



experiments with (conventional long baseline) neutrino beams

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vacuum neutrino oscillations

(very) short introduction

we know: there are (at least) three different neutrino flavors
“associated” with the corresponding charged lepton flavor

$$\nu_e \leftrightarrow e^-$$

$$\nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \mu^-$$

$$\nu_\tau \leftrightarrow \tau^-$$

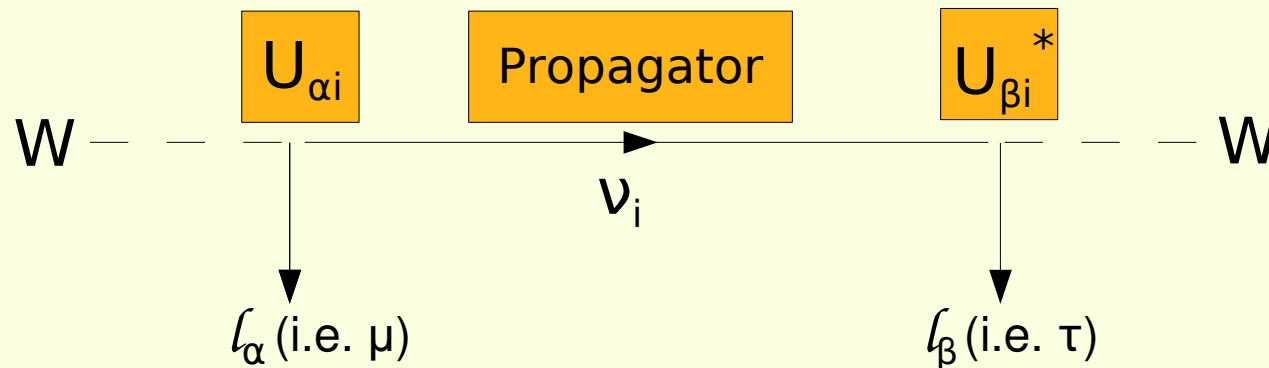
„associated“ means: look at the leptonic W^+ decay

$$W^+ \rightarrow \ell_\alpha^+ + \nu_\alpha \quad (\alpha = e, \mu, \tau)$$

define: ν_α is that neutrino, that is emitted together with the positive charged lepton ℓ_α^+

- look at W^+ decay again: a given charged lepton ℓ_α^+ can be accompanied by any ν_i (but not by any ν_α !)

$$\text{Amp}(W^+ \rightarrow \ell_\alpha^+ + \nu_i) = U_{\alpha i}$$



- to get the propagator, look at ν_i -rest frame with the proper time T_i , Schrödinger equation:

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\nu_i(T_i)\rangle = m_i |\nu_i(T_i)\rangle \longrightarrow |\nu_i(T_i)\rangle = e^{-im_i T_i} |\nu_i(0)\rangle$$



by Lorentz invariance, propagator in lab-frame:

$$e^{-i m_i T_i} \approx e^{-i m_i^2 \frac{L}{2E_i}}$$

L: distance from generation of ν_α to the detection of ν_β

E: energy of the neutrino ν_i

giving the transition amplitude:

$$Amp(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = \sum_i U_{\alpha i} e^{-i m_i^2 \frac{L}{2E_i}} U_{\beta i}^*$$

and the transition probability:

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = |Amp|^2 = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4 \sum_{i>j} \Re(U_{\alpha i} U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\beta i}^* U_{\beta j}) \sin^2\left(\Delta m_{ij}^2 \frac{L}{4E}\right) + 2 \sum_{i>j} \Im(U_{\alpha i} U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\beta i}^* U_{\beta j}) \sin\left(\Delta m_{ij}^2 \frac{L}{2E}\right)$$

with $\Delta m_{ij}^2 = m_i^2 - m_j^2$



... but that looks not very nice (for an experimentalist)!

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The most common parametrisation of the leptonic mixing matrix is the one of Pontecorvo, Maki, Nakagawa and Sakata:

- Use 3 Euler-angles Θ_{12} , Θ_{13} , Θ_{23} and a CP-violation phase δ (very similar to the quark mixing matrix).
- Furthermore, neutrinos are the only leftover particles of the SM that can be Majorana particles, that would add two more complex phases α_1 and α_2 ...



neutrino oscillations



$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Majorana phases α

in ν -oscillation the mixing matrix only appears as UU^* combination, that phase is hidden...

„atmospheric“

„cross-mixing“

„solar“

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13} e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13} e^{-i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha_1/2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha_2/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

CP-violating phase δ

only observable if ALL mixing angles nonzero – the choice to put it next to Θ_{13} is arbitrary, but...

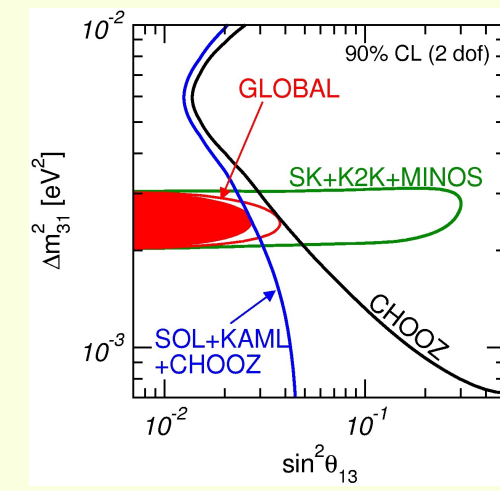
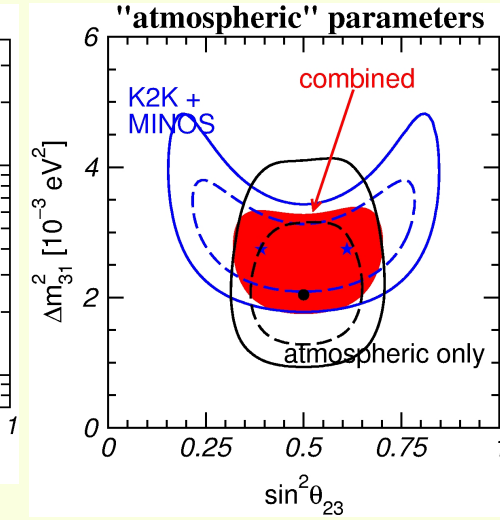
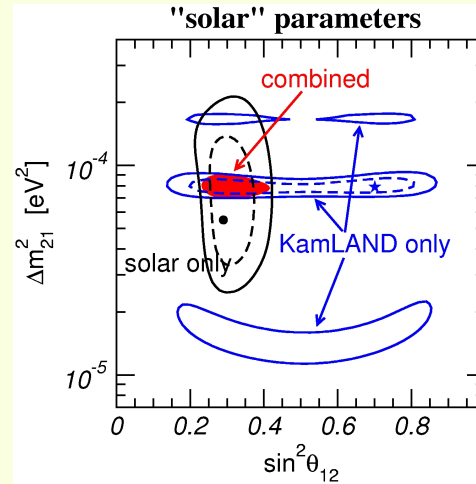
with $s_{ij} = \sin\Theta_{ij}$
and $c_{ij} = \cos\Theta_{ij}$



neutrino oscillations



	world best fit	1 σ -error
Δm_{12}^2	$7.9 \pm 0.3 (10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2)$	4%
Δm_{23}^2	$2.5_{-0.25}^{+0.2} (10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2)$	10%
$\sin^2 \Theta_{12}$	$0.3_{-0.03}^{+0.02}$	9%
$\sin^2 \Theta_{23}$	$0.5_{-0.03}^{+0.08}$	16%
$\sin^2 \Theta_{13}$	$\leq 0.025 (2\sigma)$	-



- $\Delta m_{13} \approx \Delta m_{23} \gg \Delta m_{12}$: approximation by two flavor oscillation
- CP comes into the game: $s_{12} c_{12} s_{23} c_{23} s_{13} c_{13}^2 \sin(\delta)$
(note the crucial role of Θ_{13} – it could hide CP violation if Θ_{13} is very small!)
- is Θ_{23} maximal (45°), smaller or larger?



we can simplify the equations in a first order approximation (several % error)

with $\Delta m_{23} \gg \Delta m_{12}$ and Θ_{13} very small.

with L in km, E in GeV

$$P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}) \approx 1 - \sin^2(2\theta_{23}) \sin^2\left(\frac{1.27(\Delta m_{23}^2)L}{E_{\nu}}\right)$$

one can control experimentally L and E

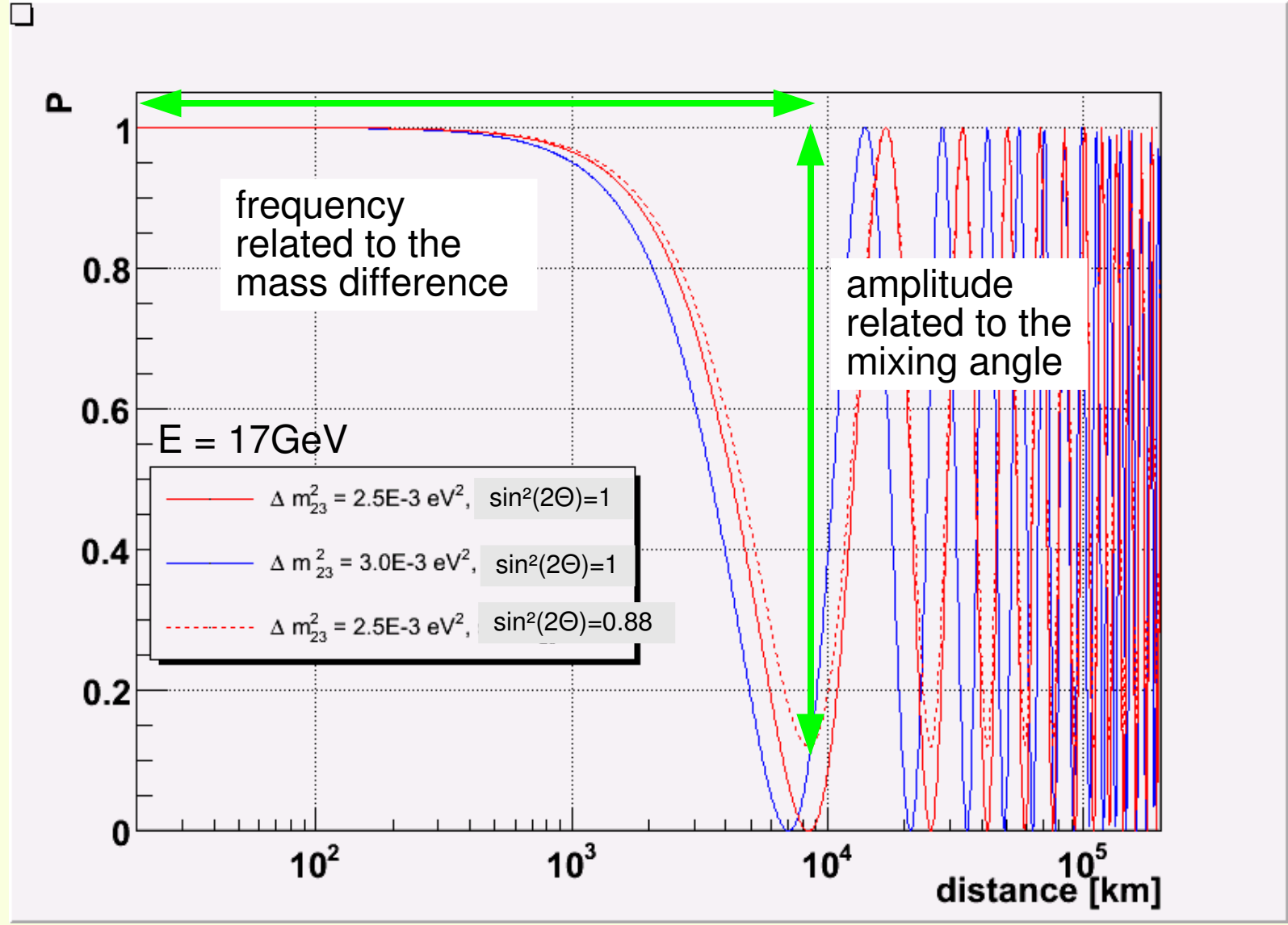
one wants to measure: $\sin^2(2\Theta)$ and Δm^2

this is the same result you get from 2-flavor oscillation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\mu} \\ \nu_{\tau} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_{23} & \sin\theta_{23} \\ -\sin\theta_{23} & \cos\theta_{23} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$



neutrino oscillations



Typical strategy in a few words...

How to measure a „survival probability“?

a good L/E value to look for ν_{μ} -disappearance:

$$L/E \approx 250 \text{ km/GeV}$$

typical neutrino-nucleus cross-section for GeV neutrinos:

$$\sigma \approx 10^{-38} \text{ cm}^2$$

number of nucleons per kiloton target material:

$$N \approx 10^{32} \text{ nucleons/kton}$$

expected event rate in a detector:

$$\text{rate} = \Phi \times \sigma \times N_{\text{target}}$$

1 event/(kton $\times 10^6 \nu$) - at a distance of several hundred km!

We need a neutrino source that provide:

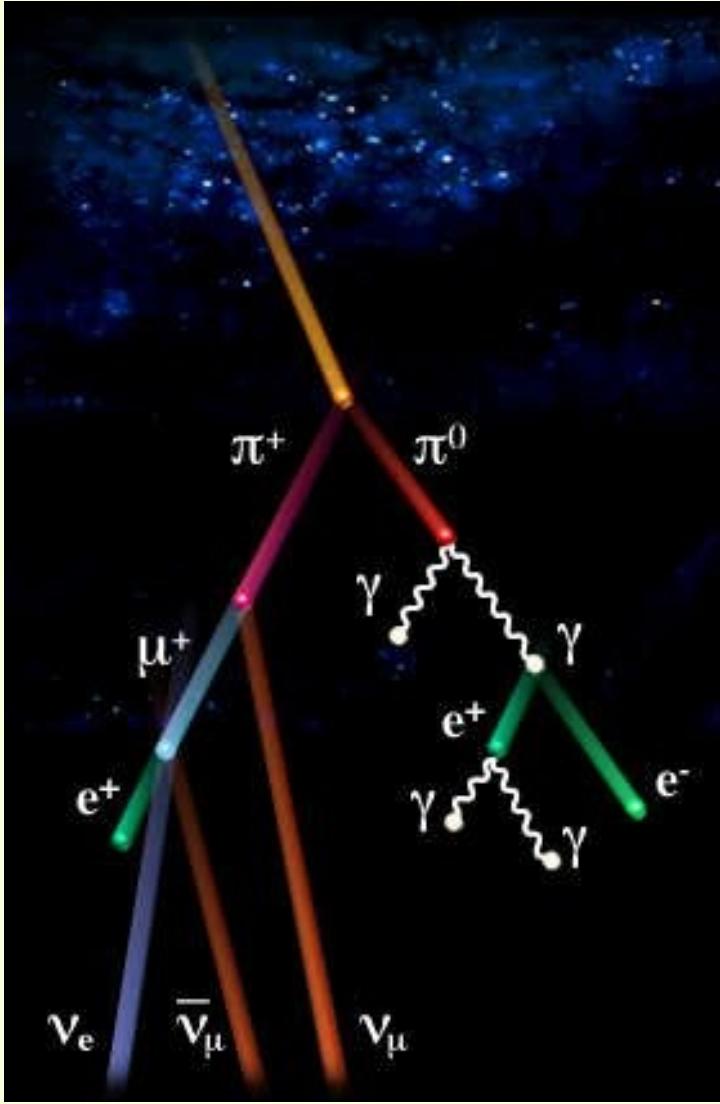
- high flux at large distances
- known neutrino energy spectrum and high energy if you want to see tau-appearance
- distinct distance from source to the detector
- known neutrino flavor in the beam
- pure neutrino beam, low wrong-flavor contamination
- reduced background due to clear timing of neutrino arrival

We need artificial neutrino beams!



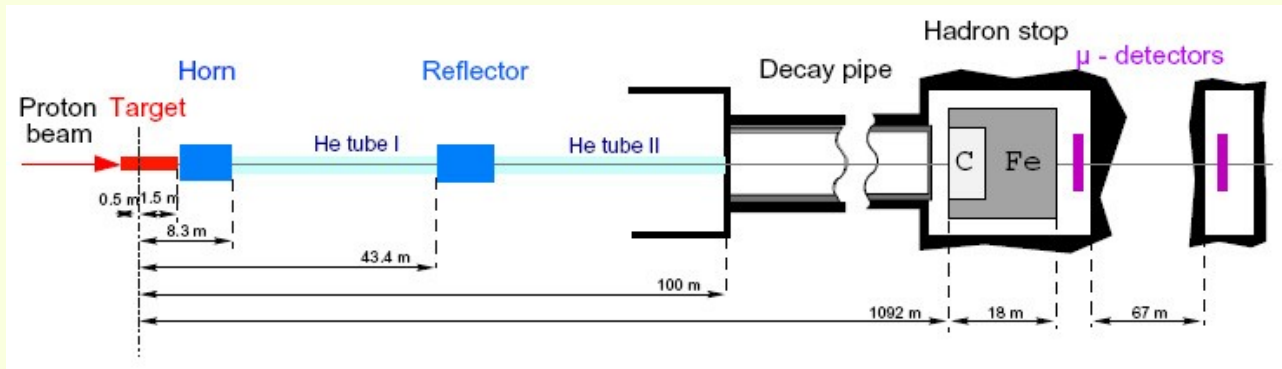
conventional neutrino beams

on the way to Θ_{23}



inspired by
atmospheric
neutrino
generation ...

- “conventional“ means:
 - „high energy protons hit a nuclear target and produce a secondary beam (of pions and kaons), whose decays yield a neutrino beam“
- “beam” means:
 - “one wants to make use of focused forward-boosted secondaries that yields to forward boosted neutrinos“



- tau-neutrino beam from $D_S \rightarrow \nu_\tau + \tau$ (DONUT)
- electron neutrinos from $K_L \rightarrow \nu_e + e^- + \pi^+$ (proposed)
- most promising: a (anti-)muon neutrino beam via:

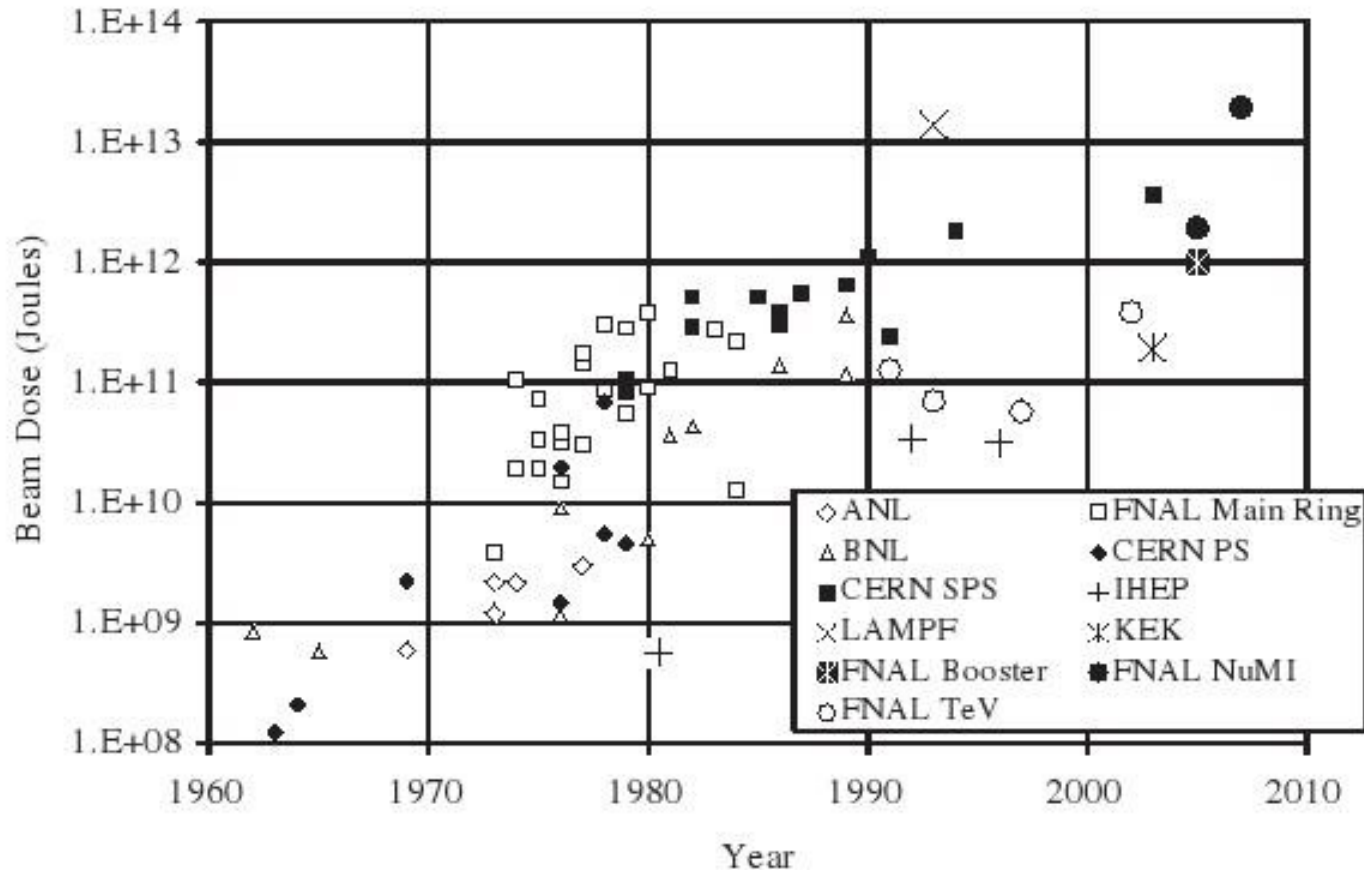


we need protons:
the proton source

- keep in mind two rules of thumb:
 - Rule 1) $E_\nu = f(E_{\pi/K}) = f(E_p)$
 - in words: neutrino energy depends on proton energy (but not only!)
 - Rule 2) $\Phi_\nu = f(\Phi_{\pi/K}) = f(P_p)$
 - in words: neutrino flux depends on proton power (pot times E_p)

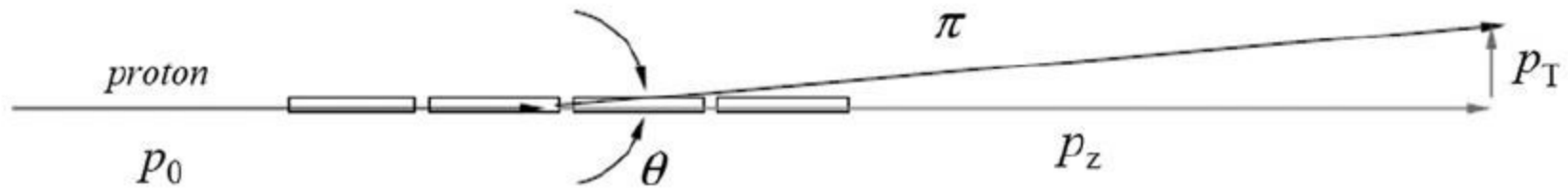
proton source	experiments	E_{proton}	pot/yr.	Power	E_ν
SPS	OPERA	400 GeV	$0.45 \cdot 10^{20}$	0.12 MW	25 GeV
FNAL Main Injector	MINOS, No ν A	120 GeV	$2.5 \cdot 10^{20}$	0.25 MW	3-17 GeV
J-PARC	T2K	40-50 GeV	$11 \cdot 10^{20}$	0.75 MW	0.8 GeV

conventional neutrino beams - integrated proton power -



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we need nucleons:
the target



- target length
 - the longer the more proton interactions
 - but trade-off: the longer the more secondary scatterings
- target material
 - high melting point (instantaneous power about 100 GW!!!)
 - high shock resistance
- target structure
 - „needle-like“ to reduce pathlength for secondaries
 - for high energy neutrinos: evacuated regions between targets to „let the pions out“
 - for high power beams: segmented to avoid shockwaves

- low Z materials reduce upheating (graphite)
- fill gaps of segmented targets with sealed gas/vacuum to reduce shockwave propagation
- no direct contact with cooling material like water or gas to avoid radioactive waste
- full remote access in case of broken target (barrel-like design)
- guideline: $\varnothing \approx 3 \cdot \sigma_p$, $\sigma_p^{\text{SPS}} \approx 1 \text{ mm}$, large σ_p prevents upheating

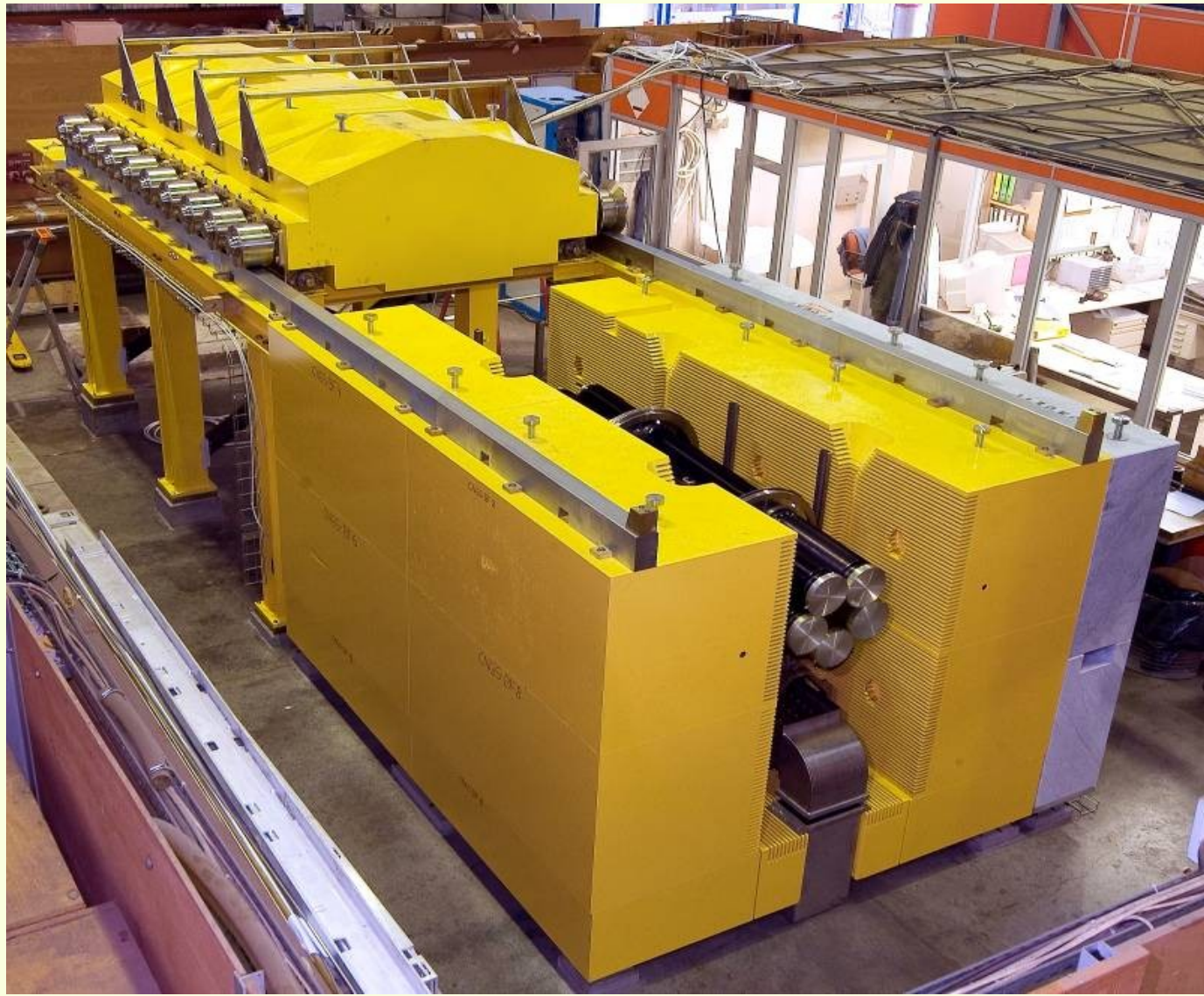
neutrino beamline	experiments	material	\varnothing [mm]	length [cm]
CNGS (SPS)	OPERA	graphite	4-5	200
NuMI (Fermilab)	MINOS, NoνA	graphite	6.4	90
J-PARC (KEK)	T2K	graphite	12-15	90
BoosterNeutrino	MiniBooNe	Be	10	60

- 13x10cm graphite rod, 9cm helium filled gaps
- air cooled



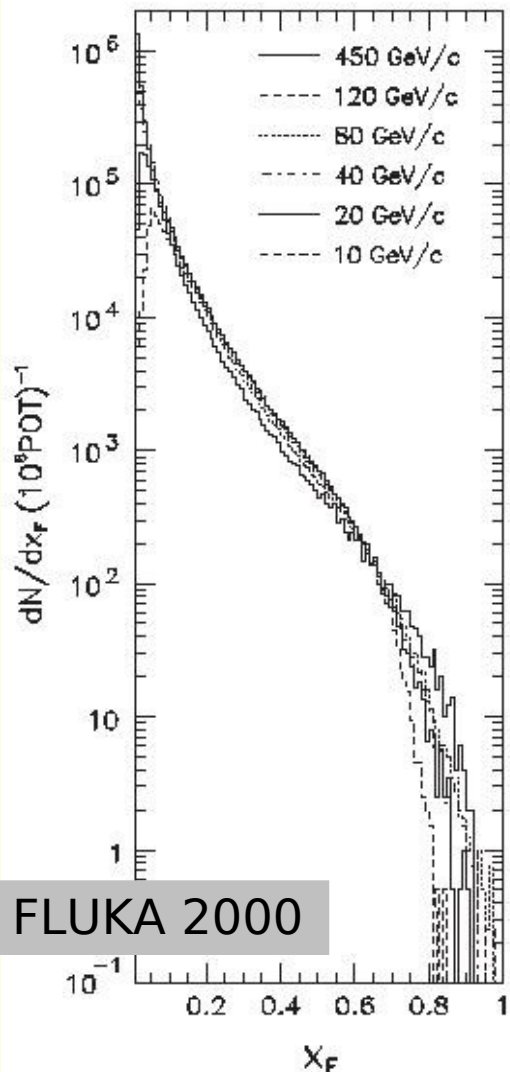


conventional neutrino beams - the CNGS target -





conventional neutrino beams



FLUKA 2000

- define: $x_F := p_Z/p_0$
- dN/dx_F (almost) independent of proton momentum

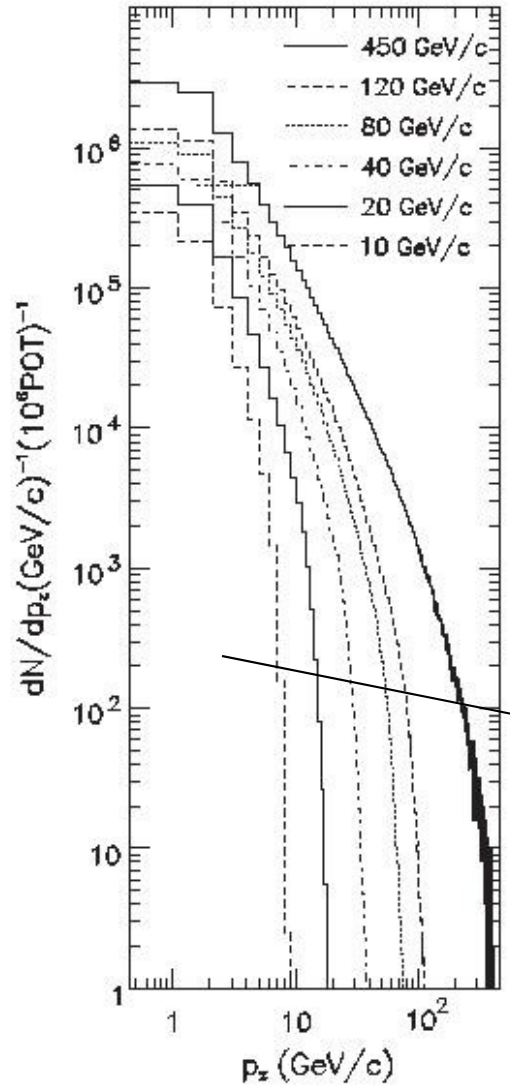
Pion momentum p_Z scales with incident proton momentum!



graphite-target, 94cm long,
6.4x15mm² transverse

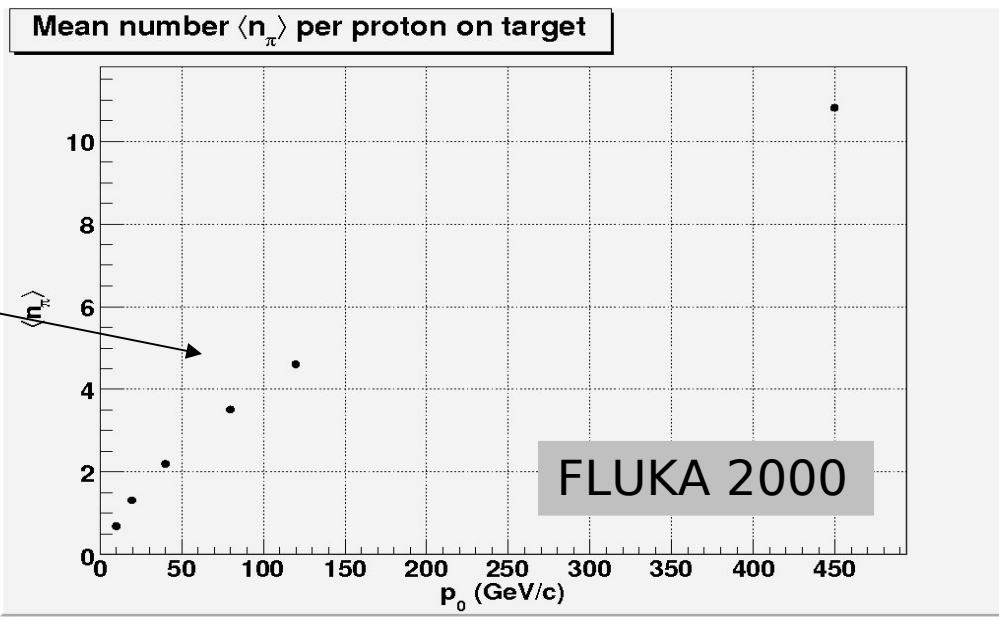


conventional neutrino beams



- integrals are the mean number of pions
- number of pions per „pot“ grow with proton energy

$$n_{\pi}/\text{pot} \sim (p_0)^{0.7}$$

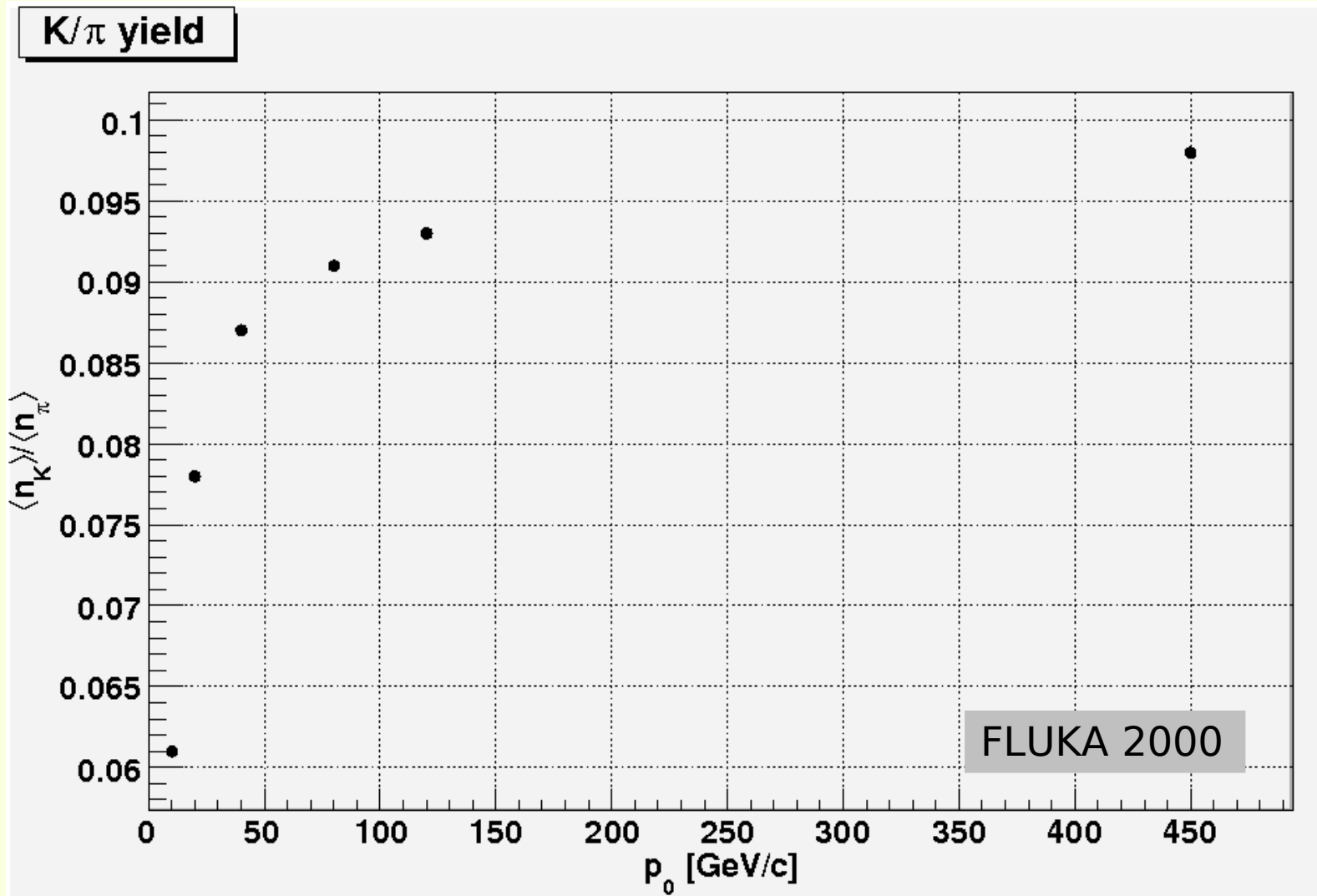


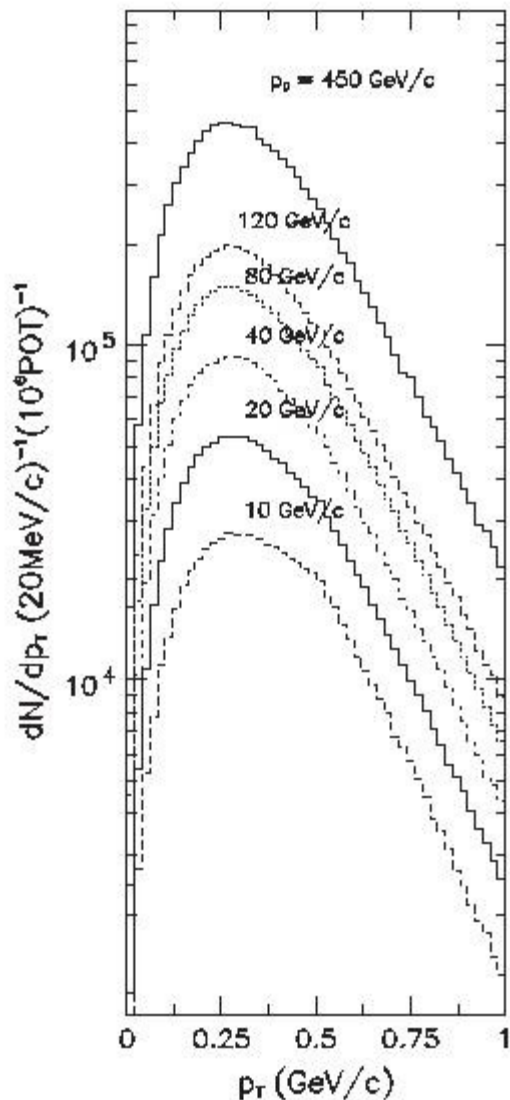
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conventional neutrino beams





- important to understand beam divergence: transverse momentum p_T of secondaries
- process dominated by fermi motion of partons inside the nucleus of the target:
 $\sim 2\pi\hbar c/1\text{fm} \approx 200\text{MeV}$
- peak transverse momentum $\approx 280\text{MeV}$
- $\Theta_\pi \approx p_T/p_\pi \approx 280\text{MeV}/E_\pi = 280\text{MeV}/(\gamma m_\pi) \approx 2/\gamma$

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- pion (kaon) decay is a 2-body-decay: $\pi \rightarrow \mu + \nu_\mu$
- pion and kaon are spin zero particles, angular distribution is isotropic in CM frame, in the lab frame ($m_\nu = 0$, $\beta \approx 1$):

$$E_\nu \approx ((1 - m_\mu^2/M^2)E)/(1 + \gamma^2 \tan^2 \Theta_\nu)$$

$$\Theta_\nu^{\max} \approx 1/\gamma \quad (\text{compare with } \Theta_\pi \approx 2/\gamma)$$

$$\Phi_\nu \sim (2\gamma/(1 + \gamma^2 \Theta_\nu^2))^2$$

- these squares in the flux formula makes neutrino beams complicated: You have to focus the pions and kaons or loose a factor $(1 + (1 + 2)^2)^2 / (1 + 1)^2 = 25$, that are 96% of your neutrinos, in comparison to a perfectly focused beam!

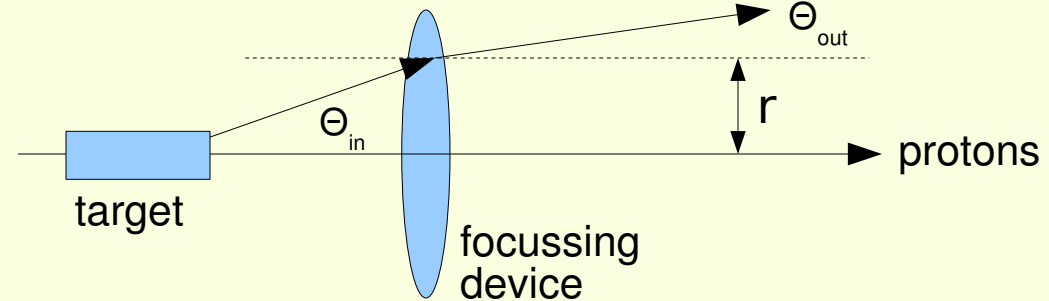
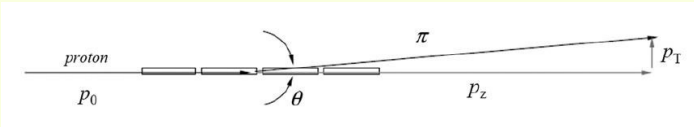
(of course this model is simplified)

we need a beam:

focussing the secondaries



conventional neutrino beams - focussing -



- perfect focussed mean: $\Theta_{out} = 0$
 - $\Theta_{in} \approx p_T/p_z$: particle with a large distance to the incident proton beam need large focussing F : $F \sim r$
 - magnetic line source in beam direction? Yes, but $B \sim 1/r$
 - here comes the trick: use a „magnetic line source“, but let particles with large distance r travel a longer distance x in the magnetic field!

$$F \sim r \sim B(r) \cdot x(r)$$

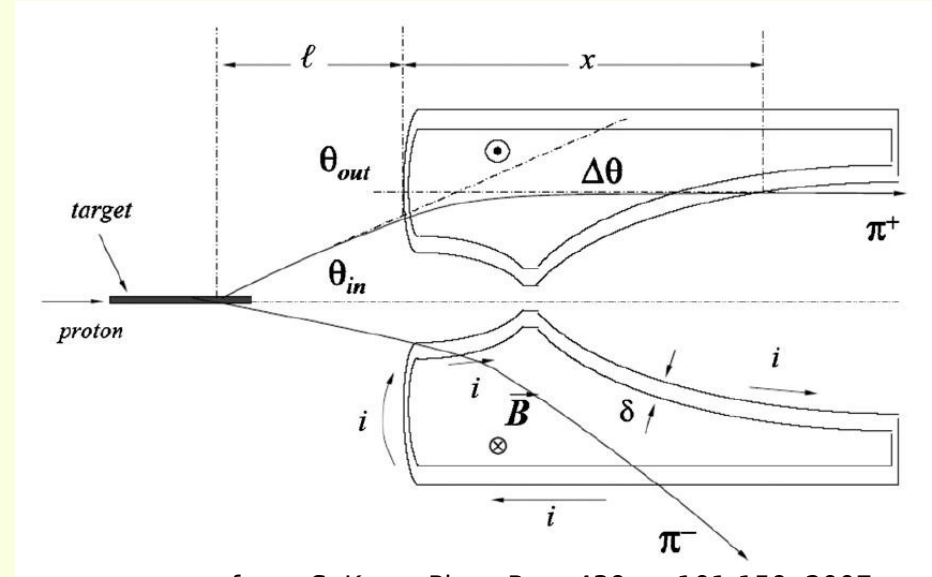


conventional neutrino beams - focussing -



the solution:
parabolical horn
 with inner conductor
 shape $z = ar^2$
 (this one shown here is in fact a
 double-horn)

$$\Delta\Theta = \frac{Bx}{p} = \frac{\mu_0 I x}{2\pi r p} = \frac{\mu_0 I a r}{2\pi p}$$



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- with $\Delta\Theta = \Theta_{out} - \Theta_{in}$ perfect focussing means: $\Theta_{out} = 0$ or $\Delta\Theta = r/L$
 a parabolic horn focuses a particular momentum for all angles:

$$f = L = 2\pi p / (\mu_0 I a) = \text{const} * (p/I) \quad f: \text{focal length}$$

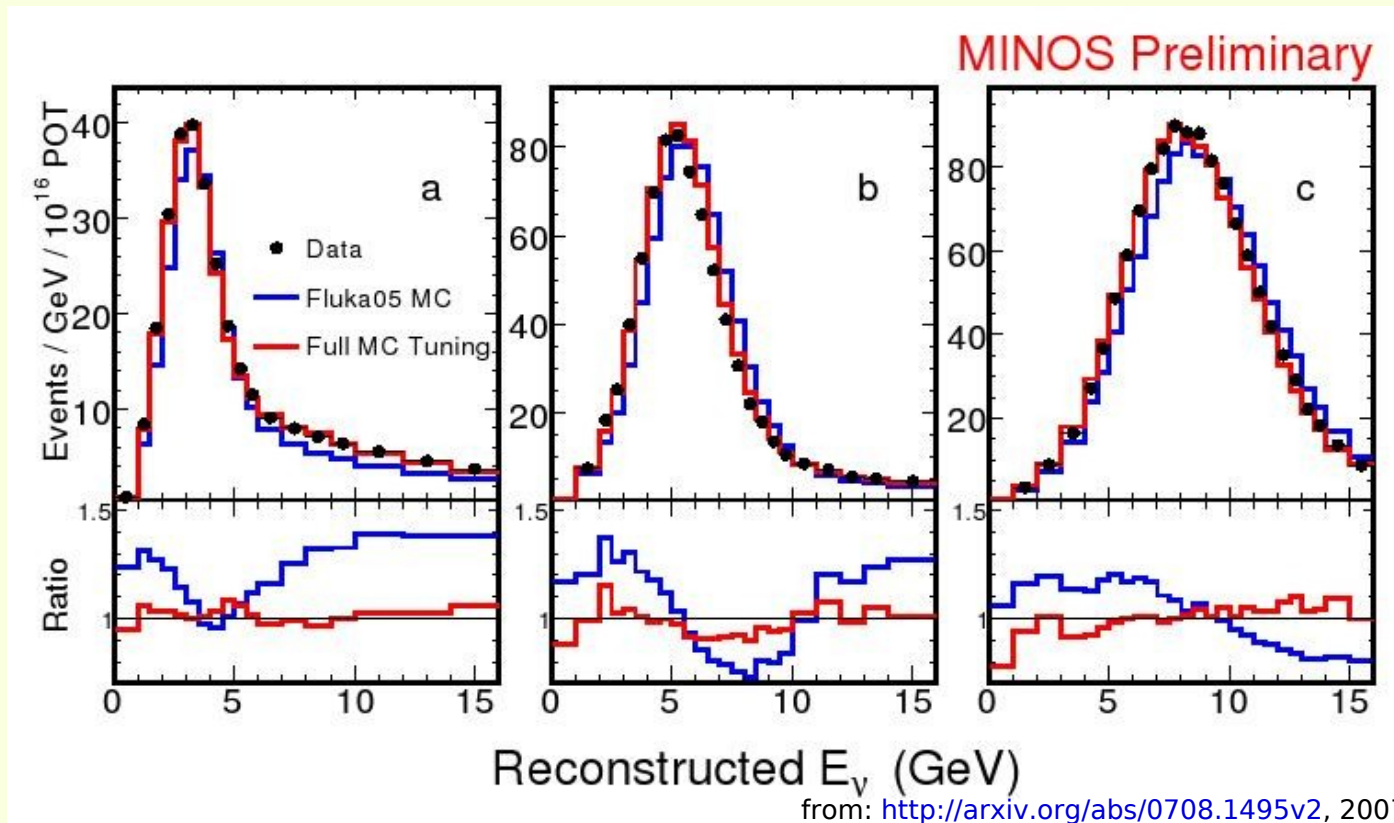
- to give a pion a p_T -“kick“ of about 280MeV, a typical horn needs the incredible current of $I \approx 150.000A$ (pulsed)



conventional neutrino beams - focussing -



- one can use horn focal length $f \sim p$ to vary the mean beam energy by adjusting the distance between target and horn, horn further downstream focusses higher momentum particles.

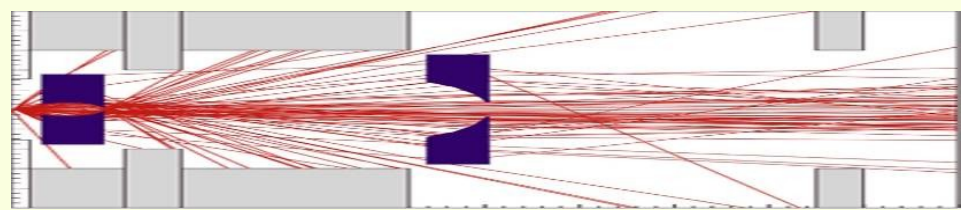
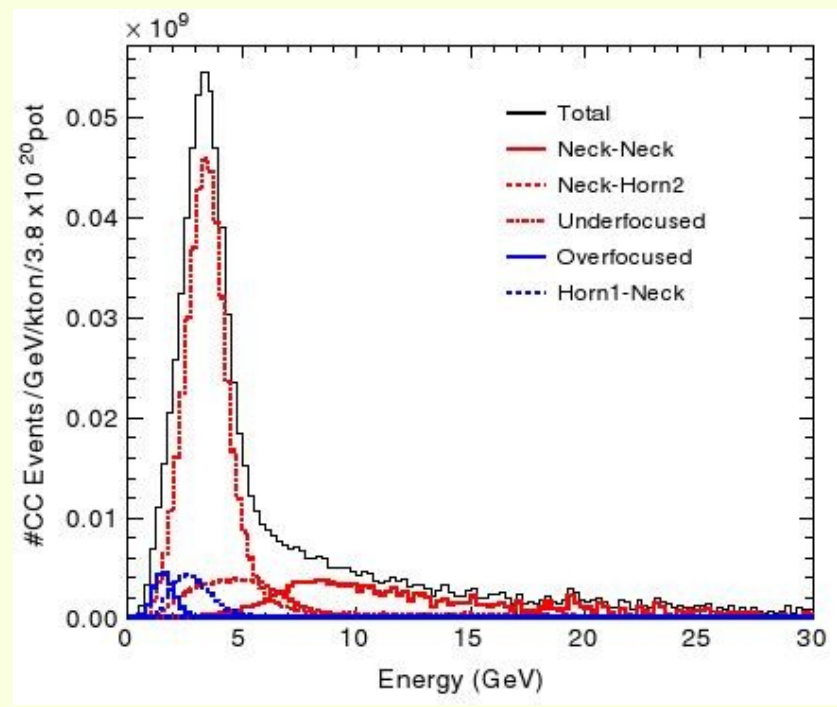
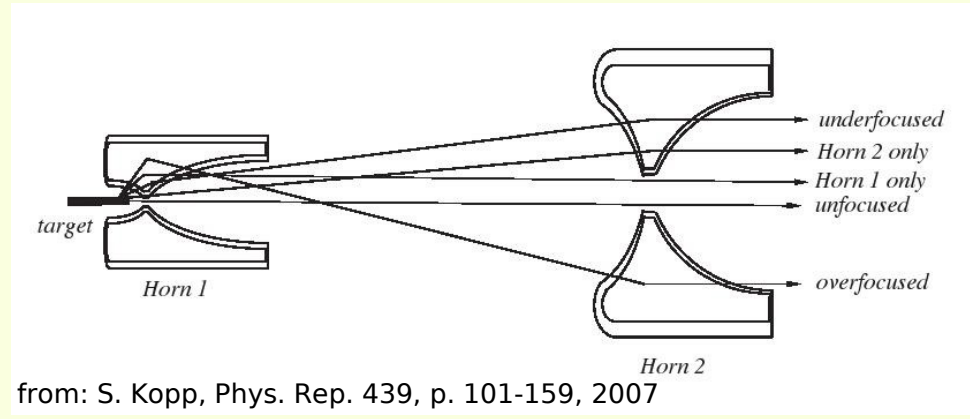




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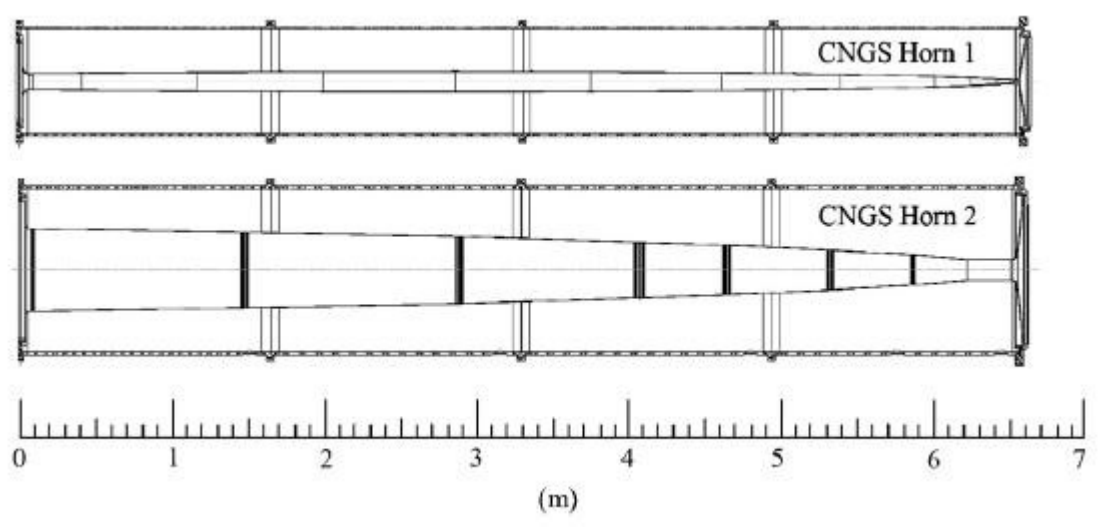
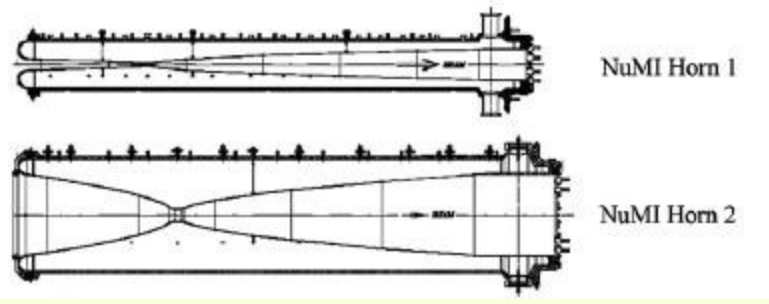
- but the target is not a point source and not all particles have the mean momentum, so many particles will end up under- or overfocused... additional horn(s) needed!



CNGS Beam, FLUKA 2000 simulation (from: CNGS workshop)



conventional neutrino beams - focussing -



NuMI Horn 1



conventional neutrino beams - focussing -



CNGS Horn 1

we need neutrinos from the secondaries:
decay pipe

conventional neutrino beams - decay region -

- after having the pions and kaons focussed, they decay into charged leptons and neutrinos
- reduce multi-scattering in decay pipe (vacuum, He)
- the longer the decay region, the more pions will decay (good!) but the more of the decay-daughter, mostly muons, will decay too – into electrons and electron neutrinos (bad!)
- y_π : pion lifetimes in decay pipe

$$y_\pi = \frac{L m_\pi c^2}{E_\pi c \tau_\pi}$$

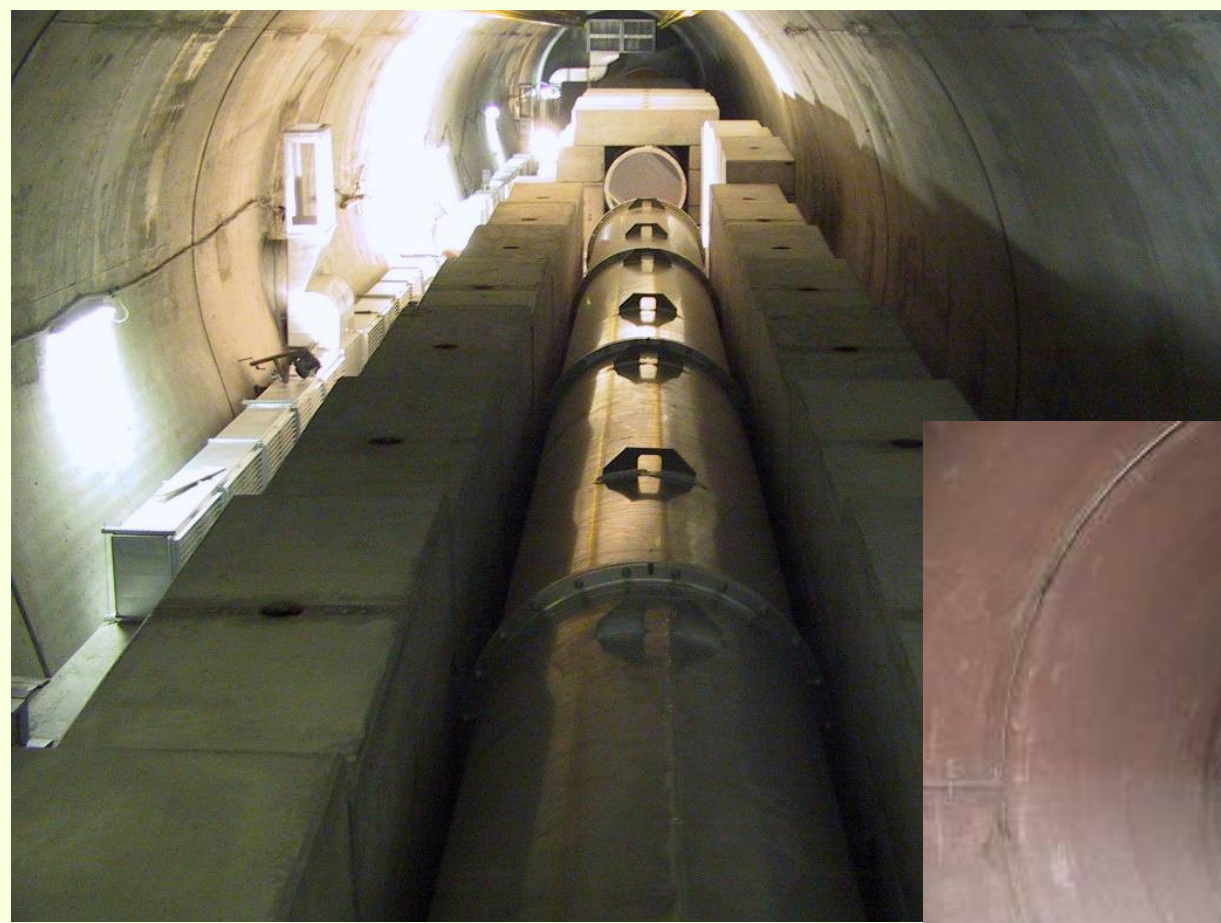
neutrino beamline	experiments	pipe (m)	\varnothing [m]	y_π	filled
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NuMI (Fermilab)	MINOS, NOvA	675	2	0.78*	He (NEW!)
J-PARC (KEK)	T2K	130	up to 5.4	0.43	He
BoosterNeutrino	MiniBooNe	50	1.8	0.36	air

* for NuMI medium energy configuration (10GeV)

**1mbar abs., 3mm Ti-window



conventional neutrino beams - decay region -



CNGS decay pipe



but not all pions will decay:
hadron stop



conventional neutrino beams - hadron stop -



- many protons remain without interaction – you have to absorb them (and the undecayed secondary hadrons) before it comes to beam monitoring...

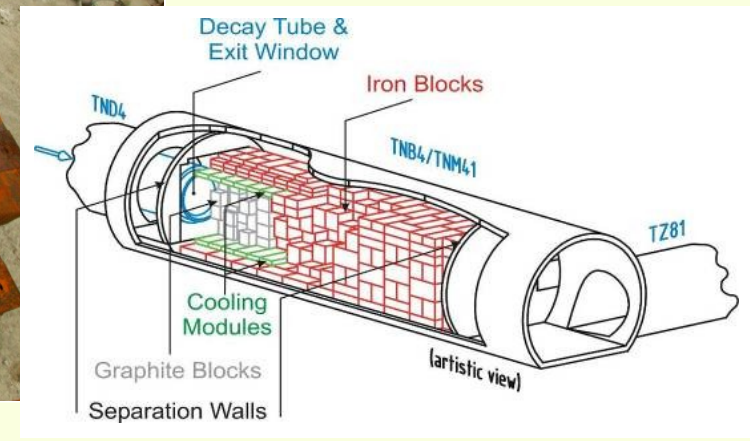


CNGS target material

graphite

iron

aluminium with cooling pipes(!)



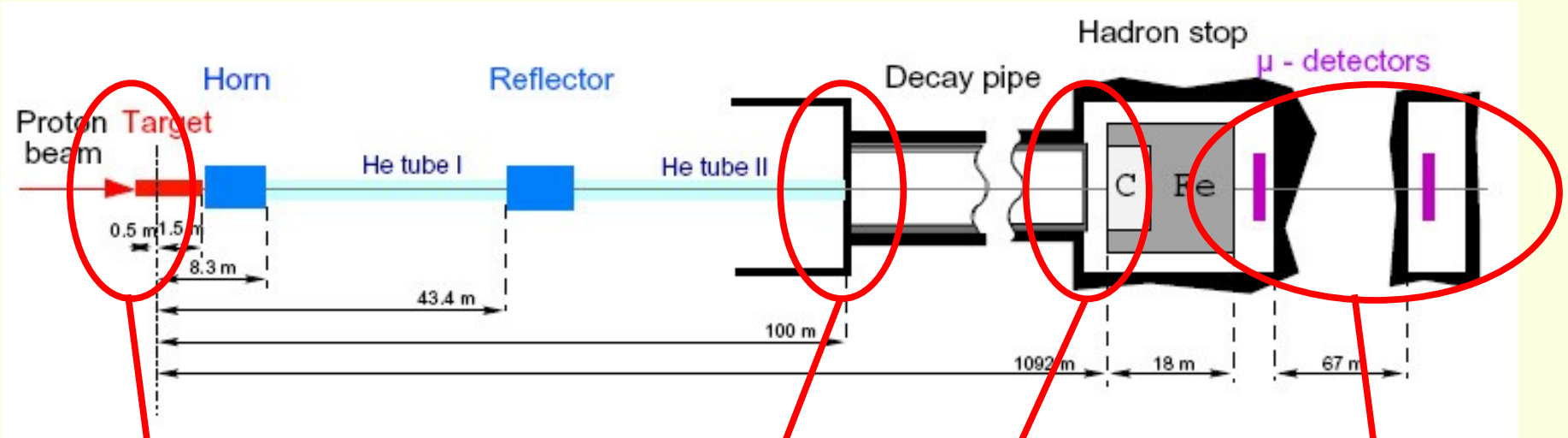
see what we got:
beam monitoring



conventional neutrino beams - beam monitoring -



- remember you dump $O(100\text{GeV})$ proton bunches on solid targets to produce pion beams... monitoring needed!



proton monitoring

- intensity per pulse
- spot position
- spot size
- angle

secondaries monitoring

- beam misalignment
- proton conversion ratio
- K/π ratio

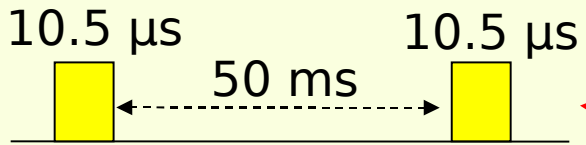
hadron monitoring

- proton alignment
- target monitoring

muon monitoring

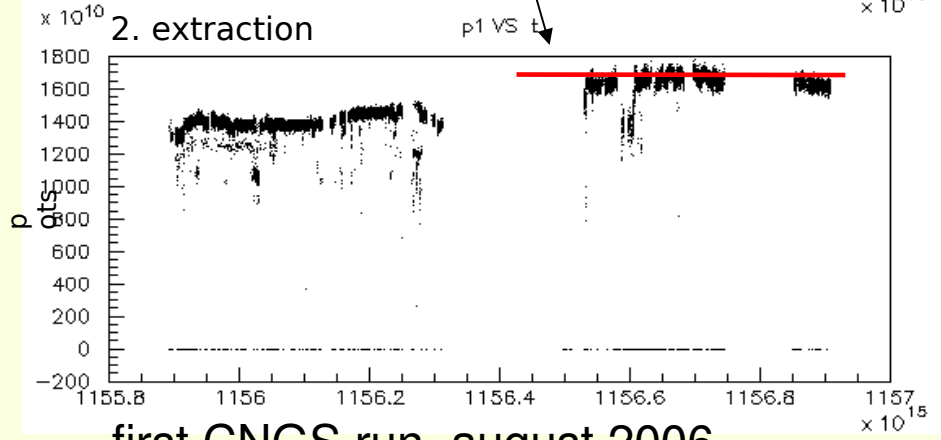
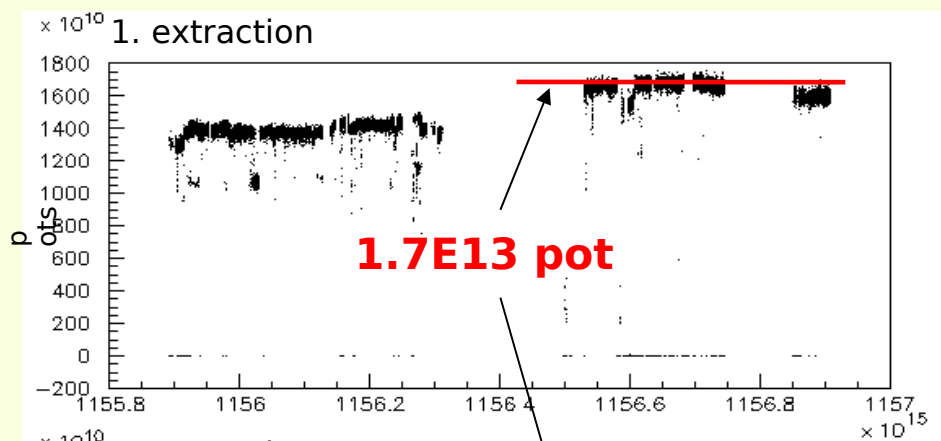
- flux measurement (muon flux related to neutrino flux)

conventional neutrino beams - proton monitoring -

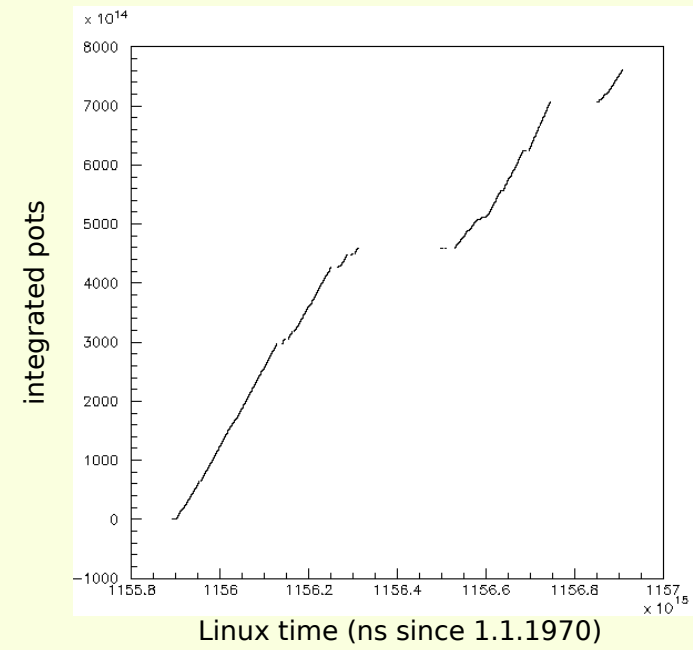


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Targ p/pE11 Mul Sym Exp Singles/Spill
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T4 22.4 11 84.2a ALICE
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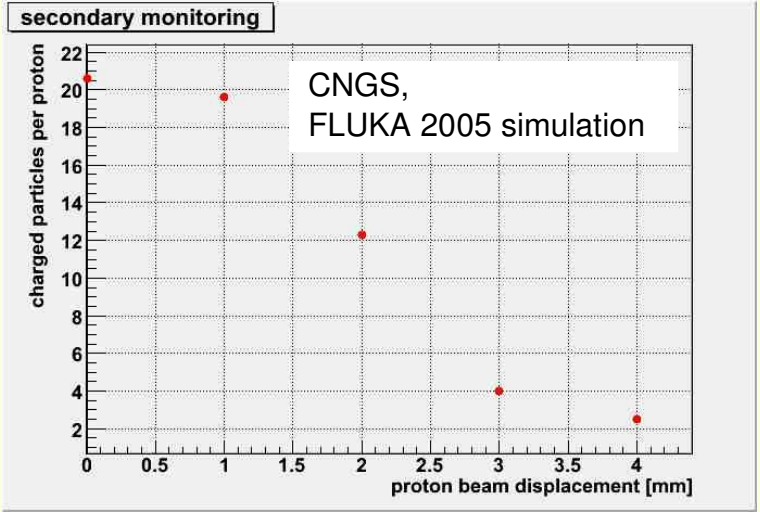


first CNGS run, august 2006

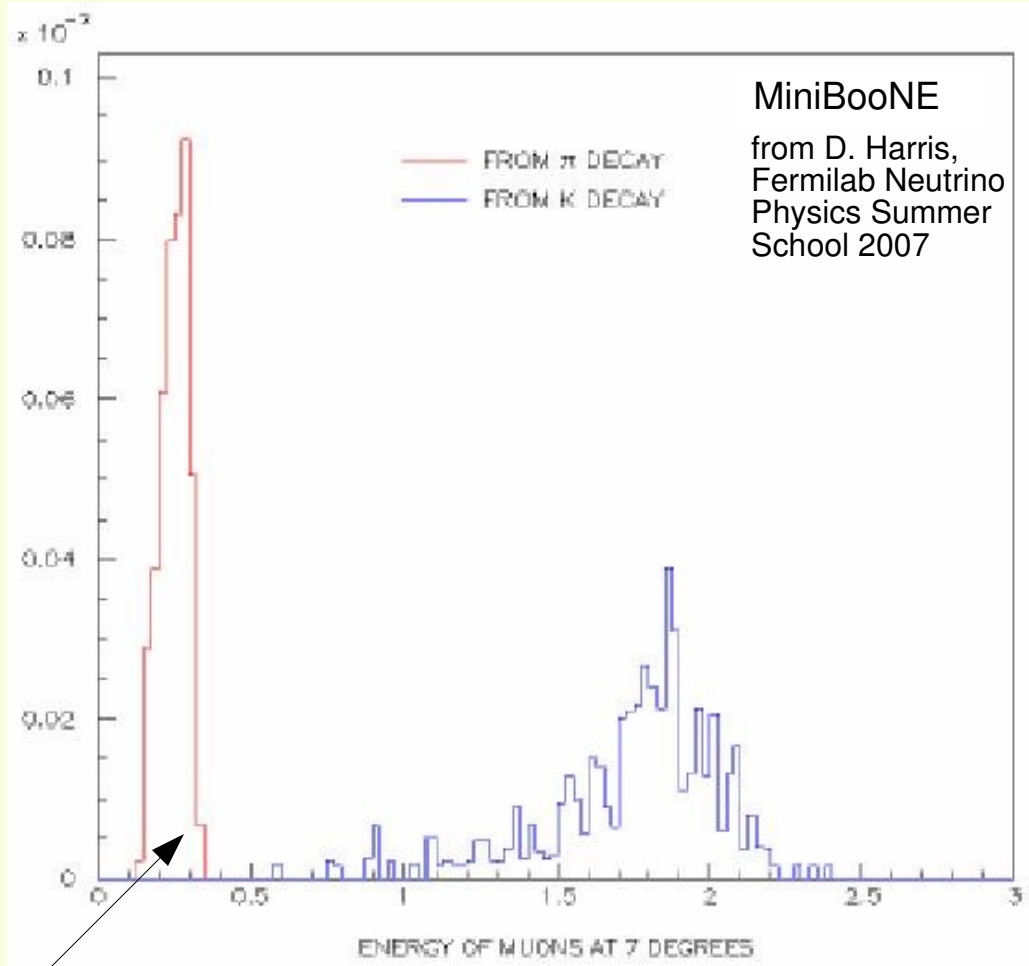




conventional neutrino beams - secondary monitoring -

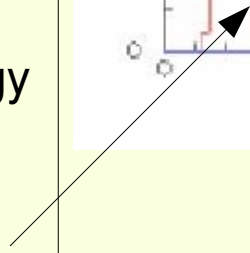


data from A. Geschwendtner, CERN, 2006



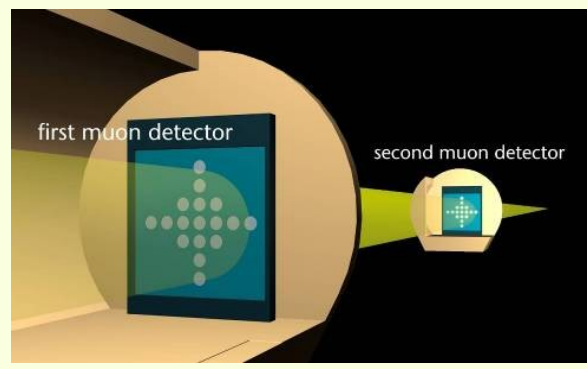
MiniBooNe-spectrometer 7° off-axis in beamline:

- most pions have too high energy to produce a 7° muon
- very low energy pions decay upstream early



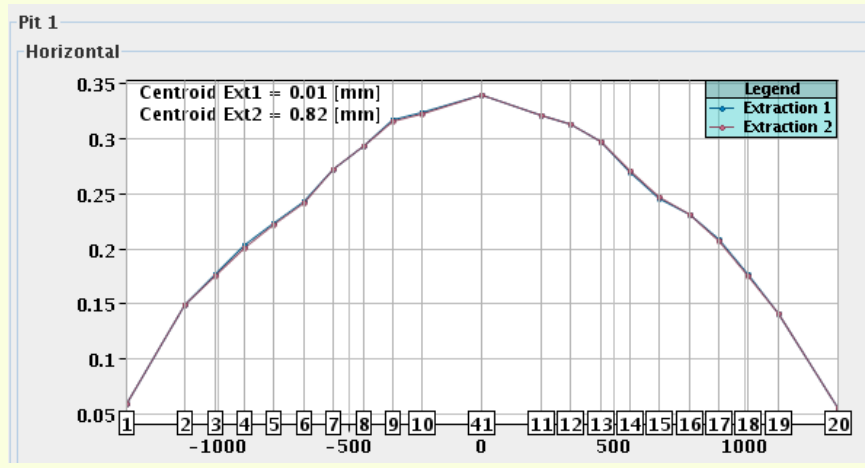


conventional neutrino beams - muon monitoring -

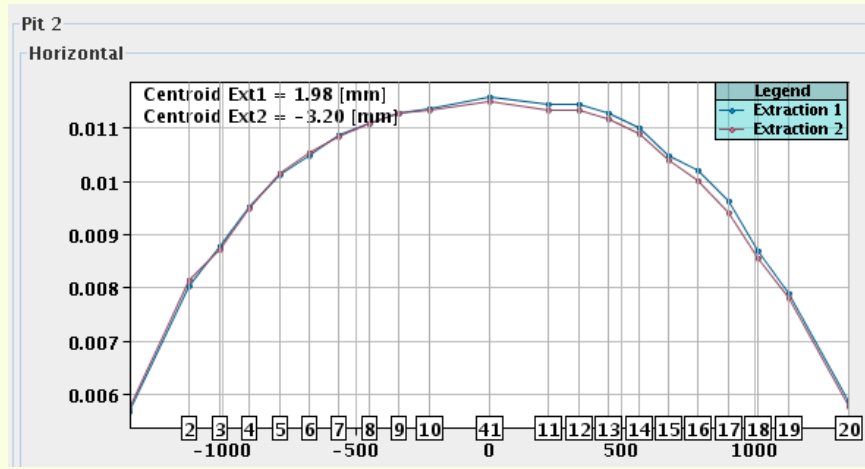


CNGS crosshair muon monitor

- measure muon intensity $(10^7 \frac{1}{cm^2 10.5 \mu s})$

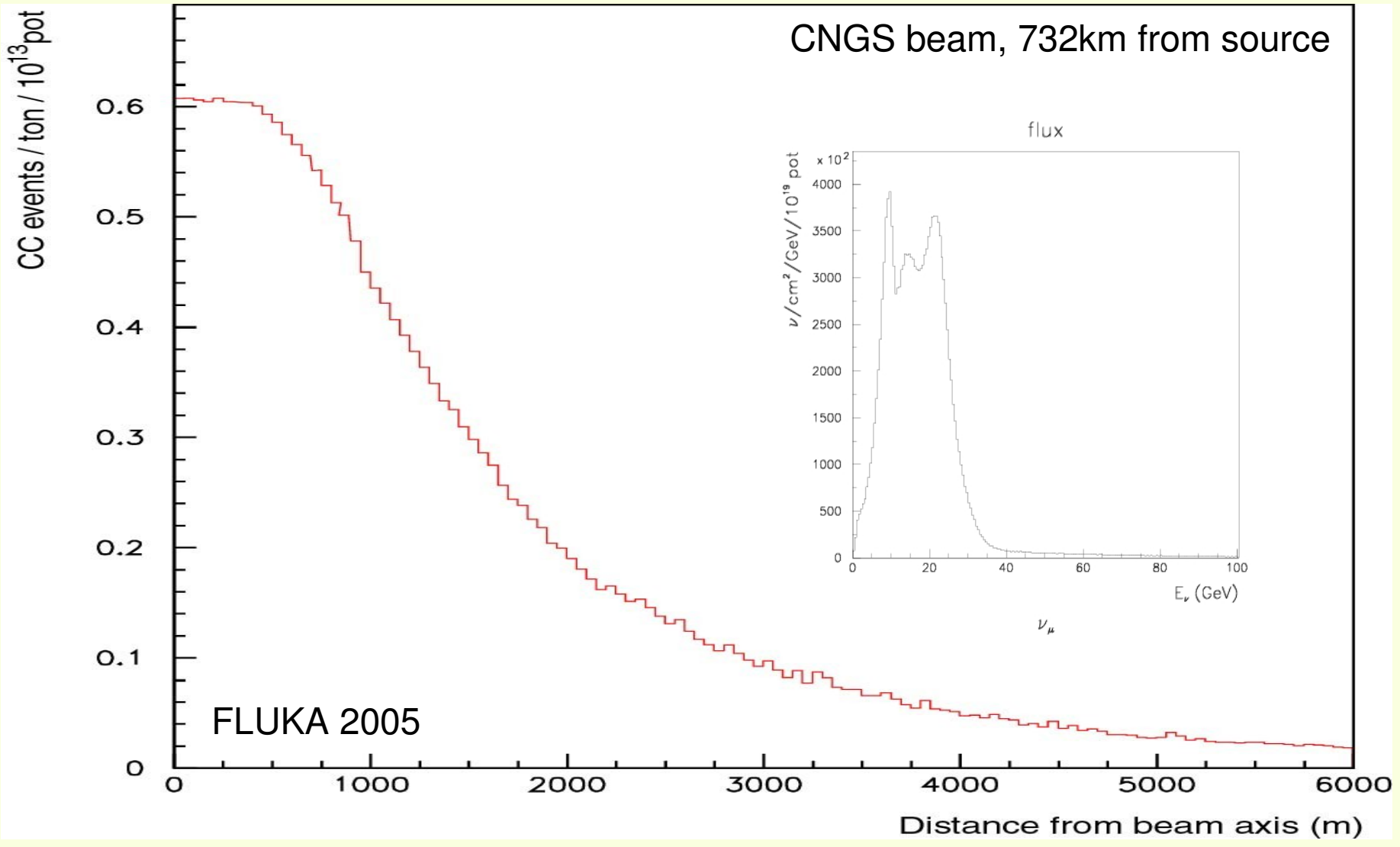


data from
2007 CNGS
physics run
(ended oct.
26th. 2007)



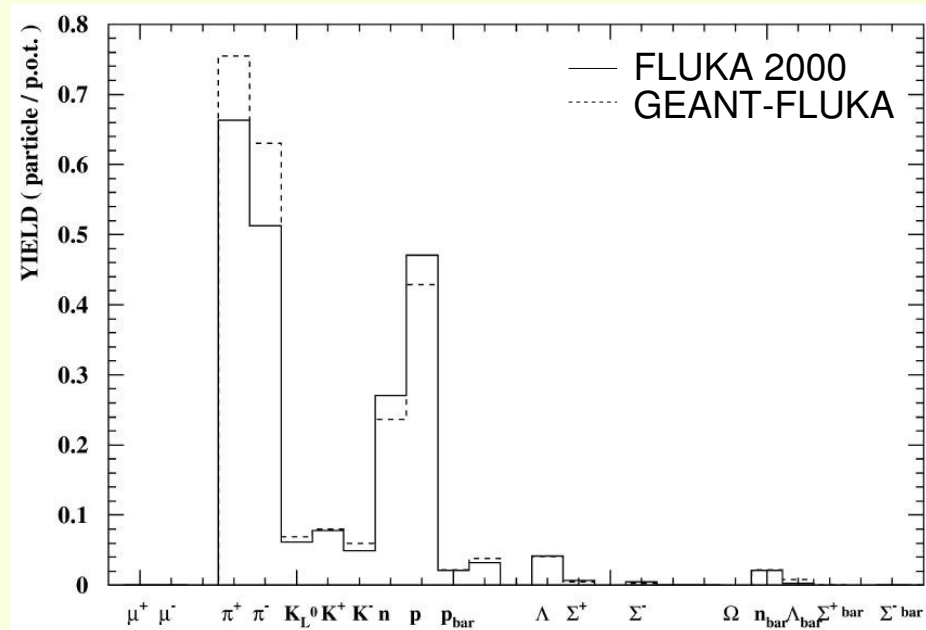


conventional neutrino beams - beamspread -



we only want pure muon-neutrinos:
beam contamination

- unfortunately, there are not only ν_μ in the beams...
- large number of dedicated hadron production experiments:
 - NA56/SPY: SPS protons on Be-targets
 - HARP: low energy (up to 15GeV)
 - WANF neutrinos with experiments NOMAD and CHORUS



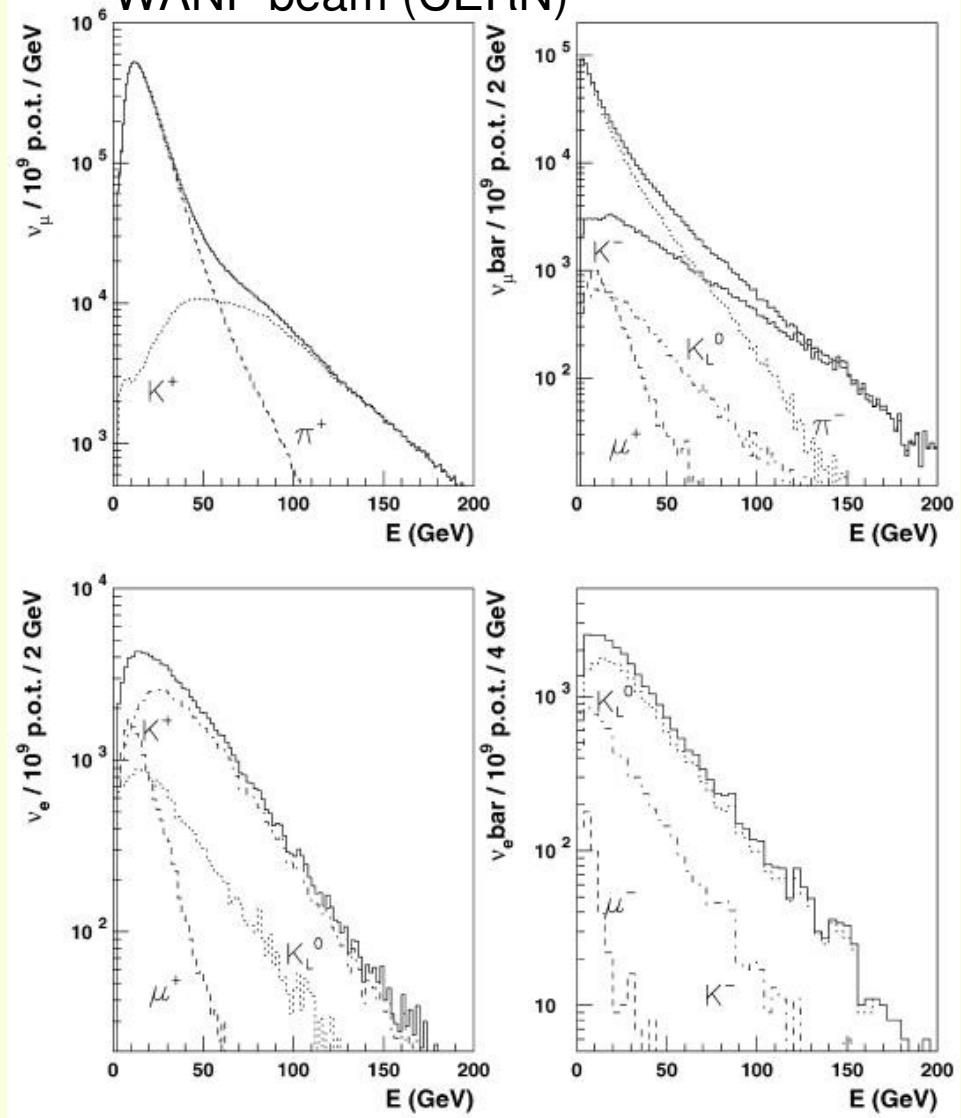
from: G. Collazuol et al., NIM A, 1999



conventional neutrino beams - contamination -



WANF beam (CERN)



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CNGS beam

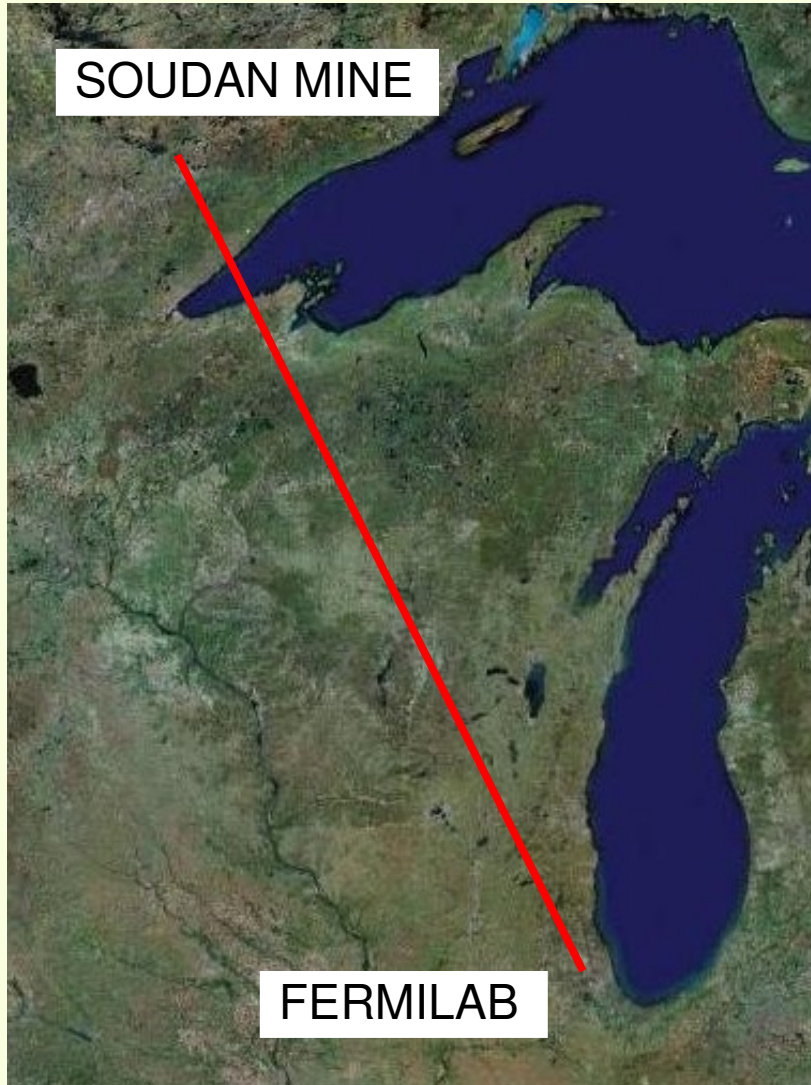
	beam content
ν_μ	100
anti- ν_μ	2.1
ν_e	0.8
anti- ν_e	0.07
ν_τ	$\sim 10^{-5}$



a typical neutrino experiment:

MINOS

in 5 minutes...



Main Injector Neutrino Oscillation Search

- NuMI ν_{μ} -beam
- 2 detectors (near and far)
 - near: 1km away
 - beam composition
 - energy spectrum
 - far: 735km away
 - neutrino oscillation



physics with **MINOS** – or with two detectors in a ν_μ -beam

- ν_μ -disappearance

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) \approx 1 - \sin^2(2\theta_{23}) \sin^2\left(\frac{1.27(\Delta m_{23}^2)L}{E_\nu}\right)$$

- ν_e -appearance

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx \sin^2(2\theta_{23}) \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2\left(\frac{1.27(\Delta m_{13}^2)L}{E_\nu}\right)$$

- atmospheric neutrinos (beam independent)
- sterile neutrinos (NC rate in far detector)
- CPT violation (anti- ν_μ -beam)



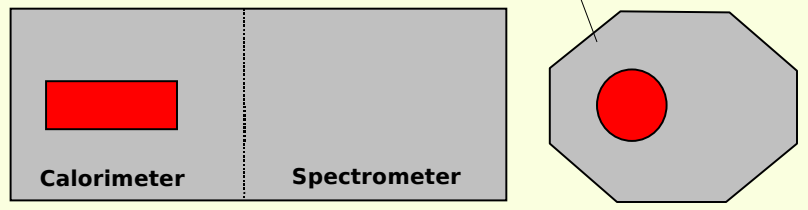
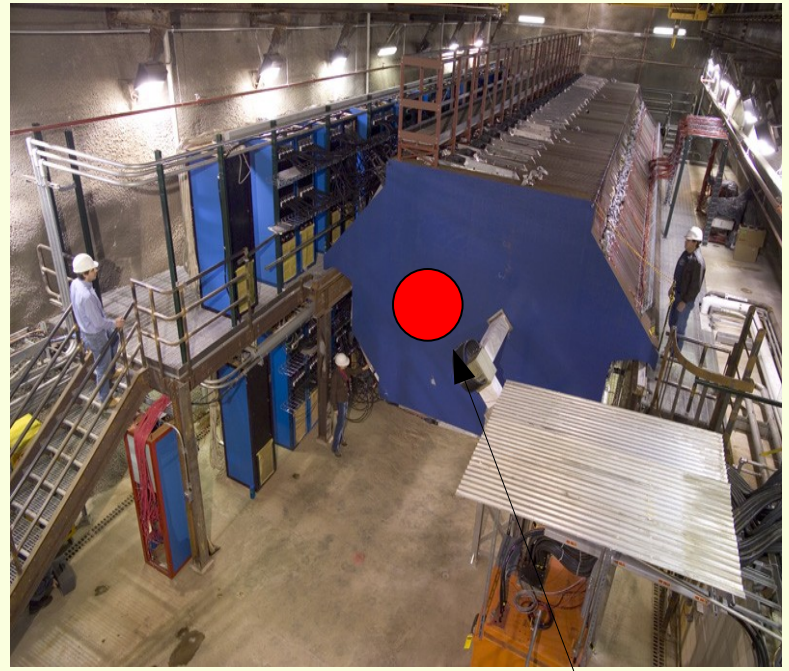
- to reduce systematics: build to „identical“ detectors, a near one to monitor the beam (high rate), a far one to see the oscillation
- lack of money: „identical“ becomes „similar“
- both, **MINOS Near** and **MINOS Far** are steel/scintillator tracking calorimeters
 - magnetized (1.2T) 2.54cm thick iron plates
 - 800x4x1 cm plastic-scintillators





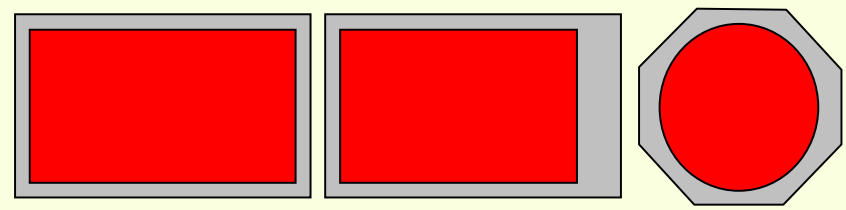
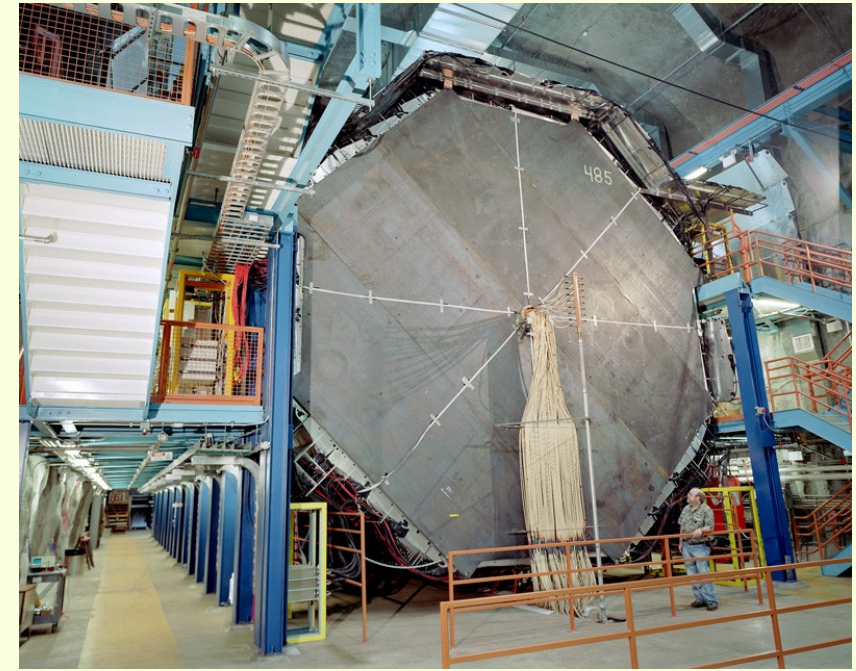
MINOS - detector

MINOS near detector



Fiducial Volume

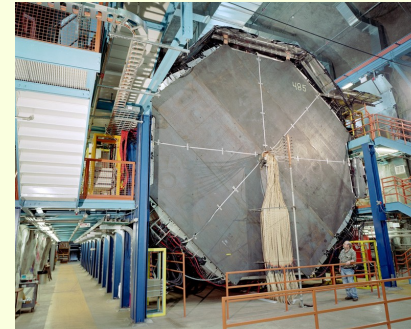
MINOS far detector



Fiducial Volume

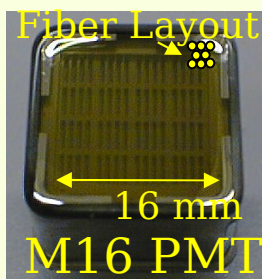


MINOS - detector



- 103m underground
- 0.9kt iron, 4x5x15m
- 282 steel, 153 scintillator planes
- 4x multiplexing behind plane 120
- Fast QIE¹ electronics (high rate, multi-neutrino events per spill)

- 705m underground (2100m W.E.)
- 5.4kt iron, 8x8x30m
- 484 steel/scintillator planes
- 8x multiplexing („bad“ multi-myon reco.)
- Slow electronics: preamplifier, shaper, sample-holder...



- alternate planes rotated by 90° (U: horizontal, V: vertical)
- both side readout, multipixel M16/M64 PMs, de-multiplexing
- GPS timestamp for FD/ND/Beam synchronisation and trigger
- continous untriggered readout during spill
- interspersed light injection system for calibration

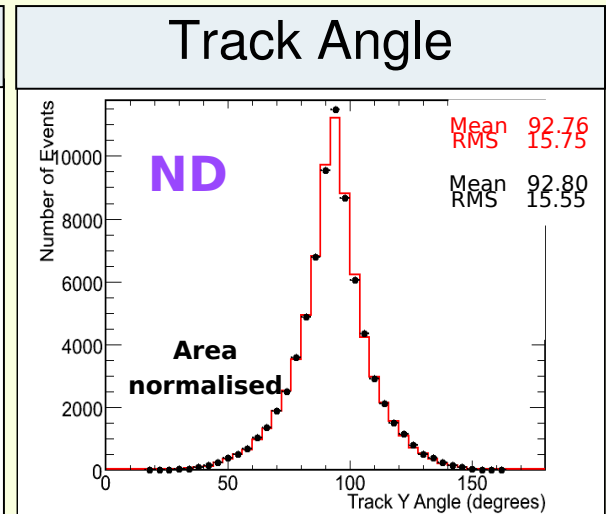
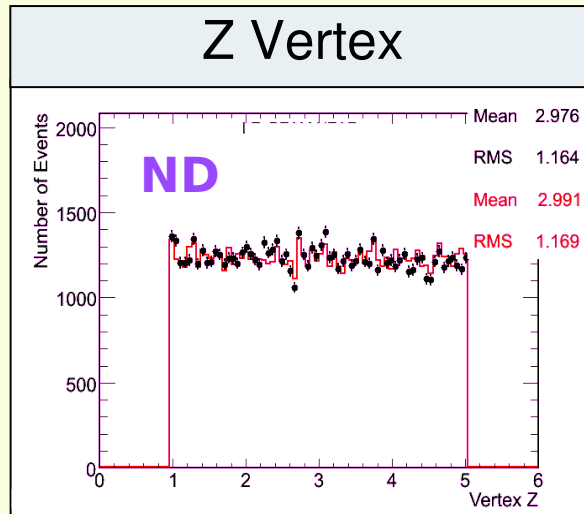
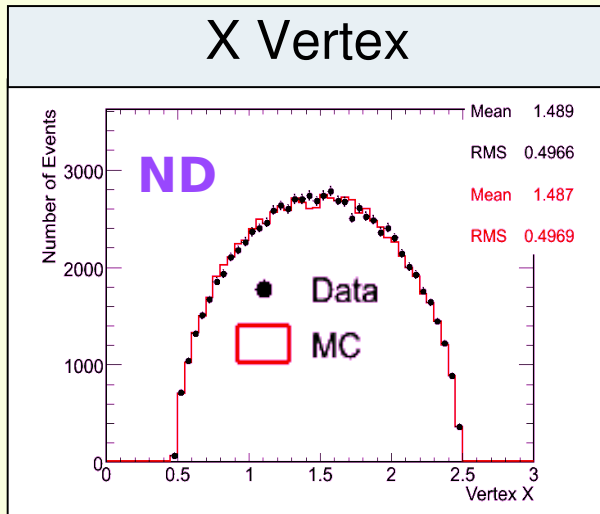
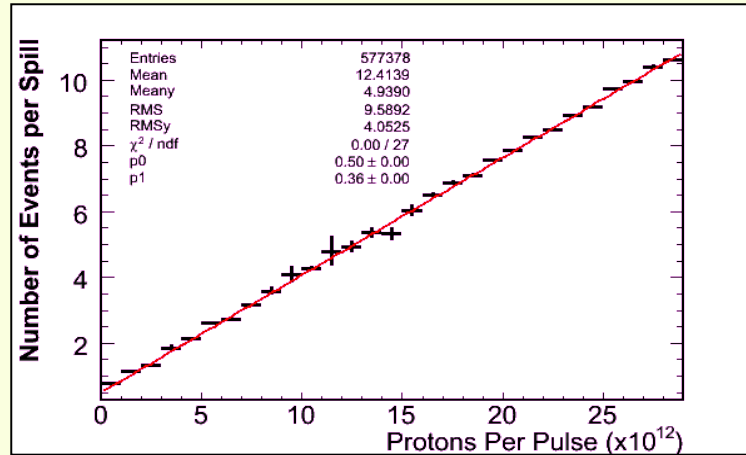
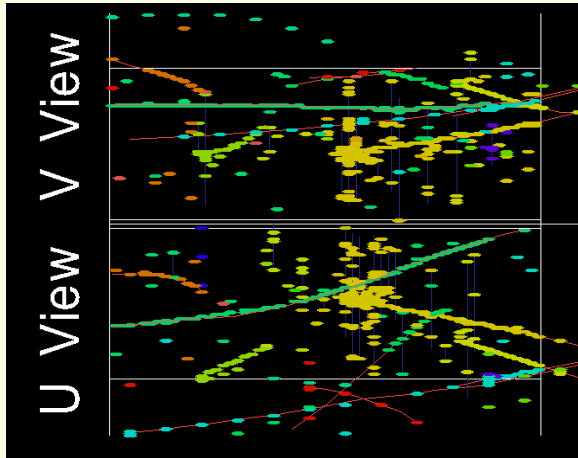
1) QIE: charge (Q) to current (I) encoder



MINOS - detector



typical events(!) in MINOS near detector



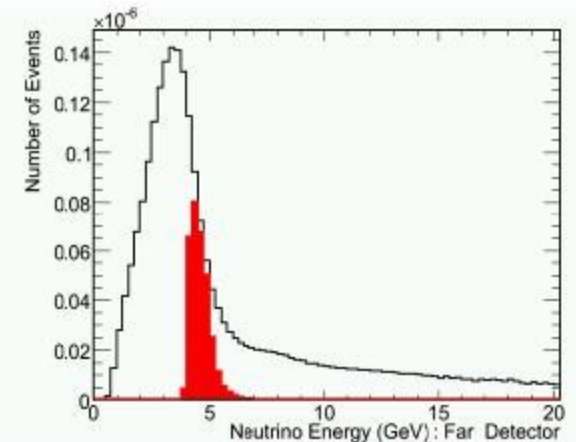
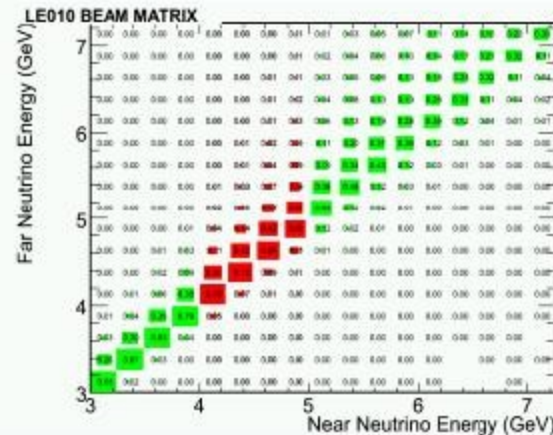
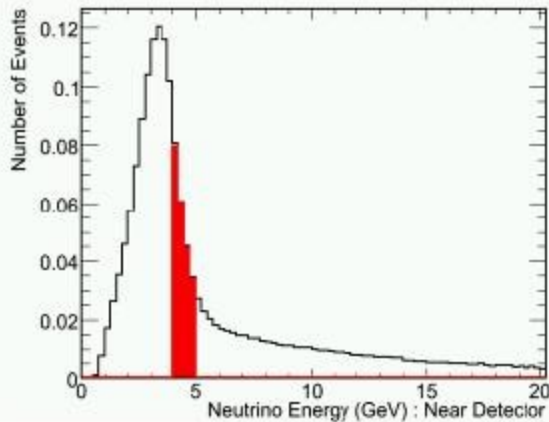
from: J. Nelson, Talk at Neutrino 2006, 2006



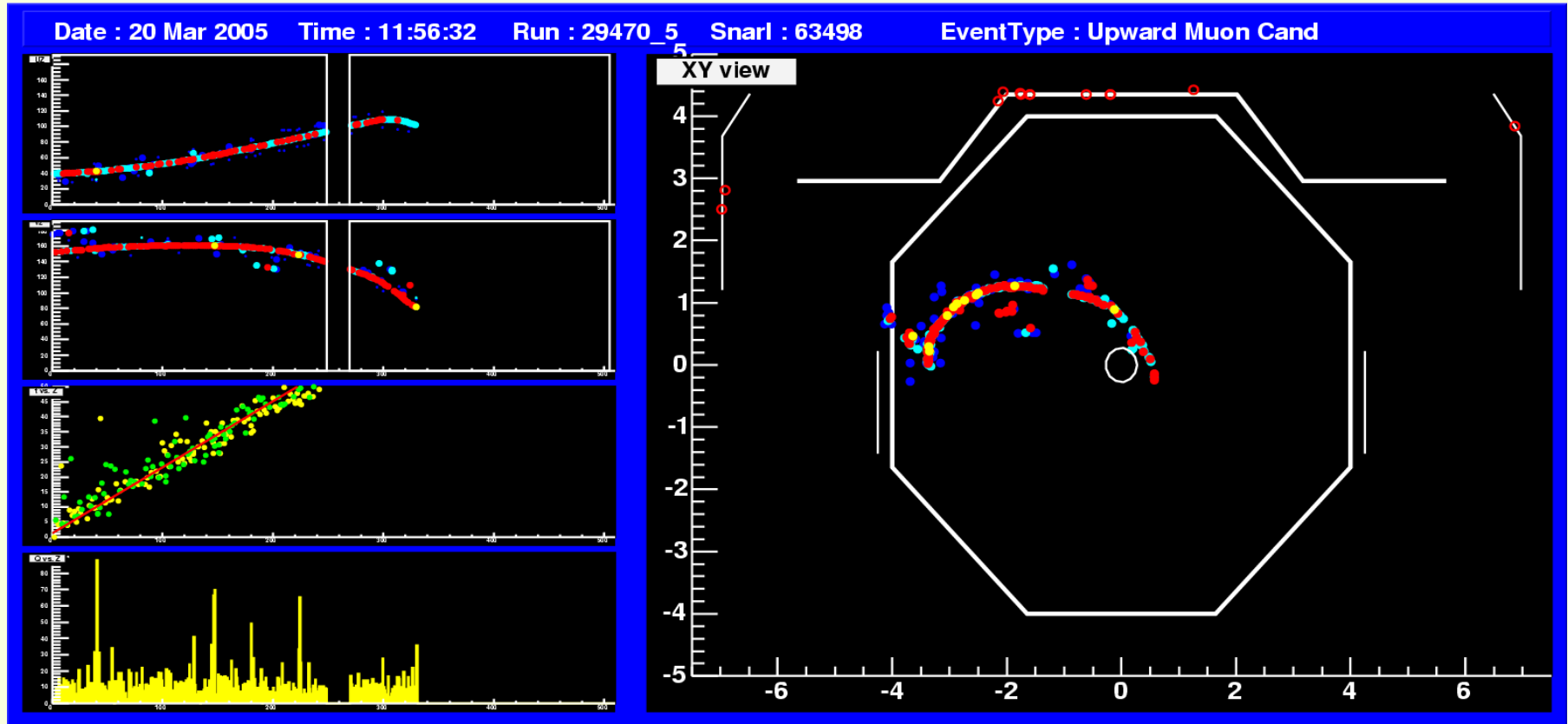
- the aim (for alle 2-detector experiments):

predict the unoscillated neutrino spectrum in the far detector from the near detector data...

MINOS uses a „beam matrix method“:
 encode decay kinematics and beamline geometry to a matrix
 to transform ND energy spectrum to FD energy spectrum



first event in MINOS far detector

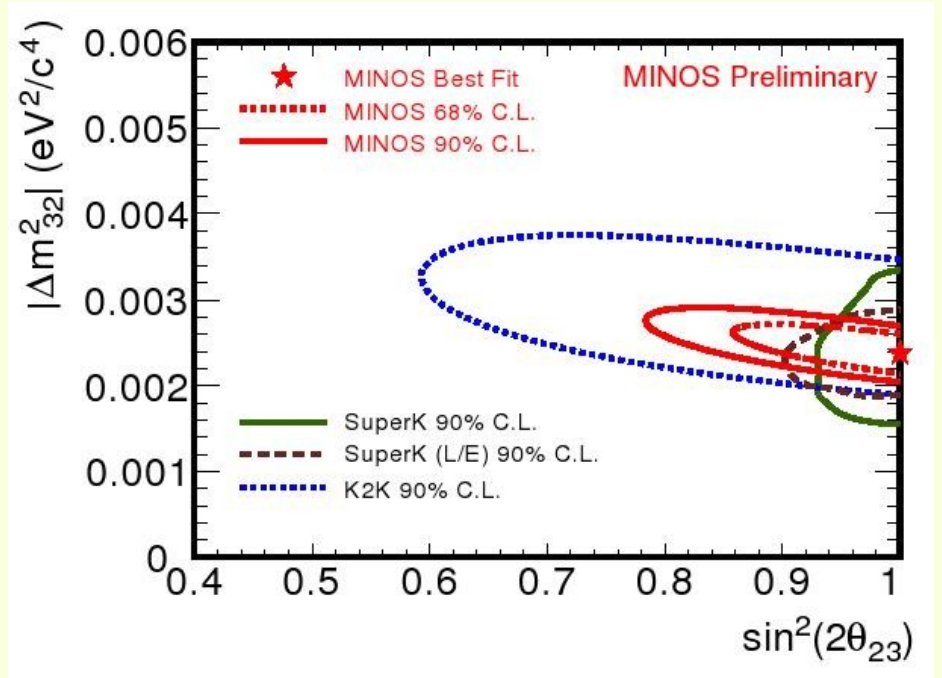
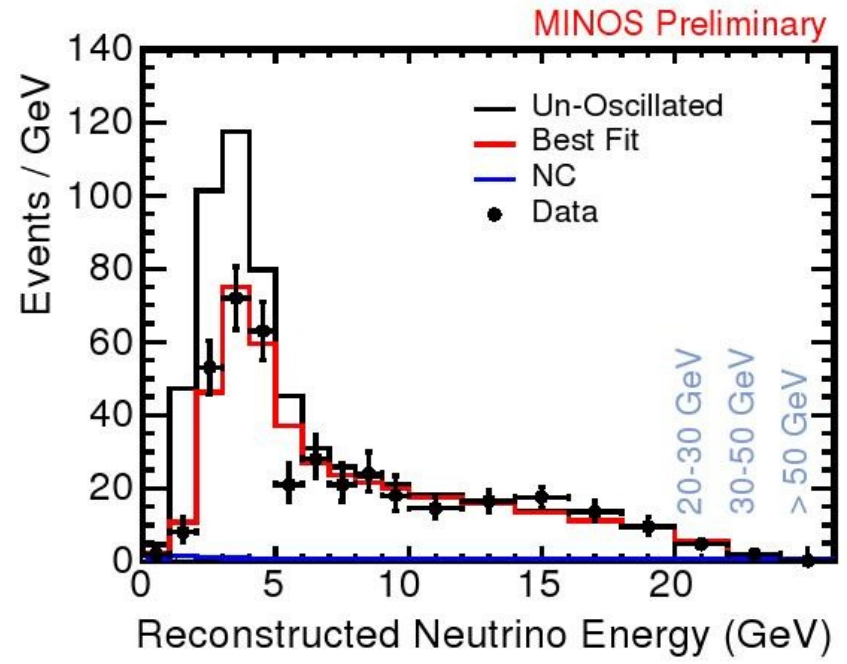




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preliminary result from $2.50 \cdot 10^{20}$ pot



from: <http://arxiv.org/abs/0708.1495v2>, 2007



a not so typical neutrino experiment:

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in 5 minutes...



Oscillation Project With Emulsion Tracking Apparatus



- CNGS ν_{μ} -beam (high energy)
- 1 detector
 - far: 732km away
 - neutrino oscillation
 - tau detection

physics with **OPERA** – or with a specialised detector

- ν_τ -appearance, CNGS beam above τ -threshold

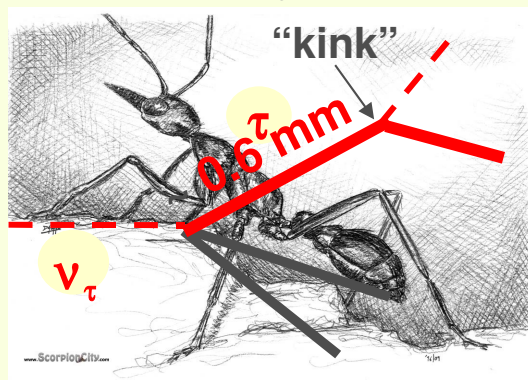
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau) \approx \sin^2(2\theta_{23}) \sin^2\left(\frac{1.27(\Delta m_{23}^2)L}{E_\nu}\right)$$

- ν_e -appearance

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx \sin^2(2\theta_{23}) \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2\left(\frac{1.27(\Delta m_{13}^2)L}{E_\nu}\right)$$

- atmospheric neutrinos (beam independent)
- sterile neutrinos (NC rate in far detector)
- rare events: muon emission from nuclei...

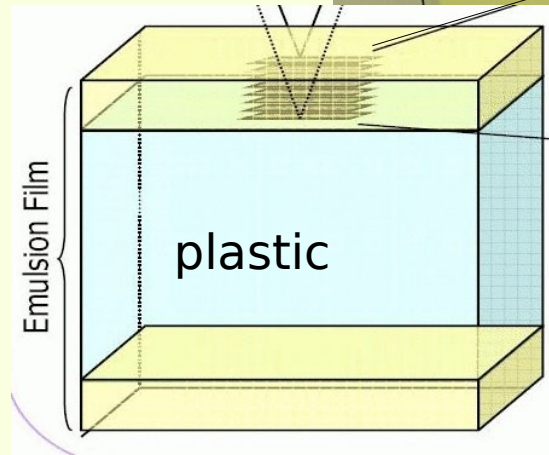
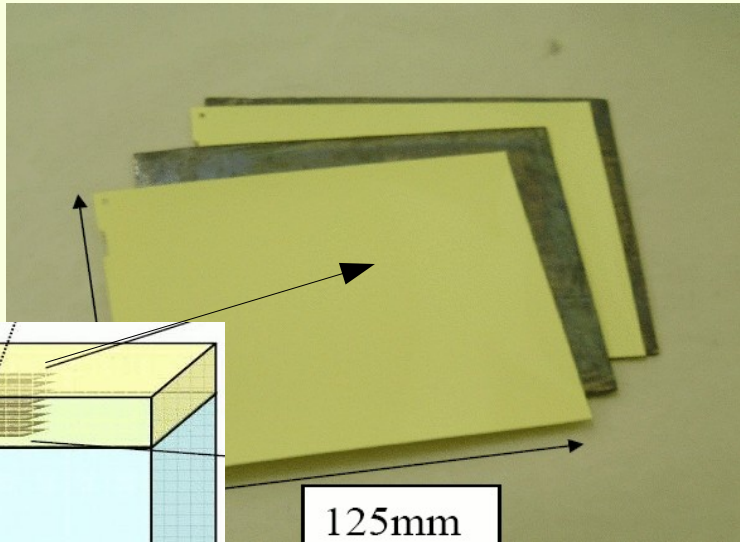
- to observe τ -leptons from ν_τ -CC: spatial resolution $\sim 10\ \mu\text{m}$



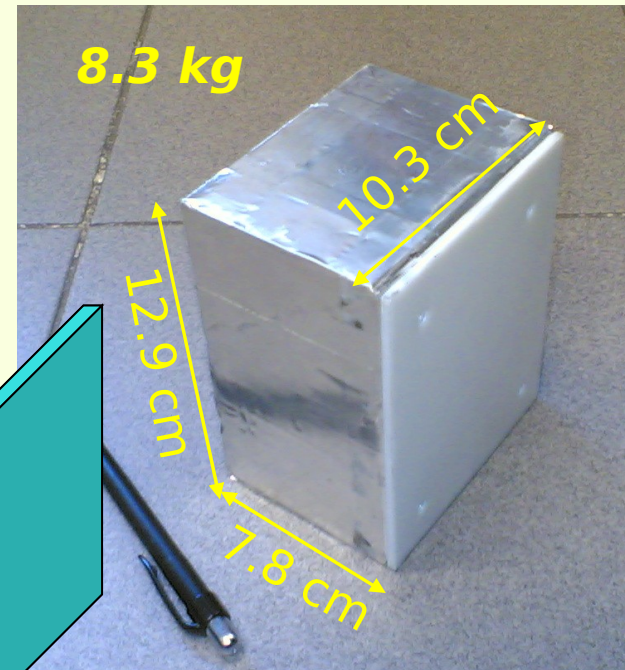
- low event rate: need high target mass (about 2000 tons)
 - only affordable detection principle that combines that:
Emulsion Cloud Chamber (ECC): lead-emulsion-sandwich
 - high spatial resolution due to photo-emulsion
 - high mass due to interspaced lead layers
- But: ECC are passive – **need electronic detectors** for triggering, spectrometer, bkg. reduction...



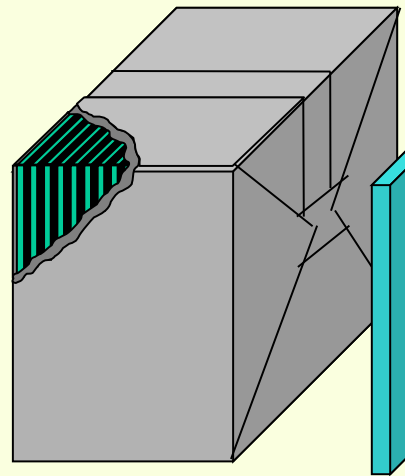
OPERA – ECC principle



- 56 layers of lead (1mm)
- 57 layers of plastic and photoemulsion (0.3mm)
- 1 changeable sheet

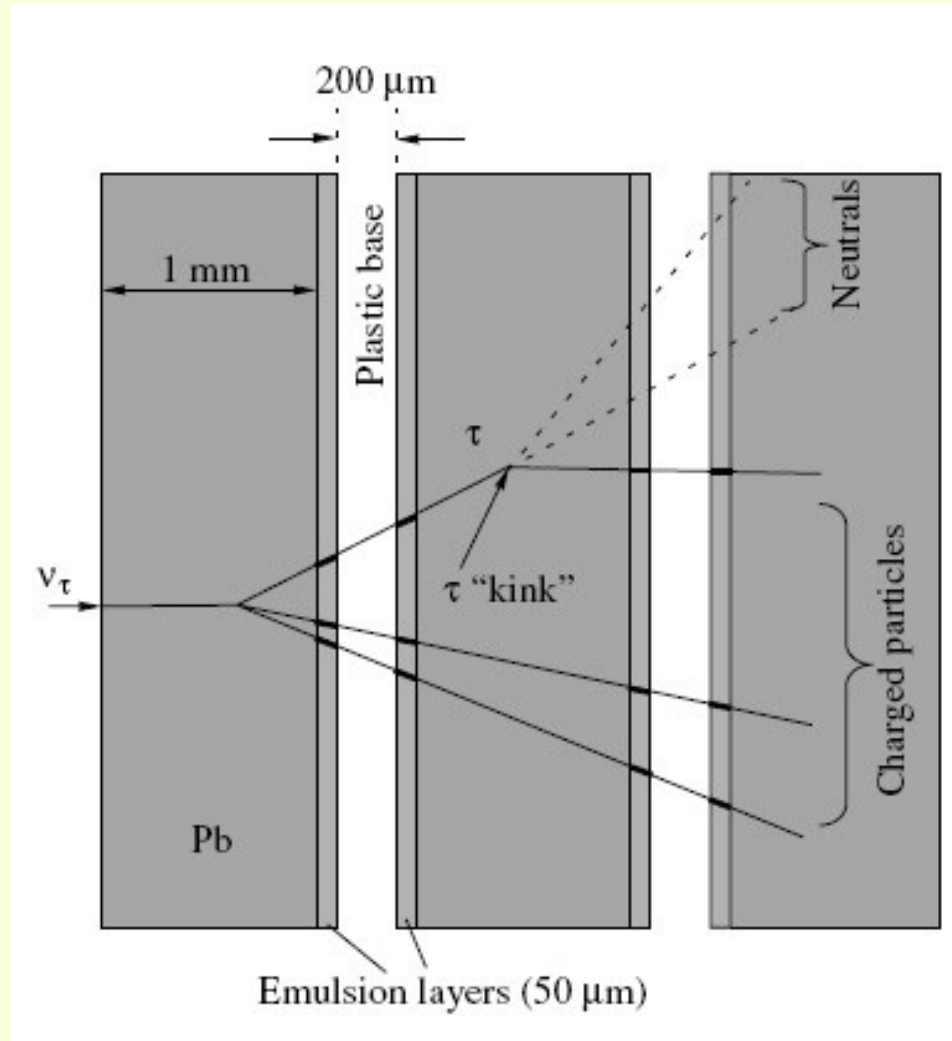


**in total:
about 200.000 bricks in
OPERA detector...**



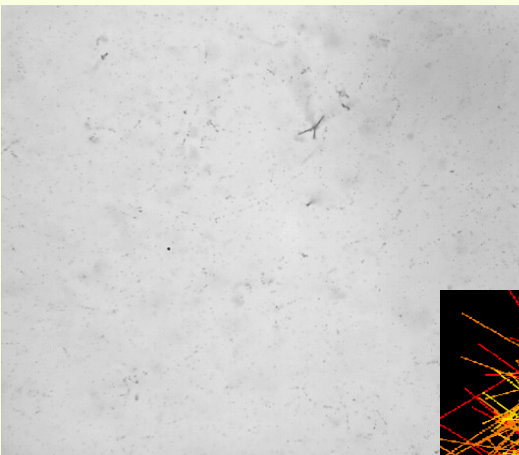


OPERA – ECC principle





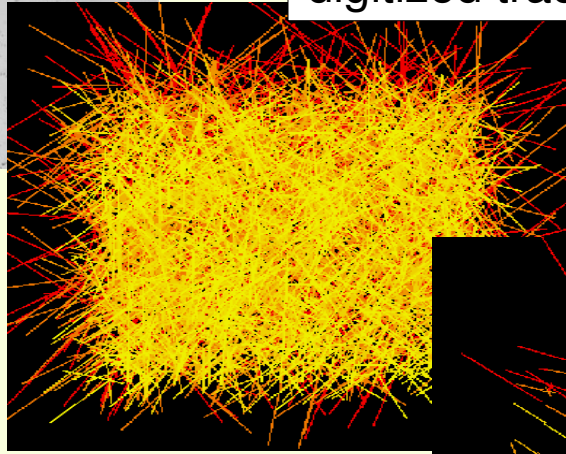
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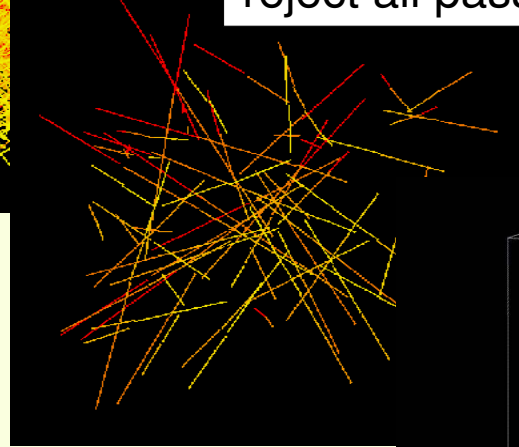
event taken from DONUT

after development: automatic scan with microscopes in 8 different focal depths per emulsion plane

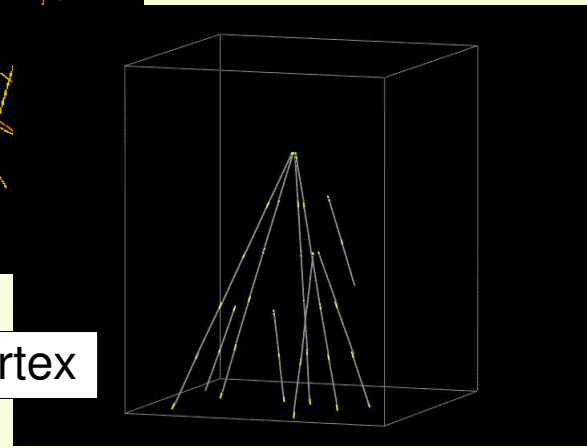
digitized tracks in all 8 scan layers



reject all passing through tracks



full analysis: 3D vertex





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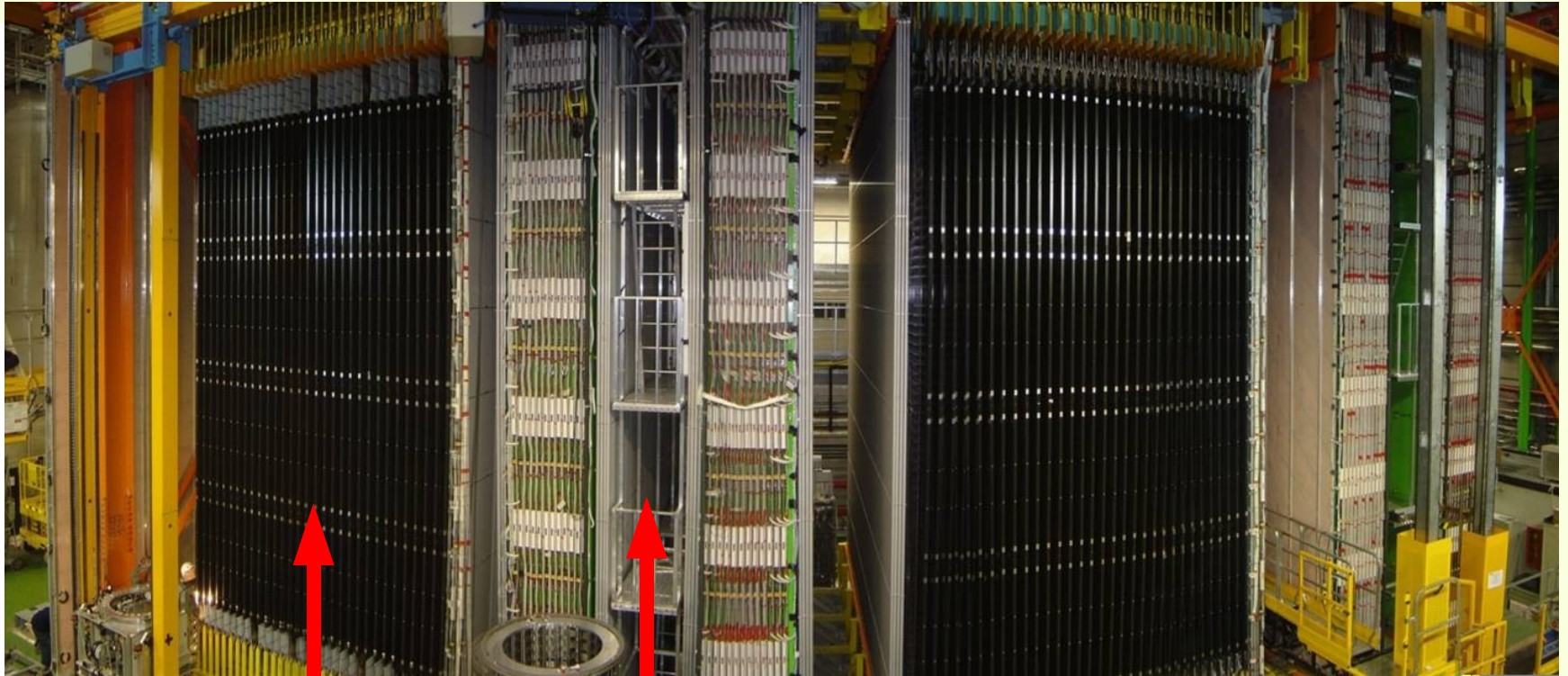
located in LNGS, Italy:
shielding of 1400 m rock
(3300m water equivalent)

weight: about 2000 tons
target, 5000 tons total
size: 20x9x9m

hybrid-detector:
- ECC for tau vertex
- 2 large spectrometers with
1.5T magnet field

**target section
with electronic
target tracker**

**spectrometer:
Magnet, HPT,
RPC, XPC**

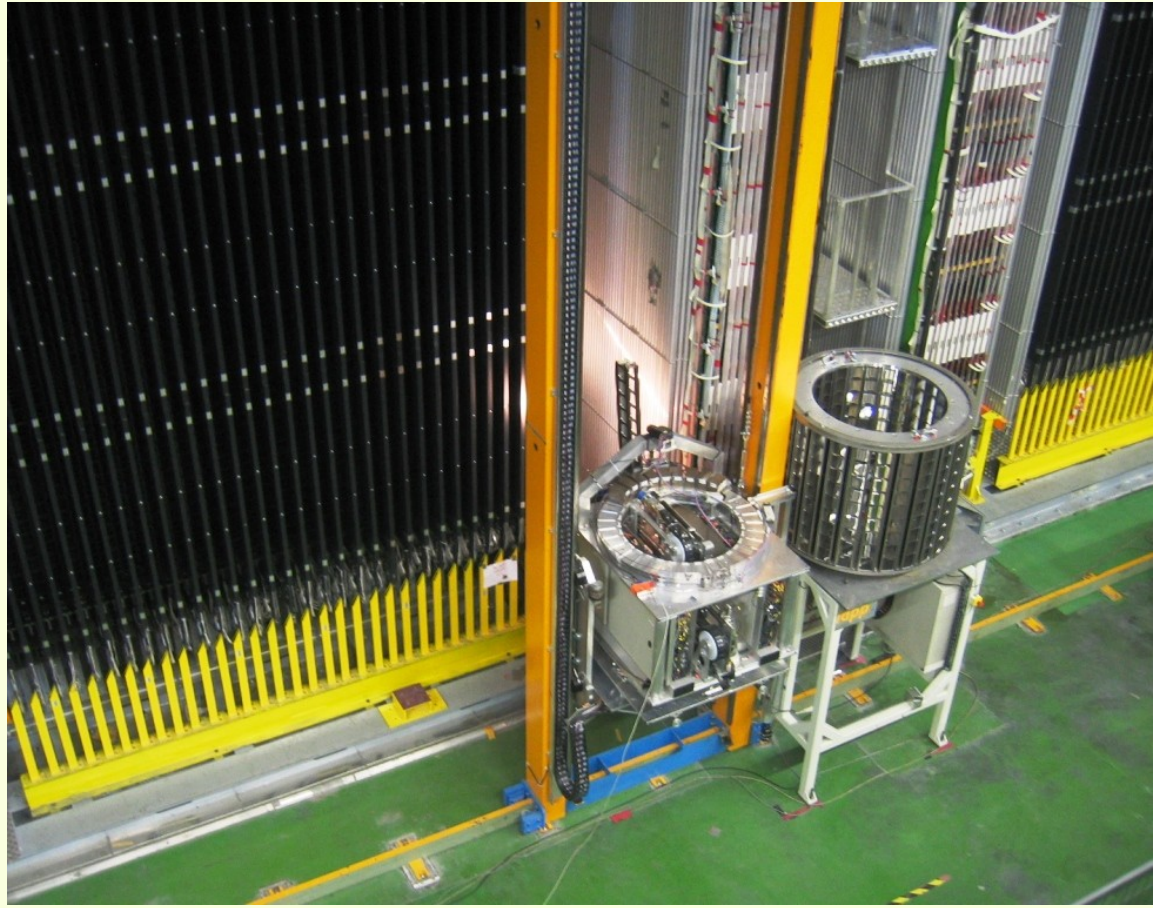
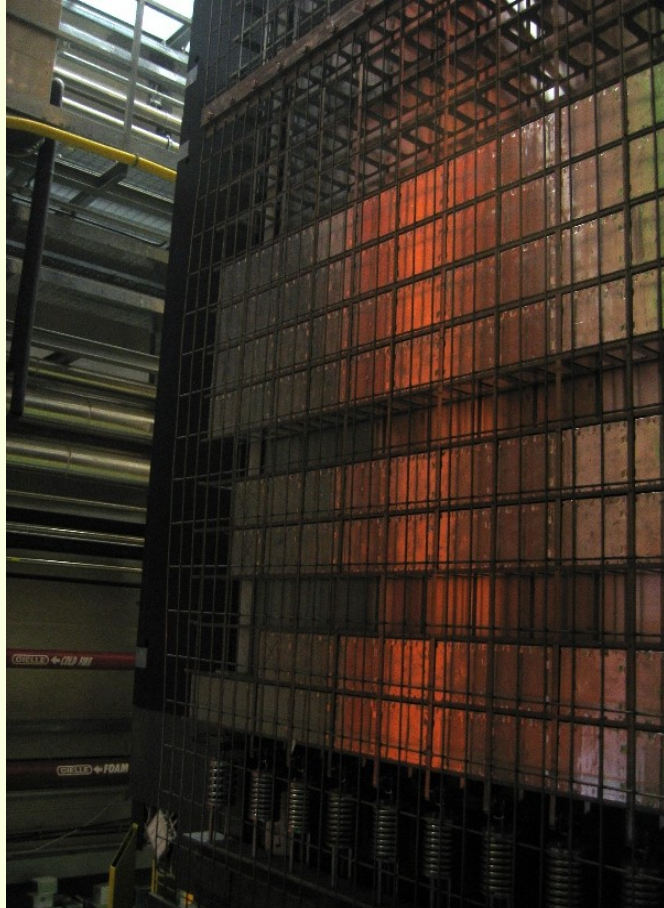


**target section
with electronic
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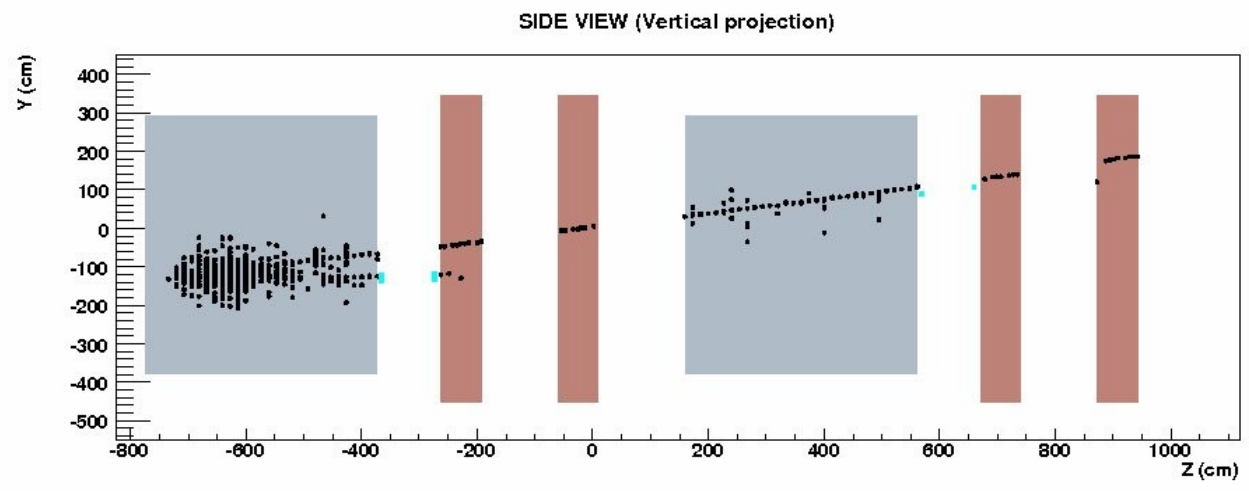
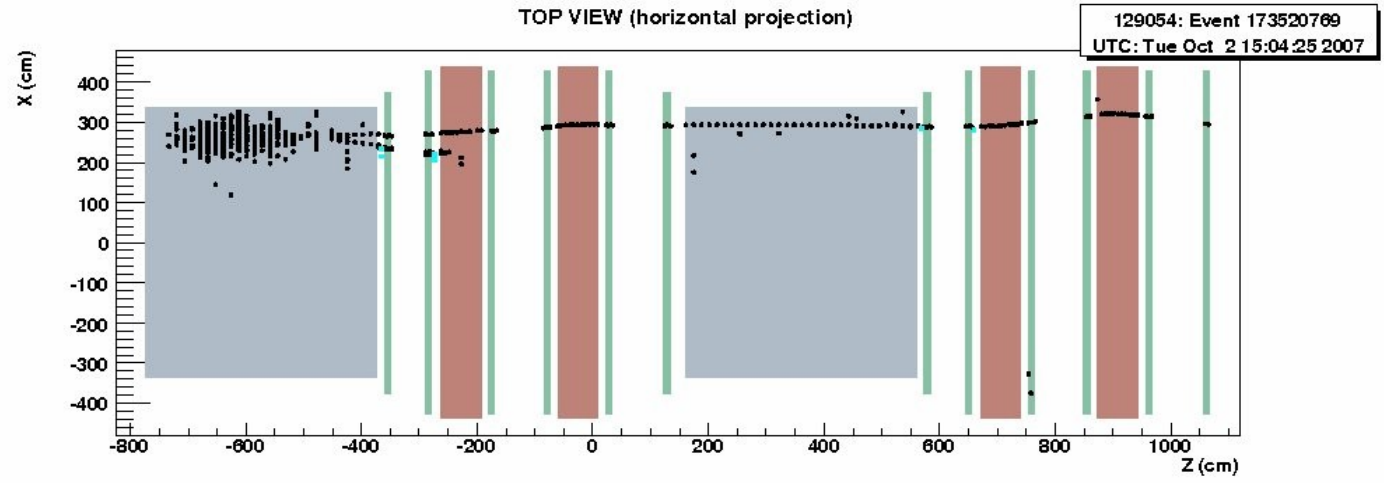


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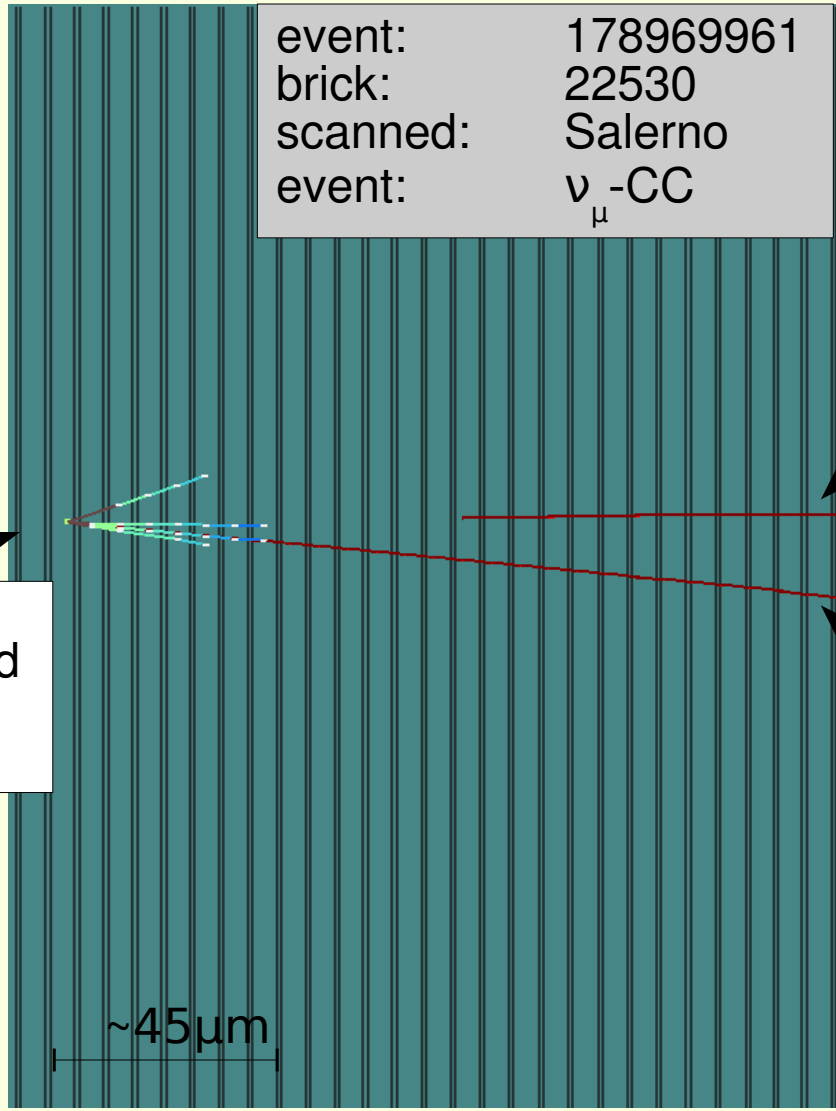
electronic detectors





emulsion

event:	178969961
brick:	22530
scanned:	Salerno
event:	ν_{μ} -CC



center of gravity extrapolation from shower (gamma conversion) starting plate 38

vertex found between lead plate 24 and 25

muon track

~45 μ m

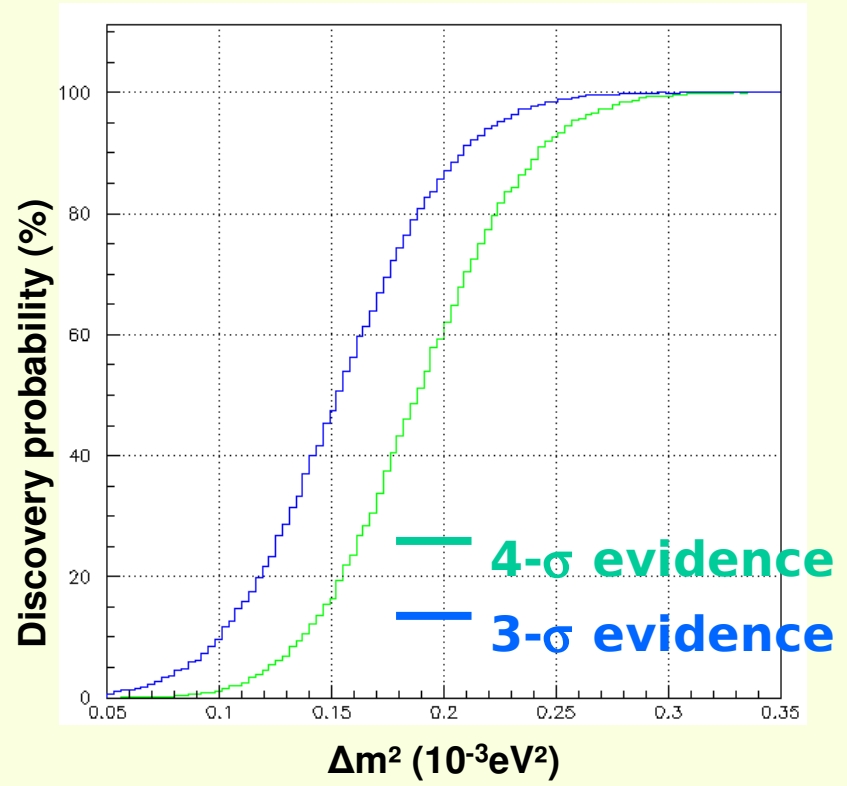


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after 5 years nominal running and 25% reduced target mass
we expect about 30000 ν_{μ} CC events

τ^- Decay	Signal $\div (\Delta m^2)^2$ - Full mixing		Background: Charm H. intera. Muon scat.
	$\Delta m^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$	$\Delta m^2 = 3.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$	
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^-$	2.9	4.2	0.17
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^-$	3.5	5.0	0.17
$\tau^- \rightarrow h^-$	3.1	4.4	0.24
$\tau^- \rightarrow 3h$	0.9	1.3	0.17
ALL	10.4	15.0	0.76





conclusion

- conventional neutrino beams are challenging but under control, only two running long baseline beams worldwide
- neutrino cross sections and p-hadron interactions still under investigation, several experiments worldwide
- **MINOS** first high precision results will set the borders for future searches
- **OPERA** will confirm or exclude 3-flavor oscillation model



- next generation of neutrino oscillation experiments need monochromatic beams: off axis experiments on their way
 - **T2K** (Japan)
 - **NoνA** (USA)

precision experiments to extend search for Θ_{13} and CP violation
- next to next generation experiments need much higher flux and purity:
 - **Neutrino Factories** (μ storage rings)
 - **Beta Beams** (β -decaying ion storage ring)

use matter effects (very long baseline: 8000km) for highest precision



END

Thanks for your attention!