

Particle Detectors

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History of Instrumentation ↔ History of Particle Physics

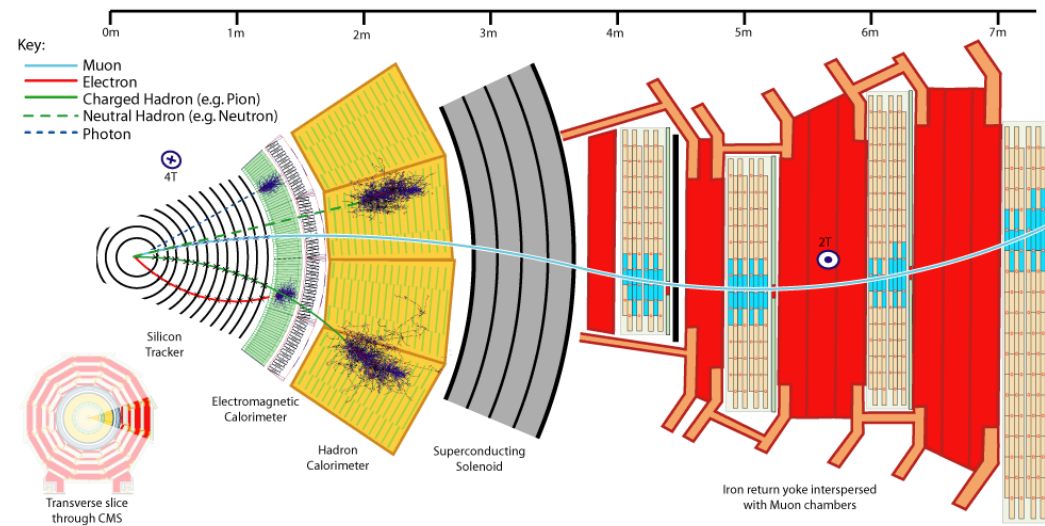
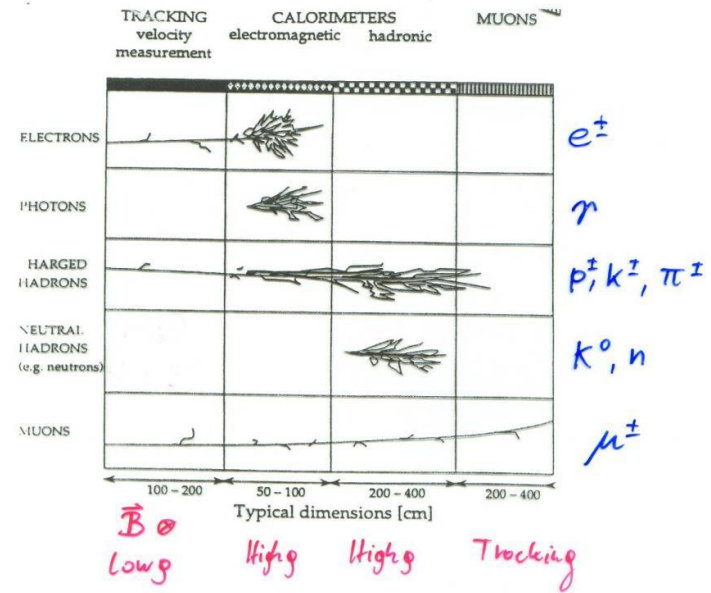
The 'Real' World of Particles

Interaction of Particles with Matter

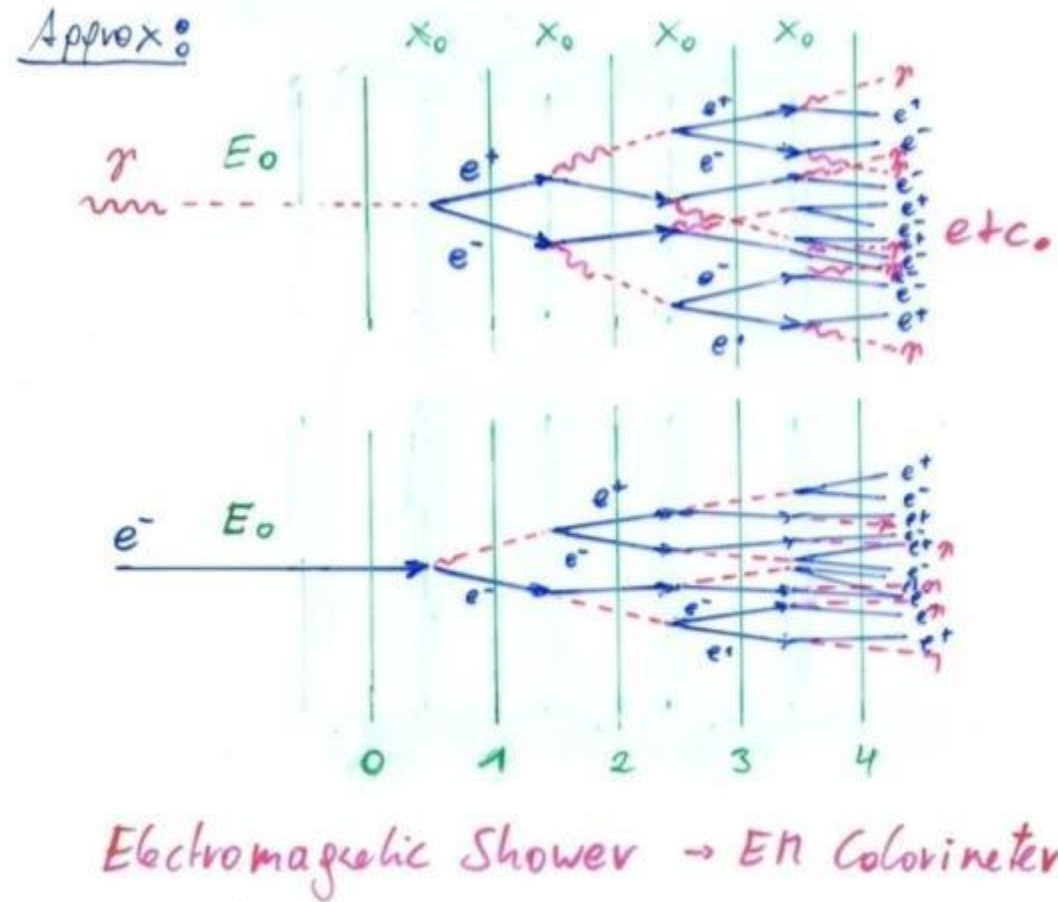
Tracking Detectors, **Calorimeters, Particle Identification**

Detector Systems

Calorimetry



Bremsstrahlung + Pair Production \rightarrow EM Shower



Electro-Magnetic Shower of High Energy Electrons and Photons

$N(n) = 2^n$ Number of particles (e^\pm, γ) after $n X_0$

$E(n) = \frac{E_0}{2^n}$ Average Energy of particles after $n X_0$

Shower stops if $E(n) = E_{critical}$

$\Rightarrow n_{max} = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \ln \frac{E_0}{E_c}$ \rightarrow Shower length rises with $\ln E_0$

Number of e^\pm track segments (of length X_0) after $n X_0$:

$$N_{tr}(n) = 2^n$$

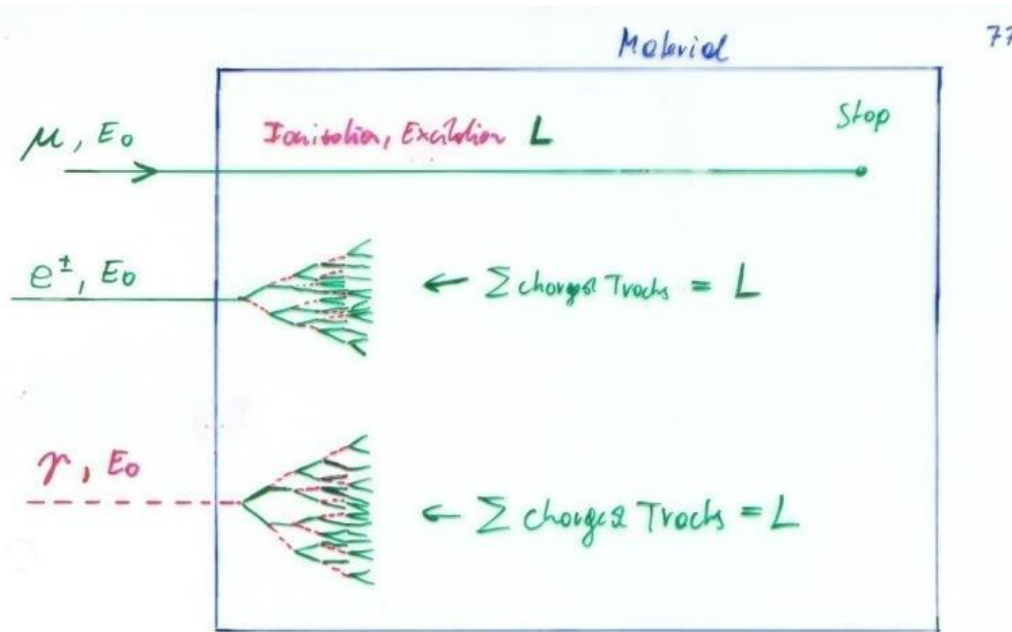
Total e^\pm track length (after $n_{max} X_0$)

$$L = \sum_{n=0}^{n_{max}} 2^n X_0 = (2 \frac{E_0}{E_c} - 1) X_0 \sim 2 \frac{E_0}{E_c} X_0 = c_1 \cdot E_0$$

Total (charge) track length is proportional to the Energy of the Particle.

\rightarrow Calorimeter Principle

Calorimetry: Energy Measurement by total Absorption of Particles



If N is the total Number of e^-, I^+ pairs or photons, or $N = c_1 E_0$:

$$\Delta N = \sqrt{N} \quad (\text{Poisson Statistics})$$

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = \frac{\Delta N}{N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{E}} \rightarrow \text{Resolution}$$

Only Electrons and High Energy Photons show EM cascades at current GeV-TeV level Energies.

Strongly interacting particles like Pions, Kaons, produce hadronic showers in a similar fashion to the EM cascade
→ Hadronic calorimetry

Momentum Spectrometer: $\Delta p/p \propto p$

Calorimeter: $\Delta E/E \propto 1/\sqrt{E}$

Energy measurement improves with higher particle energies – LHC !

The e^\pm in the Calorimeter ionize and excite the Material

Ionization: e^-, I^+ pairs in the Material

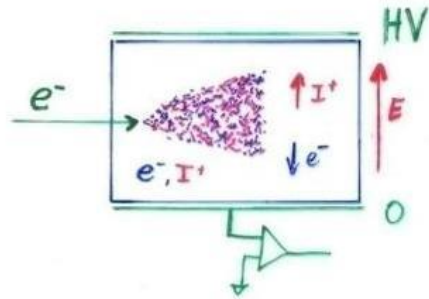
Excitation: Photons in the Material

Measuring the total Number of e^-, I^+ pairs or the total Number of Photons gives the particle Energy.

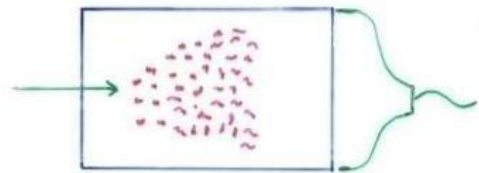
Calorimetry: Energy Measurement by total Absorption of Particles

The measurement is destructive. The particle can not be subject to further study.

Energy Measurement by



Collecting the produced Charge



Measuring the Photons produced by the collision of the e^\pm with Atom Electrons of the Material.

Liquid Noble Gases
(Noble Liquids)

Scintillating Crystals,
Plastic Scintillators

Total Amount of e^-, I^+ pairs or Photons is proportional to the total track length is proportional to the particle Energy.

Calorimetry

Calorimeters can be classified into:

Electromagnetic Calorimeters,

to measure electrons and photons through their EM interactions.

Hadron Calorimeters,

Used to measure hadrons through their strong and EM interactions.

The construction can be classified into:

Homogeneous Calorimeters,

that are built of only one type of material that performs both tasks, energy degradation and signal generation.

Sampling Calorimeters,

that consist of alternating layers of an absorber, a dense material used to degrade the energy of the incident particle, and an active medium that provides the detectable signal.

C.W. Fabjan and F. Gianotti, Rev. Mod. Phys., Vol. 75, NO. 4, October 2003

Calorimetry

Calorimeters are attractive in our field for various reasons:

In contrast with magnet spectrometers, in which the momentum resolution deteriorates linearly with the particle momentum, on most cases the calorimeter energy resolution improves as $1/\sqrt{E}$, where E is the energy of the incident particle. Therefore calorimeters are very well suited for high-energy physics experiments.

In contrast to magnet spectrometers, calorimeters are sensitive to all types of particles, charged and neutral. They can even provide indirect detection of neutrinos and their energy through a measurement of the event missing energy.

Calorimeters are commonly used for trigger purposes since they can provide fast signals that are easy to process and interpret.

They are space and therefore cost effective. Because the shower length increases only logarithmically with energy, the detector thickness needs to increase only logarithmically with the energy of the particles. In contrast for a fixed momentum resolution, the bending power BL^2 of a magnetic spectrometer must increase linearly with the particle momentum.

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EM Calorimetry

Approximate longitudinal shower development

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Radiation Length X_0 and Moliere Radius are two key parameters for choice of calorimeter materials

Approximate transverse shower development

The transverse Shower Dimension is mainly related to the Multiple scattering of the low Energy Electrons.

$$\theta_0 \sim \frac{21 [\text{MeV}]}{\beta p [\frac{\text{MeV}}{c}]} z_1 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{x}{X_0}}$$

Electrons E_c , $E \sim p \cdot c$

$$\theta_0 \sim \frac{21 [\text{MeV}]}{\beta E_c [\text{MeV}]} \cdot z_1 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{x}{X_0}} \quad z_1 = 1, \beta = 1$$

$$E_c \sim \frac{610}{Z+1.24} \text{ MeV} \sim \frac{610}{Z} \text{ MeV}$$

$$\theta_0 = 0.0344 \cdot Z \cdot \sqrt{\frac{x}{X_0}}$$

Moliere Radius $g_m =$ Local Shower Radius
after $1 X_0$:

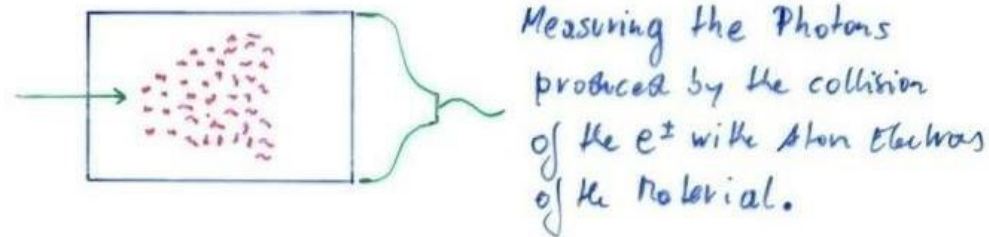
$$\underline{g_m \approx 0.0344 \cdot Z \cdot X_0}$$

95% of Energy are in a Cylinder of $2 g_m$ Radius.

Crystals for Homogeneous EM Calorimetry

In crystals the light emission is related to the crystal structure of the material. Incident charged particles create electron-hole pairs and photons are emitted when electrons return to the valence band.

The incident electron or photon is completely absorbed and the produced amount of light, which is reflected through the transparent crystal, is measured by photomultipliers or solid state photon detectors.



Crystals for Homogeneous EM Calorimetry

| | NaI(Tl) | CsI(Tl) | CsI | BGO | PbWO ₄ |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Density (g/cm ³) | 3.67 | 4.53 | 4.53 | 7.13 | 8.28 |
| X_0 (cm) | 2.59 | 1.85 | 1.85 | 1.12 | 0.89 |
| R_M (cm) | 4.5 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 2.4 | 2.2 |
| Decay time (ns) | 250 | 1000 | 10 | 300 | 5 |
| slow component | | | 36 | | 15 |
| Emission peak (nm) | 410 | 565 | 305 | 410 | 440 |
| slow component | | | 480 | | |
| Light yield γ /MeV | 4×10^4 | 5×10^4 | 4×10^4 | 8×10^3 | 1.5×10^2 |
| Photoelectron yield (relative to NaI) | 1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.15 | 0.01 |
| Rad. hardness (Gy) | 1 | 10 | 10^3 | 1 | 10^5 |

Barbar@PEP-II,
10ms interaction
rate, good light
yield, good S/N

KTeV@TeV
atron,
High rate,
Good
resolution

L3@LEP,
25us
bunch
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Low
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CMS@LHC,
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Crystals for Homogeneous EM Calorimetry

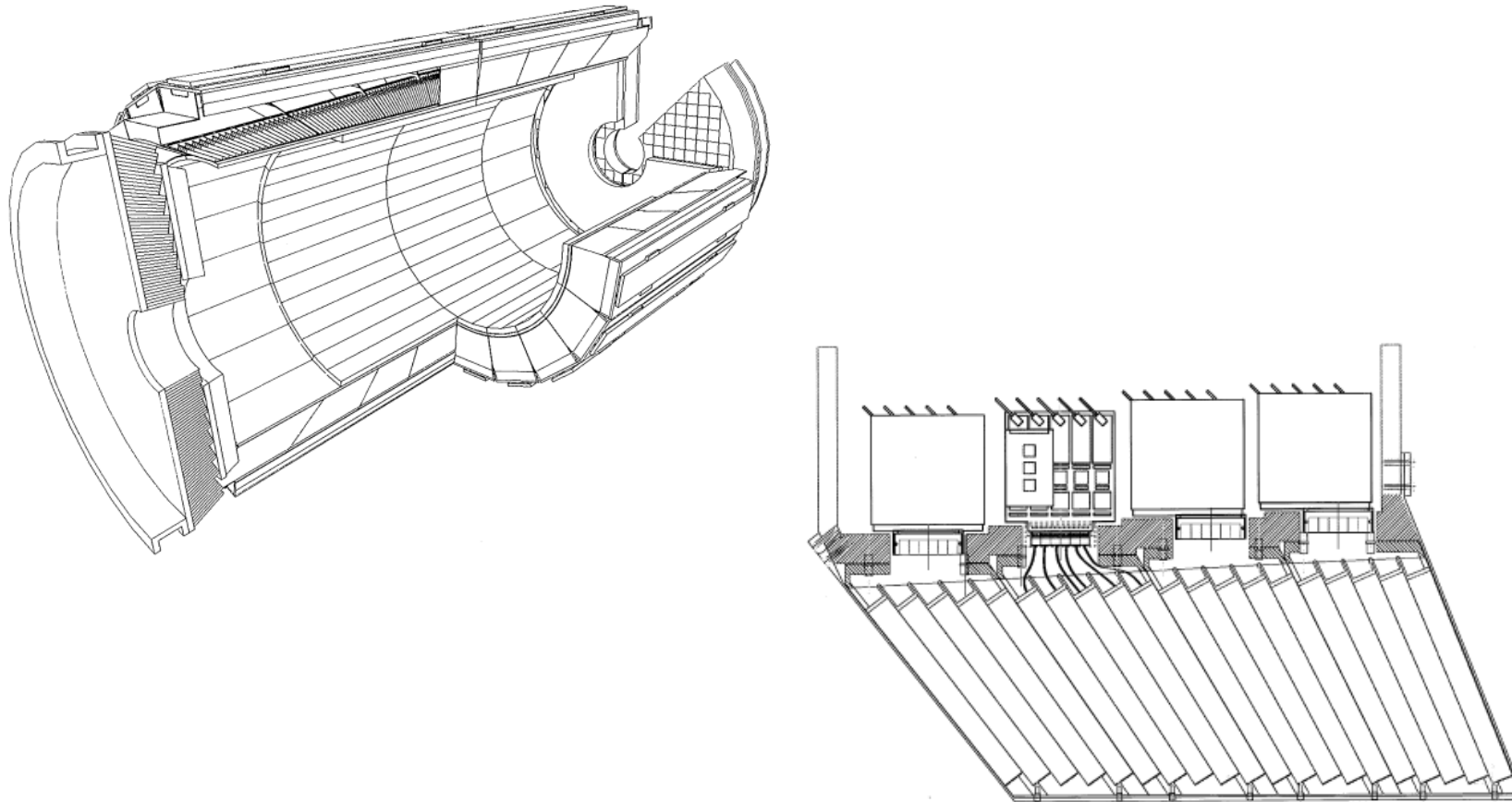
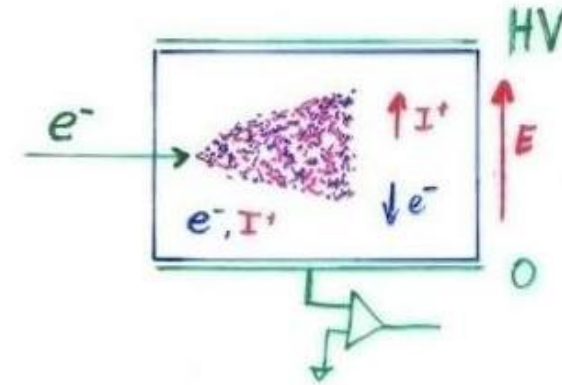


Fig. 2. Longitudinal drawing of module 2, showing the structure and the front-end electronics layout.

Noble Liquids for Homogeneous EM Calorimetry

| | Ar | Kr | Xe |
|--|------|------|------|
| Z | 18 | 36 | 58 |
| A | 40 | 84 | 131 |
| X_0 (cm) | 14 | 4.7 | 2.8 |
| R_M (cm) | 7.2 | 4.7 | 4.2 |
| Density (g/cm ³) | 1.4 | 2.5 | 3.0 |
| Ionization energy (eV/pair) | 23.3 | 20.5 | 15.6 |
| Critical energy ϵ (MeV) | 41.7 | 21.5 | 14.5 |
| Drift velocity at saturation (mm/ μ s) | 10 | 5 | 3 |

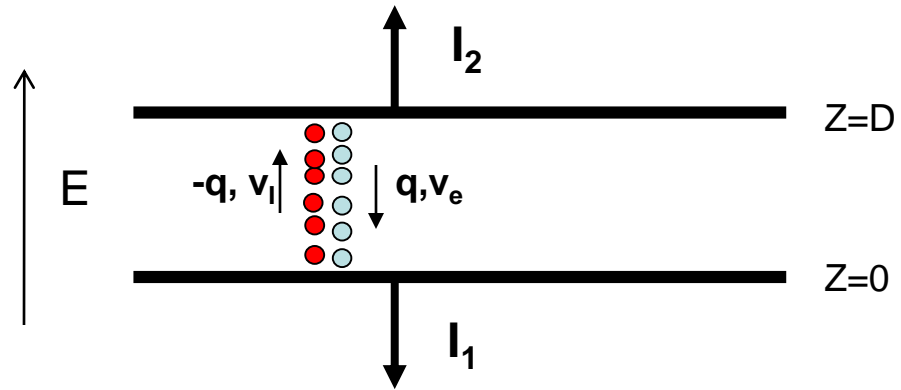


When a charge particle traverses these materials, about half the lost energy is converted into ionization and half into scintillation.

The best energy resolution would obviously be obtained by collecting both the charge and light signal. This is however rarely done because of the technical difficulties to extract light and charge in the same instrument.

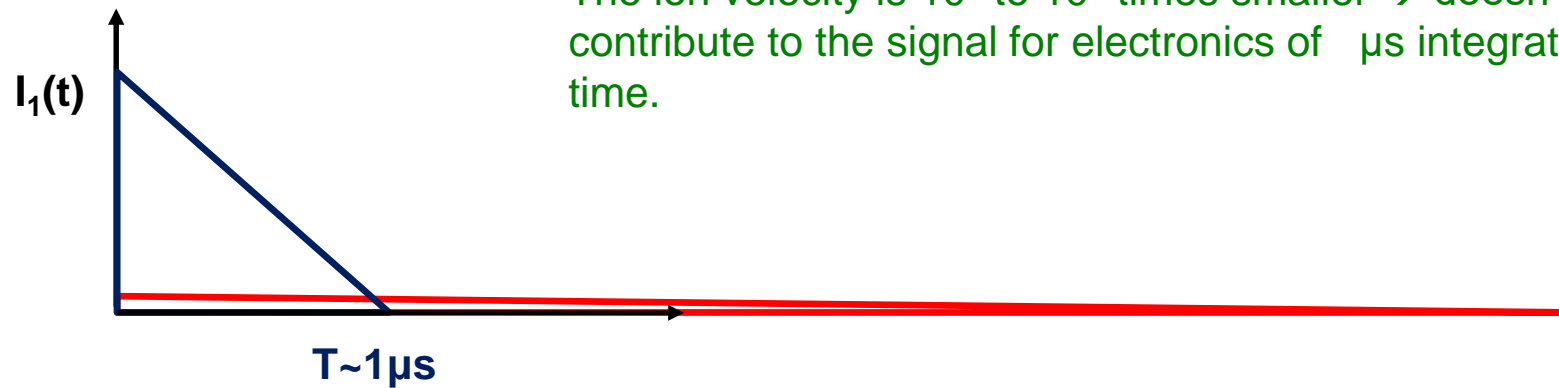
Krypton is preferred in homogeneous detectors due to small radiation length and therefore compact detectors. Liquid Argon is frequently used due to low cost and high purity in sampling calorimeters.

Noble Liquids for Homogeneous EM Calorimetry



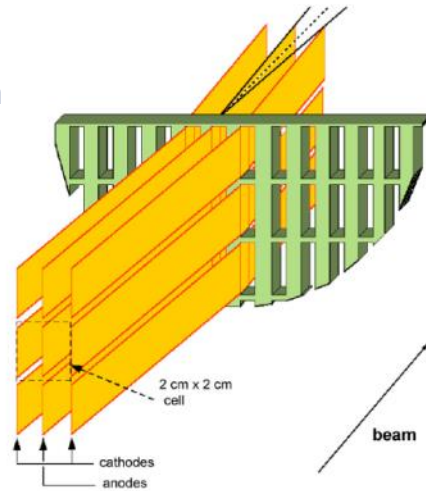
E.g. Liquid Argon, 5mm/ μs at 1kV/cm, 5mm gap \rightarrow 1 μs for all electrons to reach the electrode.

The ion velocity is 10^3 to 10^5 times smaller \rightarrow doesn't contribute to the signal for electronics of μs integration time.



Homogeneous EM Calorimeters, Examples

NA48/62 Liquid Krypton
 2cmx2cm cells
 $X_0 = 4.7\text{cm}$
 125cm length ($27X_0$)
 $\rho = 5.5\text{cm}$



KTeV Csl
 5cmx5cm and
 $X_0 = 1.85\text{cm}$
 2.5cmx2.5cm crystals
 50cm length ($27X_0$)
 $\rho = 3.5\text{cm}$

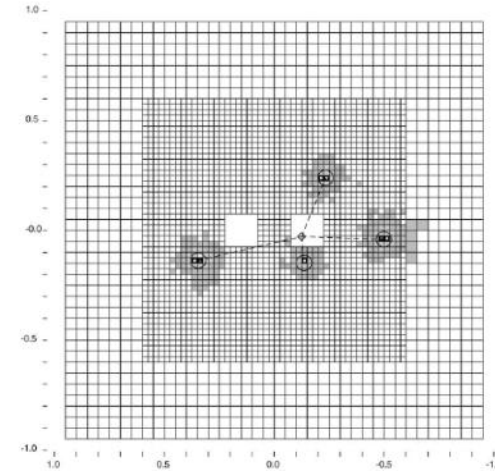
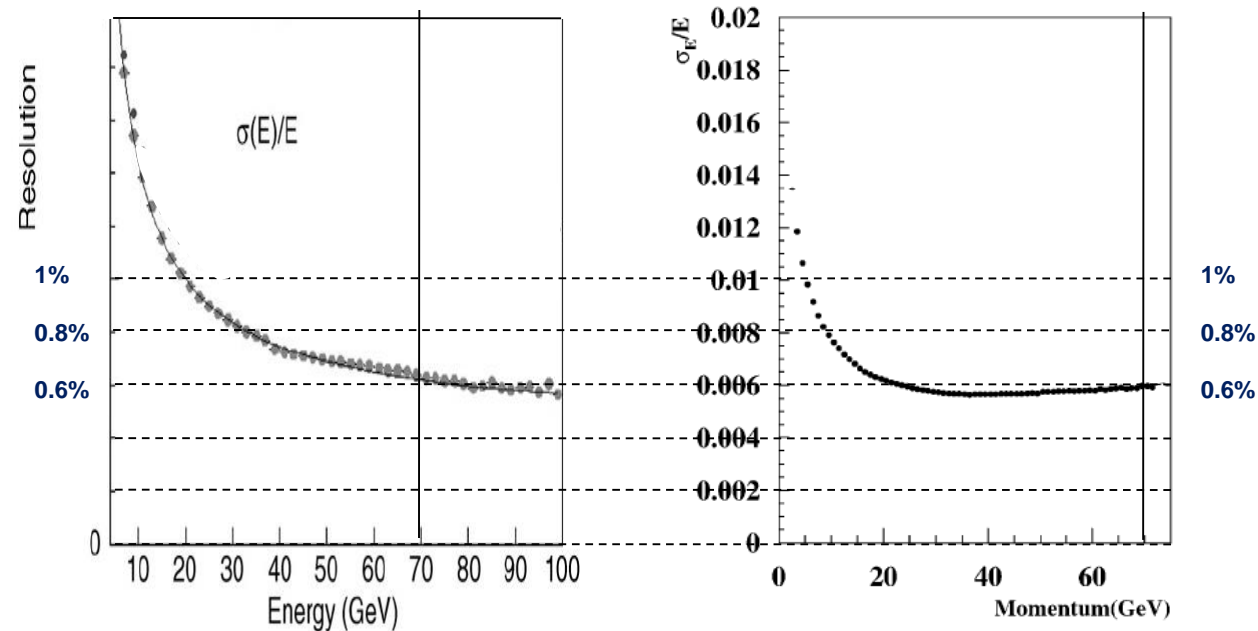
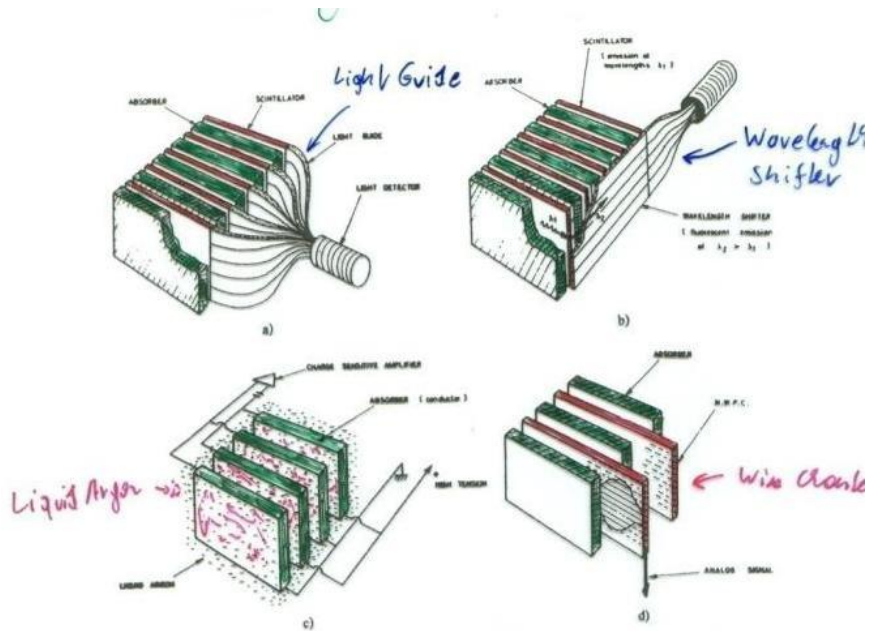


Fig. 1. Schematic of the KTeV Csl Calorimeter showing the cluster energy profiles due to four photons.

NA48 Experiment at CERN and KTeV Experiment at Fermilab, both built for measurement of direct CP violation. Homogenous calorimeters with Liquid Krypton (NA48) and Csl (KTeV). Excellent and very similar resolution.



Sampling Calorimeters



Alternation of "passive" absorber plates and "active" readout sections

- Advantage:
- optimum choice of Absorber Material
 - optimum choice of Signal Readout
 - Compact and cheap Construction

"passive": Pb, Fe

"active": Scintillator (Signal \rightarrow Photons)
 Noble Liquid, e.g. Ar (Signal $\rightarrow e^-, I^+$)
 Wire Chambers (Signal $\rightarrow e^-, I^+$)

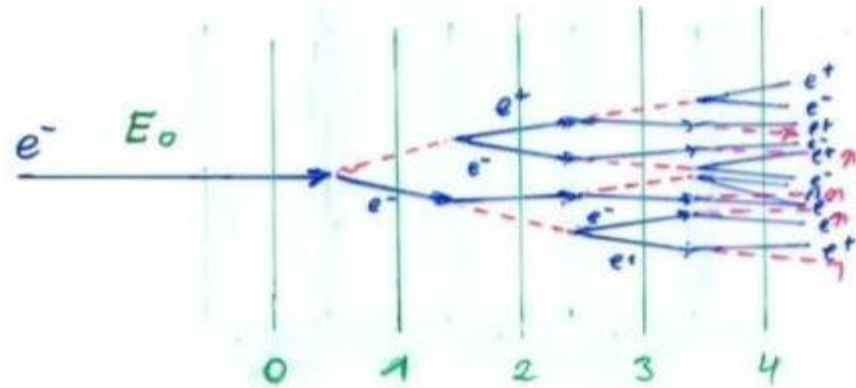
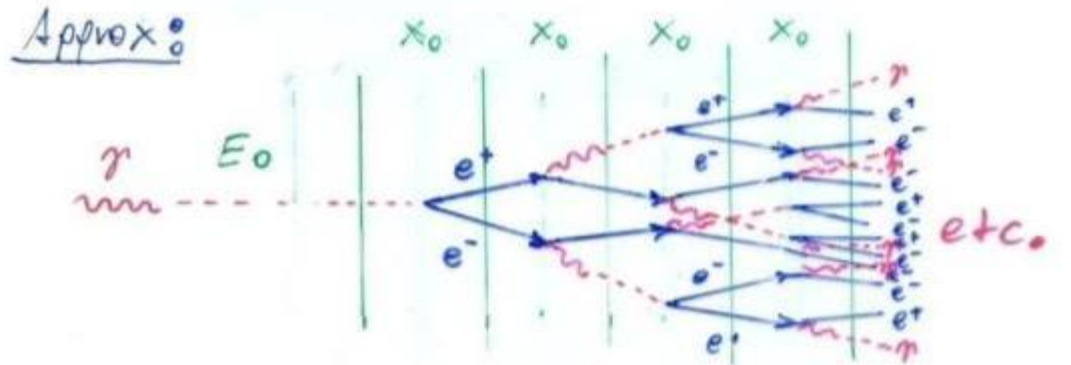
Energy resolution of sampling calorimeters is in general worse than that of homogeneous calorimeters, owing to the sampling fluctuations – the fluctuation of ratio of energy deposited in the active and passive material.

The resolution is typically in the range $5-20\%/\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$ for EM calorimeters. On the other hand they are relatively easy to segment longitudinally and laterally and therefore they usually offer better space resolution and particle identification than homogeneous calorimeters.

The active medium can be scintillators (organic), solid state detectors, gas detectors or liquids.

Sampling Fraction = Energy deposited in Active/Energy deposited in passive material.

EM Calorimetry → Hadron Calorimetry



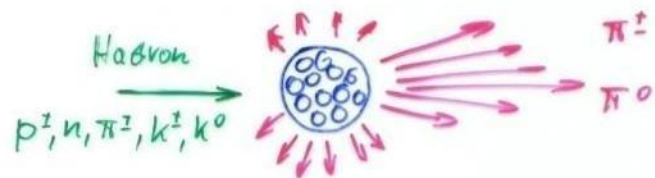
Electromagnetic Shower → EM Calorimeter

Similar process for Hadrons.

The equivalent to EM Bremsstrahlung is Pion radiation.

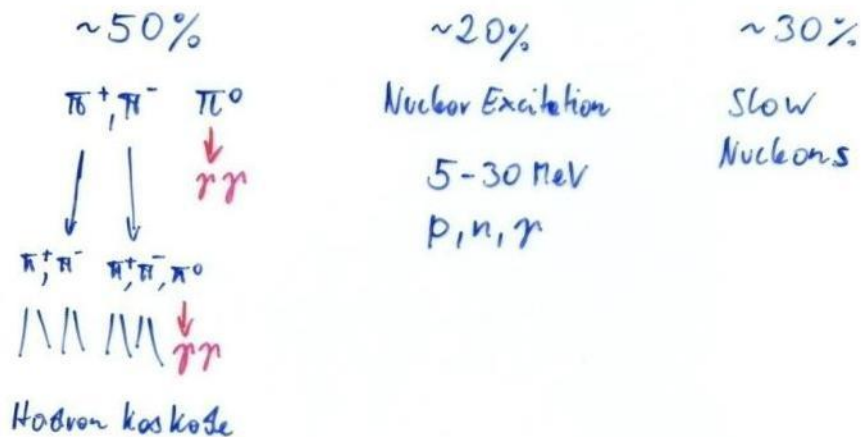
The equivalent to the radiation length is the nuclear interaction length.

Hadronic Calorimetry



Strong Interaction

Approximate Energy Distribution



$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \rightarrow$ Electromagnetic Component

In Hadronic Cascades the longitudinal Shower is given by the Absorption Length λ_a $I \sim e^{-\frac{x}{\lambda_a}}$

In typical Detector Materials λ_a is much longer than X_0

$$\lambda \sim \frac{1}{9} \cdot 35 A^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

| | g | X_0 | λ |
|----|-------|---------|--------------|
| Fe | 7.87 | 1.76 cm | ~ 17 cm |
| Pb | 11.35 | 0.56 cm | ~ 17 cm |

Energy Resolution:

- A large Fraction of the Energy 'disappears' into
 - Binding Energy of emitted Nucleons
 - $\pi \rightarrow \mu + \nu$ which are not absorbed
 - π^0 's Decaying into $\gamma\gamma$ start an EM Cascade ($\tau \sim 10^{-14}$ s)
- Energy Resolution is worse than for EM Calorimeters

Hadron Calorimeters are Large because λ is large

Hadron Calorimeters are large and heavy because the hadronic interaction length λ , the 'strong interaction equivalent' to the EM radiation length X_0 , is large (5-10 times larger than X_0)

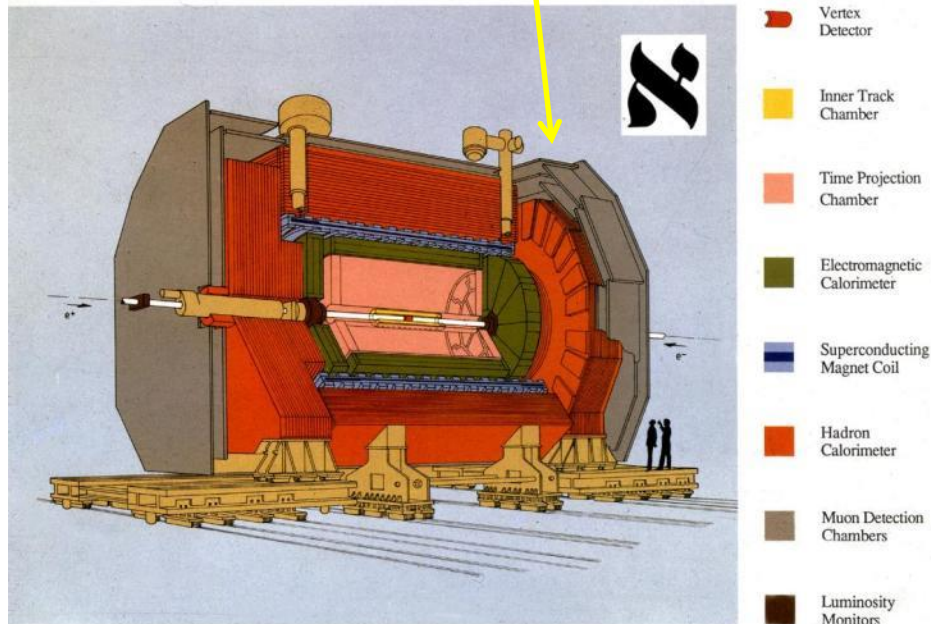
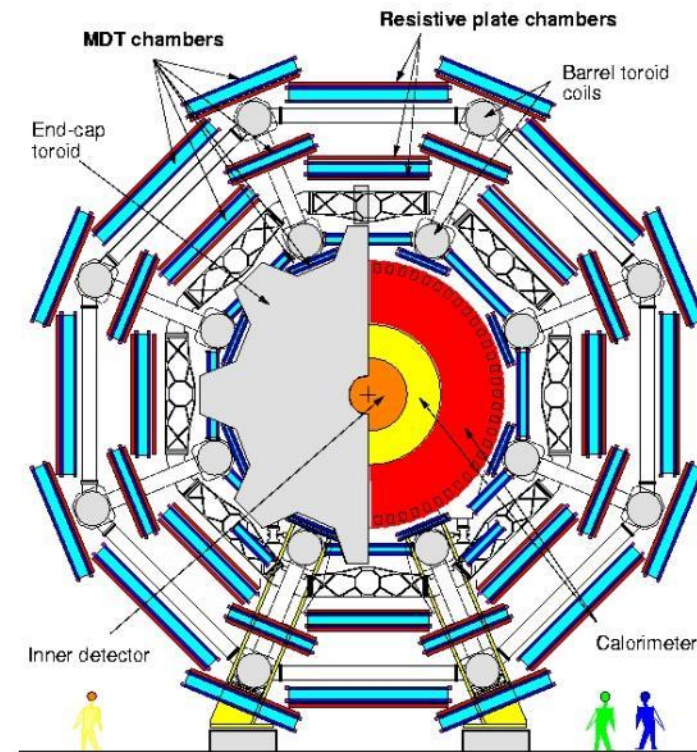


Fig. 1 - The ALEPH Detector

Because part of the energy is 'invisible' (nuclear excitation, slow nucleons), the resolution of hadron calorimeters is typically worse than in EM calorimeters $20\text{-}100\%/\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$.



A few Reasons why you want to become an Experimental Particle Physicist

The Standard Model of Particles Physics, a theory that was established in the early 1970ies, is in excellent agreement with experiments. Experiments at LEP/Tevatron/LHC/KEK etc. verified the theory to impressive precision.

The Higgs Particle, a necessary element of the standard model, was found at the LHC.

Although the standard model is perfectly fitting the experiment, we know/think that it cannot be the final answer:

CP violation and the other CKM matrix elements are put into the model explicitly and they are not derived from a theory.

The Matter- Antimatter asymmetry in the Universe cannot be explained by the level of standard model CP violation.

The masses of the particles are also unexplained.

The cosmological constant predicted by the standard model differs by many orders of magnitude from the observed one.

The Higgs mass renormalization requires fine tuning operations etc. etc.

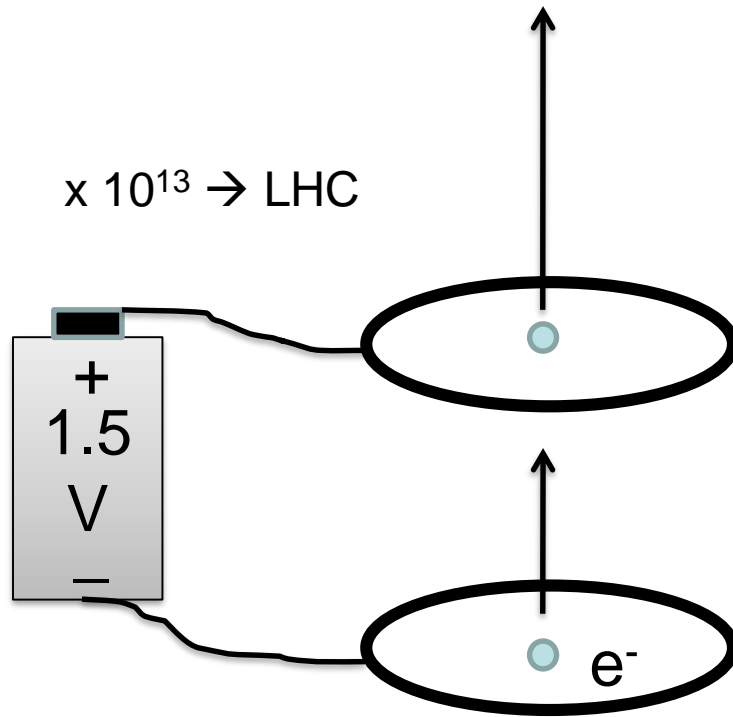
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Substantial theory efforts did not really advance on these questions and did not touch base with experiment.

It is very difficult to find out what is wrong with the theory if all experimental results are in agreement with the theory.

The next step in advancing our knowledge will come from experiment. Maybe LHC or some telescope, or some astrophysics experiment or some other future accelerator ...

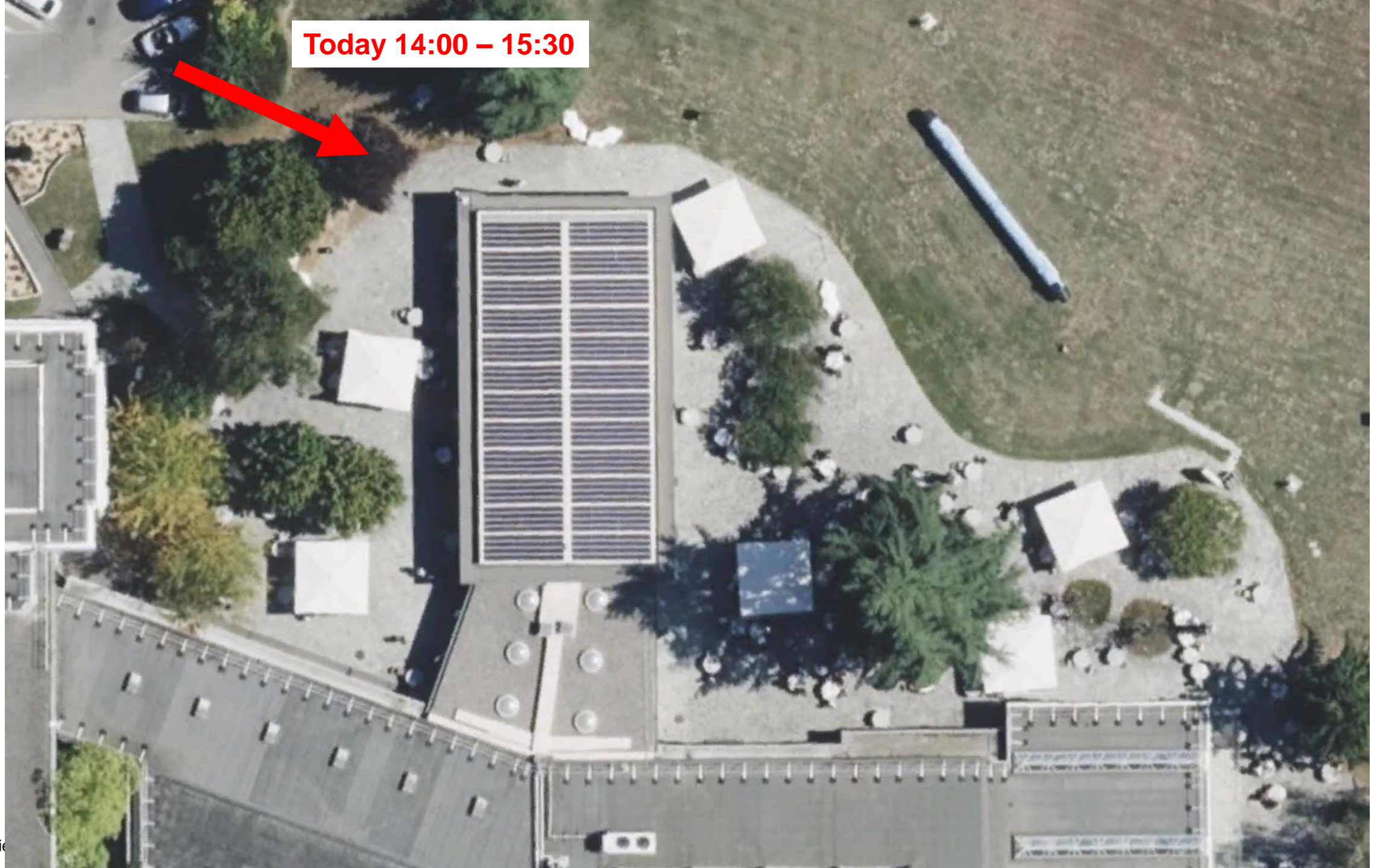
We have to invent new technologies for future accelerators and experiments !



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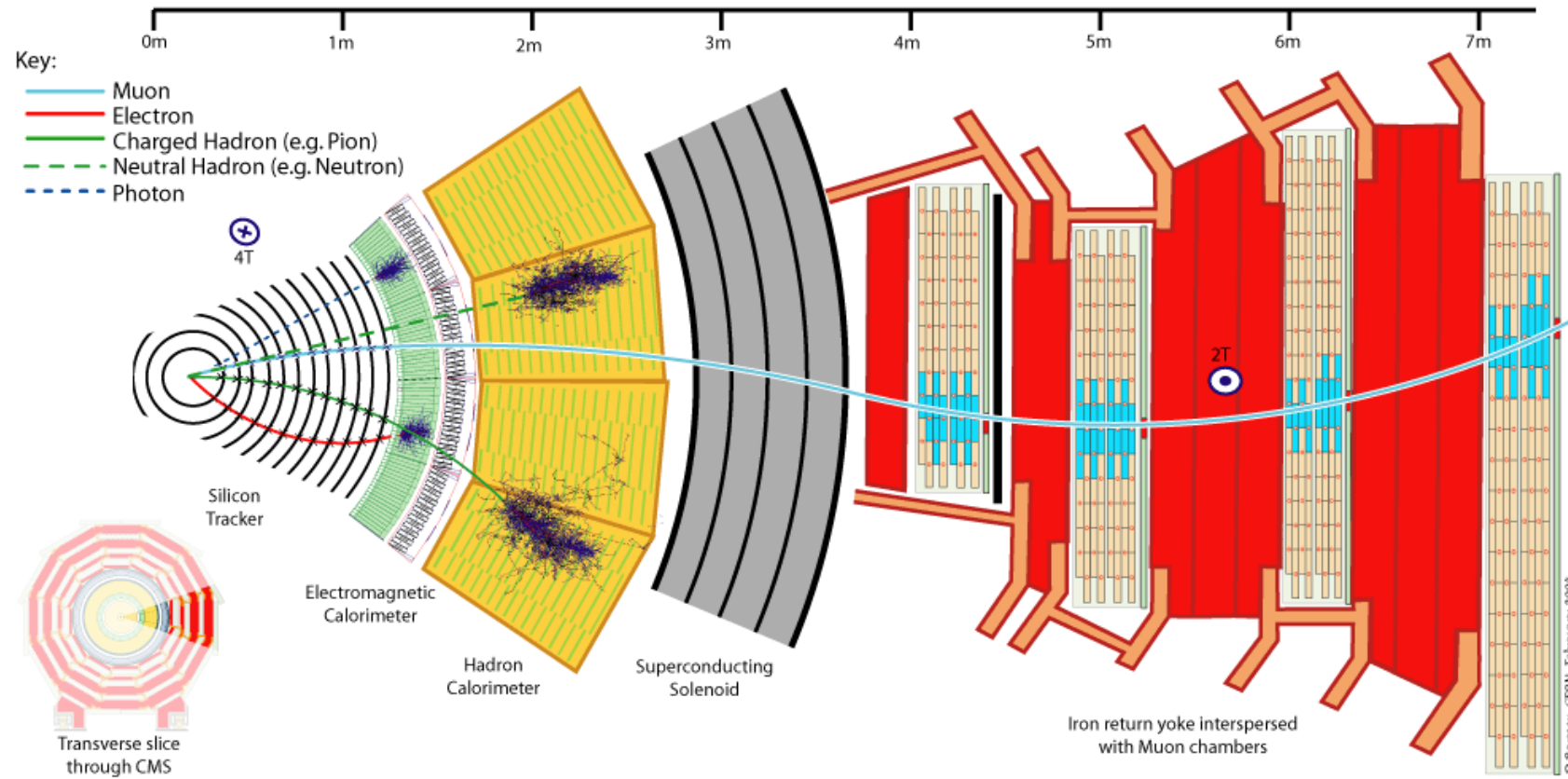
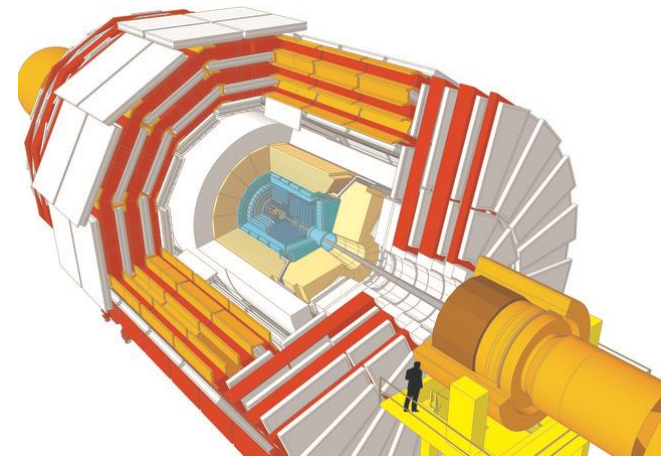
have to develop the tricks and technologies to advance on the most fundamental questions in Physics !

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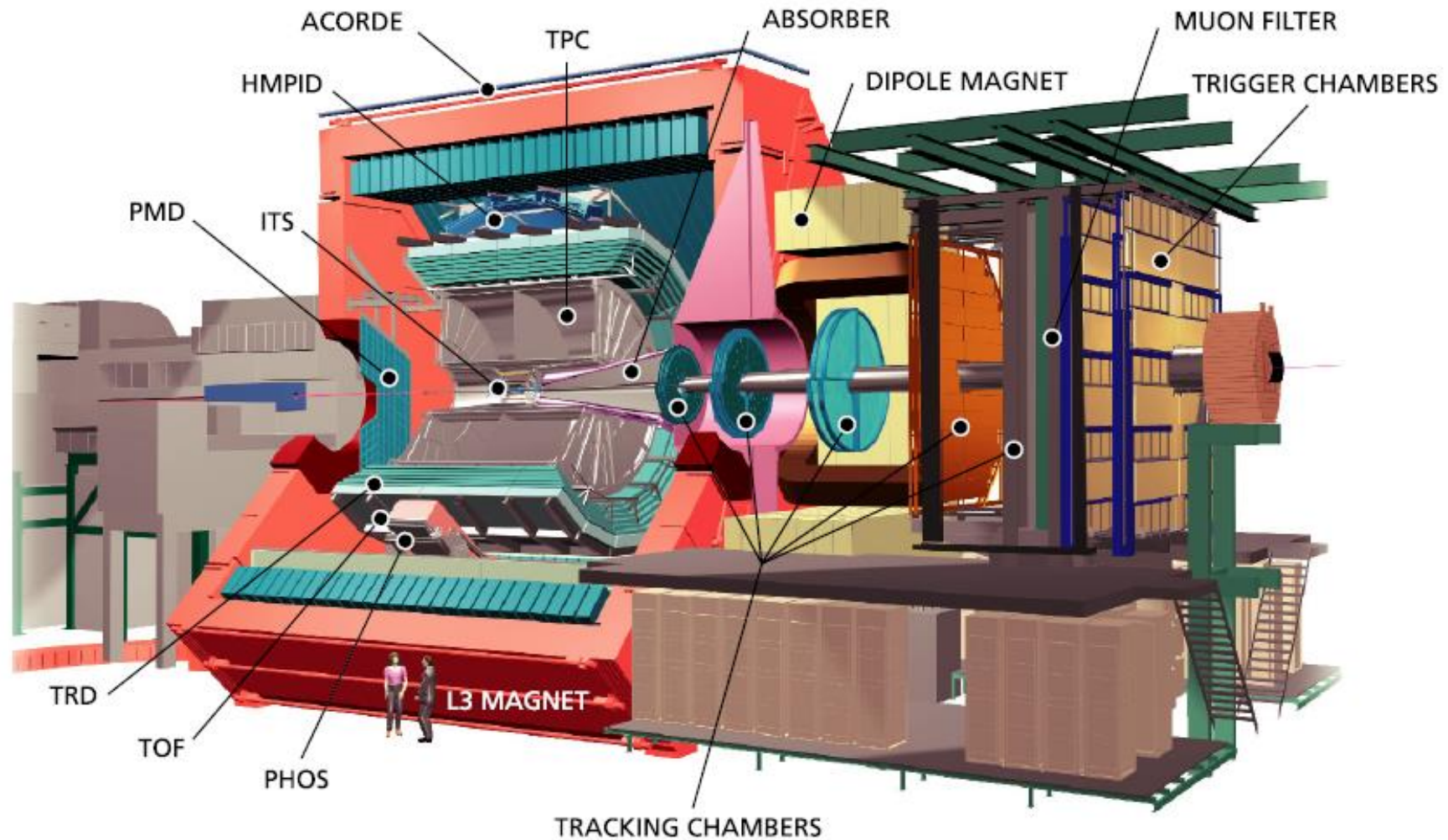


Detector Systems

CMS Detector



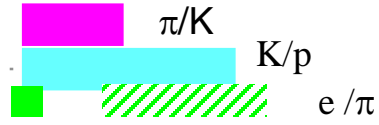
ALICE



ALICE Particle ID

Alice uses ~ all known techniques!

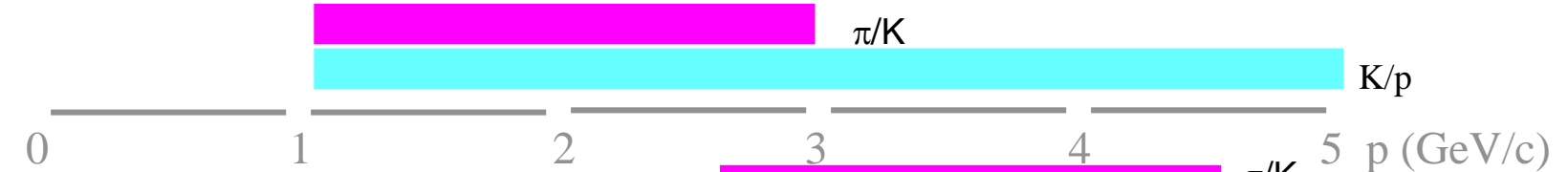
TPC + ITS
(dE/dx)



TOF



HMPID
(RICH)



TPC (rel. rise) $\pi/K/p$



TRD e/π



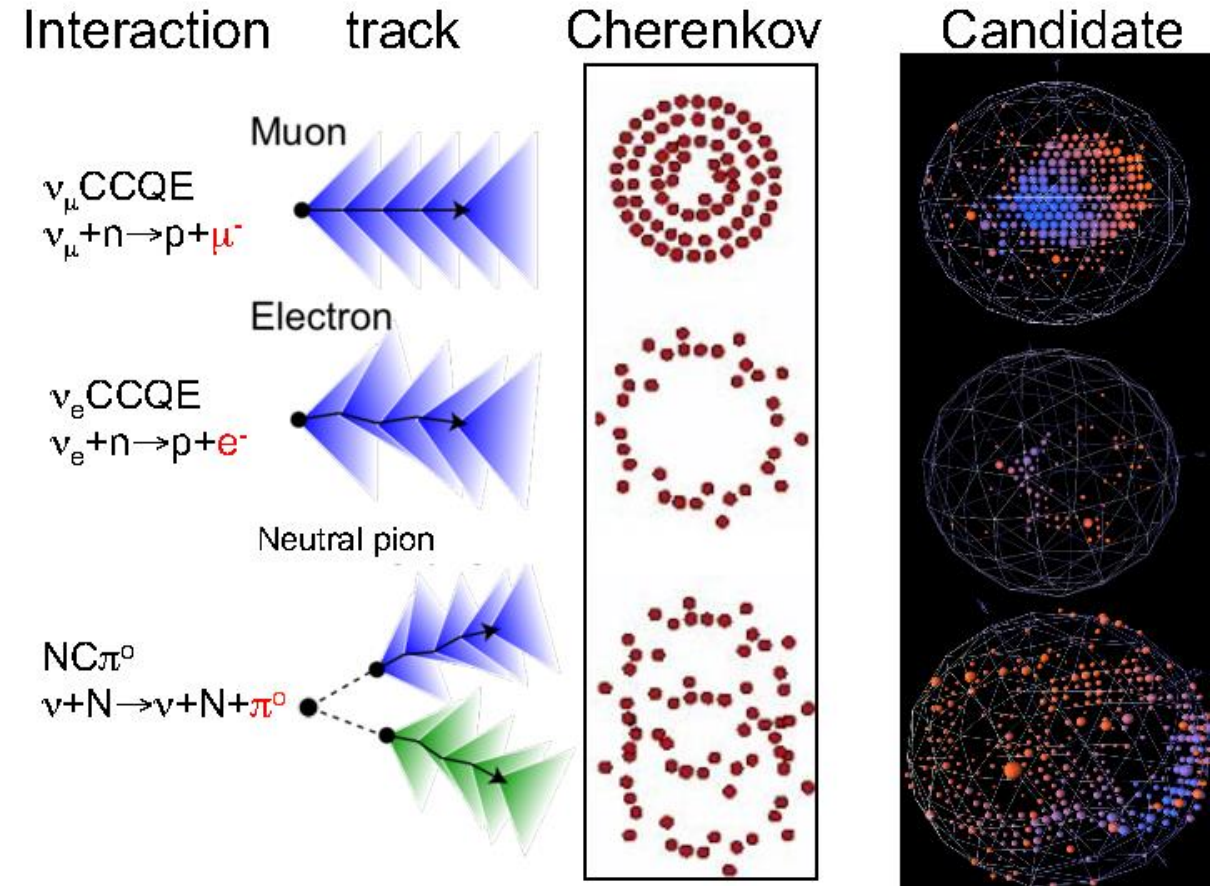
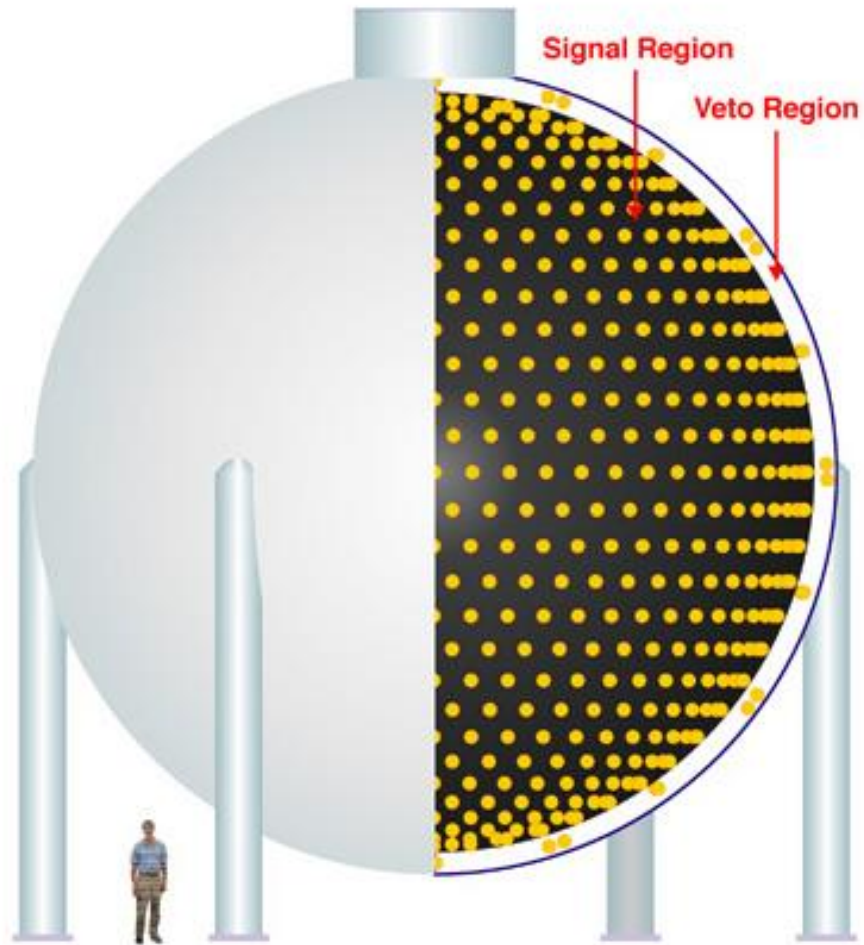
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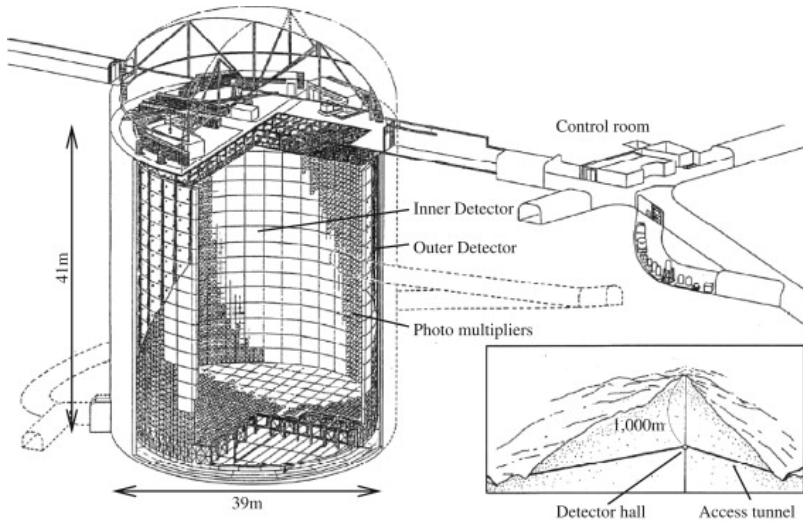
MiniBooNE detector, Neutrinos

MiniBooNE Detector

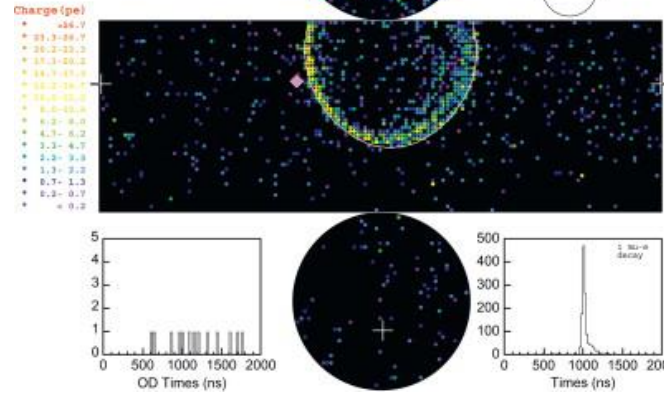
800 tons of mineral oil
1280 photomultipliers



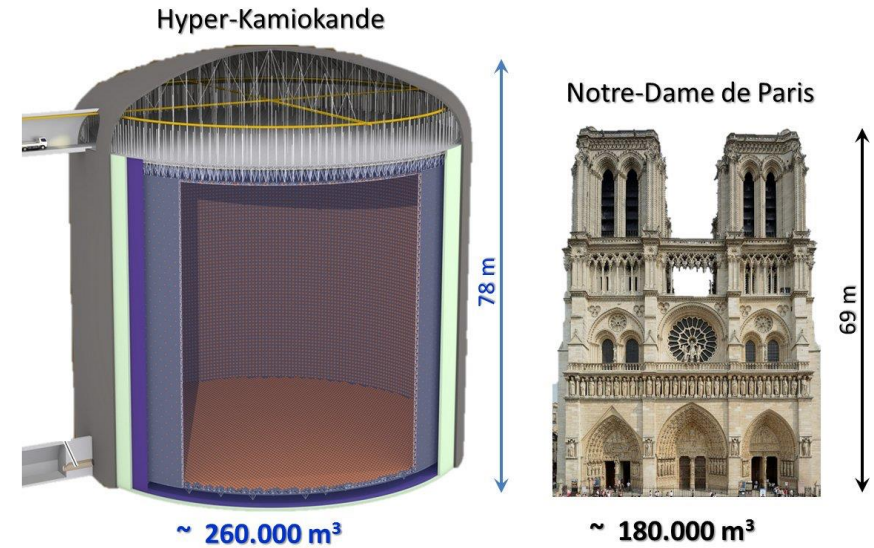
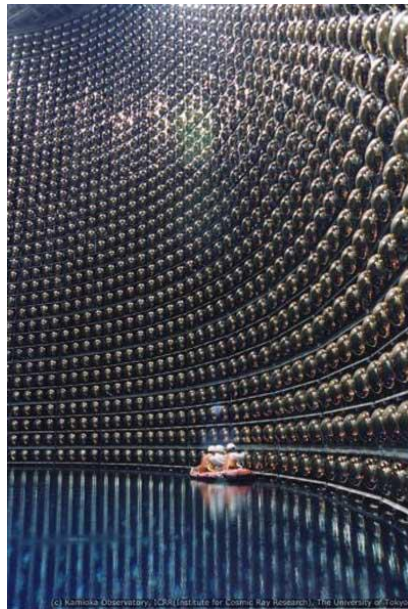
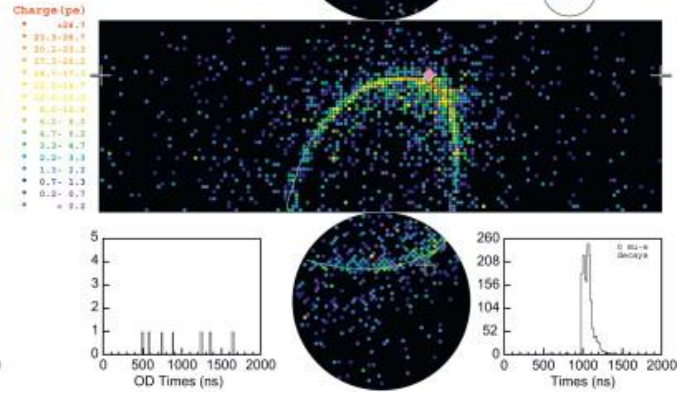
Super-Kamiokande, Neutrinos



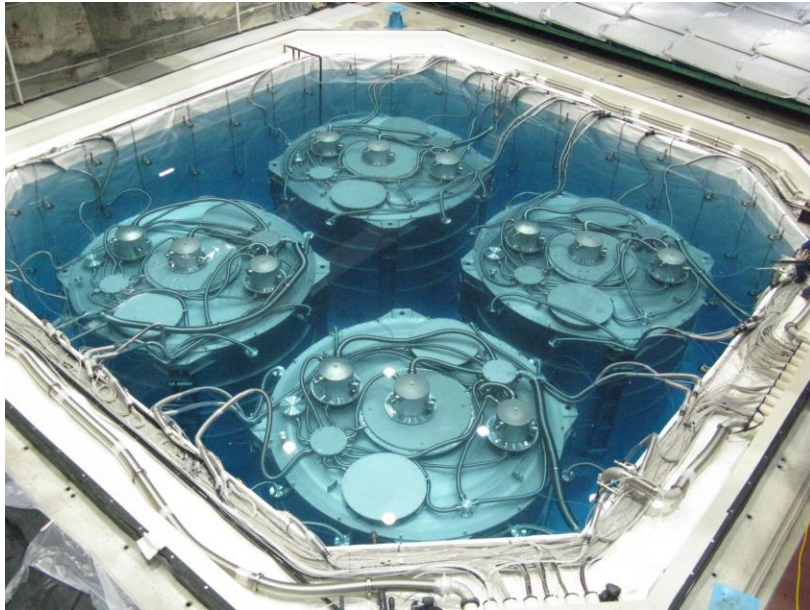
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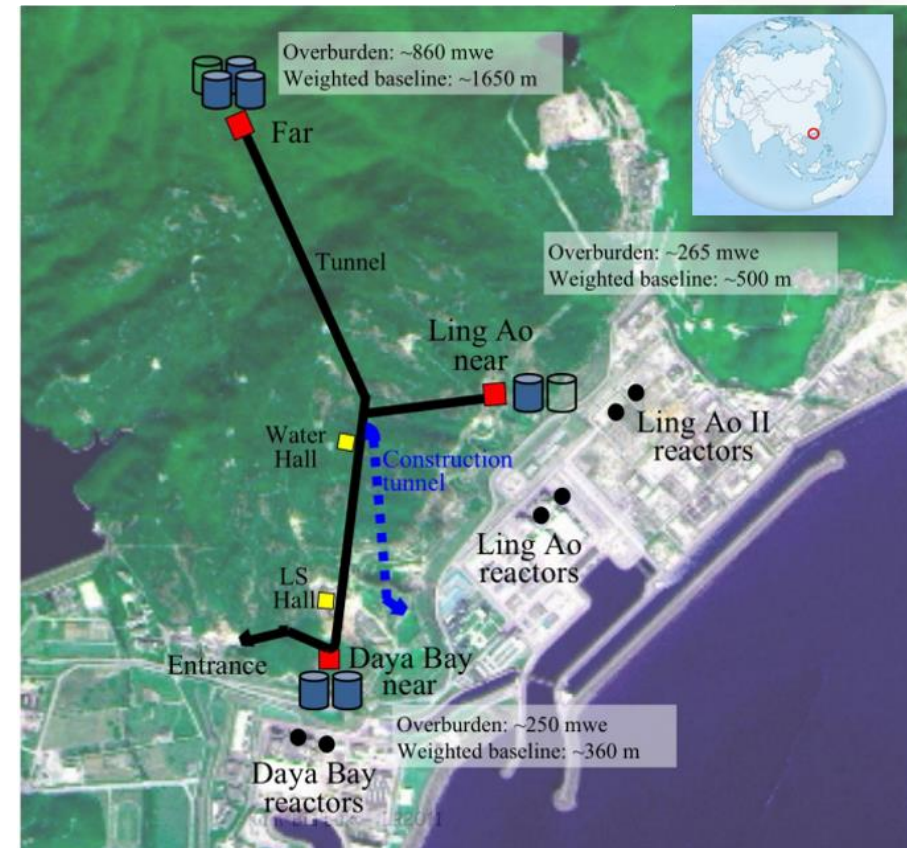
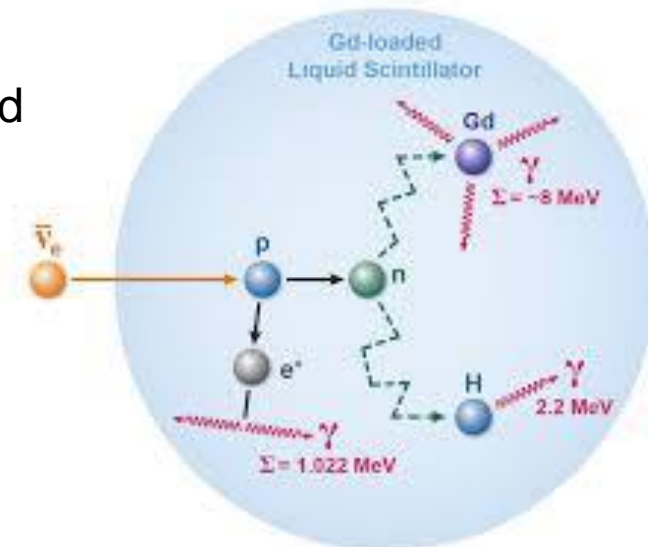
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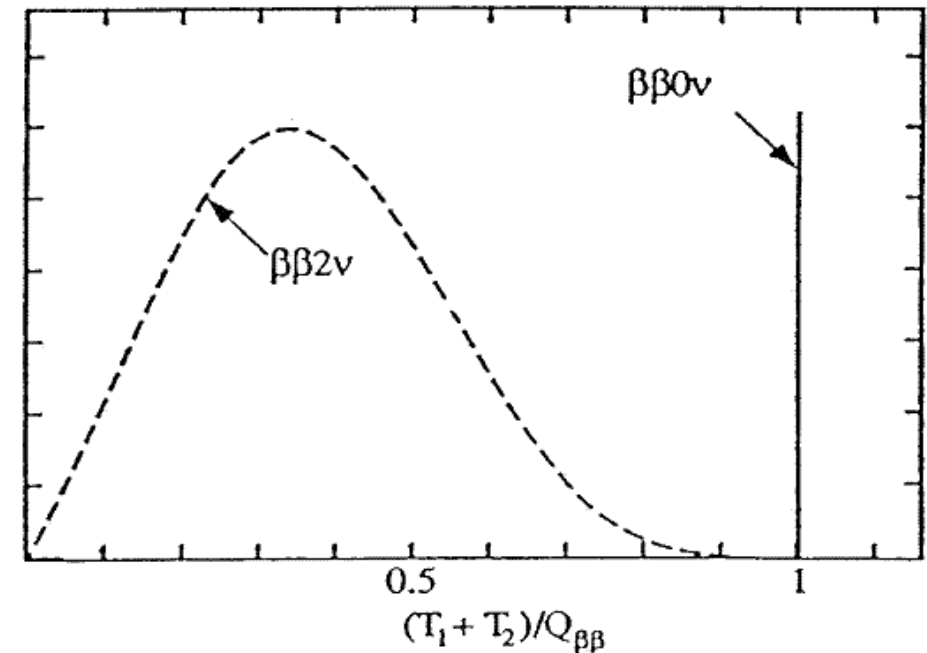
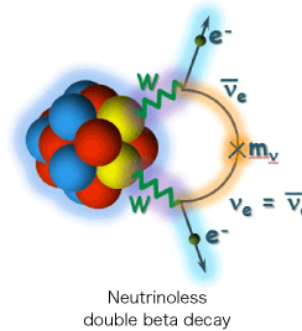
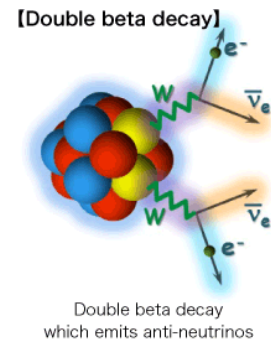
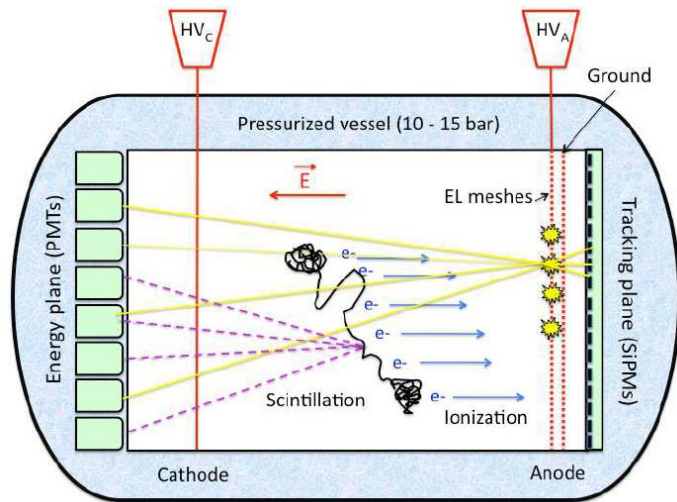
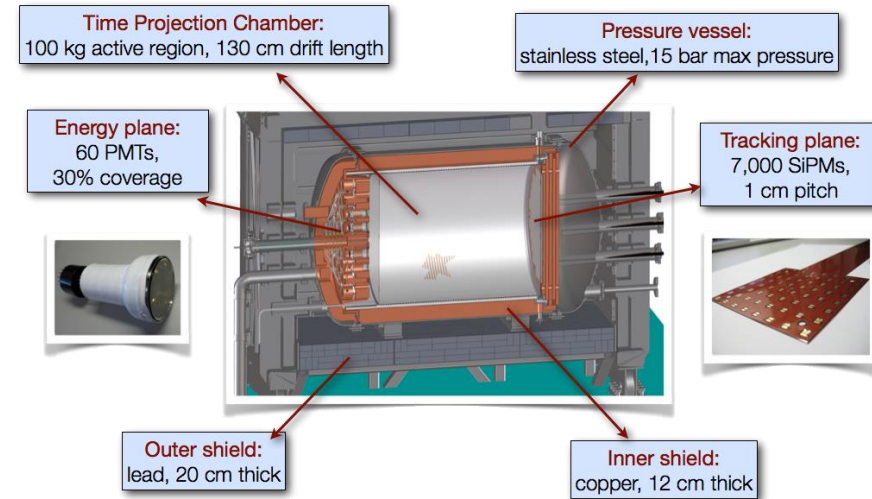
Daya Bay, Neutrinos



20 tons of liquid scintillator



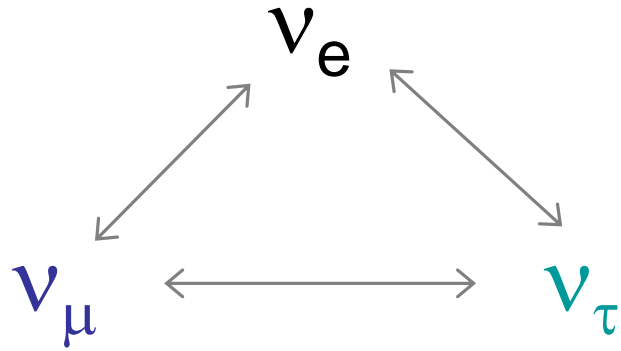
NEXT experiment, double β decay



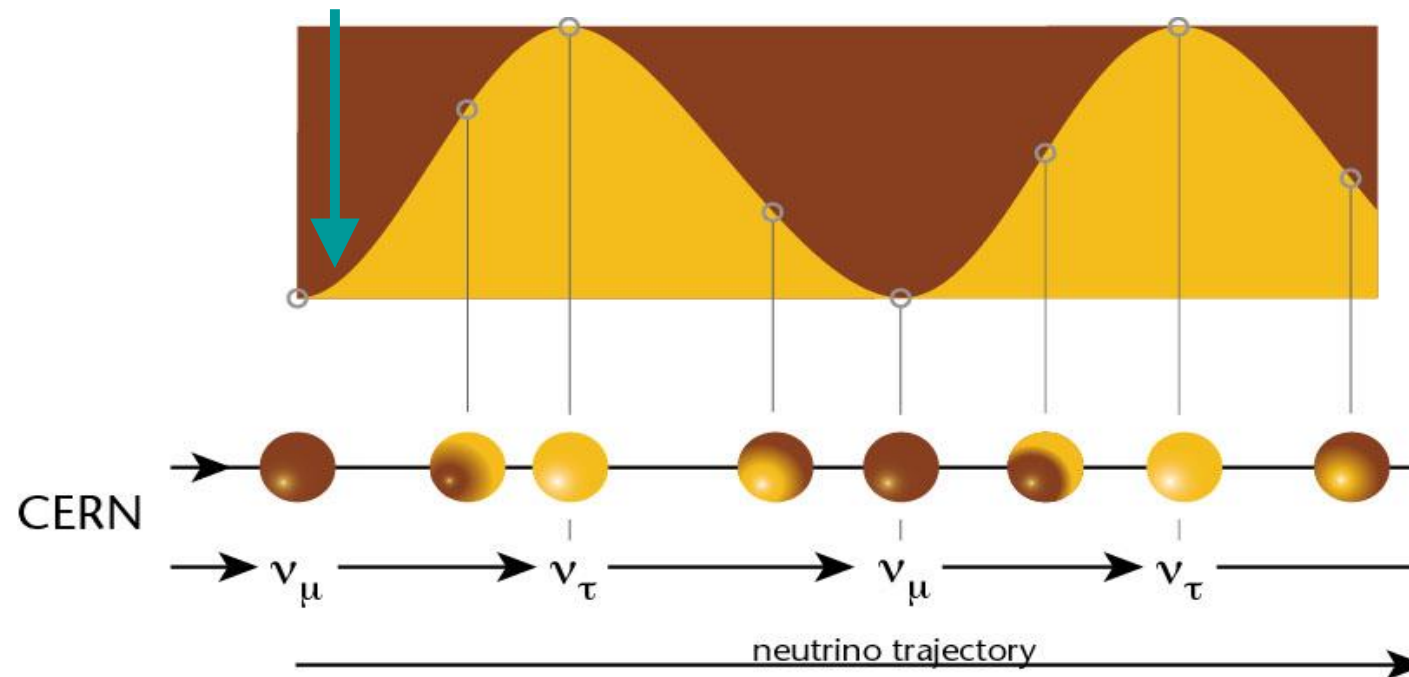
CERN Neutrino Gran Sasso (CNGS)

CNGS

If neutrinos have mass:



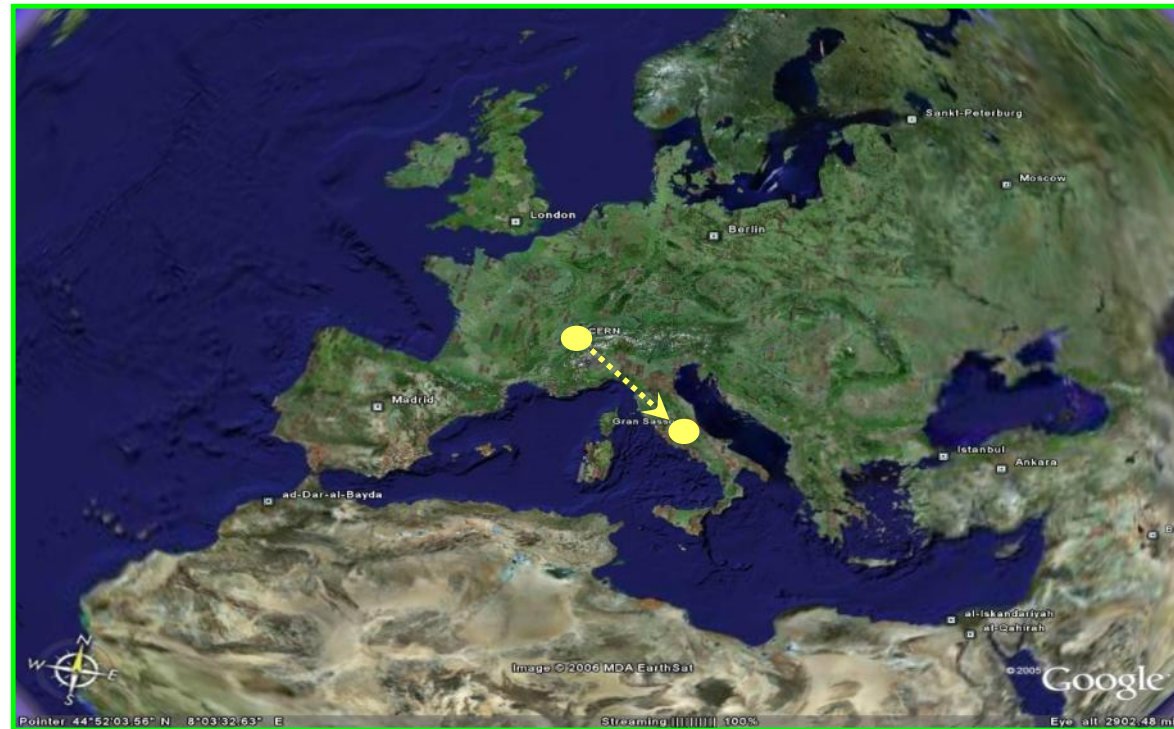
Muon neutrinos produced at CERN.
See if tau neutrinos arrive in Italy.



CNGS Project

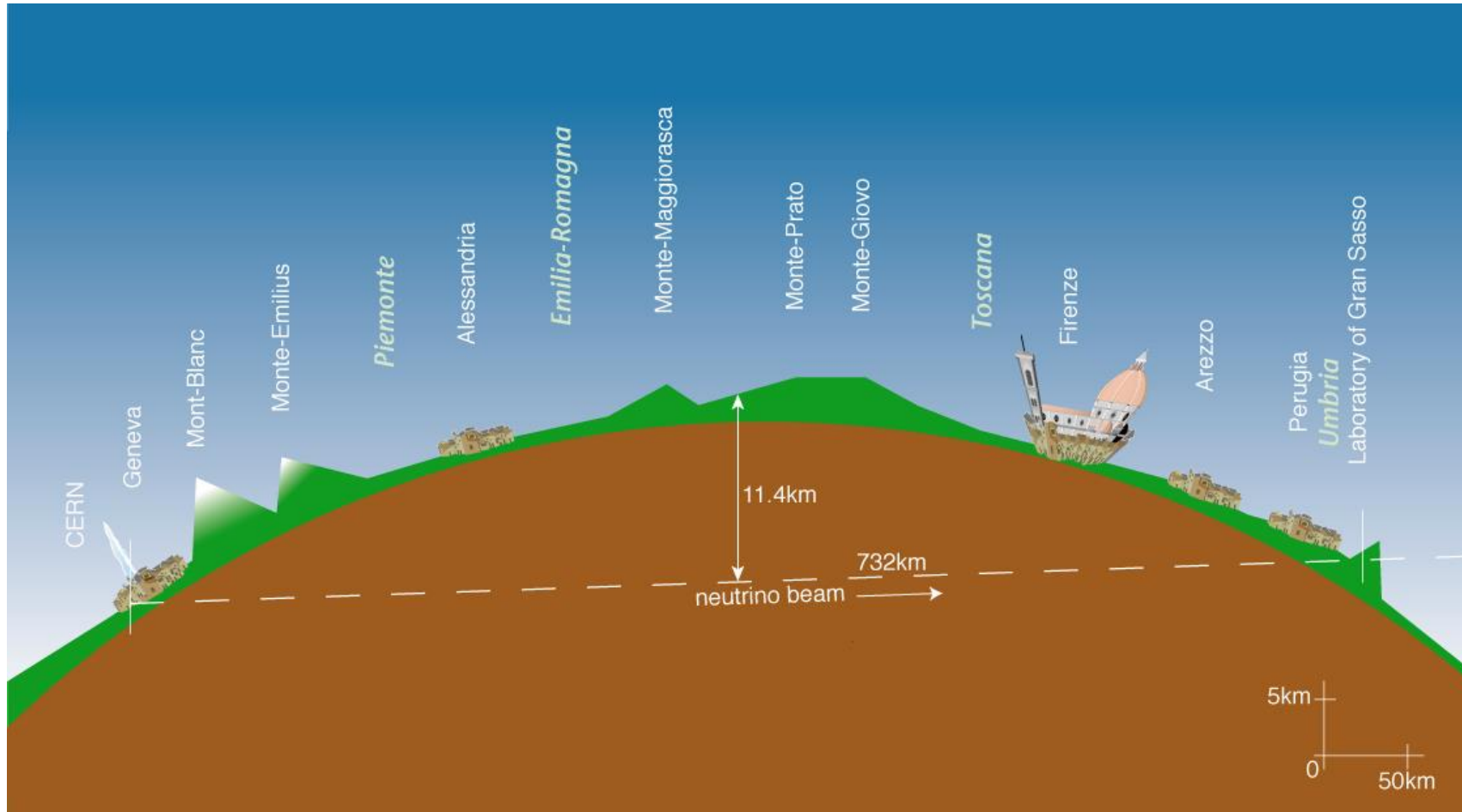
CNGS (CERN Neutrino Gran Sasso)

- A long base-line neutrino beam facility (732km)
- send ν_μ beam produced at CERN
- detect ν_τ appearance in OPERA experiment at Gran Sasso

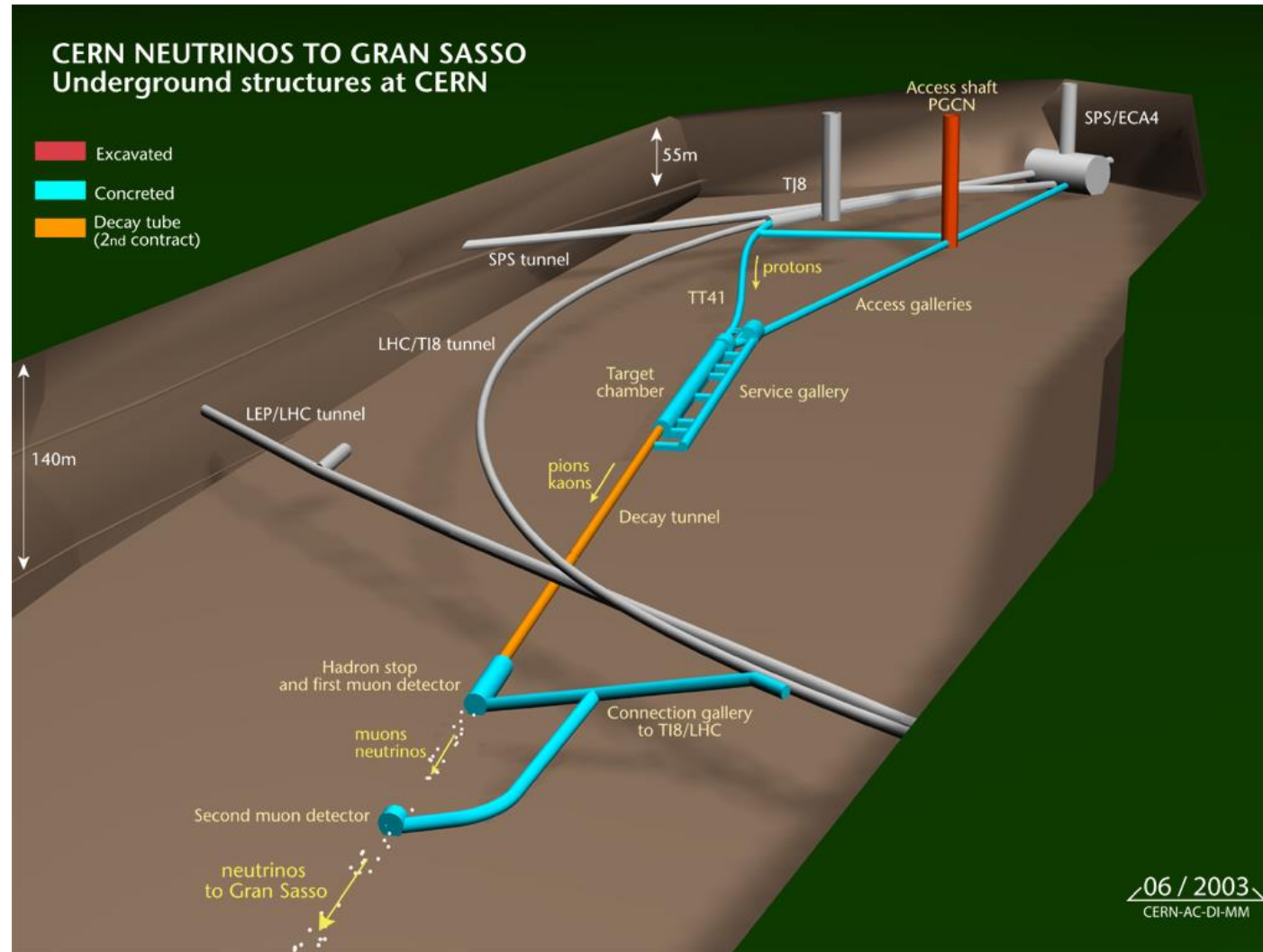


➔ direct proof of $\nu_\mu - \nu_\tau$ oscillation (appearance experiment)

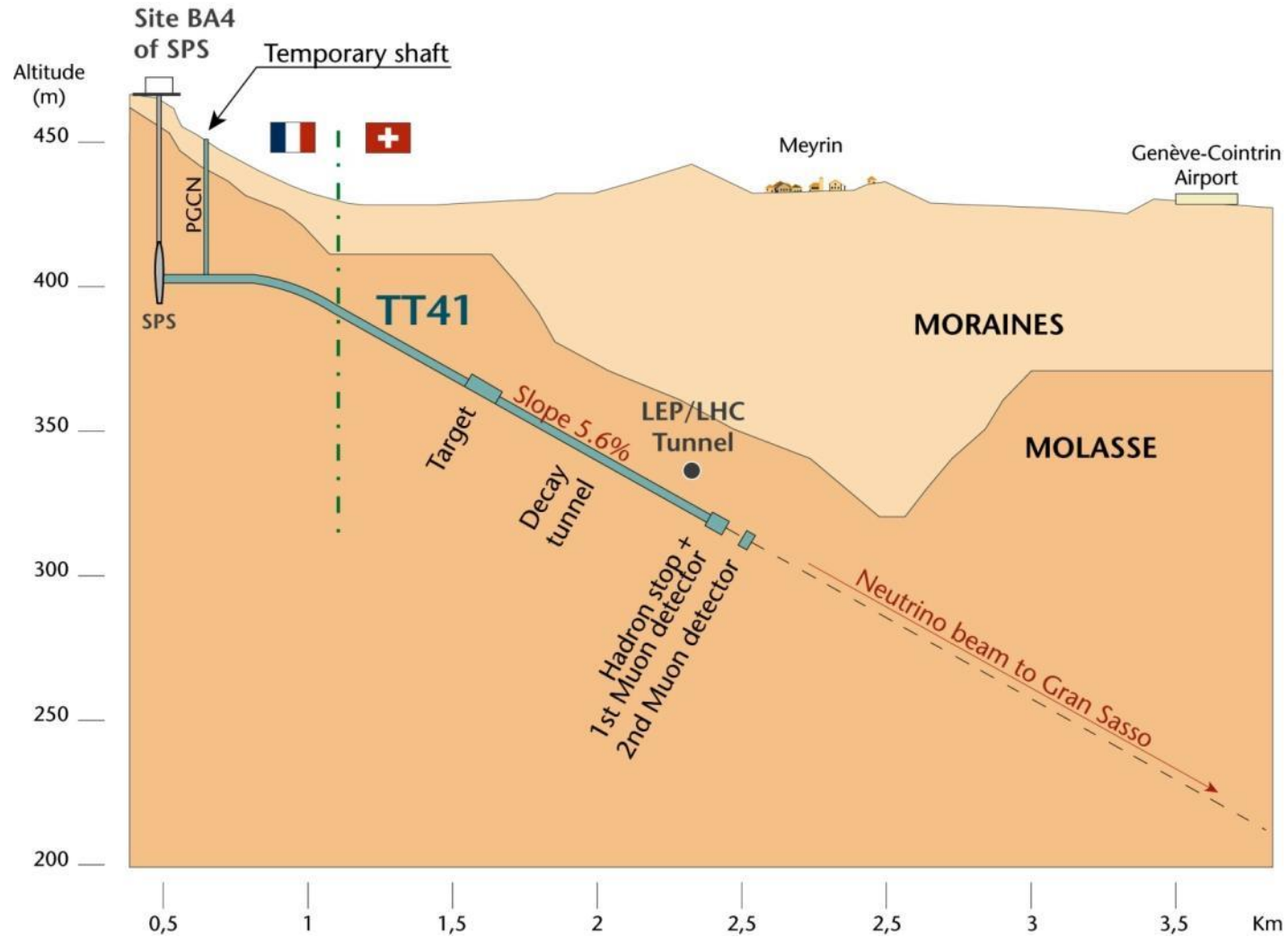
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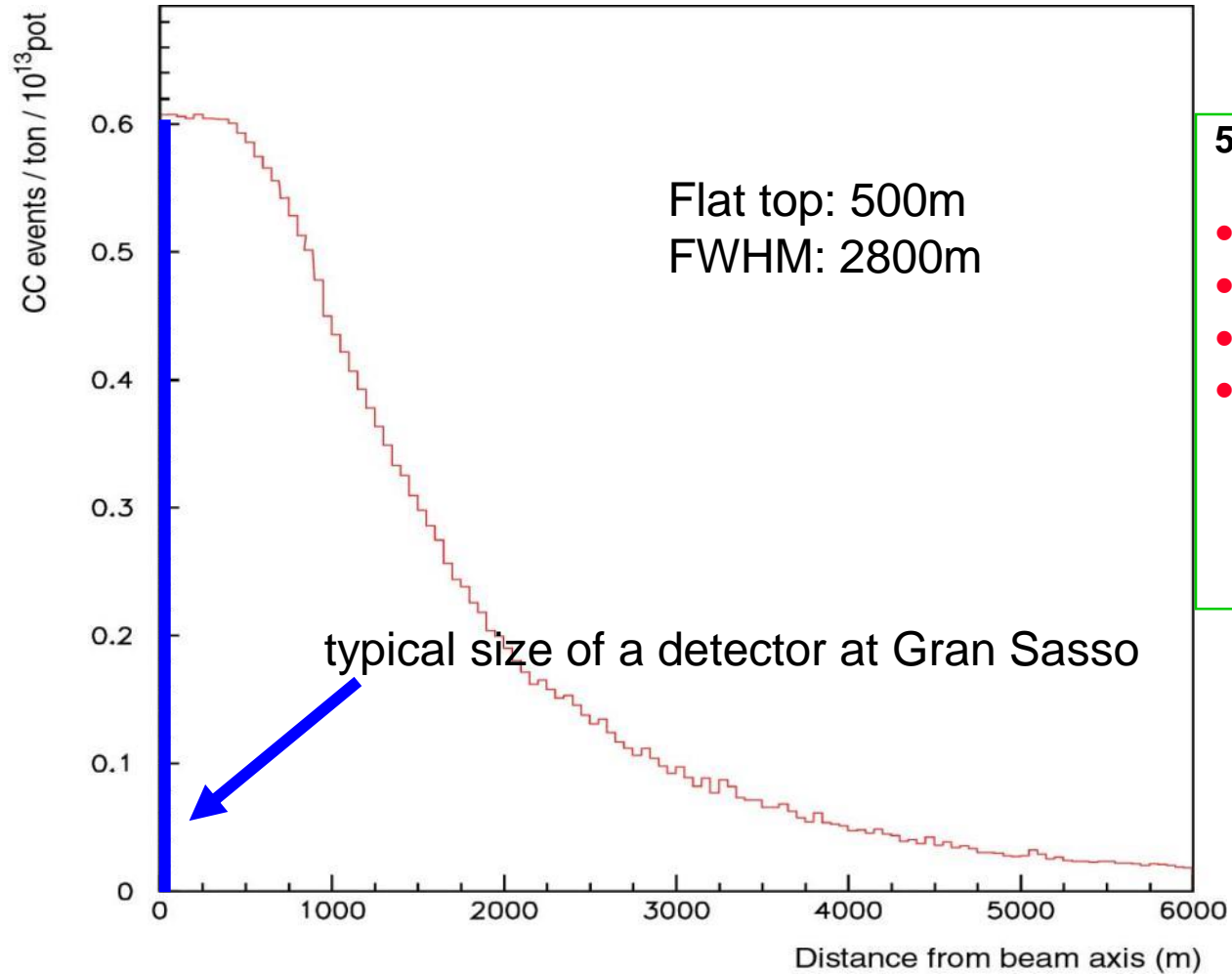
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Radial Distribution of the ν_μ -Beam at GS



5 years CNGS operation, 1800 tons target:

- **30000 neutrino interactions**
- **$\sim 150 \nu_\tau$ interactions**
- **$\sim 15 \nu_\tau$ identified**
- **< 1 event of background**

Neutrinos at CNGS: Some Numbers

For 1 year of CNGS operation, we expect:

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| protons on target | 2×10^{19} |
| pions / kaons at entrance to decay tunnel | 3×10^{19} |
| ν_{μ} in direction of Gran Sasso | 10^{19} |
| ν_{μ} in 100 m^2 at Gran Sasso | 3×10^{14} |
| ν_{μ} events per day in OPERA | ≈ 2500 |
| ν_{τ} events (from oscillation) | ≈ 2 |

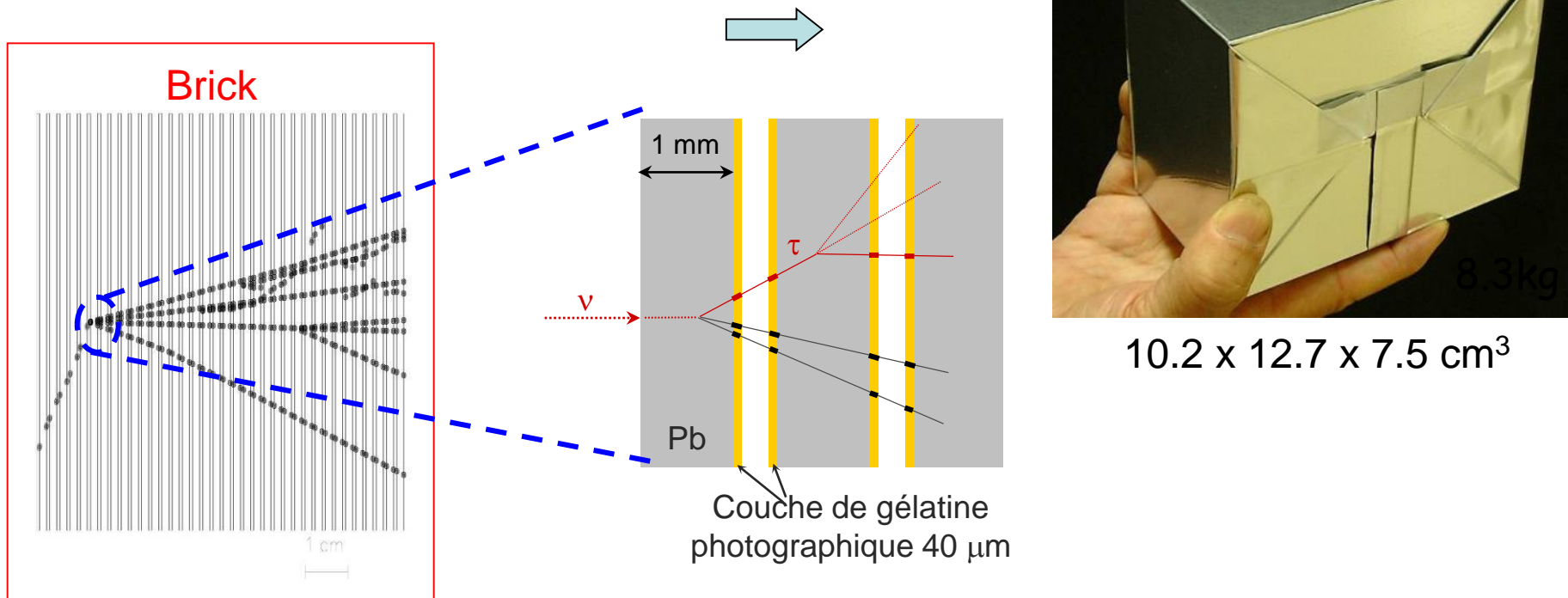
Opera Experiment at Gran Sasso

Basic unit: brick

56 Pb sheets + 56 photographic films (emulsion sheets)

Lead plates: massive target

Emulsions: micrometric precision

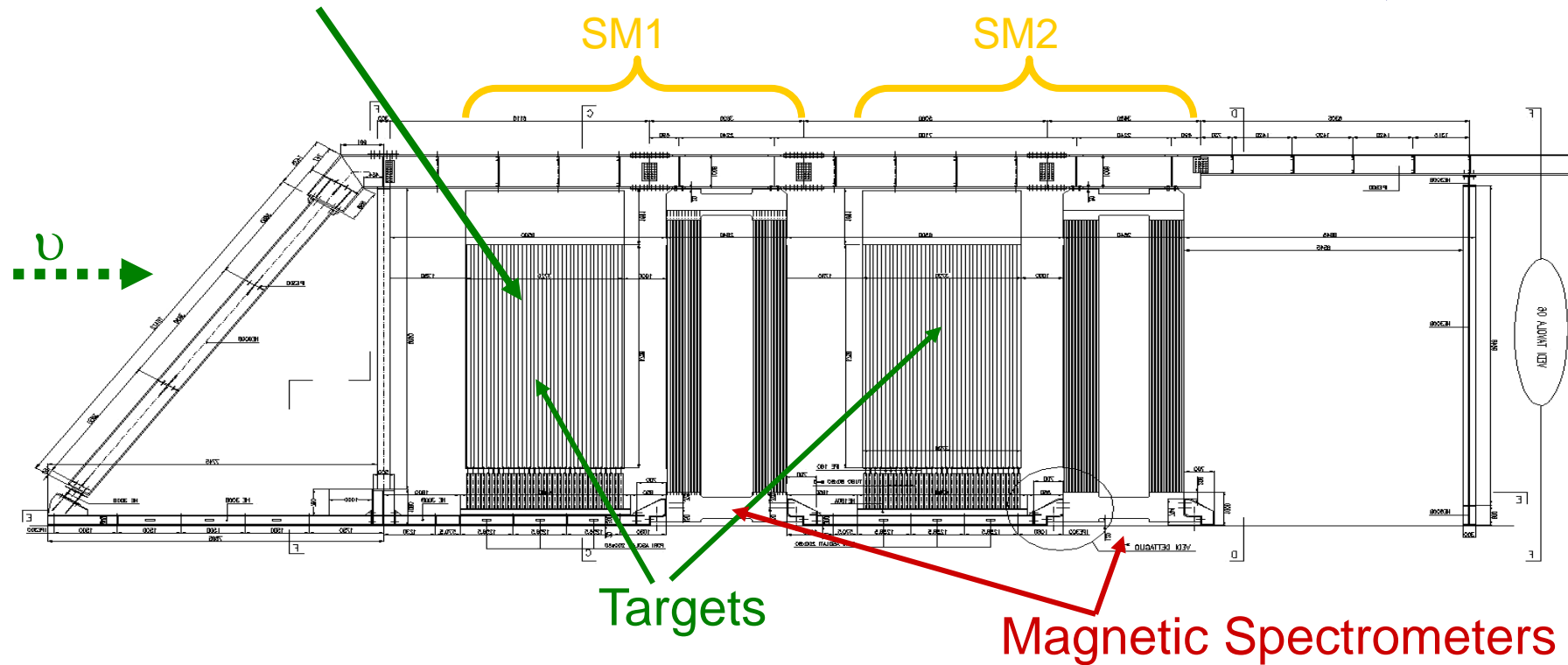


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31 target planes / supermodule

In total: 206336 bricks, 1766 tons



First observation of CNGS beam neutrinos : August 18th, 2006

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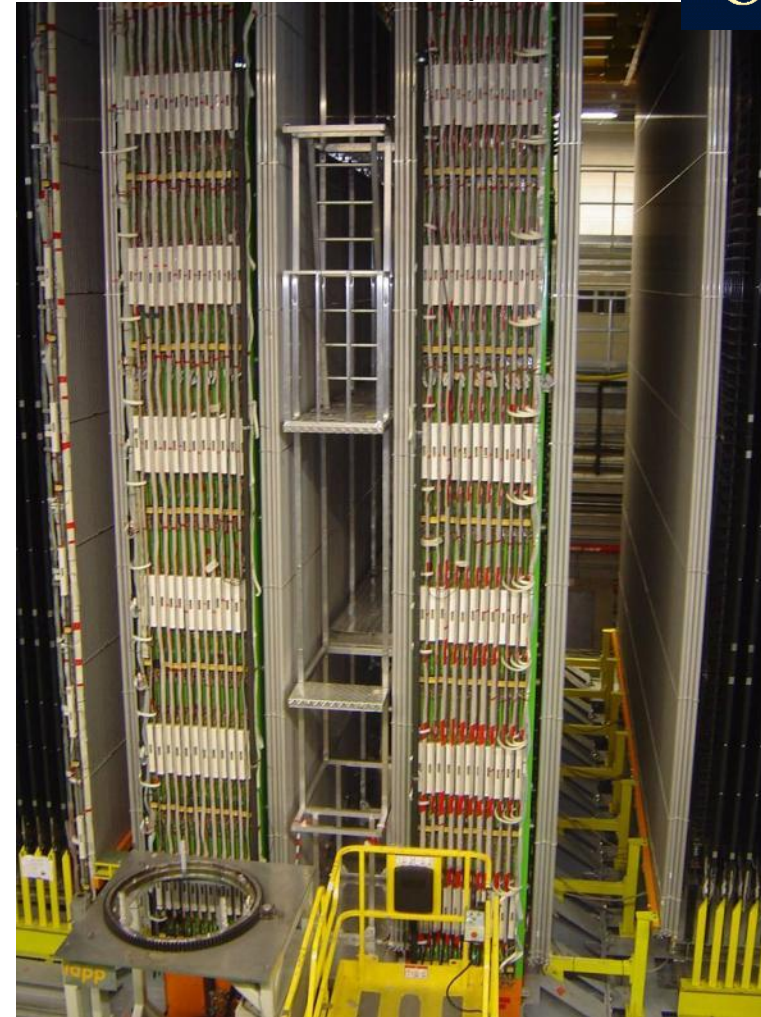


Second Super-module



Scintillator planes 5900 m^2
8064 7m long drift tubes

Details of the first spectrometer



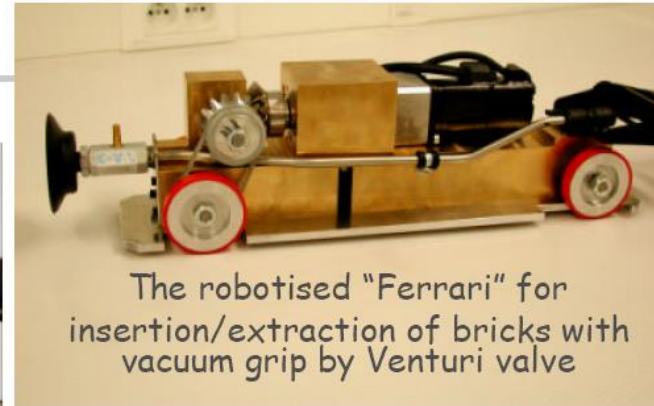
3050 m^2 Resistive Plate Counters
2000 tons of iron for the two magnets

Opera Experiment at Gran Sasso

The Brick Manipulator System (BMS) prototype:
a lot of fun for children and adults !



Tests with the prototype wall

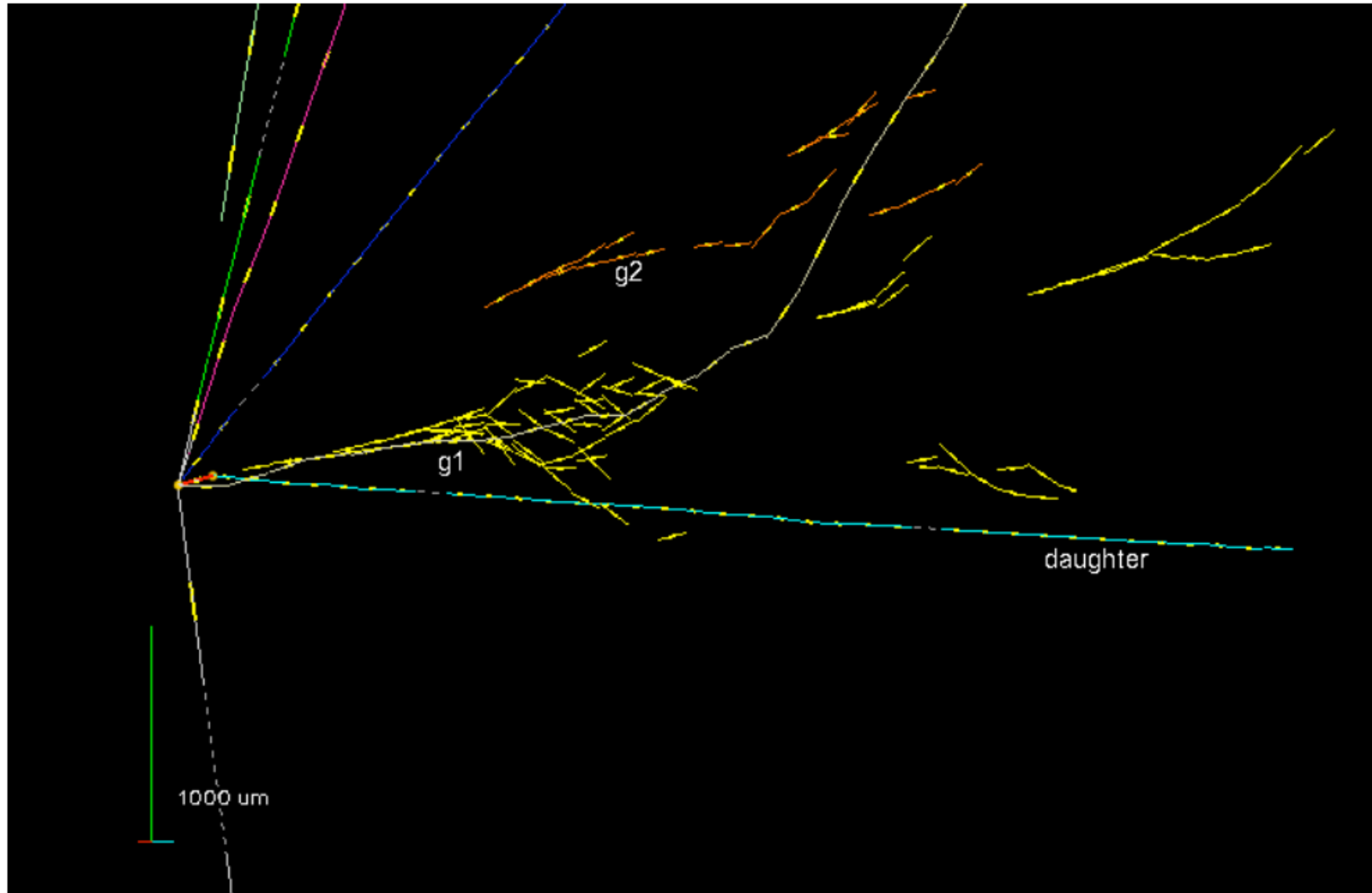


The robotised "Ferrari" for
insertion/extraction of bricks with
vacuum grip by Venturi valve



"Carousel" brick dispensing
and storage system

First Tau Candidate !





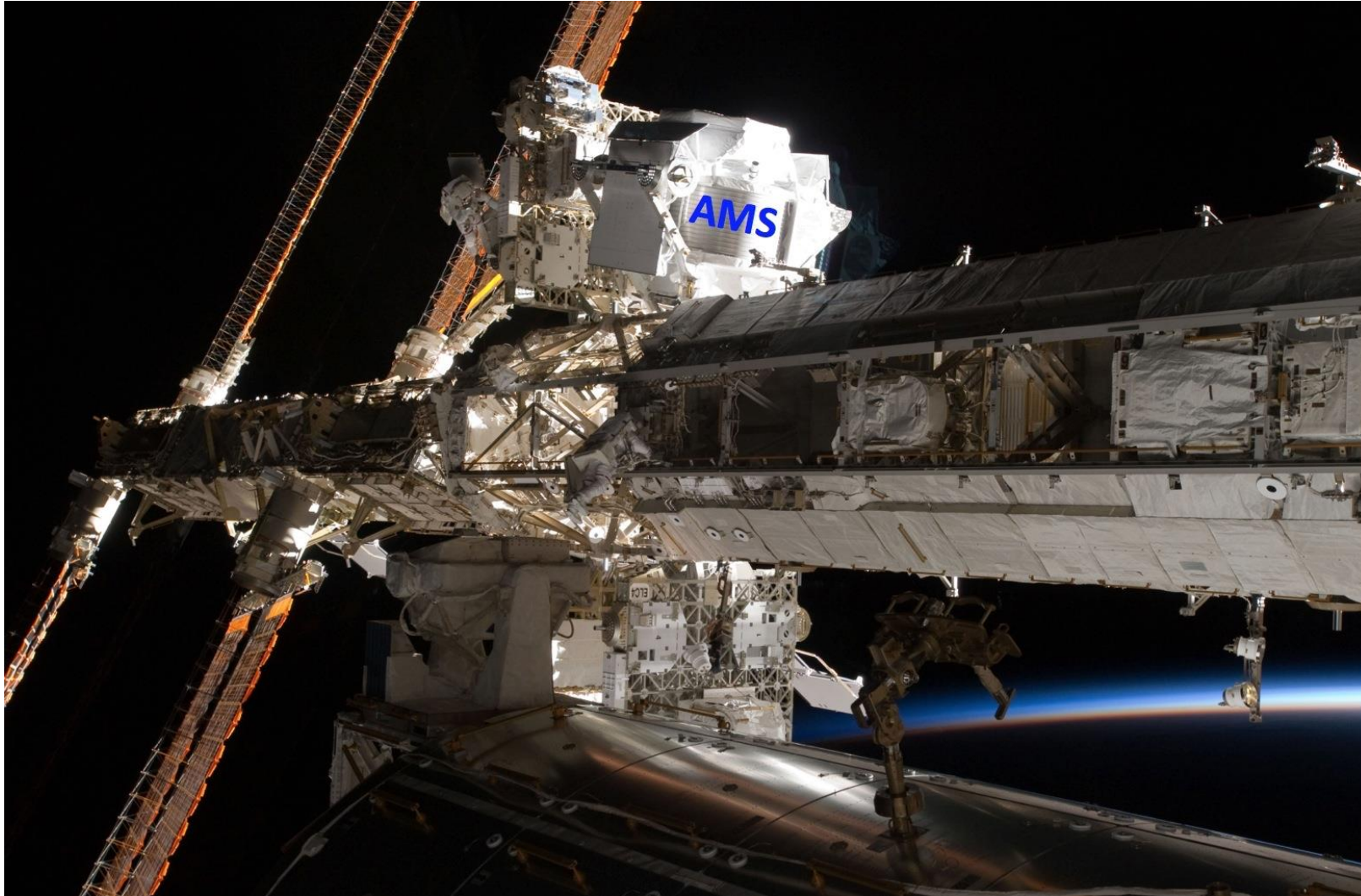
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Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer

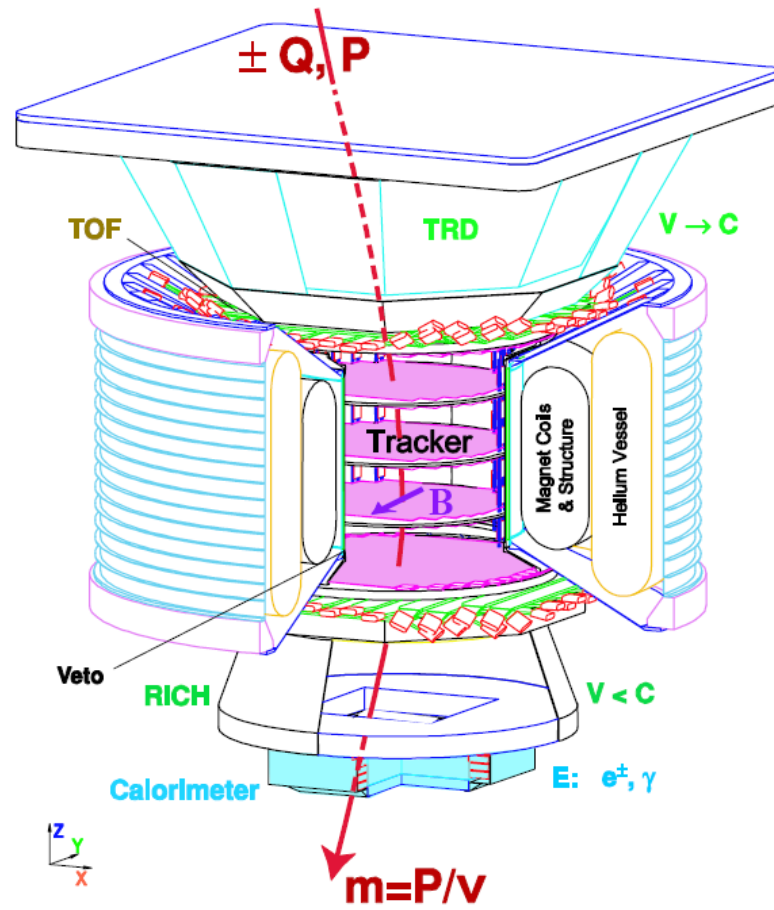
Try to find Antimatter in the primary cosmic rays.
Study cosmic ray composition etc. etc.

AMS

Installed on the space station.



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