# Noble Liquid Based Neutrino Detector

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# Outline

- Current Status of Neutrino Physics
- Oscillation
- Long Baseline Experiment Technologies
- Liquid Argon TPC
- DUNE Long Baseline Experiment -
- Short Baseline Anomalies
- Short Baseline Program @ FNAL

Current Challenges in Neutrino Physics

Even if neutrinos are fundamental particles which have been detected 70 years ago there **are still several open questions related to their properties**:



Do neutrino and anti-neutrino oscillate differently? (CP violation)

Oscillation

How are the mass ordered ? (mass hierarchy)



## Nature

Are neutrinos their own antiparticle ?

What are the masses of neutrino?



Are there other neutrino types or interactions ?

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# Oscillation

• PMNS mixing matrix parameters: 3 mixing angles + 1 complex phase

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{e} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\mu} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\tau} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta_{23} & \sin\theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin\theta_{23} & \cos\theta_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_{13} & 0 & \sin\theta_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta_{12} & \cos\theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{1} \\ \mathbf{v}_{2} \\ \mathbf{v}_{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Atmospheric \qquad Reactor \& LBL \qquad Solar \qquad$$

• Oscillation is a function of a mixing angle  $\theta_{ij}$ , the  $\Delta m_{ij}^2$ , and distance L and energy E

$$P(\nu_{\alpha} \rightarrow \nu_{\beta}) = \sin^2 2\theta_{ij} * \sin^2 \left(1.27\Delta m_{ij}^2 \frac{L}{E}\right)$$

• Oscillation Experiments fix L and E and measure the free parameters

# Long Baseline Experiment Technologies

## Liquid Argon based

- DUNE
- ICARUS @ LNGS
- Water Cerenkov based
- T2K
- Hyper-Kamiokande
- Scintillator based
- NOvA
- Minos

## Photographic Emulsion

OPERA @ LNGS

Detector need to cover these topics:

- Massive Detector
- Excellent energy resolution
- Tracking capability
- Particle identification
- Precise timing

# Long Baseline Experiment Technologies

## Liquid Argon based

- Perfect dielectric medium
- Drift velocity (~ 1mm/µs @ 500 V/cm)
- High purification (<0.1 ppb O<sub>2</sub> equivalent)
   Long electron lifetimes (>msec)
   drift paths (>m)
- High scintillation light yield (~40,000 y/MeV)
- High electron-ion pairs yield
- (~ 10000 e<sup>-</sup> for 2 mm of m.i.p track)
- Density =  $1.4 \text{ g/cm}^3$  > (water density =1)
- Abundand (1% atmosphere)

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# Liquid Argon TPC

Charged particles in LAr produce free ionization electrons and scintillation light (128nm)



Horizontal Drift Liquid Argon TPC

Sense Wires

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V wire plane waveforms

# LArTPC - Original proposal

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

## ABSTRACT

It appears possible to realize a Liquid-Argon Time Projection Chamber (LAPC) which gives an ultimate volume sensitivity of 1 mm<sup>3</sup> and a drift length as long as 30 cm. Purity of the argon is the main technological problem. Preliminary investigations seem to indicate that this would be feasible with simple techniques. In this case a multihundred-ton neutrino detector with good vertex detection capabilities could be realized.

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# First LArTPC Experiment → ICARUS @ LNGS



## Two "T300" identical modules

- $3.6X3.9X19.6 \cong 275 \text{ m}^3 \text{ each}$
- Active mass 476 ton
- Drift length = 1.5 m
- E = 500V/cm HV = -75kV



## Charge Readout

- 4 wire chamber (2 chamber per module)
- 3 readout wire plane (0°, ±60°)
   (2 inductions + 1 collection)
- 53,248 wires, 3mm pitch, 3mm plane space



## Photon Detection

- (20+54) PMTs , 8 inchs
- VUV sensitive (128nm) coated with TPB

# Evolution



# DUNE – Long Baseline v experiment





- Measure neutrino spectra at 1300Km in a wide-band beam
- High-power proton beam 1.2MW upgradeable to 2.4MW
- Massive underground LArTPC  $\rightarrow$  4 modules 17 kton each
- Near detector to characterize de beam (100s millions of  $\boldsymbol{v}$  interaction)

Near Detector: measurements of  $\nu_{\mu}$  unoscillated beam

Far Detector: measurements of oscillated  $v_{\mu} \& v_{e}$  spectra

then repeat for antineutrinos – and compare oscillations of neutrinos and antineutrinos

# DUNE – Far Detector



## Module 1

- Charge Readout.  $\rightarrow$  APA Wires
- Photon Detector  $\rightarrow$  X-ARAPUCA

## Module 2

- Charge readout  $\rightarrow$  CRP Charge Readout Planes
- Photon Detector → X-ARAPUCA

 Technologies for module 3 and 4 are not yet established

Module of Opportunity Workshop 2-4 November – Valencia, Spain

https://congresos.adeituv.es/dune\_science/ficha.en.html

# DUNE – Far Detector

## Horizontal Drift



4 drift volumes, 3.6 m drift Electric field = 500 V/cm (HV = -180 kV) High-resistivity CPA for fast discharge prevention

Anode: **150 APAs**, each with 4 wire planes (Grid, 2 x Induction, Collection)

Photon Detectors: X-ARAPUCA 10 modules / APA Total of **1500 modules** 

X-Arapuca module (212cm x 12cm )

2 volumes (13.5 m x 6.5 m x 60 m) separated by a cathode plane

2 Anode planes (top & bottom)

Charge Readout via **perforated PCB anode**, fully immersed in LAr







# DUNE – Near Detector

- Allows for high statistic measurements of the initial neutrino flux
- High Statisitc measurement of neutrino-nucleus
   interaction with the same target as the Far
   Detectors
- Constraints systematic uncertainties due to flux, cross sections, and detector response → fundamental to achieve δ<sub>CP</sub> sensitivity goals



# ND-LAr DUNE – Near Detector



- Modular design: 35 modules with 1m×1m×3 m
- Two TPCs per module (50 cm drift)
- Charge: LArPix pixel readout for direct-to-3D charge information
- Light: High (~40%) detector coverage with ns-scale timing and cm-scale position





Optical detectors

Central HV cathode

Pixel read-out

Optical detectors

Anja Gauch & Jan Kunzmann Talk on Light and charge readout section



# protoDUNE – Single Phase

- Active Volume 419ton LAr
- 2 Drift Volumes
- Max drift length 3,6m
- Run1 2018 to 2020 at CERN
- Beam of charged particles: pions,kaons, protons, muons and electrons with momenta in a range 0.3 GeV/c to 7 GeV/c
- **PS system:** ARAPUCA, waveshifting light guides and double shift light guide





TPC configuration	Anode-Cathode-Anode (2 active volumes)	
TPC dimensions (active volumes)	6.086 (h) × 3.597 (w) × 7.045 (l) m <sup>3</sup>	
(instrumented volumes)	5.984 (h) $\times$ 3.597 (w) $\times$ 6.944 (l) m <sup>3</sup>	
Total active volume (nominal, at room T)	2 ×154 m <sup>3</sup>	
Total instrumented LAr mass (87.65 K)	419 t	
Number of TPC wire planes	4 (G, U, V, X)	
Number of wires (total)	15360 (instrumented)	
G: Grid plane	$2 \times 2880$ (non-instrumented)	
U: 1st induction plane	2 × 2400 (instrumented, wrapped)	
V: 2 <sup>nd</sup> induction plane	2 × 2400 (instrumented, wrapped)	
Z: TPC-side collection plane	$2 \times 1440$ (instrumented)	
C: Cryostat-side collection plane	$2 \times 1440$ (instrumented)	
Wire orientation (w.r.t. vertical)	G: 0°, U: +35.7°, V: -35.7°, X: 0°	
Wire pitch (normal to wire direction)	4.79 mm (G, X); 4.67 mm (U, V)	
Wire type	Cu-Be Alloy #25, diam. 150 µm	
Gap width between planes	4.75 mm	
E-Field (nominal) in drift volume	500 V/cm	
Cathode plane voltage	-180 kV	
Anode plane bias voltages	G: -665 V, U: -370 V, V: 0 V, X: +820 V	
Ground mesh	0 V	
Max. drift length	3572 mm	
(Cathode-to-G-plane distance at 87.65 K)		
Drift velocity (nominal field, 87.65 K)	1.59 mm/μs	
Max. drift time (nominal field, 87.65 K)	2.25 ms	

# protoDUNE run 1 - events





# 1 GeV/c stopping proton

# 6 GeV/c K

## Large cosmic shower

# protoDUNE run2 $\rightarrow$ 2023



We are preparing the run of protoDUNE to test the final components of Horizontal Drift and Vertical Drift far detector

## **Horizontal Drift**

- DUNE APA 2 top and 2 botom
- Photon Detection few different options are being evaluated
  - Two different SiPM type (Hamamatsu and FBK)
  - Two different light guide (ELJEN and GlastoPower)
  - Test of the electronics readout (DAPHNE)





# v oscillation - Short Baseline Anomalies

• **Disappearance** of anti- $v_e$  in the low energy v from nuclear reactors;

Reactor Anomaly

- **Disappearance** of  $v_e$  from intense calibration sources in solar v experiments; Gallium Anomaly - GALLEX/SAGE
- Appearance of  $v_e$  /anti- $v_e$  in  $v_{\mu}$  /anti- $v_{\mu}$  beams at particle accelerators.

LSND (Liquid Scintillator Neutrino Detector) MiniBooNE







No one of these anomalies can be explained through 3 neutrino flavors models

A nonstandard "sterile" neutrino state(s) driving oscillations at  $\Delta m^2_{new} \approx 1 \text{ eV}^2$  and small sin<sup>2</sup>( $2\theta_{new}$ ), could be an answer

# v oscillation - Short Baseline Anomalies



The significance of the combined LSND and MiniBooNE excesses is 6.0  $\sigma$ 

# LArTPC Advantages also in short baseline experiments

Capability in discriminating electron and gamma showers

At MiniBooNE low energy,  $\gamma$  was the biggest background, which was hard to **distinguish** from **e**<sup>-</sup> in Cherenkov detector





# Short Baseline Neutrino Program Science

The SBN program at Fermilab it is using LAr-TPC detectors for:

- Verify the "low-energy excess" anomaly
  - Investigate the excess of  $v_{\epsilon}$  observed by MiniBooNE experiments, using LArTPC
- Search for Sterile Neutrino
  - Discover or Exclusion of 1 eV-scale sterile neutrino mass region suggested by LSND and MiniBooNE results
- Measurements of neutrino-argon cross section
  - Millions of  $\nu_{\mu}$  and thousands of  $\nu_{e}$  from two neutrino beams
- Beyond Standard Model Physics
- **R&D** for DUNE
  - Test new technologies that can be used in long baseline LArTPC



# **Short-Baseline Neutrino Program at Fermilab**



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# Booster Neutrino Beam (BNB)



- 8 GeV protons from Booster
  - Up to 5 Hz and 5 x  $10^{12}$  protons per pulse, 1.6  $\mu$ s spill
- SBN Detector interaction rates

• SBND: 0.25 Hz ν, 0.03 H	z cosmic
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ICARUS: 0.03 Hz v, 0.14 Hz cosmic
 + NuMI: 0.014 Hz v, 0.08 Hz cosmic)





# MicroBooNE

Understand the nature of the **MiniBooNE** "low energy" excess anomaly, using the **same beam**.

- LArTPC of 170 ton (87ton active)
- 470m from target
- 1 TPC with 2.5m drift
- 32 8"PMT on acrylic support TPB coated
- Top and side CRT
- The experiment first started collecting neutrino data in October 2015
- Longest running large scale LArTPC to date
- About 500k v interactions collected









# ICARUS @ Fermilab



- 760 ton of LArTPC (460ton active)
- 600m from target
- 4 TPC with 1.5m drift length
- 360 8"PMT TPB coated

Aug. 2020: start of TPC/PMT operation







June 2022: overburden complete



Credits R.Wilson

Steady data taking with BNB, NuMI beams since March 2021, in parallel with commissioning activities. Cosmics,  $v_{\mu}$ , and  $v_e$  samples collected for trigger/calibration/reconstruction studies.

Data taking for Physics with BNB and NuMI beams 9 June 2022





- 112-ton active LAr volume
- 2 TPC 2m drift length 1,28ms drift time at E = 500V/cm
- Cathode Plane Assembles (CPA) middle
- Anode Plane Assembles (APA) at the ends
- APA has 3 wire planes with 3mm pitch and spacing: vertical (y) and ± 60° (U&V)
- Photon Detection system 24 PD BOX
   120 8"PMTs (96 coated with TPB)
   192 X-ARAPUCA modules (VIS and VUV)
   TPB coated reflector foils on the cathode





21/09/22



## SBND

TPC Assembly

**PDS** box assembly, cable routing & termination **completed** Planning the detector move from DAB to SBND

## Cryostat installation phase 3 is completed

all primary insulation panels and steel membrane panels installed & welded



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# R&D from SBND $\rightarrow$ DUNE

**SBND** gave a huge contribution with R&D for **DUNE** far detector, mainly for the **Photon Detection System**.

- Will be the first experiment to detect neutrinos using the ARAPUCA device
- Optimization of the WLS evaporation on dichroic filters
- A fraction of the X-ARAPUCAs has the same Hamamatsu SiPMs we are using in protoDUNE X-ARAPUCA modules
- It is the only detector to have X-ARAPUCA sensitive to visible light
- The readout electronics (DAPHNE) represented the starting point for DUNE PD readout electronics

# R&D from SBND $\rightarrow$ DUNE





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# Dziękuję

# Backup

# LAr-TPC at Fermilab



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# Fermilab Neutrino Experiments

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Experiment	Goal	Techniques
ArgoNeut	R&D	LArTPC
MiniBooNE	oscillation	Scintillation
LArIAT	R&D	LArTPC
MicroBoone	Anomaly	LArTPC
MINERVA	v reaction with 5 different nuclei	Plastic scintillators
MINOS	v oscillations	Plastic scintillators
NOVA	$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}$	Plastic filled with liquid scintillator
DUNE	CP Violation – SN - p+ decay	LArTPC
SBND	Anomaly	LArTPC
ICARUS	Anomaly	LArTPC

# X-ARAPUCA $\rightarrow$ Efficiency Expected

- UNICAMP- Half SBND module was used for measurement of its efficiency in LAr.
- <u>https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.04505</u>

 $2.2 \pm 0.5\%$ Eljen Bars



- Milano Biccoca group working on X-ARAPUCA for DUNE experiment.
- The Unicamp group provided the X-ARAPUCA module which is an SBND one
- <u>https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.07548</u>









# Current Challenges in Neutrino Physics

Even if neutrinos are fundamental particles which have been detected 70 years ago there **are** still several open questions related to their properties:



# Why LAr ?

- Massive detector -> LAr is a dense medium (1.4 g/cm<sup>3</sup>)
- Imaging detector -> allows for a 3 dimensional reconstruction of the interaction with extremely high resolution (below 1 mm)
- Precise calorimetric reconstruction -> allows to measure the energy of the incoming particle and of all the charged particles produced by its interaction with Argon.
- Particle discrimination -> allows to identify the type of the charged particles that are detected

# Electron- $\gamma$ separation in LAr

![](_page_40_Figure_1.jpeg)

## **SBN Oscillation Sensitivity**

## Example oscillation at BNB peak energy

![](_page_41_Figure_2.jpeg)

 Multiple detectors using the same technology enables sensitive searches for v<sub>e</sub> appearance and v<sub>u</sub> disappearance within the same experiment