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> New technologies for new discoveries: ProtoDUNE at CERN for the international DUNE mega-science project

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The LArTPC technology: from the original concept to protoDUNE - the ultimate step of detector development.

Motivations to the LArTPC technology choice for DUNE: *new technologies for new discoveries*

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LArTPC technology in two 'flavors''

ProtoDUNE at the CERN Neutrino Platform: **500+ days of continuing operation**

Preview of first results on LArTPC performance

Motivations to the LArTPC technology choice for DUNE



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According to current understanding of the Big Bang, matter and antimatter were formed in equal amounts when the universe began.



But if that were the case, all matter should have annihilated with antimatter by now, releasing lots of energy and filling the universe with light and radiation and no matter at all.

So, the question is "why is the world made of matter and not antimatter or nothing at all"?



The answer may hide in the way we distinguish between matter and antimatter: the CP transformations

In the Standard Model a tiny amount of violation of the CP symmetry exists in the baryon sector...

.. but this CP violation is not enough to account for the observed matter-antimatter unbalance. Therefore, other CP violation sources must contribute

CP violation in the neutrino sector is the prime candidate

If this is true, we should find signs of CP violation in the oscillation of today's neutrinos....

DUNE/LBNF: the Long Baseline Neutrino program



Far Detector

Near Detector



The **DUNE/LBNF** project in the US is the first **neutrino** international mega-science **project** [based on the ATLAS-CMS/LHC model at CERN in Europe and similar in size to LIGO]



the oscillation patterns of ν_{μ} and $\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$ beams over a 1300 km long baseline



UBNE "Far Site": **SURF 4850 Level**

- Major underground excavation removing ~800,000 tons of rock
- Two large caverns housing **four** cryostats and a central utility space
- $4 \times 17,000$ tons of LAr to fill the cryostats: the target for neutrino interactions







The first FD Module: 17 kt LAr cryostat

18 m

9 m

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External (Internal) Dimensions

19.1m (15.1m) W x 18.0m (14.0m) H x 66.0m (62.0m) L

66 m







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New technologies for new discoveries

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Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber - LAr TPC is the Technology Choice for the International Neutrino Program in the US



Why Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber? A: LAr TPC is a modern technology with Automated 3D Imaging, Particle ID (e.g. e/γ separation) with added full Calorimetry and Self-Triggering Capability

Combine Target and Detector in one

> Scalable to very large mass

e/γ separation



ArgoNeuT FNAL 2009-10





 v_e appearance and background rejection (v_e \rightarrow) electron / γ ($\leftarrow \pi^0$) discrimination

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RUN 657, EVENT 27058



1977 - the LArTPC Concept

EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH

EP Internal Report 77-8 16 May 1977

THE LIQUID-ARGON TIME PROJECTION CHAMBER:

A NEW CONCEPT FOR NEUTRINO DETECTORS

C. Rubbia

NUCLEAR INSTRUMENTS AND METHODS 150 (1978) 585-588, © NORTH-HOLLAND PUBLISHING CO

OBSERVATION OF IONIZATION ELECTRONS DRIFTING LARGE DISTANCES IN LIQUID ARGON*

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Measurements using a 137 Cs internal conversion source demonstrate that ionization electrons will drift at least 35 cm in liquid argon in electric fields of a few kV/cm

Quoting this document, "the original idea of Nygren (1974)" for a so-called "Time Projection Chamber (TPC)" with a noble gas as **ionization** medium "is extended to a liquefied noble gas - more specifically, liquid Argon - leading to what is" thereafter "called a Liquid-Argon TPC (LAr-TPC). Briefly, the idea consists of drifting the whole electron image of an event occurring in the noble liquid towards a collecting multi-electrode array which is capable of reconstructing the three-dimensional image (x,y,z) of the event from the (x,y) information and the drift time (t)".

Features of different experimental technologies are combined in a single device

 The liquid Argon is at the same time the active medium of the detector and the target of the experiment

(ideal for detection and full reconstruction of rare events like neutrino interactions and nucleon decays).

main limitation of the proposed technique was also rly defined: "the purity of the Argon is the main nological problem. ... electron lifetimes corresponding to ual Oxygen impurity content of about 4 x 10⁻² ppm" are hable. However, this limits "the electron mean free path to us out 30 cm. Clearly, Oxygen-free Argon is the central problem for the LAr TPC".

Only after several years an effective, fast purification method became available.

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1977

1986 - proposal for a massive LArTPC ICARUS

"Principle of Operation (from ICARUS Proposal):

The imaging of the **ionising** events inside the cryogenic volume of the detector is made possible because of

- (1) the long lifetime of the drifting electrons in excess of one millisecond (i.e. very high LAr purity) and
- (2) the sensitivity of modern (low noise) charge sensitive amplifiers that are capable of sensing an electron signal produced by a few millimetres of minimum ionising tracks".

... "main features"...

Non-destructive read-out with determination of the t=0 signal ...(for the measurement of) the drift time and hence of the drift distance

remark that the signal is due to the images of the charges of the electrons and is not produced (as sometimes incorrectly assumed) by a simple electron collection.

If we replace solid electrodes with wire planes or grids, we can preserve the electrons and we can realize a non - destructive read-out. The transmission of a grid



GEOMETRY OF THE GRIDS AND REFERENCE FRAME Figure 40. Geometry of the grids and reference frame

Detector layout

LArTPC at work: Imaging and Energy Reconstruction



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Need a fast signal to identify the time of the interaction (t0)



Prompt scintillation light produced in LAr as part of the ionization process ideal for t0 (and a lot more):

Need a **Photo-Detector** embedded in the TPC structure

Ar Scintillation light is very abundant (40 k photons/MeV) but photon wavelength is in the VUV (128 nm)

Need wavelength-shifter (easiest solution)

in the modern LArTPC technology - Light Detector (PDS) is becoming an important complement to the Charge Detector (TPC)

LArTPC at work: LAr purity - the issue, the solution

Ionization electrons must drift over distance of O(m), ie drift times O(ms), without substantial capture by electronegative impurities \Rightarrow limit on level of contamination $[O_2$ -equiv] ≤ 100 ppt (part per trillion)

"The starting material is Argon gas which has a (typical) impurity concentration of ≈ 0.1 ppm of Oxygen. The gas is passed through the (filter) cartridge to remove the Oxygen present ... at a typical rate of 0.35 l of gas per second. The gas is then liquefied ..."

[J. Bahcall, M. Baldo-Ceolin, D.B. Cline and C.Rubbia, Phys.Lett B178, (1986)]

The issue:

At this rate it would take ~1000 yr to purify&fill one DUNE Module

The solution:

"Argon purification in the liquid phase" [NIM A333 (1993), 567]

"we have shown that ultrapure liquid Argon can be obtained by direct purification of the liquid. The final purity corresponds to an electro-negative impurity concentrations below 0.1 ppb O₂ equivalent, equal to that obtained with similar procedures (OXY reactant + molecular sieves) purifying the gas phase. ... The flows are almost three orders of magnitude (the ratio of the densities) higher. As a consequence, the problem of filling a large scale detector is much simplified (... few weeks for a kiloton sized detector)".





LArTPC technology in two "flavors"

While the first LArTPC detectors for Neutrino Physics were built/ operated..

a new concept in the technology (derived from LArTPC detectors for Dark Matter Search) was proposed and developed:

Dual Phase LAr+GAr TPC where the read/out system is in the gas (above the liquid)





Dual Phase ArTPC Concept (~2005)

a 3D-imaging and calorimetric device capable of adjustable charge amplification based on LEM -Large Electron Multiplier





Electron avalanche in LEM hole

Proof of Principle

LAr LEM-TPC @ CERN (by **ETH**)



Features of dual-phase design:

- Gain in the gas phase → robust and tunable S/N, lower detection threshold, compensation for charge attenuation due to long drift paths
- Finer readout pitch (3.125 mm), implemented in two identical collection views (X,Y) on 3m long strips
- Long drift projective geometry: reduced number of readout channels, absence of dead materials in the drift volume
- Fewer construction modules, costs, installation
- Full accessibility and replaceability of cryogenic front-end (FE) electronics during detector operation



LARTPC (SINGLE PHASE)

READY FOR PHYSICS ON NEUTRINO BEAMS

Icarus 50 It - CERN WANF (1997)

ArgoNeuT 0.5 t - FNAL NuMI (2008-9)



ICARUS 300 t x 2 CERN CNGS (2010-13) FNAL Booster (today LAr filling completed !)





SBND 200 t -FNAL Booster (under construction)



ICARUS at GranSasso Lab operated on the CNGS beam from 2010 to 20013 producing physics results



MicroBooNE at FNAL takes neutrino data since 2015 and is producing physics results (a main one expected in summer)

Pilot Dual Phase Detector: $3 \times 1 \times 1 m^3$ at CERN





Detector installation completed in fall 2016



DUNE First Module 17,000 t LArTPC Single Phase

one giant leap for the technology





 $3 \times 1 \times 1 m^3$

ProtoDUNE at CERN



The Neutrino Platform and the dedicated H2VLE, H4VLE beam lines



extension of the EHN1 experimental area at CERN's Prévessin site

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the CERN Neutrino Platform: a new dedicated experimental facility for



• Dec. 12, 2015

Sept. 21, 2018







PROTO CHARGE SP in few snapshots





March 2016, construction of EHN1 extension

November 2016, cryostat structure assembly



September 2017, cryostat completion



February 2018, detector assembly

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August 2018, LAr filling



September 19, 2018 - ready for beam!





NP04_DCS_01_Heinz_V_Raw

Using the Boost module







few seconds after, from the On-Line Monitor



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First track recorded at Nominal El.Field

ProtoDUNE-SP Run 5809 Event 10747 @2018-11-07 11:58:22 UTC

ProtoDUNE-SP Run 5815 Event 962 @2018-11-08 10:31:01 UTC



real beam event in 3D

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1ST PAPER COMPLETED ON DEC. 15, 2019

Currently under DUNE internal review expect to submit for publication buy end of April

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DUNE-doc-17316-v5

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First results on ProtoDUNE-SP LArTPC performance from
 a test beam run at the CERN Neutrino Platform

ABSTRACT: The ProtoDUNE-SP detector is a single-phase liquid argon time projection chamber (LArTPC) with an active volume of $7.2 \times 6.0 \times 6.9 \text{ m}^3$. It is installed in a specially-constructed beam that delivers charged pions, kaons, protons, muons and electrons with momenta in the range 0.3 GeV/c to 7 GeV/c. Beam line instrumentation provides accurate momentum measurements and particle identification. The ProtoDUNE-SP detector is a prototype for the first far detector module of the Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment, and it incorporates full-size components as designed for that module. This paper describes the beam line, the TPC, the photon detectors, the

cosmic-ray tagger, the signal processing and particle reconstruction. It presents the first results on

¹³ ProtoDUNE-SP's performance, including TPC noise and gain measurements, dE/dx calibration

for muons, protons, pions and positrons, drift electron lifetime measurements, and photon detector

⁵ noise, signal sensitivity and time resolution measurements. ProtoDUNE-SP's successful operation

¹⁶ during 2018 and 2019 and its production of large samples of high-quality data demonstrate the

¹⁷ effectiveness of the single-phase far detector design.

18 KEYWORDS: Noble liquid detectors (scintillation, ionization, single-phase), Time projection cham-

¹⁹ bers, Large detector systems for particle and astroparticle physics

DETECTOR RESPONSE (BEAM DATA)



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TPC + CE PERFORMANCE : Signal to Noise Ratio

<u>Signal</u>: detected Charge (*hit Peak-amplitude*) in individual channel waveform from mip tracks (the minimal detectable signal)



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(a) After pedestal subtraction and calibration.



Imaging



(b) After mitigation (Sticky code)



(c) After tail removal.

(d) After correlated noise removal.

dE/dx - Calorimetry

TPC + CE PERFORMANCE :



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1 GEV PROTONS



Resolution appears better in DATA than in MonteCarlo !

TPC + CE PERFORMANCE: dE/dx - Calorimetry



Resolution appears better in DATA than in MonteCarlo !

dE/dx width is found to depend on diffusion constant and field response



TPC + CE PERFORMANCE: dE/dx - Calorimetry

(after Space Charge Calibration)

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1 GEV ELECTRONS



Electron/photon dE/dx

- Measure dE/dx at the beginning of electron or photon.
- 1 GeV beam electrons.
- Photons from 6 GeV pion interactions.
- Clear e/γseparation in dE/dx distributions.



Hand picked events, limited statistics



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Fully automated reconstruction and event selection, large statistics.

Arbitrary Units





LINEARITY

Observed (first approx) linear response over the entire range of energies. The slope gives the light yield $LY = 102 \ Ph/GeV$

from (only) one ARAPUCA PhDet module, relative to a diffused light source (EM shower) at a distance of about 3 m

PHOTO-DETECTOR PERFORMANCE :

calorimetric response to EM showers from LIGHT Signal



single ARAPUCA module (~0.5‰ photo-sensitive area coverage)

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PROTO DIJUE^{SP} (Phase 1) MISSION

- **I** Prototyping production and installation procedures for DUNE Far Detector Design
- ☑ Validating design from perspective of basic detector performance → inform TDR
- Accumulating test-beam data to understand/calibrate response of detector to different particle species ~ 3M BEAM TRIGGERS ACCUMULATED AND ANALYZED

Mode Demonstrating long term operational stability of the detector 500+ DAYS OF OPERATION



protoDUNE DUAL Phase

History of Dual-Phase ProtoDUNE / WA105



DEEP UNDERGROUND NEUTRINO EXPERIMENT

During detector installation

inside protoDUNE-DP

cryostat (spring 2019)



LEM-anode sandwich (50x50 cm²)



ode n m²)



$< 50 \; \mu m$ accuracy in positioning wrt to LAr surface level



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Photon Detector: PMT Array with wavelength-shifter

• 30 PMTs with PEN sheets and 6 PMTs with TPB coating







Last day with cryostat open June 13th 2019







- June 2019: cryostat purge with Ar gas and cool-down procedure with a mist of LAr droplets to about 150k
- July 2019: filling with LAr ~40 tons/day

 August 2019 detector filled, start of operation



DEEP UNDERGROUND NEUTRINO EXPERIMENT

CRPs commissioning

- ✓ Bubbles forming along internal surface of first field cage ring.
 Phenomenon not yet completely characterized related to heath flow and cryogenics
- ✓ CRP operation at higher cryostat gas pressure (1045 mbar) to dump formation of bubbles and LAr surface perturbations.
- ✓ Implemented automatic tracking of LAr level based on level meters reading



- → Stability HV tests of grids + LEMs
- → Grids of all 4 CRPs tested up to 7.5kV extraction voltage (exceeding goal)

CRP LAr level tracking (adjustments of 250 um every 15 minutes). LAr level increasing by ~1mm/hour





Event with electromagnetic showers and two muon decays - LEM $\Delta V{=}$ 3.1 kV





Horizontal muon track - LEM ΔV = 3.1 kV



Multiple hadronic interactions in a shower - LEM ΔV = 3.2 kV









Compelling questions in Physics await being addressed

The liquid ArTPC is the new experimental technology adopted for the worldwide Neutrino Program in the U.S.

The realization of the DUNE/LBNF will represent one of the most challenging and endeavoring effort in HEP.

The path toward DUNE is now open by the success of ProtoDUNE at CERN

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BACKUP SLIDES

1986 - proposal for a massive LArTPC

SEARCHING FOR NEW UNDERGROUND PHENOMENA WITH HIGH

RESOLUTION VISUAL TECHNIQUES AND MAGNETIC ANALYSIS

(ICARUS)

A PROPOSAL

Quoting the Abstract of the ICARUS Proposal, "We propose a very large volume (>4500 m³) Liquid Argon, homogeneous detector fully and continuously sensitive ...(with) spatial separation of ~ 1mm³. ... Ionization electrons are collected over a two meter long path and they are sensed by three planes of collecting wires. The detector is self-triggering, ... and with an accurate calorimetry and unambiguous p, K and π/μ separation of slow or stopping particles.

CERN - Harvard - Milano - Padova - Roma - Tokyo - Wisconsin

Collaboration

ICARUS Logo from the Flying Machine with Beating Wings by Leonardo da Vinci



UBNE "Near Site" - DUNE: ND at Fermilab

DUNE Near Detector

- DUNE ND design concept is an integrated system composed of multiple detectors:
 - HPGArTPC
 - Highly segmented LArTPC
 - Magnetized multi-purpose tracker
 - Electromagnetic calorimeter
 - Muon chambers
- Primary purpose is to constrain systematic uncertainty for longbaseline oscillation analysis
 - Constrain flux, cross-section, and detector uncertainties





Oscillation Sensitivity Calculations

DUNE Conceptual Design Report (CDR) arXiv:1512.06148

- Beam: $\overline{\mathbf{v}}$ -mode Beam: ν -mode 140 35 DUNE v_e appearance DUNE \overline{v}_{e} appearance 3.5 years (staged) 3.5 years (staged) Normal MH, δ_{CP}=0 Normal MH, δ_{cp}=0 120 30 Signal (v
 _e+v) CC — Signal (v̄₂+v₂) CC 100 25 Events/0.25 GeV Beam (v,+v) CC Beam (v_e+v_e) CC NC - NC 80 20 - (ν_τ+ν_τ) CC ---- (ν_τ+ν_τ) CC (v. +v.) CC - (v̄_+v_) CC 60 20 Reconstructed Energy (GeV) Reconstructed Energy (GeV) 900 350 DUNE v_{μ} disappearance DUNE \overline{v}_{μ} disappearance 3.5 years (staged) 3.5 years (staged) 800F 300 700 — Signal \overline{v}_{u} CC — Signal v_u CC 250 Events/0.25 GeV 600F **– Bkgd** v_{μ} CC - NC $--(\overline{v}_{\tau}+v_{\tau})$ CC - NC 200 500F — Bkgd $\overline{v}_{"}$ CC - (∇_τ+ν_τ) CC 400F 150 300 H 100 200 50 100F 3 3 Reconstructed Energy (GeV) Reconstructed Energy (GeV)
- Order 1000 v_e appearance events in ~7 years of equal running in neutrino and antineutrino mode
- Simultaneous fit to four spectra to extract oscillation parameters
- Systematics approximated using normalization uncertainties

- Reconstructed spectra based on GEANT4 beam simulation, GENIE event generator, and Fast MC using detector response parameterized at the single particle level
 - Efficiency tuned using hand scan results
- GLoBES configurations arXiv: 1606.09550



CP Violation Sensitivity

CP Violation



Mass Ordering

Mass Hierarchy Sensitivity

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DUNE Far Detector Challenges

Scale up in size

Cryostat for 10-kt fiducial: 15.1 (W) x 14.0 (H) x 62 (L) m³
 a big step up from ICARUS & MicroBooNE [from \$\varnotheta(100 t)\$ to \$\varnotheta(10 kt)]\$

underground location&expected duration of the experiment

 Assembly in underground and no access (no maintenance/repair for ~20 yrs) - somehow similar constraints as for HEP experiments in space

Technical challenges

- Longer Drift and related more stringent requirement:
 - on HV system
 - on LAr Purity
- Detector Stability over time: Cold electronics/TPC, PhotoSensor/PDS
- Overall Mechanical engineering + QA/QC
- ...

Solution to proof FD design:

• **build a** large-scale 1kt prototype

TPC + CE PERFORMANCE : CE/CX - Ptc c

- Very well understood detector response to particles of different species.
- Excellent separation of muons and protons using calorimetric information.

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Stopping muon dE/dx distributions for the ProtoDUNE-SP cosmic data and MC. Diffusion in data appears to be less than in simulation

Width of dE/dx for Data and MC doesn't agree

MC Tuning of longitudinal diffusion in progress

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