

Lecture 2: Outline

- Lecture 2 (Detector Technologies)
 - Overview of Detector Technologies
 - How do they map to neutrino sources and physics goals
 - Three Technologies (emphasis on LArTPCs)
 - Cherenkov
 - Scintillator
 - LArTPCs
 - Others (time permitting)

- Cherenkov light Detectors
- Scintillation light Detectors
- · Noble element detectors e.g. LArTPCs
- Scintillator Detectors
- Sampling detectors
- Emulsion detectors
- Semiconductor/Crystal detectors
- Gaseous detectors

• Many sub-detector technologies employed within these categories *e.g. Muon spectrometers, Resistive Plate Chambers (RPCs), photon sensors etc.*

Caveat: Not a complete survey!

- Cherenkov light Detectors
 - e.g. water, ice, oil)
- Noble element detectors e.g. LArTPCs
 - Mainly ionization drift chambers
 - LAr, LXe (both dark Matter & neutrino experiments)
- Scintillator Detectors
 - liquid e.g. hydrocarbon; or, solid e.g. plastic, crystal, steel
 - Noble element detectors also scintillate e.g. LArTPC
 - Coherent-CAPTAIN Mills (CCM) is a LAr Scintillation light detector
- Sampling detectors
 - Tracking or Tracking Calorimeters
 - Typical design: alternative layers of passive (lead, iron) and active (scintillators, emulsion, RPCs) materials
- Emulsion detectors (e.g. lead, Silver Halide)
- Semiconductor/Crystal detectors (e.g. Ge detectors, Crystal Bolometers)
- Gaseous detectors (e.g. GArTPCs)

Physics	Neutrino	Detector		
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Oscillation/Sterile neutrinos	Accelerator, Reactor, Atmospheric, Solar, Astro/galactic	Liquid Scintillator, Liquid Argon, Emulsion, Sampling detectors, Water Cherenkov, Radiochemical		
Astronomy/ Cosmology	Astro/galactic sources, Relic neutrinos, radioactive	Water Cherenkov, Liquid Argon, Liquid Scintillator		
Earth	Geoneutrinos	Liquid scintillator		

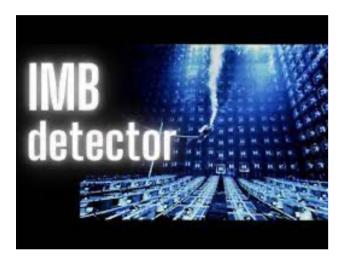
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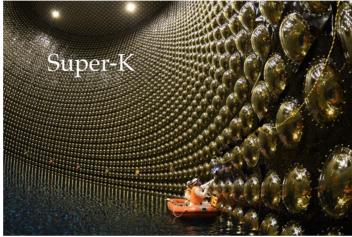
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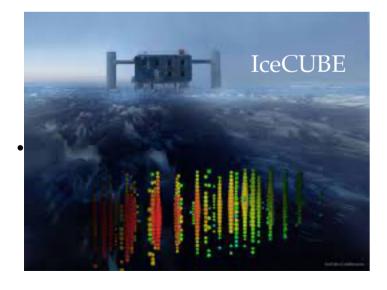
Water Cherenkov Detectors

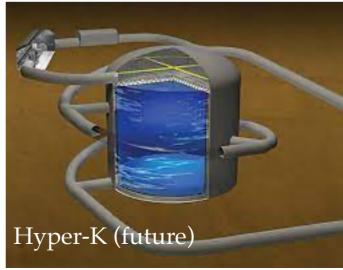
- Water Cherenkov technology proven for large-scale (multi-kiloton) detectors
- Cost is also cheap!



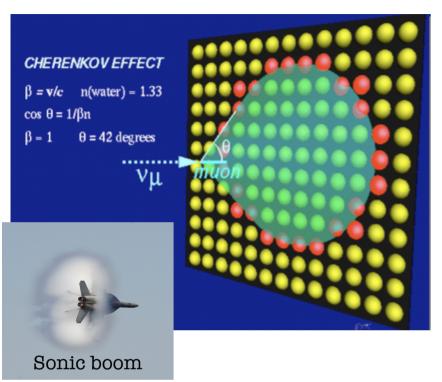








Cherenkov Light





• When a particle moves faster than speed of light in a given medium, they emit Cherenkov light

$$\beta = v/c$$
 $\beta > 1/n$

 β = ratio of speed of particle to speed of light n = refractive index of the medium For water, n = 1.33

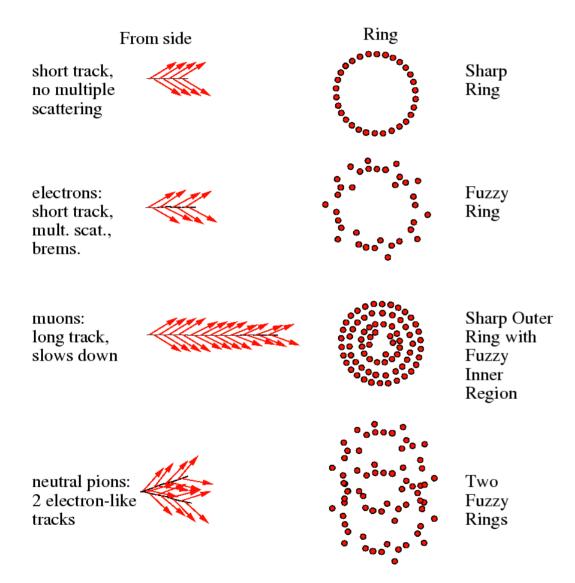
Cherenkov thresholds

$$E_{th} = \frac{m}{\sqrt{1 - 1/n^2}}$$

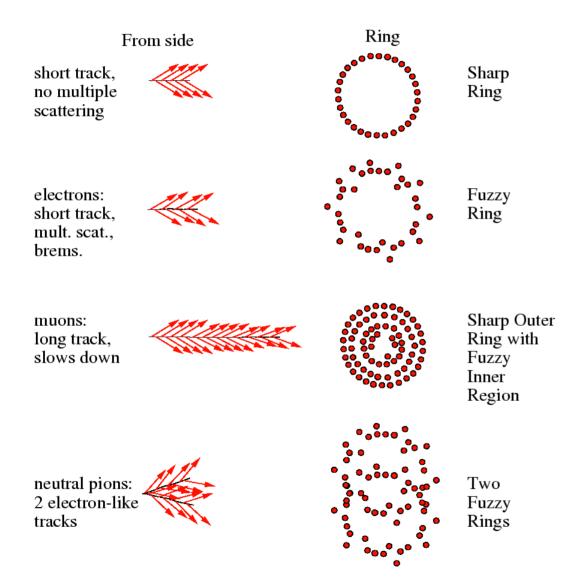
e	0.73 MeV
μ	150 MeV
π	200 MeV
P	1350 MeV
K	650 MeV

- Light patterns, light collected, and the directionality of light signal help reconstruction
- Cons: low light yield, loss of low/heavy energy particles due to Cherenkov thresholds
- Requires a segmented detector
- Light signals typically measured by PMTs

Particle ID in Cherenkov Detectors



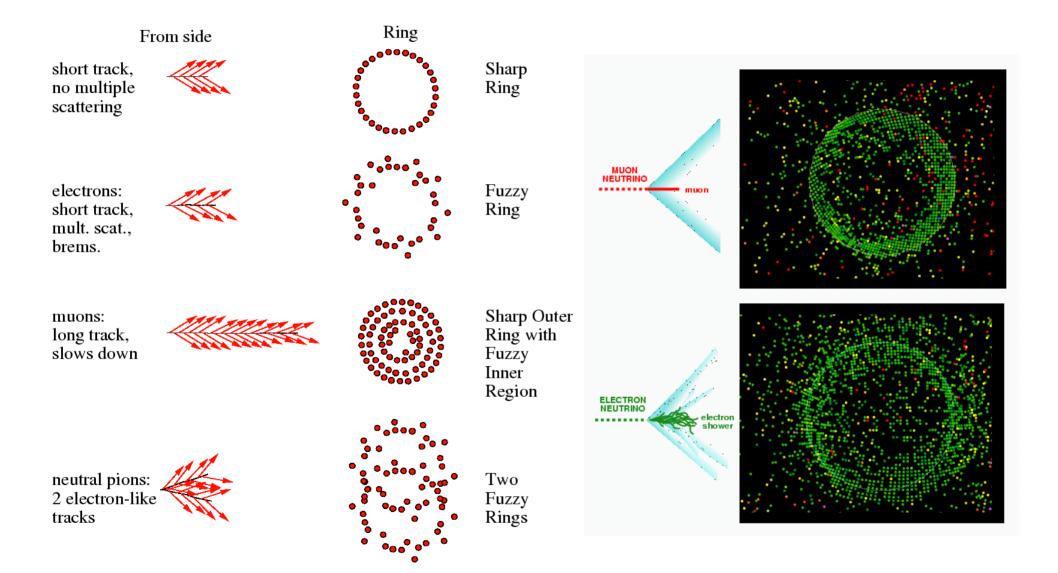
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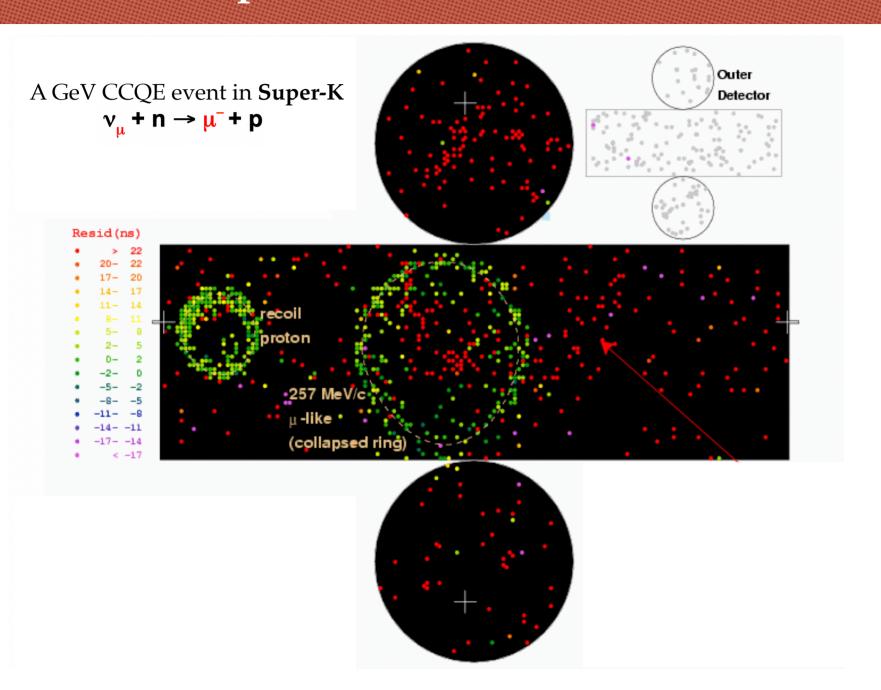
Some issues:

- Both electrons and photons shower and create fuzzy rings
- e/γ separation gets tricky
- In the case of π^0 (which decays to two gammas, hence two fuzzy rings), if the two rings overlap or one ring is missing, it mimics an electron signal
- Take away: signal to background discrimination is difficult or not possible in certain cases

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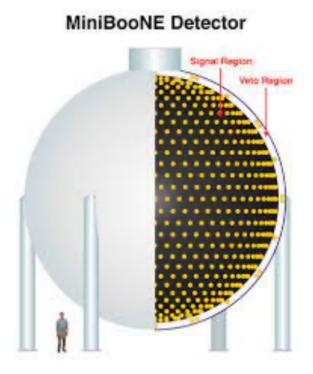


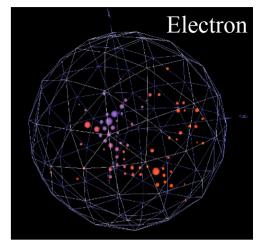
Super-K Water Cherenkov Detector

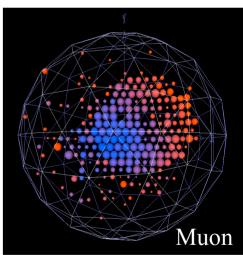


MiniBooNE Cherenkov Detector

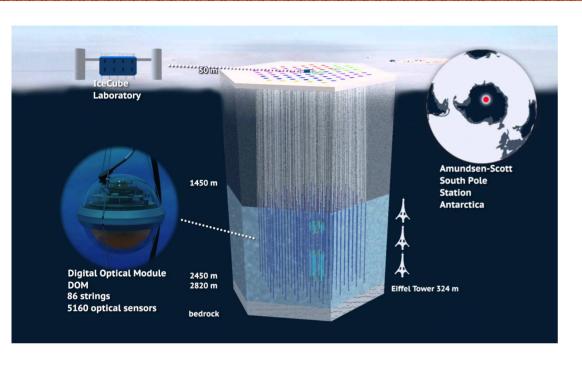
- Mineral Oil Cherenkov detector at Fermilab
- Aim was to address the LSND anomaly
- 6 m radius (800 tons total volume)
- 1280 PMTs
- Why Mineral oil?
 - Higher refractive index (1.47) than water (1.33)
 - Lower density than water
 - More Cherenkov light produced
 - Lower velocity
 - Lower Cherenkov threshold helps in production of low energy muons, pions, protons etc.
- Challenge: requires a much more complicated optical model to describe the generation and transmission of light in oil





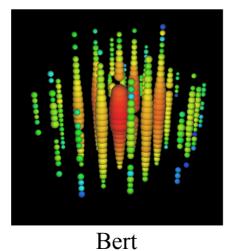


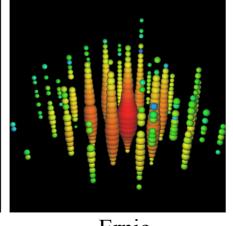
IceCUBE Cherenkov Detector

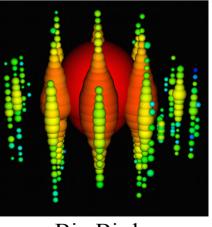




- Long-string s of PMTs in ice or water (domes spaced at ~10m)
- Particles from astrophysical sources produce Cherenkov light
- Other similar efforts: ANTARES, PINGU, Lake Baikal (KM3NET, IceCube-Gen2)







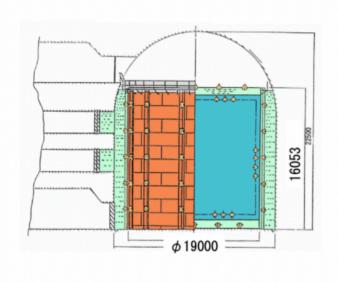
Ernie

Big Bird

Water Cherenkov Detectors in Japan

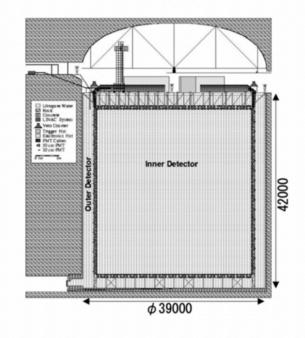
Kamiokande

1983~1996



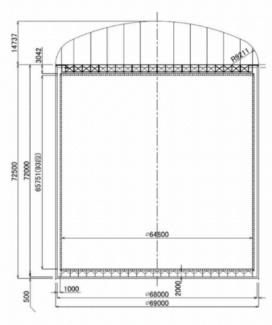
Super-Kamiokande

1996~Present



Hyper-Kamiokande

Aiming to start observation in 2027



19m diameter x 16m hight

4500 ton Total mass (680~1040 ton) Fiducial mass

50 cm diameter / 948 PMTs

39m diameter x 42m hight

50000 ton (22500 ton)

50cm diameter / 11146

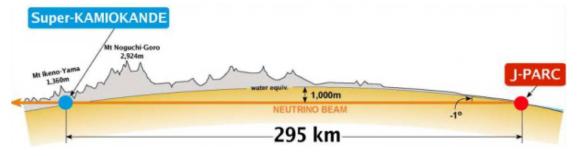
68m diameter x 71m hight

260000 ton (190000 ton)

50cm diameter / about 40000

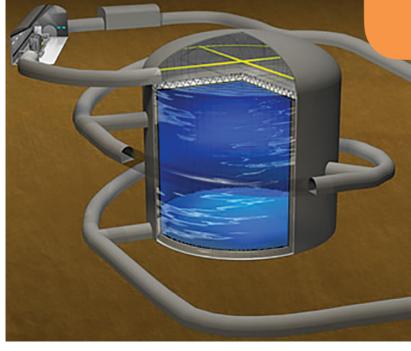
The Hyper-K Water Cherenkov Detector





- x 8.4 fiducial volume (SK → HK)
- x 2.6 beam power
- J-PARC upgrade: 500 kW → 1.3 MW
- x 20 Statistics





- Very Rich Physics Program like DUNE
- Future detector, complementary to DUNE
- Hyper-K under construction
- Operation to start in 2027
- Two Near Detectors: upgraded T2K ND280 and IWCD

Hyper-K Near Detectors

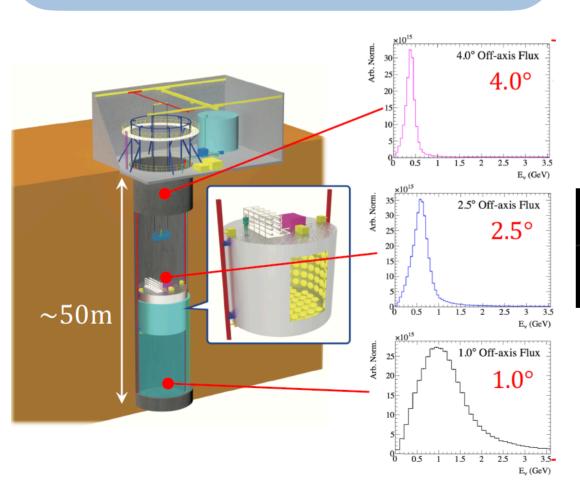
(..+ a lot of R&D towards near and far detectors underway; not covered here)

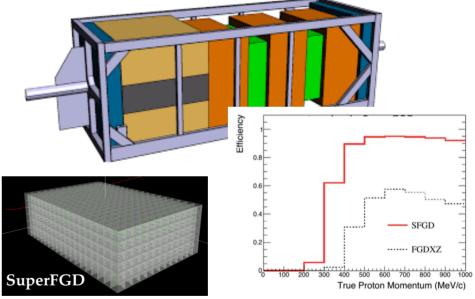
Intermediate Water Cherenkov Detector (IWCD)

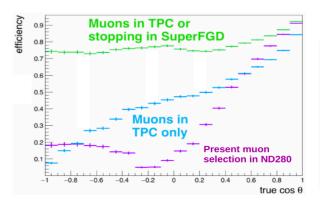
- 1 kton scale Water Cherenkov detector at ~1 km baseline
- Detector can vertically move for different off-axis angle measurements

ND280 Upgrades

- T2K's near detector will be updated and used by Hyper-K
- Upgrade to SuperFGDs
- Improved short-track efficiency; high angle acceptance

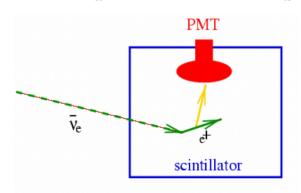






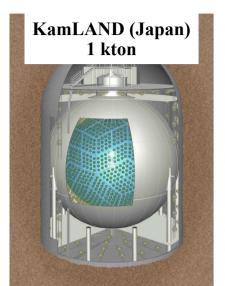
Scintillator Detectors

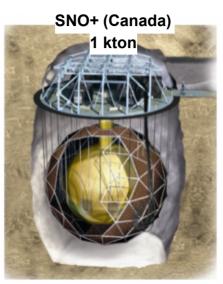
- Scintillators are materials that emit light when particles deposit energy
 - Light emission can be in visible spectrum or UV spectrum;
 - wave length shifting mechanisms typically used to shift light from e.g. VUV to visible
- Scintillators can be solid or liquid e.g. crystal, plastic, hydrocarbon
- Typical design involves surrounding the volume of the liquid scintillator with light sensors e.g. PMTs, SiPMs, APDs etc.
- Need through understanding of the chemistry involved and transmission of light in that medium
- Pros: High light yield (few hundreds photoelectrons per MeV), low thresholds, good energy resolution
- Con: little directionality as light is emitted isotropically
- Noble liquid detectors also produce scintillation light

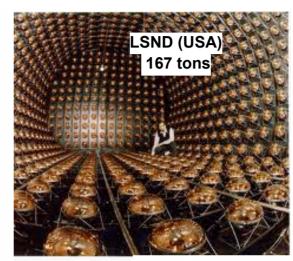


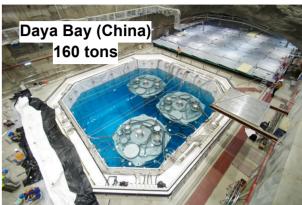


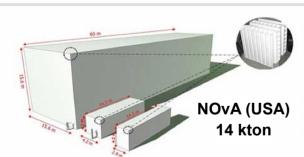
Scintillator Detectors: Past, Present & Future

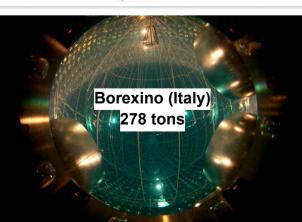


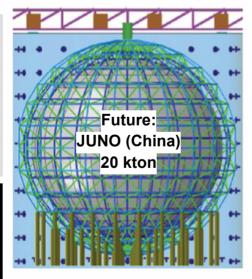


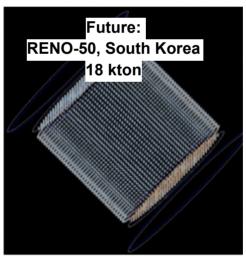










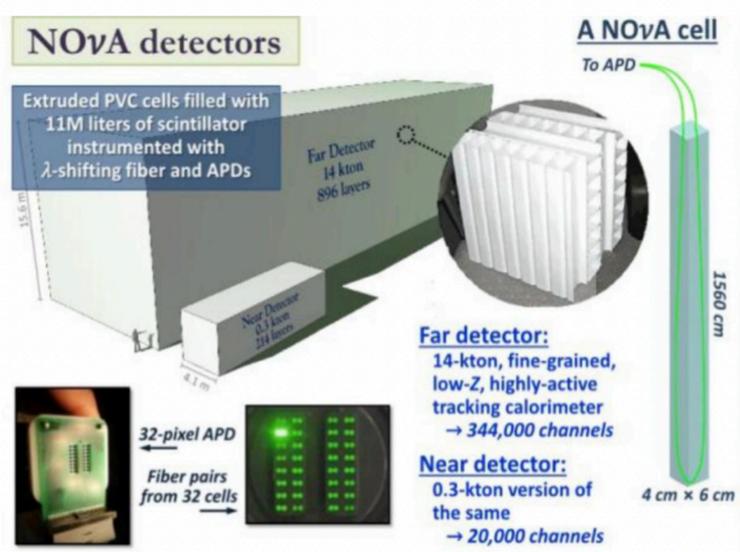




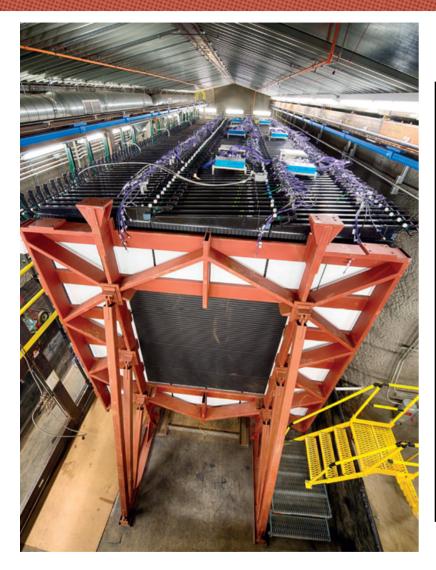
NOvA Detector

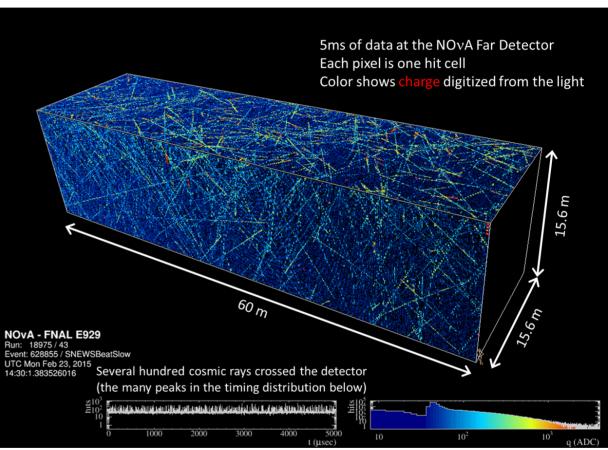
Long-Baseline Experiment



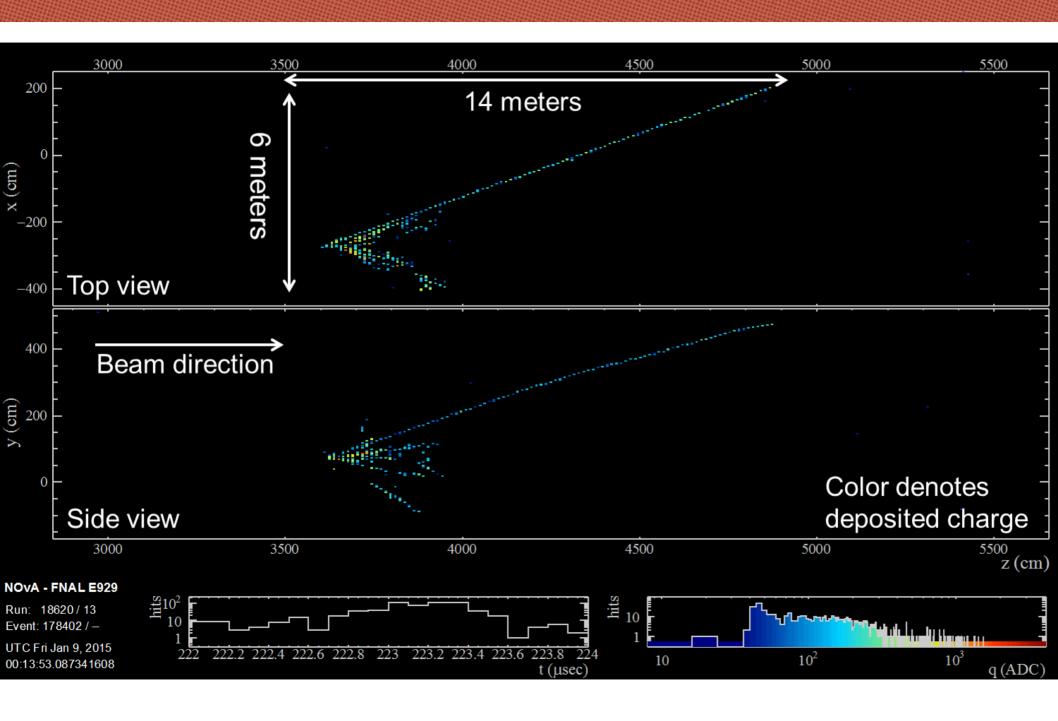


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 Matter and Neutrino Physics experiments

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There is still a lot we don't know

Direct Mass Measurement Experim

Neutrino

New technology, high intensity beams, large volume detectors are needed for precision — this is where Liquid Argon Time Projection Chambers (LArTPCs) come in LArTPCs are driving the future of neutrino physics!

other BSM physics e.g.

- Is θ_{23} maximal mixing
- CP violation in the ne

Long-Baseline Neutrino

mass orderid Benefits are enormous

- Scalable to very large masses
- Bubble chamber quality images, only in HD! presents interactions with unprecedented detail
- Full 3D reconstruction
- Full Calorimetry and particle ID
- Can operate on wide range of energies (MeV to GeV)

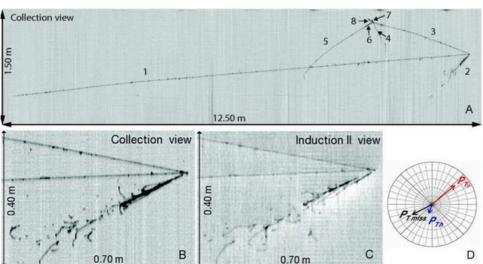
SM = Standard Model

Early History of LArTPCs

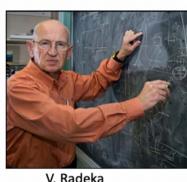
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- 1986: Proposal for a Massive LArTPC ICARUS T600

ICARUS at Gransasso lab ran in the CERN CNGS beam

from 2010-13 Collection view









William Willis



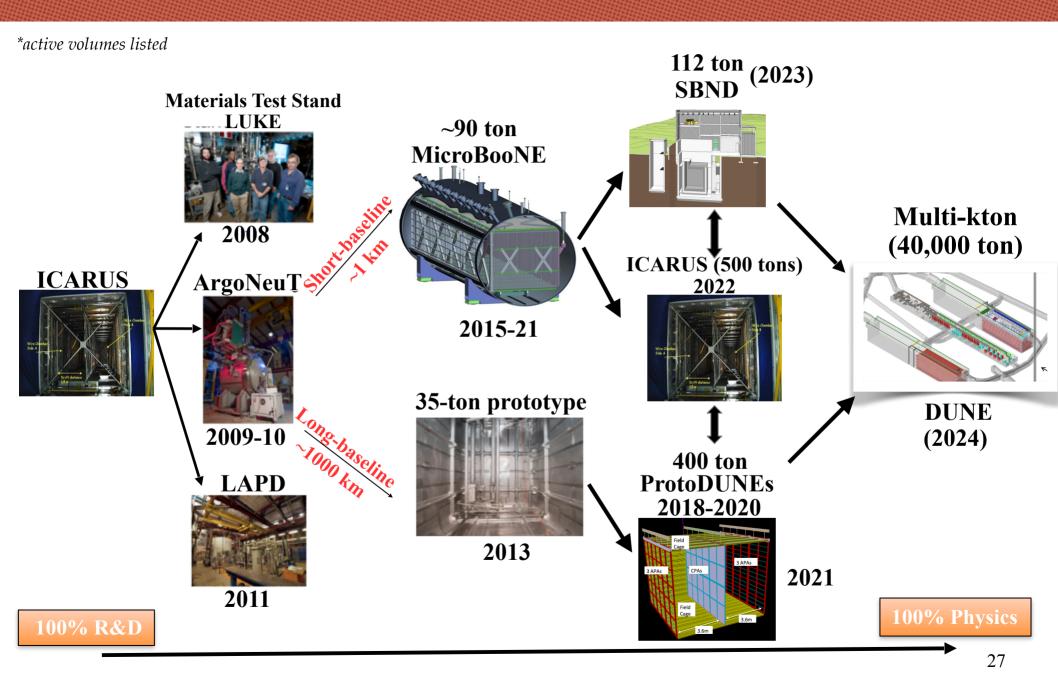


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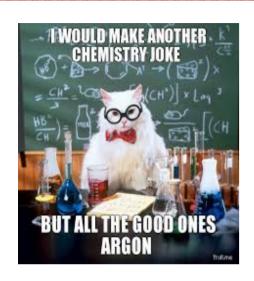
C. Rubbia

Tremendous progress in LArTPCs in the past few years

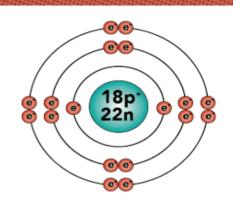


Other: Yale TPC and Bo (2008-09), LArIAT (2015), (Mini) CAPTAIN, CCM (2019-now)

Why Liquid Argon?

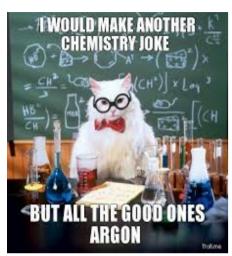


- dense
- abundant (1% of atmosphere)
- easily ionizable (55,000 electrons/cm)
- highly scintillating (transparent to light)
- pure argon results in high electron mobility implies long drift lengths

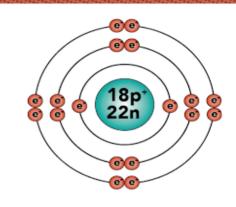


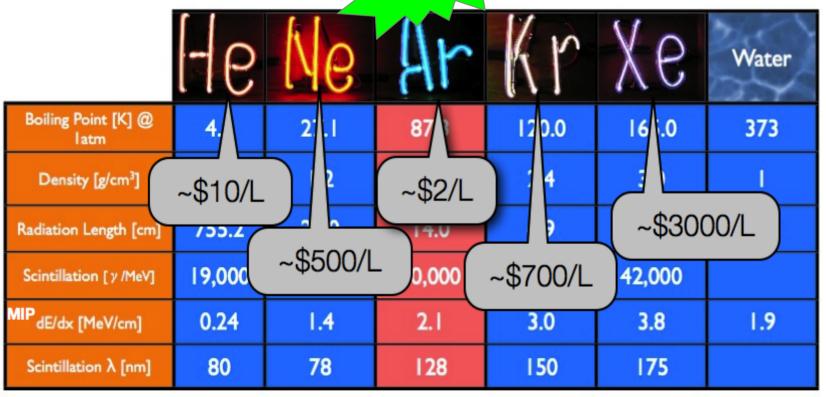
	0	Ne	Ar	Kr	Xe	Water
Boiling Point [K] @ 1atm	4.2	27.1	87.3	120.0	165.0	373
Density [g/cm³]	0.125	1.2	1.4	2.4	3.0	1
Radiation Length [cm]	755.2	24.0	14.0	4.9	2.8	36.1
dE/dx [MeV/cm]	0.24	1.4	2.1	3.0	3.8	1.9
Scintillation [γ/MeV]	19,000	30,000	40,000	25,000	42,000	
Scintillation λ [nm]	80	78	128	150	175	

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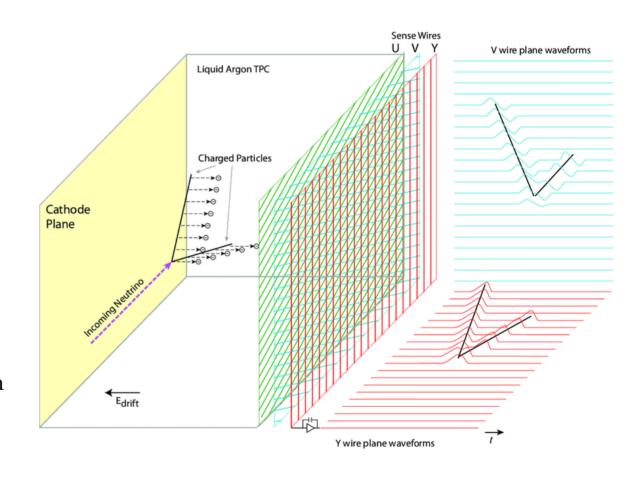




How does a LArTPC work?

Charge Signals

- Neutrino interactions with LAr in the TPC produces charged particles that cause Ionization
- A high Electric field (e.g. 500V/cm) drifts ionization electrons towards finely segmented anode wire planes (typically 150µ thick; 3-5 mm apart allows for very fine spatial resolution)
- Moving electrons induce currents on wires and are collected

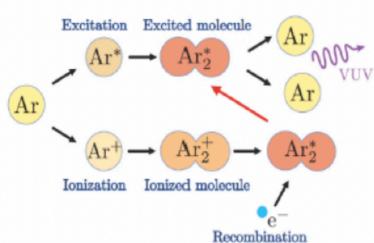


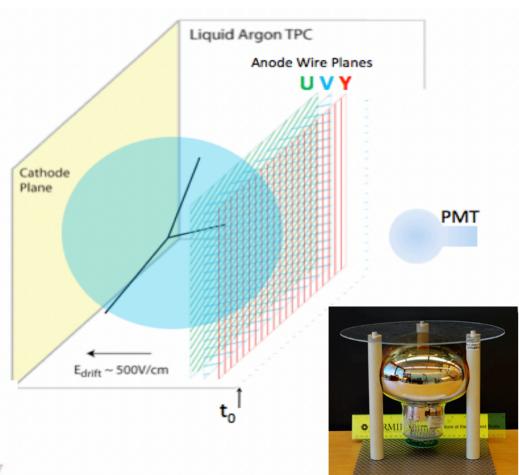
No need to instrument the entire detector volume = scalable to large sizes without increasing cost and complexity

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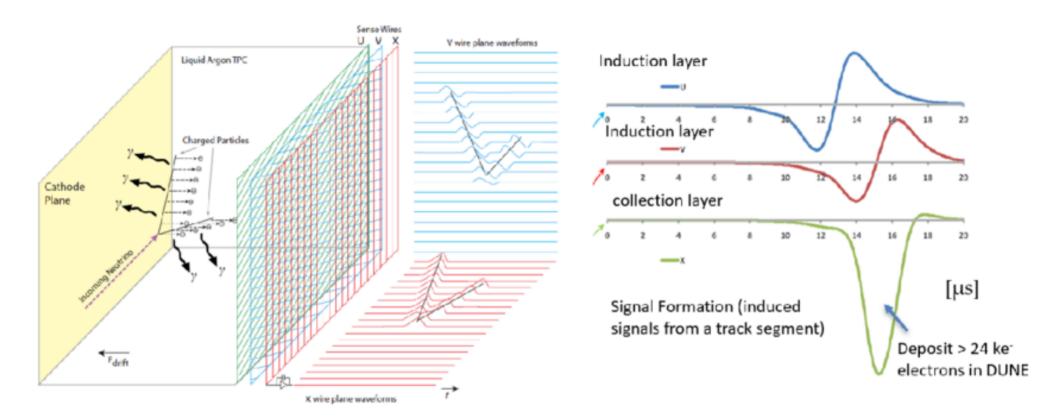
Light Signals

- Neutrino interactions with LAr in the TPC produces charged particles that cause excitation of Argon
- Excitation of Ar produces prompt scintillation light giving " t_0 " of the interaction
- Ar emits light at 128 nm at VUV range –
 a wavelength shifting mechanism neede
 to make it visible



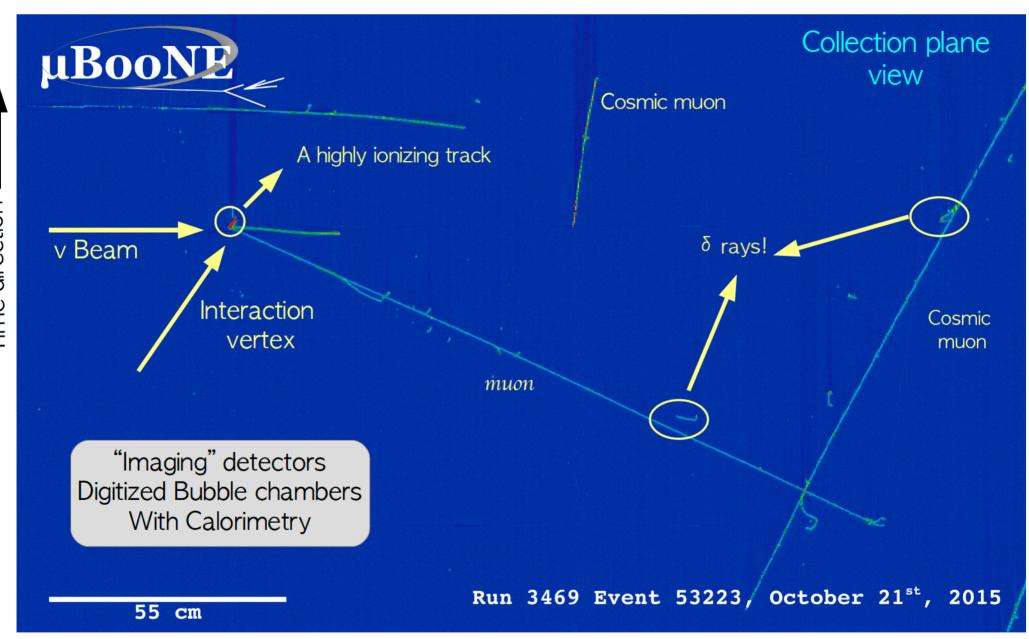


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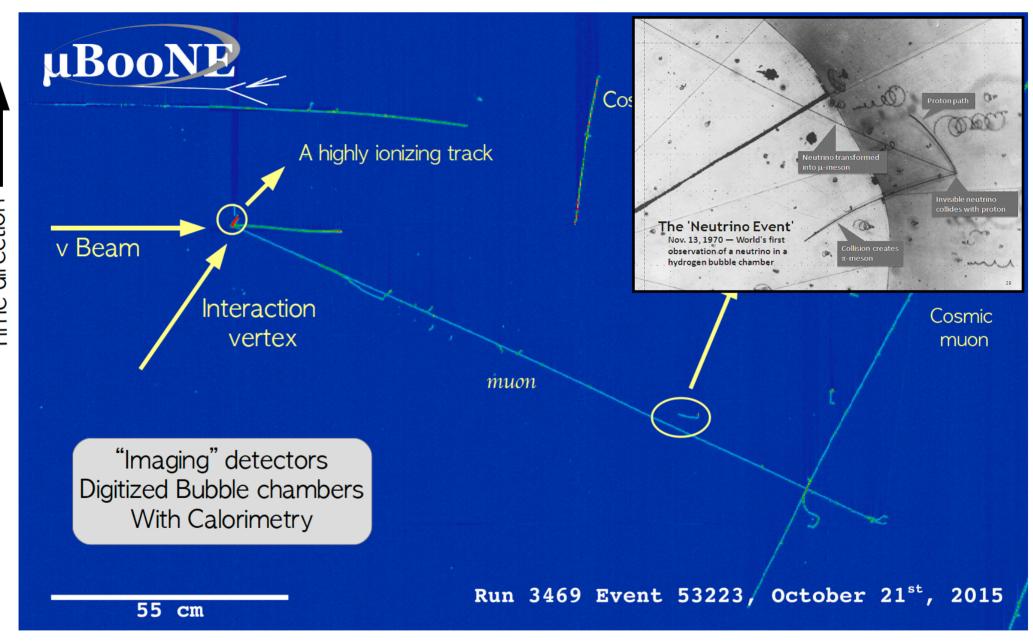


- Wire planes give 2D position information
- The third dimension is obtained by combining timing information with drift velocity (v_d) : $x = v_d(t-t_0)$ hence the name "Time projection chamber"
- Wire planes + signal arrival time = 3D image

Neutrino Interactions in HD

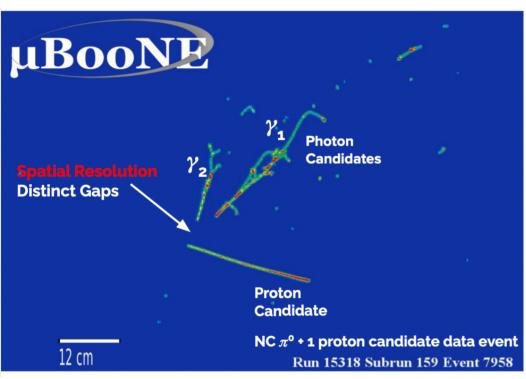


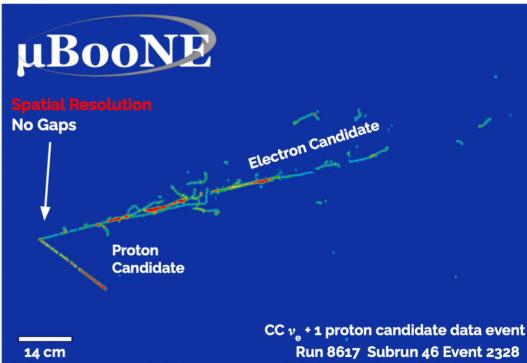
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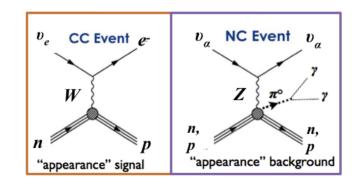


e/r separation: Benefits of a LArTPC

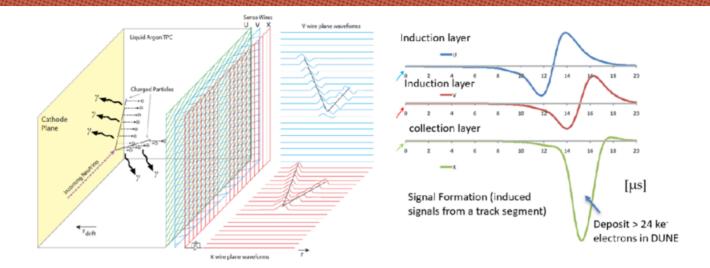
- \bullet For ongoing and future oscillation experiments , e/r separation is critical
- Combining topology and charge information gives excellent separation



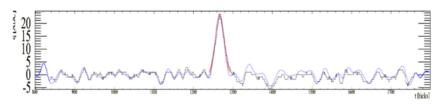




Energy Reconstruction in a LArTPC



TPC wire signal: "Hit"



- Hit coordinates (*wire#* and t_{hit}) \Rightarrow **3D image**
- Hit Amplitude ⇒ **dQ** (Ionization Charge Deposited)
- Distance in space between hits \Rightarrow **dx** (track pitch)
- $dQ/dx \Rightarrow dE/dx \Rightarrow Particle Id$

Calorimetry
$$\int_{I} \frac{dE}{dx} dx = E_{Tot}$$

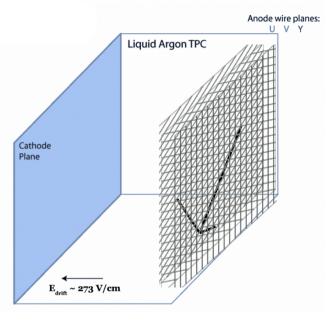
Not as Easy as it Sounds

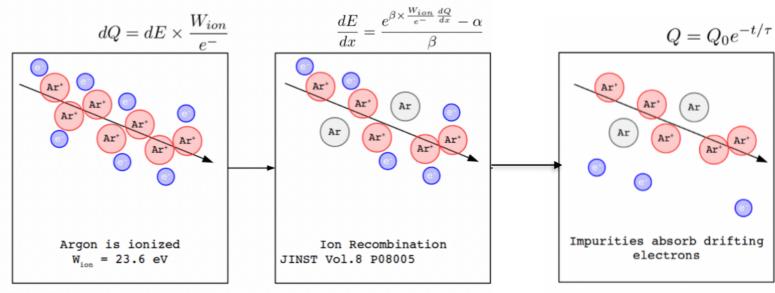
Point of Formation

Cartoon Credit: Anode wire planes: C. Adams Liquid Argon TPC Cathode Plane $E_{drift} \sim 273 \text{ V/cm}$

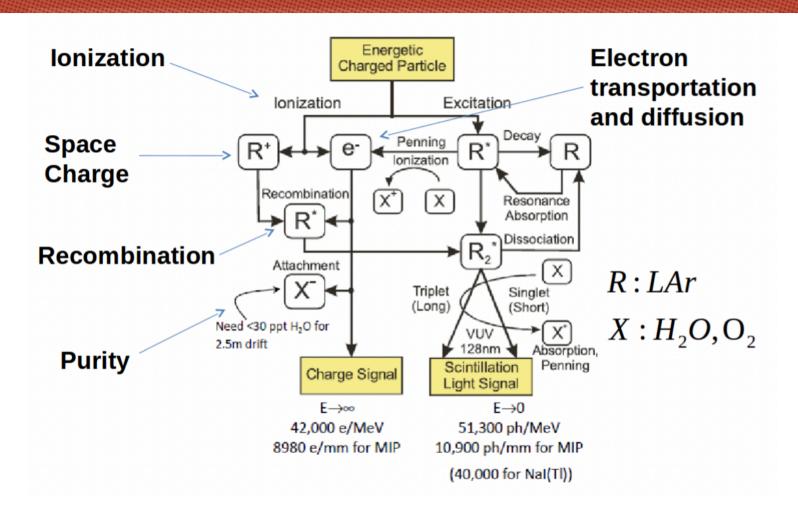
Many Effects impact the drifting charges impacting the spatial and energy resolution

Point of Collection





The picture is even more complex



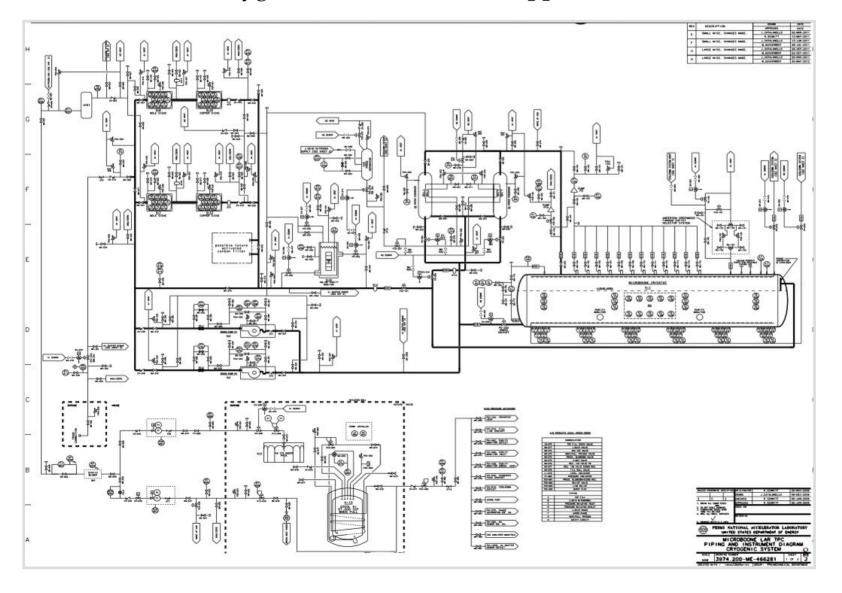
- Purity of Argon is key for successful LArTPC operation
- Calibration is crucial to ensure uniform detector response and eliminate biases in the signal

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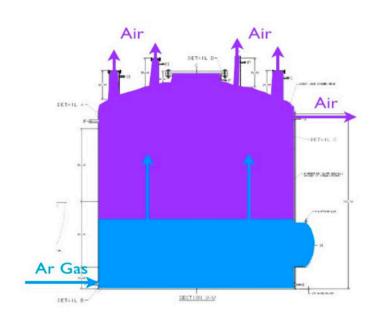
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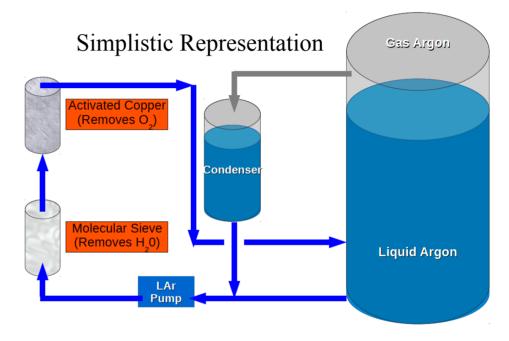
MicroBooNE
Purification &
Recirculation
system

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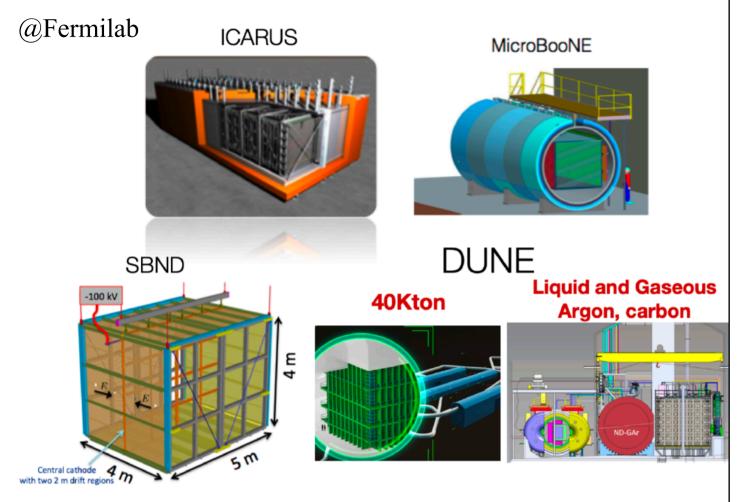


- Argon Purge for large cryostats — pioneered by MicroBooNE
- Vacuum evacuation for small cryostats



- $\frac{Q_{\text{anode}}}{=e^{\frac{-t_{\text{drift}}}{\tau_e}}}$
 - Monitor purity via various ways
 - Purity Monitors (mini TPCs)
 - Cosmic ray muons

Liquid Argon Detectors (Current & Future)



- CCM is both a Dark Matter and Neutrino Experiment at the Los Alamos Neutron Science Center and is a 10-ton light-only detector
- I will highlight the DUNE experiment

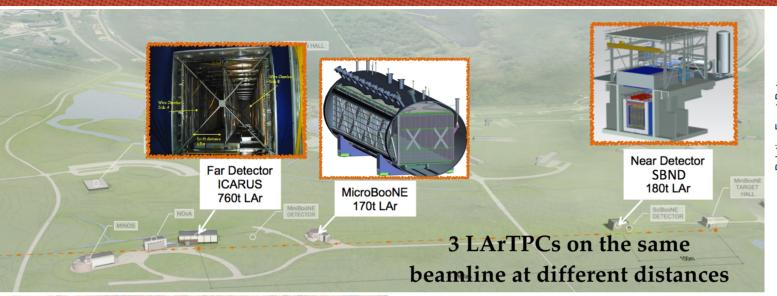
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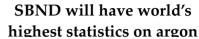


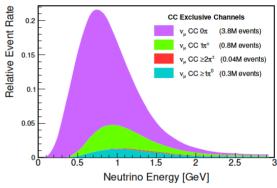
ProtoDUNE@CERN



Fermilab Short-Baseline Program











LArTPC Cryostat Technologies



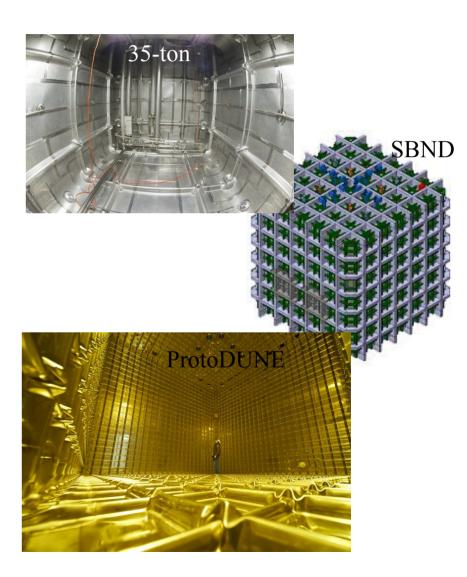


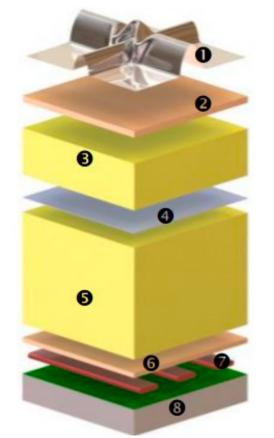


Technology borrowed from industry used for liquid natural gas (LNG) shipping

- 1) Stainless steel primary membrane (LAr inside here)
- 2) Plywood board
- 3) Polyurethane foam
- 4) Secondary barrier
- 5) Polyurethane foam
- 6) Plywood board
- 7) Bearing mastic
- 8) Concrete

- MicroBooNE, ICARUS: steel vessels
- 35-ton, SBND, ProtoDUNE/DUNE: membrane cryostats





MicroBooNE

- Goals: Address MiniBooNE anomaly; measure neutrino-Ar cross sections; LArTPC R&D
- Took data from 2015 to 2021 first 100-ton scale LArTPC in the US & longest-running

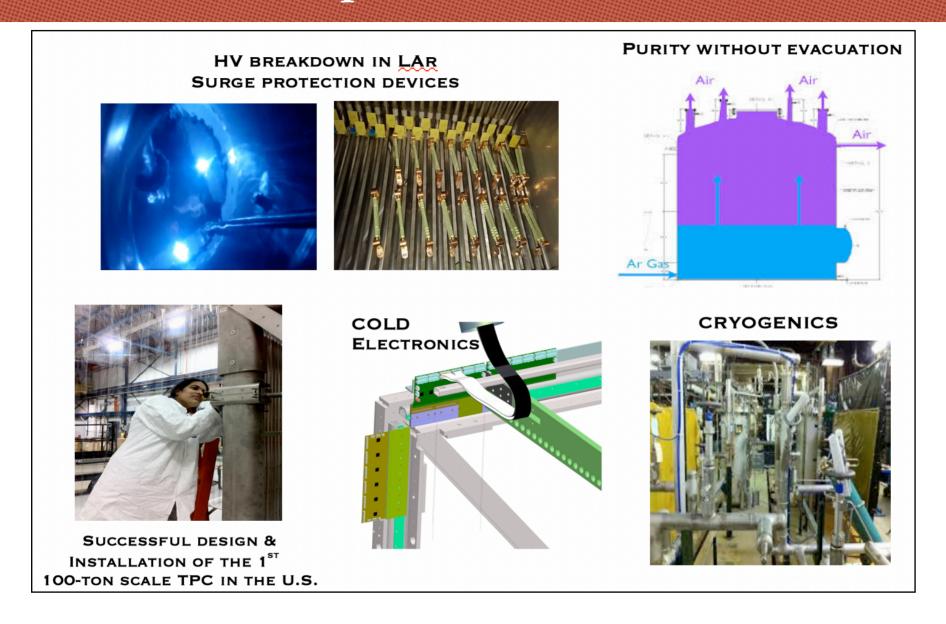








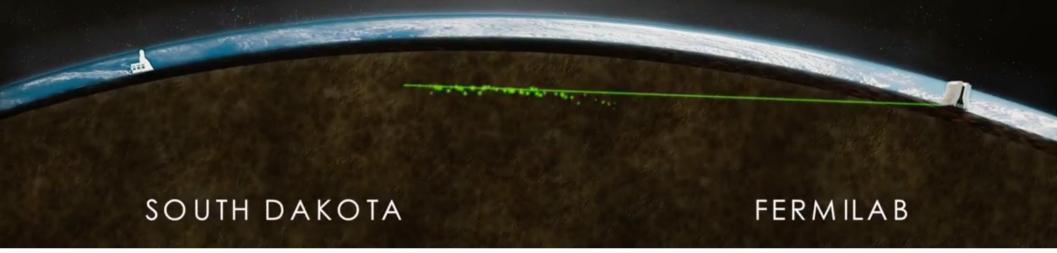
MicroBooNE pioneered the LArTPC R&D

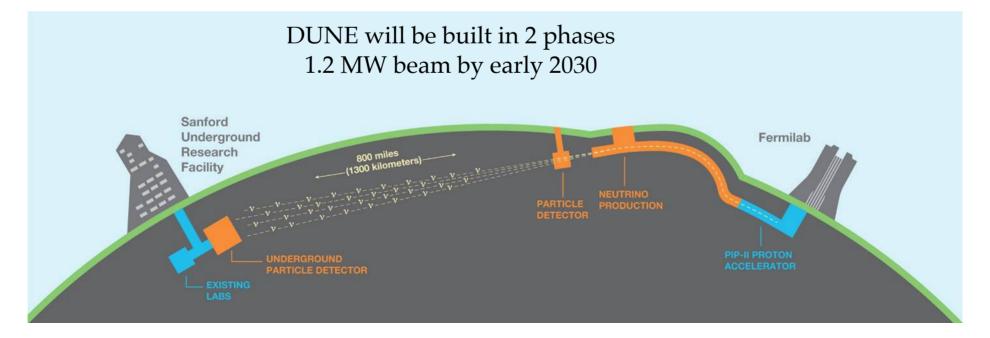


• Other: LArTPC software and reconstruction techniques; calibration methods; signal processing; several first neutrino cross section measurements on argon at ~1 GeV scale

DUNE

Rich Physics program: Precision neutrino oscillation physics, CP-violation, MeV-scale physics e.g. Supernovae, Nucleon decay, and a suite of BSM Searches

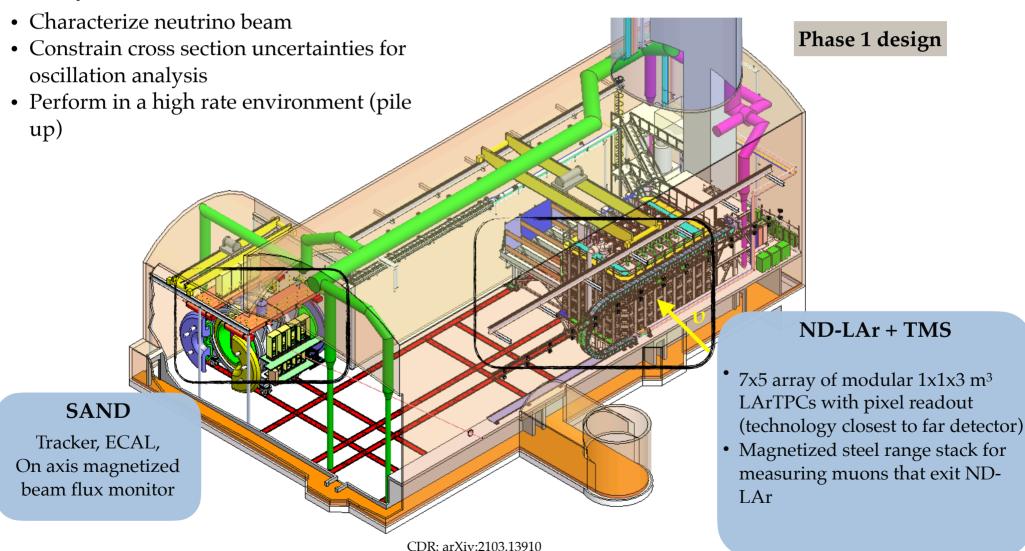




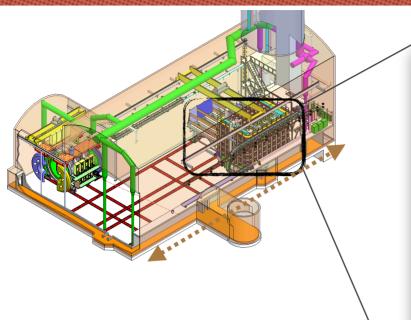
The DUNE Near Detector Complex

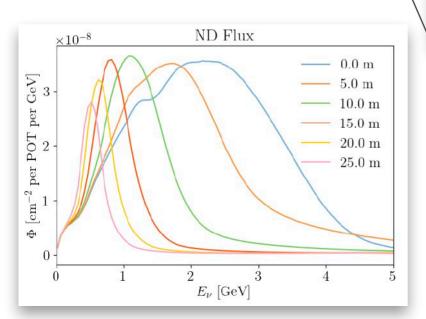
- Located 60 m underground at Fermilab; 574 m from neutrino beam target
- Comprises of multiple technologies; will be built in 2 phases

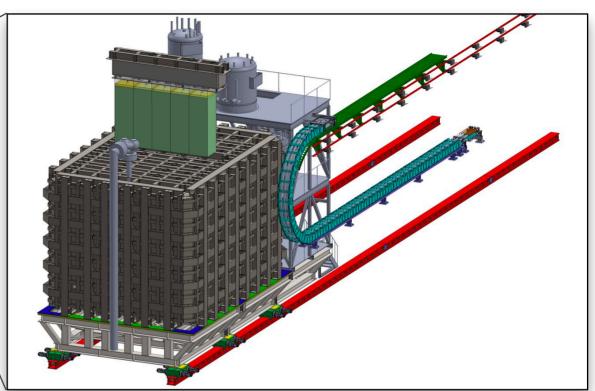
Primary Goals



The DUNE-PRISM

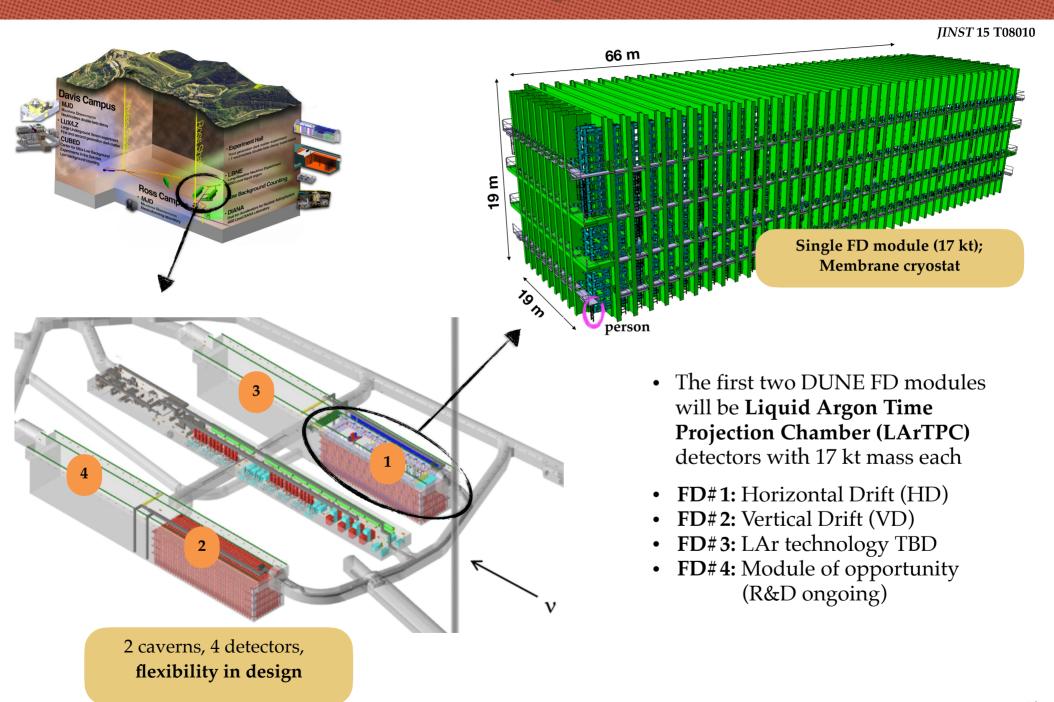




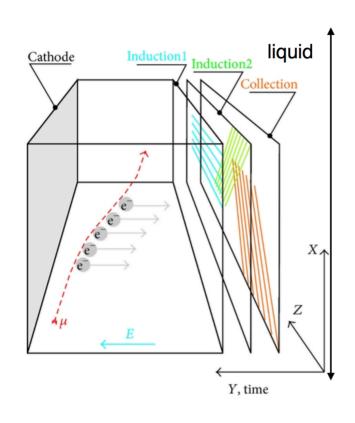


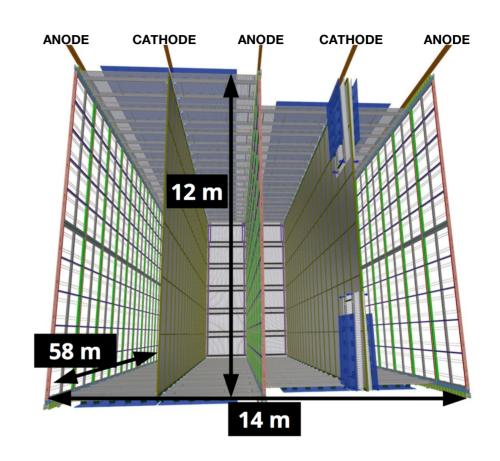
- ND flux changes with angle due to pion decay kinematics
- ND-LAr and TMS systems can move off-axis up to 28.5 m to observe varied beam spectra
- Will help address uncertainties in ND to FD extrapolation

The DUNE Far Detector: Largest LArTPC ever to be built



FD#1: Horizontal Drift LArTPC

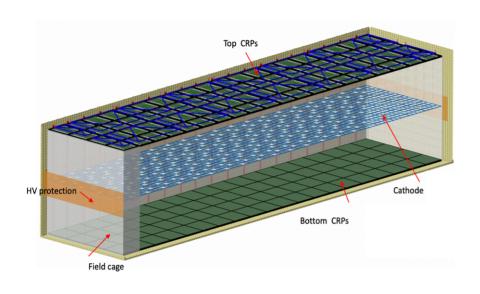




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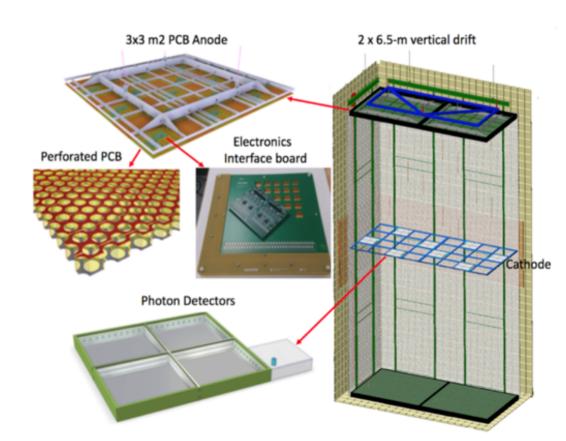
- 12 m x 14 m x 58 m active volume
- Each Anode-Cathode chamber has 3.5 m drift
- Cathode at -180 kV
- 150 Anode Plane Assemblies (APAs) with 384,000 readout wires
- Anode planes have wrapped wires (readout on both sides)
- 6000 photon detection system (PDS) channels for light readout

FD#2: Vertical Drift LArTPC

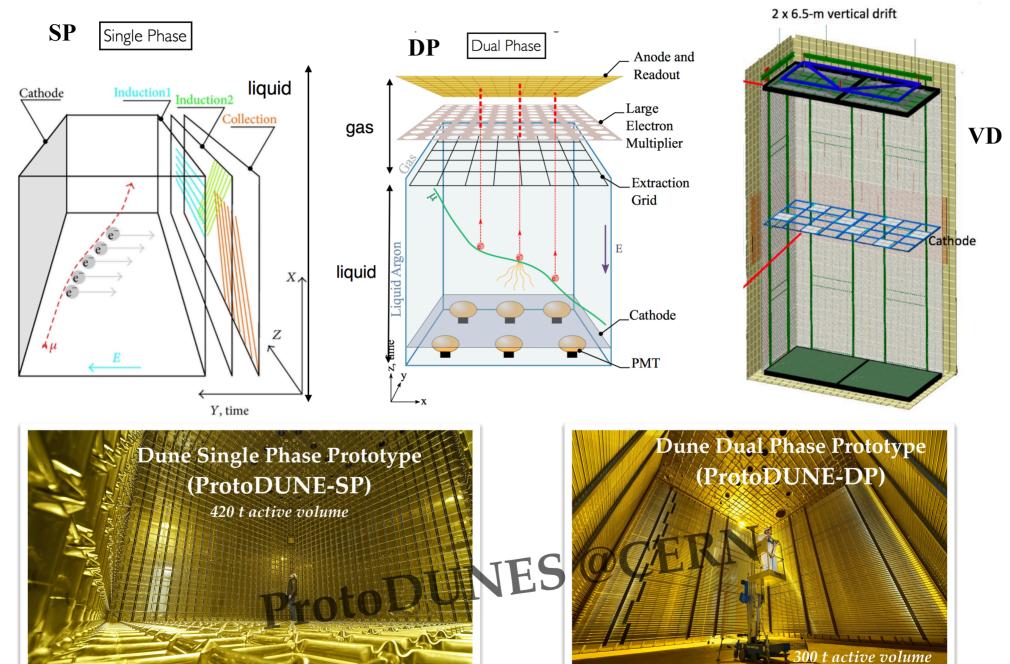


- VD technology evolved from extensive R&D from single and dual phase LArTPCs
- Designed to maximize active volume
- Perforated PCBs with segmented electrodes (strips) as readout units

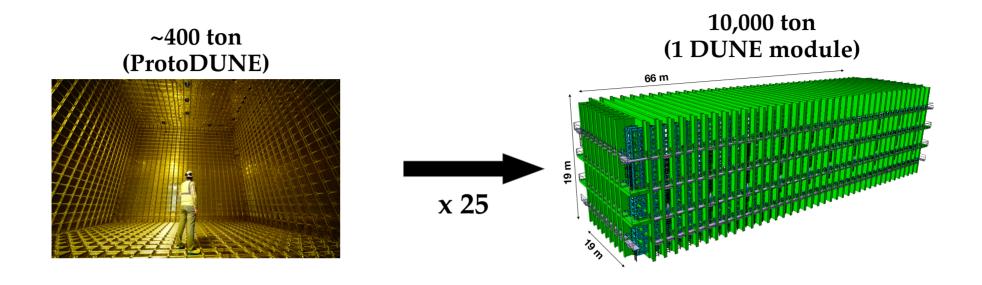
- Charge readout units at the top and bottom
- Cathode in the middle
- Photon detectors integrated on cathode and on cryostat walls
- Two 6.5 m drift chambers
- -300kV on cathode; 450 V/cm field



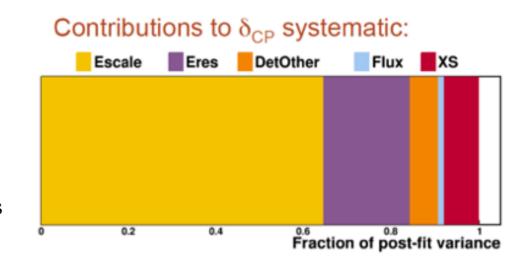
DUNE Prototype Technologies at CERN



Many Challenges on the Path to DUNE

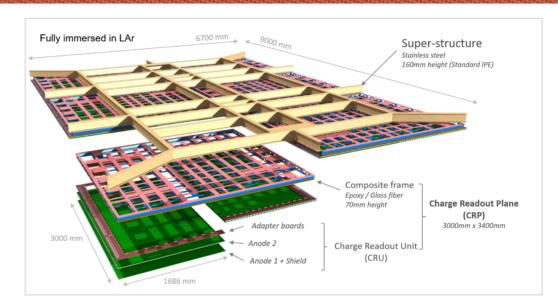


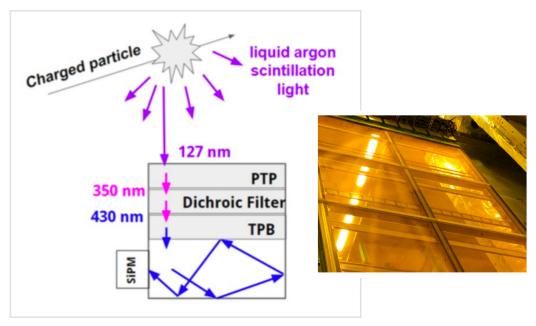
- unprecedented detector scale
- DAQ requirements never dealt before
- Neutrino-argon cross sections not well measured
- Neutrino energy reconstruction
- Unprecedented systematics requirements
- Calibrations most challenging!
- LArTPC R&D actively ongoing



Further LArTPC R&D

- Charge Readout
 - Charge Readout Planes (CRPs): substitute wire planes with stacked PCB planes with readout strips; economical, easy to install, and more active area coverage
 - Pixelated readout: capture 3D images of trajectories
- Photon detection
 - ARAPUCA light traps
 - 4Pi optical coverage via power over fibres for high voltage surfaces like ProtoDUNE-VD
- Highly modular TPCs to address large pile up e.g. DUNE Near Detector LArTPC
- Magnetized LArTPCs for improved charge discrimination e.g. b/n e+ and e-





For more details, see A. Fava's talk here: https://zenodo.org/record/6717705

Double Beta Decay Experiments

Is neutrino Majorana or Dirac?

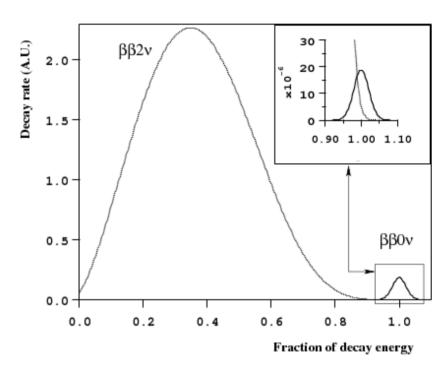
Observation of neutrino less double beta decay ($0v\beta\beta$) provides evidence for "Majorana" nature of neutrinos

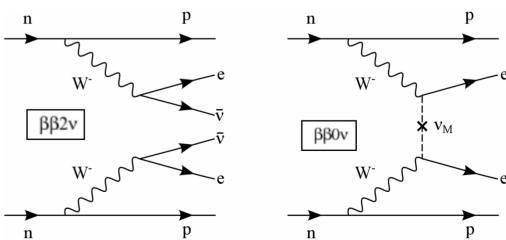
Recent Limits

¹³⁶Xe (KamLAND-Zen): $T_{1/2} > 10^{26}$ yrs

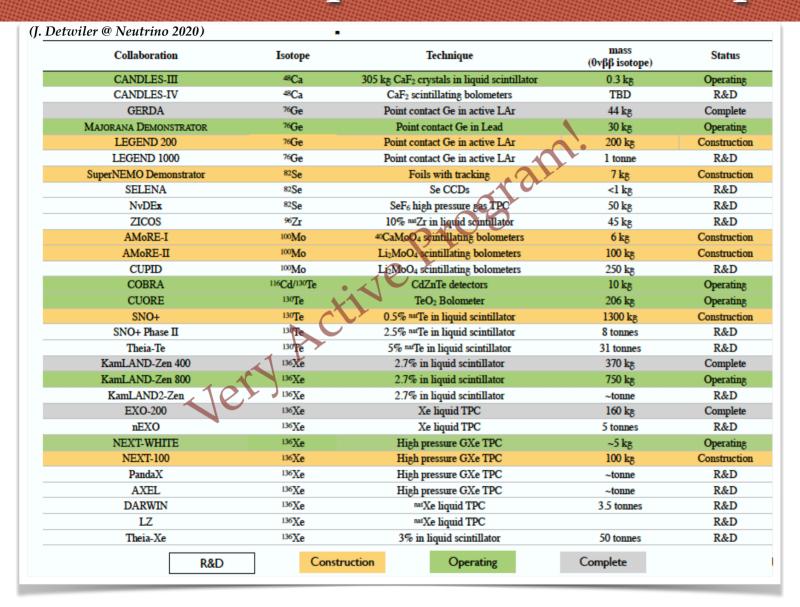
⁷⁶Ge (GERDA): $T_{1/2} > 10^{26}$ yrs

¹³⁰Te (CUORE): $T_{1/2} > 3 \times 10^{25} \text{ yrs}$

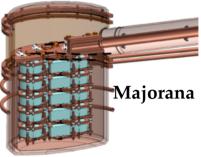




Experimental Landscape



- **Challenges:** large mass to offset long 1/2 lifes; low backgrounds, excellent energy resolution/tracking
- Multiple techniques: Bolometers, Scintillators, Trackers, TPCs, Semiconductors
- Multiple Isotopes; larger sizes



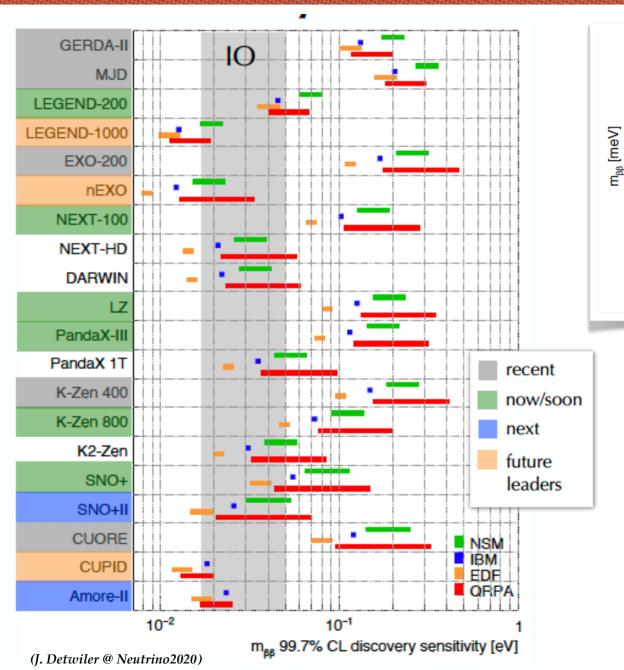


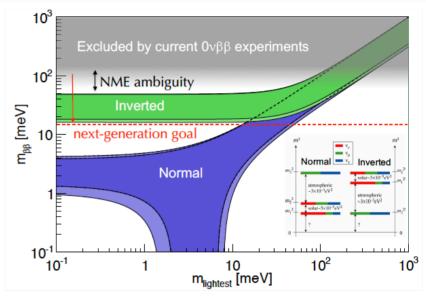






Looking Towards Future



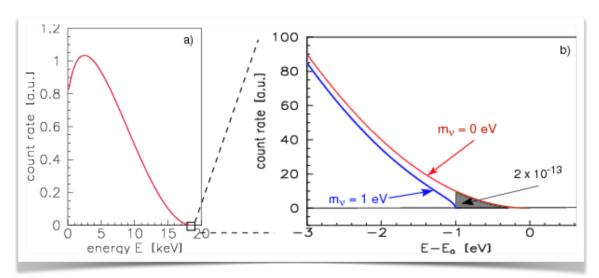


- Future experiments aiming for ~2 OoM improvement and cover "Inverted Ordering" region
- A lot to look forward to in the near to far future!

Direct Mass Measurement Experiments

Absolute mass of neutrinos?

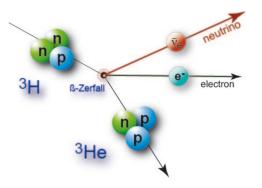
- Constraints from cosmological and astrophysical data and precision measurements from β -decay experiments
- Experimental landscape
 - Tritium beta decay tagging: KATRIN, Project 8
 - Electron capture decay of ¹⁶³Ho: ECHO, HOLMES
 - Other: Neutrino 4



(KATRIN Experiment)

Mass
$$m < 1.1$$
 eV, $CL = 90\%$ (tritium decay)

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Closing Thoughts

- Neutrino Physics is a very active field of research
- We are striving towards a <u>global picture</u> of neutrinos
- Opportunities all around: physics, technology and data analyses
- We are boldly moving towards creative new technologies suitable for precision era
- Overlap b/n experiments is valuable: cross checks, improved constraints/ precision, helps us move towards our global picture faster
- Next generation experiments are bigger/better and with broad physics programs; lot to look forward to in the next decade
- Already thinking about beyond the next generation!



Being in Neutrino
Physics is like being on
a Roller Coaster

It is adventurous, exciting and challenging, all at the same time—wouldn't have it any other way!