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Smart TPC

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- “Capabilities of the DUNE Near Detector Complex” T. Mohayai @NuTel, Feb 2021



Intensity Frontier

□ Big Questions

- Is CP violated in the leptonic sector?
 - ν mass ordering (is ν_3 heaviest or lightest?)
 - Sterile ν ?
- } ν oscillation
- Nature of ν (Majorana or Dirac?)
 - What's the absolute mass of ν ?
 - What are the sources of highest energy ν in cosmos?

ν Oscillation

- 3 mixing angles
($\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}$)
- 2 mass square diff.
($\Delta m_{21}^2, \Delta m_{31}^2$)
- δ_{CP}
- Mass ordering

Weak Eigen
state

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Mass Eigen
state

PMNS matrix

in 1962

- Pontecorvo
- Maki
- Nakagawa
- Sakata

$$U = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Atmospheric}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{"CP" sector}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Solar}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\alpha_1/2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\alpha_2/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Majorana}}$$

$c_{ij} \equiv \cos \theta_{ij}$
 $s_{ij} \equiv \sin \theta_{ij}$

Atmospheric
 $\theta_{23} \approx 45^\circ$
 $|\Delta m_{32}^2| \approx |\Delta m_{31}^2| \approx 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$

"CP" sector
 $\theta_{13} = 9^\circ$

Solar
 $\theta_{12} \approx 34^\circ$
 $\Delta m_{21}^2 \approx 7.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$

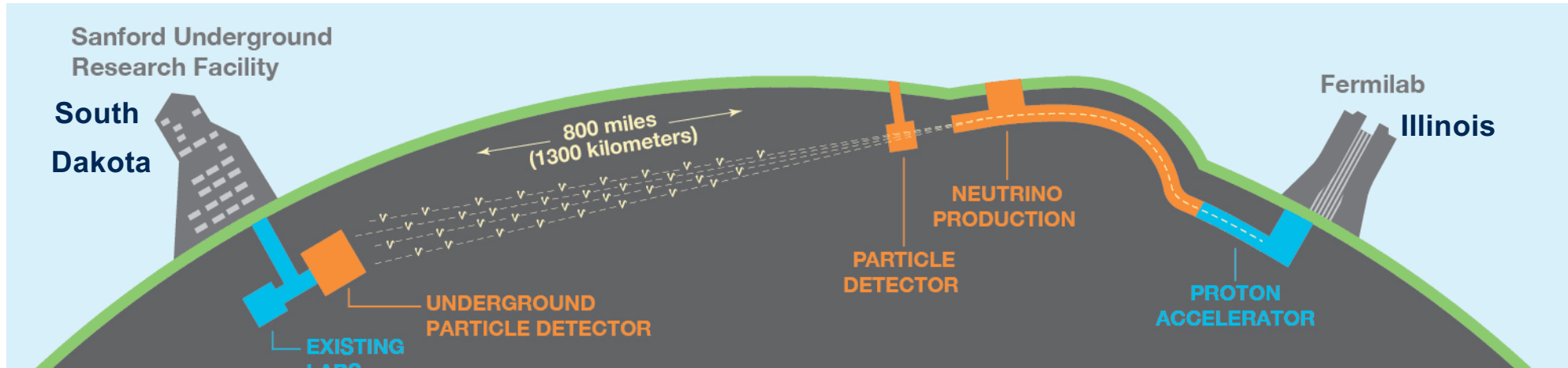
Atmos. ($\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu$ deficit)
Long baseline (ν_μ deficit)

Reactor ($\bar{\nu}_e$ deficit)
Long baseline ($\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$)

Solar (ν_e deficit)
Reactor ($\bar{\nu}_e$ deficit)



Deep Underground Neutrino Exp. (DUNE)



- ❑ Neutrino Source: 1 ~ 2 MW neutrino (ν_μ) beam produced at LBNF, Fermilab (Long Baseline Neutrino Facility)
- ❑ Neutrino Detections:
 - Far Detector: (3+1) x 17 kton Liquid Argon TPC at SURF (1300 km)
 - Near Detector: Liquid Argon TPC at Fermilab (500 m)



DUNE Physics Program

❑ CP Violation or Conservation?

if violated, how much?

❑ Neutrino Mass Ordering (5σ , $\sim 4\text{yr}$)

is ν_3 the heaviest or lightest?

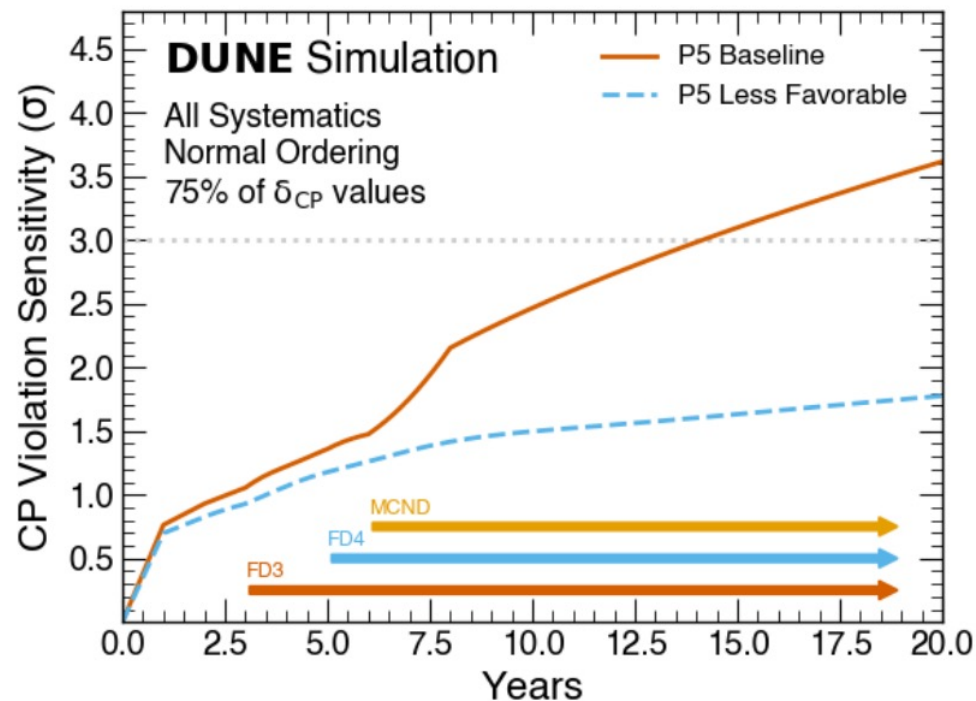
❑ Proton decays?

❑ Atmospheric ν : θ_{23}

❑ Supernova Burst ν

❑ Solar ν : ^8B , hep ν , θ_{12} , Δm_{21}^2

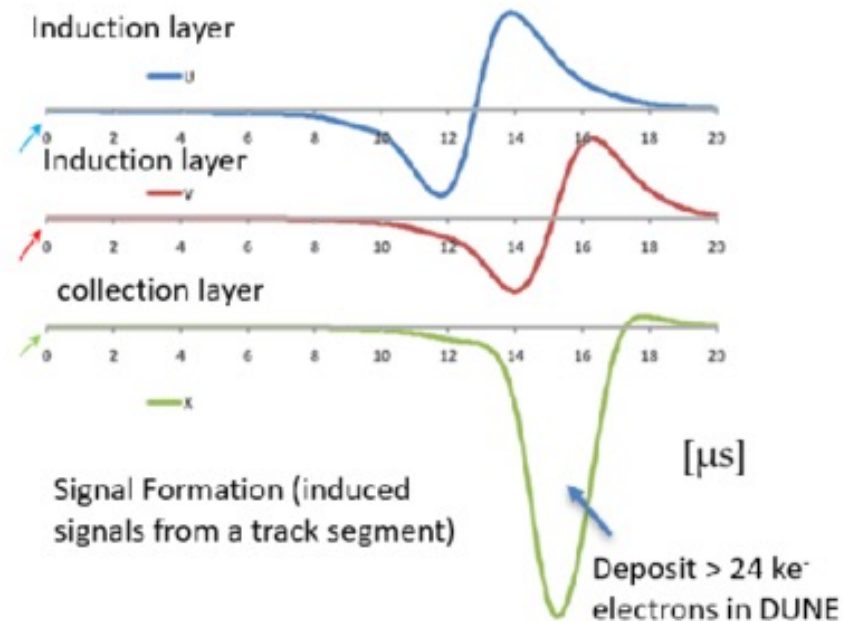
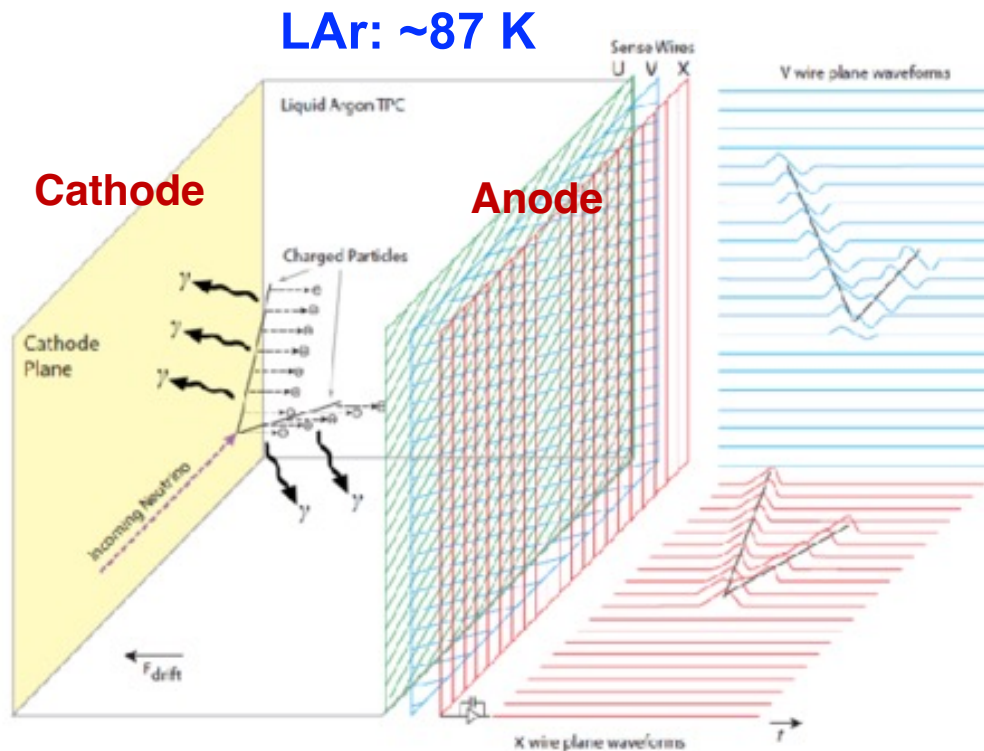
❑ BSM physics, etc...



→ **DUNE will be the only exp. which can measure all PMNS params precisely.**



LArTPC Principle

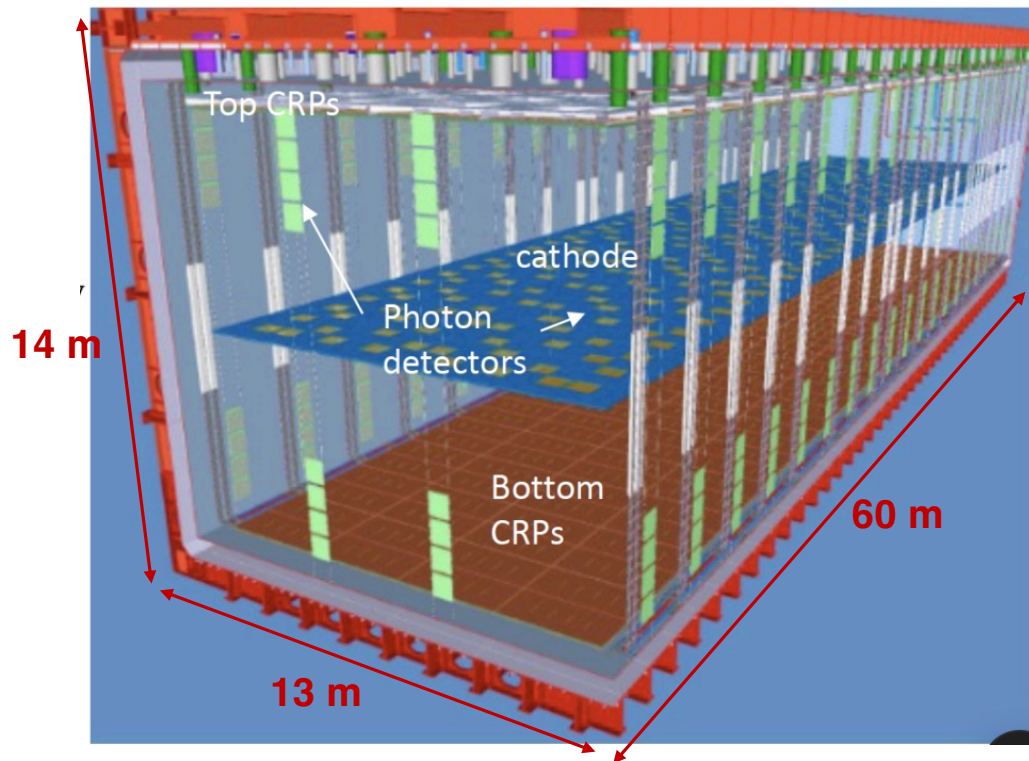


E field: ~500 V/cm

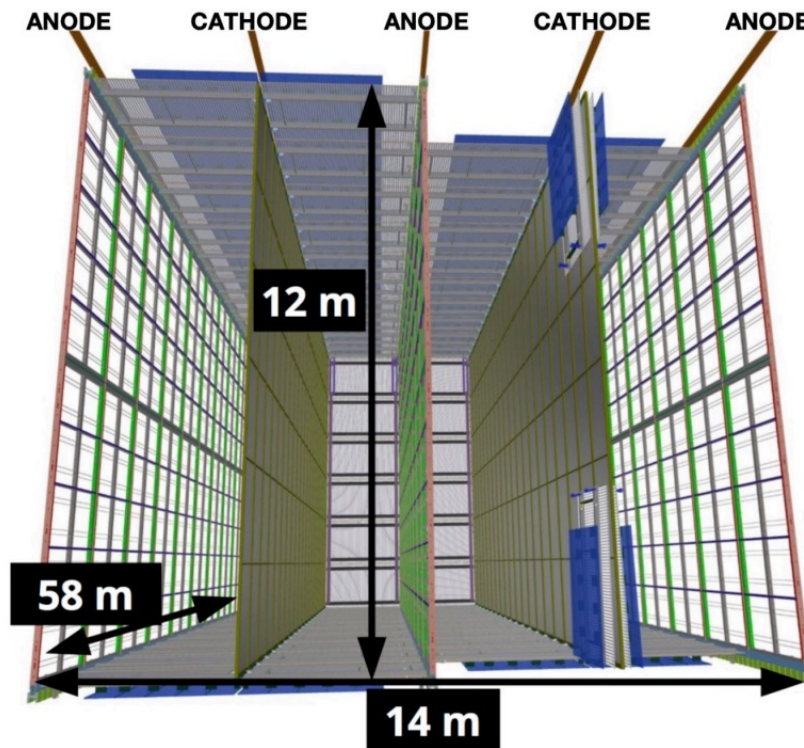


DUNE Far Detector (FD)

FD – Vertical Drift (VD) { Simpler
More robust

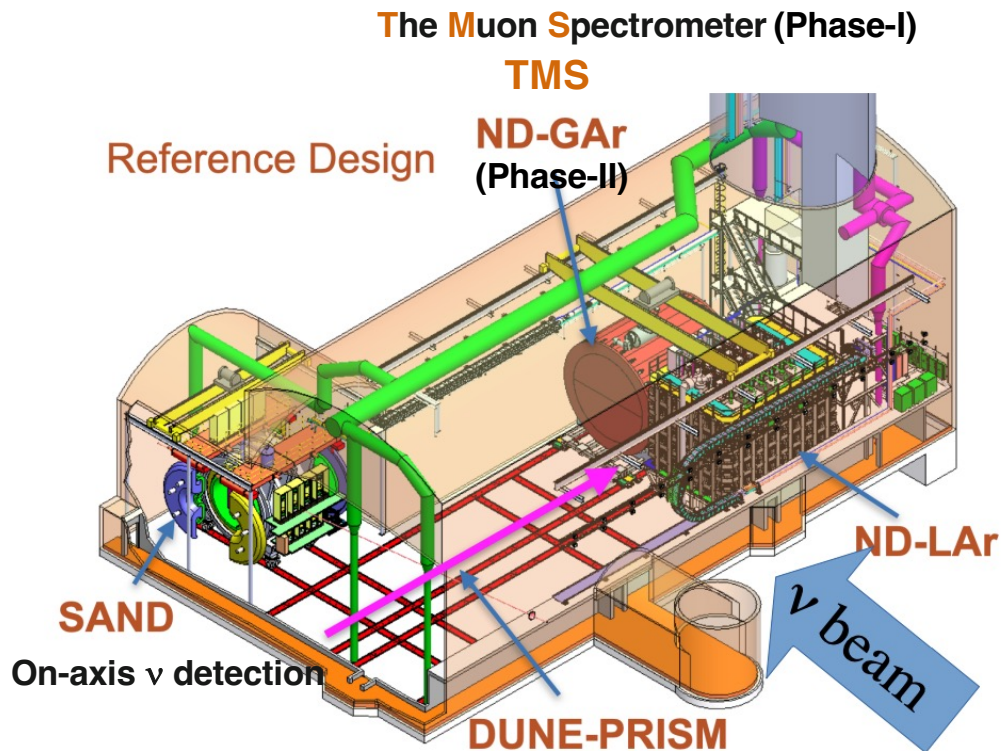


FD – Horizontal Drift (HD)

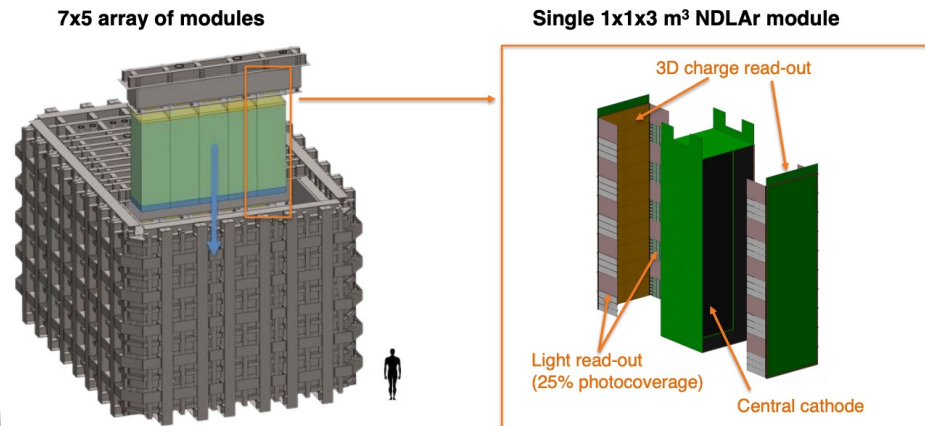




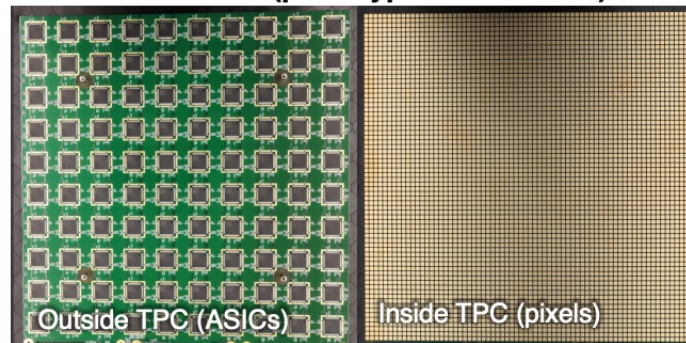
DUNE Near Detector Complex



ND-LAr 35x2 TPCs optically isolated



LArPix anode tile (prototype dimensions)





DUNE Phase I → II

Phase I:

- Beam: 1.2 MW
- FD1: VD (strips)
- FD2: HD (3 wire planes)
- ND: Liquid Argon (pixel)

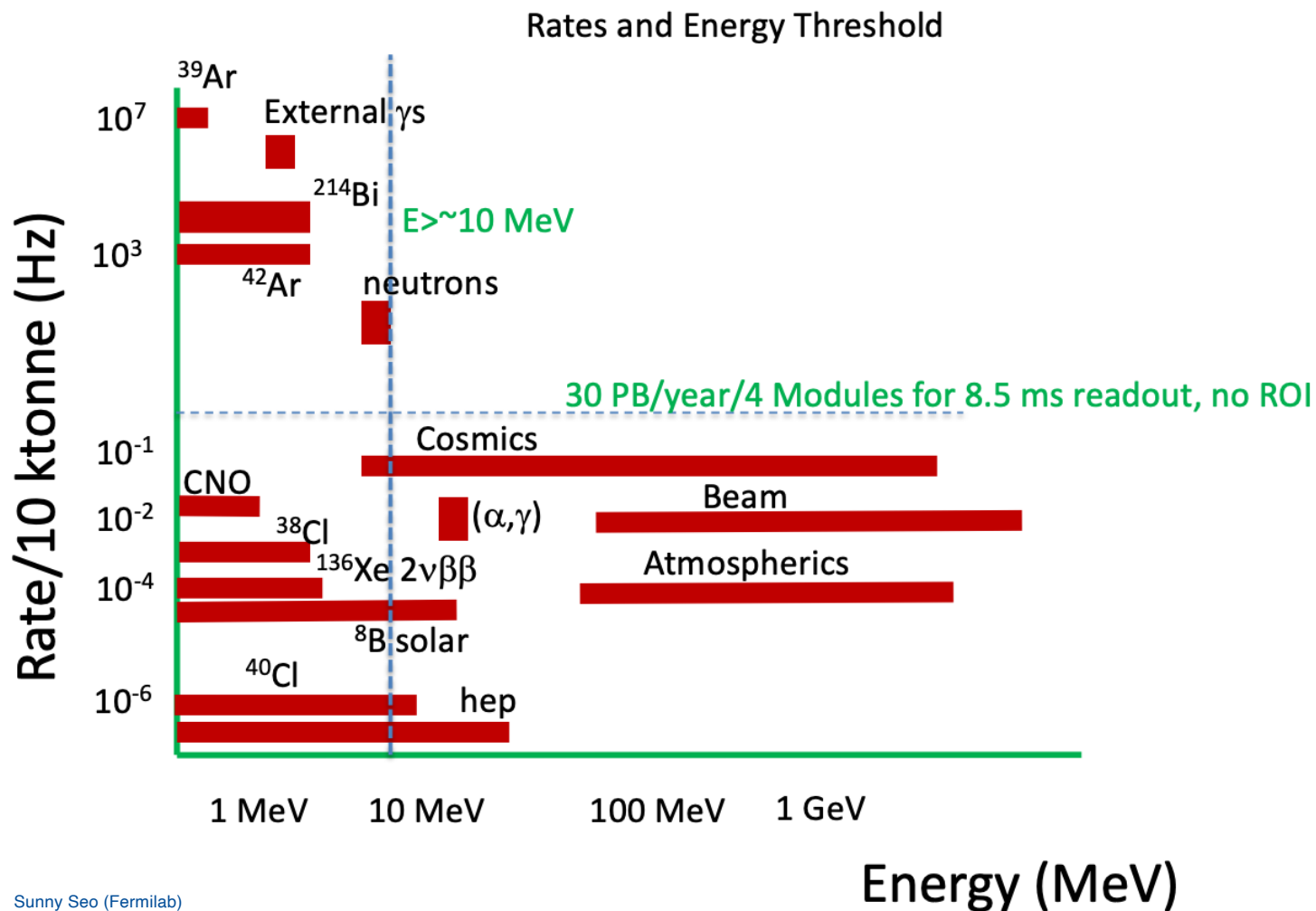
Phase II:

- Beam: 2.1 MW
- FD3: VD (strips or pixel)
- FD4? → module of opportunity (pixel?)
- ND: TMS -> Gas Argon (pixel)

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Baseline Scope

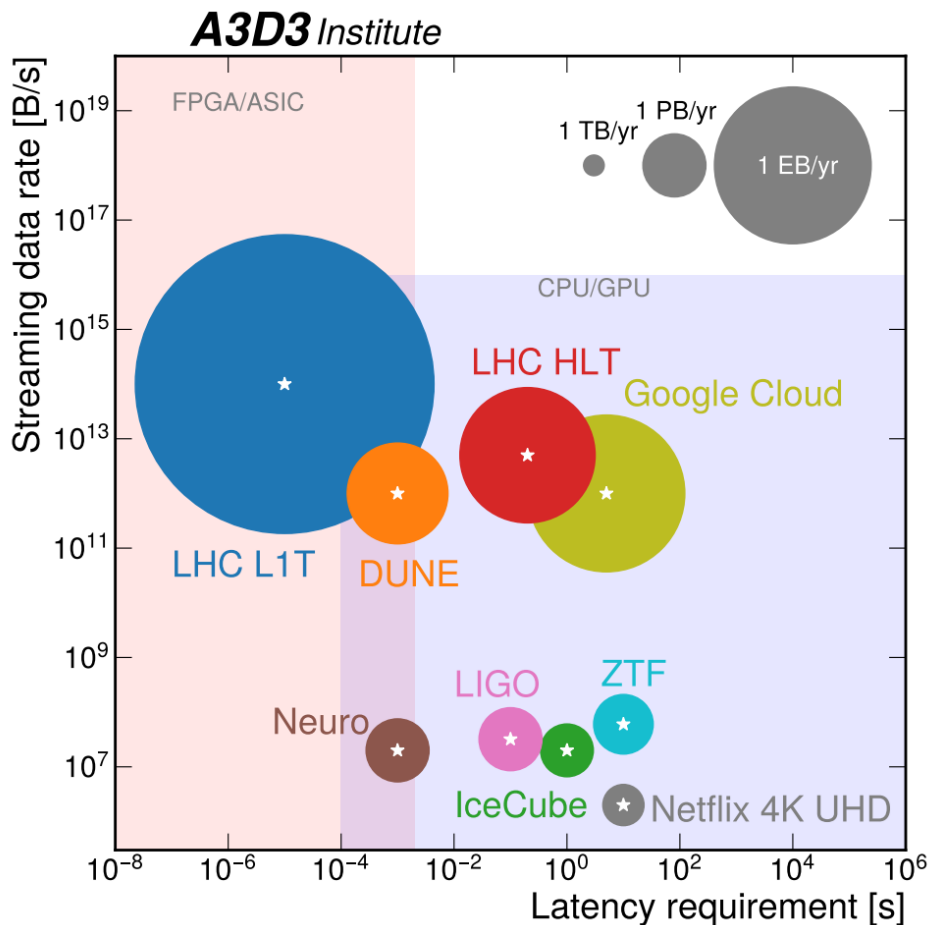


Trigger Design Constraints





Motivation for Data Volume Reduction



→ We expect high raw data volumes for (HL-)LHC and DUNE.

□ DUNE:

arXiv:2203.16255

- ~ TB/sec → **~32 EB/year**
- 100 % livetime (for Supernova)
- > ~ 20 years of operation

□ DUNE's cap for computing:
~ 30 PB/year

→ **3 orders of magnitude reduction is needed.**



Proposed Solution

❑ Apply AI/ML “*in-situ*”

- Q-L matching & pattern recognition “*in-situ*”
- Increase S/B ratio “*in-situ*”

❑ Employ RF network

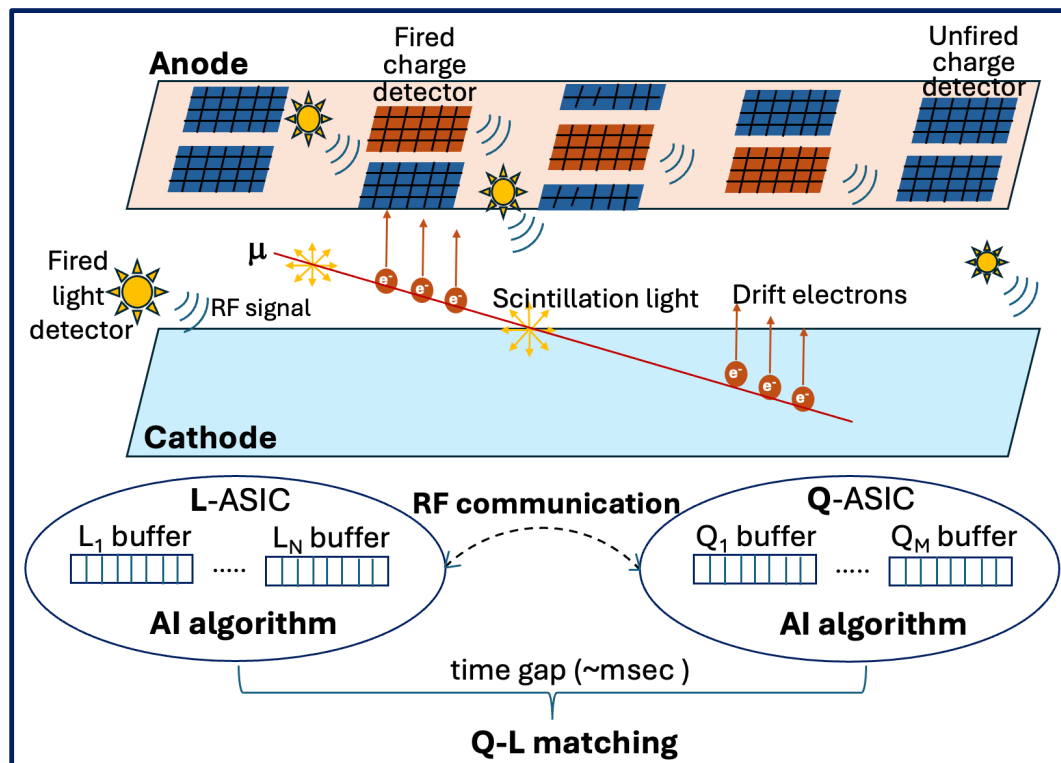
- Essential for subdetector communication for Q-L matching
- Additional benefit:
a cable-free detector

→ Advanced technologies can reduce data volume & budget.



Smart TPC: AI/ML “*in-situ*” in LArTPC

Smart TPC



❑ Q-L matching “*in-situ*”

❑ Pattern recognition “*in-situ*”

- Time
- Space
- Deposited charge & light
- **Could add new physics trigger!**

→ RF network
among all subdetector
components are essential.



Test of RF Device(s) at LAr

❑ RF communication between Q & L detectors is essential for raw data reduction.

- We can start with a commercial RF device(s) to test it at LArTPC.
ex) LoRa
low power, cheap
- Through tests in LAr,
the device could be optimized to work properly in Cryo temperature.

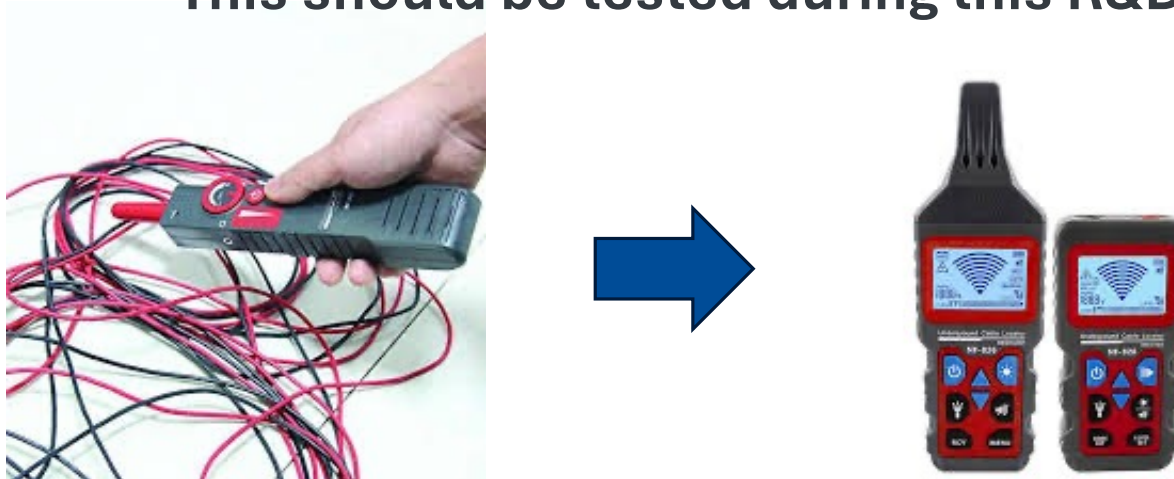


RF Communication

❑ Not only RF communication between sub-detectors, we can consider **sending out raw data over RF network.**

→ This will allow us to build a **cable-free detector.**

This should be tested during this R&D.



Here, imagine DUNE detector w/ & w/o cables.



Alternative Light Pixel Detector

SPAD: Single Photon Avalanche Diode

❑ [Cryo dSiPM](#)

→ Currently under-development
by Fermilab, EPFL, and Global Foundry

- [Pros:](#)
 - Cheaper (~10% of commercial SiPMs)
- [Cons:](#)
 - High dark count rate (→ need to measure it in LAr)
 - Need VUV wavelength shifter



Key Technologies in this R&D

□ AI/ML on Chips (ASIC/FPGA)

→ Reduce raw data volume, special trigger “*in-situ*”

□ RF Network

-- Communication between Q & L detector

→ essential for Q-L matching “*in-situ*”

-- Raw Data transfer

→ cable-free detector

□ Digital CryoSPAD

-- Alternative to commercial SiPMs

-- not required for this R&D (but helps reduce budget)

This has applications to any other experiments.

Fermilab has experts in these areas, but we need more humanpower!



AI/ML Model to Hardware

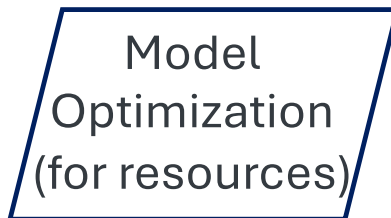
Model Building



+ Simulated data

HW-Aware Test

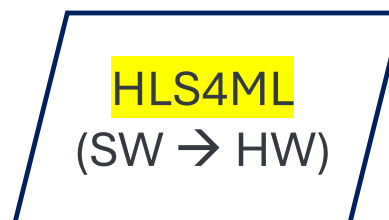
To optimize the model
for given HW constraints
(memory, speed, power,..)



+ Quantization
+ Pruning

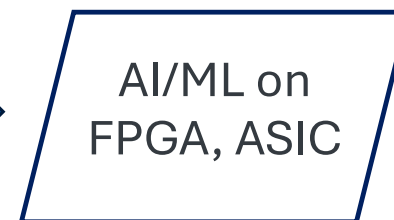
Model Translation

Co-design model
(physicist, AI expert,
HW engineer)



+ Optimization
+ Profiling
+ Tuning

HW Implementation



HLS = high level synthesis



Rough Timeline of “Smart TPC” R&D

Step-I: Feasibility Study

Build
AI/ML model
using
simulated data

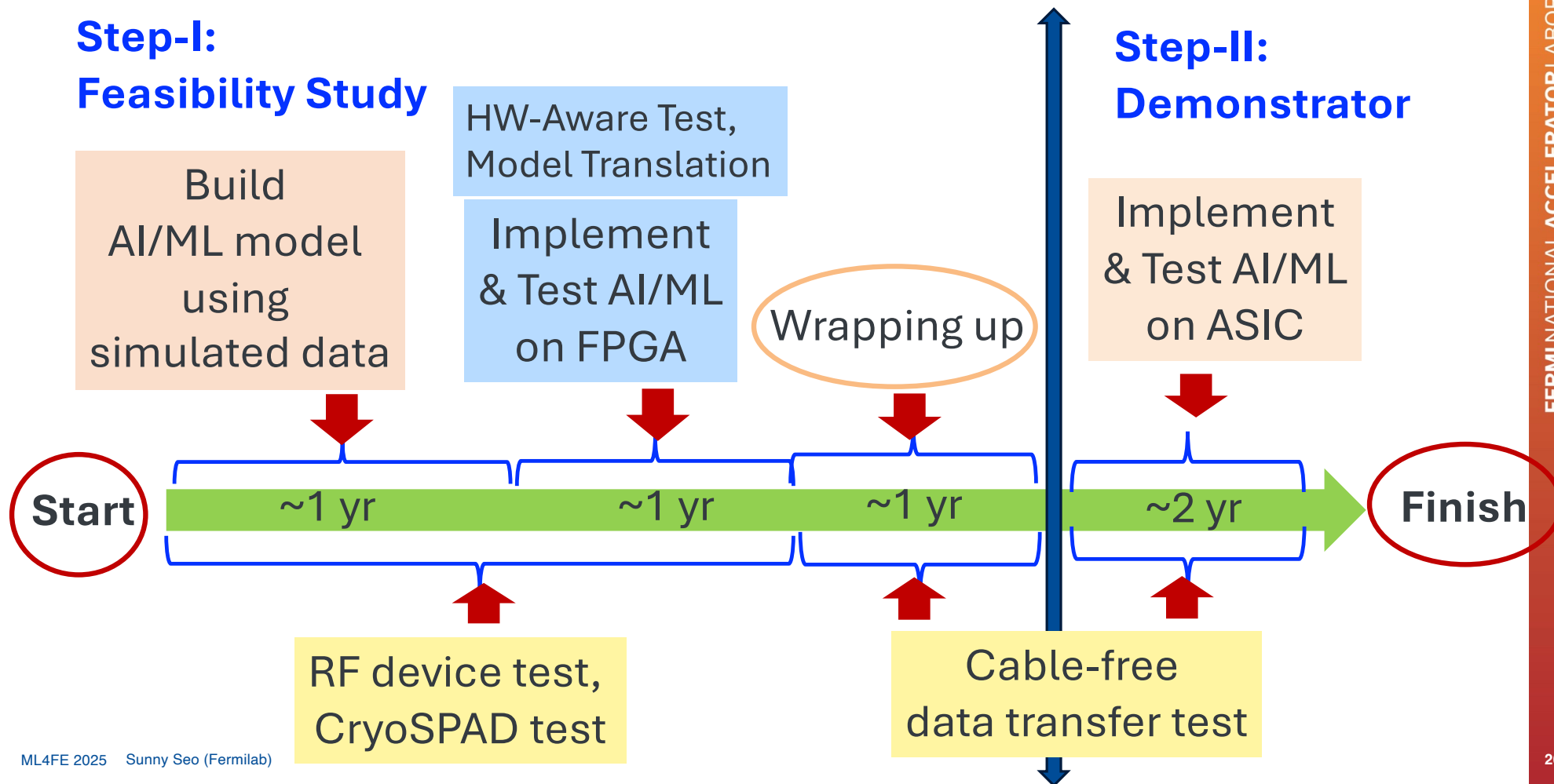
HW-Aware Test,
Model Translation

Implement
& Test AI/ML
on FPGA

Wrapping up

Step-II: Demonstrator

Implement
& Test AI/ML
on ASIC





Summary & Conclusion

- ❑ Smart TPC is to apply AI/ML in real-time to reduce data volume by implementing AI/ML model to ASICs in TPC detector.
- ❑ DUNE, as an imaging detector, is the best place to apply AI/ML, and by employing Smart TPC, DUNE could reduce data volume.
- ❑ Even though DUNE Phase-I is not a pixel detector, Smart TPC still can be applied (by FPGA implementation).
- ❑ Smart TPC actually can be applied to any TPC experiment.

→ If you are interested in this Smart TPC, let's work together.
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