# First observation of tracks in protoDUNE

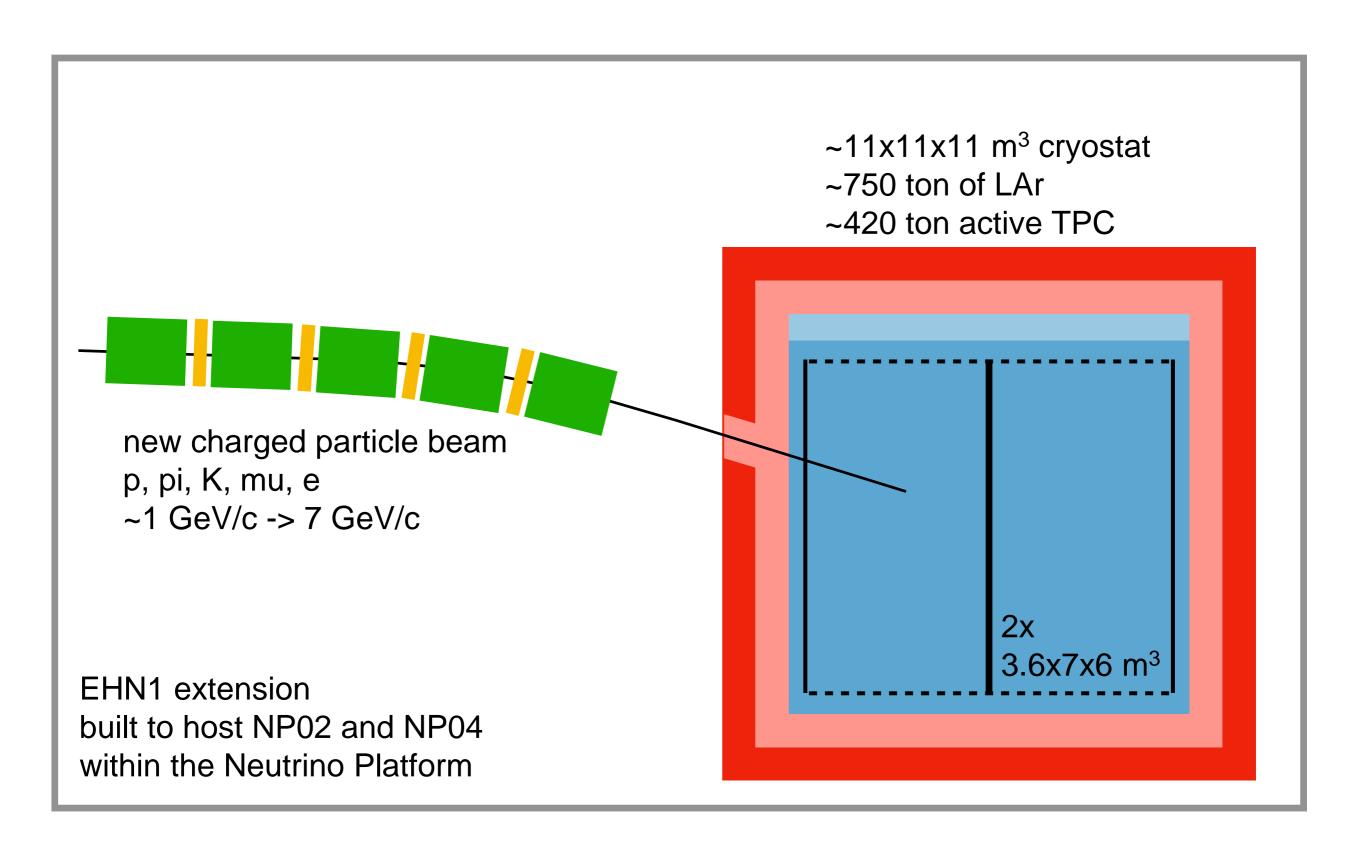
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# Why ProtoDUNE

ICARUS: the largest LAr TPC ever built and operated till now. Several **new challenges** to scale from ICARUS to DUNE. Need **prototypes** to develop solutions **scalable** for DUNE:

- R&D on critical aspects, like cryostat, LAr purity, VHV, cold electronics, detector ground isolation, ...
- Test full scale detector elements that will be used in DUNE
- Consolidate installation sequence and test procedures
- Validate long term operation stability
- Perform hadrons argon cross section measurements
- Benchmark reconstruction performance
- Study space charge effects, dQ/dx recombination, low energy calibrations with Michel electrons, ...

#### NP04: ProtoDUNE-SP



# Summer 2016



# Today

Extension of EHN1 building 887 at CERN Prévessin site

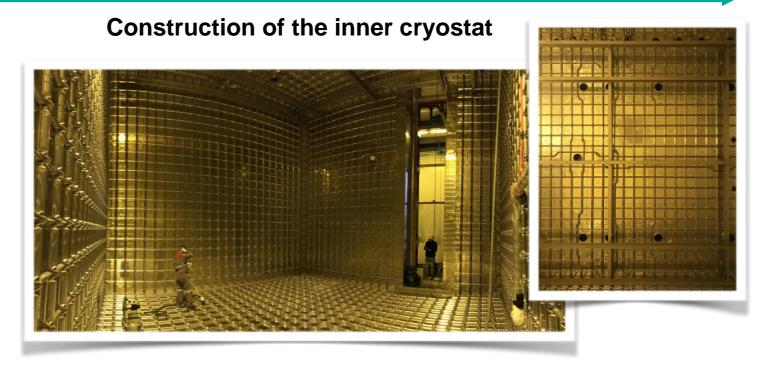


## NP04 timeline

Sep. 2016 Jan 2017 May 2017 Sep. 2017

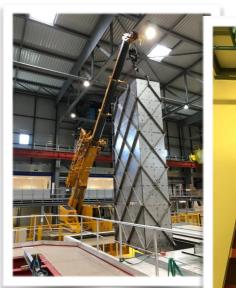
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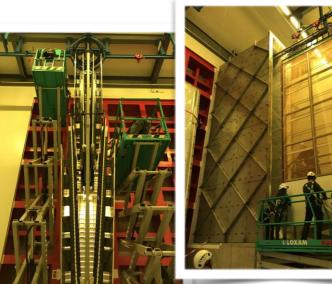




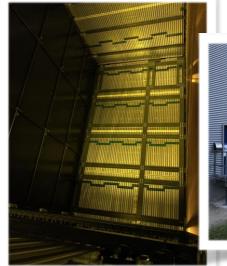
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#### Test and installation of the TPC









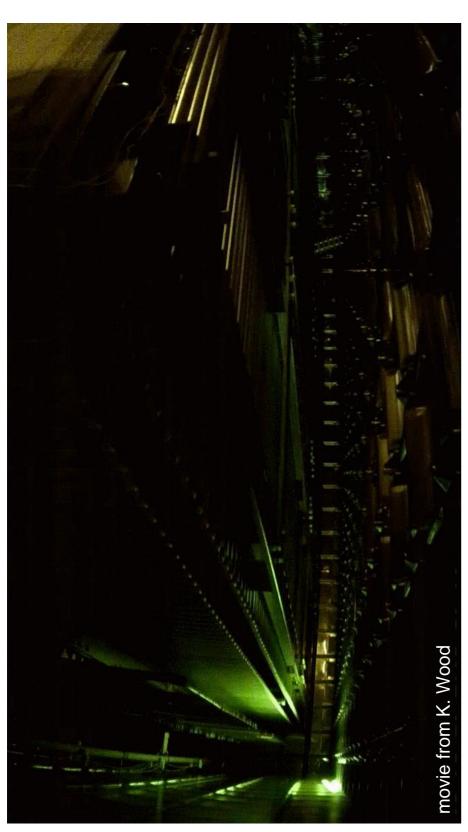


**Beam ready** 

**Purging cooling and filling** 

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# Filling & purification

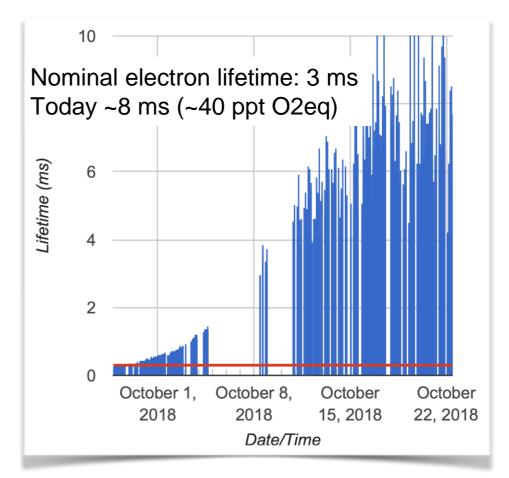


Start filling: August 8th

End of filling: September 13th

About 750 ton of pure liquid argon

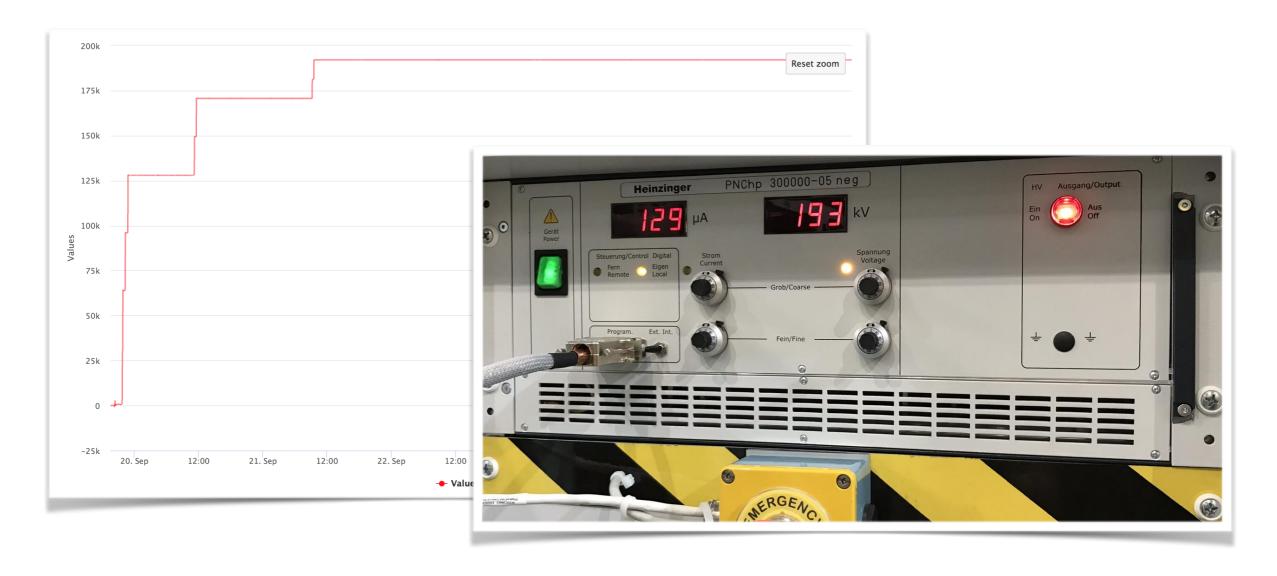
Start purification: 18th September Continuous purification during operation About 7 ton/h constantly purified



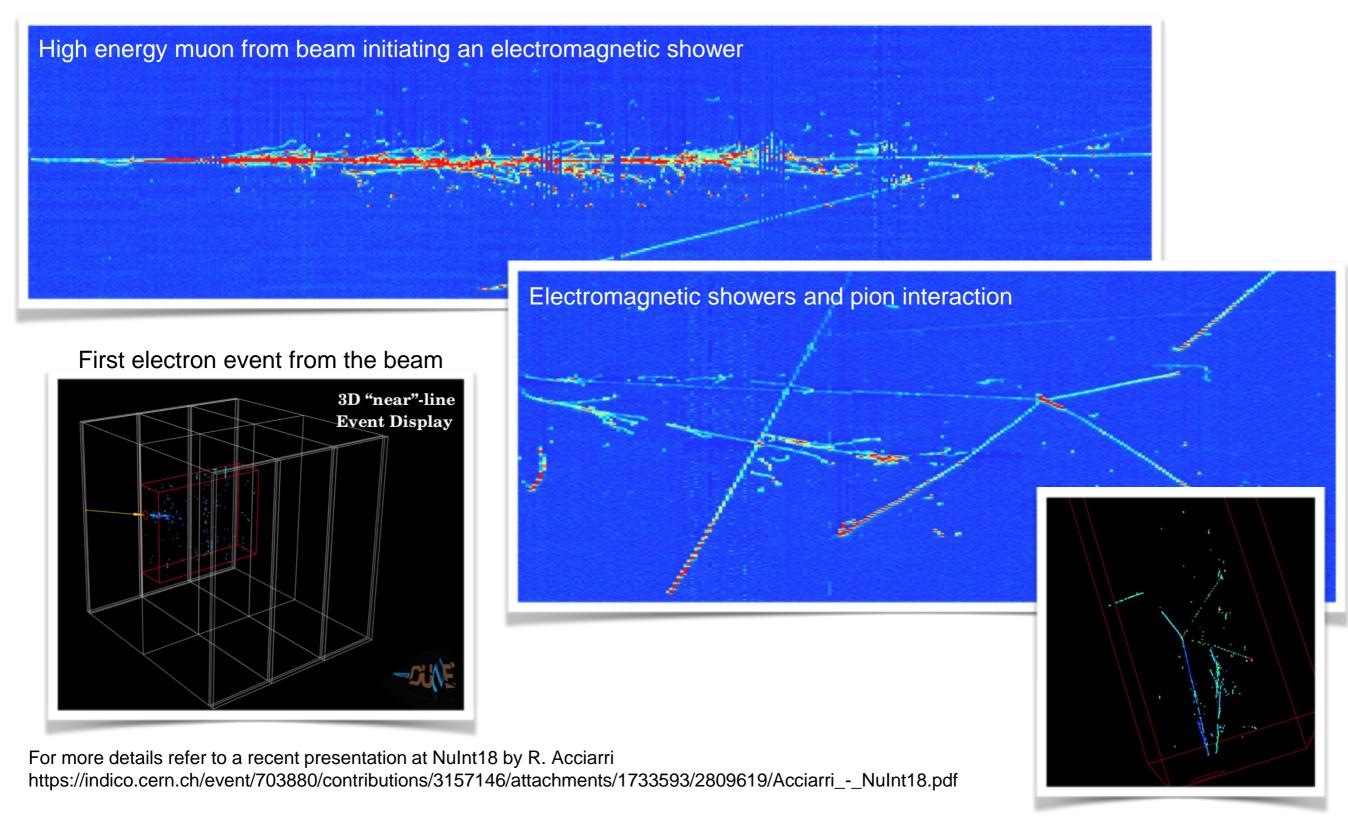
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### Cathode HV

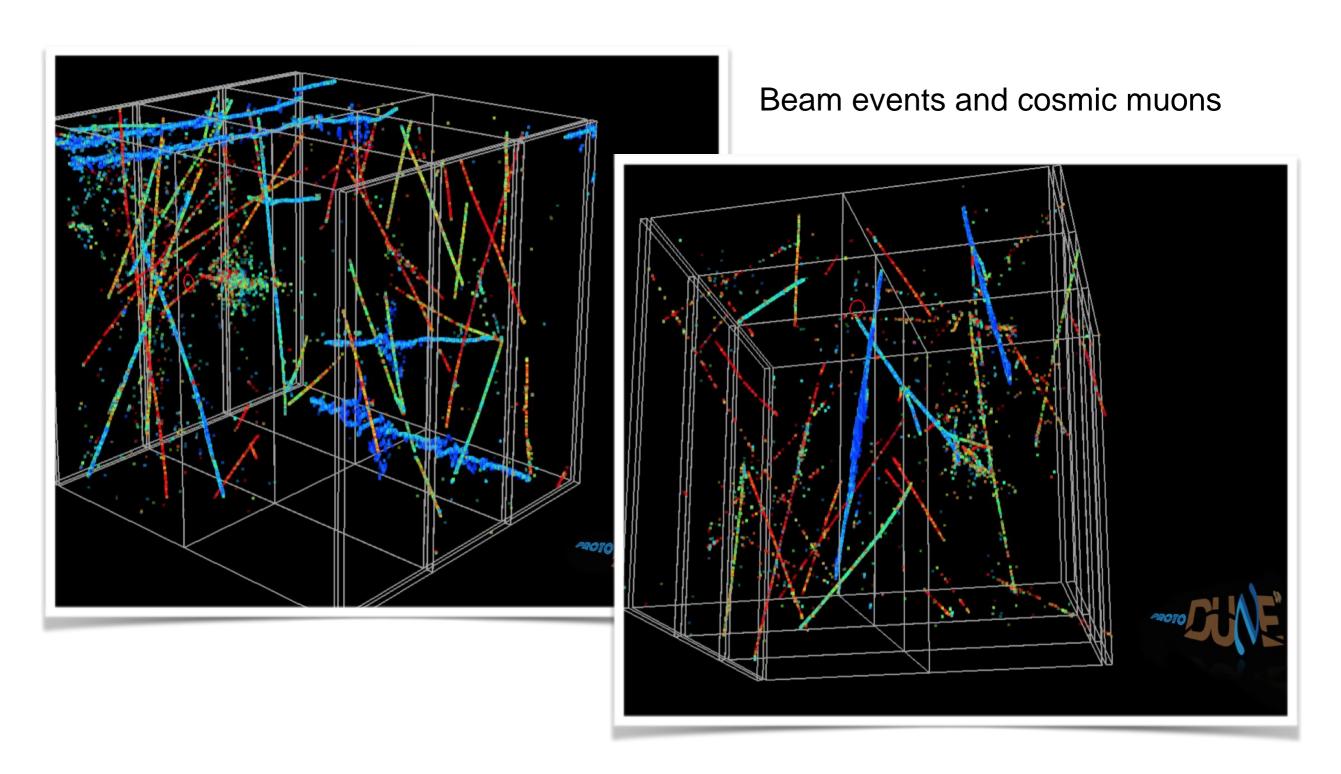
Since 21<sup>st</sup> of September Voltage set to -180 kV at the cathode (-193 kV at the supply) in ultra pure argon with contaminations less than 100 ppt. VHV system does not affect the noise on the cold electronics.



# Some early events

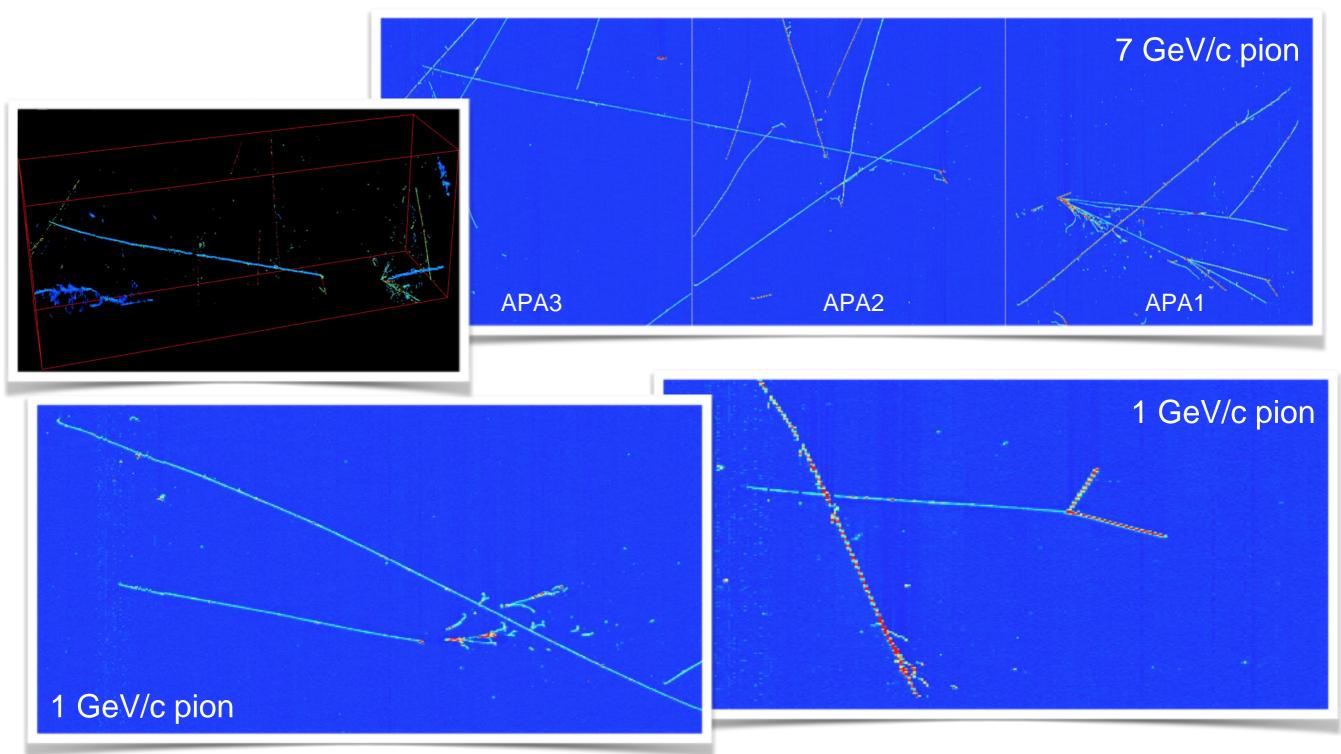


## 3D reconstructions



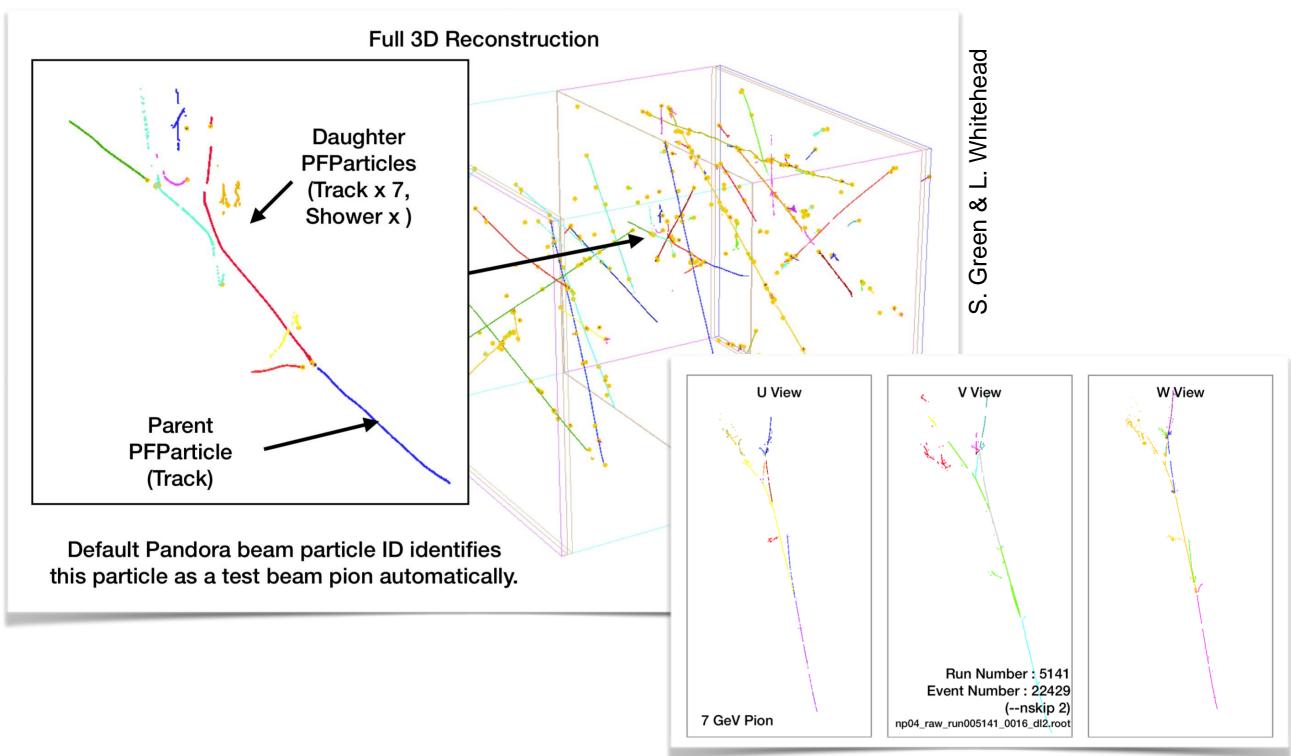
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### Pions from the beam



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#### Pandora on real data



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# Summary

Good quality data taking with sable beam

- @ 1 GeV/c ~280000 pi, + p and e
- @ 7 GeV/c ~290000 pi, 100000 K, + p and e
- @ 2 GeV/c ~180000 pi (ongoing)
- Very stable operation from the cryogenics point of view
- Operating the TPC with the cathode at -180 kV
- Drifting electron lifetime of 8 ms and still improving
- Very good signal to noise and therefore image quality
- 3D reconstruction and analysis on real data ongoing

Several lesson learned till now directly applicable to DUNE More and more to learn while operating the detector