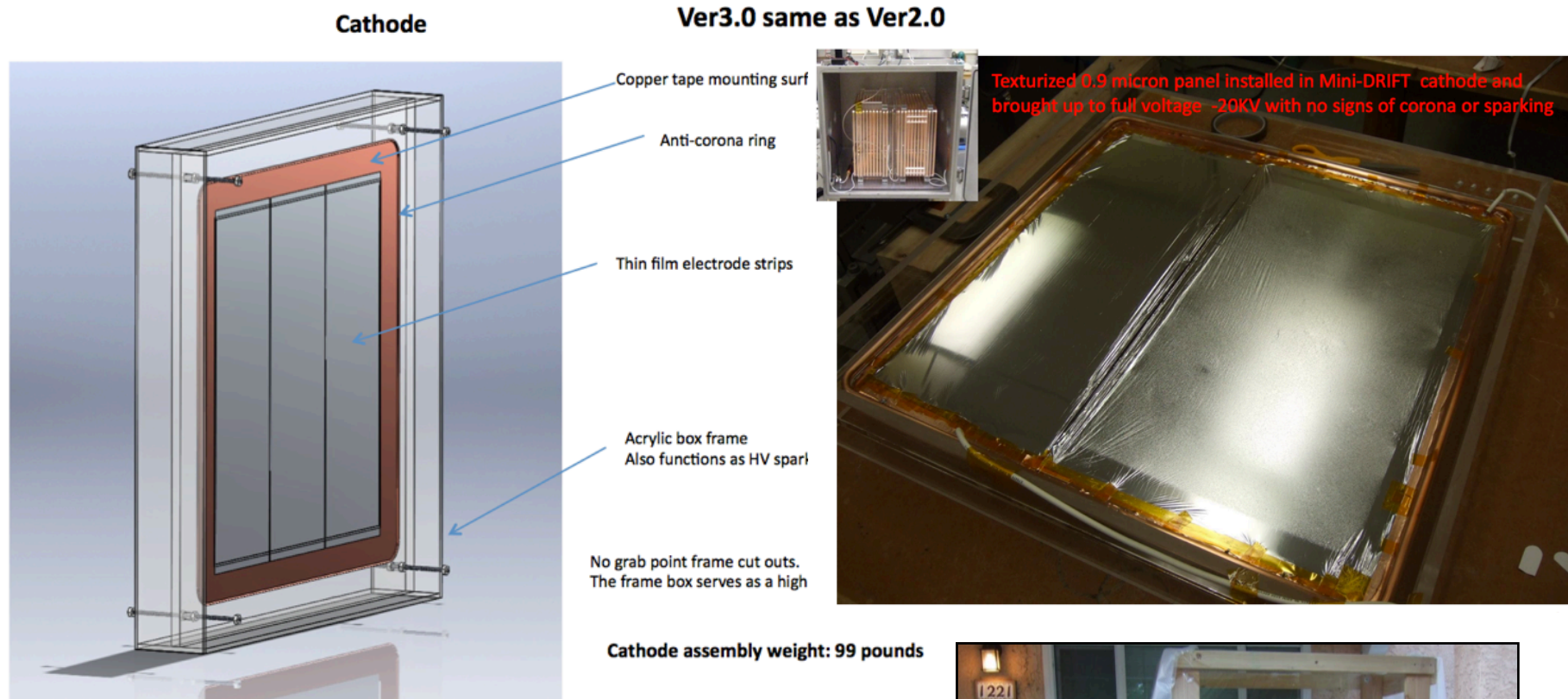
Field cages: We have 56Meg 5KV resistors (18 x 56M = 1.01 Gohm) ready for installation upon approval from the Occi EM simulation team.



Each new MWPC has 914 alternating anode and field wires spaced 1 mm apart. The anode wires are at ground while the field wires are at -900 V.



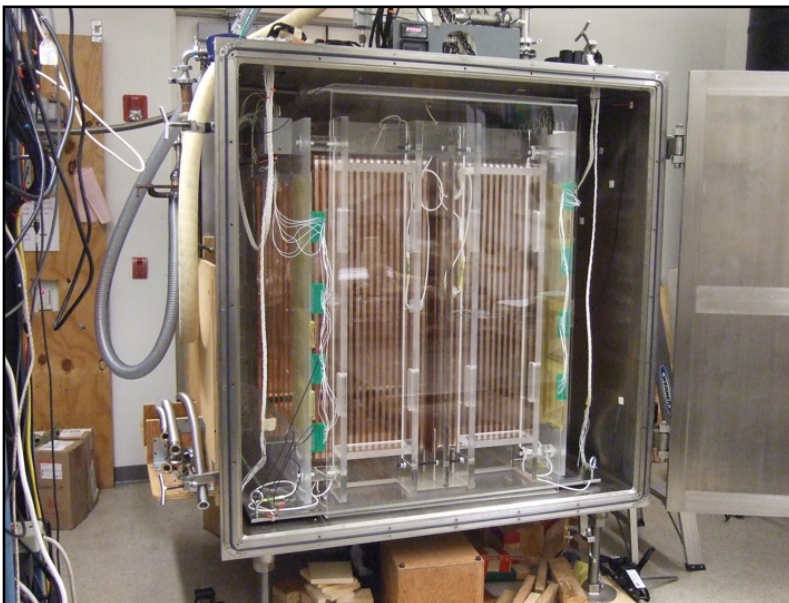
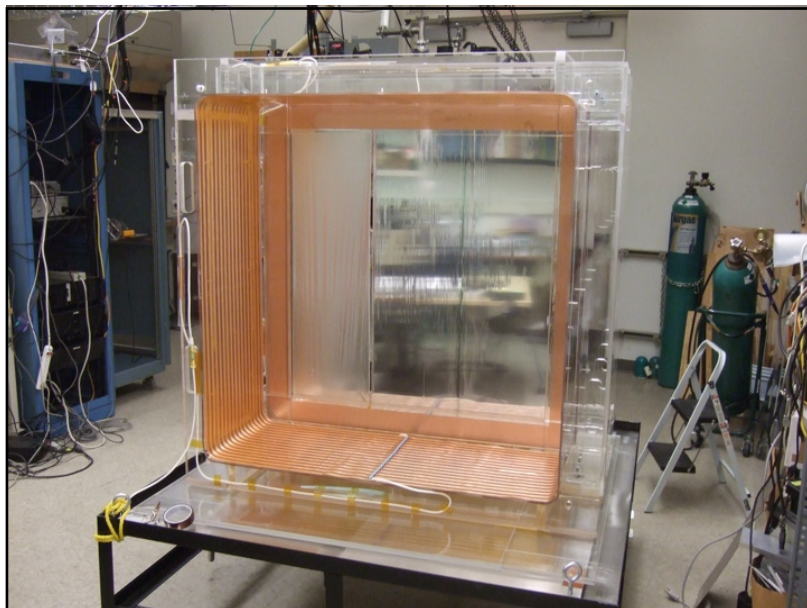
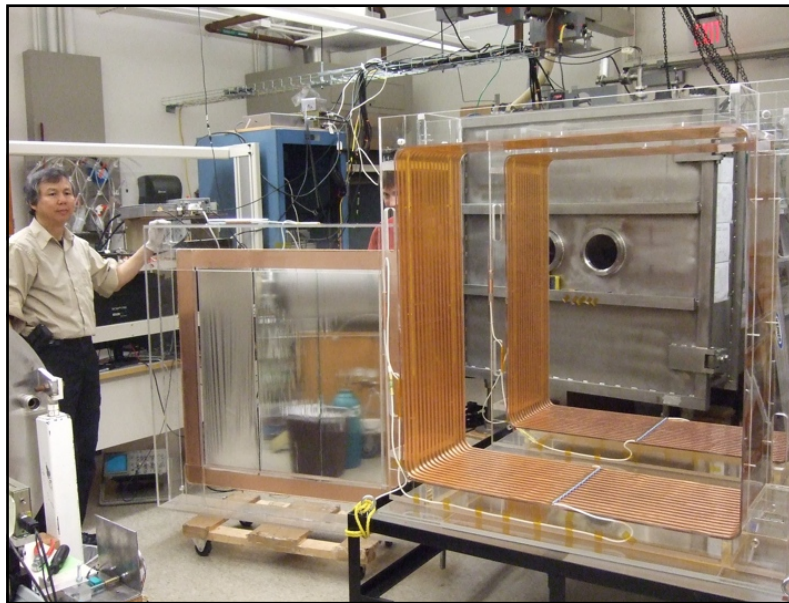
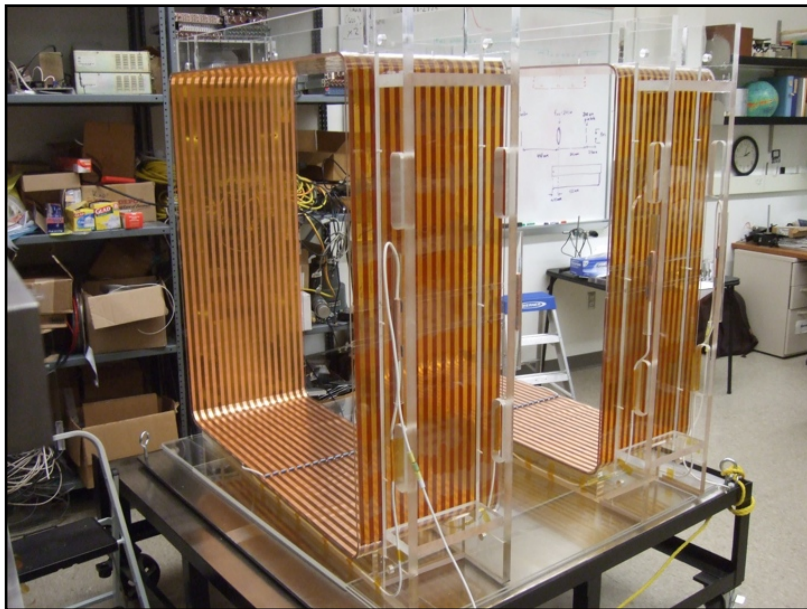
DRIFT IIe - Texturised Central Cathode



- Cathode thin film at $\sim 33\text{kV}$
- Currently being tested in DRIFT II d

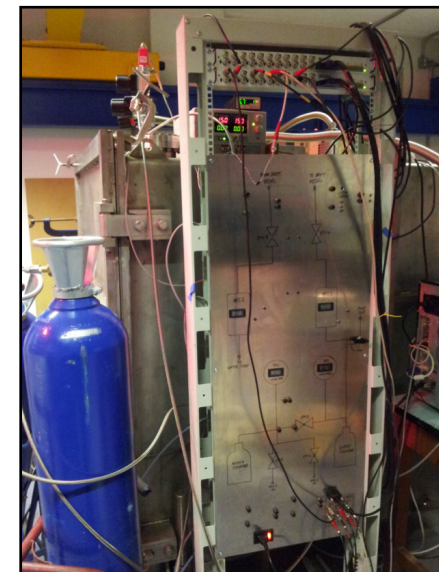
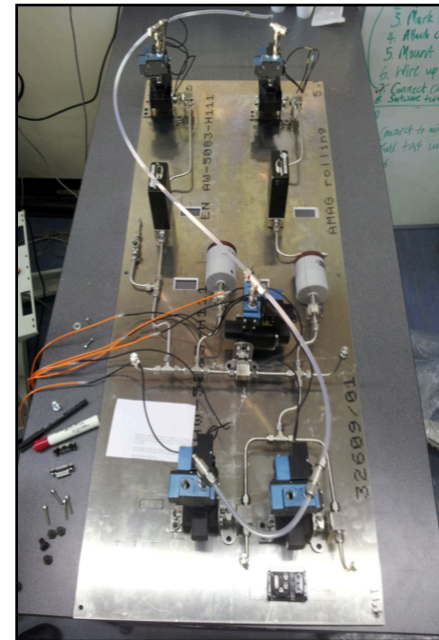
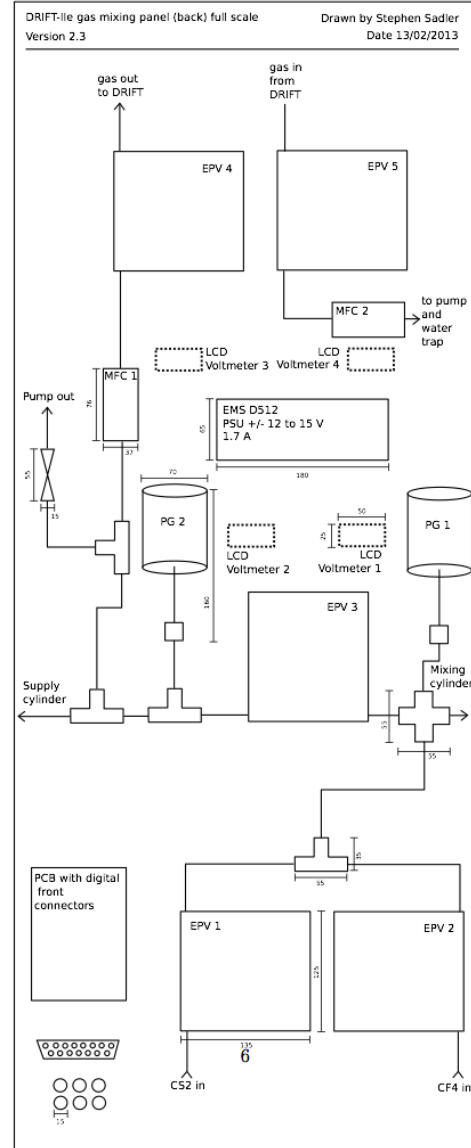
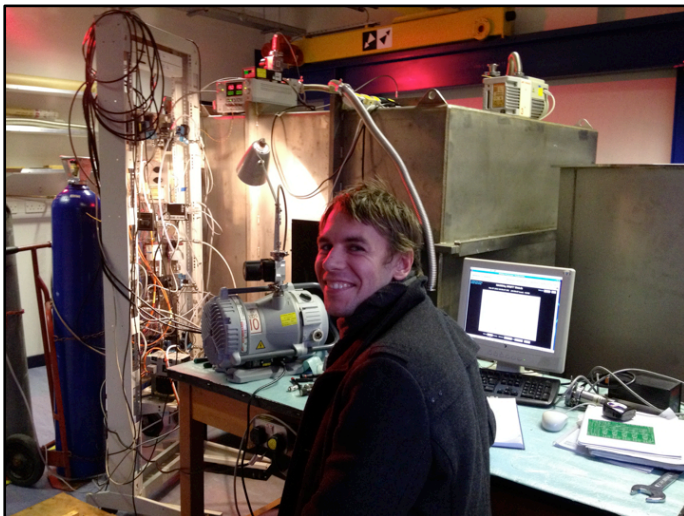
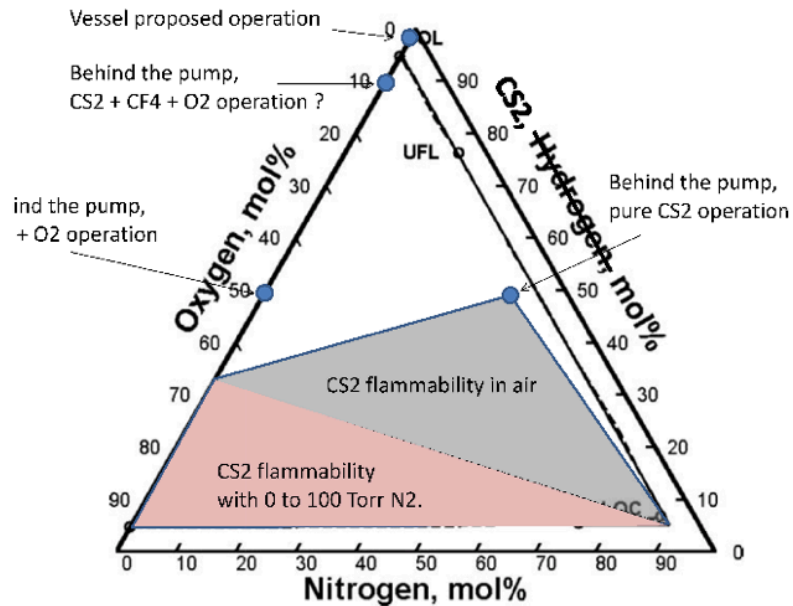


DRIFT IIe - Surface Assembly



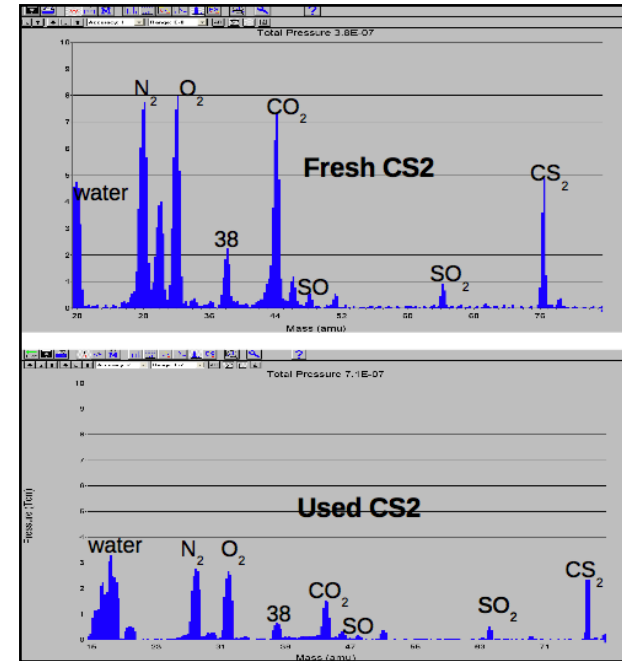
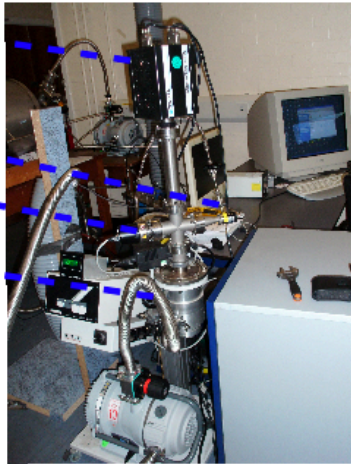
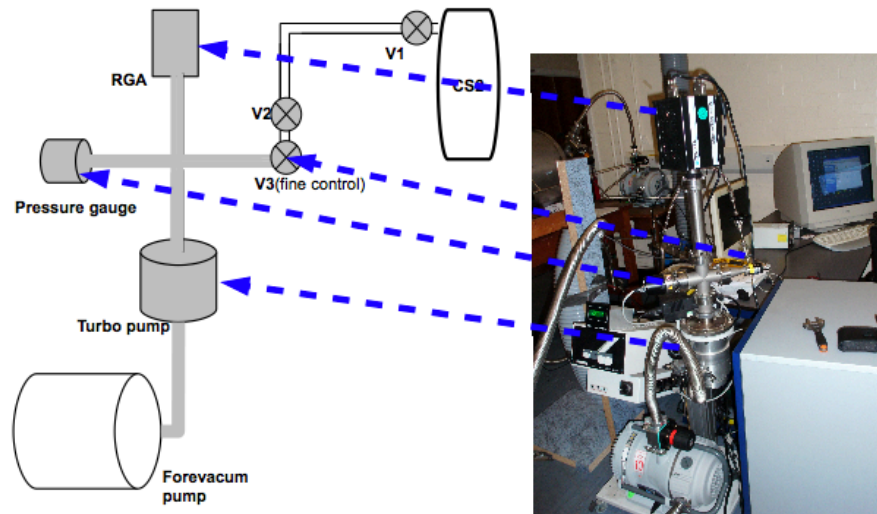
DRIFT IIe - Gas Supply - CS₂/CF₄ /O₂

- Significant safety issues solved - now assembled underground, test on DRIFT II d
- Designed and built at Sheffield

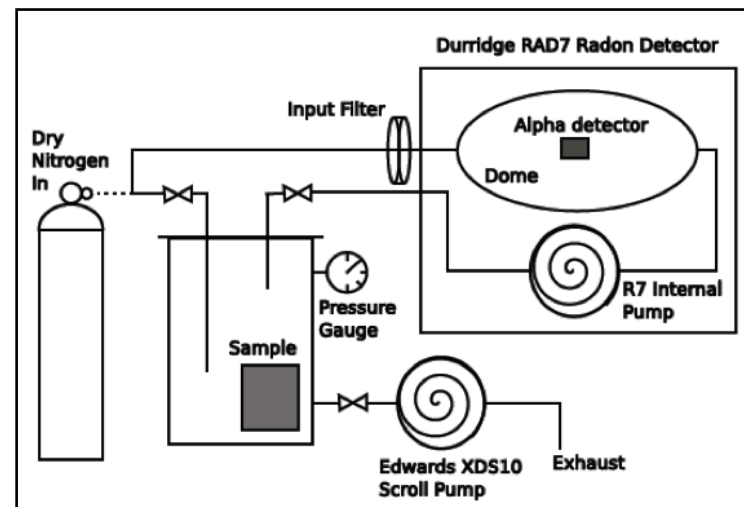


DRIFT IIe - Gas R&D - Recirculation

- Residual Gas Analyser R&D to examine gas contamination
- Aim to establish reduced or zero gas flow
- Currently being tested in DRIFT IIId

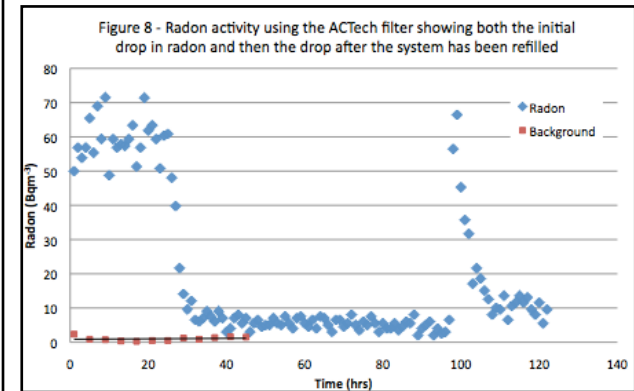
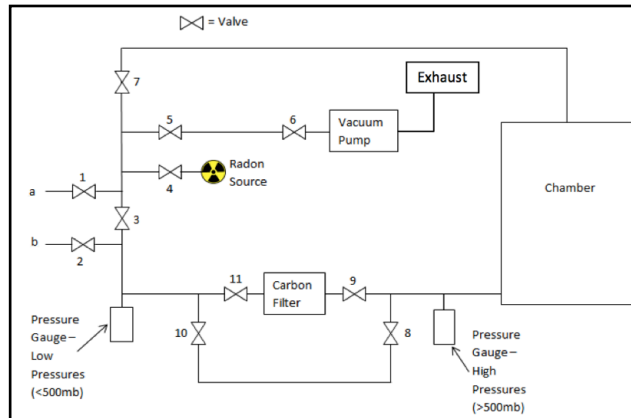
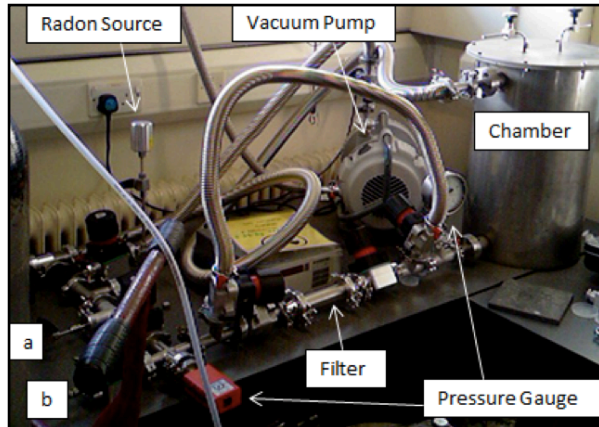


- Radon Emanation of Materials

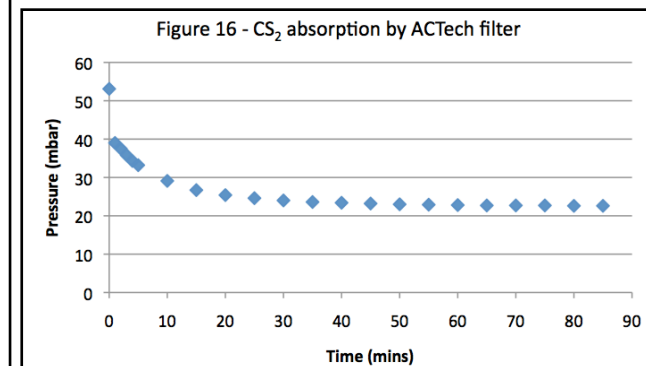
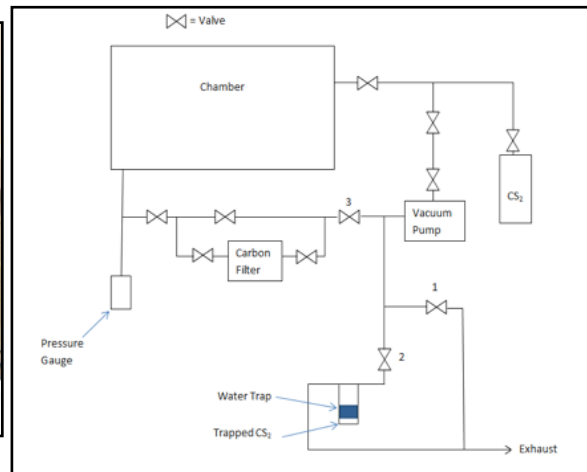
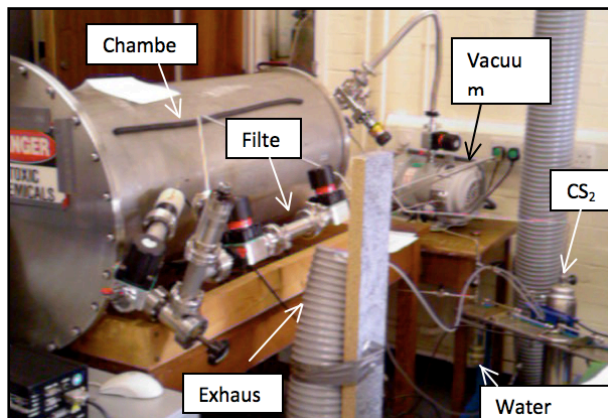


DRIFT IIe - Gas R&D - Radon Scrub

- Radon scrub R&D - aim to find best filter for radon that does not disturb CS₂
 - Plot shows effect on radon of ACTtech carbon



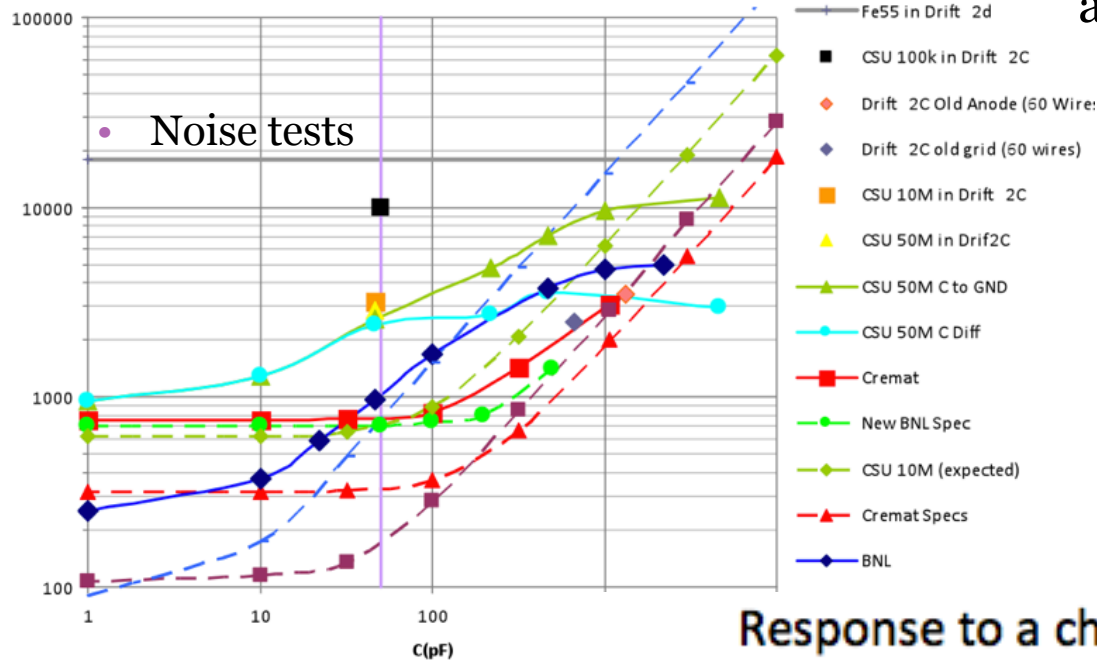
- Gas purity scrub R&D - aim to eliminate gas flowing - prevent “bad gas” build up by re-circulation through filters and traps
 - Plot shows CS₂ mainly passes through ATCtech carbon



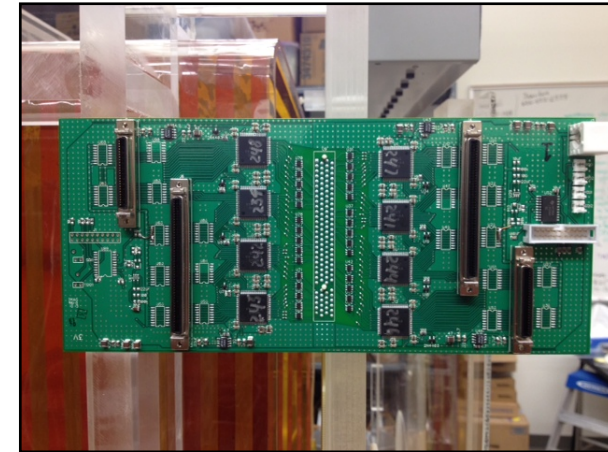
DRIFT IIe - Electronics Front End, BNL

Noise Measurement Comparison in a 10us window

Aim - noise reduction of x4 over DRIFT IIId
all wire readout (not grouped)



- Based on MicroBooNE chips



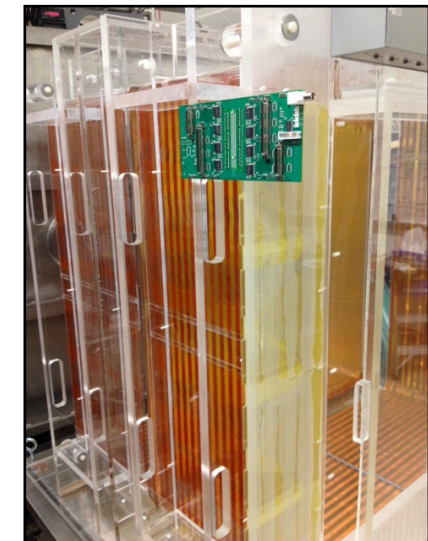
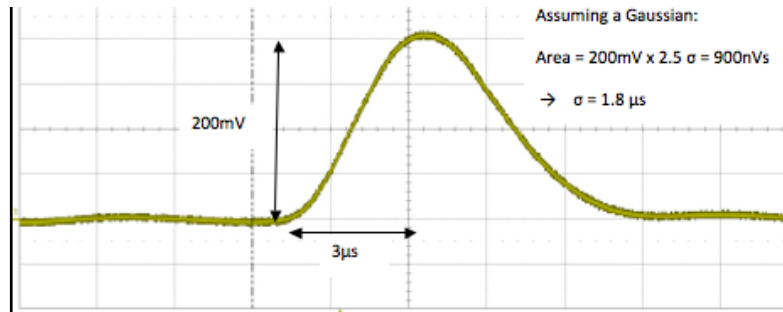
Response to a charge impulse
(Gain = 25mv/fC, $\tau_p = 3\mu s$)

BNL Specs

Gain:	5 to 25 mv/fC
Peaking time:	.5 to 3 μs
Shaping time:	.3 to 1.8 μs
ENC:	150e- at 0pF (.025fC)
ENI:	5pA - 30pA
Output:	.2 to 1.6 V
Max charge:	28 to 140 fC
Max current:	12 to 360 nA
Max output Load:	250 Ω 400pF

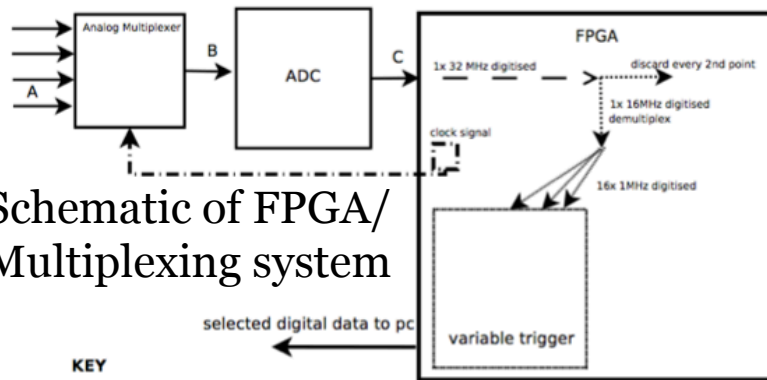
$$q_{\text{injected}} = 200\text{pF} \times 0.04\text{V} = 8\text{fC}$$

$$q_{\text{measured}} = 200\text{mv} / (25\text{mv/fC}) = 8\text{fC}$$



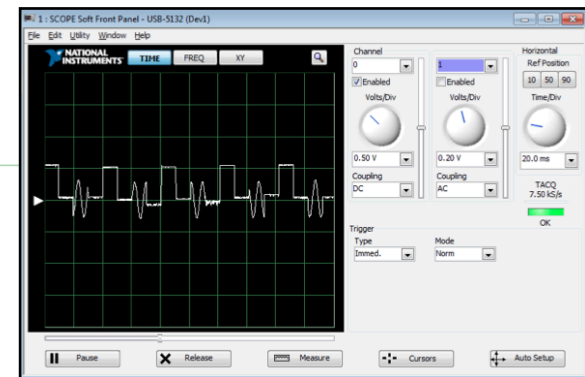
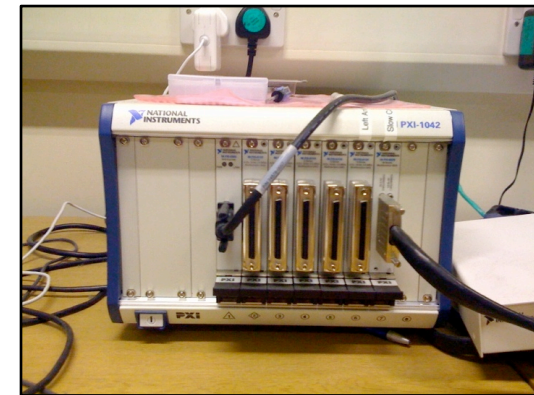
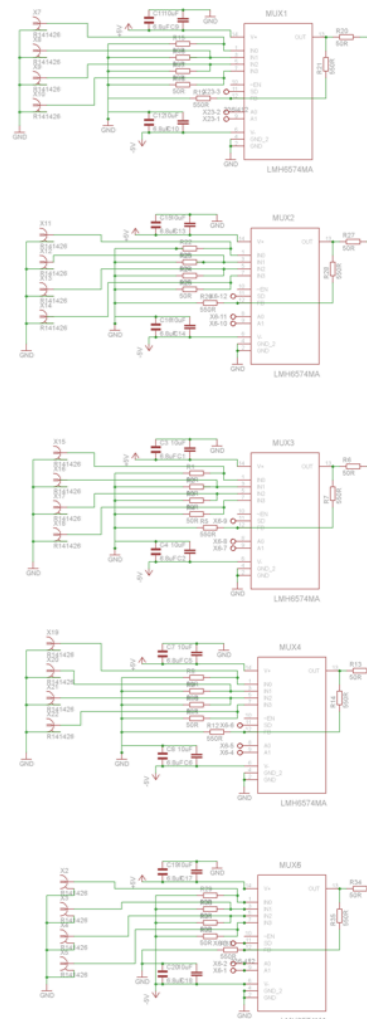
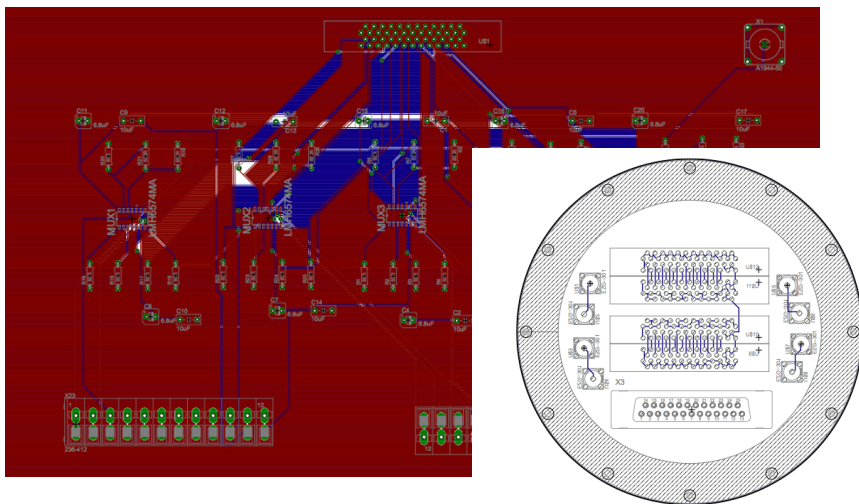
DRIFT IIe - DAQ (1) - Multiplex (Shef)

- Aim to make use of slowness of DRIFT charge
- Use 50 Mhz NI ADC and Multiplex 20:1
- Saves costs by x 20

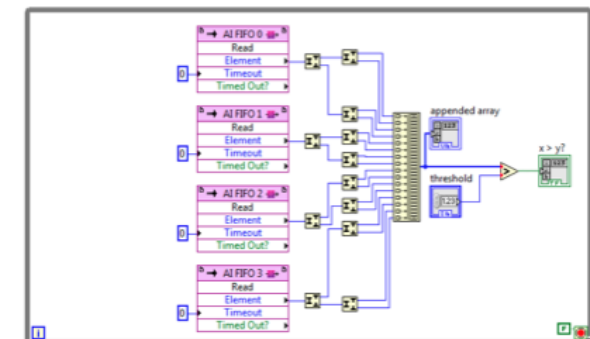


KEY
 A: 16 x 1 MHz analog
 B: 1 x 16 MHz analog
 C: 1 x 32 MHz digitised

- PCB and flange designs

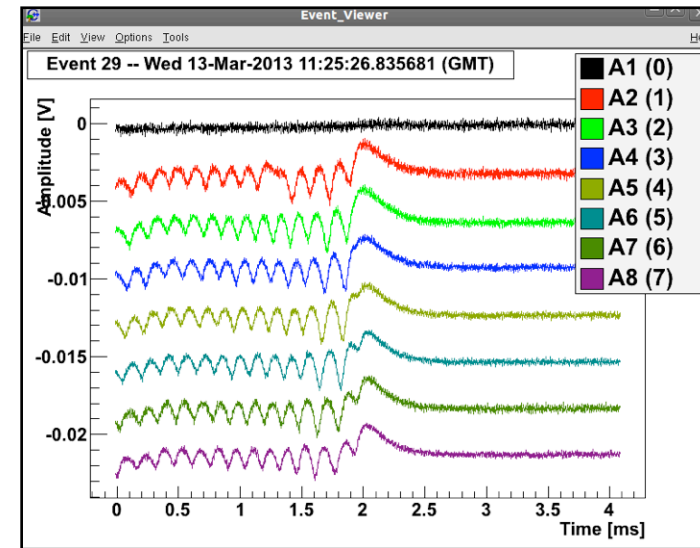
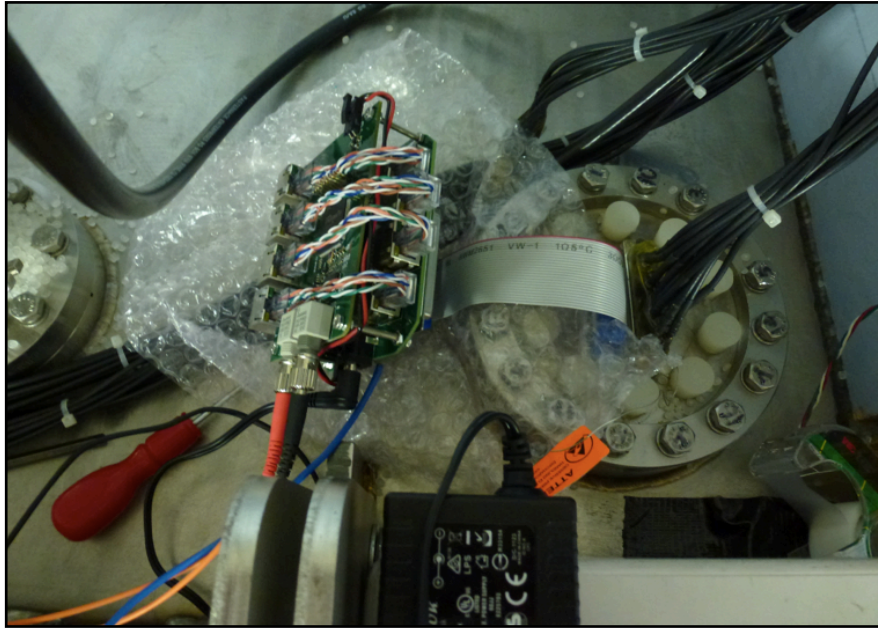


LabView FPGA code for reading analog inputs



DRIFT IIe - DAQ (2) - Edelweiss (Oxford)

- Aim to test ready-made Edelweiss electronics for DRIFT (Hans Kraus)
 - First test of 8 channels on DRIFT IID worked well

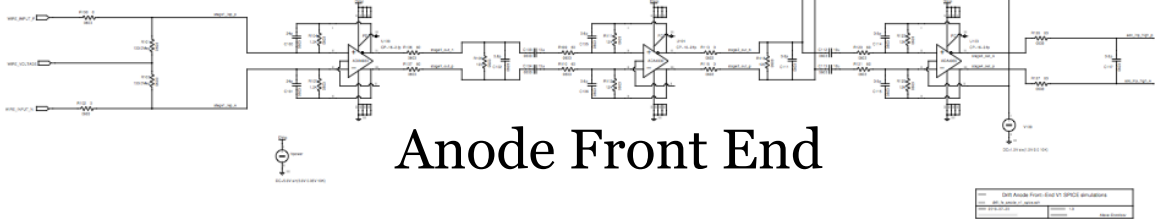
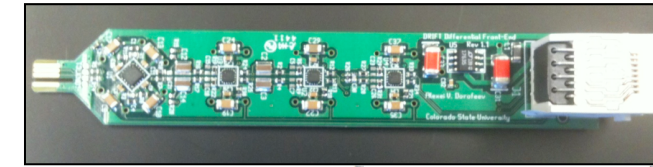
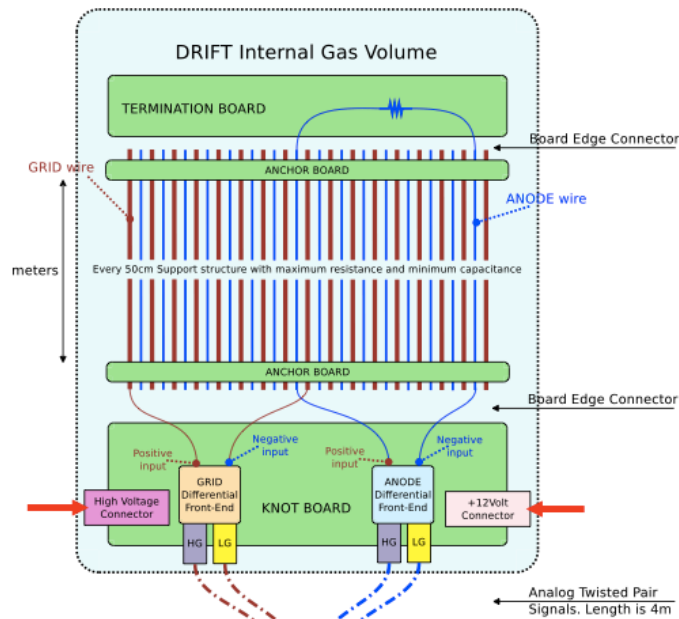


Front-end DAQ (ADC): this is based on an analogue front-end chip that contains 8 channels, each comprising a low-noise amplifier, a variable gain amplifier, a 3-pole anti-aliasing filter and a 14-bit adc. In addition, there is a high-pass filter and a sampling rate of 10 MHz is easily achieved. This allows implementation of a single channel at a cost of approximately **£25 per channel**

Processing of front-end ADC data: this is a (large) FPGA with enough resources. It reads the ADC front ends (26 signals per 8-channel ADC chip) and incorporates some level of digital filtering, interfaces user commands to the ADC chip, controls a memory chip to buffer data during data bursts and interfaces to the optical fibre link. The memory chip requires nearly 50 connections, but has enough storage capacity that it might be possible to actually realize a deadtime-free system. At a push it would be possible to connect up to 5 ADC chips, giving 40 readout channels on.

USB interface and optical fibre link: this is an optical fibre receiver (the counterpart to what is on the DAQ board), an FPGA, an

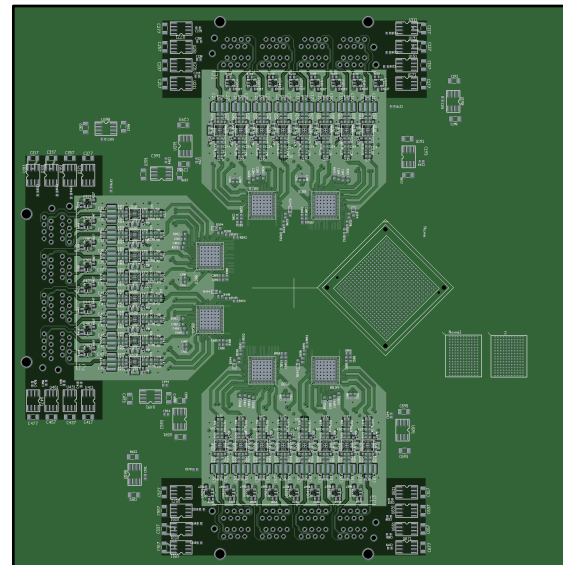
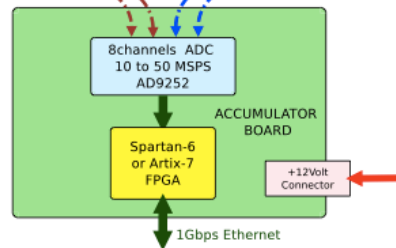
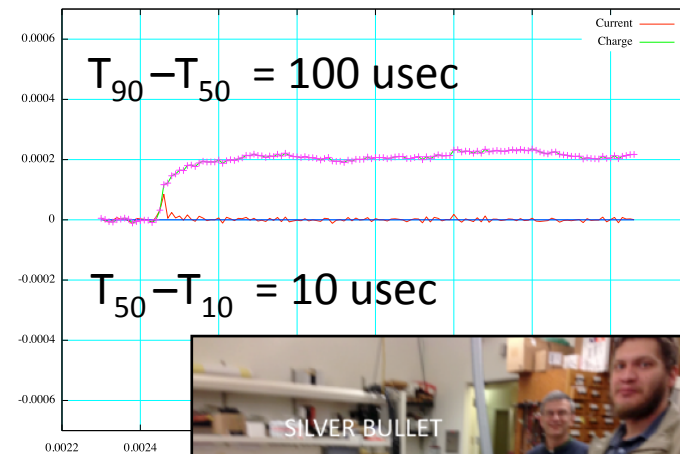
DRIFT IIe - DAQ (3) - Accumulator (CSU)



Anode Front End

More than 1GHz Differential opamp: ADA4930. High Supply transient rejection rate, fully balanced input. Low and High gain channels (ratio is 200).

Charge Integral at wire, TrgCh, OUT9



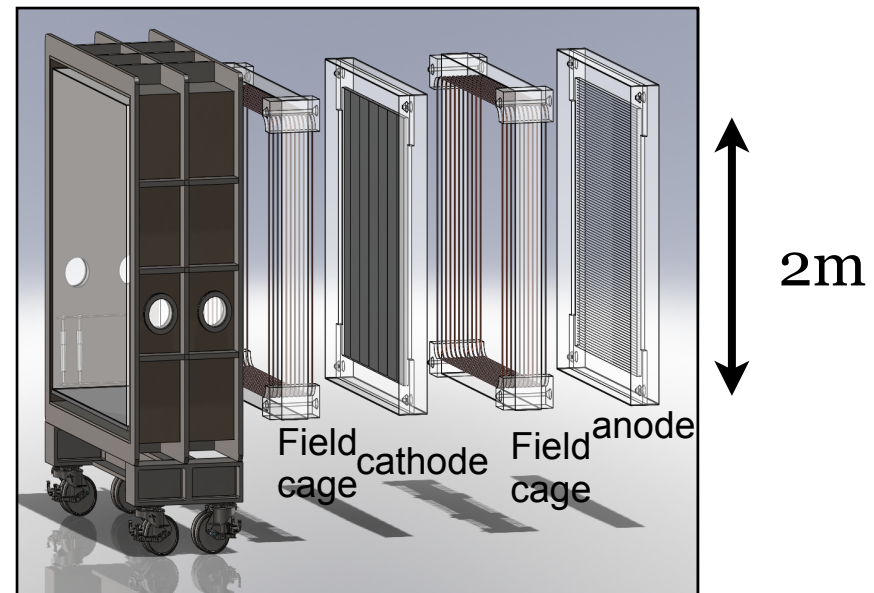
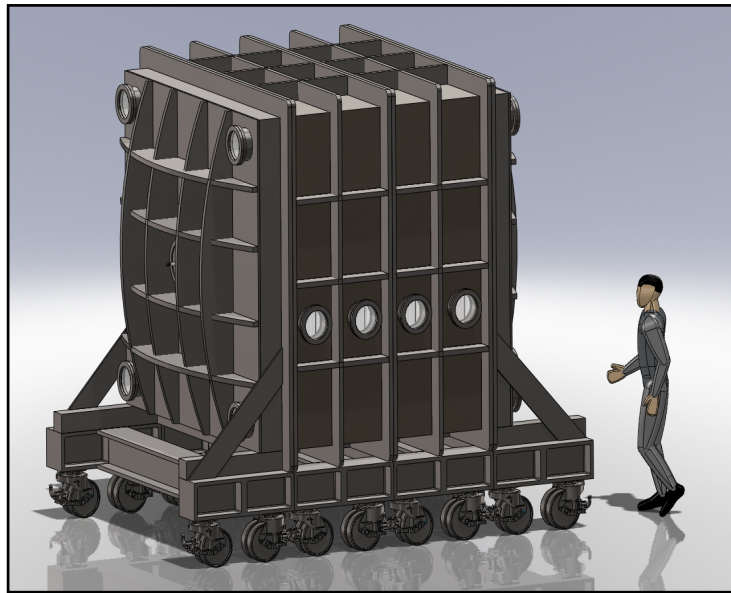
DIGITIZATION BOARD. READS OUT 96 WIRES WITH DIFFERENTIAL FE. WILL BE USED ON FRIFT-IIe.

DRIIFT IIe + DRIIFT IIId



DRIIFT III

DRIFT III Modules

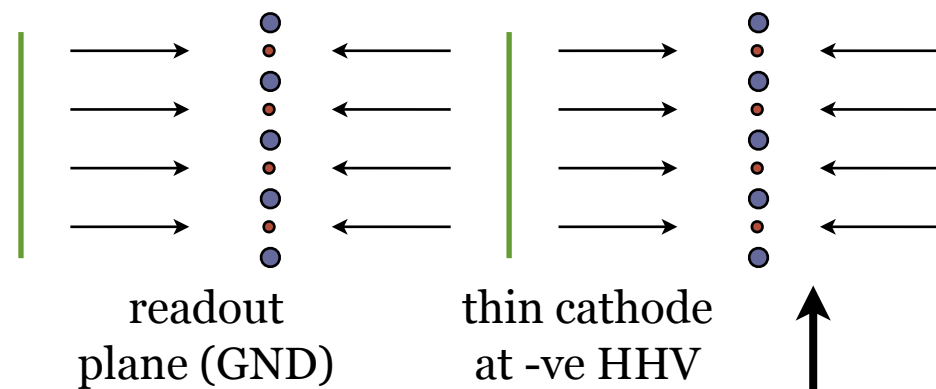


- 2 modules of 2 x 2m, total 8 m³, 10x DRIFT II, robust engineering
- Nitric acid process cleaning and radon emanation selection
- MWPCs look “both ways” - doubles volume per wire
- reduced tension simplifies engineering (no strongback)
- CS₂ -ve ion plus CF₄ plus O₂ (different target mixes)
- Texturized thin central cathode (0.9 μm), partial segmentation
- Every-wire readout for lower noise (better particle ID)
- Full fiducialization of events with O₂, x, y, z

DRIFT III Readout

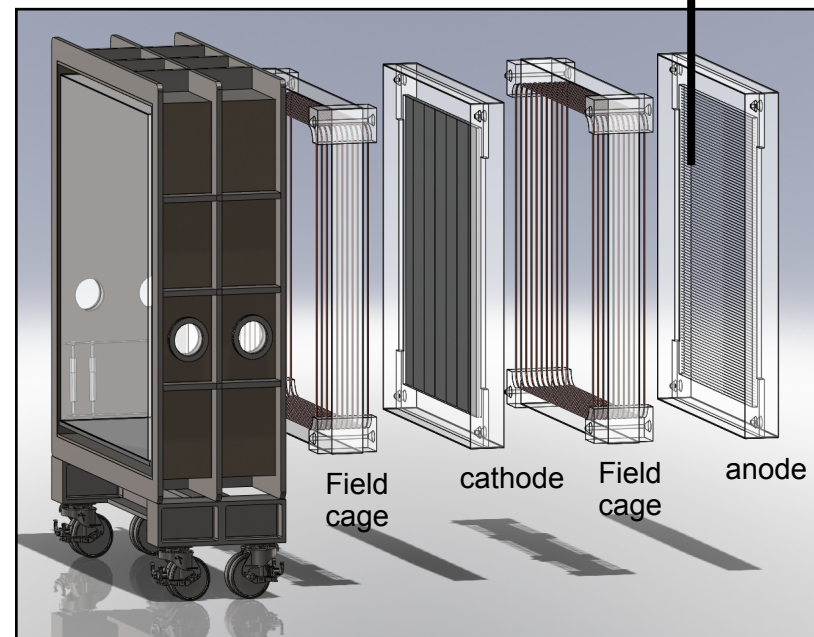
Sense plane

- Transparent readout plane to sense two sides (eliminates the mechanical support “strong back”)
- 20 μm diameter stainless steel wires on a 2 mm pitch
- X-wires, Y-veto strip
- alternate grid wires, 1mm pitch
- Head-Tail sensitivity
- 2D readout but with 3D side veto



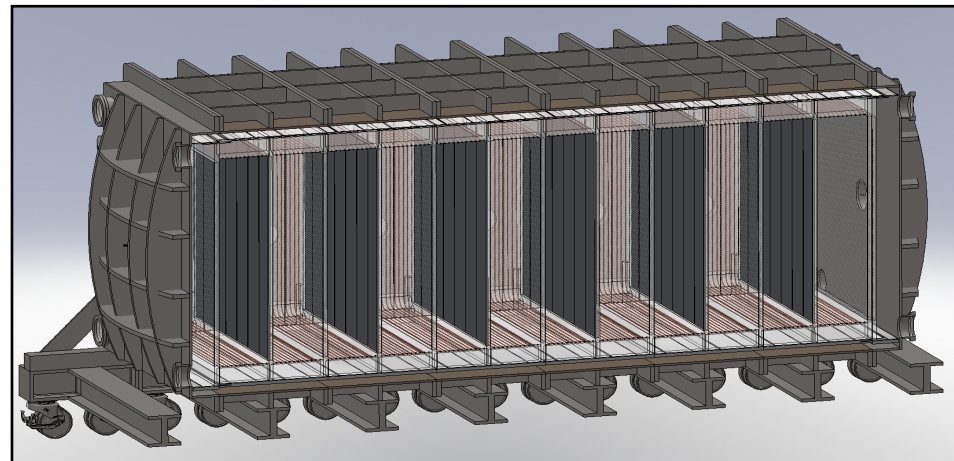
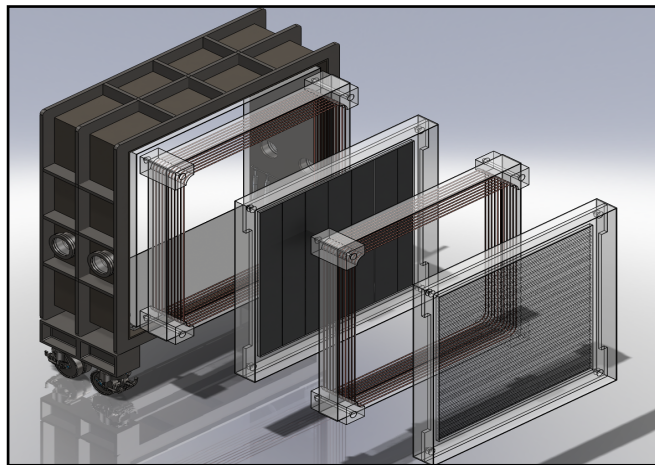
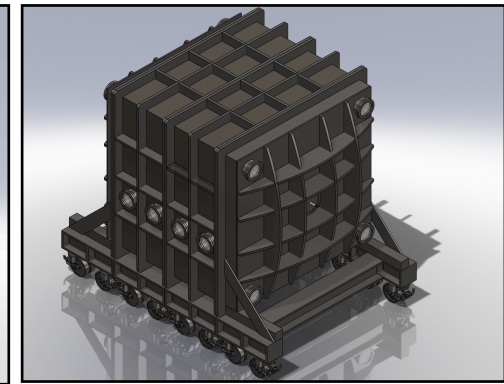
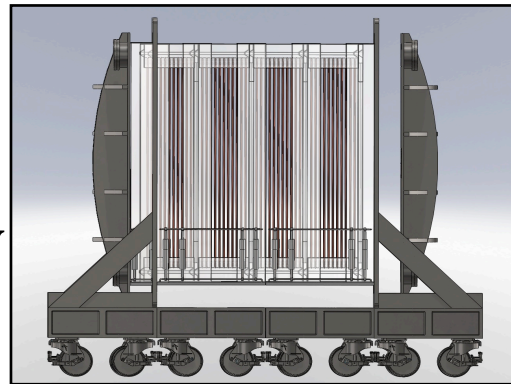
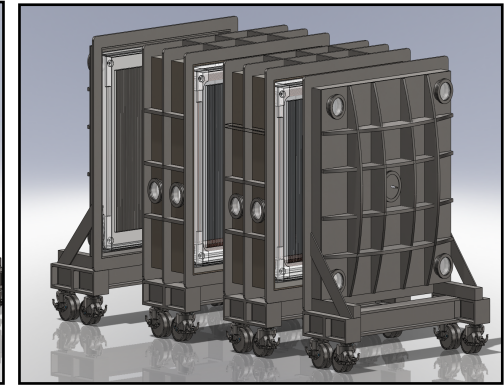
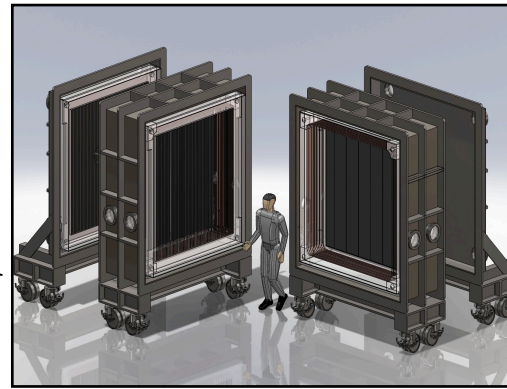
Cathode

- 70 kV with well-engineered field cage and high-voltage system; diffusion (reduced by 40% c.f. DRIFT II)
- Texturised thin film
- Partial segmentation



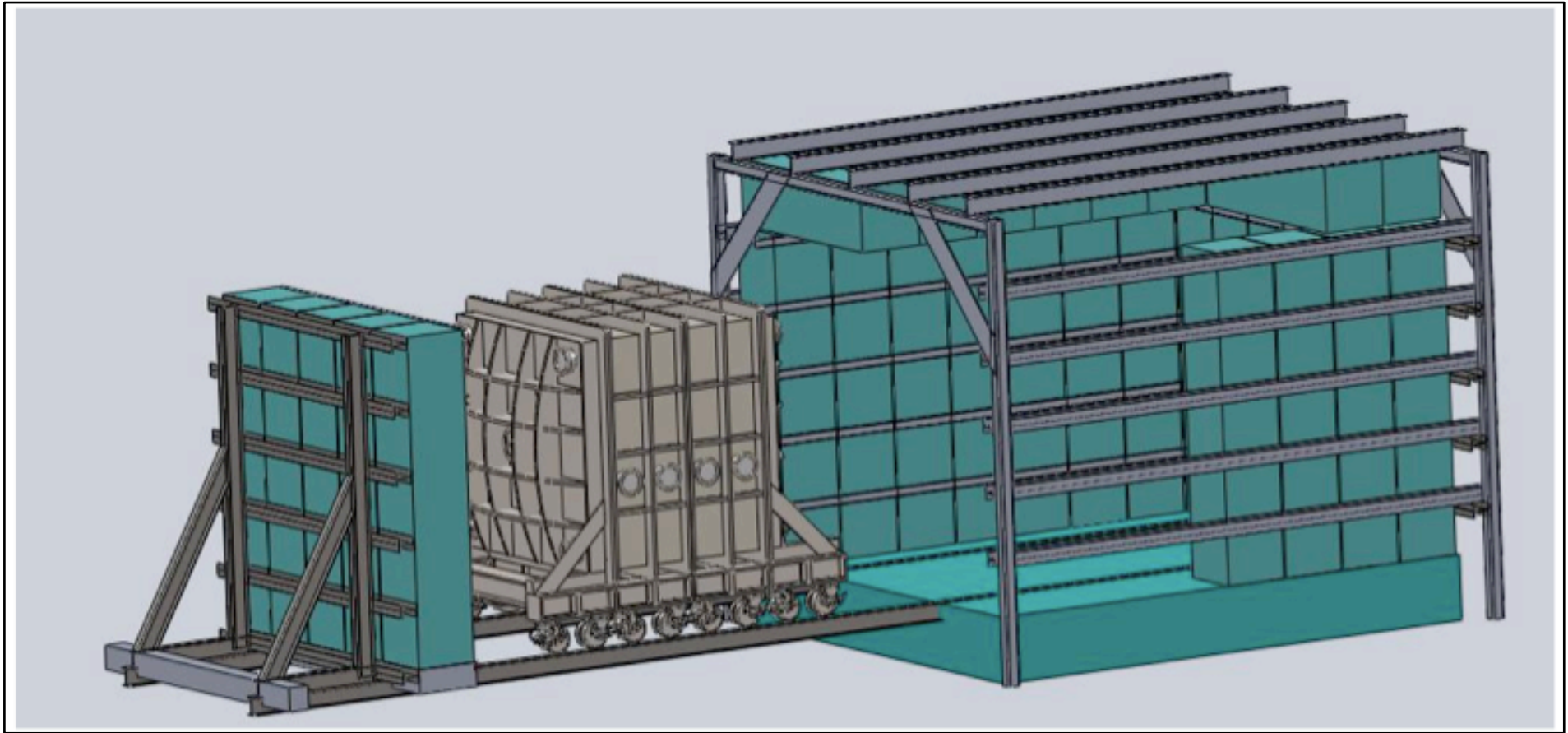
DRIFT III Scale-up

- Two modules composed of 8 m³ footprint ~6 m by 3 m.
- Modular design to allow approach to ton-scale
- 4 kg target - 24 m³
- 250 of 4 kg modules gives 1 ton would fit into a standard DUSEL module or 500m tunnel at Boulby



- Preference for CH-based material

DRIFT III Shielding



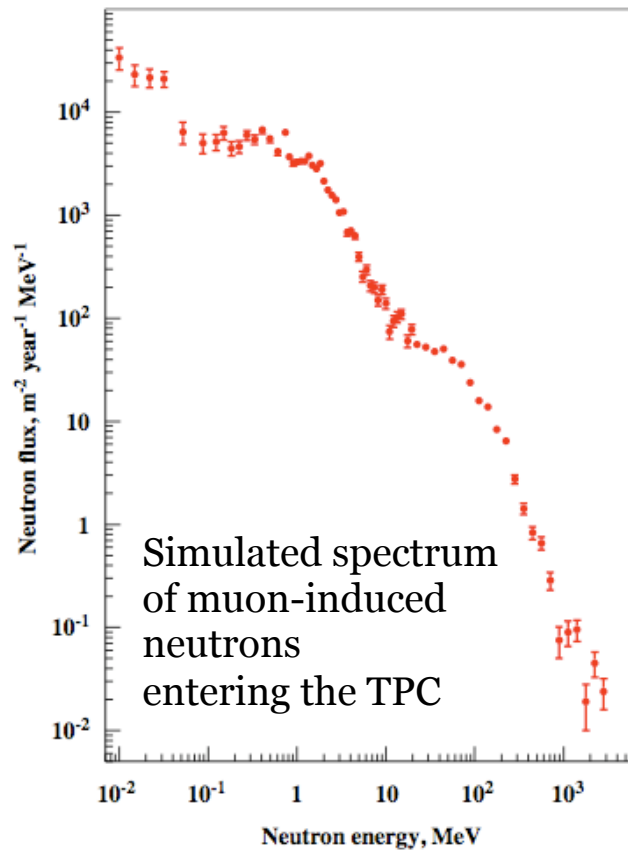
- neutron shielding Water shielding CH pellet shielding
- No gamma shielding needed

Neutron Summary for DRIFT III

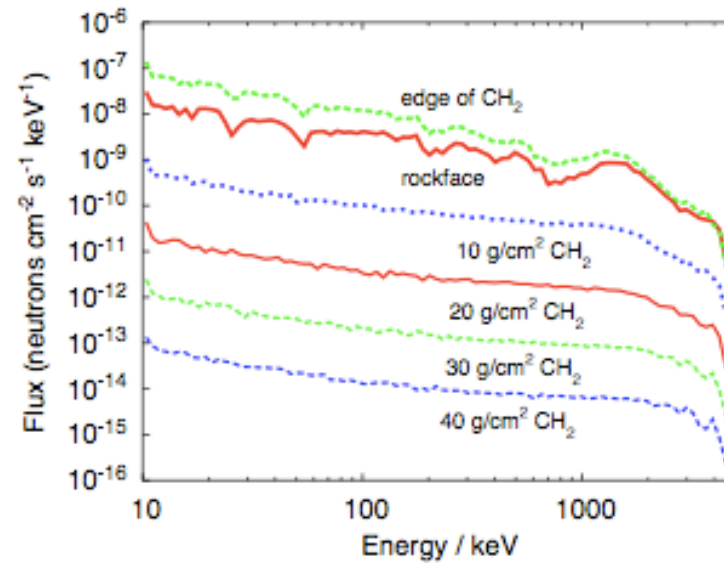
- Total neutron rates from Muons, Rock, Detector

e.g. see M.J. Carson et al NIM A 546 (2005) 509–522

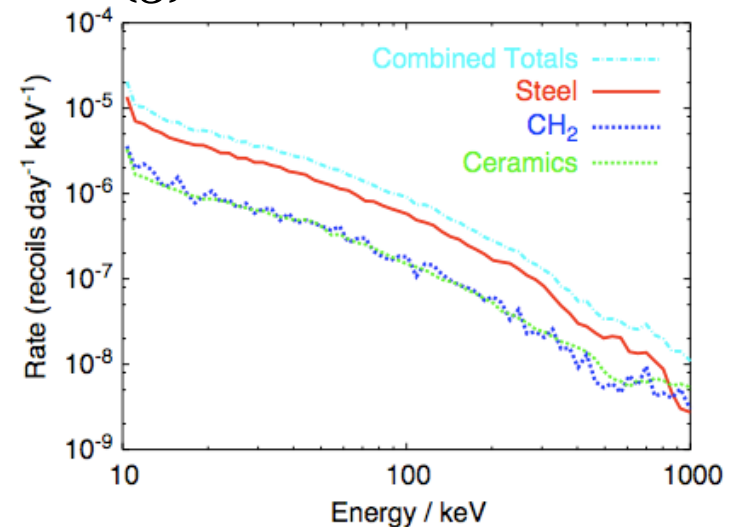
(1) Muon neutrons



(2) Rock neutrons



(3) Detector neutrons



Neutron Summary

Assumptions

Includes 40 g cm^{-2} CH_2 shielding against rock neutrons (estimates)

Result

(prelim estimates)

see M.J. Carson et al NIM A 546 (2005) 509–522

Estimated neutron
backgrounds per year at
10-50 keV recoil energies

	kg	Rock	Muons	Detector	Total
DRIFT II	0.167	0.01	0.12	0.06	0.19
24 m ³ (as multiple DRIFT IIs)	4.00	0.24	2.88	1.56	4.68
DRIFT III 24 m ³ using steel, no muon veto	4.00	0.20	2.00	1.50	3.70
DRIFT III 24 m ³ acrylic, no muon veto	4.00	0.20	<1.00	<1.00	<0.4

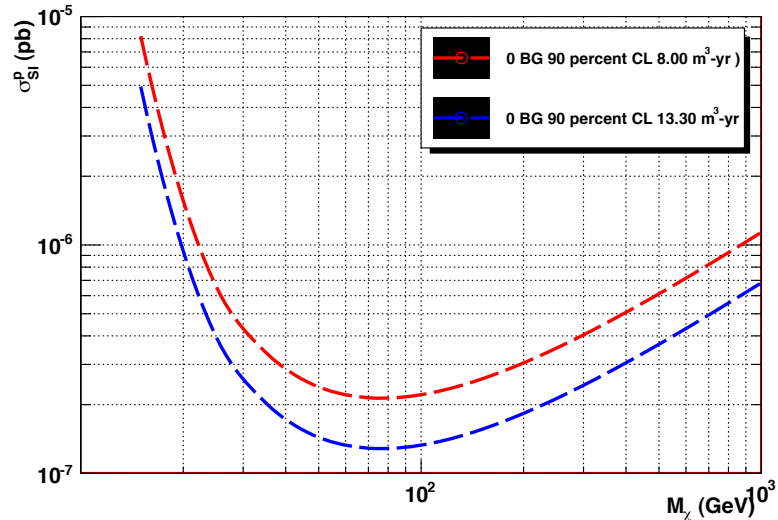
Conclusion for DRIFT III.1 module (prelim):

- Requires 40 gcm^{-2} CH neutron shielding (like DRIFT II)
- Steel construction just about alright
optimization, selection, internal CH?
- No need for muon active veto at Boulby for single module

SD Sensitivity of DRIFT IIe, DRIFT III.1

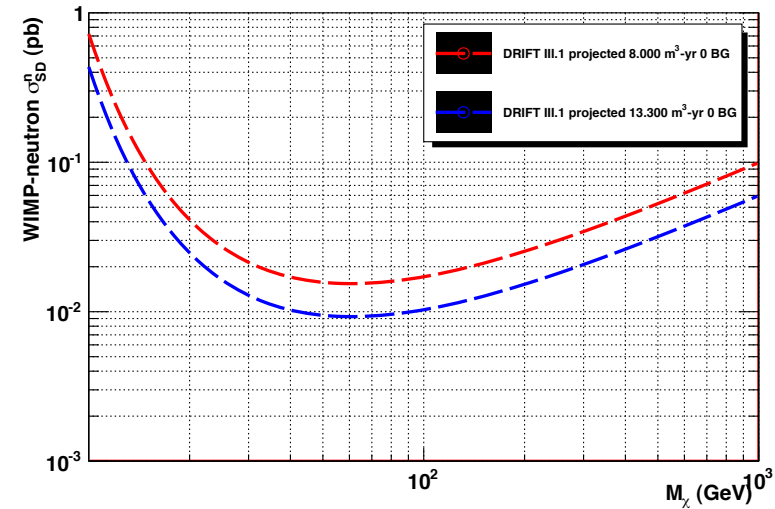
(1) Expected SI sensitivity

DRIFT III.1 8.0 m³-yr, 0 bkg (red)

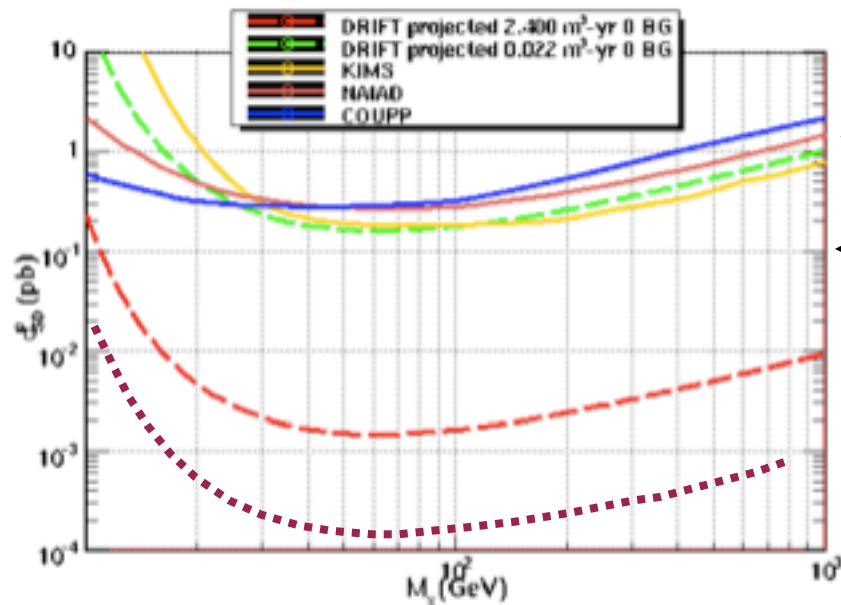


(2) Expected SD-n sensitivity

DRIFT III.1 8.0 m³-yr, 0 bkg (red)



(3) Expected WIMP-proton spin dependent sensitivity



← current limits

← DRIFT IIe - 10 day run, zero background prediction

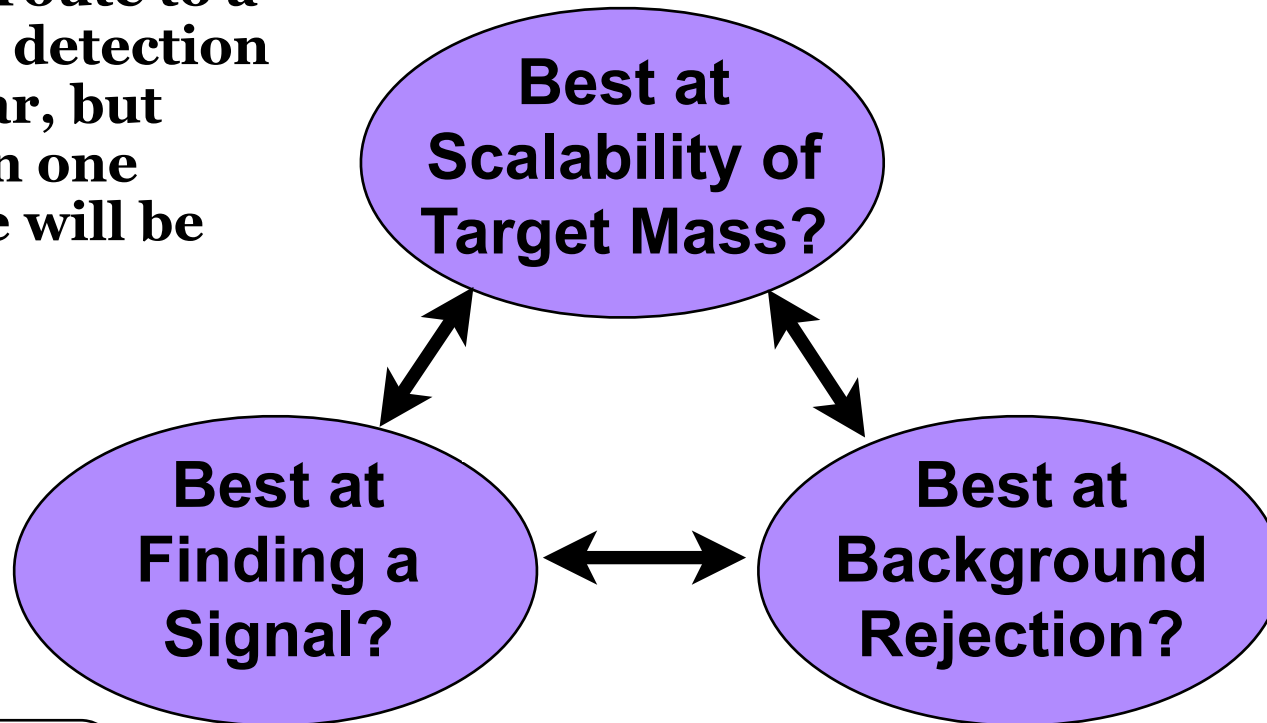
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← DRIFT III 1 year run

Conclusion

Paths to Bigger DM Detectors?

The final route to a definitive detection is not clear, but more than one technique will be essential



Gas Directional

