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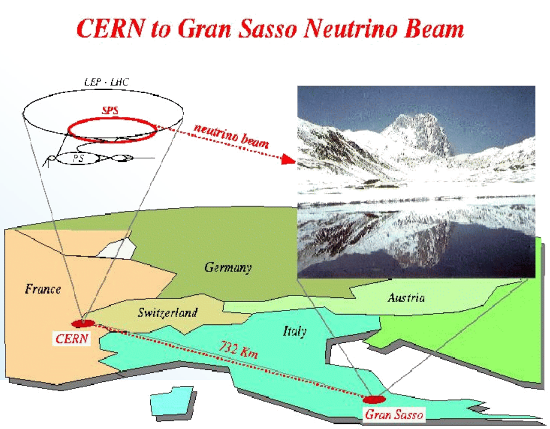
Results from OPERA

- ν oscillation
- ν time-of-flight

Goal: direct detection of $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ neutrino oscillation in **appearance** mode

22.5 x 10^{19} pot
23600 ν_μ CC+NC
520 $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC+NC
160 $\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$ CC
115 ν_τ CC



Requirements:

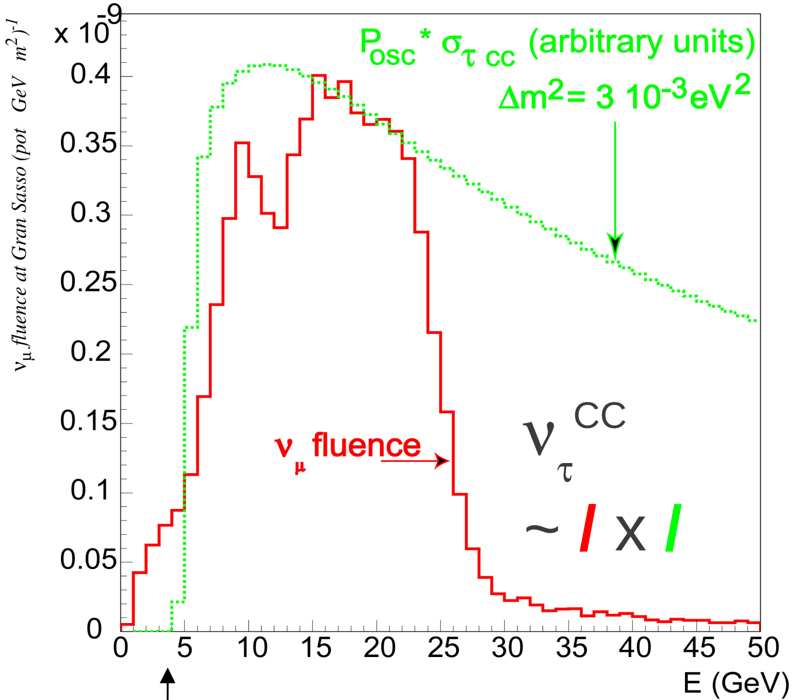
1) high neutrino energy (τ cross section)

1) long baseline (atmosferic Δm^2)

3) high beam intensity (L=730 km) + large mass

5) exceptional granularity to detect the short lived τ leptons

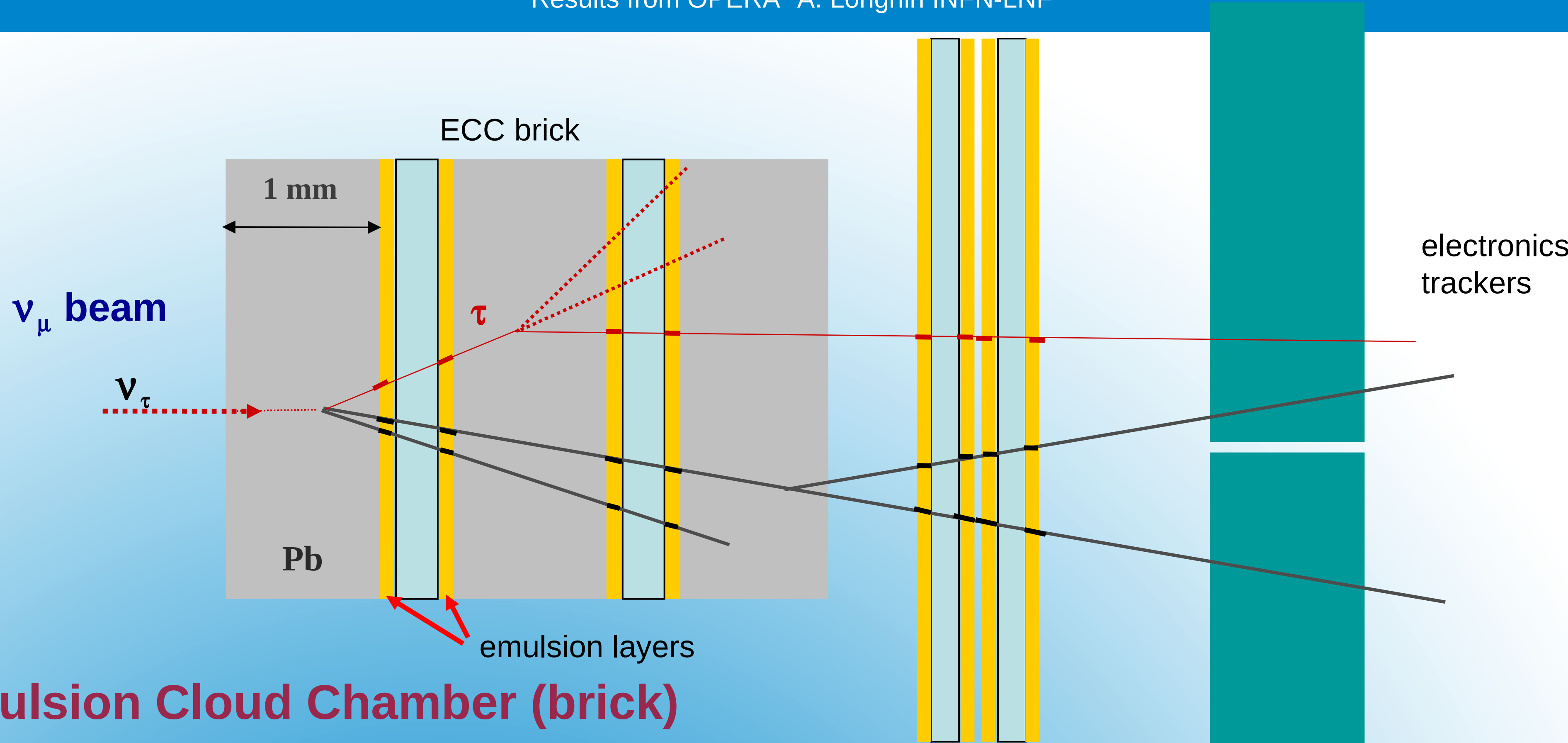
– **a major engineering and experimental challenge**:
- CNGS beam: **O(10) more energetic** wrt any other LBL
- Emulsion/electronic hybrid detector: **O(100) more massive** than SBL ancestors (i.e. CHORUS)



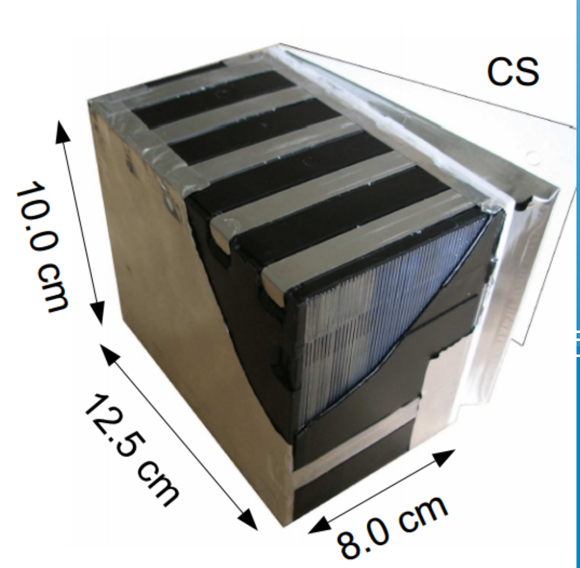
τ threshold ~ 3.5 GeV, slow rise

$[(m_\tau+m_p)^2 - m_p^2] / 2m_p$

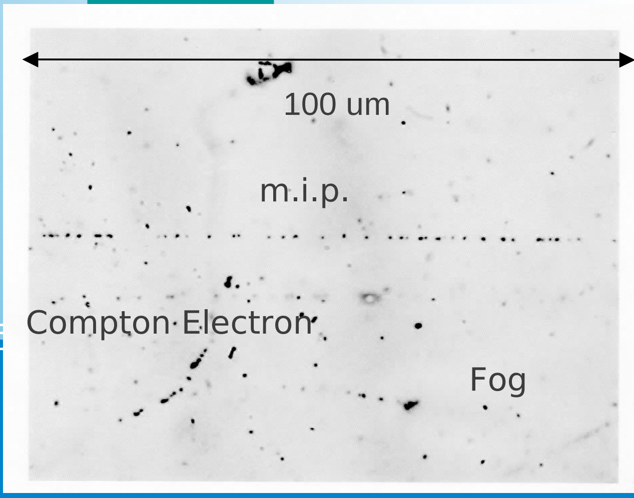
$$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$$



Emulsion Cloud Chamber (brick)



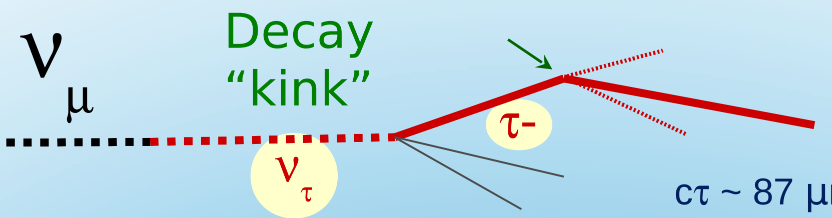
57+56 emulsion (300um)+lead(1mm) plates
External removable doublet (CS)
150000 units in total (8.3 kg each). 1.25 kton
Position: 1 um, slope: 2 mrad at single plate
e.m. calorimetry: $\sigma/E = 40\%/\sqrt{E}$
MCS: $\Delta p/p < 0.2$ after 5 X^0 up to 4 GeV



Conceptual design

Separation of ν_τ CC from the dominant ν_μ interactions:

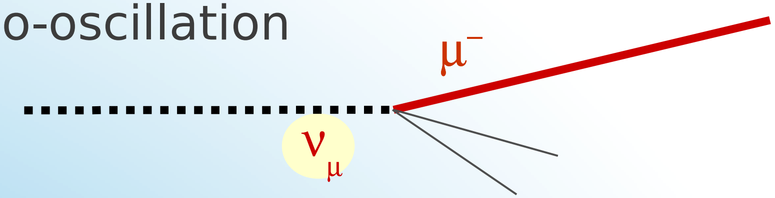
event-by-event identification of the peculiar τ decay topology



$c\tau \sim 87$ μm
~ 600 μm decay length

35% QE, 65% DIS

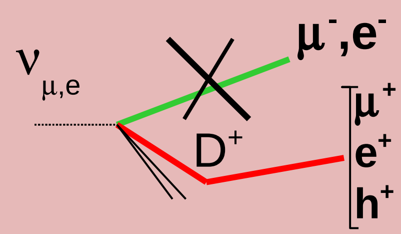
no-oscillation



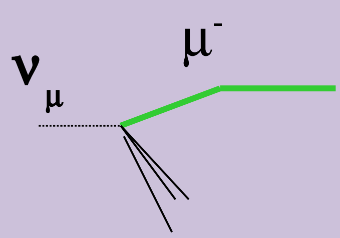
11% QE, 89% DIS

Backgrounds

CC charm production
(all decay channels)

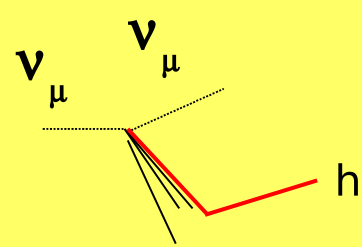


Coulomb large angle scattering of muons in lead
Bck. to $\tau \to \mu$

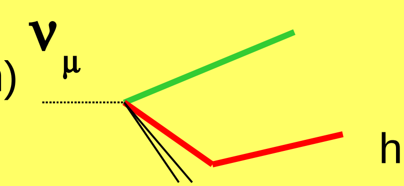


Hadronic interactions

Bck. to $\tau \to$ h



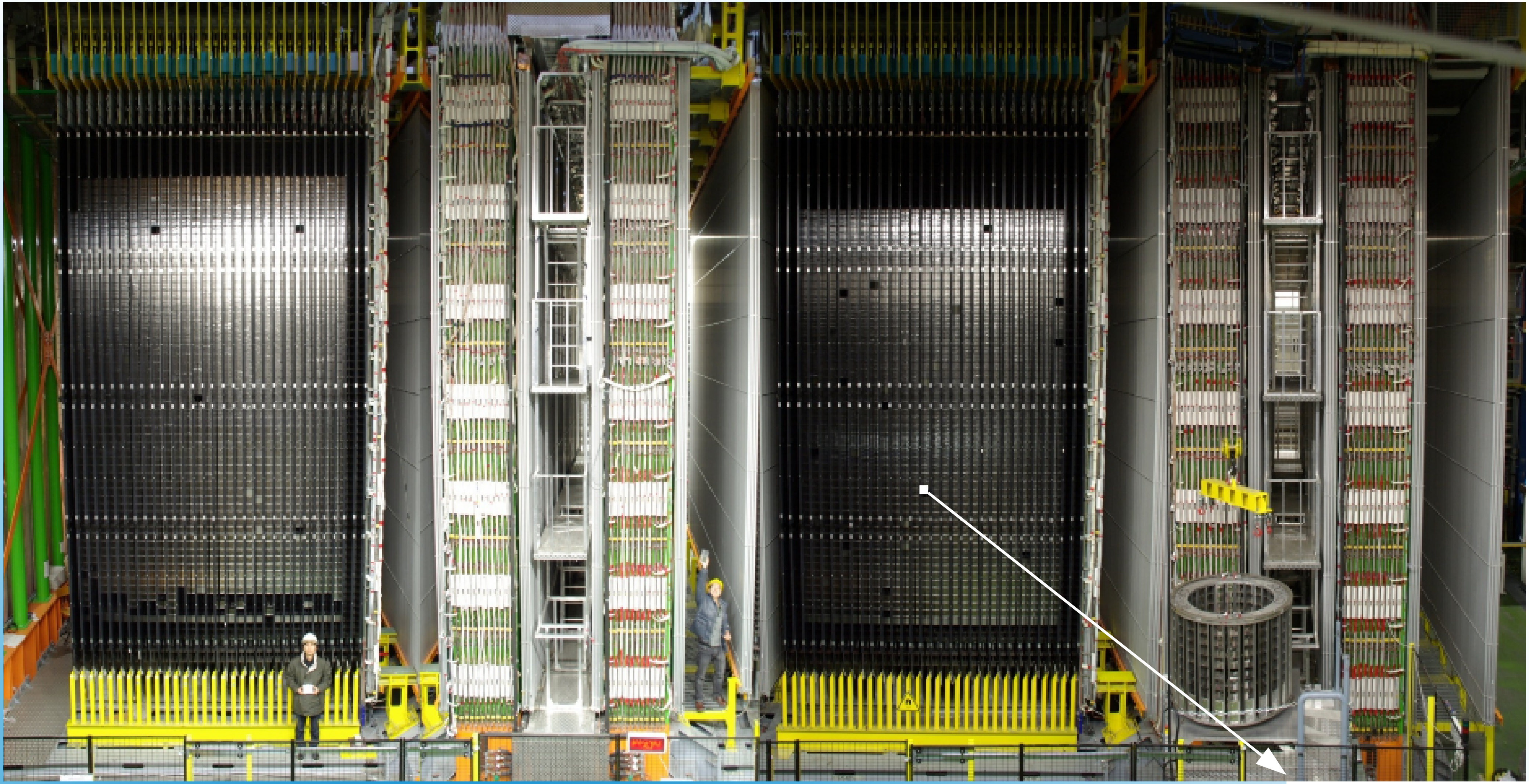
or to $\tau \to \mu$
(if hadron misid or mismatched with muon)



ν_τ detection

$$\nu_\mu \xrightarrow{\text{oscillation}} \nu_\tau + N \to \tau^- + X$$

Super Module 1 Super Module 2

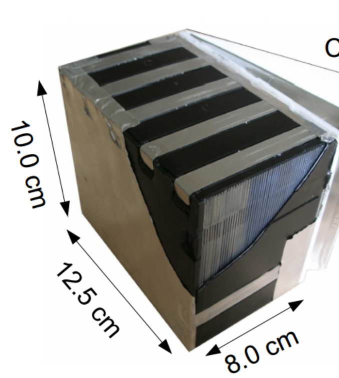


Target area

μ spectrometer

150000 units in total. 1.25 kton

The detector



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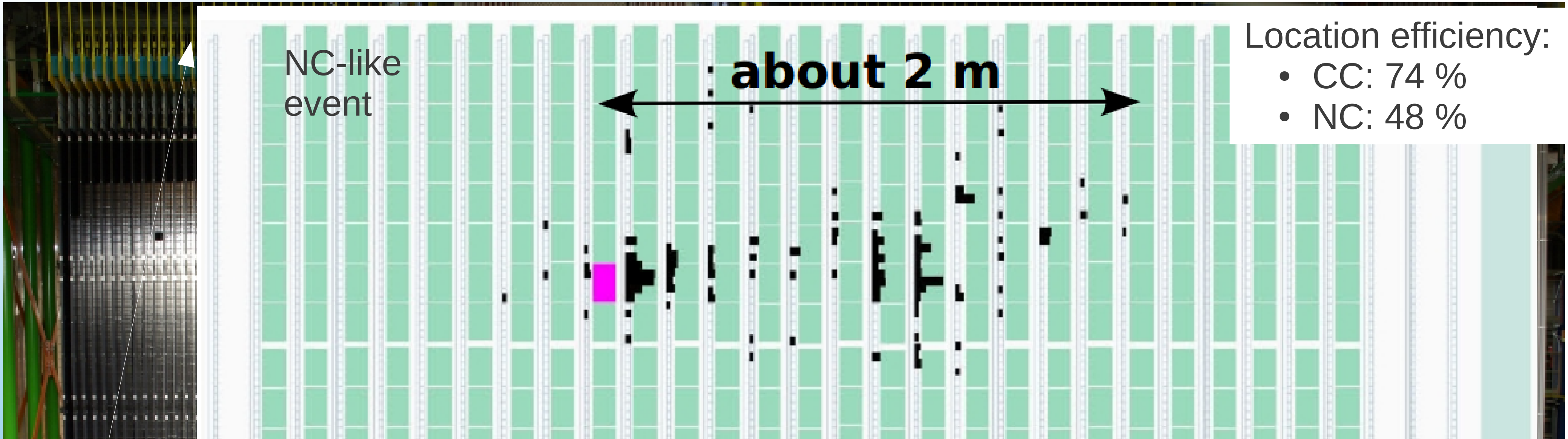
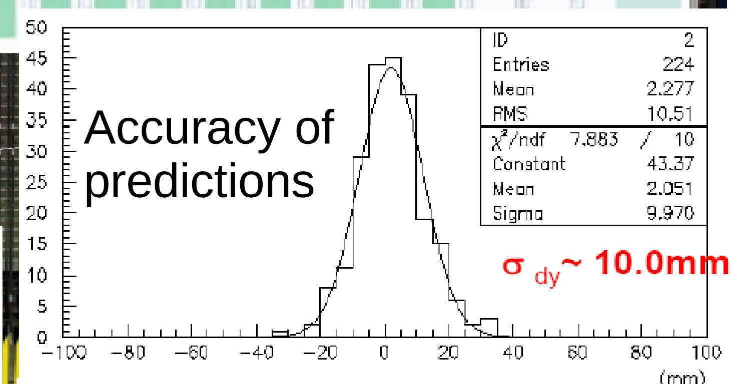
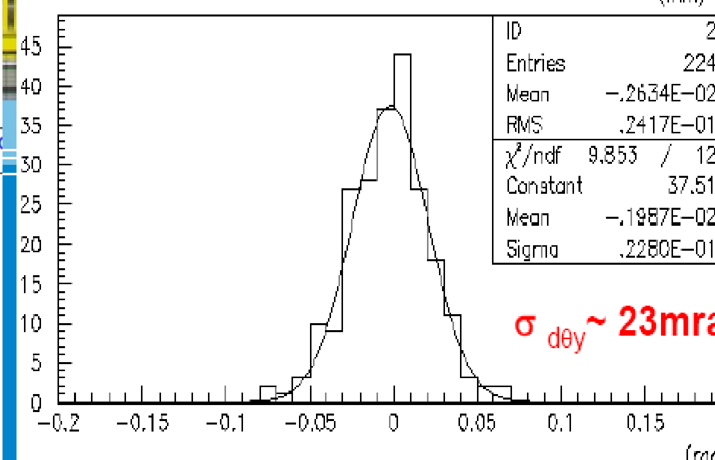
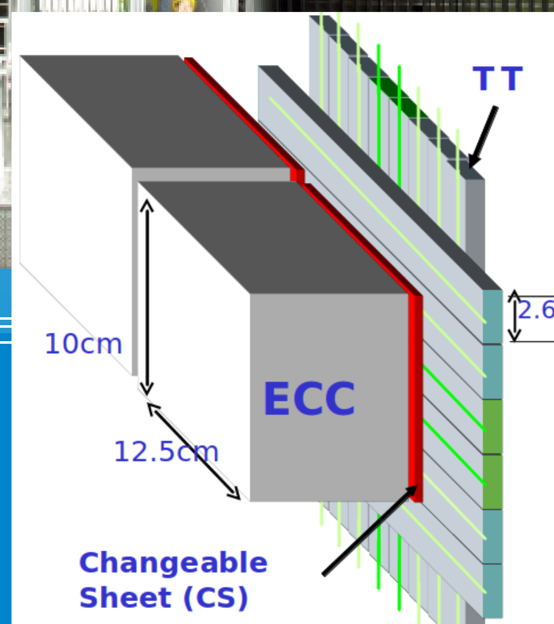


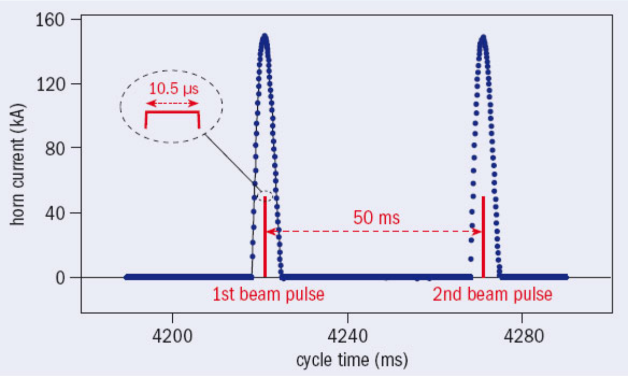
Location efficiency:
- CC: 74 %
- NC: 48 %

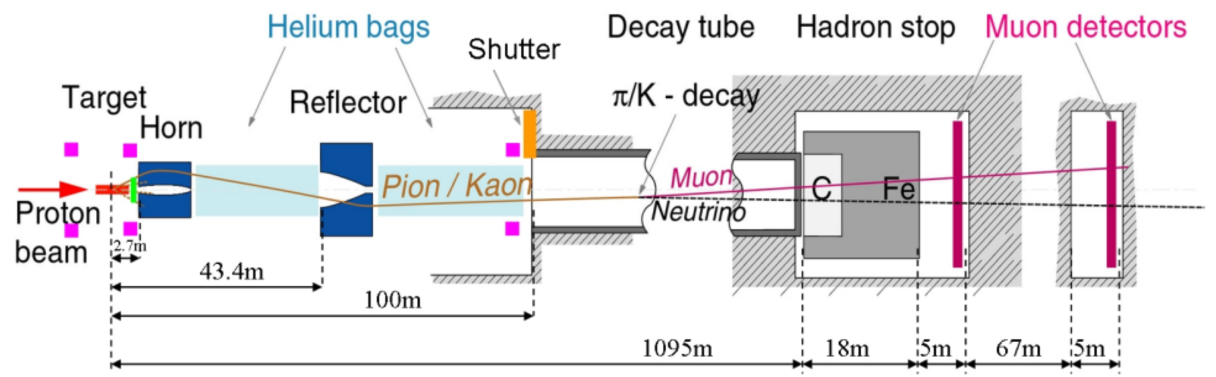


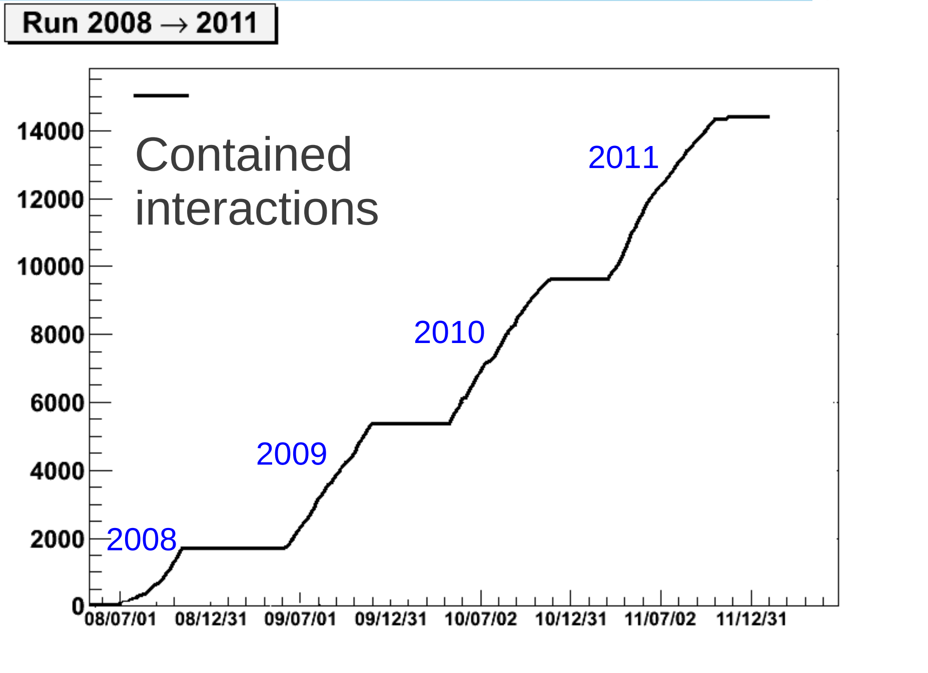




Brick finding







Year	Days	p.o.t. (10^{19})	ν interactions
2008	123	1.78	1698
2009	155	3.52	3693
2010	187	4.04	4248
2011	244	4.84	4762
tot	**709**	**14.18**	**14401**

At the end of 2012 run (from March) we will hopefully be not to far from the design goal (22.5e19)

CNGS beam performance

- 2008-2009 data analysis completed (arXiv:1107.2594v1) Acc. by New Journ. of Phys.
  - 4.8×10^{19} pot, 34% of available sample, 2.6× more stat w.r.t. τ candidate publication
  - 2738 fully analysed events (decay search). No new τ

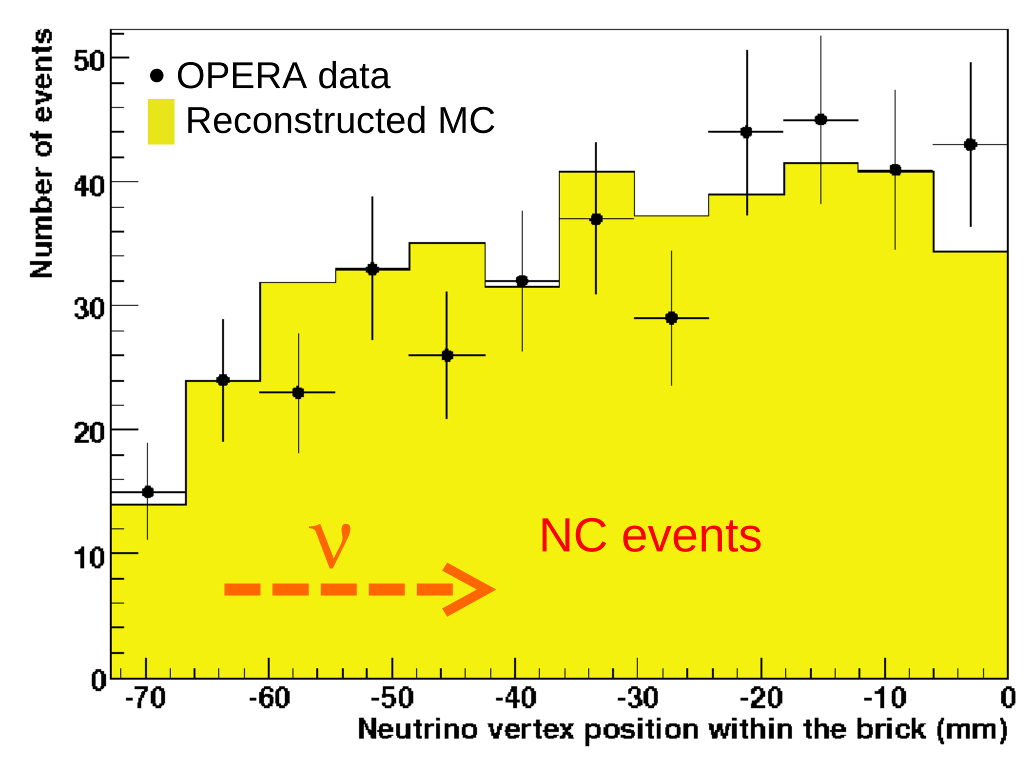
- Analysis improvements

Full simulation chain with emulsion off-line reconstruction

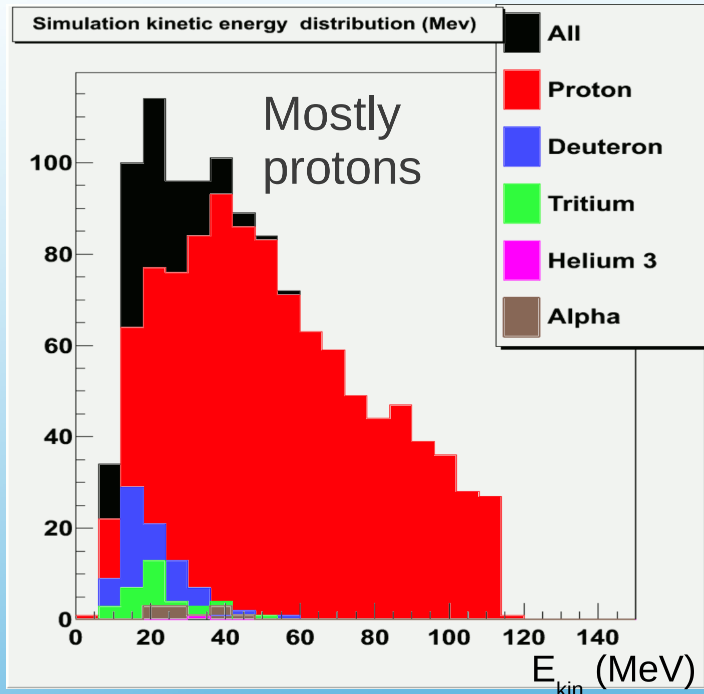
1) Search of highly ionizing tracks in hadronic interactions ($\downarrow$ bckg for $\tau \rightarrow$ h)

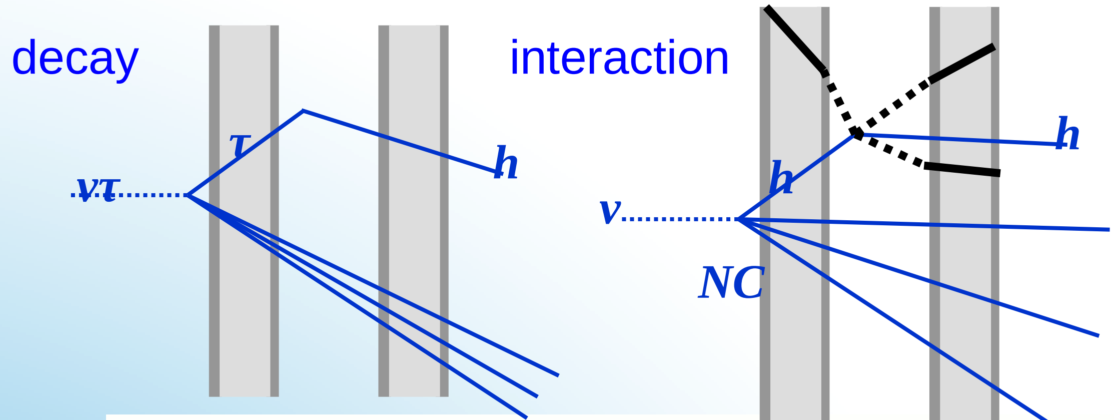
2) Follow down of vertex tracks in the emulsion $\rightarrow$ p-range correlations $\rightarrow$ increased μ-ID efficiency $\rightarrow$
$\downarrow$ charm background
$\downarrow$ hadronic bckg from ν_μ^{CC} with μ misID

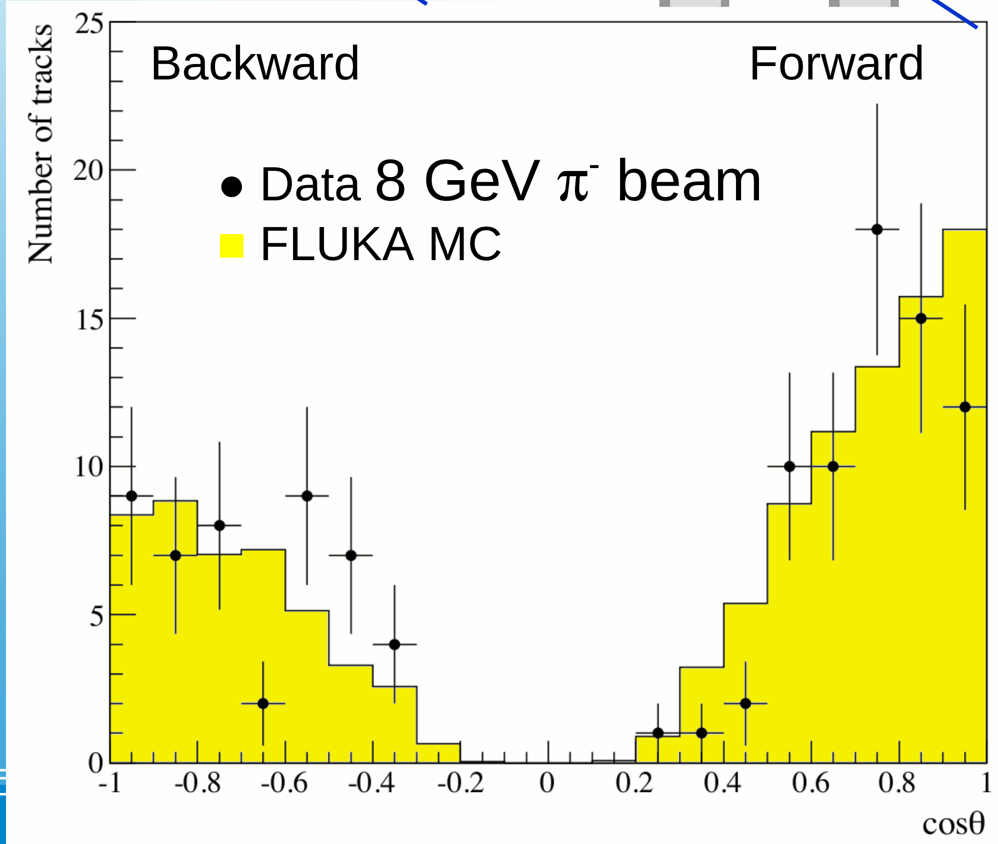
3) Implementation of state-of-the art charm cross section from CHORUS ($\uparrow\sigma$)



Statistics update and analysis improvements







Search for "black" tracks ($\gamma\beta < 0.5$)

Large field of view 2.5 x 2.1 mm^2

	data	FLUKA
≥ 1 rec. track	(57 ± 7) %	53 %
F-B asymmetry	(0.75 ± 0.15)	0.71

Highly ionizing tracks tagging

Hadronic background MC

Probability for a π,K,p to undergo a single prong "kink" with

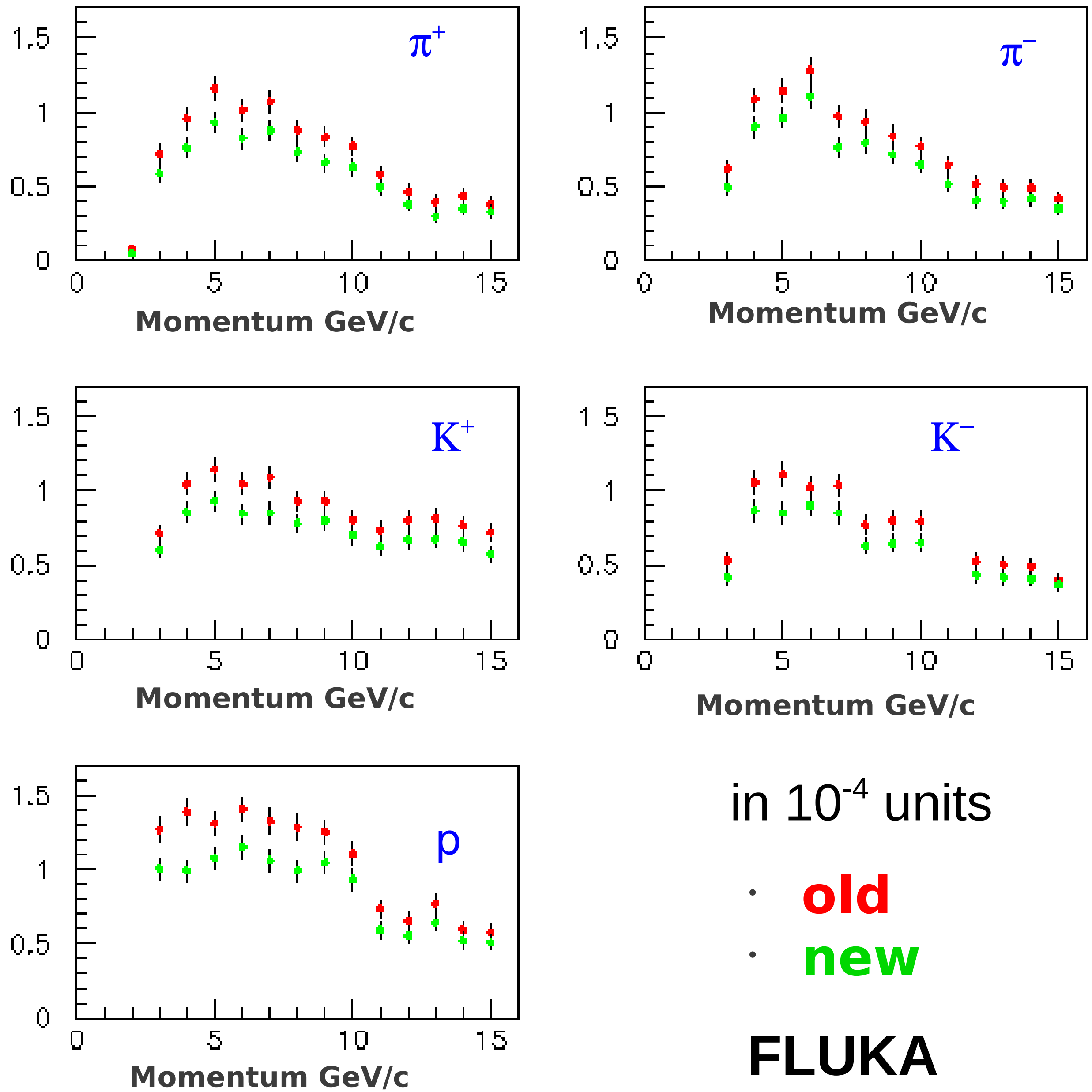
- p > 2 GeV/c
- (p_T > 0.6 GeV/c) or (p_T > 0.25 GeV/c + γ)

over 2 mm of lead

1.53×10^{-4} / NC

-20% w.r.t. old estimation

Improvements: larger angular acceptance and lower momentum threshold for additional protons and fragments

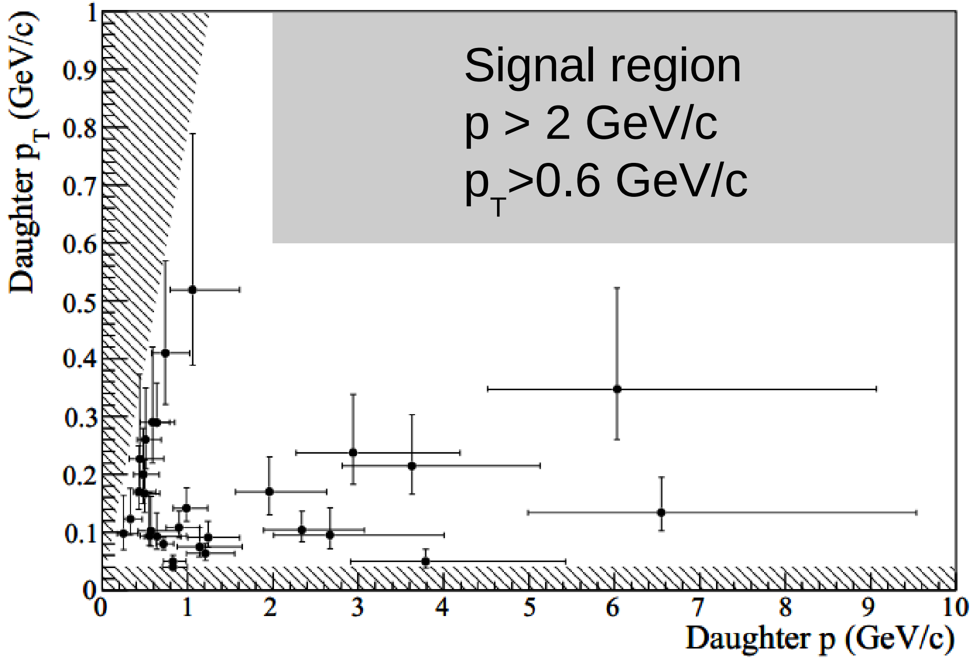


in 10^{-4} units

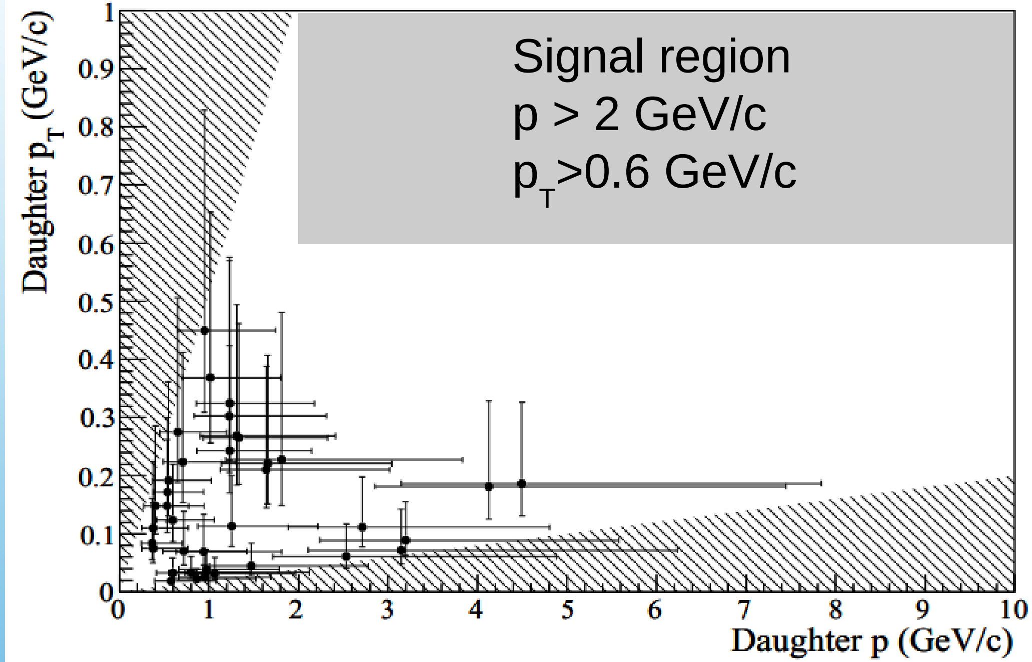
- old
- new

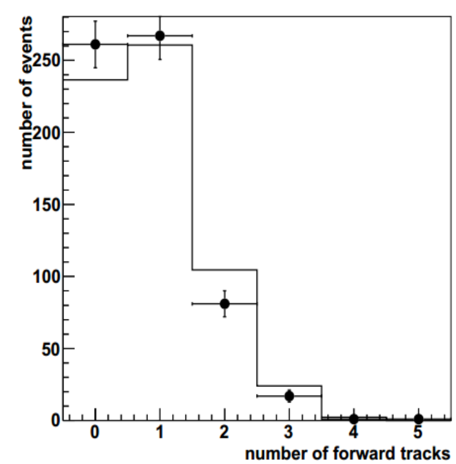
FLUKA

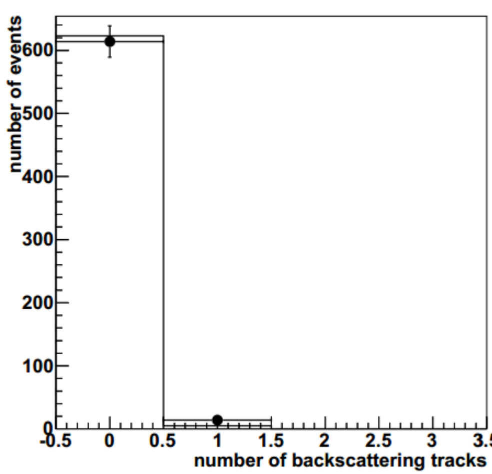
OPERA neutrino interactions



4 GeV π test beam







14 m, equivalent to 2300 NC events

No events in signal region

p_T>200 MeV/c:

observed 10
expected 10.8

Data driven hadron background constraints

	CHORUS [%] arXiv:1107.0613 [hep-ex]	@ OPERA [%]	Former value	
$\sigma(\text{charm}) / \sigma(\nu_\mu^{CC})$	5.75 ± 0.32(stat) ± 0.30(sys)	4.46	3.3	→ +35%
$f(D^+)$	25.3 ± 4.2	21.7	10	→ 2 ×
$f(\Lambda_c)$	19.2 ± 4.2	25.3	26	
$f(D_s)$	11.8 ± 4.7	9.2	18	→ ½ ×

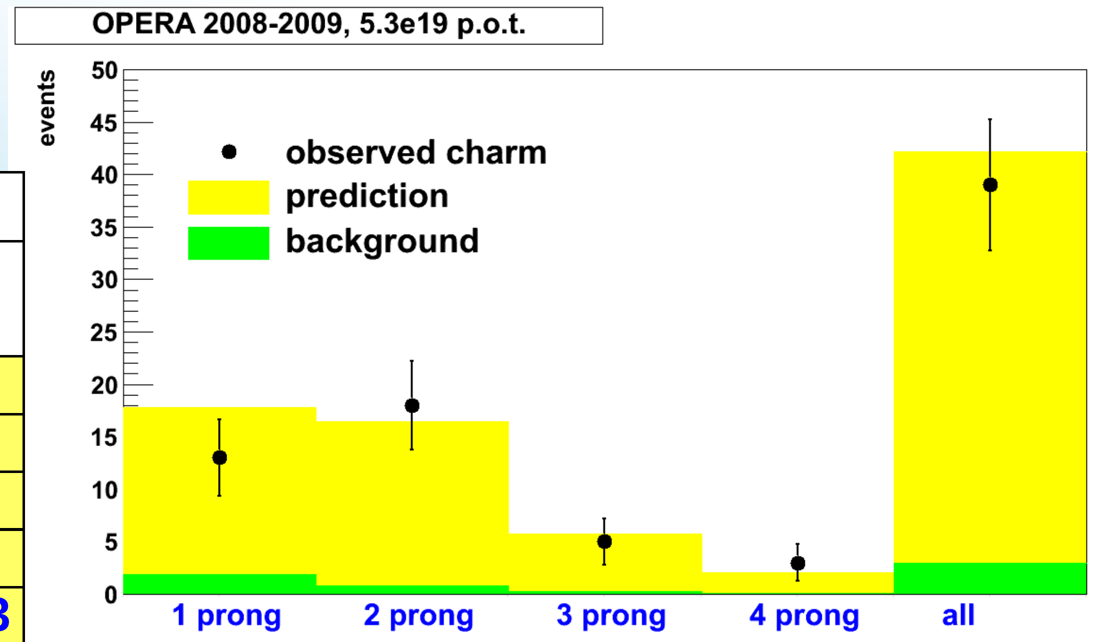
Increase from × 1.57 to × 2.43
depending on channel (h-μ)
Main contribution from D^+

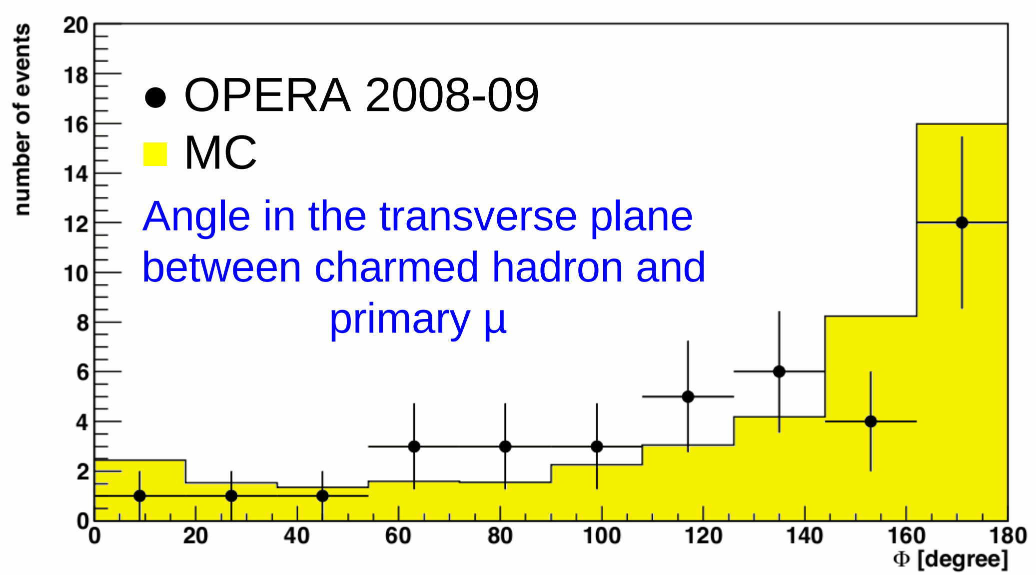
	Current	Former
$BR(D^+ \to \mu)$	9.4 ± 0.8	7^{+3}_{-2}
$BR(D_s \to \mu)$	4.4 ± 0.7	3.4 ± 1.0
$BR(\Lambda_c \to \mu)$	2.0 ± 0.7	2.0 ± 0.7

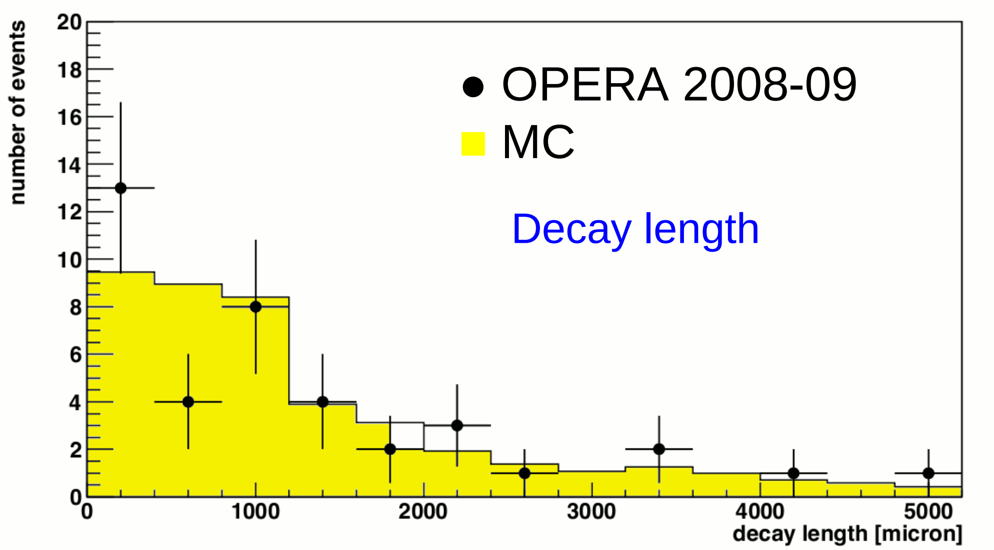
Updated charm prediction

The charm sample offers the opportunity to benchmark the τ efficiency thanks to the similar topologies

prongs	Obs.	Expected		
		Charm	Backgr.	Total
1	**13**	15.9	1.9	**17.8**
2	**18**	15.7	0.8	**16.5**
3	**5**	5.5	0.3	**5.8**
4	**3**	2.0	<0.1	**2.1**
tot	**39**	39.1 ± 7.5	3.0 ± 0.9	**42.2 ± 8.3**



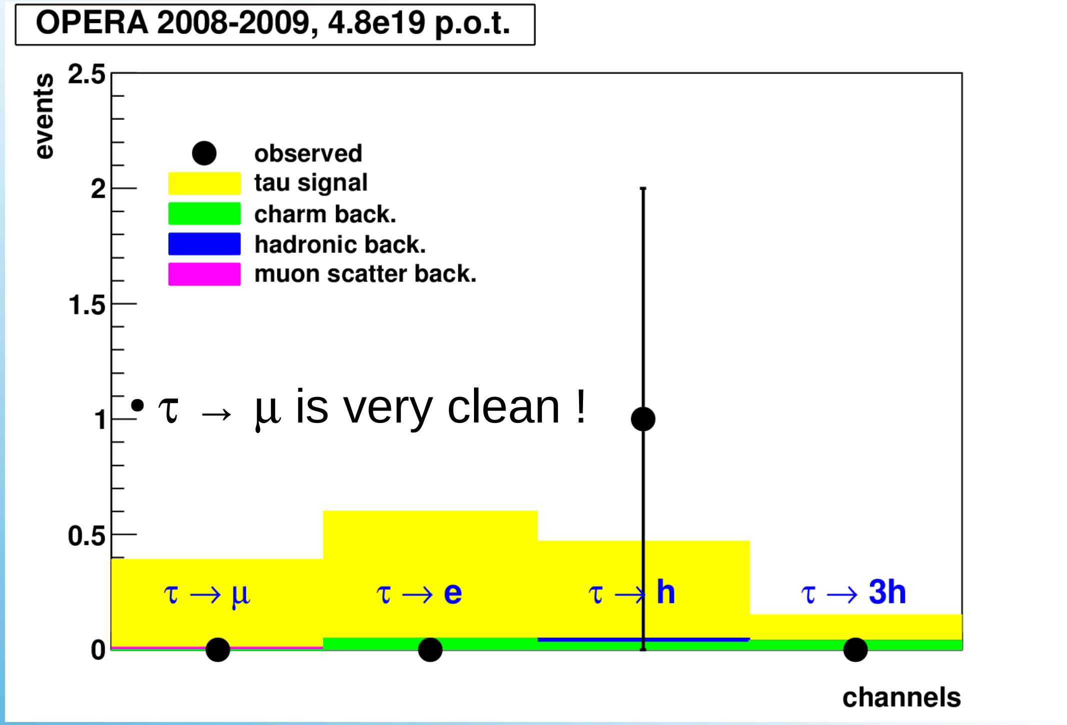




2008-2009 charm sample

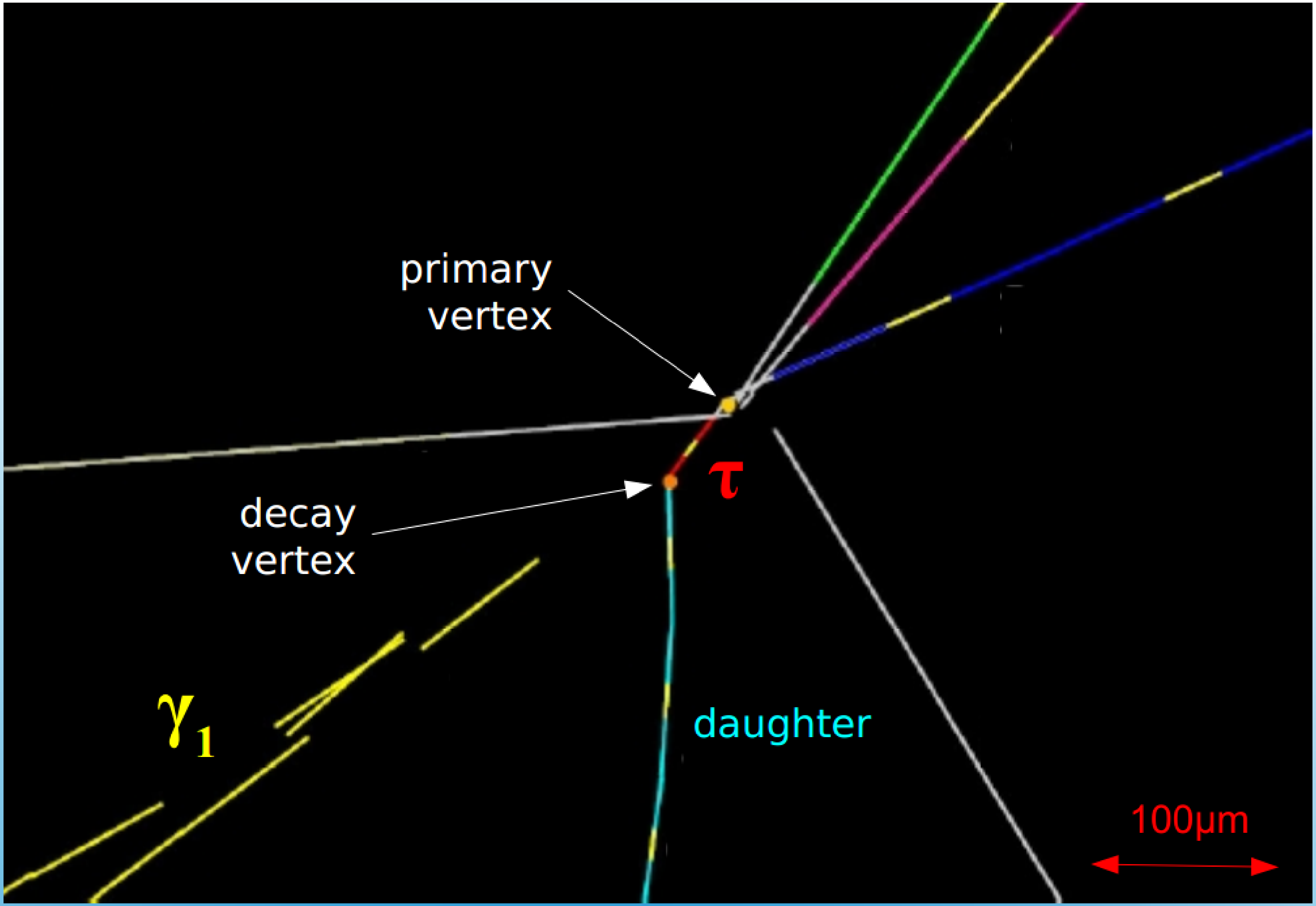
Including all the improvements in the analysis

Decay channel	Expected signal events $\Delta m^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3}$ eV^2	
	22.5 10^{19} p.o.t.	4.8 10^{19} p.o.t. (analysed)
$\tau \to \mu$	1.79	0.39
$\tau \to e$	2.89	0.63
$\tau \to h$	2.25	0.49
$\tau \to 3h$	0.71	0.15
Total	7.63	1.65



- In the analyzed sample (92% of 08/09 data)
- one ν_τ observed in the $\tau \to h$ channel compatible with the expectation of 1.65
- $\tau \to h$: probability of a background fluctuation is 5%
- 0.16 ± 0.03 total background: probability background fluctuation 15%

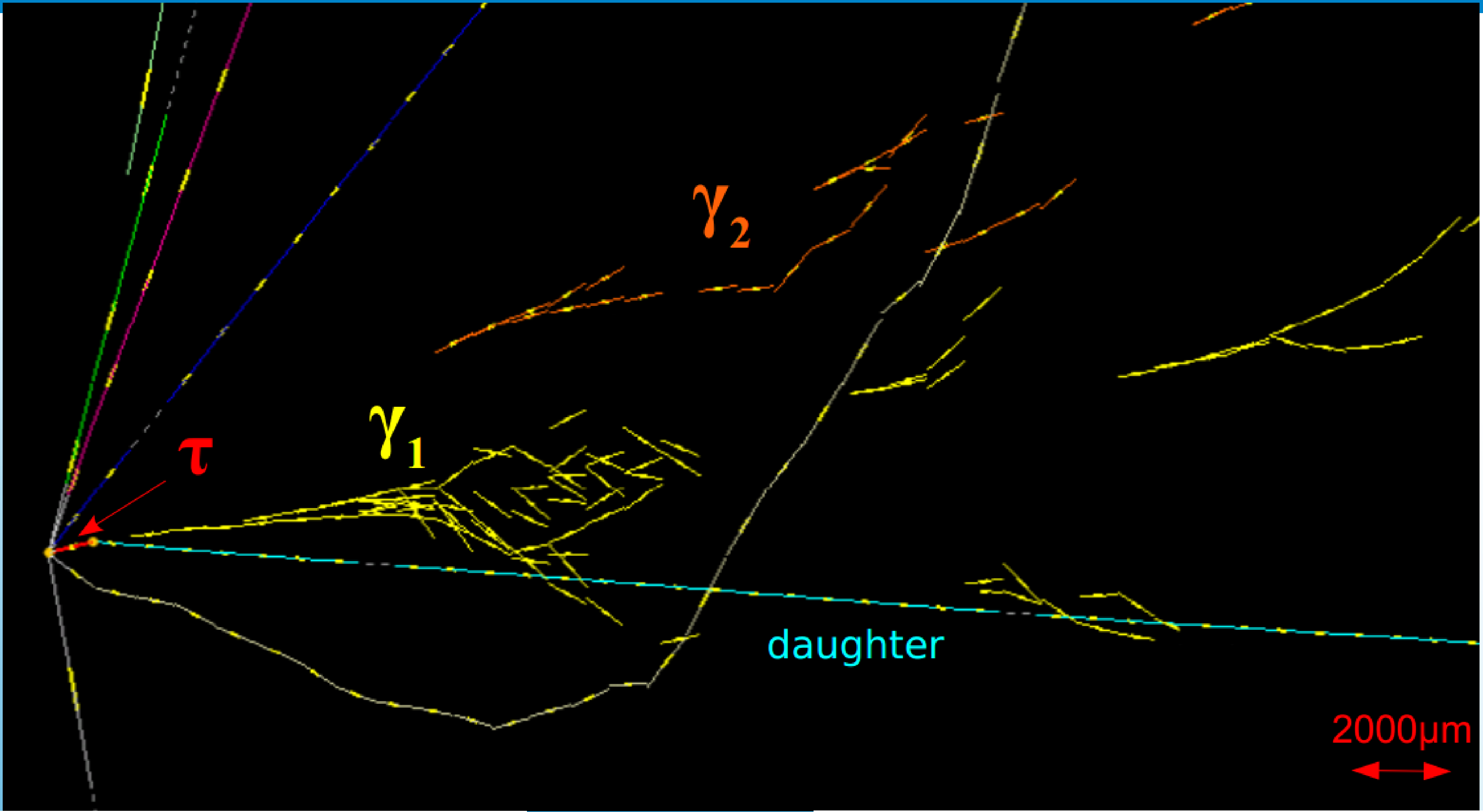
Updated sensitivity



Cuts defined at the time of proposal

Variable	Cut-off	Value
Missing P_T at primary vertex (GeV/c)	<1.0	$0.57^{+0.32}_{-0.17}$
Angle between parent track and primary hadronic shower in the transverse plane (rad)	$> \pi/2$	3.01 ± 0.03
Kink angle (mrad)	>20	41 ± 2
Daughter momentum (GeV/c)	>2	12^{+6}_{-3}
Daughter P_T when γ-ray at the decay vertex (GeV/c)	>0.3	$0.47^{+0.24}_{-0.12}$
Decay length (μm)	<2 lead plates	1335 ± 35

τ candidate



$\tau^- \rightarrow \rho^- + \nu_\tau$ (B.R. ~25%)

$\rho^- \rightarrow \pi^0 + \pi^-$ 640^{+125}_{-80} (stat.) $^{+100}_{-90}$ (sys.) MeV/c^2

$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ 120 ± 20(stat.) ± 35(sys.) MeV/c^2

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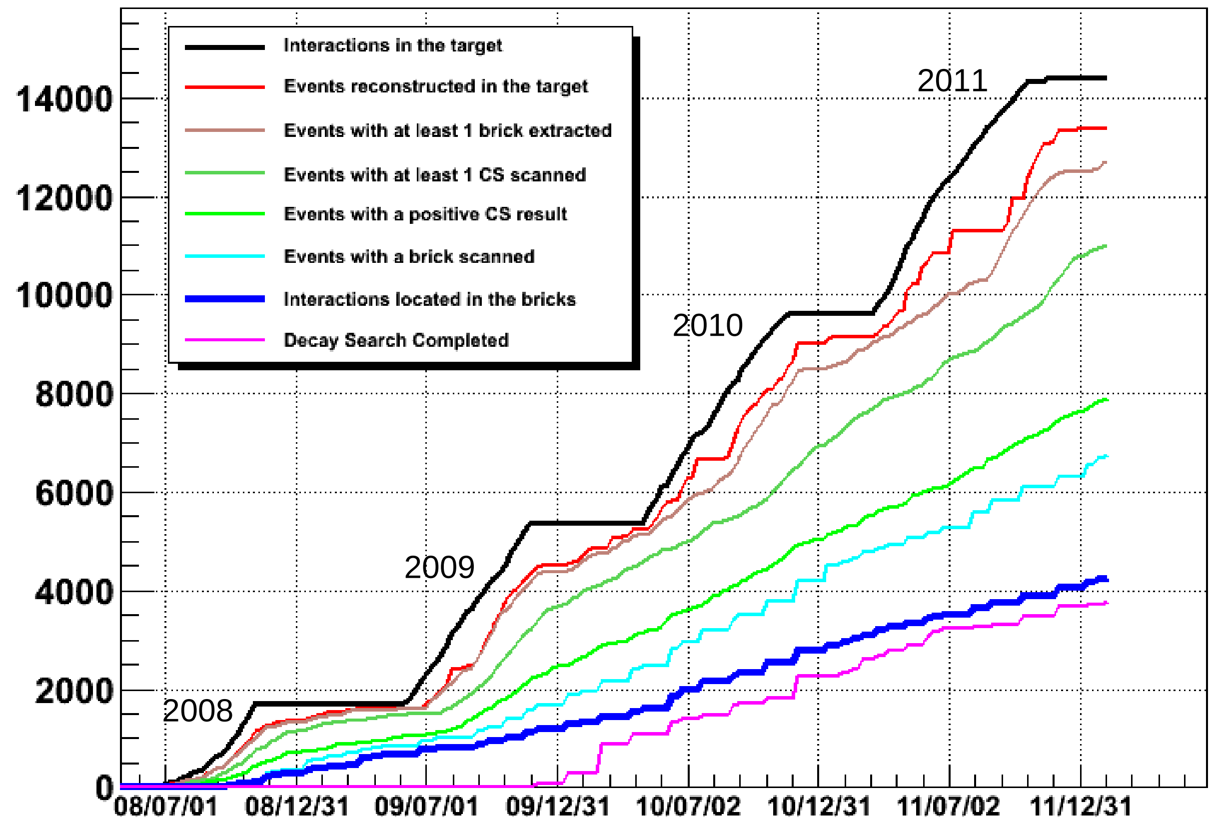
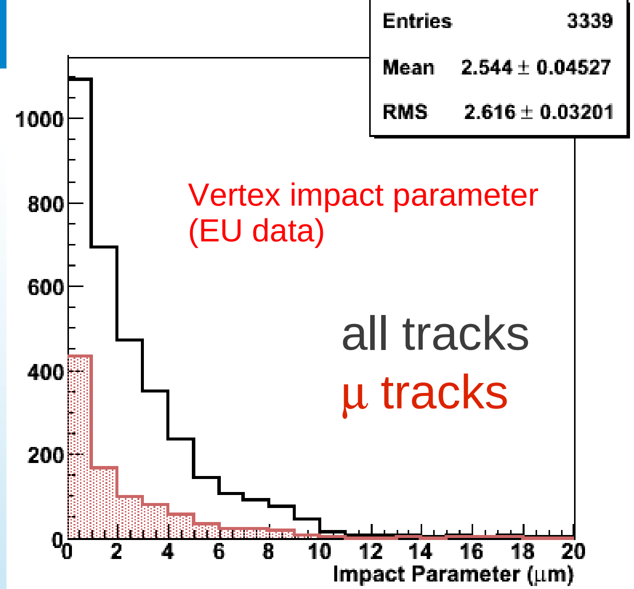
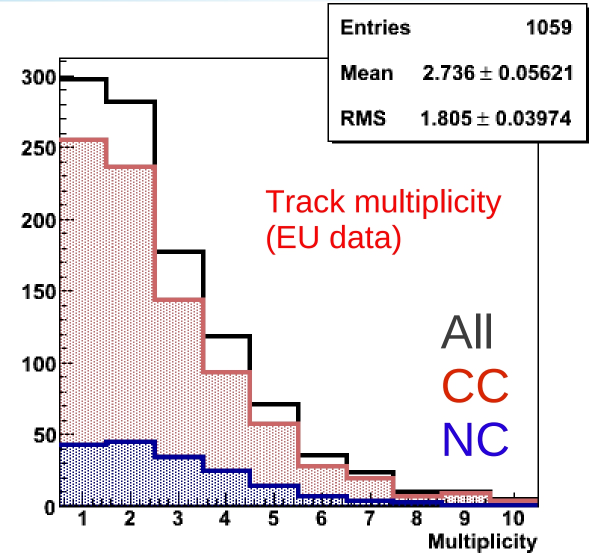
Run 2008 → 2011





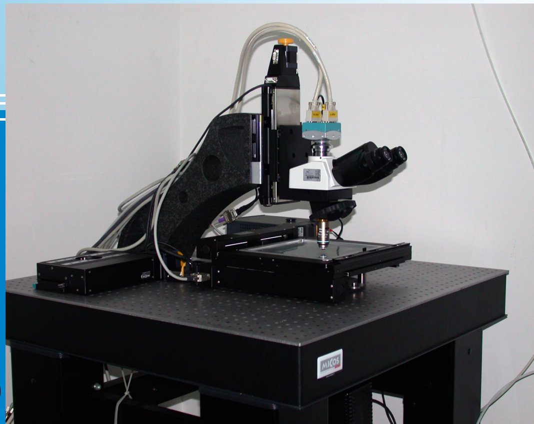


Steady progress: 4268 ν vertices in the emulsions 88% with full decay search done, 55 charm, 24 ν_e events

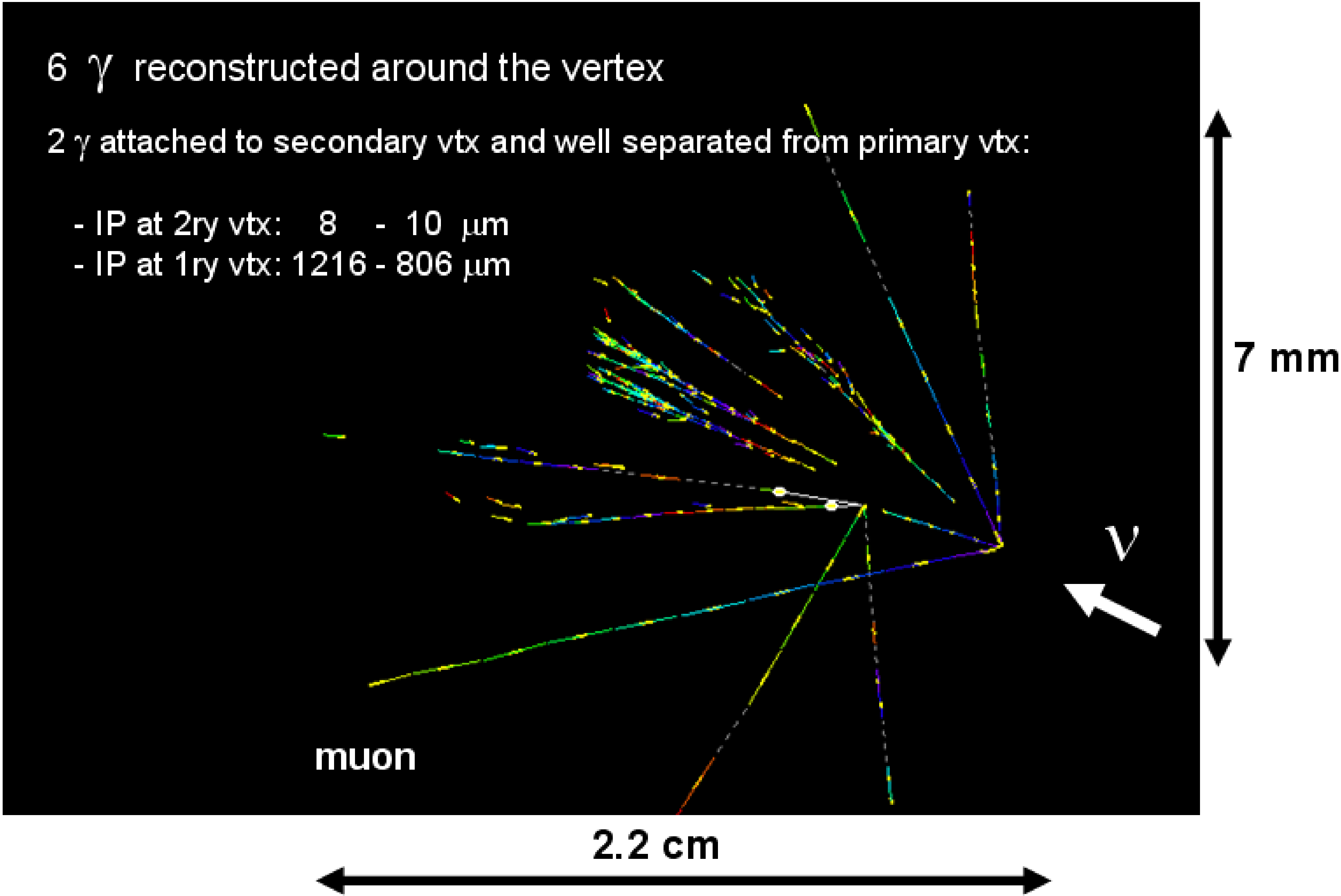
2010/2011 data, new strategy being followed: prioritize scanning of τ enriched sample (NC-like or p_μ<15 GeV/c)

Relevant p.o.t. for τ search will scale faster with time wrt the past (inclusive scanning). Detailed report at summer conferences.

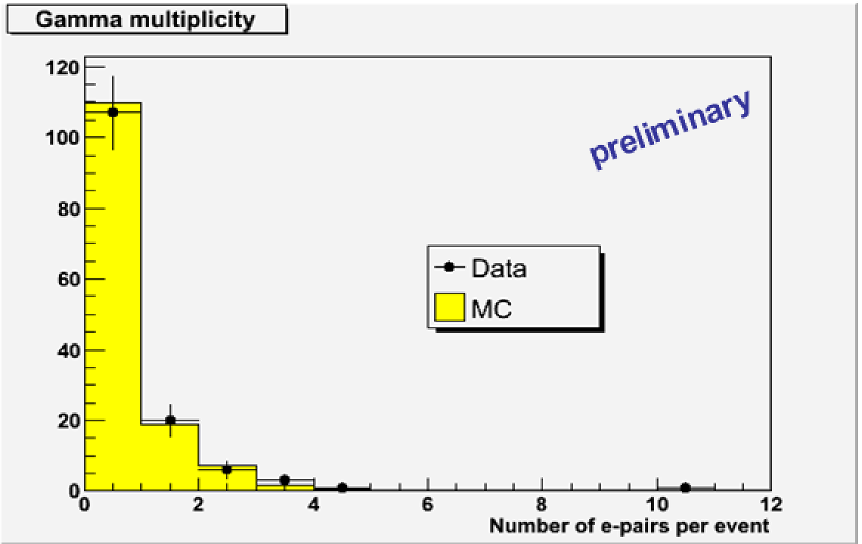
Scanning progress



One of the scanning microscopes (EU system)



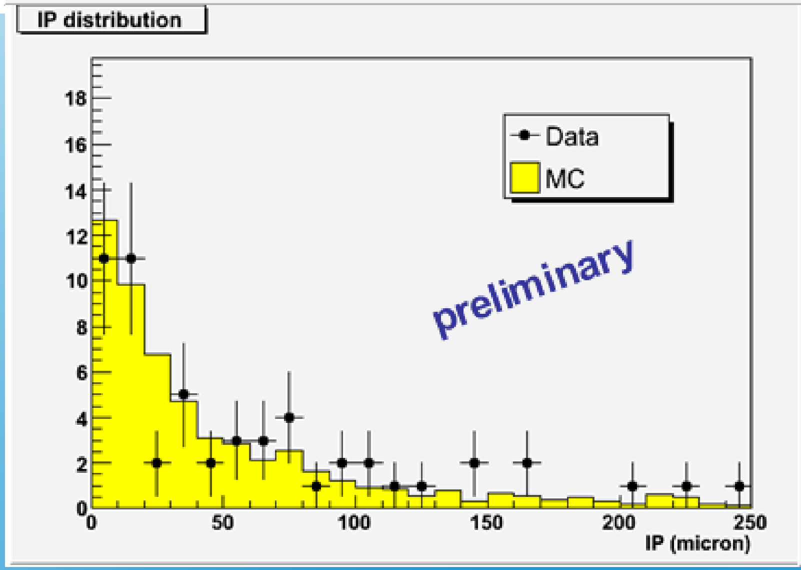
γ reconstruction

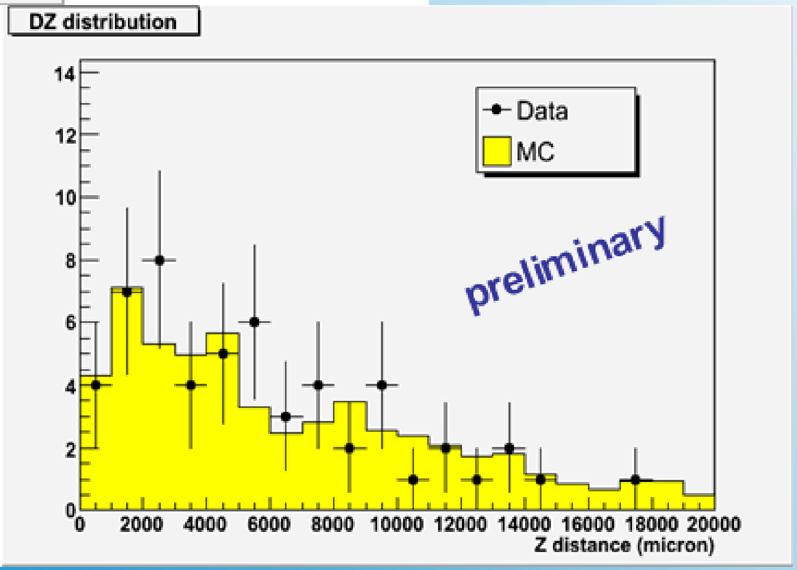


Comparison data/MC for the Gamma multiplicity in ν_μ CC+NC events

Volume scan of 20 plates $\times$ 1 cm^2 downstream of ν vertex

good description





γ conversions: data/MC

Currently 24 ν_e events as the by-product of ν_τ search

- A dedicated strategy using shower signature in the CS doublet is being pursued to increase efficiency.

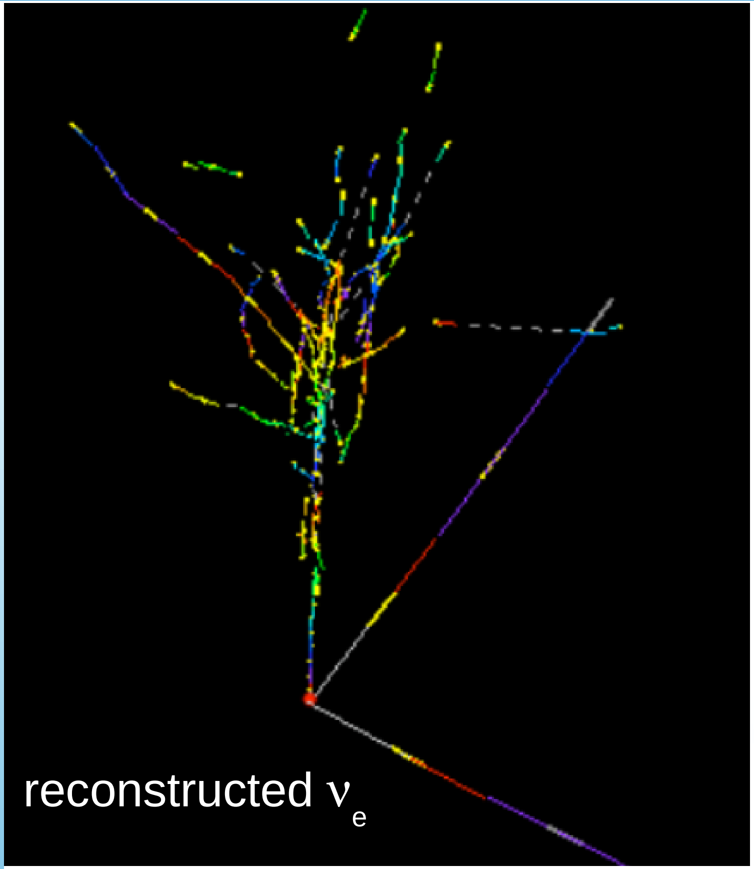
In progress:

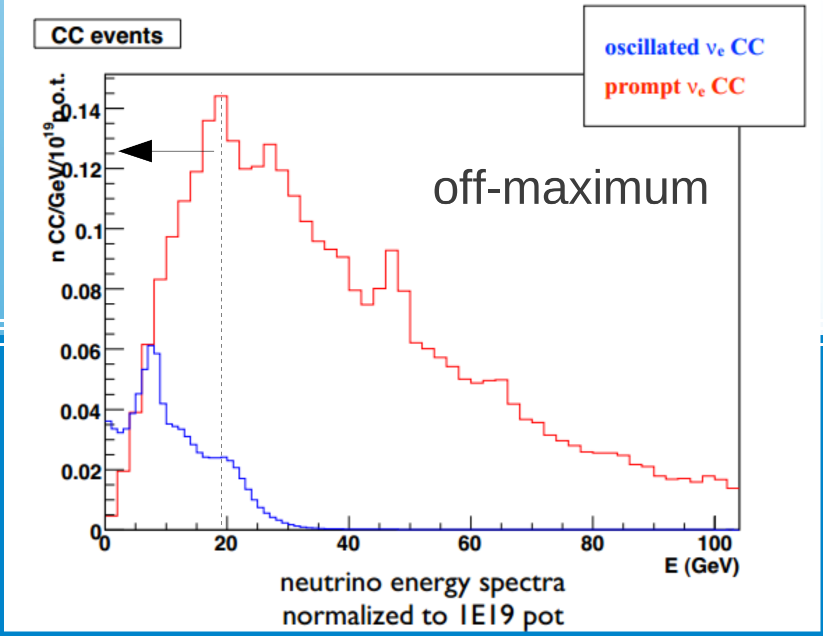
- efficiency evaluation with complete simulation framework well advanced
- energy reconstruction tuning
- backgrounds: prompt ν_e and γ conversions

E < 20 GeV	2008-2009 preliminary	22.5e19 estimation
ν_e (prompt)	2.8	13.1
$\tau \to e$ + NCπ^0	1.6	7.5
$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.11$	1.2	5.6

- Plans for publication of 2008-09 sample in 2012

ν_e sample

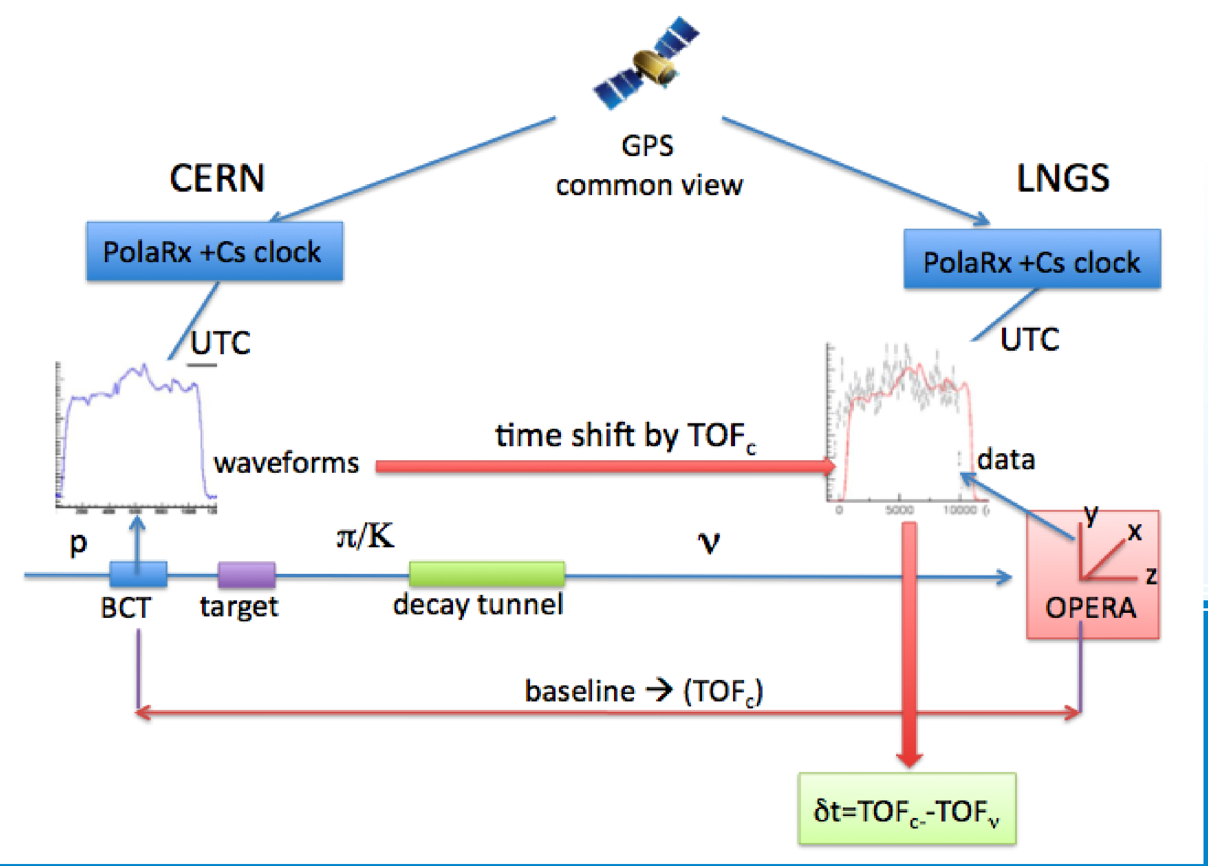




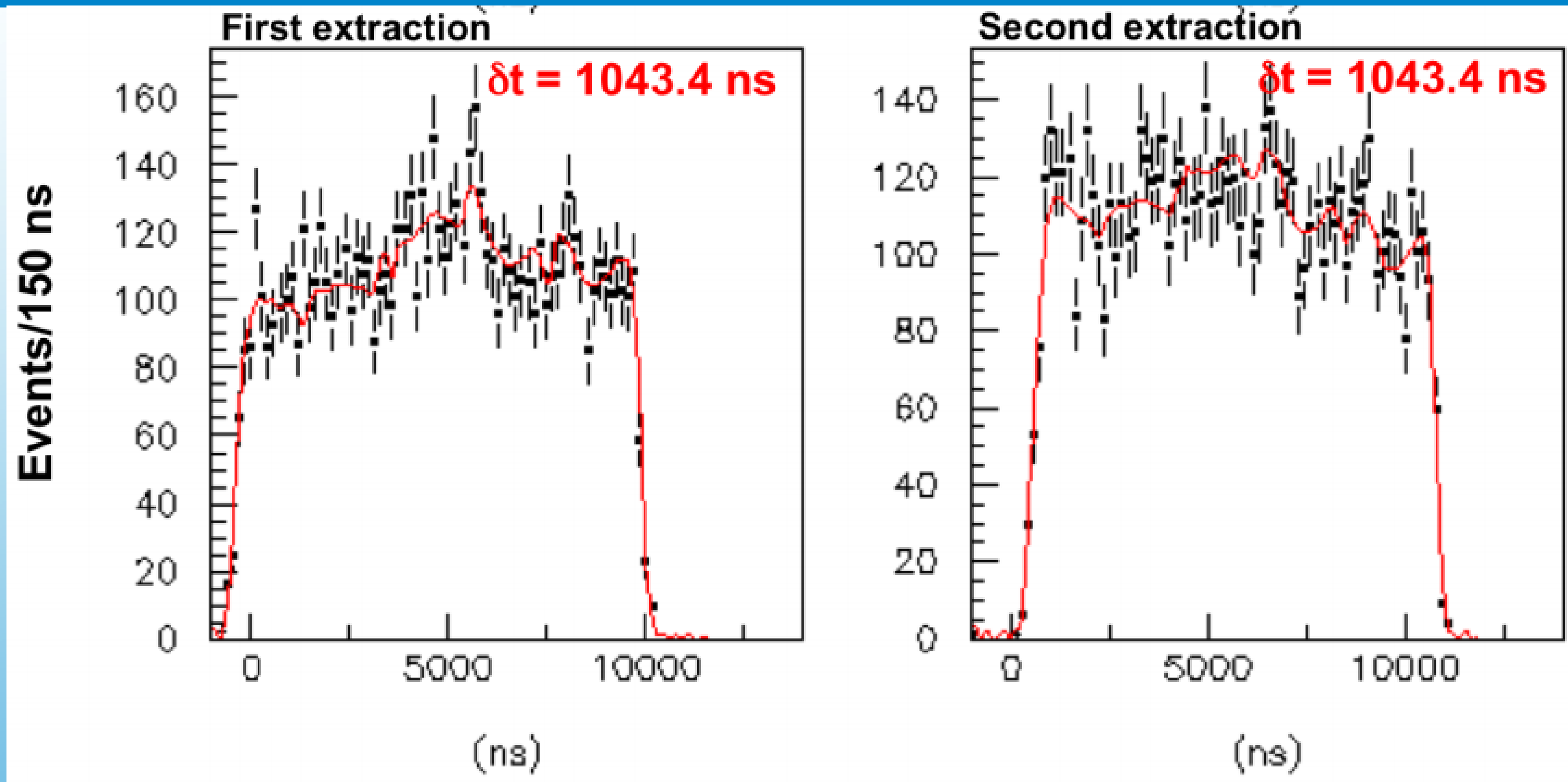
- Basic ingredients*:

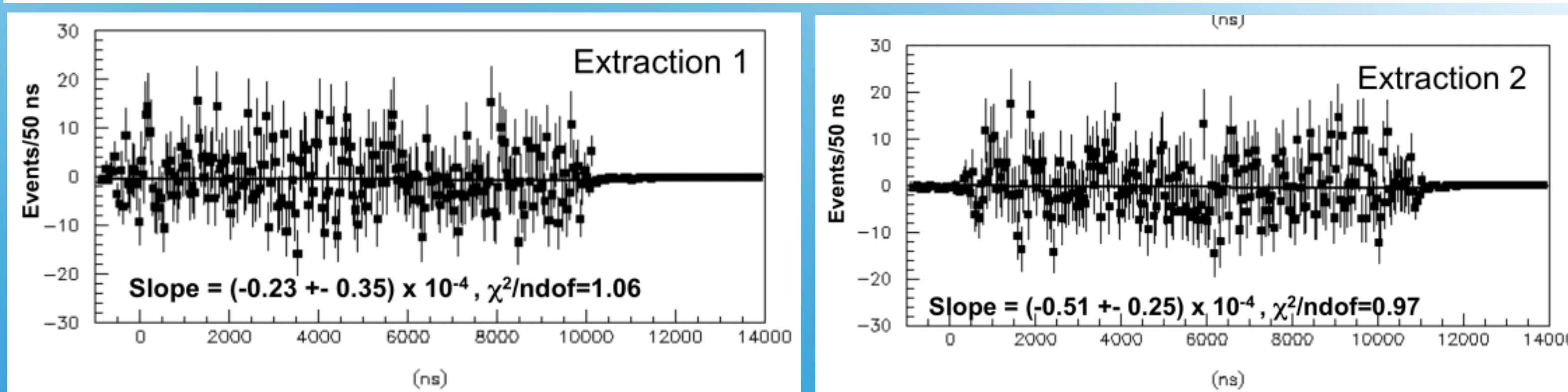
* will omit plenty of details and cross checks arXiv:1109.4897

  - CNGS-OPERA synchronization at ~1ns (GPS common view mode)
  - Calibrations of the timing chains at CERN and OPERA
  - ν time distribution at CERN through proton waveforms with BCT
  - High ν energy - high statistics (~ 15k events)
  - Geodesy: 20 cm accuracy over 730 km



ν-TOF

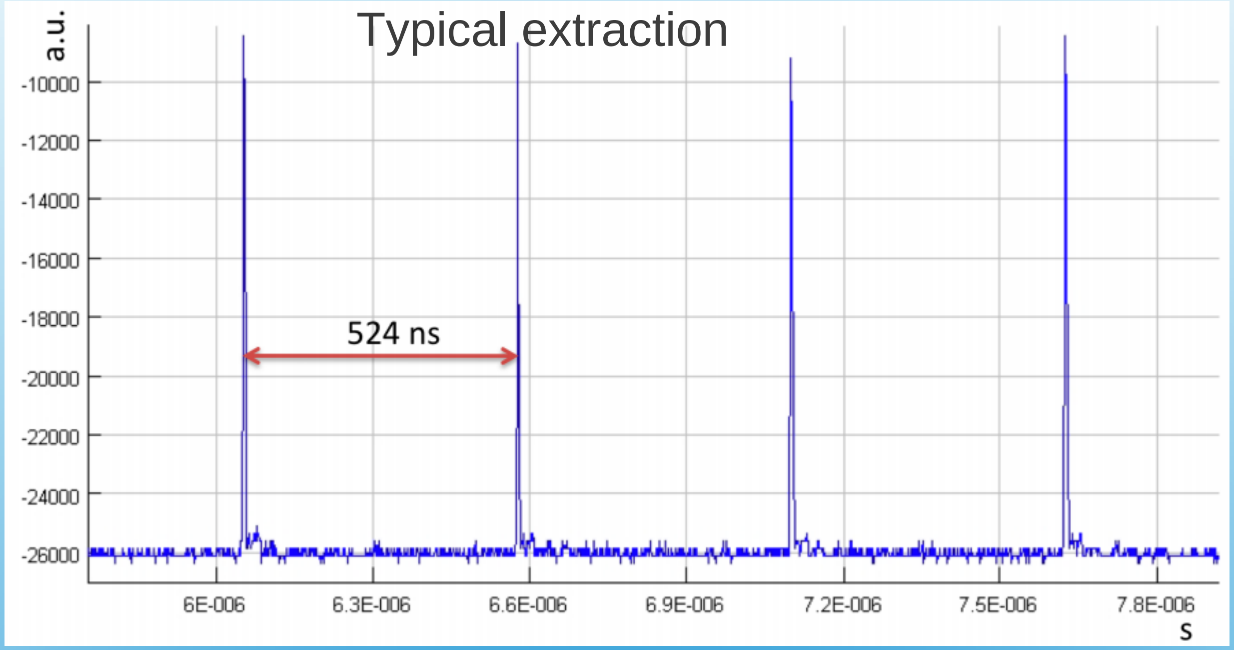


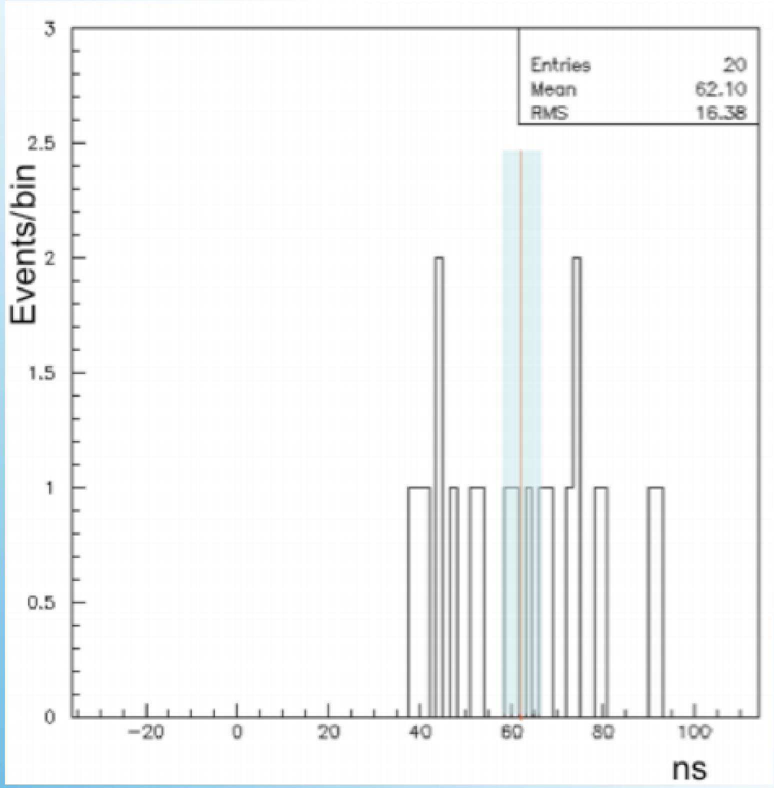


57.8 ± 7.8 (stat.) ns anomaly after un-blinding for measured delay chains

Analysis with the standard beam

November 2011, bunched beam:
The robustness of statistical treatment is confirmed and anomaly persists (62.1 ± 3.7) ns





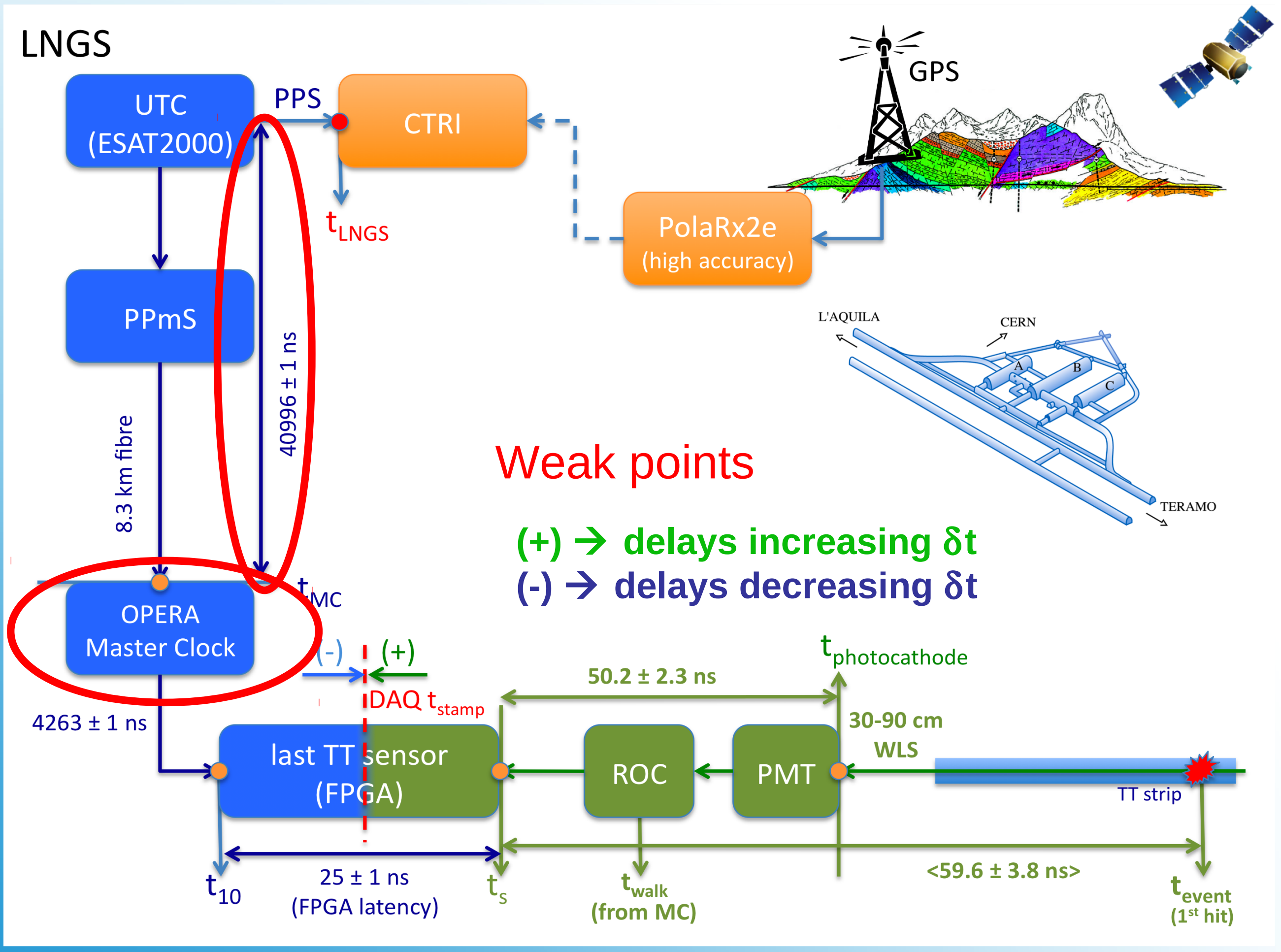
October 22 to November 6, 2011

Analysis with a "bunched-beam"

Official statement (23/2/2012)

"The OPERA Collaboration, by continuing its campaign of verifications on the neutrino velocity measurement, has identified two issues that could significantly affect the reported result. The first one is linked to the oscillator used to produce the events time-stamps in between the GPS synchronizations. The second point is related to the connection of the optical fiber bringing the external GPS signal to the OPERA master Clock.

These two issues can modify the neutrino time of flight in opposite directions. While continuing our investigations, in order to unambiguously quantify the effect on the observed result, the Collaboration is looking forward to performing a new measurement of the neutrino velocity as soon as a new bunched beam will be available in 2012. An extensive report on the above mentioned verifications and results will be shortly made available to the scientific committees and agencies."



Recent findings

Oscillation:

- 1 ν_τ candidate, with an expectation of 1.65 signal and 0.05 ± 0.01 background events.

- The analyzed sample (2008-2009) corresponds to ~ 21% of the overall nominal statistics of which 63 % has been collected so far (14.1e19 pot).

- 2012 run will hopefully bring us close to nominal statistics (22.5e19, 7.6 τ expected)

- Improvement in the analysis and (data driven) background control achieved and being pursued further.

- Constant progress in scanned events statistics: a really demanding task!

- Update at summer conferences foreseen with signal expectation significatly > 1.

- ν_e appearance results in 2012 on 2008/2009 sample.

ν–TOF:

- Two issues that could significantly affect the reported TOF anomaly have been identified
- A new bunched beam run in 2012 requested to provide a clarified picture.

Summary

Back-up slides

Decay channel	Number of background events for:							
	22.5×10^{19} p.o.t.				Analysed sample			
	Charm	Hadr.	Muon	Total	Charm	Hadr.	Muon	Total
t → μ	0.025	0.00	0.07	0.09 ± 0.04	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02 ± 0.01
t → *e*	0.22			0.22 ± 0.05	0.05			0.05 ± 0.01
t → *h*	0.14	0.11		0.24 ± 0.06	0.03	0.02		0.05 ± 0.01
t → 3*h*	0.18			0.18 ± 0.04	0.04			0.04 ± 0.01
Total	0.55	0.11	0.07	0.73 ± 0.15	0.12	0.02	0.02	0.16 ± 0.03

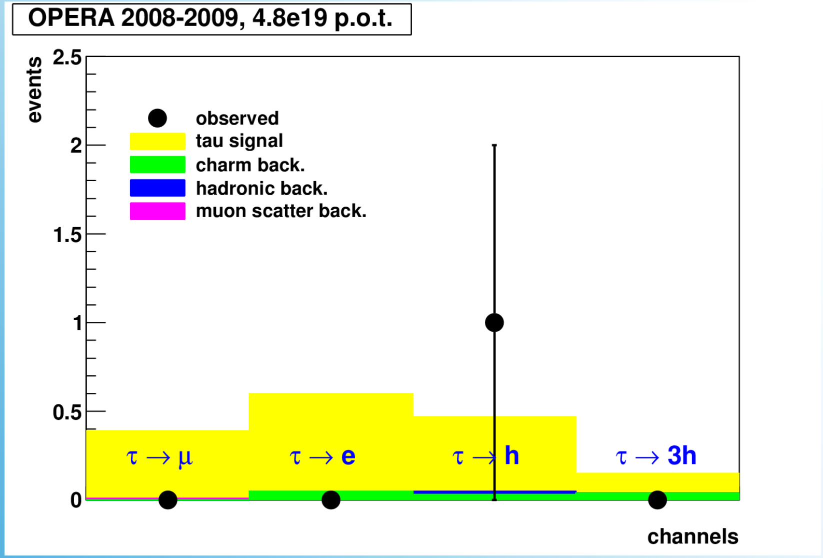
$\tau \rightarrow \mu$ is very clean

Expected background in $t \rightarrow h$: 0.05 ± 0.01

Probability of a background fluctuation up to at least one event is 5%

Total background: 0.16 ± 0.03

Probability background fluctuation 15%

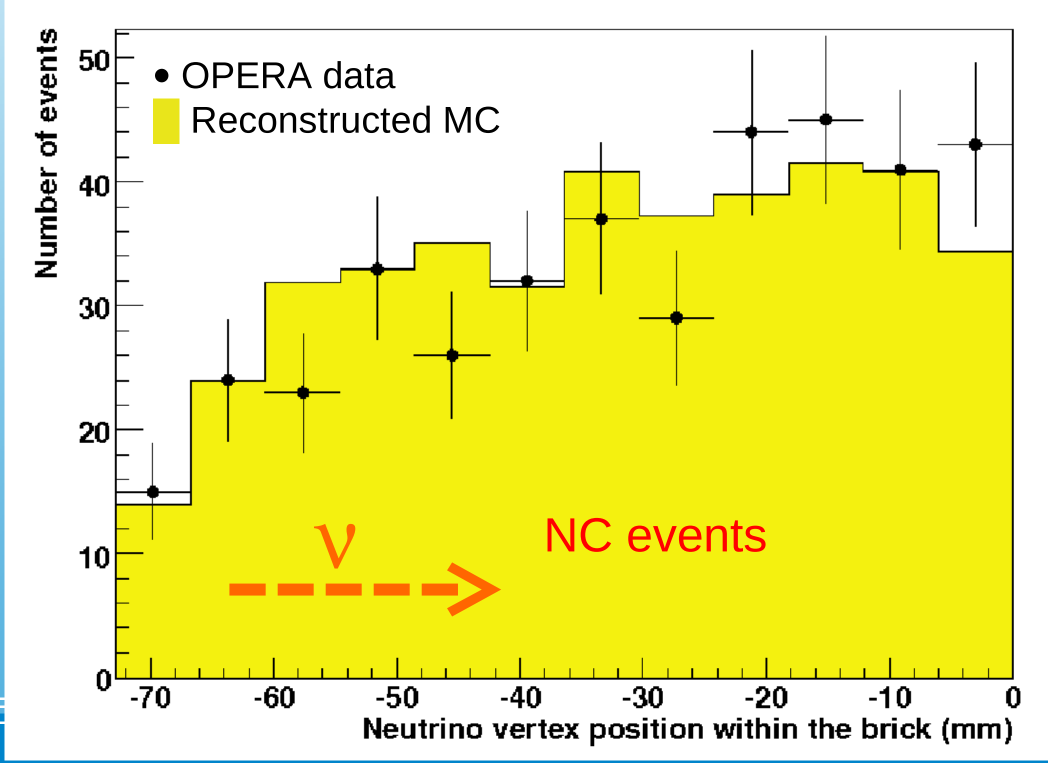


Summary of background

	0 mu	1 mu	All
Triggered (CNGS on-time)			31576
predicted by the target tracker	1503	3752	5255
located in dead material	54	245	299
located in the ECC	519	2280	2799
decay search performed	494	2244	2738

85% are events induced by neutrino interaction outside OPERA target

→ 92% of the expected sample that could be decay searched (2978±75)



Location efficiency:

- CC: 74 %
- NC: 48 %

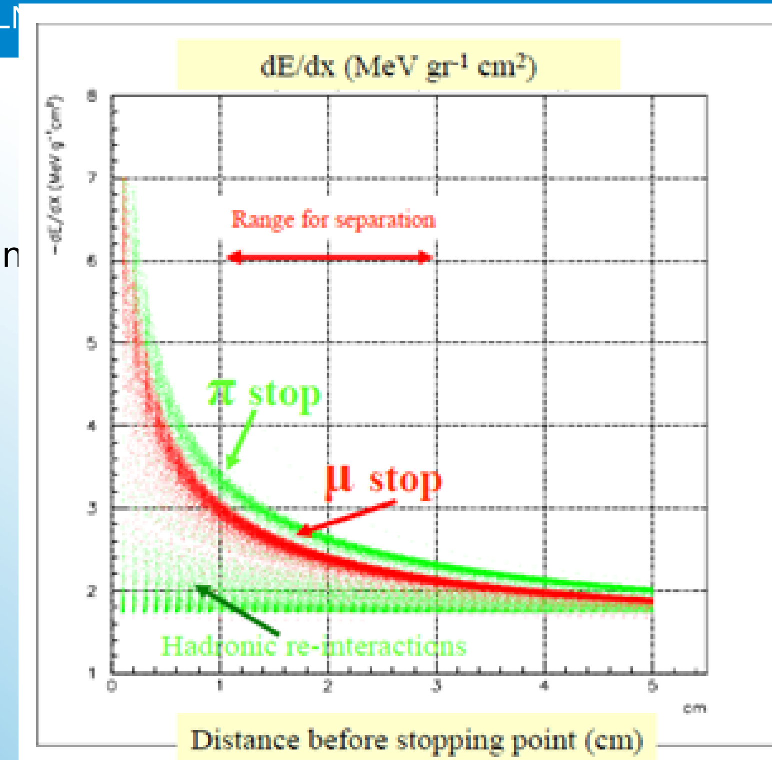
Full simulation chain including newly developed off-line emulsion reconstruction software

2008-2009 sample

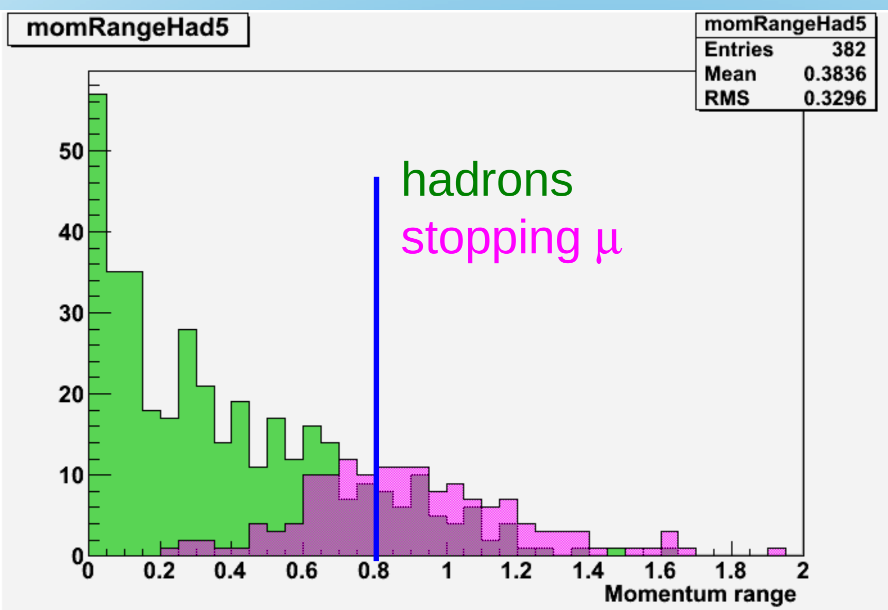
Tracks classification:

- visible interaction in the brick
- dE/dx at end point (π/μ separation)
- Momentum/range correlation

L = track length
Rlead = μ range in
p = momentum measured
in the emulsion



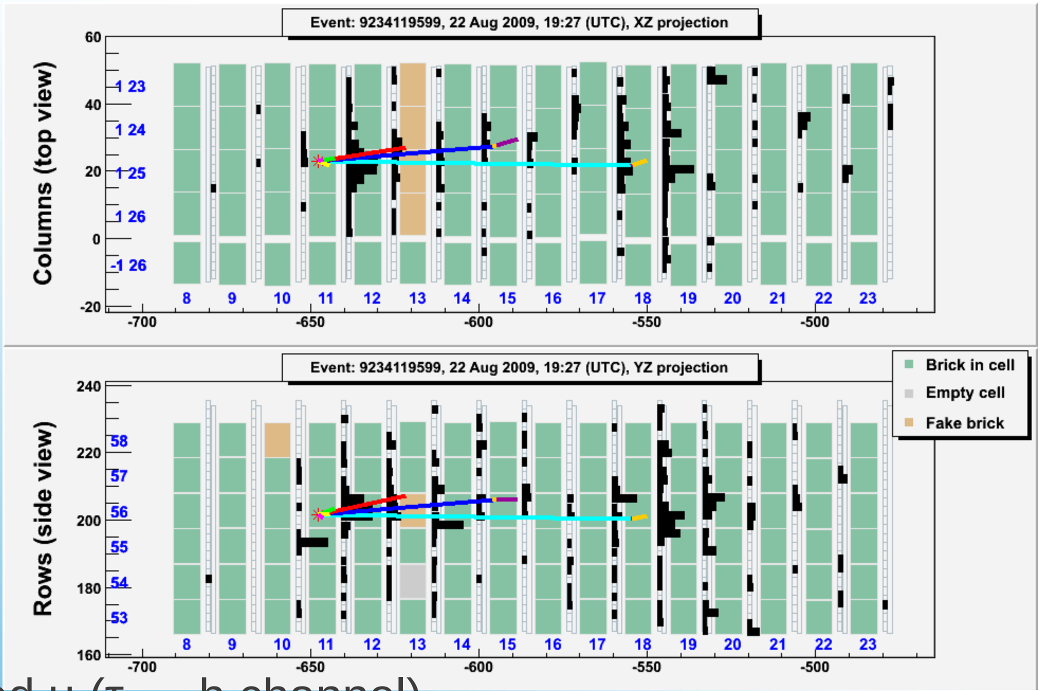
Discriminating variable $D = \frac{L}{R_{lead}(p)} \frac{\rho_{lead}}{\rho_{average}}$



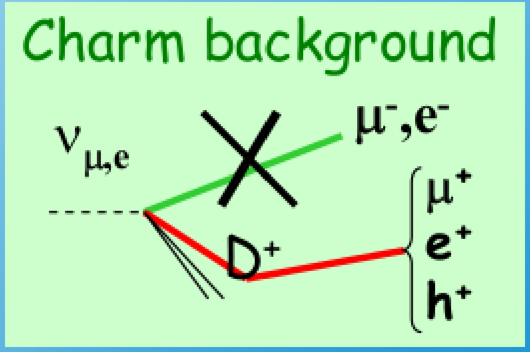
- 34% reduction of μ mis-ID in charm events (3.28%)
- 2 orders of magnitude reduction for the hadronic background to τ → μ due to μ mismatch in CC and NC events

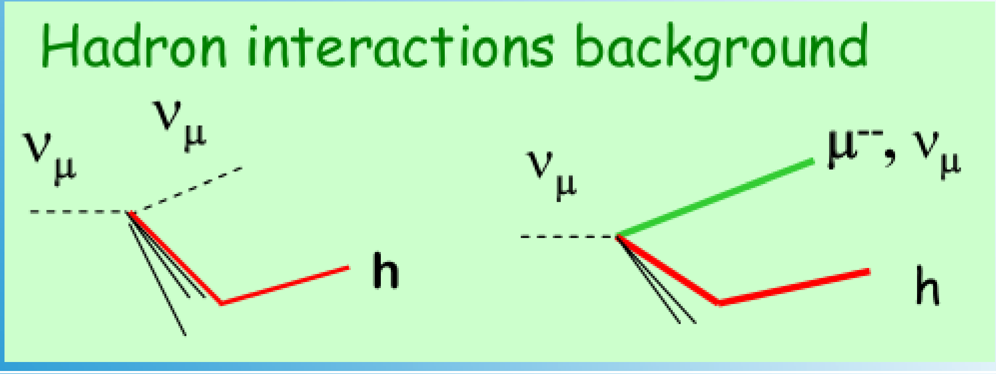
Track Follow Down

- For the first ν_τ candidate we followed down all the tracks to search for possible muon not identified by the electronic detectors



We can suppress backgrounds due to
- Charm
- Hadron interactions in νμ CC with misidentified μ (τ → h channel)
- Hadron interactions in νμ CC and NC (τ→μ channel)





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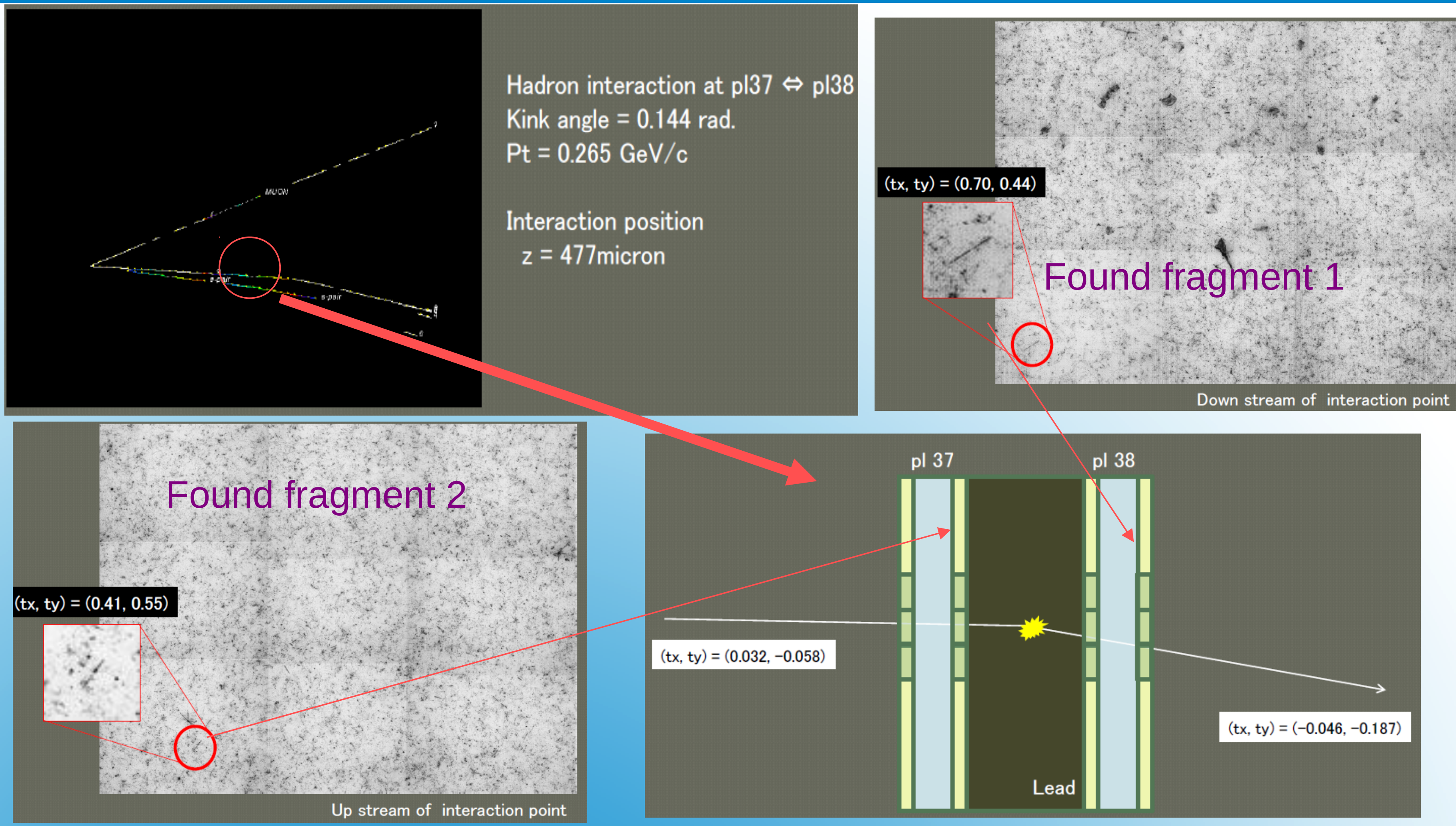
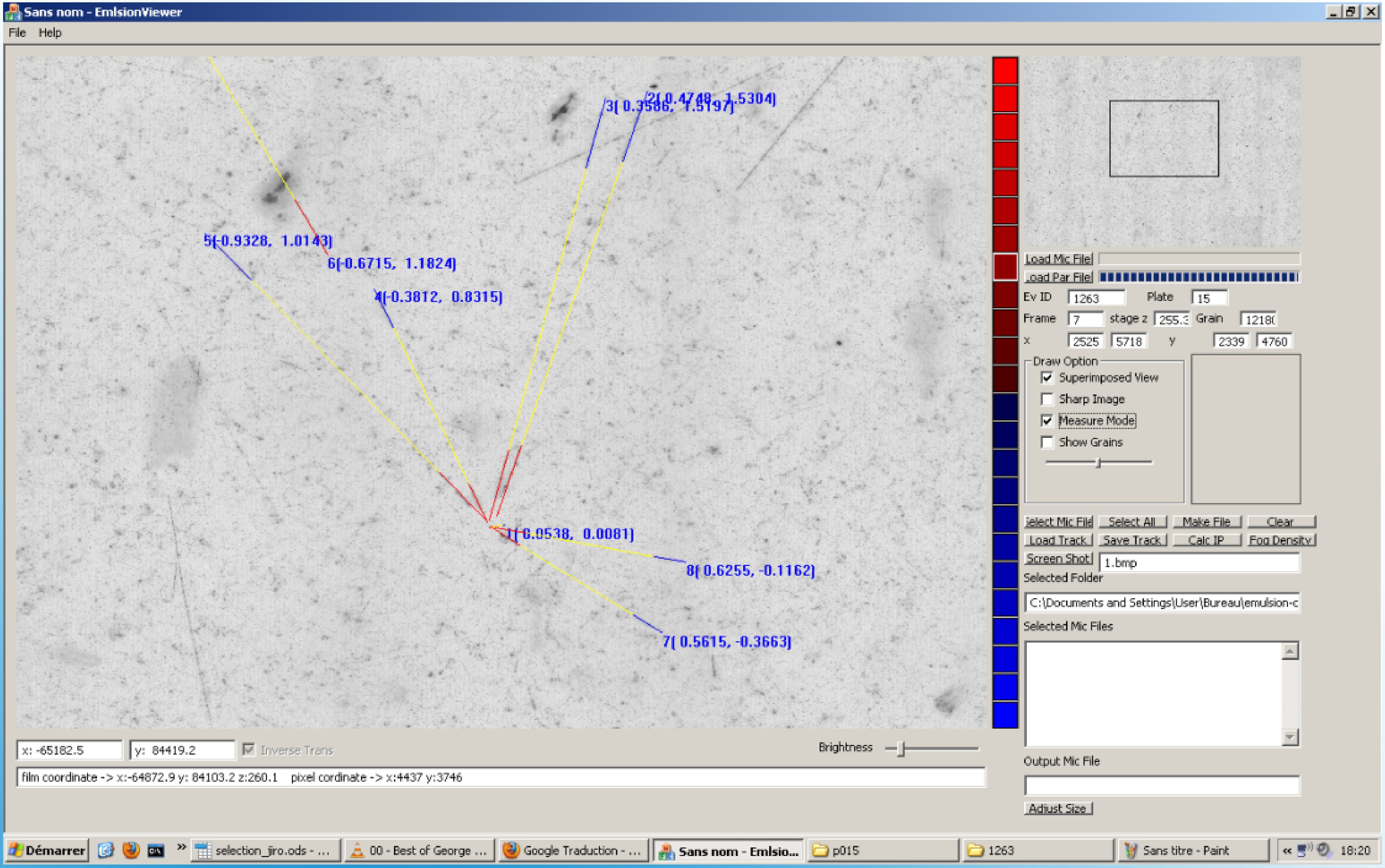


Intra-nuclear interactions and nuclear evaporation → p and nuclear fragments emission

High-efficiency tagging to reduce the hadronic background

Tagging of highly ionizing particles in hadron interactions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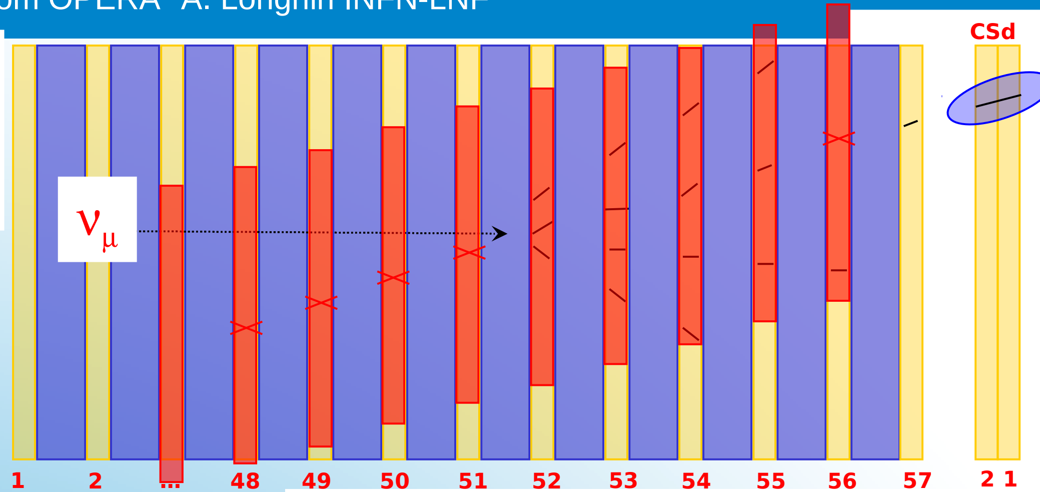
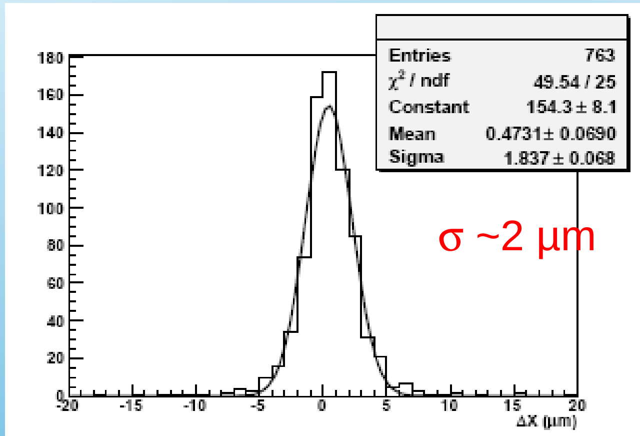
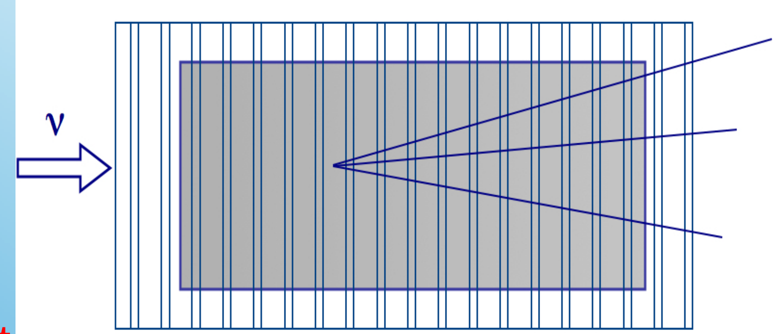
Track follow-up film by film:

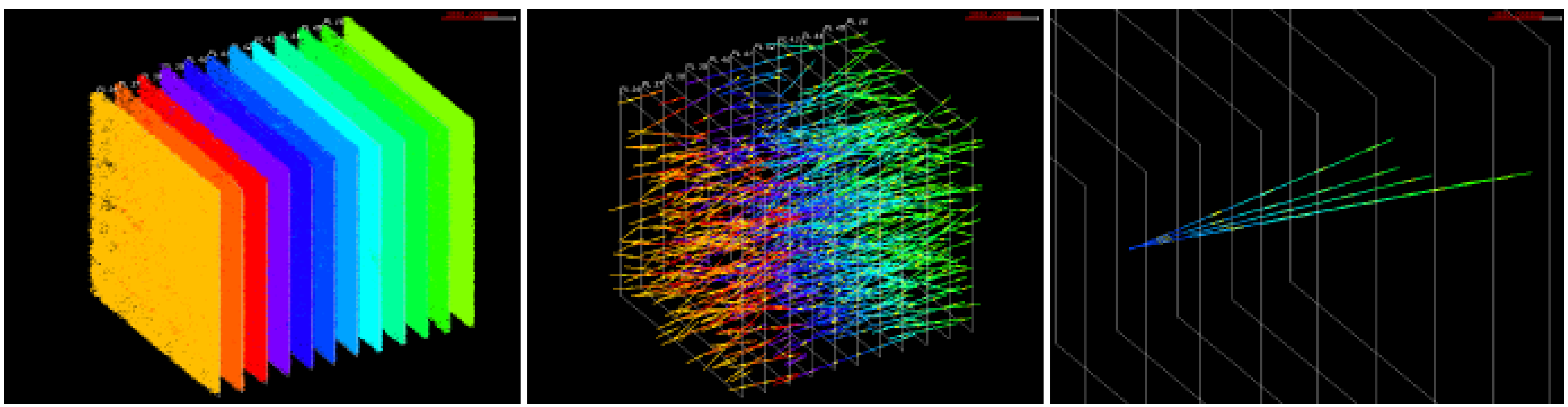
- alignment using cosmic ray tracks
- definition of the stopping point







Volume scanning (~2 cm³) around the stopping point



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Vertex finding

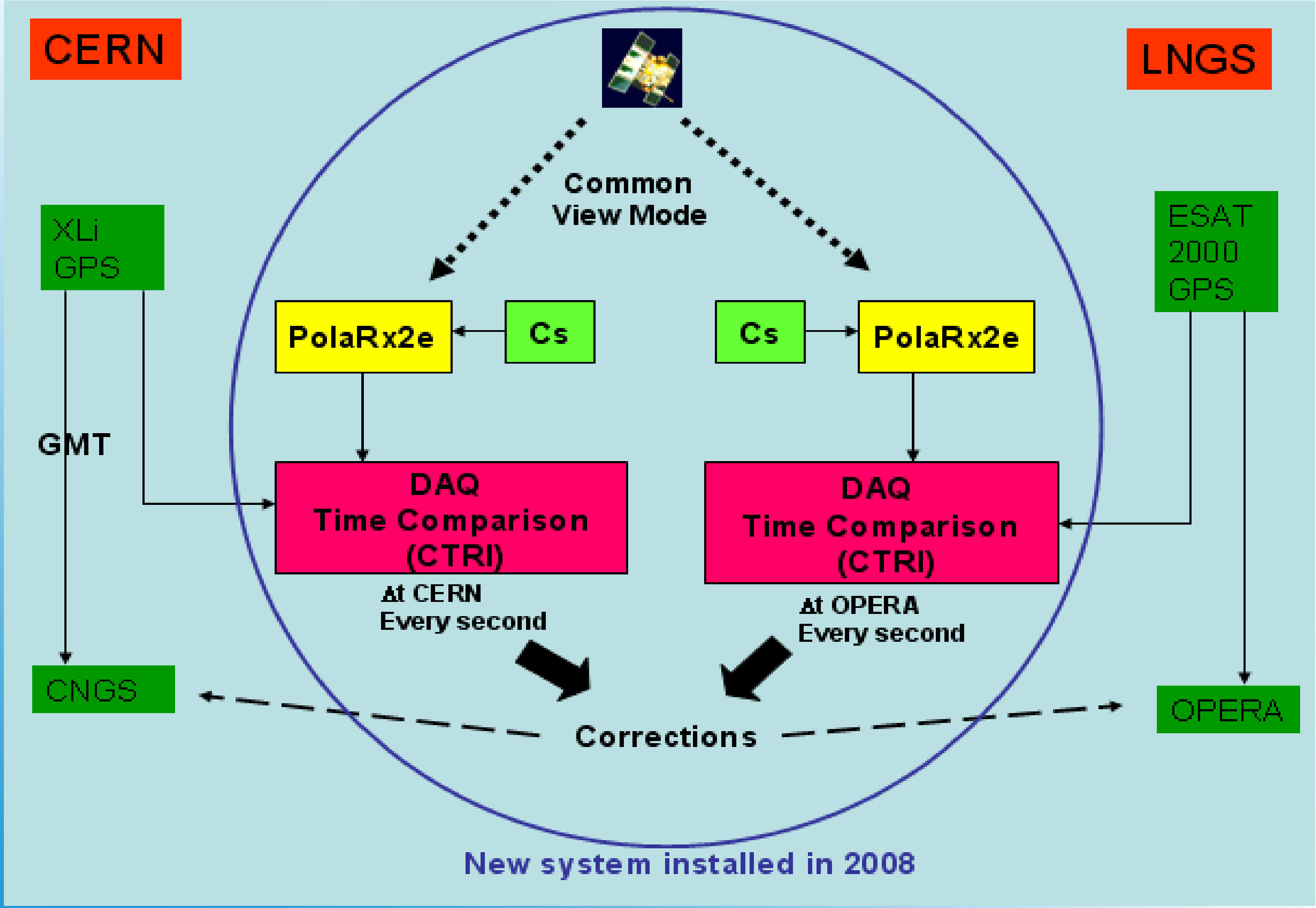
Standard GPS receivers have ~100 ns accuracy:

- XLi (CERN)
- ESAT 2000 (LNGS)

2008: installation of a twin high accuracy system calibrated by METAS (Swiss metrology institute)

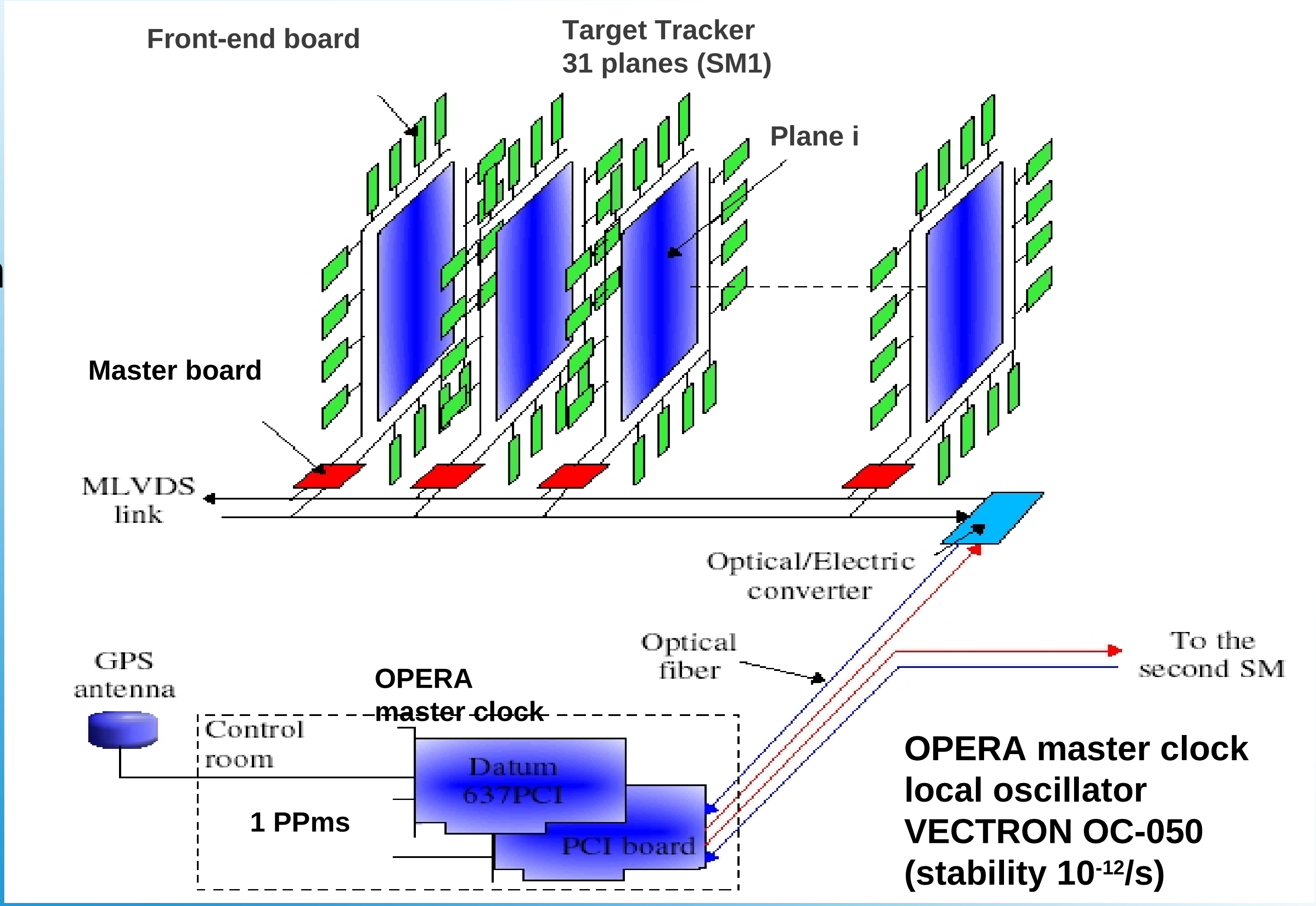
- PolaRx2e GPS receiver
- Cs-clock

at CERN and LNGS



CNGS OPERA synchronization

- 1200 asynchronous FE-nodes
- Gigabit ethernet network
- “trigger-less” system
- for each FE node mezzanine card: CPU (embedded Linux), memory, FPGA, clock receiver
- 10 ns UTC event time stamp granularity



OPERA read-out system and clock distribution

LNGS

Rome La Sapienza
Geodesy group

Dedicated measurements:
July-Sept. 2010

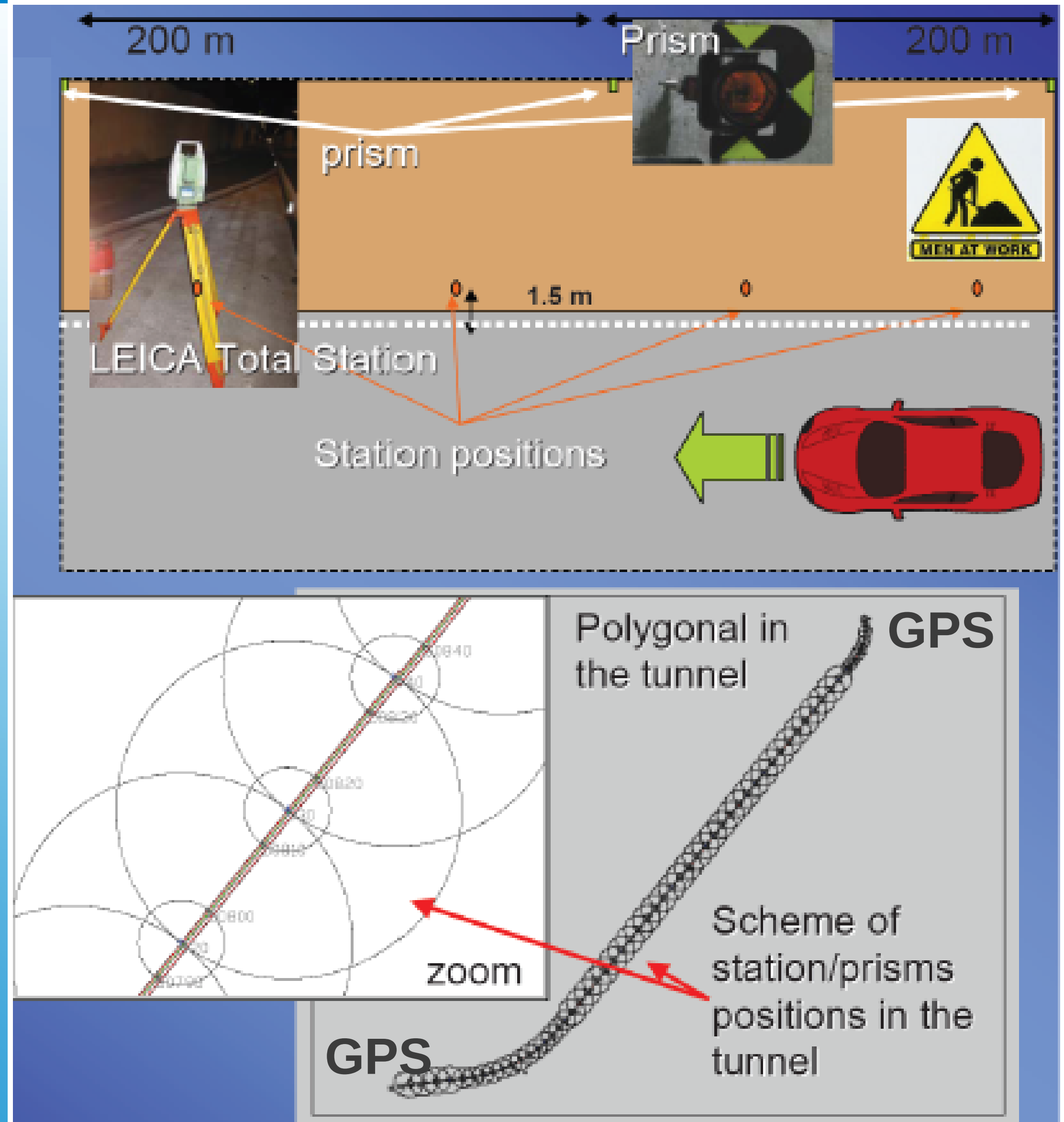
2 new GPS benchmarks on each side of the 10 km highway tunnel

GPS measurements ported underground to OPERA

CERN survey group

CERN measurements (taken in different periods) combined in the ETRF2000 European Global system, accounting for earth dynamics

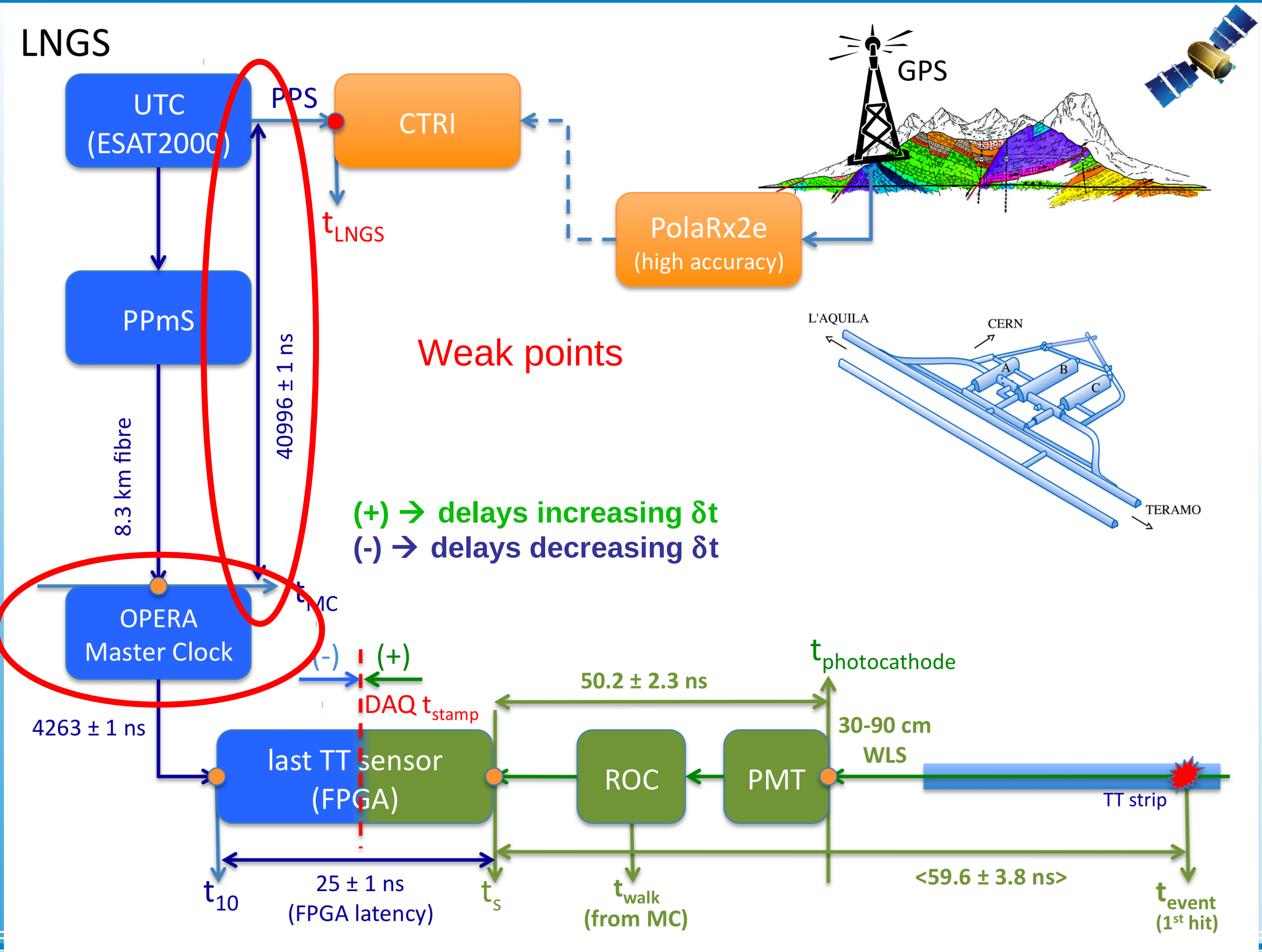
Cross-check in June 2011: simultaneous CERN-LNGS measurement of GPS benchmarks



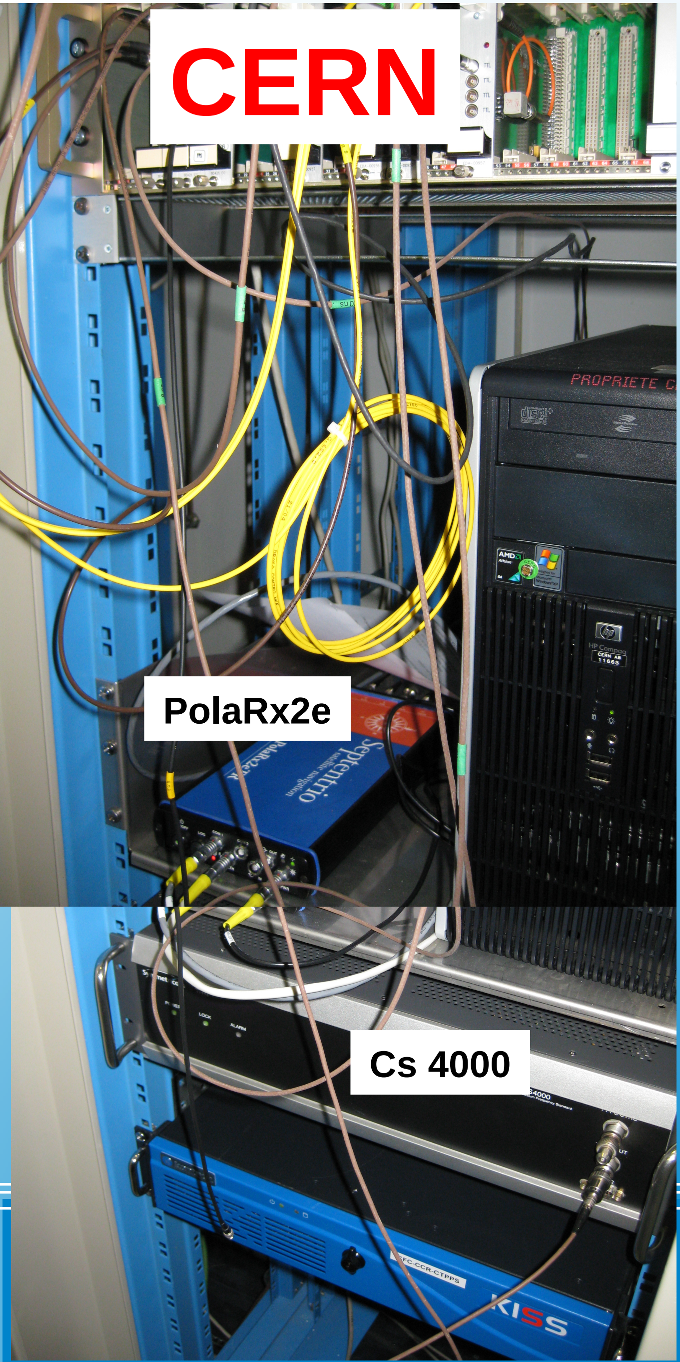
Geodesy

Distance (BCT - OPERA reference frame) =

(731278.0 ± 0.2) m

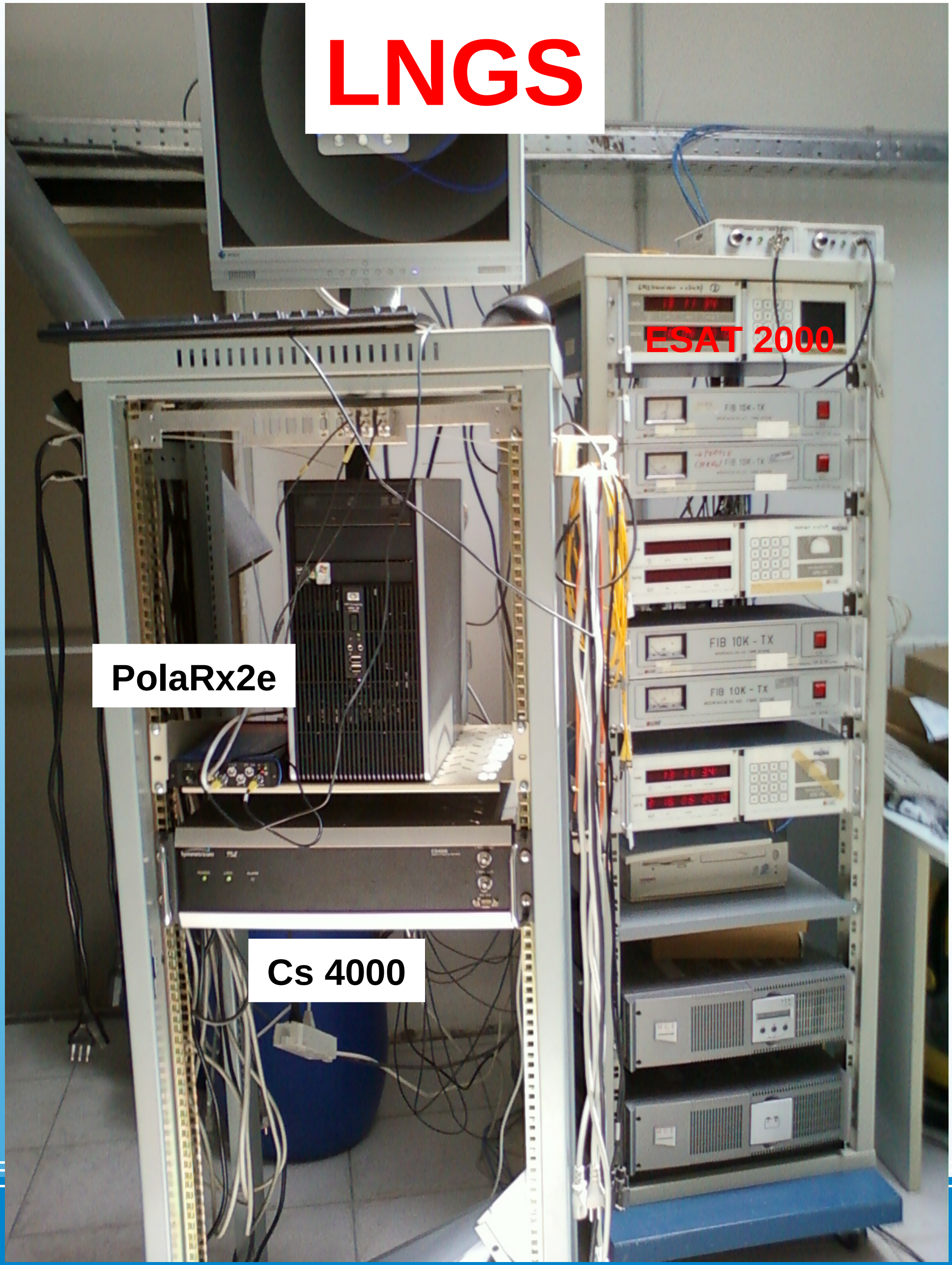


Delay calibrations: LNGS side



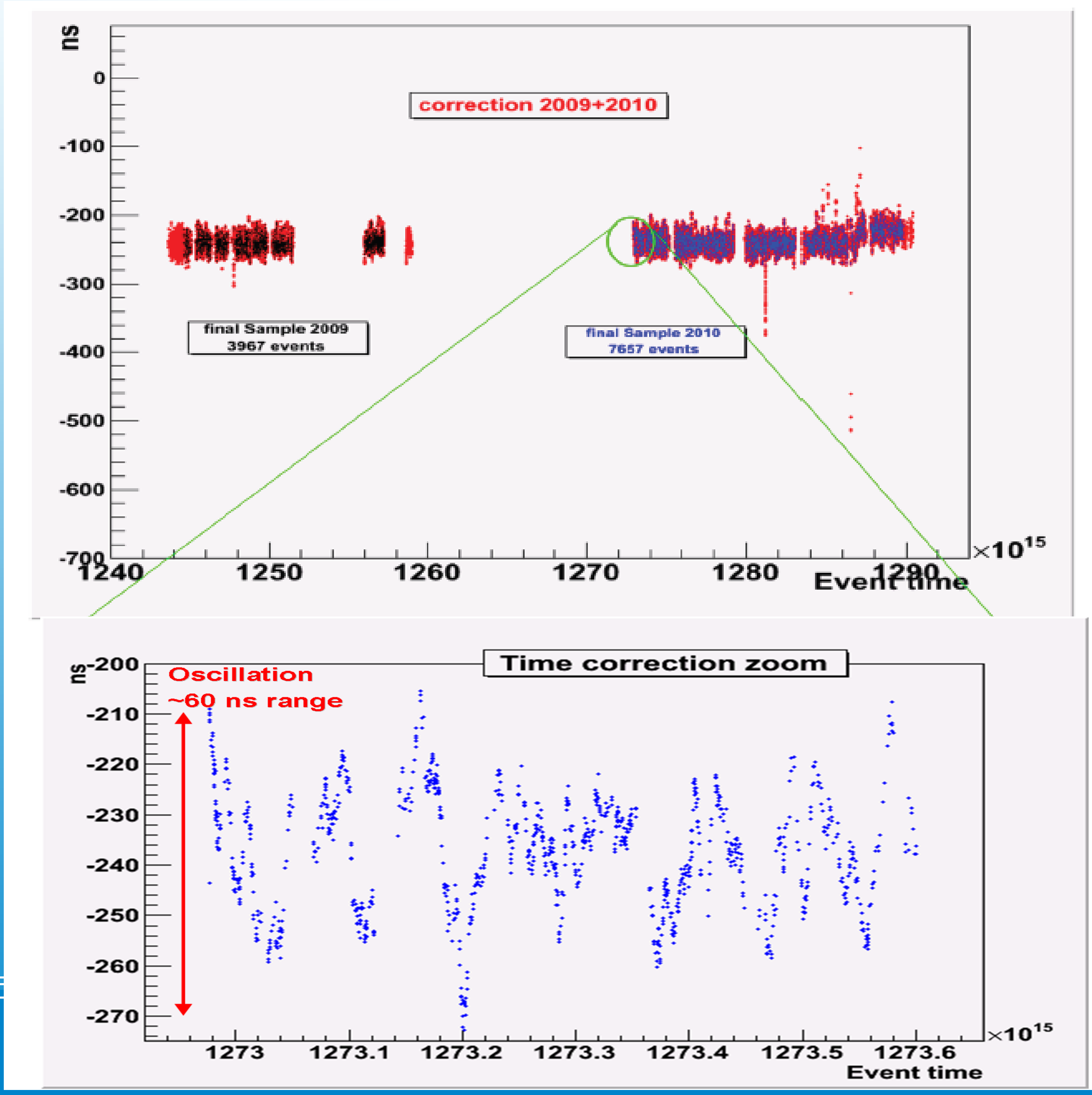
PolaRx2e :
GPS receiver for time-transfer applications:

- frequency reference from Cs clock (Cs-4000)
- internal time tagging of 1PPS with respect to individual satellite observations
- off-line common-view analysis in CGGTTS format
- use ionosphere-free code (P3)

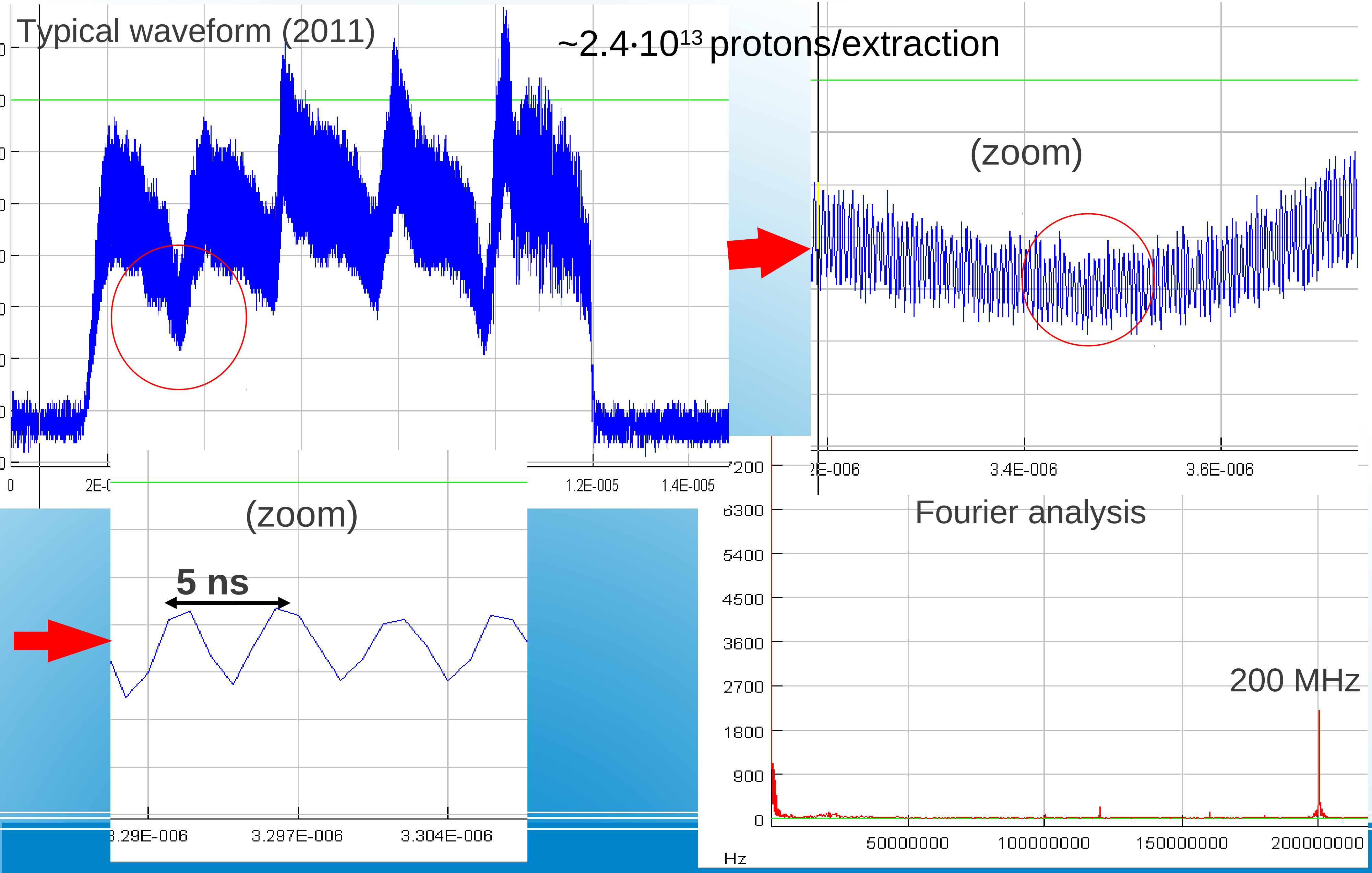


Twin synchronization devices

Event-by-event correction
From the GPS common
view mode operations



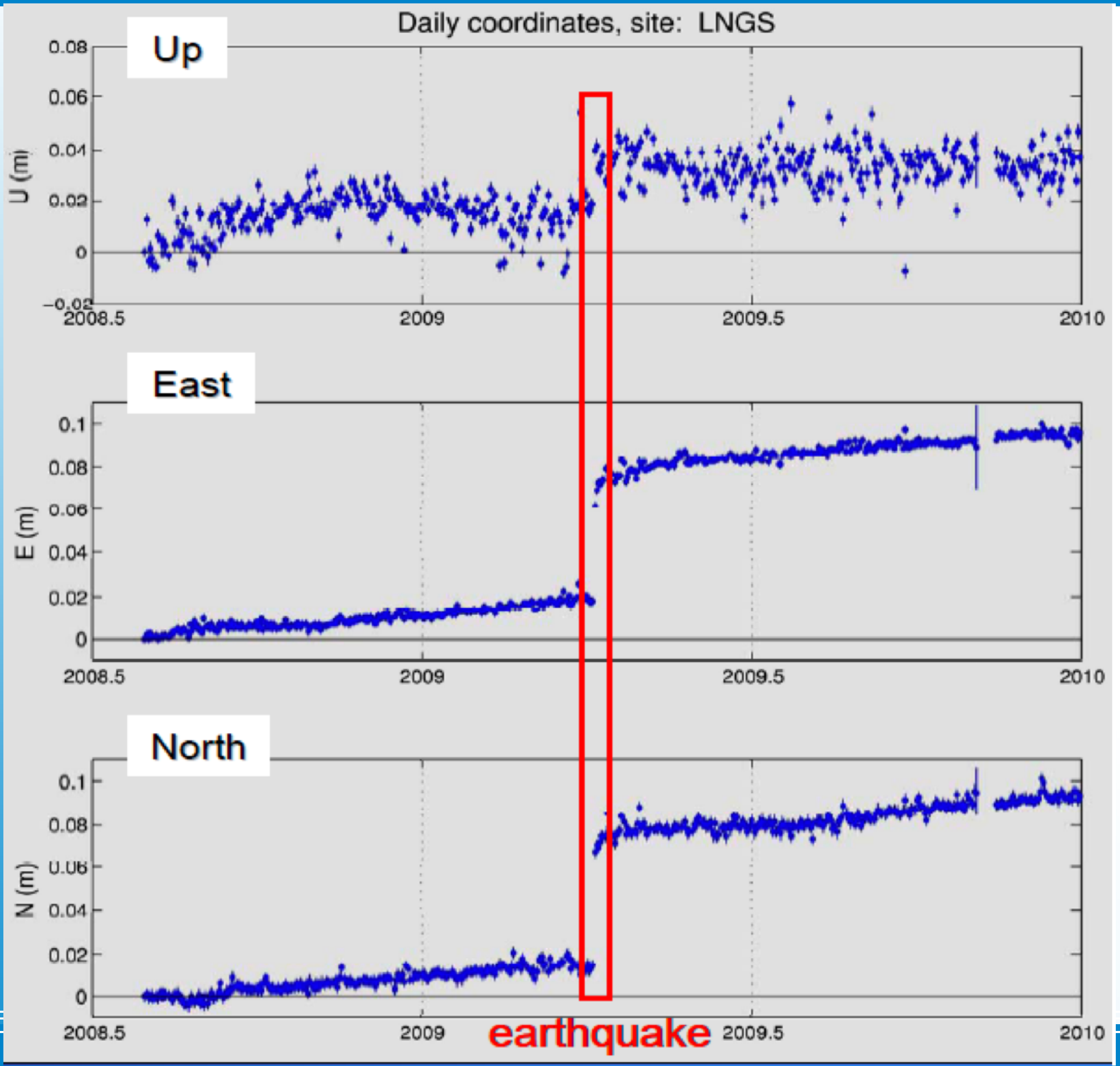
Result: TOF timelink correction



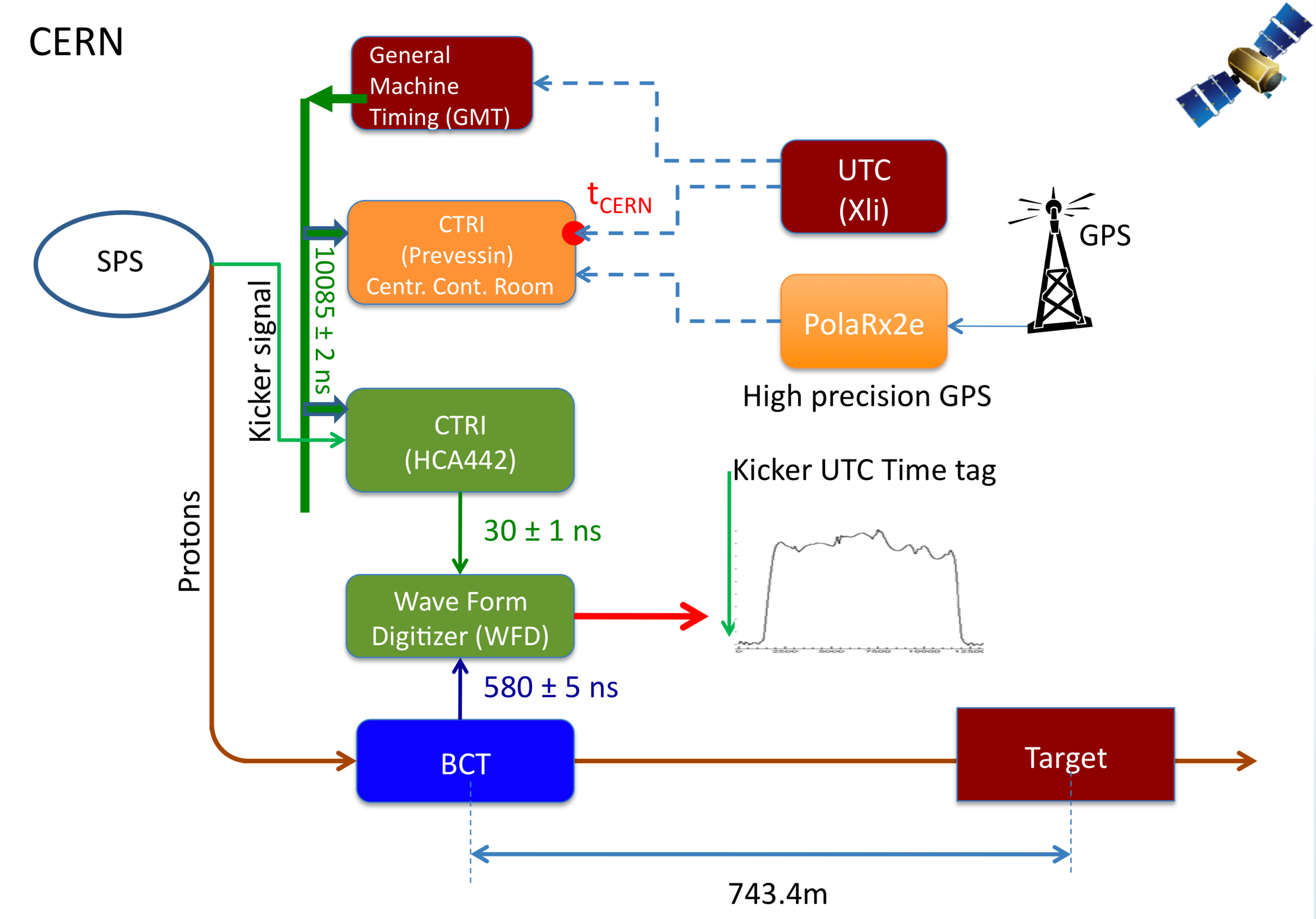
Single proton wave-form example

Long and short time scale phenomena visible:

→ continental drift
→ 2009 L'Aquila earthquake

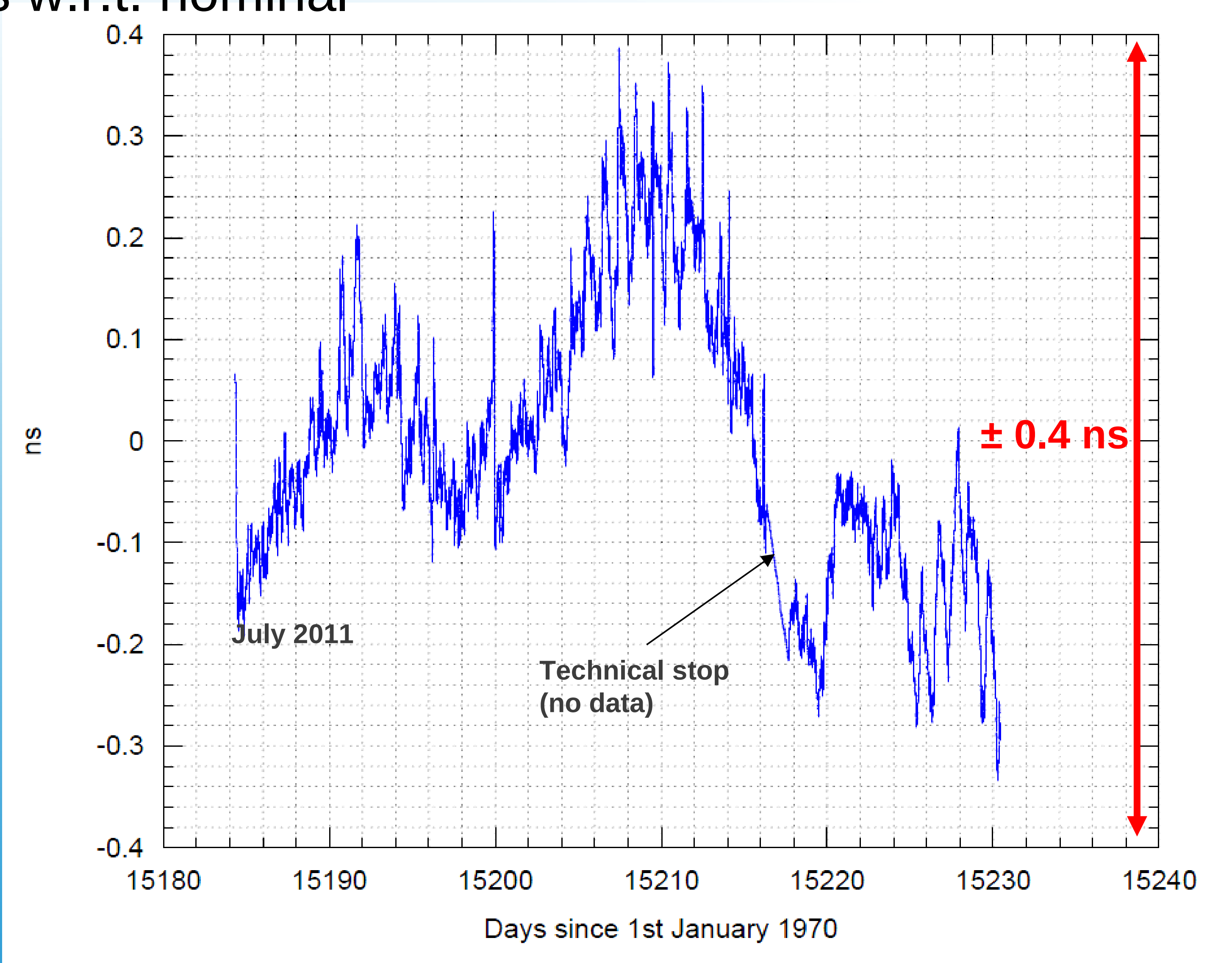


LNGS position monitoring



Delay calibrations: CERN side

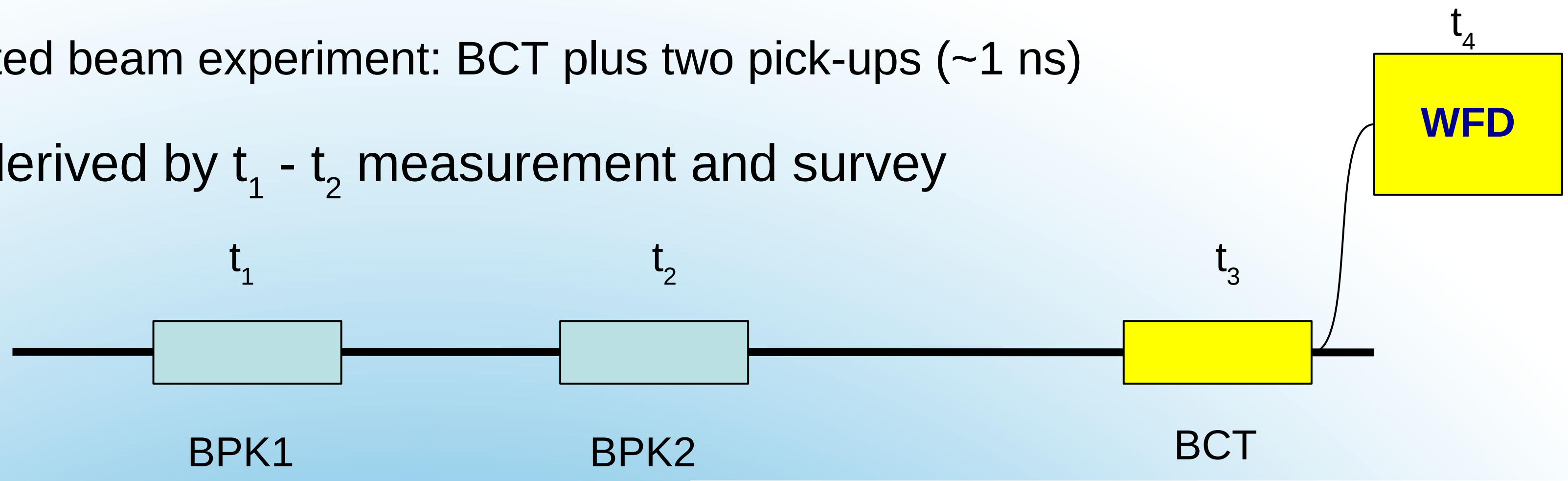
variations w.r.t. nominal



Continuous two-way measurement of UTC delay at CERN

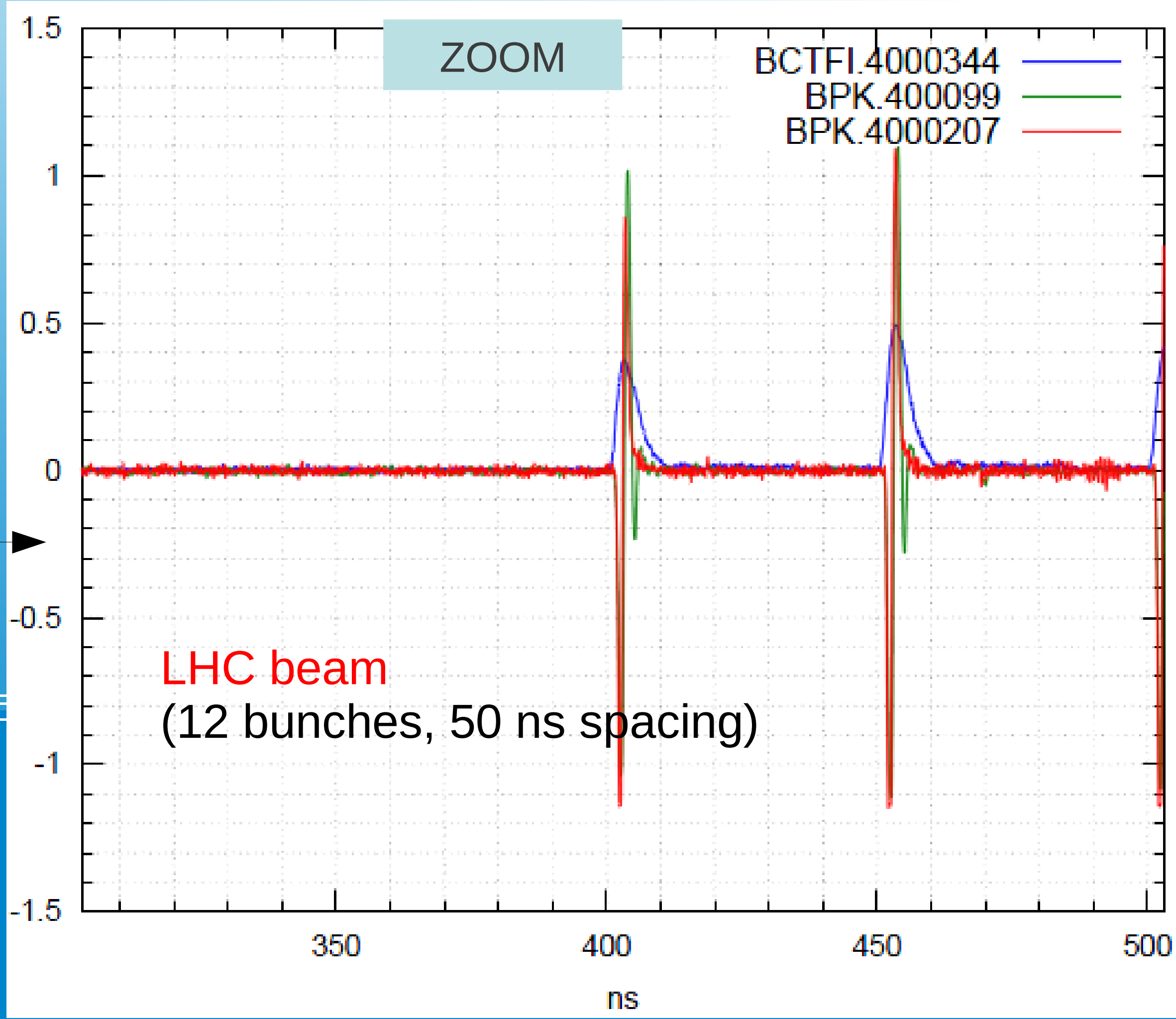
Dedicated beam experiment: BCT plus two pick-ups (~1 ns)

t_3 : derived by t_1 - t_2 measurement and survey



$\Delta t_{BCT} = t_4 - t_3 = (580 \pm 5)$ ns

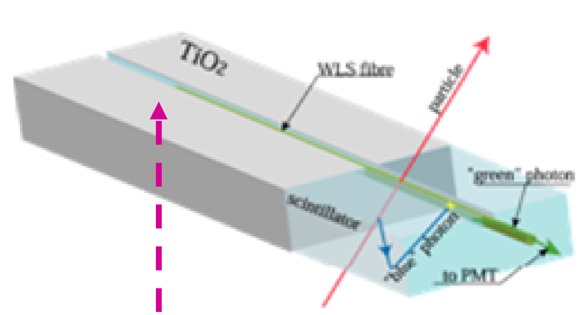
result: signals comparison after Δ_{BCT} compensation

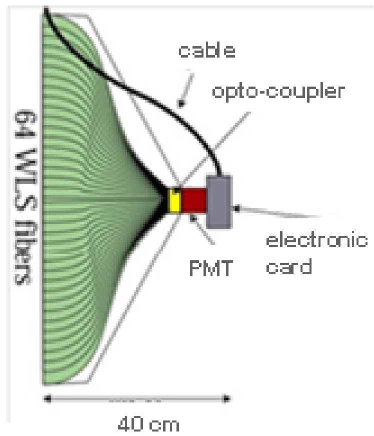


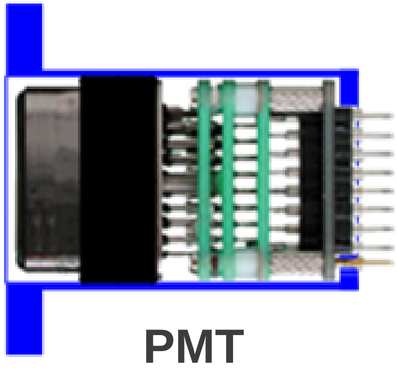
BCT calibration

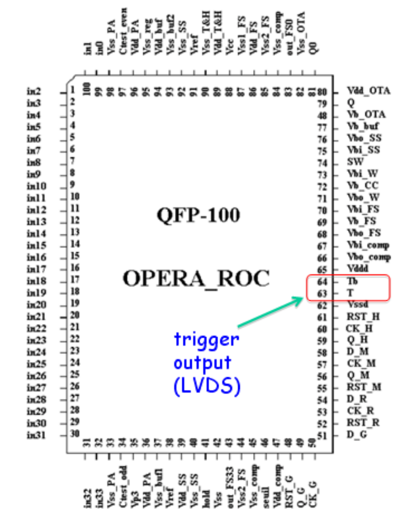
signal

Scintillator + WLS fibers | PMT | analog Front End chip (ROC) | FPGA









FPGA

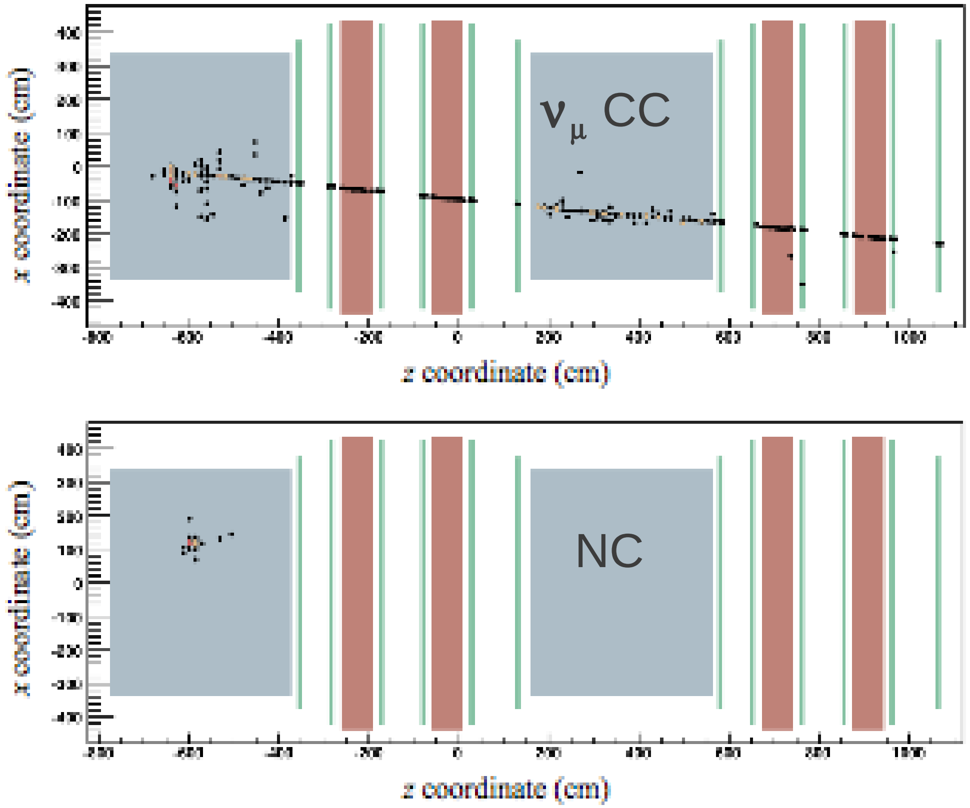
picosecond UV laser excitation:

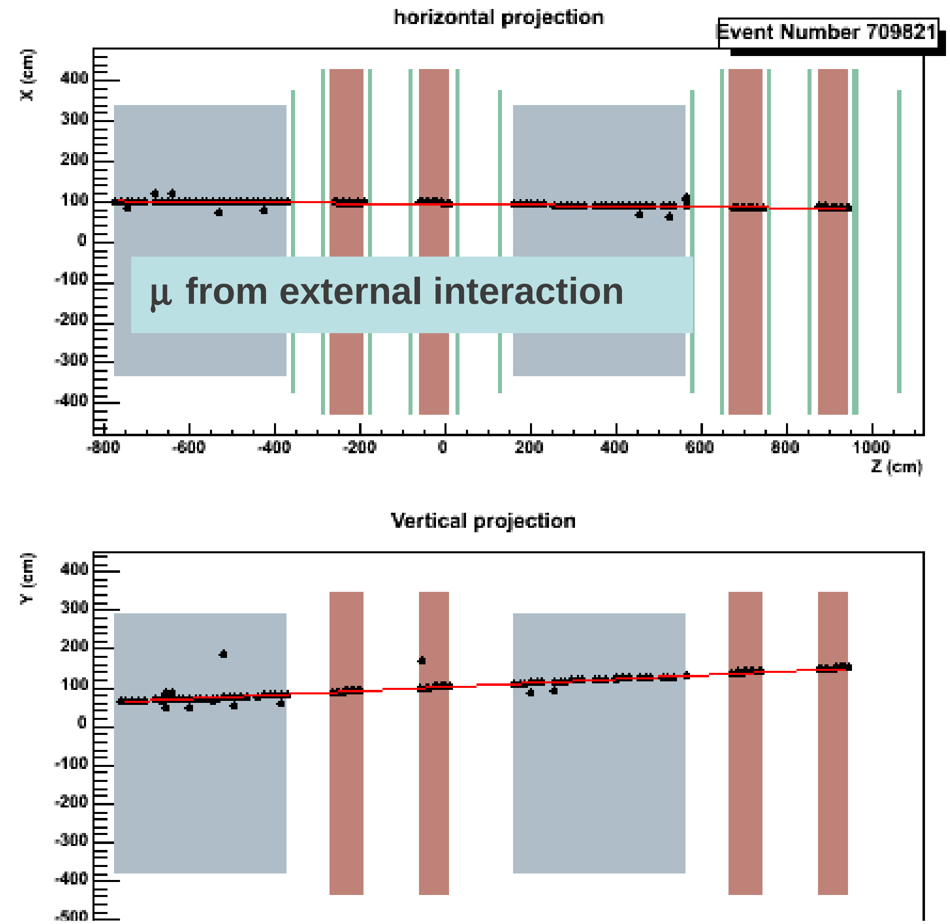
→ delay from photo-cathode to FPGA input: (50.2 ± 2.3) ns

→ average event time response: (59.6 ± 3.8 (sys.)) ns

including event position, pulse height dependence, ROC time-walk, DAQ quantization effects with simulations

TT time response measurement





First TT hit used as "stop"
and translated in time to a common reference point (assuming c)
Internal/External: 7235/7988 events with 2009-2010-2011 CNGS runs (~10^{20} pot)
External events timing checked with full simulation → 2 ns systematic uncertainty

Internal and external events

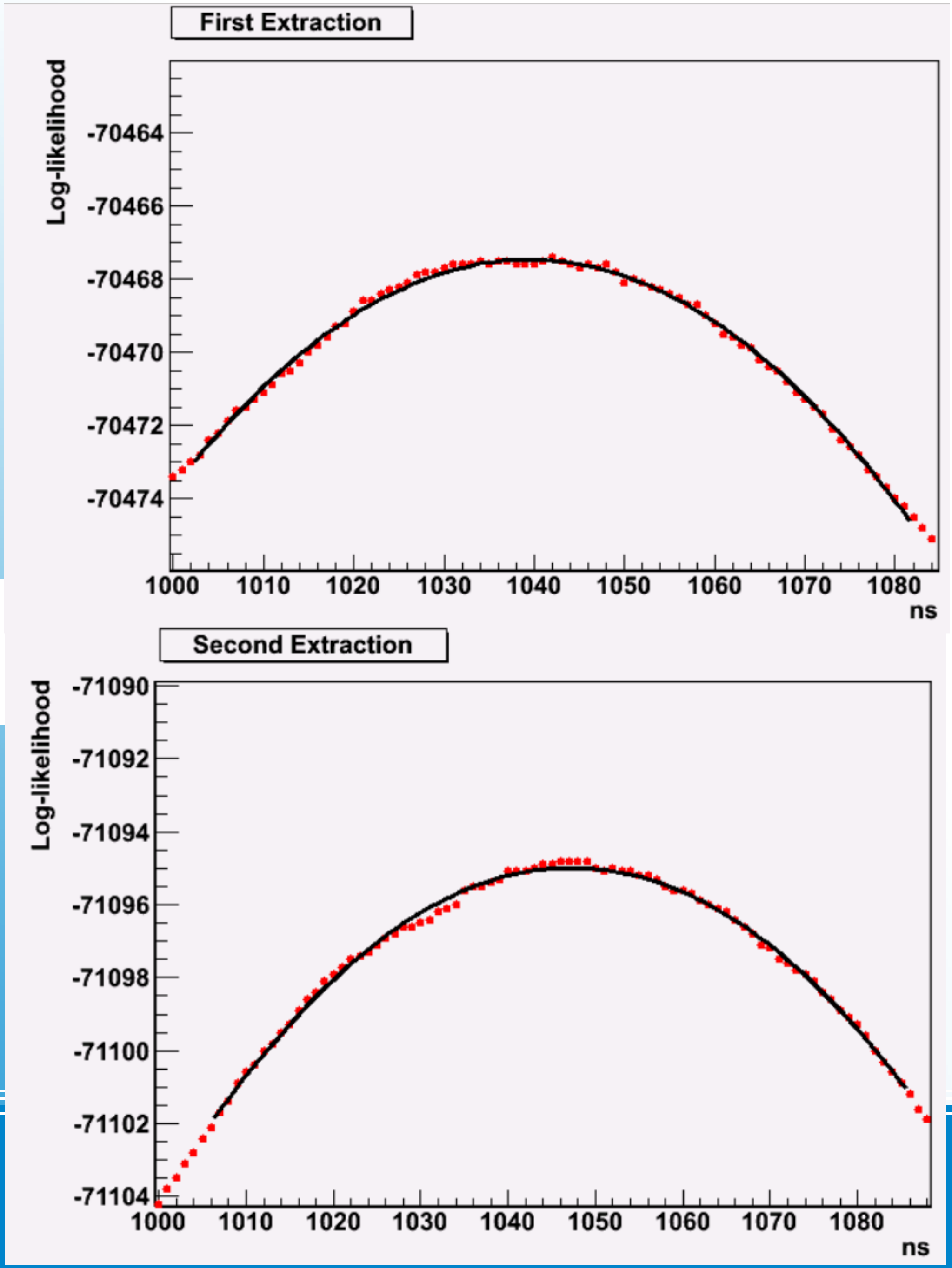
$\delta t = TOF_c - TOF_\nu$

positive (negative) δt →
ν arrives earlier (later) than light

Unbinned Log-Likelihood
maximised over δt:

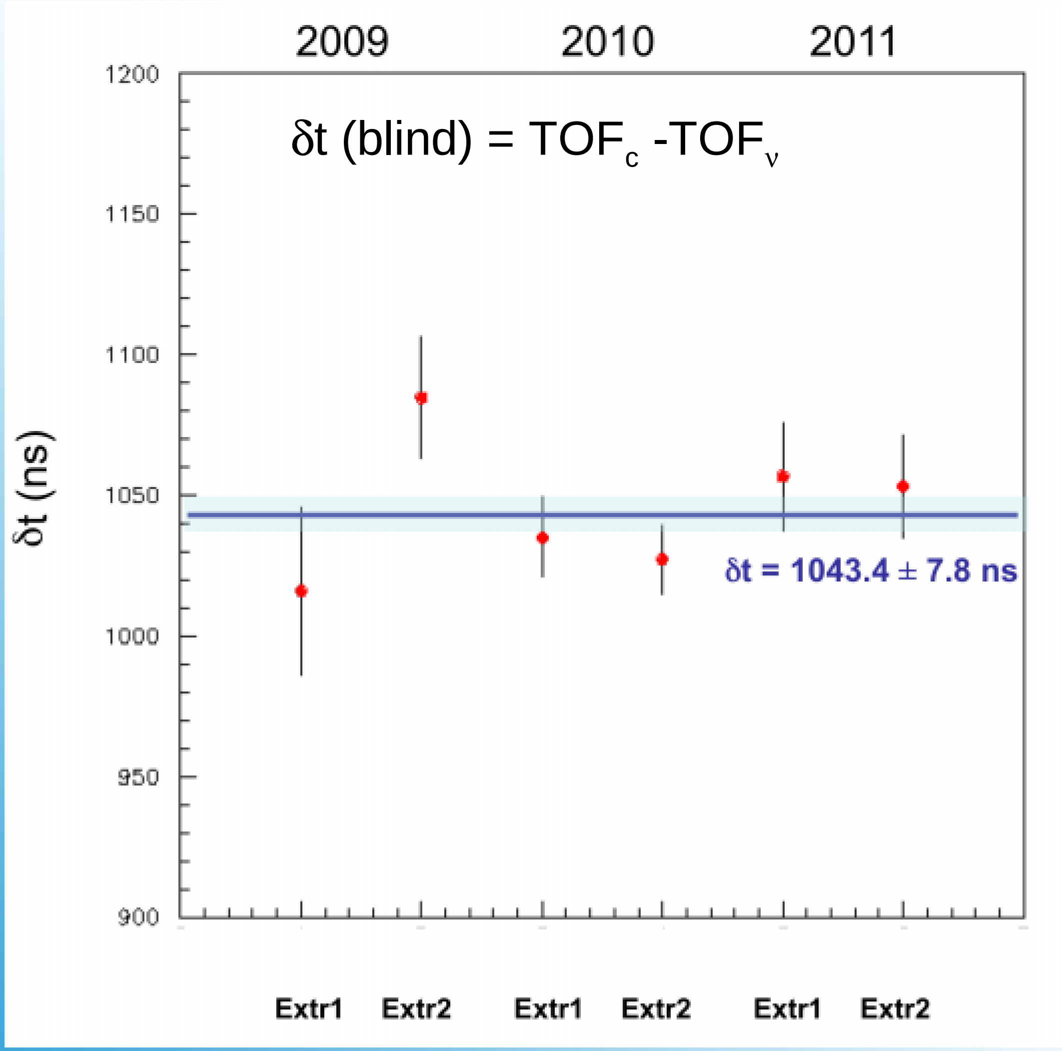
$$L_k(\delta t_k) = \prod_j w_k(t_j + \delta t_k)$$ k=1,2 extractions

Statistical error evaluated from
log likelihood curves



Analysis method

1) Coherence among CNGS runs/extractions



2) No hint for day-night

|day-night| = 16.4 ± 15.8 ns

3) or seasonal effects:
|(spring+fall) - summer|: 15.6 ± 15.0 ns

4) Internal vs external events:

All: 1043.4 ± 7.8 ns
Internal: 1045.1 ± 11.3 ns

Cross-checks

Timing and baseline corrections

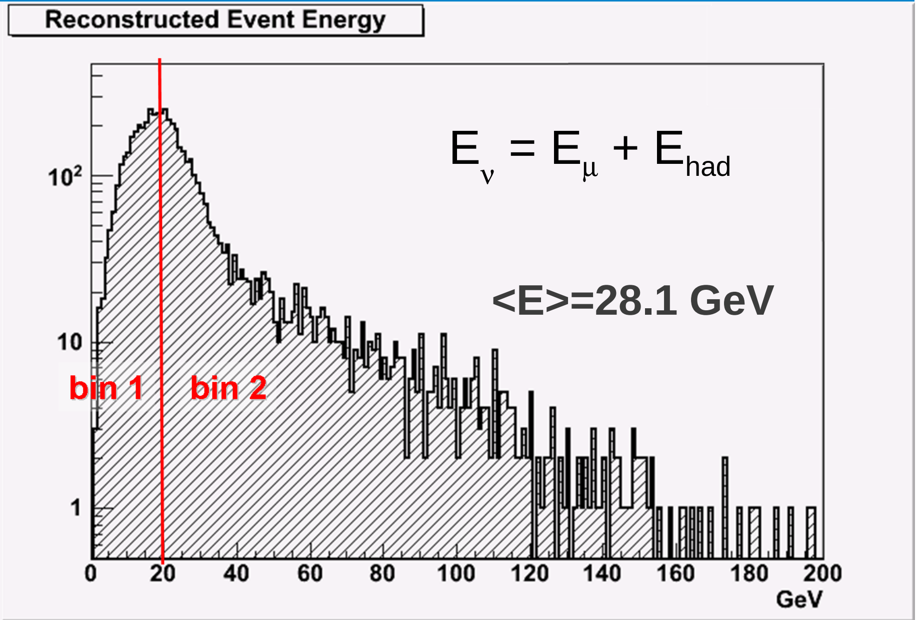
	Blind analysis (ns) 2006	Final analysis (ns) 2011	Correction (ns)
Baseline	2440079.6	2439280.9	
Earth rotation		2.2	
Correction baseline			-796.5
CNGS delays:			
UTC calibration	10092.2	10085.0	
Correction UTC			-7.2
WFD	0	30	
Correction WFD			30
BCT	0	-580	
Correction BCT			-580
OPERA Delays:			
TT response	0	59.6	
FPGA	0	-24.5	
DAQ clock	-4245.2	-4262.9	
Correction OPERA			17.4
GPS Corrections:			
Synchronisation	-353	0	
Time-link	0	-2.3	
Correction GPS			350.7
Total correction			**-985.6**

Systematic uncertainties

Systematic uncertainties	ns	Error distribution
Baseline (20 cm)	0.67	Gaussian
Decay point	0.2	Exponential (1 side)
Interaction point	2.0	Flat (1 side)
UTC delay	2.0	Gaussian
LNGS fibres	1.0	Gaussian
DAQ clock transmission	1.0	Gaussian
FPGA calibration	1.0	Gaussian
FWD trigger delay	1.0	Gaussian
CNGS-OPERA GPS synchronisation	1.7	Gaussian
MC simulation for TT timing	3.0	Gaussian
TT time response	2.3	Gaussian
BCT calibration	5.0	Gaussian
Total systematic uncertainty	**-5.9, +8.3**	

$$\delta t = TOF_c - TOF_\nu = (1043.4 - 985.6)\text{ ns} = (57.8 \pm 7.8\text{ (stat.)}^{+8.3}_{-5.9}\text{(sys.)})\text{ ns}$$

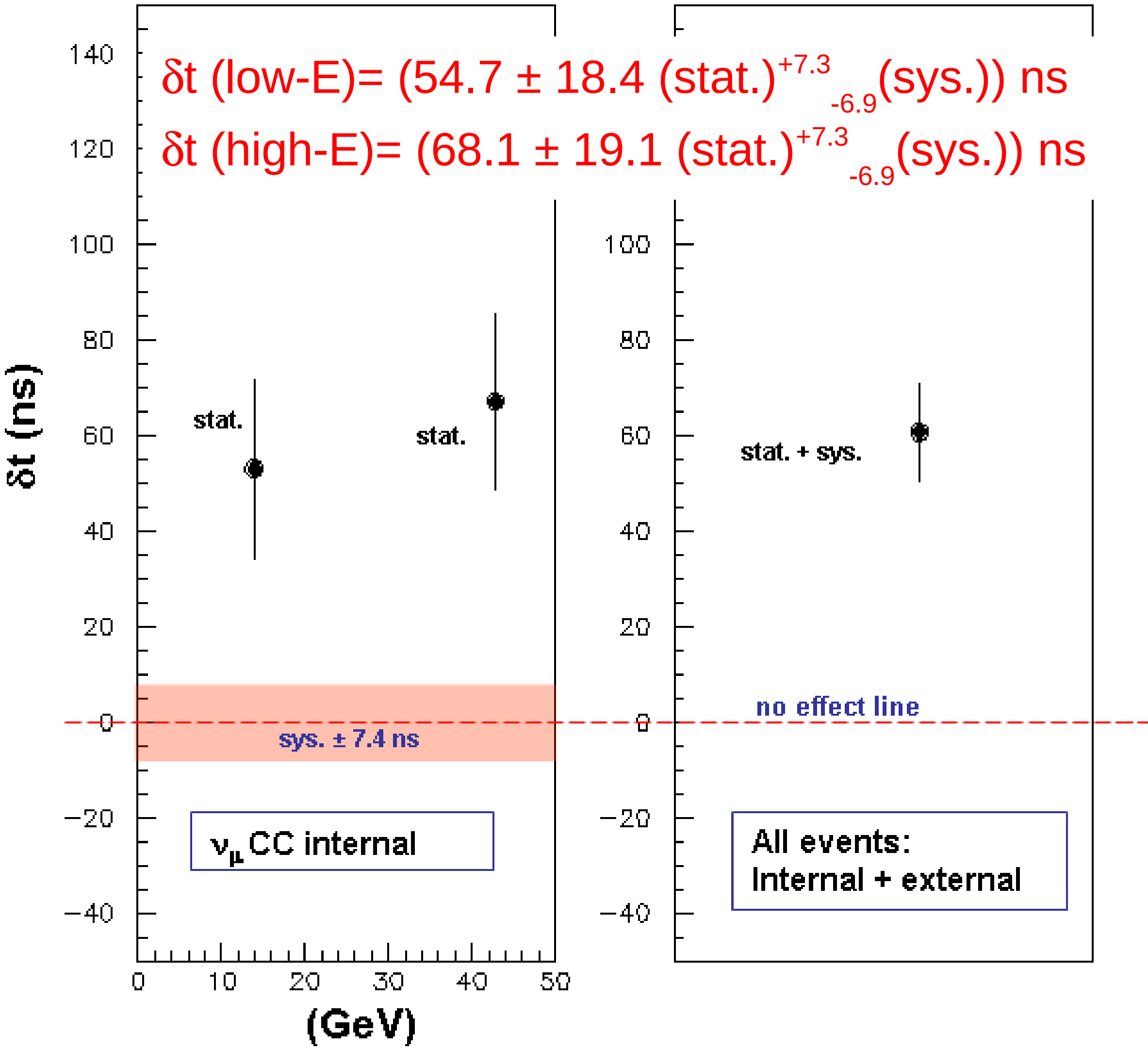
Opening the box: result



Only internal muon-neutrino CC events used (5199 events)

$\delta t = (61.1 \pm 13.2\ (stat.)^{+7.3}_{-6.9} (sys.))$ ns

No indication for energy dependence within the present sensitivity in the explored energy domain



Energy dependence

δt = (62.1 ± 3.7) ns

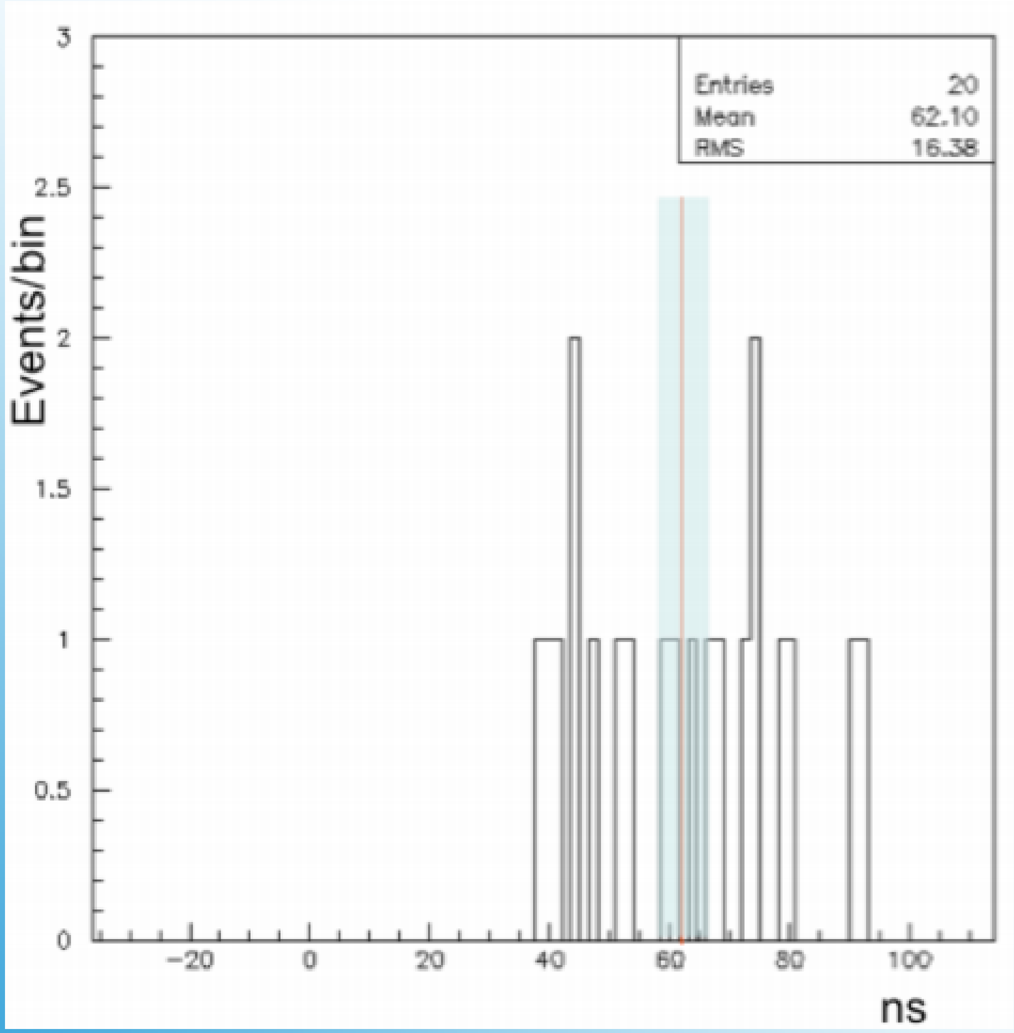
with original beam timing : 57.8 ± 7.8 ns

Main contributions to the RMS (16.4 ns):

- TT response (7.3 ns)
- DAQ time granularity (10 ns full width)
- ± 25 ns flat jitter

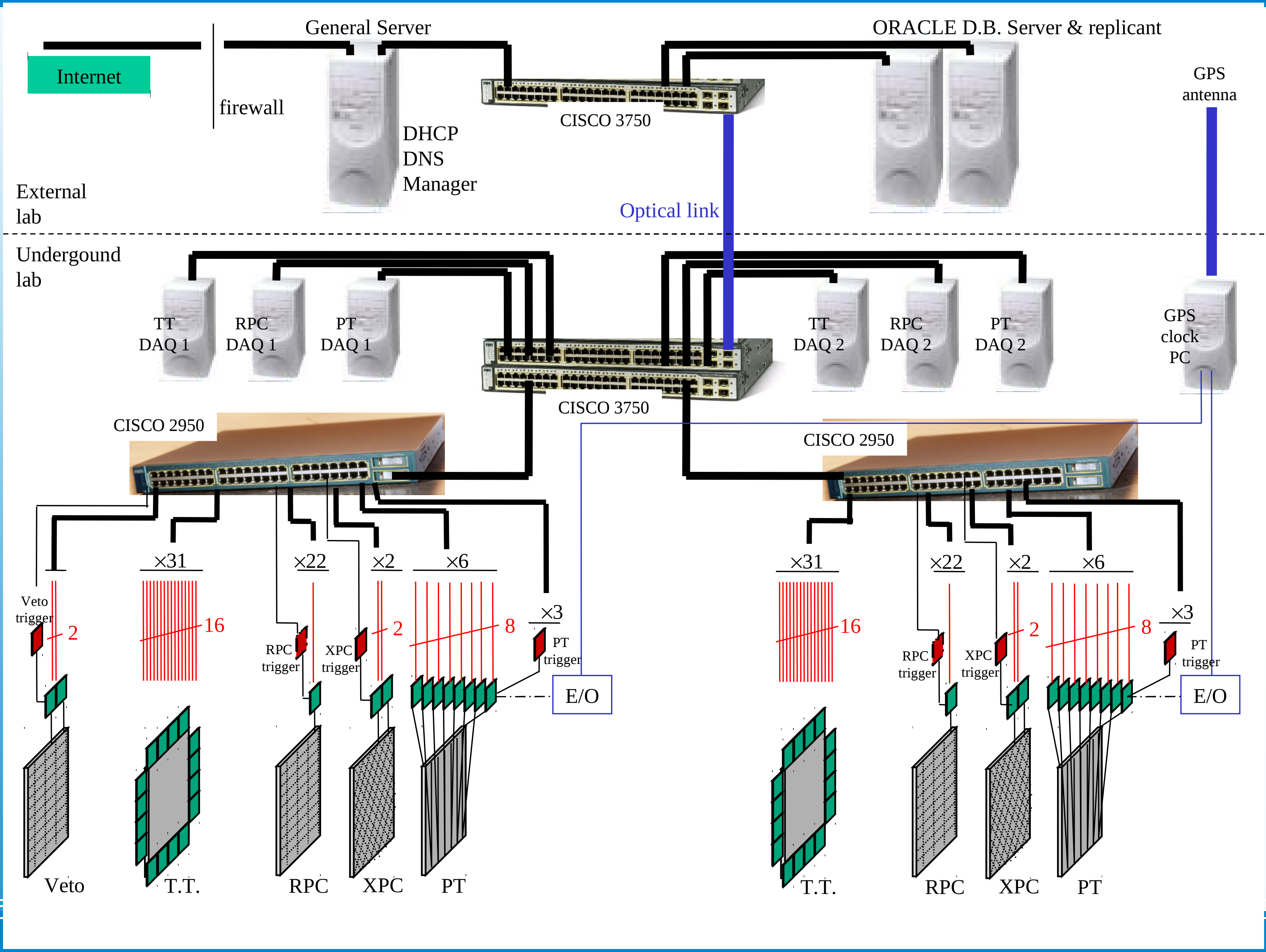
– The dominant ± 25 ns term is related to the tagging of the GPS signal by the 20 MHz OPERA master clock (RMS = 50 ns/√12 = 14.4 ns).

The statistical accuracy on the average δt is already as small as 3.7 ns with only 20 events (collected in 15 days).



Bunched-beam result

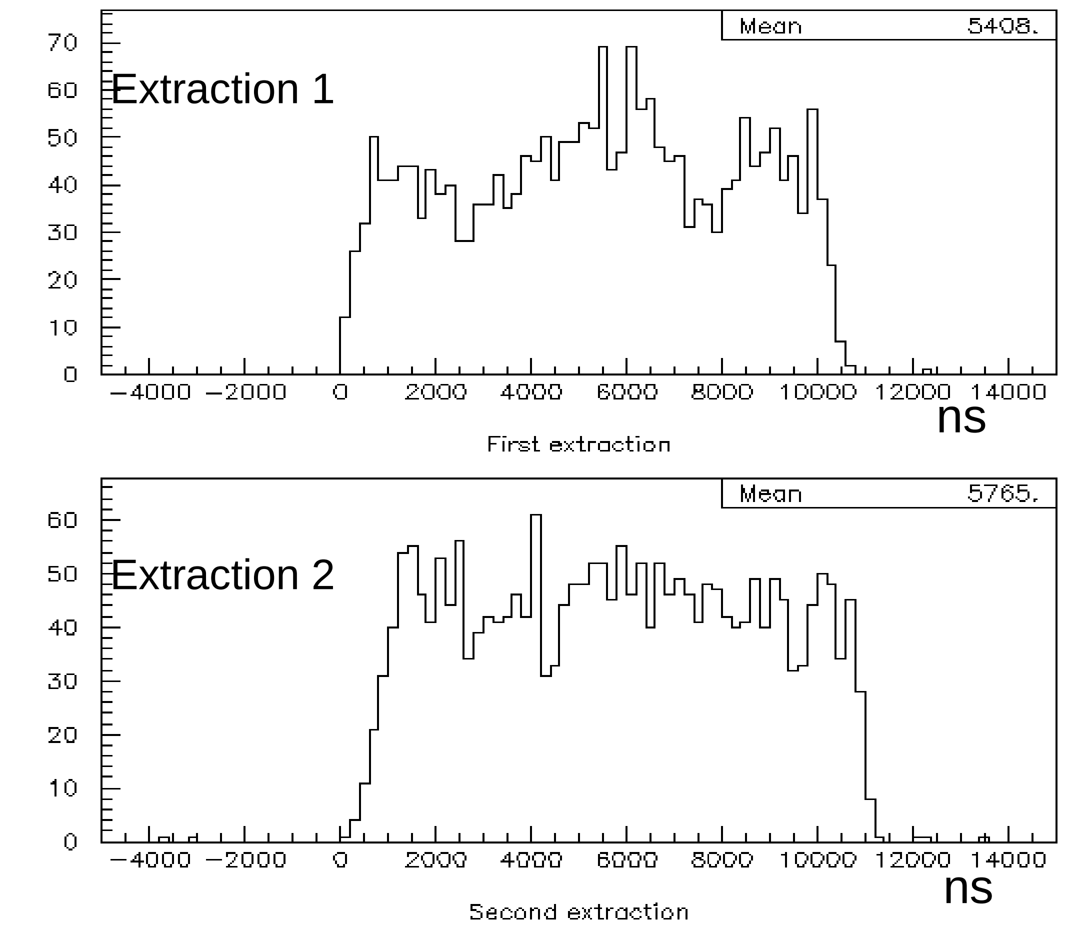
- Trigger-less
- 1200 asynchronous FE nodes
- Gigabit ethernet network



OPERA read-out scheme

Typical neutrino event time distributions w.r.t kicker magnet trigger pulse =>

- Not flat
- Different timing for the two extractions



→ Need to measure precisely the proton spills

From selection to the velocity measurement

- FNAL experiment (Phys. Rev. Lett. 43 (1979) 1361)

  ν_μ (E_ν > 30 GeV) short baseline experiment.

  $|v-c|/c \leq 4 \cdot 10^{-5}$ (comparison of ν_μ and μ velocities).

- Supernova SN1987A (e.g. Phys. Lett. B 201 (1988) 353)

  electron (anti) ν, E ~ 10 MeV, 168.000 light years baseline.

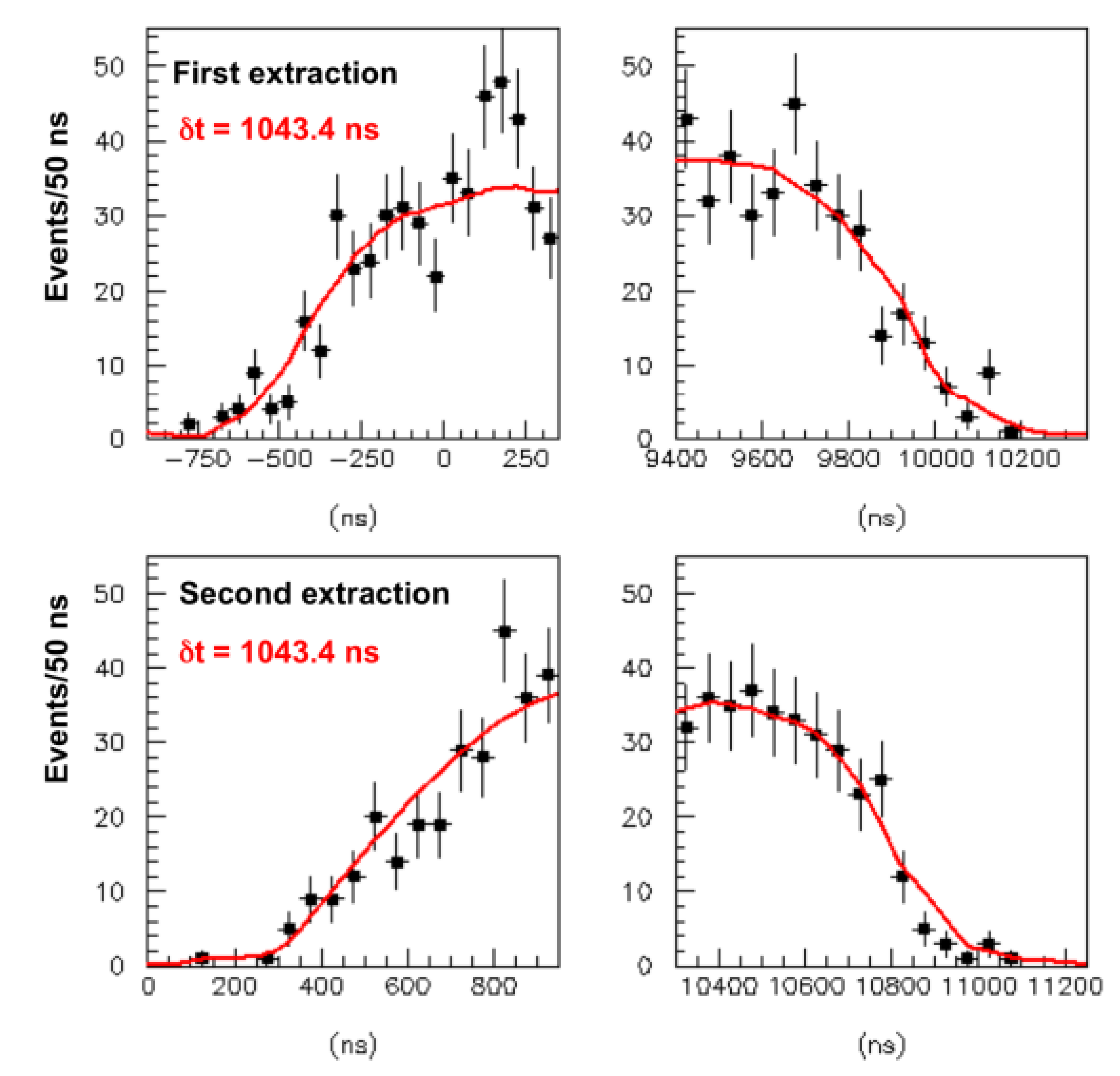
  $|v-c|/c \leq 2 \cdot 10^{-9}$ (ν and light arrival time).

- MINOS (Phys. Rev. D 76 072005 2007)

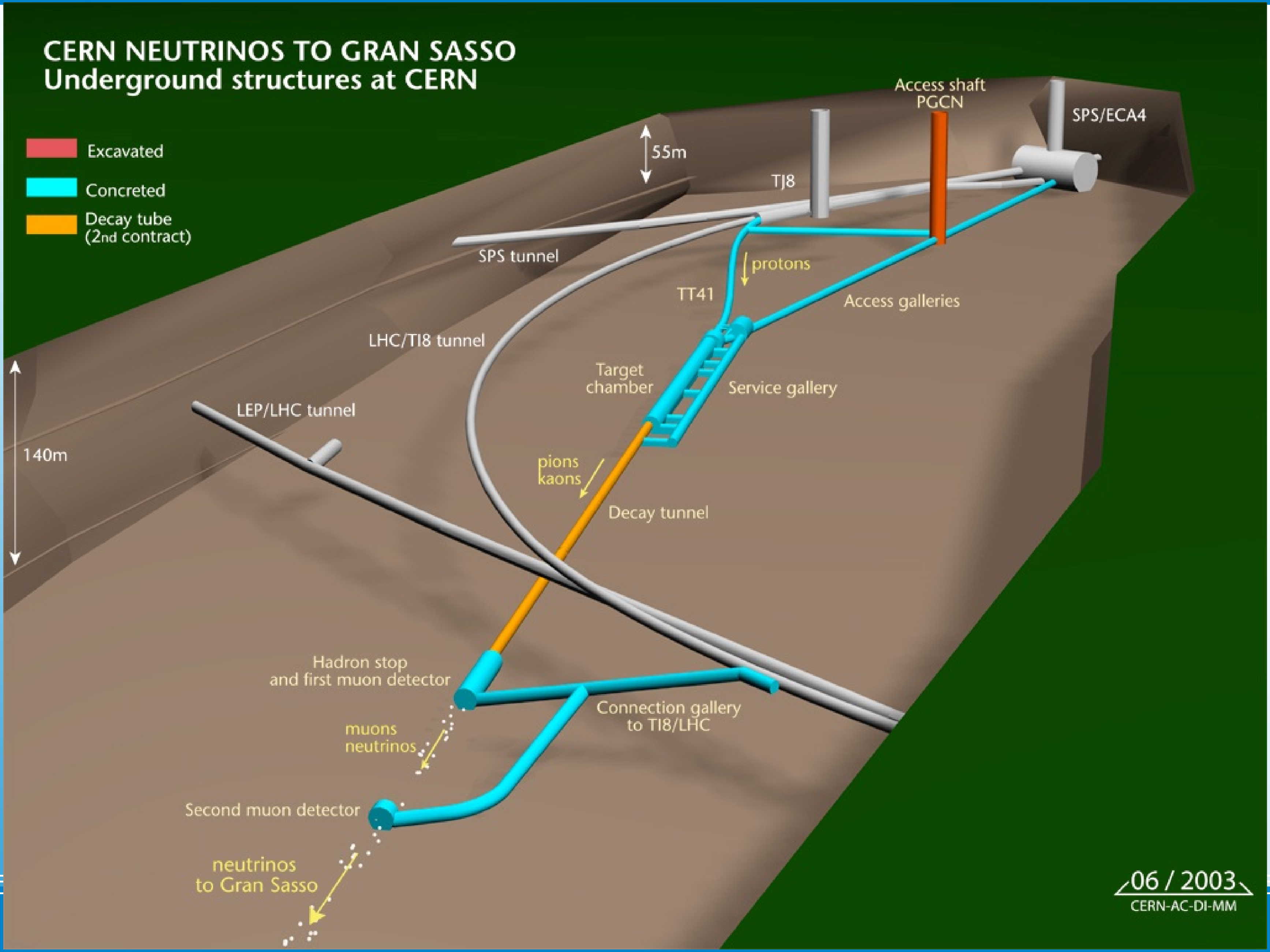
  ν_μ , E_ν ~ 3 GeV with a tail above 100 GeV. 730 km baseline.

  $(v-c)/c = (5.1 \pm 2.9)\ 10^{-5}$,1.8 σ, (ν_μ at near and far site)

Previous ν–velocity measurements



Edge regions


CERN NEUTRINOS TO GRAN SASSO
Underground structures at CERN
Excavated
Concreted
Decay tube (2nd contract)
55m
TJ8
Access shaft PGCN
SPS/ECA4
SPS tunnel
protons
TT41
Access galleries
LHC/TI8 tunnel
Target chamber
Service gallery
LEP/LHC tunnel
140m
pions kaons
Decay tunnel
Hadron stop and first muon detector
Connection gallery to TI8/LHC
muons neutrinos
Second muon detector
neutrinos to Gran Sasso
06 / 2003
CERN-AC-DI-MM

CNGS

CERN-LNGS measurements (different periods) combined in the ETRF2000 European Global system, accounting for earth dynamics (collaboration with CERN survey group)

LNGS benchmarks
In ETRF2000

Benchmark	X (m)	Y (m)	Z (m)
GPS1	4579518.745	1108193.650	4285874.215
GPS2	4579537.618	1108238.881	4285843.959
GPS3	4585824.371	1102829.275	4280651.125
GPS4	4585839.629	1102751.612	4280651.236

Cross-check done in June 2011: simultaneous CERN-LNGS measurement of GPS benchmarks

Distance (BCT - OPERA reference frame) = (731278.0 ± 0.2) m

Combination with CERN geodesy

$$L(\delta t) = \prod_j w_j(t_j + \delta t)$$

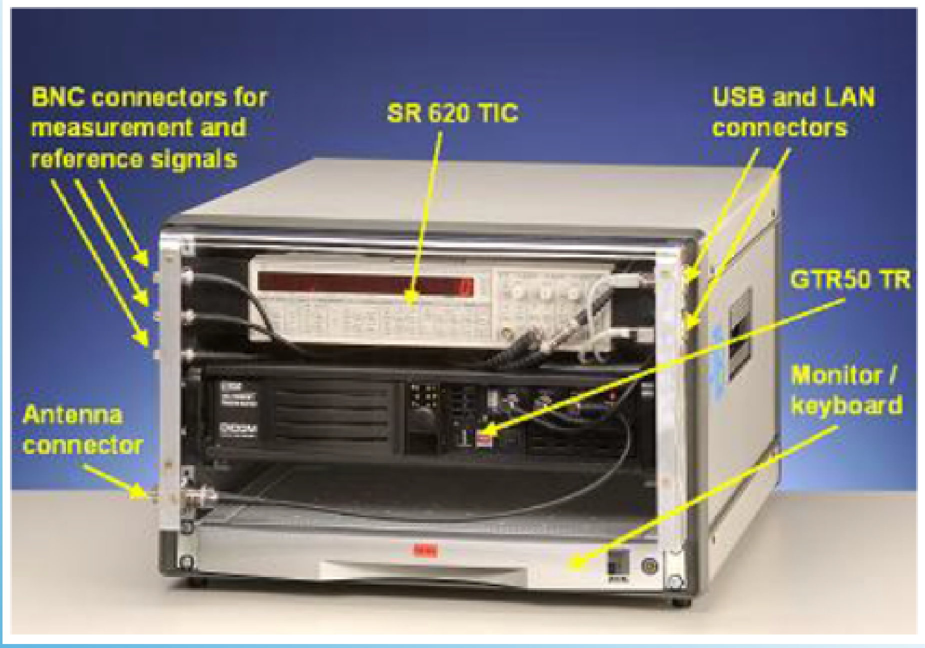
$$\delta t = (54.5 \pm 5.0\ (\text{stat.})\ ^{+9.6}_{-7.2}\ (\text{sys.}))\ \text{ns}$$

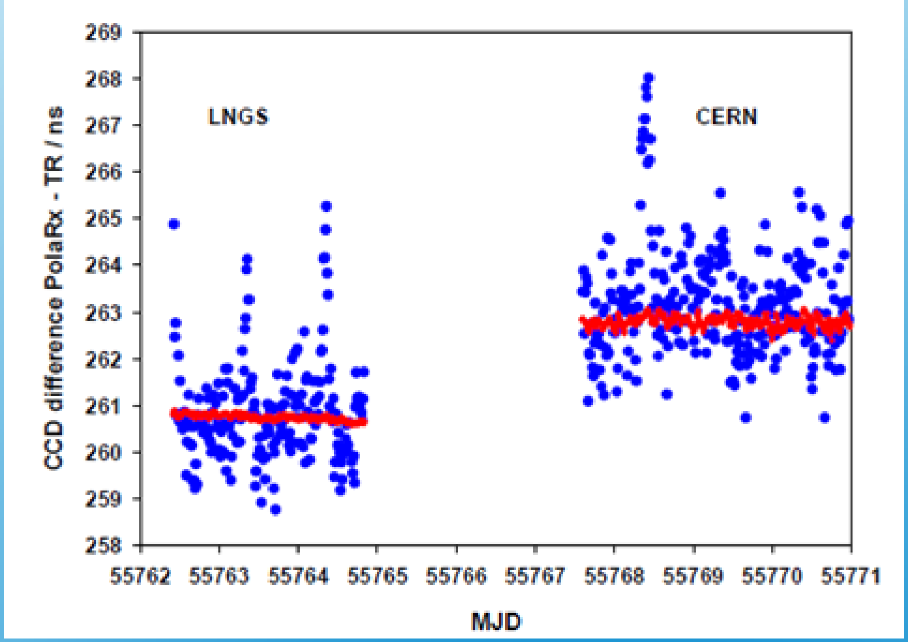
Event-by-event PDFs

Independent twin-system calibration by the Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt

High accuracy/stability portable time-transfer setup @ CERN and LNGS

GTR50 GPS receiver, thermalised, external Cs frequency source, embedded Time Interval Counter





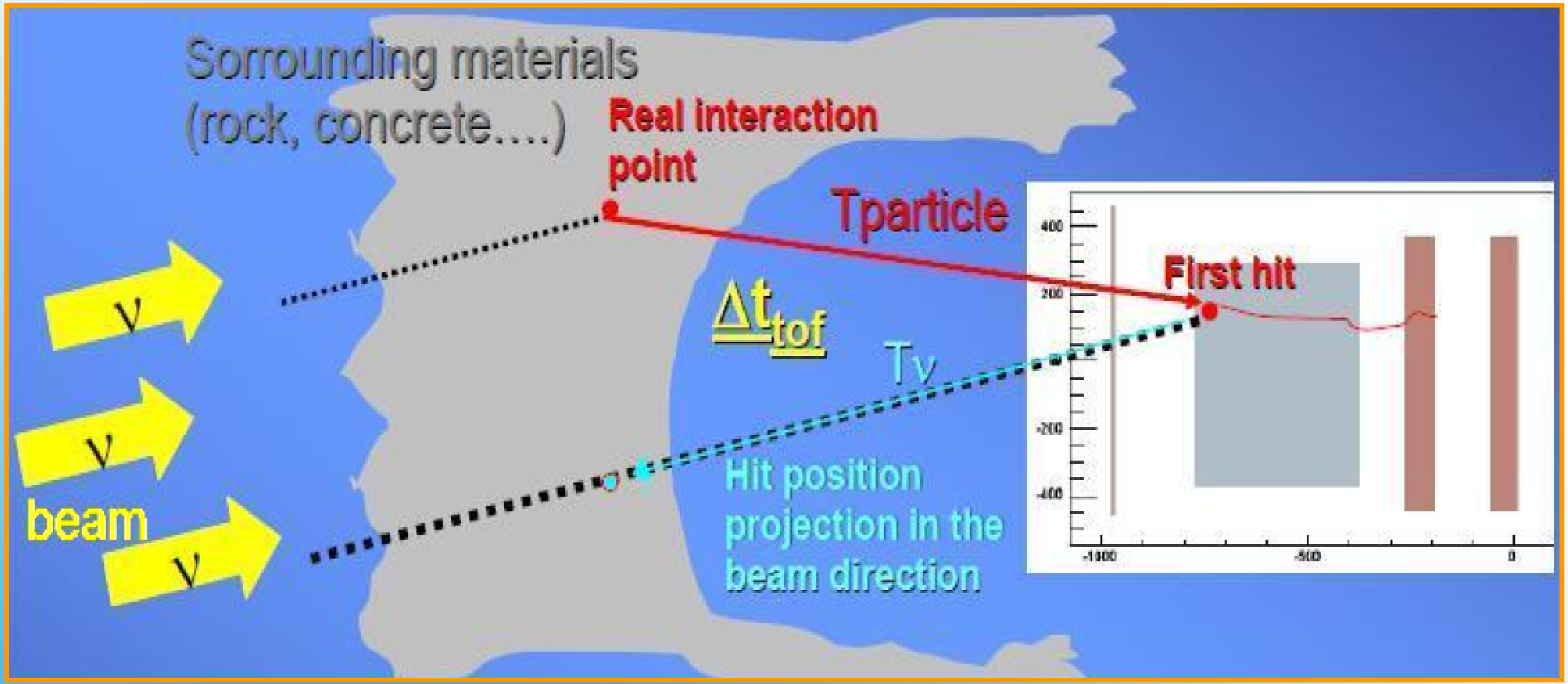
Correction to the time-link:

$t_{CERN} - t_{OPERA} = (2.3 \pm 0.9)$ ns

CERN-OPERA intercalibration cross check

Item	Result	Method
CERN UTC distribution (GMT)	10085 ± 2 ns	• Portable Cs • Two-ways
WFD trigger	30 ± 1 ns	Scope
BTC delay	580 ± 5 ns	• Portable Cs • Dedicated beam experiment
LNGS UTC distribution (fibers)	40996 ± 1 ns	• Two-ways • Portable Cs
OPERA master clock distribution	4262.9 ± 1 ns	• Two-ways • Portable Cs
FPGA latency, quantization curve	24.5 ± 1 ns	Scope vs DAQ delay scan (0.5 ns steps)
Target Tracker delay (Photocathode to FPGA)	50.2 ± 2.3 ns	UV picosecond laser
Target Tracker response (Scintillator-Photocathode, trigger time-walk, quantisation)	9.4 ± 3 ns	UV laser, time walk and photon arrival time parametrizations, full detector simulation
CERN-LNGS intercalibration	2.3 ± 1.7 ns	• METAS PolaRx calibration • PTB direct measurement

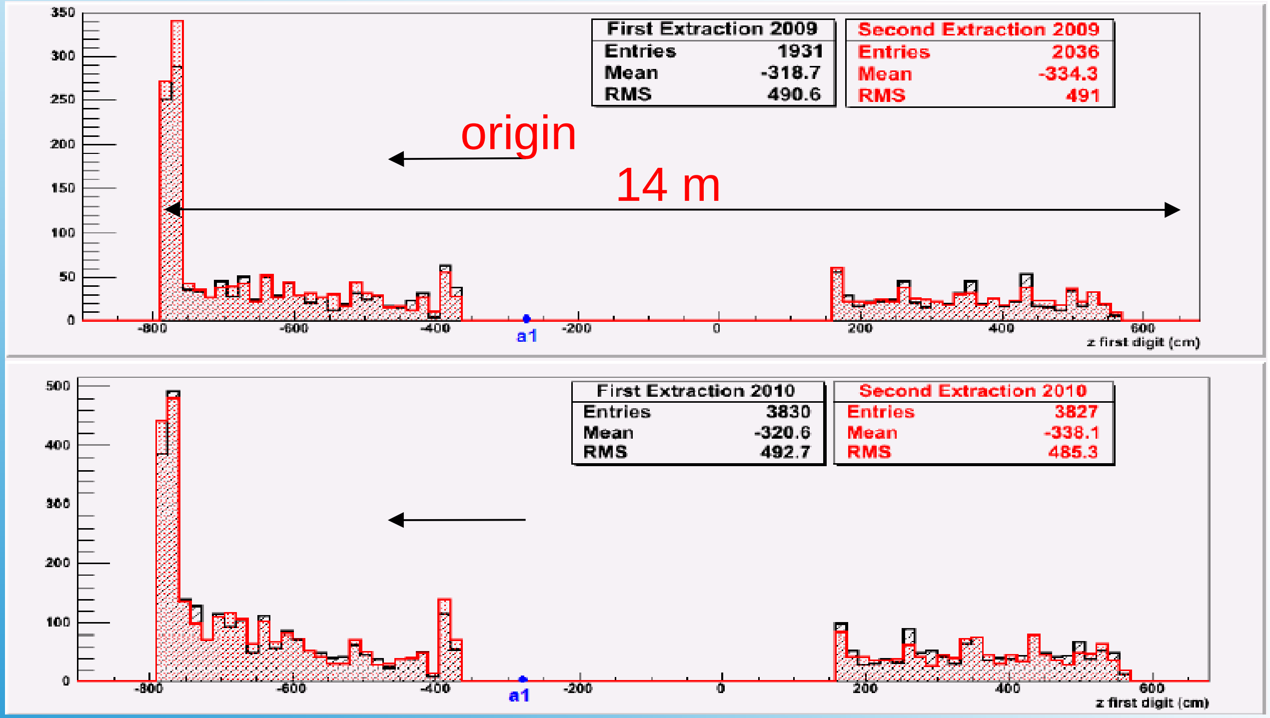
Delay calibrations summary



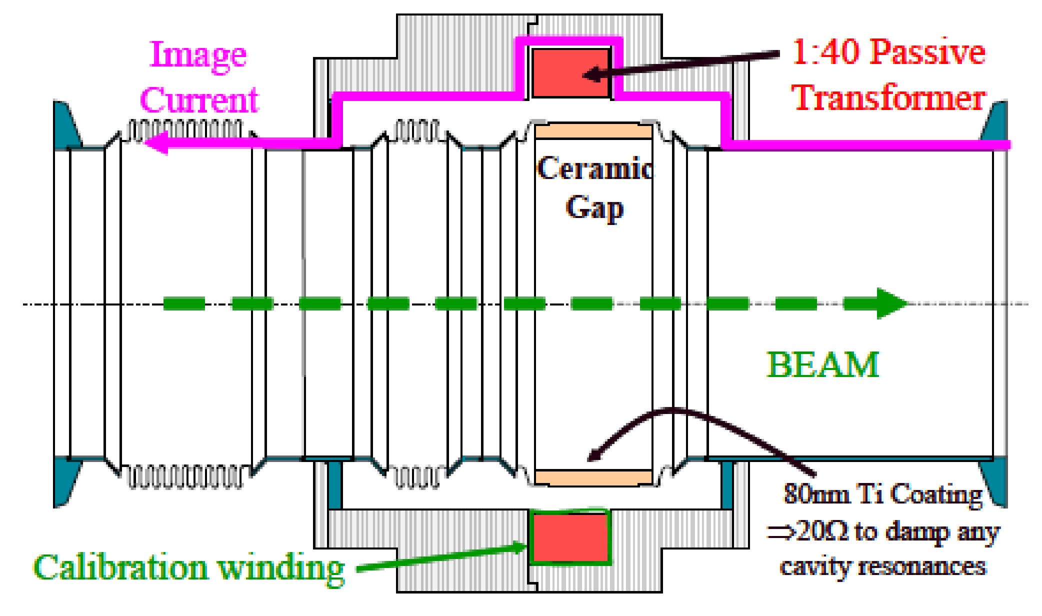
External events

Correction due to the earliest hit position

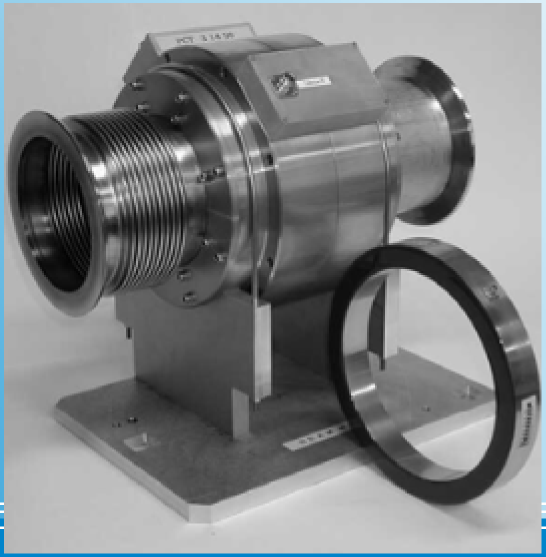
Average correction: 140 cm (4.7 ns)



Z correction



Raw BCT signal used, no integration
<1% linearity
Large bandwidth 400 MHz
Low droop <0.1%/µs



Fast beam current transformer

GPS standard operation

resolves (x, y, z, t) with ≥ 4 satellite observations

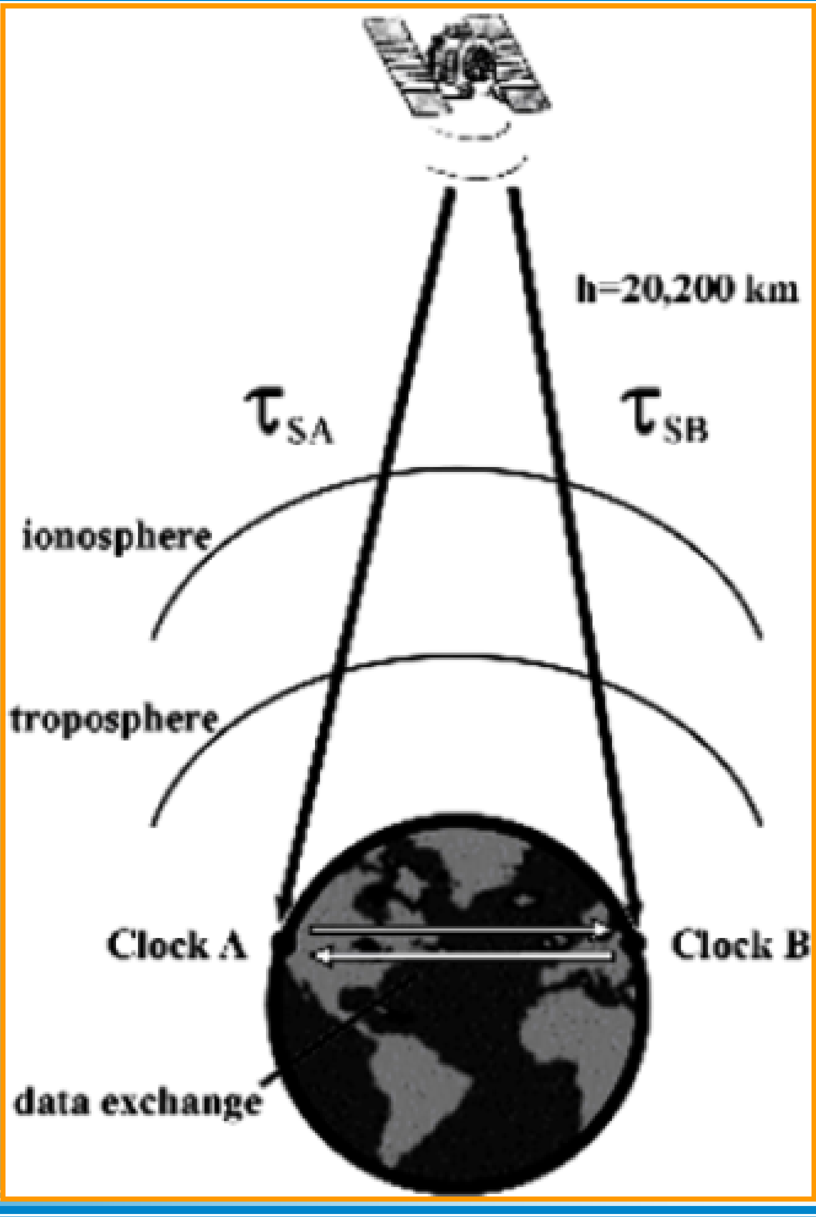
GPS "common-view" mode

same satellite visible from two sites

Knowing (x, y, z) of the sites from former dedicated measurements → determine time differences of local clocks w.r.t. the satellite, by off-line data exchange

Advantage: 730 km << 20000 km (satellite height) → similar paths in ionosphere → error cancellation

Standard technique for high accuracy t-transfer
Permanent time link (~1 ns) between reference points at CERN and OPERA

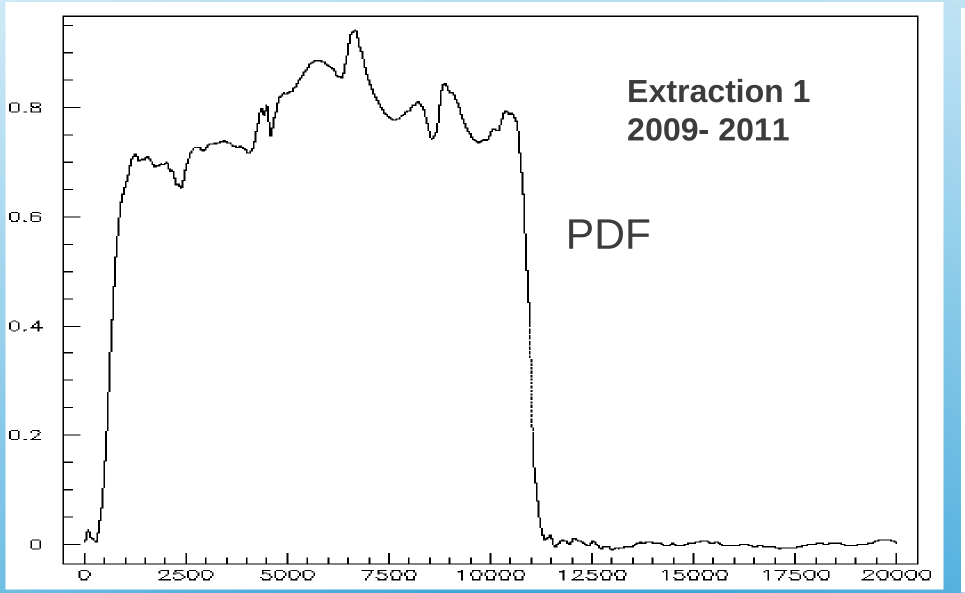


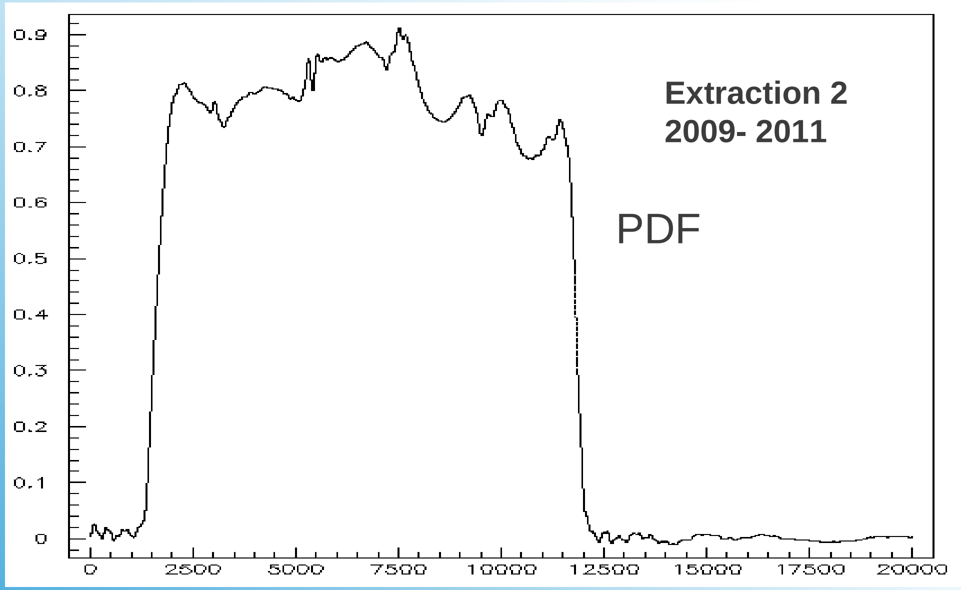
GPS common view mode

- Each event is associated to its proton spill waveform
- The "parent" proton is unknown within the 10.5 μs extraction time

→ normalize each waveform and sum:

Average Probability Density Function (PDF) of the predicted t-distribution of ν events





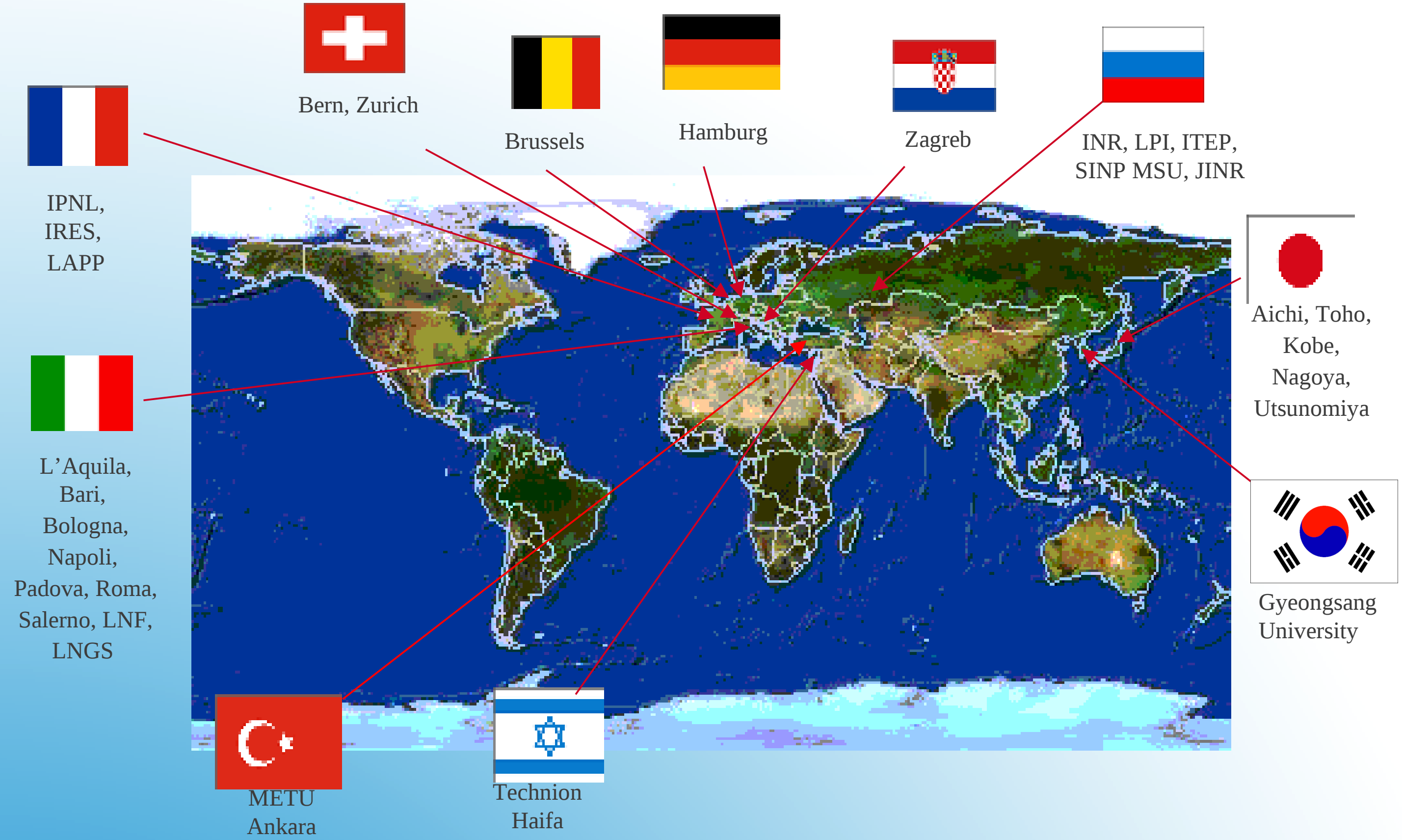
Another approach:

→ normalize each waveform and use a different PDF for each ν event

Neutrino event-time PDF

OPERA Coll.

- 11 countries
- 30 institutions
- 160 physicists



Collaborators

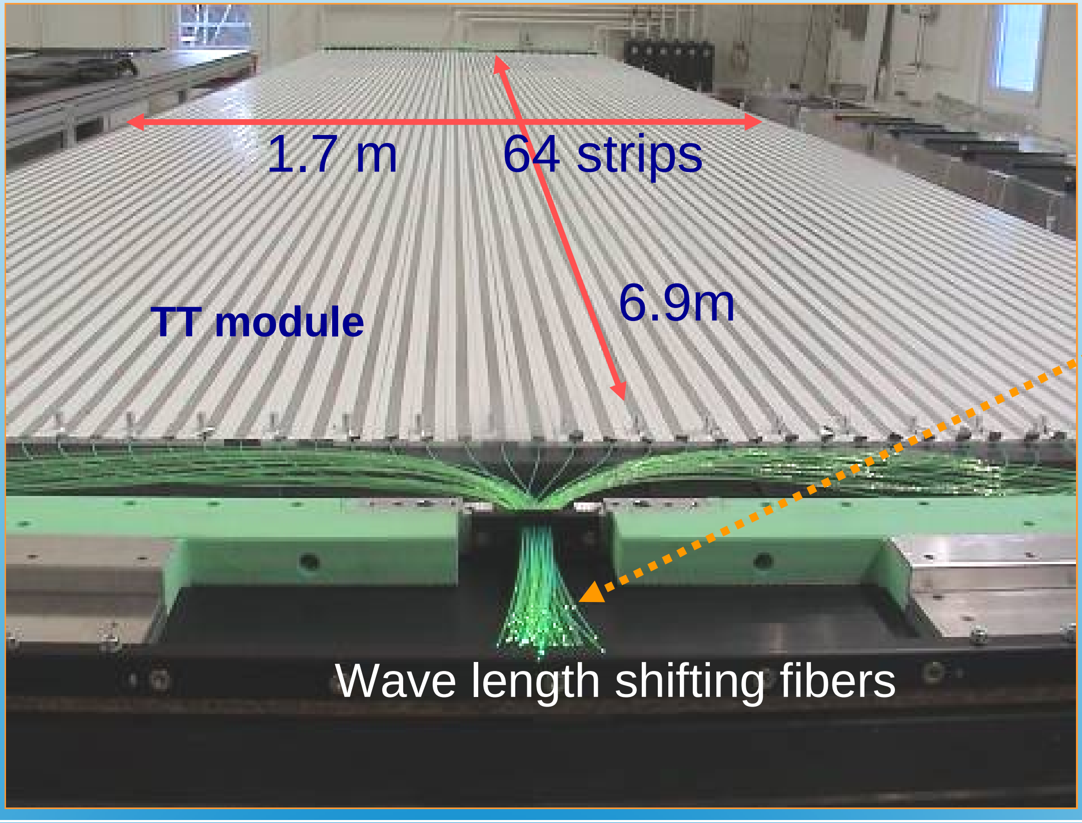
- CERN groups: CNGS beam, survey, timing and PS
- Geodesy group of the Università Sapienza of Rome
- Swiss Institute of Metrology (METAS)
- German Institute of Metrology (PTB)

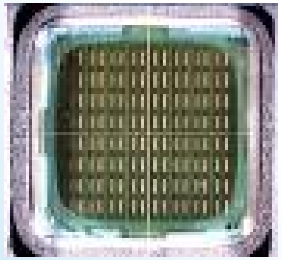
http://arxiv.org/pdf/1109.4897v2

OPERA and collaborating groups

Tasks: location of the ECC containing the ν interactions and event timing

- extruded plastic scintillator strips (2.6 cm width)
- light collections with wave length shifting fibers (WLS)
- fibers read-out at either side with multi-anode 64 pixels PMTs (H7546)



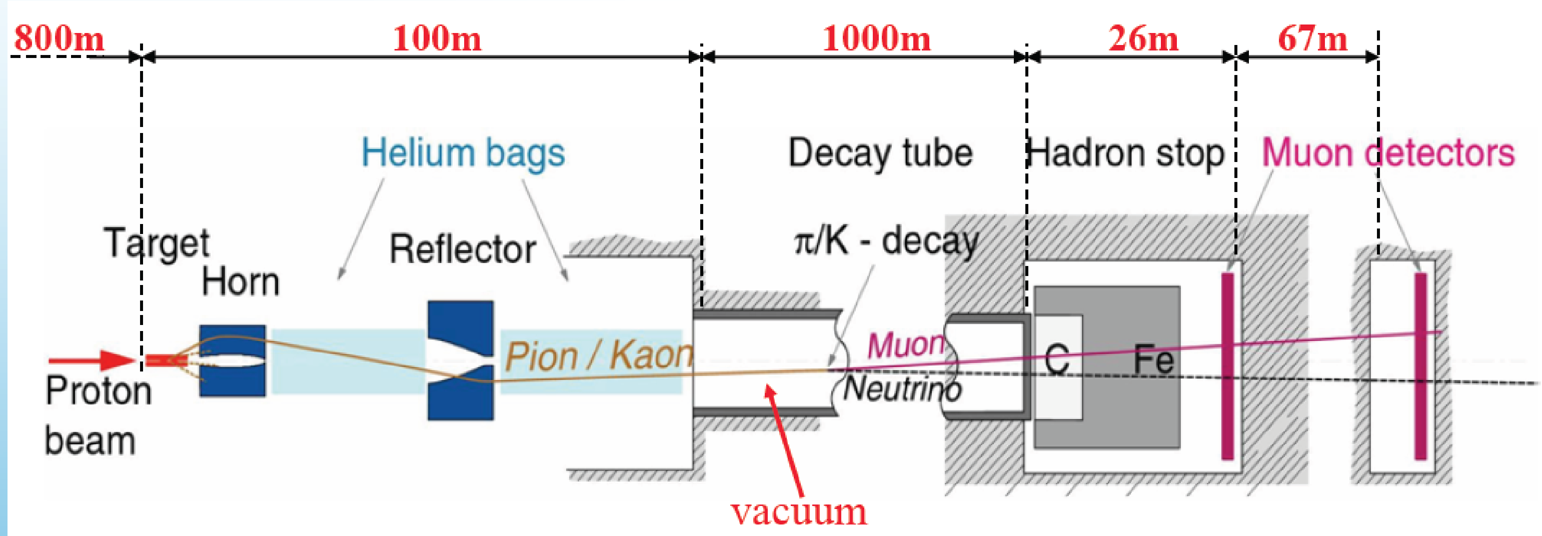


H7546 photomultiplier

one front-end DAQ board per side

The target tracker

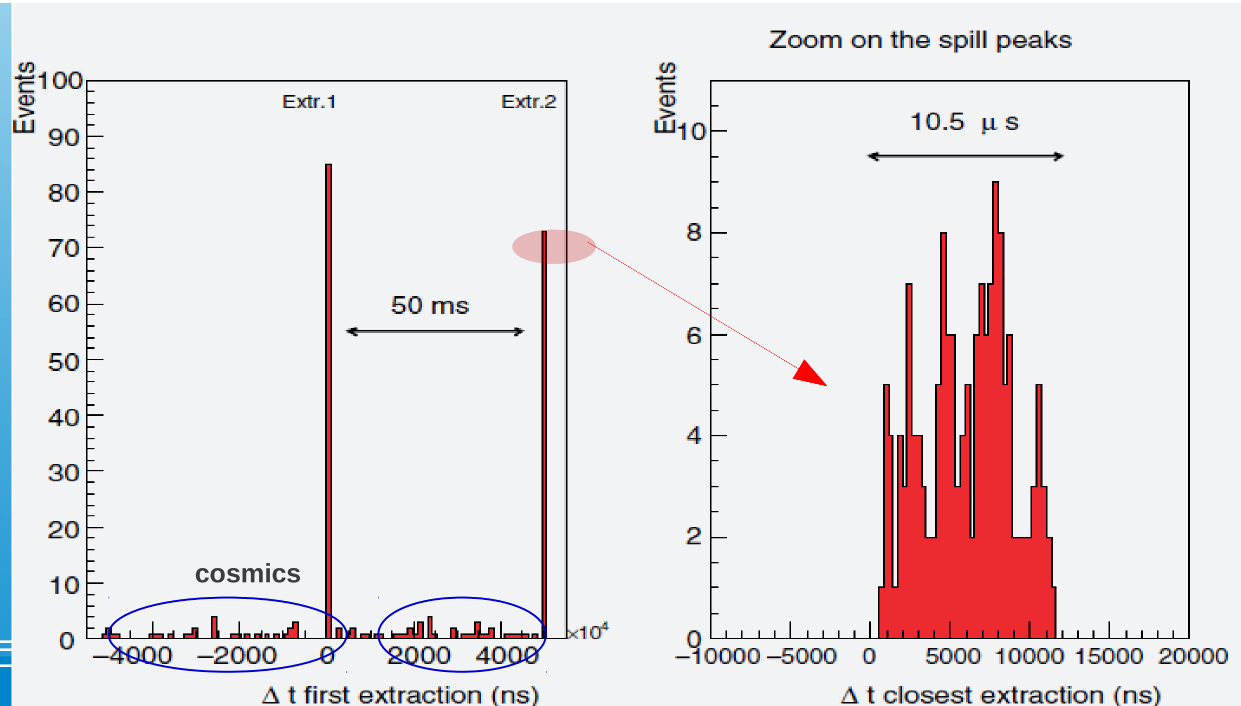
- SPS p: 400 GeV/c
- 6 s cycle
- ~ pure ν_μ
- $\langle E_\nu \rangle$ = 17 GeV traveling through the Earth's crust



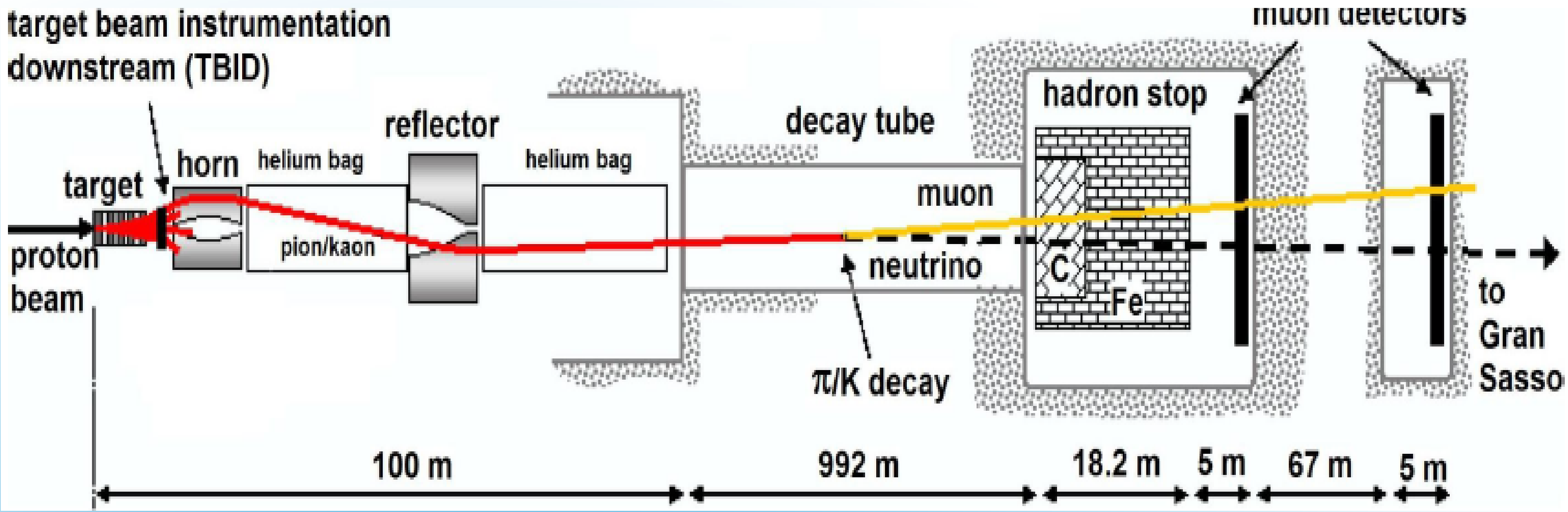
- Two 10.5 µs extractions (by kicker magnet) separated by 50 ms

2.4·10^{13} protons/extraction

Negligible cosmic-ray background: $O(10^{-4})$



The CNGS neutrino beam



- ν production point is not known but:
  - accurate UTC time-stamp of protons
  - relativistic parent mesons

TOF_c = assuming *c* from BCT to OPERA (2439280.9 ns)

TOF_{true} = accounting for speed of mesons down to decay point

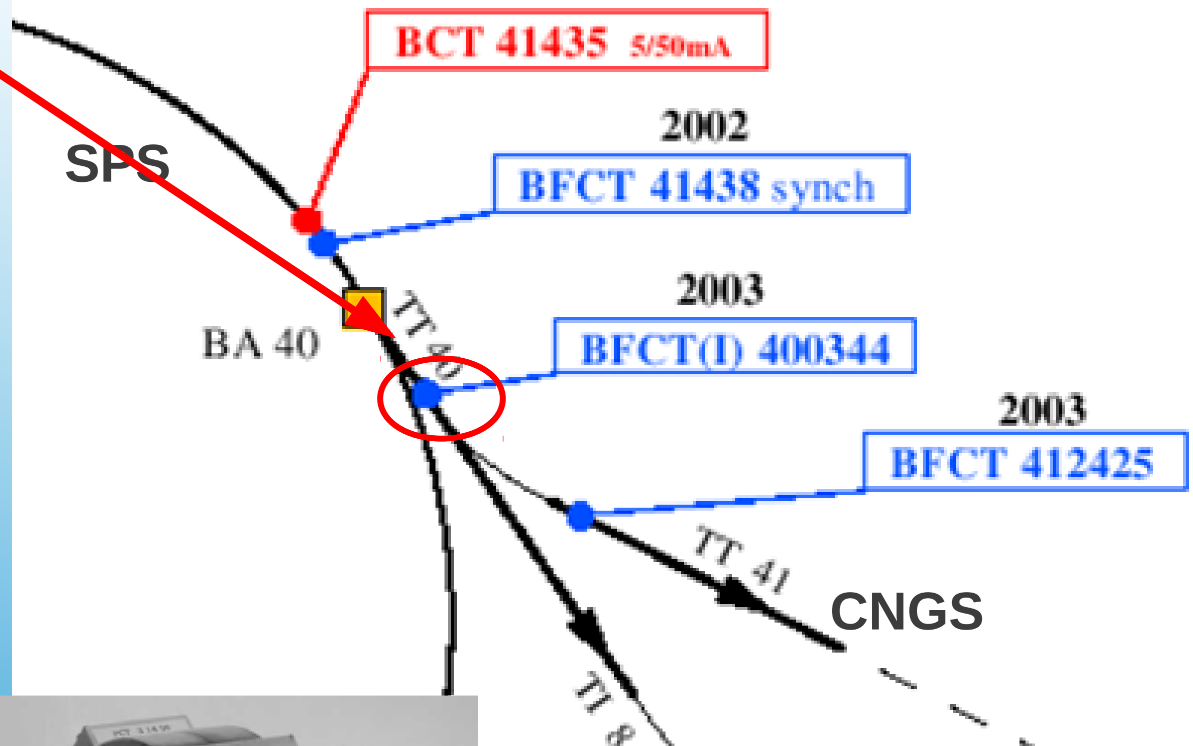
$$\Delta t = \frac{z}{\beta c} - \frac{z}{c} = \frac{z}{c}\left(\frac{1}{\beta} - 1\right) \approx \frac{z}{c}\frac{1}{2\gamma^2}$$

$\langle \Delta t \rangle = TOF_{true} - TOF_c =$ 14 ps   full FLUKA simulation

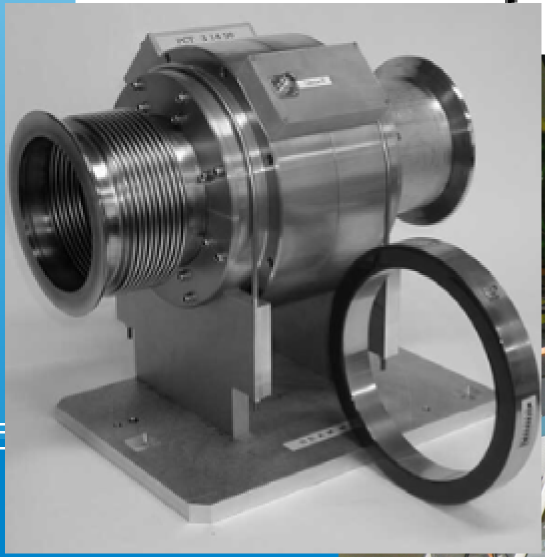
Neutrino production point

Accurate p timing

Fast Beam Current Transformer
(“BCT”, id 400344)
400 MHz bandwidth



- Proton pulse digitized by a 1GS/s waveform digitizer (“WFD”, Acqiris DP110)
- WFD triggered by a replica of the kicker signal
- Waveforms are UTC time-stamped and stored in CNGS database for offline analysis



2010 calibration with Cs clock

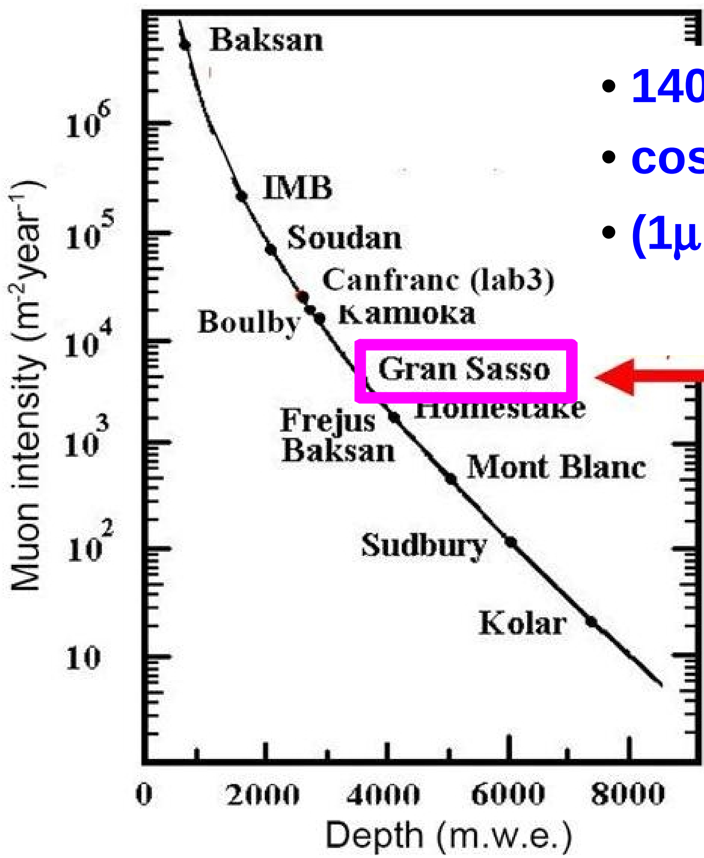
Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso (the largest underground lab)

2912 m

- ν phys. (ββ0ν solar-ν, atm.-ν, LB ν-osc.)

HMββ, MACRO, GNO, BOREXINO, OPERA, ICARUS, CUORICINO, COBRA, CUORE, GERDA

- DM - CRESST, DAMA, LIBRA, HDMS, GENIUS-TF, XENON, WARP
- Particle & nuclear astrophysics - EASTOP, LVD, LUNA, VIP
- Gravitational waves - LISA / Geophys., seismology - ERMES, UNDERSEIS, TELLUS, GIGS. Biology - ZOO, CRYO-STEM



- 1400 m rock overburden
- cosmic μ reduction ~ 10^6
- ($1\mu\ /m^2/h$)

Surface INFN laboratory. 980 m

low radioactivity rock

~ 3 n/s/kg