

# ARIADNE Highlights 2020/2021

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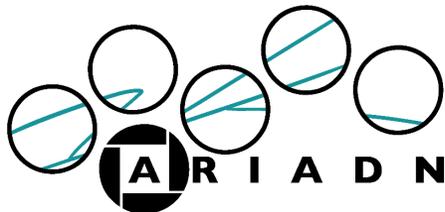
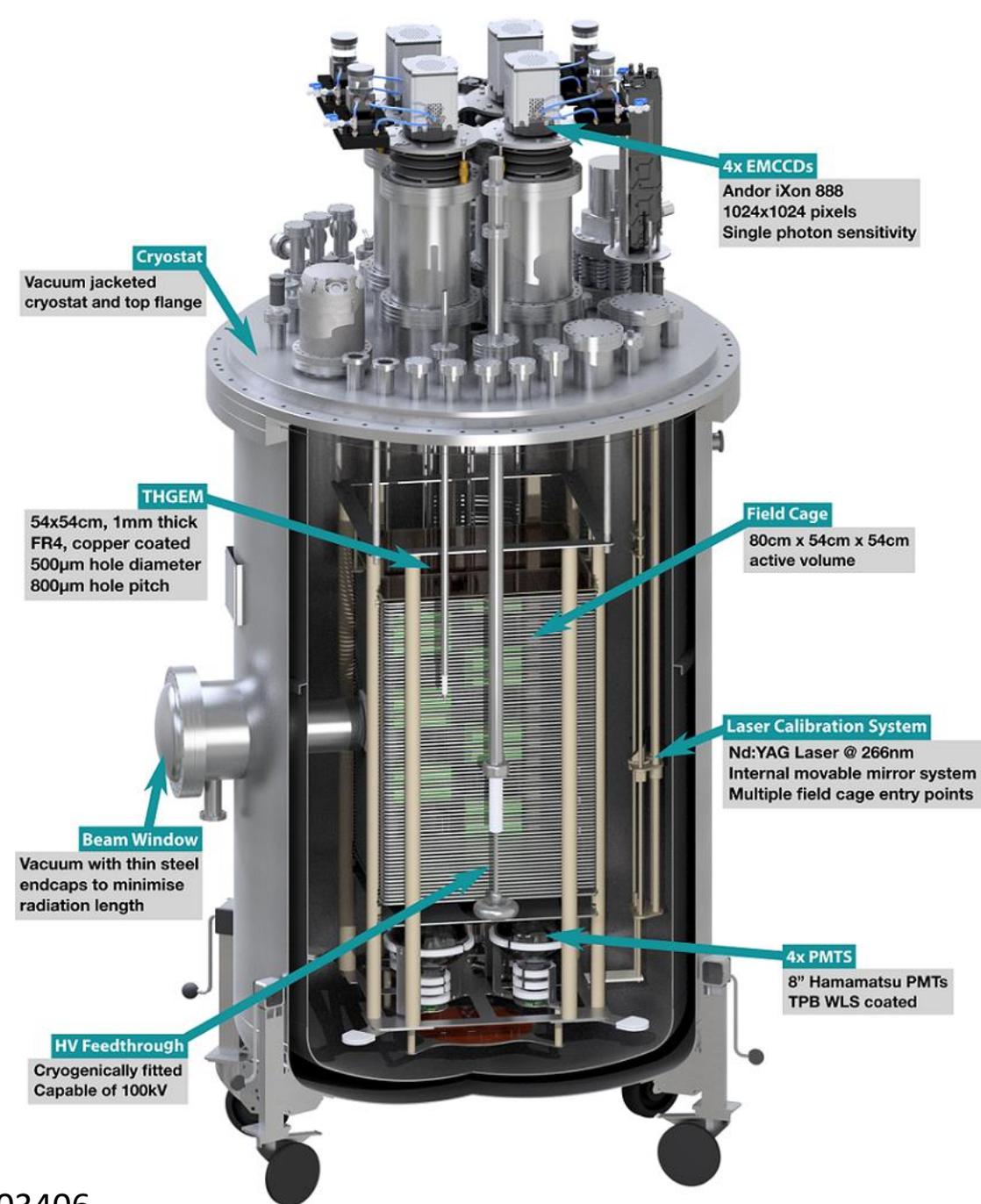
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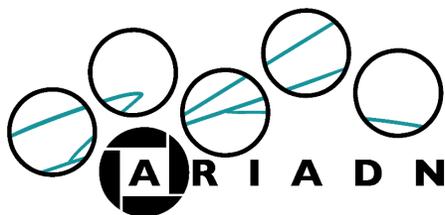
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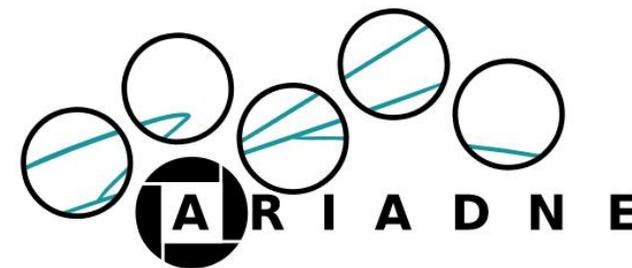
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**TDR submitted to ArXiv October 2019**



Technical design report: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.03406>



ARIADNE - A Novel Optical LArTPC: Technical Design Report and Initial Characterisation using a Secondary Beam from the CERN PS and Cosmic Muons

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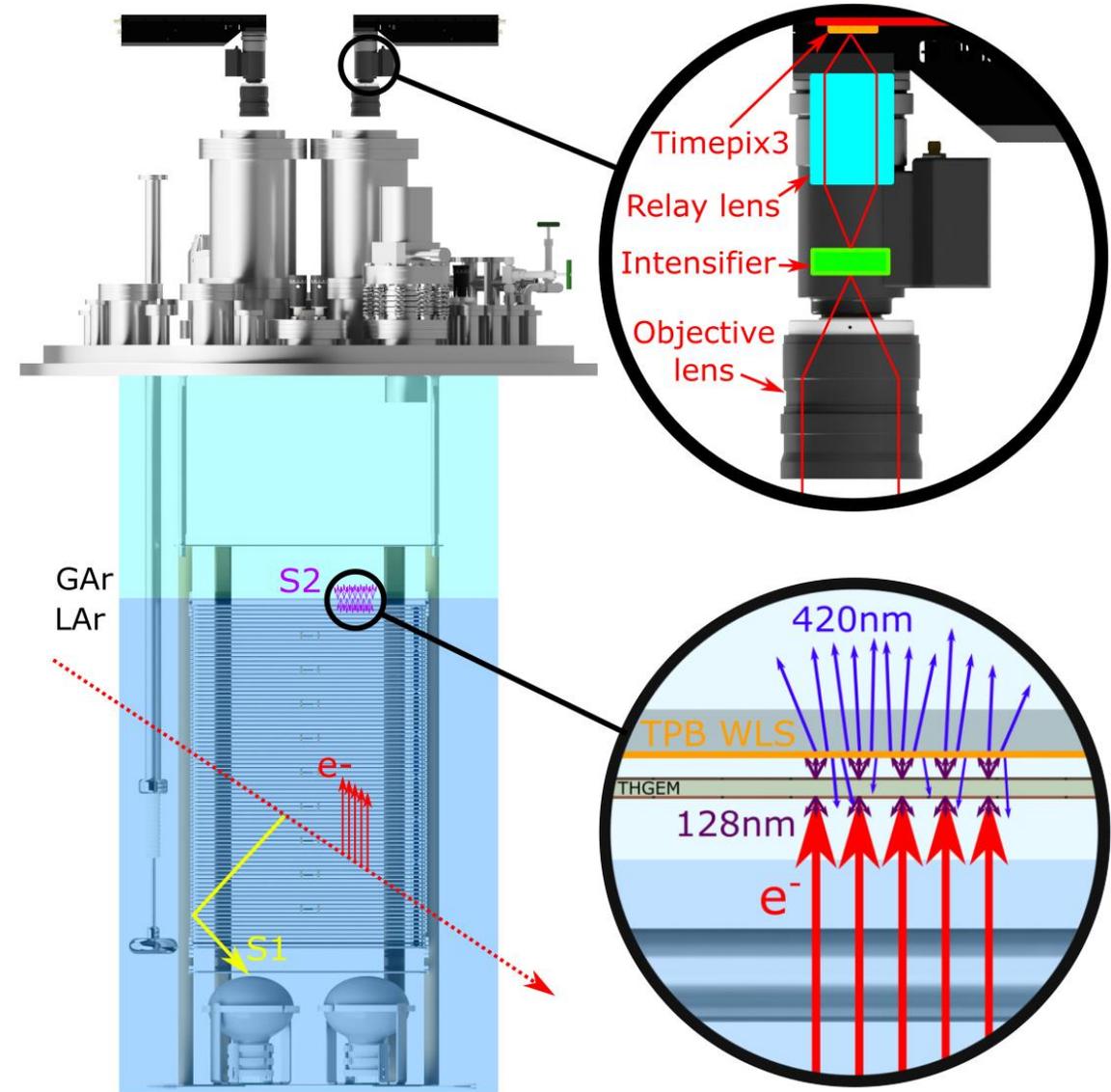
# Detection principle

Throughgoing particles ionise Liquid Argon and produce prompt scintillation light (S1)

Ionisation electrons drifted to liquid surface and extracted into gaseous phase.

Electrons accelerated within THGEM holes, producing secondary scintillation light (S2) by gas Argon excitations.

Event reconstruction performed by detecting S2 light with externally mounted cameras.



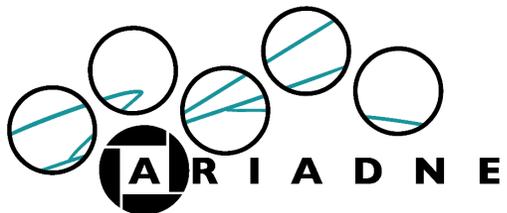
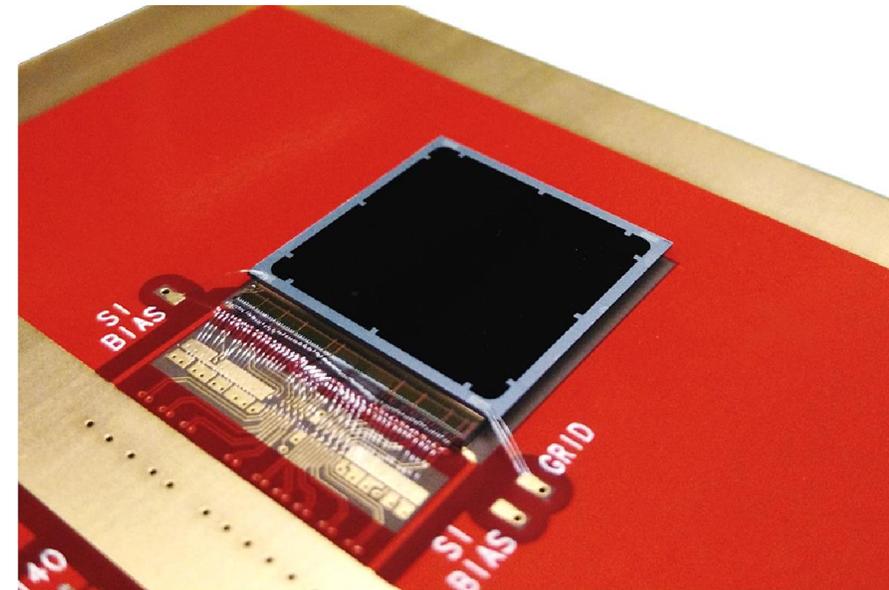
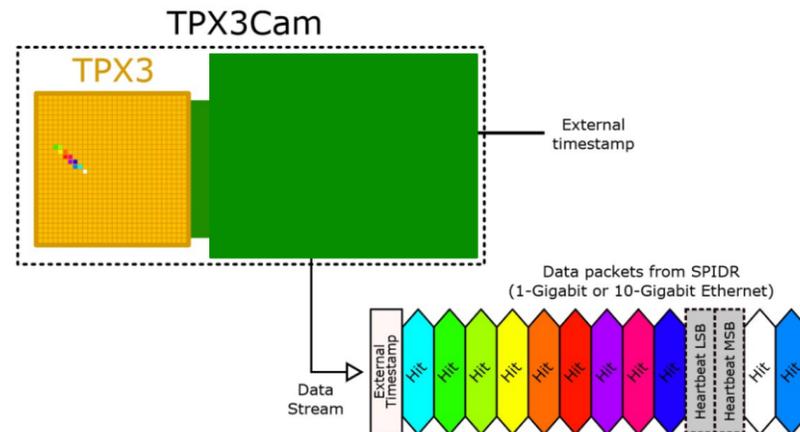
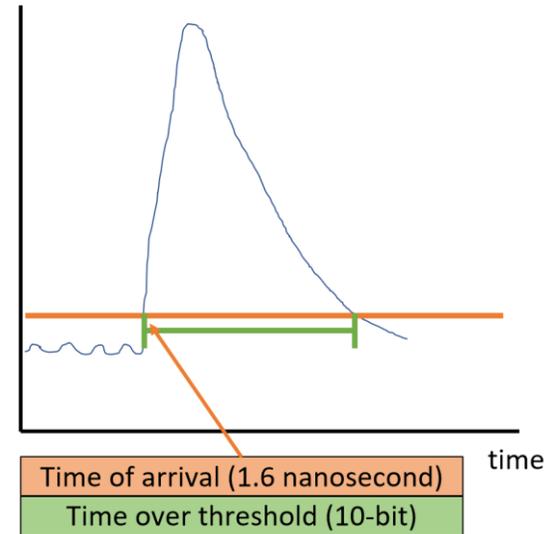
# Timepix3 operation

Active R&D program ongoing using Timepix3 (TPX3) ASIC bonded to optical sensor

TPX3 provides simultaneous time-over-threshold (ToT) and time-of-arrival (ToA). Complete (x,y,z,E) event reconstruction using a single device.

Time over threshold provides intensity / energy measurement -> 10-bit resolution.  
Time of arrival provides z (drift) axis position information -> 1.6 nanosecond resolution.

Data driven readout -> Event streaming with native zero suppression.  
Efficient raw data storage. Triggerless operation.



# ARIADNE THGEM

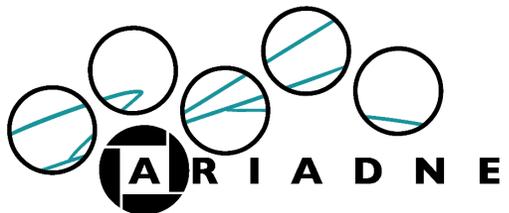
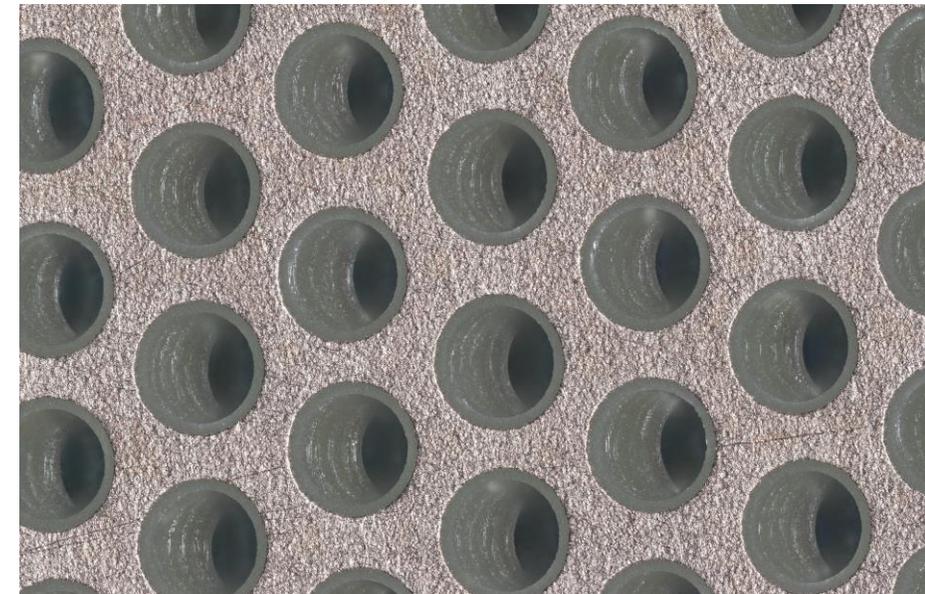
Traditional FR4 THGEM with typical specifications;

53cm x 53cm active area

1mm thick, 500 $\mu$ m diameter holes, 800 $\mu$ m hole-to-hole pitch.

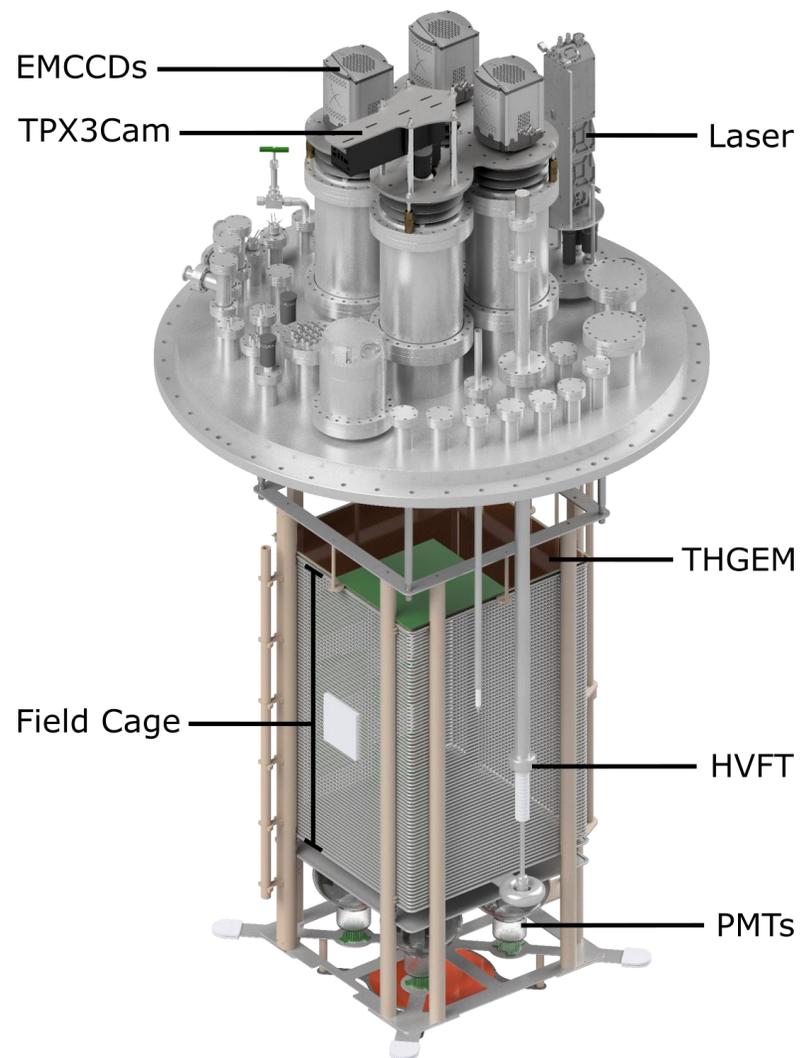
Produced by CERN PCB workshop (Rui De Oliveira)

Maximum potential difference  $\sim$  3.1kV



# ARIADNE at Liverpool

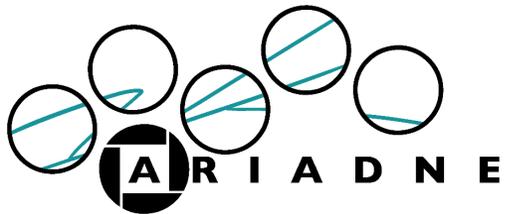
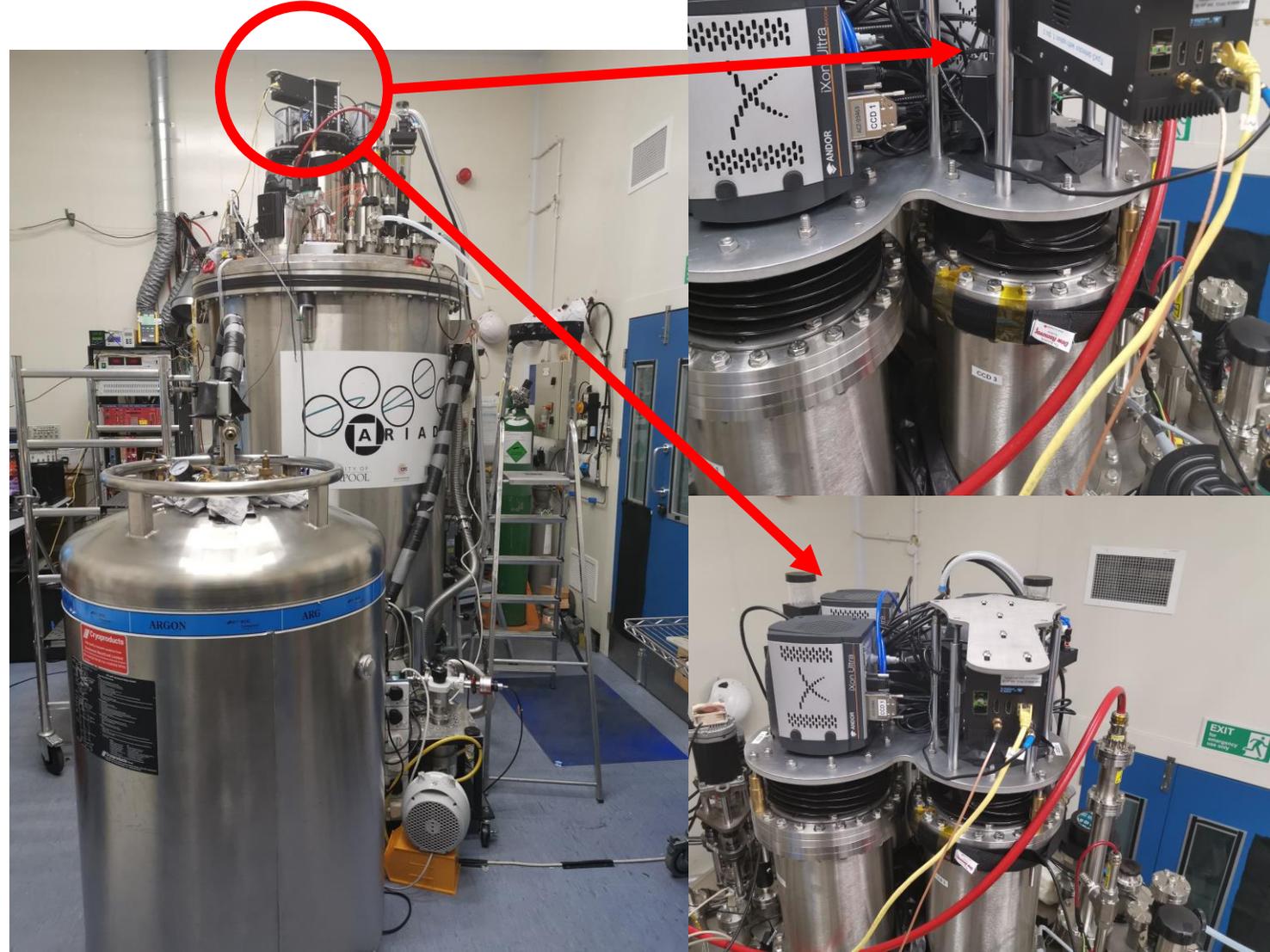
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- Electron drift velocity measurement
- Energy resolution using cosmic muons
- Stopping muon measurements

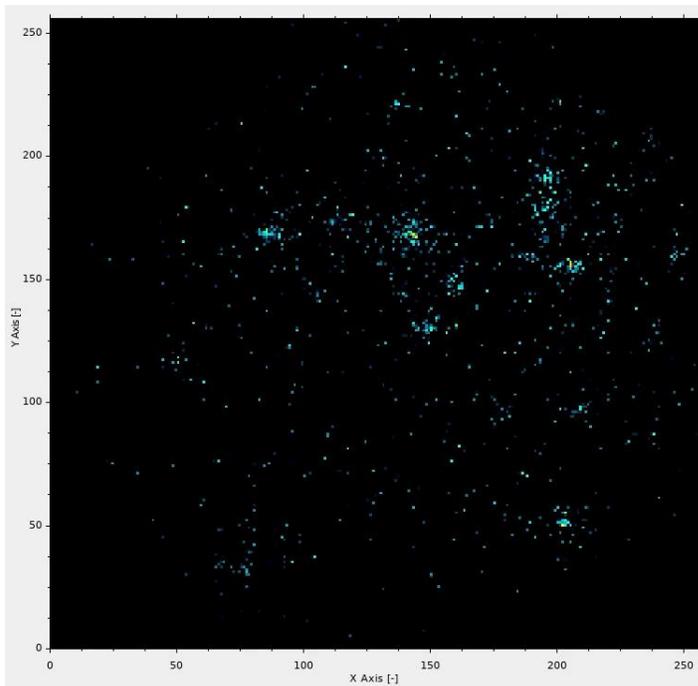


# ARIADNE Timepix3 readout

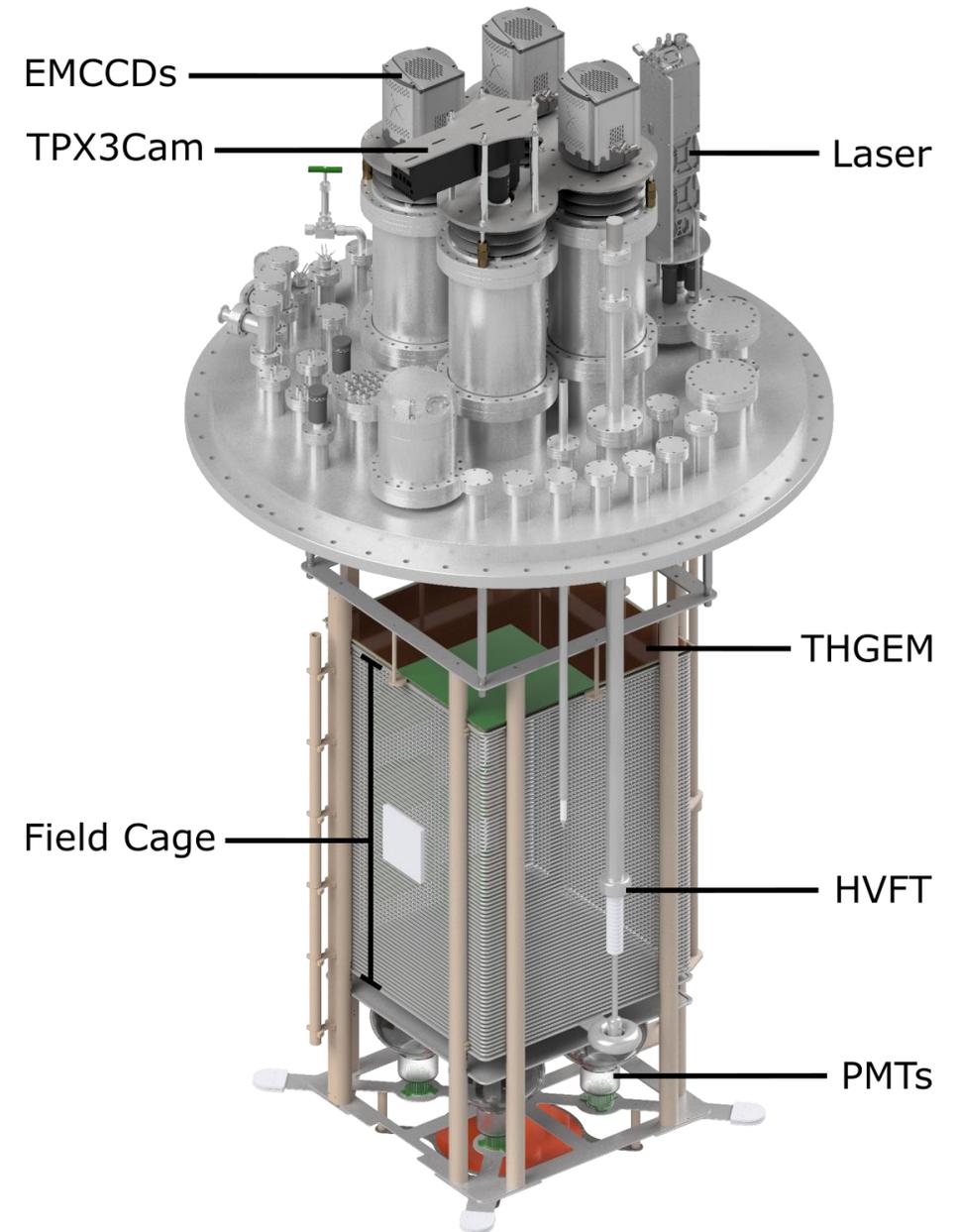
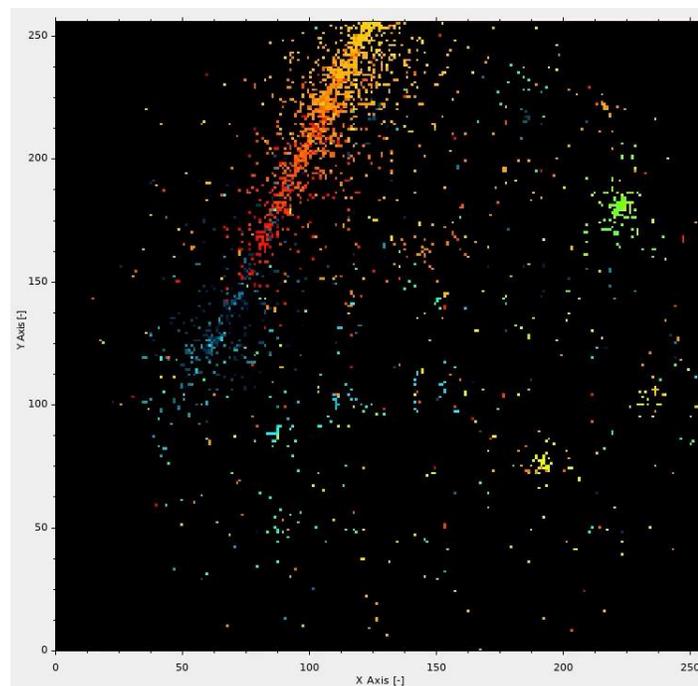
Timepix3 camera installed in place of an EMMCD camera.  
~ 26cm x 26cm field of view

Photonis Cricket image intensifier with Hi-QE green photocathode.  
30% quantum efficiency at 430nm (TPB peak emission)

Time-over-threshold (ToT)

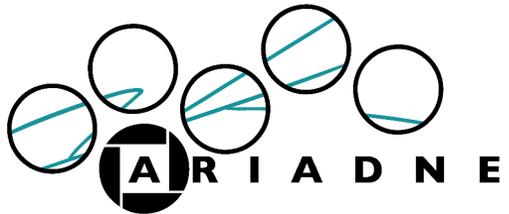
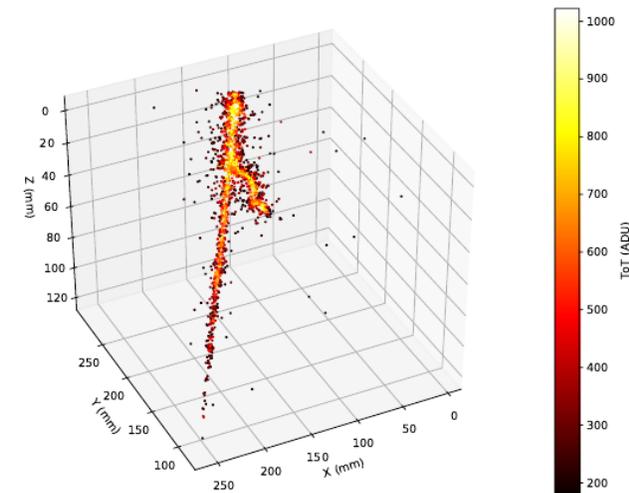
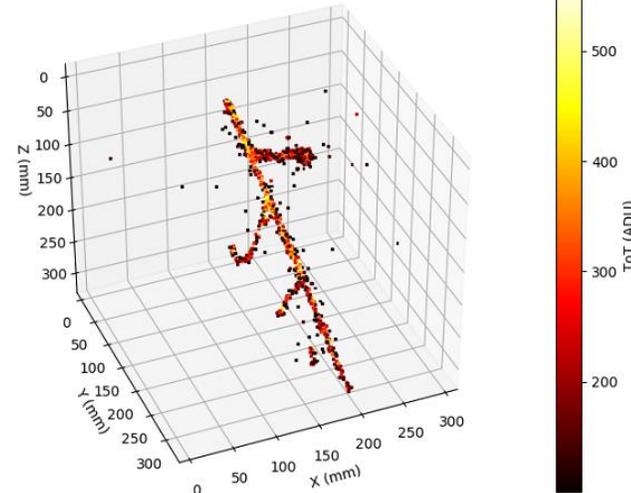
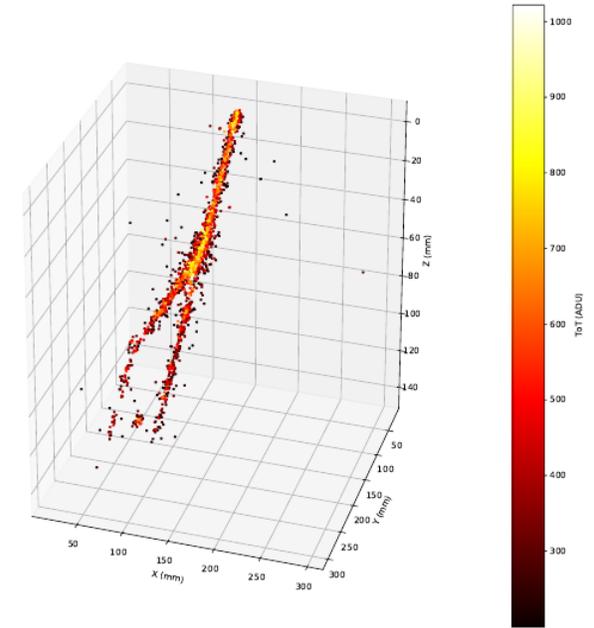
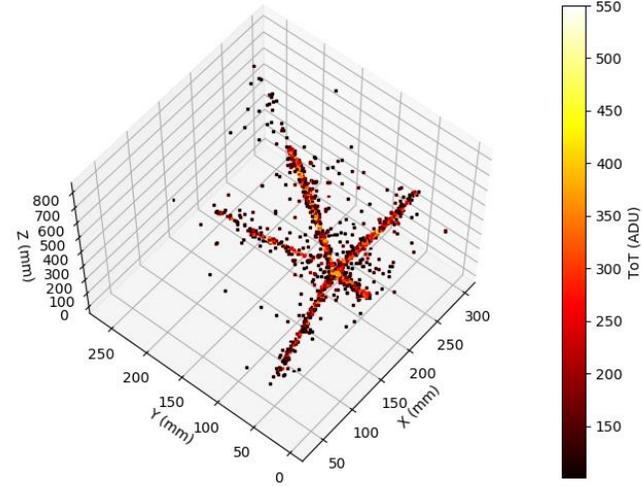
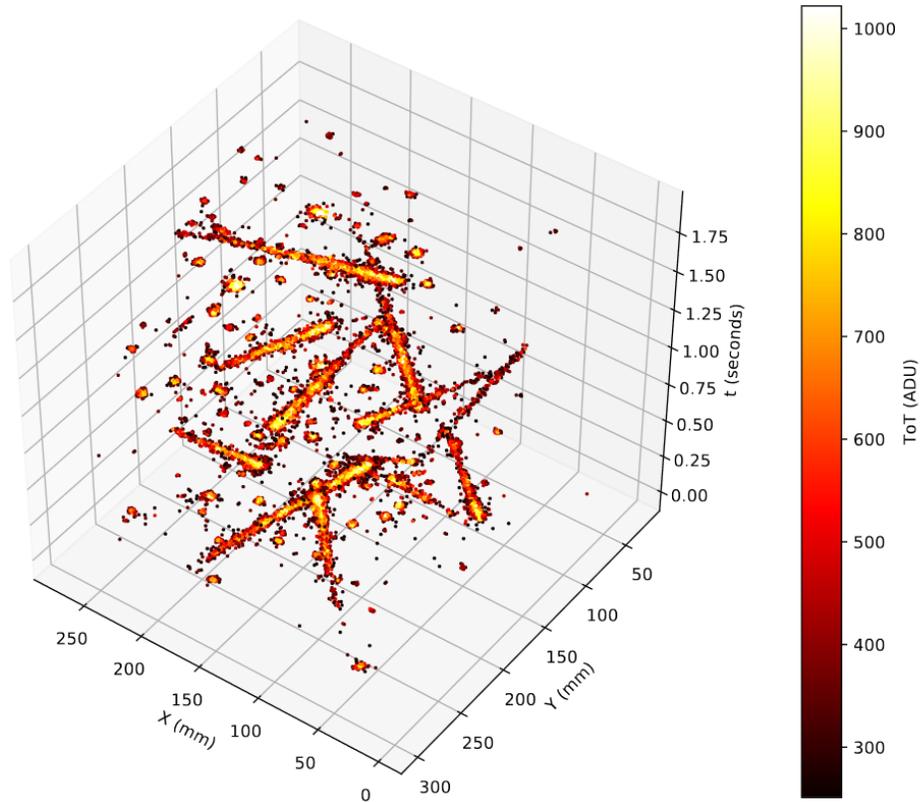


Time-of-arrival (ToA)



# Timepix LAr gallery

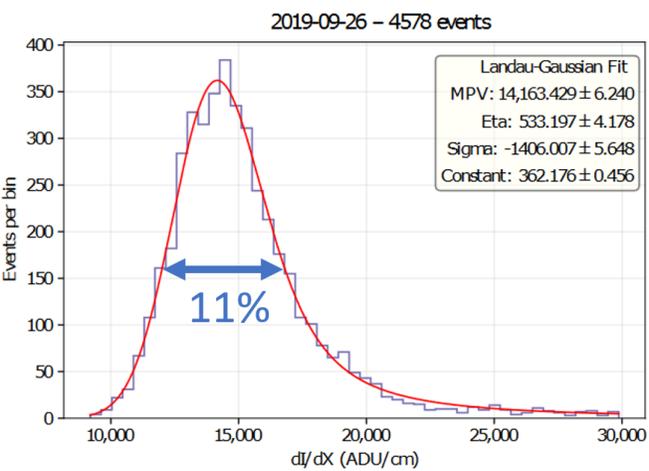
Streaming data view (1 second window):



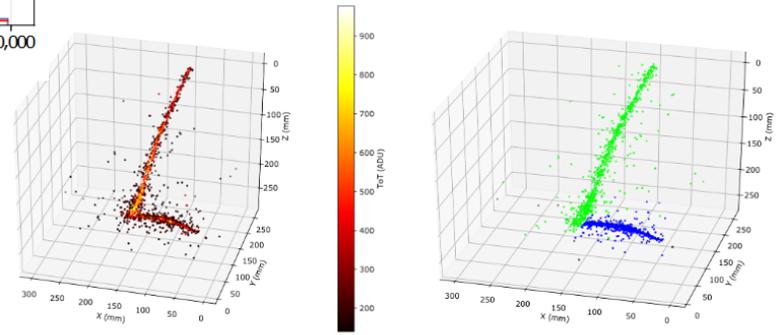
# Timepix LAr results

Timepix LAr paper submitted to ArXiv November 2020

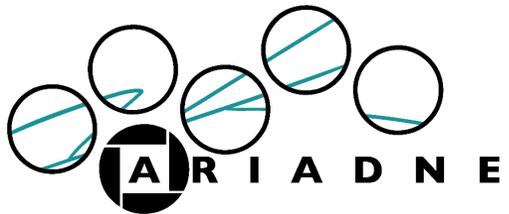
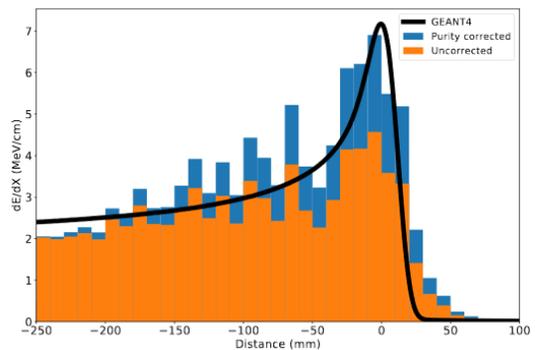
Throughgoing muon energy resolution



Stopping muons



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## Article Optical Readout of the ARIADNE LArTPC using a Timepix3-based Camera

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**Abstract:** The ARIADNE Experiment, utilising a 1-ton dual-phase Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber (LArTPC), aims to develop and mature optical readout technology for large scale LAr detectors. This paper describes the characterisation, using cosmic muons, of a Timepix3-based camera mounted on the ARIADNE detector. The raw data from the camera are natively 3D and zero suppressed, allowing for straightforward event reconstruction, and a gallery of reconstructed LAr interaction events is presented. Taking advantage of the 1.6 ns time resolution of the readout, the drift velocity of the ionised electrons in LAr was determined to be  $1.608 \pm 0.005$  mm/ $\mu$ s at 0.54 kV/cm. Energy calibration and resolution were determined using through-going muons. The energy resolution was found to be approximately 11 % for the presented dataset. A preliminary study of the energy deposition ( $\frac{dE}{dX}$ ) as a function of distance has also been performed for two stopping muon events, and comparison to GEANT4 simulation shows good agreement. The results presented demonstrate the capabilities of this technology, and its application is discussed in the context of the future kiloton-scale dual-phase LAr detectors that will be used in the DUNE programme.

**Keywords:** Time projection Chambers (TPC); Noble liquid detectors; Micropattern gaseous detectors; Photon detectors for UV, visible and IR photons (solid-state)



### 1. Introduction

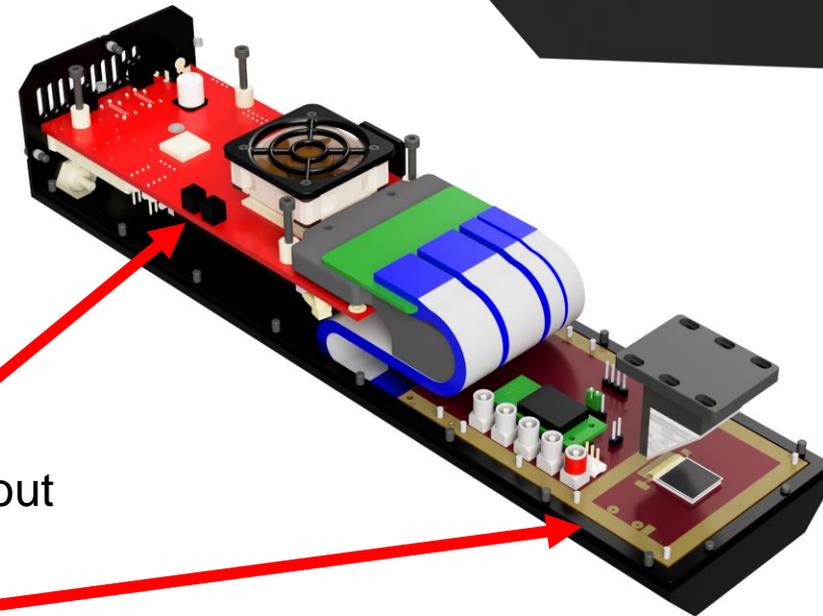
Liquid Argon Time Projection Chambers (LArTPCs) have been an indispensable type of particle detector for over 40 years, and have only continued to grow in size and sophistication. The current generation of neutrino detectors - such as SBND (112 tons), MicroBooNE (89 tons) and ICARUS-T600 (470 tons), which together make up the Short Baseline Neutrino Program [1], and the single- (411 tons) and dual-phase (300 tons) ProtoDUNE experiments [2,3] - are already approaching the kiloton-scale. It is evident then that future LArTPCs in the neutrino sector will be able to reach the kiloton-scale - for example, four 17,000 ton LArTPCs have been proposed for use on the DUNE project [4-10].

Given the high construction and operating costs, as well as the sheer complexity, of such large detectors, early and innovative R&D therefore has the potential for a large return on investment over an experiment's lifetime.

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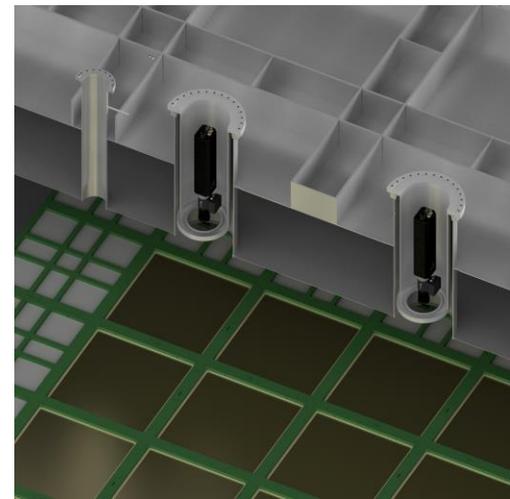
# Development of custom TPX3 Camera housing

Custom TPX3 camera housing allowing use of right angled mirrors – compact installation within cryostat chimneys



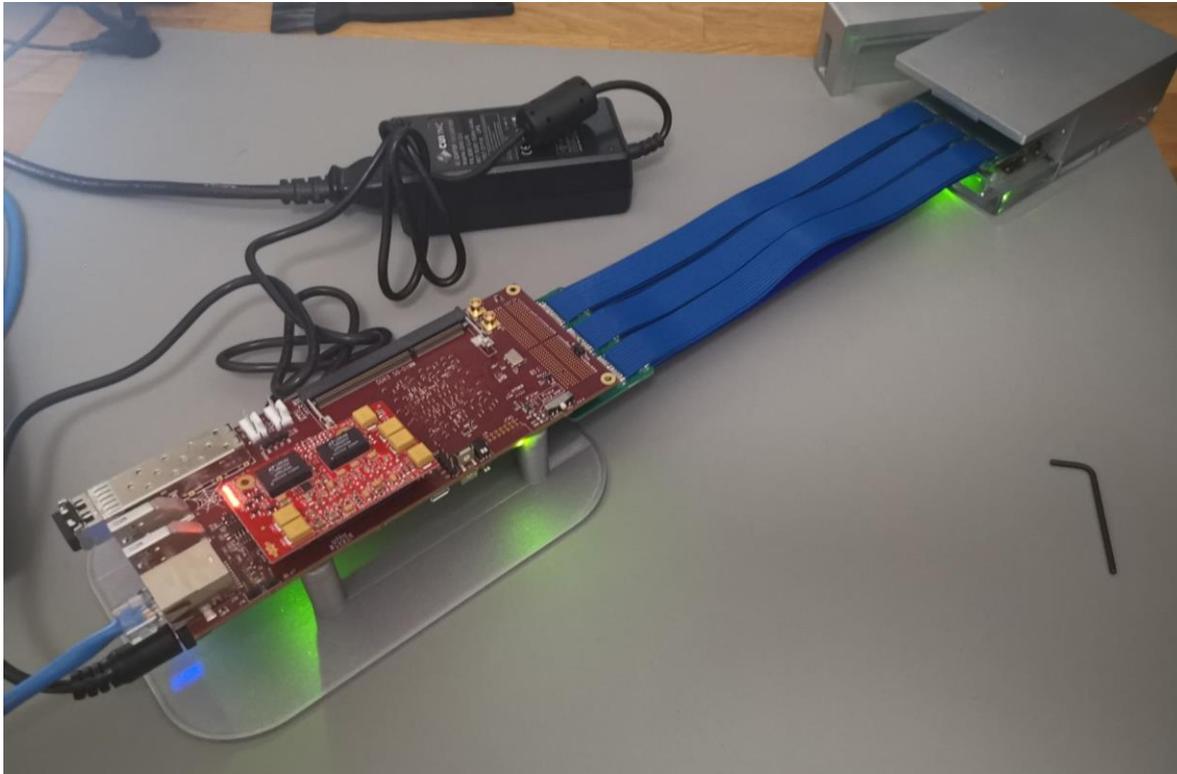
SPIDR readout

TPX3 ASIC on chipboard



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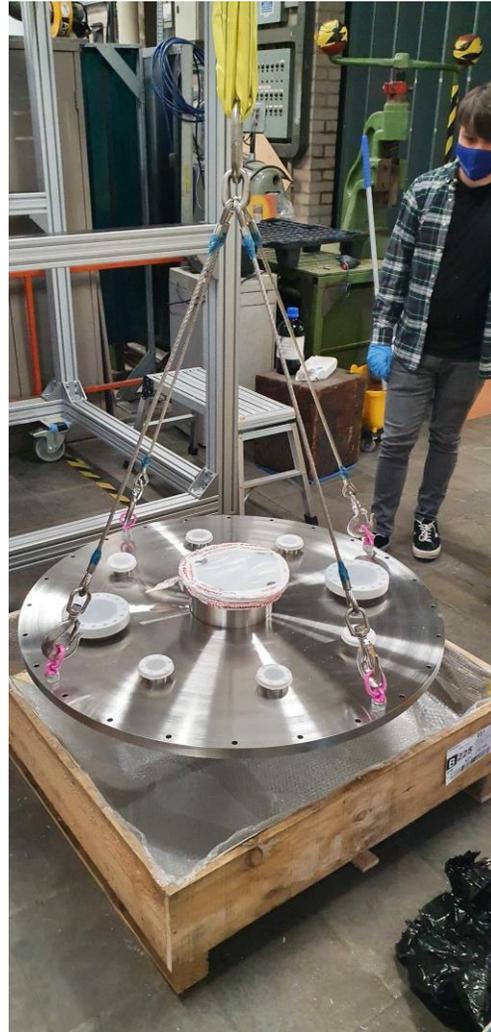
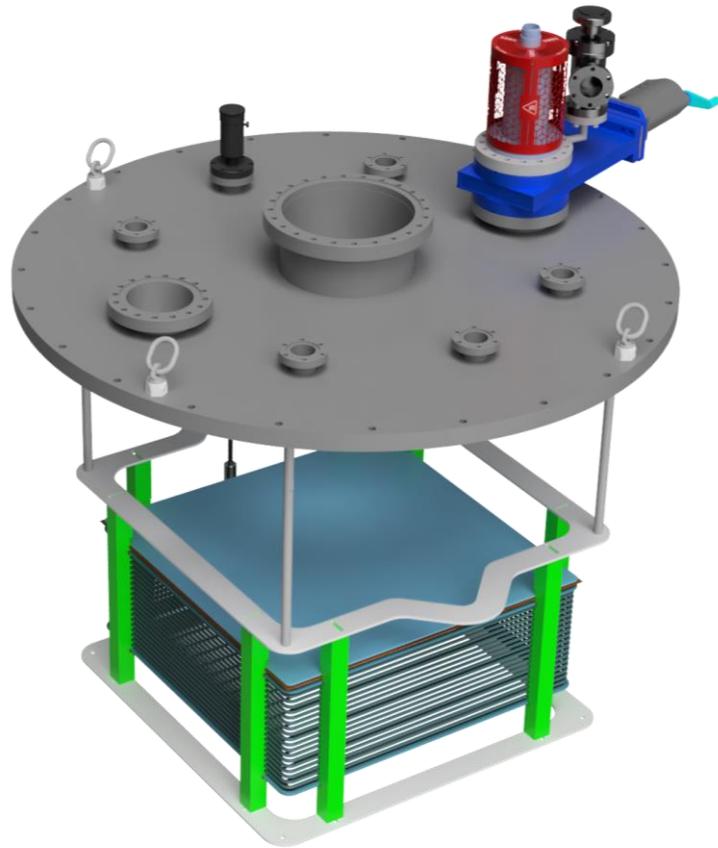
Assembly of five cameras ongoing



Sensor qualification/calibration to follow

# MARIA (Mini-ARIAdne)

Design and construction of prototype chamber capable of testing full size (50cm x 50cm) THGEMs  
Will also be used to validate optics, etc for larger scale measurements



# Development of new THGEM manufacturing technique

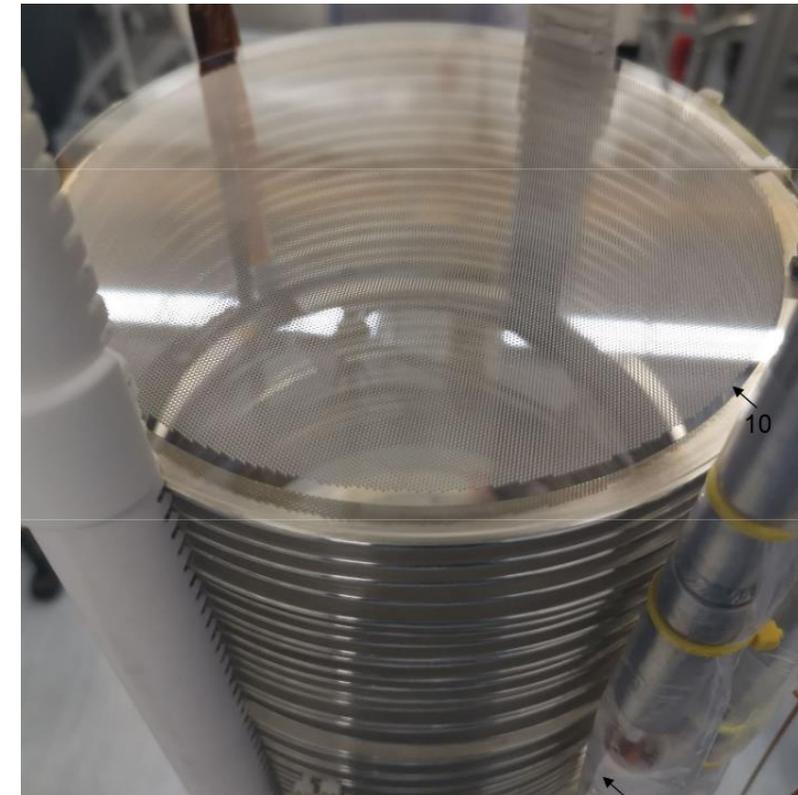
Produced using a new manufacturing technique (Patent pending: GB2019563.2)

Allows THGEMs to be produced from various types of glass/ceramics/etc  
e.g. Borosilicate glass or fused silica (Radiopure)

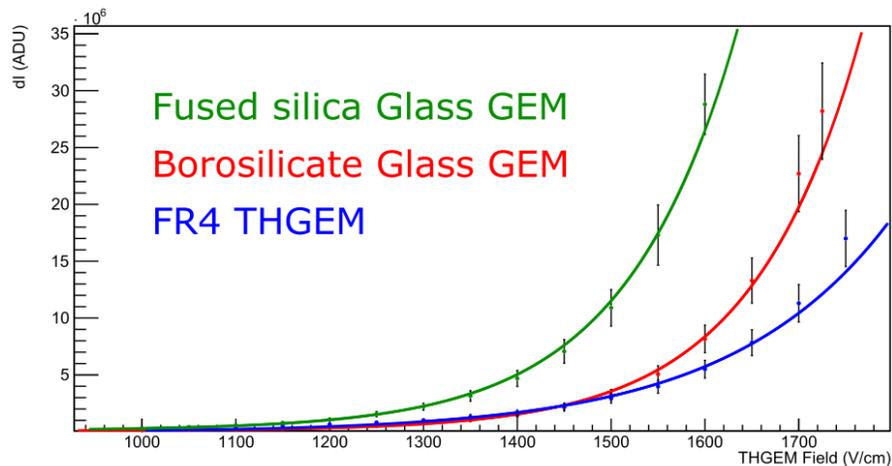
Less thickness variation and lower outgassing compared to FR4

Proposing to use Glass THGEMs for large scale tests using the coldbox at CERN.

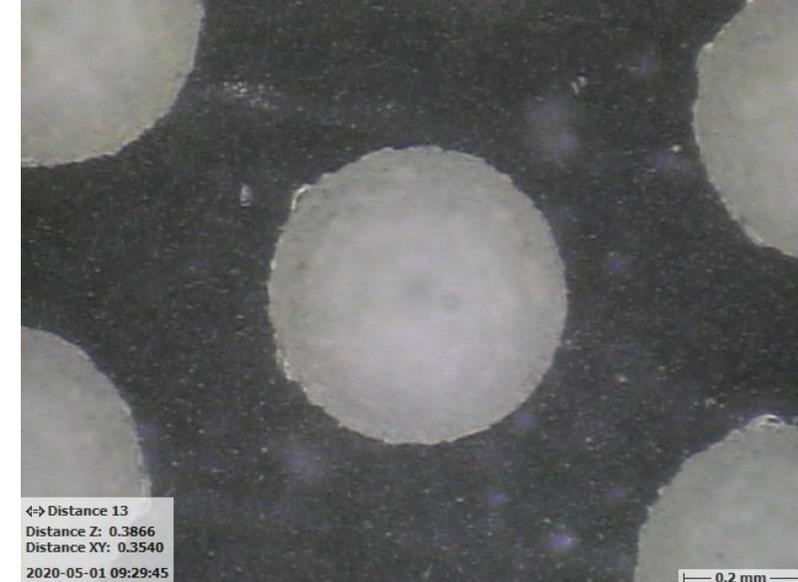
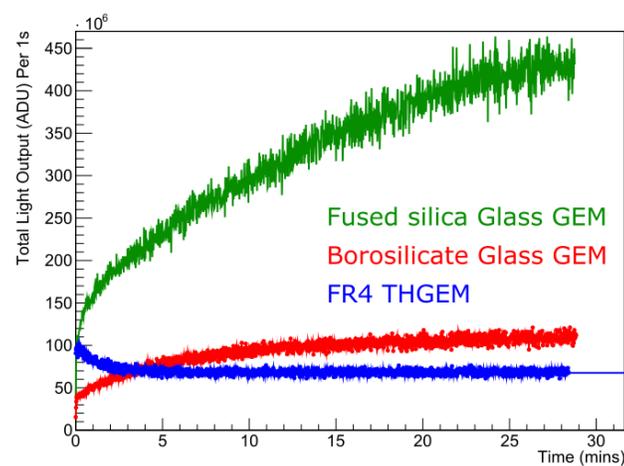
Top and bottom electrodes formed by transparent ITO coating.  
Biconical hole shape. Gain increases when charging up.



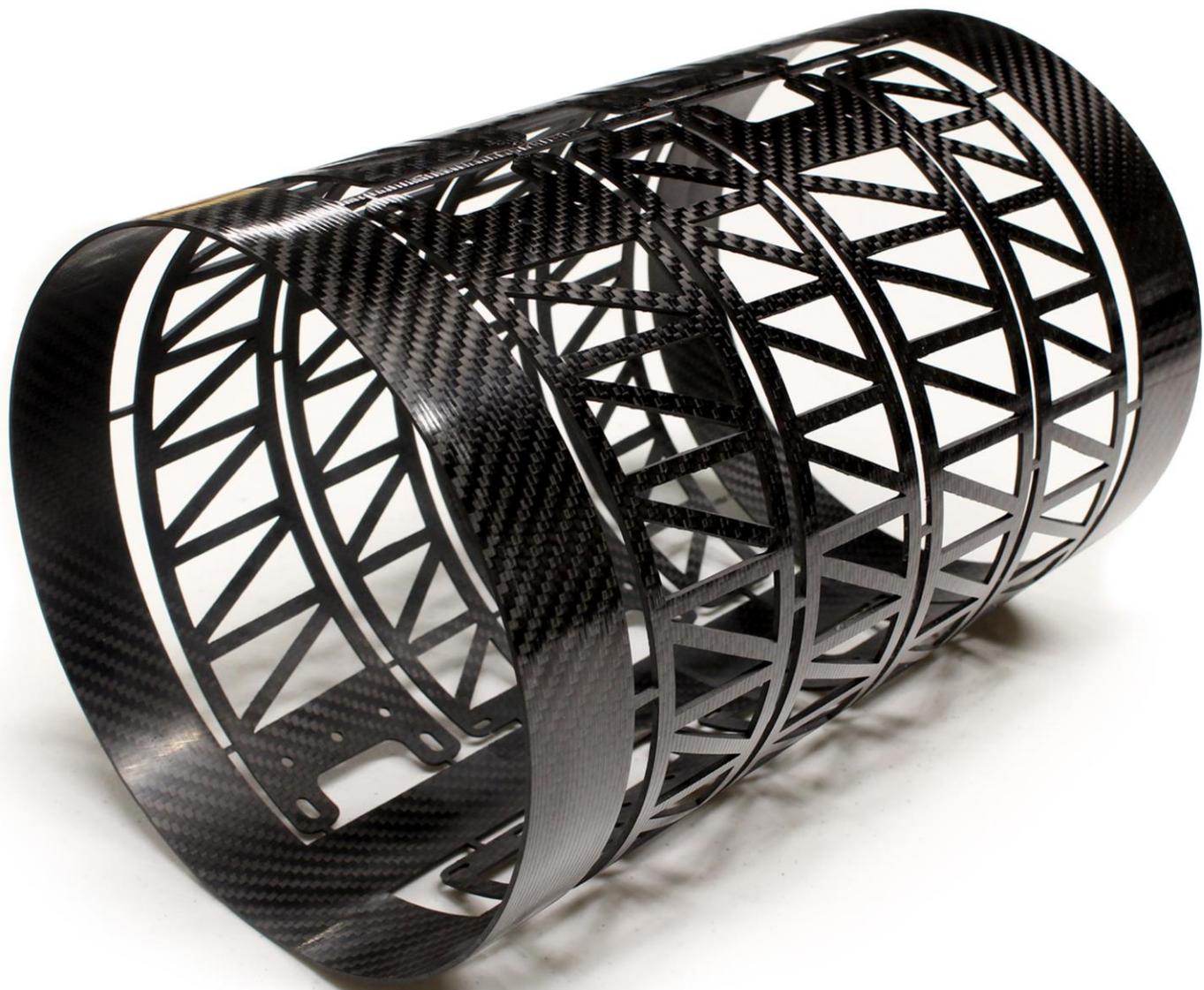
Gain vs potential difference



Charging behaviour



# Development materials



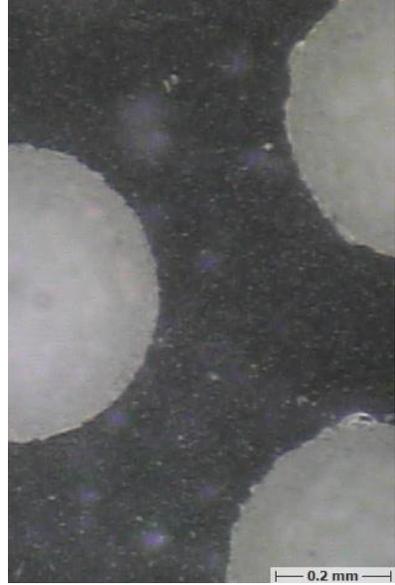
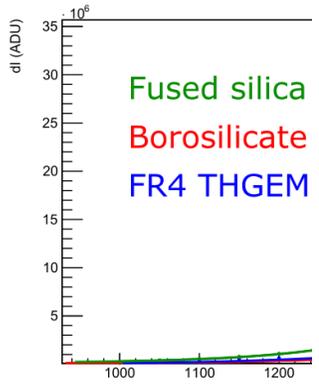
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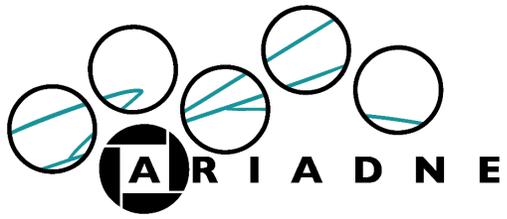
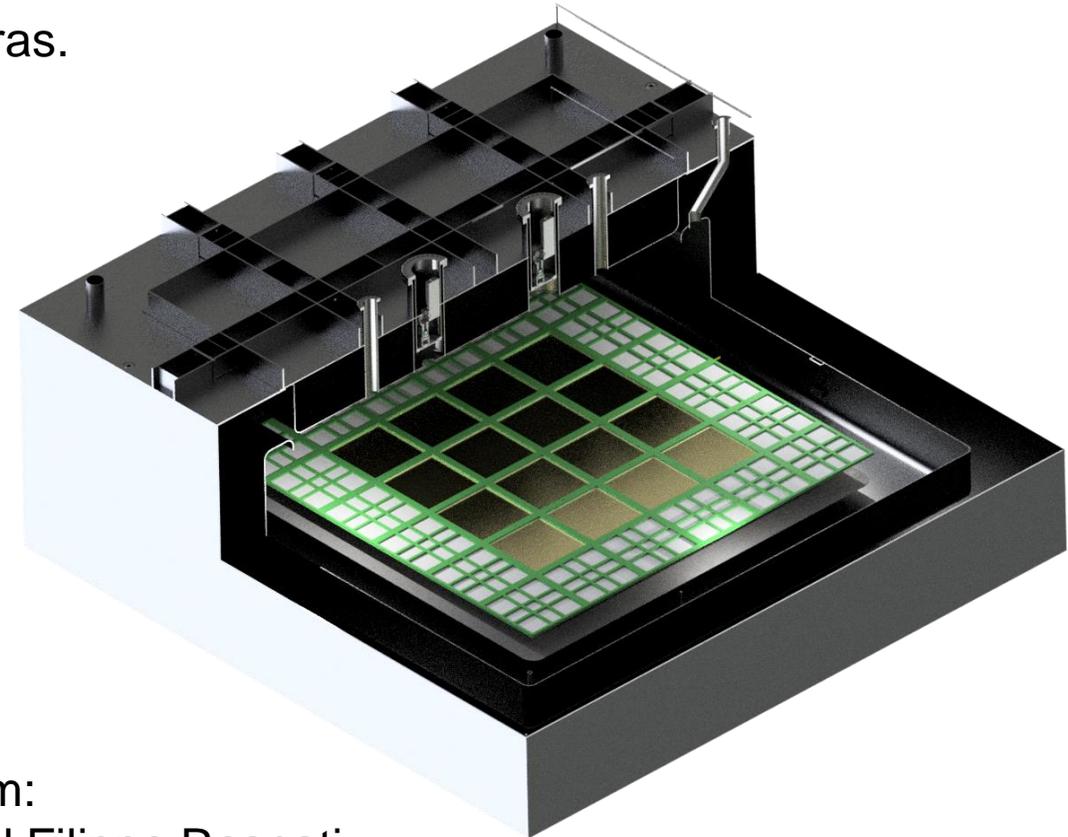
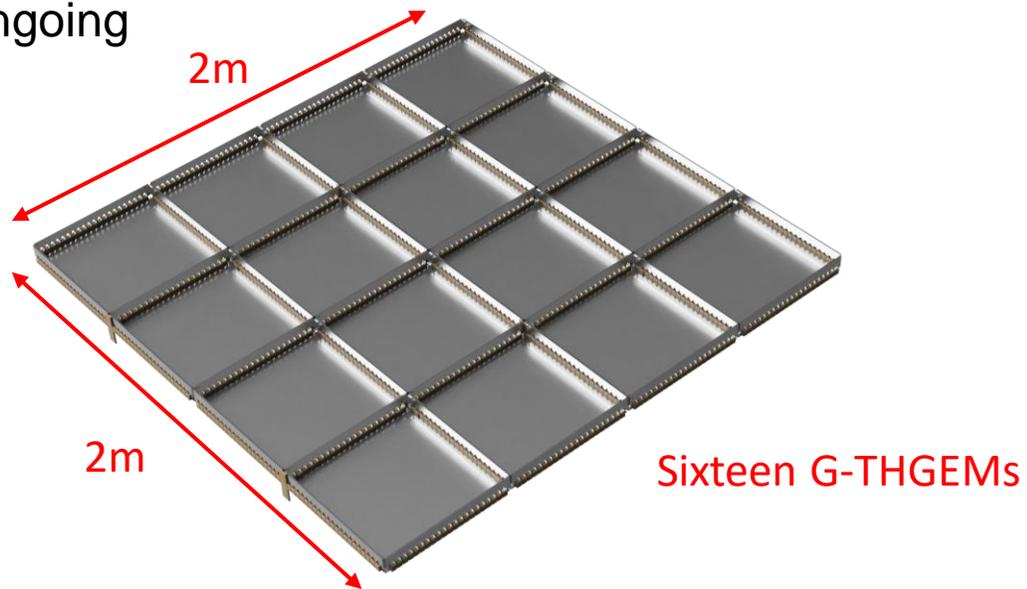


# Outlook and next steps

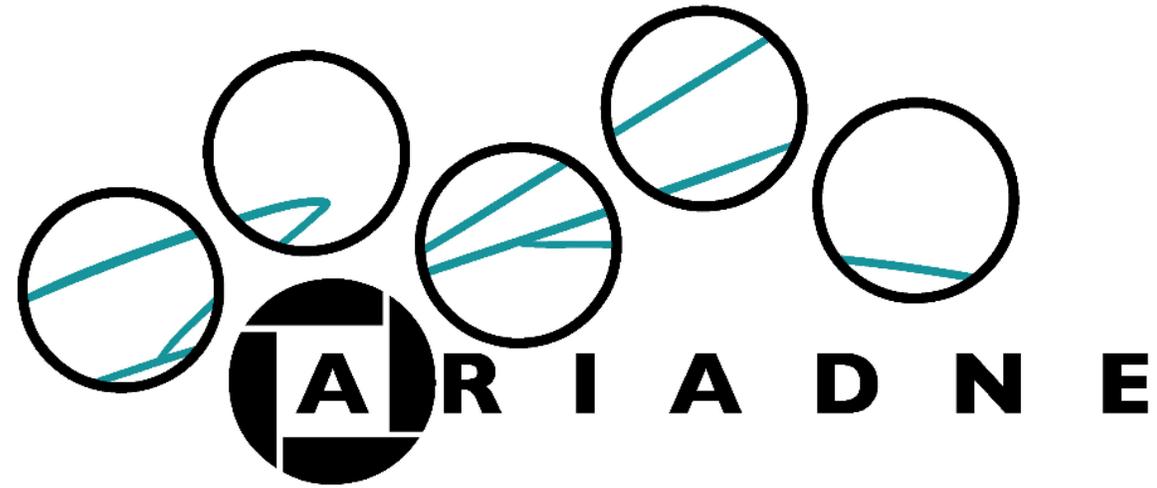
Future plans to instrument 2m x 2m active area TPC using the coldbox at the CERN neutrino platform. Early 2022? Letter of intent: <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2739360>

Larger field of view (1m x 1m per camera) will be tested.

ARIADNE will provide light readout plane (LRP) and TPX3 cameras.  
3x Visible intensifiers, 1x VUV  
Design work ongoing



Collaboration with Neutrino Platform team:  
Marzio Nessi, Francesco Pietropaolo and Filippo Resnati



Thank you! Questions?

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# Backup – Timepix4

## Timepix3 → Timepix4

		Timepix3	Timepix4
<b>Technology</b>		IBM 130nm	TSMC 65nm
<b>Pixel Size</b>		55 x 55 $\mu\text{m}$	$\leq 55 \times 55 \mu\text{m}$
<b>Pixel arrangement</b>		3-side buttable 256 x 256	4-side buttable 256 x 256 or bigger
<b>Operating Modes</b>	Data driven	PC (10-bit) and TOT (14-bit)	CRW: PC and iTOT (12...16-bit)
	Frame based	TOT and TOA	
<b>Zero-Suppressed Readout</b>	Data driven	< 80 MHits/s	< 500 MHits/s
	Frame based	YES	YES
<b>TOT energy resolution</b>		< 2KeV	< <b>1KeV</b>
<b>Time resolution</b>		1.56ns	<b>~200ps</b>
<b>Readout bandwidth</b>		5.12Gb (8x SLVS@640 Gbps)	20.48 Gbps (4x 5.12 Gbps)
<b>Front-end</b>		“with” Volcano	No volcano → Dynamic gain But supply only 1.2V

Higher x,y resolution

Faster readout rates

Improved calorimetry

# Backup – VUV Readout

