

# Summary of astro-particle physics activities (CSN2) at LNF

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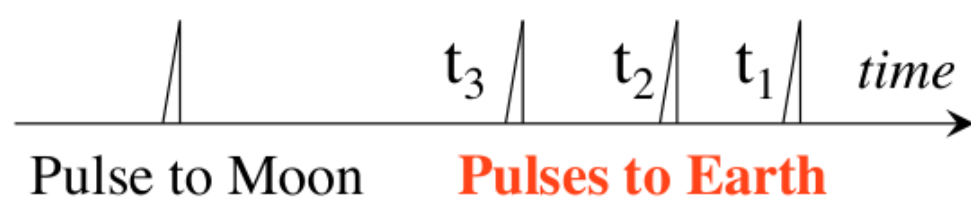
## Summary of CSN2 activities at LNF

Neutrino physics (mainly at LNGS)					
BOREXINO	ICARUS	MARE-RD	NESSIE-RD	OPERA	T2K
Search for rare processes (mainly at LNGS)					
CTF-RD-DARK	CUORE	DAMA	GERDA	LUCIFER-RD	LVD
XENON					
Study of the cosmic rays by ground based and underwater experiments					
ARGO-YBJ	AUGER	CTA-RD*	KM3*	MAGIC	
Study of the cosmic rays by experiments in the space					
AMS2	FERMI	GAMMA400-RD	JEM-EUSO-RD	WIZARD	
Search for gravitational waves					
AURIGA	LISA-PATHFINDER	RARENOISE-DTZ	ROG	VIRGO	VIRGO-ADV
General physics					
G-GRANSASSO-RD	GGG	HUMOR*	MAGIA	MICRA	MIR
MOONLIGHT2-DTZ*	PVLAS				

In total: 14 FTE (30 persons)

**Moonlight2-DTZ**

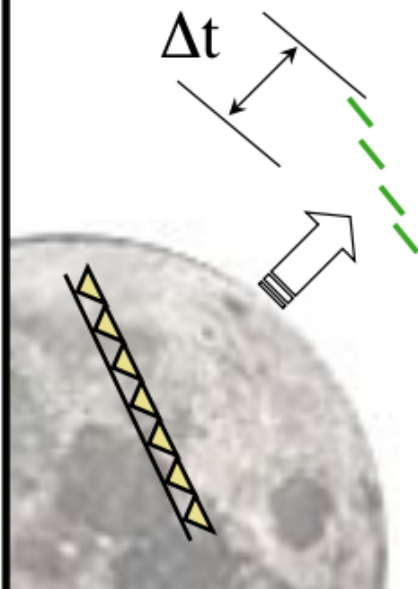
**(lunar laser ranging)**



**Apollo or Lunokhod**

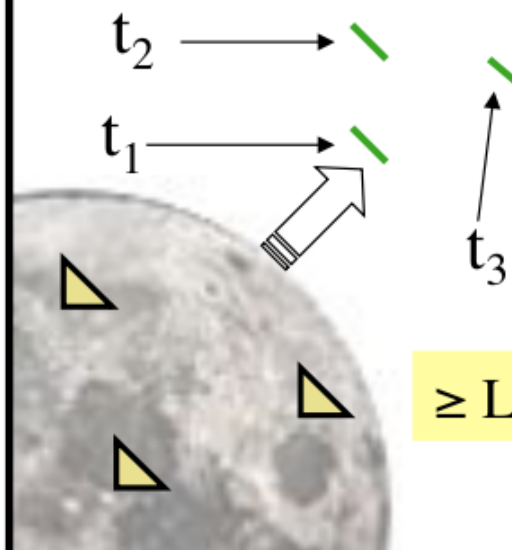


**MoonLIGHT/LLRRA21**



**Back to Earth:  
unresolved, wide  
pulse due to lunar  
librations**

**≥ Arrays of many  
small CCRs**



**Back to Earth:  
short resolved  
pulses despite  
librations**

**≥ Large, single CCRs**

# Tests of General Relativity with MoonLIGHT



Precision test of violation of General Relativity	Time scale	Apollo/Lunokhod few cm accuracy*	3 MoonLIGHTs	
			1 mm	0.1 mm
Parameterized Post-Newtonian (PPN) $\beta$	Few years	$ \beta-1  < 1.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$10^{-5}$	$10^{-6}$
Weak Equivalence Principle (WEP)	Few years	$ \Delta a/a  < 1.4 \times 10^{-13}$	$10^{-14}$	$10^{-15}$
Strong Equivalence Principle (SEP)	Few years	$ \eta  < 4.4 \times 10^{-4}$	$3 \times 10^{-5}$	$3 \times 10^{-6}$
Time Variation of the Gravitational Constant ( $\dot{G}$ )	$\sim 5$ years	$ \dot{G}/G  < 9 \times 10^{-13} \text{ yr}^{-1}$	$5 \times 10^{-14}$	$5 \times 10^{-15}$
Inverse Square Law (ISL)	$\sim 10$ years	$ \alpha  < 3 \times 10^{-11}$	$10^{-12}$	$10^{-13}$
<b>Geodetic Precession (GP)</b>	<b>Few years</b>	<b><math> K_{GP}  &lt; 6.4 \times 10^{-3}</math></b>	$6.4 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.4 \times 10^{-5}$

\* J. G. Williams et al, PRL 93, 261101 (2004). Gravity Probe B final result on GP:  $|K_{GP}| < 2.8 \times 10^{-3}$

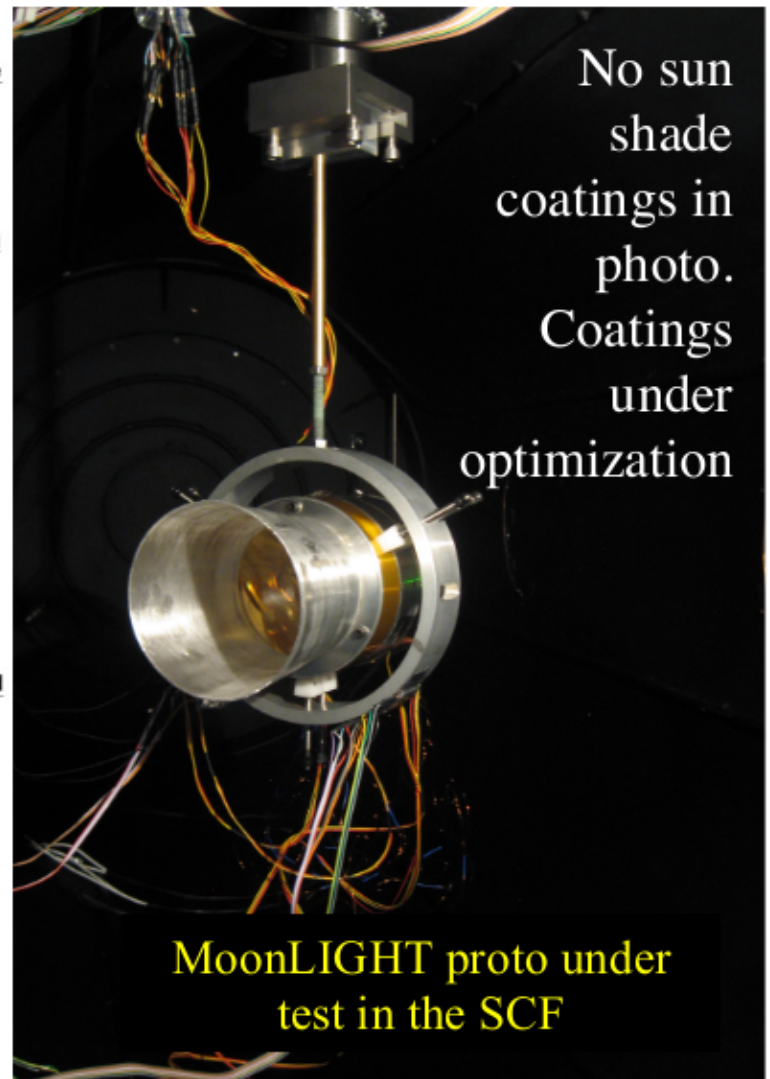
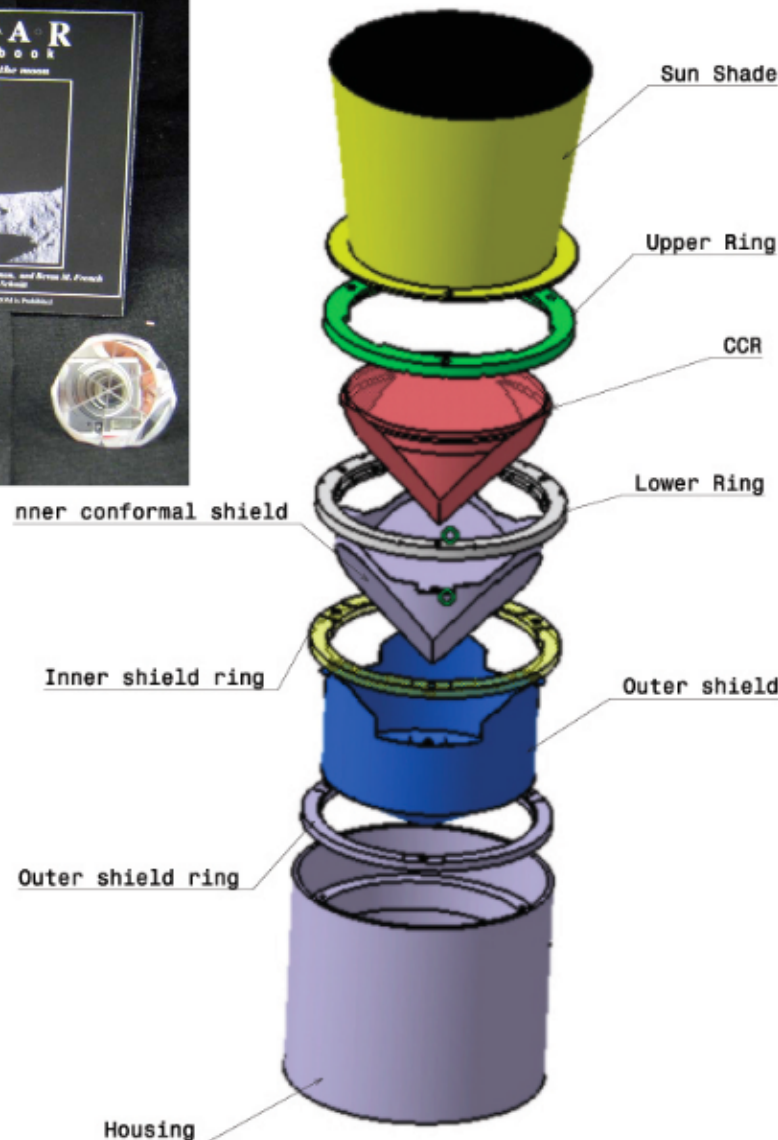
We are concentrating on Geodetic Precession and Apollo arrays  
 Our current accuracy, PEP and new APOLLO laser station: **1%**

**Goal for 2014: Geodetic Precession @  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  accuracy**

# MoonLIGHT (10 cm reflector) SCF-Tested



1 MoonLIGHT equivalent to ~50 Apollo CCRs (38 mm)

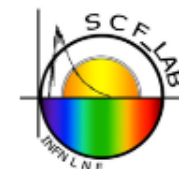


# Mission opportunities [Pole/Equator/Limb site]



- **Commercial Launches** with SpaceX Falcon 9 missions (2 successful dockings to ISS); MoonLIGHT approved:
  - **Moon Express [E], 1<sup>st</sup> flight: end 2014**
  - **Astrobotic [E]: 2015**
  - **Moon Express, Commercial-ILN [P, E, L]: >2015**
- **Space Agency launches**:
  - **SELENE-2 (JAXA), [P]; signed scientific agreement: 2017**
  - **Chandrayaan-2 Lunar Lander (ISRO) [P]; negotiating: 2015**
  - **LGN (NASA) [P1, P2, L or P, L1, L2]: 2018**
- **LunarCubeSats**
  - **Promoted by NASA-GSFC; transfer from GEO**

# Proposal to NASA's SSERVI (April 2013)



## Network for Exploration and Space Science

Space Science Enabled by Exploration



Investigators	Collaborators
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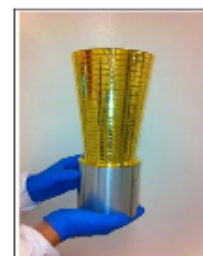


Fig. 17. LLRRA-21 Conceptual Design, especially addressing stepped sunshade, for SCF testing.

inputs and exchanges due to the solar radiation, the thermal radiation from the regolith and radiation to space. A range of material properties was considered for the materials and the thermal coatings to determine the strength of the return to the observatory on the Earth. In order to validate the simulations, components have been fabricated and tested in a unique facility developed by the NEXSS international partners at INFN-LNF in Frascati, Italy. This has allowed us to define the properties that would be required for the LLRRA-21.

Thermal gradients within the CCR, caused by the input of solar heating and radiation to cold space, results in gradients in the index of refraction of the fused silica. This in turn causes a spreading of the return laser beam, greatly reducing the received signal (Currie 2011). In order to control the thermal issues, a number of new concepts must now be explored in the simulations. For example, while the sunshade in Fig. 17 and 18 (gold cylinder) blocks the solar radiation for low elevation angles of the Sun, near zenith, it ducts additional thermal energy into the CCR, which causes gradients that degrade the signal (Currie 2011). In simulation, the use of a unique "stepped" design reduced the solar radiation reaching the CCR by 40%. In order to experimentally test this, we propose to use the Satellite/lunar laser ranging Characterization Facility (SCF) in Frascati, Italy (Fig. 19). This unique facility for testing retroreflector has been developed by the Laboratori Nazionali di Frascati (LNF) of the Laboratori dell'Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare (INFN) in collaboration with the University of Maryland (Dell'Agnello 2011a, b).

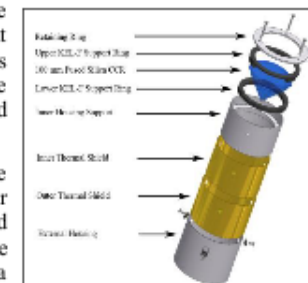


Fig. 18. Conceptual Design of LLRRA-21 as tested in INFN-LNF thermal-vacuum chamber.

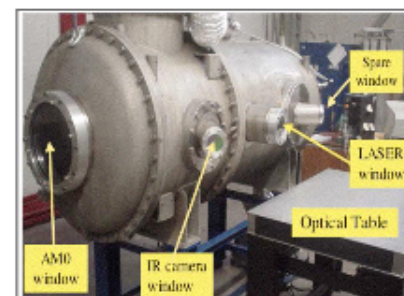


Fig. 19. SCF Facility at INFN-LNF in Frascati, Italy. This facility was used for previous tests. A new SCF facility will be made available to the NEXSS team for testing a prototype LLRRA-21 (Dell'Agnello 2011).

Murphy has developed the Apache Point Observatory Lunar Laser-ranging Operation (APOLLO) station (Murphy et al. 2008) as seen in Fig. 20. By operating on a 3.5 m astronomical telescope, we are able to collect many thousands of return photons in a session, and thereby determine the range with millimeter precision. The raw precision allows tests of systematic error sources, such as atmospheric delay, crustal loading, etc. One recent success was ranging to the "lost" Lunokhod 1 rover/reflector and, thus, adding an important new reflector to

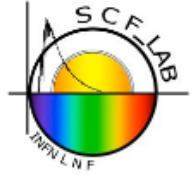
### 3.3.2.2 Continued Ranging from the APOLLO and MLRO

In order to obtain improved accuracy, Co-I



# SCF\_Lab Team

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## International Collaborations

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**International Lunar Network (ILN)**  
**Commercial ILN (C-ILN)**

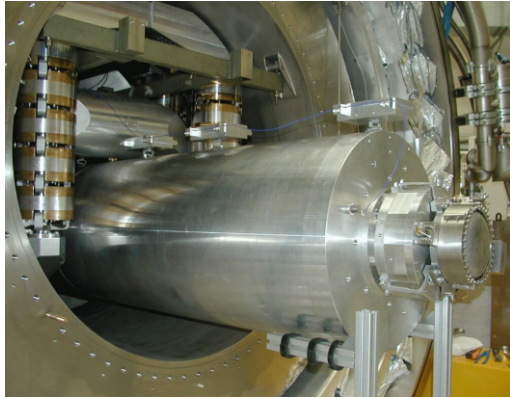
## National Collaborations

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**ROG (Nautilus)**

**(resonant bar gravitational wave detector)**

# AURIGA - LNL



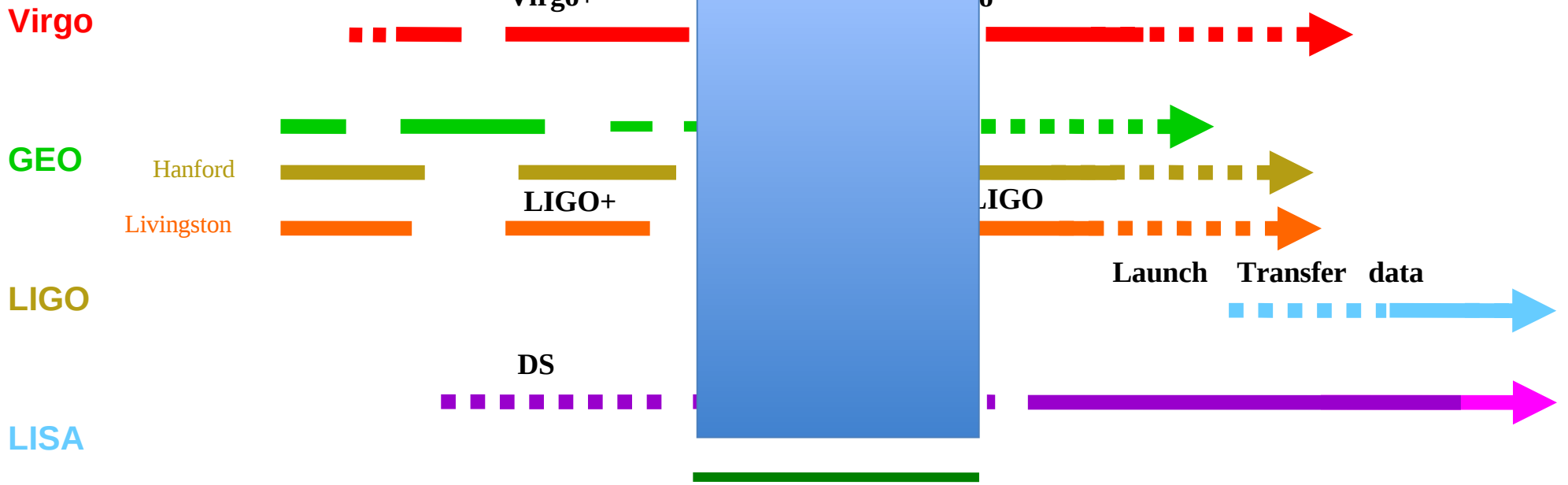
# NAUTILUS - LNF



We are here



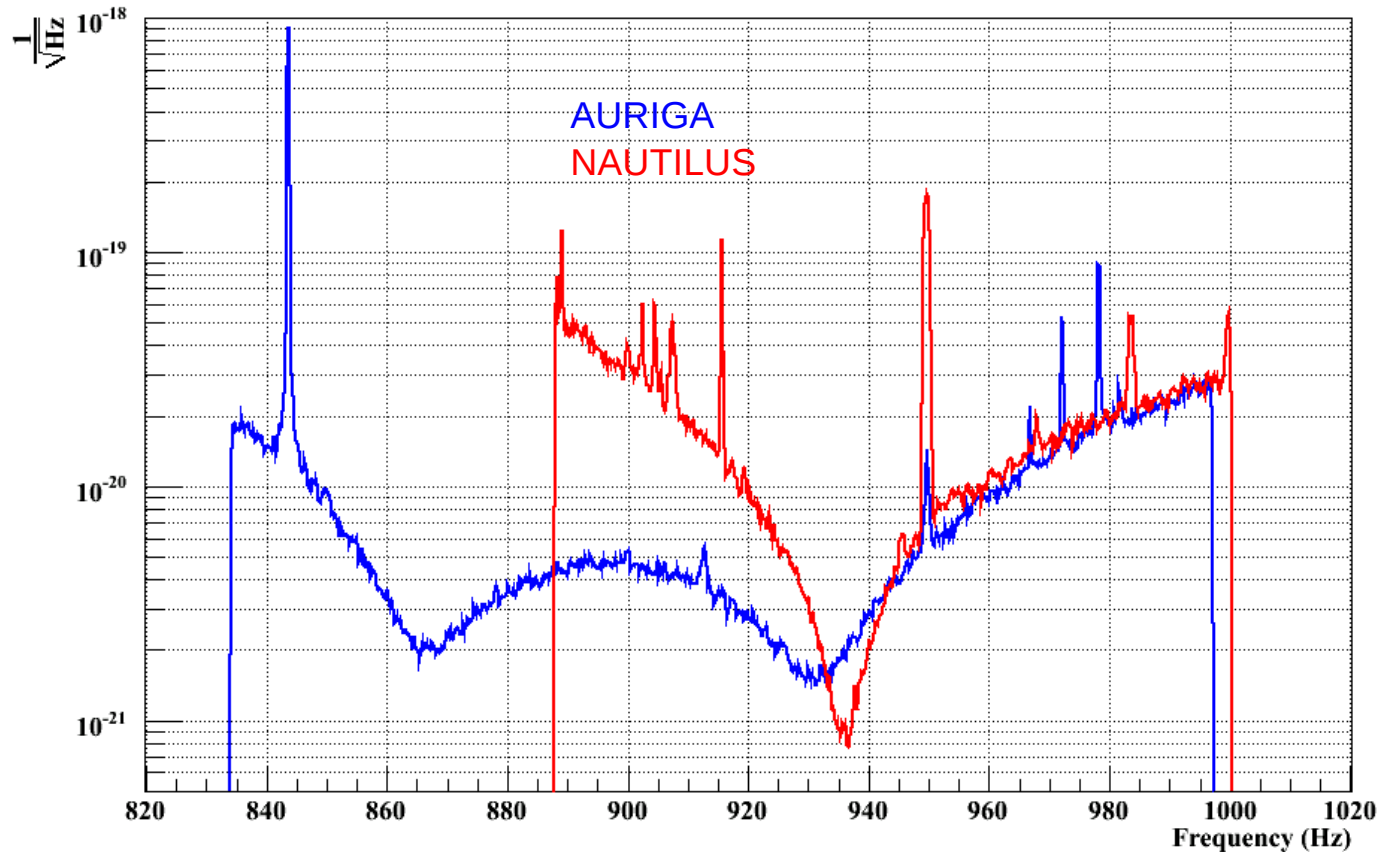
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*Window of opportunity  
for AURIGA and NAUTILUS*

**AURIGA & NAUTILUS continuously on the air ~ 90% (combined)  
with noise close to Gaussian (~ 20 outliers/day at SNR>6)  
until LIGO/Virgo resume operation**

*AUNA Sh One Side*



**burst sensitivity hrss ~ 10-20 Hz-1/2 or hburst ~ 2x10-19**

**AUNA:** “astrowatch” of **AURIGA & NAUTILUS** under triggers  
from SN neutrinos, giant X-rays flares, etc  
CLIO, GEO-HF welcome to join



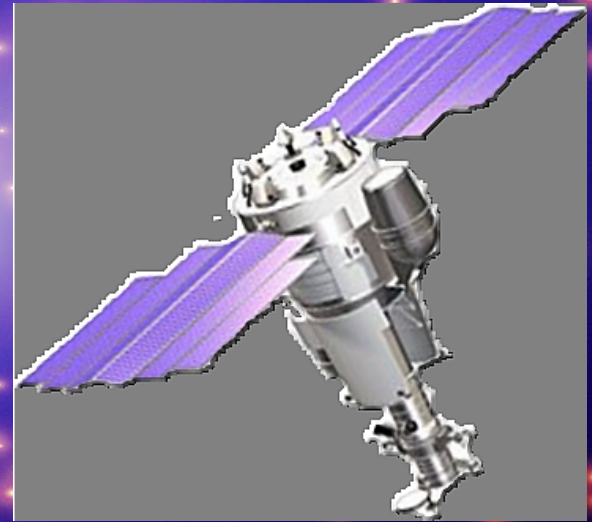
ricerca onde gravitazionali  
gravitational wave research



Bar Al 5056             $M = 2270 \text{ kg}$   
 $L = 2.91 \text{ m}$     $\varnothing = 0.6 \text{ m}$   
 $\nu_A = 935 \text{ Hz}$     @     $T = 3 \text{ K}$   
Cosmic ray detector

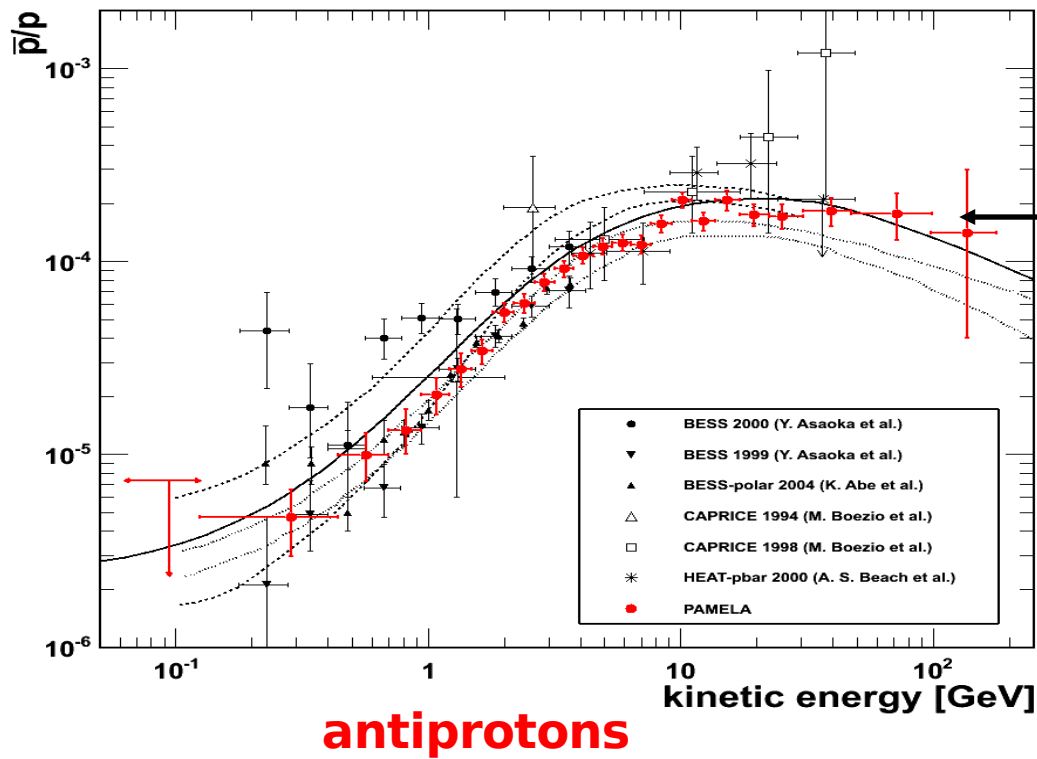


**LNF ROG group:**  
**2.2 FTE (5 persons)**



*Cosmic Ray Studies from Space*  
*The PAMELA Experiment*

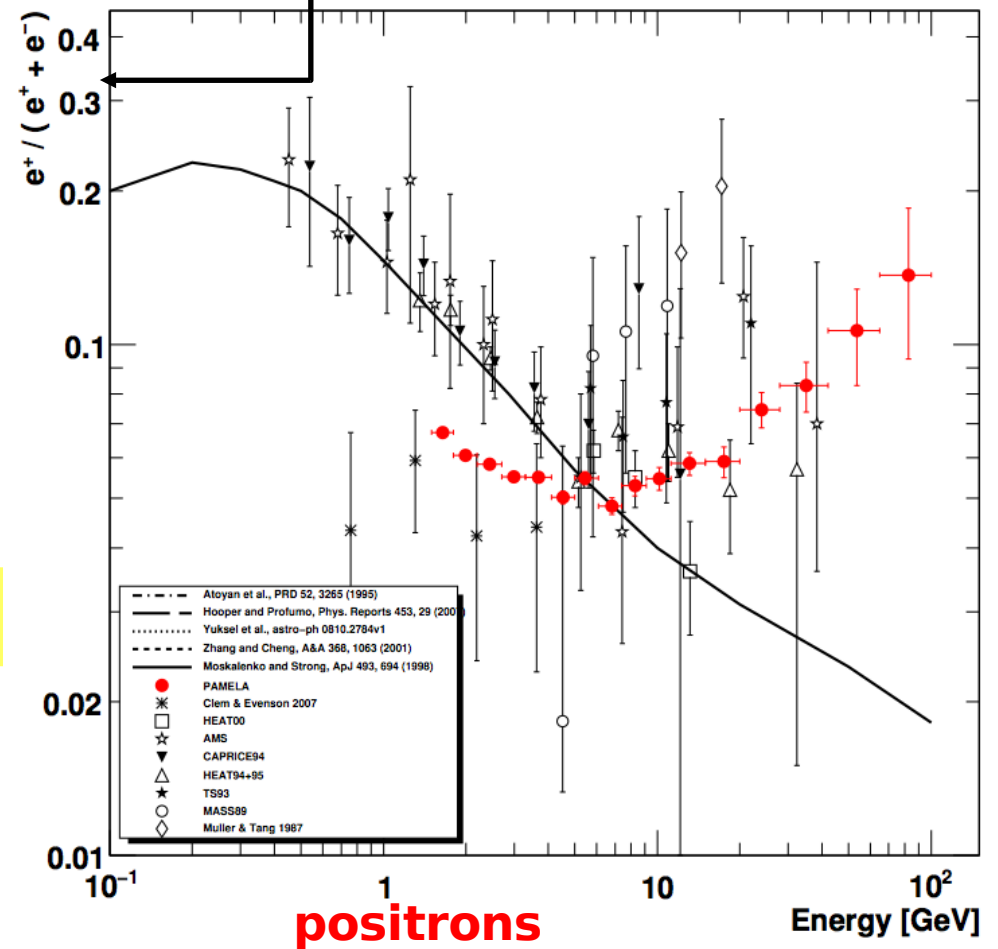
# Antiparticle Results



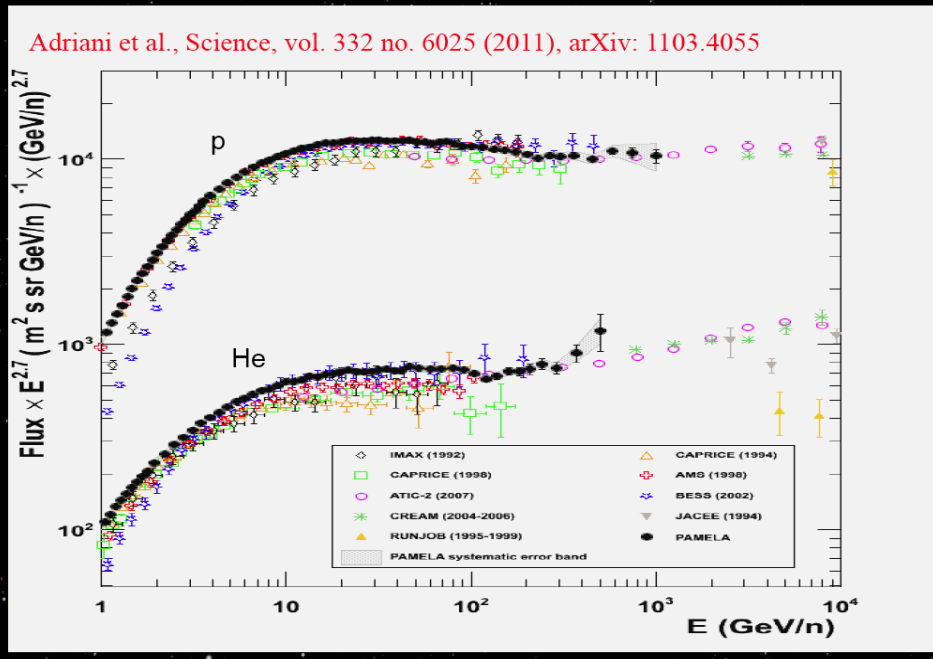
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Secondary production calculations

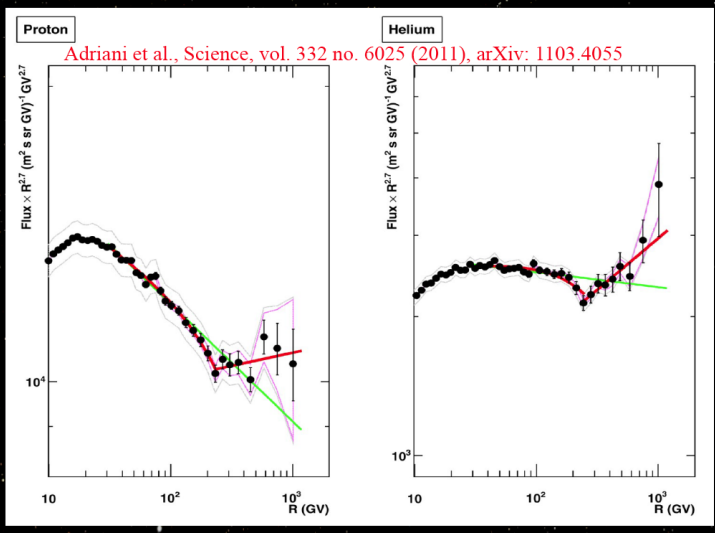
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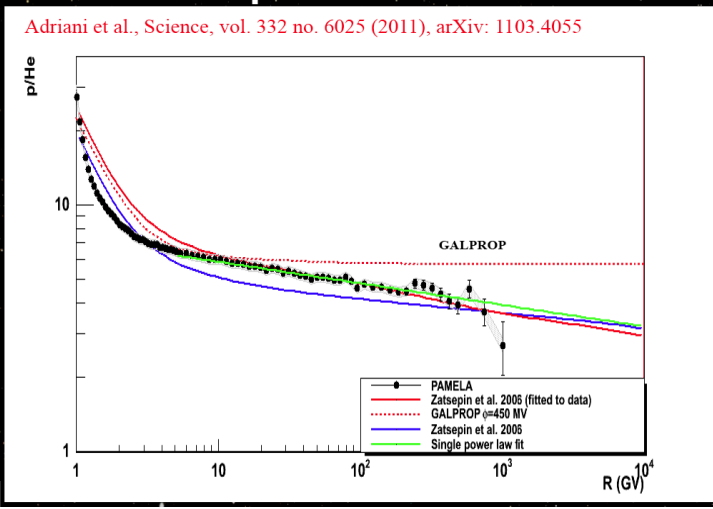
# Proton and Helium Nuclei Spectra



## Precise measurement: break in the spectrum



## Proton and Helium Nuclei: a different spectral index





# Summary

- **PAMELA has been in orbit and studying cosmic rays for 6 and half years:**
  - > 109 triggers registered and 30 TB of data has been down-linked.**
- **Antiproton-to-proton flux ratio and antiproton energy spectrum (100 MeV- 200 GeV) show no significant deviations from secondary production expectations.**
- **High energy positron fraction (> 10 GeV) increases significantly (and unexpectedly!) with energy. Primary source? Dark Matter sign?**
- **The  $e^-$  spectrum up to 600 GeV shows spectral features that may point to additional components.**
- **The proton and Helium nuclei spectra have been measured up to 1.2 TeV. The observations challenge the current paradigm of cosmic ray acceleration and propagation.**
- **Analysis ongoing to finalize the antiparticle measurements (positron flux, positron fraction); continuous study of solar modulation effects at low energy.**
- **Solar Physics (flares, impulsive events, Forbush decrease etc.): more than half a solar cycle in orbit.**

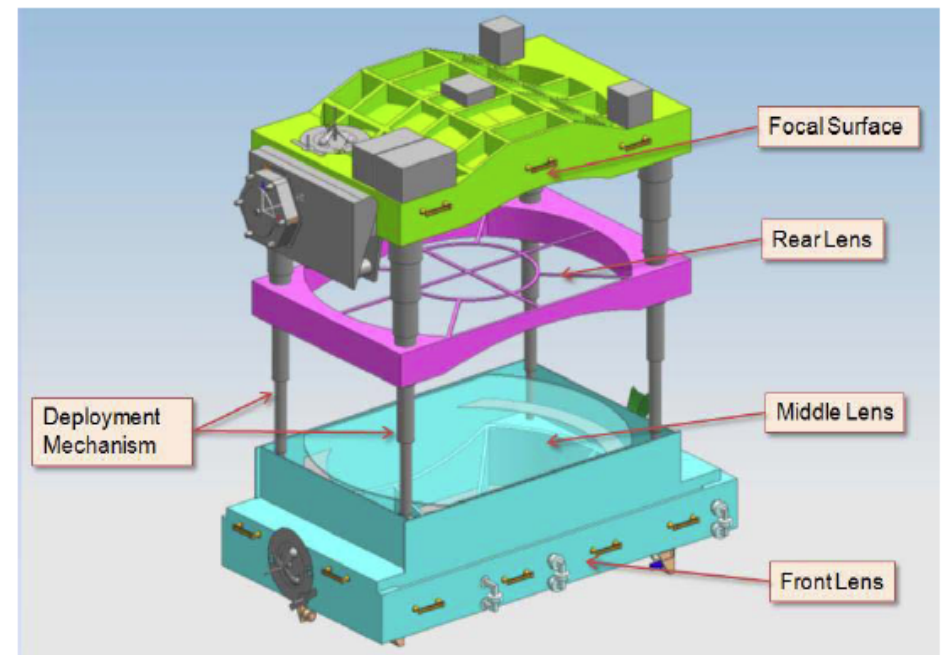
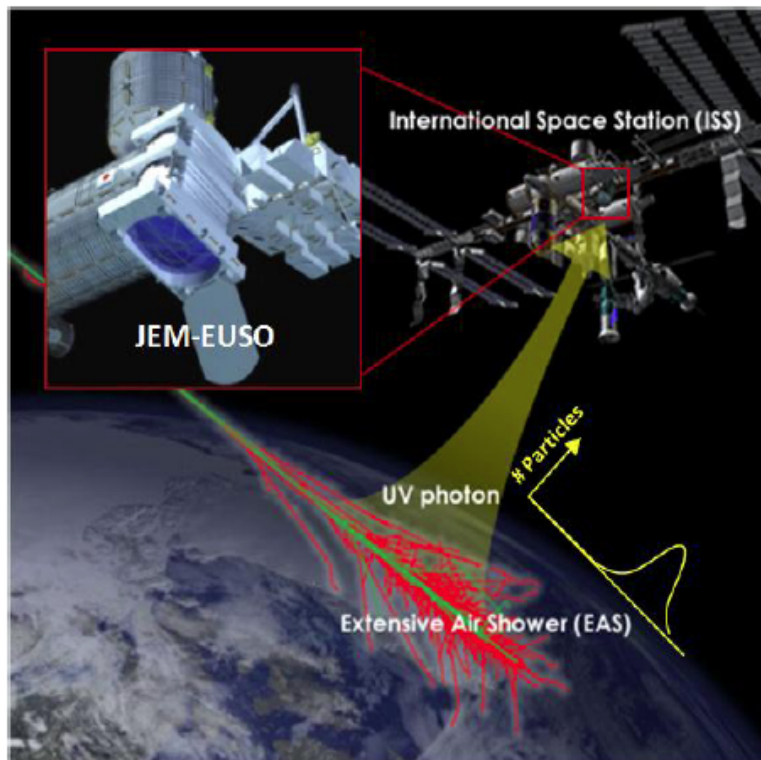




**JEM-EUSO**  
The Extreme Universe Space  
Observatory  
onboard the Japanese Experiment  
Module of the International Space  
Station

# JEM-EUSO main features

- Method:** fluorescence (full calorimetric)
- Large field of view:**  $\pm 30^\circ$  thanks to double sided spherical Fresnel lenses
- At 400 km (ISS):**  $2 \cdot 10^5 \text{ km}^2$  (nadir mode) up to  $10^6 \text{ km}^2$  (tilted mode)
- No need for stereo:**  $400 \text{ km} \gg$  shower length (TPC with a drift velocity = c)



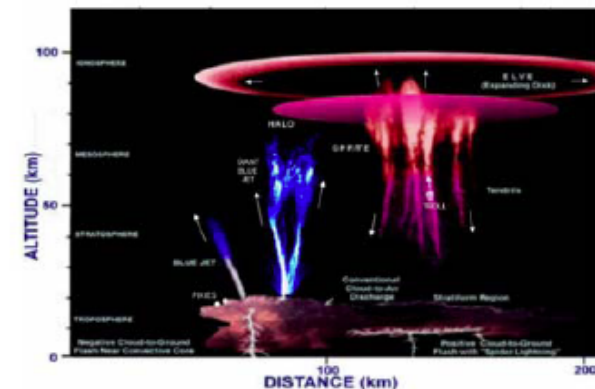
# Main Physics Program

## *Main scientific objectives*

- Measurement of Ultra-high energy Cosmic Rays
- ➔ Astronomy and Astrophysics through the particle channel  
= Physics and Astrophysics at  $E > 5 \times 10^{19} \text{eV}$

## *Exploratory scientific objectives*

- Exploratory Objectives: new messengers
    - Discovery of UHE neutrinos  
discrimination and identification via  $X_0$  and  $X_{\text{max}}$
    - Discovery of UHE Gammas  
discrimination of  $X_{\text{max}}$  due to geomagnetic and LPM effect
  - Exploratory Objectives: magnetic fields
  - Exploratory Objectives: Atmospheric science
    - Nightglow
    - Transient luminous events
    - Space-atmosphere interactions
    - climate change
- ← with the fast UV monitoring of the Atmosphere



(Elaboration of figure by Lyons et al. 2000)

# Road Map to JEM EUSO

## 1) *EUSO Balloon campaign*

2011/6 Approved by CNES

**2014** first of three launches



## 2) *Cross-calibration tests at Telescope Array site, Utah*

Collaboration with ICRR, Institute of Cosmic rays, Tokyo University, Kashiwa campus

Installation Winter 2012



## **The WIZARD (PAMELA) LNF group**

**1.8 FTE (4 persons)**

## **The JEM-EUSO LNF group**

**3.0 FTE (6 persons)**

### **Activities:**

**PDM (Photo Detector Module) design (support by SPCM service)**

**Test on balloon**

**KM3**

**(astrophysical neutrino detector)**

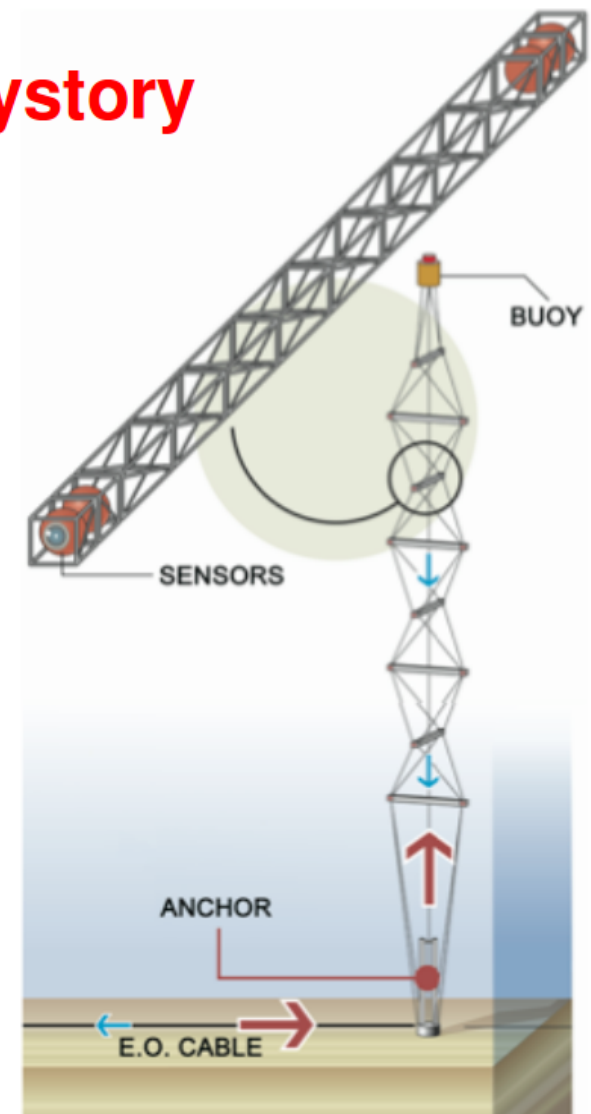
# NEMO-Phase2 Tower deployment: short history

## November 2012

Teliri (MECMA) + INFN/INGV ROV: during a pre-inspection of the site, at 3500m depths, the ROV umbelical cable burned and the ROV was lost. Tower Deployment operation not even started.

## 23 March 2013

Campaign with FUGRO vessel (Nautical Tide) +ROV: **successful NEMO-Phase2 Tower deployment, connection and start of data taking**





# PORFIDO

## Physical Oceanography by RFID Outlook

Use neutrino telescopes infrastructure  
(power, communication)  
for oceanographic measurements

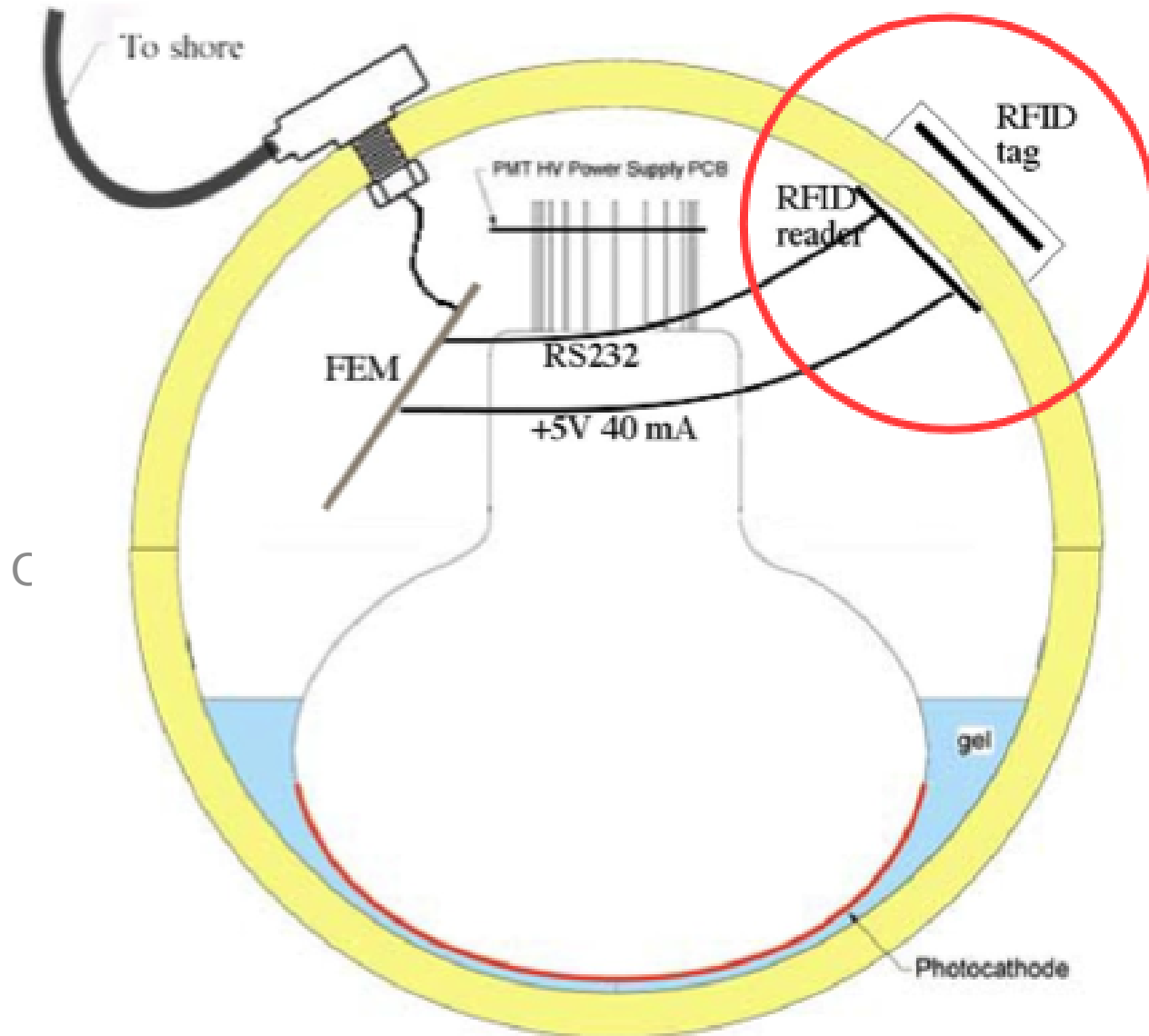
(Temperature, salinity, water mass movements)

Orlando Ciaffoni, Marco Cordelli, Roberto Habel, Agnese Martini, Luciano  
Trasatti

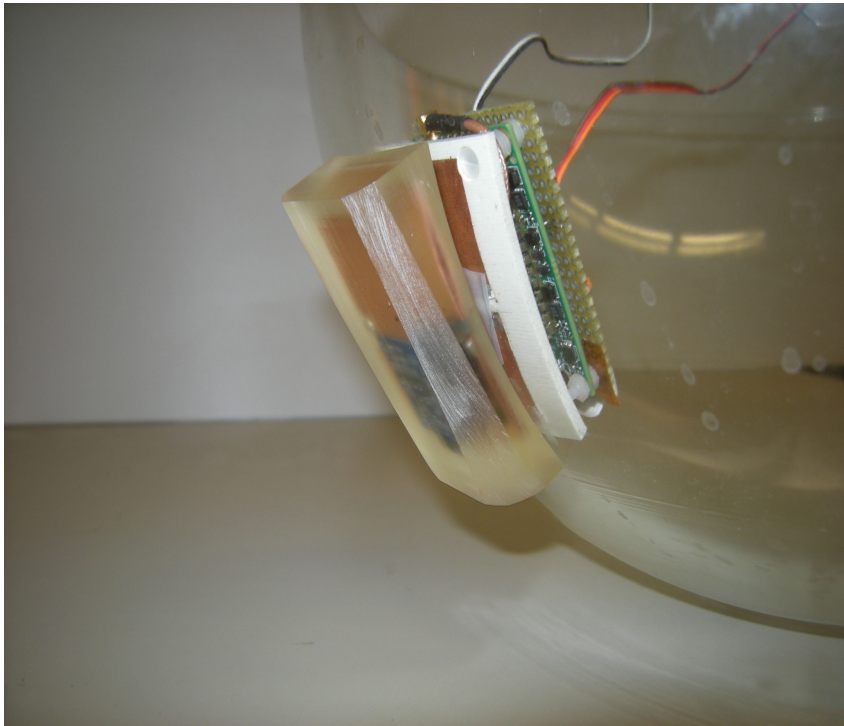
(2.0 FTE + 0.6 FTE tec)

- RFID communication through OM glass without connectors
- Very little interference with detector
- Very little bandwidth to-from shore
- Very little power
- continuous data taking
- data rate controlled from shore

# Optical Module with PORFIDO probe schematic

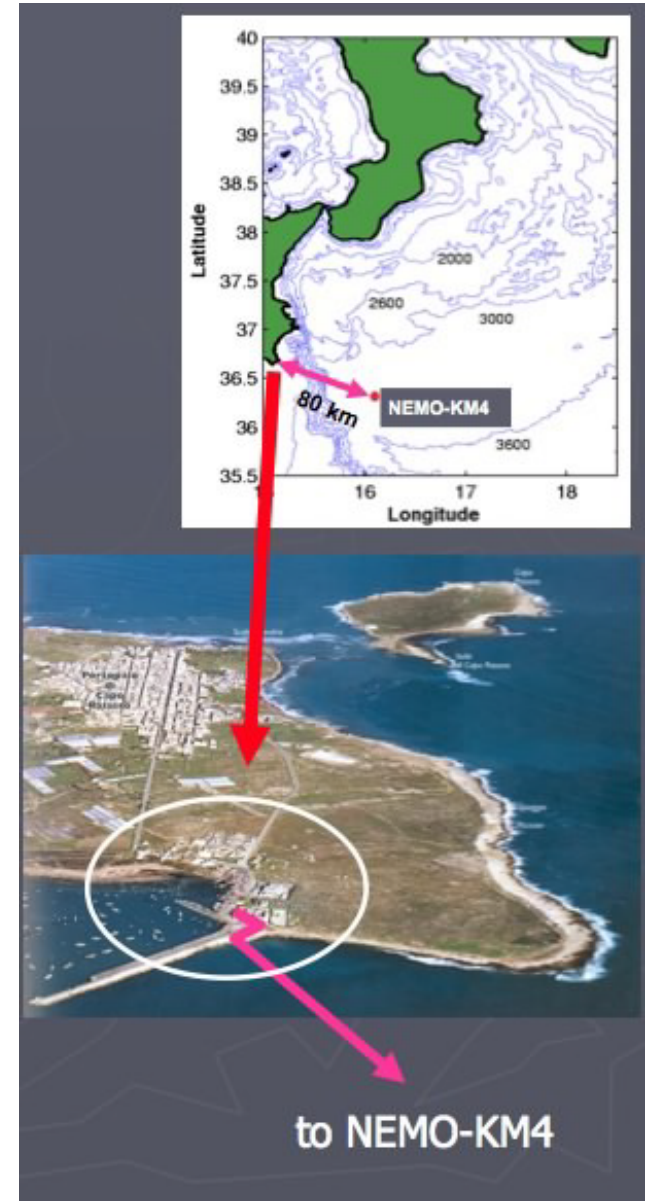


# PORFIDO on the OM



# 4 PORFIDO probes on the Phase 2 tower

- Working at 3500 m depth!
- 12 more on Phase 3 (0.001 °C)



**CUORE**

**(neutrino-less double beta decay)**

CUORE: Experiment at LNGS for testing Majorana/Dirac nature of neutrinos in case of neutrino masses inverted hierarchy ...

Based on TeO<sub>2</sub> bolometer technique

LNF group is involved in the detector installation (technical support).

## Assemblaggio torri

Preparazione/Ottimizzazione: estate → **inverno** 2012  
Partenza: Novembre 2012 → **Febbraio** 2013

- Produzione parti: MIB, LNL
- Cleaning: LNL, MIB, **LNF**
- Incollaggio NTD e riscaldatori: MIB, PD, BO
- Assemblaggio meccanico: RM
- Bonding: MIB, PD

## Installazione e test

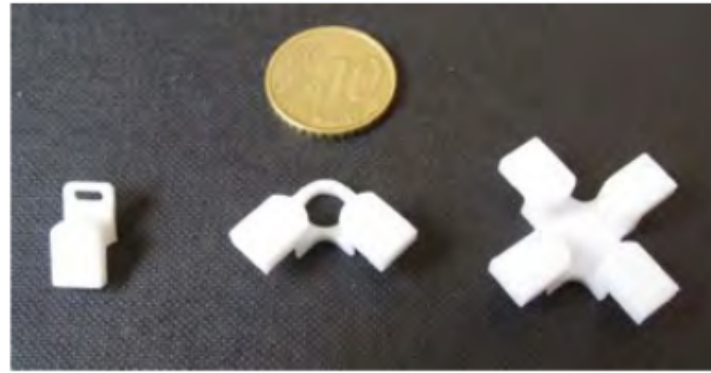
Partenza: fine Luglio 2012  
Sviluppo: secondo piano

- Criostato: MIB
- Unità di raffreddamento: PD, MIB
- Sospensioni: GE
- Fili di lettura: **LNF**
- Sistemi di sollevamento: BO

LNF group:  
1.6 FTE (3 persons)

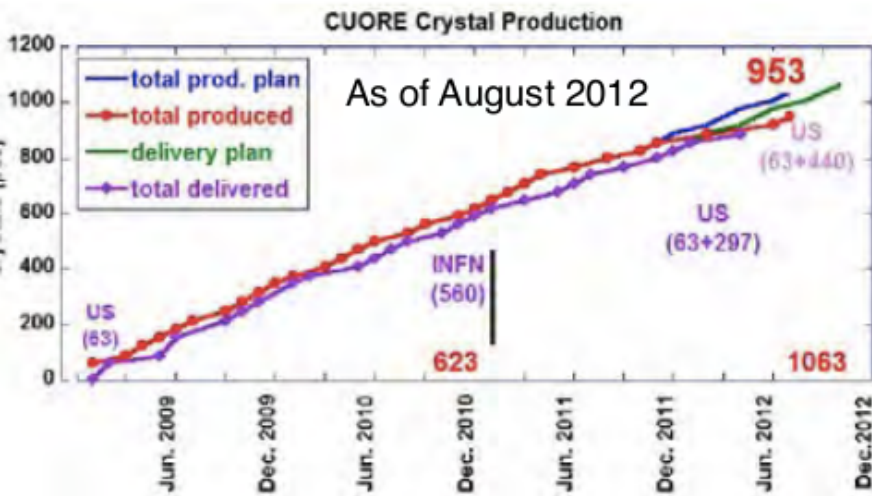
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# Preparazione parti rivelatore

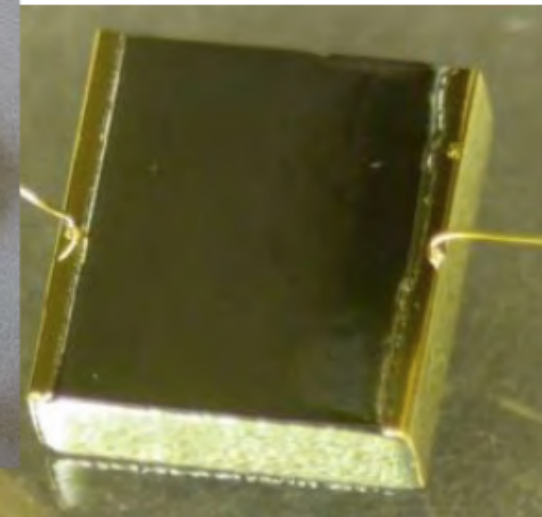


**Crystals:** delivered 1046 crystals. Preparing for refurbishing  
**NTD:** prepared ~1000 thermistors. Preparing spares (250)  
**Teflon and Copper parts:** almost completed. Copper cleaning underway

almost complete



TeO<sub>2</sub> production @ SICCS close to completion



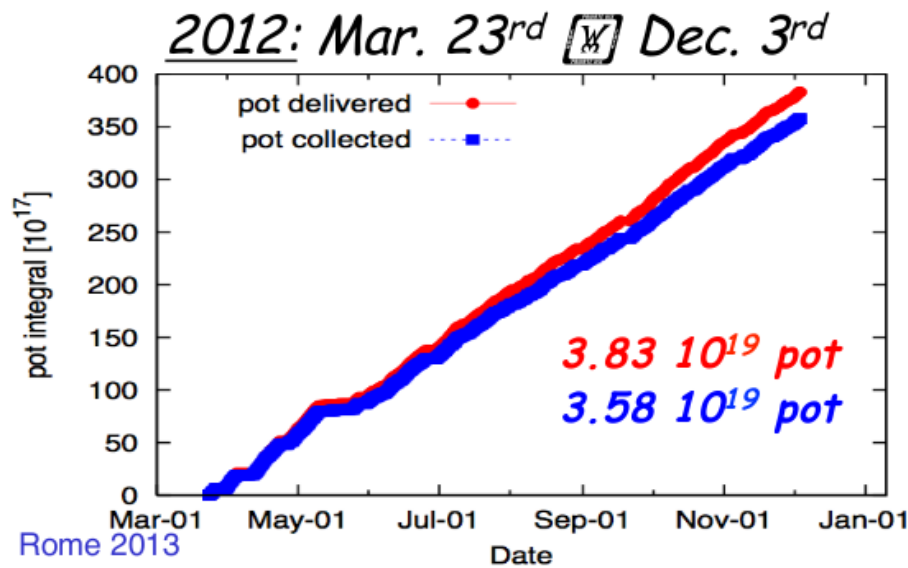
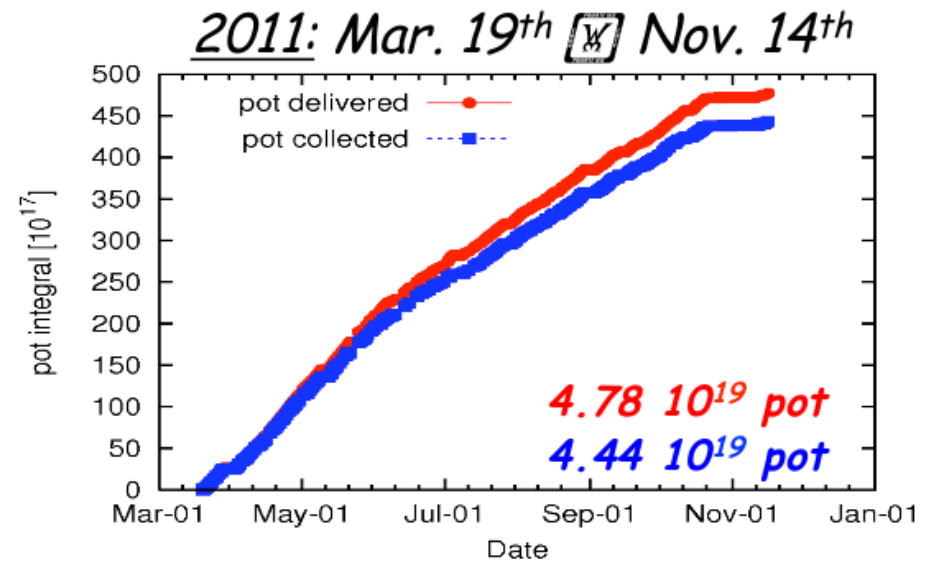
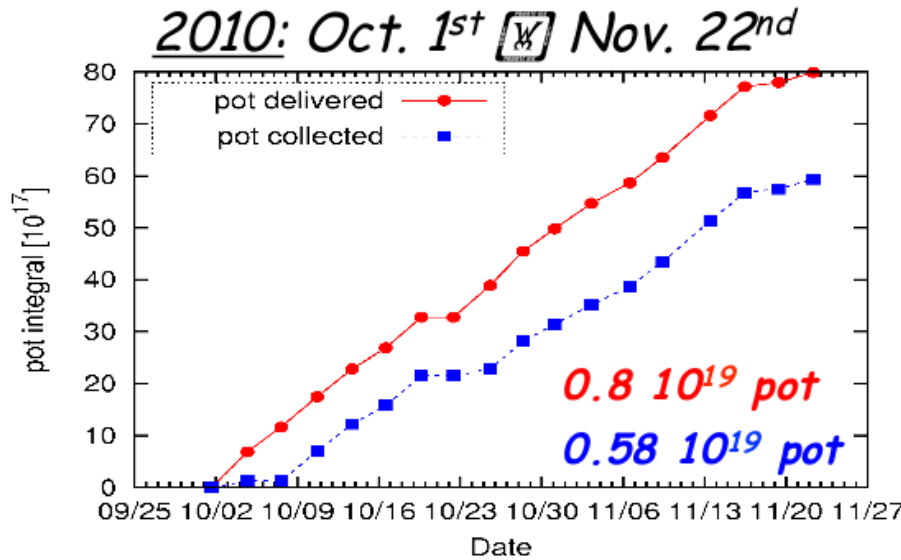
NTD's: 695 of 1250 already delivered

**ICARUS**

**(neutrino oscillation)**



● ICARUS T600 fully operational since Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 2010

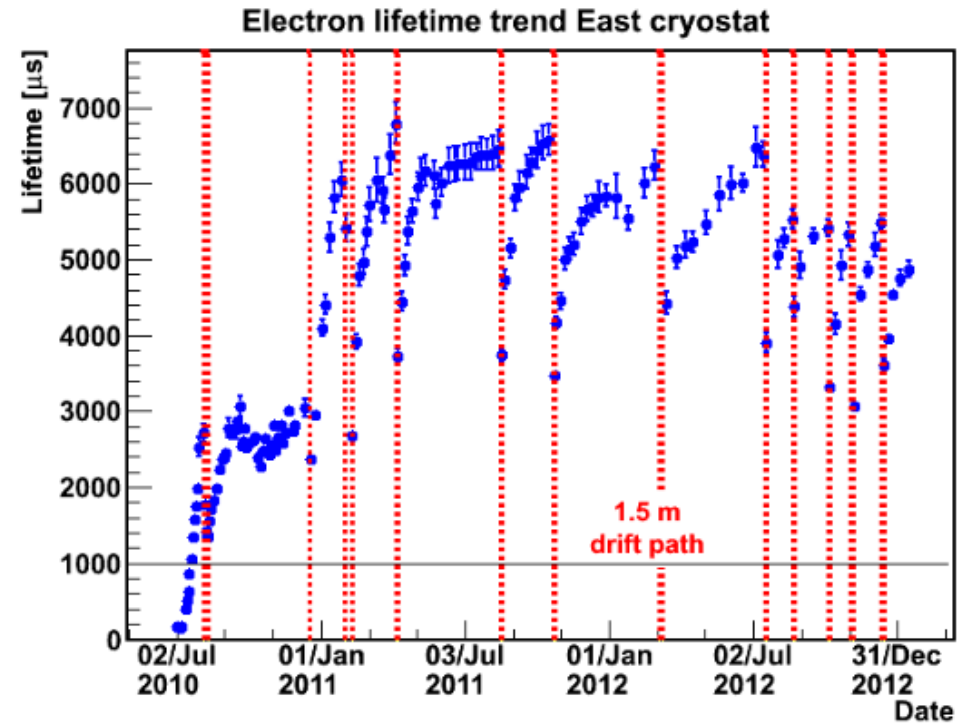
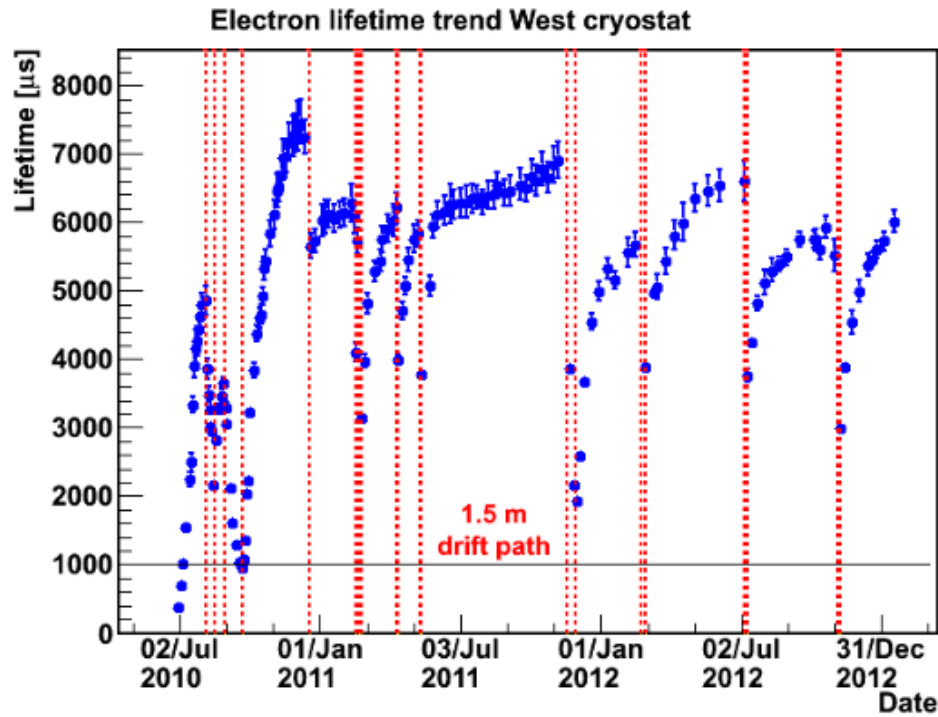


- Detector live-time > 93% in 2011 and 2012
- Overall  $8.6 \cdot 10^{19}$  pot collected over  $9.4 \cdot 10^{19}$  pot delivered
- November 2011 and May 2012:  $\nu$  t.o.f. measurement performed with bunched beam.

CNGS data not fully analyzed.

$\nu_{\mu} \Rightarrow \nu_e$  oscillation analysis published.

Proposal to move the detector at CENF (CERN Neutrino Facility) to study sterile neutrinos.



Free electron life-time measured by charge attenuation on cosmic  $\mu$  tracks.

$\tau_{ele} > 5\text{ms}$  ( $\sim 60$  ppt  $[\text{O}_2]_{eq}$ ) corresponding to a max. charge attenuation of 17% at 1.5 m

These results allow operation at larger drift distances

## The ICARUS LNF group

0.2 FTE (3 persons)

Activity: detector R&D

### Resistive microstrip and microdot detectors: a novel approach in developing spark protected micropattern detectors

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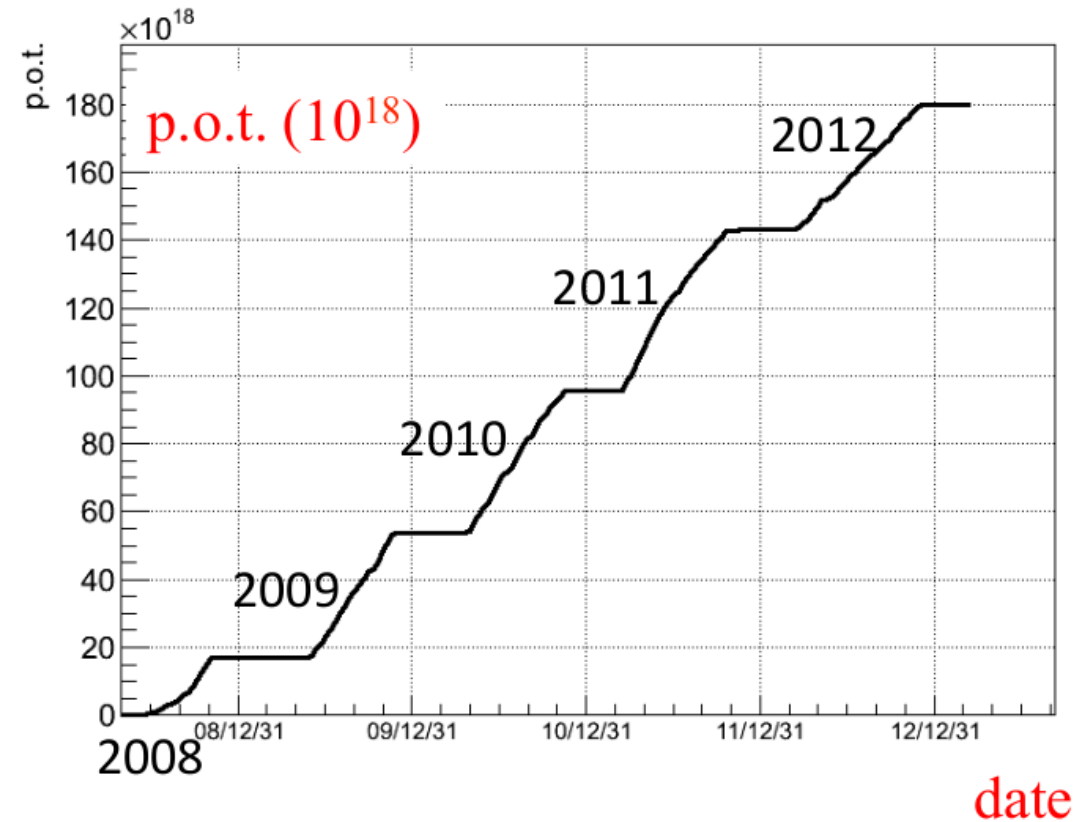
XI Workshop on Resistive Plate Chambers  
and Related Detectors (LNF, February 2012)

**OPERA**

**(neutrino oscillation)**

# Final performances of the CNGS beam after five years (2008 ÷ 2012) of data taking

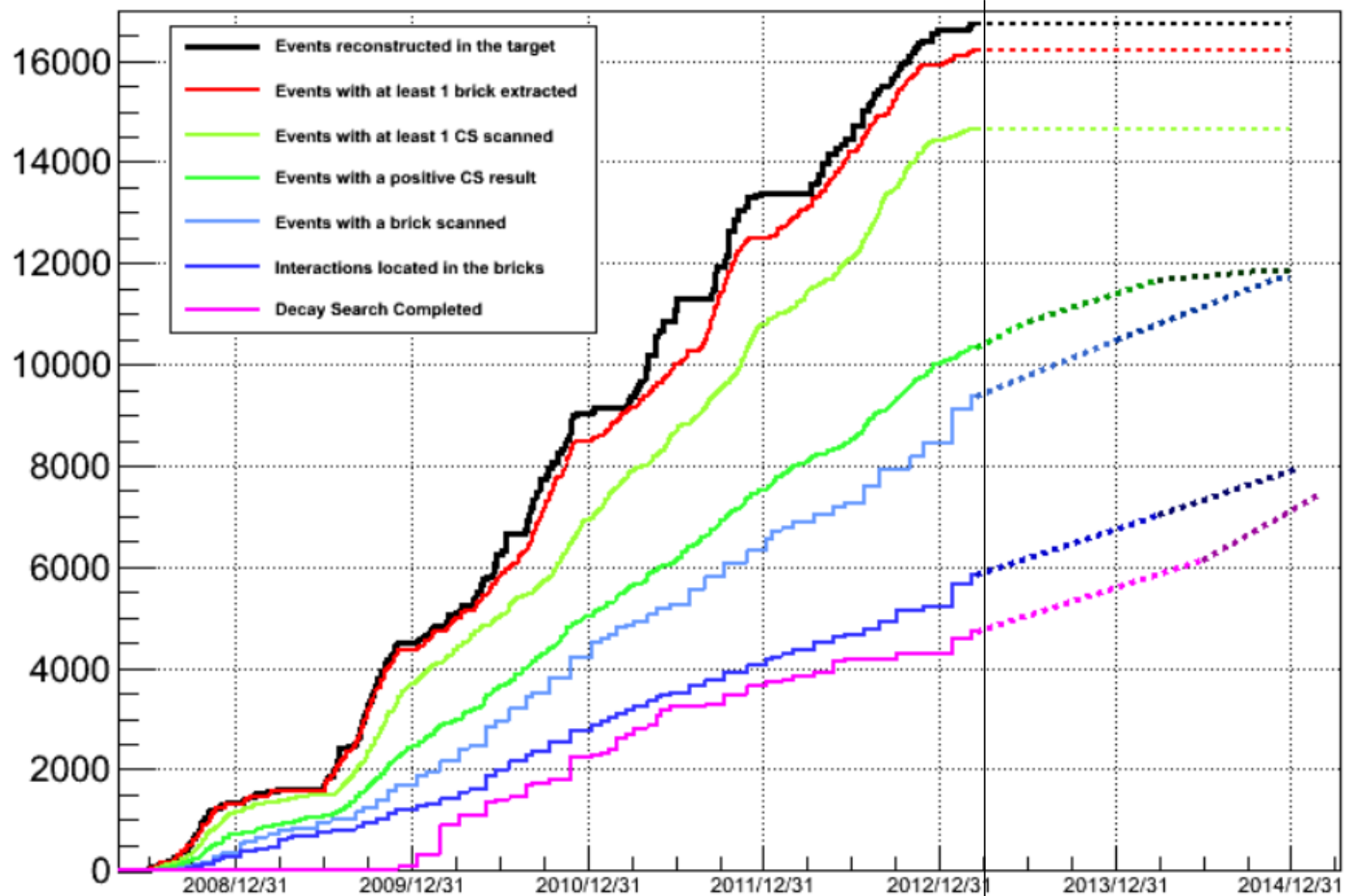
Year	Beam days	P.O.T. ( $10^{19}$ )
2008	123	1.74
2009	155	3.53
2010	187	4.09
2011	243	4.75
2012	257	3.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>17.97</b>



Record performances in 2011

Overall 20% less than the proposal value (22.5)

# Performance plot + educated guess for the future



End of March 2013: about 6000 events located  
About two years needed to complete the analysis

# $\nu_\tau$ appearance analysis strategy

2008-2009 sample: unbiased analysis

First tau candidate observed and reported on 2010

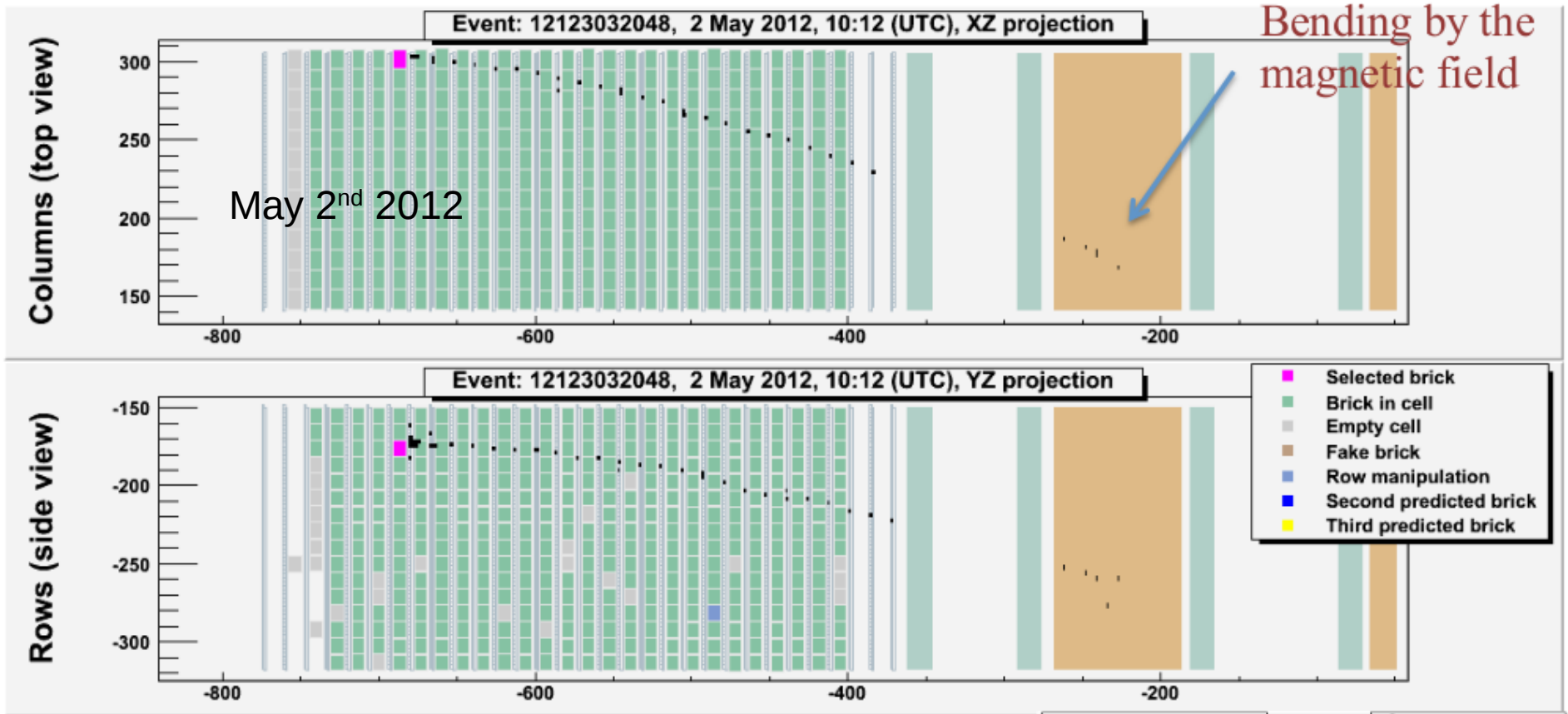
2010-2012 sample:

- Kinematic selection: muon momentum lower than 15 GeV
- Priority given to highest probable brick for brick-finding
- Priority for events without muons

Second tau candidate reported at Neutrino 2012 conference (Kyoto)

After 2012 summer conferences: start of analysis of events with 1 muon

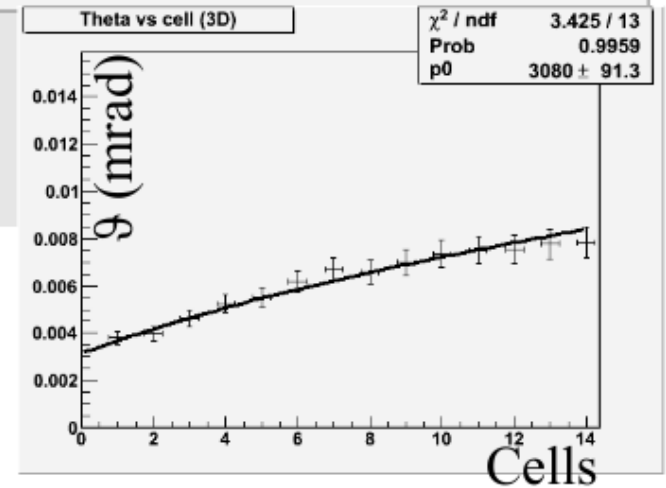
# Third $\nu_\tau$ candidate event



Muon momentum

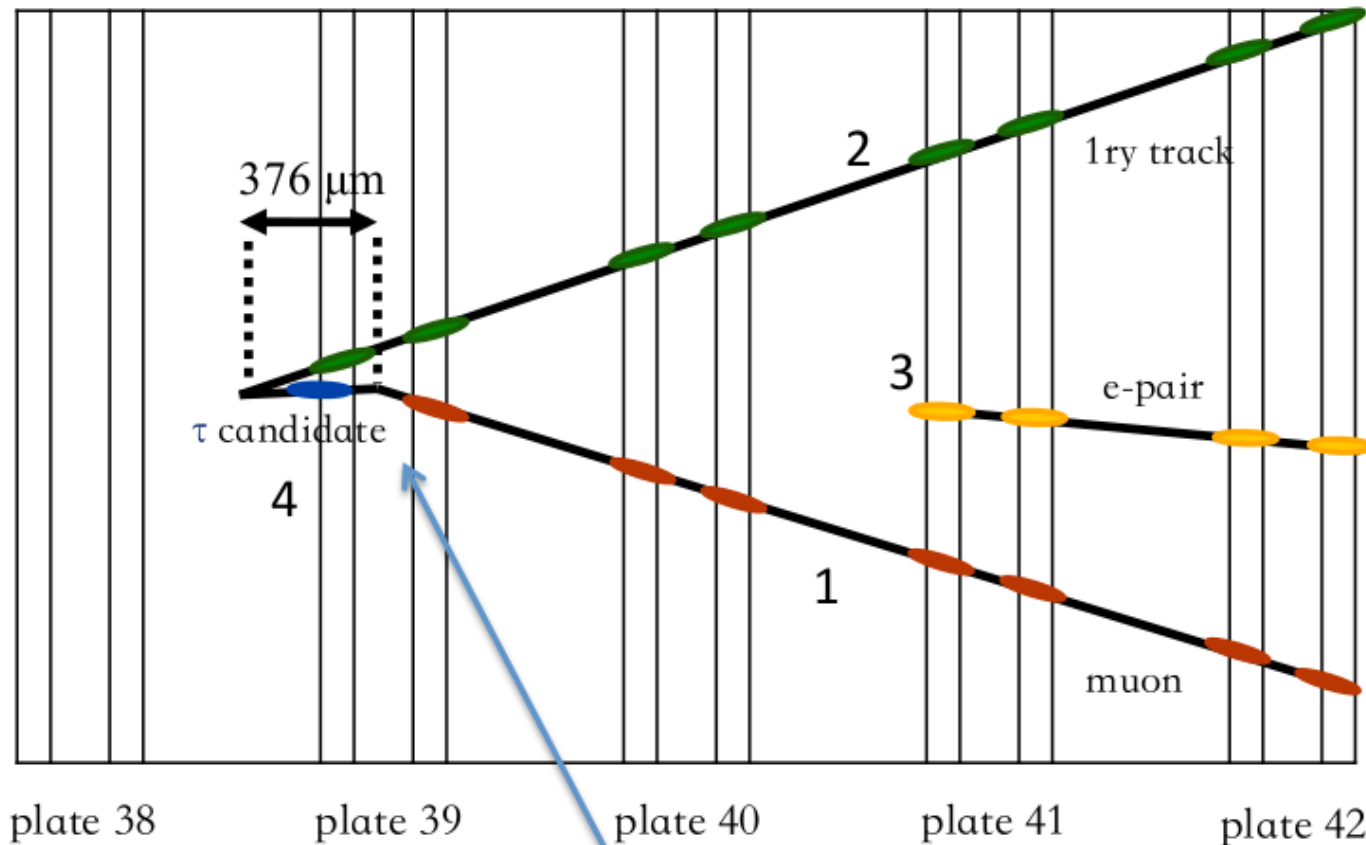
by range in the electronic detector:  $2.8 \pm 0.2$  GeV/c

MCS in the brick consistent  $3.1$  [2.6,4.0] GeV/c





# $\tau \rightarrow \mu$ candidate brick analysis and decay search



Decay in the plastic base

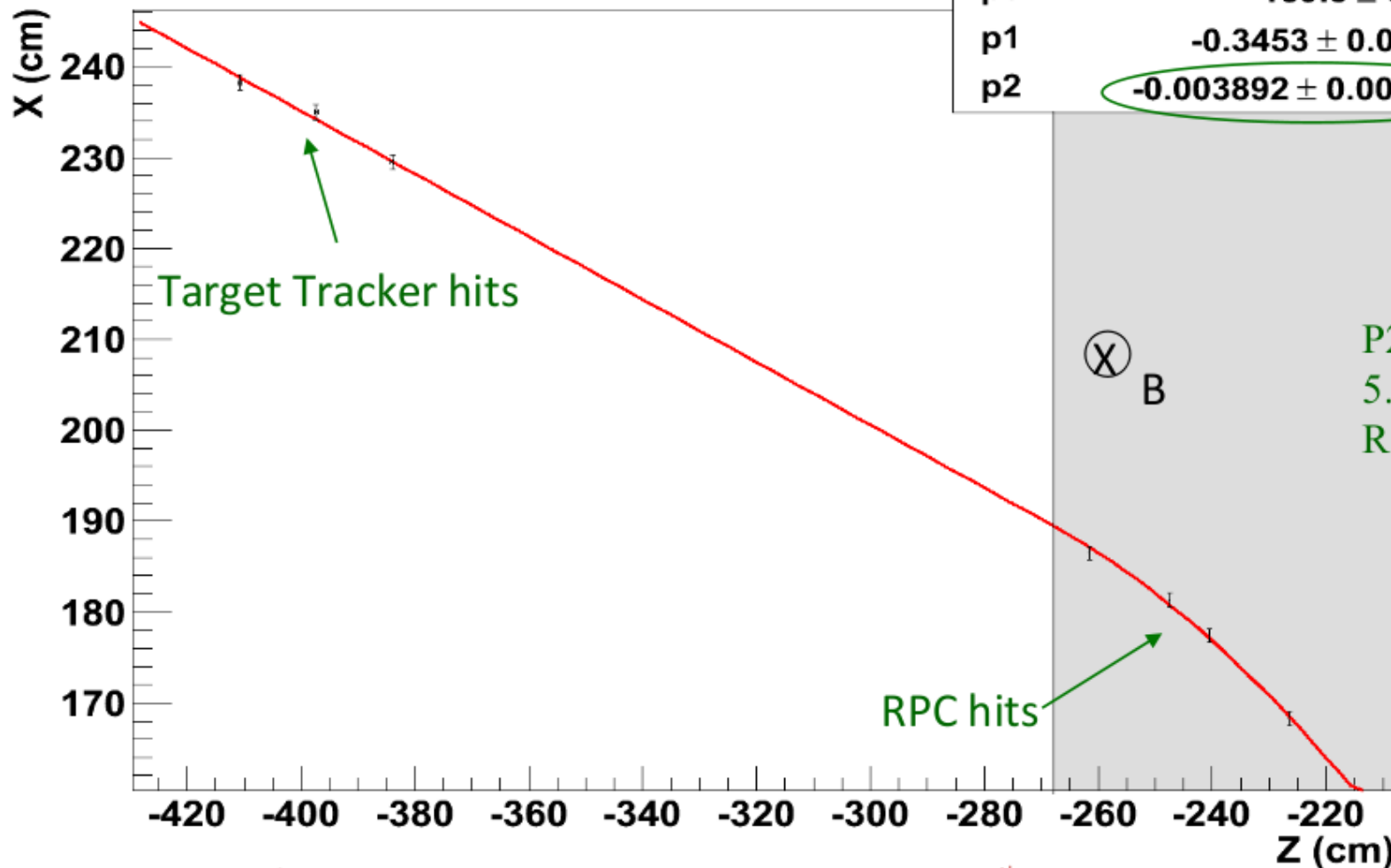
# Charge determination of the muon

Charge measurement based on TT and RPC hits

Fit function:

$$X(z) = p_0 + p_1 \times (z-z_0) + p_2 \times (z-z_0)^2 \quad \text{for } z > z_0, \text{ start of magnetized region}$$
$$X(z) = p_0 + p_1 \times (z-z_0) \quad \text{for } z < z_0$$

Event plot

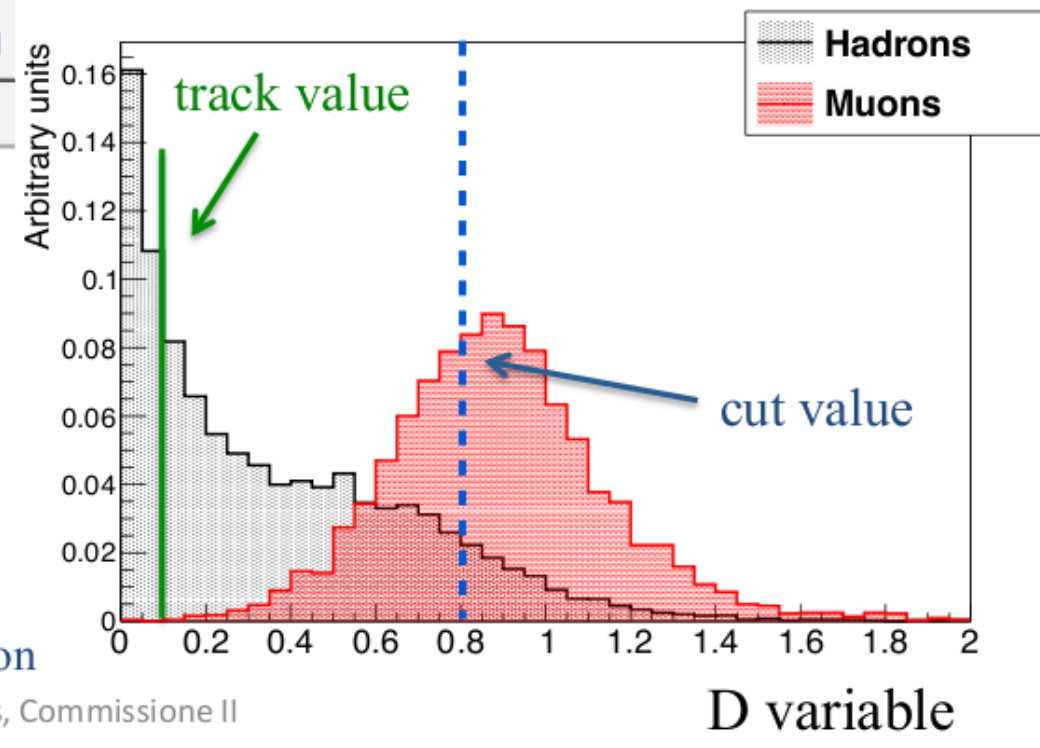
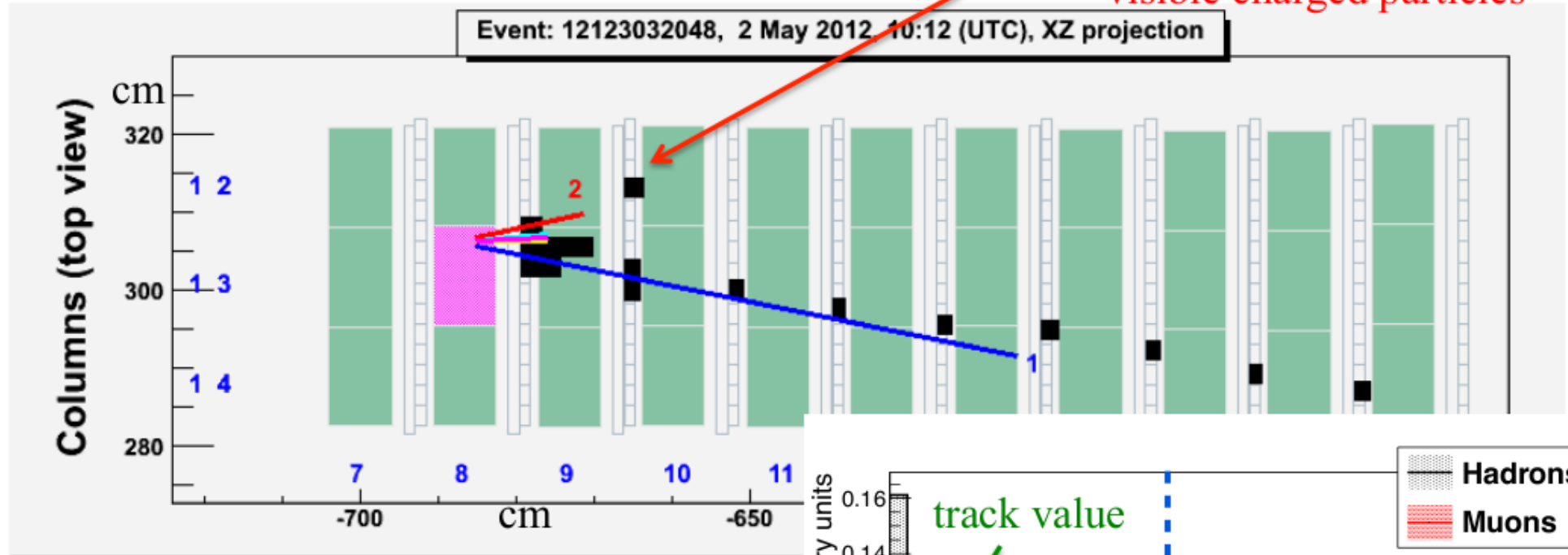


$p_2 < 0 \rightarrow$  negative charge  
5.6  $\sigma$  significance  
 $R \sim 85$  cm

P-value = 0.063% (probability to reconstruct a  $\mu^+$  stopping in the 7<sup>th</sup> iron layer with  $p_2 < -0.00389 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )

# Track follow down to assess the nature of track 2

Track 2 interacting in the downstream brick without visible charged particles



Momentum/range inconsistent with  $\mu$  hypothesis  
0.9 GeV/4 cm Lead

$$D = \frac{L}{R_{lead}(p)} \frac{\rho_{lead}}{\rho_{average}}$$

$L$  = track length  
 $R_{lead}$  =  $\mu$  range  
 $\rho_{average}$  = average density  
 $\rho_{lead}$  = lead density  
 $p$  = momentum in emulsion

# Statistical considerations

Extended sample

	Signal	Background	Charm	$\mu$ scattering	had int
$\tau \rightarrow h$	0.66	0.045	0.029		0.016
$\tau \rightarrow 3h$	0.61	0.090	0.087		0.003
$\tau \rightarrow \mu$	0.56	0.026	0.0084	0.018	
$\tau \rightarrow e$	0.49	0.065	0.065		
total	2.32	0.226	0.19	0.018	0.019

3 observed events in the  $\tau \rightarrow h$  and  $\tau \rightarrow 3h$  and  $\tau \rightarrow \mu$  channels

Probability to be explained as a background =  $7 \times 10^{-4}$

This corresponds to  $3.2 \sigma$  significance of non-null observation

**Likelihood-based analysis:  $3.5 \sigma$  significance**

**$4 \sigma$  within reach**

## OPERA LNF group

Composition: 2.7 FTE (6 people) + 2.5 tech. FTE

Activities:

- A. Paoloni technical coordinator
- Maintenance of the general structure of the detector (~0.3 FTE requested to LNF SSE service)
- Support to brick extraction (removal of blocked bricks), handling (X-ray marking facilities), development (automation of thermal control), scanning (one laboratory at LNF)
- 2012 re-measurement of neutrino velocity with an additional LNF-designed set-up
- A. Longhin editor of second tau candidate paper
- Analysis of the muon in the third candidate event (charge determination and large angle scattering studies)
- Further possible interests on OPERA data: neutrino NSI, technical paper on RPCs,  $\nu_{\mu}$  disappearance ?, sterile neutrino search ?

**NESSIE-RD**

**(neutrino oscillation)**

## Sterile neutrinos

- The possible presence of oscillations into sterile neutrinos was proposed by B. Pontecorvo, (*JETP*, 53, 1717, 1967), but so far without conclusion.
- "Sterile" means "No Standard Model Interactions"  
(i.e think to anti- $\nu_R$ , light neutrinos which can oscillate with "active" neutrinos)
- Smoking Gun: Neutral Current Deficit
- Counterchecked Smoking Gun: NC/CC ratios
  
- Two distinct classes of anomalies have been analyzed, namely
  - the apparent disappearance signal in the anti- $\nu_e$  events detected from (1) near-by nuclear reactors and (2) the from Mega-Curie k-capture calibration sources in the Gallium experiments to detect solar  $\nu_e$
  - observation for excess signals of anti- $\nu_e$  electrons from neutrinos from particle accelerators (LNSD/MiniBooNE)
  
- At least a fourth non-standard neutrino state can oscillate at small distances,  $\Delta m_{new}^2 \approx 1 \text{ eV}^2$  (→ **SHORT BASELINE projects**)

## 3+1 SBL oscillations

appearance

$$P_{\mu e} = \sin^2 2\theta_{\mu e} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E} \quad \sin^2 2\theta_{\mu e} = 4|U_{e4}|^2|U_{\mu 4}|^2$$

disappearance ( $\alpha = e, \mu$ )

$$P_{\alpha\alpha} = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{\alpha\alpha} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E} \quad \sin^2 2\theta_{\alpha\alpha} = 4|U_{\alpha 4}|^2(1 - |U_{\alpha 4}|^2)$$

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{\mu e} \approx \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2\theta_{ee} \sin^2 2\theta_{\mu\mu}$$

$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  app. signal **requires** also signal in both,  $\nu_e$  and  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance  
(appearance mixing angle quadratically suppressed)

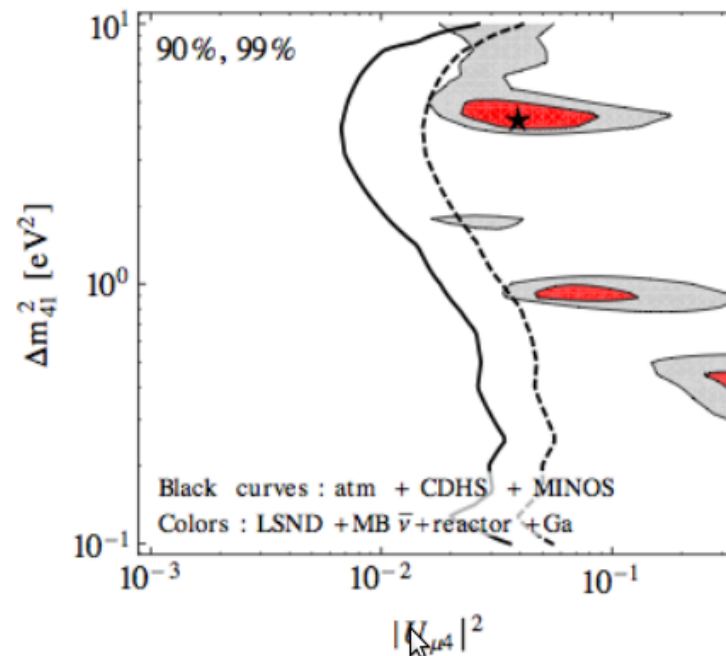
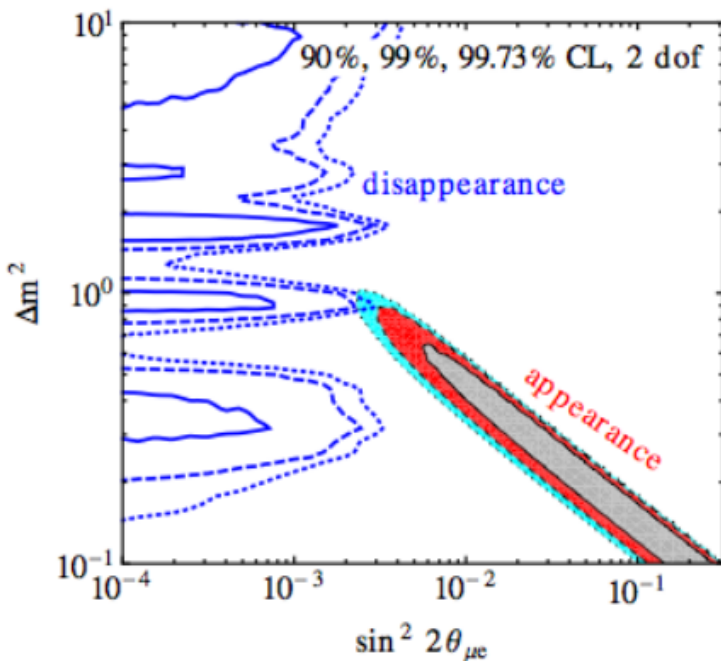


# Fitting all together?

there are three classes of data:

$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e$  disappearance  $\sin^2 2\theta_{ee}$   
 $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$  disappearance  $\sin^2 2\theta_{\mu\mu}$   
 $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  appearance  $\sin^2 2\theta_{\mu e}$

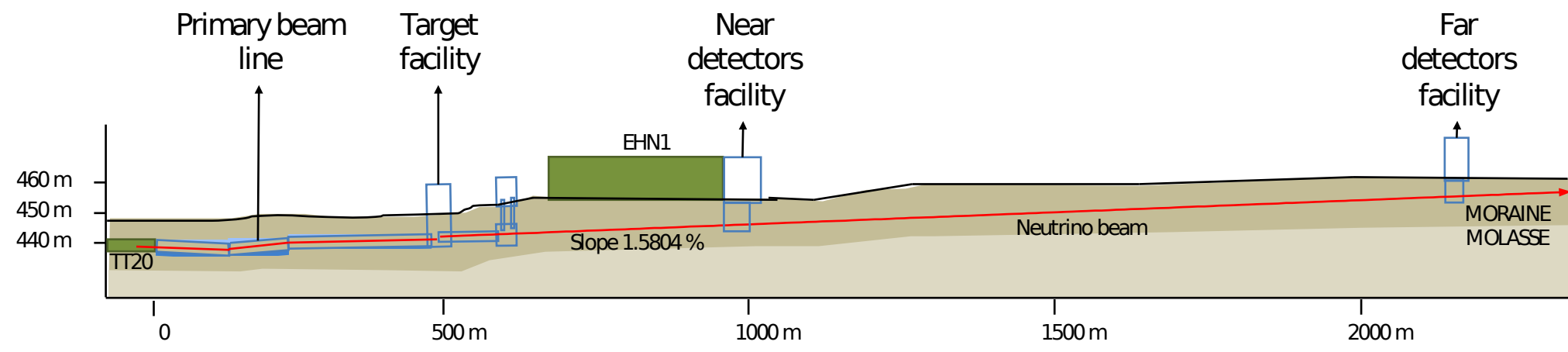
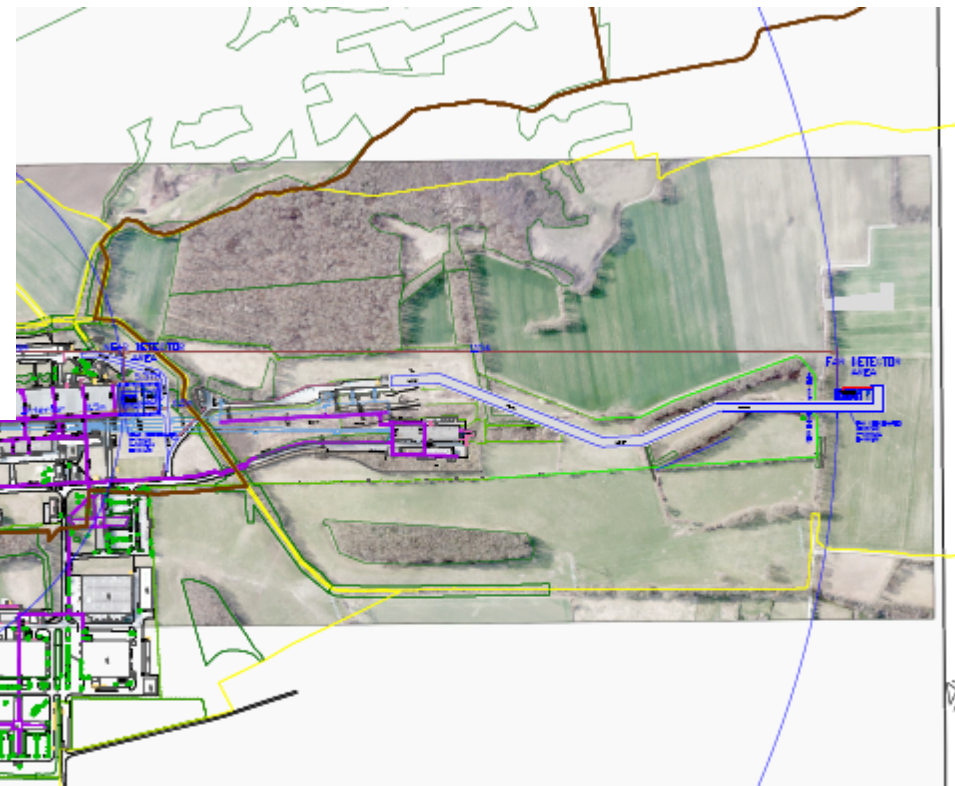
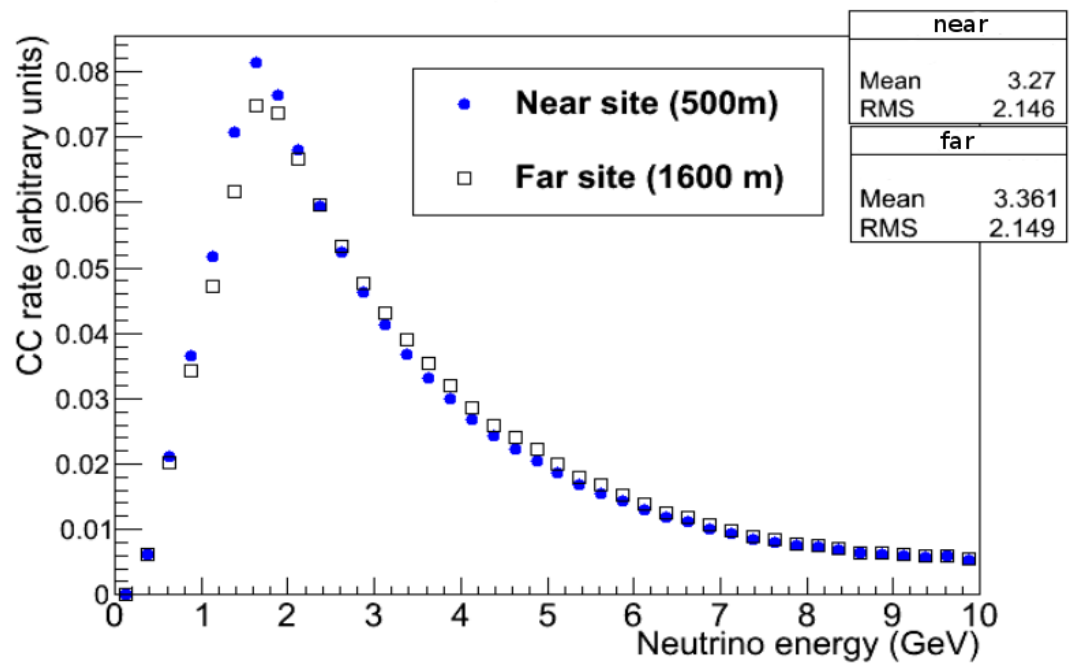
$$\sin^2 2\theta_{\mu e} \approx \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2\theta_{ee} \sin^2 2\theta_{\mu\mu}$$



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TENSIONS...

# CENF beam-line in NA



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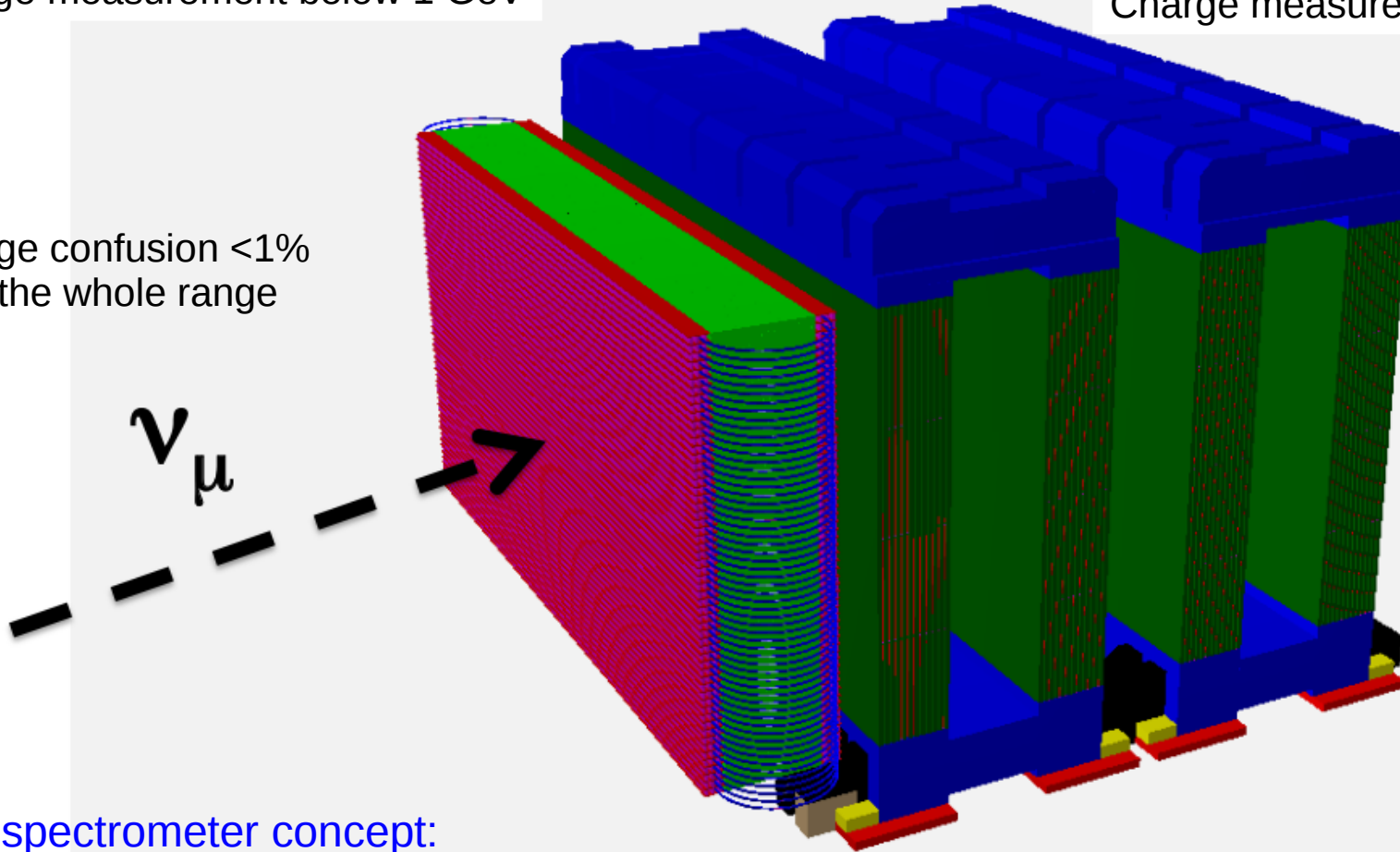
## Nessie muon spectrometers:

- 1) Measure  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance (near + far site)
- 2) Constrain un-oscillated neutrino flux at high energy
- 3) Measure muon charge (important in anti- $\nu_\mu$  run)

Air Core Magnet (ACM):  
Charge measurement below 1 GeV

Iron Core Magnet (ICM) + RPCs:  
Momentum measurement at 5% (range)  
Charge measurement above 1 GeV

Charge confusion <1%  
over the whole range



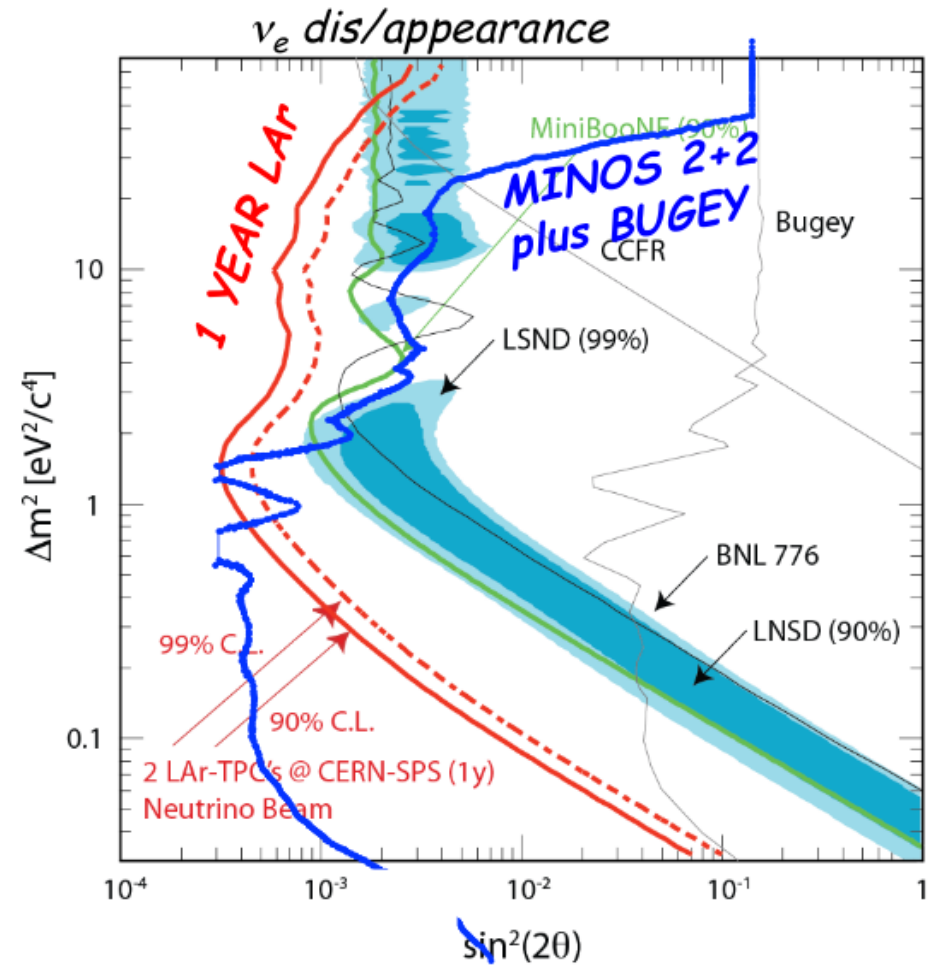
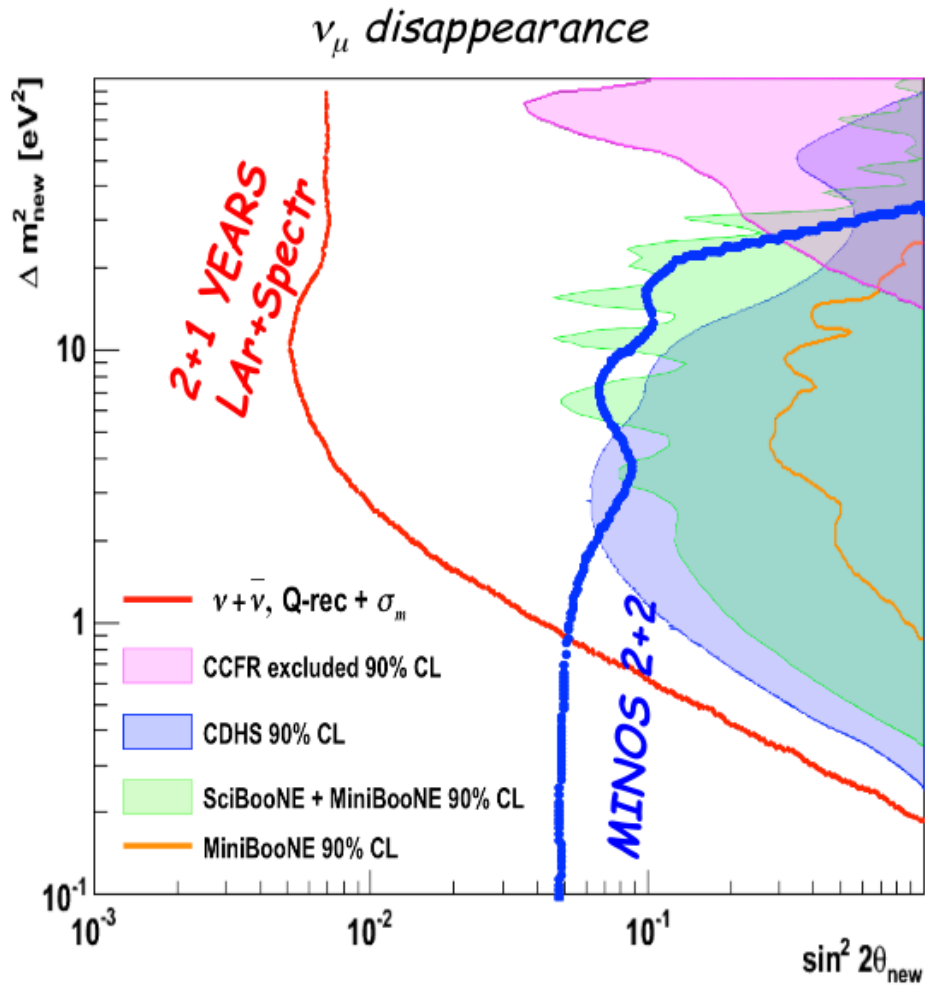
Far site

New spectrometer concept:

- 1) Two ICMs with OPERA top and bottom yokes
- 2) iron slabs as high as 4/7 (3/7) of OPERA slabs

Full recovery of OPERA iron. New production needed only for top and bottom yokes of near site.

# ICARUS – Nessie combined performances



# Nessie LNF group

Presently: 0.5 FTE (2 persons) – overlap with OPERA

In case of approval, 1 FTE required to SSE (involved also in OPERA decommissioning)

**Group activities:**

MC simulations for the optimization of the beam-line

Installation of Iron Core Magnets and Resistive Plate Chambers

Scientific approval by CSN2

Submitted to CTS (INFN Technical Scientific Committee)

CENF (CERN Neutrino Facility) approval by CERN ?

Nessie experiment approval by INFN ?

Critical to define common schedule with OPERA decommissioning.