

# STT: Indian Interest in SAND

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# Interest of the Indian Group on DUNE-Near Detector

- ✧ The Indian group on DUNE has shown interest in the Near Detector since LBNE era.
  - ✧ Interest has been on a high resolution fine grained tracker with STT as the tracking volume, surrounded by an plastic scintillator based ECAL, and a RPC based muon detector inserted in a dipole magnet.
  - ✧ Some of these earlier interest in the ND project resulted in the current involvement of the BARC group in the magnet design for the MPD.
  - ✧ The signing of the Annex-II of the agreement between DAE (India) and DOE (USA) is also the result of hard work by many physicists from India during 2008 – 2015.

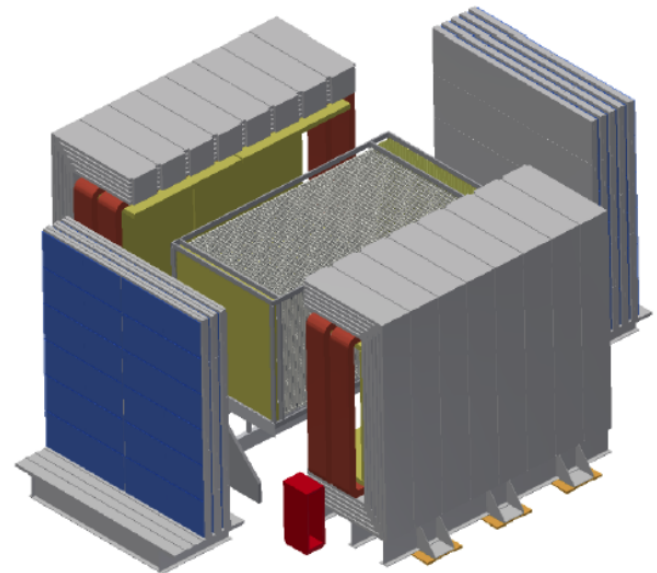
## LBNE-INDIA

Proposal of Indian Institutions and Fermilab Collaboration for Participation in

the Long-Baseline Neutrino Experiment at Fermilab

( A Proposal to Design and Build a High-Resolution Near Detector  
and to Contribute to the Liquid Argon Far Detector )

to  
Department of Atomic Energy and  
Department of Science and Technology  
Government of India



188 pages document with full detector design supported by detail physics studies

# Interest of the Indian Group on DUNE-Near Detector

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✧ The STT based tracker remained the reference baseline design for DUNE-ND till July 2018. **[DUNE CDR Volume 4]**

✧ Successfully passed the technical and DOE CD1 reviews.

✧ DUNE ND Design Review, May 28-29, 2015,

<https://web.fnal.gov/project/LBNF/ReviewsAndAssessments/DUNE%20ND%20Design%20Review/SitePages/Home.aspx>

✧ Director's CD-1 Refresh Review of LBNF-DUNE, June 2-4, 2015,

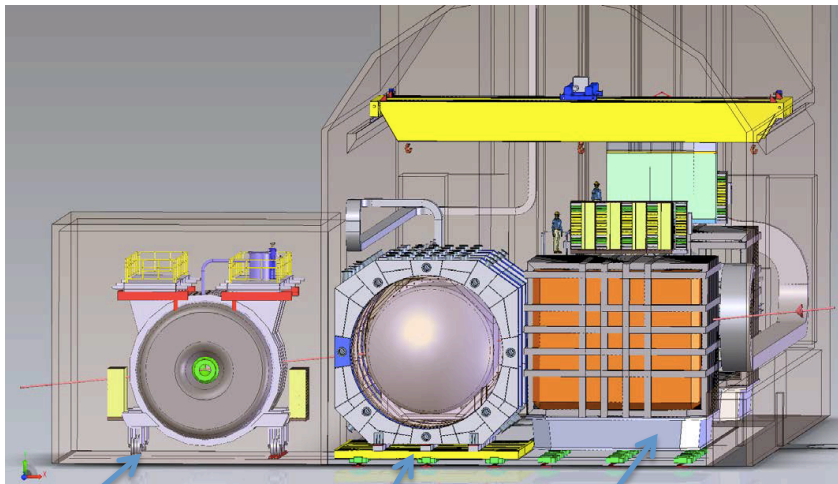
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✧ DOE CD-1 Refresh Review of LBNF-DUNE, July 14-16, 2015,

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Institutions involved: IIT Guwahati, IIT Hyderabad, University of Hyderabad, Delhi University, Panjab University, BHU, Jammu University, BARC, VECC, HRI

# DUNE-Near Detector (post 2015)



SAND

Liquid Argon Detector

Multi Purpose Detector

SAND:

- ✓ Option 1: put STT as the tracking detector in the KLOE magnetic volume.  
(reference for performance studies: see Sergio Bertolucci's LBNC talk, December 6, 2019)  
(For details, see DUNE-DOC- 13262: [https://docs.dunescience.org/cgi-bin/private/RetrieveFile?docid=13262&filename=A\\_Near\\_Detector\\_for\\_DUNE.pdf&version=4](https://docs.dunescience.org/cgi-bin/private/RetrieveFile?docid=13262&filename=A_Near_Detector_for_DUNE.pdf&version=4))
- ✓ Option 2: 3DST + a low density tracker (TPC or STT) : Require detail comparison studies.

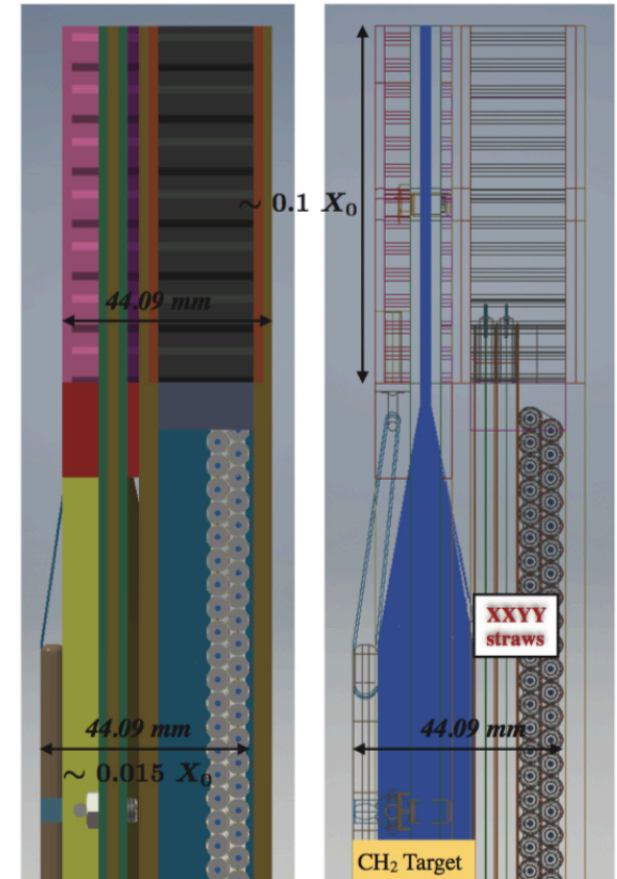
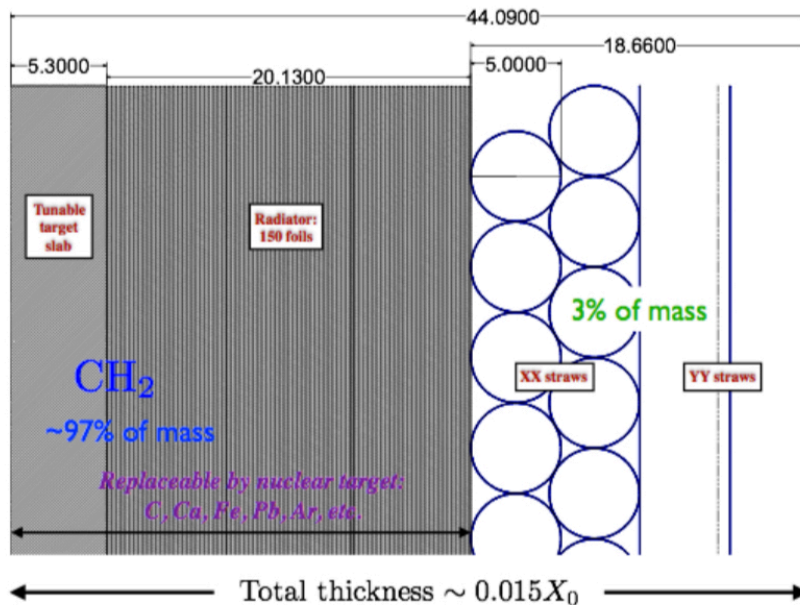
STT will allow the possibility of having different nuclear targets such as Fe, C, Ca, H etc which will significantly enhance the physics potential of the DUNE-ND complex.

A detector such as SAND with STT as the tracking volume remains attractive to re-activate Indian interest in the DUNE Near Detector program.

- ✓ Driven by the strong physics program in addition to the neutrino oscillation physics.

# Straw Tube Tracker (STT) for SAND

- Thin passive targets (100% purity) physically separated from active tracker (straws ~3% of total mass)
- Tunable target mass & density by varying thin targets (~97% of total mass) with average density  $0.005 \leq \rho \leq 0.18 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- A variety of thin ( $< 0.1 X_0$ ) nuclear targets can be installed & replaced during data taking: C, Ca, Fe, Pb, etc



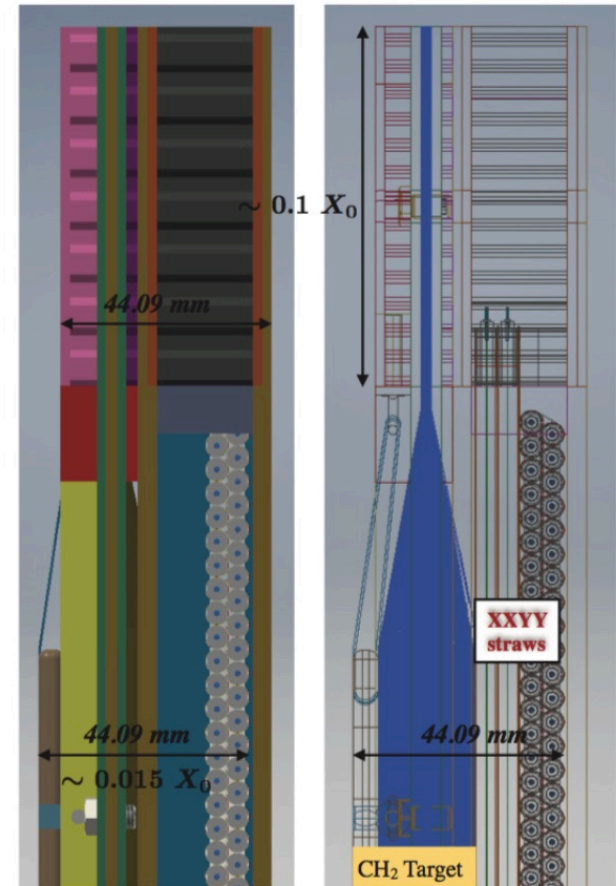
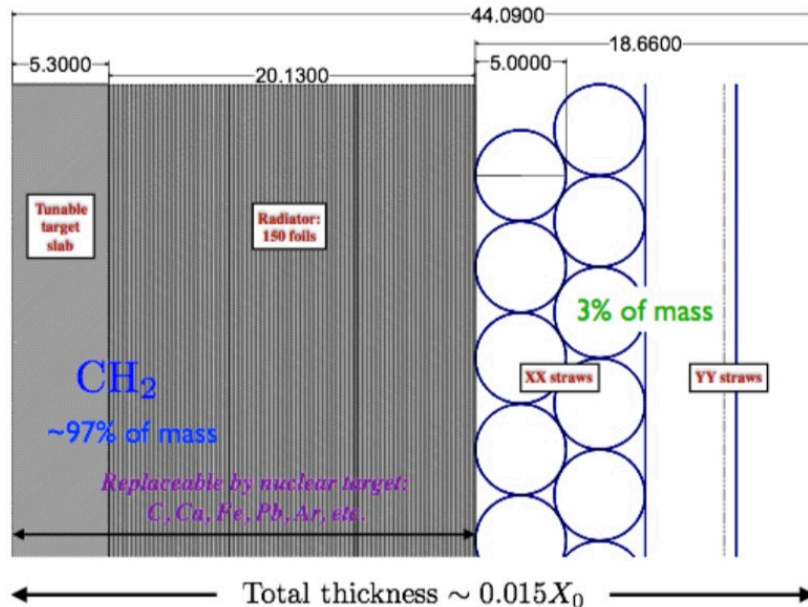
Modular design (flexible) offering a control of the configuration, chemical composition, and mass of targets comparable to e-scattering experiments



# 3DST + STT Options

Possible STT configurations:

- ◆ Straw Pure tracking in STT: remove most density & mass
- ◆ Physics measurements in STT: multiple nuclear targets, increase density & mass



Detailed studies and optimization are ongoing to evaluate performance: find optimal compromise between target mass (statistics) & resolution

# Physics Potential of a STT based Tracker

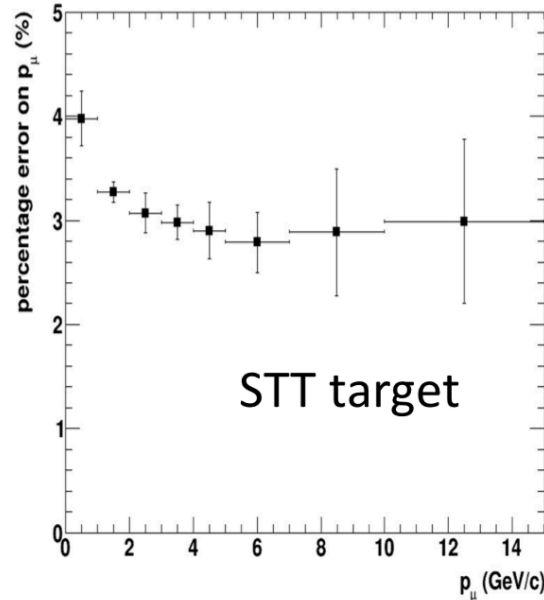
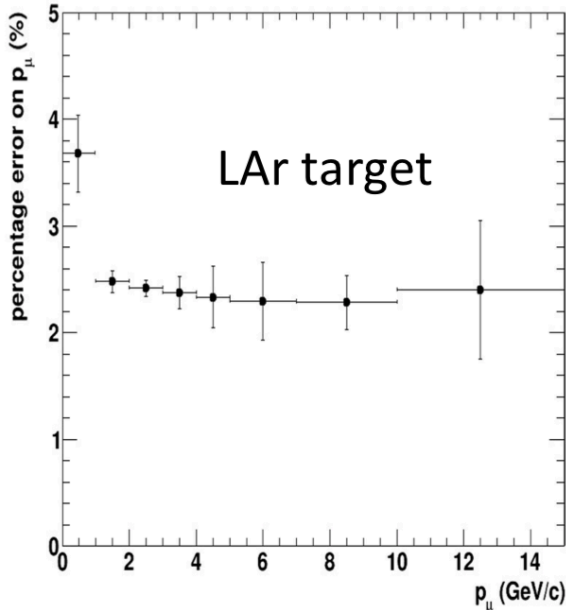
- ✧ Determine the relative abundance and energy spectrum of the four  $\nu$  species in LBNF beam:  $\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_e,$  and  $\bar{\nu}_e$  through CC-interactions.
  - ✧ **Prediction of FD/ND ( $E_\nu$ ) fluxes to  $\sim 1\%$**
- ✧ Determination of the absolute  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  fluxes to  $\sim 3\%$
- ✧ Measure cross-sections and exclusive topologies
  - ✧ Event by event NC/CC separation as a function of  $E_\nu$
  - ✧ Measurement of  $\pi^0$  and  $\gamma$  yields
  - ✧ Measurement of  $\pi^\pm / \mu^\pm$  ratios
  - ✧ Measurement of  $\mu^\pm$  decays.
  - ✧ Measure  $\nu - Ar$  interactions: Quasi-elastic, single  $\pi$ , Deep Inelastic,  $\nu - \mu$  production.
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- ✧ Calibration of absolute energy scale in  $\nu - Ar$  and  $\bar{\nu} - Ar$  interactions.
- ✧ Quantify  $\nu$  vs  $\bar{\nu}$  asymmetries in  $E_\nu$  scale, flux and interactions cross-sections for  $\delta_{CP}$
- ✧ Precision measurement of fundamental neutrino (anti-neutrino) interactions with matter such as free nucleon (H). **See Roberto's talk.**

Large number of Ph.D. topics based on STT based tracker volume for students.  
 One of the important requirements of the Indian funding agencies.

# STT Performance

- The STT provides excellent **momentum** ( $\sim 3\%$ ) and **angular resolution** ( $\sim 2$  mrad).
- Excellent particle identification via both ionization signals  $dE/dx$  and the Transition Radiation produced by  $e^+$  and  $e^-$  in the radiator foils.
- Offers  $\sim 10^3$  pion rejection with about 90% electron efficiency.

## STT results: muon



Good resolution on  $p$  ( $\sim 3\%$ ) for both targets.

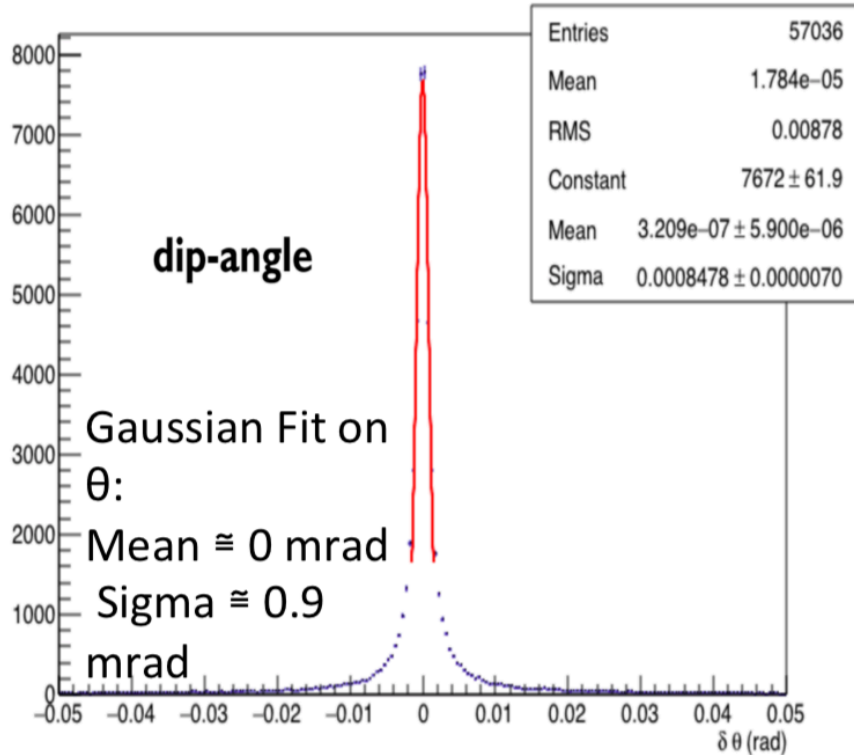
Good resolution on dip angle  
 $\sim 1.7$  mrad

Charge mis-ID rate  $\sim 0.02\%$

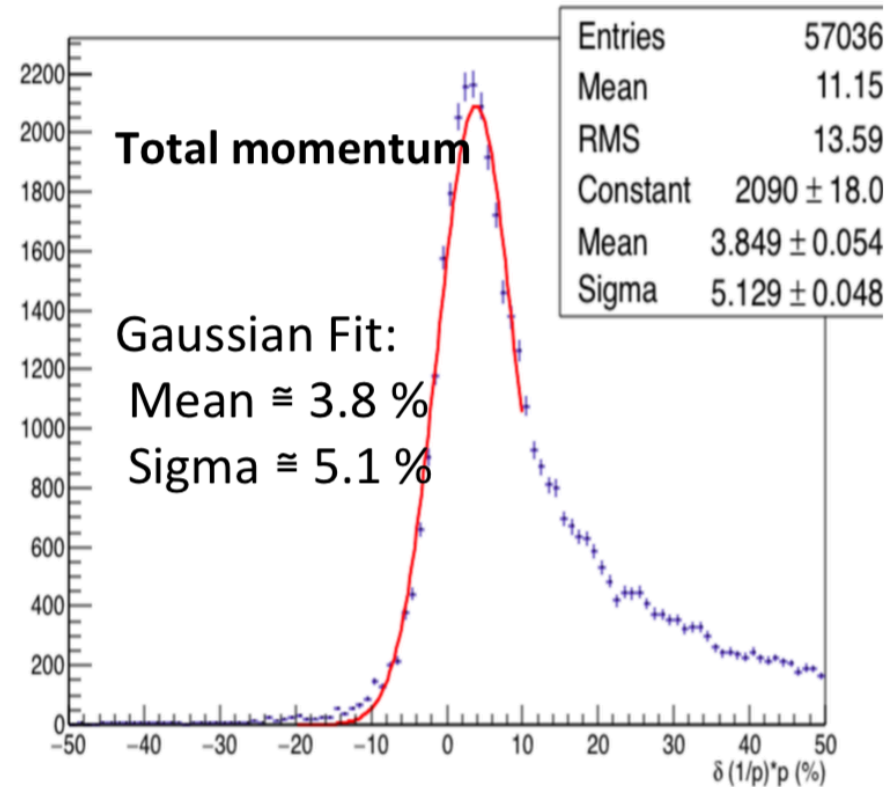


# STT Performance : Electrons

Generated in STT with GENIE+GEANT4. Very good resolutions, tails due to circular fit approximation to be improved i.e. with Kalman filter.



Wrong sign 1.3%



Same results with FLUKA

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The Indian institutions still consider having a STT tracker in one of the detector magnetic volumes such as the KLOE is still a VERY attractive option physics wise.

## Enhancing the LBNF/DUNE Physics Program

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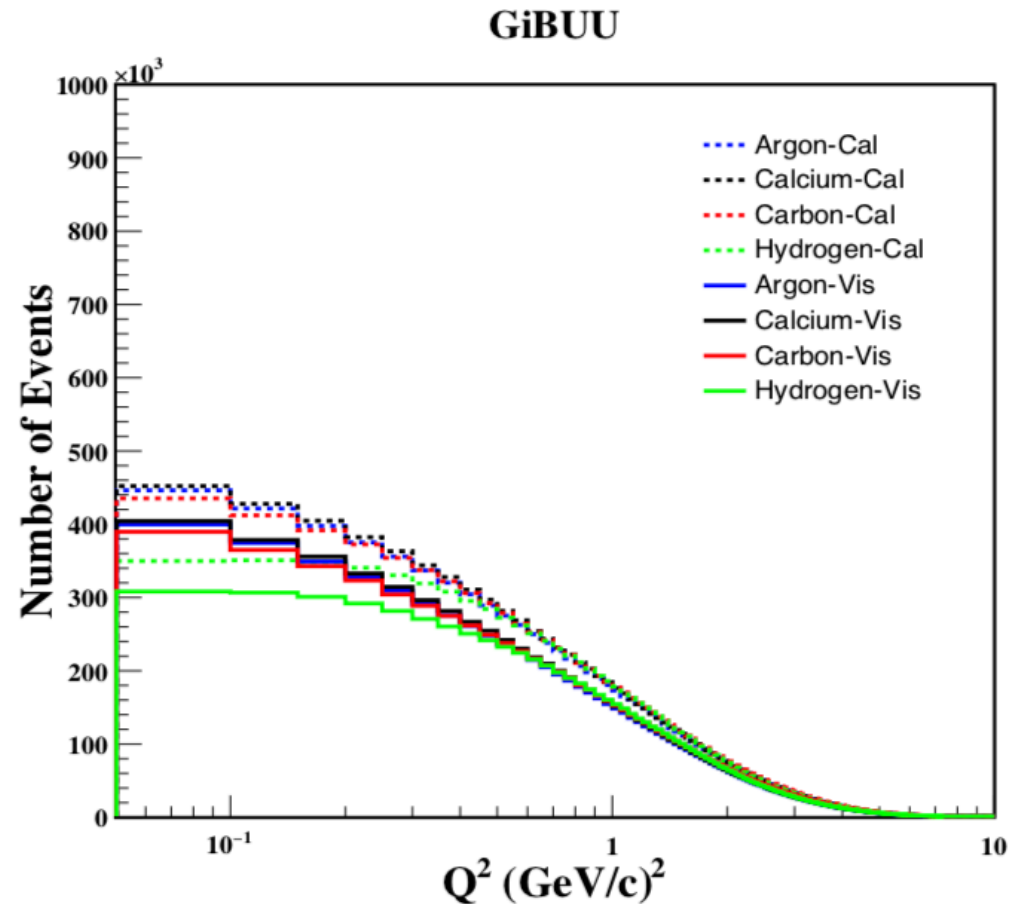
Submitted to European Strategy Group in 2018

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/765096/contributions/3295805/>

- ✓ Study neutrino nucleus interactions with different nuclear targets: Ar(A=40), Ca(A=40), C(A=12), H(A=1).

$Q^2$  distribution for  $\nu_\mu - Ar, Ca, C, H$  interaction.

Analysis is based on 1 million events generated using GIBBU.

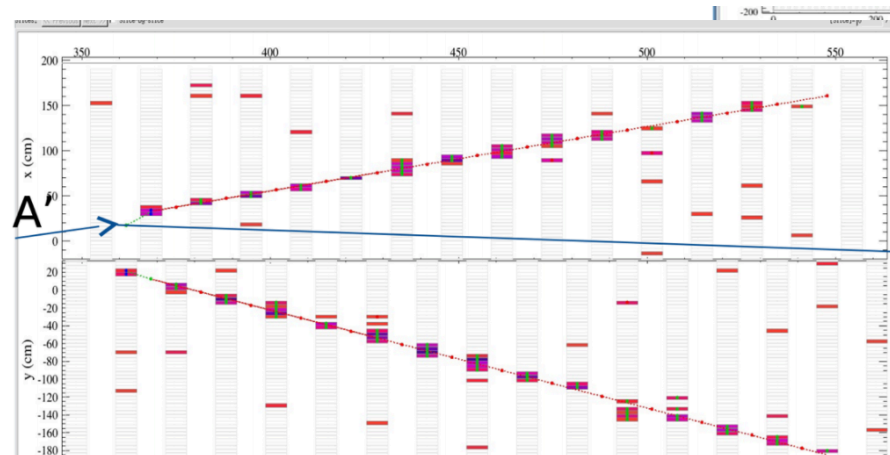


# New Physics Searches using STT

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University of Hyderabad

- ✓ Interest in Dark Sector searches at the Intensity frontier experiments.
  - ✓ May consists of new, light, weakly –coupled particles that do not interact with the known SM forces. Examples: Axions and Axions-like particles, Sterile Neutrinos, Dark photons, Dark matter ( $\sim$ GeV), Heavy Neutral Leptons (NHL) etc.
- ✓ Two and 3 body decays on NHL:  $N \rightarrow \mu^\mp \pi^\pm$ ,  $N \rightarrow e^\mp \pi^\pm$ ,  $N \rightarrow e^- e^+ \nu$ ,  $N \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \nu$ 
  - ✓ Dominant backgrounds:  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\nu_e$  interaction for the first two, neutral pion decay.
  - ✓ Require good lepton identification and neutral pion reconstruction in the detector to identify the signal.

Study is currently in progress using STT tracking volume in The KLOE magnet.



Example of a 2m long electron track from a simulated elastic scattering event with a neutral particle ( $A'$  or DM) contained inside the 14m long NOvA Near detector.

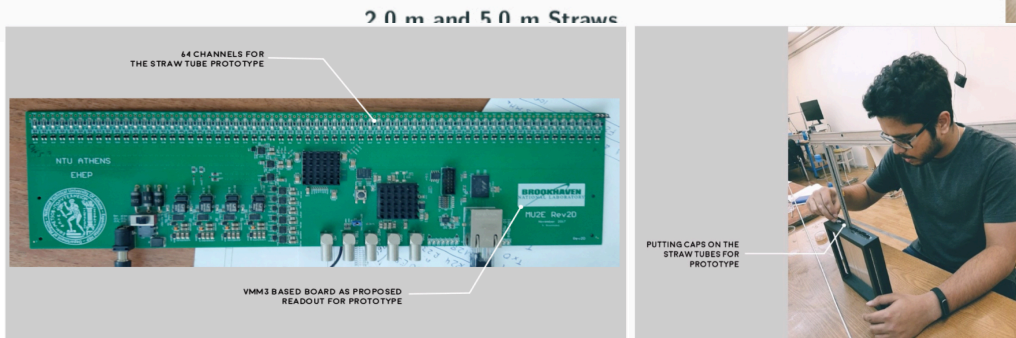
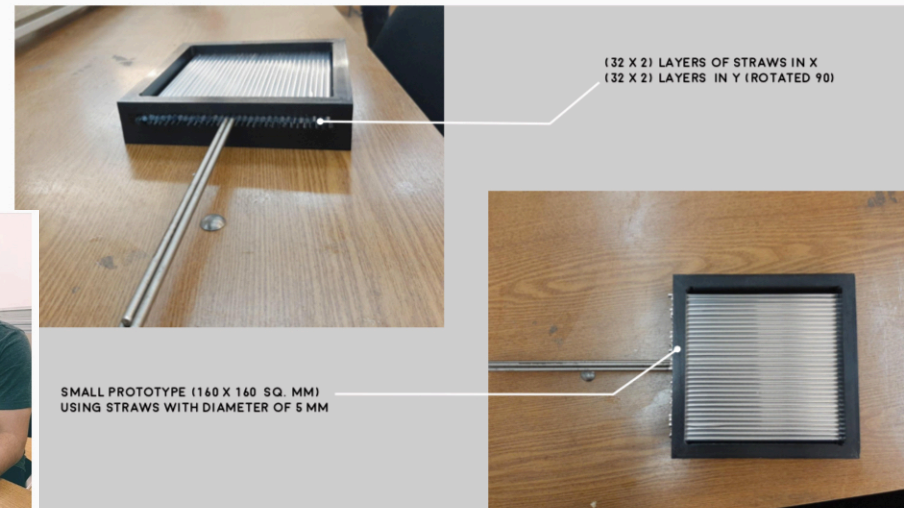
# Plan for STT Production in India

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- Plan to set up a production site in India for the production of the Straws for the STT.
    - Will be done in collaboration with our colleagues at JINR and elsewhere.
- Discussion already in progress.



- A 160 sq. mm small prototype is already being build.
  - Maharnab is currently working with the BNL team to develop the firmware for the VMM3a chip readout board.





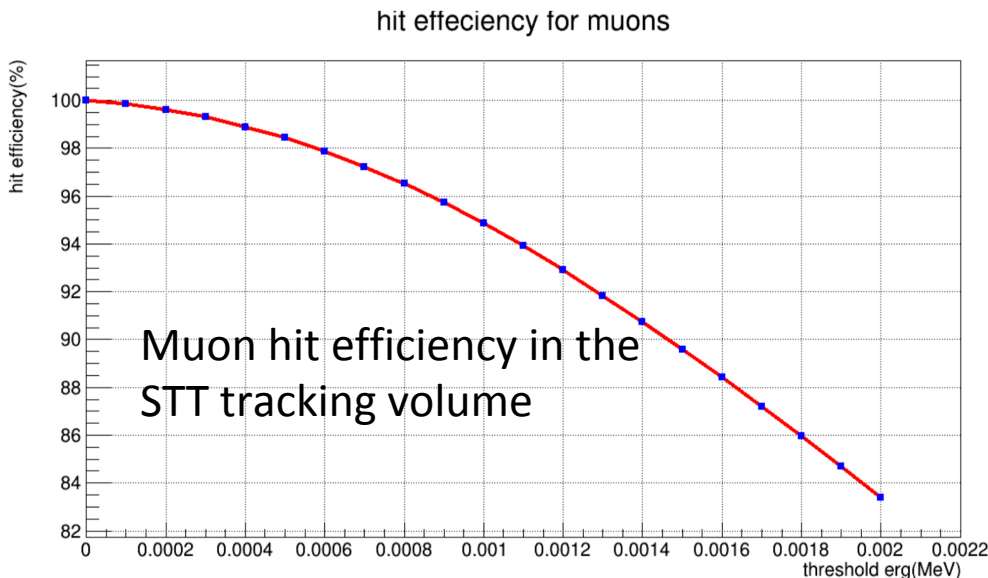
# STT Simulation

Nibir Talukdar, IIT Guwahati

- Two simulation packages are currently in use: based on Geant 4 and FLUKA

## Common Features:

- Flux: Optimized 3-Horn Design: <https://home.fnal.gov/~ljf26/DUNEFluxes/>
- KLOE Iron/coils/magnetic field from drawings.  $B=0.6$  T in the inner volume + Ecal, 1.5T in the yoke.
- KLOE ECAL: Layered in G4. In FLUKA, exact barrel description, endcap with homogeneous material, segmented readout



## Ingredients:

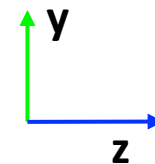
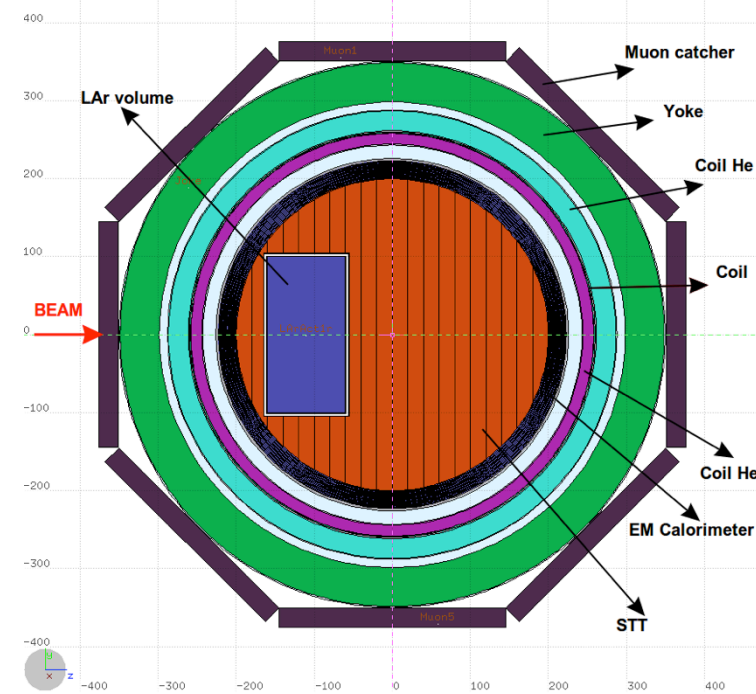
- Geometry: based on <https://github.com/gyang9/dunendggd>
- Neutrino Event Generator: GENIE
- Energy Deposition: Edep-sim <https://github.com/ClarkMcGrew/edep-sim>
- Digitization, Reconstruction and Analysis: independent tools: (<https://baltig.infn.it/dune/kloe-simu>)



# SAND Muon Detector

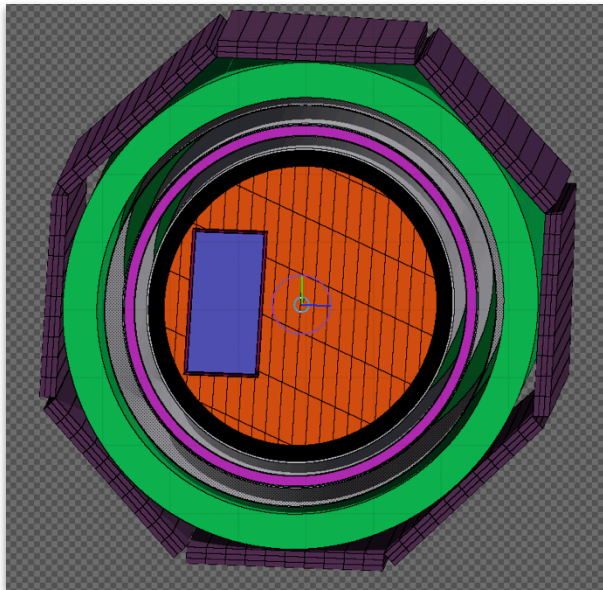
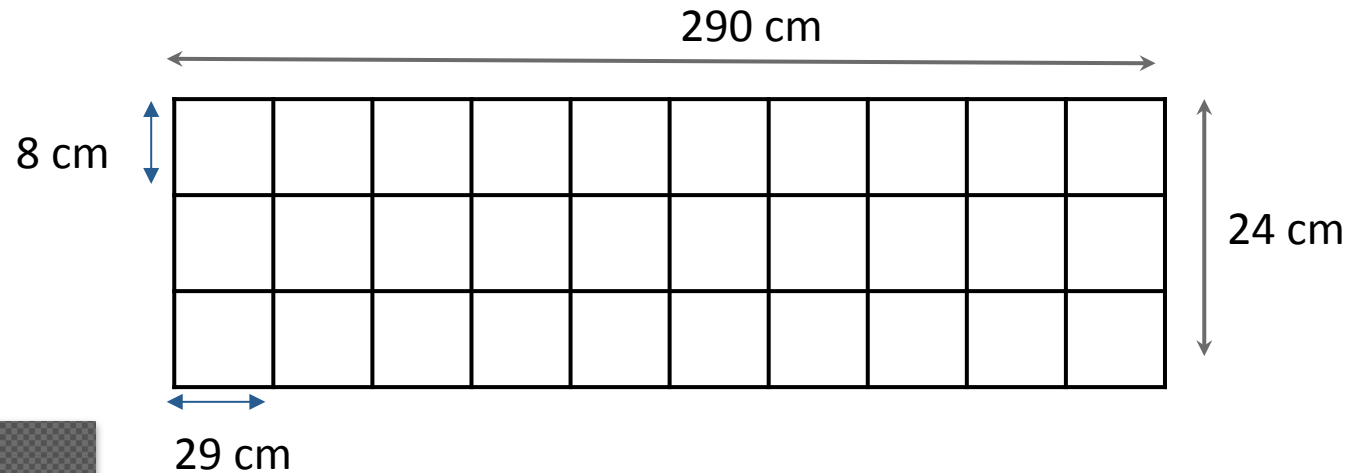
A. Nandi, IIT Guwahati

- Plastic scintillator based muon catcher for SAND implemented in FLUKA.
- 8 rectangular slabs: 524 cm long, 290 cm wide, 24 cm thick (dark purple).
- Just outside the return yoke (green).
- Gaps between consecutive slabs < 1 cm.
- Plastic scintillator: low maintenance, limited readout channels, fairly immune to ambient conditions.
- Material: BC-408, suitable for large area detectors and sensitive to muons, protons, fast neutrons etc.



Side view of the SAND

# SAND Muon Detector: Segmentation



30 per slab x 8 slabs = 240 tot. segments

Work in progress for implementing the geometry using GGD<sup>1</sup> in gdml format to take advantage of the existing simulation and reconstruction code

1: <https://github.com/brettviren/gegede>

# Summary

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- ✧ The STT based tracker volume will significantly enhance the physics capability of the DUNE-ND complex.
  - ✧ Very good charged particle tracking via the STT, good charged separation.
  - ✧ Good momentum/energy resolution via STT/ECAL. Sufficient for SAND to act as the beam monitoring detector.
  - ✧ Good hadron discrimination, muon-ID via RPC or plastic scintillator based muon detector.
- ✧ **SAND with STT Tracker option**
  - ✧ Since SAND will remain on-axis through out, it is important to ensure that we place a detector that can do physics beyond the oscillation physics.
  - ✧ A STT based tracker volume will yield more than 100 PhD thesis topics for training the next generation of physicists. One of the original mandate of DAE.
  - ✧ Possibility of using Fe as the target material in STT which will be extremely important for INO.