

# SLArchetto Operation Procedure

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## General steps:

1. Precool the LAr filter first. During the precooling, vent to the venting line, but not to the SLArchetto vessel. This takes about 1 hour and we stop precooling when the temperature in the LAr filter is  $-100^{\circ}\text{C}$  (the lower limit of the temperature readout).
2. Fill the SLArchetto vessel, monitor the LArPix noise during the filling. Stop LAr filling when RTD4 is submerged in LAr and RTD5 is about to be submerged, and/or the liquid level sensor is at 65 cm.
3. After LAr reaches the desired level, take pedestal data with LArPix.
4. Turn off LArPix and ramp up the high voltage.
5. Take pedestal data, set the trigger threshold of LArPix. Start data taking.

## Safety:

- All the doors of the LNTF hut have to be open.
- The intake fan has to be turned on.
- The oxygen deficiency sensor and monitor (ODM) have to be checked.
- The pressure in the LAr filter must not exceed 150 psi. The pressure is shown on PG3.
- The pressure in the SLArchetto vessel must not exceed 10 psig. The cracking pressure of the burst disk is 10 psig but likely it will break at  $\sim 6$  psig. The pressure is shown on PG5 on top of the vessel and PT1 in the detector control system (Ignition).

## Technical notes:

- V3, V5, V7, V9, V16/V17, V19 isolate the LAr filter. During the LAr filling, V5, V16, V17, V19 should be always closed. V17 is a metal valve, and we close V17 to prevent cold Ar gas from entering the gas heater.
- The ion gauge (PG1) has to be turned off before LAr filling by unplugging the cable. Otherwise it will be damaged (which costs \$1500 and 2 – 3 months of lead time).
- The vacuum vessel surrounding the LAr filter should be evacuated from V4 all the time during LAr filling. The pressure can be read from PG6.
- Purge the venting line of SLArchetto with ultra high purity Ar gas when V12 and V13 are open. At least at the beginning of filling, dewar transition, and the end of filling.
  - If using a gas cylinder outside the LNTF hut, the gas pressure at the outline of the regulator should be 20 psig.

- You can use one LAr dewar to fill and the Ar gas (from the gas port) of another LAr dewar to purge. The LAr and Ar gas have to come from different dewars. In this case, also keep monitoring the usage of LAr so that we don't run out of LAr before getting to the desired LAr level.
- V9, V11, V12 (V13, V14, V15) isolate the SLArchetto vessel. V11, V14, V15 should be always closed, while V12 should be always open until LAr filling is completed. Make sure you know where V12 is; **the burst disk will rupture if V12 is closed.**
- After connecting a new LAr supply dewar, purge the air in the tube from V2.
- Cool down the LAr purifier by filling it with LAr from V3 and venting the gas Ar from V7. Monitor the temperature from the “LAr Filter Regeneration” tab. This takes about 1 hour.
- When starting filling LAr in SLArchetto (at the room temperature), all the LAr will evaporate. This is the time that pressure will rapidly build up in the system. Carefully control V13 to release the pressure.
- Keep the pressure in the SLArchetto vessel at 2 – 4 psig (16.5 – 18.5 psia). The pressure can be read from PG5 on the top of SLArchetto and from PT1 from the Ignition GUI.
- Keep the pressure in the LAr filter at 20 psig (TBC). The pressure can be read from PG3.
- We would like to control the filling so that it takes ~5 hours to fill SLArchetto. The desired liquid level is 65 cm on the level sensor. Note that the filling rate is not linear because more LAr evacuates at the beginning.
- The torque for V3 is 25 foot-pound.
- Load ~55 L of nitrogen in the thermosyphon line 11 (TSL11).
  - Start loading nitrogen after starting purging the venting line.
  - Use the “Thermosyphon” page from the DUNE detector control system (Ignition).
  - Use the “Purge” bottom to purge the thermosyphon line.
  - Start with 10 L nitrogen at 5 slpm. Wait for the pressure in TSL11 to stabilize.
  - Then load 5 L nitrogen at 5 slpm each time. Better to wait longer between each load.
  - After finishing LAr filling, monitor the pressure in SLArchetto and adjust the nitrogen amount accordingly (usually adding or removing 1-3 L of nitrogen).
- LArPix DAQ tutorial can be found at <https://github.com/SLACube/slacube-daq-tutorial>.
  - DO NOT run DAQ when the system is in vacuum.
  - Configure the hydra network, take pedestal runs and find bad channels at room temperature. Then do threshold and selftrigger tests at room temperature as well.
  - Monitor pedestal during LAr filling (after the vessel is at  $\geq$  atmospheric pressure).
  - After LAr is filled, set threshold and test the trigger rate with HV = 0V.
  - After HV is ramped up, try a few selftrigger tests. Manually increase the trigger threshold if the trigger rate is too high ( $> 2\text{Hz}$  per channel).
- Turn off the LArPix tile while ramping up the high voltage.
- Once SLArchetto is filled, close V12, V13, V9. Open V7 to vent Ar in the LAr filter.
- RTD2 (the bottom one) is not available in this run, but it is repetitive to RTD1.
- RTD3 in this run is connected to Cryocon channel B.
- V9, V12 and V13 usually freeze during LAr filling, wait some time and close them again.
- The venting line vibrates during LAr filling and possibly during purging and makes noise. The flowmeter vibrates as well.

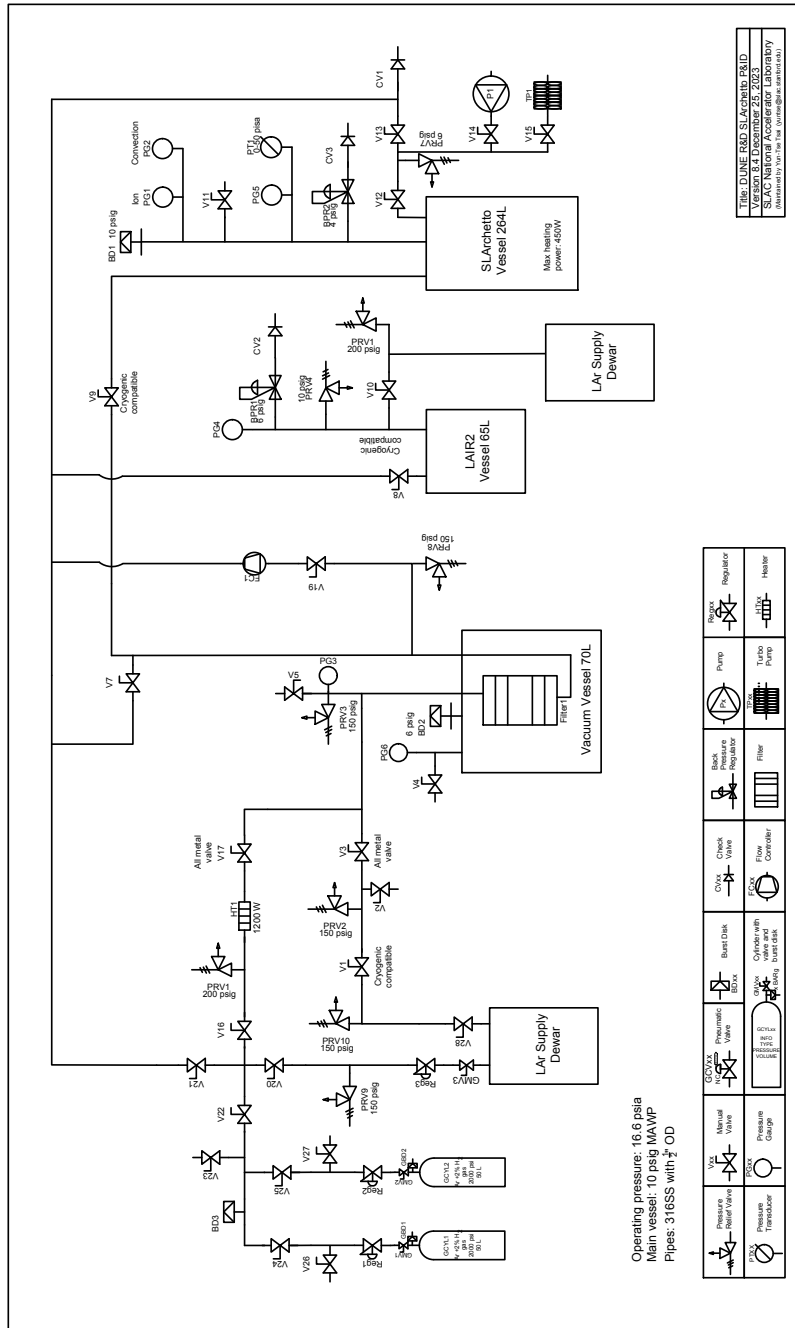


Figure 1: P&ID

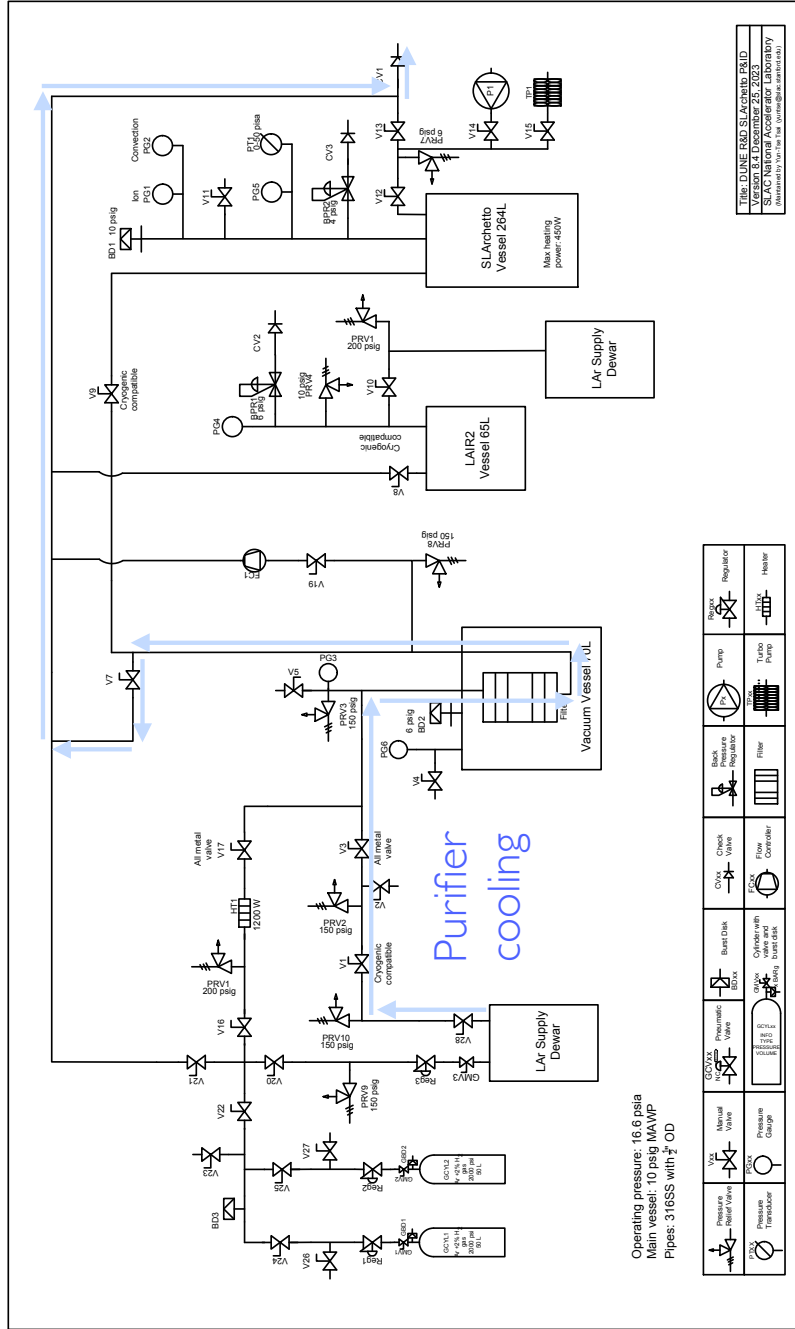


Figure 2: LAr flow direction for cooling the LAr purifier



Checklist	What to Do and Detailed Description
<b>Readiness</b>	
3 ultra high purity LAr dewars lifted in the LNTF hut	
TPC grounding checked	
LArPix tests in the room temperature at atmosphere: Configure the hydra network, take pedestal runs, find bad channels, check the threshold and test selftrigger rates.	LArPix tutorial at <a href="https://github.com/SLACube/slacube-daq-tutorial">https://github.com/SLACube/slacube-daq-tutorial</a>
Vessel closed and tightened	
Leak checked	
All valves are closed	
V12, V14 are open	For pumping the vessel
P1 (scroll pump) on	Need to use the scroll pump first
P1 on for 30 minutes, PG5 (pressure gauge) way below 0 psig, PT1 (pressure transducer) at absolutely 0 for more than 10 minutes	Read PT1 from <b>Pressure</b> in the Ignition detector monitor
V14 closed	
P1 off	
V15 open	Prepare to start the turbo pump
TP1 (turbo pump) on for a few days	
V30 and the valve on the Hicube pump open	The Hicube pump is located behind the computer monitor. V30 is connected on the thermosyphon evaporator, and is not shown in the current version of P&ID
The HiCube pump on	Pump the thermosyphon vacuum jacket
LAr filter regenerated	See the procedure for LAr filter regeneration
Wrap the tubes along the LAr path with foam	
P1 connected to V4. V4 opened and P1 on	Evacuate the vacuum vessel insulating the LAr filter
Detector control (Ignition) set up	Instruction: <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/17dsjQEY3hDOYmxKYikNqeVWEoB0qyarqYrbijNPSBfg/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/document/d/17dsjQEY3hDOYmxKYikNqeVWEoB0qyarqYrbijNPSBfg/edit?usp=sharing</a>
Torque wrench and handle for V3 in hand	25 foot-pound torque wrench and the handle
<b>Prepare LAr filling</b>	
TP1 (turbo pump) pumped for a few days, PT1 (pressure transducer) at absolutely 0 for a few days, ion gauge at $10^{-3}$ mbar	Read PT1 from <b>Pressure</b> in the Ignition detector monitor. The ion gauge should be turned off when the pressure is greater than $6 \times 10^{-2}$ mbar

The vacuum in the thermosyphon line jacket is at  $10^{-3}$  hPa level or below

Purge the thermosyphon line

Read the display at the Hicube pump

Use thermosyphon page in DUNE Ignition (button in the main menu or on the thermosyphon temperature panel on the left in the monitor page), select line TSL11 by clicking on the right thermosyphon or on SLArchetto on the minimap on the top right; make sure no other valves in the thermosyphon system are being used (large button on the left grey and saying “No TS valve open”), so that the control panel and the pressure plot under it are visible and enabled.

Click the top button **Purge** on the panel.

Purge will take about 3 minutes; while still running the traffic light shows green, turning back off when over.

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### **Safety Checks – Beginning of the Day**

All the doors of the LNTF hut opened

Intake fan on

Press the red button on the east wall of the LNTF to turn the exhaust fan to high speed. Note: Button turns “yellow” when the fan is on high speed

Oxygen deficiency sensor in place, oxygen deficiency monitor green

HEPAs speed high

HEPA control is in the back of the fans (outside the clean tent), and there are five HEPAs

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### **Cool down the LAr filter**

LAr supply dewar has  $< 230$  psi

If it is higher, vent the argon to lower pressure  $\sim 230$  psi.

If it is too low (such as 30 psi), open the pressure builder to build the pressure to  $> 100$  psi

Connect the LAr dewar

PPE (cryo gloves, safety glasses) on

V1, V2 open

LAr supply dewar (V28) opened

When seeing LAr, V28, V2 closed

V3 opened

Purge the air in the tube

Stop purging

LAr supply dewar (V28) opened, carefully opened V7 according to PG3

PG3 should be at 5 – 10 psig

Temperature in LAr filter at  $-100^{\circ}\text{C}$  (the minimal of the readout device) or cooling for an hour, V28 (LAr supply dewar), V7 closed

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### **Fill the main vessel**

Start purging the SLArchetto venting line (downstream V13) with gas Ar

V15 closed

TP1 (turbo pump) off

LArPix fan on

Check V12 open

Double check the closed valves: V2, V5, V7, V8, V9, V11, V13, V14, V15

LAr dewar (V28) closed

Double check the open valves: V1, V3, **V12 (IMPORTANT)**

Oxygen sensor shows <1% or plateaued

One operator ready for adjusting V13 all the time according to the pressure in SLArchetto.

The second operator fully opens V9

The second operator opens V28 (LAr dewar) gradually, and the first operator opens V13 according to the pressure in the vessel (PG5 or PT1)

Thermosyphone load: Fill with 10 L at 10 slpm, and the pressure is less than 5 bar (better less than 3 bar)

LArPix power supply on. Voltage at 24 V, current limit at 1 A

LArPix starts taking data when the pressure reaches ~14.6 psia

Equilibrium reached and ~20 psig (TBC) at PG3 (pressure gauge on top of the LAr filter)

Pressure in TSL11 stable and < 3 bar, add 5 L at 5 slpm. Totally 15 L

Two options: 1. Use gas Ar from the LAr dewar: Open GMV3, Reg3, V20, V21, DO NOT use the same LAr dewar for filling and purging, 2. Use UHP Ar gas cylinder: Hook the gas cylinder, close V26, open GMV1, Reg1, V24, V22, V21

Prepare for filling the main vessel

Plug the cable into the extension cord used for the turbo pump

V12 is on the top lid, connecting to the hose. If closed, the burst disk will crack when LAr just fills in.

Oxygen sensor is displayed at the “LAr Filter” page of the Ignition GUI

We want to keep the pressure at about 2 psig at PG5 (16.6 psia at PT1) and not to exceed 4 psig at PG5 (18.6 psia at PT1) all the time. We also don't want the vessel pressure to go below 0 psig at PG5 (14.6 psia at PT1), in which condition the air would come in and contaminate the LAr purity.

Use the “Thermosyphon page”. Fill the numbers 10 L (large box) at 10 slpm, and click Add N<sub>2</sub>. Check the pressure on the purple graph under the controls.

Use Pedestal Monitor in the LArPix tutorial, <https://github.com/SLACube/slacube-daq-tutorial#pedestal-monitor>.



Repeat slowly until reaching 55 L nitrogen in TSL11

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### LAr dewar transition

When the LAr dewar is almost empty, start to close the LAr dewar

1 – 3 psig at PG5 (pressure gauge for SLArchetto) or 15.6 – 17.6 psia at PT1 (pressure transducer for SLArchetto) during the LAr dewar transition

V1, V3 closed

The first LAr dewar disconnected, the second one connected

V1, V2 opened

V28 (LAr dewar) open

When seeing LAr from V2, V28 (LAr dewar), V2 closed

V3 open

Double check V9 opened

One operator ready for adjusting V13 all the time according to the pressure in SLArchetto.

The second operator opens V28 (LAr dewar) gradually, and the first operator open/adjust V13 according to the pressure in the vessel (PG5 or PT1)

Pressure at PG3 (pressure gauge for the LAr filter) will start dropping when the LAr dewar is almost empty

Adjust V13 to control the pressure. May need to completely close it. Read PT1 from **Pressure** in the Ignition detector monitor

Prepare to purge the air

Purge the air in the tube

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### Stop LAr filling

Cryocon D (RTD 4) reaches ~90 K at ~16.1 psia, or drops significantly. Liquid level at 65 cm (SLArchetto page in Ignition)

Liquid seen through the viewport

When Cryocan E (RTD 5) shows the beginning of the significant temperature drop, two operators ready to close the valves

This means the LAr reaches the desired liquid level. Read RTD values at the Ignition detector monitor or the Cryocon device

Turn on the flash light and place it on top of the viewport shield

One operator ready for adjusting V13 all the time according to the pressure in SLArchetto.

V28 (LAr dewar), V13 closed

V1, V3, V9, V12 closed

V7 open

Stop purging the SLArchetto venting line (downstream V13)

Electrical box plugged and switched on

Take pedestal run

Set the threshold of LArPix channels with HV off and test the selftrigger rate

Enable the warning, alert, and alarm for the pressure

Enable the warning, alert, and alarm for RTD 1, 3, and 4

Enable the warning, alert, and alarm for RTD 5

Enable the warning and alert for RTD 6

20-40 minutes for equilibrium

Cryoncon A, B, C, D (RTD 1, 2, 3, 4) show  $< 90\text{K}$  at  $\sim 16\text{ psia}$

V7 closed when LAr filter venting completed

All valves closed

Emergency exhaust fan button is red

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Vent LAr filter to the venting line.

Toggle up, switch on in case we need heaters

LArPix DAQ tutorial for Pedestal Test: <https://github.com/SLACube/slacube-daq-tutorial#pedestal-test>.

LArPix DAQ tutorial for Threshold Setting: <https://github.com/SLACube/slacube-daq-tutorial#threshold-setting>

Click the alarm button. Warning range: 14 – 17.7 psia; Alert range: 14 – 18.7 psia; Alarm range: 14 – 19.7 psia

Click the alarm button. Warning range: 87 – 91 K; Alert range: 85 – 92 K; Alarm range: 83 – 93 K

Click the alarm button. Warning range: 87 – 130 K; Alert range: 85 – 130 K; Alarm range: 83 – 130 K

Click the alarm button. Warning range: 150 – 163 K; Alert range: 145 – 170 K

Check for example, if temperature at RTD 4 is rising, if the pressure is stable

The valves likely were not closed because of the ice on them. Check them again and completely close them

Press the yellow button on the east wall of the LNTF to turn the exhaust fan to low speed. Note: Button turns “red” when the fan is on low speed

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**Ramp up high voltage**

LArPix data taking stopped

LArPix tile powered off

High voltage power supply on

PicoAmmeter on, set to the 'zcheck' mode

PicoAmmter DAQ script running and field shell current updating

HV status on and HV current set to 1mA

High voltage ramped up to 15 kV

High voltage (Cathode voltage) at 15 kV, field shell current (PicoAm Current) at  $\sim 9000 - 10000$  nA (TBC)

Enable the alert and alarm for high voltage

Enable the warning, alert, and alarm for the current, and the alarms on updates of the current

HV ramping Interlock ON

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### Start data taking

LArPix self-trigger tests

Instruction of LArPix Power Management:  
<https://github.com/SLACube/slacube-daq-tutorial#power-management>

Log in  
`neutrino@nu-daq01-ir2.slab.stanford.edu`  
`run`  
`cd ~/kapton_daq`  
`source setup.sh`  
`nohup python3 daq.py --config config/config_keithley6485.yaml &`  
Check the Current in the HV Control panel in the main page, or PicoAm Current in the SLArchetto High Voltage Control page  
Go to the HV Control panel, and then go to HV ramping.  
Click PS initialization.  
Then the button HV Status On/Off should be On and green.

Set Target voltage to 15 kV, and click HV ramping Interlock ON, disabling the interlock.  
Click Start.  
More details in RampingHighVoltage.pdf.

Check Cathode Voltage and PicoAm Current in the SLArchetto High Voltage Control page, or Voltage and Current in the main monitor

Click the alarm button. Warning range: 14.95 – 15.05 kV; Alert range: 14.9 – 15.1 kV; Alarm range: 14.8 – 15.2 kV

Click the alarm button. Warning range: -20,000 – 0 nA; Alert range: -25,000 – 0 nA; Alarm range: -30,000 – 0 nA (TBC)

LArPix tutorial for Self-Trigger Test, <https://github.com/SLACube/slacube-daq-tutorial#self-trigger-test>, and Threshold Adjustment, <https://github.com/SLACube/slacube-daq-tutorial#threshold-adjustment>.

LArPix data taking	LArPix tutorial for Taking Data, <a href="https://github.com/SLACube/slacube-daq-tutorial#taking-data">https://github.com/SLACube/slacube-daq-tutorial#taking-data</a>
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<b>Stop operation</b>	
Stop data taking	LArPix tutorial for Taking Data: <a href="https://github.com/SLACube/slacube-daq-tutorial#taking-data">https://github.com/SLACube/slacube-daq-tutorial#taking-data</a> .
LArPix tile powered off	LArPix tutorial Power Management: <a href="https://github.com/SLACube/slacube-daq-tutorial#power-management">https://github.com/SLACube/slacube-daq-tutorial#power-management</a> .
Archive LArPix configurations	LArPix tutorial Archive Run Config: <a href="https://github.com/SLACube/slacube-daq-tutorial#archive-run-config">https://github.com/SLACube/slacube-daq-tutorial#archive-run-config</a> .
HV and current alarms disabled	Click the alarm button and disable the alarms
HV ramped down	Go to the HV Control panel, and then go to HV ramping. Set Target voltage to 0 kV, and click HV ramping Interlock ON, disabling the interlock. Click Start. More details in RampingHighVoltage.pdf.
High voltage (Cathode voltage) at 0 kV, field shell current (PicoAm Current) at 0 nA	Check Cathode Voltage and PicoAm Current in the SLArchetto High Voltage Control page, or Voltage and Current in the main monitor
HV Status off	Click Switch On, and the button will become grey and HV Status Off will show
V12 and V13 open	Prepare for boiling LAr
Removed liquid nitrogen in the thermosyphon line	Set the total amount of $N_2$ found in the thermosyphon drawing, e.g. 60 L, to be removed at 5 slpm (click on Remove $N_2$ ). When it's done, click on Purge.
Heater interlock off	Go to SLArchetto main page, turn off the Heater ITLK ON
Set up the heater range: 91 – 95 K	Go to LAr evaporator, set Heater OFF temperature to 95 K while Heater ON temperature to 91 K
Heater on	Click Start
Heat for 24 hours, and heater off	Go to LAr evaporator, click Stop
Heater interlock on	Go to the main page and turn on the heater interlock

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