

# Overview

FNAL Review  
R&D plans for a 100 k-Ton LAr Detector.

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- Comments on Agenda and charge for review
- Endgame: Design ideas and R&D issues for 100kton scale detector
- Path to massive detectors

# Review Charge & Agenda:

**Review Charge:** Liquid Argon TPCs show promise as scalable devices for the large detectors needed for long baseline neutrino oscillation physics. Over the last several years a staged approach to developing the technology for large detectors has been developed. A specific plan with the ~200 ton  $\mu$ -BooNE detector and the ~5000 ton LAr5 detector as key elements emerged with the presentations of these detectors to the Fermilab Physics Advisory Committee.

Please evaluate this specific approach as a path to a ~100kton LArTPC detector mass. In particular, are the proposed R&D programs, in the context of other initiatives worldwide, effective steps towards large detectors?

## Agenda:

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|---------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| • Overview:                     | D. Lissauer  | (30+10) |
| • LAr 5:                        | G. Rameika   | (25+10) |
| • $\mu$ -BooNE:                 | F. Lanni     | (35+10) |
| • Test stands and Purification: | S. Pordes    | (30+10) |
| • ArgoNeuT:                     | M. Soderberg | (15+5)  |
| • Summary:                      | B. Fleming   | (20+10) |

# R&D plans for 100 K-ton LAr Detector

1. Physics Motivation & needed performance
2. Design considerations for 100 K-ton detector.
3. Detector Technology - TPC
4. Readout Architecture
5. Time-zero ( $t^0$ ) measurement by scintillation light detection
6. HV distribution
7. 100 K-ton detector – Layout considerations
8. Cavern & Experimental Layout
9. Cryostat
10. Cryogenics – LN<sub>2</sub> supply
11. LAr Supply
12. LAr Purification system
13. Assembly & installation
14. Software & Performance
15. Evolution of the R&D program
16. Summary R&D Program

# Physics Motivation & needed Performance

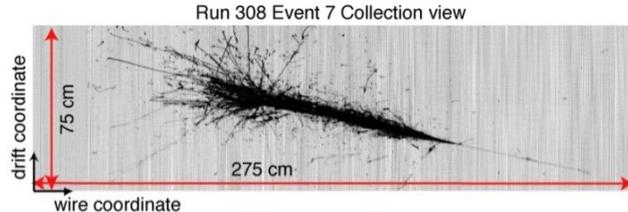
Neutrino Oscillations (FNAL-Homestake 1300km)

Need Large Detector (300-500k-ton H<sub>2</sub>O, or/& 100 k-ton LAr)

Leptonic CP Violation,  $\theta_{13}$ , Mass Hierarchy,...Precision

Proton Decay,

Supernova  $\nu$ , Atmospheric  $\nu$ ,...

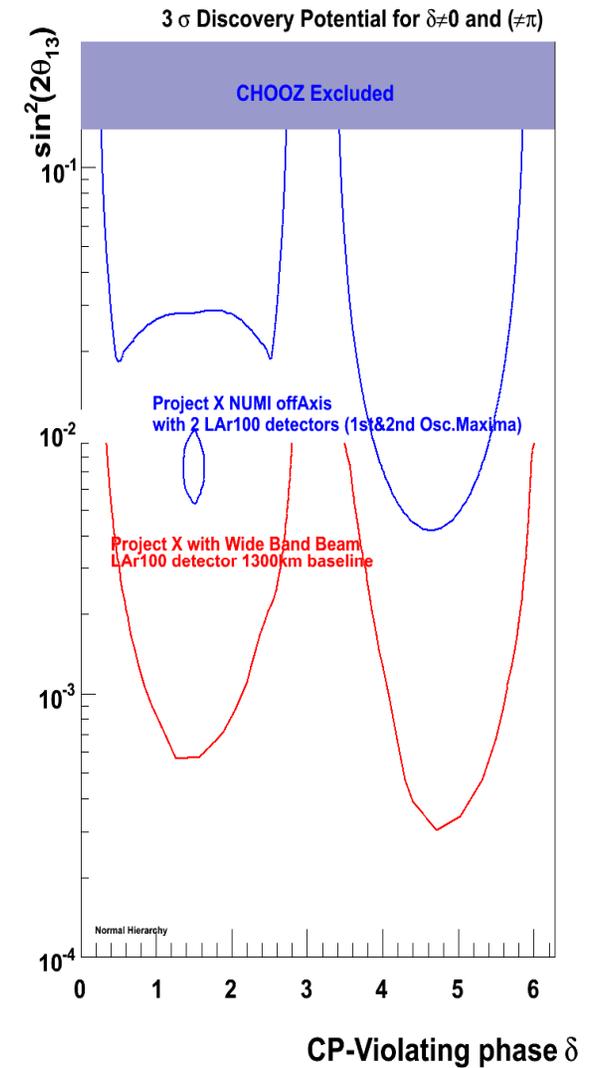
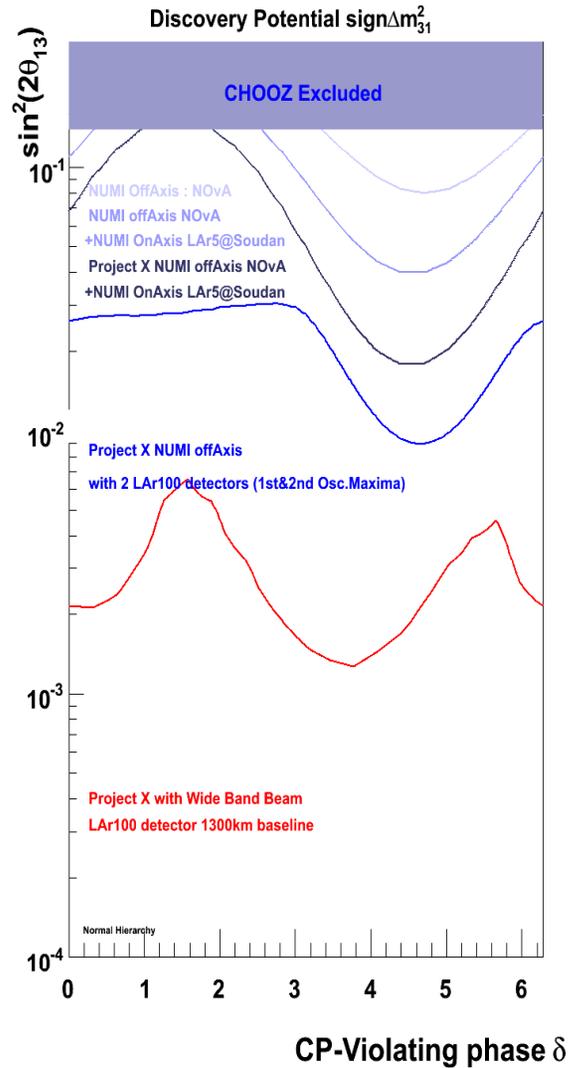
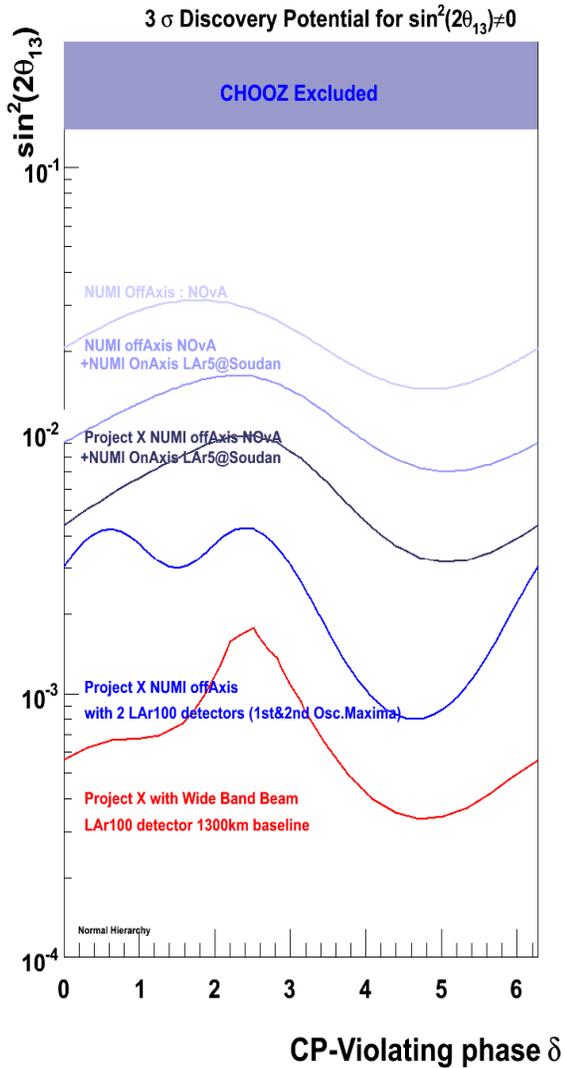


LAr TPC's Unique Detectors  
appear scalable to large volumes

$\nu$  oscillation physics: LAr 3-4 times more sensitive than WC.

$\nu_e$  appearance is difficult. Need powerful detectors.....  
Differentiate  $\gamma$  /e's using topology and dE/dx  
Proton decay searches: sensitive to  $p \rightarrow K^+\nu$   
Supernova

# Discovery Potential for LAr detectors LBL



# Design Consideration for 100 k-ton LAr Detector

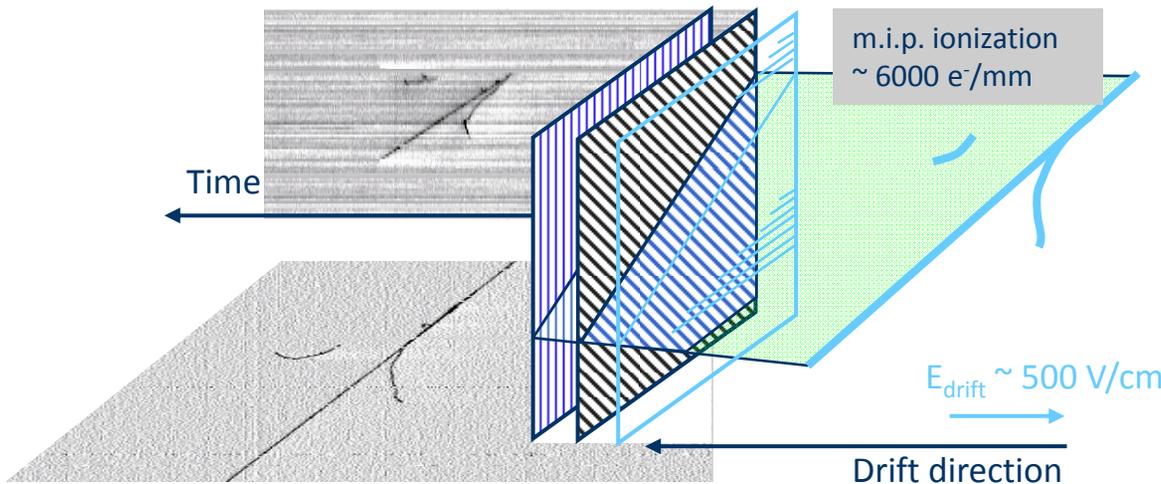
1. LAr TPC's aimed at studying  $\nu$  interactions have been developed over the last ~20 years. (ICARUS > 20 years , 1<sup>st</sup> paper: Gatti, Radeka IEEE Tran. In Nuclear Science NS-26, 2, April 1979)
2. ICARUS optimization is for a number 600T detectors with warm electronics and evaluable vessel.
3. One of the key considerations for the design is the type of readout electronics to be used.
  - i. warm electronics – limits size of detector:
    - a) Active wire + connection length  $\rightarrow$  Large Capacitance  $\rightarrow$  S/N
    - b) Large number of Cables and Feedthroughs  $\rightarrow$  more complex integration and Cryogenics, Purification loads.

# Design Consideration for 100 k-ton LAr Detector

- ii. Cold Electronics – allows for more flexibility in the design:
  - a) S/N improvement for a given active wire length.
  - b) Multiplexing → Reduction in the cable
    - a) Reduction of Cables → Purification
    - b) Fewer feedthroughs → Heat Loss, Purification
- iii. Purification system needs to cope with non –evaluable vessels.
- 4. The advances in electronics allows better optimization of large detectors. Critical issues needs additional R&D and engineering studies that have to be addressed before a design is complete.
- 5. Key consideration that is the ability to construct and operate large LAr detector underground.

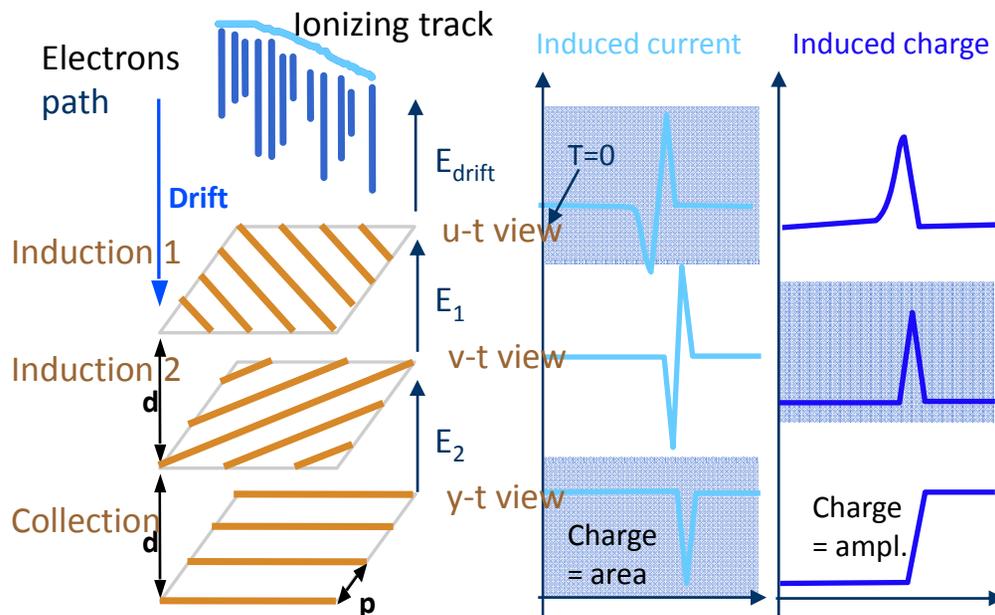
This presentation will highlight some of the issues one faces in the design of 100 k-ton detector.

# Detector Technology - LAr TPC



The TPC field cage and wire plane need to ensure:

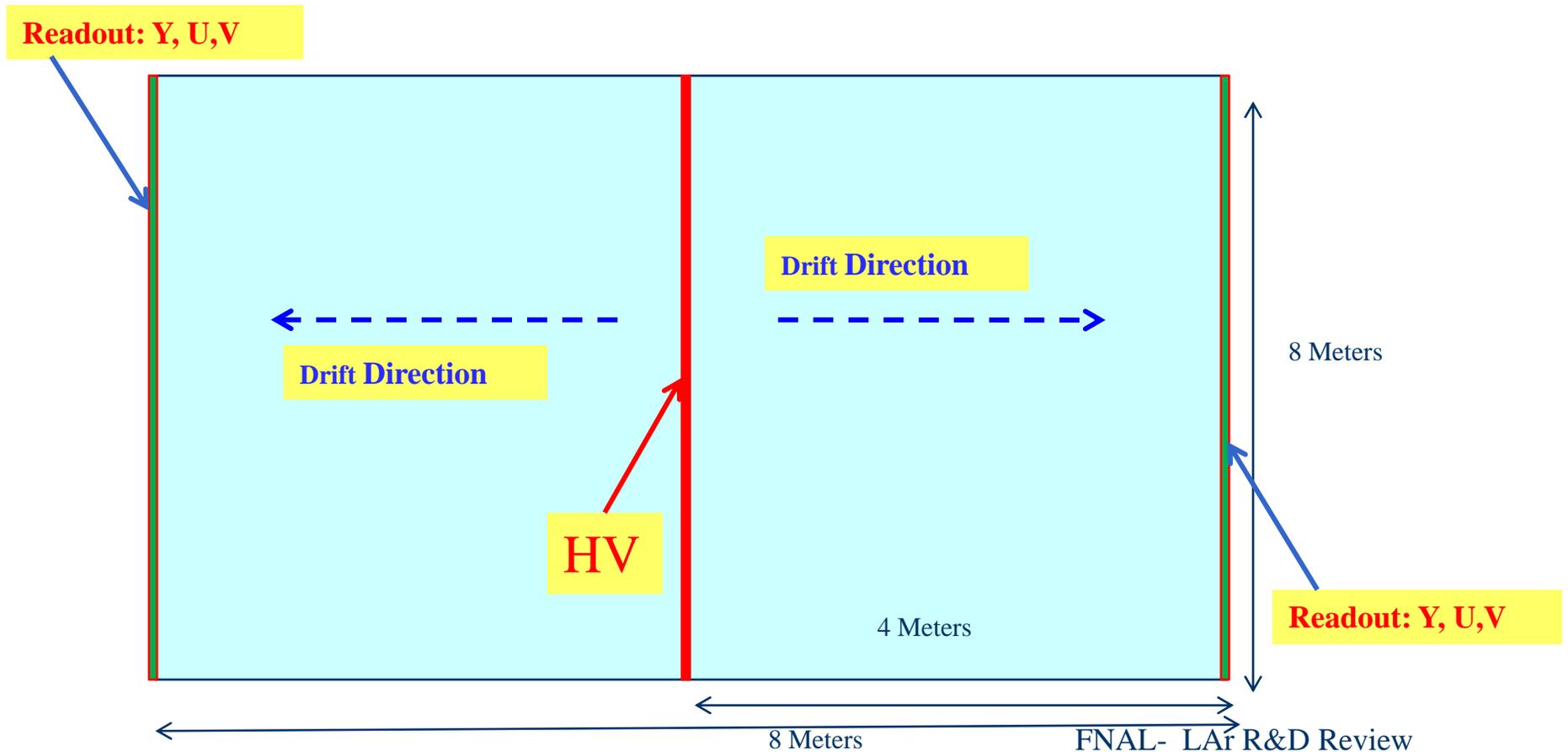
- i. uniform drift field.
- ii. U,V readout by induction.
- iii.  $\gamma$  collecting plan



3D Reconstruction  
 DE/DX Information  
 Calorimetric Energy (e,  
 hadronic shower)  
 e/ $\gamma$  discrimination

# TPC - Module

An possible “evolution” of  $\mu$ -BooNE Geometry.  
Basic building block.

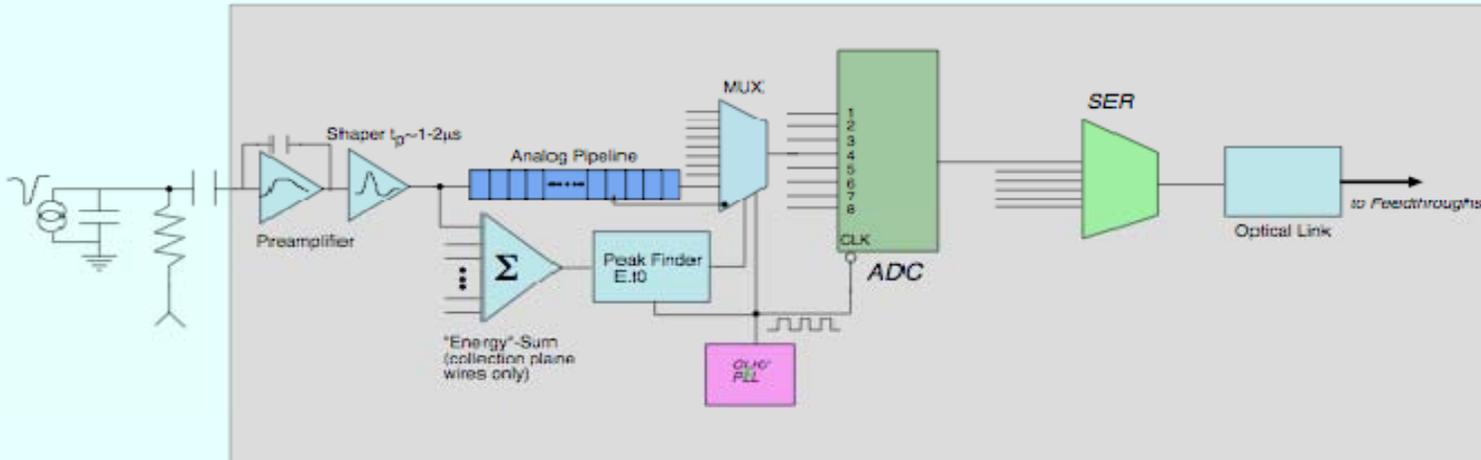


# TPC - Issues

1. HV position – Center or sides? (drift direction)
2. Wire Length (8-10 Y, 16-20 U,V)
  1. S/N
  2. Mechanical Issues
3. Wire Spacing (3-5 mm)
4. Drift length (3-5 m)
  1. Purifications
  2. Signal uniformity
5. “transparent” to light  $t^0$  considerations (PM)
6. Alternative Electrode configuration
  1. Cryostat layout
  2. Space optimization
7. Mechanical Construction

Expect significant information from  $\mu$ -booNE (F. Lanni)

# Readout - Architecture



Multiplexed Cold electronics.

Pipeline:

Analog (SCA)  
Digital (Post ADC)

Power  
Reliability  
Operation in the cold

Shaping time (1-2  $\mu$ -sec)  
Sampling frequency (200-400 n-sec)  
Dynamic Range (~ 10 -12 bits)  
Data Volume and transmission (0 suppression)

- **Steps:**
  - **Analog Front-End (PA+Shaper, Peak Finder)**
  - **Analog Pipeline/ MUX**
  - **Digitization and transmission**

# Readout R&D Plan

1.  $\mu$ -BooNE: 1<sup>st</sup> stage, cold PA , information and data to finalize design issues.
2. Technology selection: Test structures, cold performance (On going) P-MOS technology seems to be most promising.
3. Fully integrated Analog Front end – in P-MOS.  
Need to define: Wire length, Optimal Shaping time,
4. Multiplexing: Finalize Architecture (SCA? , ADC?), Specify: Data transfer, sampling frequency, zero suppression.
5. Optical Links
6. Full System

# $t^0$ Determination

For beam induced  $\nu$  interactions beam spill timing can be used for  $t^0$ .

For Proton Life time and for SN  $\nu$   $t^0$  needs to be determined using a different system.

A possible solution is to use PM that are placed at the edge of the detector.

Issues:

- “Transparent” detector – light acceptance.

- PM operation in LAr

- Readout – Multiplex in the cold?

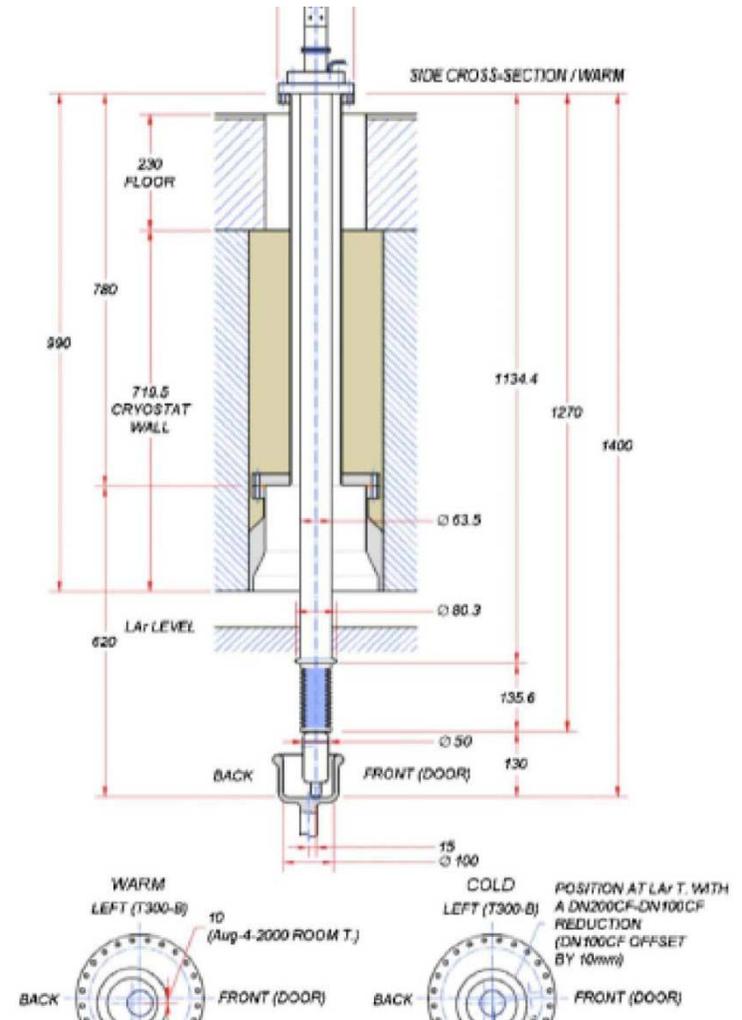
- HV supply – Min number of cables.

# HV - Distribution

For a 5 meter drift and assuming 500 V/mm need to supply up to 250 K-volts.

Issues :

- i) External Generation of the HV –FT cable of handling 250 K-Volts.
- i) Internal Generation of HV – step up from few hundred Volts.
- ii) High quality resistors to establish the needed HV gradient on the Cage.



ICARUS design of a “Warm” HV FT

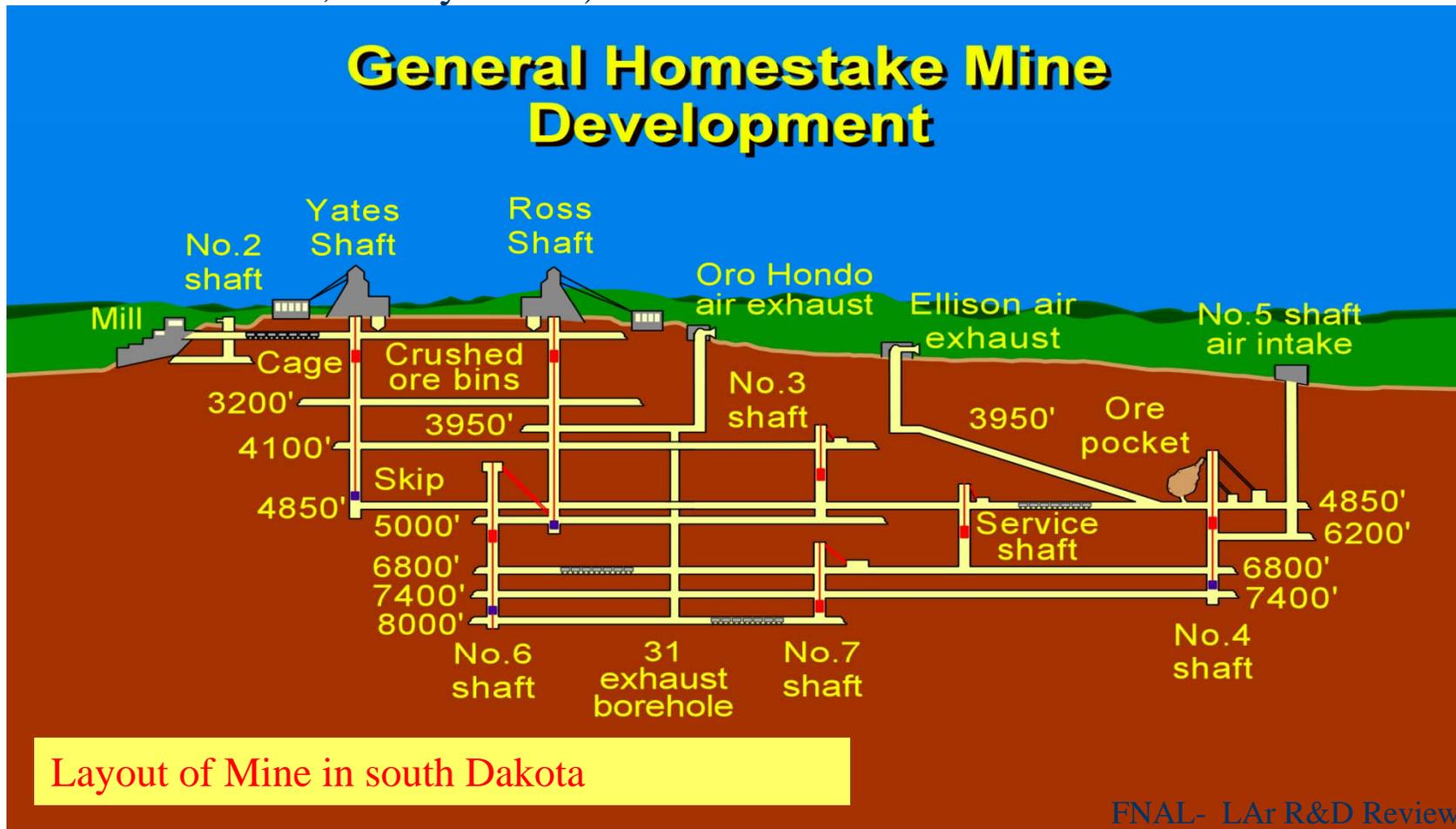
# 100 k-t Detector Layout Considerations

Some of the considerations and studies that are needed are:

Location: Depth? : 300 , 4850 or in between?

Proton Life time & SN v can they be done at 300 feet. (Background )

Cost differential for different depth. (Excavation cost, assembly cost differential , Safety issues)



# Possible Location at 4850

Existing Shafts and Access tunnels at the 4850 Level.

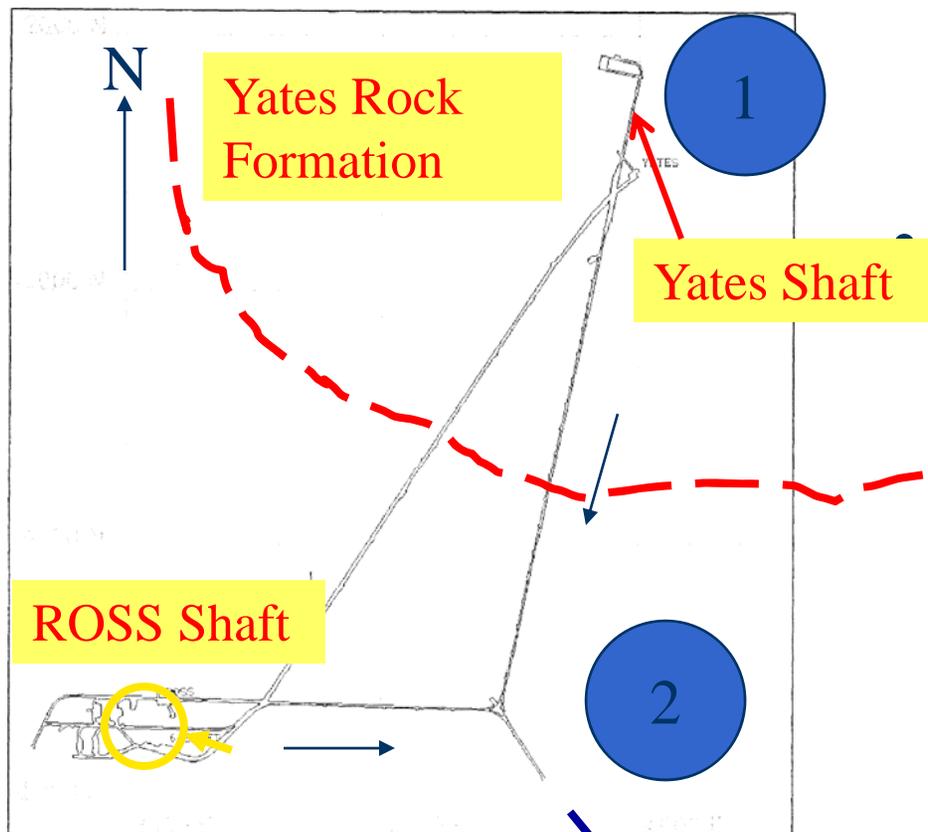


Fig.5 4850 level - area of interest (DUSEL mid level)

Note: Local coordinate system in feet with false origin.

- Discussions started.

Two different Rock formations.

Yates formation is considered to be better.

## Location:

Two locations are being considered at present.

- Close to the Yates shaft
- Primary shaft for access, material, personnel, etc.
- “exhaust shaft” - ventilation

To Exhaust Shaft

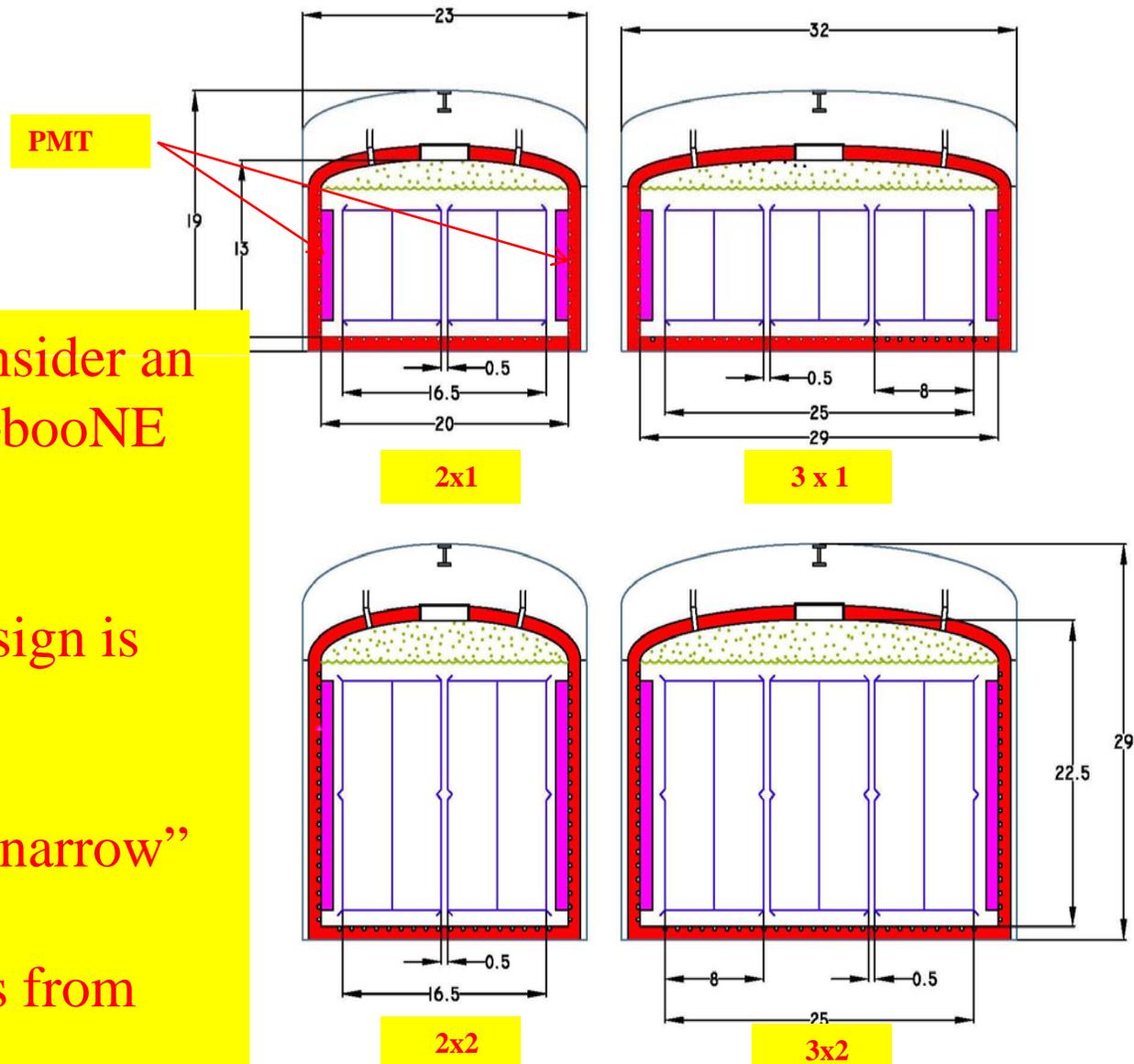
Fermilab (287.7 degrees)

# Cavern & Experiment Layout

As an example: Consider an evolution of the  $\mu$ -booNE concept.

Cavern/Cryostat design is Coupled.

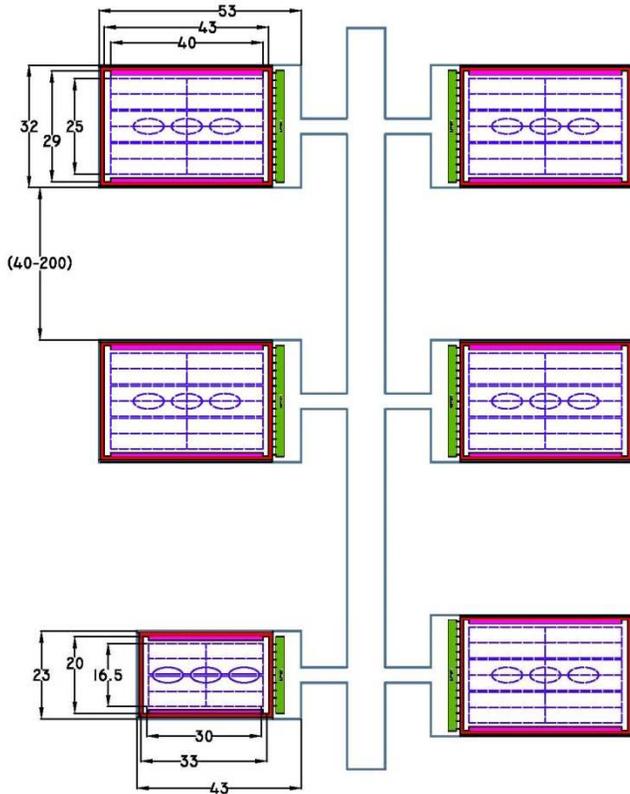
Cavern: Long and “narrow”  
Cryostat: “Square”  
Detector: deviations from square  $\rightarrow$  Long



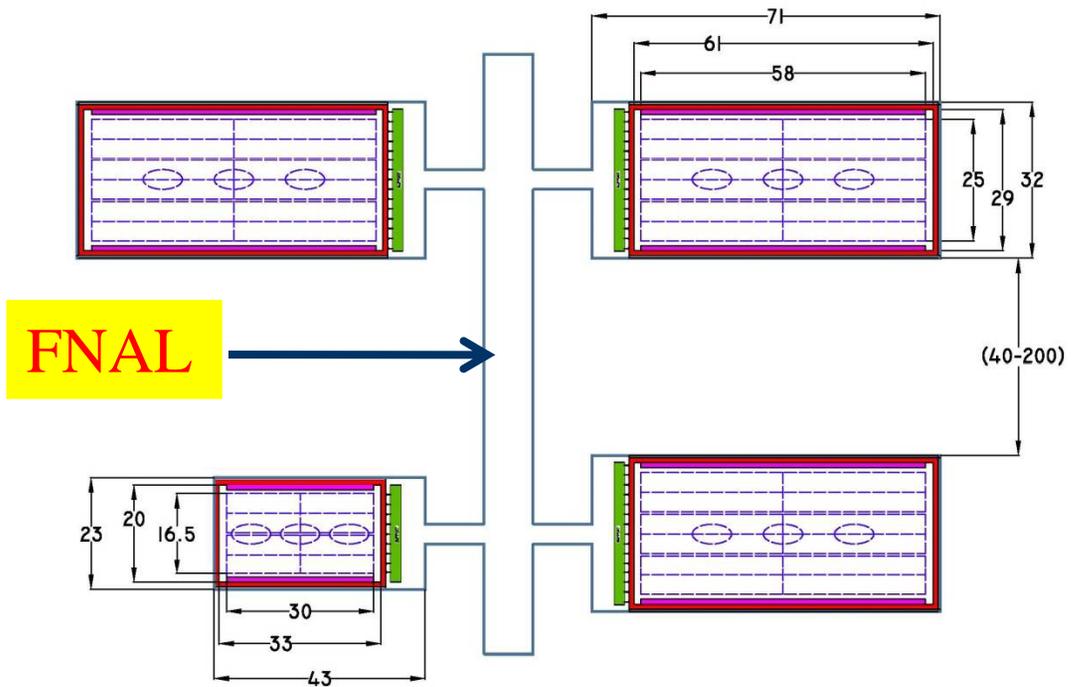
# Cavern & Experiment Layout

Staged Installation: Minimum distance between caverns 40-200 m  
40 m Wall integrity, 200 m being able to excavate and run in parallel

Top View : 20 k-ton for 3x2 configuration



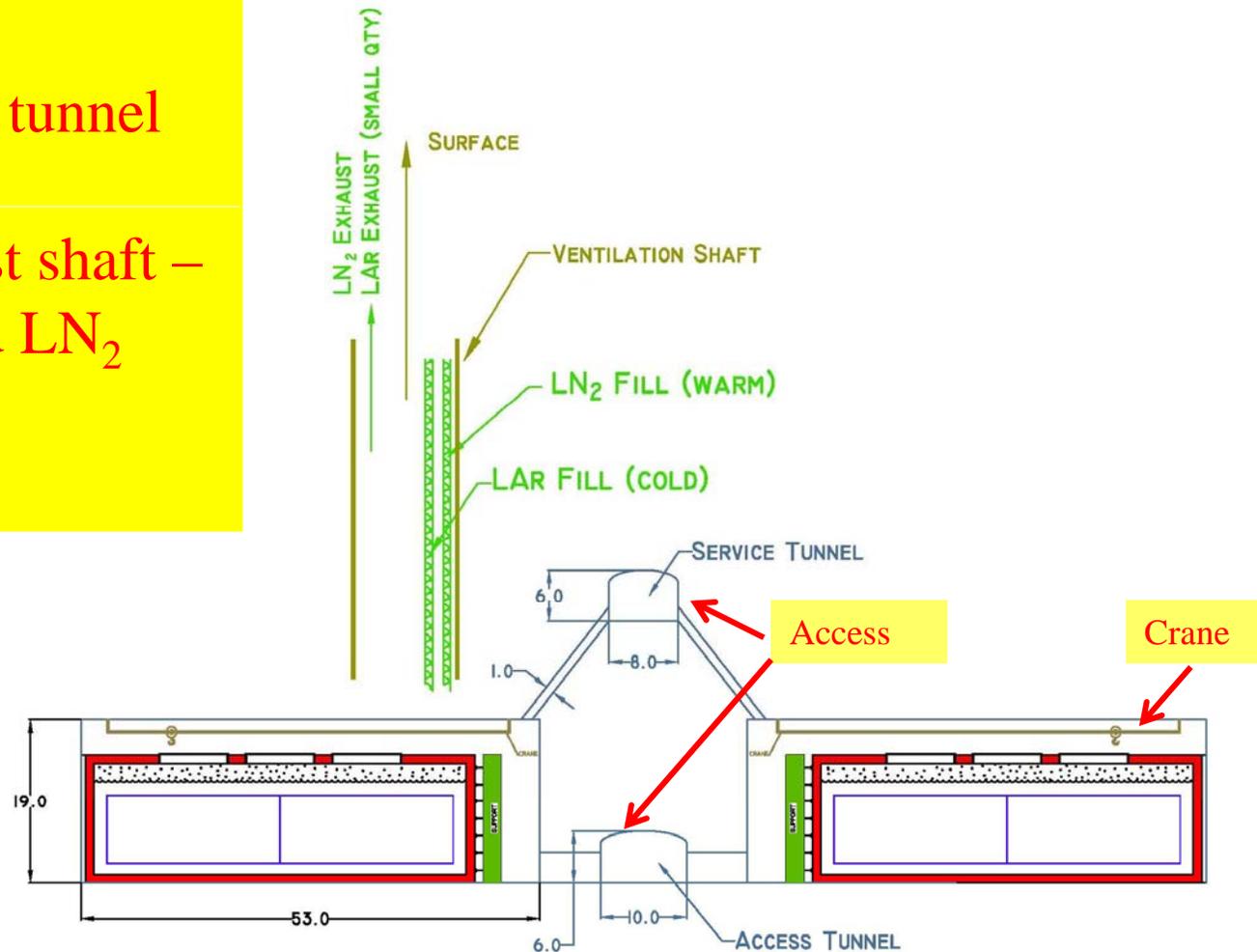
Top View : 30 k-ton for 3x2 configuration



# Cavern & Experiment Layout

Transverse View:  
Service Cavern  
Access and excavation tunnel

Location of the Exhaust shaft –  
Utilization for LAr and LN<sub>2</sub>  
lines .



# Cryostat Issues

## 1. Size / Cost consideration

- i. Vessel is “non evcuable”
- ii. Foam insulation (Glass Foam?, Perlite?)

## 2. Minimize the Cavern Size (Cost)

- i. Possible use of the Cavern walls as “support”
- ii. Cryostat shape (Rectangle? , Ellipsoid? , others)

## 3. Vessel material

- i. SS Vessel + Foam insulation
- ii. “Perlite + cement” wall insulation with thin liner (Metal?)

## 4. Access during assembly

## 5. Feedthroughs

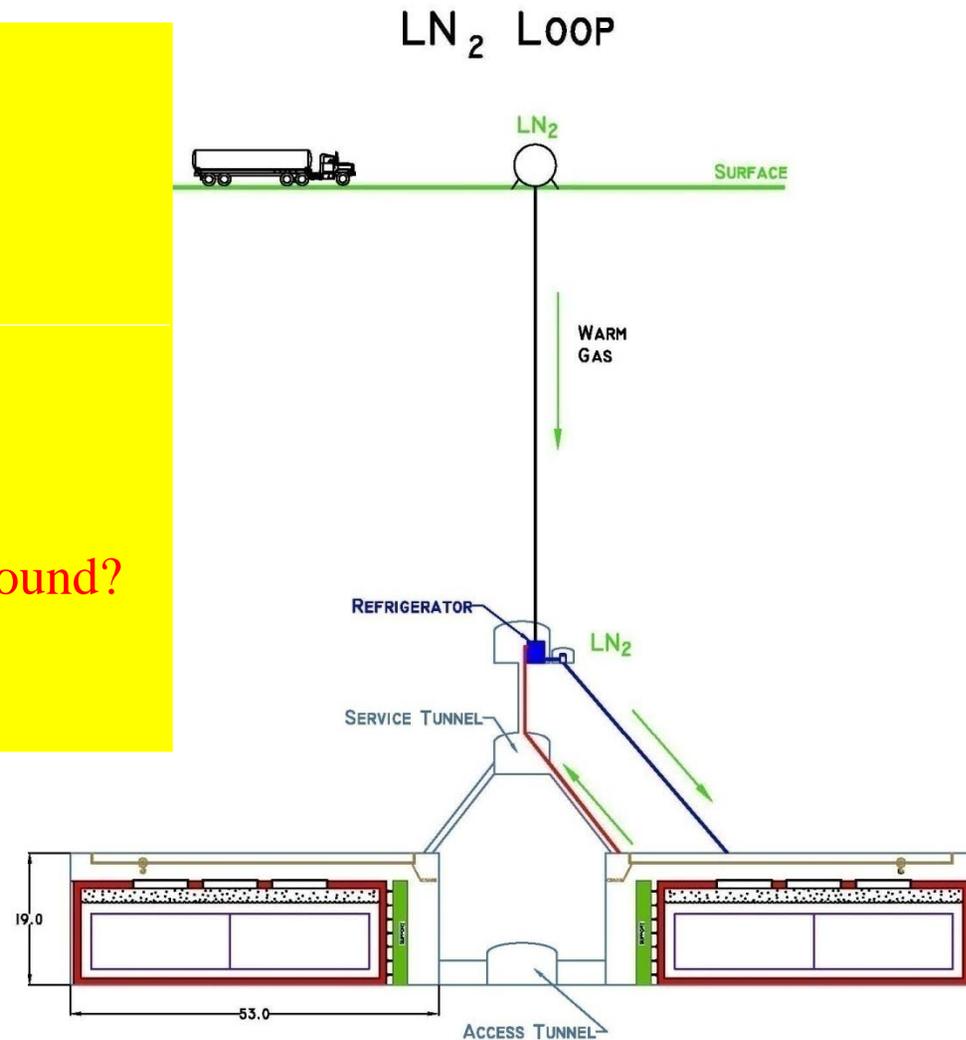
- i. Hermetic FT (better isolation)
- ii. HV

# Cryogenics – LN<sub>2</sub> System

Heat Load: (Conservative?)  
5 k-watt/m<sup>2</sup> surface area  
Power / Channel: 40 m-watt  
~50 K-Watt / large det.

Issues:

- i. Refrigerators :
  - i. size -Redundancy
  - ii. location -surface/underground?
- ii. Supply Pipe – Cold? Warm?
- iii. Buffer tanks? Size, Location.

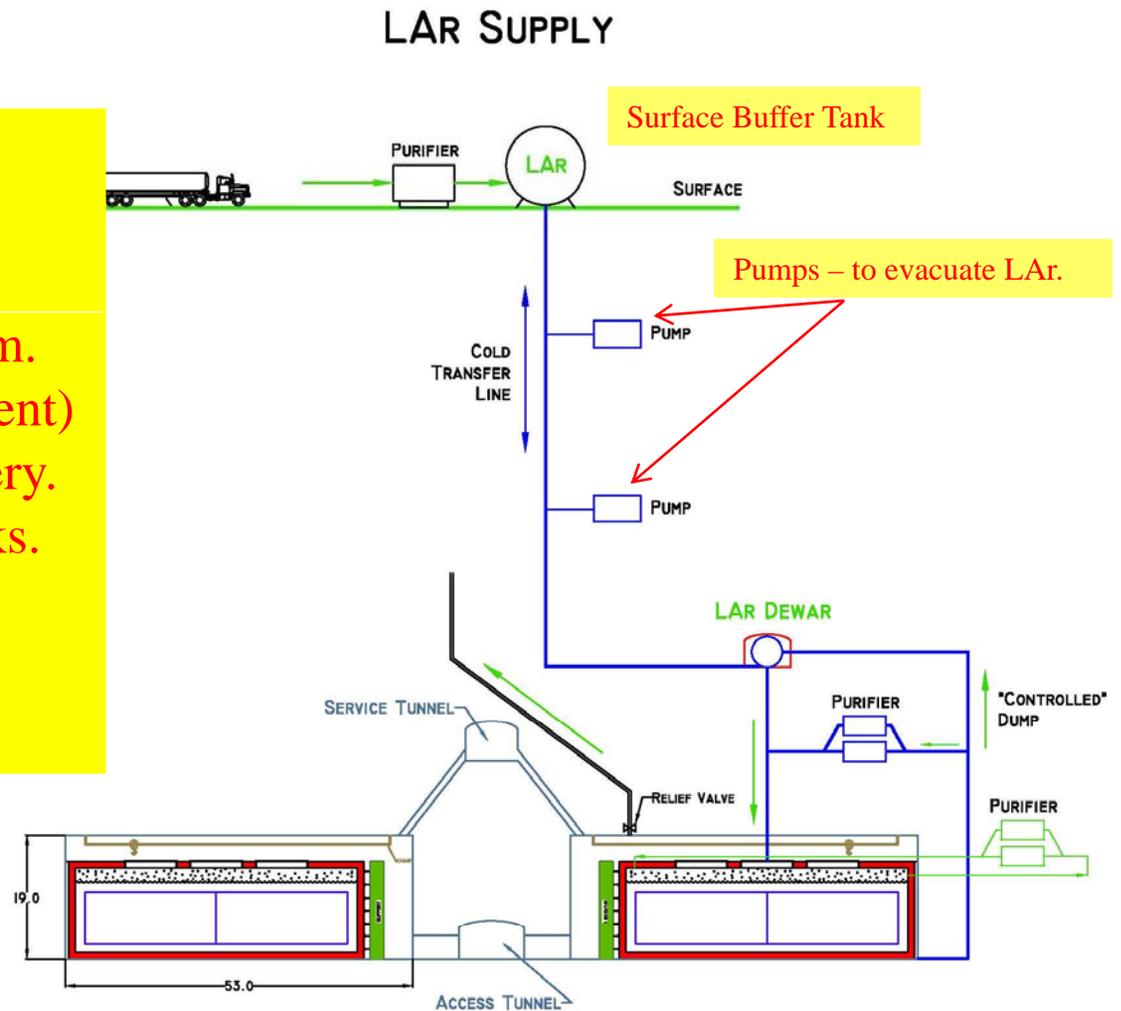


# LAr Supply system

Procedure to supply the LAr.

Issues:

- i. Cleanliness of the supply system.
- ii. Ability to evacuate LAr (Accident)
- iii. Acceptance tests for LAr delivery.
- iv. Size and location of Buffer tanks.
- v. # of buffer tanks underground.
- vi. Location and size the purifiers.
- vii. Cold pipe from the surface.



# LAr Purification system

Purification → drift-distance , uniformity

Voltage: 0.5kV/cm      3-5 m → 150-250 kV

$V_{\text{drift}}$ :      1.55 mm/ $\mu$ -sec

$t_{\text{drift}} =$       2 - 3.3 m-sec      for 3-5 m

Number of collisions/sec  $\sim 10^{12}$

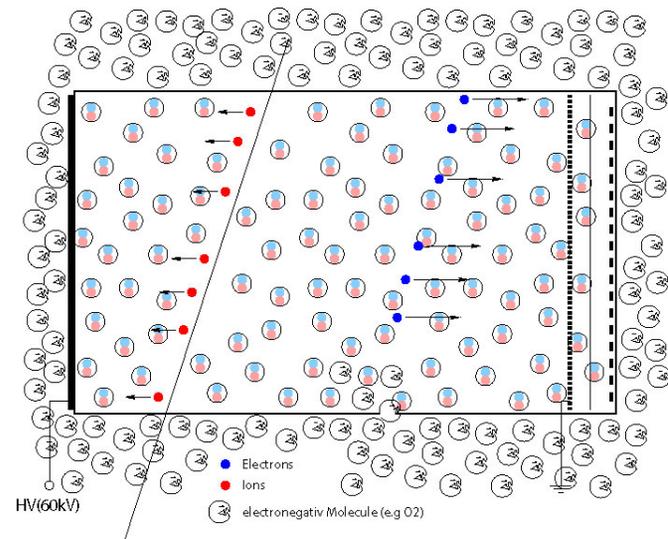
$2 \times 10^9$  collisions along the path

'none' of them must 'eat' an electron

Concentration of electronegative ( $O_2$ ) impurities  $< 10^{-10}$

**Total absorption calorimeter: 2mm drift so we need to be  $\sim 10^3 - 10^4$  better purity.**

$\mu$ -BooNE will (inevitably) make significant contributions to purification issues.



# LAr Purification Liquid/Gas

- Re-circulate liquid/gaseous argon through Purification system

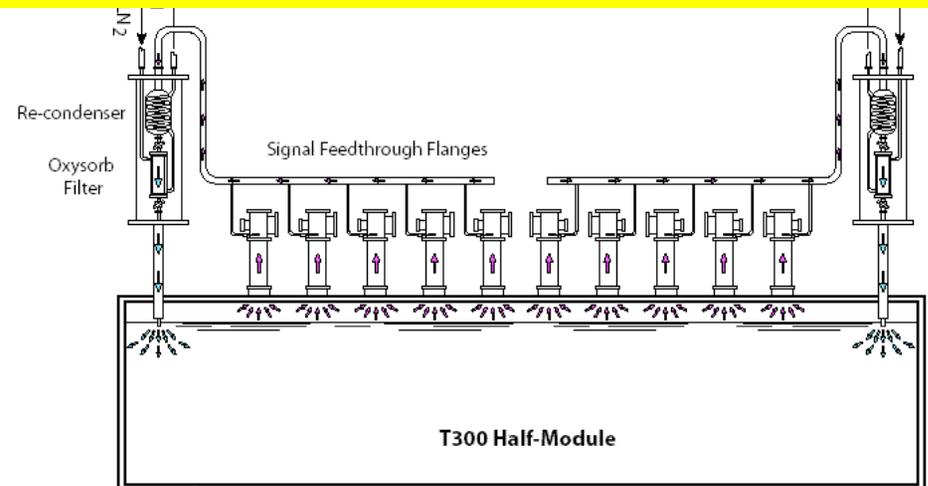
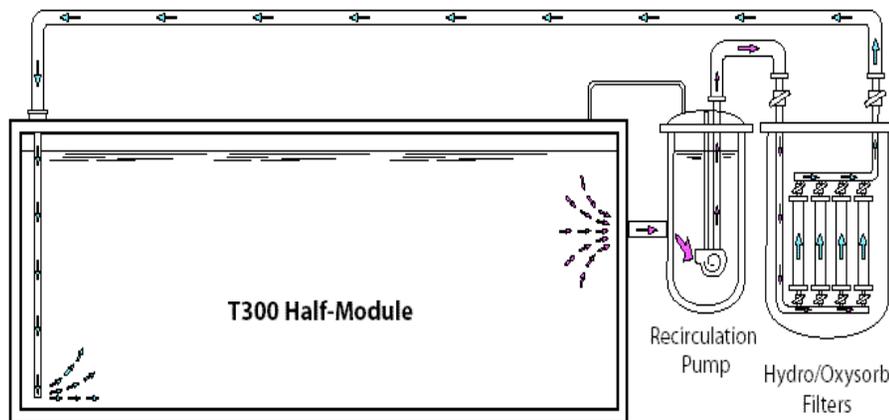
- ICARUS T600 module:

- 25 Gar m<sup>3</sup>/hour/unit
- 2.5 Lar m<sup>3</sup>/hour

**GAS – less pure than the Liquid.**

**FT effect? Hermetic FT (ATLAS style)**

**More effective in removing impurities from surfaces.**



R&D Issues: (removal of) surface contaminants

Material certifications (Cables, MB )

filter materials

Purification Speed gas, Liquid

Cleanliness during assembly

S. Pordes : More details on LAr Purification & FNAL Test program.

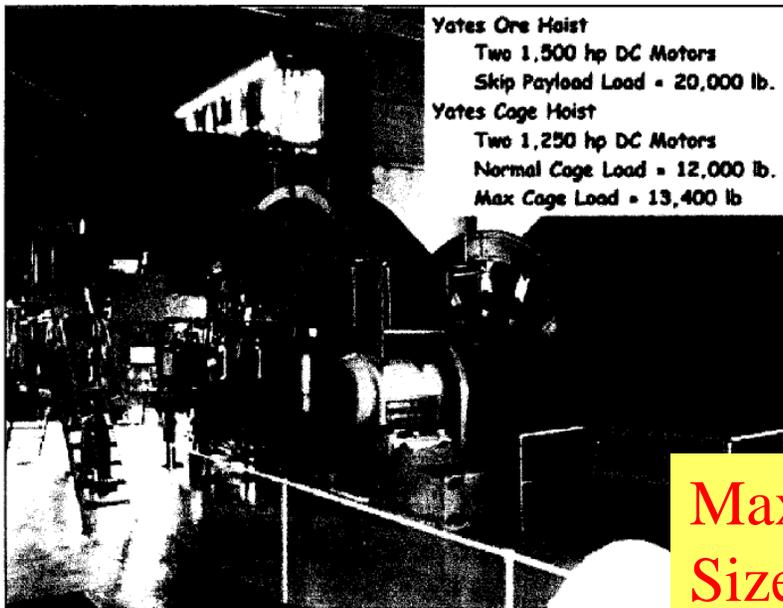
# Assembly and Installation

Assembly underground poses serious challenges:

1. **Access Limitation shaft and tunnels:**
  - i. elevator capacity (~ 6 tons)
  - ii. Limited Volume (1.4x3.7x2.2 m)
  - iii. Sever limitation on design and assembly
2. **Space limitation**
  - i. Excavation cost will limit cavern size.
3. **Limited Infrastructure**
  - i. Proximity of shops etc.
4. **Safety consideration**
  - i. ODH – LAr has very specific safety issues.
  - ii. Work underground – we need to understand better the limitation.
  - iii. Access and Egress considerations.

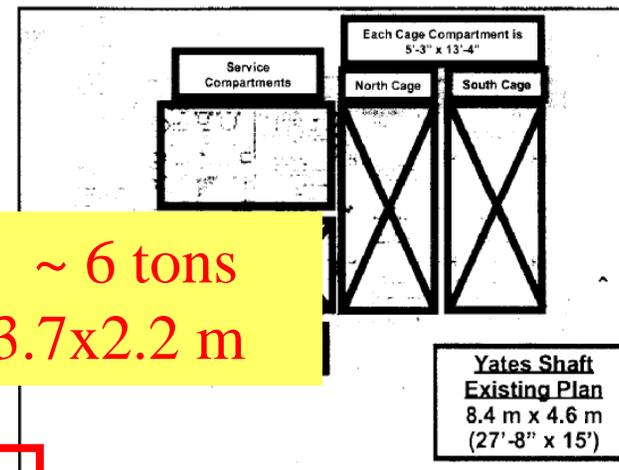
Need for a strong engineering team to fold these constrains in to the detector design from the start as well as the cavern.

# DUSEL Shaft Capacity



## Yates Shaft Upgrade Plan

Improved access to the 4850 Level for personnel, equipment, and utilities



**Max Weight: ~ 6 tons**  
**Size: 1.4x3.7x2.2 m**

## Existing Cage Dimensions and Capacities

### Yates Cage Hoist

Maximum cage dimensions: 1.4 x 3.7 x 2.2m high (side-by-side)  
 (4' 8" x 12' 1.5" x 7' 2" high)

Maximum cage payload: 5,450 kg (12,000 lb), nominal  
 5,900 kg (13,000 lb), allowable at 1/2-speed

### Ross Cage Hoist

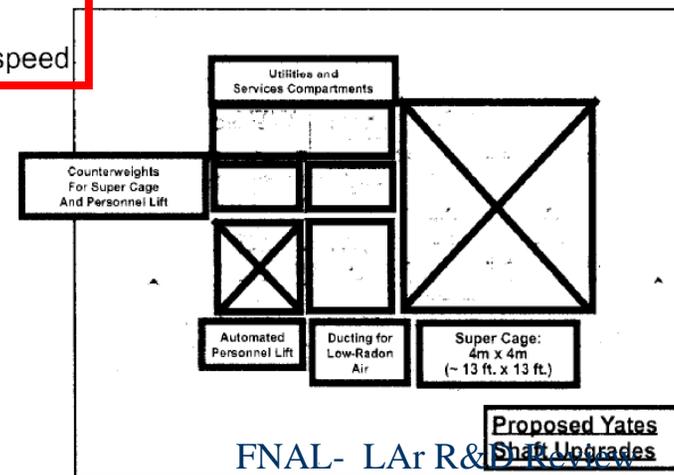
Maximum cage dimensions: 1.3 x 3.8 x 2.2m high (double deck)  
 (4' 4-5/8" x 12' 5" x 7' 2" high)

Maximum cage payload: 5,450 kg (12,000 lb), nominal  
 6,100 kg (13,400 lb), allowable at 1/2-speed.

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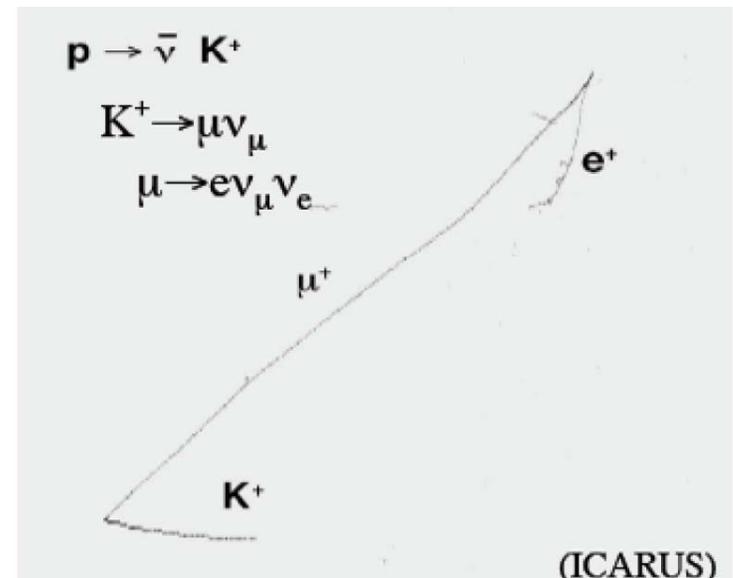


# Software & Performance

Development of a complete analysis chain has to go hand in hand with finalizing the specifications and the optimization of the detector parameters.

Optimal TPC parameters – wire spacing, U,V angles, Sampling frequency, calibration need significant and early feedback from simulation and real data.

Building up a team capable of executing these detail studies and getting feedback from real data needs to be given a high priority.



Simulation of Proton Decay:

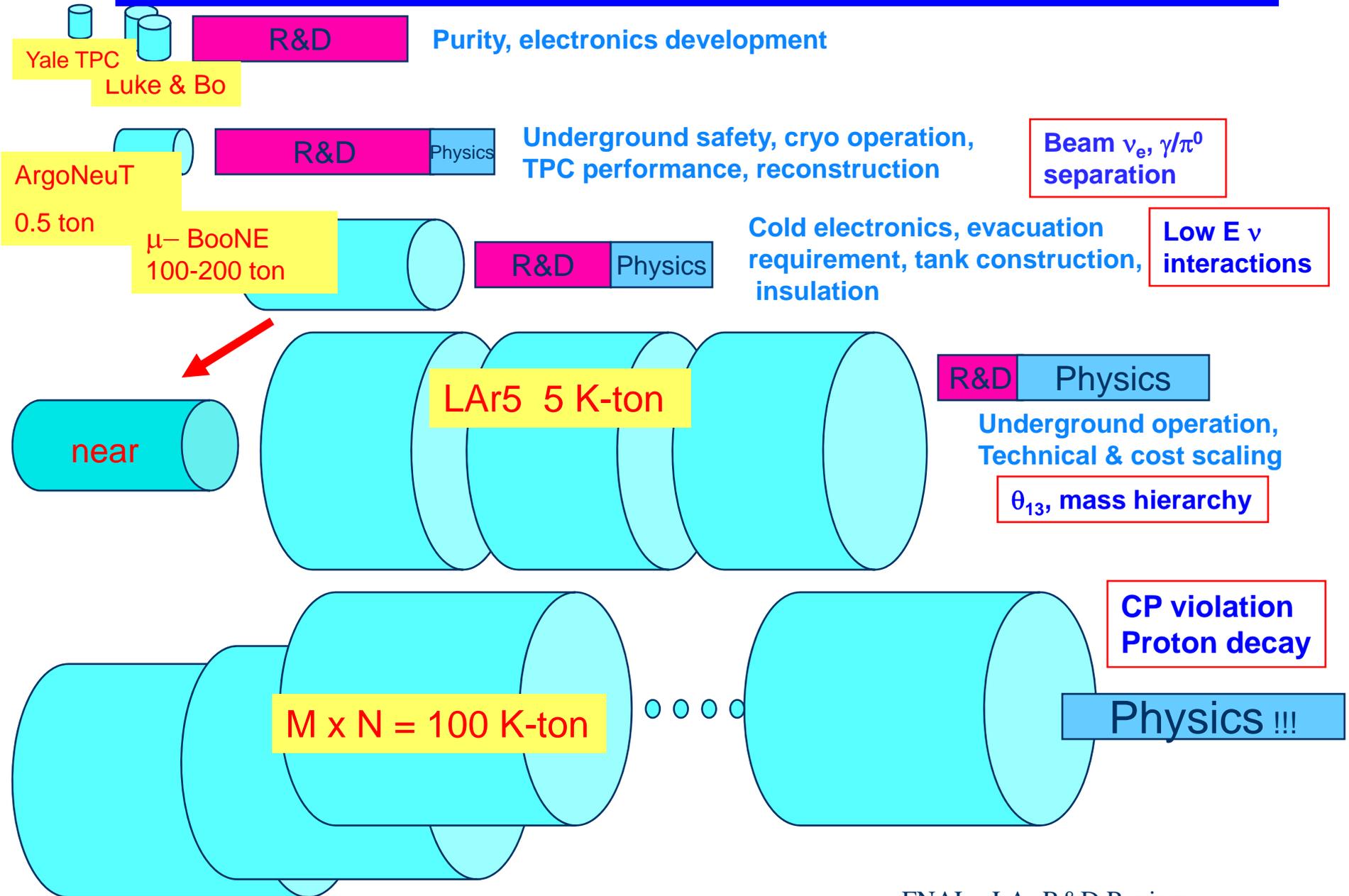
Issues to be addressed:

DE/DX – # Samples , Wire spacing.

Energy resolution – corrections as a function of position.

Pattern recognition –  
e/ $\gamma$  discrimination.

# Evolution of the LAr R&D & Physics Program



# Experimental Roadmap

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| $\mu$ -BooNE - Construction<br>*****           | 2009-2011  |
| Agree on a Strawman Layout                     | 2008-2010  |
| Caverns design & excavation plan               | 2009-2011  |
| Start excavation of the caverns                | 2012-2015  |
| Finalize the design of 5 k-ton                 | 2012       |
| 5 k-ton Construction                           | 2012 -2017 |
| 20-30 k-ton: 1 <sup>st</sup> det. Construction | 2015-2020  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> det. Construction              | 2017-2022  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> det. Construction              | 2019-2023  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> det. Construction              | 2020-2024  |

Additional discussion needed to define exact milestone.

# Conclusions

1. Significant R&D and Engineering studies are needed before finalizing the design of large underground detector.
2. Issues are inter-related and R&D needs to proceed in parallel.
3.  $\mu$ -booNE will be critical to give the team a focus and answer critical questions.
4. The R&D topics are well defined .
  - i. Key personal are identified for both the R&D and Engineering effort.
  - ii. DUSEL Lab has local engineering that can help in excavation , safety and infrastructure issues.
5. Stepped program needed to test “table top R&D” can be translated to an experiment.

Schedule presented is ambitious assuming a fast start on the  $\mu$ - booNE program.

The following presentations will show the stepped approach being taken for the R&D. (Test Stands, ArgNeut,  $\mu$ - booNE )