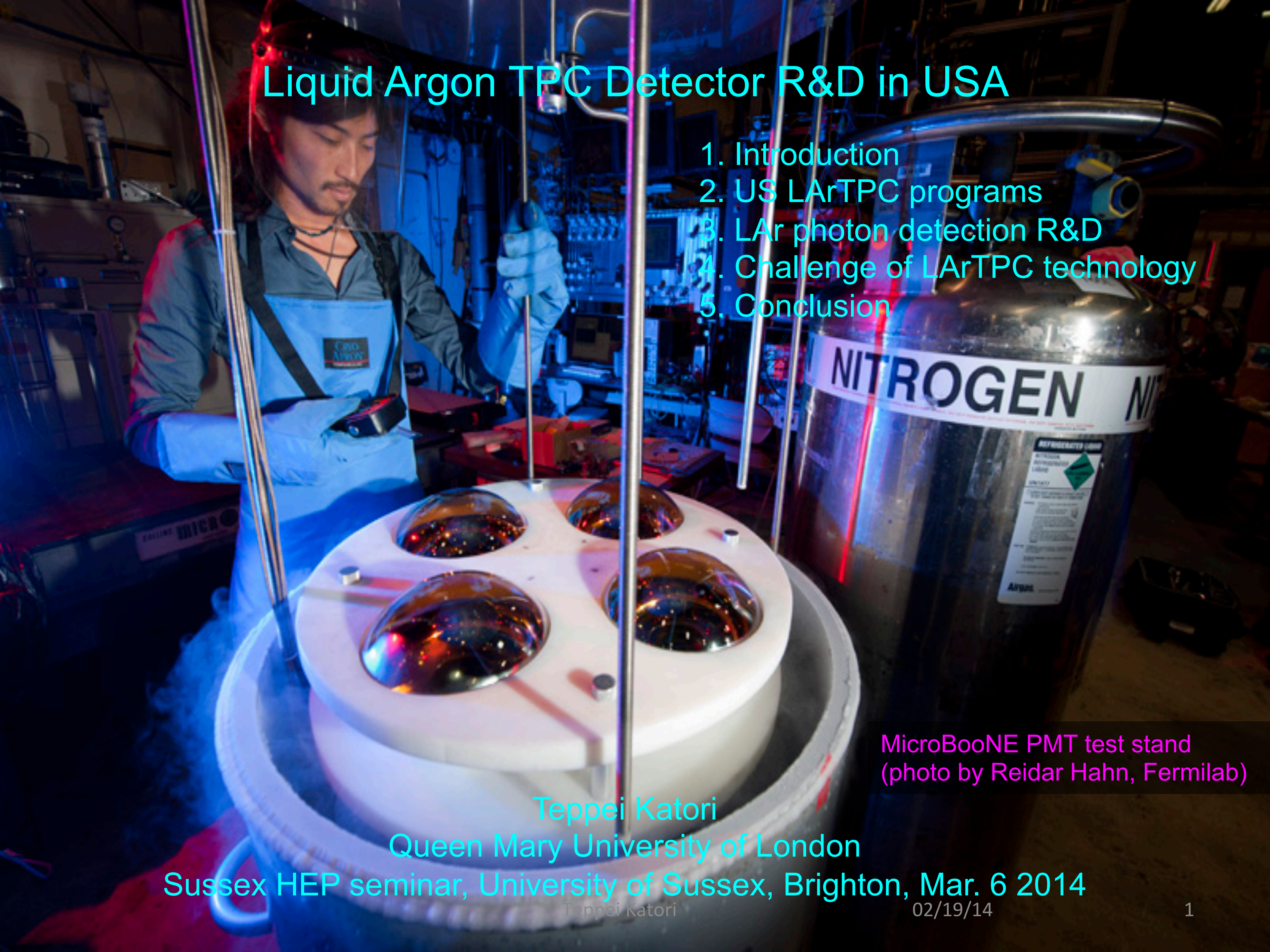

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MicroBooNE PMT test stand
(photo by Reidar Hahn, Fermilab)

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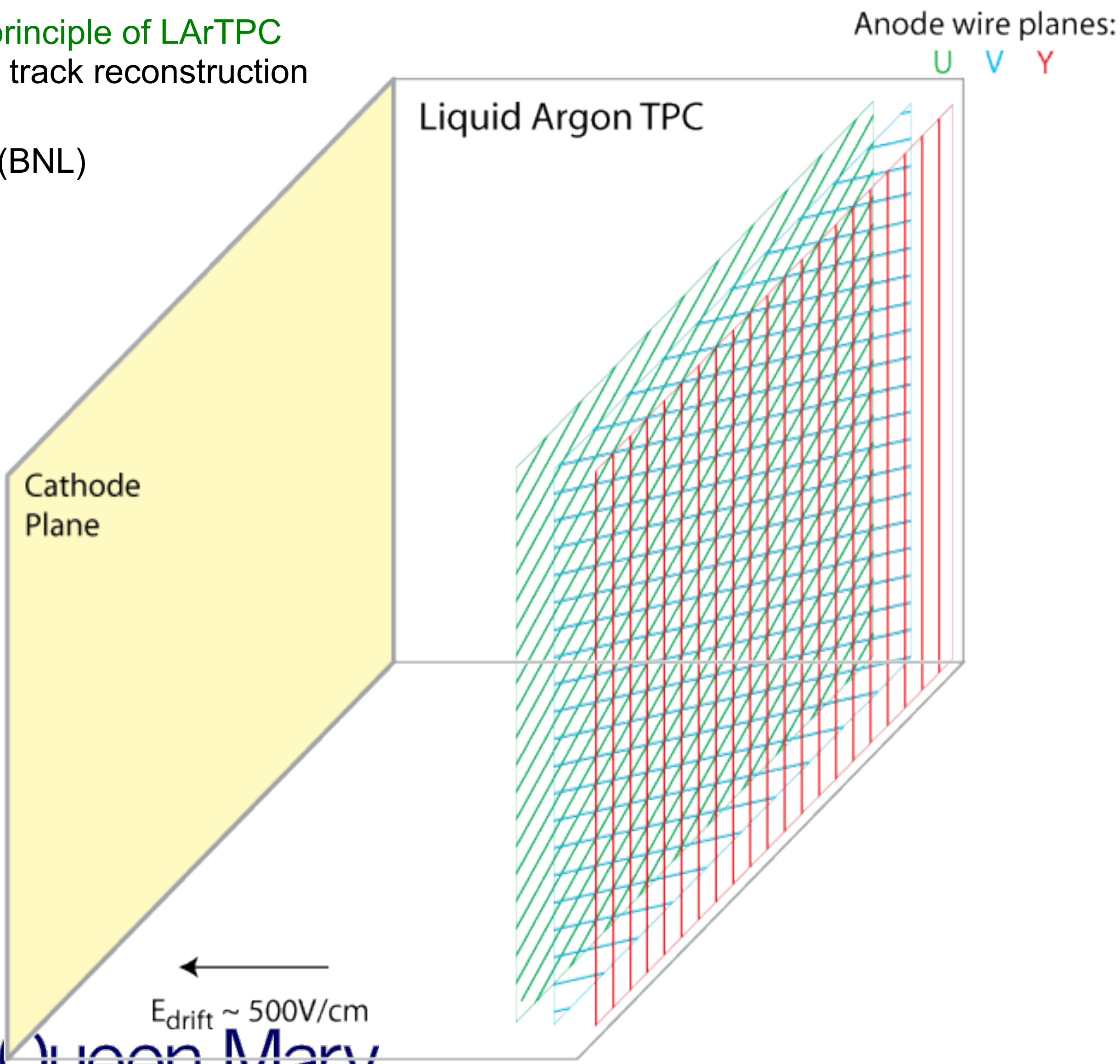

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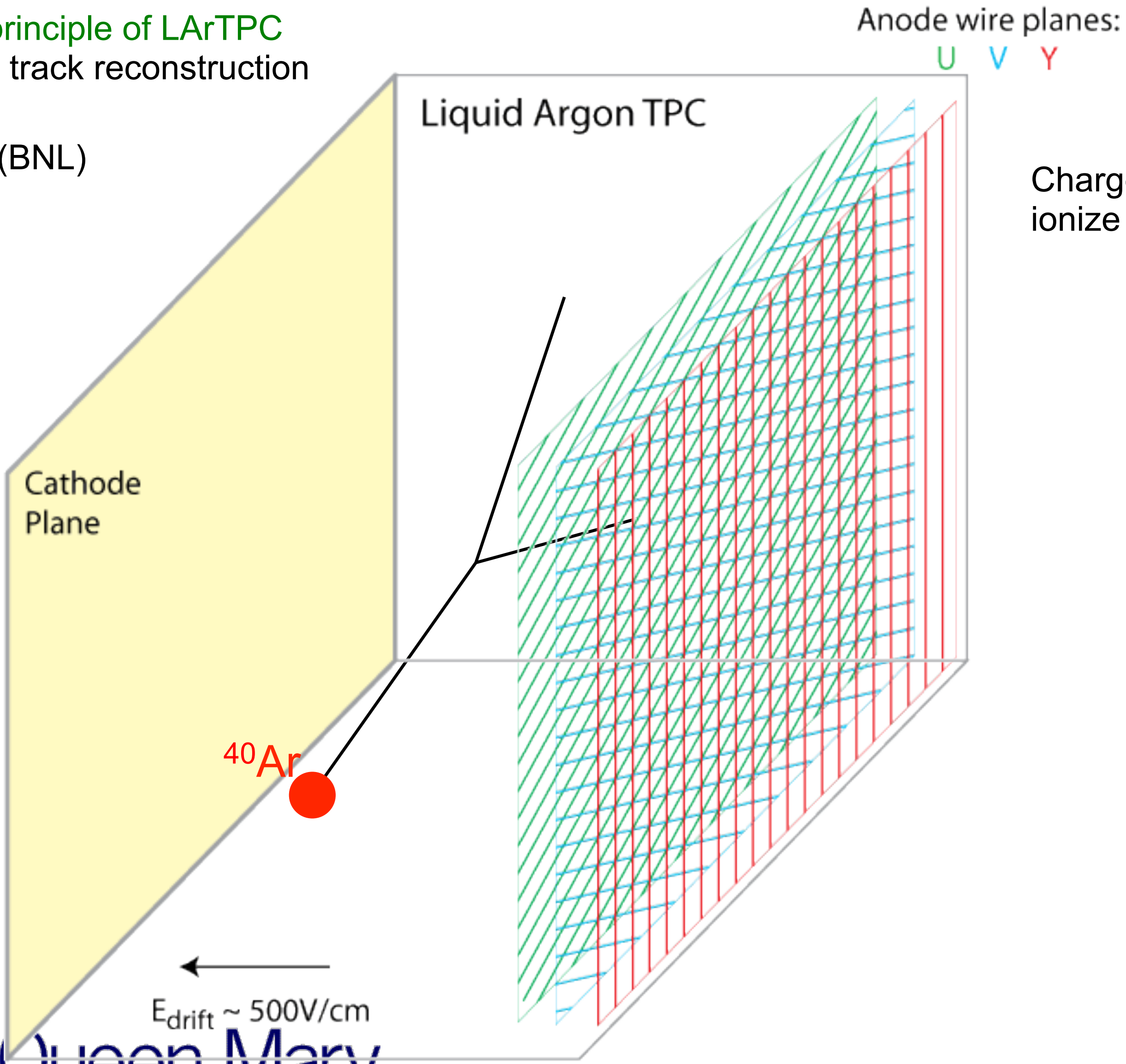

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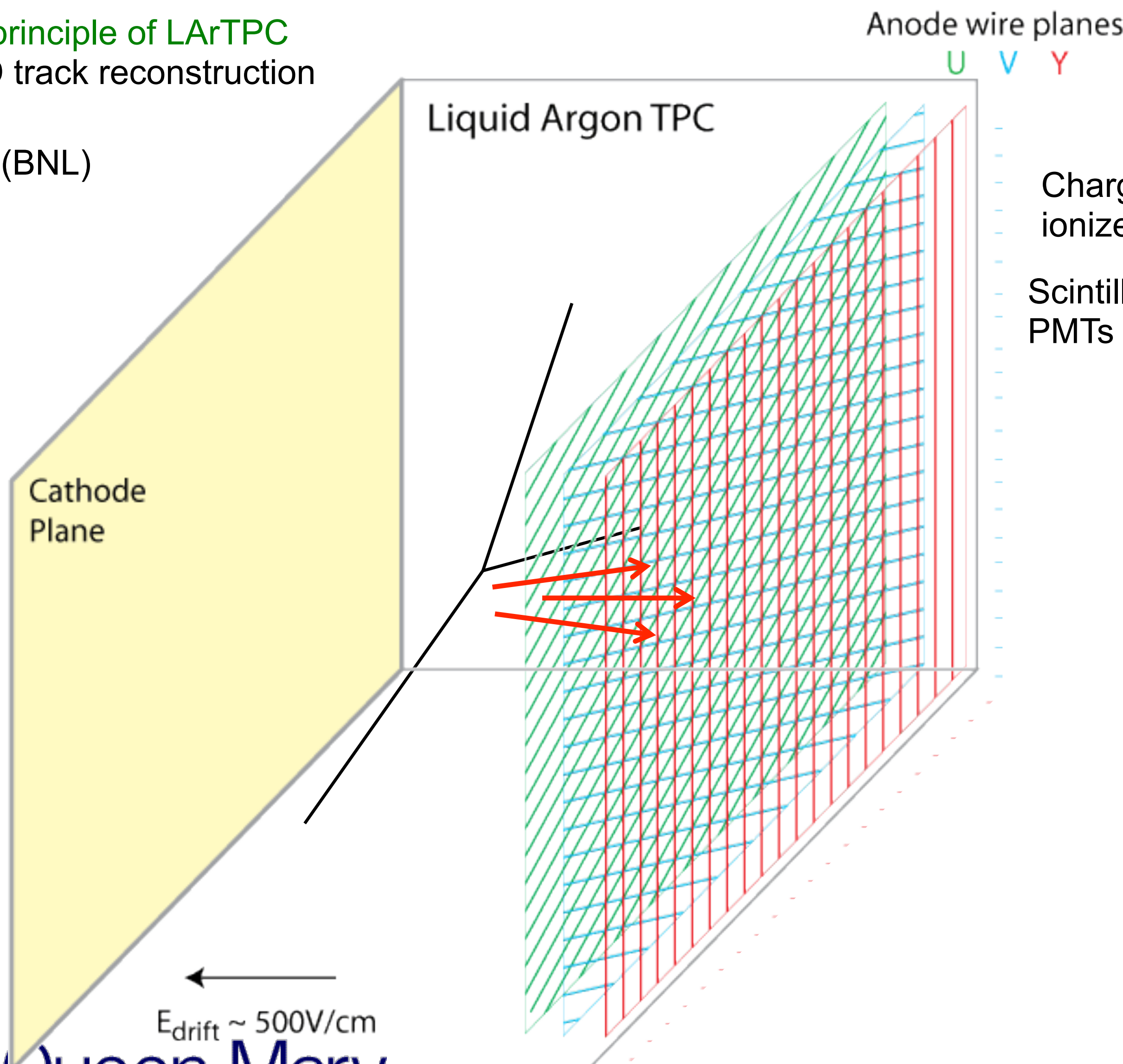

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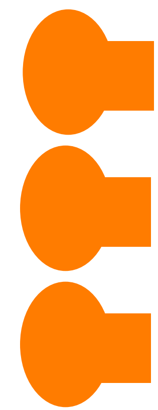

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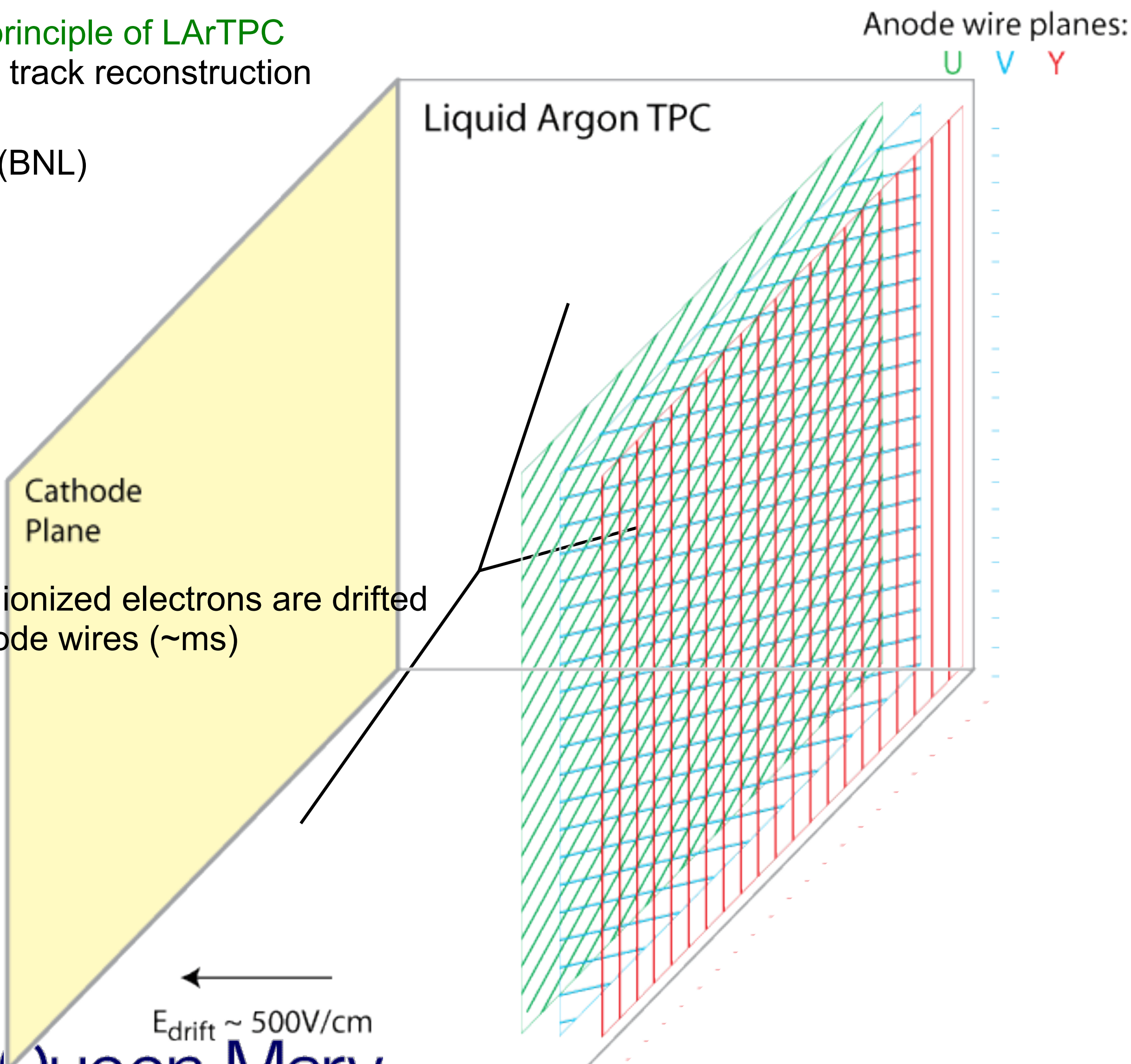

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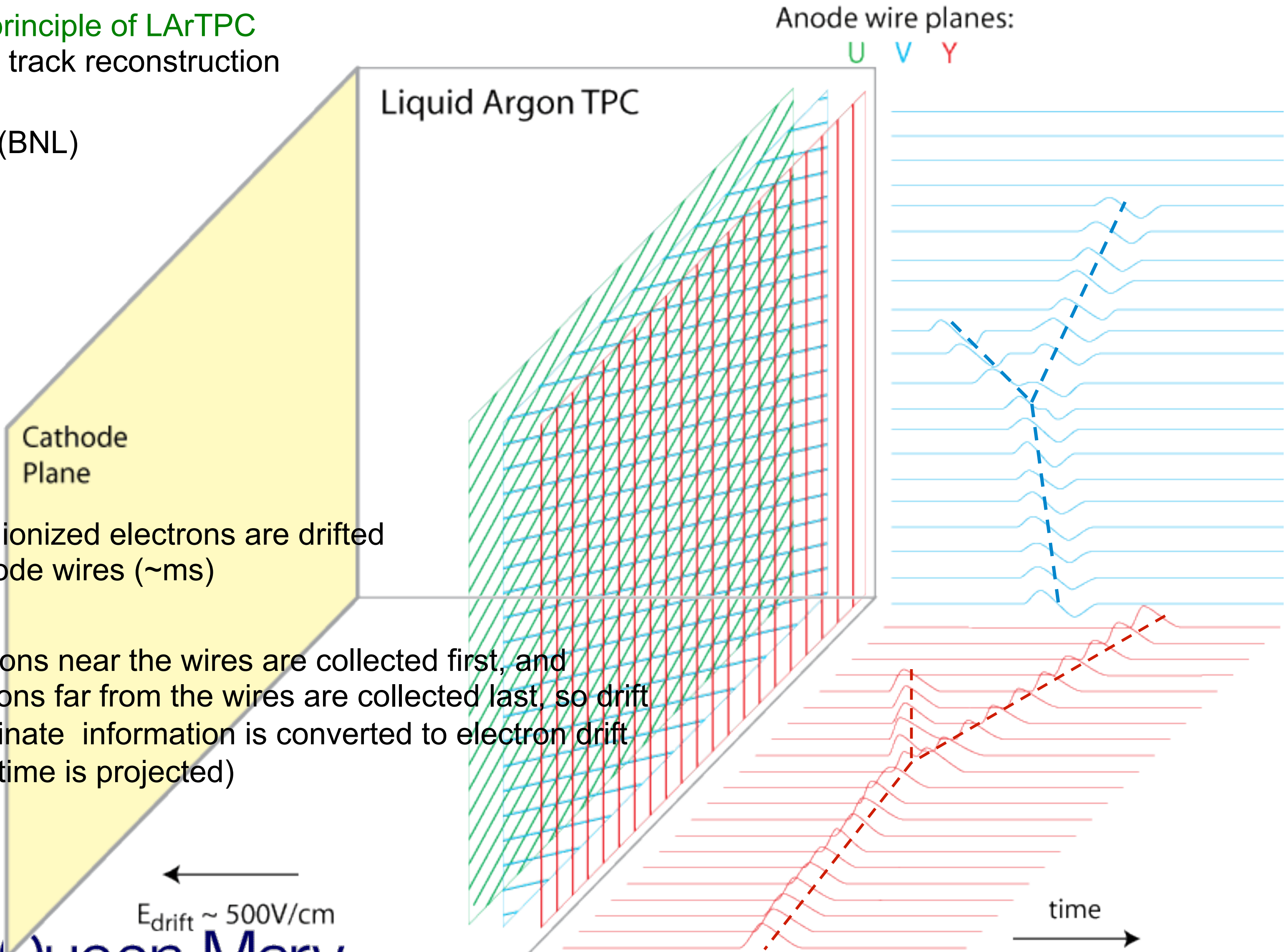

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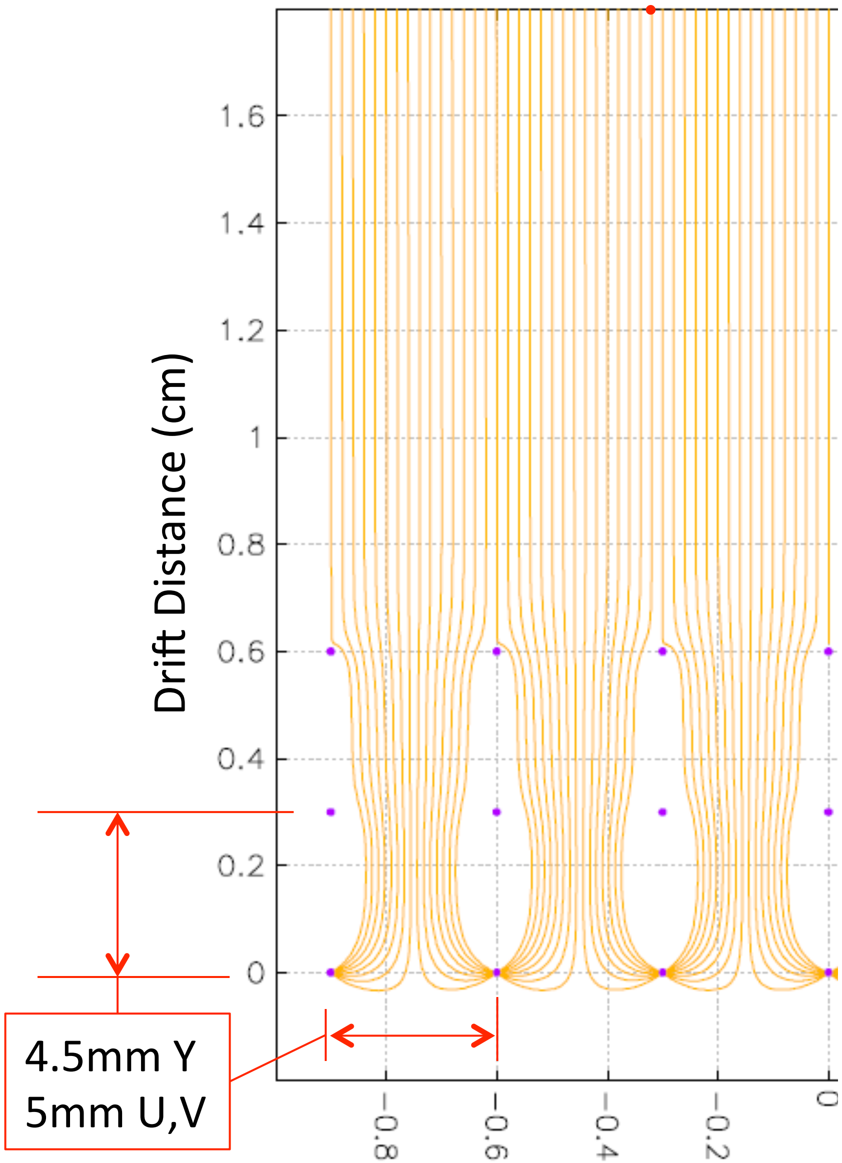

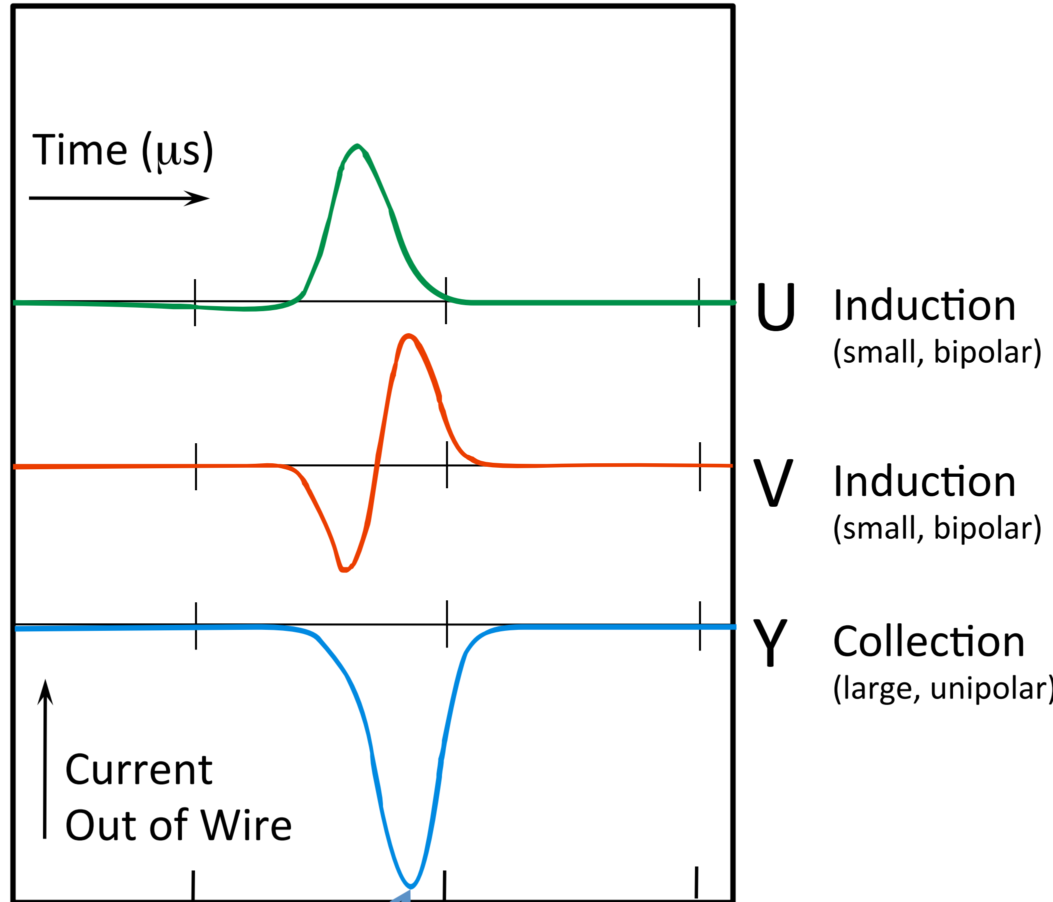

<u>ArgoNeuT</u>
1 MIP peak ~ 26 ADC counts
Noise rms ~ 1 ADC count

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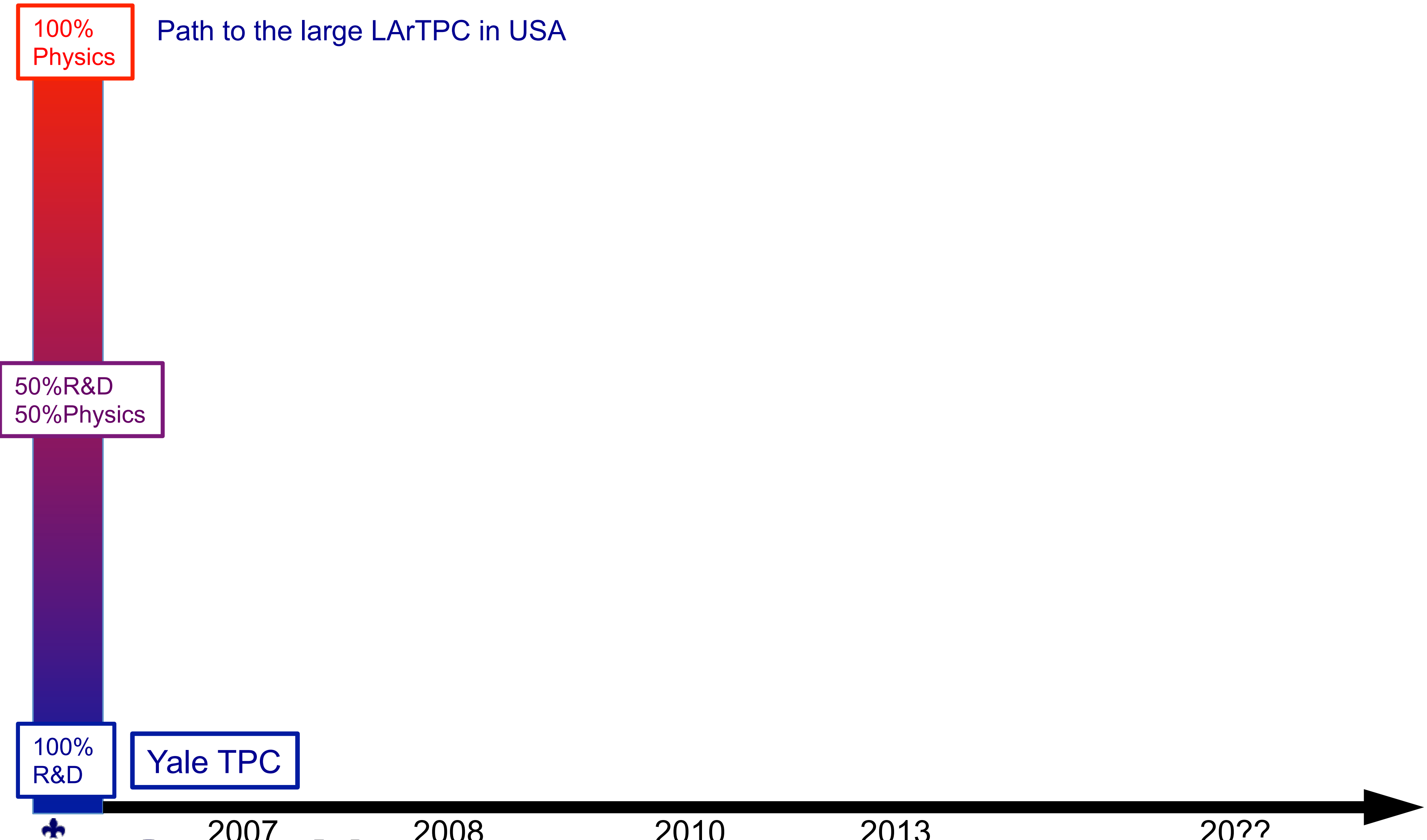

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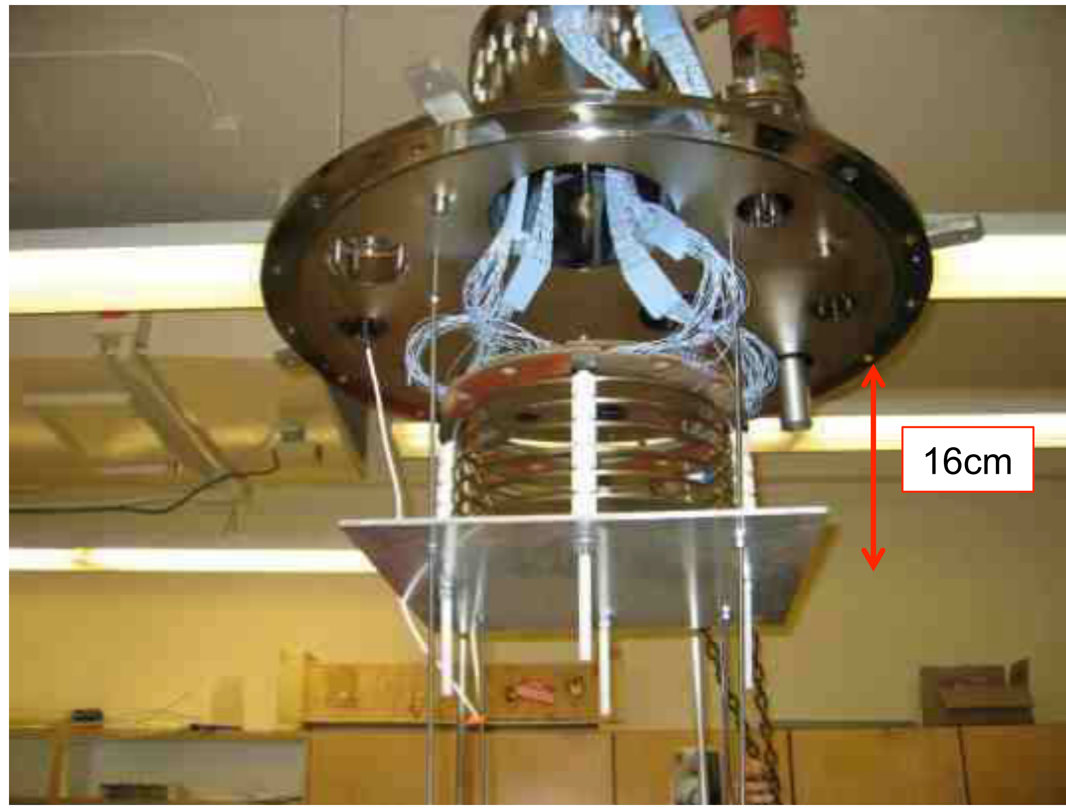

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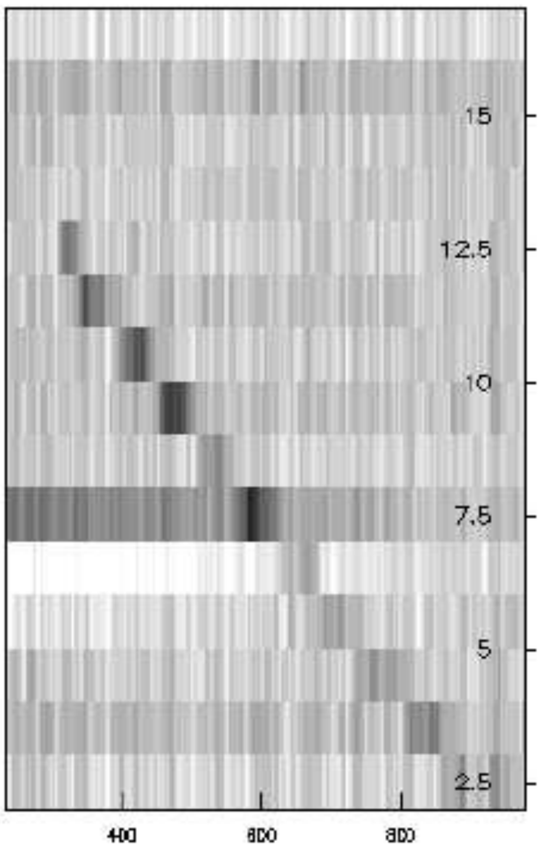

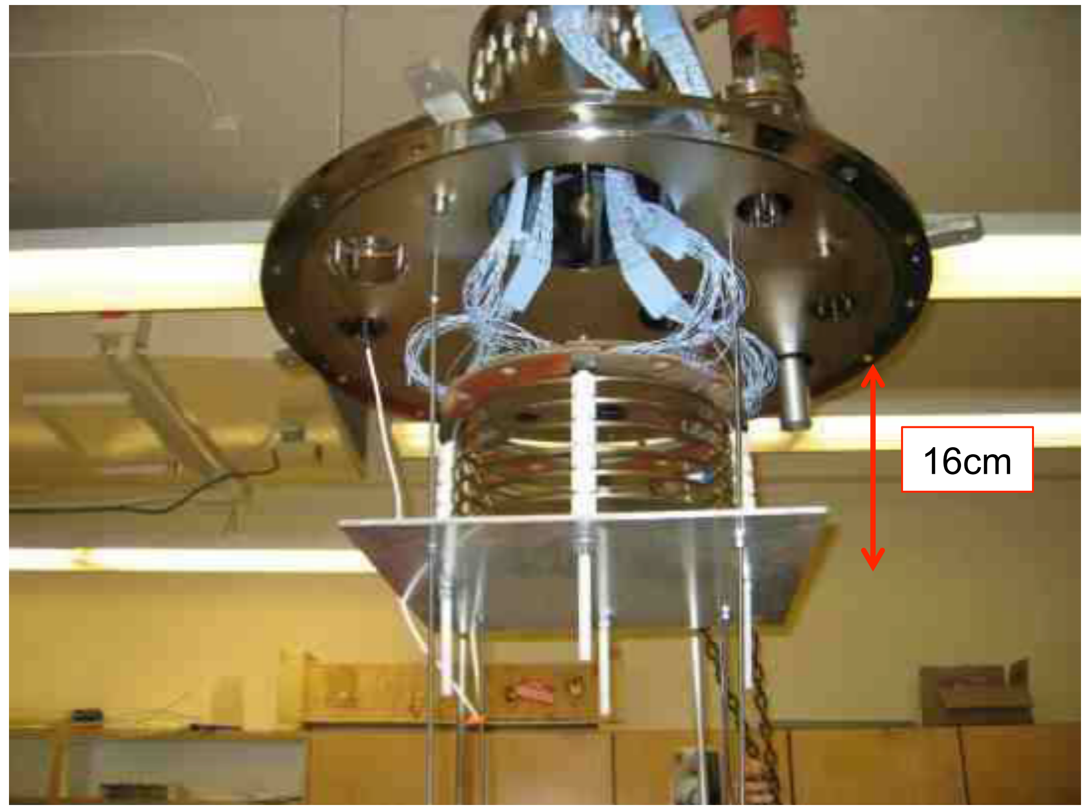

Figure 5. Muon crossing the TPC (collection view).

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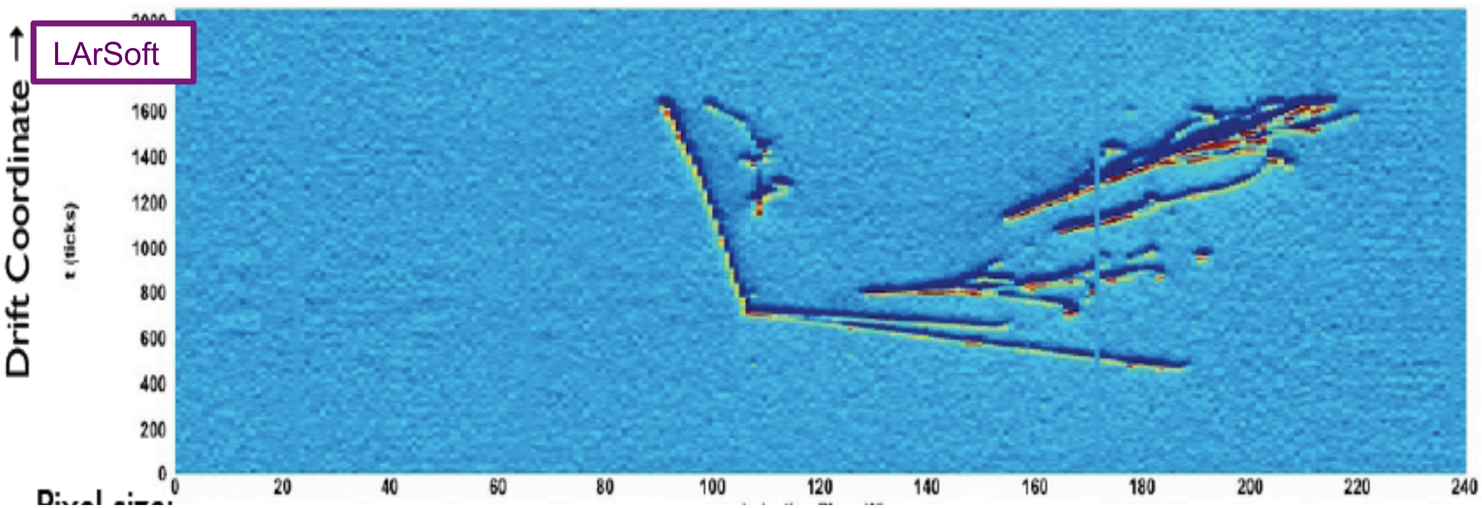

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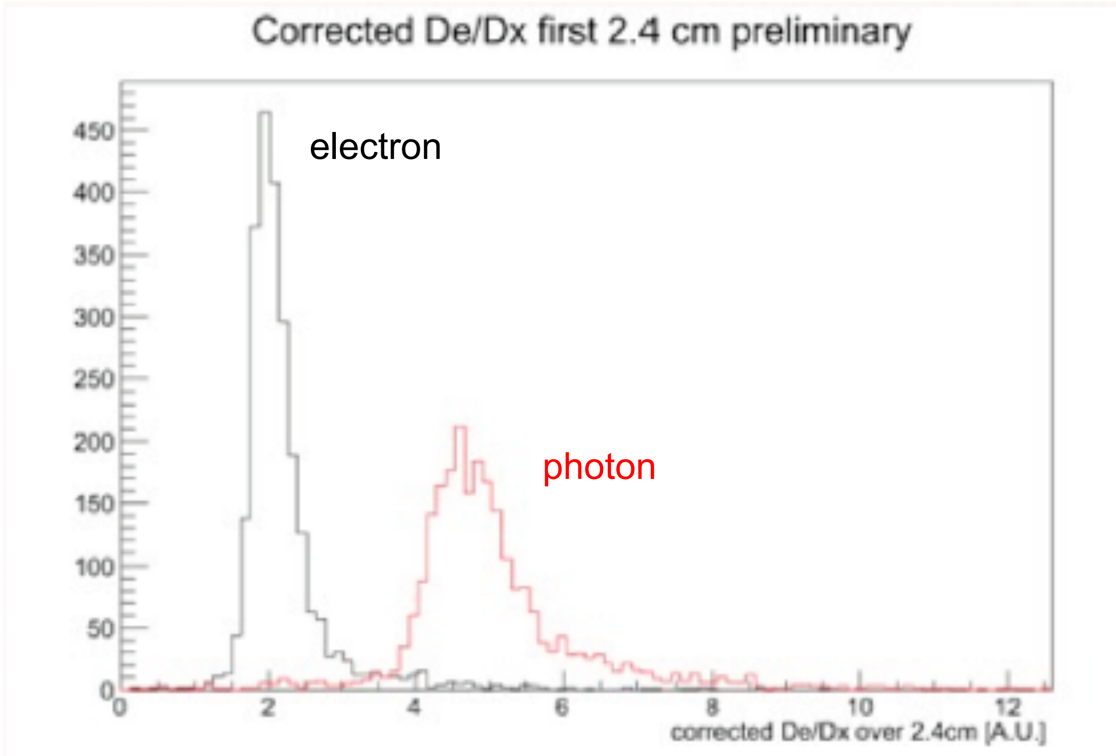
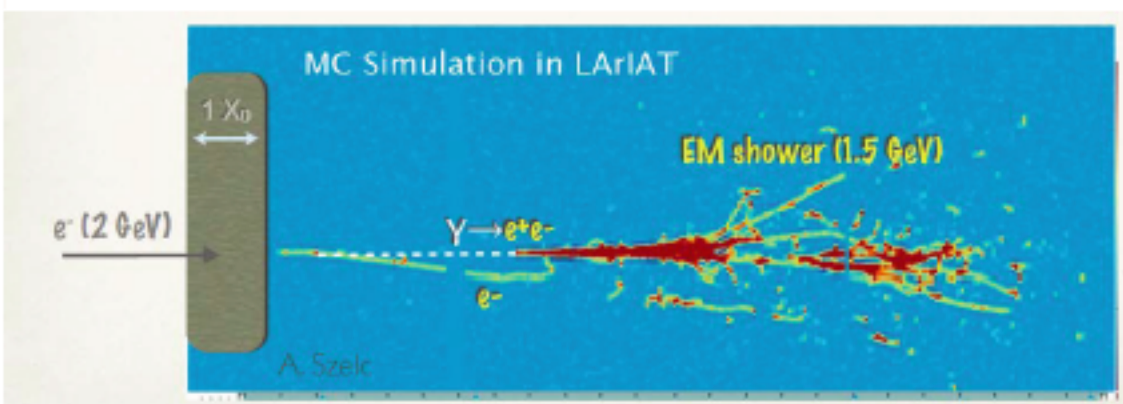
2. LArSoft

Reconstruction is hard
- Biggest effort on software development
- Cambridge join MicroBooNE/LBNE with PANDORA
- Not reliable shower reconstruction yet (all study is done with true info, or imitated detector effect)





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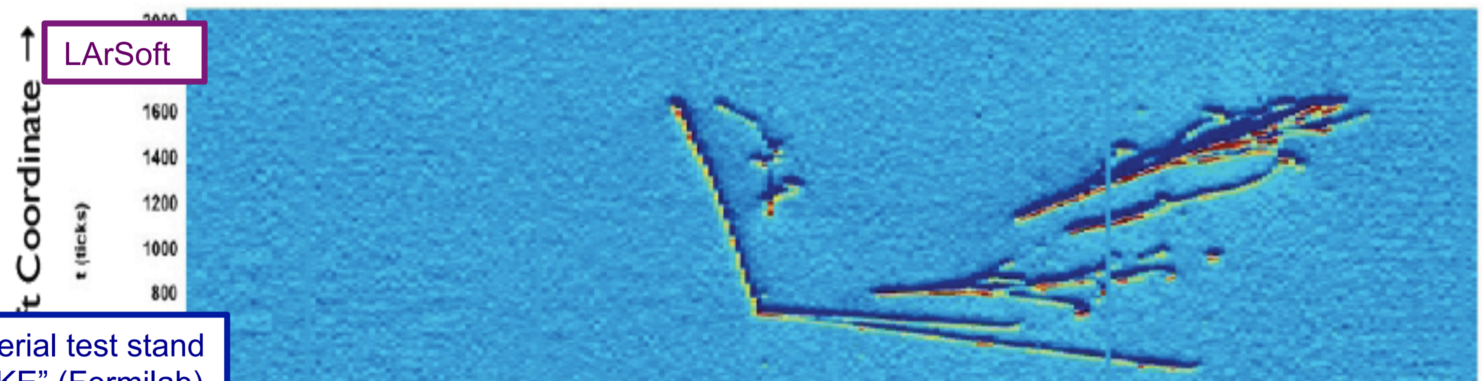

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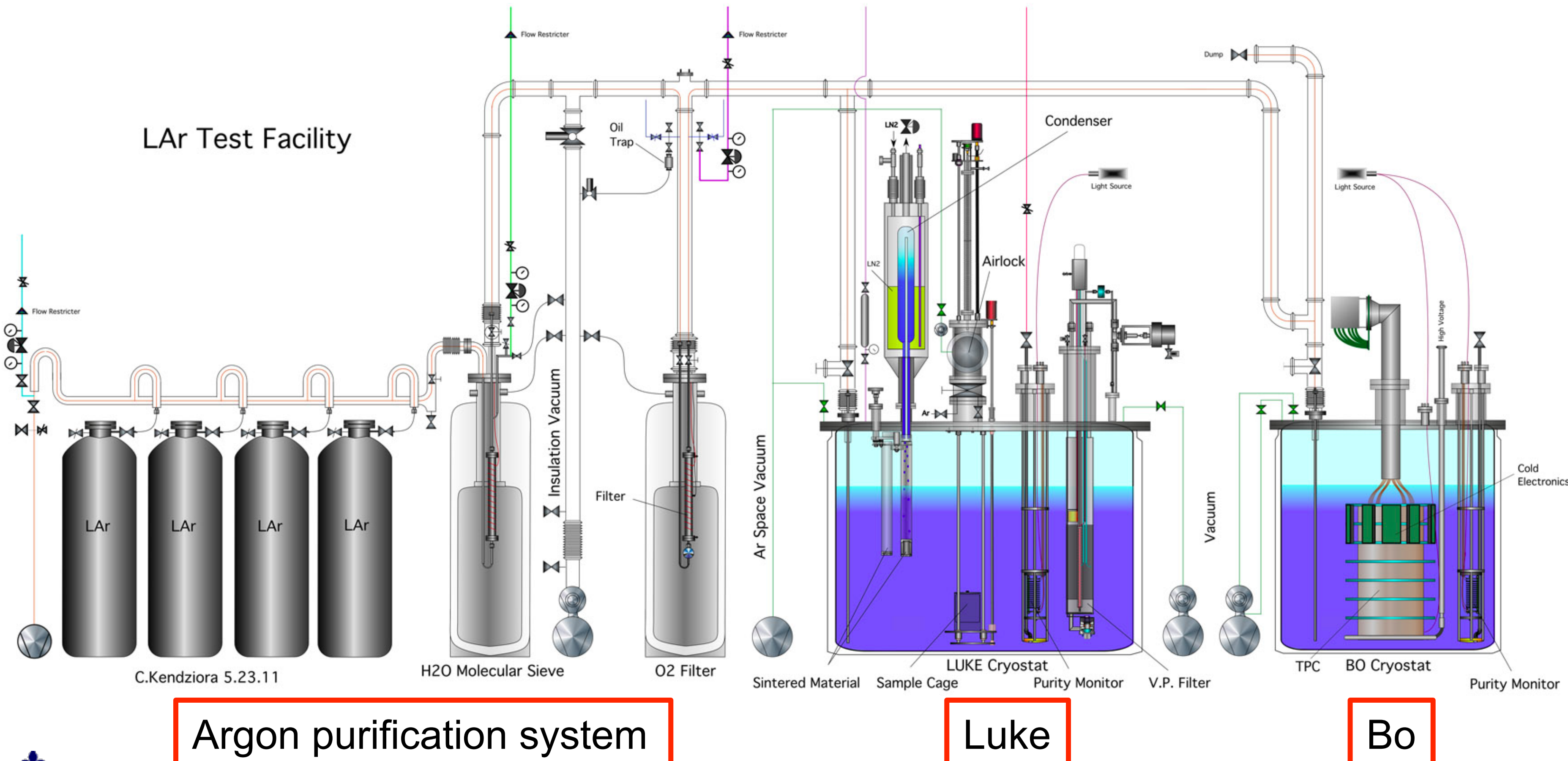

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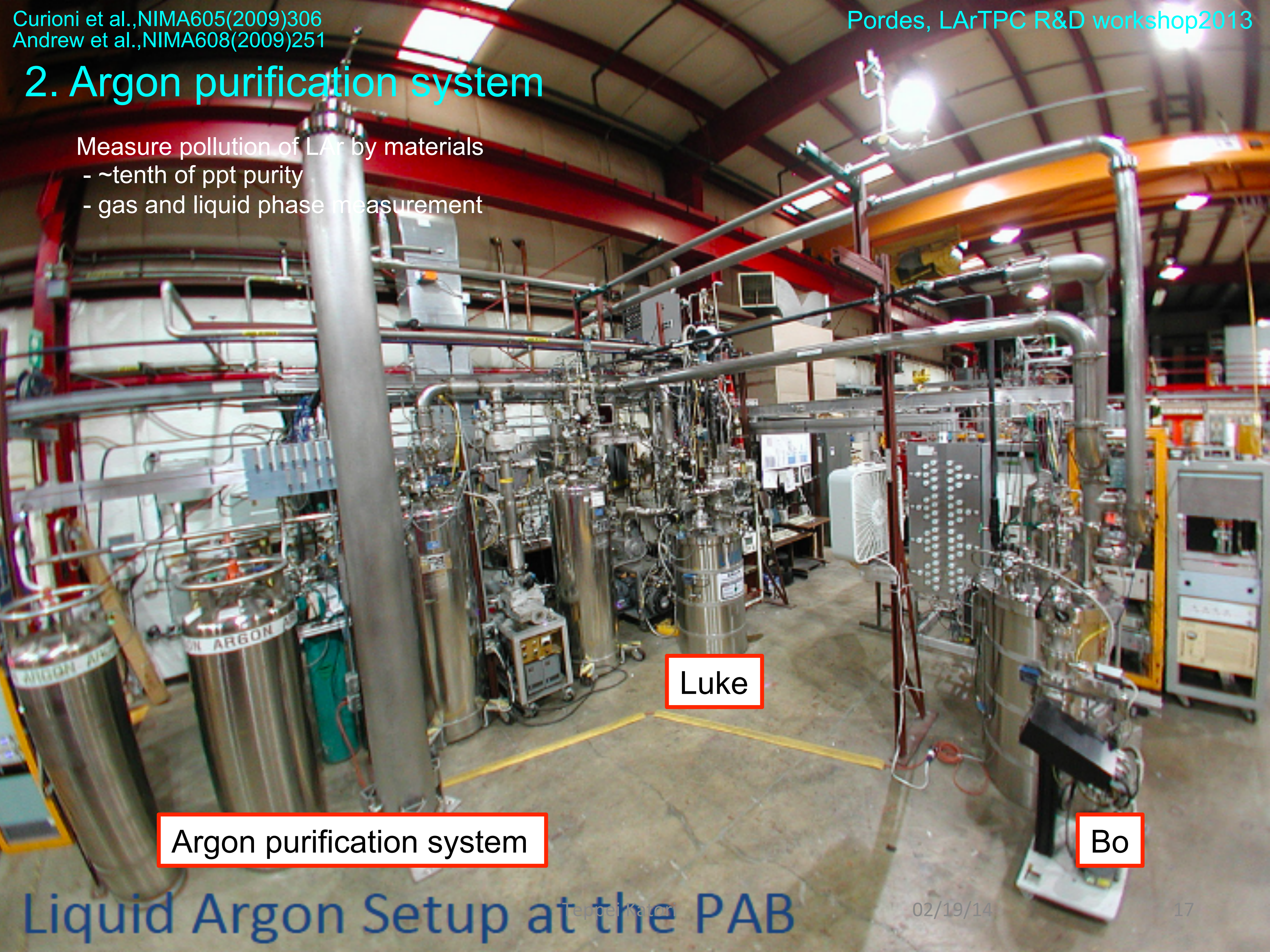

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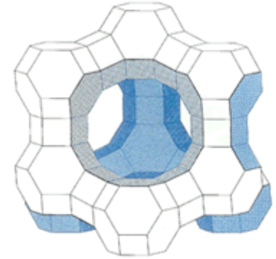

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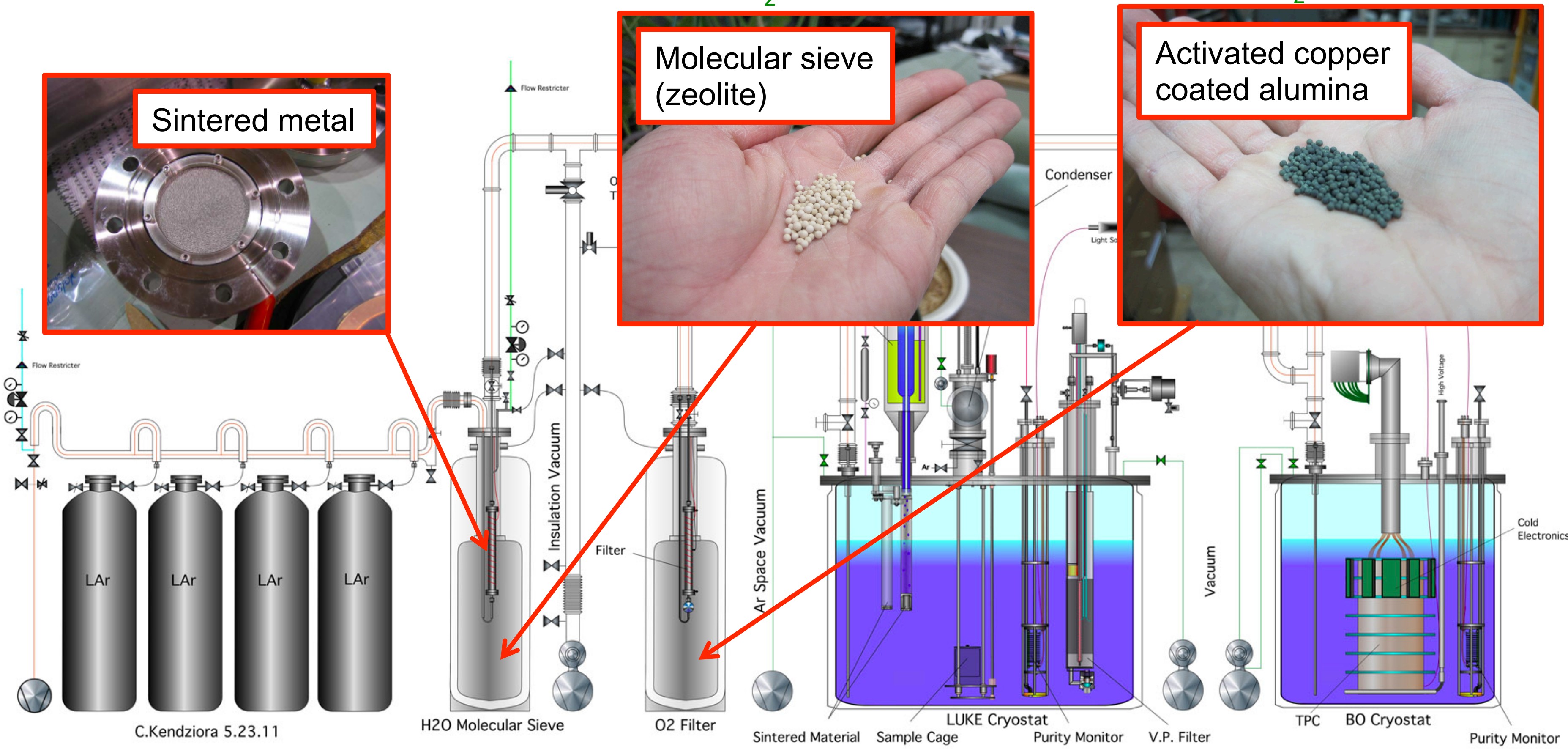

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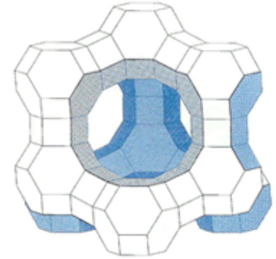

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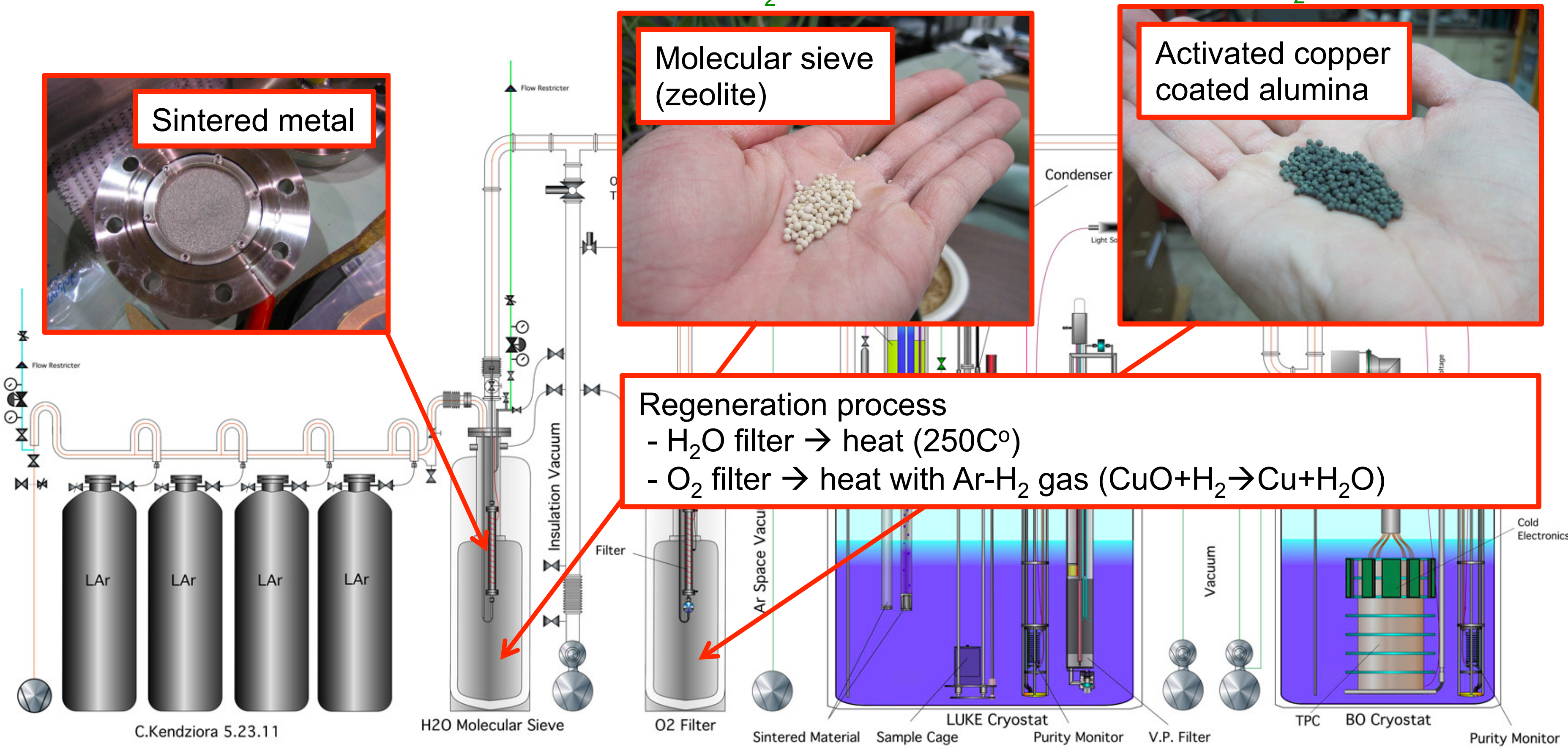


Regeneration process
- H_2O filter → heat (250C°)
- O_2 filter → heat with Ar-H_2 gas ($CuO+H_2 \rightarrow Cu+H_2O$)

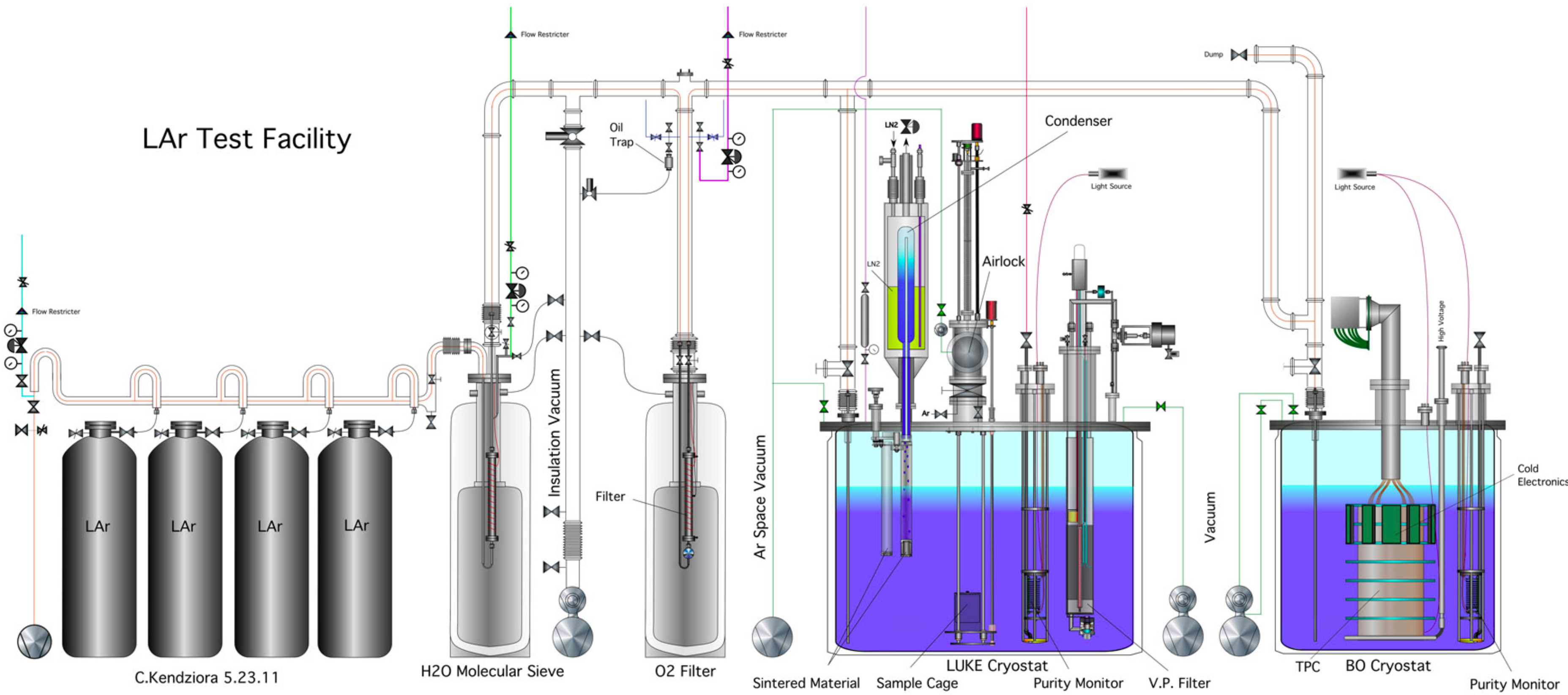
Argon purification system

Luke

Bo

2. Materials Test System (MTS), "Luke"

250L cryostat
- All materials used in inside of LArTPC cryostat must be tested by this (ArgoNeuT, MicroBooNE, etc)
- Measure the change of electron lifetime (=impurity concentration) by material insertion
- Both gas and liquid phase



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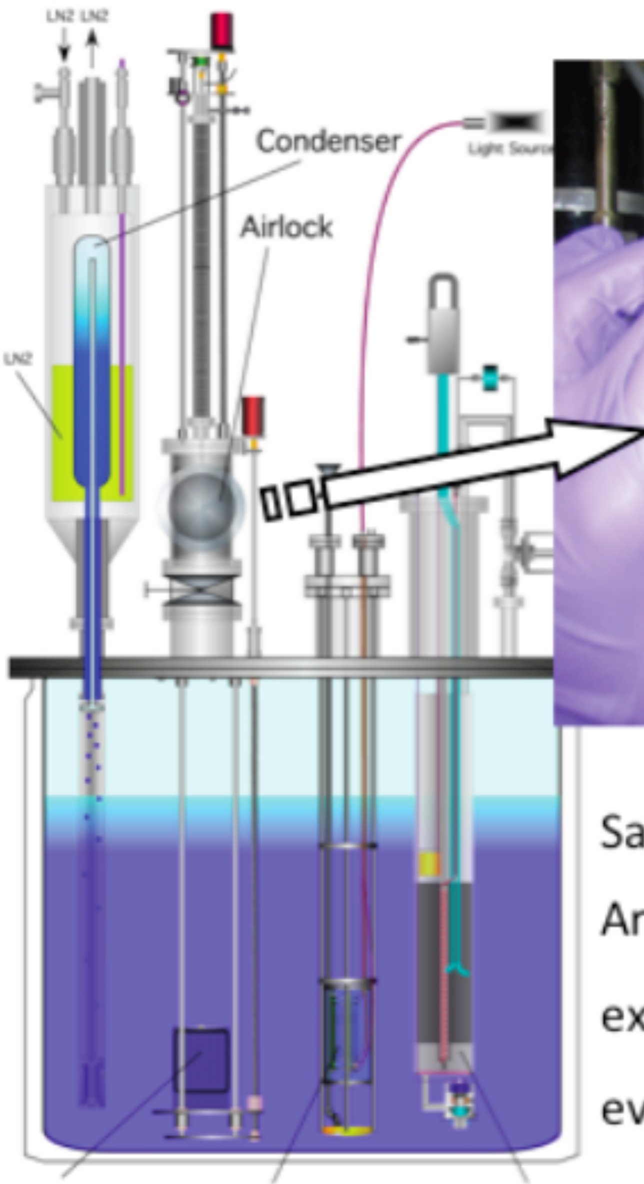

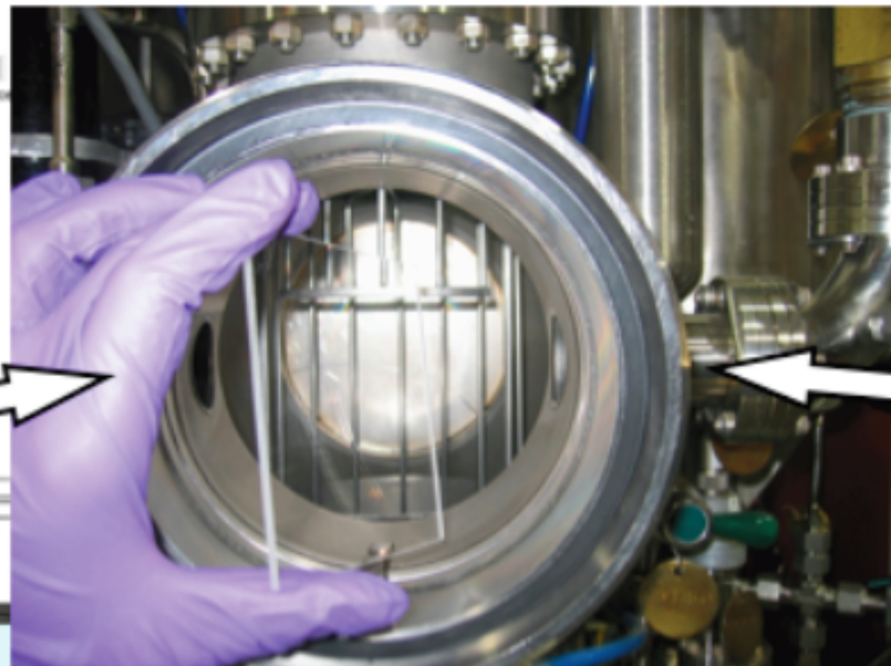

Sample volume 10 cm x 10 cm x 10 cm

Argonlock can be purged with external argon, cryostat argon, and/or evacuated

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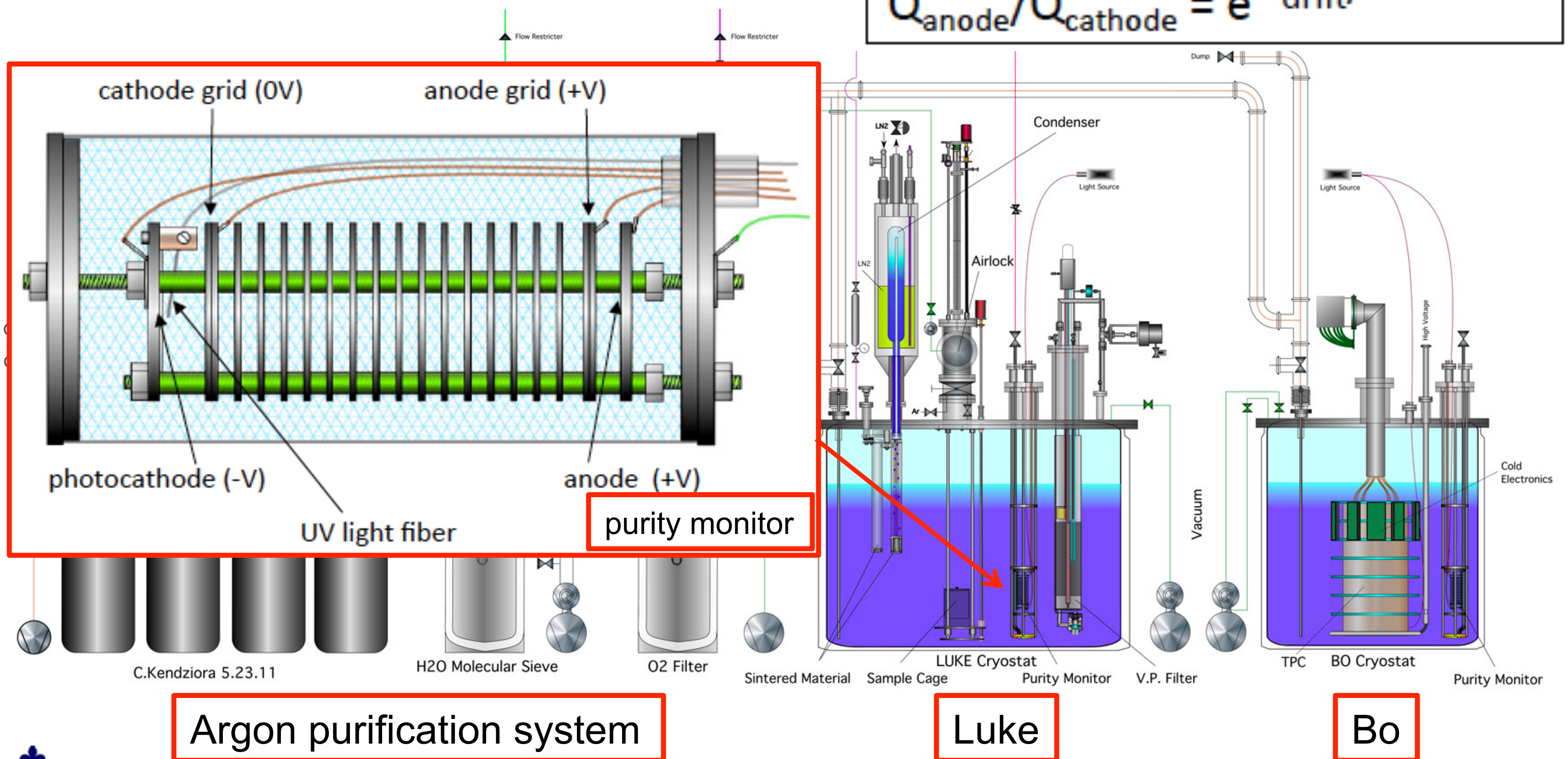
Purity monitor
- Produce photo-electron by imping UV light on gold plate
- Cathode and anode signal define electron life time

$$Q_{anode}/Q_{cathode} = e^{-t_{drift}/\tau}$$



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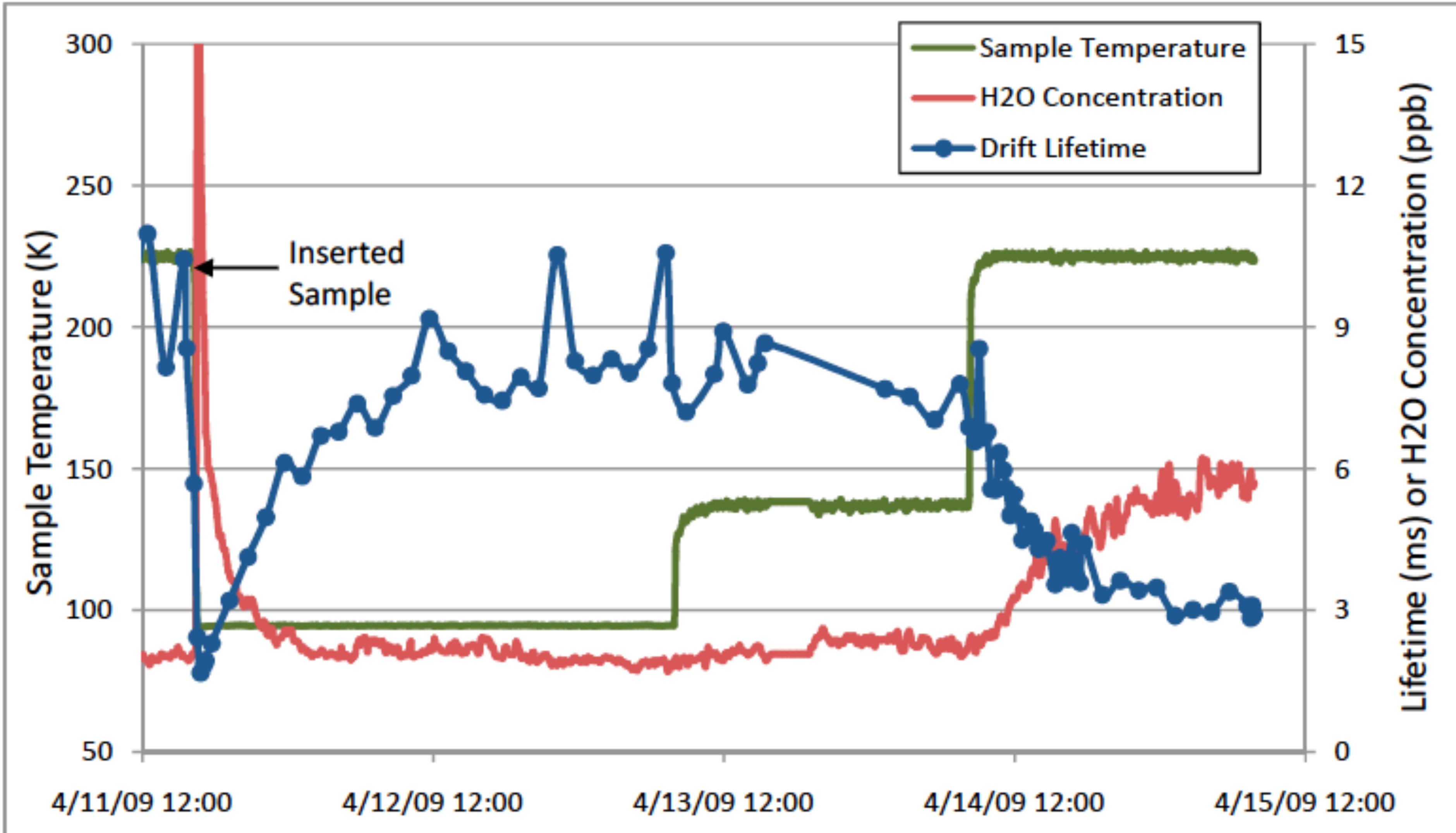

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Material	Date test started	Preparation	Tests	Water [ppb]	Lifetime [ms]	LogBook #
Cleaning Solution	6/29/09	evac. 24 h	vapor/liquid	4	5	946
Vespel	7/9/09	evac. overnite	liquid/vapor	5-7	2-5, 4-6	960
MasterBond glue	7/16/09	purged 18 h	vapor/liquid	1.6	1.3- 2.9	974
LEDs	7/31/09	purged 38 h	vapor	3.5	5	993
Carbon filter material	8/12/09	evac. 24 h	liquid/vapor	2	4-9	1000
962 FeedTru Board V2	10/12/09	evac. 24 h	vapor/warm	85	1-5	1062
Teflon cable	1/9/10	purged 28 h	warm/liquid/vapor	8-20	2-5	1175
3M "Hans" connectors	1/29/10	purged 46 h	warm/liquid/vapor	5-12	3	1198
962 capacitors	3/2/10	evac. 24 h	warm/liquid/vapor	6-14	3-6	1228
962 polyolefin cable	4/12/10	evac. 16 days	warm	25-60	2	1237
Rigaku feedthrough	4/20/10	purged 7.5 h	warm	15	3	1250
Rogers board (Teppei)	4/23/10	purged 26 h	warm/liquid/vapor	40	2, 6-10	1254
Arlon Board (Teppei)	5/14/10	evac. 0.5 h, pur.2 days	warm/vapor	300, 80	1.3, 3.5	1263
Polyethylene tubing	5/24/10	evac. 6 h, pur. 66 h	warm	300-500	1	1278
Teflon tubing	5/27/10	evac. 1 h, pur.17 h	warm	9-13	4-5	1283
Jonghee board	5/28/10	evac. 6 h, pur. 1.5 h	warm/vapor	100,28	1.2, 5-8	1285
Jonghee connectors	6/4/10	evac. 3.5 h, pur. 16 h	warm/vapor	50	2-3	1290
PVC cable	6/14/10	evac. 29 h, pur.1 h	warm	120	1-2	1296
Teppei TPB samples	8/3/10	purged 26 h	warm	600-1600	0.7	1342
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PrM feed tru (baked)	10/5/10	purged 25 h	warm/vapor	35, 20	3, 2	1396
Copper foil on mylar film	10/14/10	purged 26 h	warm/liquid/vapor	15, 10, 9	3, 8, 7	1409
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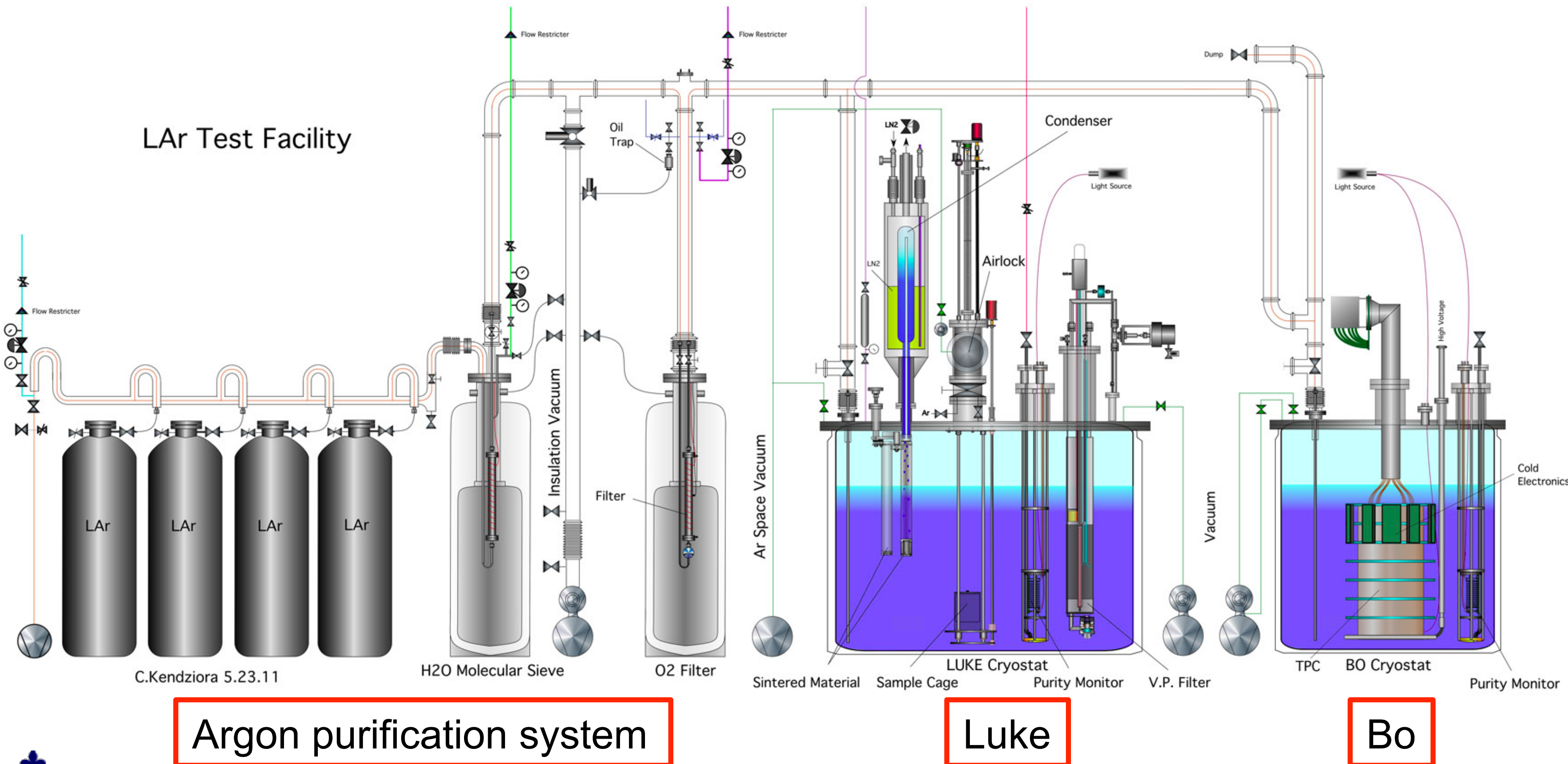
Gaskets	3/11/11	purged 24 h	warm/liquid/vapor	8, 10	2.5, 8 , 7	1521
LBNE AP-219 Color. Developer	4/13/11	purged 25 h	warm/vapor	65, 15	4, >6	1722
LBNE RPUF Foam	4/22/11	evac. 26 h, pur.1 h.	warm	800	0.2	1729
LAPD LEDs	5/12/11	purged 49 h	vapor	0.6 ppb	10	1769

2. Electronics test stand, “Bo”

General purpose R&D cryostat
- Test “cold” electronics
- Take cosmic ray data (filter function for Fourier transformation)
- Scintillation light test stand (later)



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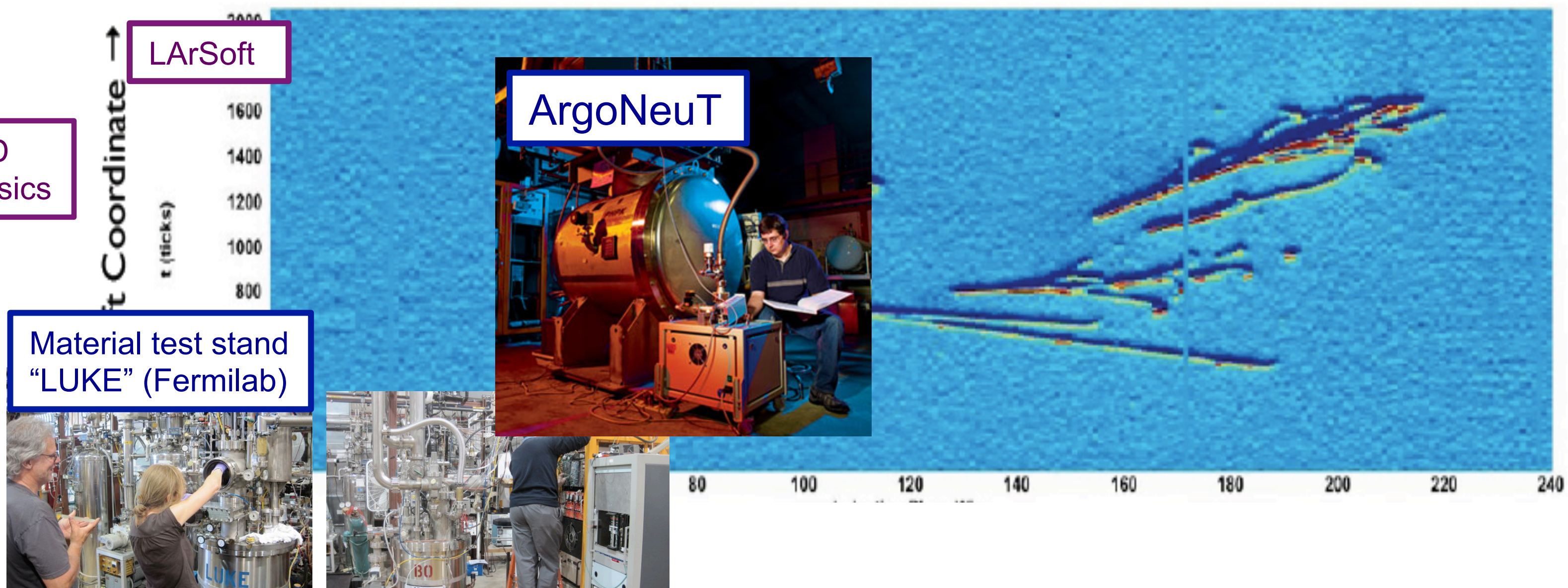

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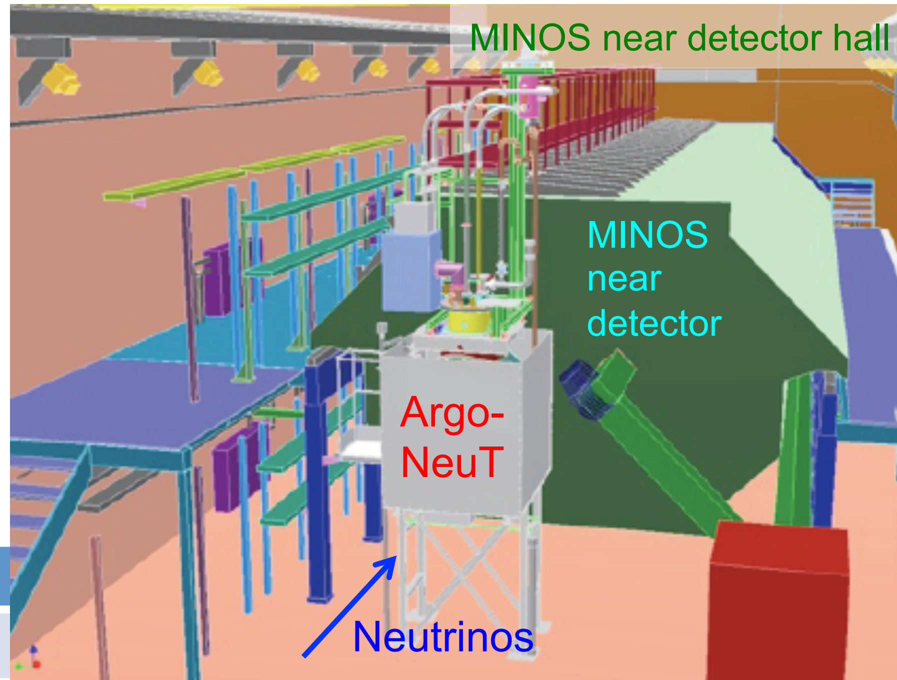

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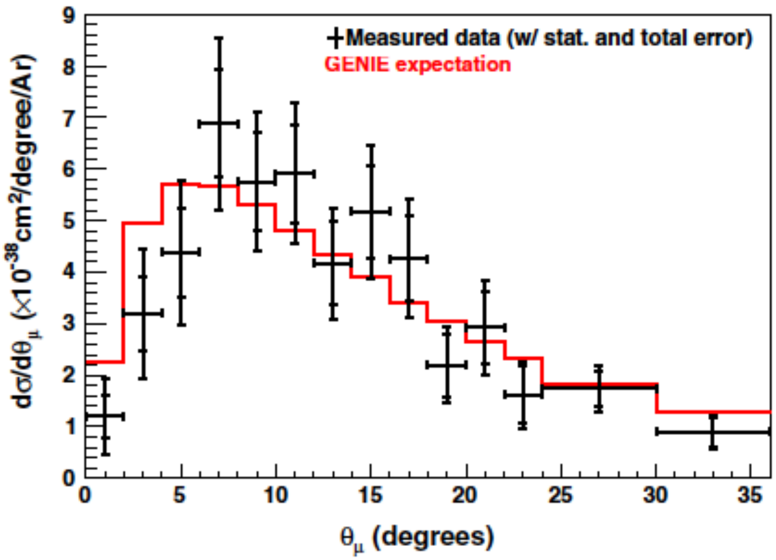

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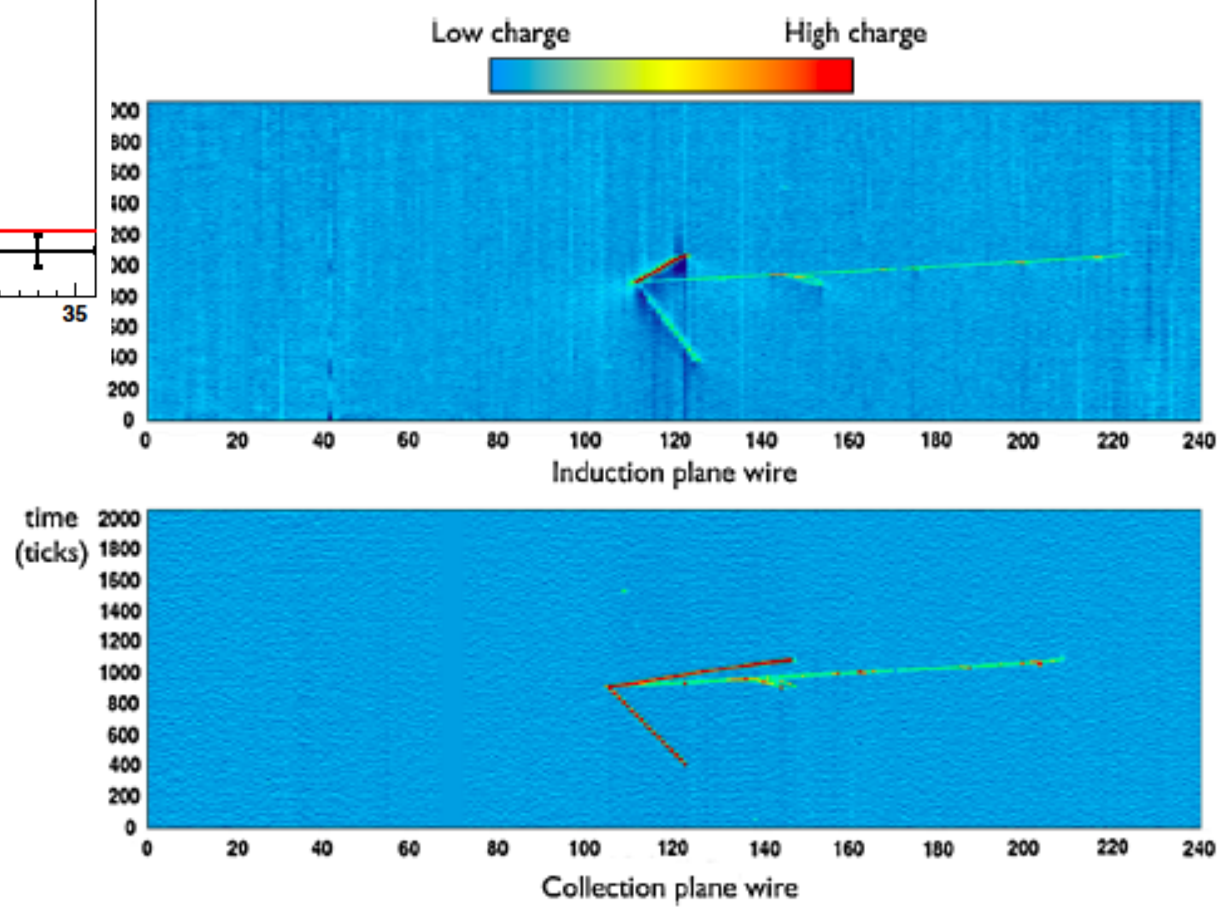

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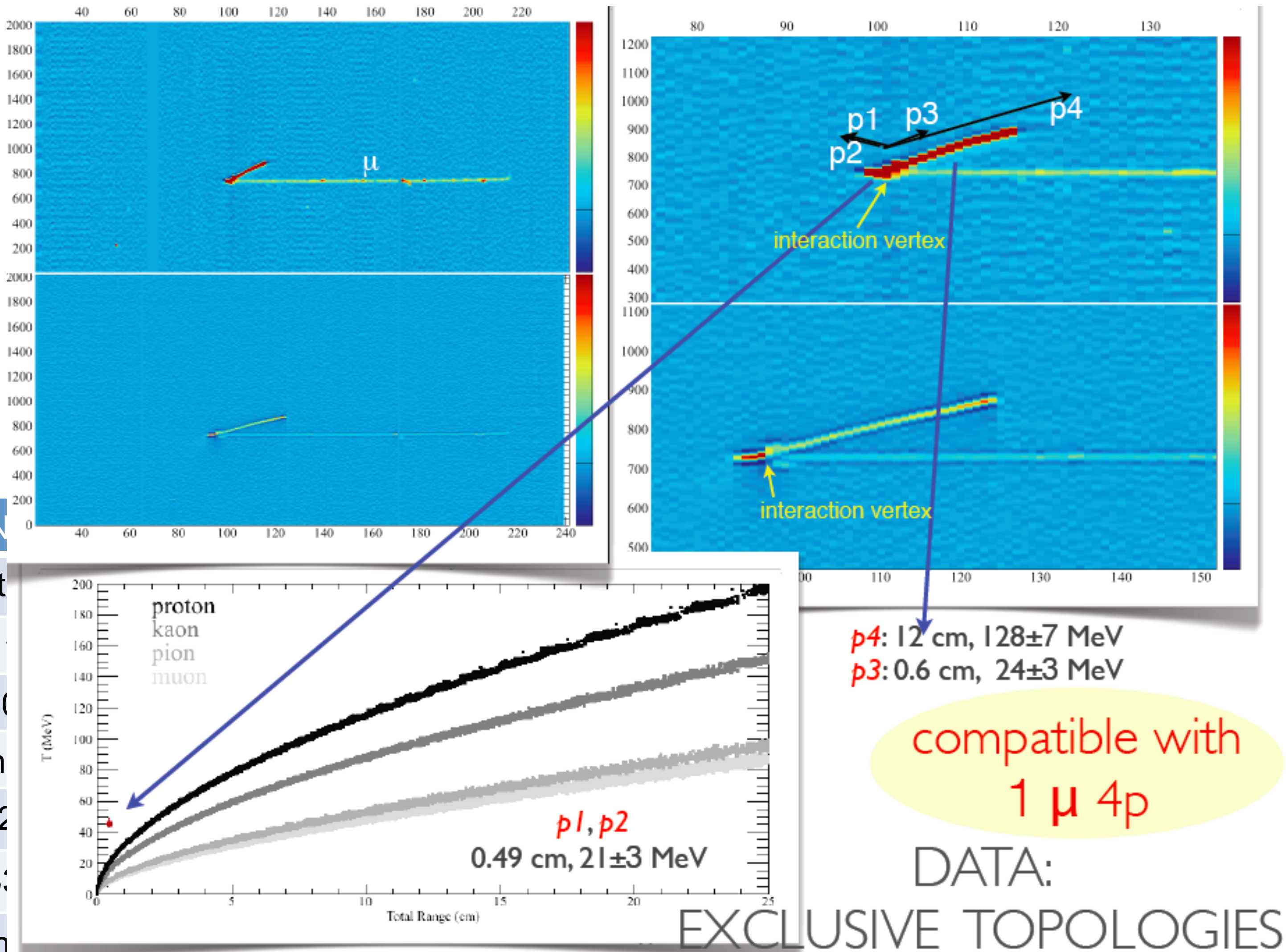

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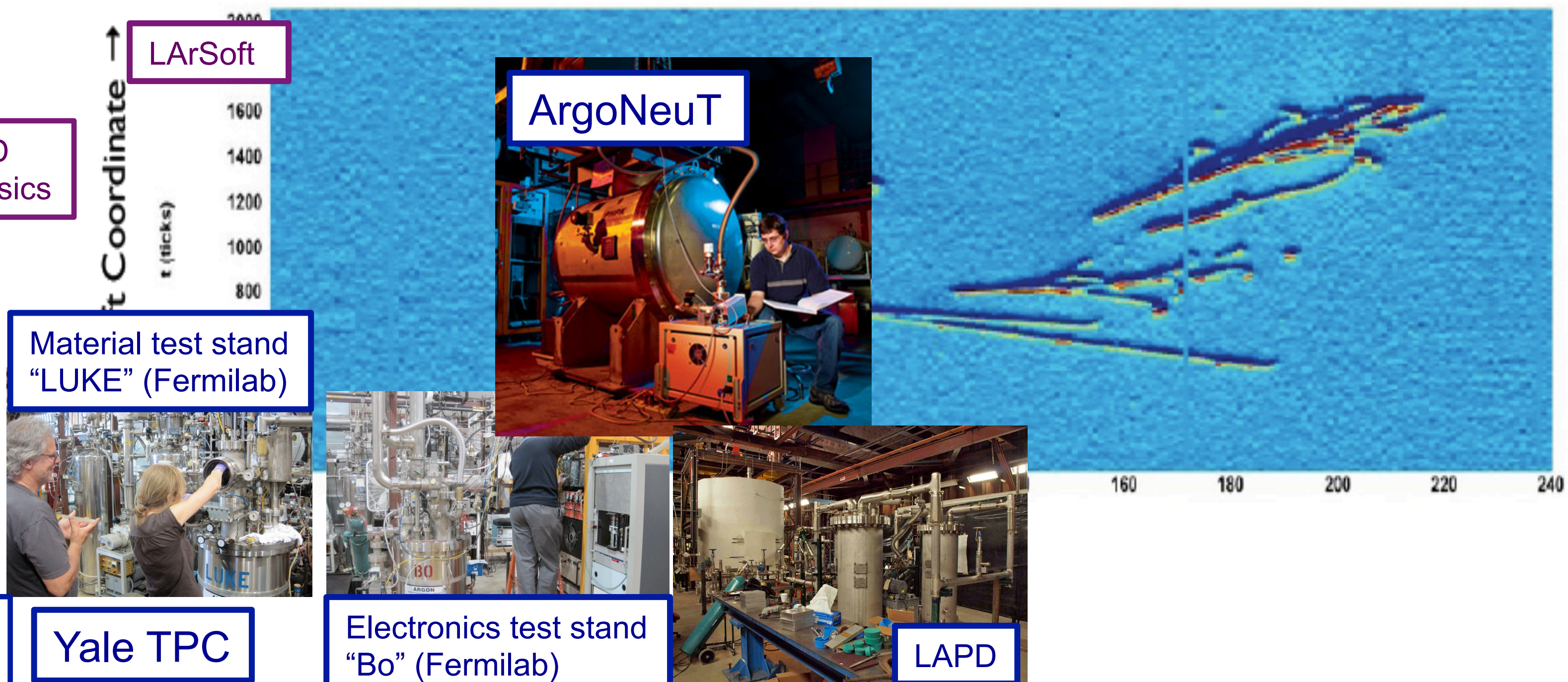

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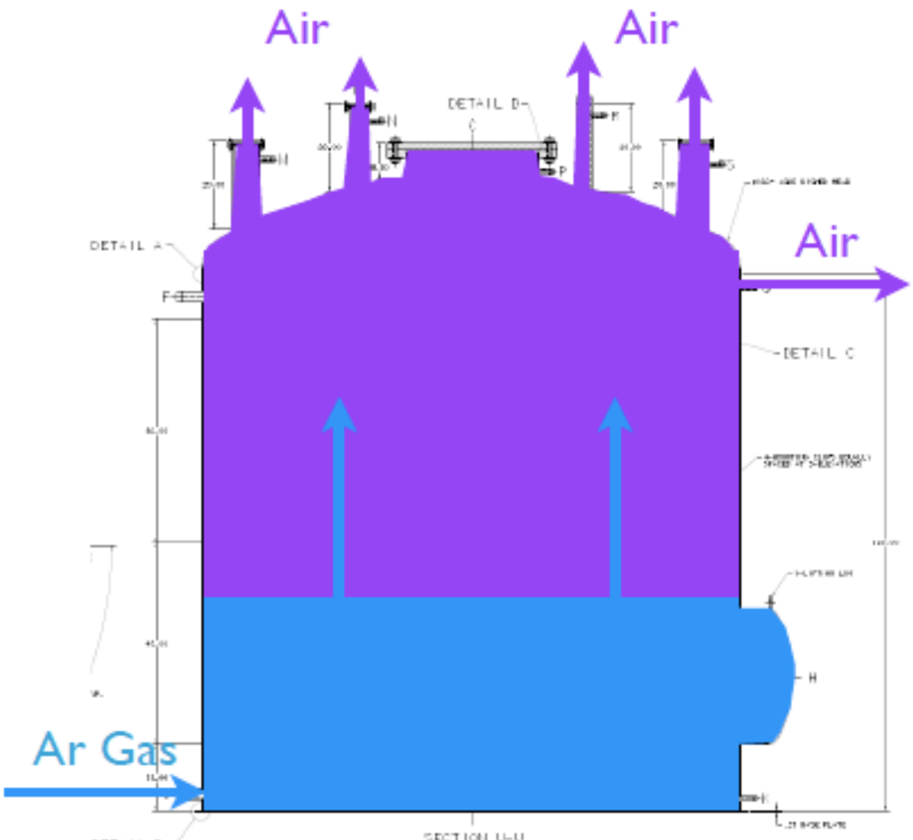

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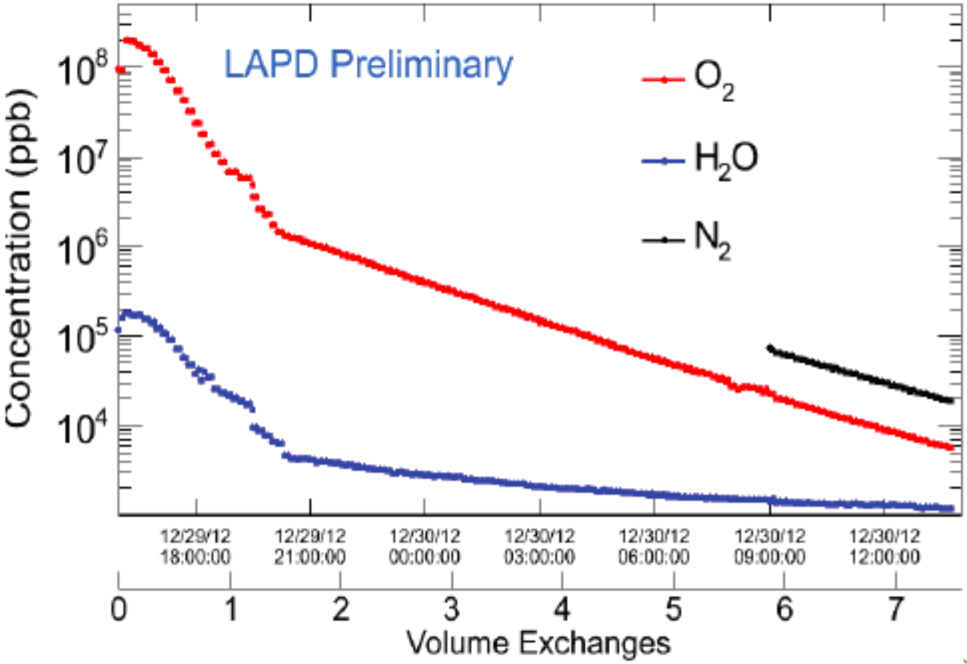

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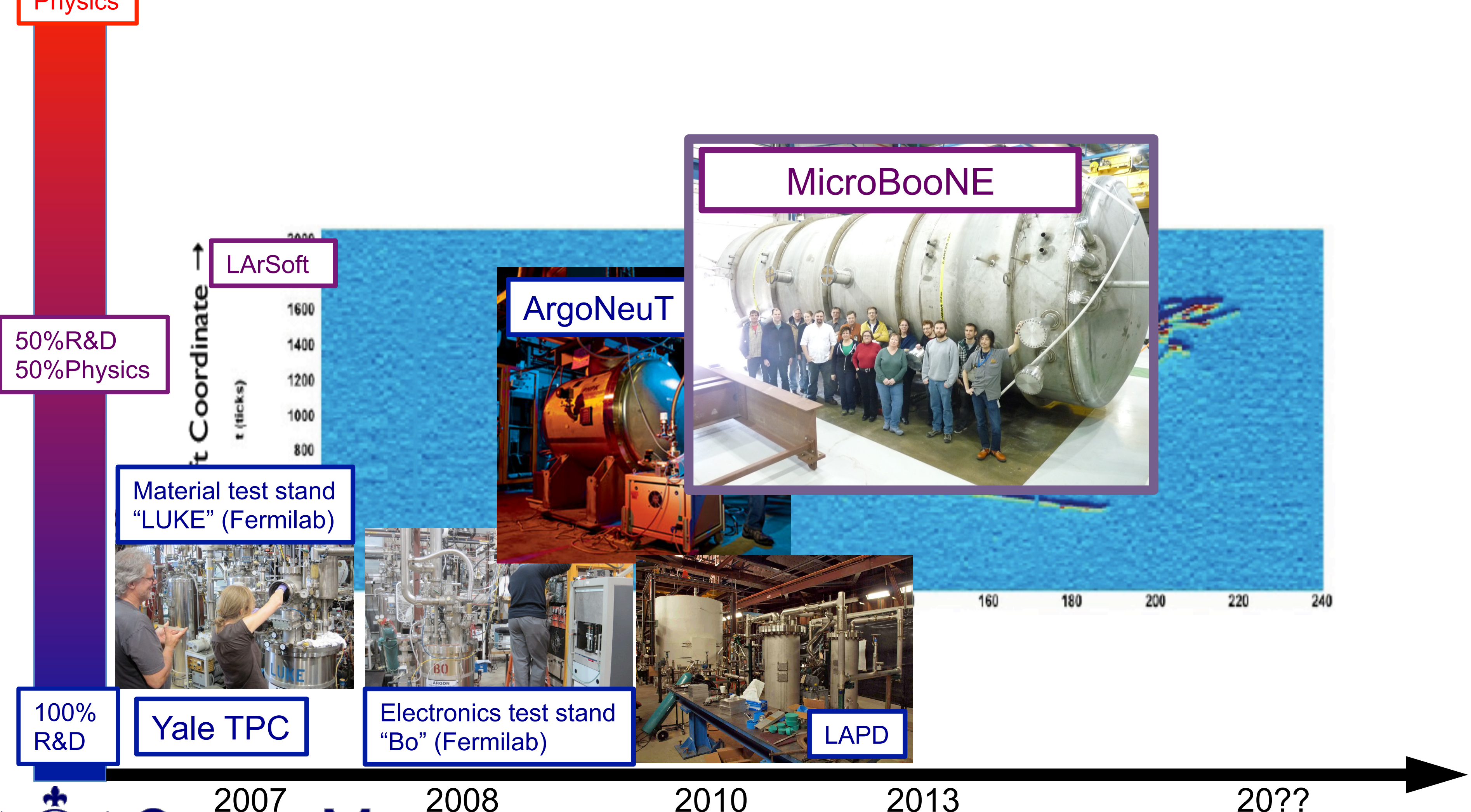

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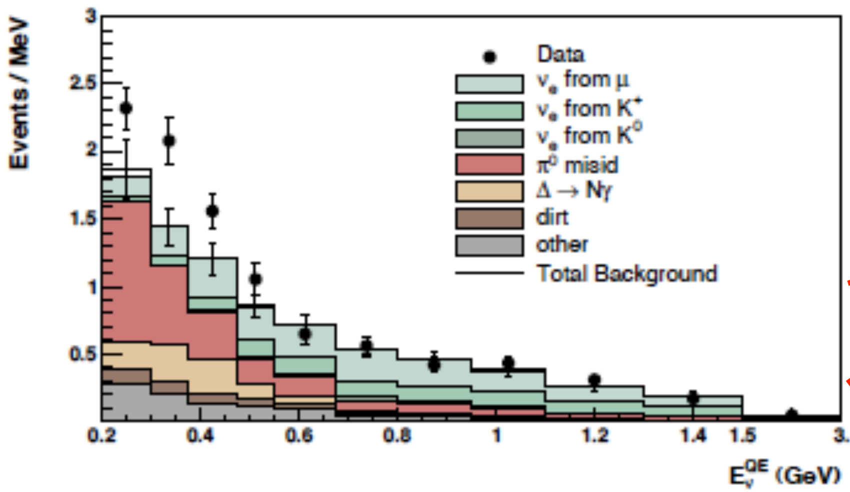
2. MicroBooNE

MiniBooNE low energy excess

- MiniBooNE cannot distinguish electron and photon



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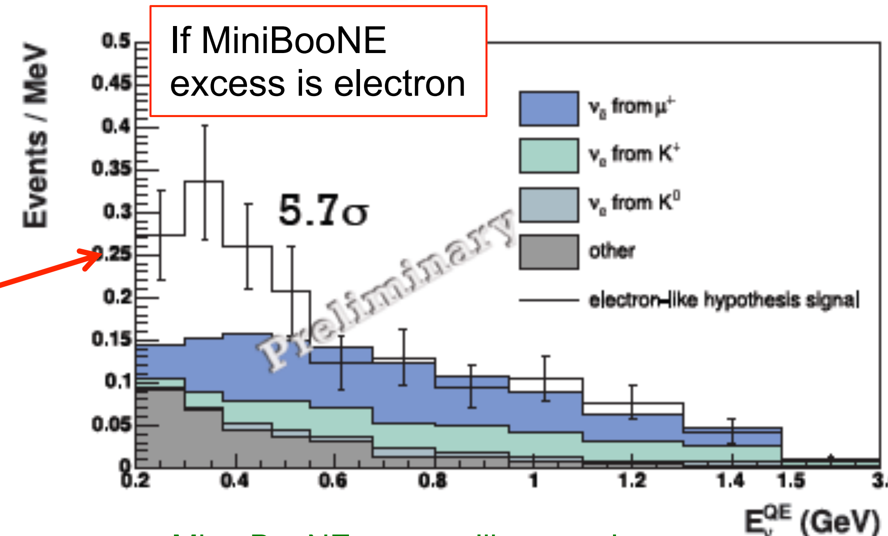

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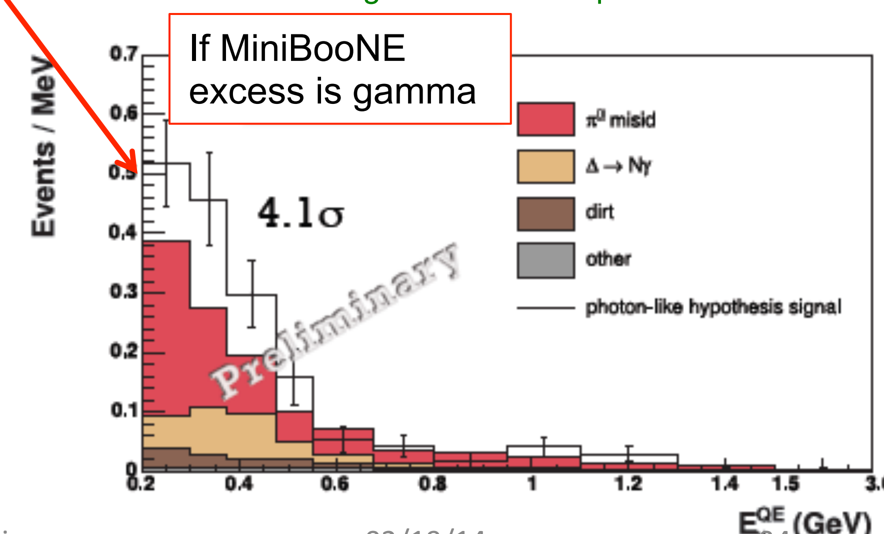

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# channel	480	~8,000
wire pitch	4 mm	3 mm
# wire plane	2	3
light collection	none	30 of 8" PMT

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	ArgoNeuT	MicroBooNE
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TPC volume	0.25 ton	86 ton
max. drift length	0.5m (330ms)	2.5m (1.5ms)
electronics style	JFET (293K)	CMOS (87K)
# channel	480	~8,000
wire pitch	4 mm	3 mm
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light collection	none	30 of 8" PMT

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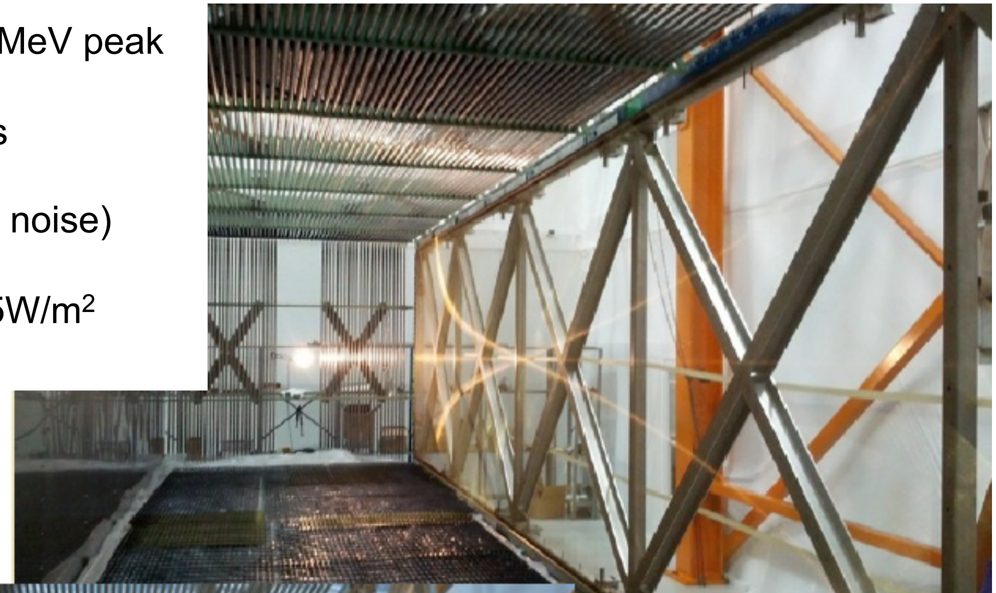

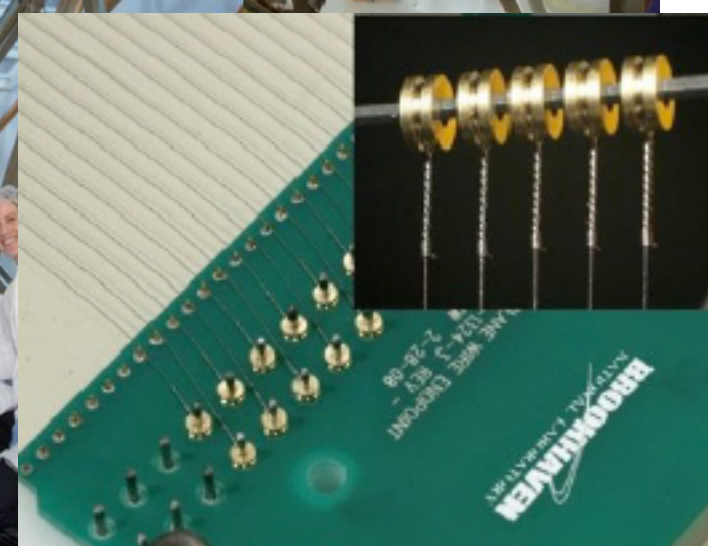

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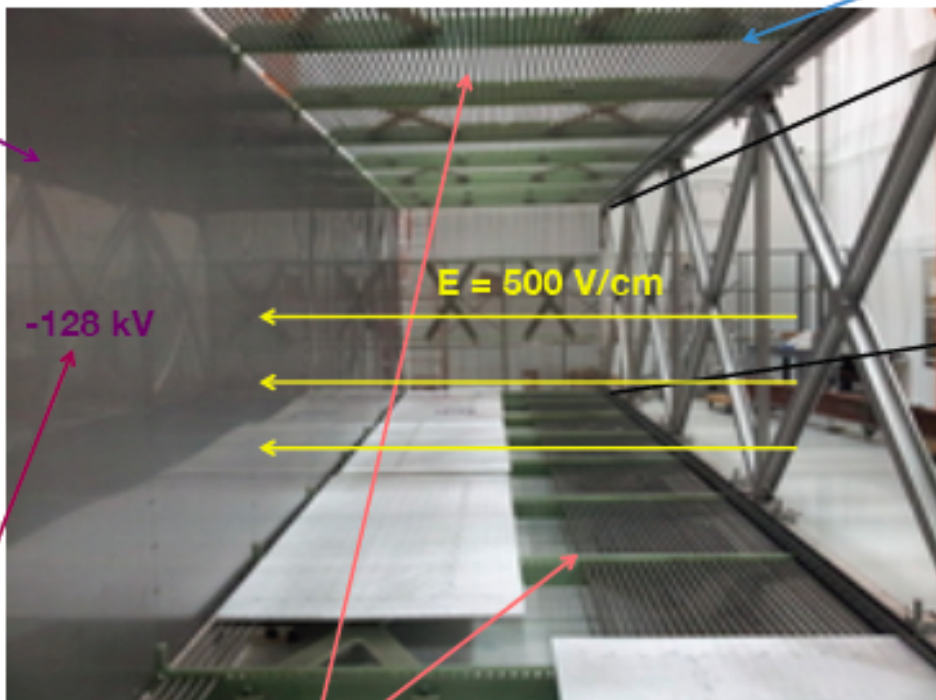
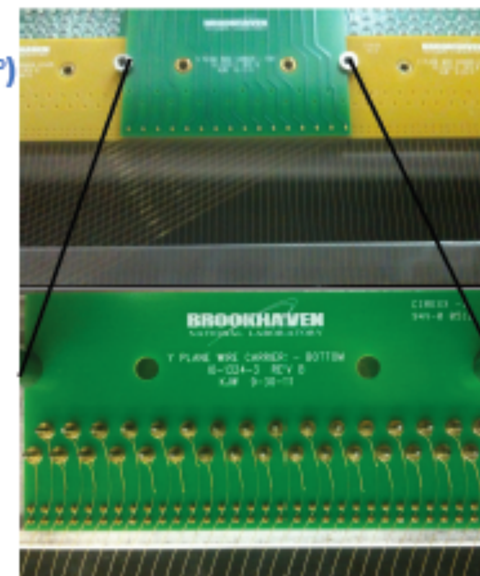
Anode

Cathode



3 wire planes
(vertical, +/- 60°)
3mm spacing



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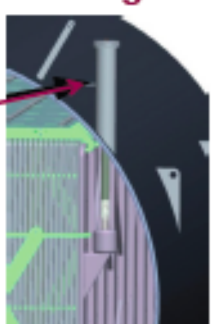
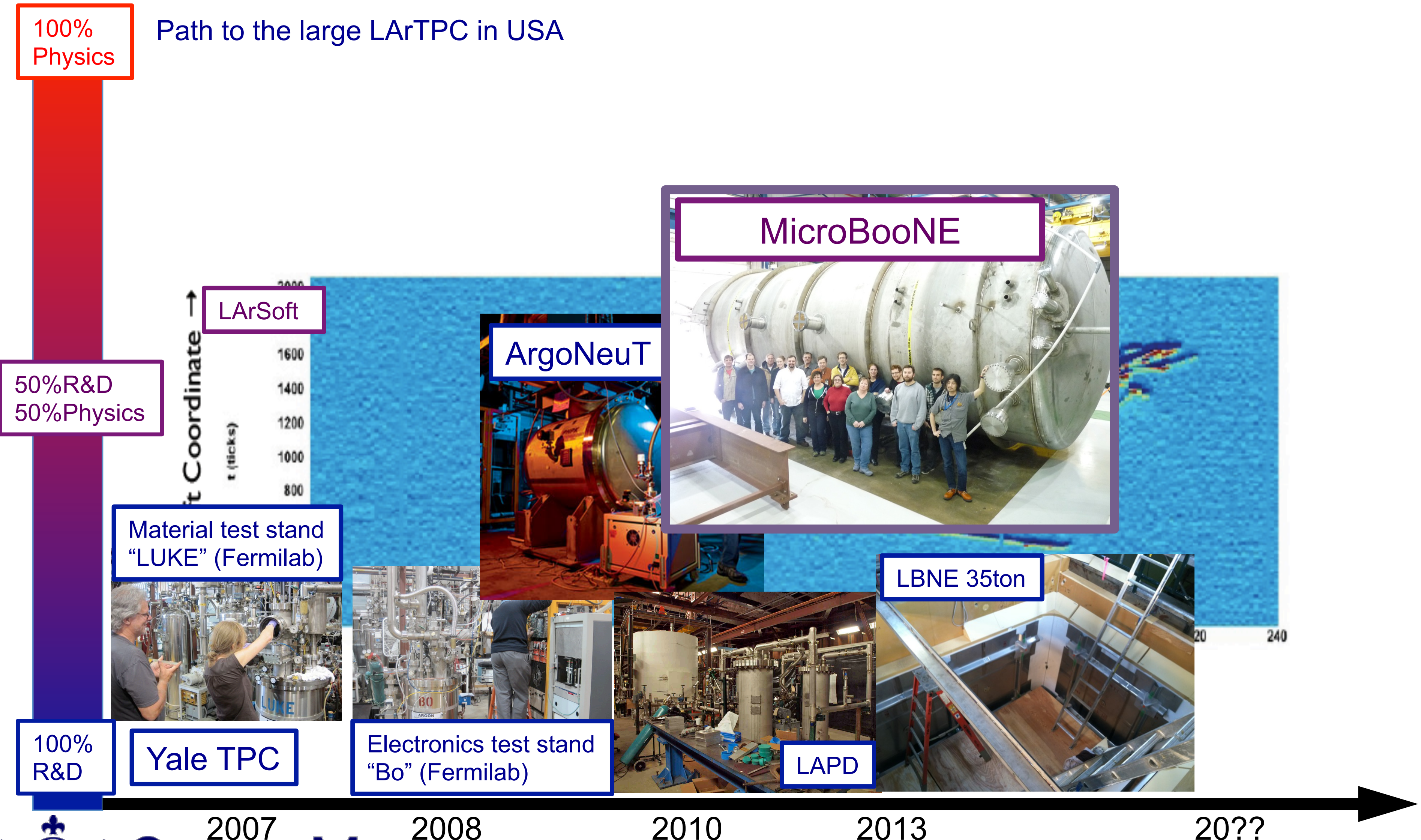


Field Cage

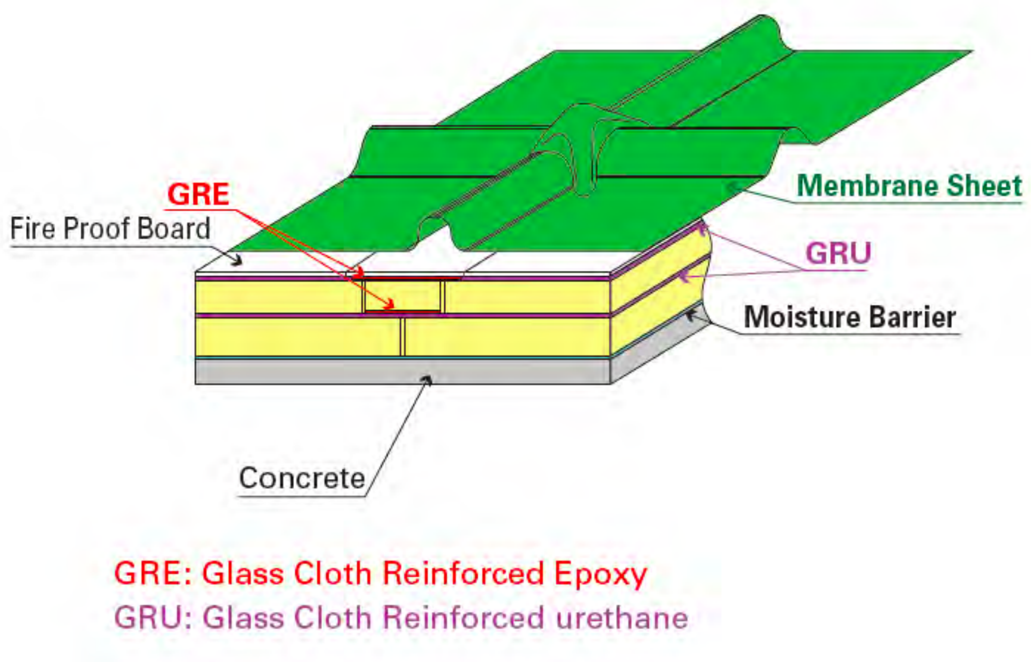
Tubes are connected with 250MΩ resistors for field uniformity

1. USA LArTPC programs



2. LBNE35ton prototype

Membrane cryostat
- Only viable technology of large cryostat



216,000m^3 LNG tanker (~300 kt of LAr)

The LNGC "Tembek", one of the thirty-one 216,000 m^3 LNG carriers ordered by Nakilat and delivered in 2008

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LBNE prototype cryostat exceeds goals

The LBNE prototype cryostat

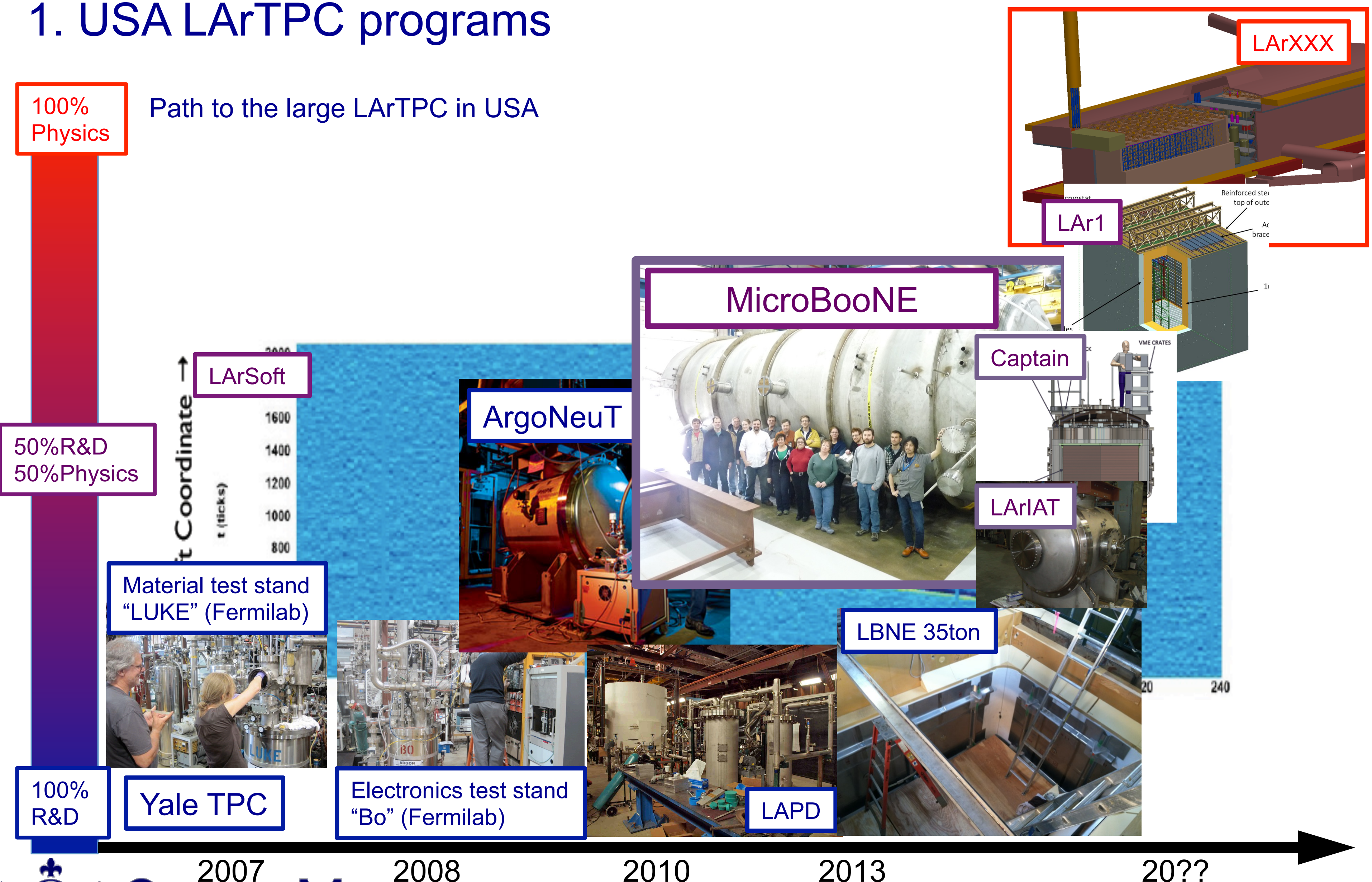
Scientists and engineers working on the design of the particle detector for the Long-Baseline Neutrino Experiment (LBNE) celebrated a major success in January. They showed that very large cryostats for liquid-argon-based neutrino detectors can be built using industry-standard technology normally employed for the storage of liquefied natural gas. The 35-tonne prototype system satisfies LBNE's stringent purity requirement on oxygen contamination in argon of less than 200 parts per trillion (ppt) – a level that the team could maintain stably.

The purity of liquid argon is crucial for the proposed LBNE time-projection chamber (TPC), which will feature wire planes that collect electrons from an approximately 3.5 m drift region. Oxygen and other electronegative impurities in the liquid can absorb ionization electrons created by charged particles emerging from neutrino interactions and prevent them from reaching the TPC's signal wires.

The test results were the outcome of the first phase of operating the LBNE prototype cryostat, which was built at Fermilab and features a membrane designed and supplied by the IHI Corporation of Japan. As part of the test, engineers cooled the system and filled the cryostat with liquid argon without prior evacuation. On 20 December, during a marathon 36 hour session, they cooled the membrane cryostat slowly and smoothly to 110 K, at which point they commenced the transfer of some 20,000 litres of liquid argon, maintained at about 89 K, from

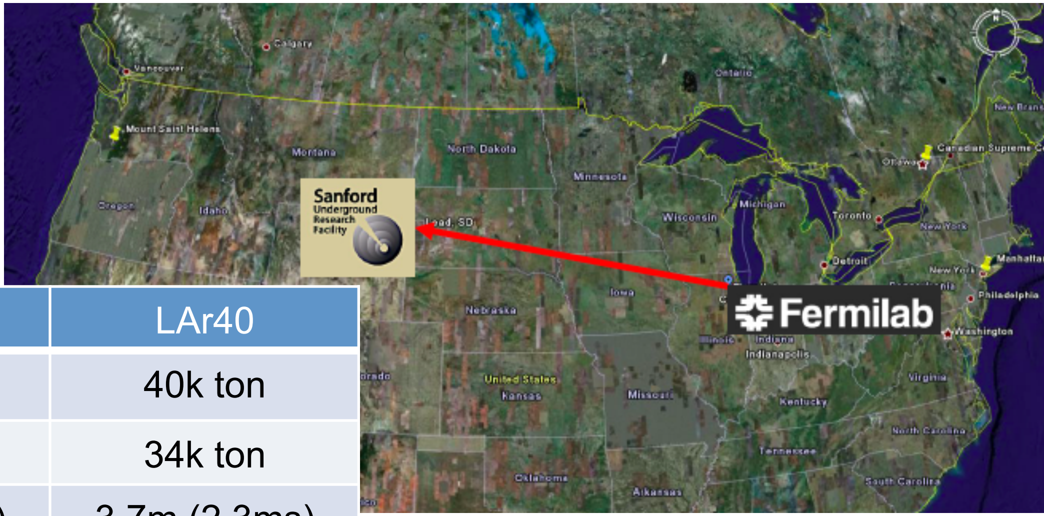
1. USA LArTPC programs

Path to the large LArTPC in USA



2. LBNE

Future large LArTPC
- Now LAr20 (2 modules, 10 kton each)
- To pass CD1, LBNE default plan accepted 3 humiliating conditions
  - smaller fiducial mass (34kton→10kton)
  - no near detector (it is essential for oscillation physics!)
  - surface running (no astrophysics, no proton decay)
  - all of these have to be fixed before CD2 (2016)
- Light guide idea for photon detection (later)



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wire pitch	4 mm	3 mm	5 mm
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light collection	none	30 of 8” PMT	light guide

Neutrino beam 'major physics experiment'

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The UK will be part of what is being described as one of the biggest physics experiments ever built, in an effort to learn more about the creation of the universe.

Researchers will fire a beam of particles called neutrinos through 1,300km (800 miles) of rock - from their lab near Chicago to a location in South Dakota.

The UK's role in the $1.5bn (£1bn) project will be to help to build a giant neutrino detector, likely to be about 12m (39ft) across.

Studying how the particles change as they travel will give a deeper

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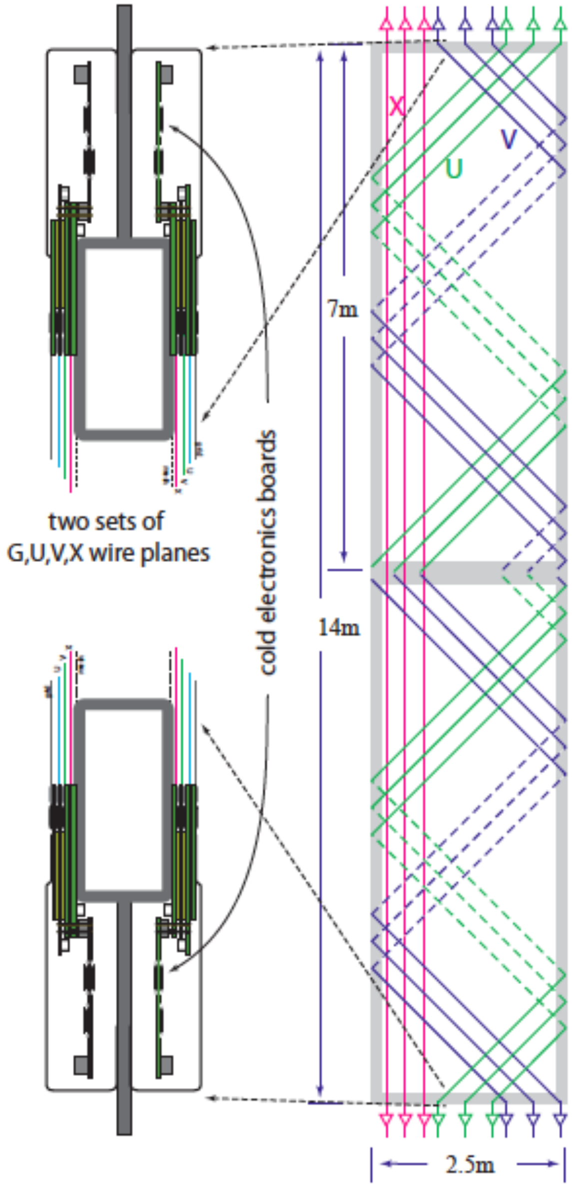
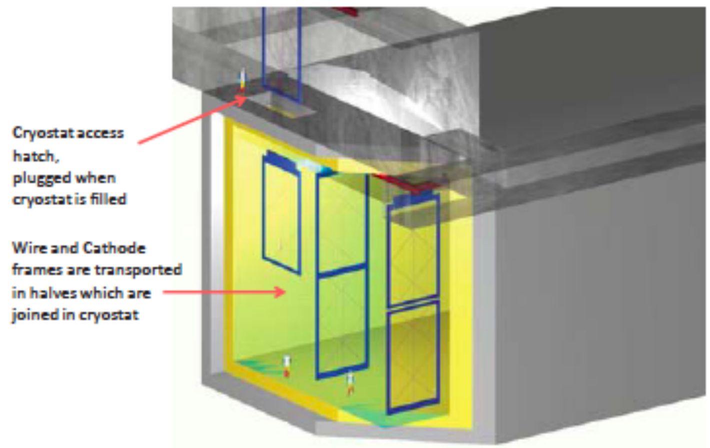
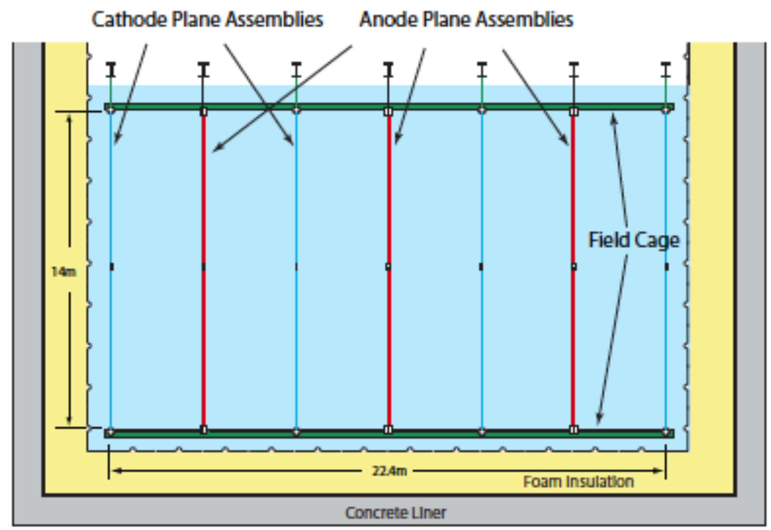


detail cross section of the electronics enclosures

concept of the APAs, and wire wrapping arrangement

installation of APAs inside the crypstat





cross section view of the TPC componets inside the cryostat

1. Introduction

2. US LArTPC programs

3. LAr photon detection R&D

4. Challenge of LArTPC technology

5. Conclusion

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3. Scintillation light from argon

Noble gas comparison
- lower boiling point is easier to handle
- higher density has more energy deposit
- longer wavelength is easier to detect
- Xe>Kr>Ar>Ne>He but Xe and Kr are expensive

	He	Ne	Ar	Kr	Xe	Water
Boiling Point [K] @ 1atm	4.2	27.1	87.3	120.0	165.0	373
Density [g/cm^3]	0.125	1.2	1.4	2.4	3.0	1
Radiation Length [cm]	755.2	24.0	14.0	4.9	2.8	36.1
Scintillation [γ /MeV]	19,000	30,000	40,000	25,000	42,000	
dE/dx [MeV/cm]	0.24	1.4	2.1	3.0	3.8	1.9
Scintillation λ [nm]	80	78	128	150	175	

3. Scintillation light from argon

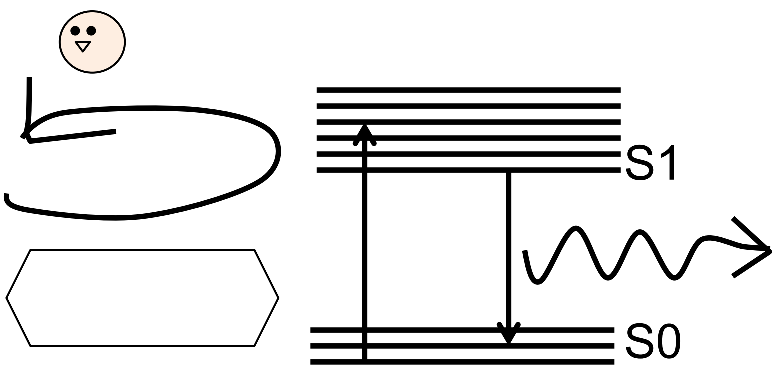
Argon as gas scintillator

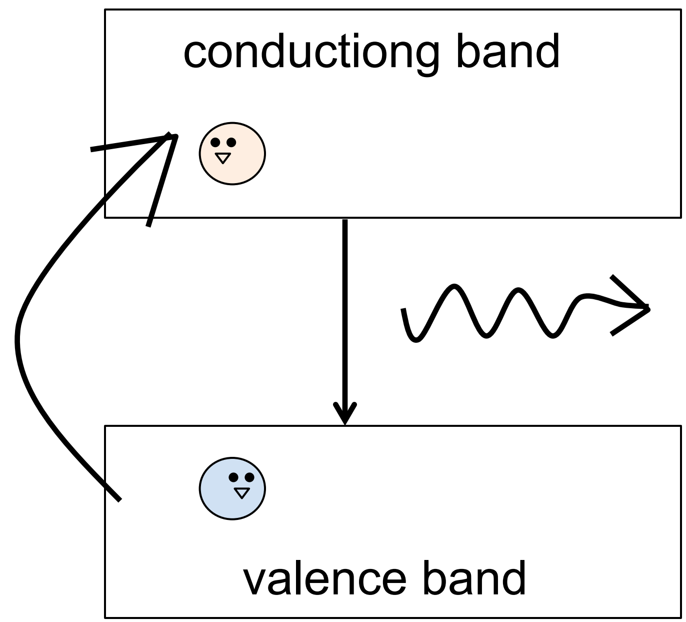
Organic scintillator (PPO, POPOP, PBD, etc)

- S0-S1 excitation of π-electron

Inorganic scintillator (NaI(Tl), etc)

- Crystal with impurity





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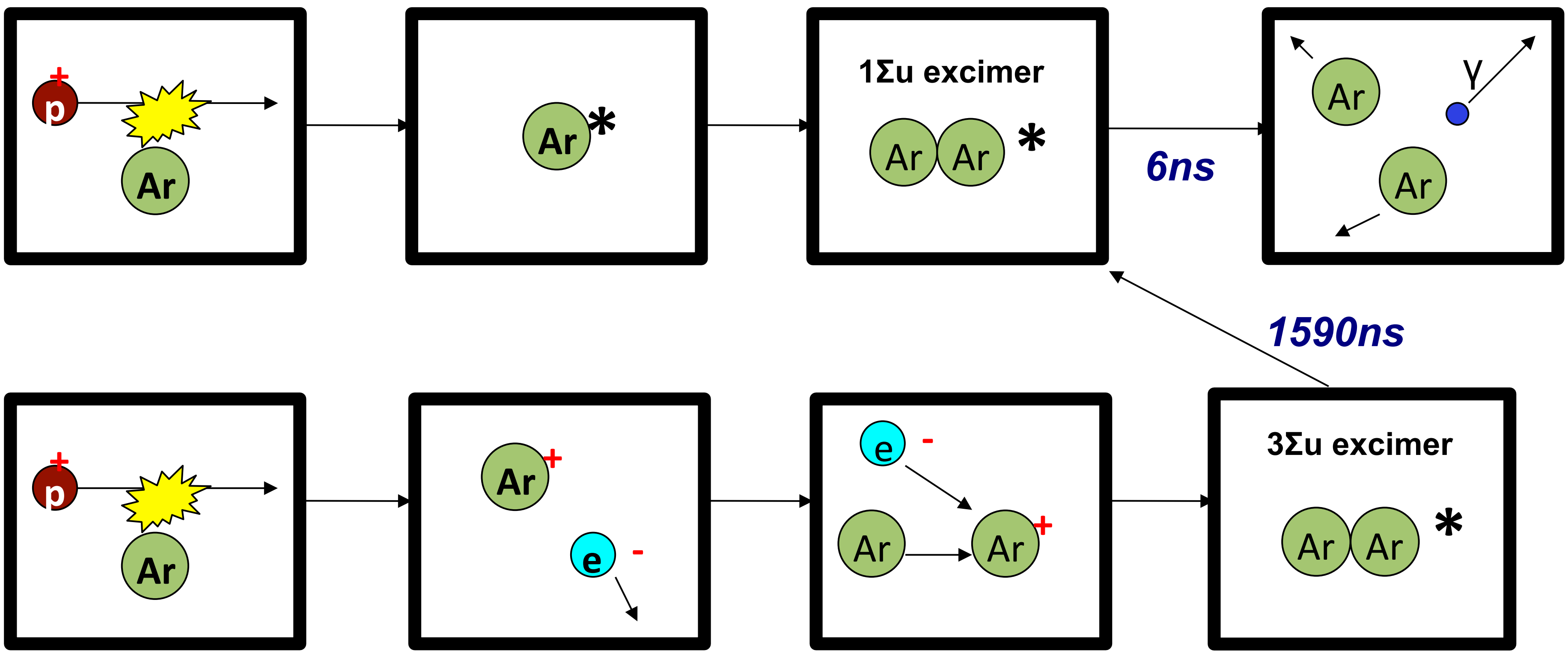

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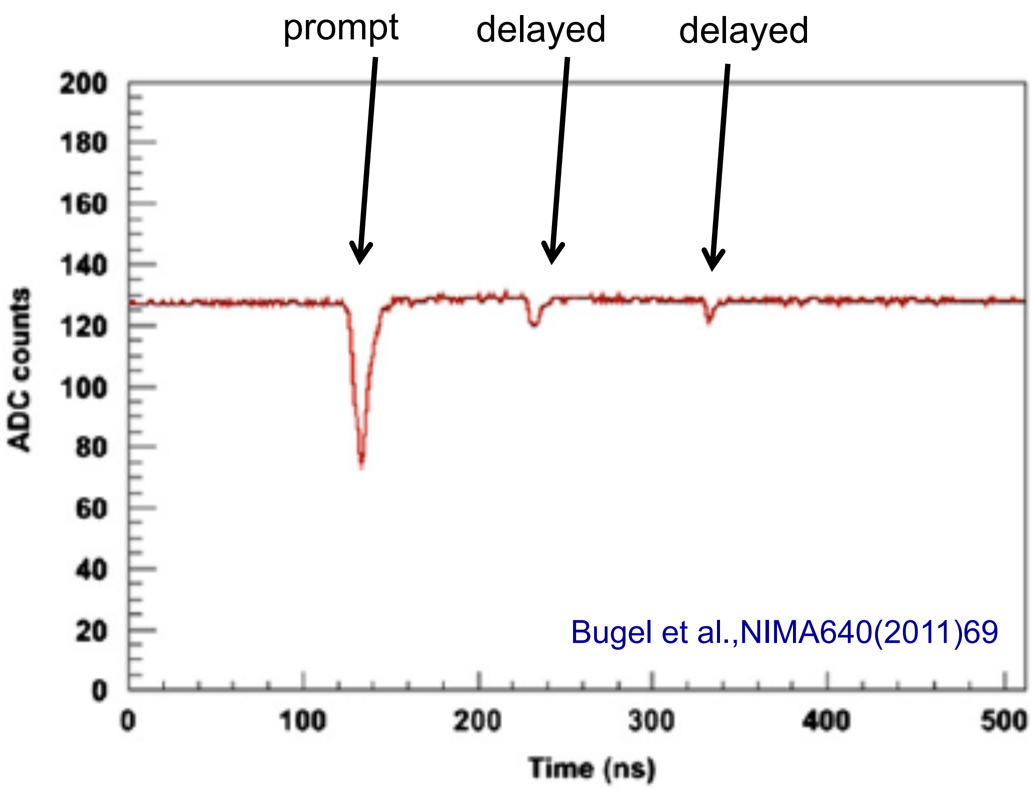

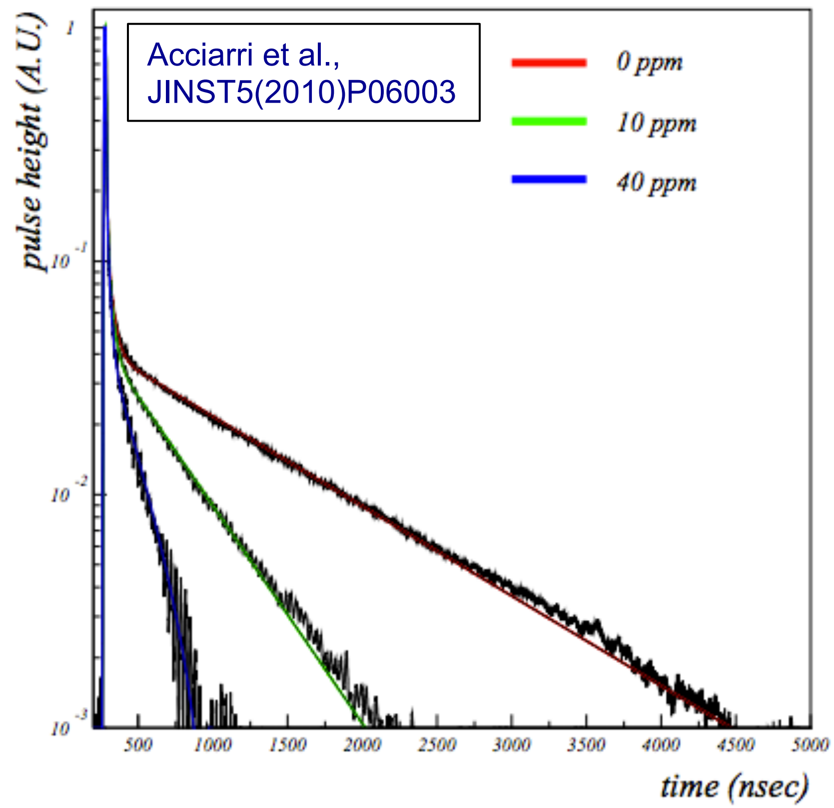

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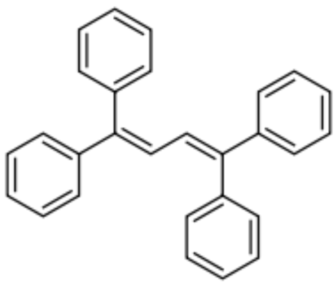
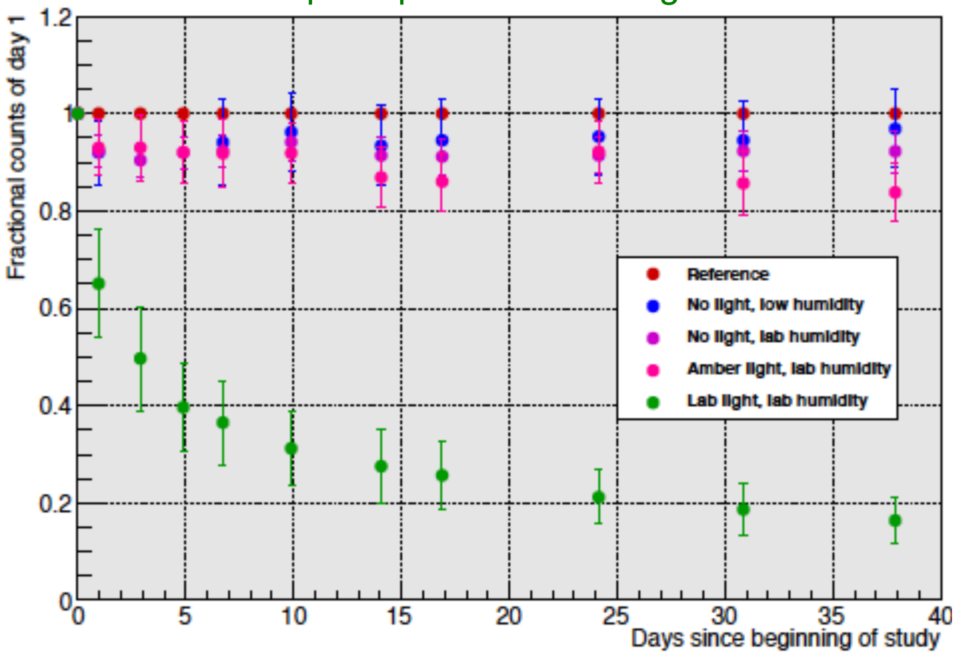
TPB (tetraphenyl butadiene)
- convert 128nm to blue (efficiency > 100%?!)
- degrade by UV light (possibly by humidity, too)



TPB plate performance degradation



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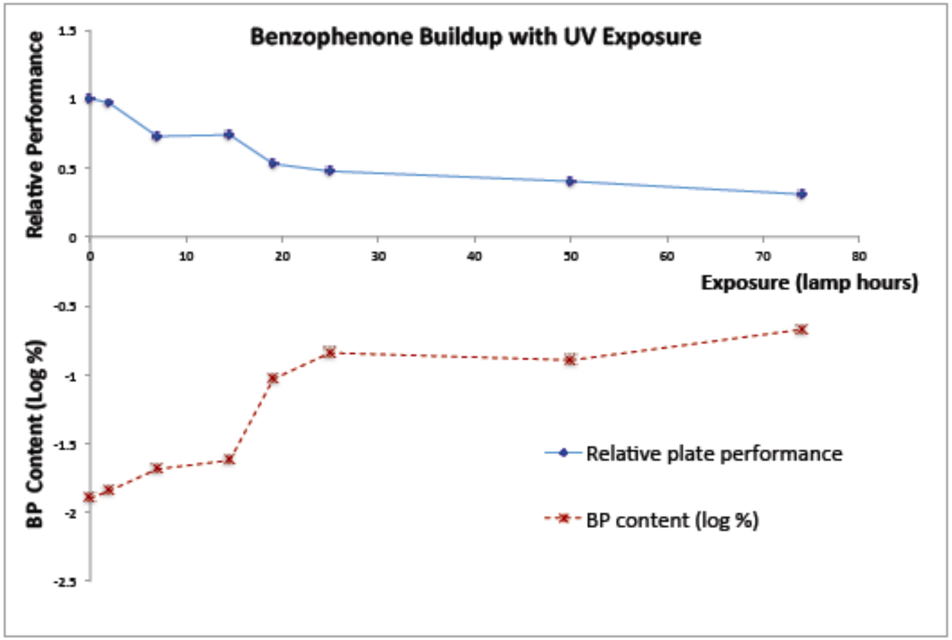
Benzophenone production



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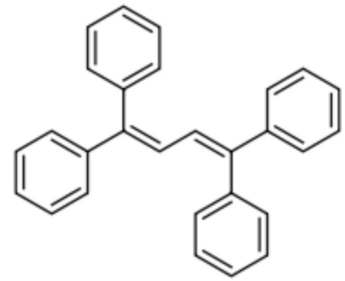
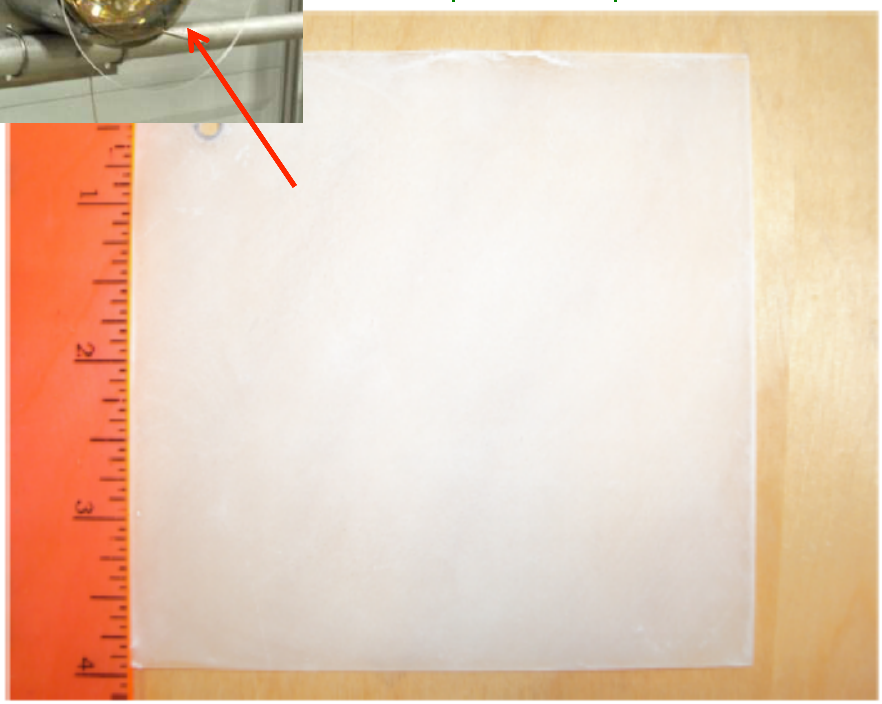
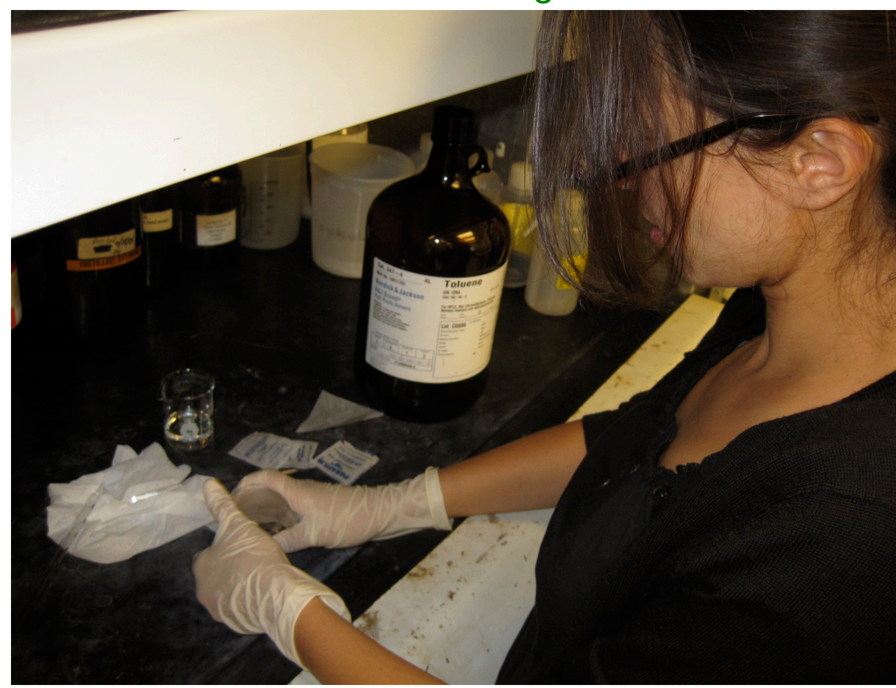


Mechanical model of MicroBooNE PMT

TPB plate sample



Lab6 scintillation building



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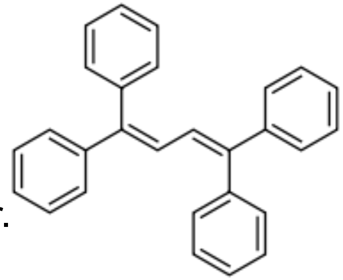
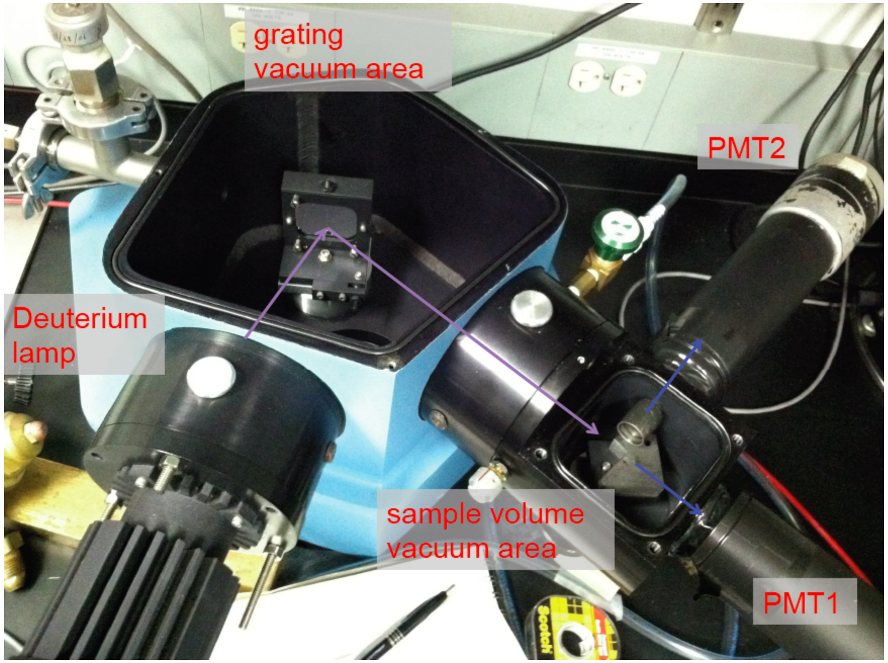
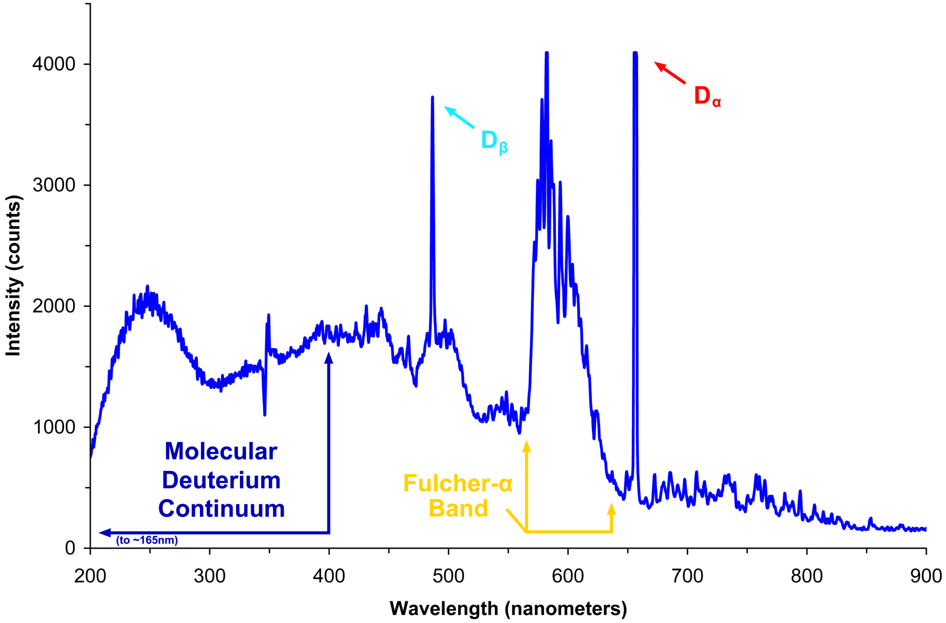


Deuterium lamp spectrum

Fermilab vacuum spectrometer





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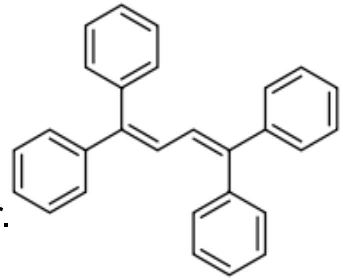

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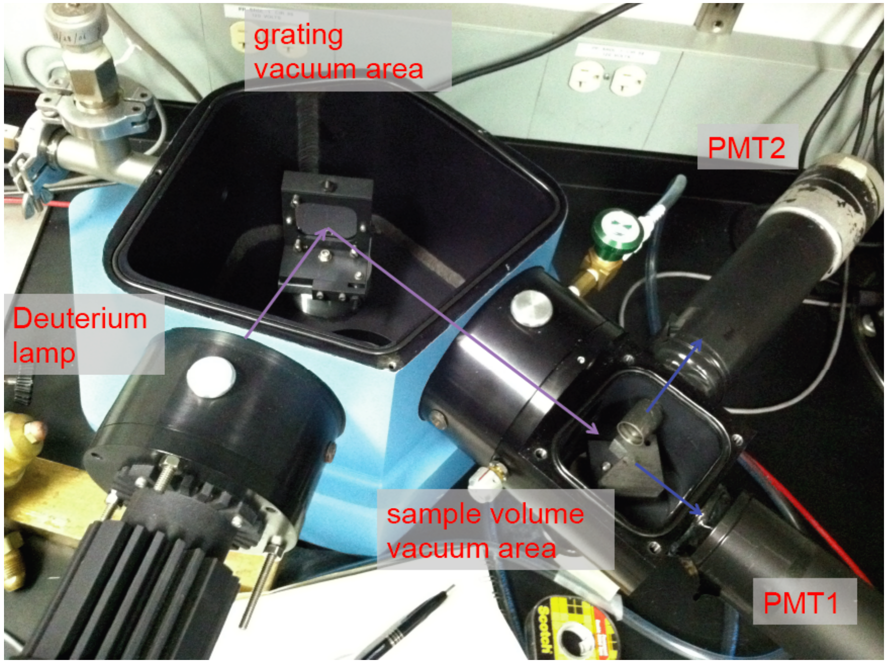

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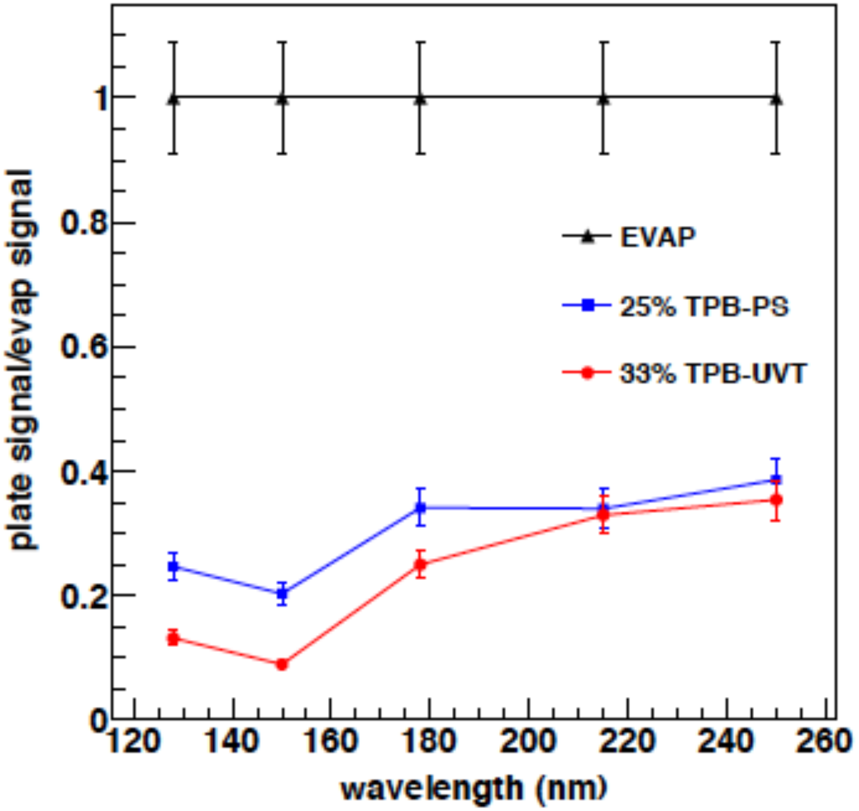

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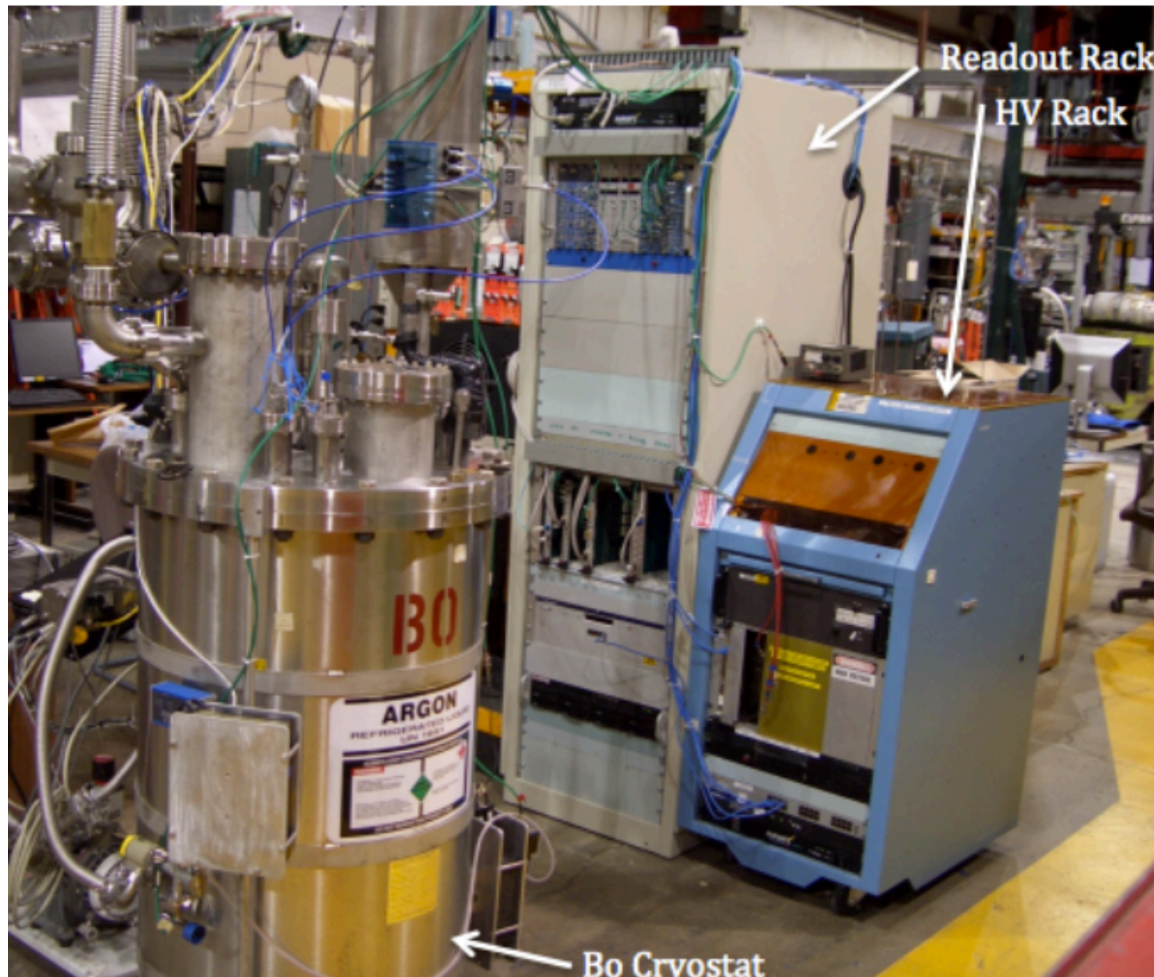

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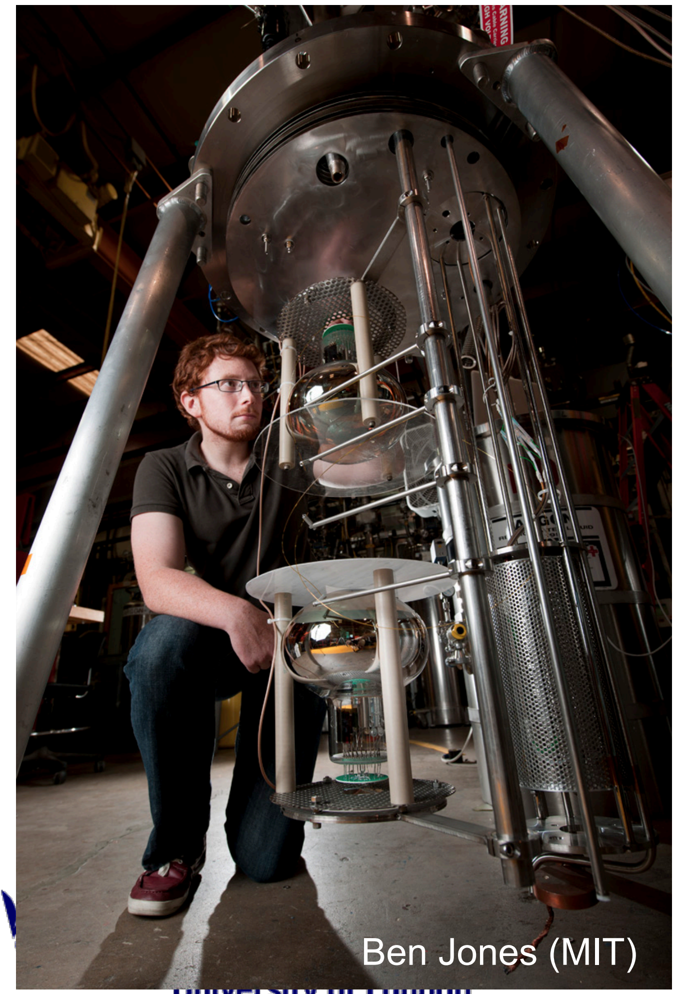

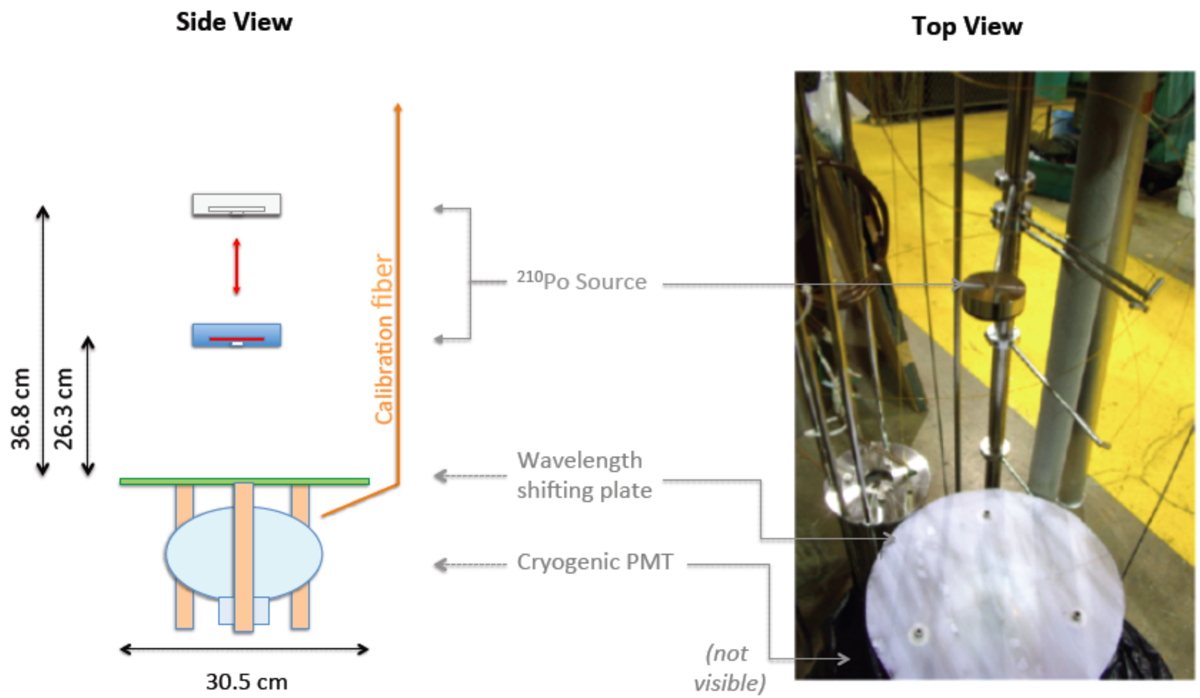

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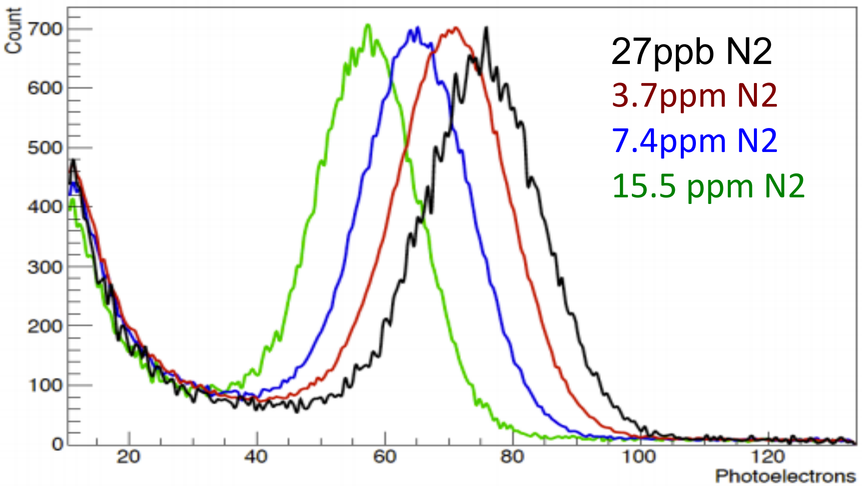

Light output from ^{210}Po

Argon Specification	Concentration of N_2	Absorption Length
Measured N_2 concentration of clean argon for this study	37 ppb	1790 ± 160 m
AirGas research (grade 6) argon [25]	1 ppm	66 ± 6 m
MicroBooNE cryogenic specification	2 ppm	30 ± 3 m
Start of liquid recirculation phase of Liquid Argon Purity Demonstrator, Run 2 [26, 27]	8 ppm	8.2 ± 0.7 m
AirGas industrial (grade 4) argon [25]	100 ppm	0.65 ± 0.06 m

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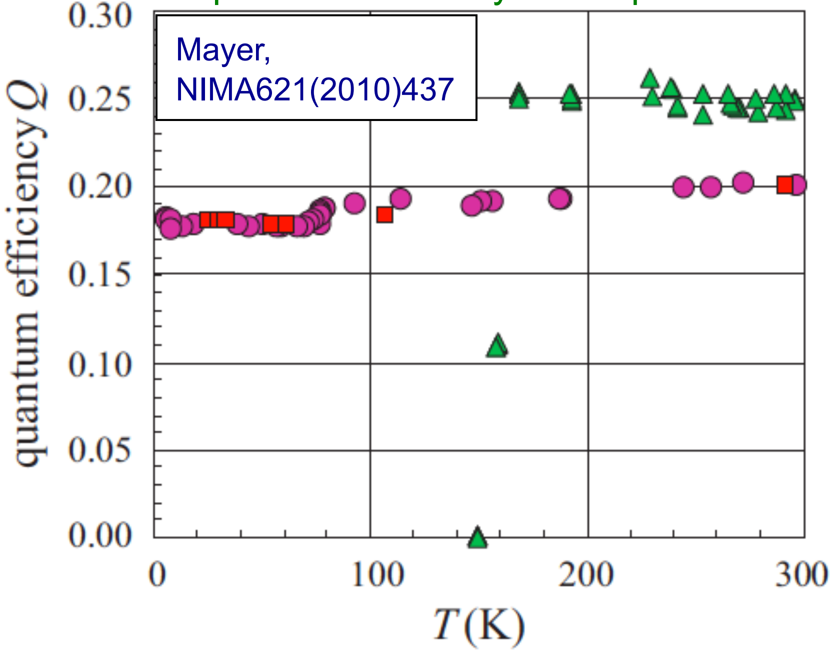
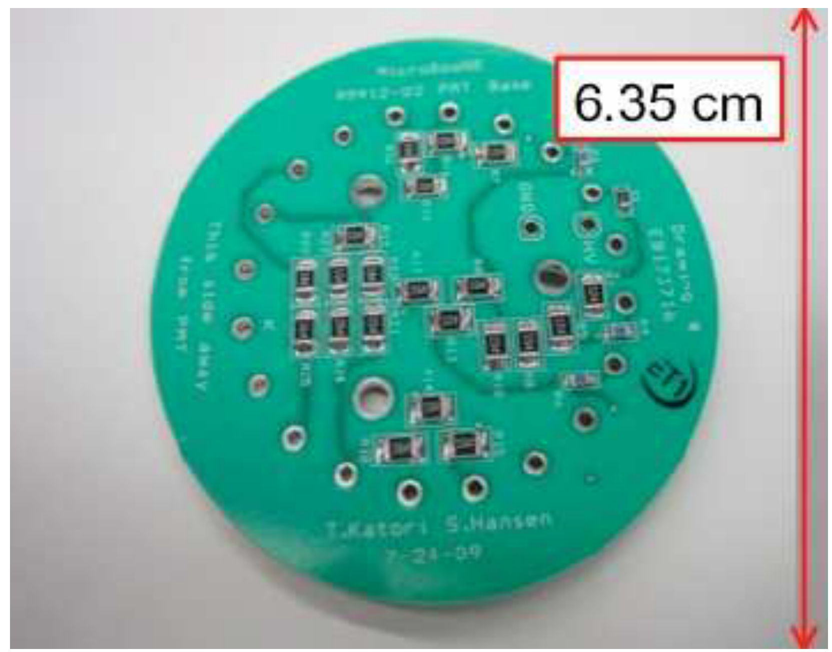
Cryogenic PMT
- bi-alkali photo-cathode stops working at ~150K
- Pt-coating to save electron mobility (1st generation cryogenic PMT)
  - slight loss of quantum efficiency
- super bi-alkali works in cold (2nd generation cryogenic PMT)
- base circuit should avoid temperature dependent components
- heat deposit ~0.5W/base

PMT quantum efficiency vs temperature



MicroBooNE PMT base



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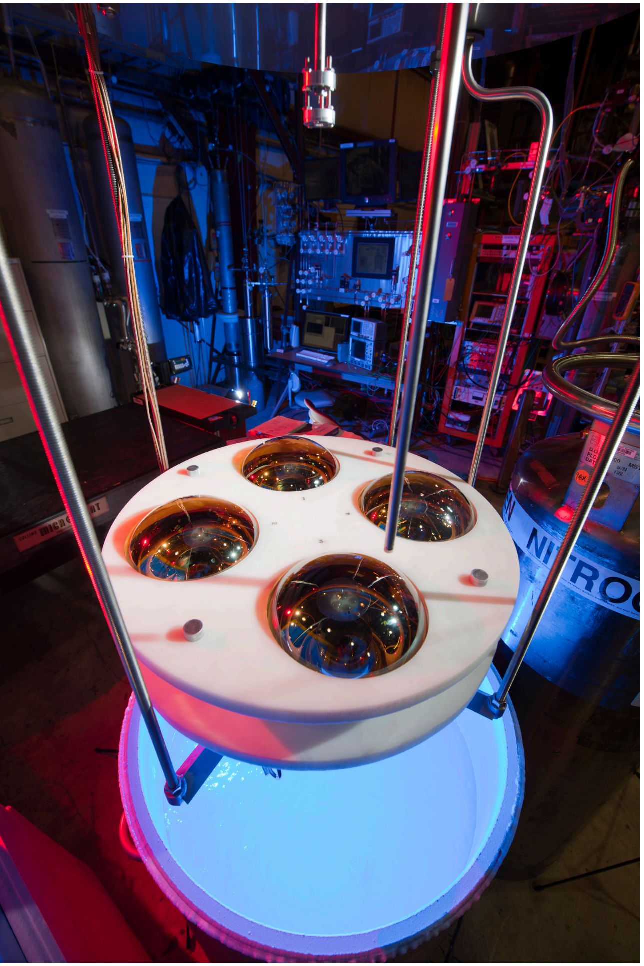
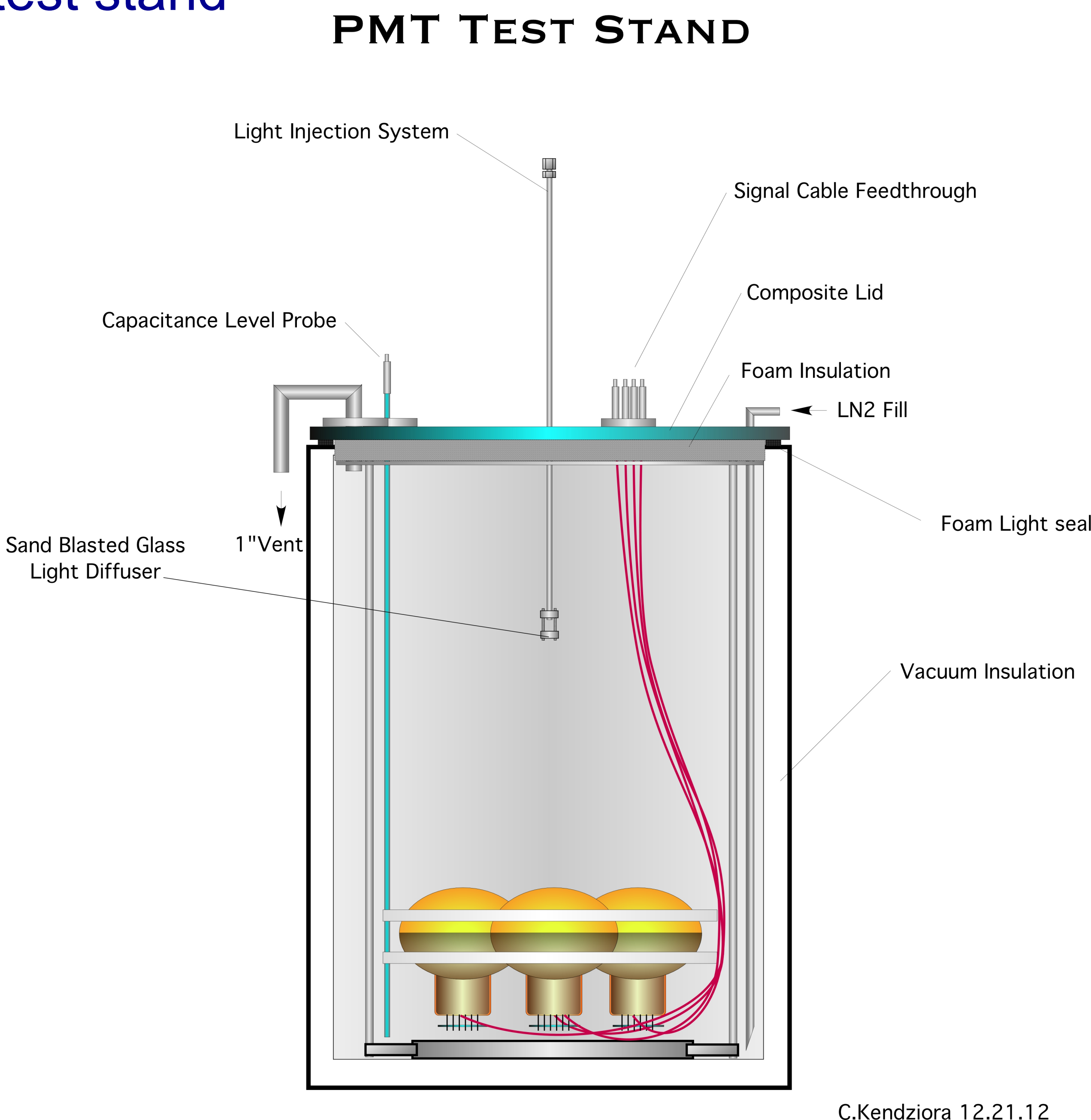
Open Dewar based PMT test stand





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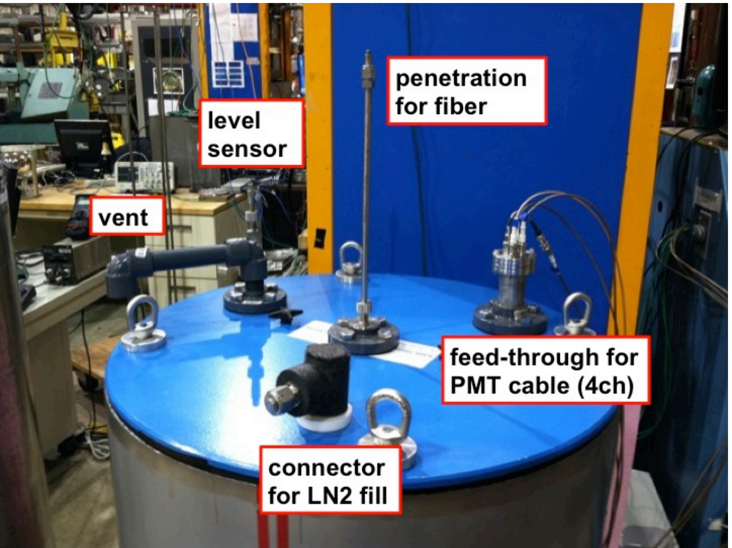
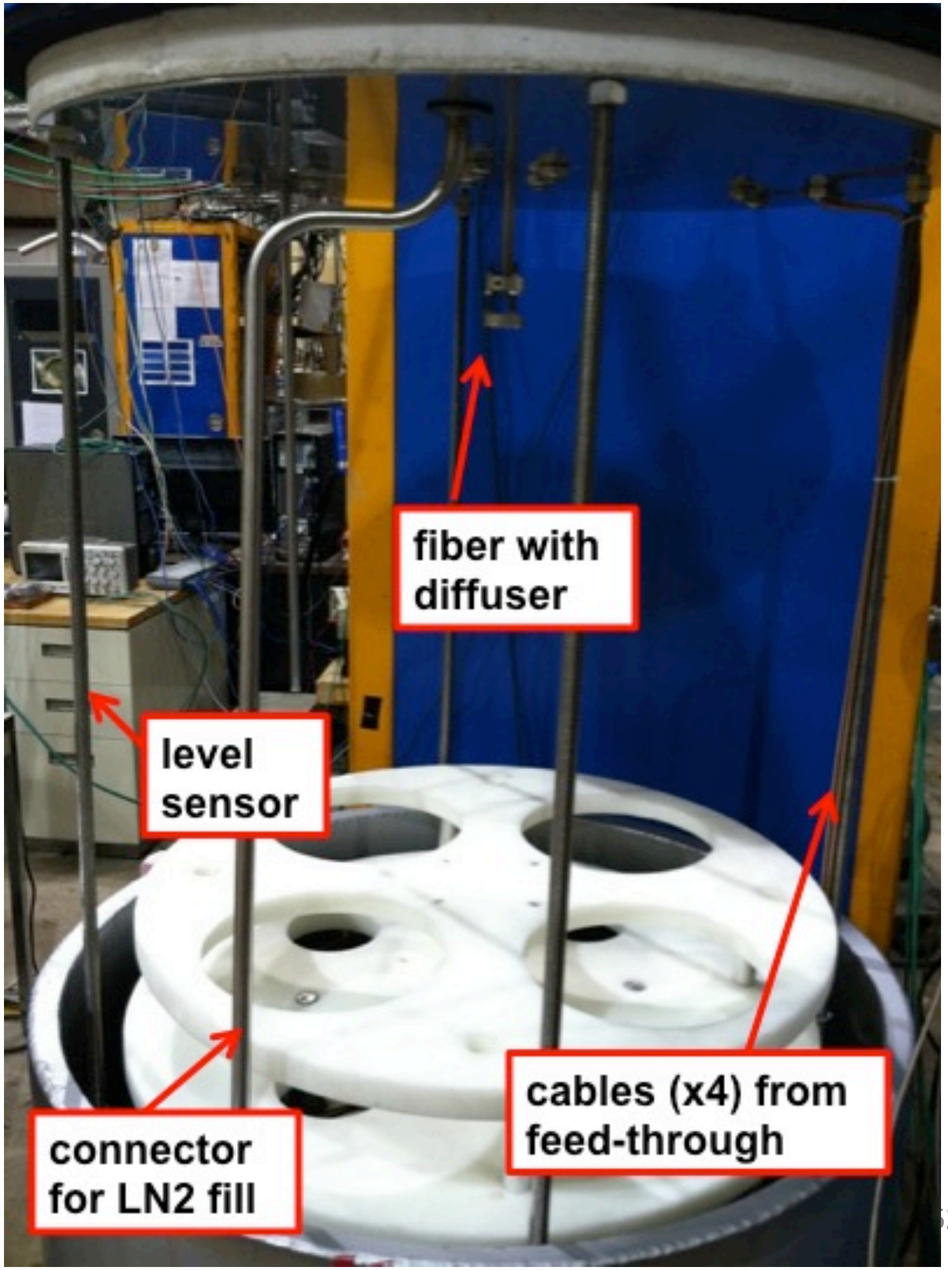
Open Dewar based PMT test stand
- All structures are attached on glass fiber lid
- there are 5 penetrations

i. LN2 injection
ii. gas vent
iii. level sensor
iv. cable feed-through
v. light injection system

- In room temperature, PMTs sit on Delrin bottom fixture
- In LN2, PMTs float and fit in Delrin upper fixture
- There is a weight at the bottom of the structure





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Open Dewar based PMT test stand

Purpose
- All PMTs need to be operated in cryogenic temperature before the experiment
- Verify spec gain and dark current in cryogenic condition
- Gain experiences of cryogenic PMT operation
- Study basic features (how long do you need to cool down, etc)

No need to be pressurized vessel (expensive, safety issue)

Large open Dewar with modification
- commercial open Dewar, 346L (70cmx90cm inner diameter and height), $17,000
- Labor + Materials ~ $5000
- Total $22,000
- Need 1 or 2 of 160L LN2 bottle to fill every week (LN2~$30, LAr~$160)
- No need technician's help for operation

Test procedure
- 4 PMTs are simultaneously immersed in LN2
- 1 PMT (calibration PMT) stays same location during all tests
- PMTs are immersed in LN2 least 3 days with dark before any tests
- LED illumination + trigger in LN2 (no purity issue)

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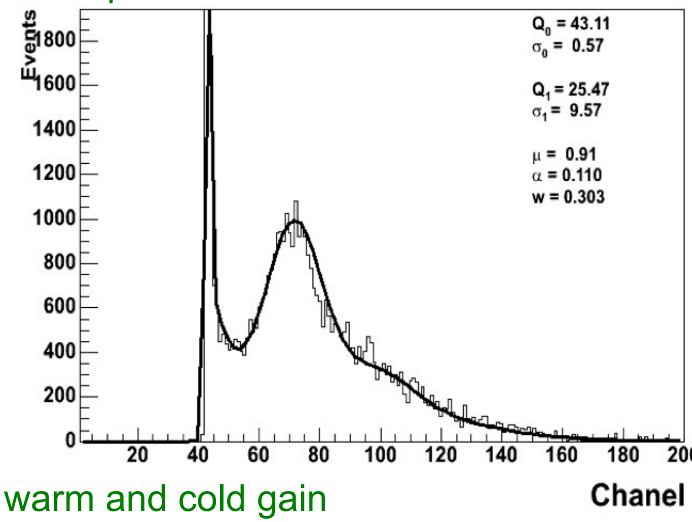
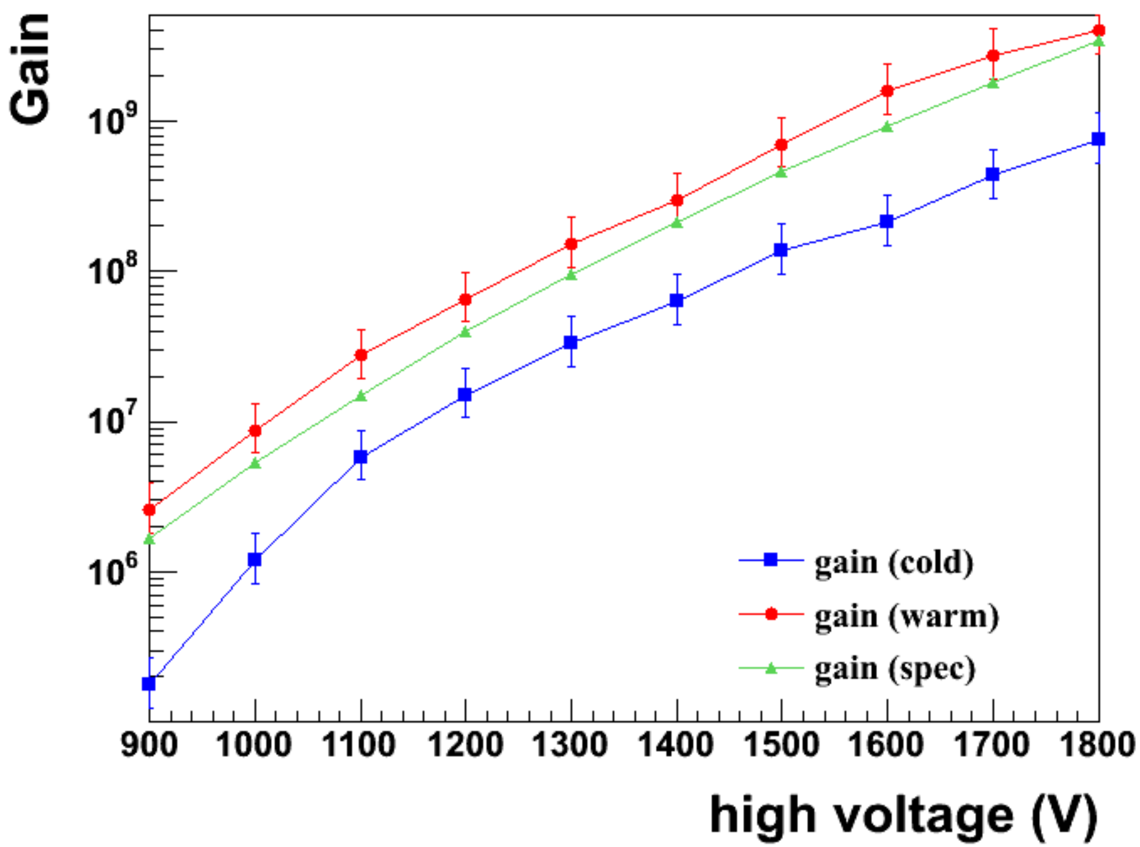
- Dark current and gain are measured both in air and liquid nitrogen (LN2).
- Operation HV values in cryogenic temperature are extracted.

Typical SER plot



Typical warm and cold gain



Gains are measured at every 100V from 900V to 1800V.

PMT cold gains are ~10-50% of warm gains.

Optimal HV value for 3E7 gain is extrapolated.

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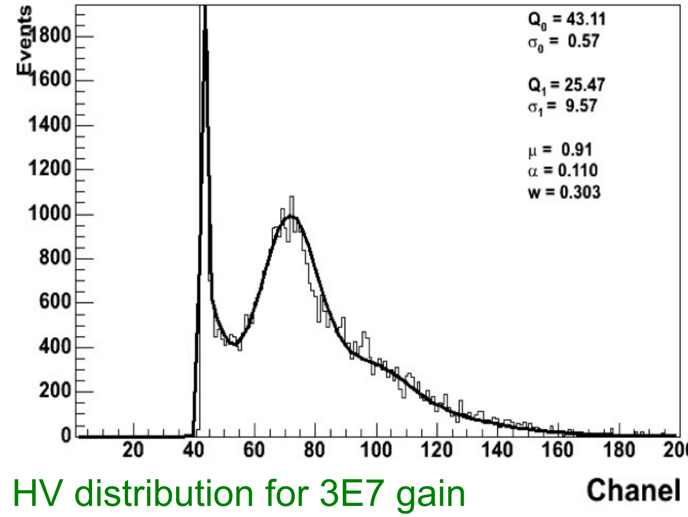
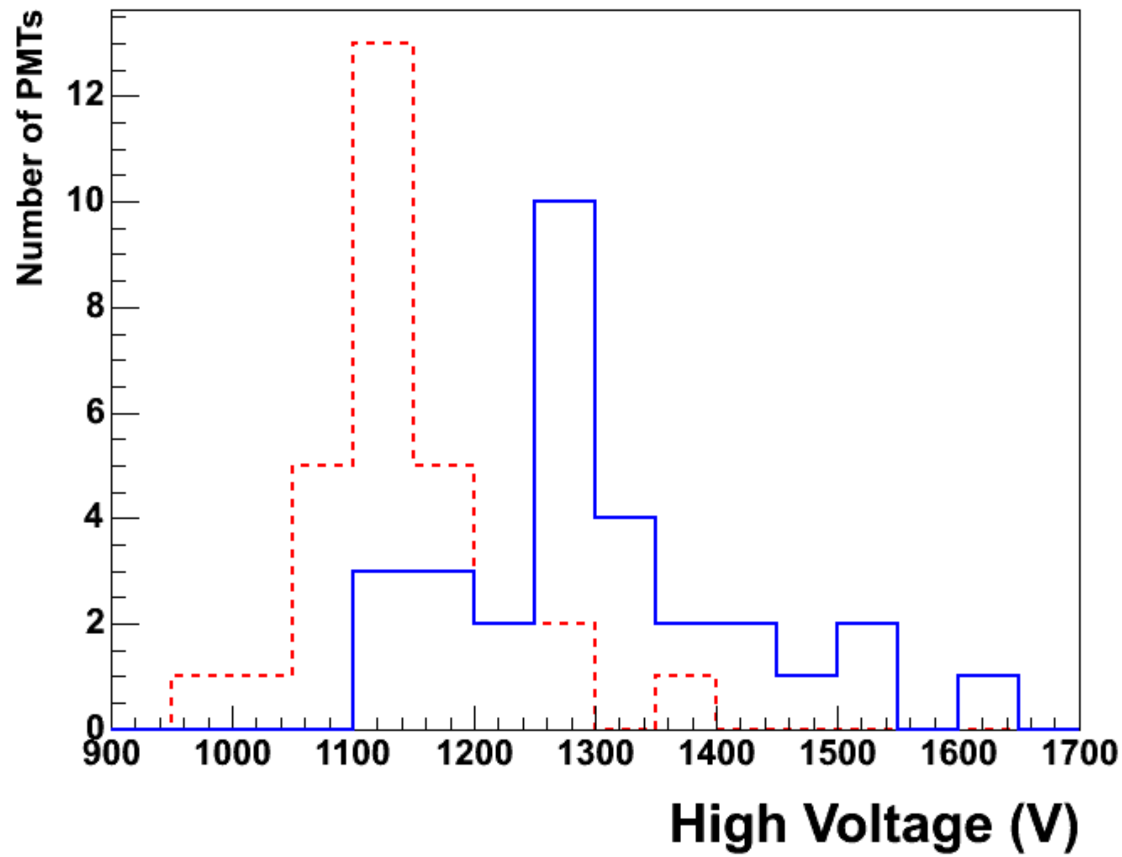


Optimal HV distribution for 3E7 gain



Gains are measured at every 100V from 900V to 1800V.

PMT cold gains are ~10-50% of warm gains.

Optimal HV value for 3E7 gain is extrapolated.

~200 V increase can recover gain drop

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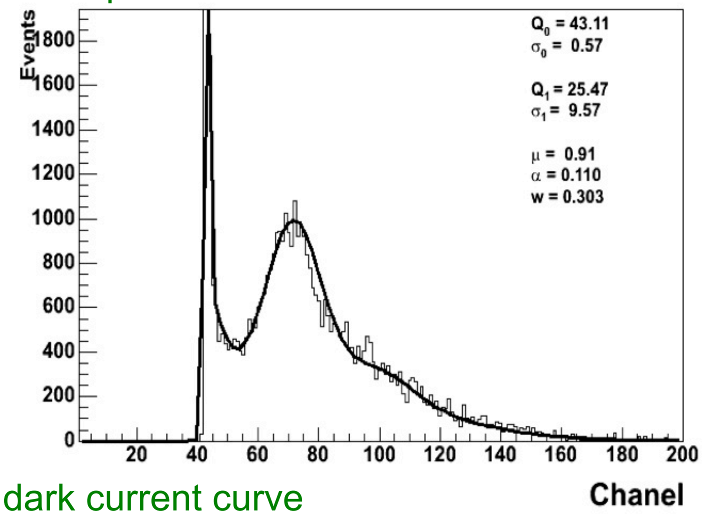
Briese et al.,JINST8(2013)T07005

3. MicroBooNE PMT test stand

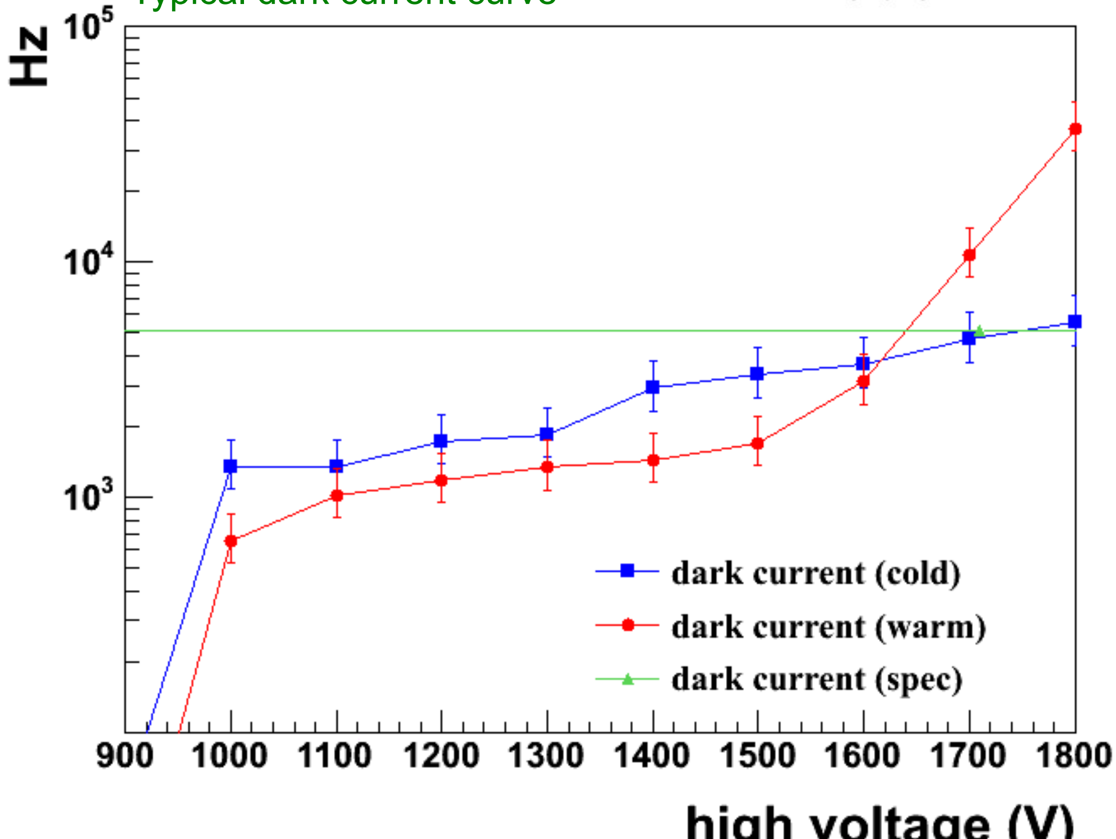
Open Dewar based PMT test stand

- Dark current and gain are measured both in air and liquid nitrogen (LN2).
- Operation HV values in cryogenic temperature are extracted.

Typical SER plot



Typical dark current curve



Cold dark current is slightly higher than warm dark current.

Cold noise doesn't show "plateau break down" at higher HV.

These results are not intuitive, but in fact well known.

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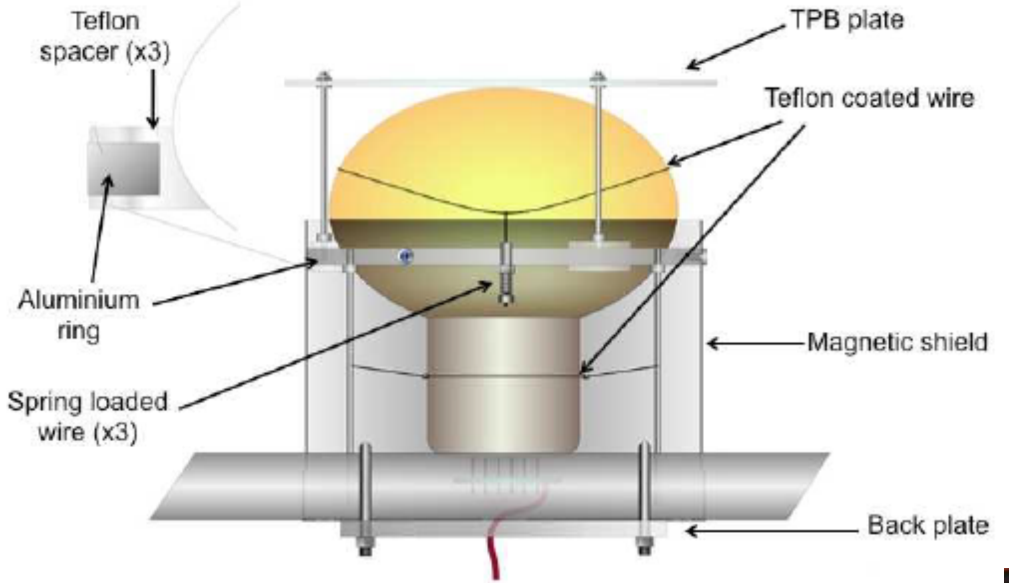
3. MicroBooNE PMT unit



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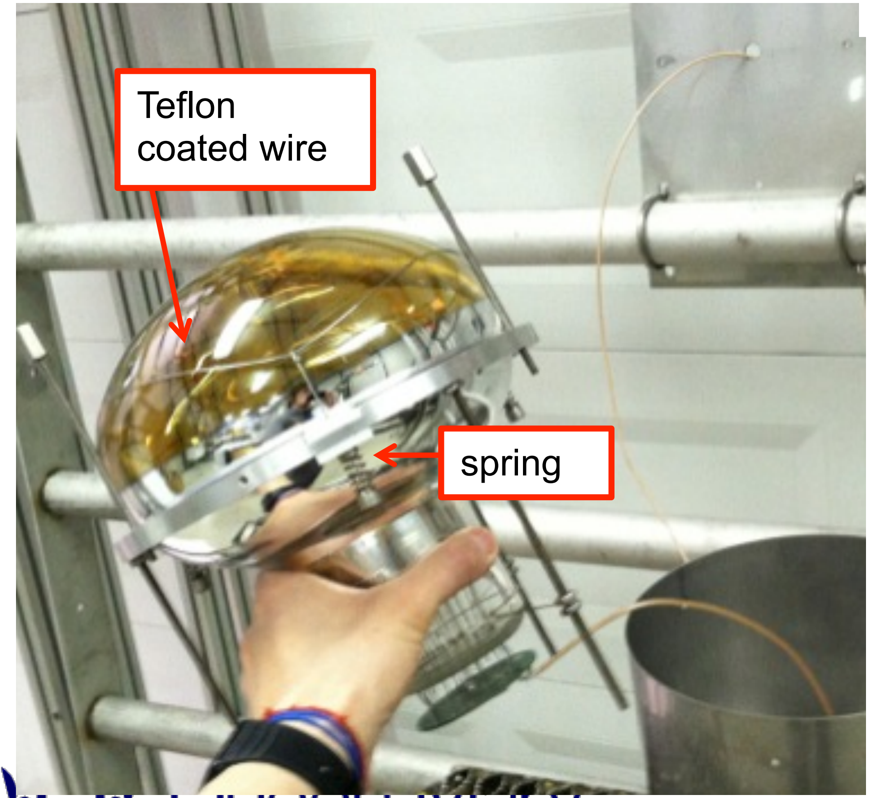

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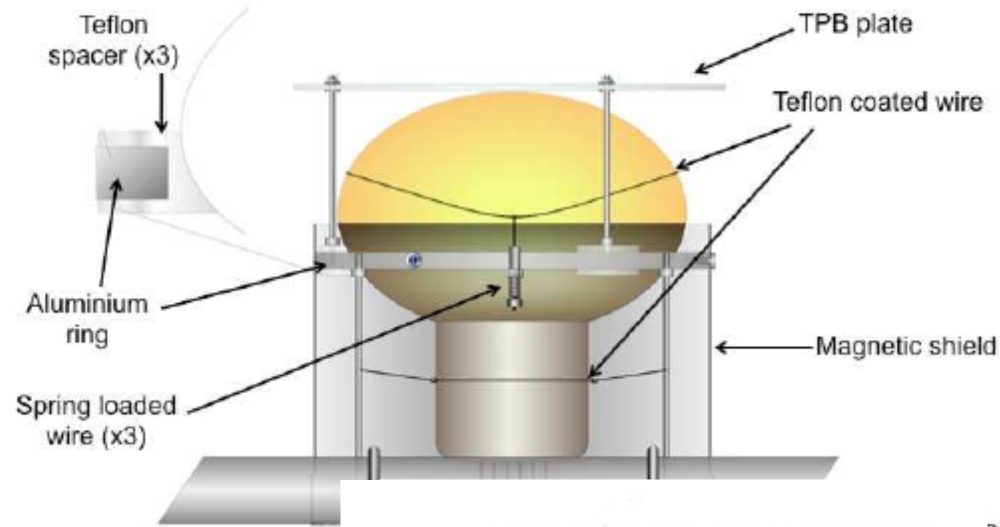
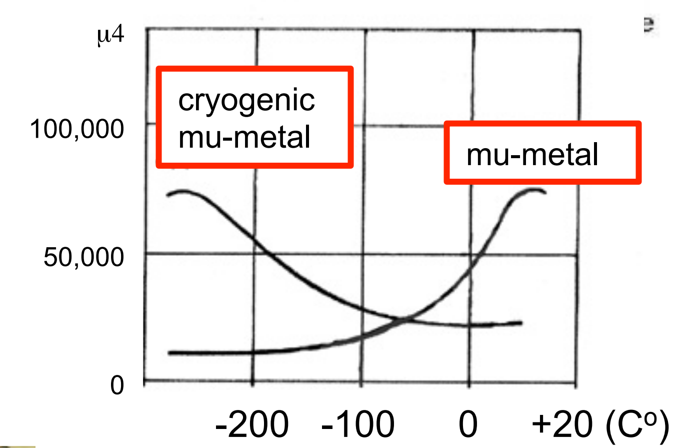
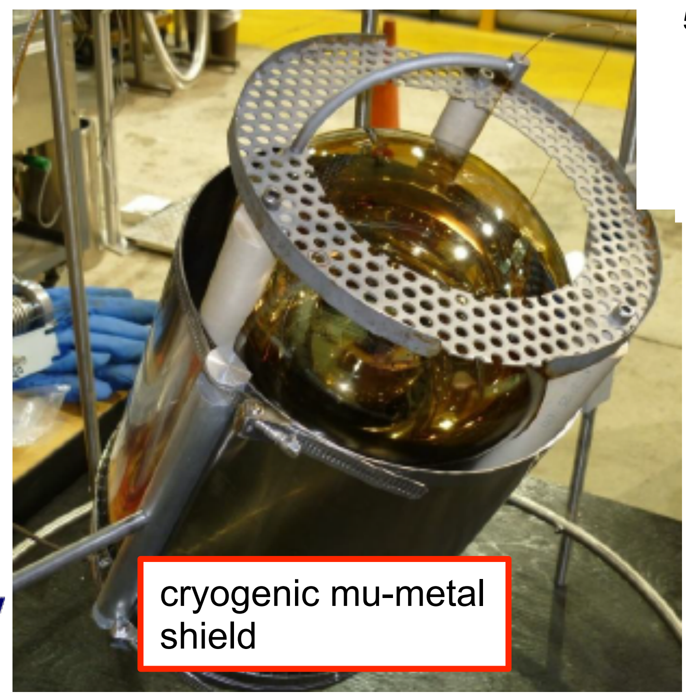
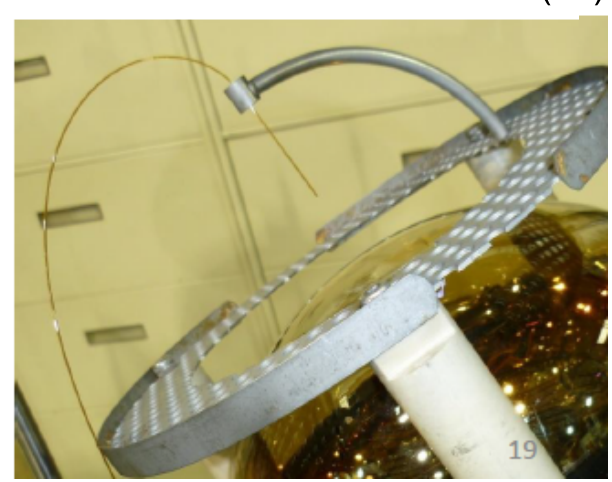




MicriBooNE PMT rotator





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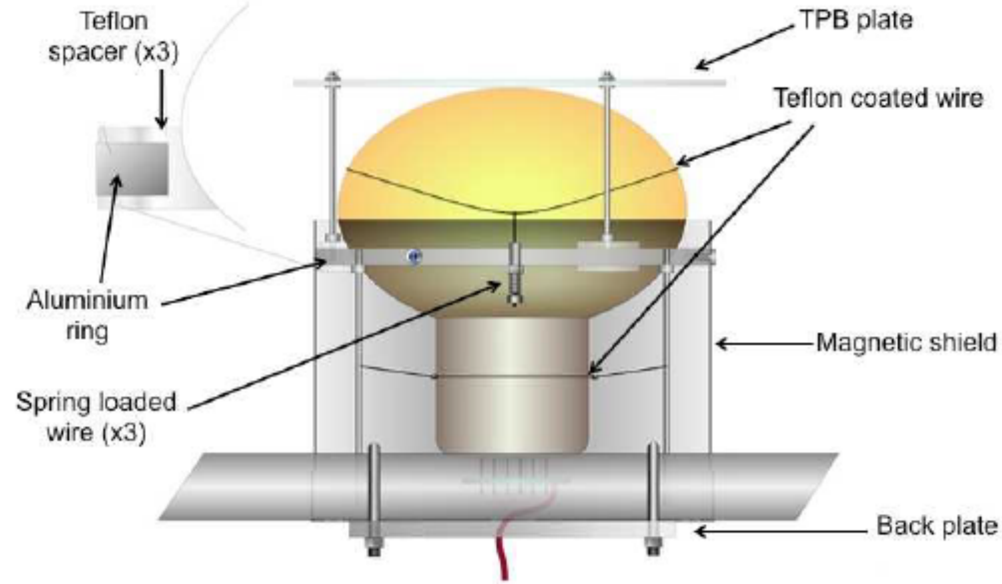

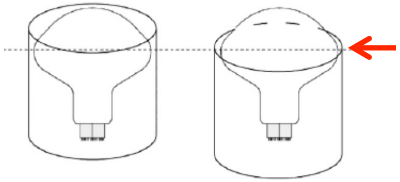

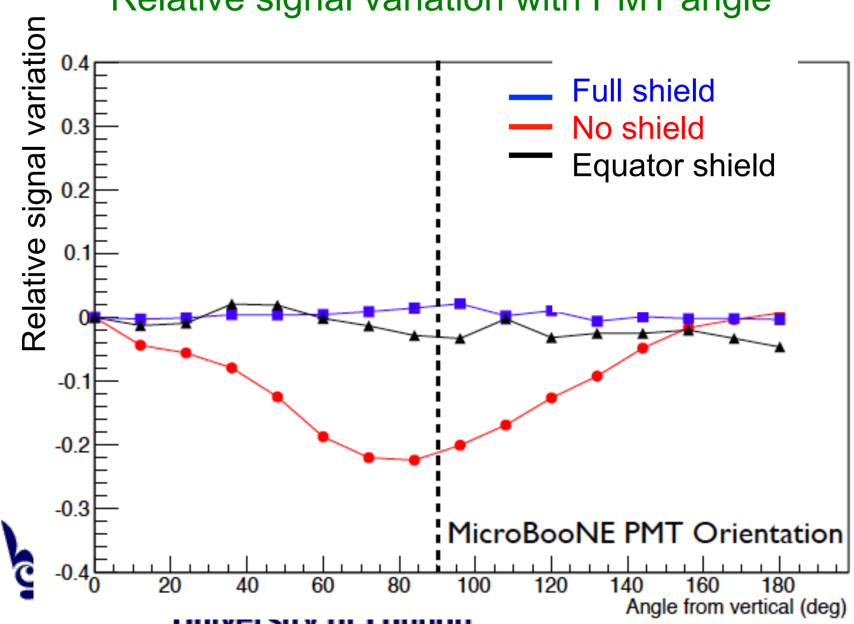

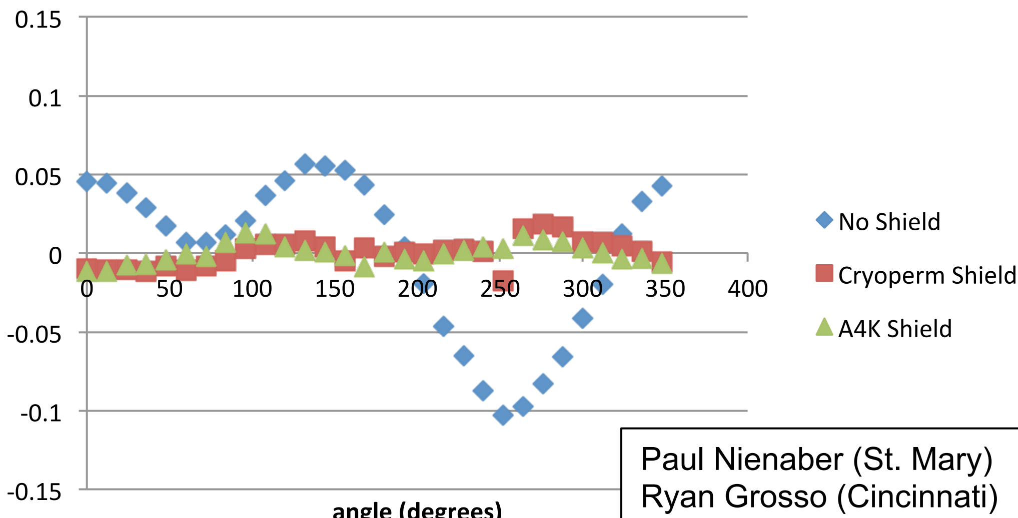

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3. MicroBooNE PMT array system

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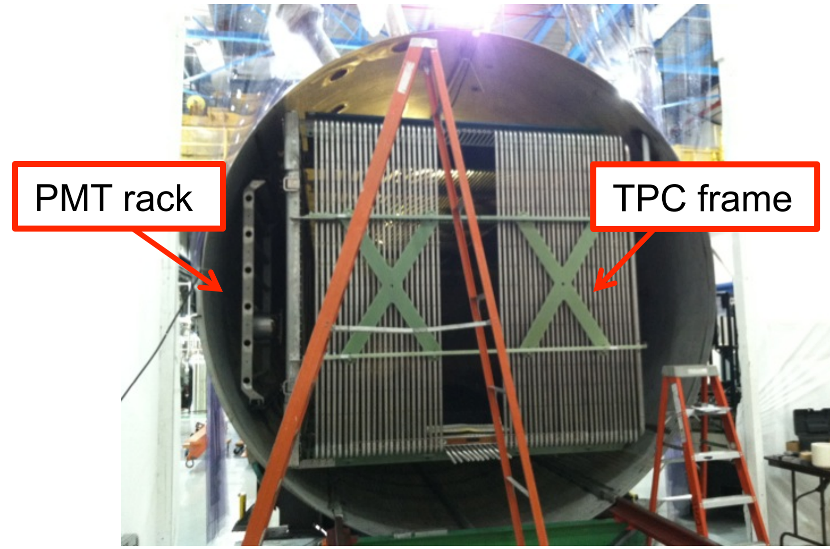

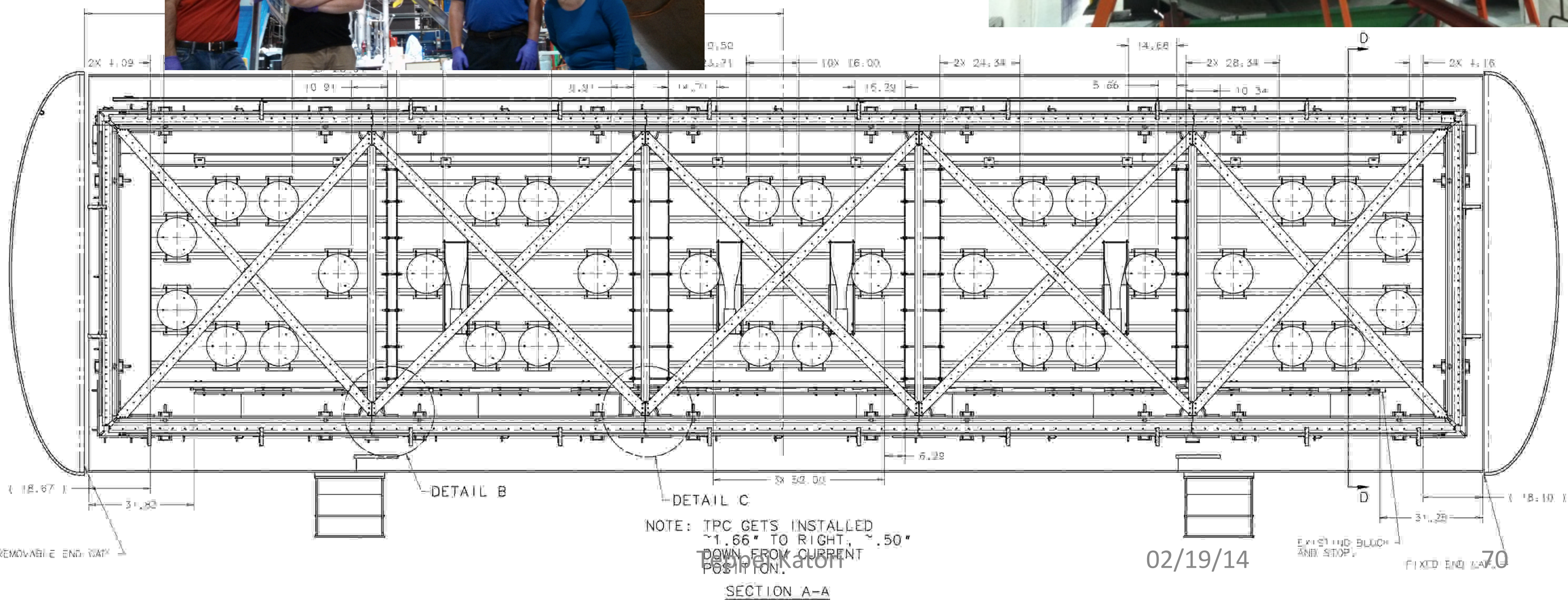

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TPB coated acrylic bar
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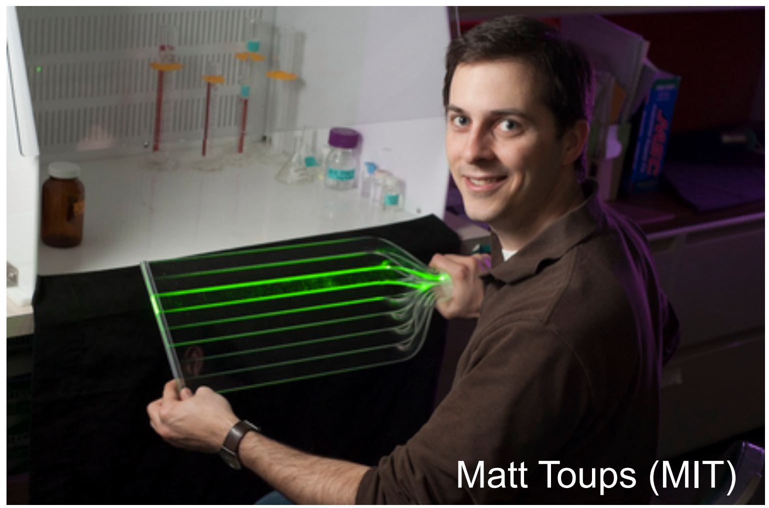
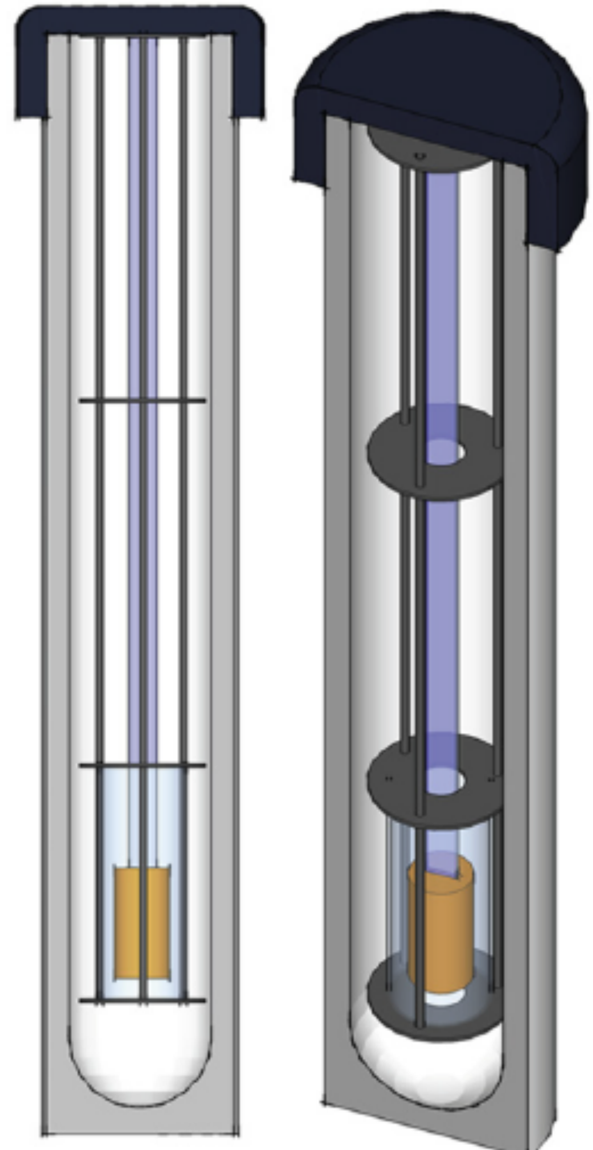
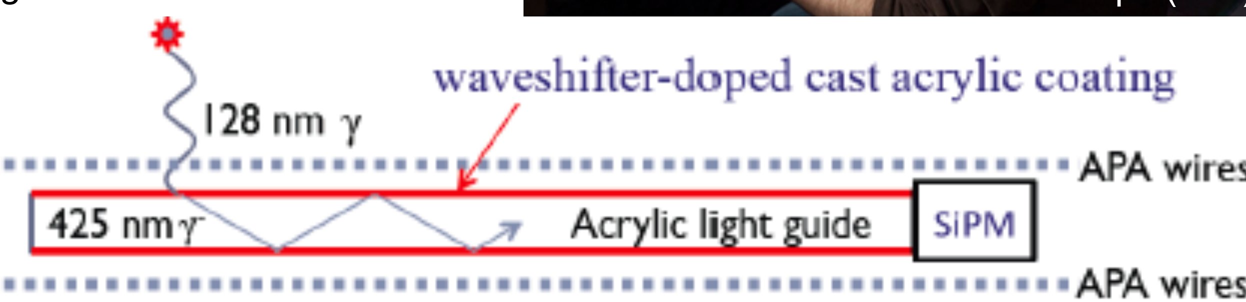




LBNE APA concept
Anode Plane Assembly conceptual design. Wires are wrapping around a light guide



Bugel et al.,NIMA640(2011)69

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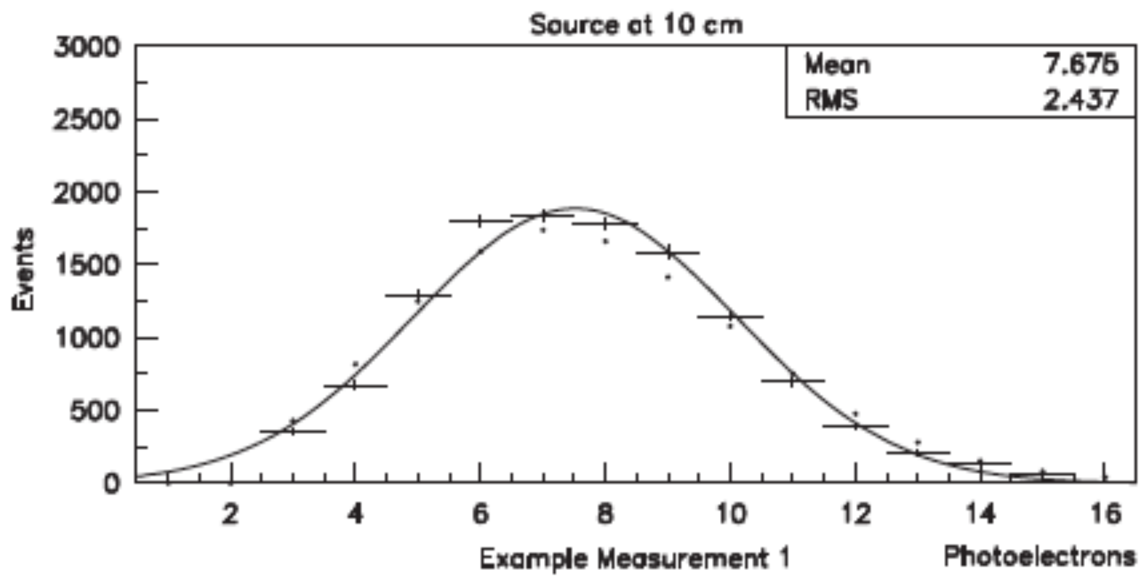
MIT test results

- The basic idea works
- Efficiency is rather low (~0.1%)
- Lots of room to improve
  - better quality of acrylic
  - better TPB deposition technique



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- Indiana university further improved this technique, and tested

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- It will equipped one of these

3. MIT LAr light collection group

1. The Effects of Dissolved Methane upon Liquid Argon Scintillation Light
Ben Jones et al., (JINST 8 (2013) P12015)

2. A Measurement of the Absorption of LAr Scintillation Light by Dissolved N_2 at the Part-Per-Million Level
Ben Jones et al., (JINST 8 (2013) P07011)

3. Testing of Cryogenic Photomultiplier Tubes for the MicroBooNE Experiment
Briese et al., (JINST 8 (2013) T07005)

4. Photodegradation Mechanisms of Tetraphenyl Butadiene Coatings for Liquid Argon Detectors
Ben Jones et al., (JINST 8 (2013) P01013)

5. Benchmarking TPB-coated Light Guides for Liquid Argon TPC Light Detection Systems
B. Baptista et al., (e-Print: arXiv:1210.3793 [physics.ins-det])

6. Environmental Effects on TPB Wavelength-Shifting Coatings
C. Chiu et al., (JINST 7 (2012) P07007)

7. Demonstration of a Lightguide Detector for Liquid Argon TPCs
L. Bugel et al., (Nucl.Instrum.Meth. A640 (2011) 69-75)

Liquid argon is the home of R&D papers!

1. Introduction

2. US LArTPC programs

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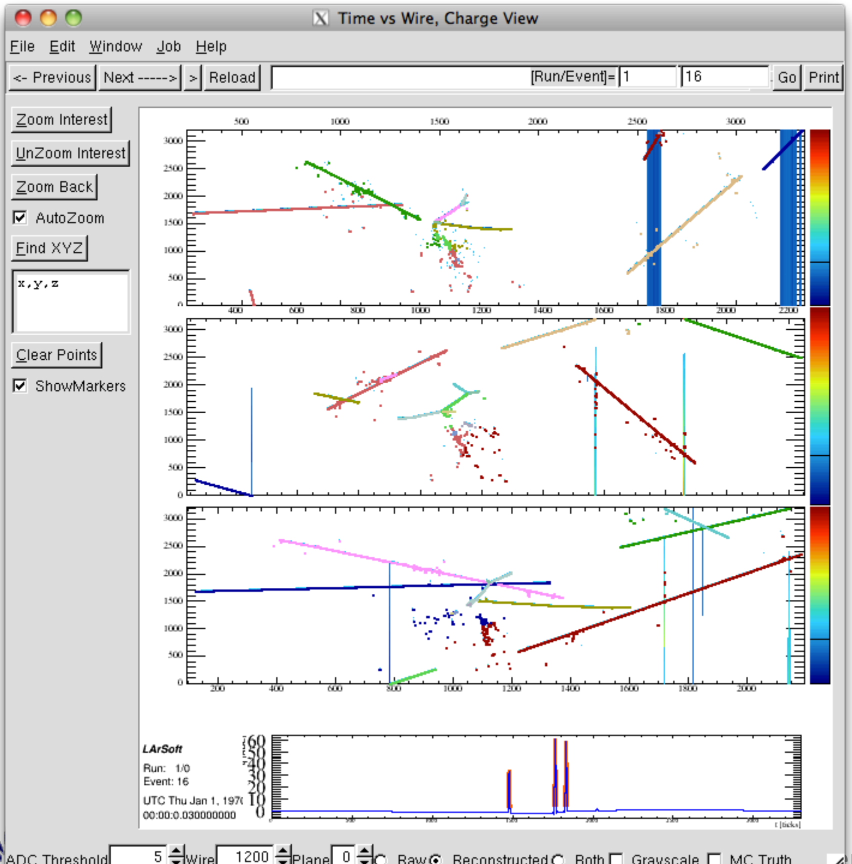
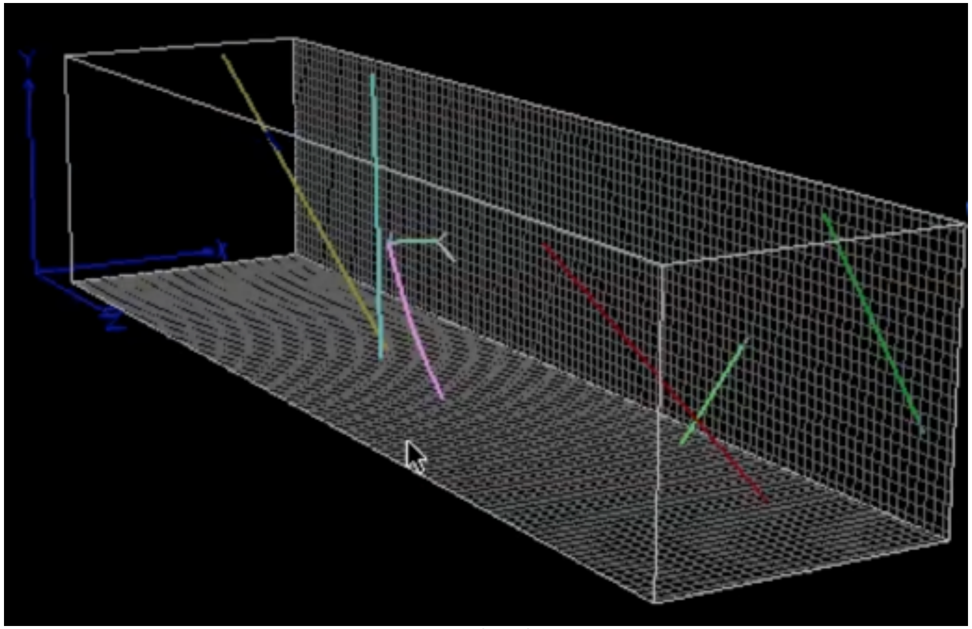
4. Challenge of LArTPC technology

Cosmic rays

- Cosmic rays of MicroBooNE is ~10kHz
- MicroBooNE DAQ windows is least 1.67ms (probably longer, if 125kV is not possible)
- ~20 cosmic rays across the detector in the DAQ window
- Reconstruction program needs to find true neutrino interaction and tracks successfully
- Combination of PMT and TPC information can find all cosmic rays efficiently



Simulated MicroBooNE event, reconstructed in 3D



4. Challenge of LArTPC technology

Positive ion problem
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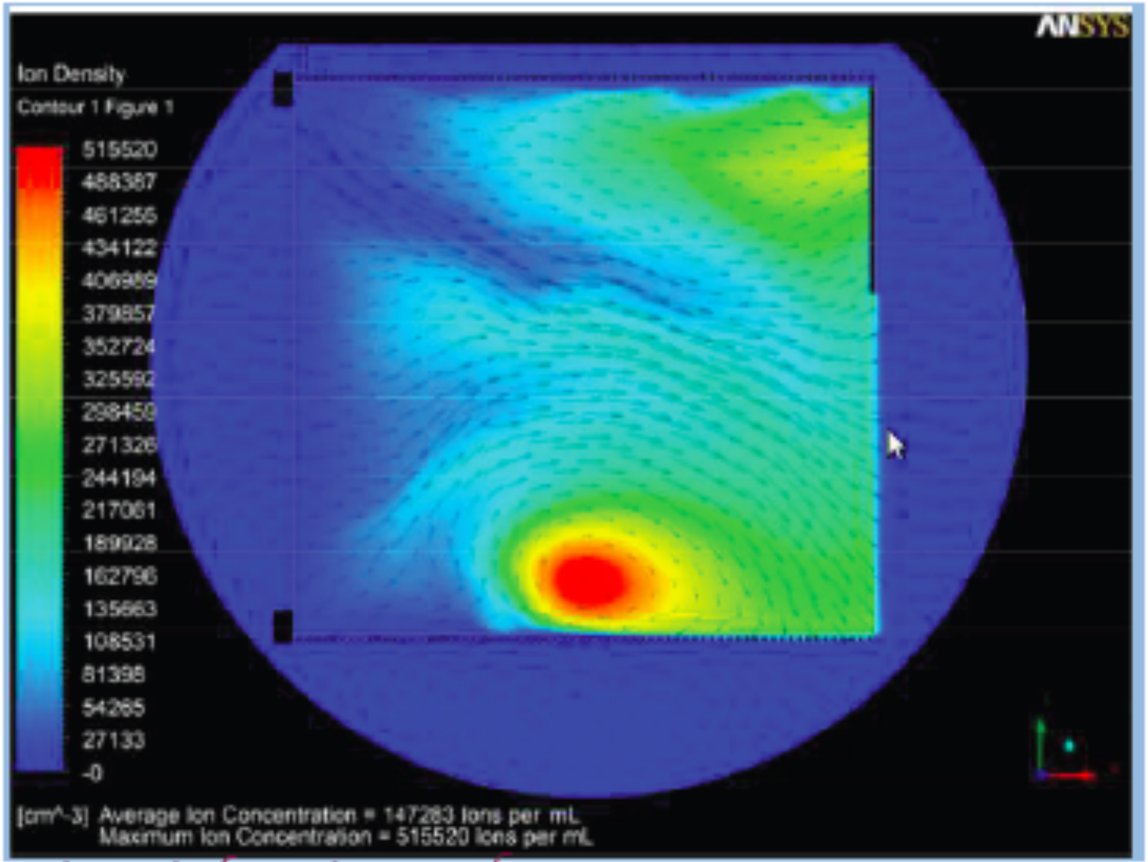

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Con – ICARUS surface running

- ICARUS took cosmic ray data on surface, and it shows perfect parallel lines of comic rays, showing electric field is uniform across the detector

→ ICARUS and MicroBooNE has different cryostat, cooling, flow system, etc

To manage field distortion, MicroBooNE has a laser calibration system.

We will find out this effect from MicroBooNE data

How about LBNE? (also surface running)

4. Challenge of LArTPC technology

High voltage system

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- Drift velocity is chosen to be same with ICARUS (1.5m/ms)
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Table 3.3 Maximum breakdown strengths of some liquids

Liquid	*Maximum breakdown strength (MV/cm)*
Hexane	1.1–1.3
Benzene	1.1
Transformer oil	1.0
Silicone	1.0–1.2
Liquid Oxygen	2.4
Liquid Nitrogen	1.6–1.9
Liquid Hydrogen	1.0
Liquid Helium	0.7
Liquid Argon	1.10–1.42

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Original paper
- Real break-down mechanism in liquid argon is very complicated (material, surface structure, etc), no such simple number is quoted in the original paper...

Swan and Lewis, Proc.Phys.Soc.78(1961)448

The Influence of Cathode and Anode Surfaces on the Electric Strength of Liquid Argon

By D. W. SWAN and T. J. LEWIS
Electrical Engineering Department, Queen Mary College, Mile End Road, London, E.1

MS. received 13*th March* 1961

Abstract. The electric strength of liquefied argon is found to depend to a marked degree on the nature of both cathode and anode. This effect has been investigated systematically. The cathode is thought to influence the strength through the
liquid, whilst the anode becomes important
e cathode exceeds that at which the anode
h space charge field is set up near the anode
ecessary for breakdown. By measuring the
ntaining various concentrations of oxygen,
e anode space charge is formed only when
n is carried by negative oxygen ions. The
sensitive to small concentrations of oxygen.

Table 1. Electric Strength of Liquid Argon with Anode and Cathode of Different Materials

Cathode material		Anode material		Electric strength (MV cm⁻¹)
Aluminium	(15)	Aluminium	(15)	0·69
Aluminium	(15)	Stainless steel	(15)	1·44
Stainless steel	(15)	Aluminium	(15)	0·88
Stainless steel	(15)	Stainless steel	(15)	1·86
Stainless steel	(0)	Gold		1·22
Stainless steel	(17)	Gold		1·26

The period of oxidation in minutes is indicated in brackets.

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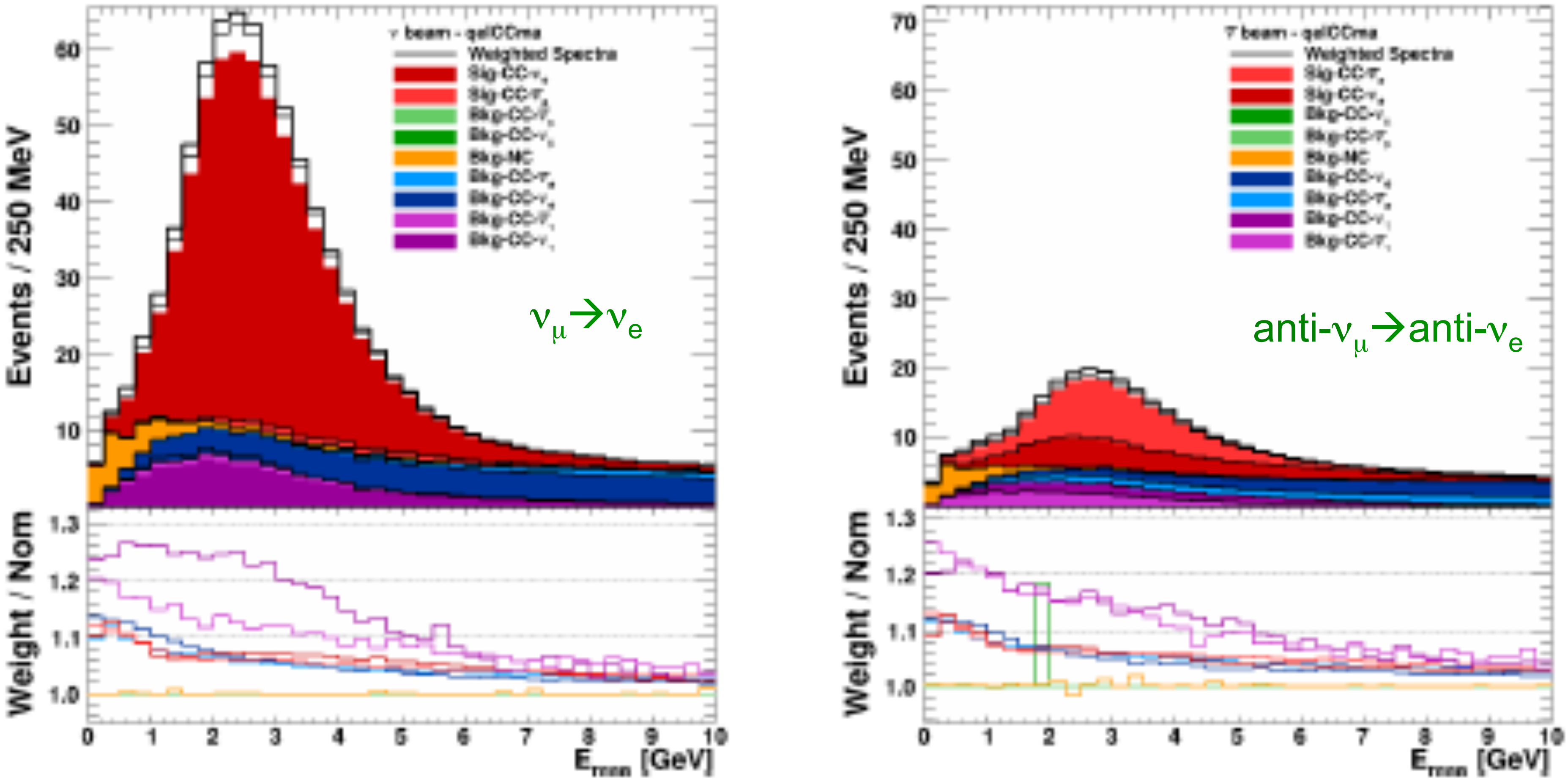
MicroBooNE prototype feed-through has a hard time to send 125kV, if this doesn't work, MicroBooNE need to run with lower voltage than designed (500V/cm → ?)
- longer drift time (larger DAQ window)
- more cosmic rays in beam window
- more positive ion effect
- more diffusions (worse resolution)
- more recombination (less ionization signal)

Hope is future experiments figure out better HV-system

4. Challenge of LArTPC technology

Reconstruction

- Event topology is extremely richer than any existing detectors
- Reconstruction is not easy, sensitivity study is based on MC truth or MC truth with detector effect (called fast MC), to avoid reconstruction
- Otherwise, efficiency is estimated from hand scan



4. Challenge of LArTPC technology

No nuclear model
- In this energy region (<few GeV), nuclear effect is important (cf Kevin McFarland's talk).
- Argon nucleus is too big to calculate precisely. The best ab initio nuclear model is available only up to ^{12}C.
- Nuclear model is up to phenomenological one.

MicroBooNE should be able to test these phenomenological models, to reduce errors for future experiments.

Not many physics
- There are so many new LArTPC experiments without any physics motivations.
- If LBNE is built on surface, there is no underground science (no proton decay, no supernova neutrinos).
- Even it were underground, Hyper-Kamiokande would have better results for any of these physics...

Conclusion

- LArTPC technology is initiated by ICARUS, and now flourish in US
- There are number of projects actively studying LArTPC
- MicroBooNE is up coming neutrino beam experiment with LArTPC
- All effort focus to the future large LArTPC, such as LBNE

Thank you for your attention!