The Vision

A long-term facility at Fermilab's MCenter for physics of interactions in Liquid Argon (LAr) TPCs studying detector response and calibration using a well characterized beam

LArIAT

Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber In A Testbeam (FNAL:T-1034)





Phase-I:

Repurpose the ArgoNeuT detector (FNAL: T962) in the upstream end of the beamline (described this poster)

Phase-II:

Build a larger LArTPC further downstream for new goals (time-projected into the future)

Science Goals

Optimization of Particle Identification

High-statistics test beam will allow LArIAT to **determine experimentally**:

- Proton ID, *p*-to-*K* separation (Rejection/Efficiency)
- Kaon ID, *K*-to- p/μ separation (Rejection/Efficiency)

Detector and Facilities

Repurposing the ArgoNeuT Cryostat





- dE/dx vs Residual Range for contained tracks



Electron (e) / Photon (γ) Shower Separation

LarIAT's large e-tagged event sample will **experimentally measure** separation efficiency and sample purity for e-induced vs. γ -induced showers in a liquid argon TPC:



- e/γ separation is a key feature of LArTPC technology
- Only initial part of the shower is necessary for $e-\gamma$ separation, making LArIAT Phase-I an ideal place to measure separation power experimentally and compare to simulation



back at FNAL!

The ArgoNeuT device* is the Phase-I detector



Upstream Port

Modifications have reduced the material upstream of the TPC's sensitive volume



simulation



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PMT Trigger PMTs and SiPMs for

A new side port introduces triggering. Light-yield simulations are underway in parallel

TPB** on the inner surface of the TPC convert scintillation photons to match PMT response



Development of Charge Sign Determination

Systematic study of µ-capture in LArTPC's has never been performed and charge sign determination capability has never been explored

Beams with selectable polarity will provide data for direct measurement of sign separation capability





Investigatory Goals of First Physics Run

PARTICLE TYPES	MOMENTUM RANGE (FOR PARTICLES STOPPING INSIDE TPC VOLUME)	ELECTRIC FIELD SETTINGS	NUM TRIGGERS (PER SETTING)	PHYSICS STUDIES
μ+, π+, K+, p	~300-900 MeV/c	0.3, 0.5, 0.8 kV	μ: 5k π: I0k K: 2k p: 20k	All particles: dE/dx [recombination, PID] μ: decay at rest [sign ID] π: decay at rest [sign ID] K: decay topology reconstruction p: hadron interaction topology
μ-, π-, K-, pbar	~300-900 MeV/c	0.3, 0.5, 0.8 kV	µ: 5k π: 10k K: 2k pbar: 0.5k (or as many as possible)	All particles: dE/dx [recombination, PID] μ: capture at rest [sign ID] π: capture at rest [sign ID] pbar: annihilation at rest
e+ (e-)	TBD MeV/c	0.5 kV	10 k	dE/dx [e-to-γ shower separation]
Y	from e-brems	0.5 kV	5 k	dE/dx [e-to-γ shower separation]

Fermilab Testbeam Facility (FTBF)

Configurable and Powerful

Fermilab Main Injector protons at 120 GeV impinge on the FTBF primary target, producing a secondary beam with tunable momentum range and composition.



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The LArIAT beam instrumentation measures time of flight and particle momentum. A cosmic tagger makes it possible to collect long, straight tracks for TPC drift calibration

In dedicated runs or additionally, further instruments tag beam excursion, punchthough, particles exceeding Cherenkov thresholds (such as electrons or muons), to further refine particle ID, for realizing our physics study goals

