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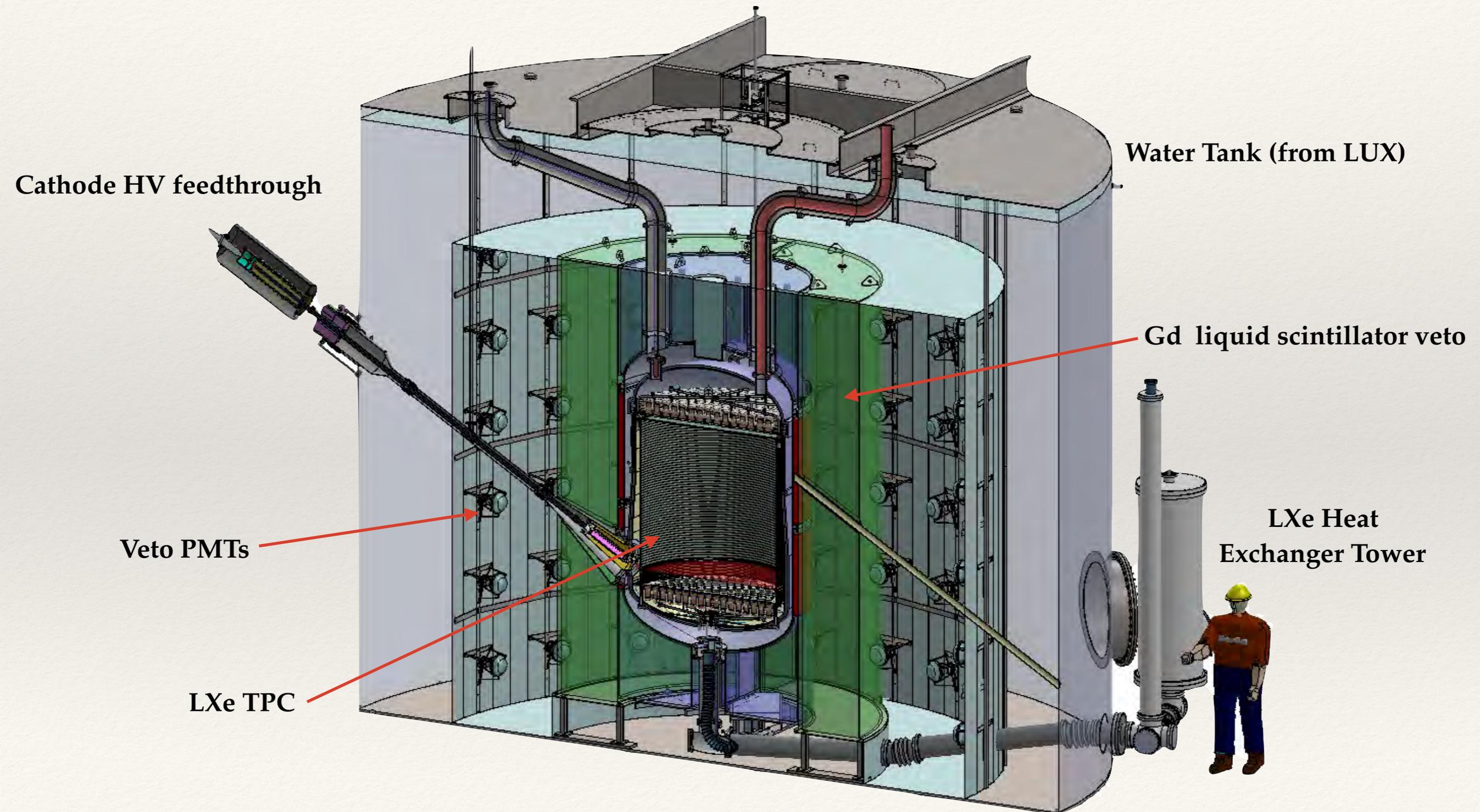
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# The LZ System Test Program

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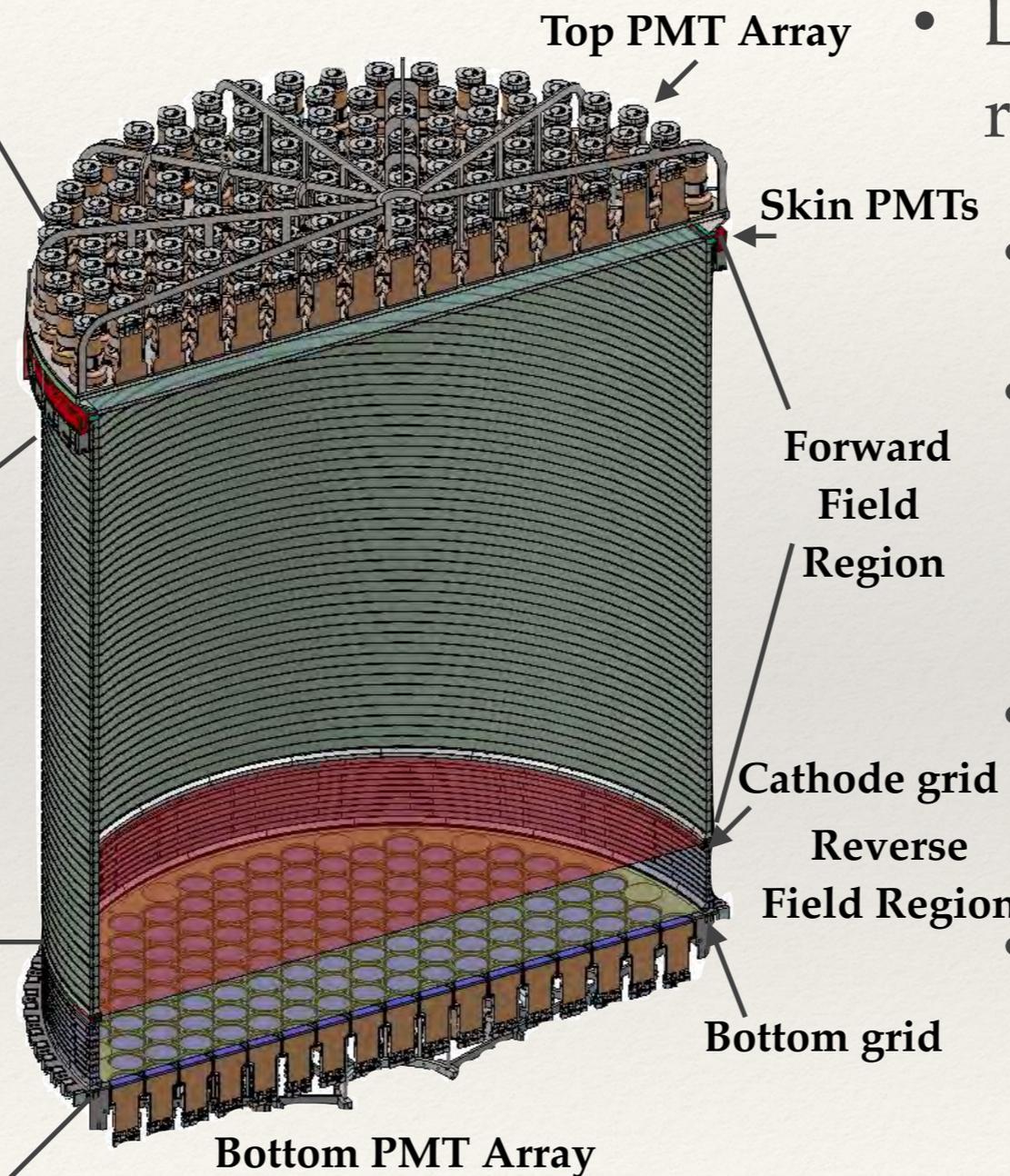
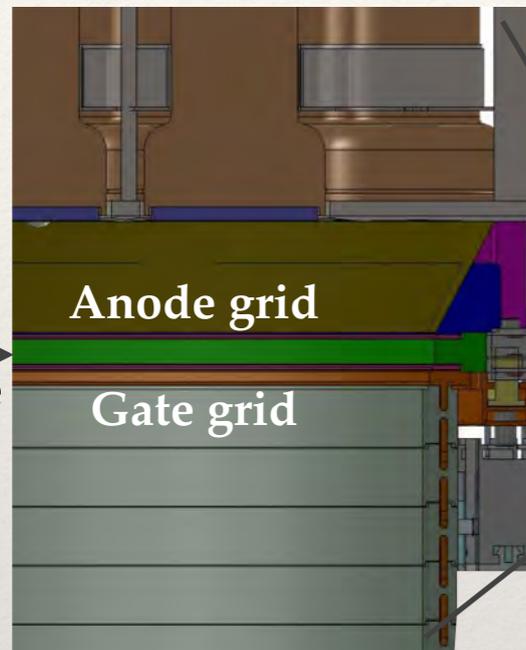


# LZ Detector



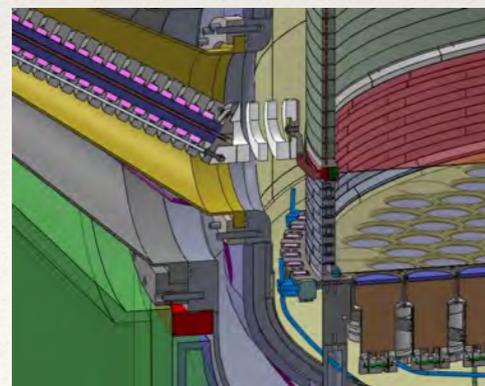
# LZ High Voltage

“Upper Corner”  
Gas and Extraction Region

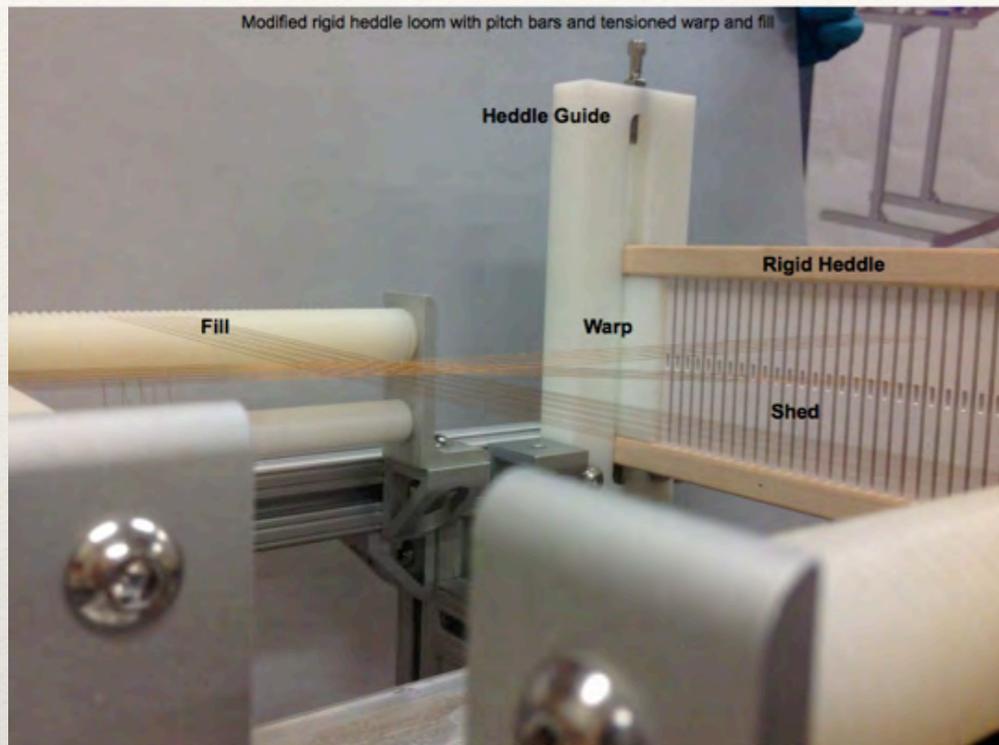


- Designed to meet our requirements:
  - 300 V / cm drift field
  - 10 kV / cm electroluminescence field
  - 50 kV / cm maximum surface fields
  - Cathode HV feedthrough tested to -200 kV

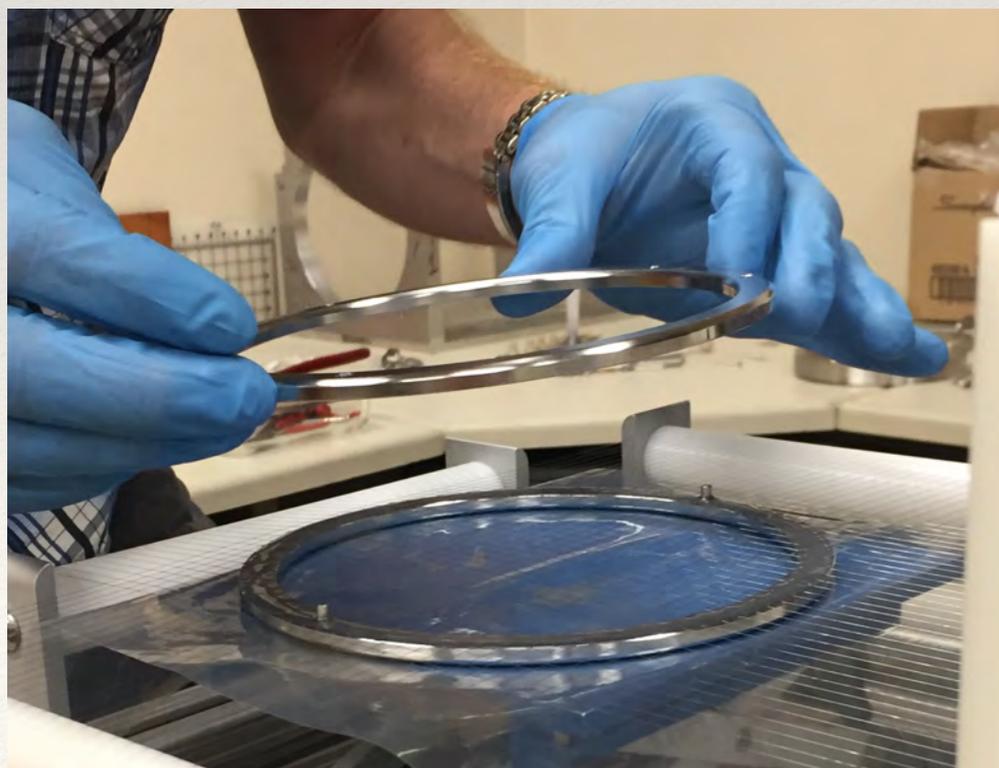
Cathode HV Umbilical



# LZ Grids



- Grids made of stainless steel wire
  - Current prototypes are California Fine Wire SS304
- Woven mesh
- Bonded to grid ring with Masterbond cryogenic epoxy
- Electropolished and passivated after bonding



## Grid Parameters

	Req. V	Goal V	Pitch	Diam.
Anode	+5.75 kV	+7 kV	2.5 mm	100 um
Gate	-5.75 kV	-7 kV	5 mm	75 um
Cathode	-50 kV	-100 kV	5 mm	100 um
Bottom	-1.5 kV		5 mm	100 um

# LZ Testing Program

- **SLAC System Test Program**

- Located in IR-2 hall at SLAC (former home of BaBar)
- Focus upon HV operations of TPC to minimize low levels of electron and photon emission
- Requires a full experiment -> up to 500 kg of LXe (cryogenics, circulation and purification, recovery, slow controls, data acquisition, calibrations)
- **Phase I: full TPC, 120 kg LXe**
- **Phase II: full LZ grids, 500 kg LXe**

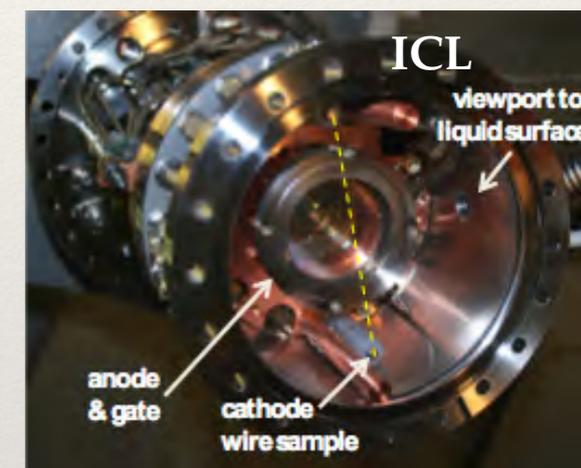
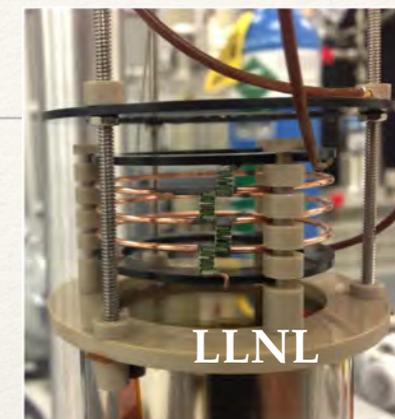
- Testing in many small test chambers at a variety of institutions

- Imperial, LBNL, LLNL, LIP Coimbra, U. Michigan, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, MEPHI
- See F. Neves Tuesday 14:40 talk on PTFE reflectivity

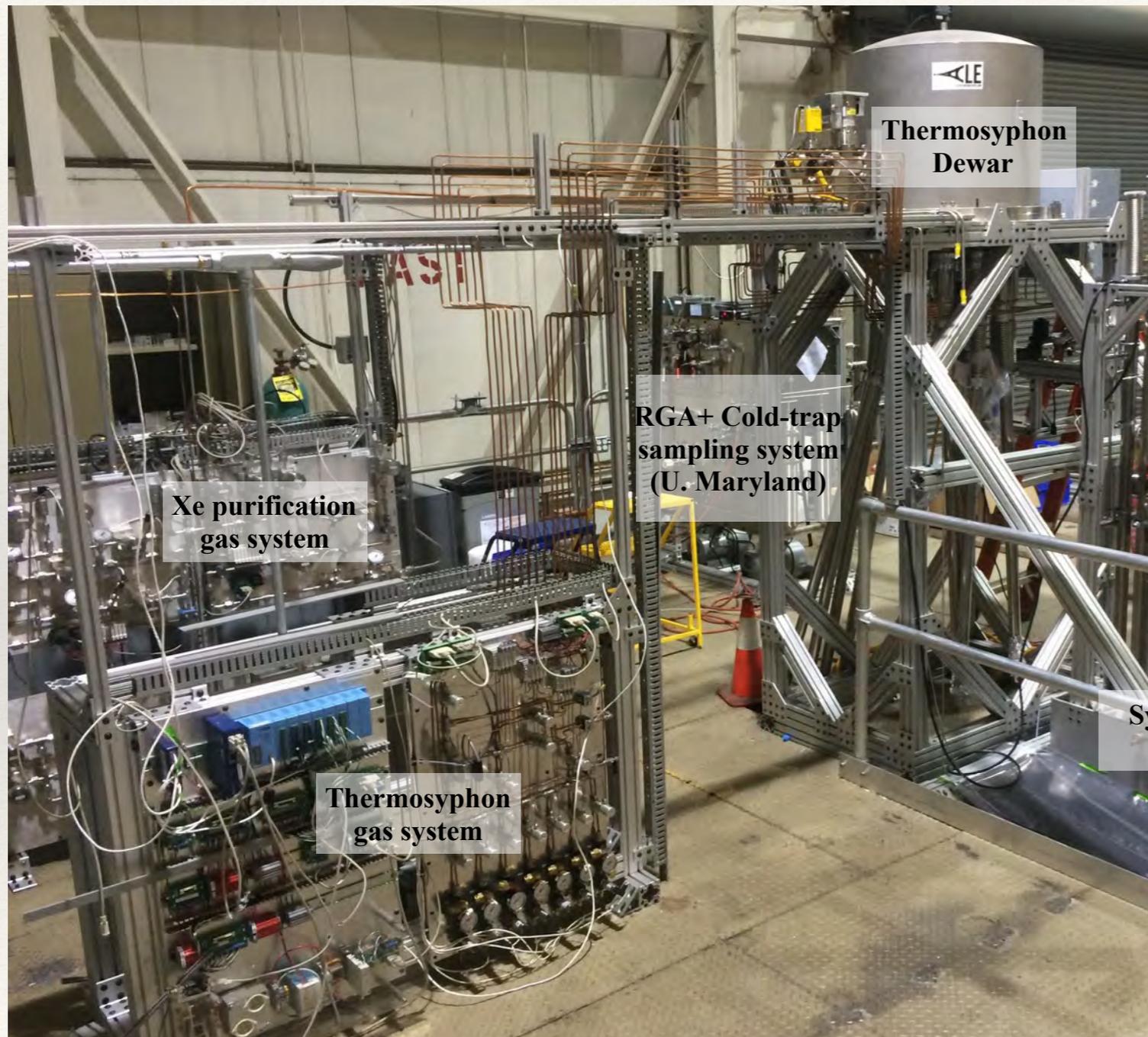
- PMT testing at Brown and Imperial

- Cathode HV feedthrough testing at LBNL

- Electronics testing at U. Rochester

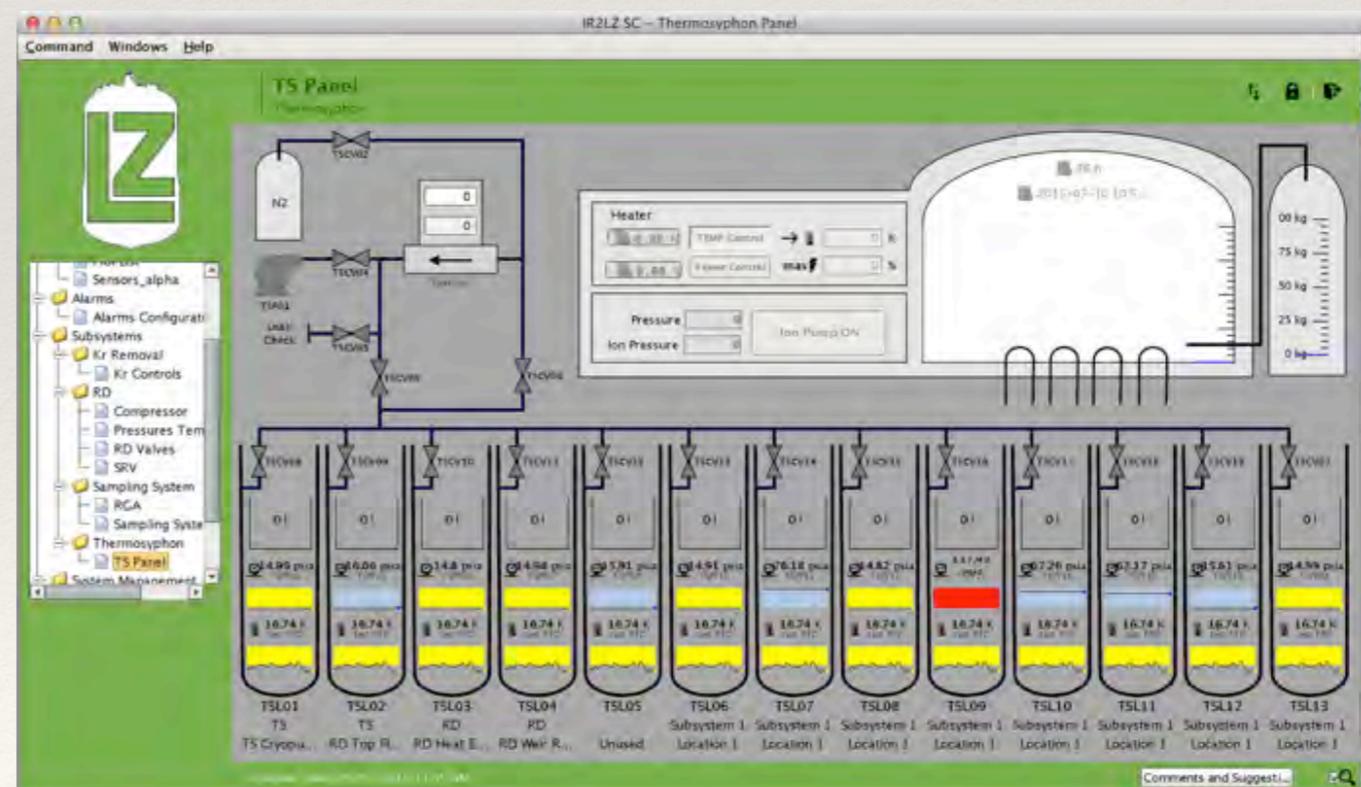


# System Test Platform at SLAC

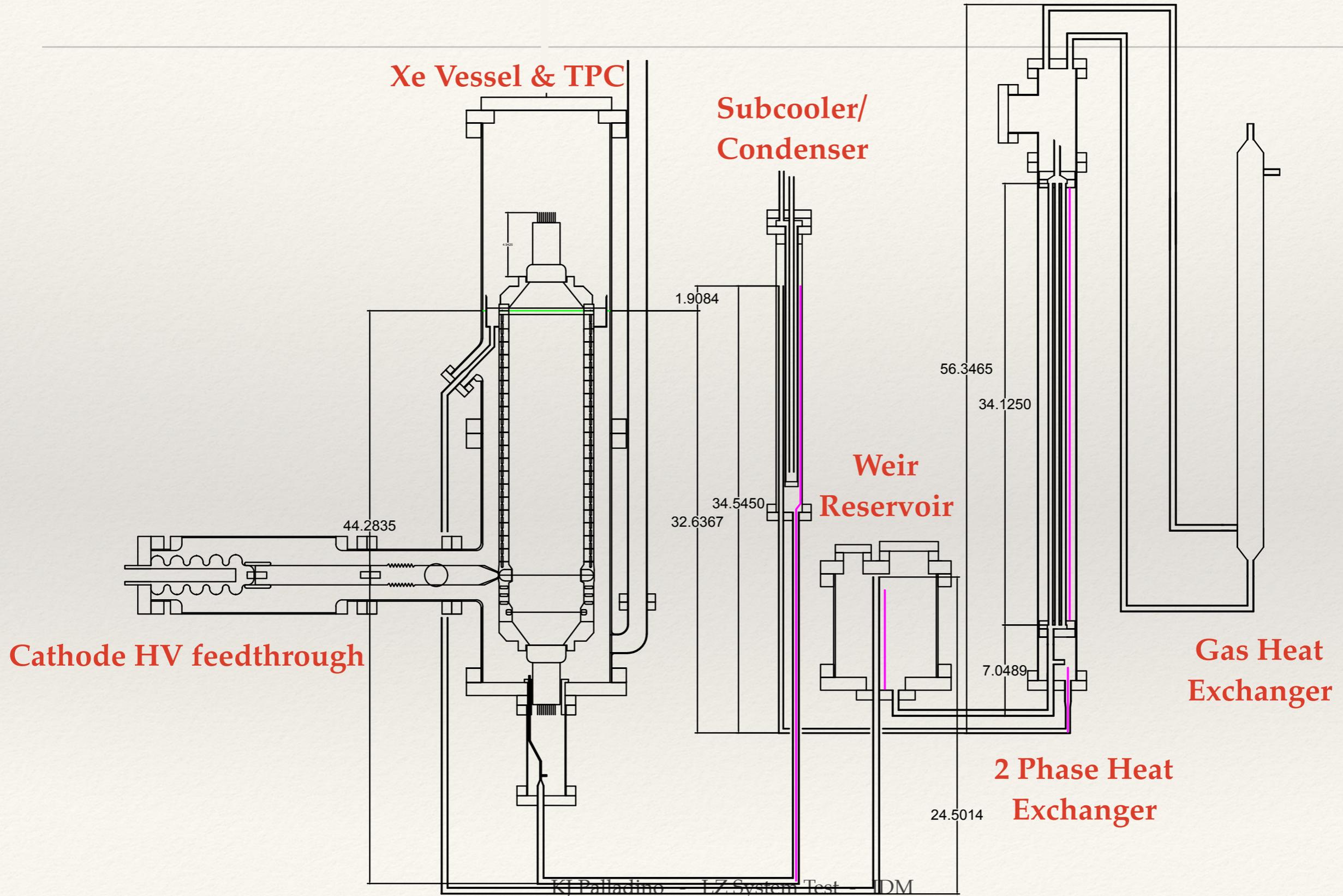


# Gas Handling and Slow Controls

- Circulation with noise and vibration isolated Fluitron compressor up to 100 slpm
- Purification with SAES MegaTorr getter
- PLC managed slow controls with Ignition software front end



# Phase I Overview

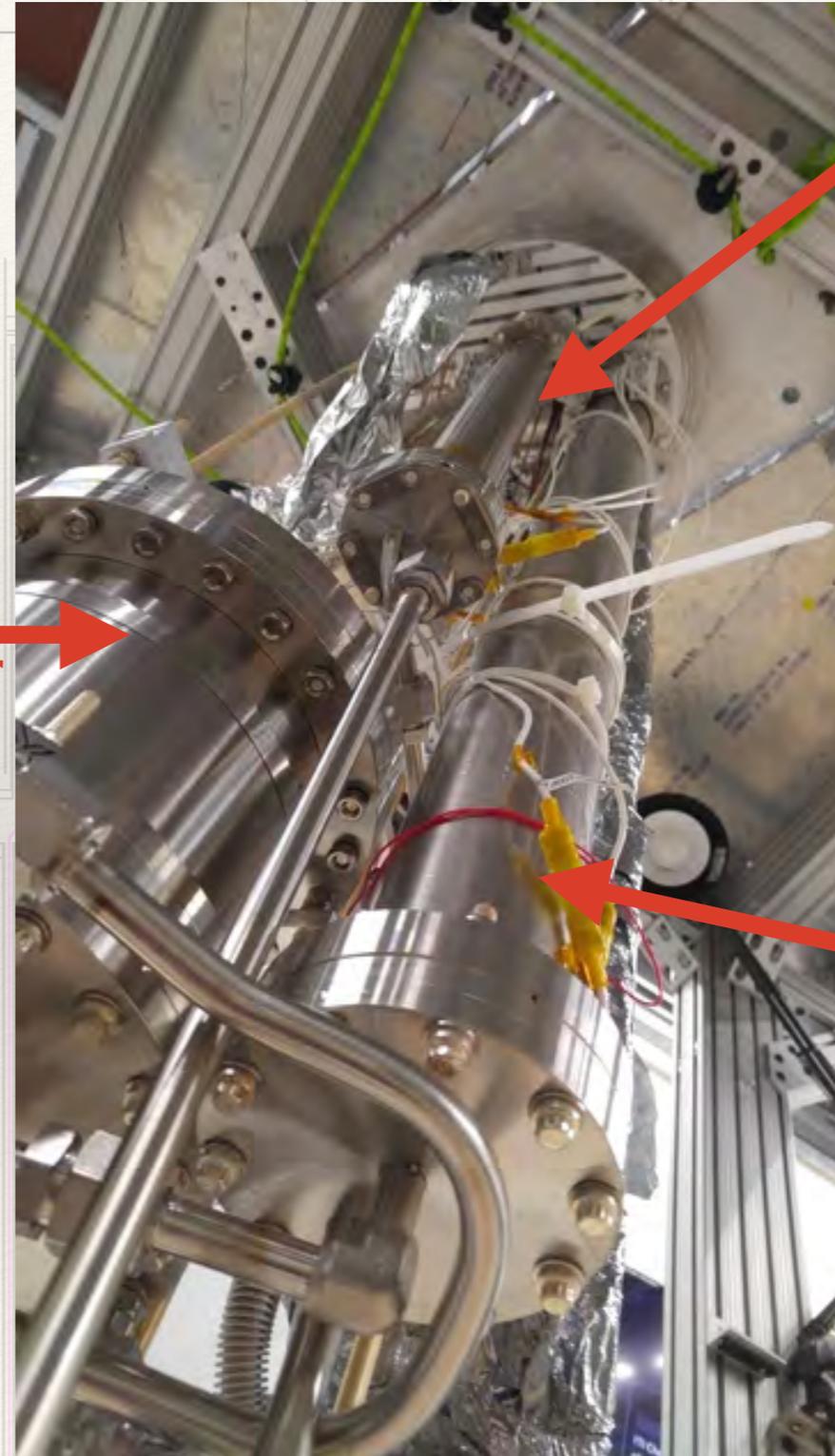


# Phase I Overview

TPC



Weir  
Reservoir



Subcooler/  
Condenser

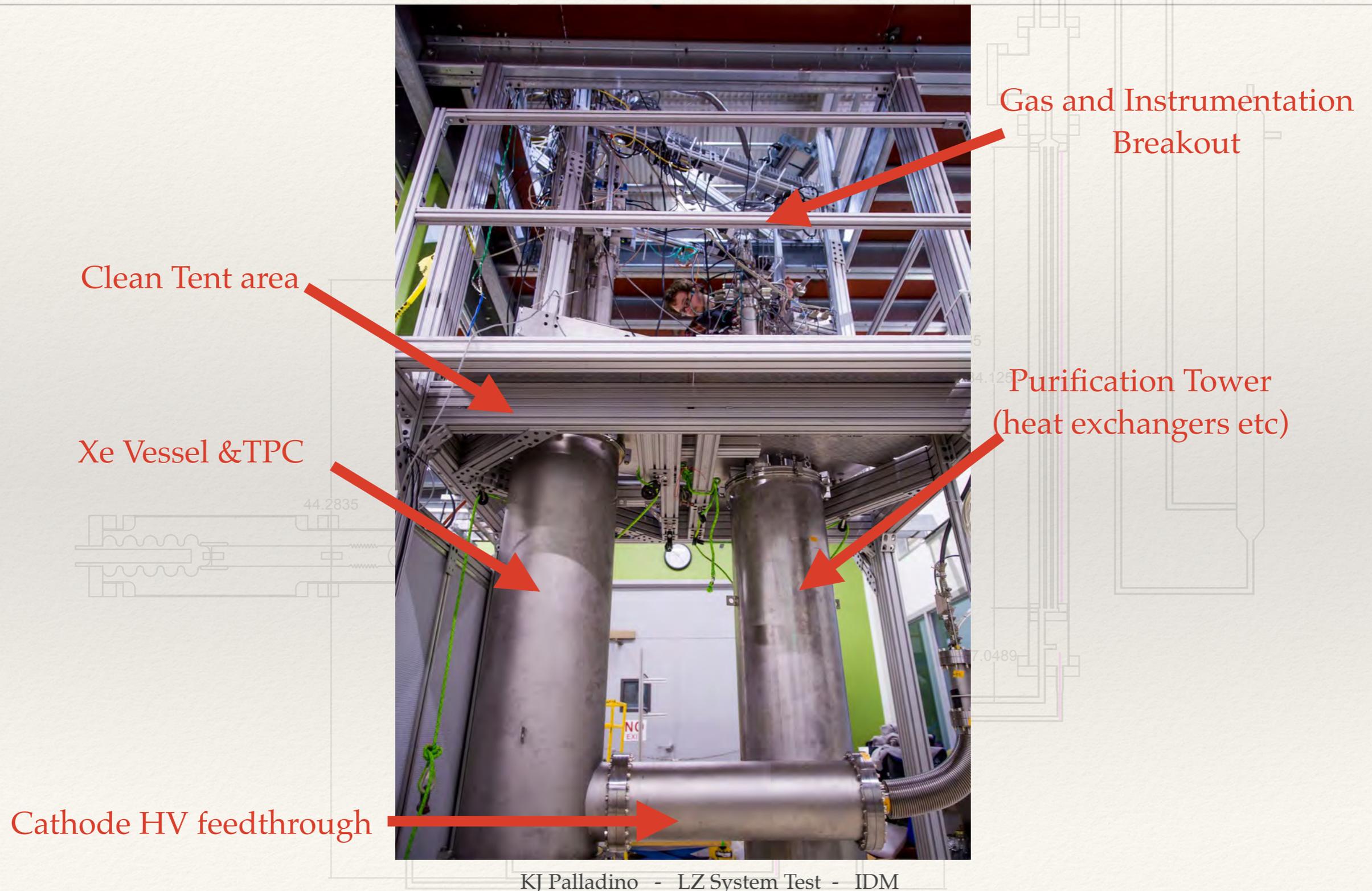
2 Phase Heat  
Exchanger

Gas Heat  
Exchanger  
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view)



Cathode HV feedthrough

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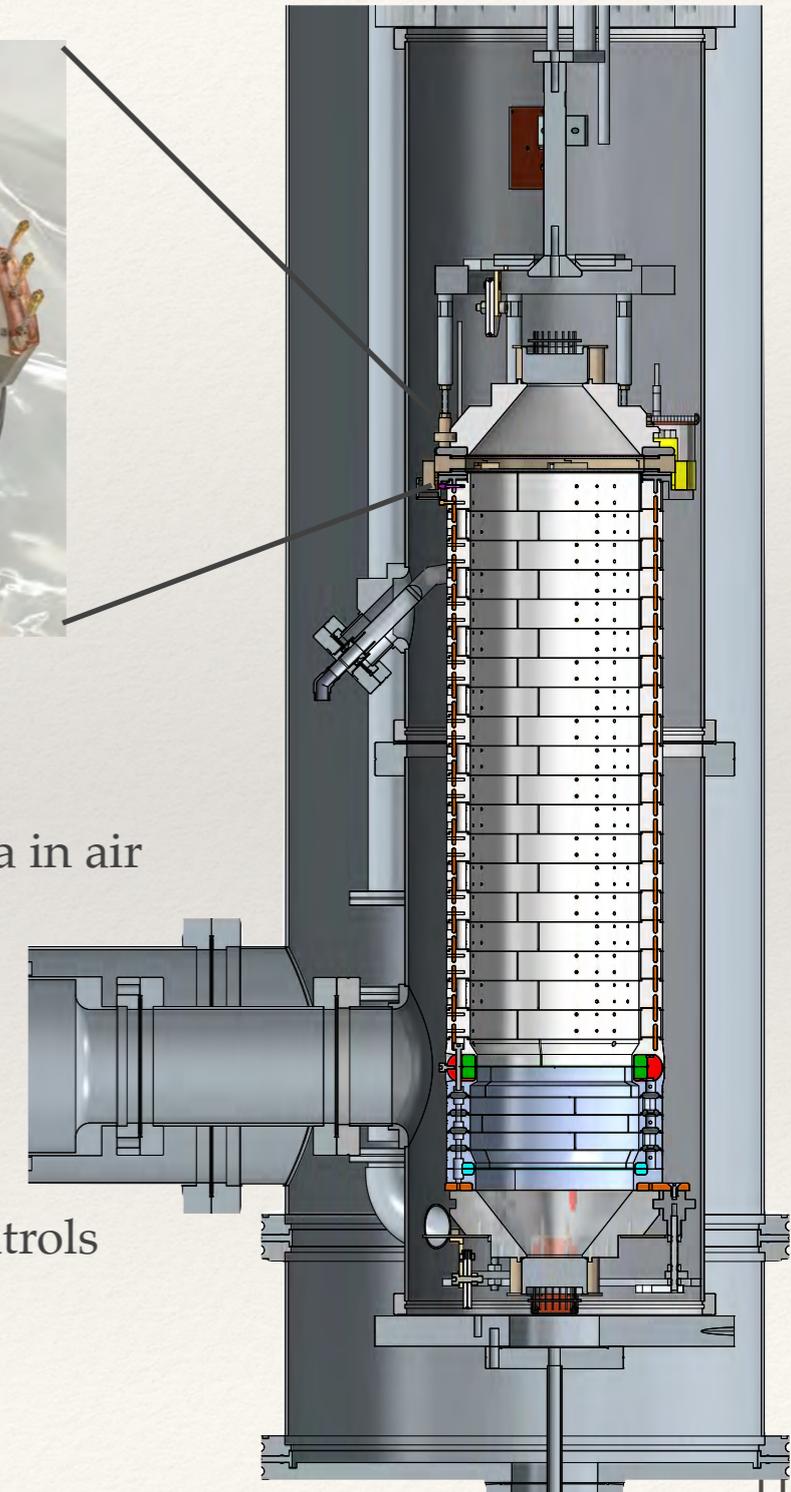


# TPC Design Overview

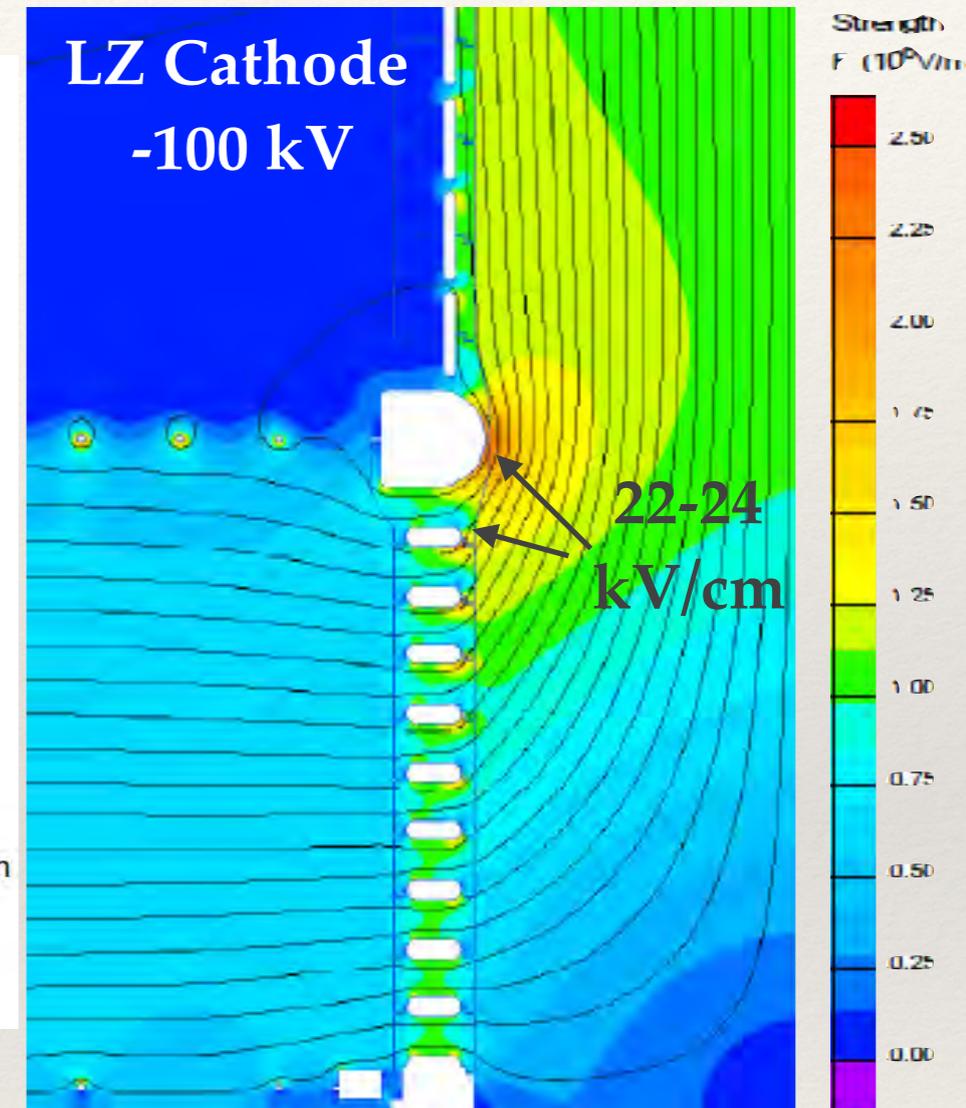
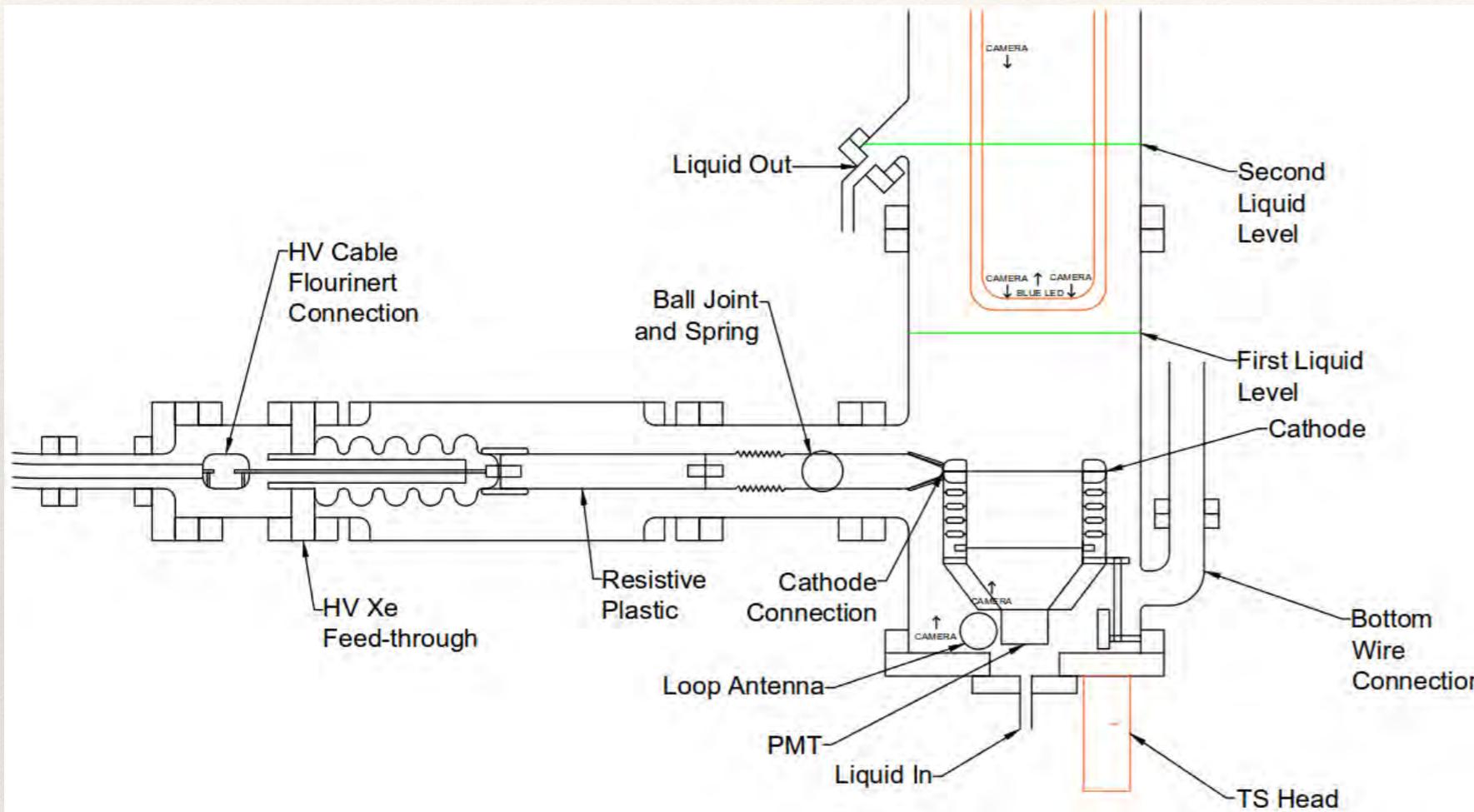
- 10" diameter vessel, 6" inner diameter TPC
- >120 kg LXe total, nearly 100 kg LXe cathode to gate
- Scaling to LZ
  - TPC to vessel wall is 1/2 of LZ design
  - Cathode to bottom grid is 5/8 of LZ
  - Cathode to gate is 1/3 of LZ
  - Gate to anode same as LZ
- 4 woven grids, gate and anode in integrated "upper corner" including liquid weir and precision level sensors
  - See K. Boast, Tuesday 15:40 and posters



- Data from:
  - 2 PMTs
  - 7 optical camera fibers to camera in air
  - 2 loop antennas
  - Acoustic sensors
  - Power supply slow controls
  - Temperature/pressure slow controls
  - Purity monitoring with external sampling system for volatiles

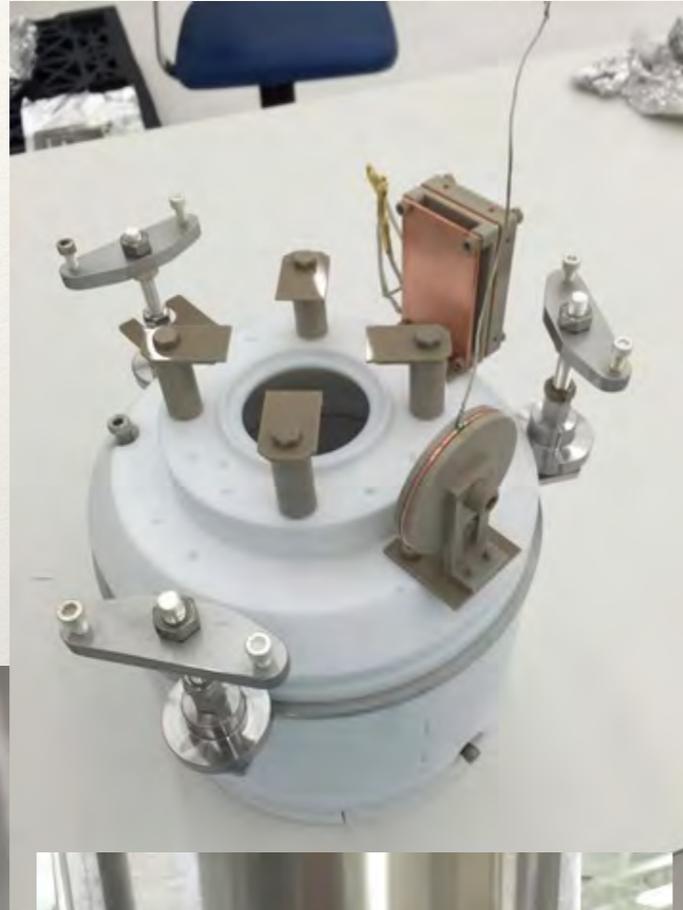


# Reverse Field Region Test: Design



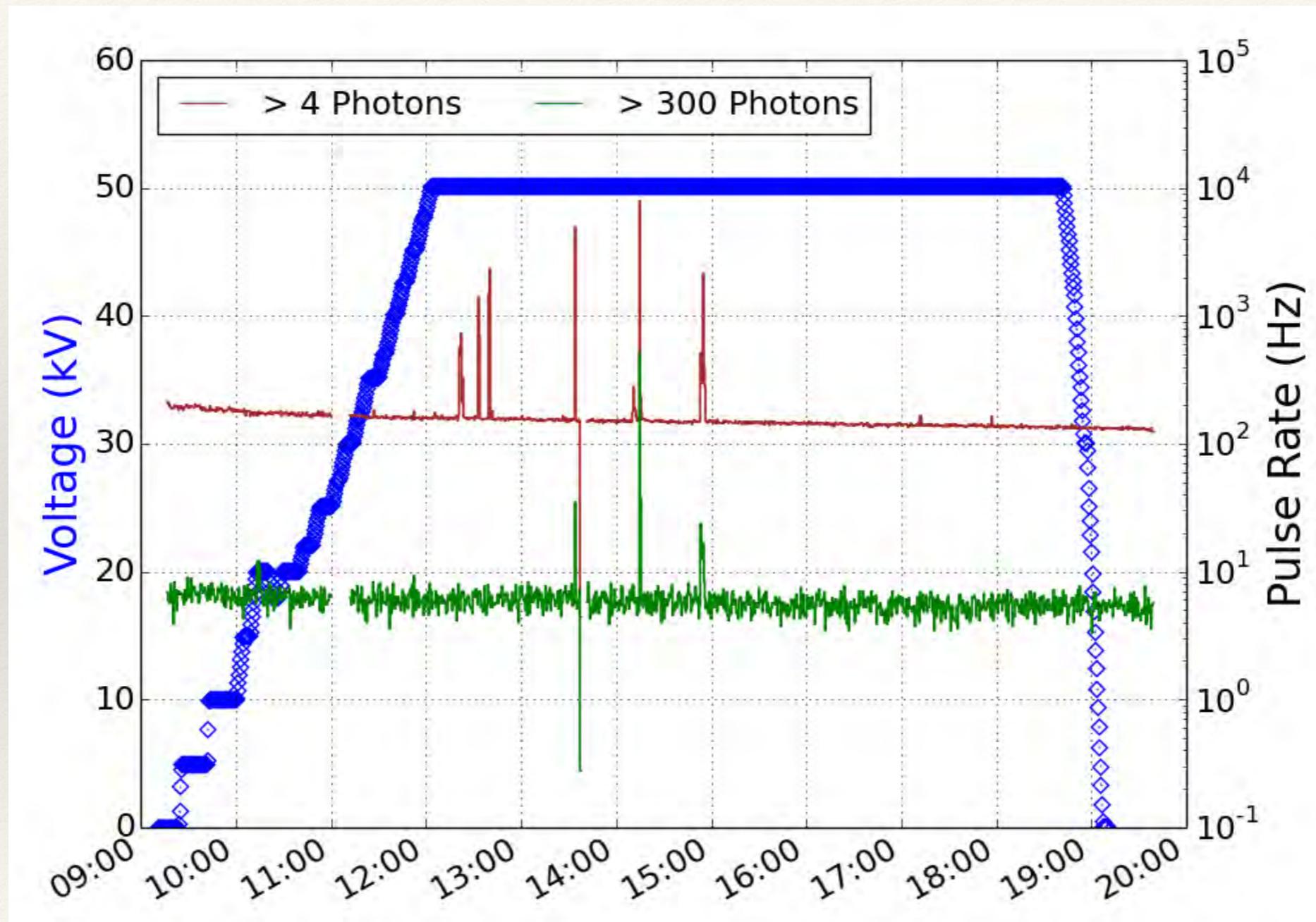
- Commissioning run in late fall 2015
- Testing high surface field regions, and highest voltage
- S1 light collection only; single phase, 75 kgs LXe
- Reach LZ cathode surface fields at  $\sim 1/2$  applied voltage in System Test

# Reverse Field Region Test: Photos



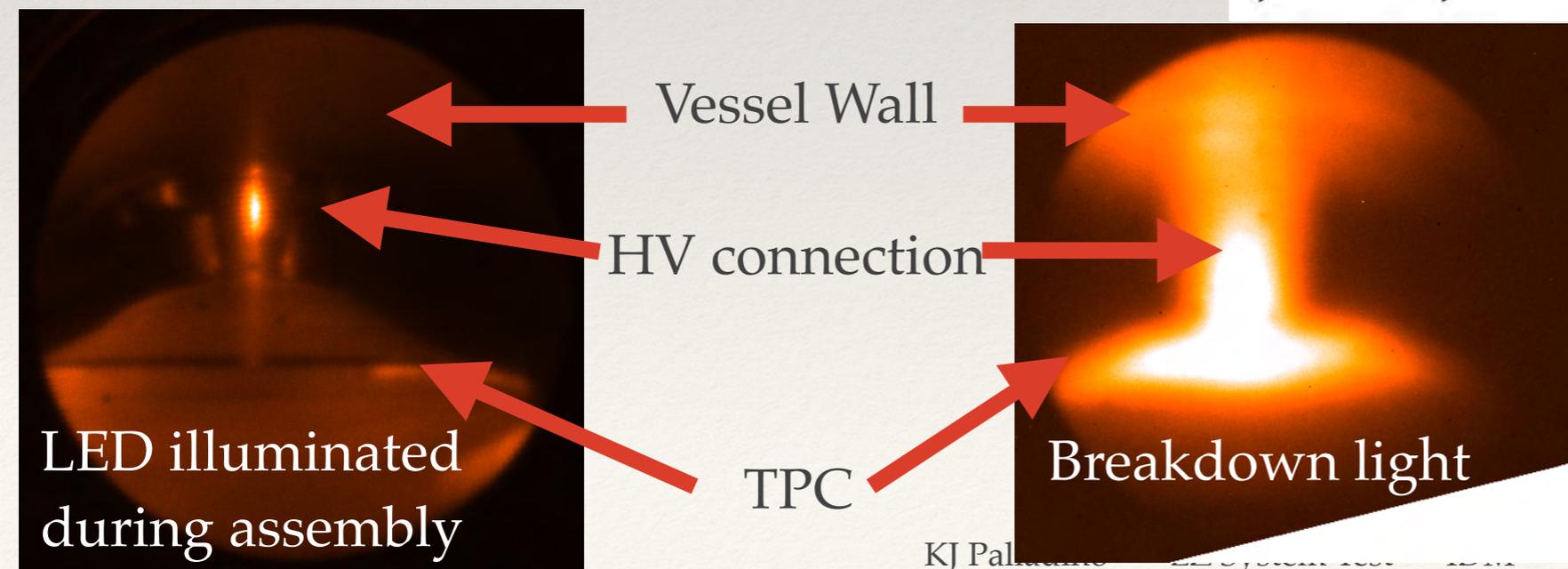
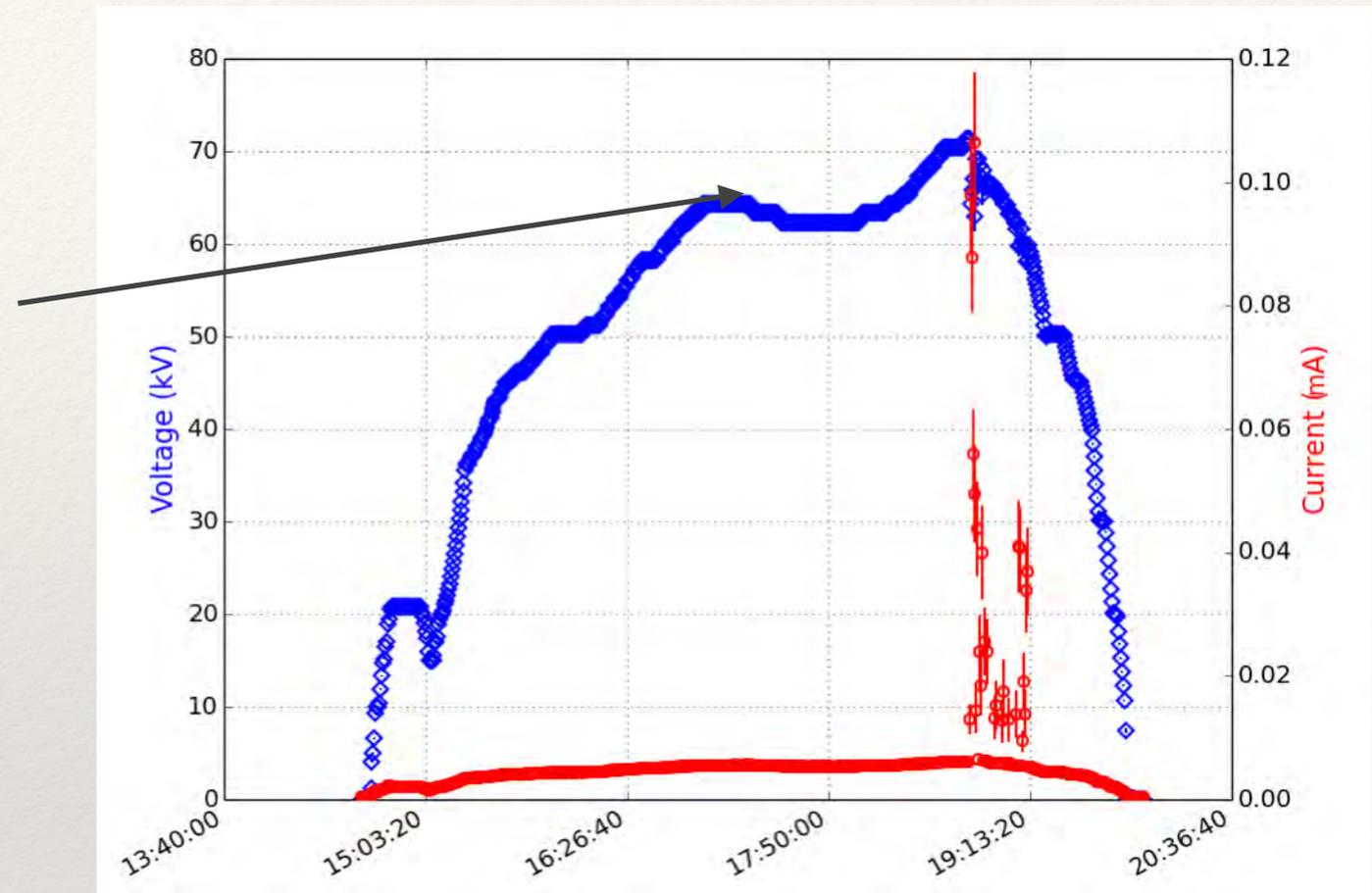
- Cathode and bottom grids
  - 5 stages of parallel resistors totaling 12.5 GOhm
- 1 PMT, loop antenna, 7 optical camera fibers, for data collection
- Low purity (circulation not running)

# Reverse Field Region: -50 kV Test



# Reverse Field Region: Breakdown

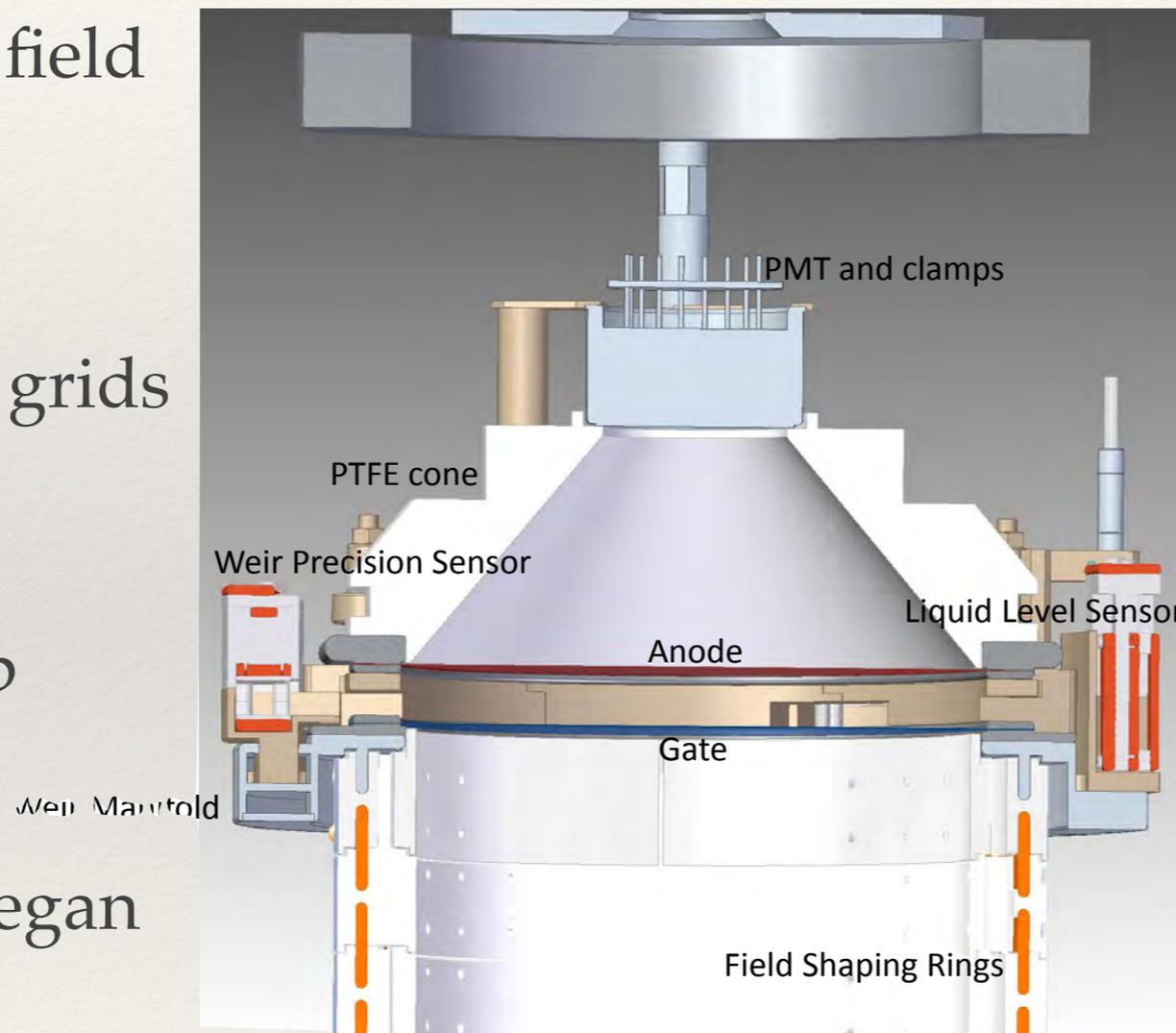
- Tripped Cathode PS at -72 kV
- Non-Ohmic behavior seen ramping to -64 kV
  - Not seen just before breakdown as had been expected
- Suspect problem is at feedthrough (which is not LZ style)



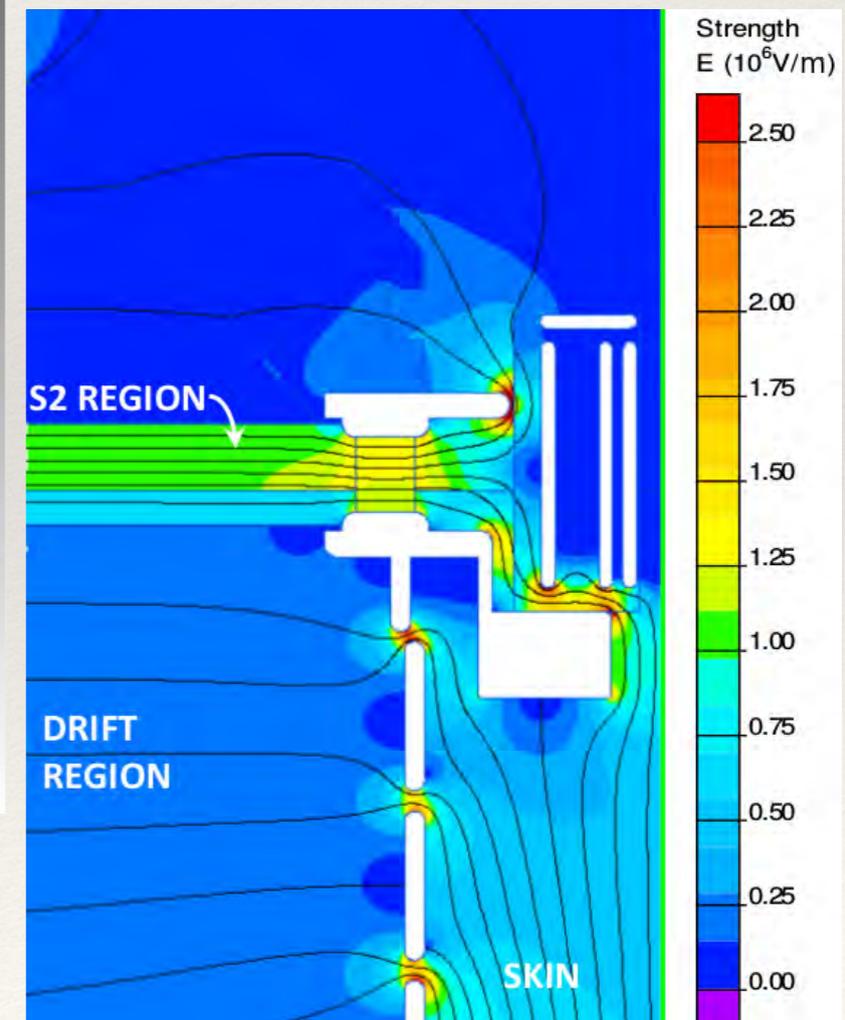
Resistance of conducting plastic in feedthrough:  
before run: 16.5 kOhms  
after run: 9 kOhms

# Full TPC Tests: Design

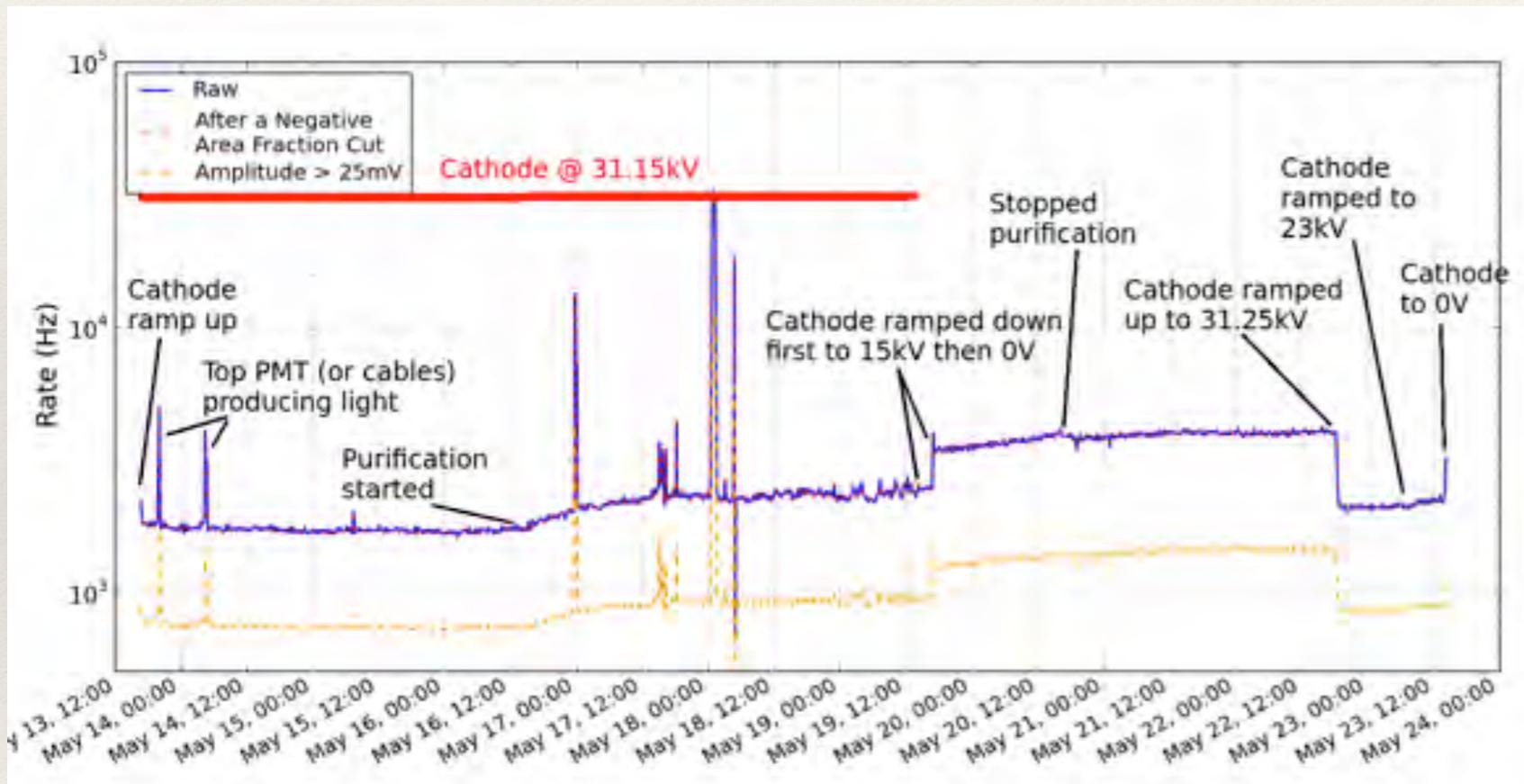
- Added forward field and extraction regions
- Gate and anode grids
- Level sensors
- 2nd PMT & loop antenna added
- Full TPC runs began spring 2016



System test field simulation  
gate/anode at  $\pm 7$  kV

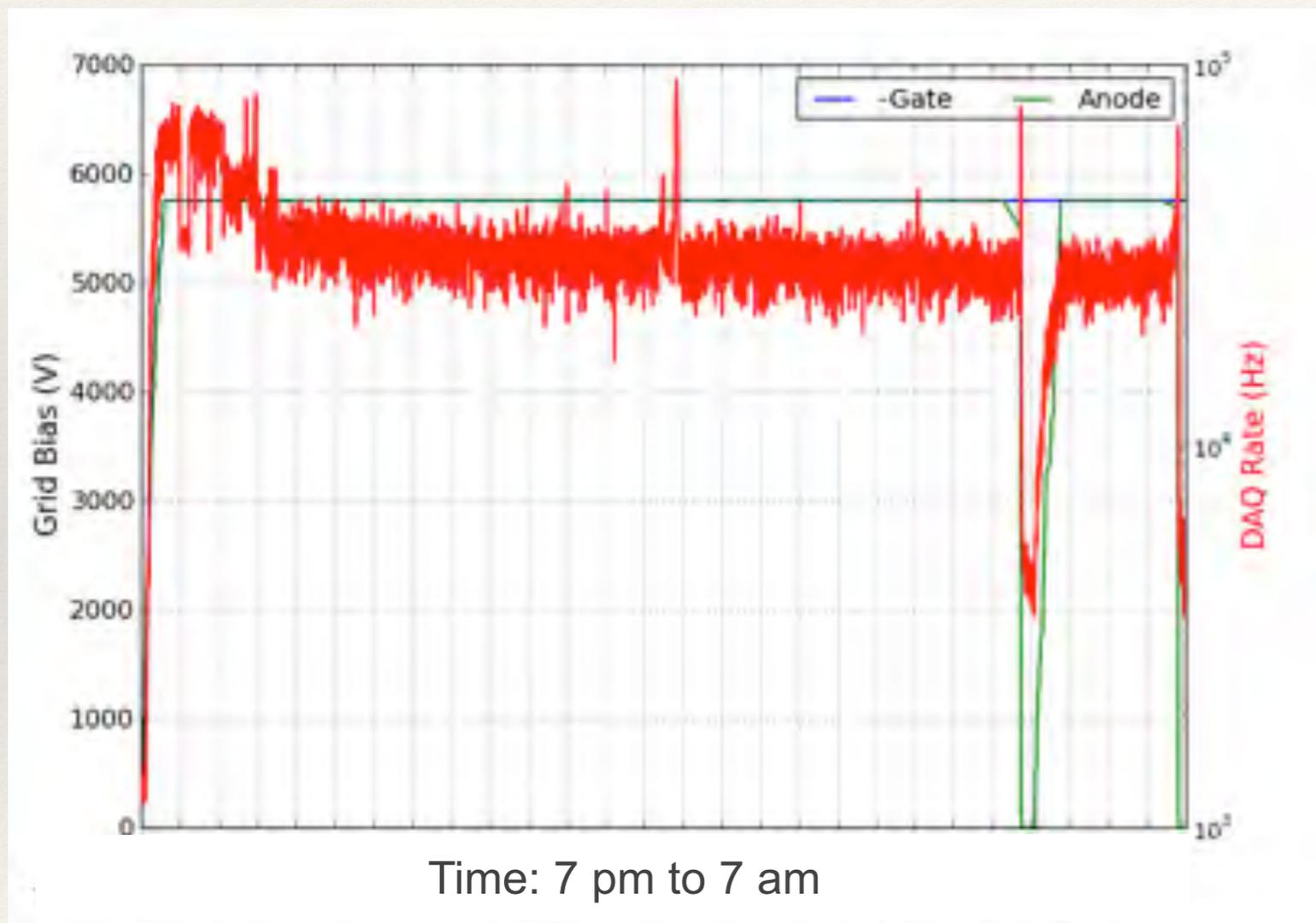


# Full TPC: Tests



- Non-HV effects impacted system operations (circulation & liquid level, PMT cable issues in gas)
- Multiple HV Tests:
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  - Cathode ramped up to -50 kV and light is seen
  - Cathode at -44 kV for 3 days
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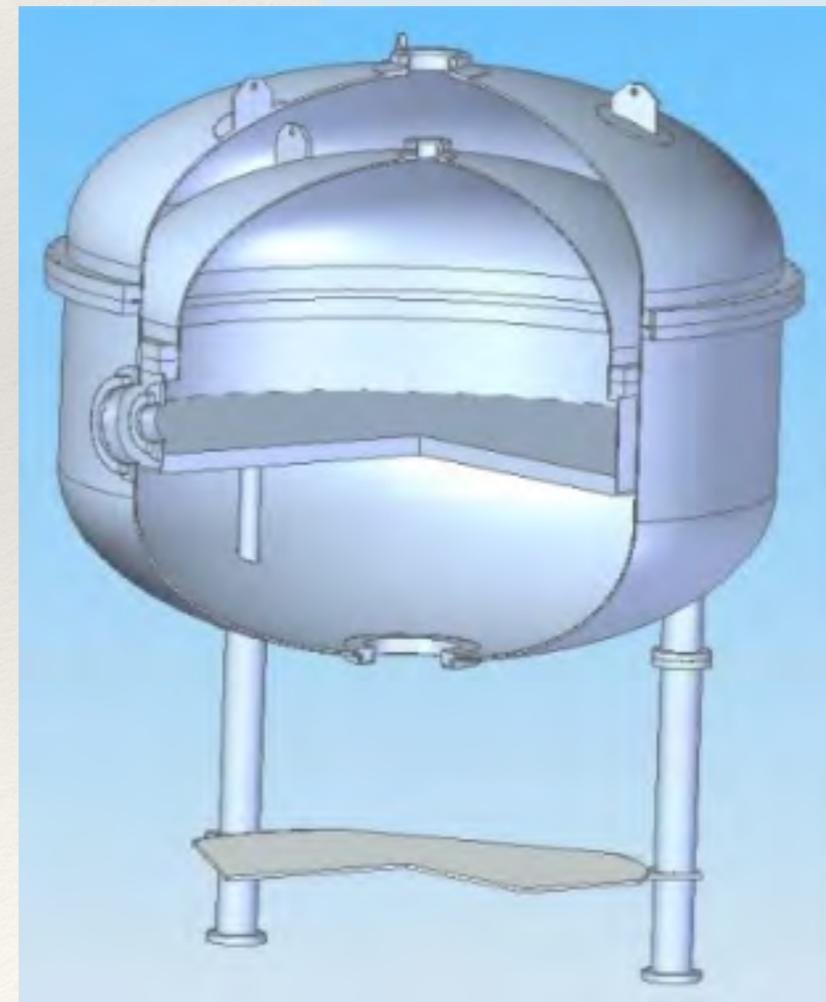
# Future Phase I Tests

- Improved basic operations and longevity tests
- Adding gas calibration source injection
- New grids, different wires / surface treatments
- Upgraded sensors
- PMT array to localize electron emission
- Mechanical tests for skin and upper corner



# Phase II Plans

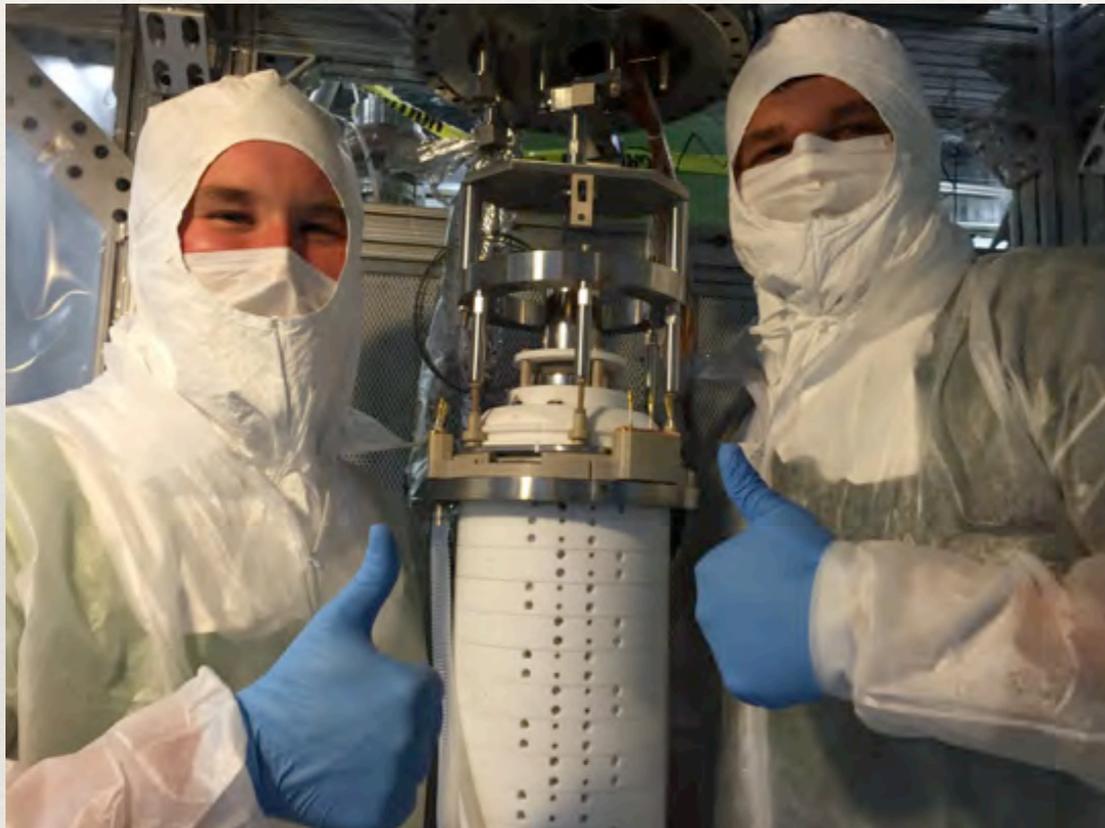
- Test full scale 1.5m diameter grids
  - Wide and short vessels with ~500 kg LXe
- Extraction region grids tested to full voltage
  - Gate and anode with full weir structure
- Cathode tested to final LZ surface fields
  - < Goal voltage due to feedthrough/ LXE constraints
- Operations begin Spring 2017



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# Conclusion

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- LZ has extensive ongoing testing
- The System Test platform at SLAC is comprehensive with a 120 kg LXe TPC, and a ~500 kg LXe full scale grid test chamber
- When testing concludes in the summer of 2018 we should have much to share on HV operations!

# Backup Slides

# LZ Collaboration



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University of California, Berkeley  
Brookhaven National Laboratory  
Brown University  
University of California, Davis  
Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory  
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory  
University of Maryland  
University of Michigan  
Northwestern University  
University of Rochester  
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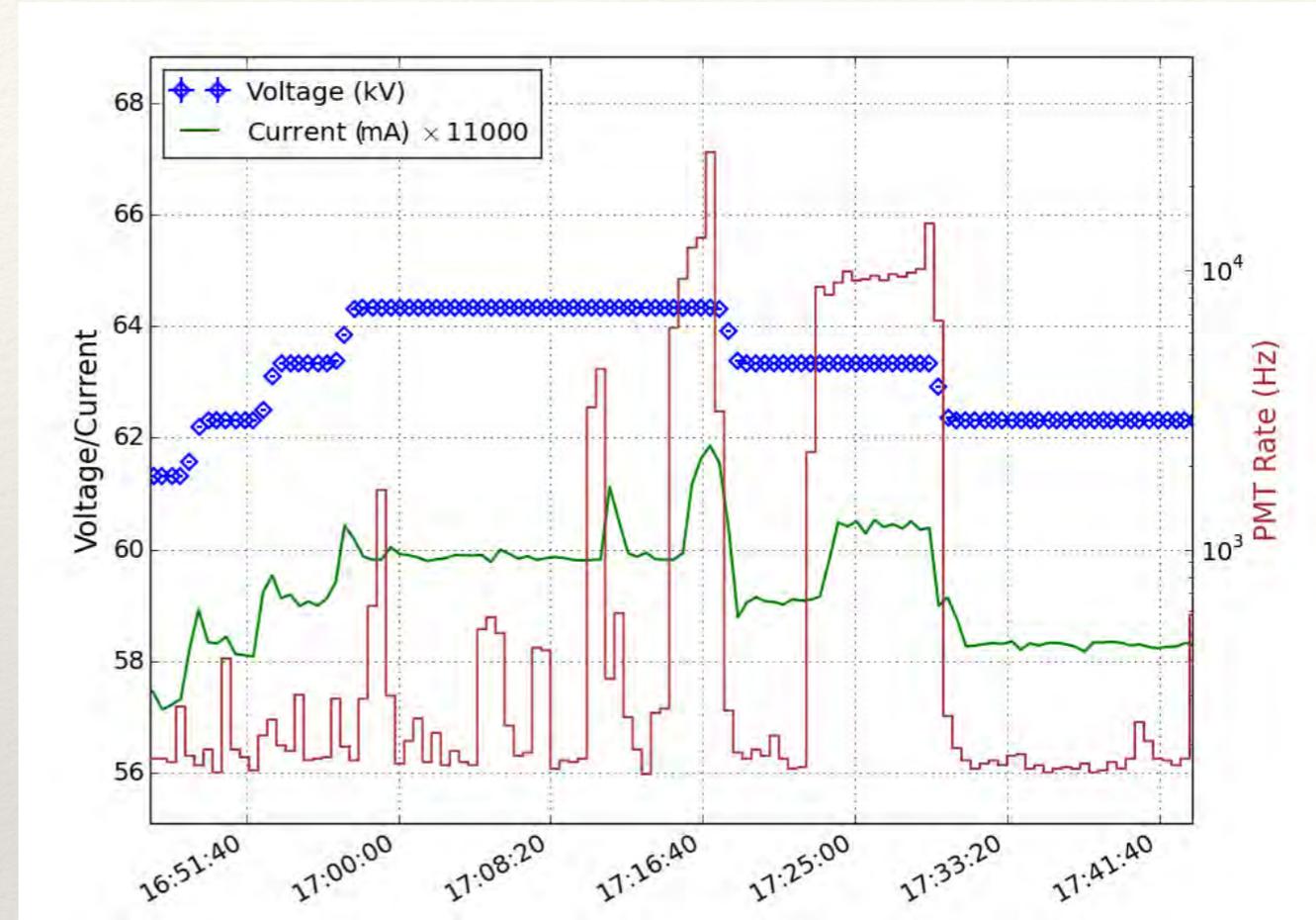
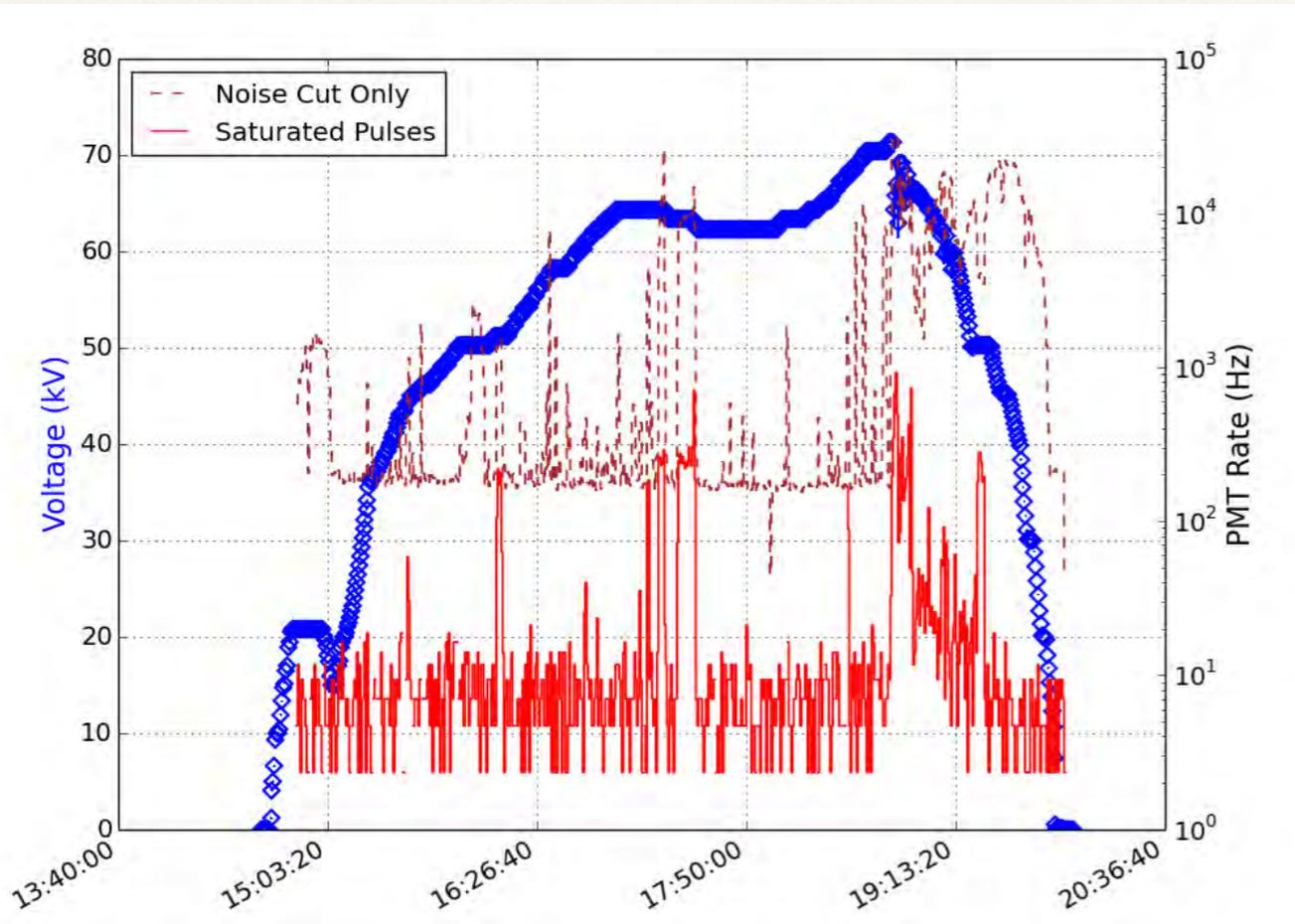
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# Reverse field region breakdown cont'd



- Voltage in blue diamonds, Red: PMT pulses (with various cuts), green is cathode PS current
- Right plot: at constant voltage, non-Ohmic spikes in current draw at -64 kV, which disappear after decreasing to -62 kV; not seen again until full tripping at -72 kV