

# Overview and Motivation for the HV Test at PC4

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# Overview

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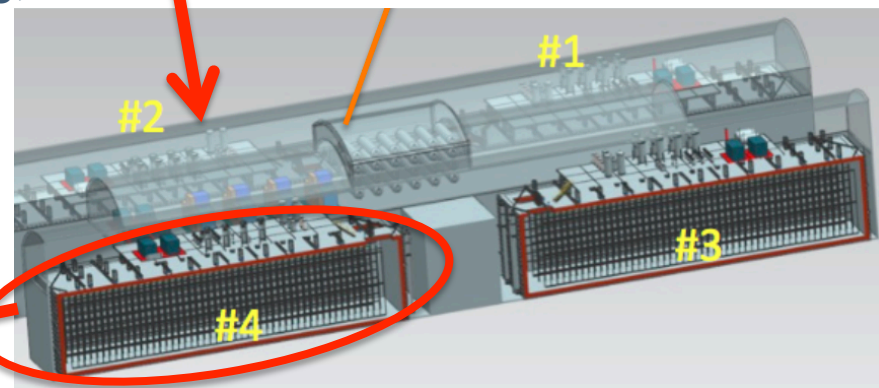
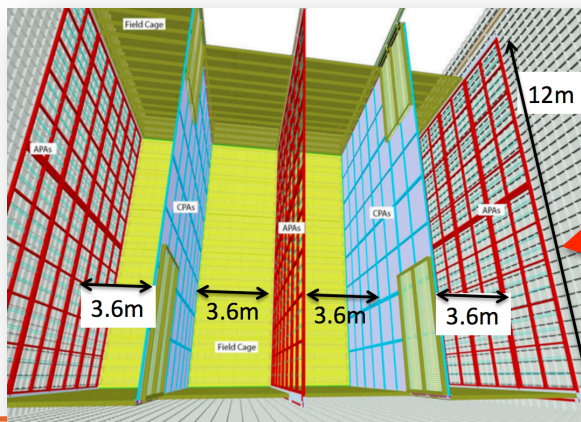
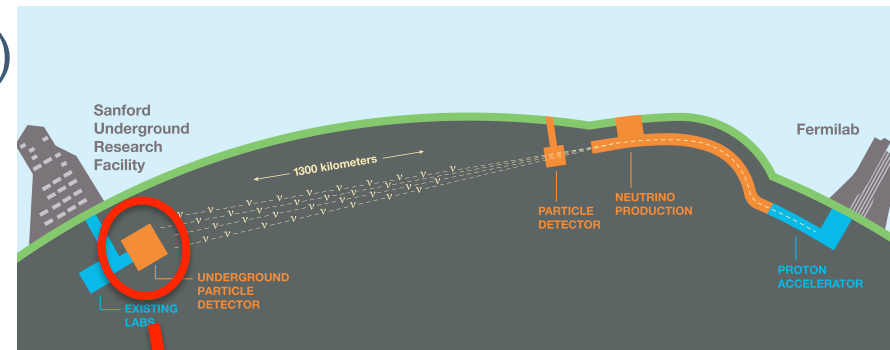
ProtoDUNE

Ash River Test

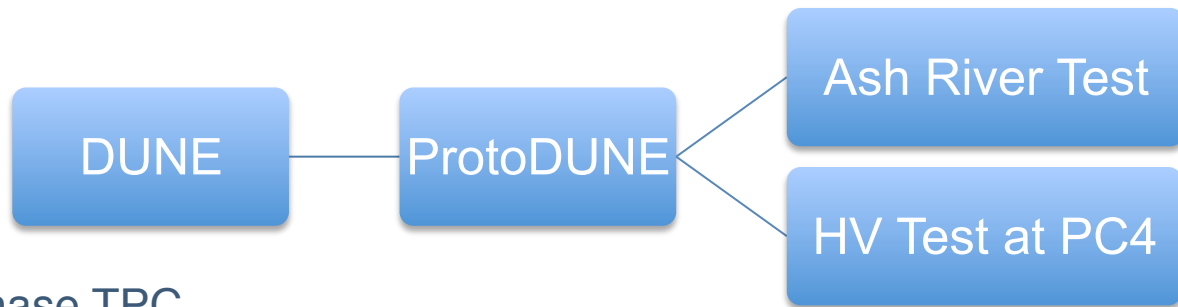
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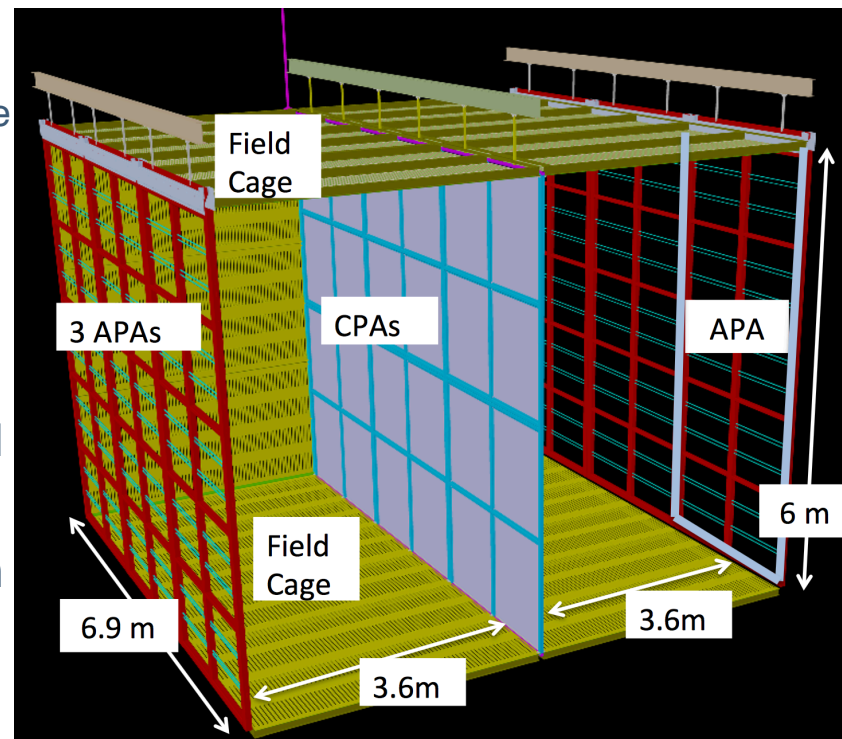
- Flagship project (first data in 2024)
- Long baseline 40 kT liquid argon detectors (4x10 kT modules)
- Single phase (SP) detector option
  - Each module: 12 m tall, 58 m long, (4) 3.6 m drift regions



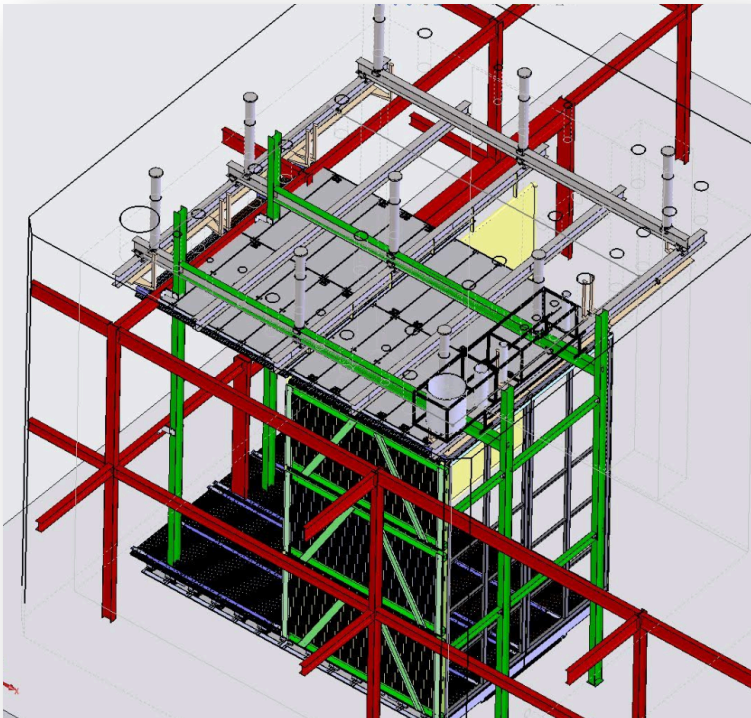
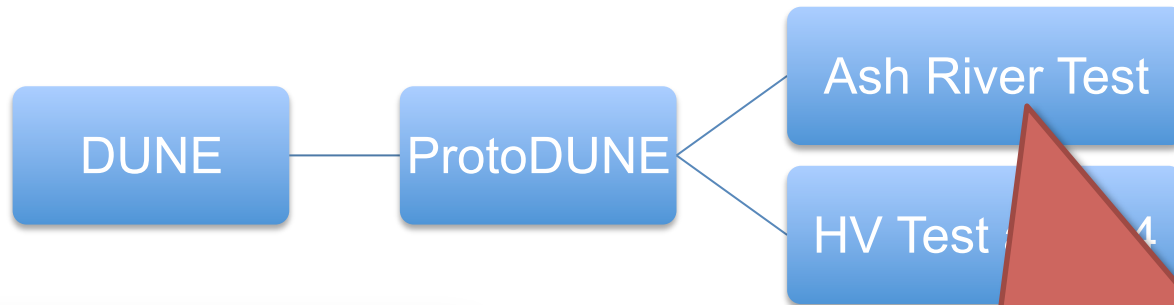
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- ProtoDUNE-SP
  - Two-drift volume single phase TPC
    - 6 m tall, 6.9 m in beam direction
    - (2) 3.6 m drift lengths
  - Typically aim for 500 V/cm  $\rightarrow$  -180 kV on the cathode
  - CERN test beam (sub- to several GeV particles) installation summer/fall of 2017
  - Develop fabrication & installation methods
  - Evaluate the detector performance with full scale DUNE components
  - Study particle interactions & reconstruction methods in the DUNE energy range
  - Compare single to the dual phase technology



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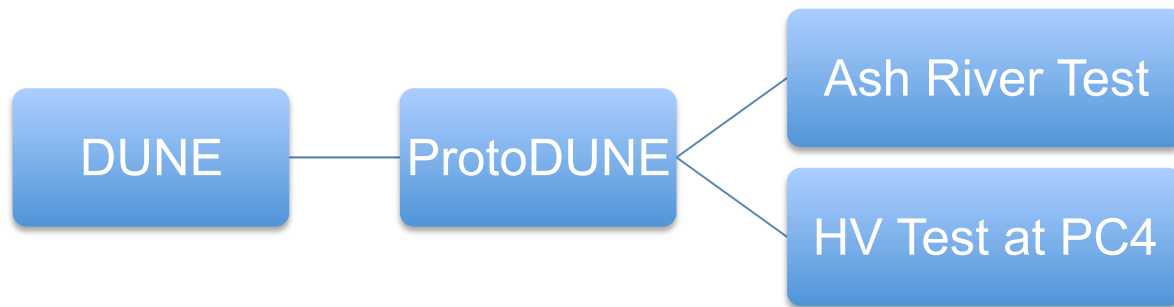


Mechanical prototype in Ash River, MN

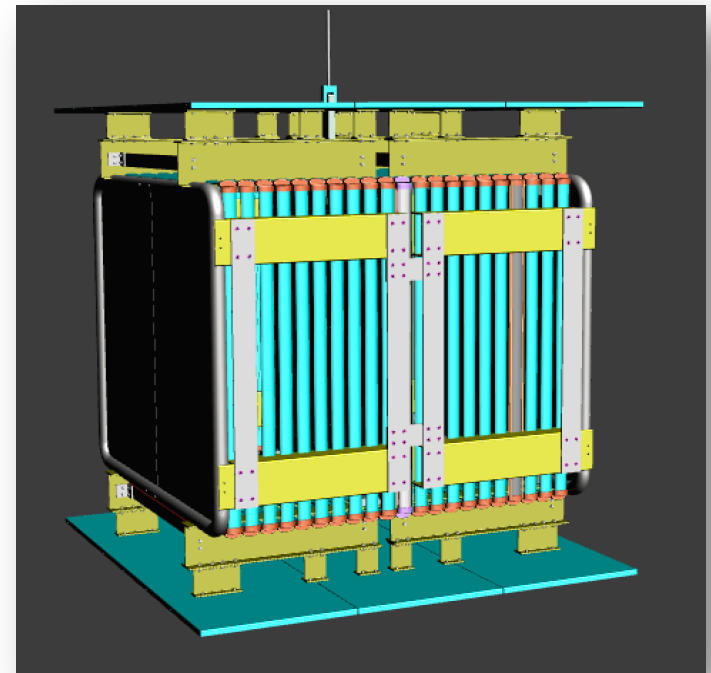
- Full scale ProtoDUNE-SP components
- Tests interfaces and handling



# Overview



- HV Test at PC4
  - Will evaluate the design of ProtoDUNE from a high voltage perspective
    - Design verification
    - Expose any design weaknesses.
      - What voltage can be held?



# Motivation

- We need ProtoDUNE to succeed
- High voltage issues in liquid argon are not well understood
  - A breakdown will likely set the operating voltage of the experiment
  - Breakdown can damage the detector

TABLE 6.2  
*Electric strengths of liquefied gases*

Liquid	Strength (MV cm <sup>-1</sup> )
Nitrogen	1.6–1.88
Oxygen	2.38
Argon	1.10–1.42
Hydrogen	> 1.0
Helium I, II	

High-Voltage Technology, L.L. Alston ed. (1968)

Evidence of electric breakdown induced by bubbles in liquid argon<sup>a</sup>

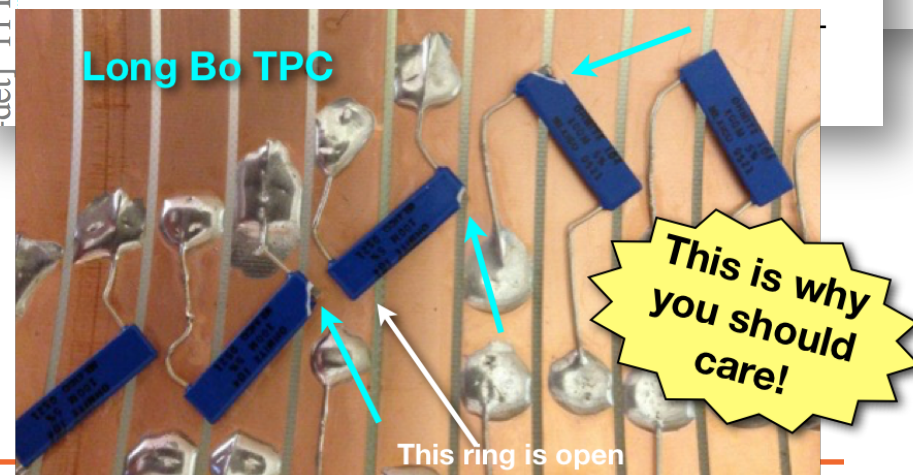
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A method to suppress dielectric breakdowns in liquid argon ionization detectors for cathode to

A Study of Dielectric Breakdown Along Insulators Surrounding Conductors in Liquid Argon

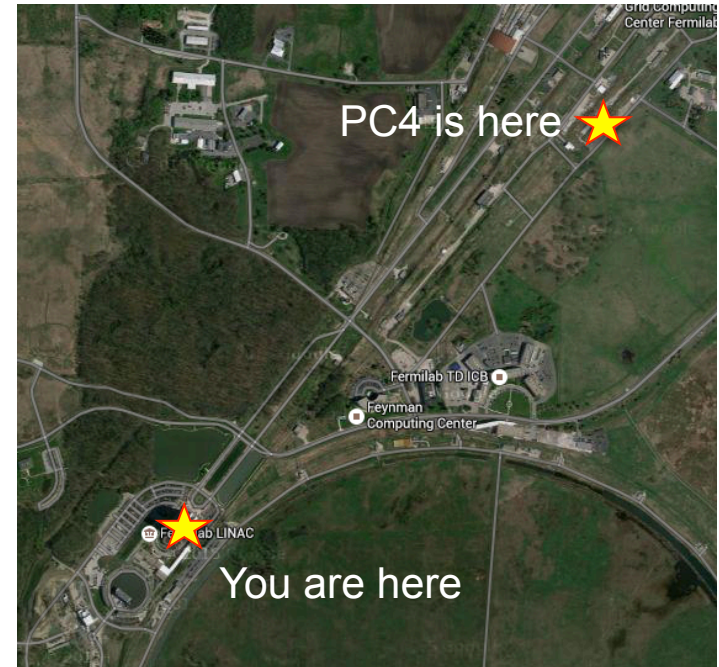
Liquid Argon Dielectric Breakdown Studies with the MicroBooNE Purification System

Experimental study of electric breakdowns in liquid argon at centimeter scale



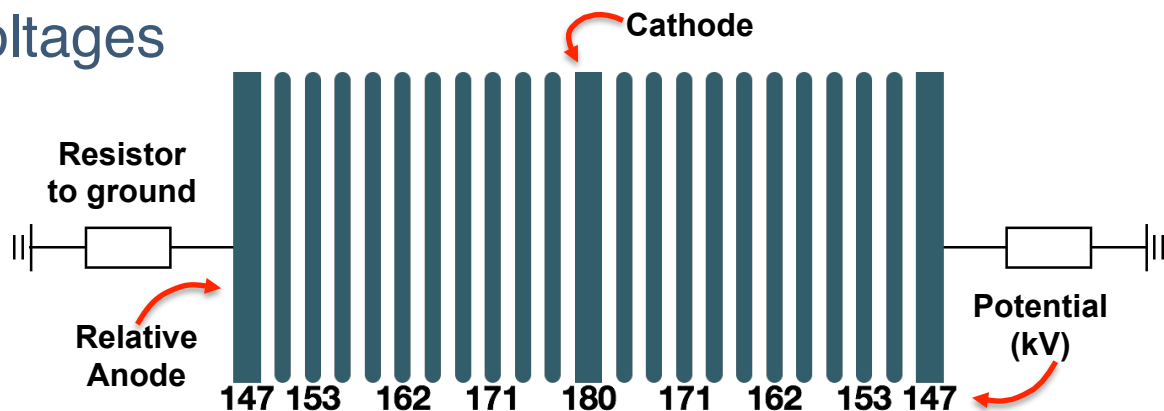
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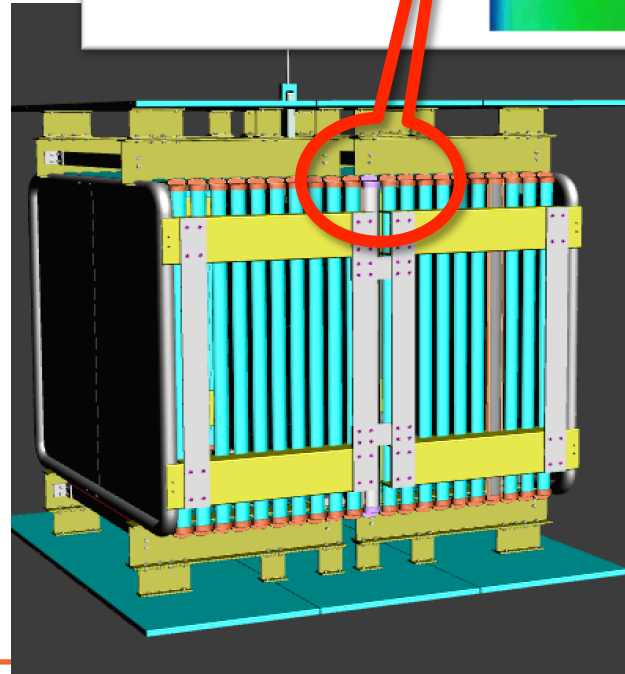
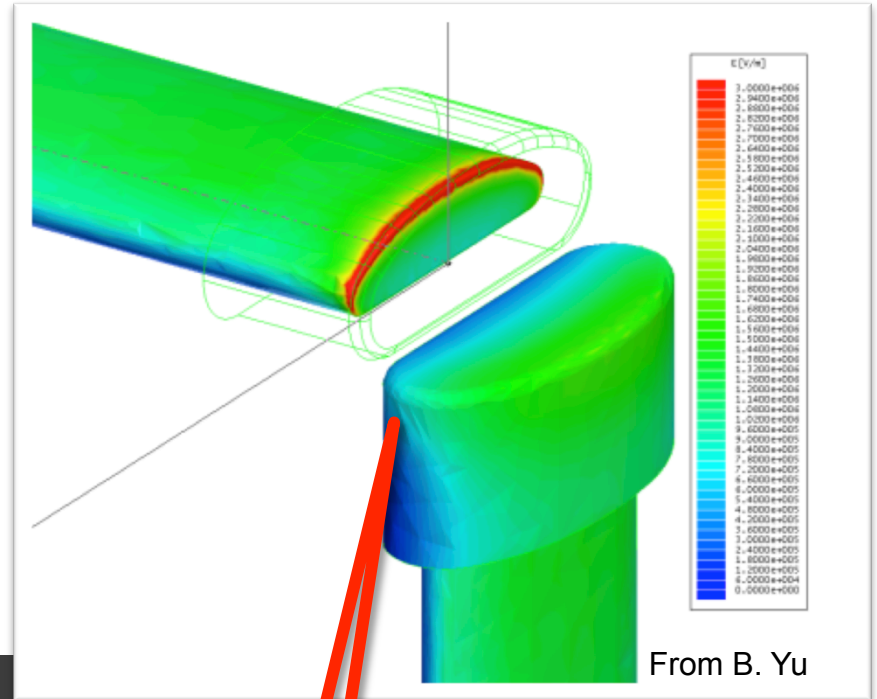
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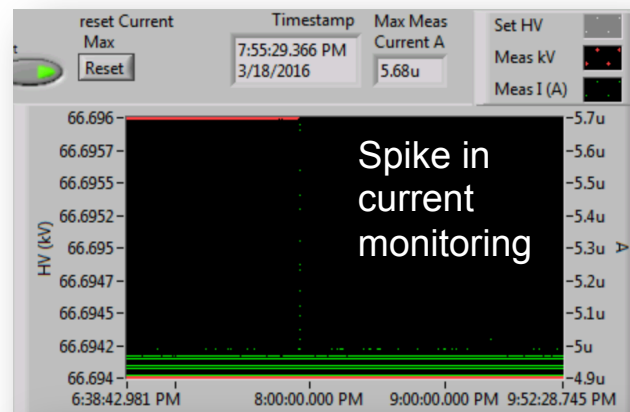
- Individual components:
  - High field areas → corners near cathode
  - New aspects of the design (profiles, resistive plate cathode, ground planes)
- *And* the integration of the pieces
  - Do the pieces of the design work together?



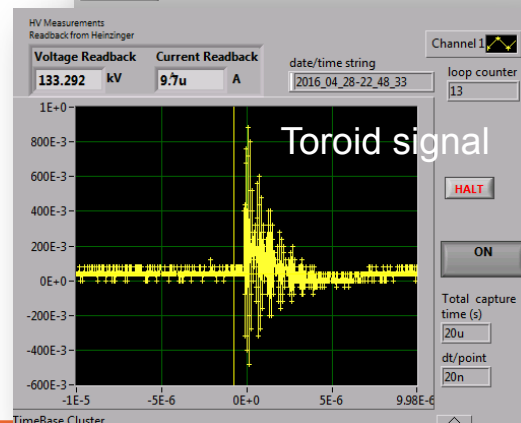
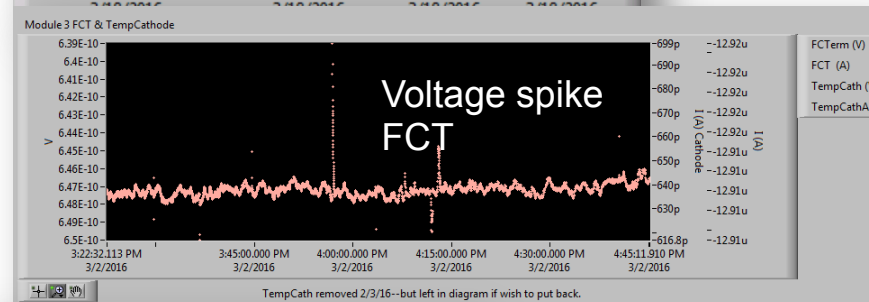


# How to Evaluate: Planned Monitoring

- Current monitoring and logging
  - Monitor the current out of the power supply
- Field cage termination/Pick-off point
  - Monitor the voltage near the end of the resistor network to look for activity in the chain
- Toroid/Corona monitor
  - Sensitive to a change in current flowing through the HV cable just outside of the cryostat
- Cameras
  - William & Mary are working on installing cameras that can help diagnose potential issues.



Plots from A. Hahn of 35T Phase 2

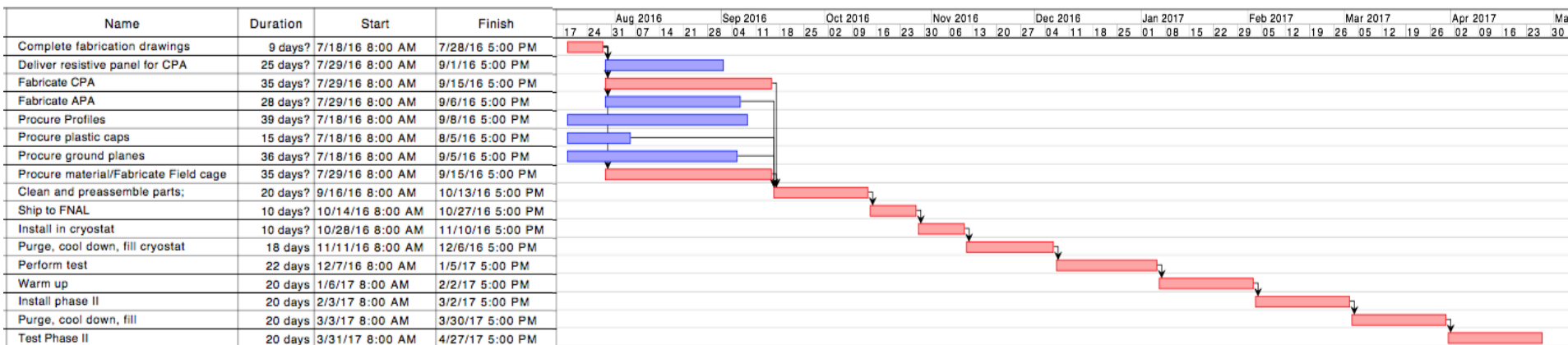


# Run Plan and Grading the Test

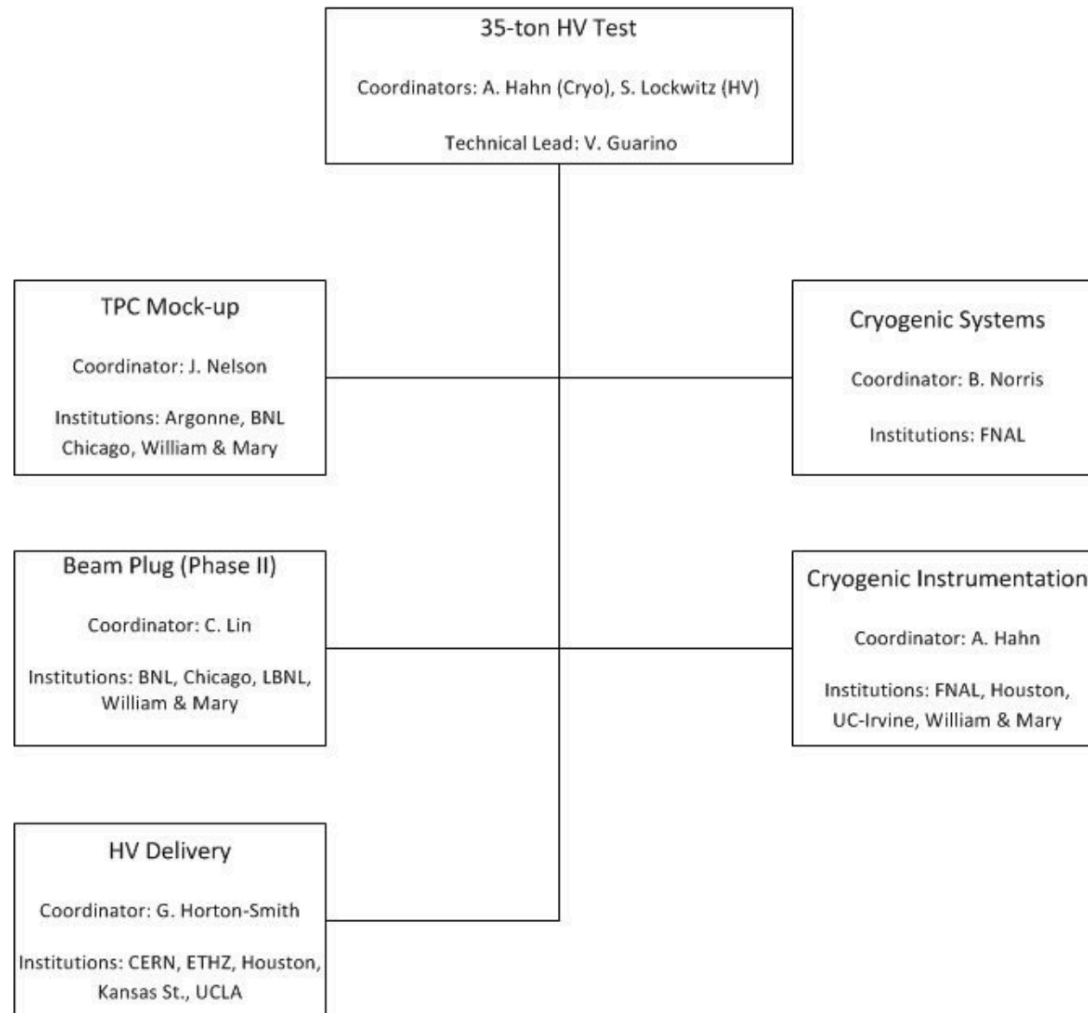
- Keep low voltage ( $\sim 2$  kV) on the feedthrough after the cryostat is closed up
  - Monitor the PS voltage, PS current, FCT, and toroid
  - Provides a baseline and assures of the chain's health before high voltage is applied
- Purge & fill with liquid argon
- Keep HV at 2 kV for starting the pump
- Start to purify! Previously, this has taken  $\sim 2$  weeks
- Try to raise the voltage to -180 kV (rate:  $\sim 60$  V/s) over the first week while purifying
- Monitor....
- What if we believe there is a breakdown?
  - Can we tell where it is?
    - $\rightarrow$  Improve the ProtoDUNE design!
  - What voltage can be held stably ( $>$  days)?
  - How long can we hold V (just below troubled voltage)?
  - Try to go as high as we can in the last week again.

# Schedule

- By 9/15/2016
  - Design, fabricate, and deliver parts to William & Mary
- 9/16/2016 - 10/13/2016
  - Clean and Preassemble parts
- 10/14/2016 - 10/27/2016
  - Parts delivered to Fermilab
- 10/28/2016 - 11/10/2016
  - Test installed in cryostat
- 11/11/2016 - 12/6/2016: Purge, cool down, fill the cryostat
- 12/7/2016 – 1/5/2017: Perform test



# Organizational Chart



# Agenda

- Plan for ProtoDUNE-SP HV
  - Overview and background of the apparatus and device motivating the planned test
- Technical Review: Mechanical Specifications
  - Details on the time projection chamber (TPC)
- Technical Review: Electrical Specifications
  - Details on the electrical chain of the test
- Cryogenics and Plan for Instrumentation
  - Schedule and outlook of the cryogenics
- Stage II Plans
  - ProtoDUNE has a beam plug that will be tested separately