

# The CNGS program status and Physics potential



Thanks to K.Elsener, A.Rubbia, P.Stroliu, the  
CNGS, OPERA and ICARUS colleagues

And apologies to Botticelli.....

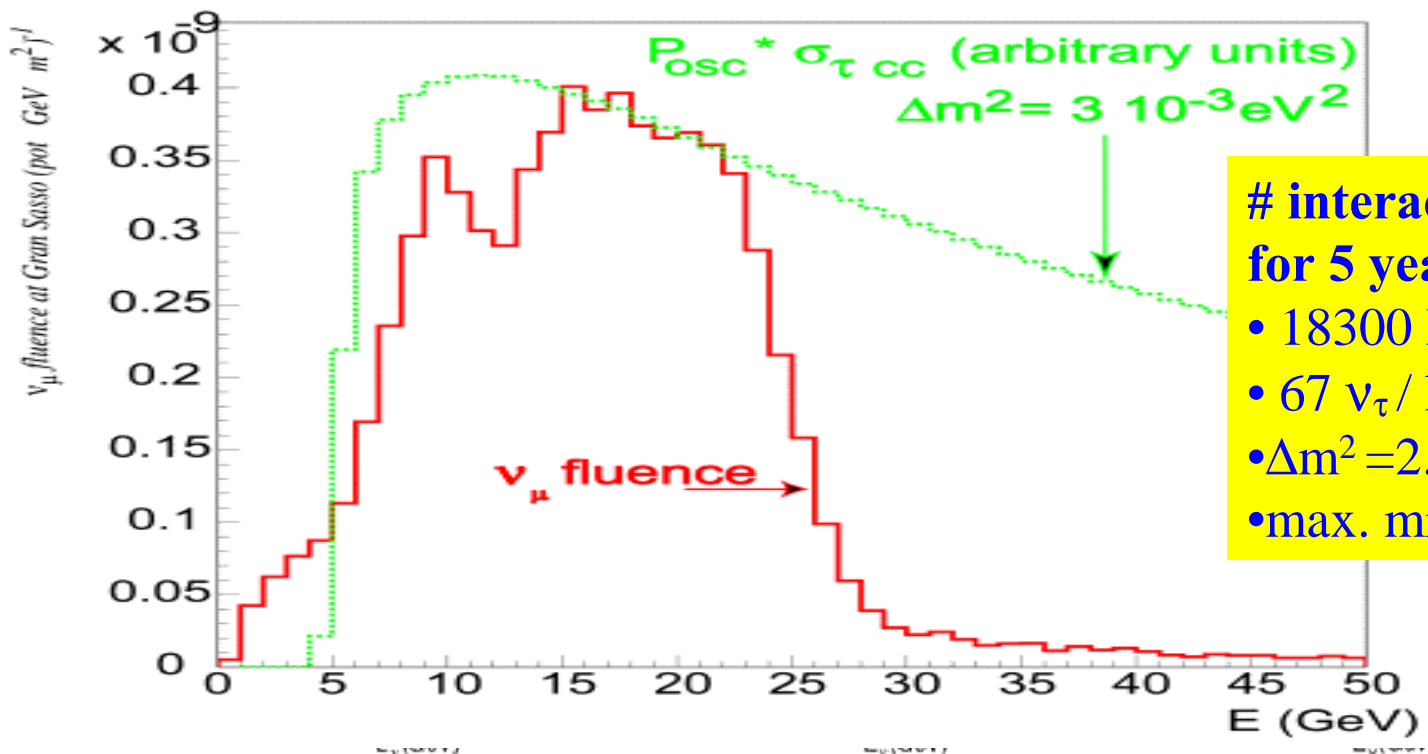
# CNGS beam optimized for appearance

**Shared SPS operation**

**200 days/year**

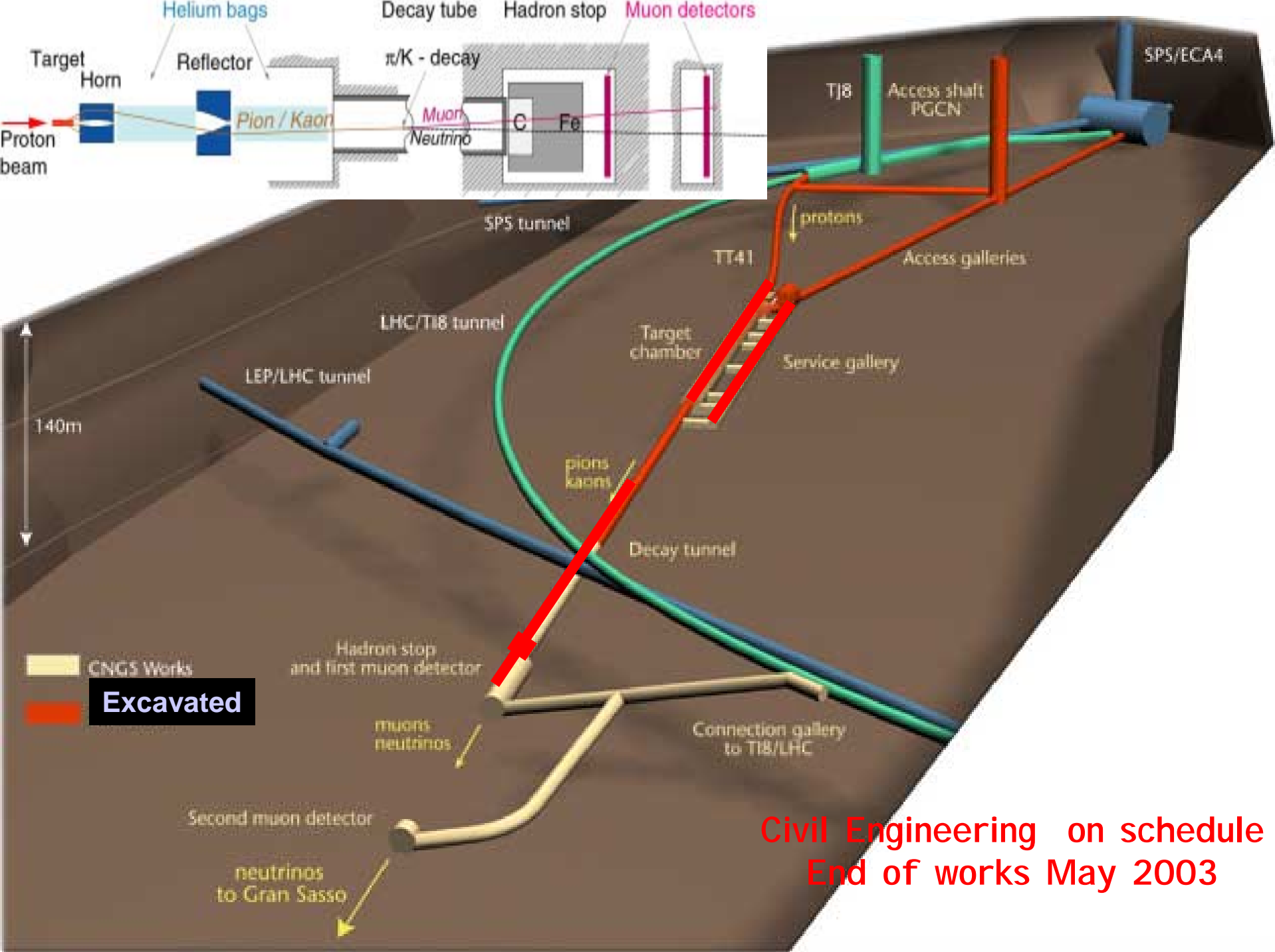
**$4.5 \times 10^{19}$  pot / year**

$\langle E \rangle_\nu$ (GeV)	17
$(\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e) / \nu_\mu$	0.87 %
$\bar{\nu}_\mu / \nu_\mu$	2.1 %
$\nu_\tau$ prompt	negligible



**# interactions  $\nu$  for 5 years :**

- 18300 NC+CC / kt
- 67  $\nu_\tau$  / kt
- $\Delta m^2 = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$
- max. mixing

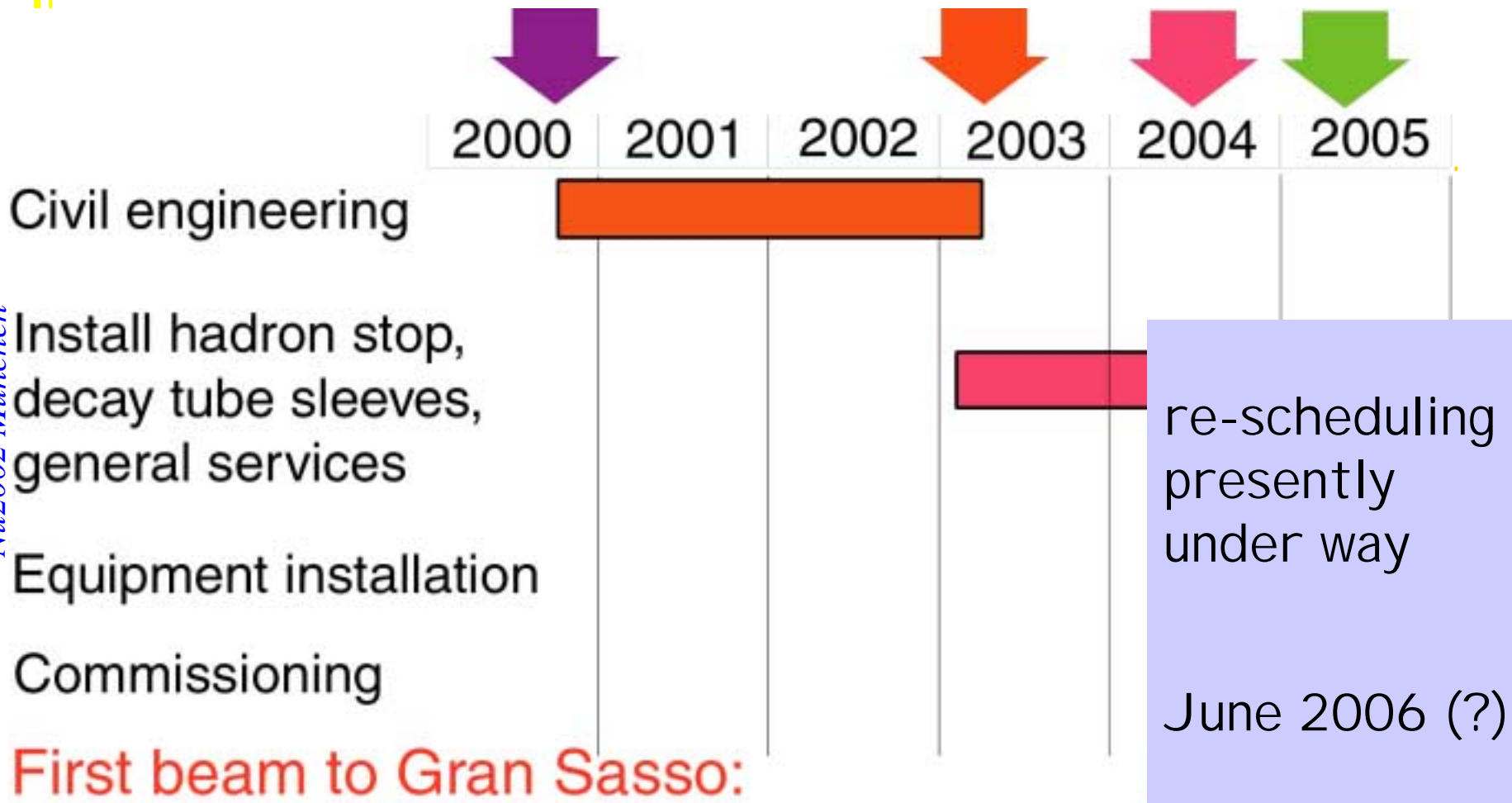


140m

CNGS Works  
 **Excavated**

Civil Engineering on schedule  
 End of works May 2003

# CNGS : schedule



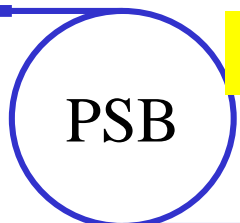
Reevaluation: Cost 71 -> 77.6 MCHF  
Manpower 60-> 80 manyears

# New ideas on the beam side (R.Cappi et al.)

L2

50 MeV

Units  $10^{13}$



PSB

$N_t = 3.3 \rightarrow 2 \times 2.4$

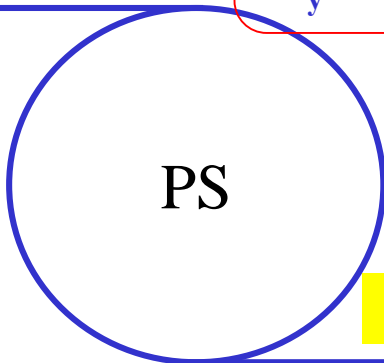
1.4 GeV,  $\eta=0.9$

$\epsilon_x < 22$

$\epsilon_y < 9$

$\epsilon_x = 21$

$\epsilon_y = 9.2$



PS

$N_t = 4.8$

14 GeV/c; new5t CT;  $\eta=0.8 \rightarrow 0.9$

$\epsilon_x = 3.4/5 = 0.68$

$\epsilon_y = 1.4$

SPS

$\epsilon_x < 3$

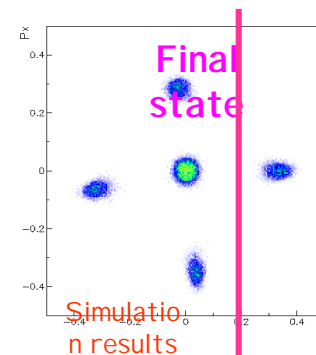
$\epsilon_y < 2$

$N_t = 8.6$

filling time = 2.4s

$\psi_p = 8.6/7.2 = 1.19$      **G = 1.49**

$\psi_p = 8.6/6.6 = 1.30$  if PSB@.6s     **G = 1.63**

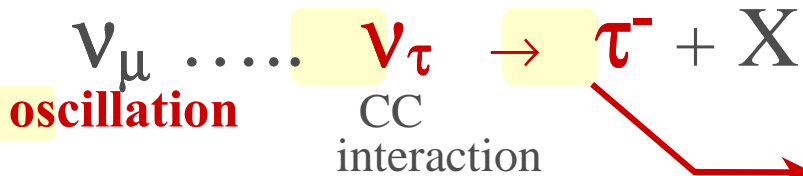


10% improvement  $\Rightarrow \eta=0.9$   
 $\Rightarrow$  lower transfer losses,  
better matching, etc.

A gain of 30 to 50% in flux expected at minimal cost <2 MCHF



## 2 ways of detecting $\tau$ appearance



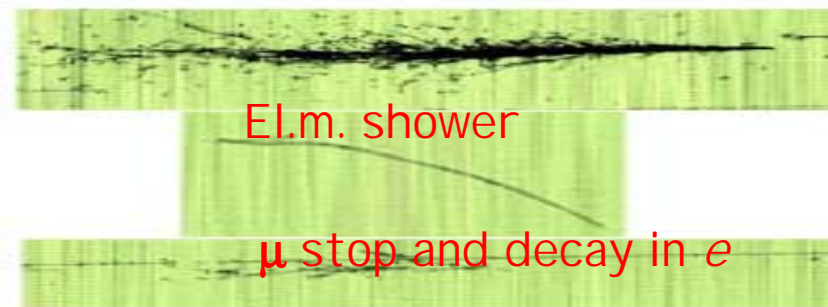
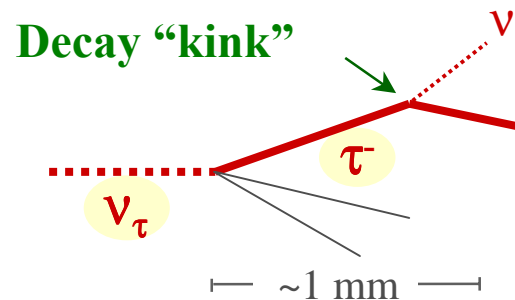
$\mu^- \nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_\mu$	BR 18 %
$h^- \nu_\tau n\pi^0$	50 %
$e^- \nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_e$	18 %
$\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \nu_\tau n\pi^0$	14 %

**OPERA:** Observation of the decay topology of  $\tau$  (*à la CHORUS*)  
**In photographic emulsion**

(~  $\mu\text{m}$  granularity)  
 A digital Cloud chamber

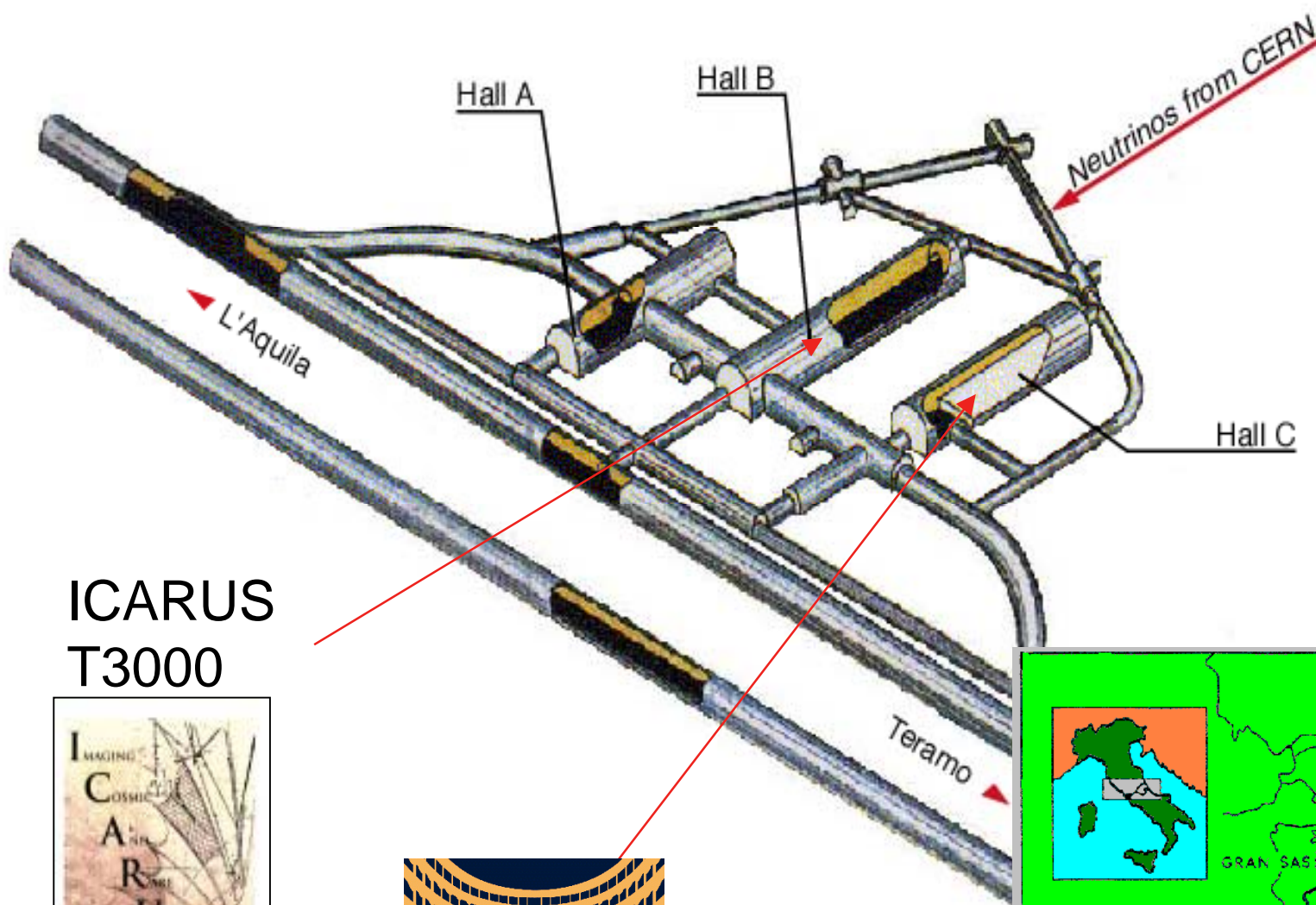
**ICARUS:** detailed TPC image in liquid argon and kinematic criteria (*à la NOMAD*)

(~ mm granularity)  
 A digital Bubble chamber

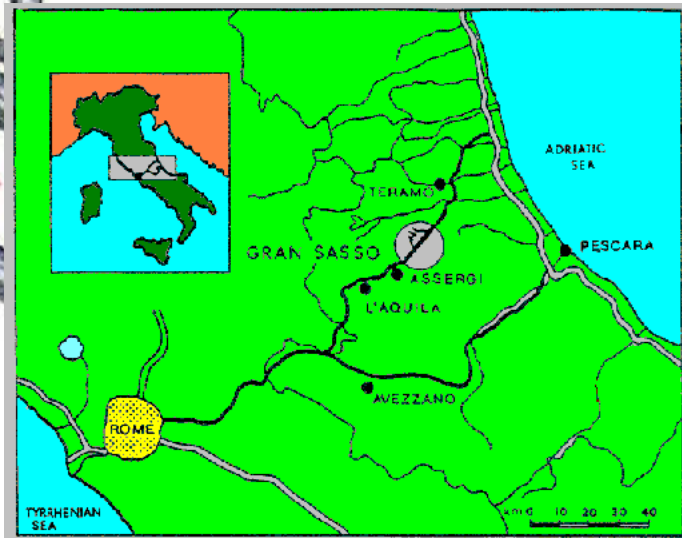
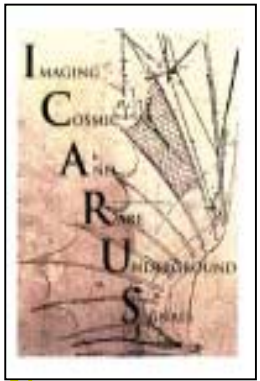


**But also:  $\nu_\mu \dots \nu_e \rightarrow e^- + X$**

# LNGS Laboratory and the 2 detectors



ICARUS  
T3000





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**34 groups**  
**~ 170 physicists**

## **Belgium**

IIHE(ULB-VUB) Brussels

## **China**

IHEP Beijing, Shandong

## **Croatia**

Zagreb

## **France**

LAPP Annecy, IPNL Lyon, LAL Orsay, IRES Strasbourg

## **Germany**

Berlin, Hagen, Hamburg, Münster, Rostock

## **Israel**

Technion Haifa

## **Italy**

Bari, Bologna, LNF Frascati, L'Aquila, Naples, Padova, Rome, Salerno

## **Japan**

Aichi, Toho, Kobe, Nagoya, Utsunomiya

## **JINR Dubna**

## **Russia**

INR Moscow, ITEP Moscow, JINR Dubna, Obninsk

## **Switzerland**

Bern, Neuchâtel

## **Turkey**

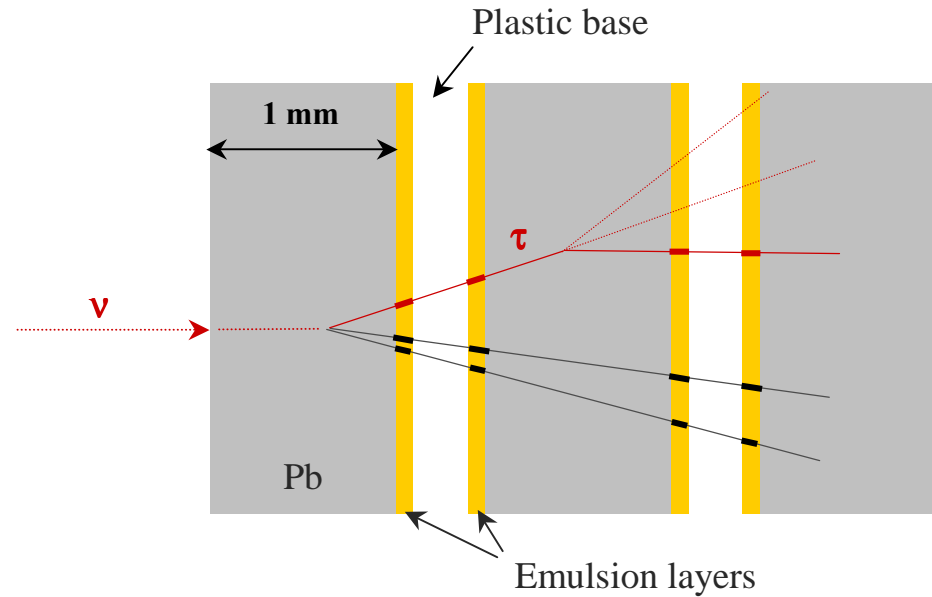
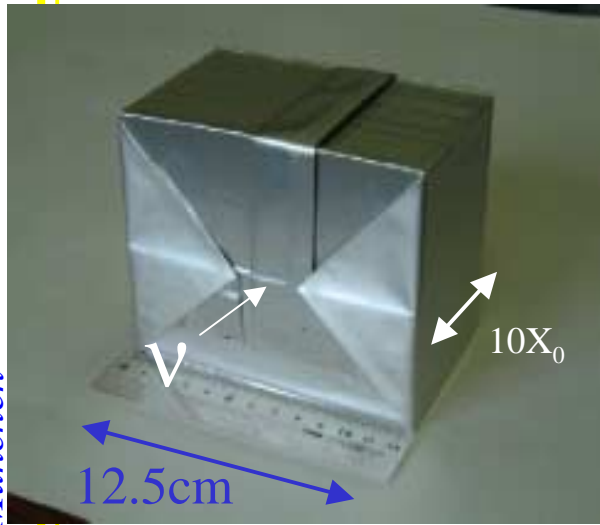
METU Ankara

**OPERA =CNGS1**

**Approved**



# The smallest OPERA element

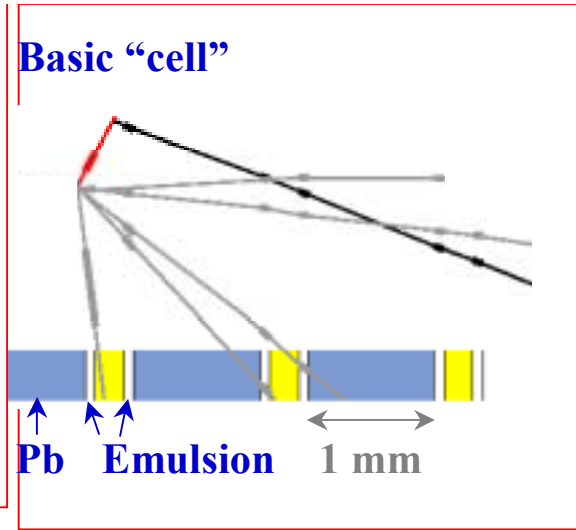
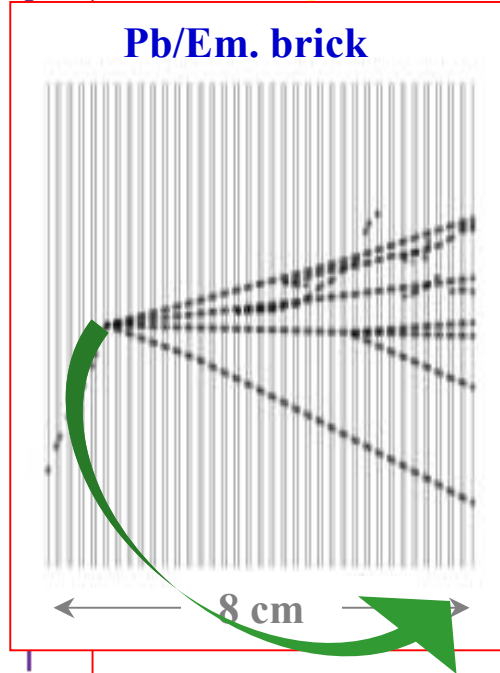
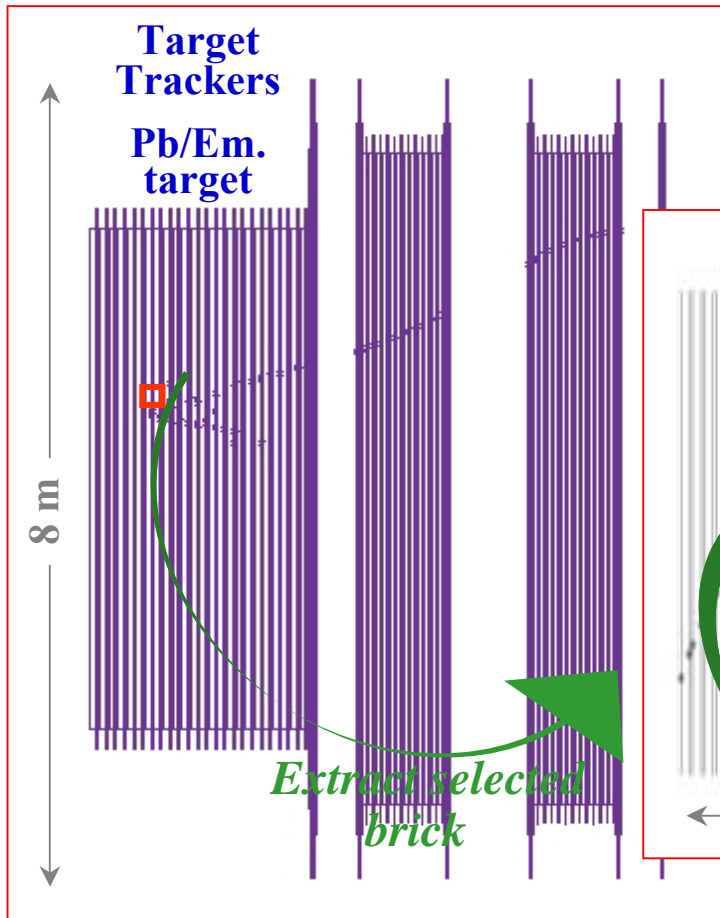
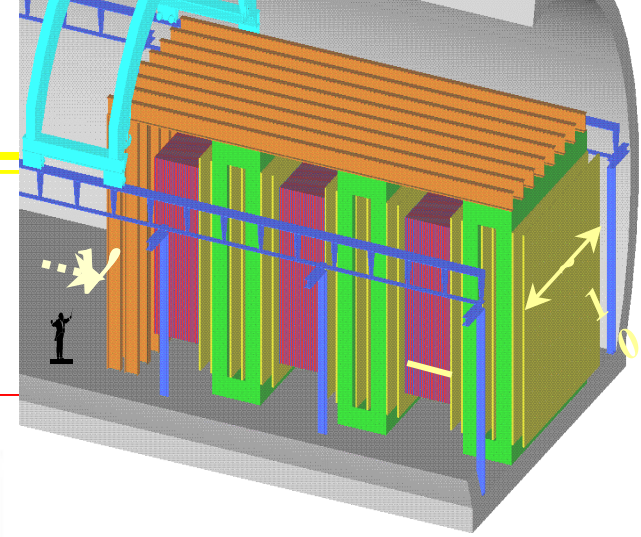


56 emulsion films / brick

- To the full detector:
  - 2 supermodules
  - 31 walls / supermodule
  - 52 x 64 bricks / wall
  - 200 000 bricks



# CNGS1: OPERA a hybrid detector



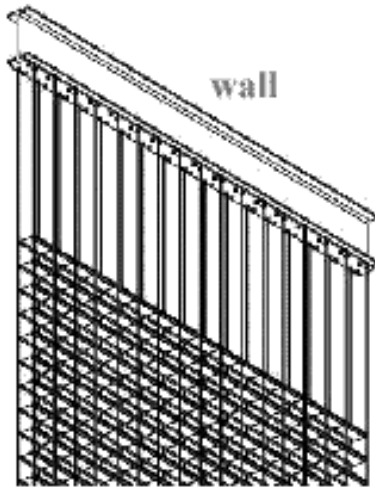
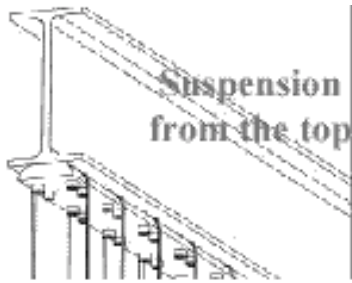
**Electronic detector**

- finds the brique of  $\nu$  interaction
- $\mu$  ID, charge et p

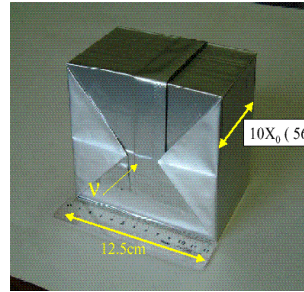
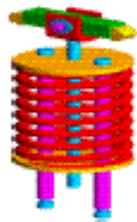
**Emulsion analysis**

- vertex
- decay kink
- e/ $\gamma$  ID, multiple scattering, kinematics

# Brick wall

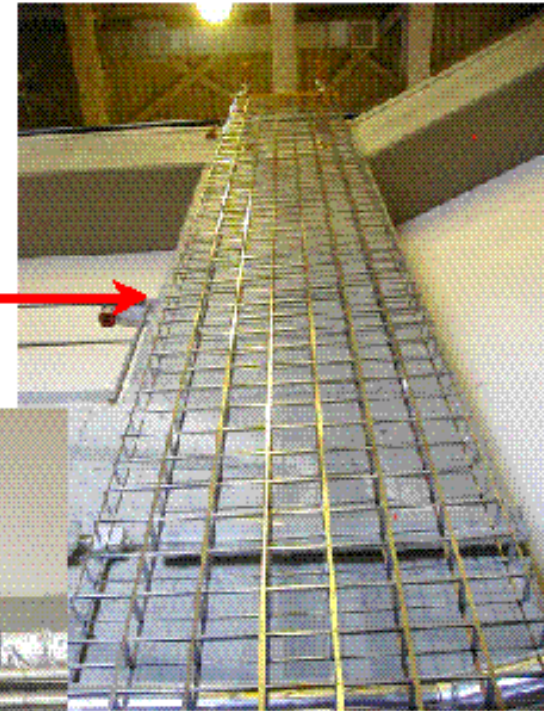


Tensioning from the bottom



loading test

Bricks inserted from the side



Tests of full scale wall prototypes and components  
(Frascati and Naples)

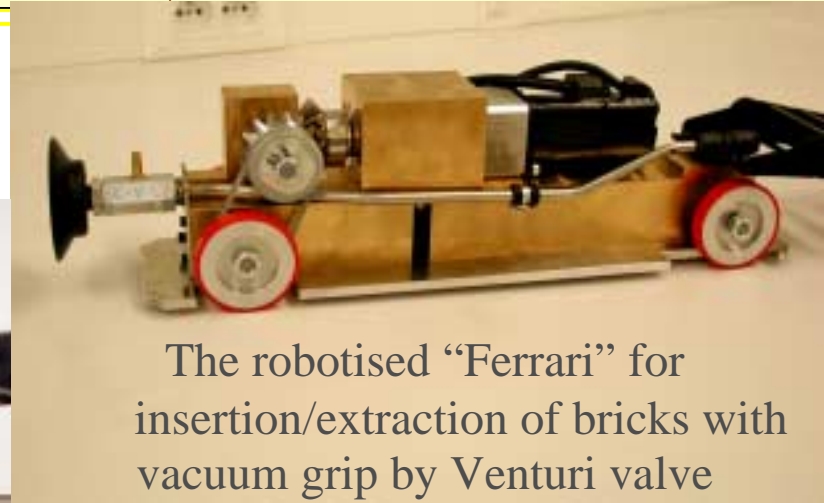
# The Brick Manipulator System (BMS) prototype at LAPP Annecy

Fill the brick walls  
*200,000 bricks / 1 year*



Tests with the prototype wall from Frascati-  
Napoli

Extract bricks with  $v$  interactions  
*~ 40 bricks / day*



The robotised “Ferrari” for  
insertion/extraction of bricks with  
vacuum grip by Venturi valve



“Carousel” brick dispensing  
and storage system



# Brick assembly machine (BAM)

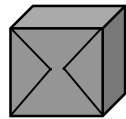
27 million lead plates + emulsion sheets  
200,000 bricks at a rate of ~ 2 bricks/minute

## Components

Emulsion - 36 ton

Lead - 2 kton

“Origami” paper - 20,000 m<sup>2</sup>



To “Origami”  
packing  
and  
welding

paper box  
closing



~ 20 m in  
total

A “factory” with severe quality requirements

- Stack lead plates and emulsion sheets
- 2) “Origami” vacuum packing and welding
- 3) Vacuum quality control

emulsion storage

spacer storage  
(last cell in brick)

paper storage

lead plates  
alignment

paper-box  
forming

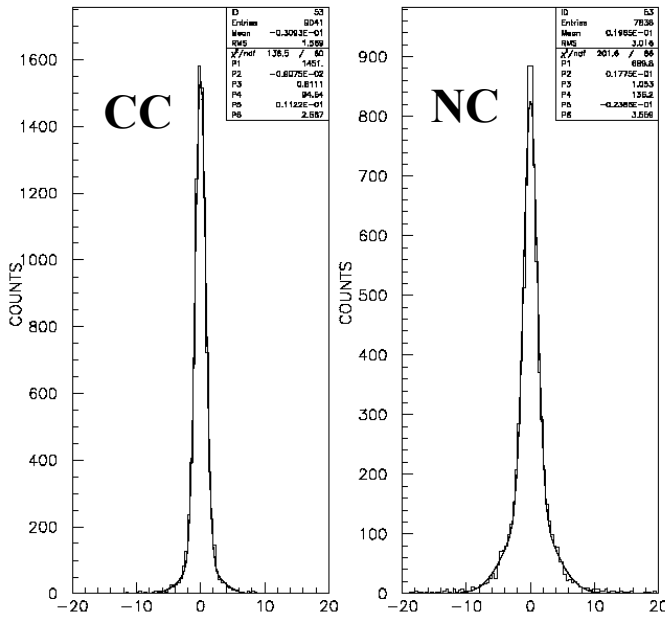
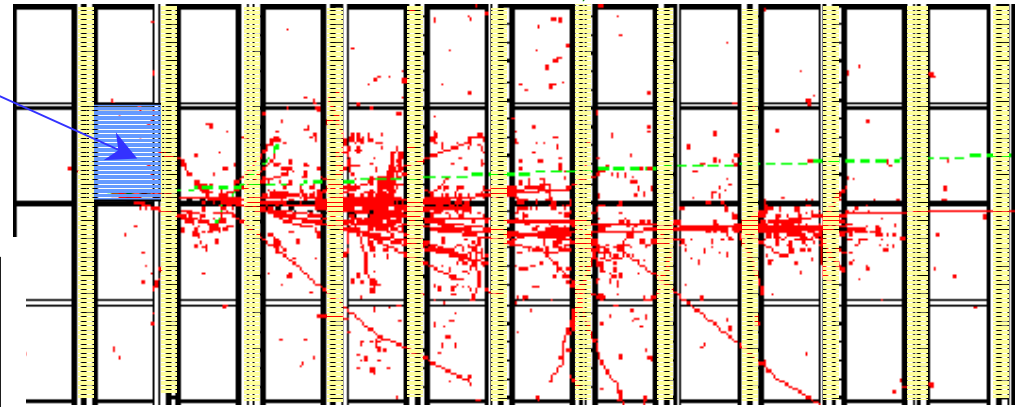
lead plates  
incoming  
in metal boxes



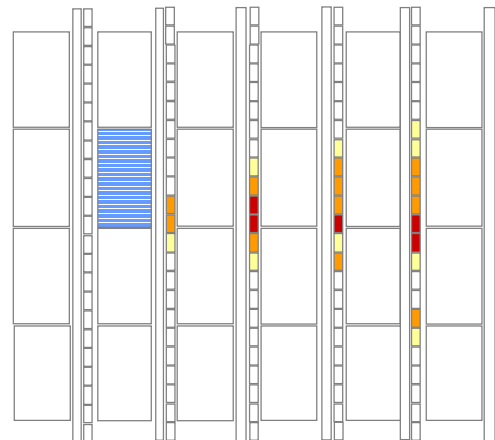
# Electronic detectors to select bricks with $\nu$ interactions (plastic scintillator strips)

- Target Tracker tasks :
  - select bricks efficiently
  - initiate muon tagging

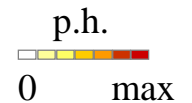
Sampling by Target Tracker planes ( X,Y )



$x_{\text{true}} - x_{\text{rec}} \text{ (cm)}$   
 $\sigma = 1.5 \text{ cm CC}$   
 $3.0 \text{ cm NC}$



Event as seen by the  
Target Tracker

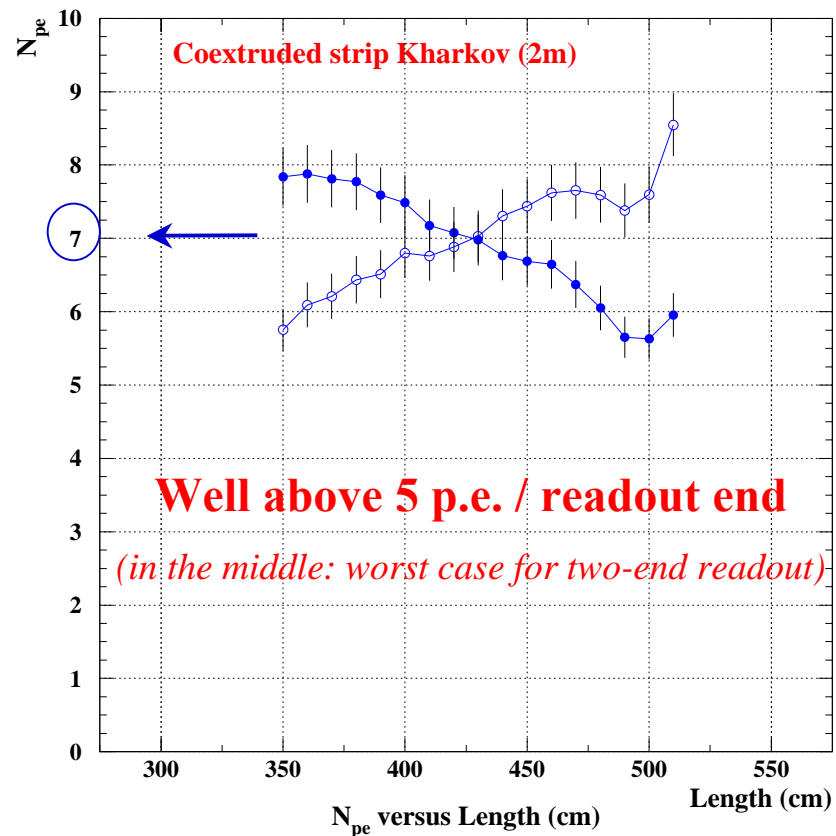


# Target Tracker: plastic scintillators

- 64 strips of 6.7 m length, 2.6 cm width, 1 cm thickness
- Readout by wavelength shifting optical fibres in co-extruded grooves
- Tests of co-extruded strips from Amcryst-H (Kharkov), Pol.Hi.Tech and Chemo Technique
- Co-extruded TiO<sub>2</sub> coating
- Contacts for assembly of modules by industry



Full scale prototype module (*Strasbourg*)

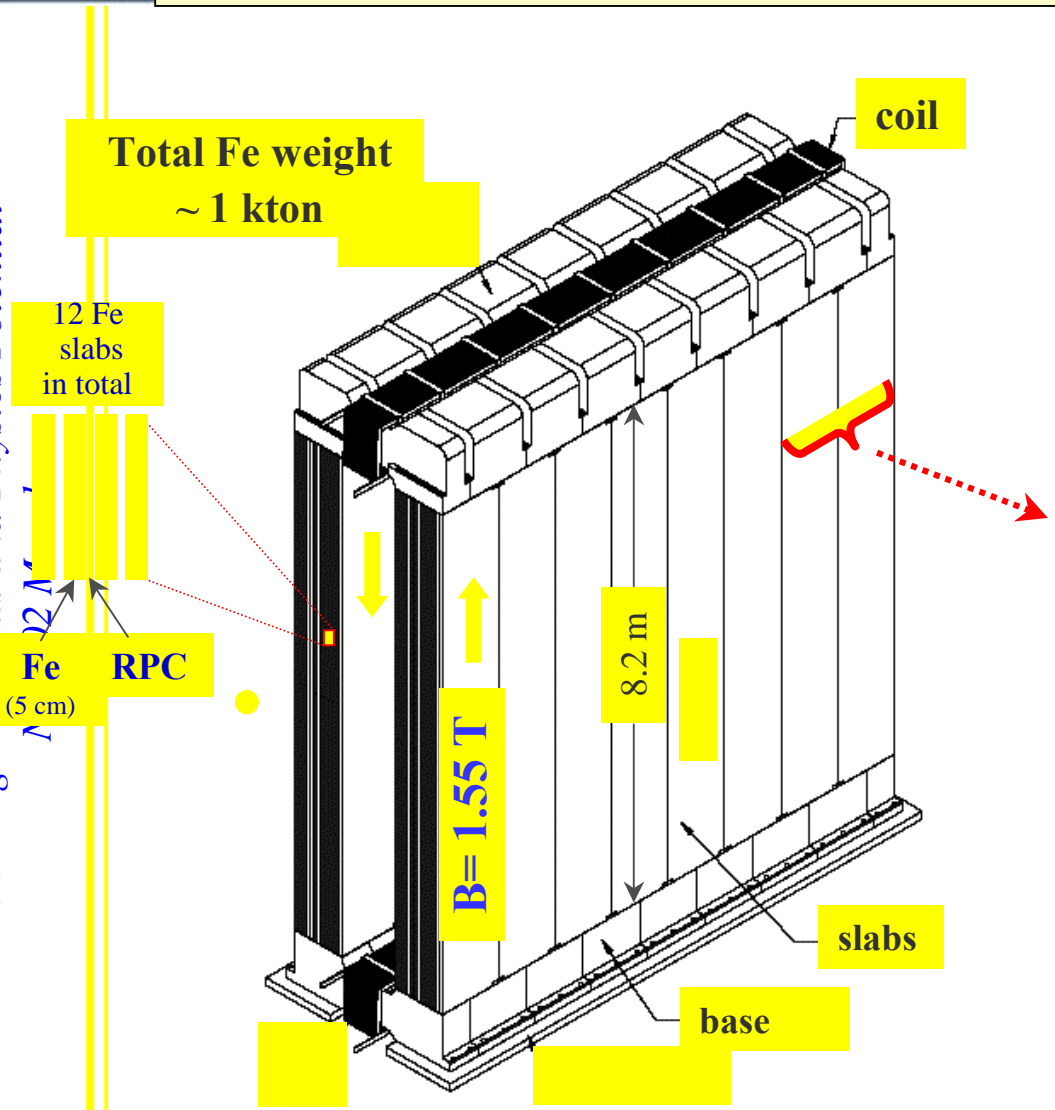




# Dipolar magnet

*RPCs inside gaps: muon identification, shower energy*  
*Drift Tubes: muon momentum*

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*Iron in tendering-ordering phase*

Full scale prototype of magnet section constructed and tested at Frascati



*Magnet during construction*



# New facts after approval

- “Changeable (emulsion) Sheets” added to detector
  - Perspective of higher beam intensity  
( x 1.3-1.5 at moderate cost, ..... )
  - Detector compatible with Hall B-C → Hall C
  - CERN financial crisis
- Reduced scanning load
- Larger  $\nu_\tau$  yield  
(CS help scanning)
- Installation problems (→ 6 m delay)  
but Hall C wider (→optimise det.)
- CERN group withdrawn:  
- reallocate its responsibilities  
- face reduced funding

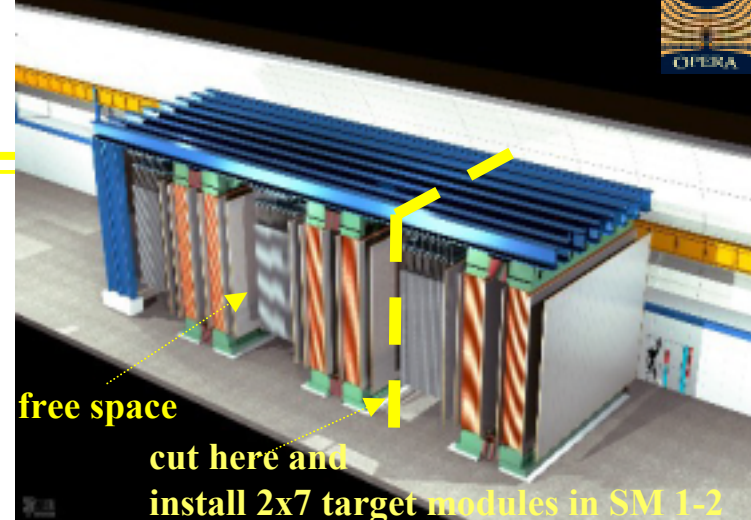


**Simplify the detector**  
**Maintain (... improve) sensitivity to oscillations**

## Hall C wider than Hall B



**Two spectrometers instead of three  
(with no change in mechanical  
design)**



- Hall C wider than Hall B (+ 3 m): easier sliding in of Target Trackers
- 24 → 31 target planes / spectrometer
- 3 → 2 spectrometers, target mass practically unchanged (−12.5 %): detector simplification, ~ 3.4 M€ saving on lead and electronic detectors

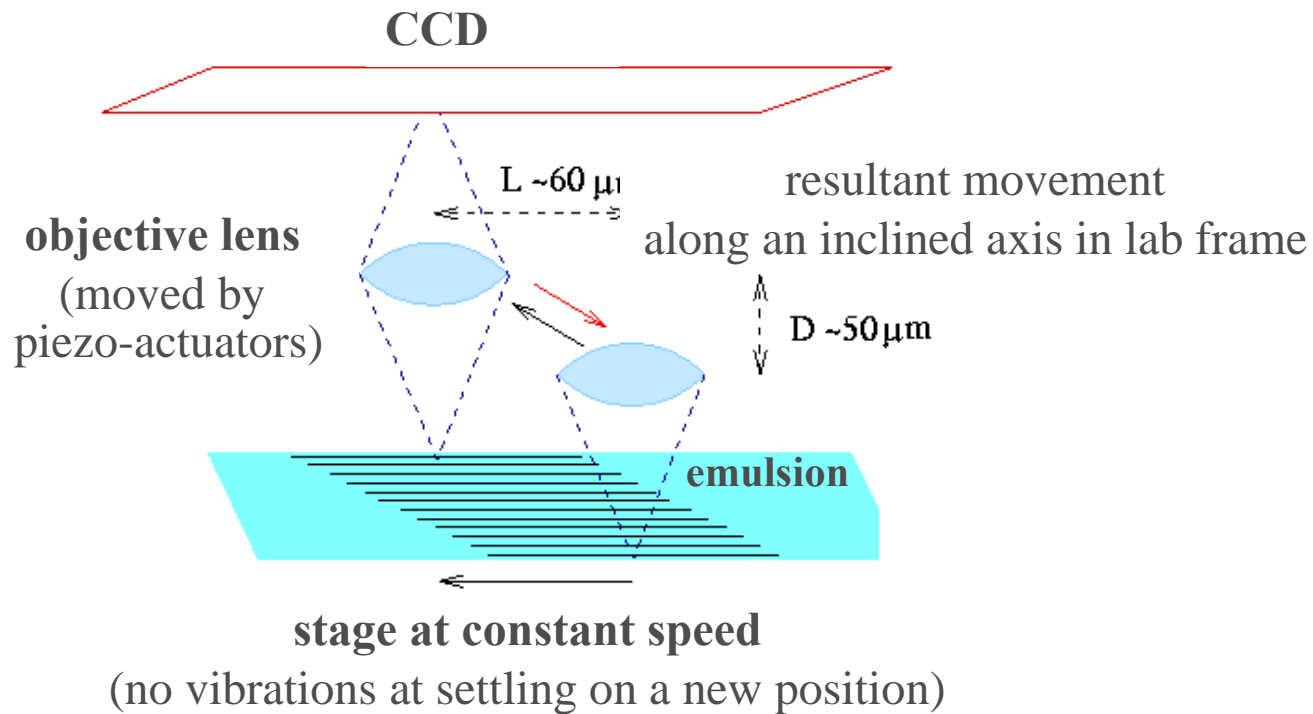
Add ~ 1.5 kton inert structure to damp seismic vibrations.

- Perspective of +50% beam intensity increase at moderate cost: more attractive to compensate −12.5% reduction of target mass

**Schedule for installation in Hall C → detector ready in 2006**

# Automatic scanning in Nagoya : the new mechanical concept

*(take images without stopping the stage, to increase the speed)*



***Objective and stage movements have to be synchronised***

**Goal for OPERA : ~20 cm<sup>2</sup> / hour / syst.**



# ALSO Development of automatic scanning in Europe

“Sysal” system operating in Salerno

R&D in Bari, Bern, Bologna, Lyon, Münster, Napoli, Roma, Salerno

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## Design philosophy

Optics with large view  
hence  
no critical mechanics

Commercial components  
(in continuous development)

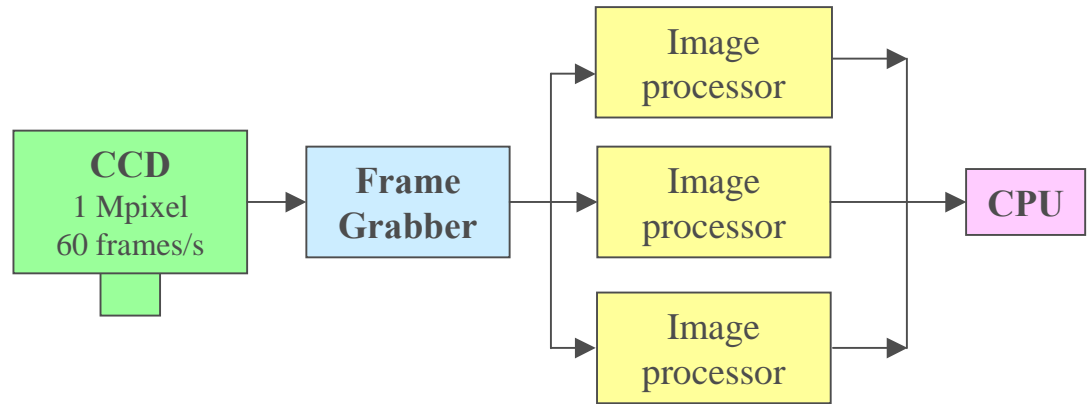
## Software approach



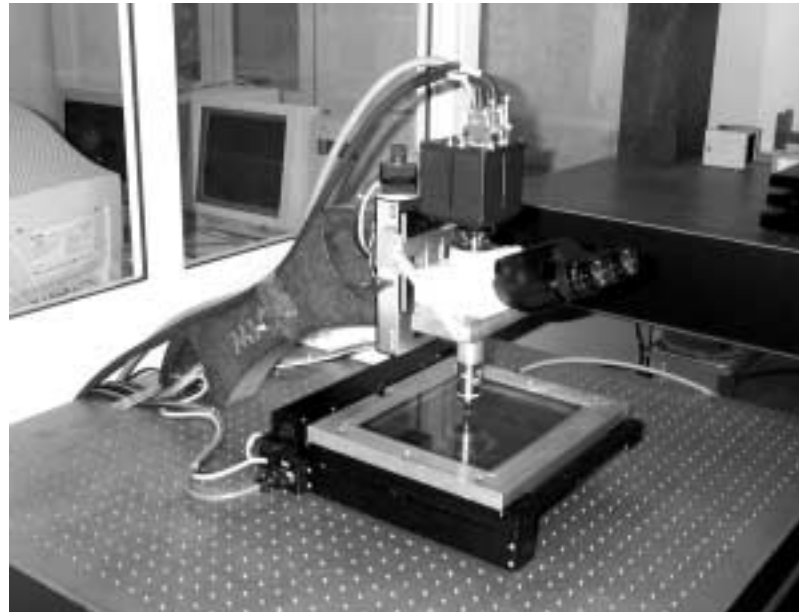
Excellent performance  
with present technology  
**10 cm<sup>2</sup>/hour**



**Aim**  
**20 cm<sup>2</sup>/hour**



Parallel processing



50 x magnification

330 x 330 μm<sup>2</sup> view

Change of view  
with <80 ms settling time

**R&D:**

**CMOS sensor: x2 frames/s**

**Oil immersion → dry objectives**

**4 Mpixel sensors ?**



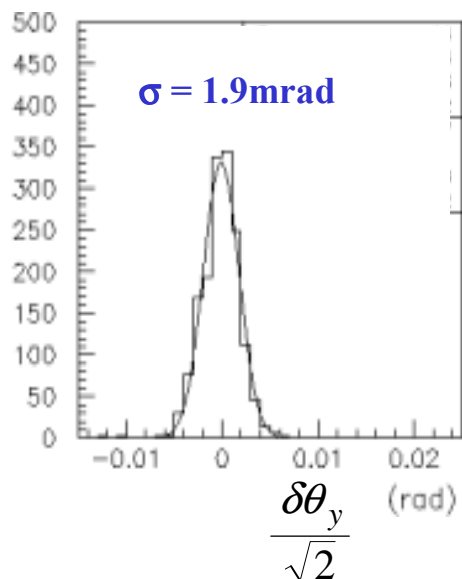
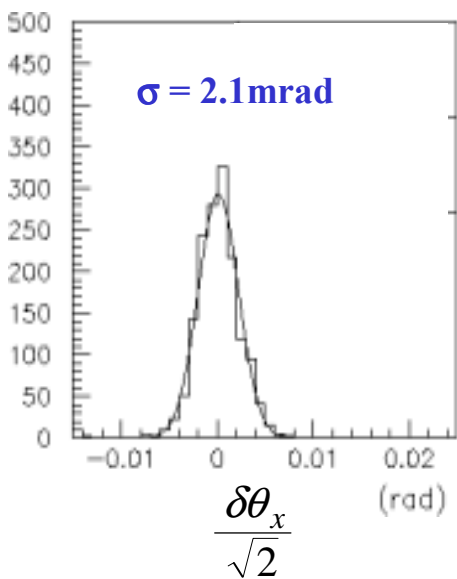
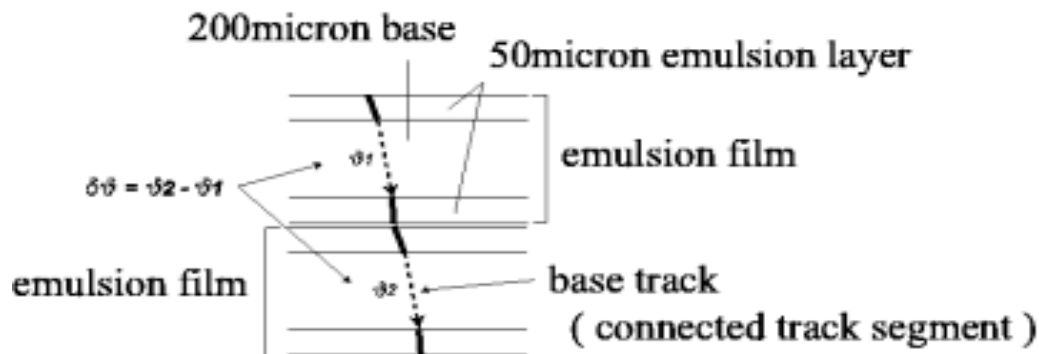
# Intrinsic space resolution in tracking with emulsion

## Base track resolution

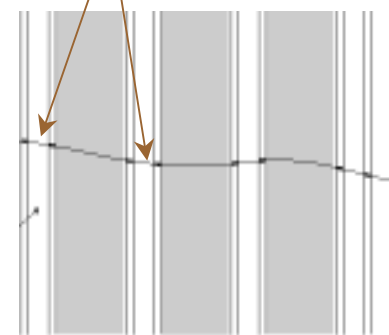
(limited by digitisation error in image processing)

$$\sigma \text{ (angle)} = 2.1 \text{ mrad}$$

$$\sigma \text{ (position)} = 0.21 \mu\text{m}$$



Angle difference



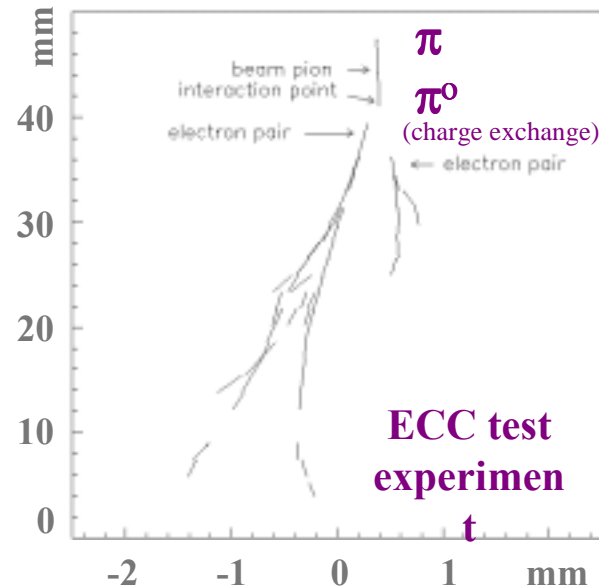
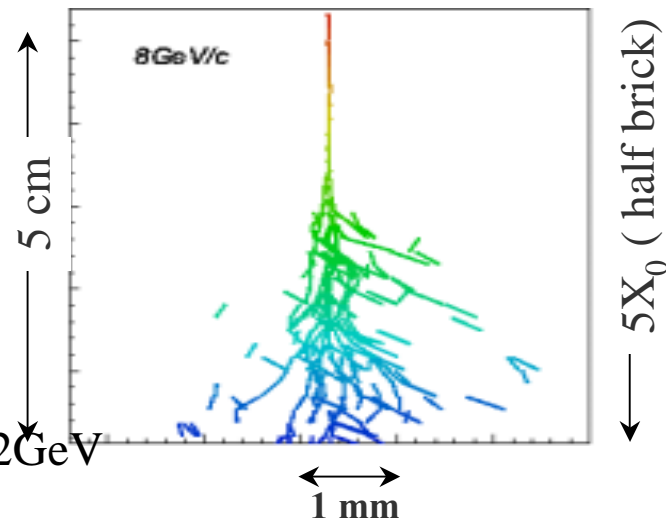
Momentum measurement by MCS: max p measured with  $\Delta p/p < 0.2$  after  $5X_0$



# Electron identification and energy measurement

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- Requires low density of background tracks: emulsion “refreshment” after production
- Performance estimated by reproducing the full chain
- ID Method based on
  - Showering and MCS of the track
- $e/\pi$  measured with Cerenkov/ ECC
- Beam Tests ECC  $1.42 \pm 0.17$  / Cerenkov  $1.46 \pm 0.11$  at 2 GeV
- MC:  $\epsilon_e = 88$  (91) % ,  $\pi$  mis-ID 6% (4% ) at 2 (4) GeV
- Energy measured by counting the number of track segments into a cone along the electron track



$$\frac{\sigma}{E} = \frac{40\%}{\sqrt{E}}$$

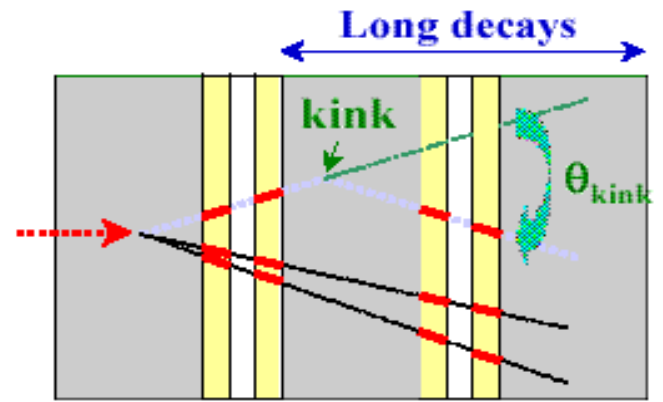
$\pi^0$  ID ->

# Decay channels

## ➤ “Long” decays

kink angle  $\theta_{\text{kink}} > 20 \text{ mrad}$

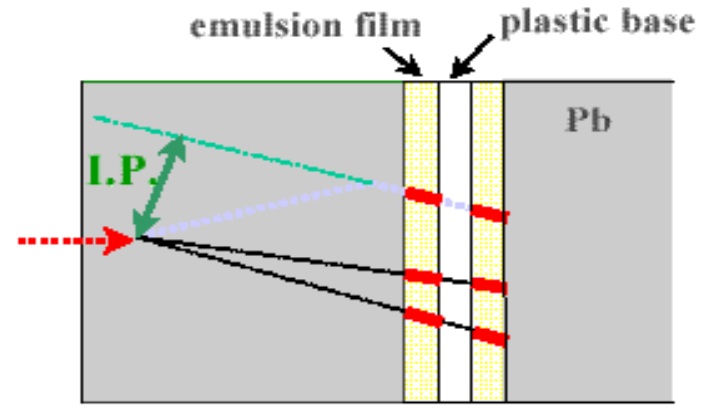
- $\tau \rightarrow e$                       Progr. Rep.    1999
- $\tau \rightarrow \mu$                       Progr. Rep.    1999
- $\tau \rightarrow h (n\pi^0)$               Proposal        2000
- +  $\rho$  search                      2001



## ➤ “Short” decays

impact parameter I.P.  $> 5 \text{ to } 20 \mu\text{m}$

- $\tau \rightarrow e$                       Proposal        2000
- $\tau \rightarrow \mu$                       2001



	DIS long	OE long	DIS short	Overall*
$\tau \rightarrow e$	2.7	2.3	1.3	3.4
$\tau \rightarrow \mu$	2.4	2.5	0.7	2.8
$\tau \rightarrow h$	2.8	3.5	-	2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>9.1 (8.7)</b>

Short decays

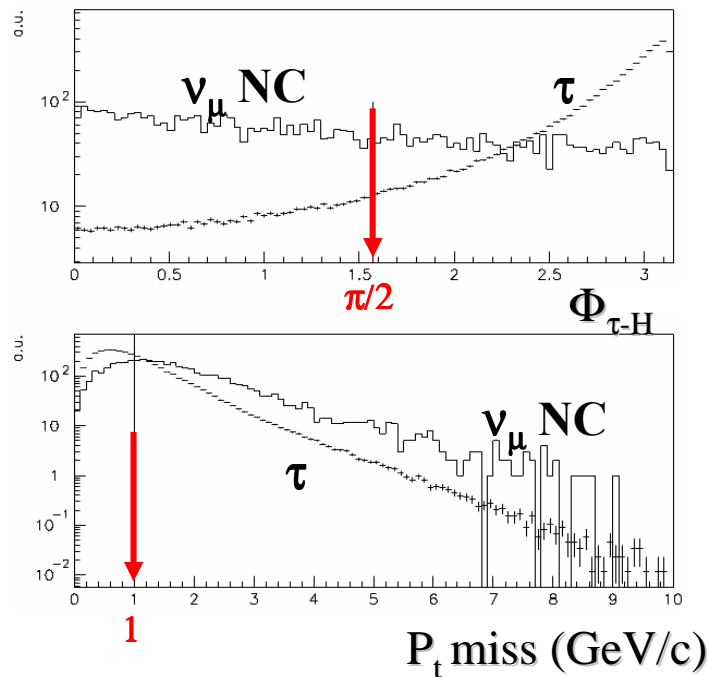
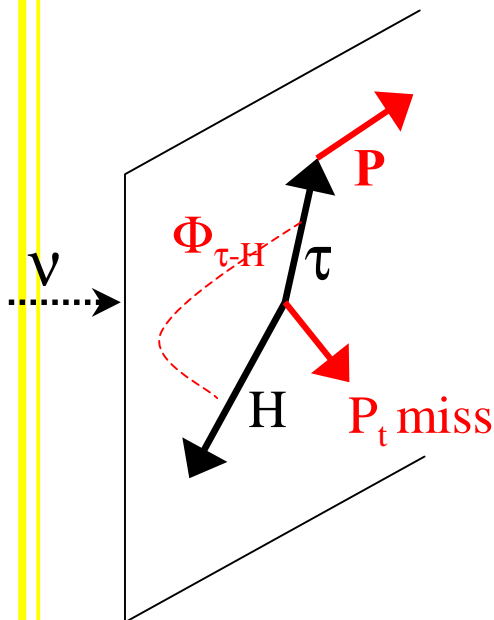
(proposal)



# Global kinematics for $\tau \rightarrow h$

(for events with a  $\tau$  decay candidate)

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	<i>OPERA</i> $\nu_\mu NC$	<i>NOMAD</i> $\nu_\mu NC$	<i>OPERA</i> $\tau \rightarrow h$	<i>NOMAD</i> $\tau \rightarrow h$
$\mathcal{E}_{kin} @ I^y vtx$	0.20	$2.0 \times 10^{-6}$	0.65	0.021
$P_t kink > 0.6 GeV/c$	$8.4 \times 10^{-5}$	-	0.28	-
<b>Total</b>	$1.7 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.0 \times 10^{-6}$	0.18	0.021

Primary role of the observation of the  $\tau$  decay topology





# Expected background events

(5 year run with 1.8 kton average target mass)

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LONG DECAYS  
SHORT DECAYS

	$\tau \rightarrow e$	$\tau \rightarrow \mu$	$\tau \rightarrow h$	Total
<i>Charm production</i>	0.14	0.03	0.14	0.31
$\nu_e$ CC and $\pi^0$	0.01	-	-	0.01
<i>Large angle <math>\mu</math> scattering</i>		0.10	-	0.10
<i>Hadron reinteractions</i>	-	-	0.10	0.10
$\nu_\mu$ CC		0.06		0.06
$\nu_\mu$ NC		0.10		0.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.67</b>
<i>Charm production</i>	0.03	0.02	-	0.05
<i>Large angle <math>\mu</math> scattering</i>	-	0.02	-	0.02
$\nu_e$ CC and $\pi^0$	$\ll 0.01$	-	-	$\ll 0.01$
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.07</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.75</b>



Experiment's sensitivity specially depends on the background (Poisson statistics)

Further tools for background reduction are under study

(e.g.  $\mu$ - $\pi$  discrimination by  $dE/dx$  at the end of the range, on candidate events)



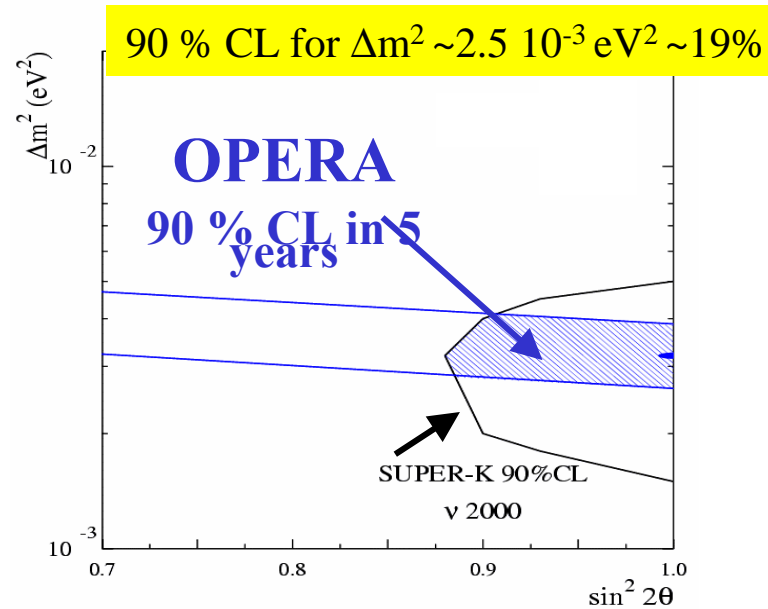
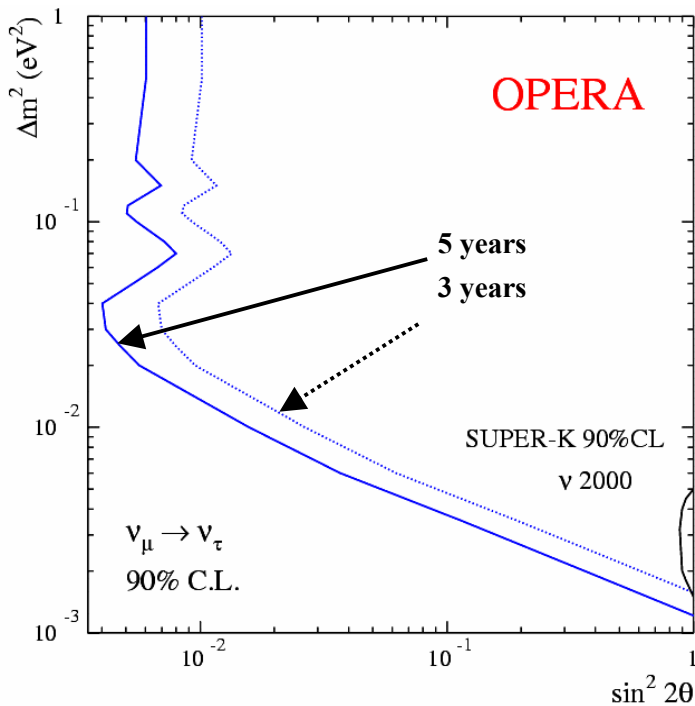
# Sensitivity $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$

5x1.8=9 Kt years

2.25  $10^{20}$  p.o.t.

• Prob of  $3\sigma$  significance  
for  $\Delta m^2 = 2.5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ :  $\sim 99\%$

Decay mode	Signal $1.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	Signal $2.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	Signal $5.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	Bkgnd.
$\tau \rightarrow e$ long	0.8	3.1	15.4	0.15
$\tau \rightarrow \mu$ long	0.7	2.9	14.5	0.29
$\tau \rightarrow h$ long	0.9	3.4	16.8	0.24
$\tau \rightarrow e$ short	0.2	0.9	4.5	0.03
$\tau \rightarrow \mu$ short	0.1	0.5	2.3	0.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>0.75</b>



Uncertainties on background ( $\pm 33\%$ ) and on efficiencies ( $\pm 15\%$ ) accounted for



# Expected number of events with Hall C detector

$\Delta m^2$  from Super-K / MACRO best fit and S-K 90% CL limits; full mixing; 5 year run )

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	signal ( $\Delta m^2 = 1.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ )	signal ( $\Delta m^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ )	signal ( $\Delta m^2 = 4.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ )	background
<b>Status Report</b>				
<b>CNGS</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>0.74</b>
<b>Hall C detector</b>				
<b>CNGS x (1 ÷ 1.5)</b>	<b>4.3 ÷ 6.4</b>	<b>10.3 ÷ 15.5</b>	<b>26.3 ÷ 39.4</b>	<b>0.65 ÷ 0.97</b>
<b>CNGS x (1 ÷ 1.5) + dE/dx</b>	<b>4.4 ÷ 6.6</b>	<b>10.6 ÷ 15.8</b>	<b>26.8 ÷ 40.2</b>	<b>0.41 ÷ 0.62</b>

dE/dx : preliminary results with  $\mu/\pi$  separation and background rejection on the basis of specific ionisation at the end of the range, by special measurements on candidate events.



**Aim at evidence of  $\nu_\tau$  appearance after a few years of data taking**

**For  $\nu_\mu - \nu_e$  oscillation: profit of the excellent e-identification capabilities of the lead-emulsion brick (1999 Progress Report + current study)**



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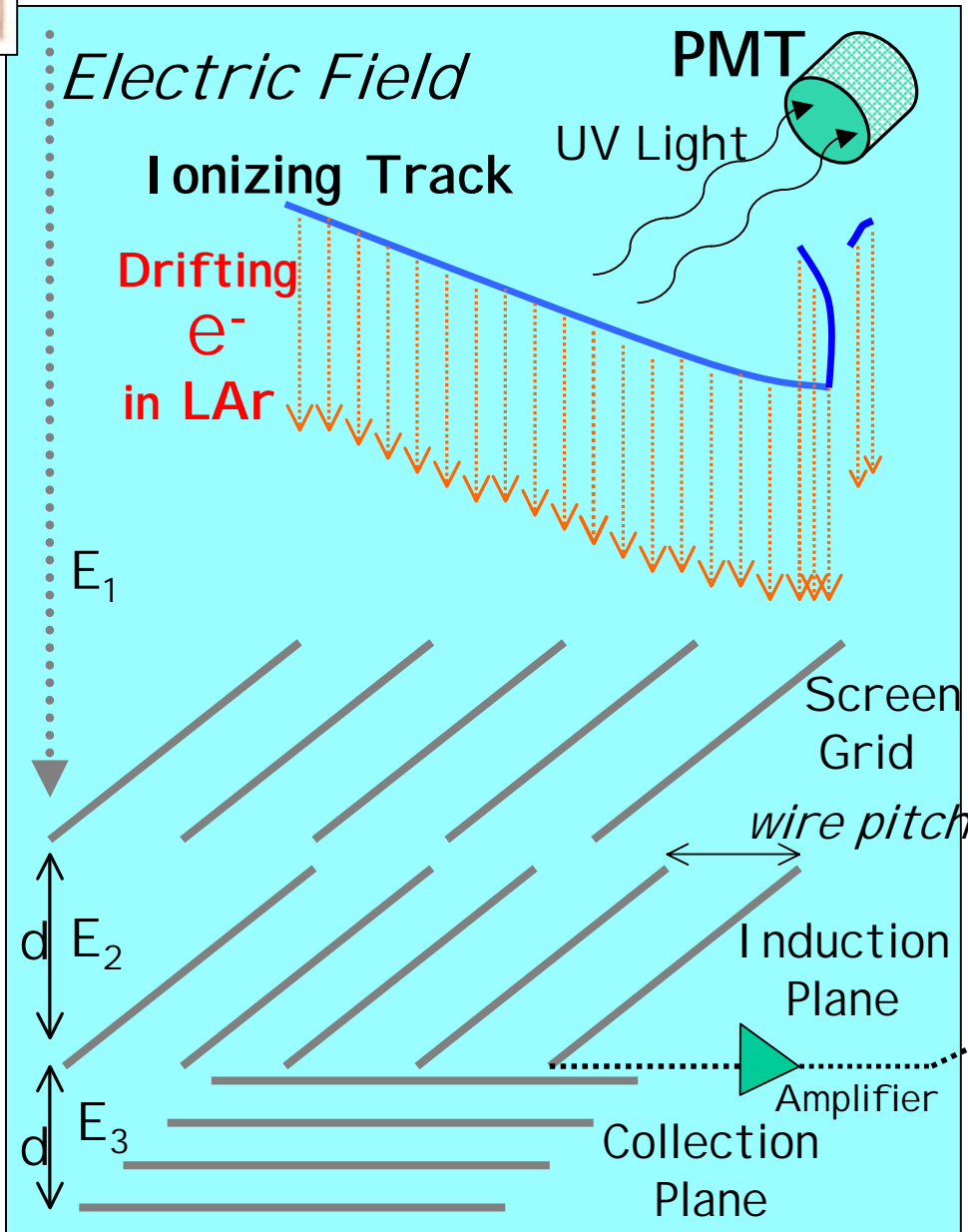
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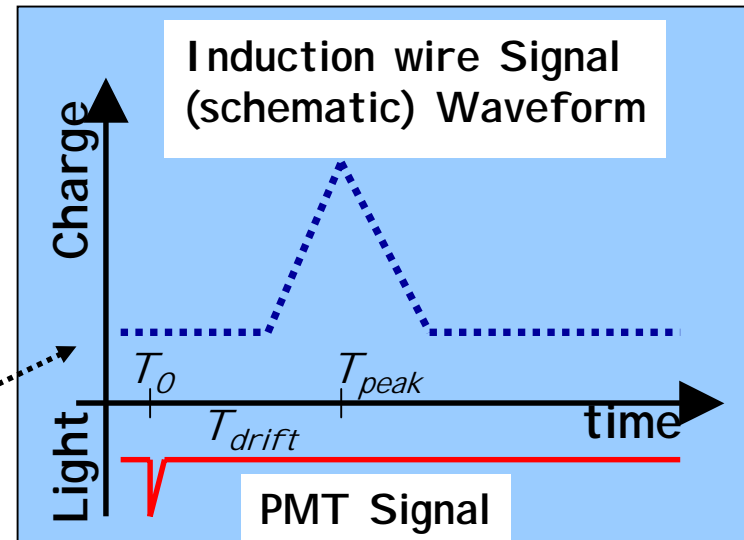
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# ICARUS



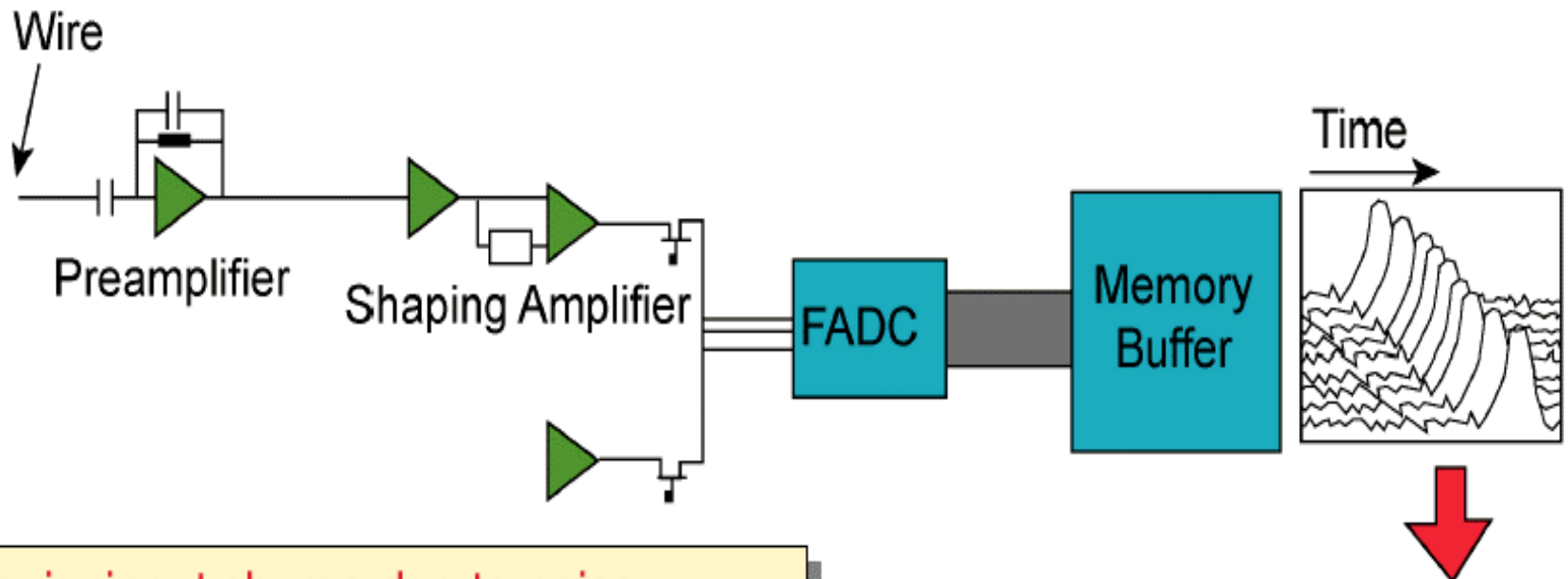
Liquid argon TPC  
R&D since late 80's  
Drift times  $> 3$  ms (10ms soa)  
Low noise electronics  
Providing the  $t=0$ , scintillation light, optimisation vs collected drift charge (1 kV/cm)  
Resolution 1 mm xy, 0.15mm z  
MCS 20% @ 10 GeV



# Method of signal recording

The collected charge is sensed by a ultra-low noise, FET charge sensitive pre-amplifier.

- The signal waveform from individual wires, after being further amplified, filtered and digitized, is continuously stored on a circular memory buffer.
  - ➔ The chamber is continuously sensitive
  - ➔ The *event* is contained in a time window, equal to the maximum drift time.



Equiv. input charge due to noise:

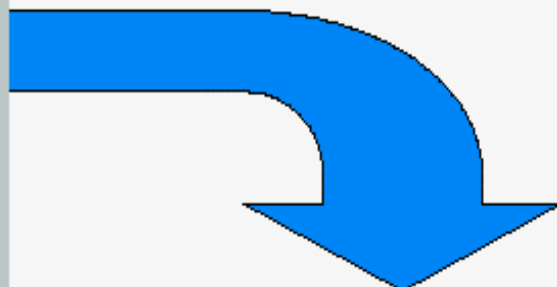
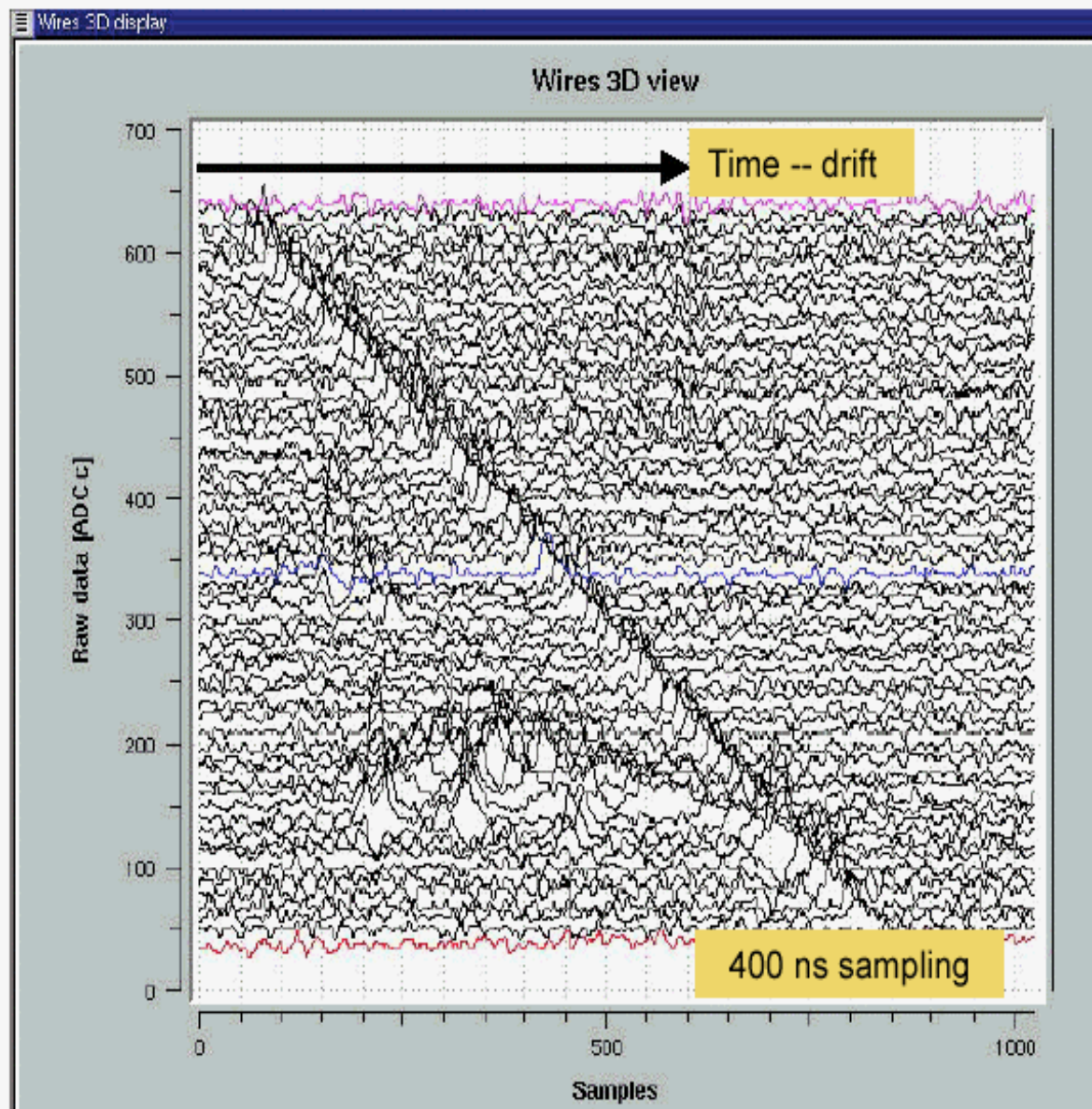
$$Q_{noise} = (350 + 2.5 \times C_{input} [pF]) \text{ electrons}$$



# Principle of signal recording

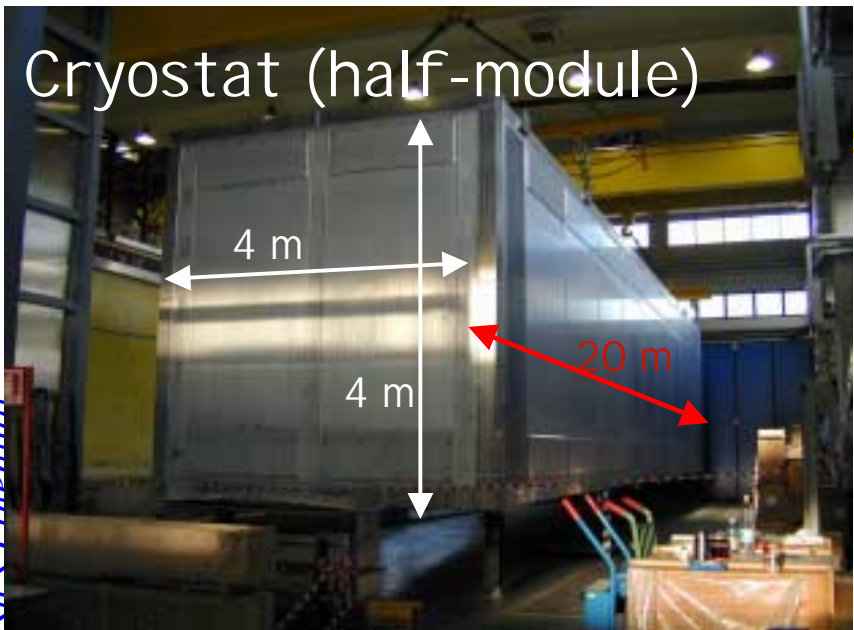
Real Event from a 15 ton LAr Detector

Raw Data

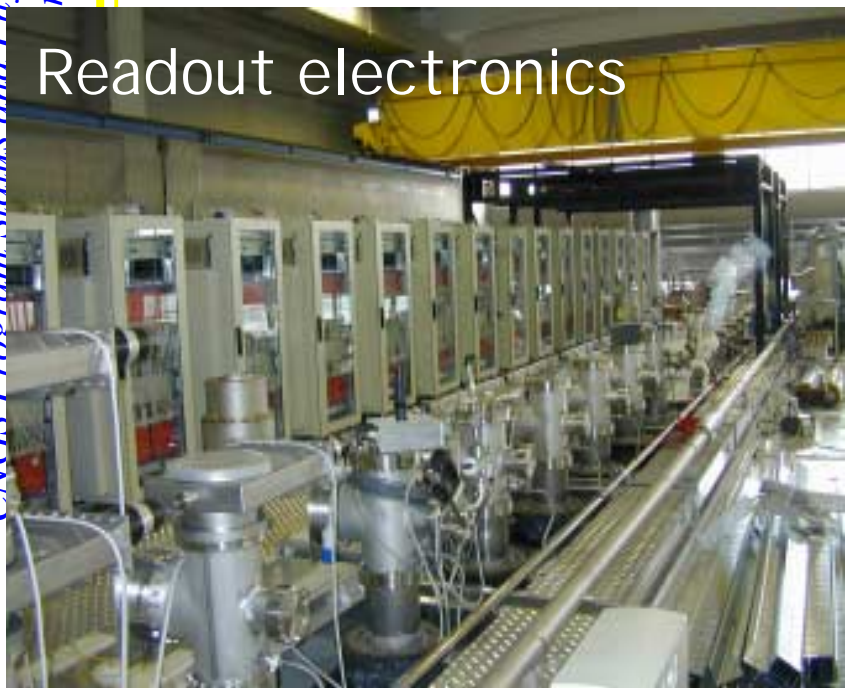


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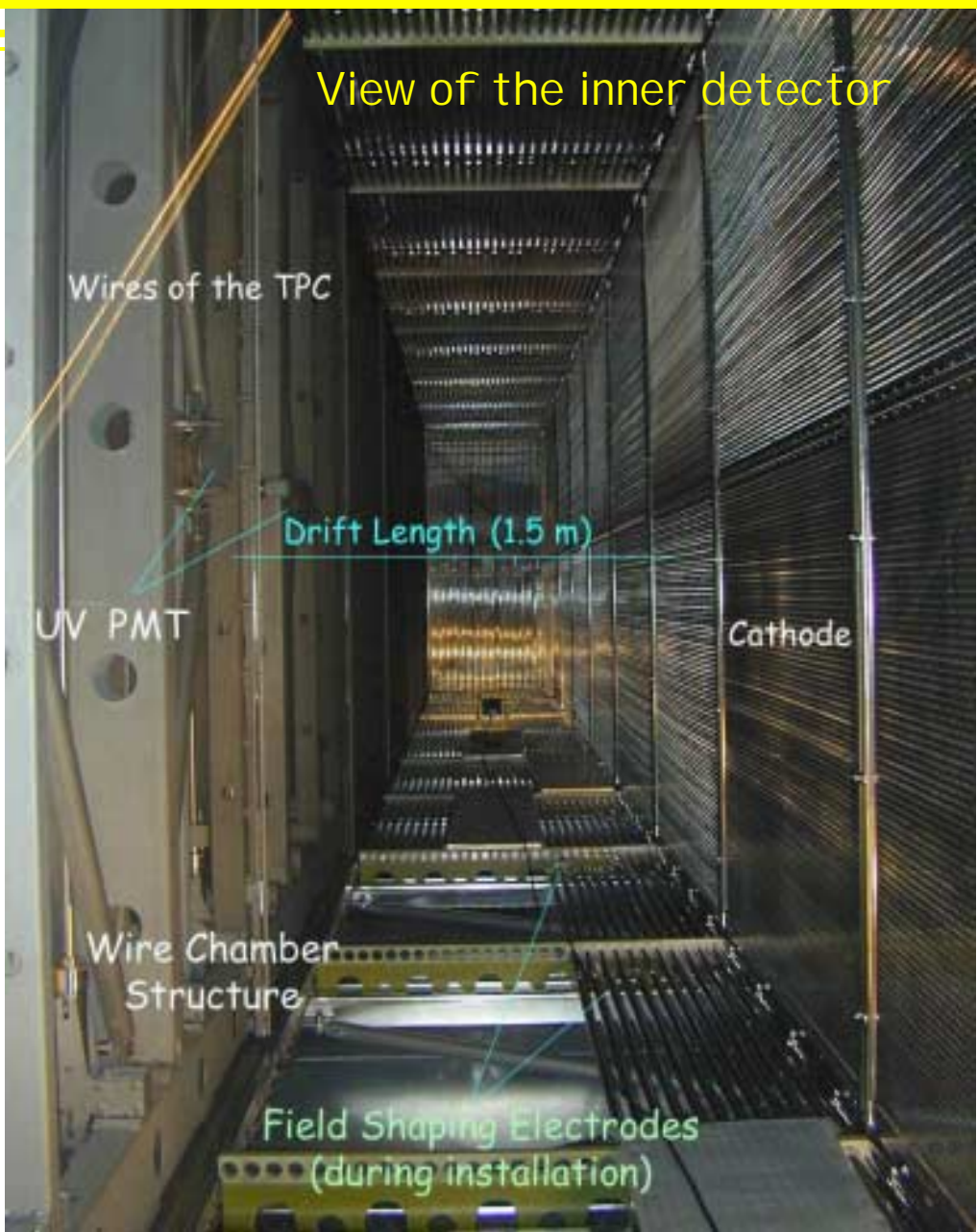
Cryostat (half-module)



Readout electronics



View of the inner detector





# Electronic bubble chamber (I)

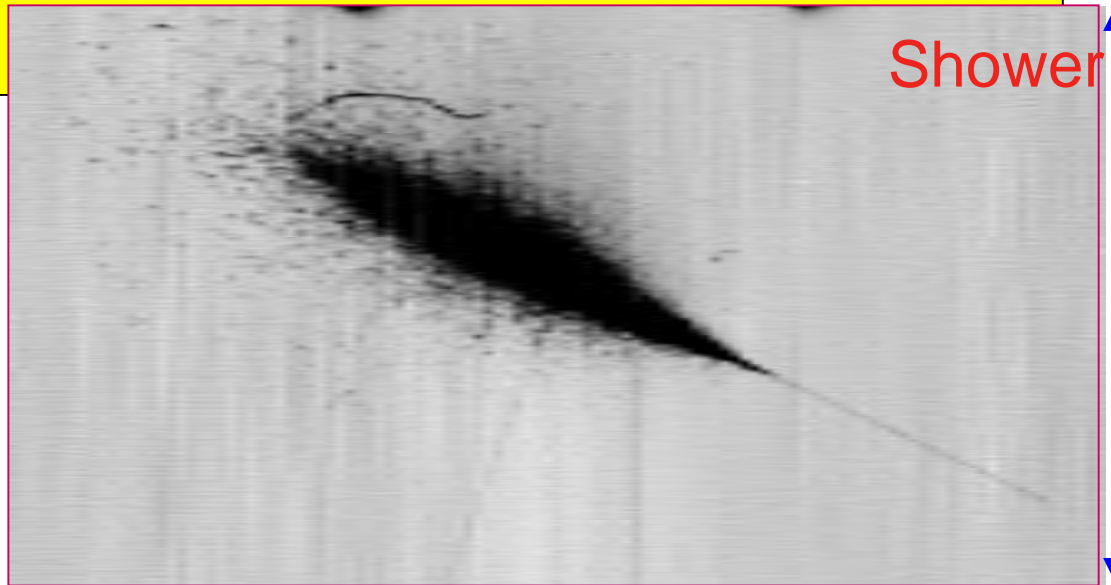


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Muon decay

Run 960, Event 4 Collection Left

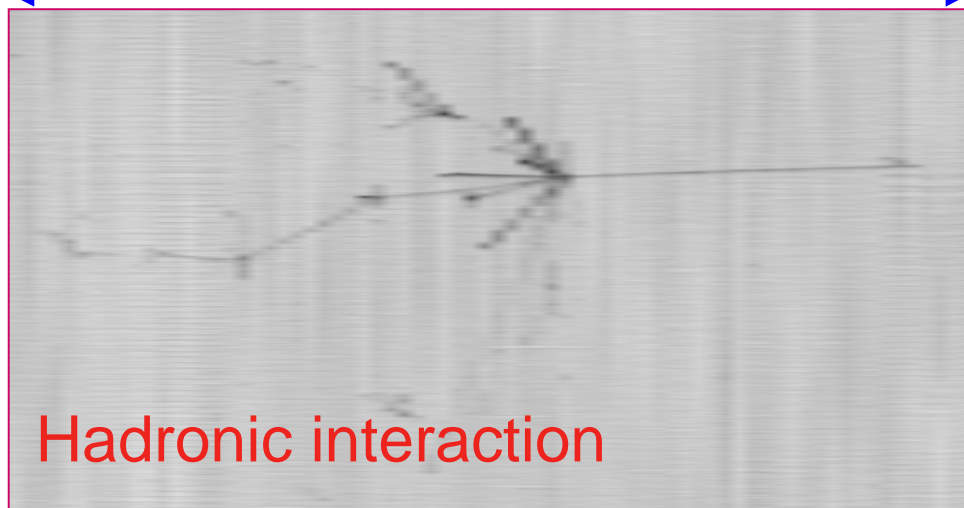


Shower

176 cm

434 cm

265 cm



Hadronic interaction

142 cm

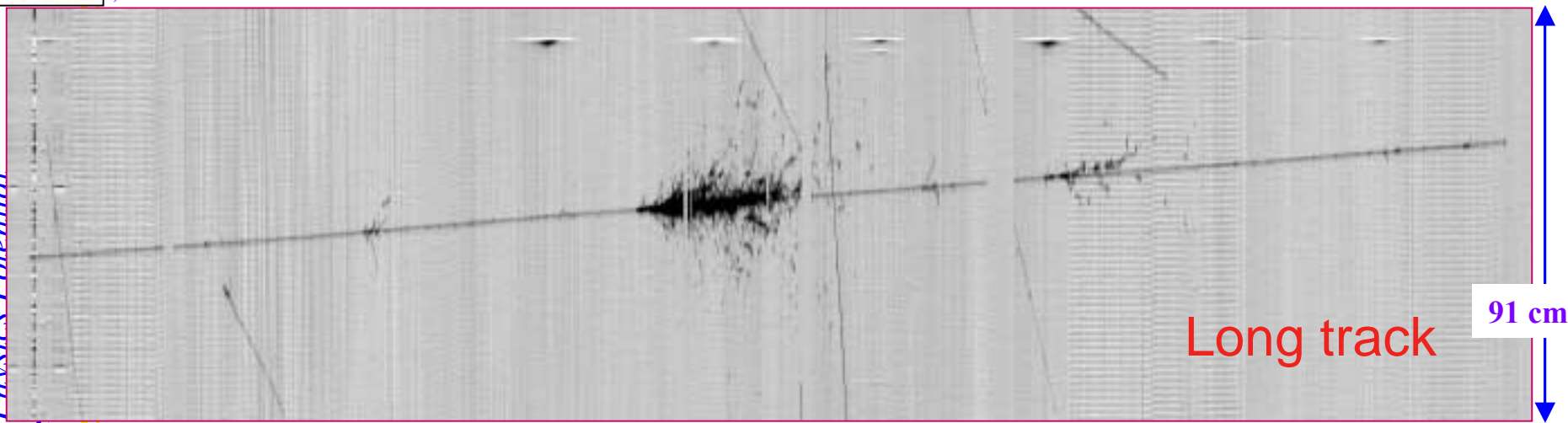
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# Electronic bubble chamber (II)



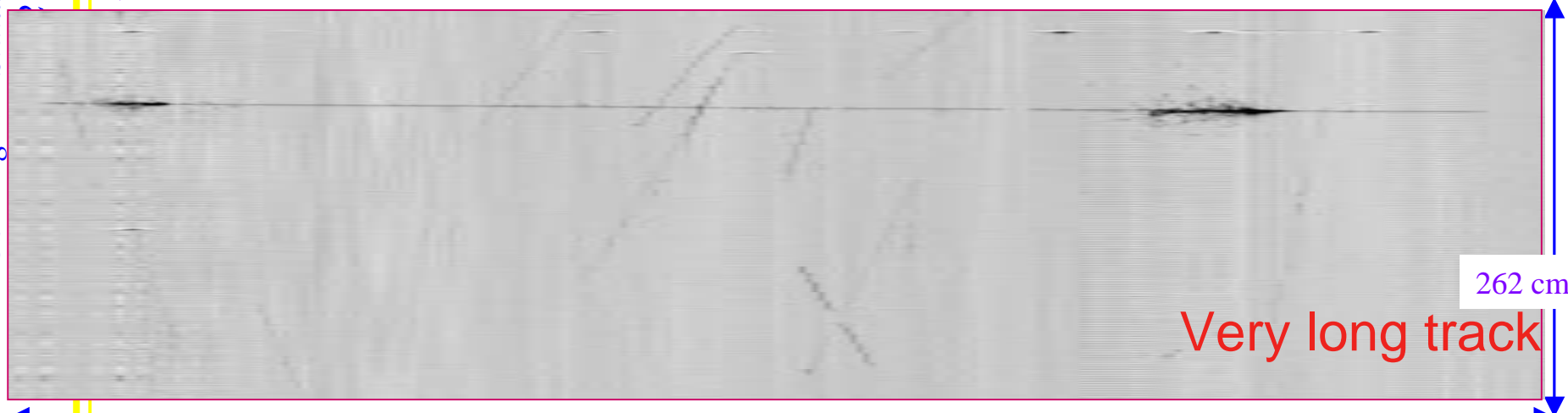
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16,4 m

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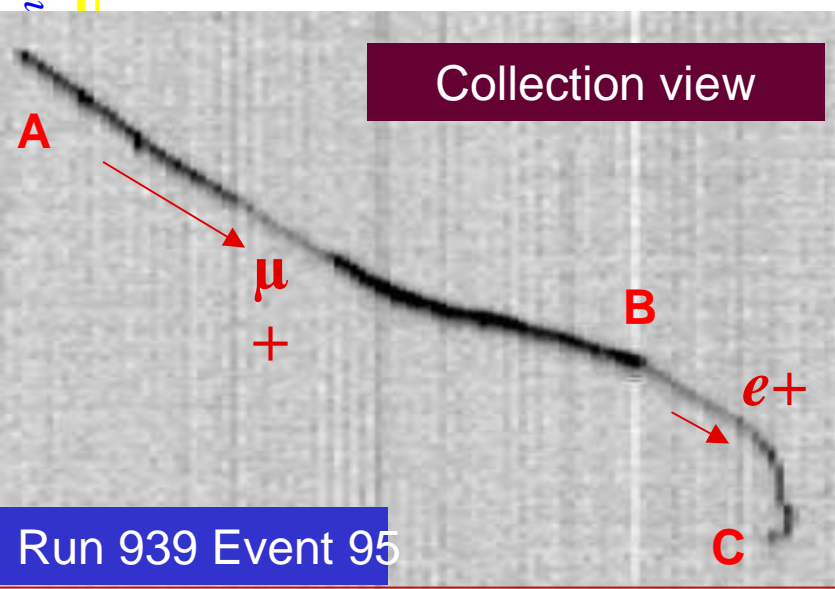
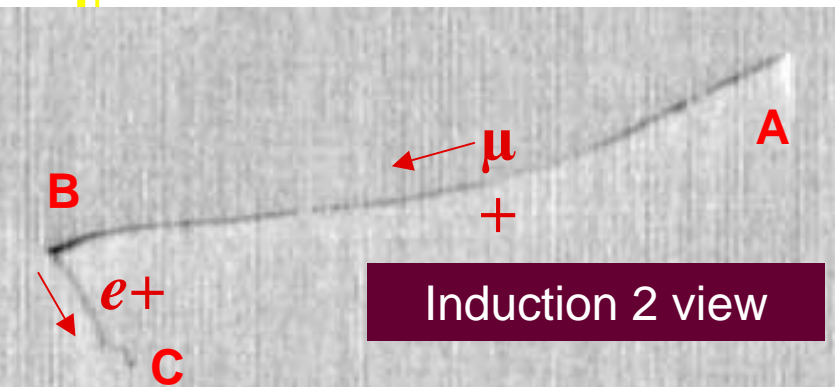


17,8 m

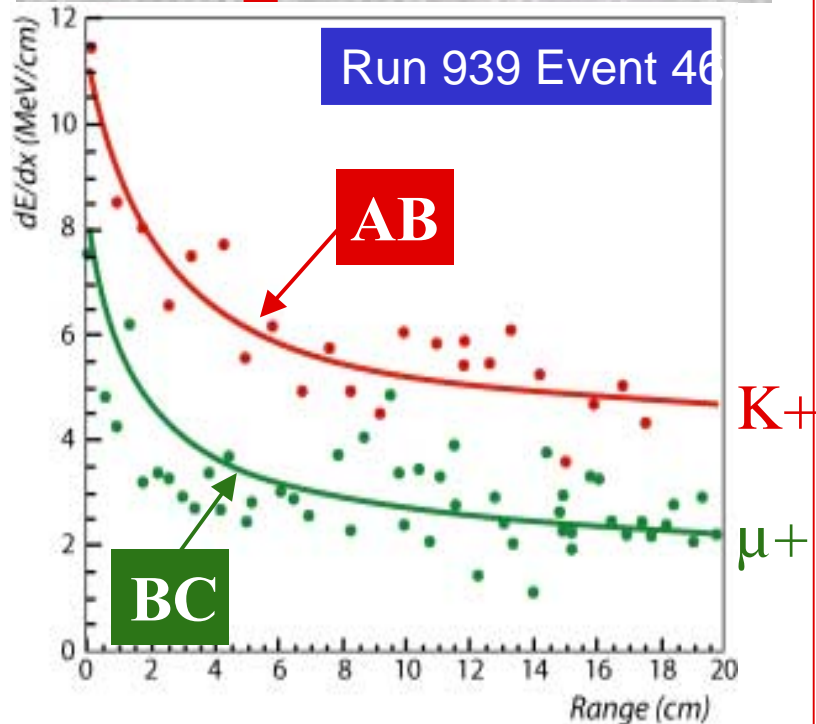
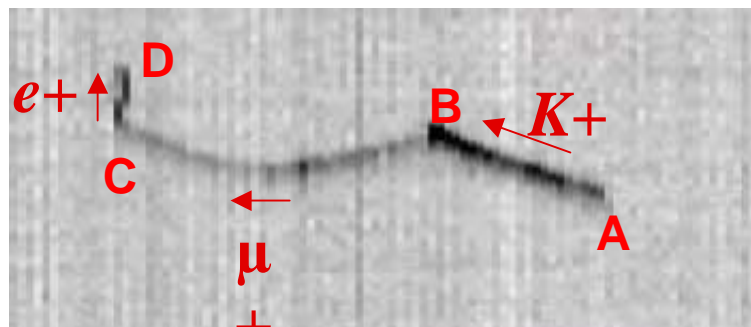
# Particle identification



$$\mu^+[AB] \rightarrow e^+[BC]$$

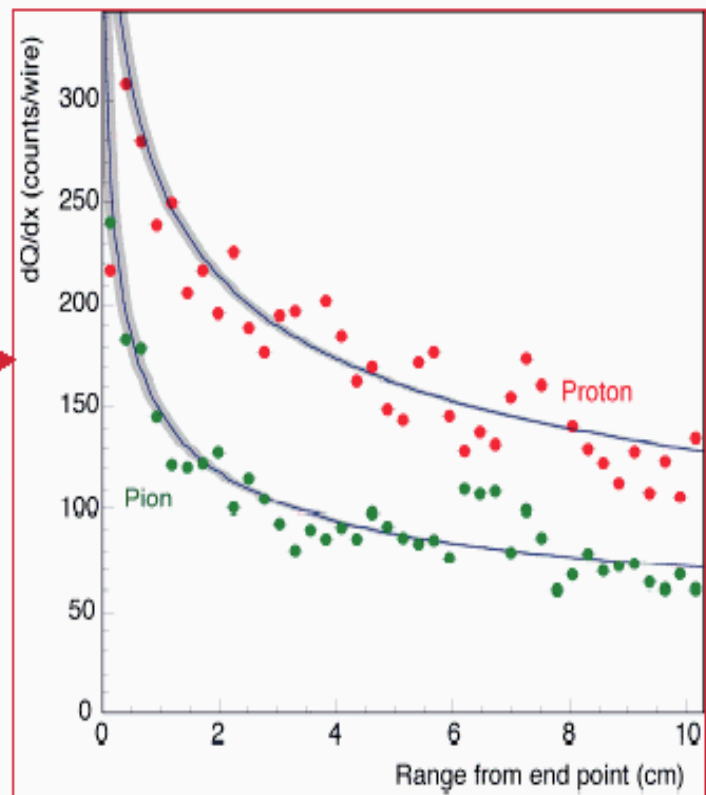


$$K^+[AB] \rightarrow \mu^+[BC] \rightarrow e^+[CD]$$



# Detector's performance (cont.)

- Measurement of local energy deposition:
  - ➔ Electron / gamma separation (3mm)
  - ➔ Particle ID by means of  $dE/dx$  vs range measurement
- Total energy reconstruction of the events from charge integration ➔ **excellent calorimeter** with high accuracy for contained events



## RESOLUTIONS

Low energy electrons:	$\sigma(E)/E = 7\% / \sqrt{E(\text{MeV})}$
Electromagn. showers:	$\sigma(E)/E = 3\% / \sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$
Hadronic showers (pure LAr):	$\sigma(E)/E = 16\% / \sqrt{E(\text{GeV})} + 1\%$
Hadronic showers (+TMG):	$\sigma(E)/E = 12\% / \sqrt{E(\text{GeV})} + 0.2\%$

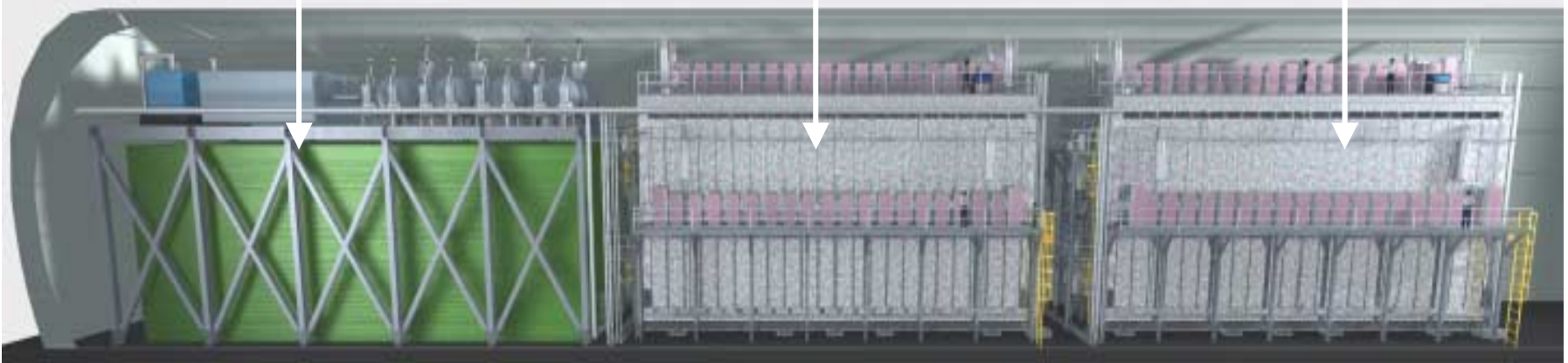
# ICARUS T3000 (proposed)

## T3000 Detector in Hall B of LNGS (cloning of T600)

First Unit T600 +  
Auxiliary  
Equipment

T1200 Unit  
(two T600  
superimposed)

T1200 Unit  
(two T600  
superimposed)



Improved statistics for:

≈ 70 Metres

Future extension  
to additional modules →

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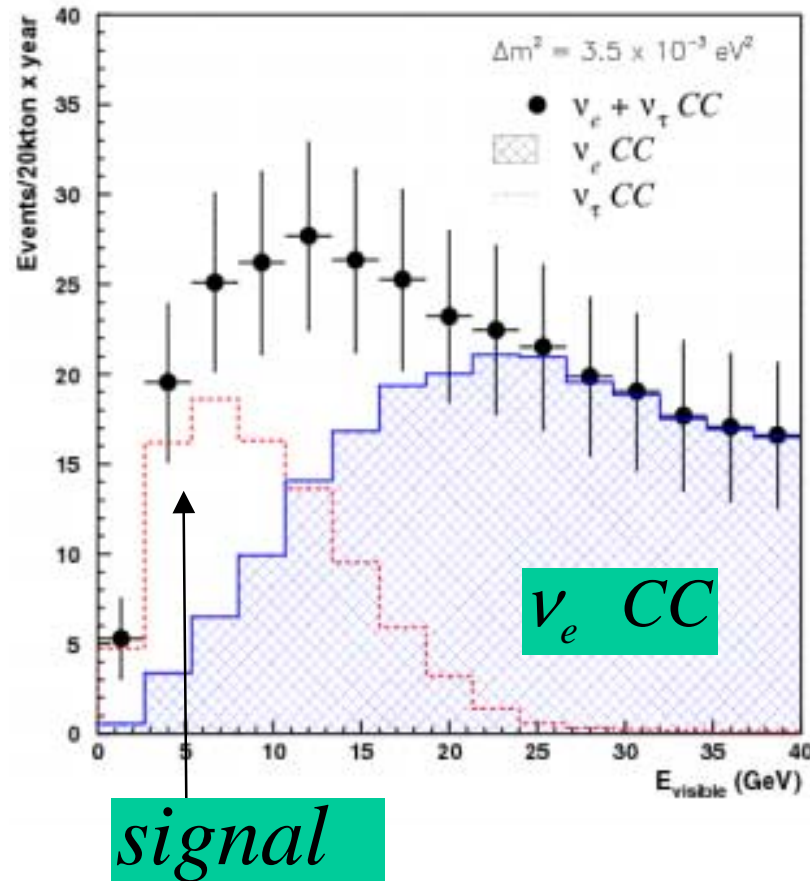
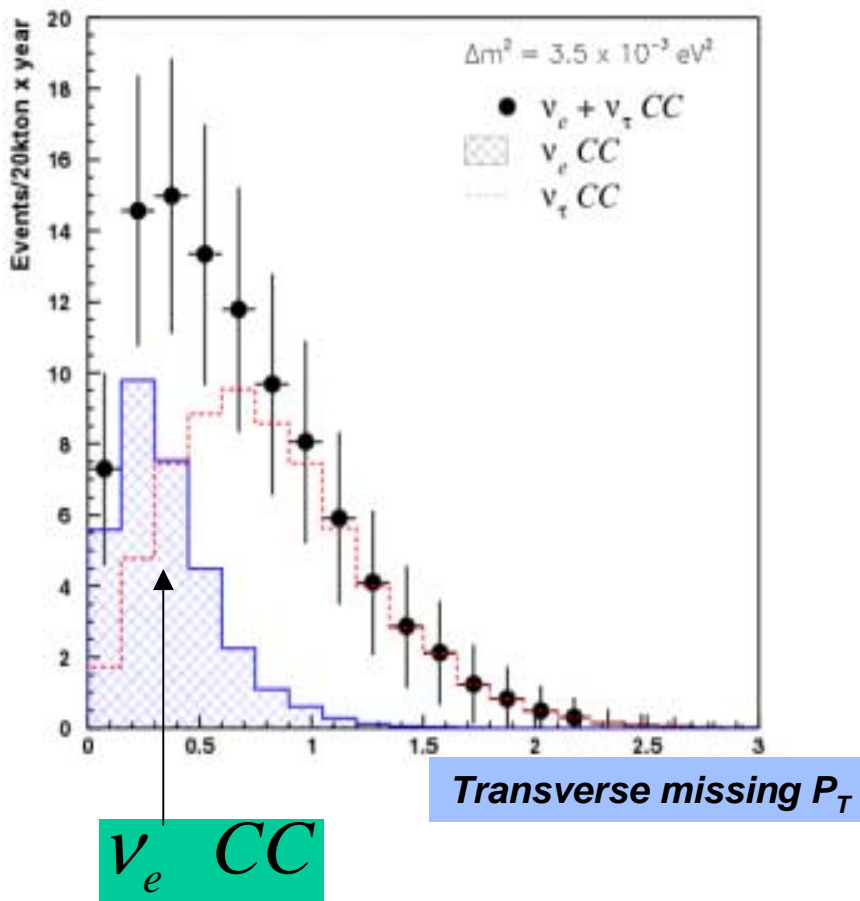
1. Solar neutrinos
2. Atmospheric neutrinos
3. Supernova neutrinos
4. CERN-NGS neutrinos
5. Proton decay

T600: installed in LNGS in 2003  
T3000: operational by summer 2006



# ICARUS $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$

Golden channel  $\tau \rightarrow e$  (good  $e/\pi^0$  separation) but also ( $\tau \rightarrow \rho$ )



# $\tau \rightarrow e$ search: 3D likelihood

- Analysis based on 3 dimensional likelihood

- $E_{\text{visible}}$ ,

- $P_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ ,

$$\rho_l \equiv P_{\text{T}}^{\text{lep}} / (P_{\text{T}}^{\text{lep}} + P_{\text{T}}^{\text{had}} + P_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}})$$

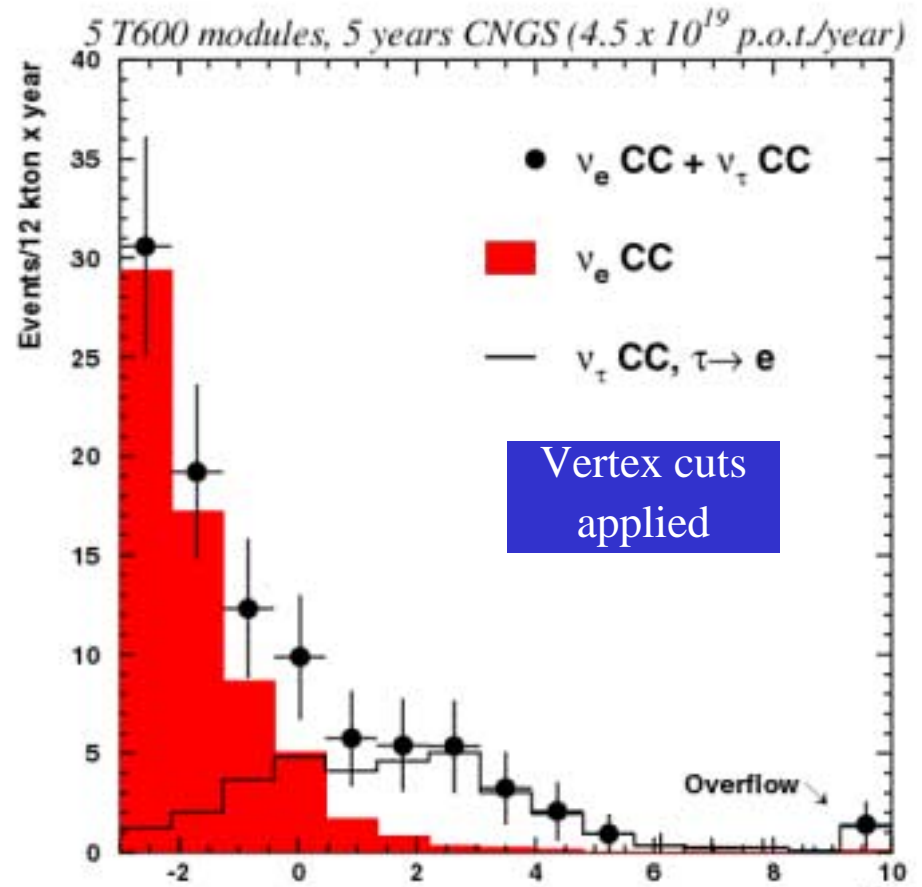
- Exploit correlation between variables

- Two functions built:

- $L_S$  ( $[E_{\text{visible}}, P_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}, \rho_l]$ ) (signal)

- $L_B$  ( $[E_{\text{visible}}, P_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}, \rho_l]$ ) ( $\nu_e$  CC background)

- Discrimination given by



$\ln \lambda$

$$\ln \lambda \equiv L([E_{\text{visible}}, P_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}, \rho_l]) = L_S / L_B$$

# $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$ appearance search summary

ICARUS T3000 detector  
(2.35 kton active LAr)

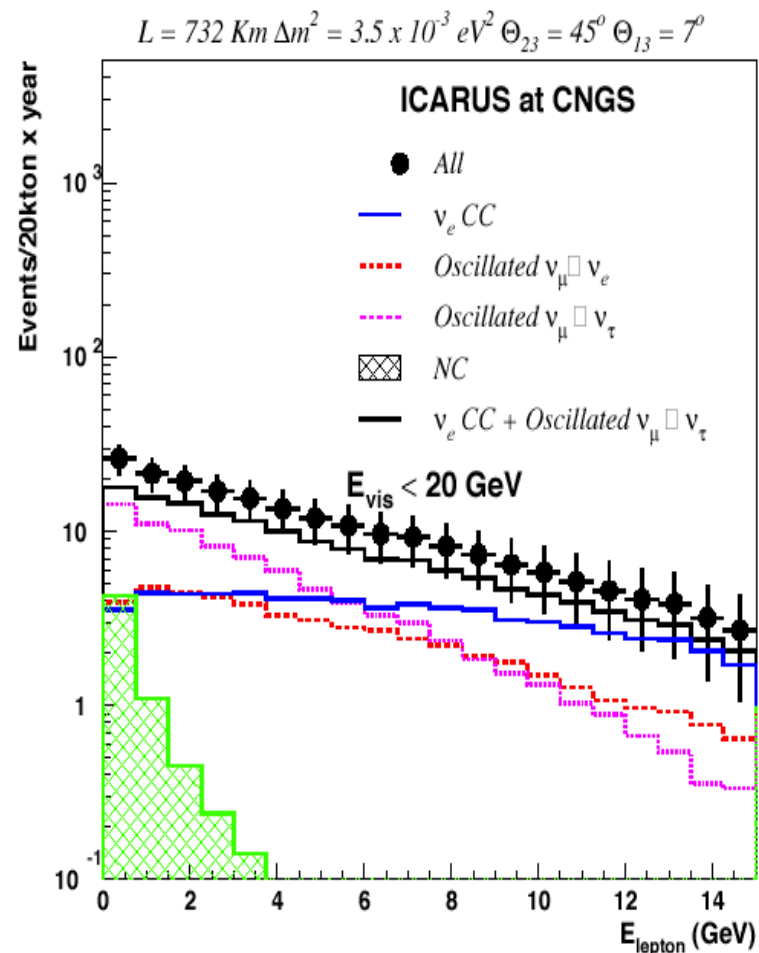
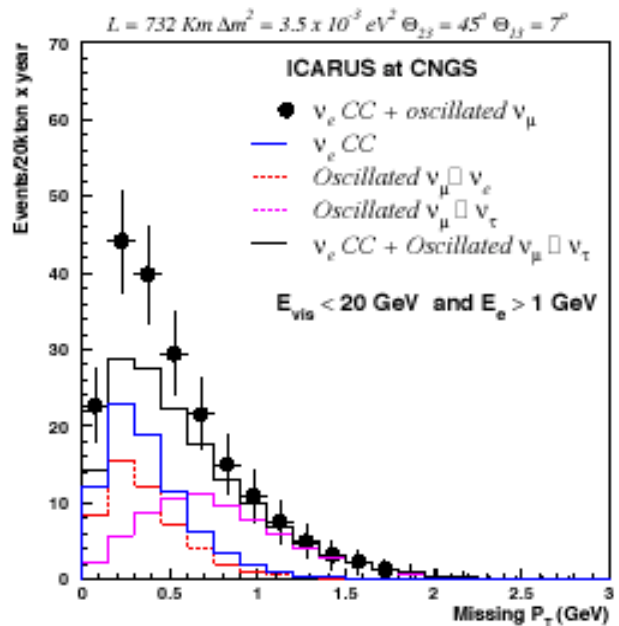
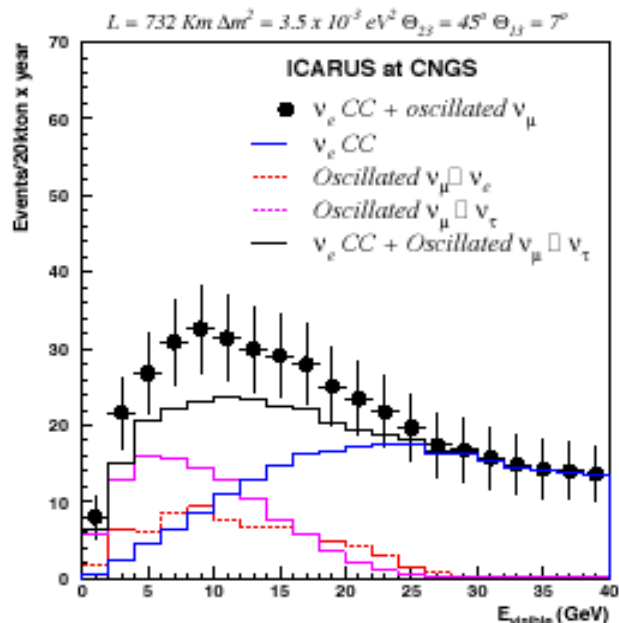
5 year CNGS “shared” running  
( $2.25 \times 10^{20}$  p.o.t.)

$\tau$ decay mode	Signal $\Delta m^2 =$ $1.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$	Signal $\Delta m^2 =$ $2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$	Signal $\Delta m^2 =$ $3.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$	Signal $\Delta m^2 =$ $4.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$	BG
$\tau \rightarrow e$	3.7	9	13	23	0.7
$\tau \rightarrow \rho$ DIS	0.6	1.5	2.2	3.9	$< 0.1$
$\tau \rightarrow \rho$ QE	0.6	1.4	2.0	3.6	$< 0.1$
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>

Super-Kamiokande:  $1.6 < \Delta m^2 < 4.0$  at 90% C.L.

**SAME SENSITIVITY AS OPERA**





Electron appearance  
Full 3 flavour analysis



# ICARUS $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$

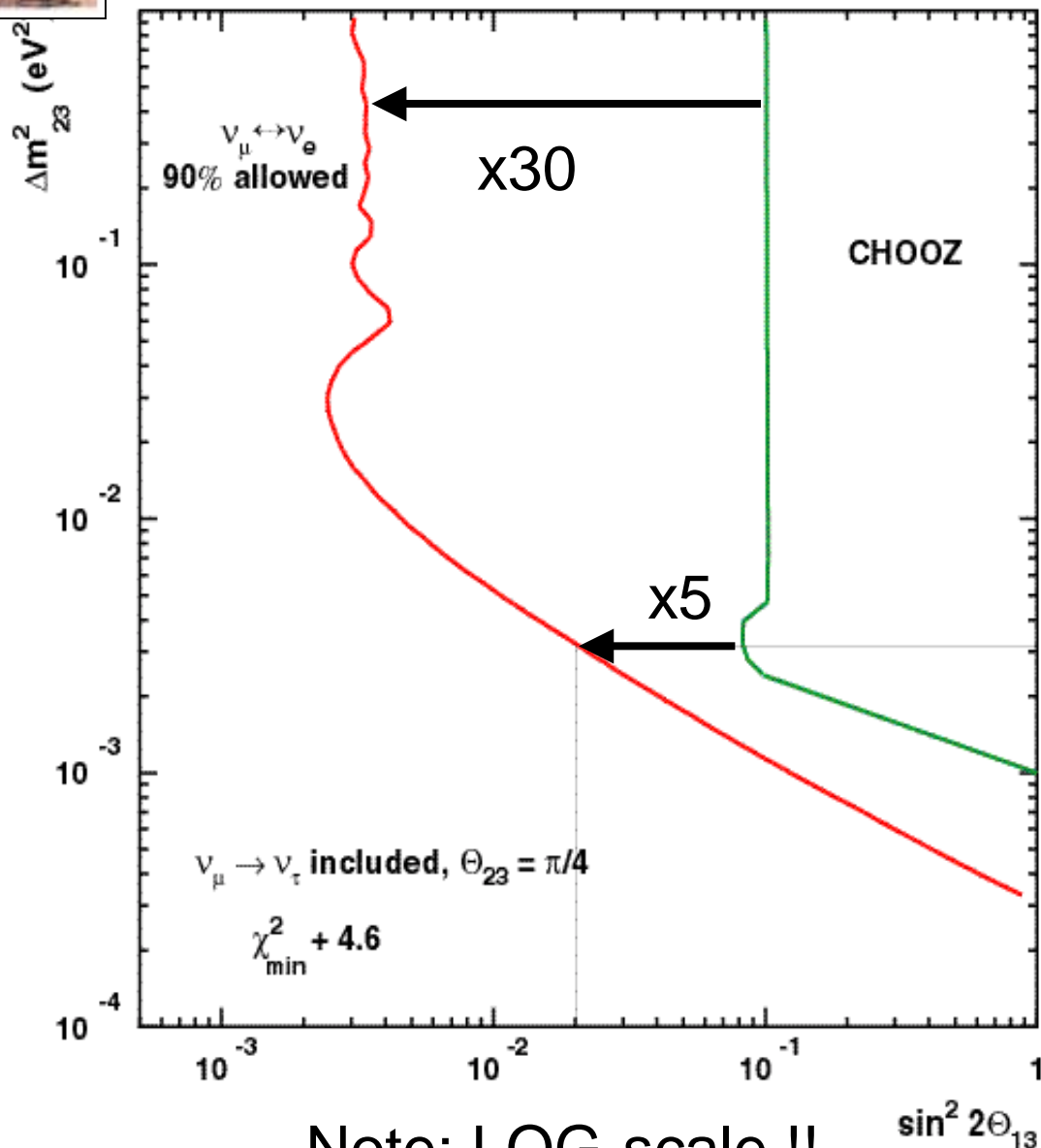
Oscillations  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e : \Rightarrow \theta_{13}$  (8 years shared or 5 dedicated)

Cuts: Fiducial, $E_e > 1$ GeV, $E_{vis} < 20$ GeV						
$\Delta m_{23}^2 = 3.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2, \theta_{23} = 45^\circ$						
$\theta_{13}$ (degrees)	$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$	$\nu_e$ CC	$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ $\tau \rightarrow e$	$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$	Total	Statistical significance
9	0.095	79	74	84	237	$6.8\sigma$
8	0.076	79	75	67	221	$5.4\sigma$
7	0.058	79	76	51	206	$4.1\sigma$
5	0.030	79	77	26	182	$2.1\sigma$
3	0.011	79	77	10	166	$0.8\sigma$

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau) = \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \Delta_{32}^2$$

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \Delta_{32}^2$$

# Expected sensitivity to $\theta_{13}$



Note: LOG-scale !!

**ICARUS**

**5 years dedicated SPS**

2.35 kton fid. mass

Sensitivity assuming both  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$  and  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  at the same  $\Delta m^2$  (three family mixing)

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} > 2 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\text{for } \Delta m^2_{32} = 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

$\theta_{13}$  limit from 9 to 50°

# Conclusions

- BEAM
  - CNGS beam on schedule, small overscost, can be ready by 2006
  - a 30-50% increase in luminosity at low cost possible
- EXPERIMENT STATUS
  - OPERA quickly adapted the detector to Hall C, and the loss of the CERN group, with negligible loss in sensitivity. Detailed schedule showing that they can be ready by 2006
  - ICARUS has demonstrated brilliantly the principle, and is proposing a T3000 detector in Hall B, installing T600 in 2003 . T3000 could be ready by 2006.
- PHYSICS
  - ICARUS/OPERA will collect of the order of 25-30  $\tau$  appearance events in 5 years with negligible background @  $\Delta m^2 \sim 2.5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$  permitting a determination of  $\Delta m^2$  with a precision of 10%
  - The  $\nu_e$  appearance channel is there practically for free, both detectors are high grained. The systematics of the  $\nu_e$  component in the beam main background. Activity in both detectors to evaluate precisely the optimal sensitivity in the  $\nu_e$  appearance channel, giving access to  $\theta_{13}$