

MICROBOONE CALIBRATIONS

Thomas Strauss

For the MicroBooNE experiment



LArTPC

- M.I.P. loses 2.1 MeV/cm
- Ionization
 - Electron-ion pairs
 - Mostly excited molecules
- Excitation
 - Light – see talk Ben Jones
- Ratio is given by
Platzman equation*

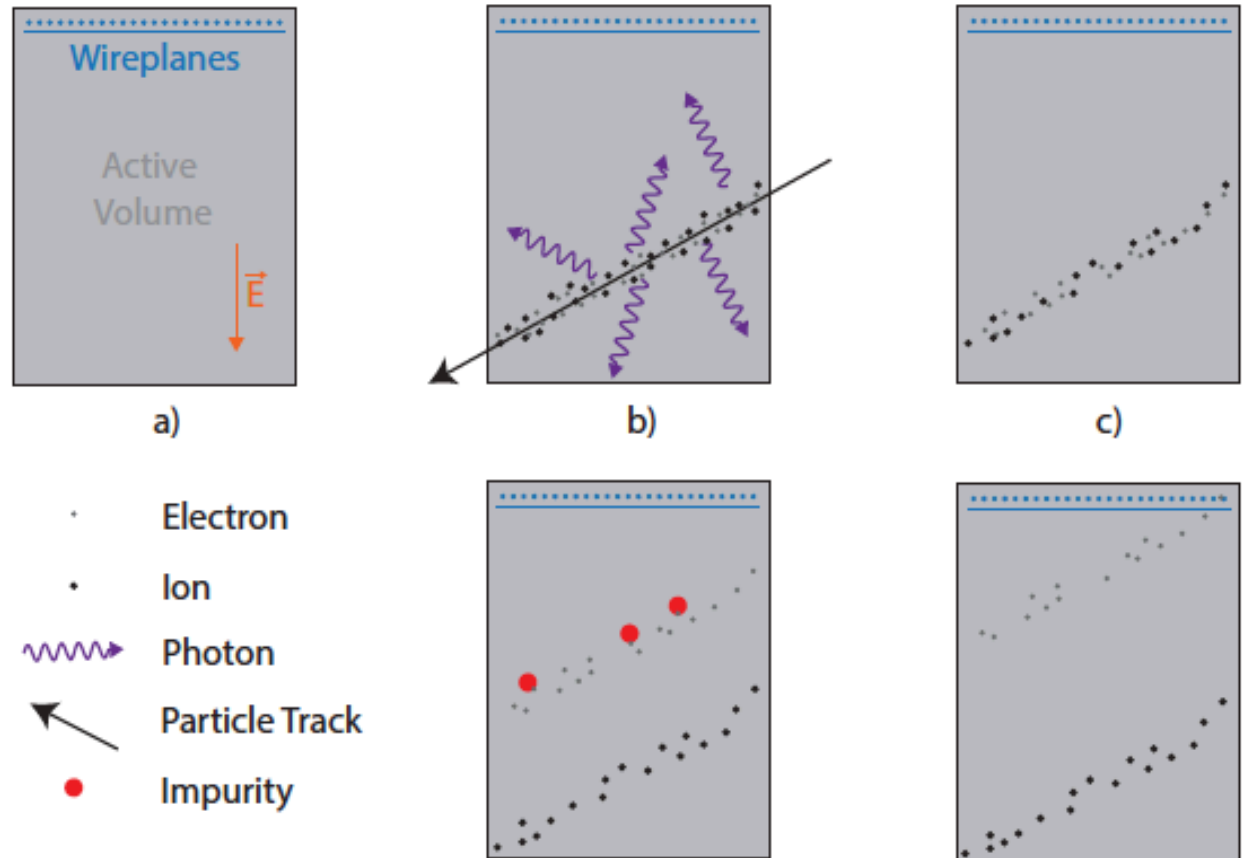
$$W_i = E_i + \frac{N_{ex}}{N_i} E_{ex} + E_{se}$$

$$N_{ex}/N_i = 0.26$$

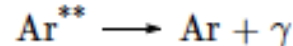
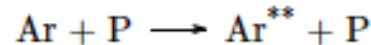
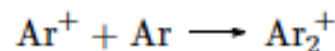
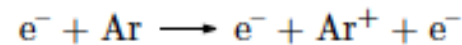
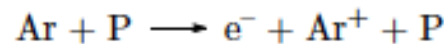
$$W_i = 23.452 \text{ eV}$$

- Measured** $23.6^{+0.5}_{-0.3} \text{ eV}$

$$R_{\text{Statistical}} = \frac{FWHM}{E_0} = \frac{2.35 W_i \sqrt{FN}}{W_i N} = 2.35 \sqrt{\frac{F}{N}} \approx 2.5\%$$



M. Lüthi, master thesis LHEP Bern



Ionization

Successive ionization

Formation of excimer molecules

Excitation

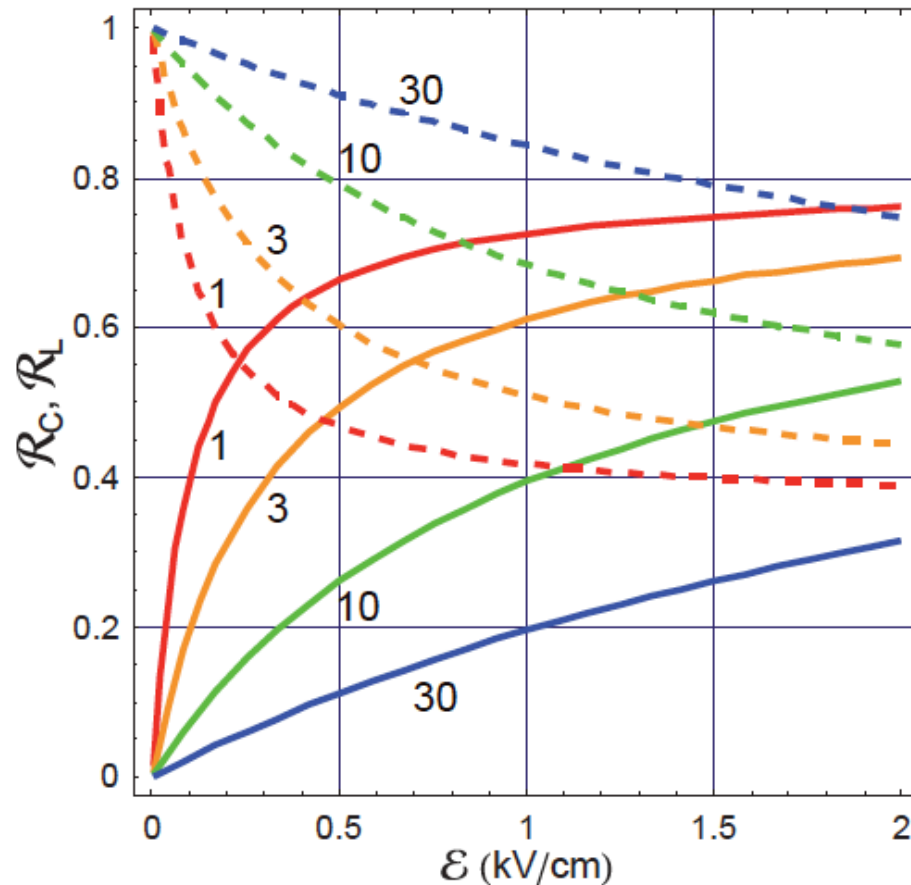
Deexcitation

Non-radiative relaxation

*The International Journal of Applied Radiation and Isotopes, 10(2{3}):116{127, 1961; **Phys. Rev. A,9:1438{1443, Mar 1974;

***Nuclear Instruments and Methods, 134(2):353 { 357, 1976

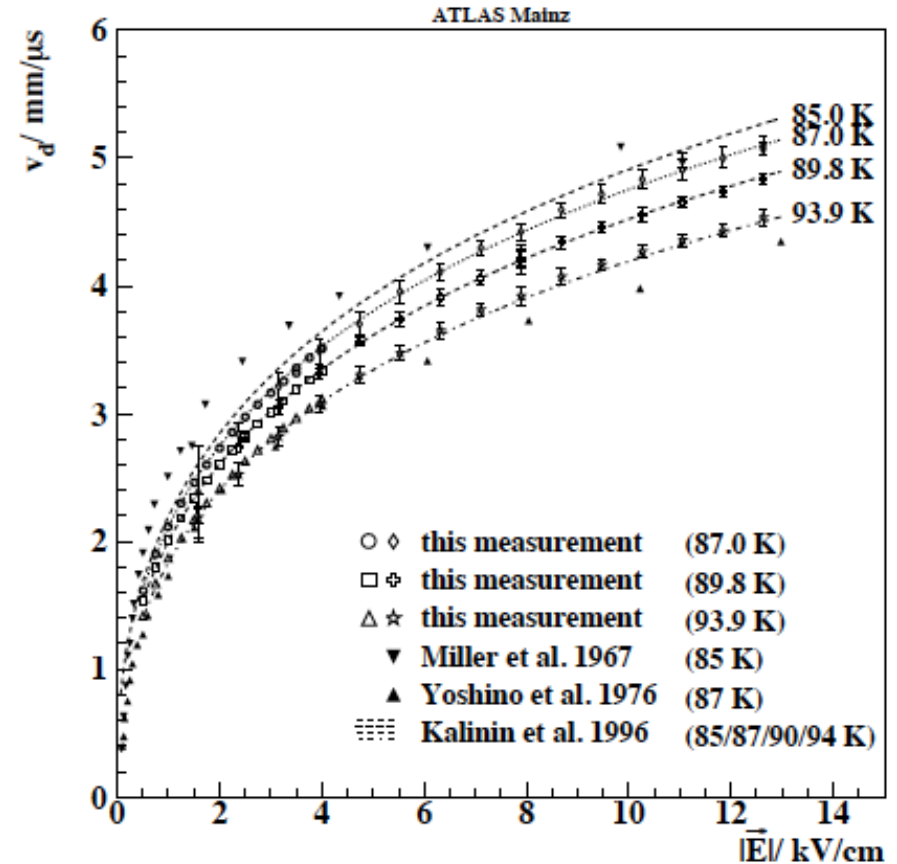
Extract charge



- Recombination (ratio light to charge) depends on applied drift field E

$$\frac{Q}{Q_0} = \frac{1}{\xi} \ln(1 + \xi), \quad \xi = \frac{N_0 K_r}{4a^2 u_- E}$$

Image: MicroBooNE Document Database, #2009
Phys. Rev. A, 36:614-616, Jul 1987



- Electron drift speed depends on on applied drift field E and Temperature

$$\vec{v}_d = \mu(E_d, T) \cdot \vec{E}_d$$

Image: ATL-LARG-99-008, CERN, Geneva, Jul 1999
Phys. Rev., 166:871-878, Feb 1968

Converting the charge to a signal

- Initial charge cloud disperse:
Diffusion*

$$\frac{eD}{\mu} = f \cdot \langle E \rangle$$

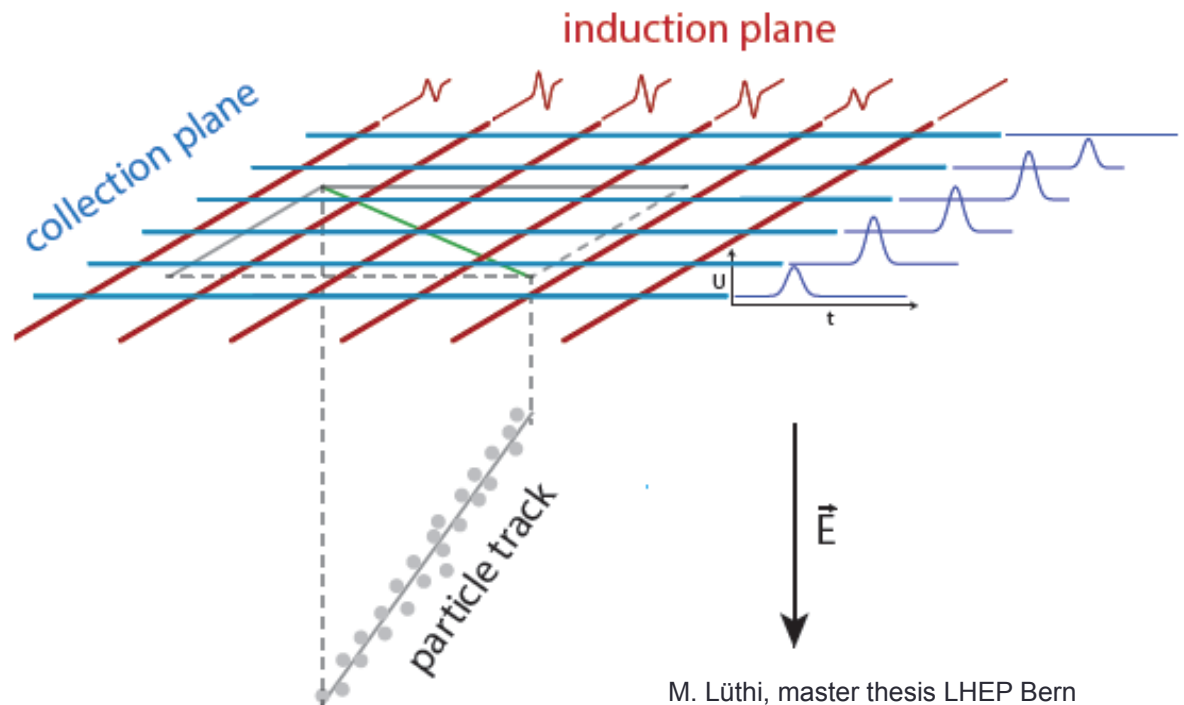
$$\sigma_{L,T} = \sqrt{2tD_{L,T}}$$

- Charge loss due to impurities**

$$N(t) = N_0 e^{-t/\tau_e}$$

$$\tau_e [\mu s] = \frac{300}{P_{O_2 equiv} [ppb]}$$

- Signal on wires
 - Induction
 - Collection



First we need to control:
drift field E, purity and temperature T

Only after this electronic readout gets involved

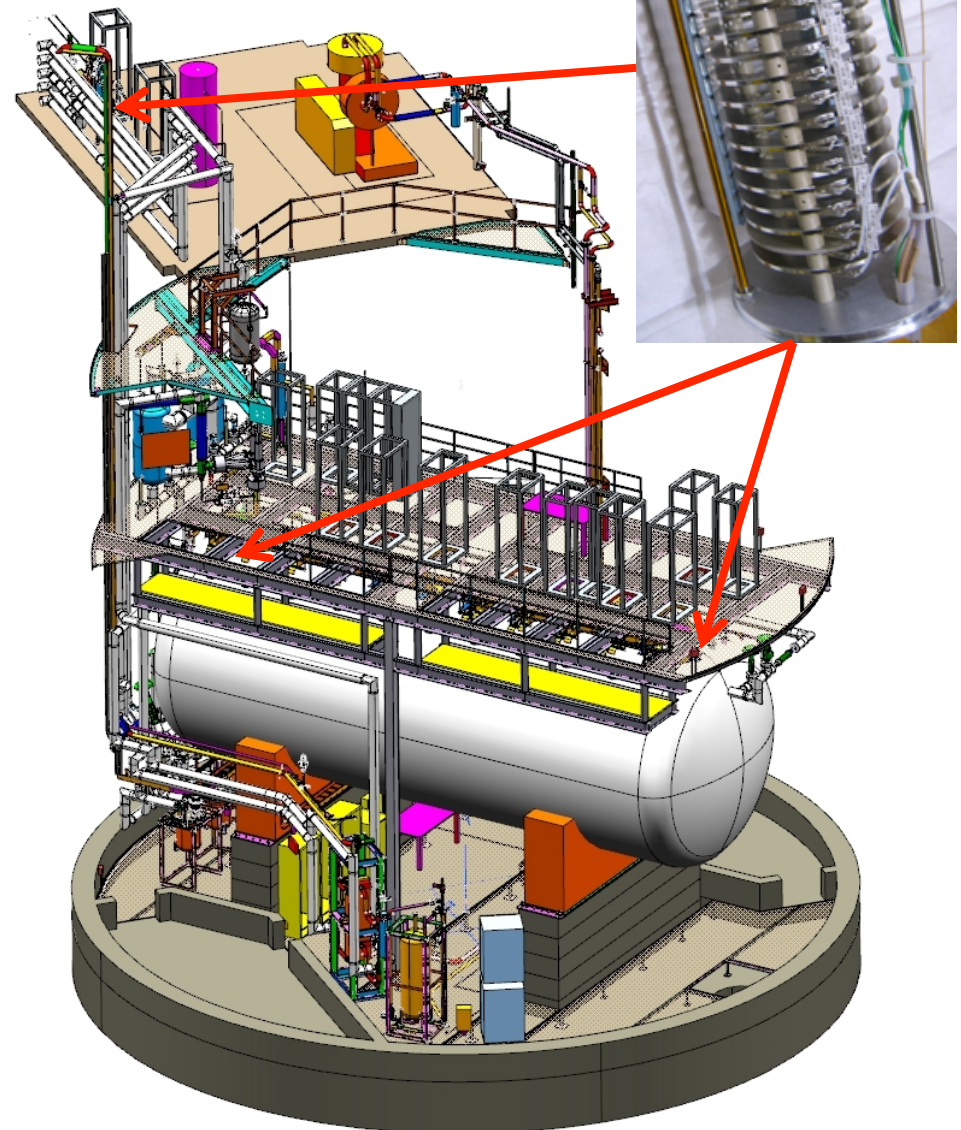
*Journal of Instrumentation, 8(04), 2013.

**Noble Gas Detectors. Wiley, 2006

**Nuclear Instruments and Methods, A275(2):364{372, 1989

Cryogenics and purity

- Specification:
 - Oxygen, water < 100ppt
 - Nitrogen level <2ppm
 - Temperature $\Delta T < 0.1\text{K}$
 - Insulation <15W/m²
- 3 purity monitors for LAr
 - 2 near the TPC volume
 - 1 after the filters
- 1 volume exchange per day
- Gas Purge before fill to remove impurities with 1vol. exch. per 4h
- Temperature probes:
 - GIC THERMODYNAMIC
 - RTD, Platinum 100 Ω ,
 - 0.00385 Ω/K
 - $\Delta T < 0.1\%$



Purity – Gas analyzer

MicroBooNE Document 255, 869, 1565, 2202, 2250, 2471

- Servomex DF-310E (O₂ sensor).
 - Range: 0 - 500 ppm.
 - Accuracy: greater of $\pm 0.02\%$ range or $\pm 3\%$ reading.
- Servomex DF-560E (O₂ sensor).
 - Range: 0 - 20 ppm.
 - Lowest Detection Level: 75 ppt.
- Tiger Optics Halo+ (H₂O sensor)
 - Range: 0 - 20 ppm.
 - Lowest Detection Level: 2 ppb.
 - Sensitivity: ± 1 ppb.
 - Accuracy: greater of 4% reading or ± 1 ppb.
- LDetek LD8000 (N₂ analyzer)
 - 0 – 10 ppm, resolution to .1 ppm
 - Accuracy: better than $\pm 1\%$ full scale.
- Actual physics data will allow to measure purity too much better accuracy, but “blind” to source of impurity



Temperature

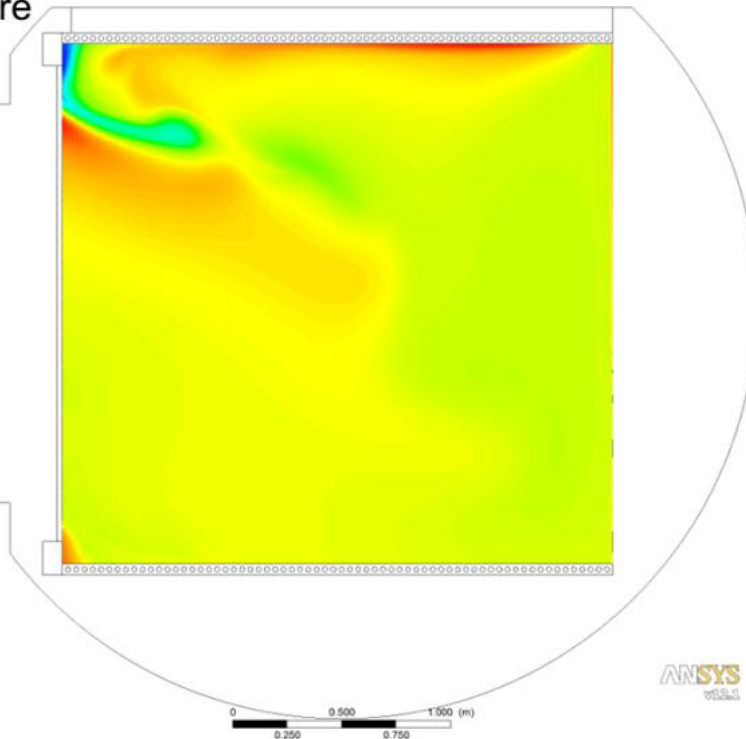
- Extended ANSYS simulation for technical design review
- Temperature stable $<0.1\text{K}$,
- Heaters on vessel to ensure uniformity
- Spread in drift speed from 0.04-0.002%

Temperature

Contour 1 Figure 3

89.143
89.141
89.140
89.139
89.137
89.136
89.134
89.133
89.132
89.130
89.129
89.127
89.126
89.125
89.123
89.122
89.120
89.119
89.118
89.116

[K]

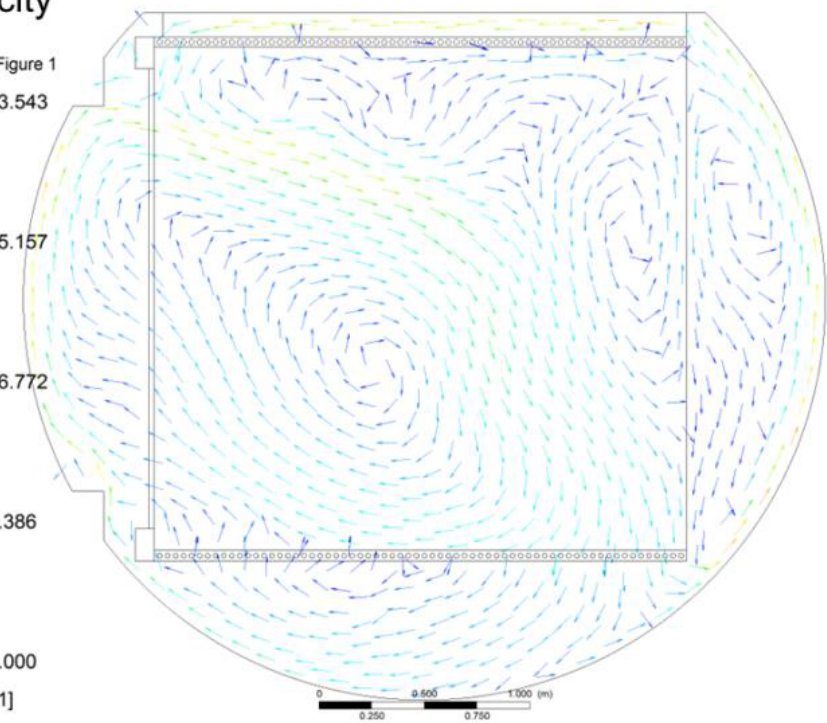


Velocity

Vector 1 Figure 1

33.543
25.157
16.772
8.386
0.000

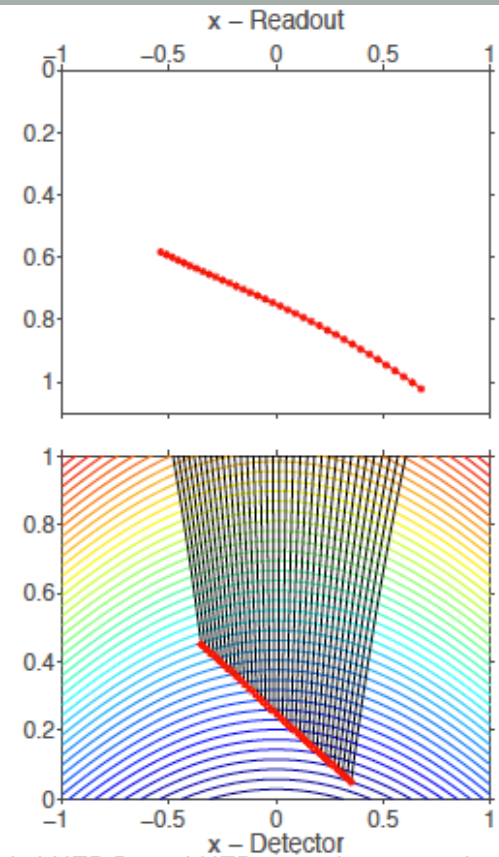
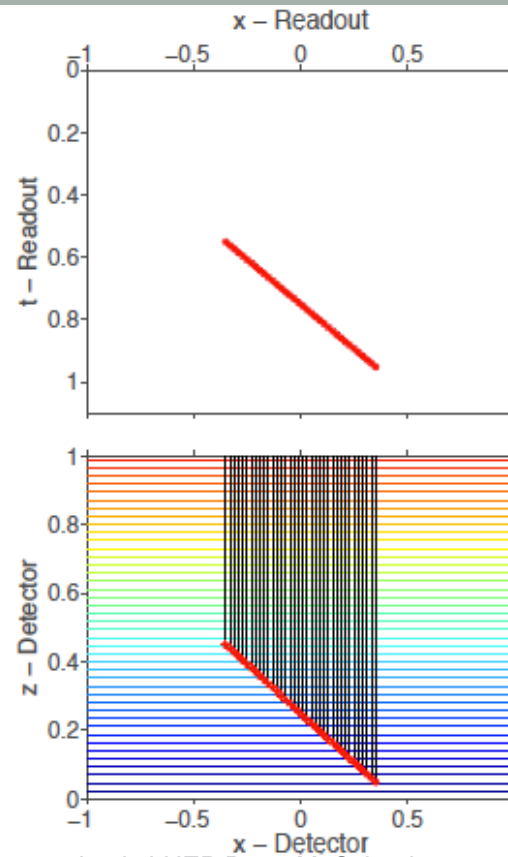
[mm s⁻¹]



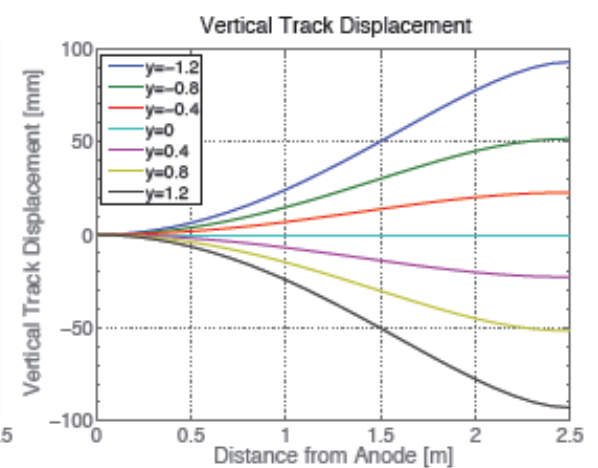
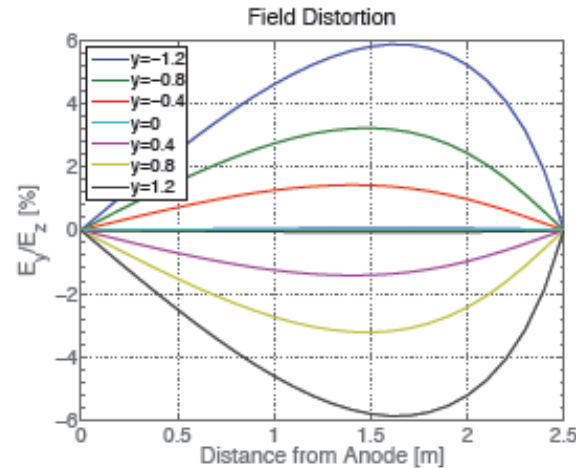
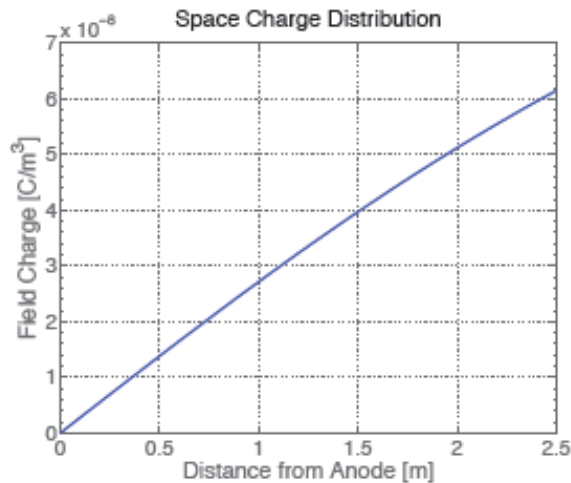
MicroBooNE technical design review

Drift field

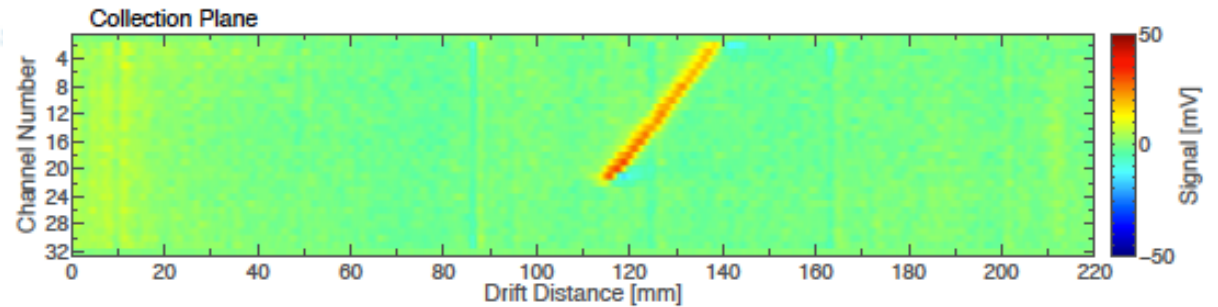
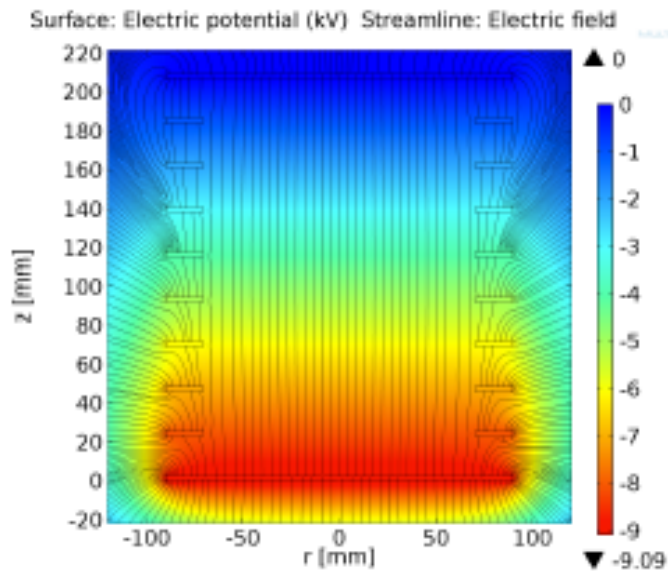
- Field distortion can lead to 'bend' tracks
 - Surface location leads to abundance of ions drifting 10^5 slower than e^-
 - HV chain resistance misalignment



M. Lüthi, master thesis LHEP Bern, M. Schenk, master thesis LHEP Bern, LHEP paper in preparation

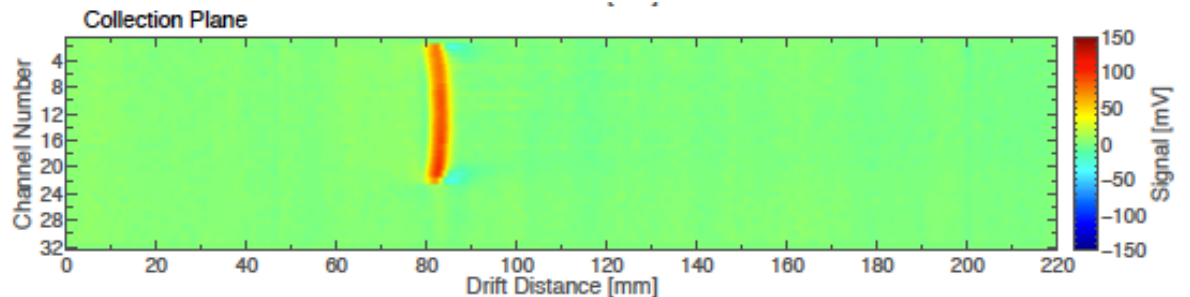
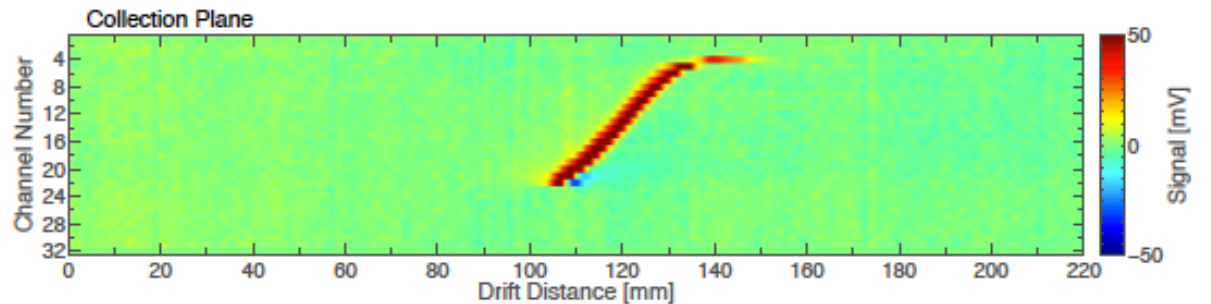
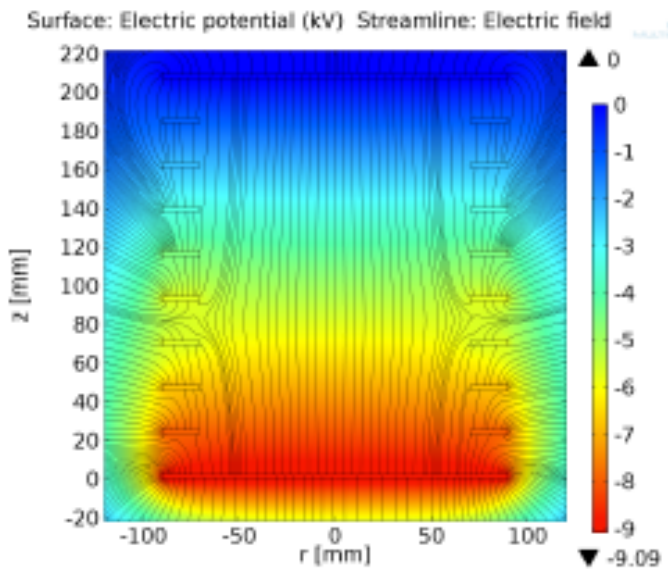


Field inhomogeneity's



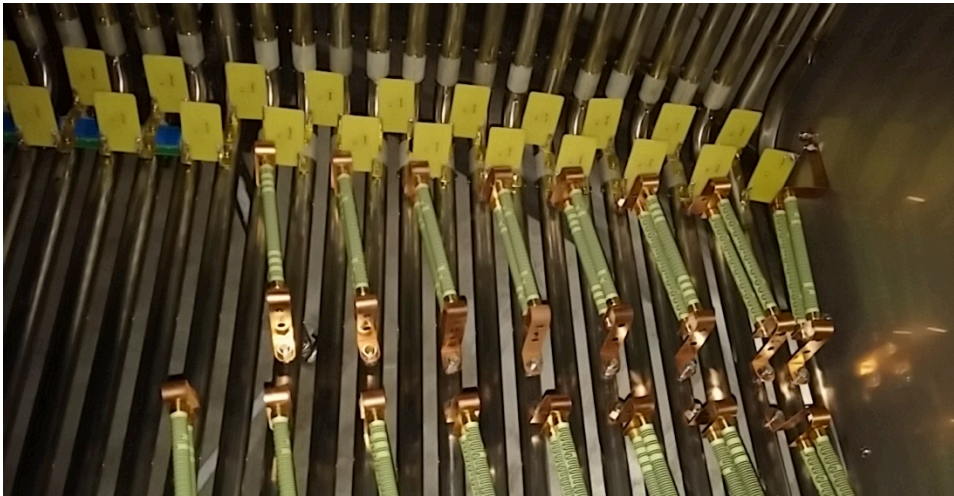
- Track distortion in a controlled way demonstrates the effect of 'bend'

M. Lüthi, master thesis LHEP Bern

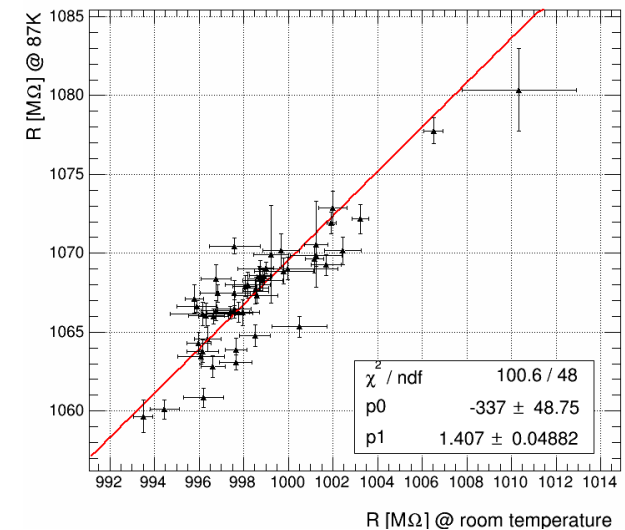


Electric Field – High voltage divider

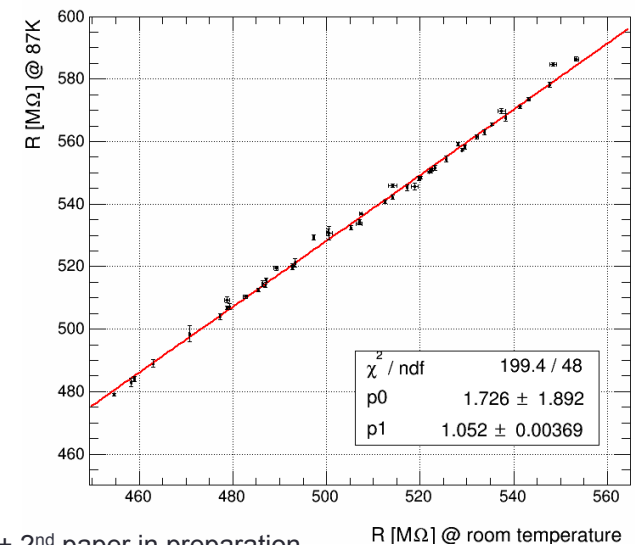
- Precise study of the resistor chain and its components
- 2 resistor types, one for high, one for low absolute field areas



Slim-Mox Ohmite 104E 1%



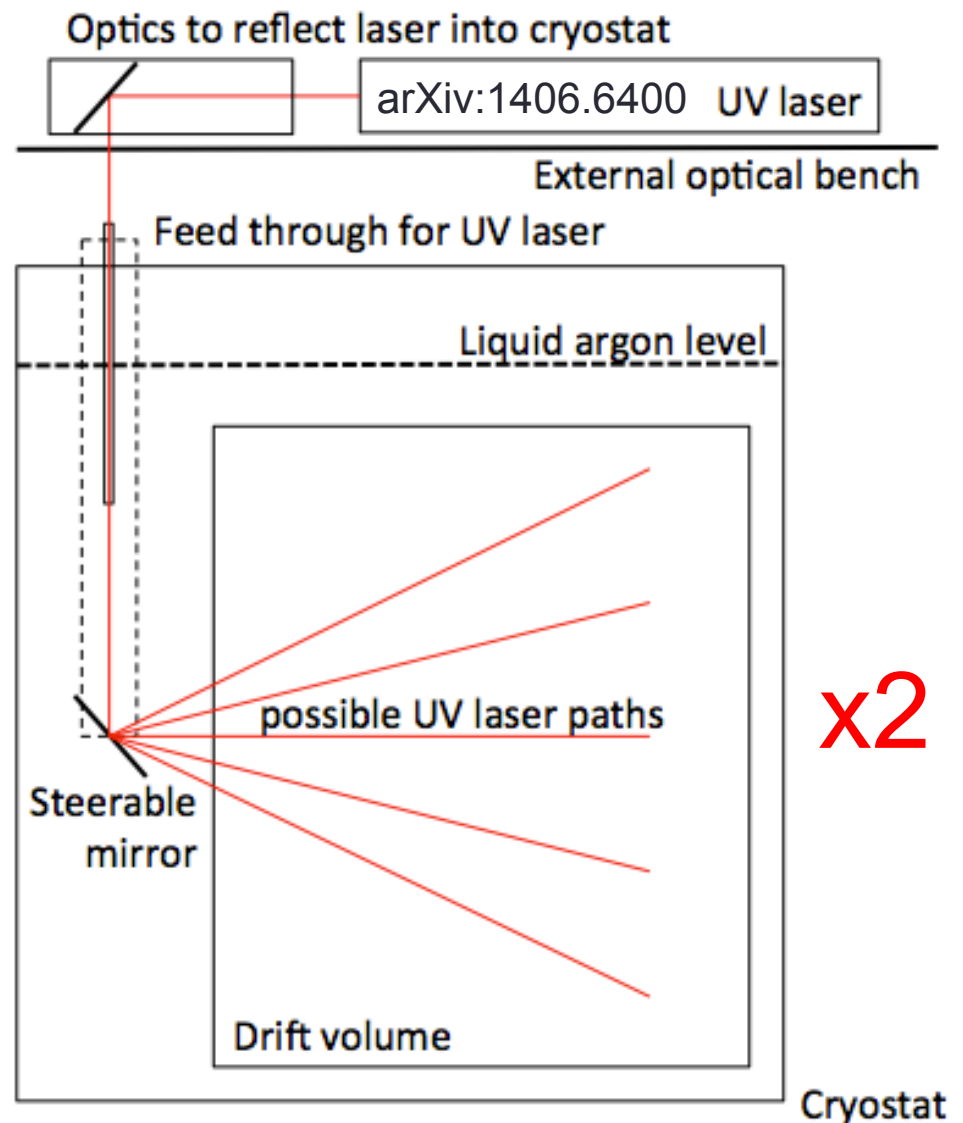
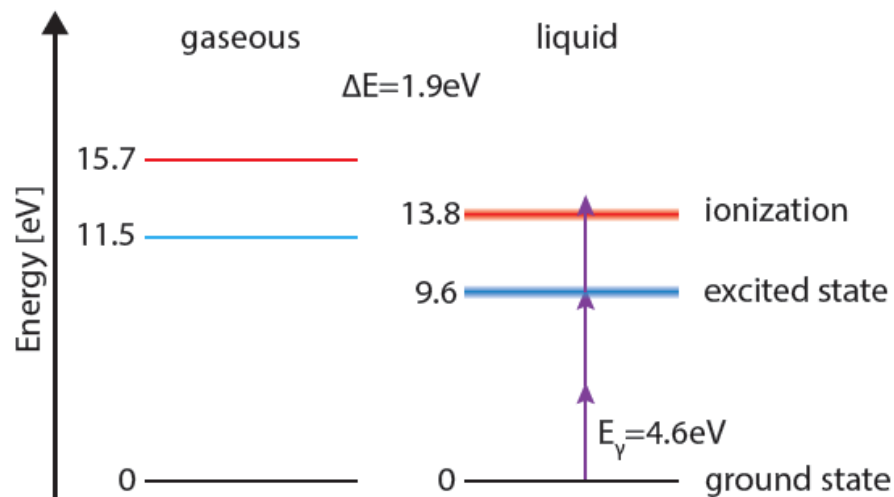
Metallux 969.23 10%



arXiv:1406.5216 + 2nd paper in preparation

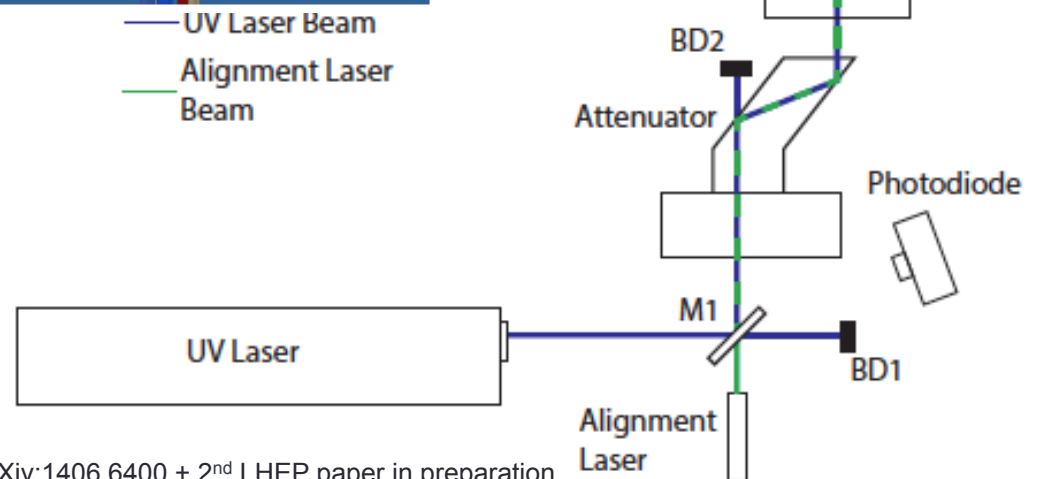
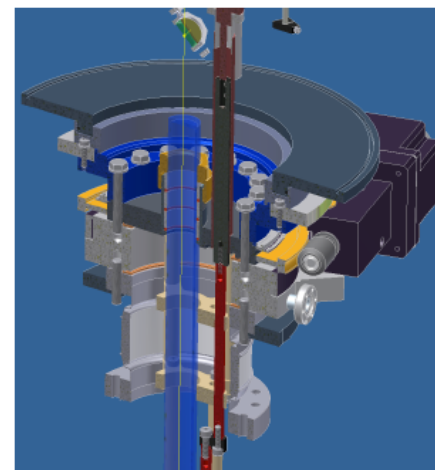
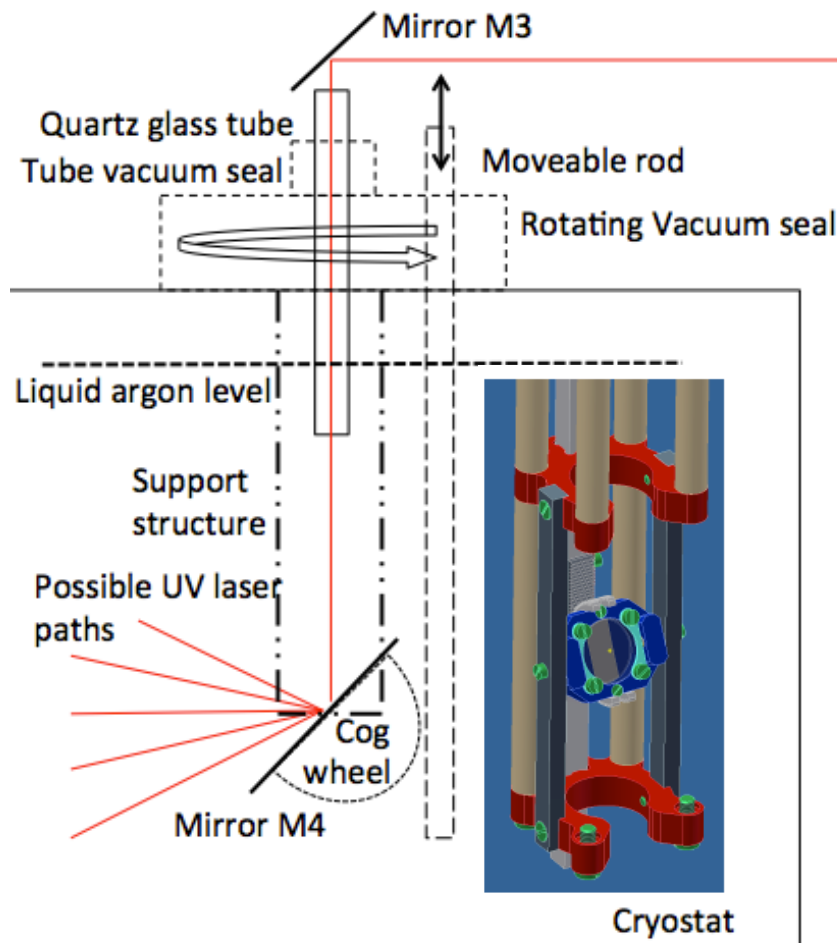
Space charge - Drift field calibration with an UV laser

- Space charge will be present
- A 266nm UV laser can be used to ionize liquid argon
- Send laser along different paths to map the drift field from **both detector ends**



UV laser calibration system

- Automatic system, remote control adjustment for position and UV laser energy, provides trigger to the DAQ



arXiv:1406.6400 + 2nd LHEP paper in preparation

UV calibration system

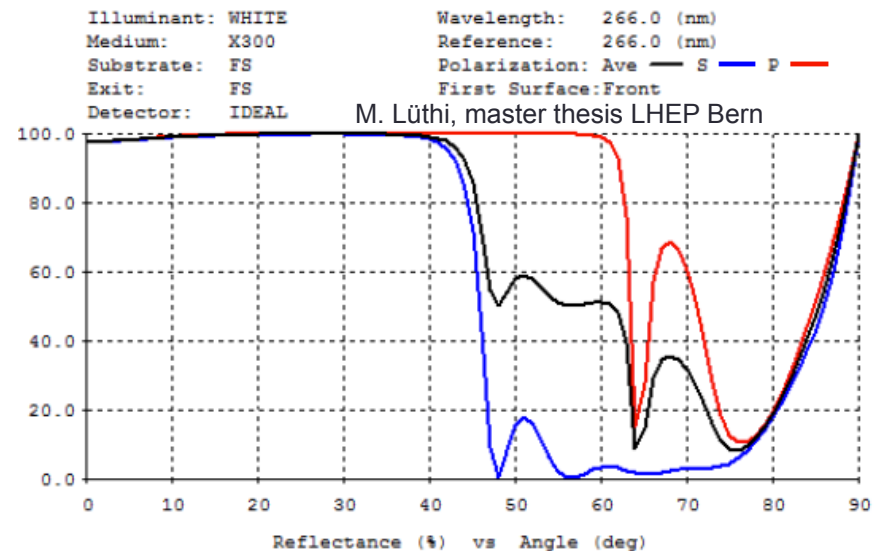
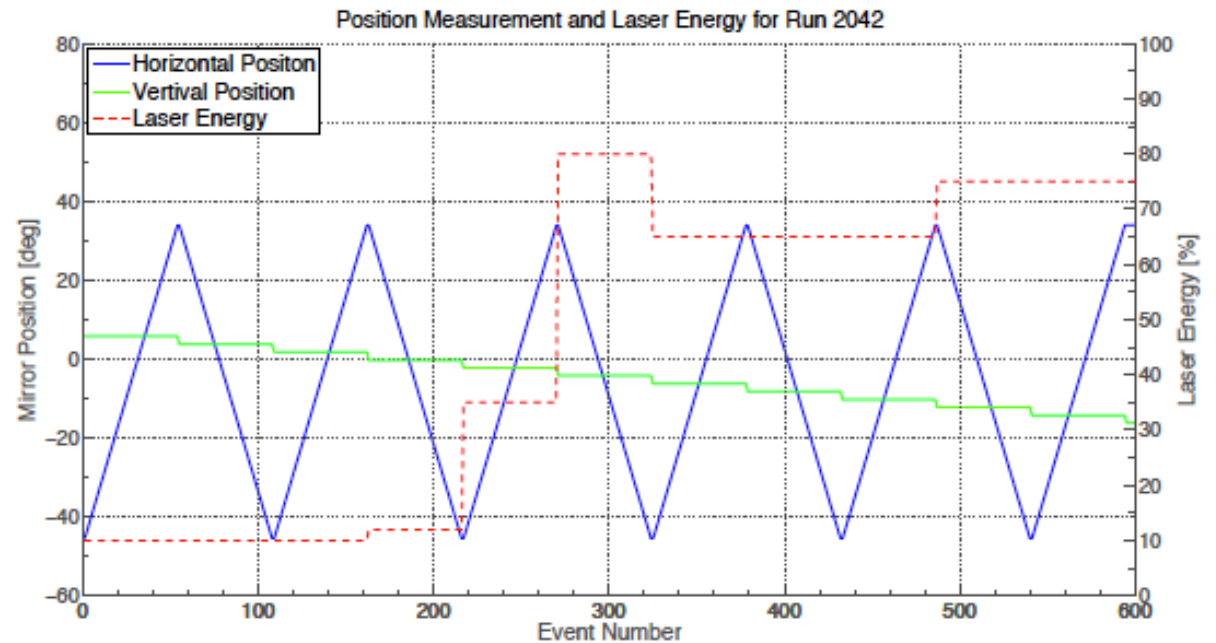
- Ready for installation, one operating for DAQ tests at DAB



Results from the UV laser system



- Automatic position and DAQ readout tested in LHEP Bern
- Modulation of beam intensity depending on mirror position



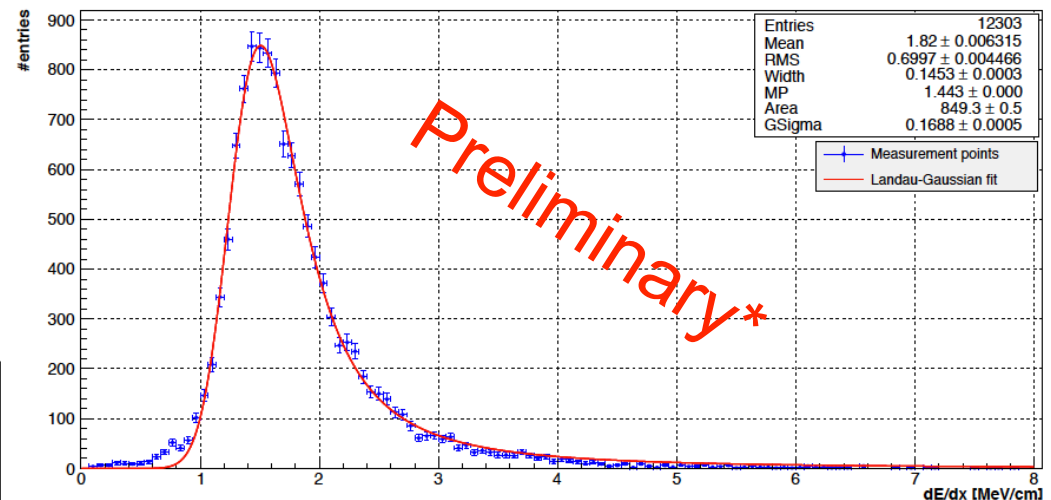
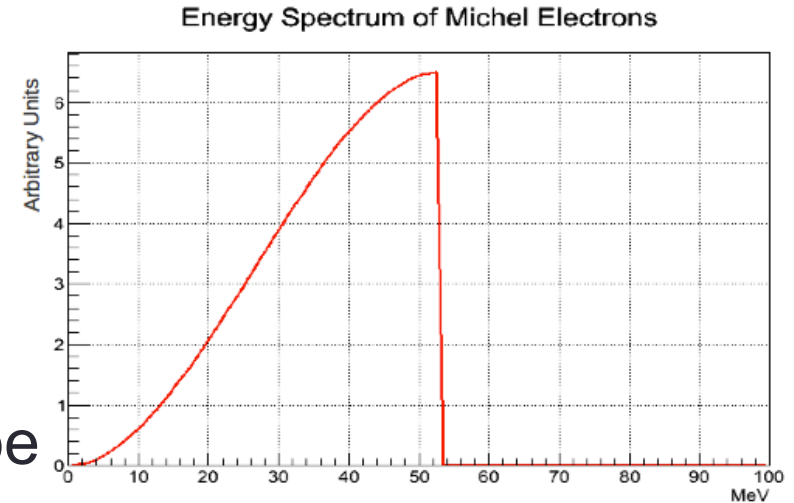
Cosmic Rays – a tool for calibration

- Many different studies
- Rate
- Energy distribution – Landau shape
- Stopping muons
- Michel electrons

	Detector Rate (s ⁻¹)	Simulation Rate (s ⁻¹)
Total	10.21 ± 0.01	9.63 ± 0.04
Rate		
Vertical	2.73 ± 0.01	1.99 ± 0.02
Rate		
Diagonal	0.717 ± 0.003	0.87 ± 0.01
Rate		

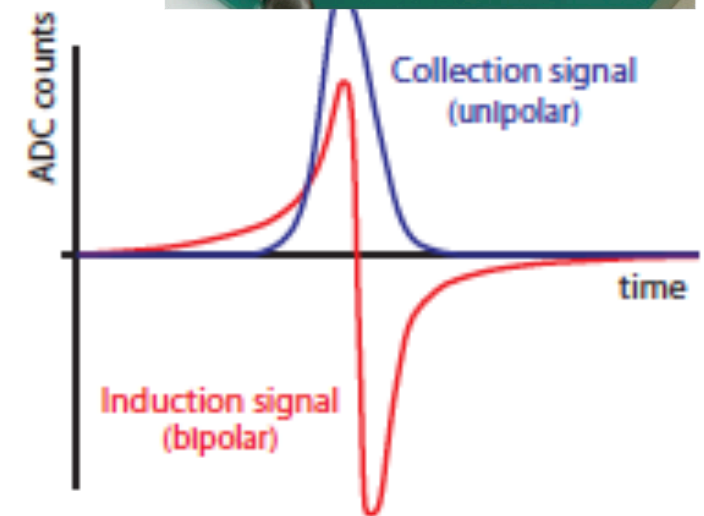
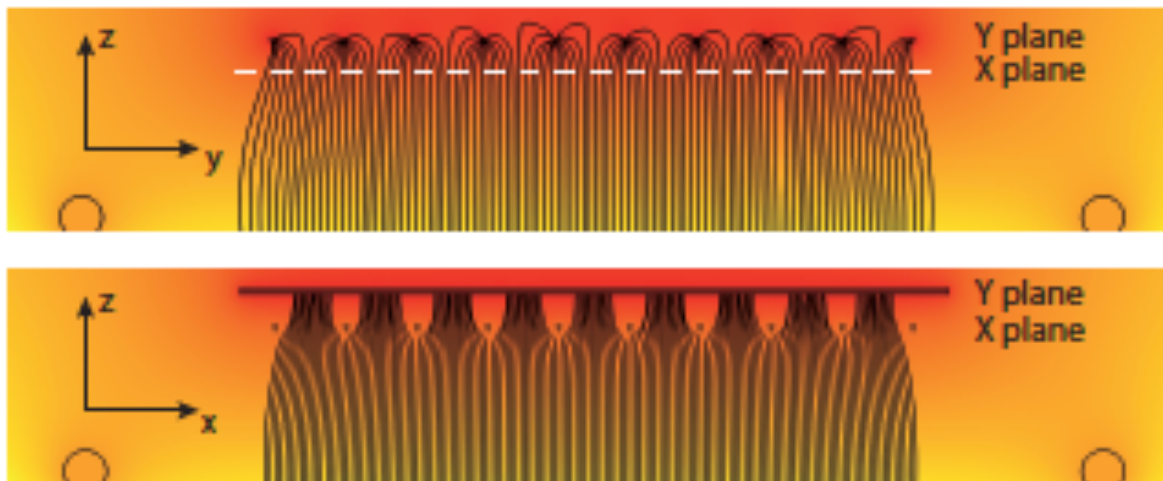
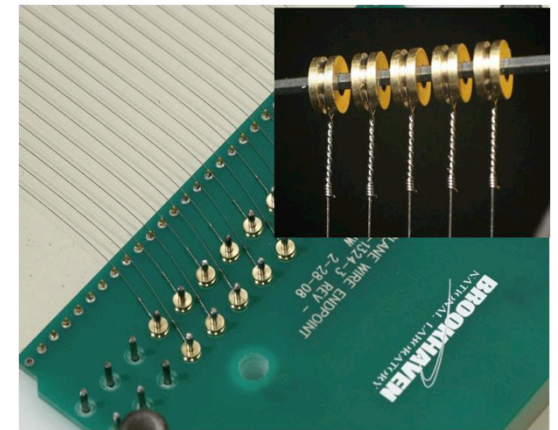
Errors are statistical only

Cosmic-muon rate from Monte Carlo:
 3.72 ± 0.01 kHz (stat. error only)
 ~6 per 1.6-ms readout frame
 (~18 muons/event)



Moving to the readout

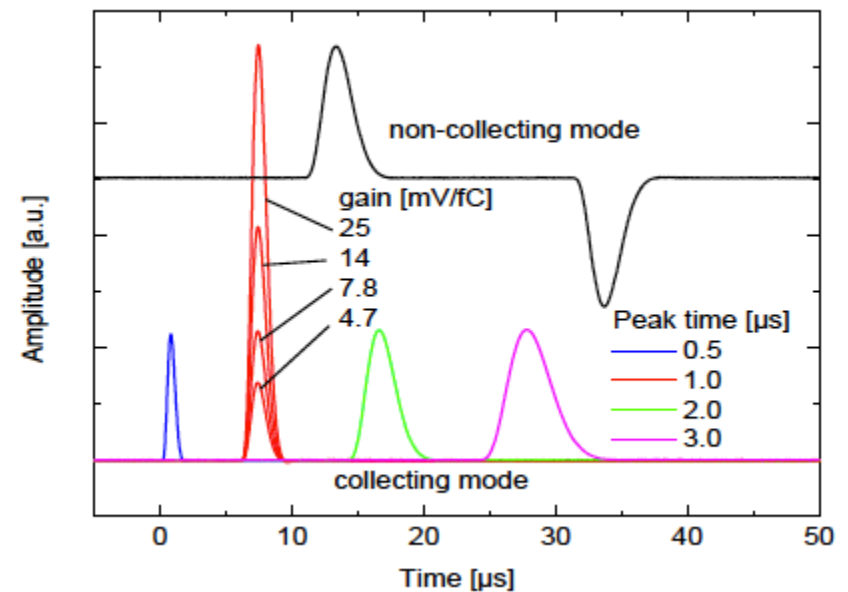
- Charge arriving on the sensing readout wires creates either a induction or a collection signal
 - 3 planes, 2400 + 2400 induction, 3456 collection
 - 150 μ m thick copper/gold plated stainless steel
- Wire distances determines resolution:
 - 3mm, <1mm error for 2m drift



Readout Electronics calibrations

- What we want to measure:

- Baseline
- Noise
- Electronics crosstalk
- Gain and linearity
- Signal shape/rising time

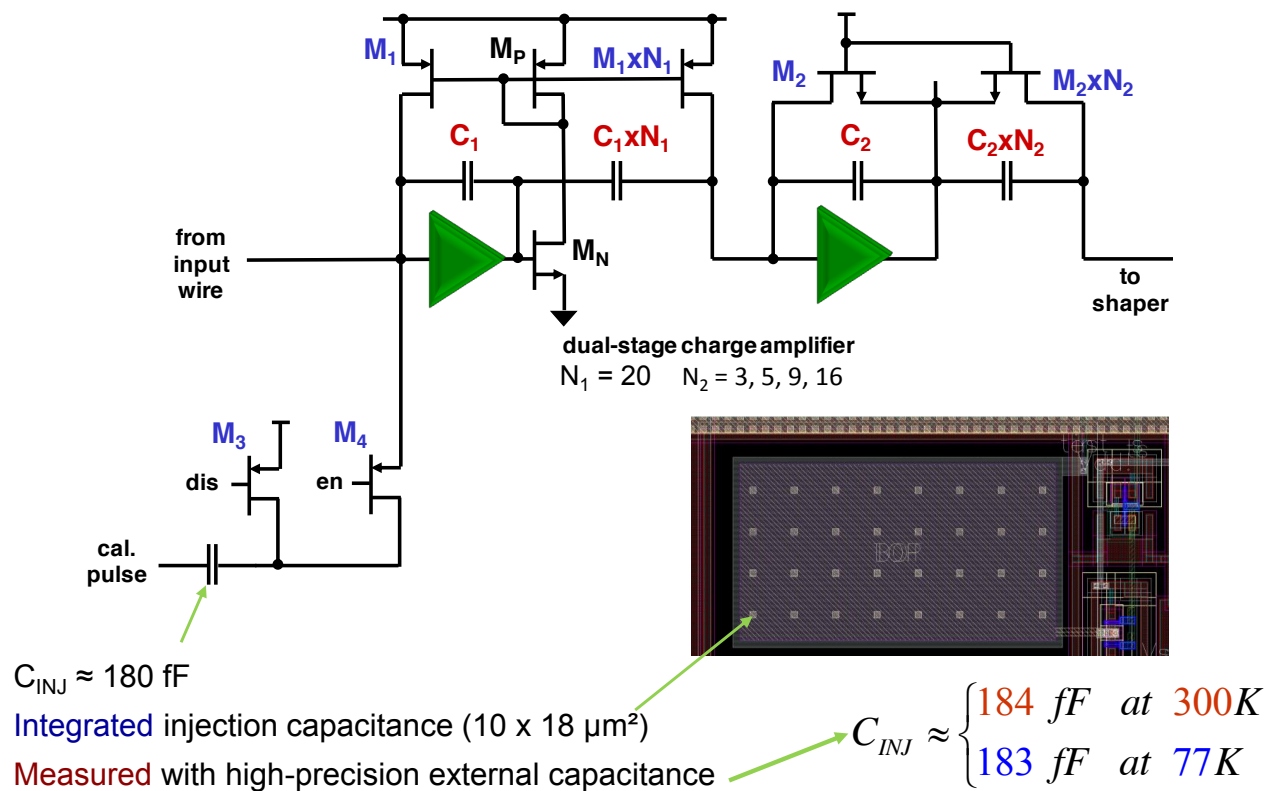


- Ideally, have these values on full vertical slice of readout

- Wire → cold electronics → cold cable → feedthrough → warm electronics → digitization

MicroBooNE Cold Electronics Design

Cold Electronics ASIC - Front-End Detail and Calibration Scheme



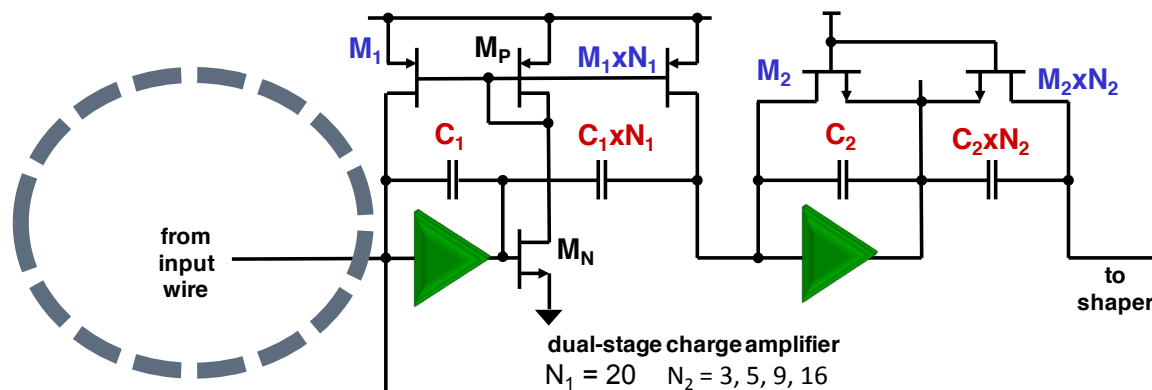
Charge sensitivity calibration of TPC
 during assembly, cooling and operation

From H. Chen (BNL) – March 2013, LArTPC workshop

MicroBooNE Cold Electronics Design

Wire
input
path

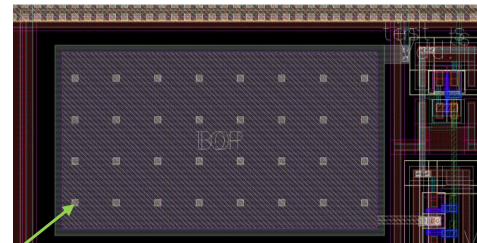
Cold Electronics ASIC - Front-End Detail and Calibration Scheme



$$C_{INJ} \approx 180 \text{ fF}$$

Integrated injection capacitance ($10 \times 18 \mu\text{m}^2$)

Measured with high-precision external capacitance



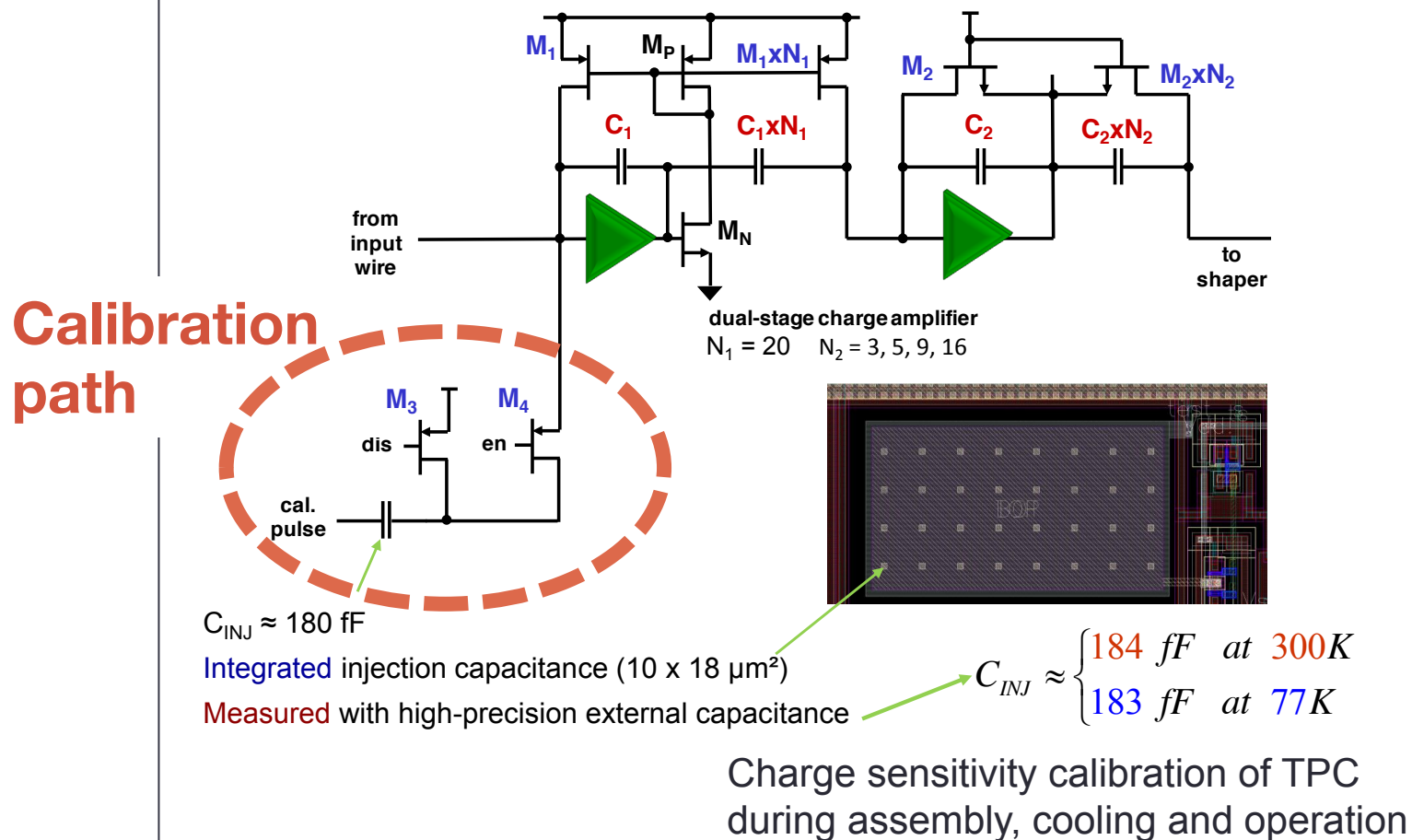
$$C_{INJ} \approx \begin{cases} 184 \text{ fF} & \text{at } 300\text{K} \\ 183 \text{ fF} & \text{at } 77\text{K} \end{cases}$$

Charge sensitivity calibration of TPC
during assembly, cooling and operation

From H. Chen (BNL)

MicroBooNE Cold Electronics Design

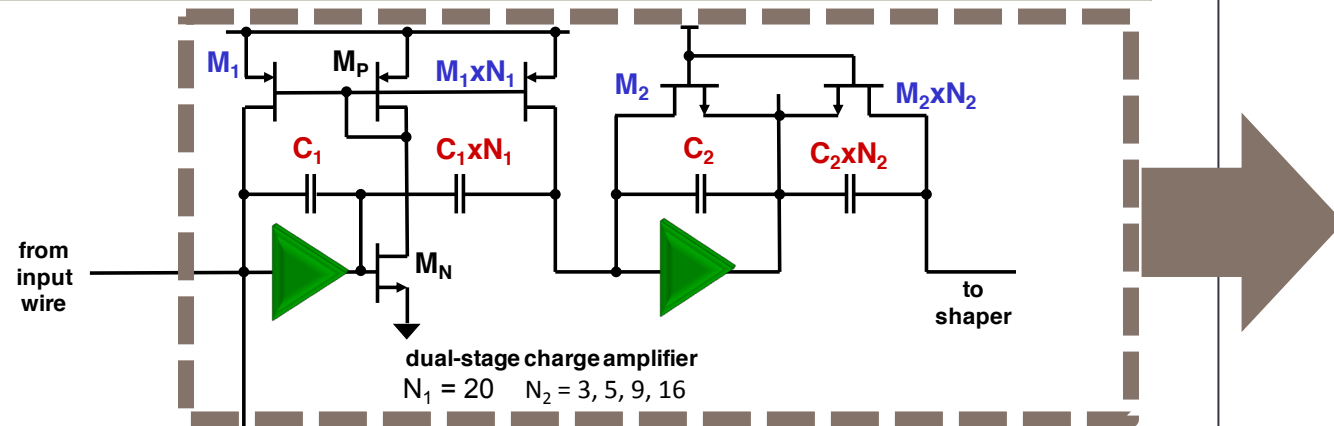
Cold Electronics ASIC - Front-End Detail and Calibration Scheme



From H. Chen (BNL)

MicroBooNE Cold Electronics Design

Cold Electronics ASIC - Front-End Detail and Calibration Scheme



Can use injected calibration pulse to characterize the cold ASIC behavior, and all downstream readout components!

Signal processing

- Amplification
- Shaping

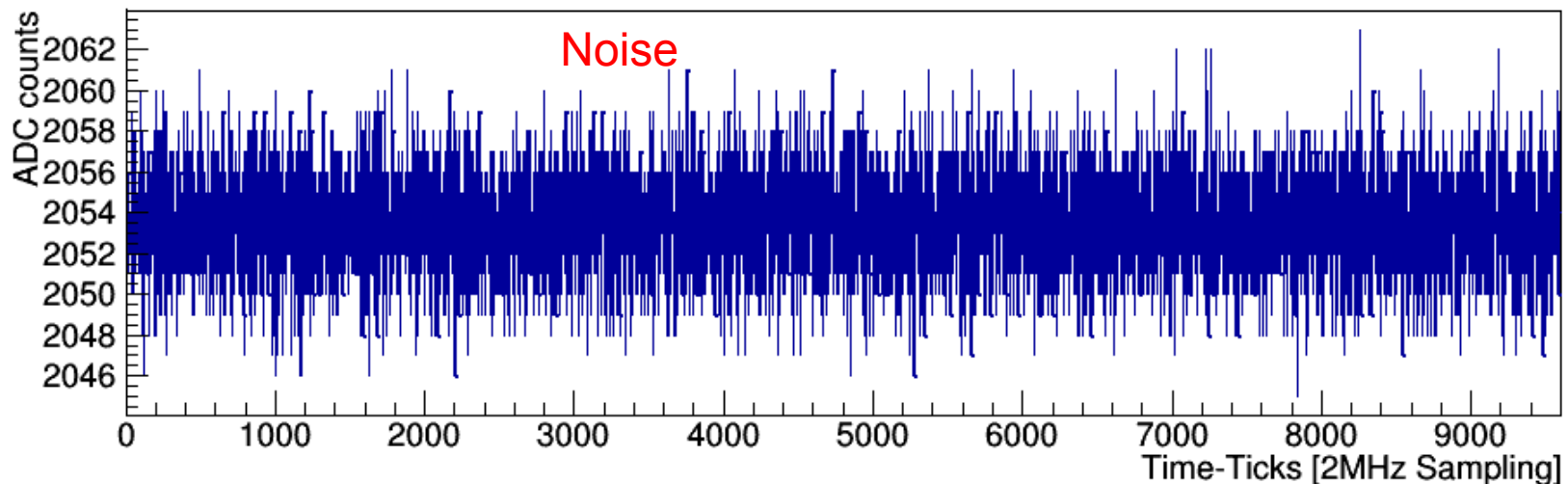
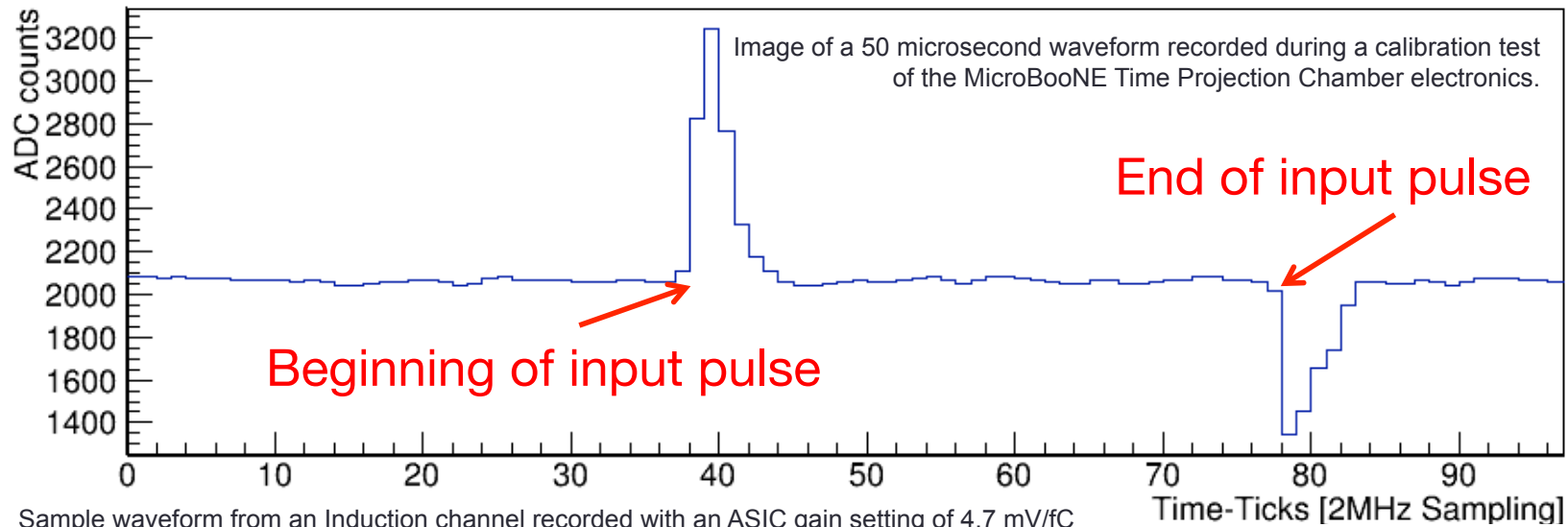
...and all the way down the readout chain!

g and operation

From H. Chen (BNL)

Sample pulse

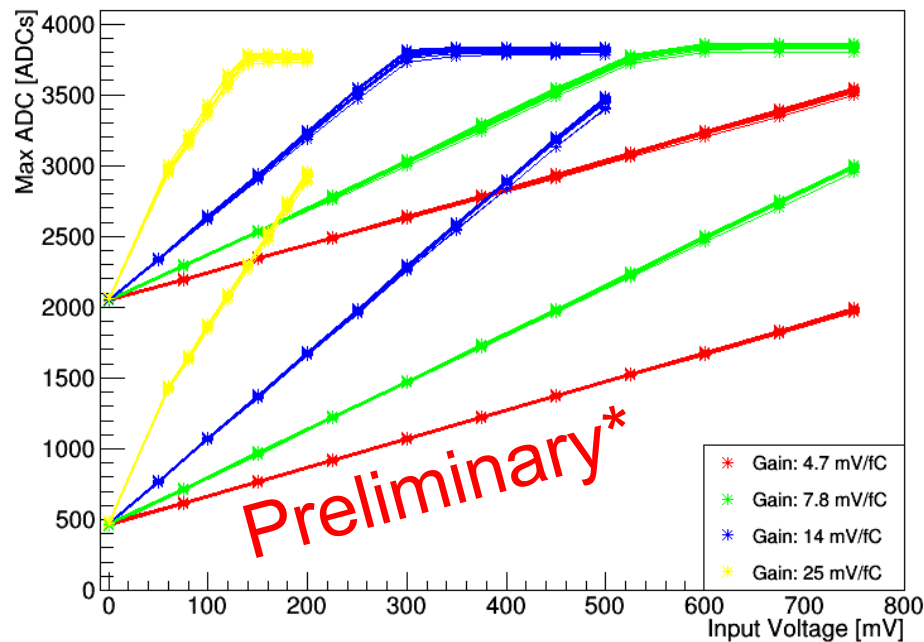
Input: 20 μs square wave (very sharp rise & fall)



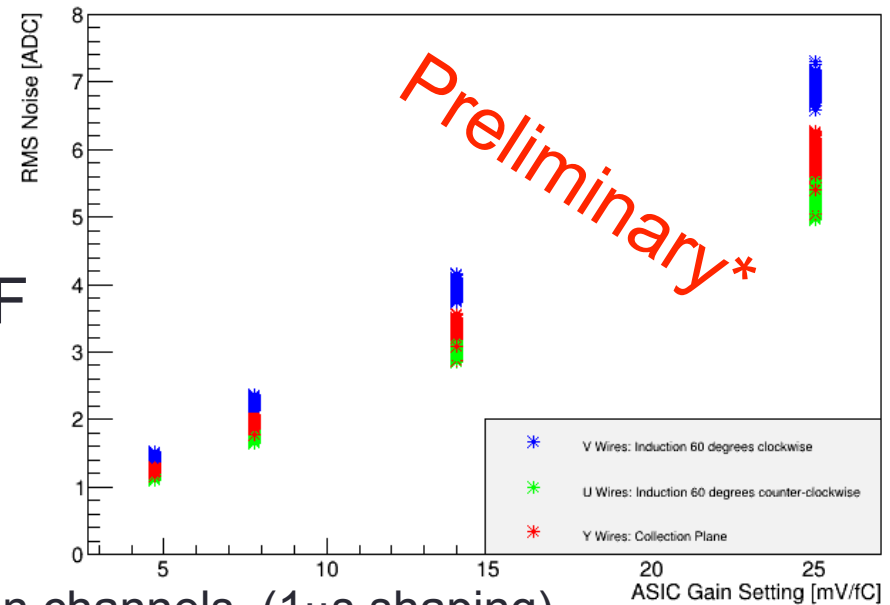
Preliminary results

- One of the ten feedtroughs after detector move to LArTF
- We expect to gain a factor 2-3 in noise reduction by cooling down

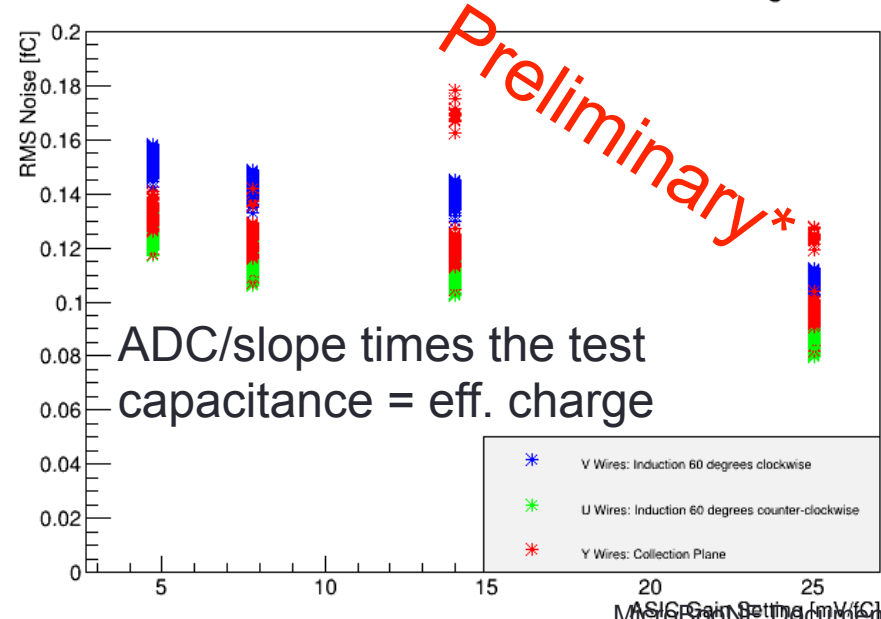
32 induction, 32 collection channels, ($1\mu\text{s}$ shaping)



RMS Noise for all Channels in one Feedthrough



RMS Noise for all Channels in one Feedthrough



Parameter

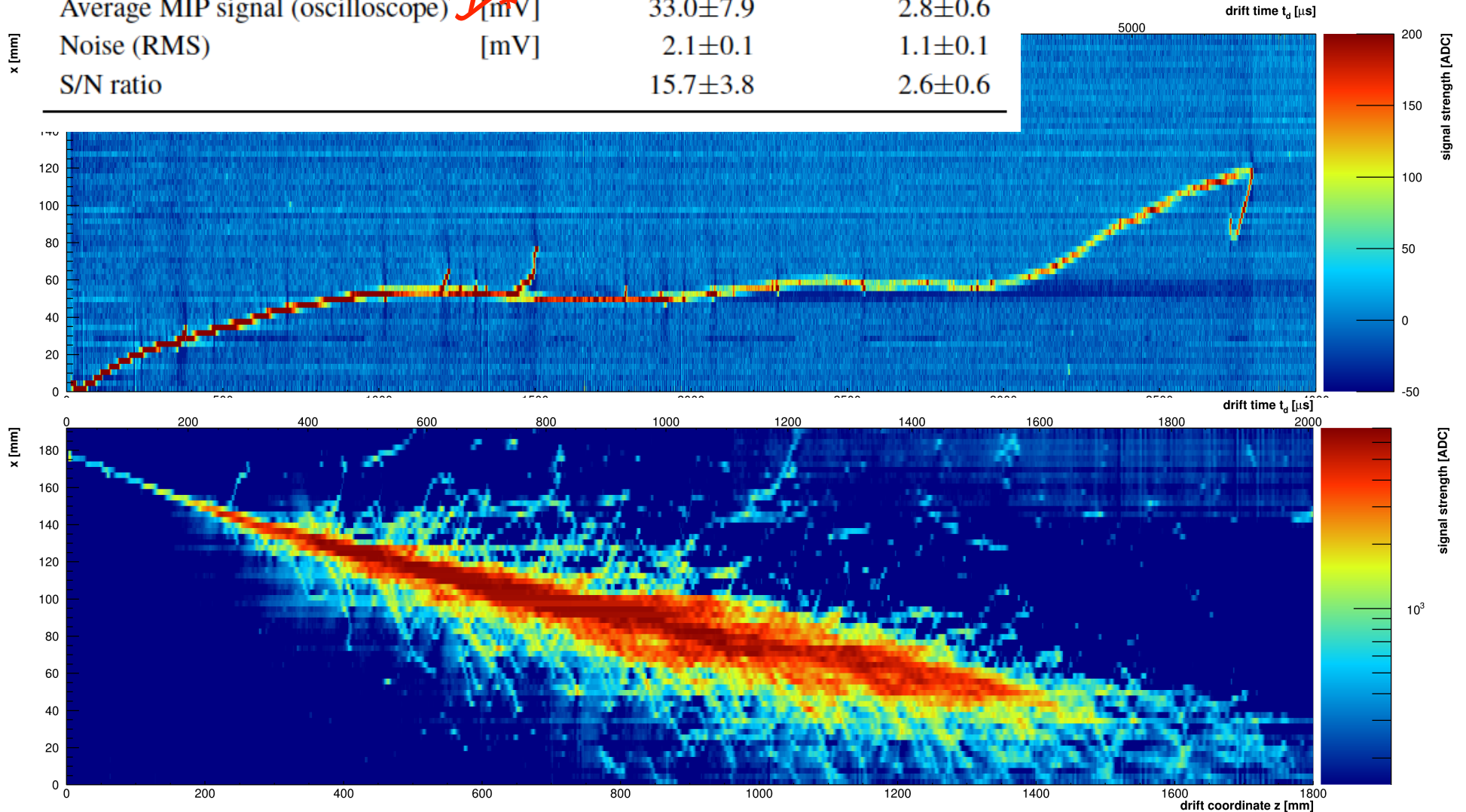
LARASIC4
(at 87 K)Hybrid pre-amp.
(at 290 K)

Charge gain	[mV/fC]	25	2.1
Transimpedance	[mV/nA]	117	13
Average MIP signal (oscilloscope)	[mV]	33.0 ± 7.9	2.8 ± 0.6
Noise (RMS)	[mV]	2.1 ± 0.1	1.1 ± 0.1
S/N ratio		15.7 ± 3.8	2.6 ± 0.6

Preliminary*

Performance
cold vs. warm

Argontube Events, LHEP paper in preparation



MicroBooNE Optical System

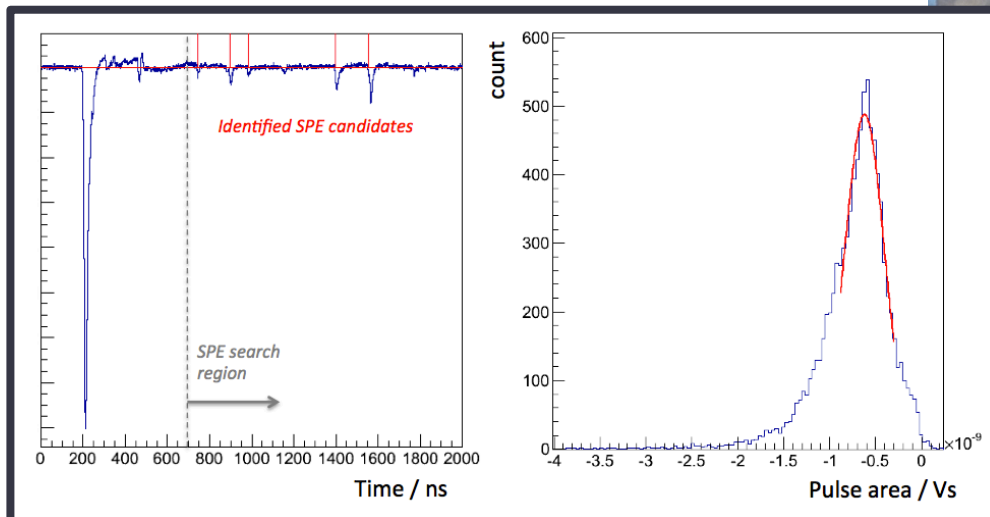
32 PMTs and 4 light-guide detector installed Aug-Sept 2013.

All units were characterized in warm+cold before installation*

A few units selected for more detailed characterizations in the Bo test stand at Fermilab.
(stability, linearity and absolute collection efficiency)

Some techniques for MicroBooNE calibration are explored in liquid argon scintillation R&D papers using the MicroBooNE PMT assembly**:

Example of late-light SPE calibration

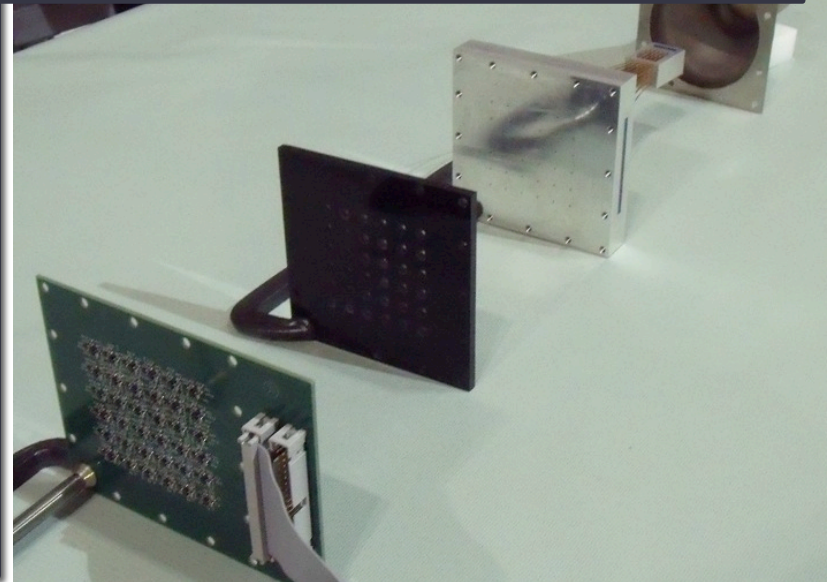
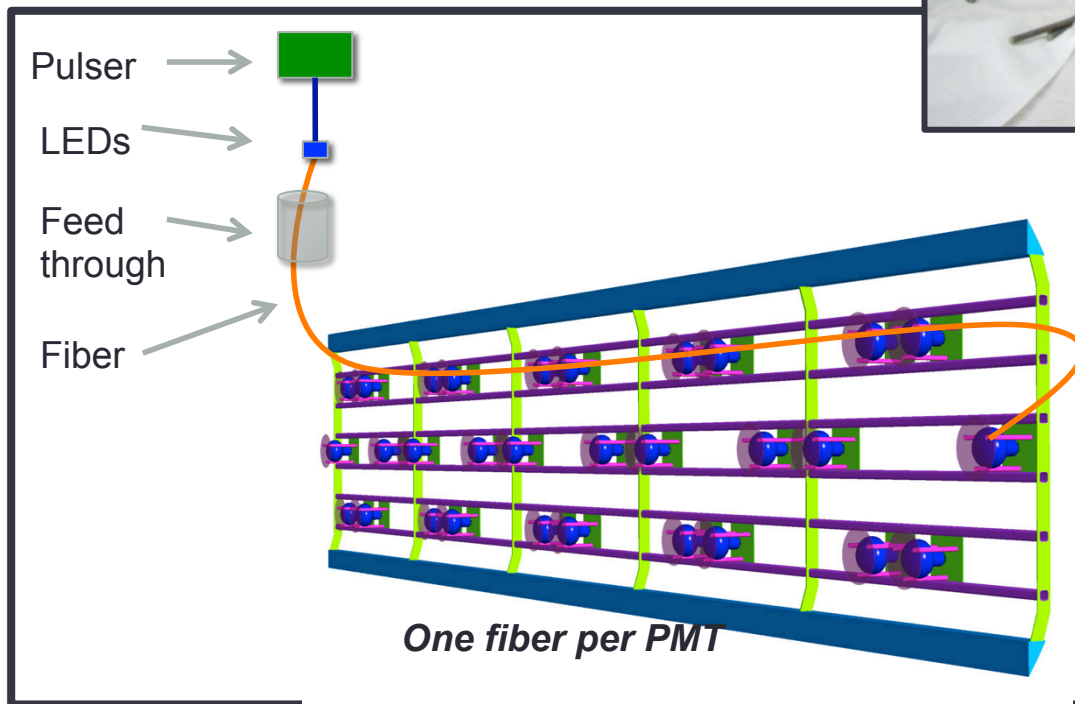
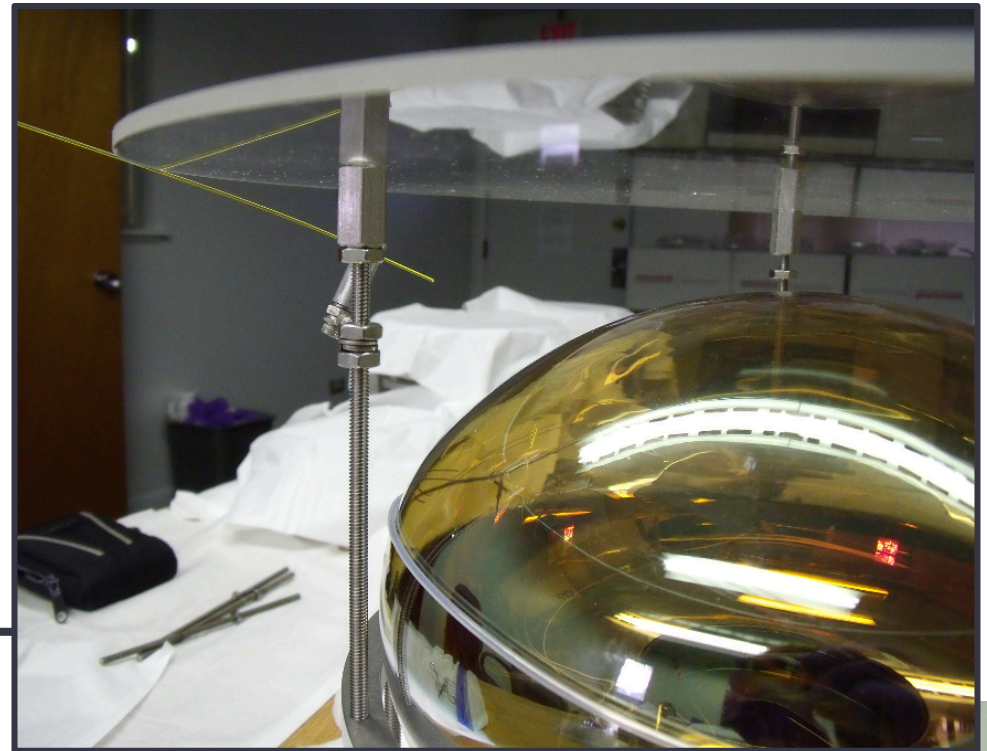


Fiber Calibration System

Each PMT has an calibration fiber coupled to an 450 nm LED outside the cryostat for gain and timing characterizations

This system will be used for both routine calibrations and commissioning tests.

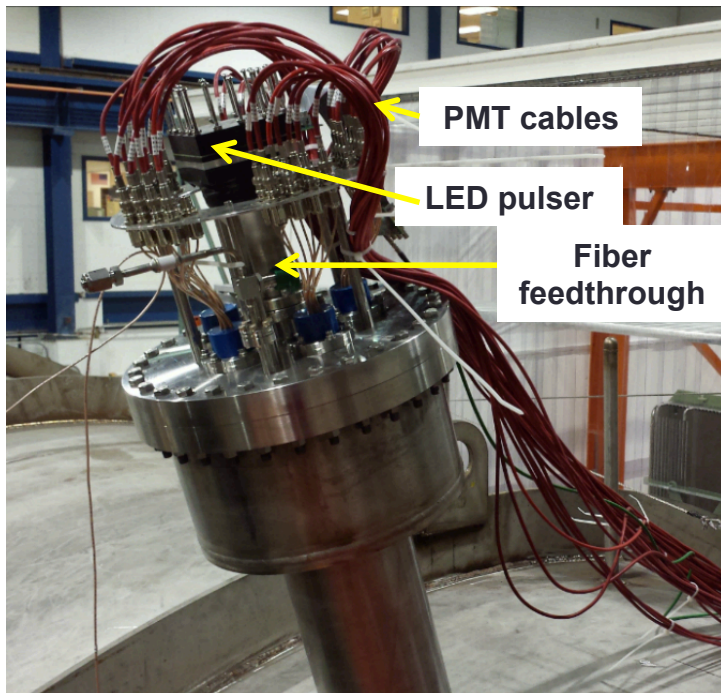
Fiber system installed during Sept - Oct 2013, paper in preparation



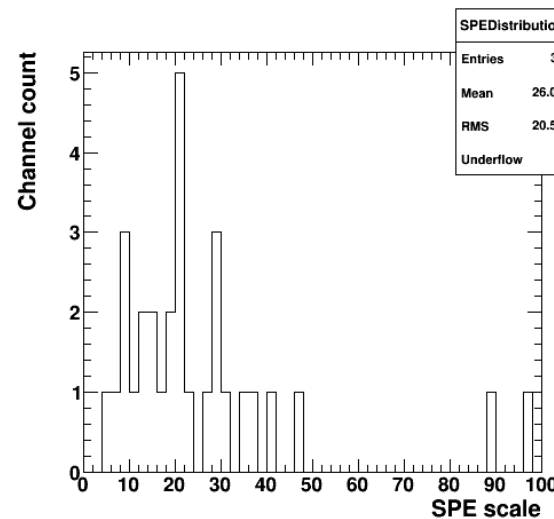
PMT pre-commissioning run

- Successful run of all PMTs, high voltage, fiber calibration system, MicroBooNE DAQ and offline software with installed PMTs
- Some PMT base problems were found and fixed using the LED calibration system. All PMTs verified working before closing detector.
- First version of automatic gain calibration software used to set nominal HV for each channel

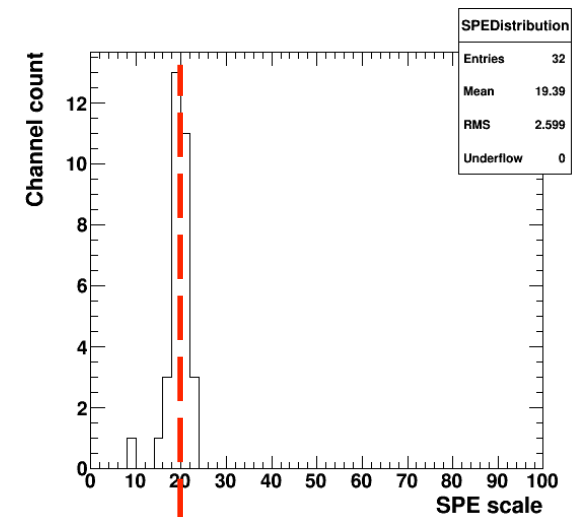
Instrumented PMT feedthrough



Before gain calibration



After gain calibration



Targeted value

Conclusions

- Calibration is not easy
- We know how to do it
- We have great tools that help us to do our job
- Stay tuned for first results