

Simulations: BULLKID-DM setup at Gran Sasso and demonstrator

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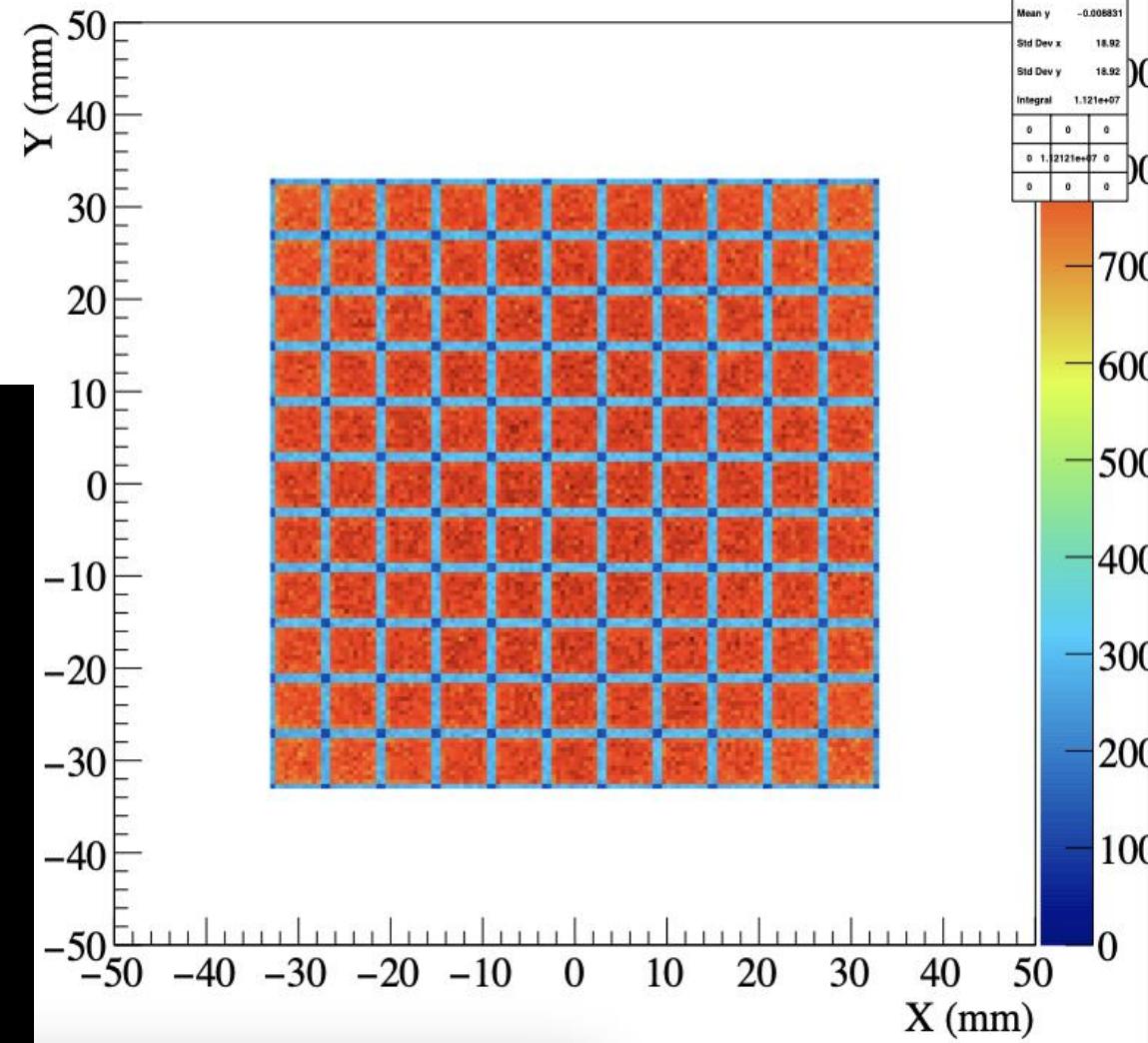
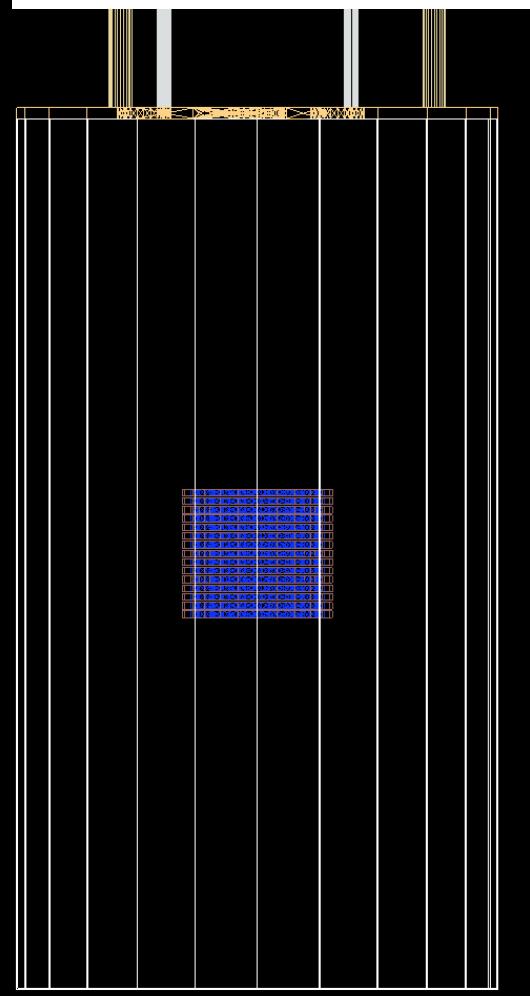
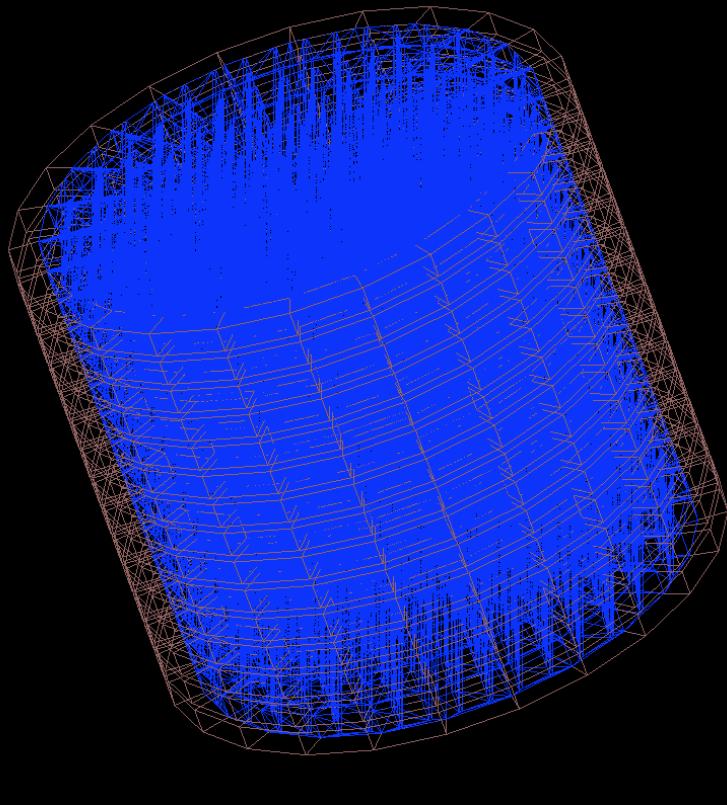
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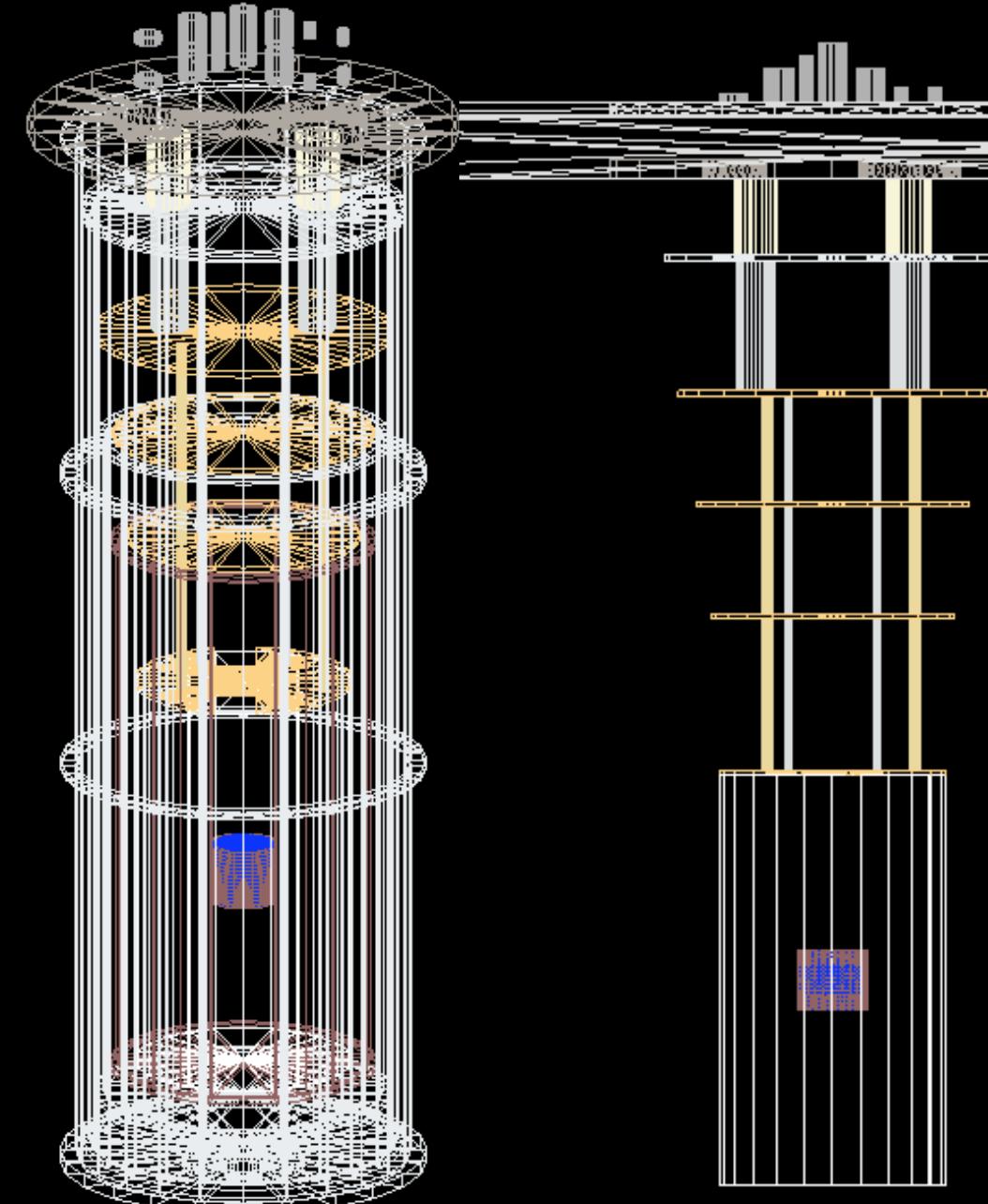
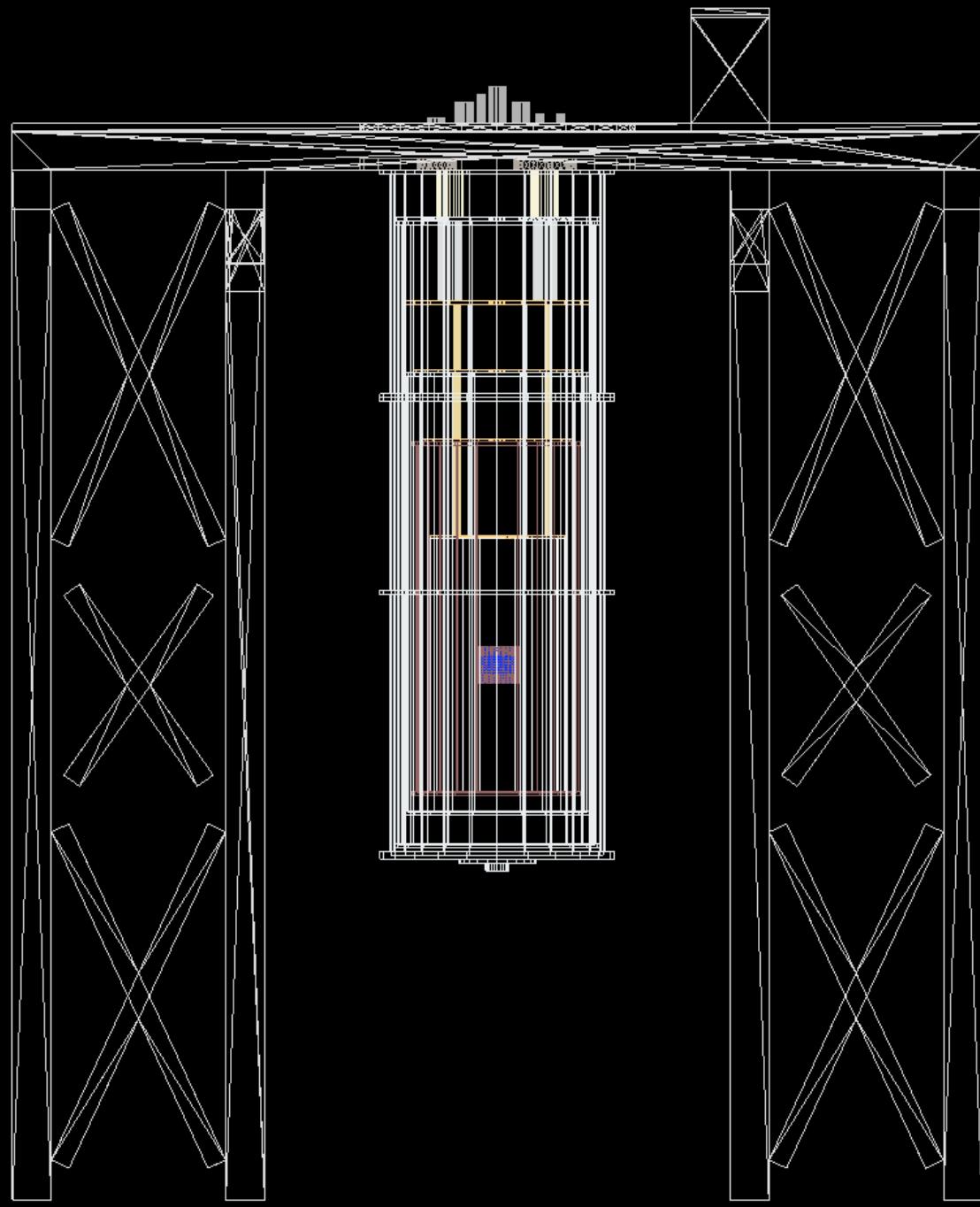
Gran Sasso setup

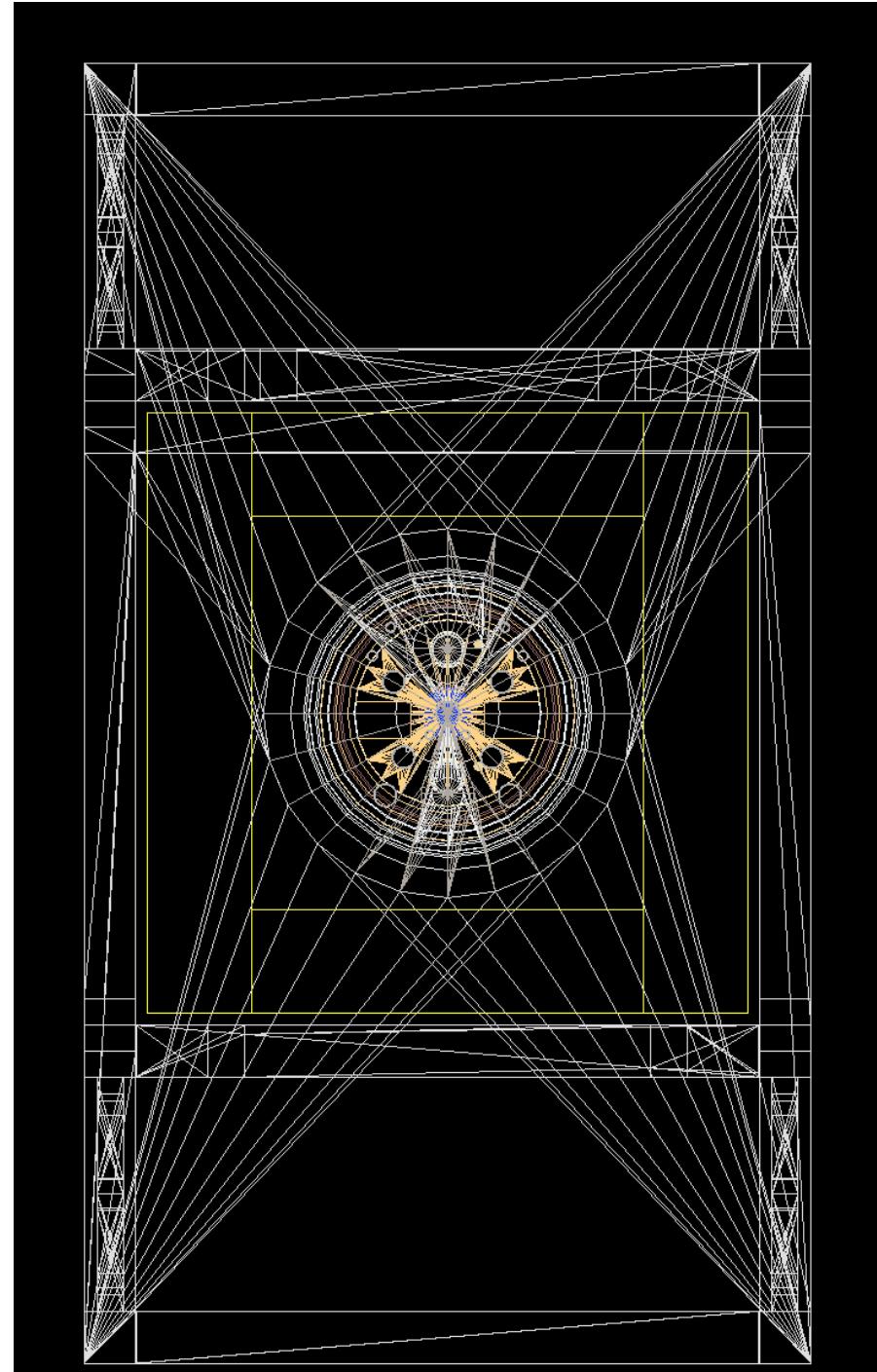
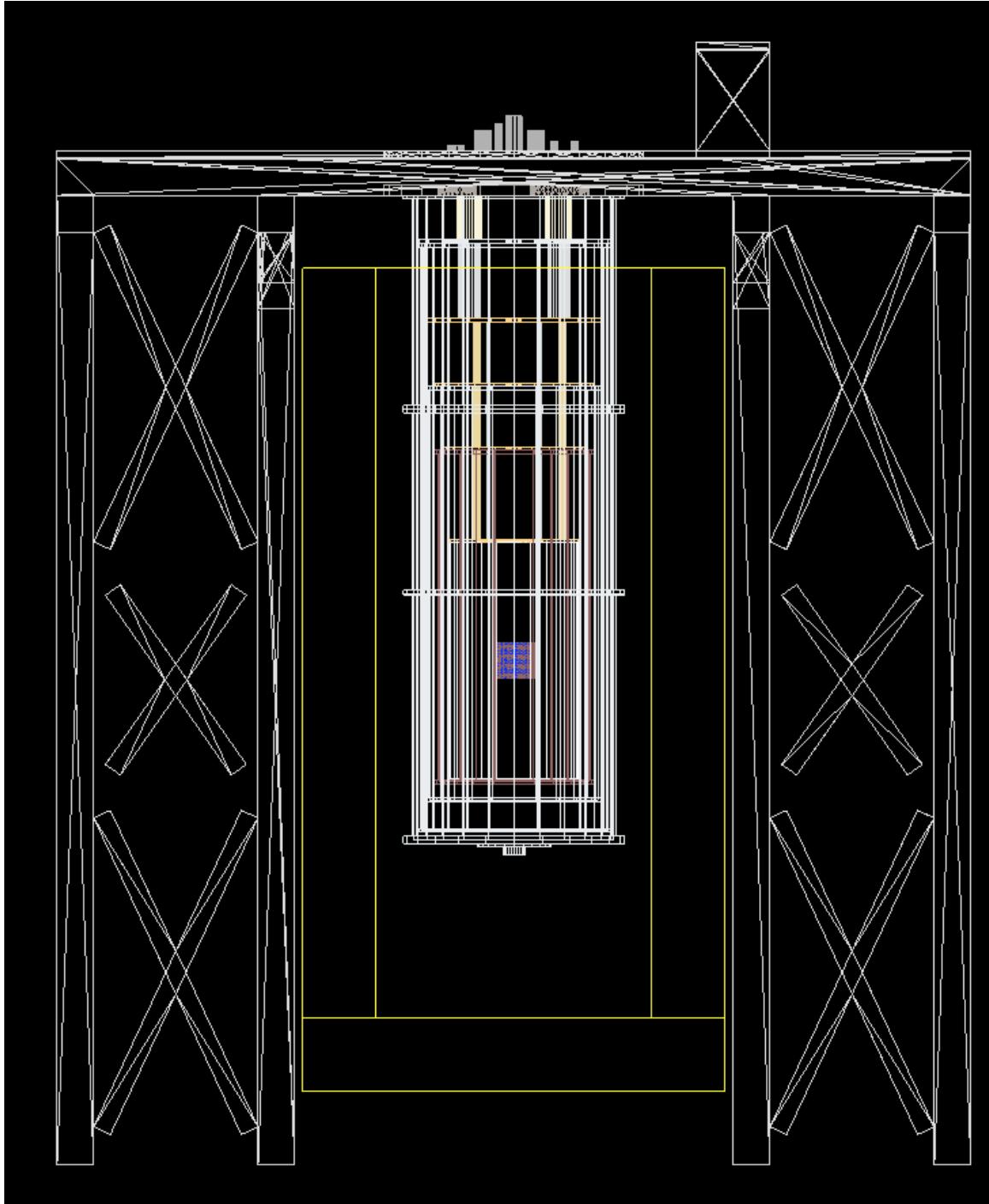
- 616.3 g in 15 Si wafers
Wafers: 5 cm radius, 5 mm thickness
11 x 11 dices

- In new Gran Sasso cryostat
- External backgrounds:
 - ✓ Gammas
 - ✓ Muons
 - ✓ Neutrons



Events in the Si sensors





Backgrounds from Monte Carlo simulations using GEANT4

What we have now

Two GitHub repositories:

Experiment at Sapienza:

https://github.com/ericvj/BULLKID_Sapienza

Experiment at Gran Sasso:

https://github.com/ericvj/BULLKID_GranSasso



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Code for Monte Carlo simulations for
BULLKID at Gran Sasso

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What we have now

- How to use in one-two-three:
 1. clone: **gh repo clone ericvj/BULLKID_GranSasso** or
`git clone git@github.com:ericvj/BULLKID_GranSasso.git`
 2. `cd BULLKID_GranSasso`
 3. `make`

provides compilation of GEANT4 and Gran Sasso experiment

- You need a github account, request access to GEANT code

Ready and working!

Backgrounds at Gran Sasso

Gammas, muons, and neutrons

Gammas

More intense gamma lines
from K40, U238, and Th232
chains simulated

Underground flux:

0.729 gammas/cm²/s

Table 2. Intensity of the main gamma lines ($\gamma/\text{m}^2/\text{day}$) measured in the underground Hall A of LNGS. Only lines with intensity higher than $10^6 \gamma/\text{m}^2/\text{day}$ are listed. These are due to ^{40}K , and to the ^{238}U and ^{232}Th chains.

Energy [keV]	Isotope	Intensity [$\gamma/\text{m}^2/\text{day}$]
238.6	^{212}Pb	$2.8 \cdot 10^6$
295.2	^{214}Pb	$3.8 \cdot 10^6$
352	^{214}Pb	$7.9 \cdot 10^6$
583	^{208}Tl	$3.0 \cdot 10^6$
609	^{214}Bi	$1.3 \cdot 10^7$
911	^{228}Ac	$3.1 \cdot 10^6$
934	^{214}Bi	$2.1 \cdot 10^6$
968	^{228}Ac	$2.1 \cdot 10^6$
1120	^{214}Bi	$6.3 \cdot 10^6$
1238	^{214}Bi	$2.8 \cdot 10^6$
1460	^{40}K	$2.9 \cdot 10^7$
1764	^{214}Bi	$8.2 \cdot 10^6$
2204	^{214}Bi	$3.1 \cdot 10^6$
2614	^{208}Tl	$7.8 \cdot 10^6$

Muons

Muon energy and angular distributions from Mei and Hime

Underground flux:

$$3.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ muons/cm}^2/\text{s}$$

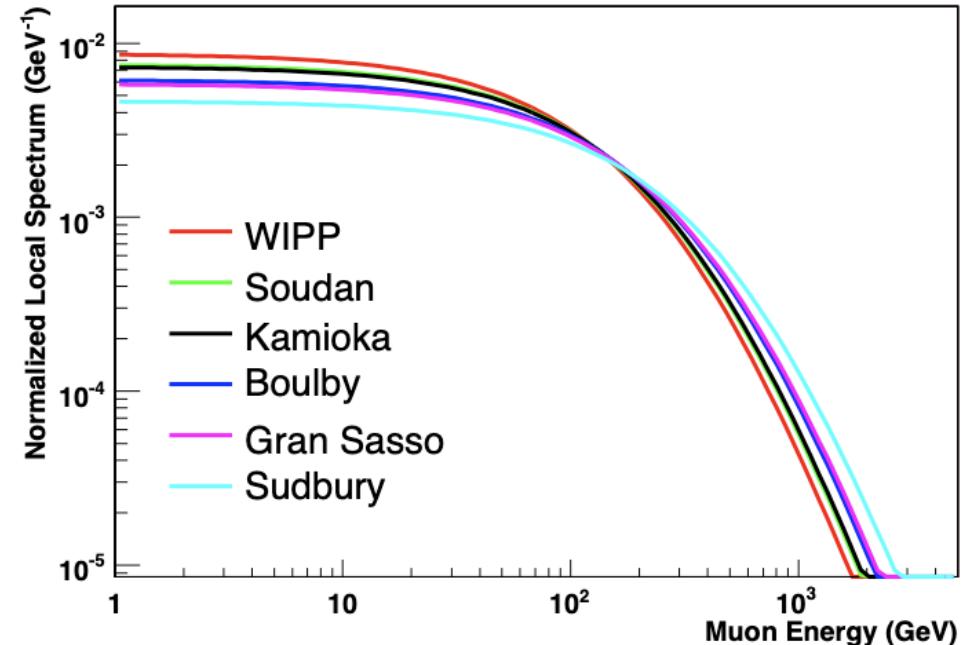


FIG. 6: The underground sit der the curve for compariso

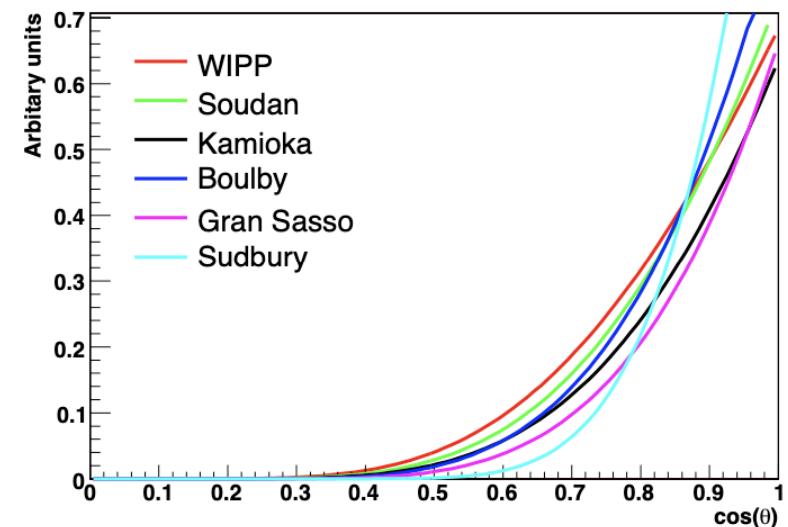


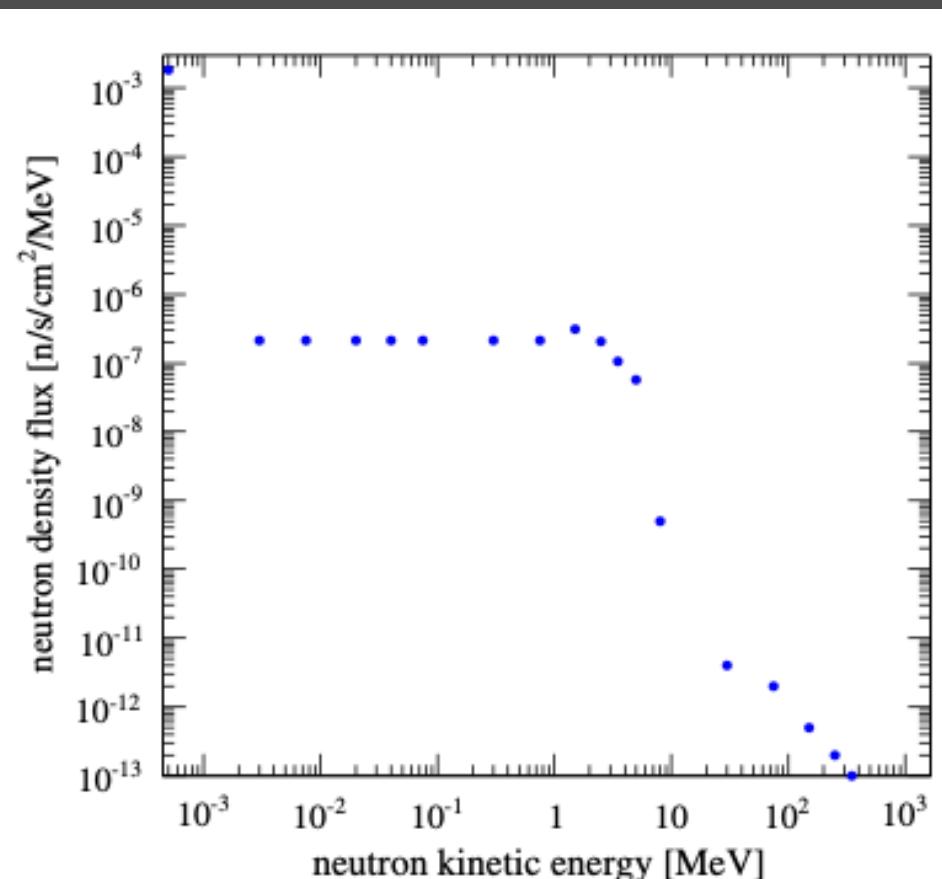
FIG. 7: The muon angular distribution local to the various underground sites based on equation (3). All curves have been normalized to the total muon intensity for each site.

Neutrons

Neutron energy distribution
from several sources for 3
regions:

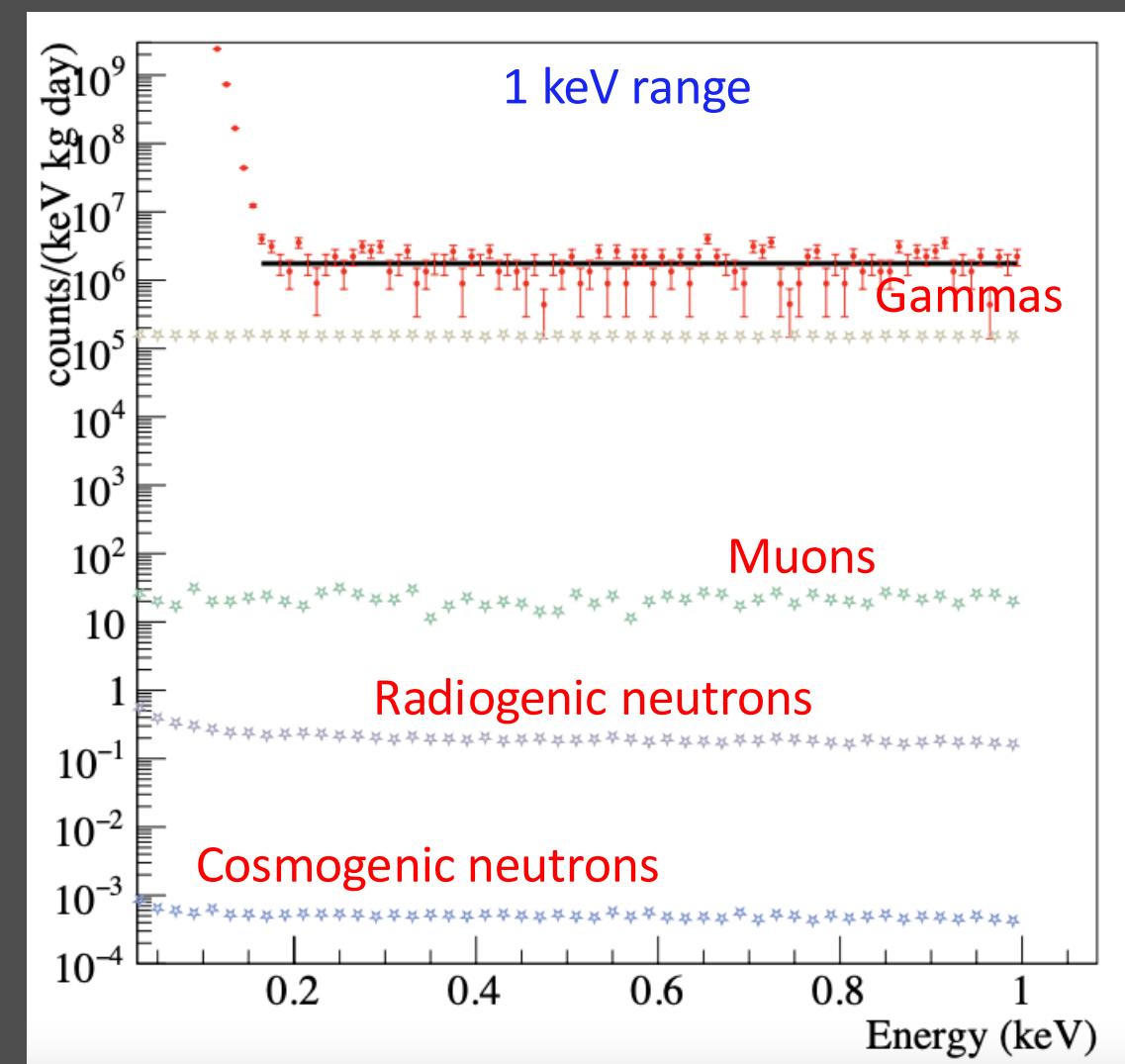
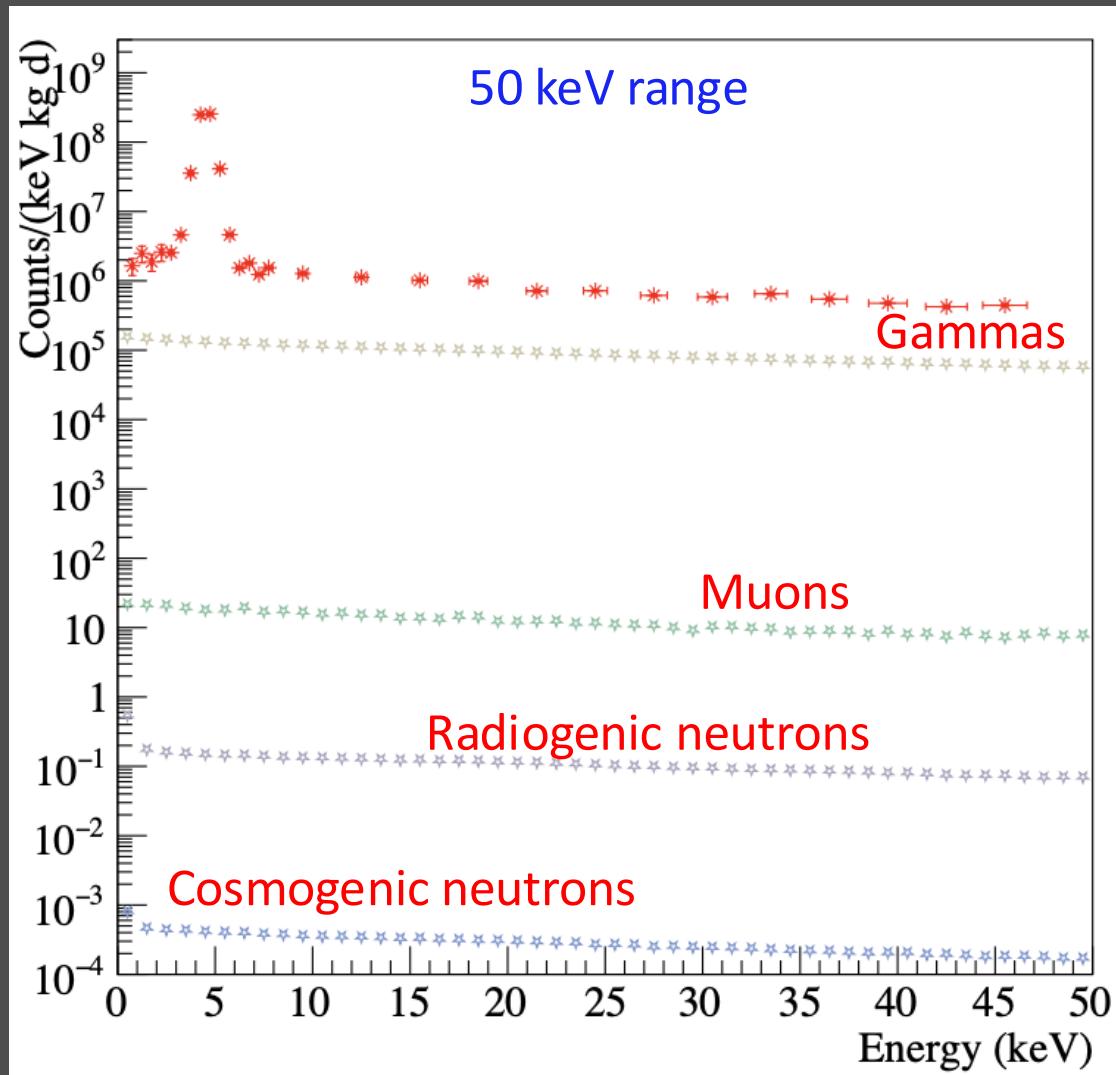
- Thermal
- Radiogenic
- Cosmogenic

E interval (MeV)	Neutron Flux ($10^{-6}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$)					
	Ref. [1]	Ref. [2]	Ref. [3]	Ref. [4]	Ref. [5]	Ref. [6]
$10^{-3} - 0.5$						
0.5 - 1			0.54±0.01			
1 - 2.5		0.14±0.12	(0.53±0.08)			
2.5 - 3		0.13±0.04	0.27±0.14			
3 - 5			(0.18±0.04)			2.56±0.27
5 - 10		0.15±0.04	0.05±0.01	(0.04±0.01)	3.0±0.8	0.09±0.06
10 - 15	0.78±0.3	(0.4 ± 0.4)·10 ⁻³	(0.6 ± 0.2)·10 ⁻³	((0.7 ± 0.2)·10 ⁻³)		
15 - 25				(0.5 ± 0.3)·10 ⁻⁶		((0.1 ± 0.3)·10 ⁻⁶)



Results: with and without
shielding

No shielding



All backgrounds: No shielding

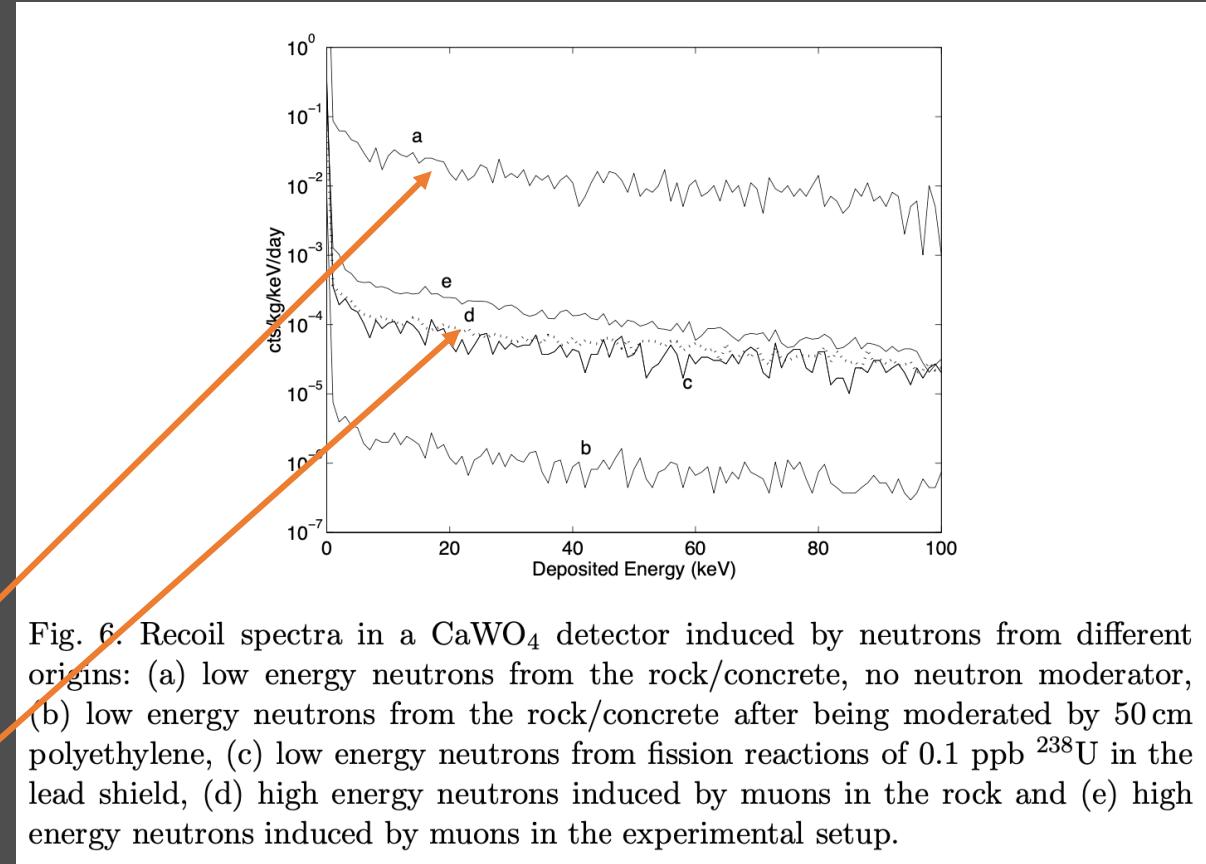
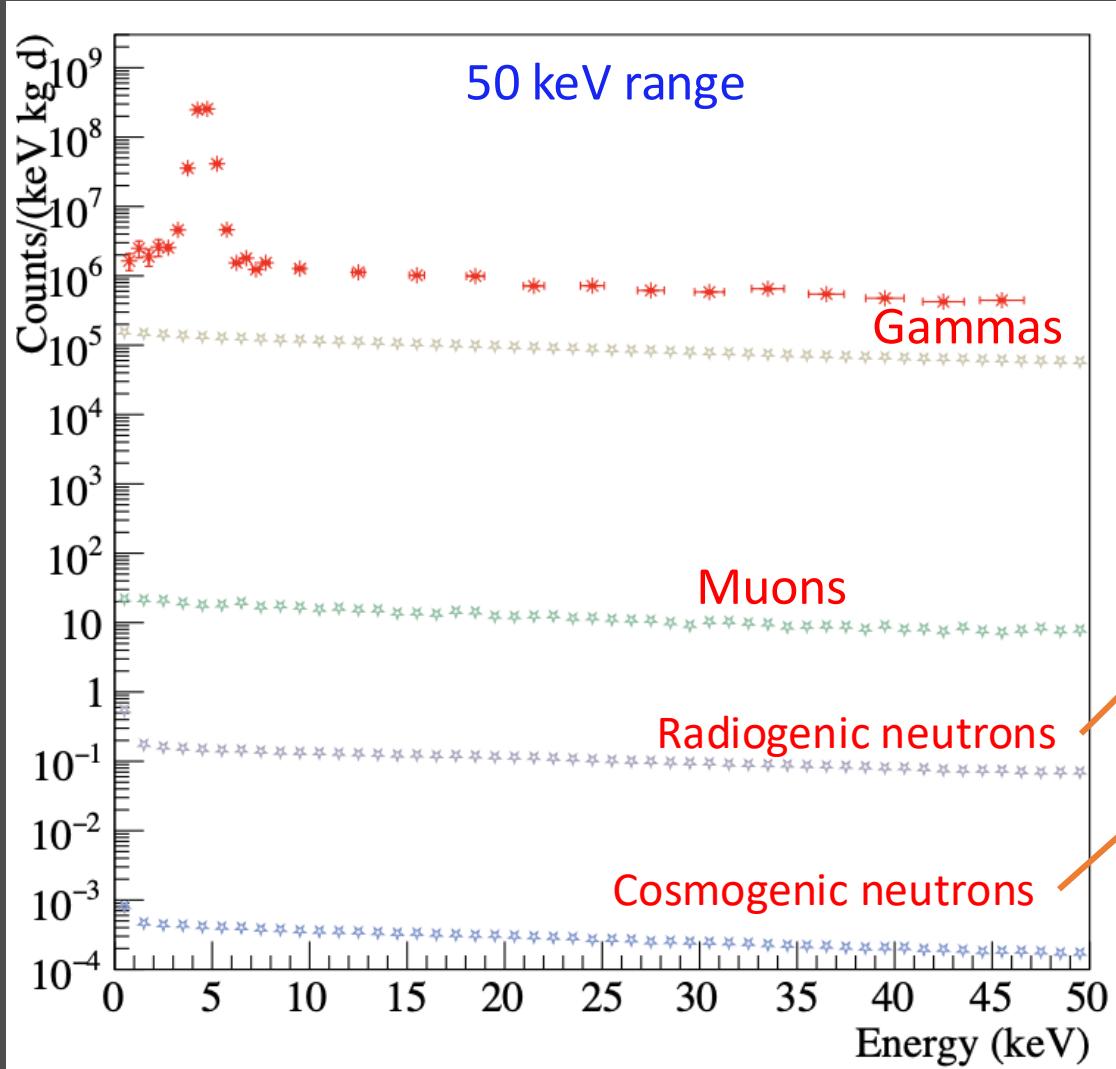
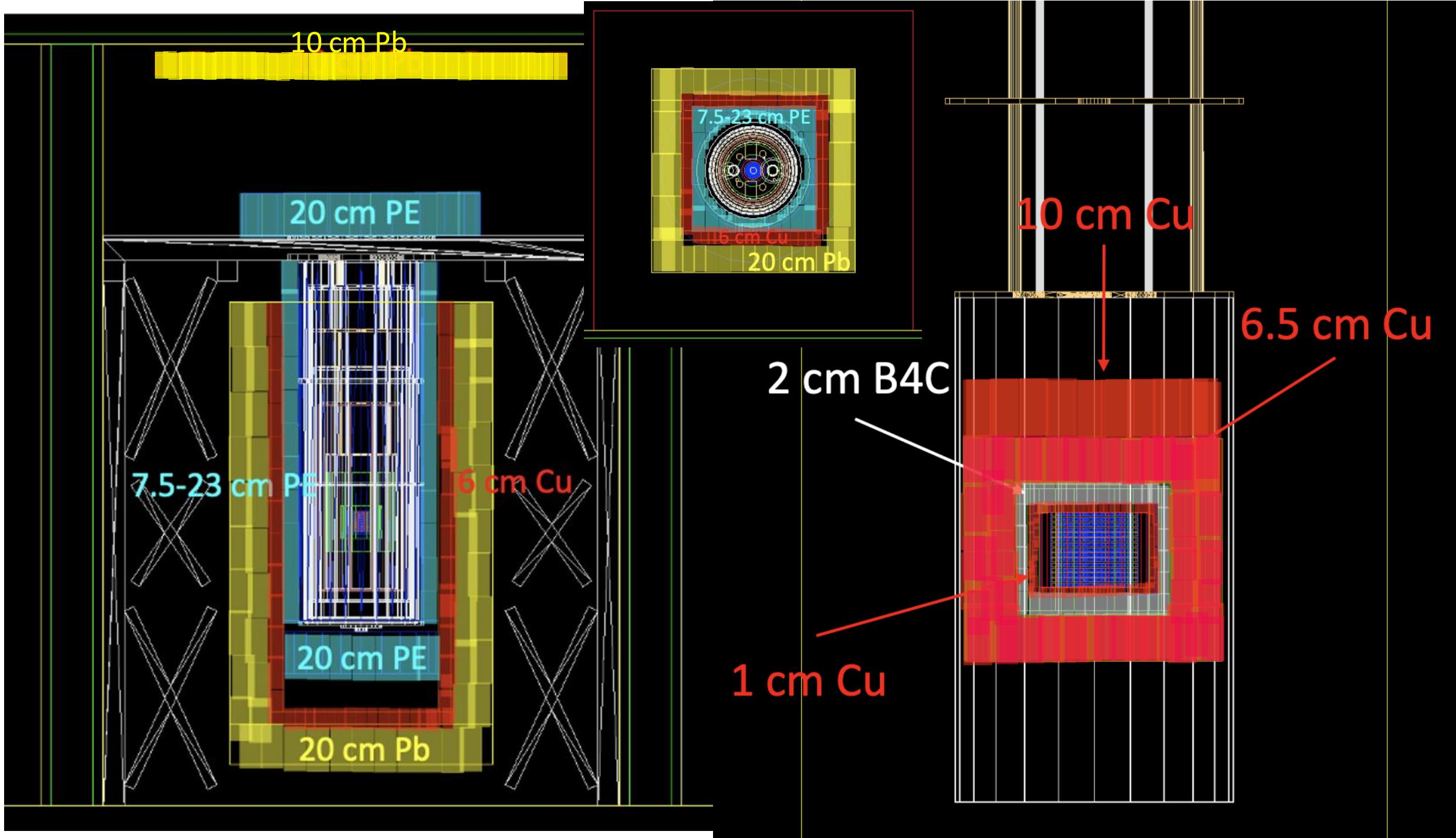
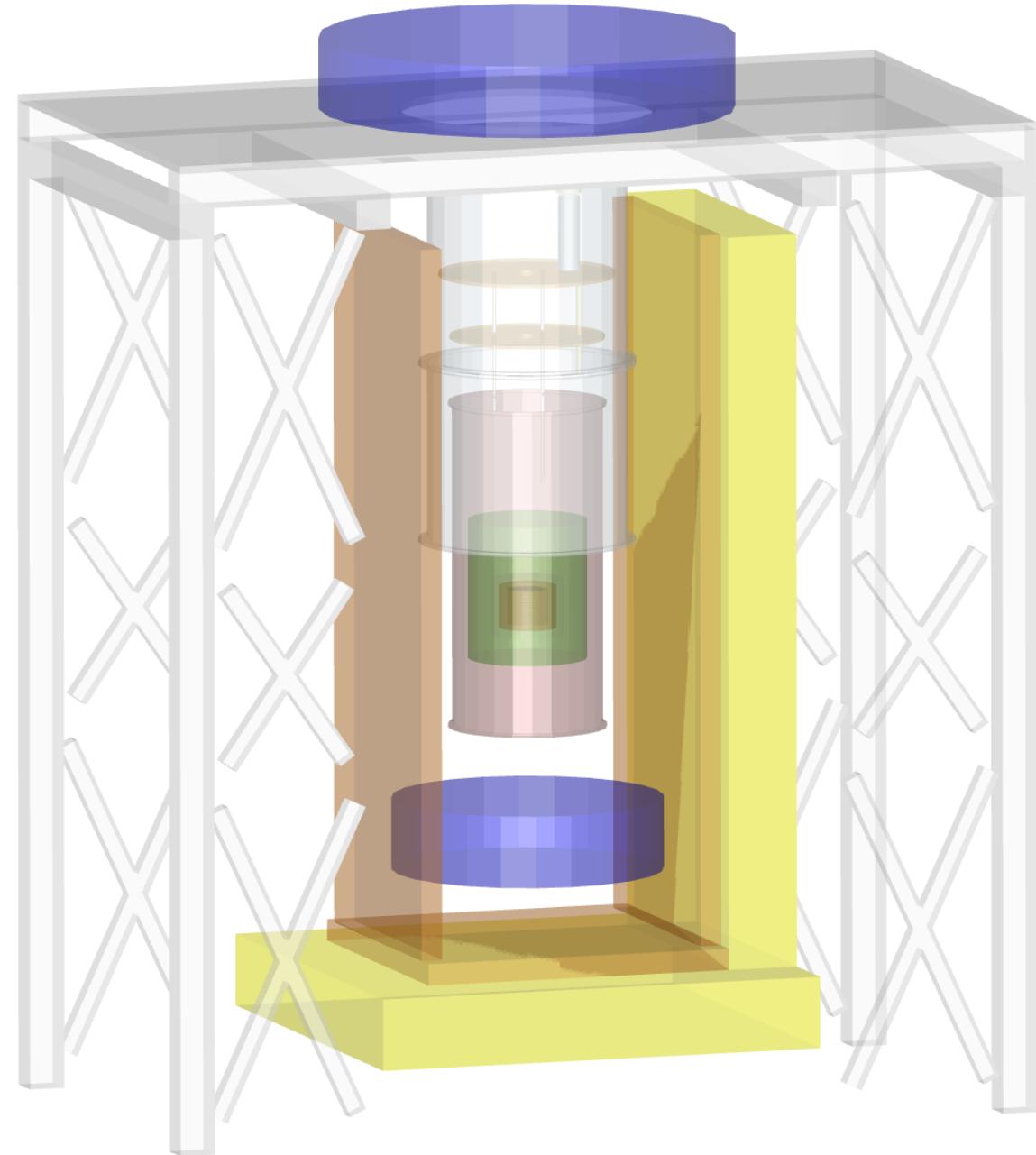
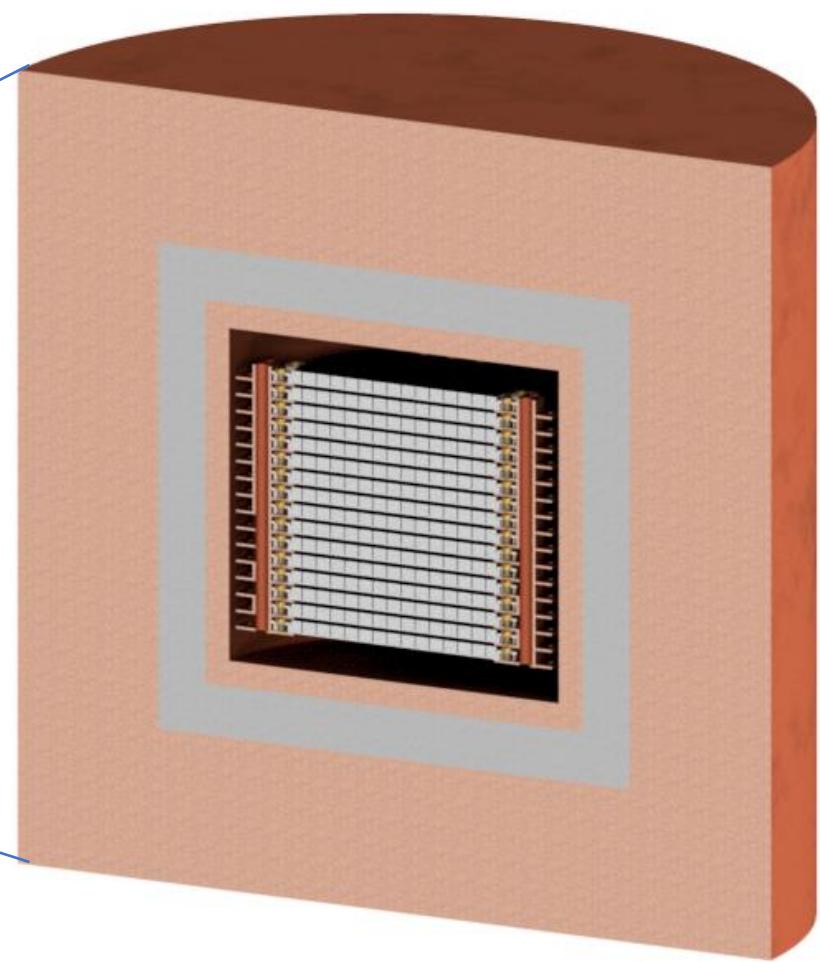
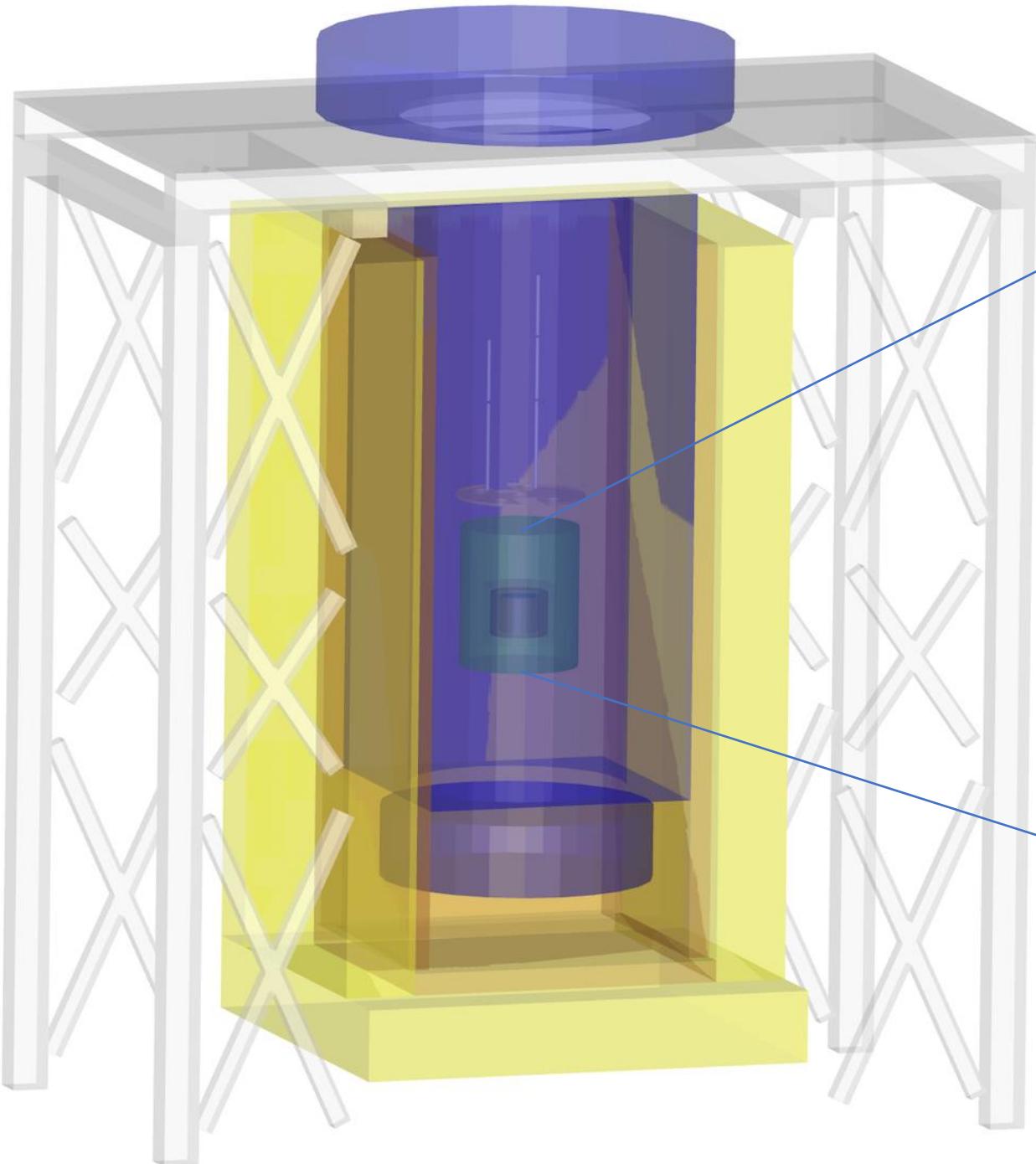


Fig. 6. Recoil spectra in a CaWO_4 detector induced by neutrons from different origins: (a) low energy neutrons from the rock/concrete, no neutron moderator, (b) low energy neutrons from the rock/concrete after being moderated by 50 cm polyethylene, (c) low energy neutrons from fission reactions of 0.1 ppb ^{238}U in the lead shield, (d) high energy neutrons induced by muons in the rock and (e) high energy neutrons induced by muons in the experimental setup.

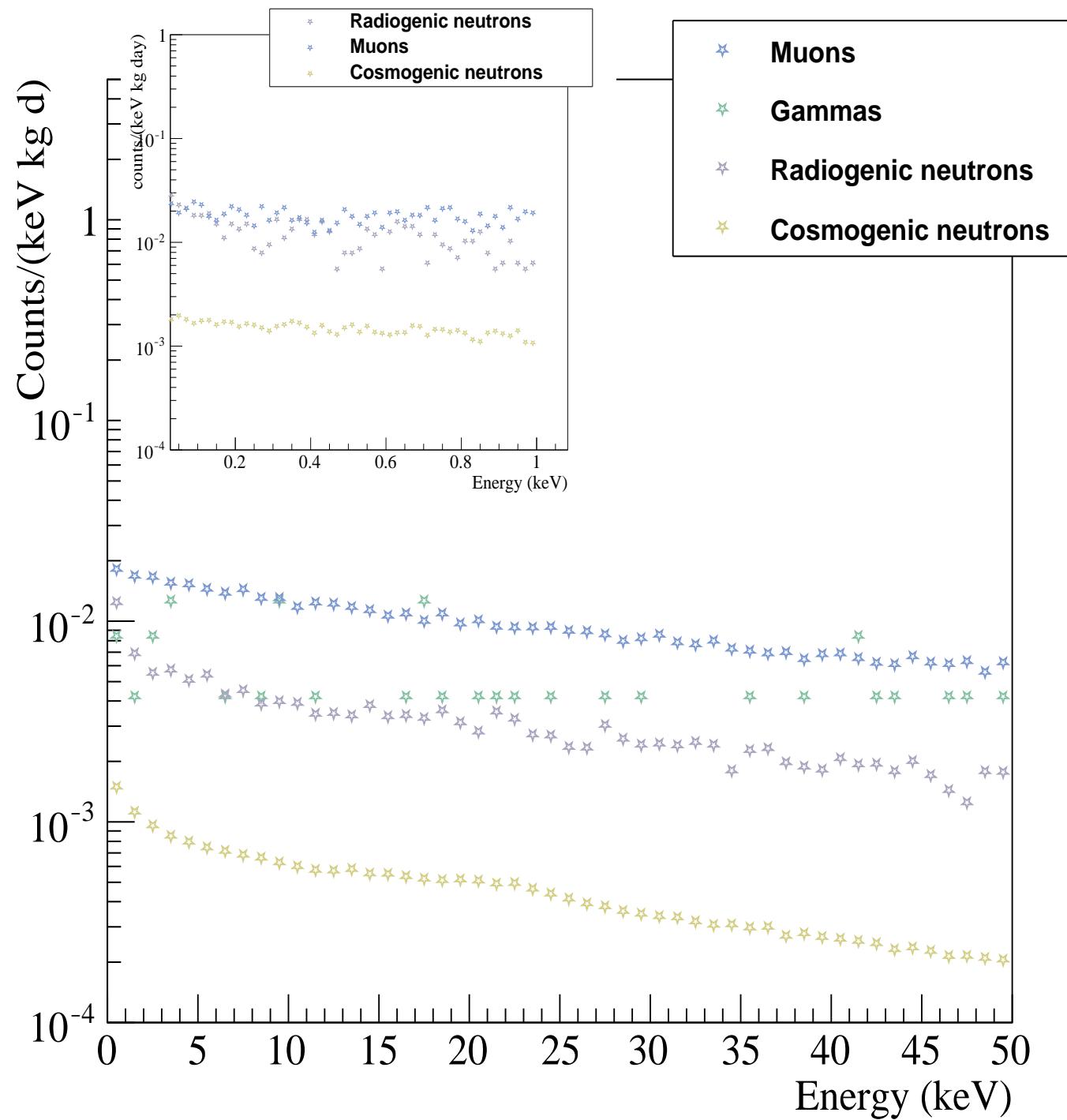
Comparison with CRESST







With
shielding

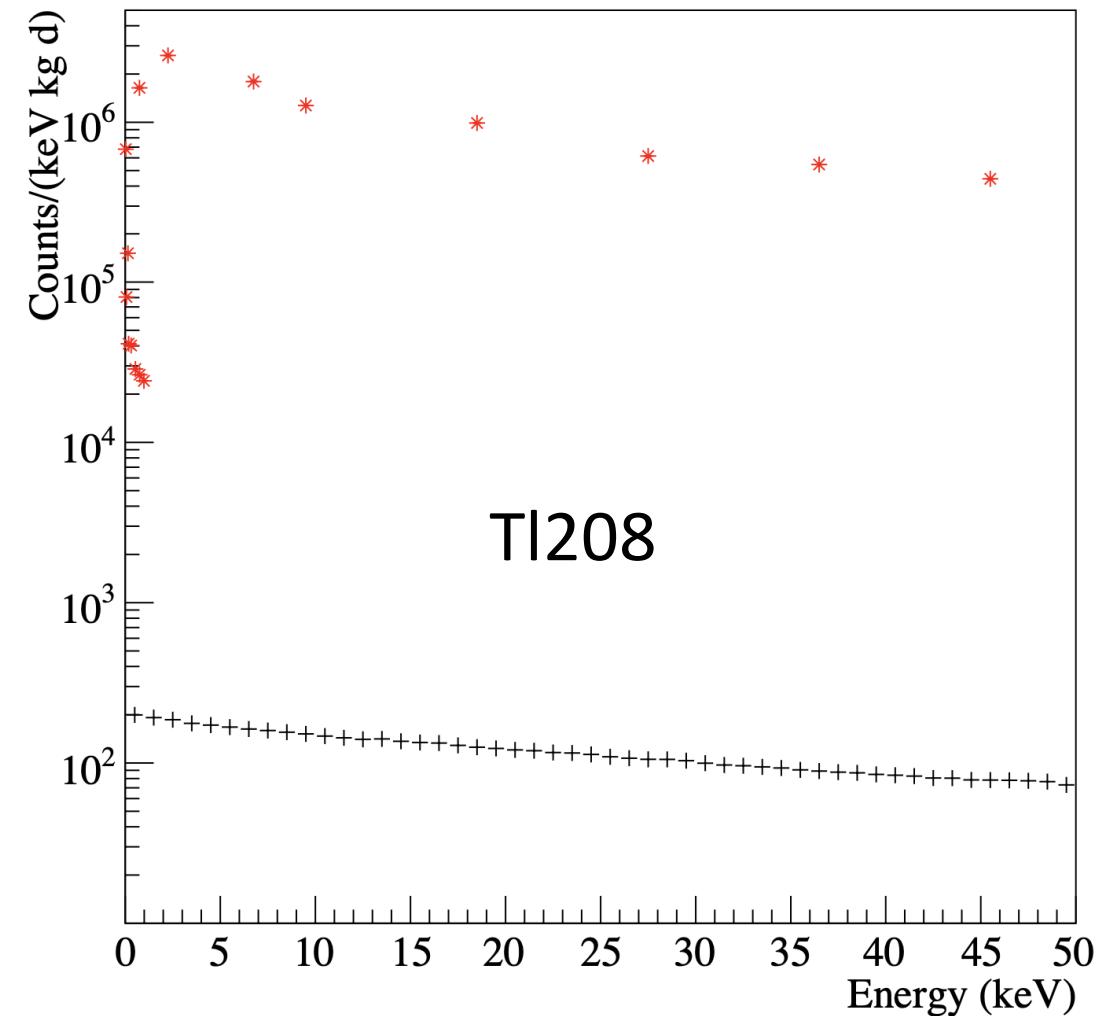
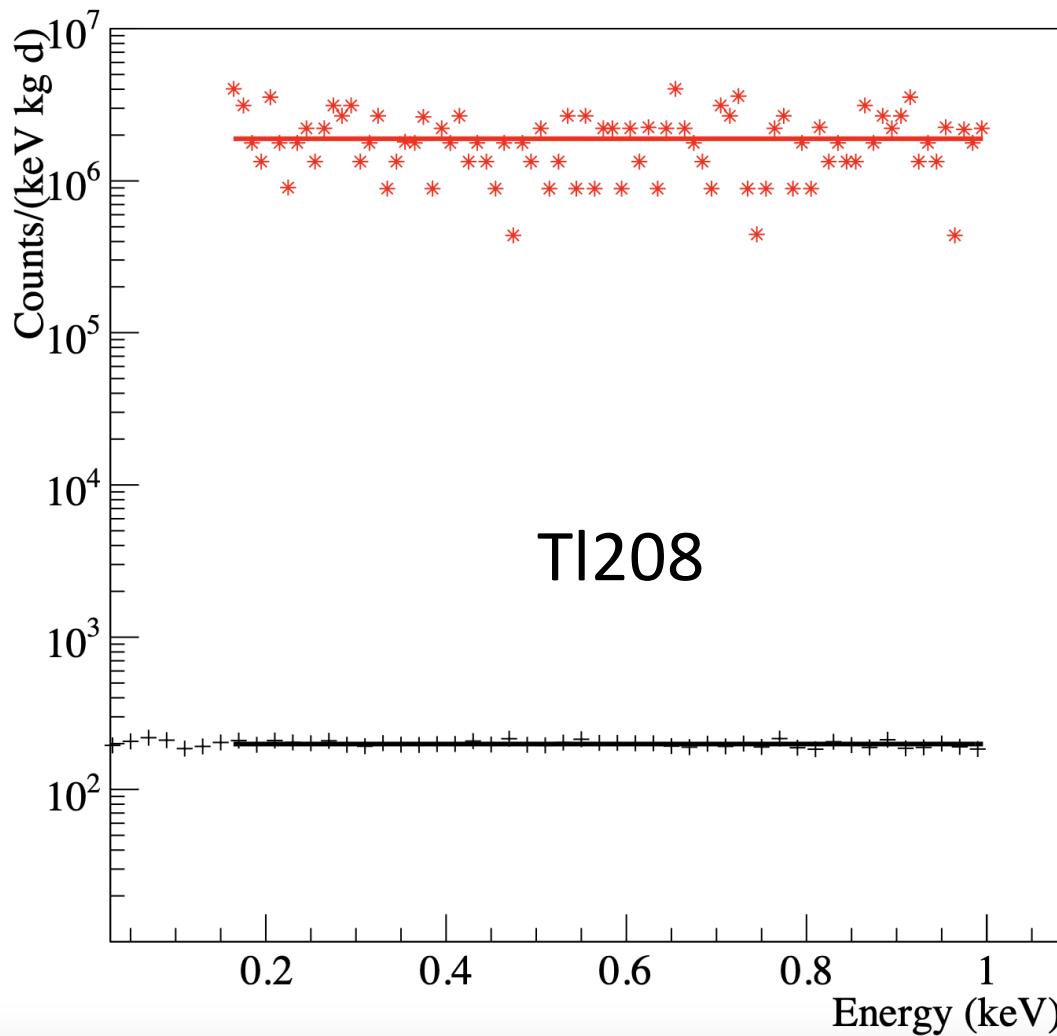


Possible scenarios for the Demonstrator

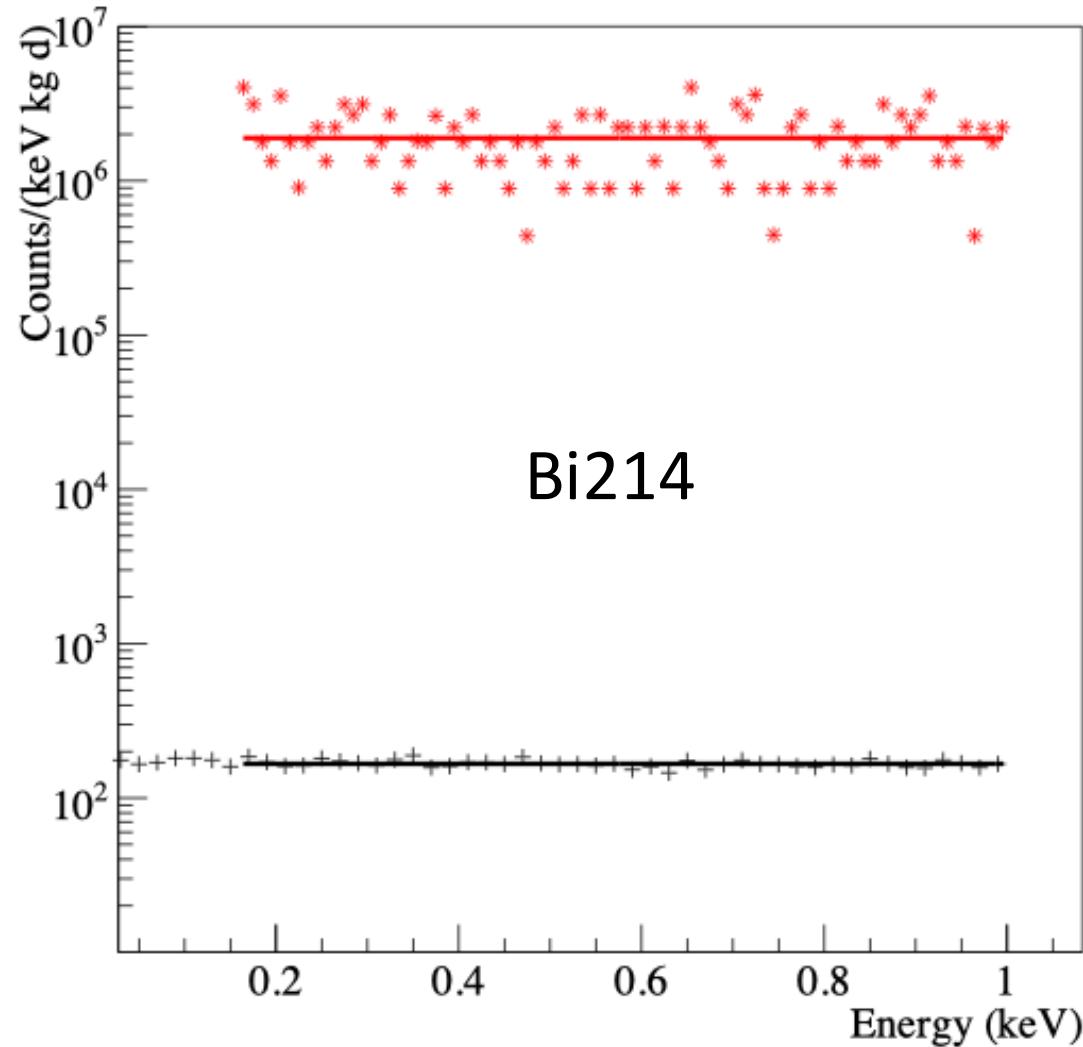
- Room temperature shielding:
 - 1) Lead
 - 2) Copper
 - 3) Polyethylene
- Cold shielding:
 - 4) outer copper shielding
 - 5) B4C or similar
 - 6) inner (purer) copper shielding
- Possible configurations for the demonstrator:
 - **A) Worst case: 4 + 5 + 6**
 - B) Baseline : 1 + 2 + 4
 - c) Baseline + poly: 1 + 2 + 3 + 4

Demonstrator without external shielding

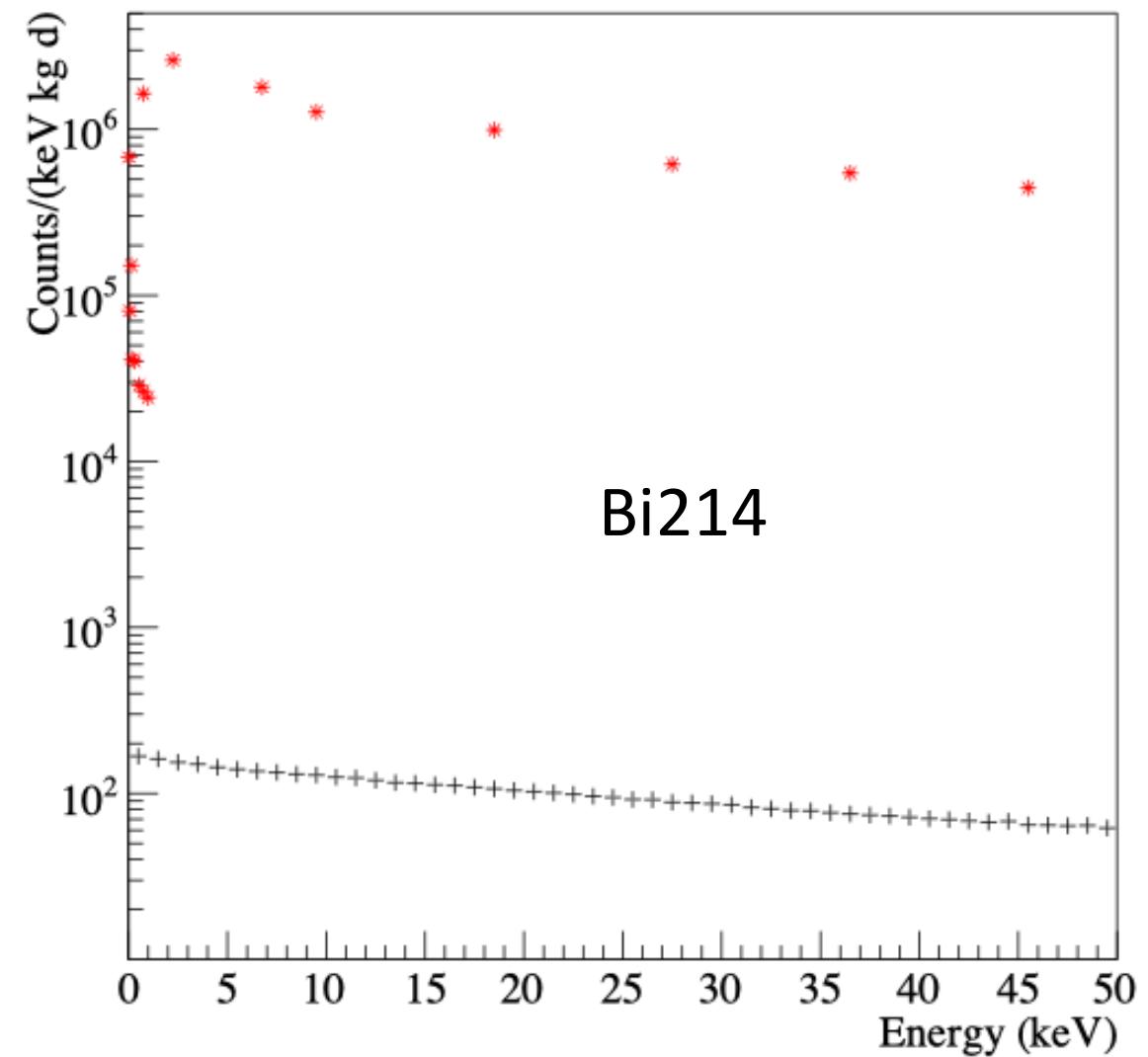
- ✓ Muons and neutrons below 50 d.r.u. without any shielding
- ✓ Inner shielding with **4+5+6 scenario** would reduce gammas from 1E5 to approx. 1E3 d.r.u.



Demonstrator without external shielding



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Summary and Conclusions

- ✓ Demonstrator could reach approximately 1E3 d.r.u., pending simulation of internals, with only the inner cold shielding
- ✓ Need to define configuration of external shielding to reach target, in collaboration with Gran Sasso
- ✓ Full time PhD student at UNAM will be running next set of simulations: Alberto Acevedo Rentería