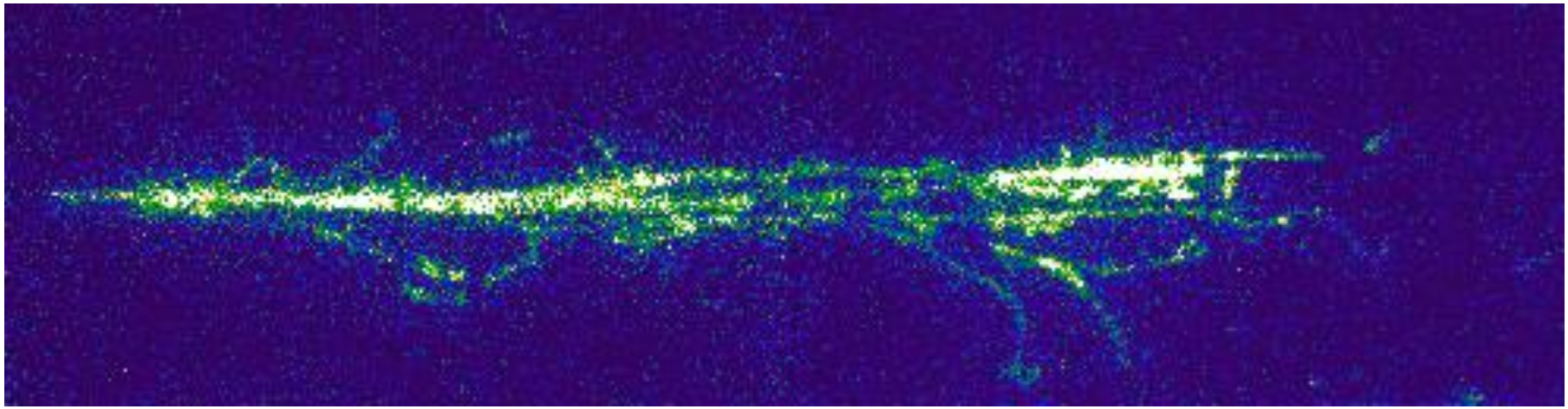
ARIADNE: bringing a game changing optical readout to two phase LAr TPCs



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Outline

- Neutrino Physics outlook and LAr properties
- The ARIADNE Detector
  - Construction at Liverpool
- Operation at CERN T9 beamline with EMCCDs & first results
- ARIADNE upgrade at Liverpool
  - TPX3 camera on ARIADNE
  - Exciting TPX3Cam results in gas CF_4 and LAr
- Future directions and optical TPX3 TPC R&D

Colossal LAr Detectors

Very rich physics program:

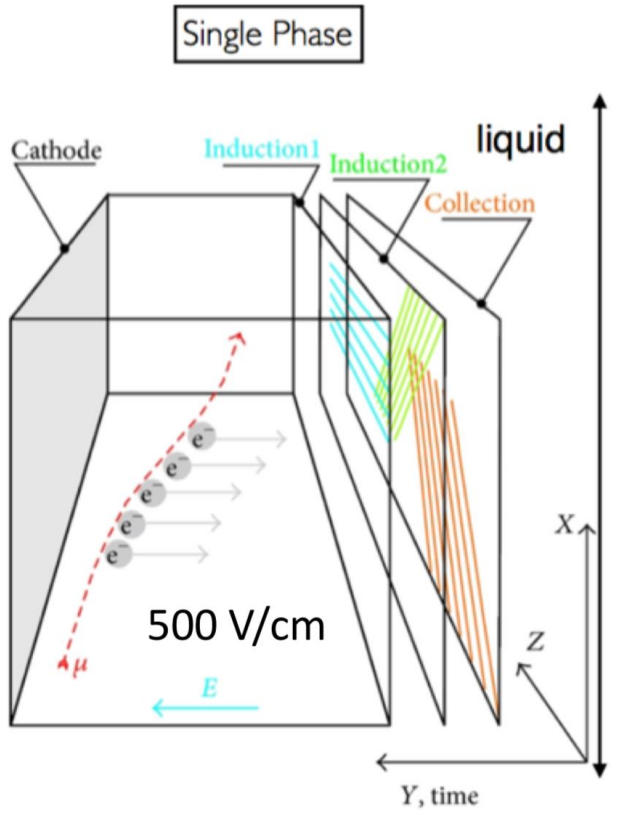
- Neutrino oscillations (DUNE)
  - CP Violation discovery, measurement of δ_{CP}
  - Determination of Mass Hierarchy
  - Test PMNS unitarity (3-neutrino mixing paradigm)
- Neutrino cross sections (DUNE Near Detector, SBN program)

- Proton decay (DUNE Far Detector)
- Supernova & low energy neutrinos (Far Detector)
- BSM (ND, FD)
  - Light DM; Boosted DM; Steriles; non-standard neutrino interactions; CPT violation; neutrino tridents; Large Extra Dimensions; neutrinos from DM annihilation in the sun, …

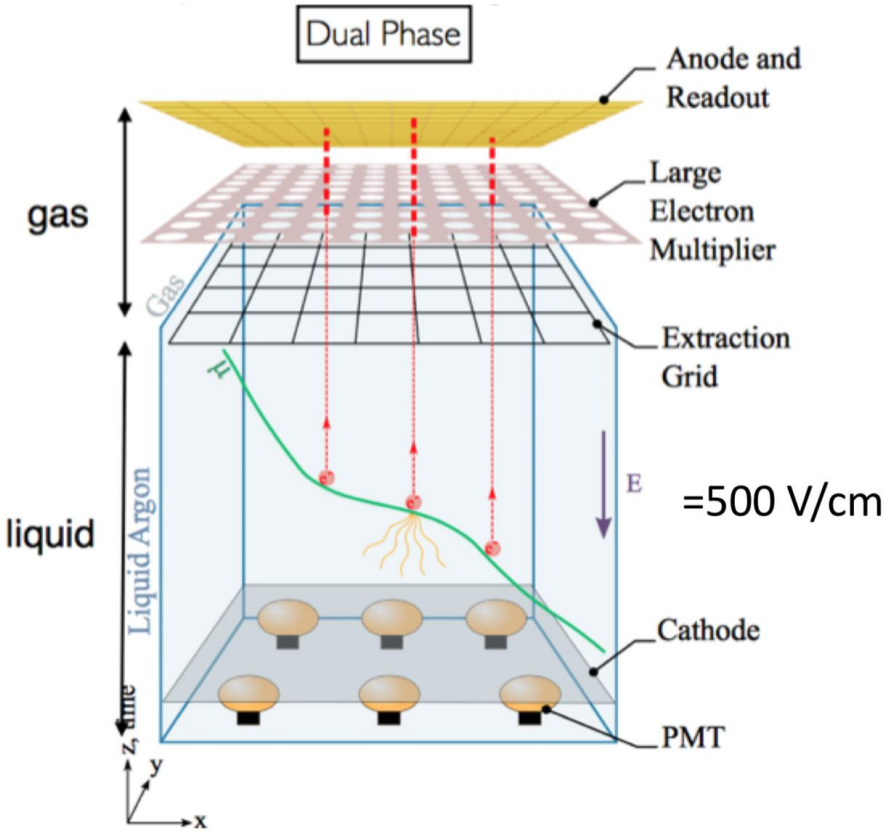
Why Liquid Argon?

- ✓ **Dense**: 40% denser than water
- ✓ **Easy ionization**: 55 000 e^-/cm
- ✓ **High electron lifetime** if purified → long drifts
- ✓ **High light yield**: 40k γ/MeV
- ✓ **Abundant:** ~1% of the atmosphere
- ✓ **Cheap**: $2/L ($3000/L for Xe, $500/L for Ne)

Two LAr Technology Options



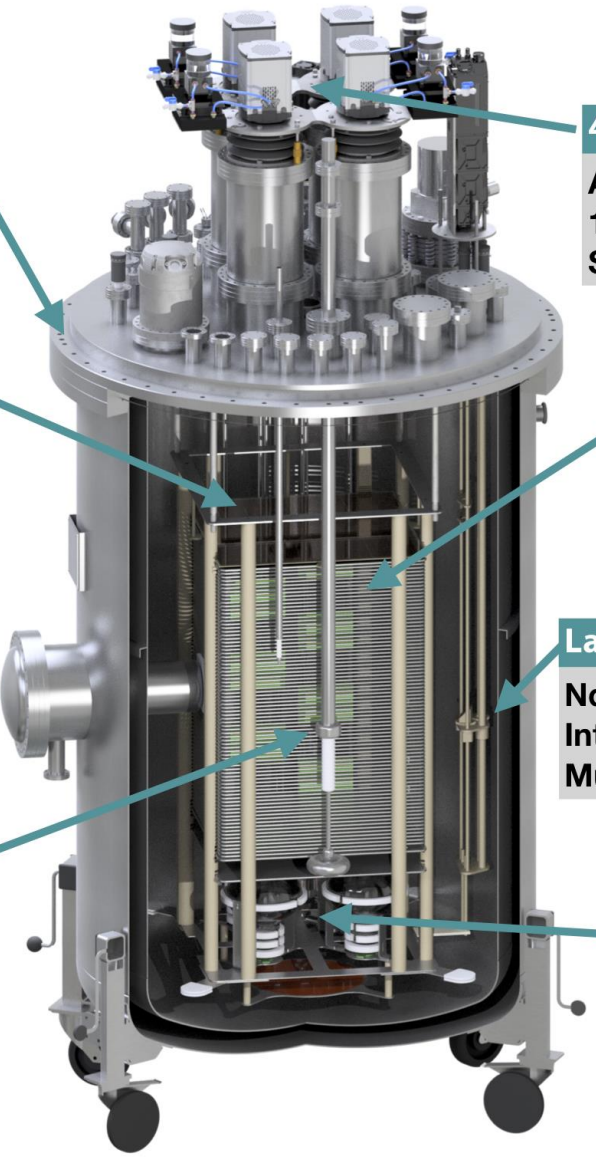
- Ionization charges drift horizontally and are read out with wires
- No signal amplification in liquid
- 3.6 m maximum drift
- Read out by APAs



- Ionization charges drift vertically and are read out on PCB anode
- Amplification of signal in gas phase by LEM
- 12 m maximum drift
- Access through chimneys on top

ARIADNE

- ERC funded project started 2016
- Two phase detector
- 1500L Cryostat



Cryostat
Vacuum jacketed cryostat and top flange

4x EMCCDs
Andor iXon 888
1024x1024 pixels
Single photon sensitivity

THGEM
54x54cm, 1mm thick FR4, copper coated
500μm hole diameter
800μm hole pitch

Field Cage
80cm x 54cm x 54cm active volume

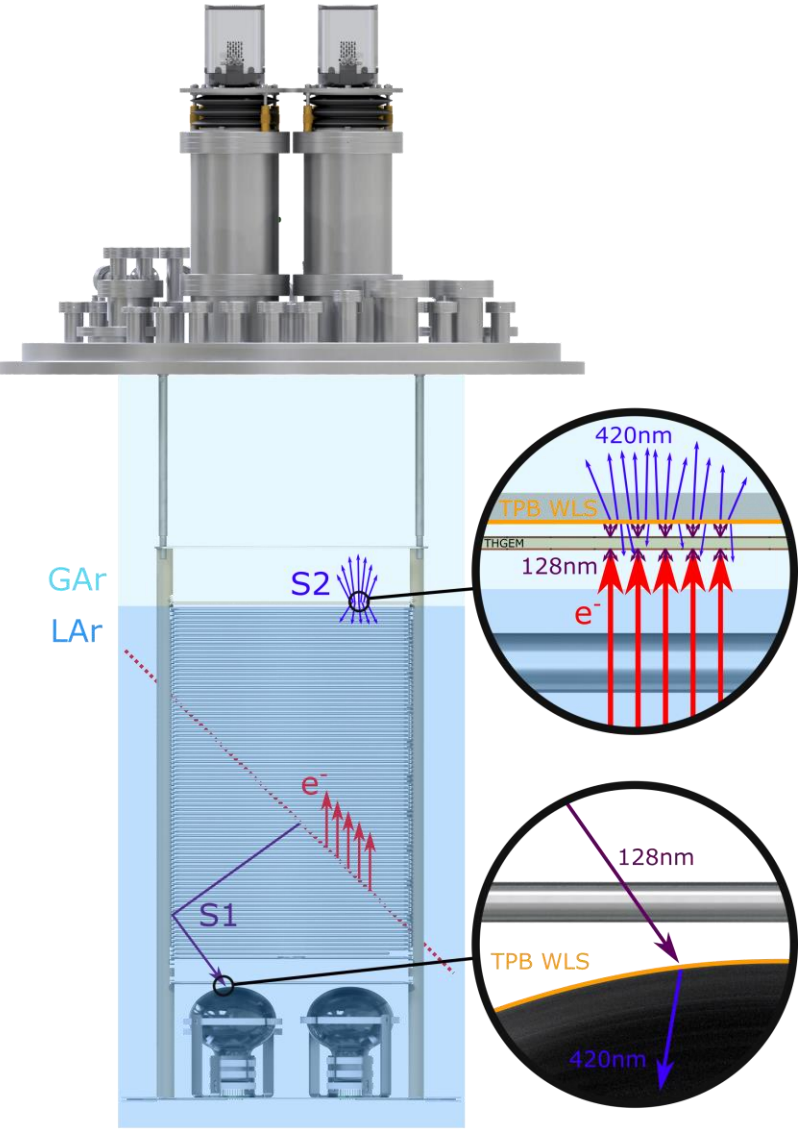
Beam Window
Vacuum with thin steel endcaps to minimise radiation length

Laser Calibration System
Nd:YAG Laser @ 266nm
Internal movable mirror system
Multiple field cage entry points

HV Feedthrough
Cryogenically fitted
Capable of 100kV

4x PMTS
8” Hamamatsu PMTs
TPB WLS coated

Operation & Benefits



ARIADNE - developing optical readout, as an alternative to charge.

- **Two-phases**, Liquid and Gas Argon
- Particles interact with argon creating detectable scintillation light and ionization (charge)

Innovation of ARIADNE:

- **THGEM** in gas phase amplifies drifted charge by up to 100 times
- This creates secondary scintillation light (S2) that we photograph with high sensitivity cameras (EMCCDs or now TPX3)

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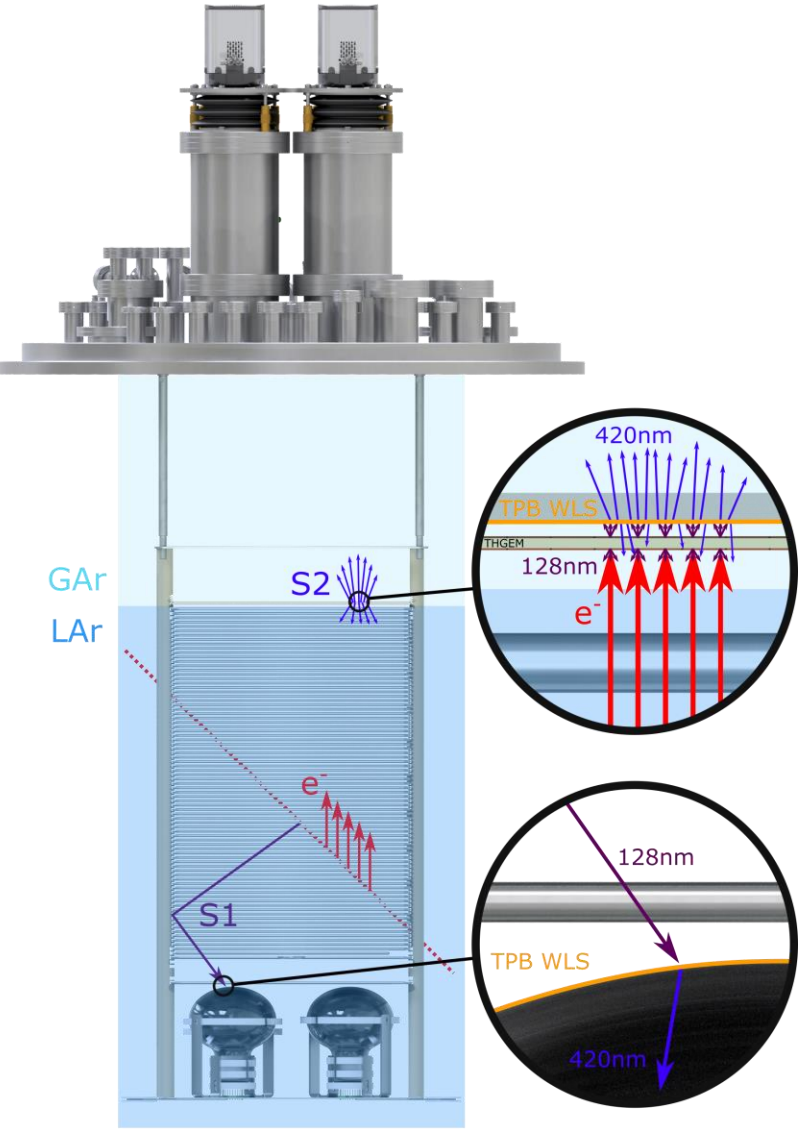
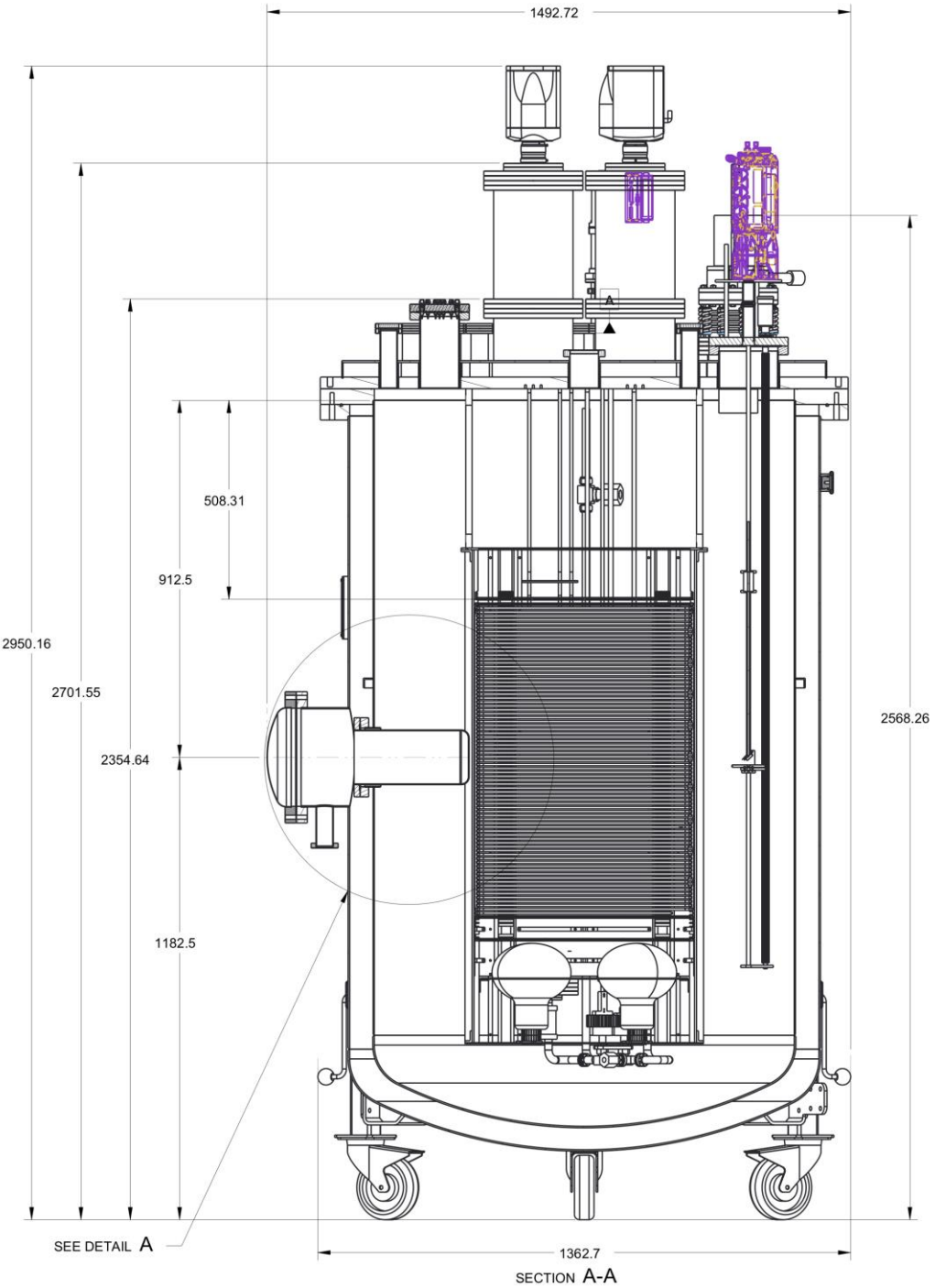


ARIADNE - developing optical readout, as an alternative to charge.

Benefits over previous charge readout techniques:

- **High resolution** — For e.g. an EMCCD sensor is 1024x1024 pixels (run with 4x4 binning ≈ 1mm resolution).
- **Sensitivity to low energies** — gain is generated in the THGEM; cameras can be sensitive to single photons.
- **Very low noise** — Externally mounted cameras are decoupled from TPC electronic noise sources.
- **Ease of access** — Cameras can easily be replaced or upgraded - particularly useful during long-term cryogenic running.
- **Cost efficient** (No need for thousands charge channels used in previous charge readout technology)



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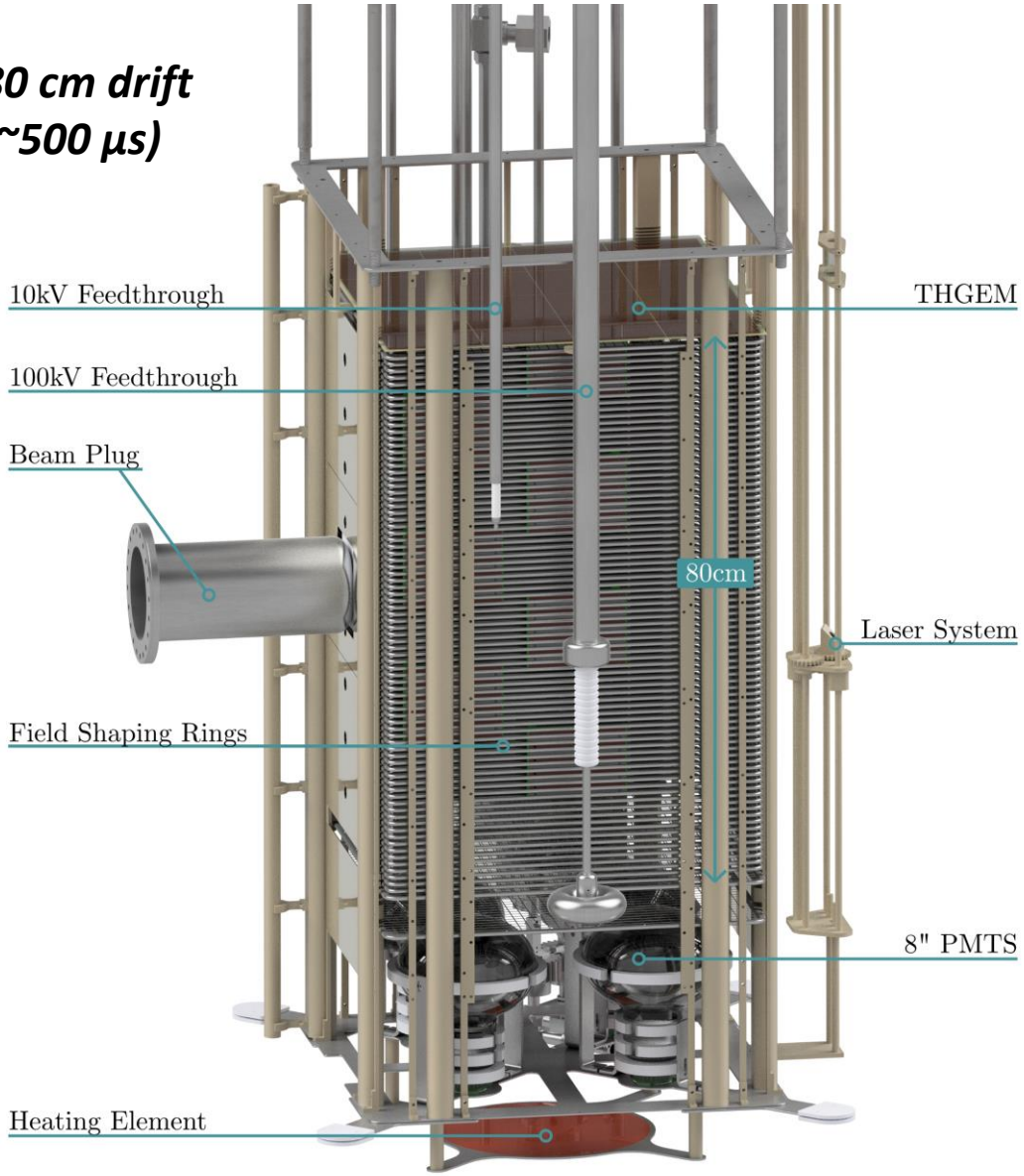
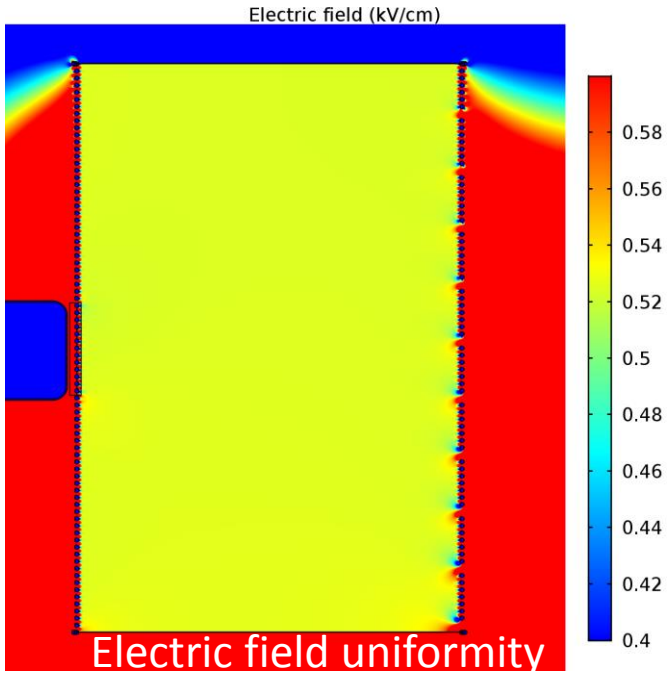
Design & Construction

ARIADNE TPC

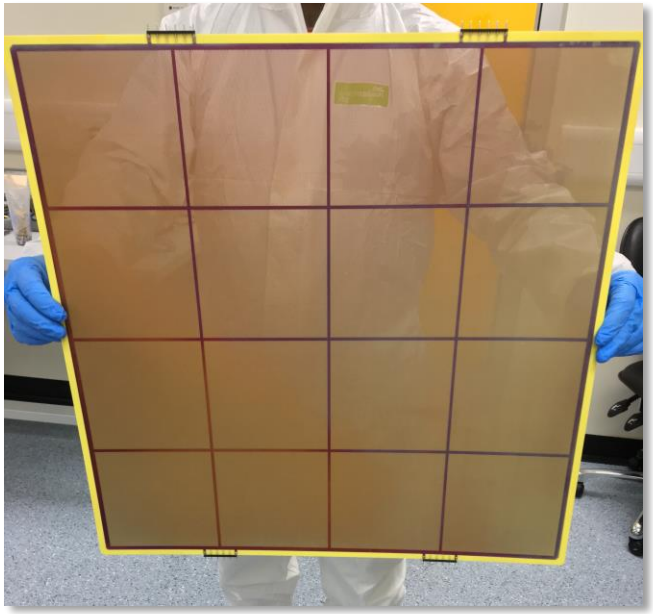
80 cm drift (~500 μs)





ARIADNE THGEM

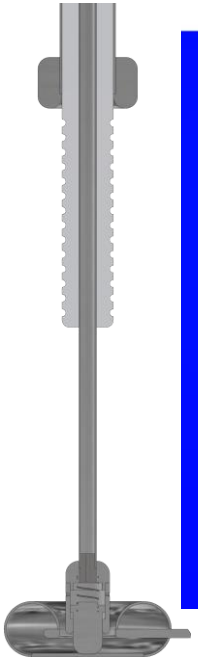
- 54cm x 54cm x 1mm FR4 board
- Copper coating on both faces
- 500µm hole diameter; 800µm hole pitch
- Very strong E-Fields - generally 25-36kV/cm

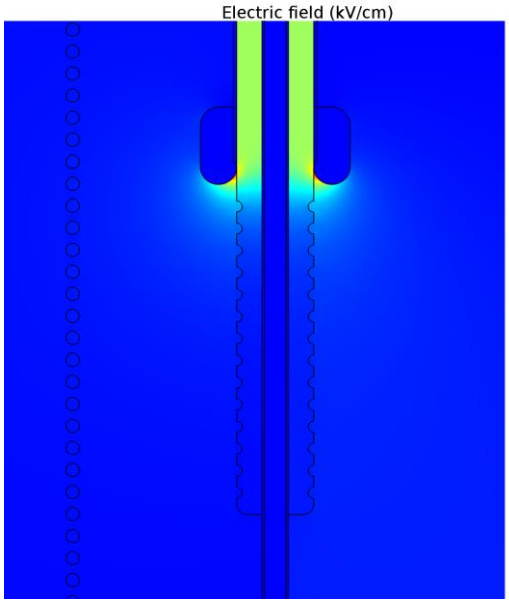


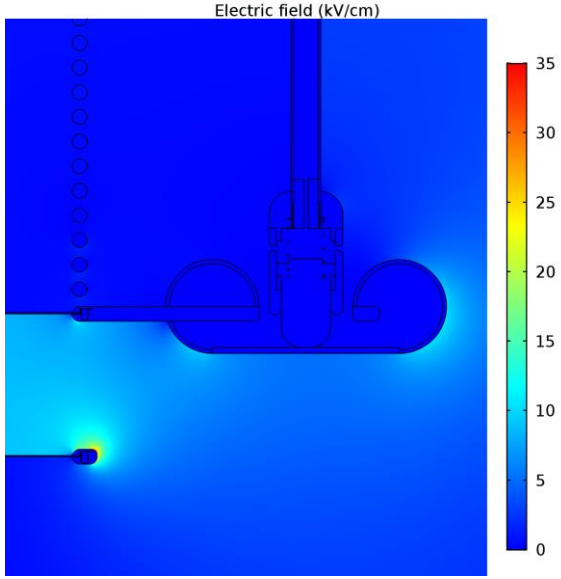
16 pad segmented (originally used)

Monolithic (current)

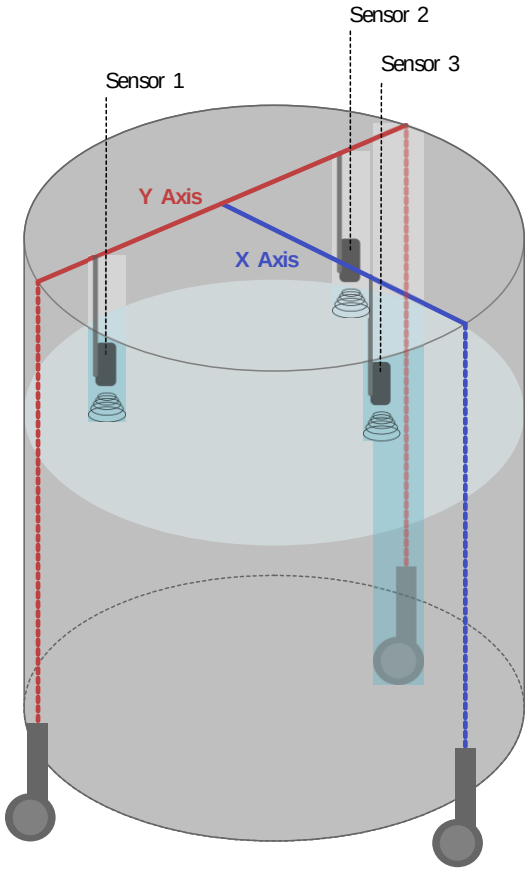
ARIADNE 100kV HV FT





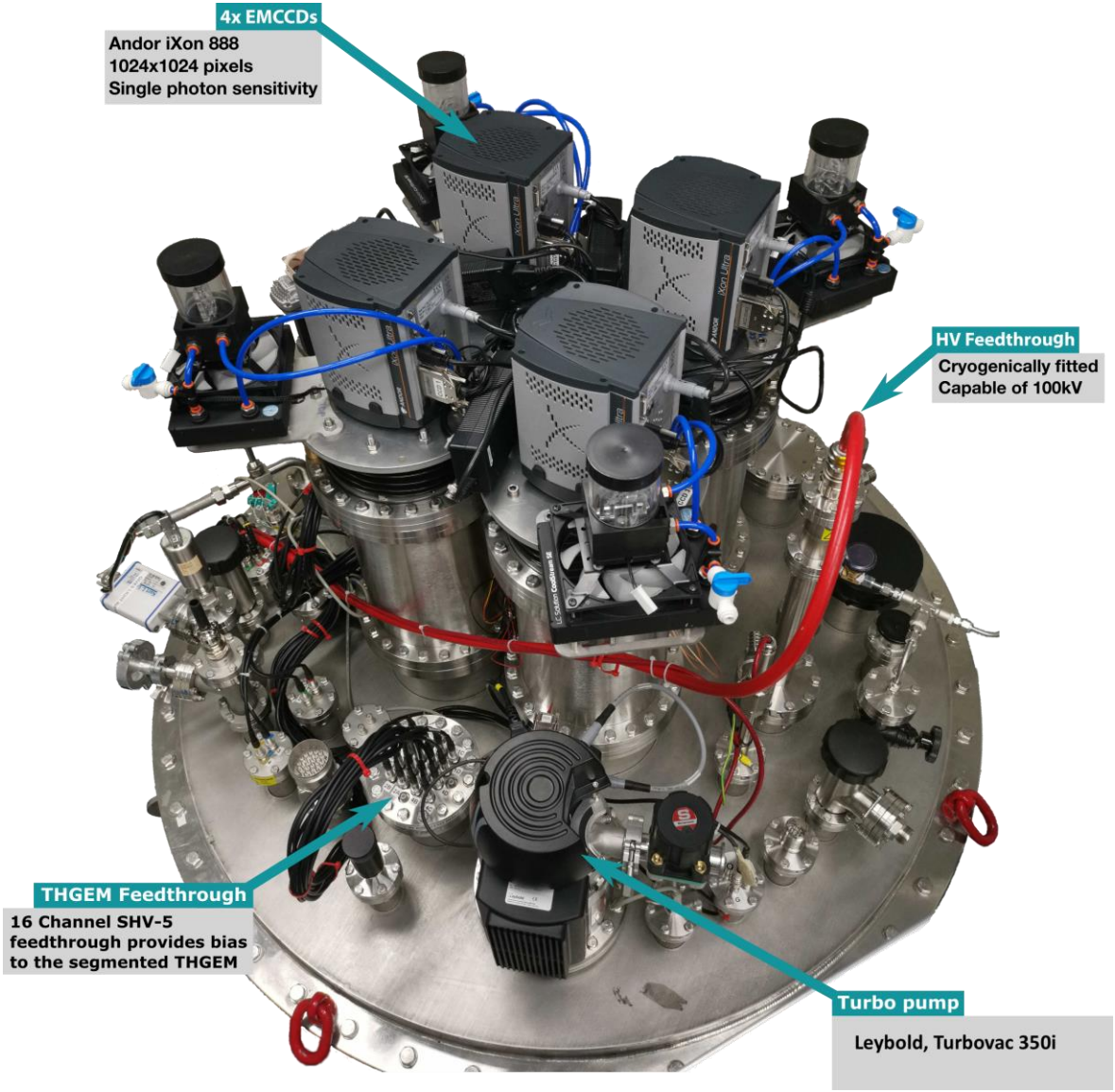


Ultrasonic LAr level sensors

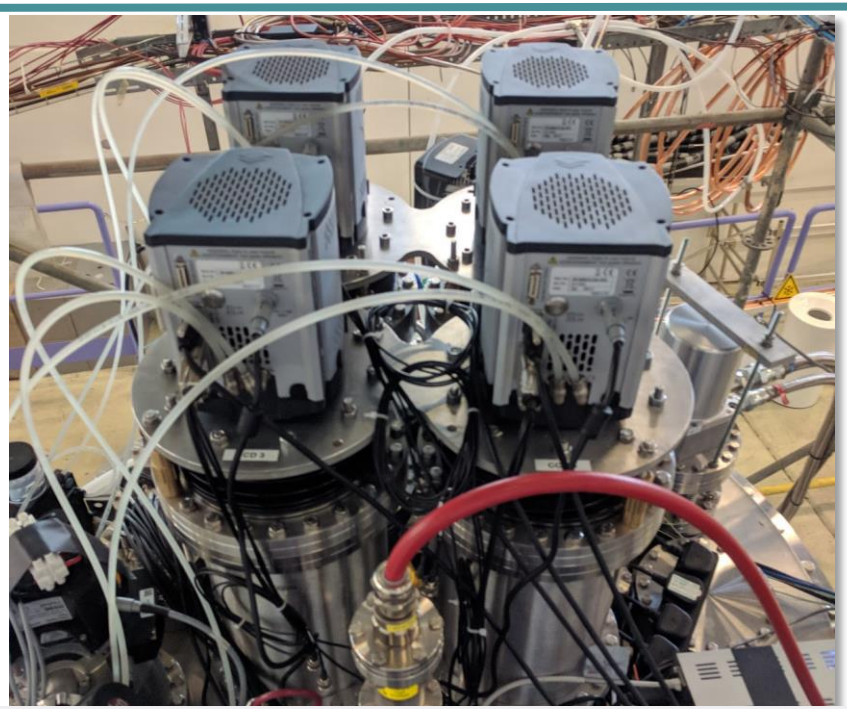


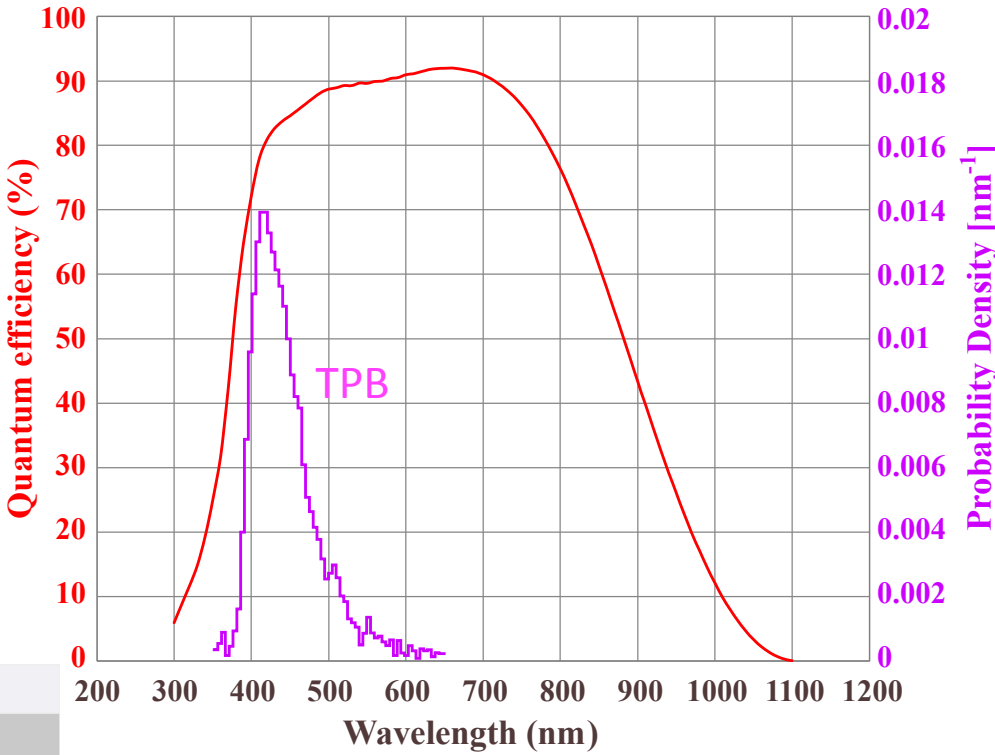
Baumer Ultrasonic Sensor Block,
Analogue, M12 Connector IP67, 500 µm accuracy

ARIADNE Top Flange

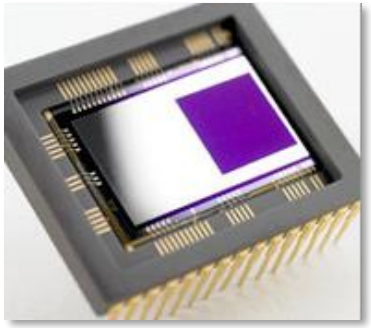


EMCCD Specs



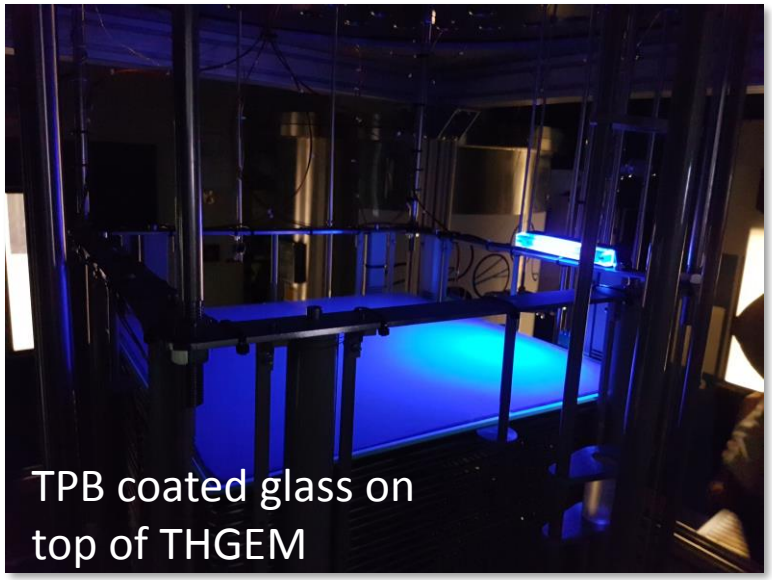


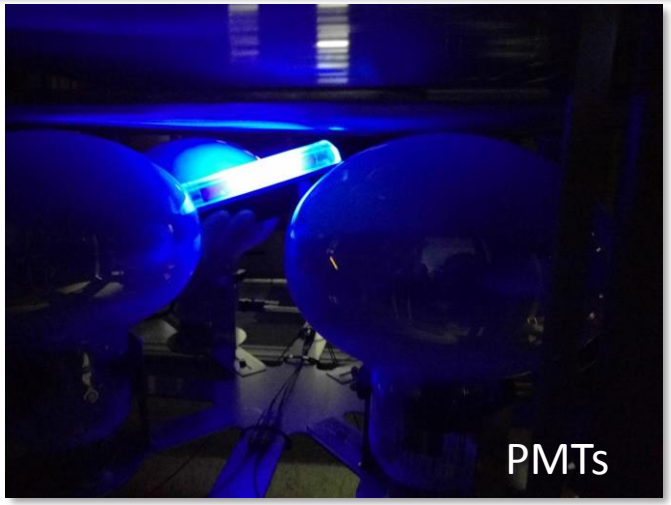
Models	iXon 888
Core attributes	Field of view, sensitivity and speed
Sensor format	1024 x 1024
Sensor diagonal	18.8 mm
QE Options	BV (Life) or BV, EX2, UVB (Ultra)
Pixel Size	13 µm
Frame Rate	26 fps (670 fps with 128 x 128 Crop Mode)
Read Noise	< 1 e- with EM Gain
Pixel well depth	80,000 e-
Interface	USB 3.0



TPB Vacuum Evaporation

Vacuum evaporation chamber capable of coating 55cm x 55cm area

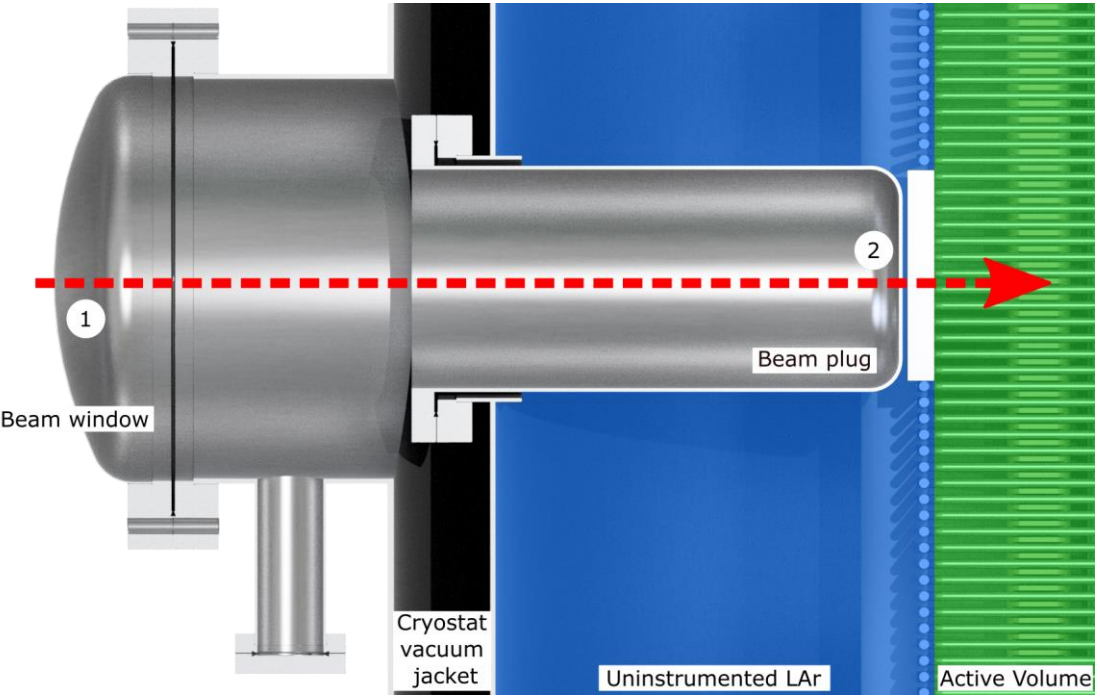




Reflectors

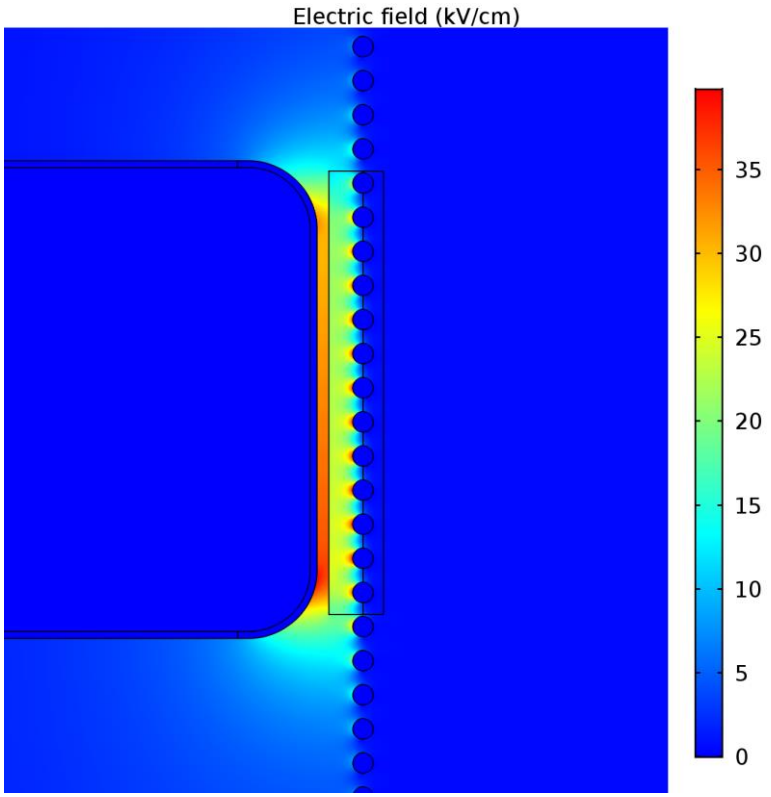
The VUV (128nm) light is shifted to 420nm using TPB

Beam window/plug



Beam transport through the ARIADNE beam window, plug and UHMWPE element.

- The total material budget for this design is **0.22 X_0**
- Unmodified cryostat would give 2.34 X_0

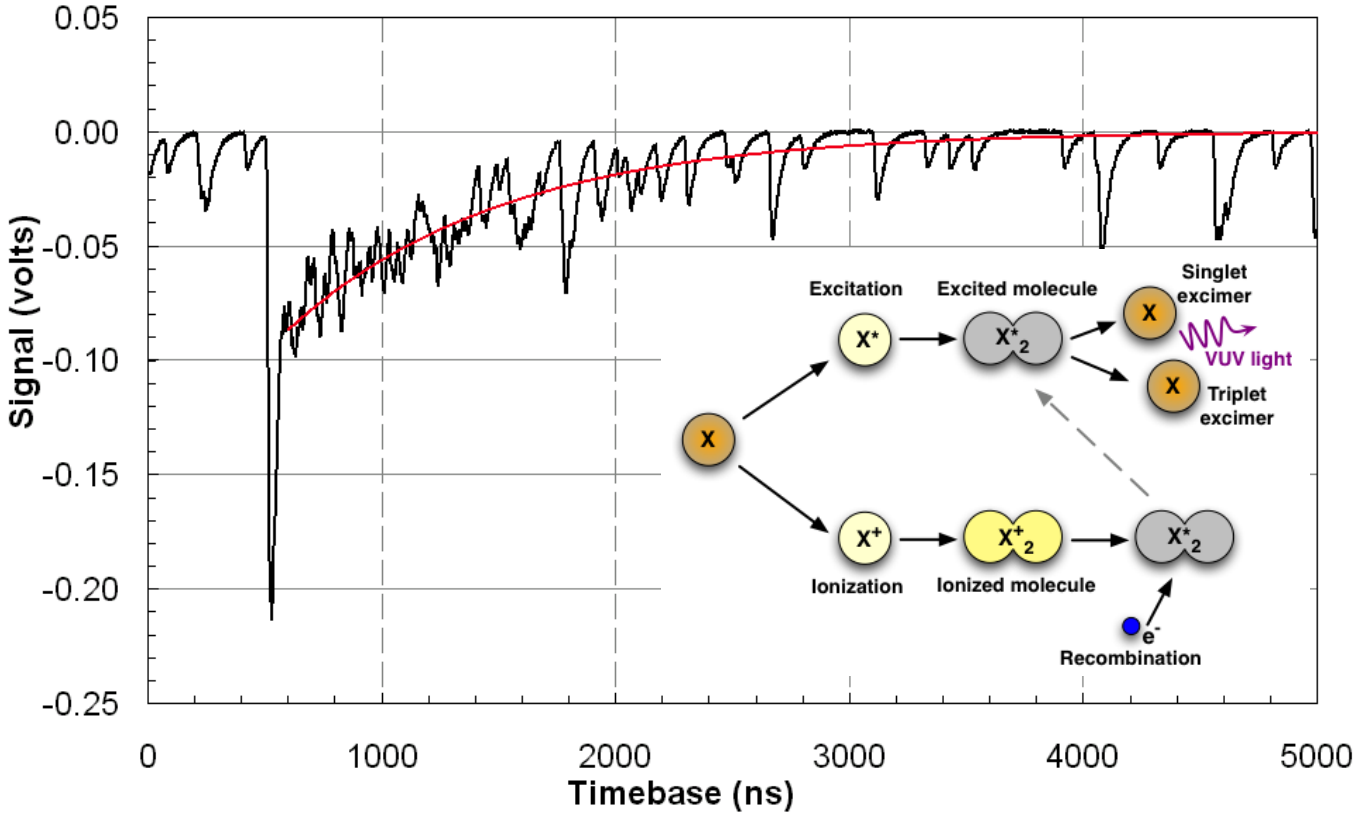


COMSOL simulation of the electric field in the region near the end of the beam plug.

Argon Scintillation light

Interactions in liquid noble gases lead to the formation of excimers in either **singlet** or **triplet** states, which decay to the ground state with characteristic **fast** (6 ns) and **slow** (1.5 µs) lifetimes in liquid argon with the photon emission spectrum peaked at **128 nm**.

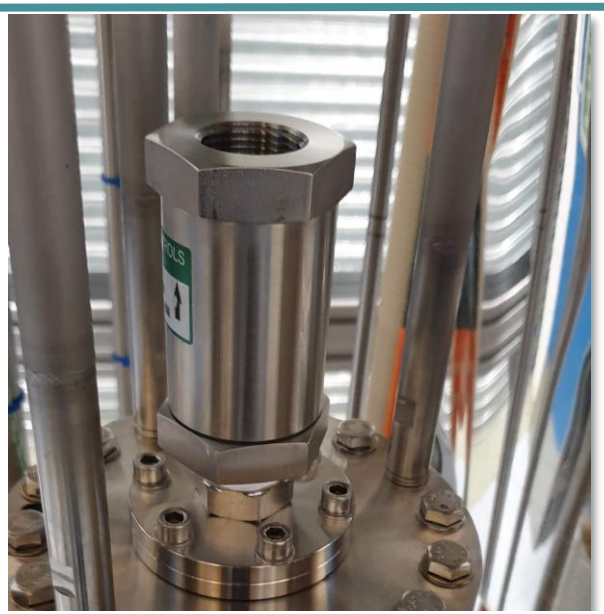
The **slow component (tau2) can be used as a relative measure of argon purity.** The purest liquid argon has a decay time of 1500 ns (J. W. Keto *et al*, PRL, 1974).



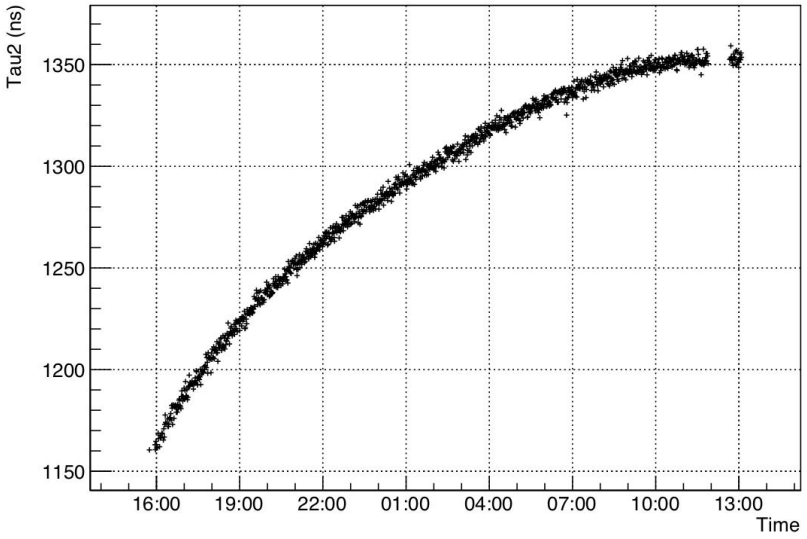
Argon Purification

- Better than 1ppb needed to drift the electrons in the TPC without capture from electronegative impurities
- Internal purification cartridge and custom made pump
- 4A Molecular sieves for water and Cu for oxygen

Argon Purification

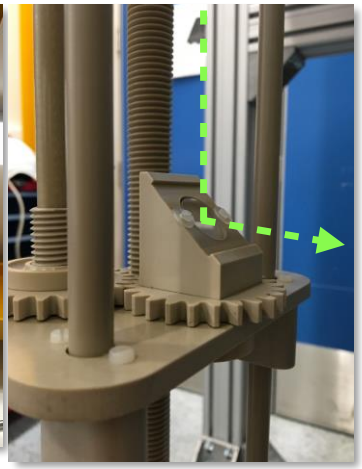


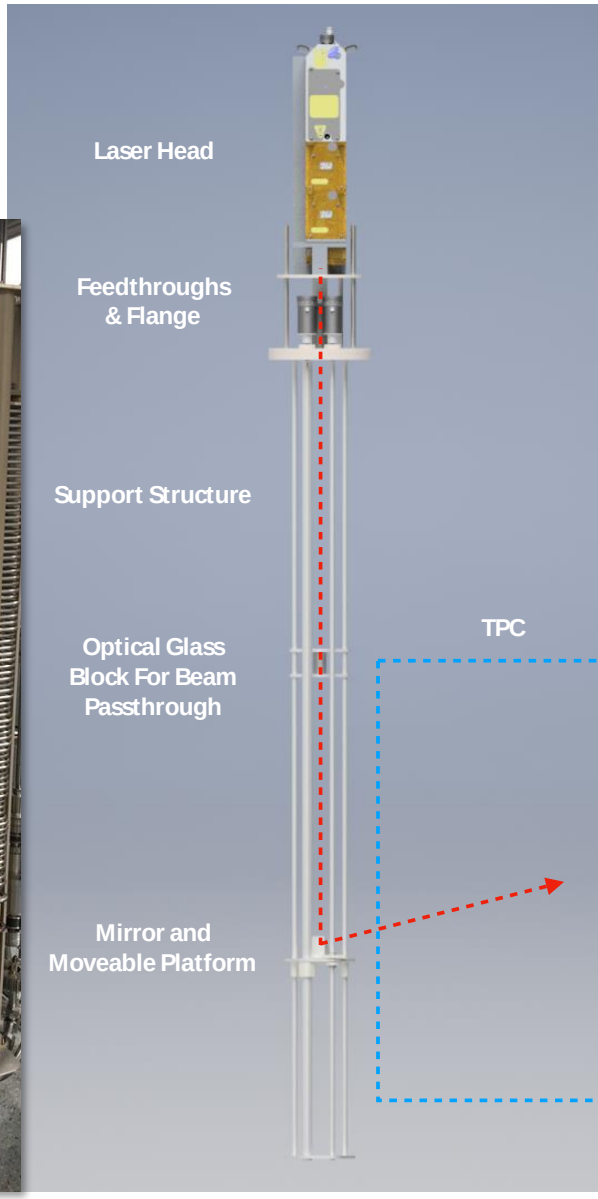
Purity



Sensitive to few ppb level, after that the electron lifetime needs to be calculated

Calibration Laser

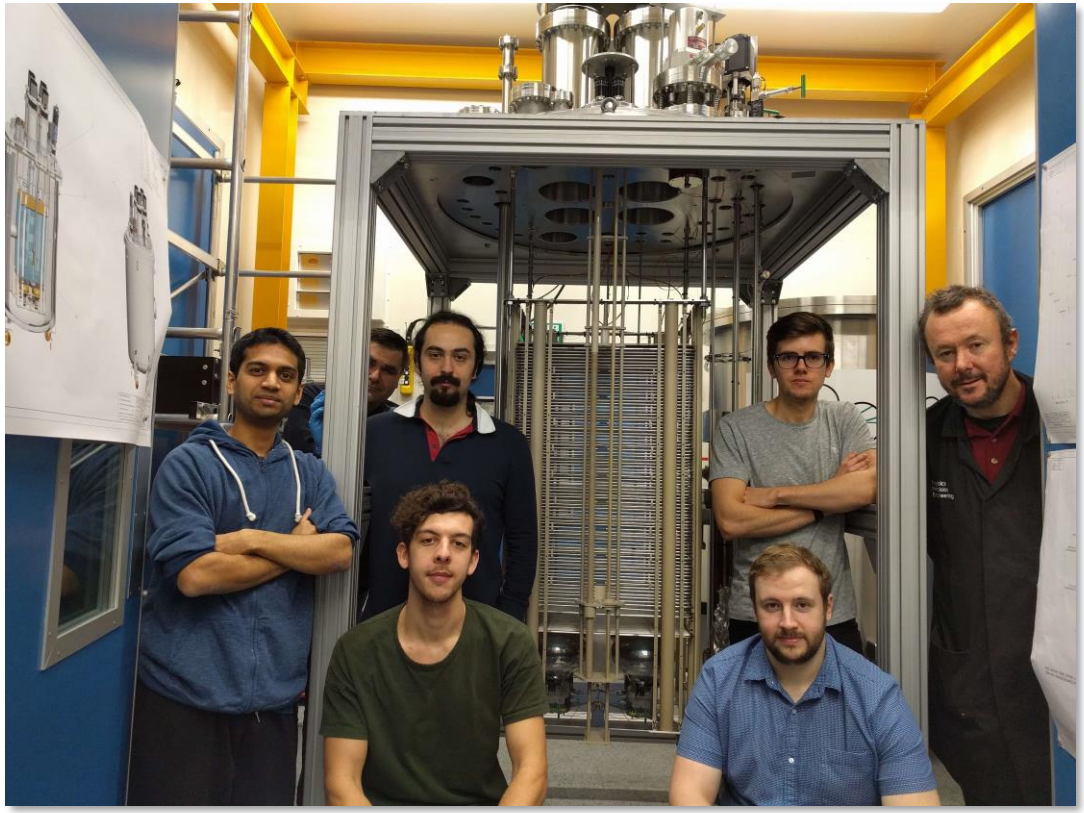




- Pulsed Nd:YAG Laser @266nm, max output 20 mJ
- Used for:
  - Detector calibration
  - Argon purity measurements
  - E-field uniformity measurements
  - Optical alignment of EMCCDs
- Mechanical system made from PEEK plastic

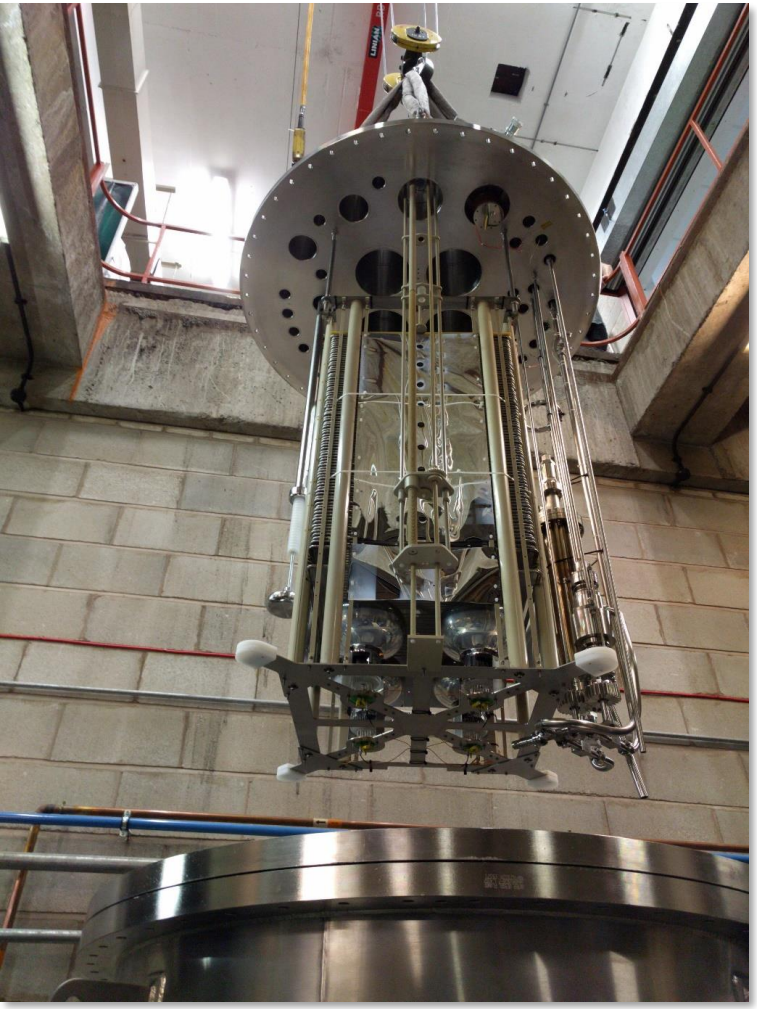
Construction at Liverpool

TPC



First Detector assembly in the Liverpool Liquid Argon facility, November 2017

Construction at Liverpool



- Closing the Detector at Liverpool
- Ready for the first run end 2017

Operation at Liverpool

Cryogenic Monitoring Camera, viewing the THGEM at the liquid/gas interface

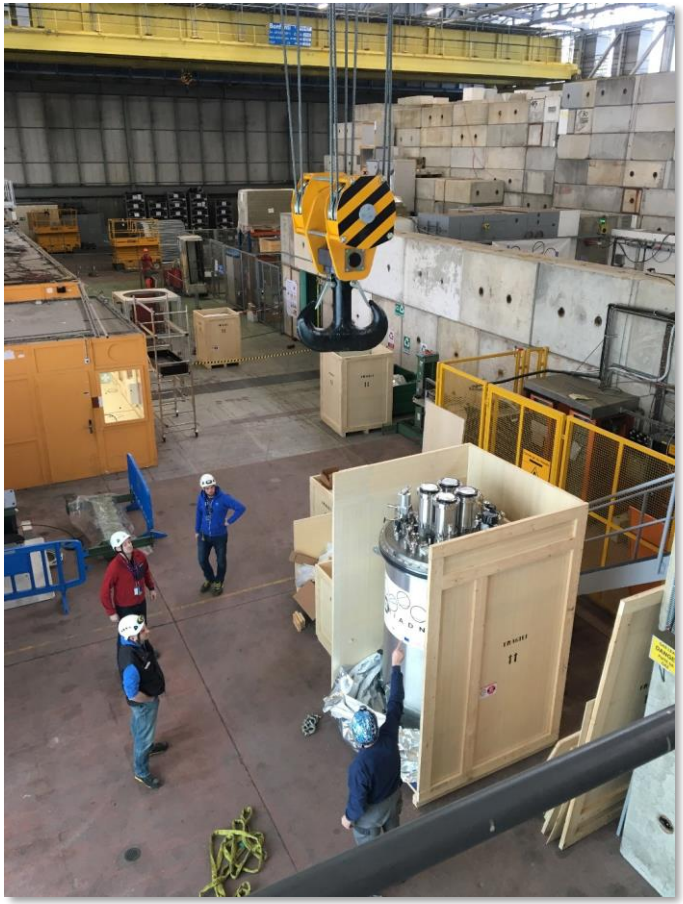
- ✓ Tested slow control / DAQ etc
- ✓ Ready to ship to CERN T9 beam early 2018

ARIADNE at T9 Beamline, **CERN**

ARIADNE at CERN

ARIADNE detector arrived from Liverpool to CERN March 8th 2018

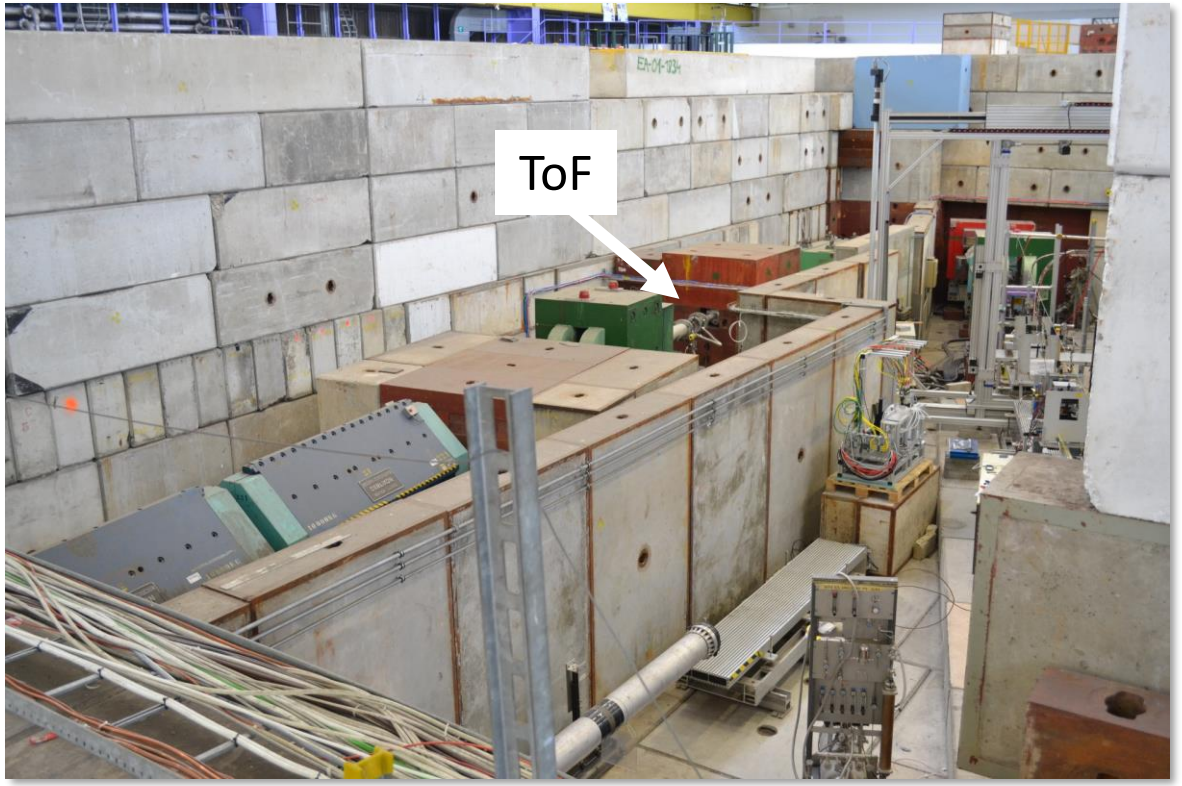
Commissioning and data collection in March/April



T9 Beam-line at CERN

ARIADNE at CERN

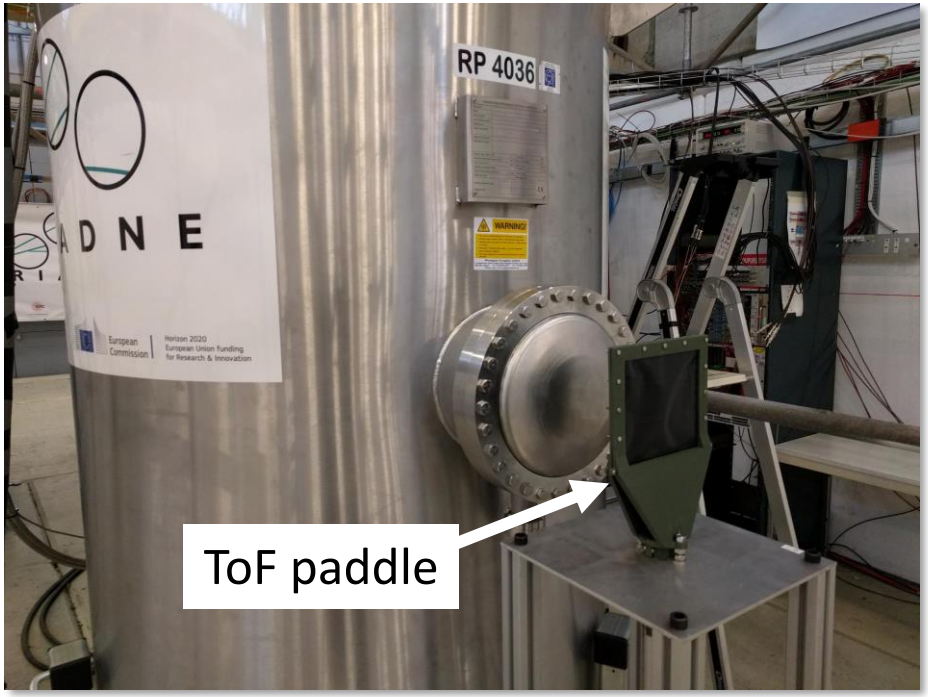
The T9 Beamline

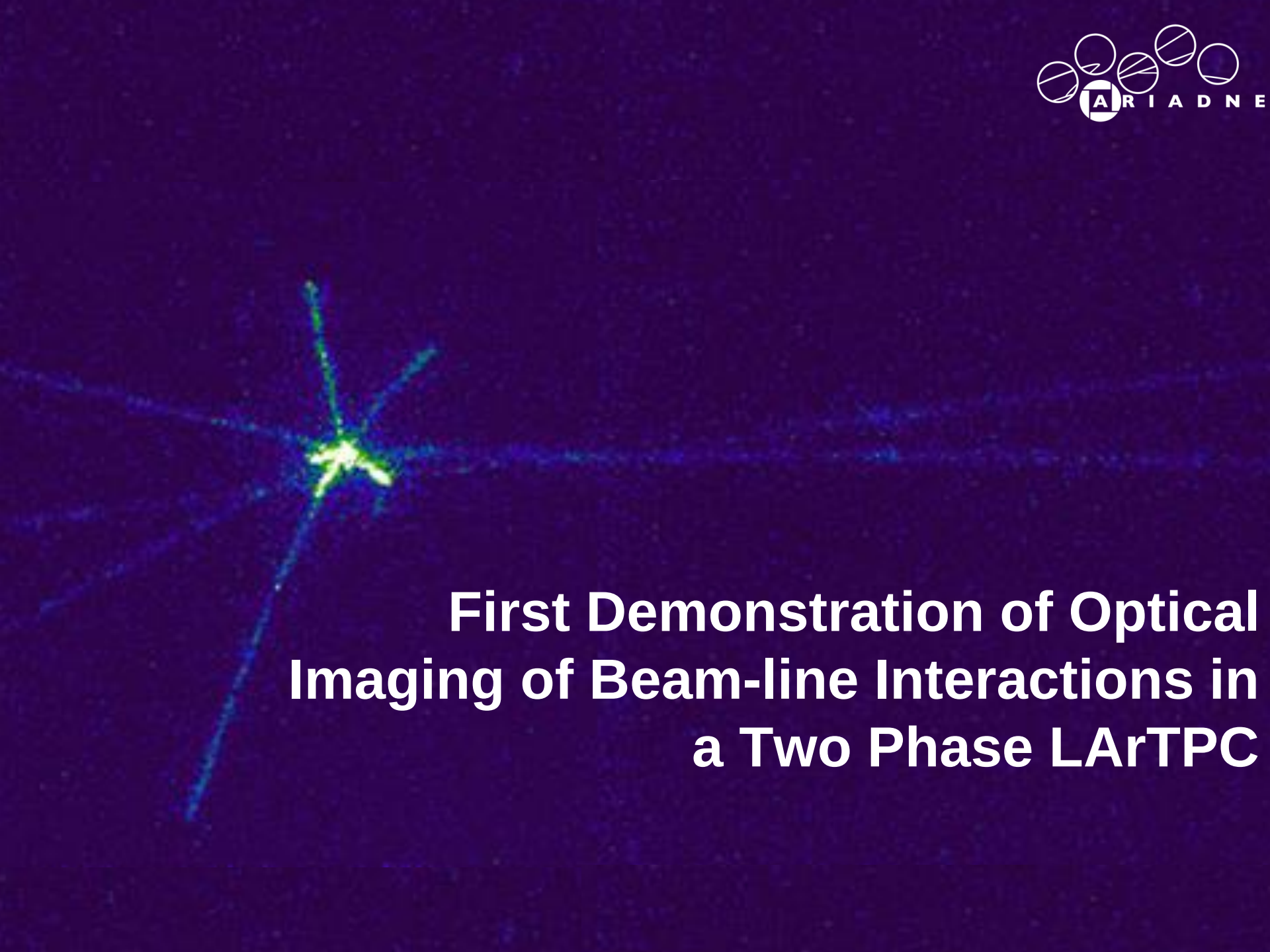


ARIADNE at CERN

Run March/April 2018
Data collected: **0.5 GeV – 8 GeV:**
Mix of $\mathbf{e^{\pm}}$, $\boldsymbol{\mu^{\pm}}$, $\boldsymbol{\pi^{\pm}}$, $\mathbf{p^{\pm}}$

400,000 events Negative Polarity
400,000 events Positive Polarity

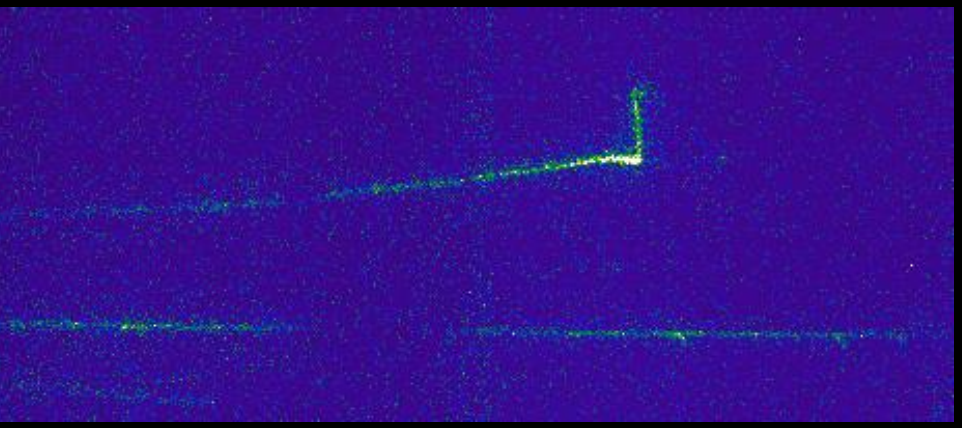


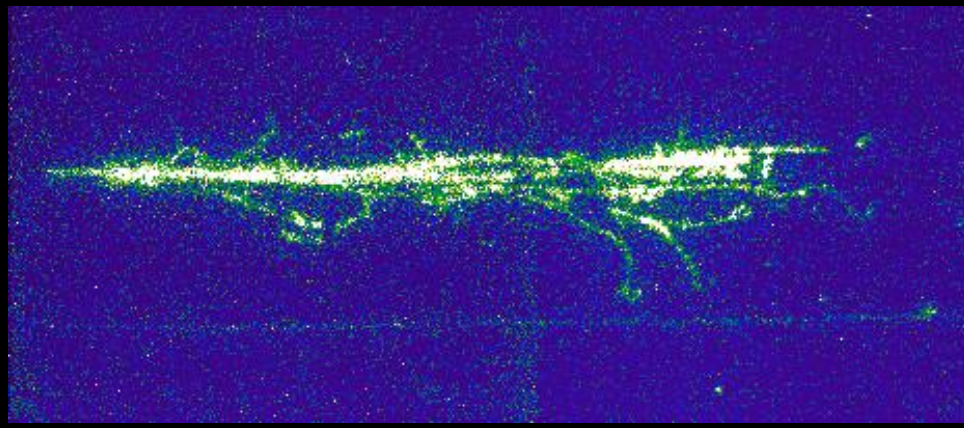


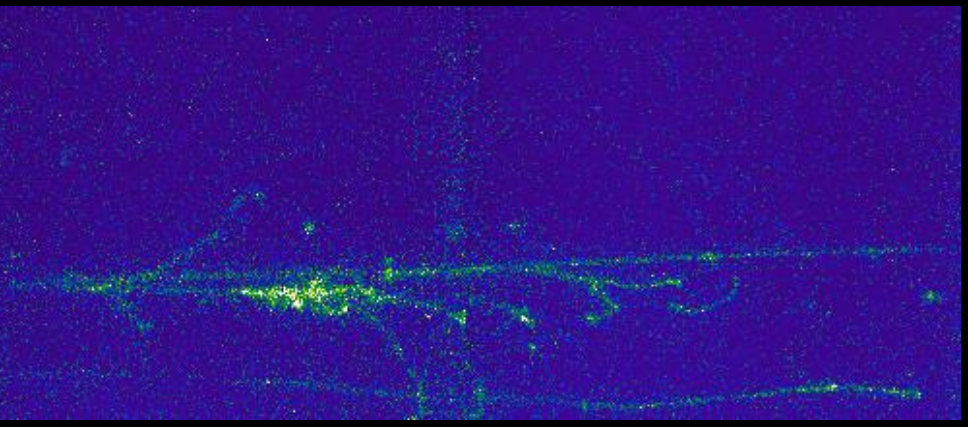
First Demonstration of Optical Imaging of Beam-line Interactions in a Two Phase LArTPC

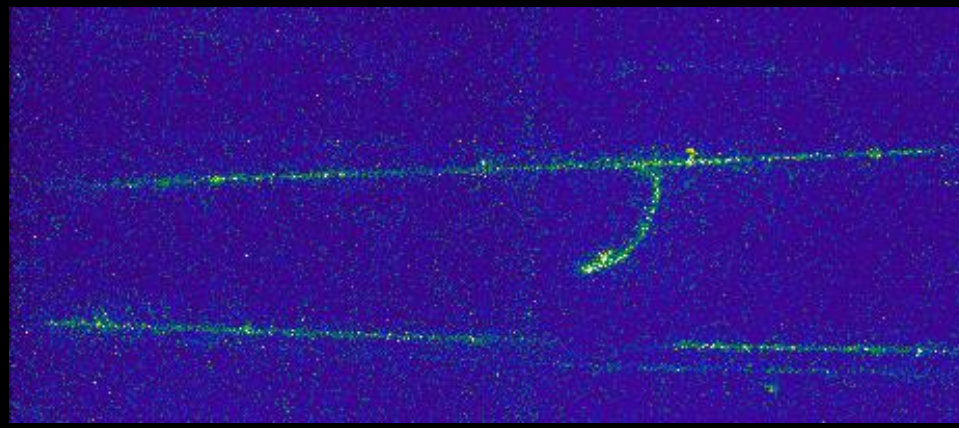
Beamline Events

1.1mm / pixel resolution (4x4 bin)



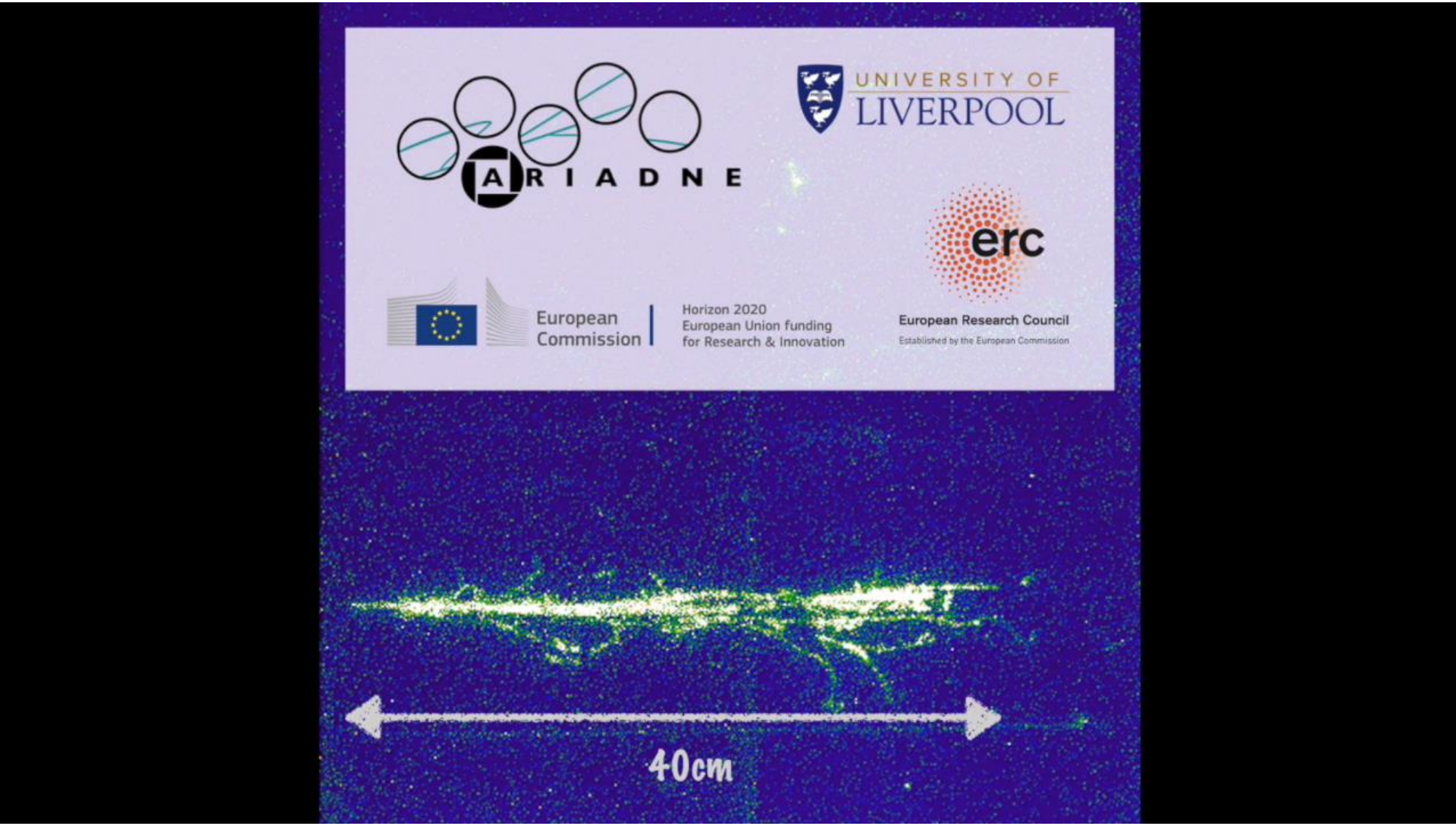






0.4m

ARIADNE: Video



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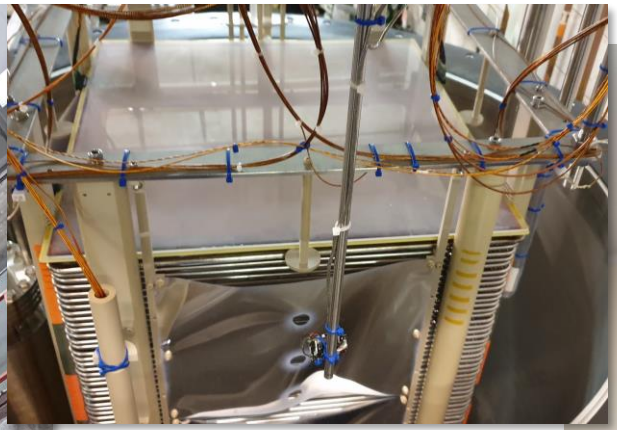
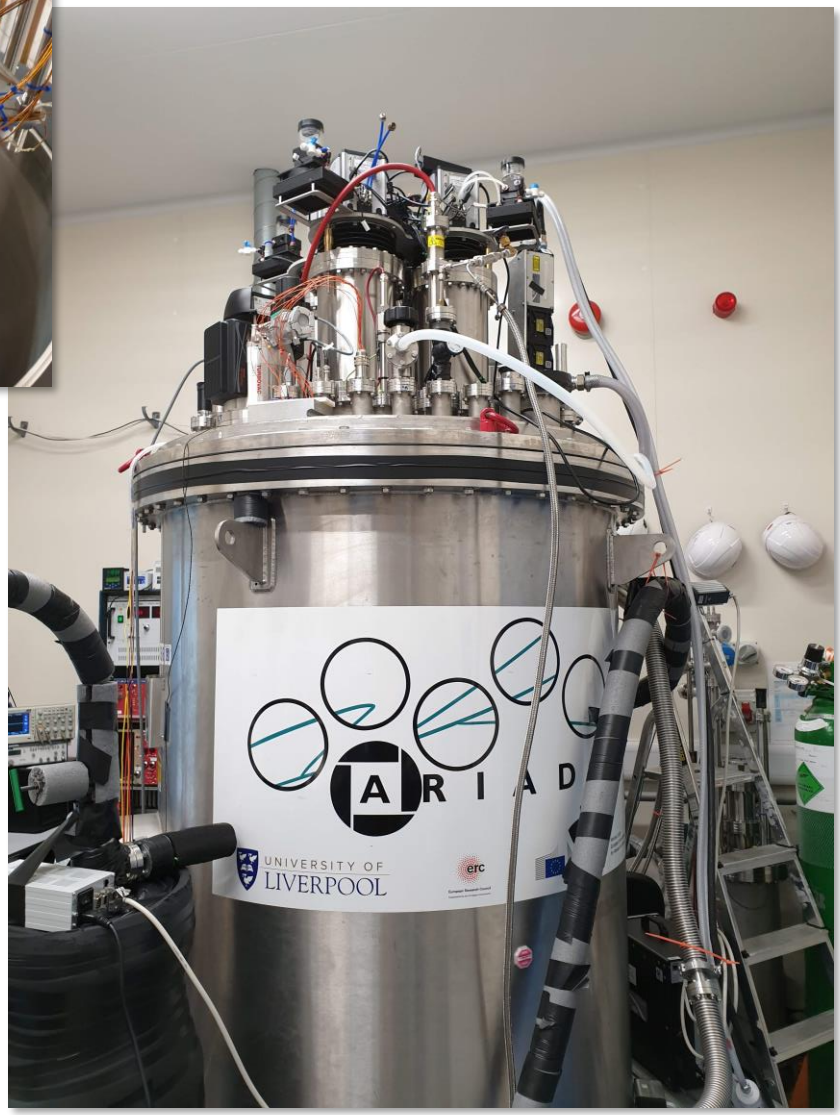
ARIADNE
upgrades at
Liverpool

Back to Liverpool - New THGEM





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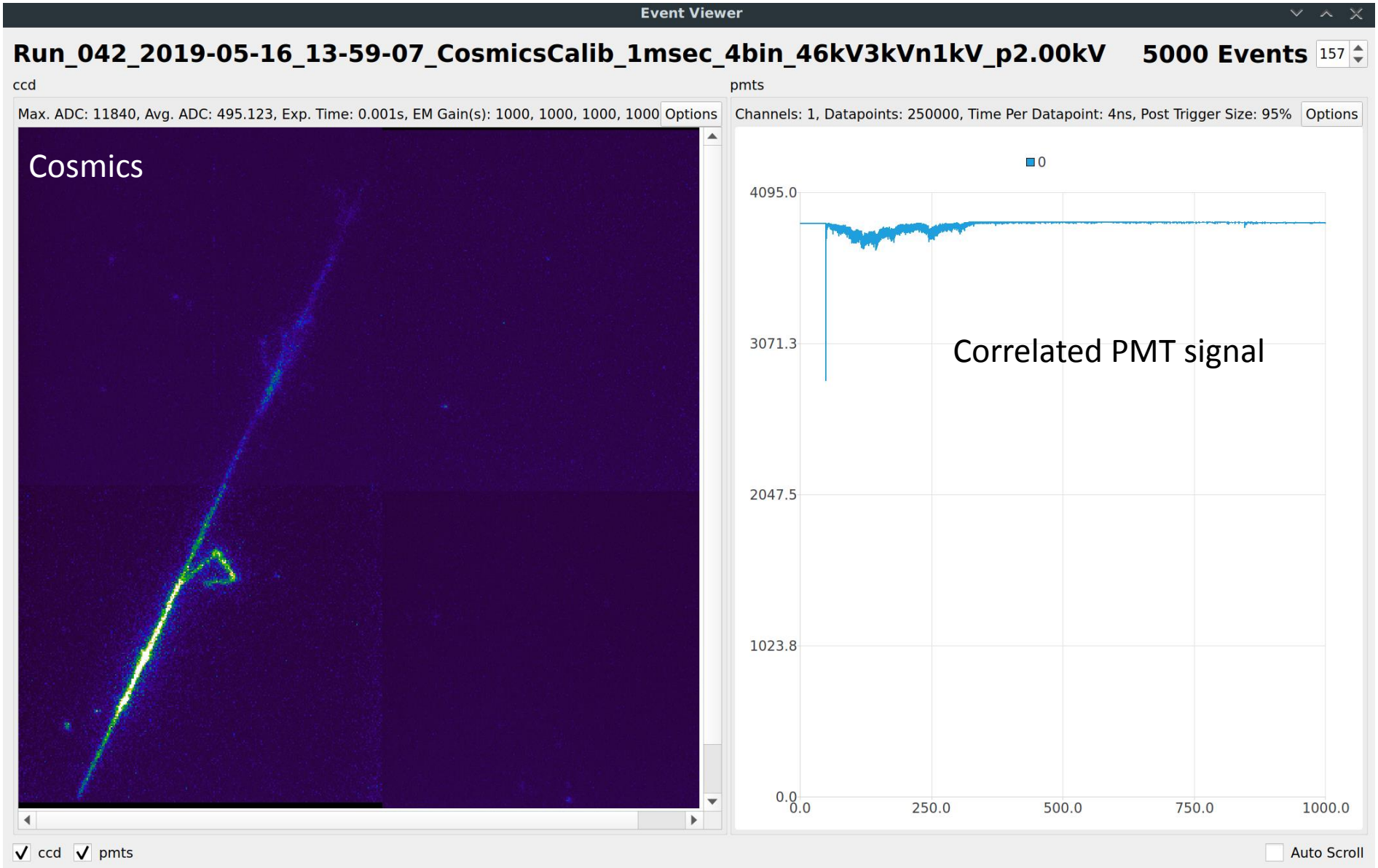

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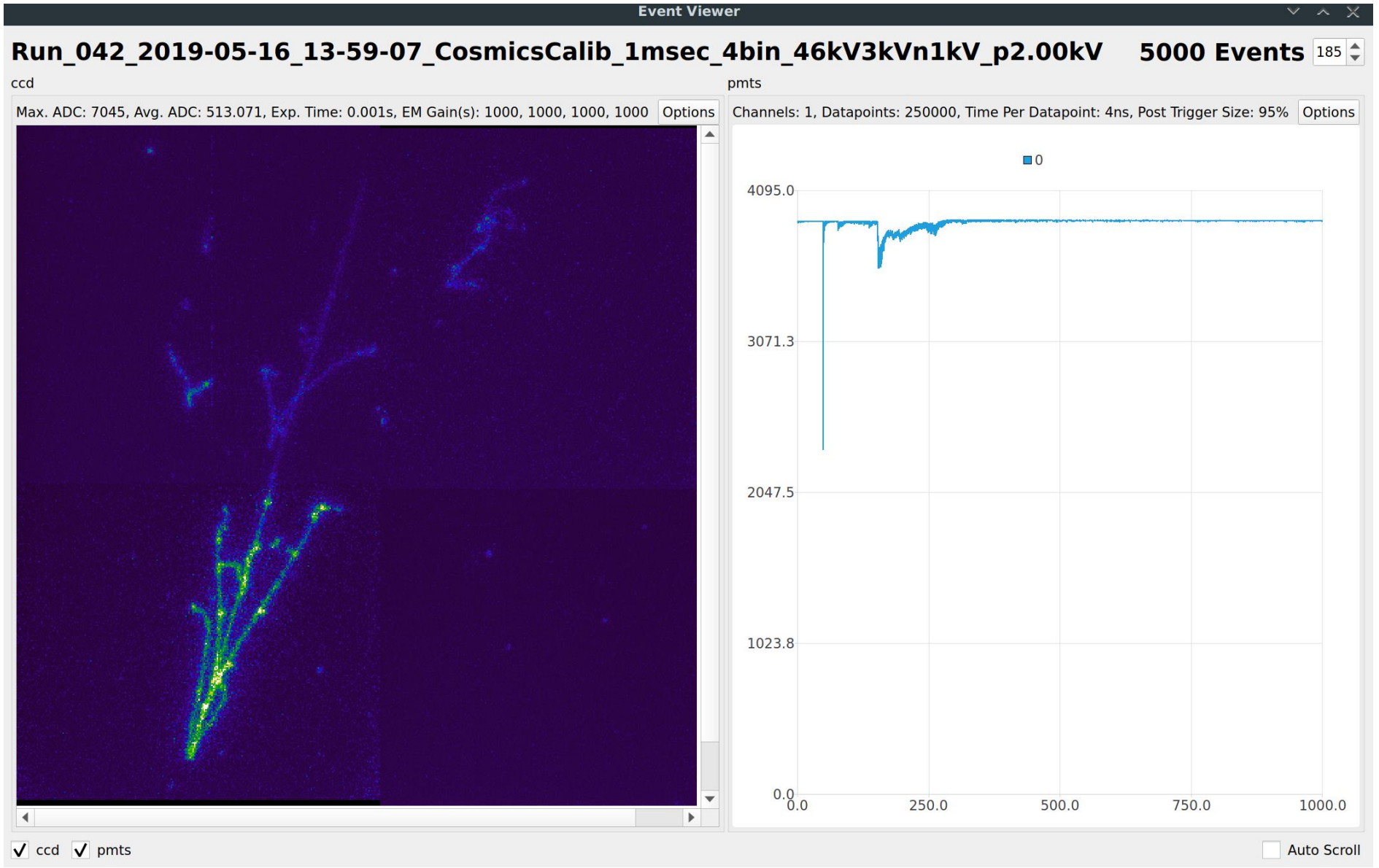

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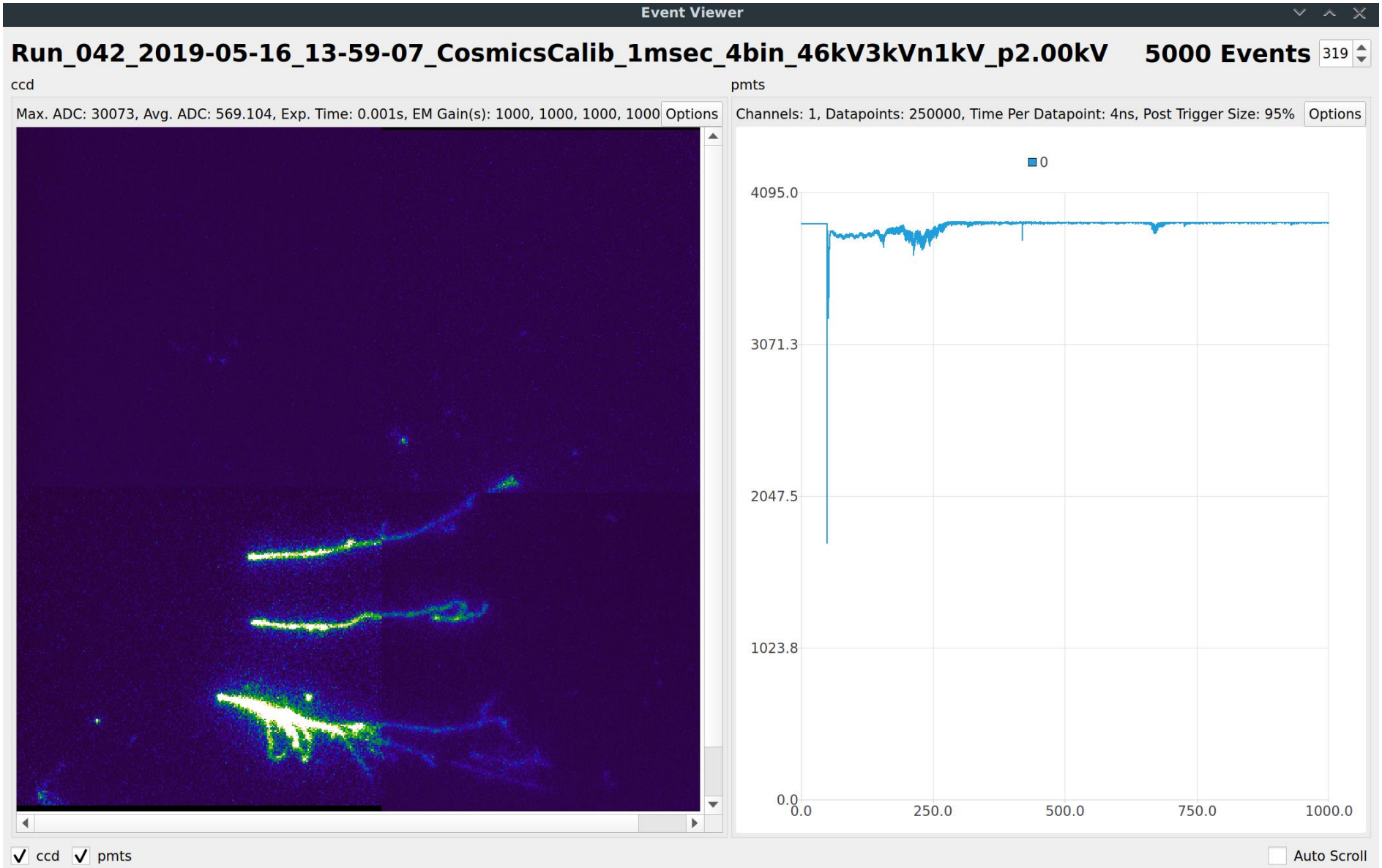
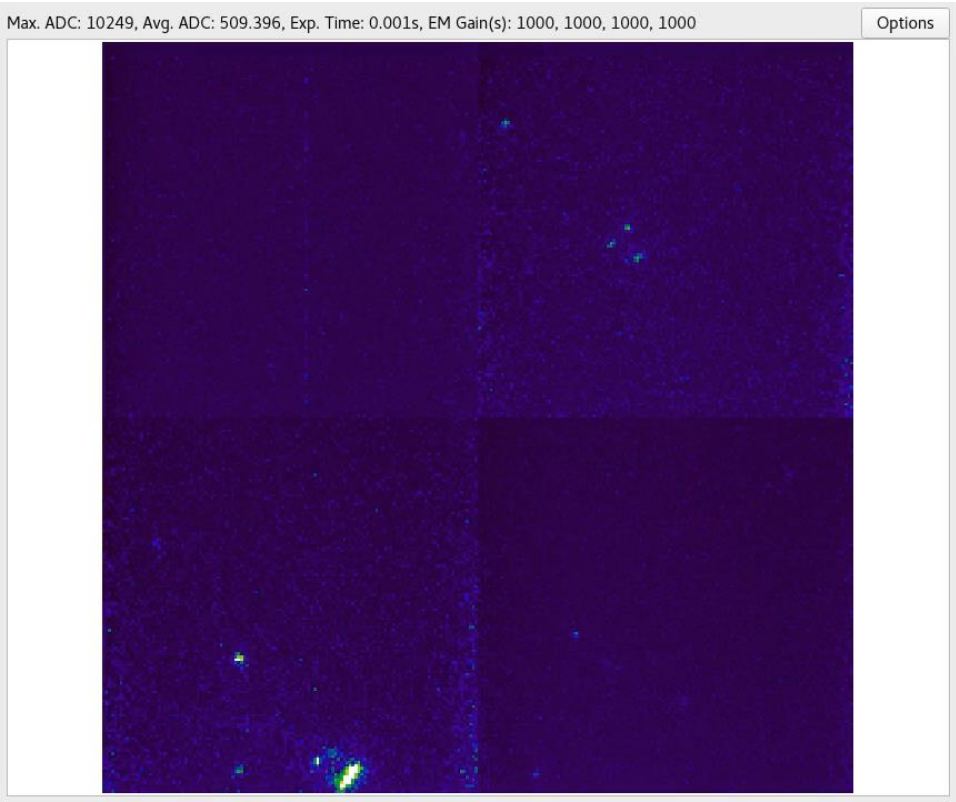
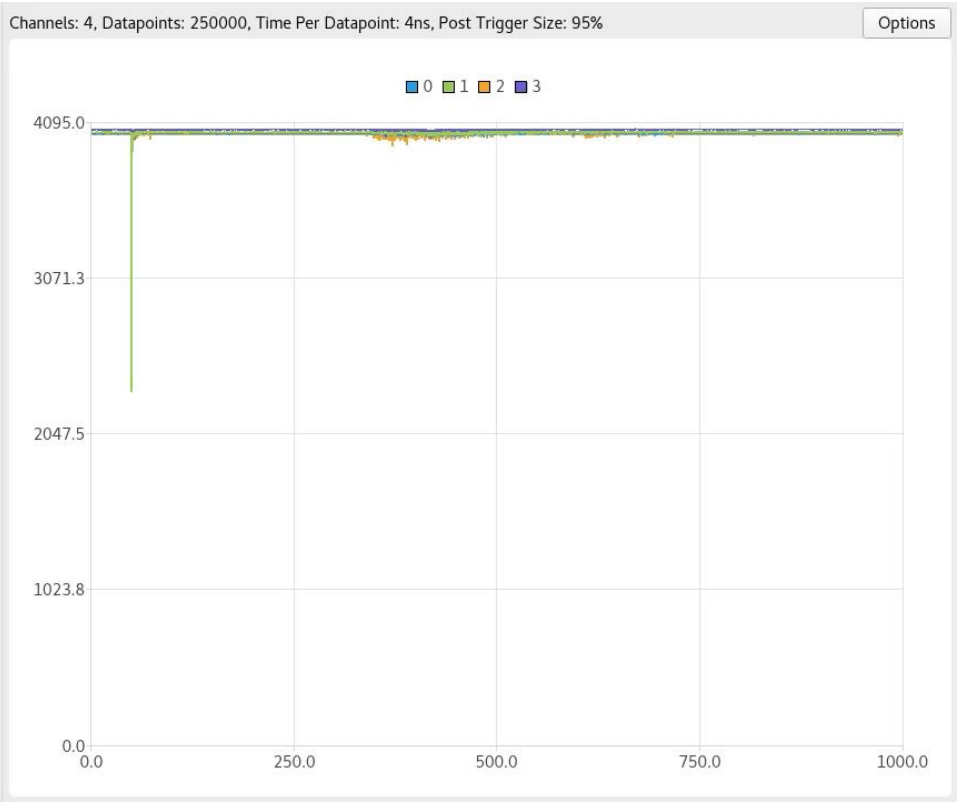


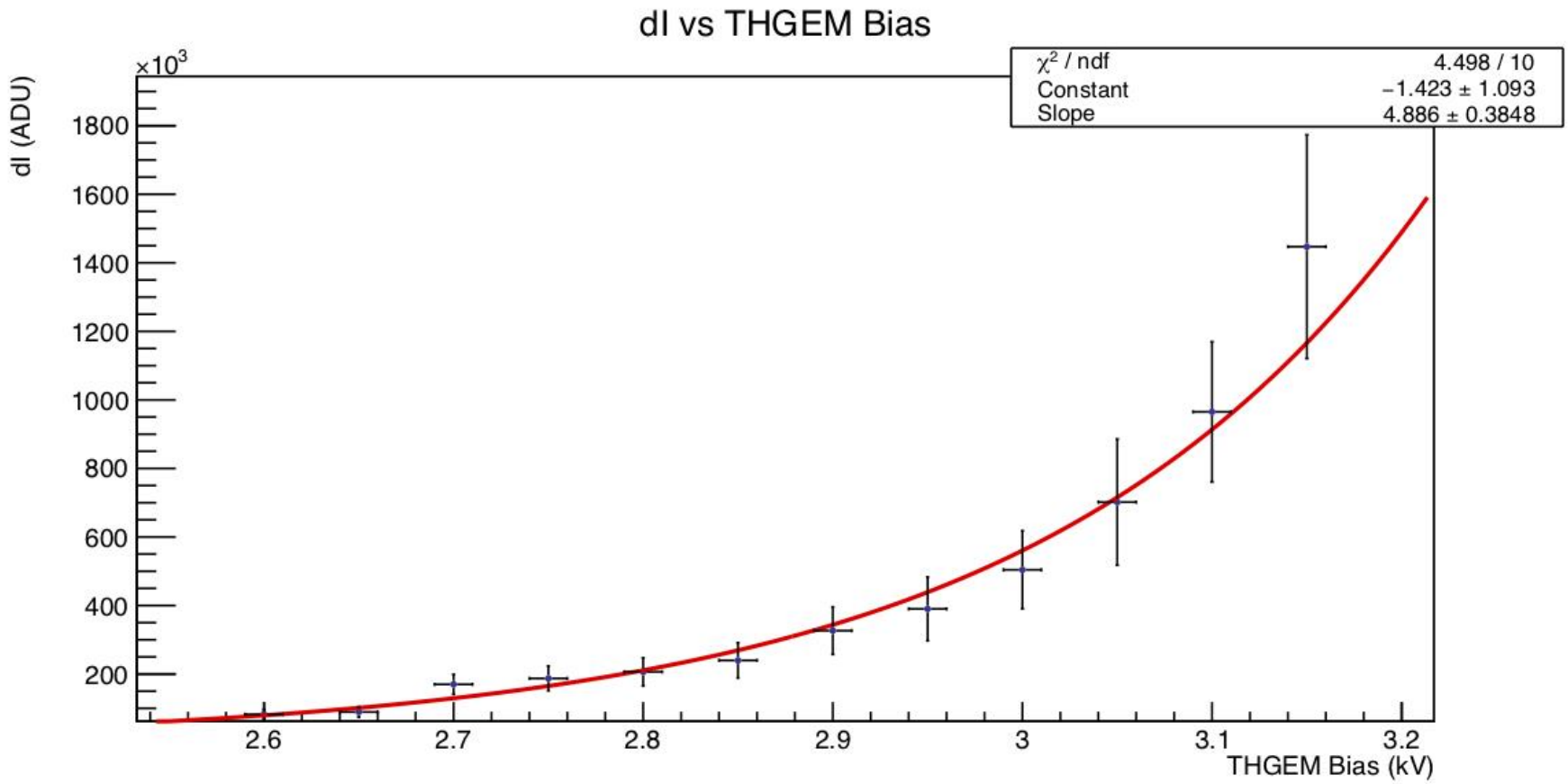
EMCCD LAr run New Results

Video: 1 msec exposure, 4x4 binning, PMT correlation



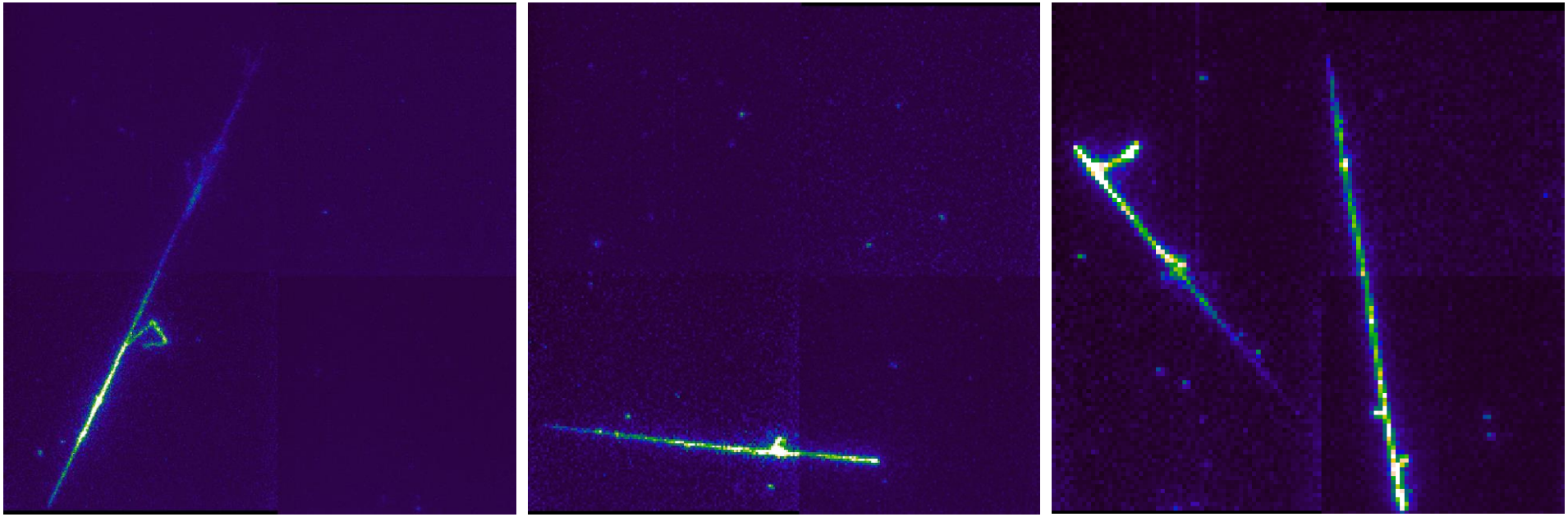


EMCCD Intensity vs THGEM Bias



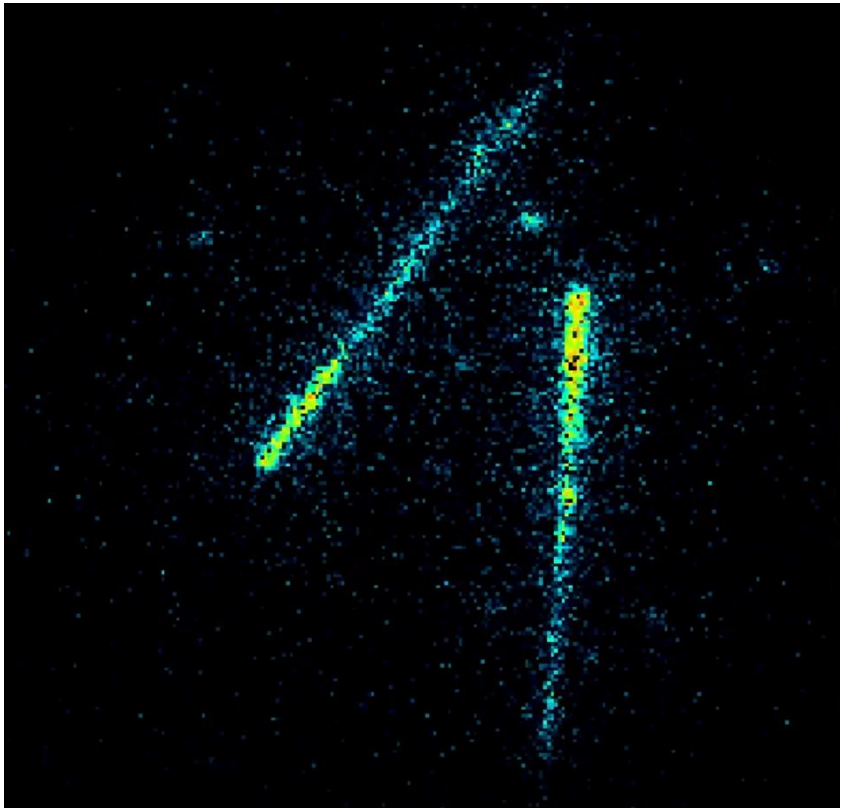
Scanning THGEM bias -light sensitive at low THGEM bias

EMCCD Binning



4x4 (1.1mm/pix) 8x8 (2.2 mm/pix) 16x16 (4.4mm/pix)

- **Even at 16x16 binning there is enough resolution for the giant LAr detectors**
- **Resolution will be limited by electron diffusion (about 1 - 2 mm over a 1m drift, at 0.5kV/cm)**



ARIADNE: now a dream 3D optical TPC with TPX3 Camera

2D -> Full 3D Readout

EMCCD Limitations

- Great resolution and sensitivity, however acquisition rate of EMCCD sensors (~50Hz) is slow compared to the drift speed of LAr TPCs (~2mm/μs)
- Can only provide flattened 2D representation of event geometries
- Z-axis can be calculated from timing information from S1 and S2 signals from PMTs - however only possible for simple track geometries and in low-pile up situations as correlation is challenging

The MUCH faster TPX3 readout can give full 3D readout!

(whilst still having the sensitivity of EMCCDs)

2D -> Full 3D Readout

Silicon pixel readout chip developed by the Medipix collaboration. **Very well established** technology at CERN.

Simultaneous 10 bit Time over Threshold (ToT) and 18 bit Time Of Arrival (TOA).

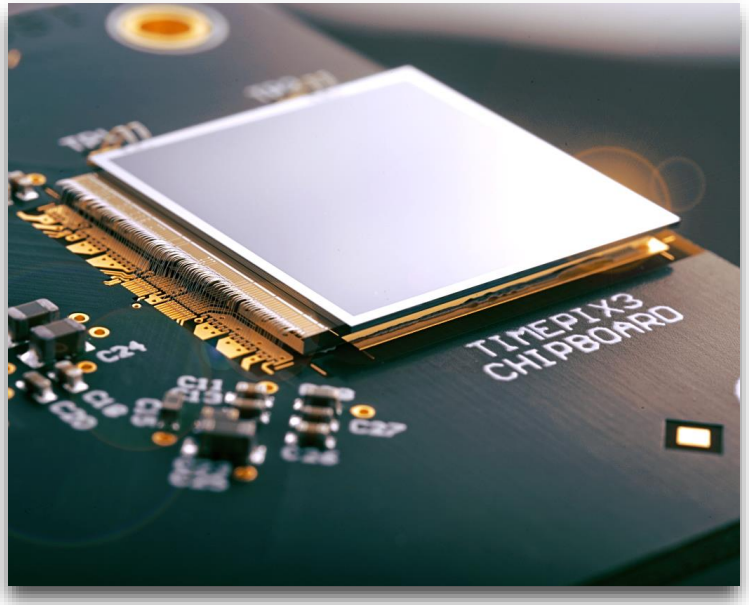
ToT allows accurate calorimetry measurements.

TOA accurate timing and 3D reconstruction.

"Data driven readout": pixels read out asynchronously, allows very efficient sparse readout.

Possible to have continuous trigger-free readout.

Until recently only used to measure deposited charge, now also light [1].



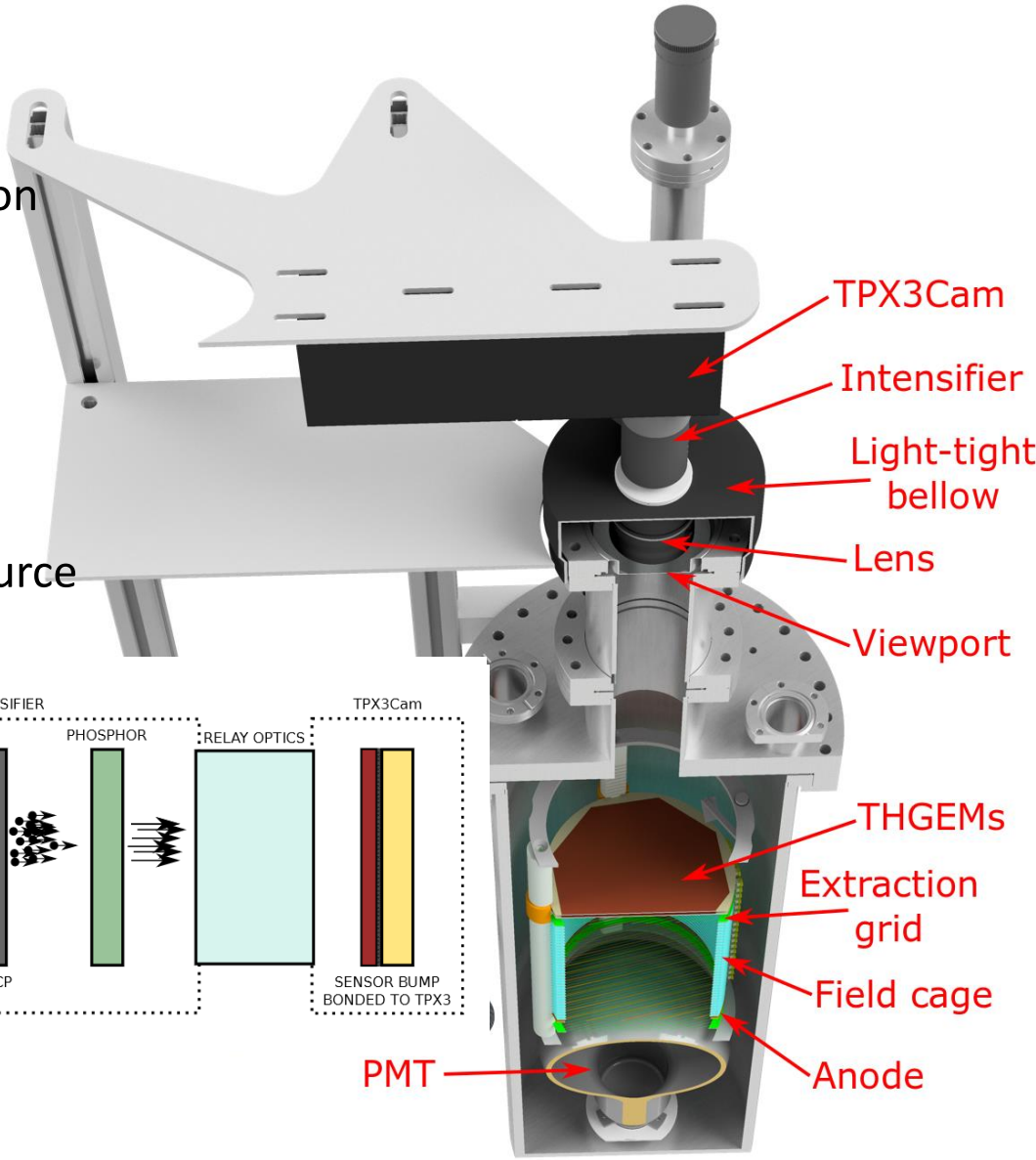
Sensor resolution	256x256 pixels
Pixel size	55µm x 55µm
Max readout rate	40Mhits•cm^{-2} •sec^{-1}
Technology	130nm CMOS

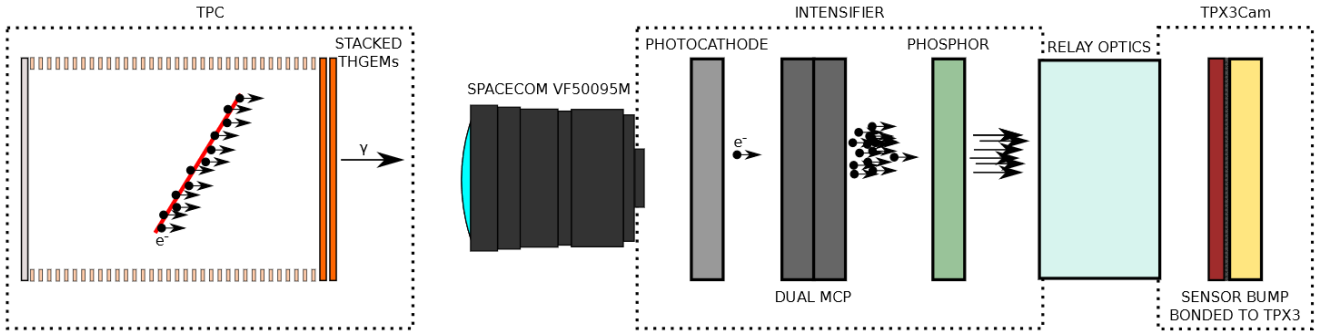
[1] M. Fisher-Levine, A. Nomerotski, Timepixcam: *a fast optical imager with time-stamping*, Journal of Instrumentation 11 (03) (2016) C03016.

TPX3Cam on a TPC

Initial tests on ARIADNE prototype TPC:

- Timepix3 chip bonded to a optical silicon pixel sensor.
- Combined with image intensifier.
- Tested on smaller TPC with 100mb CF_4 gas.
- Data taken of Americium-241 alpha source tracks and cosmic muons.





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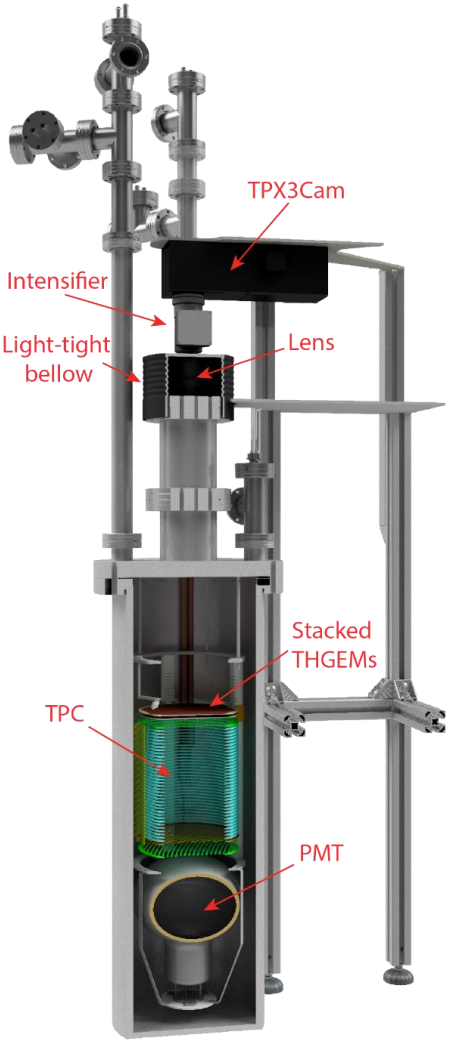

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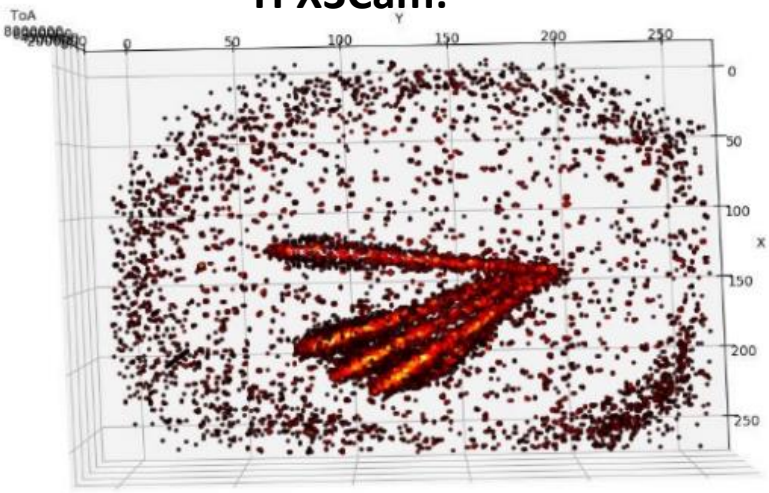

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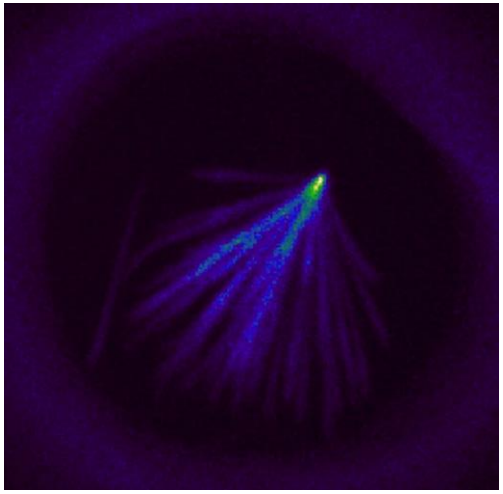

Alpha tracks in 100 mb CF_4

"Halo" is light reflected off stainless steel viewport tube.

- ToA information gives z coordinate. Simultaneous ToT gives intensity and enables calorimetry
- ✓ No complicated reconstruction required to build events in 3D
  - Eliminates any need to correlate, PMT signal/THGEM charge with the CCD camera in order to do full 3D

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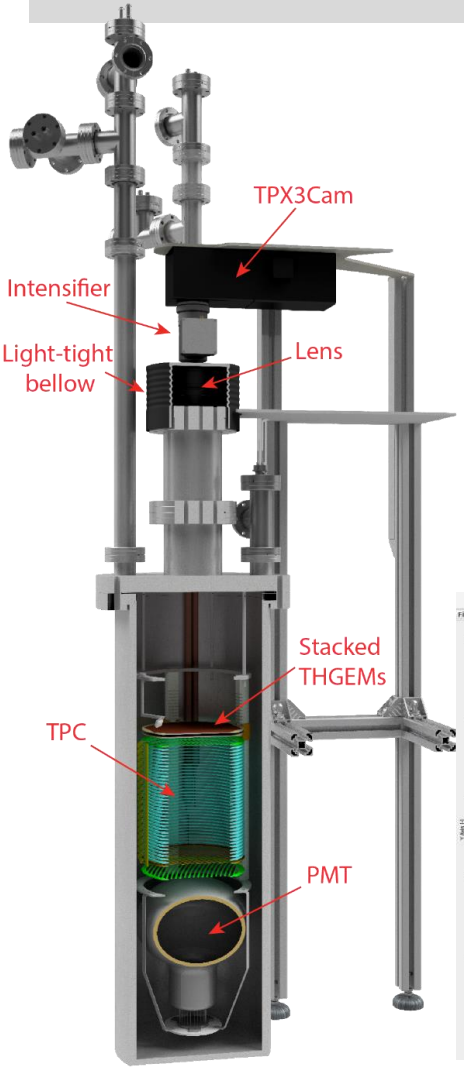
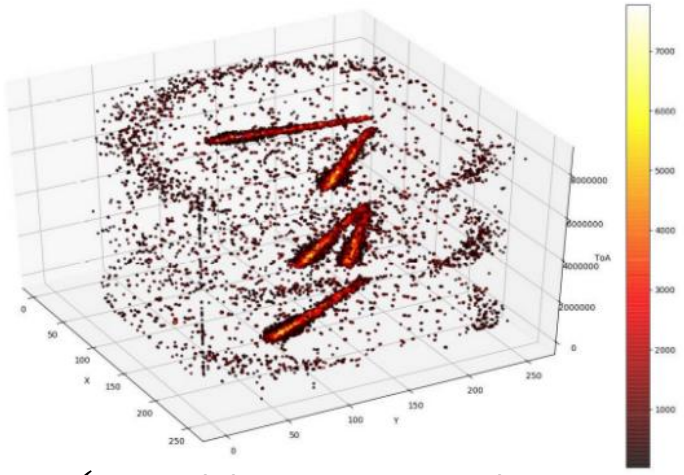
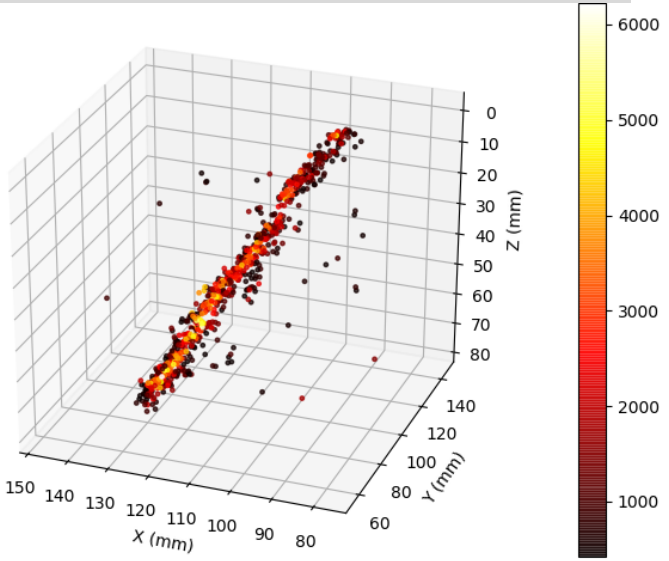
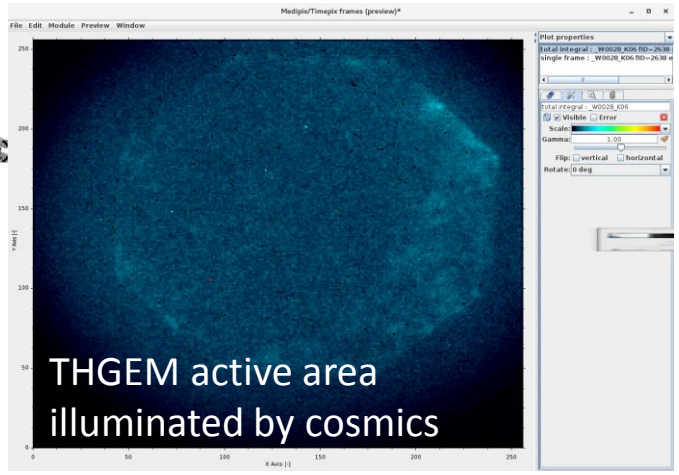
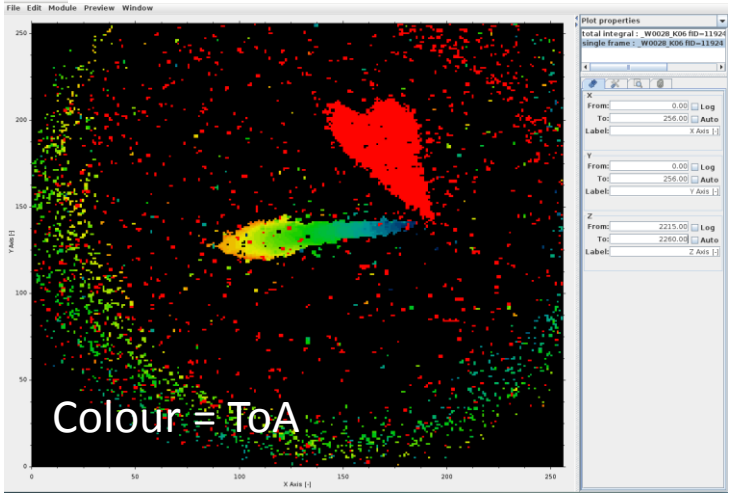






✓ Visible Bragg peak!





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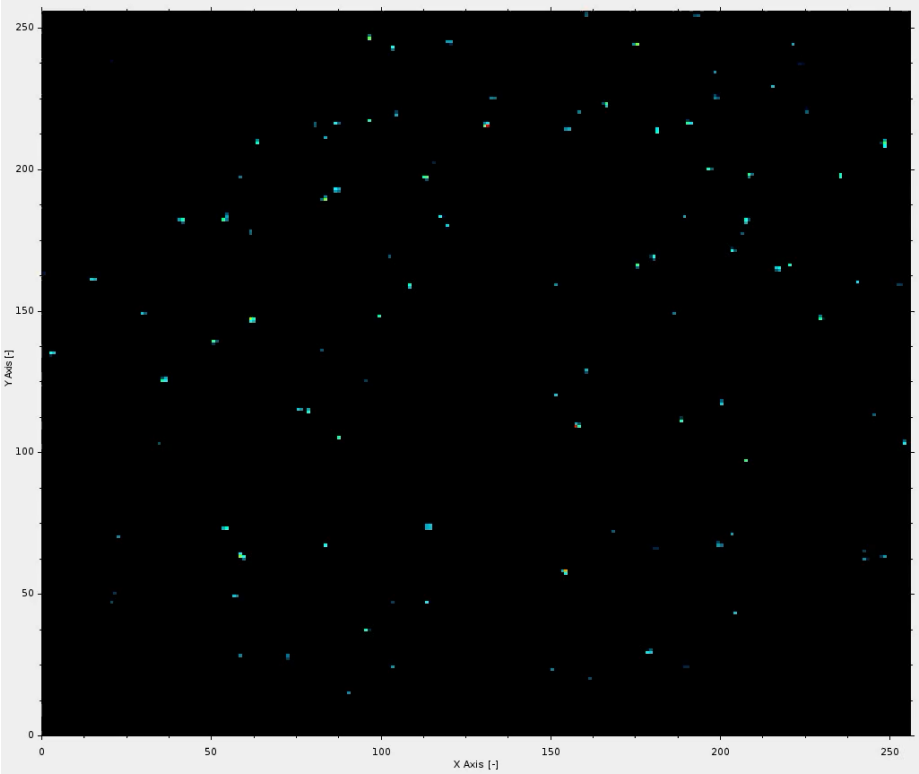
Video: ToT 1 msec



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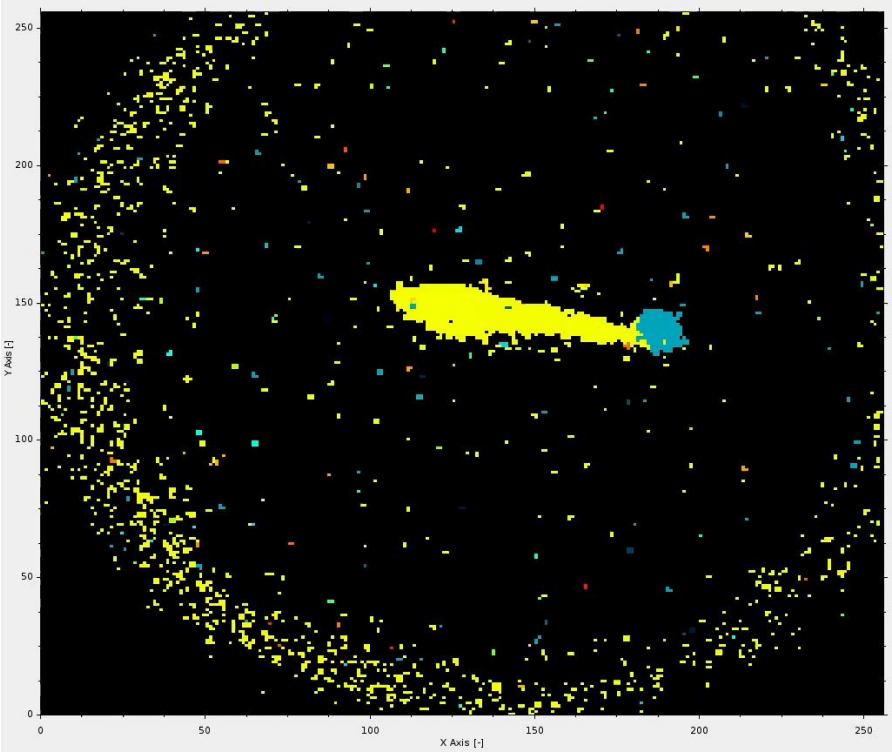

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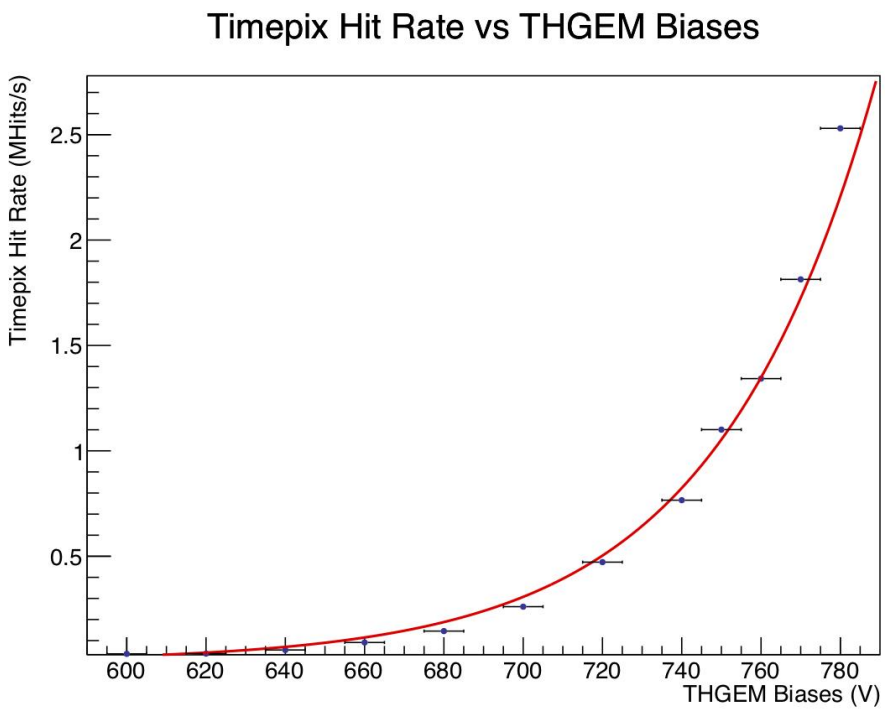
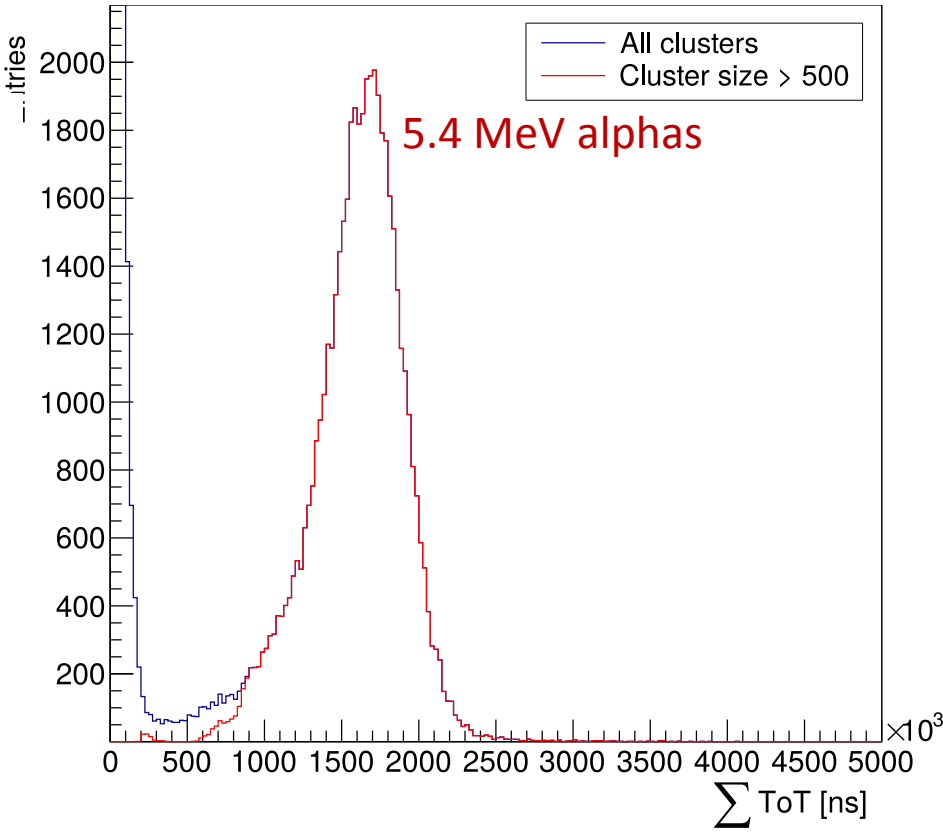


Camera pixel hit rate vs applied THGEM bias



Histogram of sum ToT values for all hits for a sample of alpha tracks

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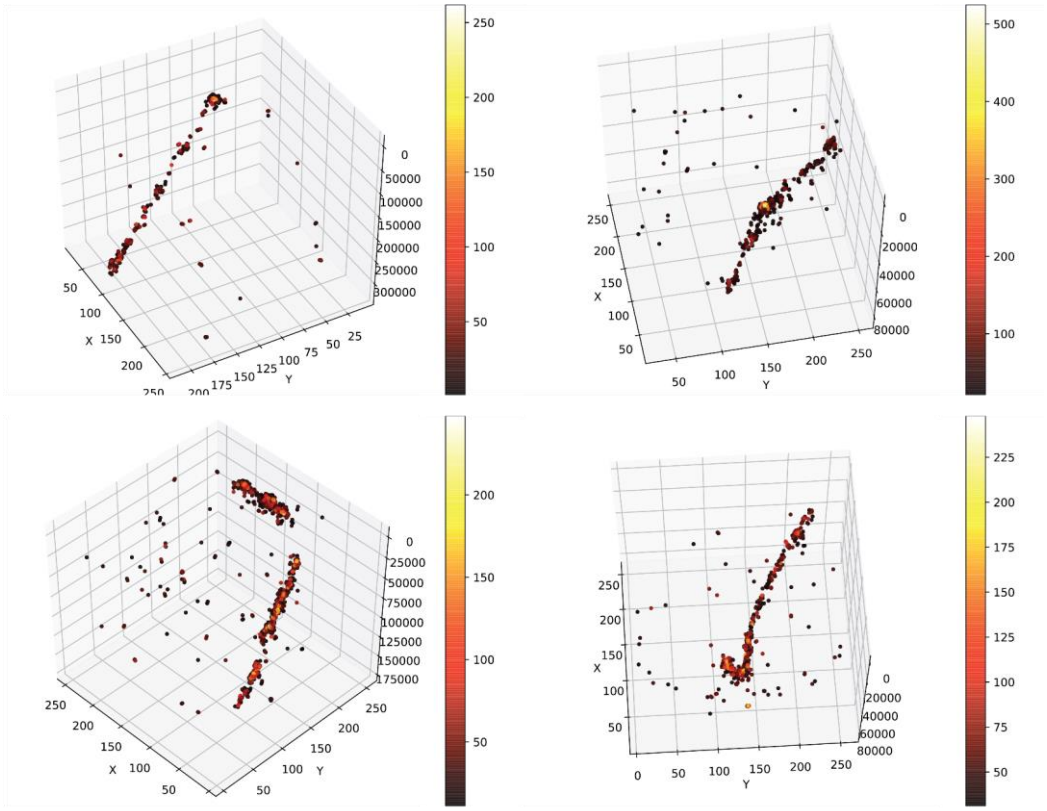
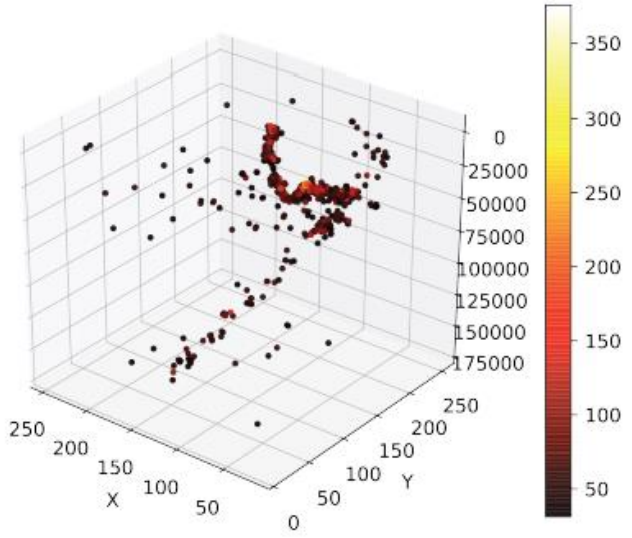
TPX3Cam First Results -Gas

Cosmics low pressure CF4





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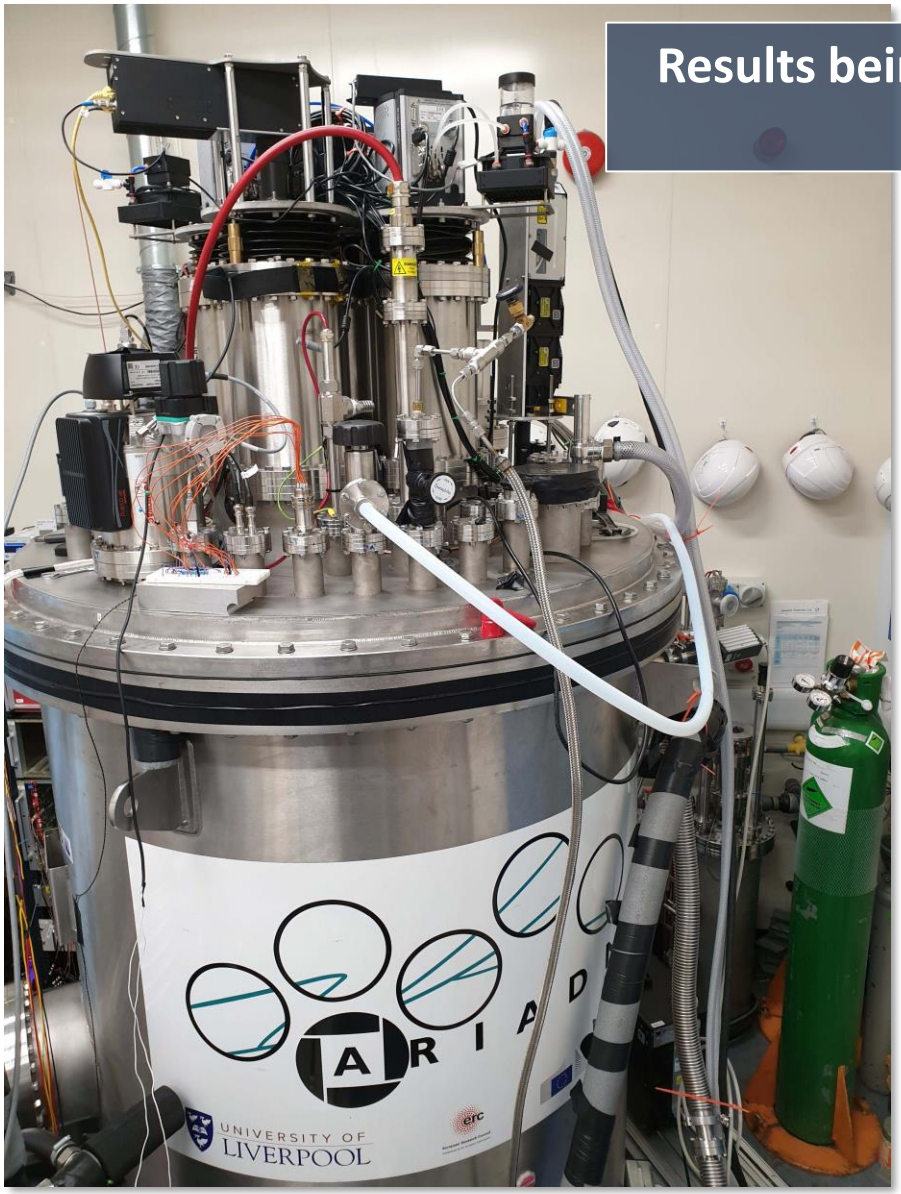
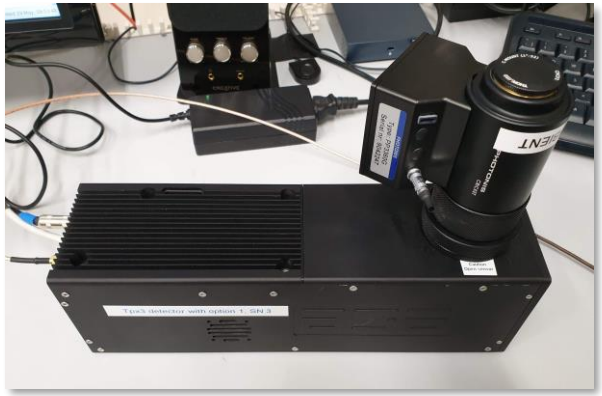


Results being collected right now!

- One EMCCD replaced with TPX3Cam
- Second intensifier to arrive soon

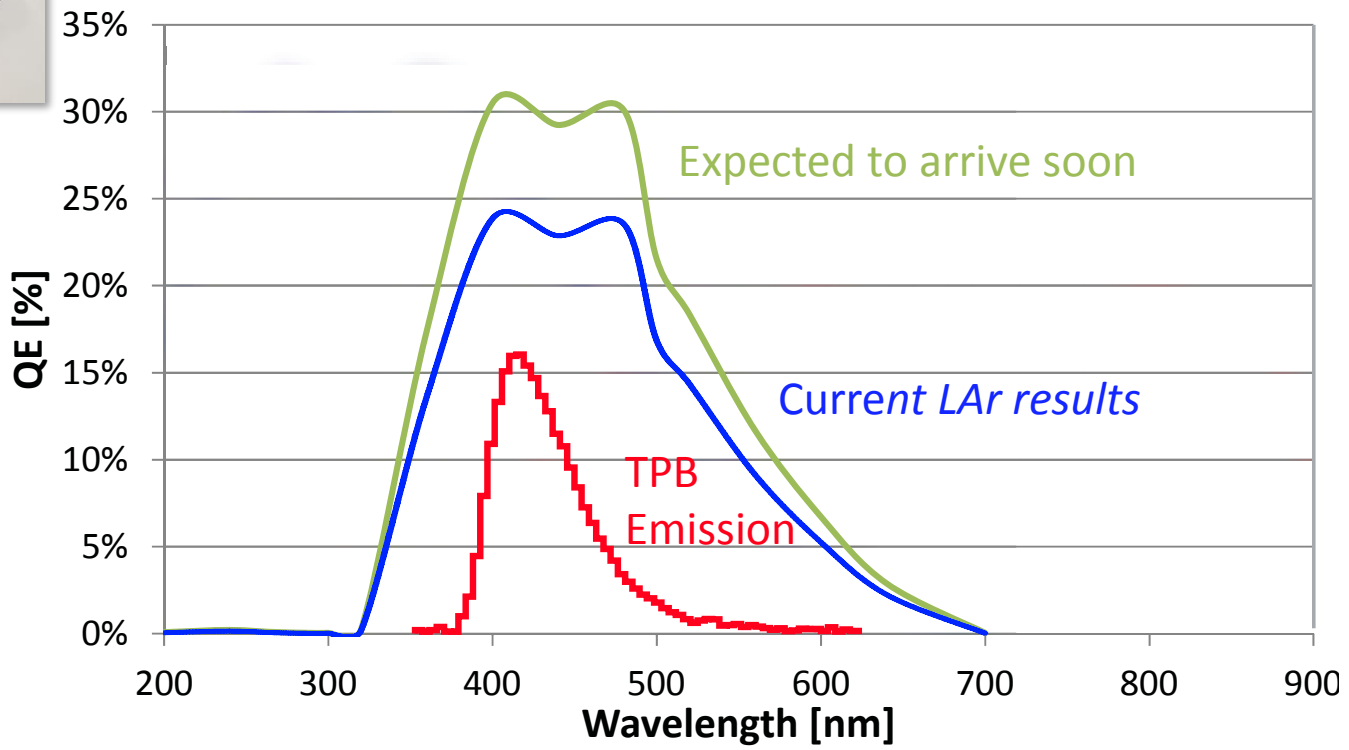
Intensifier Specs



Collaborating with DESY for TPX3Cams (Jochen Kuepper et. al)

Current intensifier output brightness : 0.5 cd/m^2

Final output brightness (typ) : 3.0 cd/m^2



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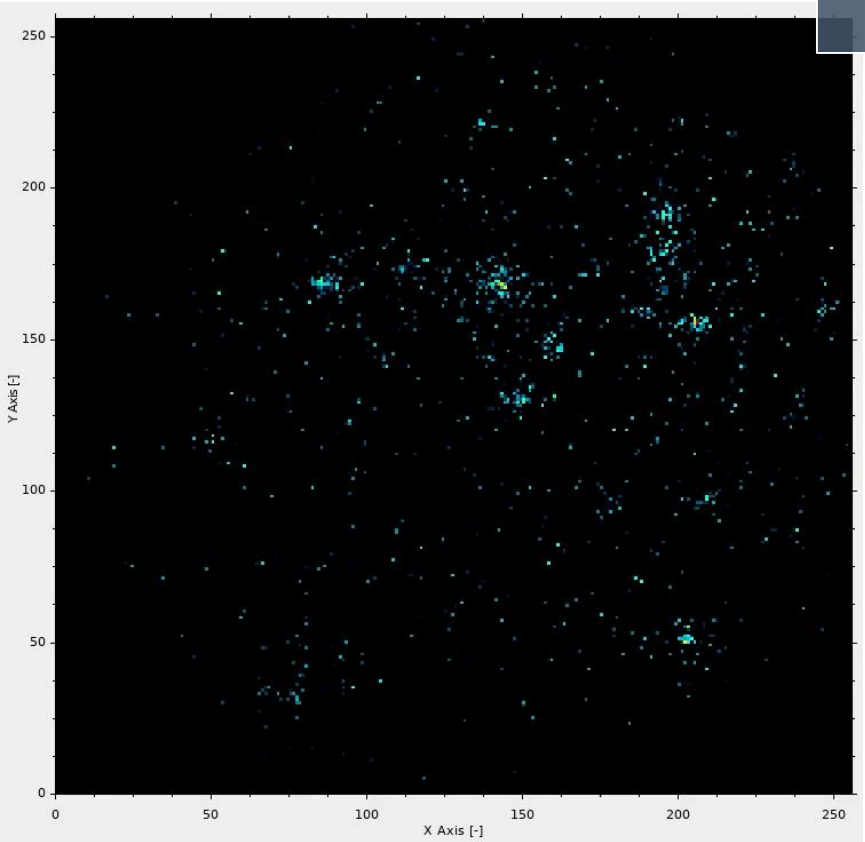
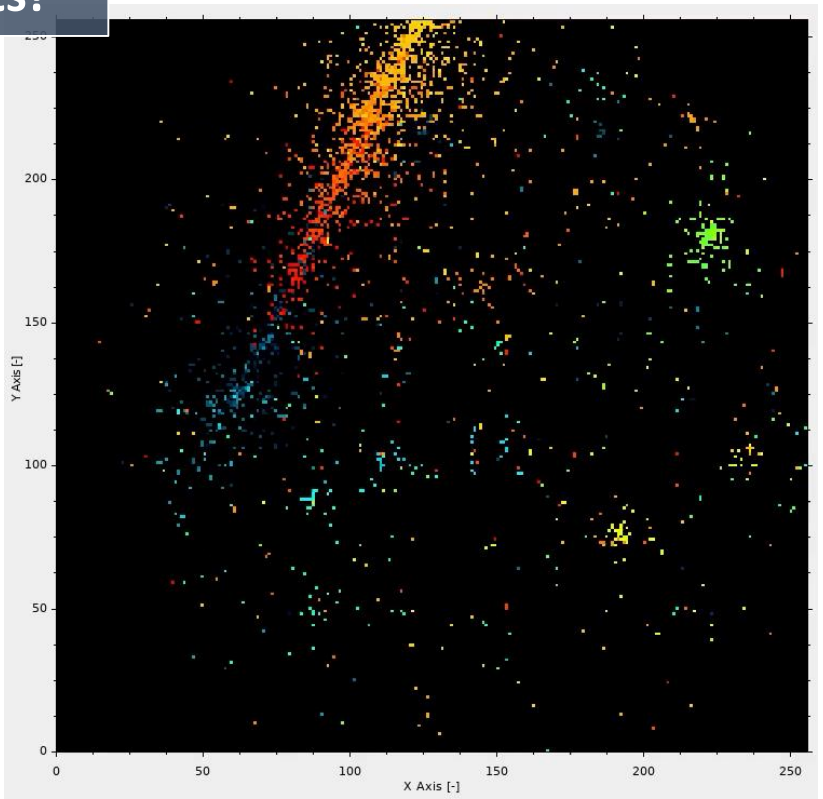
TPX3Cam LAr Results

10 days old results!



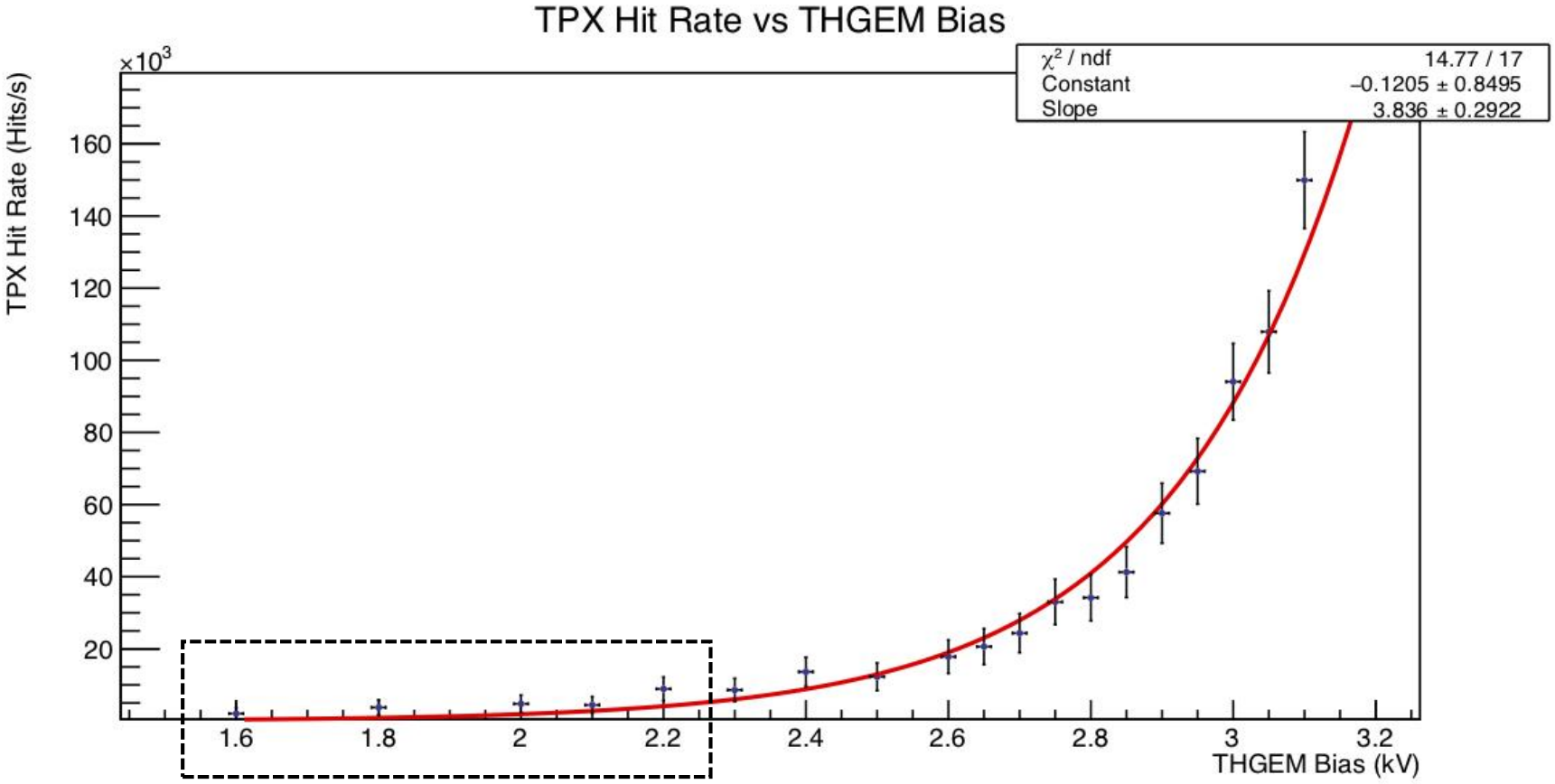
Video: ToT 100 msec



Video: ToA 50 msec

- **Lower energy background gammas are also visible**
- **This low energy threshold is very useful for supernova studies**
- **Resolution is similar to 4x4 binning on the EMCCD ie 1.1mm/pixel**

TPX3Cam LAr Results



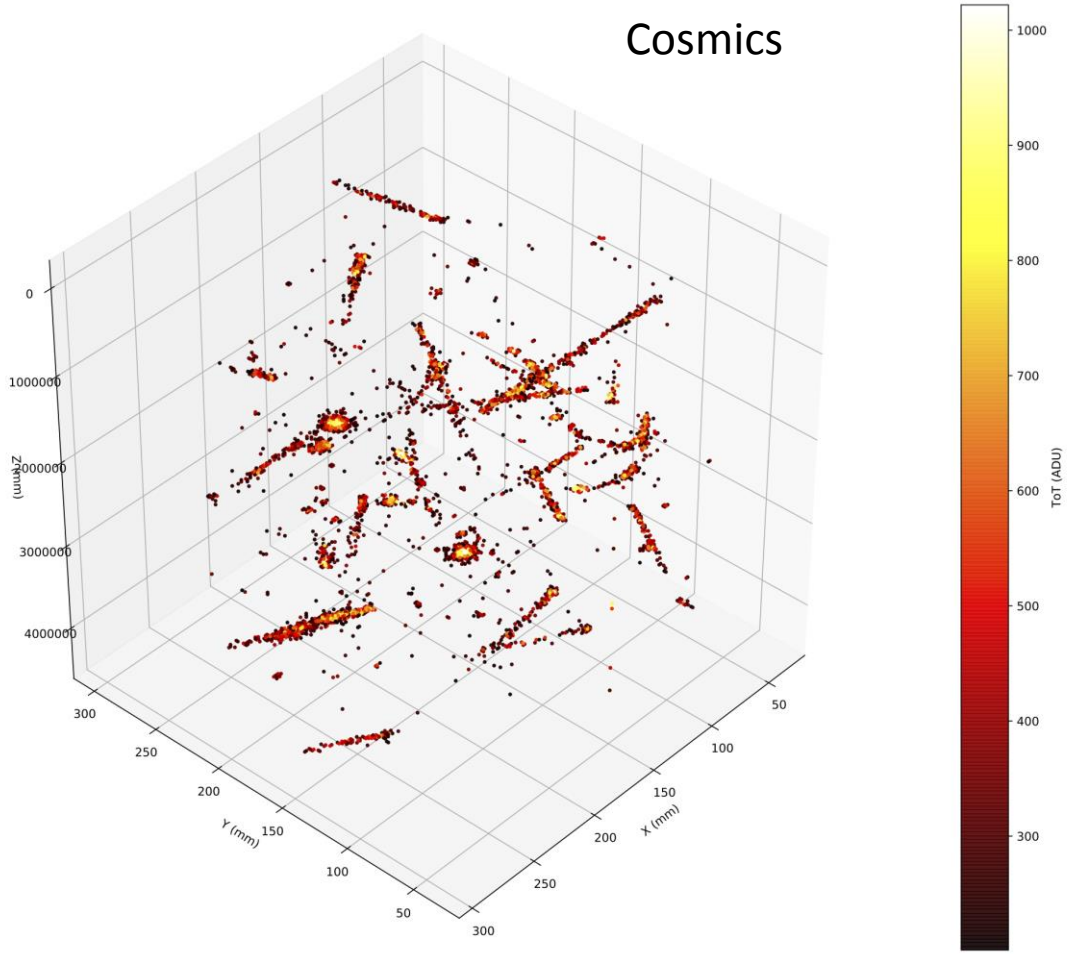
Sensitive to electroluminescence light (ie no charge multiplication in THGEM)

TPX3Cam LAr Results

- 2.4 sec streaming (ie equivalent to 4km drift)

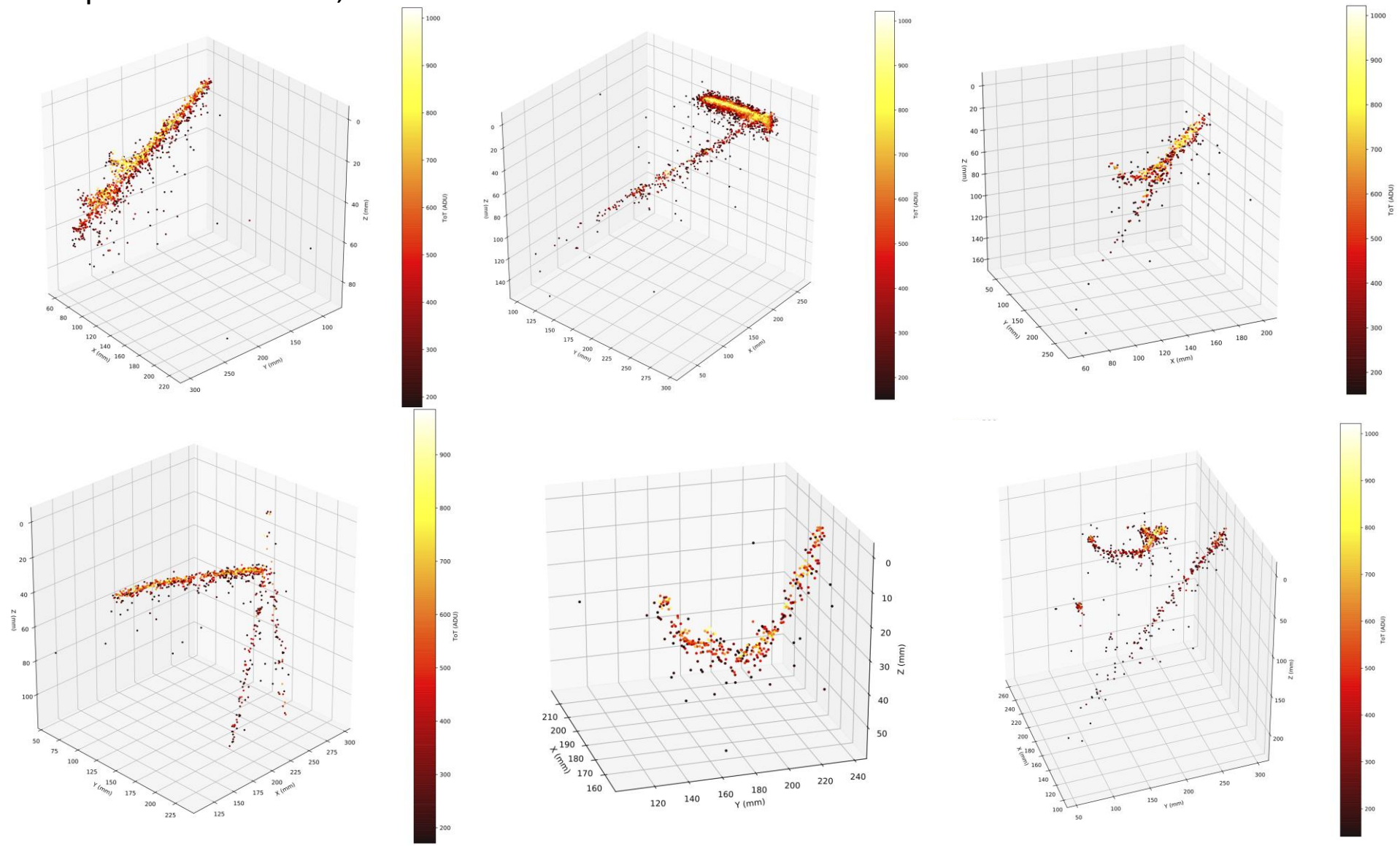
[Nominal drift velocity is 0.16 cm/µsec for 0.5kV/cm]

Cosmics



TPX3Cam 3D Cosmics LAr

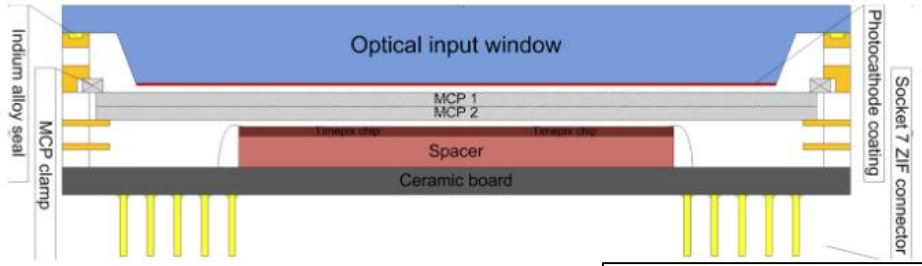
~100µsec drift window, about 20cm tracks



TPX3Cam Next R&D Steps

Future optical TPX R&D and bringing the cost down…

- Need to move away from intensifier (~16k euro)
- Integrate TPX3/4 into a Photonis Planacon 1 inch tube



1 inch Planacon

Something similar has already been made with TPX2 (quad) and It worked beautifully [2]

Not yet been done with TPX3 or TPX4 so we never had simultaneous ToA & ToT in such a device

Many physics applications, similar devices used for RICH (LHCb)

Quad Planacon:

Benefits of direct integration into Planacon:

- No longer need a Phosphor screen – phosphor screen degrades timing performance and adds cost/complexity
- Compact – Entire TPX + intensifier package fits in the palm of your hand (1 inch x 1 inch tube)
- Lower cost – eliminated phosphor and entire device can be manufactured in a proven / already existing factory.

[2] http://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-0221/9/05/C05055/pdf

TPX3Cam TPC Benefits

Raw data is natively 3D. Just need to convert ToA to z position using known drift velocity in the TPC. x,y pixel number to mm using the know field of view of the lens.

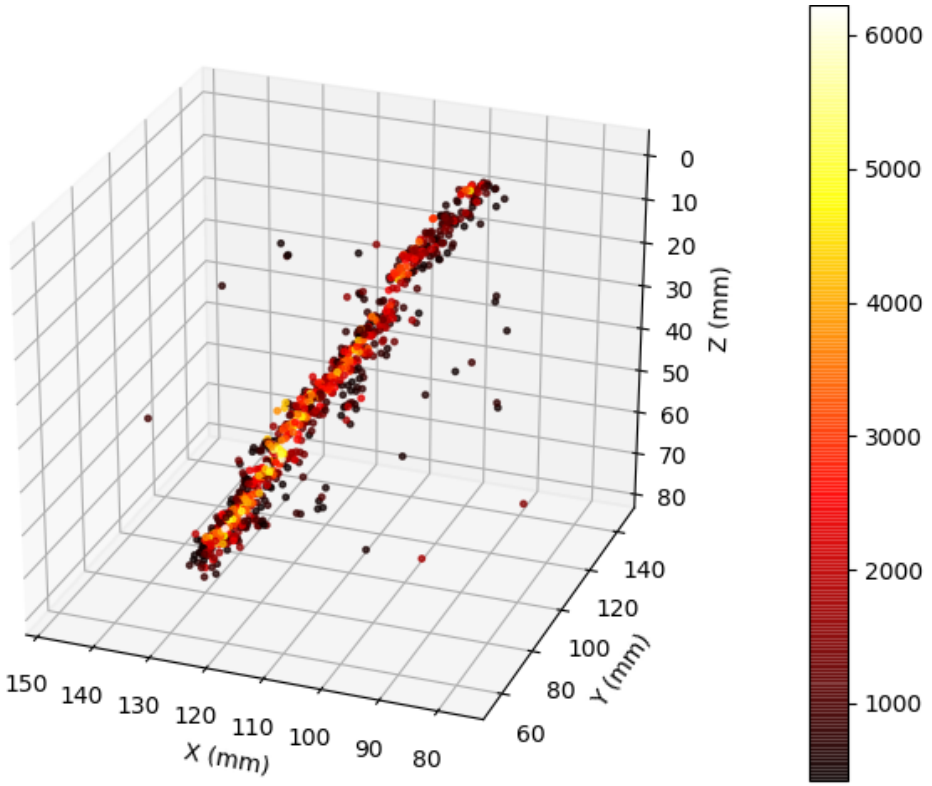
Huge readout rates are possible (80MHits/s)

Zero suppressed readout comes for free

Physics sensor (Timepix) being used for a Physics application

Lower cost than other readout methods is possible with some R&D

Same readout is possible for two phase or gas TPCs



TPX3Cam at Larger Scale

Technology/performance is superb, Cost is of course important.

Table: As an example, demonstration figures for use of TimePix within Dune - 720m², 60m x 12m

Camera type	Sen. Size (pixels)	Cameras to cover 1m²	Resolution (mm/pix)	Total cameras (to cover 720m²)	Total cost (assuming €5k /camera*)
TPX3	256x256	9	1.3 (~ARIADNE)	6480	32.4M
TPX3	256x256	4	2	2880	14.4M
TPX3	256x256	1	4	720	7.2M
TPX4	512x512	4	1	2880	14.4M
TPX4	512x512	1	2	720	3.6M
TPX4	512x512	<1	3	530	2.65M

* Cost is a place holder assumes large production and optimized optics

Achievement and Future

- ERC funded project, started 2016, bringing optical readout to future Neutrino LAr TPCs
- Innovative and Bespoke Design and Construction at Liverpool
- First dual-phase optical TPC with EMCCDs at a beamline Spring 2018
- Now working on exciting integration with TPX3 cameras:
    - Demonstrated excellent calorimetric and 3D readout capabilities
- Further optimisations ongoing/planned
- Discussions at CERN
    - Medipix collaboration (Michael Campbell)
    - Neutrino platform team towards taking technology forwards

The A.-Team

Thank you!

http://hep.ph.liv.ac.uk/ariadne

Extra Slides

TPX3 Specifications

	Timepix3
Pixel matrix	256 x 256
Pixel size	55 x 55 µm^2
Technology	CMOS 130 nm
Measurement modes	• Simultaneous 10 bit TOT and 14 + 4 bit TOA • 14 + 4 bit TOA only • 10 bit PC and 14 bit integral TOT
Readout type	• Data driven • Frame based (both modes with zero suppression)
Dead time (pixel, data driven)	>475 ns (pulse processing + packet transfer)
Output bandwidth	40 Mbits/s – 5.12 Gbits/s
Maximum count rate	0.4 Mhits/mm^2/s (data driven mode)
TOA Precision *	1.56 ns
Front end noise	60e- RMS
Minimum threshold	~500 e-

≈ 1mm in LAr

TPX3 Specifications

Timepix3 → Timepix4

		Timepix3	Timepix4
Technology		IBM 130nm	TSMC 65nm
Pixel Size		55 x 55 µm	≤ 55 x 55 µm
Pixel arrangement		3-side buttable 256 x 256	4-side buttable 256 x 256 or bigger
Operating Modes	Data driven	PC (10-bit) and TOT (14-bit)	CRW: PC and iTOT (12...16-bit)
	Frame based	TOT and TOA	
Zero-Suppressed Readout	Data driven	< 80 MHits/s	< 500 MHits/s
	Frame based	YES	YES
TOT energy resolution		< 2KeV	< **1Kev**
Time resolution		1.56ns	**~200ps**
Readout bandwidth		5.12Gb (8x SLVS@640 Gbps)	20.48 Gbps (4x 5.12 Gbps)
Front-end		"with" Volcano	No volcano → Dynamic gain But supply only 1.2V

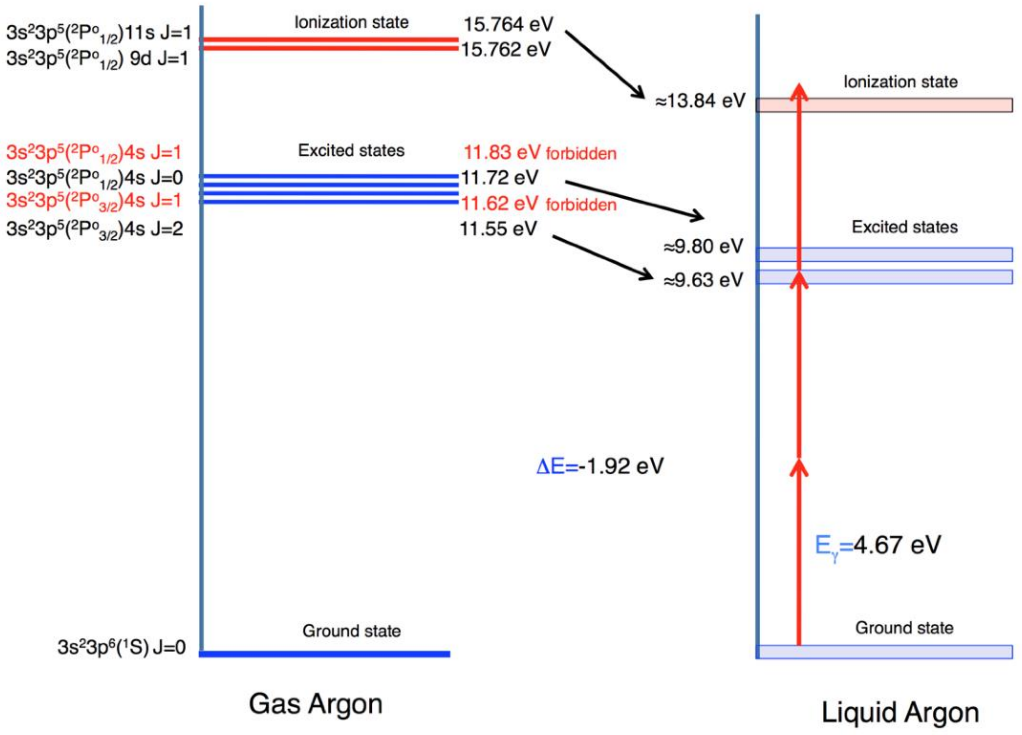
Higher x,y resolution (or cover more area with one camera)

Faster readout rates

Improved calorimetry

Extra – Multiphoton absorption of LAr

- Excitation states form bands in LAr
- Double photon excitation to intermediate excited state
- Single photon excitation to ionised state
- 4.67eV photon ≈ 266nm - Nd:YAG lasers very suitable



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Extra – Geant4 Energy Containment