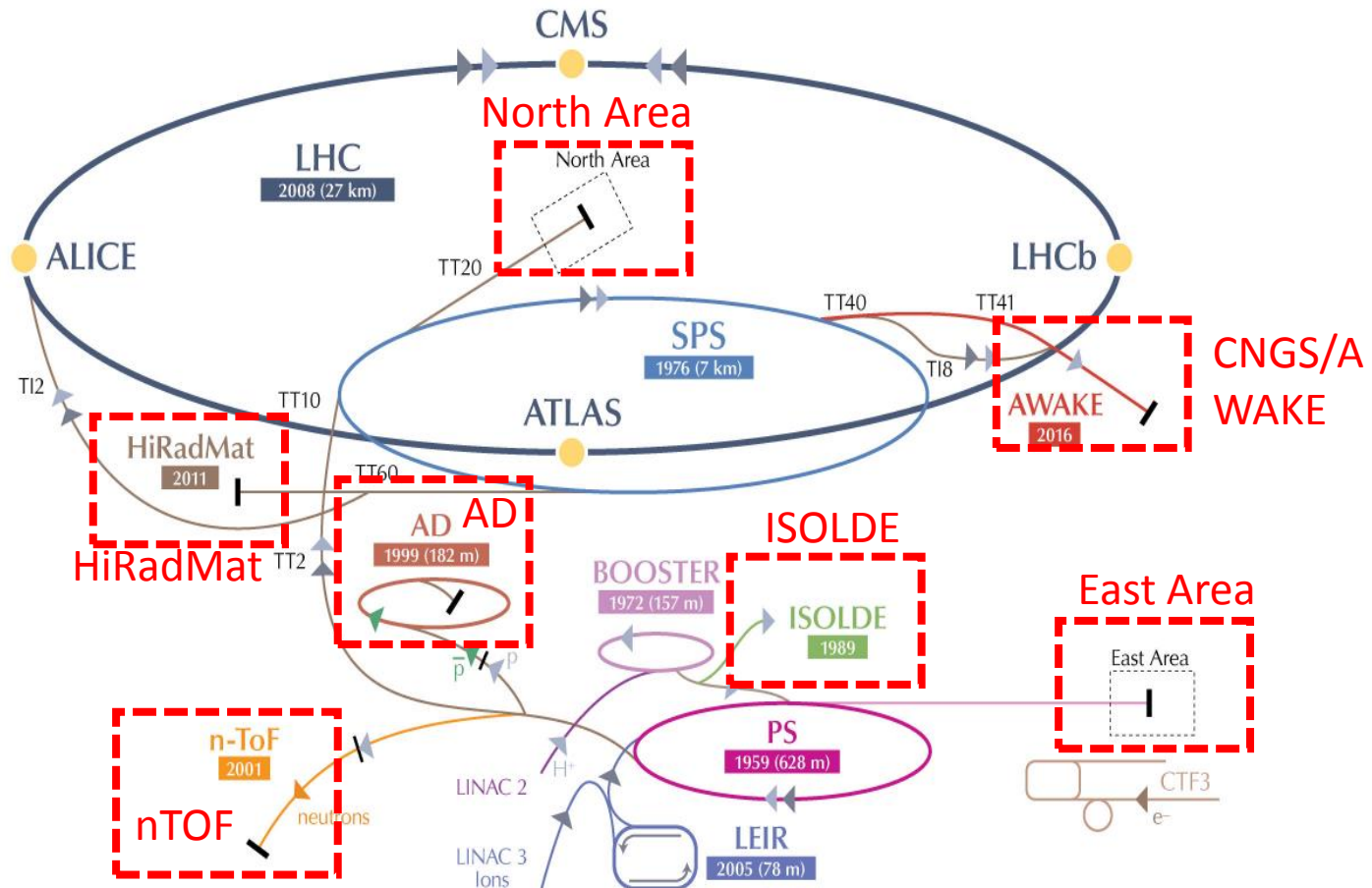


# **CERN Beam Line Experiments: From CNGS to AWAKE**

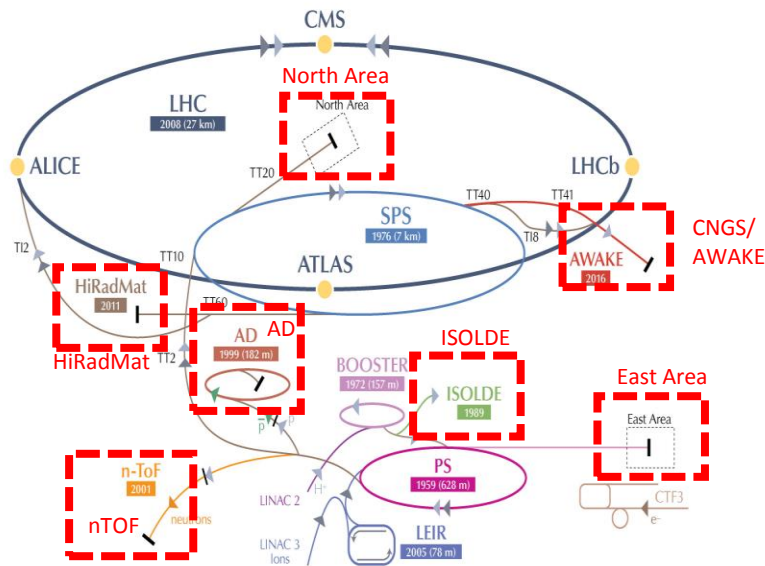
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Austrian Teachers Programme  
15 – 20 November 2015

# CERN Accelerator Complex

2010:  
5.3  $10^{15}$  protons to LHC  
1.37  $10^{20}$  protons to CERN's Non-LHC Experiments and Test Facilities



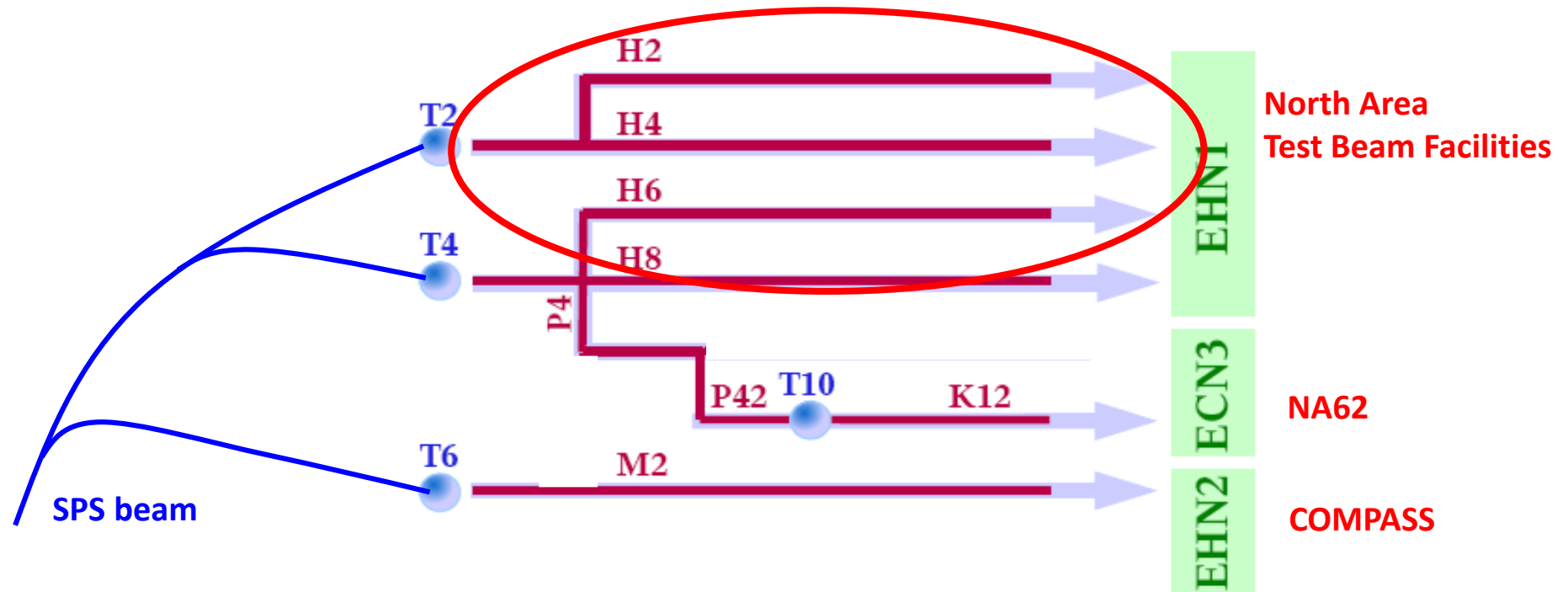
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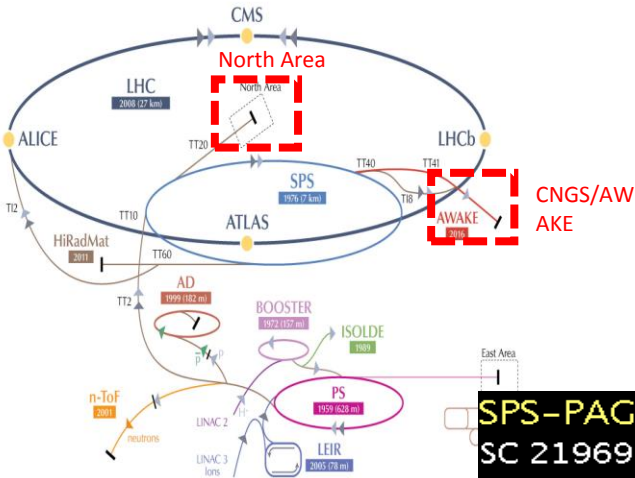
East Area	Test-beams	Detector, electronics, radiation, ... tests
	CLOUD	study possible link between cosmic rays and cloud formation
	DIRAC	Study the decay of dimesons, gain insight in strong force
ISOLDE		Produce range of isotopes for research
AD		Anti-matter experiments
HiRadMat		User facility to test high-intensity beam onto material
North Area	Test-beams	Detector, electronics, radiation, ... tests
	COMPASS	Study how elementary quarks and gluons work together to give particles we observe
	NA61 NA62	Measurement of strong-interaction (quark-gluon plasma), neutrino beam flux Measurement of very rare kaon decay
CNGS		CERN Neutrinos to Gran Sasso, measure neutrino oscillation
AWAKE		Demonstrate potential of Proton Driven Plasma Wakefield Acceleration Experiment

# The North Experimental Areas at the SPS

- The SPS proton beam (400/450 GeV/c) slowly extracted to North Area
  - Directed towards the three North Area primary targets T2, T4 and T6
  - From the primary targets:
    - T2 → H2 and H4 beam lines
    - T4 → H6 and H8 beam lines  
and P42/K12 beam line (NA62)
    - T6 → M2 beam line (NA58/COMPASS)
- Particle momentum range:  
10-400 GeV/c



# How Do We Send the Beam to the Beam Line Experiments?



## 1 SPS Supercycle

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Target	I/E11	MUL	%SYM	Experiment
T2	37.8	9	94 a	H2/H4
T4	24.9	8	99 a	H6/H8
T6 <b>Beam to North Area</b>	251	2x beam to CNGS	87 a	MPASS
T1	0.0		22	<b>Beam to LHC</b>

CNGS T40.1 187 E11 OK (0)  
 CNGS T40.2 194 E11 OK (0)  
 LHC 0.0 E10 Dest: TT2-R1

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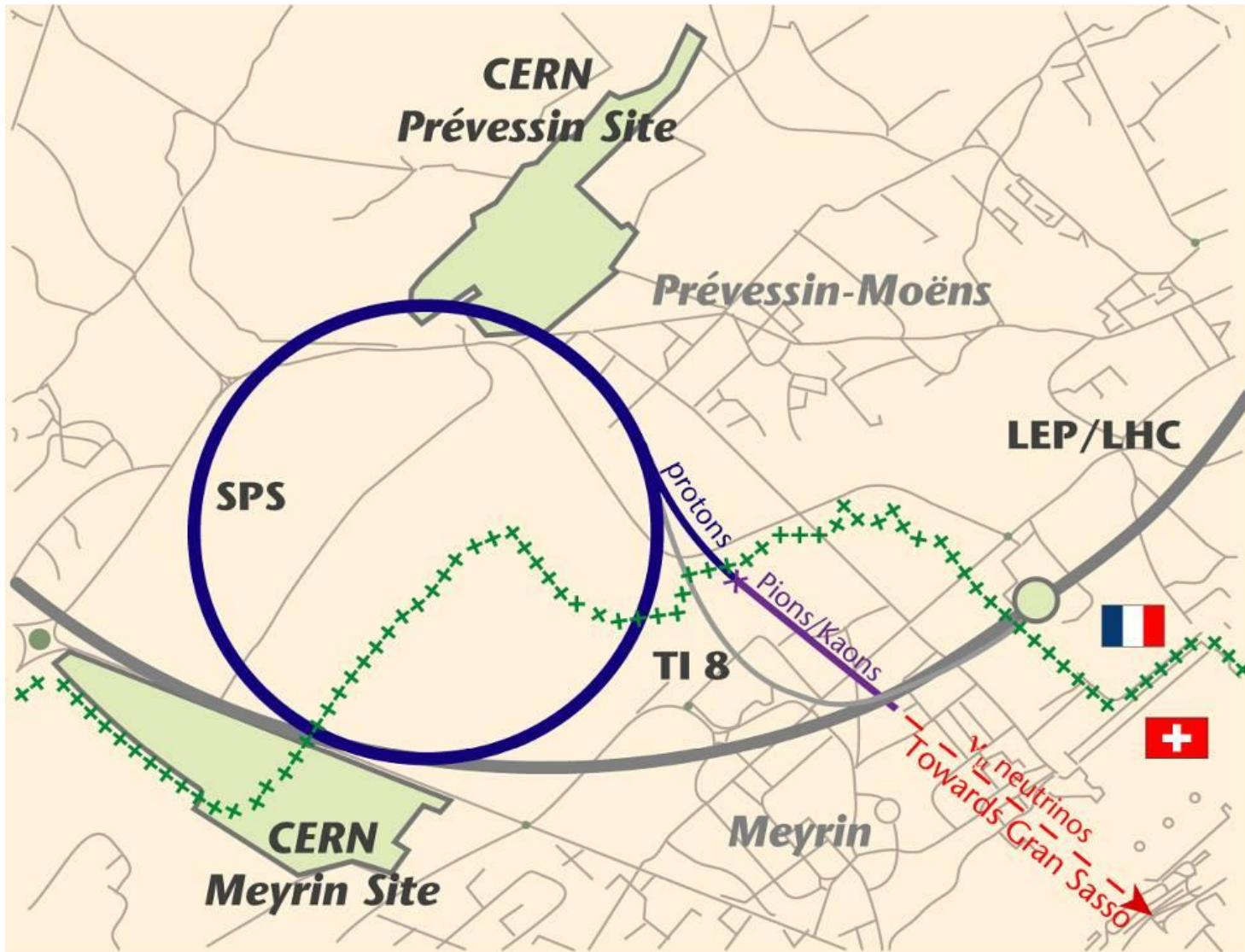
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# CNGS, CERN Neutrinos to Gran Sasso



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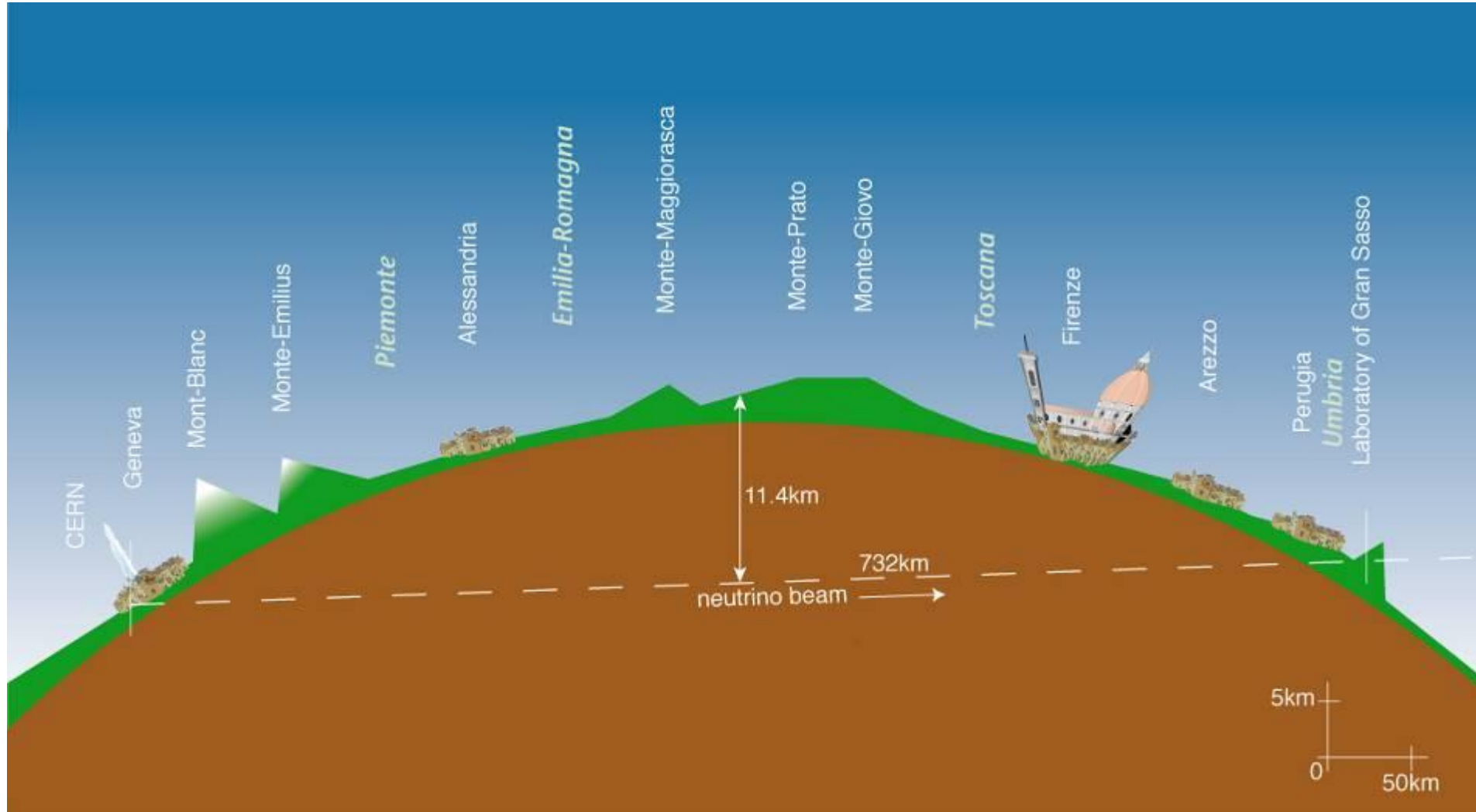
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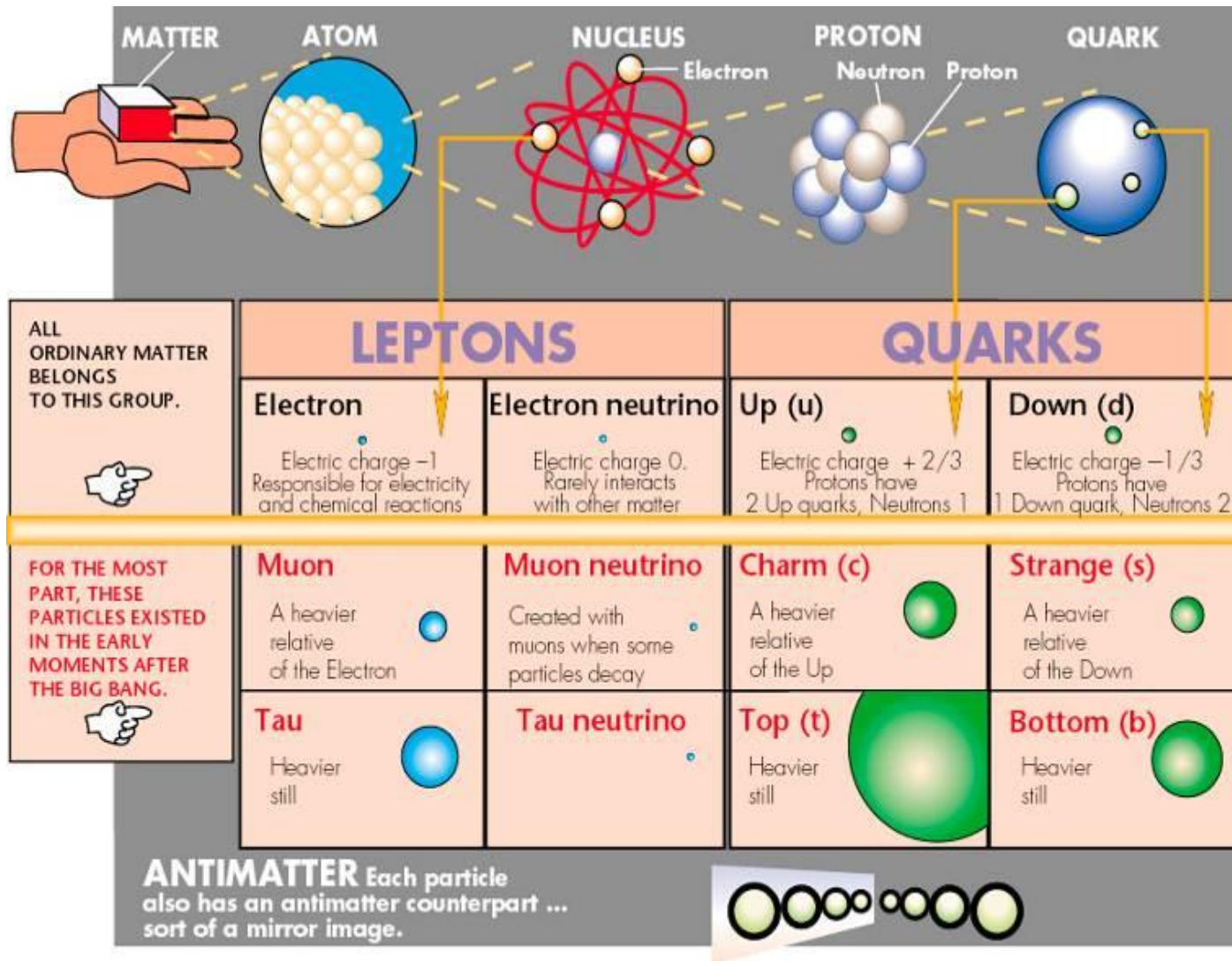
# CERN Neutrinos to Gran Sasso

- A long base-line neutrino beam facility (732km)
- Send neutrino beam produced at CERN to Gran Sasso





# Standard Model



# What are Neutrinos ( $\nu$ ) ?

- elementary particles
- come in three flavors (LEP)
- electric charge: zero !
- **mass**: very small **zero?**
- interaction with matter: “very weak”

## Leptons

particle	electric charge
$e$	-1
$\nu_e$	0
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$\mu$	-1
$\nu_\mu$	0
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$\tau$	-1
$\nu_\tau$	0

+ antiparticles

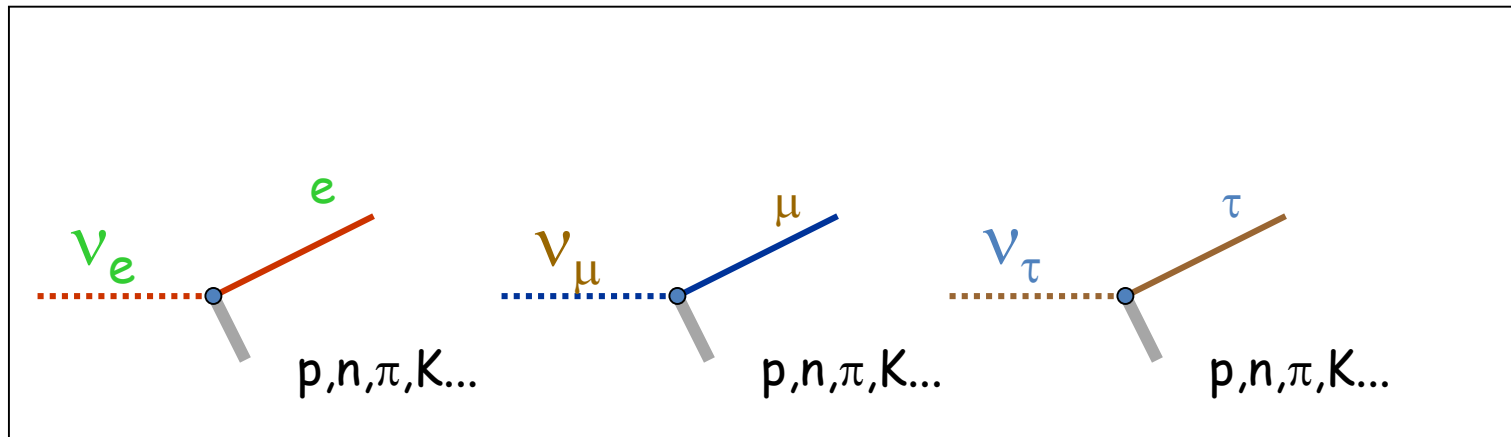
# Neutrinos

Weakly interacting leptons  $\nu_e$ ,  $\nu_\mu$ ,  $\nu_\tau$ , no charge

- Solar Neutrinos:
  - $6 \cdot 10^{14}$  neutrinos/s/m<sup>2</sup>
    - Every 100 years 1 neutrino interacts in human body
    - 10<sup>16</sup> meter lead to stop half of these neutrinos
- Natural radioactivity from earth:
  - $6 \cdot 10^6$  neutrinos/s/cm<sup>2</sup>.
- <sup>40</sup>K in our body:
  - $3.4 \cdot 10^8$  neutrinos/day
- Cosmic neutrinos:
  - 330 neutrinos/cm<sup>3</sup>
- CNGS
  - Send  $\sim 10^{17}$  neutrinos/day to Gran Sasso

# How do we detect Neutrinos

neutrinos interact VERY rarely with matter - when they do, they often produce a lepton of their 'own flavour':



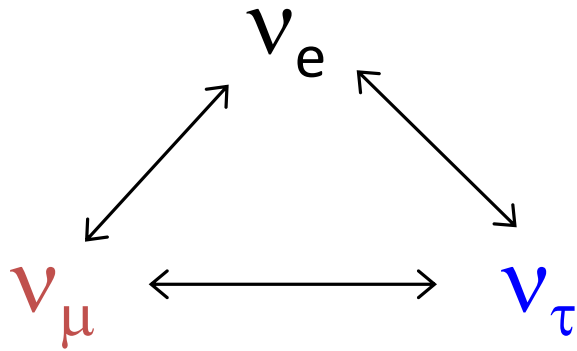
NOTE: a minimum amount of energy is needed  
(to create the mass of the lepton):

$$m_e = 0.5 \text{ MeV}, \quad - \quad m_\mu = 106 \text{ MeV} \quad - \quad m_\tau = 1770 \text{ MeV}$$

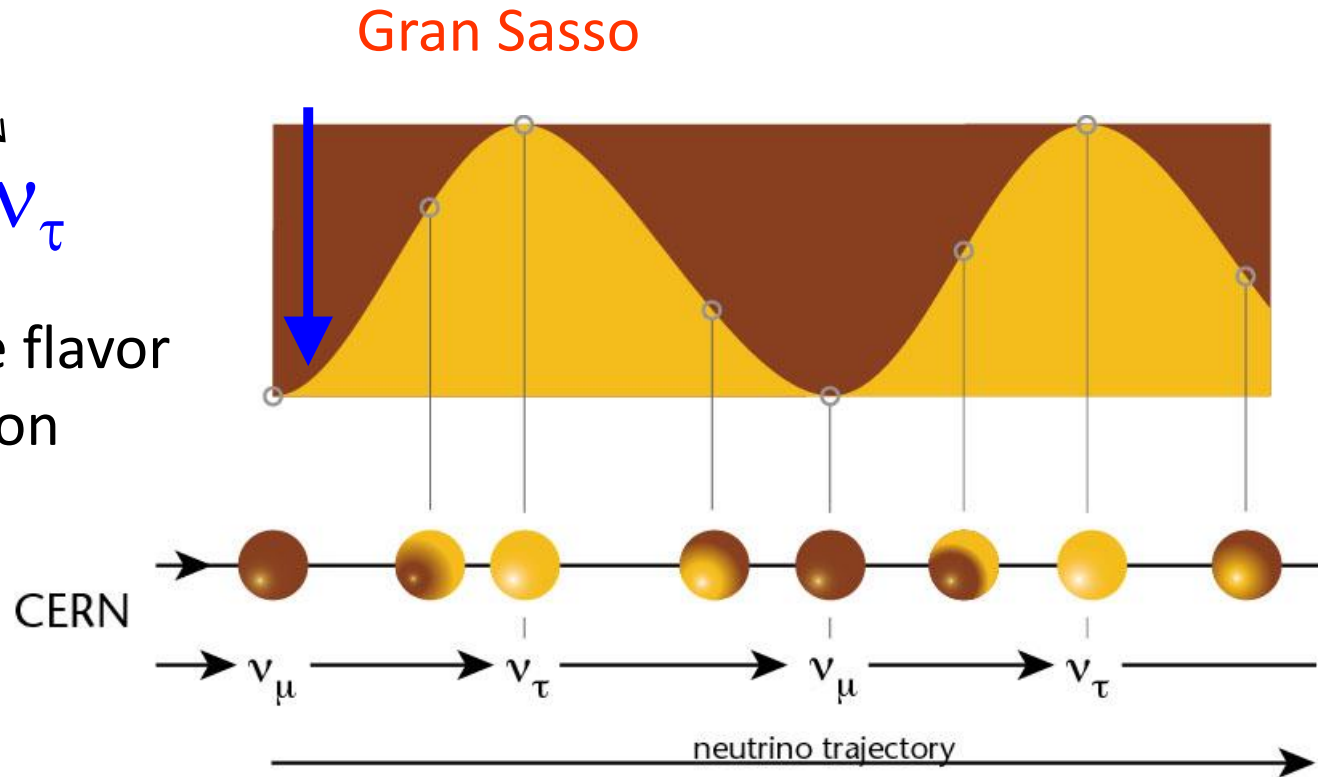
The higher the neutrino energy, the more likely the interaction !

# Neutrinos

If neutrinos have mass:



- Neutrinos change flavor
- Neutrino oscillation



# Neutrino Parameter Status: July 2008 Review of Particle Physics

Direct measurement of neutrino masses: still compatible with Zero:

$$\nu_e < 2\text{eV} \quad \nu_\mu < 0.19\text{MeV} \quad \nu_\tau < 18.2\text{MeV}$$

If flavor eigenstates and mass eigenstates are different (mixing) and if masses are different  $\rightarrow$  neutrino oscillation

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Mass states:} \quad |\nu_1\rangle \quad |\nu_2\rangle \quad |\nu_3\rangle \\ m_1, m_2, m_3 \quad \Delta m_{12} = m_2 - m_1, \quad \Delta m_{23} = m_3 - m_2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Flavor states:} \quad |\nu_e\rangle \quad |\nu_\mu\rangle \quad |\nu_\tau\rangle \end{array}$$

Mixing of the three neutrinos: unitary 3x3 matrix  $\rightarrow$  4 parameters like the CKM matrix for Quarks. CP violating phase not yet accessible  $\rightarrow$  currently 3 mixing angles  $\theta$ .

$$|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_{n=1}^3 U_{\alpha i}^* |\nu_i\rangle \quad \sim \quad \begin{pmatrix} |\nu_\mu\rangle \\ |\nu_\tau\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{23} & \sin \theta_{23} \\ -\sin \theta_{23} & \cos \theta_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |\nu_2\rangle \\ |\nu_3\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_{\mu \rightarrow \tau} = \sin^2(2\theta_{23}) \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{23}^2 L}{4E}\right)$$

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = 8 \pm 0.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \quad \Delta m_{21} = 9 \pm 0.17 \text{ meV}$$

solar and reactor Neutrinos

$$\Delta m_{32}^2 = 2.5 \pm 0.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \quad \Delta m_{32} = 50 \pm 5 \text{ meV}$$

Atmospheric and **long Baseline**

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{21} = 0.86 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.04 \rightarrow \theta_{21} = 34 \pm 1.6 \pm 1.3 \text{ degrees}$$

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{23} > 0.93 \rightarrow \theta_{23} = 35.3 \text{ degrees compatible with max. mixing } \theta = 45 \text{ degrees}$$

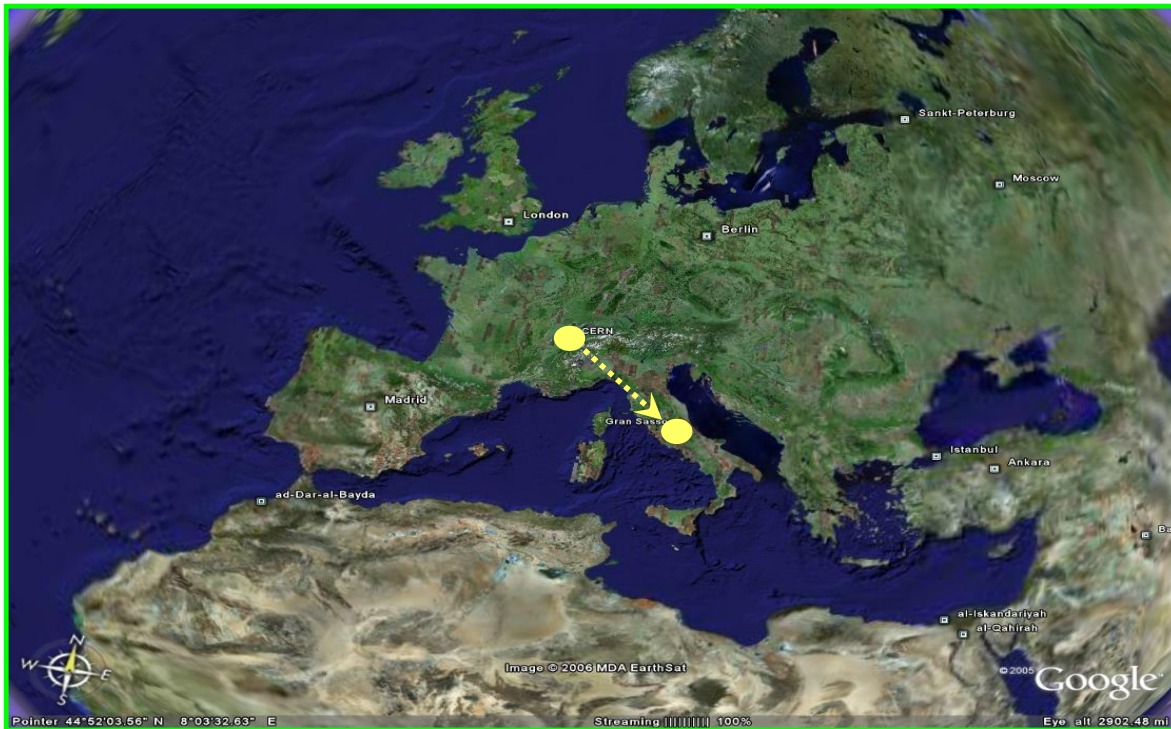
$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.19 \rightarrow \theta_{13} < 13 \text{ degrees compatible with min. mixing } \theta = 0 \text{ degrees}$$

# CNGS Project

## CNGS (CERN Neutrino Gran Sasso)

- A long base-line neutrino beam facility (732km)
- send  $\nu_{\mu}$  beam produced at CERN
- detect  $\nu_{\tau}$  appearance in OPERA experiment at Gran Sasso

2006 – 2012



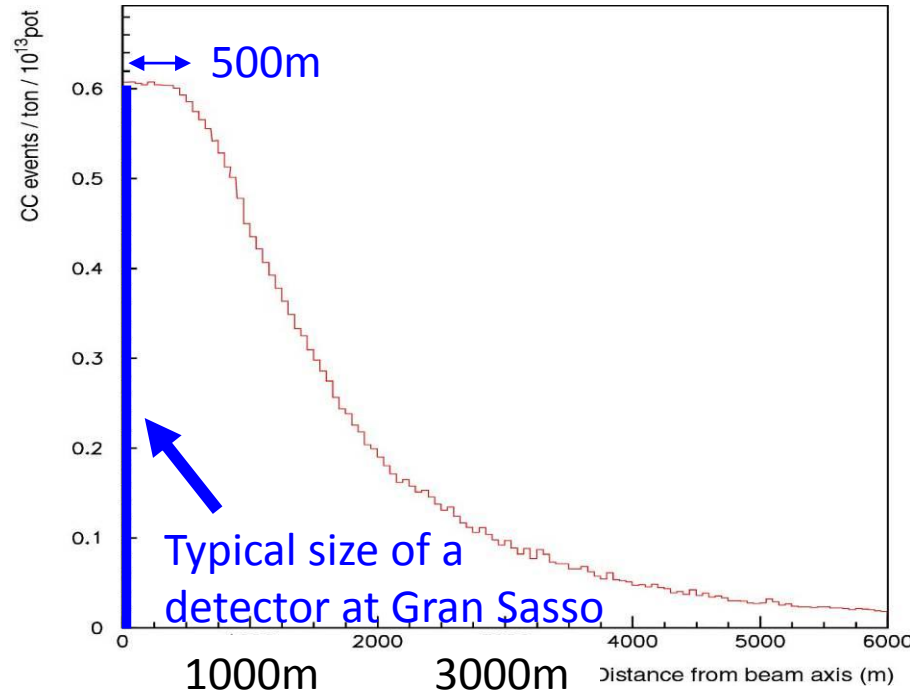
➔ direct proof of  $\nu_{\mu}$  -  $\nu_{\tau}$  oscillation (appearance experiment)



# CERN Neutrinos to Gran Sasso

Beam Delivery:

- $2.2 \cdot 10^{17}$  protons on target /day
- $\sim 10^{17} \nu_{\mu}$  /day
- $\sim 10^{11} \nu_{\mu}$  /day at detector in Gran Sasso
- $3600 \nu_{\mu}$  interactions/year in OPERA  
(charged current interactions)
- $2-3 \nu_{\tau}$  interactions detected/year in OPERA



Delivered (2006-2012)  $18.24 \cdot 10^{19}$  protons on target  
(200 days/year, nominal intensity)

Status June 2015: **5 tau-neutrinos** detected

# Neutrino Production

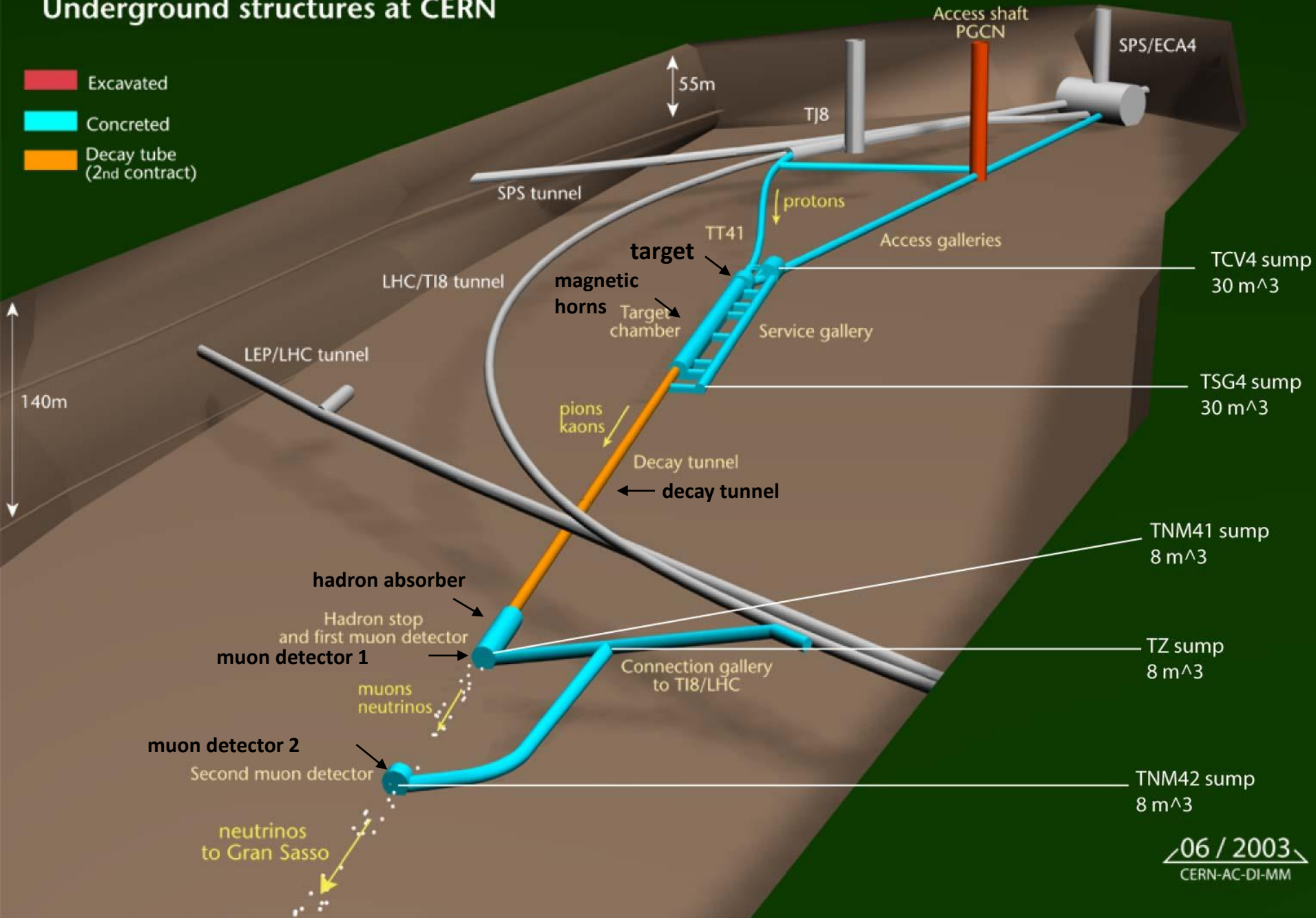
- Protons extracted from SPS
- Directed towards target
- Production of kaon, pions
- Focused with focusing magnets (horn/reflector) direction Gran Sasso
- Kaons, pions decay in decay tunnel into muons and muon-neutrinos
- Only neutrinos reach Gran Sasso



# CERN NEUTRINOS TO GRAN SASSO

## Underground structures at CERN

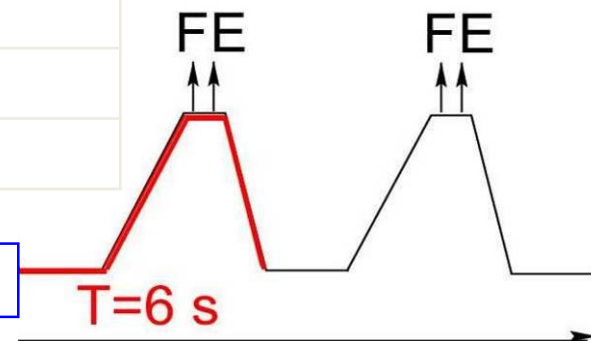
- █ Excavated
- █ Concreted
- █ Decay tube (2nd contract)



# CNGS Proton Beam Parameters

Beam parameters	Nominal CNGS beam
Nominal energy [GeV]	400
Normalized emittance [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	H=12 V=7
Emittance [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	H=0.028 V= 0.016
Momentum spread $\Delta p/p$	0.07 % +/- 20%
# extractions per cycle	2 separated by 50 ms
Batch length [ $\mu\text{s}$ ]	10.5
# of bunches per pulse	2100
Intensity per extraction [ $10^{13}$ p]	2.4
Bunch length [ns] ( $4\sigma$ )	2
Bunch spacing [ns]	5
Beta at focus [m]	hor.: 10 ; vert.: 20
Beam sizes at 400 GeV [mm]	0.5 mm
Beam divergence [mrad]	hor.: 0.05; vert.: 0.03

**500kW  
beam power**



**Expected beam performance:  $4.5 \times 10^{19}$  protons/year on target**



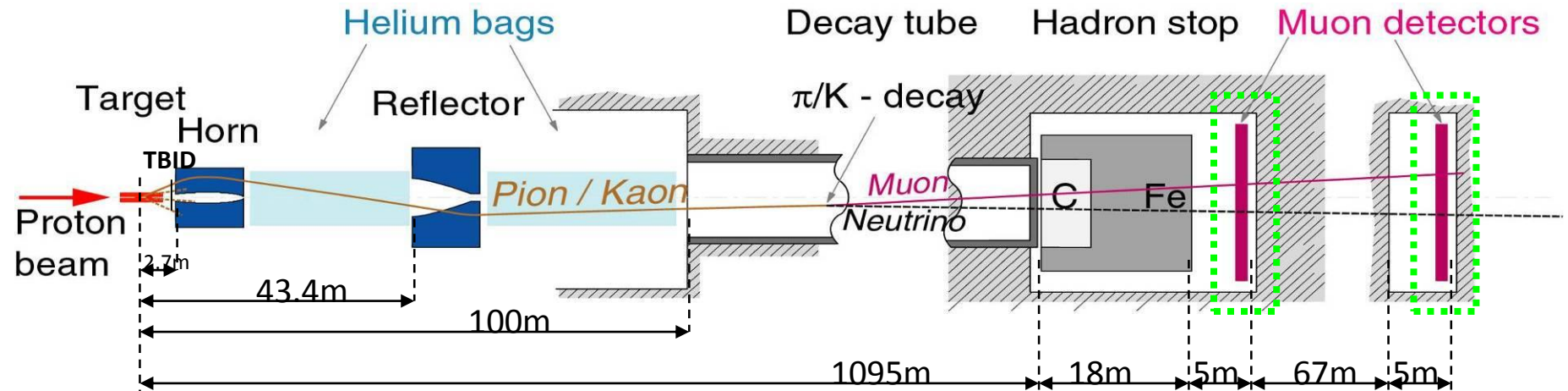
# Primary Beam Line

100m extraction together with LHC, 620m long arc to bend towards Gran Sasso, 120m long focusing section

## Magnet System:

- 73 MBG Dipoles
  - 1.7 T nominal field at 400 GeV/c
- 20 Quadrupole Magnets
  - Nominal gradient 40 T/m
- 12 Corrector Magnets

# CNGS Neutrino Production



## Air cooled graphite target

- Target table movable horizontally/vertically for alignment
- Target TBID, ionization chambers

## 2 horns (horn and reflector)

- Water cooled, pulsed with 10ms half-sine wave pulse of up to 150/180kA

## Decay pipe:

- 1000m, diameter 2.45m, 1mbar vacuum,

## Hadron absorber:

- Absorbs 100kW of protons and other hadrons

## 2 muon monitor stations: muon fluxes and profiles



Target magazine: 1 unit used, 4 in-situ spares

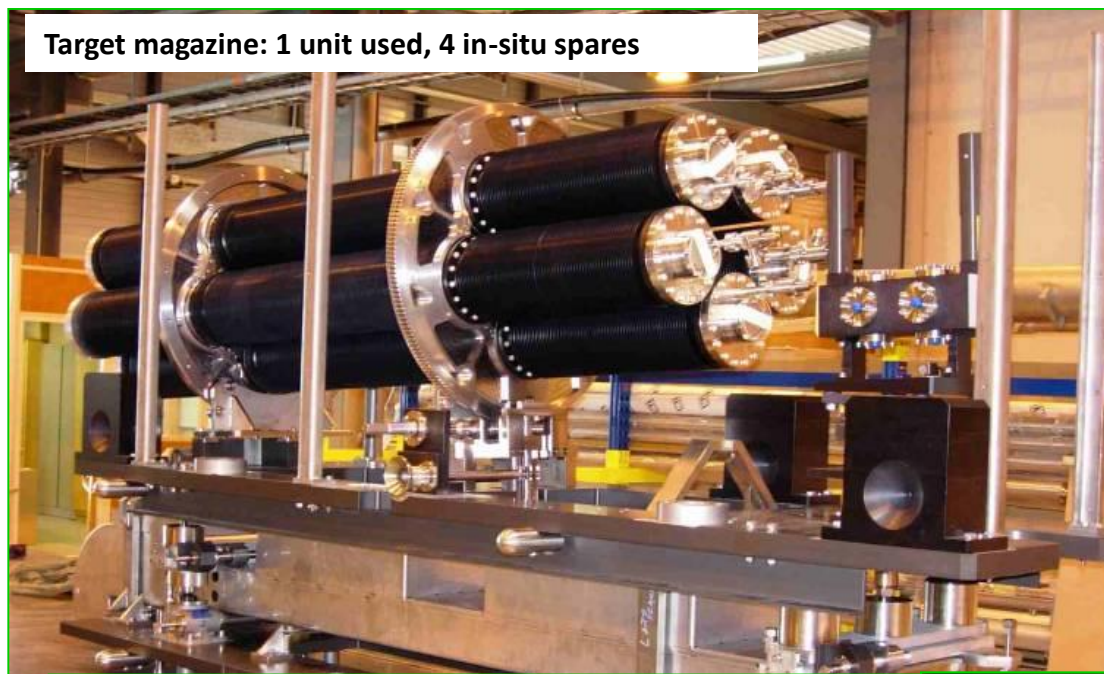
# CNGS Target

13 graphite rods, each 10cm long,

$\varnothing = 5\text{mm}$  and/or  $4\text{mm}$

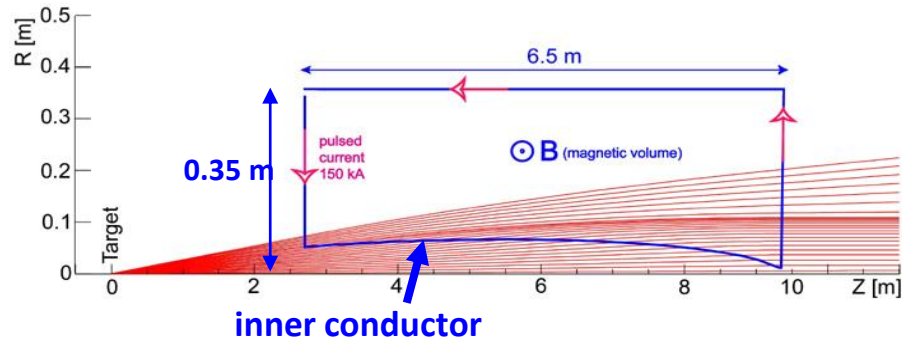
2.7mm interaction length

Ten targets (+1 prototype) have been built.  $\rightarrow$  Assembled in two magazines.

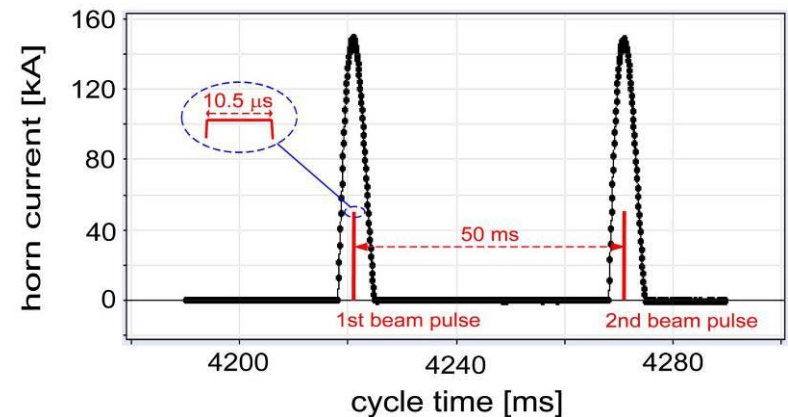




# CNGS Horn and Reflector



- 150kA/180kA, pulsed
- 7m long, inner conductor 1.8mm thick
- Designed for  $2 \cdot 10^7$  pulses
- Water cooling to evacuate 26kW
- 1 spare horn (no reflector yet)



# Decay Tube

- steel pipe
- 1mbar
- 994m long
- 2.45m diameter,  $t=18\text{mm}$ , surrounded by 50cm concrete
- entrance window: 3mm Ti
- exit window: 50mm carbon steel, water cooled





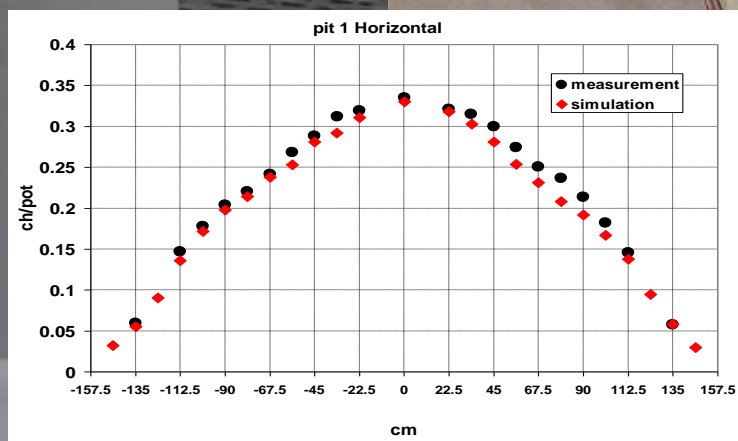
# Muon Monitors

- 2 x 41 fixed monitors (Ionization Chambers)
- 2 x 1 movable monitor

60cm

270cm

11.25cm





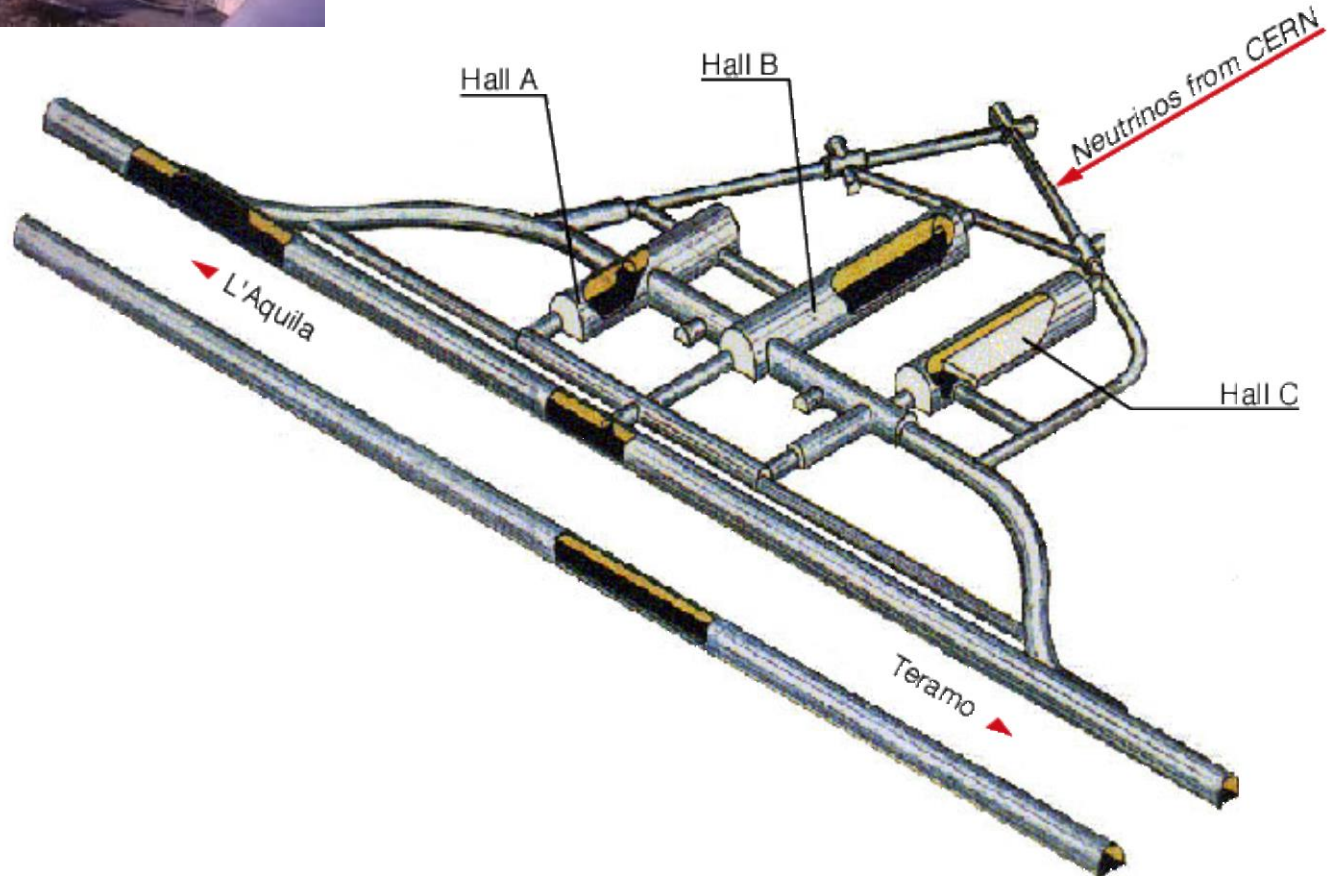
# The Gran Sasso Laboratory (LNGS)

Existing laboratory with its infrastructure (since 1987)

Large halls directed to CERN

Caverns in the GS mountains: 1500 m of rock shielding

Tradition in very successful neutrino physics experiments (solar neutrinos)

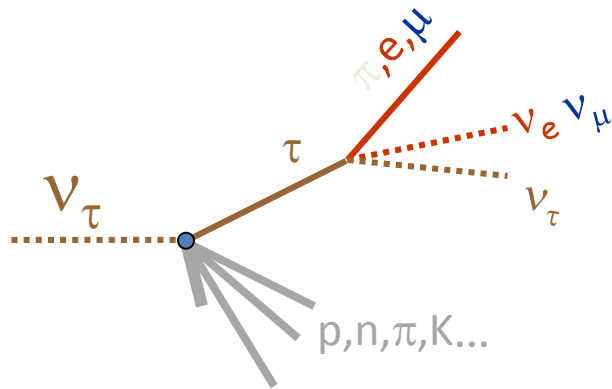


# Detecting $\nu_\tau$ at Gran Sasso

Look for the  $\tau$  lepton :

→ extremely difficult:

$\tau$  travels only less than **1 mm** before decaying



5 years CNGS operation, 1800 tons target:

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

Approach:

→ very good position resolution (see the decay ‘kink’ ): OPERA

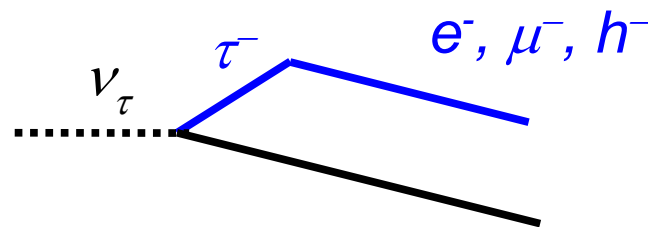
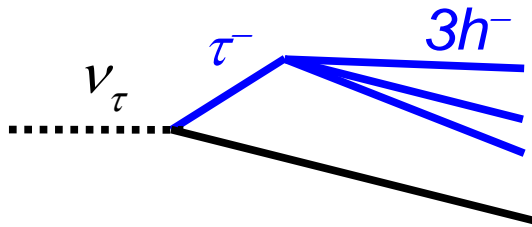


# How to Detect a Tau Neutrino?

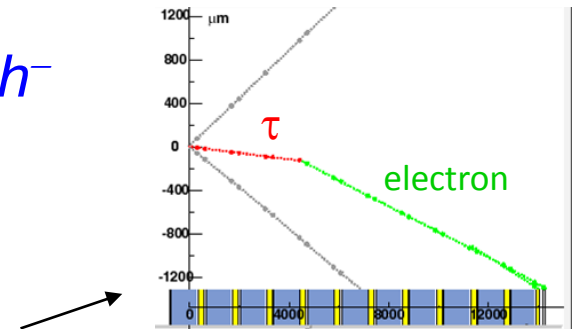
- $\nu_\tau$  interaction in the target produces a  $\tau$  lepton.
- $\tau$  lepton: very short lifetime

Tau lifetime:  $2.9 \cdot 10^{-13}$ s  
→  $c \cdot \text{lifetime}$ : 87  $\mu\text{m}$

- Identification of tau by the characteristic ‘kink’ on the decay point.



CNGS:  
tau: lorenzboost of  $\sim 10$ :  
→ Tau tracklength:  $\sim 1\text{mm}$



First direct measurement of  $\nu_\tau$  only in 2000 by DONUT (Detector for Observation of Tau Neutrino) at Fermilab → Emulsion target

- Need high resolution detector to observe the kink
- Large mass due to small interaction probability

Gran Sasso:

- OPERA (1.2kton) emulsion target detector:  $\sim 146000$  lead-emulsion bricks
- ICARUS (600ton) liquid argon TPC



# OPERA Experiment

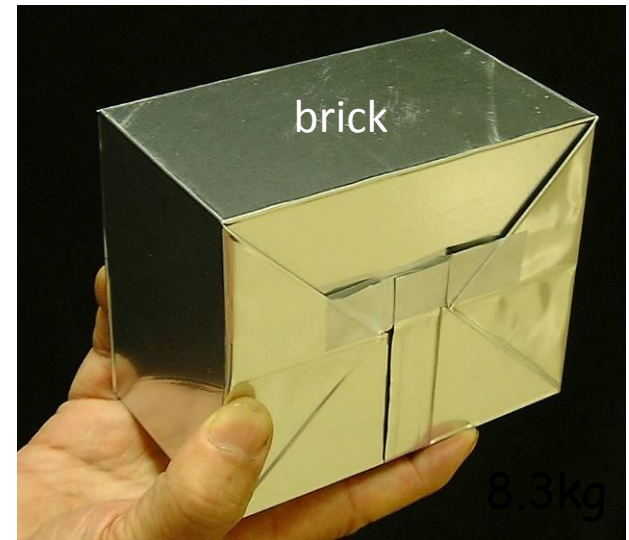
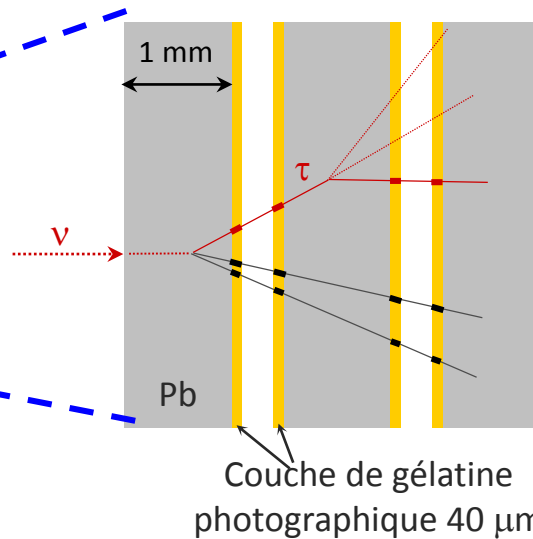
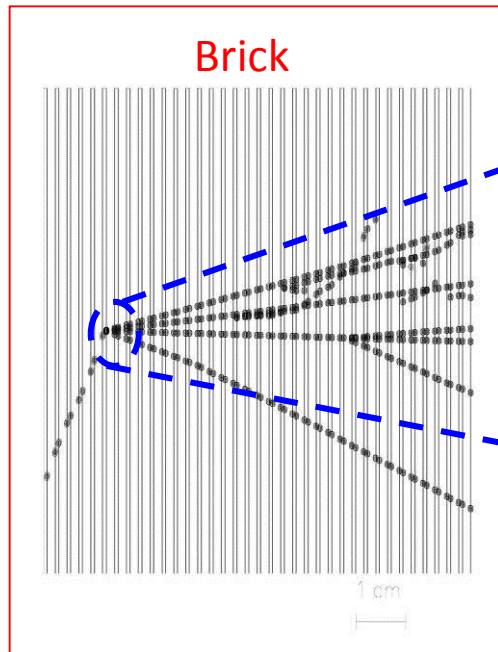
Basic unit: brick:

56 Pb sheets + 56 photographic films (emulsion sheets)



lead plates: massive target

emulsions: micrometric precision



10.2 x 12.7 x 7.5 cm<sup>3</sup>

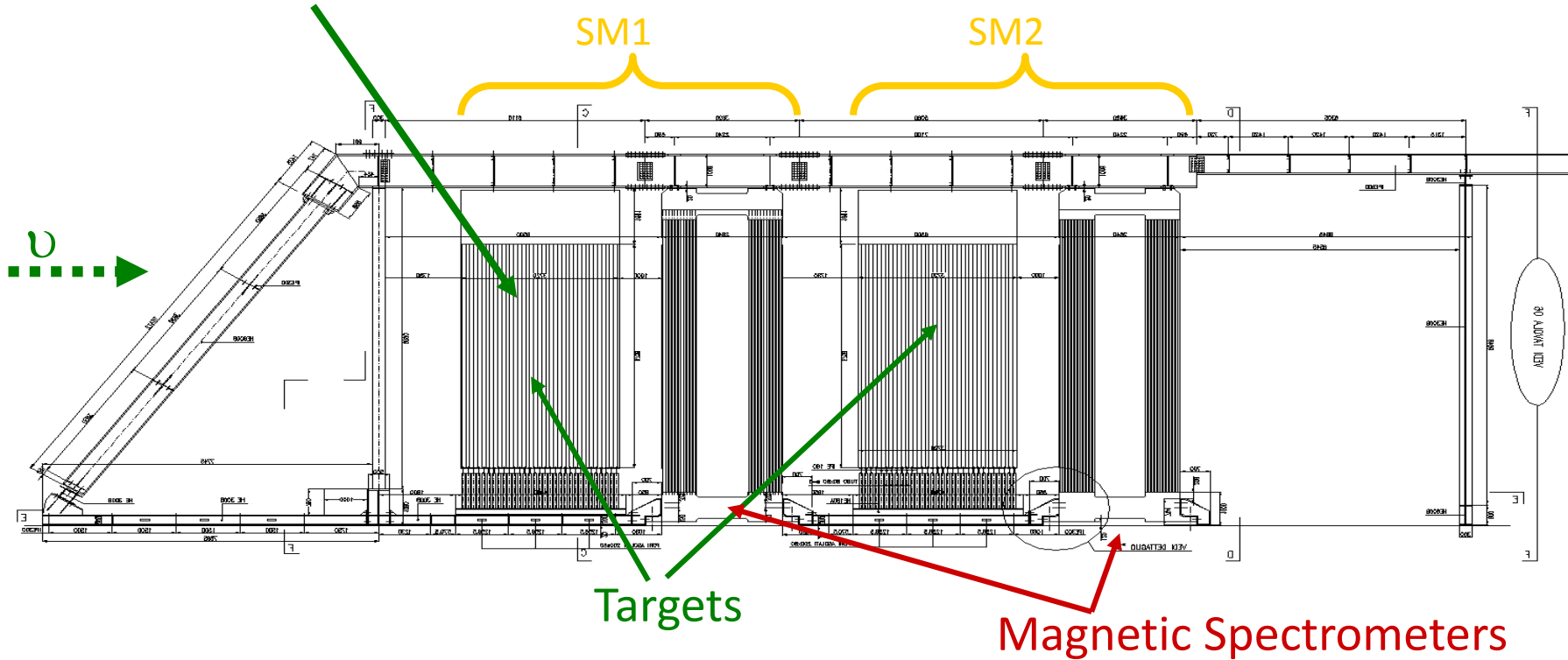


# Structure of the OPERA Experiment



In total: ~146621 bricks, 1200 tons

31 target planes / supermodule



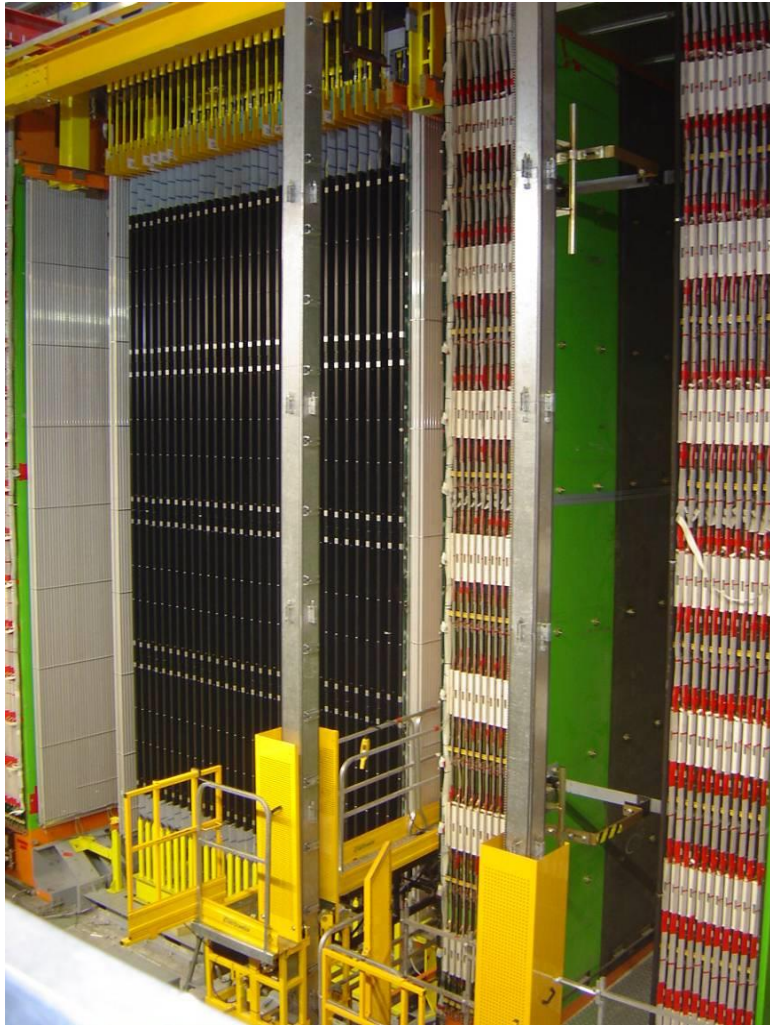
5 years CNGS operation, 1200 tons target:

- 20000 neutrino interactions
- ~100  $\nu_\tau$  interactions
- ~10  $\nu_\tau$  identified
- < 1 event of background

# OPERA in Pictures

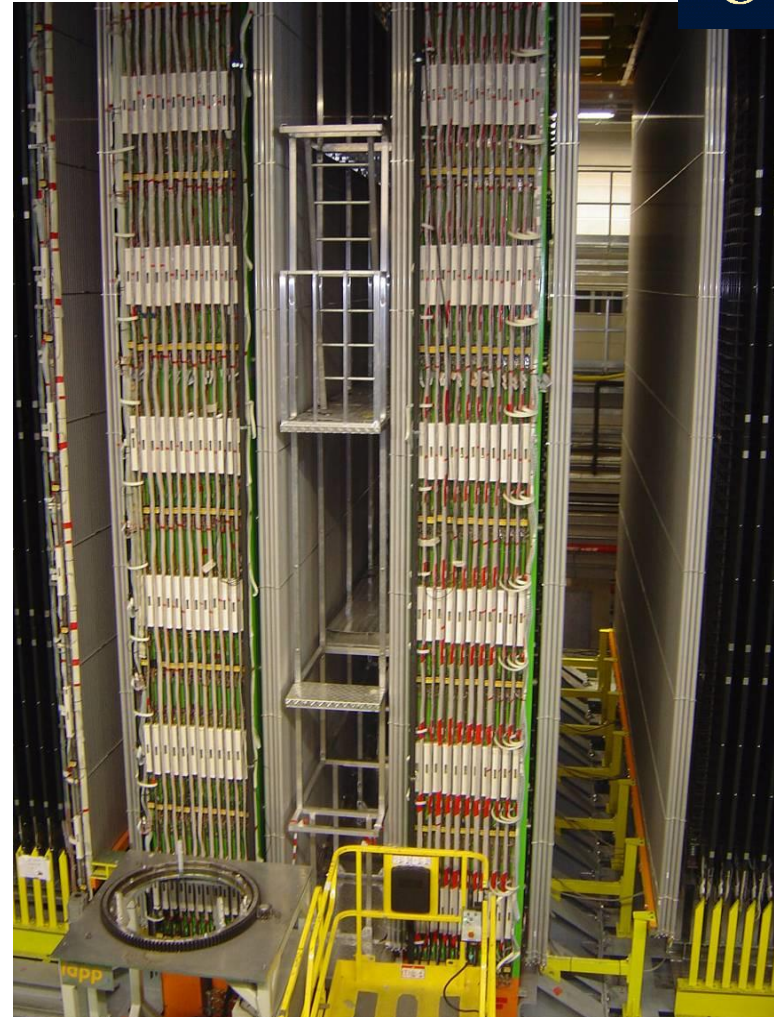


Second Super-module

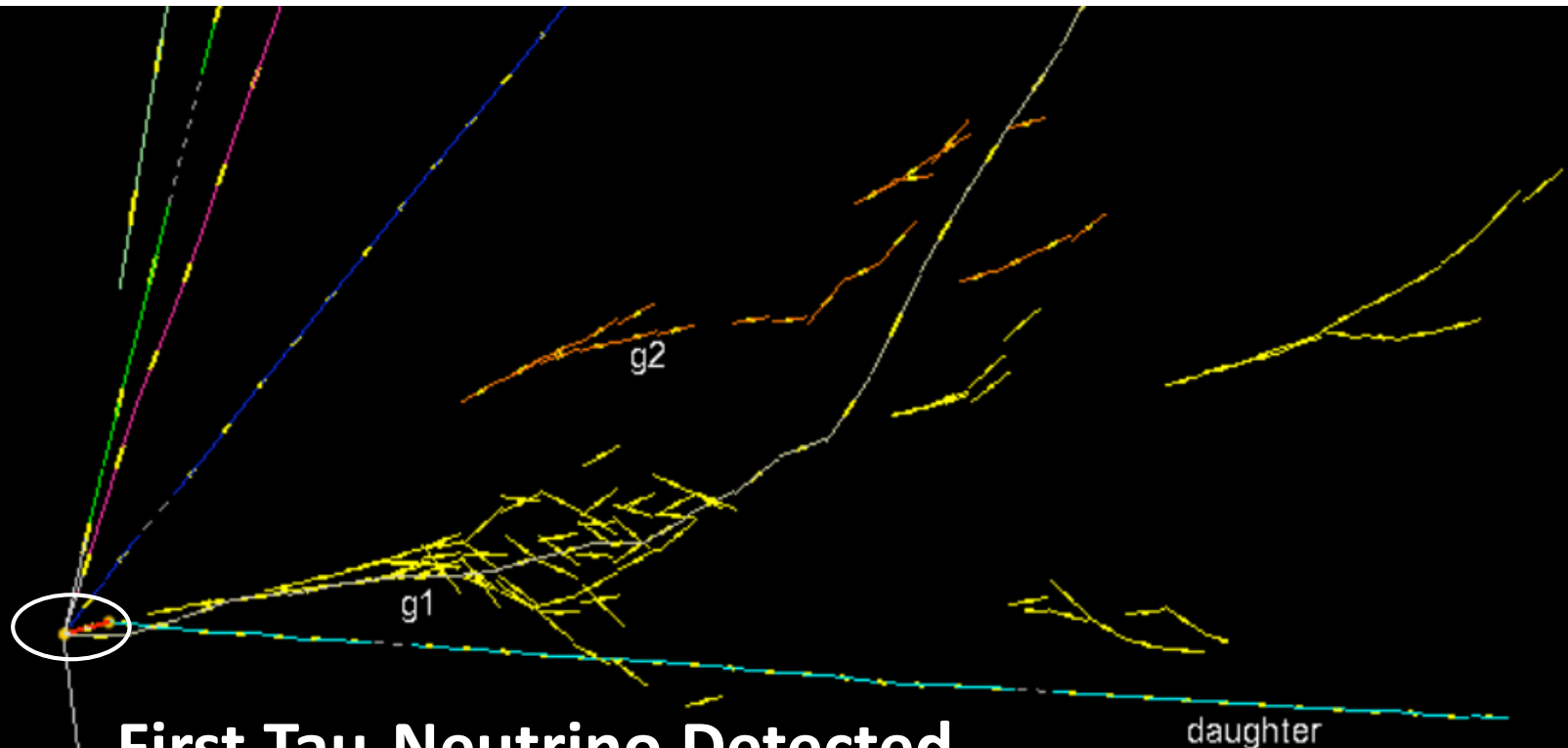


Scintillator planes 5900 m<sup>2</sup>  
8064 7m long drift tubes

Details of the first spectrometer



3050 m<sup>2</sup> Resistive Plate Counters  
2000 tons of iron for the two magnets



## First Tau-Neutrino Detected

Press Release 31 May 2010

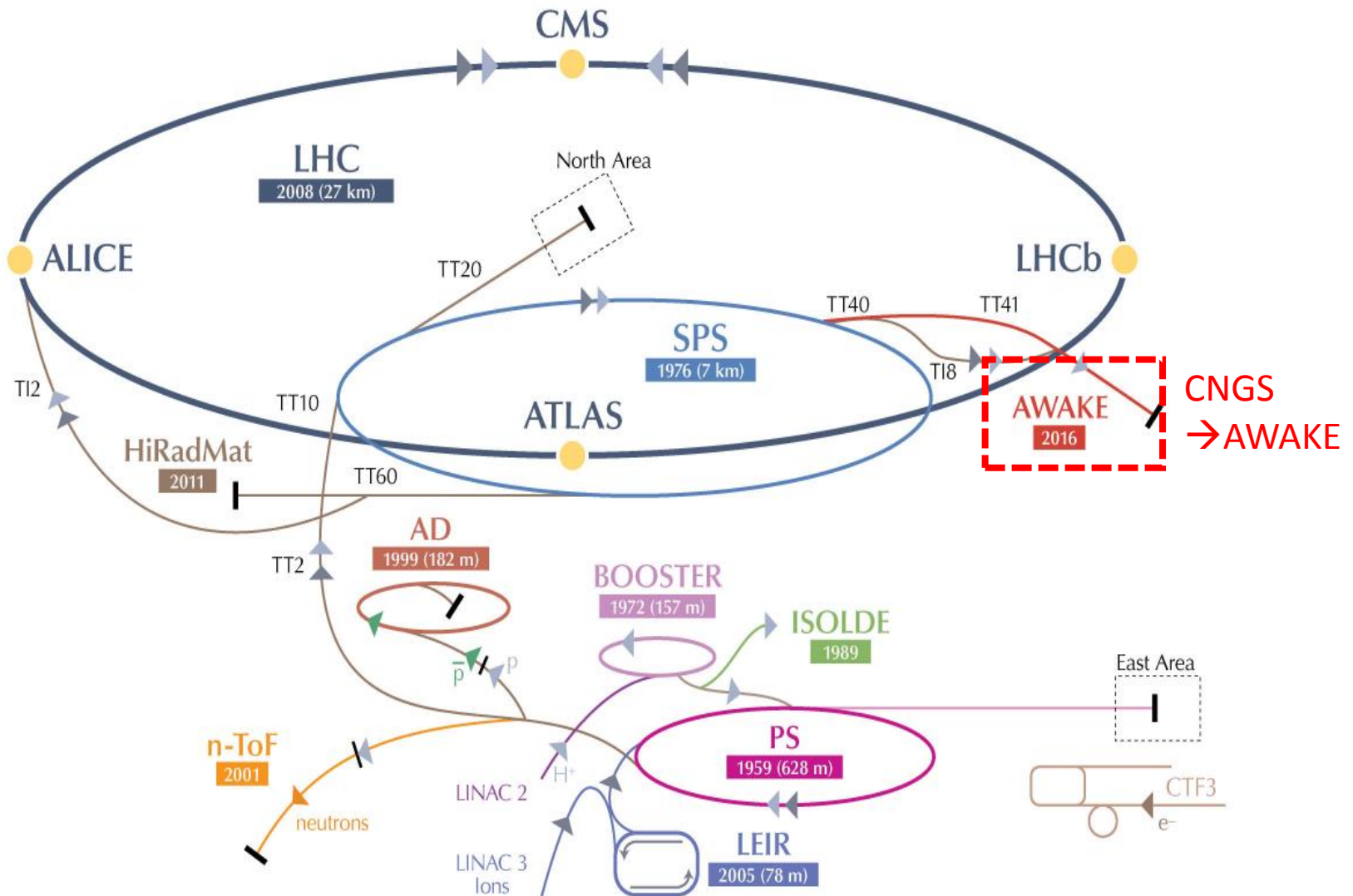
**15 June 2015: Fifth Tau-Neutrinos**

→ achieved 5 sigma statistical precision

→ discovery of appearance of tau-neutrino  
in muon neutrino beam.

1000  $\mu\text{m}$

# CERN Accelerator Complex

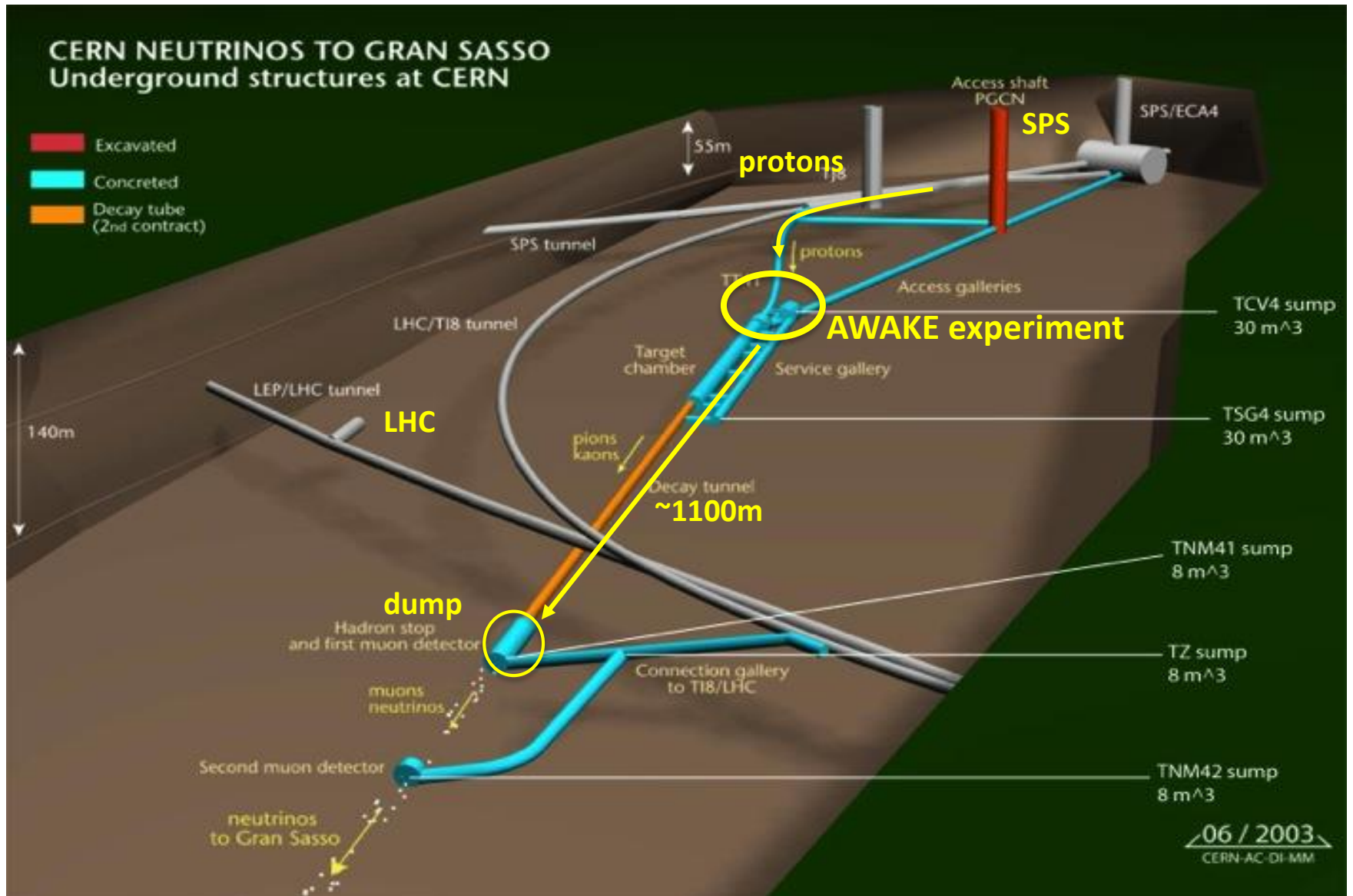


**AWAKE: Advanced Proton Driven Plasma  
Wakefield Acceleration Experiment at CERN**



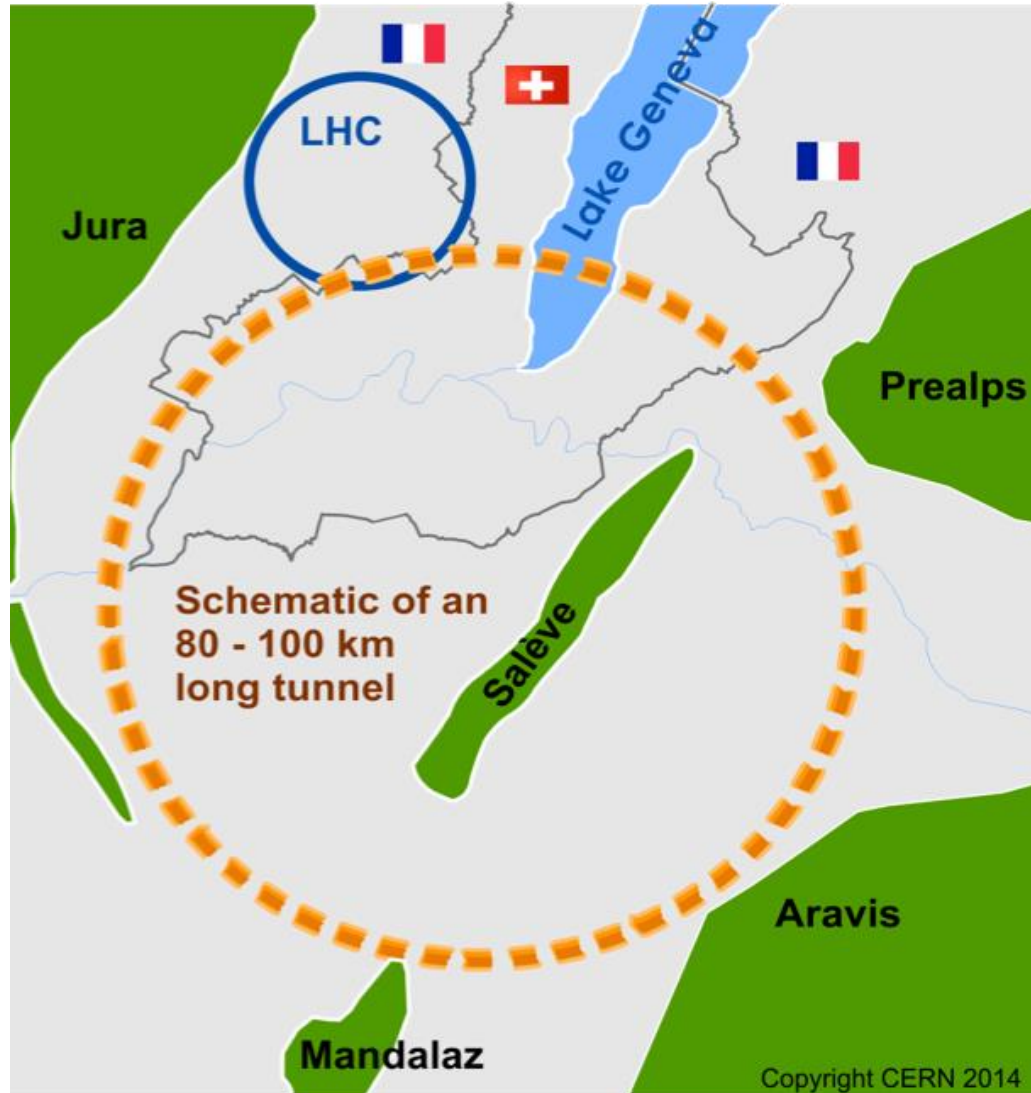


# AWAKE at CERN



# Why?

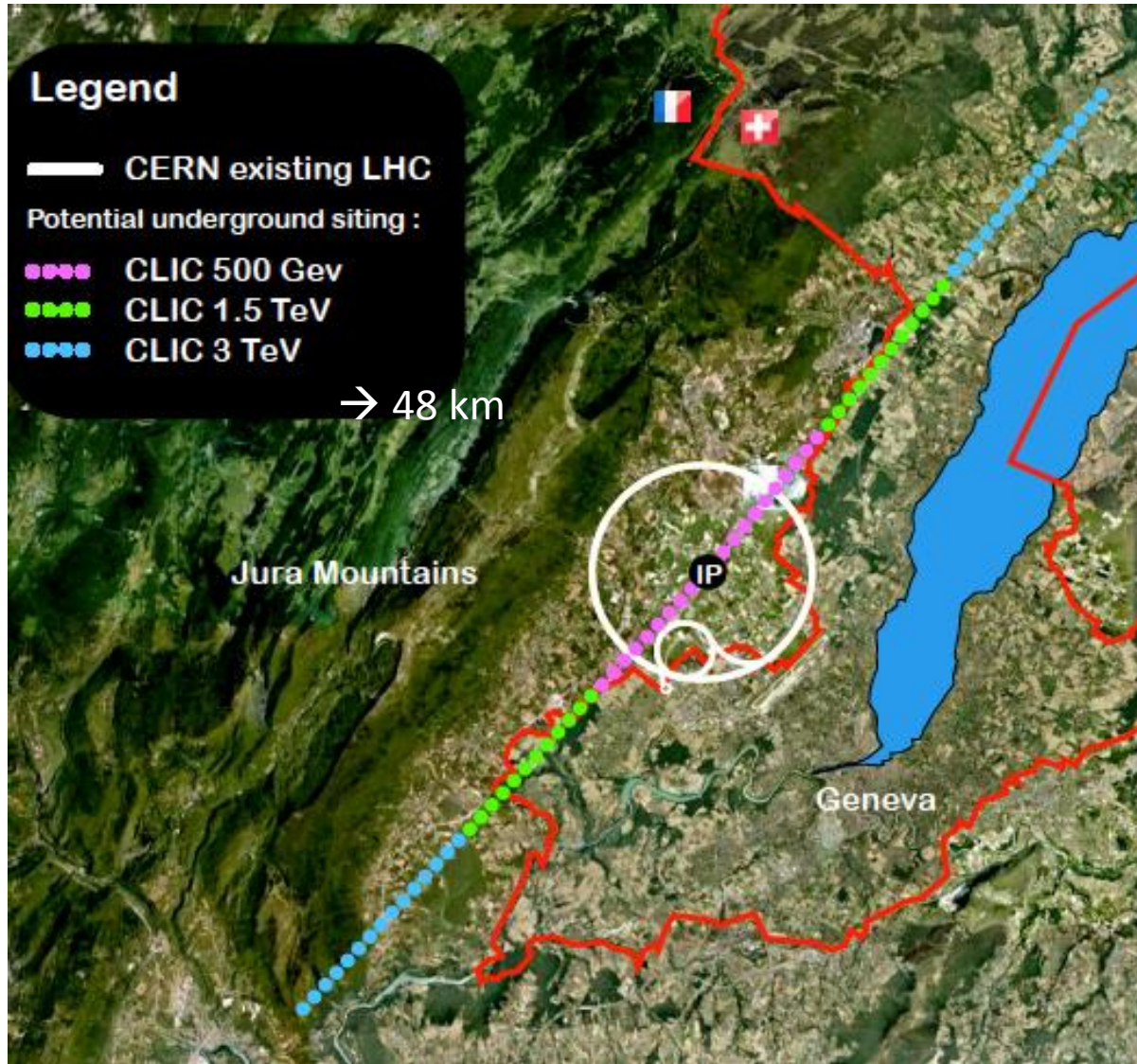
Future lies in high energy accelerators at the TeV range!





# Why?

Linear Colliders: CLIC, ILC



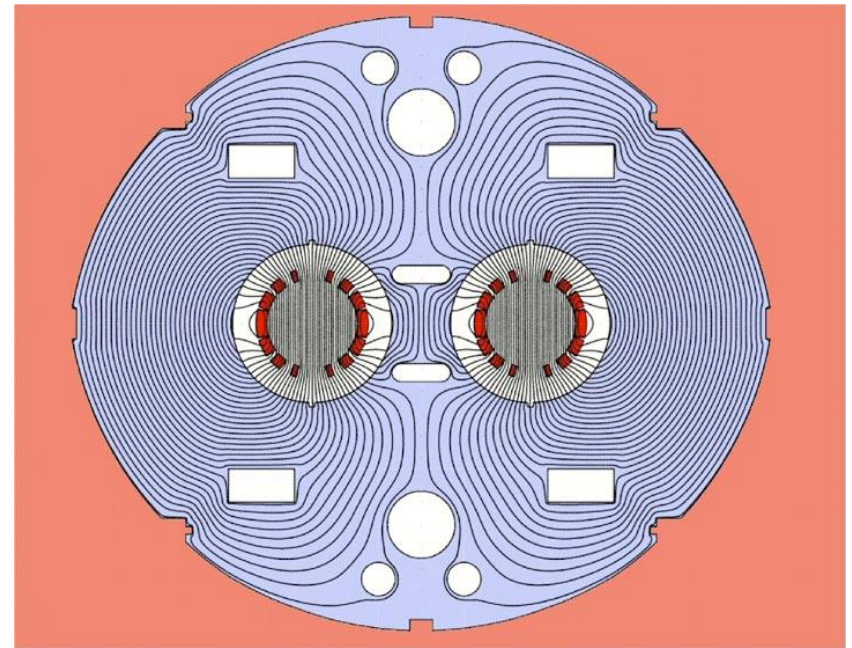
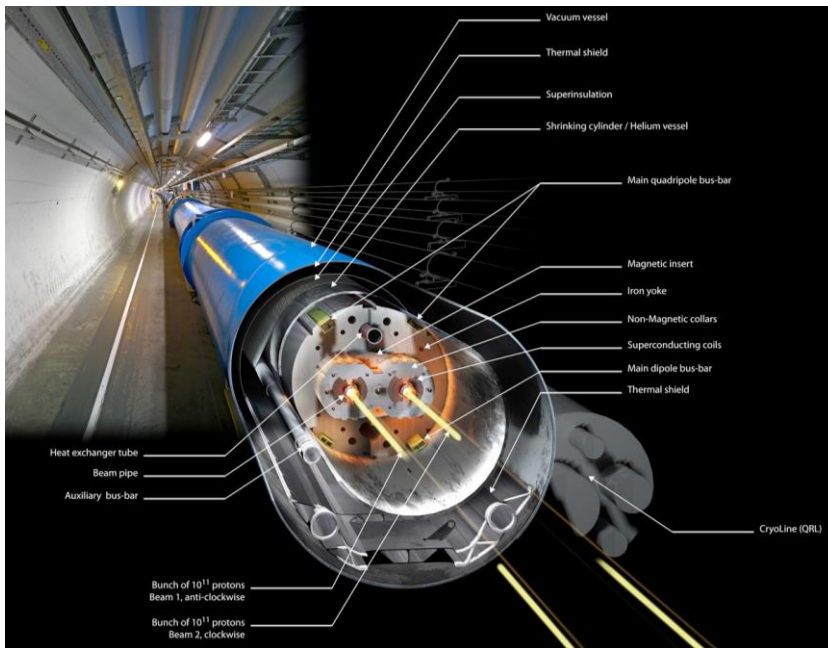
→ Bigger colliders: more expensive!

# Why?

## Key elements for accelerators:

- Magnets (Dipoles)
  1. LHC: 8.3 Tesla
  2. FCC: 20 Tesla

➔ Use superconducting magnets to reach these fields!!

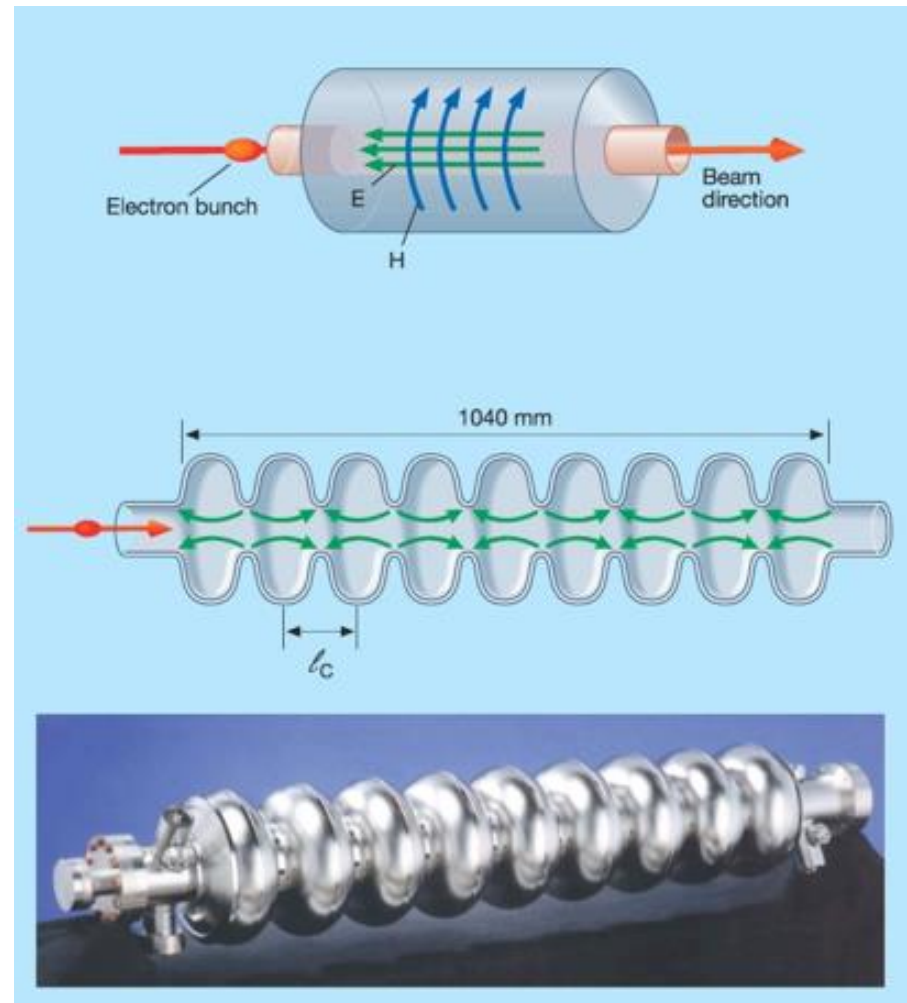


# Why?

## Key elements for accelerators:

- Accelerating elements (cavities)
  1. LHC: 5 MV/m
  2. CLIC: 100MV/m

→ Use superconducting technology to reach a strong gradient!



# Motivation – Cavities vs Plasma

**Today's RF cavities or microwave technology:** accelerating fields is limited to  $<100$  MV/m

→ several tens of kilometers for future linear colliders

- Typical gradients:
  - LHC: 5 MV/m
  - ILC: 35 MV/m
  - CLIC: 100 MV/m

**Use plasma as 'cavity'!**

- Plasma can sustain up to **three orders of magnitude higher gradients**
  - SLAC experiment: **50 GV/m**

→ much shorter linear colliders!



# Motivation – Cavities vs. Plasma

- ILC Cavity: 35 MV/m

1000 mm



- Plasma cell: 35 GV/m → 35 MV/mm!!

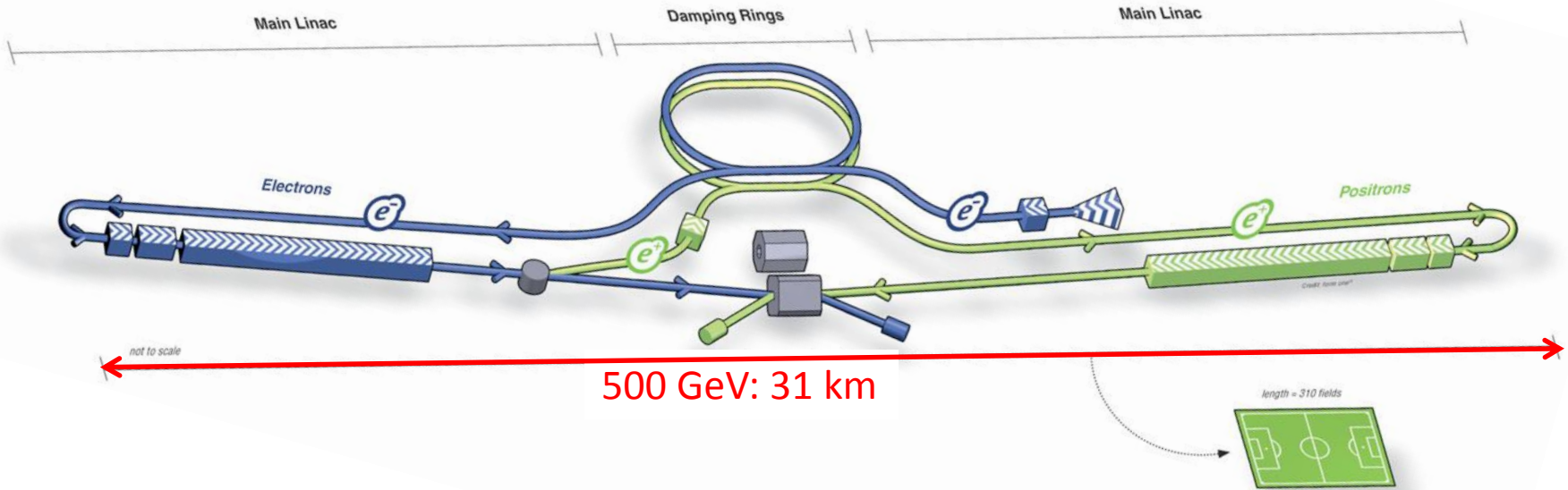
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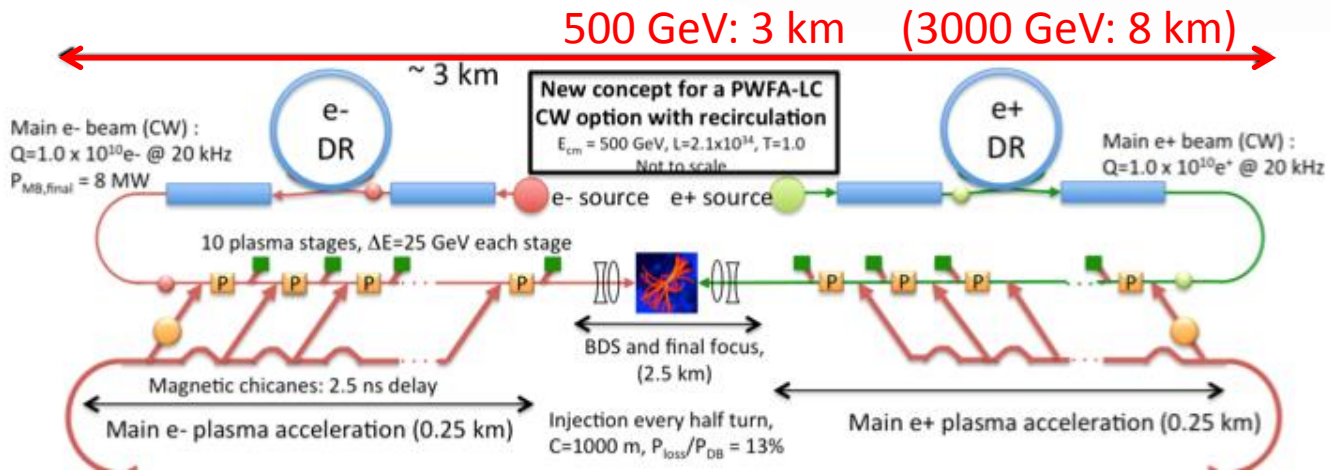


# Motivation – Linear Colliders

ILC



## Plasma based Linear Collider



# Principle of Plasma Wakefield Acceleration



## Surfing wakefields to create smaller accelerators

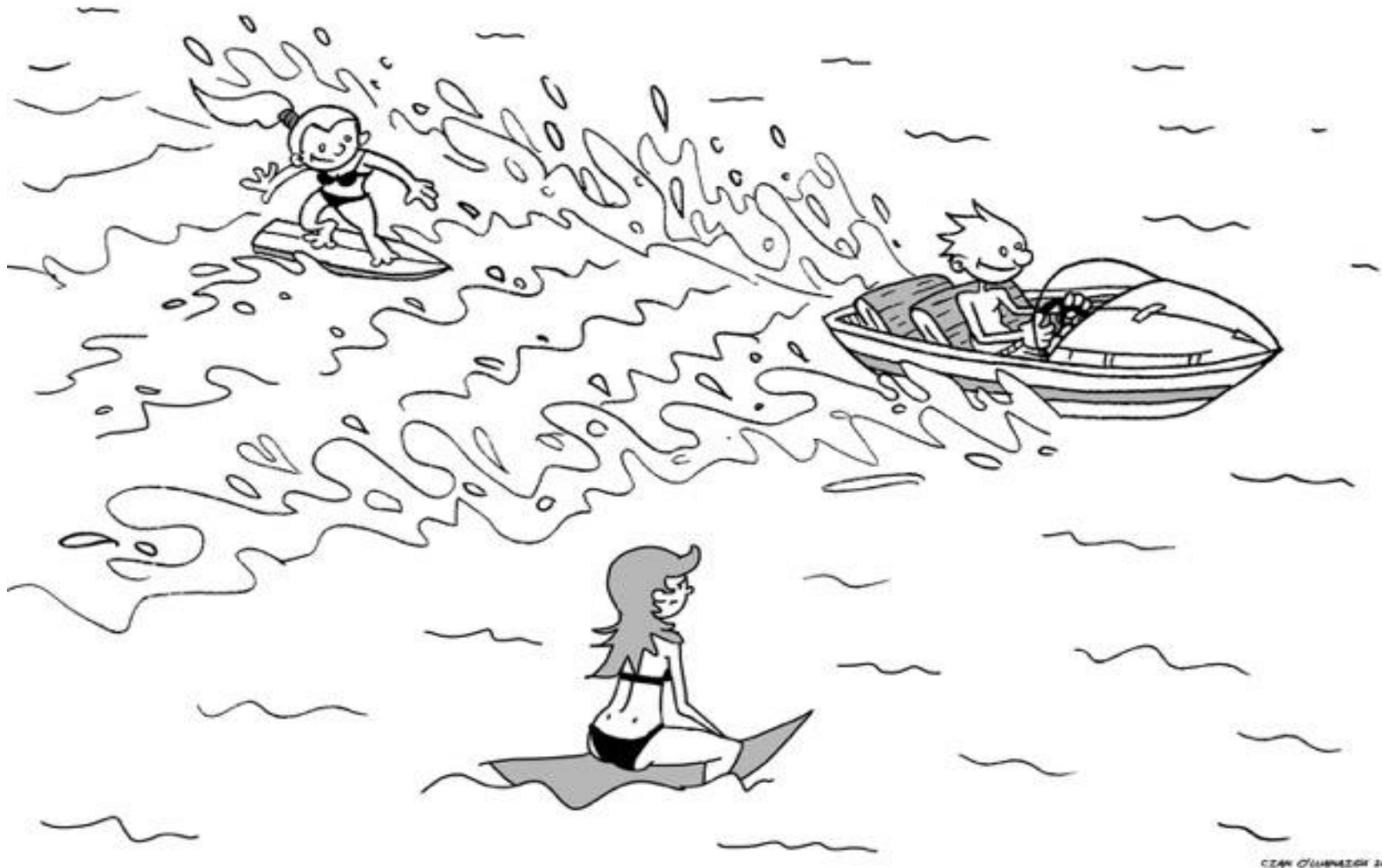
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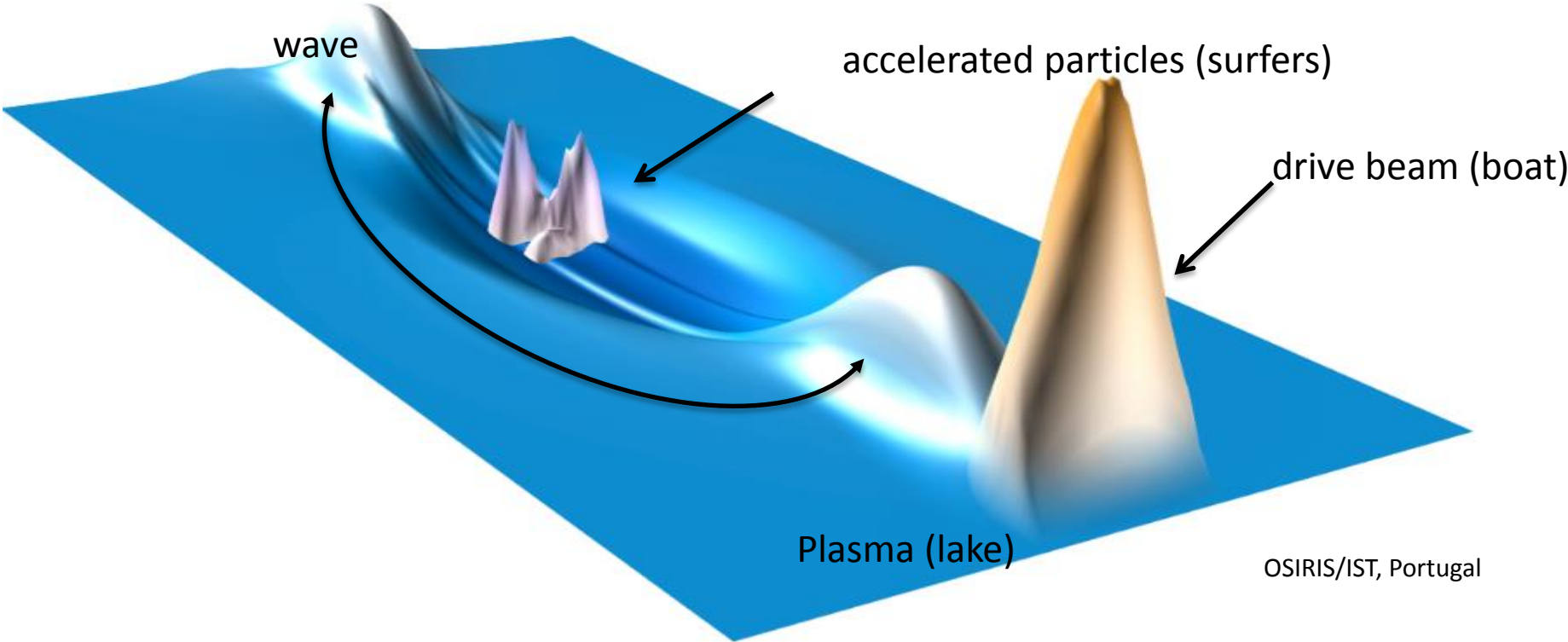


CERN is famous for its big machines, for studying the tiniest constituents of matter to answer the biggest questions about the universe. Edda Gschwendtner is looking at radical yet simple ways of making our enormous machines smaller and more affordable.

# Principle of Plasma Wakefield Acceleration

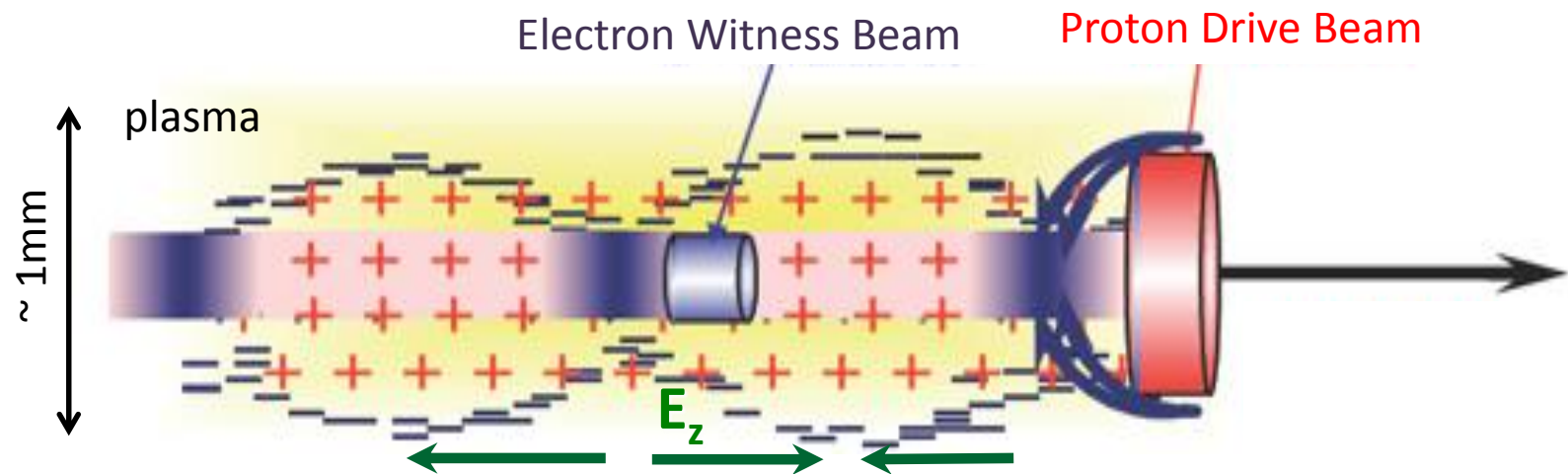


# Principle of Plasma Wakefield Acceleration



OSIRIS/IST, Portugal

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- Plasma wave is excited by a relativistic particle bunch.
- Space charge of drive beam displaces plasma electrons.
- Plasma electrons attracted by plasma ions, and rush back on-axis.

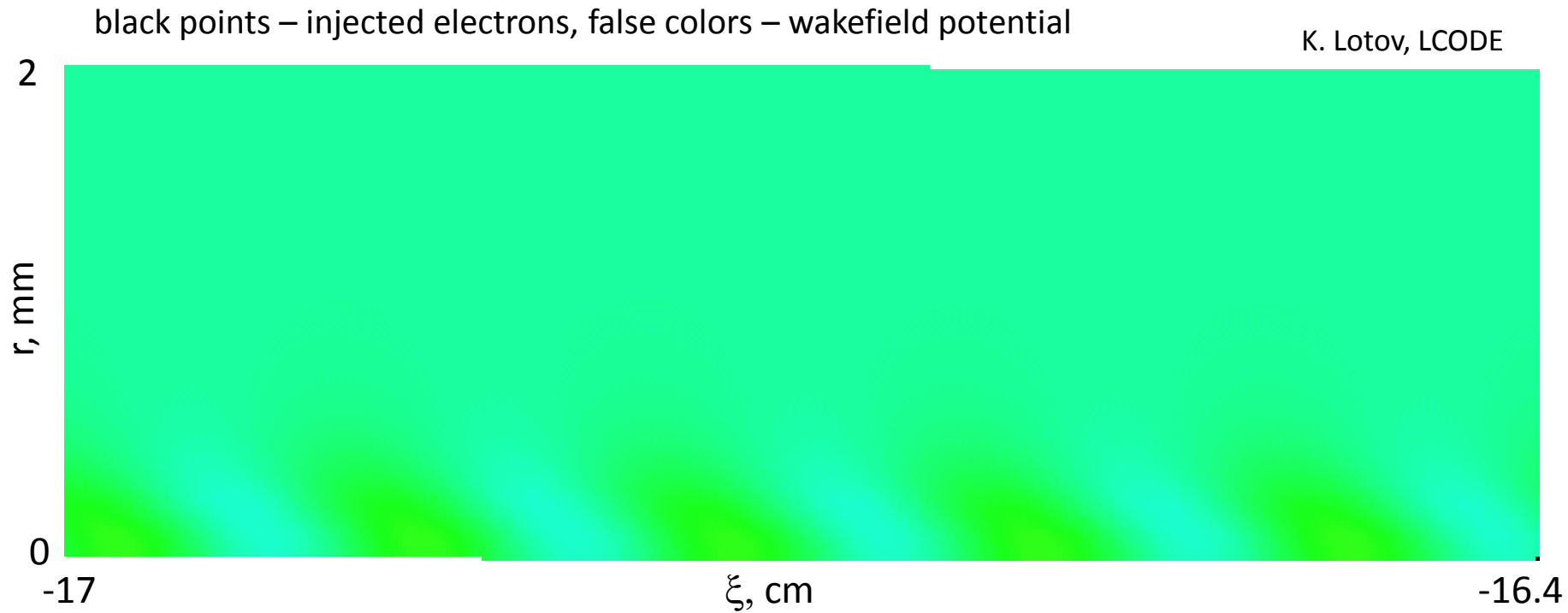
→ Produce 'mini cavities' (~1mm) inside the plasma cell

→ Proton beam produces (*drives*) accelerating wakefield in the plasma

→ Injected electron beam *surfs (witnesses)* on that wakefield and gets accelerated.



# Electron Beam Trapping and Acceleration in the Plasma Wakefield

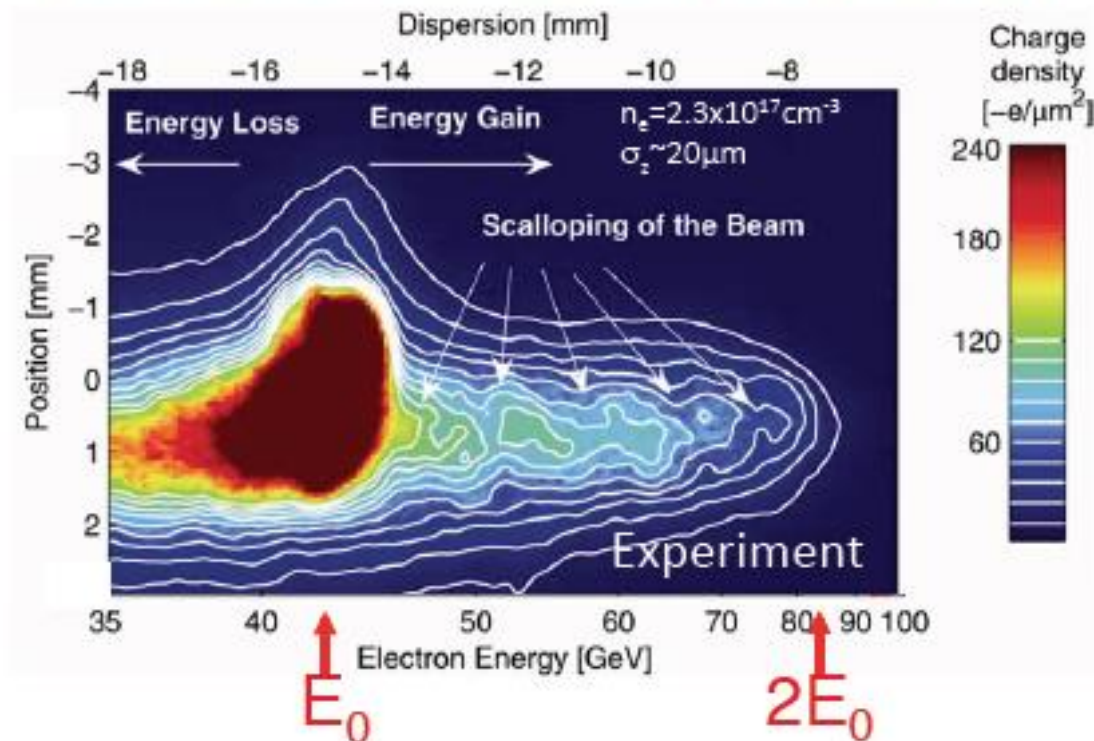


- Electrons are trapped from the very beginning by the wakefield
- Trapped electrons make several synchrotron oscillations in their potential wells
- After  $z=4 \text{ m}$  the wakefield moves forward in the light velocity frame

# First Results: Electron Beam Driven PWA

→ Experimental results show success of PWFA and its research → SLAC beam:

Blumenfeld, Nature 445, 741 (2007)



42 => 84GeV in 85cm! 50GeV/m

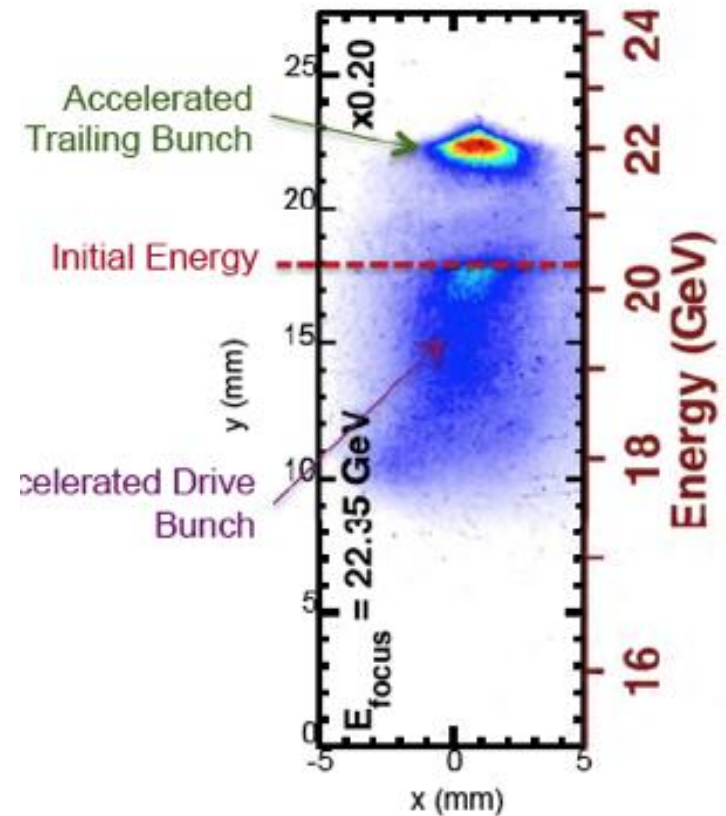
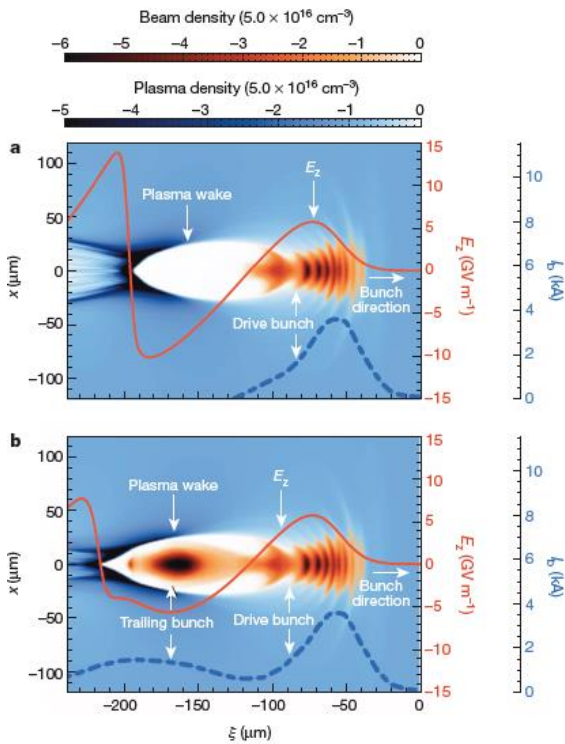
# SLAC – FACET: Latest Results

## High-Efficiency acceleration of an electron beam in a plasma wakefield accelerator

M. Litos et al., doi, Nature, 6 Nov 2014, 10.1038/nature 13992

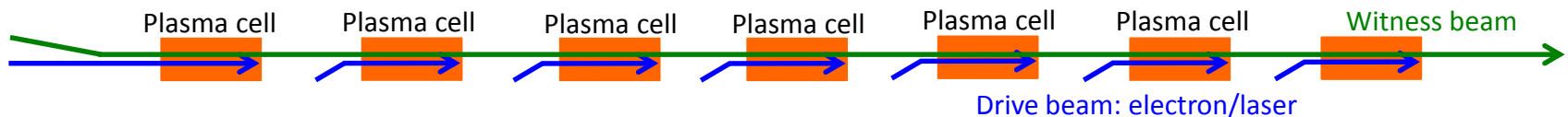
### Result

- Total efficiency is  $\langle 29.1\% \rangle$  with a maximum of 50%.
- Final energy spread of 0.7 % (2% average)



# Laser or Electron Beam Driven PWA

- There is a **limit to the energy gain** of a witness bunch in the plasma:
  - Today's electron beams usually  $< 100$  J level.
  - limitation of the energy carried by the drive beam ( $< 100$ J) and the propagation length of the driver in the plasma ( $< 1$ m).
- To reach TeV scale with electron driven PWA: also need **several stages**, but need to have
  - relative timing in 10's of fs range
  - many stages
  - effective gradient reduced because of long sections between accelerating elements....



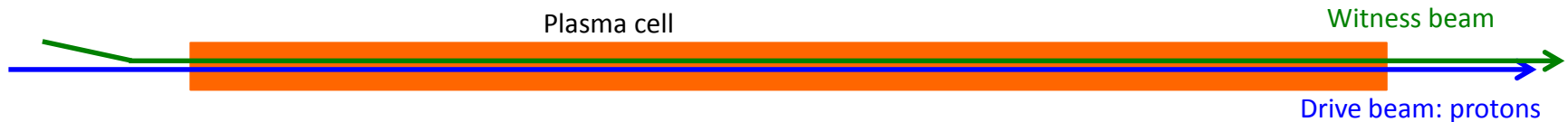
# Proton Beam Driven PWA

Proton beams carry much higher energy:

- 19kJ for  $3E11$  protons at 400 GeV/c.
  - Drives wakefields over much longer plasma length, **only 1 plasma stage** needed.

Simulations show that it is possible to **gain 600 GeV** in a single passage through a **450 m long plasma** using a **1 TeV p+** bunch driver of  **$10e11$  protons** and an rms bunch length of  **$100 \mu\text{m}$** .

A. Caldwell, K. Lotov, Physics of Plasma, 18,103101 (2011)



Protons are positively charged.

- They don't blow out the plasma electrons, they suck them in.
- The general acceleration mechanism is similar.



# Beam-Driven Wakefield Acceleration: Landscape

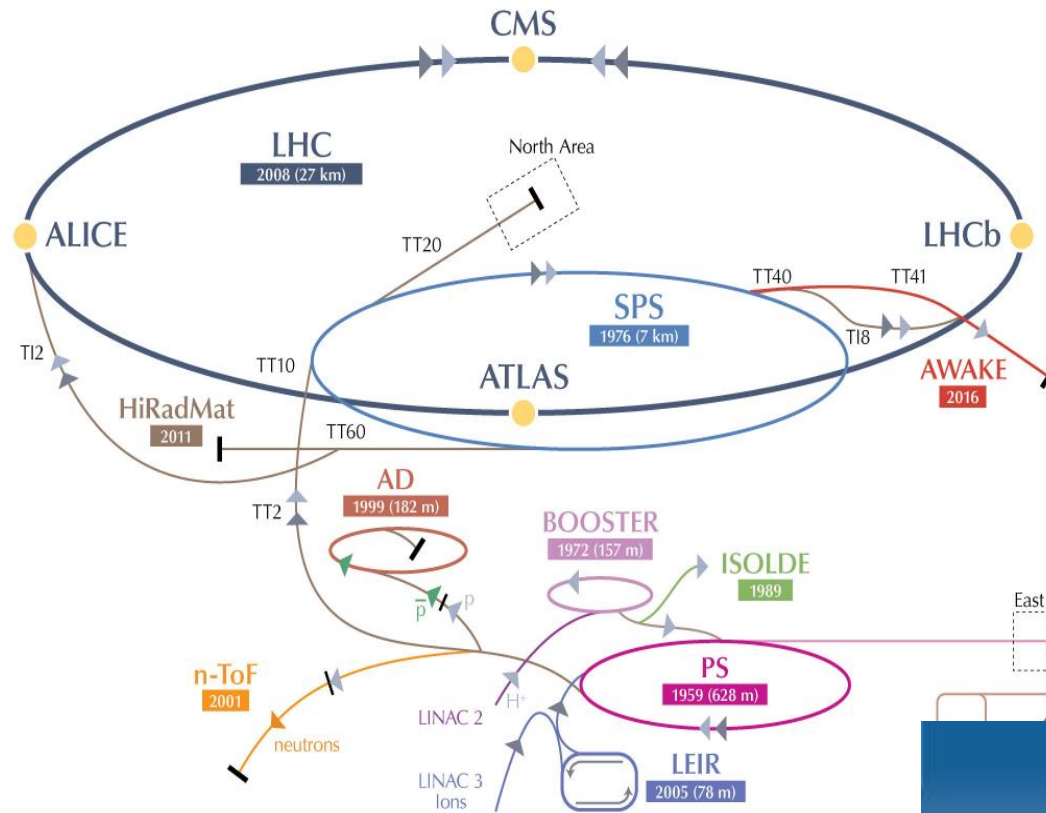
Facility	Where	Drive (D) beam	Witness (W) beam	Start	End	Goal
<b>AWAKE</b>	CERN, Geneva, Switzerland	400 GeV <b>protons</b>	Externally injected electron beam (PHIN 15 MeV)	2016	2020+	<p><b>Use for future high energy e-/e+ collider.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Study Self-Modulation Instability (SMI).</li> <li>- Accelerate externally injected electrons.</li> <li>- Demonstrate scalability of acceleration scheme.</li> </ul>
SLAC-FACET	SLAC, Stanford, USA	20 GeV <b>electrons</b> and <b>positrons</b>	Two-bunch formed with mask (e-/e+ and e--e+ bunches)	2012	Sept 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Acceleration of witness bunch with high <b>quality and efficiency</b></li> <li>- Acceleration of positrons</li> <li>- FACET II proposal for 2018 operation</li> </ul>
DESY-Zeuthen	PITZ, DESY, Zeuthen, Germany	20 MeV <b>electron</b> beam	No witness (W) beam, only D beam from RF-gun.	2015	~2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Study Self-Modulation Instability (<b>SMI</b>)</li> </ul>
DESY-FLASH Forward	DESY, Hamburg, Germany	X-ray FEL type <b>electron</b> beam 1 GeV	D + W in FEL bunch. Or independent W-bunch (LWFA).	2016	2020+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Application (mostly) for x-ray FEL</b></li> <li>- Energy-doubling of Flash-beam energy</li> <li>- Upgrade-stage: use 2 GeV FEL D beam</li> </ul>
Brookhaven ATF	BNL, Brookhaven, USA	60 MeV <b>electrons</b>	Several bunches, D+W formed with mask.	On going		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Study quasi-nonlinear PWFA regime.</b></li> <li>- Study PWFA driven by multiple bunches</li> <li>- Visualisation with optical techniques</li> </ul>
SPARC Lab	Frascati, Italy	150 MeV	Several bunches	On going		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multi-purpose user facility: includes laser- and beam-driven plasma wakefield experiments</li> </ul>

# AWAKE

- **Advanced Proton Driven Plasma Wakefield Acceleration Experiment**
  - Final Goal: Design high quality & high energy electron accelerator based on acquired knowledge.
- Proof-of-Principle Accelerator R&D experiment at CERN
  - **First proton driven wakefield experiment worldwide**
  - Demonstration of high-gradient acceleration of electrons
  - Approved in 2013
  - First beam expected in **2016**
- AWAKE Collaboration: 16 Institutes world-wide



# AWAKE at CERN



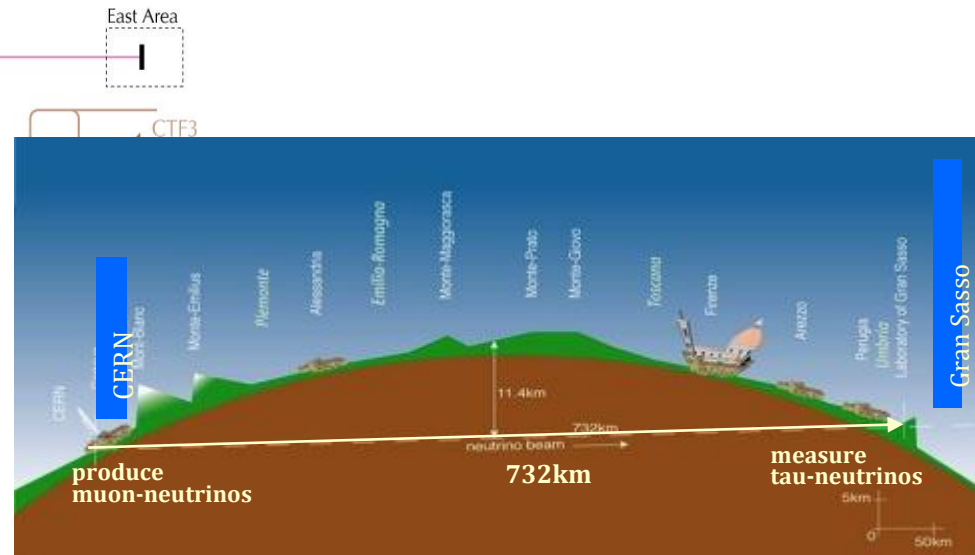
**AWAKE in CNGS Facility (CERN Neutrinos to Gran Sasso)**

CNGS physics program finished in 2012

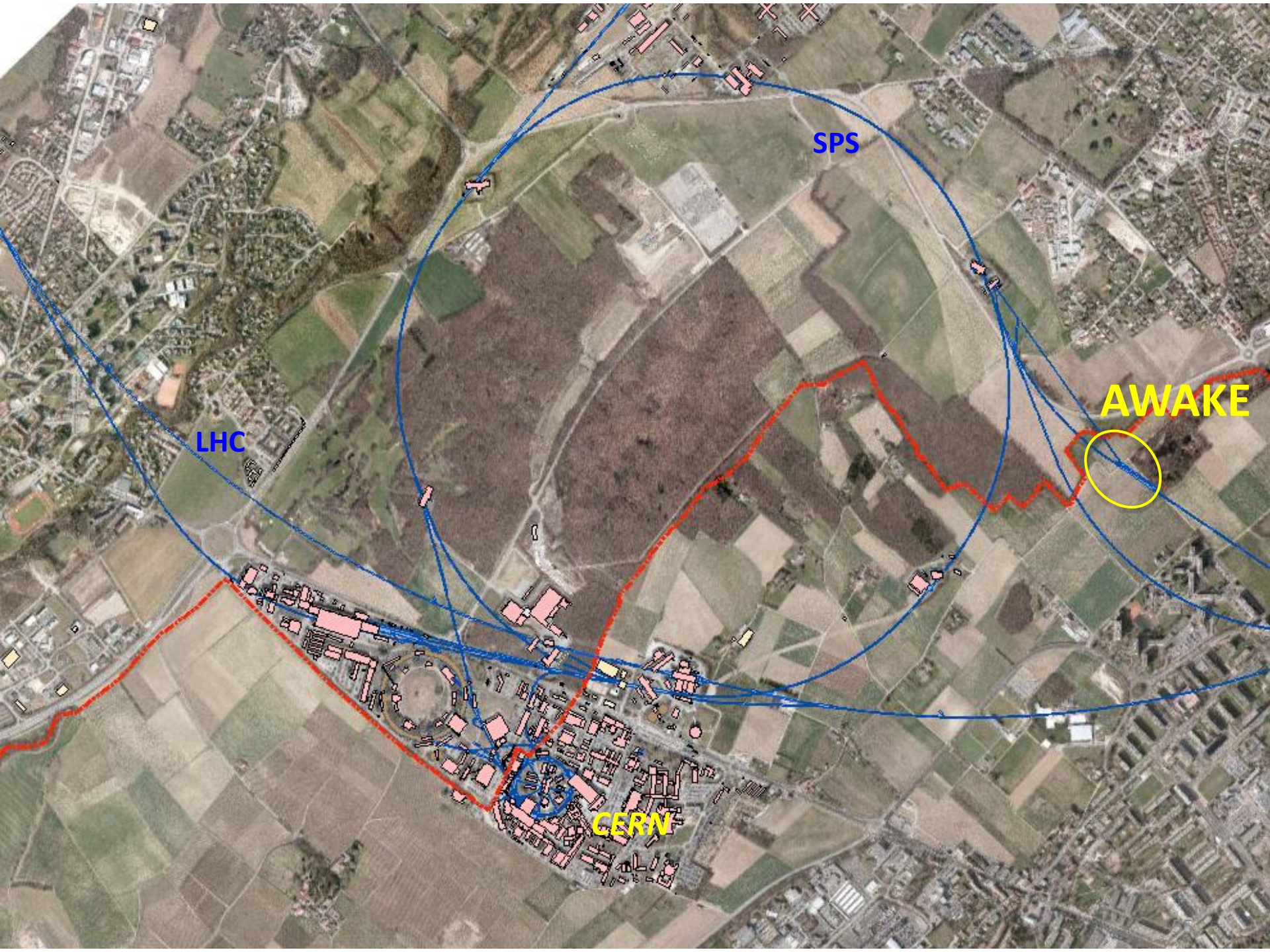
## AWAKE

- Approved in August 2013
- First beam expected in 2016
- Initial program for 3-4 years

- Running underground facility
  - Desired beam parameters
- ➔ adequate site for AWAKE







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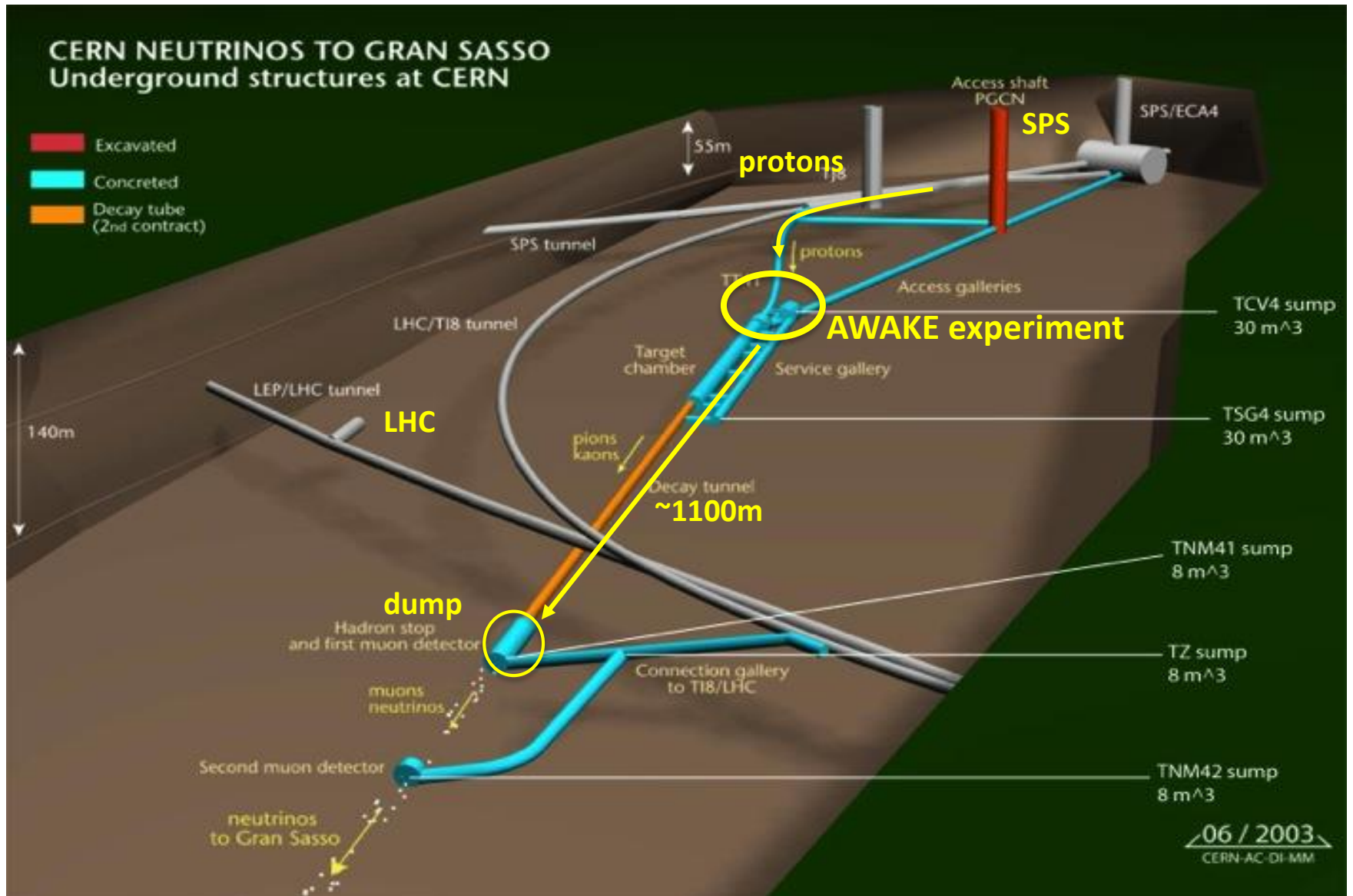
LHC

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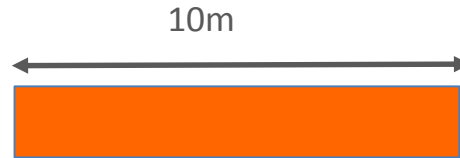
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# AWAKE Experimental Program

Understand **the physics of self-modulation instability** processes in plasma.



**Plasma cell**

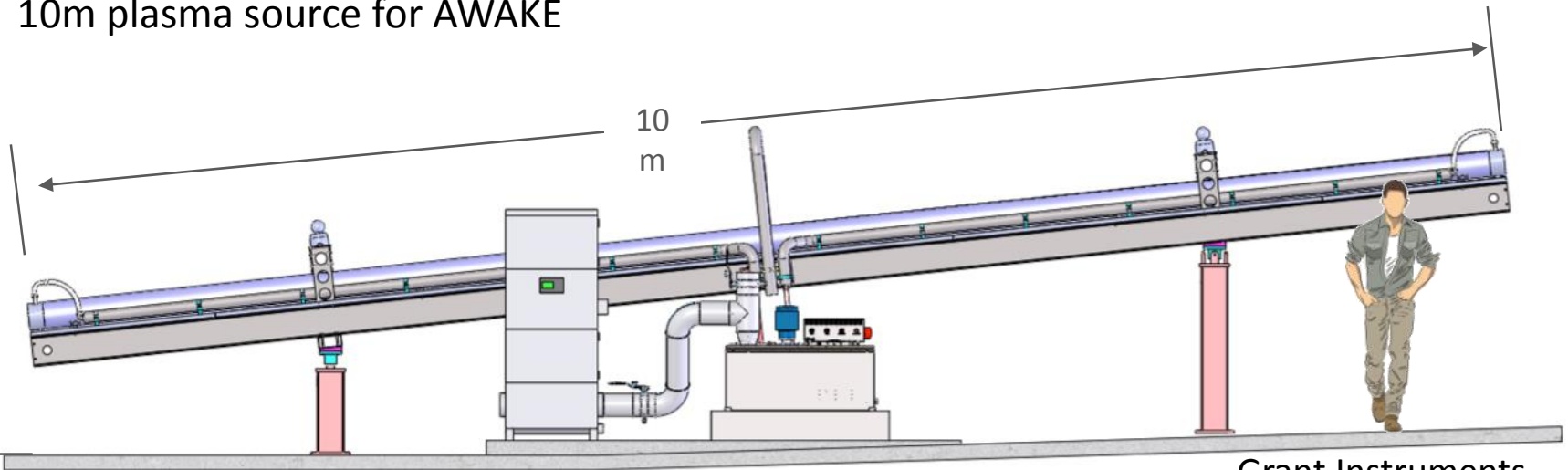
→ Rb vapour source

# Plasma Source: Rubidium Vapor Source



- Density adjustable from  $10^{14} - 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- 10 m long, 4 cm diameter
- Rubidium vapor
- Heated to 200 Degree

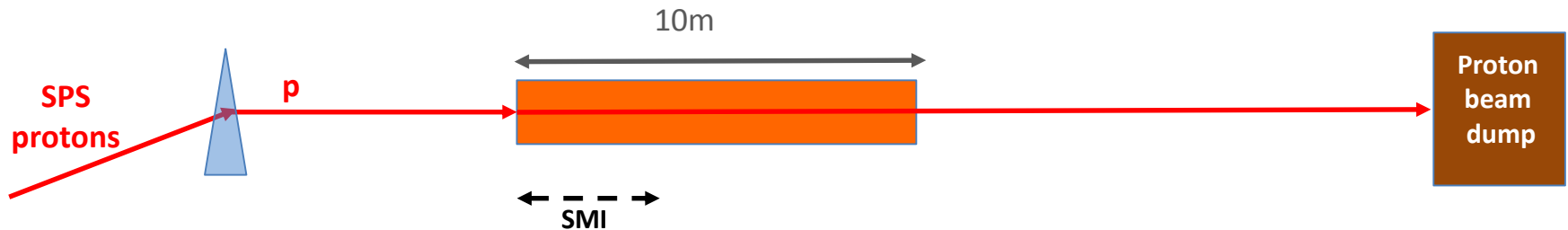
10m plasma source for AWAKE



Grant Instruments

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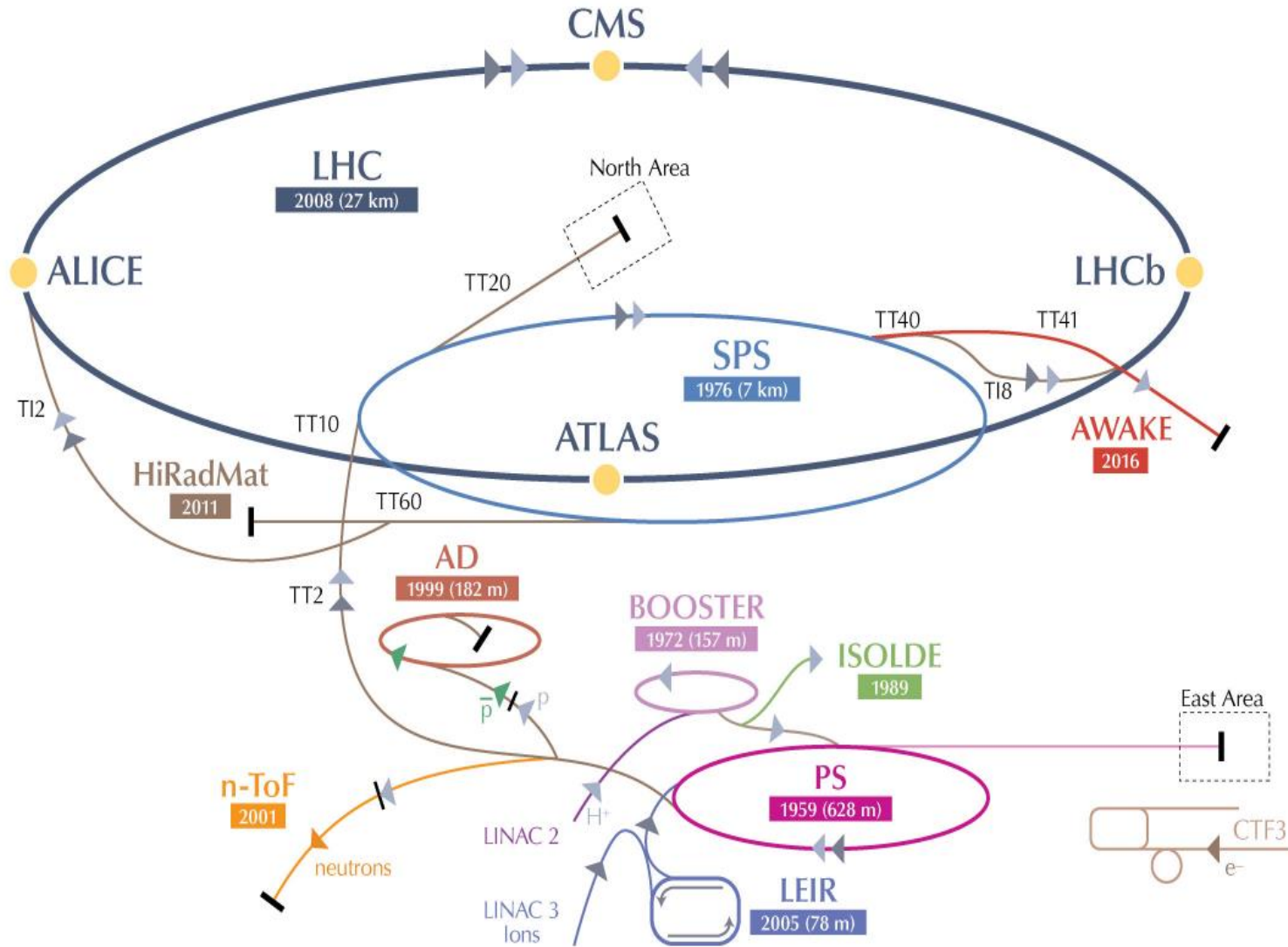
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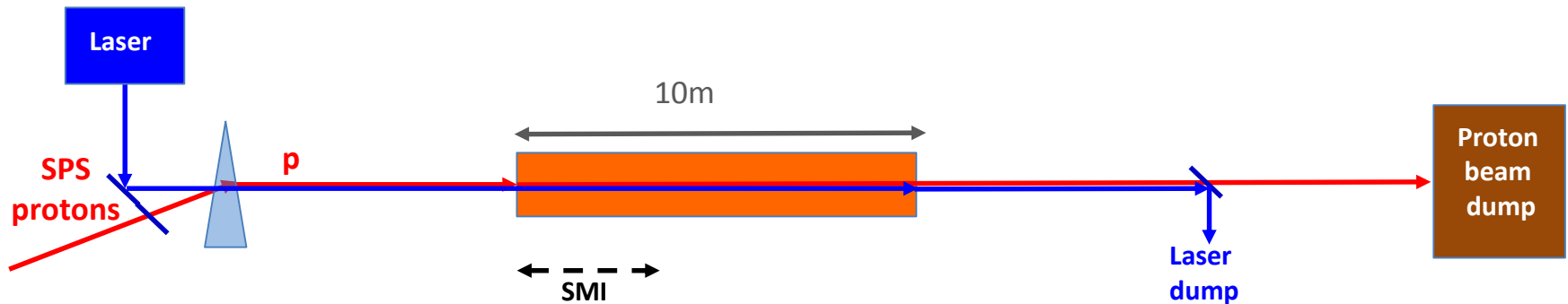
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→ 4.5TW laser, 100fs



# Laser

- Laser intensity must exceed ionization intensity at the plasma end ( $L=10\text{m}$ ) over a plasma radius of  $r > 3\sigma = 600 \mu\text{m}$ .

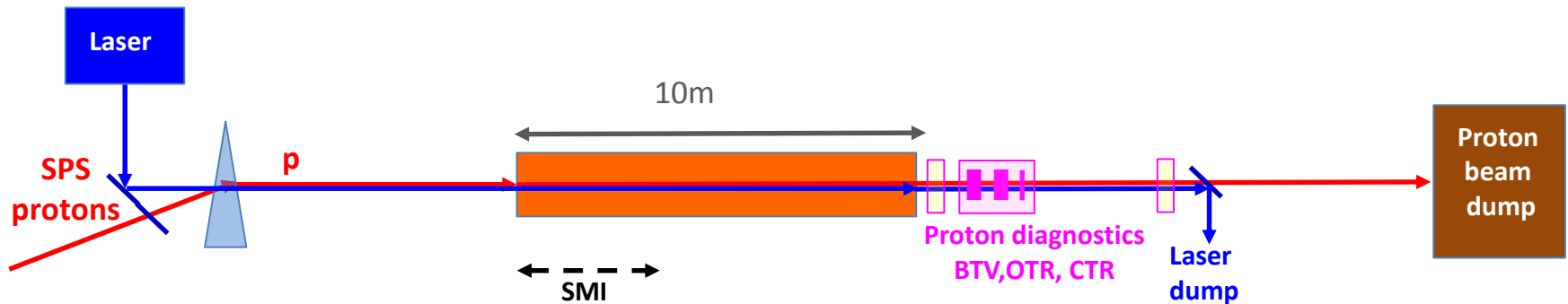
Laser system in MPI, Munich

Laser Beam	
Laser type	Fiber Ti:Sapphire
Pulse wavelength	$\lambda_0 = 780 \text{ nm}$
Pulse length	100-120 fs
Pulse energy (after compr.)	<b>450 mJ</b>
Laser power	4.5 TW
Focused laser size	$\sigma_{x,y} = 1 \text{ mm}$
Rayleigh length $Z_R$	5 m
Energy stability	$\pm 1.5\%$ r.m.s.
Repetition rate	10 Hz

➔ 4.5 TW Laser for ionization and seeding

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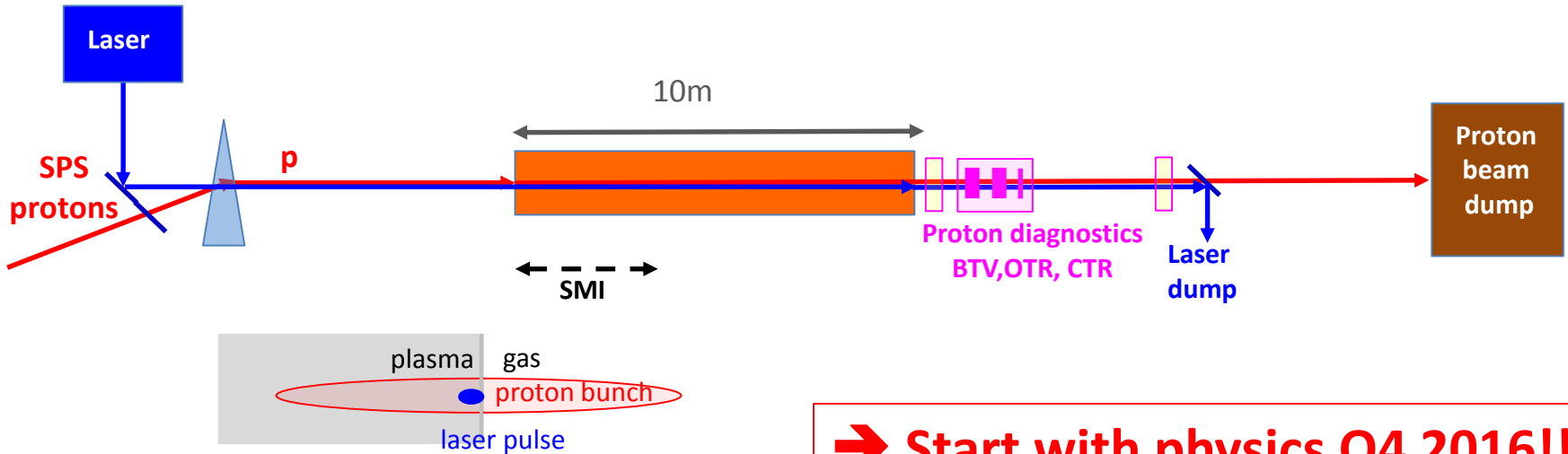
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## Diagnostics

→ BTVs, OTR, CTR

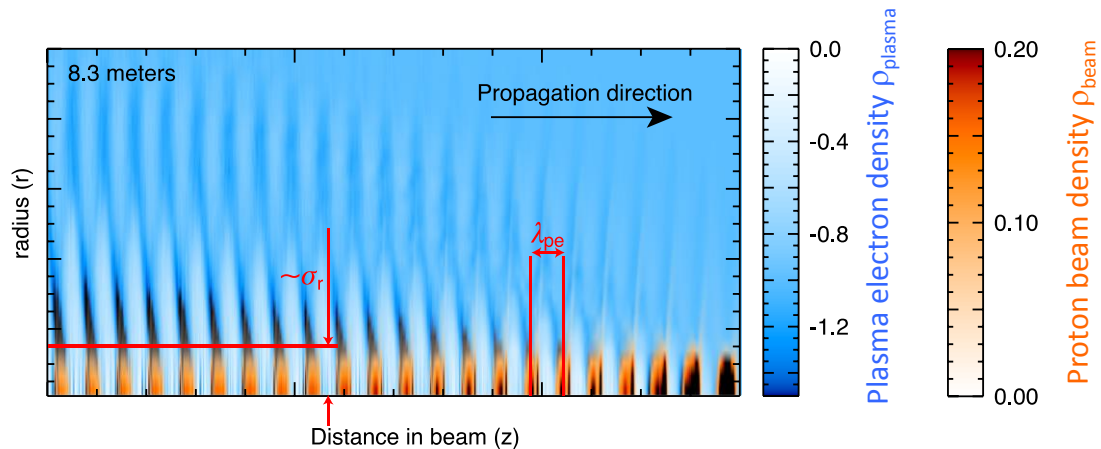
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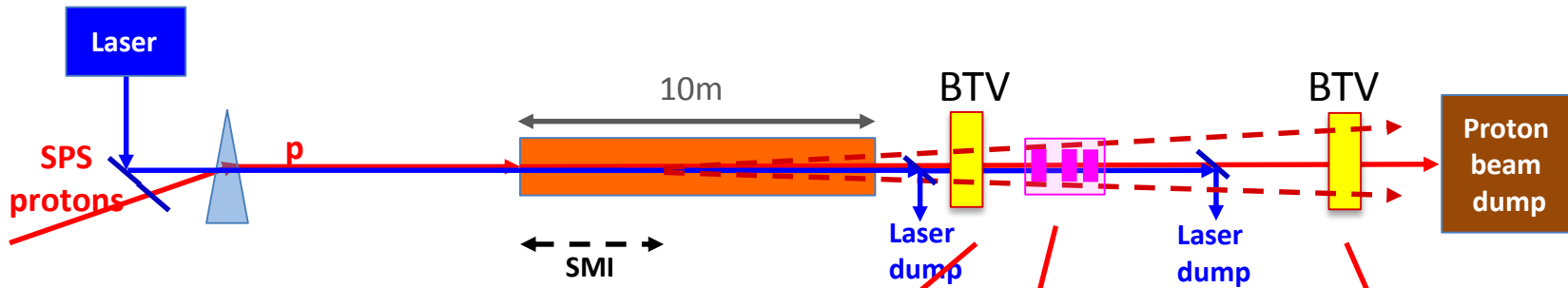
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Self-modulated proton bunch resonantly driving plasma wakefields.



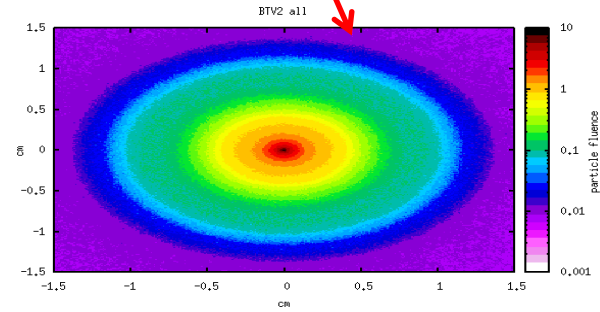
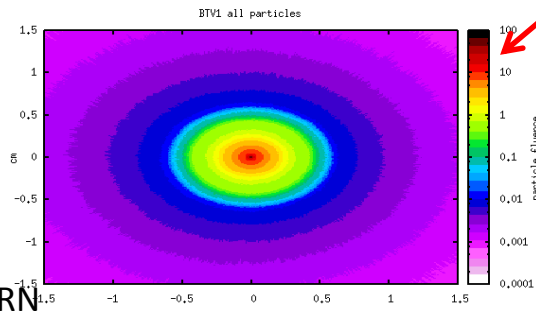
J. Vieira et al PoP 19063105 (2012)

# Drive Beam Diagnostics



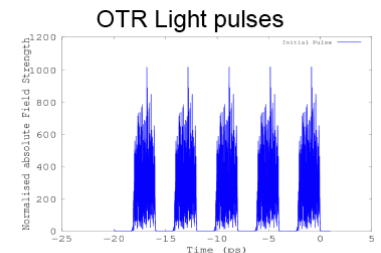
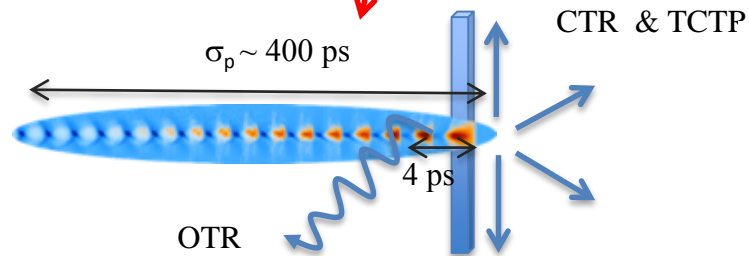
Indirect SMI Measurement:  
Defocusing of the proton beam

M. Turner, A. Petrenko, CERN



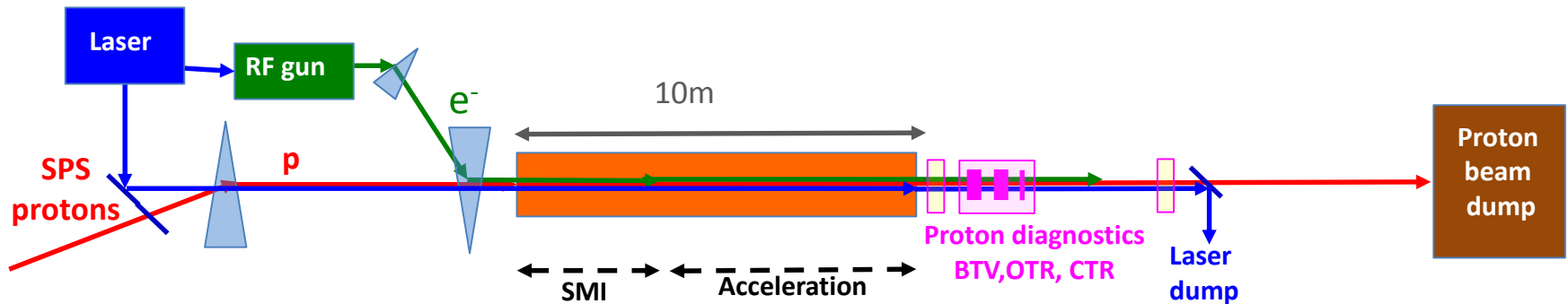
Direct SMI Measurement:  
Radiation emitted by bunch when  
traversing dielectric material  
→ Streak camera

K. Rieger, P. Muggli, MPI



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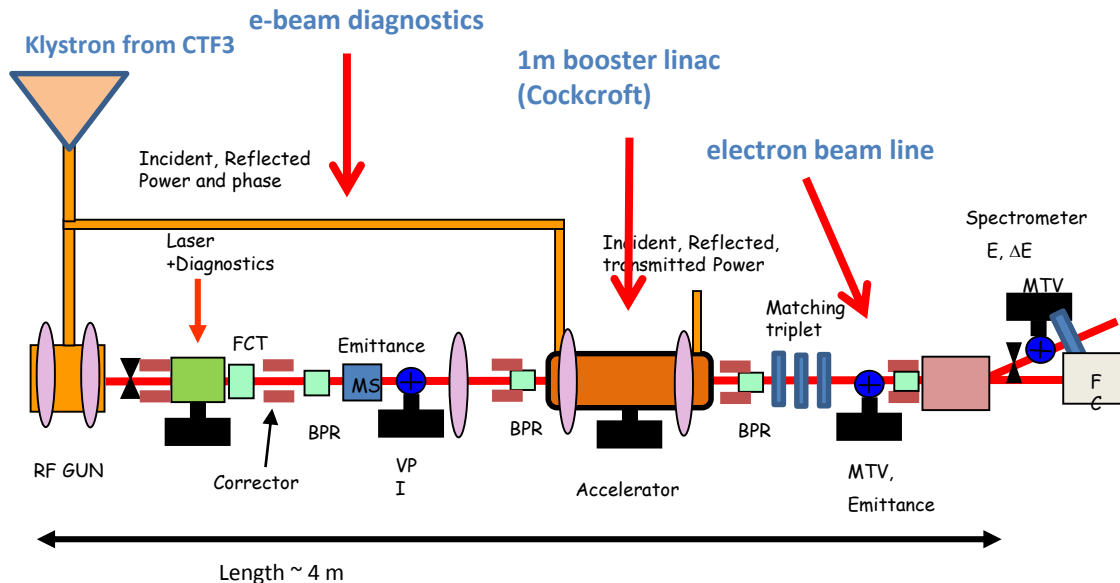
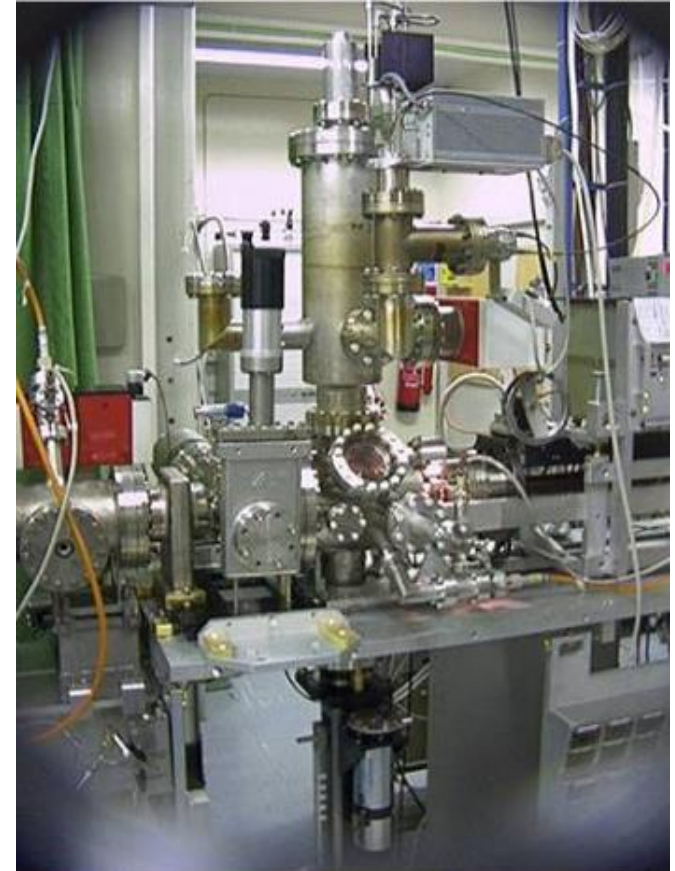


# 4. Witness Beam: Electron Source

## PHIN Photo-injector for CTF3/CLIC:

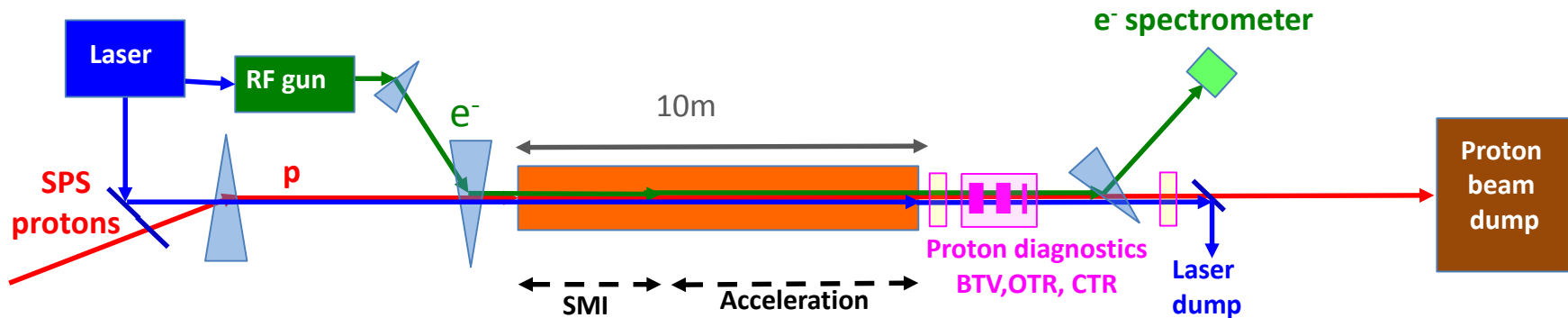
- Charge/bunch: 2.3 nC
- Bunch length: 10 ps
- 1800 bunches/train, 1.2 $\mu$ s train-length
- Program will stop end 2015

→ Fits to requirements of AWAKE



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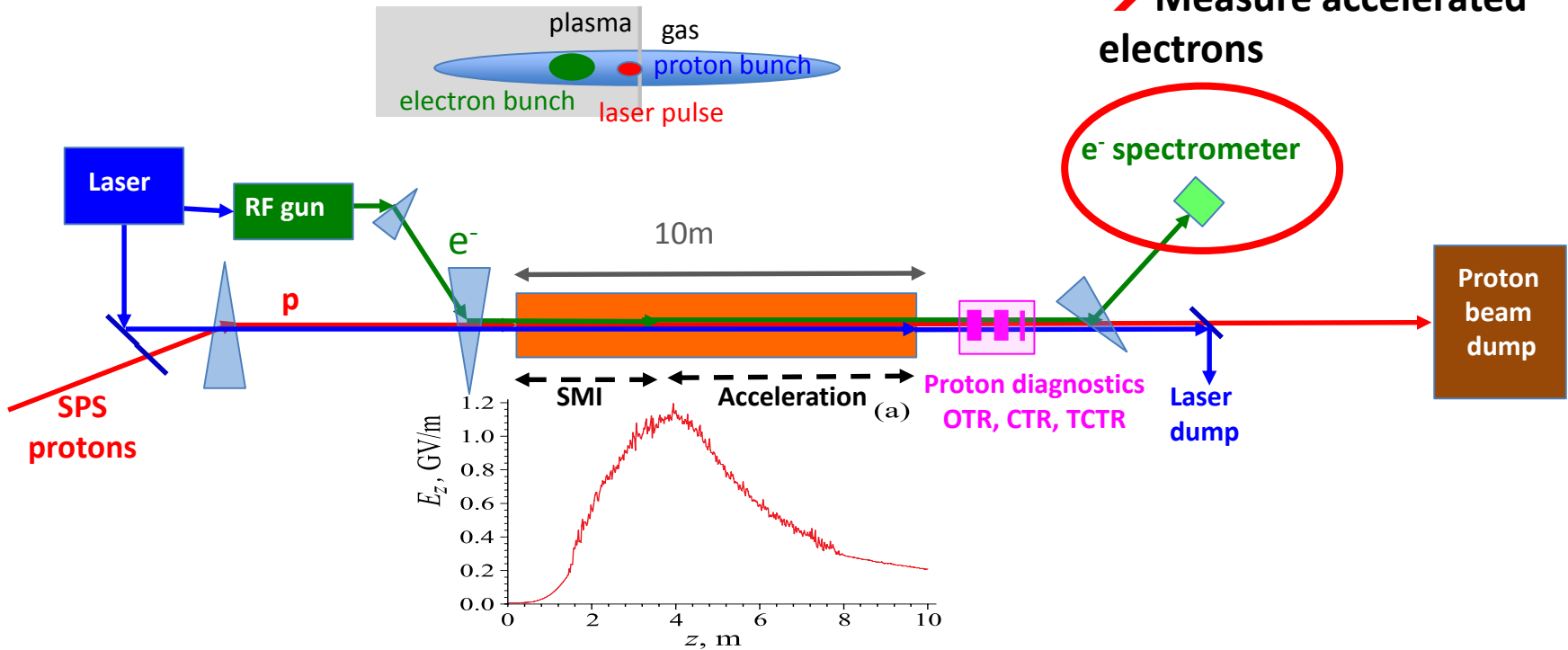
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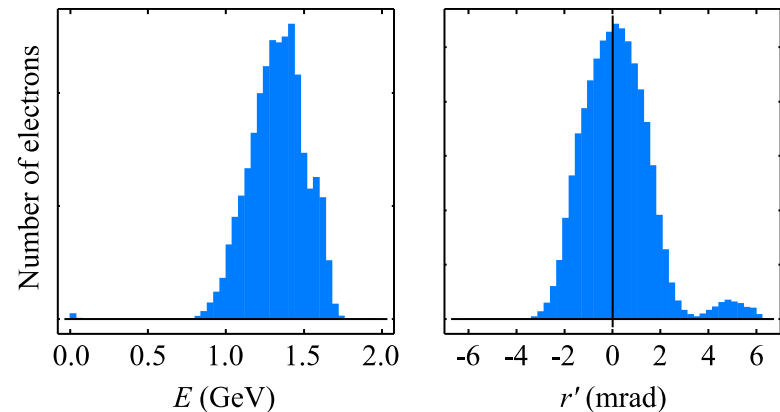
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# AWAKE Experiment: 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase

➔ Measure accelerated electrons



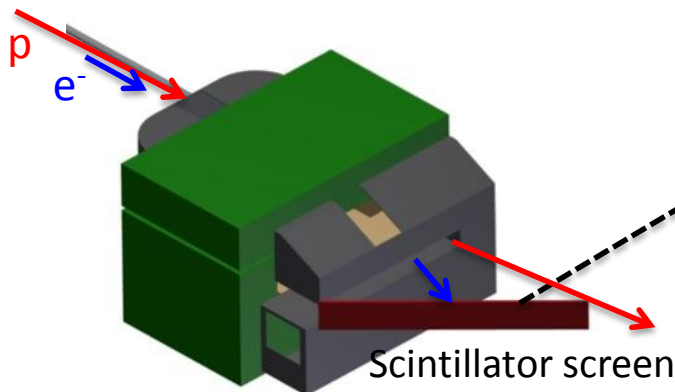
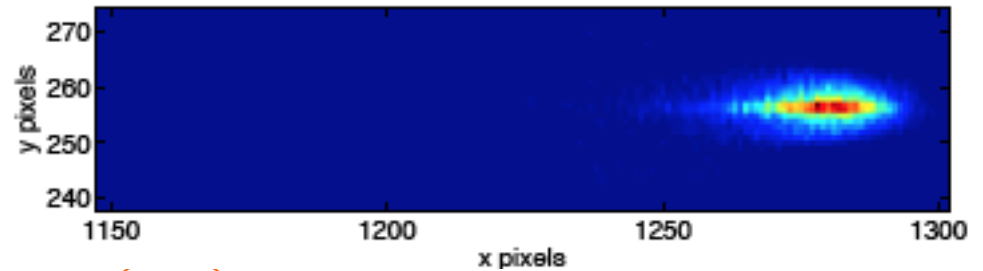
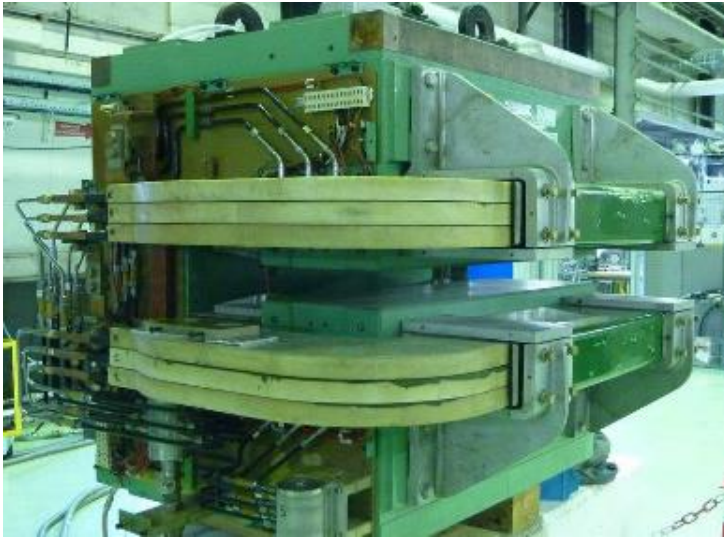
- Trapping efficiency: 10 – 15 %
- Average energy gain: 1.3 GeV
- Energy spread:  $\pm 0.4$  GeV
- Angular spread up to  $\pm 4$  mrad



# 5. Witness Beam Acceleration Diagnostics

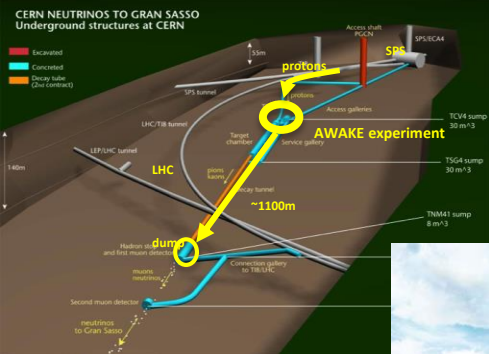
Probe the accelerating wakefields with externally injected electrons → Electron spectrometer

8.5 ton, 1.2 T, 1.3 Tm, L=1.6 m, W=1.3 m



Dispersed electron impact on scintillator screen.  
Resulting light collected with intensified CCD camera.

# AWAKE Time Line

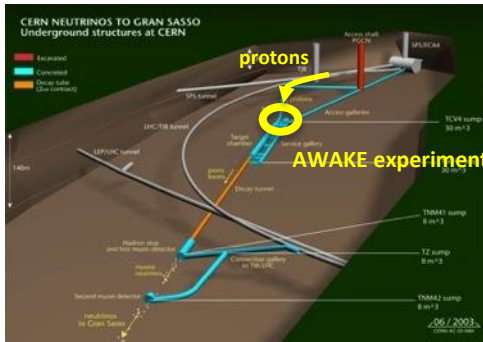
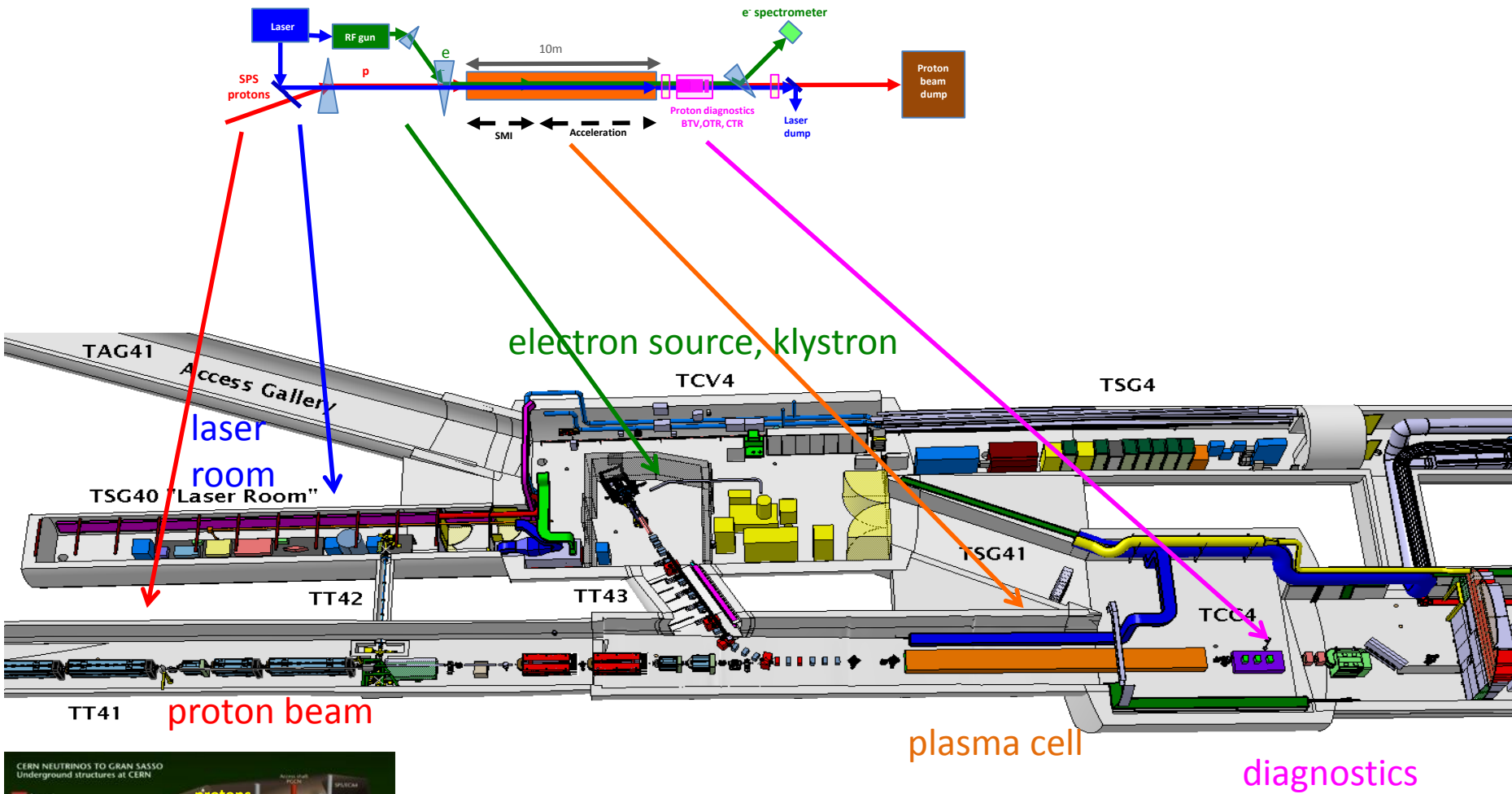


	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022ff
<b>Proton and laser beam-line</b>	Study, Design, Procurement, Component preparation		Installation	Commissioning	Data taking		Long Shutdown 2 24 months		Data taking	
<b>Experimental area</b>	Modification, Civil Engineering and installation		Phase 1		Phase 2		Phase 2 cont'd		Phase 3	
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# The AWAKE Area Preparation

# AWAKE Experimental Facility



# Proton Beam Line

Proton beam line from SPS extraction to ~80 m upstream the AWAKE facility stays untouched.



750m proton beam line

# Proton Line close just Upstream the Plasma





# Laser Room

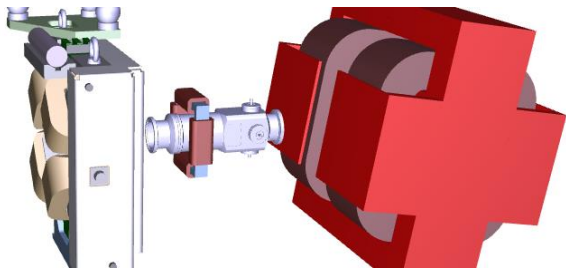




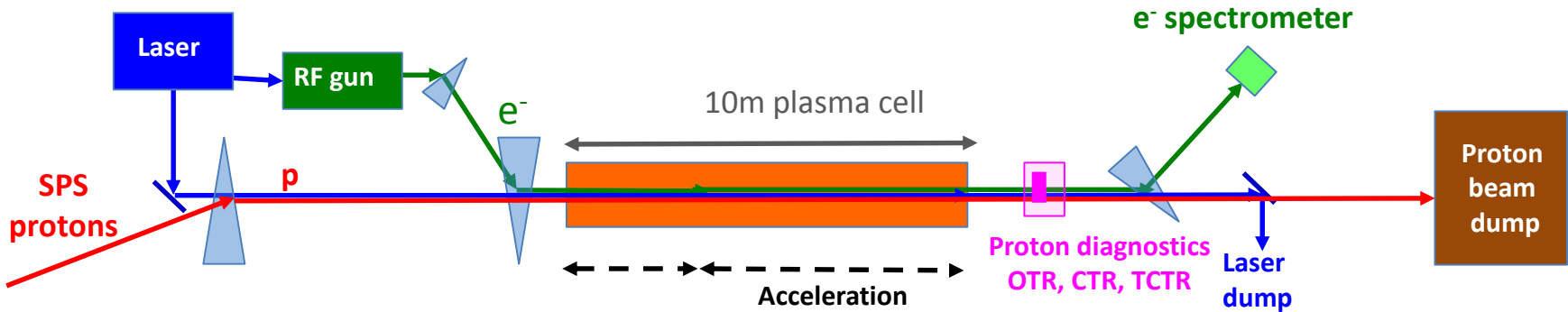
# Electron Beam Tunnel Excavation



# Electron Beam Line Tunnel



# The AWAKE Experiment at CERN



- **AWAKE is proof-of-concept experiment with the aim to provide a design for a high energy physics frontier accelerator.**
- Experimental Program
  - Perform **benchmark experiments using proton bunches** to drive wakefields for the first time ever.
  - Understand **the physics of self-modulation instability** processes in plasma. **→ Q4 2016**
  - **Probe the accelerating wakefields with externally injected electrons**, including energy spectrum measurements for different injection and plasma parameters. **→ Q4 2017**
- **Develop long scalable and uniform plasma cells, production of shorter electron and proton bunches (2020)** **→ 2021ff**

# The Future

