APEX: Optimized vertical drift PDS for DUNE FD3

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DUNE Experiment



- Intense neutrino beam: 1.2 MW \rightarrow 2.3 MW
- Near Detector system including a LAr TPC
- 4 Far Detector LArTPC modules (70 kton total mass)
 - 1300 km source distance, 1,5 km under surface
- Physics goals
 - Precise neutrino oscillations parameters determination
 - Detection:
 - Galactic core colapse supernovae neutrinos
 - Solar neutrinos
 - Searches:
 - Nucleon decay, Non standard interactions



DUNE FD1 & 2



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DUNE Phase II

- Extend frontiers of neutrino physics and astroparticle physics
- Consists of:
 - Third and fourth far detector (FD) modules/fiducial volume increase
 - Upgraded near detector complex
 - Beam power enhancement

Parameter	Phase I	Phase II	Impact
FD mass	2 FD modules (20 kt fidu-	4 FD modules (40 kt fidu-	FD statistics
	cial)	cial LAr equivalent)	
Beam power	$1.2\mathrm{MW}$	Up to 2.3 MW	FD statistics
ND configuration	ND-LAr+TMS, SAND	ND-LAr, ND-GAr, SAND	Systematics

- Optimized photon readouts for Phase II VD FD modules
 - Further development of proven solutions from Phase I
 - Performance enhancement, cost-effectiviness

White Paper: arXiv:2312.03130

DUNE Phase II: Scientific Opportunities, Detector Concepts, Technological Solutions



DUNE Phase II: FD3

- Extend frontiers of neutrino physics and astroparticle physics
- Low-energy physics (1-10s MeV)
 - Background rejection and lower thresholds
 - Supernova core colapse burts
 - Solar neutrinos
 - Diffused supernova neutrino background
- Beam neutrinos (GeV)
 - Light: Independent energy measurements, timing and position (auxiliary to PID)
 - Energy reconstruction strategies and improved resolutions
 - Potential to improve resolving of 2nd oscillation peak and shape-only sensitivity





APEX: Aluminum profiles with embedded X-ARAPUCA

- Optical coverage >55% with light trap technology
 - Enhanced light yield (LY) and uniformity of PDS response
- Integrated VD TPC Field Cage + Photon Detector System
- P(S)oF technology for power and signal in/out of the field cage
 - Non-conductive optical fibers, readout electronics on HV surface
- Fully compatible with any VD LArTPC charge readout



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* see S. Manthey's talk



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- Simplified, lightweight, and low(er)-cost photodetector
- Optimized photon readout with increased active coverage
- Bulk materials with low-radioactive content





APEX: Aluminum profiles with embedded X-ARAPUCA

- Each row of 6 PD modules in an APEX panel is a electrically isolated system
- 1 PD module/9 profiles
 - 5th profile: mechanical fastening and electrical reference
 - C-shaped profile: Faraday cage shielding for CE readout boards for the 6 module on horizontal row
 - PoF transmitter and SoF receivers (driver and laser diode) to the PDs via fibers





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APEX: Simulation geometry





APEX: Simulation setup

 Photons shot from within voxels. 	Parameter	Value
 Isotropic direction and polarization Voxel size: 0.5 x 0.5 x 0.5 m³ * Same optical properties as for FD2 DUNE-VD simulations 	LAr light yield (mip) Xenon doping in Ar Rayleigh scattering	25k ph/MeV 10 ppm λ (@128 nm) = 1 m
 LAr refractive index, Rayleigh scattering, absorption Reflectivity of membrane, anode, field cage, etc pTP emitted photons are also tracked 	Absorption	$\lambda_{R} (@176 \text{ nm}) = 8.5 \text{ m}$ $\lambda_{abs} (N_{2} @128 \text{ nm}) = 20 \text{ m}$ $\lambda_{abs} (N_{2} @176 \text{ nm}) = 80 \text{ m}$
 All sensors detecting any level of light for evaluation No cut on #pe applied No sensors clustering required 	Tile detecting eff. Reflectivity Field cage	2% 70%
* see A. Paudel's talk tomorrow	Cryostat Anode	R = 30%, 40% @128 nm, 176 nm R = 6%, 12% @128 nm, 176 nm



APEX: Light Yield map



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APEX: Light Yield map



- Xenon light contributes to more uniform LY map
- Total light yield due to backward WLS emissions ~60 %

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LY_{ave(min)} scaled up wrt FD2 by a factor of 4(6) A. Abed Abud et al JINST 19 T08004 (2024)





Low energy deposits: coordinates reconstruction

- Point like events as reasonable assumption for ~MeV scale
- Uniform resolution achieved on all coordinates



APEX spatial resolution ¹/₂ lower than FD2

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APEX: Energy deposits reconstruction



- Statistical fluctuations on PEs due to detection efficiency (binomial)
- Light yield map segmentation: size similar to expected from calibration

Resolution on low energy deposits reduces by factor ~0.4 lower than FD2

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Prototypes

- Series of tests to further develop the APEX concept
 - First round @CERN 2024:
 - Impact on drift field uniformity due to insulating material between FC electrodes. number electrodes vs pitch
 - Ton-scale TPC prototype @CERN (2024/25):
 - Up to eight full-size PD modules, for mechanical and cryogenic tests.
 - PD module w/ electronic chain: constructed and fully tested before integration.
 - A larger-sized demonstrator with O(100) P(S)oF in/out fibers (@FNAL 2024/25)
 - Full-sized APEX PD-instrumented field cage to be deployed in VD ProtoDUNE cryostat (@CERN 2025/26)





Conclusions

- We presented the main features of the APEX concept
 - An optimized PD system based on previous DUNE VD R&D
 - Suggested/indicated as reference design option for FD3
- Enhancement of PDS capabilities should impact physics
- Monte Carlo simulations and analyses undergoing
 - Detector performance: High light yield and uniform response
 - Many physics aspects under investigation (MeV-GeV)
- Prototyping stages stablished and advancing (2024-2026)

