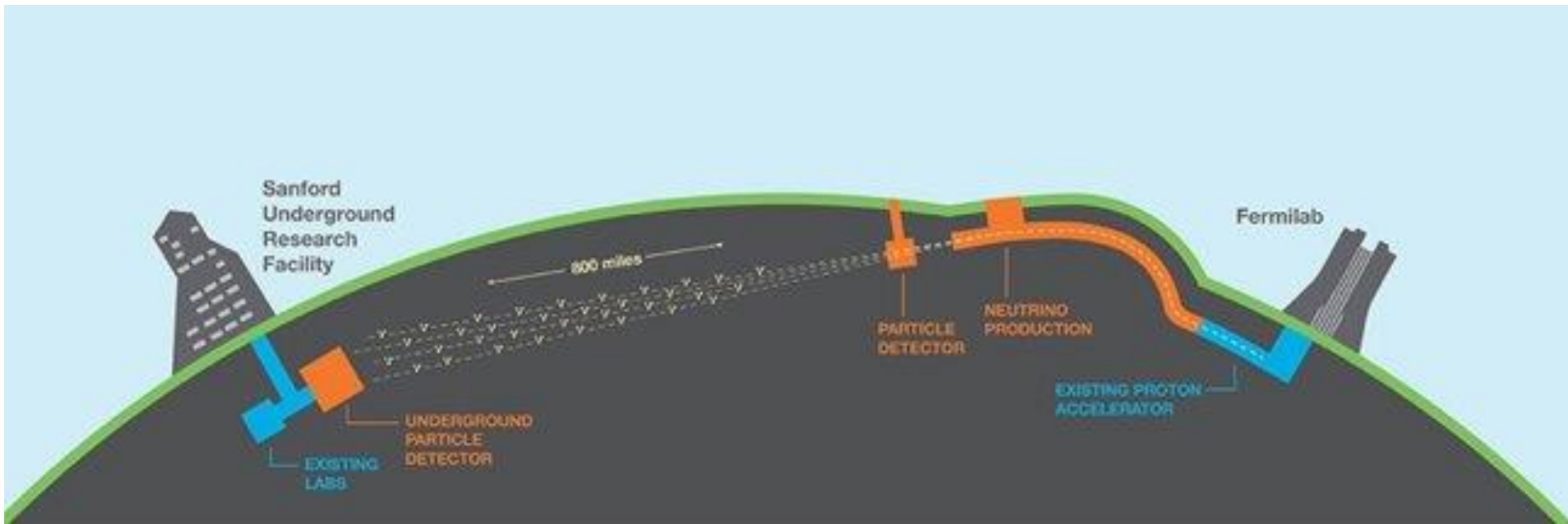


# WP9: Cryogenic Neutrino Detectors (2nd Annual Meeting)

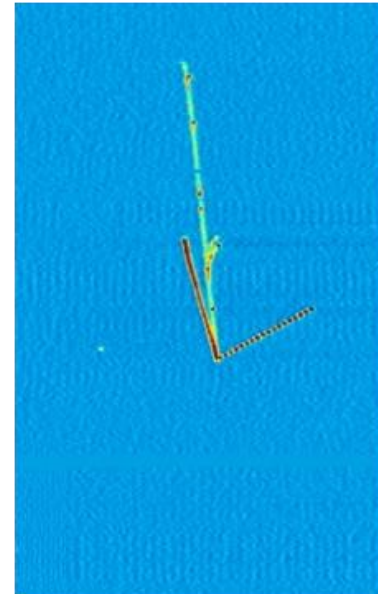
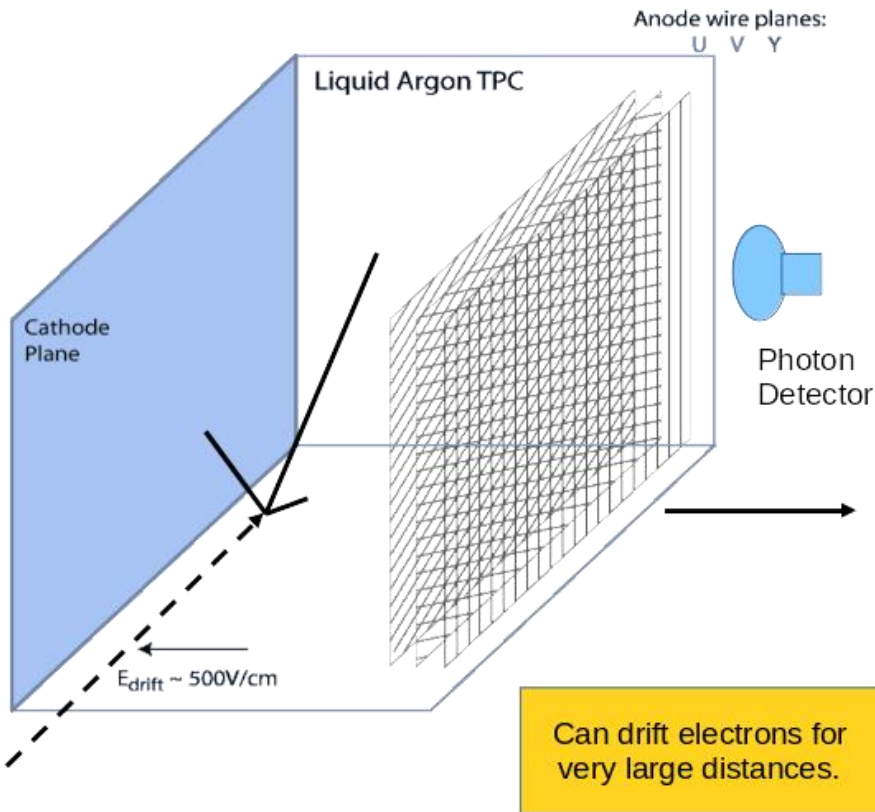
Dario Autiero (CNRS-IP2I) and Andrzej Szelc (Edinburgh)



- **WP9: Cryogenic neutrino detectors**
- Focus on innovative developments in large cryogenic detector readout:
  - Charge readout with pixels
  - Charge readout with vertical-drift detectors
  - Readout of scintillation light.
- Applications geared towards DUNE and large-scale DM detectors.

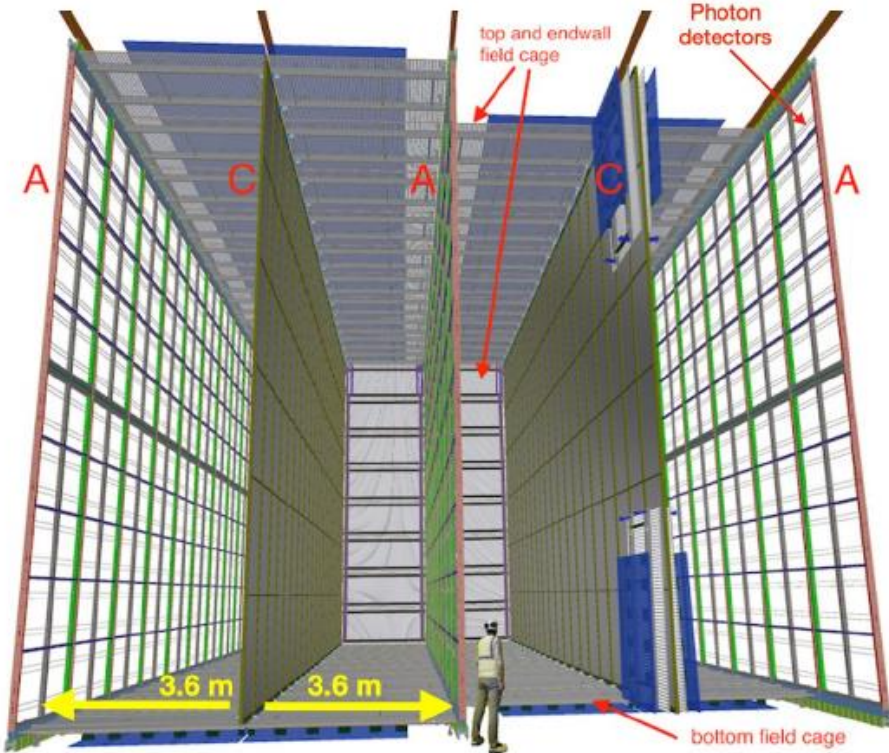


# LArTPC operation (in a nutshell)



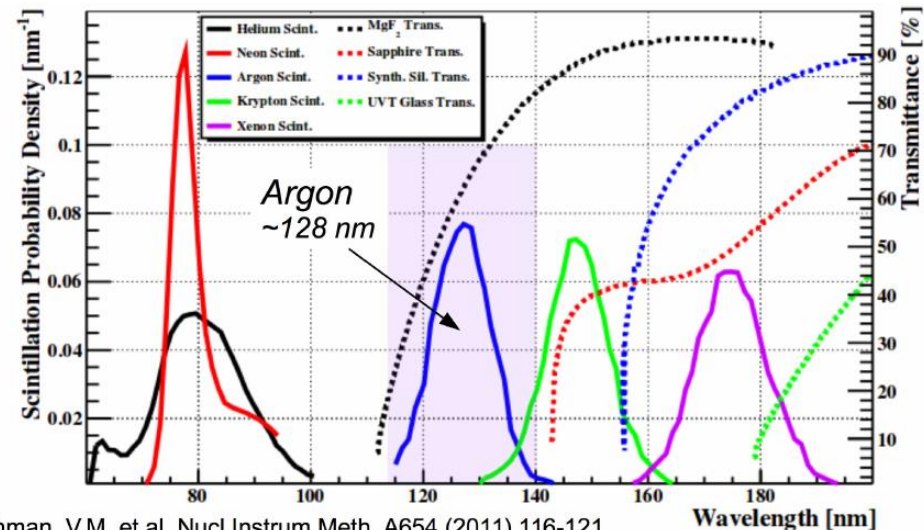
- Excellent position resolution + calorimetry and particle ID
- Ionization is primary signal.
- Scintillation light can provide additional information (timing, calorimetry, position)

# Where is the catch(es)?



- Argon VUV light absorbed by most materials.
- APA geometry limits photon-detector size (PMTs not possible)
- Would like high light yield, but detector size means large number of channels needed

- HD module has 150 APA modules.
- APA module is 6m x 2.5m and has ~3500 wires.
- APA production/installation challenging.



Gehman, V.M. et al. Nucl.Instrum.Meth. A654 (2011) 116-121

- Task 9.1: Coordination and Communication (CNRS-IP2I, Edinburgh)
- Task 9.2: Pixel Charge Readout (Manchester, Bern)
  - Optimized pixel tile pattern for the DUNE LAr far detector
  - Design and prototype for large scale tile-based anode plane
- Task 9.3: Vertical Drift Charge Readout (CNRS-IP2I, CNRS-IJCLab, CNRS-LAPP)
  - Novel Vertical Drift perforated anodes charge readout design evolving from the dual-phase charge readout stack
  - Development and tests of novel design of the Charge Readout Plane (CRP) integration surface of the Vertical Drift perforated anodes
  - Developments and tests of integrated cold electronics, new feedthrough chimneys design
  - Developments in associated digitization hardware and online data treatment
- Task 9.4: Light Readout (CIEMAT, INFN-MIB, Edinburgh)
  - Characterization of new photon detection methods, calibration devices and readout electronics
  - Implementation and characterization of a more efficient light collection system in NP02/ProtoDUNE phase II (Xe doping and Wave-Length Shifting (WLS) combined with reflective foils)
  - Dissemination of R&D results and [NP02/ProtoDUNE II light-collection performance](#) (web site)

**WP9 Introduction**

*Andrzej Michal  
Szelc et al.*

**Light Collection R&D at  
Milano Bicocca**

*Luca Meazza*

<https://cern.zoom.us/j/6452...>

10:20 - 10:50

**Light Collection R&D at  
CIEMAT**

*Ines Gil Botella*

**Coffee Break**

<https://cern.zoom.us/j/6452...>

11:20 - 11:50

**Large-scale WLS tests at ...**

*Holly Bluebe...*

**Update on SoLAr and Pix...**

*Dr Anyssa N...*

**Update on Vertical Drift  
development**

*Dario Autiero*

- Talks from all three tasks.
- Lots of impressive progress.
- Can only show a fraction/highlights - please look at talks for more details.

# Pixels charge readout [T:9.2] (UNIMAN, UBERN)

Talk by:

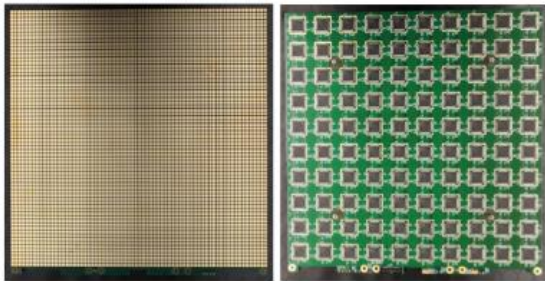
[Anyssa Navrer-Agasson](#)

Idea: replace wires with pixel-pads

- Reconstruction less complicated
- Many more readout channels

## LArPix

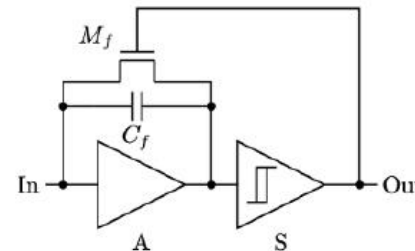
- Low power
- Self triggered digitisation and readout
- Technology **demonstrated in ArgonCube**
- **Available now**
  - **Used for first prototypes**



32 cm by 32 cm anode PCB tile

## Q-Pix

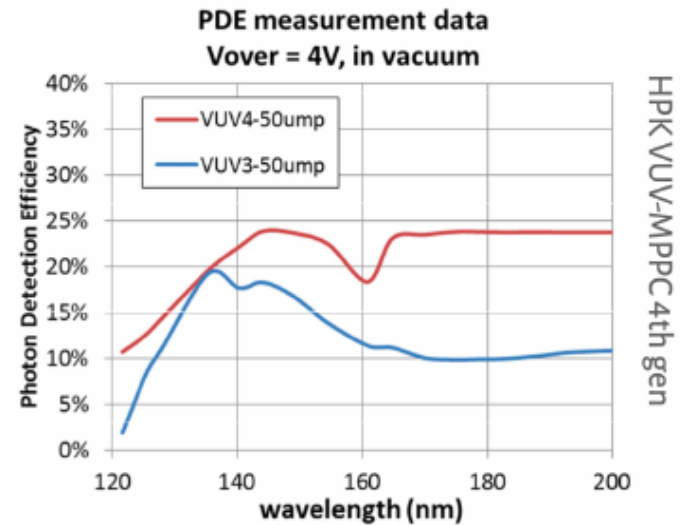
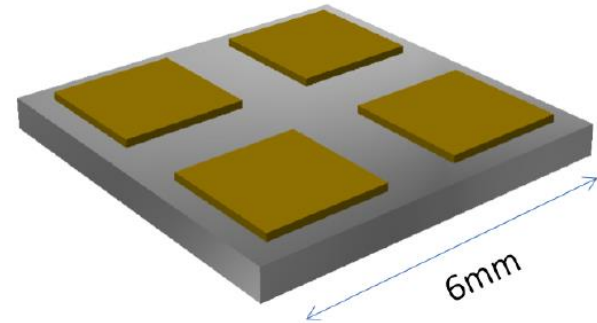
- Developed to **solve the data rate issue** of pixellated readouts
- **Electronic principle of least action**
- Saves time stamps instead of full waveforms

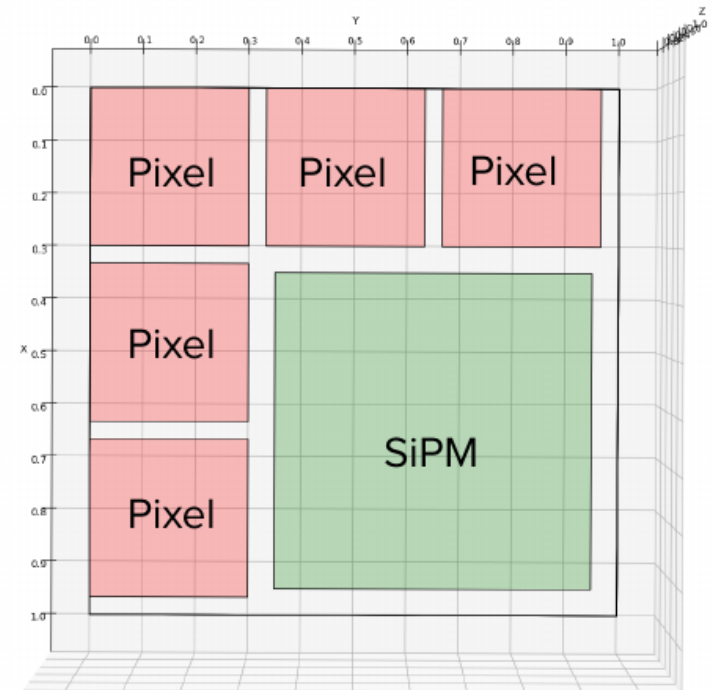
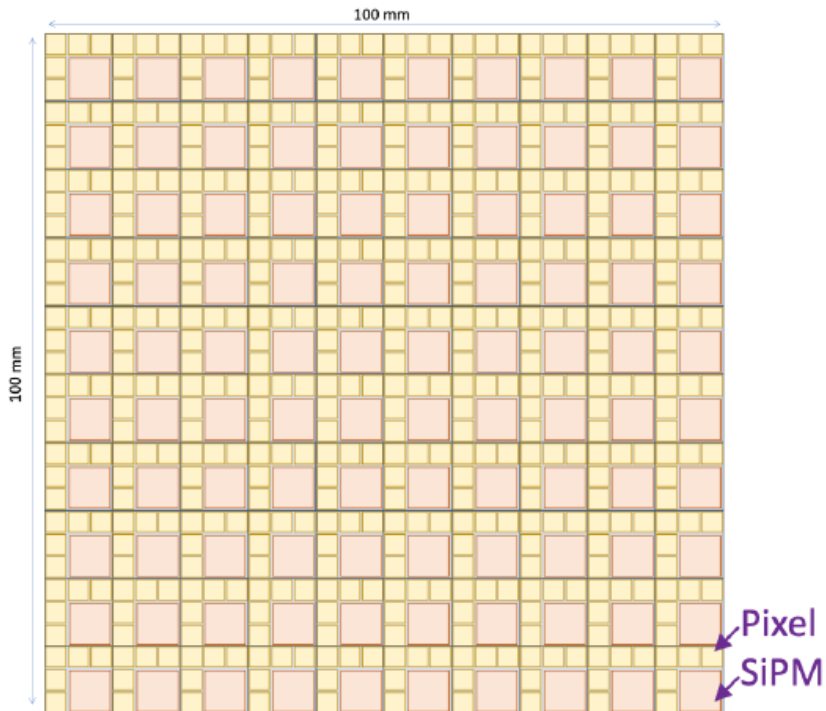


- Each channel integrates Charge Integrate Reset circuit
- Resets when charge  $> \Delta Q/C_f$
- Measure reset times with embedded clock



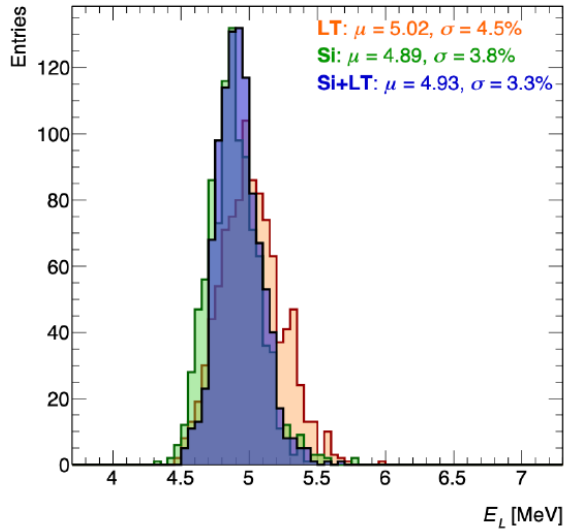
- Collaboration between tasks.
- Idea to simultaneously readout charge and light.
- New generation SiPMs:
  - Can detect photons at LAr scintillation wavelength
  - Hamamatsu 4th generation MPPC
  - FBK VUV-HD technology



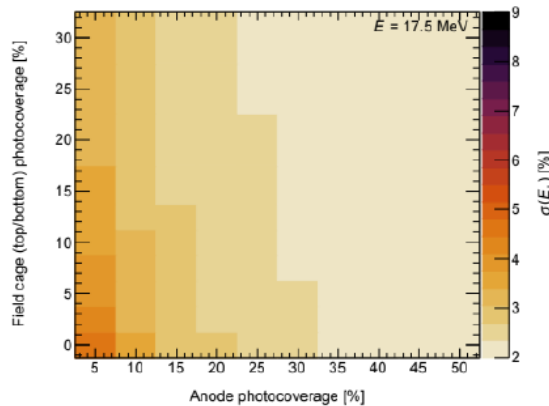


Milestone MS36  
Pixels

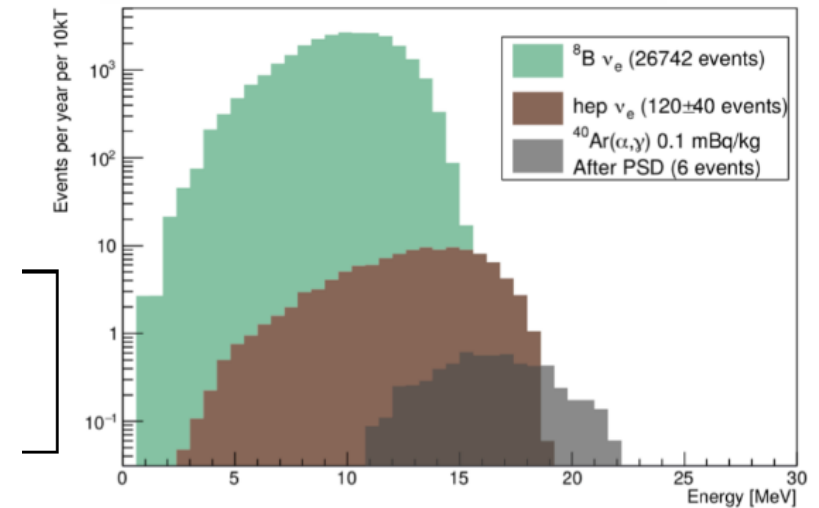
- Development of simulation is ongoing:



Energy resolution studies



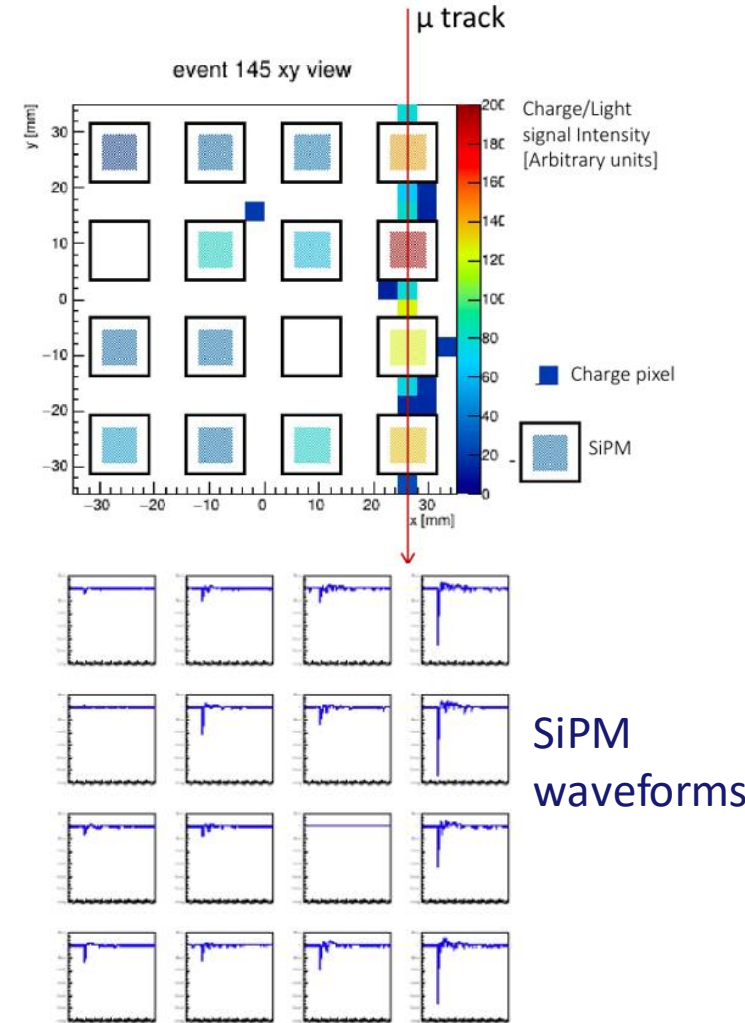
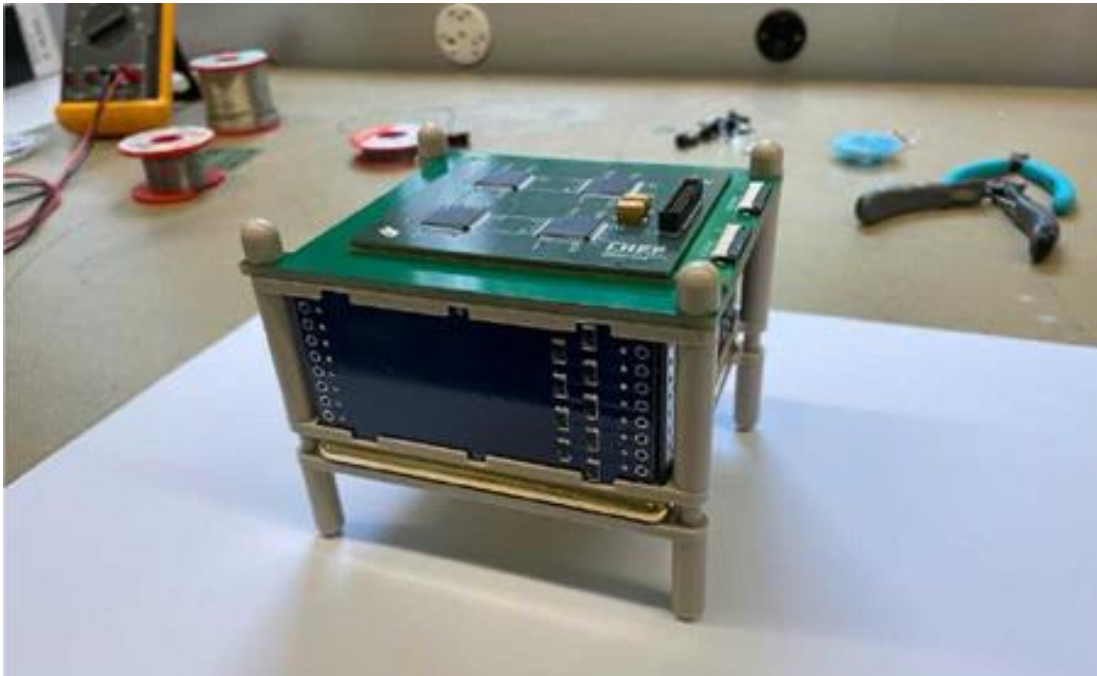
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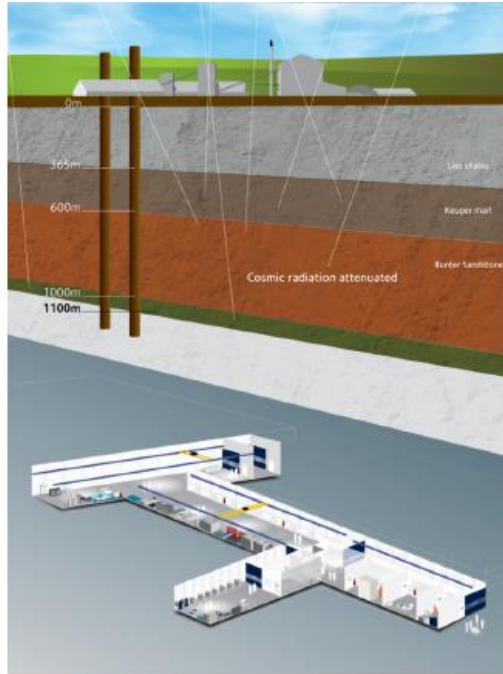


Study made with X-ARAPUCA detectors in a DUNE-sized module

- Should perform even better with SoLAR design!

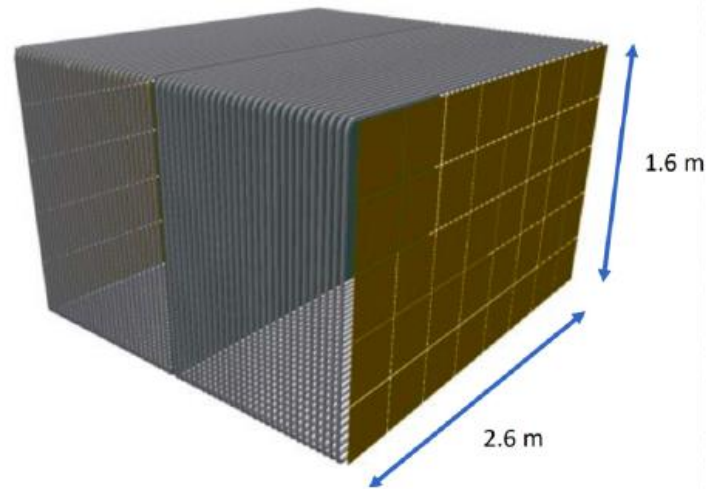
- First SoLAr dual-pixel readout Prototype at Bern
- Dimensions of the TPC: 12cmx10cmx5cm
- Active area of readout plane 7cmx7cm
- Drift distance  $\sim 5$  cm





## Science goals

- **Validate** SoLAr performance
- **Observe**  $^8\text{B}$  flux with  $> 5 \sigma$  significance
- **Estimate** sensitivity to solar neutrinos for Module of Opportunity



- $1.6 \times 2.6 \times 2 \text{ m}^3$  (1 m drift length)
- $31 \times 31 \text{ cm}^2$  tiles
- Light traps on 4 sides of the TPC

- Planned in **Boulby Underground Laboratory (UK)**

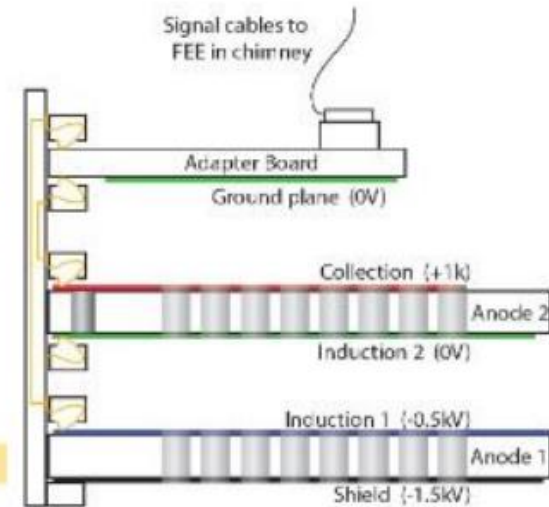
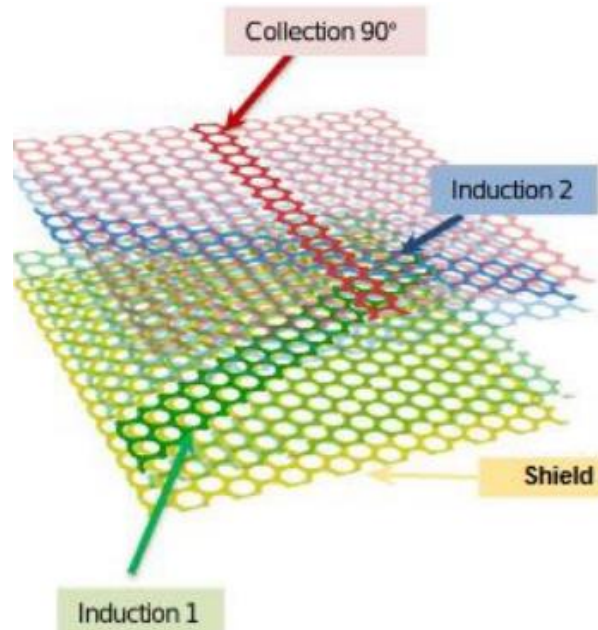
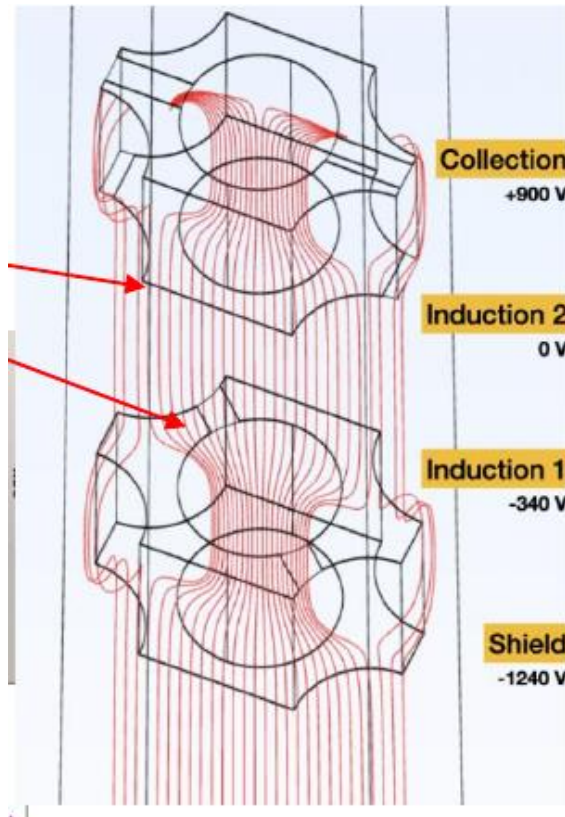
- 1 100 m rock overburden

# Vertical Drift charge readout [T: 9.3] (CNRS-IP2I, CNRS-IJCLab, LAPP)

Talk by  
[Dario Autiero](#)

Idea: replace wires with perforated PCB boards

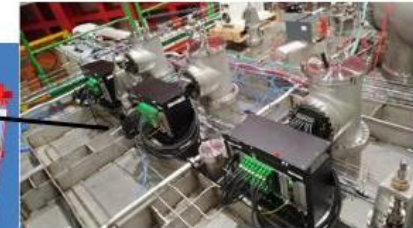
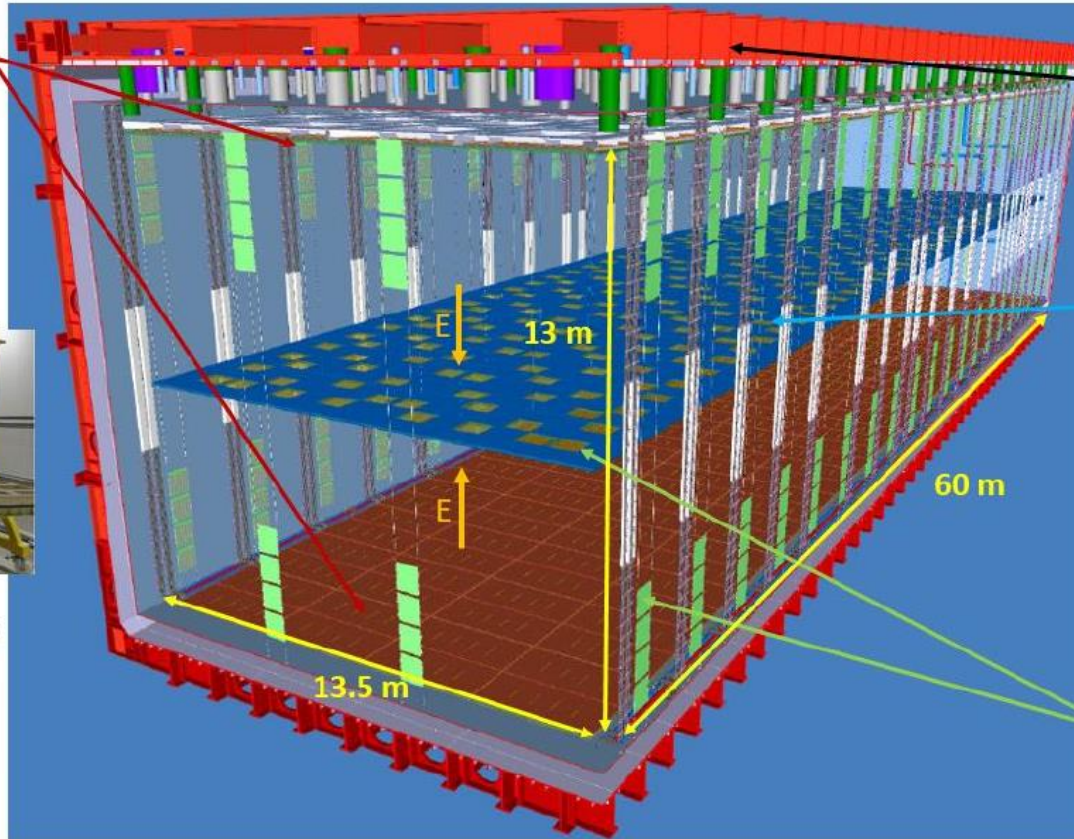
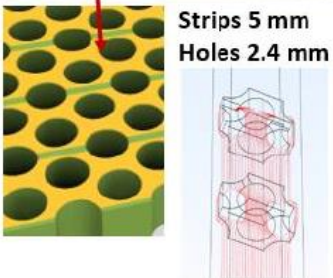
- Reconstruction similar to wires (multiple planes)
- Similar number of readout channels



*Vertical Drift:* novel and optimized LAr TPC technology, anodes based on segmented perforated PCB

Top and bottom **anode charge readout surfaces:**

Made of 80+80 Charge Readout Plane units  
 $3 \times 3.375 \text{ m}^2$   
 Each unit: 2 stacked layers of segmented perforated PCBs



$\mu$ TCA charge readout

Cathode surface at -300 kV  
 $\rightarrow E \sim 500 \text{ V/cm}$

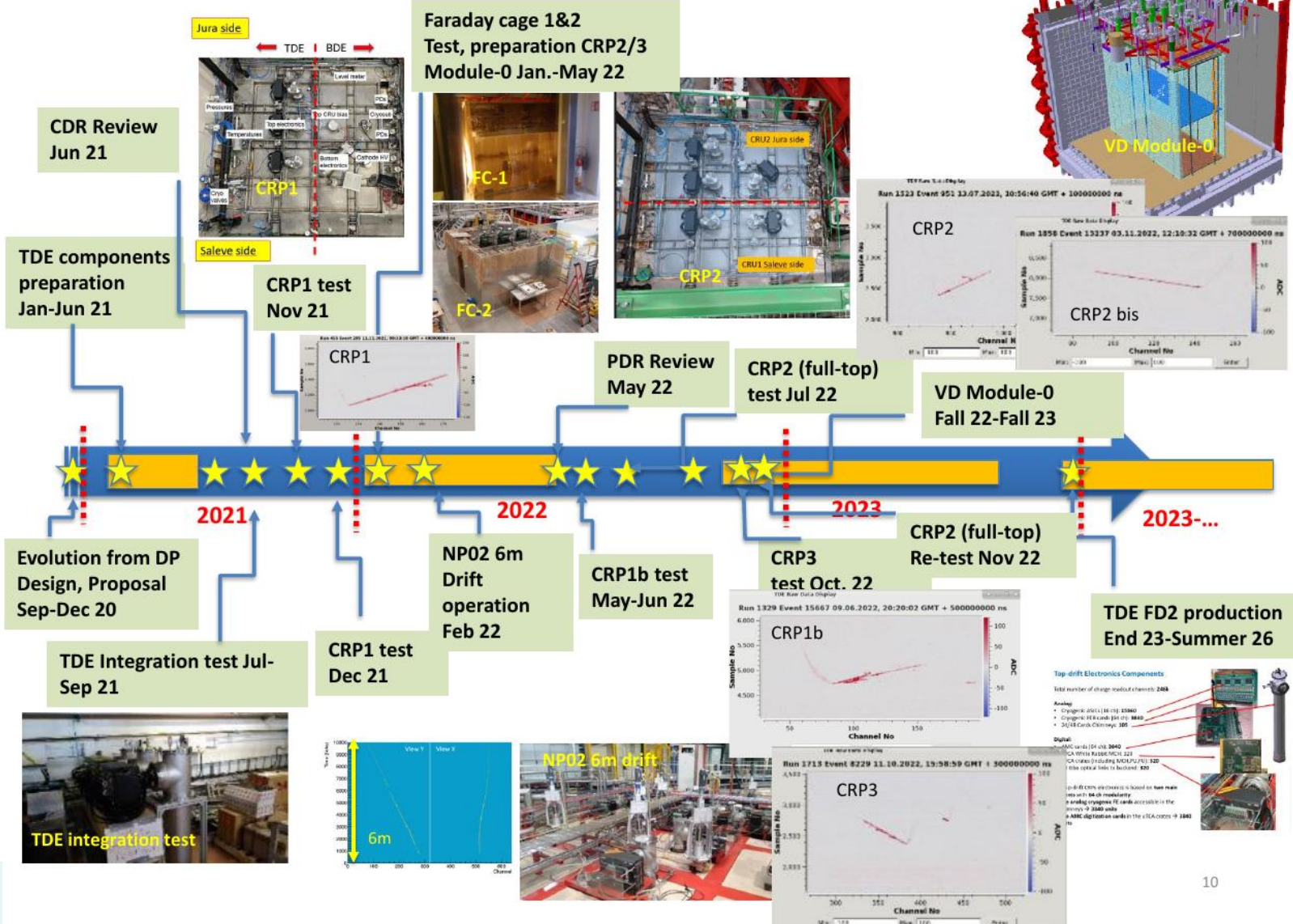
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 Prototype in  
 NP02 cryostat  
 Module-0



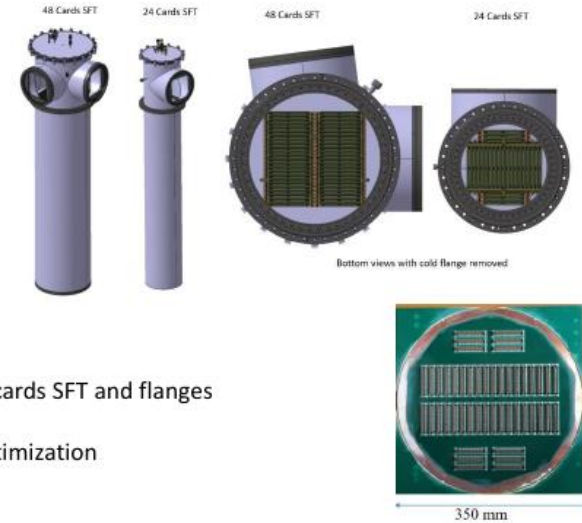
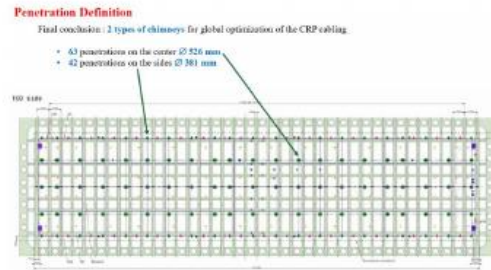
UV photon detectors  
 on cathode and  
 cryostat walls



## Timeline of Top-Drift/TDE activities and achieved milestones



## Large Chimneys for FD2 (parallel testing path to cold-box and Module-0)



- Large progress on prototyping activities for 24 cards SFT and flanges
- Progress on thermal simulations and design optimization
- Testing program of 24 chimneys prototype in parallel to Module-0 in 2023 (NP02 cryostat roof has already 10 cards chimneys)
- Production and test of 48 cards prototype foreseen as well in 2023

**Milestone MS37  
(Chimneys)**

Top drift CRPs readout based on completely accessible electronics:

• Top Drift Electronics (TDE) subsystems:

- Analog FE cryogenic electronics: Cryogenic ASICs and Front-End cards at the bottom of the chimneys
- Digital FE electronics on cryostat roof: AMC digitization cards + uTCA systems, timing distribution system

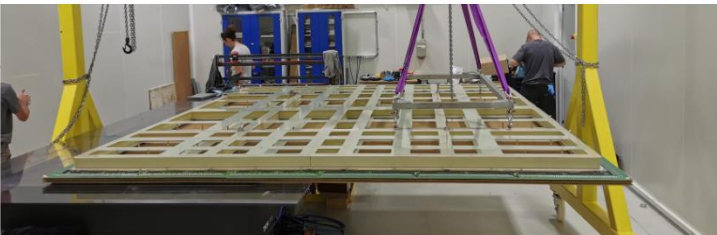
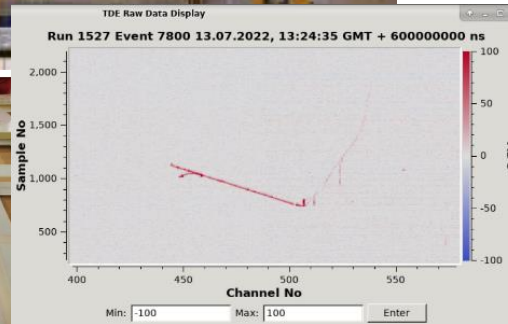
➔ **TDE electronics successfully validated with top-drift CRPs in 2021/22**

**Milestone MS39  
(Digitization)**

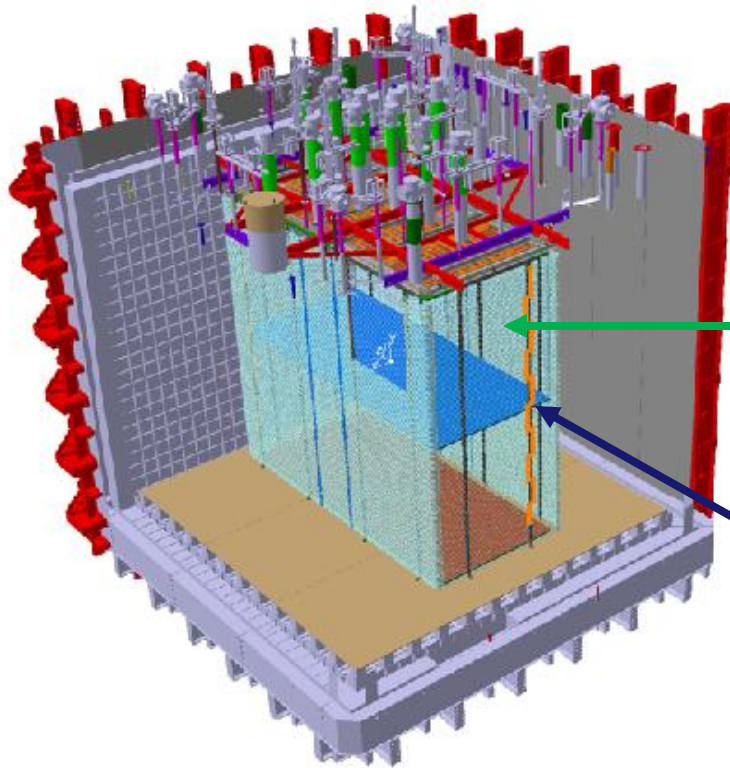


Vertical Drift Charge Readout Planes (CRP) with perforated anodes successfully constructed and tested with TDE electronics at the CERN Neutrino Platform with an intensive test program:

- First Vertical Drift CRP tested in 2021
- Continuation of the program in 2022 (sticking to original schedule): characterization and validation of two final design top-drift CRP (CRP2 and CRP3)

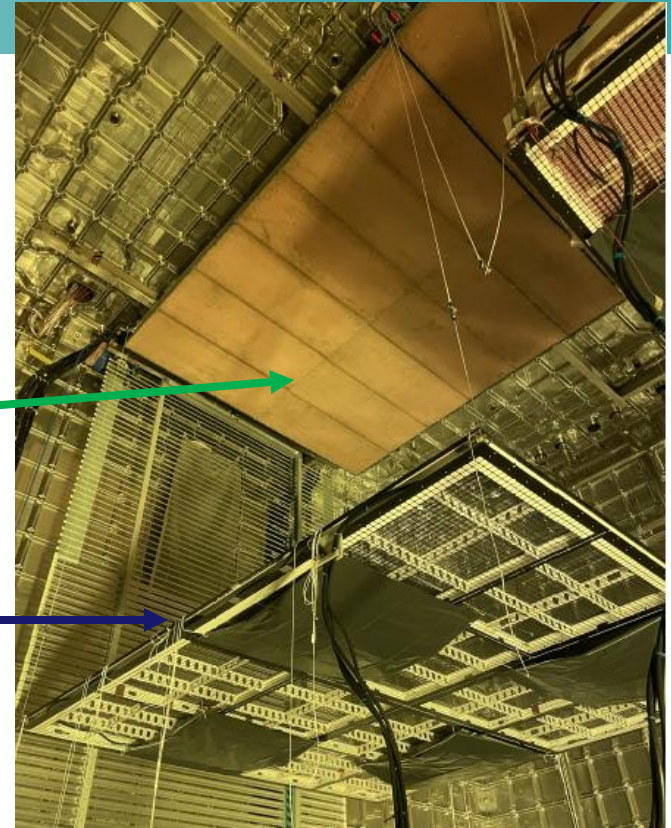


FD2-VD Cold Box	2021			2022			2023			
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
<b>Cold Box</b>										
CB Refurbishment	█	█								
CB Dry Run		█								
<b>CRPs</b>										
CRP #1 production			█	█						
CRP #1 installation				█						
CRP #1 operation					█	█				
CRP #2 production					█	█				
CRP #2 installation						█				
CRP #2 operation							█	█		
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<b>Module-0</b>								constr.	inst.	ops



Top-drift

Cathode



- Module-0/ProtoDUNE Vertical Drift: last Vertical Drift integration exercise before 2<sup>nd</sup> DUNE FD module construction
- Two top-drift CRP, validated in 2022 in the cold-box TPC tests installed at the beginning of 2023 in the NP02 cryostat (formerly ProtoDUNE dual-phase).

## Light Readout [T:9.4] (CIEMAT, INFN-MIB, UEDIN)

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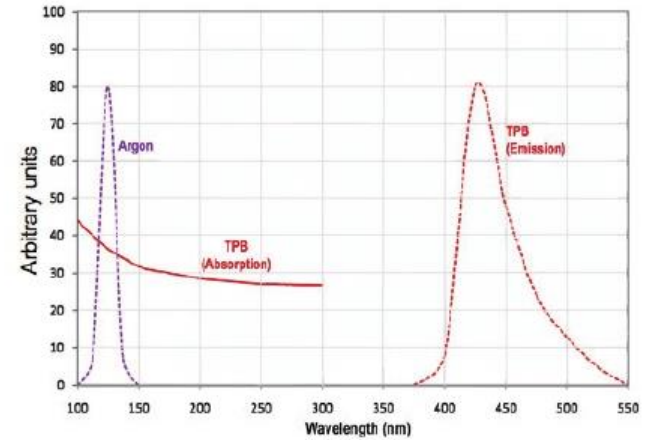
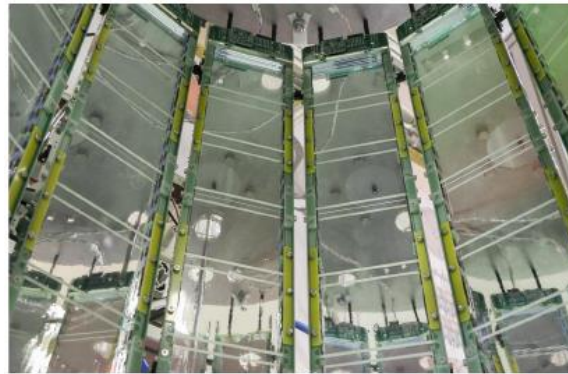
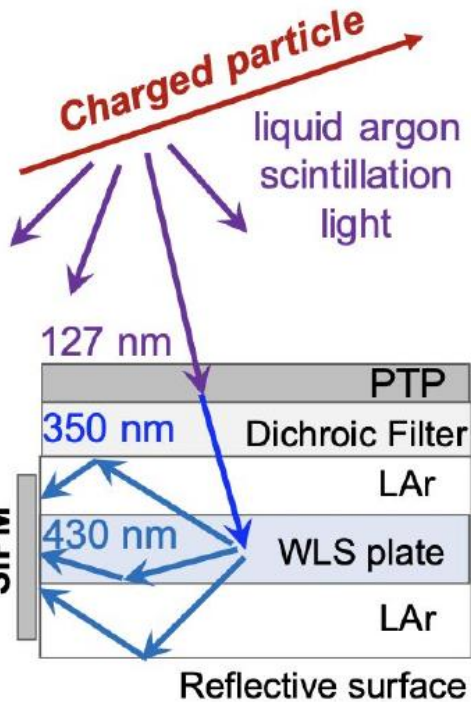
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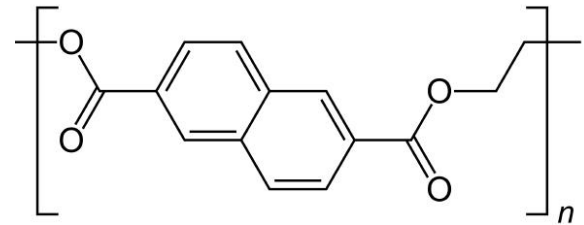
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## Ideas:

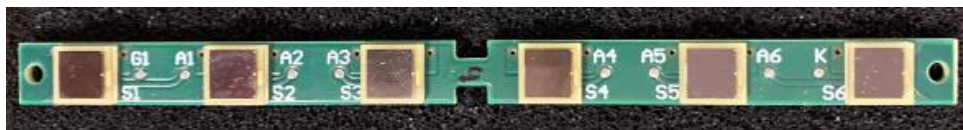
- Use light collectors (trapping photons)
- Use wavelength-shifters to transform light to visible

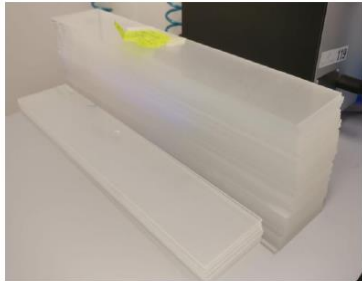


TPB emission and absorption spectra and argon scintillation peak [1]  
'04/23 3



Above: PEN molecule; below: PEN sheets





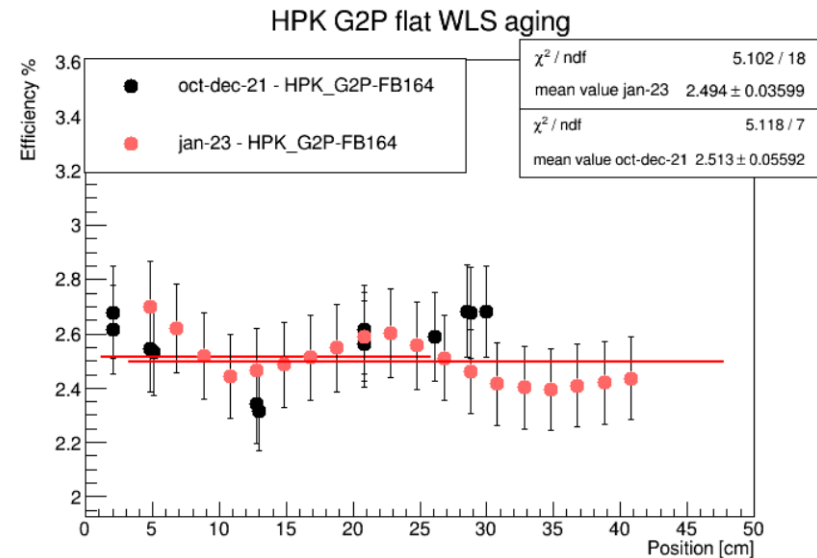
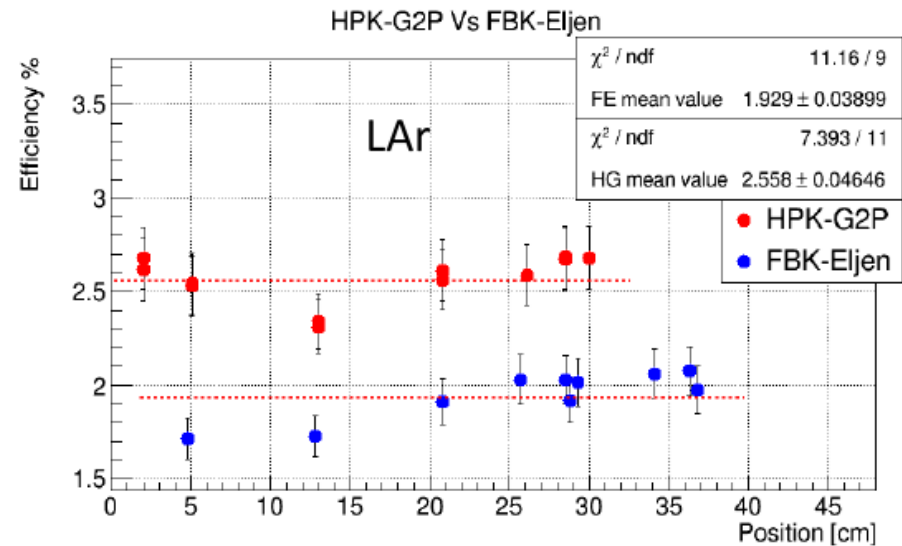
- 90 x WLS slabs for pDUNE FD1-PDS: 480 x 93 mm<sup>2</sup> x 4mm thick

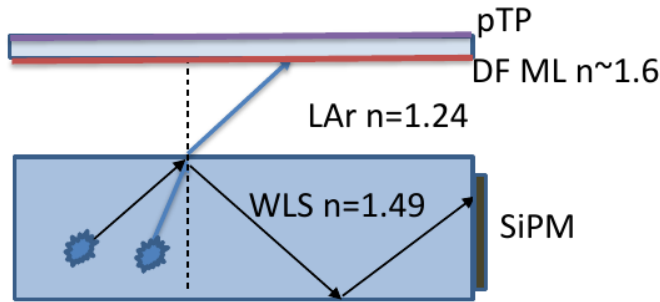
**Laser cut (external industrial partner) and edge polishing** procedures to cut out the casted plates in tiles defined and validated.



- 20 x WLS slabs for the pDUNE FD2-PDS: 607 x 607 mm<sup>2</sup> x 4mm thick casted in one week

Milestone MS40  
SiPM testing and large  
WLS surfaces



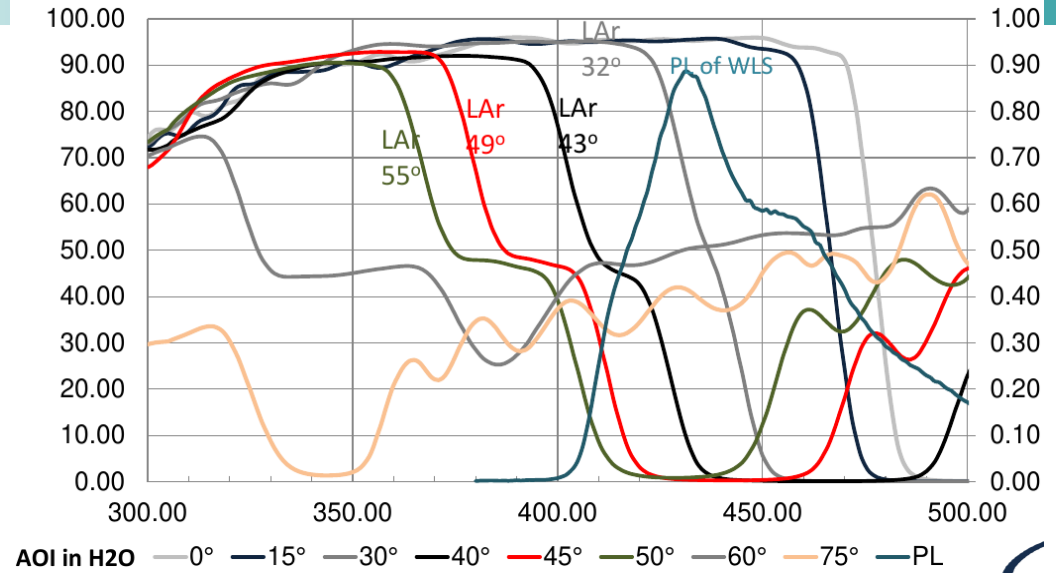


ZAOT (our industrial partner) substrate

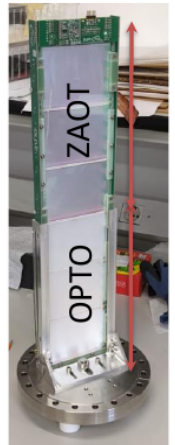
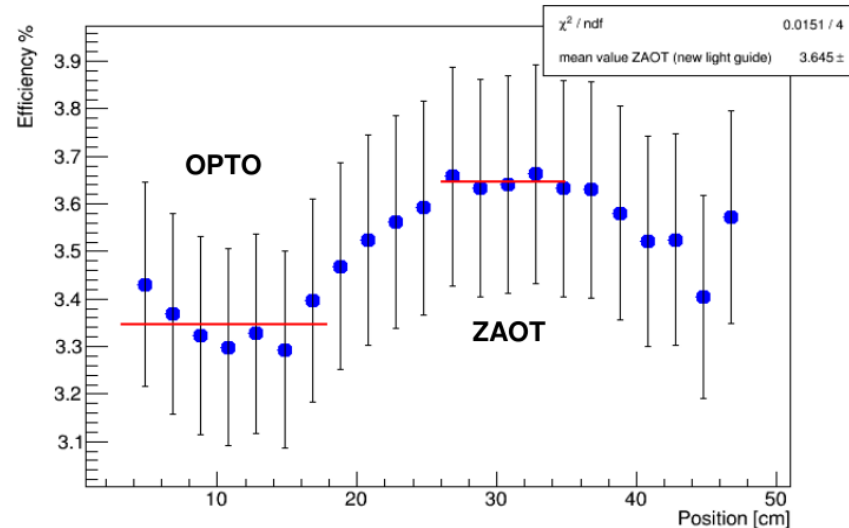
- Borofloat 33 Optical Glass
- OPTO (BL component) Substrate
- B270



ZAOT: Production of 18-Nov-22

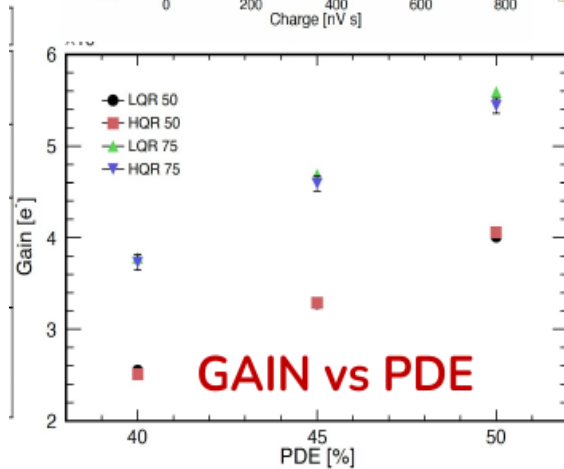
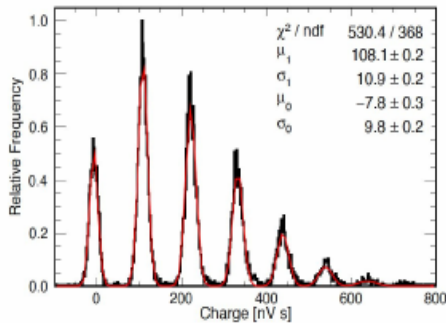


2023/03/03 - Vikuiti blocks - new lightguide - OPTO Vs ZAOT



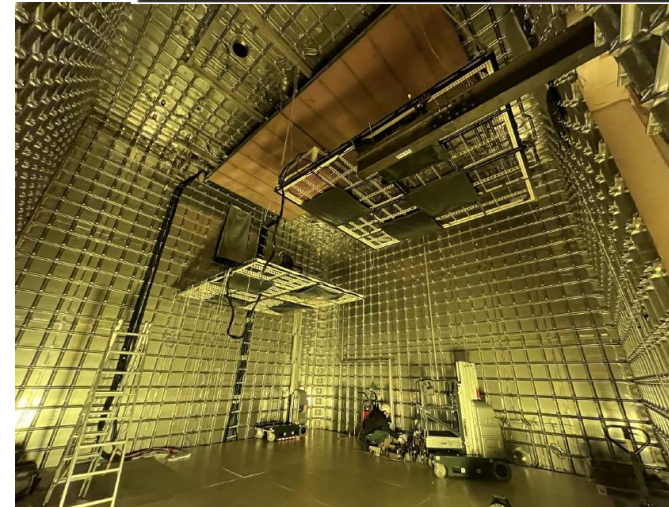
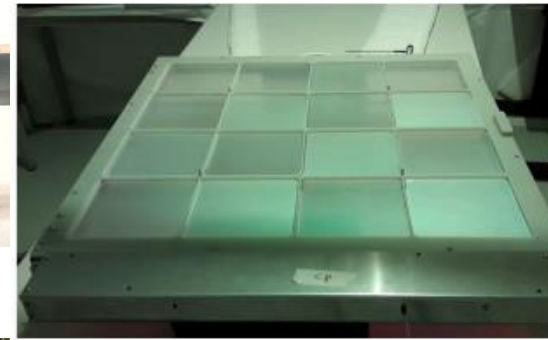
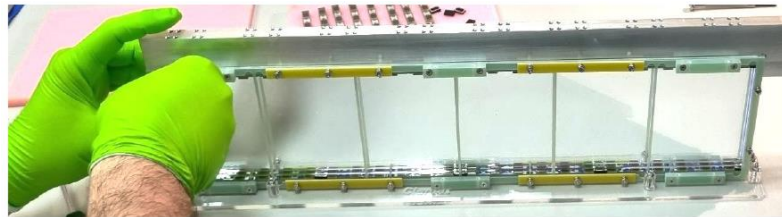


- HPK SiPM characterization:



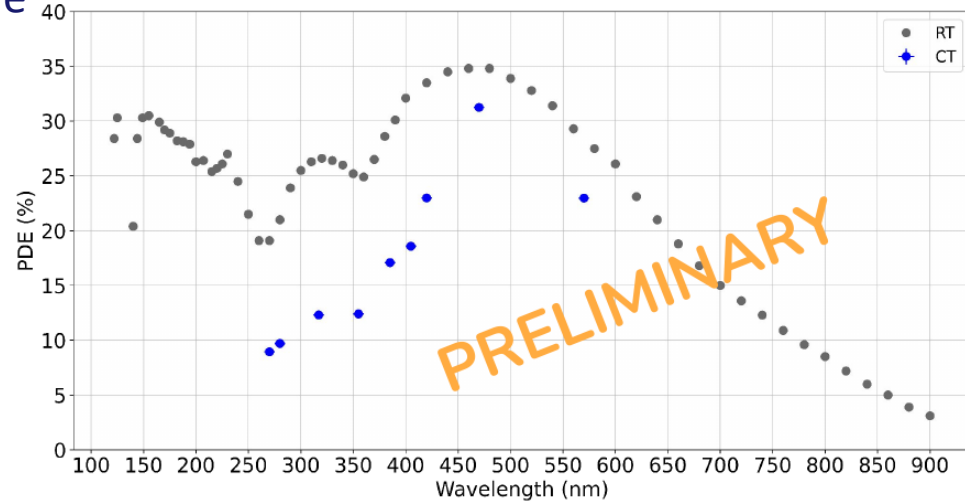
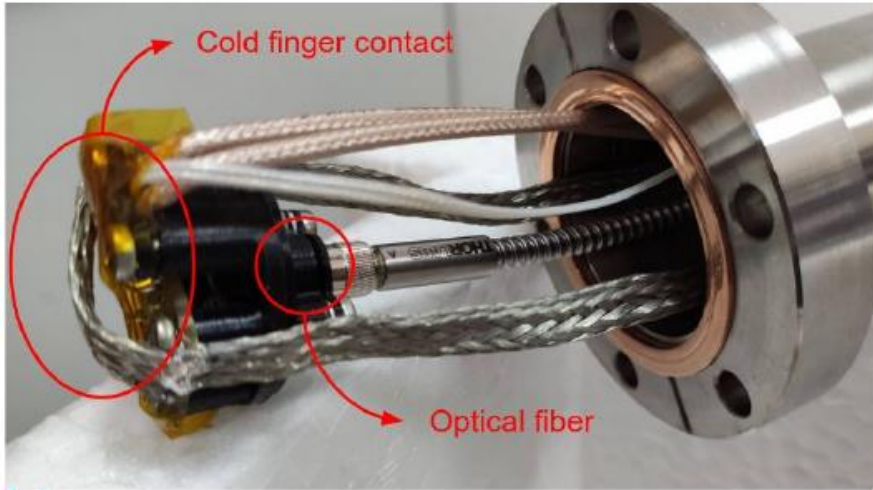
Assembly and testing 74 (out of 160) X-ARAPUCAs at CIEMAT prior to their installation in ProtoDUNE at CERN

- Vertical-Drift large X-ARAPUCA installation

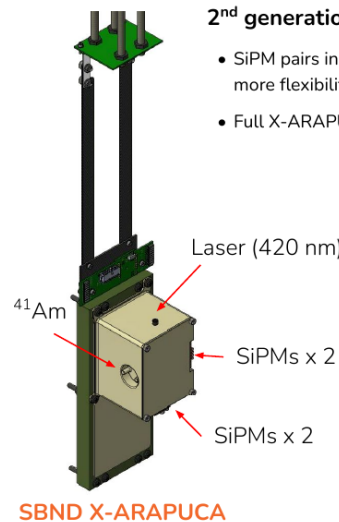


Milestone MS40  
SiPM testing

## VUV SiPM characterization at LN2 temperature



Cryogenics lab at  
CIEMAT



SBND X-ARAPUCA

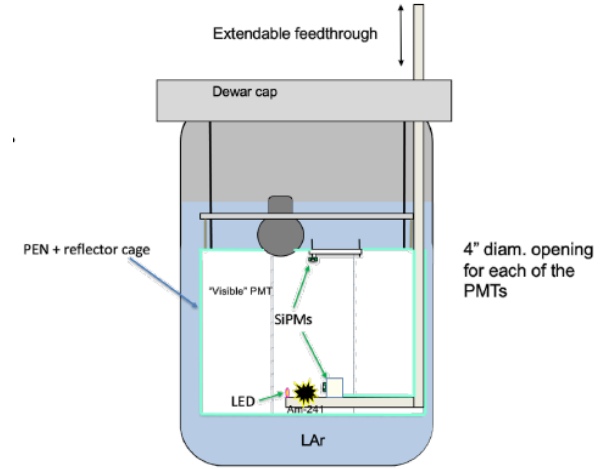
### 2<sup>nd</sup> generation calibration box

- SiPM pairs in front of each light source to minimize angular uncertainties. Also more flexibility for triggers.
- Full X-ARAPUCA window coverage to eliminate shadowing effects.

4 X-ARAPUCA configurations tested		
SiPMs	WLS Bar	Filter
SensL	Eljen 286	pTP coated 400 nm cutoff
SensL	Eljen 280	450 nm cutoff (only visible light)
HPK	Glass to power (blue)	pTP coated 400 nm cutoff
HPK	Glass to power (green)	450 nm cutoff (only visible light)

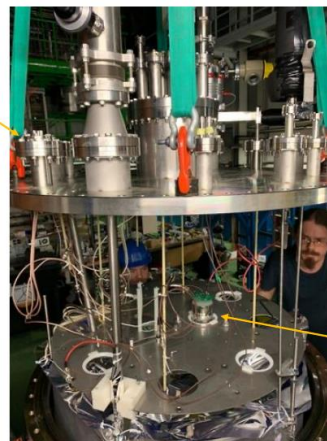
- a dedicated test has been performed at the CERN neutrino platform test facility to measure the performance of large-area PEN sheets as a WLS
- 19 days of data acquired in January – February 2023
- Data quality is good and analysis is ongoing
- Stay tuned for results soon

**Milestone MS40  
Large-scale WLS**

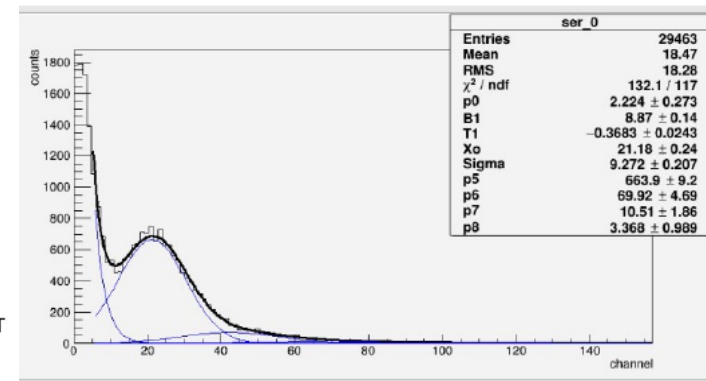


*Schematic of experimental setup*

feedthrough connectors for LED, PMT and SIPM power and signal, and capacitance probe



PMT



## Milestones

MS #	Milestone Name	Lead beneficiary	Due Date (in months)	Means of verification	
MS36	Pixel optimisation	40 - UNIMAN	23	Report (Task 9.2)	😊
MS37	Status report on chimneys	8 - CNRS	22	Report (Task 9.3)	😊
MS38	Status report on CRPs	8 - CNRS	23	Report (Task 9.3)	😊
MS39	Status report on digitisation	8 - CNRS	33	Report (Task 9.3)	😊
MS40	Large-scale WLS surfaces and SiPMs Tested	21 - INFN	22	Report (Task 9.4)	😊

## Deliverables

D #	Deliverable Name	Lead beneficiary	Type	Due Date (in months)
D9.1	Large-scale Pixel Anode	40 - UNIMAN	Report	44
D9.2	Vertical Drift chimneys, digitisation, CRPs	8 - CNRS	Report	46
D9.3	R&D in LAr optical readout	29 - CIEMAT	Report	45

- Lots of work ongoing .
- New prototypes will be operational soon – lots of exciting data to analyze.
- New ideas/collaboration formed with help from AIDAInnova
- Milestones mostly on track (slight delays on reporting)