

The Gran Sasso Underground Laboratory *a Status Report*

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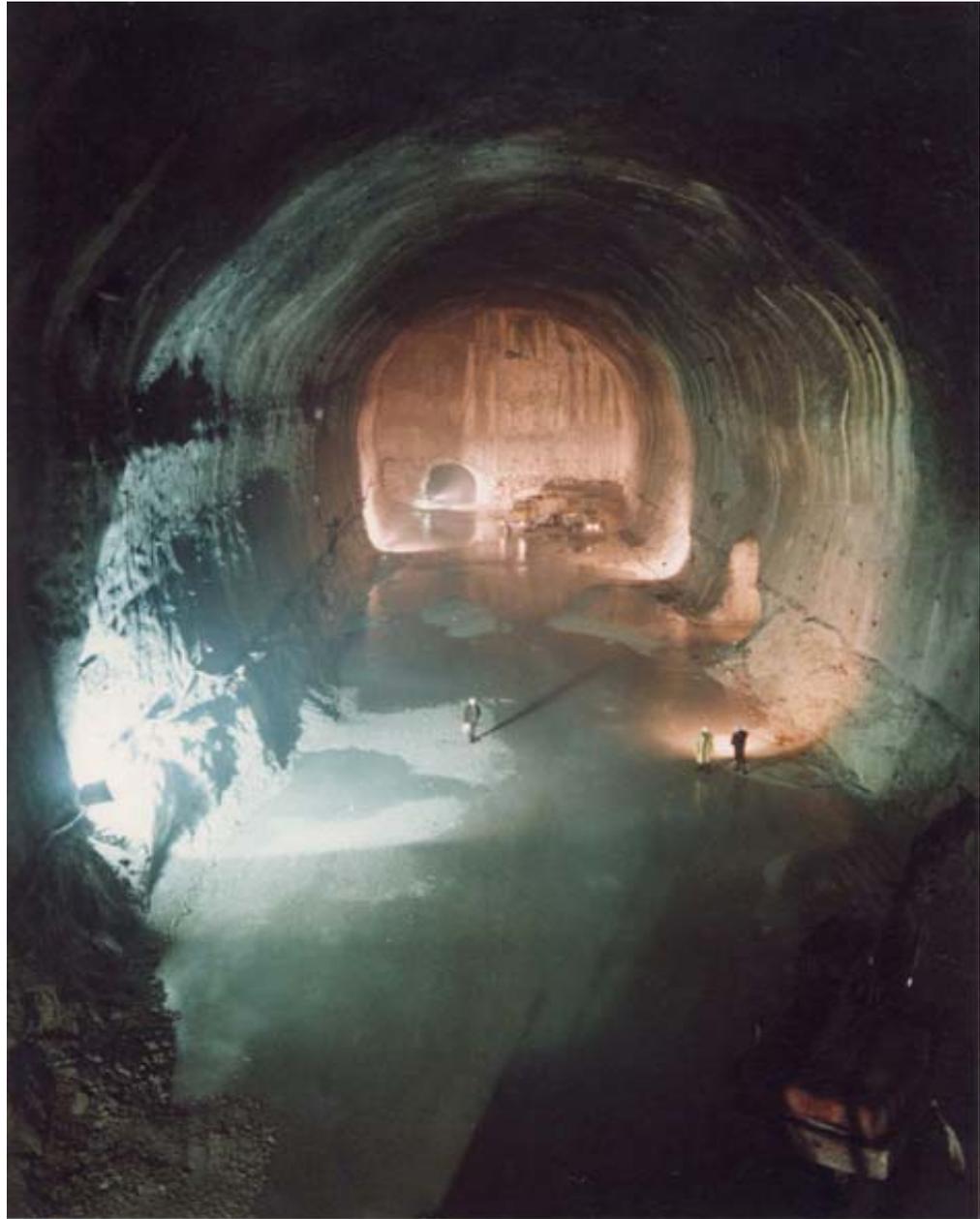
Tunnel of 10.4 km

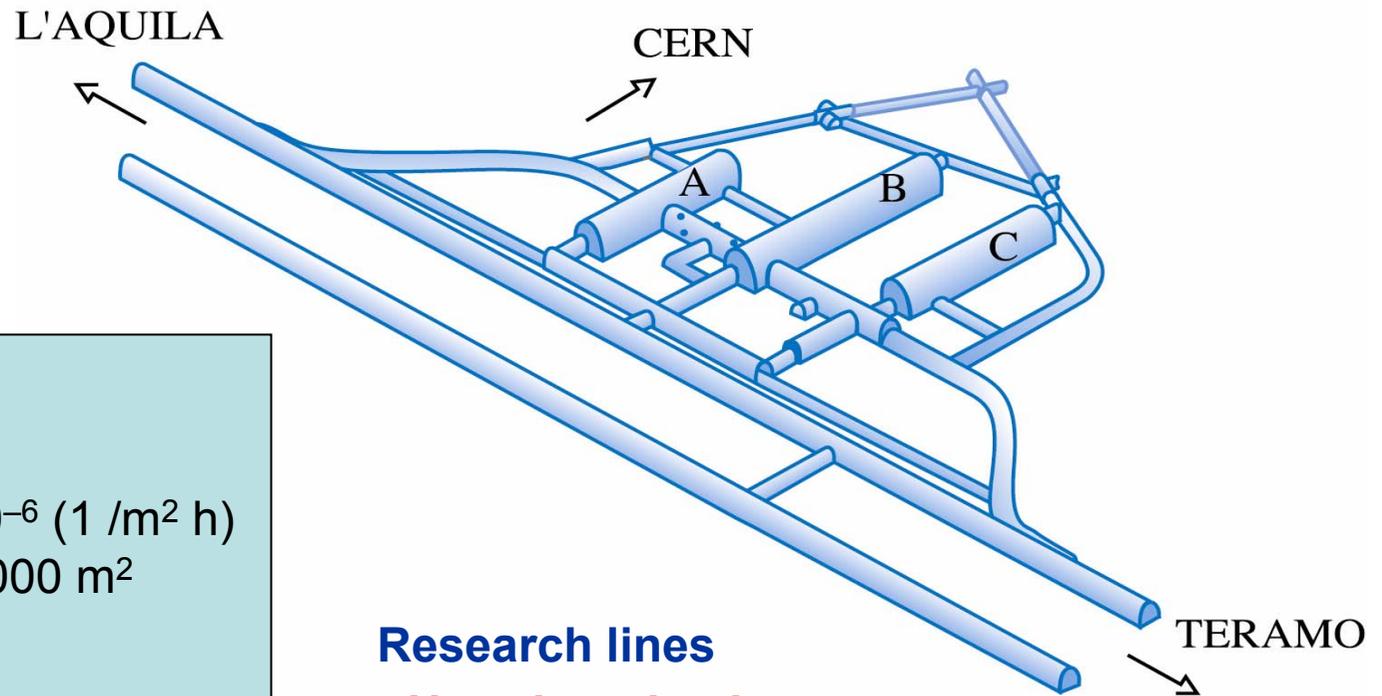
In 1979 A. Zichichi proposed to the Parliament the project of a large underground laboratory close to the Gran Sasso highway tunnel, then under construction

In 1982 the Parliament approved the construction, finished in 1987

In 1989 the first experiment, MACRO, started taking data





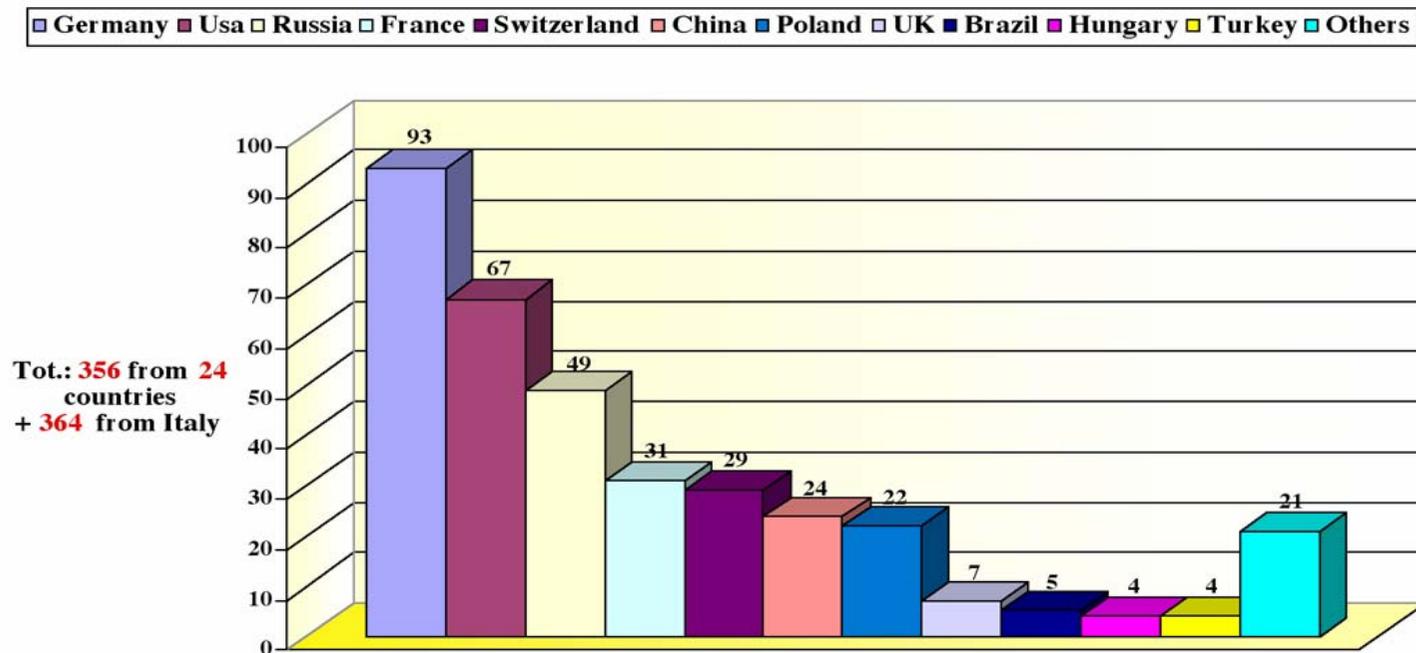


1400 m rock coverage
cosmic μ reduction = 10^{-6} (1 /m² h)
underground area: 18 000 m²
external facilities
easy access
756 scientists from 25 countries
Permanent staff = 66 positions

Research lines

- **Neutrino physics**
(mass, oscillations, stellar physics)
- **Dark matter**
- **Nuclear reactions of astrophysics interest**
- **Gravitational waves**
- **Geophysics**
- **Biology**

LNGS Users



Foreigners: 356 from 24 countries

Italians: 364

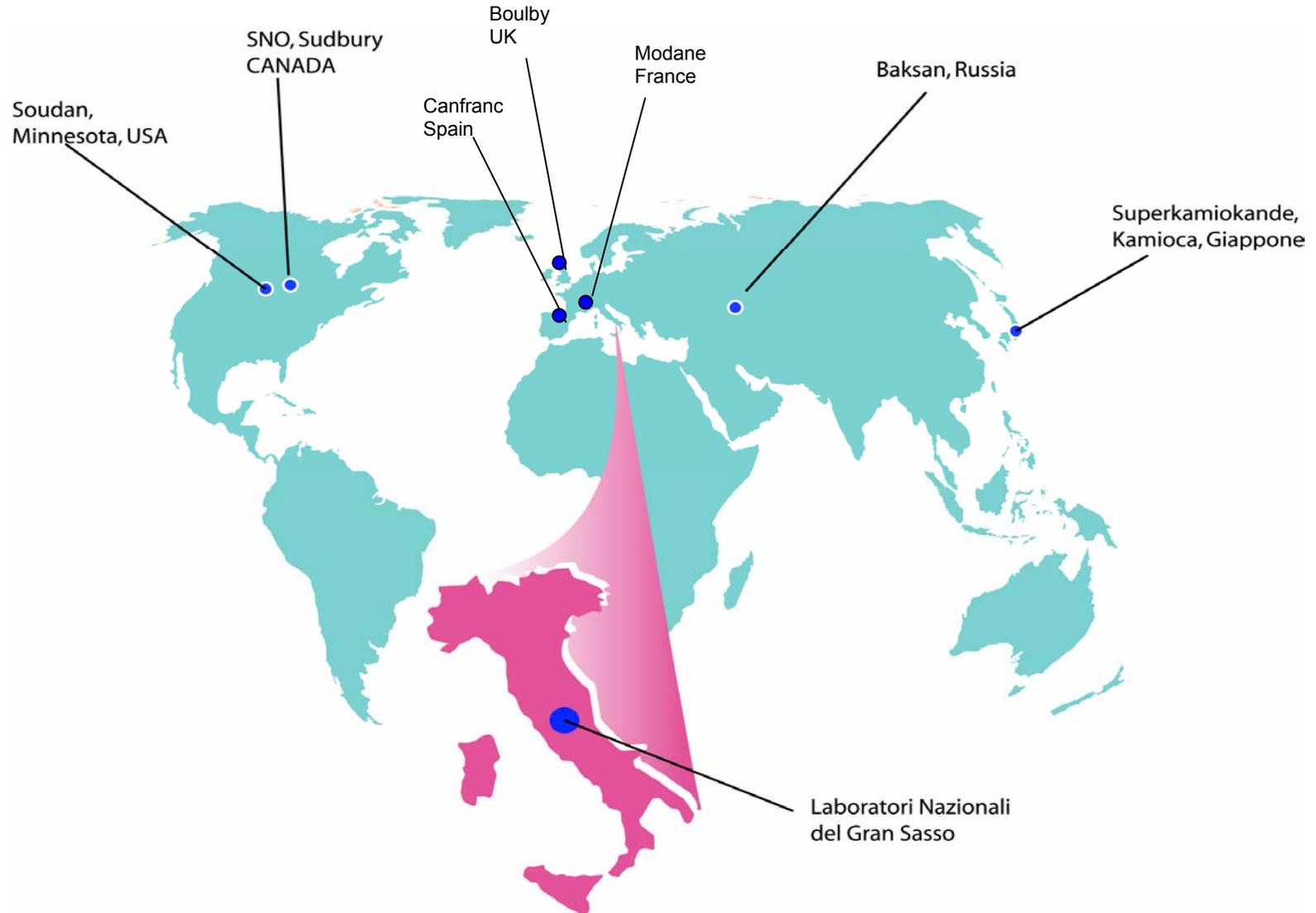
Permanent Staff: 64 people



External facilities

Administration
Public relationships support
Secretariats (visa, work permissions)
Outreach
Environmental issues
Prevention, safety, security
General, safety, electrical plants
Civil works
Chemistry
Cryogenics
Mechanical shop
Electronics
Computing and networks
Offices
Assembly halls
Lab & storage spaces
Library
Conference rooms
Canteen

Underground Laboratories



LNGS most significant results with past experiments

Evidence of neutrino oscillation

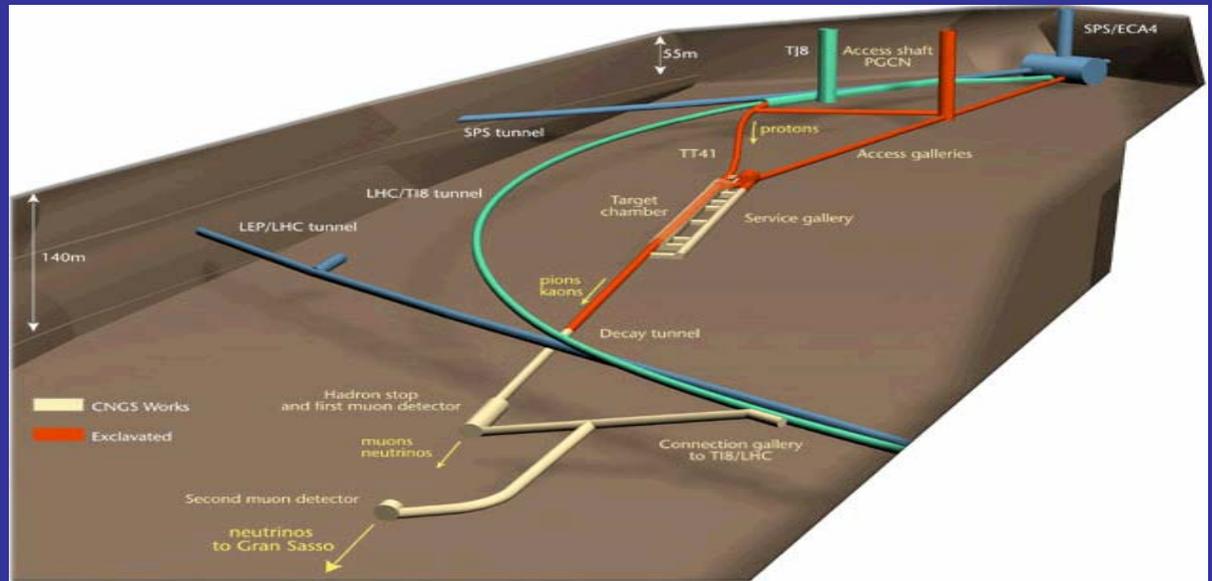
GALLEX - solar ν

MACRO - atmospheric ν

Unique cosmic ray studies

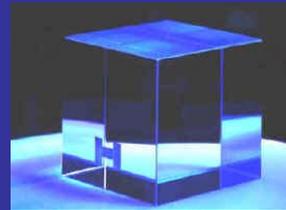
EAS-TOP with *LVD*

ν beam from
CERN:
ICARUS
OPERA

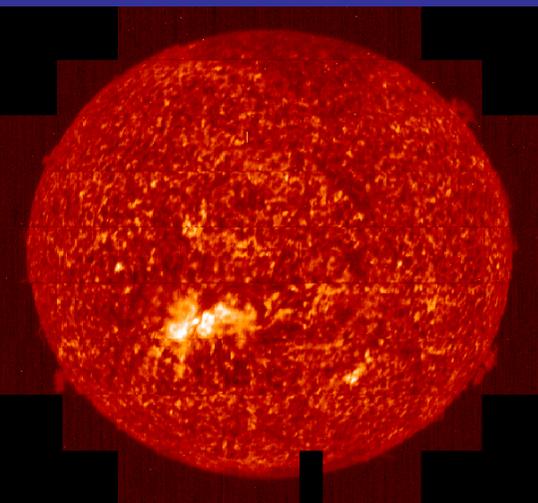


EXPERIMENTS

$\beta\beta$ decay and rare events
Cuoricino; HDMS; GENIUS-TF
CUORE; GERDA

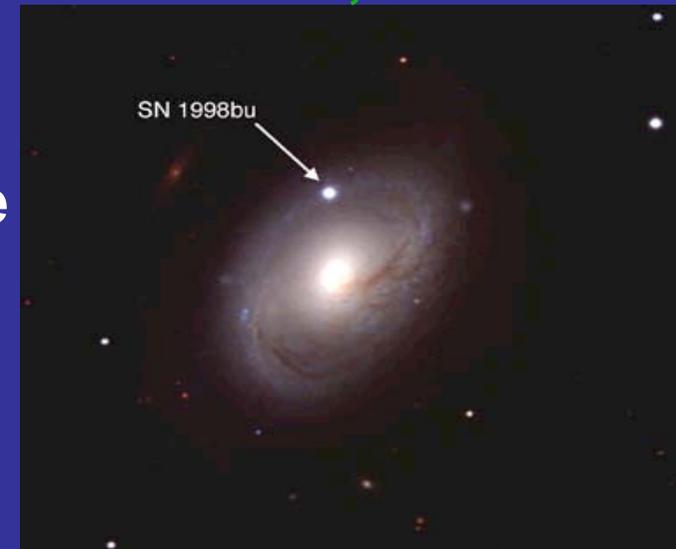


Dark Matter
DAMA/LIBRA; CRESST
WARP; XENON

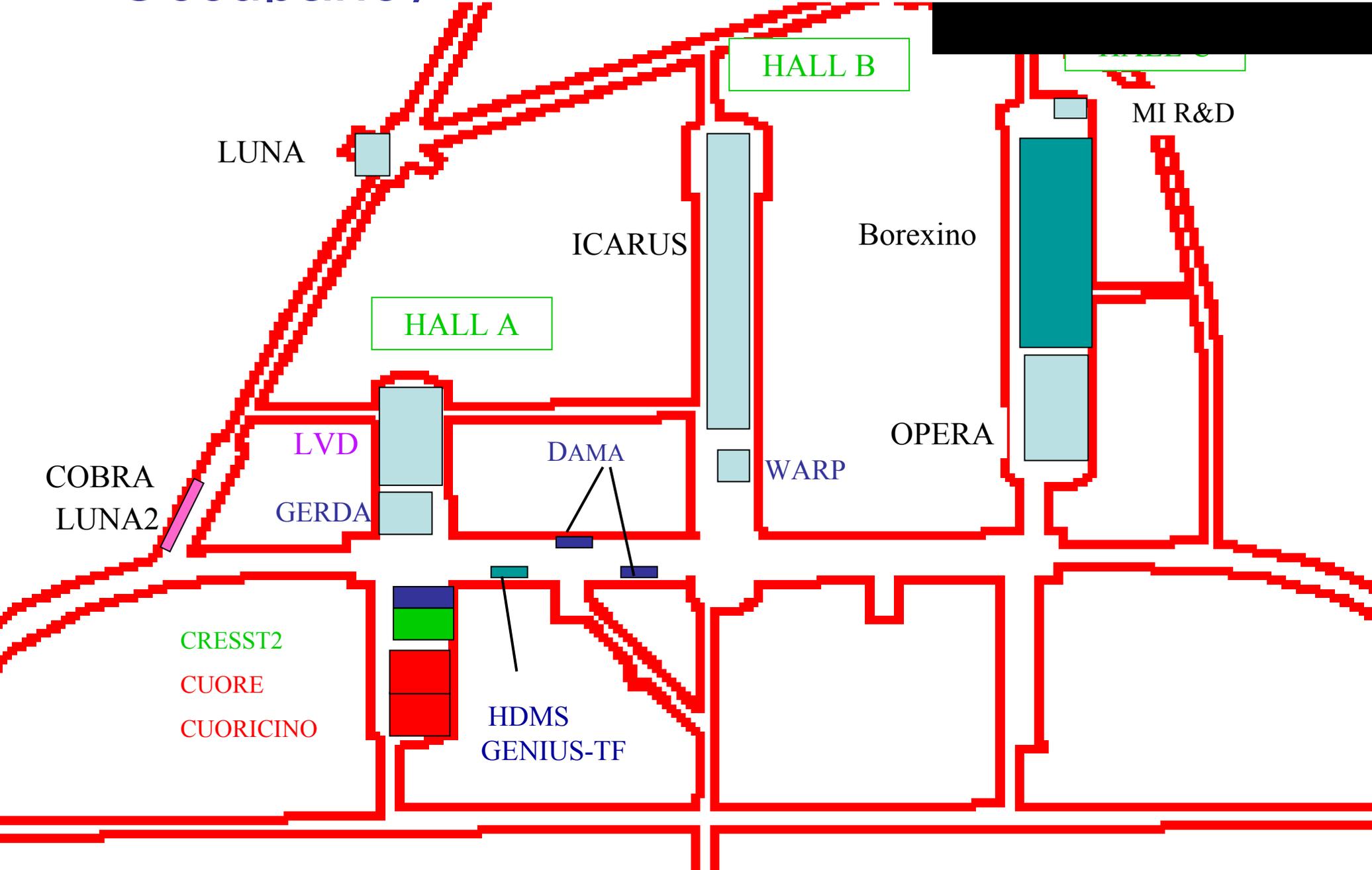


Solar ν
GNO
Luna
Borexino
ICARUS

ν from Supernovae
LVD
Borexino
ICARUS

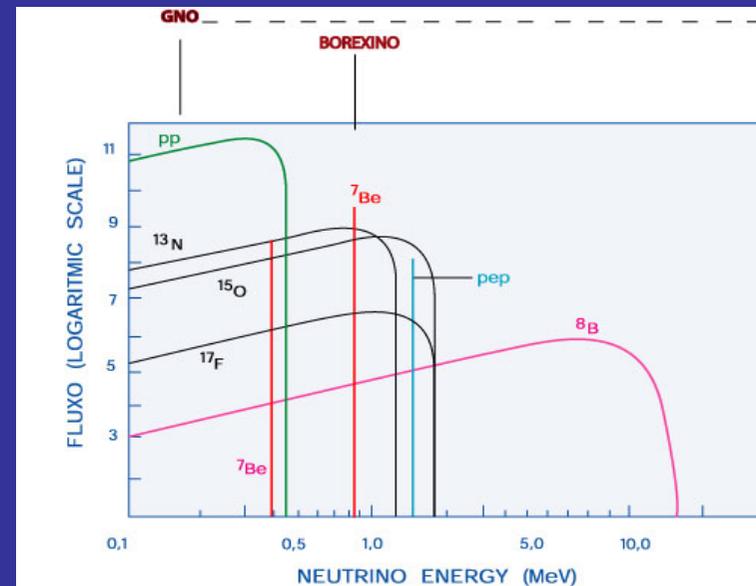


Occupancy



Galex/GNO

GNO Goals: measurement of the interaction rate with an accuracy of 4-5% and monitoring the neutrino flux over a complete solar cycle.



101 tons Gallium Chloride solution

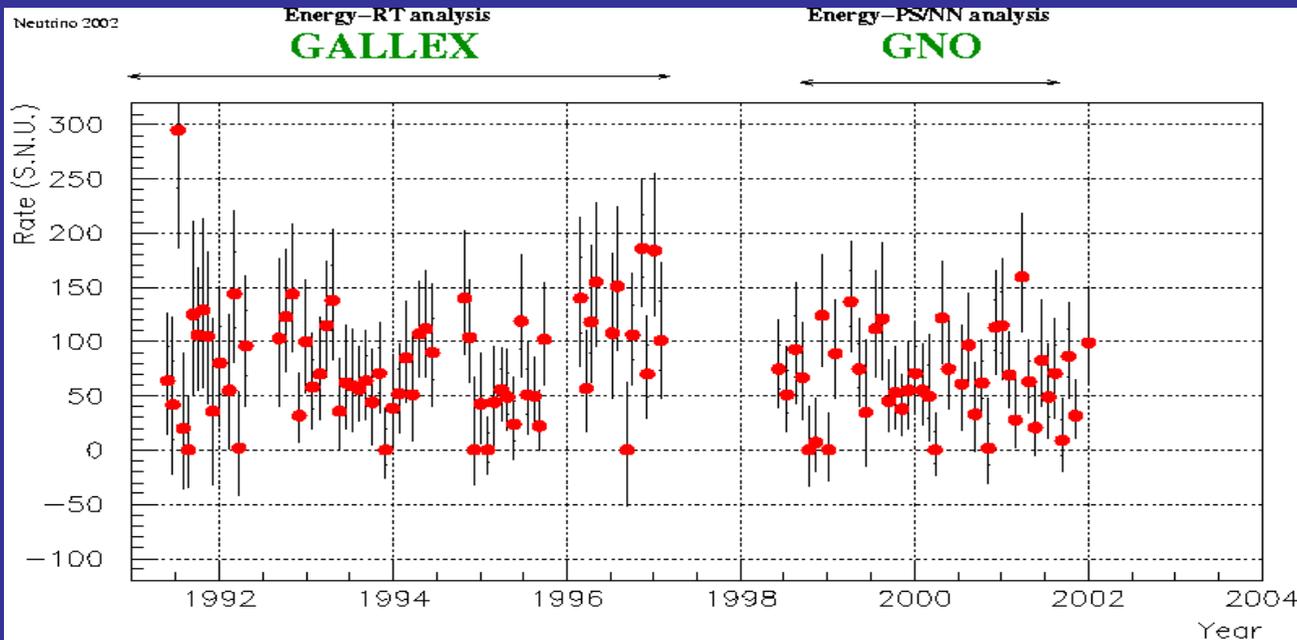
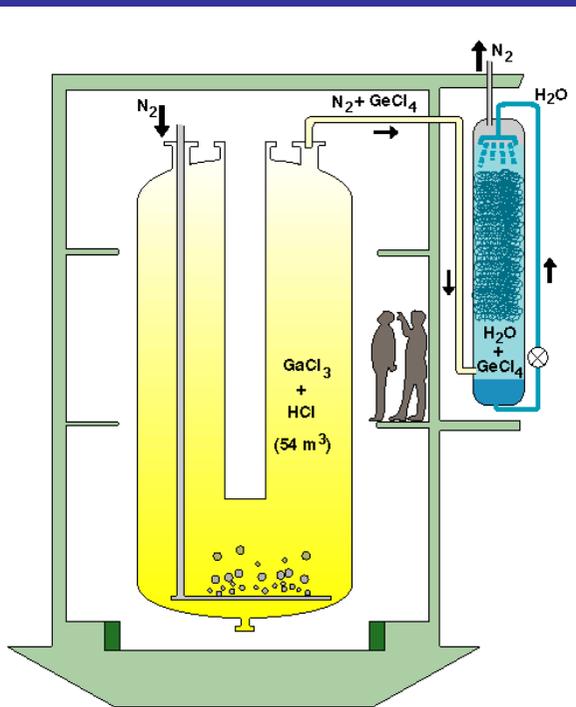
⁷¹Ge(ν_e, e)⁷¹Ge

Energy threshold > 233 keV

Sensitive mainly to pp -neutrinos

Collab.:
Italy, France, Germany

SSM → 115 -135 SNU



GALLEX	65 SR	77.5 ± 6.2 (stat) ± 4.5 (sys) SNU
GNO	43 SR	65.2 ± 6.4 (stat) ± 3.0 (sys) SNU
GNO+GALLEX	108 SR	70.8 ± 4.5 (stat) ± 3.8 (sys) SNU

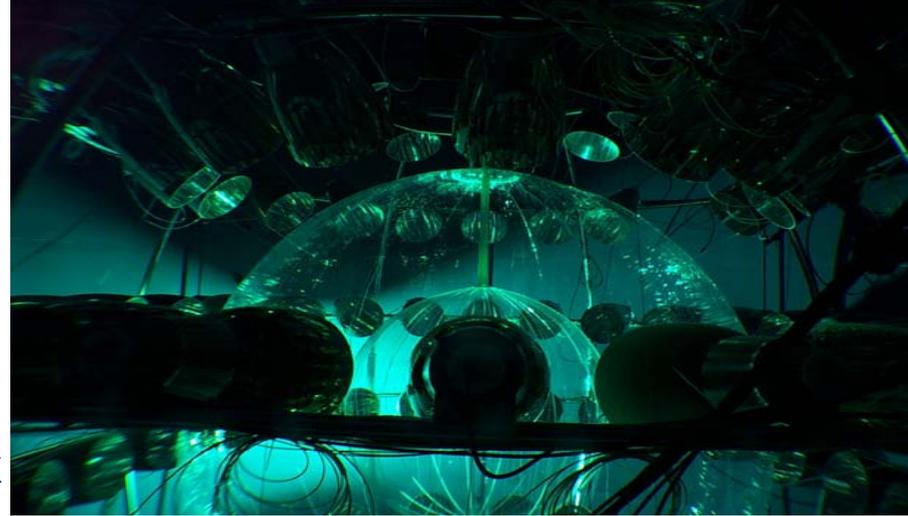
Why to perform low-energy solar neutrino experiments? [pp, ${}^7\text{Be}$, pep]

Physics and astrophysics point of view:

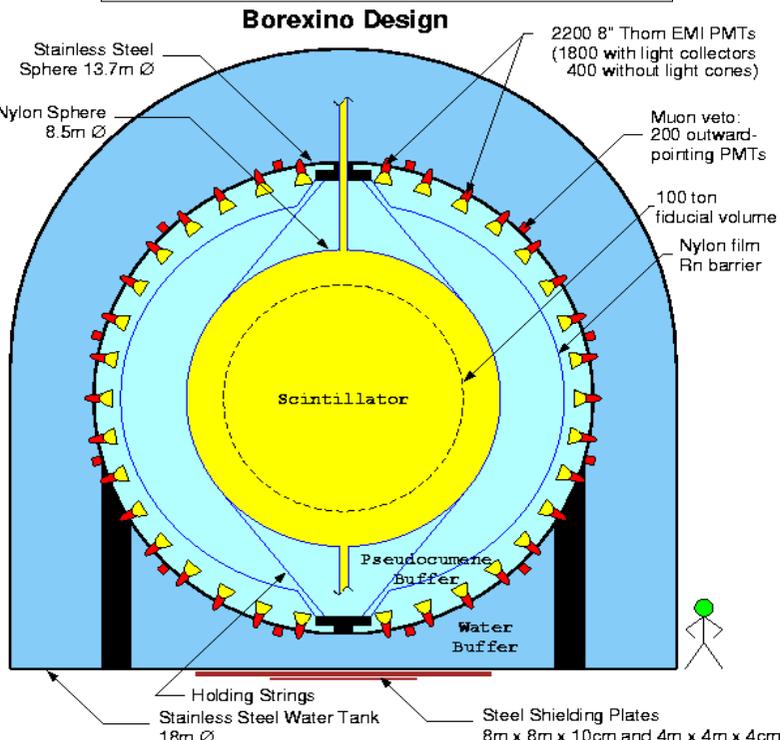
- Test how the Sun shines. Input parameters (Z/X, opacity, ...) of SSM are correct? How much energy from CNO (1.6% from SSM)? Any other energy source?
- High precision neutrino flux and annual modulation determination.
High precision mixing angle (θ_{12}) determination [with pp].
- Test of vacuum-matter transition (energy dependence of ν oscillations).
Search for new physics.
- CPT test by comparison with KamLAND

BOREXINO

- 300 tons liquid scintillator in a nylon bag
- 2200 photomultipliers
- 2500 tons ultrapure water
- Energy threshold 0.25 MeV
- Real time neutrino (all flavours) detector
- Measure mono-energetic (0.86 MeV) ${}^7\text{Be}$ neutrino flux through the detection of ν -e.
- 40 ev/d if SSM



18 m diam., 16.9 m height



Sphere 13.7 m diam. Supports the PMTs & optical concentrators
Space inside the sphere contains purified PC
Purified water outside the sphere

running in 2006

Collab.:
Italy, France, USA, Germany,
Hungary, Russia, Belgium
Poland, Canada



Borexino: how LNGS can search for low-energy solar neutrinos (only ${}^7\text{Be}$ and pep)

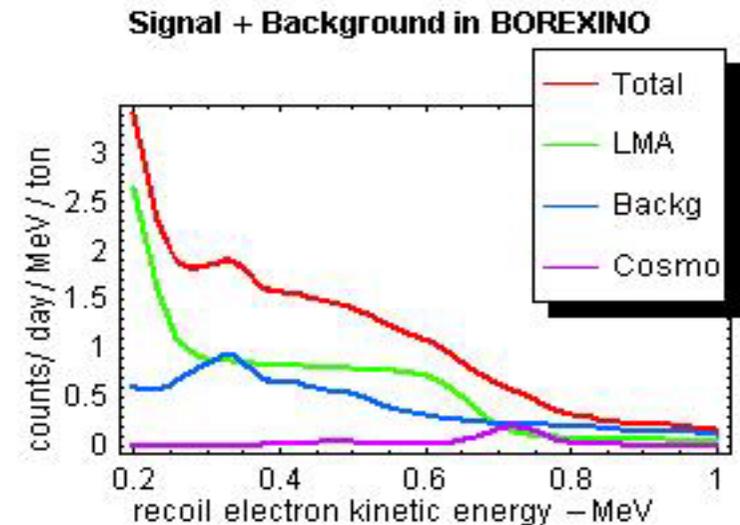
□ The possibility worldwide to measure low-energy solar neutrinos in the next 2-4 yr relies on Borexino (${}^7\text{Be}$ and pep) and KamLAND (only ${}^7\text{Be}$)

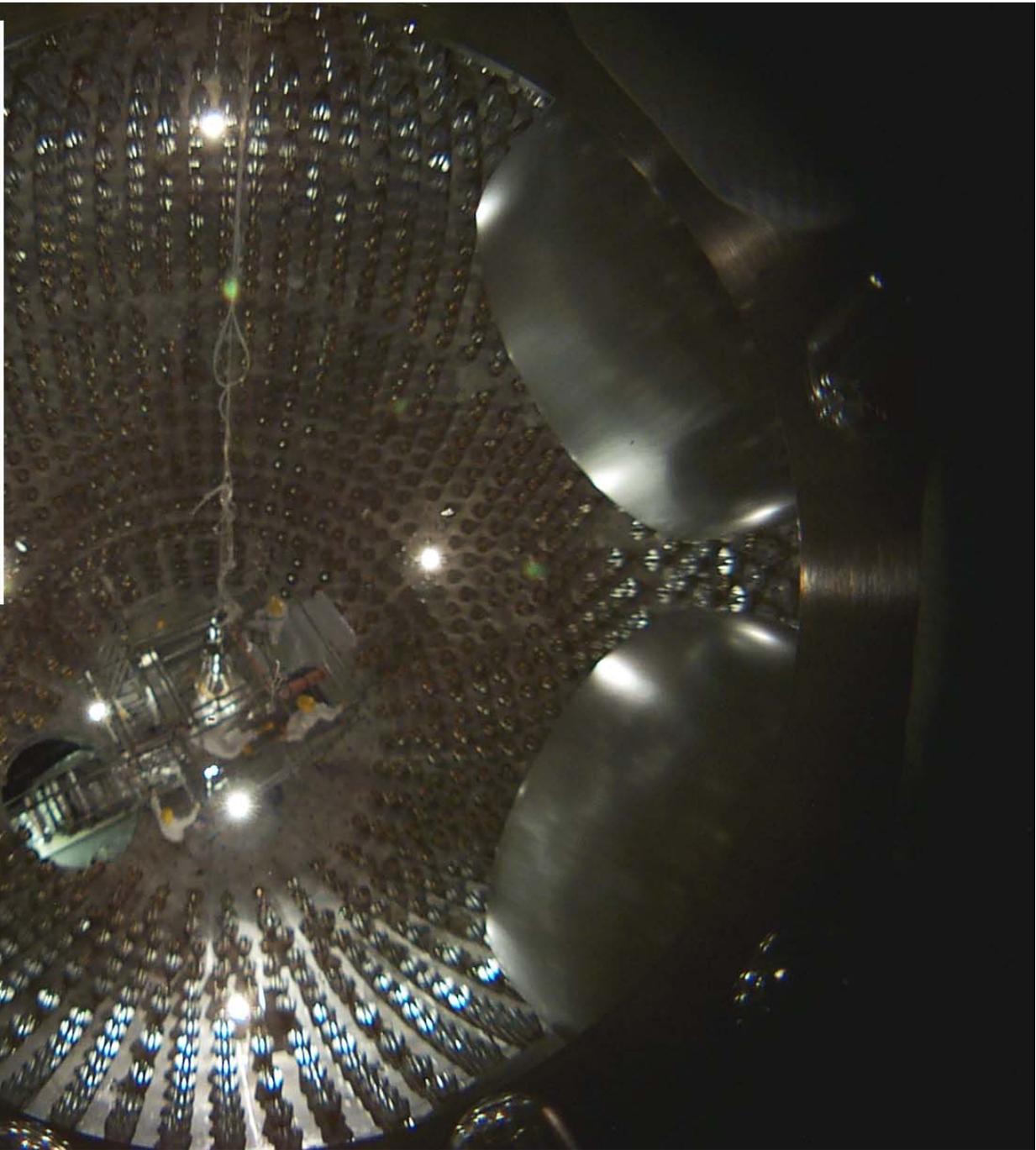
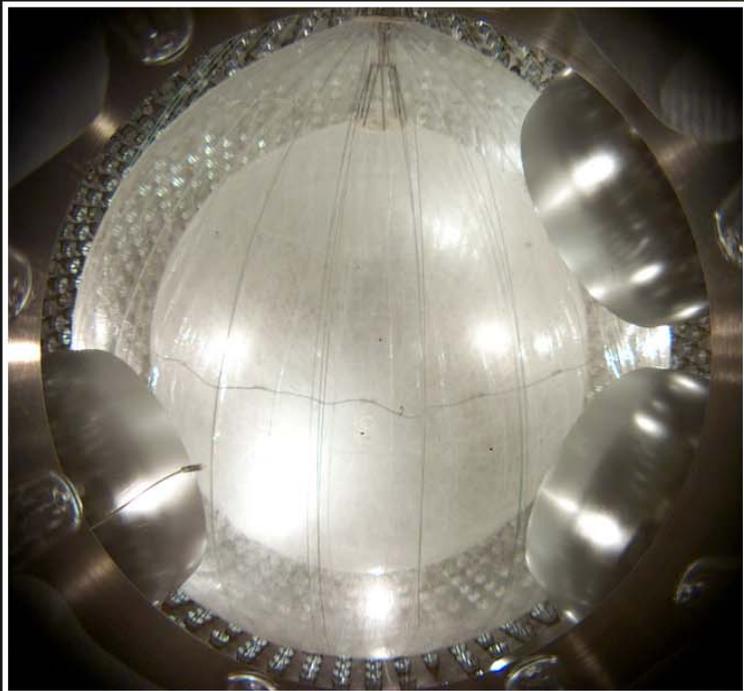
signatures and rates in Borexino:

- ✓ $1/R^2$ signature due to the eccentricity of the Earth
- ✓ Compton-like edge for recoil electrons from ${}^7\text{Be}$
- ✓ expected $\sim 35(54)$ cpd in the LMA(SSM)
- ✓ expected $\sim 1(2)$ cpd from pep neutrinos

□ With a 10% measu. of ${}^7\text{Be}$ the pp flux will be known at the level of 1%!

Assuming secular equilibrium for internal background





Borexino
Inner vessel installation
May 3, 2004



LUNA Laboratory for Underground Nuclear Astrophysics

Study of the cross section of nuclear reactions at stellar energies

in particular for pp chain

pp chain

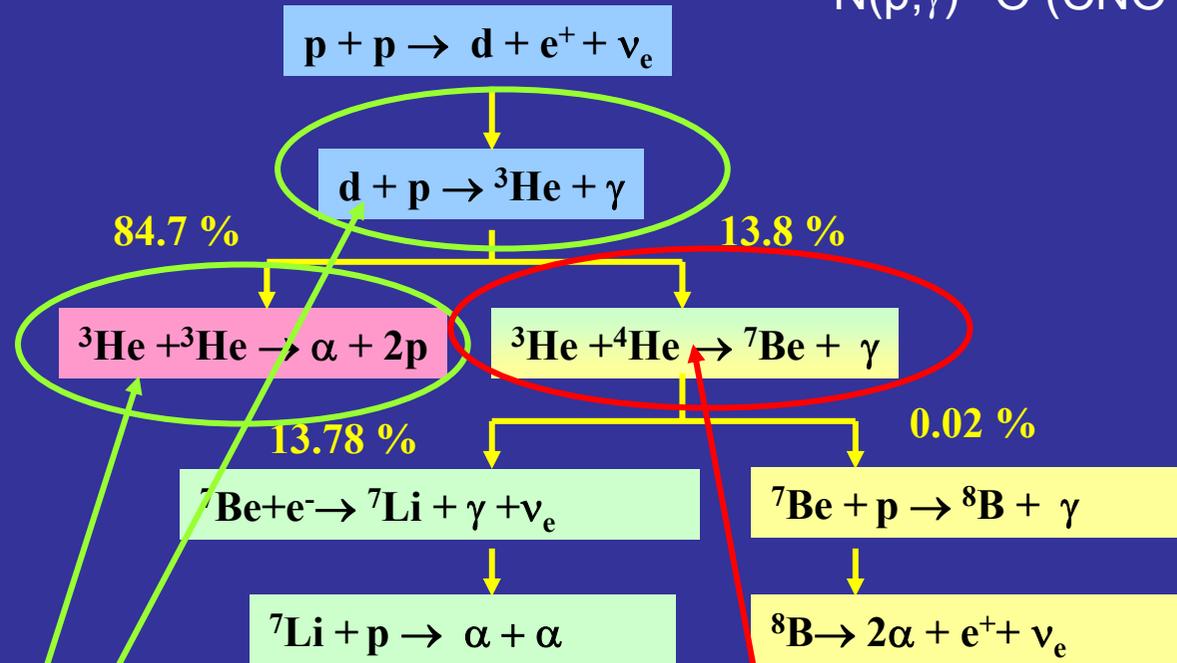
2 accelerators: 50kV - 400kV

400 kV accelerator

$^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$ (CNO cycle)



Collab.:
Italy, Germany, Hungary
Portugal

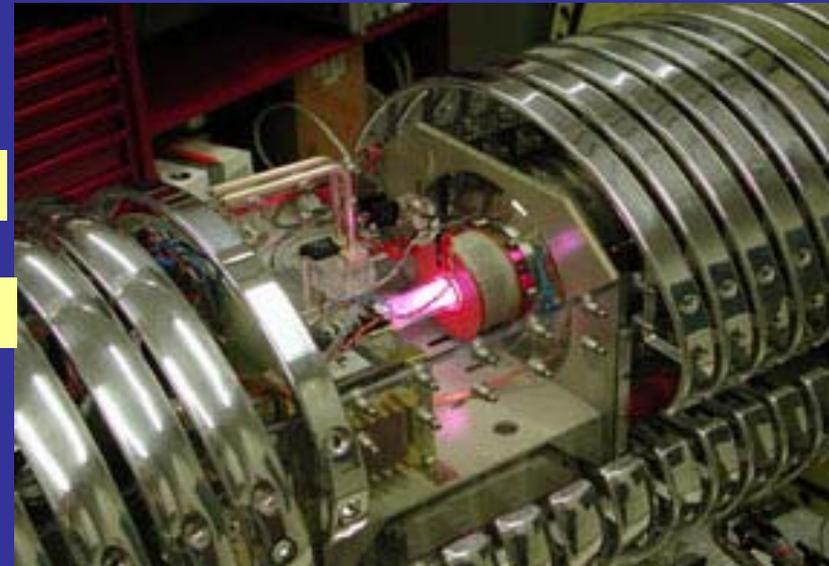


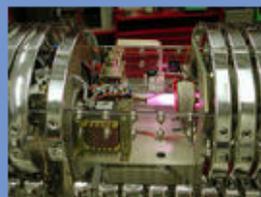
50 kV accelerator

${}^3\text{He}({}^3\text{He}, 2p){}^4\text{He}$ - $D(p,\gamma){}^3\text{He}$

done

in 2003





The Universe, seen under the Gran Sasso mountain, seems to be older than expected

2004 May 13

Press release n. 42

Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare

2004 May 13

The Universe, seen under the Gran Sasso mountain, seems to be older than expected

Some nuclear fusion reactions inside stars occur more slowly than we thought and, as a consequence, stars themselves, as well as galaxies and the entire universe are a bit older than expected. This is what comes out from the last results of Luna experiment (Laboratory for Underground Nuclear astrophysics), settled by National Laboratories of Gran Sasso and realized in cooperation by Infn and Ruhr University in Bochum (Germany). The study, that will be published on the review Physics Letters B next June 17, has been published today on the website of the review. A second article has been accepted by the review Astronomy and Astrophysics.



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LVD Large Volume Detector

Running since 1992

1000 billions ν in 20s from the SN core

Measurement of neutrinos spectra and time evolution provides important information on ν physics and on SN evolution.

Neutrino signal detectable from SN in our Galaxy or Magellanic Clouds

2 - 4 SN/century expected in our Galaxy.

Plan for multidecennial observations

1000 tons liquid scintillator + layers of streamer tubes

300 ν from a SN in the center of Galaxy (8.5 kpc)

Collab.:
Italy, Brazil, Russia, USA, Japan



SN1987A



Early warning of neutrino burst important for astronomical observations with different messengers (Gravitational Waves)

SNEWS = Supernova Early Warning System

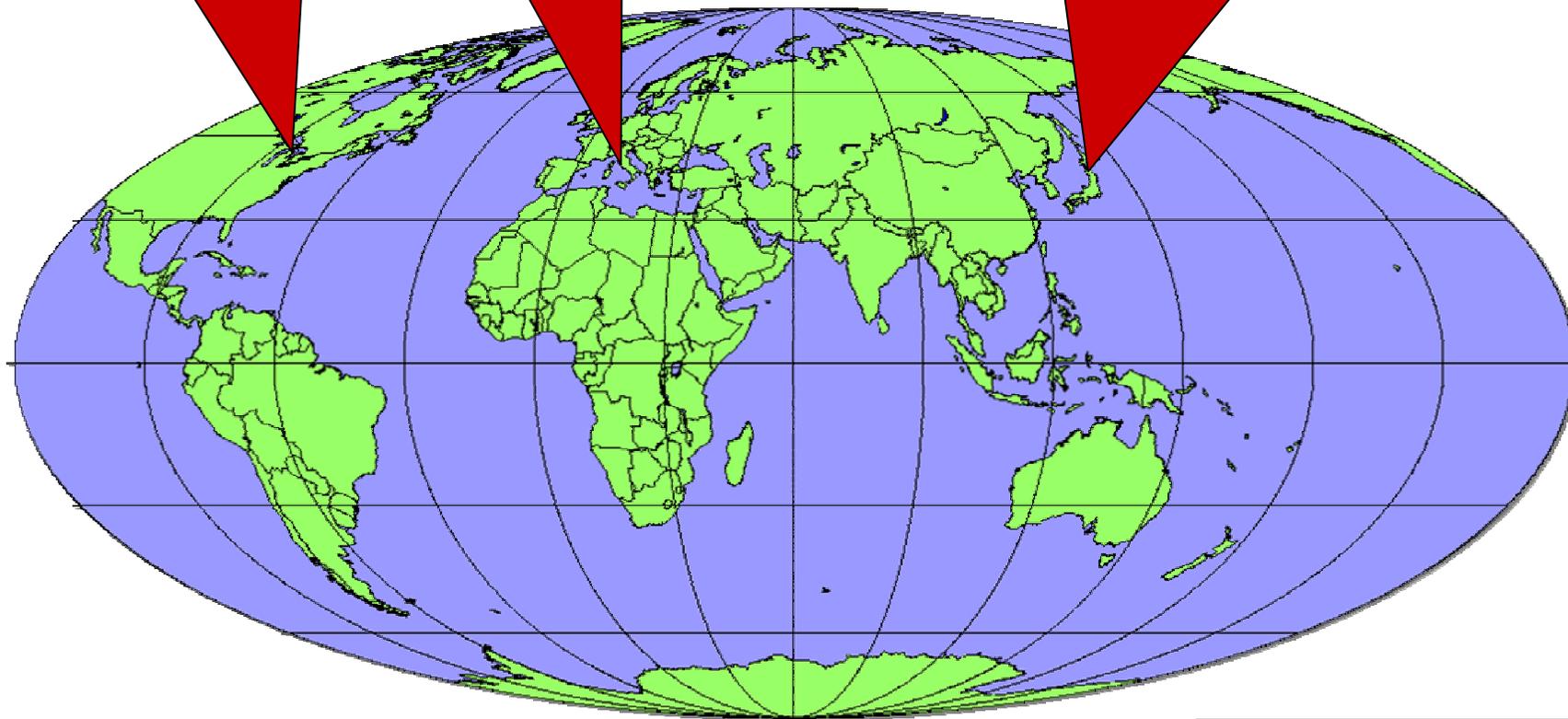
LVD, SNO, SuperK

in future: Kamland, BOREXINO

SNO (800)
MiniBooNE (190)

LVD (400)
Borexino (80)

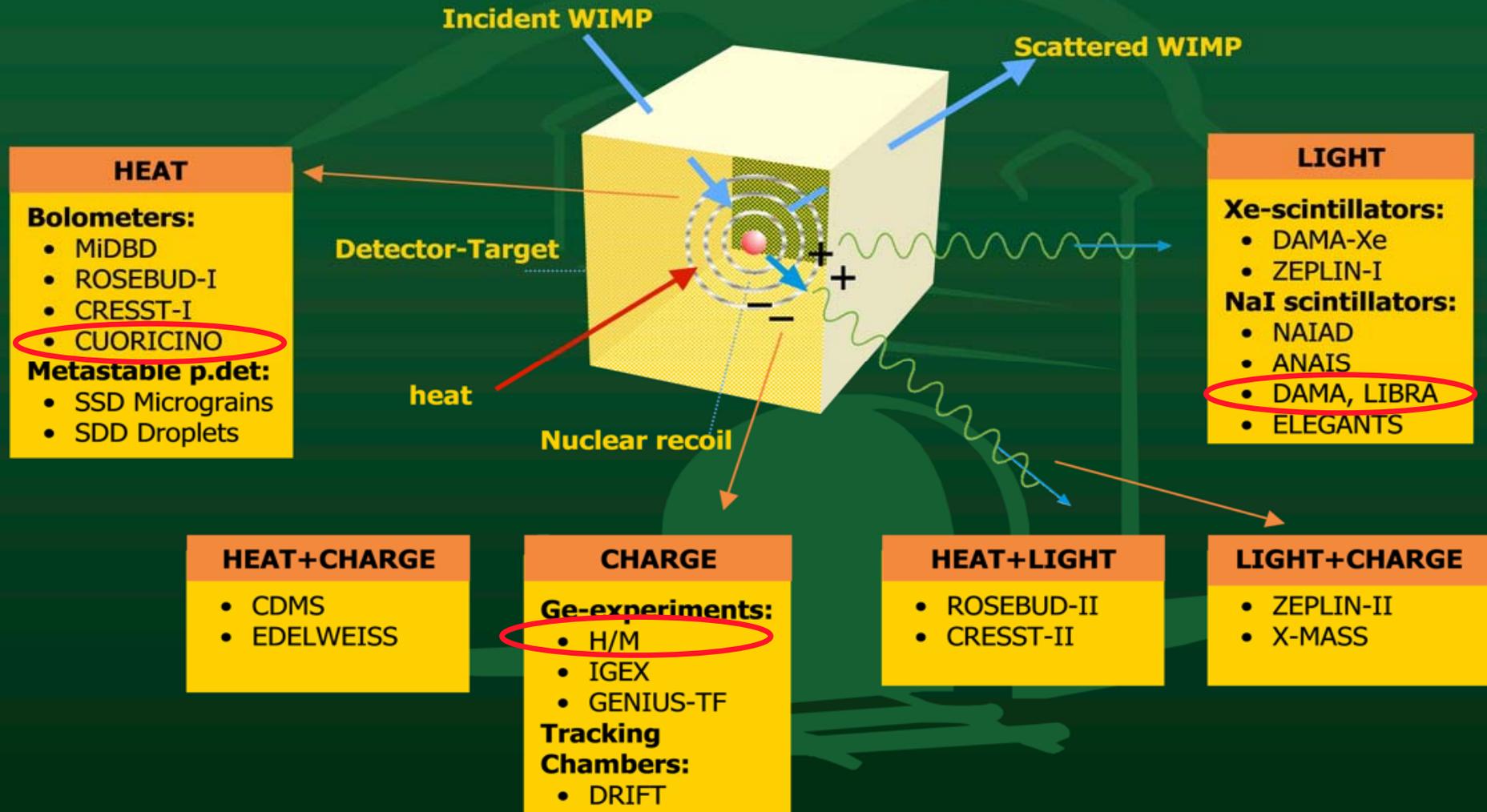
Super-Kamiokande (10^4)
Kamland (330)



Amanda
IceCube

Tra parentesi il numero
di eventi da una SN al
centro della Galassia

Direct Detection Methods



DAMA

Dark Matter Search

Collab.:
Italy, China, Ukraine



Detection of WIMPs (Weakly Interacting Massive Particle) through the flash of light produced by a Iodine nucleus recoiling after having been hit by the WIMP.

DAMA looking for annual modulation with 100 kg NaI(Tl)

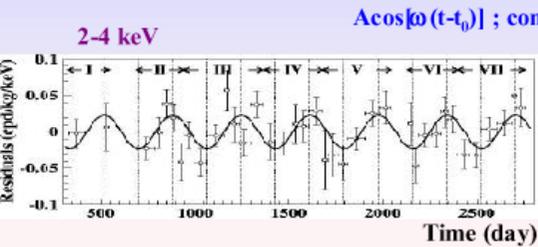
DAMA/NaI-1 to -7

107731 kg · d

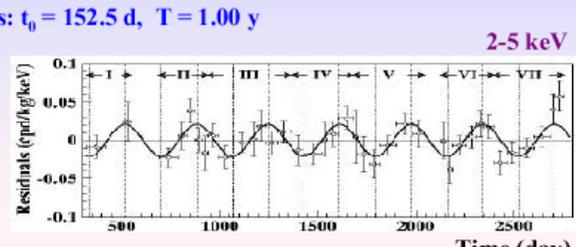
Annual modulation of the rate: the model independent result

Residuals of the rate vs time and energy

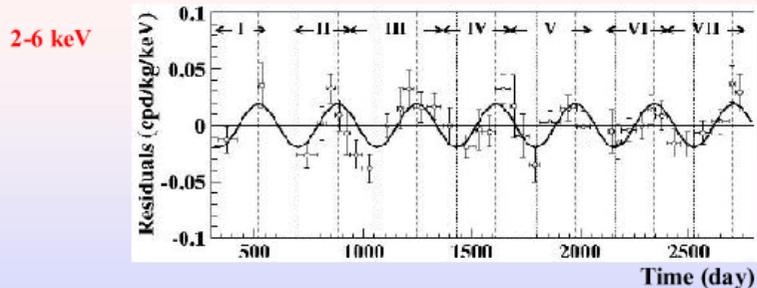
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fitted: $A = (0.0233 \pm 0.0047)$ cpd/kg/keV



fitted: $A = (0.0210 \pm 0.0038)$ cpd/kg/keV



$P(A=0) = 7 \cdot 10^{-4}$

$\chi^2/\text{dof} = 71/37$

fitted: $A = (0.0192 \pm 0.0031)$ cpd/kg/keV

fitted (all parameters free):

$A = (0.0200 \pm 0.0032)$ cpd/kg/keV ;

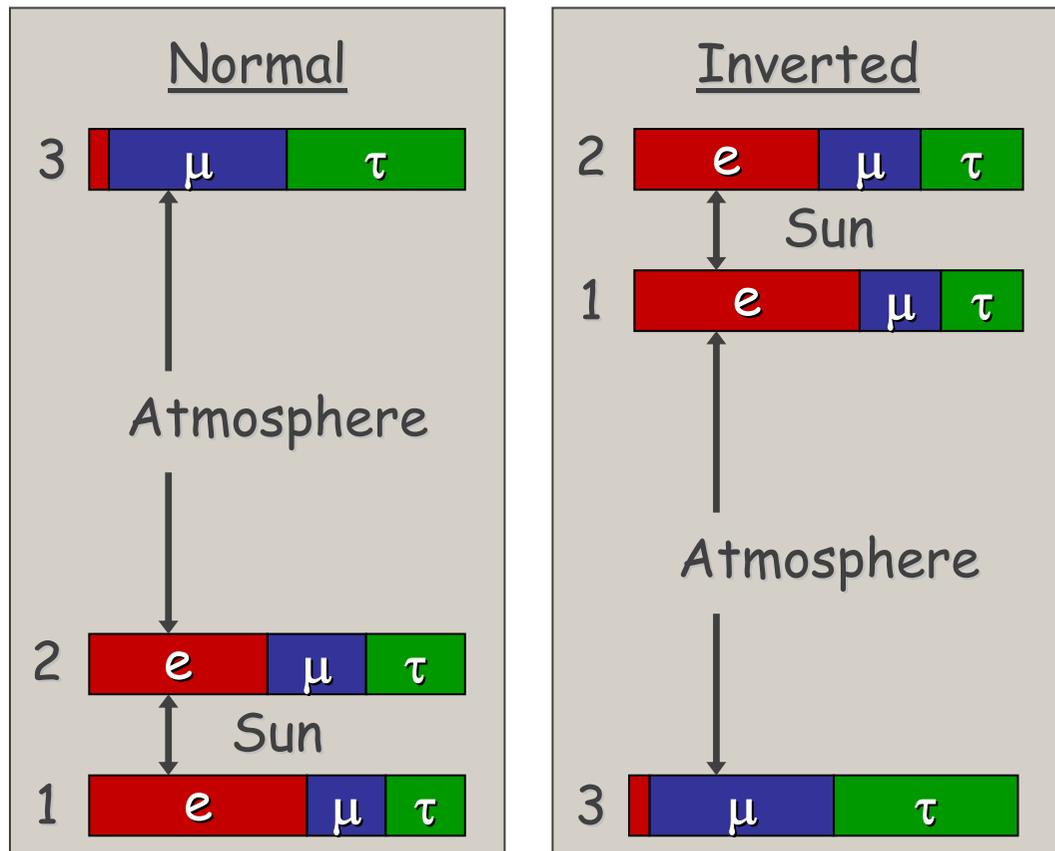
$t_0 = (140 \pm 22)$ d ; $T = (1.00 \pm 0.01)$ y

The data favor the presence of a modulated behavior with proper features at 6.3σ C.L.

DAMA/LIBRA

250 kg NaI(Tl)
R&D in progress towards
a possible 1 ton set up

Emerging picture



Tasks and Open Questions

- Precision for θ_{12} and θ_{23} ($\theta_{12} < 45^\circ$ and $\theta_{23} = 45^\circ$?)
- How large is θ_{13} ?
- CP-violating phase?
- Mass ordering? (normal vs inverted)
- Absolute masses? (hierarchical vs degenerate)
- Dirac or Majorana?
- Anything beyond?

$\beta\beta$ decay neutrinoless experiments

β decay $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}$

$2\beta 0\nu$ is a very rare decay: $T(\text{half life}) \geq 10^{25}$ years)

$$\nu = \bar{\nu}$$

→ Upper limit on the mass of ν_e **0,39 eV**

Majorana neutrino

Heidelberg-Moscow

11 kg of enriched ^{76}Ge detect.

The most sensitive experiment in the world

$^{76}\text{Ge} \rightarrow ^{76}\text{Se} + 2e^-$

Collab.:

Germany, Russia

GENIUS-TF

Test facility for GENIUS

40 kg HM Ge

Proposed: GERDA

Sensitive mass: 1 ton enriched Ge crystals in Liquid N_2

MIBETA (Milan)

20 detectors of natural TeO_2 crystals

^{130}Te mass = 2.3 kg

CUORICINO

Sensitive ^{130}Te mass = 40 kg

Status: running

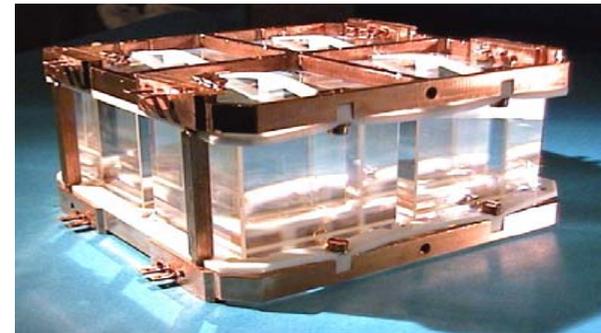
CUORE

proposal presented in 2003

^{130}Te mass = 250 kg

Collab.:

Italy, Netherland, Spain, USA





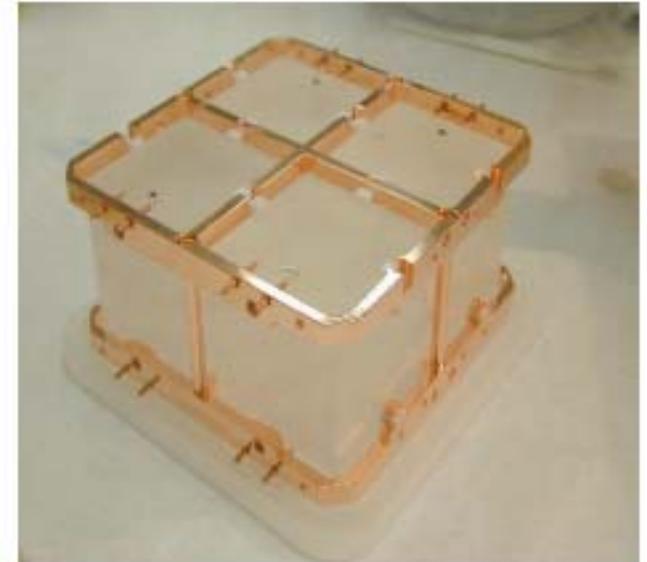
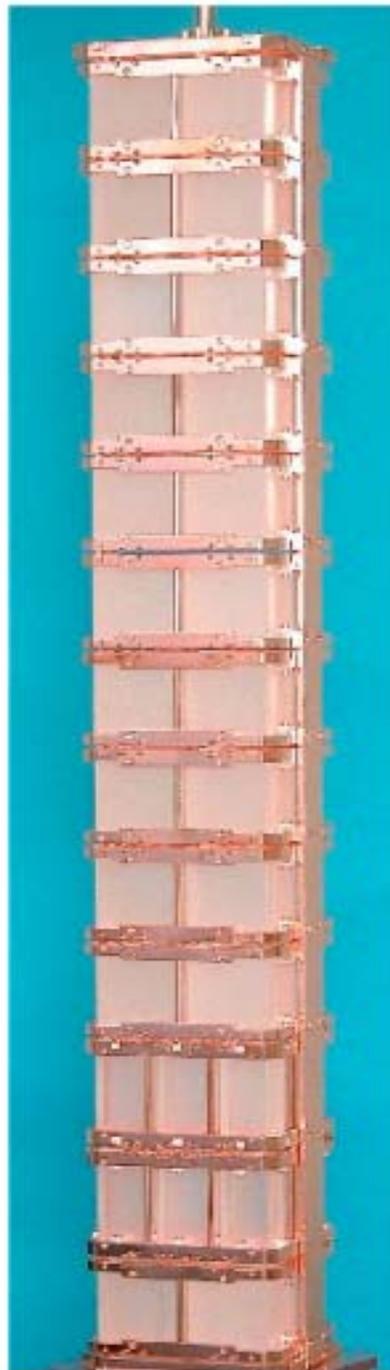
Cuoricino

The CUORICINO set-up, 11 planes of 4 crystals $5 \times 5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^3$ and 2 planes having 9 crystals $3 \times 3 \times 6 \text{ cm}^3$ of TeO_2 . The total mass is 40 kilograms, one order of magnitude bigger than other cryogenic detector

The experiment is in data taking at Gran Sasso

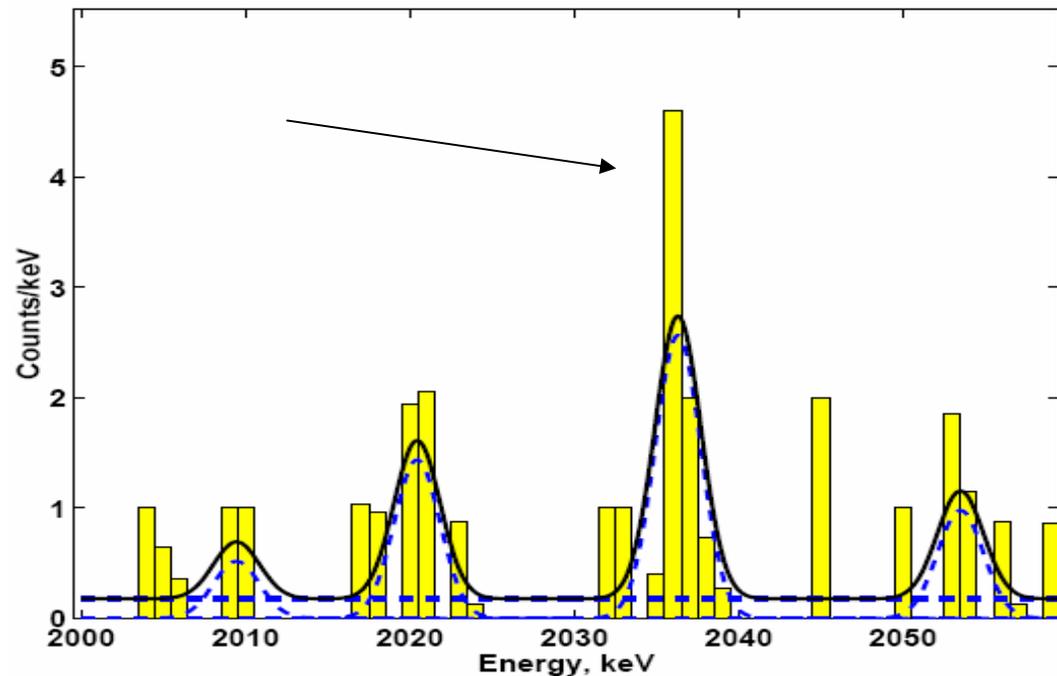
With Cuore neutrino mass sensitivity $< 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$
(dependent from the model)

Now $m < 0.4\text{-}2 \text{ eV}$



Neutrino masses and $0\nu 2\beta$ decay Heidelberg Moscow experiment

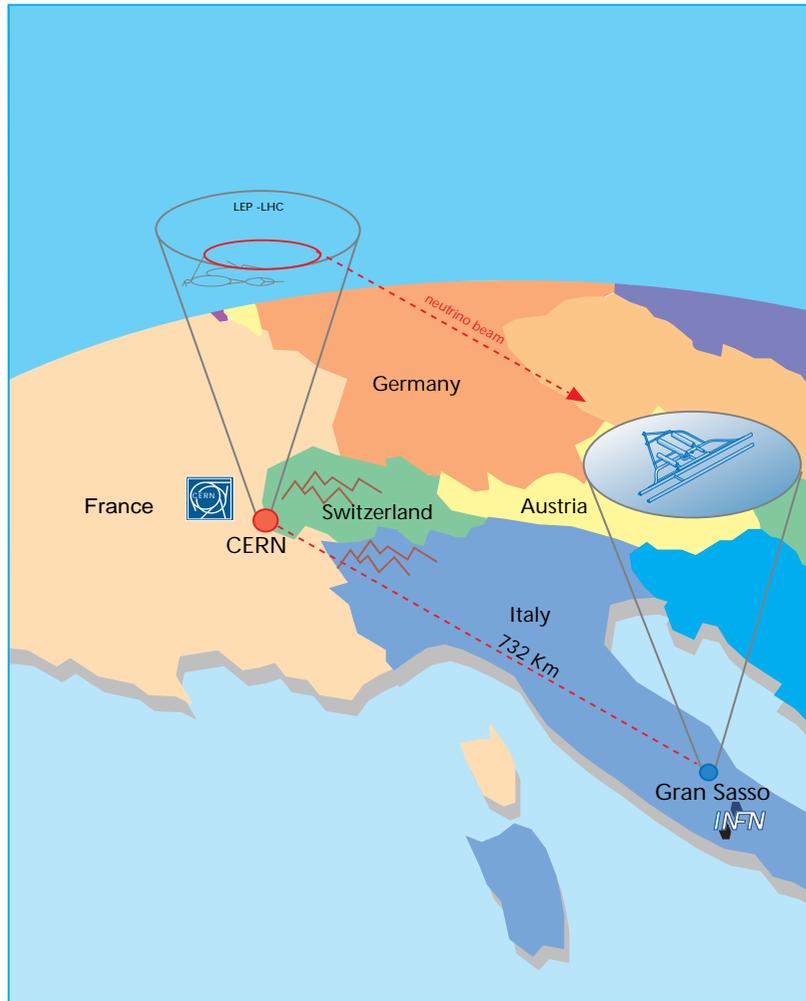
$0.1 < m_\nu (0.4) < 0.6 \text{ eV}$
4 sigma



HV Klapdor et al, NIMA: Data Acquisition and Analysis of the ^{76}Ge Double Beta experiment in Gran Sasso 1990-2003

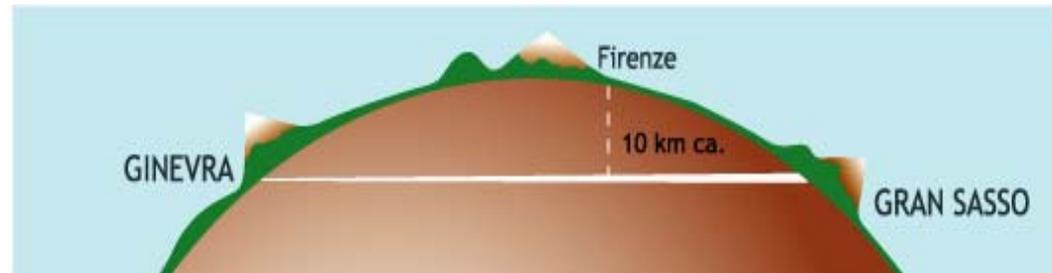
CNGS CERN to Gran Sasso Neutrino Project

A ν_τ appearance program

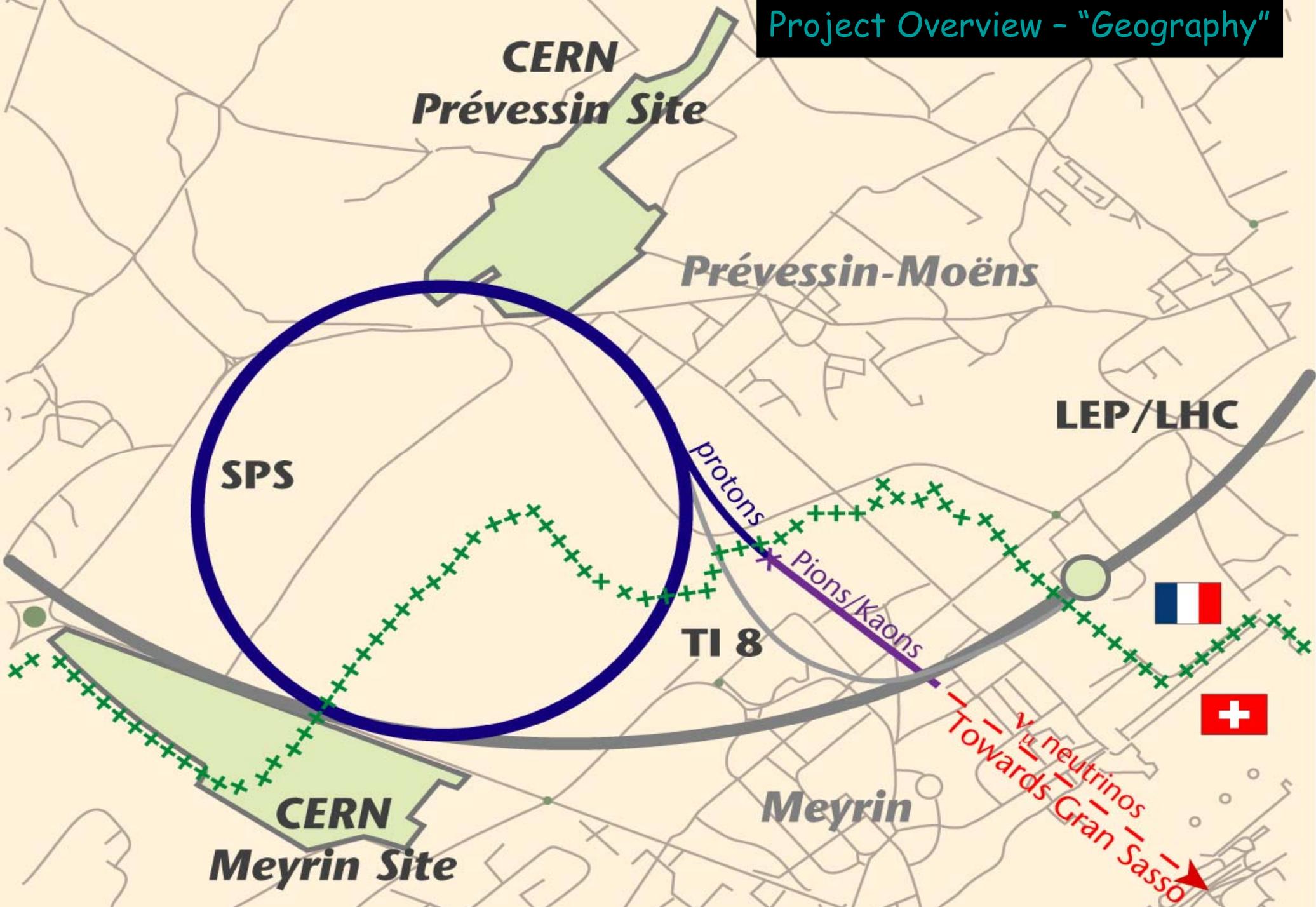


ν_μ beam produced at CERN and detected at LNGS after a travel of 730 km

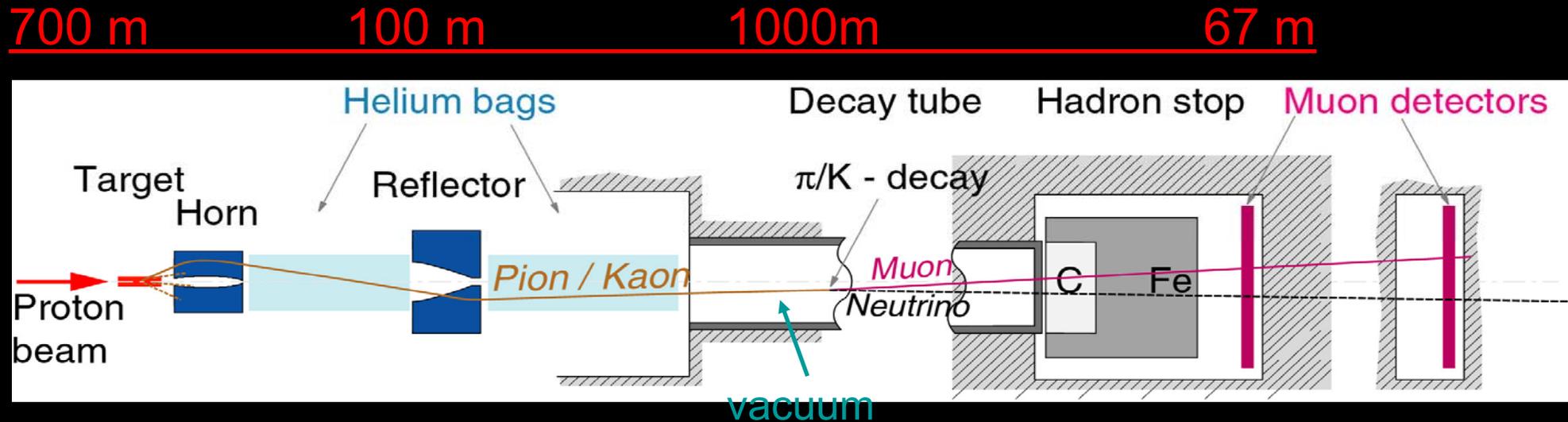
Approved by CERN and INFN in 1999, ready in 2006



Project Overview - "Geography"



2. CNGS: the main components



Expected number of protons delivered on CNGS target:

For 1 year of CNGS operation (200 days) :

protons on target / year (“nominal”): 4.5×10^{19}

Studies towards higher proton intensities in the SPS

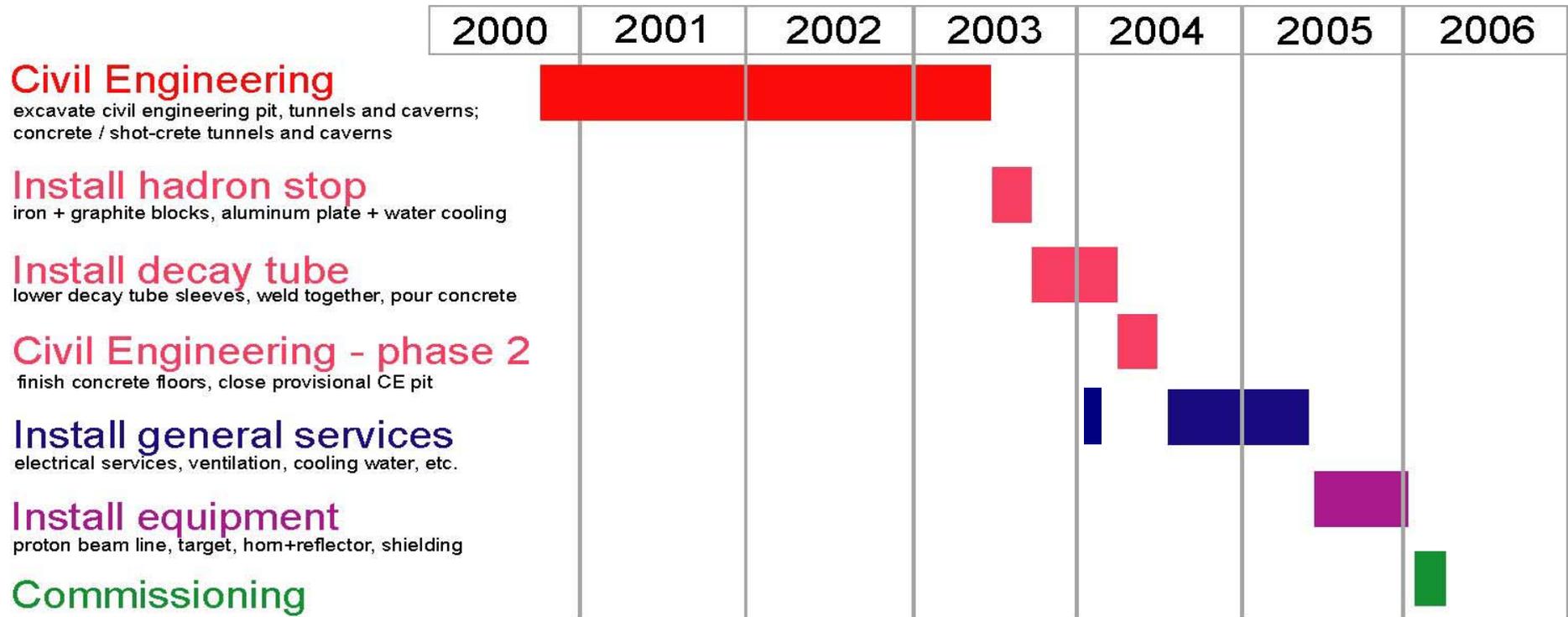


A factor 1.5 in intensity must to be reached

CNGS schedule

(schematic, simplified version)

“today”



First beam to Gran Sasso:

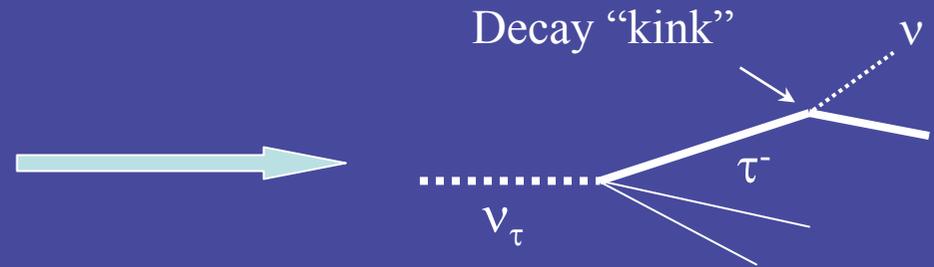
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The 2 ways of detecting τ appearance @GRAN SASSO

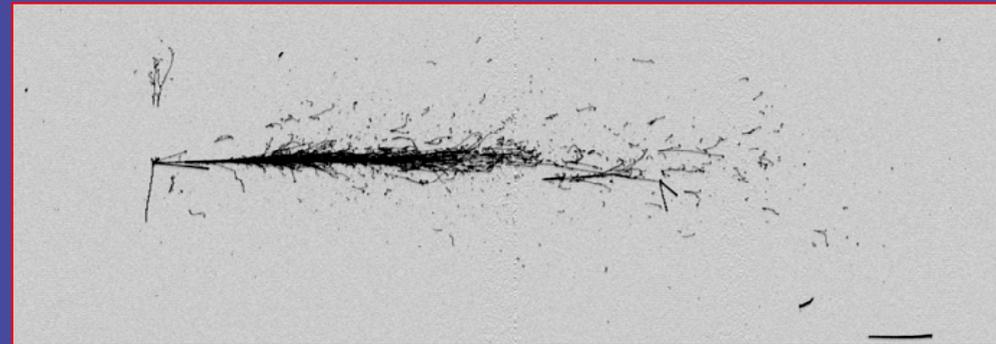


μ^{-}	ν_{τ}	ν_{μ}	BR 18 %		
h^{-}	ν_{τ}	$n\pi^0$	50 %		
e^{-}	ν_{τ}	ν_e	18 %		
π^{+}	π^{-}	π^{-}	ν_{τ}	$n\pi^0$	14%

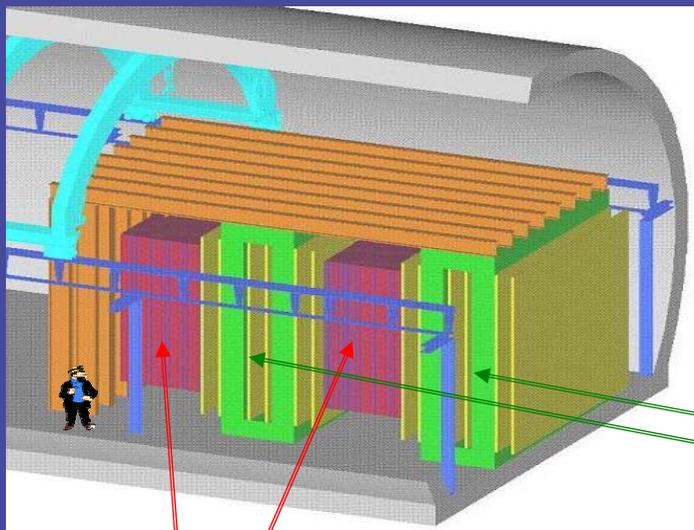
OPERA: Observation of the decay topology of τ in photographic emulsion ($\sim \mu\text{m}$ granularity)



ICARUS: detailed TPC image in liquid argon and kinematic criteria ($\sim \text{mm}$ granularity)



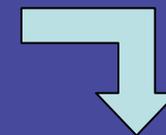
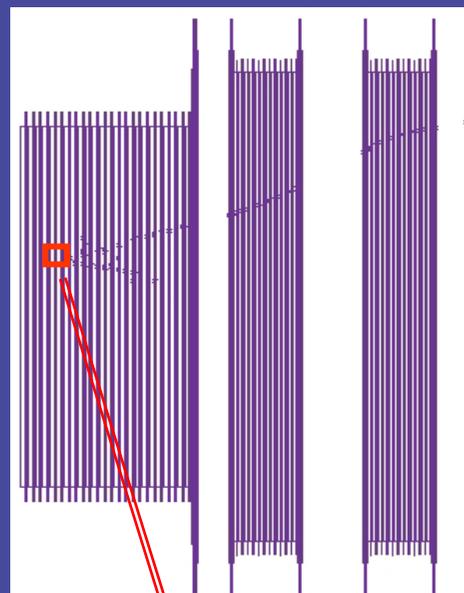
OPERA: an hybrid detector



ν
interaction

Spectrometer
(drift tubes-RPCs)

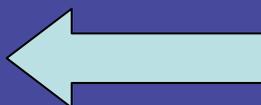
Emulsions+lead + target tracker
(scintillator strips)



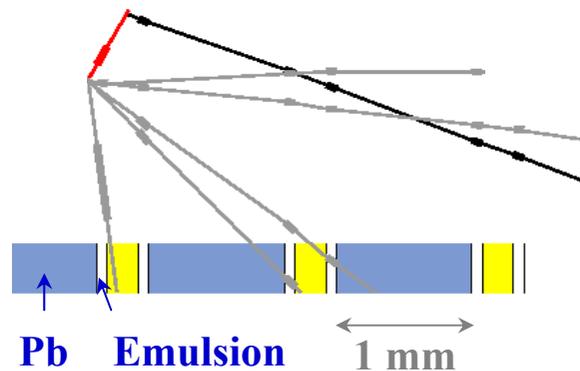
Electronic
detector

→ finds the
brick of ν
interaction

→ μ ID,
charge and p

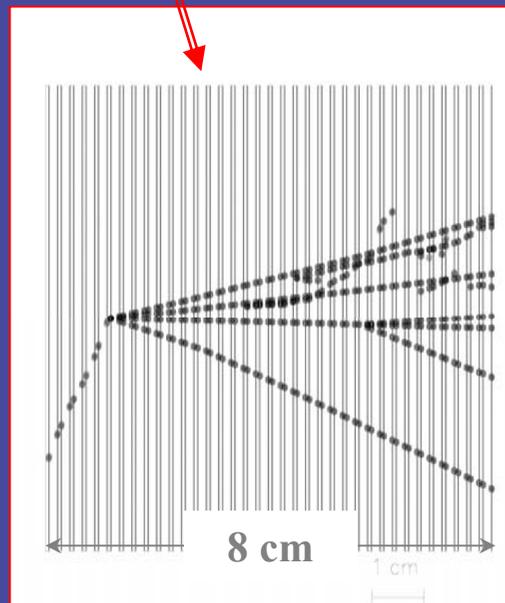


Basic "cell"



Emulsion analysis:

- ✓ Vertex
- ✓ Decay kink
- ✓ e/gamma ID
- ✓ Multiple scattering, kinematics



N_τ events 5 years data taking

	$\Delta m^2 = 1.8 \times 10^{-3}$	$\Delta m^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$\Delta m^2 = 4.0 \times 10^{-3}$	Back
Final Design	9.0	17.2	43.8	1.06
With improvements	10.3	19.8	50.4	0.67

Better efficiencies due changeable sheets

Better charm background rejection with μ id. from dE/dx

$\Delta m^2(\text{eV}^2)$	3 years (20.3x 10^{19} pot)		5 years (33.8x 10^{19} pot)	
	$P_{3\sigma}(\%)$	$P_{4\sigma}$	$P_{3\sigma}(\%)$	$P_{4\sigma}$
1.8×10^{-3}	77.2(91.1)	46.8(68.2)	97.2(99.5)	87.4(96.2)
2.2×10^{-3}	94.9(98.9)	80.5(93.0)	99.9(100)	99.0(99.9)
2.5×10^{-3}	98.9(99.9)	93.9(98.6)	100(100)	99.9(100)
3.0×10^{-3}	100(100)	99.6(100)	100(100)	100(100)
4.0×10^{-3}	100(100)	100(100)	100(100)	100(100)

Hall C 14 July 2003



14 October 2003



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decompressore TIFF (Non compresso)
sono necessari per visualizzare quest'immagine.

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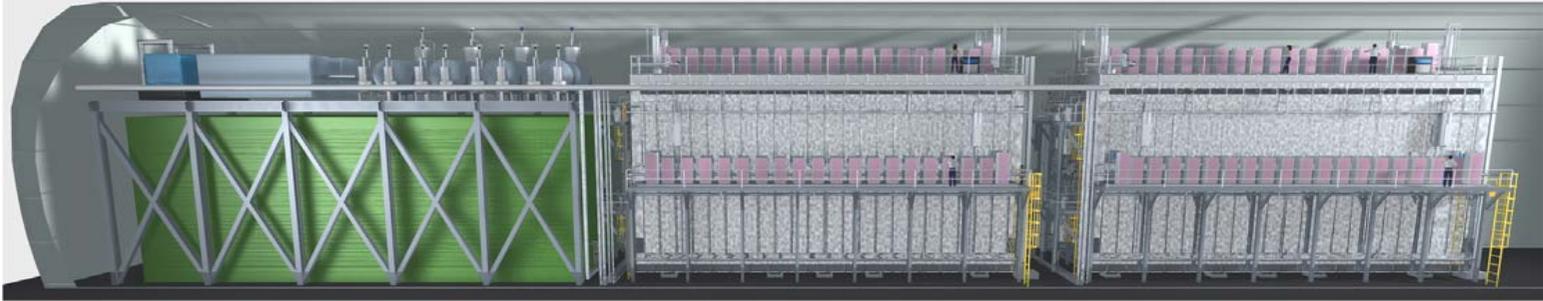
ICARUS

Imaging Cosmic and Rare Underground Signals

First Unit T600

T1200

T1200

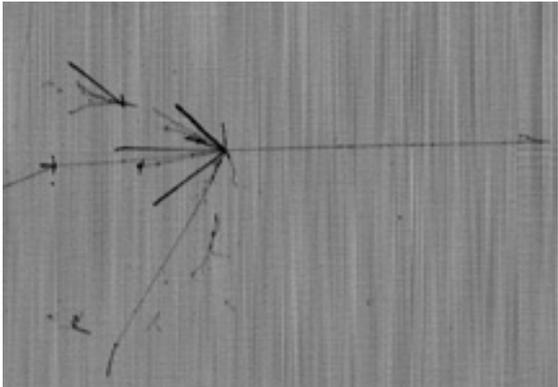


Liquid Argon (-176 °C)

First half of T600 module successfully operated in Pavia
T600 underground end 2004
T1800 funded

Collaboration:
Italy, Poland, China
Spain, Switzerland, USA

- Wide physics program
 - ν_τ and ν_e appearance on CNGS
 - atmospheric neutrinos
 - supernova neutrinos
 - solar neutrinos
 - proton decay



17 m



T3000 5 years 6.76×10^{19} prot/year

τ Decay	Signal ($\Delta m^2 = \Delta\Delta \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$)			BG
	$\Delta\Delta = 1.6$	$\Delta\Delta = 2.5$	$\Delta\Delta = 4.0$	
$\tau \rightarrow e$	5.5	13.5	35	1
$\tau \rightarrow \rho$ DIS	1	2.5	6	<0.5
$\tau \rightarrow \rho$ QE	1	2.5	5.5	<0.5
Total	7.5	18.5	46.5	≤ 2



T600

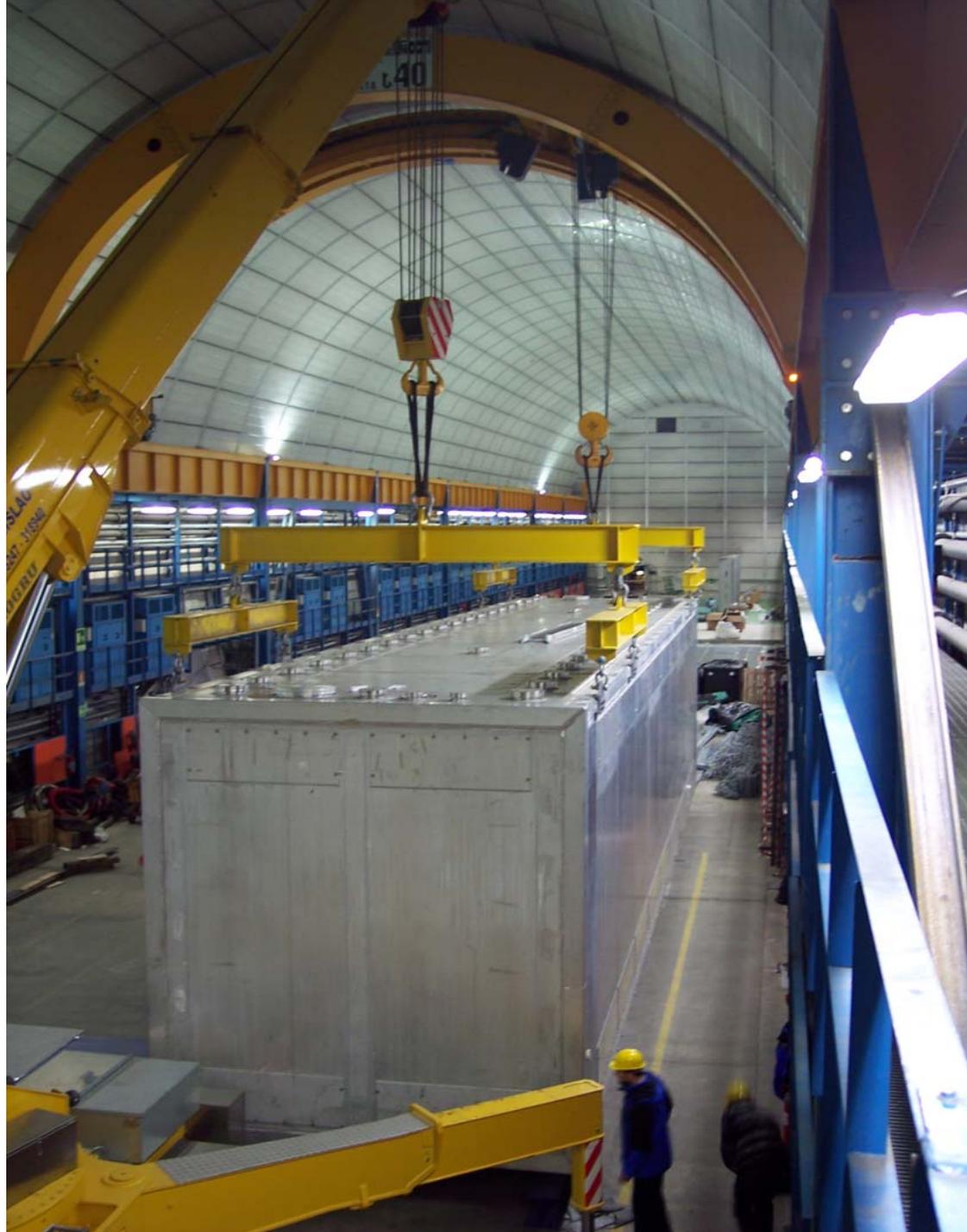
T1200

T1200

L'uscita dalla Sala in Pavia



ICARUS T600
Dicember 3, 2004



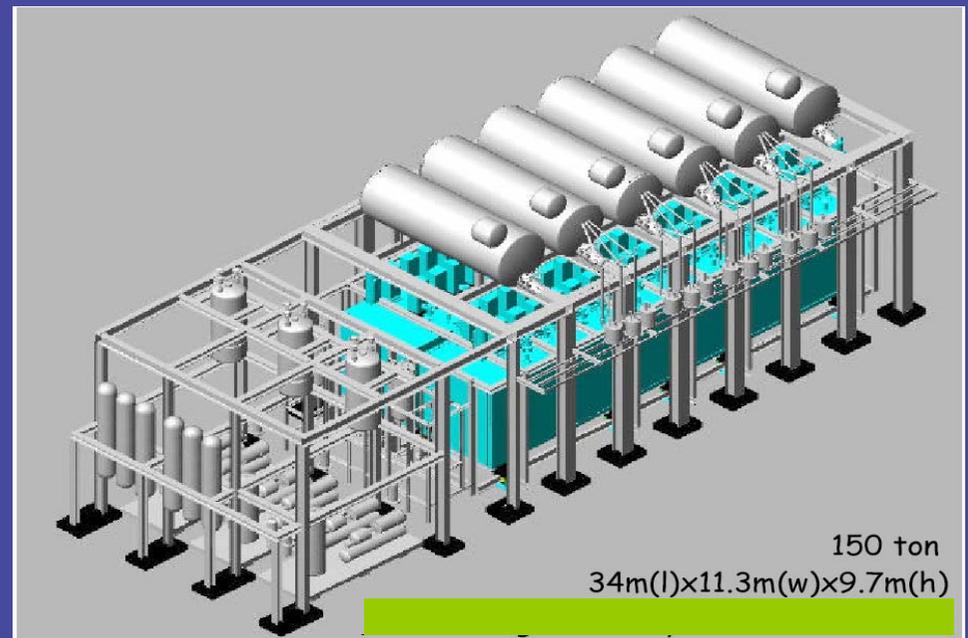
Due criostati in Sala B



Installation of the first T600 unit at Gran Sasso

- T600 installation has started
- The technical staff is working on the infrastructures in Hall B (electrical power supply system, ventilation, heat dissipation...)
- T600 will be operated in Gran Sasso at the beginning of 2006

*The T600 auxiliary system
supporting structure*

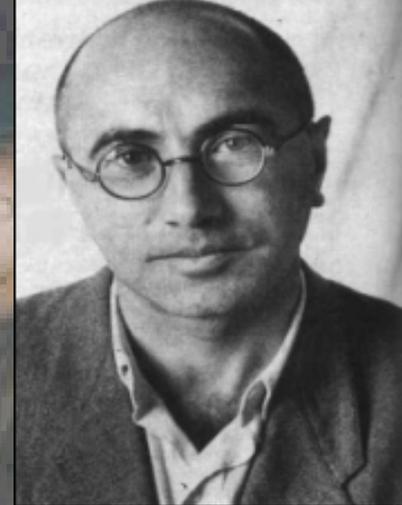




Theoretical activity in LNGS

the first suggestion of concept of Superheavy Dark Matter and its connection with Ultra High Energy Cosmic Rays (absence of GZK cutoff).

Group of people working in UHECR under the drive of Veniamin Berezhinsky



More: Neutrino physics, extensions of SM



2004 - 2005 - 2006 Important safety and infrastructures upgrade of the Laboratory



First phase

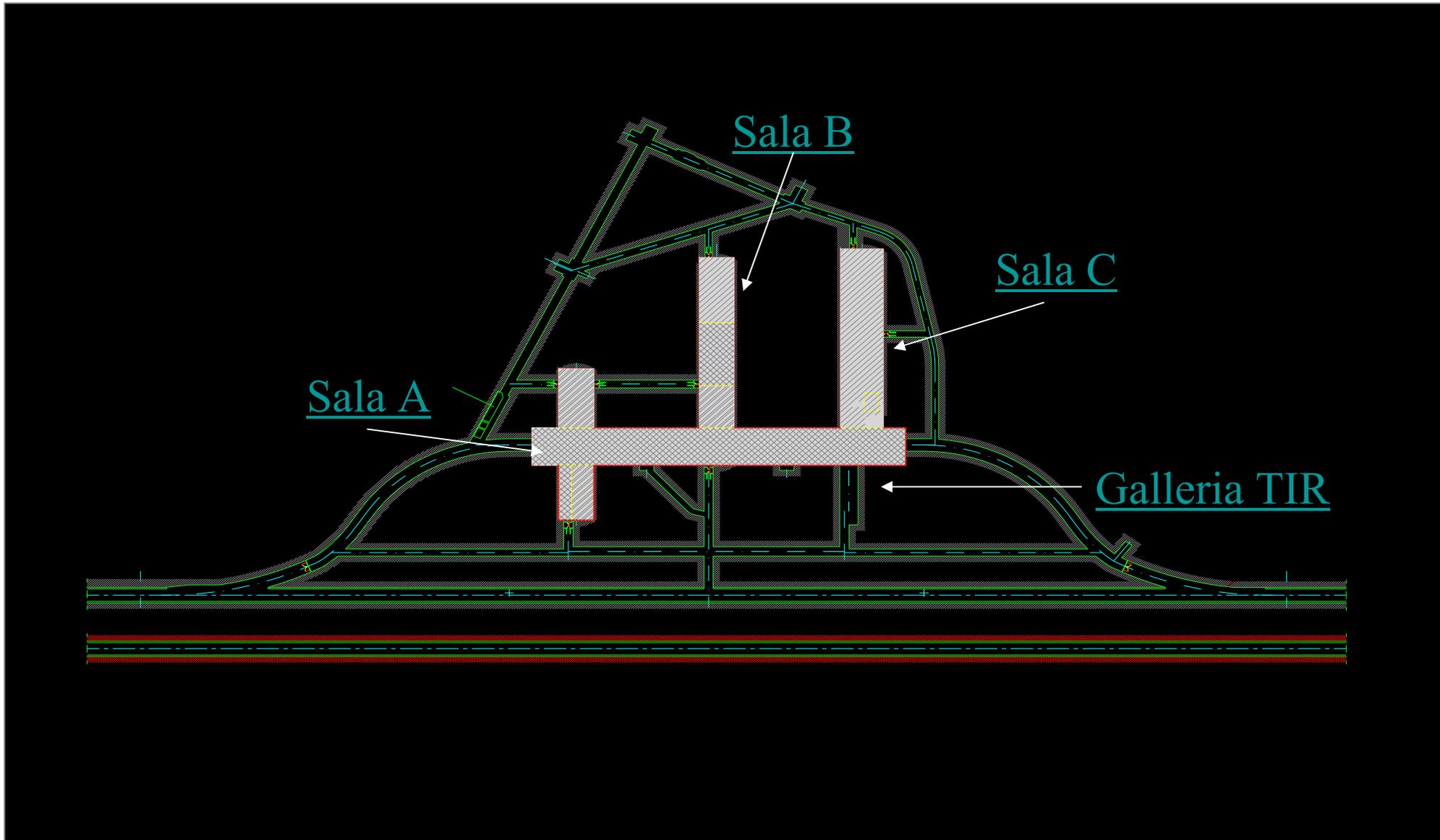
- Floor waterproofing
- Realization of containment basins
- Safety measure for the drinkable water

Second phase

- Upgrade of the ventilation system
- Upgrade of the cooling capability
- Upgrade of the electrical power



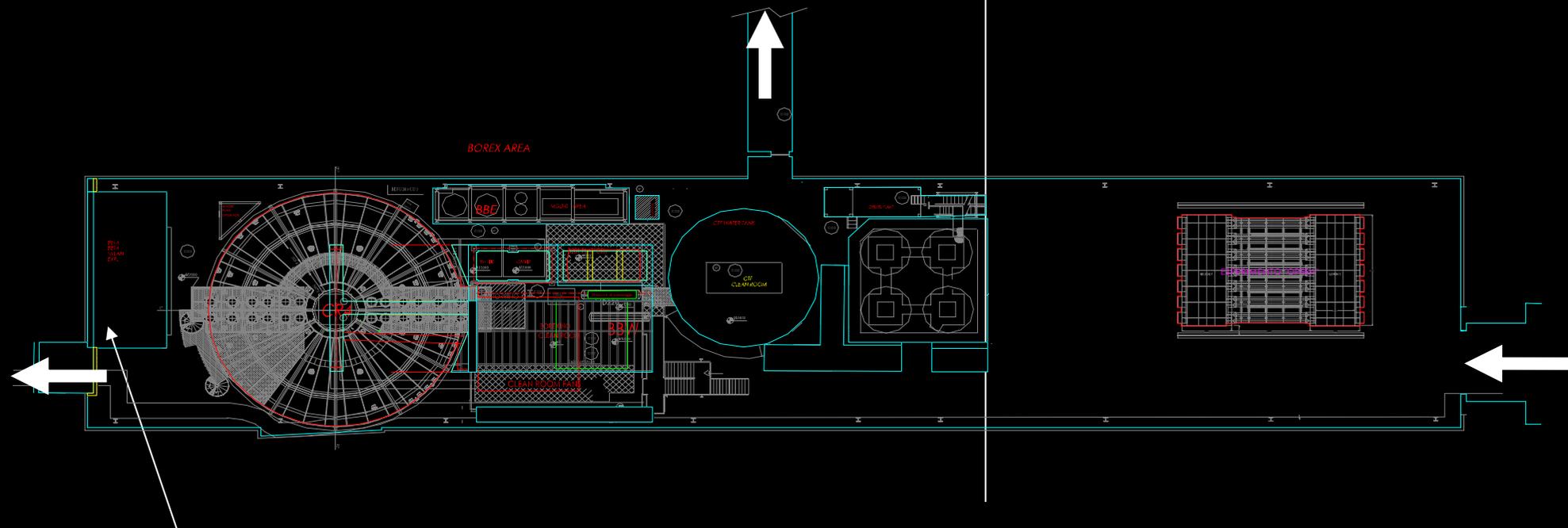
Planimetria generale Progetto Mosco



Sala C

Borexino

Opera



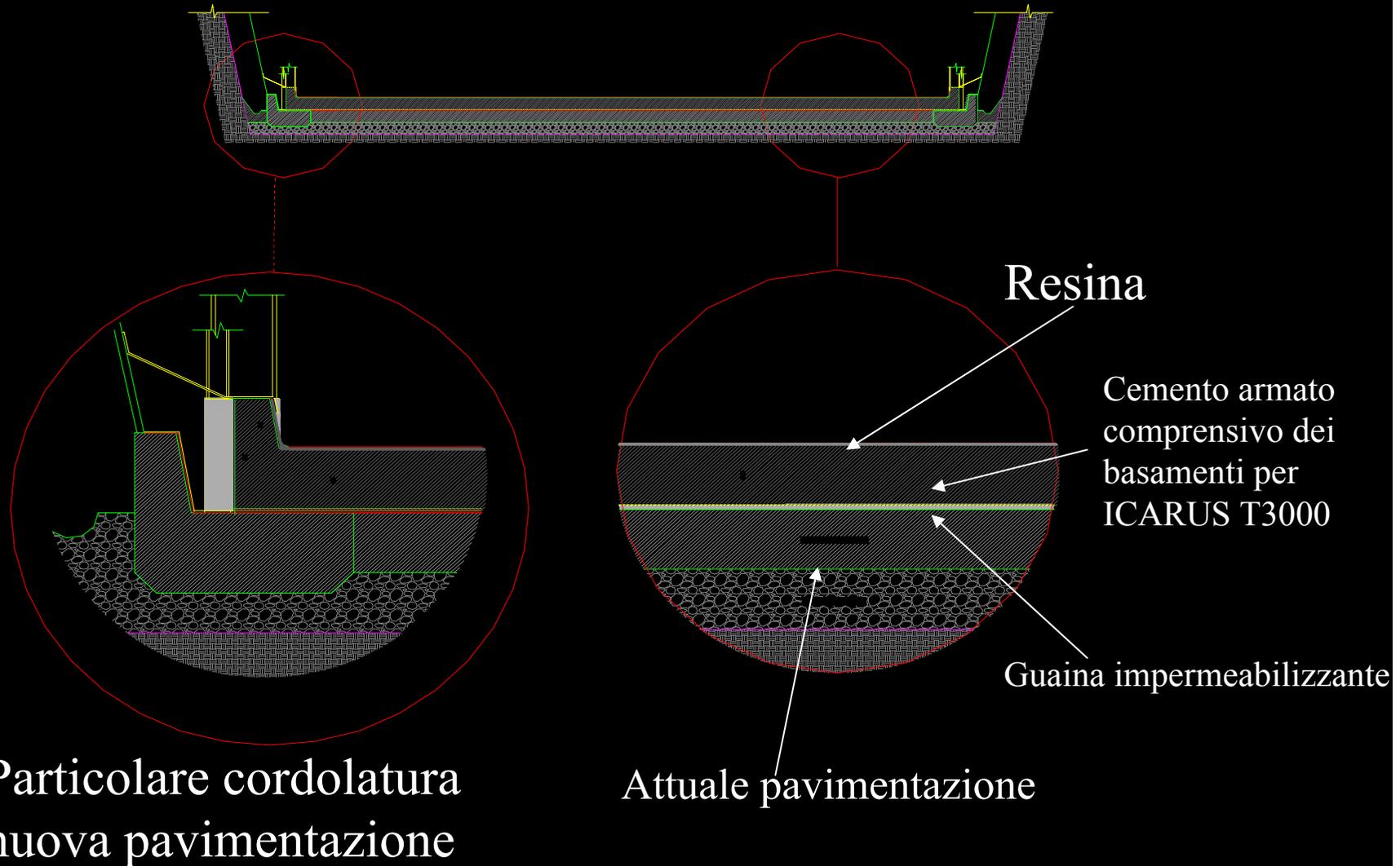
Cuoricino

Cronoprogramma interventi in Sala C

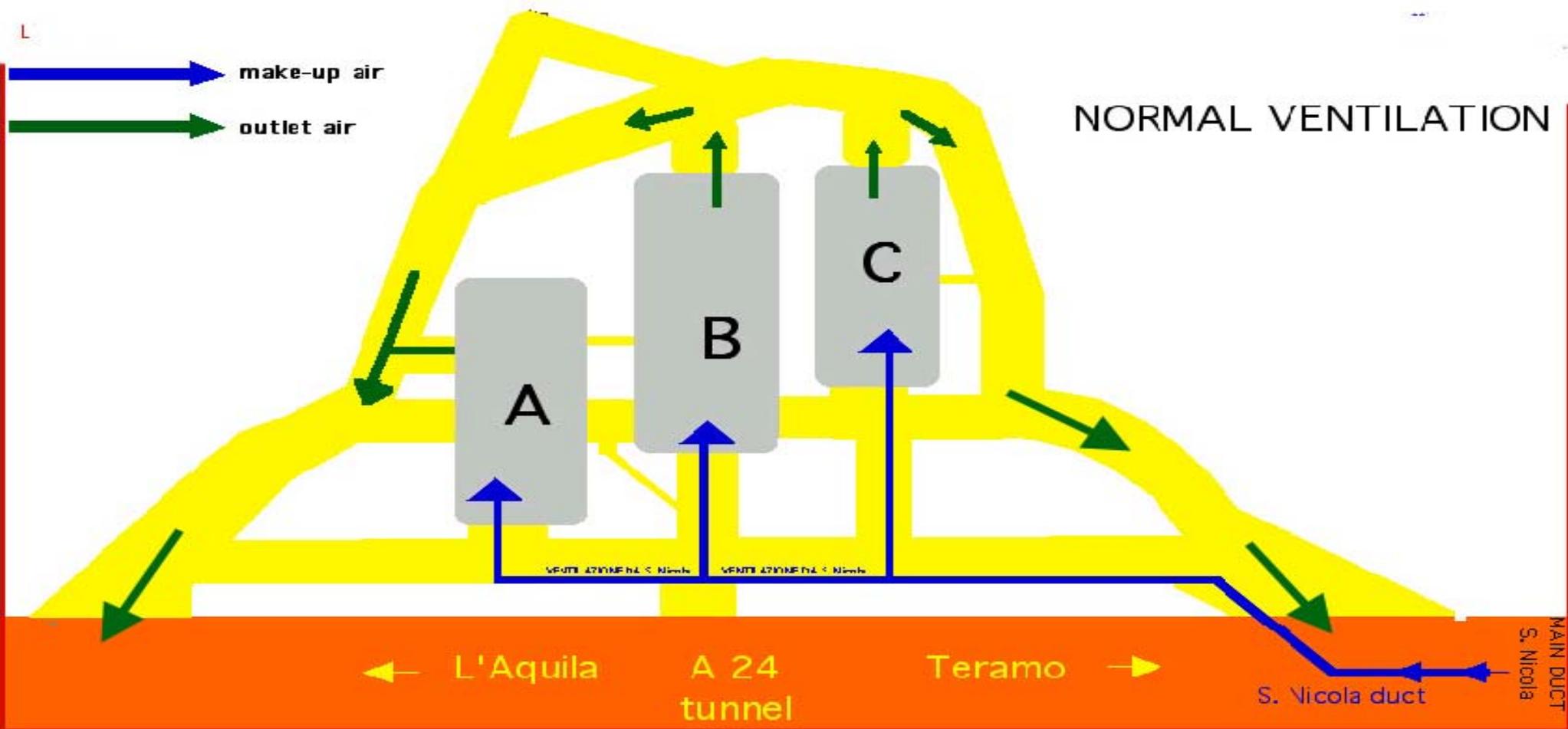
Impermeabilizzazione della pavimentazione della Sala a mezzo di resine



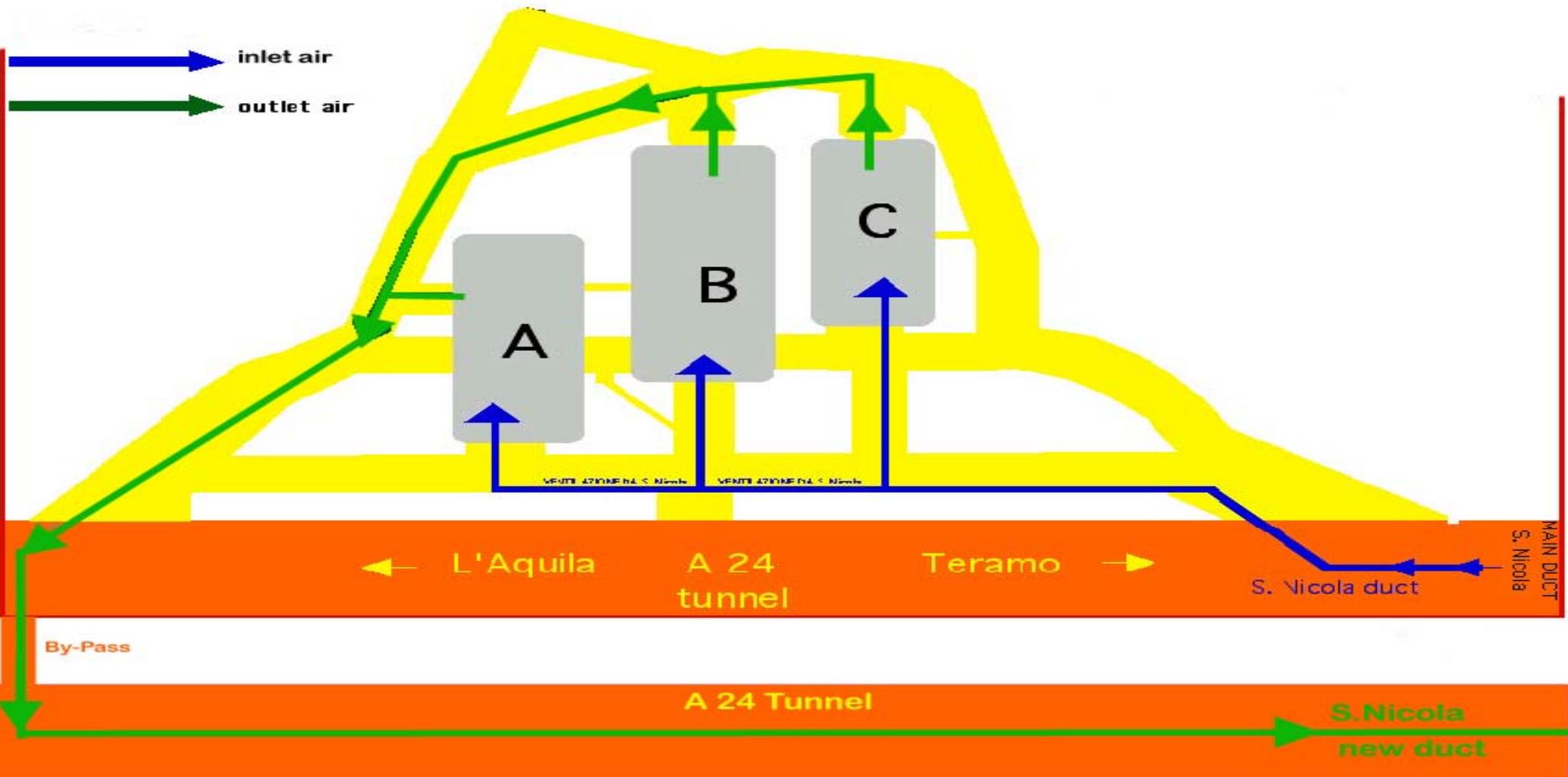
Sala B - Nuova Pavimentazione (h=0.30 m)



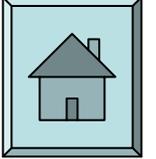
LNGS Sistema attuale di ventilazione



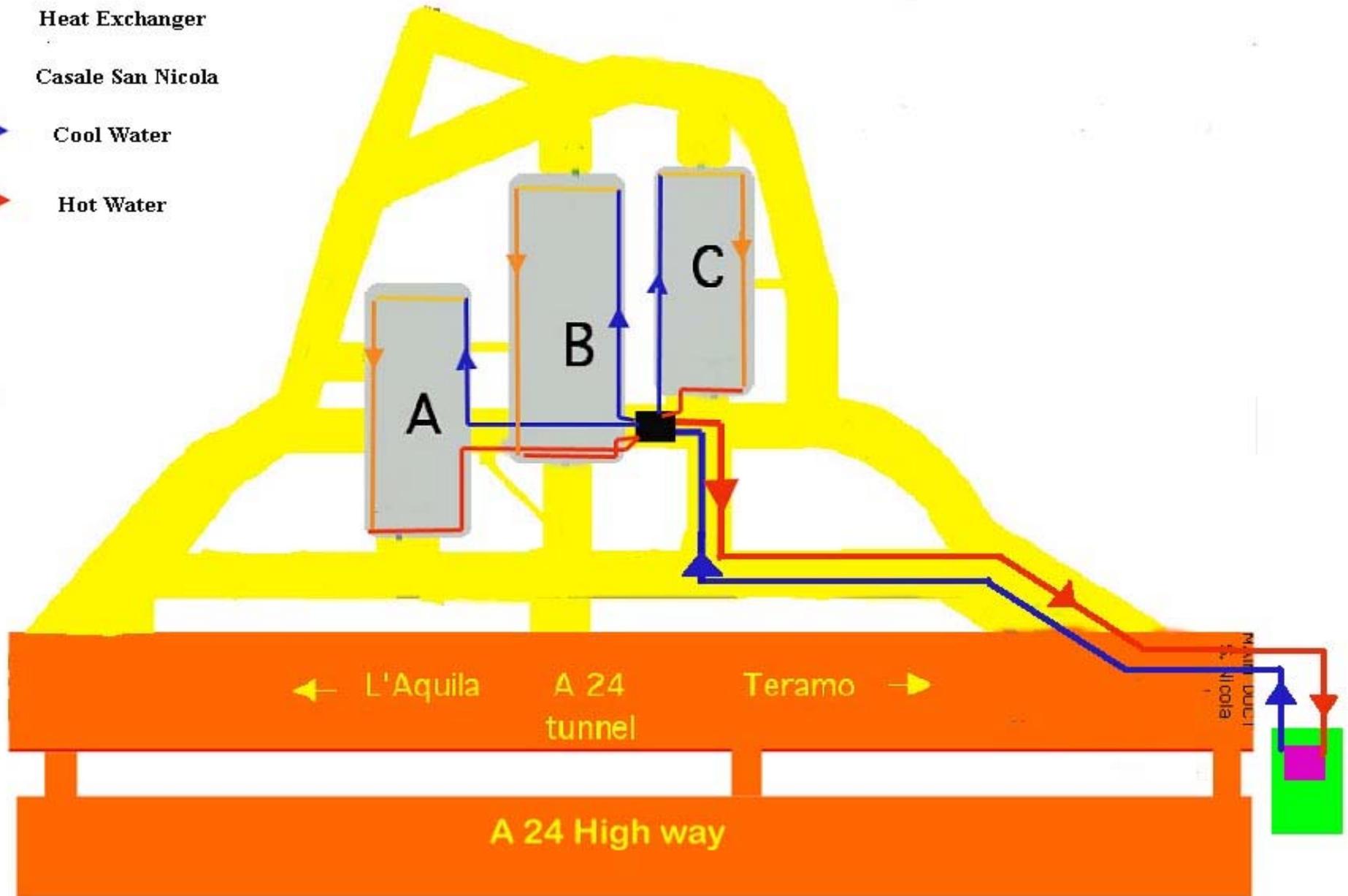
LNGS New Normal Ventilation



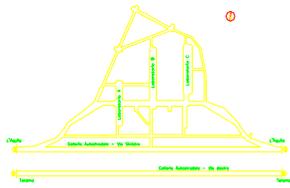
LNGS New cooling plant



-  Heat Exchanger
-  Casale San Nicola
-  Cool Water
-  Hot Water



Key-plan

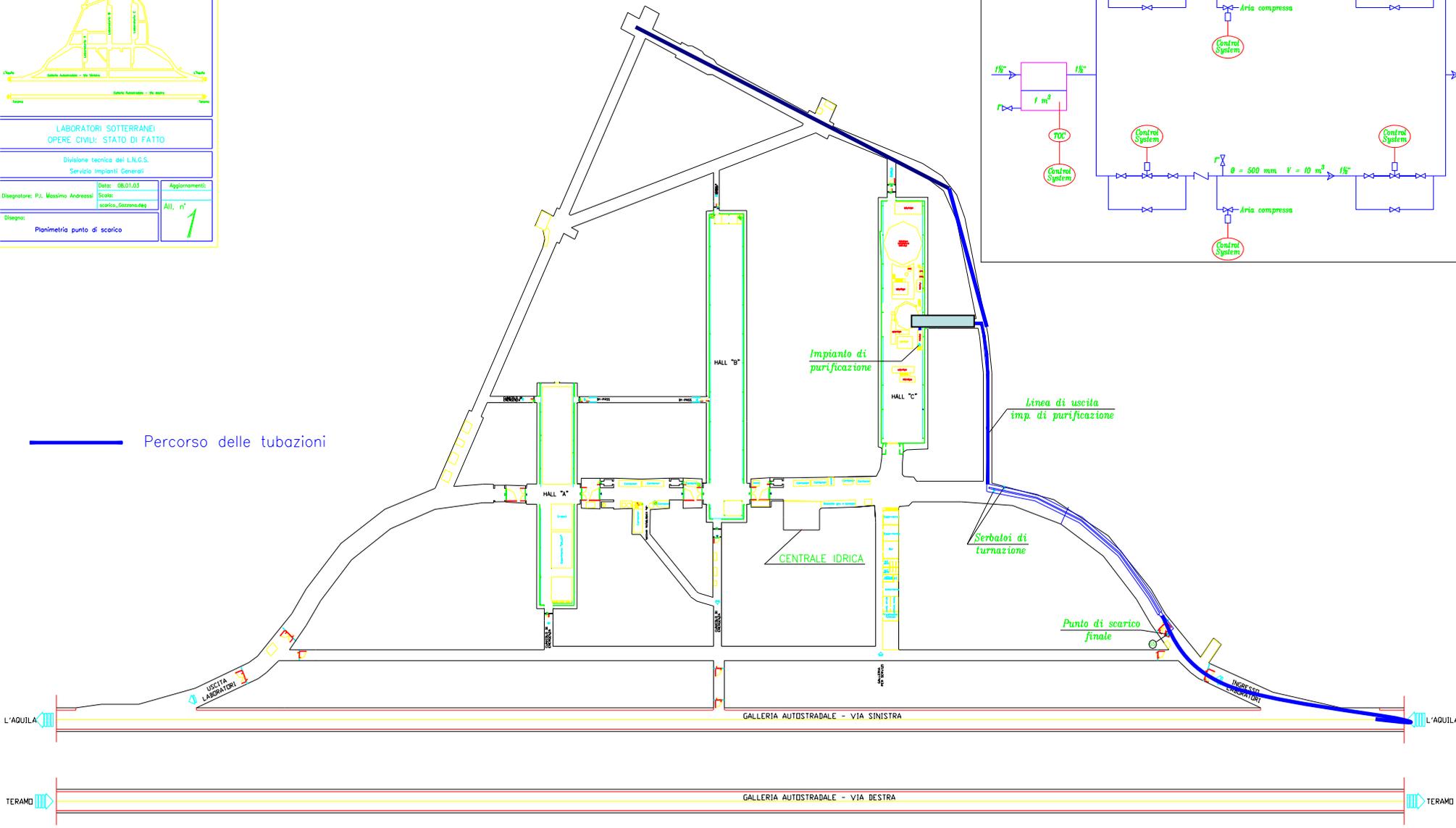


LABORATORI SOTTERRANEI
OPERE CIVILI: STATO DI FATTO

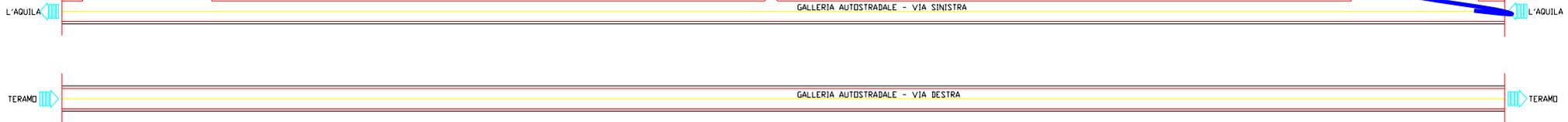
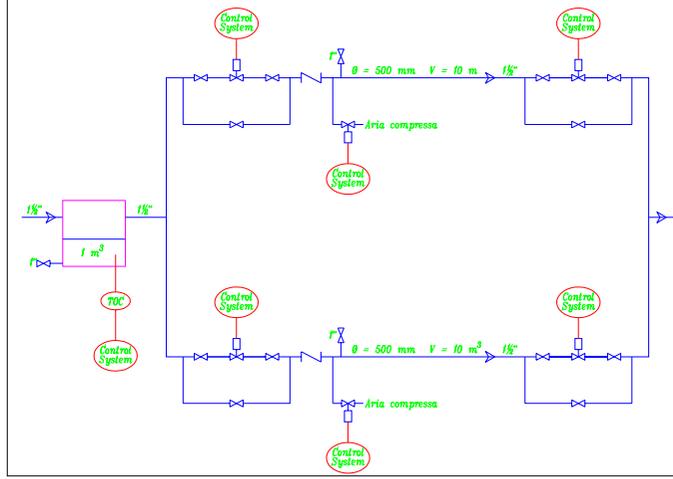
Divisione tecnica del L.N.G.S.
Servizio Impianti Generali

Disegnatore: P.L. Massimo Andreassi	Data: 08.01.03	Aggiornamenti:
Disegno:	Scala: scarico_Gozzanosideg	All. n° 1
Pianimetria punto di scarico		

Percorso delle tubazioni



Schema funzionale serbatoi di turnazione



LA SICUREZZA COME OBIETTIVO COMUNE

Laboratori, segnali di pace

Il direttore Coccia e Ruffini: «Lavoreremo insieme»

CONVEGNO

L'AQUILA. Stretta di mano tra il presidente della Provincia di Teramo, Claudio Ruffini, e il neo direttore dell'Infn, Eugenio Coccia, durante il convegno sull'acqua promosso dal Parco Gran Sasso Laga. «In futuro si lavorerà insieme».

Un futuro quanto mai vicino, visto che la messa in sicurezza del sistema delle acque reflue dei laboratori di fisica nucleare del Gran Sasso è l'intervento più immediato che il direttore Coccia si appresta a realizzare. «Un'opera che può essere portata a termine in tempi brevi e a costi limitati», ha sottolineato Coccia, «e per la quale si stanno già individuando i finanziamenti. In tre mesi vorrei risolvere il problema e programmare così il rilancio delle attività dei nostri laboratori».

E' stata una giornata all'insegna dei buoni propositi, quella di ieri, in occasione del convegno dedicato alla presentazione della Carta per la valorizzazione e la tutela dell'acqua nelle aree protette, messa a punto da Federparchi e presentata in anteprima

Insieme
il direttore
dei laboratori
Coccia,
Mazzitti
e Ruffini



ritrovato clima di serenità», dopo gli aspri contrasti che hanno visto opposti, negli ultimi mesi, gli amministratori teramani e i rappresentanti dell'Infn. La vicenda è quella nota, con l'incidente del 16 agosto ai laboratori, lo sversamento del trimetilbenzene nelle reti idriche e il recente sequestro della sala C della struttura. «La nostra azione non è stata rivolta contro qualcuno», ha precisato Ruffini.

ti: ho salutato con piacere il nuovo direttore dei laboratori, con cui divido le origini picene. Credo che attraverso un'iniziativa comune, coordinata dalla Regione, riusciremo a trovare la soluzione che accontenta tutti». La strada, il governo regionale, la sta già tracciando: «Non bisogna dimenticare», ha sottolineato l'assessore alle opere pubbliche Giorgio De Matteis, «che il Gran Sasso è un matrimonio

«Acqua potabile, niente allarmi»

La commissione ambiente incontra il direttore dei laboratori

COMUNE

Ma la faldia
è sempre a rischio

TERAMO. «La potabilità dell'acqua teramana non è stata mai in pericolo. L'acqua che bevono i teramani è sicura». E' questo il passaggio principale dell'intervento del presidente della Ruzzo servizi (ex Acar) Pino Casalena, che ha partecipato ieri alla riunione della commissione ambiente del Comune, nella sala San Carlo. L'incontro, voluto dal presidente della commissione Roberto Zilli, doveva servire



Il direttore
dei laboratori
di fisica
del Gran Sasso
Eugenio
Coccia

IL CENTRO

ABRUZZO

VENERDÌ
4 luglio 2003

Laboratori più trasparenti

L'impegno del nuovo direttore dell'Infn



WWF SUL
GRAN SASSO

«Per fare il punto della situazione sui laboratori del Gran Sasso. Abbiamo, infatti, constatato che, anche al nostro interno non c'è molta chiarezza su quanto è accaduto finora. La presenza del nuovo direttore è senza dubbio un primo passo ma vogliamo poter vedere dei fatti concreti». Al termine di una lunga relazione, che ha ripercorso le diverse tappe dell'intricata vicenda legata agli incidenti avvenuti

TERAMO. «Il laboratorio vuole essere trasparente». E' stata questa l'affermazione di Eugenio Coccia, neodirettore del Laboratorio del Gran Sasso, presente ieri a Teramo, in un incontro-dibattito sulla sicurezza dei laboratori organizzato dal Wwf. «Abbiamo voluto realizzare questo incontro pubblico» spiega Dante Caserta, presidente regionale del Wwf.

c'erano sostanze pericolose. E anche la questione del 3° tunnel ha esasperato gli animi. Proprio per questo stiamo facendo uno sforzo maggiore per avere un rapporto più diretto con il territorio, perché i cittadini hanno diritto di sapere cosa viene fatto con i loro soldi. E noi saremo ben lieti di spiegarcelo».

Anche sulla questione della sicurezza Coccia va spedito. «Dobbiamo essere in grado di garantire degli standard tali da non costituire un pericolo per la salute del cittadino. L'incidente dello scorso anno ha dimostrato che c'era una debolezza. Ma la sicurezza rimane il primo punto del nostro programma e i lavori previsti saranno completati nei prossimi mesi».



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Summary of the news

Borexino is back to work

Icarus T600 is underground

Opera is on schedule

New $\beta\beta$ and DM experiments: Cuore, Gerda, Warp, Xenon

GNO concluded

Upgrade of the Lab. infrastructures is in progress

Relationship with local people and authorities improved

2006 crucial year