

# A Large LAr TPC Detector for the NuMI off-axis beam

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- ❖ Next challenges in neutrino physics call for larger and specialized detectors
  - beam optimization is a key element of the experiment
  - a large step in the size of the detector is required
    - ... not every detector technology of the past has large scaling capability
- ❖ **Liquid Argon TPC's**
  - the ICARUS experience
  - concepts for a large LAr TPC for NuMI
- ❖ **R&D plan towards large LAr TPCs**
- ❖ **Conclusions**

# The present picture of neutrino oscillations

For 3  $\nu$ 's:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Where  $c_{ij} = \cos\theta_{ij}$ ,  $s_{ij} = \sin\theta_{ij}$ ,  
 $\delta = CP$  viol. phase

## Our supposed knowledge

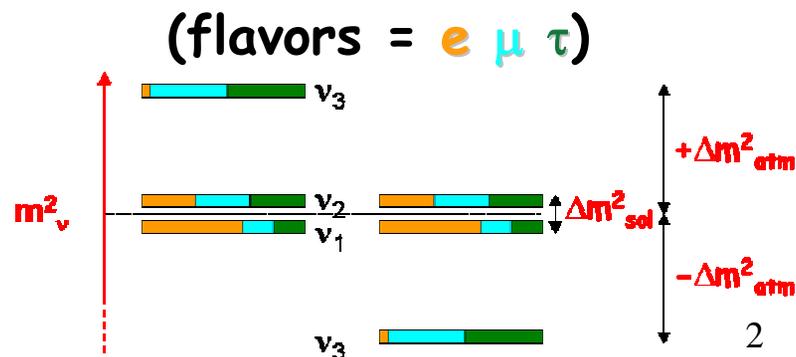
$$\Delta m_{12}^2 = \Delta m_{sol}^2 = 8.0_{-0.4}^{+0.6} \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2, \quad \tan^2 2\theta_{12} = 0.45_{-0.07}^{+0.09}$$

$$\Delta m_{23}^2 = \Delta m_{atm}^2 = 1.5 - 3.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2, \quad \sin^2 2\theta_{23} > 0.92$$

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.14 \quad @ \quad \Delta m^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

## Our known ignorance

$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ ,  $\text{sign}(\Delta m_{23}^2)$ ,  $\delta$   
 LSND signal (???)



# New Initiatives: neutrinos

- Understanding the Neutrino matrix:
  - What is  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$
  - What is the Mass Hierarchy
  - What is the CP violation parameter  $\delta$
- Fermilab is in the best position to make vital contributions to answer these questions

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# $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ appearance at the atmospheric mass scale

$$P_{\nu_\mu \nu_e}(\bar{\nu}_\mu \bar{\nu}_e) = P_1 + P_2 + P_3 + P_4$$

$$P_1 = \sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \left( \frac{\Delta_{13}}{B_\mp} \right)^2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{B_\mp L}{2} \right) \quad \text{Oscillation at the 'atmospheric' frequency}$$

$$P_2 = \cos^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \left( \frac{\Delta_{12}}{A} \right)^2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{AL}{2} \right) \quad \text{Oscillation at the 'solar' frequency}$$

$$P_3 = J \cos \delta \left( \frac{\Delta_{12}}{A} \right) \left( \frac{\Delta_{13}}{B_\mp} \right) \cos \left( \frac{\Delta_{13} L}{2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{AL}{2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{B_\mp L}{2} \right)$$

$$P_4 = \pm J \sin \delta \left( \frac{\Delta_{12}}{A} \right) \left( \frac{\Delta_{13}}{B_\mp} \right) \sin \left( \frac{\Delta_{13} L}{2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{AL}{2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{B_\mp L}{2} \right)$$

Interference of these two amplitudes  $\rightarrow$  CP violation

$$P = f(\sin^2 2\theta_{13}, \delta, \text{sgn}(\Delta m_{13}^2), \Delta m_{12}^2, \Delta m_{13}^2, \sin^2 2\theta_{12}, \sin^2 2\theta_{23}, L, E)$$

$$\Delta m_{ij}^2 = m_j^2 - m_i^2$$

$$\Delta_{ij} = \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2}{2E_\nu}$$

$$A = \sqrt{2} G_F n_e$$

$$B_\mp = |A \mp \Delta_{13}|$$

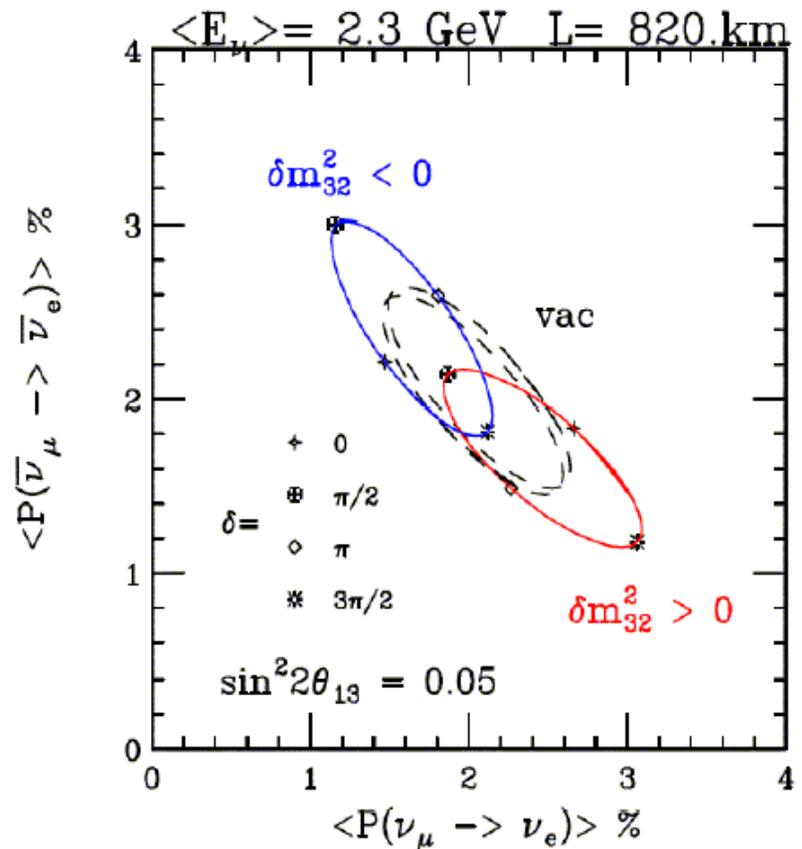
$$J = \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin 2\theta_{13}$$

upper/lower sign  $\Leftrightarrow \nu / \bar{\nu}$

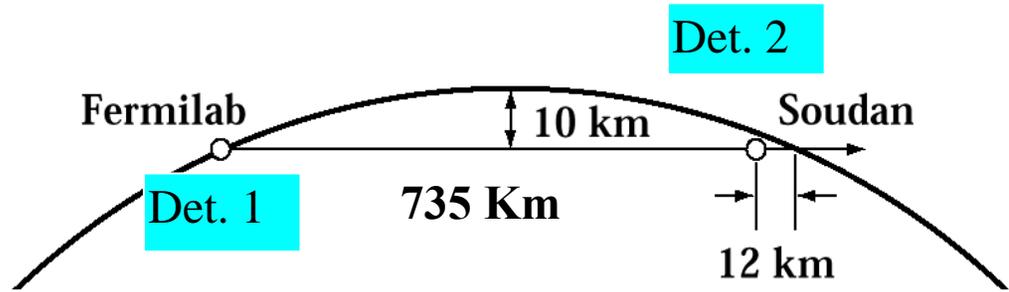
**3 unknowns**, but we have a choice of  $L$ ,  $E$ ,  
neutrino/antineutrino running

# What it takes to do these measurements

- ❖ We want to be sensitive to oscillation probabilities down to  $\text{few} \times 10^{-3}$
- ❖ Experiments, at least in a first phase, will be statistics limited
- ❖ 3 unknowns ( $\theta_{13}$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $\text{sign}(\Delta_{23}^2)$ )
- ❖ we need several independent measurements to learn about underlying physics parameters

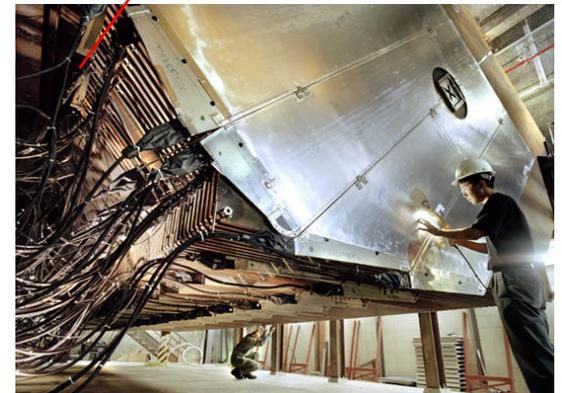
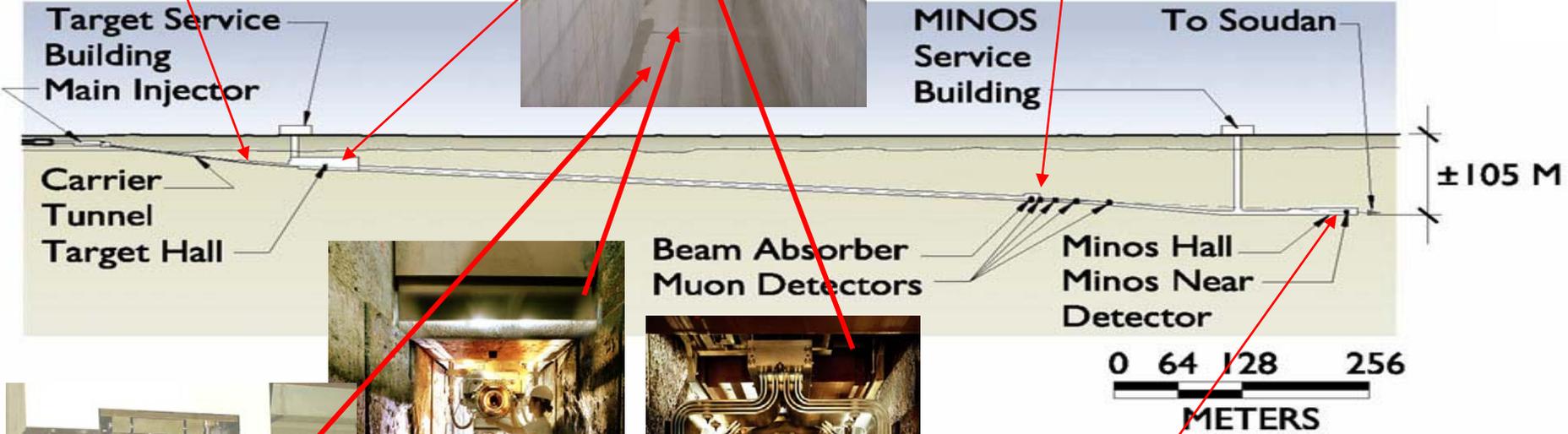


# NuMI: $\nu$ 's at the Main Injector

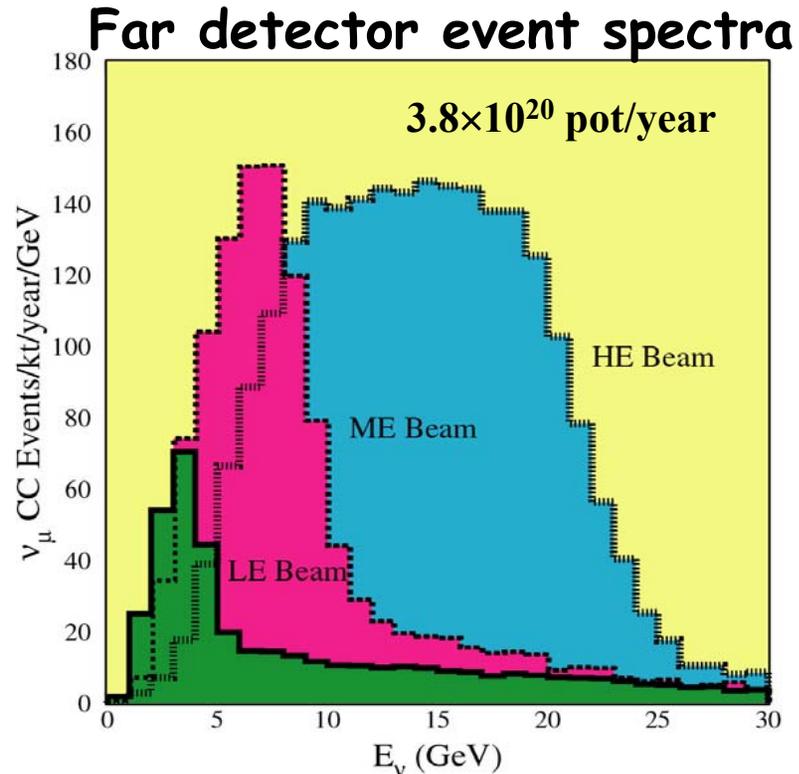
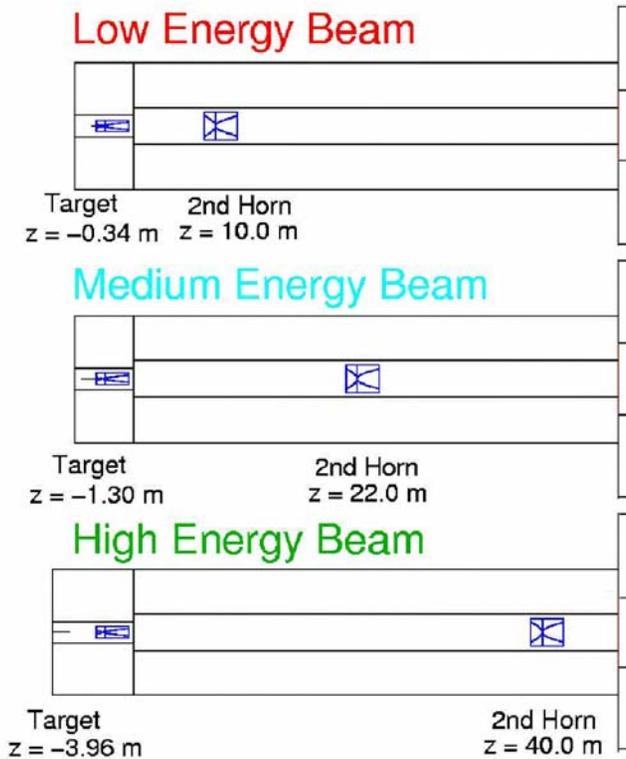


- a neutrino beam from Fermilab to northern Minnesota
  - over 735 km to Soudan mine (MINOS experiment)
  - a large near hall at  $\sim 1$  km from the target
  - MINOS near detector, MINER $\nu$ A, PEANUT (exposure of OPERA bricks)
- a high power neutrino beam
  - 120 GeV protons from Main Injector
  - facility designed for up to 0.4 MW ( $4 \times 10^{13}$  ppp every 1.9 s)
  - $\sim 2 \times 10^{20}$  protons/year now
  - $3.4 \times 10^{20}$  protons/year in 2008-2009
  - $6.5 \times 10^{20}$  protons/year in the Post-Collider era
  - $25 \times 10^{20}$  protons/year with a Proton Driver

# NuMI beam-line



# A flexible target and horn system



- Fully optimized spectra for each energy are obtained by moving the target and the 2<sup>nd</sup> horn
- in LE configuration, 2/3 of the target length is positioned inside the 1<sup>st</sup> horn
- With a parabolic shaped horn inner conductor, the horn behaves like a lens ( $p_{\perp}$  kick proportional to the distance from the axis), with a focal length proportional to the momentum

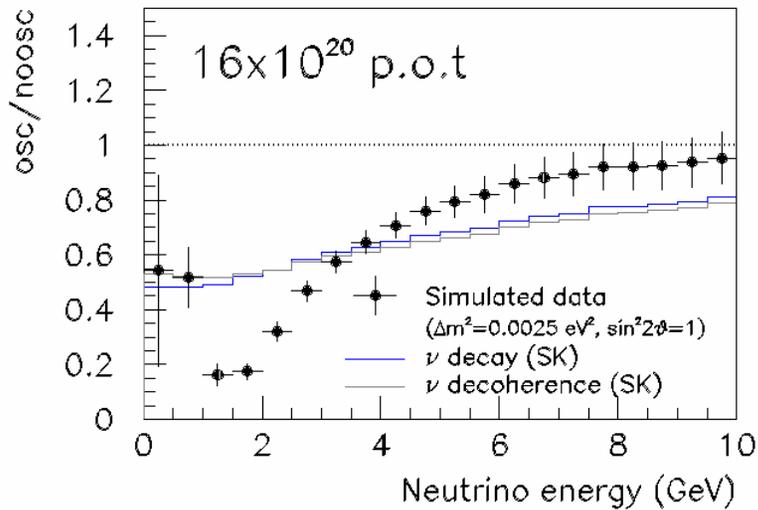
# MINOS Far Detector

- ❖ 2 sections, each 15m long
- ❖ 8m Octagonal Tracking Calorimeter
  - 486 layers of 2.54cm Fe
  - 4cm wide solid scintillator strips with WLS fiber readout
  - **longitudinal**  
**granularity  $1.5 X_0$**
  - Magnet coil provides  $\langle B \rangle \approx 1.3\text{T}$
- ❖ 5.4kt total mass

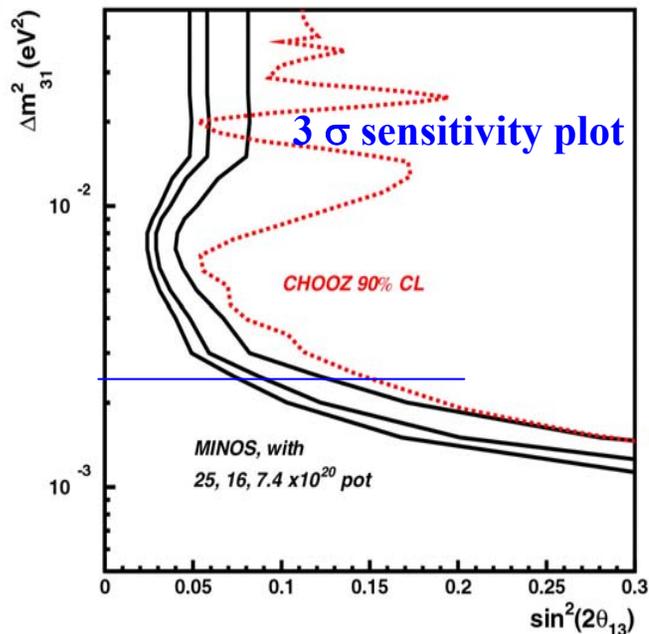
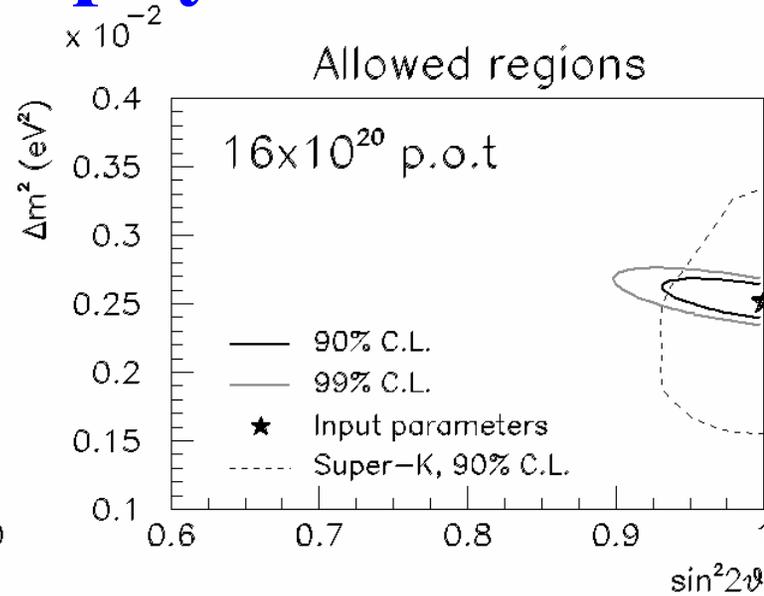


# MINOS physics reach

Spectrum ratios



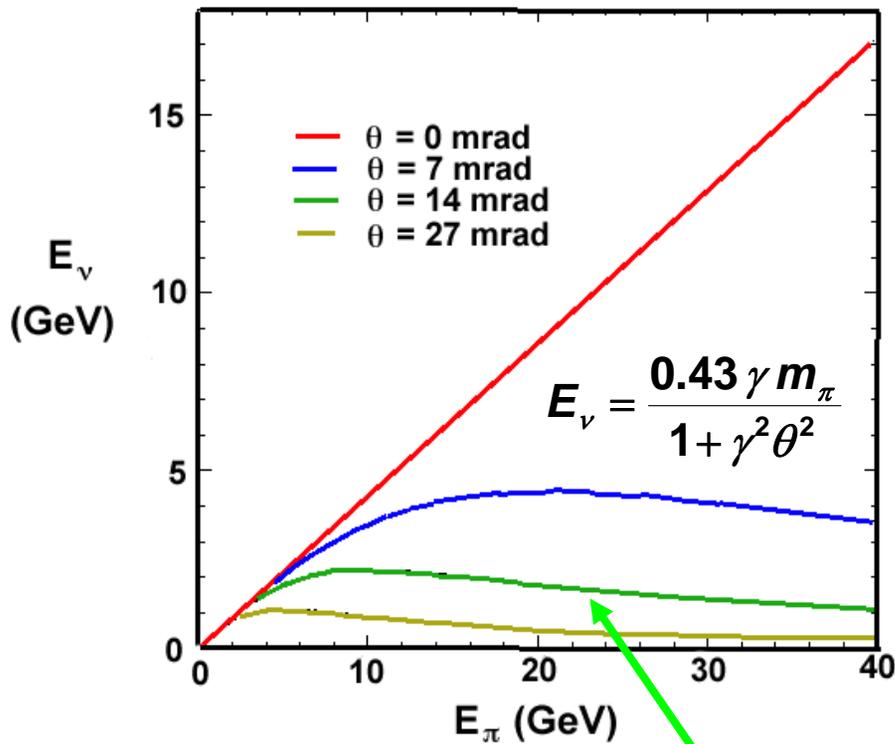
Allowed regions



In ~ 5 years

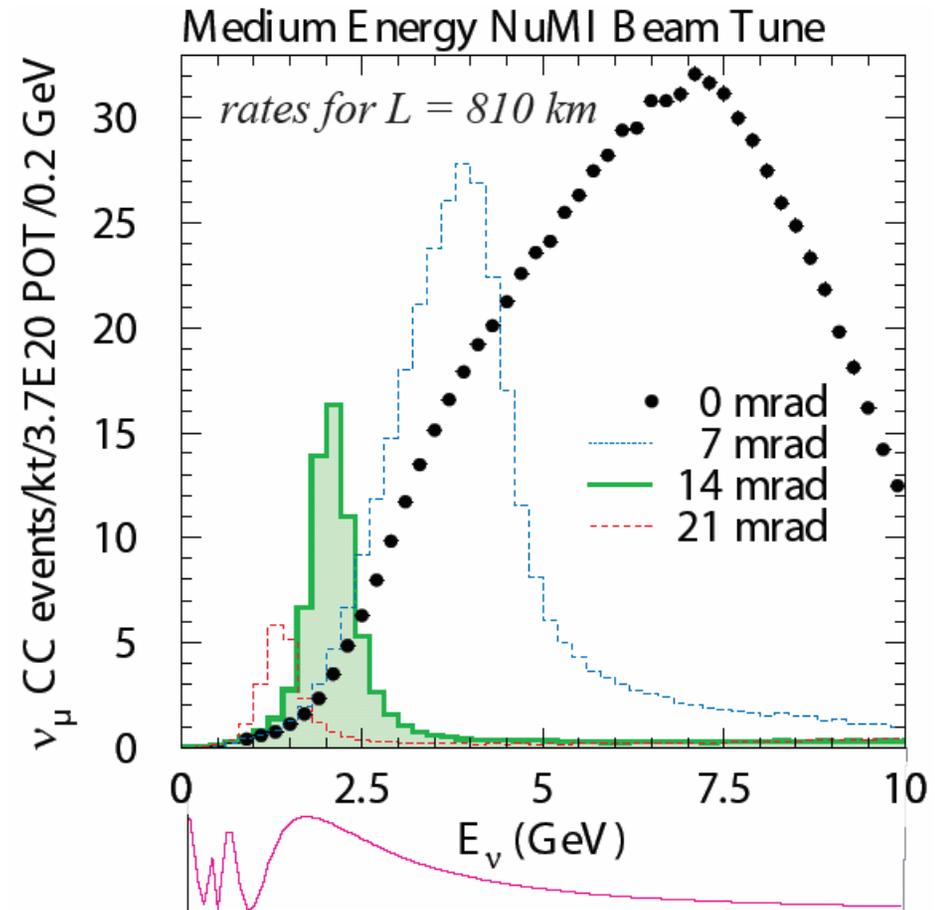
- 10% measurement of atmospheric  $\Delta m^2$ , good sensitivity for unconventional explanations
- 3  $\sigma$  sensitivity for non-zero  $\theta_{13}$  if within a factor 2 of the CHOOZ limit

# NuMI as an Off-Axis beam



For a given  $\theta \neq 0$ , a large range of pion energies contributes to a small range of neutrino energies

## Off-axis beam from ME configuration



# A Detector for NuMI off-axis

## ❖ Physics requirements

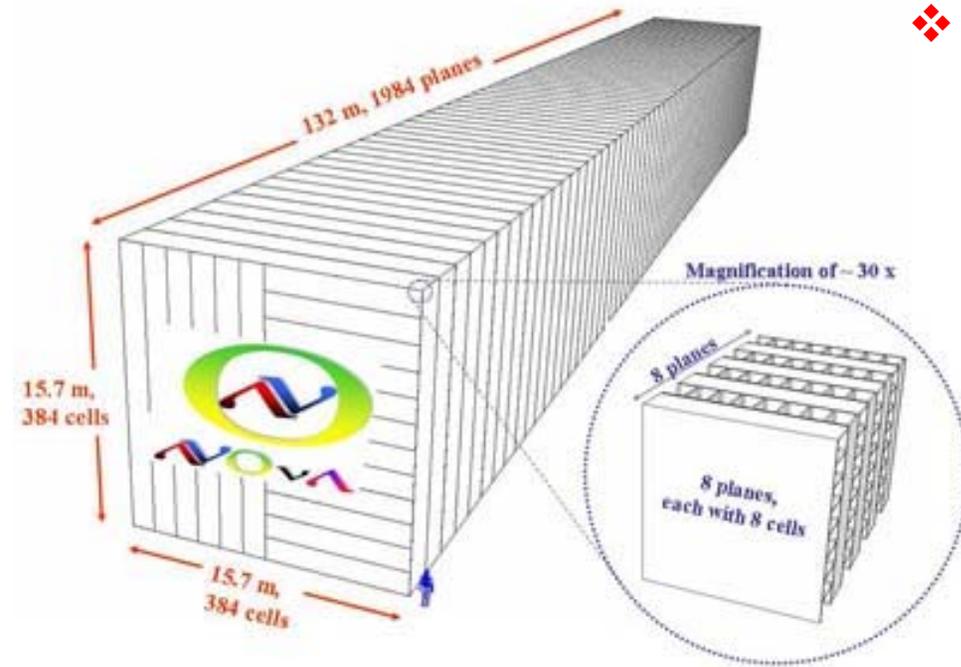
- optimized for the neutrino energy range of 1 to 3 GeV
- detector on surface, must be able to handle raw rate and background from cosmic rays
- very large mass (10's kton range)
- identify with high efficiency  $\nu_e$  charged interactions
- good energy resolution to reject  $\nu_e$ 's from background sources
  - $\nu_e$  background has a broader energy spectrum than the potential signal
- provide adequate rejection against  $\nu_\mu$  NC and CC backgrounds
  - $e/\pi^0$  separation
    - fine longitudinal segmentation, much smaller than  $X_0$
    - fine transverse segmentation, finer than the typical spatial separation of the 2  $\gamma$ 's from  $\pi^0$  decay
  - $e/\mu, h$  separation

# Neutrino Initiative: NOvA

- In addition to Beam power: detector mass and detector sensitivity: NOvA is 30 ktons, totally active
- NOvA is the only experiment sensitive to matter effects (hence the mass hierarchy).
  - We want to start a long term R&D program towards massive totally active liquid Argon detectors for extensions of NOvA.
  - Improvement is proportional to (Beam power) x (detector mass) x (detector sensitivity)

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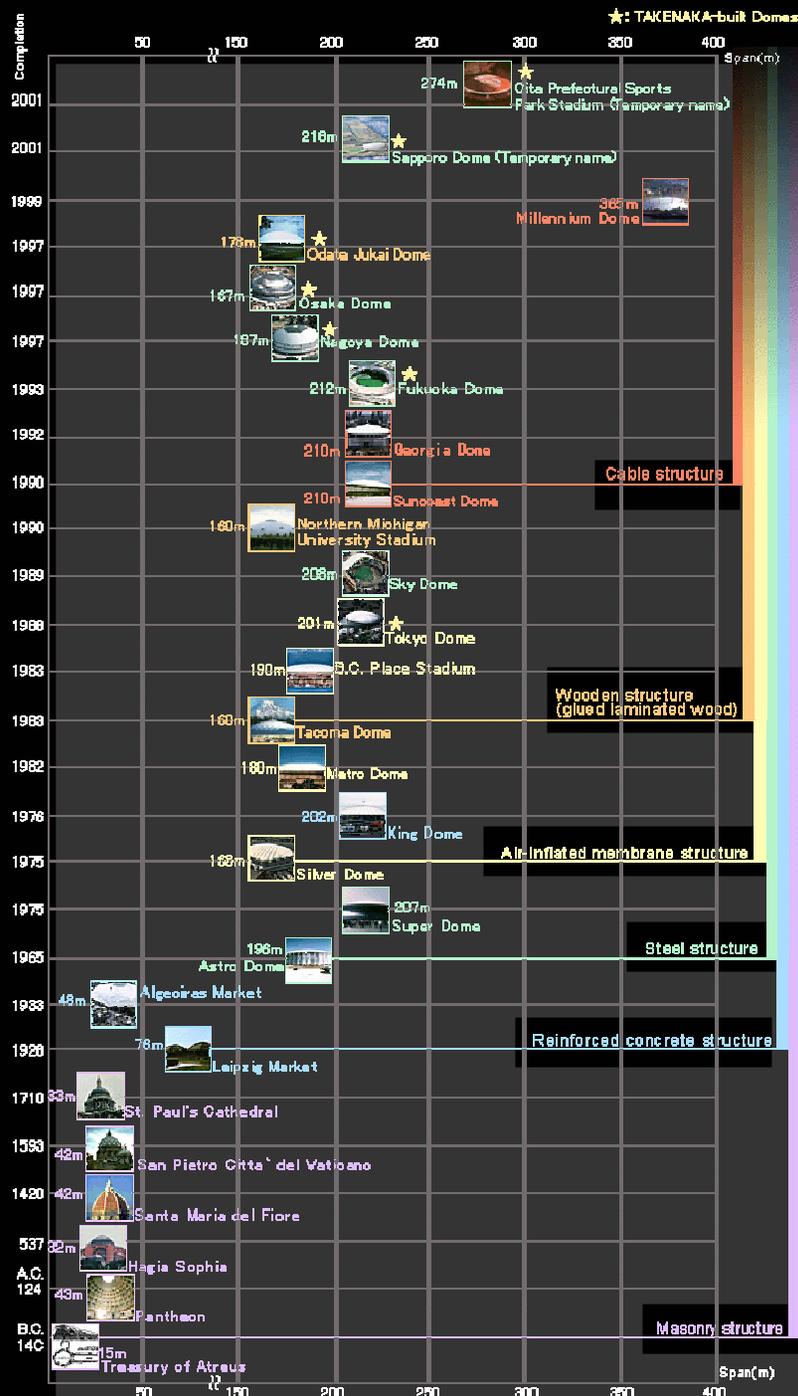
# NOvA



- ❖ 30 kton tracking calorimeter
  - alternating horizontal and vertical cells of liquid scintillator contained in PVC
  - 80% active material
  - cell size: 15.7 m long, 3.87 cm wide, 6.0 cm along beam direction
  - 0.8 mm  $\varnothing$  looped WLS fibers in each cell for light collection
  - the 2 ends of a looped fiber connected to 1 pixel of an APD

- ❖ Longitudinal granularity  $\sim 0.13 X_0$
- ❖ Efficiency for  $\sim 2$  GeV  $\nu_e$  events  $\sim 24\%$
- ❖ Background fraction for  $\nu_\mu$  NC  $\sim 2 \times 10^{-3}$
- ❖ Background fraction for  $\nu_\mu$  CC  $\sim 4 \times 10^{-4}$

# Scaling violations



Florence Dome,  
span 42 m,  
masonry structure



Oita sports park  
"Big Eye" dome,  
span 274 m, steel  
structure

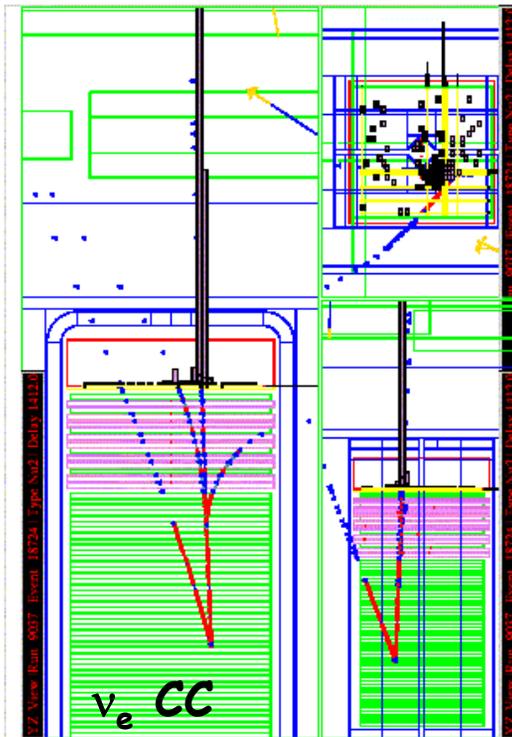


Millennium Dome,  
Greenwich, London,  
span 365 m, cable  
structure

# Gargamelle Bubble Chamber

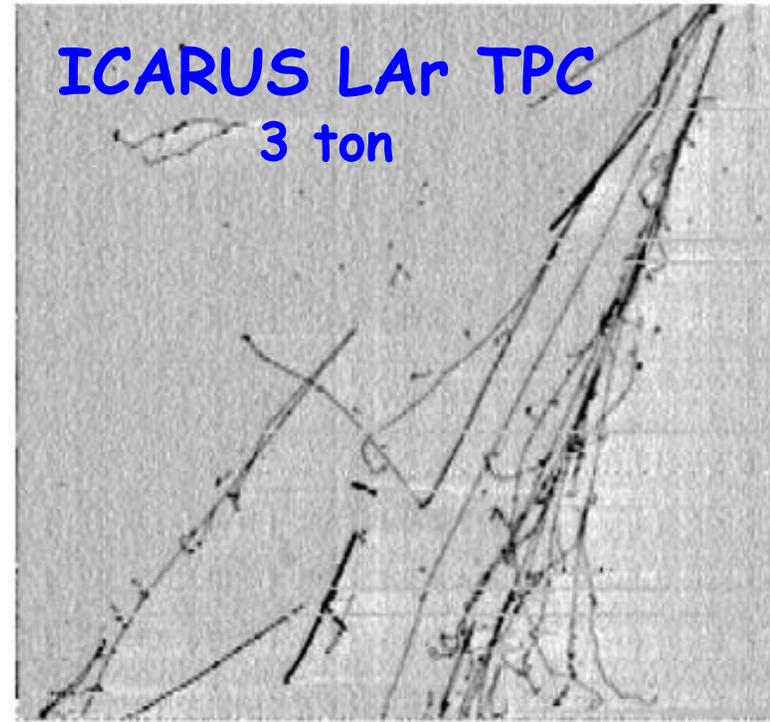
3 ton sensitive mass  
Heavy Freon

# NOMAD



# ICARUS LAr TPC

3 ton

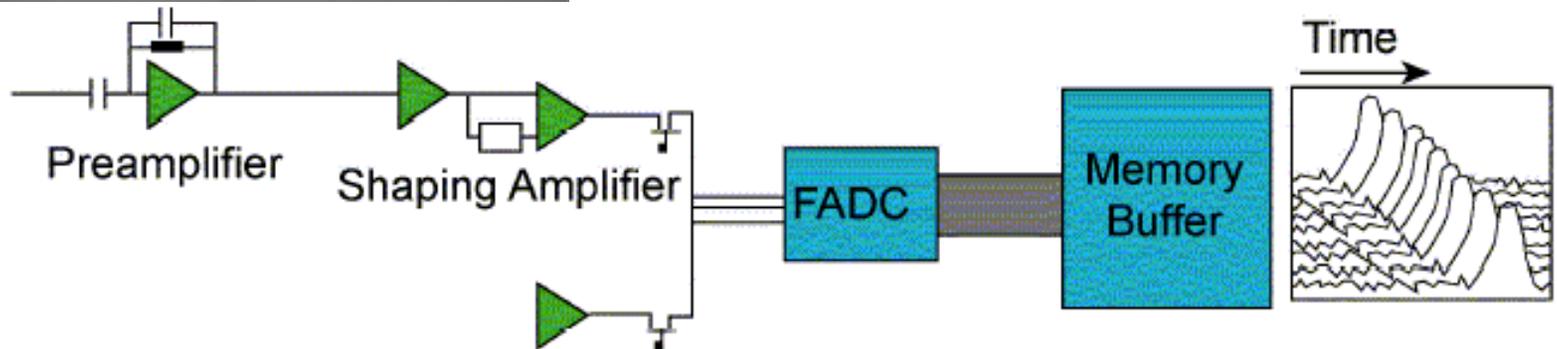
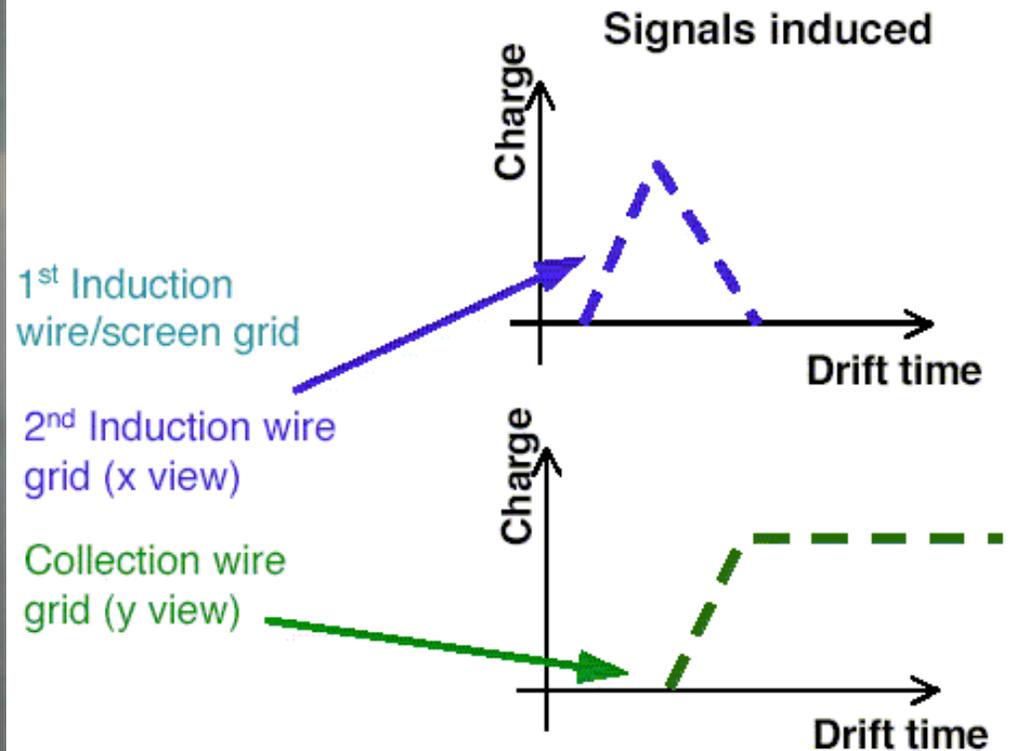
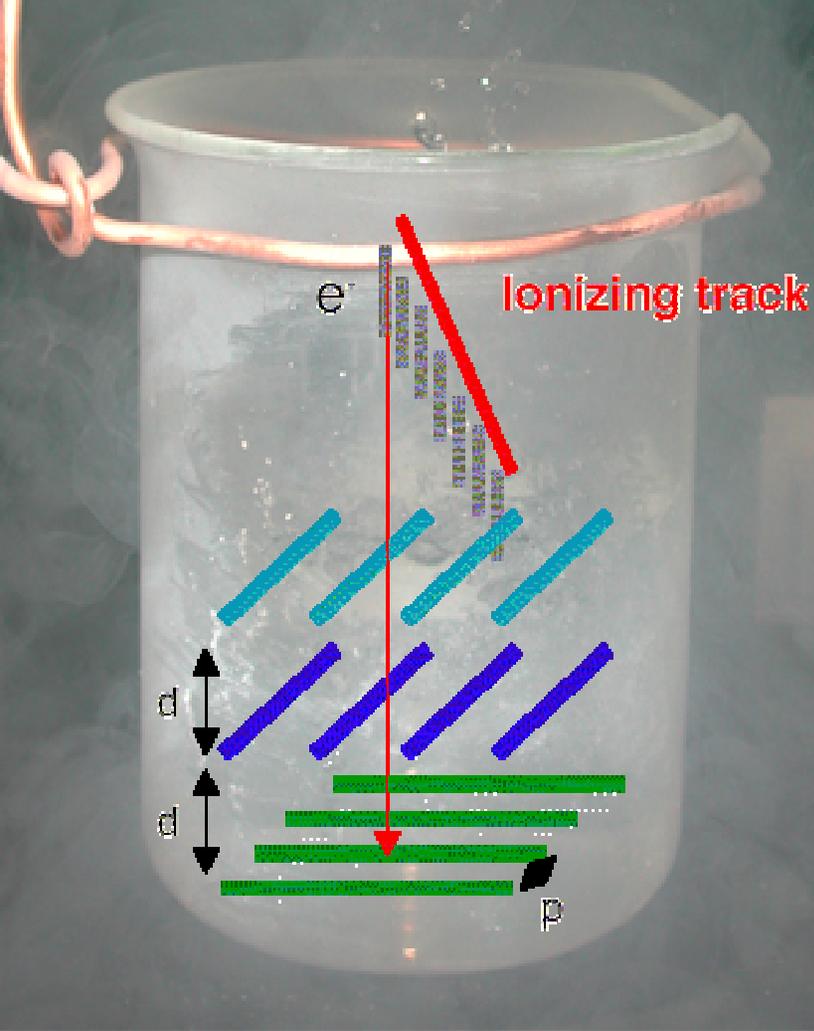


Bubble $\varnothing$ (mm)	3
Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.5
$X_0$ (cm)	11.0
$\lambda_T$ (cm)	49.5
dE/dx (MeV/cm)	2.3

2.7 tons drift  
chambers target  
Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>) 0.1  
2%  $X_0$ /chamber  
0.4 T magnetic field  
TRD detector  
Lead glass calorimeter

Resolution (mm <sup>3</sup> )	2×2×0.2
Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.4
$X_0$ (cm)	14.0
$\lambda_T$ (cm)	54.8
dE/dx (MeV/cm)	2.1

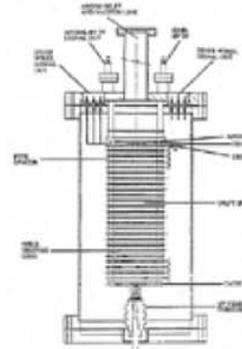
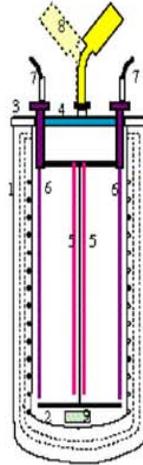
# Liquid Argon TPC



# ICARUS R&D steps

3 ton prototype

**1991-1995:** First demonstration of the LAr TPC on large masses. Measurement of the TPC performances. TMG doping.

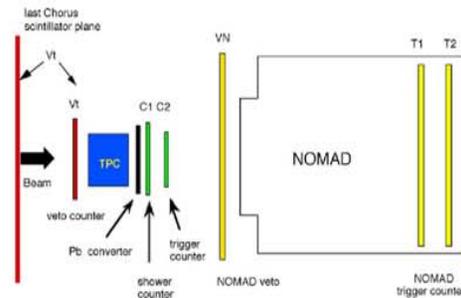


24 cm drift wires chamber

**1987:** First LAr TPC. Proof of principle. Measurements of TPC performances.

50 litres prototype  
1.4 m drift chamber

**1997-1999:** Neutrino beam events measurements. Readout electronics optimization. MLPB development and study. 1.4 m drift test.

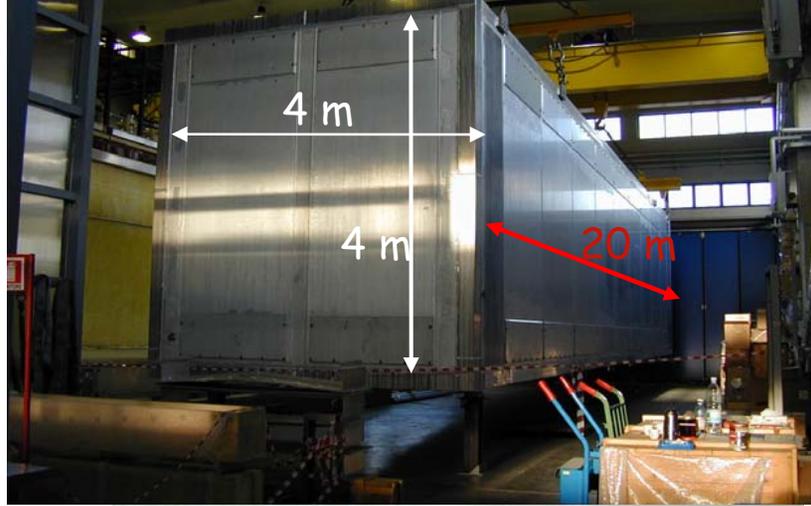


10 m<sup>3</sup> industrial prototype

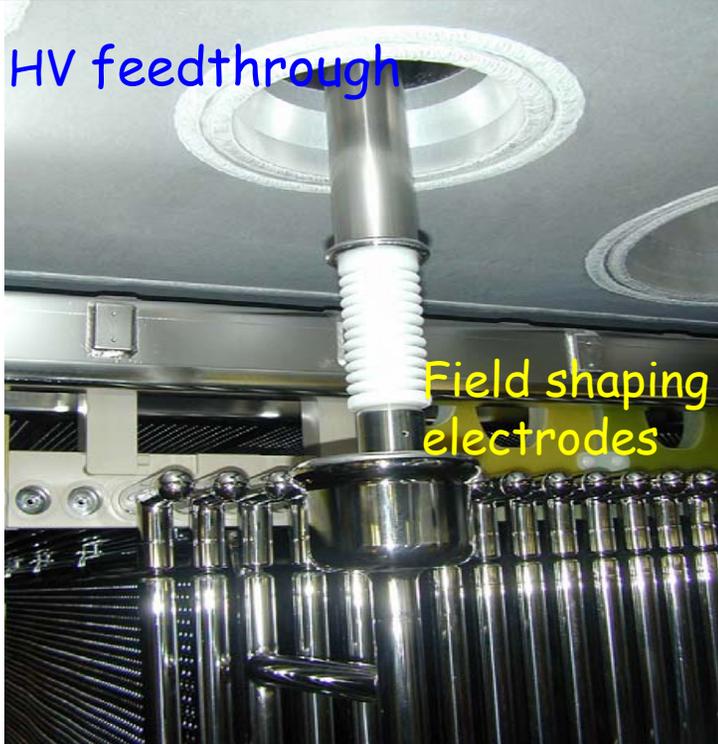
**1999-2000:** Test of final industrial solutions for the wire chamber mechanics and readout electronics.

# ICARUS T300 Prototype

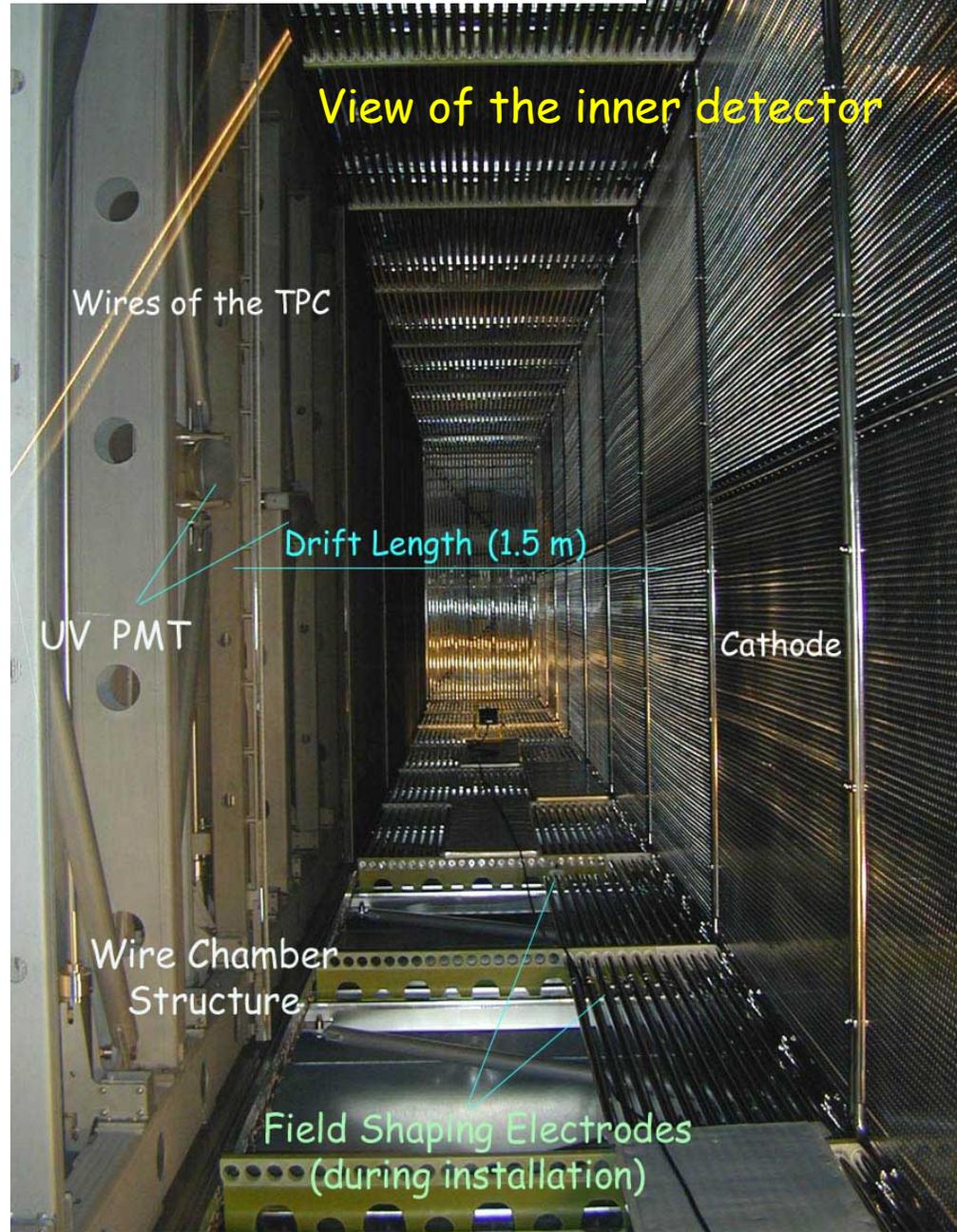
LAr Cryostat (half-module)



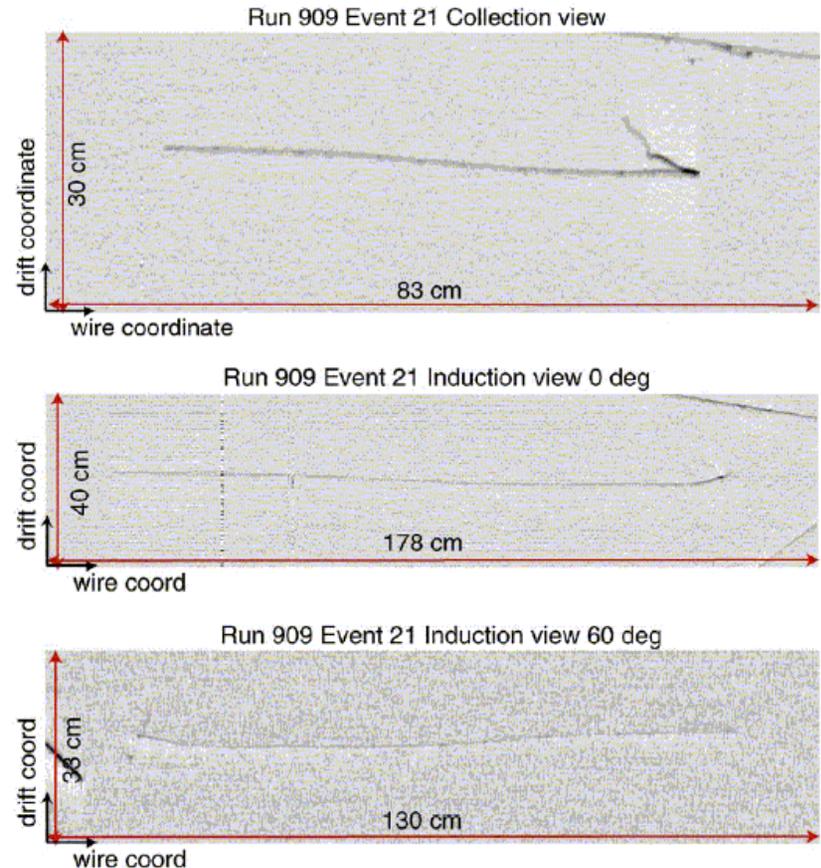
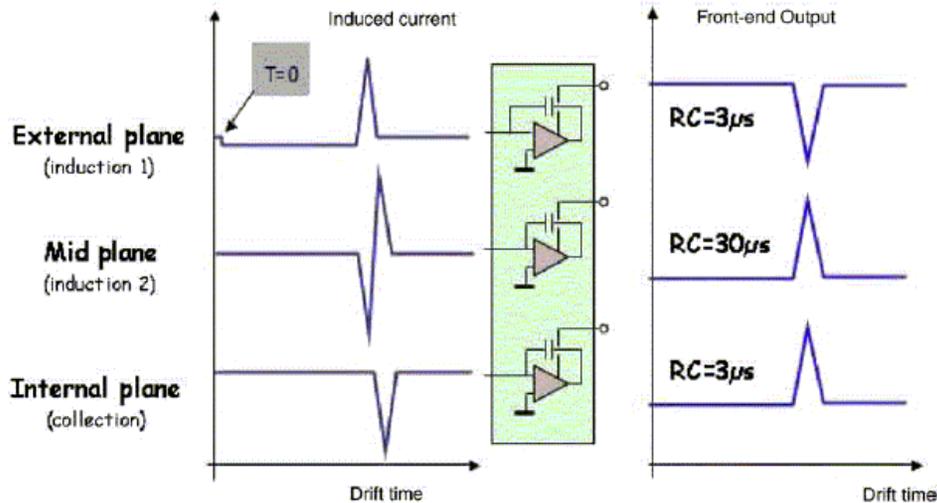
HV feedthrough



Field shaping electrodes



# Signals and event reconstruction from T300



- 3 wire planes ( $0^\circ$ ,  $\pm 60^\circ$ ), 3 mm wire pitch, 3 mm distance between wire planes
- $0^\circ$  wires: 9.4 m long,  $\pm 60^\circ$  wires: 3.8 m
- input capacitance (wire+cable )  
 $0^\circ$  wires:  $\sim 400$  pF,  $\pm 60^\circ$  wires:  $\sim 200$  pF

- ionization signal: 5500 e/mm @ 500 V/cm (before attenuation due to drift)
- Equivalent Noise Charge  $Q_{\text{noise}} = (500 + 2.5 \times C_{\text{input}} [\text{pF}])$  electrons
- **Signal/Noise ratio:  $\sim 10$**
- each wire digitized at 2.5 MHz by a 10 bit Flash ADC

# Can we drift over over long distances (3m) ?

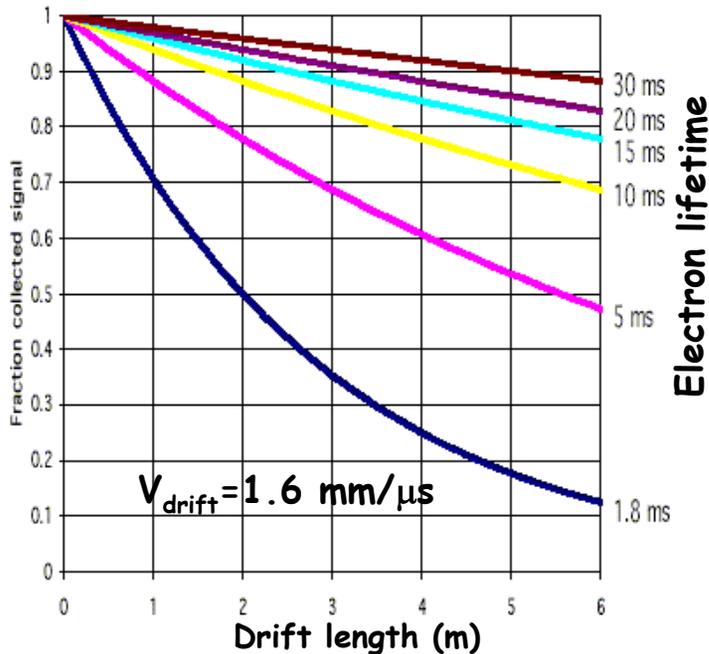
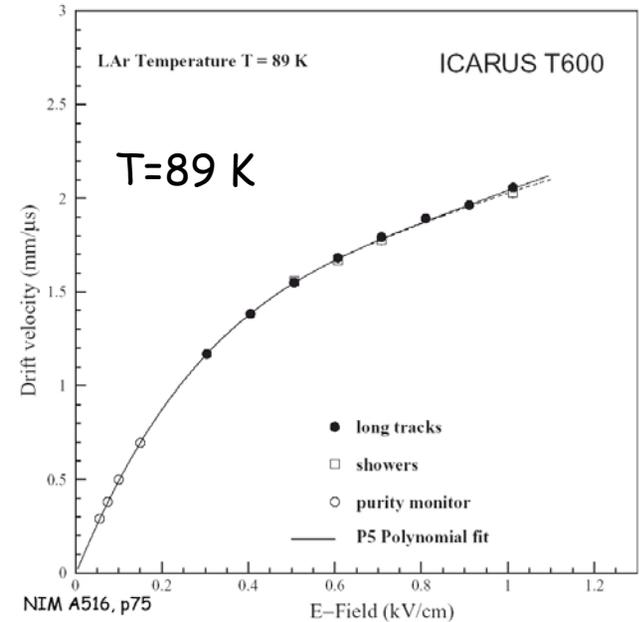
- HV feedthrough tested by ICARUS up to 150 kV ( $E=1\text{kV/cm}$  in T600)

- $v_{\text{drift}} = (1.55 \pm 0.02) \text{ mm}/\mu\text{s}$  @  $500 \text{ V/cm}$

- Diffusion of electrons:

$$\sigma_d = \sqrt{2 \times D \times t}, D = 4.8 \pm 0.2 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\sigma_d = 1.4 \text{ mm for } t = 2 \text{ ms}$$

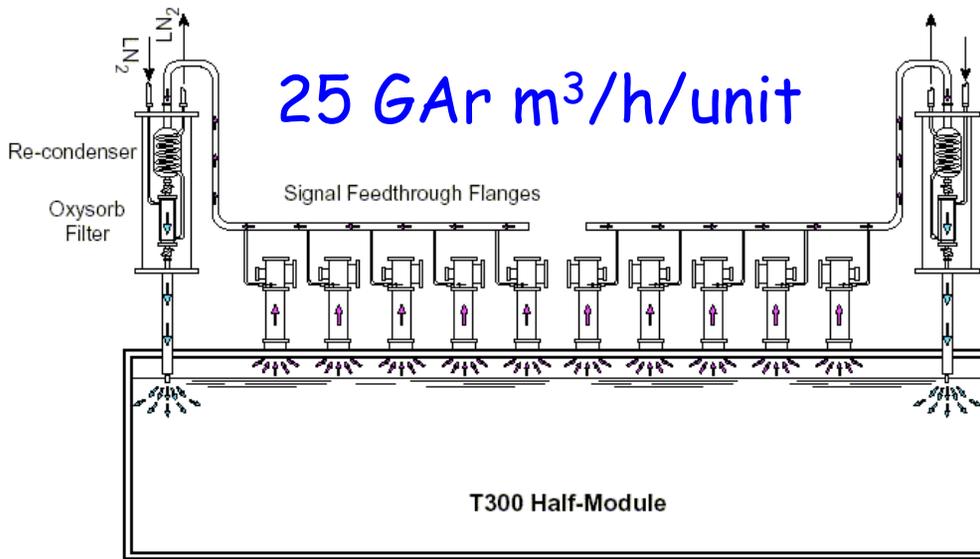


- ❖ to drift over macroscopic distances, LAr must be very pure

- a concentration of 0.1 ppb Oxygen equivalent gives an electron lifetime of 3 ms

- ❖ for a 3 m drift and <20% signal loss we need an electron lifetime of 10 ms

# Argon purification in ICARUS



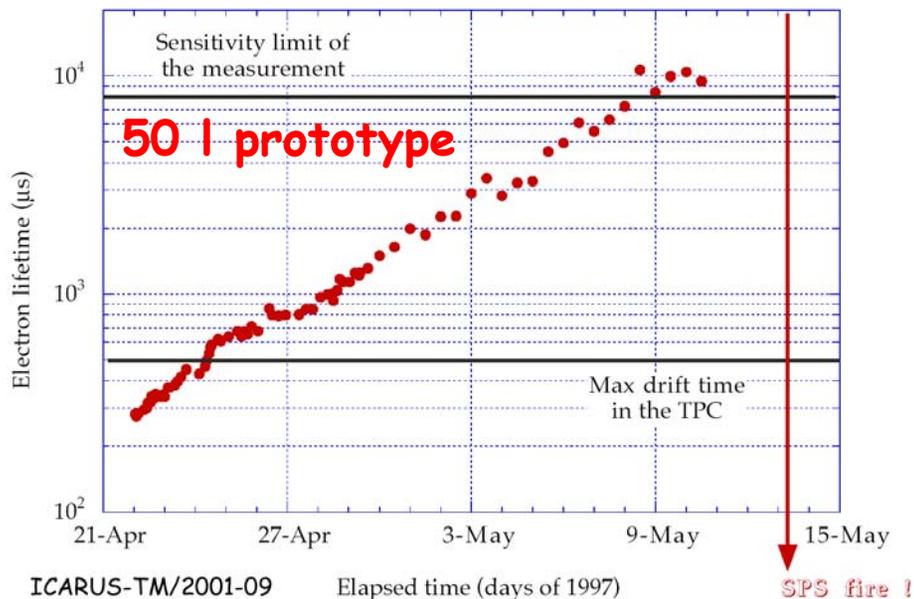
Recirculate **gaseous** and **liquid** Argon through standard Oxysorb/Hydrosorb filters



It was verified that LAr recirculation system does not induce any microphonic noise to the wires, so it can be active during the operation of the detector

2.5 LAr m<sup>3</sup>/h

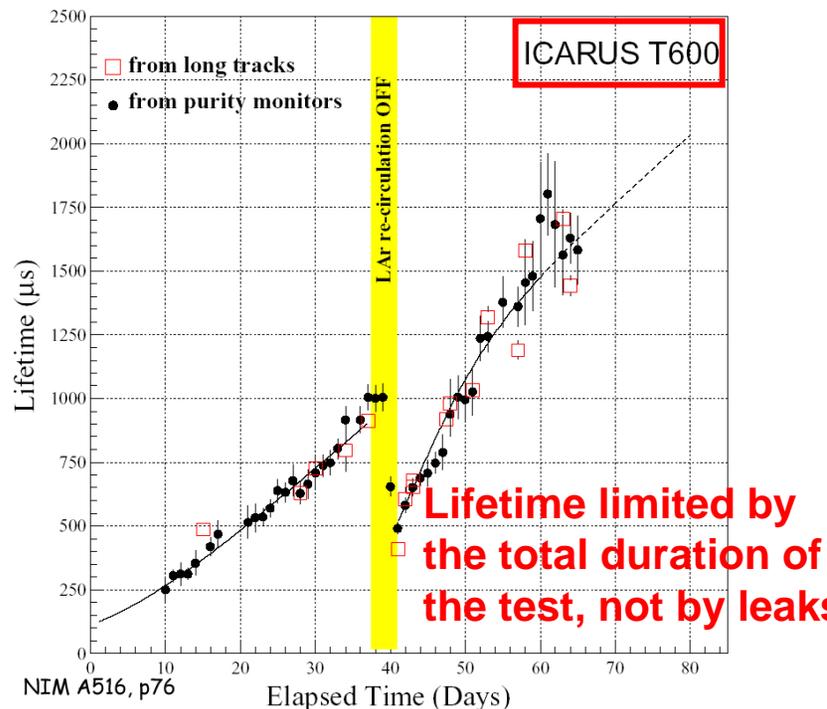
# Argon purity, electron lifetime in ICARUS



- The concentration of impurities,  $N$ , is determined by
- constant input rate of impurities (leaks)  $\Phi_{in}^0$
  - outgassing of material  $A, B$
  - purification time  $\tau_c$  (4.5 days to circulate whole LAr volume)

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = -\Phi_{out}(t) + \Phi_{in}(t) = -\frac{N(t)}{\tau_c} + \Phi_{in}^0 + \frac{A}{(1+t/t_0)^B}$$

$\Phi_{in}^0 = (5 \pm 5) \times 10^{-3}$  ppb/day oxygen  
 $A = 0.33 \pm 0.07$  ppb/day  
 $B = 1.39 \pm 0.05$



# LArTPC's report to NuSAG\*

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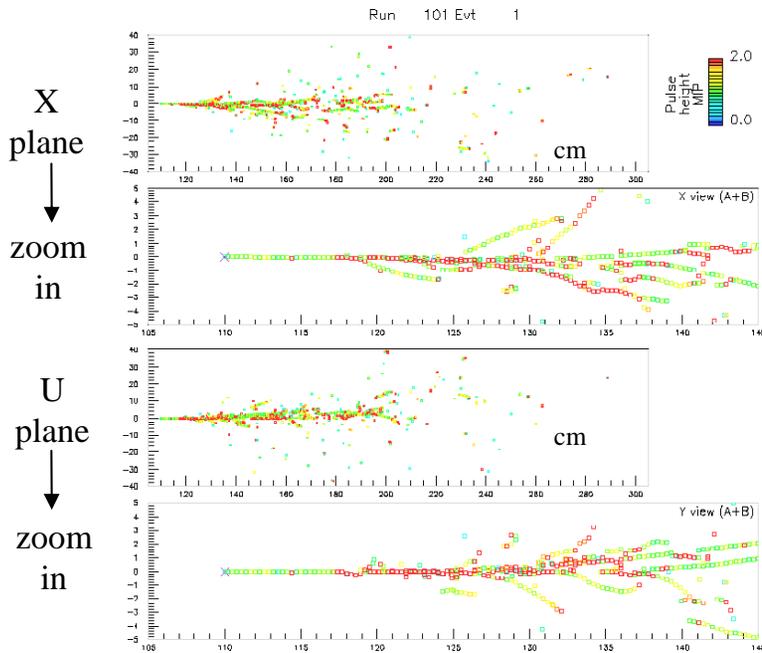
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# The promise of LAr

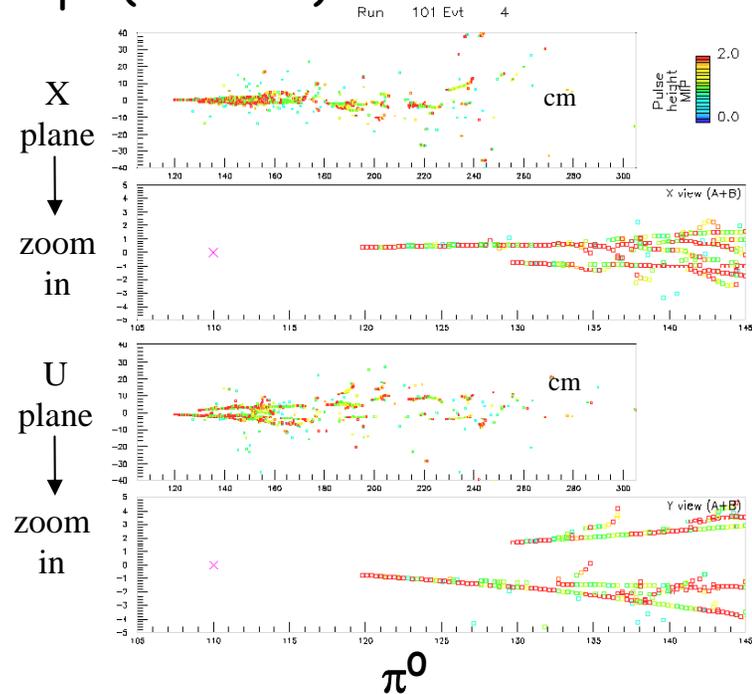
MC electrons compared to  $\pi^0$ 's at 1.5 GeV in LAr TPC (5 mm wire pitch)

Dot indicates hit, color is collected charge  
 green=1 mip, red=2 mips (or more)



**Electrons**

Single track (mip scale)  
 starting from a single vertex



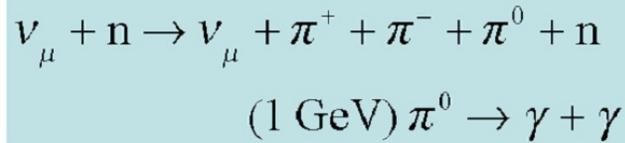
Multiple secondary tracks pointing  
 back to the same primary vertex

Each track is two electrons  
 - 2 mip scale per hit

use both topology and dE/dx to identify interactions

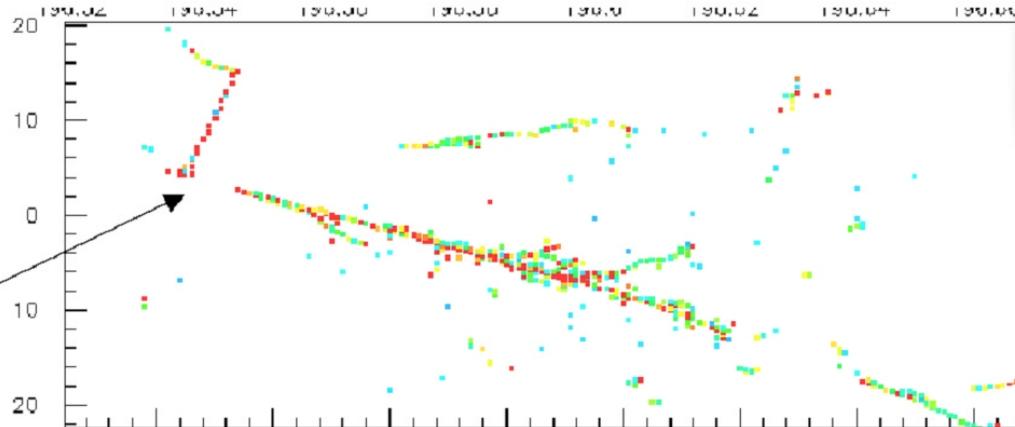
# The promise of LAr

Neutral current event with 1 GeV  $\pi^0$

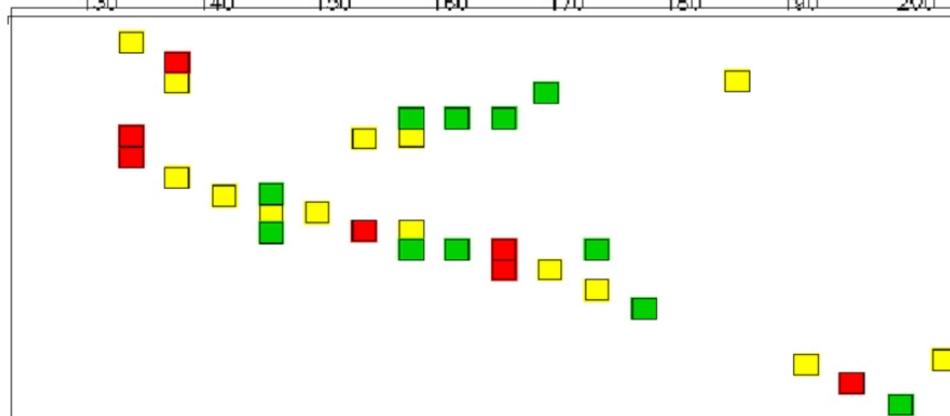


3.5%  $X_0$  samples  
in all 3 views

4 cm gap



12%  $X_0$  samples  
alternating x-y



# Efficiency and rejection study

Tufts University Group

Analysis was based on a blind scan of 450 events, carried out by 4 undergraduates with additional scanning of "signal" events by experts.

Neutrino event generator: NEUGEN3, used by MINOS/NOvA collaboration (and others) Hugh Gallagher (Tufts) is the principal author.

GEANT 3 detector simulation (Hatcher, Para): trace resulting particles through a homogeneous volume of liquid argon. Store energy deposits in thin slices.

signal efficiency      background rejection

Event Type	N	pass	$\epsilon$	$\eta$
NC	290	4	-	$0.99 \pm 0.01$
signal $\nu_e$	CC	32	26	$0.81 \pm 0.07$
Beam $\nu_e$	CC	24	14	$0.58 \pm 0.10$
Beam $\nu_e$	NC	8	0	/
Beam $\bar{\nu}_e$	CC	13	10	$0.77 \pm 0.09$
Beam $\bar{\nu}_e$	NC	19	0	/
$\nu_\mu$	CC	32	0	/
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	CC	32	1	/

+ factor of 6 rejection on NC background from energy pre-selection  $\Rightarrow$  **99.8% NC rejection efficiency**

**Good signal efficiency (81±7)%**

# A 15 –50 kton LAr Detector for the NuMI off-axis beam

## Basic concept follows ICARUS:

TPC, drift ionization electrons to 3 sets of wires (2 induction, 1 collection)  
record signals on all wires with continuous waveform digitizing electronics

## Differences aimed at making a multi-kton detector feasible

Construction of detector tank using industrial LNG tank as basic structure

Long(er) signal wires

Single device (not modular)

## Basic parameters:

Drift distance - 3 meters; Drift field - 500 V/cm (gives  $v_{\text{drift}} = 1.5$  m/ms)

High Voltage 150 kV

Wire planes - 3 ( $\pm 30^\circ$  and vertical); wire spacing 5 mm; plane spacing 5 mm

Number of signal channels  $\sim 100,000$  (15kt), 220,000 (50kt)

Longest wire  $\sim 23$  meters (15 kTon) ,  $\sim 35$  meters (50 kTon)

# A 15 –50 kton LAr Detector

## Some Specific challenges:

### 3 m drift in LAr

- purification - starting from atmosphere (cannot evacuate detector tank)
- effect of tank walls & non-clean-room assembly process

### Wire-planes:

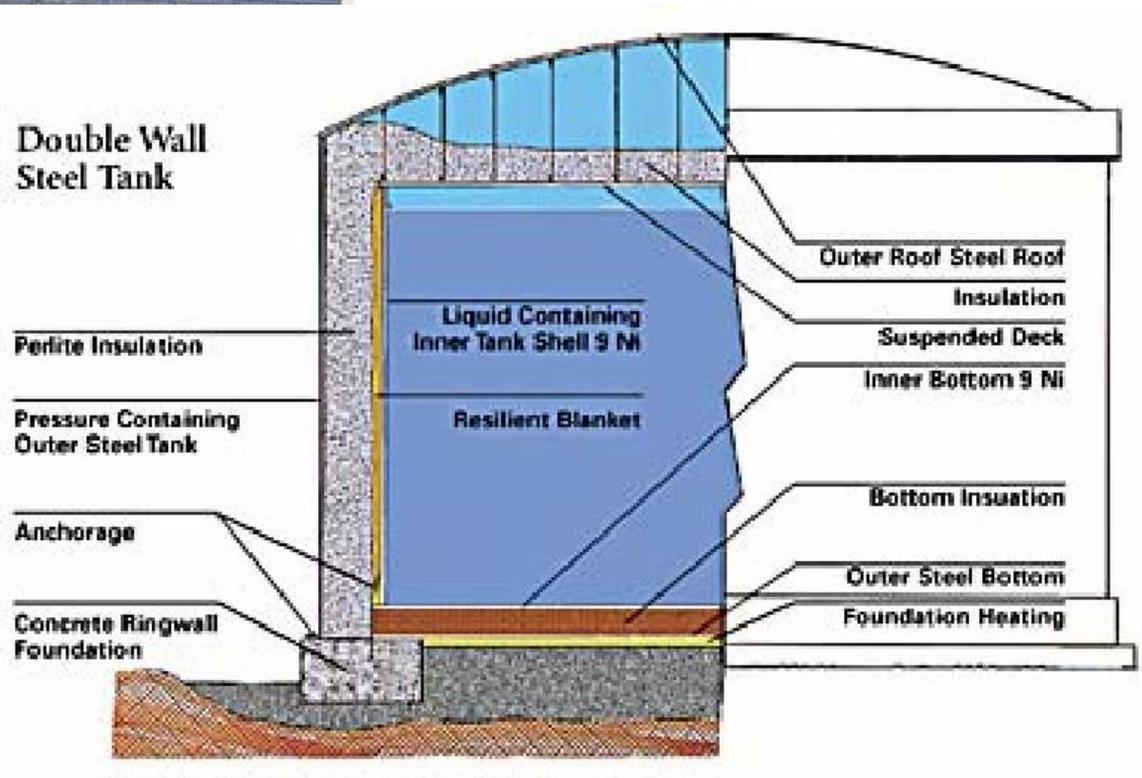
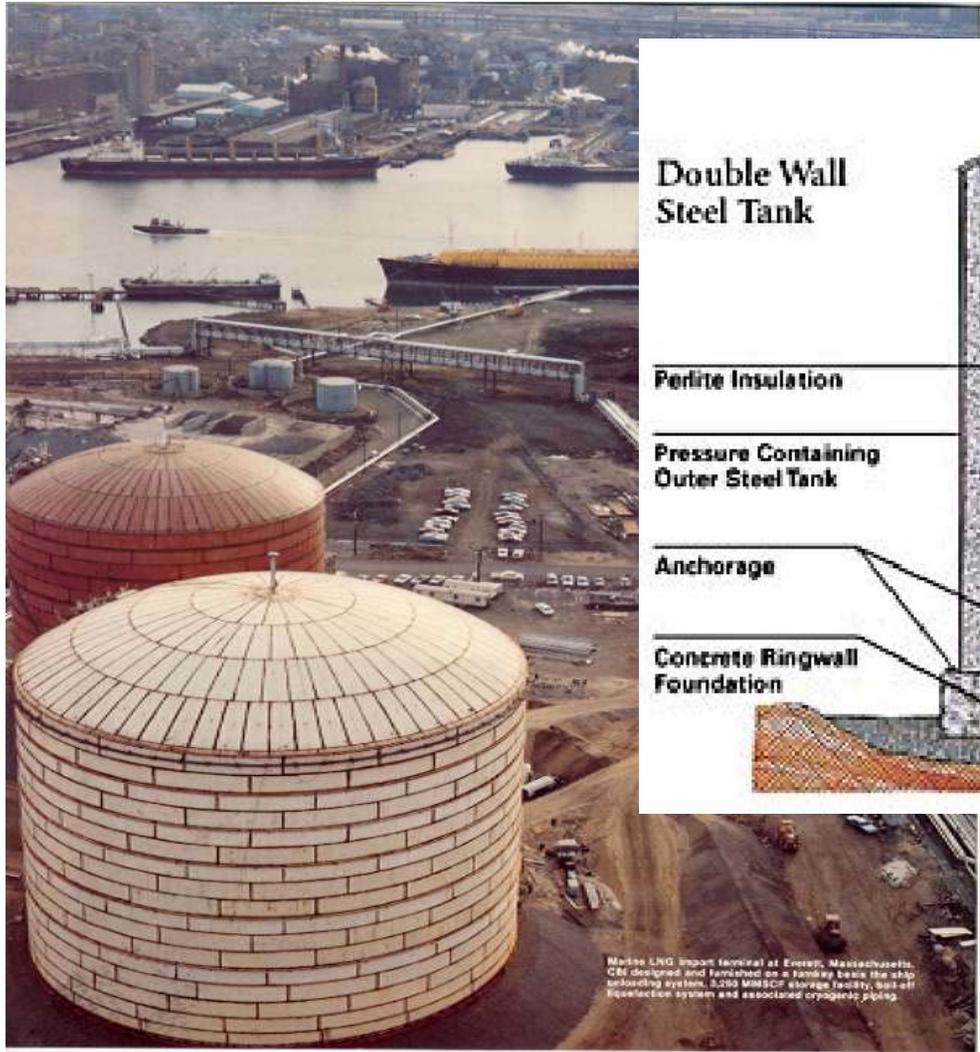
- long wires - mechanical robustness, tensioning, assembly, breakage/failure

### Signal processing:

- electronics - noise due to long wire and connection cables (large capacitance)

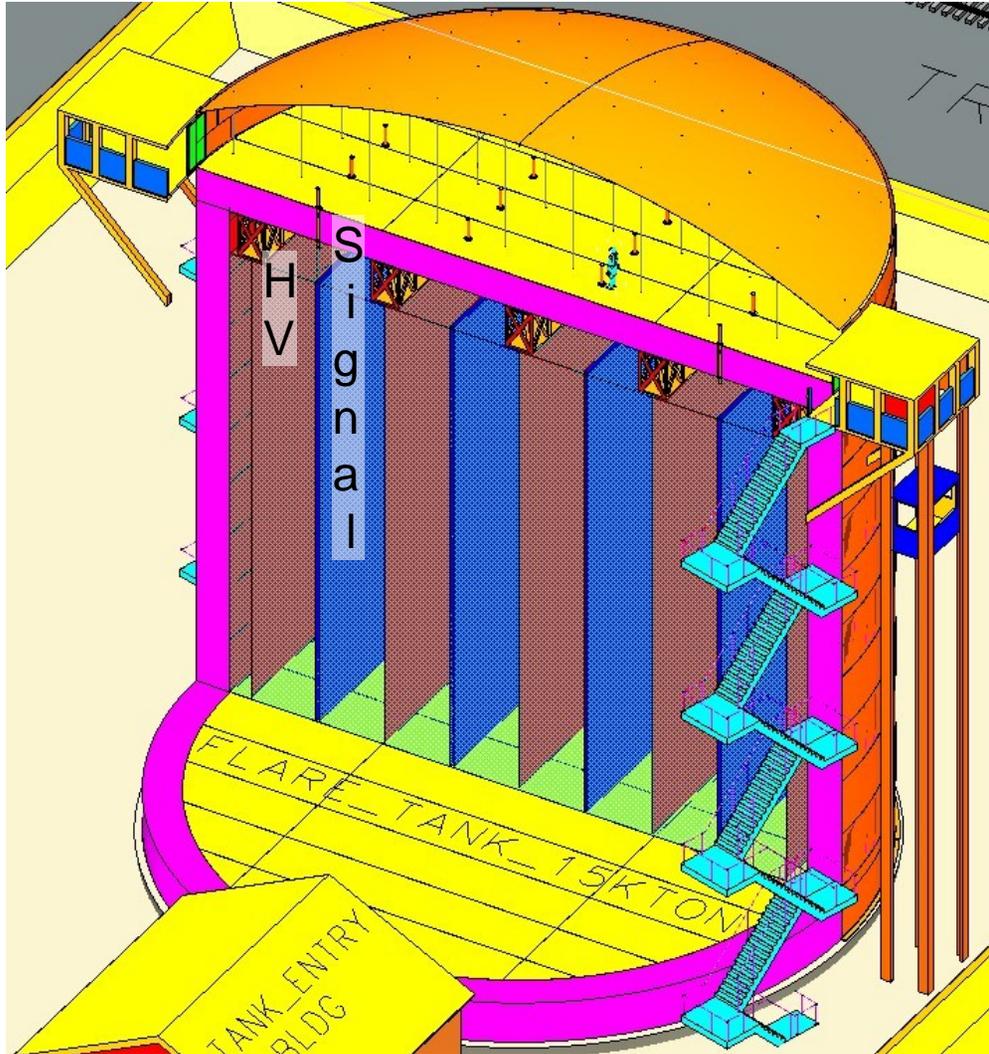
- surface detector - data-rates,
  - automated cosmic ray rejection
  - automated event recognition and reconstruction

# Detector Tank based on Industrial Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) storage tanks



Many large LNG tanks in service. excellent safety record

# The large LAr TPC: a sketch



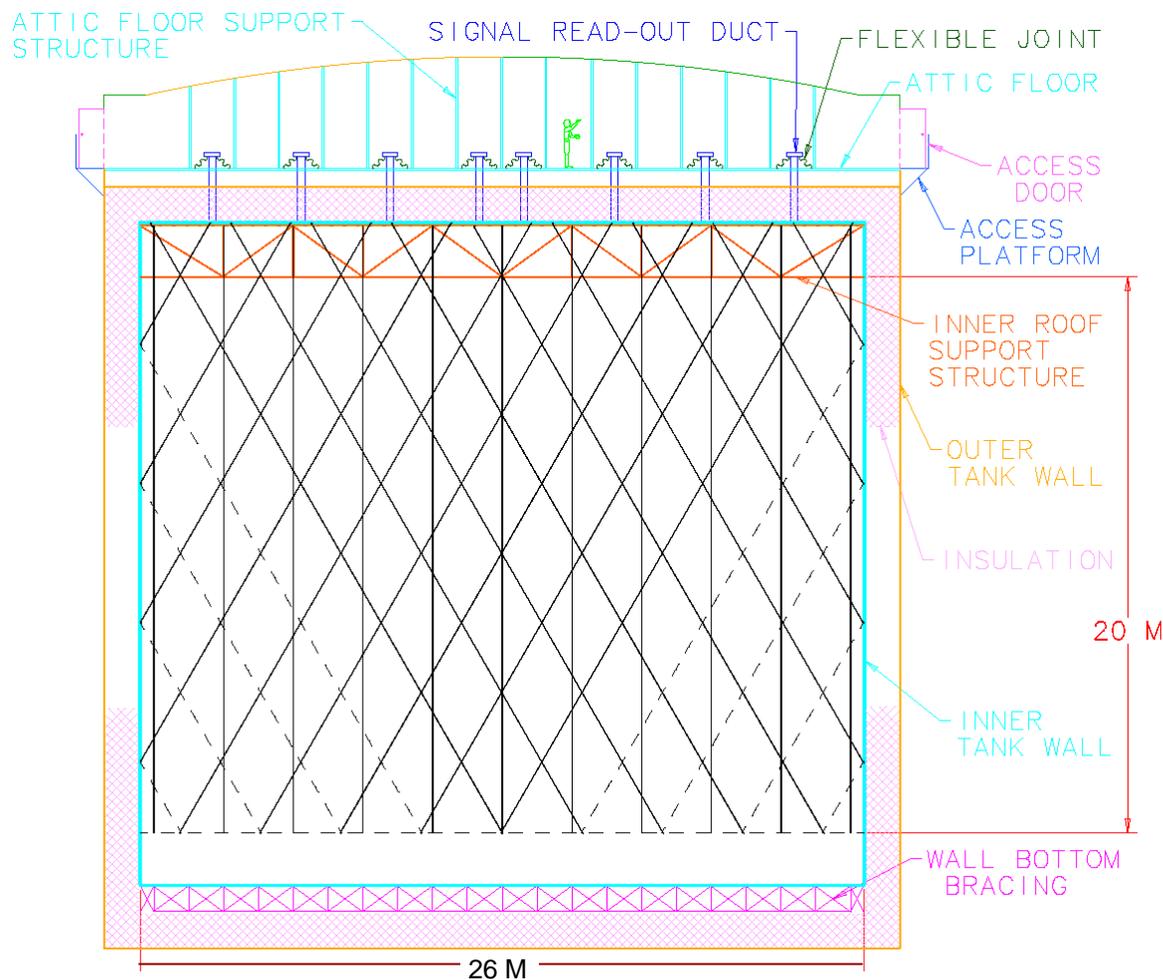
3D `Model' cutaway  
15 kt detector

Inner tank dimensions  
26 m  $\varnothing$ , 21 m height

Changes from standard LNG tank:

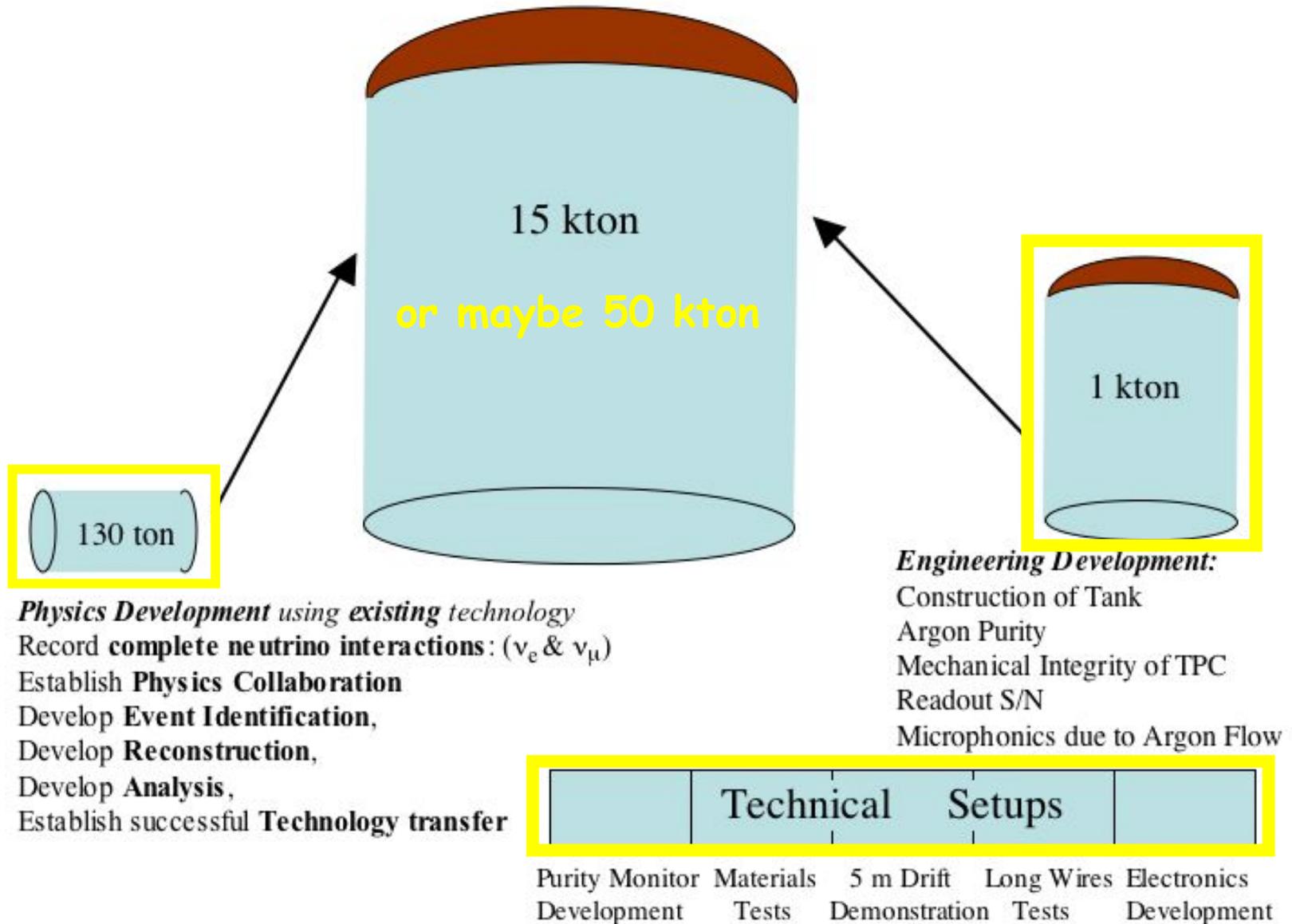
- inner tank wall thickness increased
  - LAr is 2 x density of LNG;
- trusses in inner tank to take load of the wires;
- penetrations for signals from inner tank to floor supported from roof of outer tank.

# The large LAr TPC: side view



side view: showing trusses & signal chimneys:  
only wires reaching the top (solid lines) are read out.

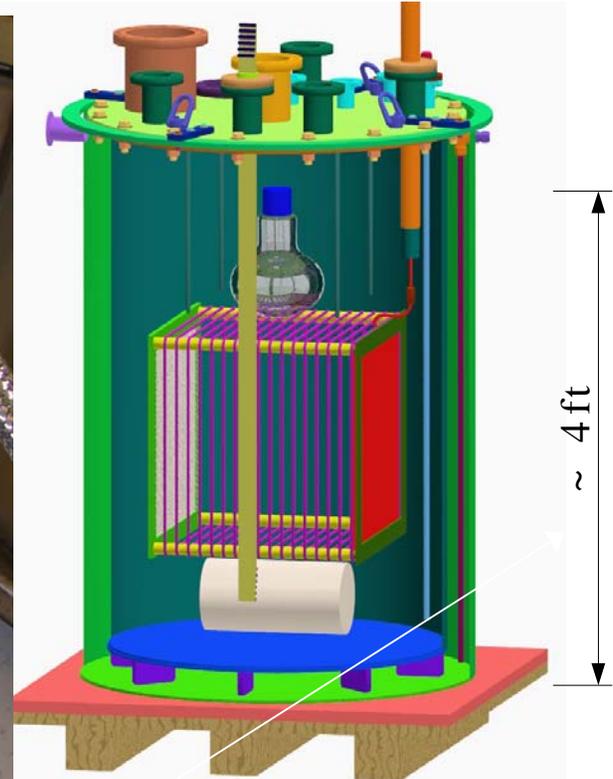
# The R&D path



# LAr TPC Test Setup @ Yale



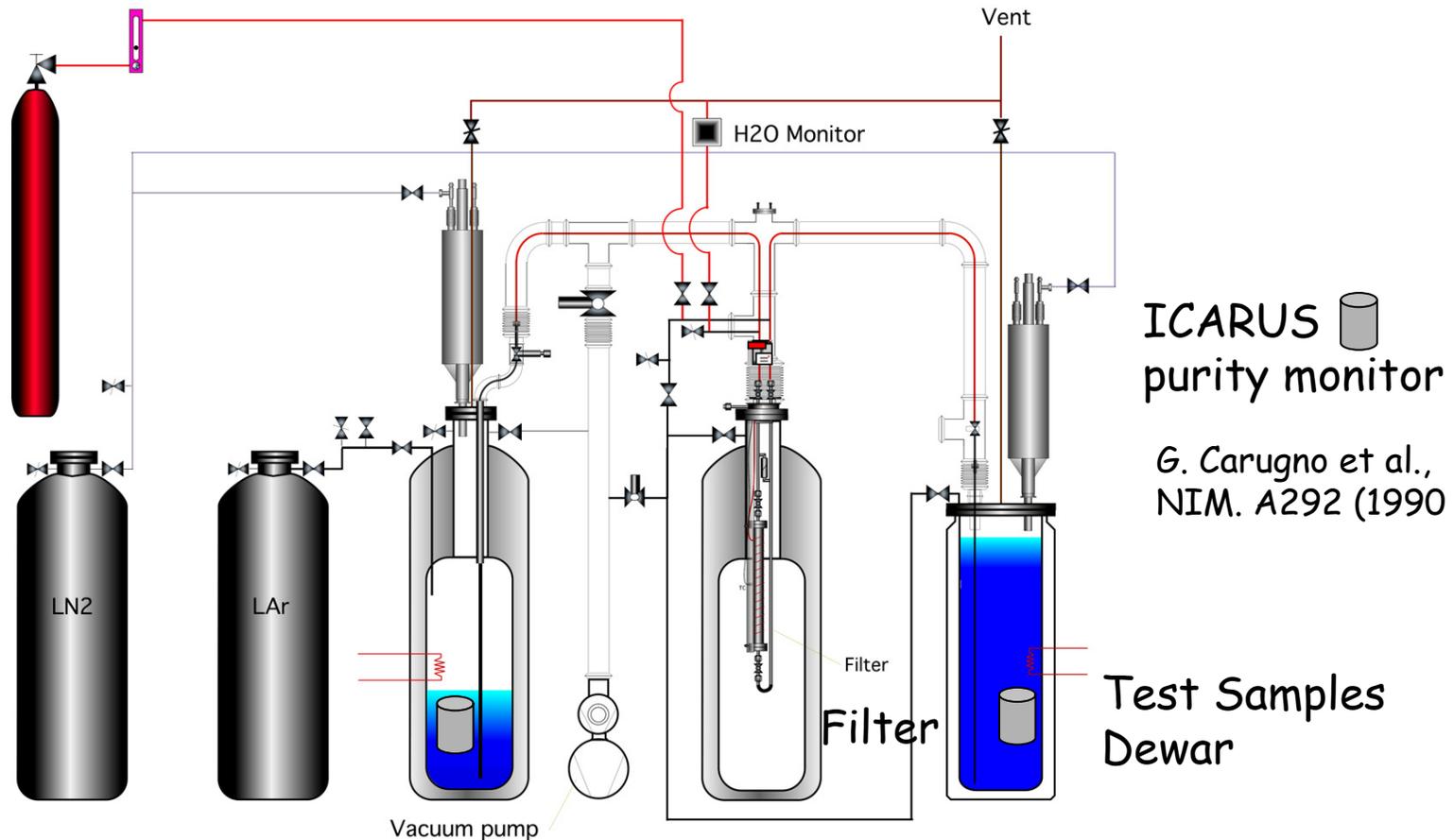
Purity monitor in liquid argon



Purity and light collection

# Material tests

System at Fermilab for testing filter materials and the contaminating effects of detector materials (e.g. tank-walls, cables)



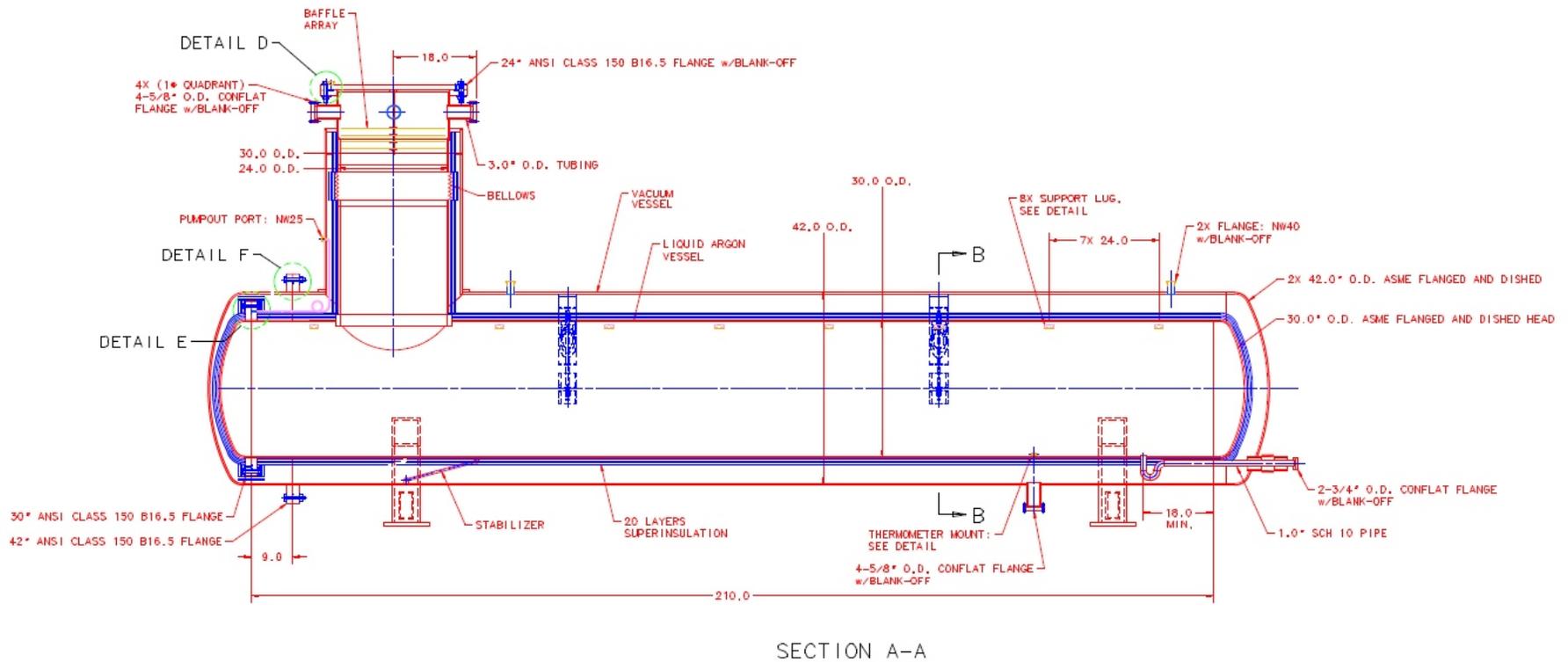
# Material tests

setup for lifetime measurements (effect of materials and effectiveness of different filters) under assembly at Fermilab



# 5 m Drift Demonstration at Fermilab

Cryostat drawing for purchasing department



# Long wires tests

- **measurements of the mechanical properties of the wires both at room temperature and in LAr**
  - 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and 150  $\mu\text{m}$  Stainless Steel 304V
- **develop wire holders that work at cryogenic temperature and do not pollute LAr**
- **determination of wire tension**
  - electrostatic stability
  - restriction of sagittas
  - wire supports
- **study of noise on long wires**
  - mechanical vibrations (i.e. induced by LAr flow)
  - measure damping effect of LAr on wire oscillations
  - study of electronics coupled to long wires (large input capacitance !)

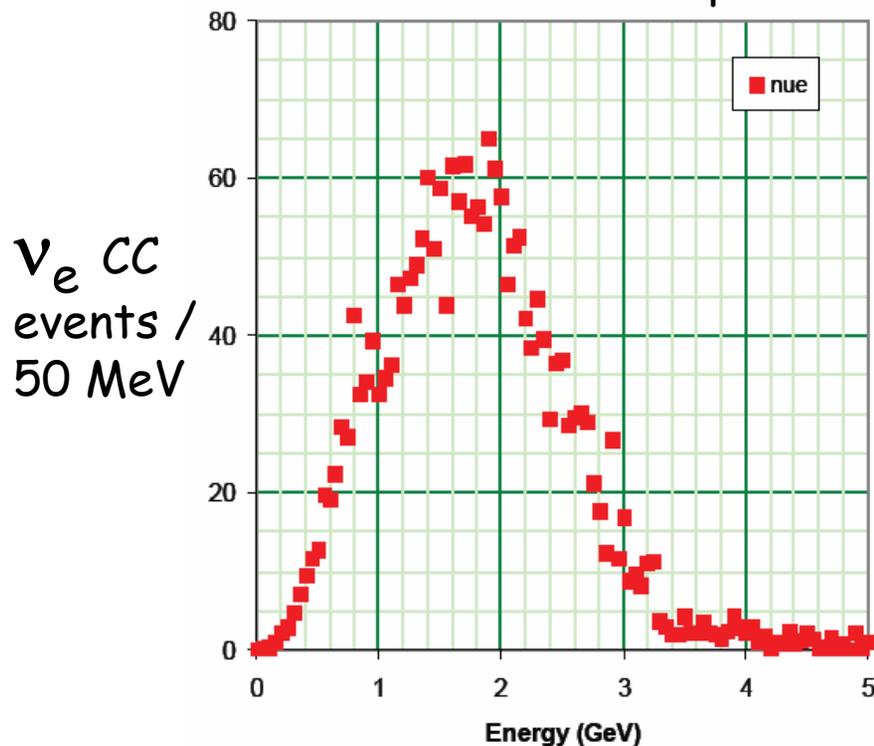
# The Purposes of the “130 ton” detector (50 ton fiducial)

- ❖ Physics development using existing technology
  - Establish successful technology transfer
  - Record and reconstruct complete neutrino interactions ( $\nu_\mu$  and  $\nu_e$  NC and CC) on the surface in the presence of cosmic rays
  - Establish physics collaboration by:
    - Developing event identification
    - Developing reconstruction
    - Developing analysis
  - Measure  $\nu$  interactions in the quasi-elastic and resonance region

Where to find 2 GeV  
electron neutrinos ?

# Electron Neutrinos in MINOS Surface Building

From the NOvA Proposal March 15, 2005



- The charged current  $\nu_e$  event spectrum in the MINOS surface building.
- The  $\nu_e$  event spectrum peaks just below 2 GeV.
- There are  $\sim 2,000$   $\nu_e$  events shown here for  $6.5E20$  POT and the 20.4 ton fiducial mass NOvA near detector.

NuMI is presently providing  $\sim 2E20$  POT per year.

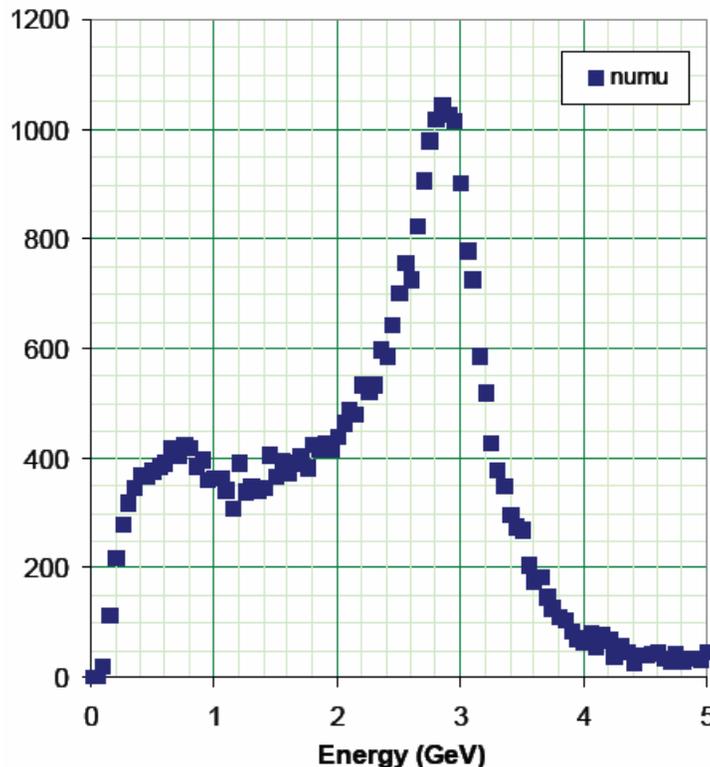
The 130 ton LArTPC has a 50 ton fiducial mass.

→ the LAr TPC detector would get  $\sim 1600$   $\nu_e$  events/year.

# Muon Neutrinos in MINOS Surface Building

From the NOvA Proposal March 15, 2005

$\nu_{\mu}$  CC  
events /  
50 MeV



- Same assumptions as previous slide, except this shows  $\sim 15,000$  muon neutrinos.
- The  $\nu_{\mu}$  peak at  $\sim 2.8$  GeV is from Kaon decay.

→ the LAr TPC detector would get  $\sim 34000$   $\nu$  CC events/year  
 $\sim 10000$   $\nu_{\mu}$  CC events/year in the peak between 2.4 and 3.2 GeV

# The purposes of the “1 kton” tank

❖ Engineering Development to demonstrate scalability to large tank

➤ Construction of tank with the same techniques to be used with the large tank

➤ Demonstrate argon purity with the same techniques to be used with the large tank

➤ Mechanical integrity of TPC

➤ Readout signal / noise

➤ Microphonics due to argon flow

➤ Uncover whatever surprises there may be

# Conclusions

- ❖ We need large and efficient detectors to fully exploit the physics opportunities made available by the NuMI neutrino line
- ❖ Impressive results from the ICARUS T300 prototype
- ❖ We have an R&D plan to demonstrate scalability of LAr technology for tens of kton detectors
  - Receiving support for technology transfer from experts in Europe
  - Receiving support from Fermilab, both in engineering and with recently increased funding
  - Growing support from University groups in smaller technical setups, software efforts, ...
- ❖ Beginning a study to fully understand all the physics capabilities offered by a tens of kton LAr detector using the existing NuMI beamline

Would like to develop our efforts with wider participation

# Main Injector & NuMI



- ❖ Main Injector is a rapid cycling (up to 204 GeV/c/s) accelerator at 120 GeV
  - from 8 to 120 GeV/c in  $\sim 1.5$  s
- ❖ up to 6 proton batches ( $\sim 5 \times 10^{12}$  p/batch) are successively injected from Booster into Main Injector
- ❖ Main Injector has to satisfy simultaneously the needs of the Collider program (anti-proton stacking and transfers to the Tevatron) and NuMI
- ❖ total beam intensity  $\sim 3 \times 10^{13}$  ppp, cycle length 2 s

## ❖ Mixed mode: NuMI & anti-proton stacking

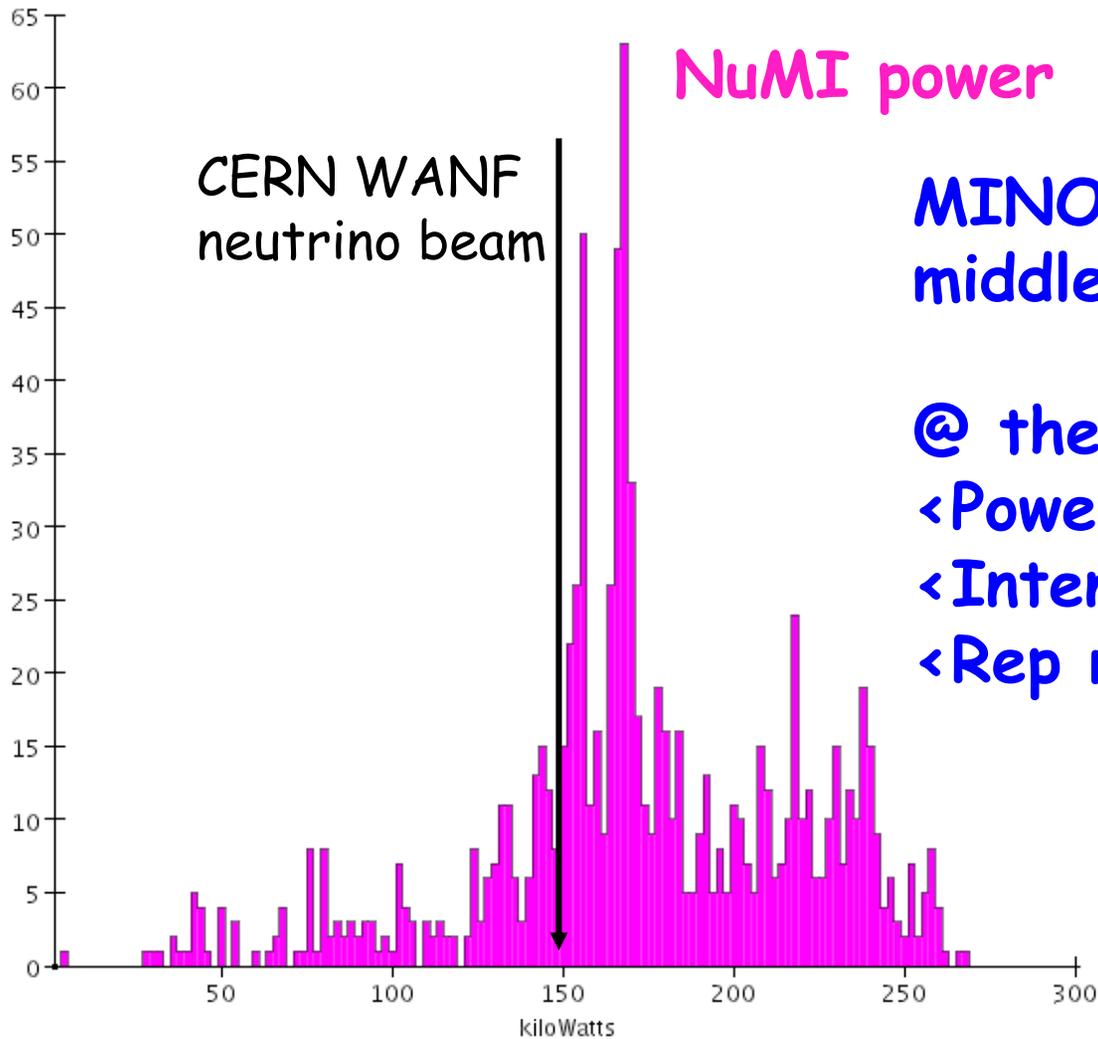
- two single turn extractions within  $\sim 1$  ms:
  - 1 batch to the anti-proton target, following the firing of the MI52 kicker
  - 5 batches to NuMI, following the firing of the NuMI kickers, in  $\sim 8$   $\mu$ s
- the batch extracted to the anti-proton target comes from
  - either a single Booster batch
  - or the merging of two Booster batches (“slip-stacking”) (up to  $0.8 \times 10^{13}$  ppp)
- *the default mode of operation is mixed-mode with slip-stacking*

## ❖ NuMI only

- up to 6 Booster batches extracted to NuMI in  $\sim 10$   $\mu$ s

# NuMI performance

Power on Target (binned every 10.0 min)

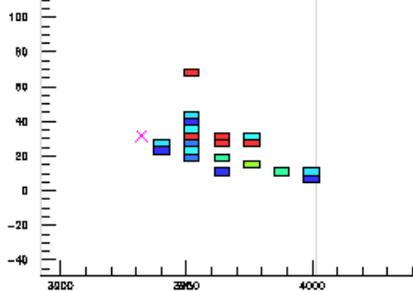
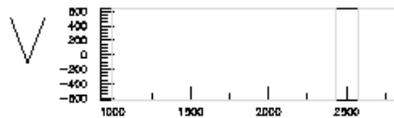
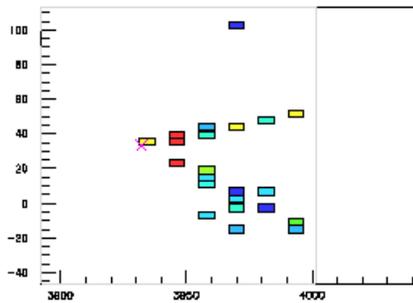


**MINOS data taking started  
middle of March '05**

**@ the end of September  
<Power> = 172 kW  
<Intensity> =  $2.4 \times 10^{13}$  ppp  
<Rep rate> = 2.45 s**

# $\nu_e$ Interactions in MINOS ?

## NC interaction



energy →

## Detector Granularity:

- Longitudinal:  $1.5X_0$
- Transverse:  $\sim R_M$

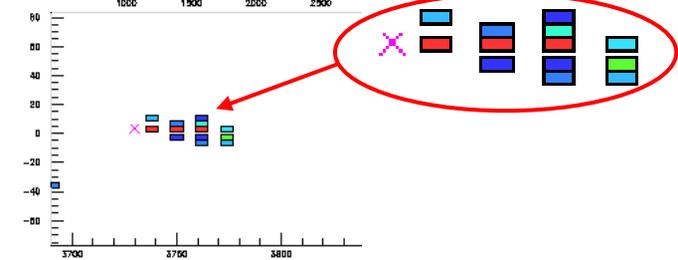
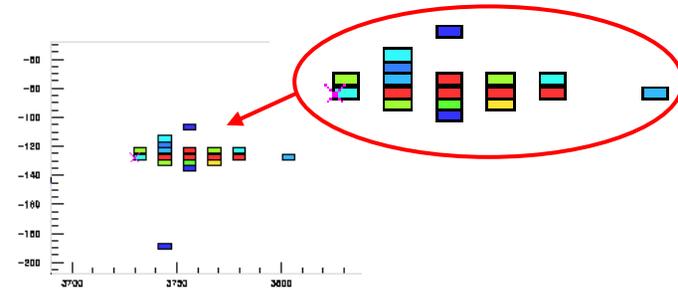
## ■ NC interactions

- energy distributed over a 'large' volume

## ■ $\nu_e$ CC interactions (low $y$ )

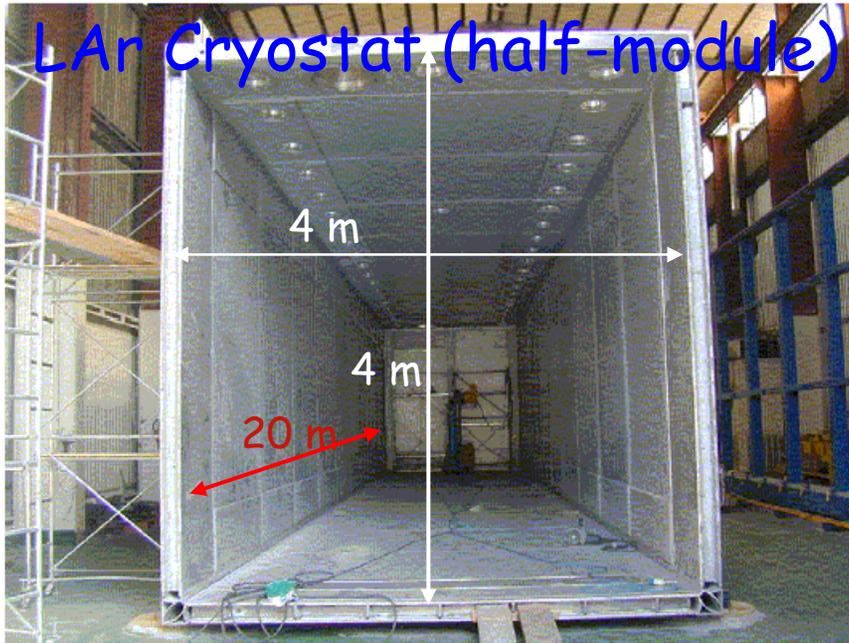
- electromagnetic shower short and narrow
- most of the energy in a narrow cluster

## $\nu_e$ CC, $E_{\text{tot}} = 3 \text{ GeV}$





# T300 cryostat

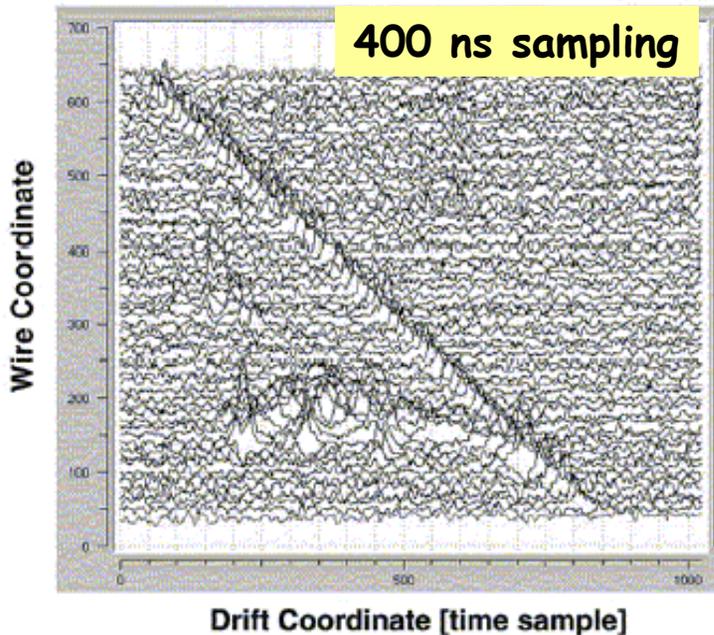


- T300 is a half-module of the T600
- cryostat constructed out of 15 cm thick panels, made of aluminum honeycomb sandwiched between aluminum skins
- thermal insulation panels, 0.5 m thick, made of Nomex (pre-impregnated paper) honeycomb
- cooling performed by circulating LN<sub>2</sub> inside cooling circuits placed immediately outside of the cryostat
- possibility to evacuate the cryostat down to 10<sup>-4</sup> mbar
- ... but relatively large thermal losses, up to 22 W/m<sup>2</sup>

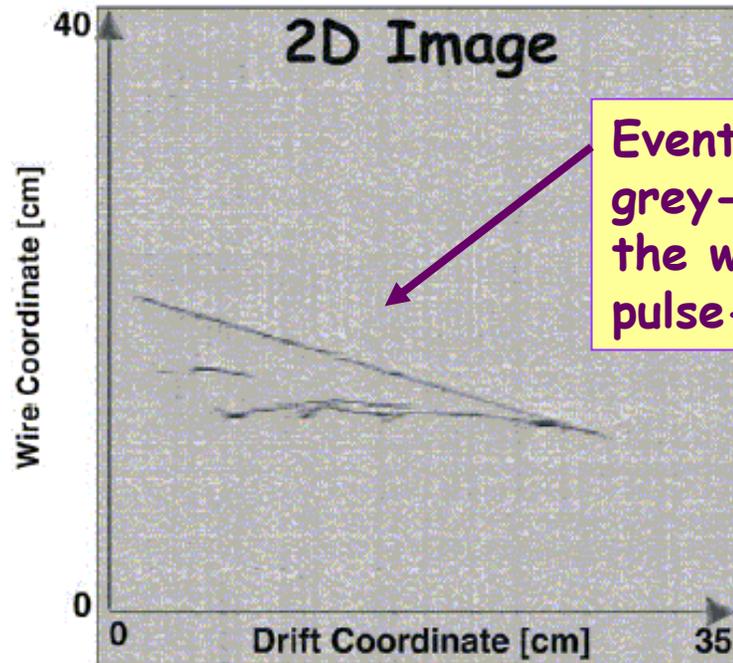
# ICARUS Reconstruction

Raw Data

400 ns sampling



2D Image



- demonstration of 3D imaging reconstruction over massive detector volumes (~ 1 kton)
  - performance comparable to traditional bubble chambers, with the advantage of being continuously sensitive
- calorimetric measurement, particle ID capabilities
- possibility of absolute timing definition and internal trigger from LAr scintillation light detection

# Possible future reactor $\theta_{13}$ experiments

## General characteristics:

- 2 (or more) detectors: 1 near ( $< \sim 0.5$  km), 1 far ( $\sim 1-2$  km)
- Liquid scintillator (detection by inverse  $\beta$  decay)
- Overhead shielding required
- Goal is  $\sim 1\%$  uncertainty
- Can be adapted for a  $\sin^2\theta_{W}$  measurement, or an improved  $\theta_{12}$  measurement

Experiment	Where	Baseline (km)		Overburden (m.w.e.)		Detector size (t)		$\sin^2(2\theta_{13})$ Sensitivity (90% C.L.)
		Near	Far	Near	Far	Near	Far	
Angra dos Reis	Brazil	0.3	1.5	200	1700	50	500	$< \sim 0.01$
Braidwood	US	0.27	1.51	450	450	65x2	65x2	$< \sim 0.01$
Double Chooz	France	0.2	1.05	50	300	10	10	$< \sim 0.03$
Daya Bay	China	0.3	1.8-2.2	300	1100	50	100	$< \sim 0.01$
Diablo Canyon	US	0.4	1.7	150	750	50	100	$< \sim 0.01$
KASKA	Japan	0.4	1.8	100	500	8	8	$< \sim 0.02$
Kr2Det (Krasnoyarsk)	Russia	0.1	1.0	600	600	50	50	$< \sim 0.03$