

NEUTRINO PHYSICS AND ASTROPHYSICS

In the light of Carlo
Rubbia's work

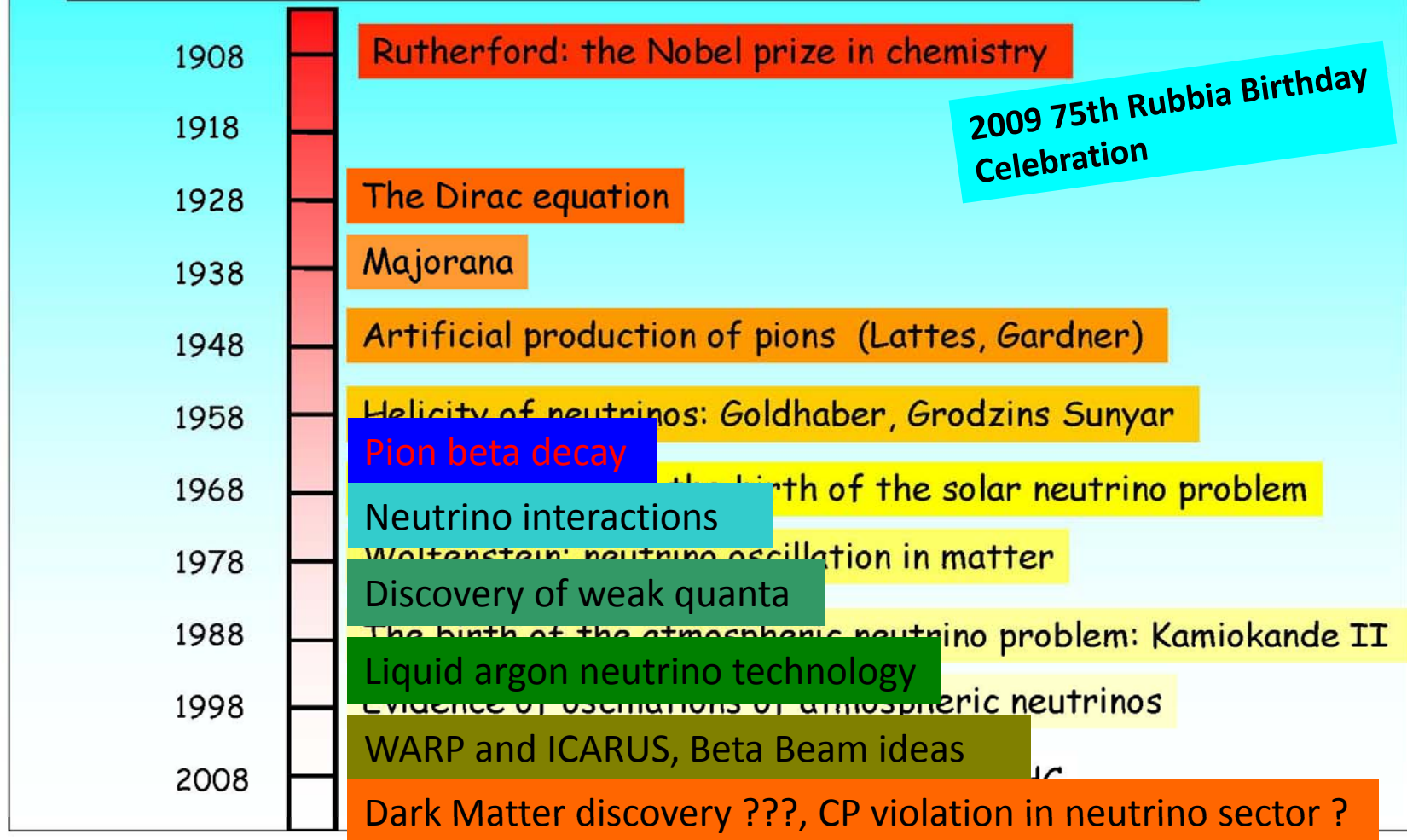
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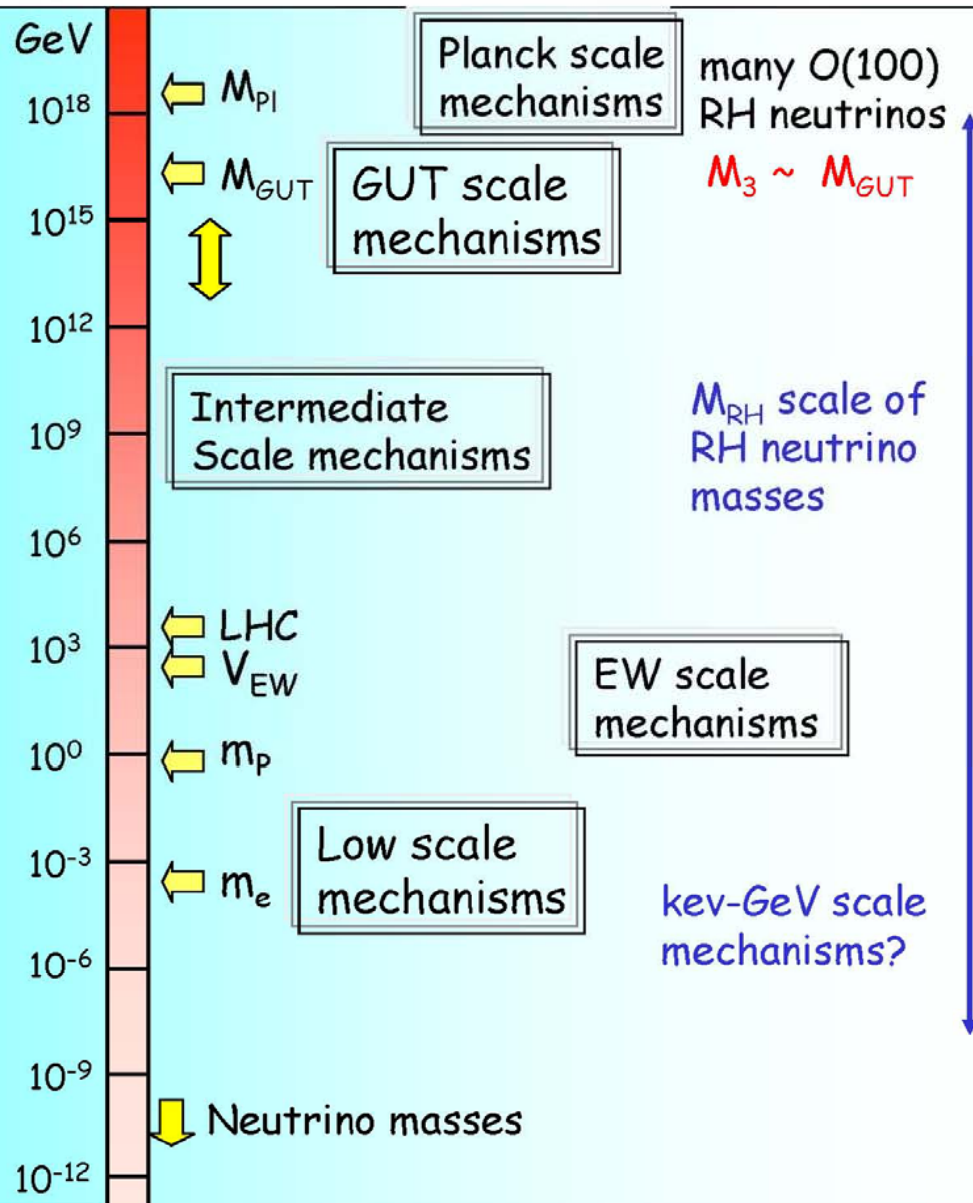
- Generalities
- Neutrinos and weak interactions
 - Pion beta decay
 - Neutrino scattering
 - Weak quanta
- Neutrino technologies and related issues (p decay, dark matter...)
 - Water Cherenkov volume detectors
 - Liquid argon imaging detectors
 - Beta beams

Where are we in time



Energy scales of new physics

Physics behind neutrino masses is not identified



Phenomenology

of the scenario

**Solar
neutrinos**

**Long baseline
experiments**

**Atmospheric
neutrinos**

**Supernova
neutrinos**

Cosmic neutrinos

Relic neutrinos

**Reactor
neutrinos**

WEAK INTERACTIONS

To large extend phenomenology of standard scenario has been elaborated; in some cases - in great details

Still some areas exist (cosmic, supernova neutrinos) where active research continues now

Few spots are not covered yet

Cosmic neutrinos

New level of studies

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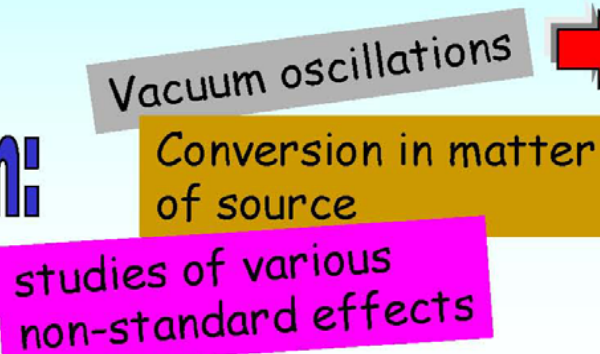
Related to developments of γ -astronomy



$E \sim 1 \text{ GeV} - 10^4 \text{ TeV}$

Detailed computations of the neutrino yield (output) at different conditions

Propagation:



for maximal 2-3 mixing and 2 : 1 : 0 original ratio flavor equilibration:
1 : 1 : 1

deviations from 1 : 1 : 1

- ν production mechanism
- $\theta_{23} = \pi/4$

Toward the neutrino technologies

WATER CERENKOV

LIQUID ARGON, BETA BEAM

} Also dark matter, proton decay, CP leptonic

Monitoring of nuclear reactors

Tomography of the Earth

- absorption
- oscillation

Geo-neutrinos

Mossbauer effect for neutrinos

Neutrino as a probe...

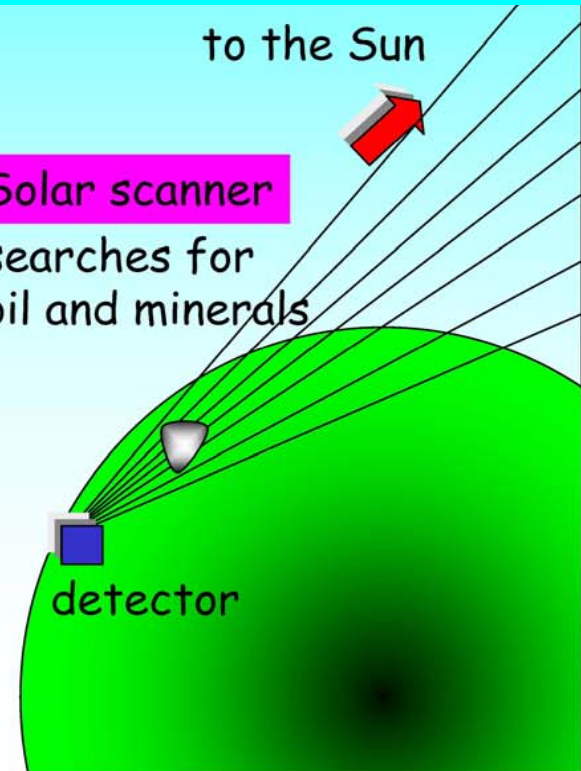
Neutrino communication systems
Galactic communication

Solar scanner
searches for
oil and minerals

to the Sun

detector

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WEAK INTERACTIONS

- Beta decay
- Neutrino interactions
- Weak Quanta

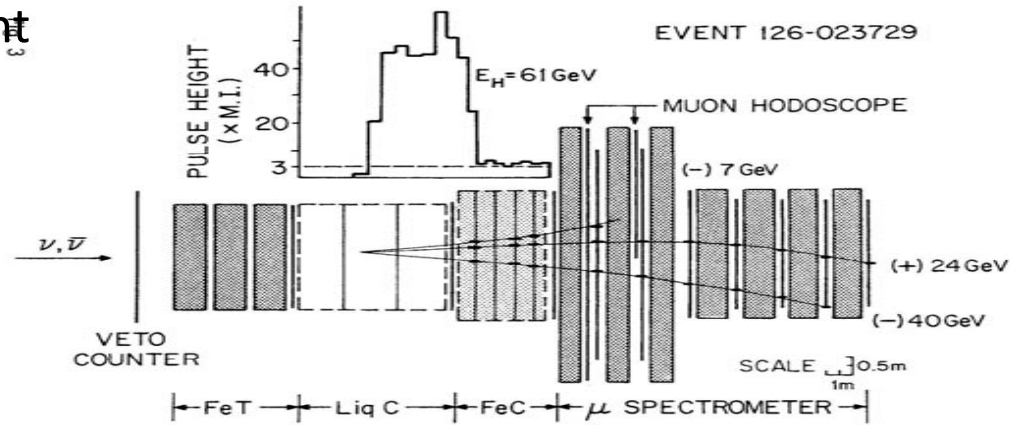
Carlo and beta decay

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Carlo and neutrino scattering

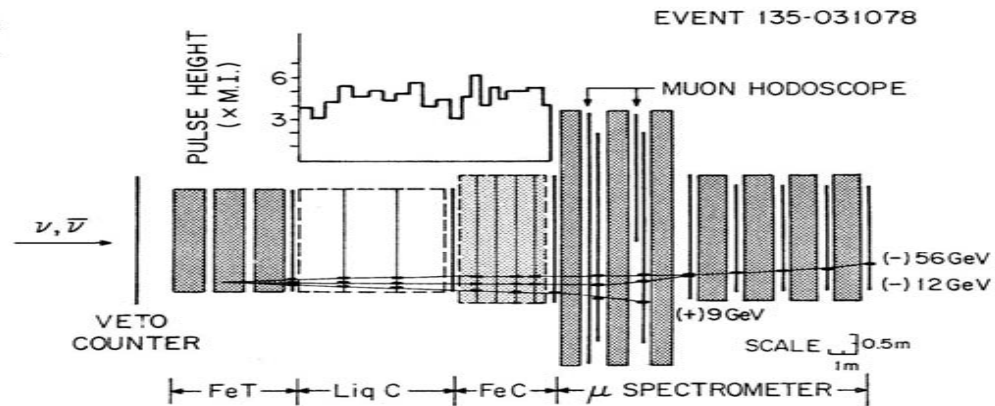
HPWf neutrino
scattering experiment

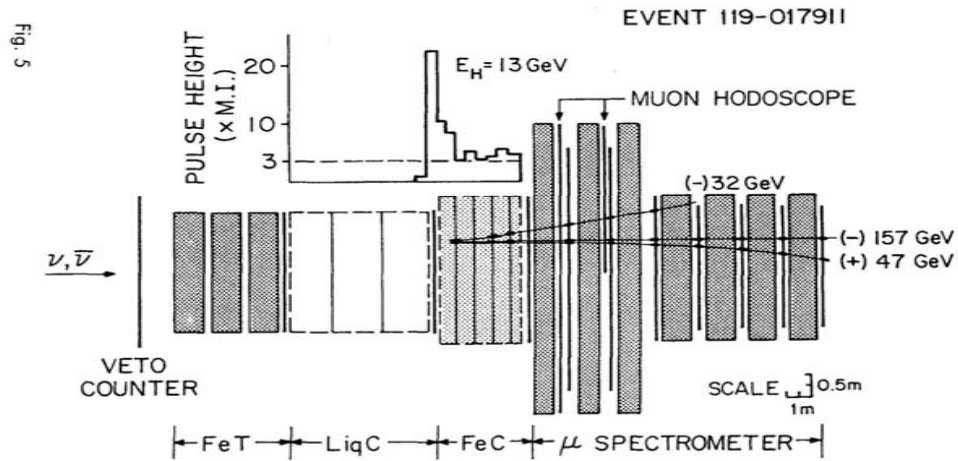
1970-1980



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Fig. 4





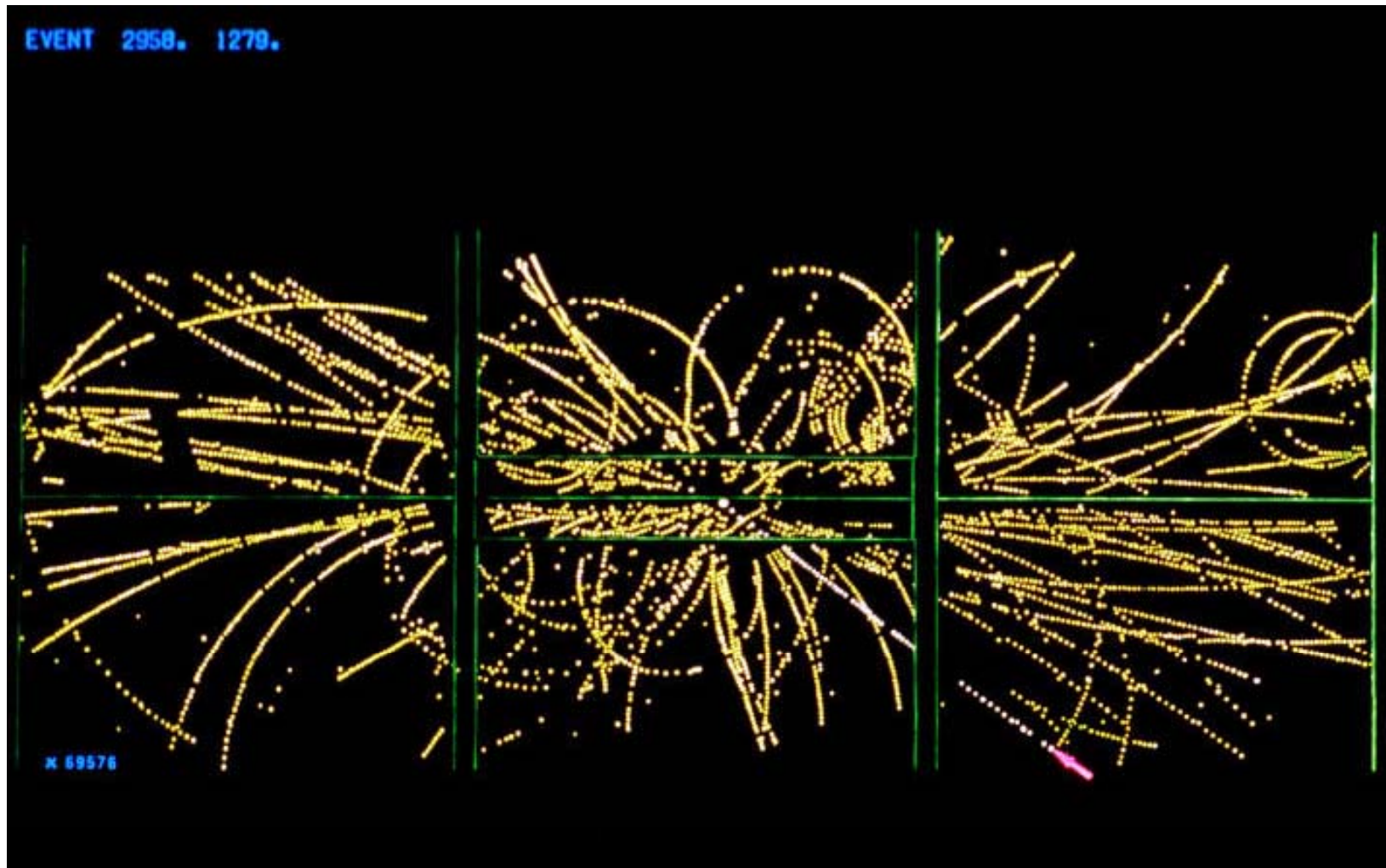
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One of the first observation of Neutral Currents
 Di, Tri muon events: first evidence of Charm

TABLE 3

| Event | $\sigma / 10^{-4}$ |
|-------|--------------------|
| 58 | < 0.03 |
| 119 | 0.003 |
| 126 | 0.1 |
| 135 | 0.02 |
| 138 | 0.09 |
| 146 | 0.005 |

FIRST W's: MISSING ENERGY

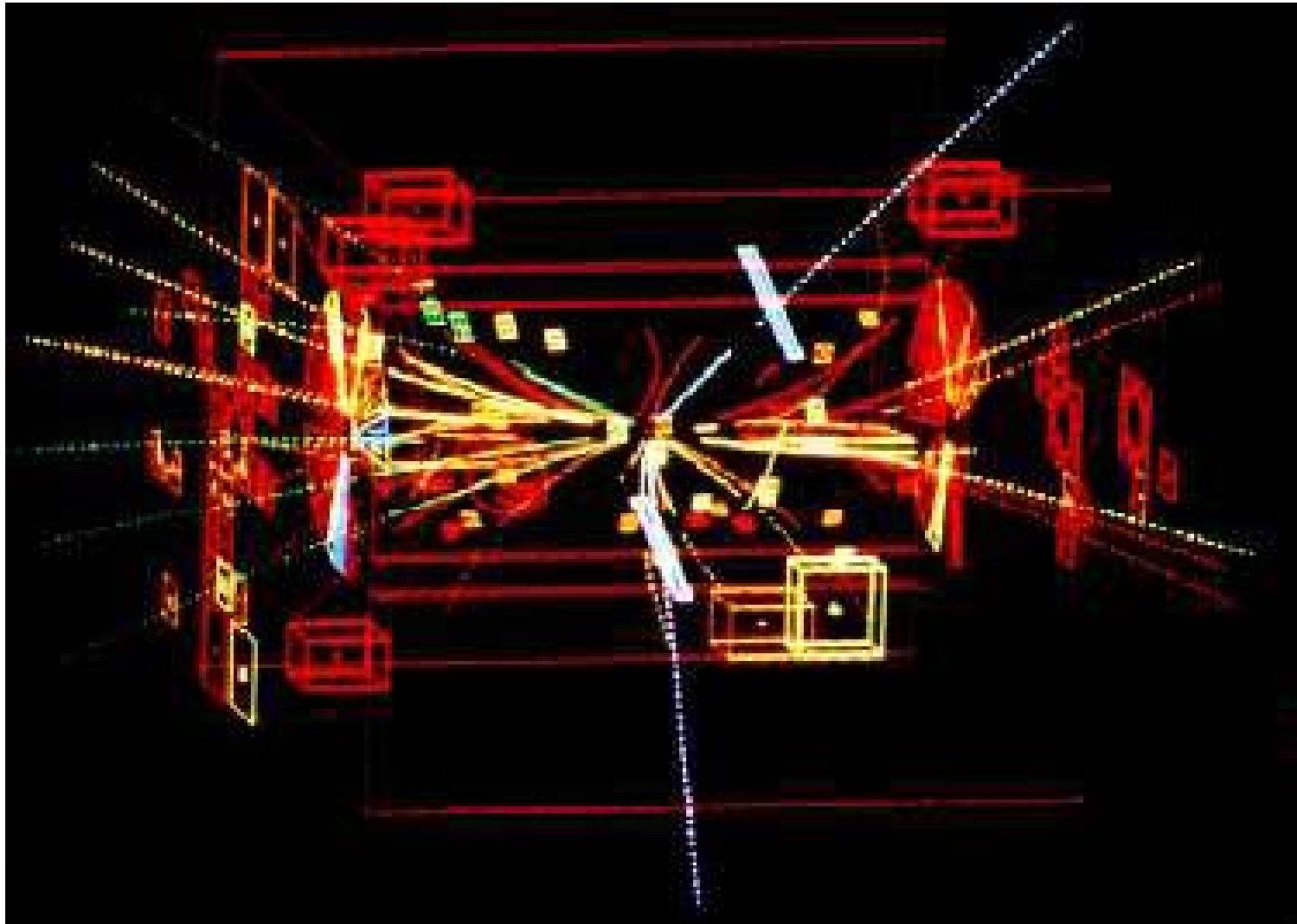


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FIRST Z



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Carlo and neutrino technologies

- Volume water Cherenkov and future perspective
- Liquid Argon and future perspective
- Beta beams and CP violation in the neutrino sector

First Water Cherenkov Volume Detector

1) Status Of The Hpw Nucleon Decay Detector.

[J.A. Gaidos *et al.*](#) 1982.

In *Argonne 1982, Proceedings, Proton Decay Experiments*, 131-149.

2) The Harvard-Purdue-Wisconsin Proton Decay Detector. (Talk).

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[J. Blandino *et al.*](#) 1979.

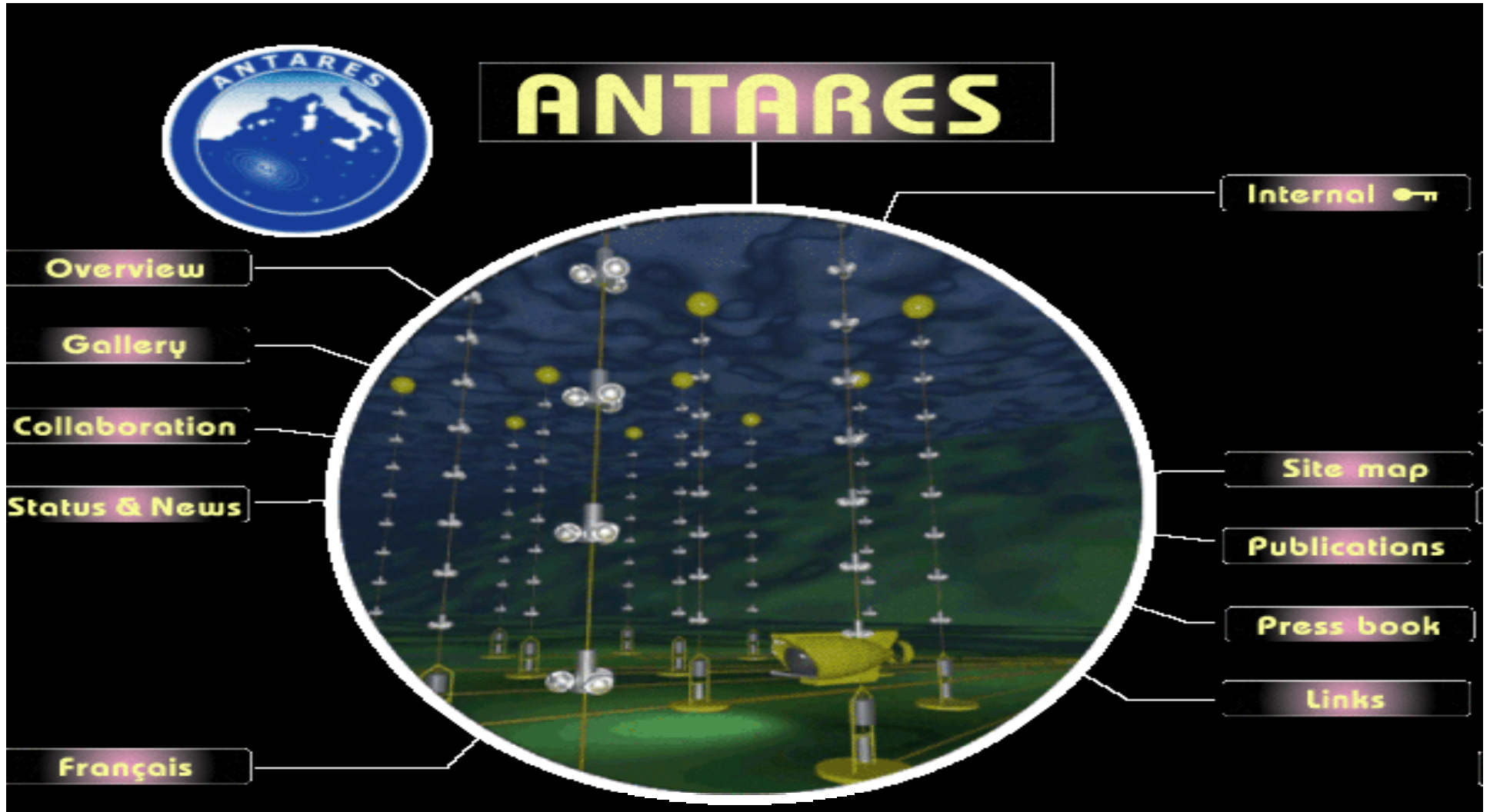
In *Kyoto 1979, Proceedings, 16th International Cosmic Ray Conference, Vol. 10*, 305.

4) A Search For Nucleon Decay To A Lifetime Of 10^{35} -Years. (Talk).

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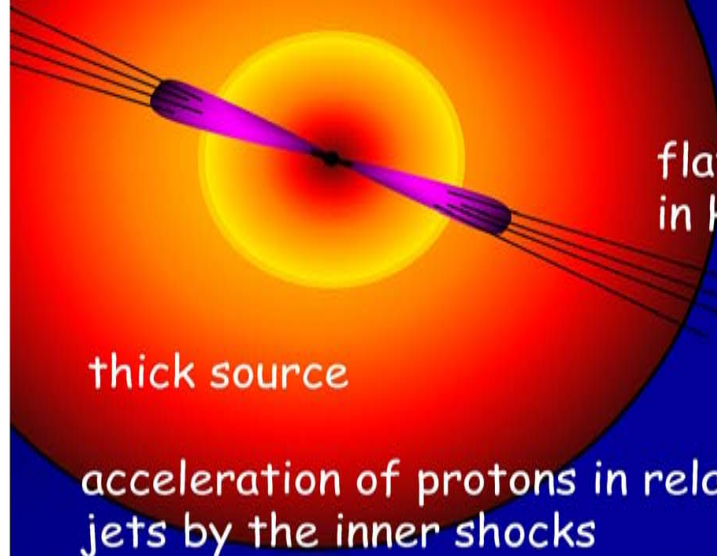
Towards KM3Net Neutrino Astronomy



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Neutrinos from astrophysical sources



flavor conversion
in He-, H- envelopes

ν

thick source

acceleration of protons in relativistic
jets by the inner shocks

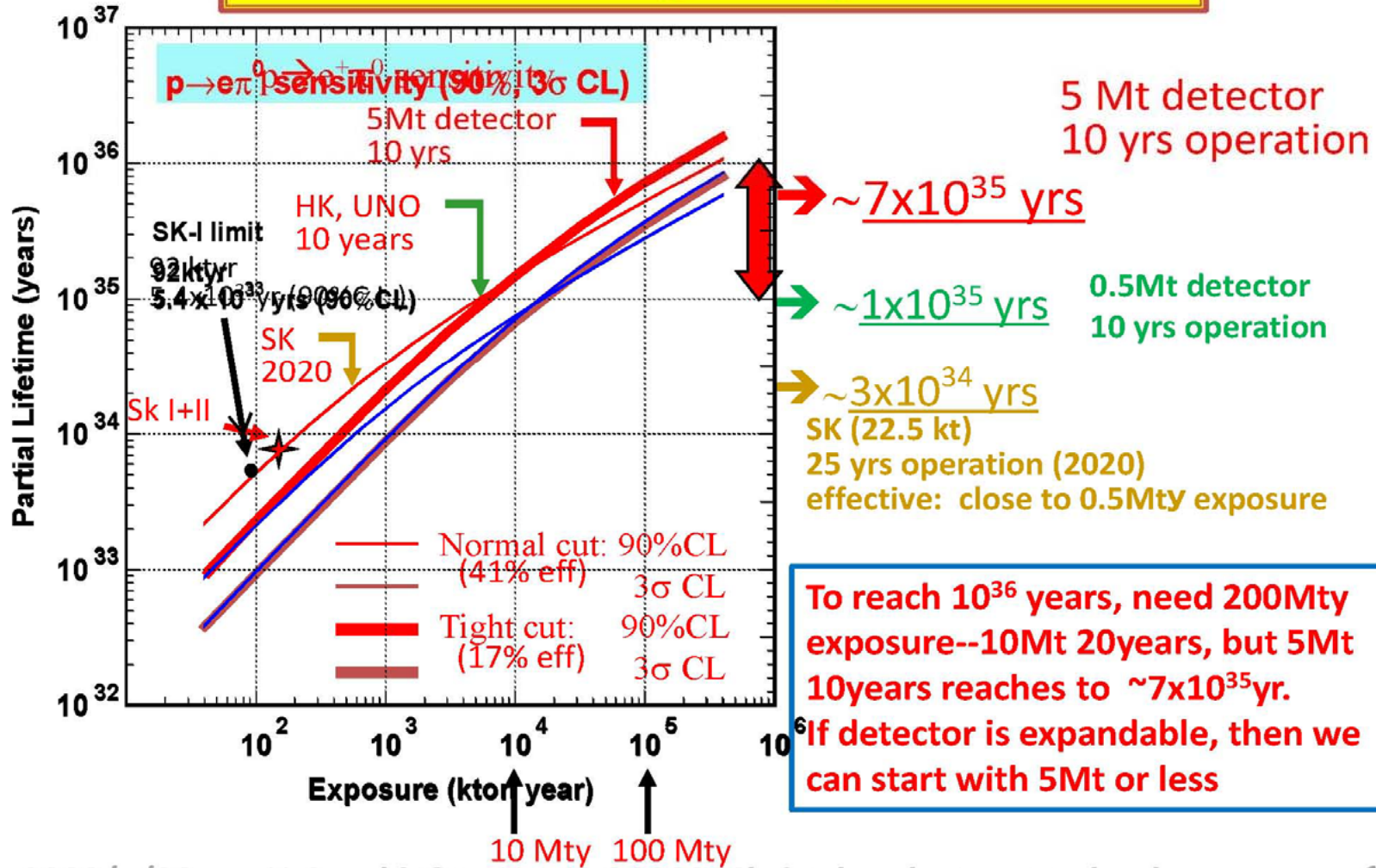
pp -, p ν - collisions \rightarrow neutrinos

flavor conversion in outer layers
 \rightarrow breaking of 1:1:1 flavor equilibration

Measurements of deviation
of 2-3 mixing from maximal

Sensitivity to 1-3 mixing,
type of mass hierarchy,
CP - phase

Sensitivity for $p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$

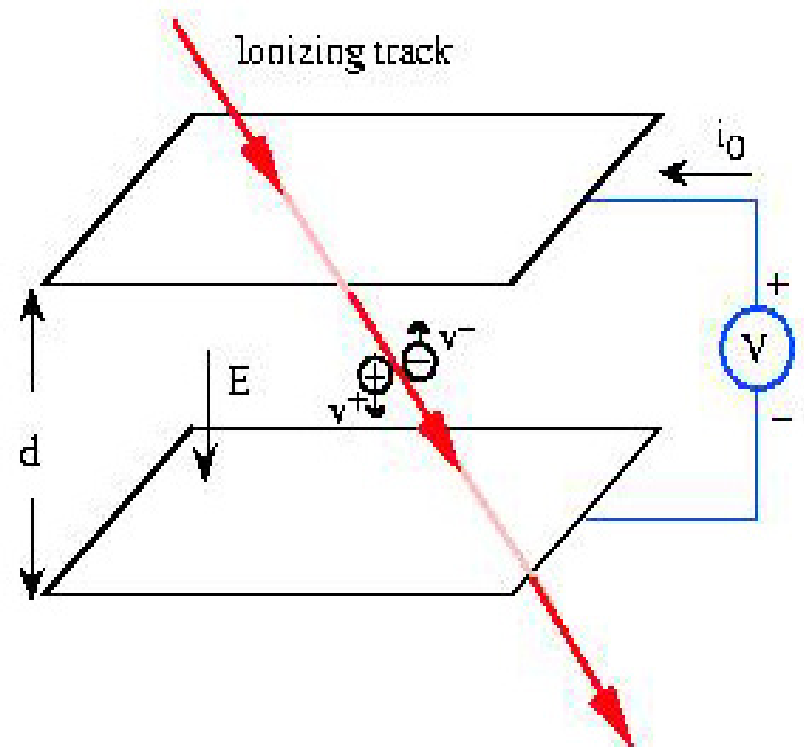


Extrapolation needs water Cherenkov volume detector !!

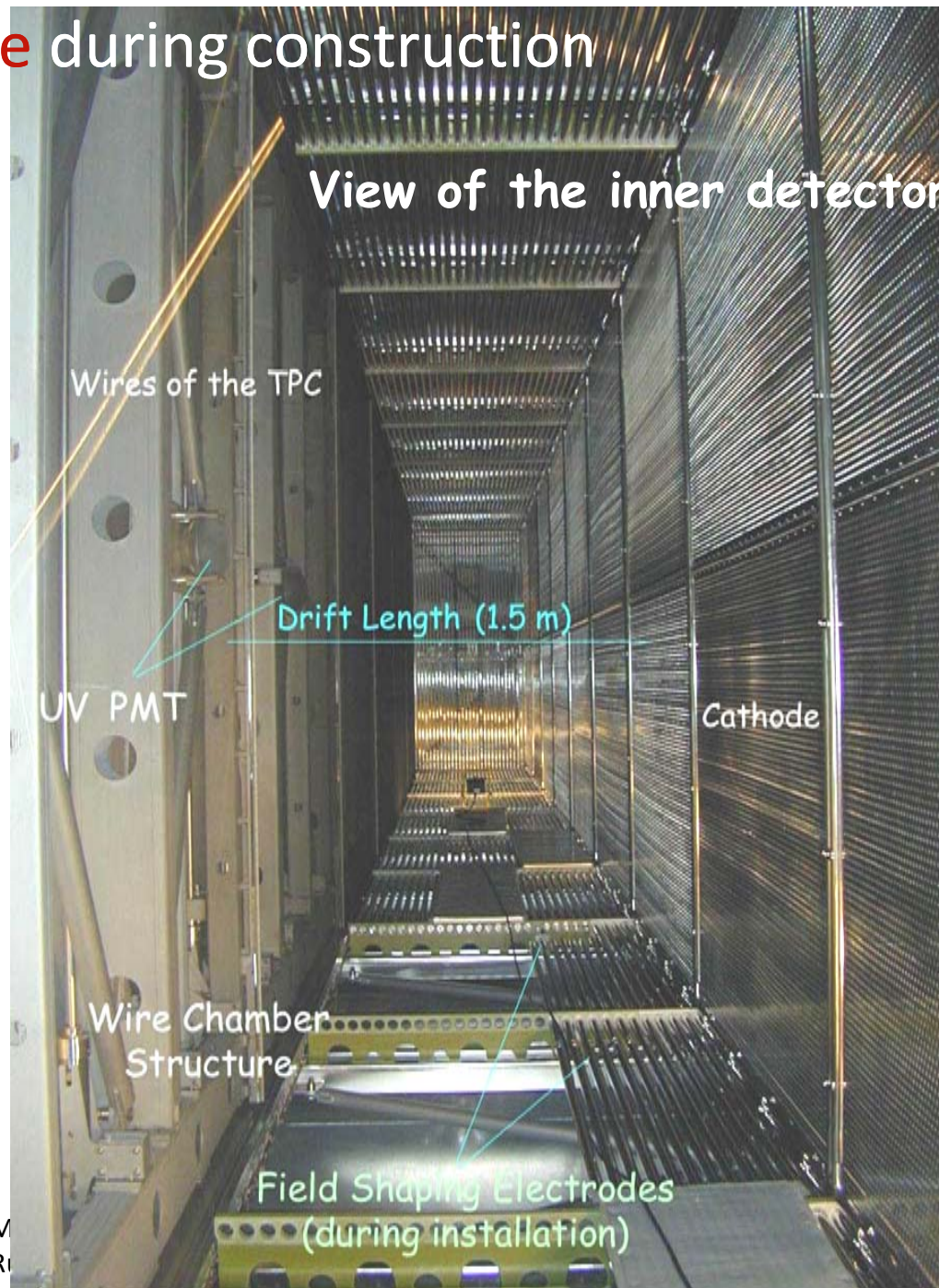
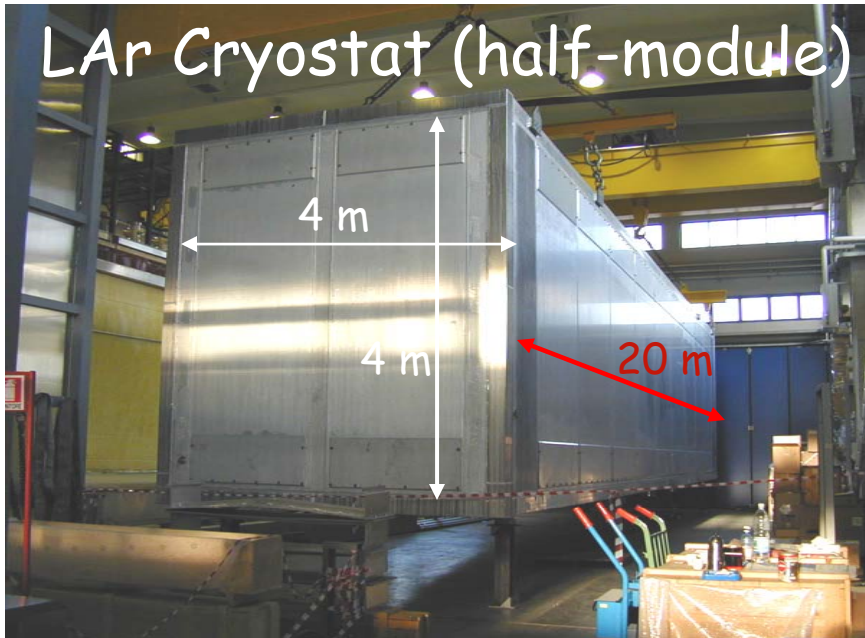
The new Carlo's technique for neutrino observatory

Operating principles of the ICARUS LAr TPC:

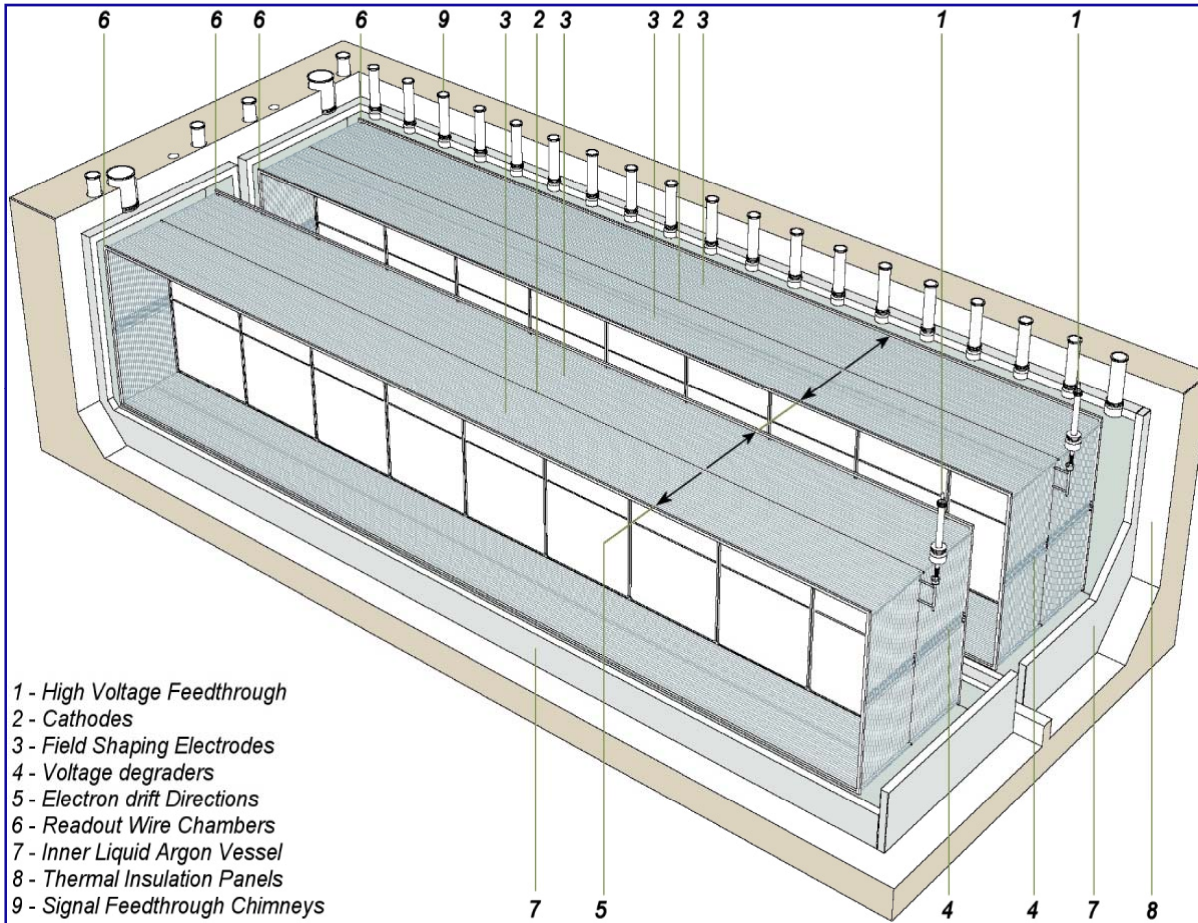
- **ionizing events** taking place in a volume of LAr (where a **uniform electric field** is applied) produce **electron-ion pairs**
- These charges **drift** along the field lines. The motion of the much **faster electrons** induces a **current on the anode**. The electrons can drift several metres if the LAr is high purified (electronegative impurities < 0.1 ppb O_2 equiv.)



The T600 Module during construction



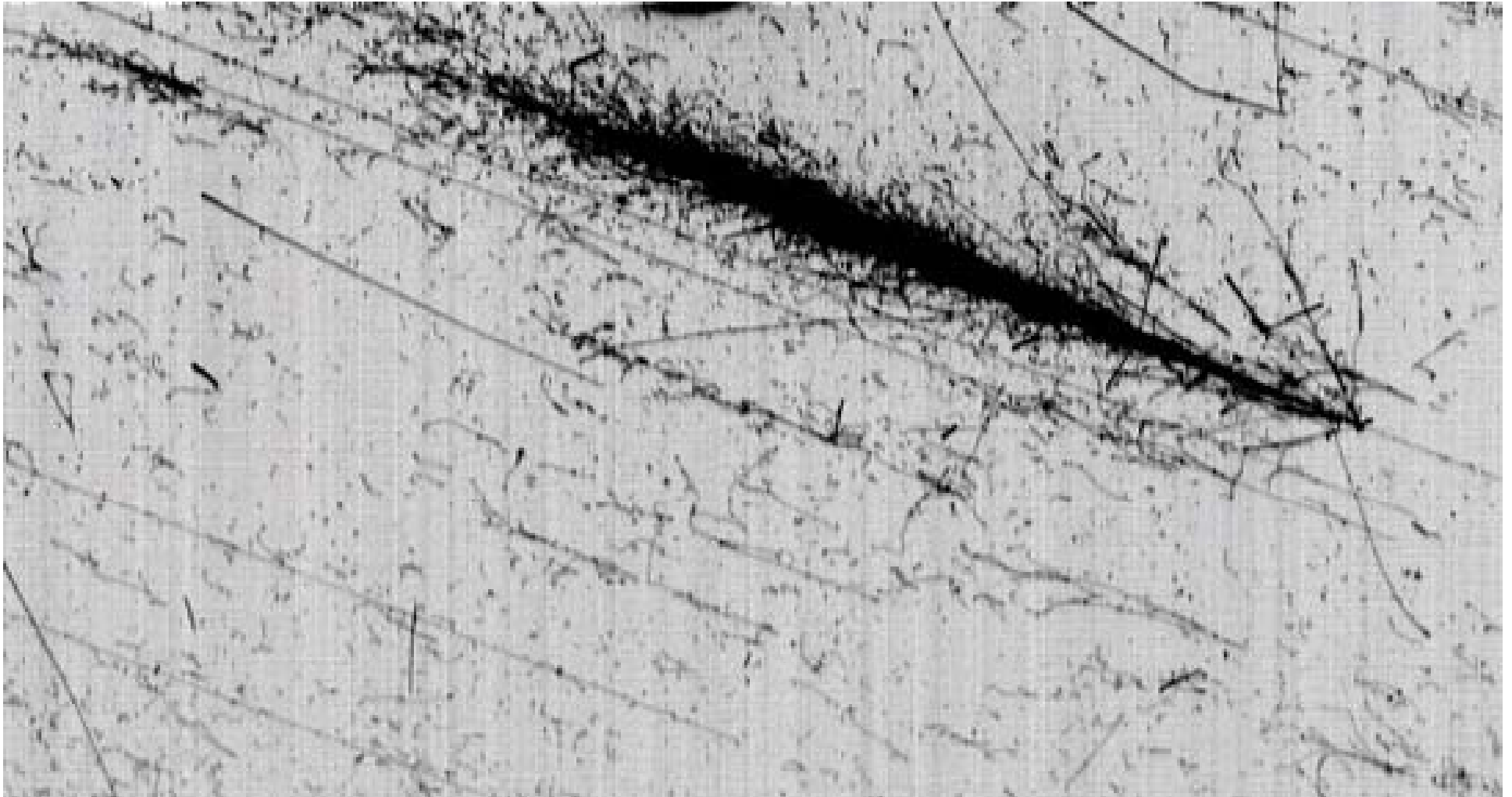
The T600 Module



- Two separate containers
 - inner volume/cont. = **3.6 x 3.9 x 19.6 m³**
- Sensitive mass = **476 t**
- 4 wire chambers with 3 readout planes at 0°, ±60° (two chambers / container)
 - ≈ 54000 wires (chann.)
- Maximum drift = 1.5 m
 - HV = -75 kV @ 0.5 kV/cm
- Scintillation light readout with 8" VUV sensitive PMTs

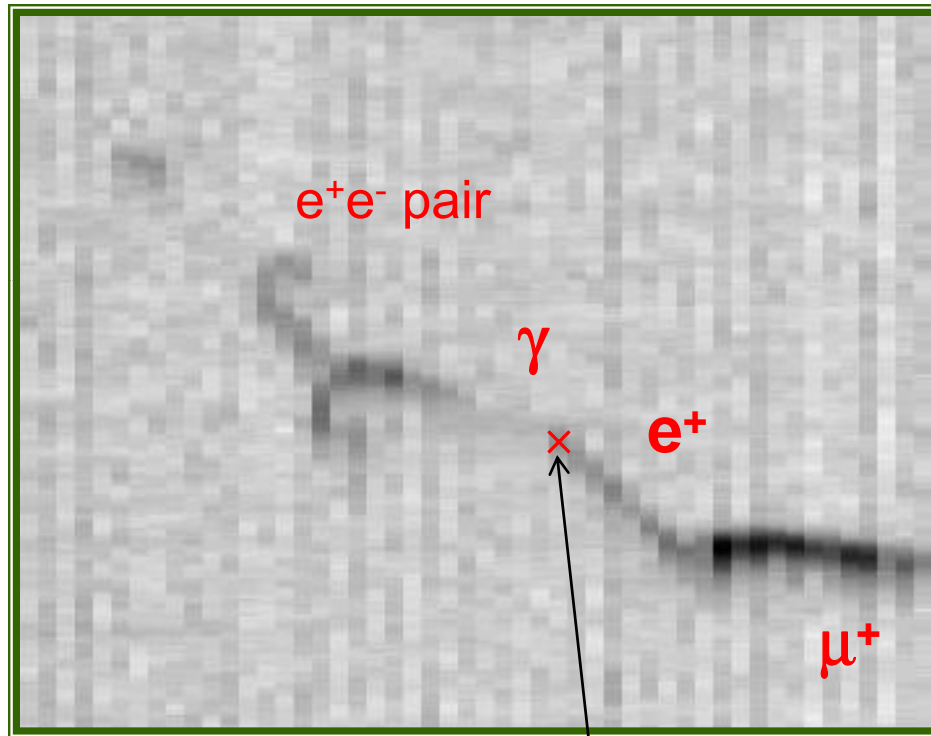
e.m + hadron shower

2.2 m



In-flight annihilation of positron

≈20% of positrons from μ decays expected to annihilate before stopping



Collection view

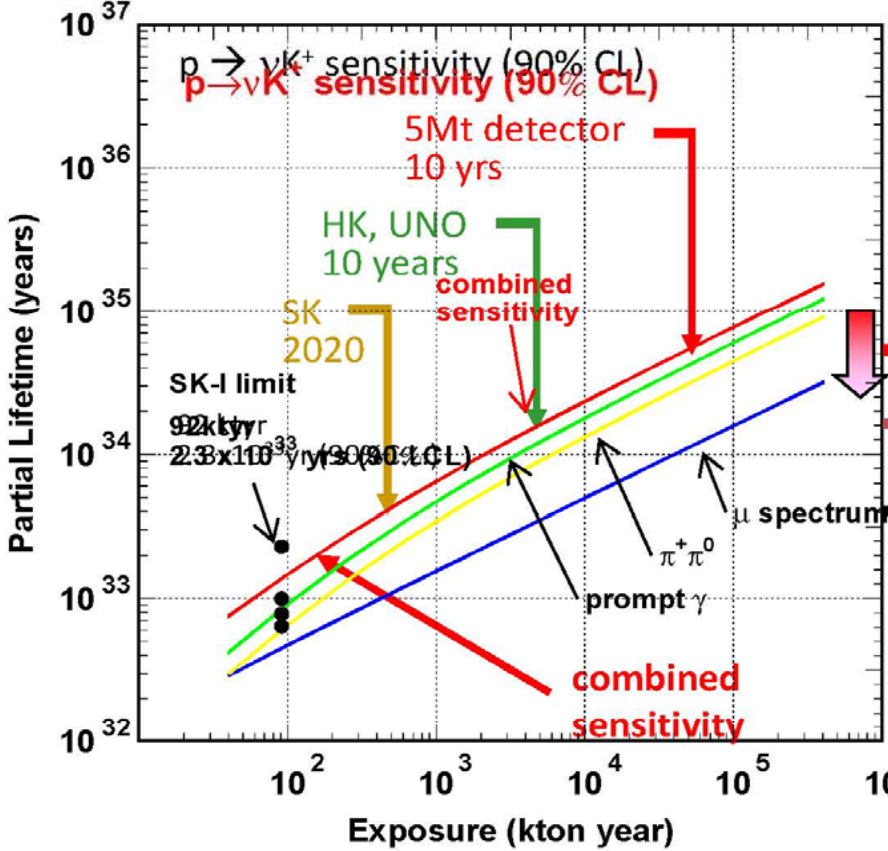


Induction 2 view

annihilation point

Sensitivity for $p \rightarrow \nu K^+$

Once you find the proton decay by $e\pi^0$ mode, then νK will constrain models.



5 Mt detector
10 yrs operation
 $\rightarrow \sim 7 \times 10^{34}$ yrs

0.5 Mt
10 yrs operation
 $\rightarrow \sim 2 \times 10^{34}$ yrs

SK (22.5 kt)
25 yrs operation (2020)
 $\rightarrow \sim 4 \times 10^{33}$ yrs

If the detector is expandable, you can continue to study the sensitive regions.

Could liquid argon do better ?

Supernova Rate WATER C

- **Galactic SN rate**
 - Every 30 ~50 years in our Galaxy
 - ← SN rate external Gal., Galactic ^{26}Al abundance, Historical Gal. SN,

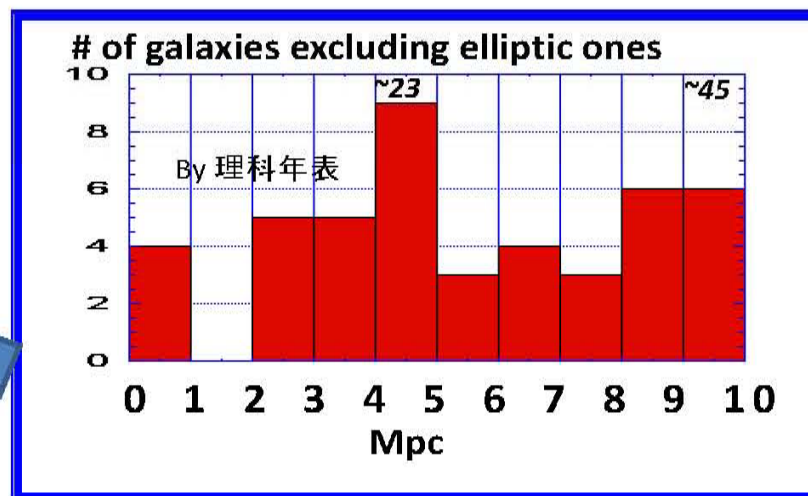
- **Number of Galaxies**

- 23 within 5 Mpc
- 45 within 10 Mpc

→ 1 SN every 1~2 years (5~10Mpc)

- **There are Galaxies beyond 2 Mpc where SNe have frequently happened**

→ 1 SN every year (within 5 Mpc) is not bad estimate

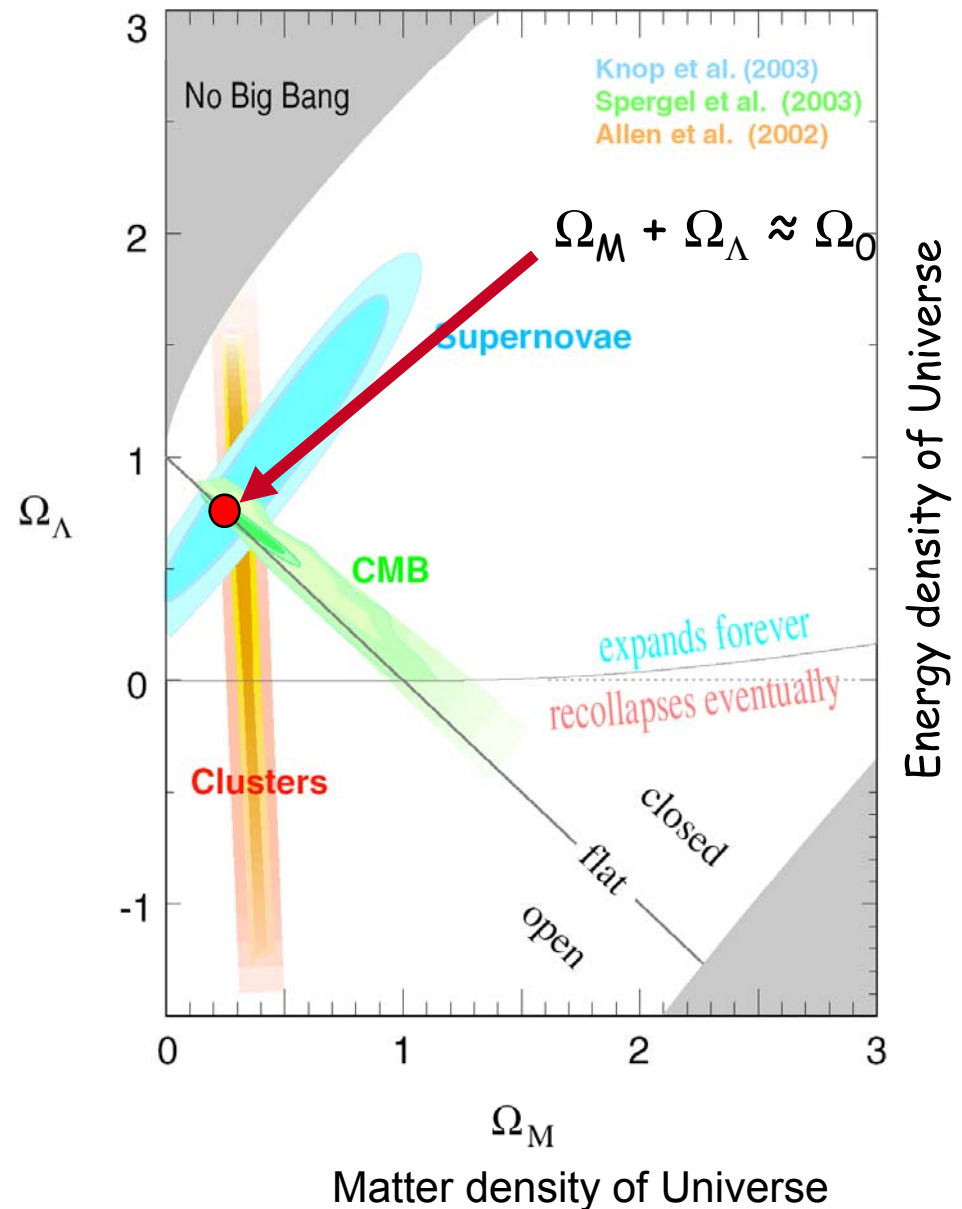


- **NGC6946 (5.9 Mpc) 10 in 90yr**
1917A, 1939C, 1948B, 1968D, 1969P, 1980K, 2002hh, 2004et
- **M83 (4.3Mpc) 6 in 60yr**
1923A, 1945B, 1950B, 1957D, 1968L, 1983N
- **NGC2403 (3.3Mpc) 3 in 50yr**
1954J, 2002kg, 2004dj

DIFFUSE SUPERNOVAE SIGNAL: Liquid Argon ?

Cosmology: a few established facts

- BBN is firmly set to $\Omega_{\text{BBN}} = 0.044 \pm 0.004$
- Need for Dark, non baryonic matter, since $\Omega_{\text{M}} - \Omega_{\text{BNN}} \approx 0.226 \pm 0.06 !$
- What is the origin of such a difference ?
- Neutrino's contribution insufficient ($0.0005 < \Omega h^2 < 0.0076$)
- Cold dark matter hypothesis preferred by cosmological considerations
- But Cold + Warm dark matters not excluded



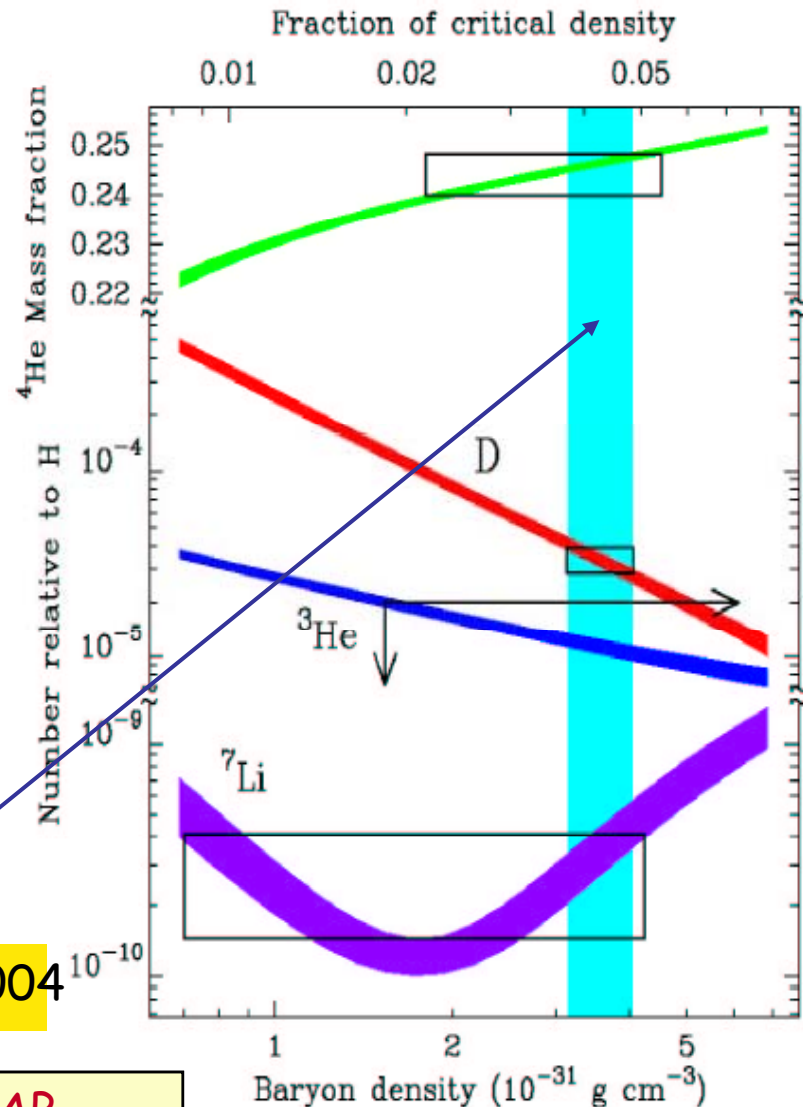
Ordinary matter from BB Nucleosynthesis (baryons)

- Big-Bang Nucleosynthesis depends sensitively on the baryon/photon ratio, and we know how many photons there are, so we can constrain the baryon density.

- **Result:**
 $\Omega_{baryon} \approx 0.05$

- [Burles, $\Omega_{BBN} = 0.044 \pm 0.004$
 Turner]

It confirms WMAP
 result



The WARP detector at GranSasso Laboratory

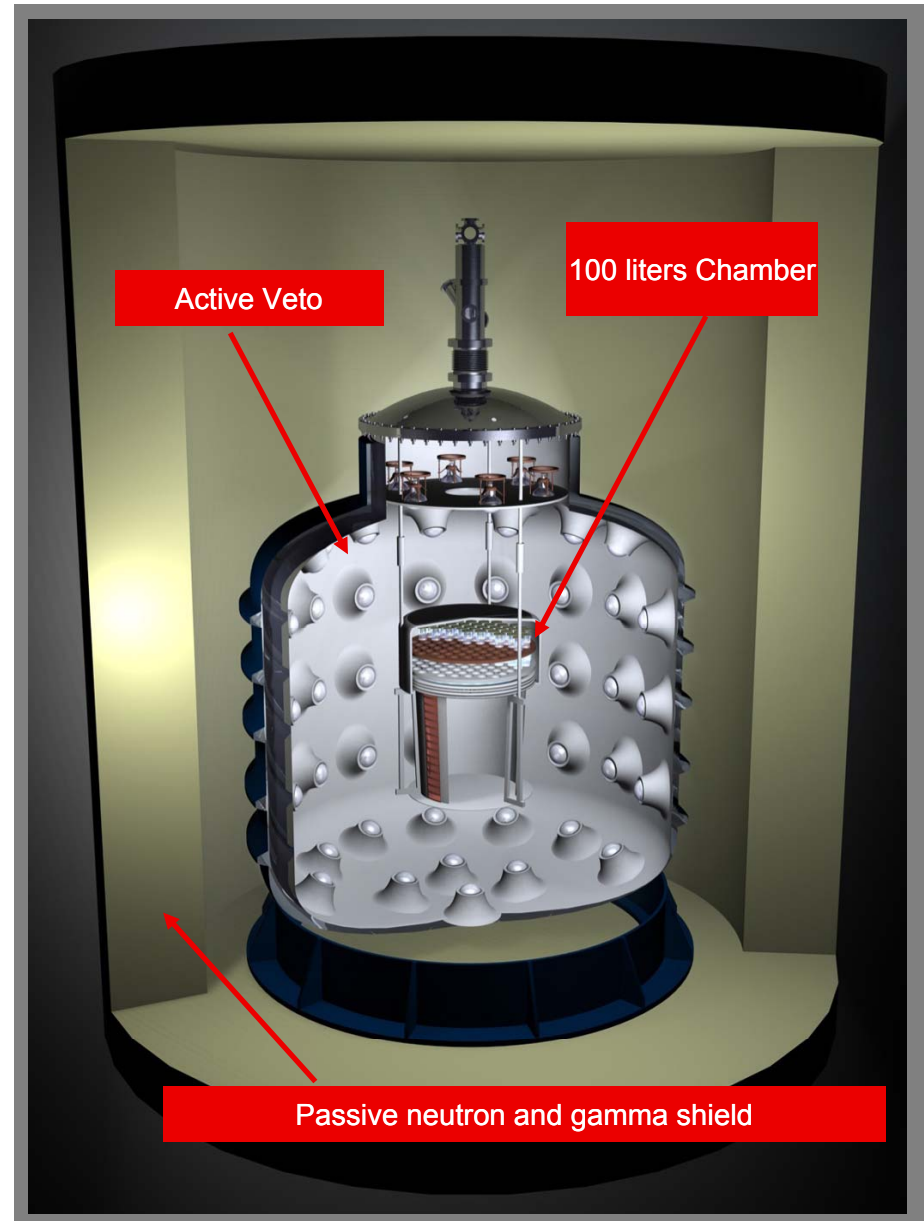
- 140 kg active target, will possibly allow to reach sensitivity up to 10^{-45} cm^2 WIMP nucleon cross section (covering the most critical part of SUSY parameter space)

- Complete neutron shield
- **4 π active neutron veto (8 tons Liquid Argon, 300 PMTs)**
- 3D event localization and definition of fiducial volume for surface background rejection

Cryostat designed to allocate a possible 1400 kg detector

S-WARP of > 10 tons under consideration for the LNGS with Ar-39 depleted cryogenic liquid

Venice, April 16, 2008



NON BARYONIC DARK MATTER (personal)

- A major issue which is ripe for discoveries in the next ten years
- LHC, direct and indirect detections now mature and up to the likely needed sensitivity
- CERN should be involved in all three

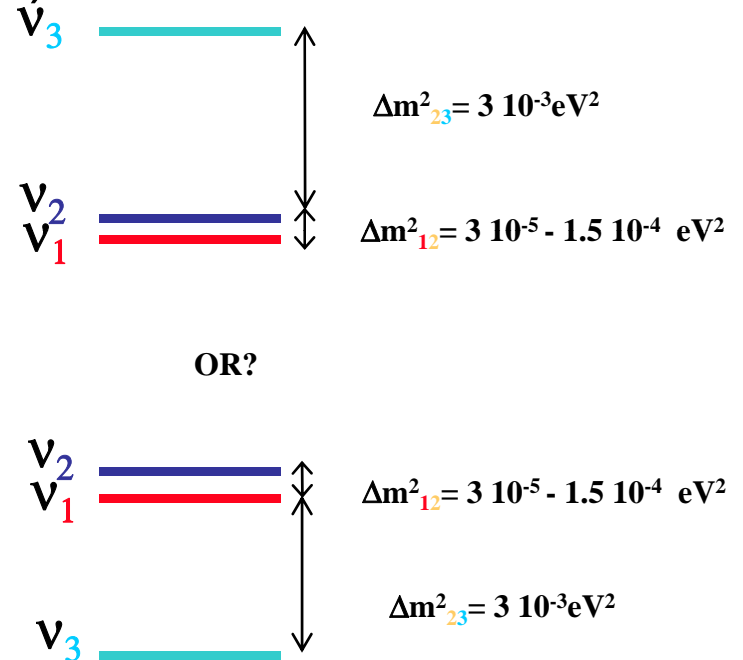
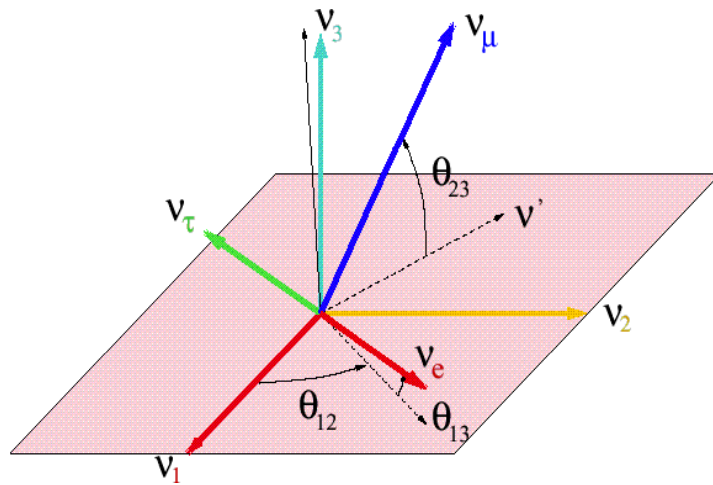
NEUTRINO PROPERTIES

- Dirac or Majorana
- Neutrino masses
- Neutrino oscillations

Neutrino oscillations

CKM in quark sector -> MNS in neutrino sector

- Three neutrino mass states (1,2,3) and three neutrino flavors (e,μ,τ)

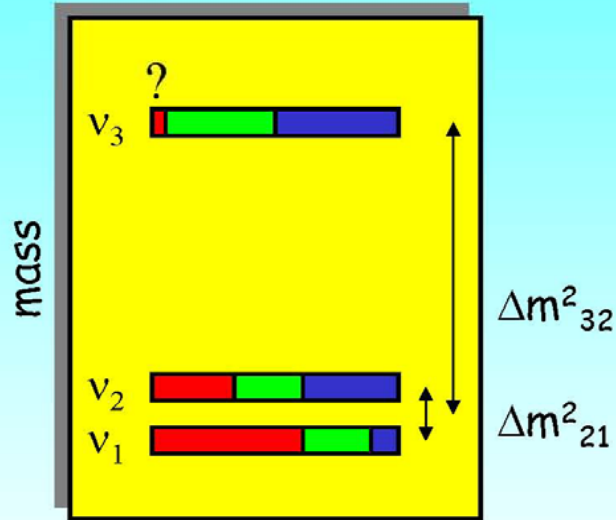
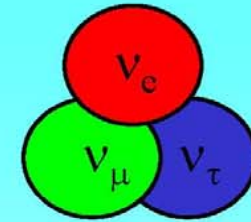


θ_{23} (atmospheric) = 45° , θ_{12} (solar) = 30° , θ_{13} (Chooz) < 13°

$$U_{MNS} : \begin{pmatrix} \sim \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \sim -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \sin \theta_{13} e^{i\delta} \\ \sim \frac{1}{2} & \sim \frac{1}{2} & \sim -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \sim \frac{1}{2} & \sim \frac{1}{2} & \sim \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

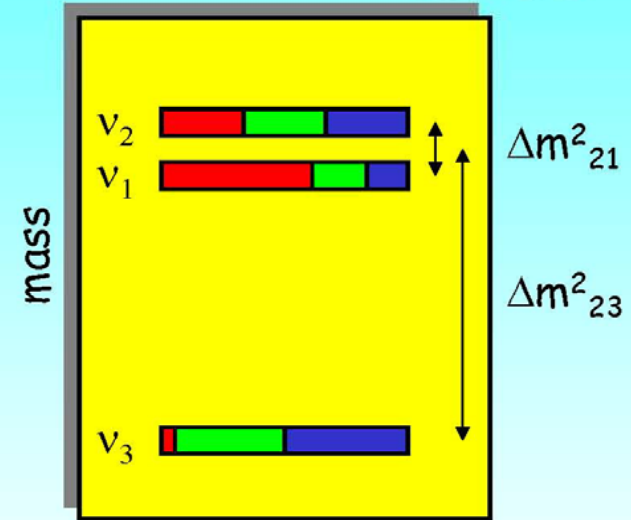
Unknown or poorly known even after approved program:
 θ_{13} , phase δ , sign of Δm_{13}

Spectrum



Normal mass hierarchy

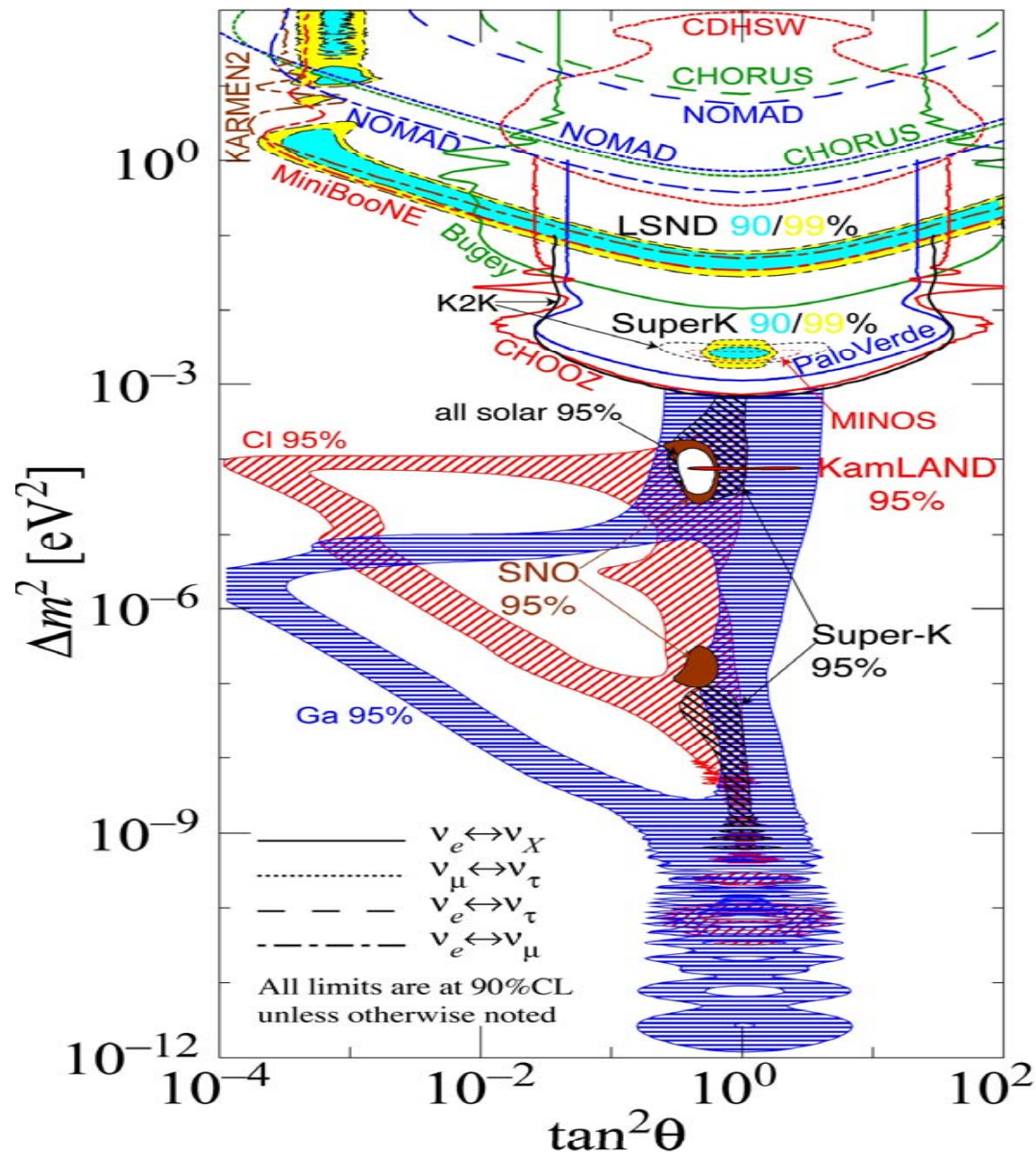
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Inverted mass hierarchy

$$v_f = U_{\text{PMNS}} v_{\text{mass}}$$

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = U_{23} I_\delta U_{13} I_{-\delta} U_{12}$$



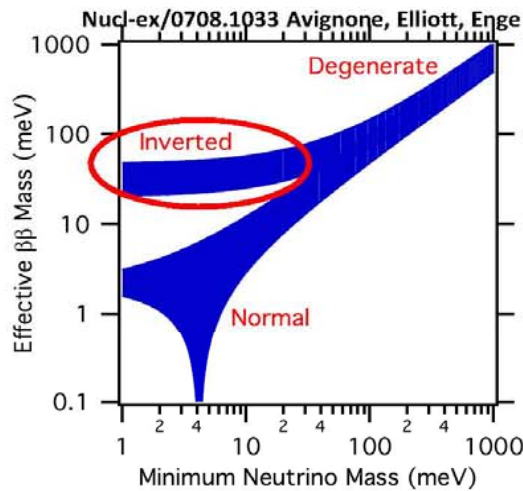
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The next 'Standard' neutrino-less double beta decay experiments

- Double beta decay is much important than Proton Decay (T. Yanagida)
- Aim to search for **30meV~50meV**
 - Cover the region for **inverted mass hierarchy**



'Next' DB experiments

| Experiments | Nucleus | Det.mass (kg) | Sensitivity (meV) | start (yr) |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|
| GERDA | ⁷⁶ Ge | 15~100 | 780~30 | 2008~ |
| SuperNEMO | ⁸² Se | 100 | 130~40 | 2012~ |
| | ¹⁵⁰ Nd | 100 | 70 | 2012~ |
| CUORE | ¹³⁰ Te | 220 | 120~20 | 2012~ |
| EXO-200 | ¹³⁶ Xe | 160 | 550~90 | 2007~ |
| others | | | | |

LIQUID NOBLE GAS Xe?

Neutrino oscillations : CP violation in the leptonic sector

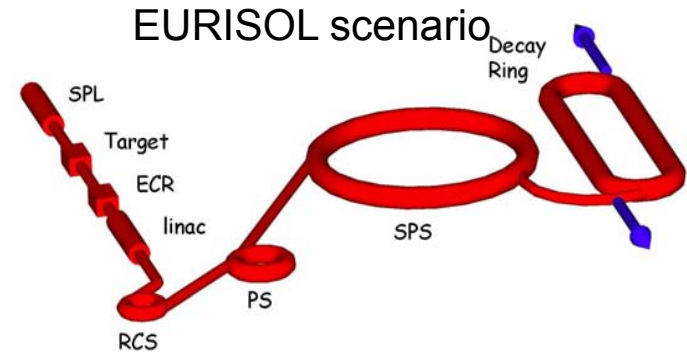
- Sacharov has pointed out that a strong CP violation in non-equilibrium conditions may lead to matter over antimatter dominance shortly after the big-bang.
- If so, an equivalent CP violation may be present also in the leptonic sector. It can be demonstrated experimentally studying neutrino oscillations, provided the unknown angle $\theta_{13} \neq 0$. Both ν_e and ν_μ must not be “sterile”, i.e. energies of $O(1\text{GeV})$.
- The experimental programme is very costly and difficult and it requires two main bold steps forward, namely:

Neutrino oscillations : CP violation in the leptonic sector

- A new long distance, powerful low energy **neutrino beam**, capable of identifying ν_e and ν_μ neutrino species down to $\ll 10^{-3}$. Under consideration are:
 - **Super beams**, in which an ordinary ν_μ beam is either off-axis or otherwise it has a strongly ν_e reduced background.
 - **Beta-beams**, in which a β -decaying nucleus is accelerated and decays in an appropriate storage ring pointing at the target, producing a very pure ν_e beam.
 - **Muon beams**, in which a cooled muon beam is accelerated and it decays in an appropriate storage ring.
- A **new detector** of much greater mass and with a very high particle identification capabilities. Liquid Argon is definitely the best choice at present.

The EURISOL scenario (Zuchelli)

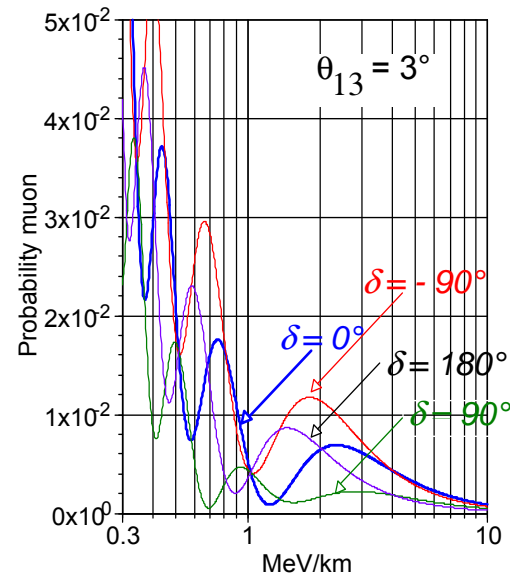
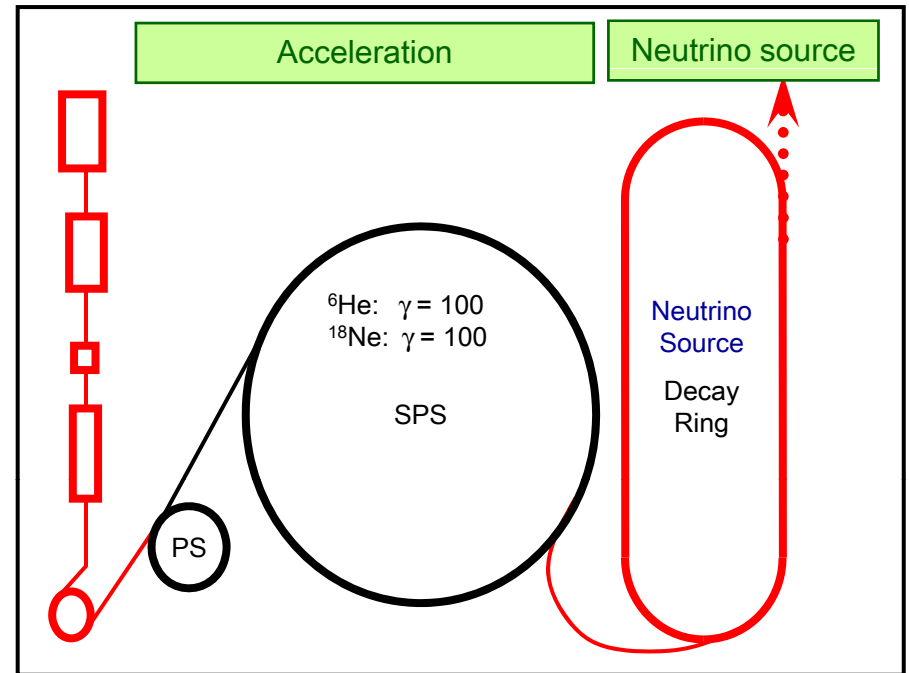
- Based on CERN boundaries
- Ion choice: ${}^6\text{He}$ and ${}^{18}\text{Ne}$
- Relativistic $\gamma=100/100$
 - SPS allows maximum of 150 (${}^6\text{He}$) or 250 (${}^{18}\text{Ne}$)
 - Gamma choice optimized for physics reach
- Based on existing technology and machines
 - Ion production through ISOL technique (SPL)
 - Post acceleration: ECR, linac
 - Rapid cycling synchrotron
 - Use of existing machines: PS and SPS
- Achieve an annual neutrino rate of either
 - $2.9 \cdot 10^{18}$ anti-neutrinos from ${}^6\text{He}$
 - Or $1.1 \cdot 10^{18}$ neutrinos from ${}^{18}\text{Ne}$
- Once we have thoroughly studied the EURISOL scenario, we can “easily” extrapolate to other cases. EURISOL study could serve as a reference.



Beta beams

- Zucchelli has proposed a neutrino beam from the β -decay of a short lived nucleus (${}^6\text{He}$) followed by acceleration and decay in a dedicated high energy storage ring.
- The advantage of this method is that a very pure ν_e beam may be produced, with a ν_μ contamination nearly zero, $O(\nu_\mu) \leq 10^{-5}$.
- However ν_e 's introduce (f.i. via neutral currents) a large number $O(1)$ of pions, indistinguishable in the proposed 400 kton fiducial water detector from the tiny $O(10^{-3})$ $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ conversions due to θ_{13} and CP violation effects.

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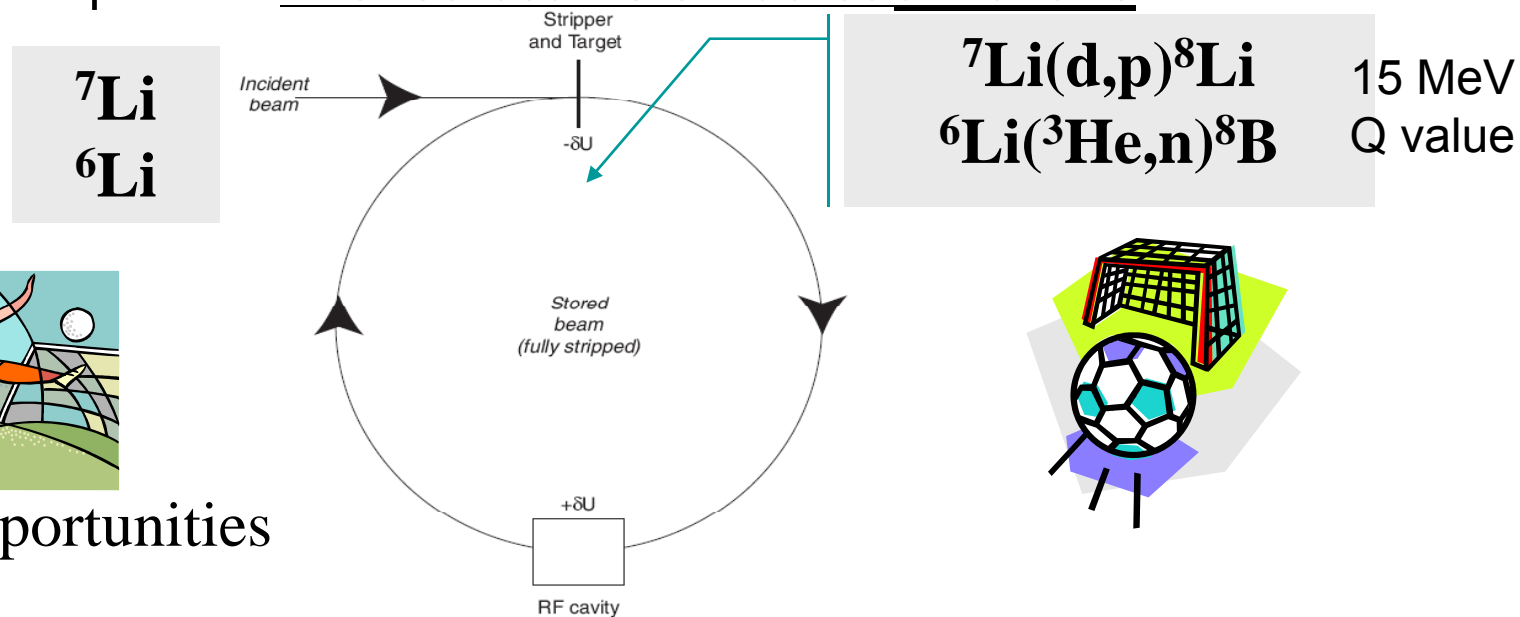


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A new approach for the production

Beam cooling with ionisation losses – C. Rubbia, A Ferrari, Y. Kadi and V. Vlachoudis in NIM A, In press

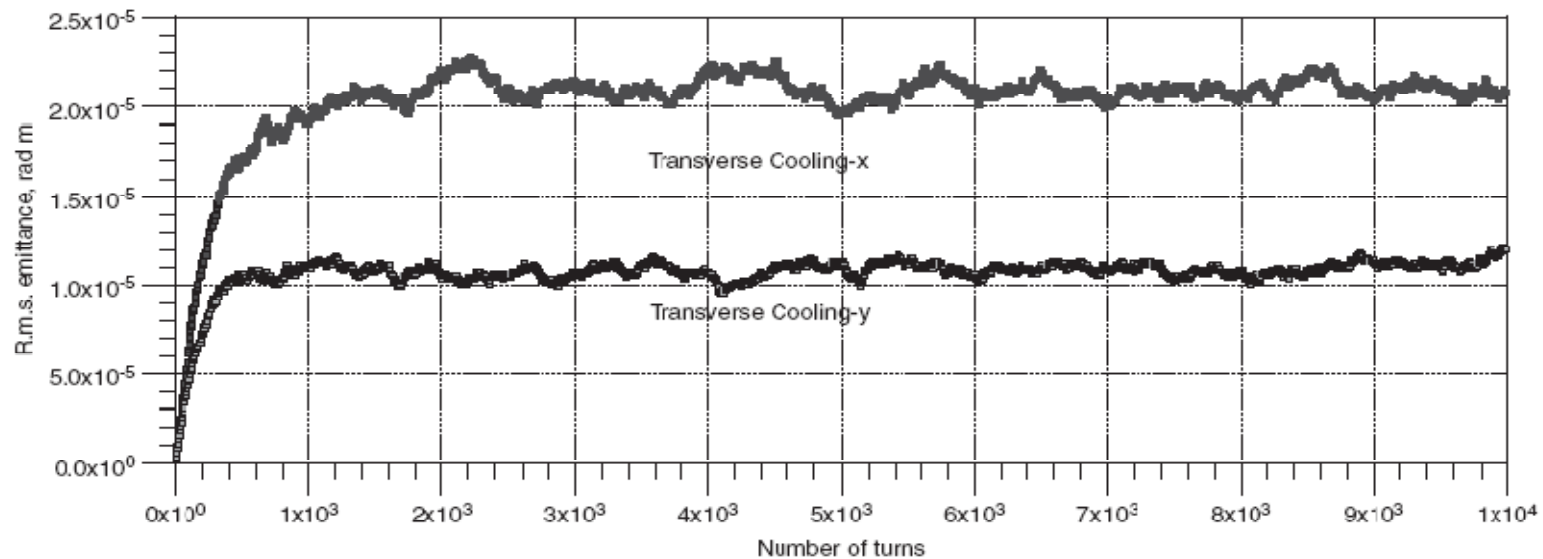
“Many other applications in a number of different fields may also take profit of intense beams of radioactive ions.”



See also: Development of FFAG accelerators and their applications for intense secondary particle production, Y. Mori, NIM A562(2006)591

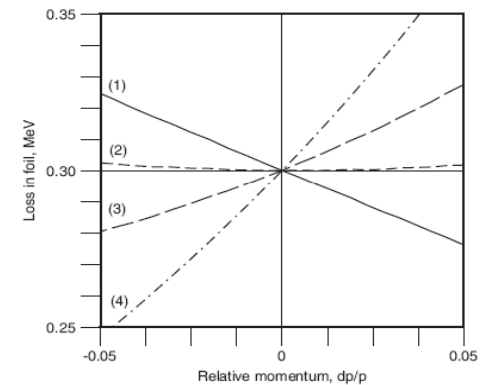
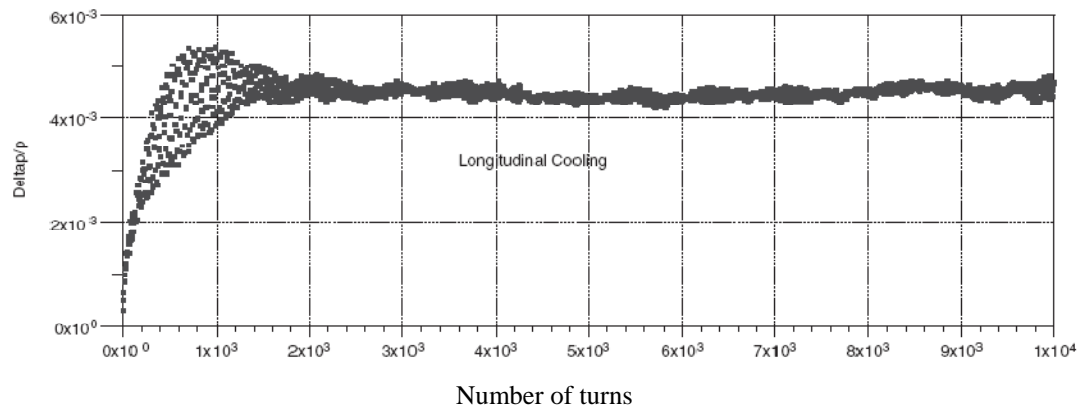
Transverse cooling in paper by Carlo Rubbia et al.

“In these conditions, like in the similar case of the synchrotron radiation, the transverse emittance will converge to zero. In the case of ionisation cooling, a finite equilibrium emittance is due to the presence of the multiple Coulomb scattering.”



Longitudinal cooling in paper by Carlo Rubbia et al.

“In order to introduce a change in the dU/dE term — making it positive in order to achieve longitudinal cooling — the gas target may be located in a point of the lattice with a chromatic dispersion. The thickness of the foil must be wedge-shaped in order to introduce an appropriate energy loss change, proportionally to the displacement from the equilibrium orbit position.”



- 1) Without wedge, $dU/dE < 0$
- 2) Wedge with $dU/dE = 0$, no longitudinal cooling
- 3) Wedge with $dU/dE = 0.0094$
- 4) Electrons, cooling through synchrotron radiation

Inverse kinematics production and ionisation parameters in paper by Carlo

Rubbia et al.

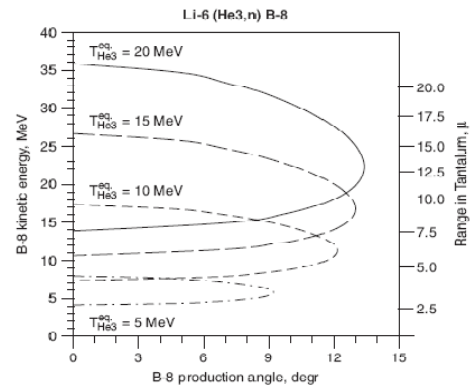
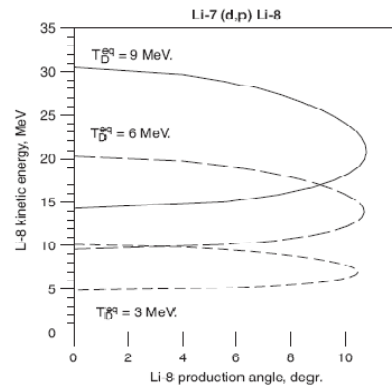
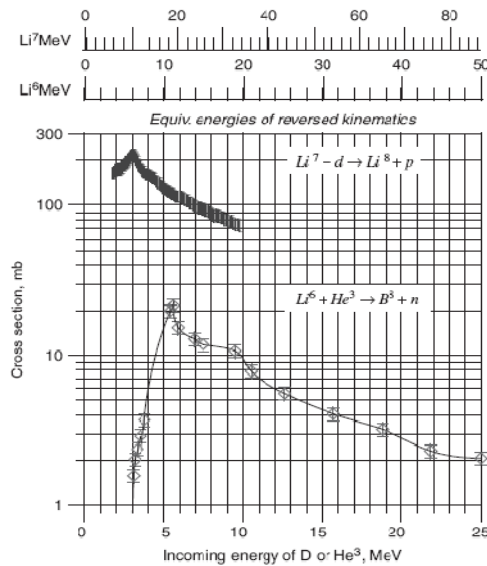
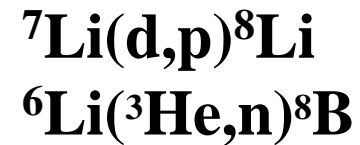


Table 1
 Some ionisation parameters for ${}^6\text{Li}$ and ${}^7\text{Li}$ in the energy interval of interest

| Energy, T (MeV) | dE/dx (MeV/(mg/cm ²)) | | $\sqrt{\langle Z \rangle^2}$ | | δE (keV) for loss of 0.3 MeV | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | ${}^6\text{Li}$ | ${}^7\text{Li}$ | ${}^6\text{Li}$ | ${}^7\text{Li}$ | ${}^6\text{Li}$ | ${}^7\text{Li}$ |
| 5 | 3.356 | 3.355 | 2.94 | 2.89 | 10.646 | 9.866 |
| 10 | 2.120 | 2.014 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 11.751 | 10.205 |
| 15 | 1.660 | 1.573 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 13.340 | 11.714 |
| 20 | 1.356 | 1.329 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 14.752 | 12.999 |
| 25 | 1.116 | 1.092 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 16.102 | 14.174 |
| 30 | 0.965 | 0.890 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 17.331 | 15.323 |
| 35 | 0.861 | 0.778 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 18.428 | 16.309 |

Reactions to study for our application

- $^{20}\text{Ne}(p,t)^{18}\text{Ne}$
 - H.Backhausen et al, RCA,29(1981)1
- $^{16}\text{O}(^3\text{He},n)^{18}\text{Ne}$
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- $^6\text{C}(\text{CO}_2, ^6\text{He})^{18}\text{Ne}?$
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- $^7\text{Li}(T,A)^6\text{He}$

CONCLUSIONS (Personal)

- I had the chance to work with you, Carlo, on UA1.

I learned a lot !

- It's always a pleasure to discuss Physics with you, Carlo
- It's sometimes tough
- It's always rewarding

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