

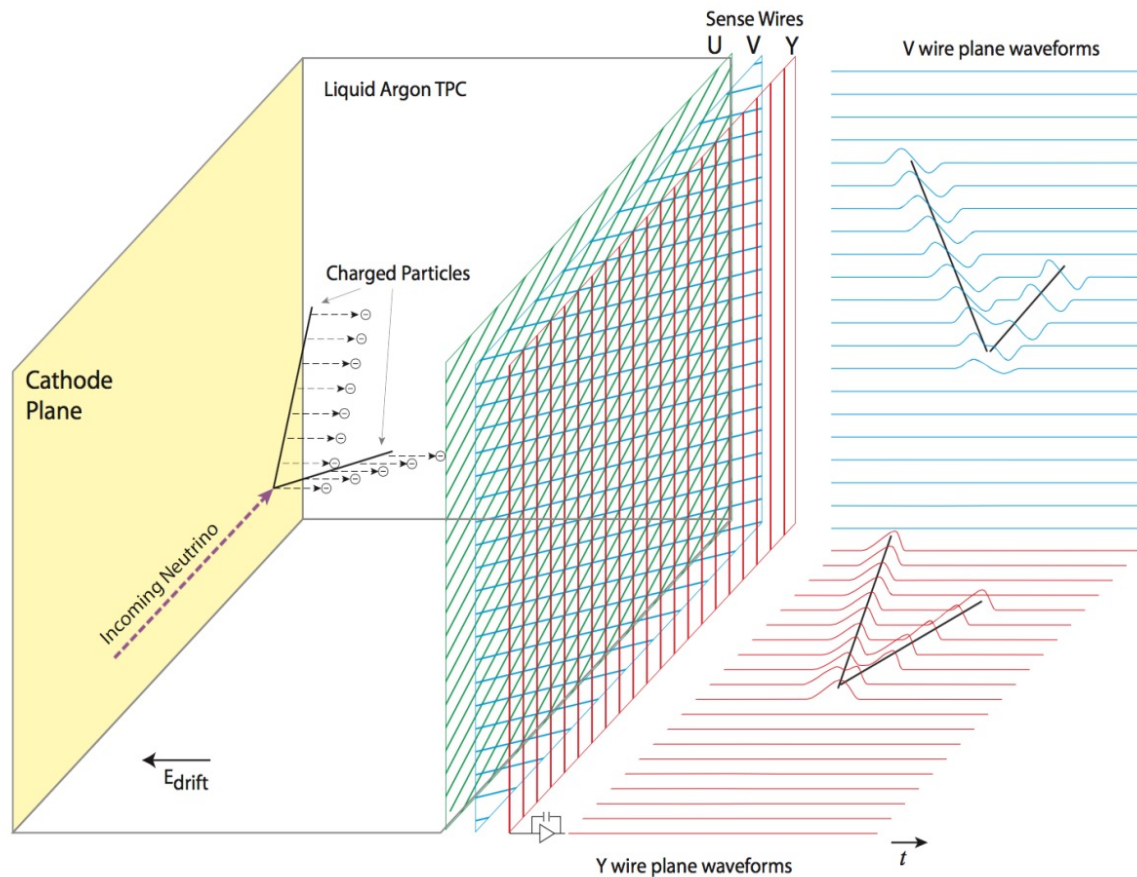
The Modular LArTPC

Design and Prototype for the DUNE ND

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The *classical* LArTPC

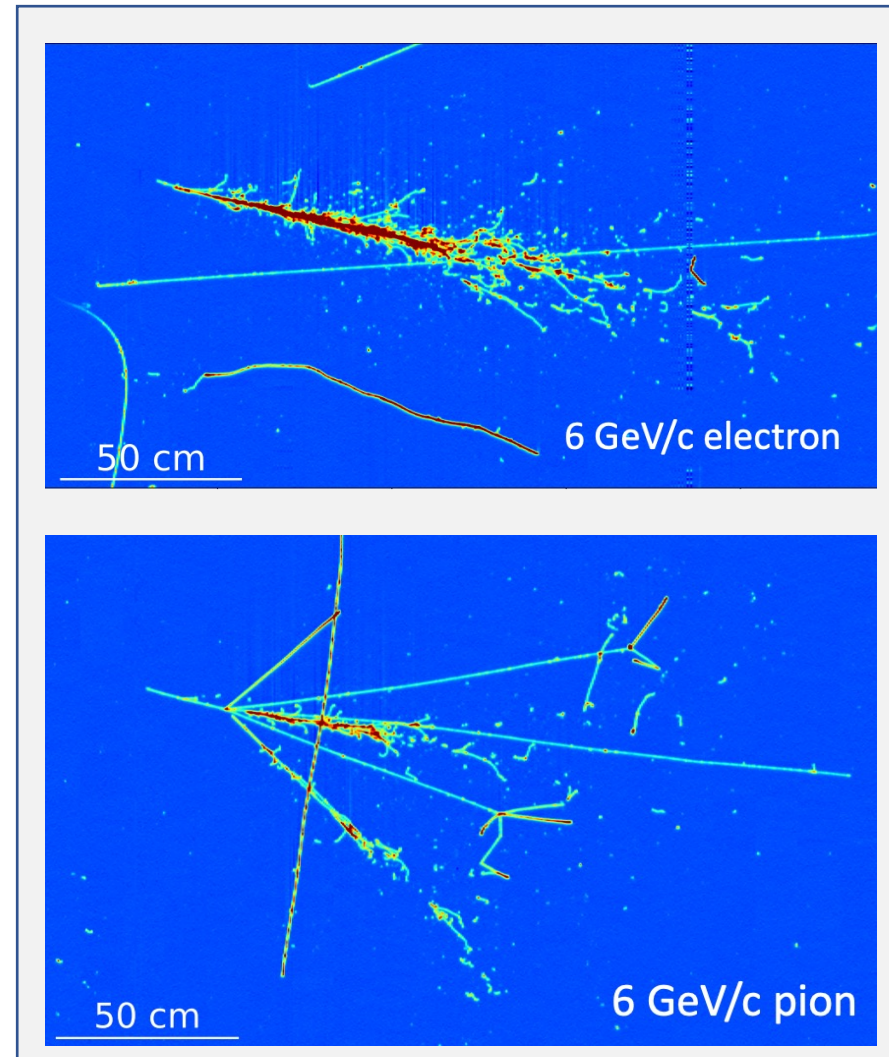


- ♦ The Liquid Argon TPCs are fully-active tracking calorimeters.
- ♦ Neutrino interaction in LAr produces ionization and scintillation light
- ♦ The ionization charge drifts in a uniform electric field to finely segmented wire planes.
- ♦ The scintillation light is collected using PMTs.

Why LArTPC ?

- ◆ Excellent spatial and calorimetric resolution provides exceptional capabilities for precision study of neutrinos.
- ◆ Multiple wire orientations give independent views of the same event.
- ◆ Scintillation light provides valuable timing information.

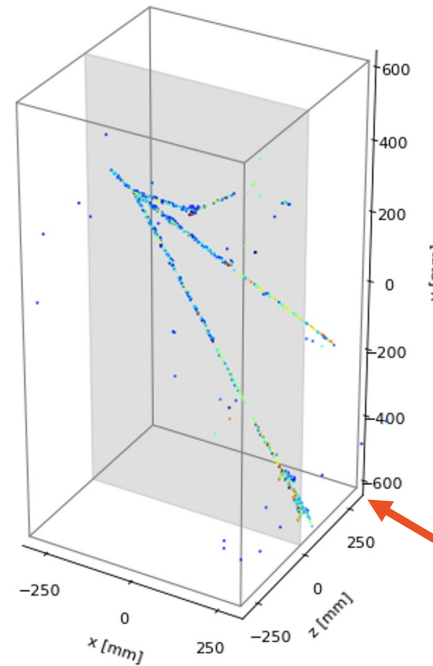
➡ LArTPCs provide 3D reconstruction!



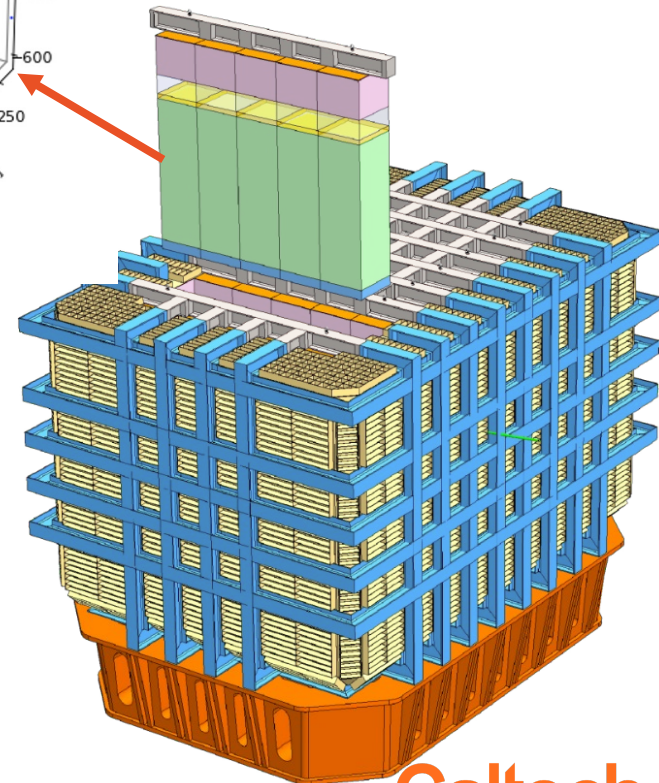
ProtoDUNE SP LArTPC Events

Modular *Pixelated* LArTPC

- ◆ However, classical TPCs infer 3D reconstruction by combining 2D views.
- ◆ Ambiguities in projective wire readout aggravate in high multiplicity environment.

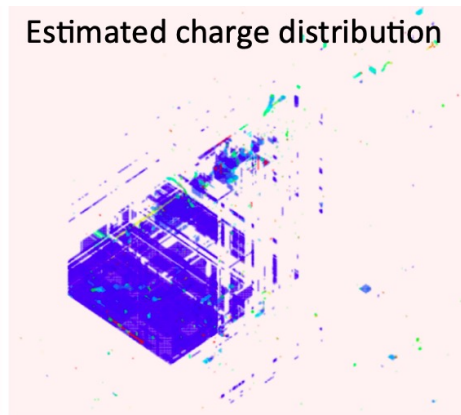
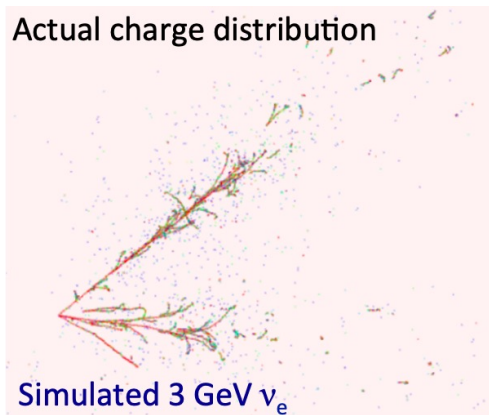


Modular Pixelated LArTPC provides *True 3D imaging*



Actual charge distribution

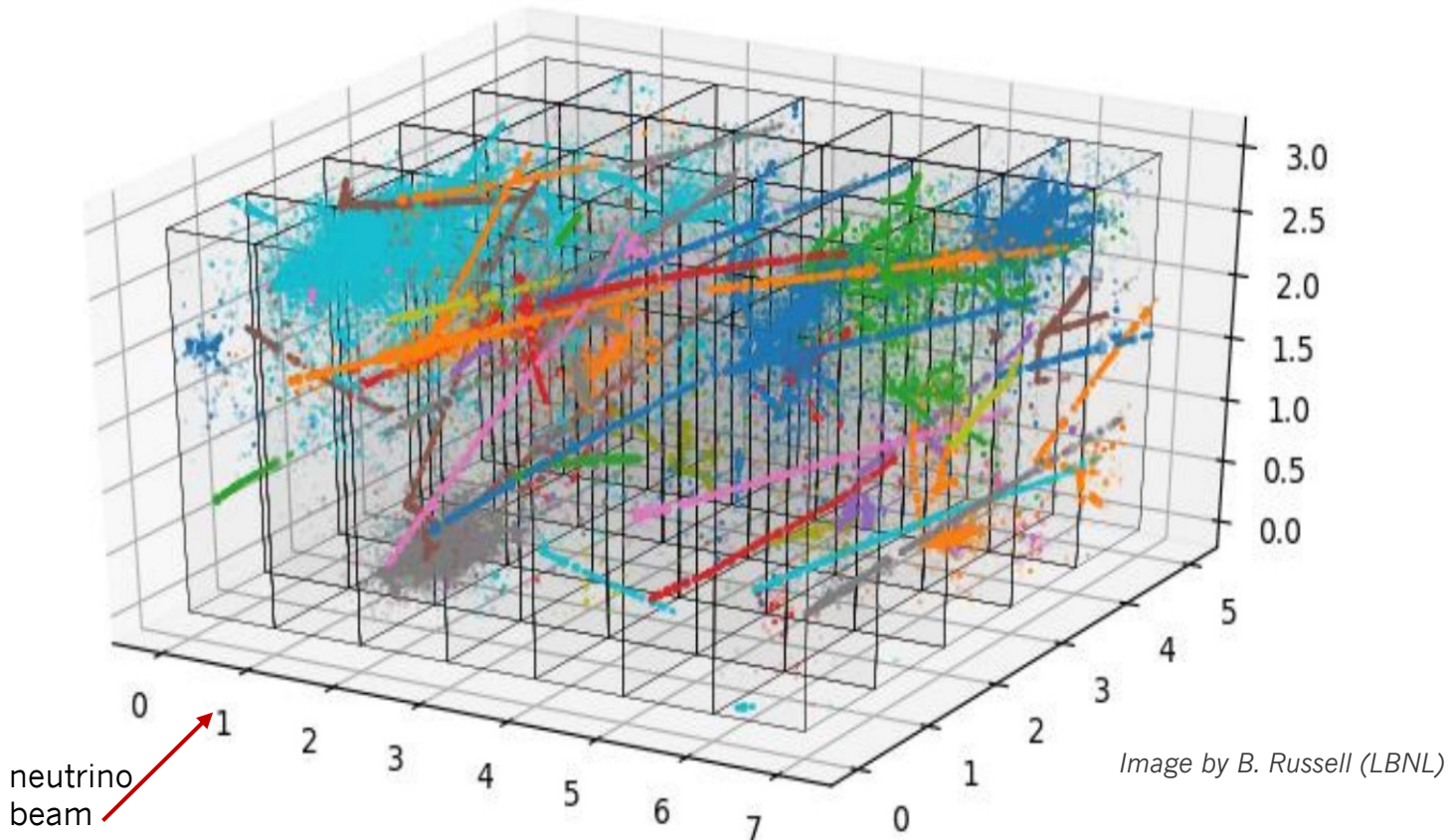
Estimated charge distribution



Simulated 3 GeV ν_e

Why Modular LArTPC for DUNE?

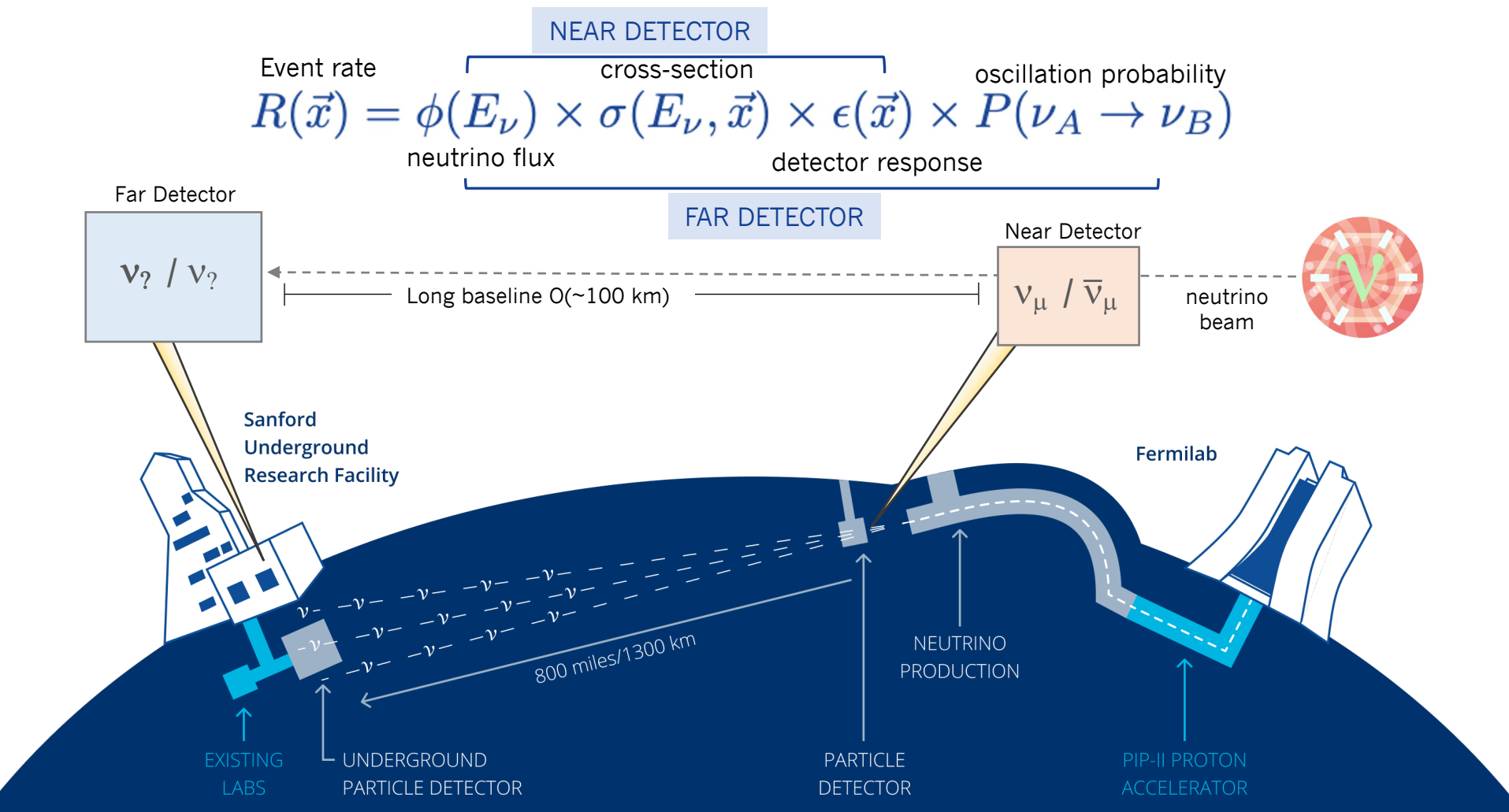
Simulation of 1.2 MW LBNF beam spill at DUNE ND




Geant4 visible energy deposits - color indicates independent visible interactions.

The DUNE Experiment

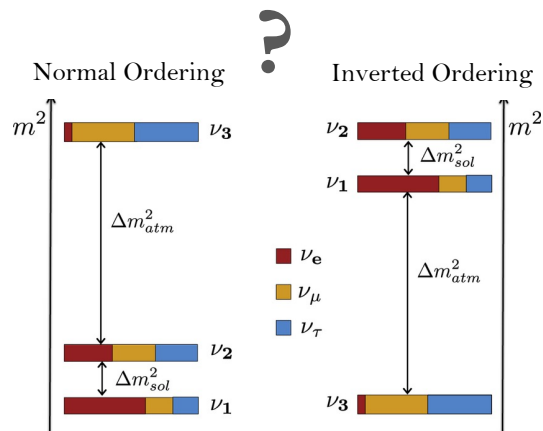
- DUNE will use the most intense accelerator neutrinos from the LBNF beam and detect them at SURF 1300 kms away. Near Detector (ND) at Fermilab will provide crucial in-situ constraints for measurements at the FD.



DUNE Physics goals* : Discovery

 [DUNE Oscillation Overview @ Snowmass: C. Wilkinson July19th](#)

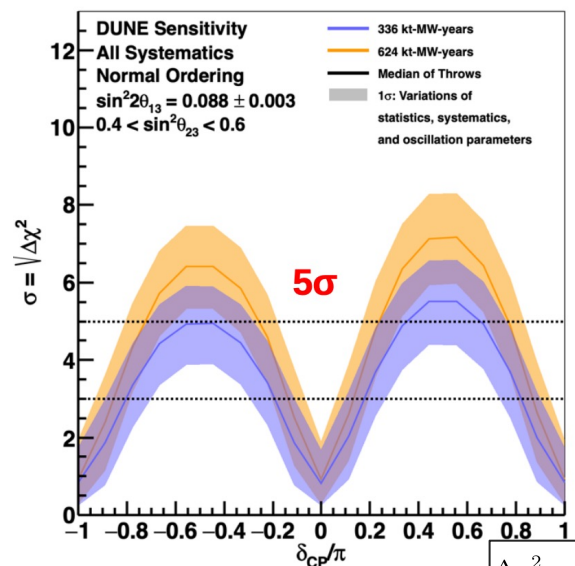
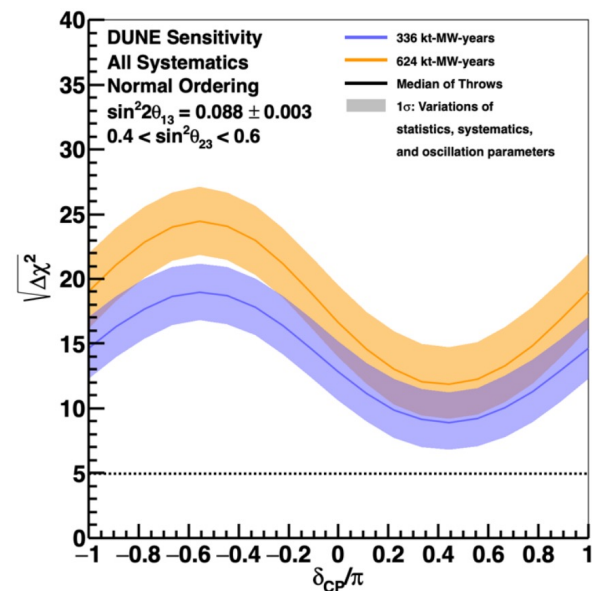
oscillation



**Mass Ordering:
Normal or Inverted?**



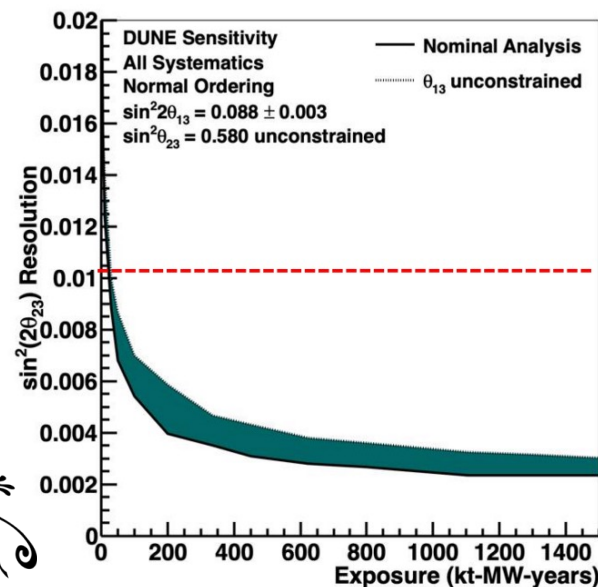
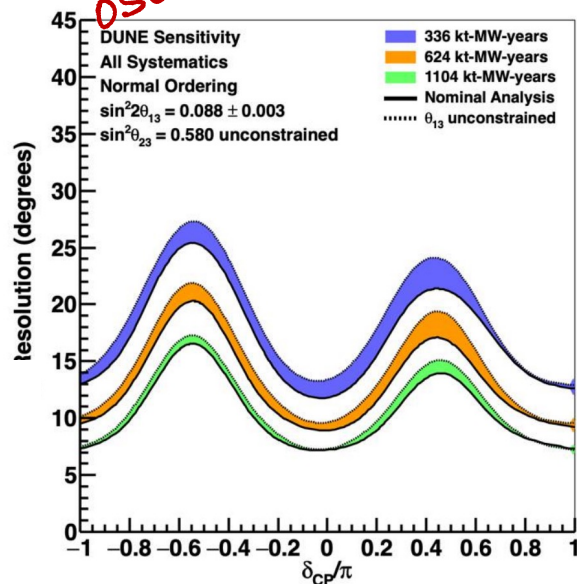
δ_{CP} : Do neutrinos
violate CP?



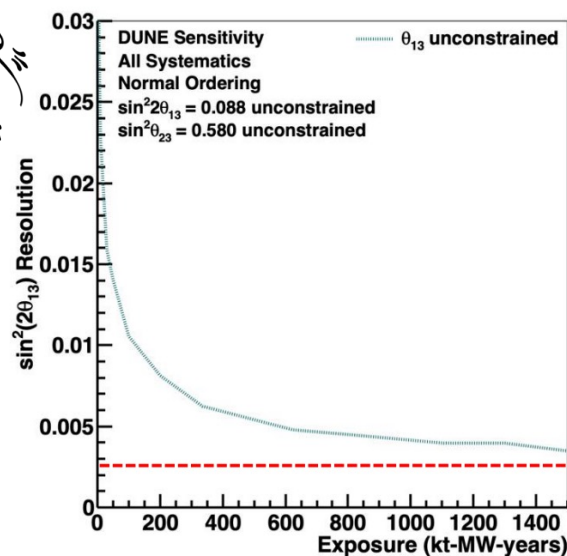
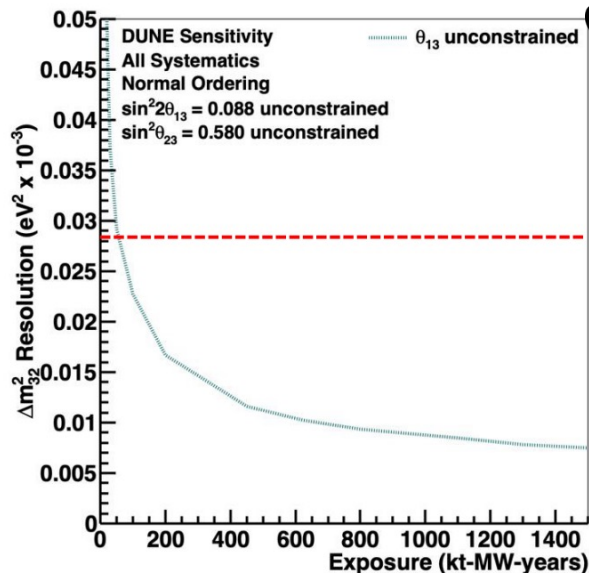
*other cool searches for supernova, DSNB, BSM physics and sterile searches not included here!

DUNE Oscillation Physics goals* : Precision

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Unambiguous high precision measurements of Δm_{32}^2 , δ_{CP} , θ_{23} and θ_{13} with a single experiment.



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The DUNE ND Overview

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Magnetized Temporary Muon Spectrometer (Phase-I) → High Pressure Gas Argon TPC (Phase-II)

[Previous talk by T. Mohayai](#)

SAND

System for On-Axis Neutrino Detection
Fixed On-axis magnetized beam spectrum monitor

[Next talk by Z. Ghorbanimoghaddam](#)

ND-LAr

7 x 5 array of modular 1x1x3 m³ LArTPCs with pixel readout and high photodetector coverage.

✨ This talk ✨

Beam axis

PRISM

System for moving the LArTPC + muon tracker up to 30m transverse to the beam direction to enable scans of beam at multiple off-axis positions

The Near Detector

Objective: Predict the observed neutrino spectrum at the FD

Requirements

Measurements transferable to the FD

Constrain the cross-section model

Measure the neutrino flux

Obtain measurement with different fluxes

Monitor time variations of the neutrino beam

Operate in high-rate environment

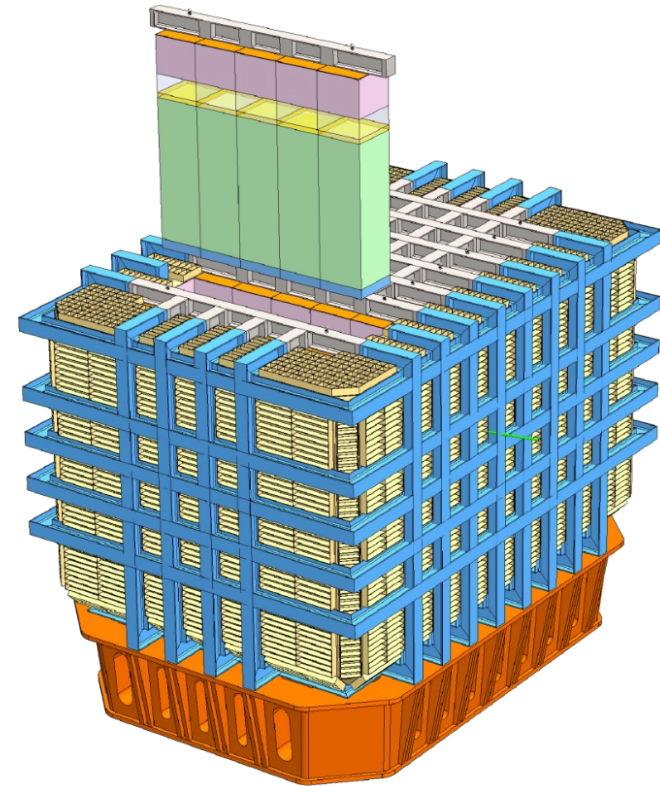
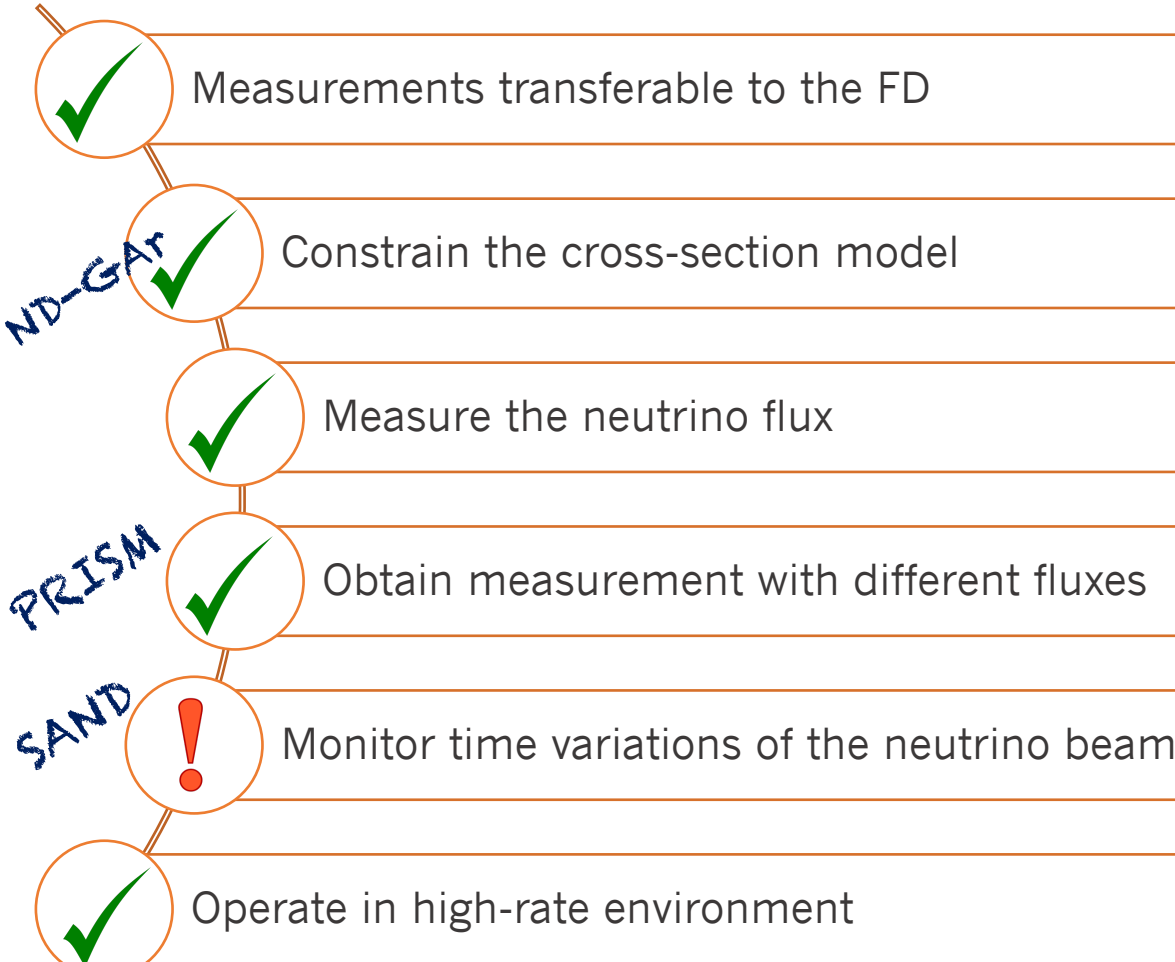


*Never go on a long baseline
adventure without a near
detector – Anonymous.*

ND-LAr Report Card

Objective: Predict the observed neutrino spectrum at the FD

Requirements

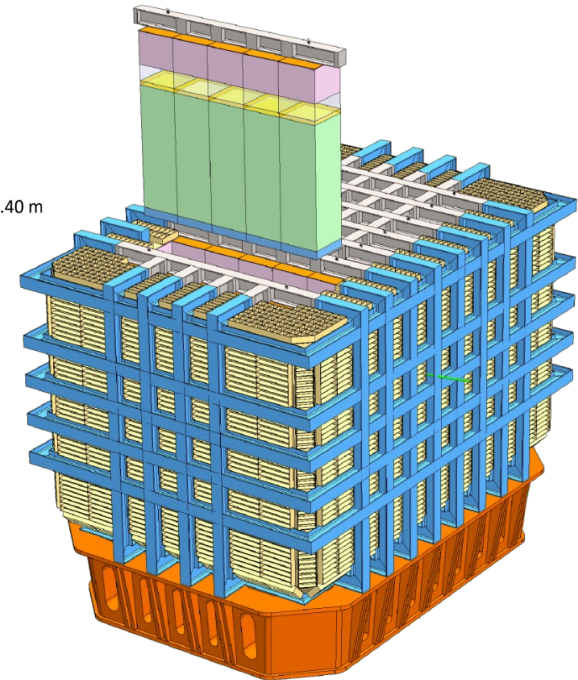
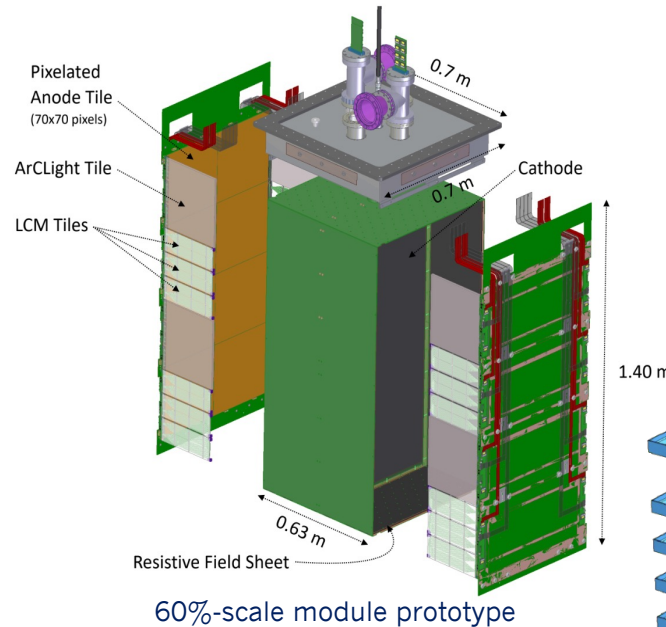


[arXiv 2103.13910](https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.13910) DUNE ND CDR

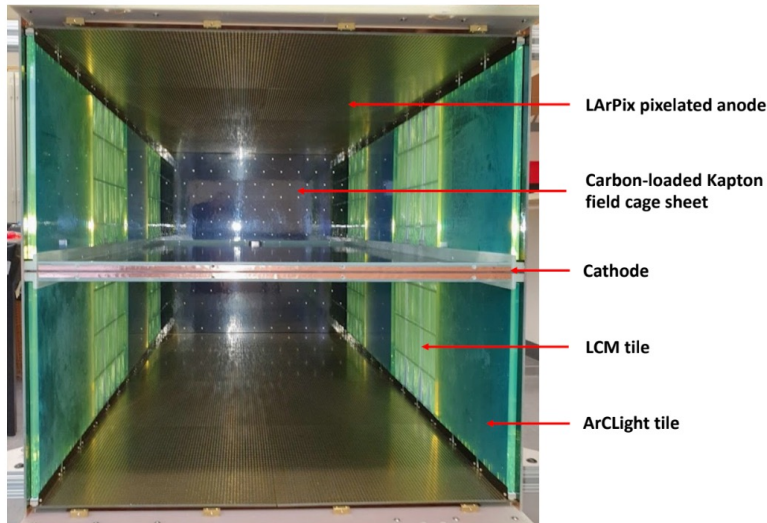
ND-LAr Design

Key Features:

- ◆ Pixelated charge readout
- ◆ High photodetector coverage with a large area dielectric photon detection system
- ◆ Highly resistive foil for electric field shaping
- ◆ Modular design provides optical segmentation



Top-down view of the module prototype



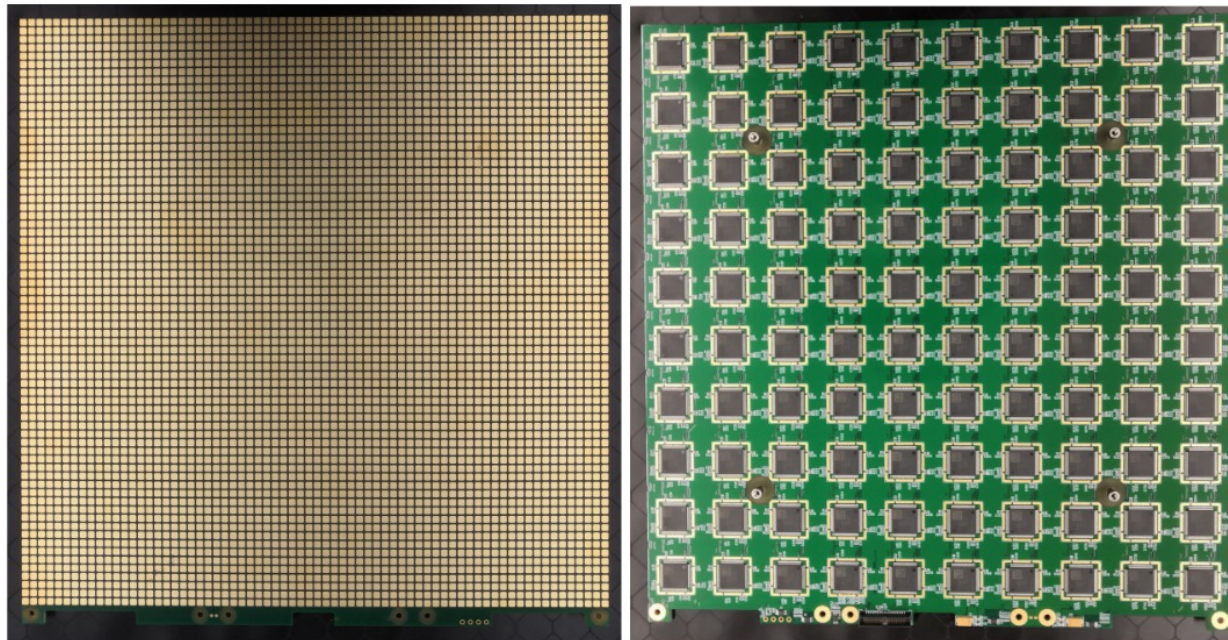
ND-LAr Design :

- Active size: 5m deep, 7m wide and 3m tall
- 5 x 7 hermetic TPC modules – 1m x 1m x 3m
- Short drift (50 cm)
- Minimal inactive material with density similar to LAr

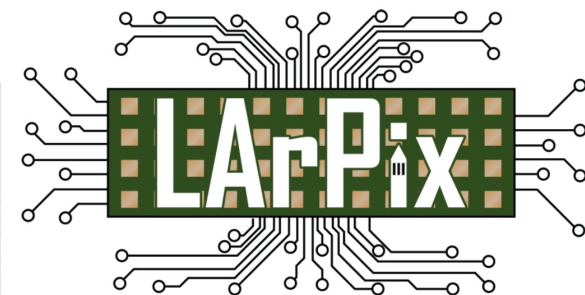
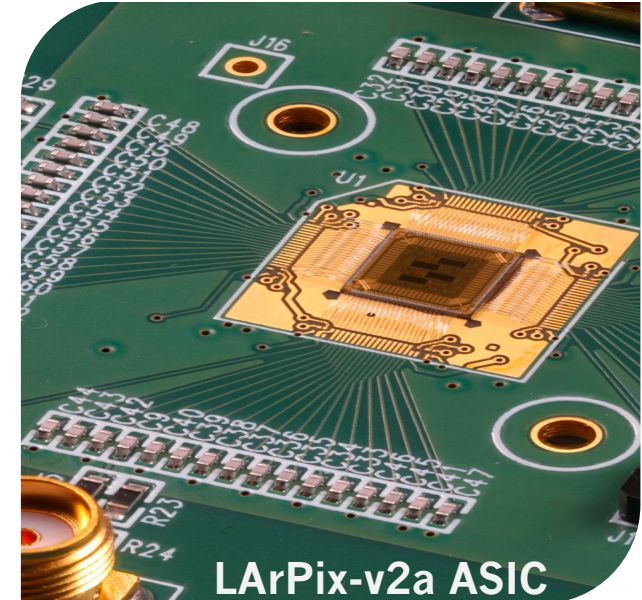
Pixelated Charge Readout

- ◆ Provides unambiguous 3D tracking of charged particles crossing a LArTPC.
- ◆ Low-power, low-noise integrating amplifier with self-triggered digitization and readout
- ◆ Charge stays on pixel until digitization and/or reset
- ◆ Always active – continuous self-triggering

👉 [LArTPC Pixelated Readout @ Snowmass: B. Russell July 20th](#)



LArPix Pixel tile with pixel pads(front) and ASICS(back)



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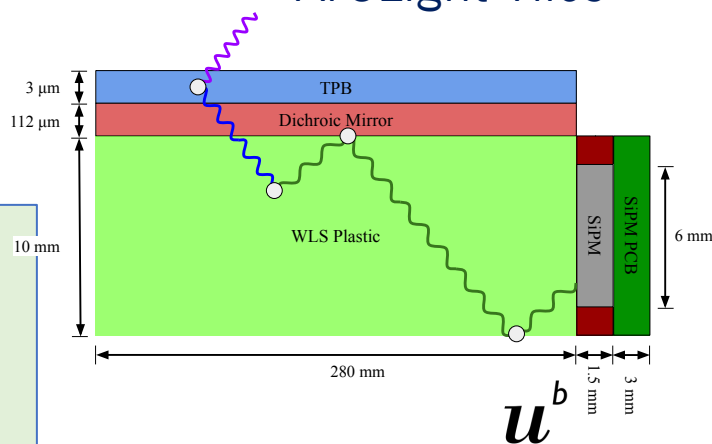
LArPix Pixel tile

- 32 cm x 32 cm large-format mixed signal PCB
- 100 LArPix-v2a ASICs/tile
- 4900 pixel pads with 4.4 mm pixel pitch

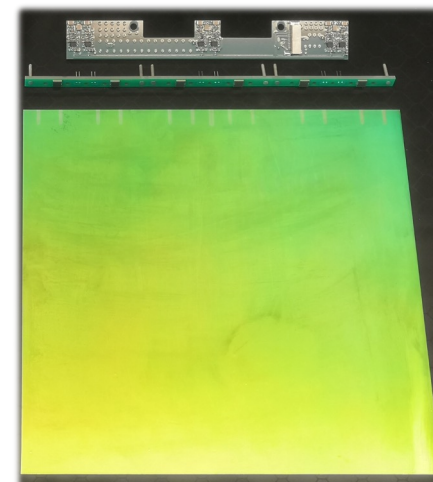
Light Readout System

- LAr produces scintillation light of wavelength ~ 128 nm.
- The TPC needs a high-performance light detection system with:
 - High coverage with a dynamic range
 - Fast readout to provide precise spatial resolution
 - Capability to operate in high-rate environment

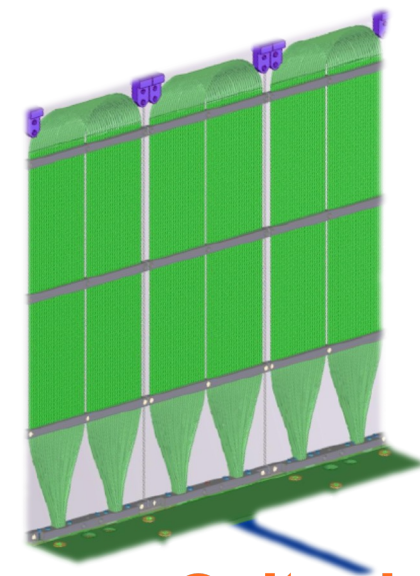
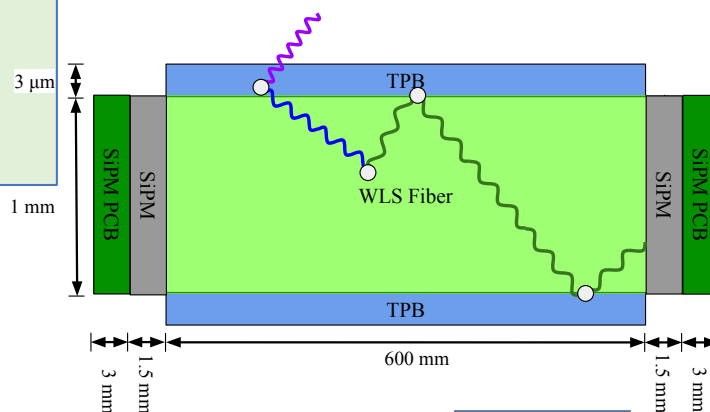
ArCLight Tiles



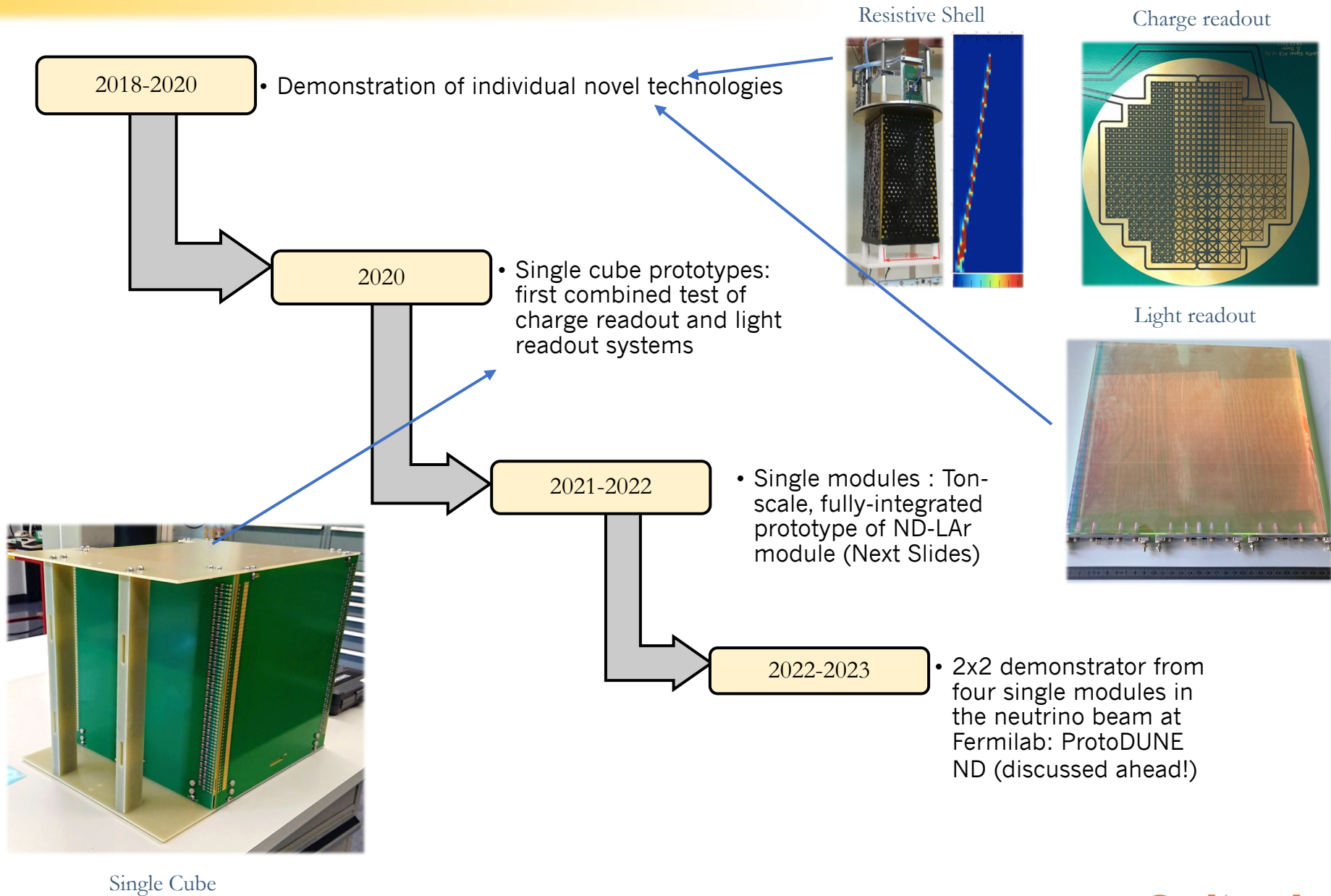
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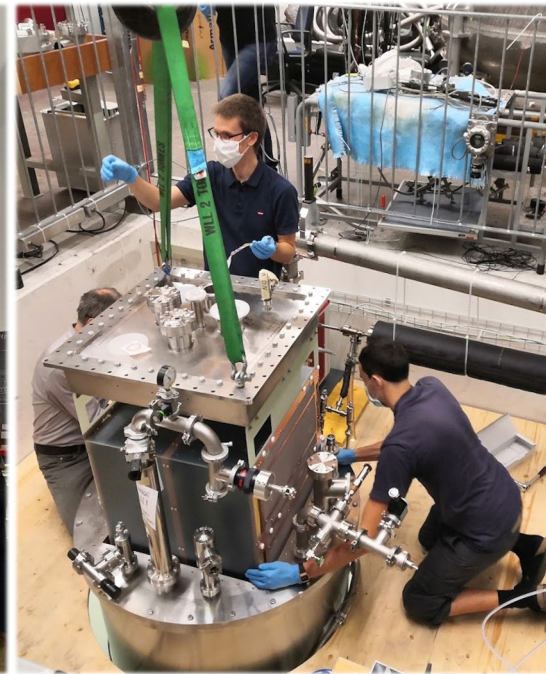
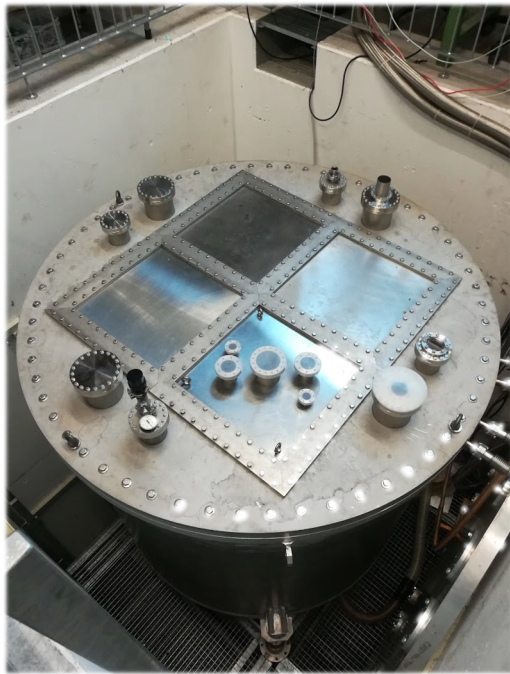


Timeline of Technical Demonstrations

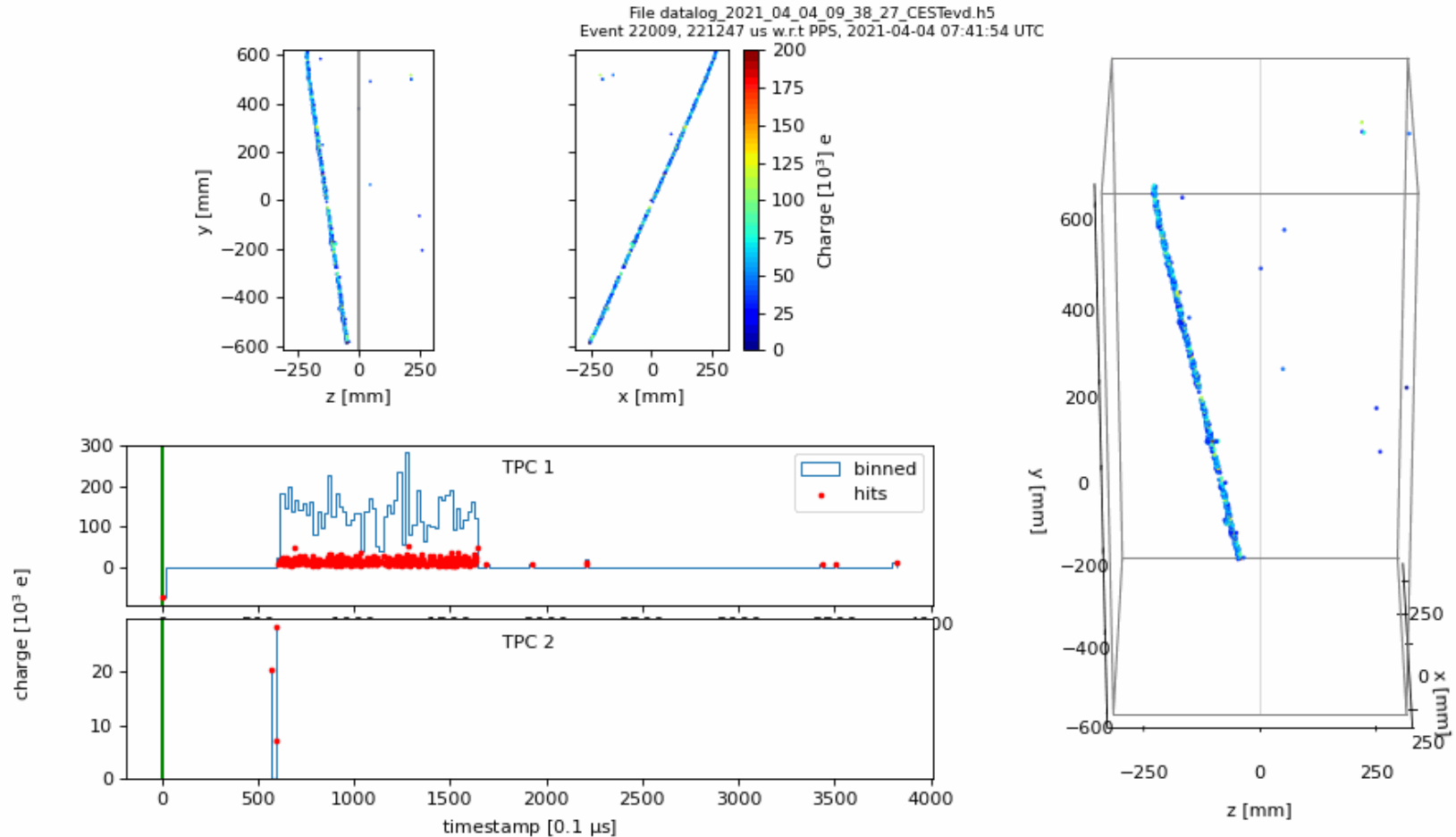


Single Module Demos @ BERN

- ♦ 4 individual fully integrated, ton-scale LAr Modules are being tested at Bern at cryogenic temperatures.
- ♦ Collected data from $O(\sim 100M)$ cosmic ray induced events during Module-0 and Module-1 runs.

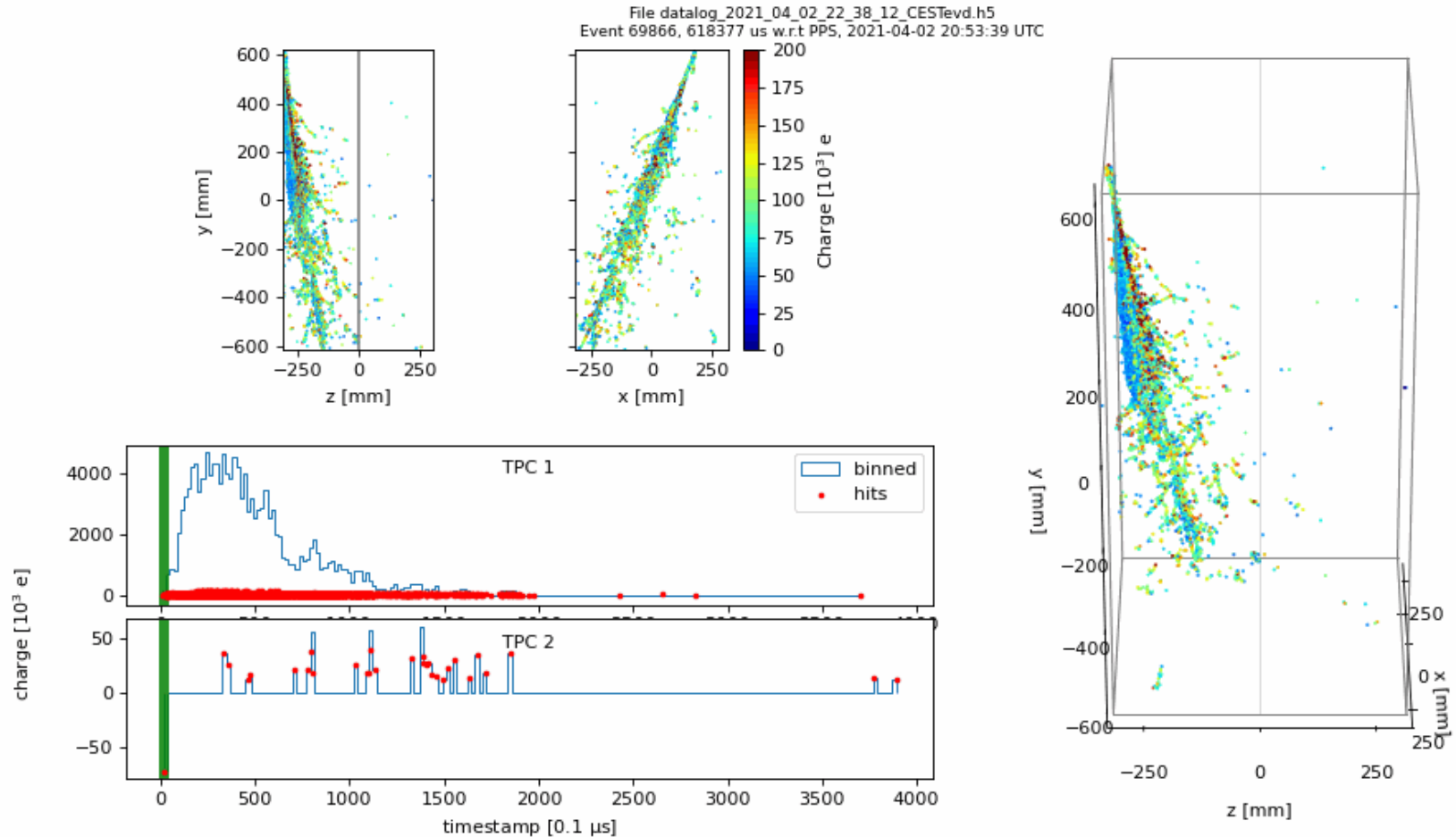


Single Module Demos @ BERN



Through-going muon track

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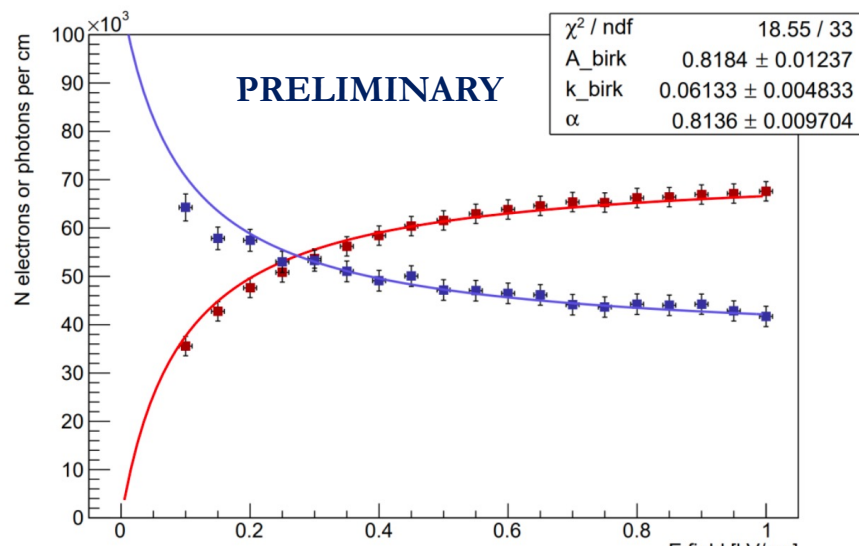
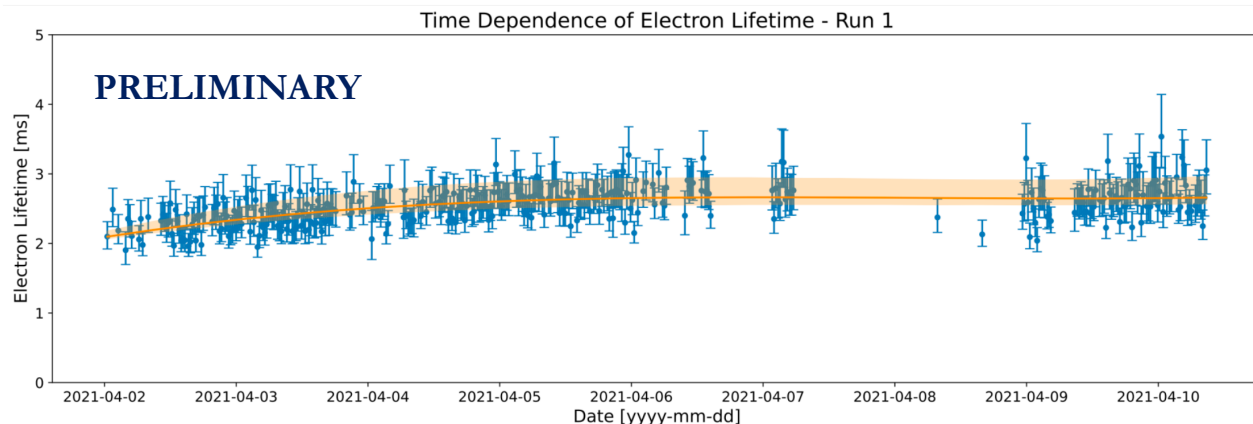


Shower event caused by very high-energy mons

Single Module Demos @ BERN

- ◆ With high statistics data, Module-0 is already producing competitive measurements.
 - ◆ Simultaneous fit of charge and light yield gives measurements that are consistent with ICARUS and ArgoNeut.
- ◆ Publication on Module-0 data analysis is in preparation: *"Performance of a modular ton-scale pixel-readout liquid argon Time Projection Chamber"*.

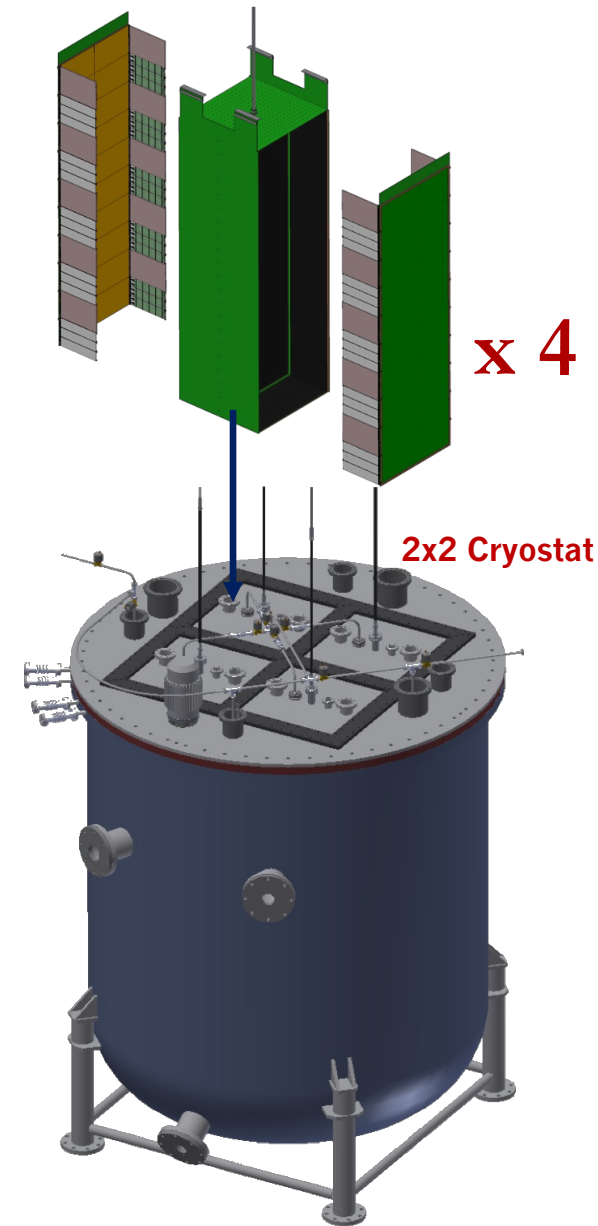
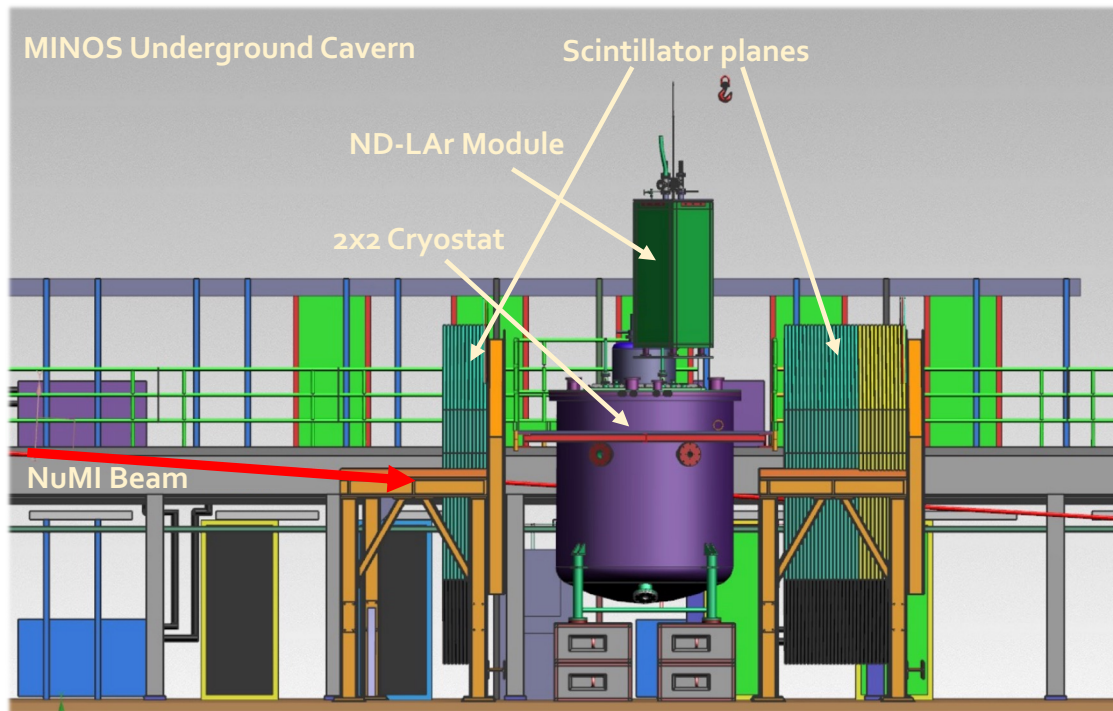
✨ Coming Soon ✨



Experiment	A [kV g cm ⁻³ MeV ⁻¹]	k _E [kV g cm ⁻³ MeV ⁻¹]	Reference
ICARUS	0.800 ± 0.003	0.0486 ± 0.0006	[31]
ArgoNeut	0.806 ± 0.010	0.052 ± 0.001	[32]
This work	0.794 ± 0.004	0.047 ± 0.002	

2x2 Demonstrator : Fermilab

- ♦ All 4 LArTPC modules will be assembled as a prototype modular detector with repurposed scintillator planes from Minerva providing additional tracking.
- ♦ A run in the NuMI beam would provide the first neutrino beam run with comparable intensity to the LBNF beam.



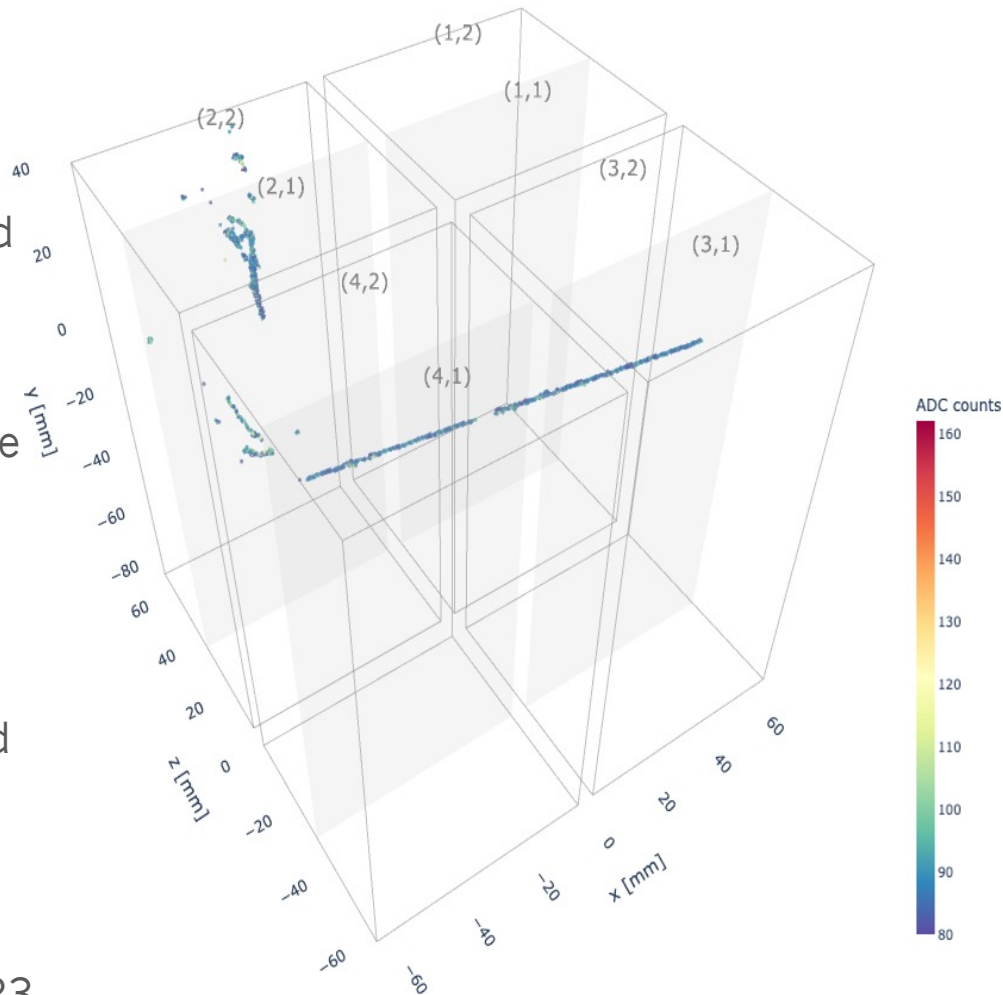
2x2 Demonstrator : Fermilab

◆ Goals:

- ◆ Integration and installation of modules in a cohesive detector.
- ◆ Operations protocol for underground operations.
- ◆ Neutrino signal identifications and reconstruction.
- ◆ Understanding detector performance with pile-up in a neutrino beam.

◆ Status:

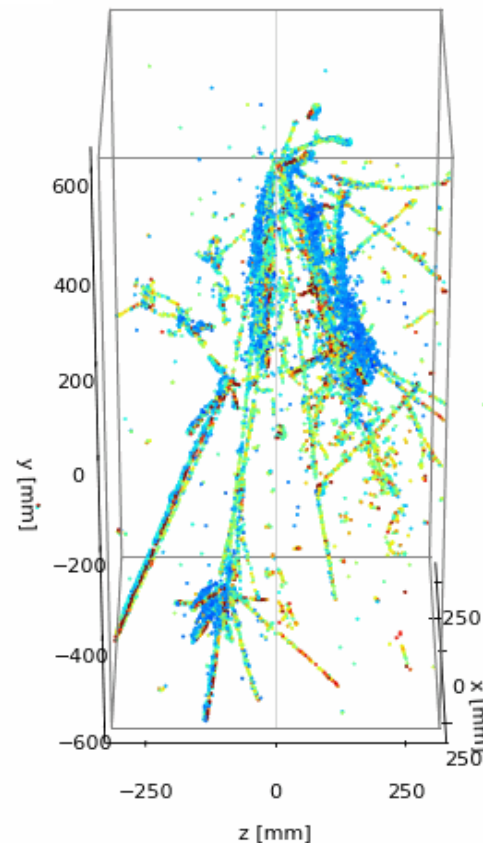
- ◆ Module-0 and Module-1 are undergoing rigorous acceptance and checkout tests at Fermilab.
- ◆ Module-2 and Module-3 will be assembled and shipped from Bern over the next couple of months.
- ◆ On-schedule for a run in 2022 - 2023.



Simulation of a neutrino event producing muon and EM shower in 2x2 demonstrator

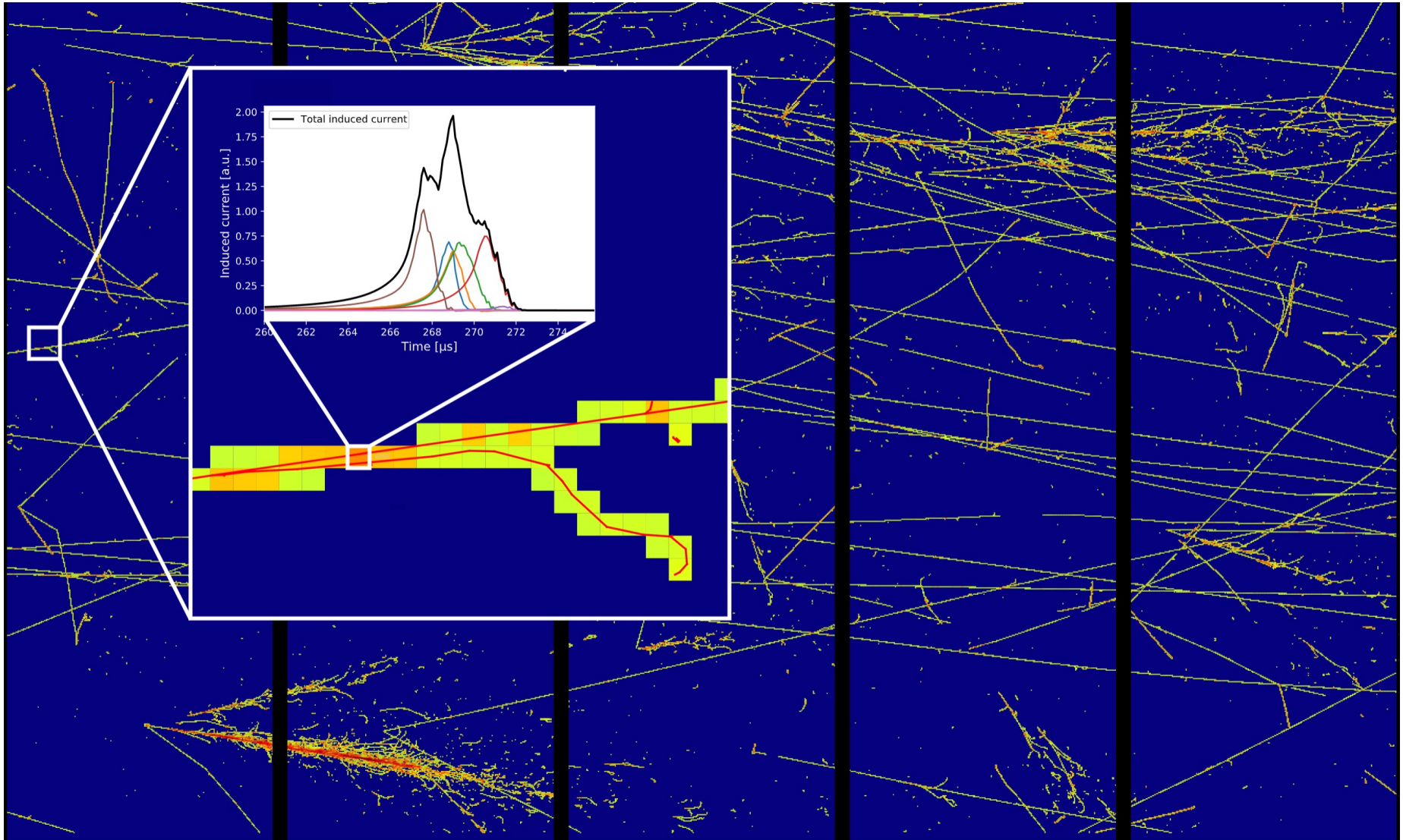
Summary

- ◆ DUNE is the next generation precision neutrino experiment with discovery potential for CP violation in leptons and neutrino mass ordering.
- ◆ ND will provide critical constraints to neutrino flux and cross-sections at the FD.
- ◆ A Modular-LArTPC is needed to tolerate the extremely high event rate at the DUNE ND.
- ◆ Novel technologies designed for DUNE ND-LAr have been demonstrated to work successfully in a single module.
- ◆ **ProtoDUNE-ND (2x2 demonstrator) is currently being assembled and a run in NuMI neutrino beam is coming up soon!**
- ◆ Provides exciting new physics opportunities to the community both short and long-term!



Thank You!

Image by R. Soleti (LBNL)



Measuring neutrino interactions pixel-by-pixel!