

- LAr receivers will be built by Pittsburgh.
 - Now confirmed by US DoE.
- Pittsburgh would also like to build TileCal receivers.
 - The only sensible solution very similar problem, they have the expertise, etc.
 - They must make a proposal to DoE (even though we pay).
 - They need a *specification* for the signal-handling.
 - + They say that *we* must write it, with help from TileCal (Rio) group.

Design criteria:

- As similar to LAr as possible, both electrically and mechanically.
 - + Use same crates, controls, infrastructure.
- Avoid summing of trigger-tower signals at boundaries.



- Some design issues:
 - **v** Use of patch panels to make input layout more like LAr.
 - Can muon level-1 signals use 'our' cables?
 - Additional patch-panel complication offset by use of 16-pair cables
 (same as LAr) fewer cables overall so less space needed, lower cost.
 - Specification of input cable connectors.
 - Specification of 'interconnect' boards for re-ordering.
 - Do we want a facility to view analogue signals, like LAr? Is there any other monitoring requirement?
 - Number of modules, number of channels per module.



• Pulse-handling issues (including questions from Bill):

- Input cable impedance and coupling; is transformer coupling acceptable?
 - + It will introduce a luminosity-dependent baseline shift for monopolar pulses whose level should be estimated.
- Do we need to reshape pulses?
 - + LAr uses 15!ns integration to limit bandwidth, is that ok?
 - + Any other changes to width or risetime?
- **v** Gain values and range needed for conversion to $E_{\rm T}$.
 - + Including compensation for cable attenuation.
- What level of noise from the receiver can be tolerated?
- What is the requirement on linearity?
- What is the polarity of the input signals?