

# A novel optical imaging system for the LAr detector GRAIN



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# **The Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment**



### The physics:

- Determine CP violation for the leptonic sector
- Determine neutrino mass ordering Precision measurement of mixing angles

### The Far Detector:

 1500 m underground (4850 mwe) Multi-kiloton detector based on

# **Near Detector**

During Phase I, it will include three primary detector components:

- ND-LAr
- Muon Spectrometer
- SAND

ND-LAr and TMS will move off-axis in order to "scan" over the spectrum of v energies

## System for on-Axis Neutrino Detection (SAND)

- Detect solar and supernovae neutrinos
- BSM physics studies

#### liquid Argon TPC

2 modules (Phase I) with 20kt total fiducial mass

# **GRAIN** detector

GRAIN will use an innovative approach based on the detection of Argon scintillation light, ensuring crosscalibration with the other ND components to constrain systematic uncertainties from nuclear effects.

## **Objective**

Reconstruct particle tracks using only scintillation light

## Requirements

- Segmented sensors on the inner cryostat walls
- Resolution <1cm</li>
- Time resolution < 1 ns
- Light sensors operating in the VUV range (127nm)
- Sensors and electronics operating in LAr (87K)

## **Optical system**





**Multipurpose detector**: its physics goals include *monitoring* of the onaxis  $v - \bar{v}$  spectra to detect beam variations on a weekly basis, and perform neutrino cross section studies on different nuclear targets, together with on-axis *flux measurement* for a robust analysis in combination with other ND detectors.

**9** CH<sub>2</sub>

## It is composed by:

- Superconducting solenoid (0,6 T)
- Electromagnetic calorimeter  $\sigma_E/E \cong 5\%/\sqrt{E(GeV)}$ 
  - $\sigma_t \cong 40 ps / \sqrt{E(GeV)}$
- GRAIN (1t LAr active target)
- Light Straw Tube Tracker (STT) with distributed CH<sub>2</sub> and C targets



ECAL 1 C MODULE GRAIN STT MODULES YY straws



SC magnet and em calorimeter from KLOE experiment



# **Current work and perspectives**

- 1. 3D event reconstruction with coded aperture masks systems
- Iterative algorithm based on Maximum Likelihood - $\bullet$ Expectation Maximization
- Directly reconstructs in 3D the initial photon source distribution in a segmented volume (voxels)
- Maximizes the likelihood that an initial distribution density can produce the observed data
- Requires significant GPU resources

#### **Tests with hardware demonstrator**



#### **Development of 1024 channel ASIC** 4.







Upgrade of ALCOR ASIC (32 channels) :

- 1024 channels
- Operated at cryogenic and room temperature
- Power consumption < 5 mW/ch
- E branch : charge integrators + Wilkinson ADC
- T branch : Time-to-Amplitude Converters + Wilkinson ADC
- Front-End structure is currently under study

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