

# LIQUID ARGON TPC IN A TESTBEAM

FNAL-T1034

# LARIAT

**CERN-LArI<sub>ND</sub> Meeting**

*CERN*

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AND U.OF L'AQUILA/INFN

# ORIGIN OF THE LARIAT EFFORT

## Integrated Plan for LArTPC neutrino detectors in the US

Prepared for the FNAL Director's Review of LArTPC R&D Planning  
LArTPC Planning Group, B. Baller and B. Fleming, Editors  
November 18, 2009

most of the indicated  
LArR&D items in the  
list successfully  
accomplished in the  
meantime!!

### 1 LBNE and LAr Science and Project Goals

Experimental results from the last decade have revolutionized neutrino physics. The first conclusive evidence that neutrinos oscillate and have mass came in 1998. While this seminal discovery has answered many questions, it has also raised even more. Particularly interesting is the question of CP Violation: do neutrinos and anti-neutrinos oscillate at the same rate? The answer to this question is the key to our matter dominated universe.

Long baseline neutrino oscillation searches are proposed at FNAL and BNL. Moreover, these experiments are the only ones that can simultaneously measure the unknown in the 3x3 neutrino mixing matrix, a CP violating phase, and the neutrino mass eigenstates.

The US particle physics community is developing ideas for long baseline oscillation experiments beyond NO $\nu$ A. To be sensitive to

In summary form, the plan consists of the following pre-existing components:

- The Materials Test Stand program, now in operation at Fermilab, addressing questions pertaining to maintenance of argon purity
- Existing electronics test stands at FNAL and BNL
- The Liquid Argon Purity Demonstrator (LAPD) now being assembled at Fermilab
- The ArgoNeuT prototype LArTPC, now running in the NuMI beam
- The MicroBooNE experiment, proposed as a physics experiment that will advance our understanding of the LArTPC technology, now completing its conceptual design phase.
- A software development effort that is well integrated across present and planned LArTPC detectors.

We are proposing to add to these efforts the following:

- A membrane cryostat mechanical prototype to evaluate and gain expertise with this technology.
- An installation and integration prototype, to understand issues pertaining to detector assembly, particularly in an underground environment.
- A ~ 5% scale electronics systems test to understand system-wide issues as well as individual component reliability.
- A calibration test stand that would consist of a small TPC to be exposed to a test beam for calibration studies, relevant for evaluation of physics sensitivities.

and discussed again  
at LBNE Integrated Plan - May 2010  
and  
at LBNE/LAr Working Group mtg  
June 2/3 2011

Feb. 2012 - formed Collaboration

Financial Support in FY 2013  
(DoE/FNAL and Yale)

# WORKING TOWARD LBNE

Physics

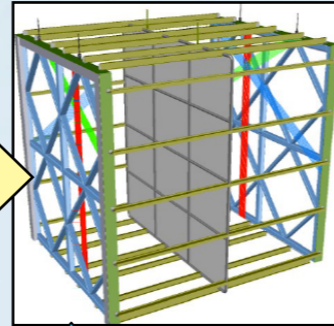
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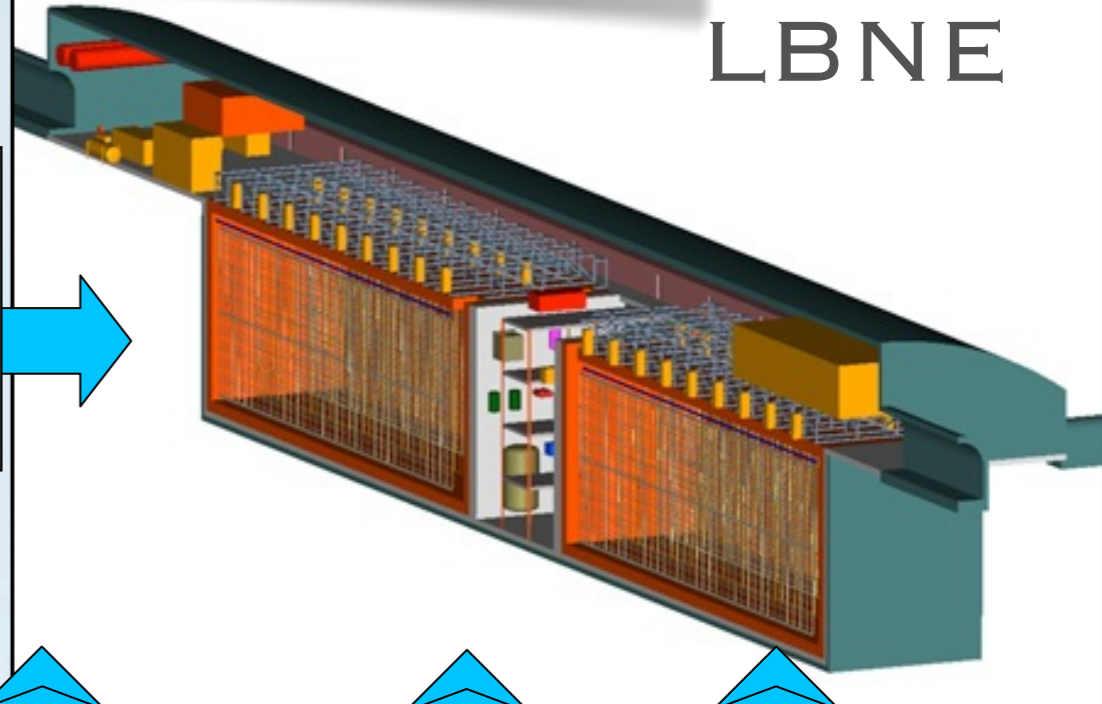
MicroBooNE



LAr1-ND



LBNE

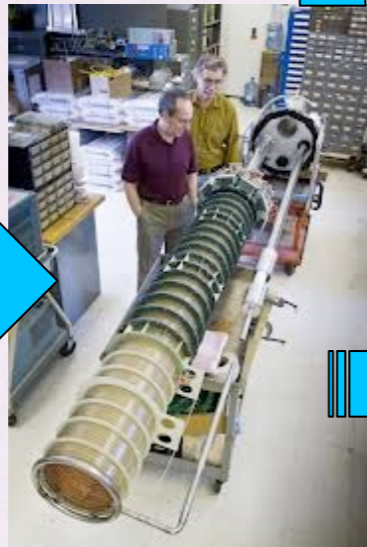


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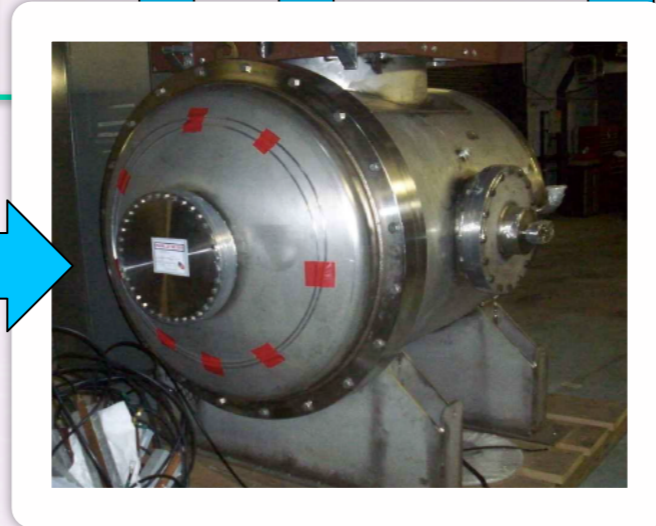


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Electronics,  
readout,  
cold elec.

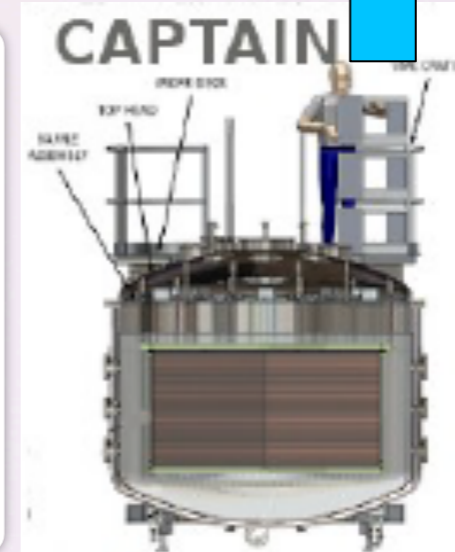


Long Bo  
(LAPD)  
HV, cold  
elec., purity

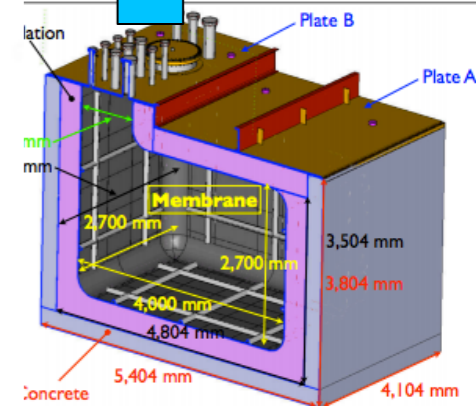


LARIAT

Complementary R&D programs



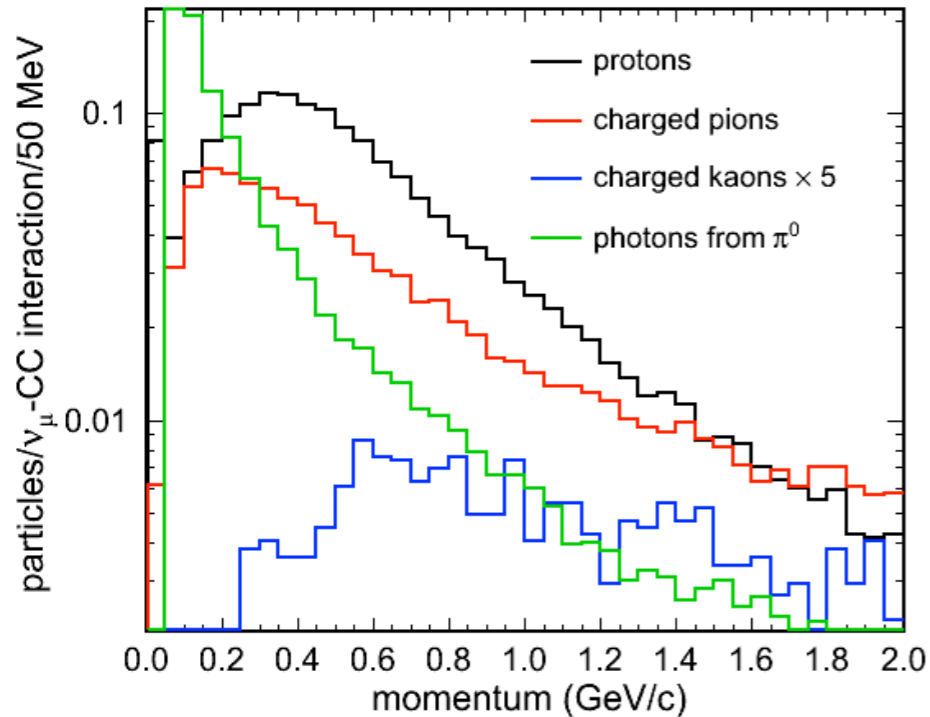
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Purpose: LArTPC calibration  
Operational: 2014



35T MEMBRANE

CRYOSTAT  
purity test &  
TPC prototype

# MOTIVATION

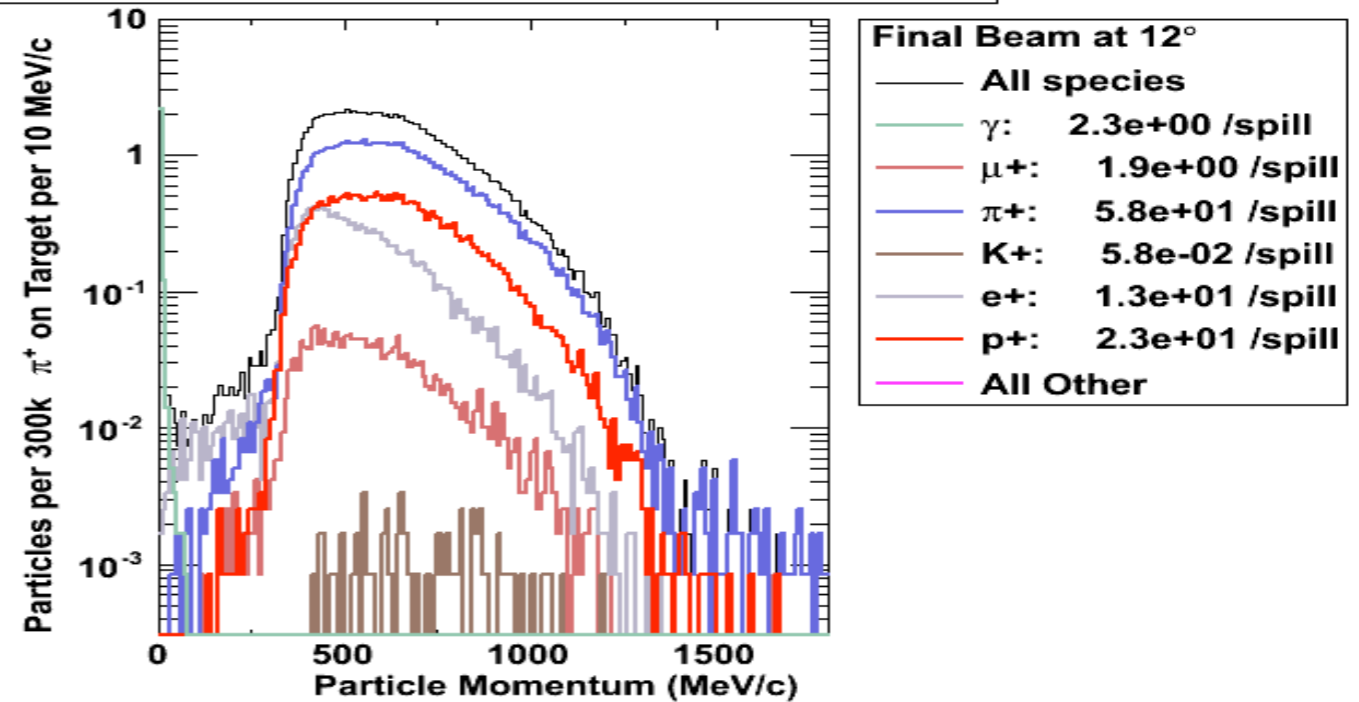


## NuMI LE on-axis Beam

Study in LArTPC  
 Particles emerging  
 from  $\nu$  Interactions  
 (in the energy range  
 relevant for uB & LBNE)

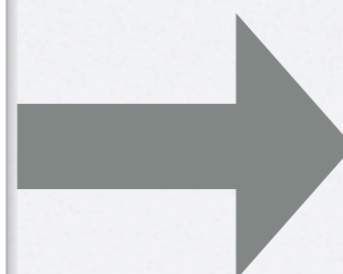
# METHOD

Final Beam at 12°, 08 GeV 2<sup>nd</sup>ary, +0.35 Tesla field



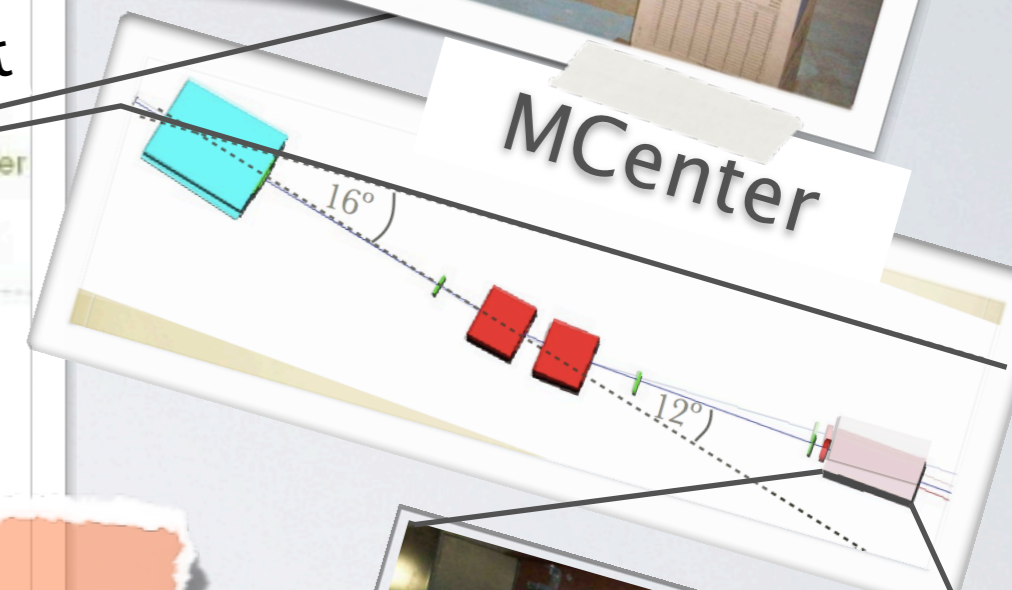
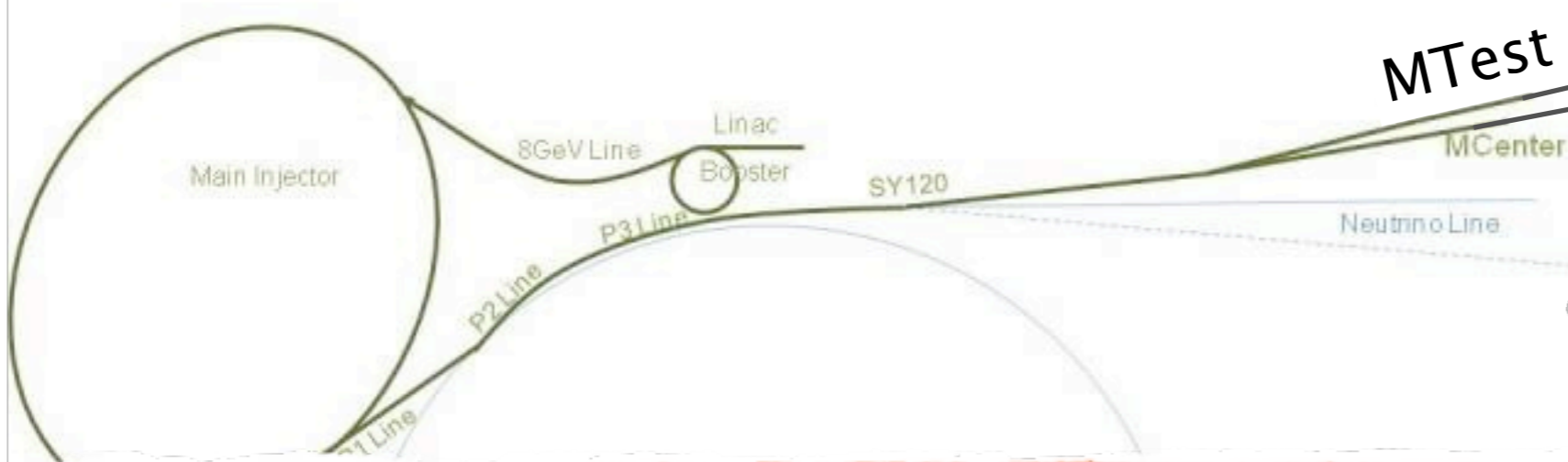
## LArIAT Test Beam

Study in LArTPC  
 Particles emerging from  
 the LArIAT dedicated  
 Tertiary Beam  
 at FTBF (MCentral)

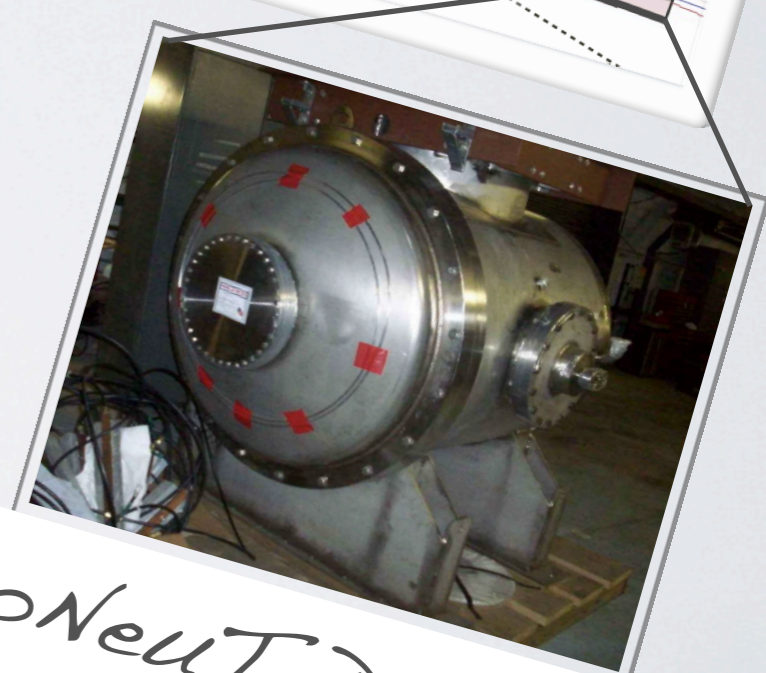


# BASIC CONCEPT: A (SEMI-PERMANENT) **LAR FACILITY** AT FTBF

FNAL Accelerator Complex



A **fully operational TB/cryo-Facility** will allow for any future test of different components in experimental conditions (e.g. different designs for TPC, Light Det. system, Electronics)



*ArgoNeUT Detector*

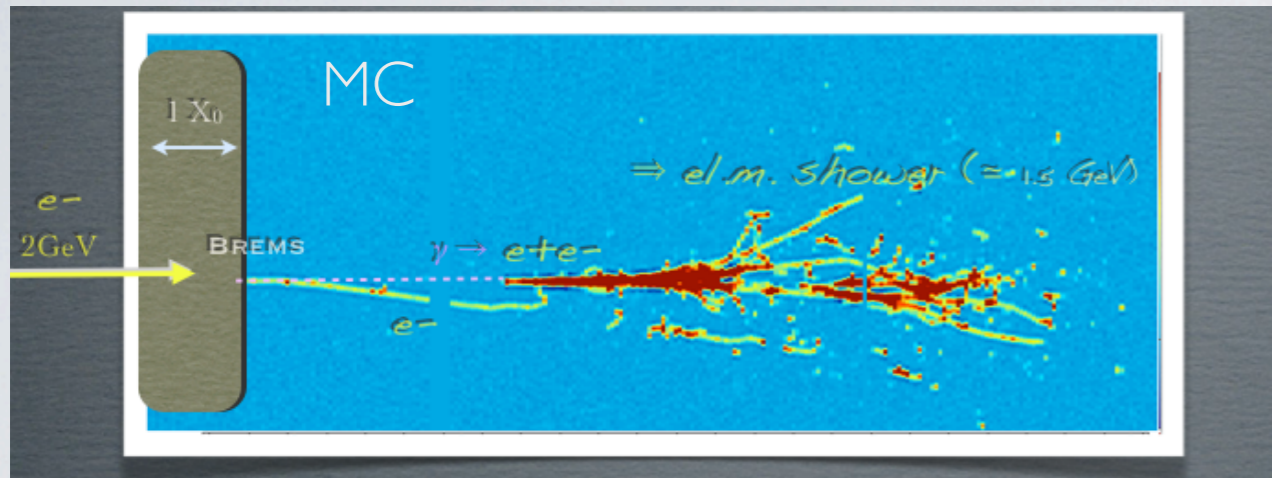
Low Energy Pion Mode: 200 MeV/c – 2 GeV/c  
Tertiary beam (p, K,  $\pi$ ,  $\mu$ , e)

## Secondary beam

Pion Mode: 8–66 GeV beam  
Low Energy Pion Mode: 1–32 GeV beam  
Muon Mode: Same energy range as above

# PARTICLE IDENTIFICATION

## $e$ vs $\gamma$ SHOWER DISCRIMINATION



Bremsstrahlung from upstream radiator plate

Tagged with incoming electron PID in beamline

+ deviated track + gap.

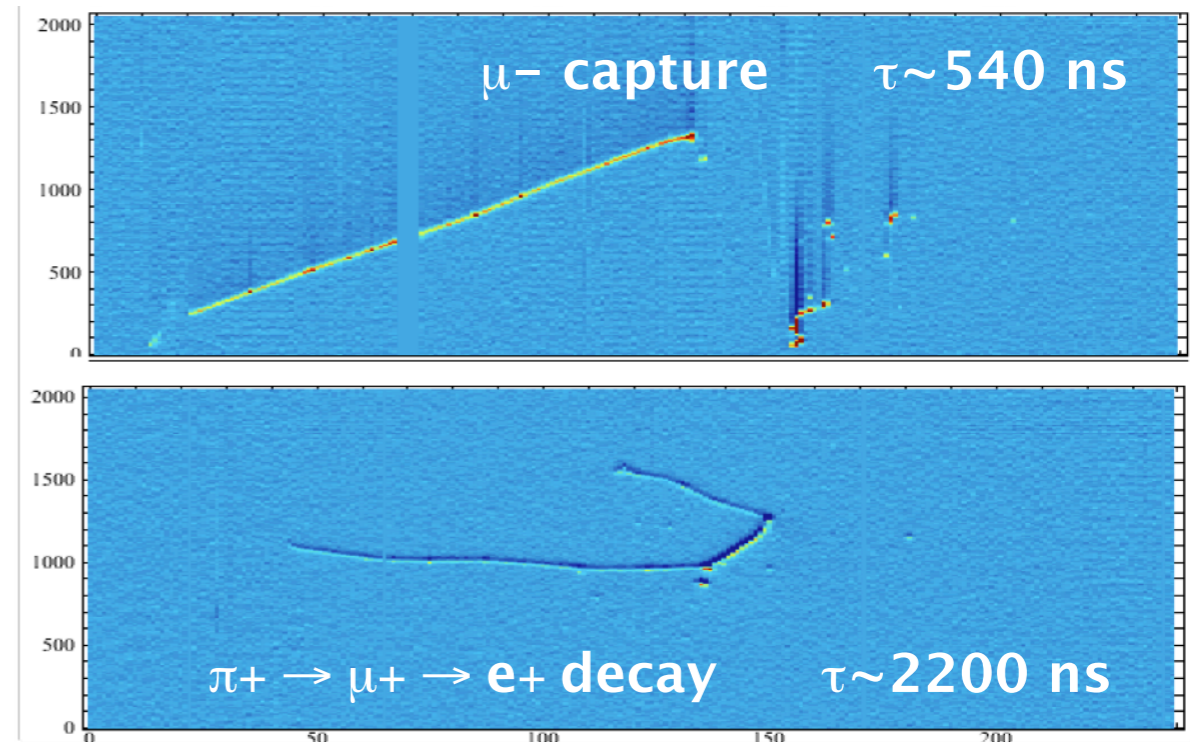
- Experimental confirmation for the separation efficiencies (MC determined) - key feature of LArTPC tech
- Enable ultimate development and most reliable **separation criteria/algorithms** in the LArSoft off-line reconstruction code
- Support measurement of the low-energy elm evt. excess from MiniBooNE - primary goal of MicroBooNE, and of the CP violating phase from oscillation into electron (anti)neutrinos (LBNE goal)

## MUON SIGN DETERMINATION (W/OUT MAGNETIC FIELD)

### Timing and pattern recognition

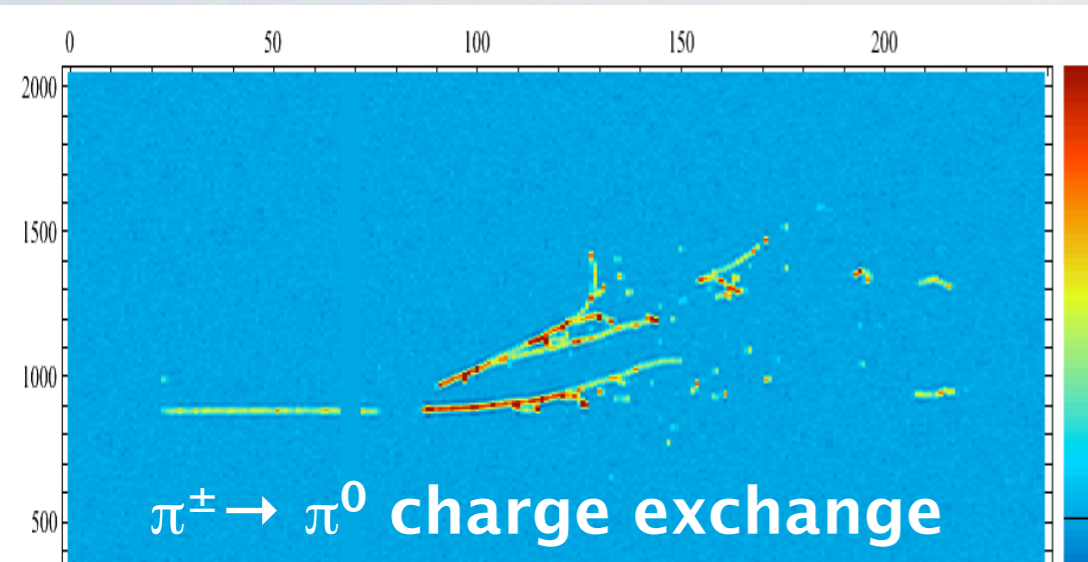
- Explore a LArTPC feature never (systematically) considered (decay vs capture in LAr)
- Constrain the capability to charge-ID the primary lepton in muon neutrino CC interactions of particular interest for CP violation with LBNE

## ArgoNeuT Data



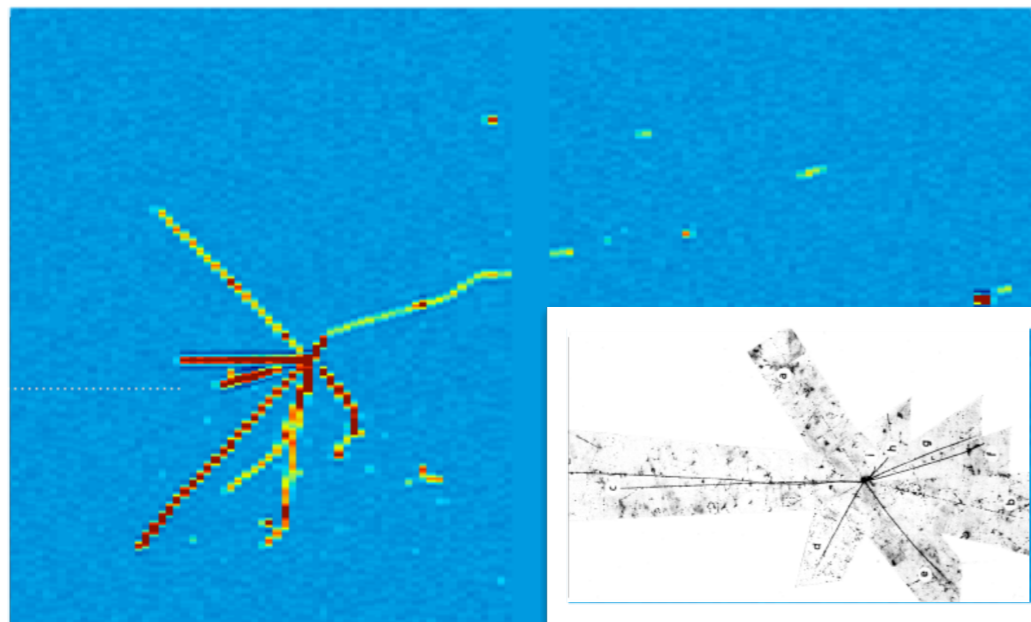
# PARTICLE IDENTIFICATION

## STUDY OF NUCLEAR EFFECTS



- Study/constrain the features of the most dangerous background in  $\nu$ -Oscillation physics

Simulation of Antiproton Star in LAr

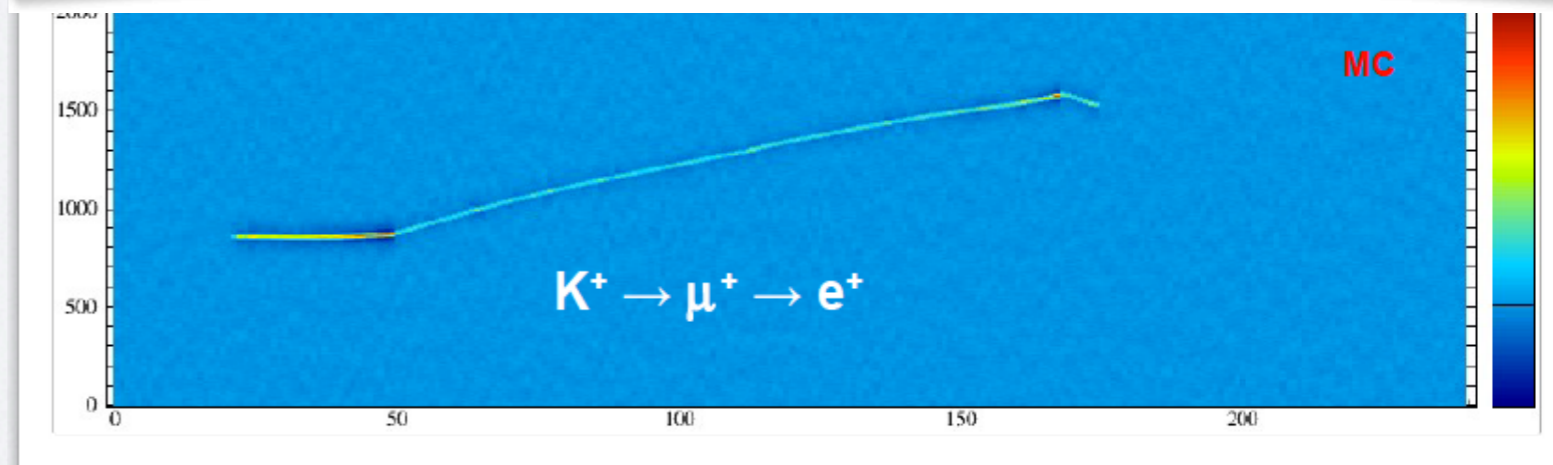
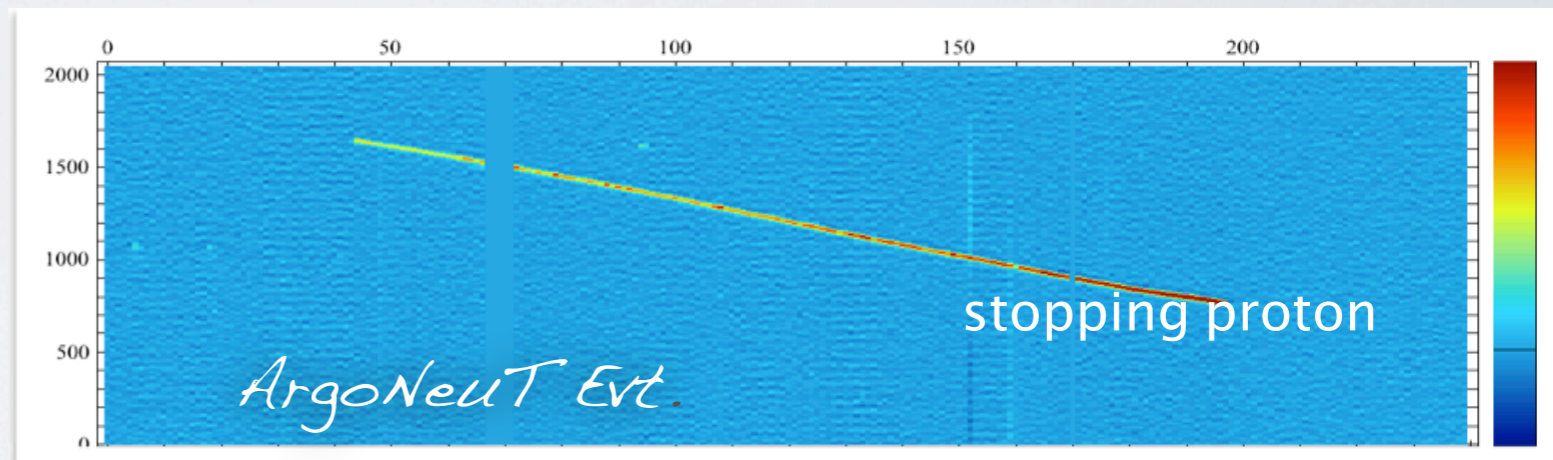


## KAON DISCRIMINATION

Study recombination along stopping tracks:

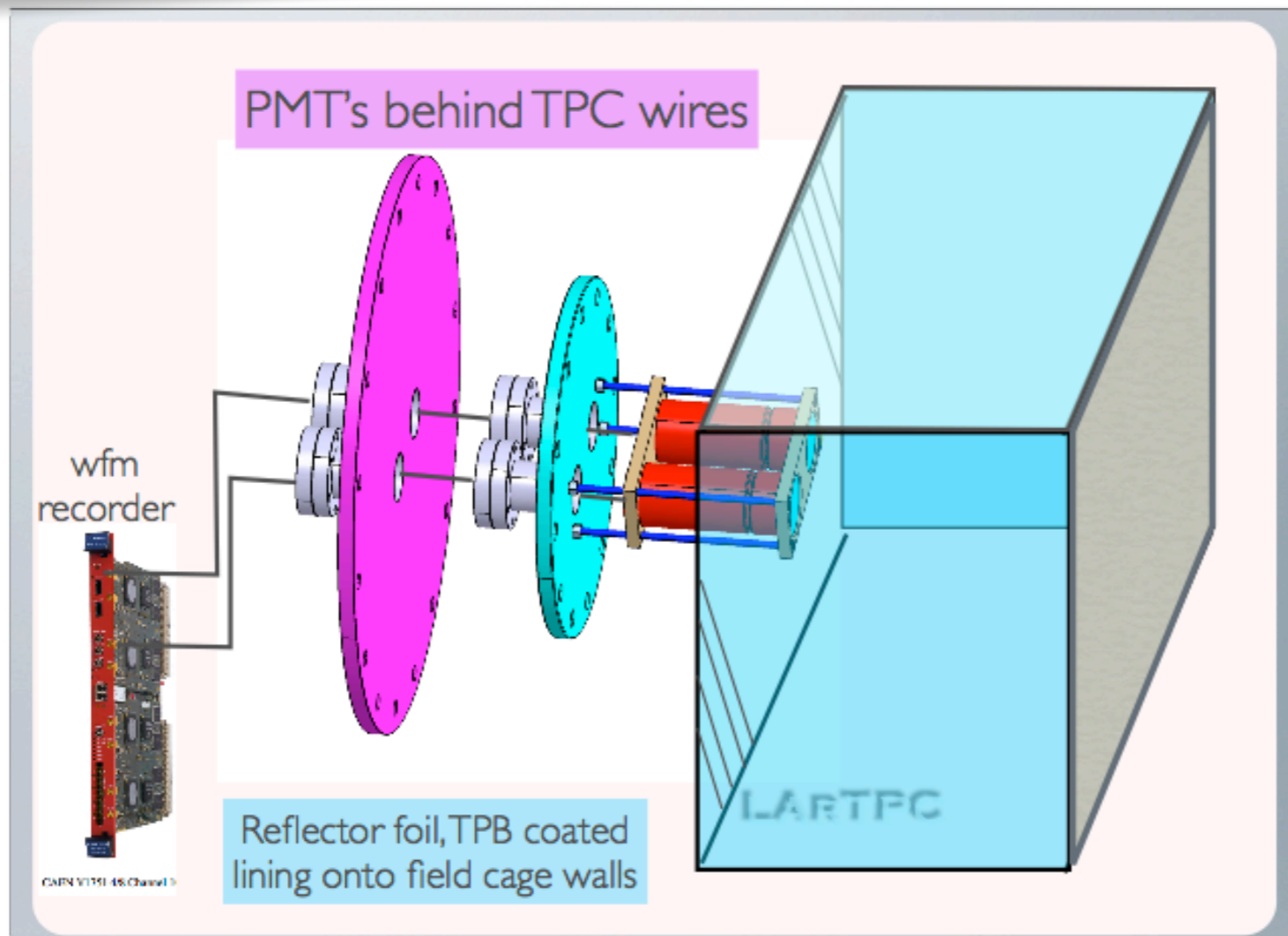
- Kaon to proton separation
- Kaon to pion separation

p-decay  
(LBNE UG)



Antiproton annihilation (relevant for n-nbar oscillations)

# DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW CONCEPT IN LAR SCINTILLATION LIGHT COLLECTION

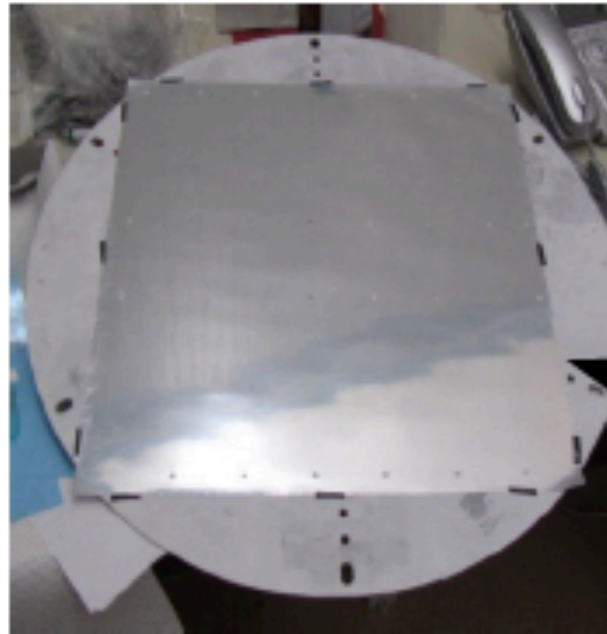


To enhance efficiency of light collection one has to increase the detector active surface. This can be achieved by increasing the n. of PMTs (expensive) OR by adding a reflector coated by w.l.s. on the boundary of the detector volume. Scintillation VUV photons thus are w.l.shifted when hitting the TPB and then reflected from the mirror surface beneath multiple times up to collection at the PMT

**RELATE ENERGY DEPOSITED  
INTO CHARGE AND LIGHT  
FOR AN IMPROVED CALORIMETRIC  
ENERGY RESOLUTION**



# DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW CONCEPT IN LAR SCINTILLATION LIGHT COLLECTION



**Applying TPB to the  
reflective foil that will line  
the inside of the LArIAT  
TPC**

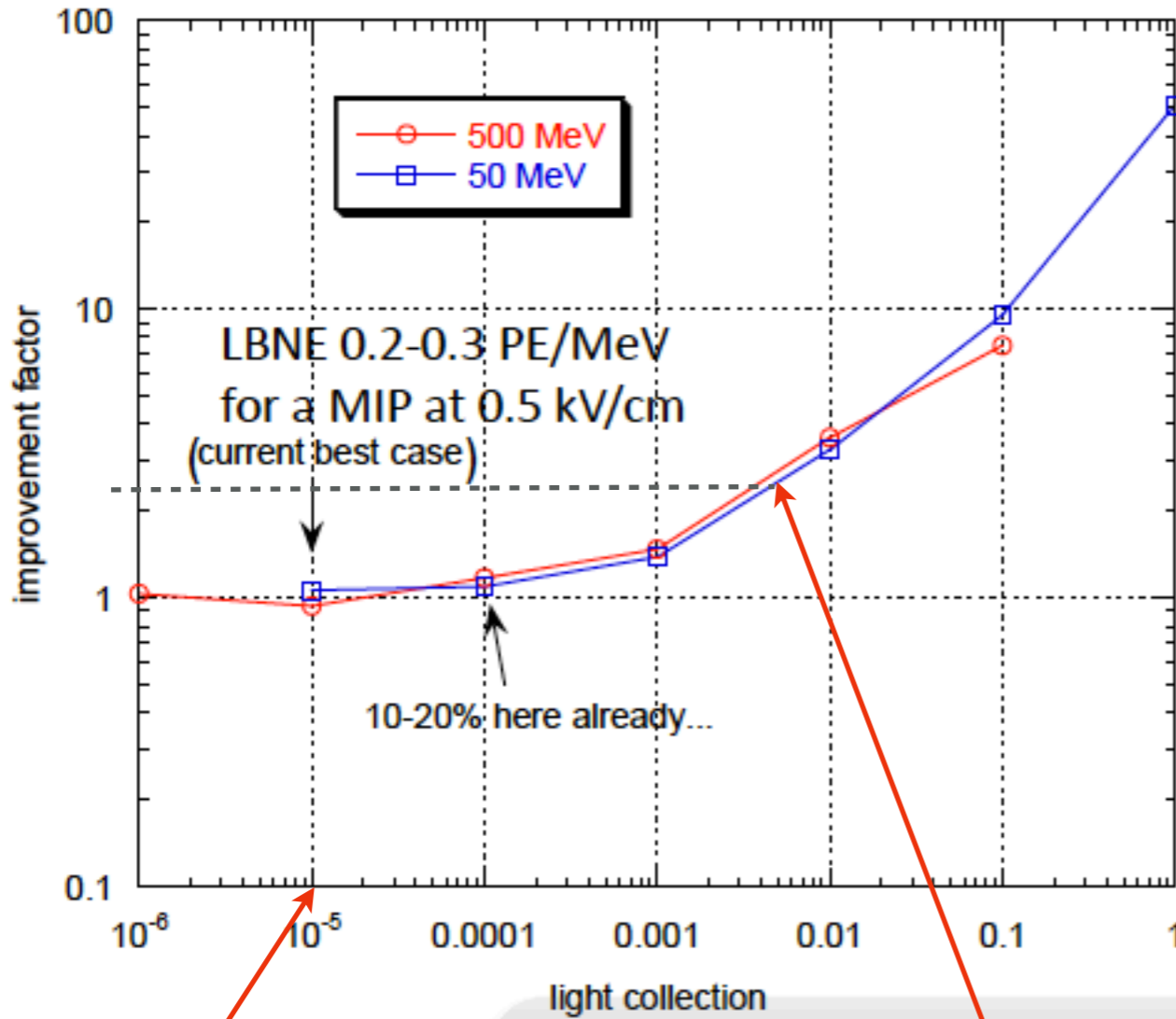


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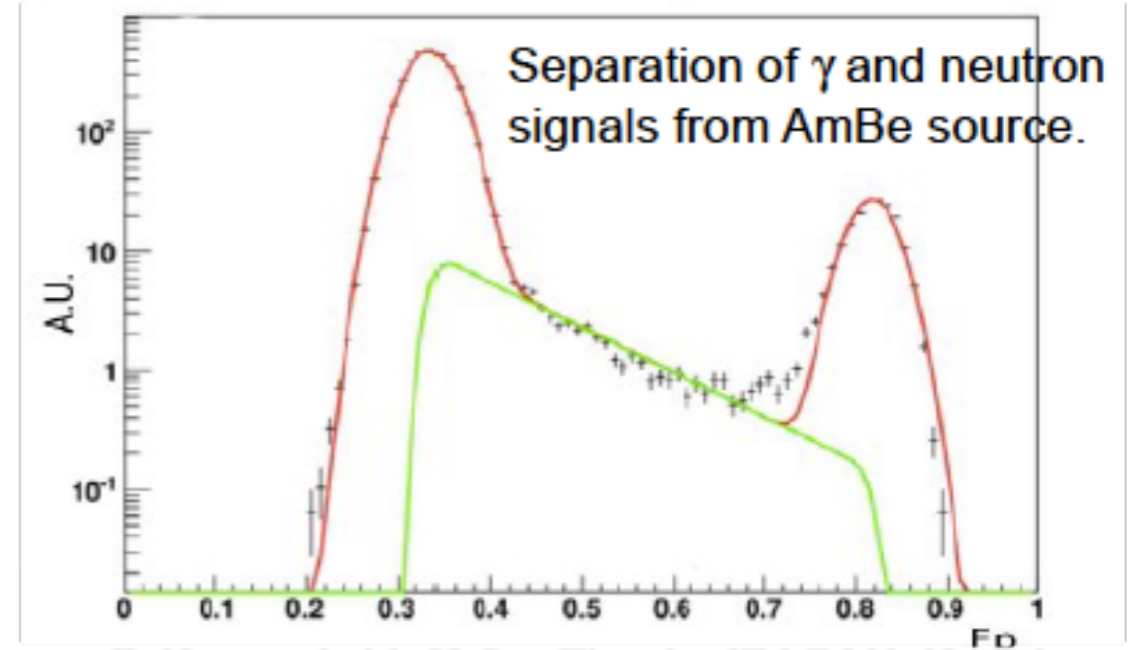
# Energy Resolution

FNAL, Software Workshop, Thursday 3-21-13

Improvement in Energy Resolution with Use of Light



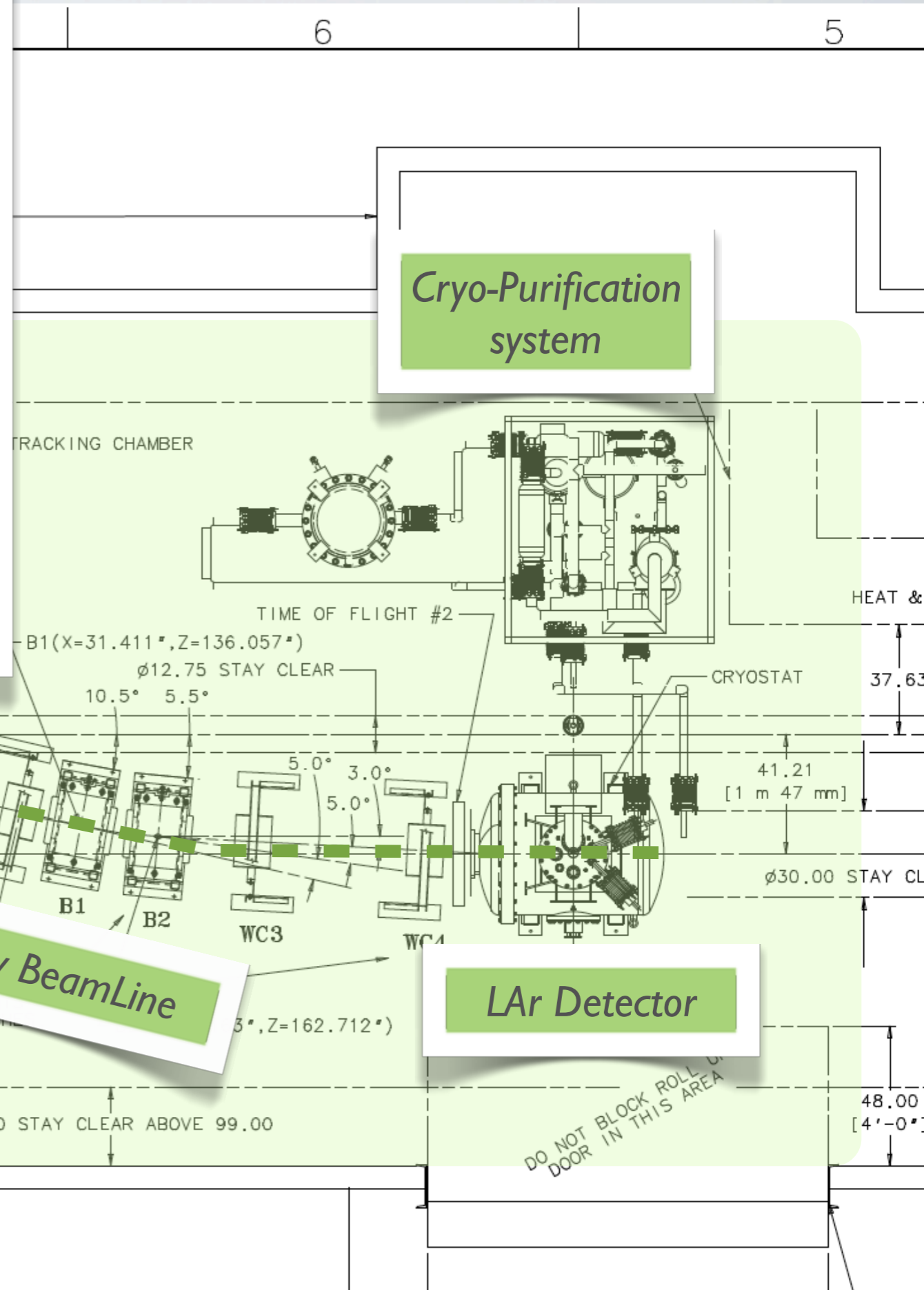
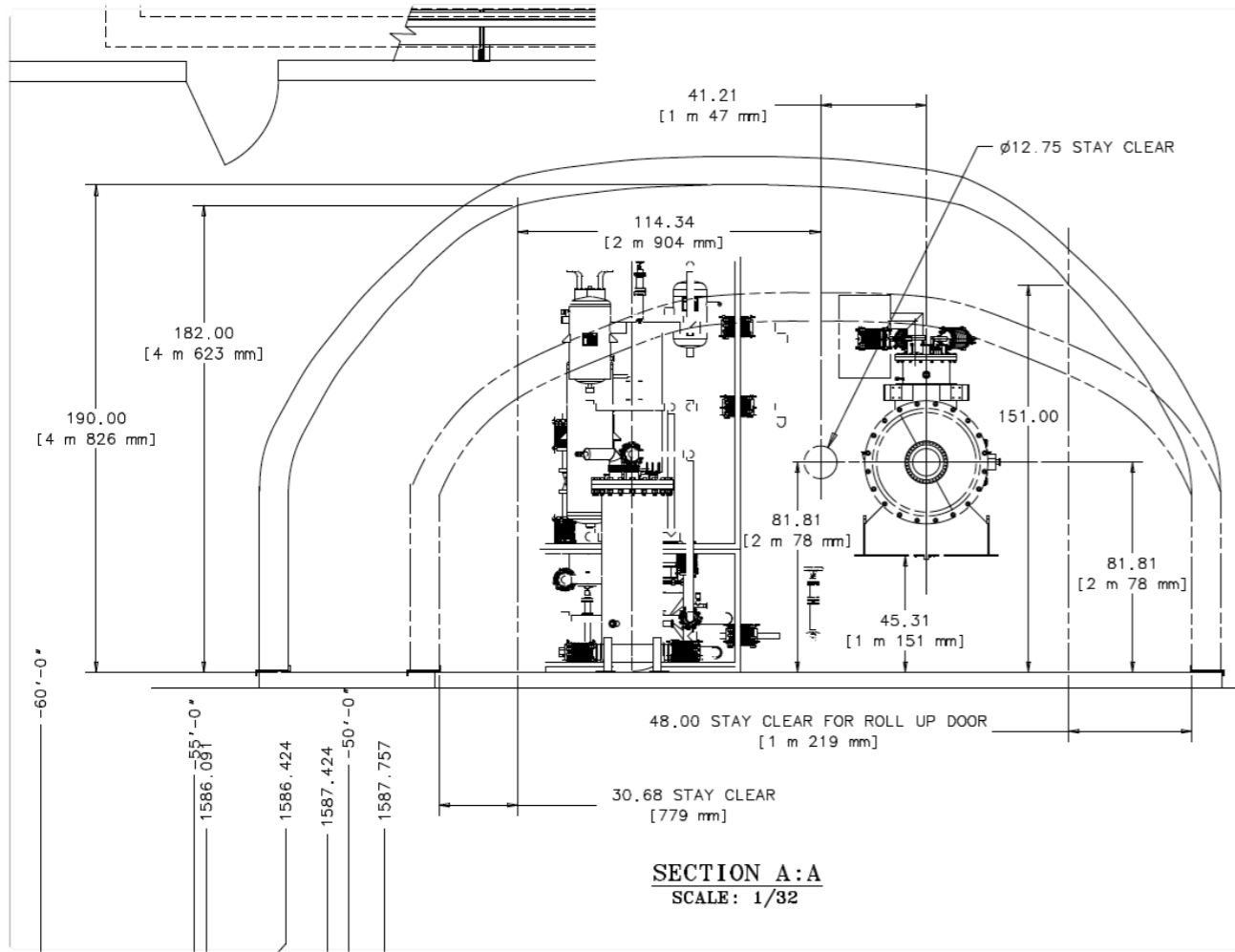
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	1.00E-04	0.34	3.96	1.19	0.29	900	1.1724
	0.001	0.34	1.2	0.33	0.23	300	1.4783
	0.01	0.36	0.72	0.12	0.1	90	3.6
	0.1	0.27	0.48	0.037	0.036	11	7.5
50 MeV	1.00E-06	0.98	100				
	1.00E-05	1.21	29.01	10.96	1.14	0	1.0614
	1.00E-04	1.01	9.95	3.51	0.92	900	1.0978
	0.001	0.93	3.8	1.11	0.67	300	1.3881
	0.01	1.11	2.39	0.37	0.34	90	3.2647
	0.1	1.05	2.18	0.11	0.11	10	9.5455
	1	0.97	1.91	0.019	0.019	1	51.053



0.2 PE/MeV  $\approx$  10 ppm of the available light

$\sim$  100 PE/MeV  $\approx$  1% of the available light

$\Rightarrow$  factor  $>2$  improvement in energy resolution



**LArIAT Enclosure**

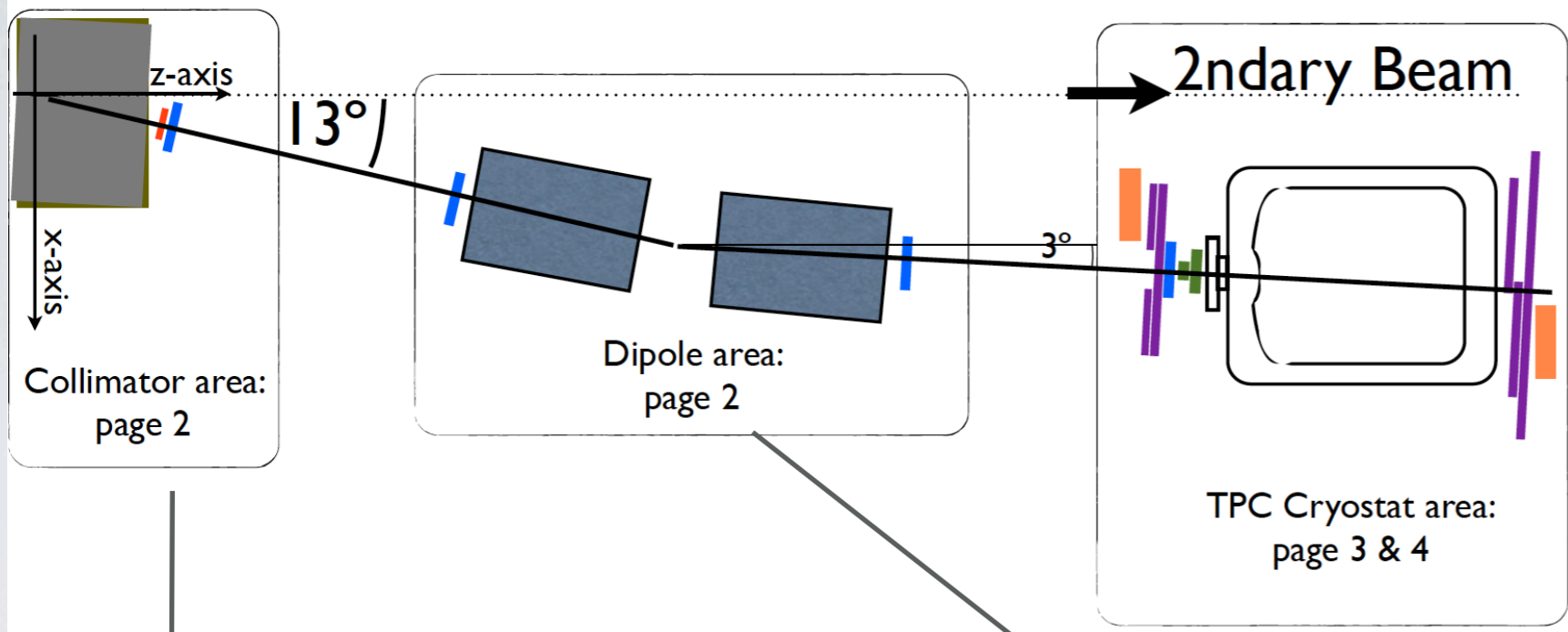
**Tertiary BeamLine**

**LAr Detector**

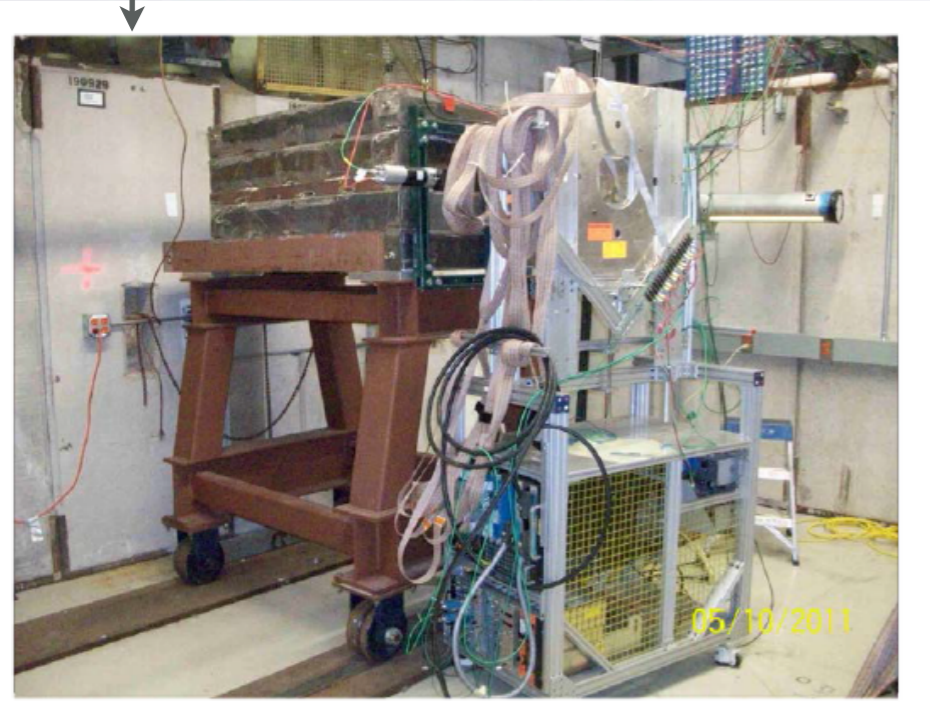
# LAriaT Tertiary Beamline Instruments

- US TOF paddle
- DS TOF crossed paddles
- Wire Chambers 1,2,3,4
- Halo Veto paddles
- Punchthrough paddles
- Cosmic Finders

(0.000",0.000") at target center

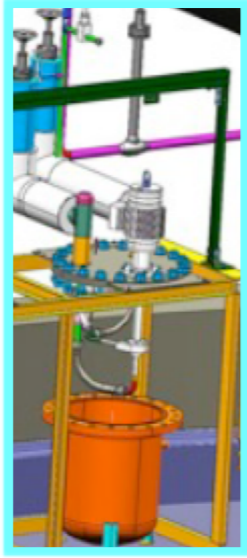
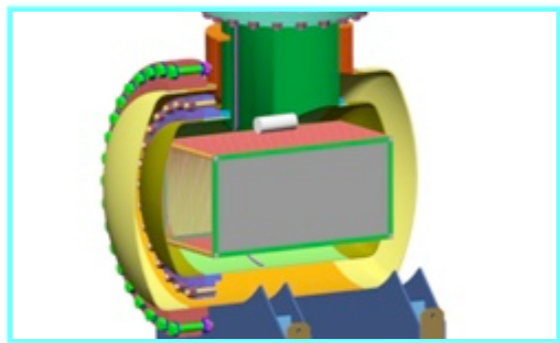
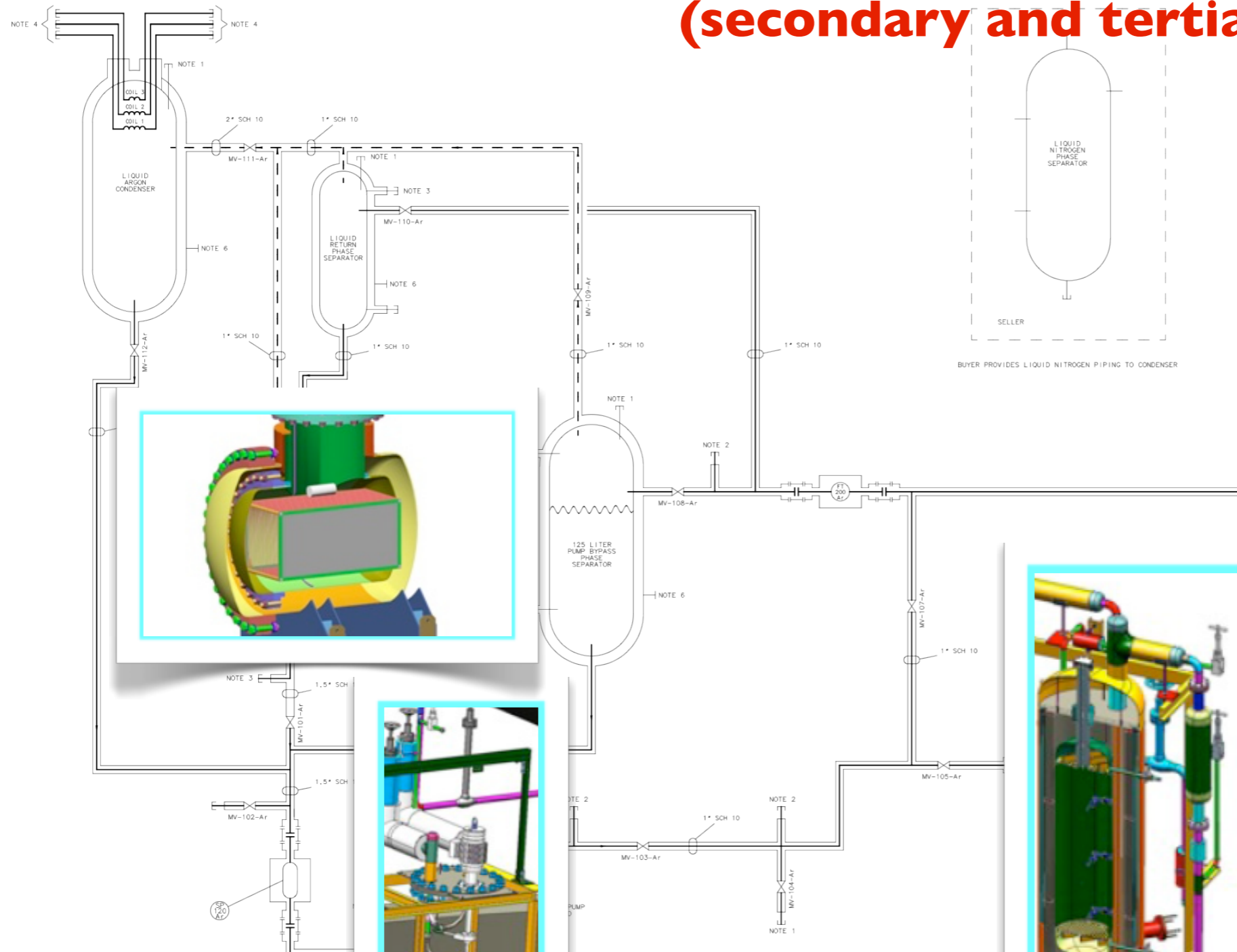


Block diagrams for beamline layout and use in mechanical support design



in red the "stay clear" zones  
(secondary and tertiary beams)


# FTBF-LAR FACILITY: CRYOGENIC & PURIFICATION SYSTEM & FLEXIBLE LARTPC DAQ SYSTEM



LAr Pump

Filter

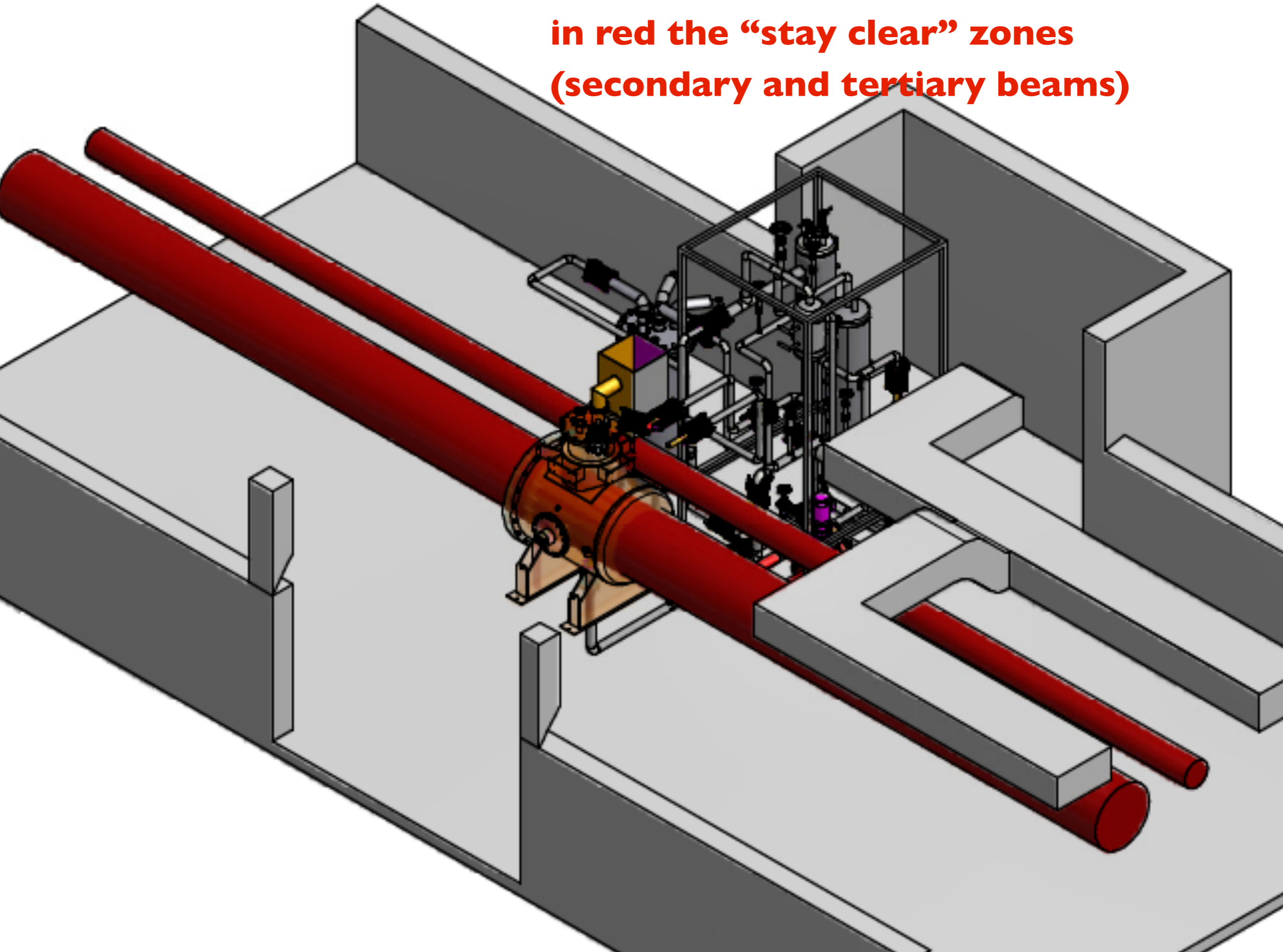
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- NOTE 4 PIPING TERMINATES IN A 3/4 INCH MALE SWAGELOK VCR FITTING OUTSIDE
- NOTE 5 DIELECTRIC BREAK FLANGES ON BOTH ARGON PIPING AND VACUUM JACKET.
- NOTE 6 KF40 FITTING ATTACHED TO VACUUM JACKET.

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	APPROVED		
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3. DIMENSIONS BASED UPON			
4. MAX. ALL MACH. SURFACES	MATERIAL		
5. DRAWING UNITS:			
 <b>FERMI NATIONAL ACCELERATOR LABORATORY</b> UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY			
<b>MECHANICAL/COOLING SYSTEMS</b> <b>LIQUID ARGON TEST BEAM</b> <b>FLOW SCHEMATIC</b>			
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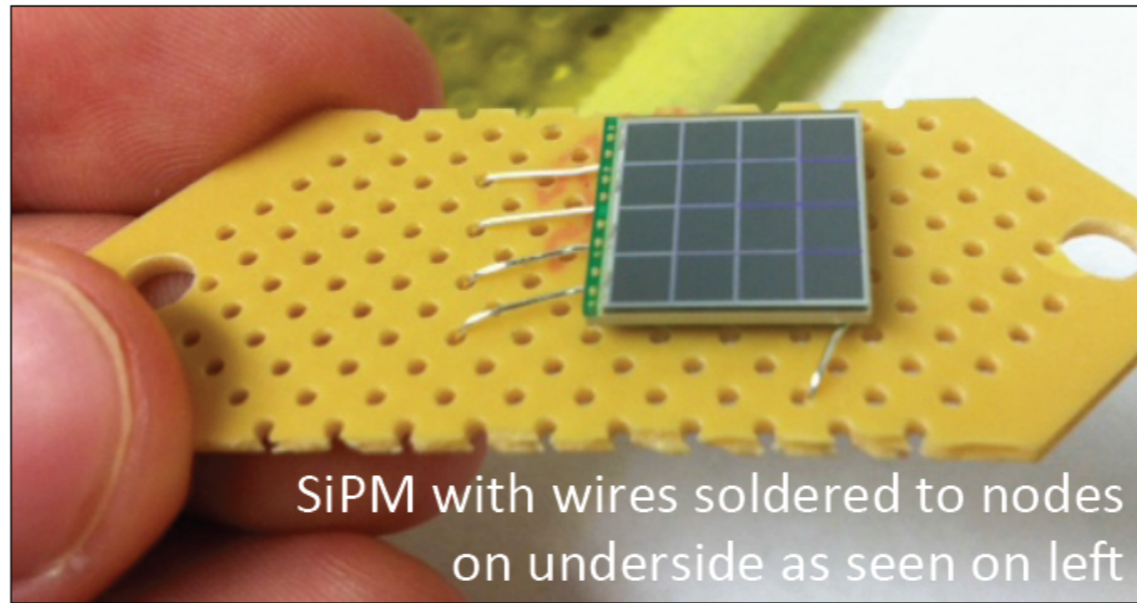
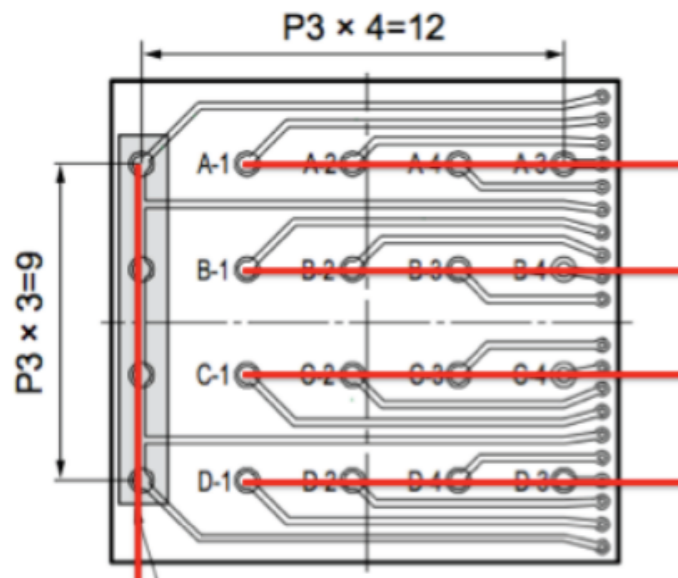
Components

already available

**in red the “stay clear” zones  
(secondary and tertiary beams)**



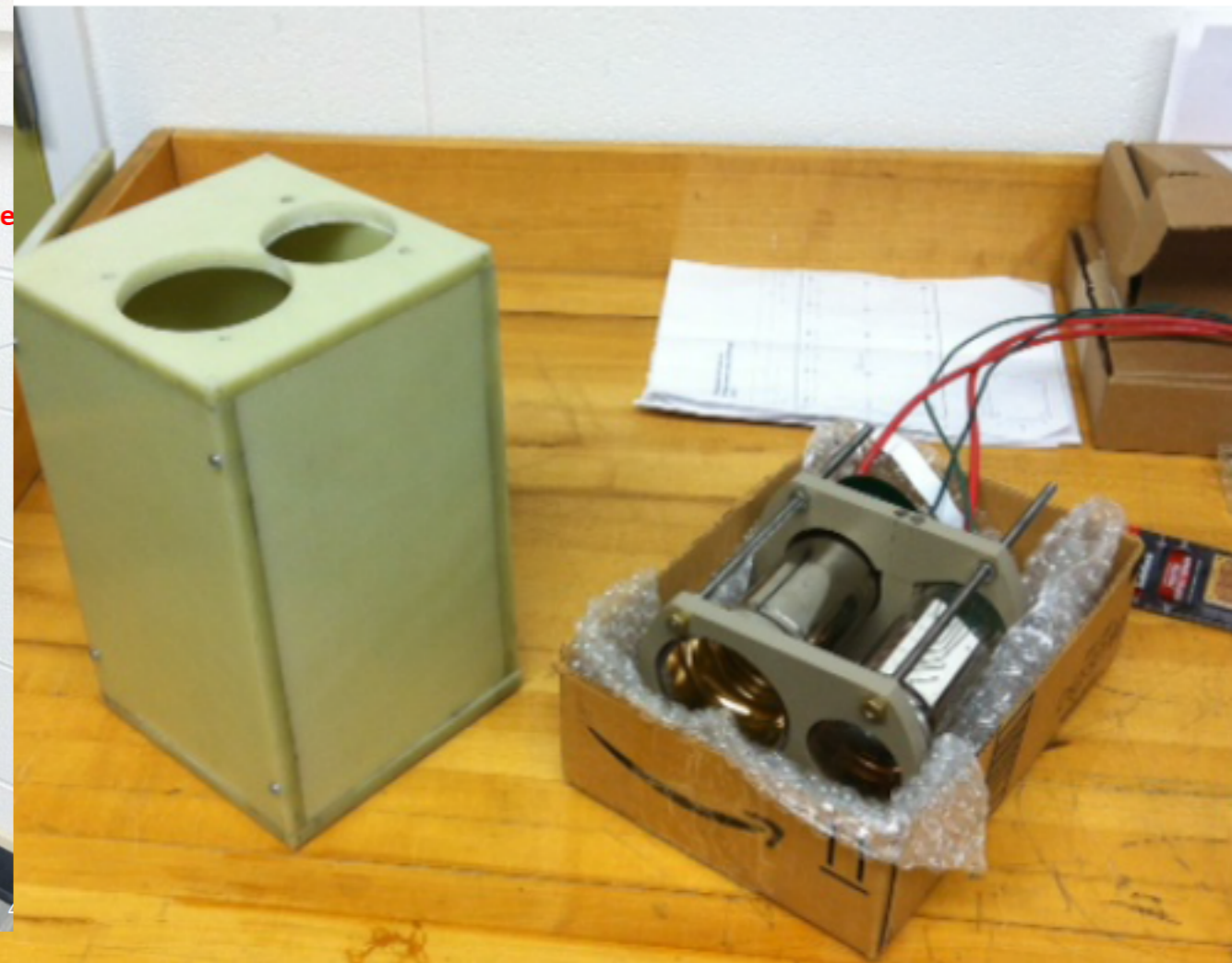
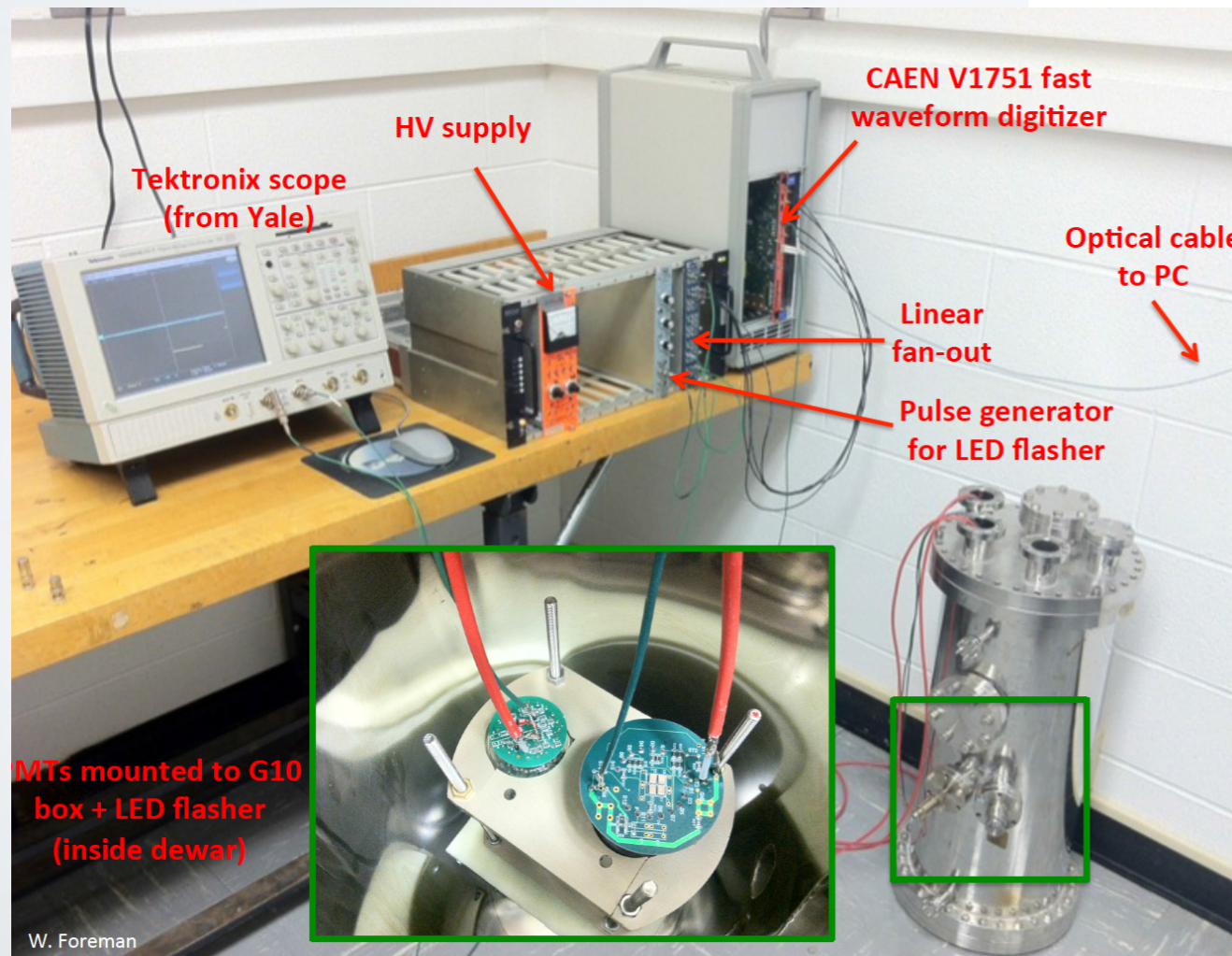
# Mounting the SiPM



The LArIAT  
Scintillation Light System

- Yale + UoChicago

(test stand at U. of Chicago)



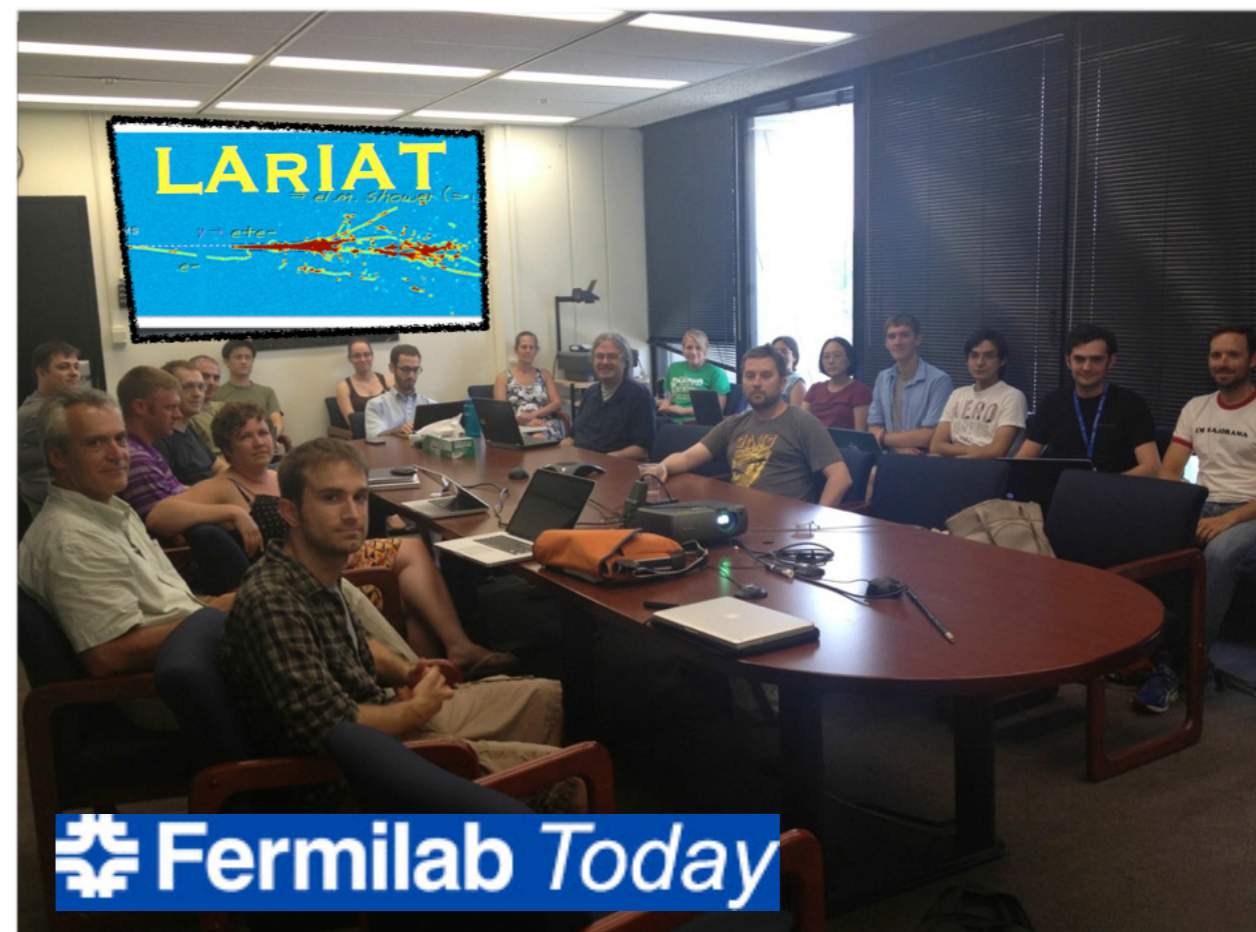


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- **65 Collaborators**
- 3 US national labs
- 12 US universities
- 5 foreign institutions
- *and 20+ students in summer*

*new groups are in the process to join*



<http://intensityfrontier.fnal.gov/lariat.html>

\* elected spokespersons



# Structure of the Collaboration

RUN  
COORDINATOR

MC7  
Coordinator

**Tertiary Beam**  
Operation Manager

**Cryo/Purif.**  
Operation Manager

**TB Task Grp.**

Magnets

Pwr.Supply  
& Cooling

Target &  
Collimators

Shield

Geometry

Survey

Liaison w/FTBF

Ctrl Room

**CP Task Grp.**

Cryo-plant

Filters

Gas Analyzers

SlowCtrl (P,T,lev)

Trigger/DAQ  
Coordinator

**Beam Detectors**  
Operation Manager

**BDet Task Grp.**

FTBF-counters

Veto-counters

Cherenkov

CR $\mu$ -counters

**LAr Detector**

(inside cryostat)  
Operation Manager

(outside cryostat)  
Operation Manager

**LArDet.  
Task Grp. 1**

TPC

Cold Electronics

Scint.Light System

Det. Calibration

**LArDet.  
Task Grp. 2**

HV

LV

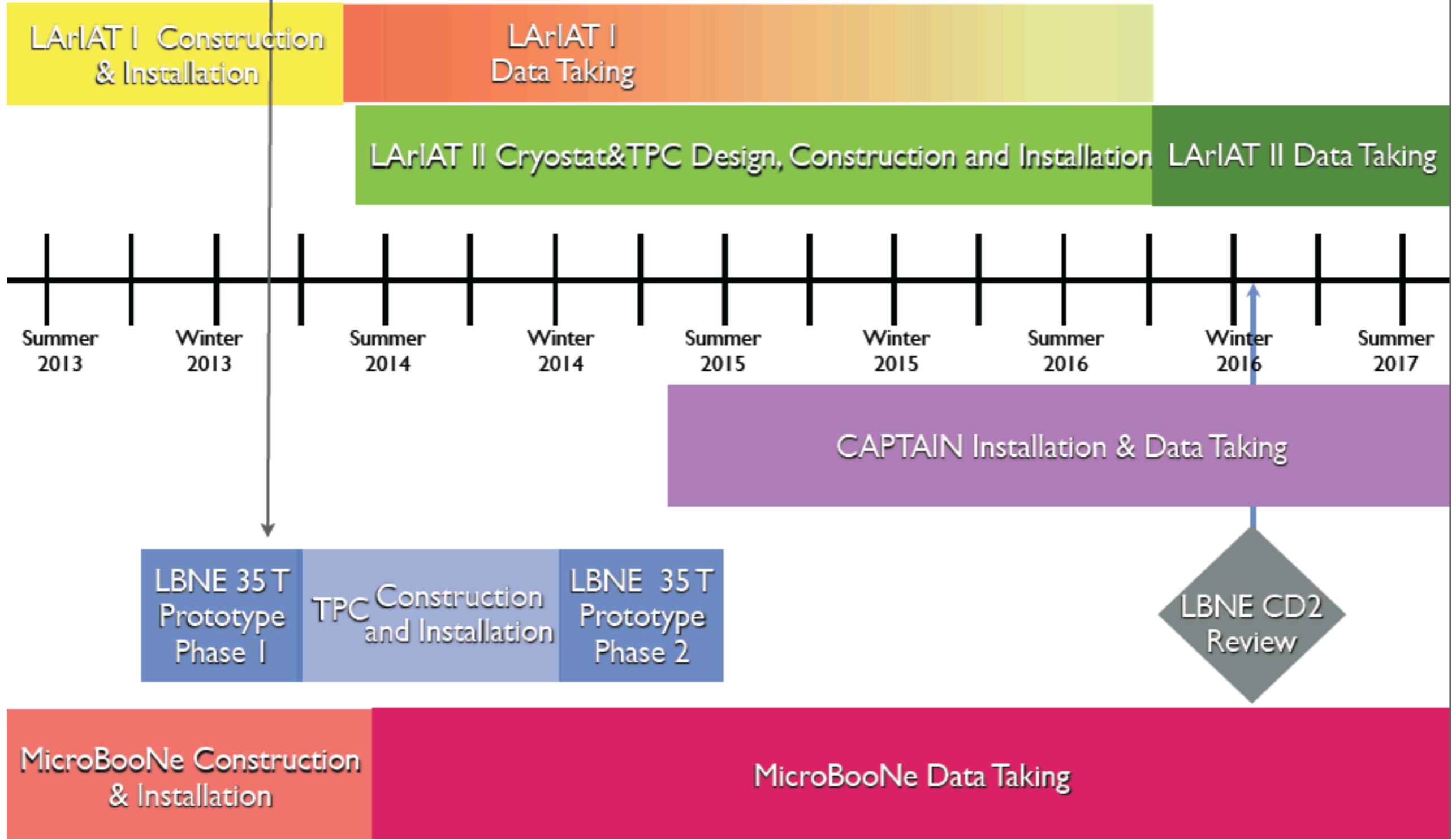
Cabling

DAQ

we're here

# R&D's at FNAL (+ $\mu$ B): Timeline

LAPD + LongBO



# SUMMARY

- FNAL review (Dec.12-Jan.13) concluded:  
*“a very worthwhile investment”*
- LARIAT is a well established, major component of the LAr R&D program in US
- Wide support in the LAr community
- Well aligned with MicroBooNE and LBNE
- Strong support from FNAL permitted the realization of the LAr Facility at FTBF (*ready for Phase-1 and Phase-2*)
  - *LAr Cryogenic/Purification System*
  - New flexible DAQ system for LArTPC
- DOE/Yale funding & Significant in-kind contributions from Labs and University Groups permitted detector realization (Phase-1)

# CONCLUSIONS

- LARIAT will create a new cadre of experimenters with deep experience in LArTPC technology: **Training of (young) physicists during extended beam operation and real data analysis is an invaluable add-on in view of future Short & Long Baseline/Underground LArTPC experiments**
- Short Term: Augments investment in MicroBooNE
  - Controlled testbeam conditions buttress MicroBooNE findings
- **Longer Term: LBNE will profit from higher confidence in the estimate of signal to background separation from MC simulations, and later on from data analysis**
- Data and conclusions available to global LArTPC community
- International – worldwide – collaboration (*few new grp.s are welcome..*)

*Long history of test beam exposures prior to major experiments shows this is the right thing to do.*

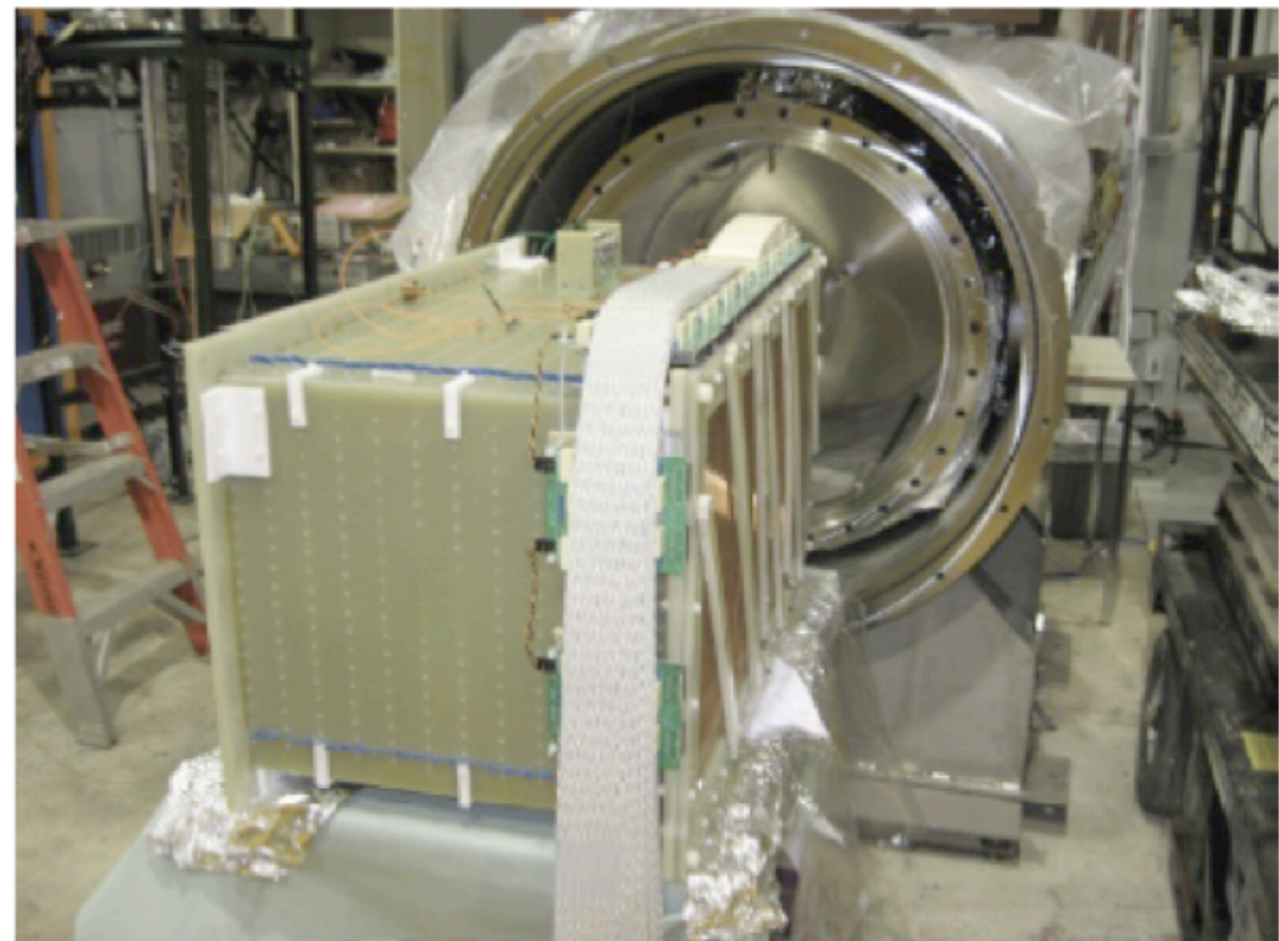
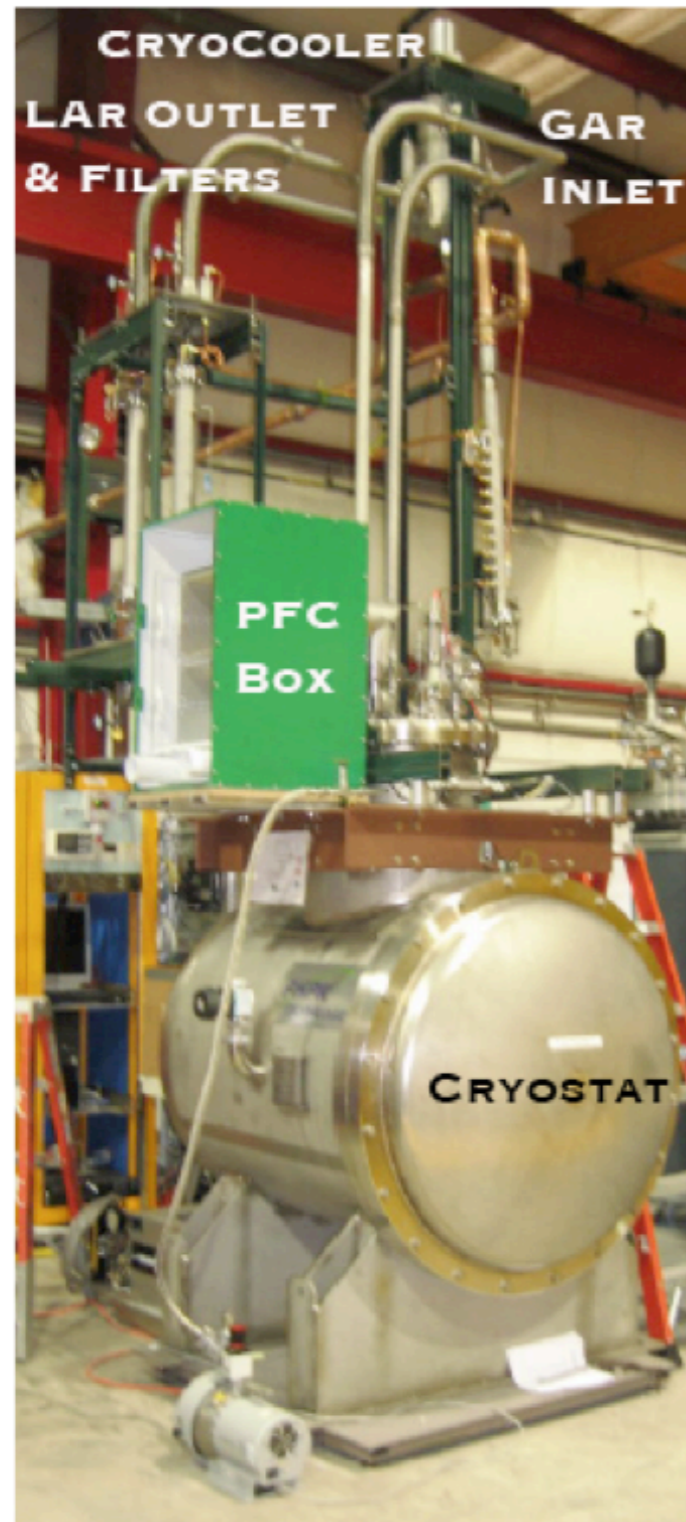
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# LAR TPC

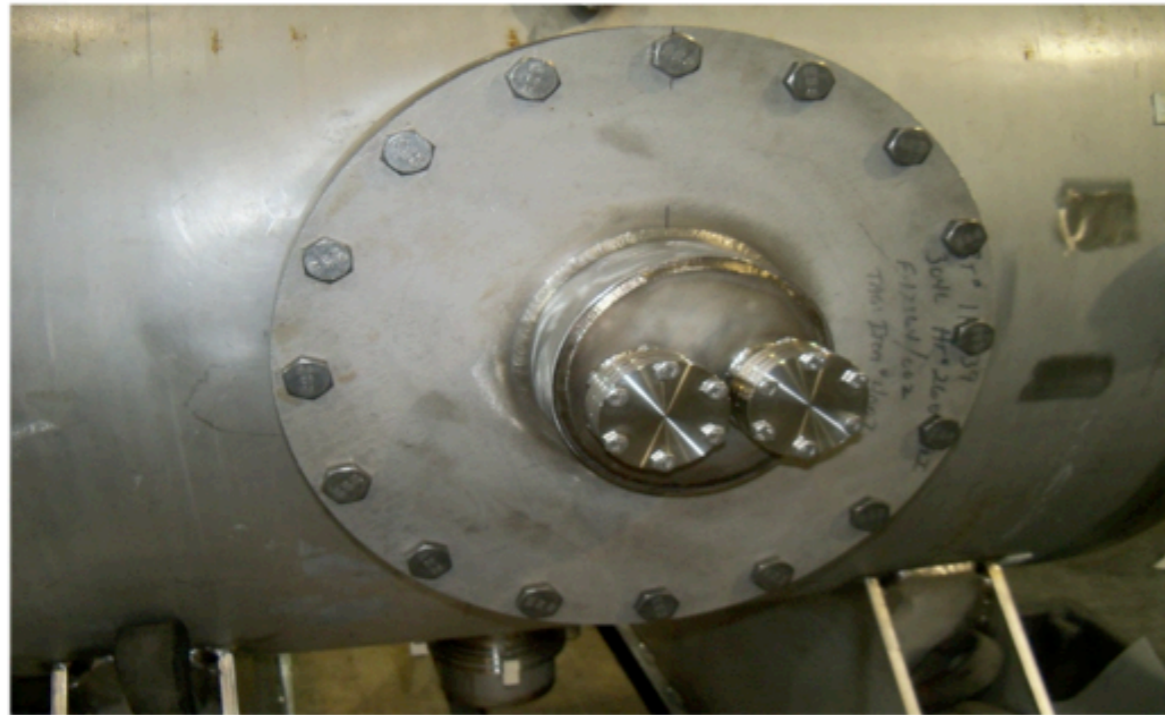
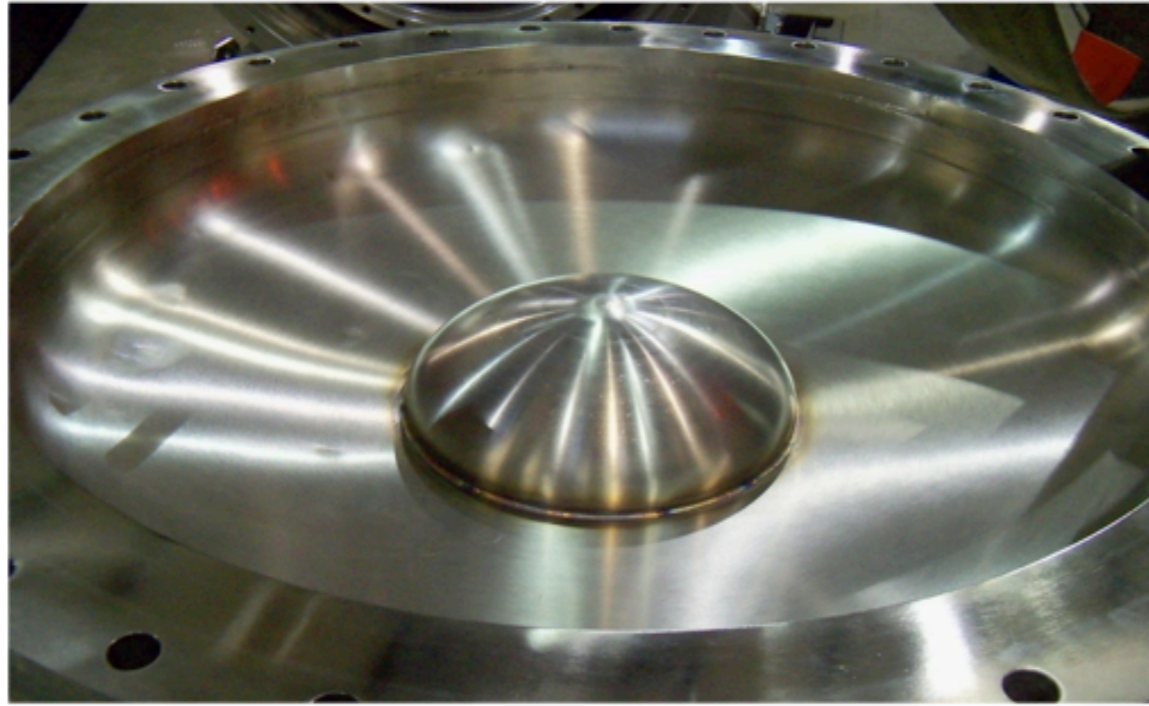


Capitalize on ArgoNeuT effort and infrastructure

**Leverages initial investment**



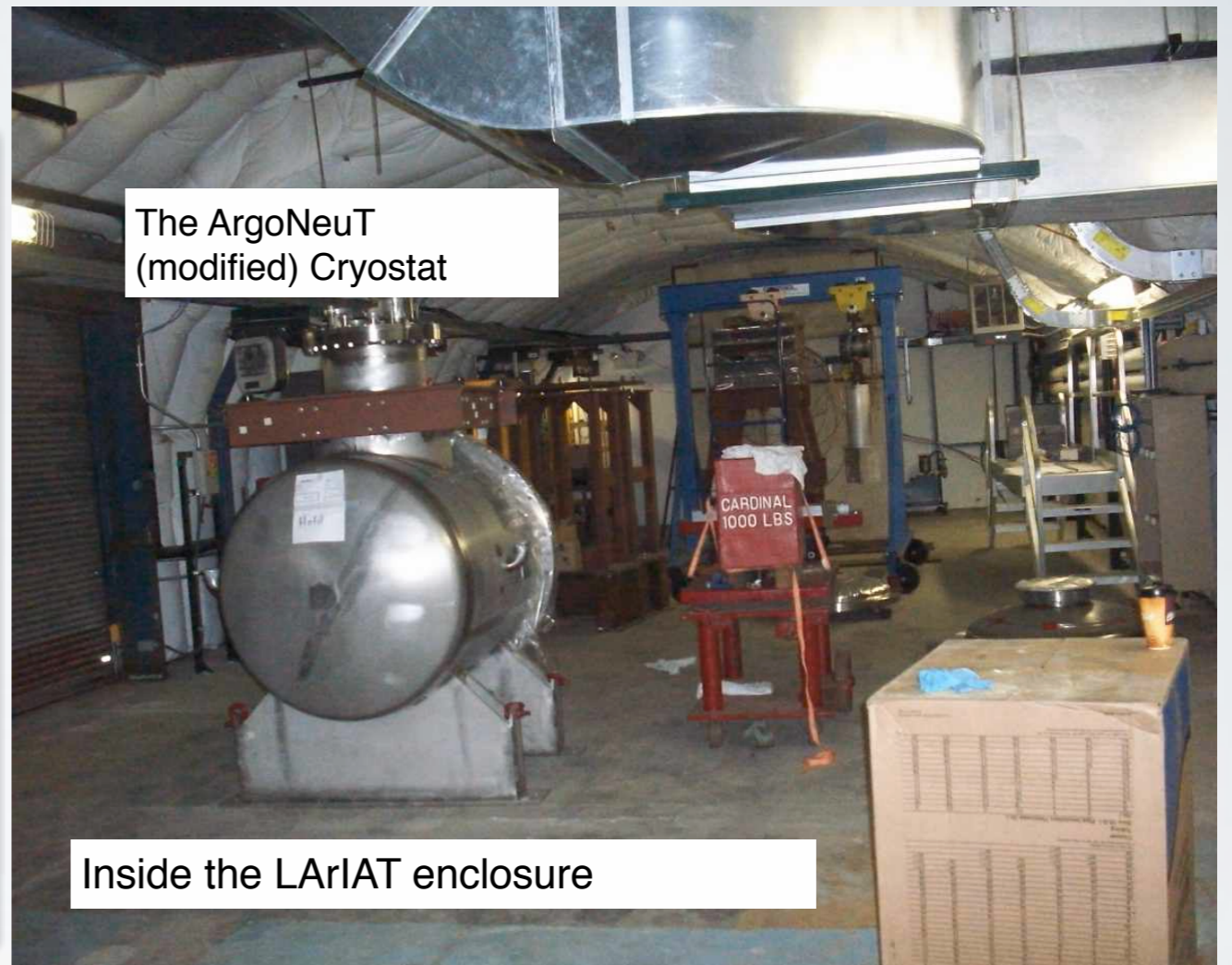
# CRYOSTAT MODIFICATIONS



# FTBF (Meson Hall at FNAL)

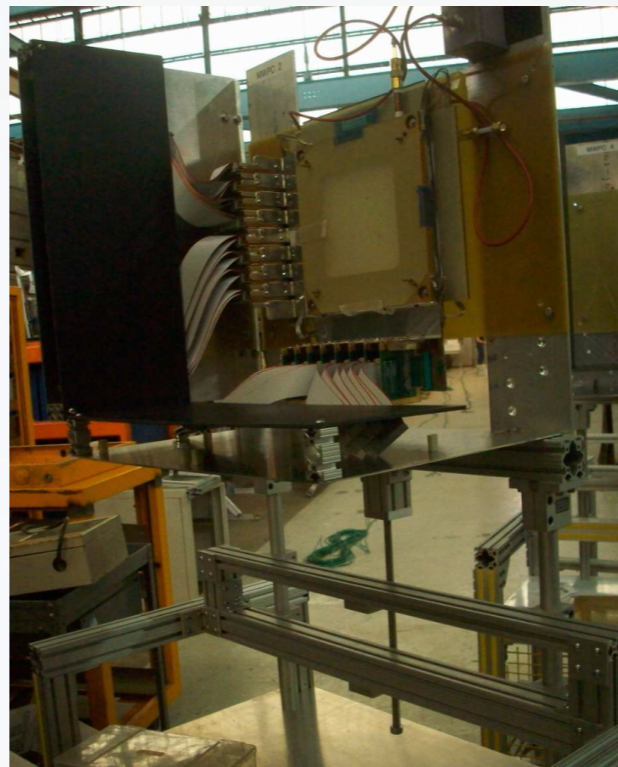


LArIAT Enclosure



The ArgonNeuT (modified) Cryostat

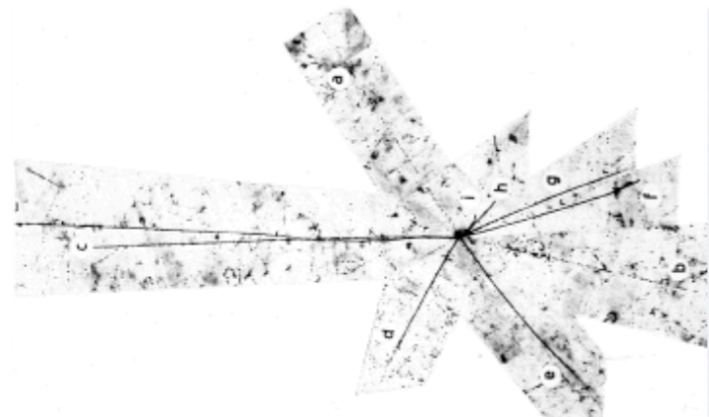
Inside the LArIAT enclosure





# STUDY NUCLEAR EFFECTS

- Nuclear effects are always an unknown for neutrino experiments
- Study fixed  $q^2$  (t) transfer to nucleus by:
  - Elastic scattering
  - Quasielastic scattering
  - Antiproton annihilation (n-nbar oscillation - LBNE UnderGround)



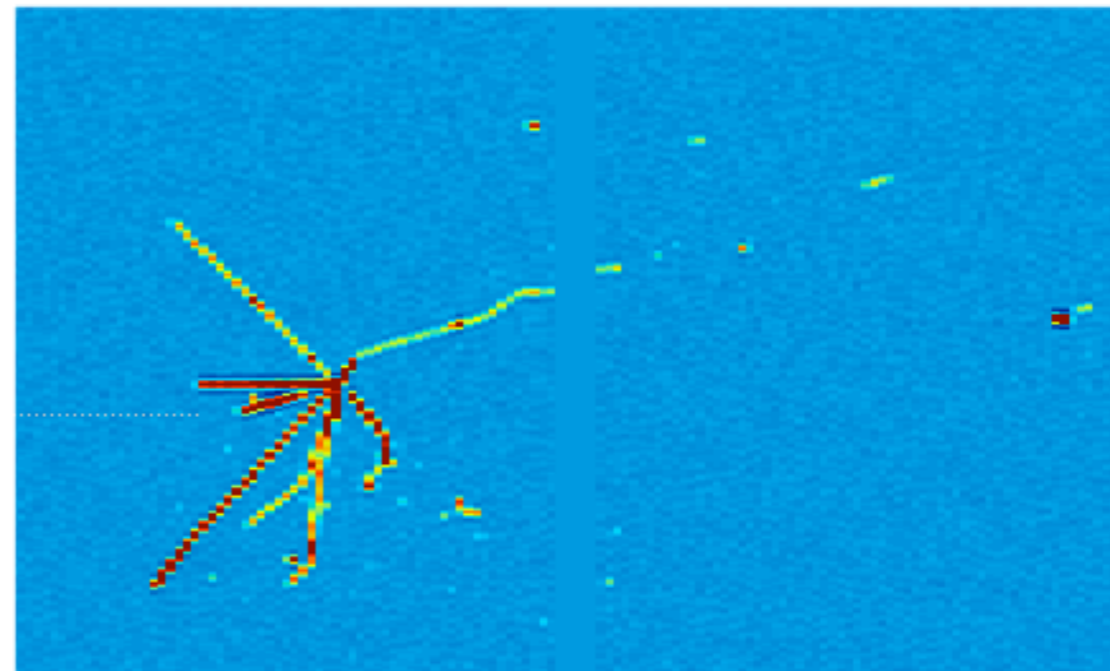
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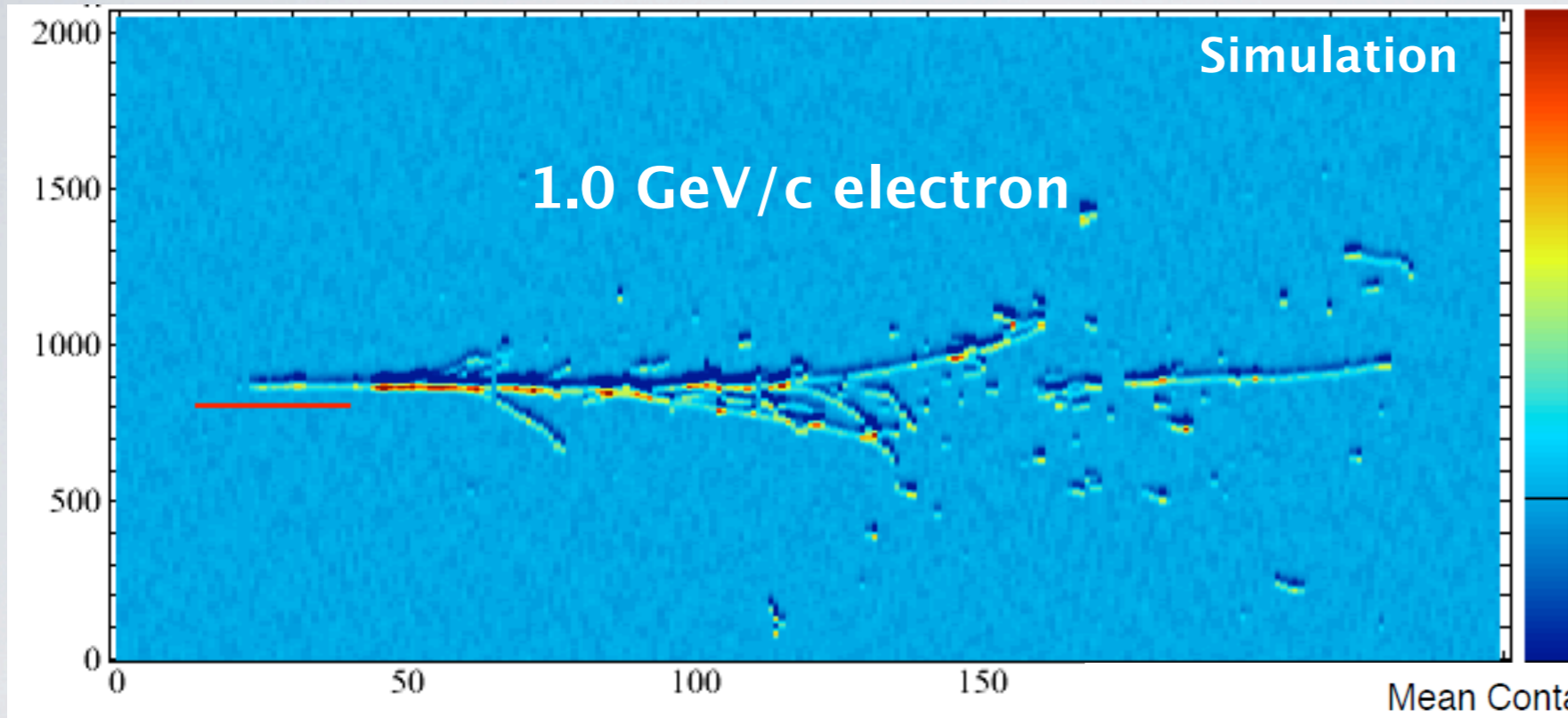
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## Simulation of Antiproton Star in LAr

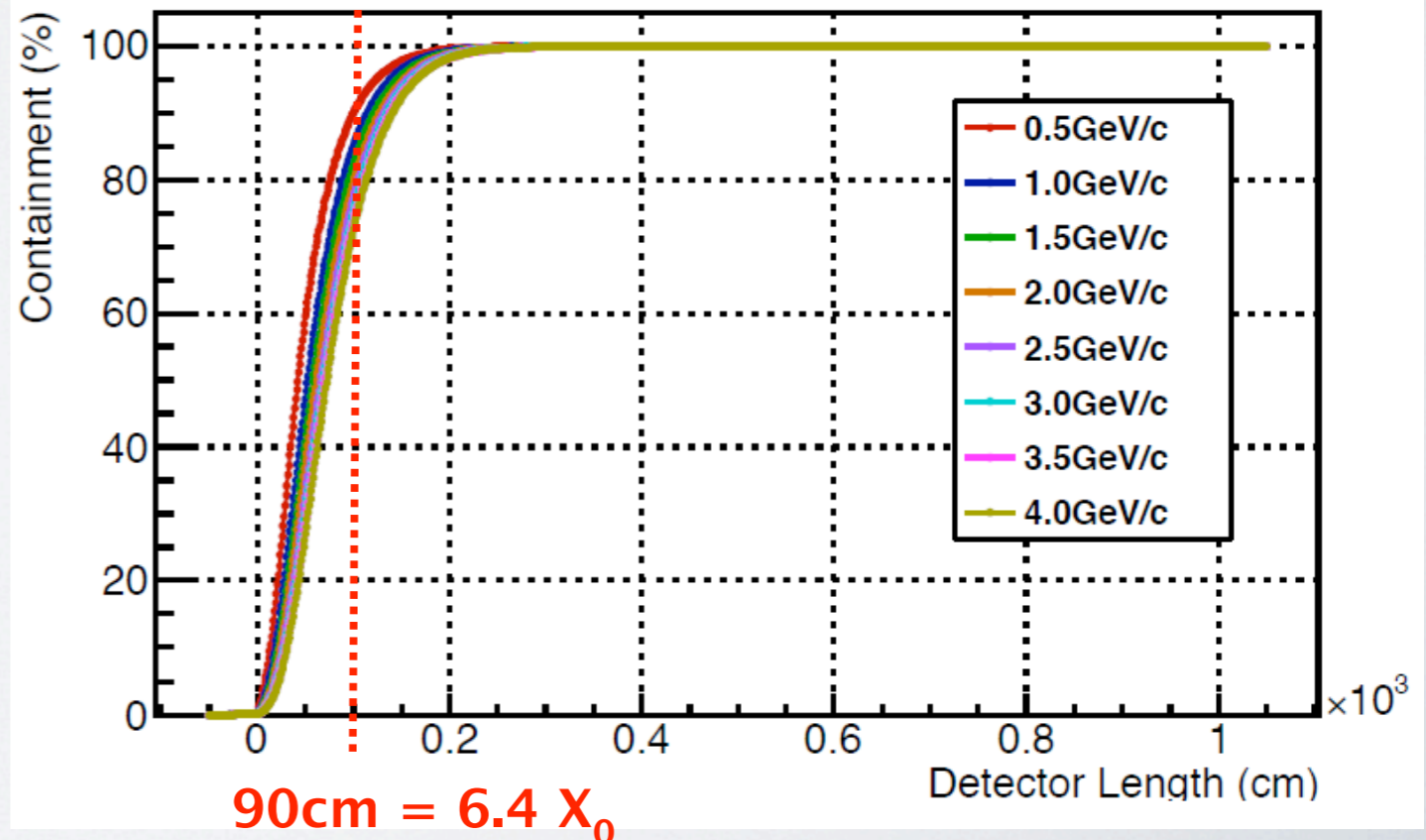


# ENERGY MEASUREMENTS

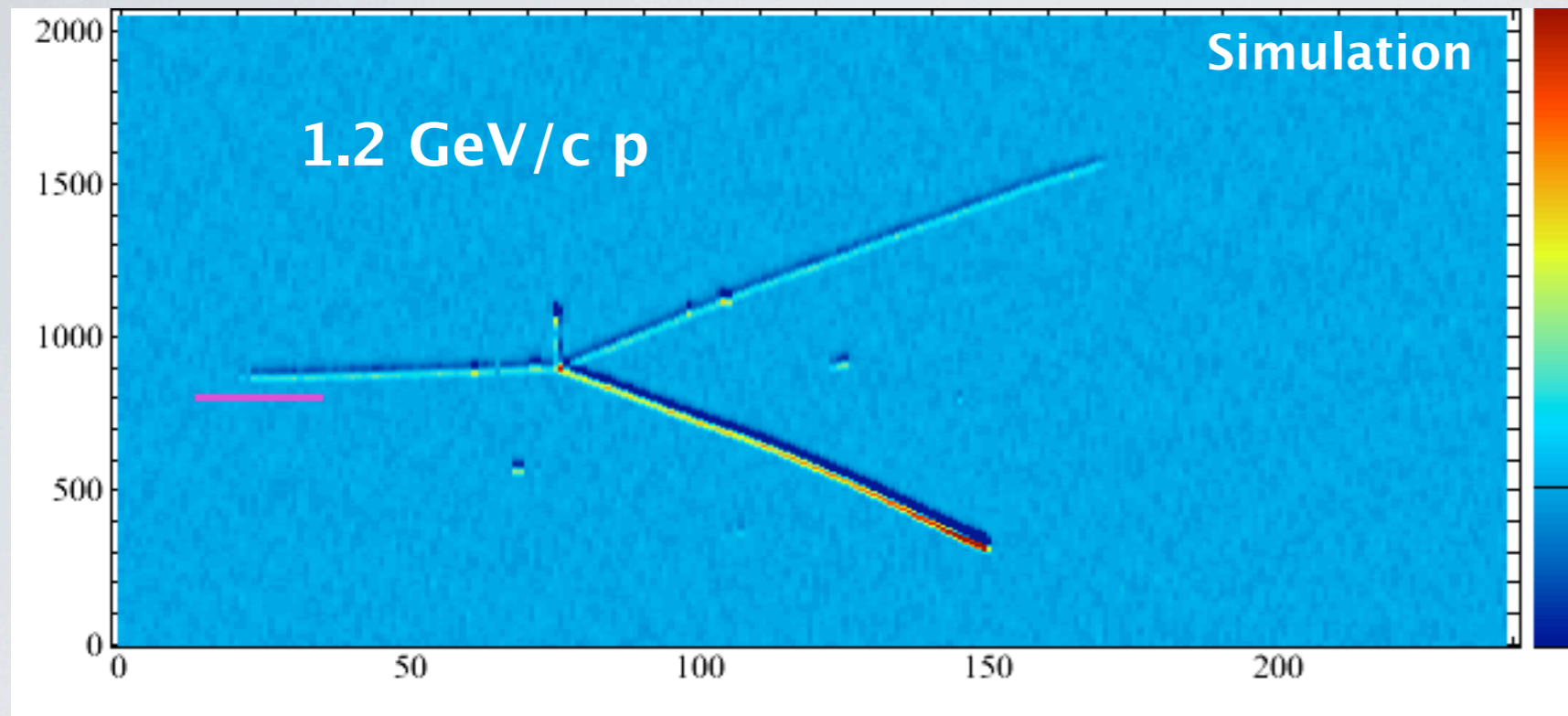


**Benchmark MC**

Electrons  
 ~85% containment  
 for  $p < 1 \text{ GeV}/c$   
Stopping range  
 protons  $p < 1 \text{ GeV}/c$



# HADRONIC INTERACTIONS



- $\sigma_{\text{REACTION}}$  seems doable.
- Motivation: FSI, reco. syst., calorimetry (study shower beginning)
- Naively, poor containment. Can one do better by incorporating topology? EM fraction?

# PION CONTAINMENT

