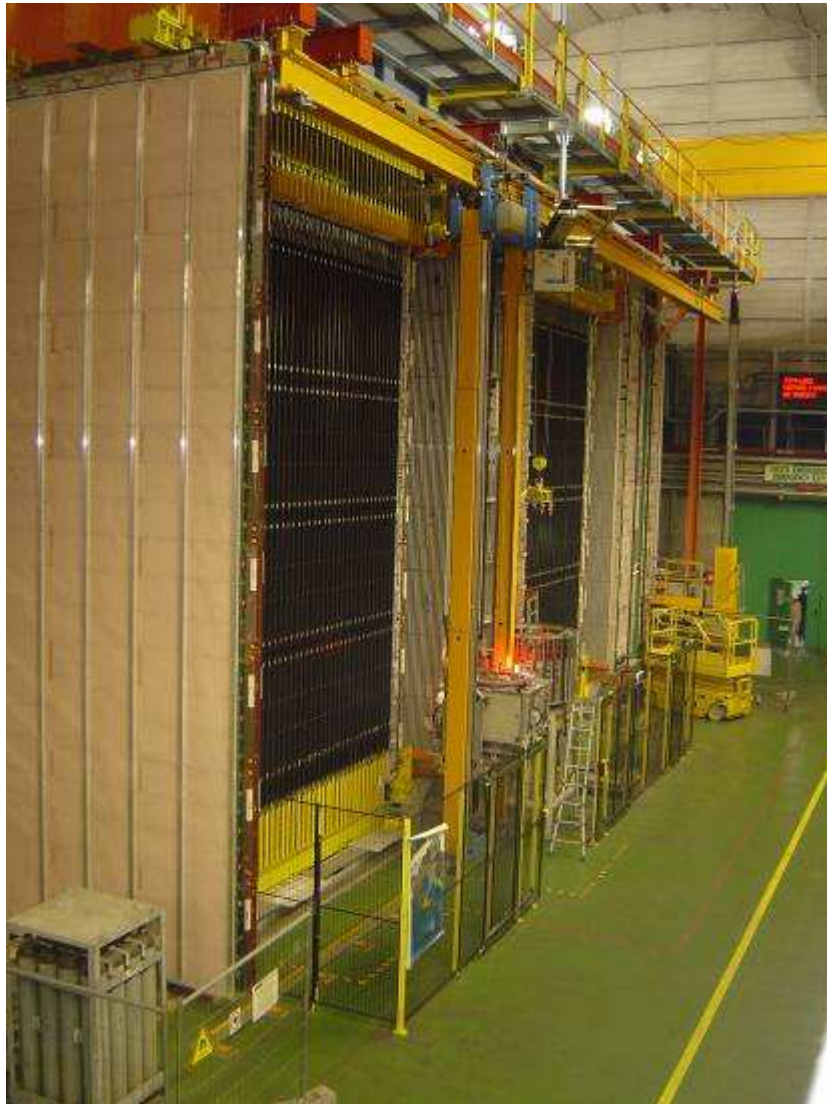


OPERA/CNGS1

Oscillation Project with Emulsion-tRacking Apparatus



June 26th, 2007

1. Electronic detectors
status of installation
2. DAQ and data analysis software
3. Results from the commissioning of the electronic detectors
 - TT
 - RPC
 - HPT
4. Cosmic and CNGS run results
5. Brick processing & Emulsions analysis
 - Scanning facilities
 - Track matching and analysis
6. Test beam activities
7. Brick production and Detector filling: status
8. OPERA sensitivity updated
9. Conclusions

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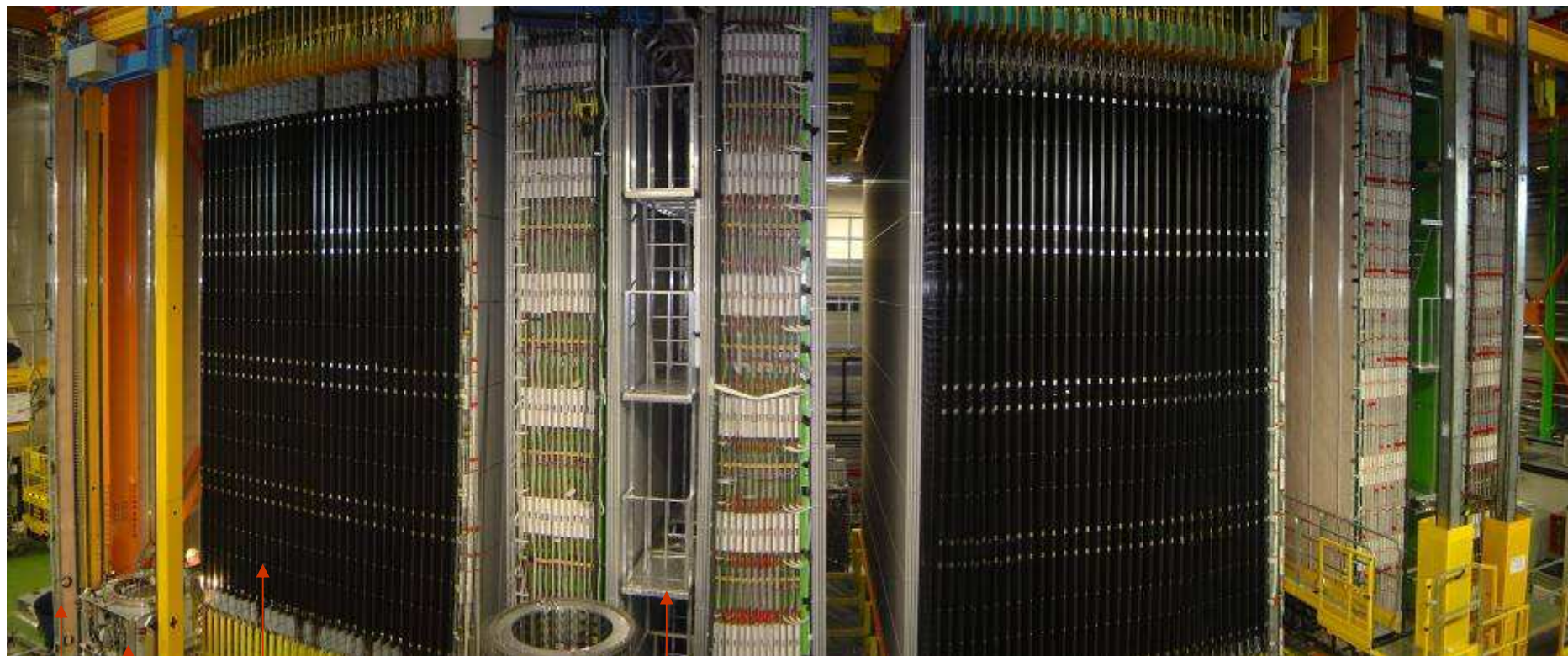
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Electronic detectors installation & commissioning completed



SM1

SM2



Veto

Target tracker

BMS

Spectrometer:
XPC, HPT, RPC, magnet

VETO & HPT/SM2
commissioning in progress

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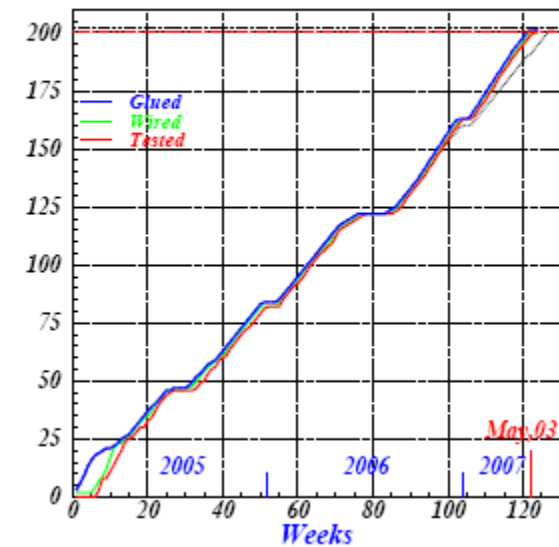
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Completion of HPT installation



- March 2007: HPT 9&11
- May 2007: end of mass production
- June 2007: HPT 10&12



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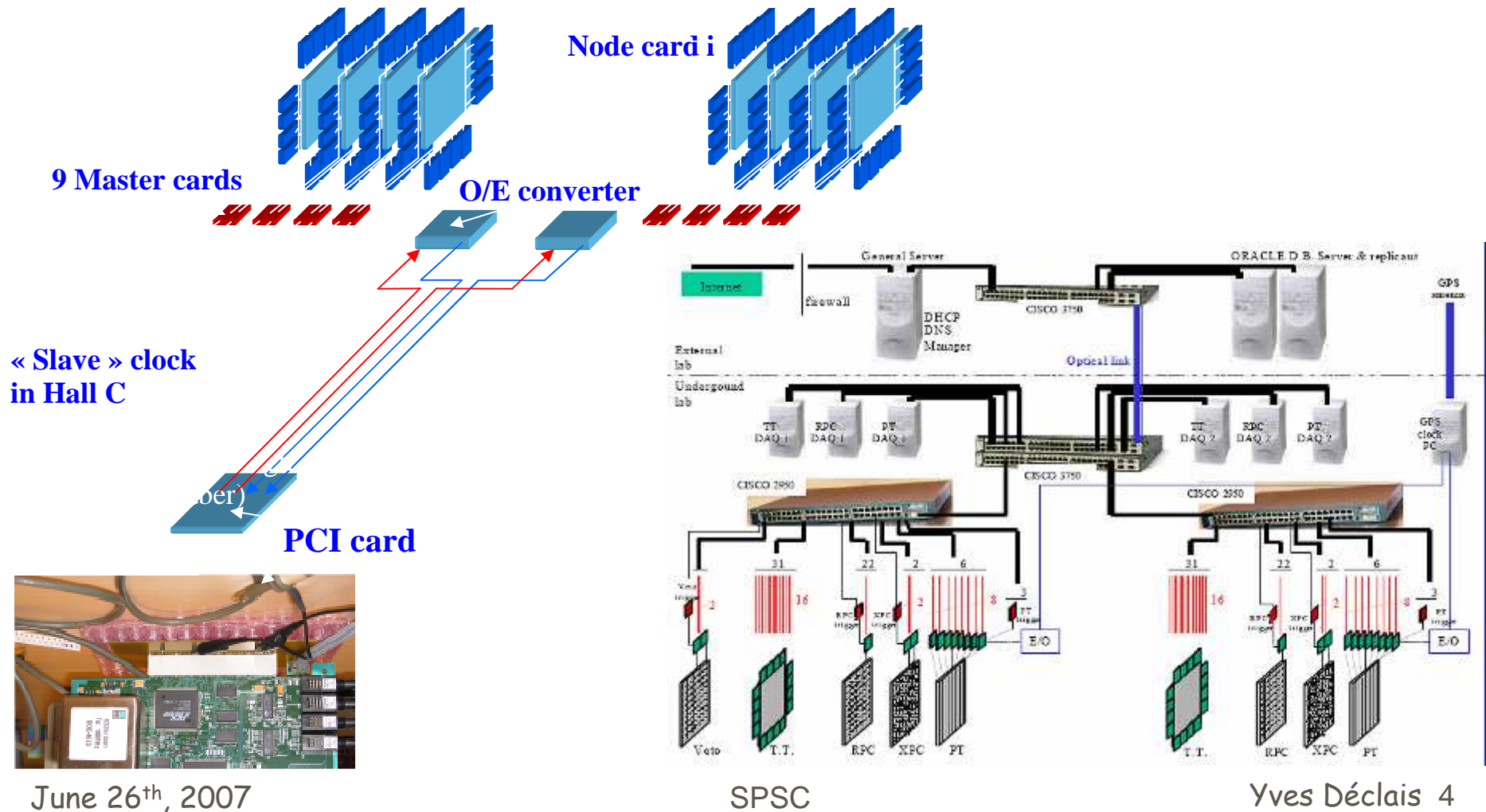
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DAQ readout architecture



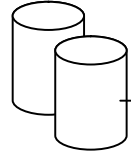
➤ Each individual node runs a local 100MHz clock generated via a common 20MHz clock send from a precise and stable oscillator. The oscillator is plugged onto a dedicated PCI card which locks the clock signal on the GPS and encode specific commands (propagation delay meas., reset, reboot etc).



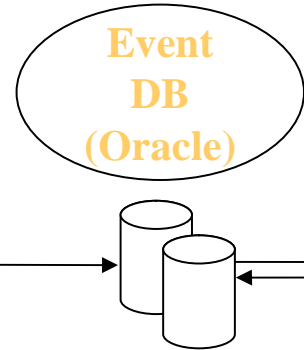
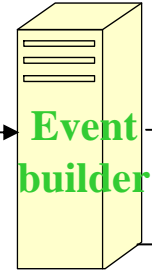
DAQ computing architecture



CNGS DB
(Oracle)



Gateway
DB



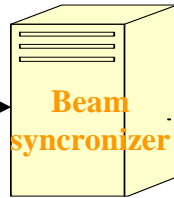
Root

- Alignment
- Data analysis
- Brick finding

- Time coincidence between subdetectors (merge sort)
- Event classification wrt the beam UTC
- Event header production

ASCII-2-Root

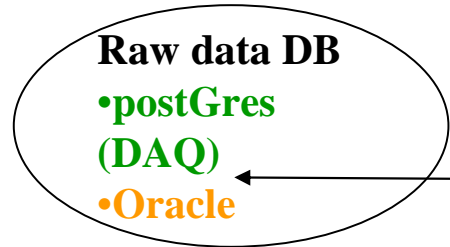
CNGS
Early
Warning



- Decodes CNGS early warning
- Flag the DAQ cycle wrt the beam

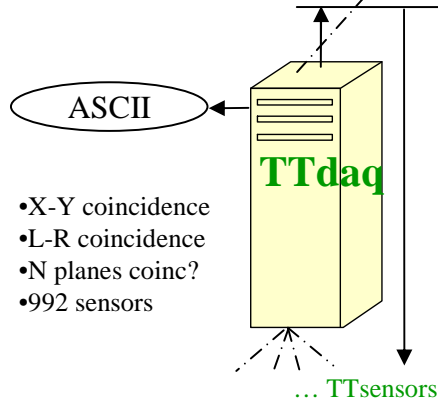


- Connects the DAQs
- Send flagged cycles
- Writes GPS dates



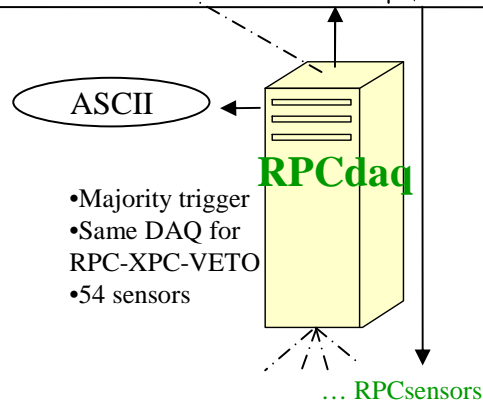
Raw data DB
•postGres (DAQ)
•Oracle

BMM



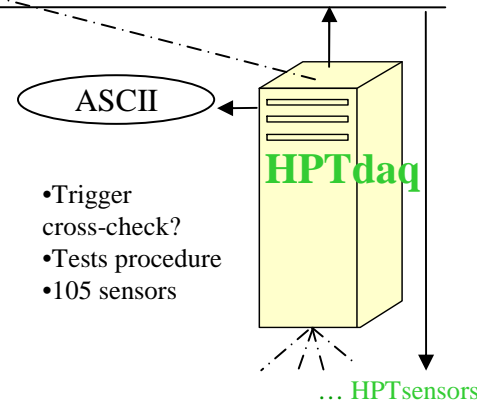
- X-Y coincidence
- L-R coincidence
- N planes coinc?
- 992 sensors

... TTsensors



- Majority trigger
- Same DAQ for RPC-XPC-VETO
- 54 sensors

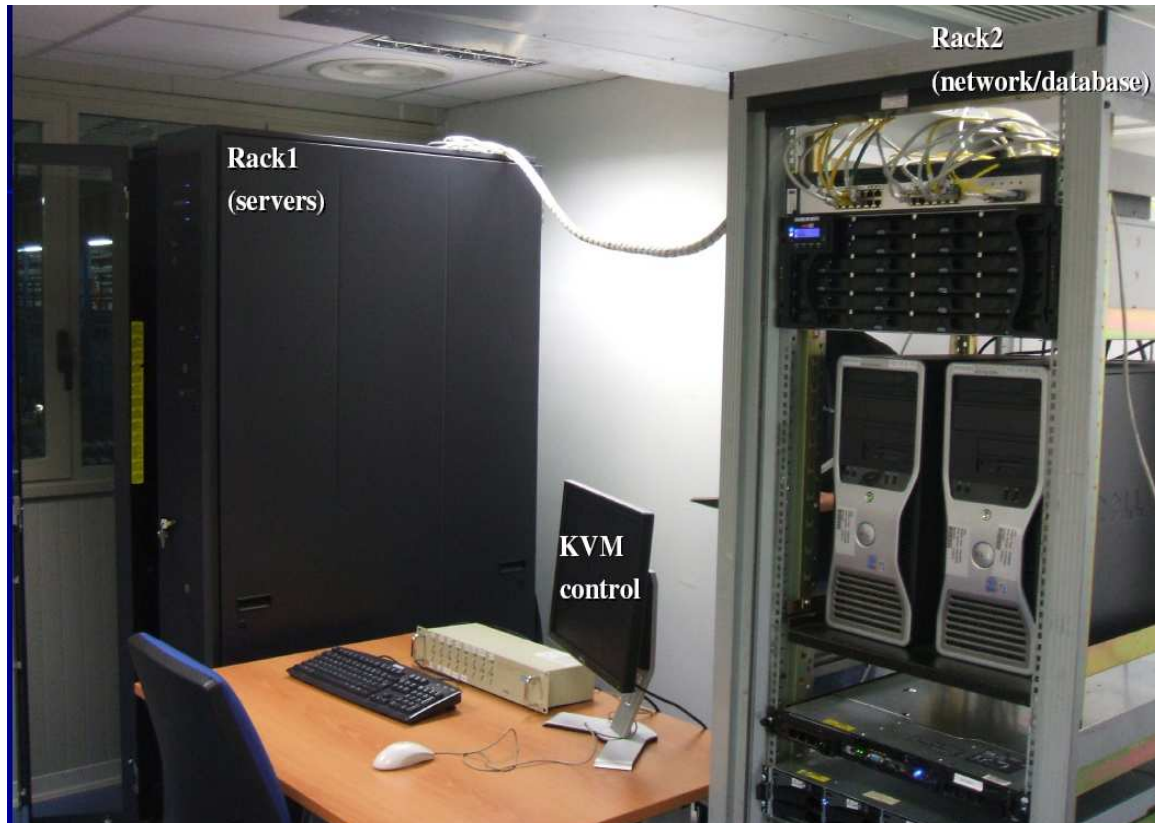
... RPCsensors



- Trigger cross-check?
- Tests procedure
- 105 sensors

... HPTsensors

Control room

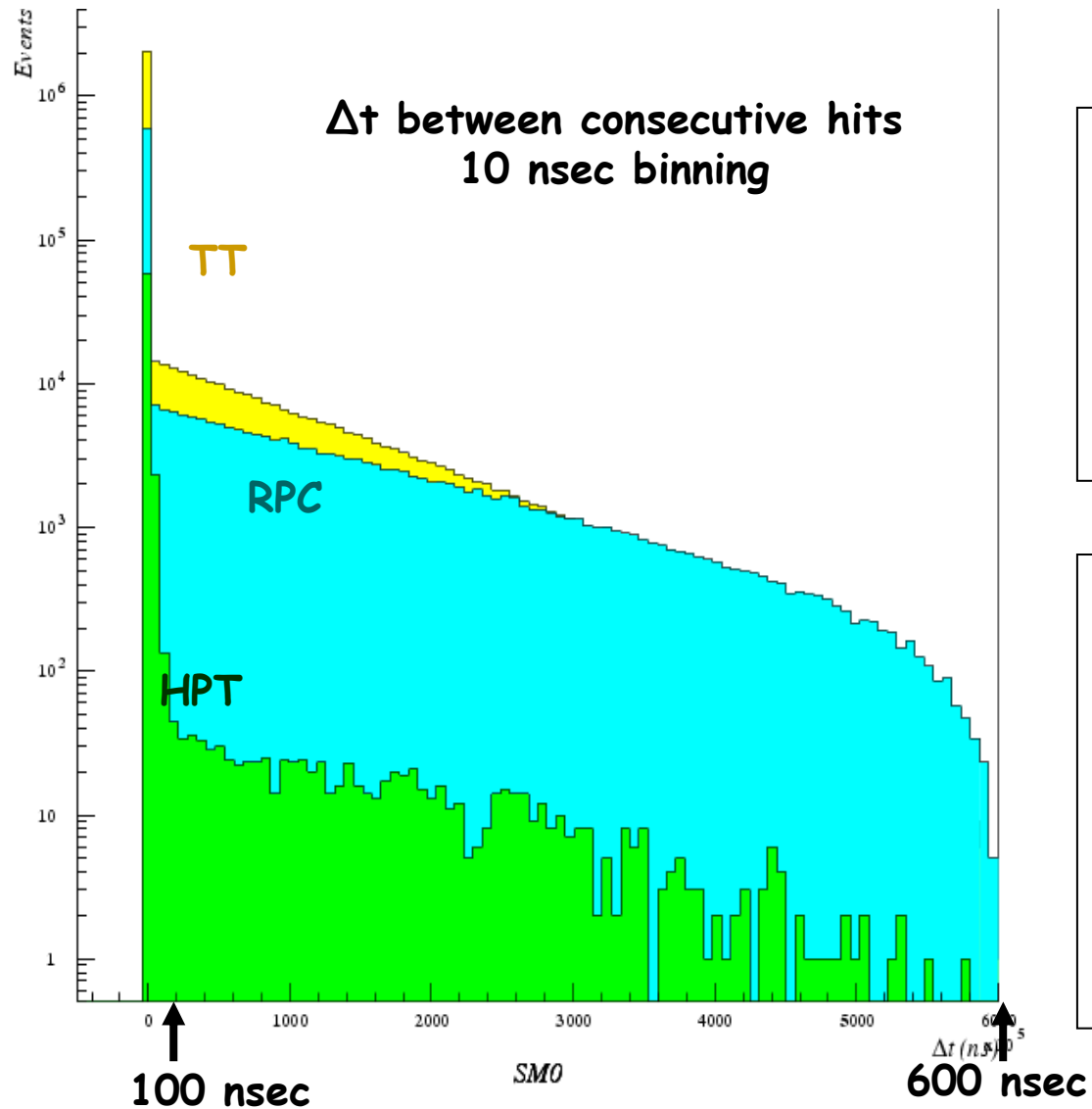


Currently in Hall B:

- DAQ servers
- Gateway server
- DAQ-MMS Database

DAQ DB: migration to Oracle completed

DAQ: event building concept



Trigger for sub-detectors :

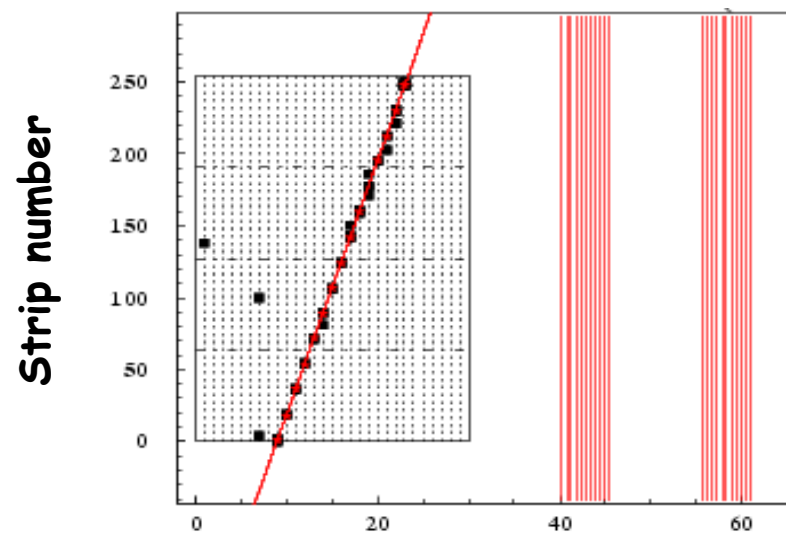
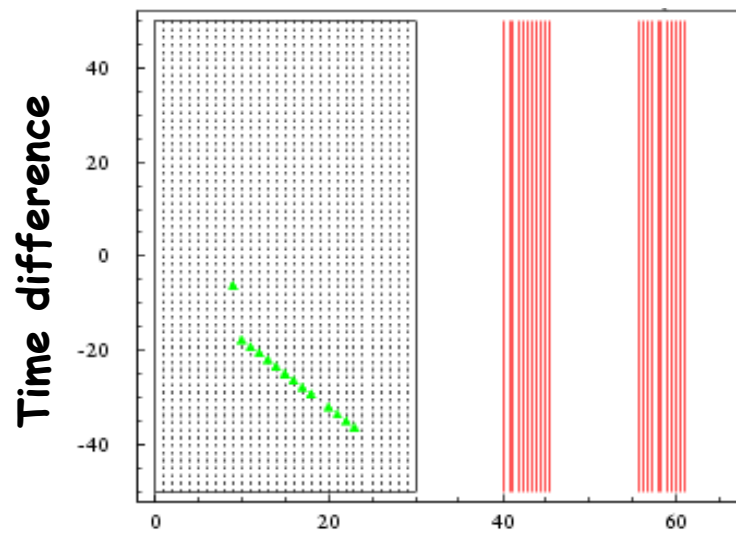
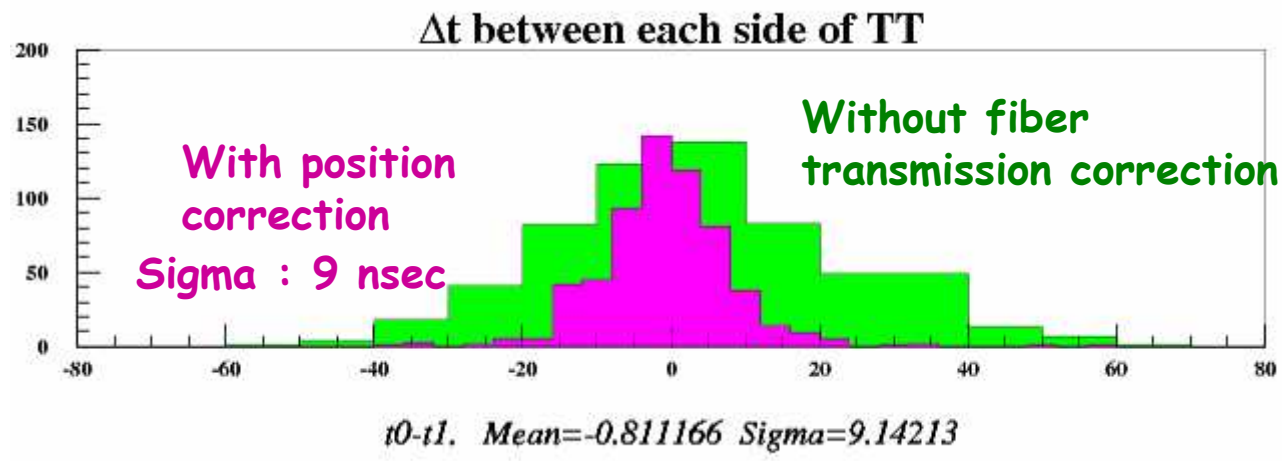
- free running mode at the hardware threshold for TT, RPC & Veto
- Common stop formed by using RPC signals (dedicated electronics) for the HPT

Event building :

by sorting in time individual hit from sub-detectors:

- for each sub-detector in the dedicated sub-detector DAQ machine + filtering algorithms
- between sub-detectors in the event builder machine + filtering algorithms

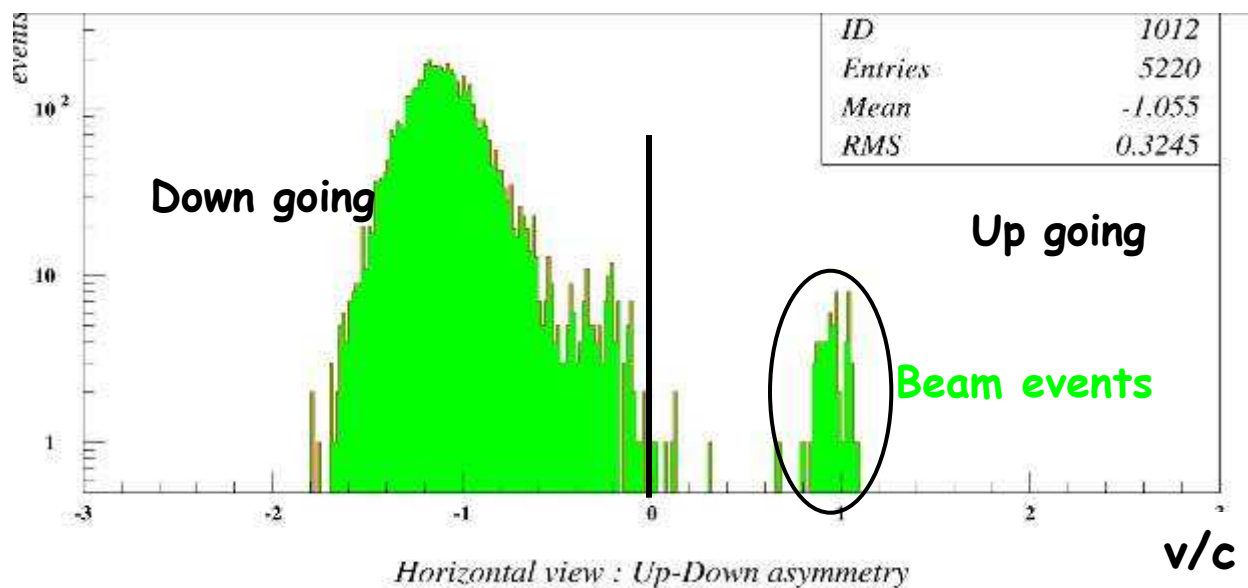
Time stamp resolution



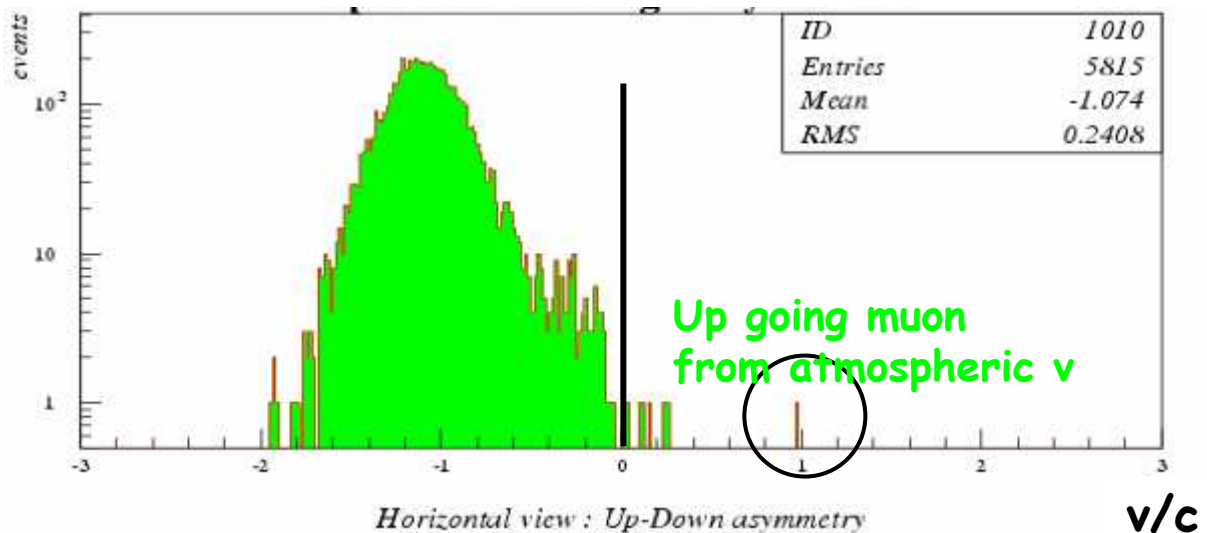
down going muon : side view



Up-going muon selection using the time stamp



2006 data:
Cosmics and beam data



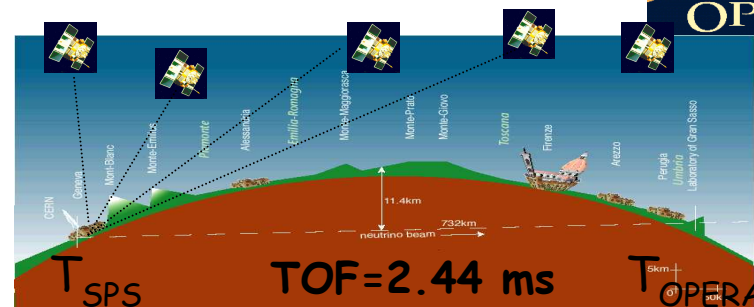
Only cosmic data:
• 44 days of data
• expected 2
• observed 1

CNGS event selection by using the GPS Timing Information



$$T_{\text{OPERA}} - (T_{\text{SPS}} + \text{TOF}) < T_{\text{gate}}$$

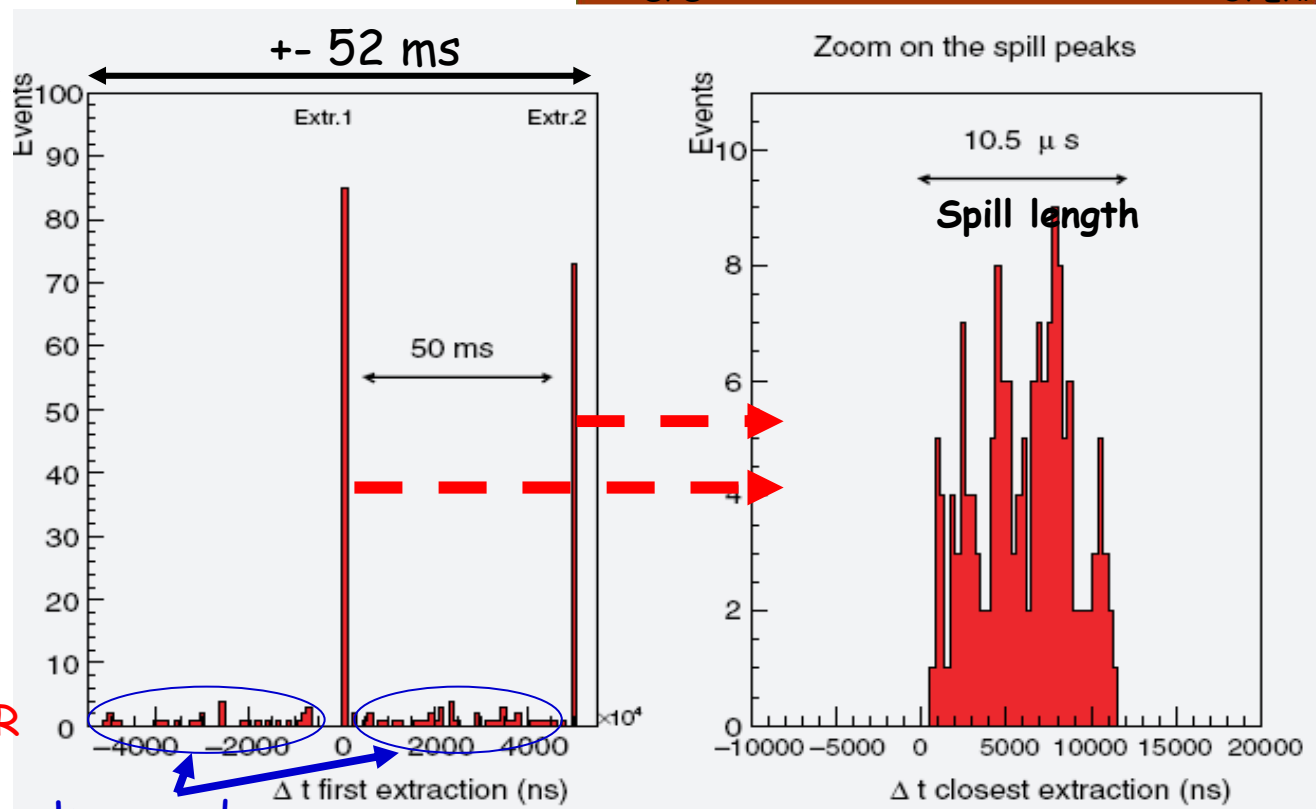
GPS time stamp intercalibration ~ 100 ns
 T_{gate} slightly larger than the extraction length
 ($10.5 \mu\text{s}$)



Beam time structure shown with an enlarged windows around the first extraction



Searching events in $\alpha(\text{ms})$ windows just yields a narrow peak of the order of the spill width ($10.5 \mu\text{s}$) with practically no CR background: $\alpha(10^{-4})$

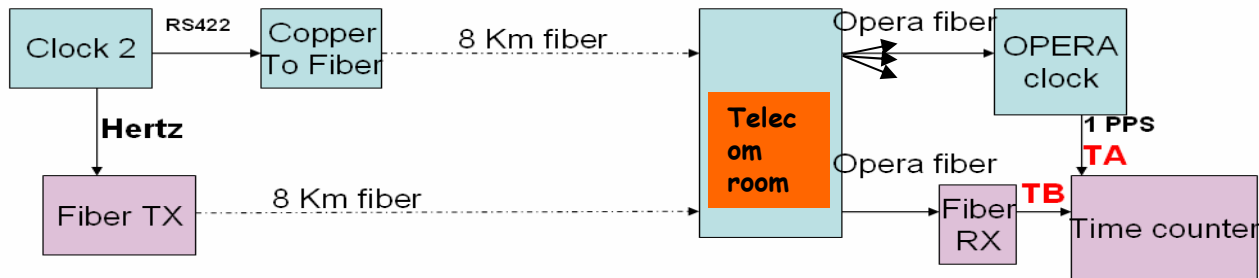


CR background

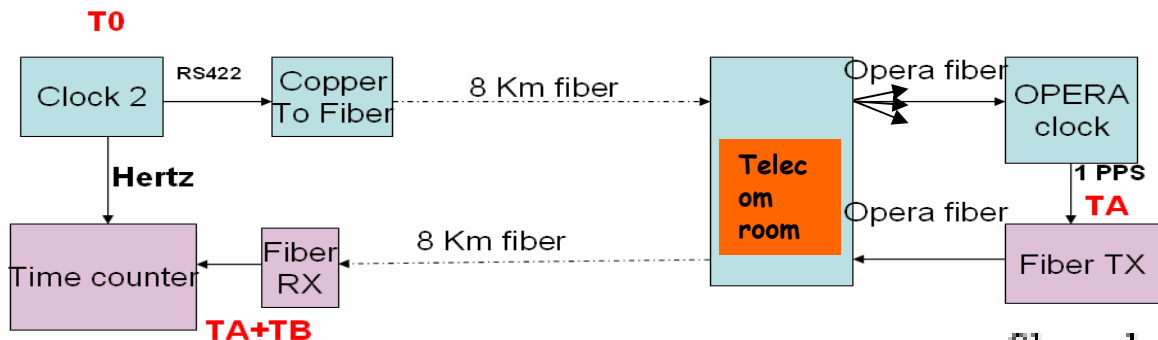


Complete Calibration of the time distribution chain

T0 1) Hertz and RS422 are emitted at T0. Measure the arrival times difference underground TB-TA



2) The components of the B arm are reshuffled to invert the direction the TB+TA is measured



Calibration of the paths for OPERA, BOREXINO, LVD towers 1,2,3 performed on July 06:

Slave clock delays:

Slave clock	Delay w.r.t clock 2
OPERA	40975.4 ns
BOREXINO	41729.5 ns
LVD Tower 1	42116.5 ns
LVD Tower 2	42063.8 ns
LVD Tower 3	42040.6 ns

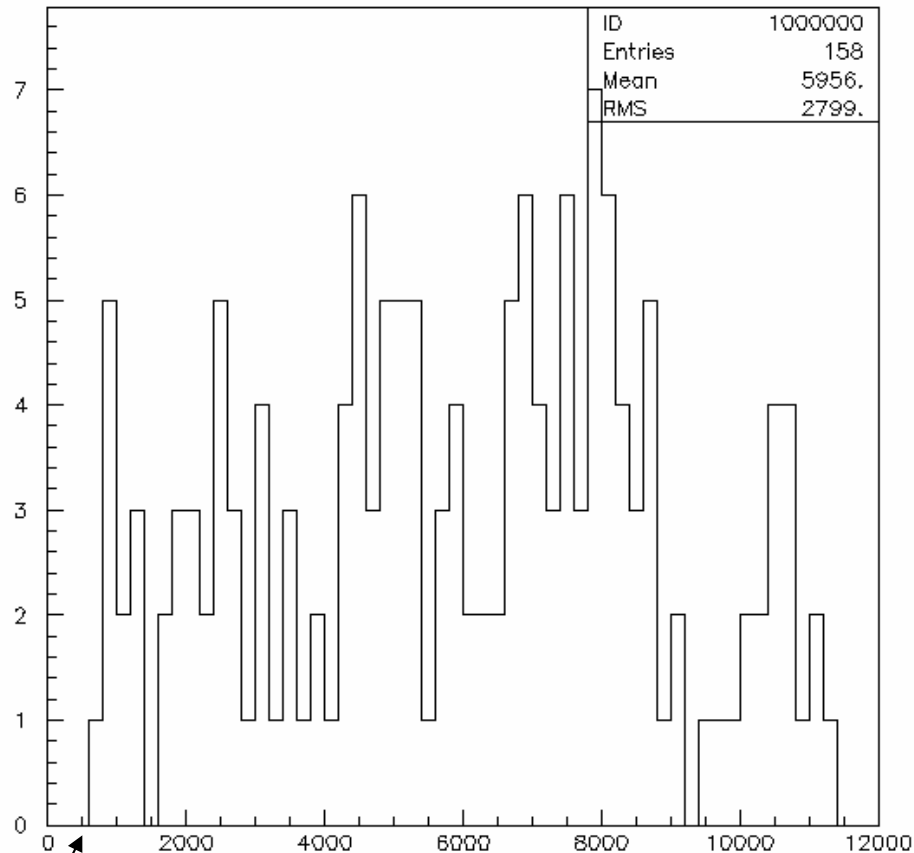
Measurement on two paths one of which is the standard one:

$$T1 = TA + TB$$

$$T2 = TA - TB$$

Solve for TA and TB

Absolute Time Comparison



600 ns offset, reason for additional 100 ns offset found at CERN

→ 500 ns offset remaining

New calibration campaign 2007:

July 2007 with a portable atomic Cs clock capable of providing a 1PPS signal synchronized with UTC and stable at the level of few ns over several days

✓ Measure the timing signals at various points of the chain at CERN and LNGS compared to the 1PPS of the Cs clock

→ absolute calibration transported in all the single points, check the calibrations performed last year with independent method

✓ Precise timing: implement a fast digitizer recording the proton current at the level of the BCT

Computing framework



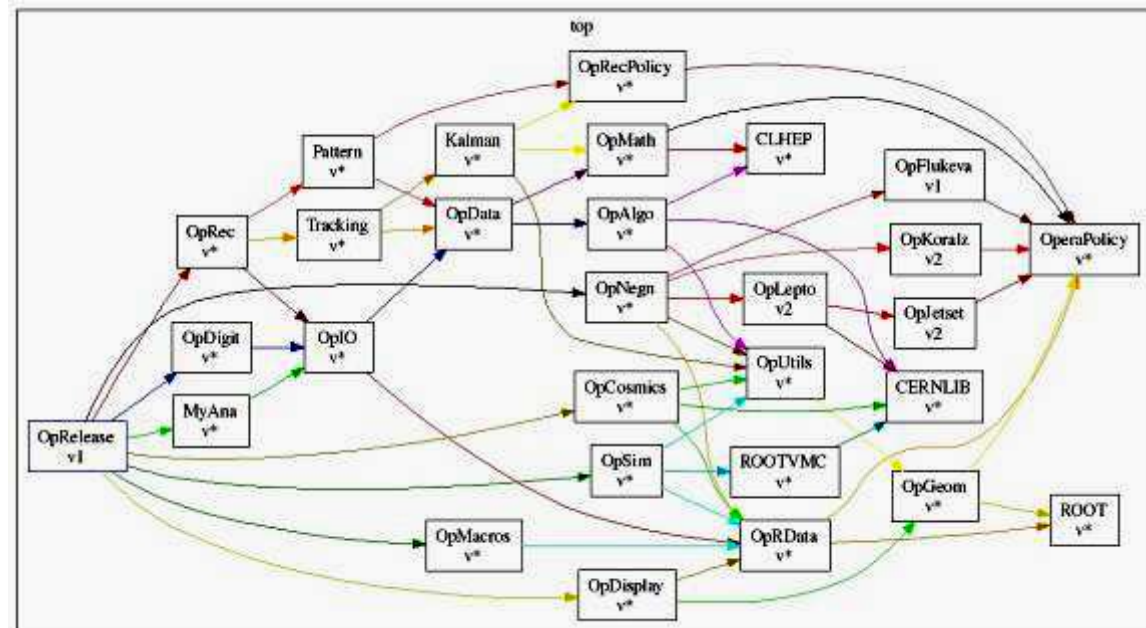
- The offline computing framework is a set of software C++ packages:
 - * running on CERN Linux platforms (and partly on Windows)
 - * managed by CMT and stored on a CERN CVS server
 - * with built-in Doxygen documentation



- ROOT is used extensively:



- * for data persistency with TTrees in files
- * for detector description with TGeoManager
- * for data simulation with Virtual Monte Carlo GEANT3-VMC
- * for data analysis: reconstruction in emulsions, ROOT macros, GUI for display



- The software team sticks continuously to the upgrades:
 - * of platforms and compilers (Scientific Linux CERN SLC4, 64 bits)
 - * of softwares (ROOT 5)

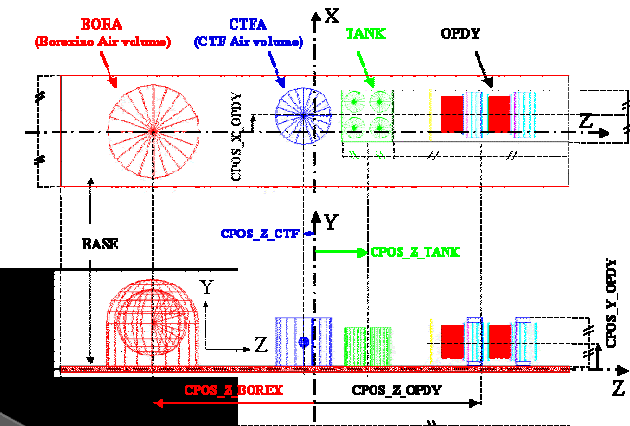
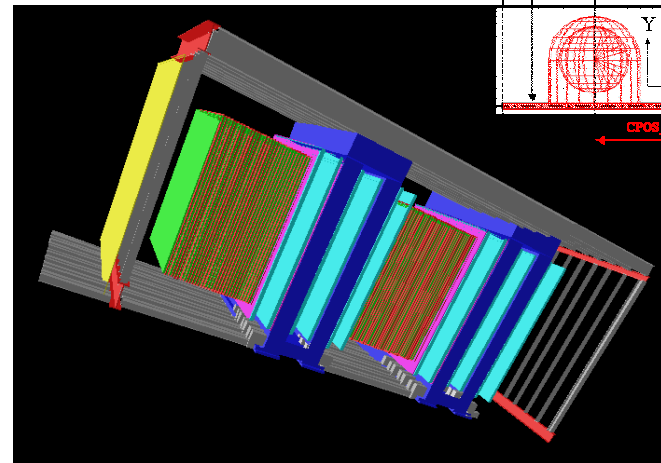


Analysis chain



- **Data model** and **detector model** are stable and robust with:
 - * standardization of real data / simulated data access
 - * description of the hall, Borexino, OPERA support structure, magnetic field, etc...
 - * insertion of alignment effects

- **Simulation chain** (generation-simulation-digitization) is under control with a production plan: beam events, rock events, cosmics



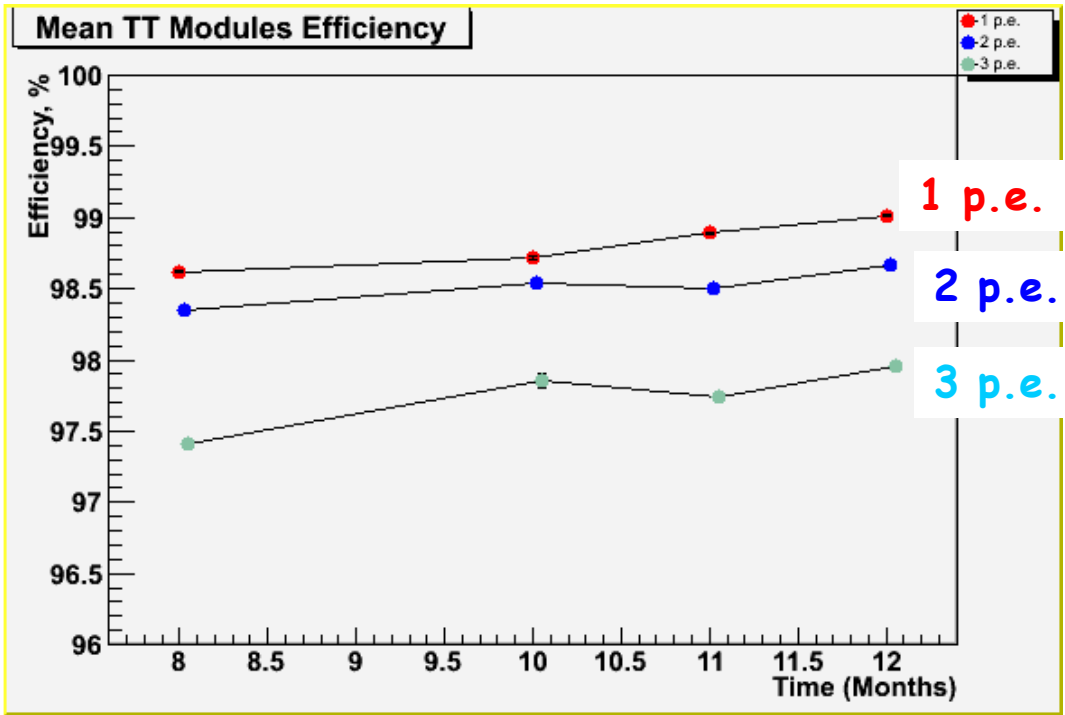
- **Reconstruction** and **analysis** algorithms are well advanced with:
 - * electronic detector reconstruction almost « final »
 - * several emulsion data reconstruction algorithms
 - * connection of electronic detectors data and emulsion data under study
 - * offline « heavy » event display and online « light » event display **OED**
 - * possibilities to perform analyses in the ROOT context (macros) and outside ROOT using the Standard Templated Library **STL**



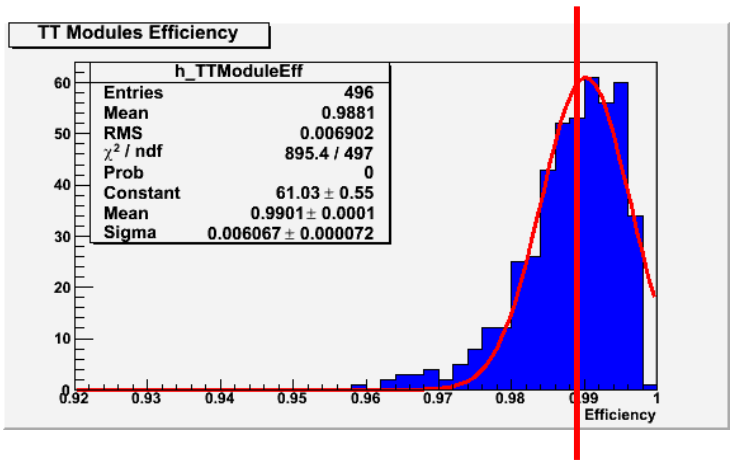
3. Results from the commissioning of the electronic detectors



Target Tracker efficiency



using cosmic ray tracks

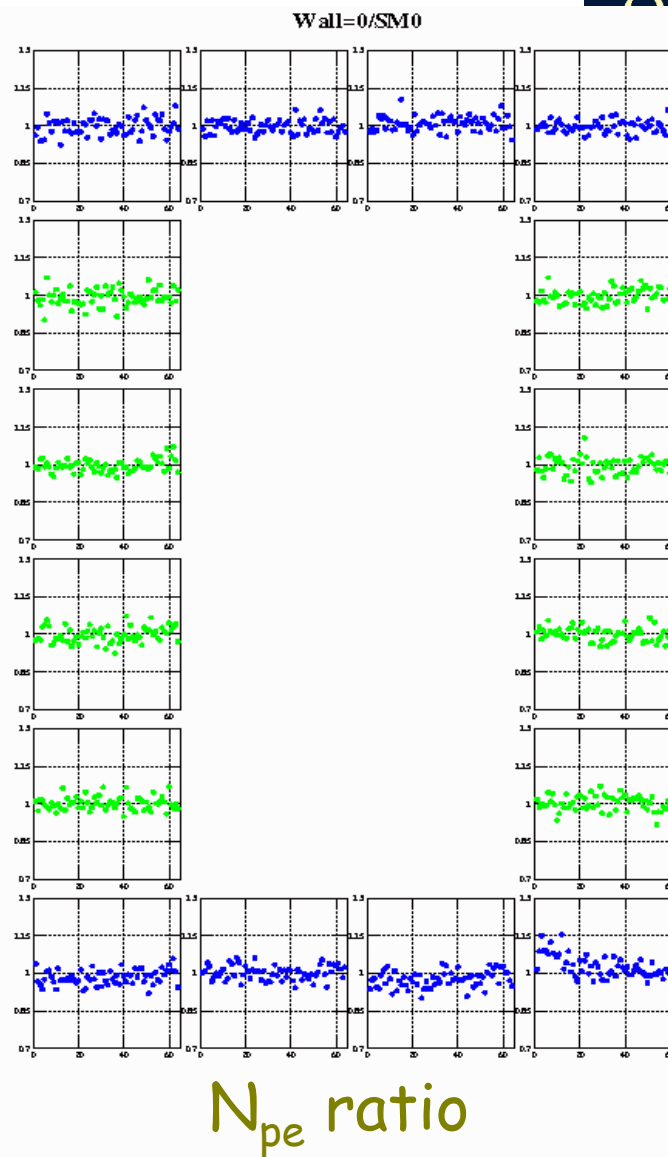
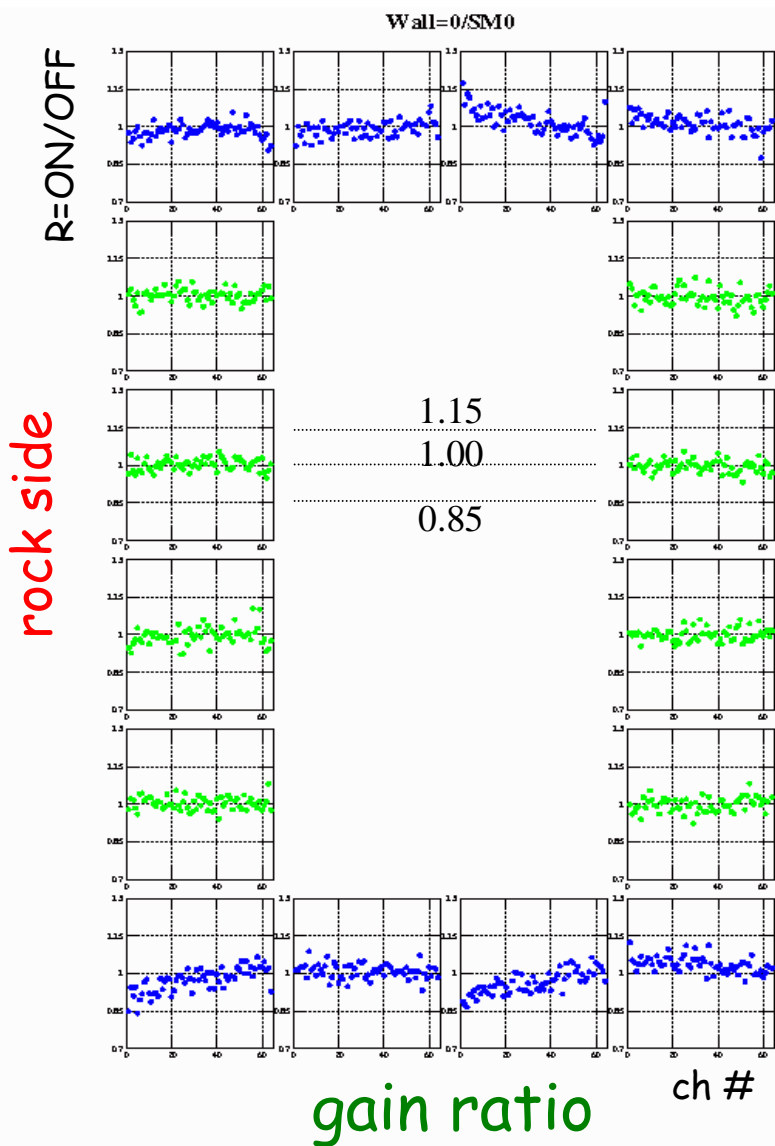


99%

Trigger rate:
• 1 p.e. → 20 cps per pixel
• 2 p.e. → 10 cps per pixel

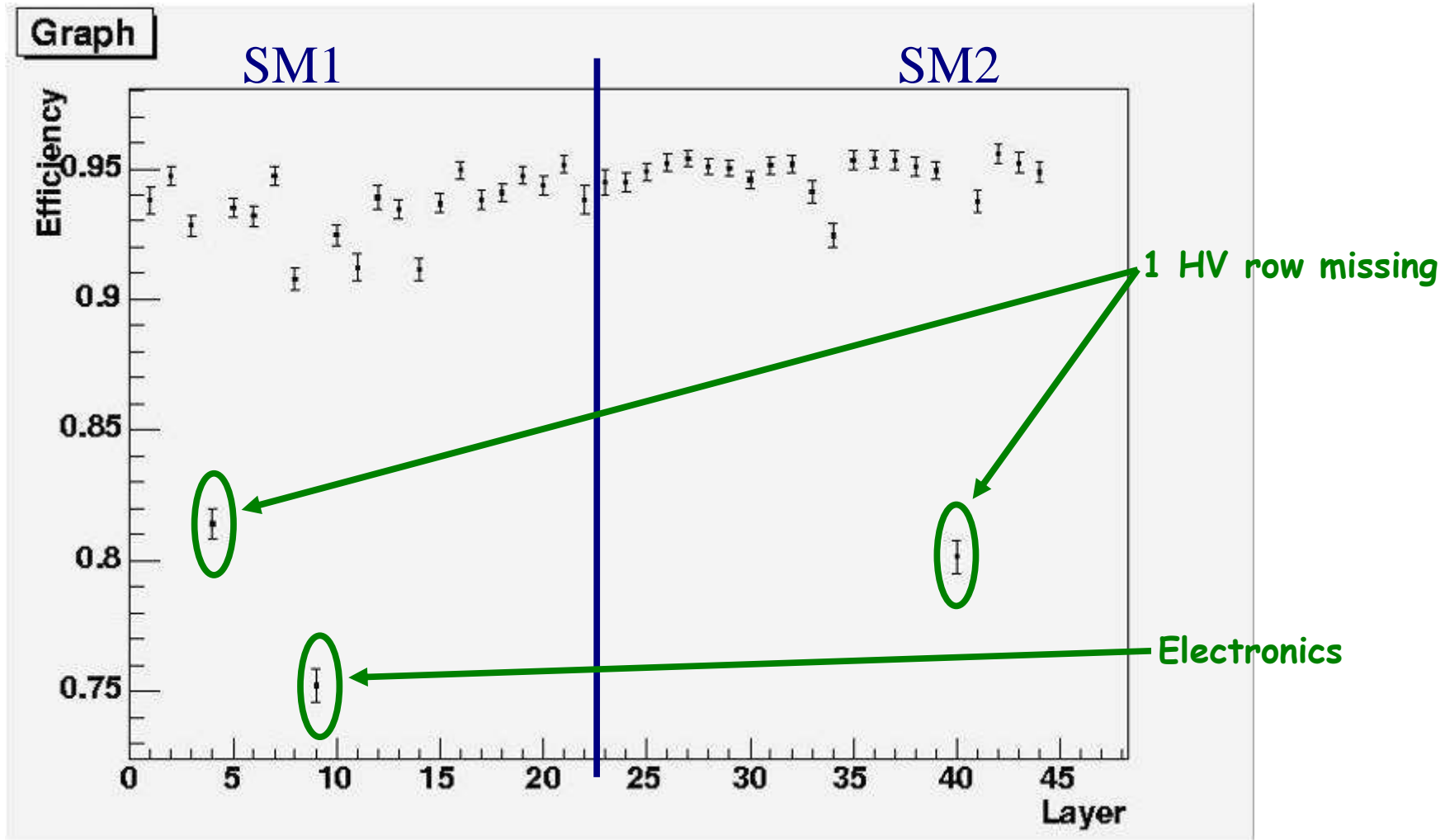
Magnetic field influence on TT response

10 < B < 40 Gauss
inside the TT



RPC efficiencies

using cosmic ray tracks



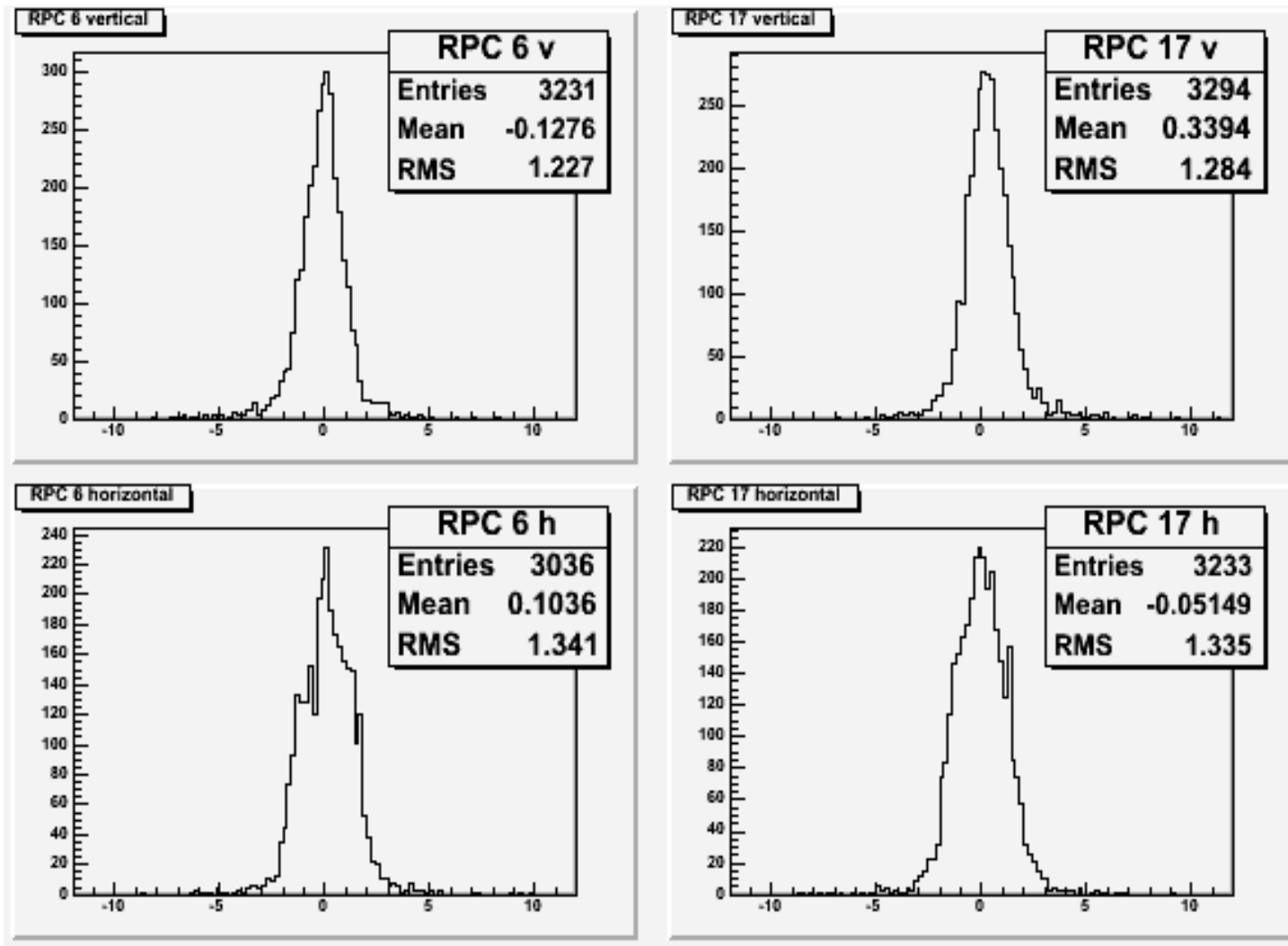
All problems have been cured

RPC spatial resolution

using cosmic ray tracks



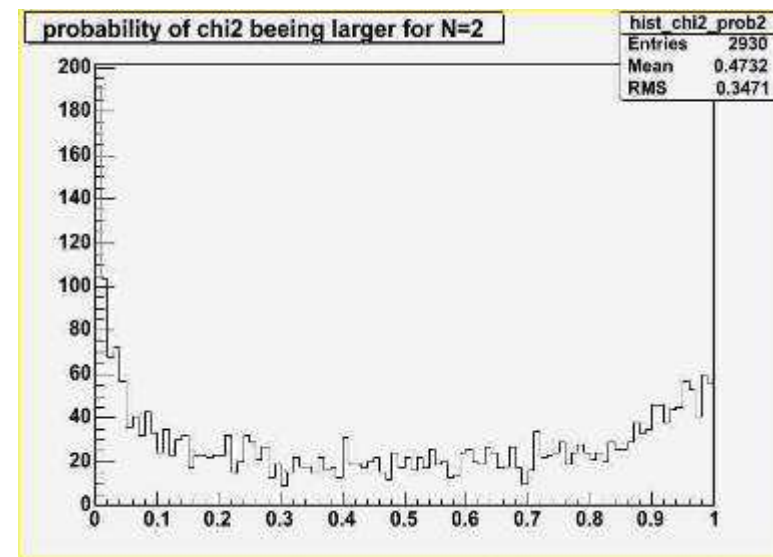
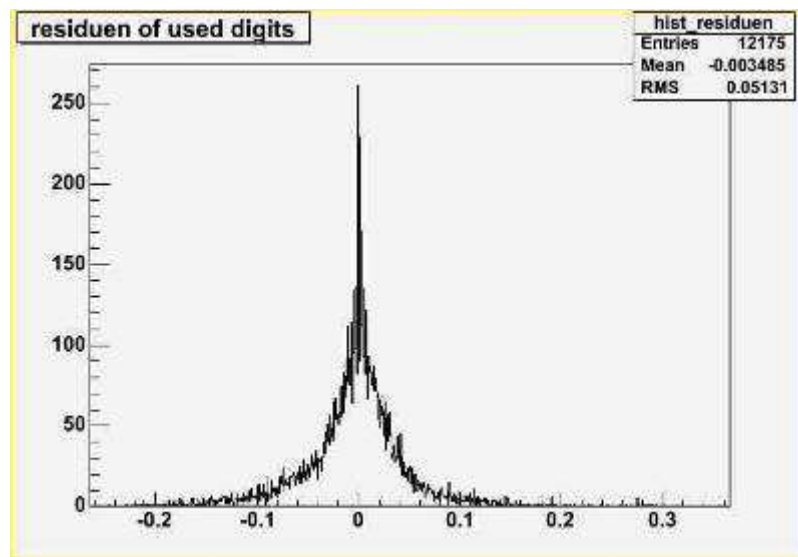
Tracking resolution ~ 1.3 cm, Misalignments < 1 cm



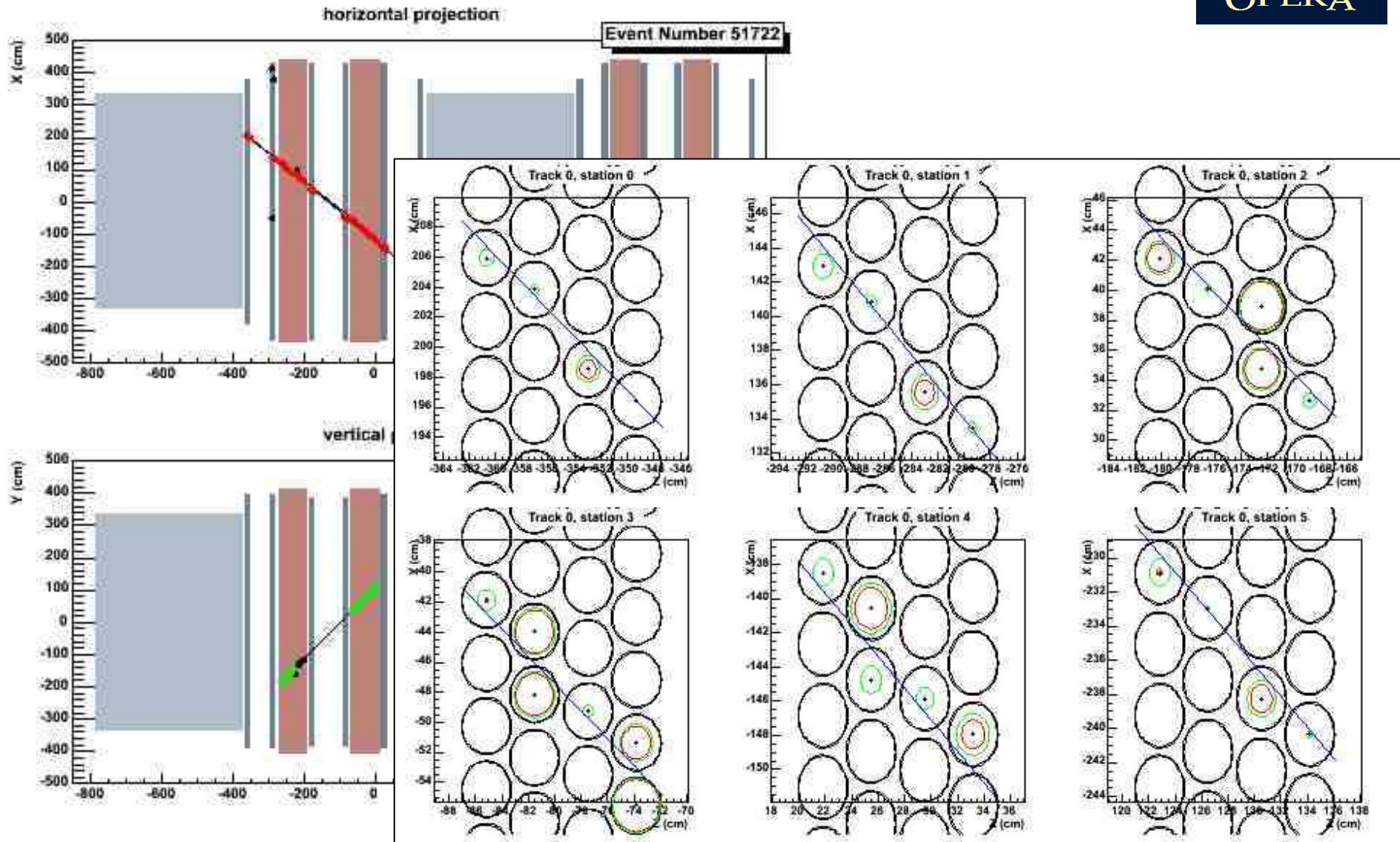
Status of reconstruction for HPT



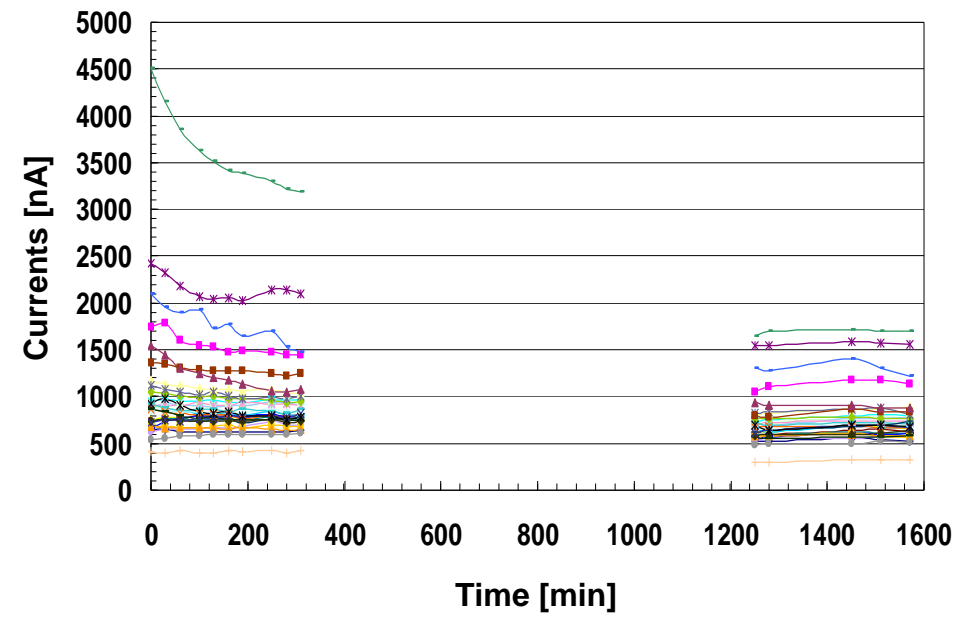
- Reconstruction running stable for data and MC events
- Timing corrections implemented
- Alignment ongoing, starting from TDA measurements
- Resolution of $\sim 500\mu\text{m}$ in single planes for cosmic data (see plots below)
- Alignment will bring improvements ($300\mu\text{m}$ prototype measurements)
- 80% track efficiency for cosmic data



Example of a reconstructed cosmic ray event



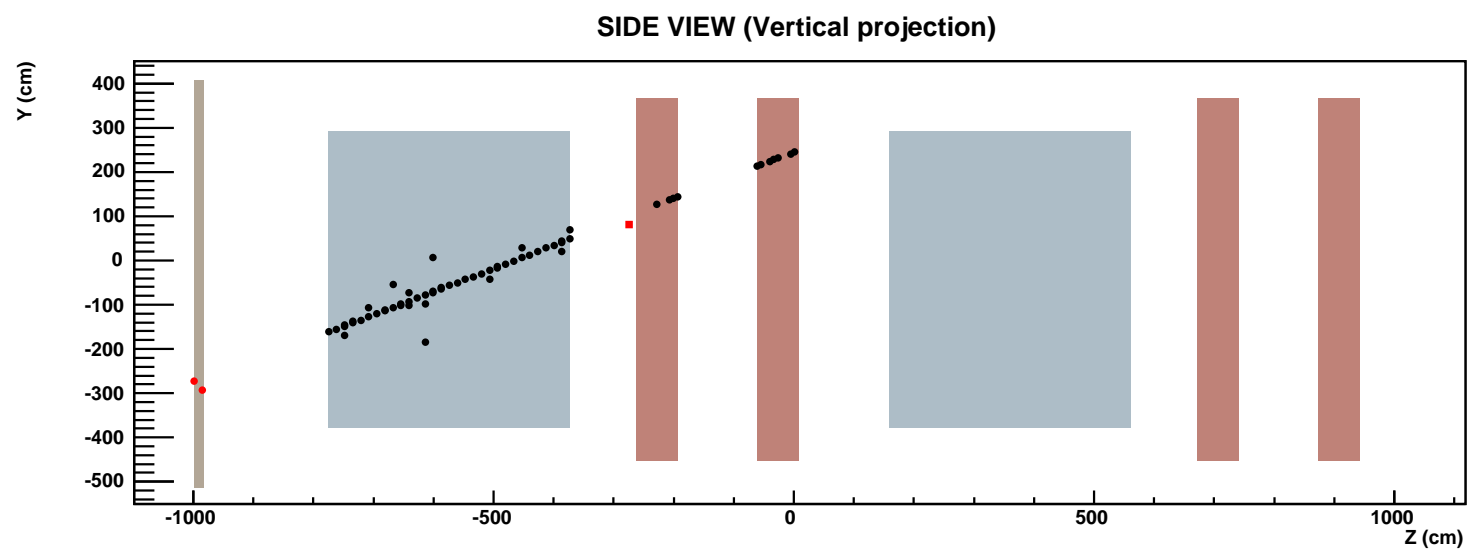
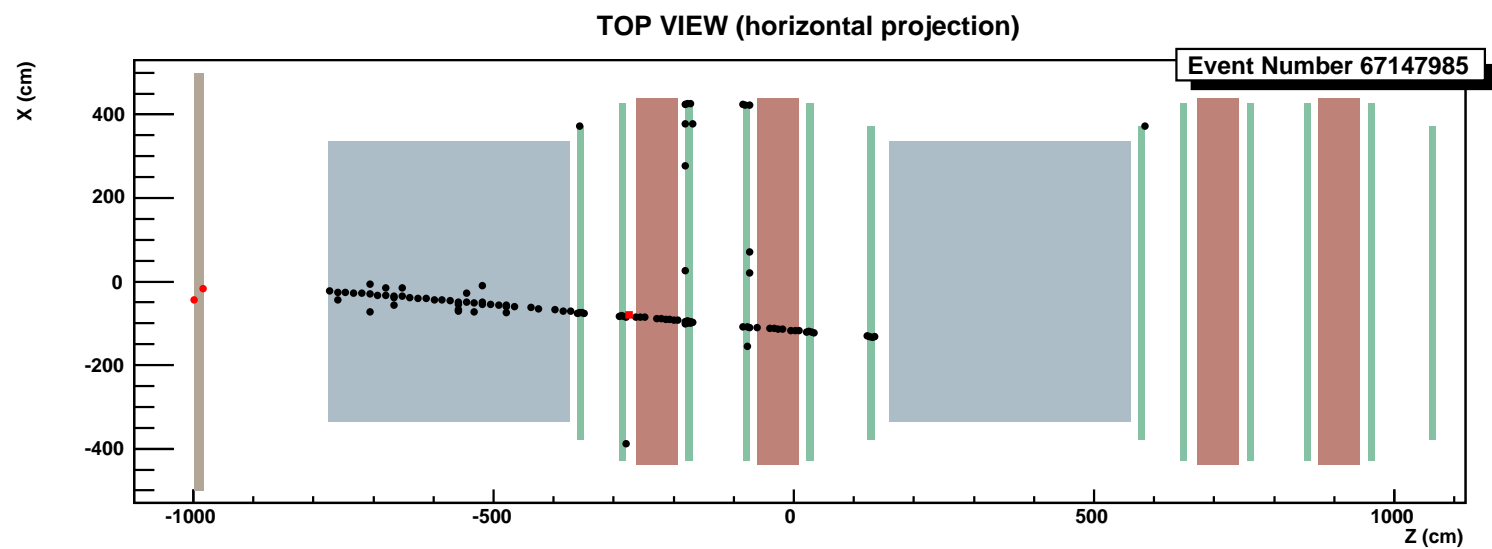
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4. Cosmic and CNGS runs results

CNGS/LNGS Working Group



Involving representatives of the CNGS project and the LNGS experiments which can see the beam: OPERA, ICARUS, LVD, BOREXINO

Meeting regularly on the following topics:

Beam performance and scheduling

Beam timing

Beam geodesy (detector distances and orientations)

Beam analysis and CNGS-LNGS data exchange

Comparison of far detector results on beam monitoring

Comparison of experimental simulation on beam muon fluxes

Beam timing:

Calibration of timing chain at CERN (kicker pulse tagging)

Inter-calibration of GPS master clocks

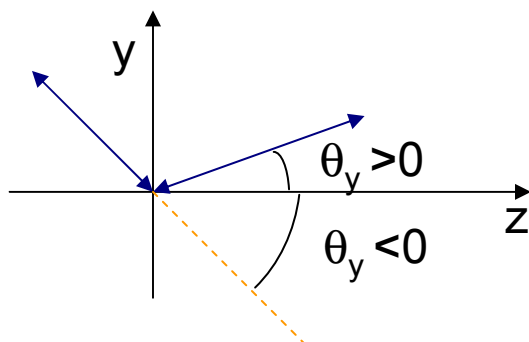
Calibration of optical fiber paths

Calibration of OPERA slave clock

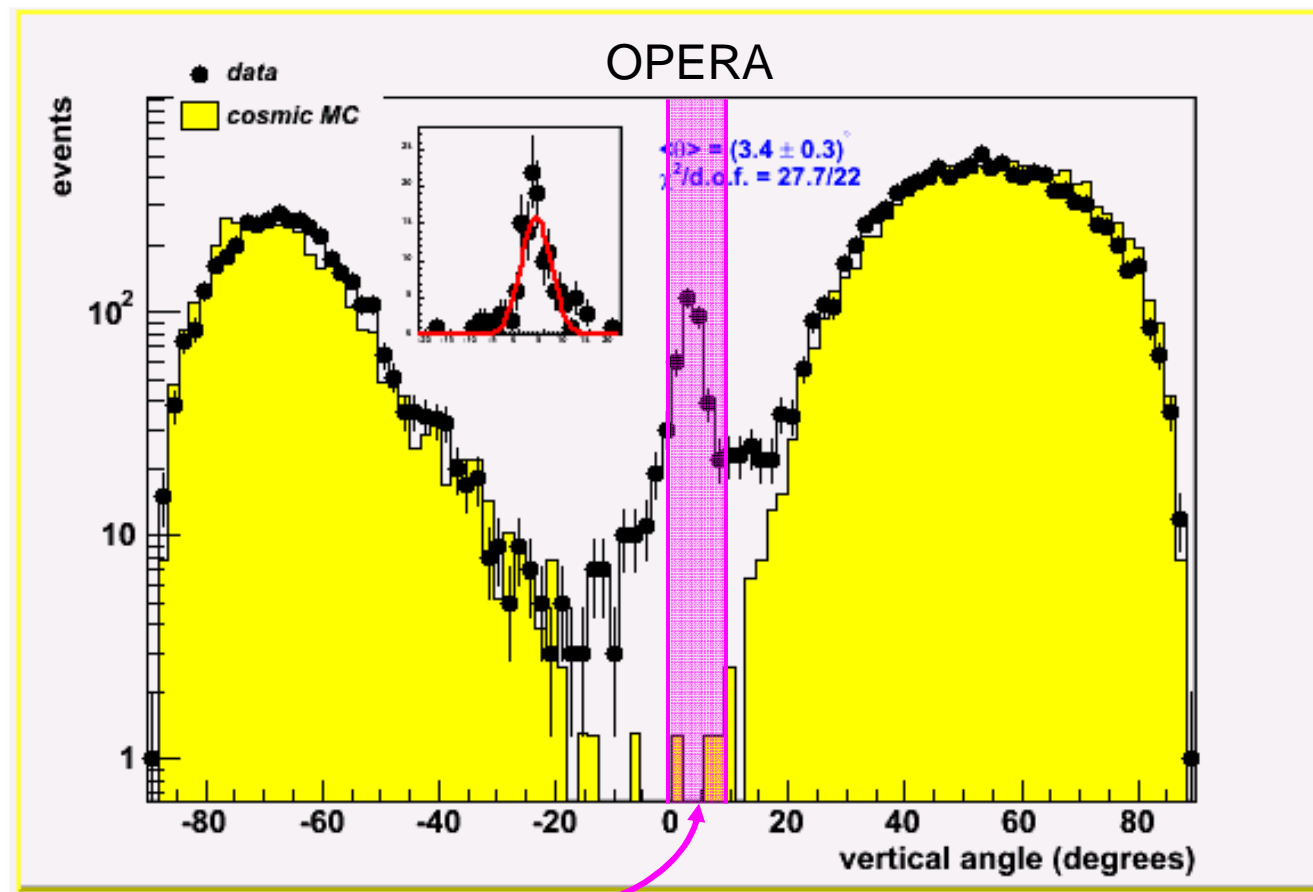
Beam Direction: August run



Zenith angle of muon track



August Run result:
 $\langle \theta \rangle = 3.4 \pm 0.3$



Select events around beam ($0 < \theta < 0.15 \text{ rad}$) direction and check if there are on time

CNGS events



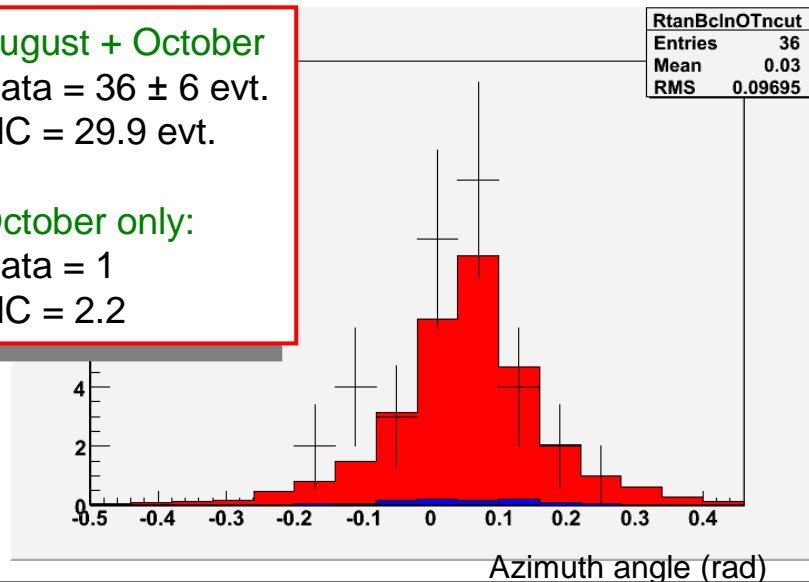
Interaction in the magnet

Event selection:

- on time beam events
- μ id (> 10 Fe slabs)
- fiducial volume

August + October
Data = 36 ± 6 evt.
MC = 29.9 evt.

October only:
Data = 1
MC = 2.2



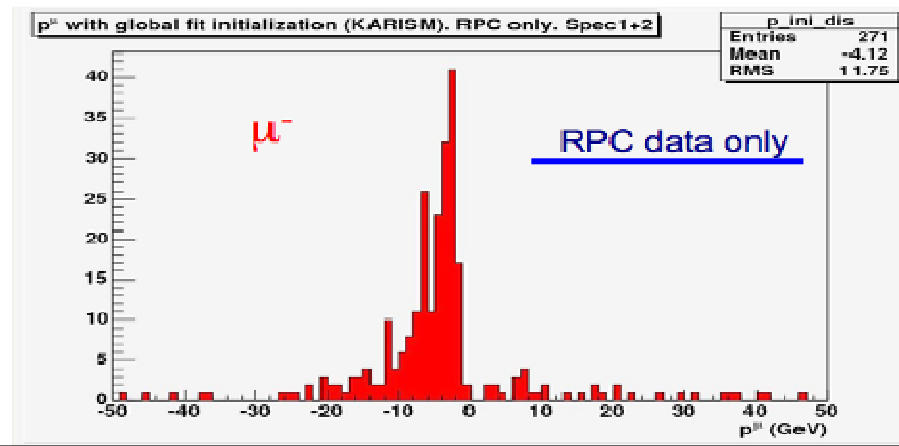
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Interaction outside OPERA

	DIS_CC	CC	NC	Total (previous result)
Borexino (1'Run)	23.2	27.7	2.6	30.3 (25)
Upstream Rock	75.0	89.1	/	89.1 (105)
Lateral Rock	45.1	49.6	/	49.6 (100)
Concrete	48.2	55.1	1.4	56.5
Total	191.5	221.5	4.0	225.5 (230)

Events with vertex outside OPERA with N.hits > 10
integrated for $N_{pot} = 7.60E17$ pot (August Run)

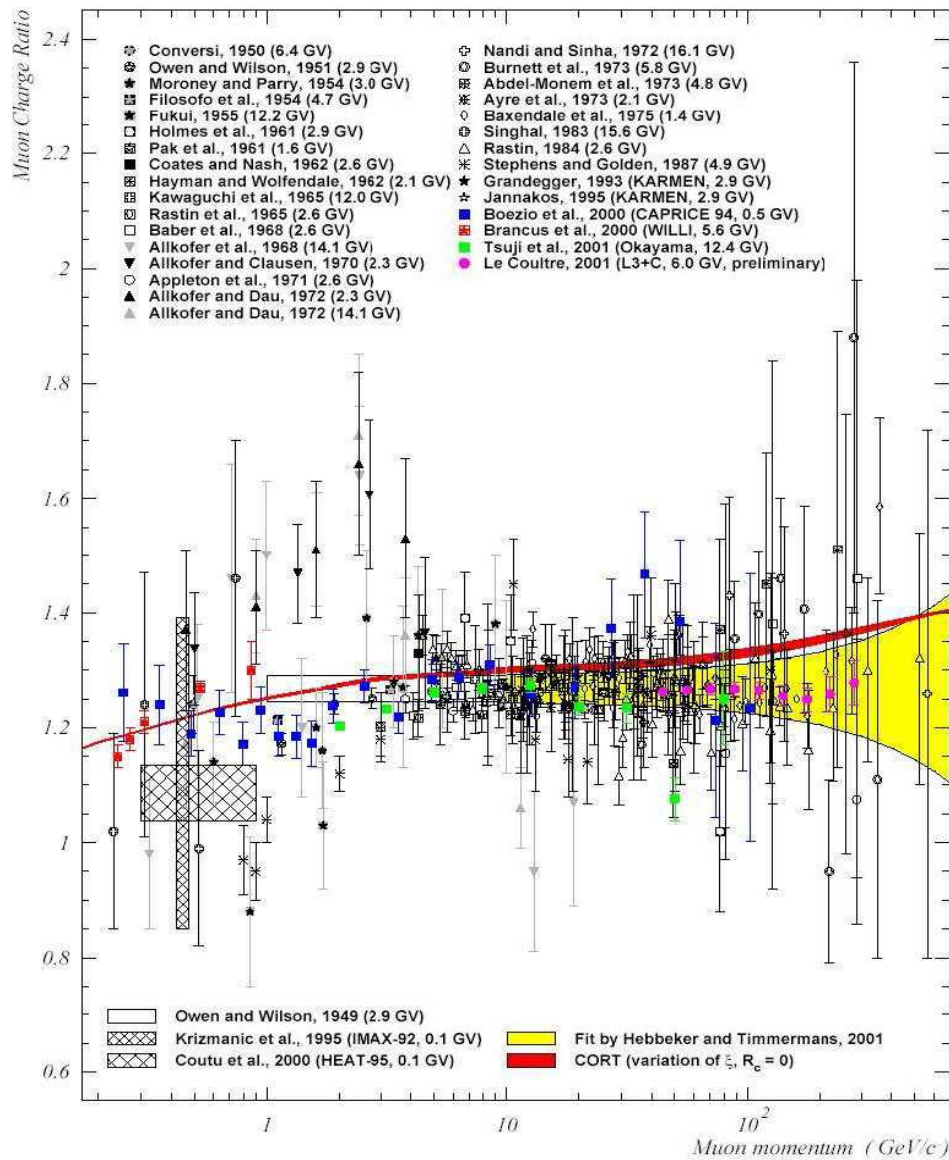
Momentum and sign analysis



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High energy muon charge ratio



Can be measured in using the OPERA spectrometers :

Overburden : ~ 3000 m.w.e.



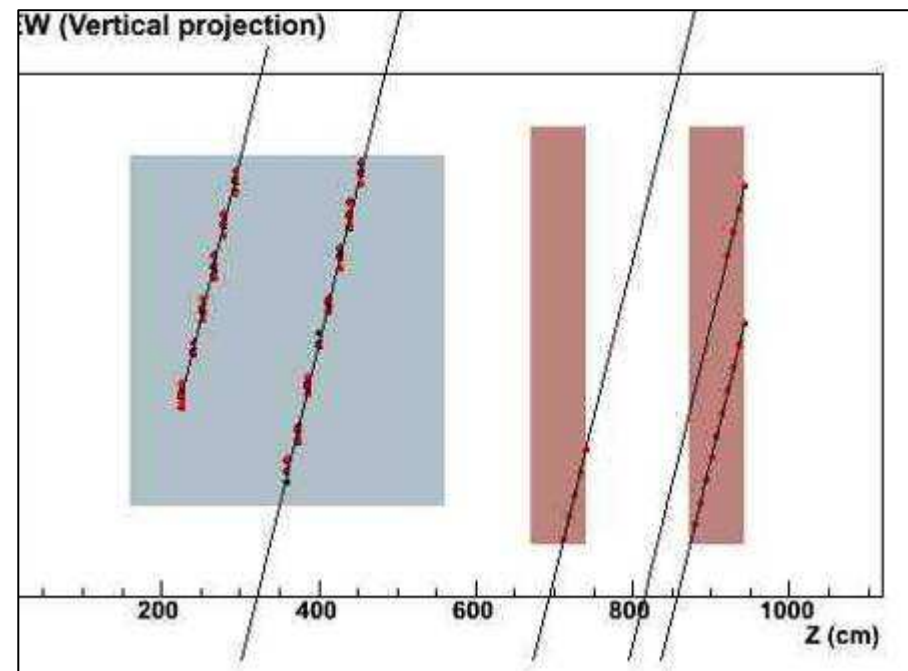
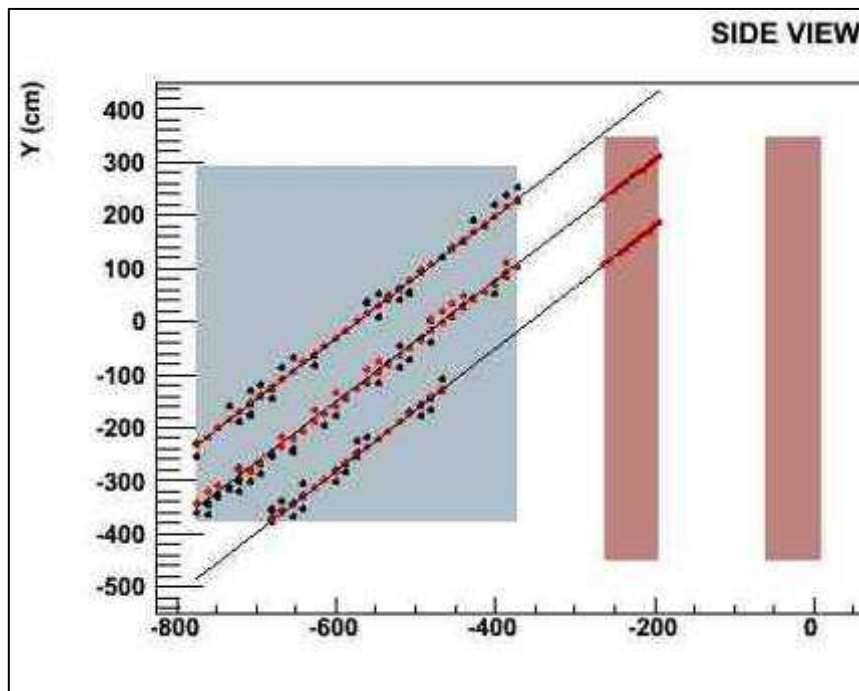
E_μ underground : 300 GeV
 E_μ surface cut-off : 1400 GeV

Muon multiplicity study: primary composition



Optimized Pattern Recognition to reconstruct muon bundles:

- Hough transformation to select the event direction
- local Pattern Recognition to select aligned hit in the selected slices

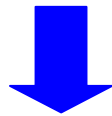


Coincidence among LNGS experiments



LNGS : largest underground array of detectors:

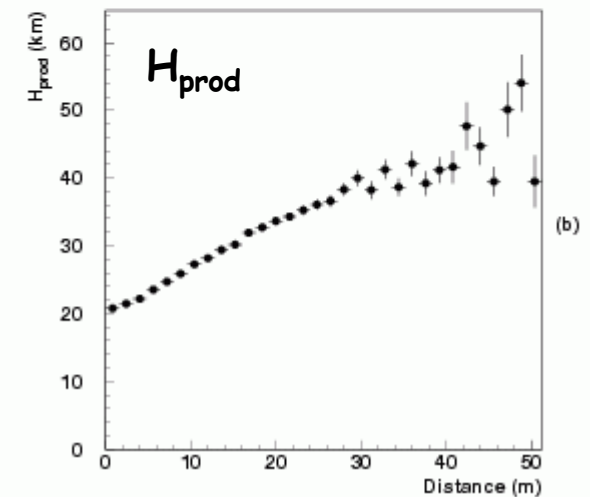
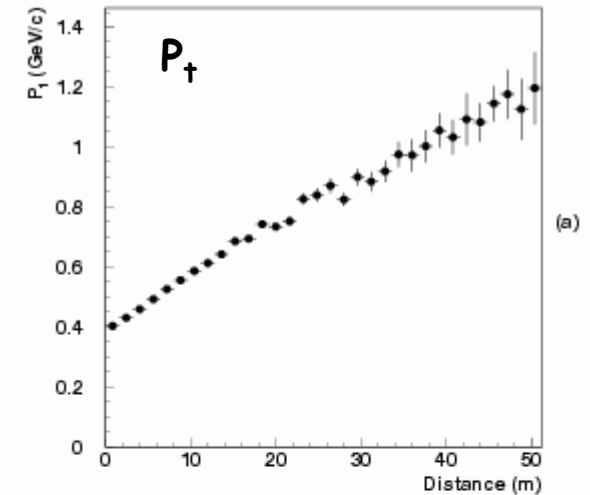
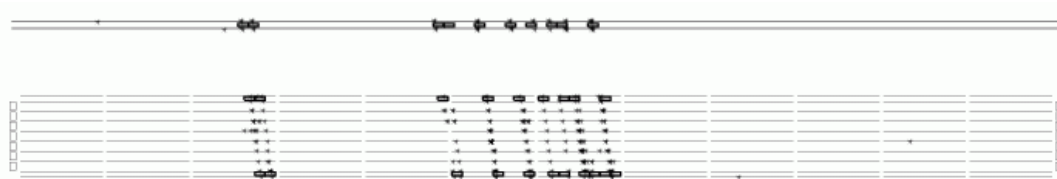
- OPERA → T600 : ~90m
- OPERA → LVD : ~180m
- E_{μ} surface cut-off : 1400 GeV



→ Study of high P_t events (Decoherence)

$$r \sim \frac{P_t}{x_F^{\pi,K} E_0} H_{prod} \propto \frac{P_t}{x_F^{\pi,K} E_0} (\log \sigma_{n-Air}^{inel} + const.)$$

→ Minijet formation (high energy hadronic features)



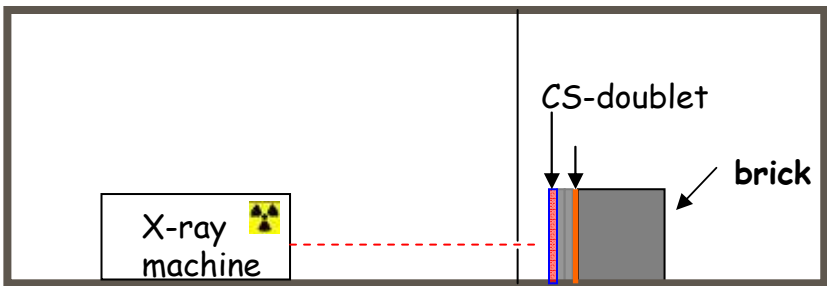


5. Brick processing & Emulsion analysis



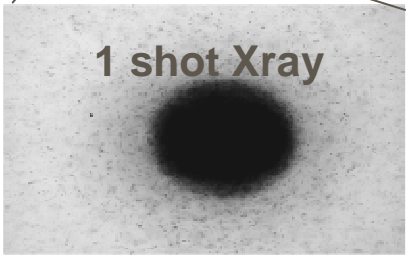
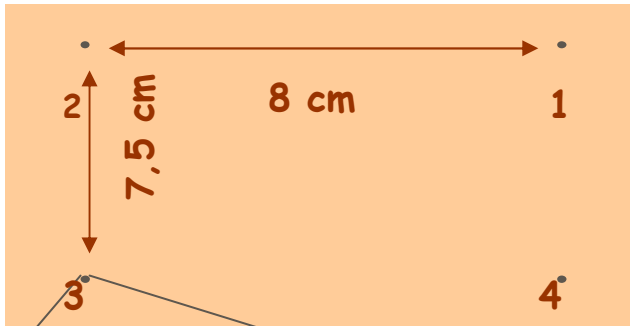
X ray marks

CSd alignment & CSd brick connection

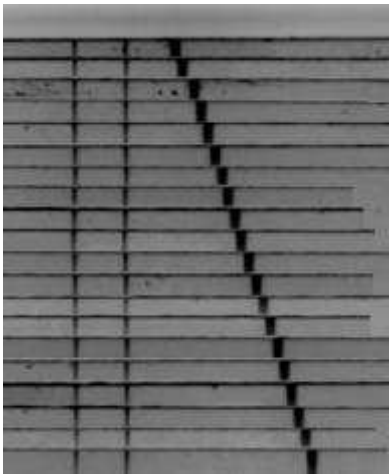
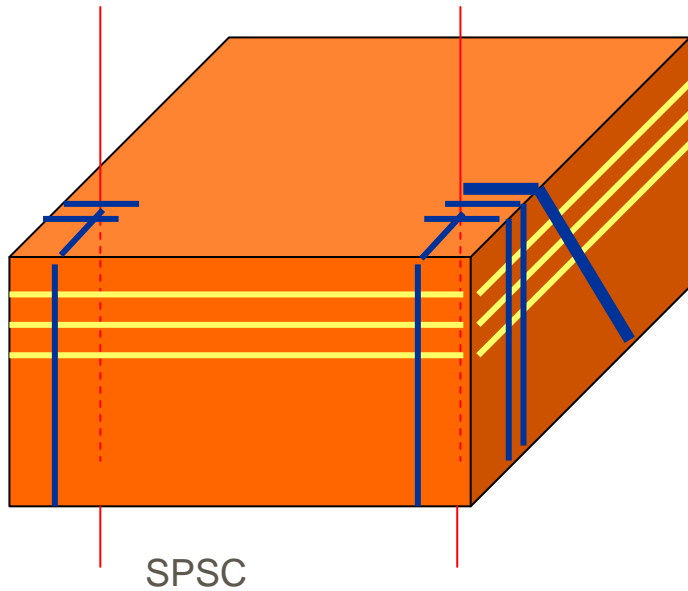


Brick films alignment

- 6 lines for alignment (crossing point)
- 1 line (inclined) for plate numbering

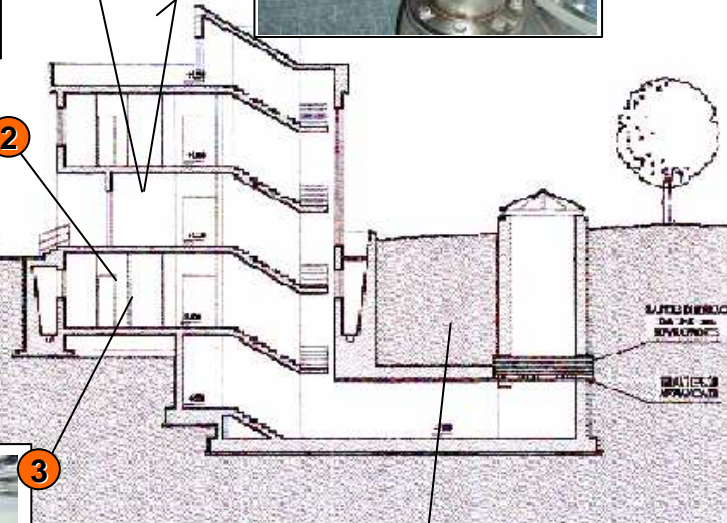


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Chemical plant



Progress report:

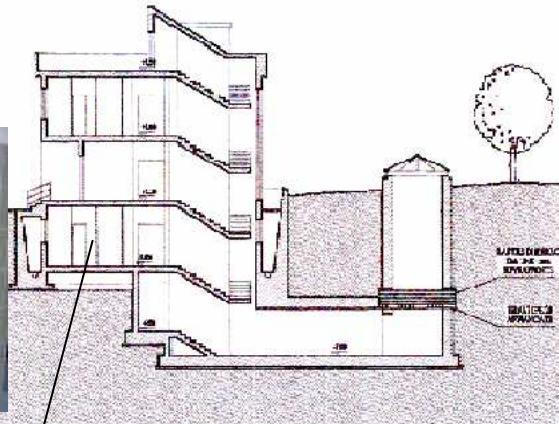
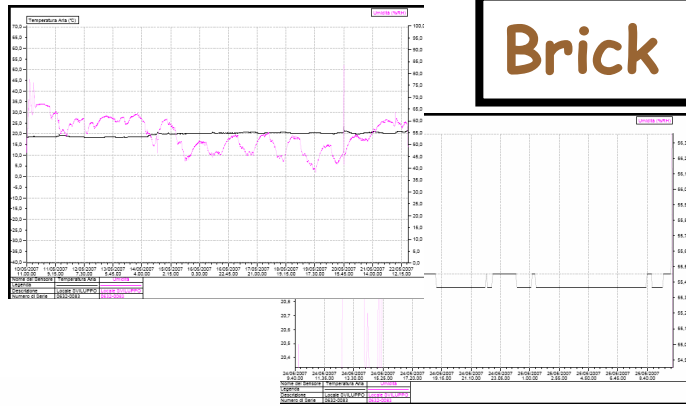
- Main control unit powered, working **1**
- Demi water ready, 20° C ok **2**
- Filtered water available, 20° C ok **3**
- Collection tanks secured **4**
- A nice chemical Lab set aside (small operations, & quality check! : thanks to LNGS Chemical Service) **5**
- Big preparation tanks fully “dressed”, cleaning to be started this week, pilot preparation and commissioning soon after... **6**

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Brick processing lab



Progress report:

- Climatization resumed, ok!
- Safelight darkroom ok
- 5 proc. lines cabled to front-end (6th suspended)
- Lines # 1 and 2 tested, ready and operational in automated mode

→ Lines # 3,4,5 to follow soon; some refinement suggested by tests

→ Control box for sliding carpet designed, waiting for delivery

→ Wait for chemical plant ready to do over-all “integrated” large scale tests

Automated Microscopes for Nuclear Emulsions

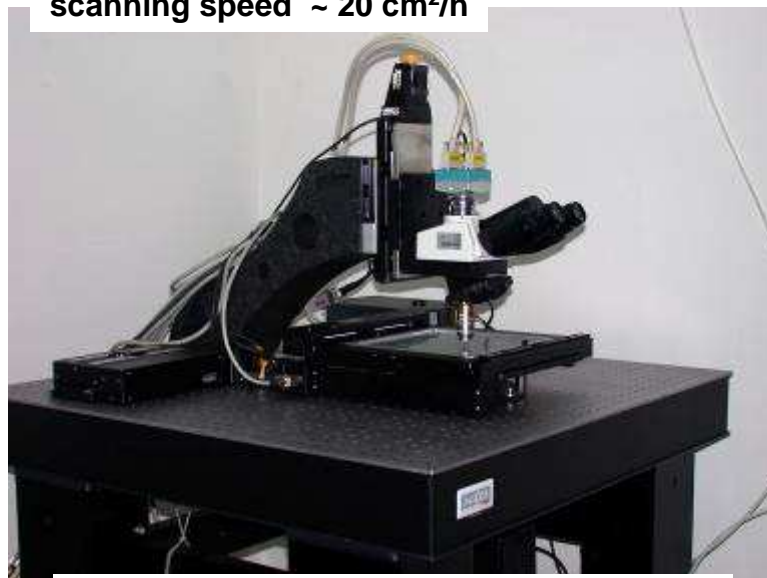


~ 30 bricks will be daily extracted from target and analyzed using high-speed automatic systems

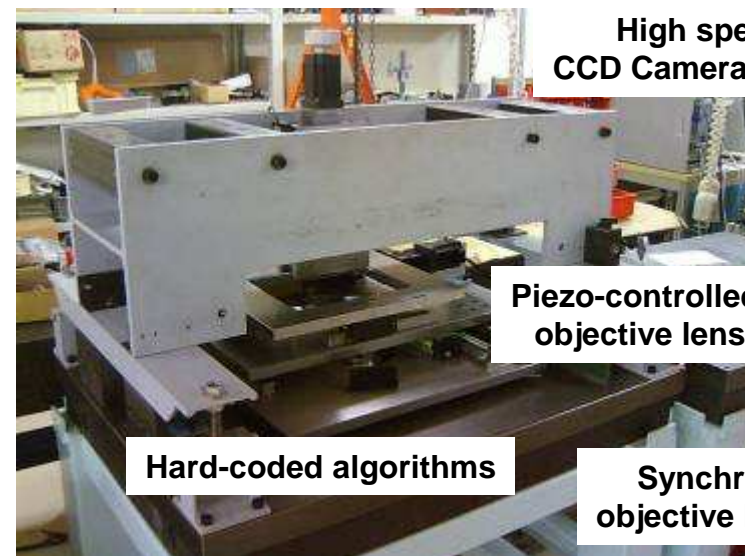
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S-UTS (Japan)

scanning speed ~ 20 cm²/h



Customized commercial optics and mechanics + asynchronous DAQ software



High speed
CCD Camera (3 kHz)

Piezo-controlled
objective lens

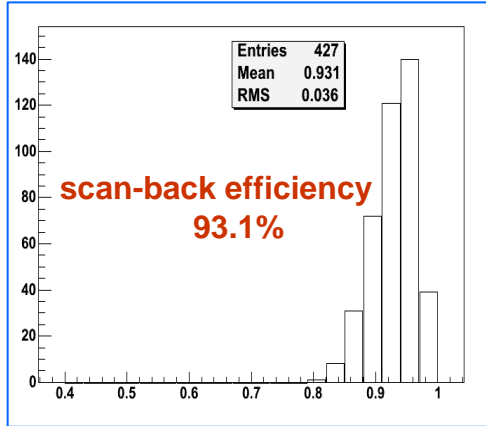
Hard-coded algorithms

Synchronization of
objective lens and stage

Constant speed stage



Automated Track Reconstruction and Vertex Search



tracks in the CS doublet



scan-back
tracks followed backward
film by film

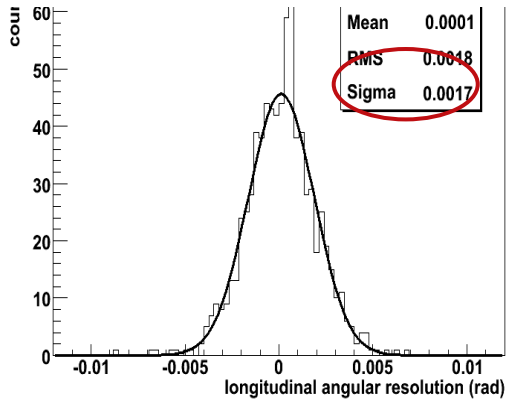


volume scan

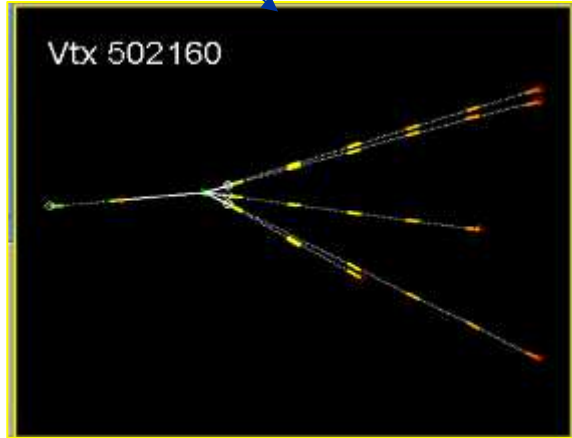
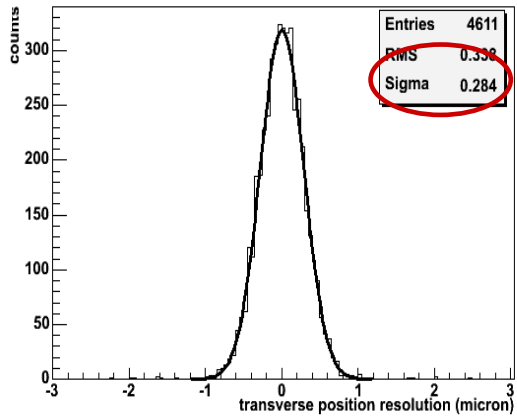


vertex
reconstruction

angular residuals between
base-tracks and fitted volume tracks
(vertical tracks)



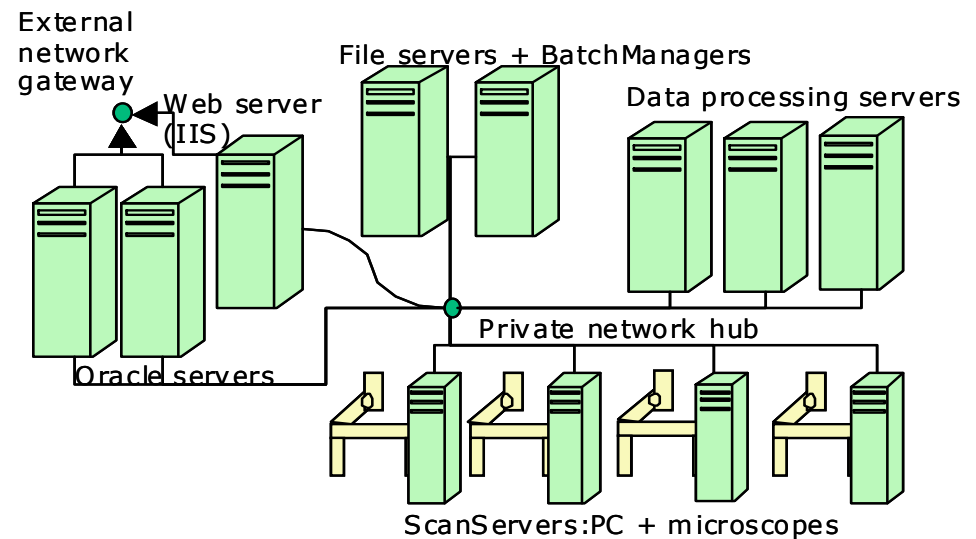
position residuals between
base-tracks and fitted volume tracks



European Scanning System



- R&D on 20 cm²/h **E**uropean **S**canning **S**ystem completed successfully (end 2004)
- 30 **ESS** distributed among 11 labs (22 ESS in 8 Italian labs):
Bari, Bern, Bologna, Lngs, Lyon, Napoli, Salerno + Neuchatel, Roma, LNF, Padova
- Integrated in a online computers network :
including DB, manager , on line computation , plate changer



Scanning capabilities in Europe



1. CSD scanning :

6 ESS at LNGS \rightarrow \sim 8CSdoublet/day (\sim 5 microscopes missing)

2. Brick Vertex location and confirmation :

Italy : 12 \rightarrow 10 bricks/day

EU : 6 ESS \rightarrow 5 bricks/day

plate changer in progress (with dry and oil objectives)

1. Dedicated to Special events (min. bias, decays, electrons, ...):

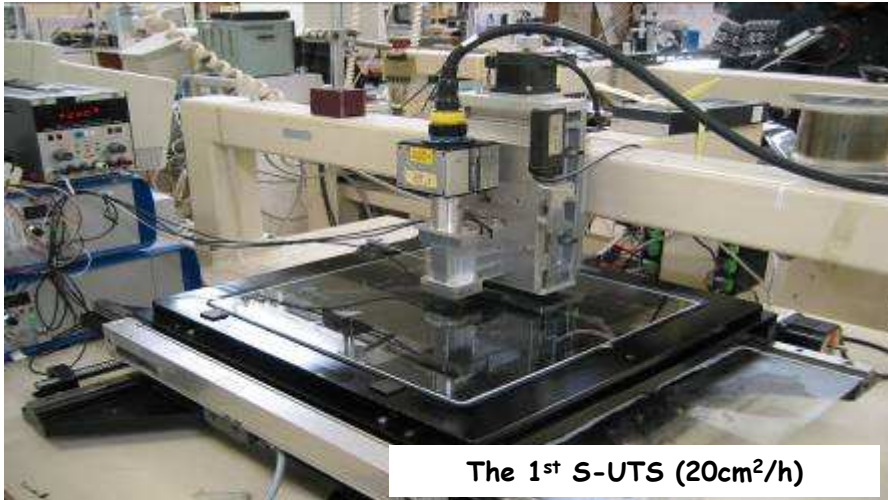
Italy : 4 ESS \rightarrow \sim 200 events/yr

EU : 2 ESS \rightarrow \sim 100 events/yr

Scanning in Japan



CSD scanning



SUTS status:

- first unit ready : 20 cm²/h
- R&D in progress in order to reach 60 cm²/h
 - X50 lens
 - Optimized FPGA code
- 5 units in preparation → 300 cm²/h

Brick scanning

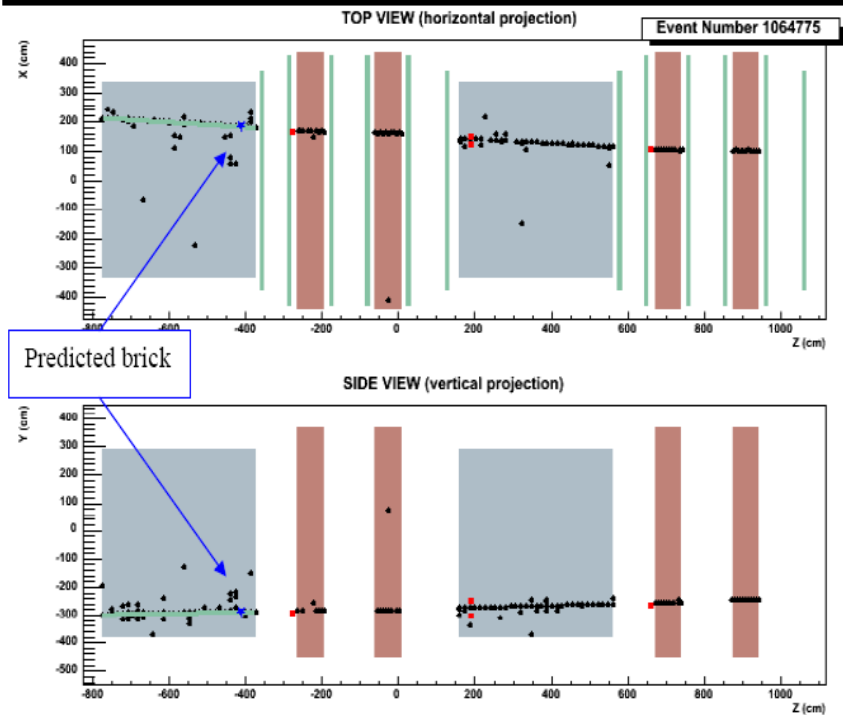


Vertex finding performances:

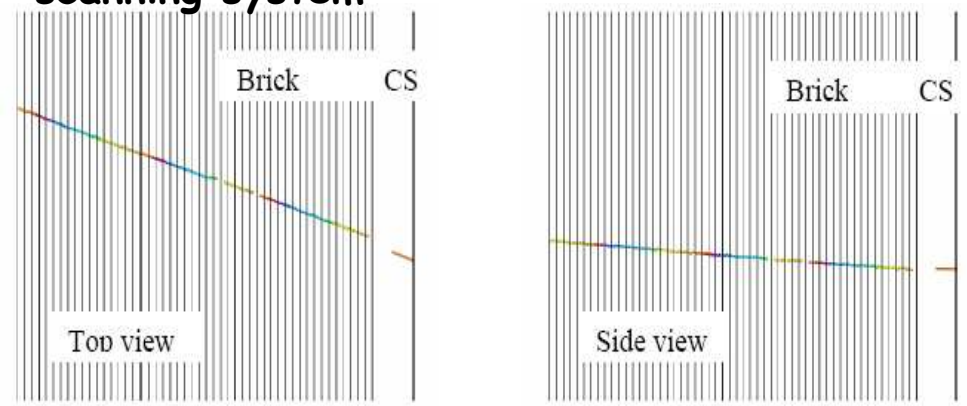
- Single track scan back :
- Vertex finding:
 - $v_{\mu CC}$: 15' for vertex finding
nx10' for vertex studies
 - $v_{\mu NC}$: 2-3 x CC vertex finding time



Brick Tagging rehearsal with the OPERA detector



- October 2006: (very short) CNGS run:
- CNGS induced rock muon selected by electronic detectors
 - brick tagging using the reconstruction software
 - CSD and brick analysed using the standard scanning system



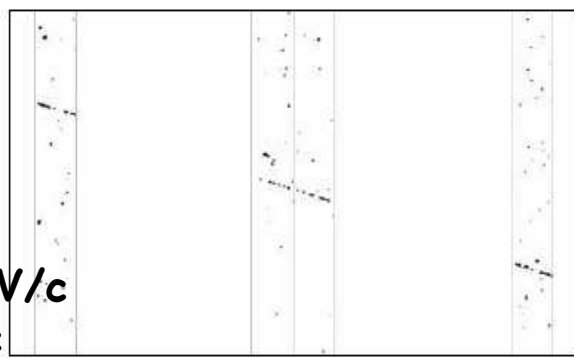
Prediction accuracy

(without final corrections):

- $\Delta x = 5.5$ mm (along the tray)
- $\Delta y = 0.4$ mm (vertical direction)
- $\Delta\theta_x = 16.6$ mrad
- $\Delta\theta_y = 24.8$ mrad

Muon momentum:

- MCS (coordinate method) : $6.4 \pm 1. \text{ GeV}/c$
- Spectrometer (RPC) : $7.05 \pm 0.4 \text{ GeV}/c$



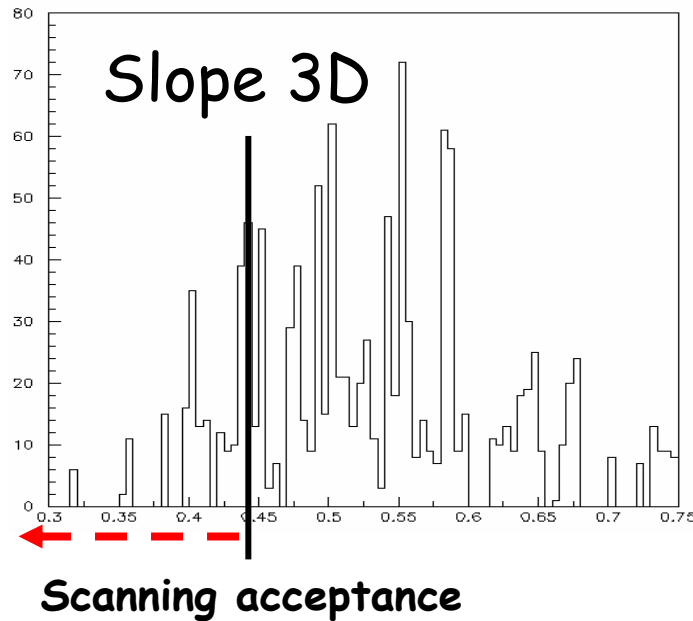
Details of the CS scanning showing the reconstructed grains.

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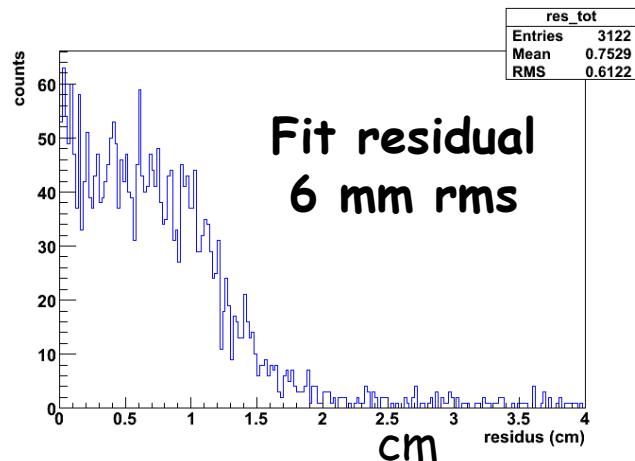
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Brick finding commissioning with cosmic runs

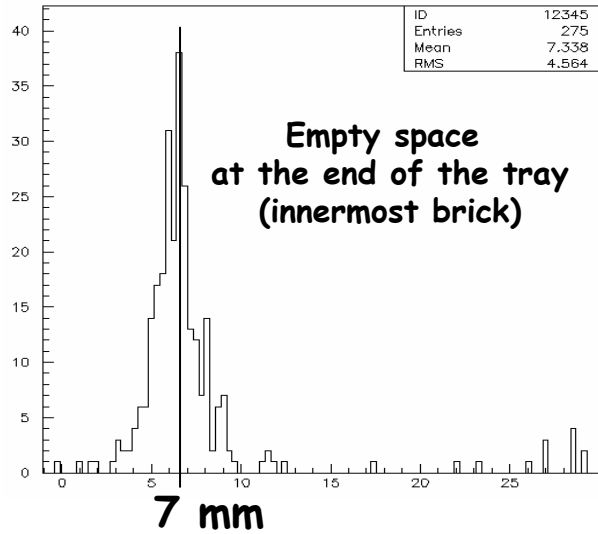


Very low rate of events inside scanning acceptance
< 1 event per day
~20 'good' bricks per month



- the predictions machinery and its automatization during the run were satisfactory
- first data confirm the good accuracy of the ED predictions (3mm) including:
 - Measured detector geometry
 - Dynamic effects (wall elongation under the weight)
 - Interface with the BMS DB for the measured brick position train

TT → CSd connexion

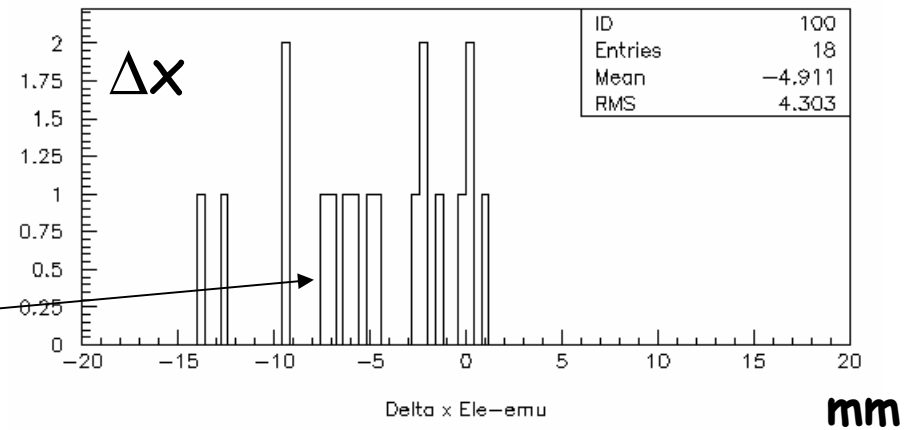


Missing BMS measurements of the bricks position

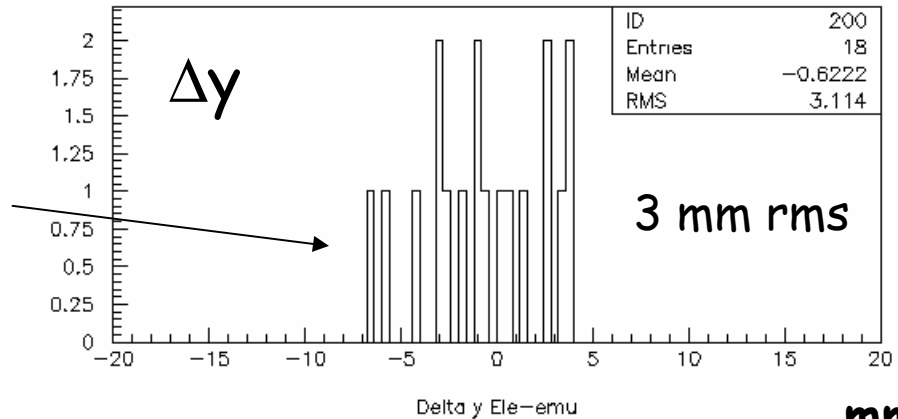
walls elongation due to bricks weight not accounted yet

Angular resolution 20 mrad

Position difference prediction-CS track



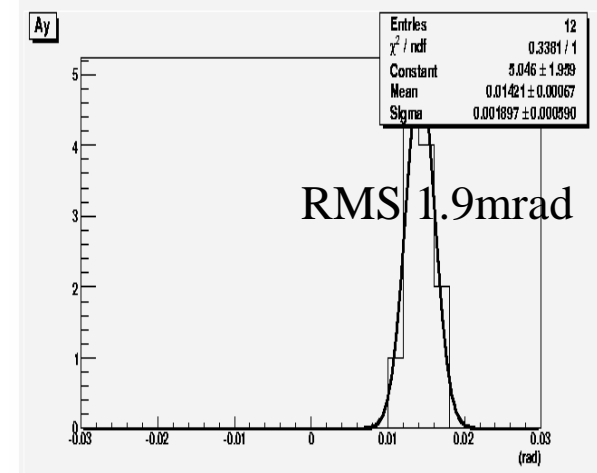
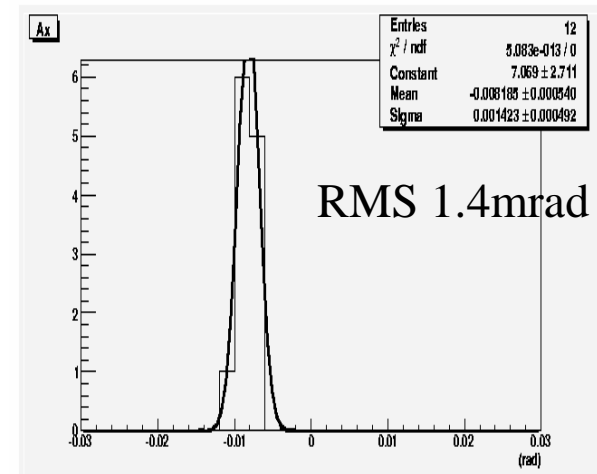
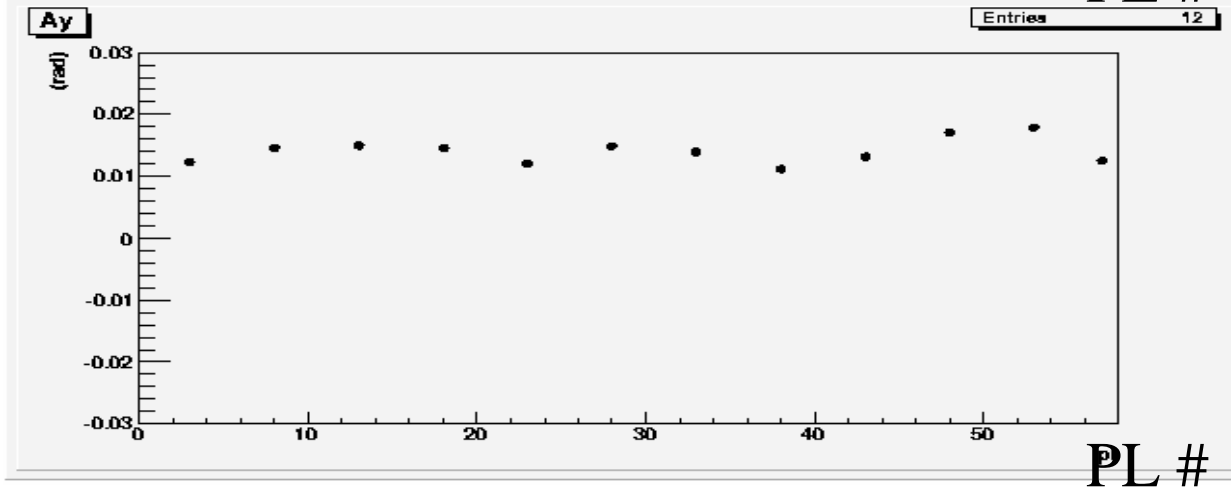
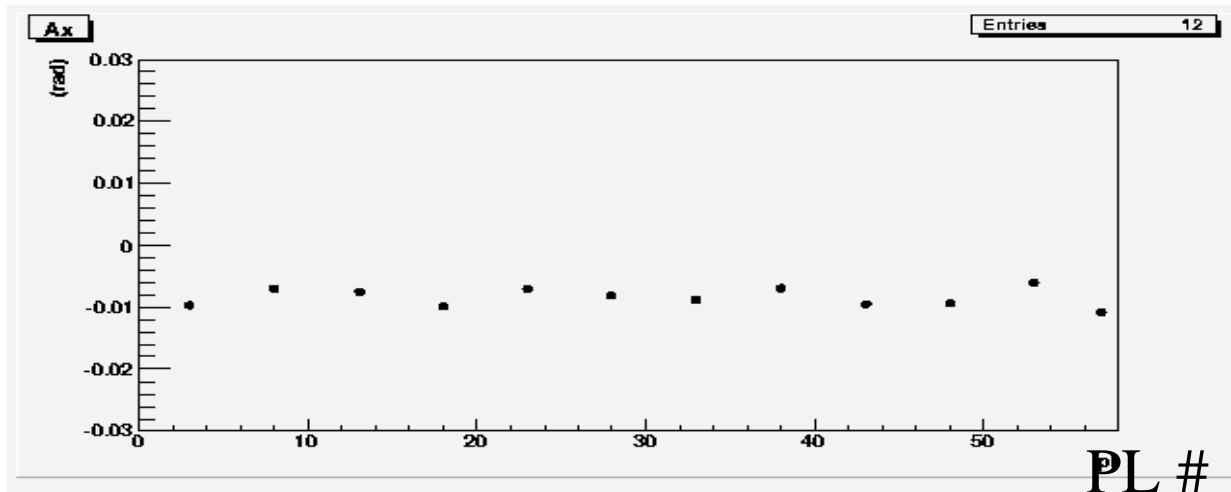
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Brick flatness measured with cosmics

- μ momentum measurement by MCS
- τ kink search : $\theta > 20$ mrad)



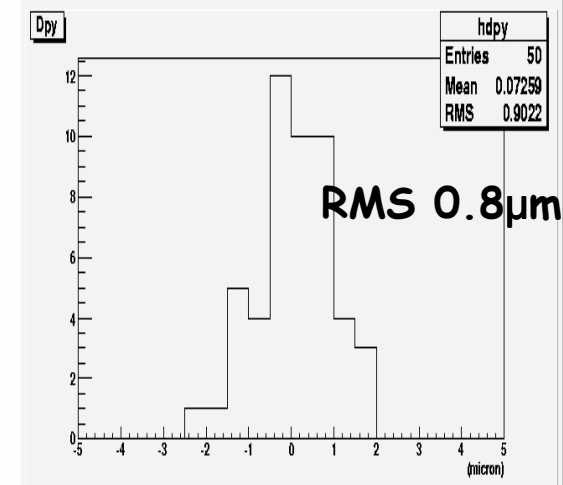
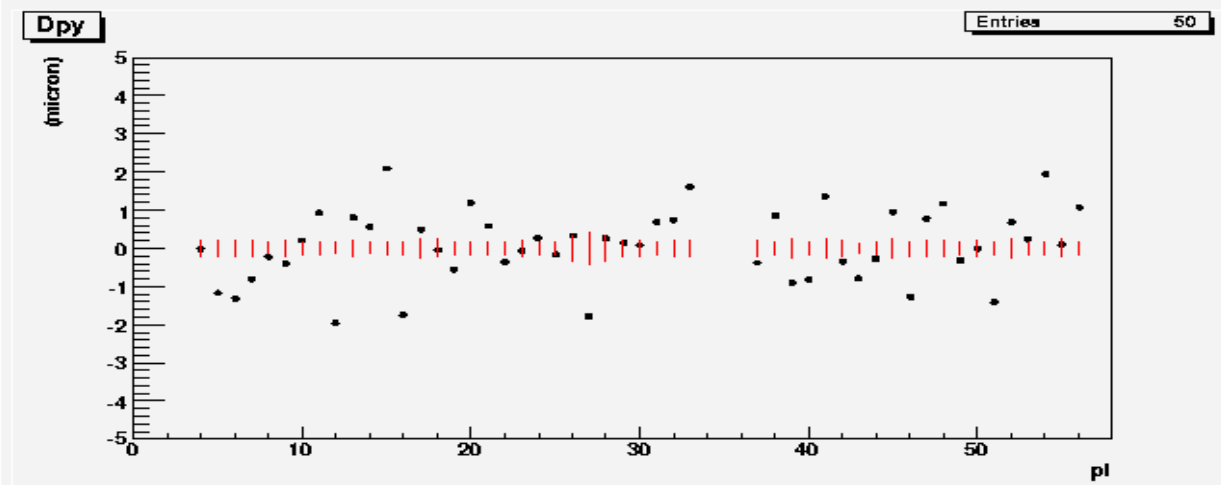
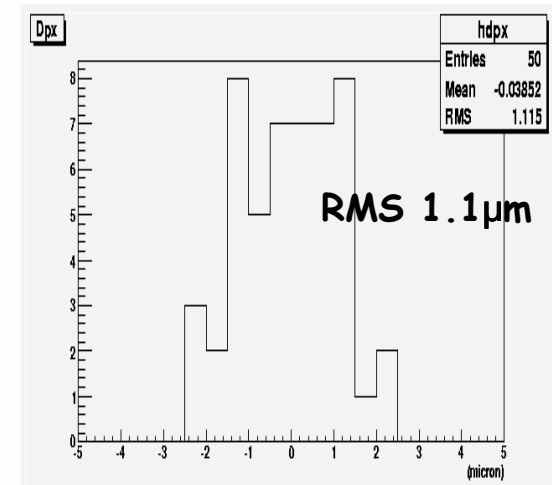
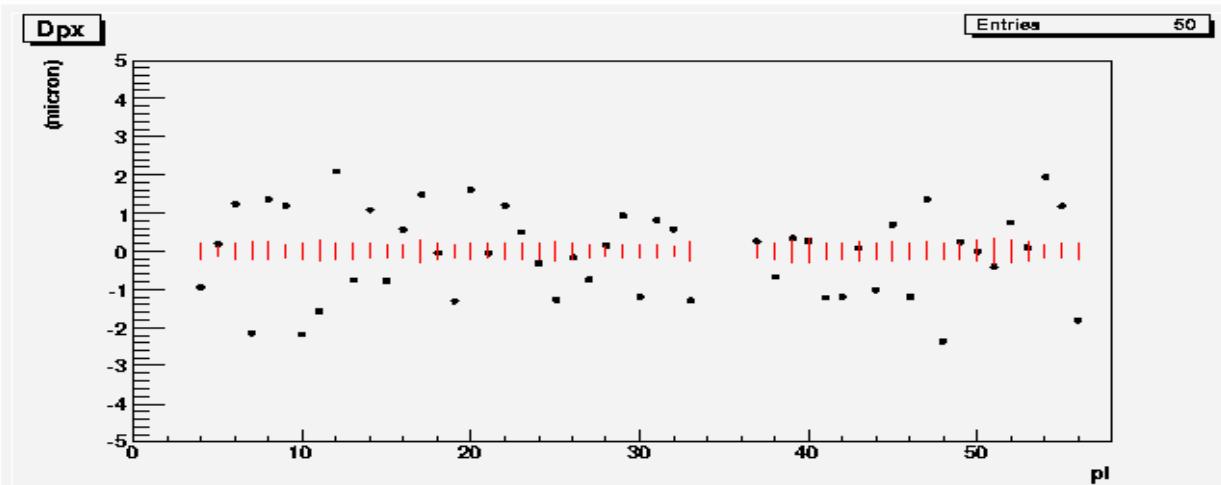
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Brick emulsion alignment with cosmics

CNGS rock muon analysis



6. Test beam activities



◆ CERN exposures:

- measurement of the π topological cross-section \rightarrow direct measurement of the hadronic background (thousand of interactions reconstructed);
- measurement of the large-angle μ scattering off lead nuclei \rightarrow direct measurement of the main source of the background in the muonic channel;
- study of the momentum measurement by using the Multiple Coulomb Scattering;
- study of the $\pi \rightarrow e$ mis-identification

◆ DESY exposures:

availability of a pure electron beam \rightarrow electron identification studies and energy measurement

◆ PSI exposures:

study of the π/μ separation through the dE/dx method (about 60% of the stopping muons are identified, while about 3% of the pions are misidentified as muons)

◆ LNGS tests:

by using cosmic-rays we studied the electronic detector predictions vs CS scanning. We managed to go from the cm precision scale of the electronic detector to the μm precision scale of the nuclear emulsions

◆ PEANUT test experiment:

about 50 ECC have been exposed to the NuMI neutrino beam and several hundred of neutrino interactions collected. Very useful for vertex location and vertex reconstruction studies

Electron/Pion separation



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ABSTRACT: We have studied the performance of a new algorithm for electron/pion separation in an Emulsion Cloud Chamber (ECC) made of lead and nuclear emulsion films. The software for separation consists of two parts: a shower reconstruction algorithm and a Neural Network that assigns to each reconstructed shower the probability to be an electron or a pion. The performance has been studied for the ECC of the OPERA experiment [1].

The e/π separation algorithm has been optimized by using a detailed Monte Carlo simulation of the ECC and tested on real data taken at CERN (pion beams) and at DESY (electron beams). The algorithm allows to achieve a 90% electron identification efficiency with a pion misidentification smaller than 1% for energies higher than 2 GeV.

KEYWORDS: Particle tracking detectors; Particle identification methods.

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Figure 2. xz projection (left) and yz projection (right) of a reconstructed shower generated by a 6 GeV electron interacting in the $\sim 3.3 X_0$ ECC exposed at DESY. Each segment corresponds to a base-track associated with the reconstructed electromagnetic shower.



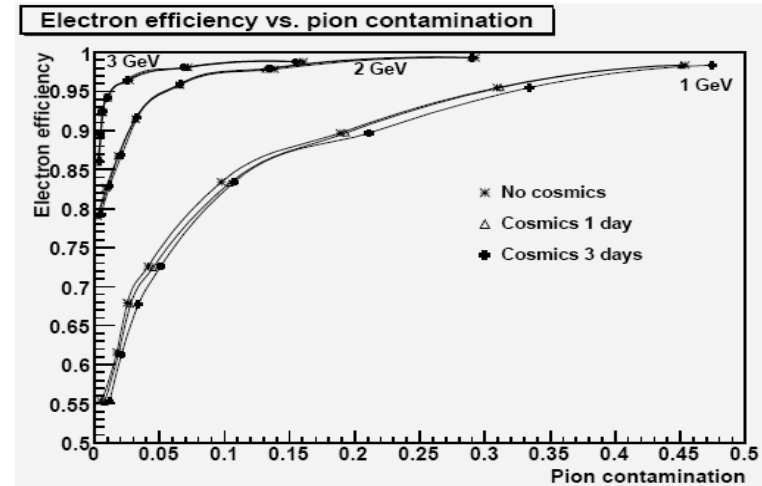
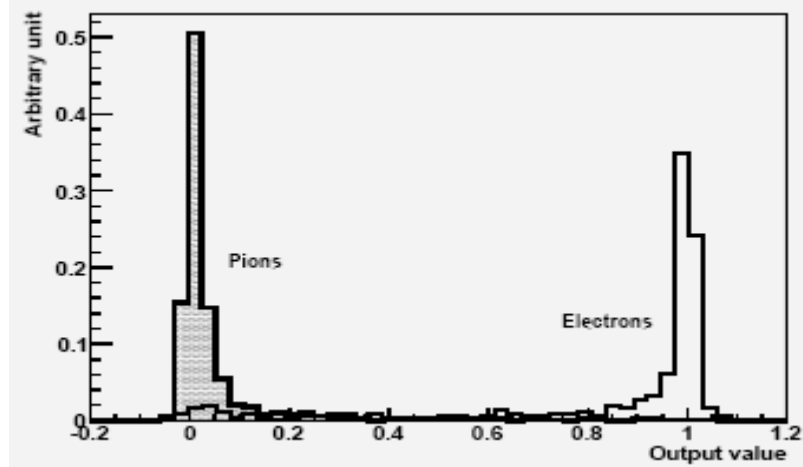
Neural network analysis



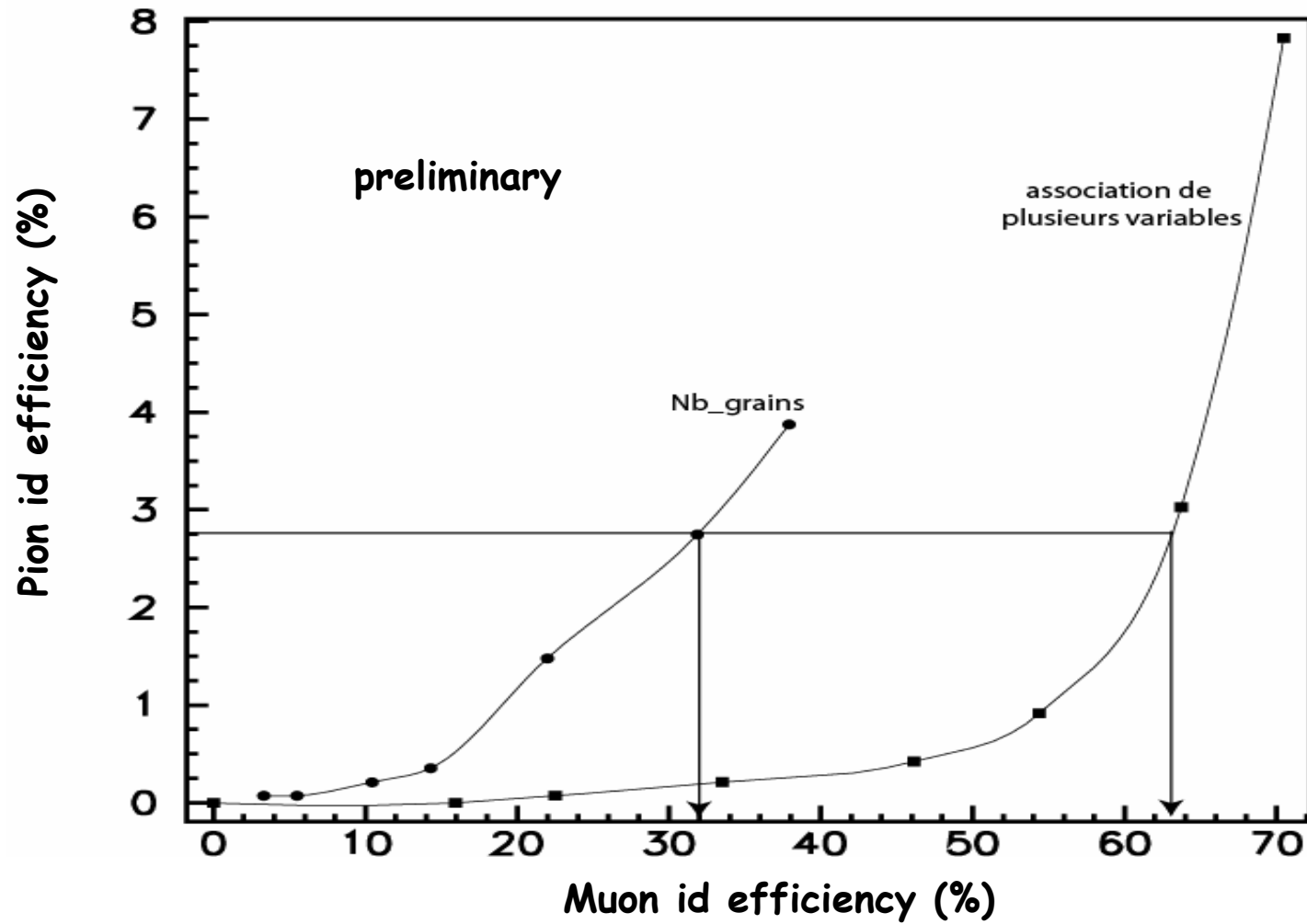
Input variables :

- basetrack and film number
- Longitudinal and transversal profile

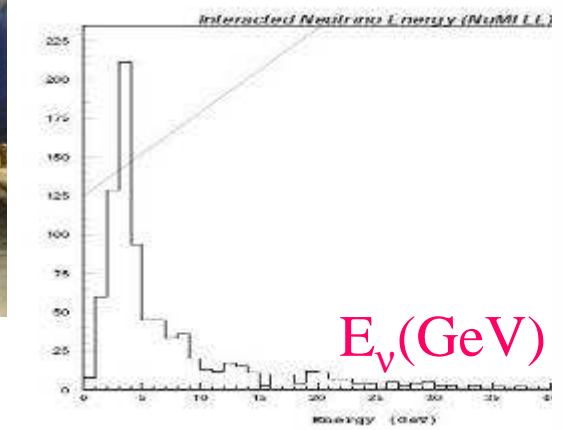
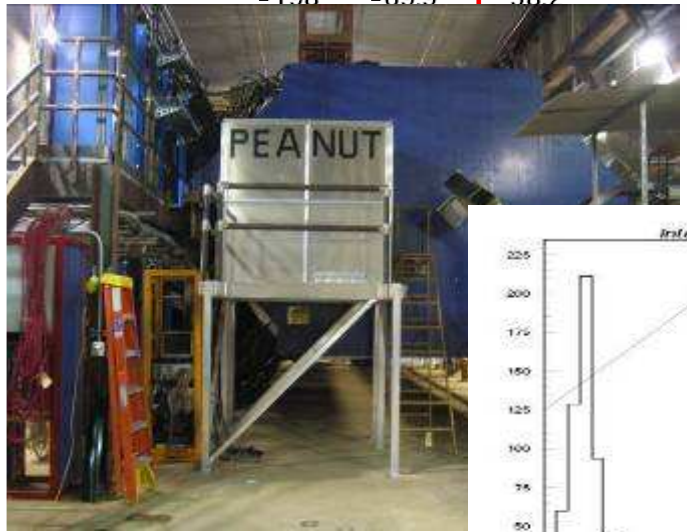
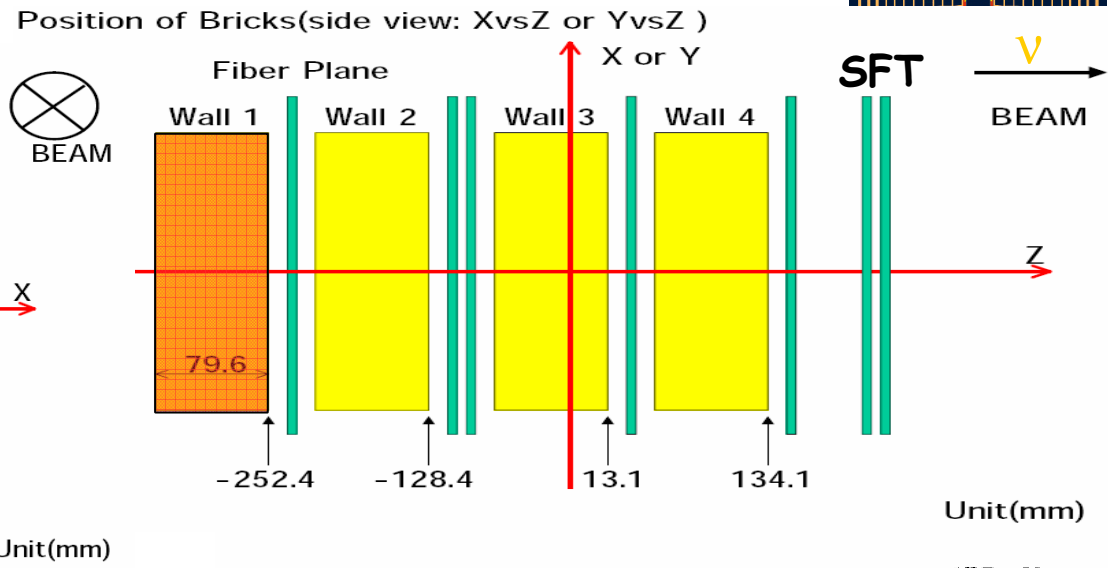
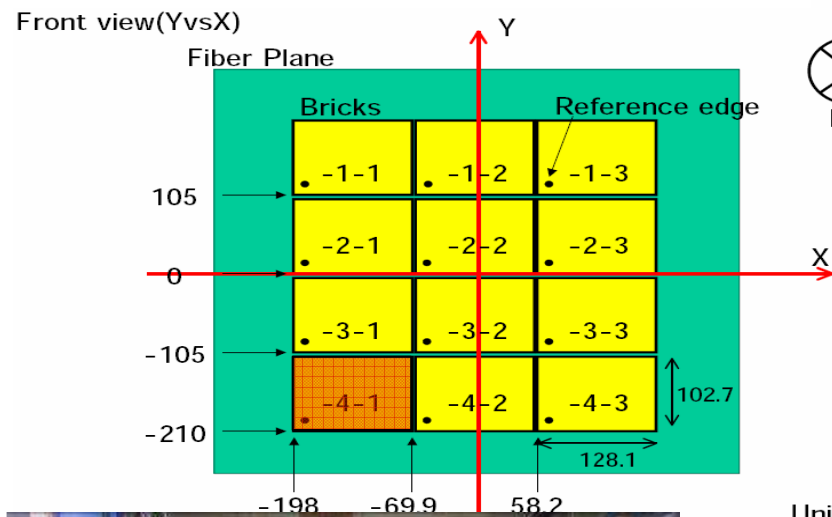
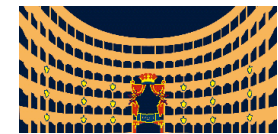
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	Simulated Events		Data			Simulated Events		Data	
0.5	90.5 ± 1.5	81.3 ± 1.6	—	—	0.5	53.4 ± 2.6	28.9 ± 1.9	—	—
1	81.1 ± 1.6	8.4 ± 1.0	—	—	1	59.4 ± 2.0	0.9 ± 0.4	—	—
2	82.0 ± 1.4	0.7 ± 0.3	—	2.0 ± 0.3	2	73.6 ± 1.6	0.1 ± 0.1	—	0.5 ± 0.1
3	89.2 ± 1.2	0.5 ± 0.3	> 61	—	3	82.2 ± 1.4	0.1 ± 0.1	80 ± 18	—
4	89.9 ± 1.1	0.4 ± 0.2	—	0.4 ± 0.1	4	86.0 ± 1.3	0.1 ± 0.1	—	0.3 ± 0.1
5	93.9 ± 0.9	0.4 ± 0.2	—	—	5	90.3 ± 1.1	0.1 ± 0.1	—	—
6	93.1 ± 0.9	0.4 ± 0.2	96.3 ± 0.8	0.4 ± 0.2	6	90.2 ± 1.1	0.2 ± 0.2	94.7 ± 0.9	0.2 ± 0.1
8	95.3 ± 0.8	0.1 ± 0.1	—	—	8	94.1 ± 0.8	0.1 ± 0.1	—	—



π/μ separation using dE/dx and MCS

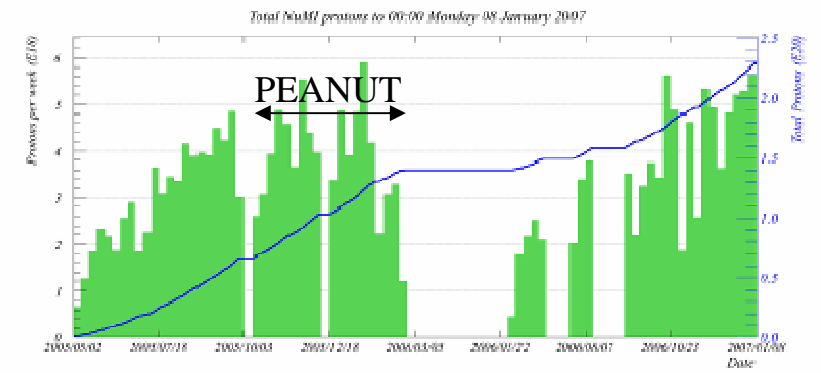


OPERA rehearsal in the NUMI beam : PEANUT



NuMI-MINOS Status Report – S. Childress

All Exp Mtg
8-Jan-07



Protons per Week since
May '05
5.21, 5.32, 5.63 E18
protons/week this period

Total protons 2.31 E20
Physics Data Set

PEANUT status and objectives



Status:

- About 100 bricks exposed and a few thousands interactions expected
- 20 bricks currently under analysis (1000 located ν interactions expected)
- The SFT predictions are stored in the DB (same OPERA schema)
- Emulsion to SFT alignment successfully done with expected performances
- Pilot vertex analysis for 2 bricks in general scanning mode is now completed.
- Full Monte-Carlo simulation developed including SFT hit simulation

Main goals:

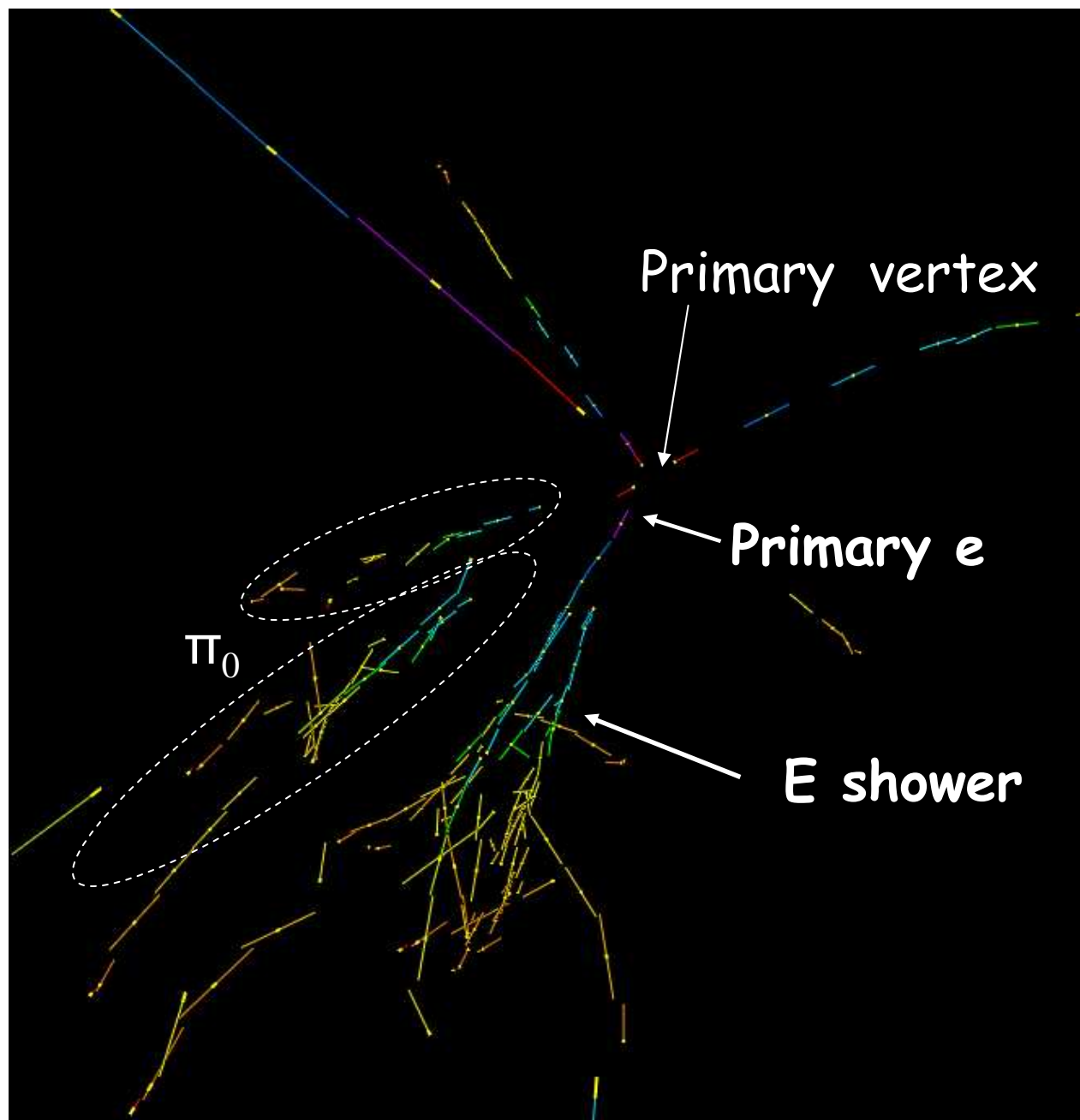
- Multiplicity studies for both biased (SFT-matching events) and unbiased samples
- De-convolution of the 3 cross-section components (QE, RES and DIS)



Electron shower detected in 1 brick



ν_e interaction



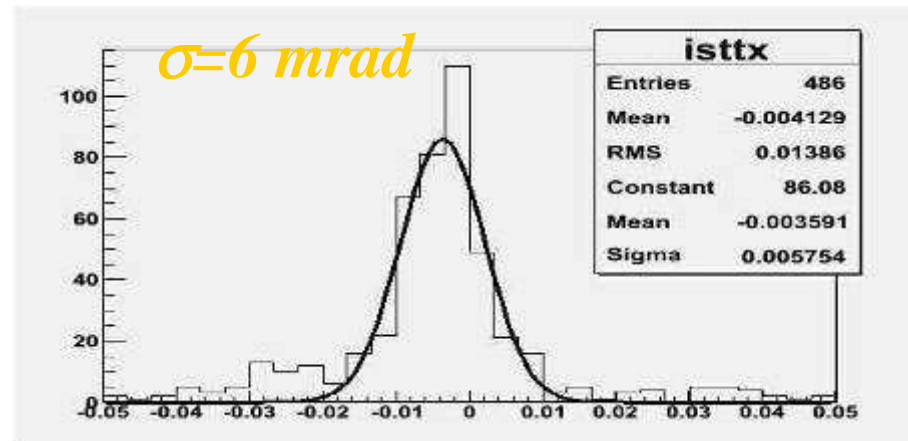
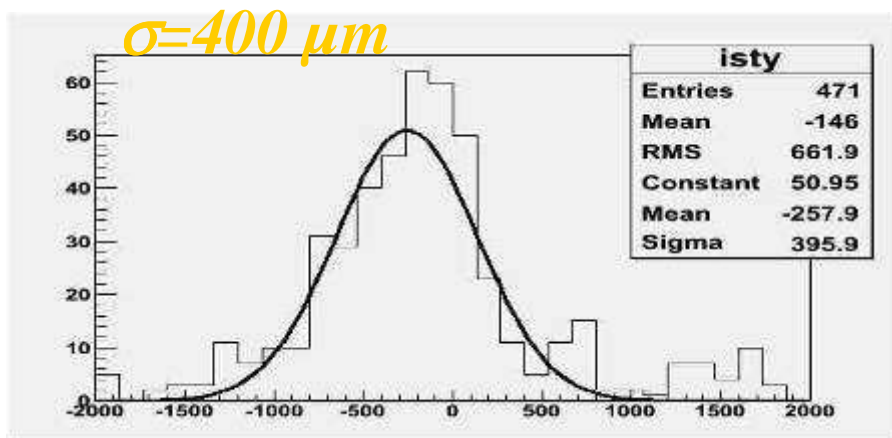
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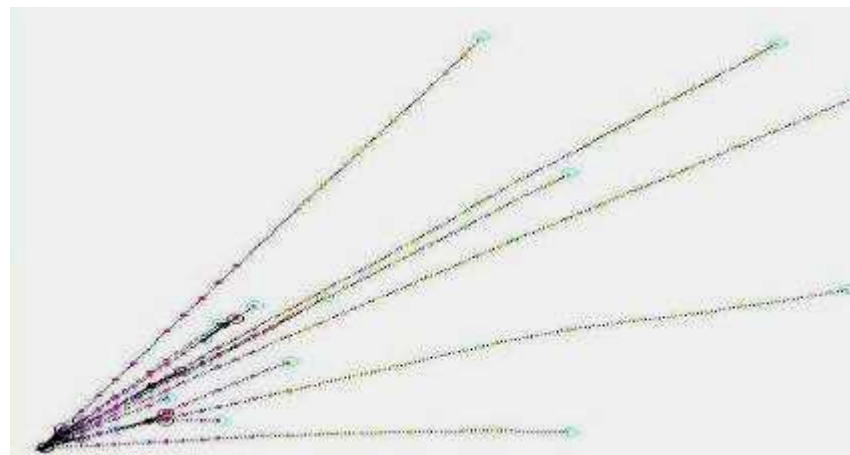
SFT - emulsion matching and vertex analysis

30 neutrino interactions with an SFT matching located in 1 brick



After efficiency correction (estimated through a full MC simulation):
 $N/\varepsilon = 56 \pm 10$, to be compared with (54 ± 7) from flux and cross-section

- 1 high multiplicity event observed:
- 4 tracks from 2 e-pairs
 - 8 primary tracks





7. Brick production and detector filling: status

Brick components



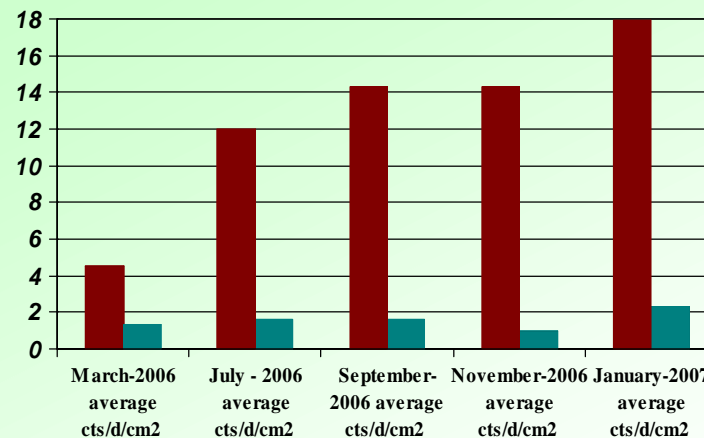
Emulsions: delivered in GS material for 154000 bricks (including CSd) : **75%**
 → no room for finding new funds (Funding Agency Meeting, March 23, 2007)

Lead:

- present production rate is 13000 pcs/day (~ 1 drum/day).
- by end of June production rate will go to 29000 pcs/day (~2.3 drums day).
- the production rate will be increased following the stability of brick production (BAM) and detector filling (BMS) rate.
- Lead mechanical quality is now good and stable. Air flow is still needed to secure single sheet pick up in BAM piling stations.
- Lead radioactivity



+ no surface migration observed
 + family equilibrium restored following the expected $T_{1/2} \sim 4.6$ months



	March-2006 average cts/d/cm2	July - 2006 average cts/d/cm2	September-2006 average cts/d/cm2	November-2006 average cts/d/cm2	January-2007 average cts/d/cm2
■ total	4,5	12	14,3	14,3	17,9
■ 5-5.5 MeV	1,3	1,6	1,6	1	2,3



BAM in Dark
5 Piling/Pressing stations
1 Wrapping station

BAM

Running with 2 shifts/day



Lead Loading



Drum loader
(1 drum = 234 bricks)



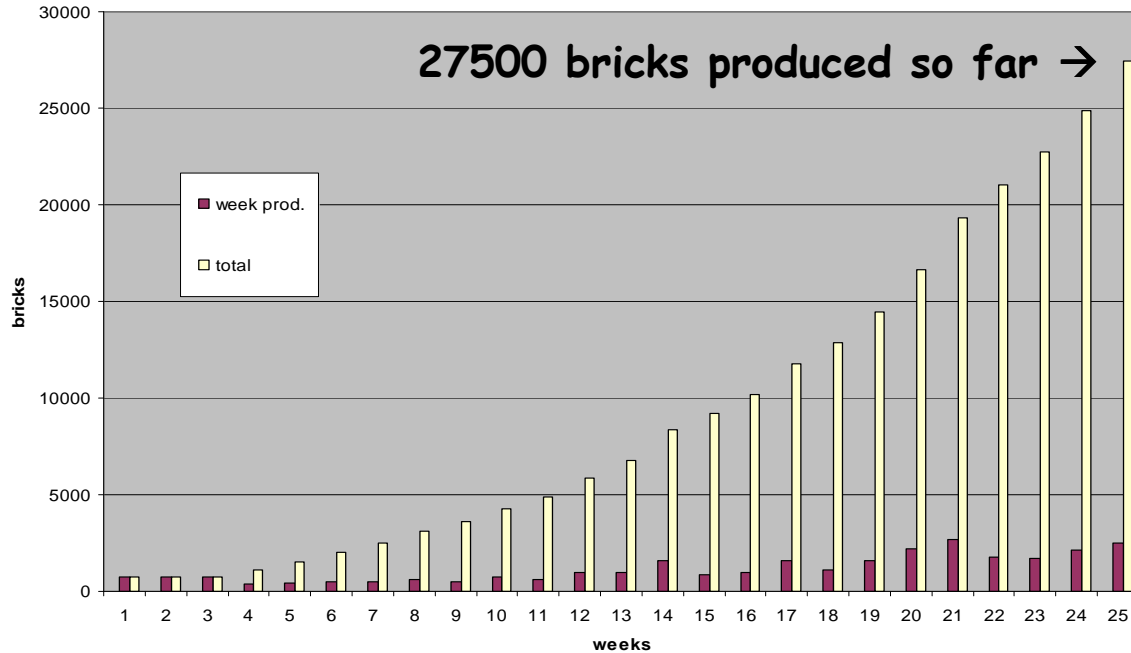
Achieved milestones:

- 10 Kbricks by last SPSC
- 2 drums/day in May → 20 Kbricks by end of may
- 2.5 drums/day in June

Next milestone:

- 3 drums/day from sept 1st
 - **all technical aspects under control**
 - **but resource dependent !**

brick production



Brick production summary



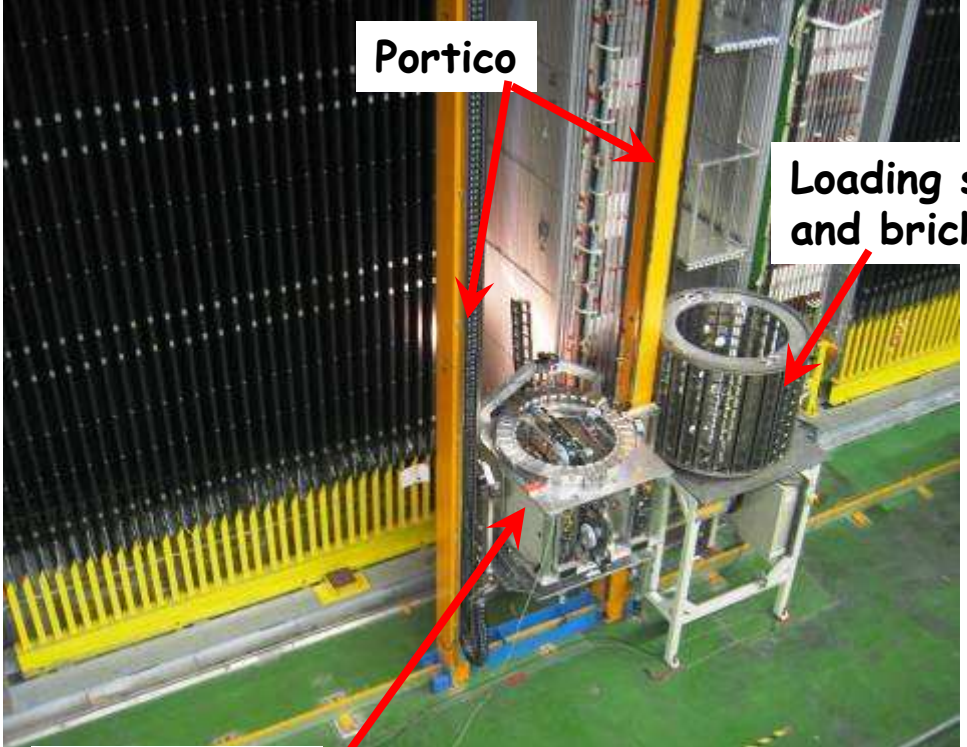
Running with 2 shifts per day

← 2500 bricks per week achieved

	Mean number of bricks During the October run	Completion of the filling of the detector
2 drums per day ~500 bricks	60 000	<u>Mid September 08</u>
2.5 drums per day ~600 bricks	70 000	<u>End of June 08</u>
3 drums per day ~700 bricks Starting in september	73 000	<u>End of April 08</u>

Our goal !

Brick Manipulator System



Portico

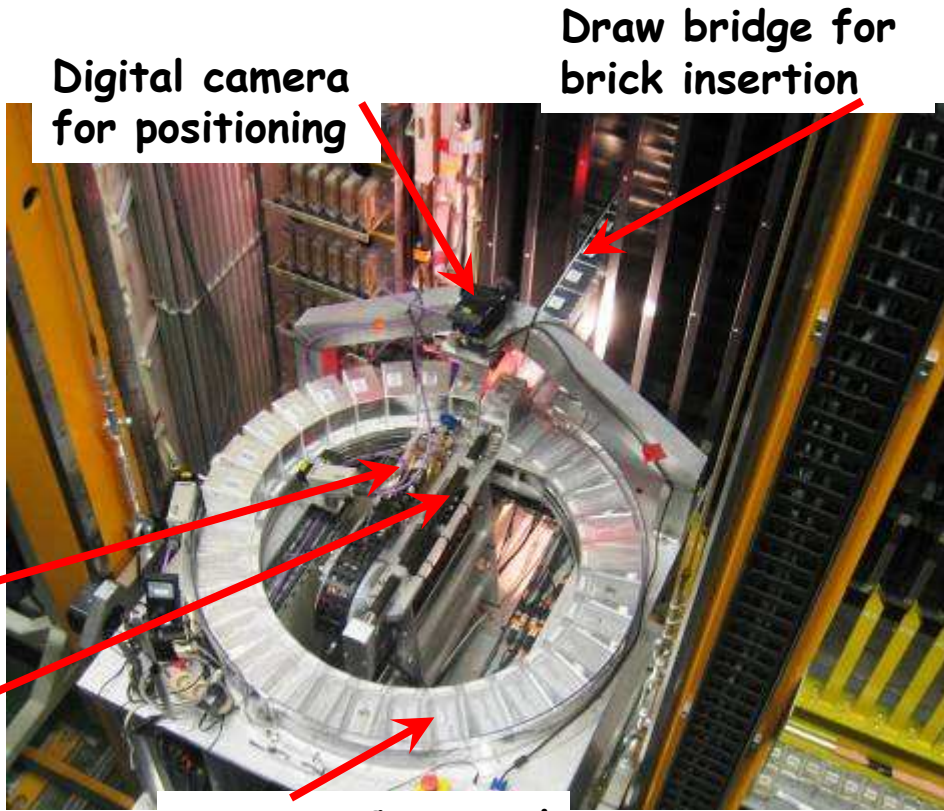
Loading station and brick drum

Manipulating platform

Vacuum sucker vehicle to retrieve bricks

Electric jack to insert bricks

Spatial precision ≈ 0.1 mm on ranges ≈ 10 m using digital camera vision



Digital camera for positioning

Draw bridge for brick insertion

Storage Carrousel

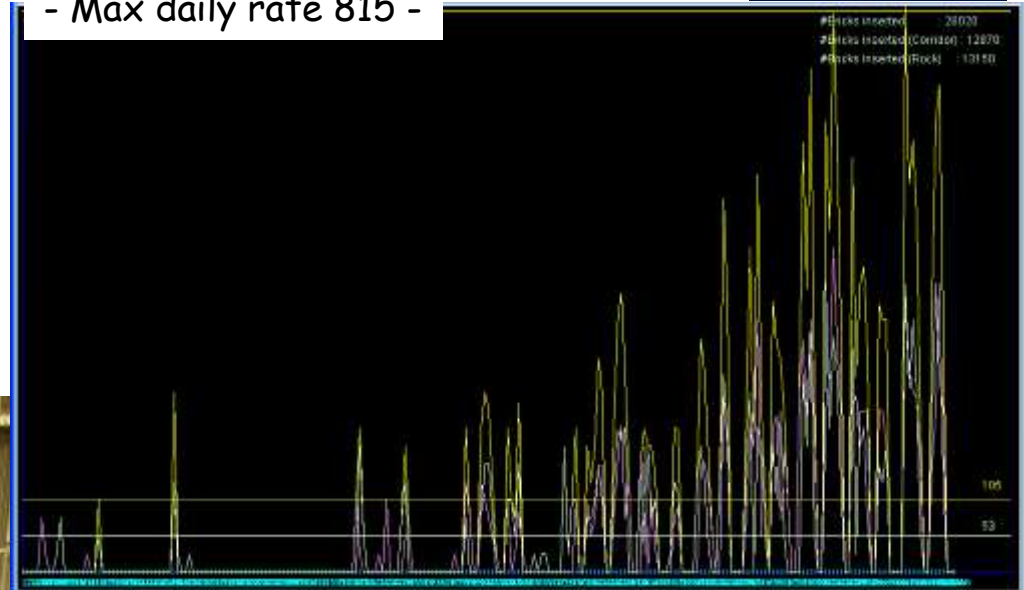
BMS : Insertion performances



Running with 2 shifts per day

26000 bricks inserted
since beginning of 2007
in the OPERA detector

- Max daily rate 815 -



Daily rate from 21/10/06 to 21/06/07



Running staff: 1 expert and 1
operator per shift

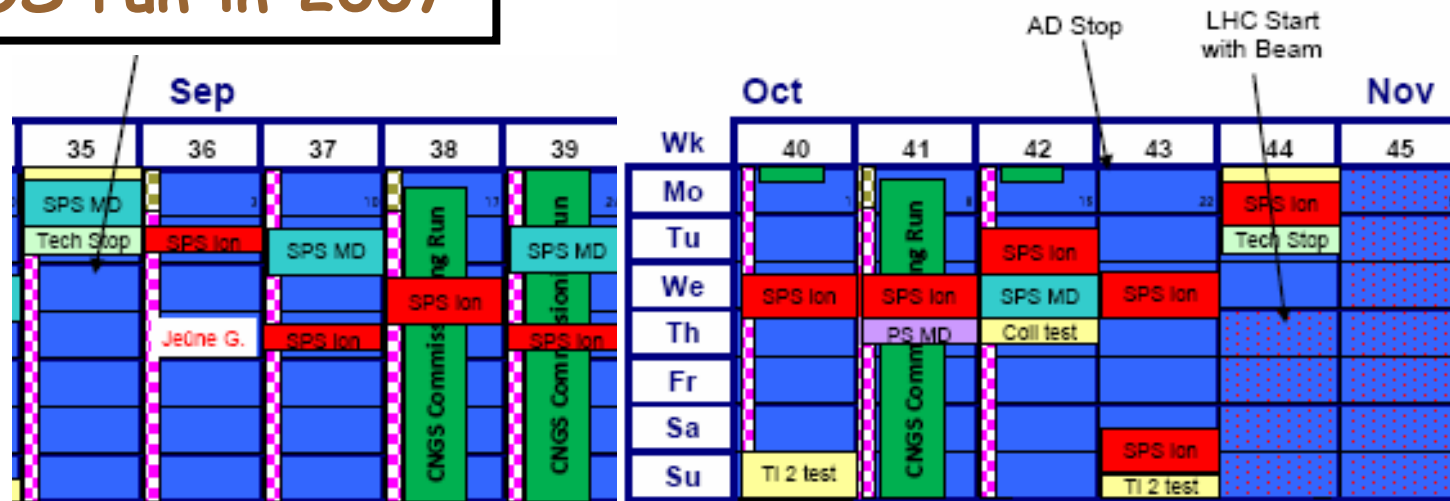
Verified performance (without failures
or waiting time in drum exchange):
insertion of 500 bricks in one shift

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CNGS run in 2007



Hypothesis:

- 3 weeks of CNGS commissioning: 38 (half intensity, 1 CNGS cycle) , 39, 41
- 3 additional weeks of physics run : 40, 42, 43
- super cycle with 3 CNGS : 39.6 sec
- intensity as in the 2006 run : $1.7 \cdot 10^{13}$ pot/extraction (70% of nominal high intensity)
- 70% efficiency of the machine complex

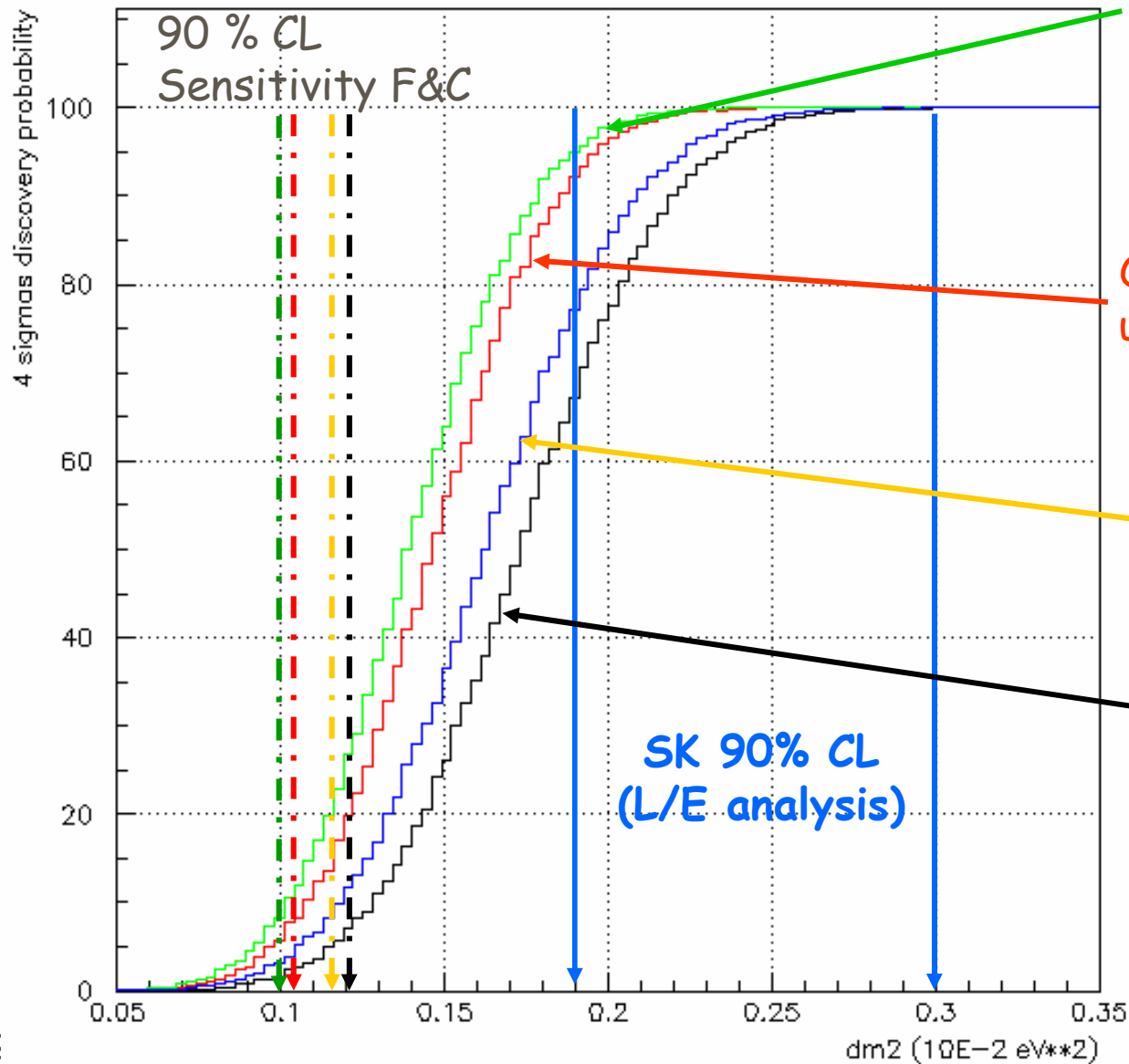
Bricks at the start of the run	Bricks at the end of the run	Integrated p.o.t	Bricks with interactions
58749 505 tons	71687 616 tons	$0.43 \cdot 10^{19}$ pot	180 (~6/day) 10 charm decay

- 2006 CNGS run : $\sim .1 \cdot 10^{19}$ pot
- nominal CNGS year : $4.5 \cdot 10^{19}$ pot



8. OPERA sensitivity revisited

OPERA sensitivity : nominal conditions



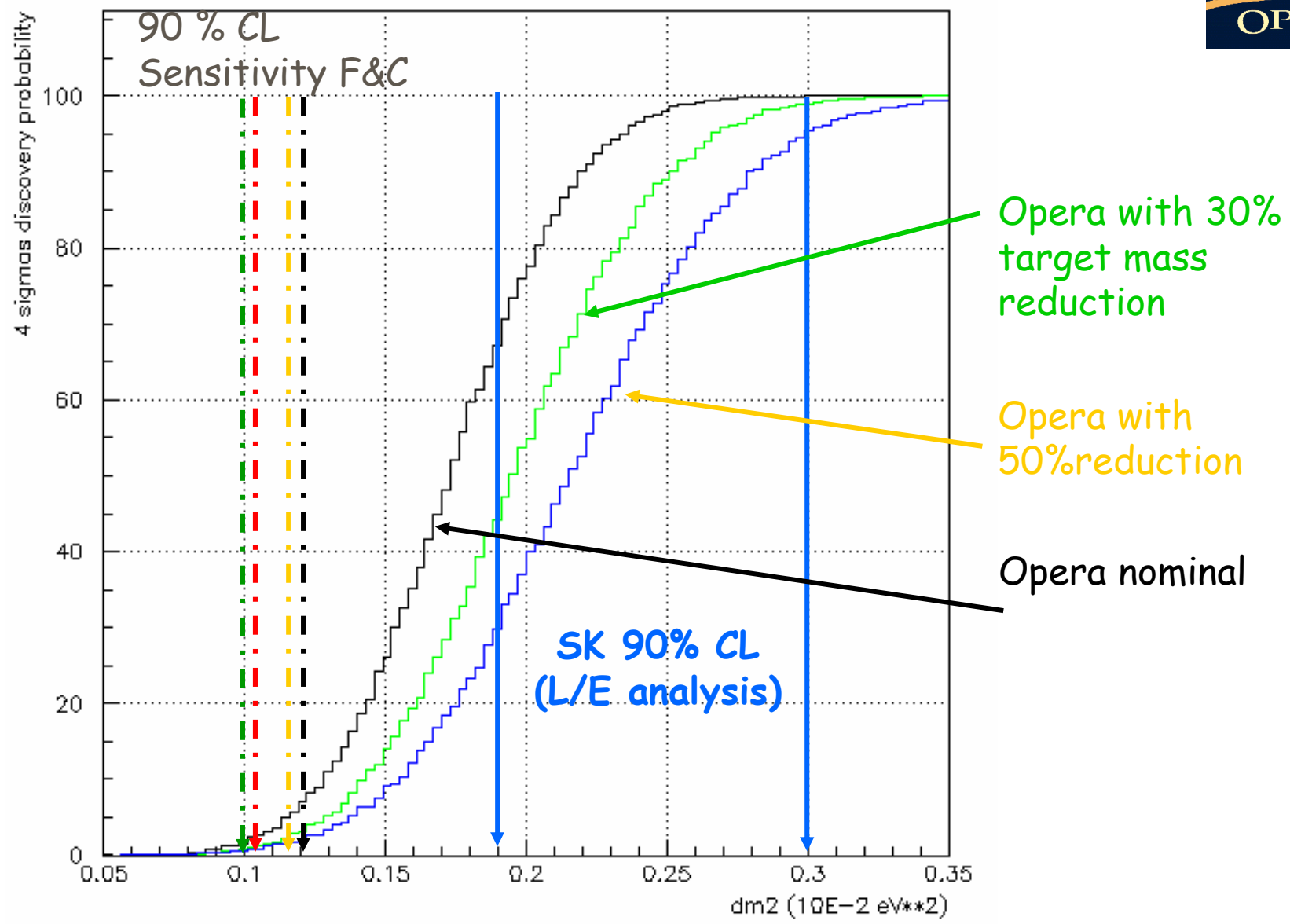
Opera with beam upgrade and 30% bck reduction

Opera, with beam upgrade (1.5)

Opera with 30% bck reduction

Opera nominal

OPERA sensitivity with reduced target mass



9. Conclusions



- The electronic detectors of the OPERA experiment are ready for data taking during the fore coming CNGS runs
- The brick production is launched and the detector could be filled before the physics run in 2008
- The data analysis chain has been validated for the :
 - ❖ electronic detectors: during the CNGS beam periods in 2006 and also with cosmic rays in 2006 & 2007
 - ❖ emulsion detectors: during many test runs, especially with real neutrino event from an exposure in the NUMI beam

Caveat:

- ✓ the schedule is tight and the resources limited
 - ➔ any problem will now induce delays impossible to recover
- ✓ OPERA sensitivity is limited by the statistics
 - ➔ missing emulsions will seriously reduce its sensitivity