

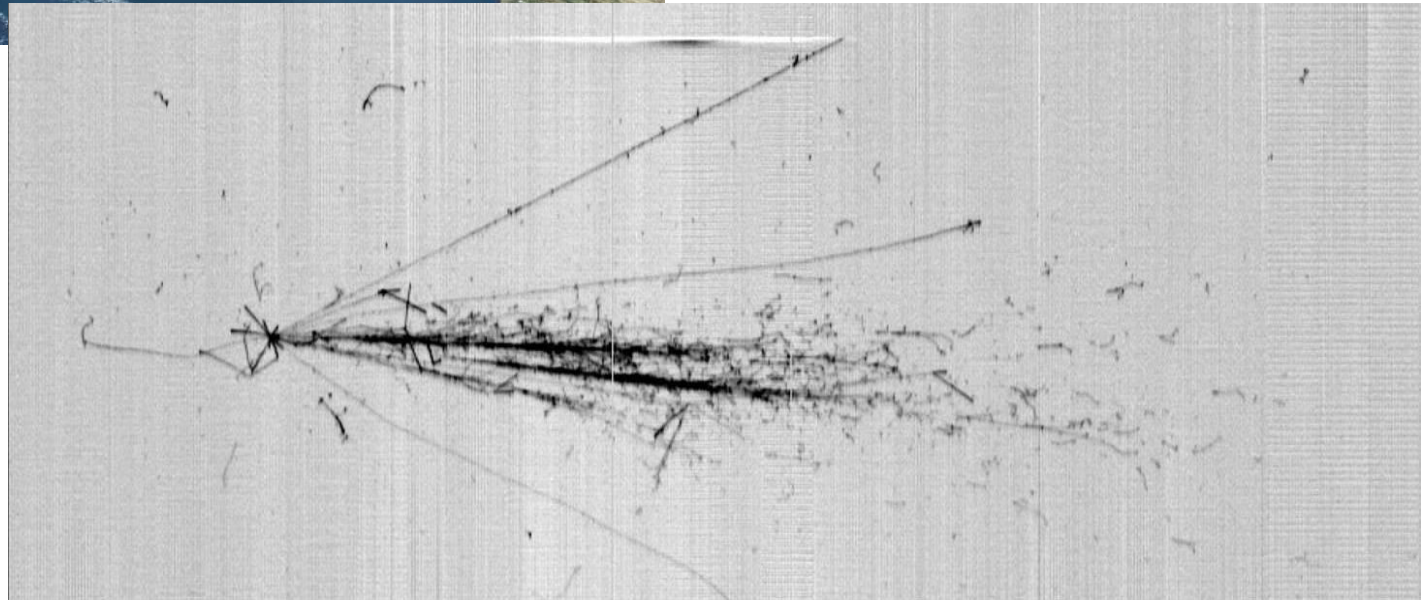


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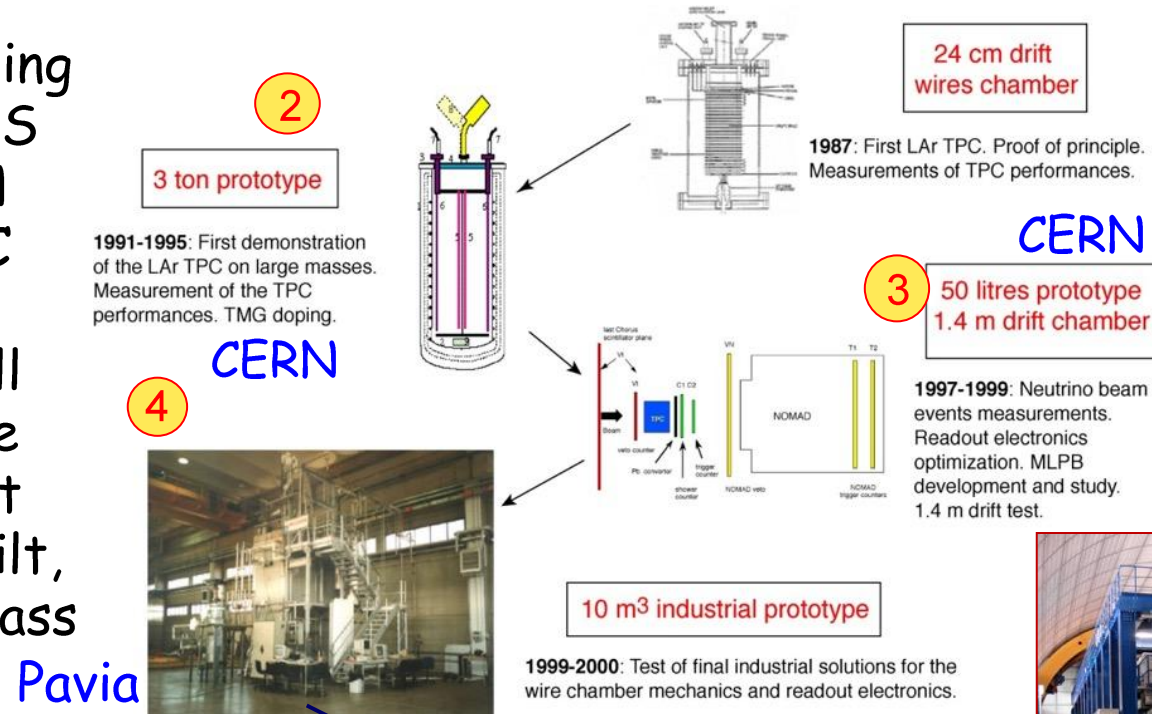
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The remarkable evolution of ν - experiments: the LAr-TPC

- Cherenkov radiation detection has been so-far one of the key choices for exploring neutrinos with k-ton water/ice detectors.
- *As an alternative, the Liquid Argon Imaging technology LAr-TPC, an "electronic bubble chamber" which permits to identify unambiguously each ionizing track in complex ν events, was originally proposed by C. Rubbia [CERN-EP/77-08].*
- With the continuing effort of ICARUS Collab. and INFN support, LAr-TPC technology has been taken to full maturity with the T600, the largest LAr-TPC ever built, 0.76 kt of LAr mass



**ICARUS-T600
experiment 2010-13**

*The path to larger
LAr detectors*

Cooperation with industry:
AirLiquide, Breme, Cinel, CAEN

LNGS Hall-B



ICARUS: a summary

- T600 detector concluded in 2013 a successful three year long run at LNGS taking data both with CNGS ν beam and cosmic rays. *Several relevant physics and technical results have been achieved:*
 - ICARUS demonstrated its excellent performance as tracking device and homogeneous calorimeter with a remarkable P.id capabilities exploiting the measurement of dE/dx vs. range.
 - Reconstruction of ν interaction vertex and measurement of e.m. showers by primary electrons and invariant mass of γ pairs, allowed to reject background in the study of $\nu_{\mu}-\nu_e$ transitions to unprecedented level.
- ICARUS performed a sensitive search for LSND-like anomaly with CNGS beam reducing the LSND window to a narrow region at $\Delta m_s^2 \approx 1 \text{ eV}^2$, as confirmed by OPERA. Moreover ICARUS contributed to solve the superluminal ν claim.
- All these results have marked **a milestone for the LAr-TPC technology** with a large impact on the future neutrino and astro-particle physics projects, like the current SBN short base-line neutrino program at FNAL with three LAr-TPCs (SBND, MicroBooNE and ICARUS) and the multi-kt DUNE LAr-TPC detector.
- T600 detector underwent an overhauling at CERN before being exposed to ~ 0.8 GeV Booster ν beam at 600 m from target to definitely test the LSND claim with a highly sensitive search for $\nu_{\mu}-\nu_e$ in the framework of SBN program.

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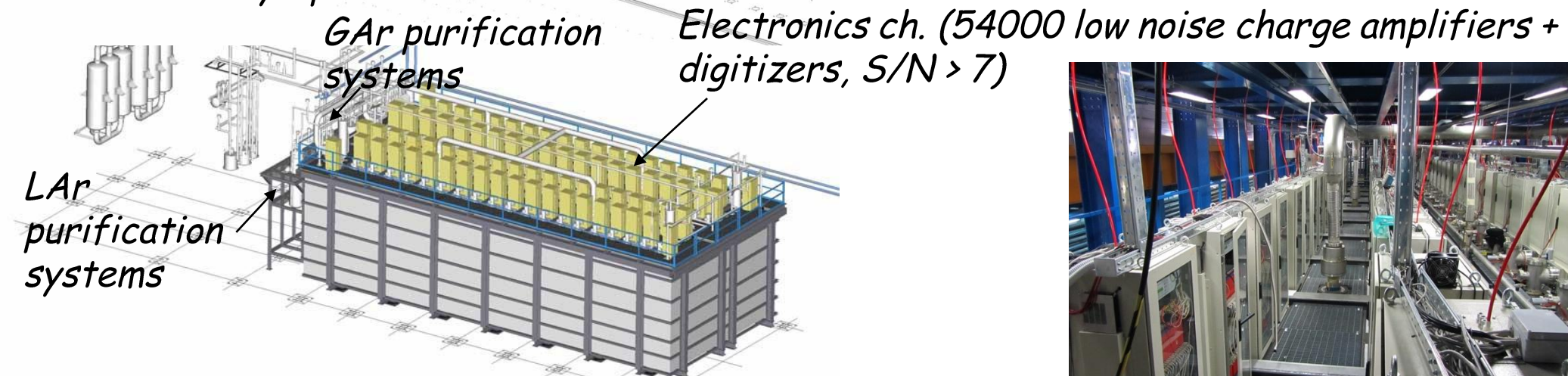
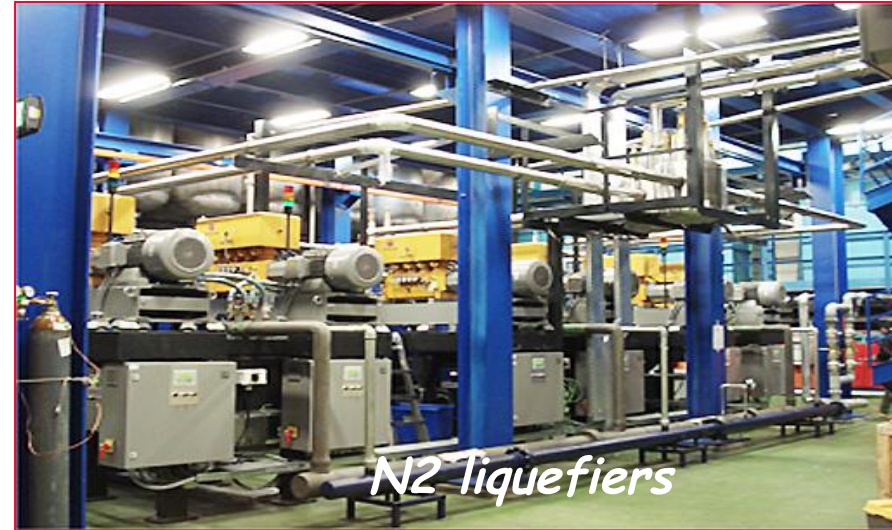
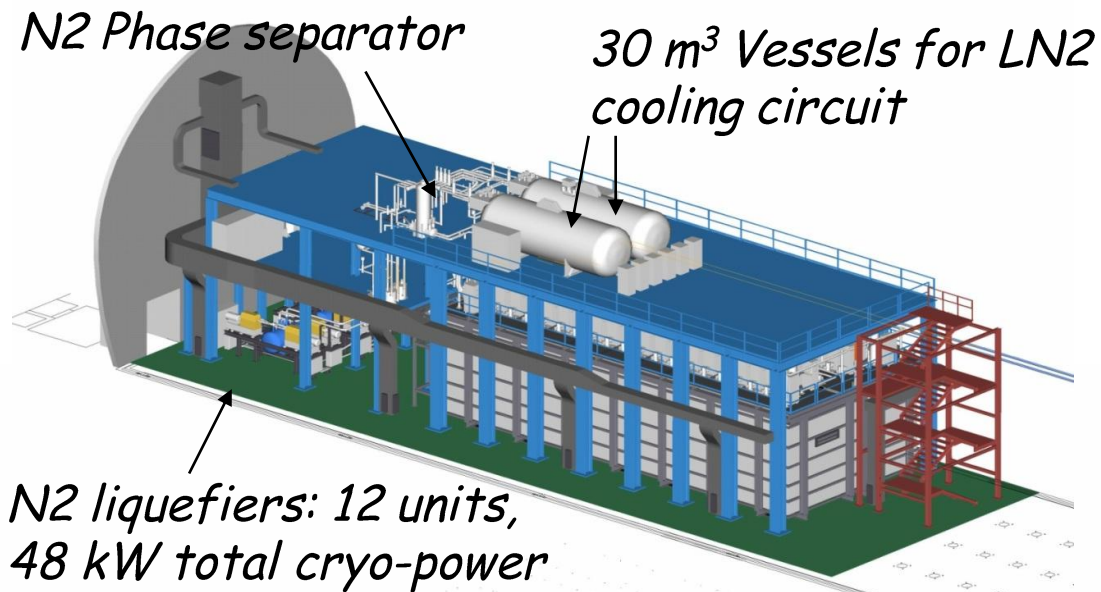
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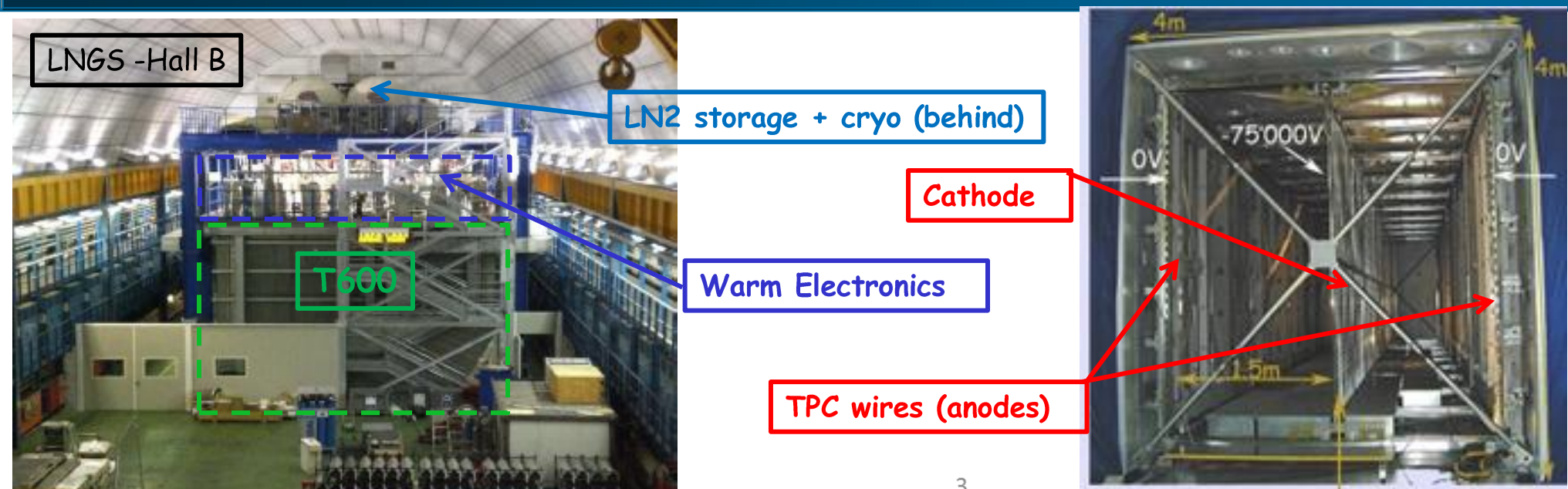
ICARUS-T600 plant @ LNGS Hall B: 0.77 kton LAr-TPC



A superb Cryogenic plant: excellent performance, & safe operation guaranteed by the local group

Remarkable detector live-time >93 % during operation with CNGS

The ICARUS T600 detector



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Two identical modules, 4 wire chambers

- $3.6 \times 3.9 \times 19.6 \text{ m} \approx 275 \text{ m}^3$
- Total active mass $\approx 476 \text{ ton}$
- 2 TPCs per module, with common central cathode $\rightarrow 1.5 \text{ m}$ drift length
- $E_{\text{drift}} = 0.5 \text{ kV/cm}$, $v_{\text{drift}} = 1.55 \text{ mm}/\mu\text{s}$ (sub-mm resolution in drift direction).

TPC Warm Electronics

- Continuous read-out, digitization, waveform recording, $0.4 \mu\text{s}$ sampling time (sub-mm resolution in drift direction).

Charge and light detectors

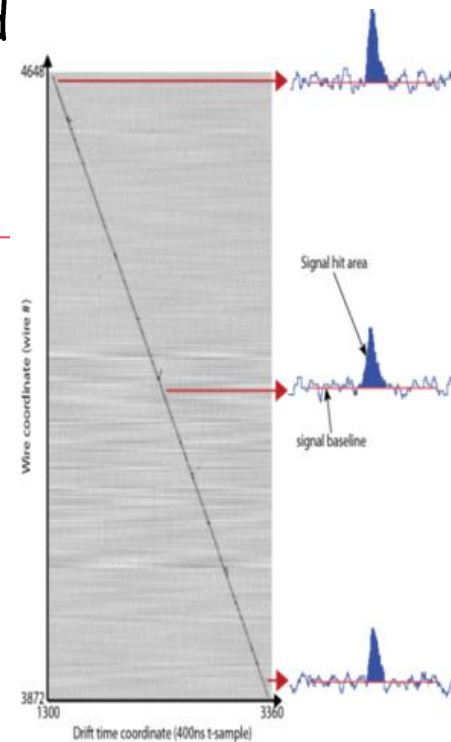
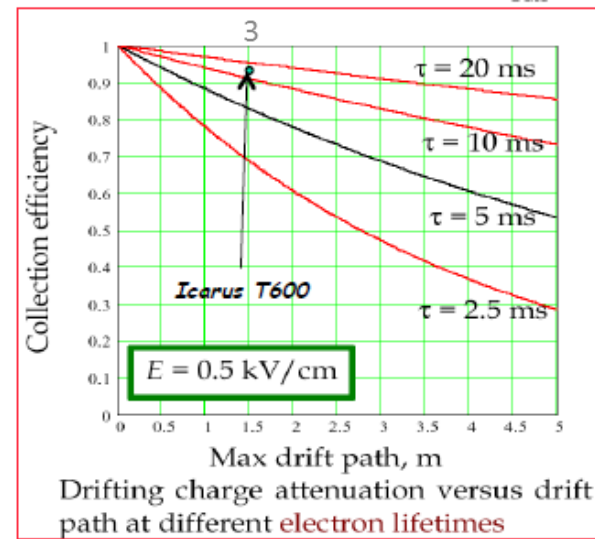
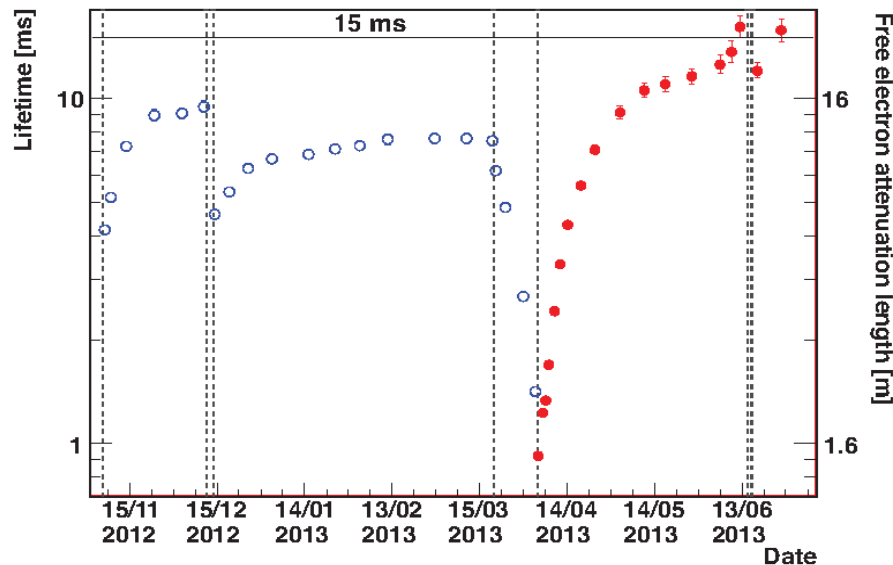
- 3 "non-destructive" readout wire planes per TPC, wires at $0^\circ, \pm 60^\circ$ (Ind1, Ind2, Coll. View)
- ≈ 54000 wires ($150 \mu\text{m}$ \varnothing , 3 mm pitch)
- $54+20$ photomultipliers ($8''$ \varnothing) + wls (TPB), sensitive at 128 nm (VUV)

Cryogenics

- Liquid and gas Ar recirculation;
- Passive insulation + dual phase N_2 shield
- High purity $\sim 20 \text{ ppt}$ O_2 equiv. ($\tau_e > 16 \text{ ms}$).

A key feature of LAr imaging: very long e^- mobility

- Level of electronegative impurities in LAr must be kept exceptionally low to ensure $\sim m$ long drift path of ionization e^- signal without attenuation;
- New industrial/lab purification methods have been developed to continuously filter and re-circulate both liquid ($2.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{hour}$) and gas ($100 \text{ Nm}^3/\text{day}$) phases;
- e^- lifetime $\tau_{ele} > 7 \text{ ms}$ ($< 40 \text{ p.p.t [O}_2\text{] eq. impurities}$) measured with cosmic μ 's : **12% max. charge attenuation on 1.5 m drift.**
With a new not-immersed pump on East cryostat: $\tau_{ele} > 15 \text{ ms}$!



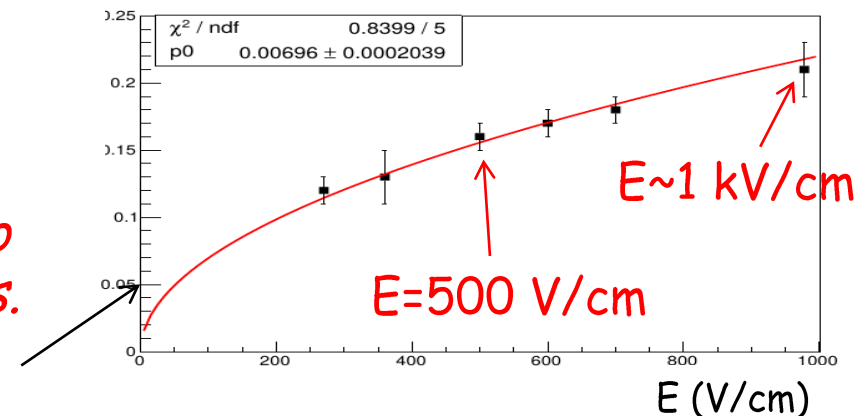
ICARUS demonstrated the effectiveness of single phase LAr-TPC technique paving the way to huge detectors with longer drift distances as required for LBNF/DUNE project.

ICARUS experiment at LNGS

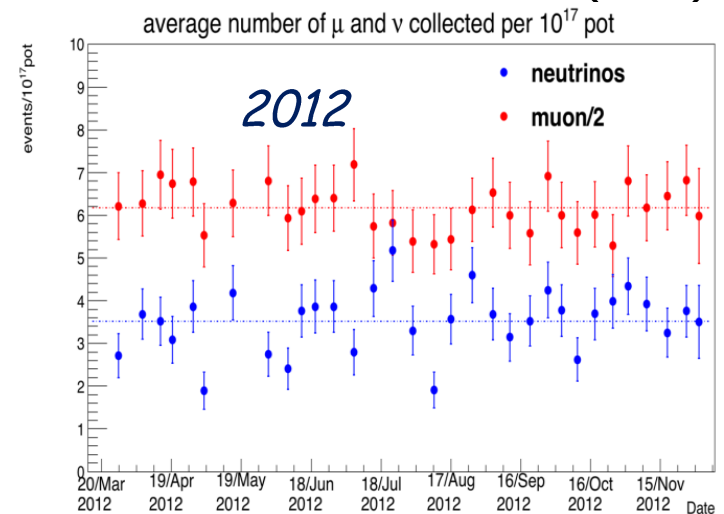
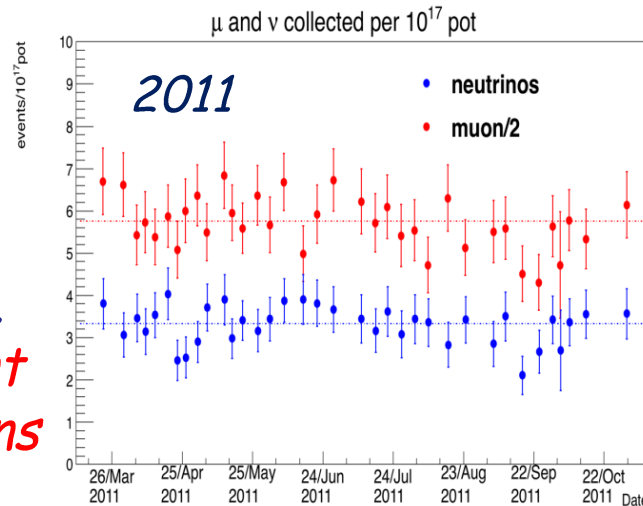
- Exposed to CNGS ν beam ICARUS concluded in 2013 a successful-3 years long run, collecting 8.6×10^{19} pot statistics with a remarkable detector live time $> 93\%$, recording also c-rays induced events (0.73 kt y effective exposure).
- Several physics and technical results were achieved, including detailed studies of all technical aspects of LAr-TPC detection technique and the development of advanced reconstruction algorithms.

Different operating conditions have been successfully tested in last months of run proving that ICARUS can safely stand up to ~ 1 kV/cm drift field without any discharges.

Measured e- drift velocity $v_{\text{DRIFT}} \sim \sqrt{E}$

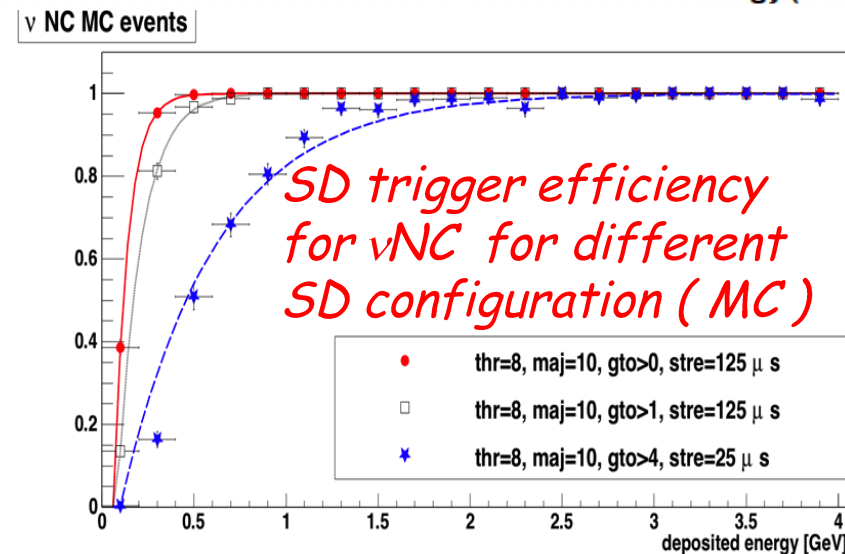
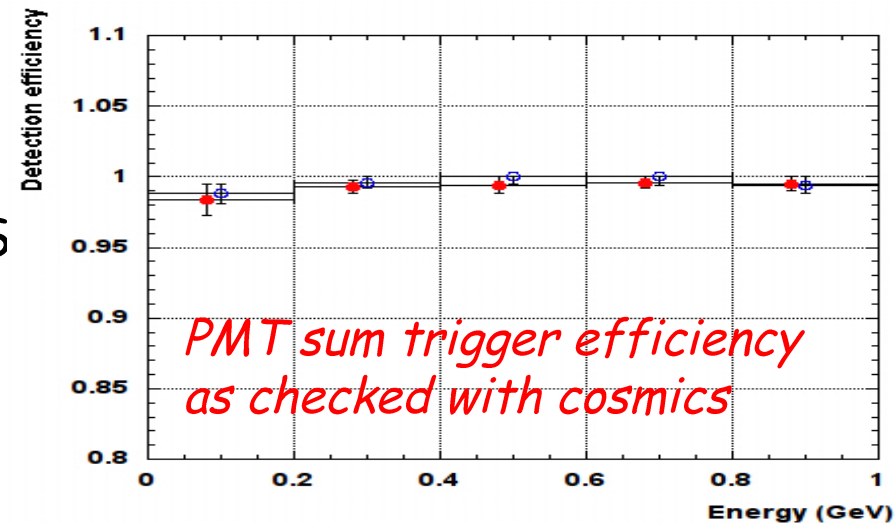


Collected CNGS ν s + μ s normalized to 10^{17} pot: 3.4ν s + 12μ s on average. Data statistics consistent within 6% with predictions



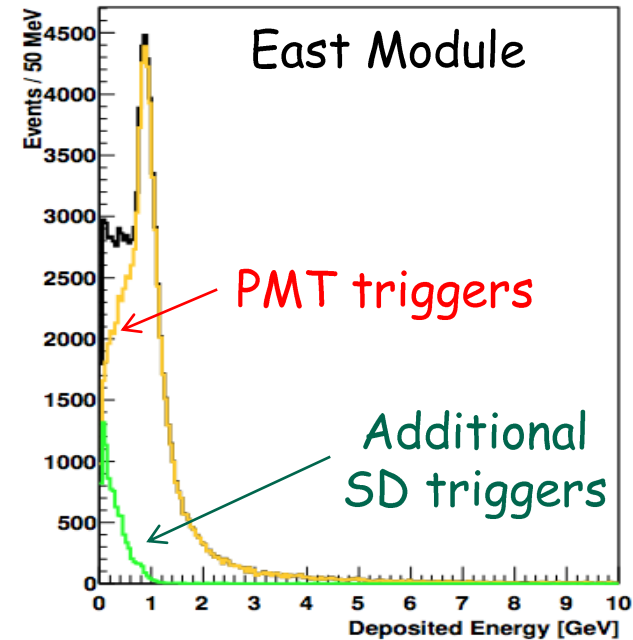
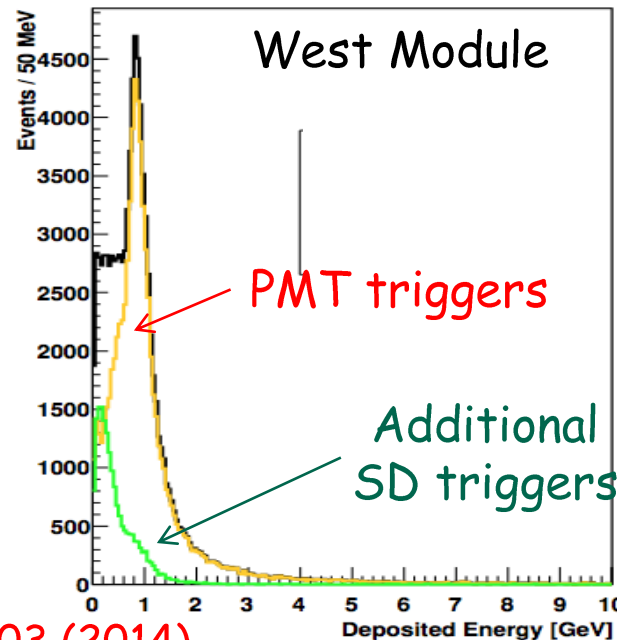
ICARUS-T600 trigger system - 1

- ICARUS-T600 relies on its self-triggering capability by both scintillation light and charge signals by ionizing particles in LAr to detect CNGS and c-ray events, spanning a wide range of $E_{\text{DEP}} \sim 100 \text{ MeV} \div 10 \text{ GeV}$, with event topologies significantly different from each other.
- T600 exploited a GPS time-base shared at CERN & LNGS to open on-line a 60 ms gate at ν bunch arrival time, as predicted by SPS "early warning" proton extraction (+2.44 ms CERN /LNGS ν tof):
 - Few mHz trigger for CNGS events by coincidence of PMT sum signal in at least one TPC with CNGS gate guaranteeing a \sim full detection eff. $E_{\text{DEP}} > 300 \text{ MeV}$;
 - Charge recognition on TPC wires by Super Daedalus chip (SD) to further increase efficiency at low E_{DEP} by detecting wire signals with a majority logic: 99% (91%) efficiency for νCC (νNC).



ICARUS-T600 trigger system - 2

- The SD trigger allowed also to directly qualify PMT trigger on the basis of a "minimum bias" request, i.e. the presence of a ~ 5 cm long track in the TPC.
- The analysis of $\sim 2.5 \cdot 10^{19}$ pot event statistics collected with the SD trigger proved the \sim full PMT trigger efficiency for both ν interactions in the LAr active volume and crossing muon. The SD trigger allowed to significantly increase the detection efficiency below 500 MeV energy deposition.
- Cosmic-ray induced events have been triggered with $> 90\%$ efficiency for $E_{\text{DEP}} > 500$ MeV requiring the coincidence of PMT sum signals in two adjacent chambers or a single SD minimum bias signal, out of CNGS spill.



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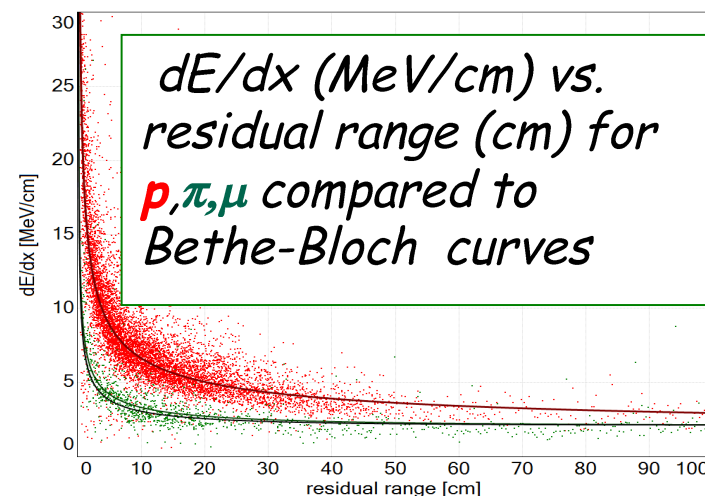
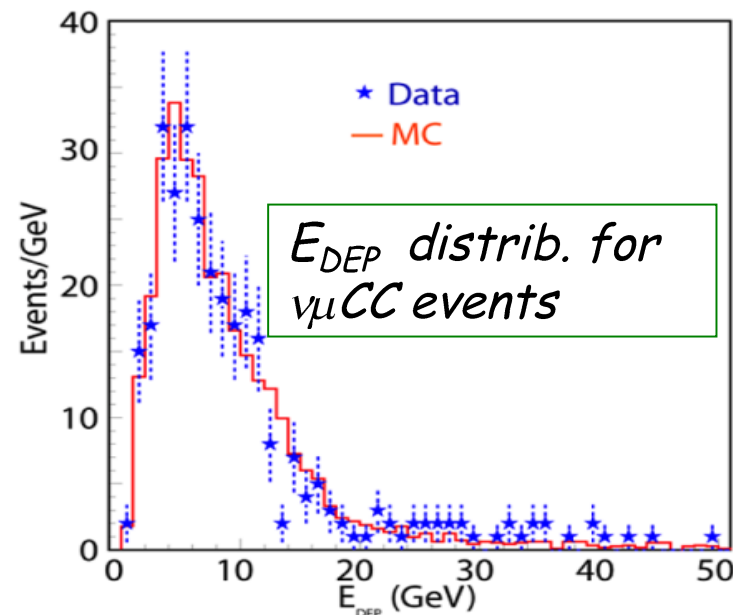
Successful operation of ICARUS T600 trigger system: high reliability, efficiency and live-time: a robust baseline for next ICARUS exp. at FNAL and future developments in multi-kt LAr-TPC

ICARUS LAr-TPC performance

- From the analysis of CNGS ν and of c-ray induced events:

- *Tracking device*: precise 3D event topology with $\sim 1 \text{ mm}^3$ resolution for any ionizing particle;
- *Global calorimeter*: full sampling homogeneous calorimeter; total energy reconstructed by charge integration with excellent accuracy for contained events; momentum of non contained μ by Multiple Coulomb Scattering with $\Delta p/p \sim 15\%$ in 0.4-4 GeV/c range;
- *Measurement of local energy deposition dE/dx* : remarkable e/γ separation ($0.02X_0$ sampling, $X_0=14 \text{ cm}$, particle id. by dE/dx vs range):

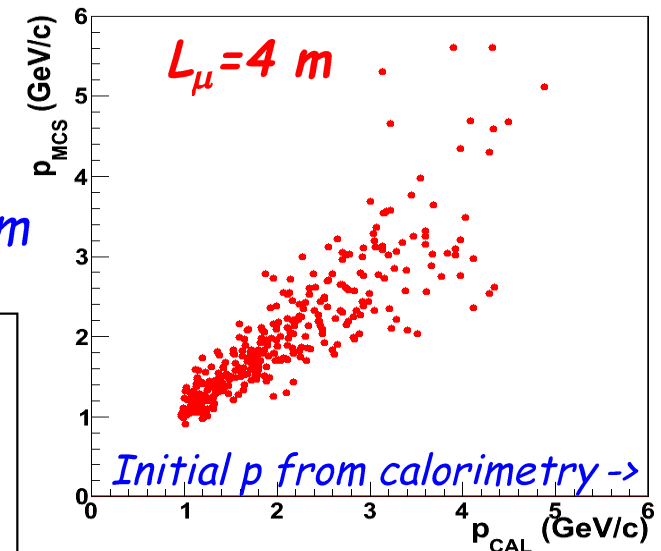
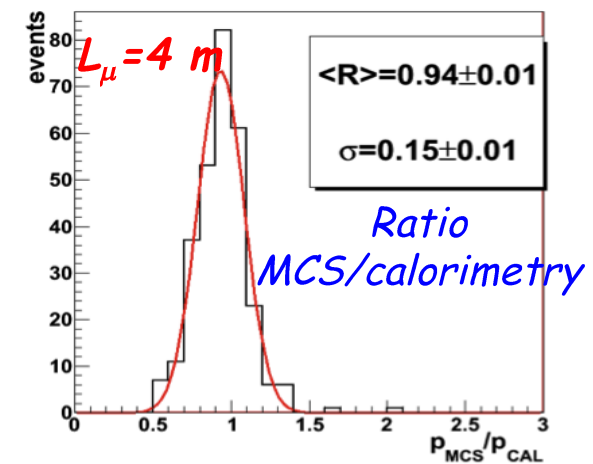
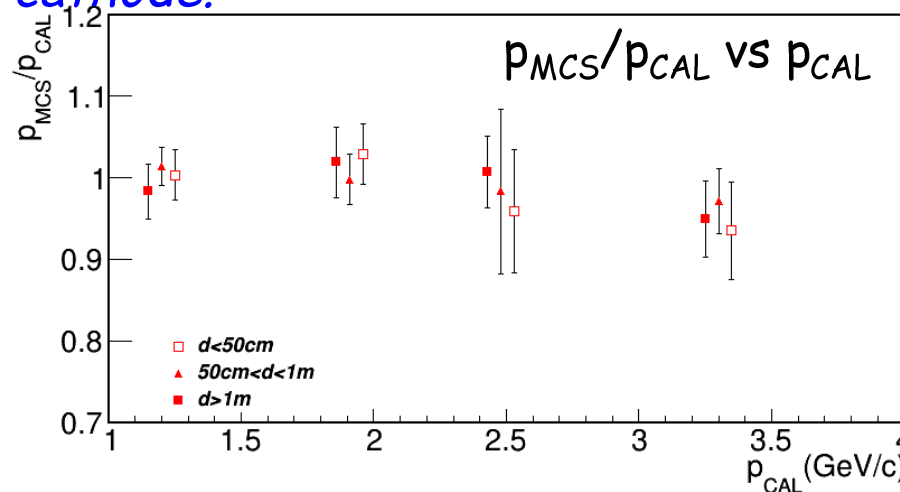
Low energy electrons:
 $\sigma(E)/E = 11\%/\sqrt{E(\text{MeV})} + 2\%$
Electromagnetic showers:
 $\sigma(E)/E = 3\%/\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$
Hadron showers:
 $\sigma(E)/E \approx 30\%/\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$



Muon momentum measurement via multiple Coulomb scattering

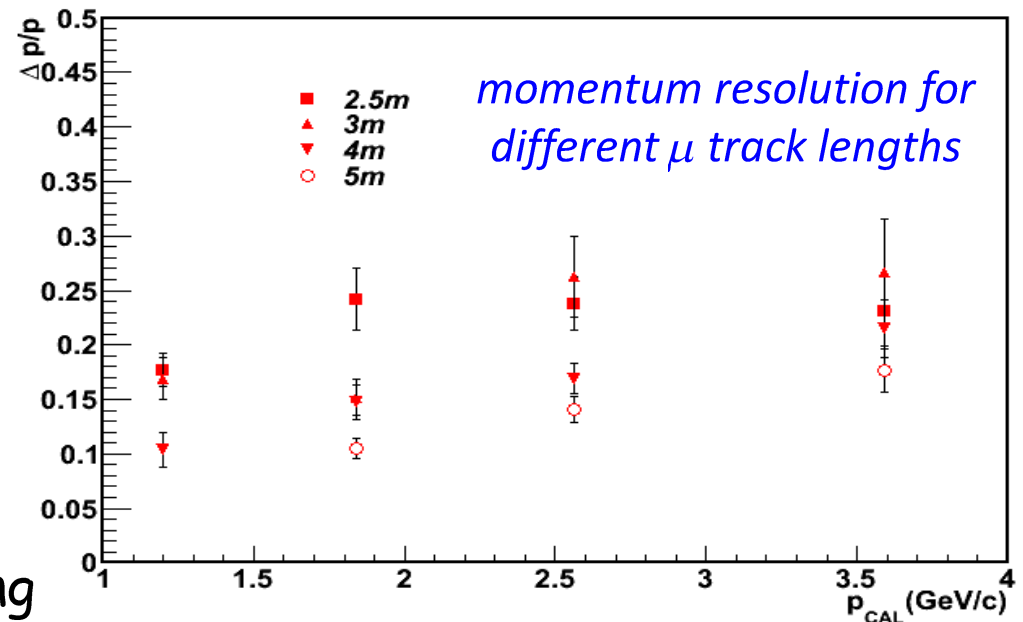
- Muon momentum measurement by *Multiple Coulomb Scatt.* has been validated comparing p_{MCS} with corresponding calorimetric measurement p_{CAL} for ~ 500 stopping μ s produced by CNGS ν_μ interactions in upstream rock;
- p_{MCS} is well correlated with p_{CAL} . Unexpected p_{MCS} under-estimation is detected at $p > 3$ GeV/c for μ s travelling close to TPC cathode, due to its $\Delta y \sim \pm 25$ mm non-perfect planarity which affect electron drift velocity (percent E_D distortions)
- These effects have been accounted for applying the actual computed electric field to MC events to extract average corrections to p_{MCS} as a function of μ momentum and distance from cathode.

$p_{MCS} \sim p_{CAL}$ data
within $\sim 5\%$.



Resolution of muon momentum measurement via MCS

- The resolution on p_{MCS} measurement depends from the muon momentum and from the track length used for the MCS measurement.
- For 4 m muon track length, the resolution of the method is $\sim 15\%$ in 0.4-4 GeV /c momentum range.
- Moreover a better resolution on μ momentum measurement by MCS is expected after the T600 overhauling at CERN:
 - the cathode has been flattened with few mm residual non-planarity.
 - the new TPC read-out electronics will provide a fully synchronized digitization of the wire signals.

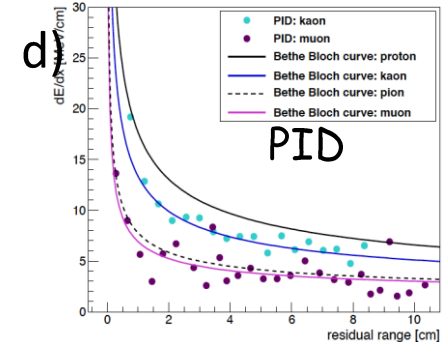
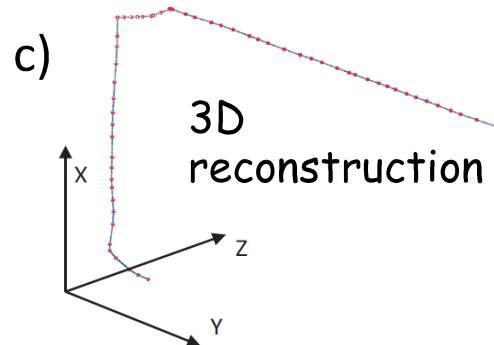
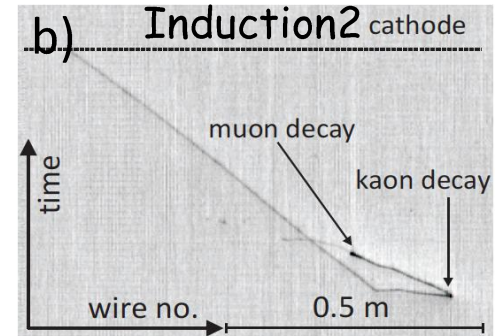
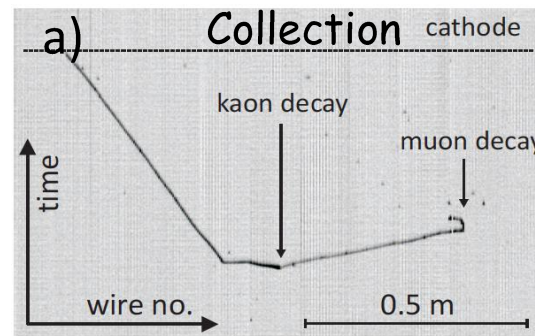


The method is applicable to momentum range of interest of the proposed short/ long baseline experiments.

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Tools for event reconstruction in LAr

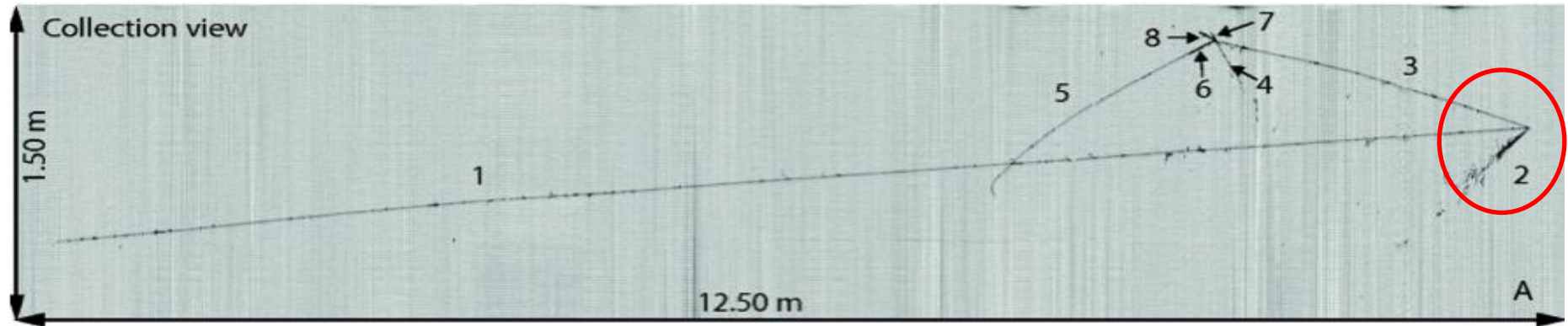
- Bubble chamber like reconstruction of the event topology in conjunction with calorimetric measurement of global and local energy deposits perfectly suitable for detailed visual analysis of the event.
- The large amount of data collected with CNGS-vs and cosmic rays required the use of automatic tools, to assist and complement the visual scanning.
- Innovative approach:
direct 3D reconstruction with simultaneous optimization and matching of hits identified in the different 2D views.
- All available information is used
- Applied to reconstruction of tracks, shower objects, interaction vertices and to global event analysis
- Improves the PID



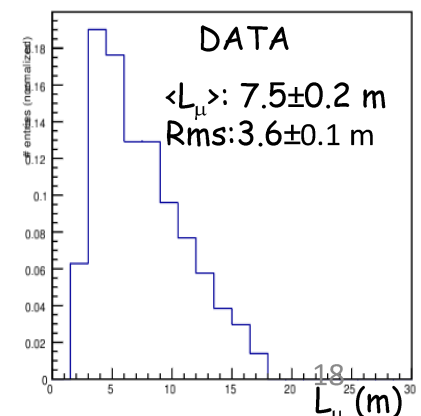
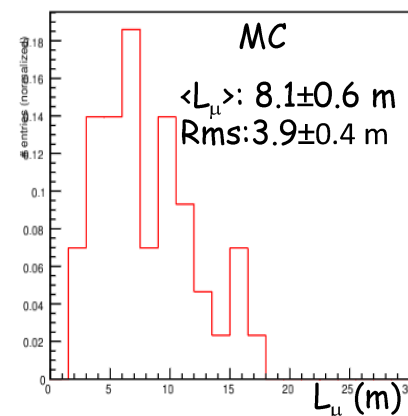
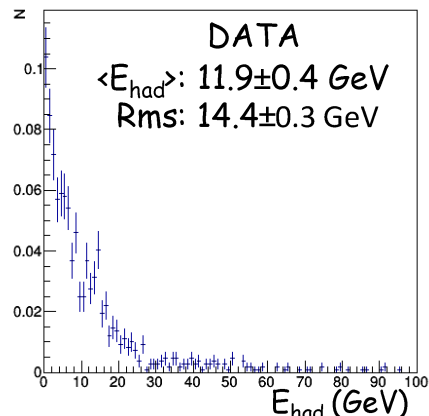
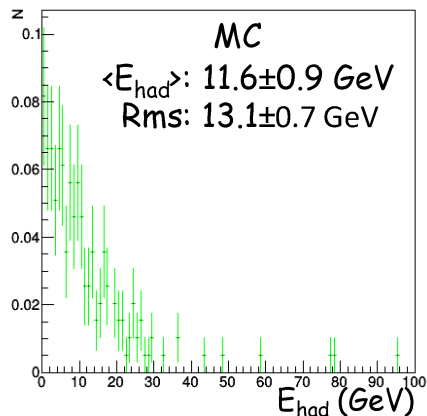
Example of a $K \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e$ decay in CNGS data:
a) Collection & b) Induction2 views;
c) 3D reconstruction; d). PID

ν_μ CC events in CNGS neutrino beam

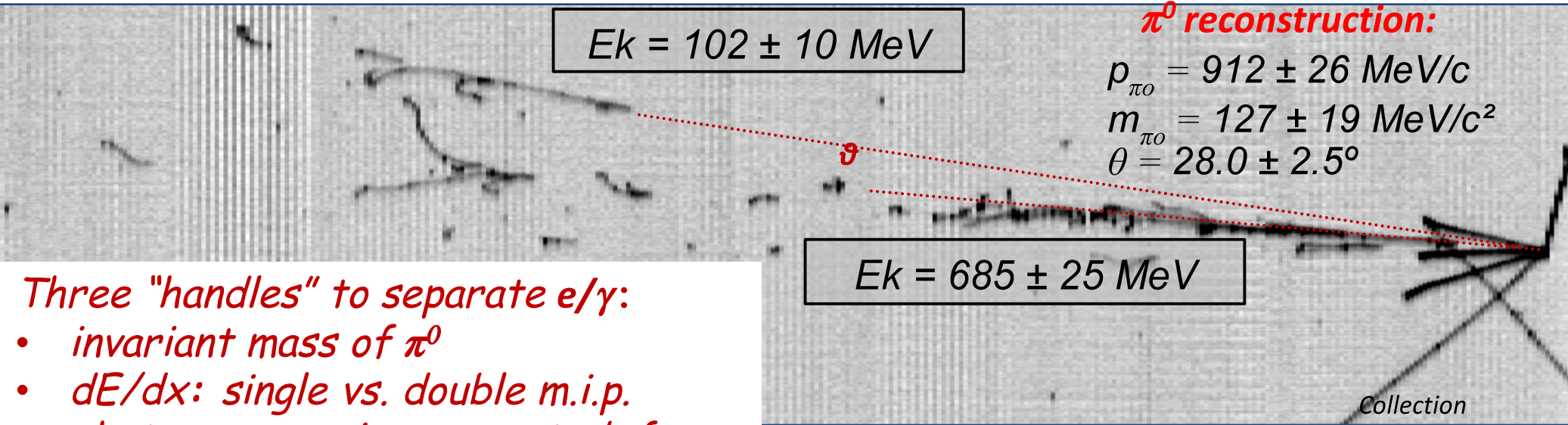
- ν_μ CC/anti- ν_μ CC were selected, with a $\sim 70\%$ efficiency and a rejection factor ~ 60 for NC events, requiring the μ track to be longer than 2.5 m.
- Globally 1285 ν_μ and anti- ν_μ CC events have been selected in a 6.7×10^{19} pot event statistics (2011 and 2012 runs). All these events have been visually measured and reconstructed in detail separating μ tracks from hadronic jet.



- The reconstructed hadronic energy in agreement with expectations
- The μ length matches its expected distribution



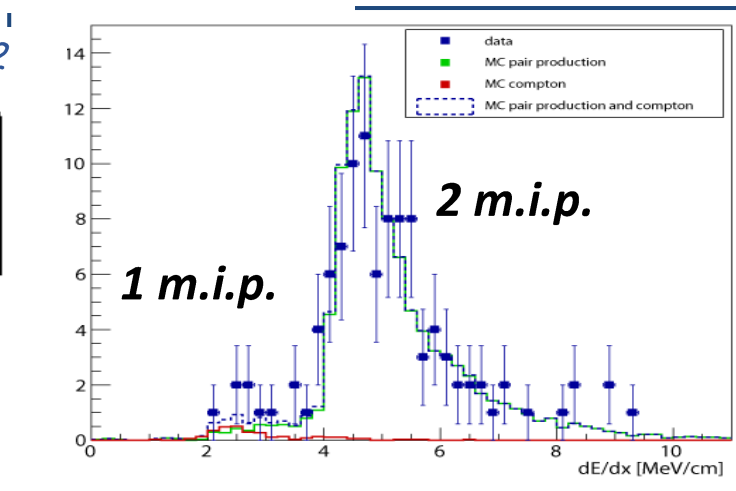
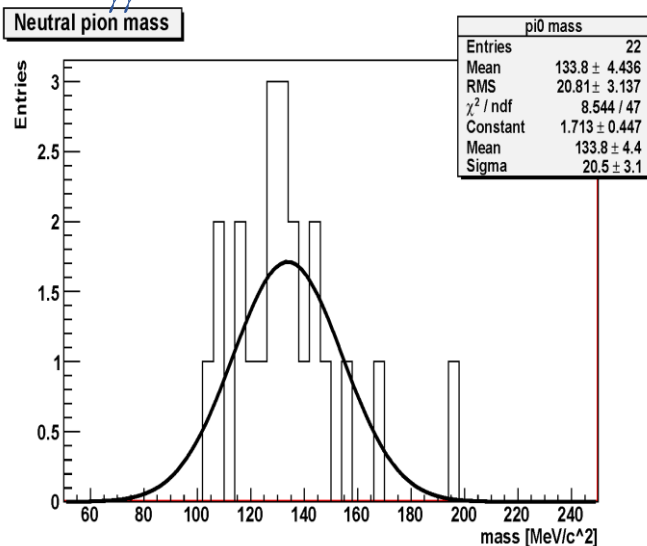
Unique feature of ICARUS: e/γ separation, π^0 reconstruction



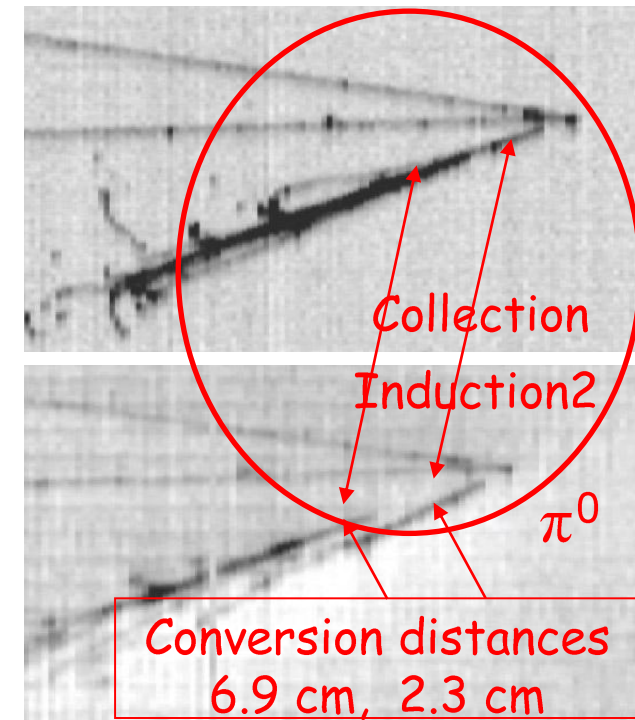
Three "handles" to separate e/γ :

- invariant mass of π^0
- dE/dx : single vs. double m.i.p.
- photon conversion separated from primary vertex

$M_{\gamma\gamma}: 133.8 \pm 4.4 \pm 4 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

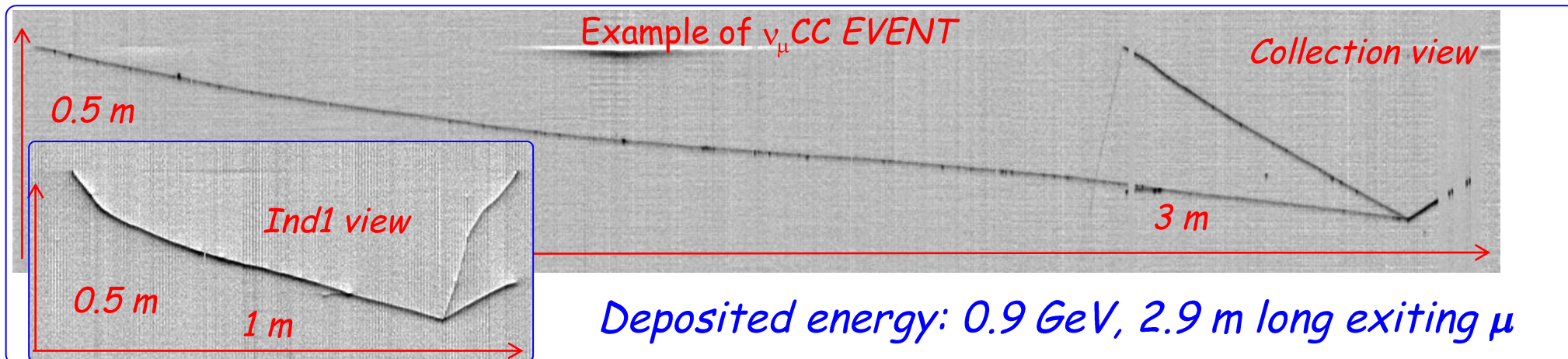


Crucial for NC rejection
in ν_e -physics

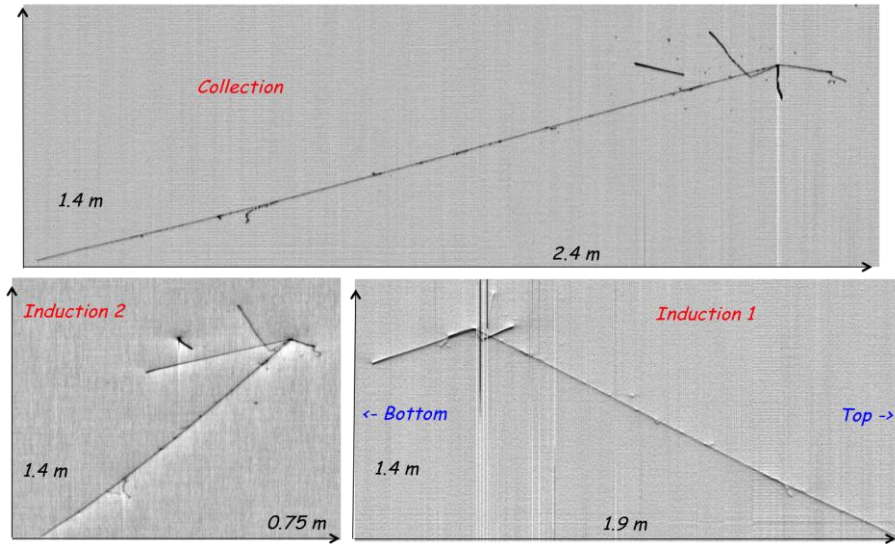


Towards automatic neutrino search: atmospheric ν -1

- Cosmic ray events recorded in ~ 0.48 kton y exposure (2012-2013 run), are being analyzed to study atmospheric ν events, of interest since they cover the energy range of the upcoming SBN experiment at FNAL.
- Incoming c-rays are rejected (by factor ~ 100) and ν candidates pre-selected by two automatic procedures, then validated by visual scanning:
 - a) reconstruction of vertex of multi-prong candidates ($\sim 30\%$ MC eff. for $\nu_{\mu}CC$); $\sim 42\%$ of the exposure analyzed;
 - b) selection optimized for ν_eCC rejecting straight incoming tracks with $\sim 70\%$, $\sim 18\%$ MC eff. for ν_eCC and $\nu_{\mu}CC$ respectively); $\sim 65\%$ of sample analyzed;
- Globally 7 $\nu_{\mu}CC$ and 8 ν_eCC atmospheric ν events have been so far identified.

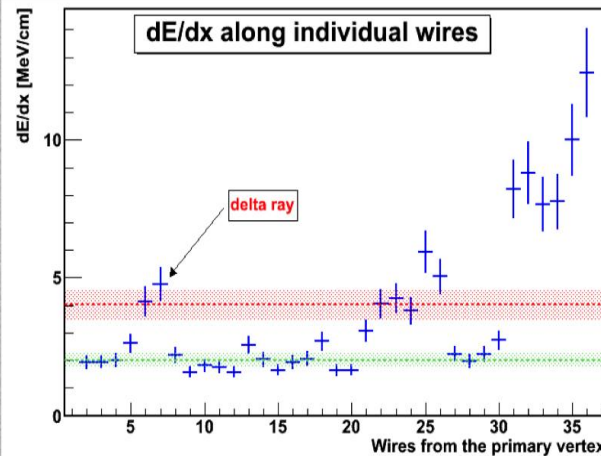
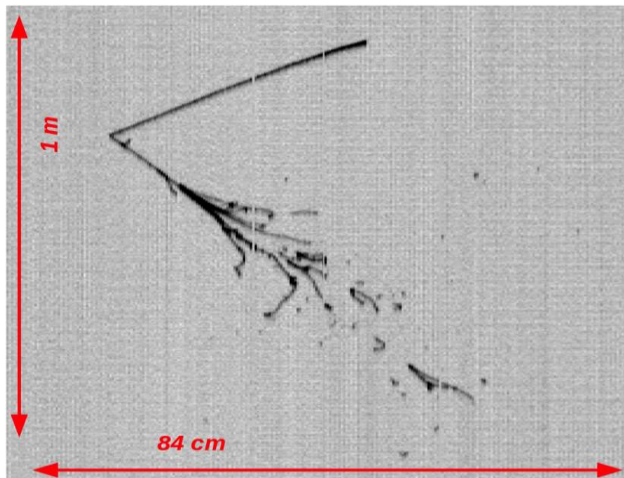


Towards automatic neutrino search: atmospheric ν - 2



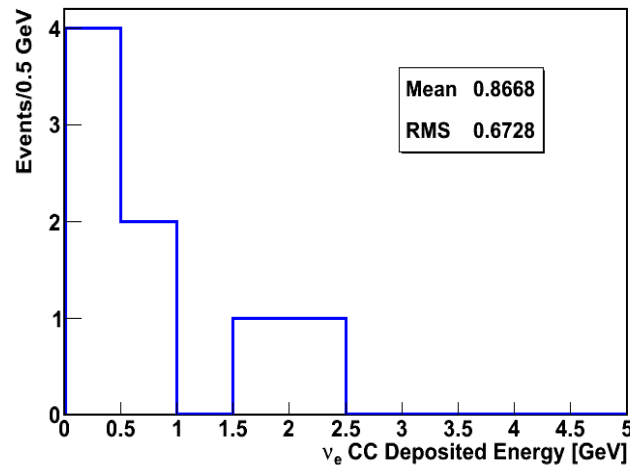
Upward-going ν_μ CC:

- $E_{\text{Dep}} = 1.7 \text{ GeV}$.
- 4 m escaping muon.
- Muon momentum = $1.8 \pm 0.3 \text{ GeV}/c$ from multiple scattering.

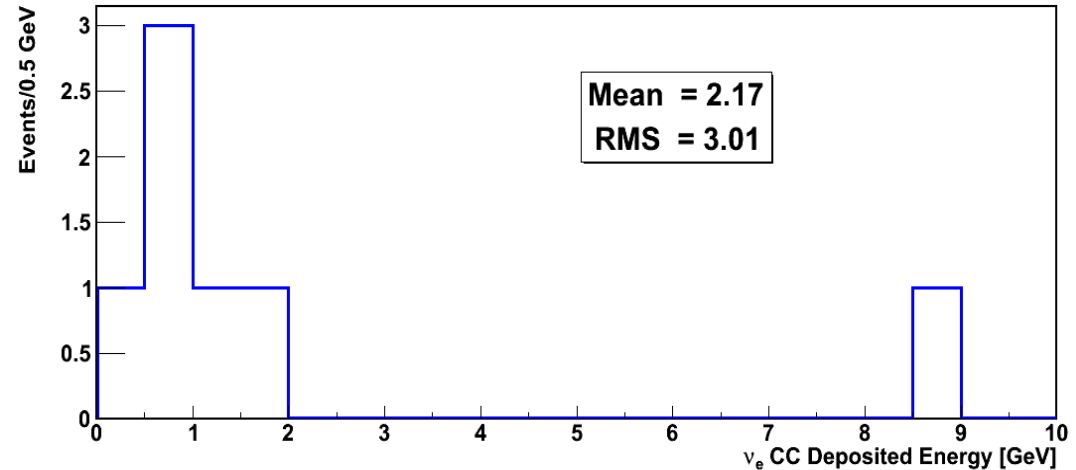


- Clear primary electron initiating (single m.i.p.) shower.

Towards automatic neutrino search: atmospheric ν - 3



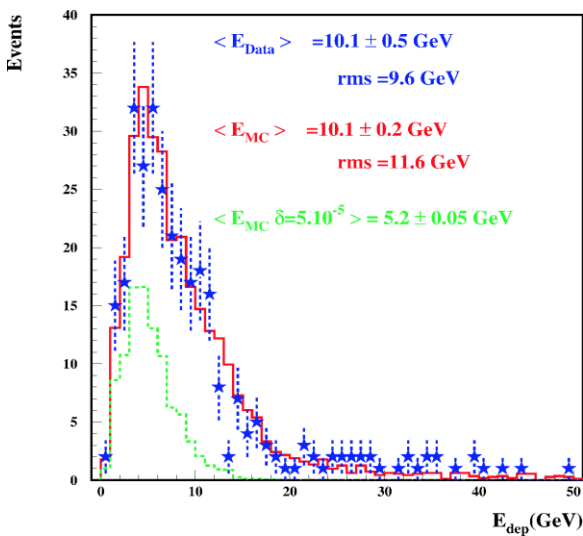
ν_e CC energy distribution (8 events)



ν_μ CC energy distribution (7 events)

- By-product: addressing nucleon decay search in selected channels involving kaons (competitive with PGD limits):
 - study on a single event basis with virtually zero background: $n \rightarrow K^+ e^-$;
 - a first study of MC events indicates an overall $\approx 80\%$ selection and identification efficiency of the automatic pre-filter.

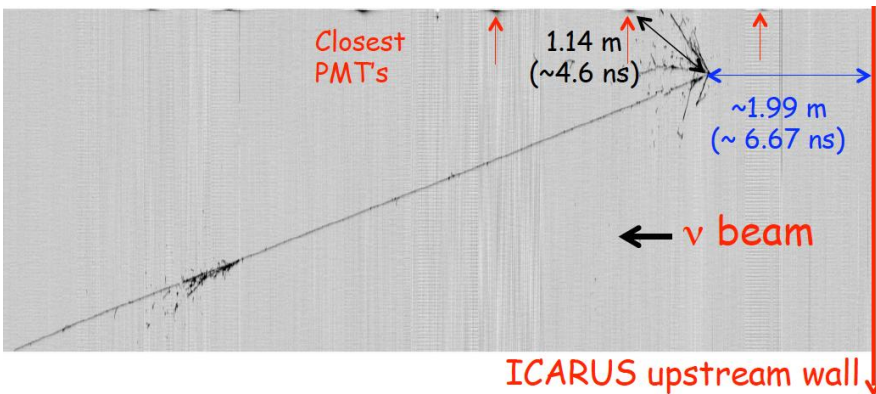
Search for superluminal neutrinos



- Search of effects of ν energy loss by analogous to the Cherenkov rad. emission (Cohen, Glashow, PRL 107 2011)
- No distortion in the measured deposited ν energy, no observed e^+e^- pair $\rightarrow \delta = (v_n^2 - c^2)/c^2 < 2.5 \cdot 10^{-8} @90\% \text{ CL}$
[$\delta < 1.4 \cdot 10^{-8}$ (SK atmosph. ν); $\delta < 4 \cdot 10^{-9}$ (SN1987A)]

M. Antonello et al., Phys. Lett. B., 711, 270-275 (2012)

- Direct measurement of CERN to T600 ν t.o.f. with special bunched beam:



M. Antonello et al., JHEP 049 (2012)

- First measurement in 2011: 7 ν events $\rightarrow \delta t = \text{tof}_c - \text{tof}_\nu = 0.3 \pm 4.9_{\text{stat}} \pm 9.0_{\text{syst}} \text{ ns}$

M. Antonello et al., Phys. Lett. B., 713, 17-22 (2012)

- Precision measurement in 2012: 25 ν events (new precision geodesy, 4 timing systems, special PMT DAQ)

$$\delta t = +0.10 \pm 0.67_{\text{stat}} \pm 2.39_{\text{syst}} \text{ ns}$$

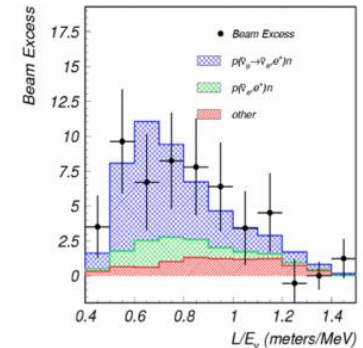
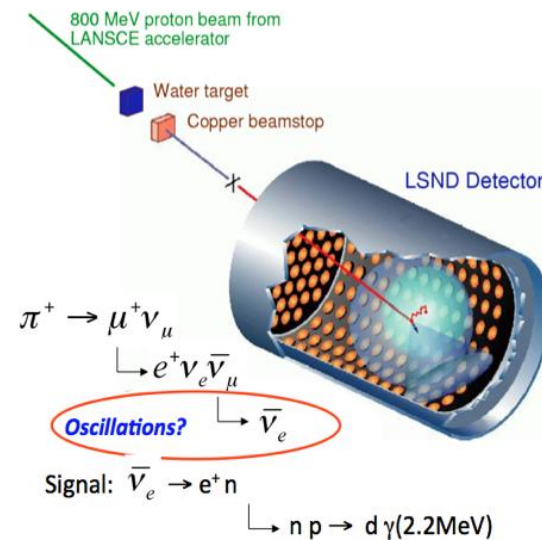
Demonstration of ICARUS capability to measure the event absolute time with ns resolution, a key feature for the next shallow depth operation

Persisting anomalies in the neutrino sector

- Neutrino oscillations established a coherent picture with the mixing of physical ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ with small mass difference. However three main classes of anomalies have been reported, namely the observation of:

- **Electron- ν excess signals** from muon- ν at accelerators by LSND (3.8 σ) + MiniBooNE
- **Disappearance of anti- ν_e** by near-by nuclear reactor experiments (event rate $R = 0.938 \pm 0.023$).
- **Disappearance of ν_e** hinted by solar ν experiments in the calibration with Mega-Curie ν sources ($R = 0.86 \pm 0.05$).

The LSND Anomaly



Saw an excess of $\bar{\nu}_e$:
 $87.9 \pm 22.4 \pm 6.0$ events.

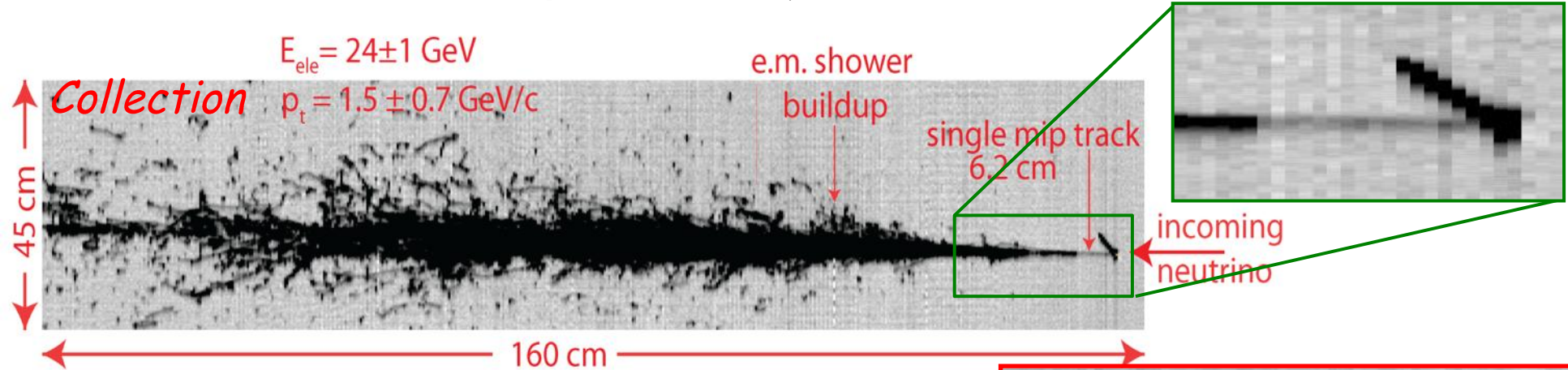
With an oscillation probability of
 $(0.264 \pm 0.067 \pm 0.045)\%$.

3.8 σ evidence for oscillation.

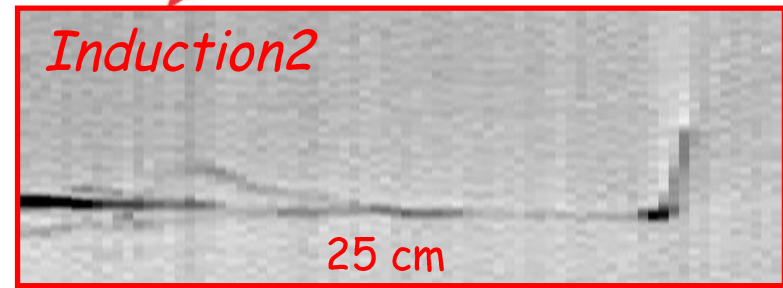
- Other anomalies have been recently risen from reactors (NEOS anti- ν_e spectrum), atmospheric ν (IceCube latest results on ν_μ disappearance), CMB (constraint of massive sterile ν to $m_s < 0.26$ eV at 95% CL).
- All these independent signals may all point out to the possible existence of at least a 4th non standard/heavier "sterile" ν state driving oscillations at small distances, with $\Delta m_{\text{new}}^2 < 1$ eV² and relatively small $\sin^2(2\theta_{\text{new}})$ mixing angles.
- ICARUS addressed the LSND anomaly with the CNGS beam performing a sensitive search for a possible LSND-like $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ oscillations.

ν_e CC identification in CNGS beam

- The unique detection properties of the LAr-TPC allow to identify unambiguously individual e-events with high efficiency in Collection and Induction2

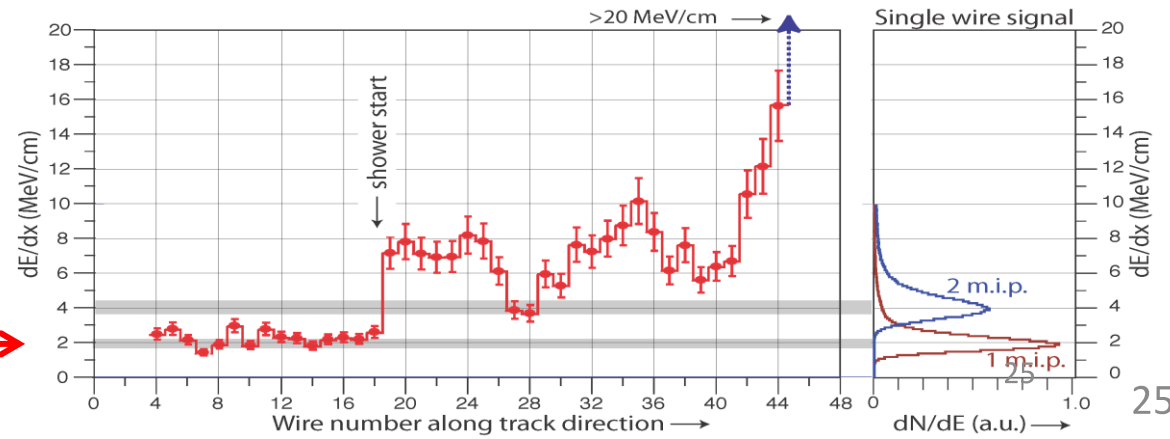


Single electron at interaction vertex well identified in Induction view



Evolution in Collection view from single m.i.p. to e.m. shower evident from dE/dx on individual wires.

Single m.i.p.



LSND-like search by the ICARUS experiment at LNGS

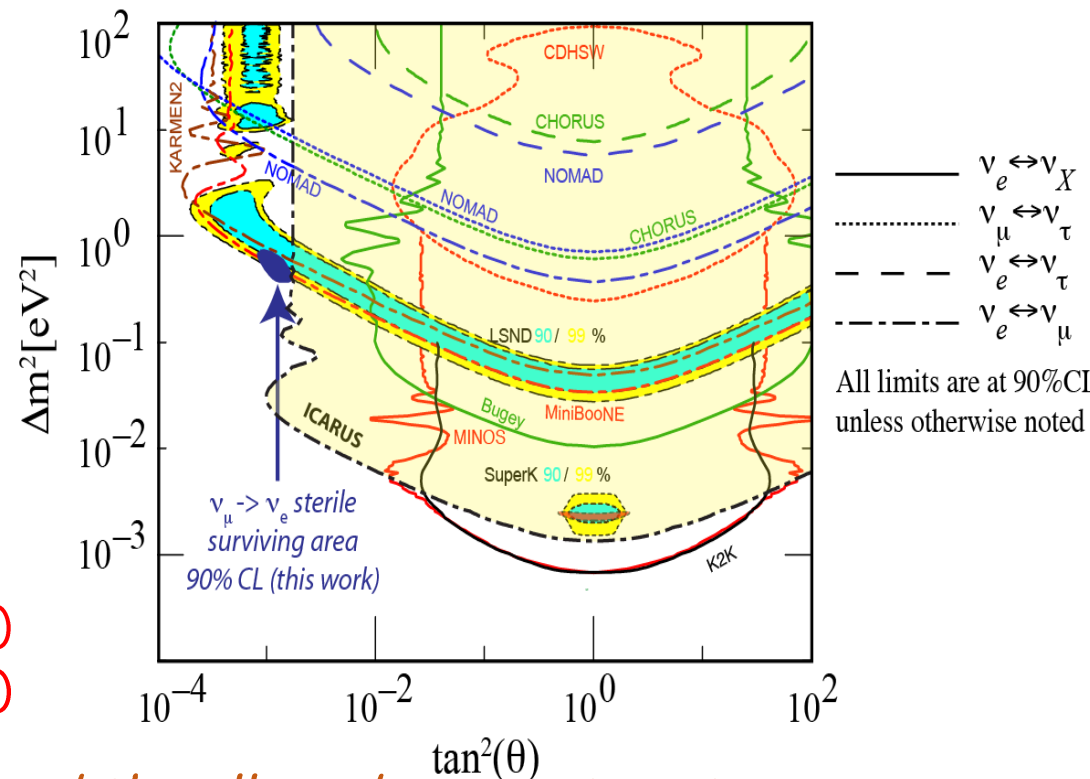
- ICARUS searched for ν_e excess related to $L/E_\nu \sim 1 \text{ m/MeV}$ LSND anomaly on CNGS ν_μ beam ($\sim 1\%$ intrinsic ν_e) in 10-30 GeV E_ν range at $L=732 \text{ km}$;
- At CNGS $L/E_\nu \sim 36.5 \text{ m/MeV}$: LSND-like oscillation signal averages to $\sin^2(1.27 \Delta m_{\text{new}}^2 L/E) \sim 1/2$. Compared to MINOS and T2K, ICARUS operated in L/E_ν range where contributions from standard oscillations not yet relevant.
- Globally 7 e-like events found in 7.93×10^{19} pot statistics consistent with the 8.4 ± 1.1 expectation from intrinsic ν_e beam + standard oscill. providing the limits in 2 ν oscillation framework:

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \leq 3.92 \times 10^{-3} \text{ at } 90\% \text{ CL}$$

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \leq 7.83 \times 10^{-3} \text{ at } 99\% \text{ CL}$$

M. Antonello et al., Eur.Phys.J.C 73 2345(2013)

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ICARUS, and OPERA, results constrained the allowed parameters to a narrow region at $\Delta m^2 < 1 \text{ eV}^2$, where all the experimental results can be coherently accommodated at 90% C.L, calling for a definitive experiment.

Conclusions

- The LAr-TPC detection technique has been taken to full maturity with ICARUS T600. It is a result of many years of R&D with continuous support of INFN.
- ICARUS completed in 2013 a successful continuous three year run at LNGS exposed to CNGS ν 's and c-rays obtaining remarkable physics and technical achievements and proving the effectiveness of the single phase LAr-TPC technology for ν physics.
- The ability in reconstructing ν interactions with complex topologies in a broad energy range, combined with an efficient identification of primary electrons and an unique e/γ separation, allows rejecting backgrounds in the search for $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ transitions at an unprecedented level.
- ICARUS performed a sensitive search for a potential ν_e excess related to LSND-like anomaly with CNGS defining, with the other experimental results, a narrower region at $\Delta m^2 < 1 \text{ eV}^2$, which has to be investigated to definitively settle the LSND hint of sterile ν . Atmospheric neutrinos have been identified in the ongoing data analysis.
- ICARUS underwent a major overhauling at CERN before to be exposed to FNAL BNB aiming at a definitive experiment covering with 5σ the LSND hint for sterile ν 's.

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