# Proposal for a test facility in LNL for DUNE experiment 3 May 2023

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#### 1) Introduction

DUNE will consist of two neutrino detectors placed in the world's most intense neutrino beam. One detector will record particle interactions near the source of the beam, at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, Illinois. A second, much larger, detector will be installed more than a kilometer underground at the Sanford Underground Research Laboratory in Lead, South Dakota — 1,300 kilometers downstream of the source. These detectors will enable the study of neutrino oscillations and properties. INFN is involved in the design, construction and commissioning of both Far and Near Detectors.



Figure 1: DUNE Long Baseline experiment

The *Far Detector* will be formed by 4 modules, each of one containing about 17000 tons of Liquid Argon. The *Near Detector* is a complex of different detectors. Among them, SAND ("System for on-Axis Neutrino Detection") will be placed fixed on beam and it reuses the superconducting coil and electromagnetic calorimeter of KLOE detector built in LNF.



Figure 2: The Near Detector complex (SAND in color)

The central volume of SAND (KLOE wire chamber is removed) will be formed by a Straw Tube Tracker (STT) and a Cryostat named GRAIN ("GRanular Argon for Interaction of Neutrinos") containing about 1 ton of Liquid Argon. The possibility to characterize the beam in the Near Detector in the same medium as in Far detector allows to reduce systematic errors.

GRAIN cryostat is composed by an internal vessel in Stainless Steel and an external vessel in Carbon Fiber/Aluminum Honeycomb (to reduce material budget). The internal vessel contains about 1 ton of Liquid Argon while the external keeps the high vacuum. Both have elliptical shape.



Figure 3: GRAIN cryostat

For detection of charged tracks in LAr we will use a novel technique, based on the imaging of the scintillation light, eliminating the dependency on the slow charge collection as in Time Projection Chambers. By capturing "pictures" of the LAr (or LXe) scintillation light emission, we aim to reconstruct both event topologies and energy deposition.

Several challenges must be overcome to successfully demonstrate this novel approach: the performance of photon detectors and conventional optical elements in the relevant spectral range is limited; thousands of photosensor channels in dense matrices must be read out in cryogenic conditions; a sufficiently wide and deep field of vision is needed to maximize the fiducial volume.

We will use about 50 cameras to reconstruct the event in the full 3D volume of GRAIN. The light sensor for each camera will be a 32x32 matrix of SiPMs, single photon sensitive. We are studying two types of optics: one based on coded aperture masks (Fig. 5) and the other on special designed lens (Fig. 6a).



Figure 4: Examples of SiPMs matrix



Figure 5: coded aperture masks and simulated cameras inside GRAIN



Figure 6a: design of VUV lens



Figure 6b: example of simulated track imaging with lenses

### 2) Test facility a LNL

### Program for detectors test:

- Verification of internal vessel mechanics and cabling with all cameras installed
- Verification and fixing of sources of electronic noise
- Study bubble formation (power dissipation) in front of the cameras in sub-cooling conditions
- If sub-cooling is not enough to limit boiling near the detectors, study alternative solutions
- Study and fix integrity of output data signals
- Verification of clock distribution to all the detectors and tune procedure for synchronization of all frontend ASICs

## Program for the cryogenic system test

- Scope: To realize the proximity cryogenic system as close as possible to the one to be installed at the final location. It is foreseen to utilize all components except the new vacuum tank of the cryostat
- Outline of the P&ID, both simplified and detailed one.
- Laboratory at LNL proposed for the test facility (outline, photos, LN2 Dewar outside, existing cryogenic piping, crane 1.6 ton, operation of the test facility without interference with the ongoing maintenance of the ALPI cryostats)
- Technical modifications in charge of the SAND collaboration or INFN-BO: replacements of a few cryogenic valves, refurbishing of the control cabinet with upgrade to PLC

The test facility will be operated by the SAND collaboration: in particular, an engineer/applied Physicist from INFN-BO will organize the refurbishing of the part of cryogenic laboratory identified for the test facility. The LNL experts of the cryogenic service will guarantee the technical assistance as follows:

- The cryogenic service will make available one person for one day a week for the refurbishing of the cryogenic piping and of the control cabinet
- RP will provide consultancy for the design and realization of the proximity cryogenics

The scope of the test facility is the qualification of all the cryogenic components, in particular of those, which will be installed at FNAL. Moreover, the real LN2 cryogenic consumptions will be measured both for the cool down and for the static heat load as well as those needed for the LAr purification in forced flow circulation. All components will be realized in such a way that they will be installed at the final site at FNAL. At the moment the mechanical design of the SS LAr reservoir is completed while the design of the final vacuum tank in reinforced carbon fiber is not yet available. Consequently, a SS vacuum tank to be used for the test facility will be designed and manufactured. The previous proposal to refurbish the AURIGA test vacuum tank has been abandoned for economic reasons. Here below is a pictorial view of the P&ID while the technical one is shown in Fig. 7.





Figure 7: simplified scheme and P&ID of proximity cryogenics.

The LAr cryostat, which will house the detectors, will be manufactured with vacuum insulation and MLI. The LAr will be sub-cooled in order to avoid or limit the presence of GAr bubbles in the bath. The LAr purification will be obtained in the liquid phase with proper getters and with the use of a centrifugal cryogenic pump. The GAr will be re-condensed in the re-condenser by means of LN2 at the suitable pressure, to avoid the LAr solidification. The phase separator will be installed at the height of 3.5 meter to obtain the sub-cooled LAr.

The proposal is to realize the test facility at LNL, in the north end of the cryogenic laboratory, built in the 90's for the tests of the ALPI RF cavities, now used for the maintenance of the ALPI cryostats. After a careful survey of the possible sites within INFN sites, the one of LNL is the optimal one. In fact, the existing cryogenic equipment allows the construction of the test facility with minor investments. Furthermore, the presence of expertise in cryogenics is of invaluable help for the project.

In the Fig. 8a and Fig. 8b the space identified for the test facility is shown: in particular the distribution cryogenic lines, connected to the 5000 liters LN2 Dewar outside. The existing cryogenic cabinet



Figure 8°:Lo spazio richiesto per la realizzazione della test facility.

is also visible. After a detailed discussion with the LNL cryogenic service responsible it is settled that operation of the test facility will not interfere with the usual maintenance activity of the ALPI cryostats.

All limited modifications, necessary for the realization of the test facility will be in charge of the SAND experiment funded by INFN. In details: 1) the replacement of the few existing valves with vacuum insulated



Figure 8b: Le linee criogeniche di distribuzione, già connesse al dewar di 5000 litri esterno

ones, necessary for the continuous LN2 flow. 2) The upgrade/refurbishing of the control cabinet. The SAND collaboration will operate the test facility, once commissioned in collaboration with LNL.

INFN-BO will send: 1) a technician to LNL for the training at the cryogenic service.2) an engineer/applied physicist who will be the technical coordinator of the test facility and who will coordinate the activity for the refurbishing of the existing facility.

LNL will provide assistance as follows:

- one person of the cryogenic service for one day per week, for consultancy on refurbishing of the existing cryogenic equipment (cryogenic lines and cabinet)
- Consultancy for the design and realization of the proximity cryogenics (LNL associate senior).

# Dimensionamento filtri per GRAIN

## Dati iniziali

Filtro per O<sub>2</sub>:

Produttore: BASF Nome commerciale: Cu 0226 S 14x28MESH Superfice:  $\approx 200 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  (dipende dal lotto di produzione) Densità al massimo impaccamento: 0.85 kg/l Capacità di assorbimento a temperatura ambiente:  $\approx 5 \text{ g}$  (O<sub>2</sub>) / kg (Filtro) Capacità di assorbimento a temperatura LAr:  $\approx 0.5 \text{ g}$  (O<sub>2</sub>) / kg (Filtro)

Filtro per H<sub>2</sub>O:

Produttore: BASF, Sigma-Aldrich, ... Tipo: 4A, pellet Densità al massimo impaccamento: ≈ 0.75 kg/l Capacità di assorbimento: > 0.215 g (H<sub>2</sub>O) / g (filtro)

Volume di GRAIN:  $\approx$  1000 litri  $\rightarrow$  1400 kg Velocità di ricircolo (1500 W):  $\approx$  9 g/s Tempo richiesto per ricircolare un volume completo:  $\approx$  43 ore

# Assunzioni

Purezza argon commerciale (liquido):  $O_2 < 2 \text{ ppm (mol/mol)}$   $H_2O < 2 \text{ ppm (mol/mol)}$  $N_2 < 5 \text{ ppm (non assorbito dai filtri)}.$ 

Purezza durante il funzionamento di GRAIN:  $O_2 \le 0.3 \text{ ppb}$  (vita media elettroni liberi = 1 ms)  $H_2O \le 0.3 \text{ ppb}$  $N_2 < 5 \text{ ppm}$  (non assorbito dai filtri; possibile incremento lineare se ci sono fughe).

Funzionamento continuativo prima della rigenerazione: > 1000 giorni

Fattore di sicurezza: SF = 1.5 x 2 (utilizzo di due filtri, uno in linea, l'altro intercettato, per consentire la rigenerazione di un filtri senza interrompere il funzionamento).

## Dimensionamento

Quantità di impurezze inizialmente presente nell'argon:  $IO(O_2) \le 0.07 \text{ mol} = 2.24 \text{ g}$   $IO(H_2O) \le 0.07 \text{ mol} = 1.26 \text{ g}$ 

Quantità di impurezze integrate in 1000 giorni di funzionamento:

 $|1(O_2) \le 0.006 \text{ mol} \approx 0.2 \text{ g}$  $|1(H_2O) \le 0.006 \text{ mol} \approx 0.11 \text{ g}$ 

Volume totale di ciascun filtro per il funzionamento a temperature criogeniche: Nota: la prassi è quella di riempire le cartucce con il 20% del volume con setacci molecolari e l'80% del volume con il rame. Ne risulta che la capacità di assorbimento per l'acqua è molto più grande di quella per l'ossigeno.

 $V=1.25*1.5*(IO(O_2)+I1(O_2))/(0.5*0.85) \approx 11$  litri (2.2 litri occupati da setacci molecolari, 8.8 litri occupati dal filtro in rame).

Una cartuccia potrebbe essere realizzata a partire da un tubo flangiato DN160CF con tubo con diametro interno di 150 mm. La lunghezza interna della cartuccia sarebbe di circa 700 mm, compreso il volume libero per consentire la ripartizione del flusso sulla sezione completa del filtro. A questa lunghezza va aggiunto lo spazio per le flange di chiusura, le valvole di isolamento ed il filtro meccanico all'uscita. Il tutto va inserito in un contenitore per il vuoto di isolamento ed il superisolante a sua volta dotato di tubi per la connessione e valvole di isolamento. La dimensione complessiva potrebbe essere un cilindro di diametro 250 mm ed altezza 1300 mm.

In Figura 1 è illustrato lo schema di una coppia di filtri, interscambiabili. Da notare i filtri meccanici che vanno installati all'uscita delle cartucce riempite con rame e setacci molecolari. Dalle esperienze fatte risulta che all'uscita delle cartucce sono presenti tracce di una polvere sottile risultate dalla frizione tra l'argon ed il materiale filtrante. I filtri meccanici utilizzati in PROTODUNE, ICARUS, etc. sono del tipo SIKA-R 15 S, un sinterizzato in acciaio AISI 316L con pori da 15 µm di diametro e porosità del 50% (Figura 2).

Infine, in Figura 3 è mostrato il disegno delle cartucce dei filtri del ricircolo liquido per il rivelatore ICARUS. Questi filtri, con un volume complessivo di circa 22 litri, sono più grandi di quelli necessari per SAND ed hanno una camicia esterna dove viene fatto flussare azoto liquido per evitare il rischio di un accumulo di gas nei filtri con conseguente riduzione della portata. In PROTODUNE questa soluzione non è implementata. Nel disegno sono rappresentati gli elementi meccanici per l'inserimento di 5 sonde di temperatura utilizzate durante l'attivazione del materiale filtrante.





Figura 2



# Stima dei costi C.Montanari

Per un singolo filtro, comprensivo di valvole (x4), contenitore a vuoto, certificazioni, etc... molto grossolanamente 40-50 kEuro.









# LAr re-condenser





Details of the LAr centrifugal pump



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Characteristic curve of the LAr centrifugal pump





Details of the LAr reservoir inside KLOE superconducting solenoid

