



ArgonCube

архитектура масштабируемых
нейтринных детекторов большой массы

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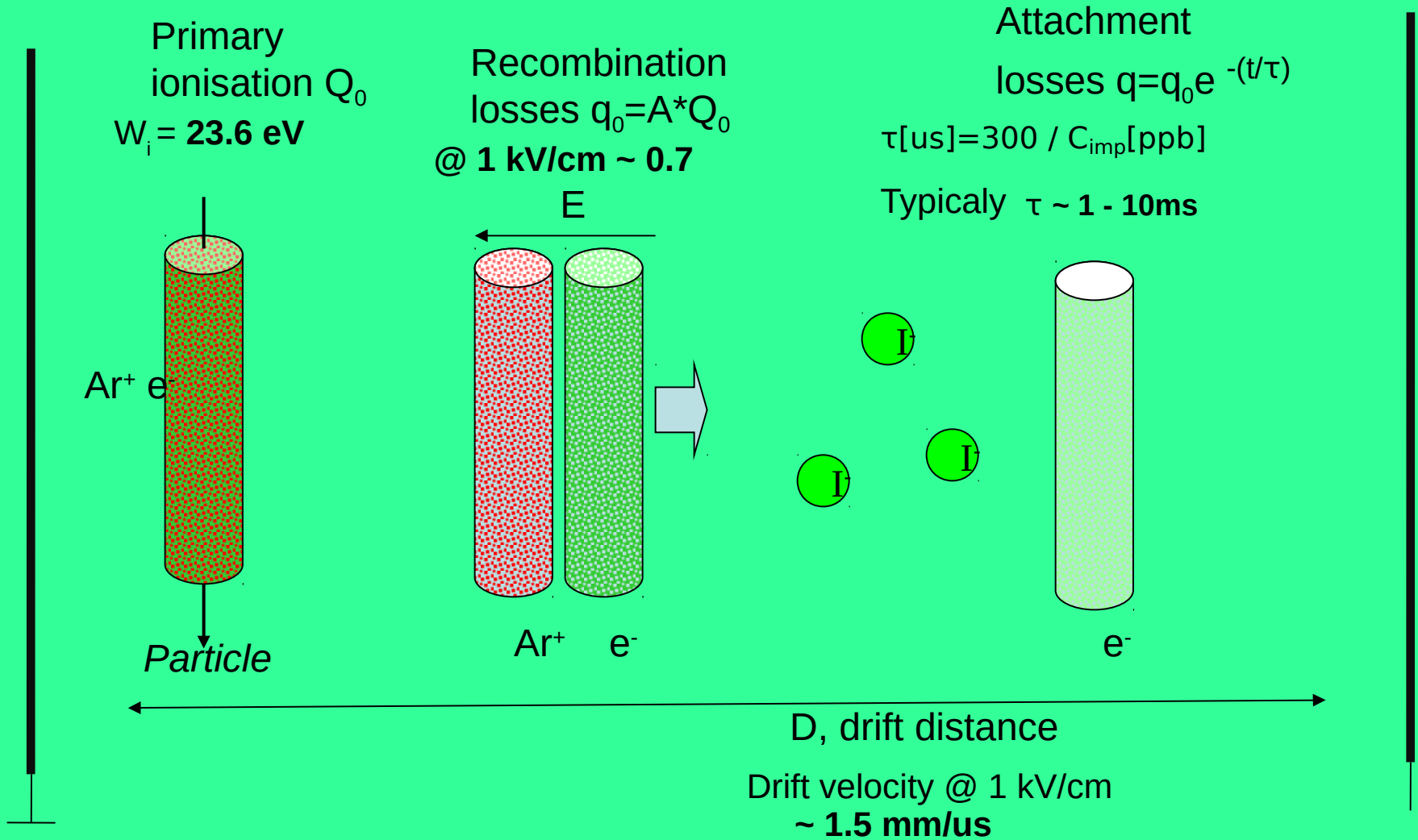
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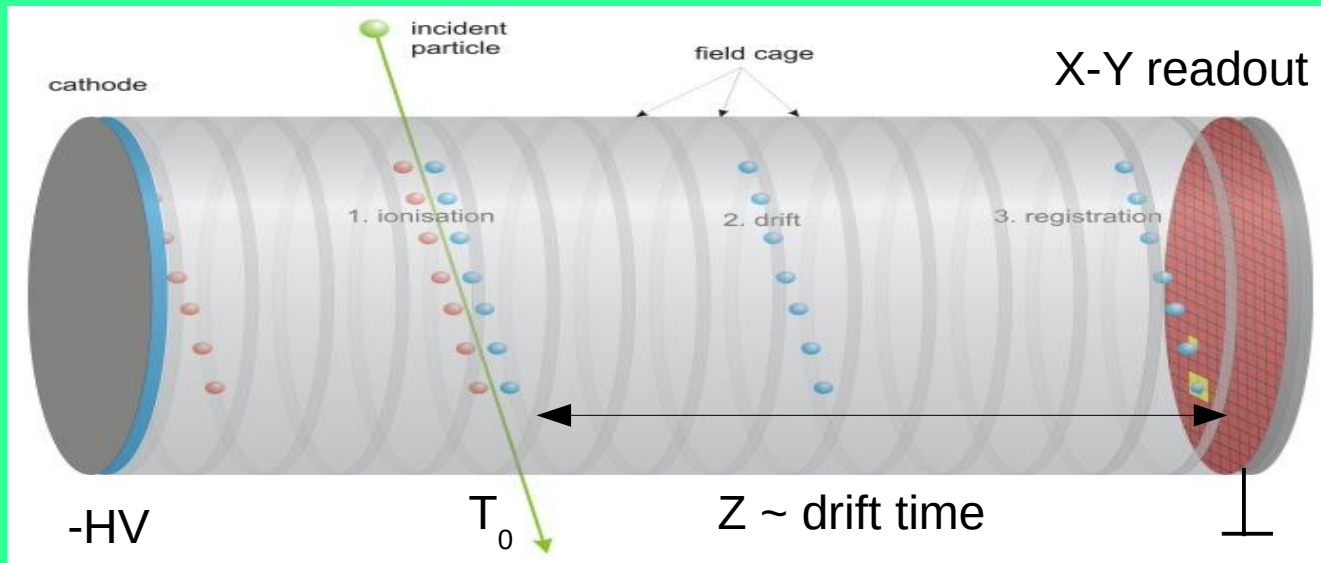
Liquid Argon as detection medium

Density 1.4 g/cm^3 $X_0 = 14 \text{ cm}$ $\lambda_{\text{INT}} = 83.5 \text{ cm}$

$dE/dx = 2.1 \text{ MeV/cm}$ for MIP



Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber

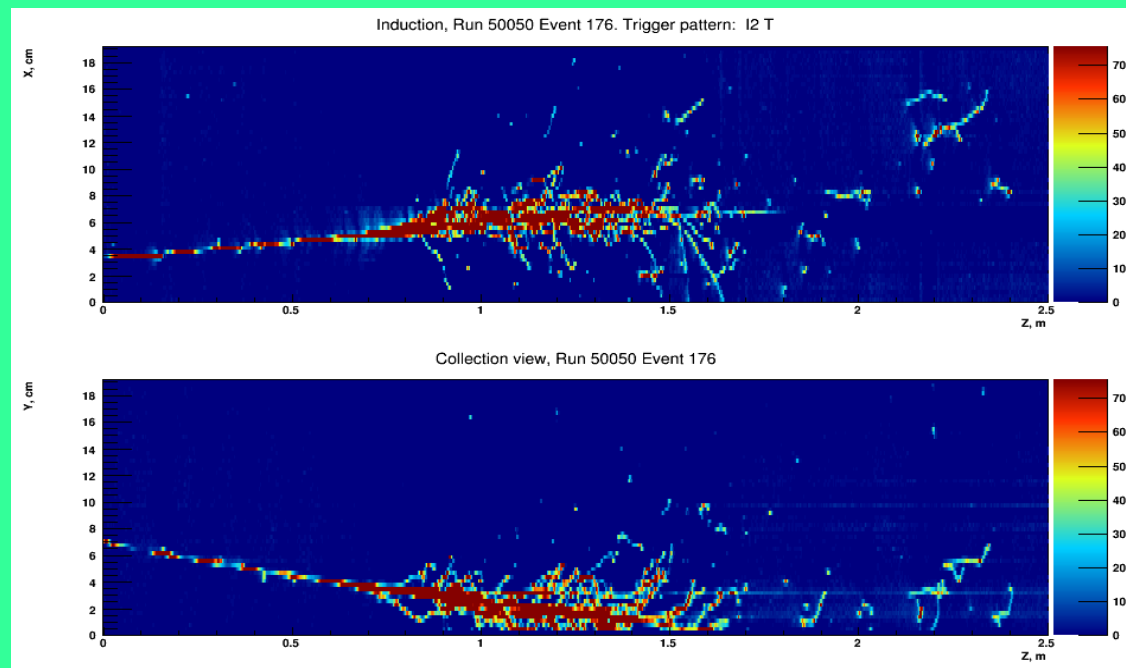


Recombination
field dependent,

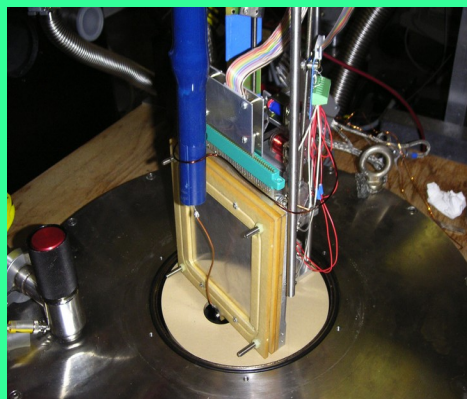
Charge yield (MIP)
 $\sim 6400 \text{ e/mm}$ (1 fC/mm)

T_0 by scintillation (5000 γ/mm)

Charge readout:
X: Induction (non-destructive)
Y: Collection



Evolution of LAr TPCs at Bern



L=0.5 cm



L=25 cm



L=57 cm



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L=500 cm**

JINST 4, P07011 (2009)

New J. Phys. 12, 113024 (2010)

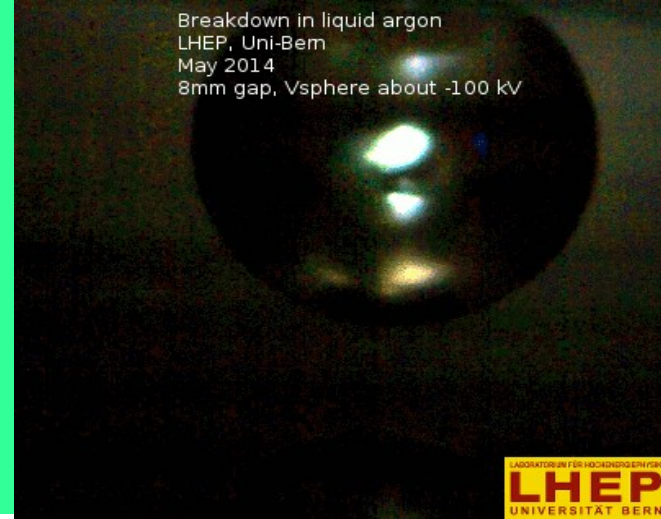
JINST 5, P10009 (2010)

JINST 7 (2012) C02011

JINST 1307 (2013) P07002

Breakdown in liquid Argon: detailed study at Bern

Breakdown in liquid argon
LHEP, Uni-Bern
May 2014
8mm gap, Vsphere about -100 kV



1. Abnormally low dielectric strength at long distances

2. Studied V/A characteristics

3. Studied time-resolved light emission spectra

4. Discovered slow streamers in LAr discharge

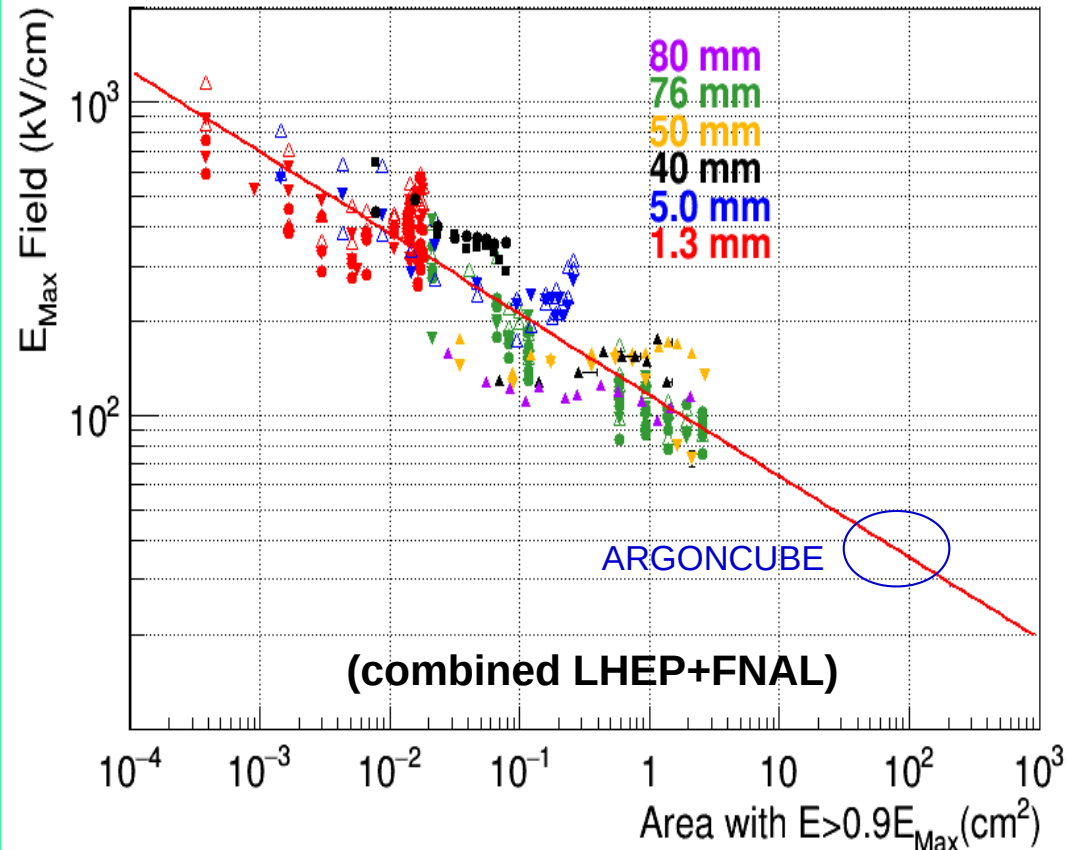
5. Measured 1st Townsend coefficient at fields O(100 kV/cm)

6. Suggested method to improve breakdown field by factor of 10

M. Auger et al., JINST 9, P07023 (2014)

A. Blatter et al., JINST 9, P04006 (2014)

M. Auger et al., JINST 11 (2016) no.03, P03017.

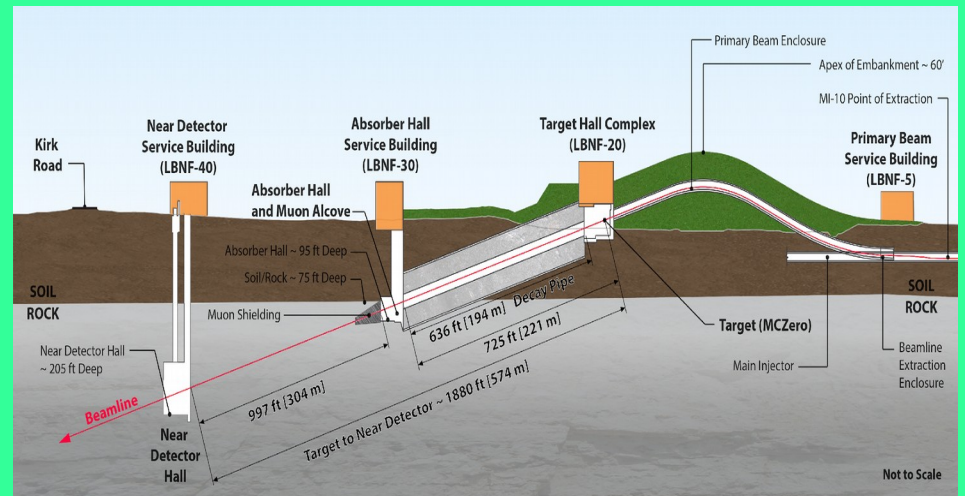
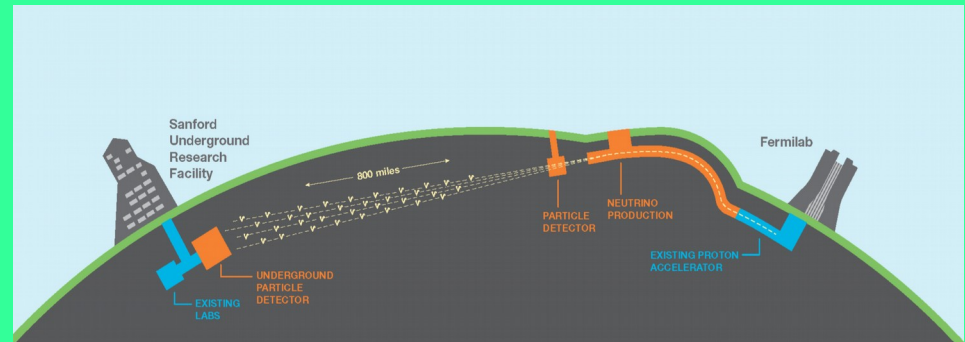


ArgonCube: design inspired by LBNO → LBNE → LBNX → DUNE requirements

Multi MW LBNF beam from FNAL 1280 km to the LAr DUNE far detector (FD) at SURF

LAr is desirable in the near detector(ND), to uncertainties near to far, and constrain the flux.

At the near detector, 574 m from the first focusing horn, a 1.2 MW beam corresponds to ~ 0.16 neutrino events per tonne of argon per spill ($10 \mu\text{s}$).



Why liquid argon at DUNE ND?

Sample the unoscillated beam using the same target material as the FD.
Essential in order to constrain uncertainties on neutrino cross sections.

Major uncertainties (event topology, secondary interactions) are primarily common near-far.

High multiplicity at near site necessitates differences in design, differences are likely second-order.

The energy and angular resolution and mass is sufficient to extract a high-statistics sample of neutrino-electron elastic scattering events, which have a known cross section.

Can be used to constrain the flux to better than 2%.
(MINERvA arXiv:1906.00111)

Constrain electron neutrino contamination.

Use e/ γ separation to reduce NC background.

The Solution – ArgonCube

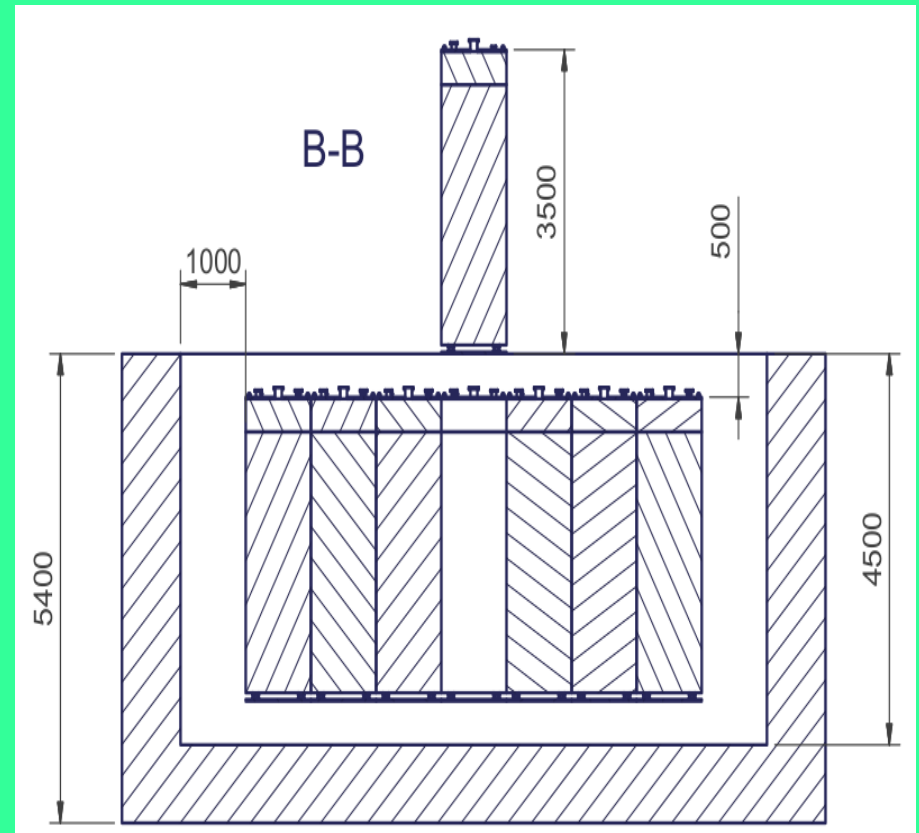
Instead of a monolithic detector volume, divide the detector into a number of self-contained TPC modules sharing a common cryostat. - M. Weber & I. Kreslo c. 2014

- Short drift distances
- Low cathode voltage
- Reduced stored energy
- Reduce purity requirements
- Contained scintillation light
- Upgradeable/repairable sans downtime

Also

- Unambiguous charge readout

All of which is good for reducing pileup

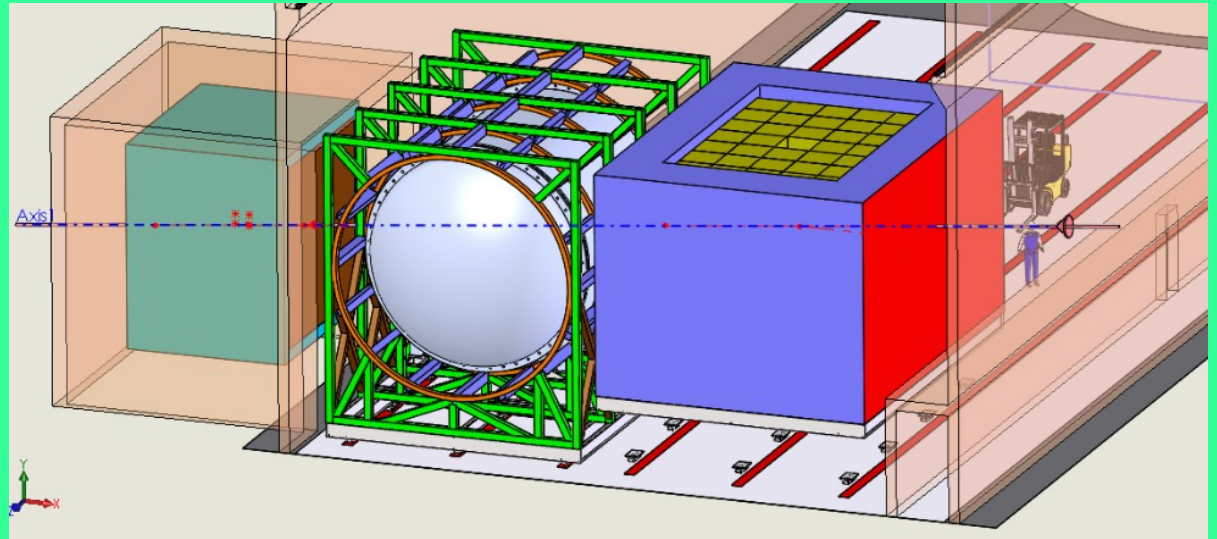


The Solution – ArgonCube

In January 2016 ArgonCube was proposed as a LAr TPC.

In 2019 ArgonCube became the baseline.

Therefore, DUNE ND requirements have been driving the development of ArgonCube.



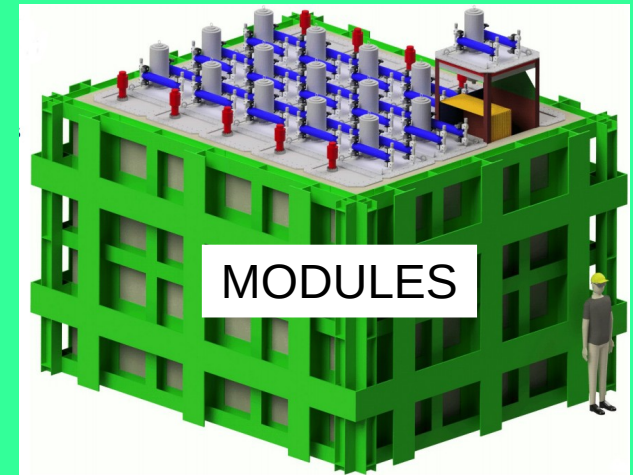
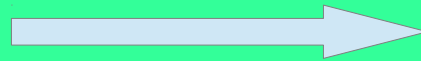
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Design motivations — mainly by DUNE ND requirements

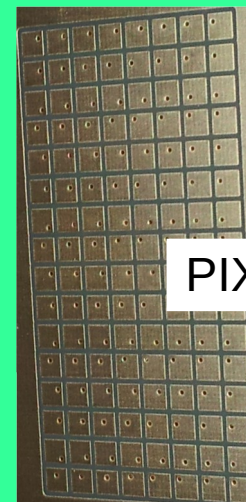
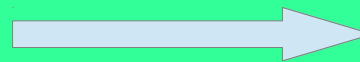
Large mass (>80t)

Space charge

Low HV (<100 kV)

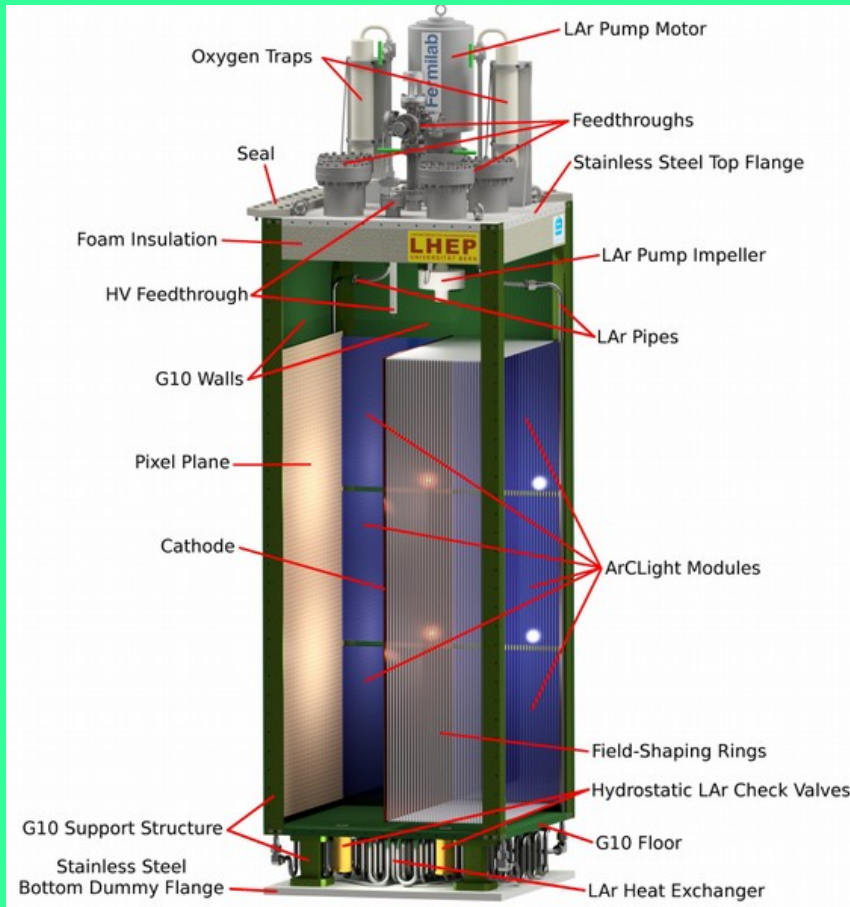


High event rate at (DUNE) ND (pileup)



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Module design features



Thin walls

Min. material budget

Resistive shell

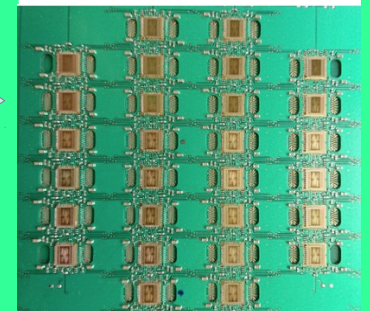


Limited LAr convection

Heat management

< 100 W/module overall

LarPix ASIC



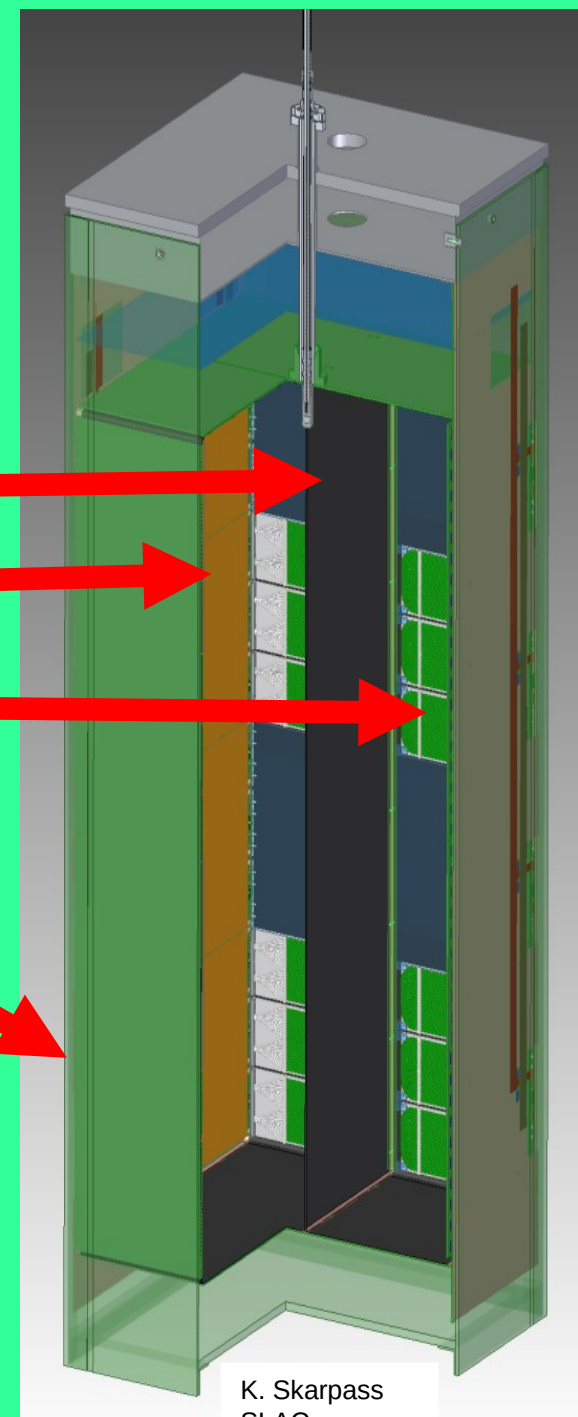
An ArgonCube Module

Central Cathode: splits the module into 2 TPCs

Pixelated anode plane

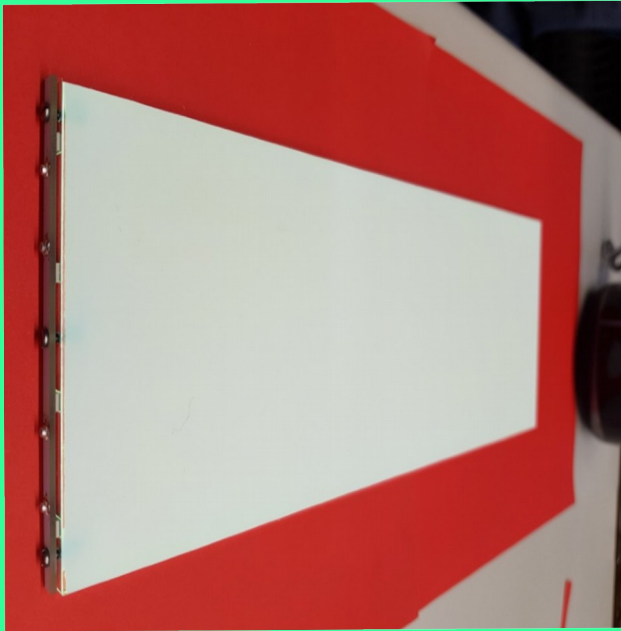
Dielectric light readout within TPCs

G10 structure: good dielectric shielding, and comparable radiation & hadronic interaction lengths to LAr

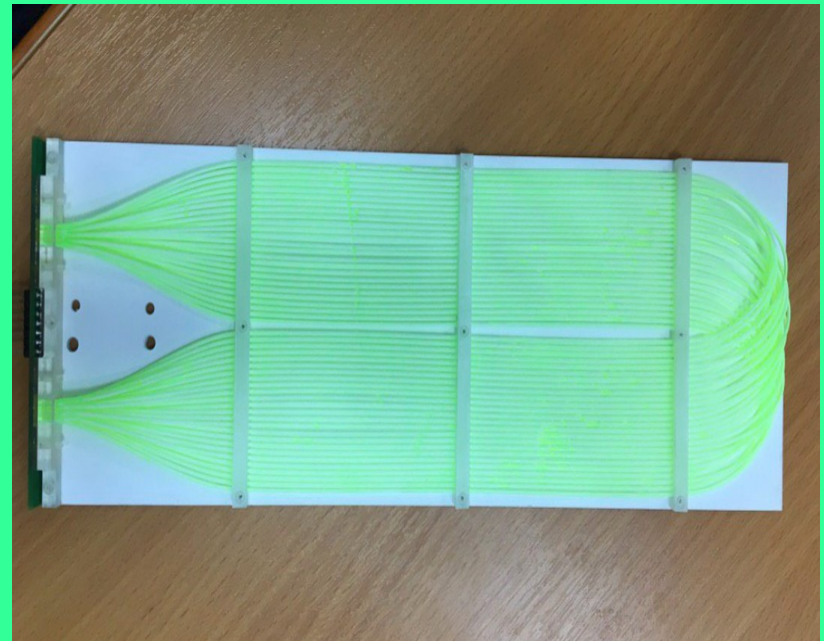


Light Readout

Two complementary dielectric light R/O systems have been developed: Bern's ArCLight and JINR's Light Collection Module(LCM). Both use the same SiPMs, and TPB to convert from 128 nm to 425. ArCLight uses sheets WLS plastic and dichroic mirrors. LCM uses WLS fibres. ArCLight has better position resolution(size of SiPMs), while LCM has higher efficiency.



Prototype ArCLight tile (Instruments 2 (2018) no.1, 3).



JINR's Prototype LCM

Light Readout Electronics - JINR TQDC

14-bit @ 125 MS/s (8 ns)

Buffer of 2048 kSamples = 16 μ s > beam spill time (10 μ s)

HPTDC provides 25 ps time resolution

16 channels, 1-unit wide 6U VME64 module

VME64 and 10 Gbit Ethernet

Embedded trigger logic:

Fast comparators (250 ps) & FPGA-programmable logic (10-20 ns delay)



ArCLight: Inspired by ARAPUCA

A.A. Machado and E. Segreto 2016 JINST 11 C02004

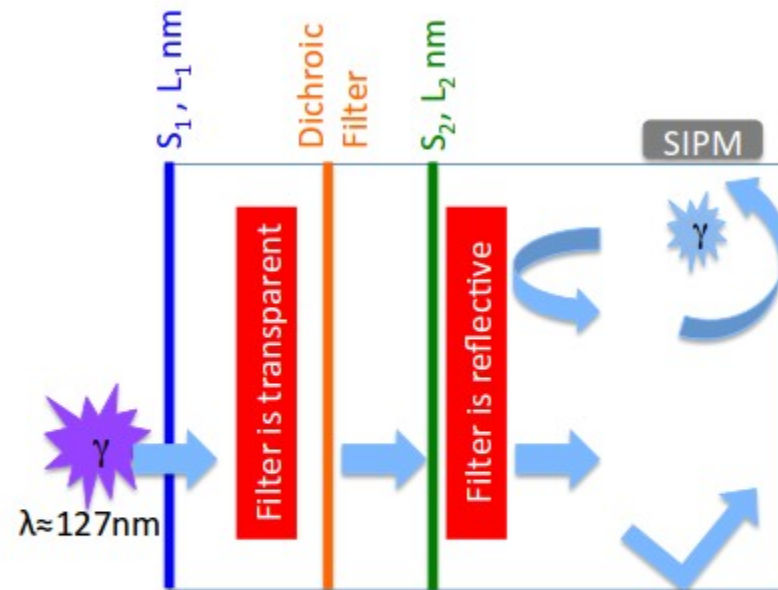
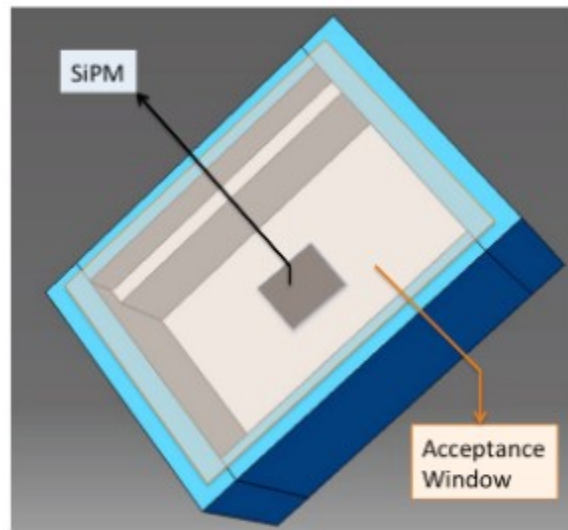
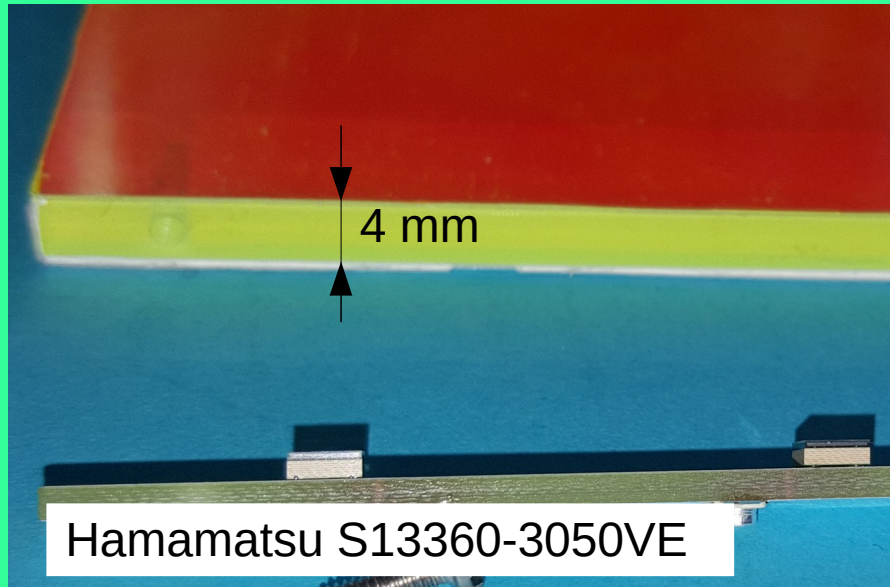


Figure 1. Left: pictorial representation of the ARAPUCA. Here are represented the box with internal reflective surfaces (in blue), the dichroic window and the photo-sensor (SiPM). Right: operating principle of ARAPUCA.

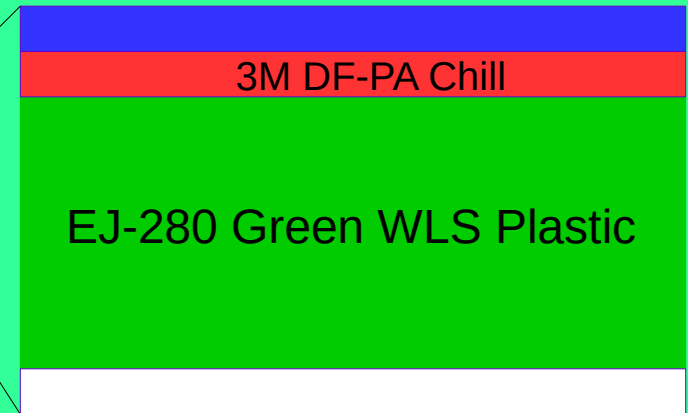
Great idea!!! but...

Fragile membrane, void inside, heavy frame, thermal deformations...

ArCLight - ArgonCube light detector



Vacuum UV @128 nm
TPB



3M Vikuiti ESR

Self-supporting

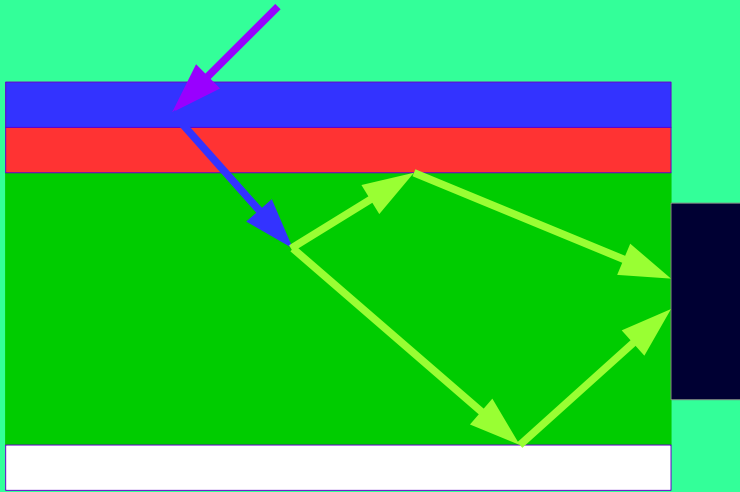
SiPM can be placed at one edge only

No frame — no deformations in cold

Can be placed in high field region (parallel to the drift)

Photon Detection Efficiency

Theoretical view



E. Segreto 2012 JINST 7 P05008 :

$$\epsilon_{coll} = \frac{f}{1 - \langle R_{490} \rangle (1 - f)} = 0.077$$

TPB conv. efficiency $\epsilon_{tpb} = 1.3/2$

Dichroic transparency for blue $T_{430} = 0.87$

EJ-280 conv. efficiency $\epsilon_{WLS} = 0.86$

Dichroic reflectance for green $R_{490} = 0.98$

ESR reflectance for green $R_{490} = 0.98$

Total surface area $S_{tot} = 216 \text{ cm}^2$

SiPM covered $S_{det} = 0.36 \text{ cm}^2$

$f = S_{det} / S_{tot} = 0.0017$

Absorbtion is neglected! ($\lambda \sim \text{meters}$)

Putting it all together:

$$PDE = \epsilon_{tpb} \cdot 1/2 \cdot T_{430} \cdot \epsilon_{WLS} \cdot \epsilon_{SA} \cdot \epsilon_{SiPM} = 0.01$$

ArCLight 43x15 cm with TPB coating
Installed in PixLAR detector (Fermilab)

Tile 43x15cm:

total surface area $S_{\text{tot}} = 1336 \text{ cm}^2$ SiPM covered $S_{\text{det}} = 0.72 \text{ cm}^2$

$$f = S_{\text{det}} / S_{\text{tot}} = 0.0005 \quad \mathbf{PDE=0.34\%}$$

From 1 m away: solid angle $\Omega = 0.06$ (worst case)

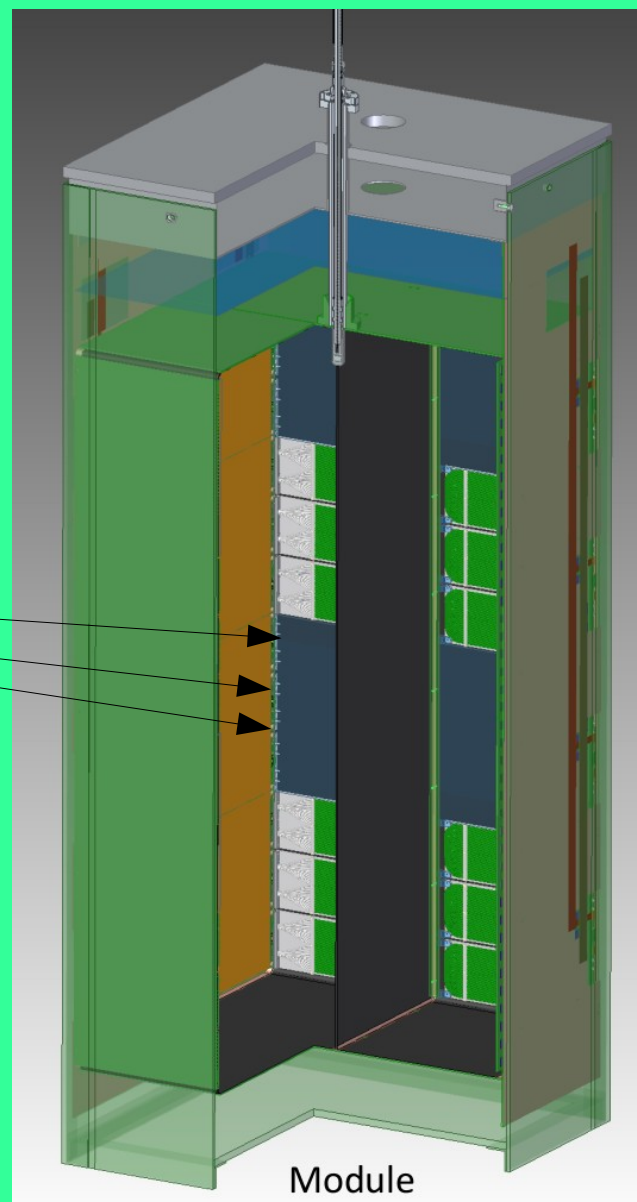
LAr scintillation produces ~ 26000 photons/MeV @1kV/cm

1560 photons/tyle $\rightarrow \sim 5.3$ pe/MeV detected. For MIP 1 MeV= \Rightarrow 5mm,

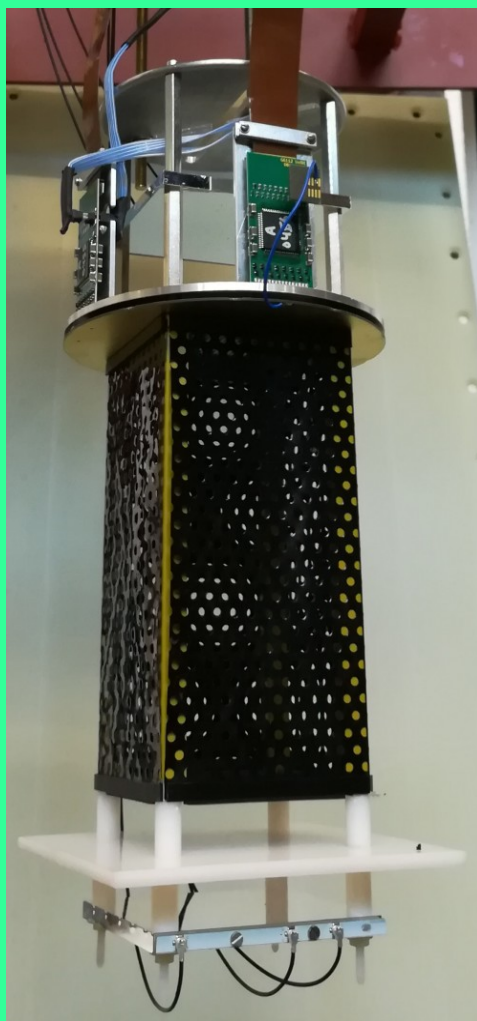
So we have **1 p.e. per mm of MIP track.**

ArCLight in ArgonCUBE

SiPMs



Resitive Shell TPC



Resistive carbon-loaded polymer films

Desired surface resistance ~ 10 G/sq

A number of materials tested.

A subsample of results:

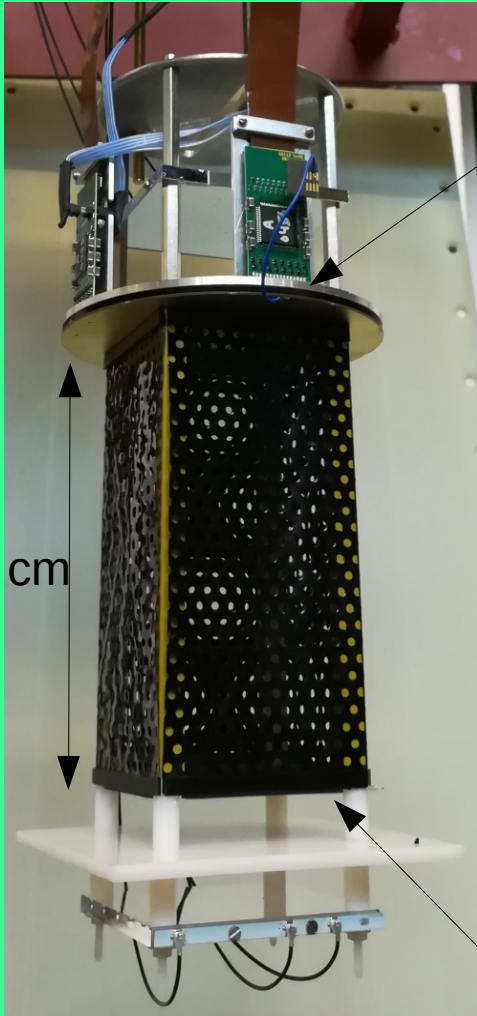
| Sample # | T=290K | T=77K |
|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 | 1.3 M/sq | 1.6 M/sq |
| 2 | 0.5 M/sq | 5.2 M/sq |
| 3 | 350 M/sq | 16 G/sq |
| 4 | 2.6 G/sq | 120 G/sq |



Testing resistive film strip at LHEP, Uni-Bern, 2018

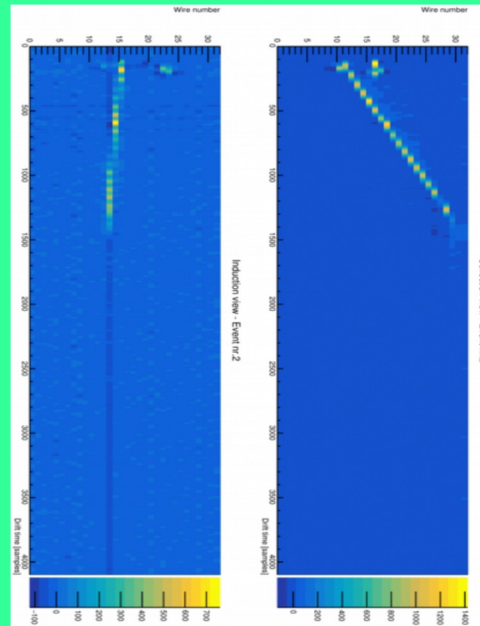
Thanks to Fermilab team for providing this component!

First Resistive Shell LArTPC (RSTPC)

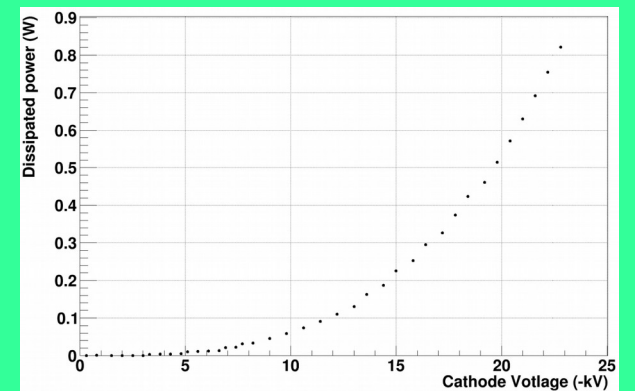
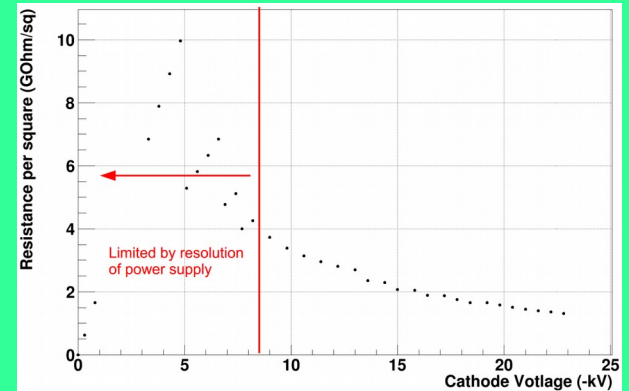
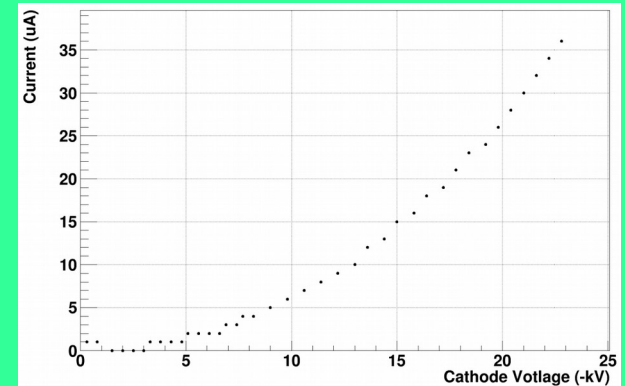


Anode at GND

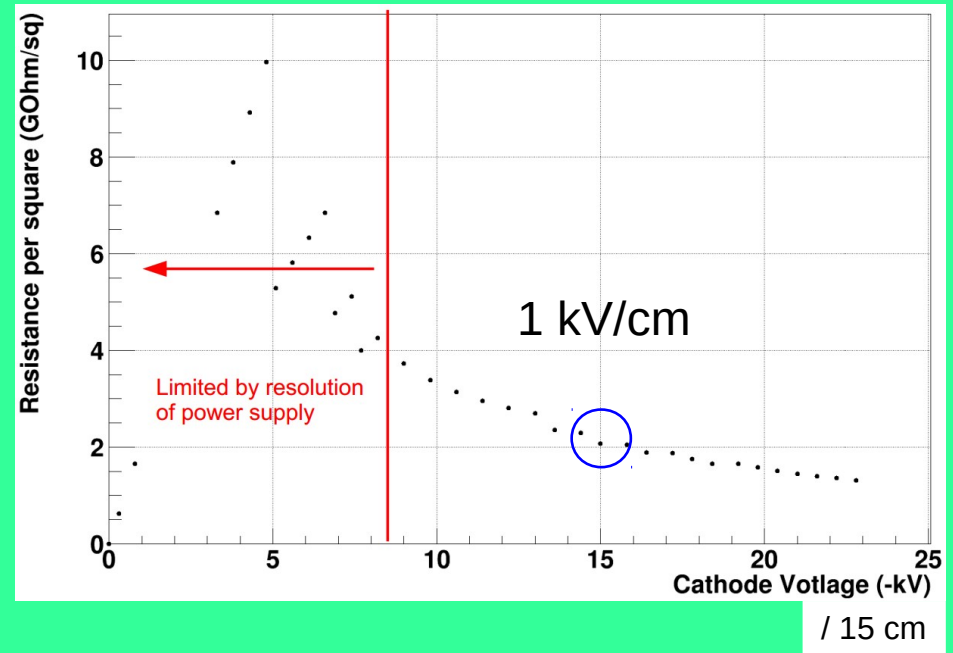
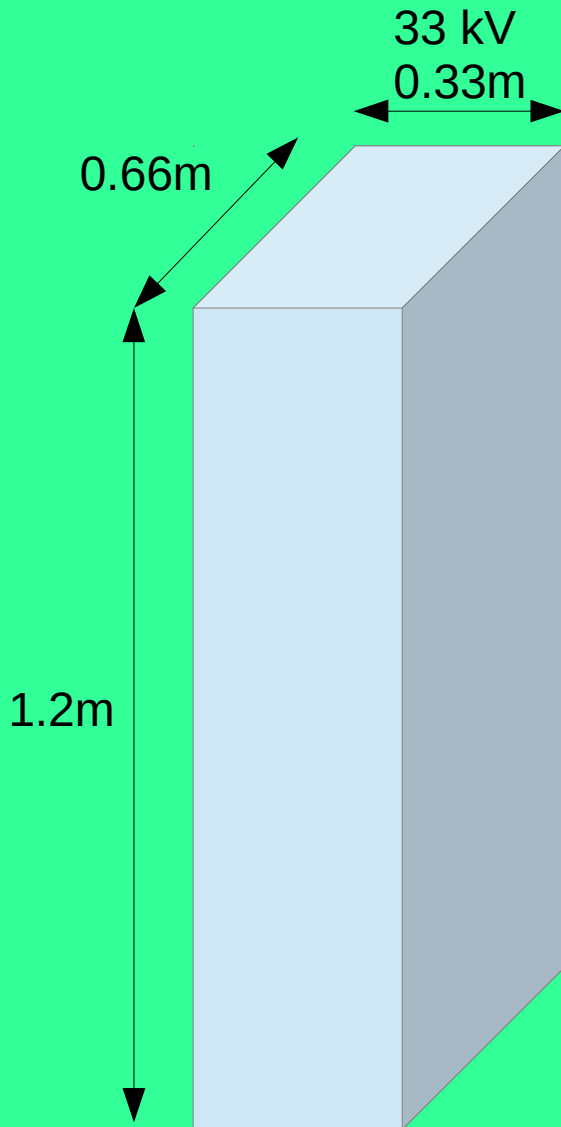
Field uniformity test is conducted, data analysis in progress.



Cathode at -HV(up to 25 kV)



AROGONCUBE 2x2 module with RS



2 G/sq, $L=0.33\text{cm}$, $W=3.72\text{m}$,

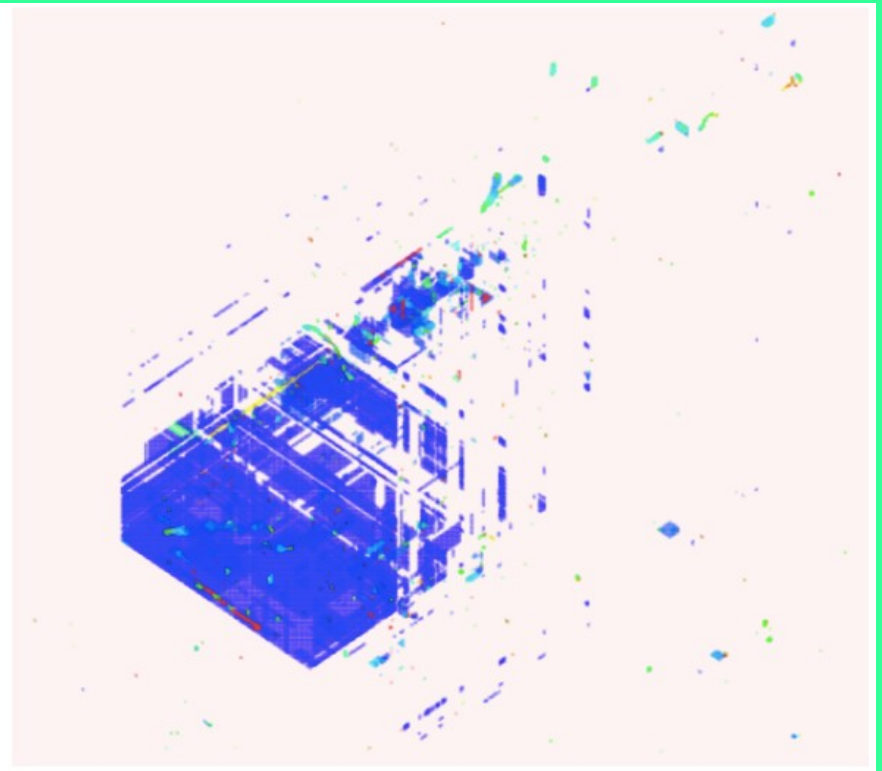
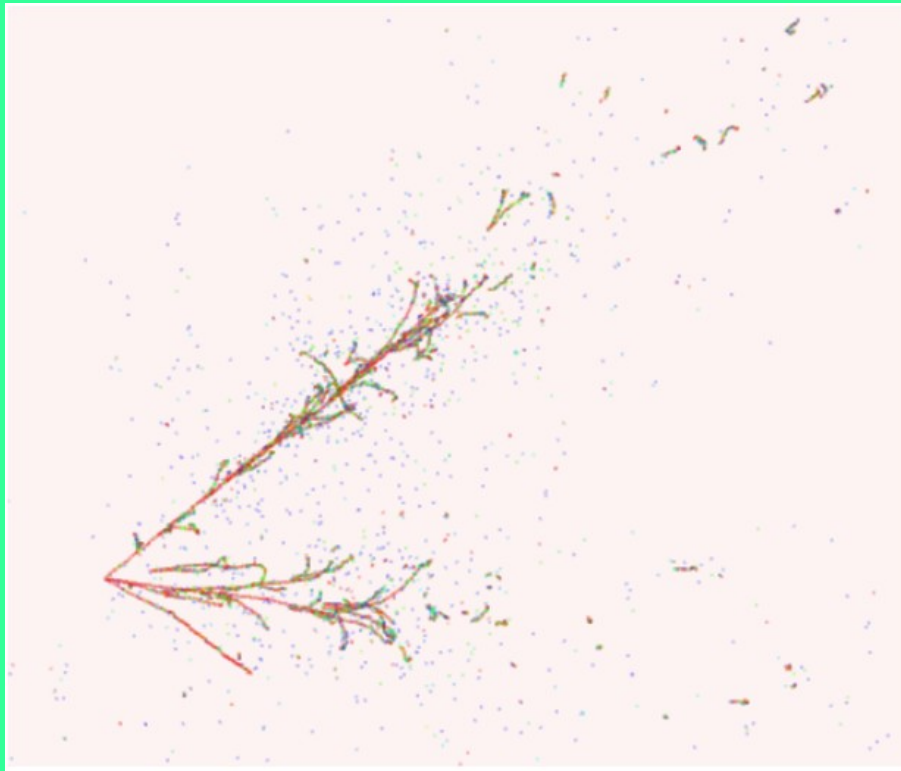
$Q=0.9\text{ sq}$, $R=0.2\text{ G}$, $U=33\text{kV}$: $P=5.4\text{W}$

$S=1.2\text{ m}^2 \rightarrow 4.5\text{ W/m}^2$

$\sim 10\text{ W/module}$ — acceptable.

Pixelated charge readout — why?

Classic wire readout:
3 GeV ν_e simulated in BNL's Wire-Cell



First approach to pixels: LHEP 2016-2017

Compromise: multiplexed R/O

6x6 ROI with induction grid

BNL LARASIC4 as cold preamp

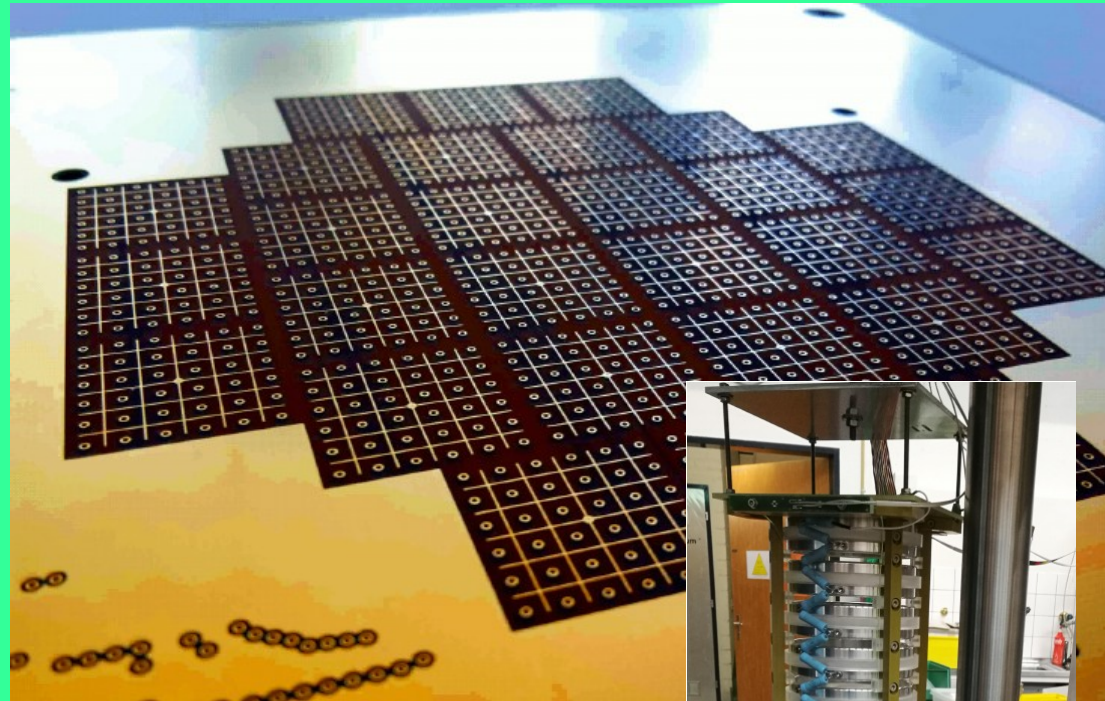
60 cm drift test LArTPC

2 runs: 2016 & 2017

Number of R/O channels: $n_{ROI} + n_{Pixel}$

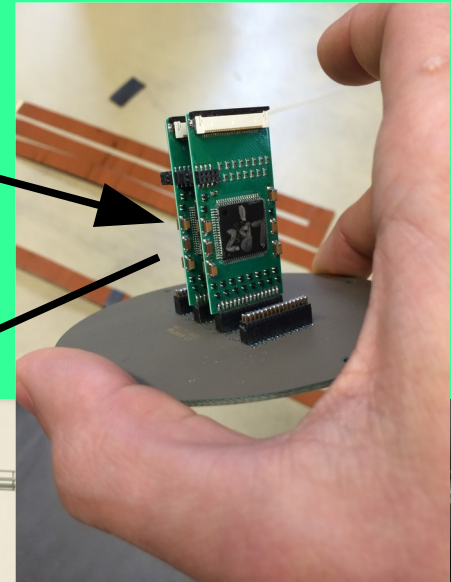
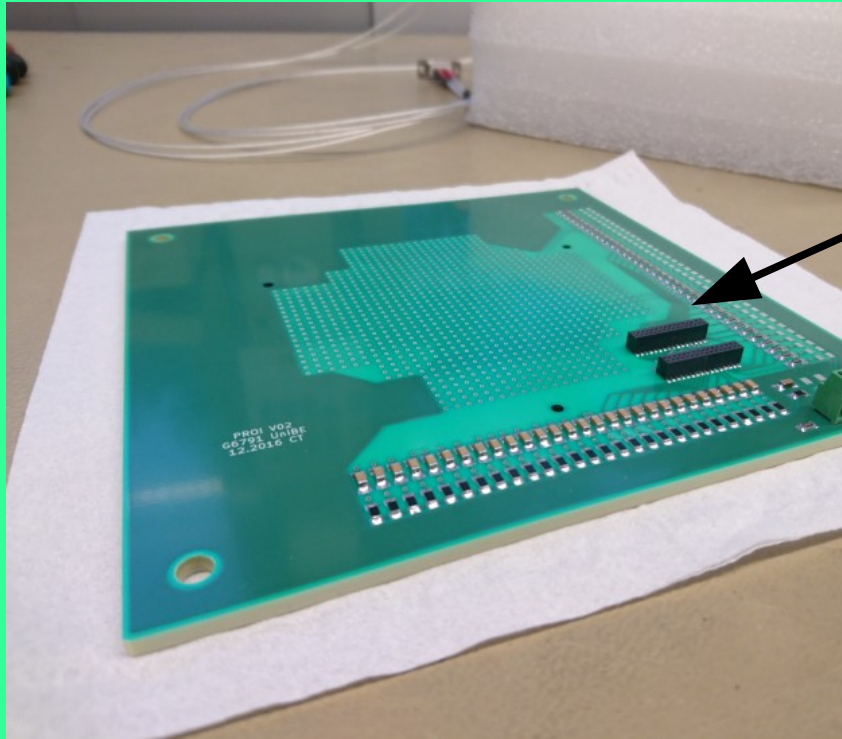
28 ROIs, each 6×6 pixels \Rightarrow **1008** pixels total @ 2.48 mm pitch

$28 + 36 =$ **64** R/O channels



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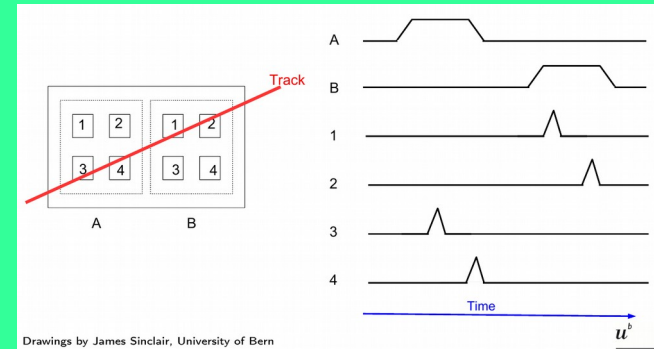
4x LARASIC4 on very compact PCB



Two data taking runs conducted.

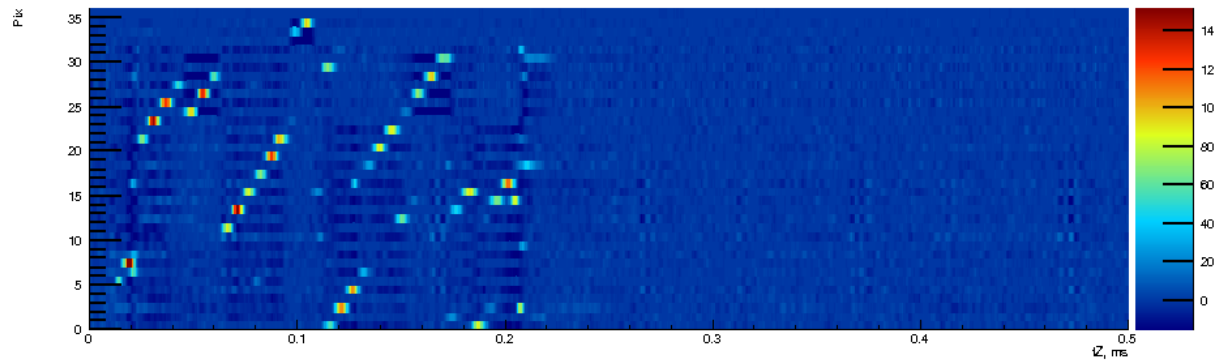
First approach to pixels: LHEP 2016-2017

Reconstruction: simple «enable» by Induction signal

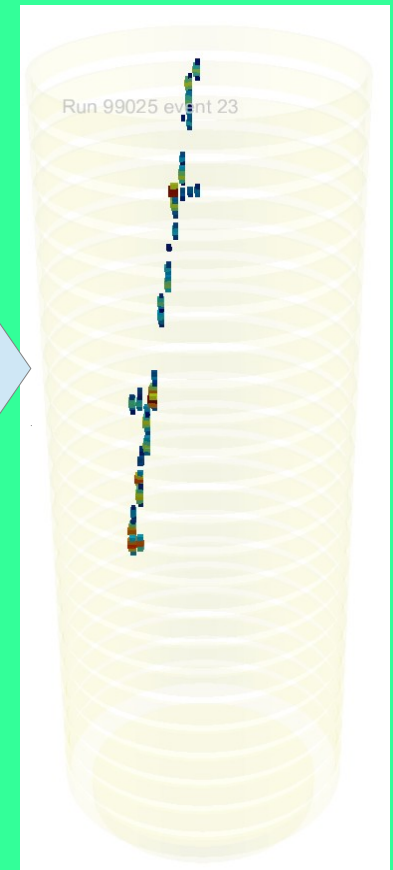
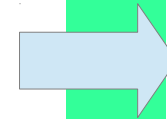
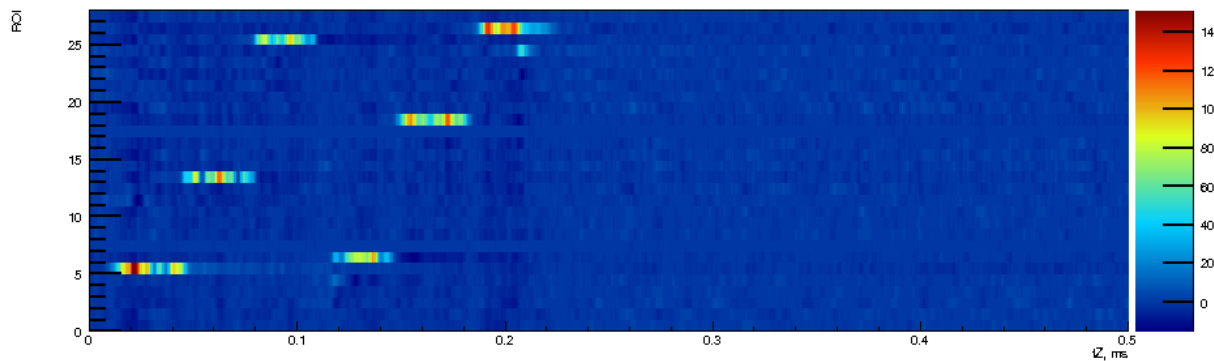


Drawings by James Sinclair, University of Bern

Collection (pixels) view, Run 99025 Event 24.

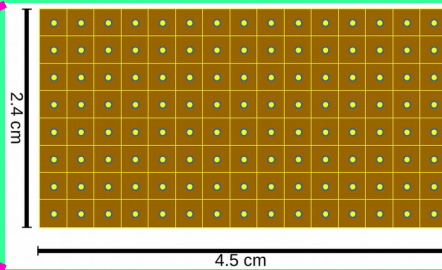
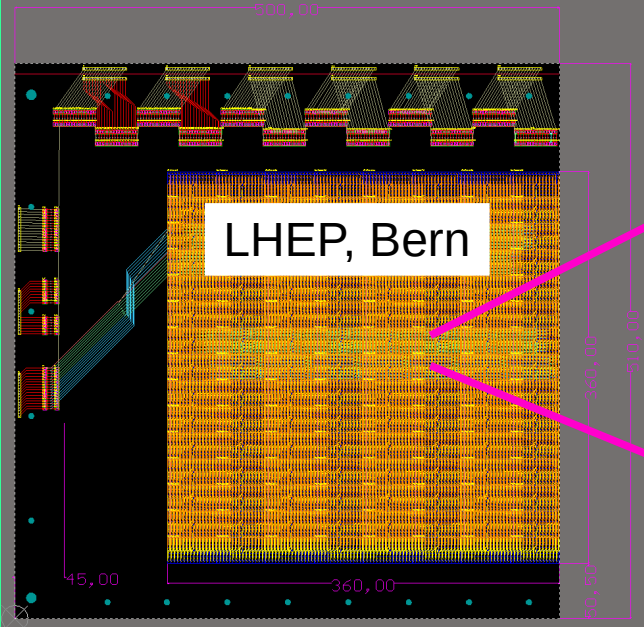
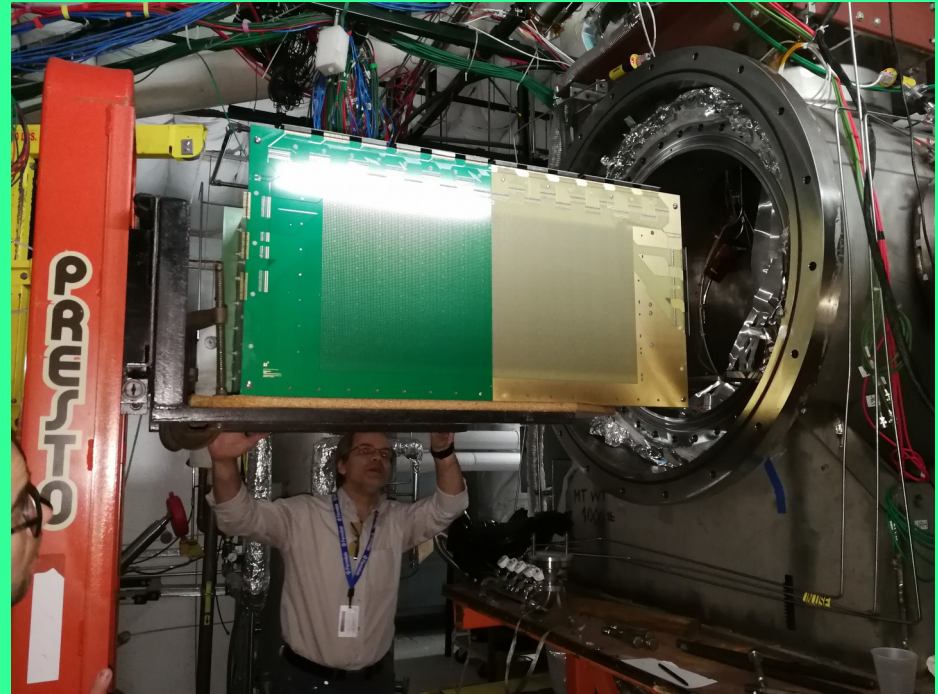


Inducton (ROI) view, Run 99025 Event 24



SNR for MIP in worst orientation: ~15

Test of our Pixel plane in LArIAT: PixLAr TPC Run: end of 2017 — beginning of 2018



8x15=120 pix/RoI
240 RoI, 72 cm²
28800 pixels
480 R/O channels

Medium-sized pixel readout test

Test of our Pixel plane in LArIAT: PixLAR TPC

Run: end of 2017 — beginning of 2018

11 Dec 2017 — 1 Feb 2018

426 runs are taken

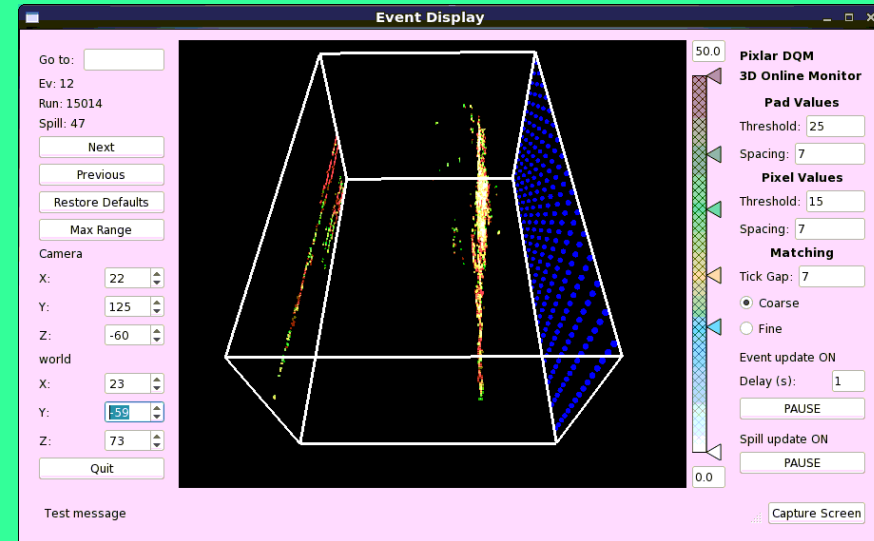
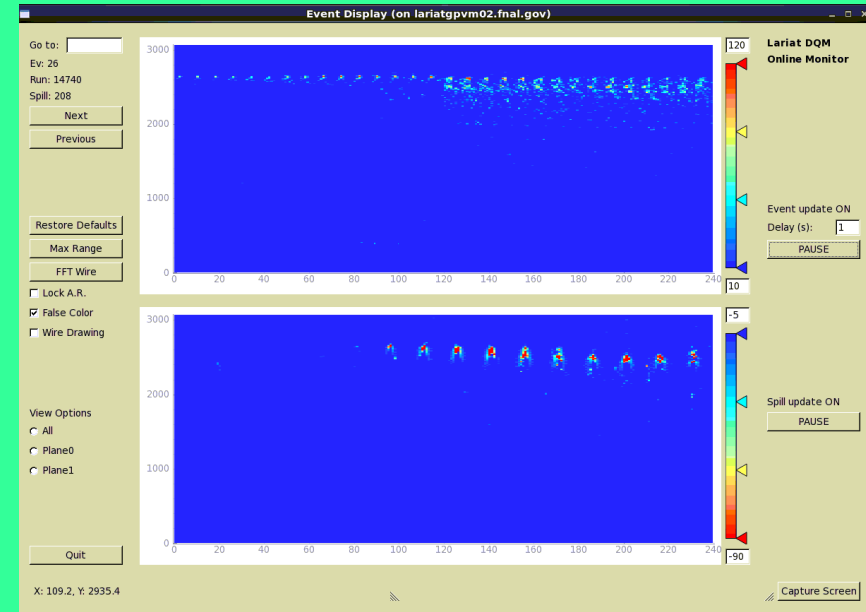
Several hundred thousands events

Simple reco → 3D event display

Analysis is in progress...

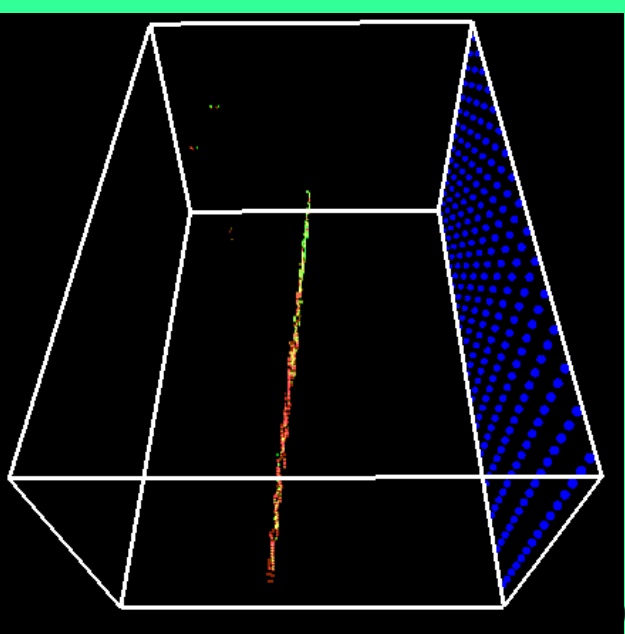
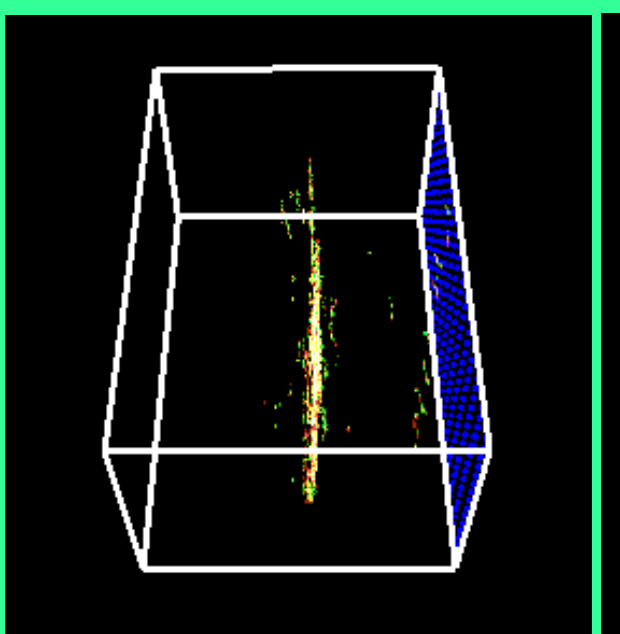
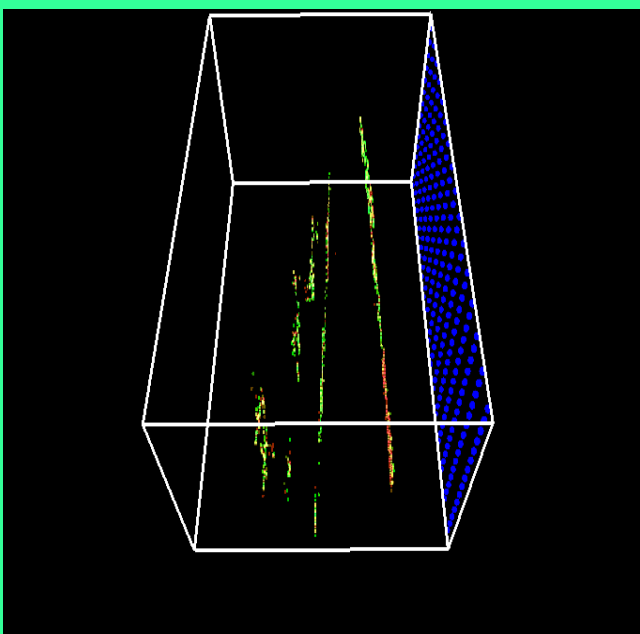
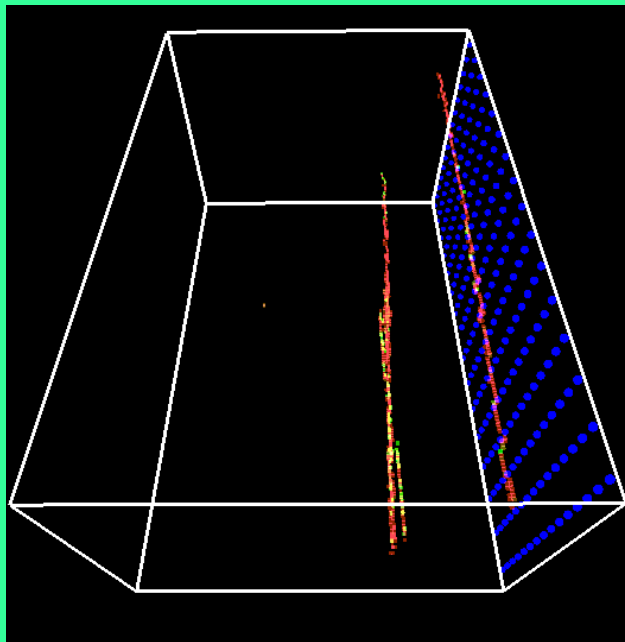
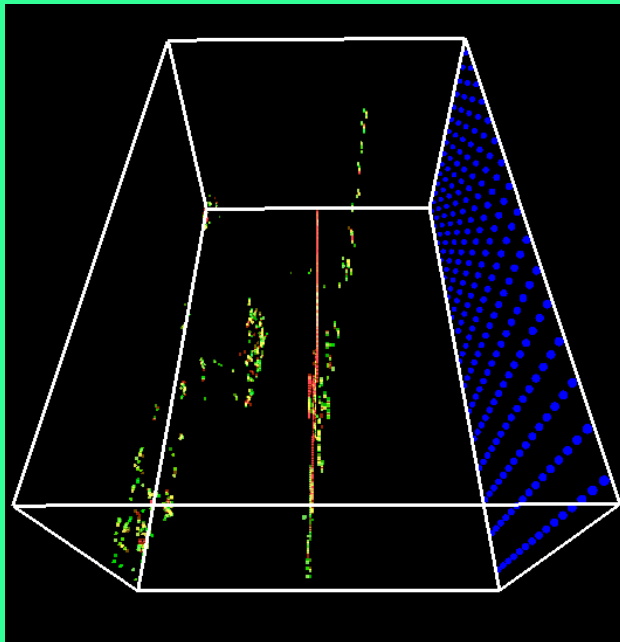
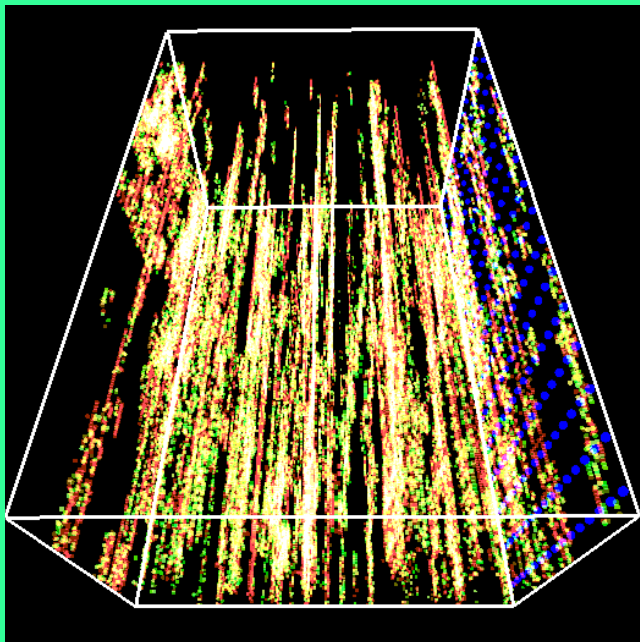
May expect:

- Pion reco efficiency
- dE/dx uncertainty (vs angle)
- EM shower reco, energy uncertainty
- Pileup limit, two event separation efficiency

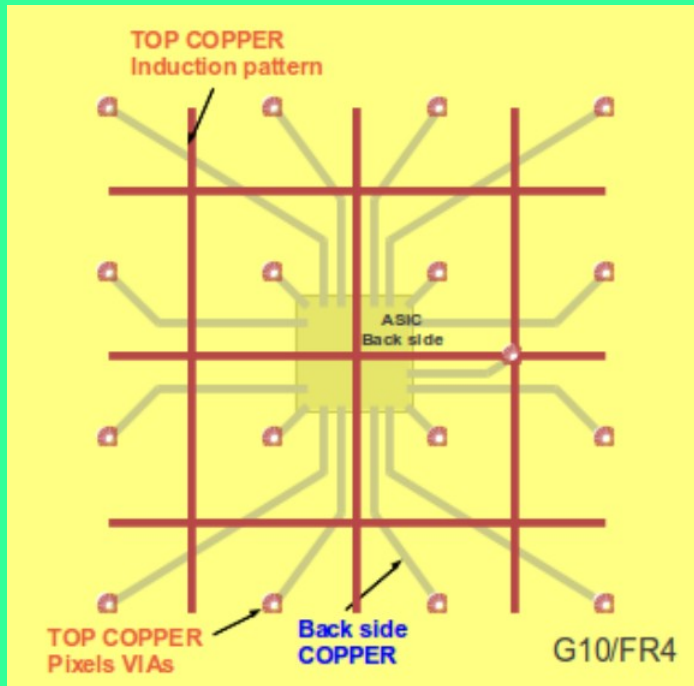


Pixels are good! Precious data in hands!

PixLAR Event Gallery



Unambiguous readout: requirements for pixel R/O ASIC



Number of physical pixels: $n_{ROI} * n_{Pixel}$

Can use ROIs induction signal to wake up ASIC to save power.

For ND module: 2planes x 1m x 3.5m, ~5 tons of LAr per module

3x3 mm pixels → ~800000 pixels/module

If we reach 50 μ W/pixel we are at 40 W/module and 8 W/ton — safe!

Need to keep heat low at very high number of channels

Requirements for pixel R/O ASIC

SNR of >10 for MIP (signal is ~ 19000 electrons ~ 3 fC for 3×3 pixel)

Noise ENC < 1900 electrons

Heat dissipation < 50 μ W/pixel

≥ 16 channels/ASIC

≥ 10 bits ADC

Time slice ≤ 1 μ s

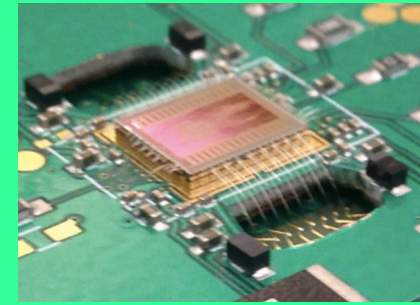
Smart zero suppression

Multiplexing at the data output lines



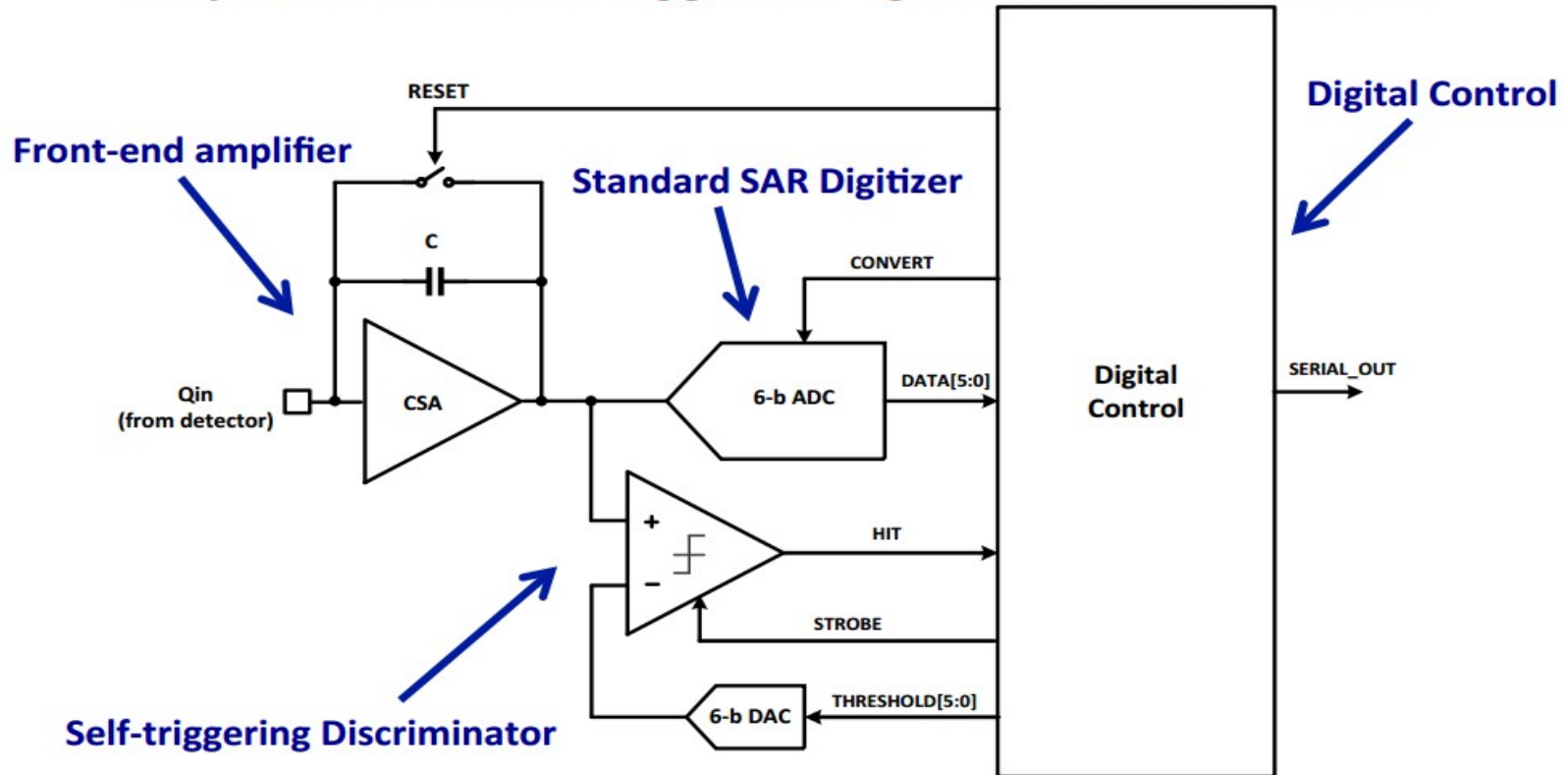
Concept for pixel R/O ASIC

(courtesy of Dan Dwyer, LBNL)



Process: TSMC 180nm

Amplifier with Self-triggered Digitization and Readout



Achieve low power: avoid digitization and readout of mostly quiescent data.

Concept for pixel R/O ASIC

(courtesy of Dan Dwyer, LBNL)

Target 1: Demonstrate low-noise low-power cryogenic amplifier (CSA)

Design goal: Power use (heat generation) less than heat flux through cryostat walls

→ Total pixel electronics power consumption $\sim < 10 \text{ W/m}^2$

| <u>Pixel Pitch</u> | <u>Pixels/m²</u> | <u>Power/m²</u> | (assuming 100 $\mu\text{W}/\text{channel}$) |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 3 mm | 111.1k | 11.1 W | |
| 4 mm | 62.5k | 6.3 W | |
| 5 mm | 40.0k | 4.0 W | |

Analog Power:

- ASIC Simulation: 24 $\mu\text{W}/\text{channel}$
- Bench Measurement: 24 $\mu\text{W}/\text{channel}$

Unexpected surprise: Digital power also very low!

| <u>Mode:</u> | <u>Core Voltage</u> | <u>I/O Voltage</u> | <u>Power (Dig.) [$\mu\text{W}/\text{ch}$]</u> | <u>Power (Ana.+Dig.) [$\mu\text{W}/\text{ch}$]</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|--|---|
| Default | 1.8 V | 3.3 V | 233 | 257 |
| Low-power | 1.1 V | 2.0 V | 37 | 61 |

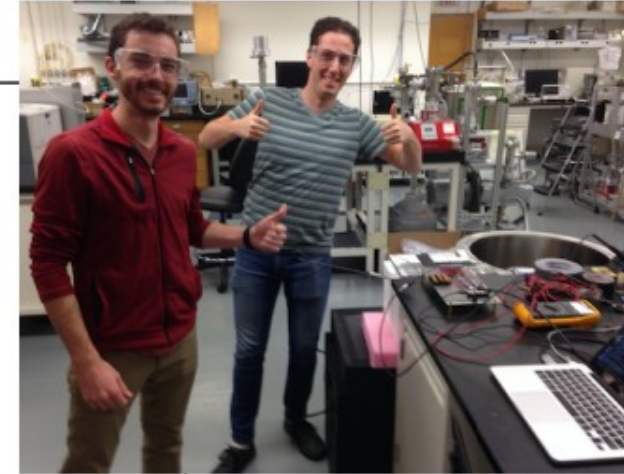
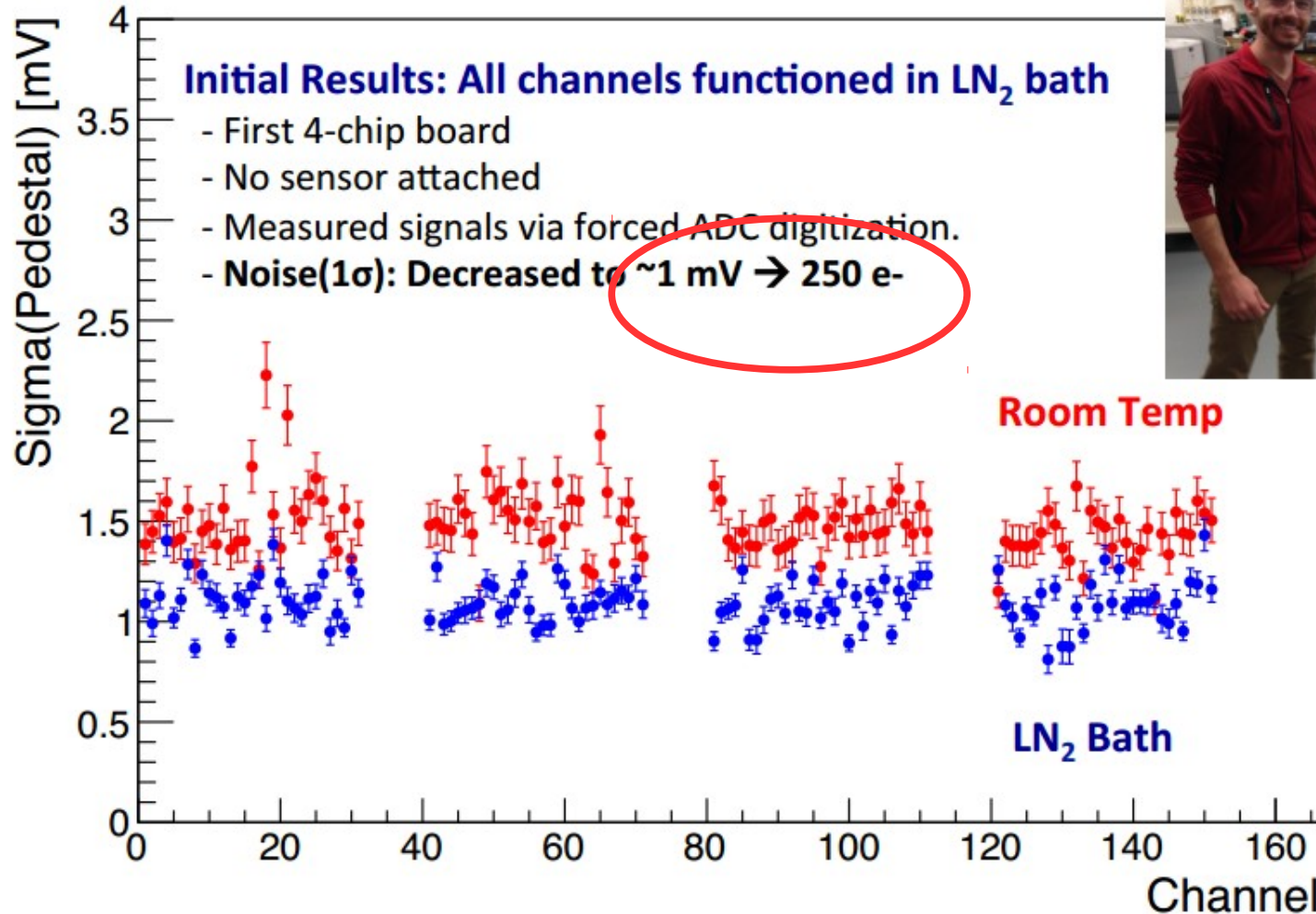
→ Still some room for tuning I/O voltage to bring power down further.

Concept for pixel R/O ASIC

(courtesy of Dan Dwyer, LBNL)

Target 1: Demonstrate low-noise low-power cryogenic amplifier (CSA)

Design goal: Operate at liquid argon temperature



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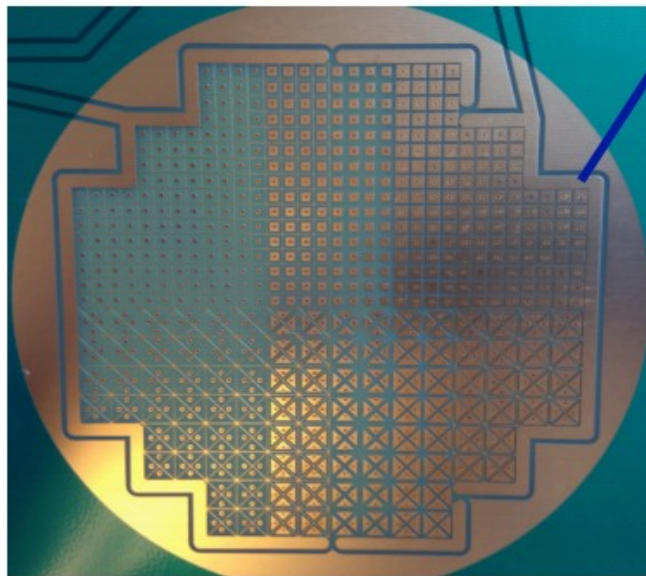
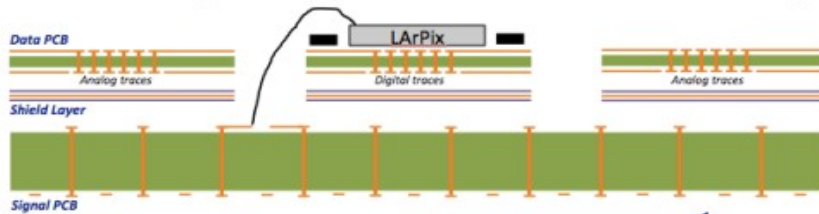


Prototype Scalable Sensor

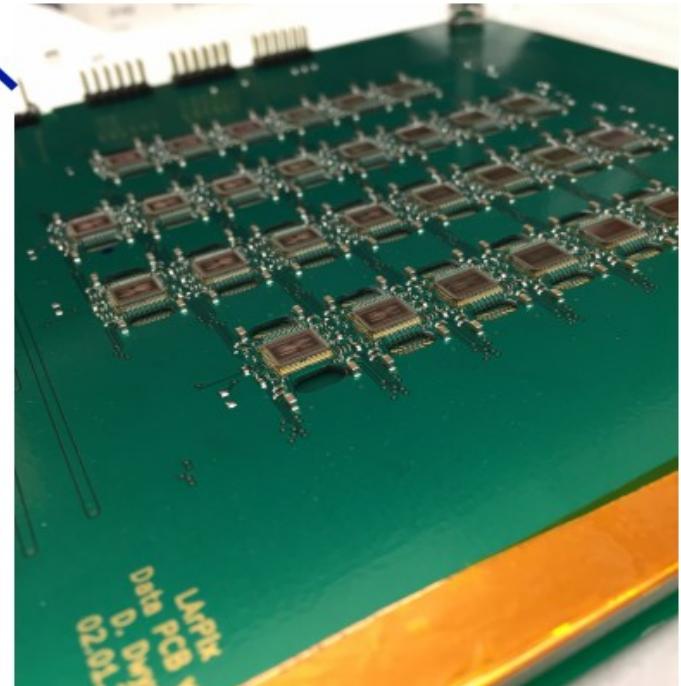


New Sensor:

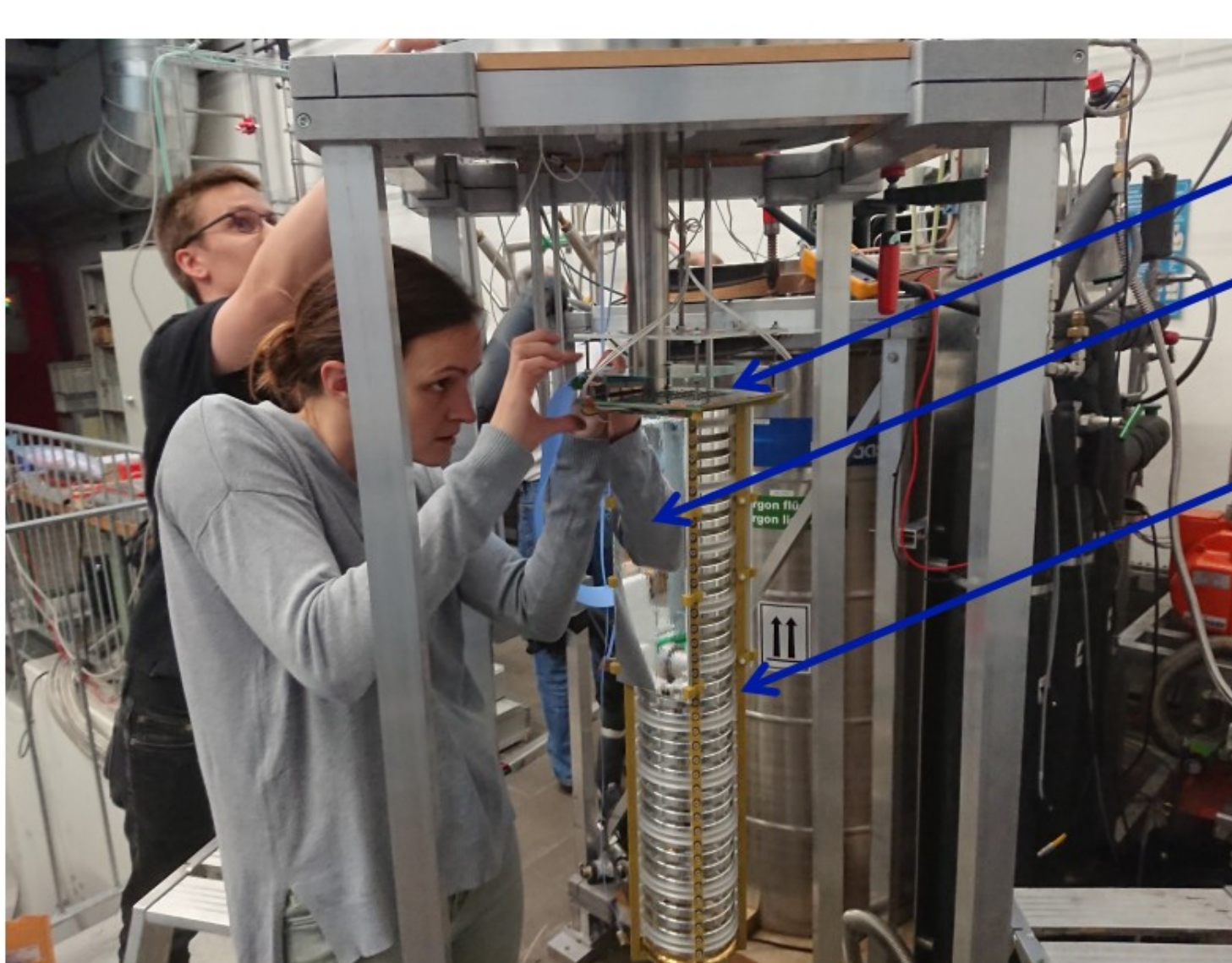
- Uses new digital data board to provide scalable sensor (dense pixel packing)
- Coupled to 10-cm diameter pixel sensor board
 - Designed to fit both 10-cm-drift TPC (@LBNL) and 60-cm drift TPC (@Bern).



- 832 pixels
- 28 Chips



First test in a Lar TPC at Bern

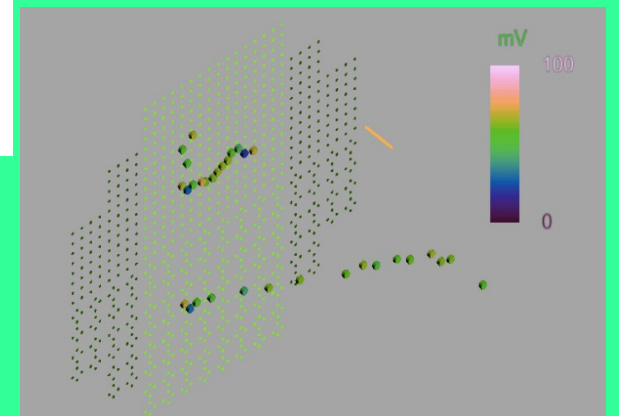
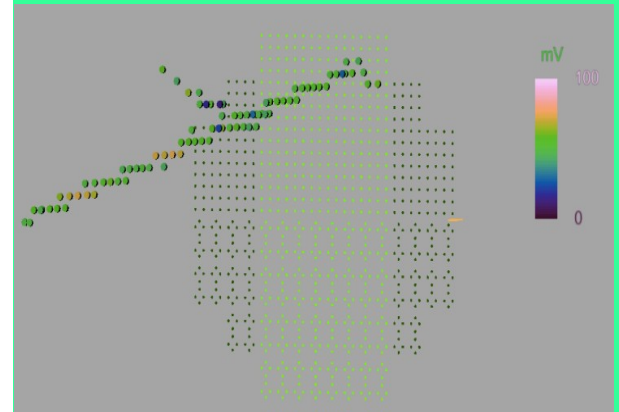
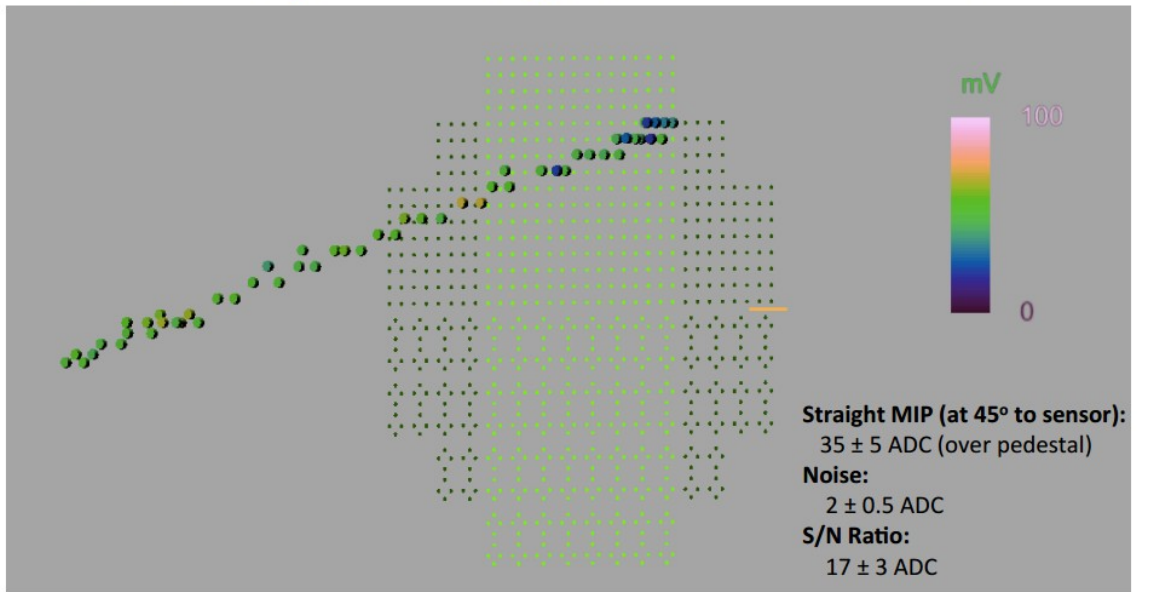


LArPix Sensor

ArCLight Sensor

ArgonCube
Pixel
Demonstrator
(60-cm-drift
TPC)

First test in a Lar TPC at Bern



TPC operating at 60 kV, 1kV/cm drift field

A Large scale ArgonCube Prototype

LArTPCs of this scale (150 t) and larger have been operated. Although, none in a ND environment.

All novel aspects of ArgonCube have been demonstrated:

Charge R/O – [arXiv:1801.08884](#), [JINST 13 \(2018\) no.10, P10007](#)

Light R/O – [Instruments 2 \(2018\) no.1, 3](#)

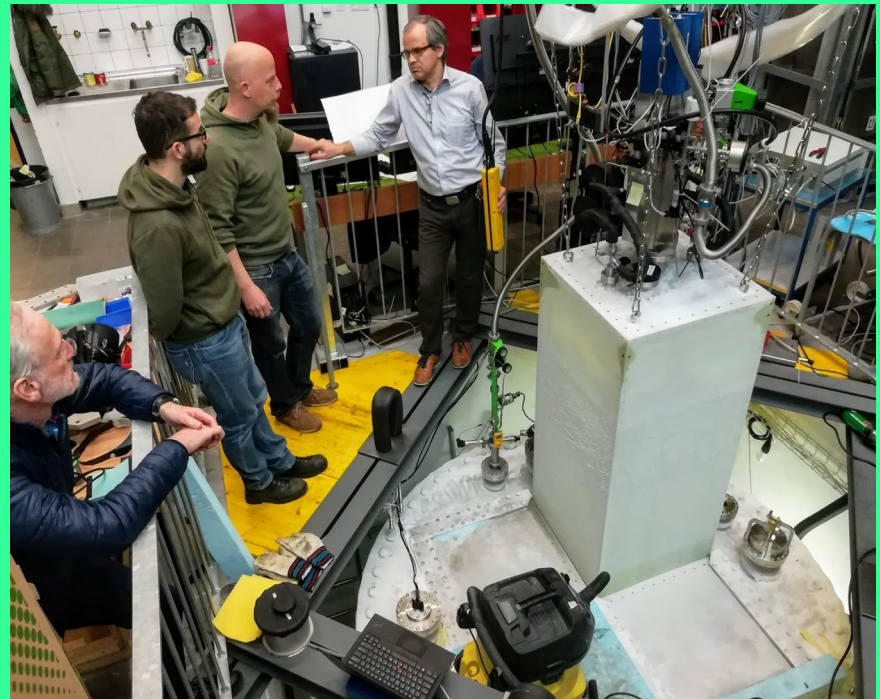
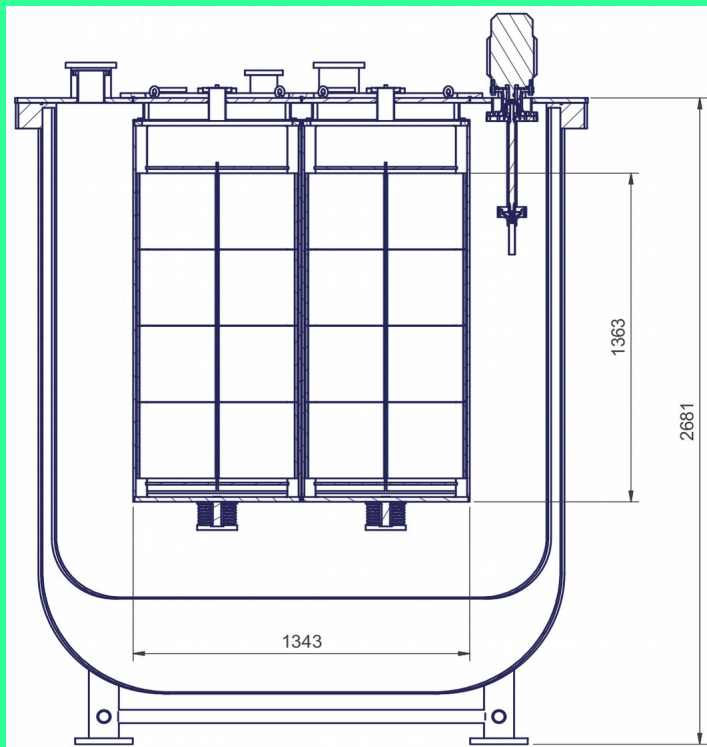
Field shell – [Instruments 3 \(2019\) no.2, 28](#)

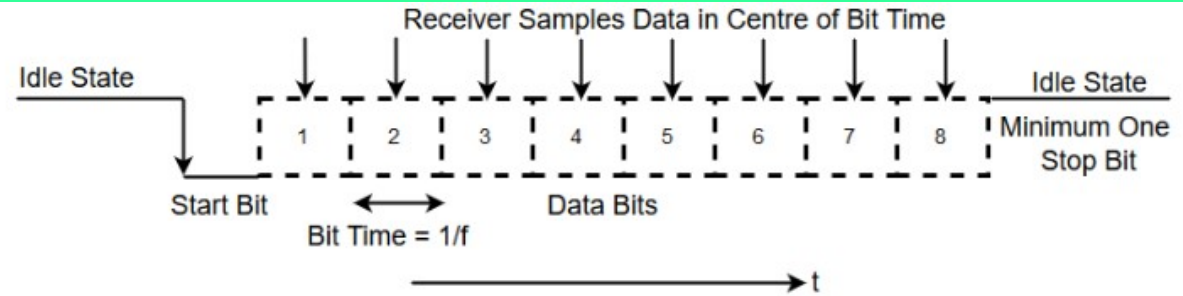
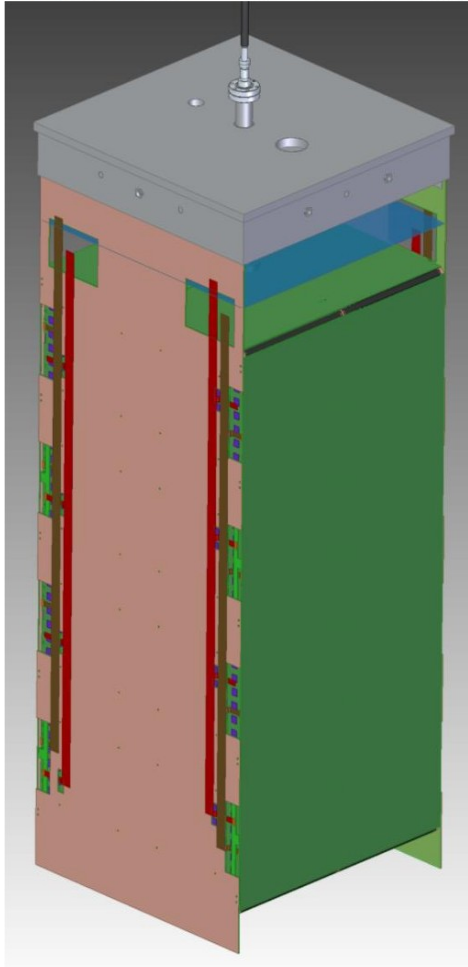
All the design elements will be incorporated into $\sim 2/3$ scale ND prototype (ProtoDUNE-ND) that will operate on-axis in NuMI in 2020.

- [Bern](#) has secured funding for production of 4 modules.
- [FNAL](#) is providing support for facilities to deployment in NuMI.
- [JINR](#) is providing the light R/O.
- [LBNL](#) has secured funding for the charge R/O (supplemented by Bern).
- [Rochester](#) is providing a high level DAQ, beam trigger, and muon tagger.
- [SLAC](#) is providing the mechanical module design & production of TPC components.

The 2x2 Demonstrator

Vacuum insulated LN₂-cooled cryostat, housing 4 modules, 2.4t active LAr





UART-like communication with a 54 bit data word

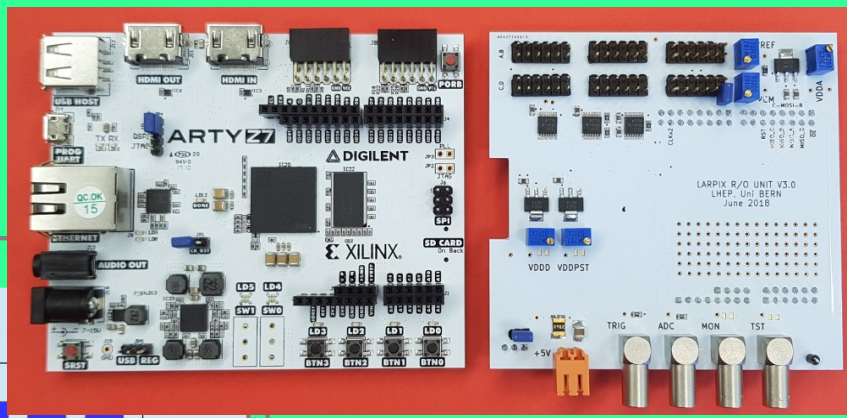
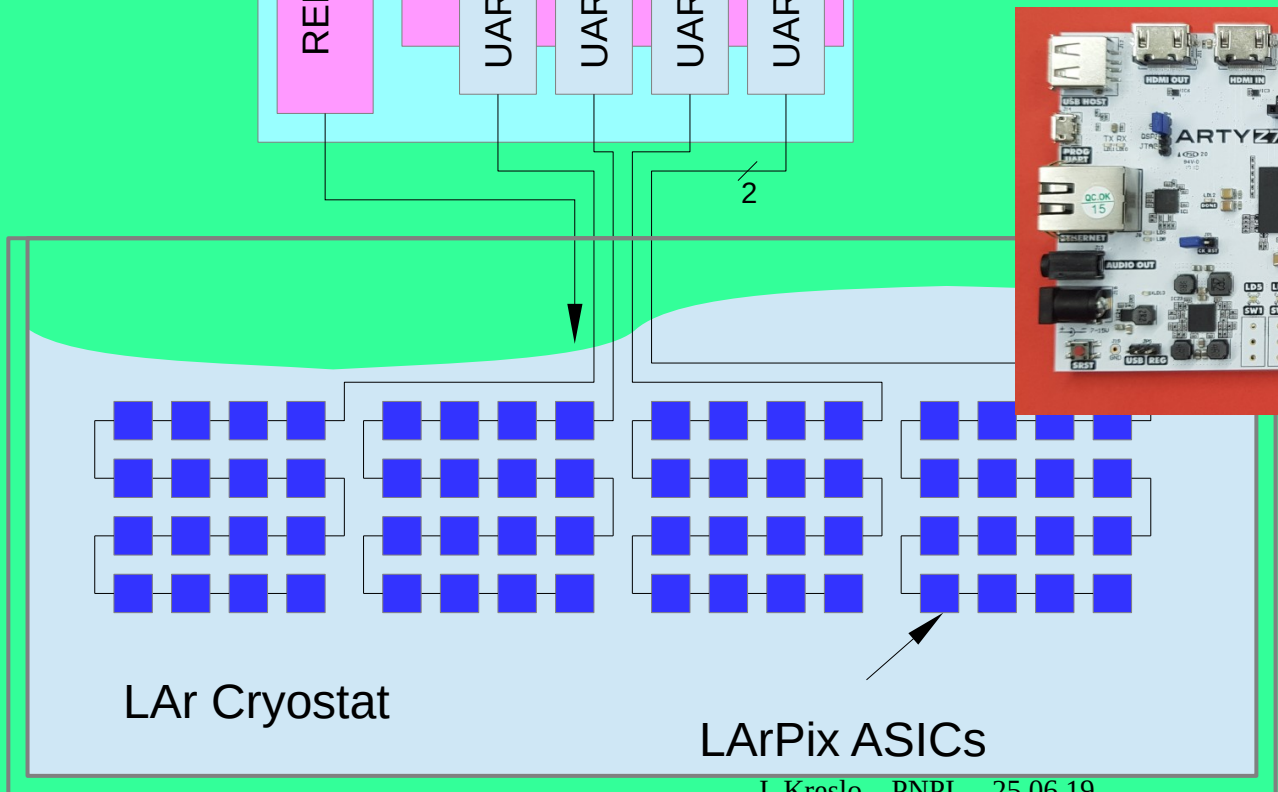
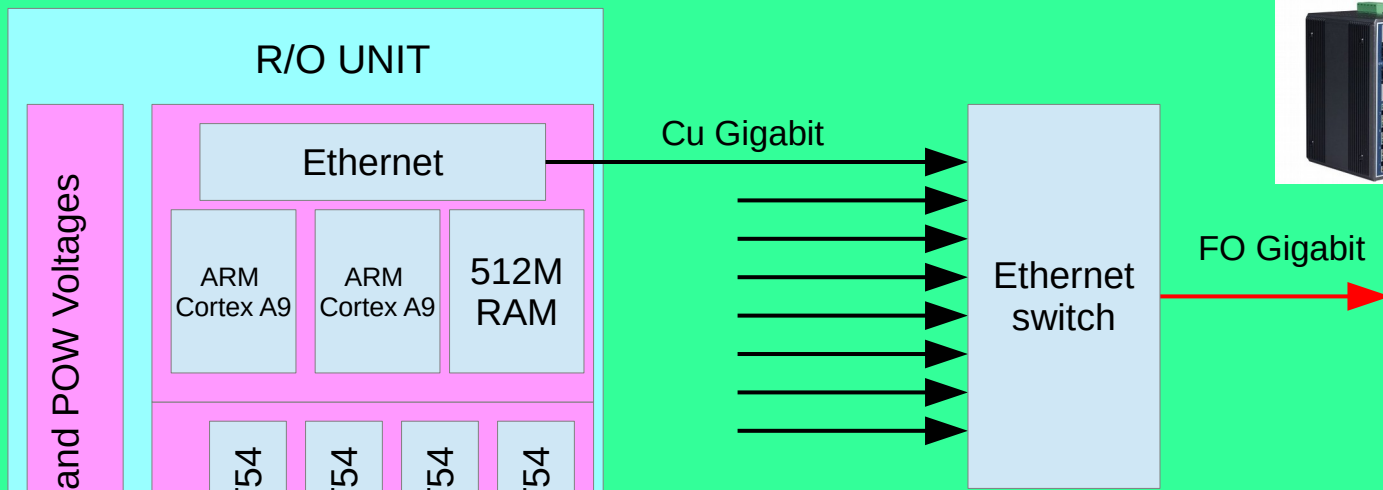
300Hz 54 bit, 16 chips, 60cm drift

~10Hz 54 bit, 1 chips, 30cm drift

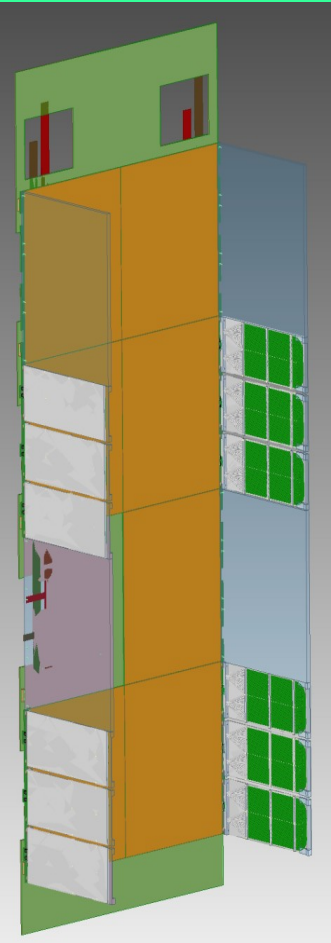
1 chip 540 bit/s

5000 chip 2,7 Mbit/s

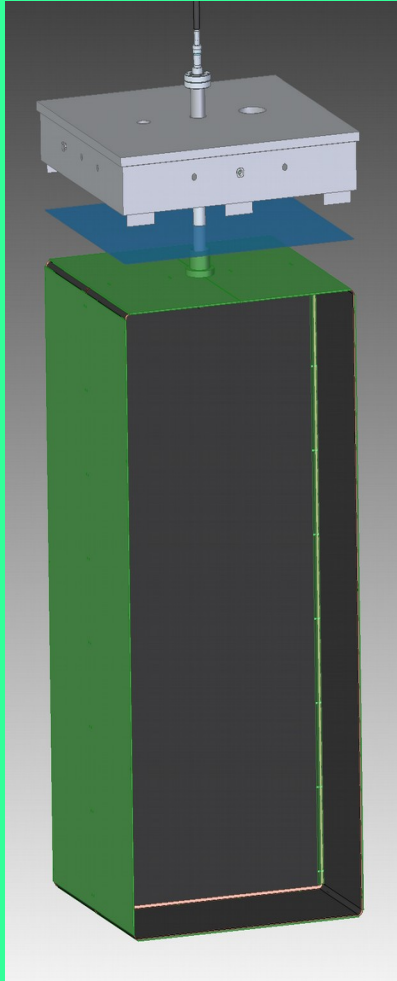
Warm F/E electronics



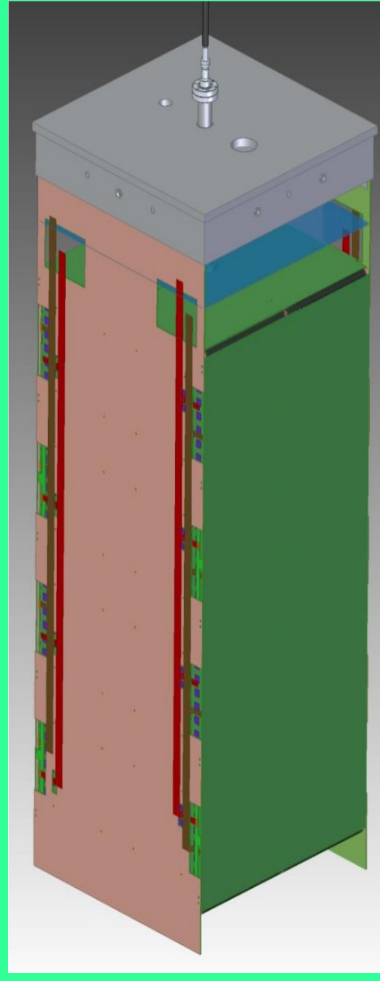
Module Structure (Knut's Bucket)



Light & Charge R/O,
half detector



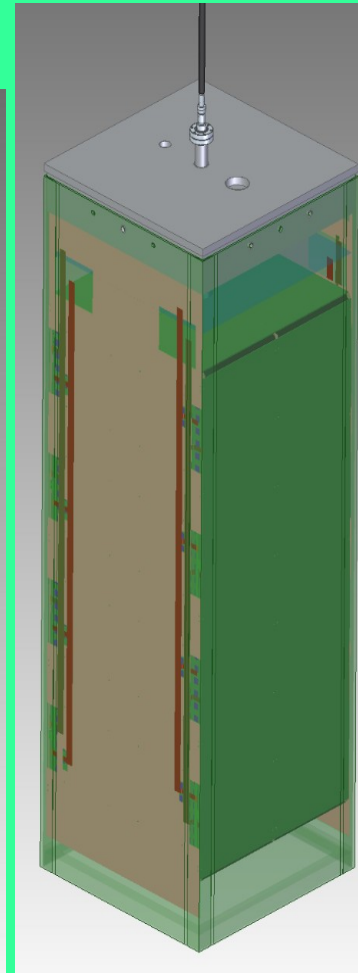
Resistive shell TPC



Naked detector



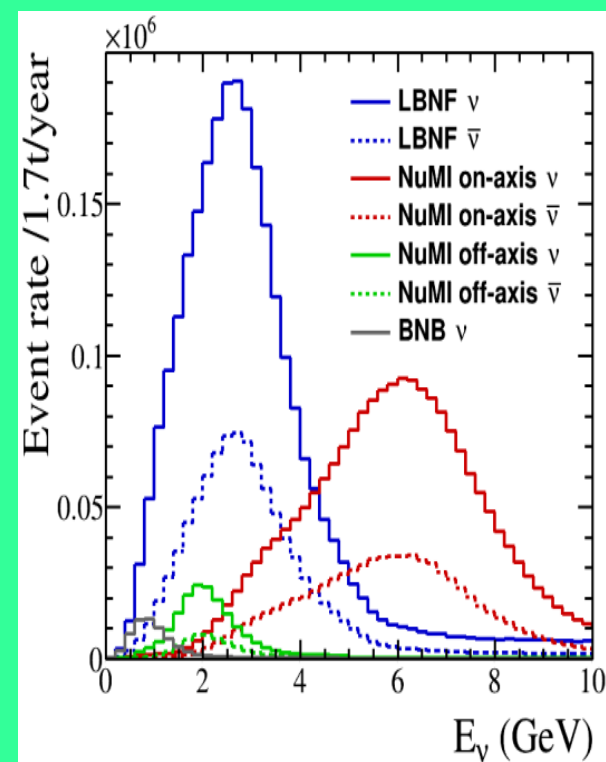
Module bucket



Module

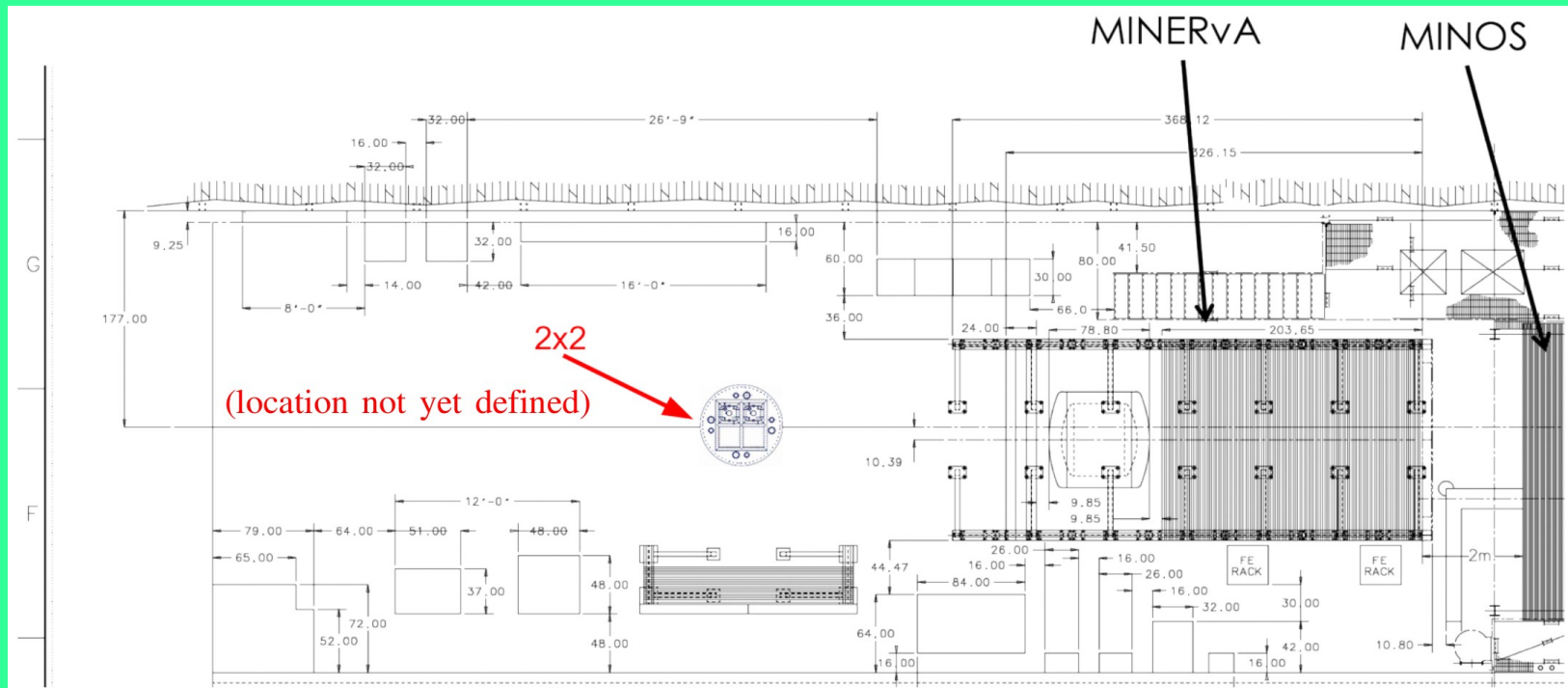
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ProtoDUNE-ND Detector Physics Goals

Combining light and charge readout.

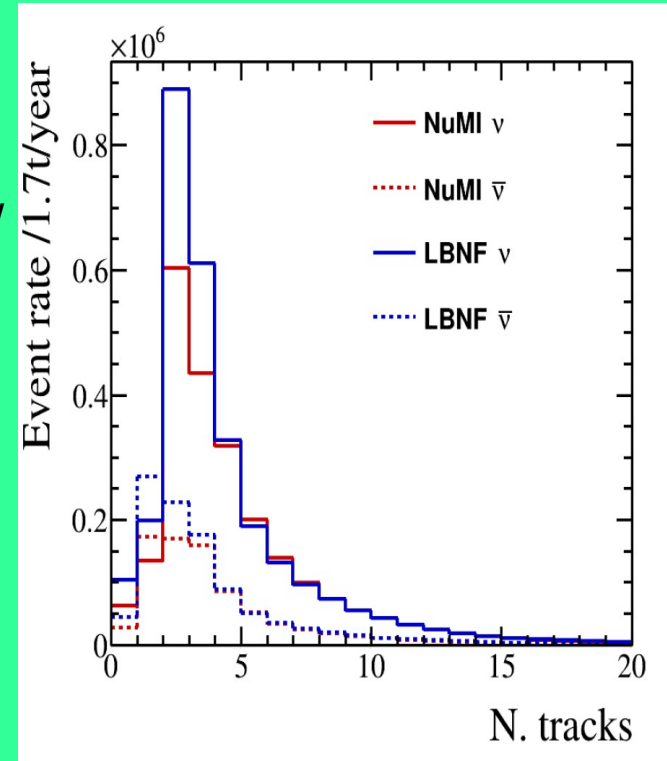
Reconstructing showers and tracks with charge sharing across modules.

Reconstructing events between fast (scintillator), and slow (LAr) detector components.

Validate MCS for momentum determination.

Reconstruct contained showers for π^0 mass peak, standard candle for electron energy scale.

Verify e/ γ separation with a pixelated charge readout.

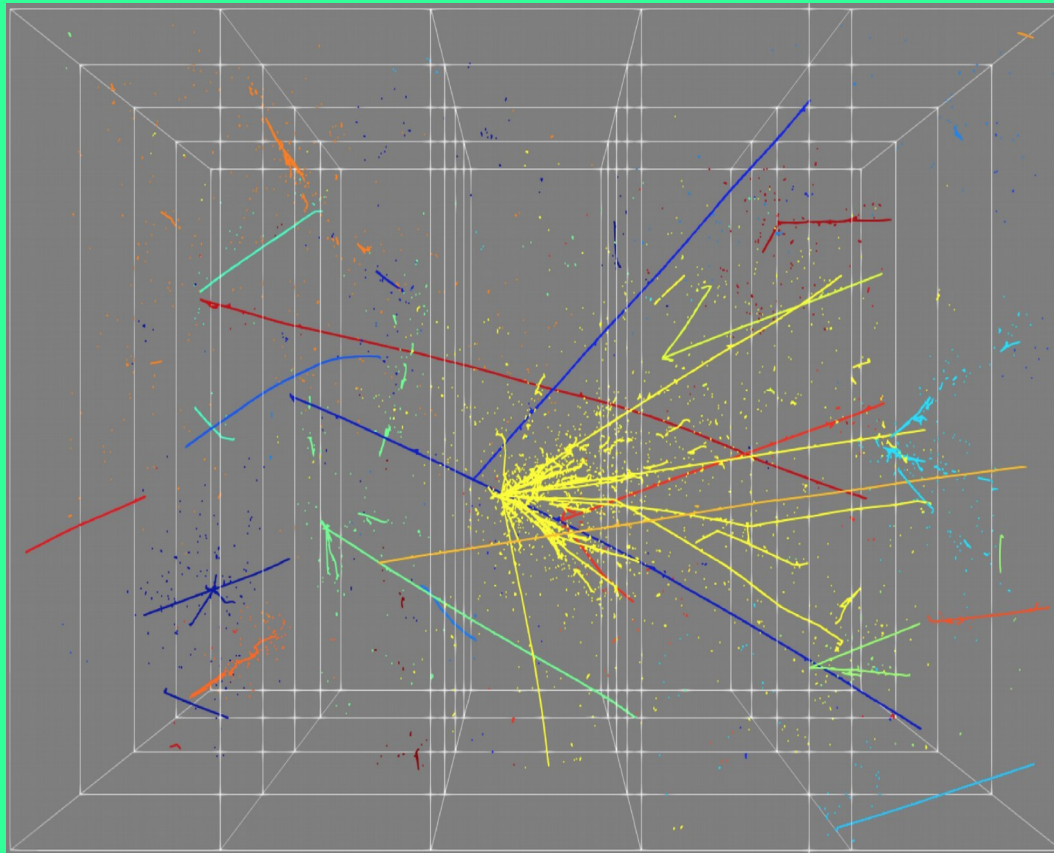


Pixelated R/O : towards detector-scale implementation...

- LArPix ASICs:** Integrated circuits for charge signal amplification, digitization, and readout
- Pixel Anode Boards:** Circuit boards which host charge-sensitive pads and readout ASICs
- Internal Cabling:** Transmits power and I/O from feedthrough to anode
- Anode Frame:** Provides structural support for anode PCBs and cabling
- Readout Feedthroughs:** Transmits power and I/O passage through cryostat
- Isolation Electronics:** Provides isolation and filtering of power and I/O at feedthrough
- External Cabling:** Transmits power and I/O from DAQ electronics to Isolation electronics
- Power Supplies:** Provide power needed to drive the electronics
- DAQ Electronics:** Generates clock and provides I/O bridge from ASICs to DAQ computer
- DAQ Computer:** Issues input commands, receives output data packets, records data
- DAQ Software:** Formats input commands, interprets output data packets.
- Pixel LArTPC Analysis:** Studies, simulation, algorithms needed to guide development and prepare for large-scale pixelated data analysis.

Many open roles for partners for design, production, and testing of all system aspects!

Thank you!



Cathode potential

Single-volume TPC

1-2 MV:

- Feedthrough is a challenge
- Drift time > 10 ms

Charge attenuation → calorimetry constant term

LAR Purity ~ 0.01 ppb

Accumulation of volume charge

Risk of breakdowns (arcing)

Stored charge ~ $1\text{nF} \times 1\text{ MV} = 1\text{ mC}$

Stored energy $1\text{ mC} \times 1\text{ MV} = \mathbf{1\text{ kJ}}$

ARGONCUBE

100 kV

- Feedthrough home-made or commercial
- Wide choice of PS units
- Drift time ~ 1ms

Purity ~0.1 ppb (reached in ARGONTUBE)

Low distortions (~3%, in MicroBooNE 10%)

~ $1\text{nF} \times 100\text{ kV} = 0.1\text{ mC} / \text{module}$

$0.1\text{ mC} \times 100\text{ kV} = \mathbf{10\text{ J} / \text{module}}$

LarPix V2:
64 channels/chip

4 mm pitch:
3.2x3.2cm/chip

10x10 ASICs for a 32cm by 32cm tile

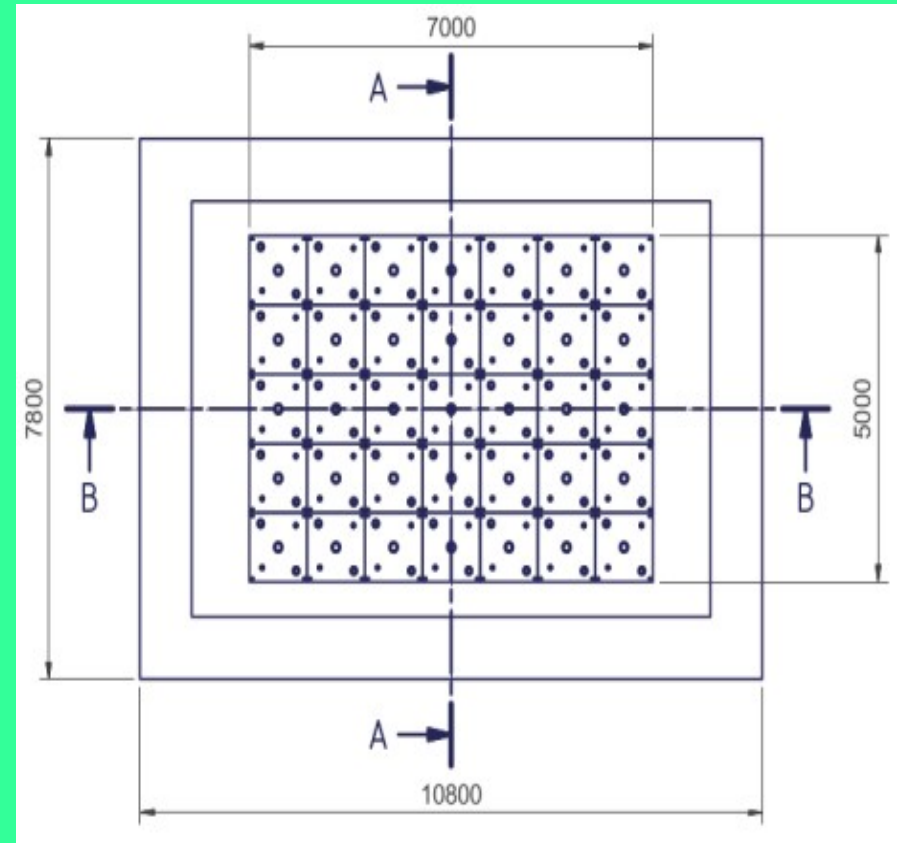
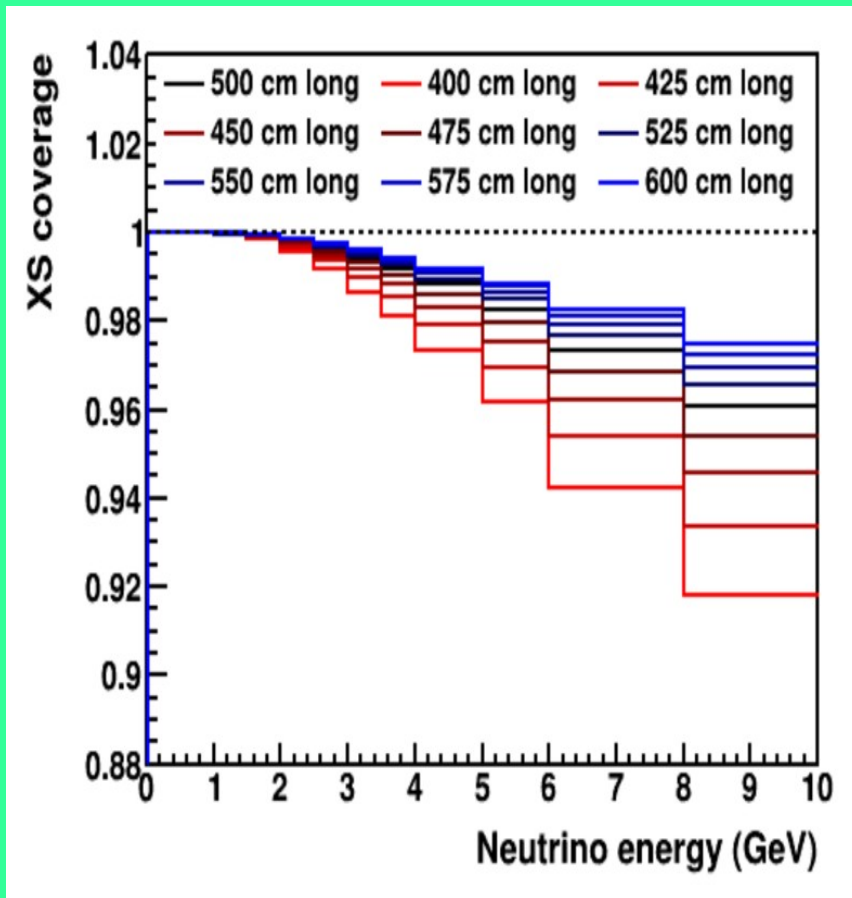
8 tyles/side, 16 tyles/module (102400 pix), 1600 chips/module, 16 lines/module,
4 (8) R/O units/module

Feedthrough: 32 pins data, 32 pins gnd, clock and power.

Typical rate: 0.1Hz/pix, => overal 10 kHz, 2.5 (1.25) kHz / R/O Unit

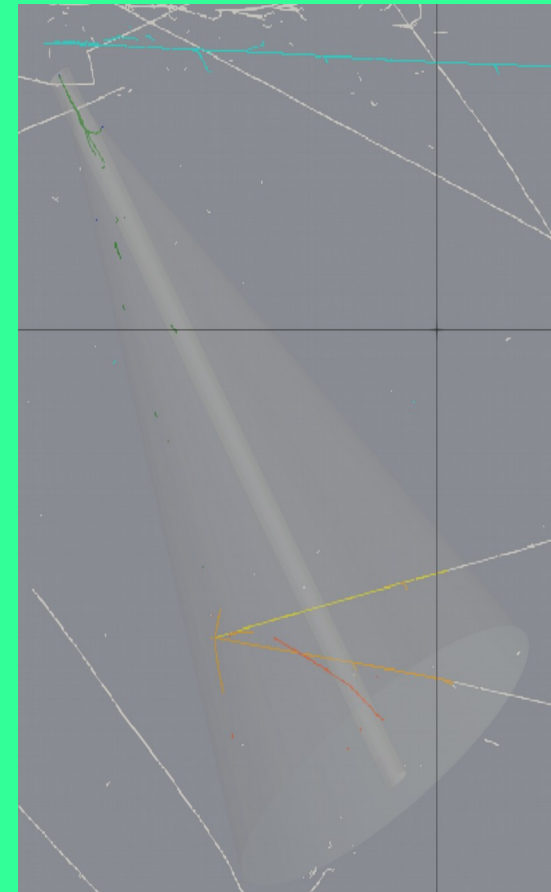
Data rate 640 kbps/module, 2.6 Mbps overal for 2x2 TPC

Optimizing DUNE ND Detector Dimensions



Pixelated Charge Readout

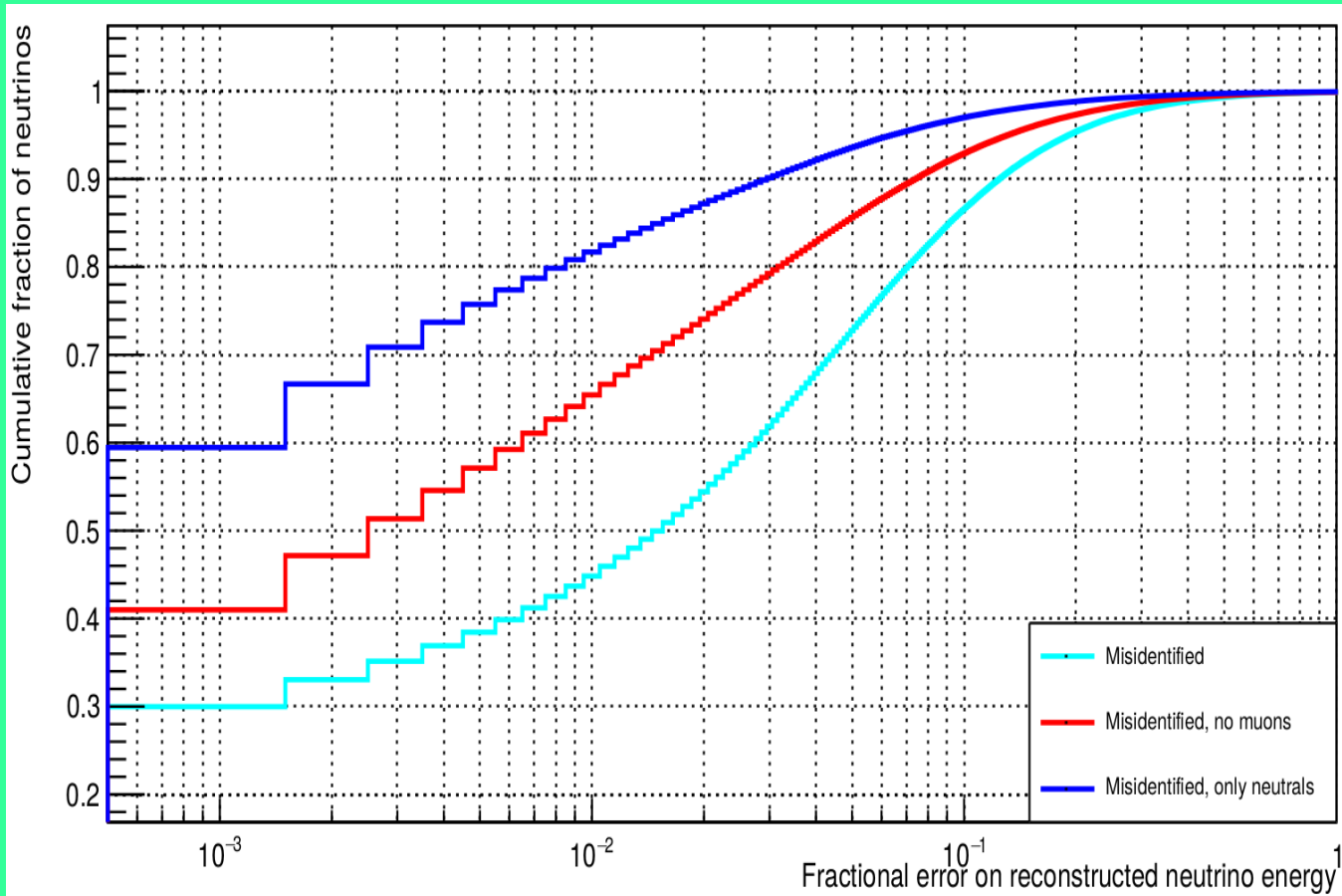
Using 3D information, it was shown that pileup in π^0 reconstruction is $< 1\%$ for $> 70\%$ of events.



Event display showing simulated LBNF beam spill in ArgonCube ($5 \times 4 \times 3 \text{ m}^3$) FHC 2 MW beam, 80 GeV protons, including rock events.
D. Goeldi, 2018 JINST TH 002.

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Cumulative fraction of neutrinos versus misidentified energy fraction for 3D π^0 shower reconstruction. FHC 2 MW beam, 80 GeV protons. D. Goeldi, 2018 JINST TH 002.

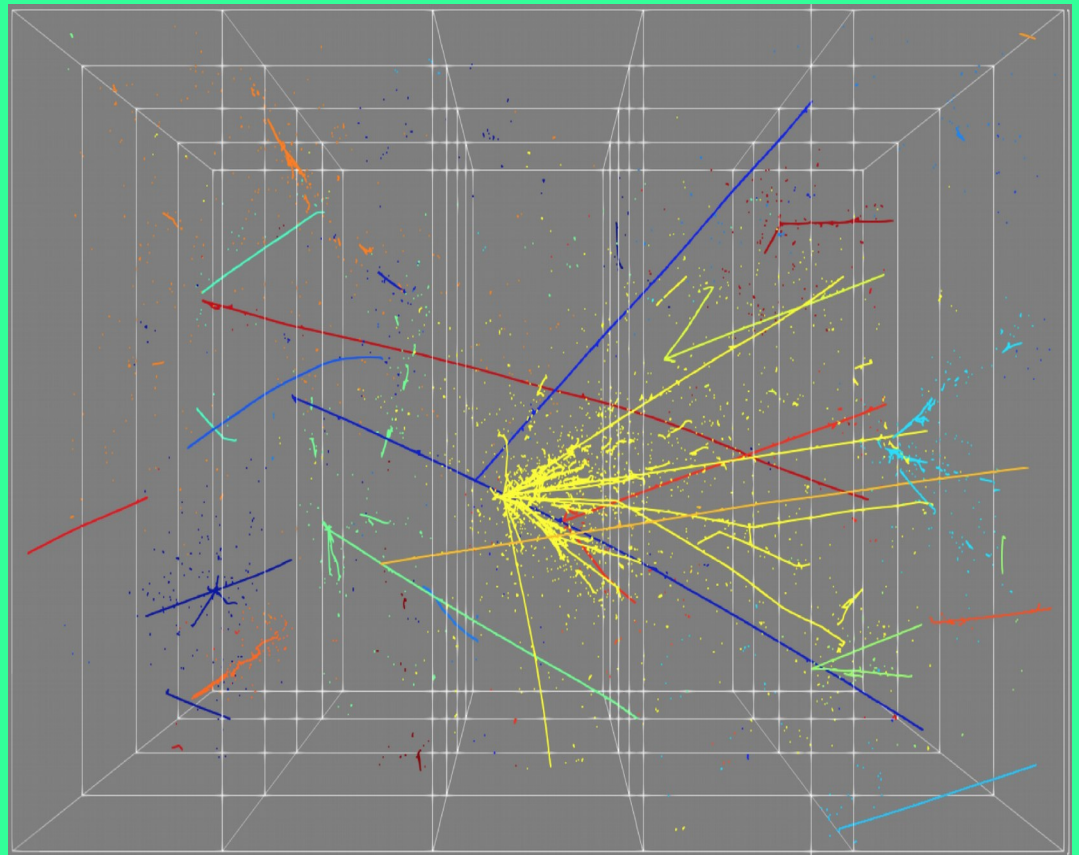
Detached Energy Deposits

Unambiguous charge R/O will simplify reconstruction, but it is still timing limited:

Drift window = 250 μs .
Spill = 10 μs .

It is not trivial associating isolated/detached deposits to correct vertex – fast neutrons.

Contained scintillation can help, light R/O with $\sim\text{ns}$ resolution needed.

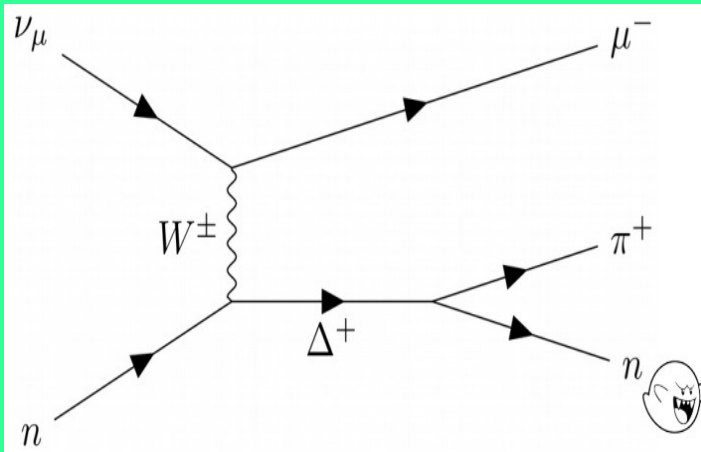


1 MW 3 horn optimised spill, FHC, including rock. 4x5 geometry.

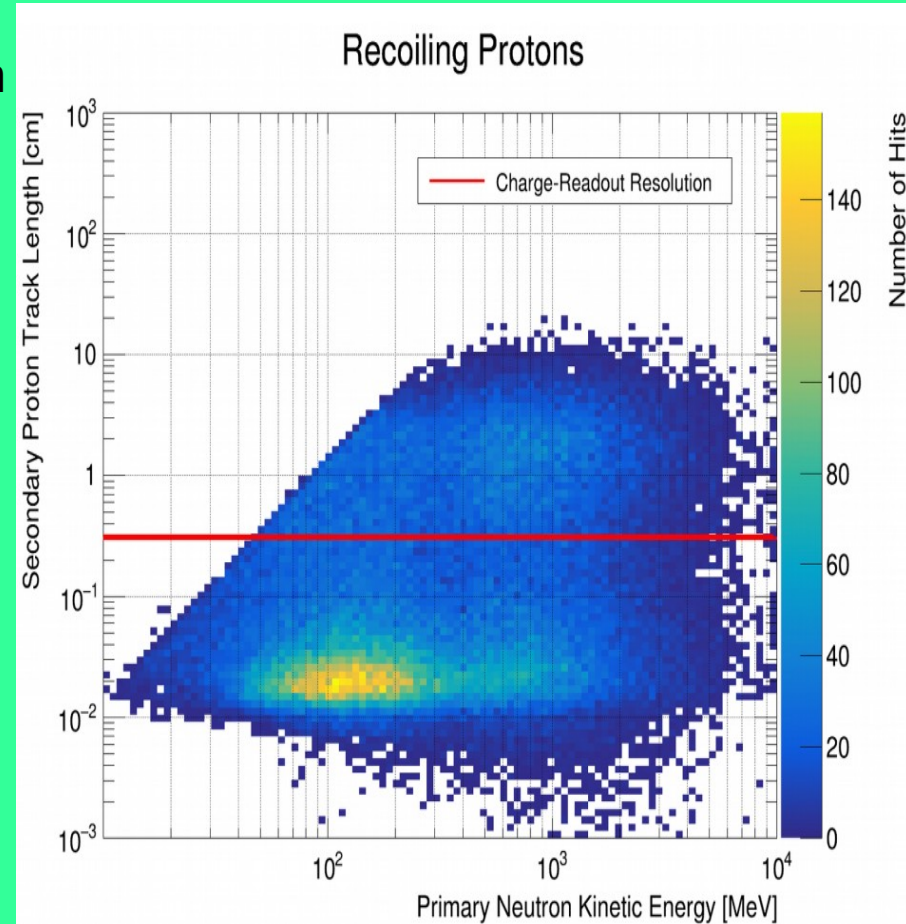
Colouring by nu.

Detached Energy Deposits Are Important

A large uncertainty in energy reconstruction

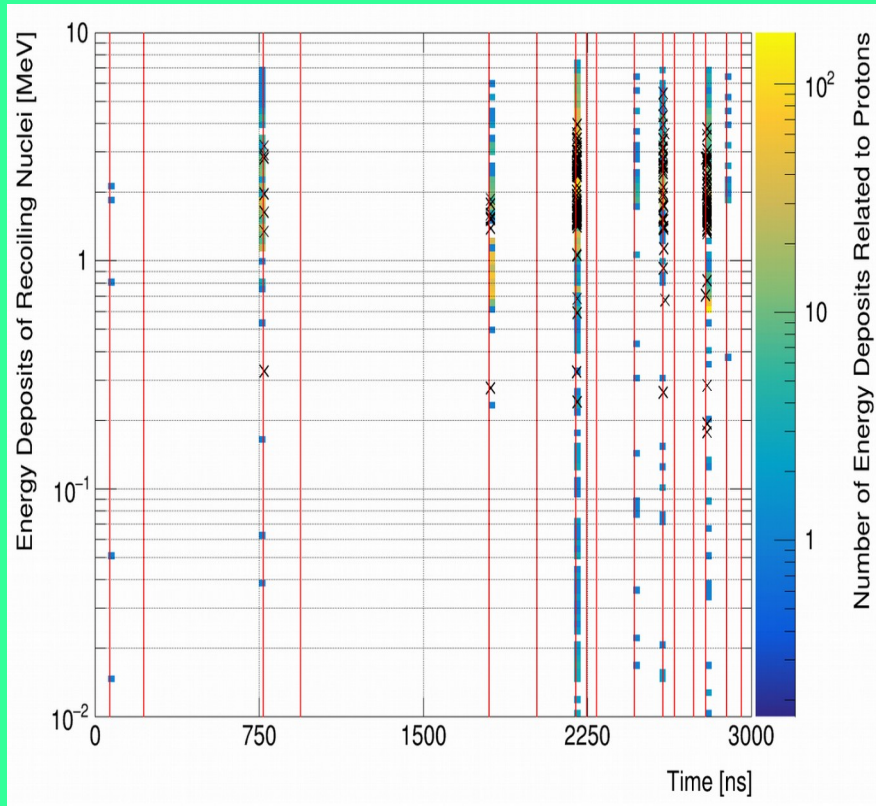


$$E_{\nu, reco} = \underbrace{E_{\mu}}_{\text{leptonic}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=p, \pi^{\pm}} E_i}_{\text{hadronic}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=\pi^0, e, \gamma} E_i}_{\text{EM-showers}} + \cancel{\underbrace{\sum E_n}_{\text{neutrons}}}$$

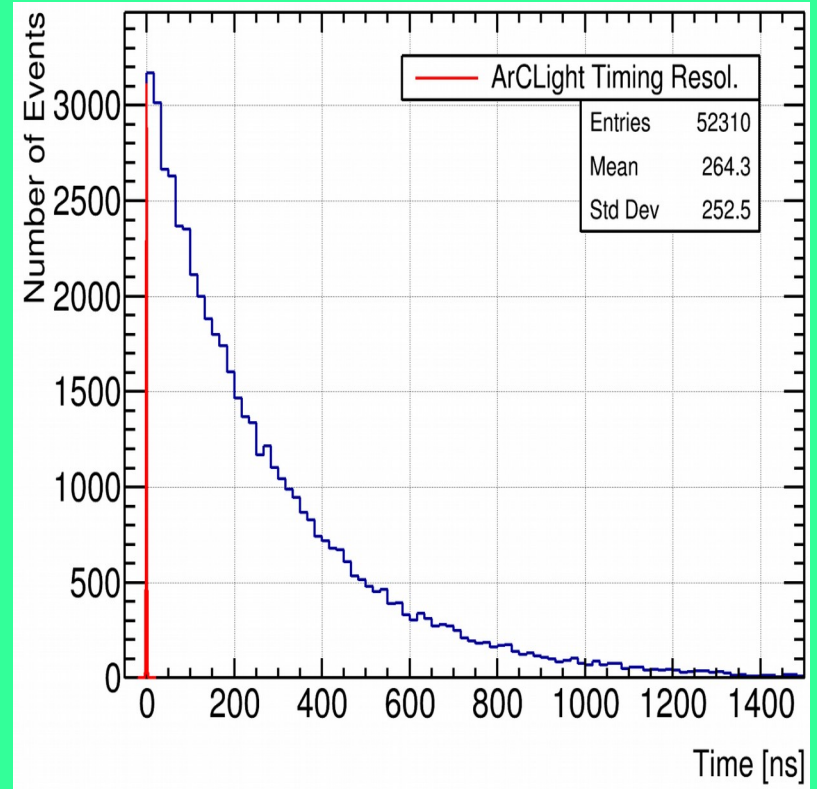


~30% of all recoiling protons from tracks, these are caused by fast neutrons (> 50 MeV)

Neutrino Vertex Temporal Separation



A 3rd of a LBNF spill (1 MW 3 horn optimised, FHC)
 Nu vertex (red), recoiling p (coloured), nuclear recoil (X)



Nu separation within a LBNF beam spill. Only events entering the 60 m³ active volume of ~ 100'000 neutrino events. Mean 264 ns.

Use prompt light from protons and vertex to associate tagged fast neutrons with correct ν -interactions.