LArTPC Testbeam: CAPTAIN and LArIAT

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miniCAPTAIN (neutrons) & LArIAT (charged species)

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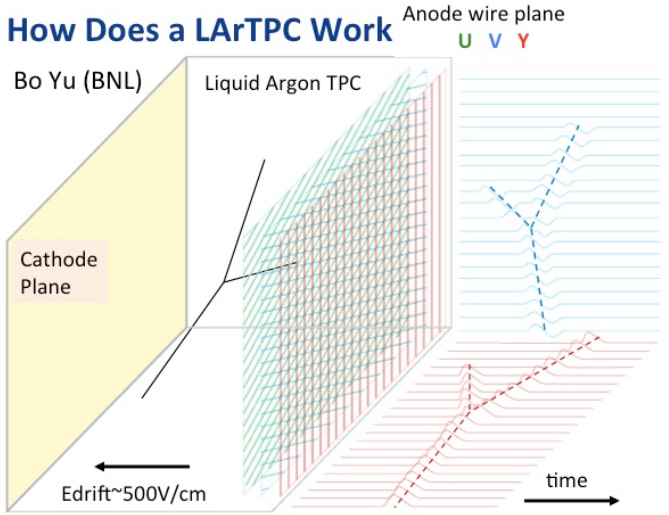
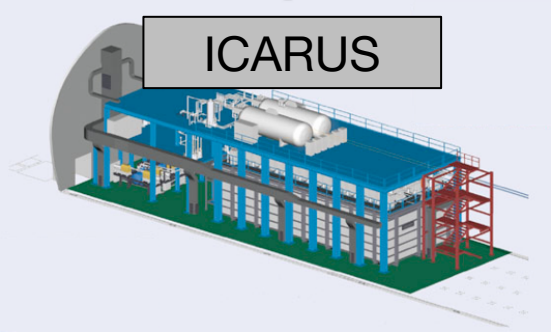
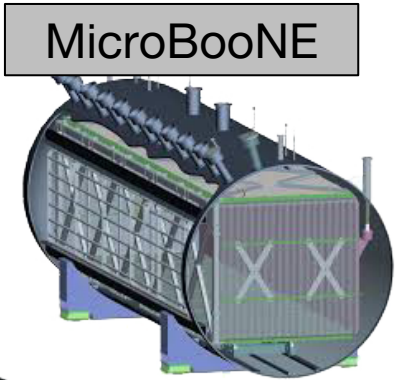


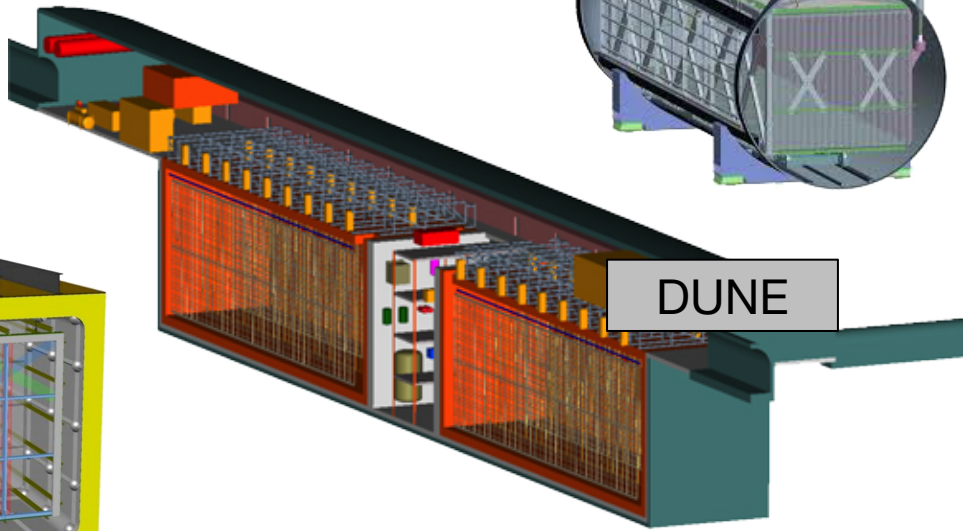
LArTPCs Test Beams for Neutrino Physics

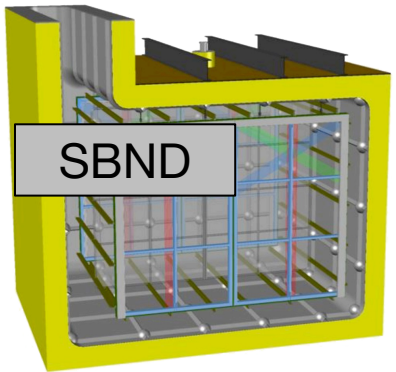
Liquid argon time projection chambers (LArTPCs) capture neutrino interaction final products in unprecedented detail

Dedicated calibration effort needed









MiniCAPTAIN

Cryogenic Apparatus for Precision Tests of Argon Interactions with Neutrinos

MiniCAPTAIN

1m Ø LArTPC in neutron beam at Weapons Neutron Research facility

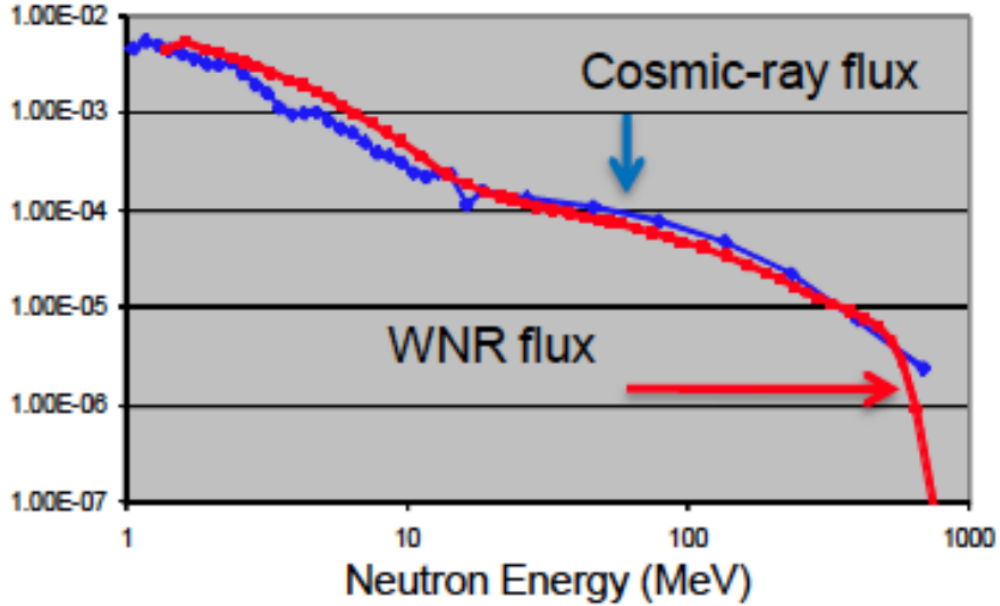
Physics goals:

- Ar* nuclear de-excitations
- Neutron scatters at known E_n
- Neutron-induced $\pi^{\pm}$ production

The mini-CAPTAIN cryostat

Los Alamos National Lab
Los Alamos Neutron Science Center

Incident Beam

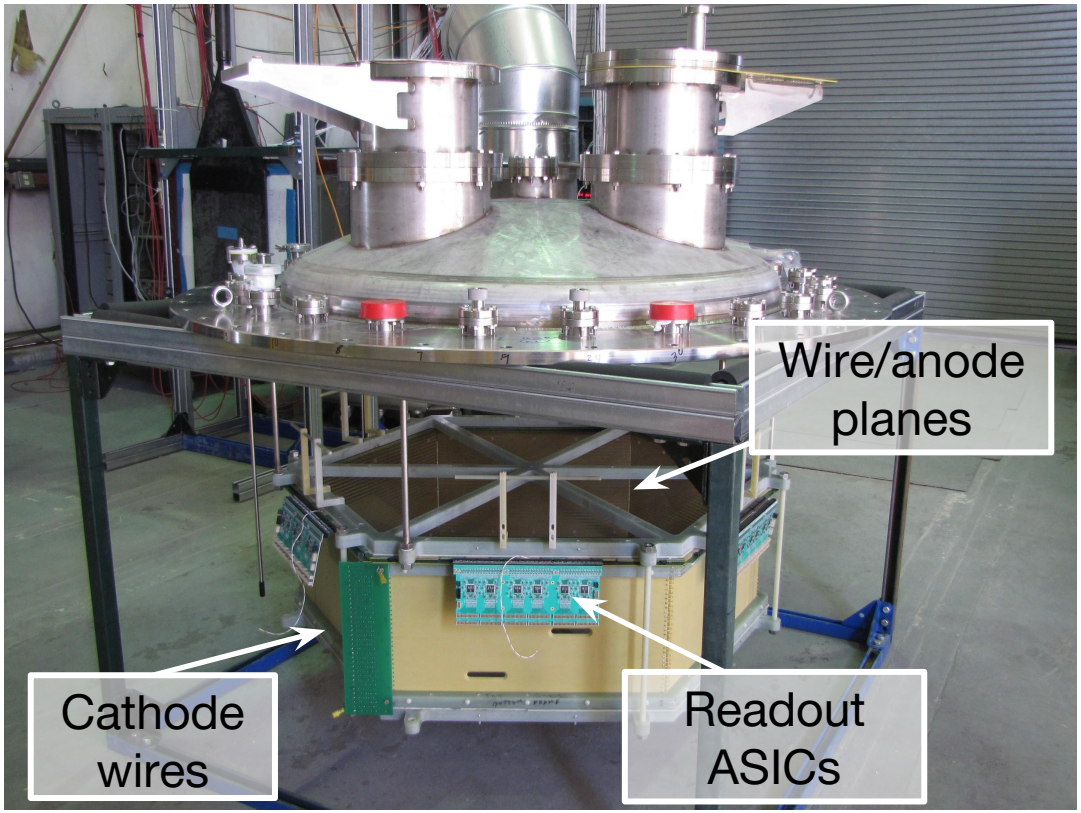


Known neutron energy from Time of Flight

- Beam on target starts clock
- Cryogenic PMTs stop it

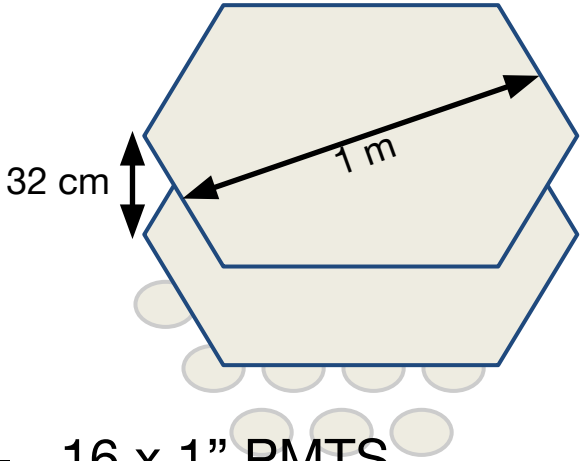
Neutron beam energy spectrum will be closely matched to cosmic-induced neutron energy spectrum

Inside the cryostat



The time projection chamber

- MicroBooNE cold electronics
- 3 planes @ 3 mm pitch
- Drift field ~500 V/cm



- 16 x 1” PMTS

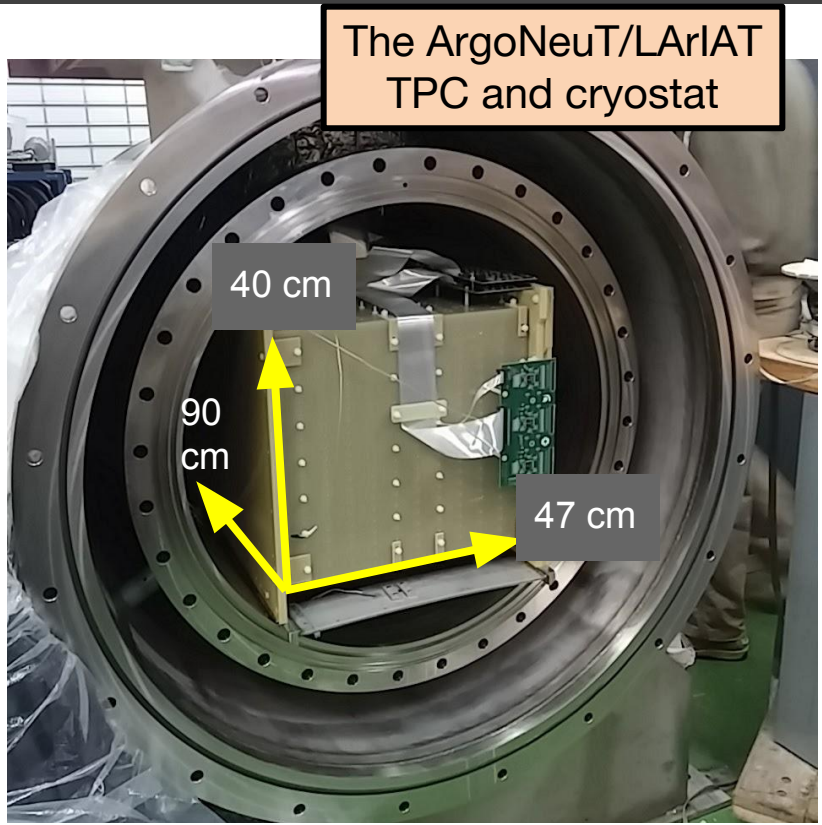
LArIAT

Liquid Argon In A Testbeam

LArIAT

"Table-top" (170L) LArTPC in a test beam at Fermilab Test Beam Facility

- Repurposed ArgoNeuT detector
- **Physics goals:**
  - π-Ar interactions
  - e/γ shower ID
  - μ-Ar capture
  - non-magnetic charge determination
  - kaon studies
  - Geant4 validation
- **R&D goals:**
  Optimize PID algorithm, calorimetry with charge & light, and 2D/3D event reconstruction



The ArgoNeuT/LArIAT TPC and cryostat

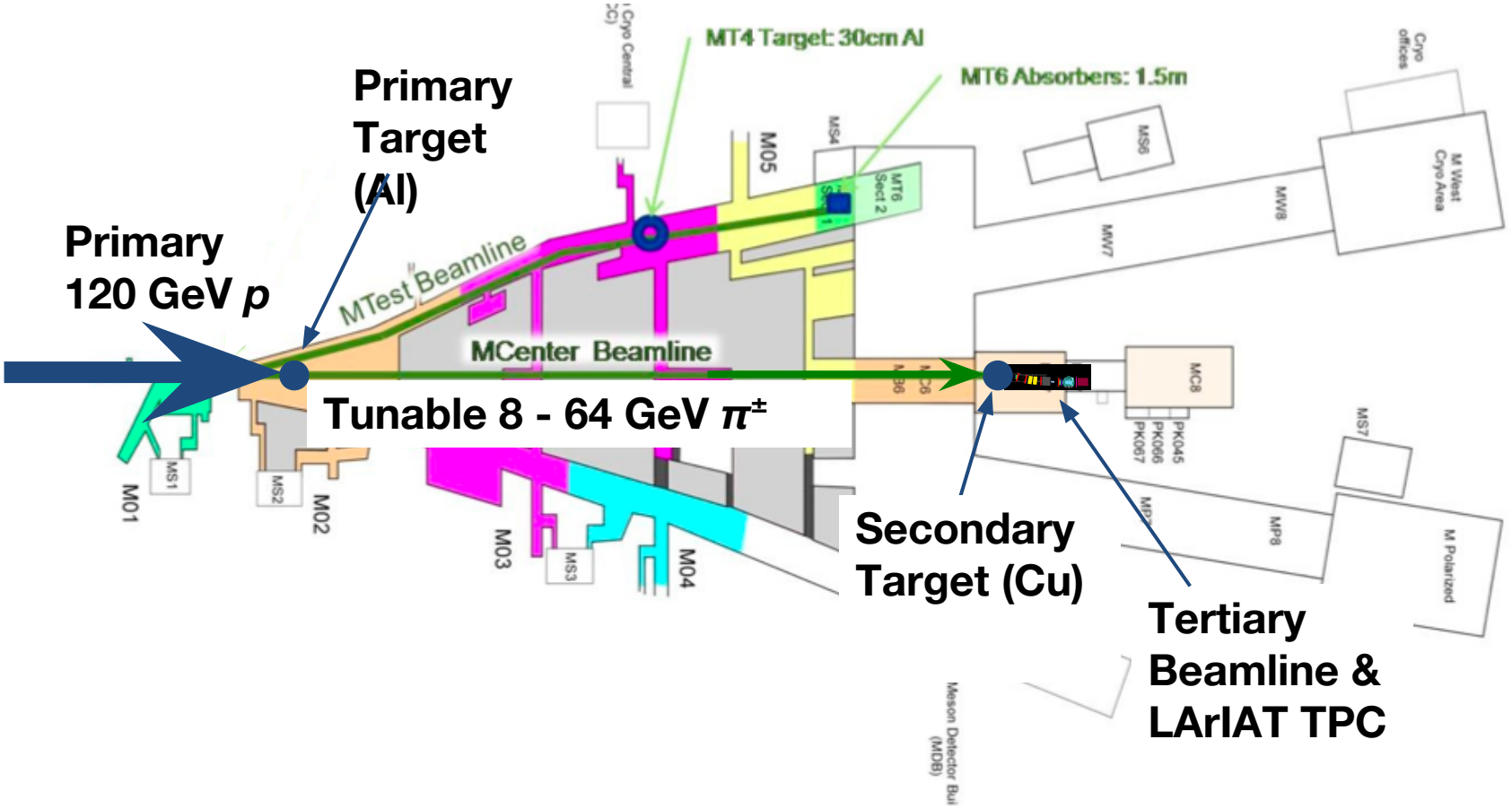
Fermilab Test Beam Facility

Linac

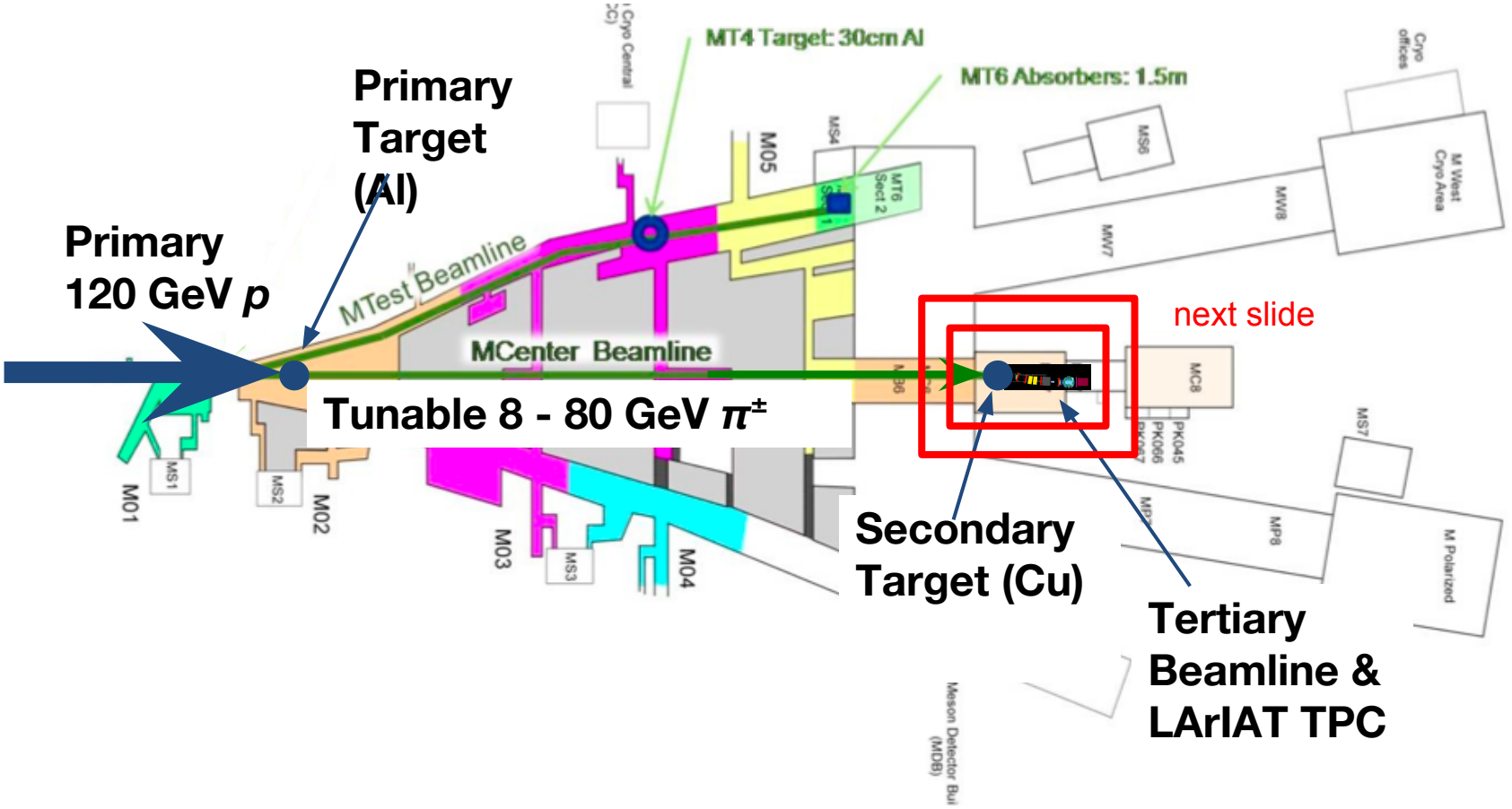
Booster

Main Injector

Beamline Plan View



Beamline Plan View



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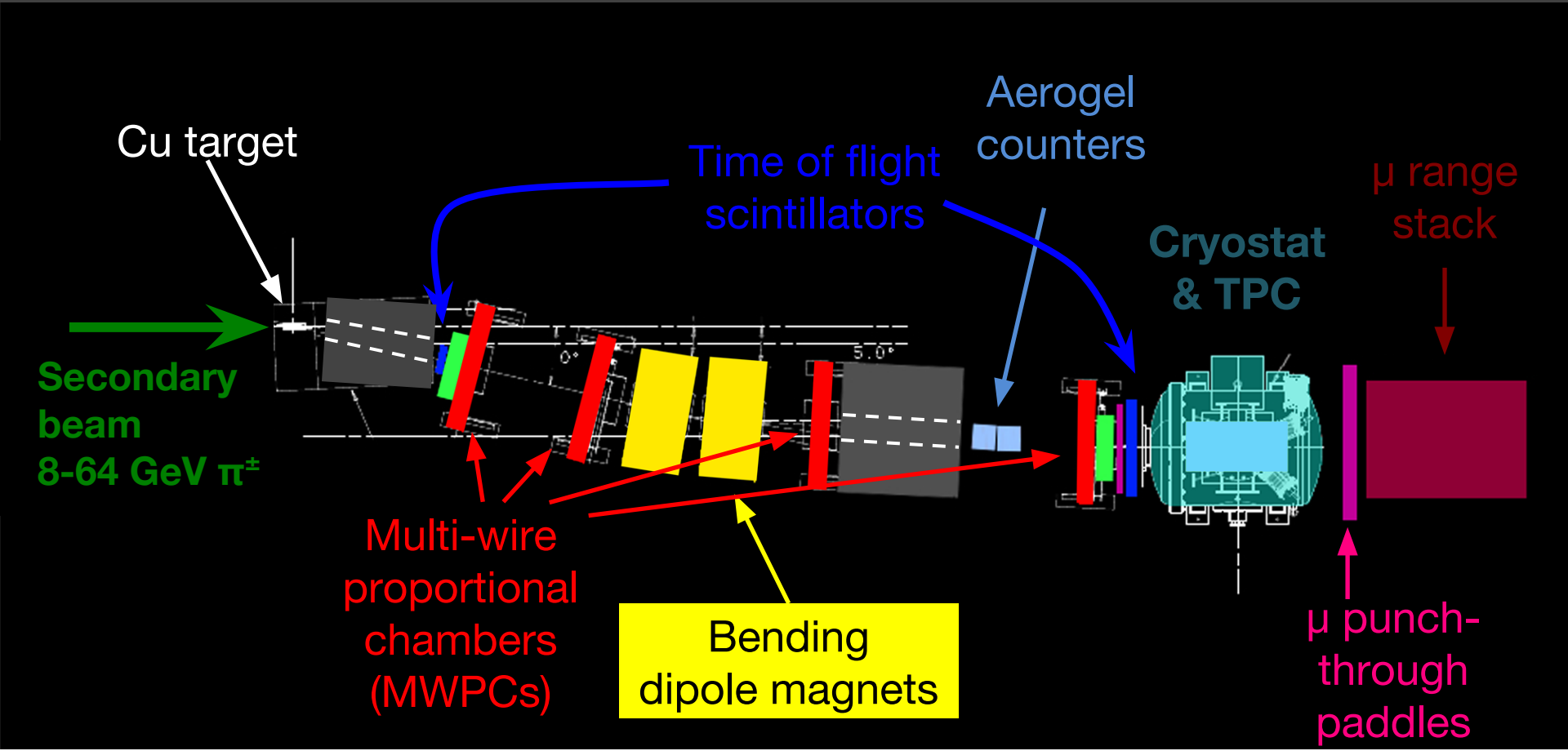

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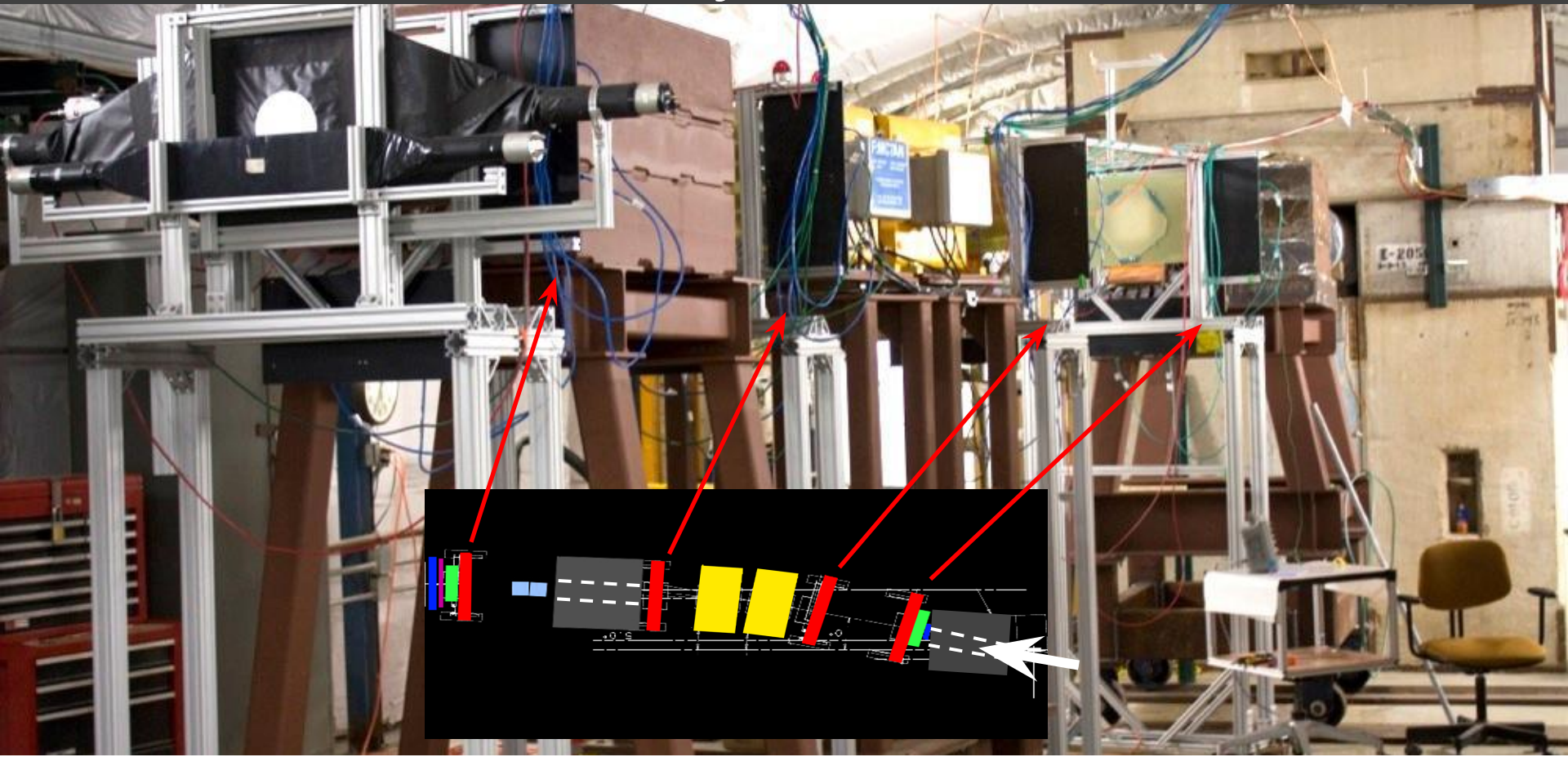
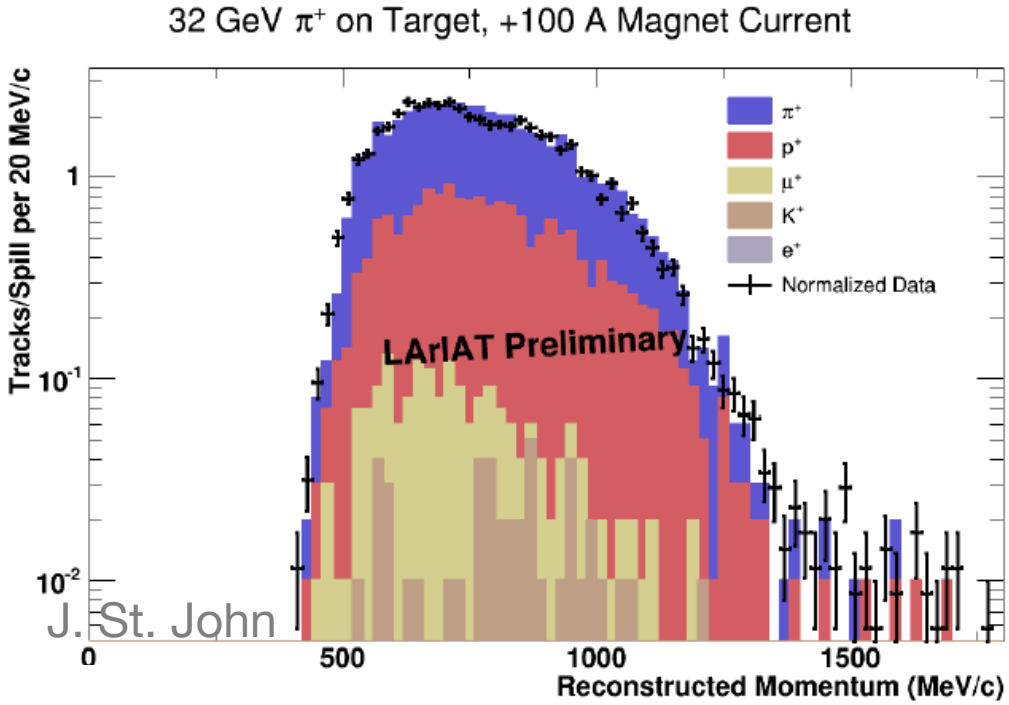
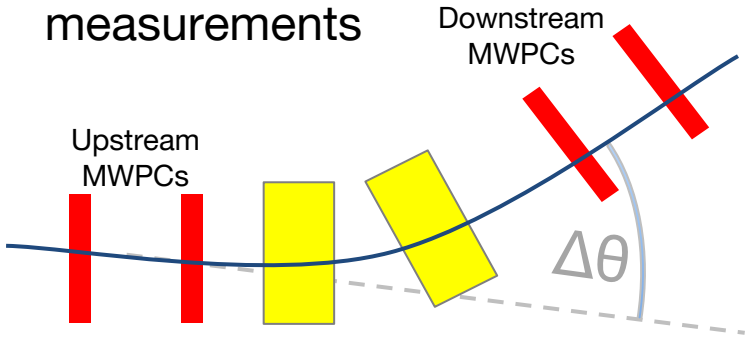


Incident Particle Beam



MWPCs + bending magnet

- Charge-selected beam 200 - 1200 MeV/c
- Single-particle momentum measurements



Momentum windows in excellent agreement with simulation

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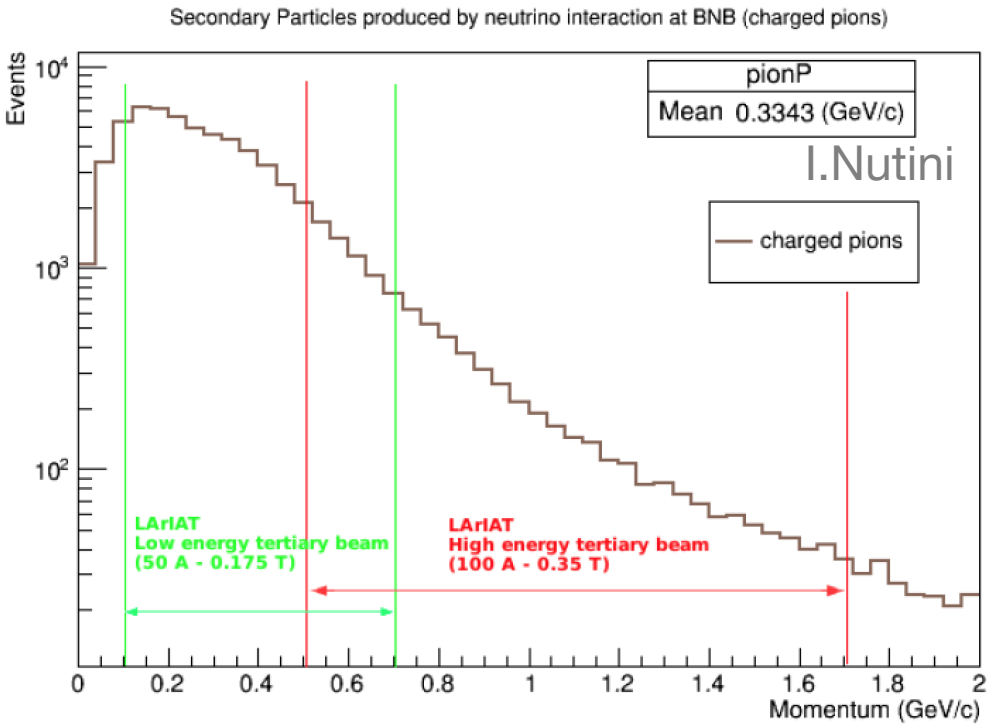

MWPCs + bending magnet

Full and Half momentum settings/magnet currents cover MicroBooNE neutrino event secondary momentum range

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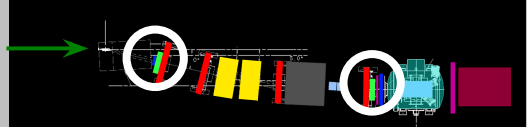
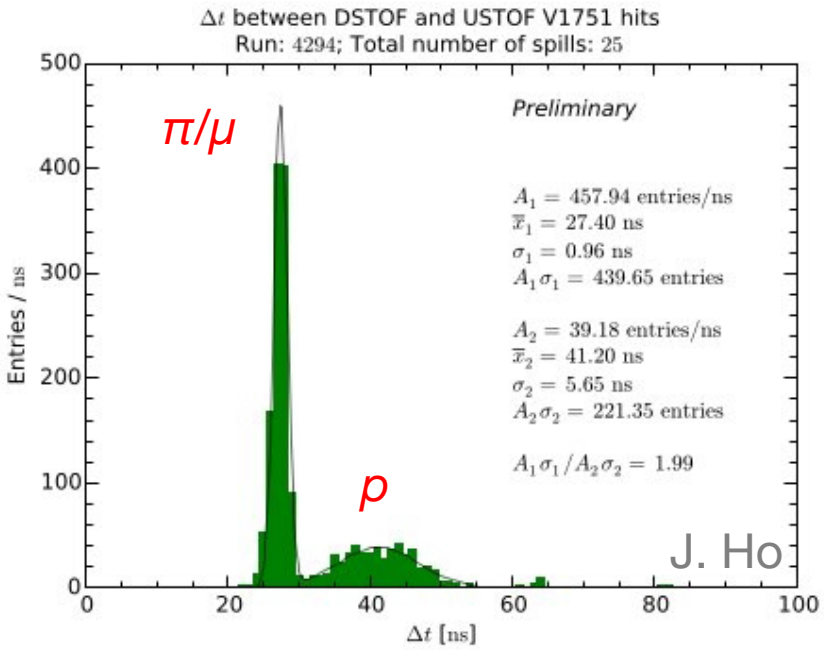
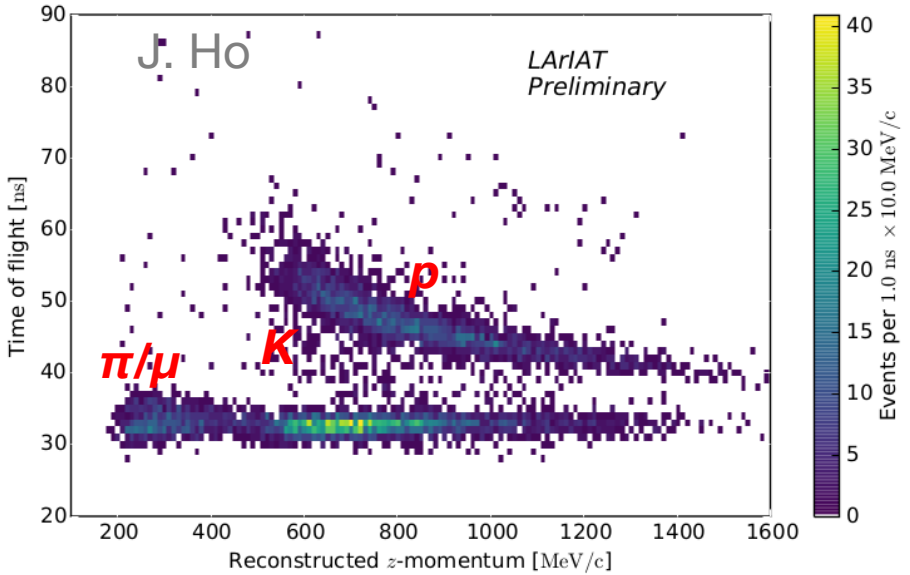




Time of flight (TOF) for separation between *π*'s/*μ*'s and protons

~2:1 ratio of *π/μ* to *p*

TOF vs reconstructed momentum



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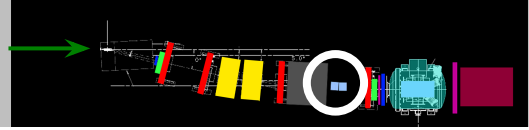

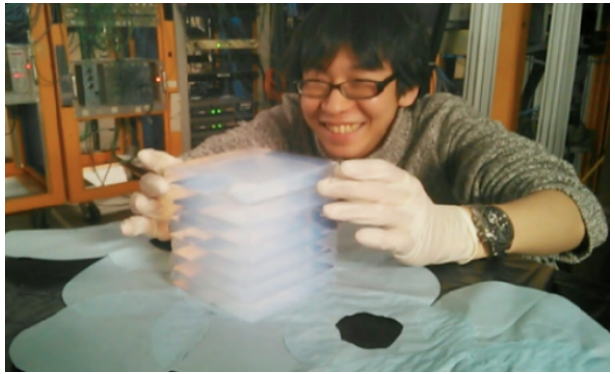

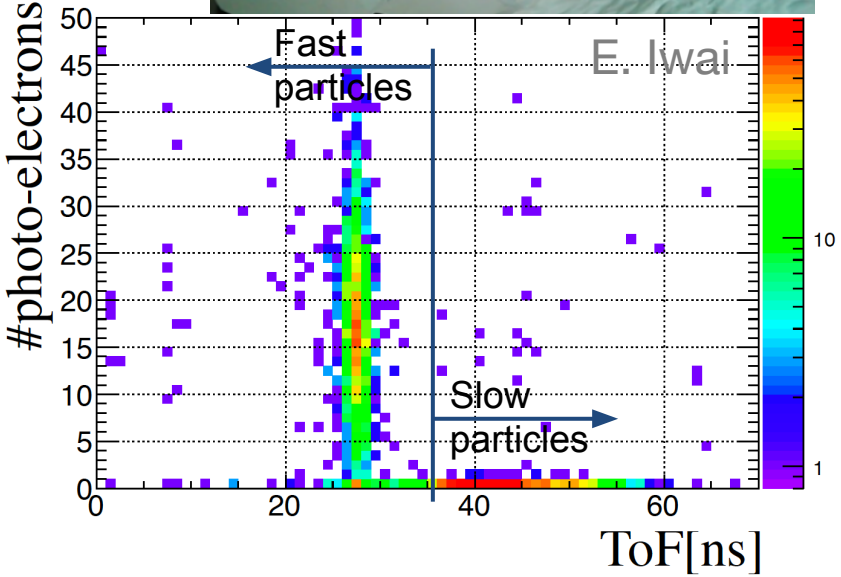

Aerogel Cherenkov counters for further PID

Possible π vs. μ discrimination using combination of thresholds and pulse height

Effective for TPC-contained π/μ range: 230-400 MeV/c

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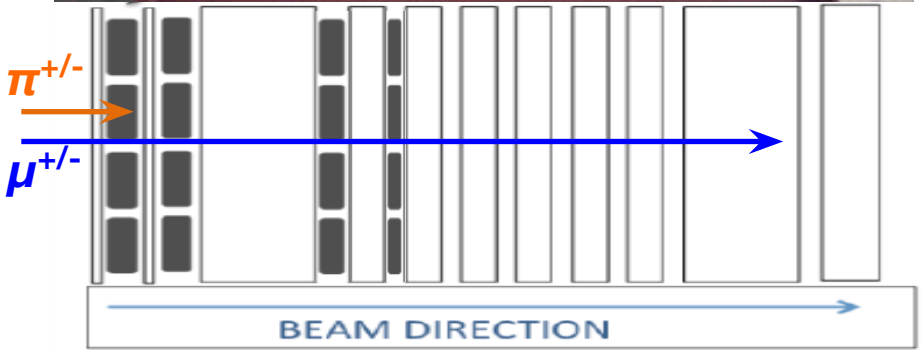
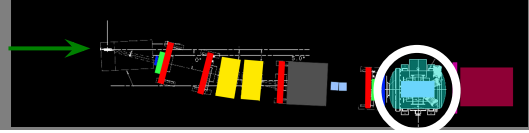


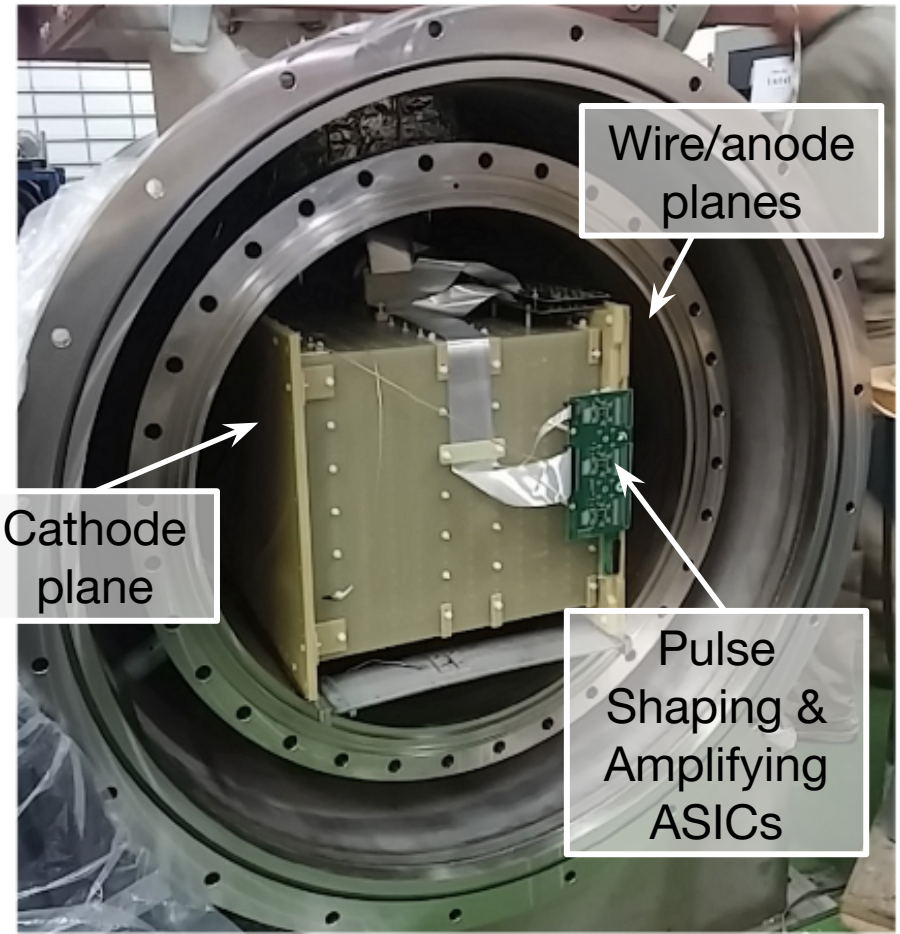
Muon range stack for discrimination of through-going muons/pions

Effective for high-p π/μ range: 400+ MeV/c

Some commissioning still ongoing

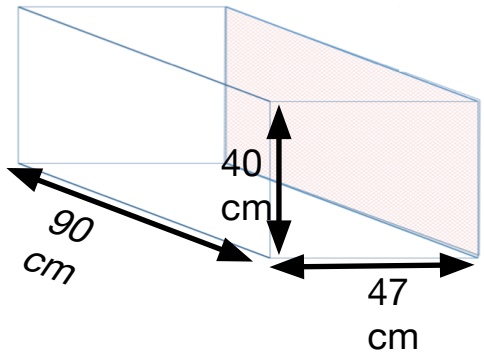
Inside the cryostat





The time projection chamber

- Repurposed from ArgoNeuT
- New wire planes, 240 wires each
  - shield
  - induction
  - collection
- Drift field ~500 V/cm



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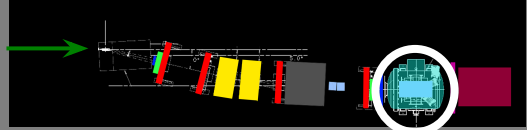
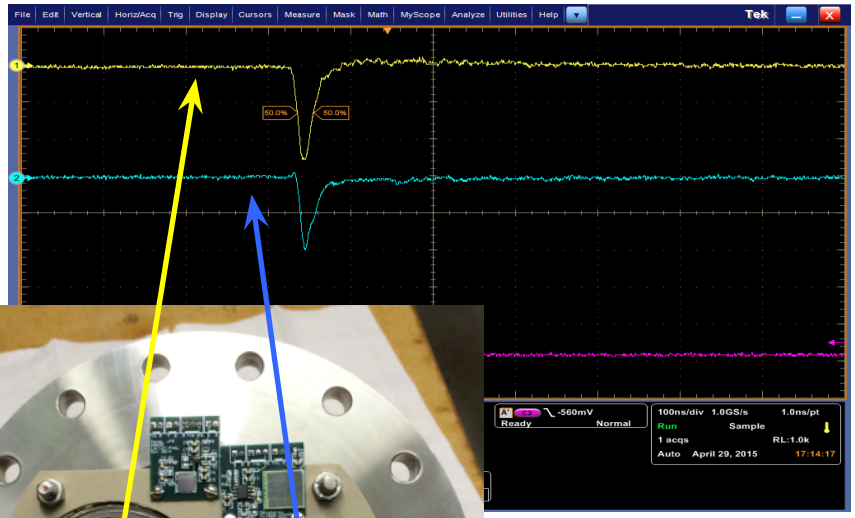
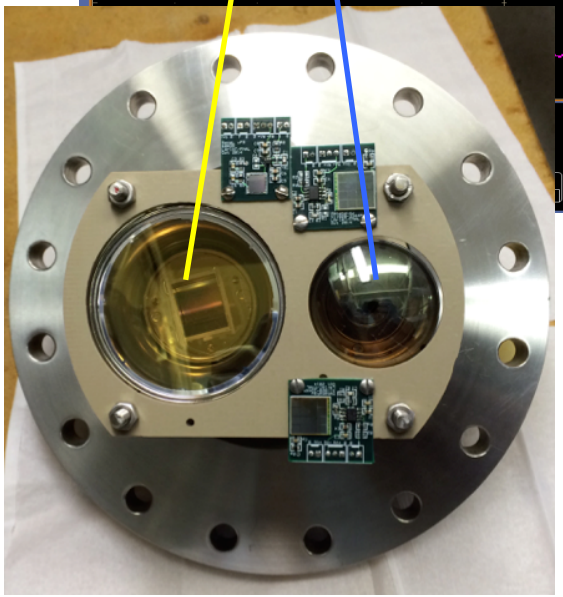


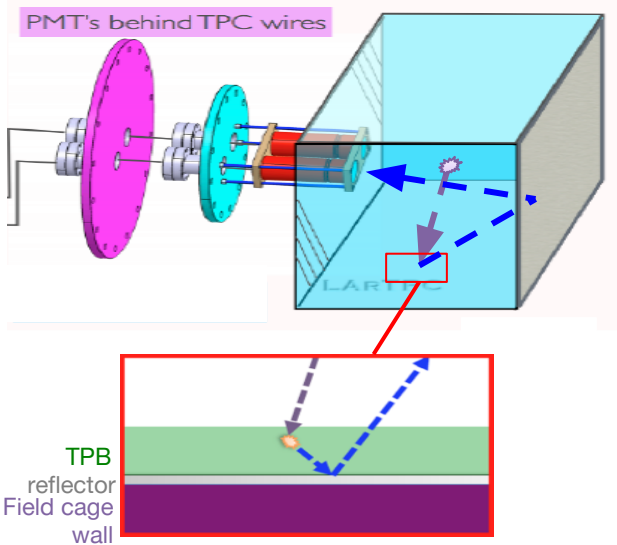




Light collection system

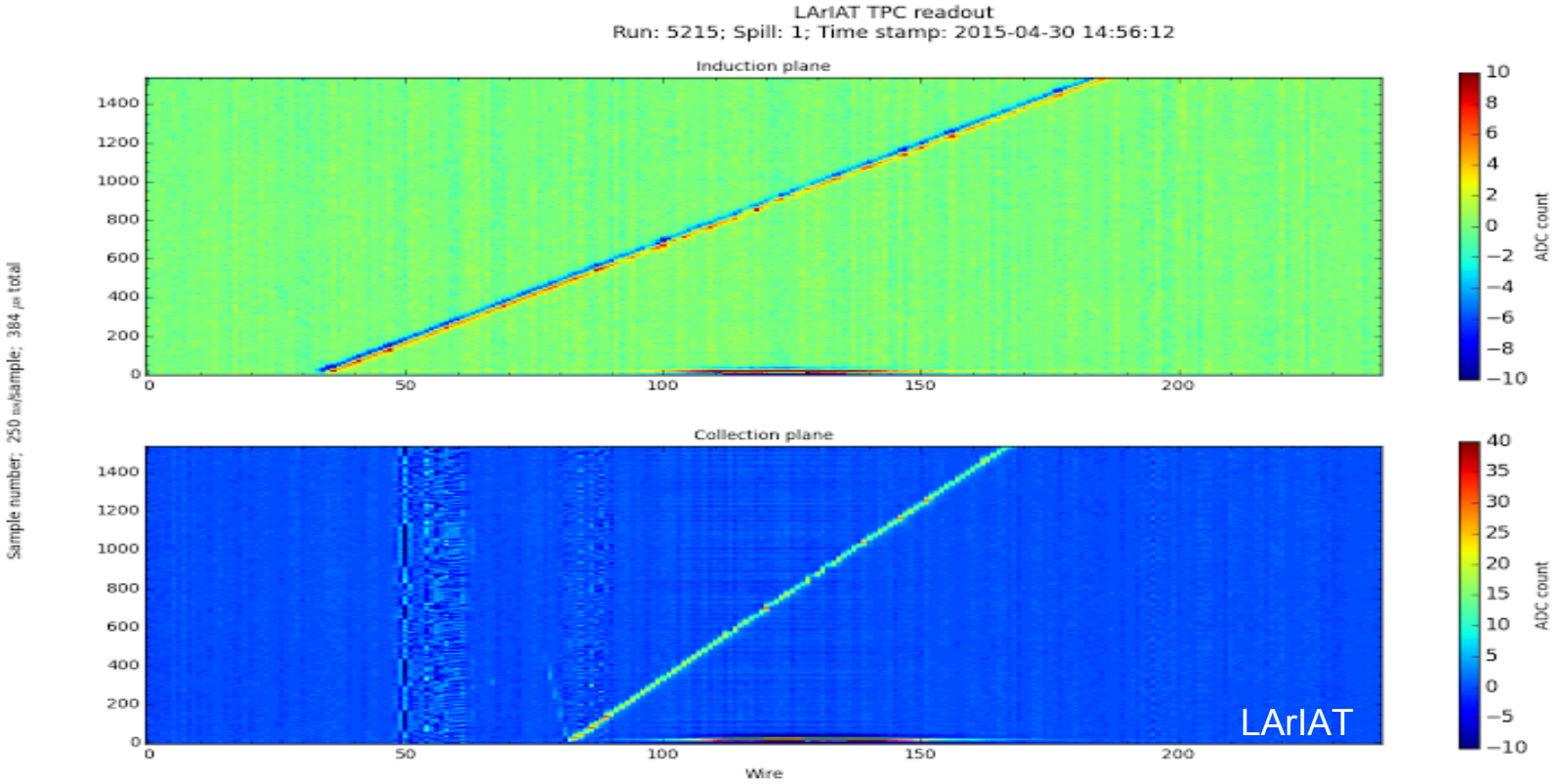
- 2 PMTs + 3 SiPMs
- VUV scintillation light wavelength-shifted at TPB-coated reflector foils lining field cage

Photoelectron yield:
~40 p.e./MeV
at zero E-field



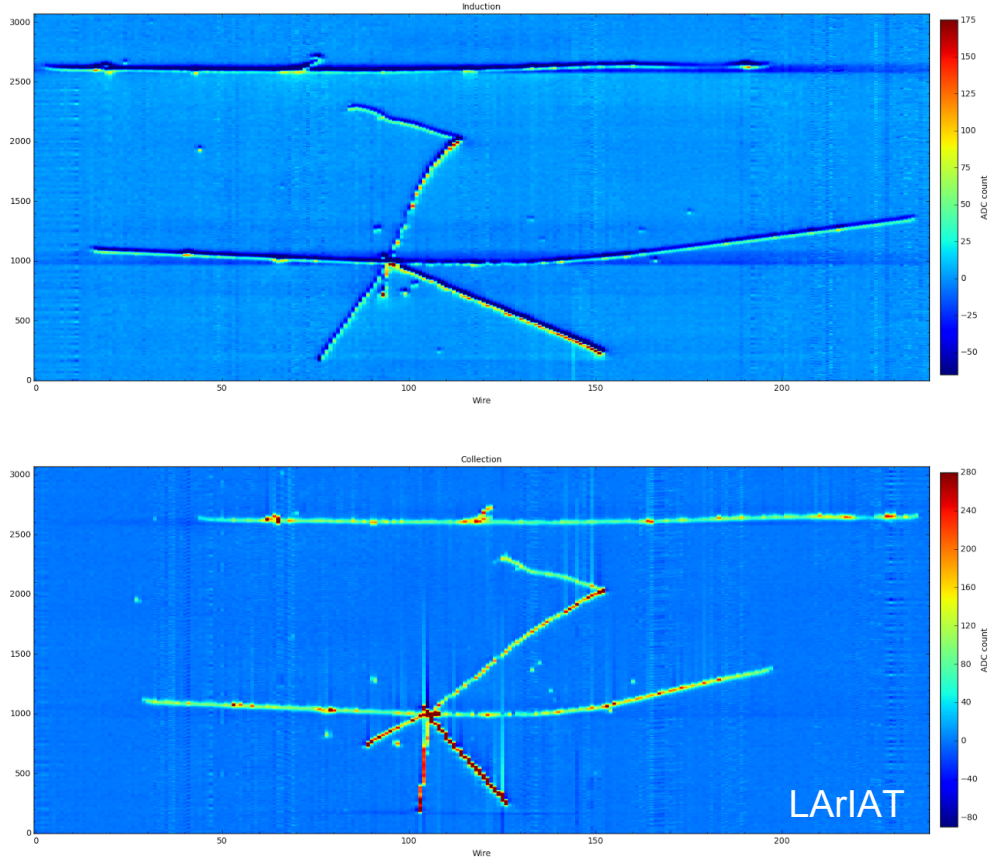
First data

- April 30, 2015 – TPC turned on, first cosmic-triggered track!



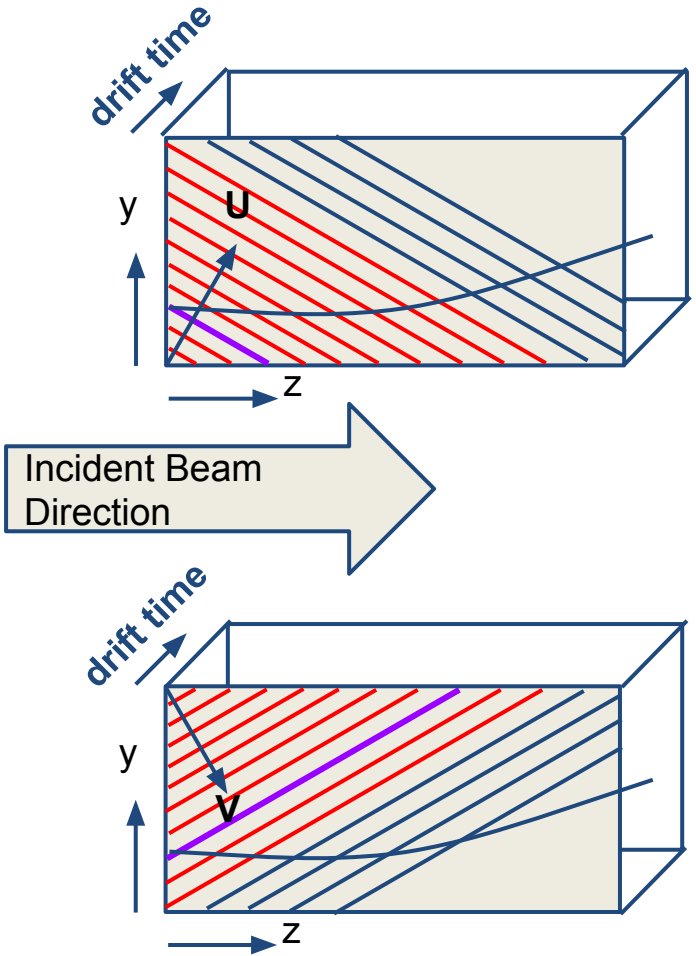
First data

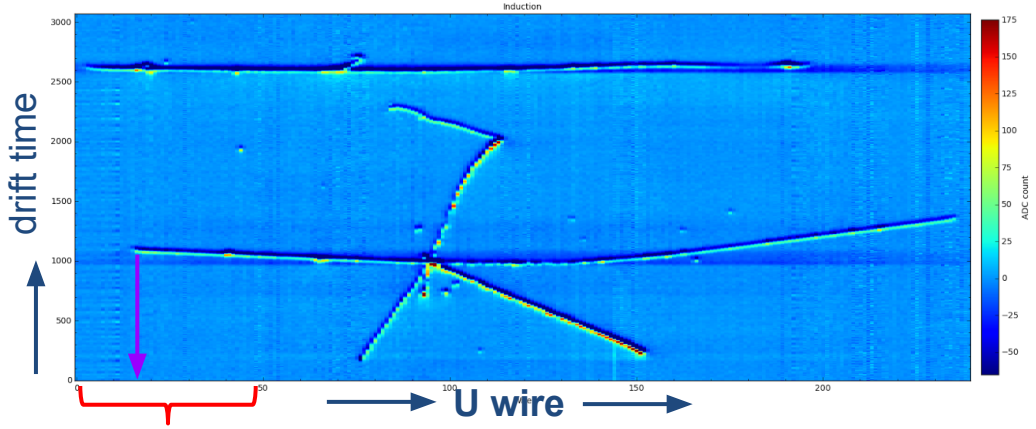
…and first beam events soon after…

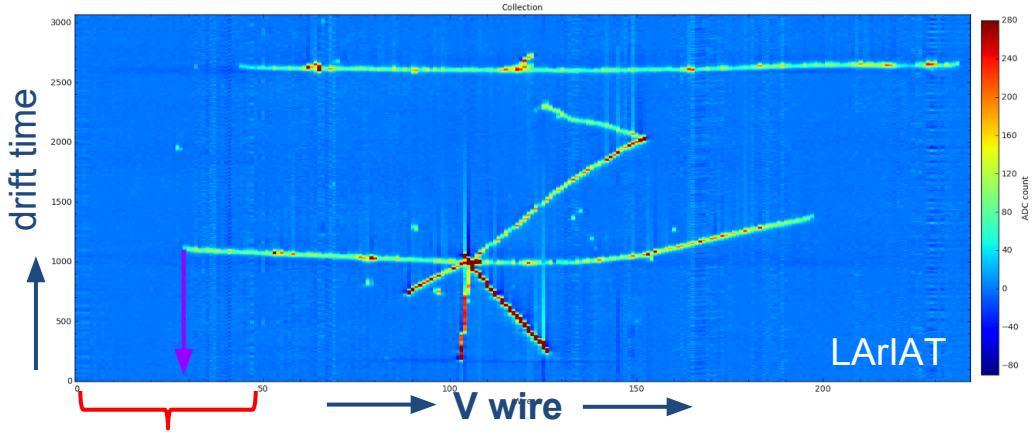


Tired, Happy Scientists

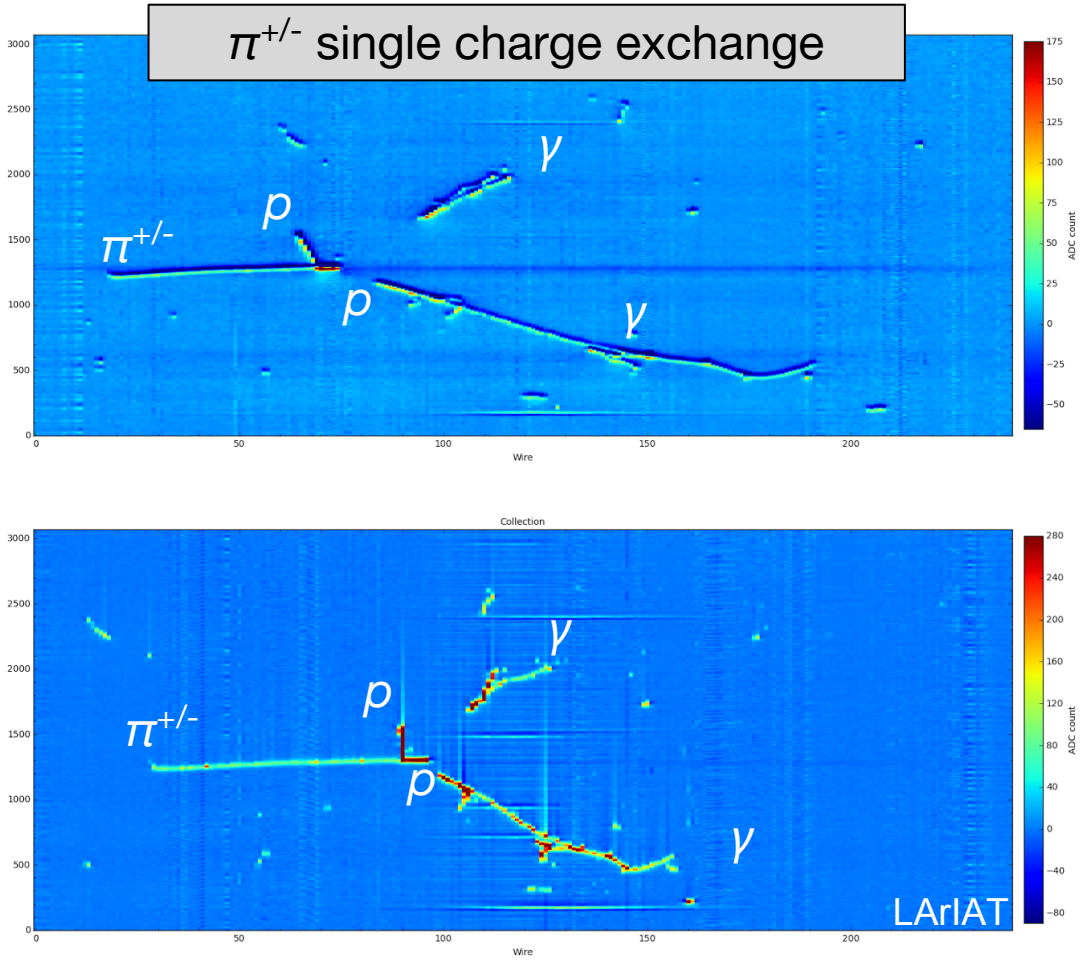
Primer on beam events







Some event topologies seen by LArIAT



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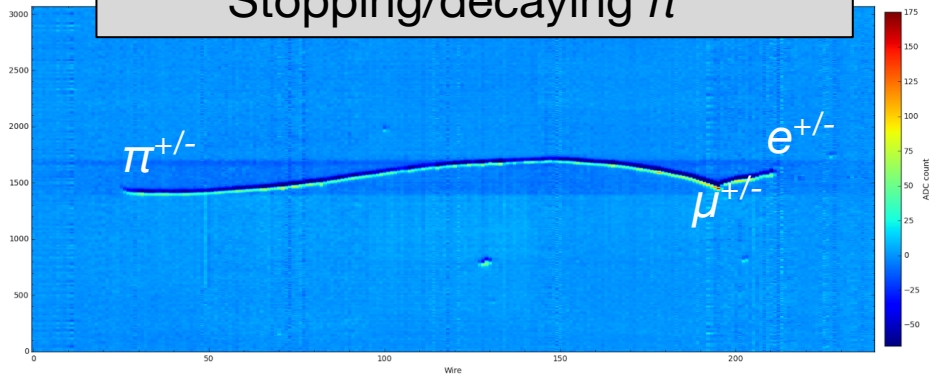
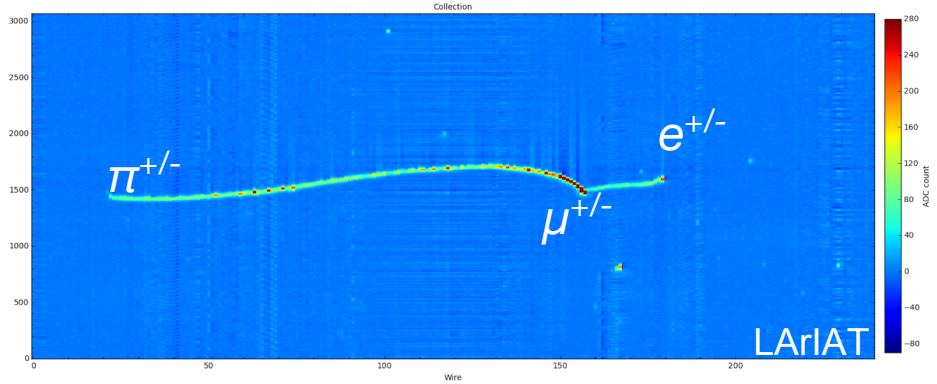
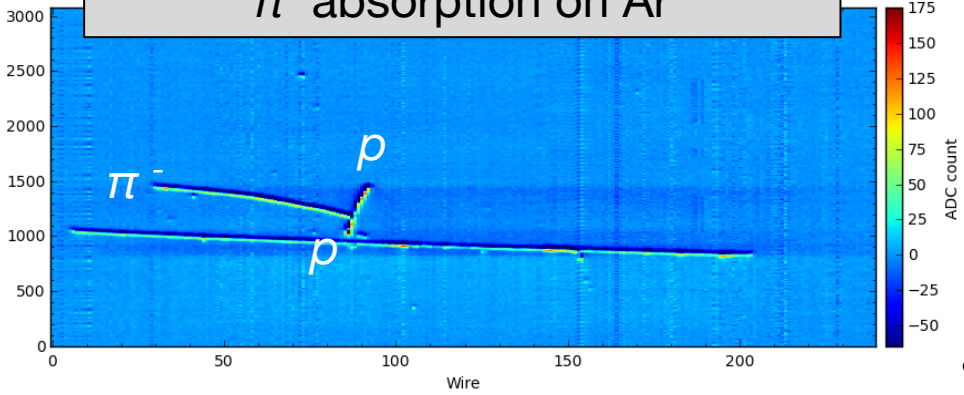
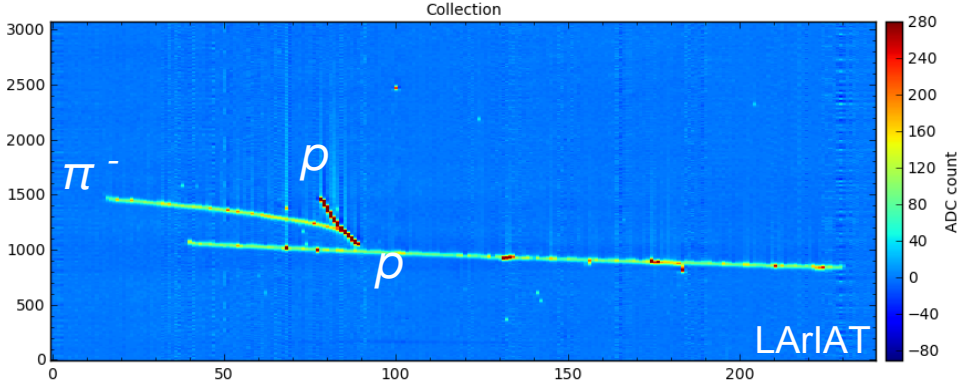
Stopping/decaying $\pi^{+/-}$





π^- absorption on Ar





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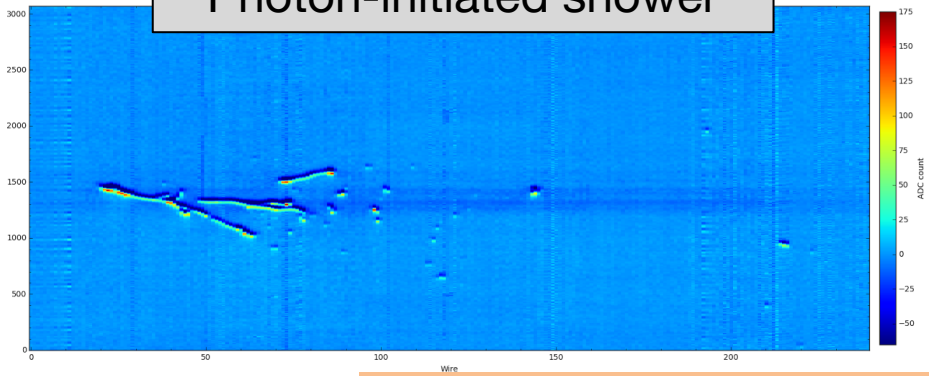
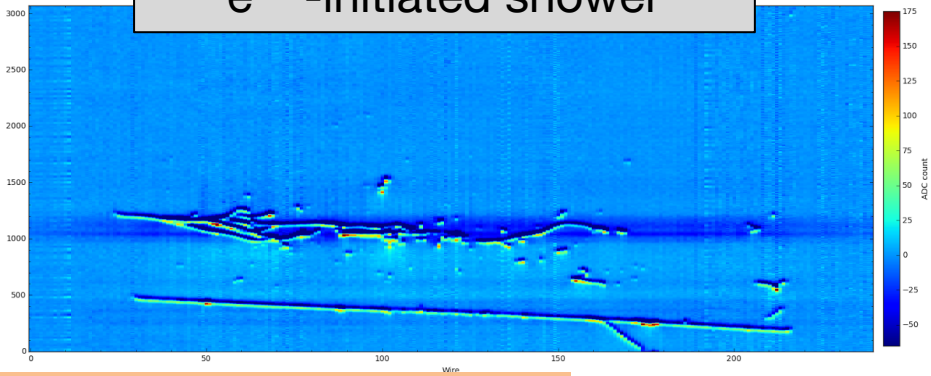
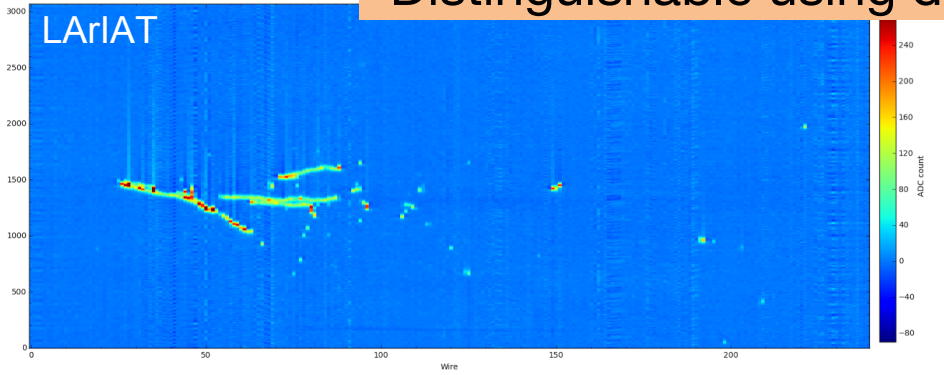
Photon-initiated shower

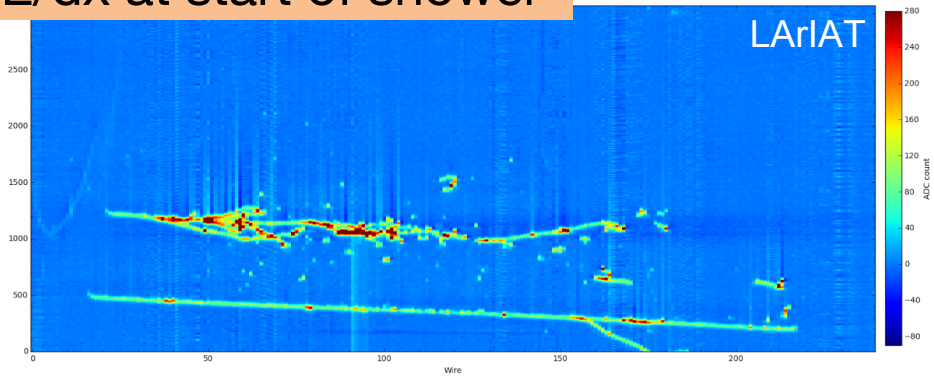


$e^{+/-}$ -initiated shower



Distinguishable using dE/dx at start of shower





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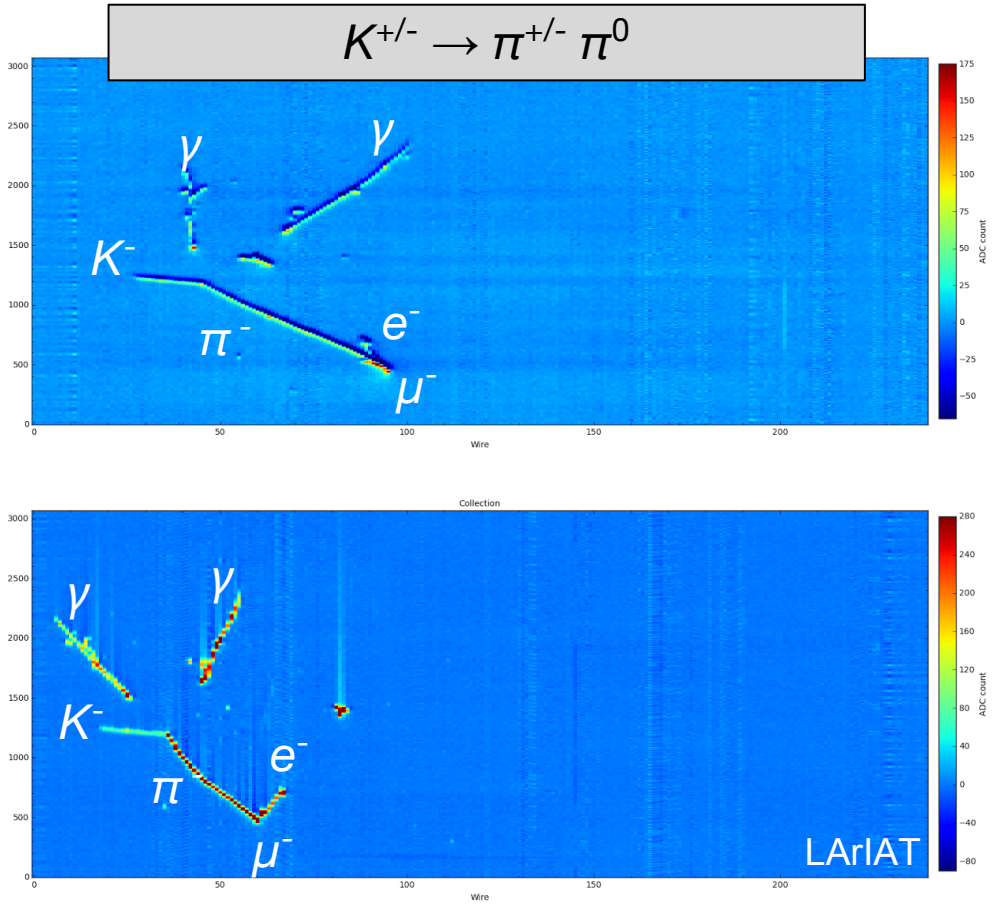

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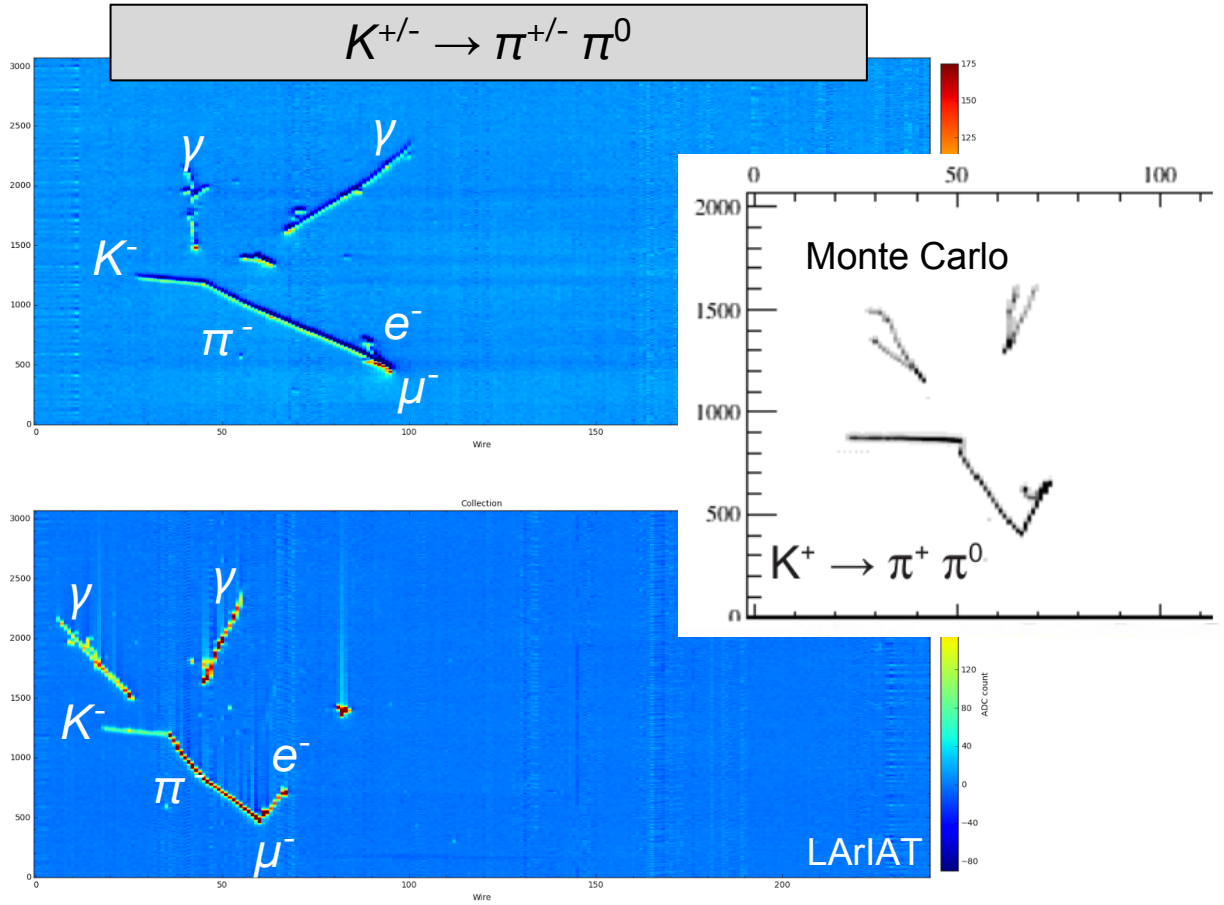
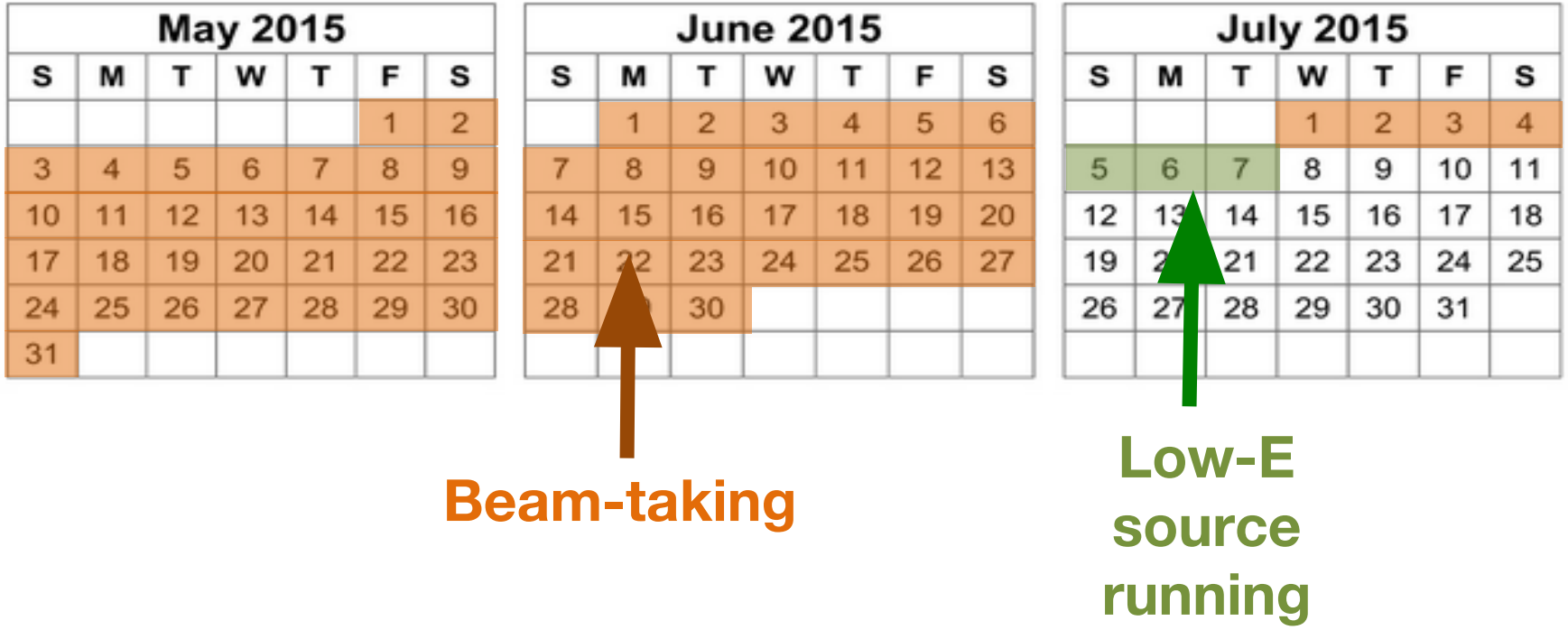


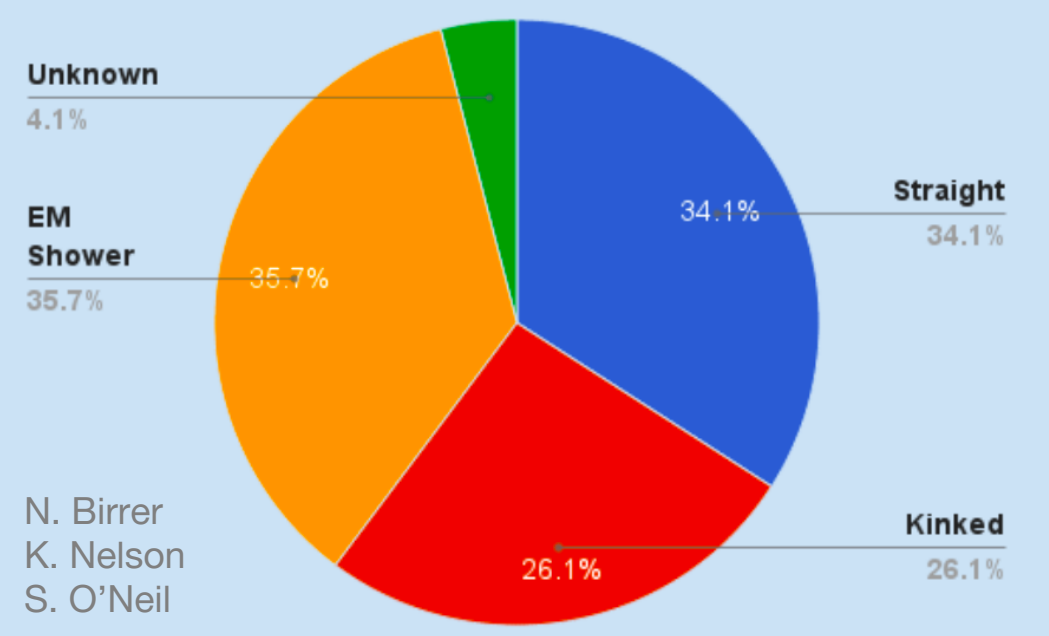
Summary of Run I

Beam data taking ran about 2 months



A few ongoing analyses…

Eye scan of a small fraction of the data

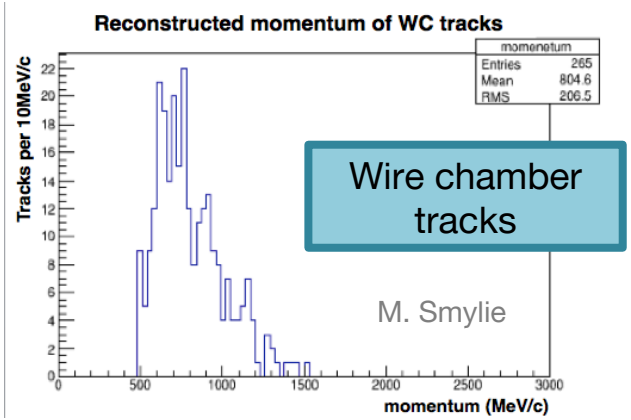


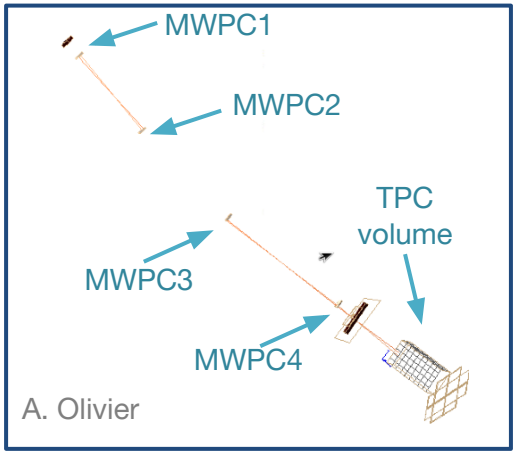
Topology breakdown among the unambiguous, single-track events

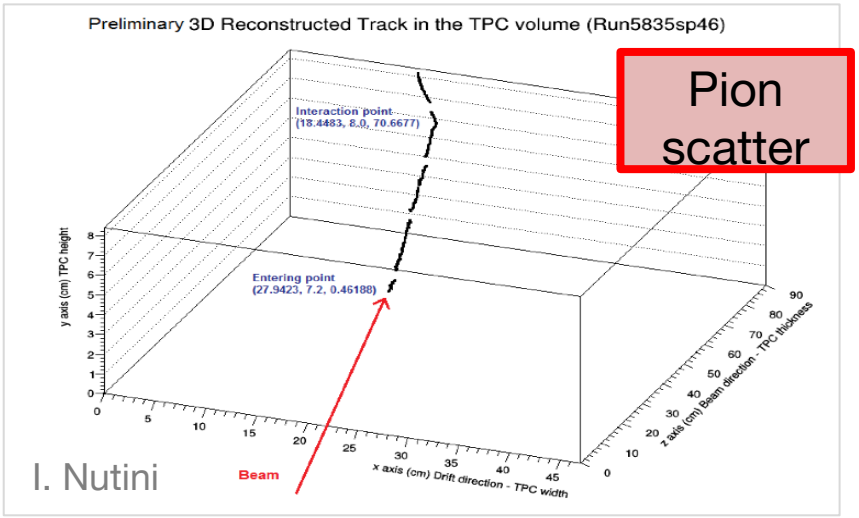
A rich physics program will emerge from analyses!

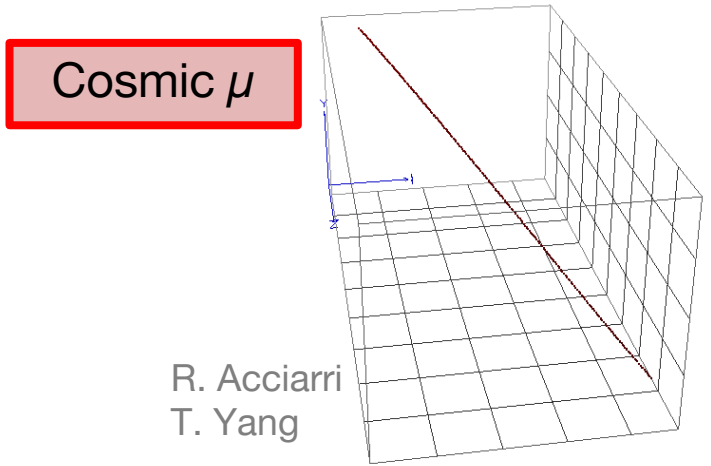
Reconstruction status

Rapid progress in reconstructing both **beamline** & **TPC** ionization tracks



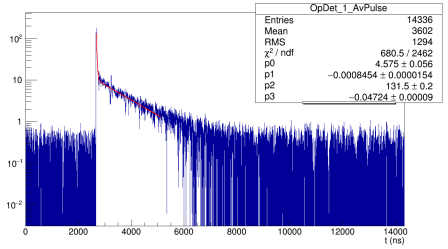






N_2 levels with scintillation light

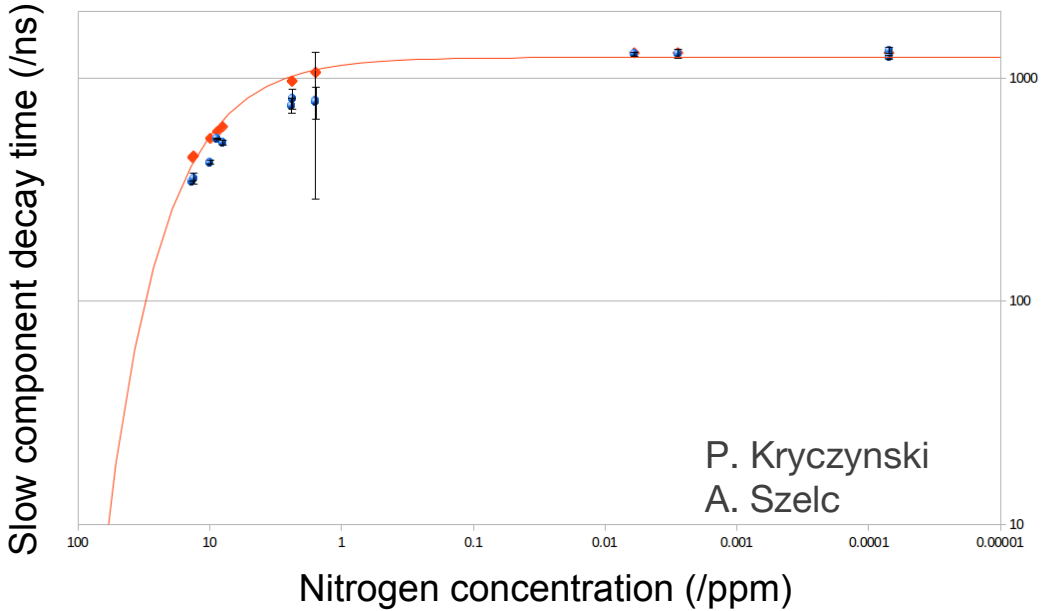
N_2 content in LAr suppresses scintillation light



From fits to scintillation light extract “late” light time component and determine N_2 concentration

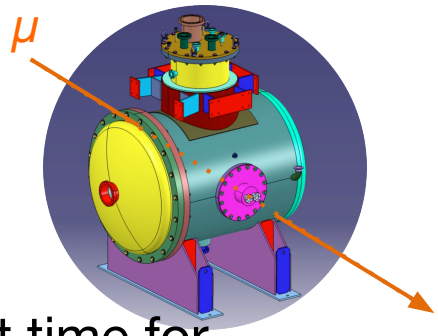
Results agree with gas analyzers

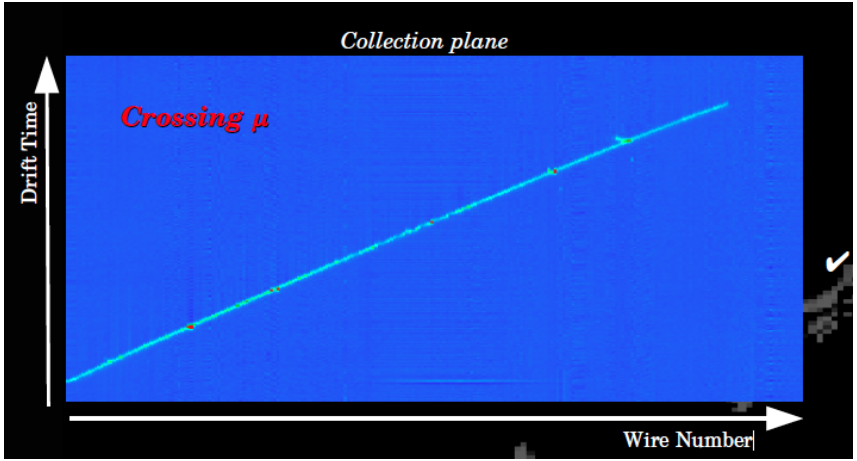
Nitrogen contamination
Comparison with model from WArP



Electron lifetime / O_2 levels with cosmic μ's

Dedicated paddles for cosmic-μ triggers

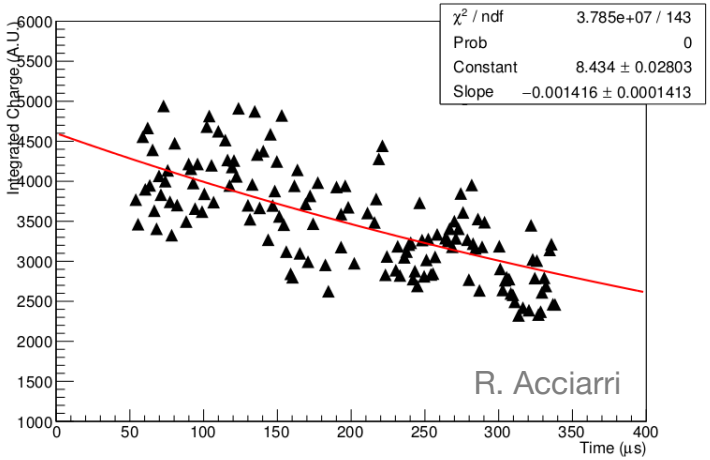




Fit to charge vs. drift time for measurement of electron lifetime

Able to calculate O_2 concentration below sensitivity of our gas analyzers

Current results show O_2 < 1ppb, agreement with gas analyzers



Pion interactions I – elastic scattering

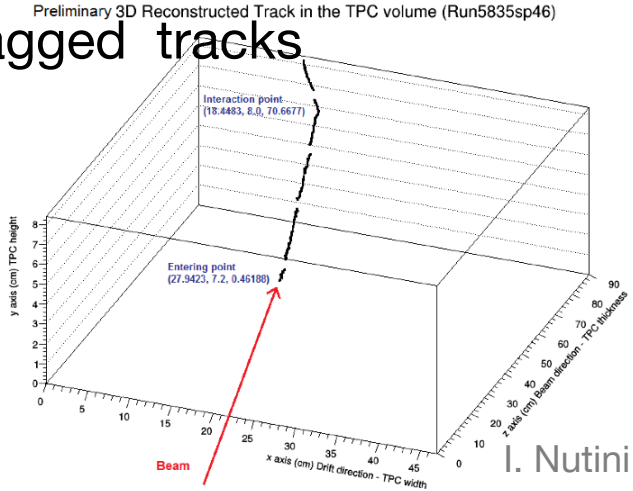
$$\sigma_{tot} = \sigma_{el} + \sigma_{reac}$$

$$\sigma_{reac} = \sigma_{inel} + \sigma_{abs} + \sigma_{chex} + \sigma_{\pi prod}$$

inelastic scatter | absorption on Ar | charge exchange | pion production

Pion-Argon elastic scattering

Look for kinks in incoming pion-tagged tracks



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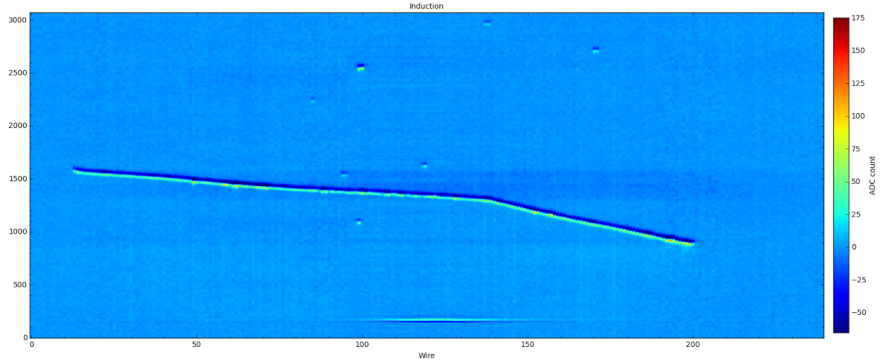
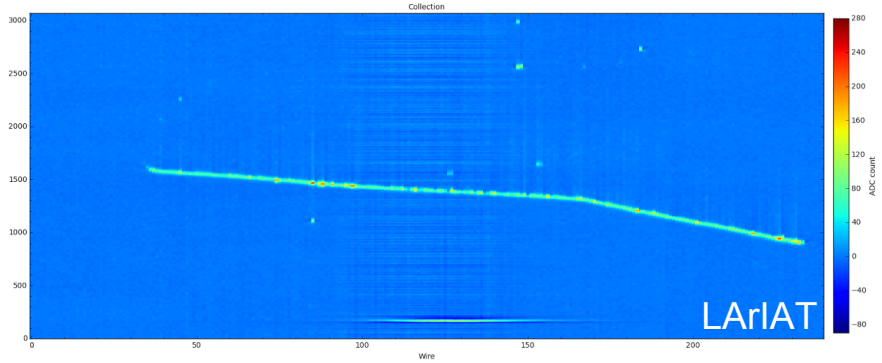
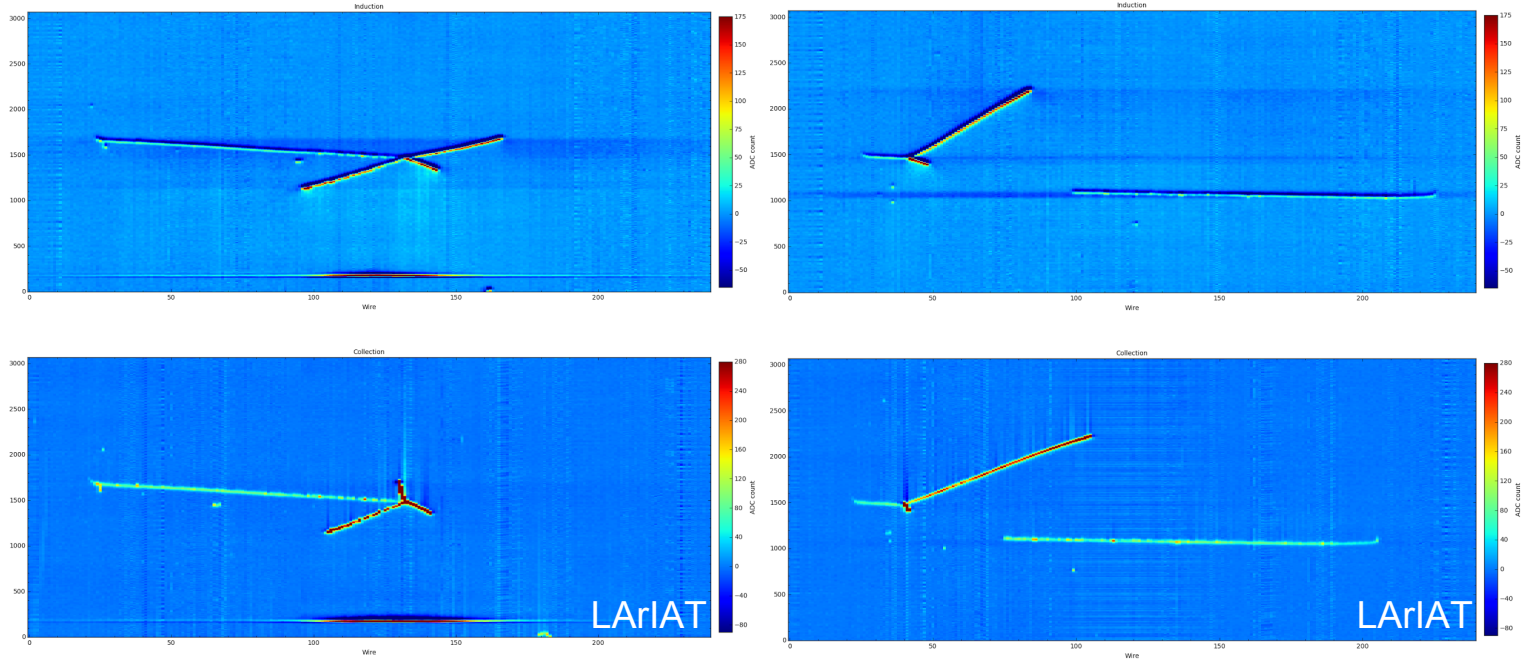




Pion interactions II – absorption

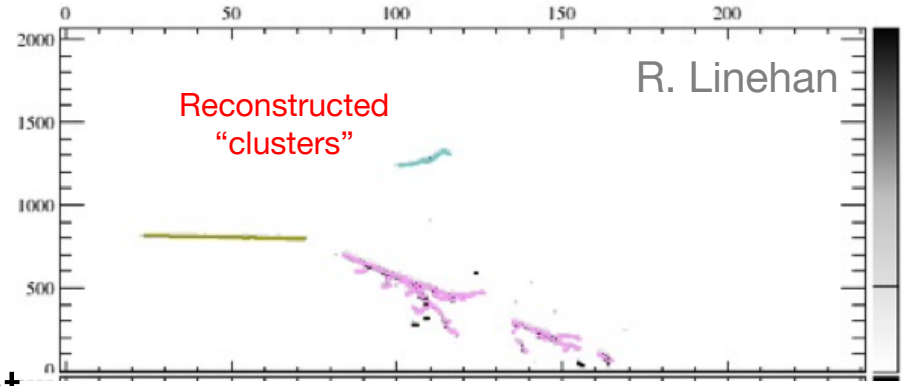
Pion absorption

- Incident tagged π, no π's in final state
- Often accompanied by protons/neutrons



Pion single charge exchange

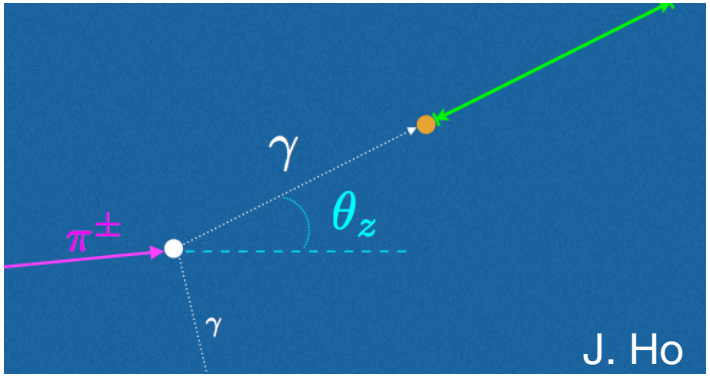
$$\pi^+ + n \rightarrow \pi^0 + p$$
$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\,\gamma$$



Active effort to ID and reconstruct

- π^0 mass peak from $m_{\gamma\gamma}$
- Cross section

MC studies to understand containment of these events in TPC



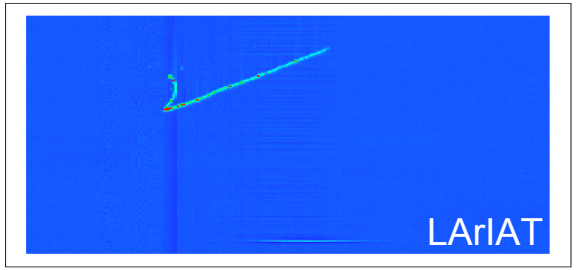
Michel electrons

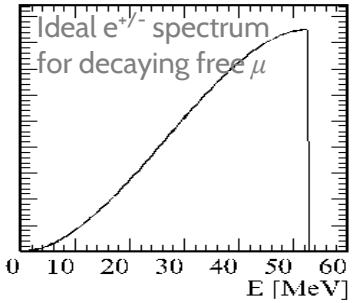
LAr scintillation-based trigger to record stopping/decaying cosmic μ's

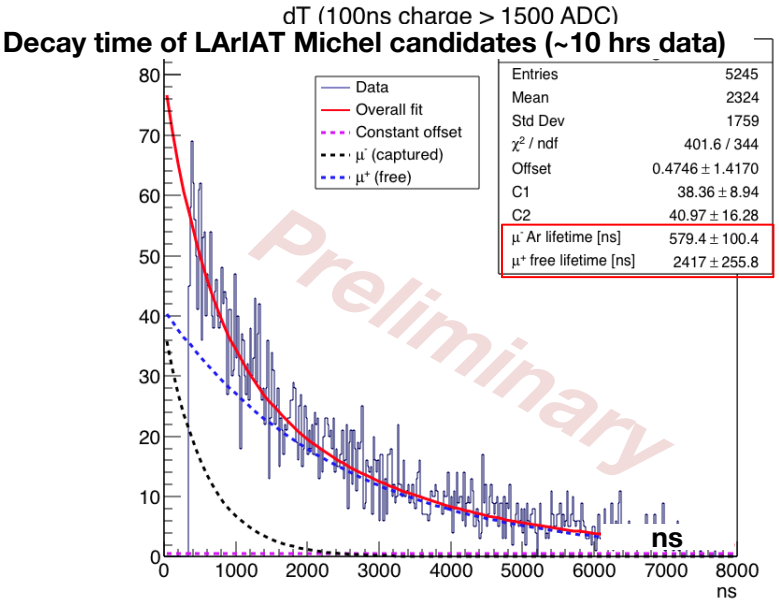
Initial reconstruction focused on light signals only

- Track/shower algorithms to follow

Eventual use as energy calibration source and measurement of μ^- nuclear capture rate







Summary

LArTPC test beams are getting underway!

MiniCAPTAIN has just seen its calibration laser track
- Neutron beam running will begin soon

LArIAT's run 1 was a success – lots of new data to analyze
- Offline event reconstruction actively evolving day-by-day
- Several analyses underway with more to come
- Actively preparing for **Run II** this Autumn

Detailed calibration, cross sections, etc. on the horizon!

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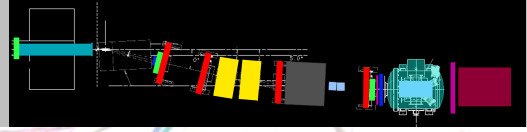
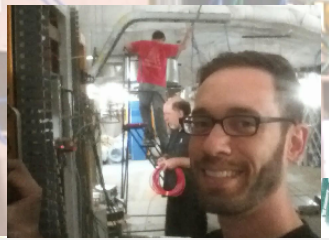
Beam commissioning



Installation of beamline detectors and TPC-less running to test them (and characterize the beam)



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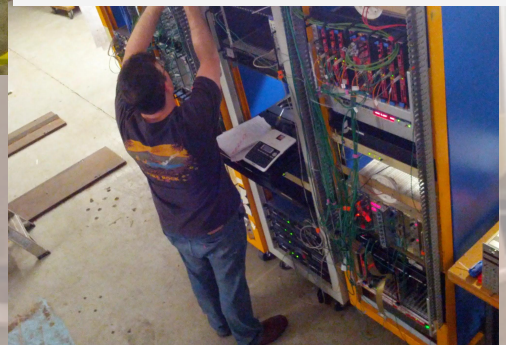
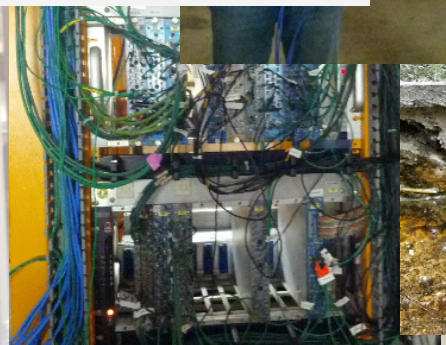
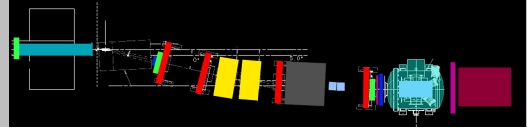
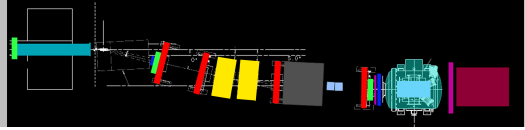




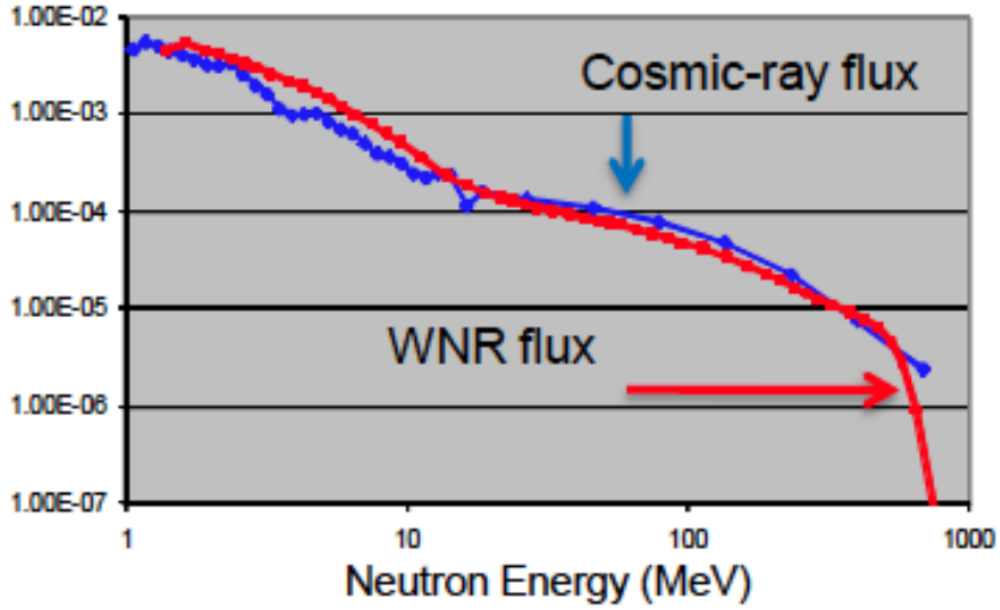
Cryogenic Ultra-Pure LAr



Powerful, flexible trigger system



Incident Beam



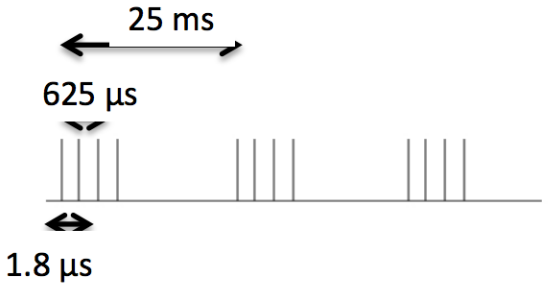
Neutron beam closely matched to cosmic-induced neutron spectrum

Time of Flight → E_n

- Beam on target starts clock
- Cryogenic PMTs stop it

Time structure of *n* beam:

- 625 μs macropulses of sub-ns micropulses @ 1.8 μs
- 40 Hz macropulse rate



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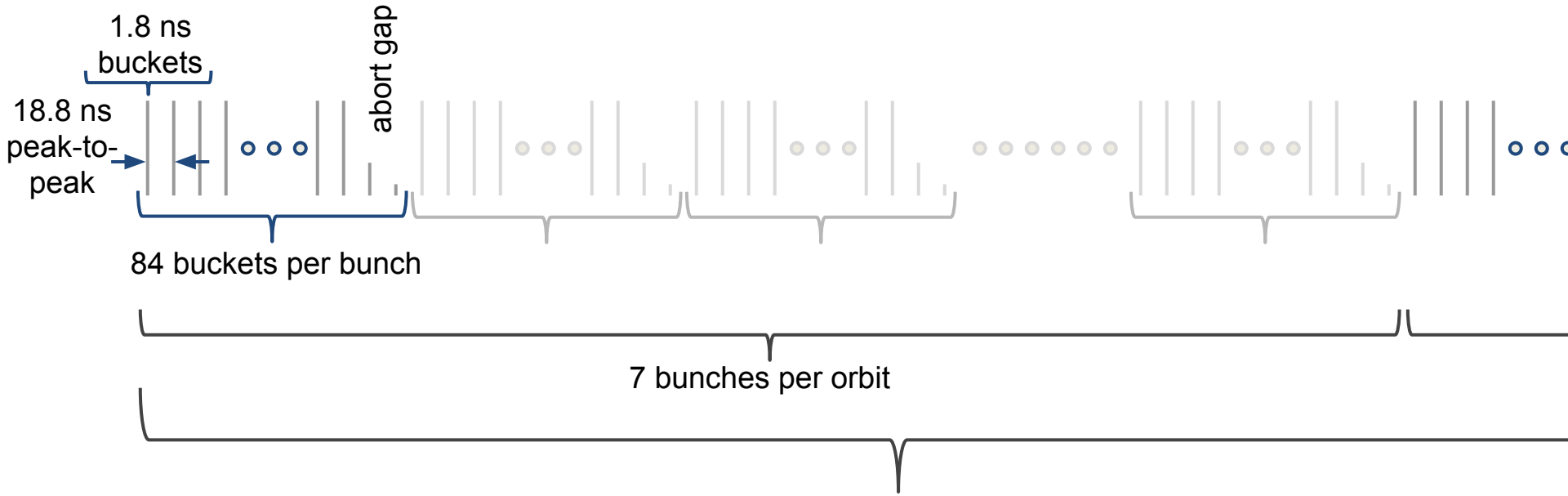

4.2 seconds of beam per spill
= 380k orbits * 18.8 ns * 7 * 84

1 spill every 60.8 seconds