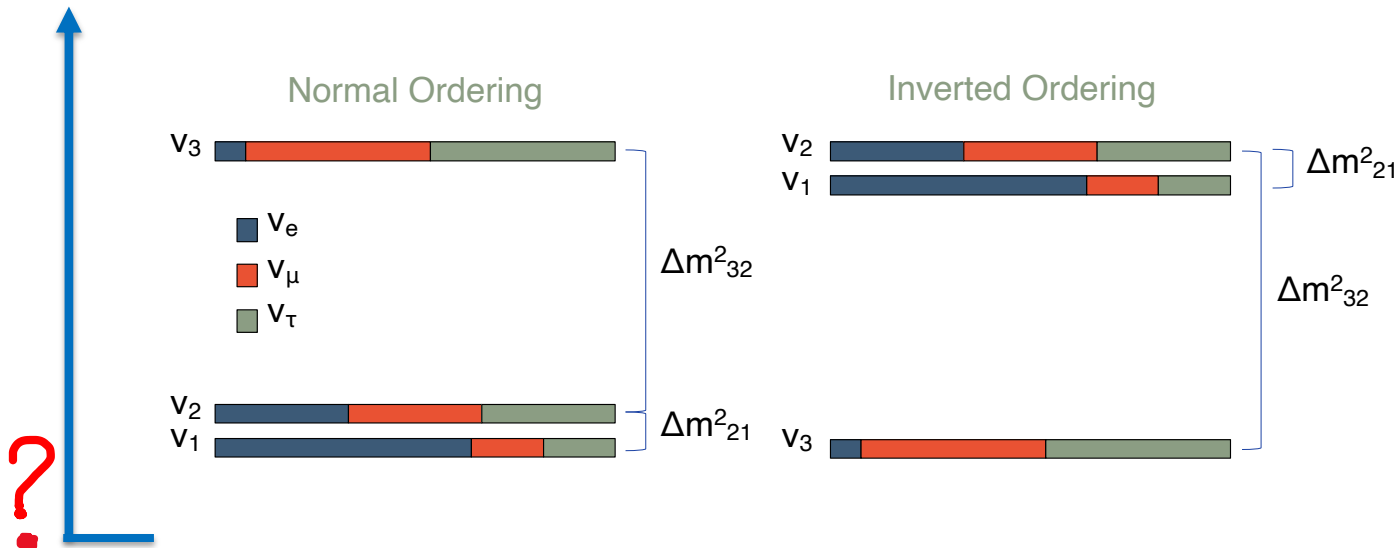


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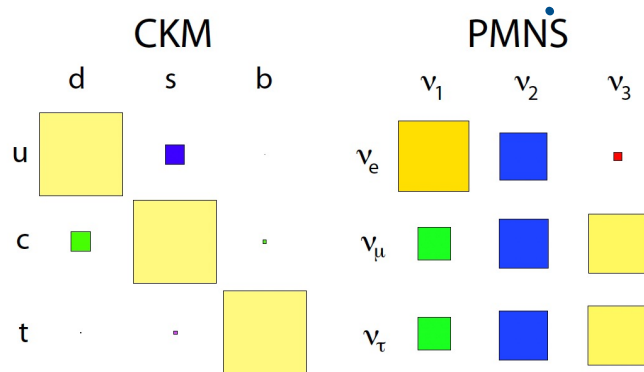
# Neutrinos: Open Questions



- Can neutrinos explain the matter-antimatter asymmetry in the Universe?
- What is the neutrino absolute mass scale?
- Are neutrinos Majorana particles?

	$\theta_{23}$	$\theta_{13}$	$\theta_{12}$	$\delta$
Leptons	$\sim 45^\circ$	$8.5^\circ$	$34^\circ$	?
Quarks	$2.4^\circ$	$0.20^\circ$	$13^\circ$	$69^\circ$

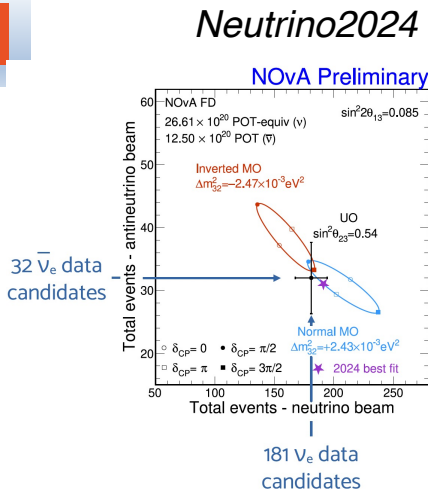
Is the  $\theta_{23}$  mixing maximal?  
 $\theta_{23} = 45^\circ \rightarrow |U_{\mu 3}| = |U_{\tau 3}|$



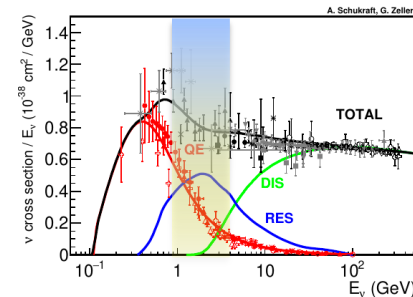
- What is the neutrino mass ordering? (is  $\Delta m^2_{32}$  positive or negative?)
- Is there leptonic CP violation?
- Is  $\theta_{23}$  mixing maximal?
- Is the PMNS matrix unitary?

# Preamble-II

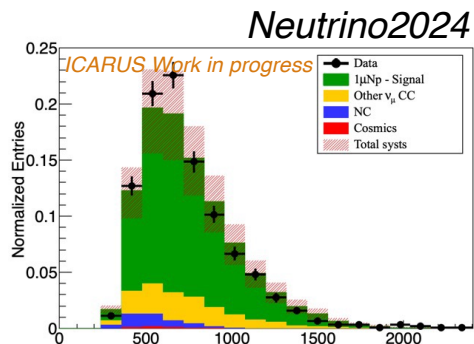
Why DUNE?



Till now, rather fuzzy results about closure of PMNS  
 → need for a high mass and high performant detector (neutrino energy measurement)

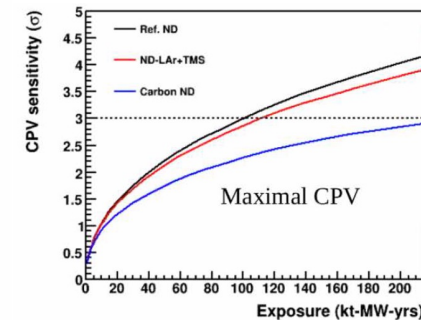
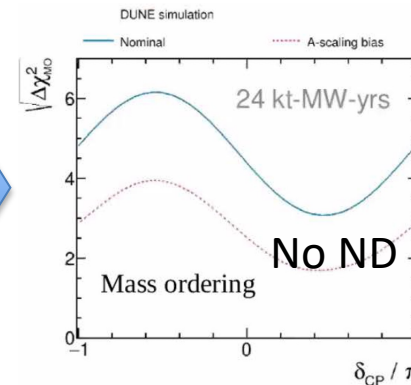
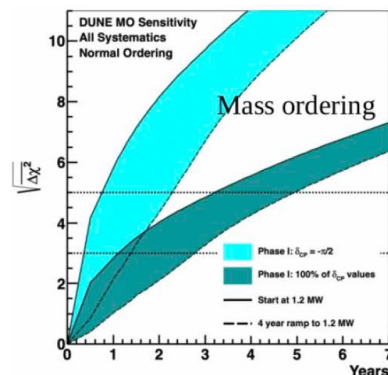


Why detectors at the Near site?



SBN without Near detector  
 → about 25% systematics

DUNE: first robust measurement of the MO



Why SAND?

$$N_X(E_{rec}) = \int_{E_\nu} dE_\nu \Phi(E_\nu) P_{osc}(E_\nu) \sigma_X(E_\nu) R_{phys}(E_\nu, E_{vis}) R_{det}(E_{vis}, E_{rec})$$

SAND

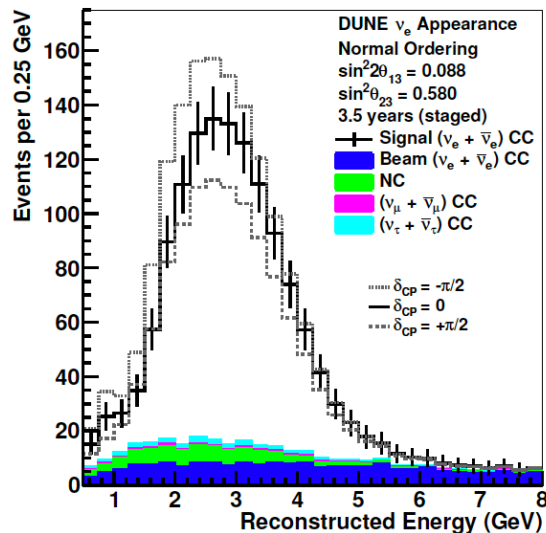
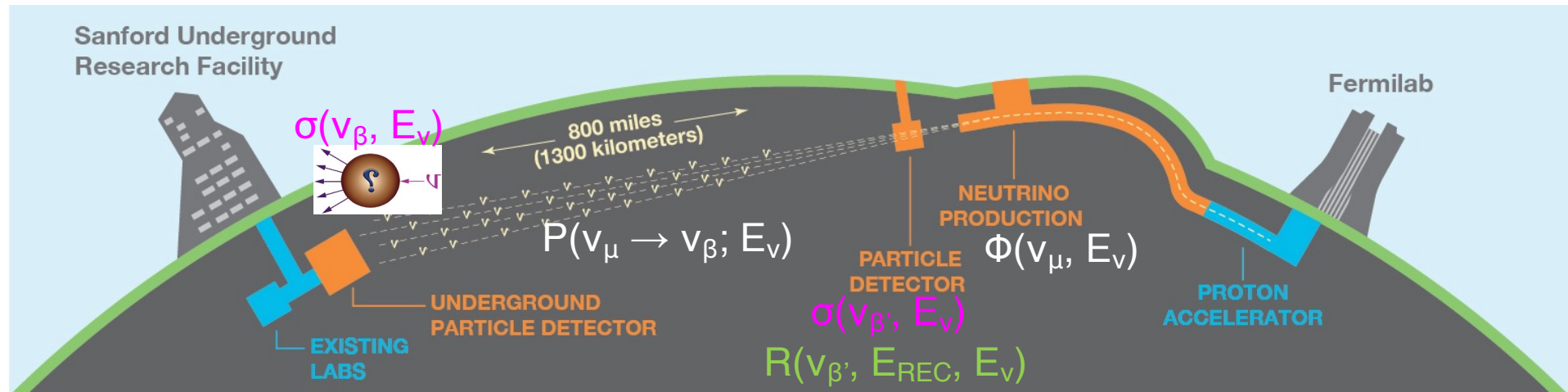
SAND LAr interactions

SAND multi-target (long shot)

LAr detectors

about 1

# DUNE at work



$\nu_e$  appearance from  $\nu_\mu$  beam after 3.5 years (staged)

Need maximal control of prediction under PMNS parameters:  
 fluxes, cross-sections, detector responses

To maximize deconvolution of intrinsic degeneracies perform  
 single measurements for as many as possible sources of  
 systematics effects Near Detector complex

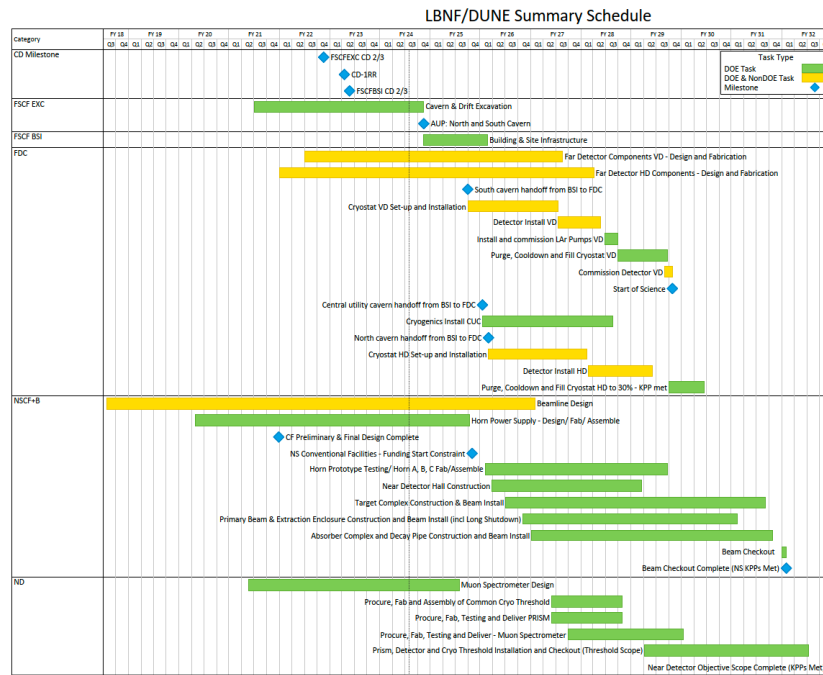
# DUNE update

**FAR Excavation completed in Feb 2024!**

- 800,000 tons of rock removed
- Cryostat installation begins in 2025
- Detector components begin arriving at far site in 2026
- **Near-site construction begins in 2025**



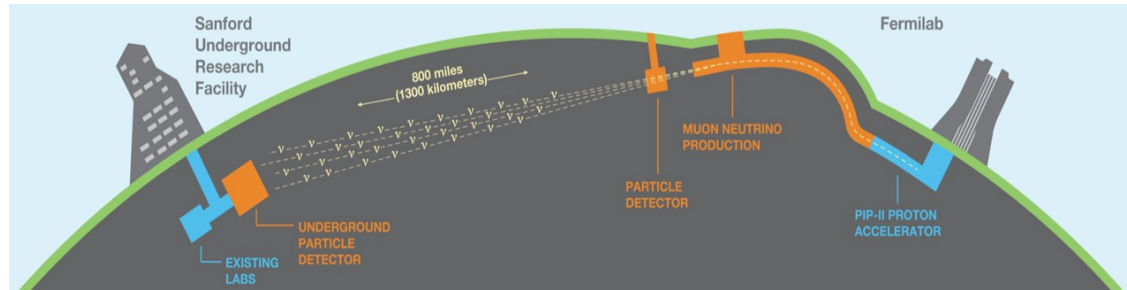
South cavern





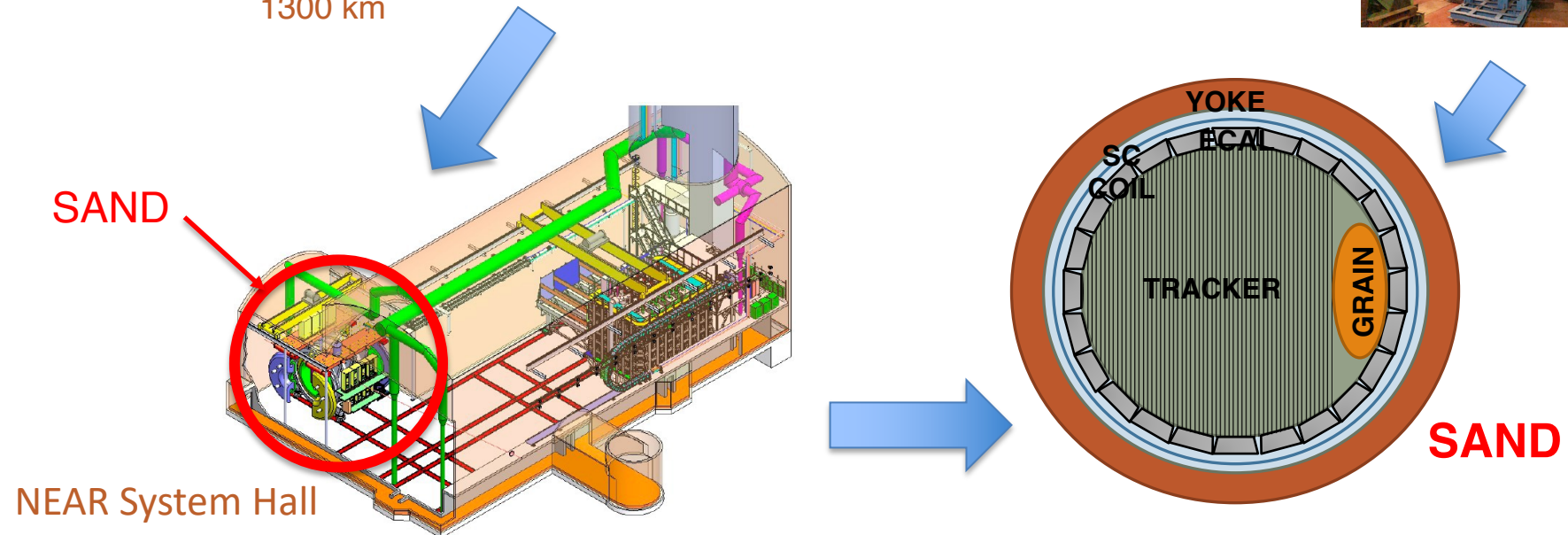
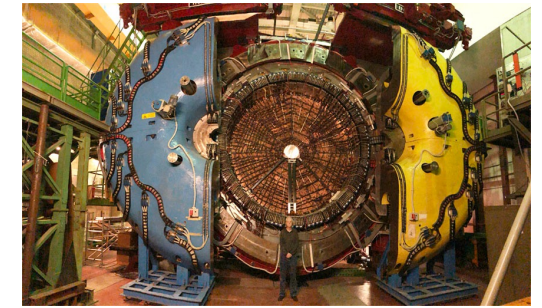
# DUNE context

1400+ people, 200+ institutions w/ CERN, 34 countries

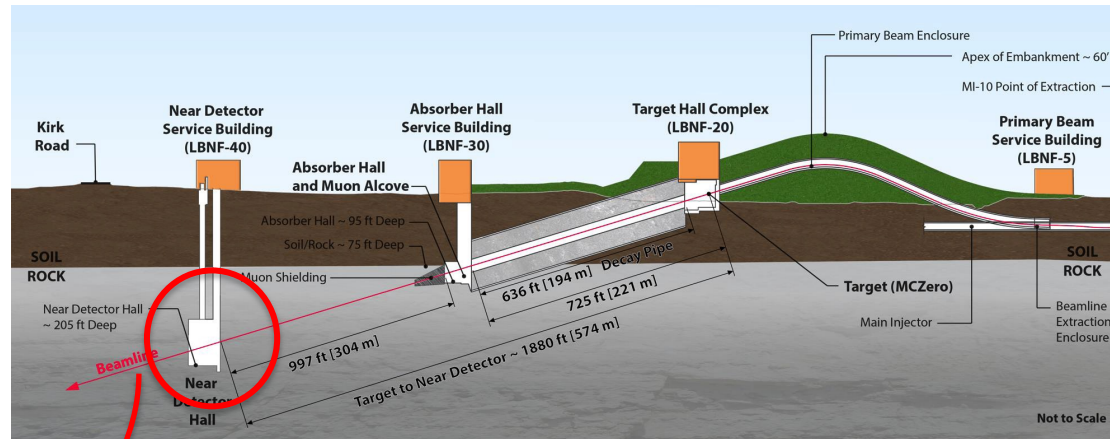


FAR ← 1300 km → NEAR

KLOE in Frascati, as it was

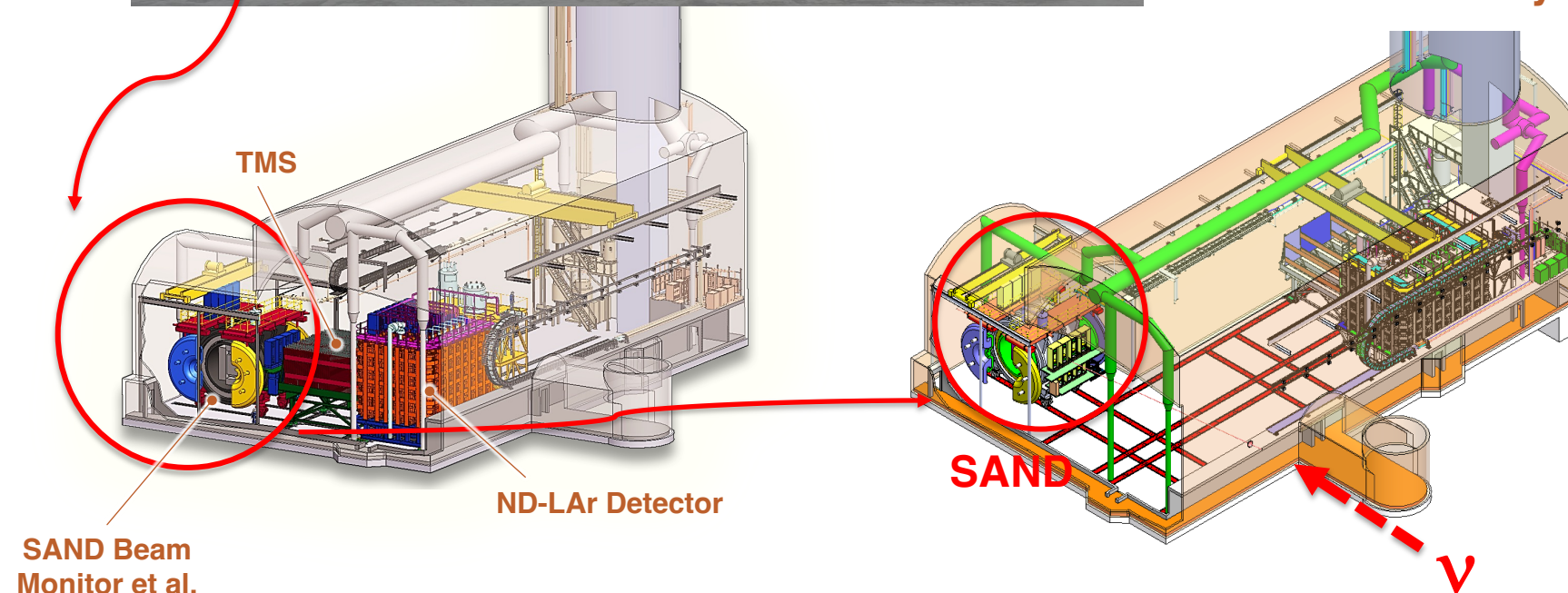


# DUNE Phase-1 Near Detector Layout



High statistics  
constrains cross  
section  
and neutrino flux.

Systematics' control  
for neutrino  
oscillation analysis.



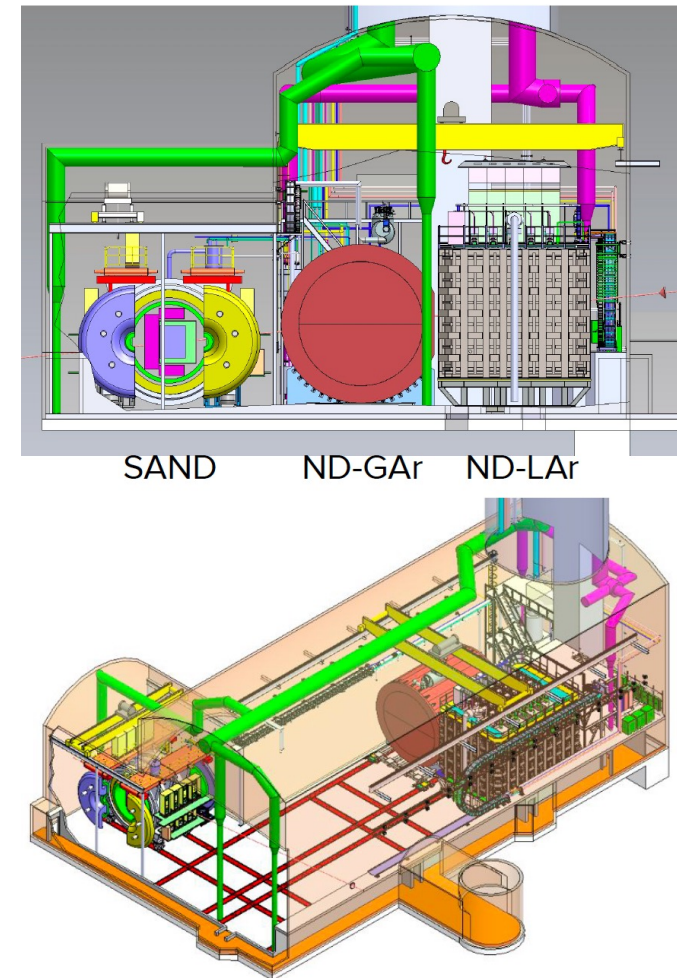
# Near Detector Complex (asymptotic)

Four main components

1. Liquid argon detector (ND-LAr)
2. Downstream tracker with gaseous argon target (ND-GAr/MCND), in magnetic field
3. ND-LAr and MCND systems can move to off-axis fluxes (PRISM concept)
4. System for on-Axis Neutrino Detection (SAND), in magnetic field

**High statistics constrains cross section and neutrino flux.**

**Systematic control for neutrino oscillation analysis.**





# DUNE-SAND

Status, progress, and planning

*Luca Stanco*

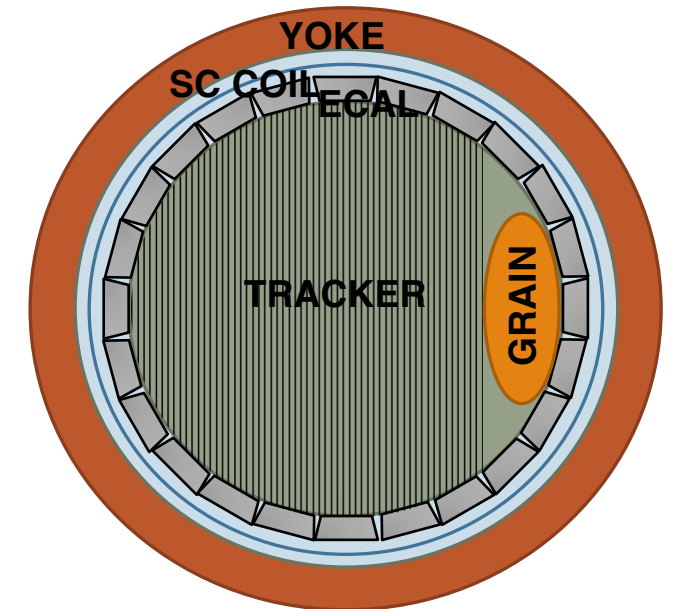
- ECAL/Magnet
- Tracker
- GRAIN
- DAQ
- Software/Physics

**MAGNET** – KLOE 0.6T superconductive coil + Fe Yoke

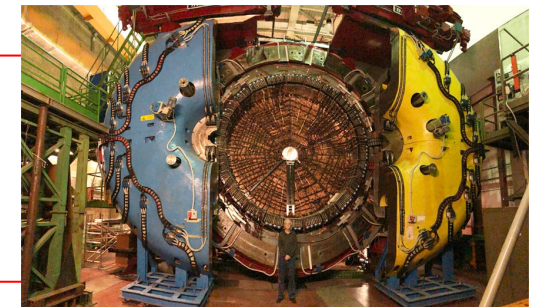
**ECAL** - KLOE Lead Scintillating Fibers calorimeter (Barrel ~85 t + EndCaps ~40 t)

**TRACKER (STT)** – 5 ton Straw-Tube tracker with “solid-H” target  $\text{CH}_2$  and C interleaved foils (Drift Chamber, DCH, similar)

**GRAIN** – 1 ton liquid Argon target with VUV imaging system (fully optical read-out)



SAND, a multipurpose detector with a high-performant ECAL, light-targeted tracker, LAr target, all of them in a magnetic field



Our first commitment: be ready to start installation in September 2028



# SAND's requirements & interplays

1. It **must** monitor the (relevant) beam changes on a **weekly basis** with sufficient sensitivity
2. It **must** provide an independent measurement of the **flux** and measure the **flavor** content of the neutrino beam on event-by-event basis.
3. It **should** contribute to remove **degeneracies** when the other components are off-axis (50% of the time)
4. It **would** add robustness to the ND complex to keep **systematics** and **background** under control
5. and while delivering all of the above, it **could** contribute to **oscillation analysis** and enjoy the high statistics to perform a plethora of **other physics** measurements.

**As a matter of fact SAND needs to be a multipurpose detector**  
(with challenging compromises between mass, ID and tracking)

# SAND configuration

SAND will be permanently on-axis in a dedicated alcove

The schematic configuration is:

- a Superconducting Solenoid Magnet
  - an Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECAL)
  - an Inner Tracker, including a thin active LAr target
- } in-kind from KLOE experiment (LNF-Italy)

## Inner Tracker

- **Why SAND needs a dedicated tracker system inside the magnet?**

Separation of neutrino and anti-neutrino fluxes (charge ID),  
event-by-event reconstruction,  
neutron identification (with ECAL),  
subtraction analysis to isolate free proton interactions.

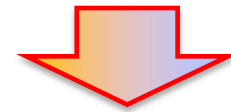
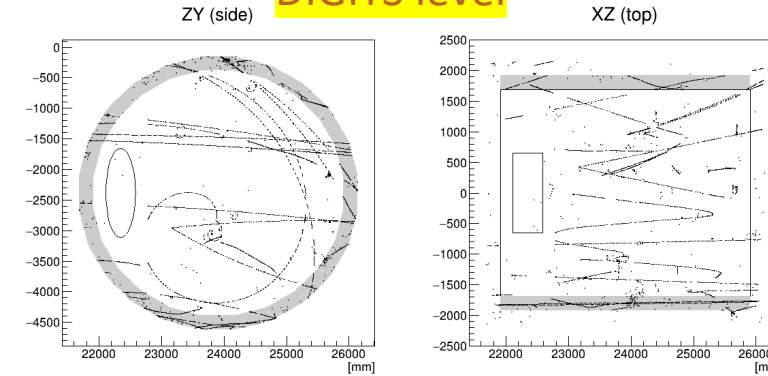
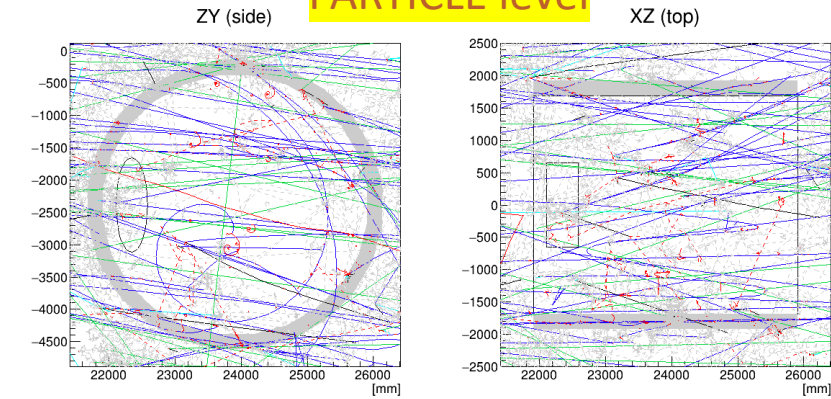
- a StrawTubeTracker (STT) providing a low-density tracker with integrated thin targets as first option
- a Drift Chamber (DCH) backup-option is under study with the exactly the same configuration and geometry

# Events in SAND for an entire spill

**PARTICLE level**

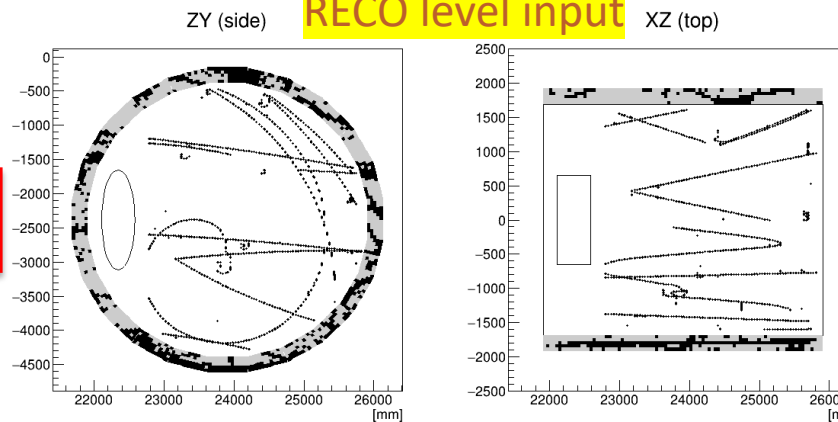
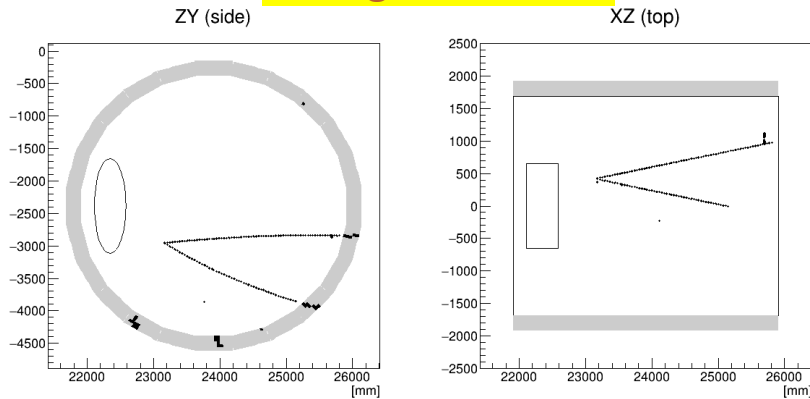
(not time-gated)

**DIGITS level**



**time-gated 100 ns**

**RECO level input**



## Identified Event

*Certainly, one of the best detectors ever placed in a neutrino beam*

# SAND commitments and interplay

- SAND is out of DUNE-US project. However, a bilateral DOE-INFN MoU has been signed on April 9, 2024, defining, among others, the respective contributions and responsibilities to SAND's construction, verification and installation.
- SAND Consortium provides the detector components, expertise and resources for testing, assembling, installation, commissioning
- Fermilab provides logistics, technical coordination, technical support and engineering for the pre-assembly activities, pre-shipping and post-shipping acceptance tests, occurring at Fermilab and support to installation at the DUNE-ND site



## Details of MoU

Addendum 2 of the Implementing Arrangement between the USA Department Of Energy and the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (MUR) for Cooperation in Areas of Astroparticle and Nuclear Physics defines the areas of cooperation and reciprocal responsibilities of DOE (through Fermilab) and MUR (through INFN) in DUNE.

Among other contributions, it covers the deliverables and the support for the installation of SAND in the DUNE ND facilities that, although it is understood to be *“outside the current U.S. LBNF/DUNE project”*, it *“is planned to be coordinated with Fermilab and the DUNE Program”*.

# Excerpt MoU DOE-INFN

... the DUNE experimental detector systems to which INFN shall contribute include:

...

A DUNE ND assembly which will include an on-axis neutrino detector identified as System for on-Axis Neutrino Detection (SAND), it being understood that:

- a) INFN's contribution to SAND is a critical part of the overall international DUNE Program though it is outside the current U.S. LBNF/DUNE project (and its associated project completion), which is being undertaken by DOE in accordance with DOE Order 413.3B regarding project management for the acquisition of capital assets;
- b) and the SAND installation schedule is planned to be coordinated with Fermilab and the DUNE Program.

**Fermilab shall contribute resources as follows:**

1. Provide facilities for the execution of the DUNE Program, including:
  - i. Accelerators and the associated neutrino beamline for DUNE;
  - ii. Experimental halls including infrastructure such as AC power distribution, computer and data networking, and building cranes;
  - iii. Safe working environments to conduct activities; and
  - iv. Engineering support for external cryogenic systems, cryogenic system integration, and process control systems to be built, installed by INFN, and operated in collaboration with INFN.
  
2. Support for the installation of the DUNE ND and FD in their respective experimental halls. This support include:
  - i. Providing technical coordination for each detector and associated subsystems; and
  - ii. Providing certain specialized technical services such as crane operation and welding services.
  
3. Along with the DUNE Collaboration, support for the commissioning, experimental, and physics operation of DUNE that shall include:
  - i. Technical staff to operate the cryogenics systems; and
  - ii. Physics control room facilities located near the DUNE ND and FD experimental halls.
  
4. Provide oversight of activities regarding environmental and safety standards; provide support for carrying out safety reviews and obtaining necessary operational readiness clearances; and provide the necessary training for users to carry out the functions of installation, maintenance, and operation of the detectors.

## as a result...

Fermilab has formed an engineering group to support the SAND consortium in developing designs and procedures in accordance with standards and regulations in use at Fermilab.

For the moment, the group, lead by SAND's Technical Leader, consists of a cryogenic, two electrical and a mechanical engineers, and a logistic coordinator shared with DUNE ND. The group is planned to be expanded as needed and to cover safety, onsite preinstallation and QA/QC activities and the final installation and commissioning of the detector.

Integration and Installation processes and schedules are being developed in close collaboration with DUNE-ND's I&I team.

**SAND Consortium is preparing a TDR, to be completed by end of 2024 and to be included in the DUNE-ND TDR.**

Preliminary Design Reviews are coherently being planned with DUNE's review office, and the current one is the first of a series.



# SAND Working Groups

Activities / Sub-systems

Chair(s)

**1) Magnet and Yoke**

*G. Delle Monache*

**2) ECAL**

*D. Domenici, A. Di Domenico*

**3) STT**

*G. Sirri, S. Di Falco, R. Petti*

**4) GRAIN**

*A. Montanari, L. Di Noto*

**5) DAQ/Trigger & Timing/Slow Controls**

*S. Di Domizio, C. Mariani, N. Tosi*

**6) Software/Physics**

*M. Tenti*

**7) Calibration**

*P. Gauzzi*

**8) TDR editor chair**

*P. Bernardini*

# SAND status in a nutshell

- **Activity in Frascati going on quite smoothly:**  
continuing preparation for tools and test operations;  
dismounting of calorimeter modules, done for the Barrel ones, ready for the Endcap !  
Active involvement of Fermilab engineering group for re-installation planning and preparation  
Getting ready for the DUNE PDR, on July 22nd and 23rd.
- **LAr-GRAIN detector:** key issue on ASIC read-out under vibrant studies (defined roadmap towards design and production of 1024 channels ASIC),  
first cold test in Genova of coded masks and lenses prototypes almost ready to start;  
major advances in cryogenics and preparation of a full-scale test facility in INFN Legnaro Lab
- **Tracker:** advanced prototyping activities at CERN, Pisa and Bologna (plus other sites, installing and testing machines for straws production). Discussion in progress on tracker selection (STT vs DCH).
- **DAQ, Trigger, Timing and Slow Controls:** significant progress on integration with DUNE-DAQ and on timing.
- **Calibrations:** newly formed group; already developed a plan for calibrating ECAL and GRAIN
- **TDR writeup:** writeup progressing; more than 140 pages written
- **Physics:** part of the task force for re-evaluation and re-enforcement of the SAND detector
- **All schedules:** already rather detailed (see next presentations)

# Undergoing ND-TDR elaboration

## SAND strategy

(from the DUNE management)

«SAND is special in that a large component of SAND is not being designed to a minimum required specification; the magnet and calorimeter already exist

- Identify the physics drivers that motivate the conceptual design of a low-density, high-resolution, hydrogen-rich inner tracker, with additional nuclear targets
- $\nu_\mu/\nu_e/\text{anti-}\nu_\mu/\text{anti-}\nu_e$ , HNL  $\rightarrow$  low X0, low density
- $\nu$ -H measurements  $\rightarrow$  hydrogen rich + passive C
- $\nu$ -Ar/ $\nu$ -H measurements  $\rightarrow$  argon target
- etc.»

## SAND physics goals

Label	Name	Requirement	Rationale	System	Ref. Goal
ND-X5	Measure free proton cross sections	ND should measure $\nu-p$ cross sections	$\nu-p$ measurements, free of nuclear effects, constrain nucleon-level cross section predictions, and can be achieved via the "solid hydrogen" concept	SAND	ND-G2, ND-G3
ND-X6	Measure $\nu-Ar/\nu-H$ $\sigma$ ratios	ND should measure the ratio of $\nu$ cross sections on Ar and H(p).	Measuring cross section ratios to free nucleon is directly sensitive to nuclear effects, and could guide theory to improved nuclear models	SAND	ND-G2
ND-X7	Measure cross sections on various nuclear targets	ND should measure neutrino cross sections on various nuclear targets with the same detector	Studying the A-dependence of various inclusive and exclusive neutrino cross sections can inform nuclear models.	SAND	ND-G2
ND-X8	Measure $\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$ interactions	ND should separately measure interactions of each neutrino flavor in the neutrino beam	SAND can complement the wrong-sign and intrinsic $\nu_e$ measurements of ND-LAr with additional information from sign-selecting the $e^\pm$ samples	SAND	ND-G2
ND-X9	Inverse $\mu$ decay measurement	ND should identify and measure the rate of inverse $\mu$ decay events	Similar to ND-M1, the high-energy tail can be constrained with inverse muon decay. However the $\mu$ in process are too energetic to analyze in TMS.	SAND	ND-G3
ND-X10	Continuous on-axis beam monitoring	ND should have continuous on-axis neutrino monitoring	With a fixed on-axis detector, ND-LAr+TMS does not need to return to the on-axis position monthly, and can take extended off-axis data, reducing the required movement rate and reducing the possibility of overlooking a variation in the beam conditions	SAND	ND-G4



# KLOE-to-SAND Operation Activities at LNF

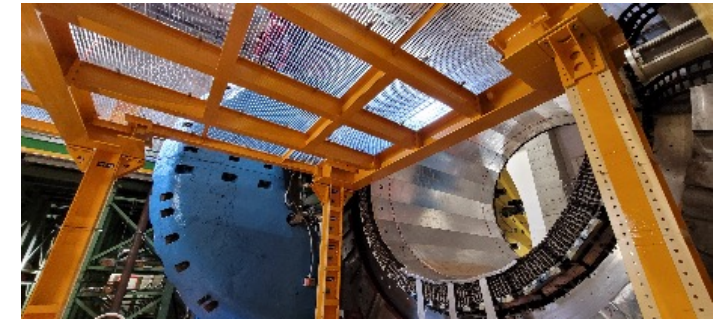
- ✓ Removal of all the cables and the FEE+HV racks
- ✓ Extraction of the Drift Chamber

## CALORIMETER

- ✓ Laser Tracker survey
- ✓ Extraction of Barrel (24 modules)
  - ✓ Variable height platform design and construction
  - ✓ Insertion/extraction machine refurbishment
  - ✓ Dismounting of PMTs
- Dismounting of 4 End-Caps
  - Tools refurbishment and construction
- Modules consolidation
- Operational test

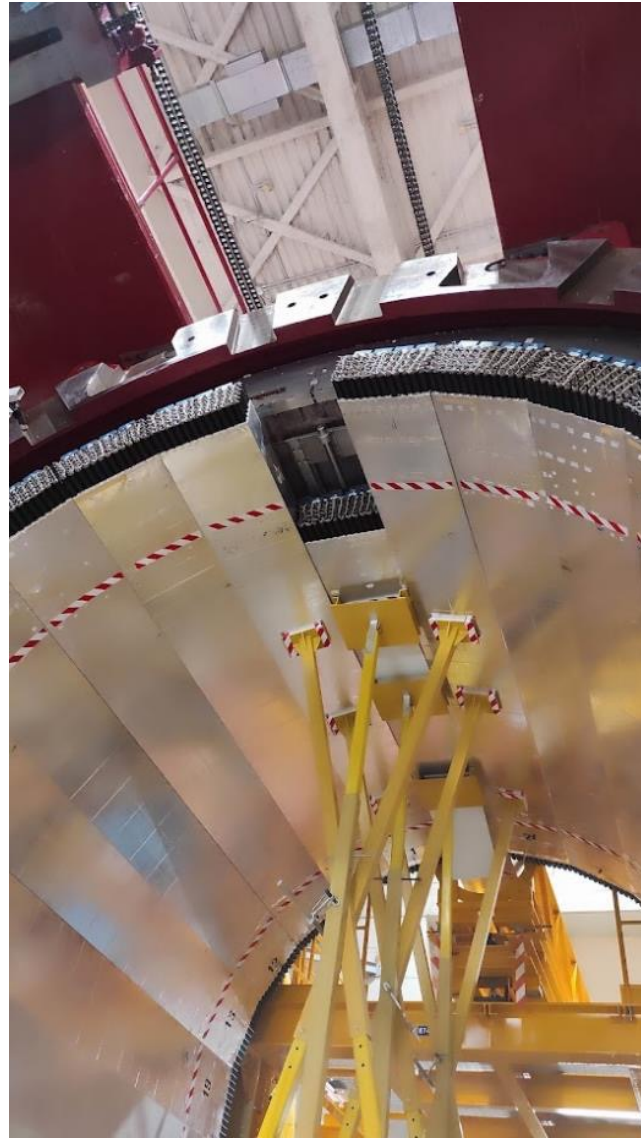
## MAGNET AND YOKE

- Installation of new Power Supply
- Colling and operational test
- Extraction of the Cryostat
- Dismounting of the Iron Yoke
- Packaging and Shipping



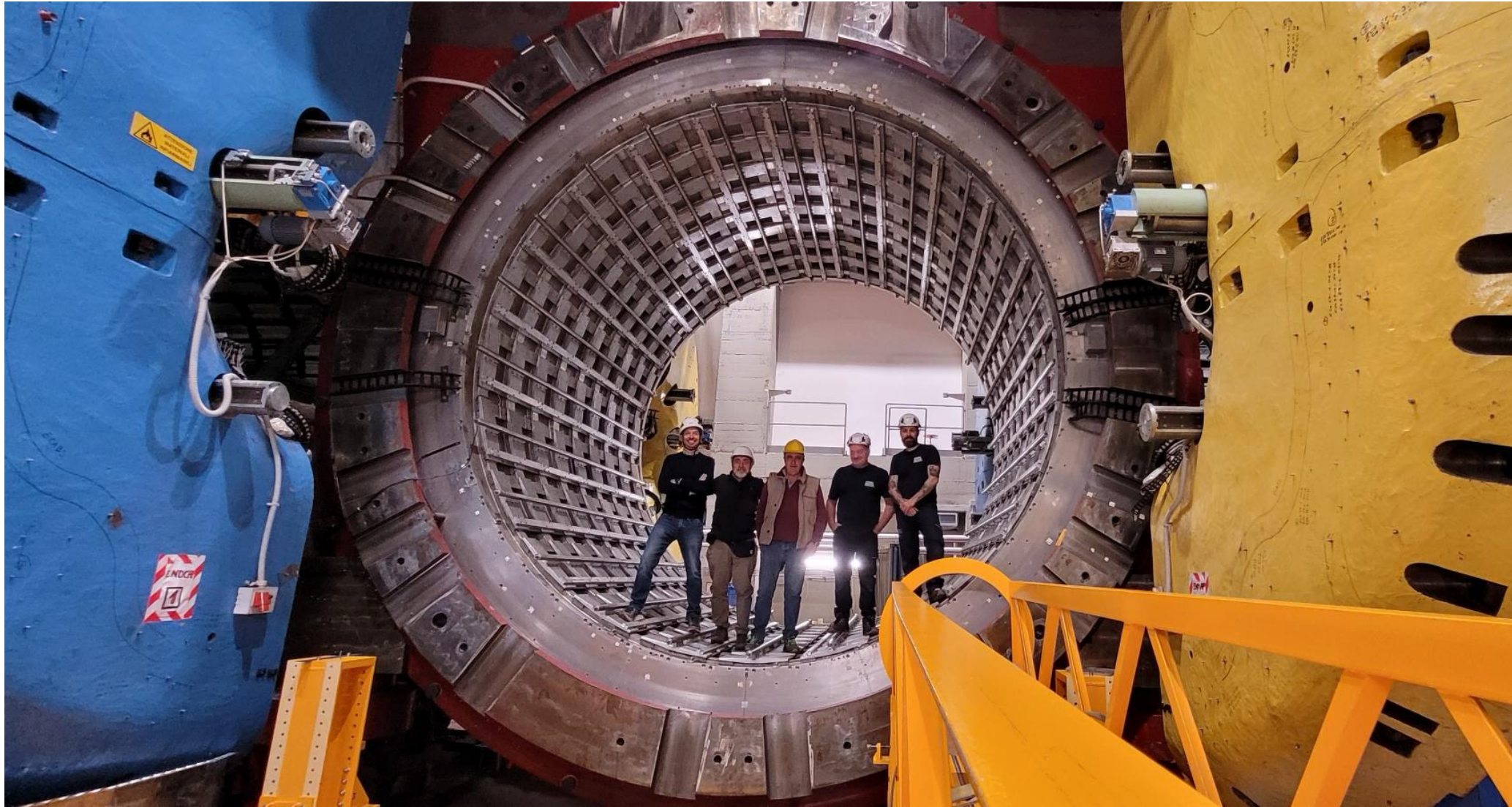


# Extraction of the Barrel Modules





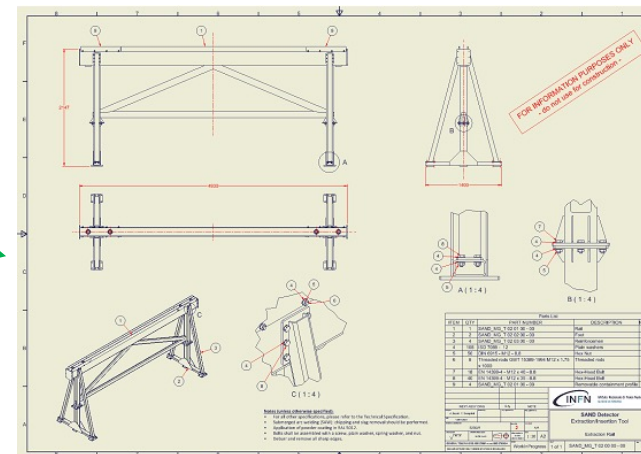
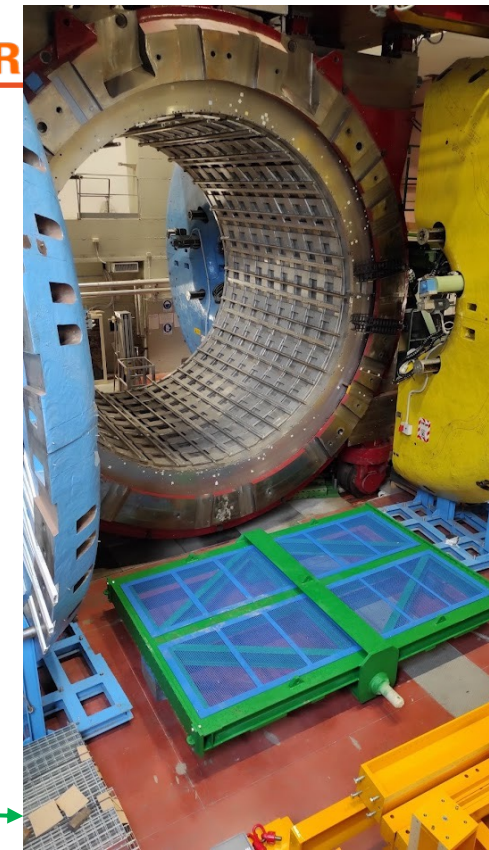
# Barrel Extraction completed



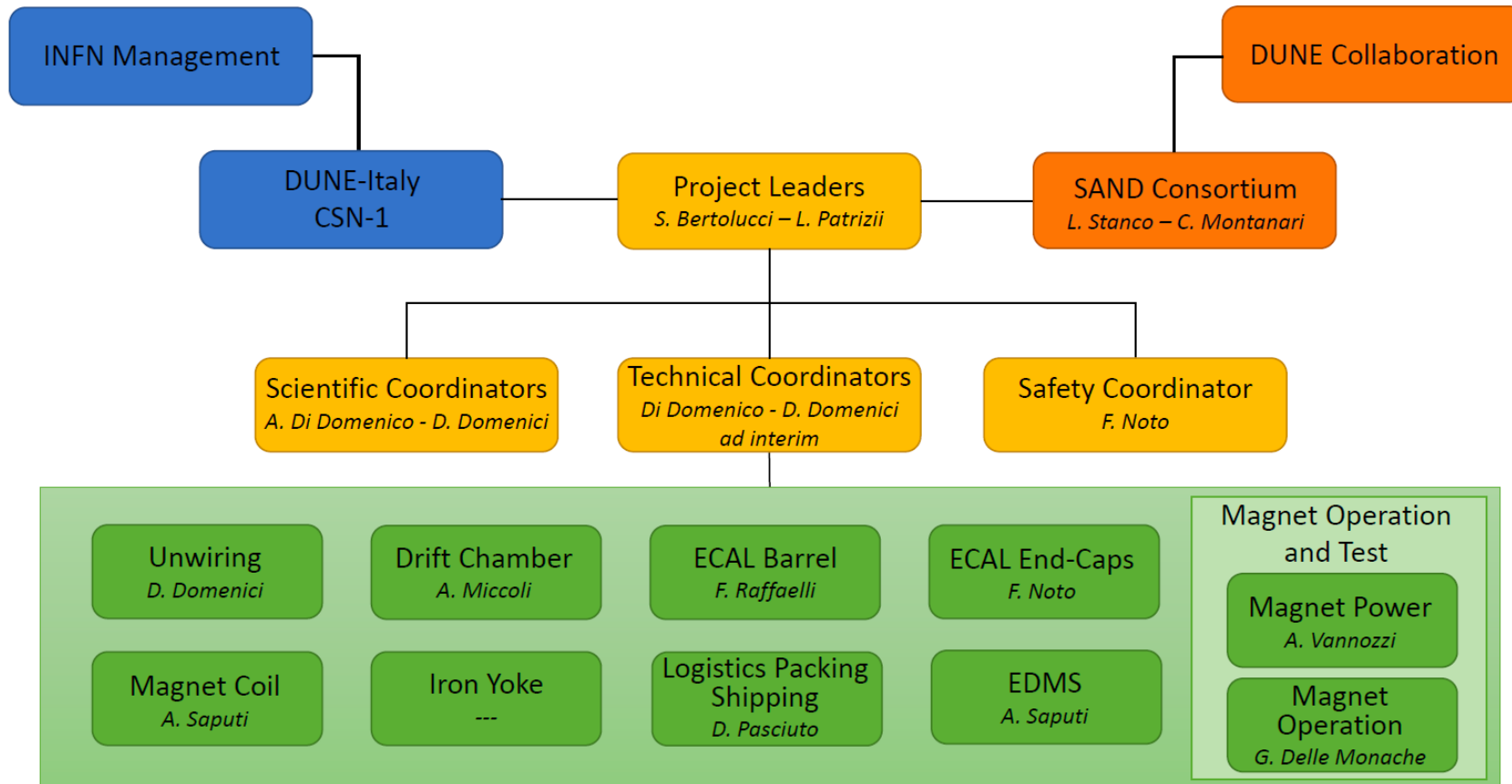


# ECAL Dismounting Summary

- The **24 modules** (3500 kg each) of the KLOE ECAL Barrel have been successfully extracted.
- The operations started at the beginning of February and ended in mid-May, with a net working time of 60 days.
- In view of the future insertion at FNAL a list of improvements of the tools has been already agreed
- Meanwhile, the tools for the End-Caps dismounting are under preparation
- Progresses have been made with OCEM on the technical solution for the magnet power supply, but delivery time is expected May 25
- Magnet cryostat extraction tools design is completed. Procedures are under definition.



# KLOE-to-SAND Organizational Breakdown Structure



# KLOE ECAL Performance/refurbishing

Lead-Scintillating Fibers  
4880 PMTs read-out  
98% solid angle coverage  
24 Barrell modules  
64 C-shaped EndCaps modules

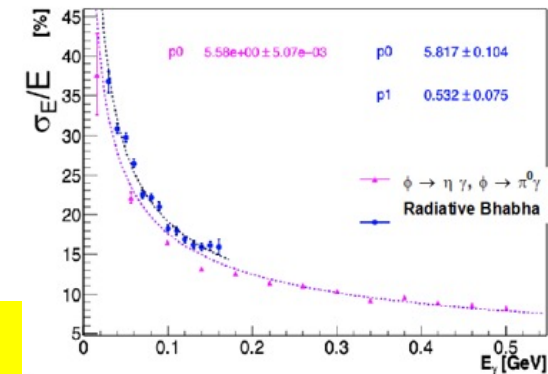
Neutron response of the  
ECAL is a key feature for  
SAND

## Spare PMTs

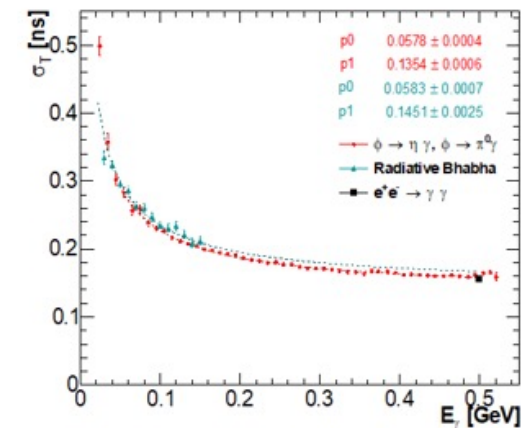
ECAL has 4880 Hamamatsu mesh PMT developed with KLOE. Since the production line is being discontinued, we purchased 150 spare tubes. A sample of 25 PMTs of the new batch have been tested at LNF showing very good performance. The whole batch is now at FNAL

## HV system and new FE electronics

- HV system selected, ready to go for tender
- Studies and test for the dynamic range of PMT signals in SAND are going to be finalized. Final choice for the charge and time readout chain, in tight collaboration with CAEN, expected by mid 2025.



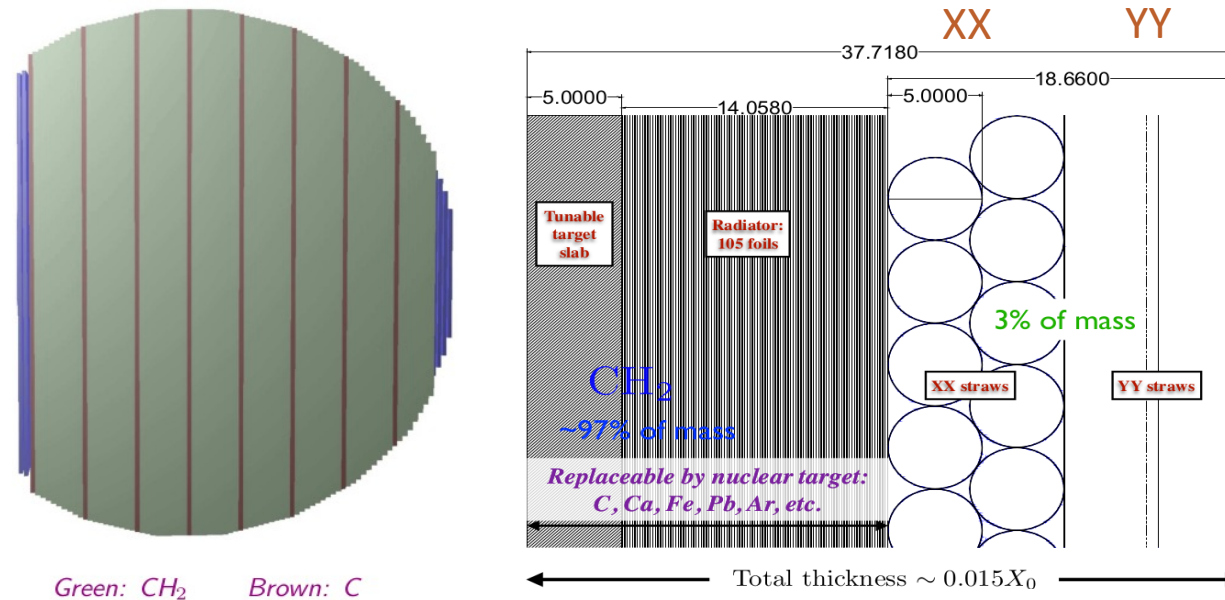
Energy and  
Time resolution  
measured in  
2015-2018 run



$$\sigma_E/E = 5.6\% / \sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$$

$$\sigma_t = 58 \text{ ps} / \sqrt{E(\text{GeV})} \oplus 135 \text{ ps}$$

# SAND tracker (US, INDIA, INFN,...)



- 1 module is made of:
- 1 target slab
  - (optional) radiator for TR
  - 2 XX straw layers
  - 2 YY straw layers

70 CH<sub>2</sub> modules → Solid H target!  
 8 C modules

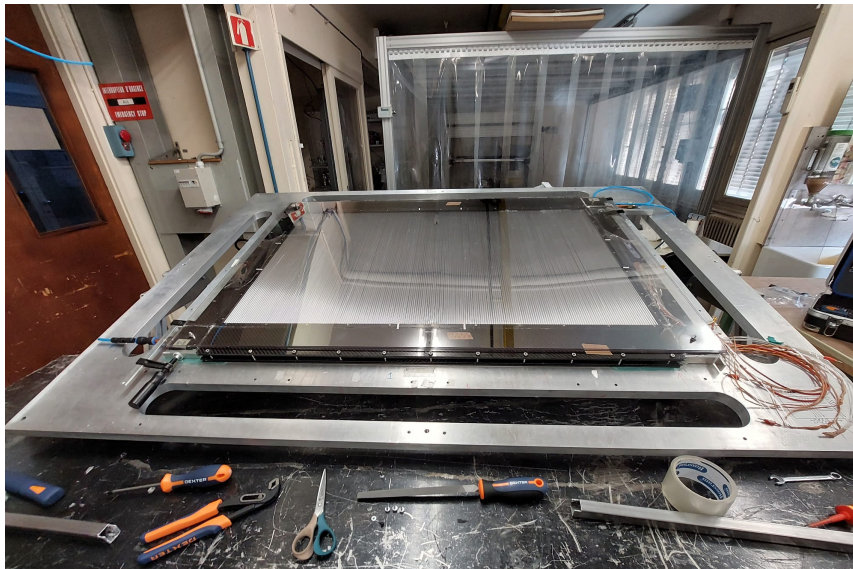
220,000 straws  
 Average length 3.2 m  
 Internal gas volume 14 m<sup>3</sup>  
 Nominal gas pressure 2 atm

Quite challenging project (never realized before):  
 all the requested performances in a single detector

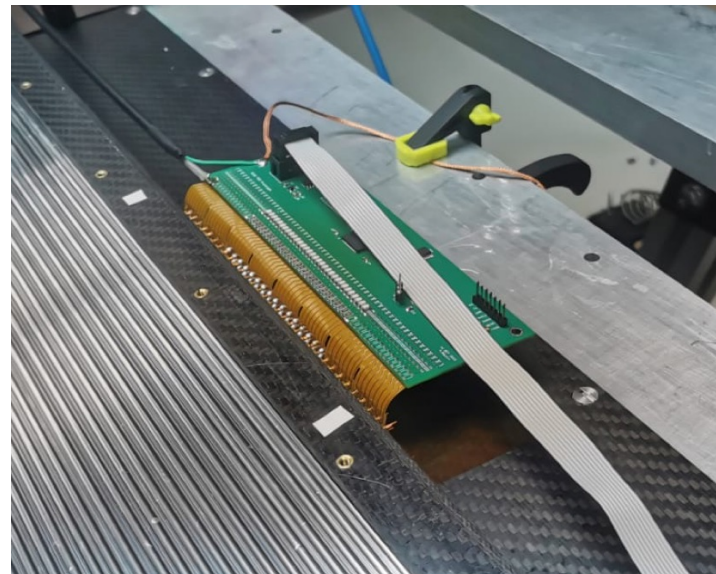


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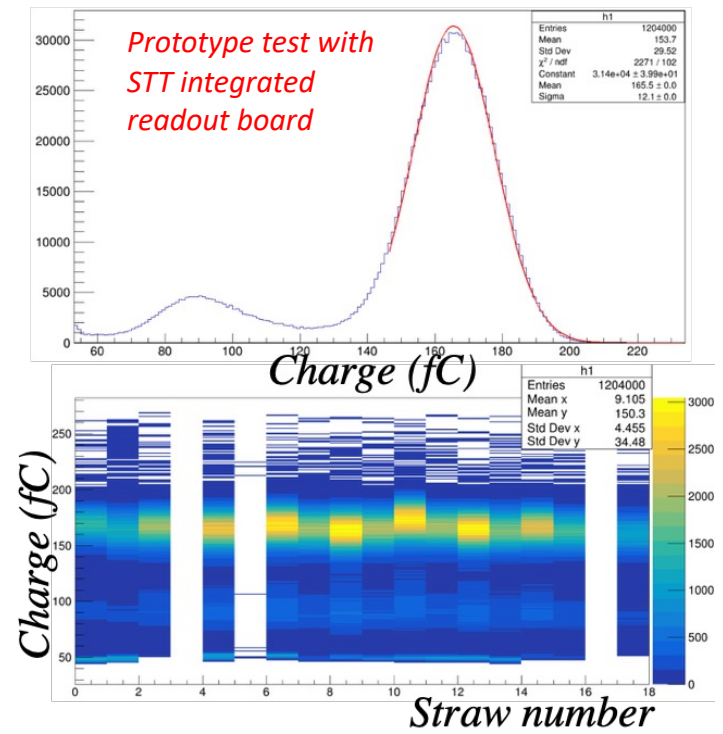
- Successful completion and test of 1.2m 0.8m STT prototype at CERN in Nov. 2023
- Demonstration of integrated STT readout boards with C-fiber prototype at CERN
- Established end-to-end assembly procedure and validation of the design
- Validation of thermal studies with mockup cooling prototype at CERN
- Measurement of straw creep rate as a function of time
- Analysis of  $dE/dx$  from August 2023 testbeam and implications for STT performance
- Tooling for assembly of 4m STT modules
- Preparation for STT production: INP Kazakhstan, IIT Kanpur, Panjab University
- Plans for STT production: straw production & module assembly
- Drift chamber study



1.2m 0.8m STT prototype



Integrated STT readout board





# STT involvements/interests

USA: Duke University, University of South Carolina, BNL, Virginia, ...

Italy: INFN/Univ. Bologna, Genova, Padova, Pavia, Pisa; INFN/Lab. Frascati, Catania

India: IIT Guwahati, NISER, Panjab University, University of Lucknow, ...

Georgia: Georgian Technical University (GTU)

Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR), Dubna

Kazakhstan, INP (Almaty) - **new entry** -

( Germany: University of Hamburg )

...

## e.g. GTU contribution for DUNE STT

1. For the first time created & developed straw tubes with a diameter of 20  $\mu\text{m}$  and 5 mm using ultrasonic welding technology, including double-coated straws.
2. Study of straw mechanical properties, including requirements for detector assembly.
3. First mass production of straws for mock-up
4. The first production of 4 m long straws in Tbilisi and Dubna, study their properties
5. First mass production of 1000 straws tested and verified by quality control. Used for the first prototype assembled at CERN.
6. Special extra straws for distribution between institutions (requirement for distribution is that all data measurement to be shared )
7. Production of endplugs used in the prototype
8. Frame design and modeling, study of electronics cooling
9. Spacer design R&D for wiring

*Issue corresponds to the schedule as driven by the current DUNE schedule that foresees the ND beneficial occupancy in 2028, on top of engineering fulfilment and funding*

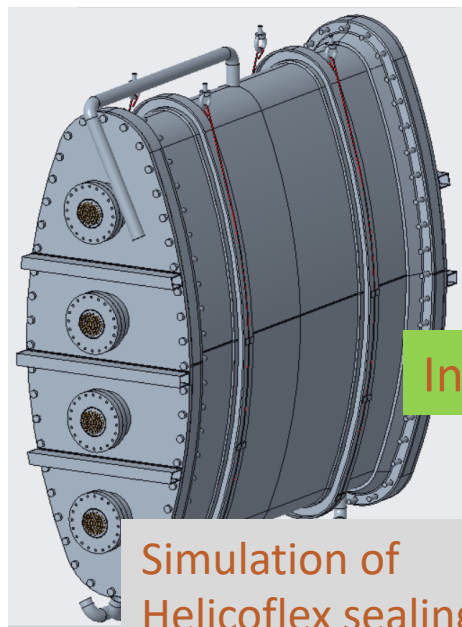
# SAND Tracker activities for 2024

- Construction of a 1200 x 800 mm<sup>2</sup> drift chamber prototype.
- A second STT one in Pisa is also foreseen.
- Beam test to compare the performance of two technologies (STT, drift chamber)
- Building a telescope to evaluate accuracy in position:
  - mupix20 sensors (active area 2cm x 2cm).
  - Readout: Cyclone10 cards.
  - Mechanical table and handling system, dedicated PC for acquisition.
  - Test of different ASIC chips.
- Design and procurement for Module 0 of the tracker (SJ for the choice of technology, physics driven)

PDR/TDR: key corner to clarify working feasibility (schedule, engineering, funding)

# Updates on GRAIN

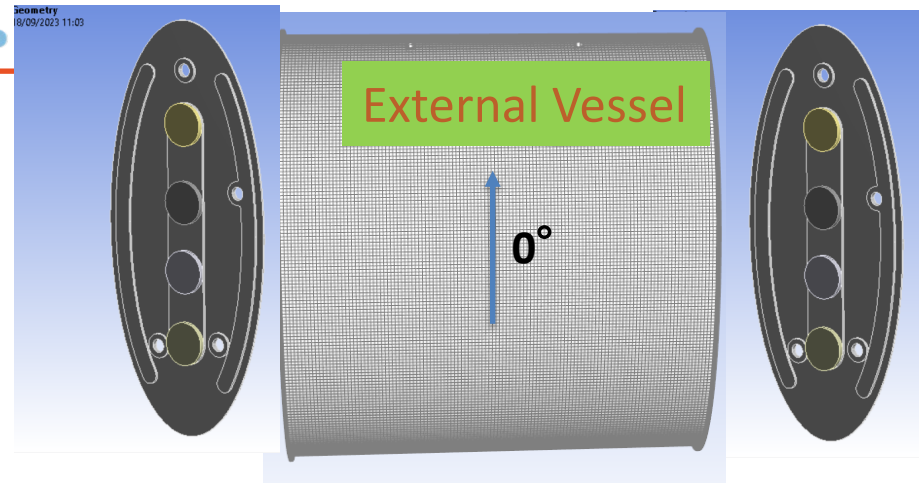
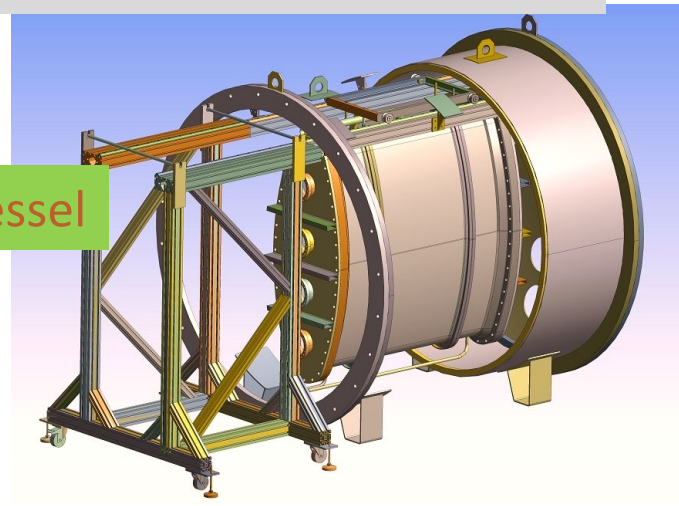
DEEP



Vacuum tank for Inner Vessel test at INFN-Legnaro almost ready for tender

Internal Vessel

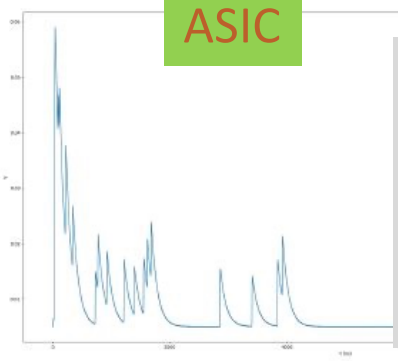
Simulation of Helicoflex sealing under way



External Vessel

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Test degassing and permeability of different samples of Carbon Fiber composites in INFN-Frascati



ASIC

INFN-Torino started the design of a new ASIC 1024 channels. Expected dynamics of photon arrival on SiPMs is used to choose optimized frontend architecture



Camera with 256 channels ready to be tested in ARTIC facility, Genova (LAr cryostat)

Cold Demonstrator



LNL-setup

# DAQ Trigger - Timing - Slow Monitor updates

- Made progress in the definition of the timing requirements of SAND
  - We need timing alignment of few  $O(10)$  /  $< 100$  ps RMS, depending on the subdetector
  - These are probably the most stringent requirements within the ND complex
  - These requirements apply to both between subdetectors and within each subdetector
  - However we only need them to be met within each single spill
- There are good chances that the DUNE-TIMING system can fit our needs
  - On the long term that system guarantees a timing alignment of  $O(100)$  ps RMS
  - On the short-term (a spill) and within a small subset of endpoints, the performances are significantly better
  - We are trying to identify a few measurements that can help us deciding whether to adopt the DUNE-TIMING system in SAND

PLL BW	Skew stdev
100Hz	31 ps
400Hz	6.9 ps
1kHz	2.8 ps
4kHz	1.8 ps

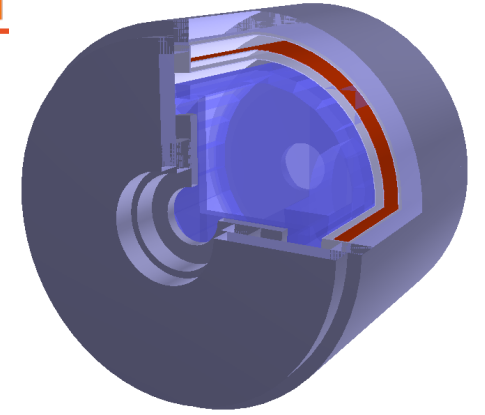
<https://indico.fnal.gov/event/61796/>

## One important point about the timing is the synchronization with the beam

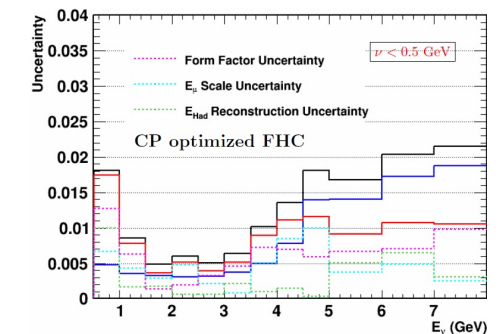
- In SAND we aim at  $\sim$ ns timing accuracy, to disentangle the bunch structure in each spill
- The options proposed by the accelerator group are not fully satisfactory
- We are considering the possibility to implement a custom instrumentation to pickup a signal directly from the proton beam
- This would require a discussion with the accelerator group
- We also started discussing about this topic with the TMS group

*Nicolò Tosi has replaced Michele Pozzato as co-coordinator of the WG, together with Camillo Mariani and Sergio Di Domizio*

# Software/Physics



- ECAL:
  - Detailed ECAL endcap geometry + its digitization
  - Validation and test of the ECAL clustering algo + Study of Particle ID
- Tracker:
  - Validation and test of Kalman Filter for track reconstruction
  - Development of fast track reconstruction algorithms
- GRAIN:
  - Improvement of 3D reconstruction with masks
  - ML-based filter for coded aperture camera raw data
- *sandreco* integration with DUNE SW framework



Breakdown of expected uncertainties  
on flux determination

A summary of the analyses  
and results is [here](#)



# SAND: conclusions

- ✓ The SAND detector is a key element of the ND-complex (and DUNE)  
*(formally based also on the MoU just signed off)*
- ✓ Our plan is compatible with the first day of ND-hall allowance to start installation (Sept. 2028),  
*(thanks also to FNAL interplay)*
- ✓ Disassembly of KLOE in Italy is actively and wonderfully going on  
*(two months delay will be shortly recovered)*
- ✓ Robust R&D program underway for the Tracker and GRAIN  
*(PDR/TDR will be a disentangling milestone)*
- ✓ The physics potentials are huge, for oscillation physics and beyond  
*(undergoing Task Force mission)*

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ECAL clustering	Kalman Filter	Proton/pion separation	Muon/pion separation	Electron identification	Straw -VS drift-based tracker	Event reconstruction
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# Magnet Extraction and Transport



PL: A.Saputi (INFN-FE)

Diameter 5.80 m  
Length 4,40 m  
Weight 42 t

Original tools not available.  
Reverse engineering and design  
of the cradles and all ancillary  
parts is ongoing

# Iron Yoke Dismounting

PL: S.Gazzana (INFN-LNF)

Iron Yoke is made by 34 parts  
the heaviest is 20t for a total of 700t  
Unsolding and heat treatment are needed  
strictly related with magnet extraction

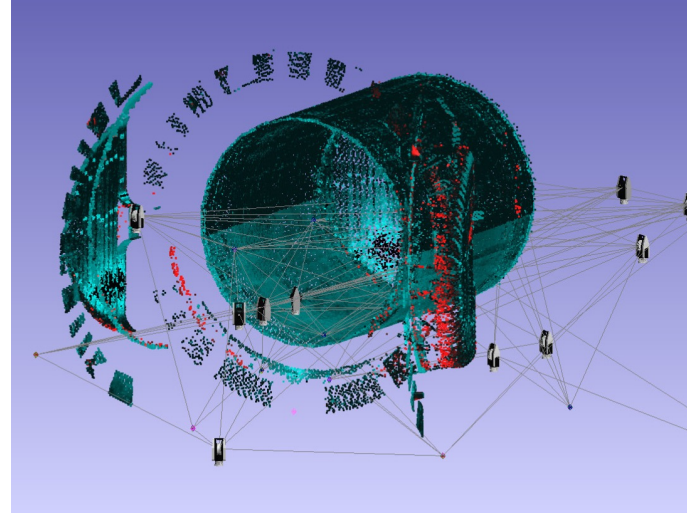




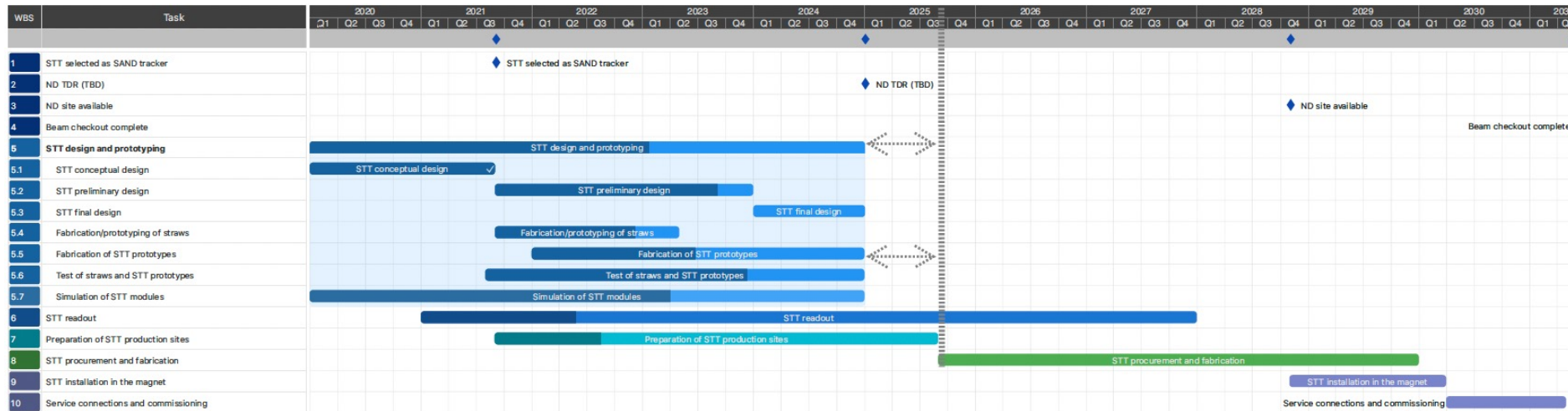
# ECAL Position Survey (new feature)



The whole surface of ECAL (EndCaps included) has been laser scanned to obtain a 10mm pitch matrix of points.



# STT (Straw Tracker) schedule



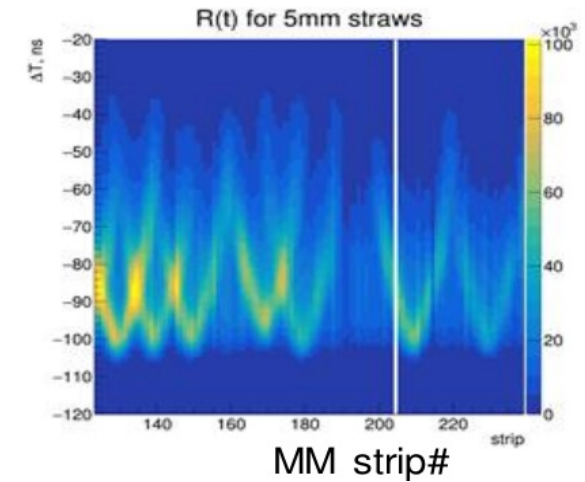
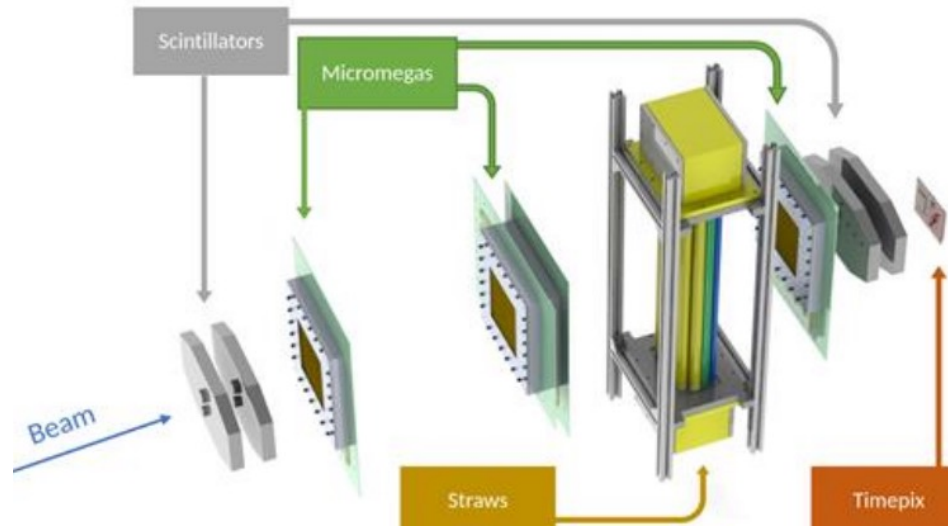
Construction of full scale prototype: 2024→ 2025  
 Expected Final Design: End of 2024 → End of 2025  
 Production sites still to be defined  
 Expected 4 years for STT production  
 in case of 5-8 production centers

	ATLAS TRT end-cap	DUNE STT
<i>Number of straws</i>	245,760	~ 220,000
<i>R&amp;D and prototyping</i>	6 (1994-2000)	4
<i>Production years</i>	6 (2000-2006)	4
<i>Production centers</i>	2 (JINR, PNPI)	5-8
<i>Average modules per year per center</i>	5.5	4
<i>Average straws per module</i>	4,096	2,600
<i>Channels per year per center</i>	22,528	10,400

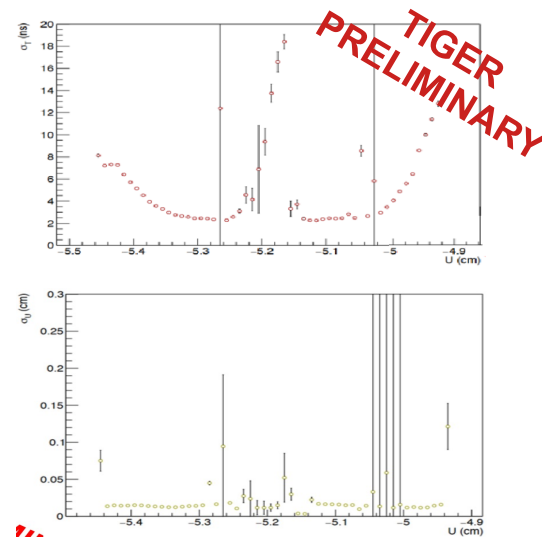
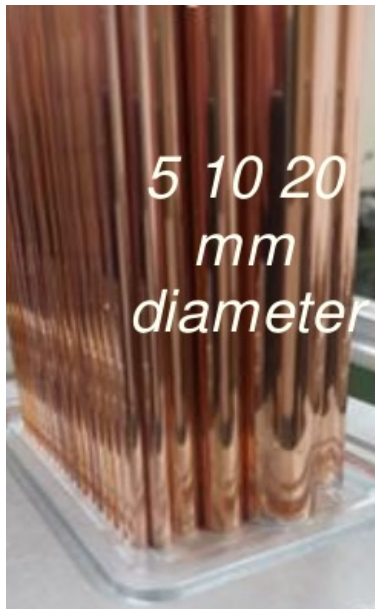
ASSEMBLING more time consuming than PRODUCTION



# STT: CERN Test beam



**Good time and position resolution!**

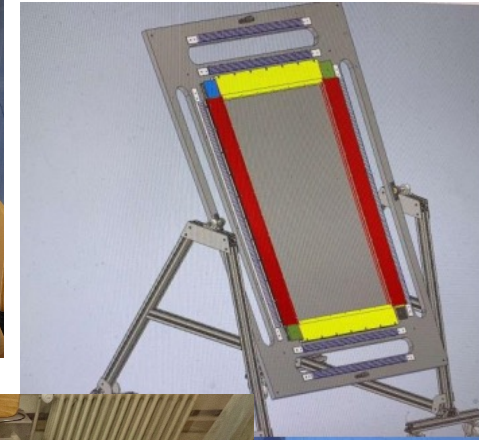
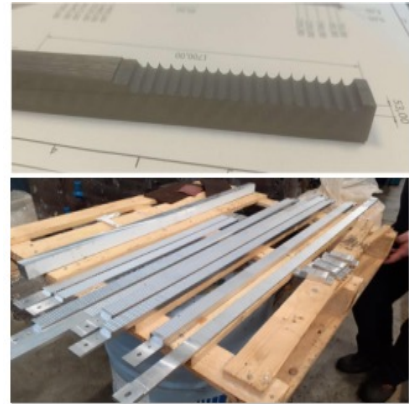
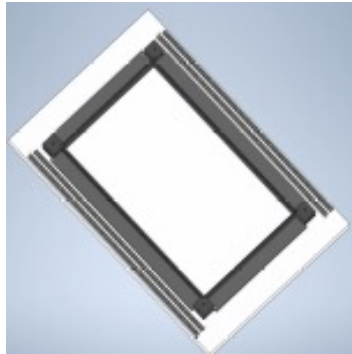


**2 ns**

- Tests have also included:
- HV scan
  - gain scan
  - peaking time scan
  - 1.5 T magnetic field effect

**136 μm**

# 1200x800 mm<sup>2</sup> prototype assembly at CERN



Ancillary tools needed for:

- keeping the straws in position
- gluing
- cutting
- rotating
- checking alignment
- keeping the straws pressurized

*PL: F.Raffaelli (INFN-PI)*



Straws (683) of 4 different lengths ready for prototype assembly

# STT+ECAL performances

**Momentum scale uncertainty:**  $\Delta p < 0.2\%$

calibration from  $K_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$  in STT volume (340 000 in FHC in 5 years)

**Reconstruction efficiency:**

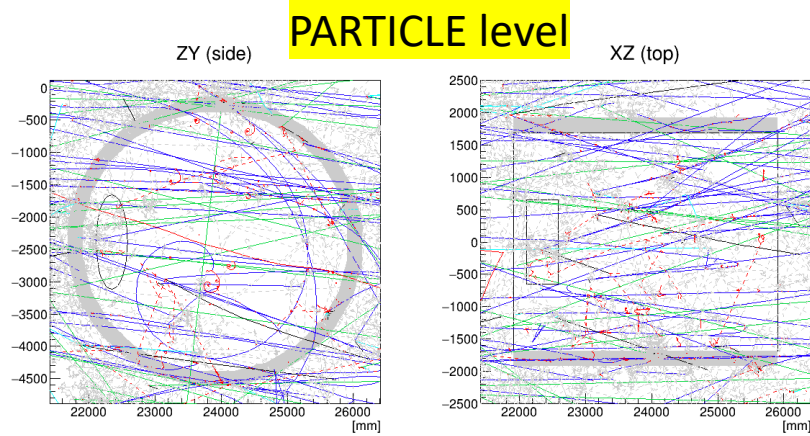
- Protons:  $\sim 65\%$  for C interactions  $\sim 94\%$  for H interactions  
calibration from  $\Lambda^0 \rightarrow p\pi^-$  in STT volume (500,000 in FHC in 5 years)
- Neutrons:  $\sim 74\%$  for C interactions  $\sim 82\%$  for H interactions
- $\pi^0$  from  $\gamma$  conversions (at least one) ( $\sim 49\%$ )  
within the STT volume + ECAL clusters
- wrong charge identification: muons **0.8%**, electrons **1.2%** (from circular fit)

**Particle identification:**

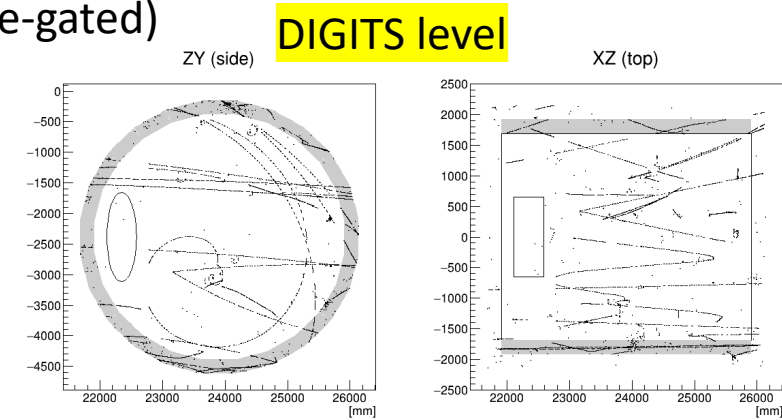
- $p/\pi/K$  with  $dE/dx$ , range, time-of-flight with ECAL, and ECAL energy depositions
- Electron with Transition Radiation and  $dE/dx$  in STT + ECAL energy and topology

# Events in an full spill (10 $\mu$ s)

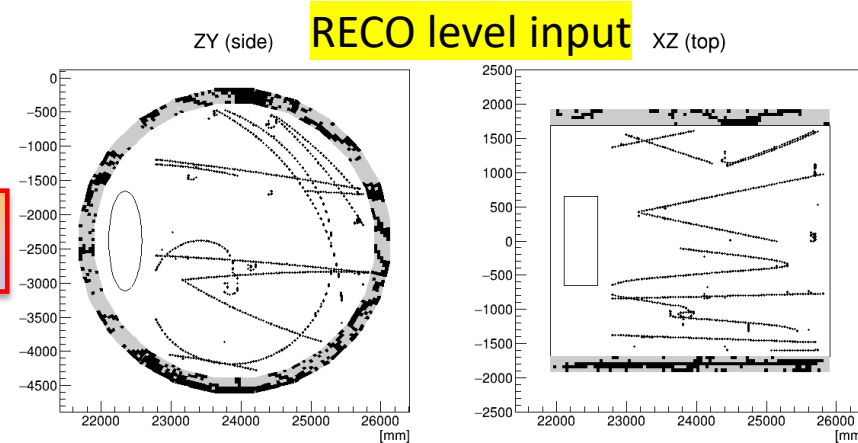
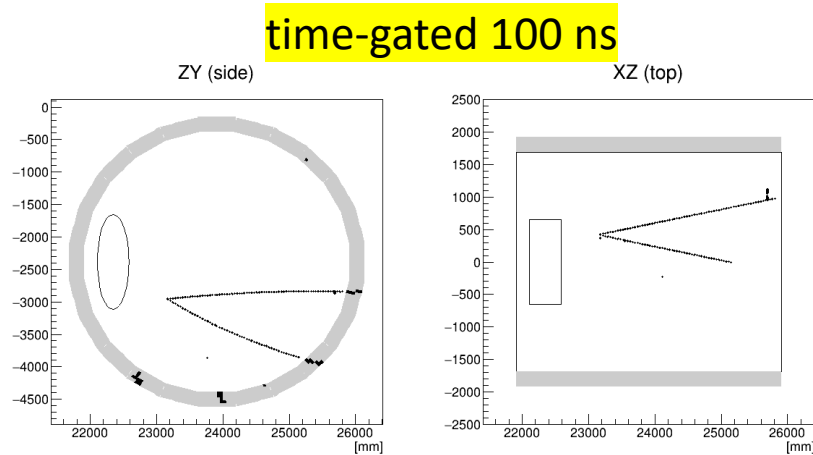
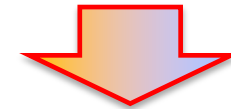
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(not time-gated)



SAND + TMS + NDLAR (no rock-muon)



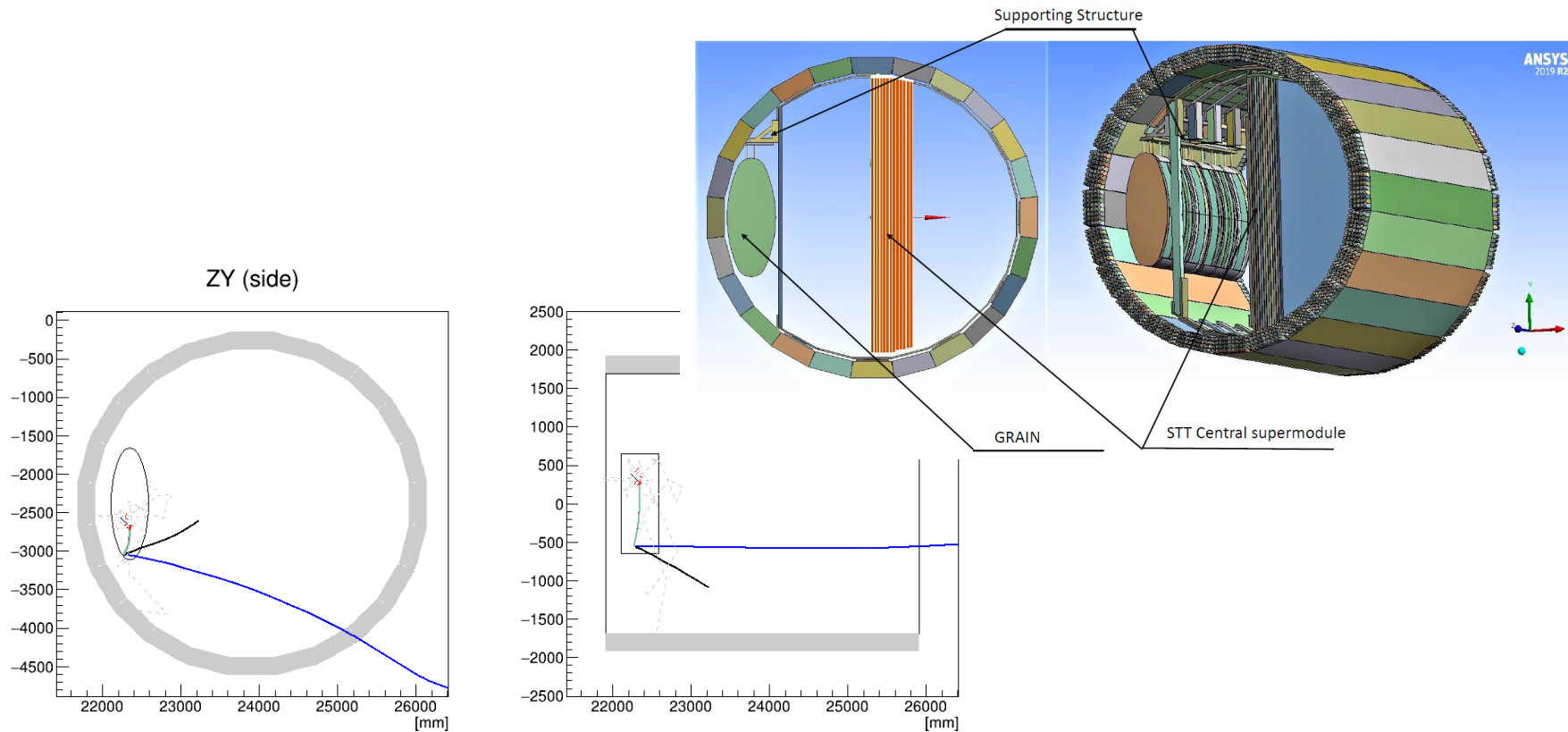
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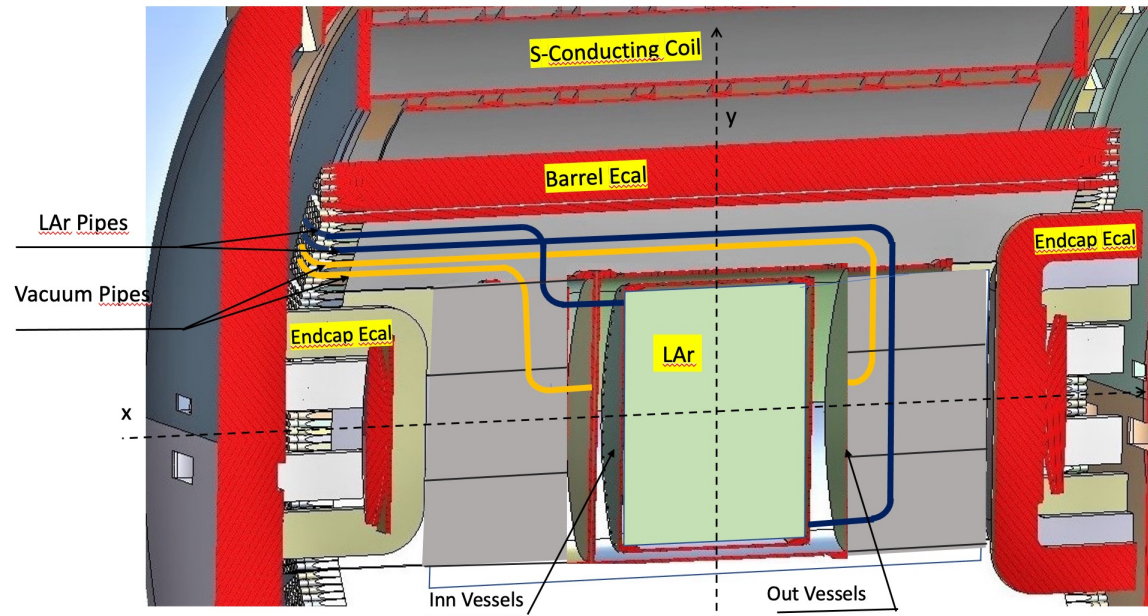
# GRAIN

## GGranular Argon for Interaction of Neutrinos

*A Liquid Argon detector with track imaging*

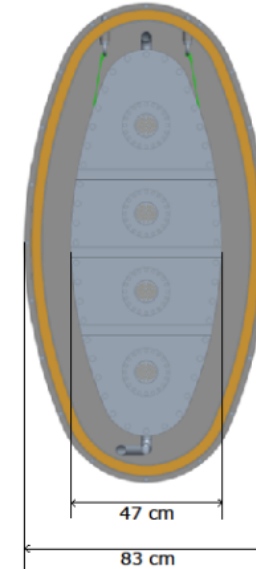
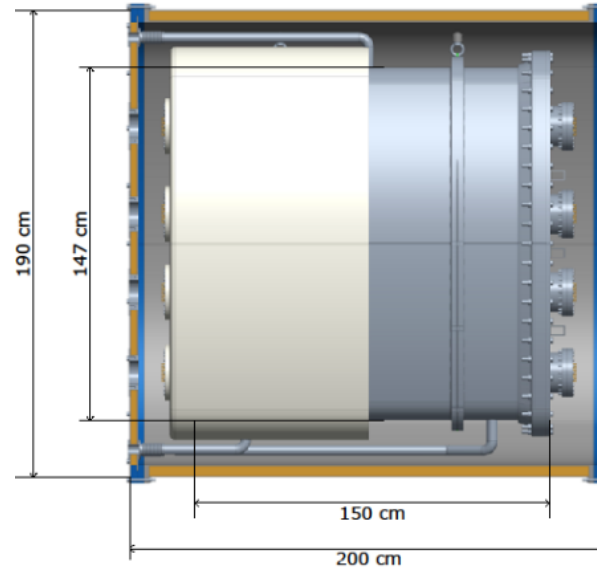
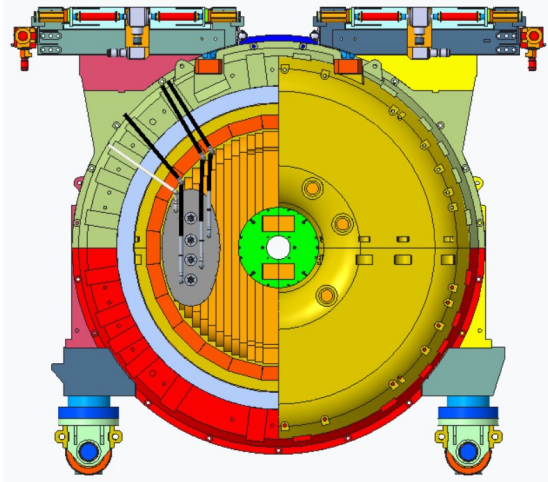


# GRAIN layout



- Mechanics of the Cryostat
- Detectors and Optics for VUV
  - Scintillation light Coded Aperture masks (Hadamard)
  - Lens for VUV
- Cryogenic readout electronics and Detector demonstrator
- Tests in Argon cryostat(Artic)

# GRAIN cryostat



- Internal vessel (Stainless Steel, 6 mm): designed and simulated (almost ready for tender)
- External Vessel (CF-Al honeycomb-CF): feasibility under investigation (tech and costs)

# GRAIN: test facility at LNL

- Reuse a test bench (after refurbishment) in LNL, Legnaro (INFN lab close to Padova)
- Fundamental to test, before shipment to Fermilab, of:
  - Cryostat
  - Proximity cryogenics
  - Detectors and electronics





# GRAIN readout

Uses an *innovative technique*, replacing the TPC:

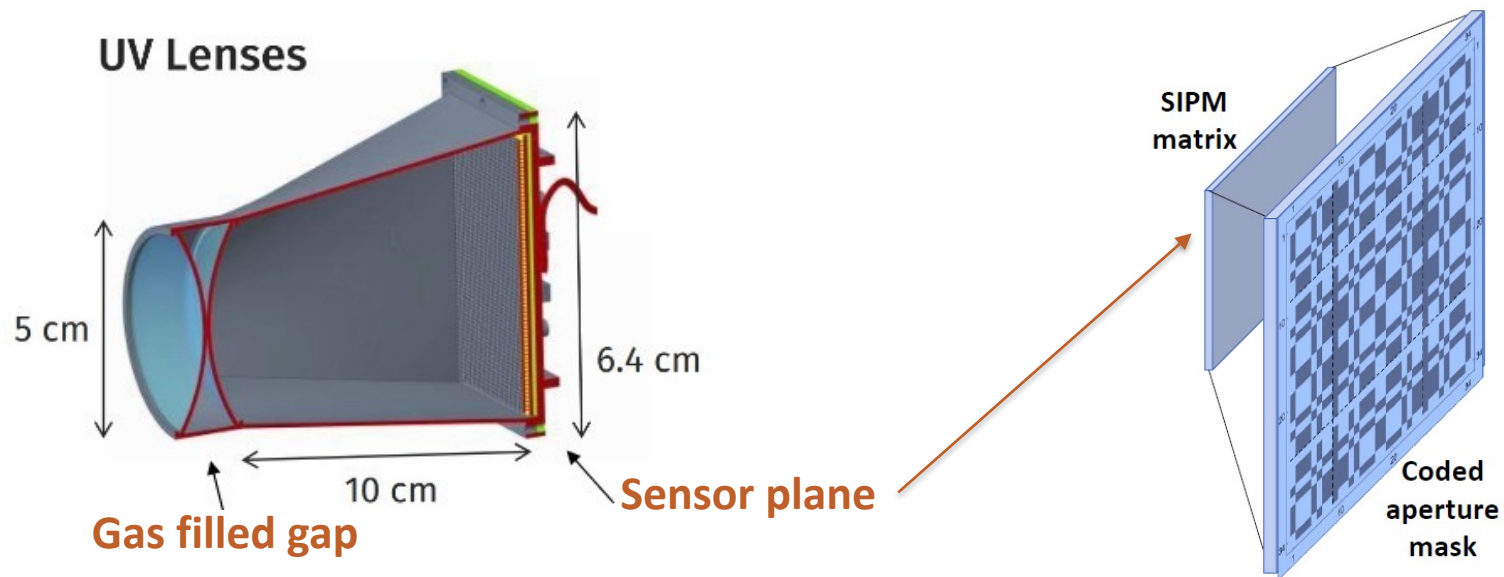
- Argon scintillation light is captured by an imaging device
- Charge is not collected (too slow for the ND)

To build a camera, we need (*NOT a trivial task with Argon scintillation light at 128 nm*):

- An optical system
- A sensor plane
- A readout chip

*Two options:*

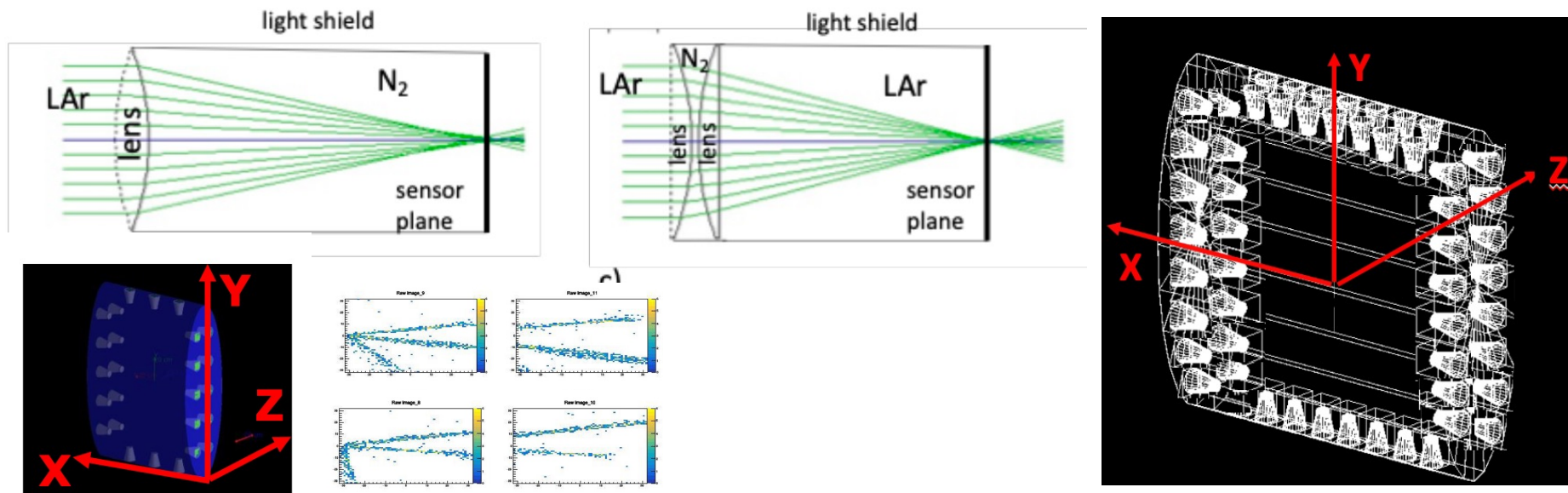
- UV gas filled lenses (but also biconvex investigated)
- Coded Aperture Masks



# GRAIN: gas lens cameras

*Two types of lenses under study:*

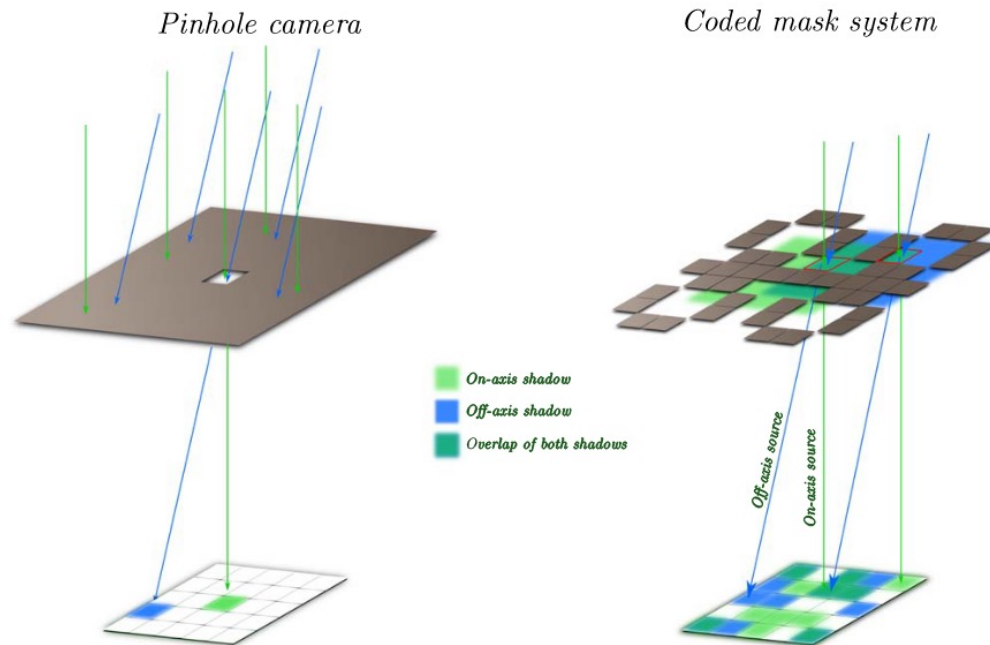
- Flat-convex lens with gas filled gap ( $N_2$ ) with  $n=1$
- Biconvex lens with gas
- Lens material: Silica or  $MgF_2$
- Use Xe doping to raise  $\lambda$  for better transmission through the lens (for Silica)



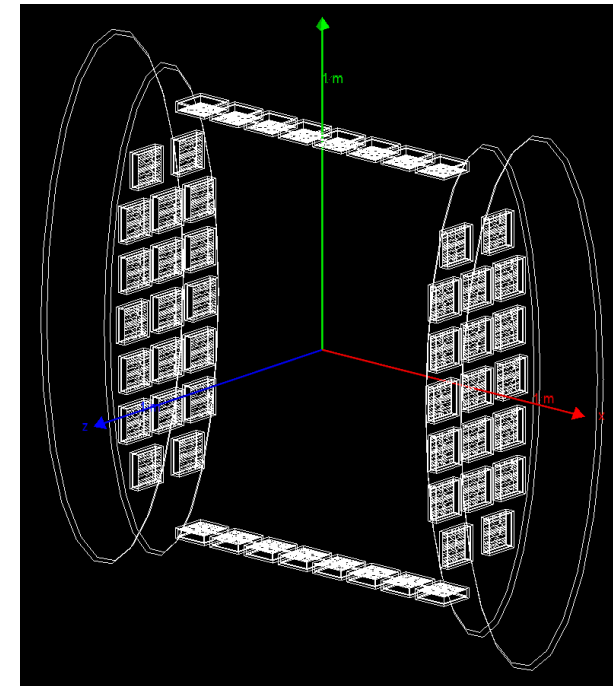
# GRAIN: coded aperture cameras

- Pro: not affected by  $\lambda$  and  $n$ ; good depth of field, compact
- Cons: worse resolution than lenses

## Concept



## Example of detector layout

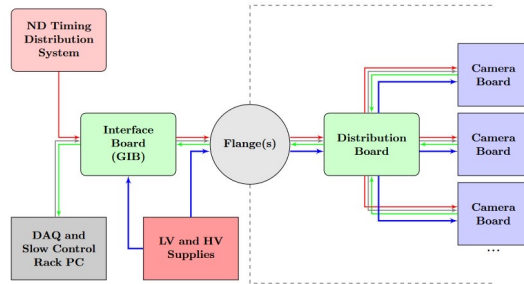


# GRAIN: ASIC

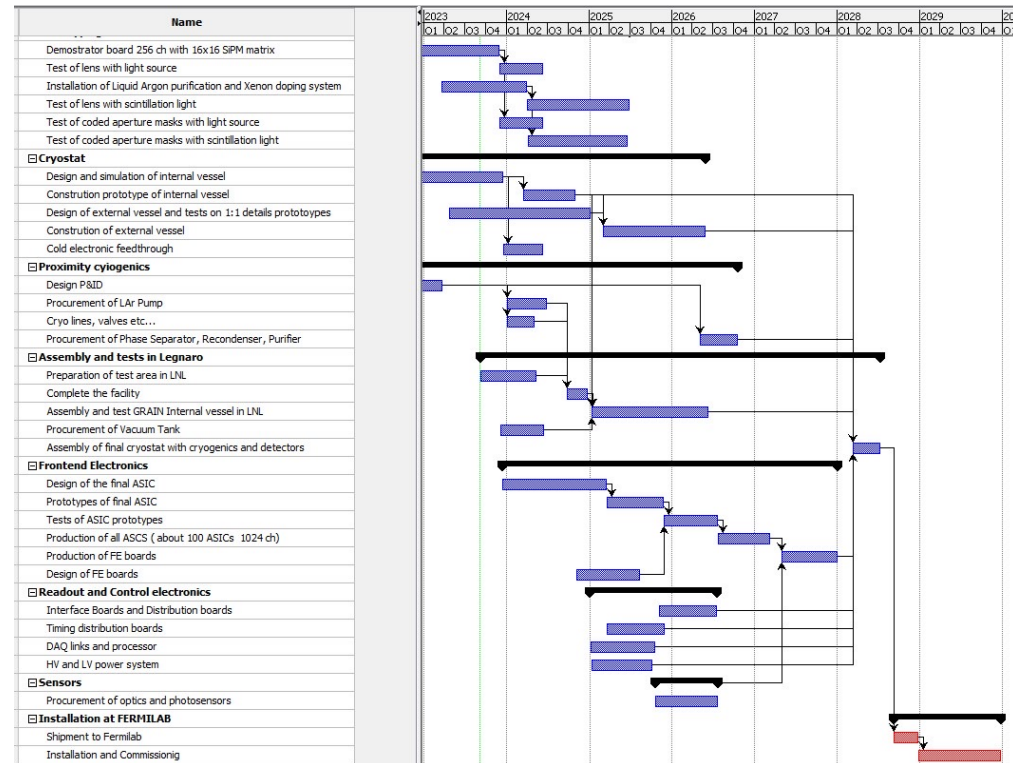
In order to reduce output lines from cameras in LAr, we need a new ASIC based on Alcor architecture but integrating 1024 channel

INFN Torino unit started the new design based on the requirements described in a document: <https://indico.fnal.gov/event/60632>

The document contains also a preliminary scheme of the readout electronics



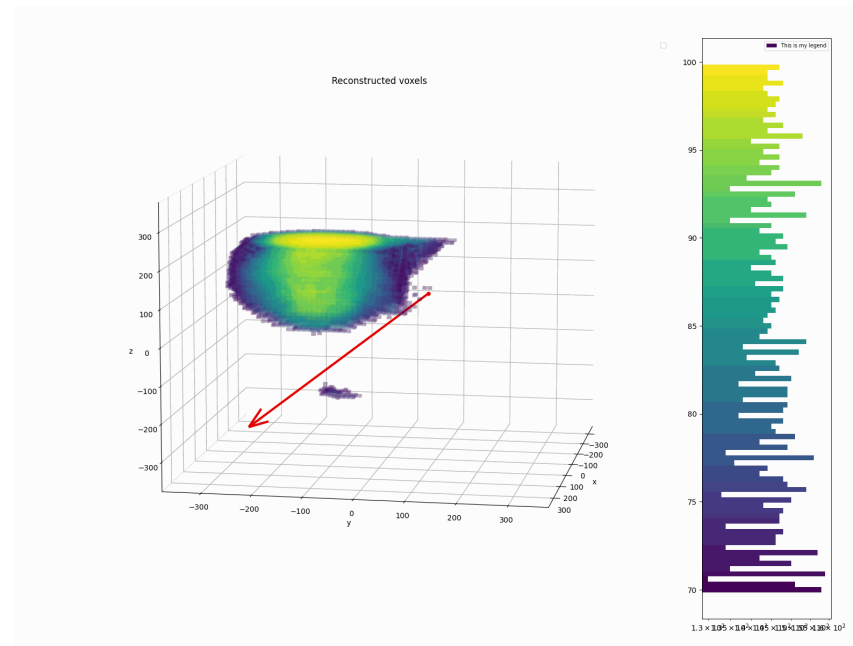
# GRAIN: schedule





# GRAIN: image reconstruction with masks

- LAr volume is divided in voxels and, through an iterative combinatorial procedure, each voxels is assigned a number of source photons compatible with the pattern observed on the sensor.
- Computationally expensive, needs GPUs and lots of RAM



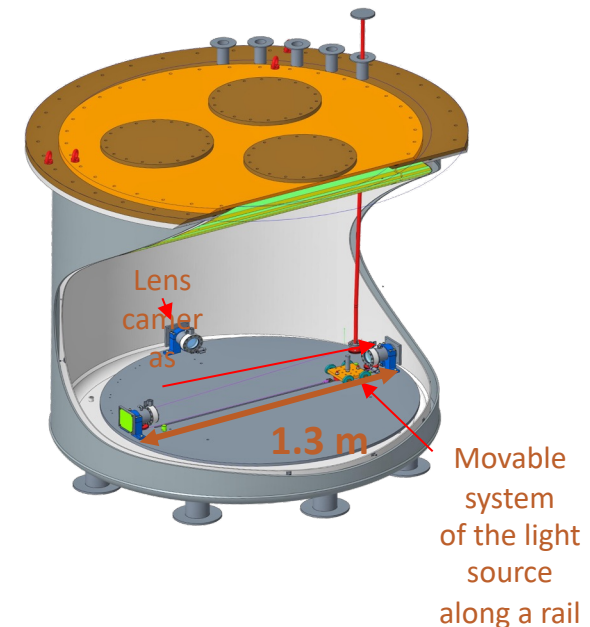
# GRAIN: sensors

Demonstrator: SiPM 16x16 matrix (256 channels)  
 Frontend based on 8 ALCOR (32 ch ASIC)  
 Readout and control through Xilinx FPGA  
*In final configuration we will use 1024 channels per camera*

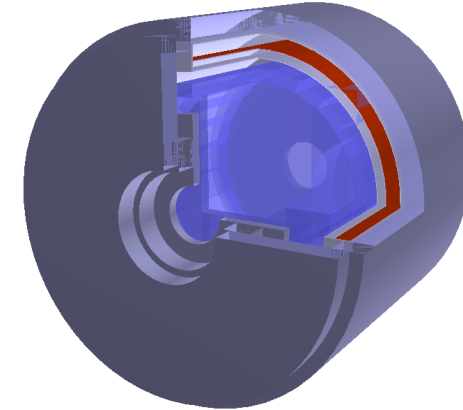


## ARTIC test facility

- Built in Department of Physics, Genova
- Test of camera prototypes in Liquid Argon in real working conditions
- Test with artificial light sources
- Test with cosmics triggered by external telescope (from Lecce's group)



# Software/Physics



Working group focused on **software development**

Meeting every two weeks: about 10 people on average

Working group focused on **physics analysis**

Meeting every two weeks: about 20 people on average

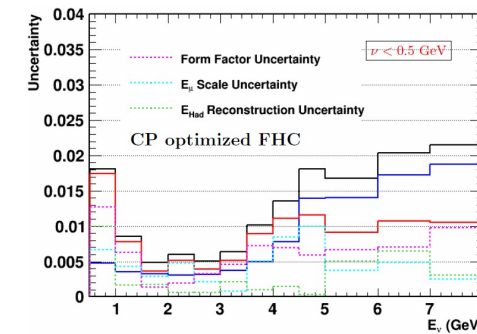
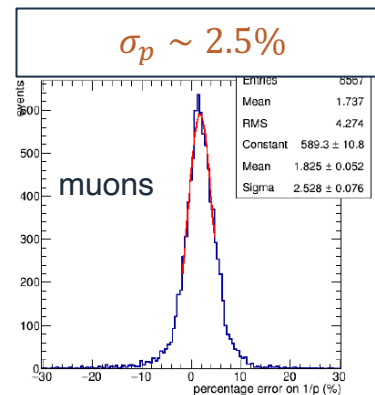
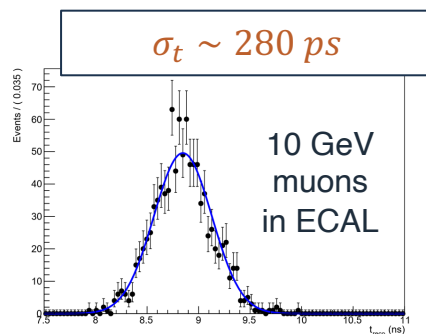
Activities are shared among other relevant WGs

Current involvement: Bologna, LNS, Ferrara, Genova, Lecce, Padova, Roma1

Aims: improve neutrino events **reconstruction** in SAND and its subdetectors

Asses the SAND **physics potential**

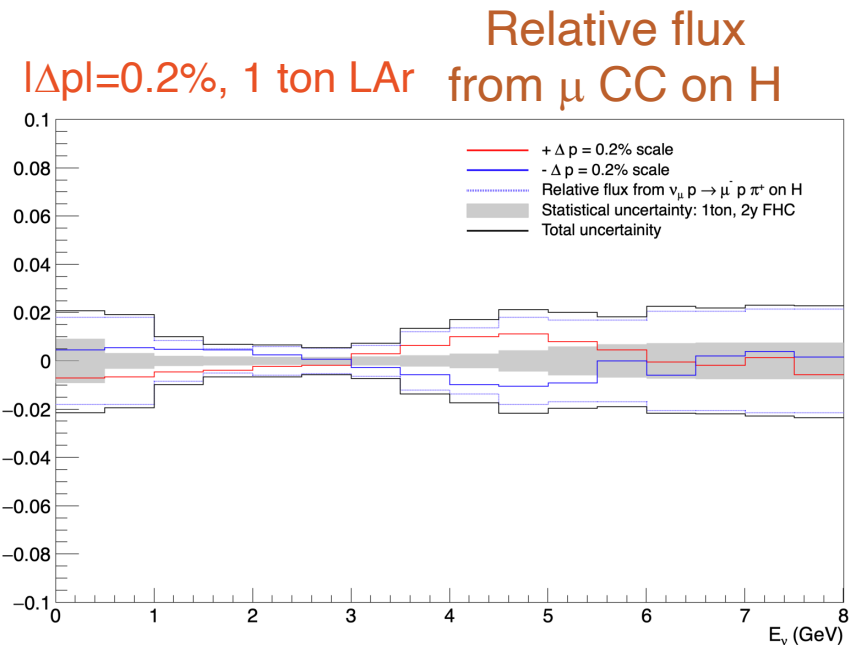
**Detector response simulation and event reconstruction**



Breakdown of expected uncertainties on flux determination

A summary of the analyses and results is [here](#)

# Example of SAND systematics using GRAIN+STT (no ECAL)



With a 2y FHC 1.2 MW exposure uncertainties dominated by systematics even for relatively small Ar target in SAND ( $\sim 1$  ton)



In formula, how the measurement is done:

at FAR

$$\begin{cases}
 P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)(E_\nu) = \frac{N_e(E_\nu) - P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) N_{anti-\mu}^{est-Near}(E_\nu)}{N_\mu(E_\nu) - N_{anti-\mu}^{est-Near}(E_\nu)} & \text{FHC} \\
 P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)(E_\nu) = \frac{N_e(E_\nu) - P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) N_\mu^{est-Near}(E_\nu)}{N_\mu(E_\nu) - N_\mu^{est-Near}(E_\nu)} & \text{RHC}
 \end{cases}$$

Annotations: "both e<sup>+</sup> and e<sup>-</sup>" points to N<sub>e</sub>(E<sub>ν</sub>); "estimation" points to N<sub>anti-μ</sub><sup>est-Near</sup>(E<sub>ν</sub>); "both μ<sup>+</sup> and μ<sup>-</sup>" points to N<sub>μ</sub>(E<sub>ν</sub>).

at NEAR

$$N_X(E_{rec}) = \int_{E_\nu} dE_\nu \Phi(E_\nu) P_{osc}(E_\nu) \sigma_X(E_\nu) R_{phys}(E_\nu, E_{vis}) R_{det}(E_{vis}, E_{rec})$$

Annotations: "about 1" points to P<sub>osc</sub>(E<sub>ν</sub>); "LAr detectors (old)" points to R<sub>det</sub>(E<sub>vis</sub>, E<sub>rec</sub>); "SAND" points to Φ(E<sub>ν</sub>); "SAND LAr interactions" points to σ<sub>X</sub>(E<sub>ν</sub>); "SAND multi-target (long stat.)" points to R<sub>phys</sub>(E<sub>ν</sub>, E<sub>vis</sub>).

SAND contributions

## In simple words:

No Near Detector, no DUNE significant results  
No SAND, no reliable ND data

SAND will be on the floor the first day of beam data taking,  
and SAND will probably be one of the best detector ever  
placed in a near site of a neutrino beam.

Building it from scratch would not be reasonable due to the  
corresponding amounts in terms of money and personnel.


👉 **Fantastic asset for INFN**

# KLOE-to-SAND

## Manpower

- huge efforts from 8 participating INFN institutions BO, FE, LE, LNF, LNS, PD, PI, RM1
- in terms of technicians, and mechanical engineers.
- Constant presence of Architech montaggi personnel

## List of operations:

1. survey, revision and design of mechanical tools
2. Unplugging and cables removal, FEE removal
3. extraction of KLOE Drift Chamber
4. extraction of ECAL barrel modules 
5. dismounting of ECAL endcaps
6. magnet test
7. extraction of coil
8. dismounting of iron yoke

video

# Alternative SAND-Tracker design

A parallel study and development of a drift chamber-based tracker is underway as an alternative option.

What has been done so far:

- Electric field simulations to optimize cell layout.
- Preliminary mechanical design studies of the structure.
- Some MC studies on the resolution response in muon momentum measurement
- Design and test of a 1200X800 mm<sup>2</sup> prototype, to be compared with the straw tube proto.

If the performances confirm the ability to achieve the same scientific objectives, there would be advantages in terms of system simplicity and number of channels (and schedule).



# Drift tracker: cell layout

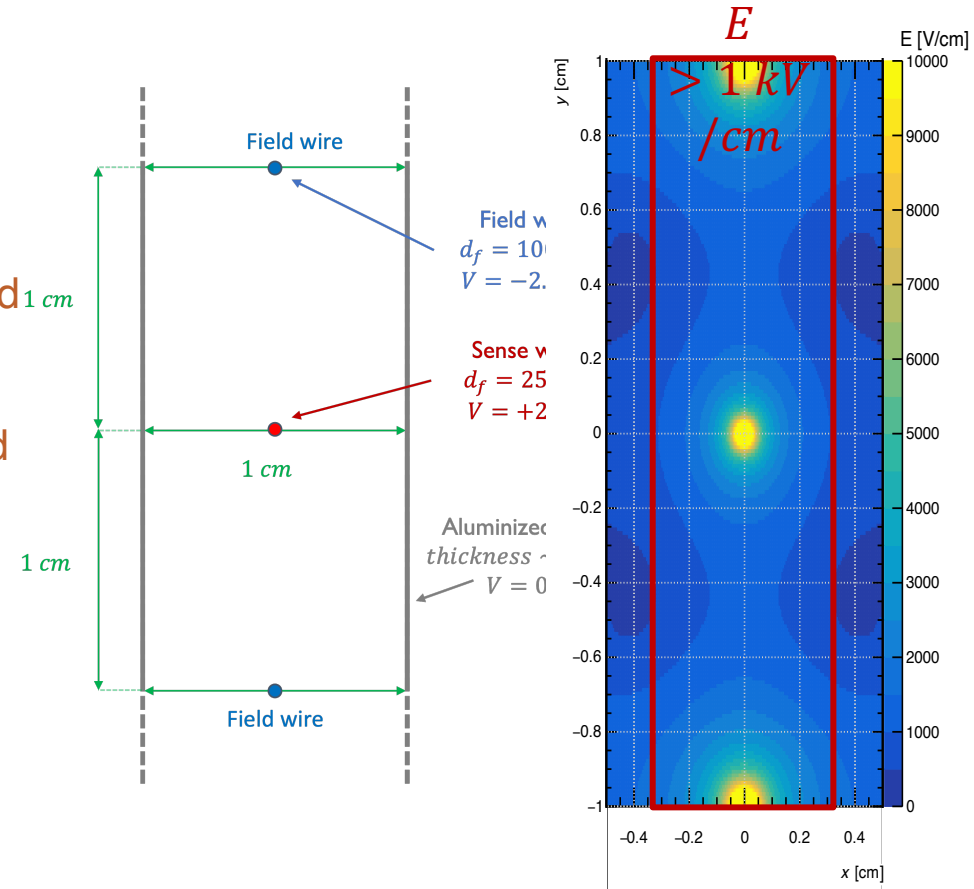
Current configuration under study:

- Dimensions: 2 x 1 cm.
- Sense wires alternated with field wires
- Close cell configuration through grounded 1 cm aluminized Mylar strips

A wide region with  $E > 1$  kV/cm is obtained at reasonable voltages, granting a saturated drift velocity.



It should grant a linear position response and an adequate resolution



# DRIFT SAND Tracker: preliminary design

- Layout hypothesis of the tracker modules: 3 chamber layers with wires at  $-5^\circ$ ,  $0^\circ$   $+5^\circ$  with respect to the horizontal.
- Working on the inclusion of geometry in SAND simulations, to study its performance.

