

# Double beta experiment using current Emulsion Technology

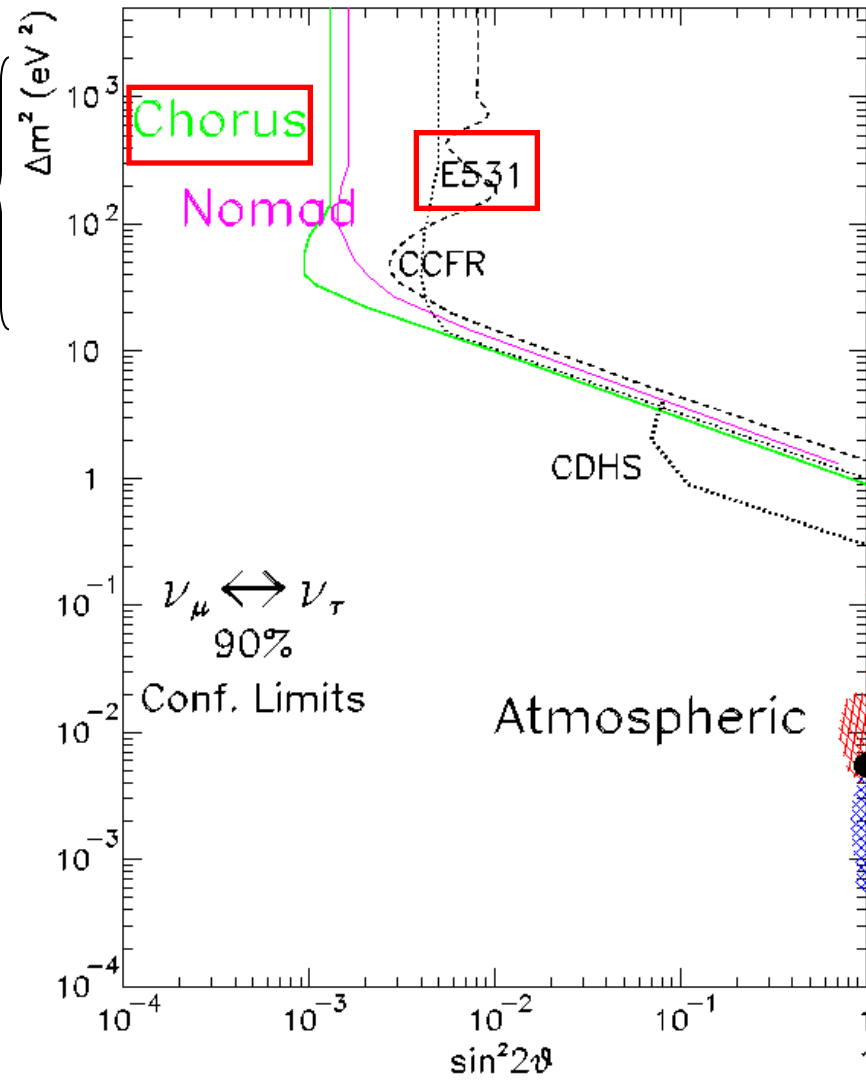
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Dark Matter



Short base line Neutrino Oscillation experiment

**E531** (Fermilab),  
**CHORUS** (CERN)

CHORUS

**Emulsion Amount ~1 ton**

**No Tau Neutrino interaction  
among  
350K Neutrino Interactions**

$$P(\nu_\nu \rightarrow \nu_\tau) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2(1.27 \cdot \Delta m^2 \cdot L/E)$$



# OPERA

**An Emulsion-Counter  
Hybrid experiment for  
Tau neutrino Appearance  
Detection.**

**Collaboration :**  
**Japan-Europe Collab.**  
**13countries 37 Institutes**

**First Neutrino: 2006 August**  
**2008 RUN :  $1.78 \times 10^{19}$  P.O.T**  
**2009 RUN :  $3.5 \times 10^{19}$  P.O.T**  
**(Running)**



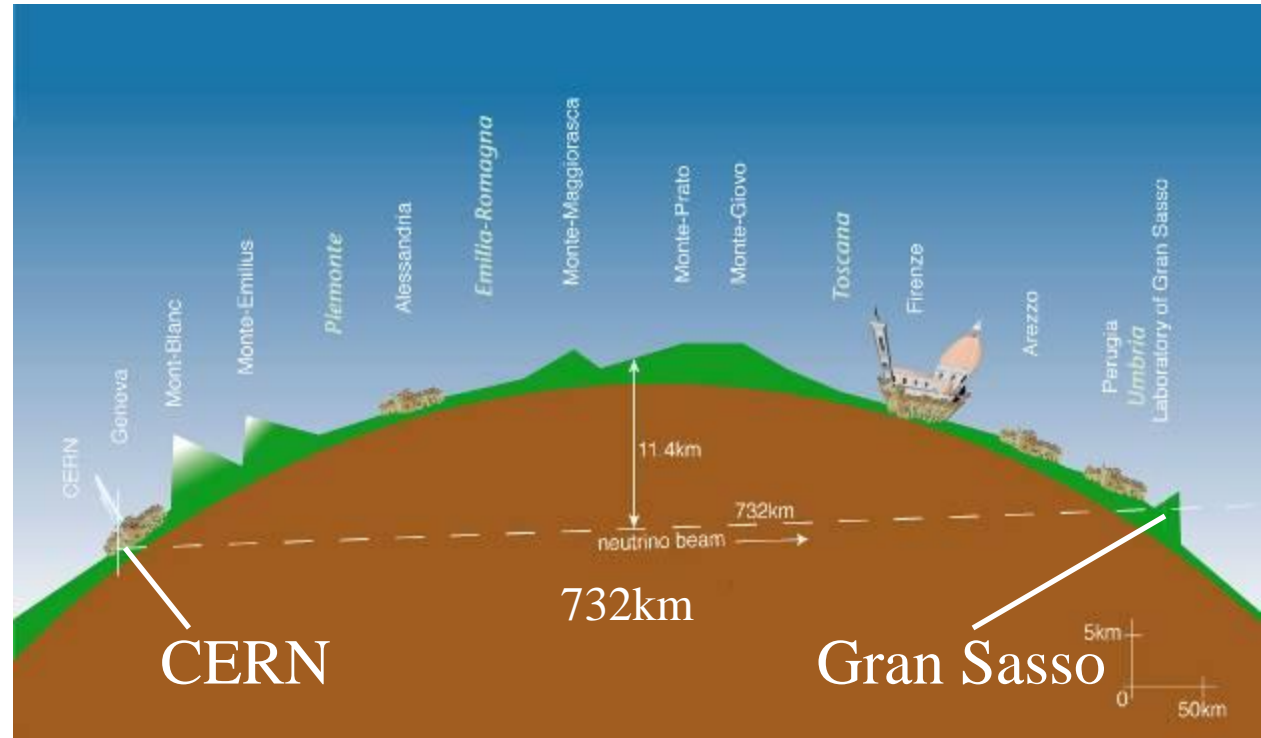
# CNGS beam

Optimized to study  $\nu\tau$  appearance

## Nominal $\nu$ beam

$\nu_\mu$ ( m <sup>-2</sup> / pot)	<b>7.45x10<sup>-9</sup></b>
$\nu_\mu$ CC / pot / kton	<b>5.44x10<sup>-17</sup></b>
$\langle E \rangle_\nu$ ( GeV)	<b>17</b>
$(\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e) / \nu_\mu$	<b>0.85 %</b>
$\bar{\nu}_\mu / \nu_\mu$	<b>2.0 %</b>
$\nu_\tau$ prompt	<b>negligible</b>

400GeV protons from SPS



## ⇒ Interactions at Gran Sasso

~ 3600  $\nu$  NC+CC /kton/year  
~ 16  $\nu_\tau$  CC /kton/year

Shared SPS operation  
200 days/year  
4.5x10<sup>19</sup> pot / year

for  $\sin^2 2\theta = 1$ ,  $\Delta m^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$

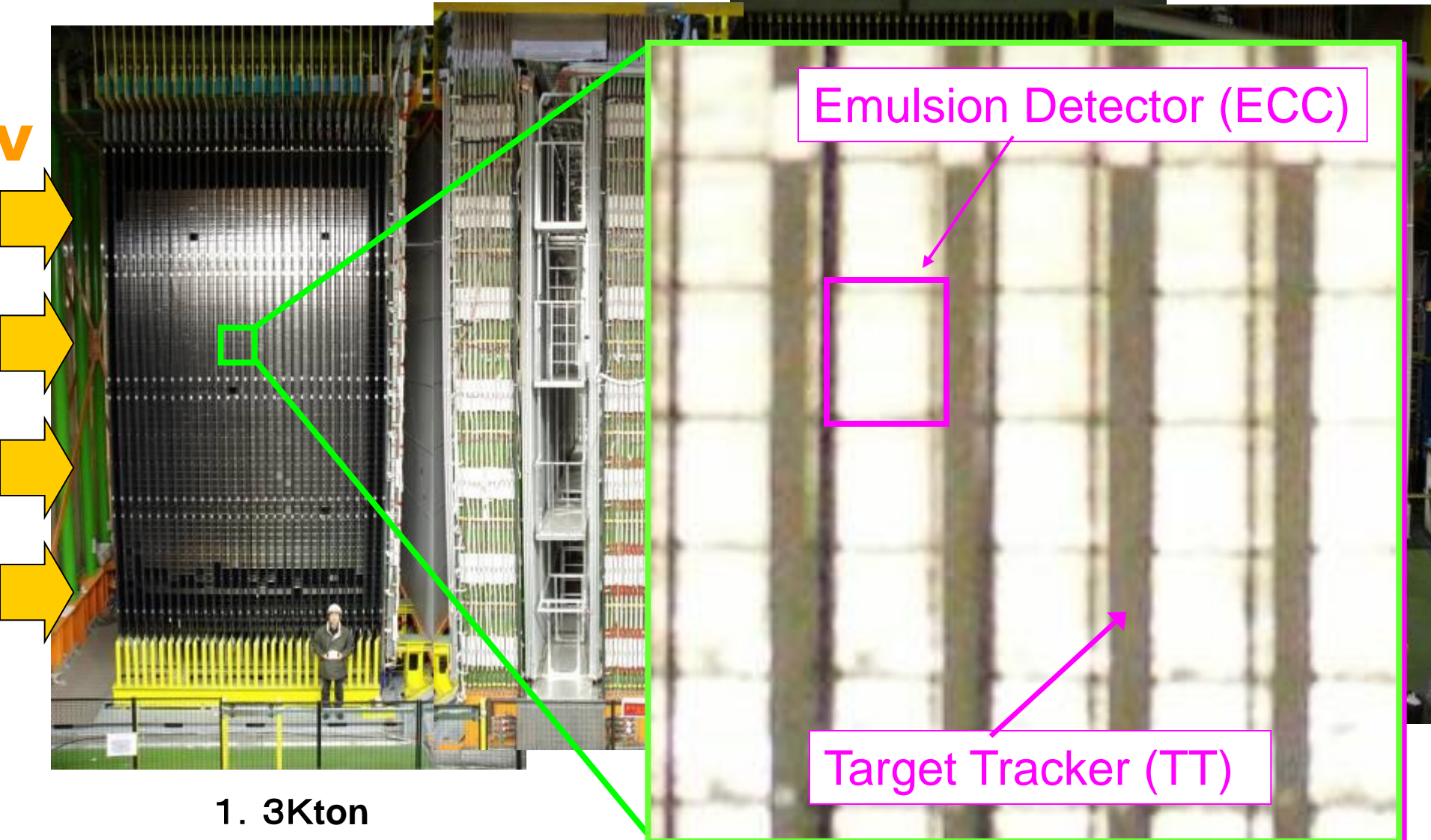


# Gran Sasso Hall C





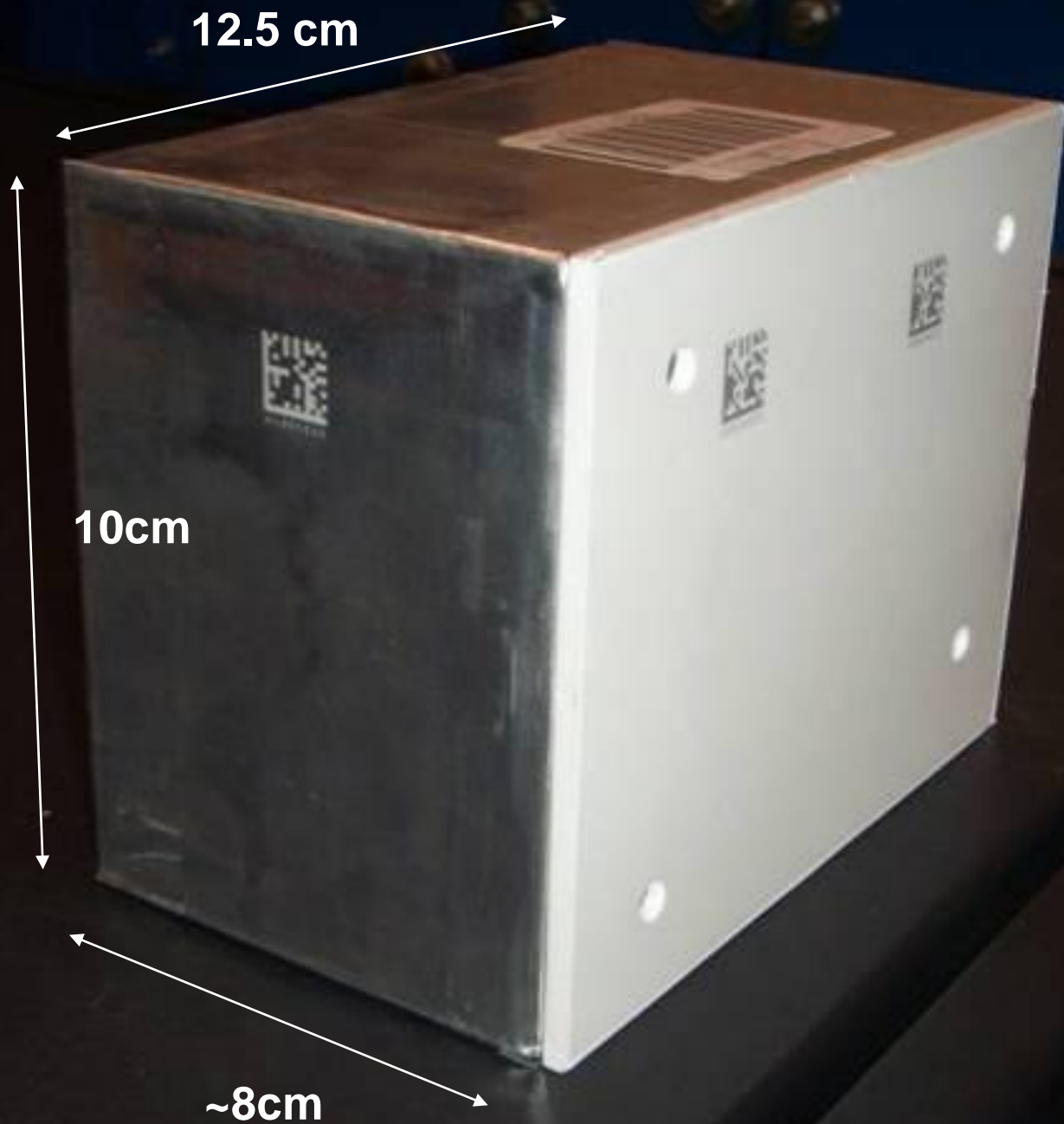
# OPERA Detector



# ECC

Unit of the  
OPERA  
Detector

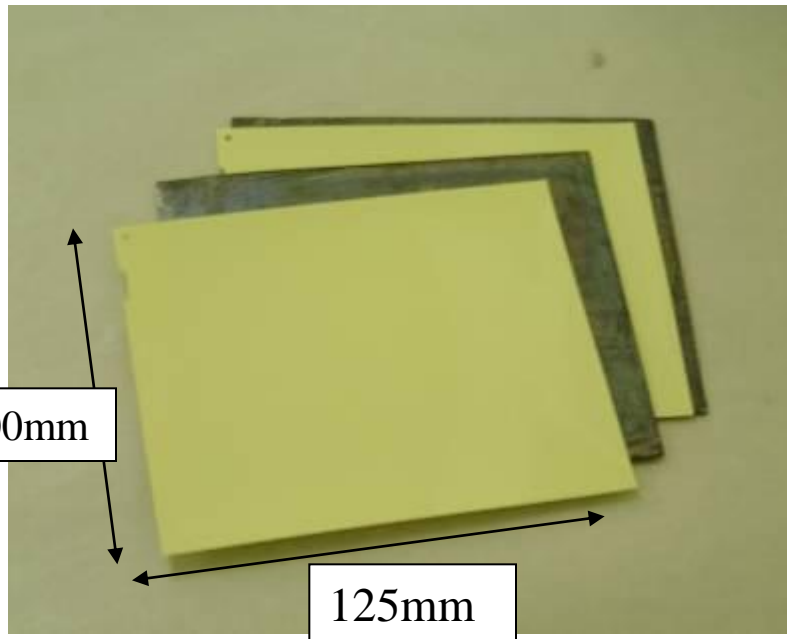
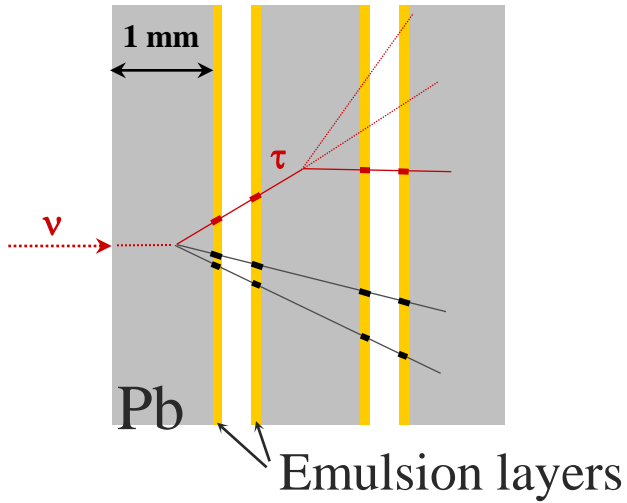
8.3kg





# OPERA ECC Brick

Lead plate(1mm) / Emulsion Film (OPERA film) Sandwich



**56 Lead Plates+ 57 Films**

~ same structure of the DONUT ECC

# Emulsion Film

**Required Area** : **~110,000 m<sup>2</sup>**  
**Number of Films** : **~10<sup>7</sup>**  
**Weight of the Emulsion Gel** : **~30 ton**

1998–2002 R&D (Fujifilm & Nagoya Univ.)  
for the mass production using commercial film  
production line

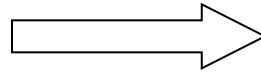
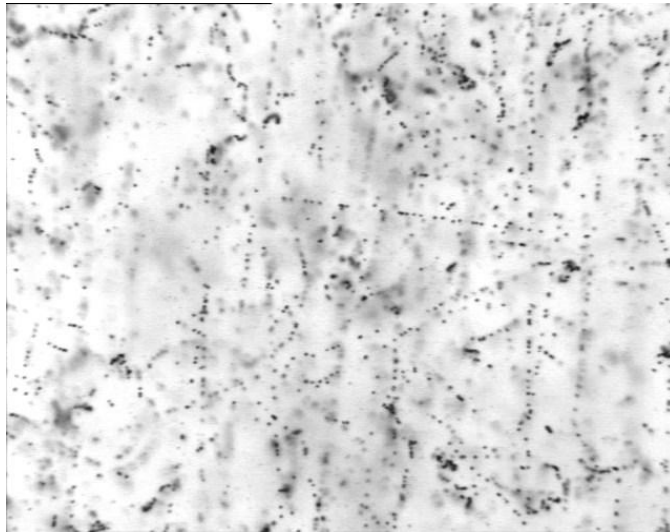
2003-2005 Mass Production at Fujifilm.

2004-2007 Refresh treatment at TONO mine.  
& Shipment to GranSasso

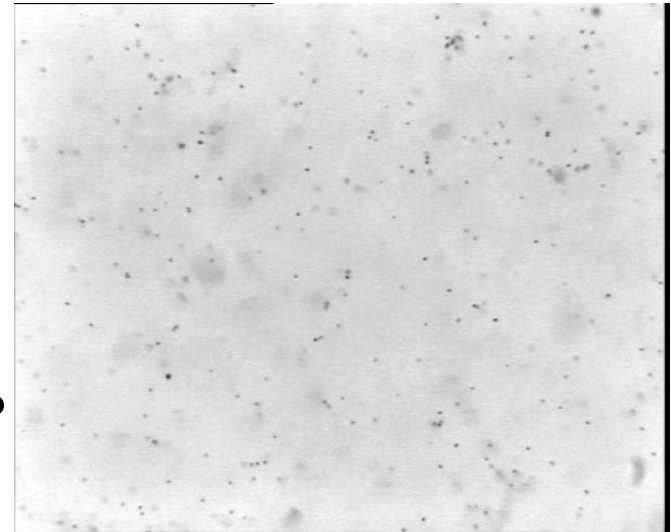
2007-2008 ECC Brick construction and Installation.

**DONE!**

# Refreshing



**Refresh**  
• T= 30°C  
• RH > 95%  
3 days



**Before Refresh**  
B.G. > **30tracks / mm<sup>2</sup>**

**After Refresh**  
B.G. < **1tracks / mm<sup>2</sup>**

**We can erase unwanted BG tracks.**  
**~98% of the recorded tracks can be erased**



**Refreshing Facility @ TONO mine Gifu JAPAN**



Daily operation @ Refreshing facility

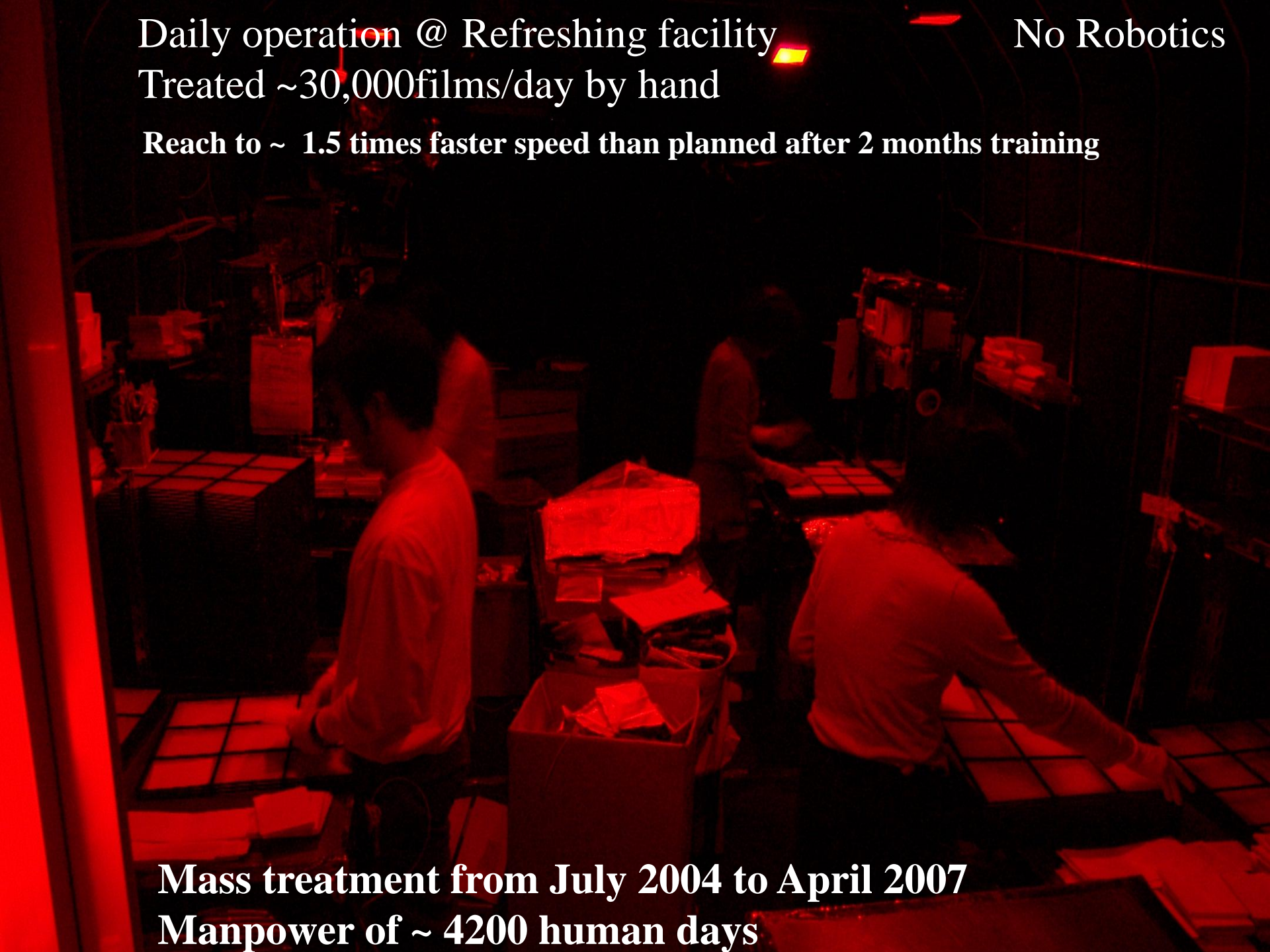
No Robotics

Treated ~30,000films/day by hand

Reach to ~ 1.5 times faster speed than planned after 2 months training

Mass treatment from July 2004 to April 2007

Manpower of ~ 4200 human days





VERAMENTE  
ITO FUMARE  
LABORATORI



## First Shipment ceremony at Gran Sasso 2005 Jan 24

Prof. E. Coccia (Director of LNGS), Prof. K. Yamashita (Vice director of Nagoya Univ.)  
and Prof. K. Niwa (Nagoya University)



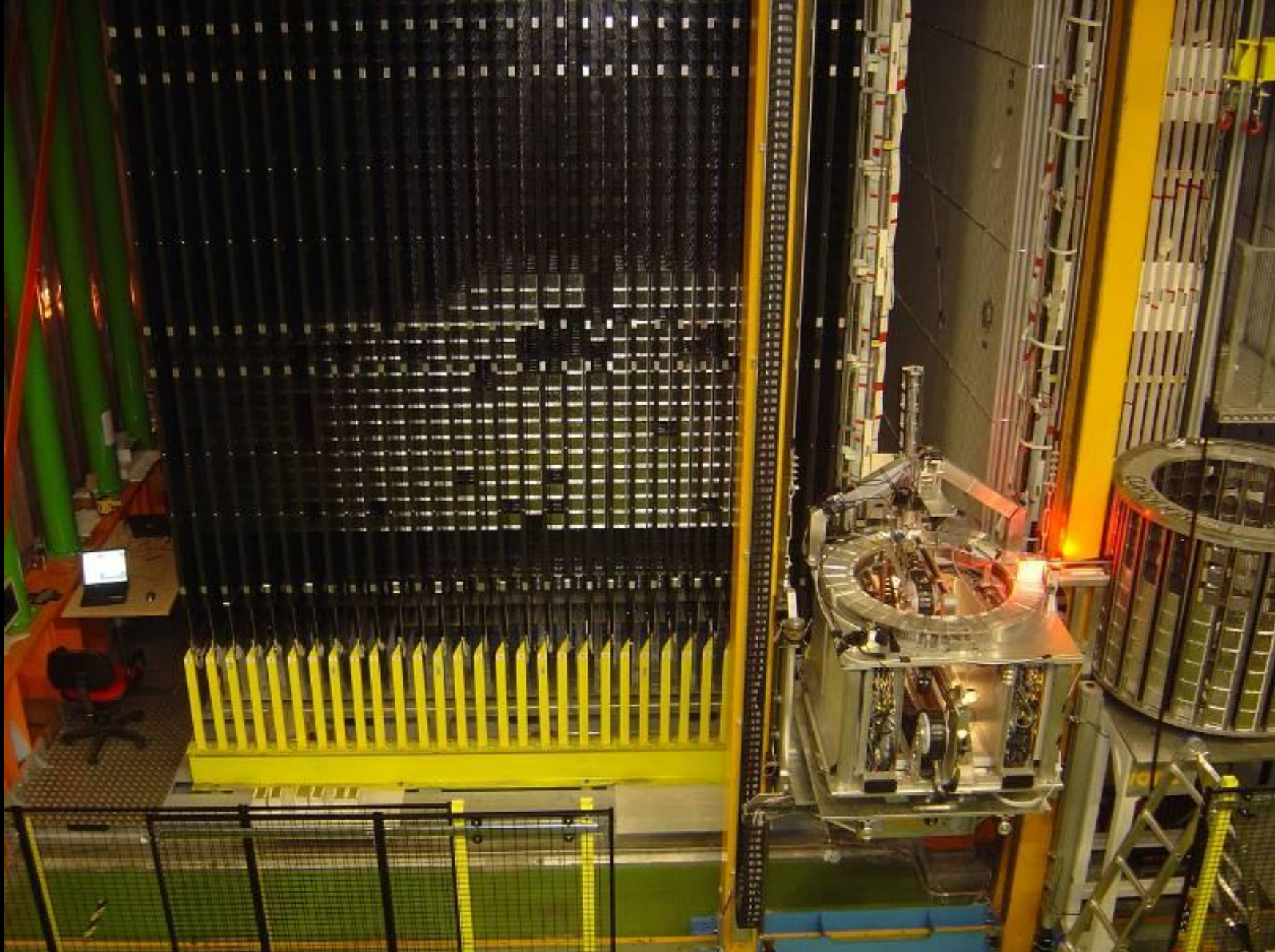
**OPERA Emulsion facility for Special films treatment (Changeable Sheet)**

**Gran Sasso  
Hall B**

**ICARUS**



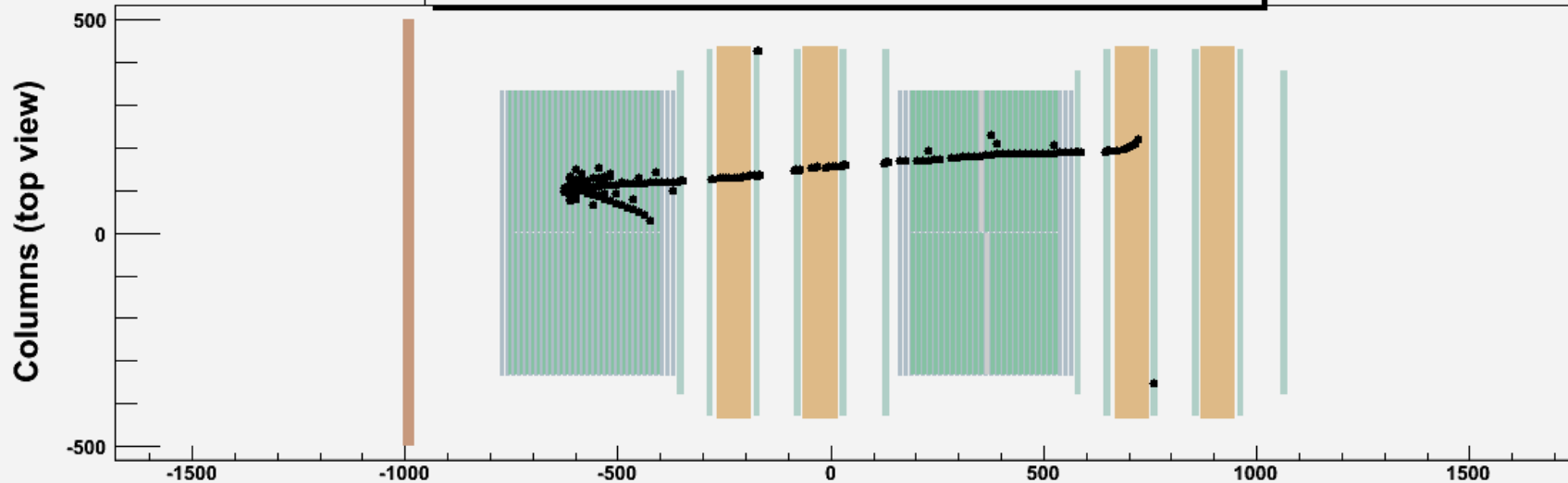




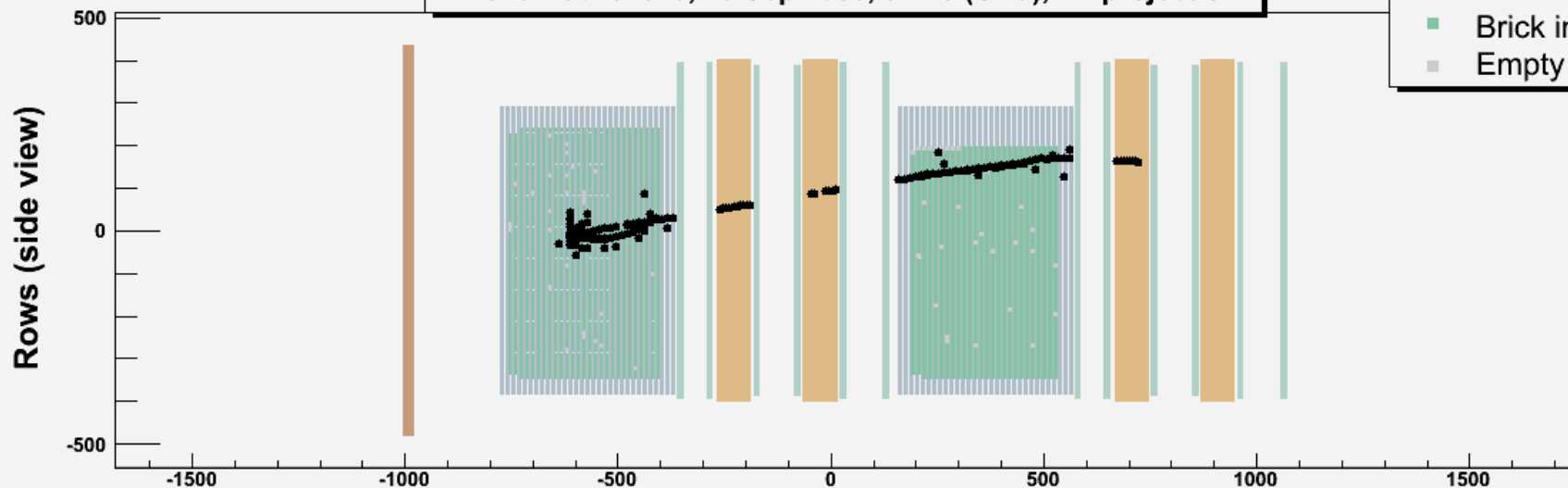
**Brick Installation by Brick Manipulating System**



Event: 230287810, 19 Sep 2008, 01:45 (UTC), XZ projection



Event: 230287810, 19 Sep 2008, 01:45 (UTC), YZ projection



- Selected brick
- Brick in cell
- Empty cell

Previously defined brick information: Super module 1

BrickId	Wall	Side	Column	Row	Prob	CS x	CS y
brick 1:	1068602	13	1	18	36	1.00	31.1 19.1

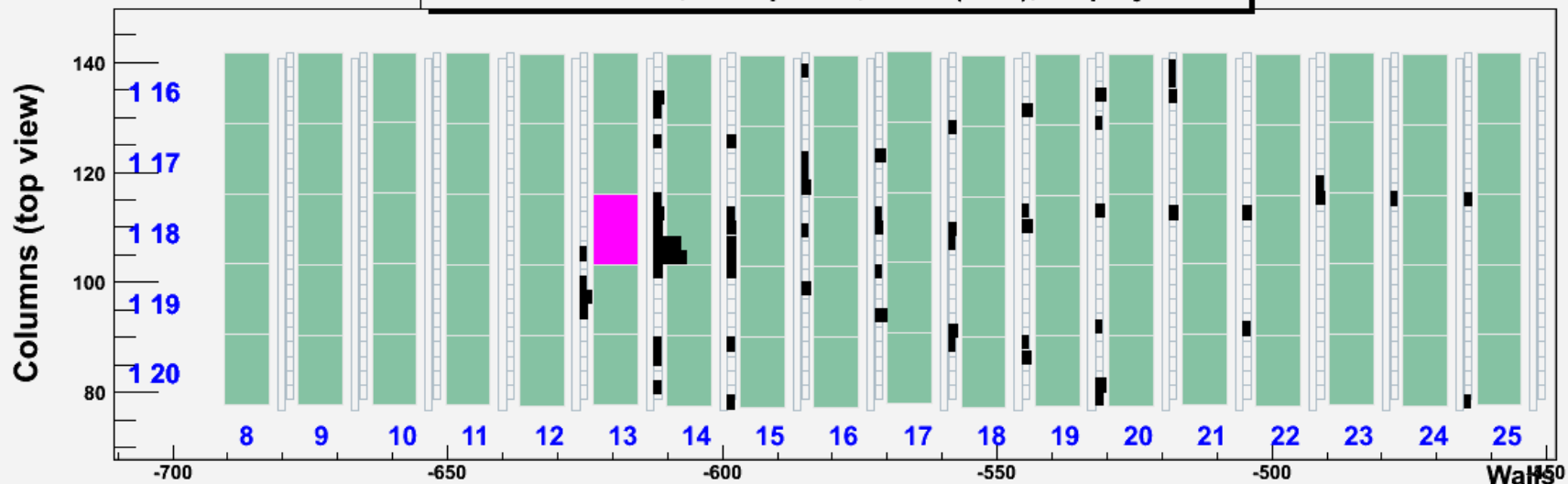
Muon track parameters: Mu-

Momentum: 7.241 GeV/c

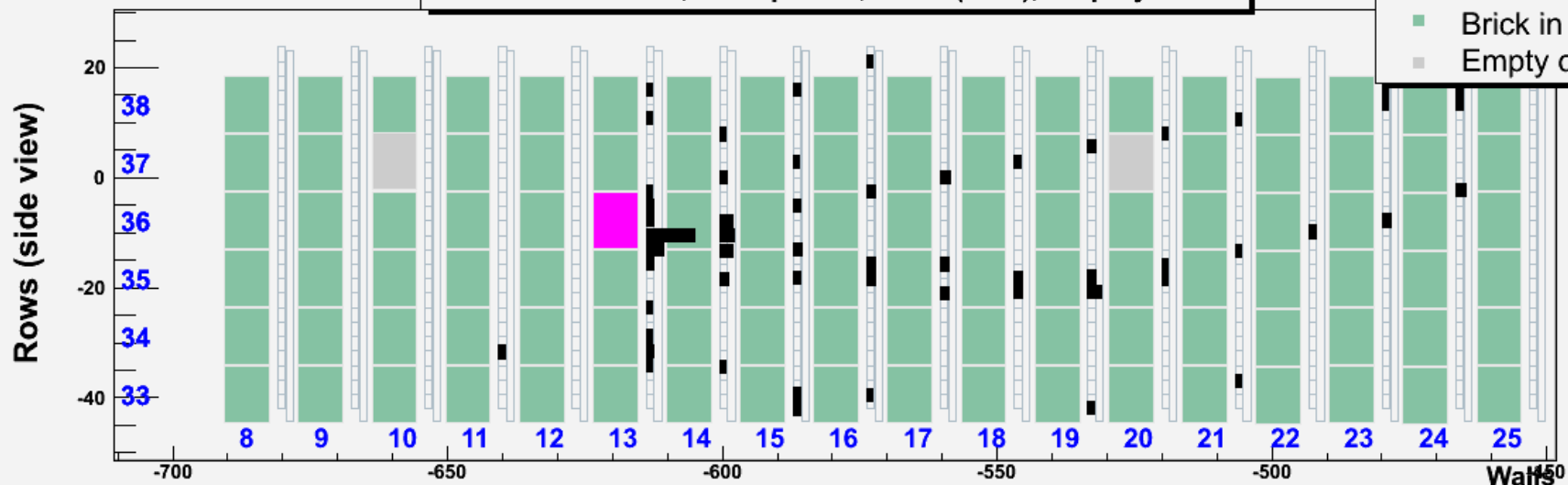
Angle XZ (rad): 0.065+/-0.007

Angle YZ (rad): 0.195+/-0.009

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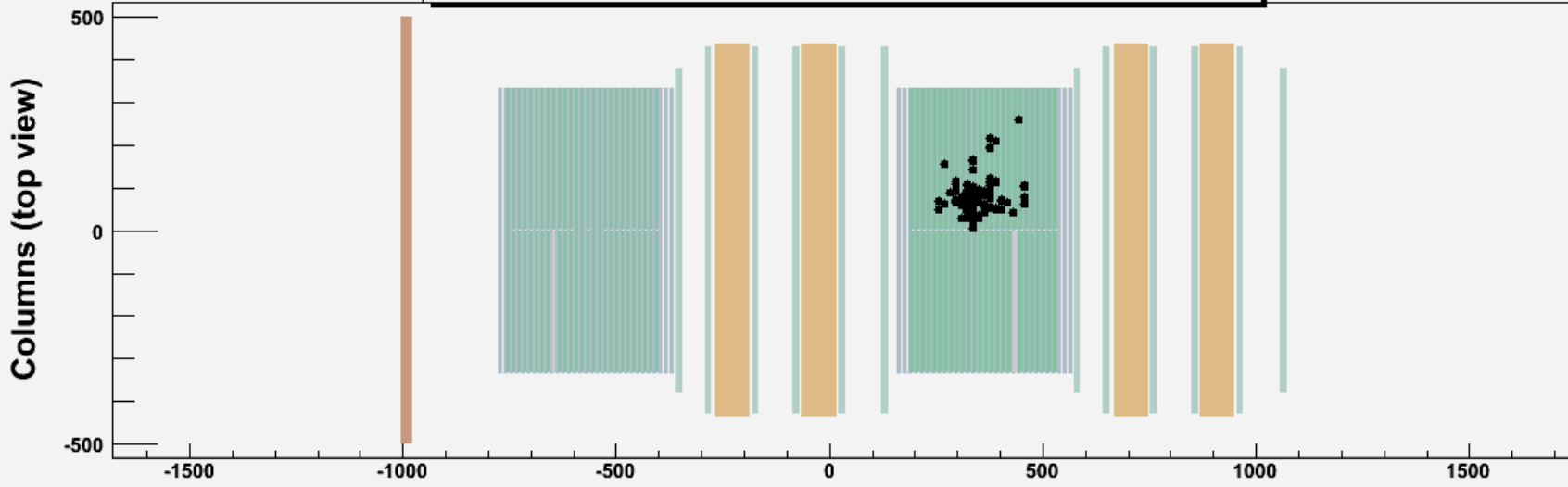
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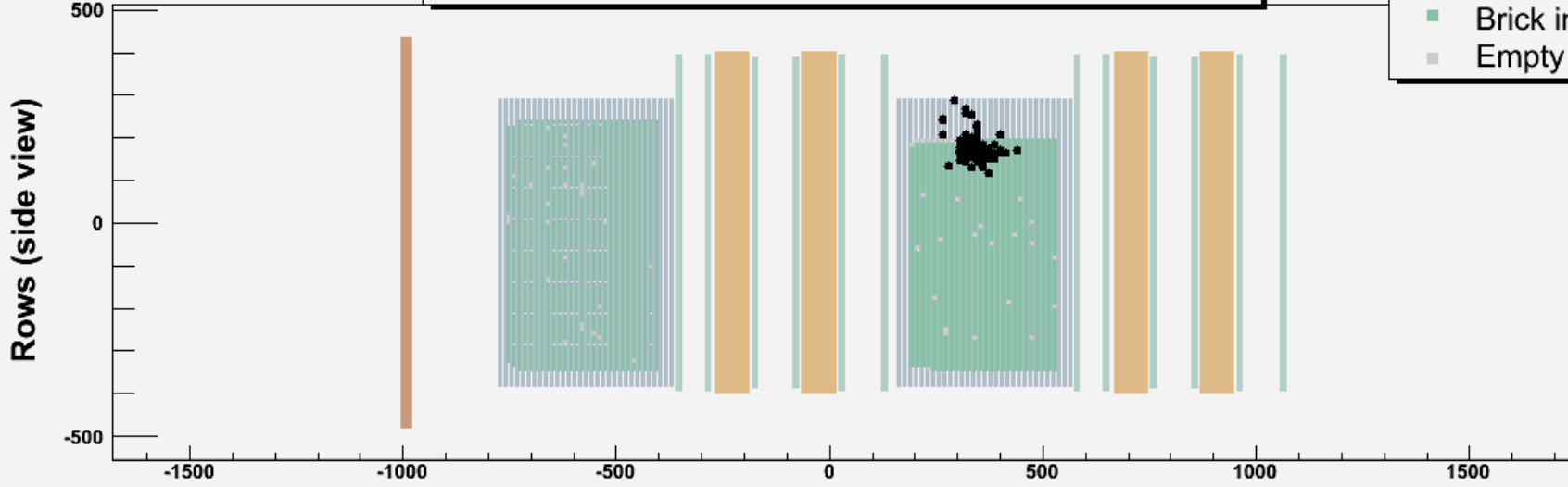
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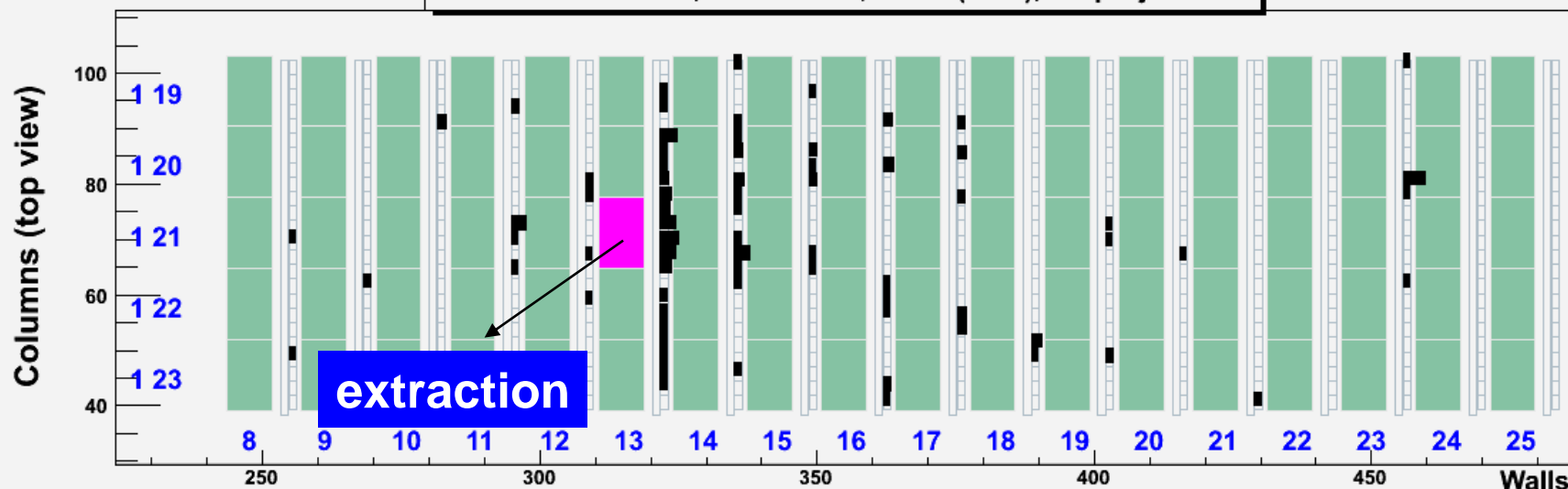
- Selected brick
- Brick in cell
- Empty cell

Previously defined brick information: Super module 2

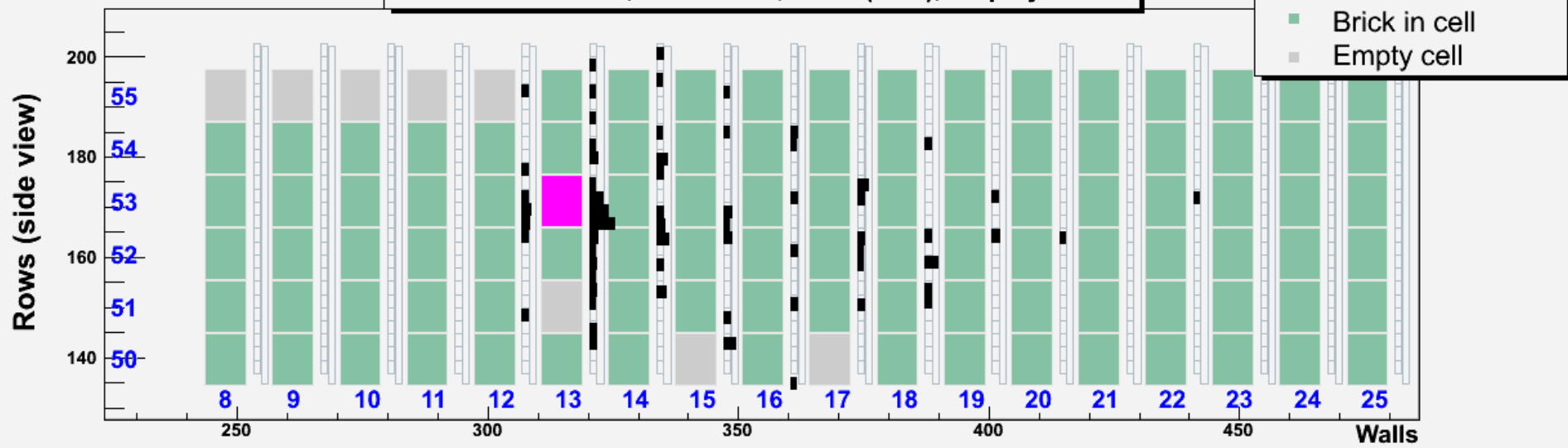
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brick 1:	1136584	13	1	21	53	1.00	-1.0 -1.0

Muon track parameters: Mu-  
 Momentum: 0.974 GeV/c  
 Angle XZ (rad): N/A  
 Angle YZ (rad): N/A

Event: 234327210, 5 Oct 2008, 07:41 (UTC), XZ projection



Event: 234327210, 5 Oct 2008, 07:41 (UTC), YZ projection



Previously defined brick information: Super module 2

Muon track parameters: Mu-

BrickId	Wall	Side	Column	Row	Prob	CS x	CS y
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Momentum: 0.974 GeV/c

brick 1:	1136584	13	1	21	53	1.00	-1.0 -1.0
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Angle XZ (rad): N/A

Angle YZ (rad): N/A

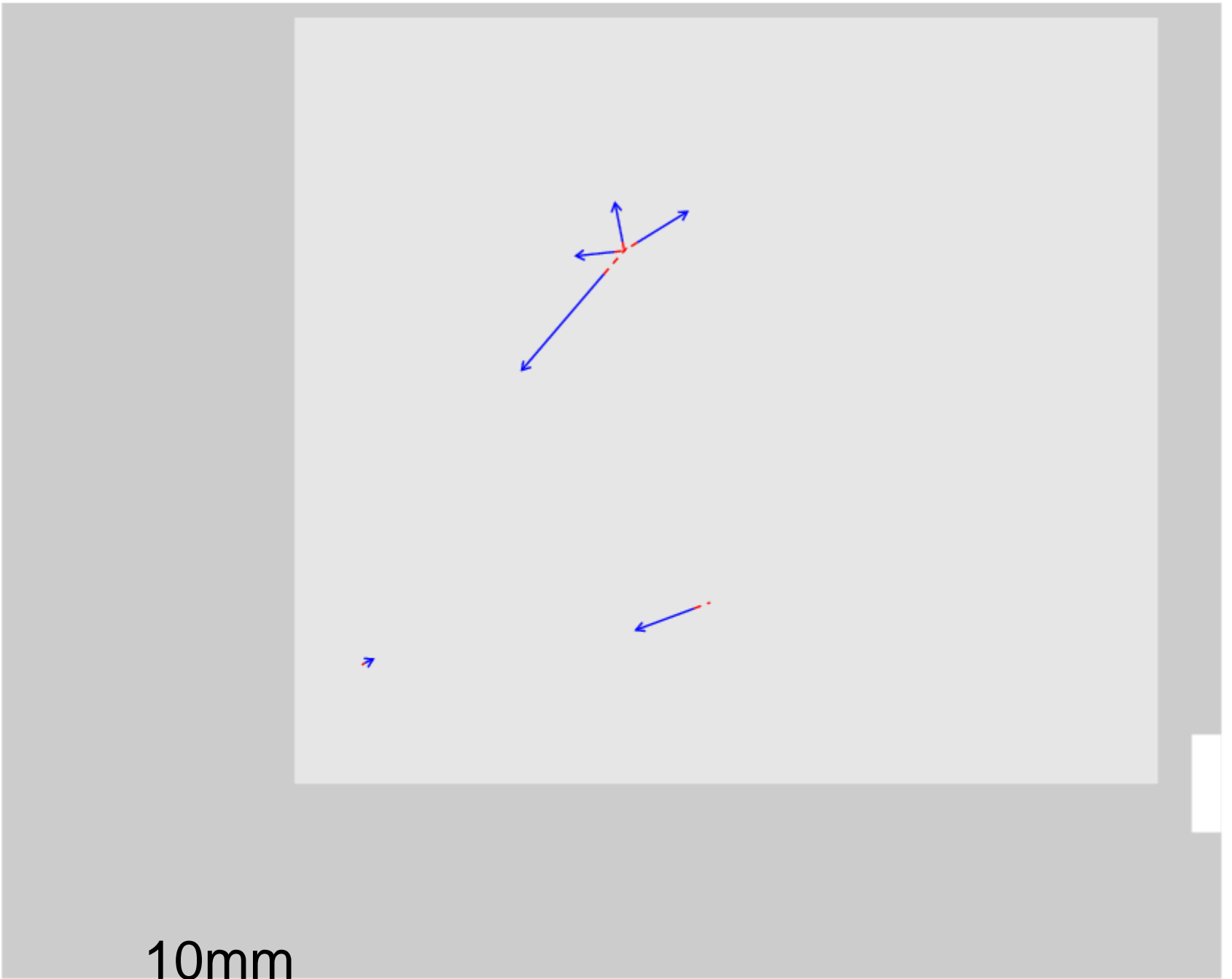


# Changeable sheet (CS)



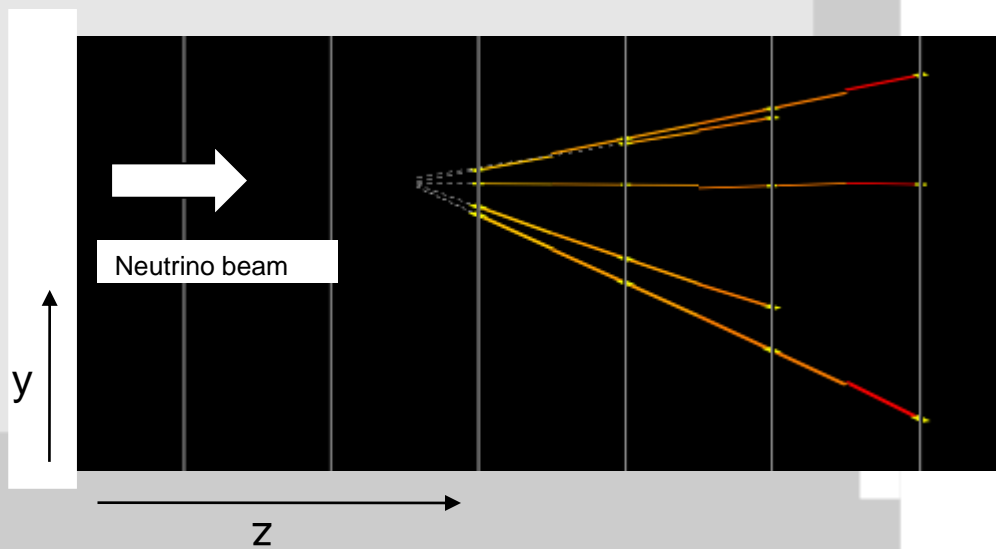
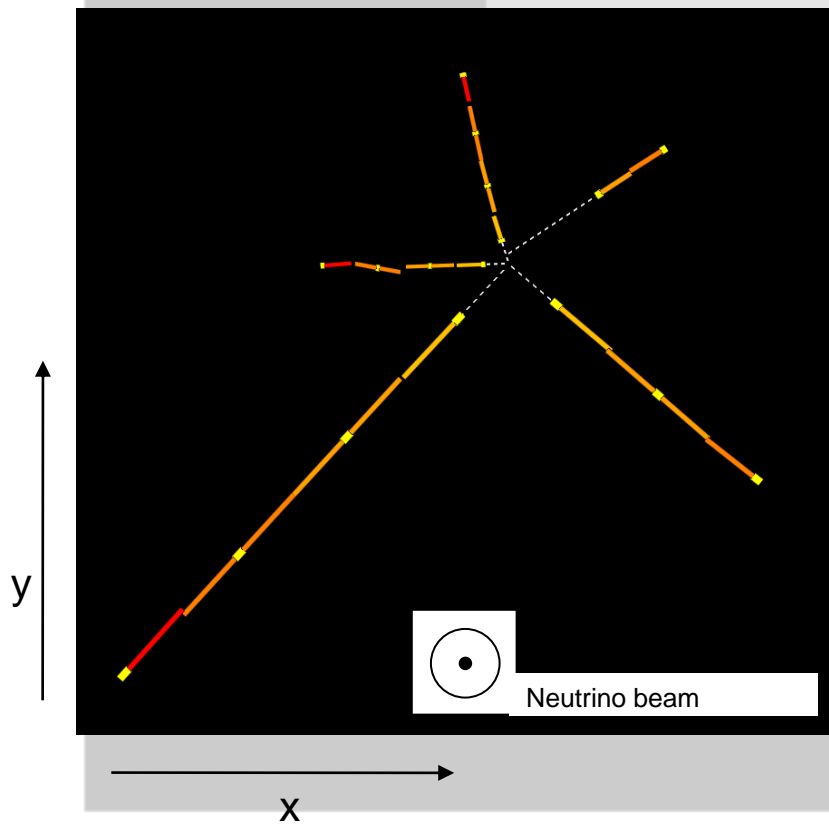
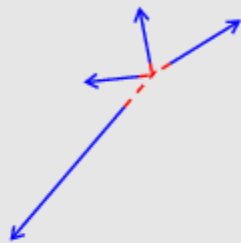


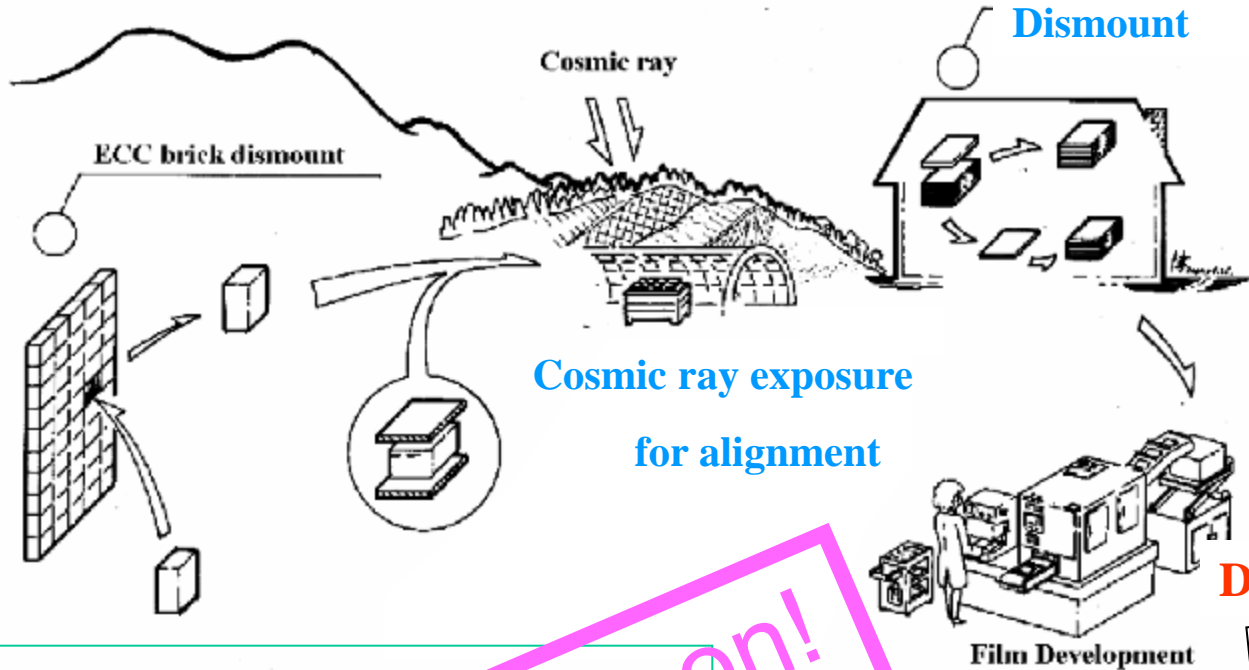
**Emulsion Film read-out system SUTS     $\sim 100 \text{ cm}^2/\text{h}$   
 $\times 100$  times faster than the system used in DONUT**











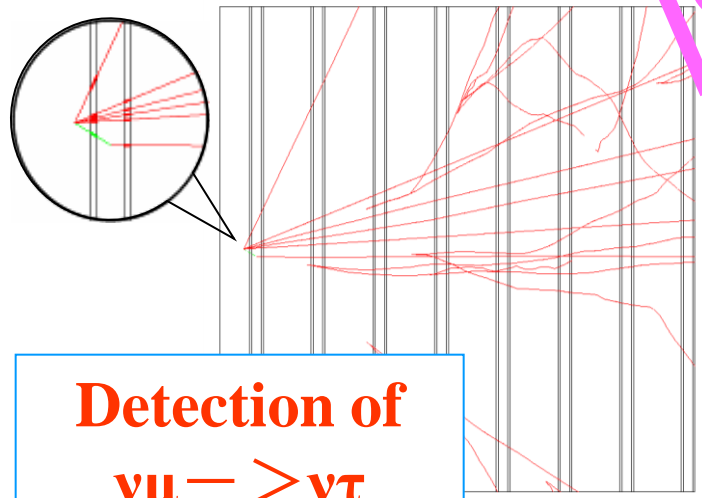
**ECC**  
**Extraction**  
 ~ 30 ECC  
 / day

**Development**

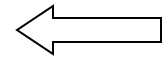
**Quasi-online analysis of the Events**

**Going on!**

**Film Read Out**



**Detection of**  
 $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$   
**Oscillation**



**Event analysis**



# OPERA

- OPERA is accumulating Events.

2008RUN :  $1.78 \times 10^{19}$  P.O.T.

2009RUN :  $3.5 \times 10^{19}$  P.O.T. (Plan: Running)

> 3000 events will be located in the emulsion target (~1000 already located)

**~2 good tau candidates are expected if SK is right.**

Run until 2012

# Emulsion for Double Beta Exp.

- Tracking calorimeter with

- 1) Position resolution  $\sim$  sub micron

- 2) Expected Energy resolution

$$\text{FWHM} \sim 8 \% / \sqrt{E} \text{ [MeV]}$$

- 3) No dead time / No time resolution

- 4) No cryogenics, No electricity - - - - -

- Solid (Gel) state detector

- 1) Compact detector : easy to shield

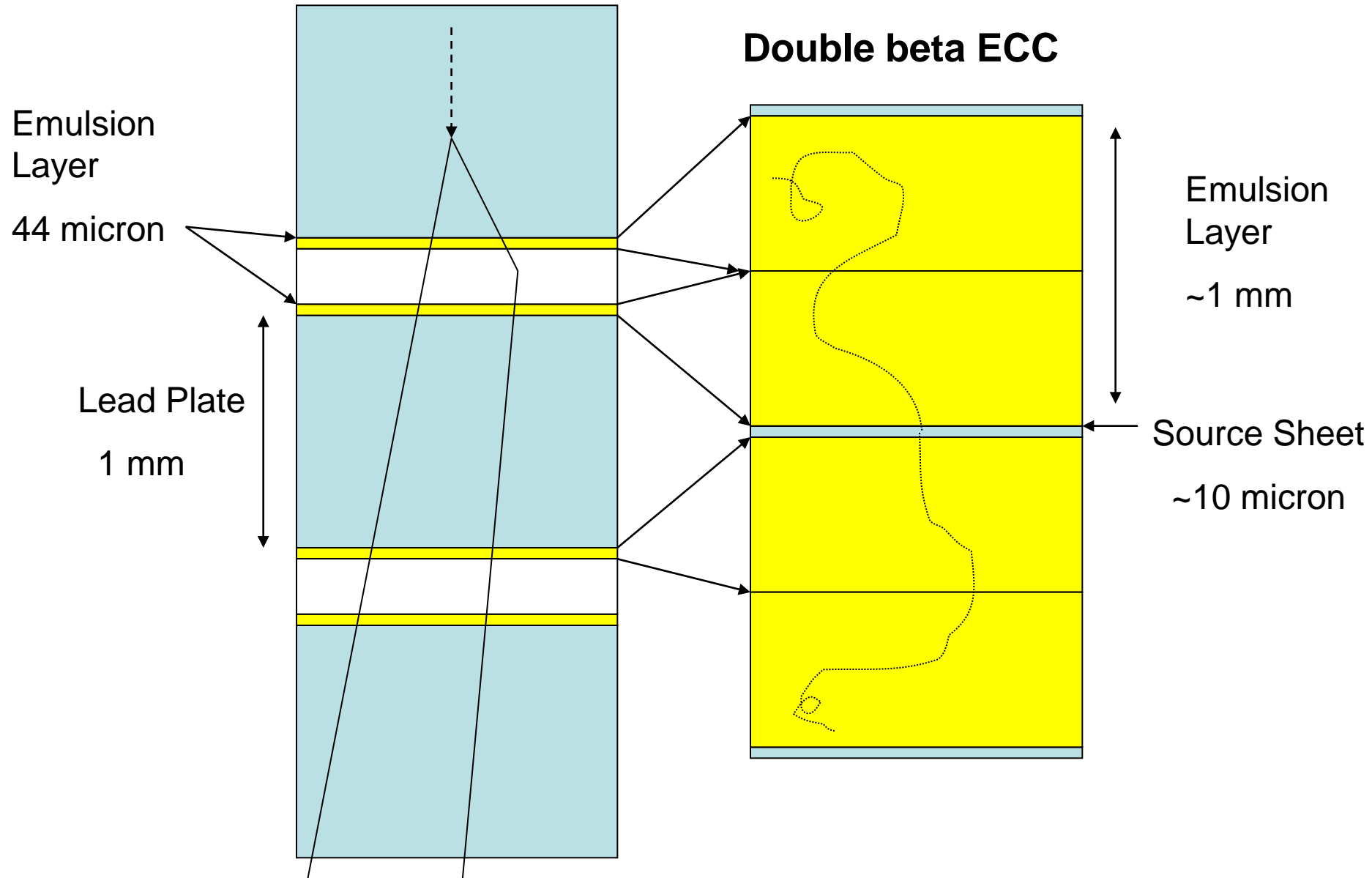
$\sim 2 \text{ m} \times 2 \text{ m} \times 2 \text{ m}$  cubic for the source mass of  $\sim 1$  ton

- 2) BG isotopes ( like U Th ) will not move so much

during their life.  $\rightarrow$  BG rejection by position.

# Detector configuration

OPERA ECC

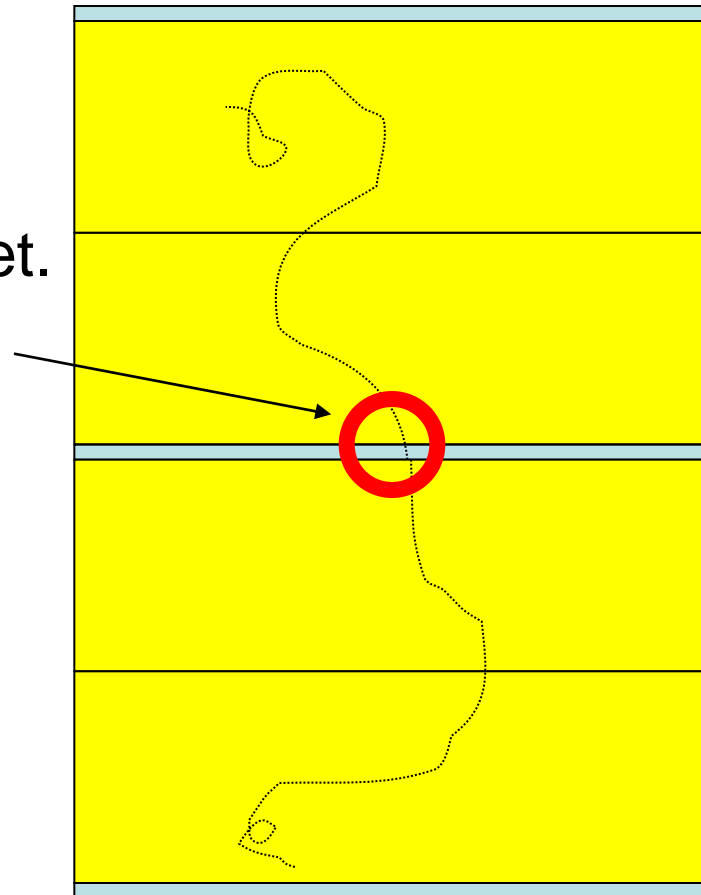




# Signal detection

- Origin of the two Beta tracks should be in the source sheet.

→ Tight position cut.  
< ~ few micron for each direction.

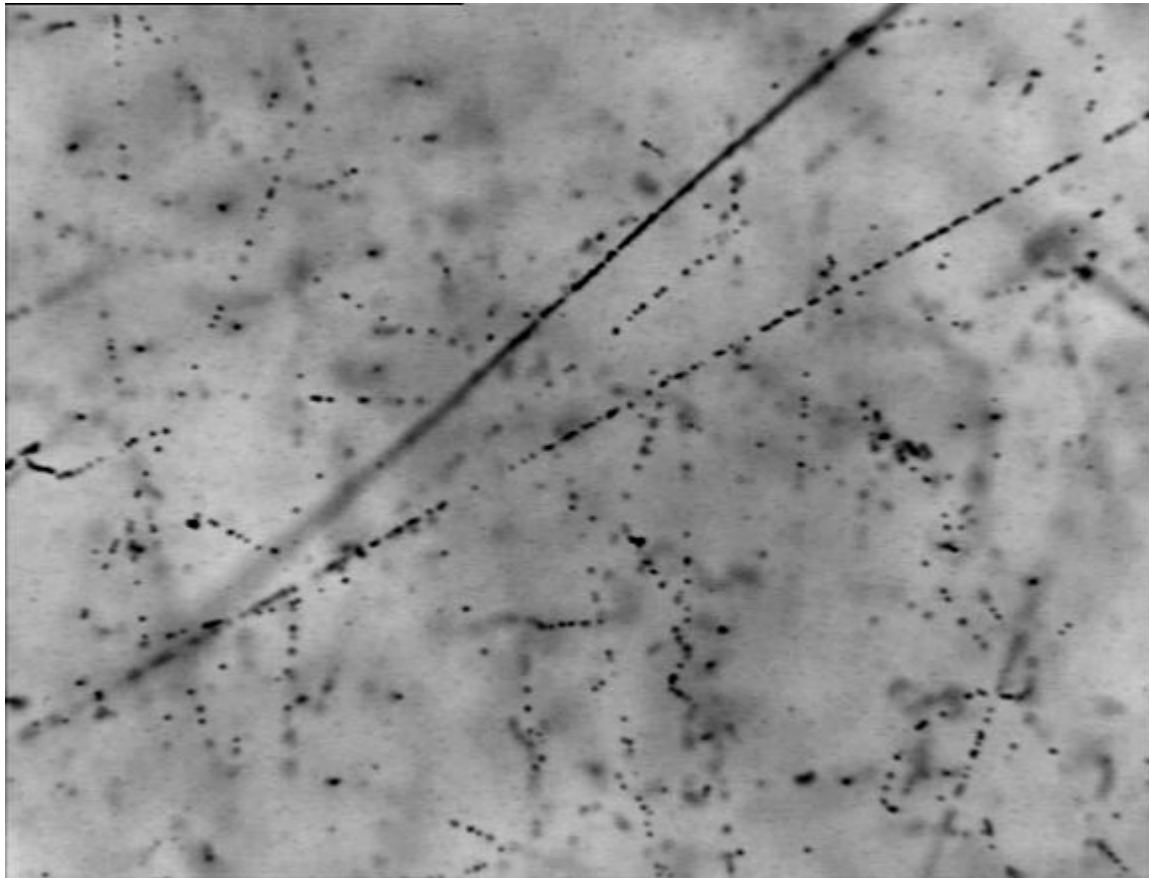


**Double beta ECC**

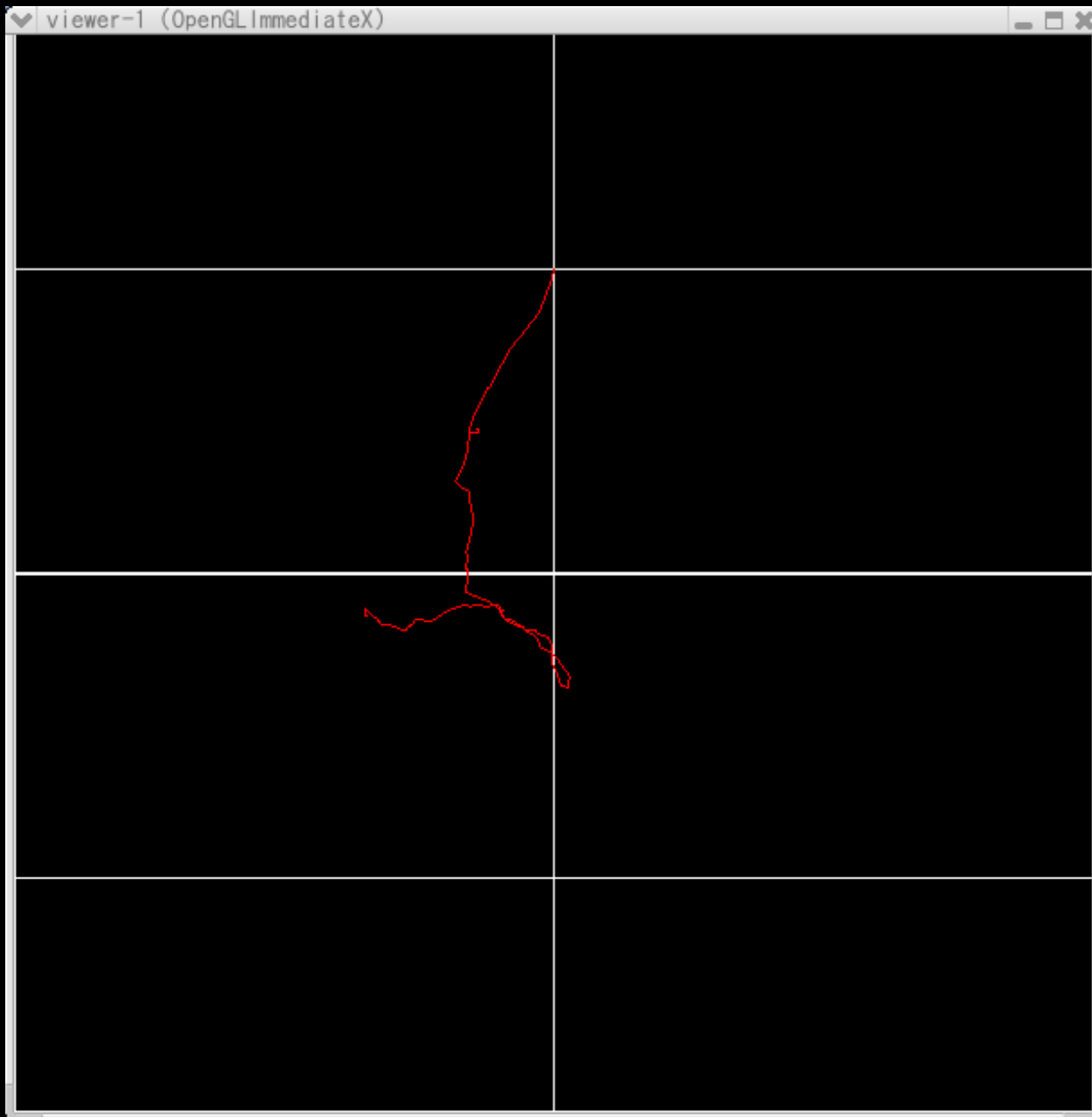
# Energy Resolution

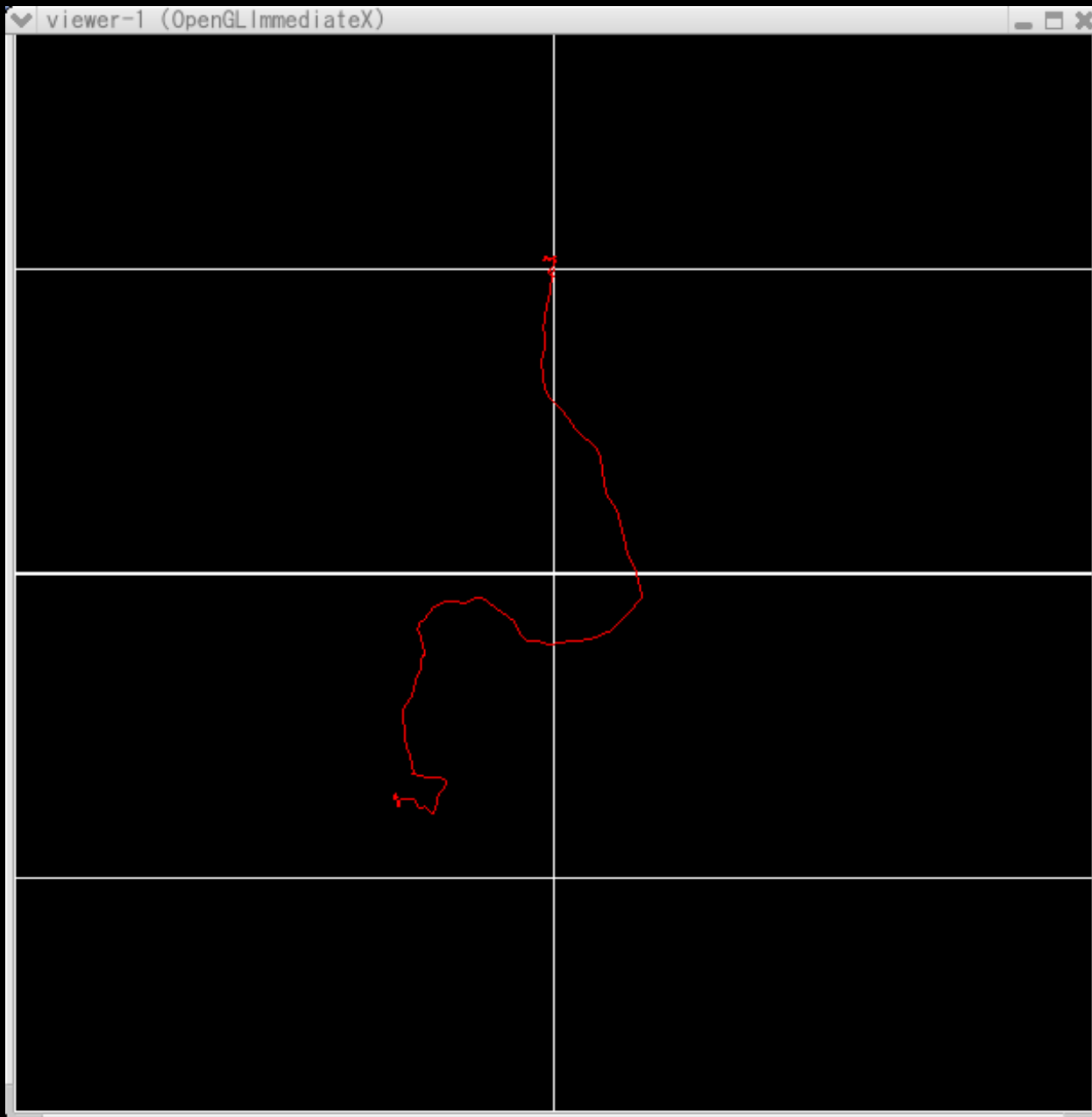
Information : Grains along the track  $\sim 1000$  grains/1MeV

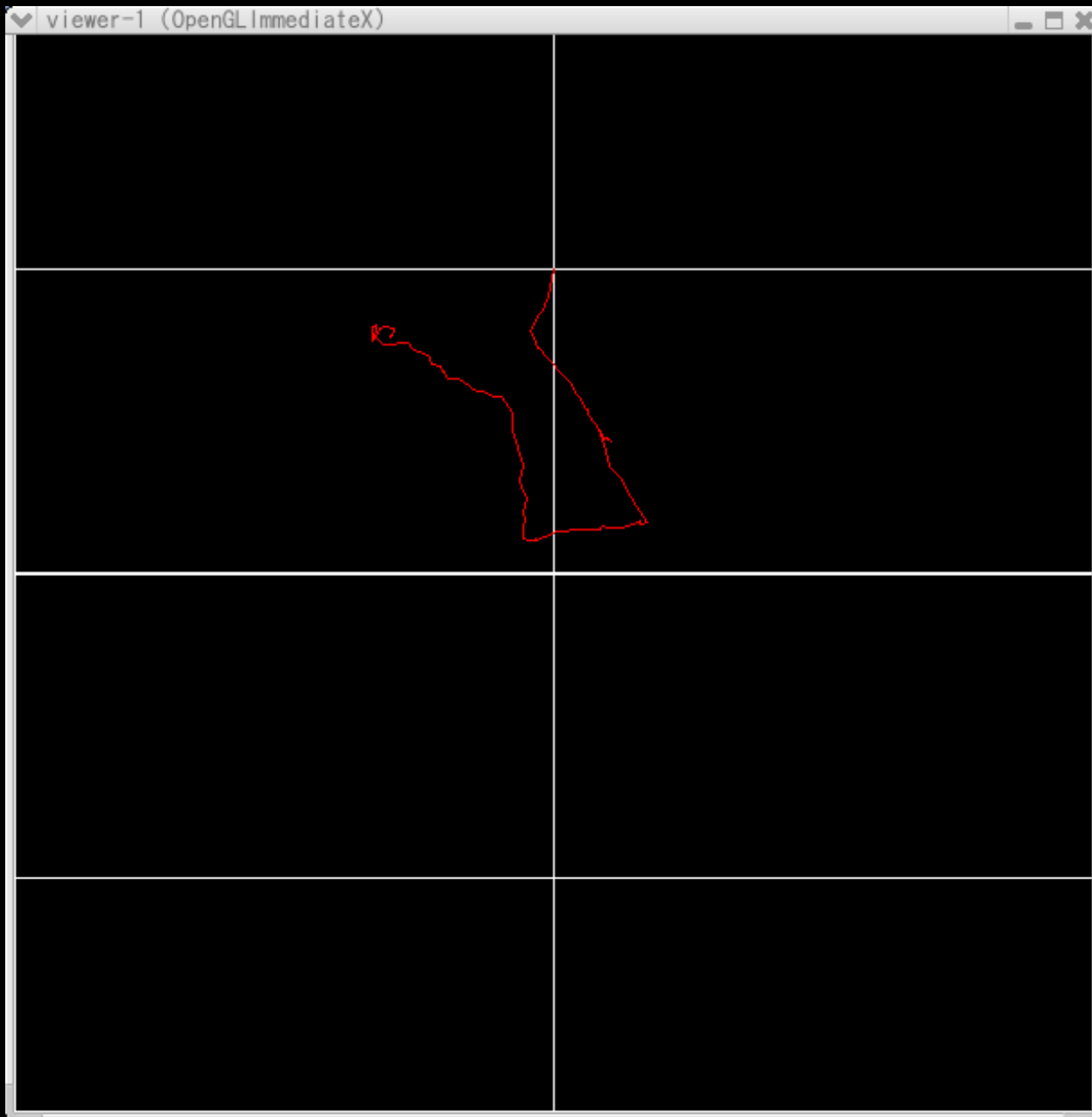
( $\sim 10^5$  e-h pairs in AgBr micro crystals)



Expected Energy resolution [FWHM]  $\sim 8 \text{ \%}/\sqrt{E}$  [MeV]





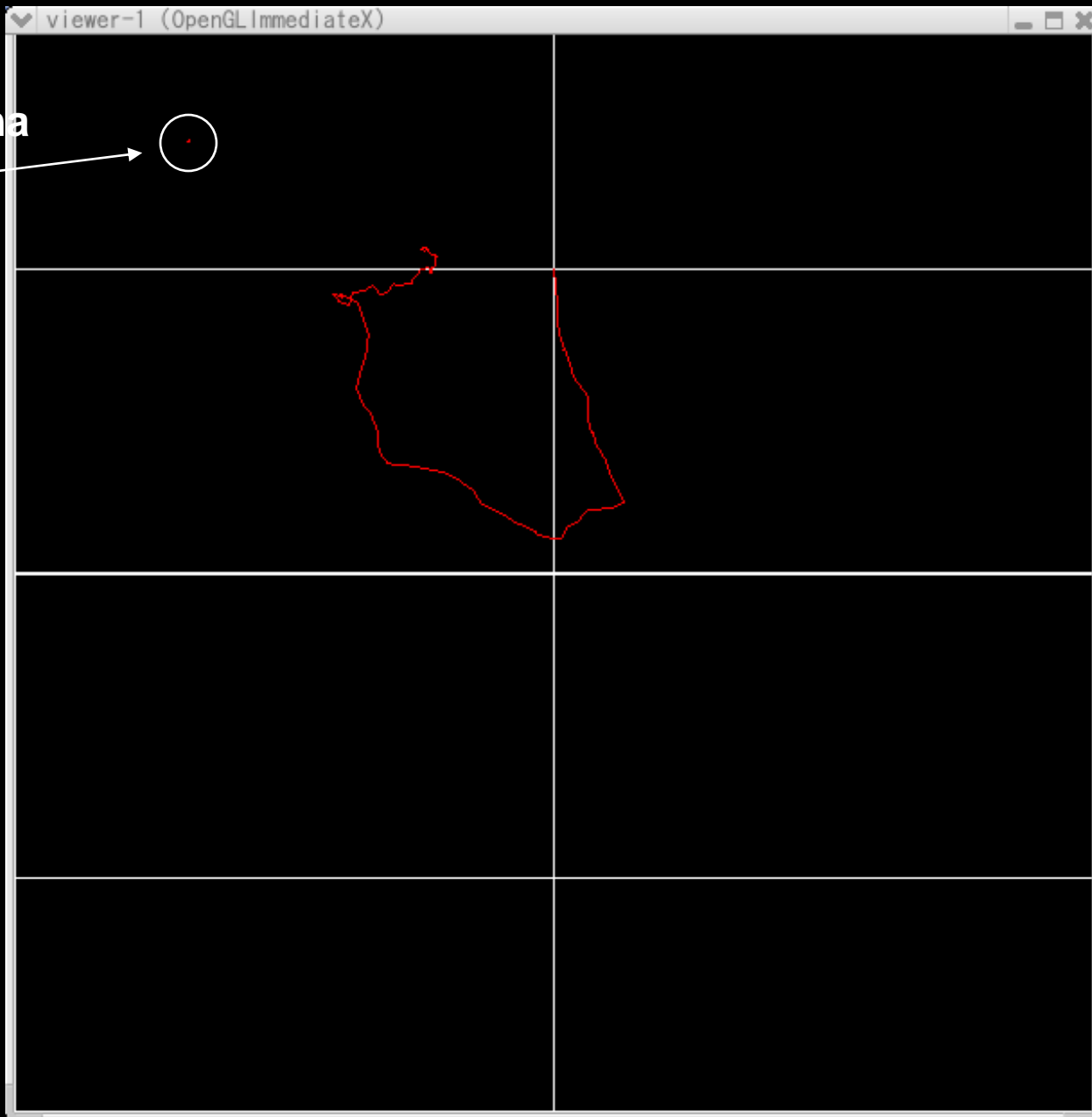


$E = 2.0 \text{ MeV}$

1mm

MC





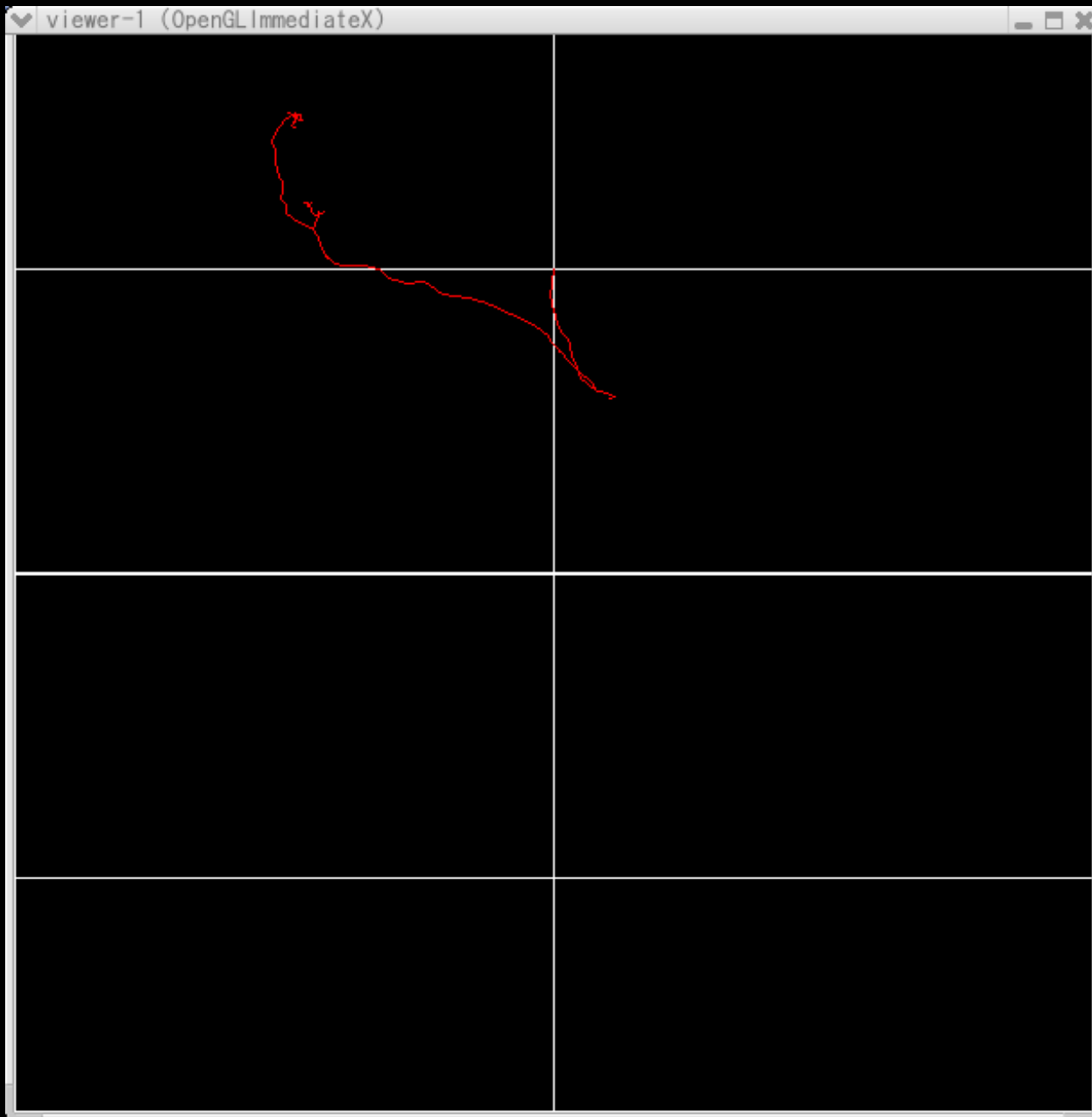
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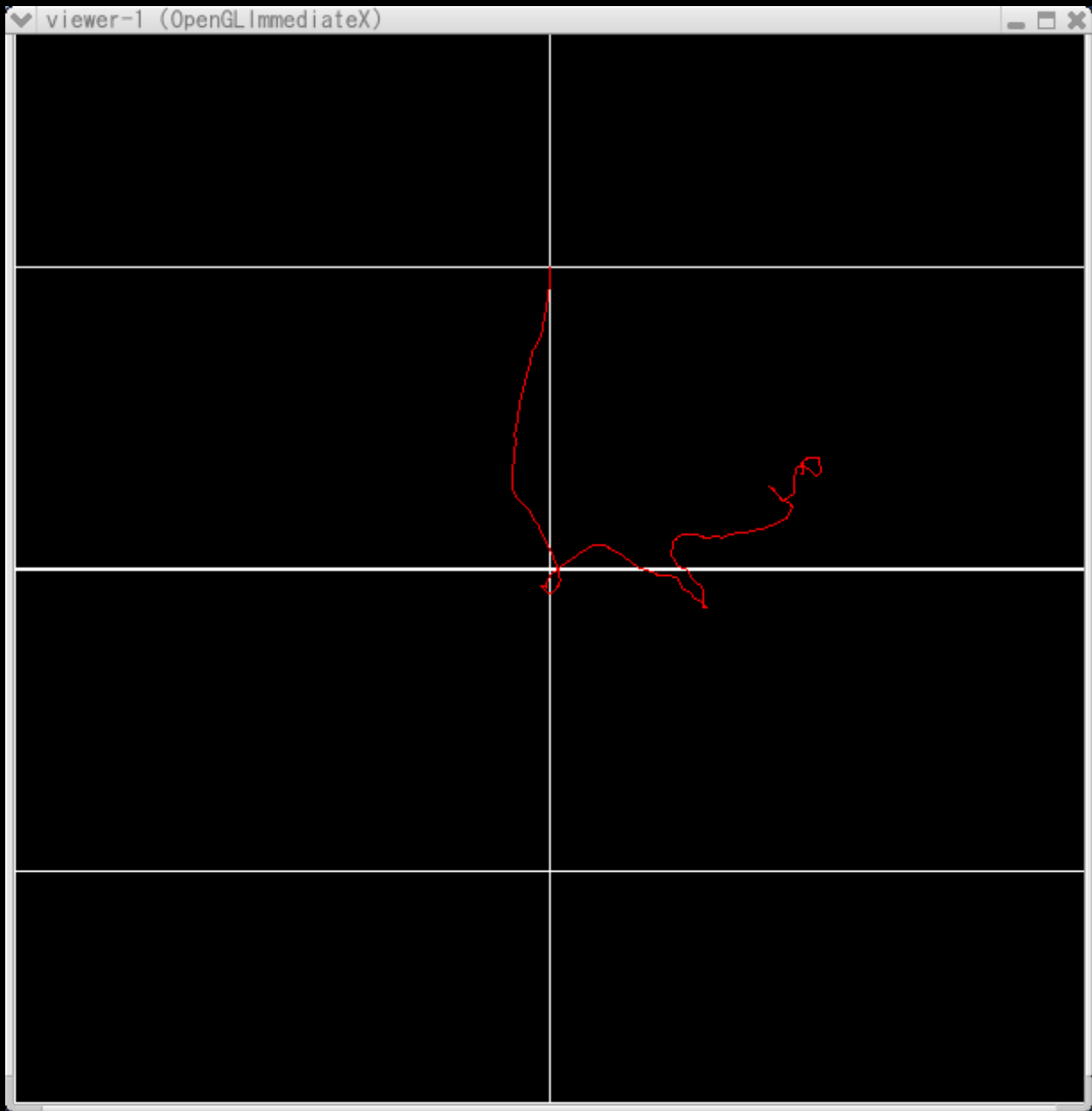
1mm

MC

escape gamma events

→ distribution tail to low energy

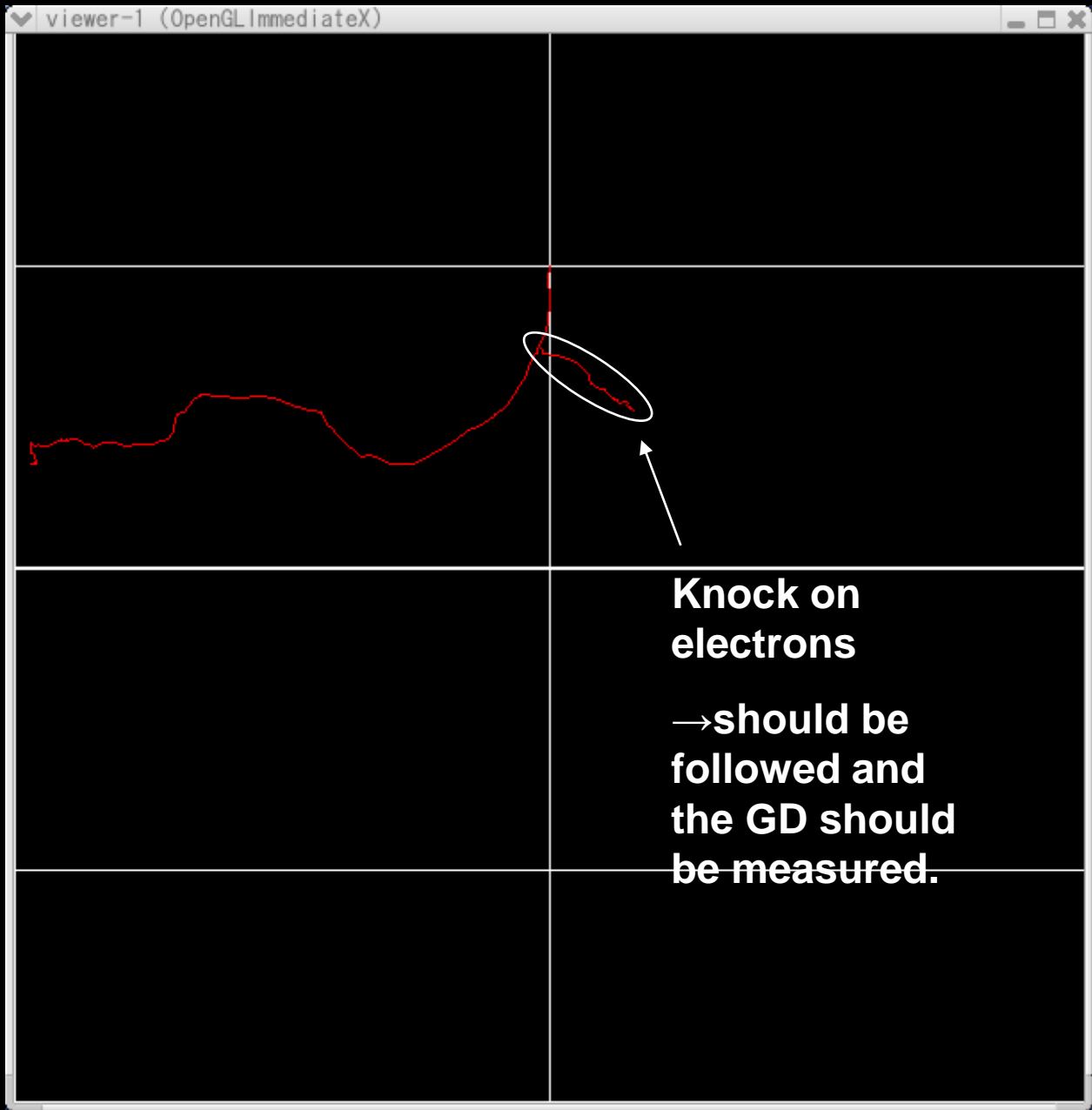




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MC

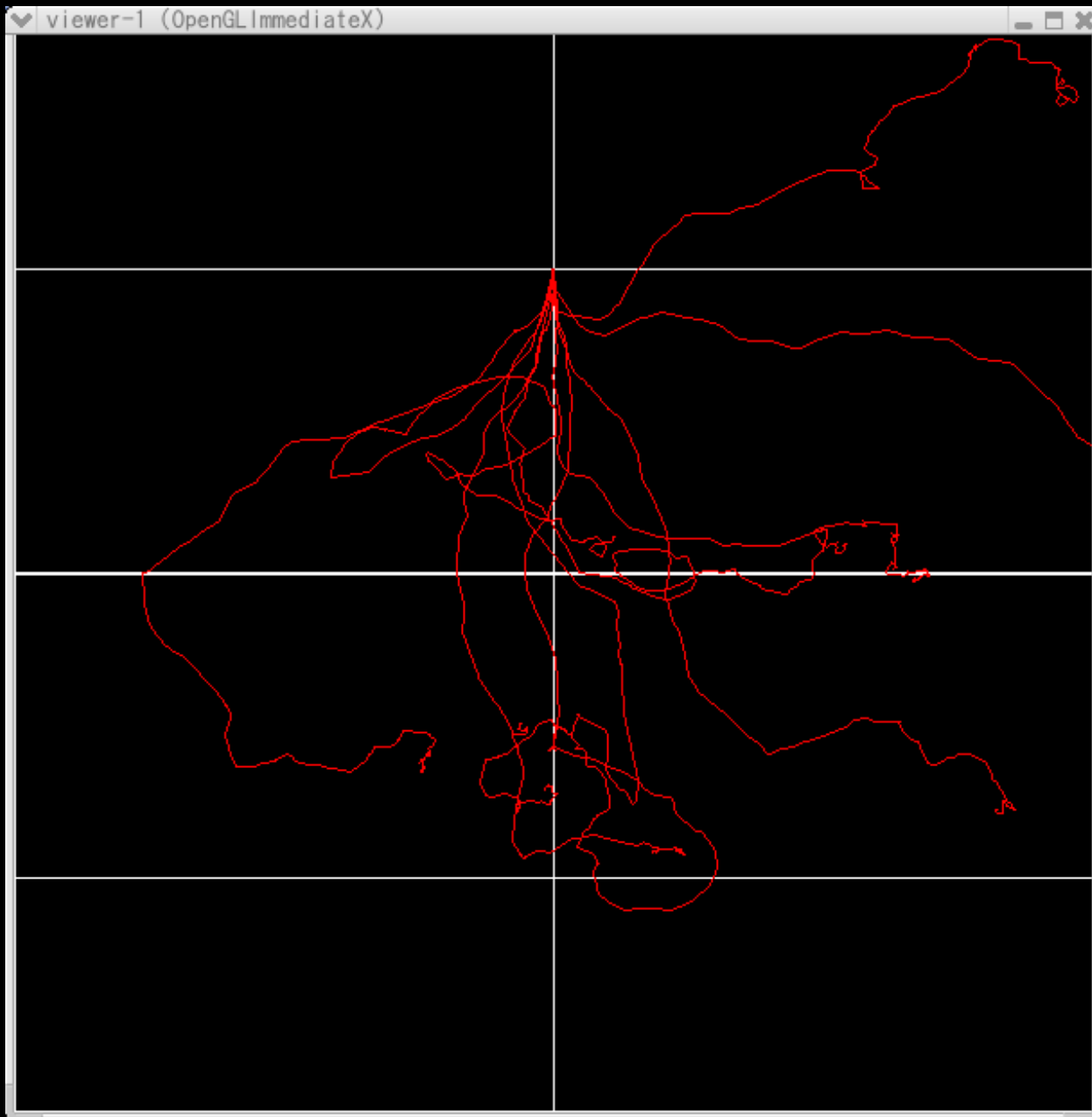


$E = 2.0 \text{ MeV}$

1mm

**Knock on  
electrons**  
→ should be  
followed and  
the GD should  
be measured.

MC



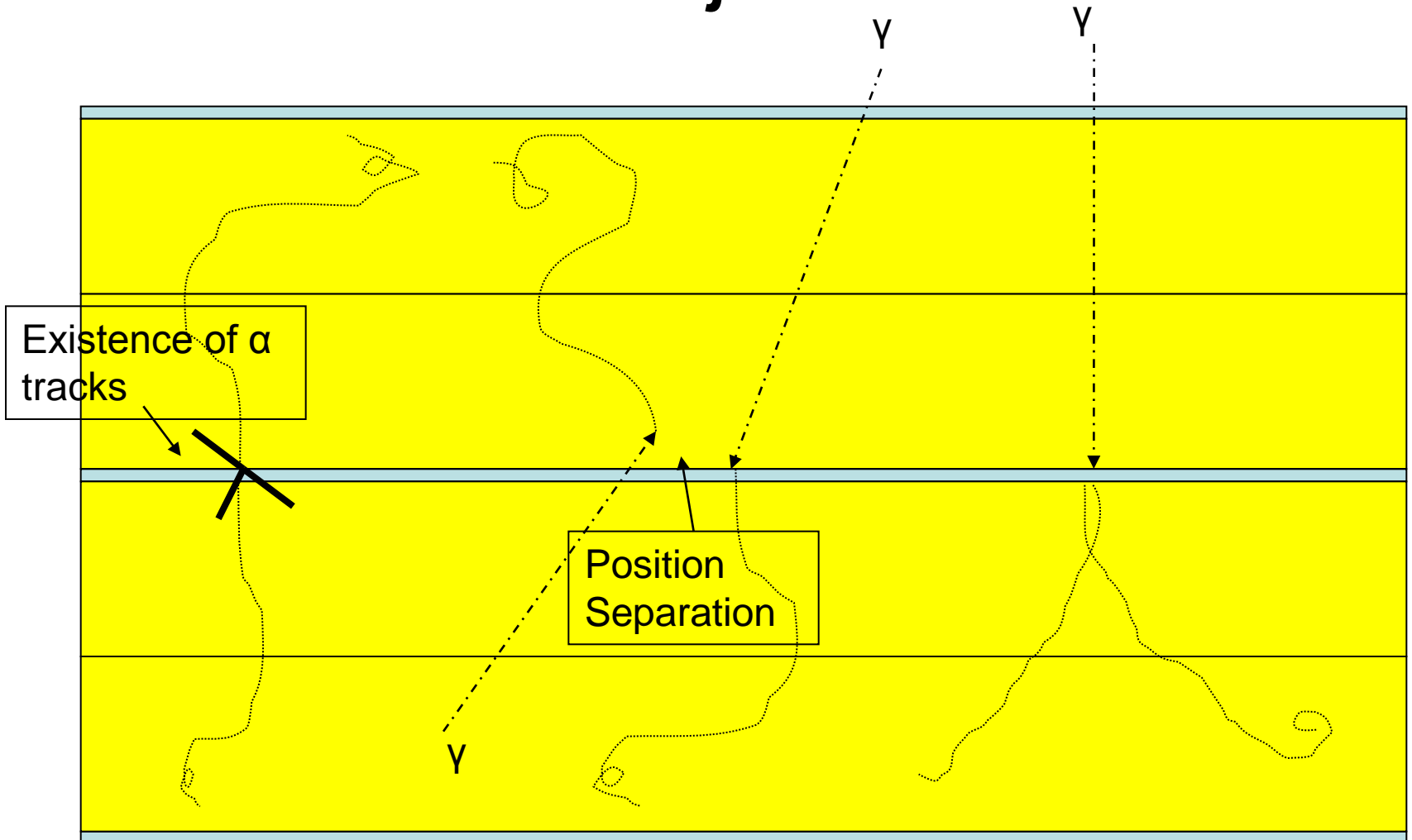
$E = 2.0 \text{ MeV}$   
10 events

↑  
1mm  
↓

MC



# BG rejection

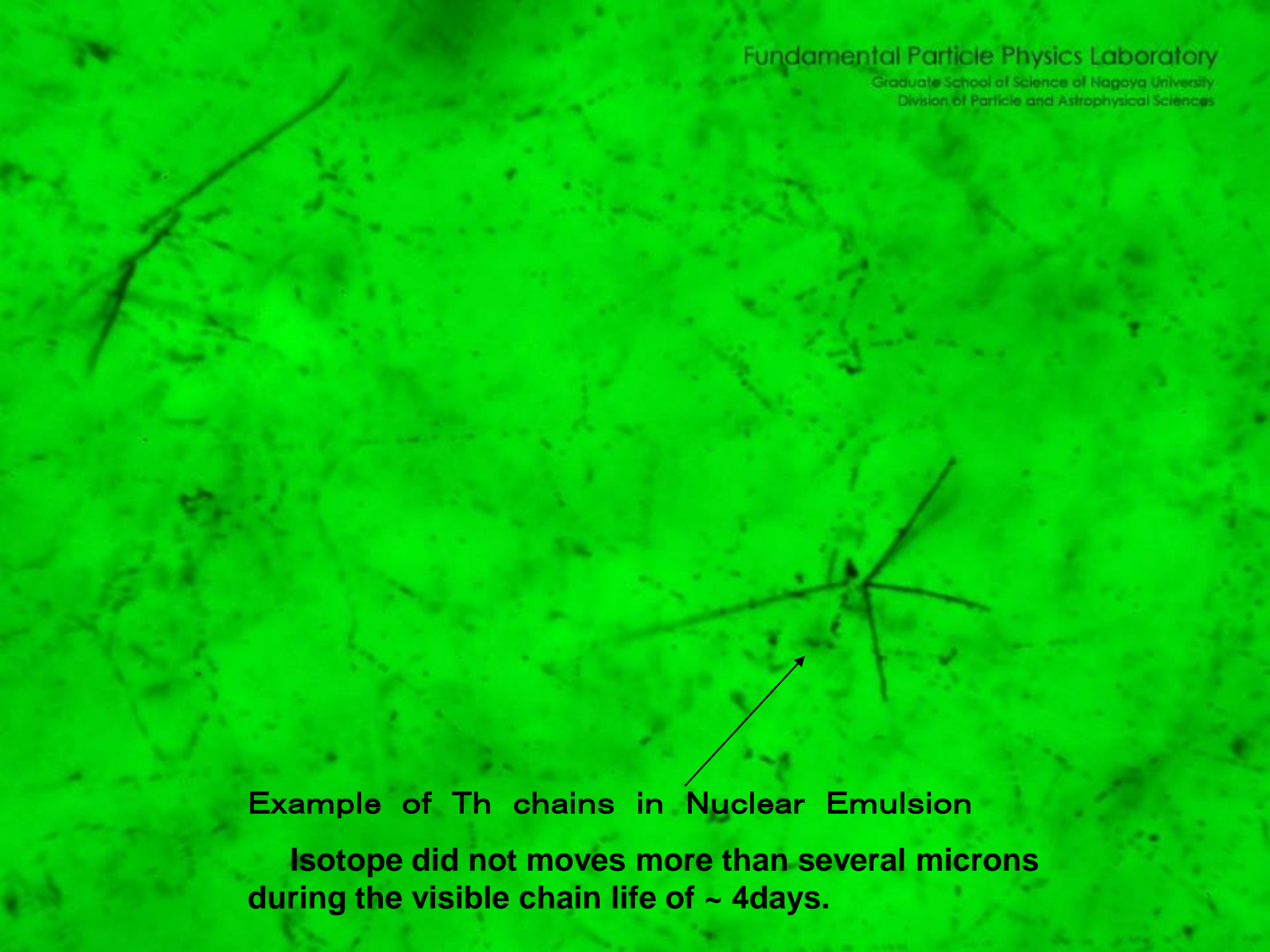


**Beta from  
Th U chain**

**Chance coincidence of  
Compton events or  
internal sources like  $^{40}\text{K}$**

**e-pair, knock-on**

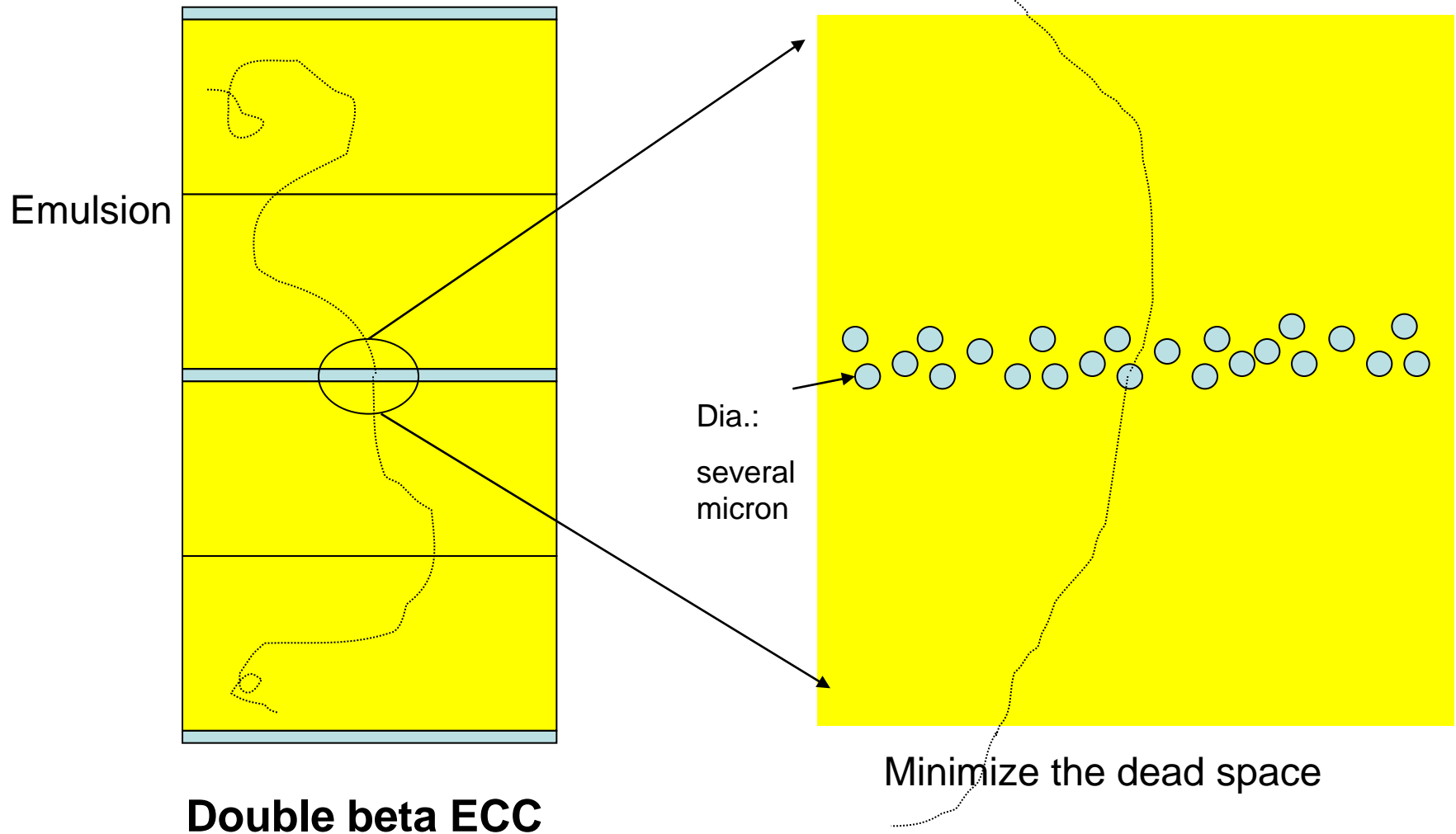
Estimate from the  
emulsion event.



Example of Th chains in Nuclear Emulsion

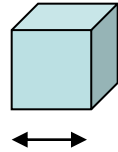
Isotope did not moves more than several microns during the visible chain life of ~ 4days.

# Source layer (Another idea)

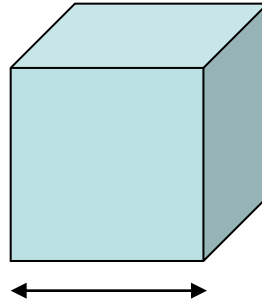


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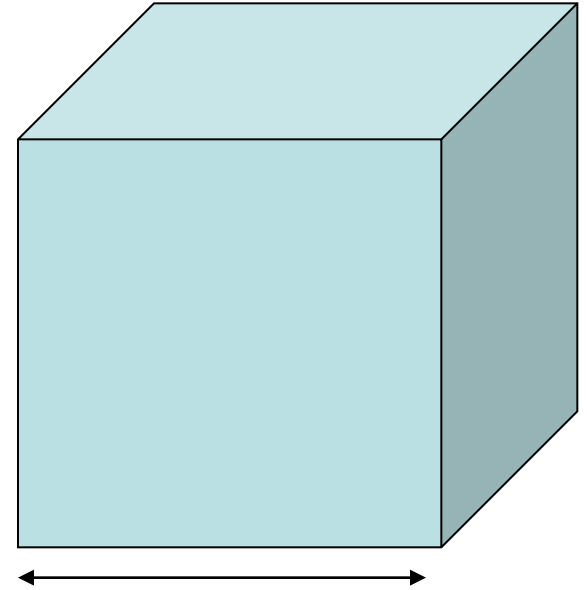
- Very Compact. Easy to Shield.
- We have already treated those amount of Emulsion in the past experiments.



~50cm



~1m

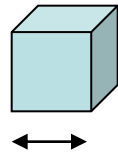


~2 m

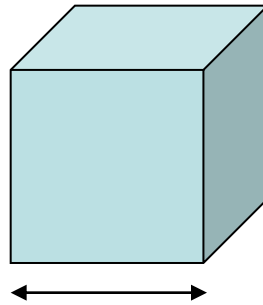
Source Mass	~ 10kg	~100kg	~1000kg
Emulsion mass	~100kg	~1000kg	~10000kg
Experiment Level	E531	CHORUS	OPERA

# Scanning Load

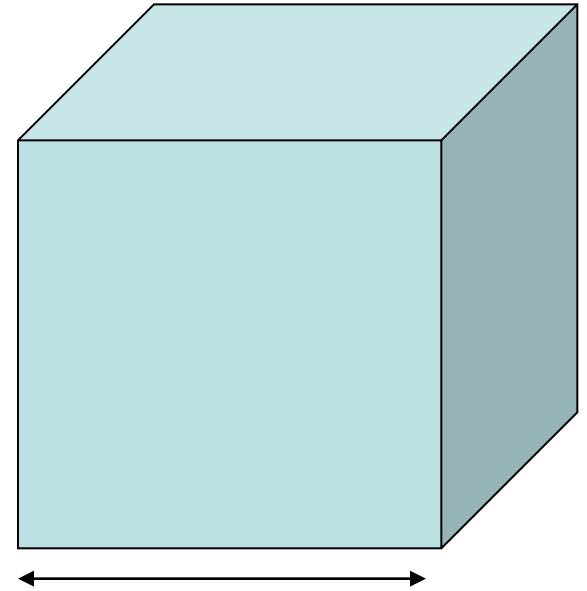
- Area 1000 - 10000 m<sup>2</sup>
- Need next generation read out system.



~50cm



~1m



~2 m

Source Mass

~10kg

~ 100kg

~ 1000kg

Scanning Area

~100m<sup>2</sup>

~1000m<sup>2</sup>

~10000m<sup>2</sup>

SUTS × 5

100days

**1000days!**

**10000days!!**

# Next Generation Read out System

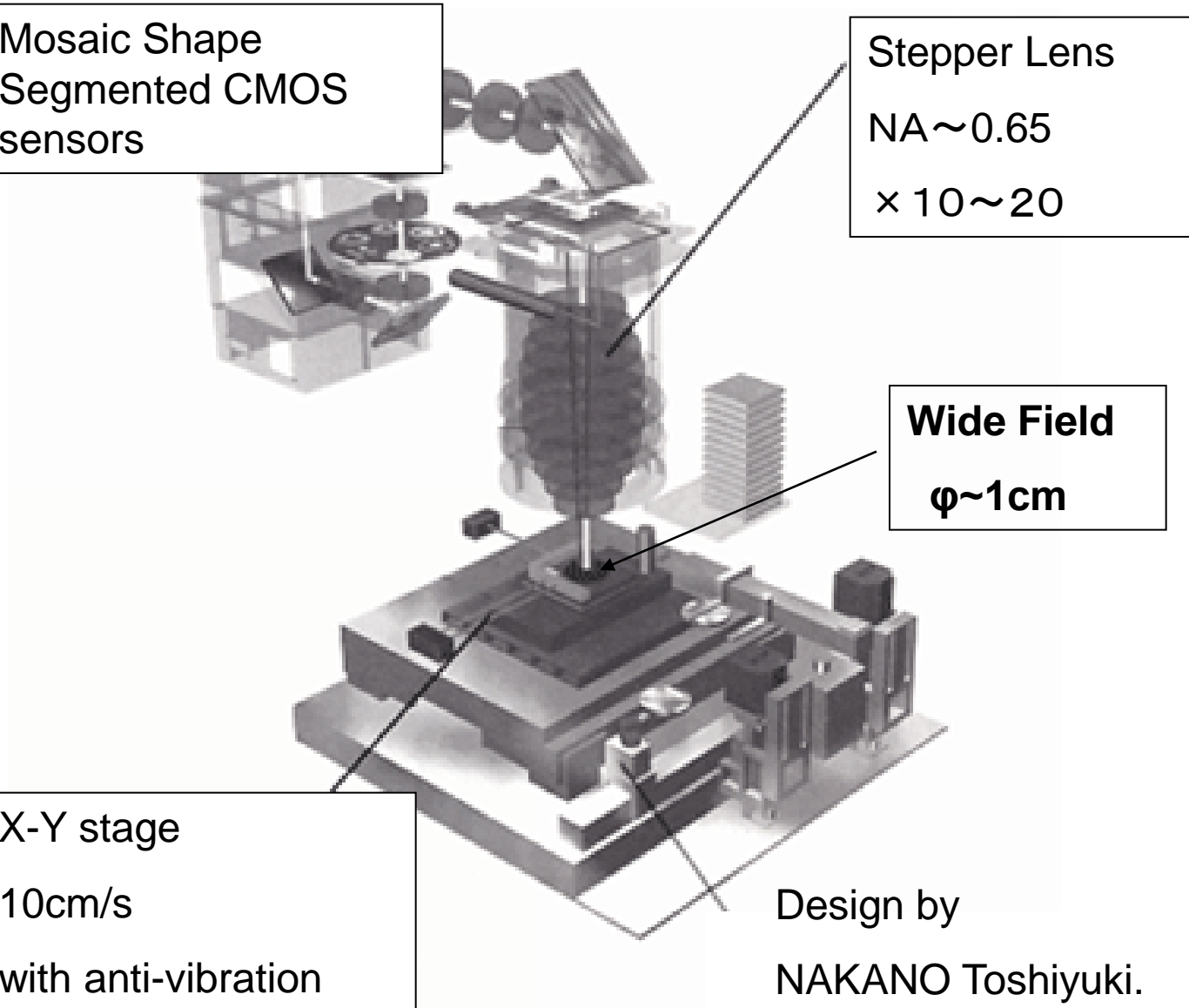
Mosaic Shape  
Segmented CMOS  
sensors

Stepper Lens  
NA~0.65  
× 10~20

Wide Field  
 $\phi \sim 1\text{cm}$

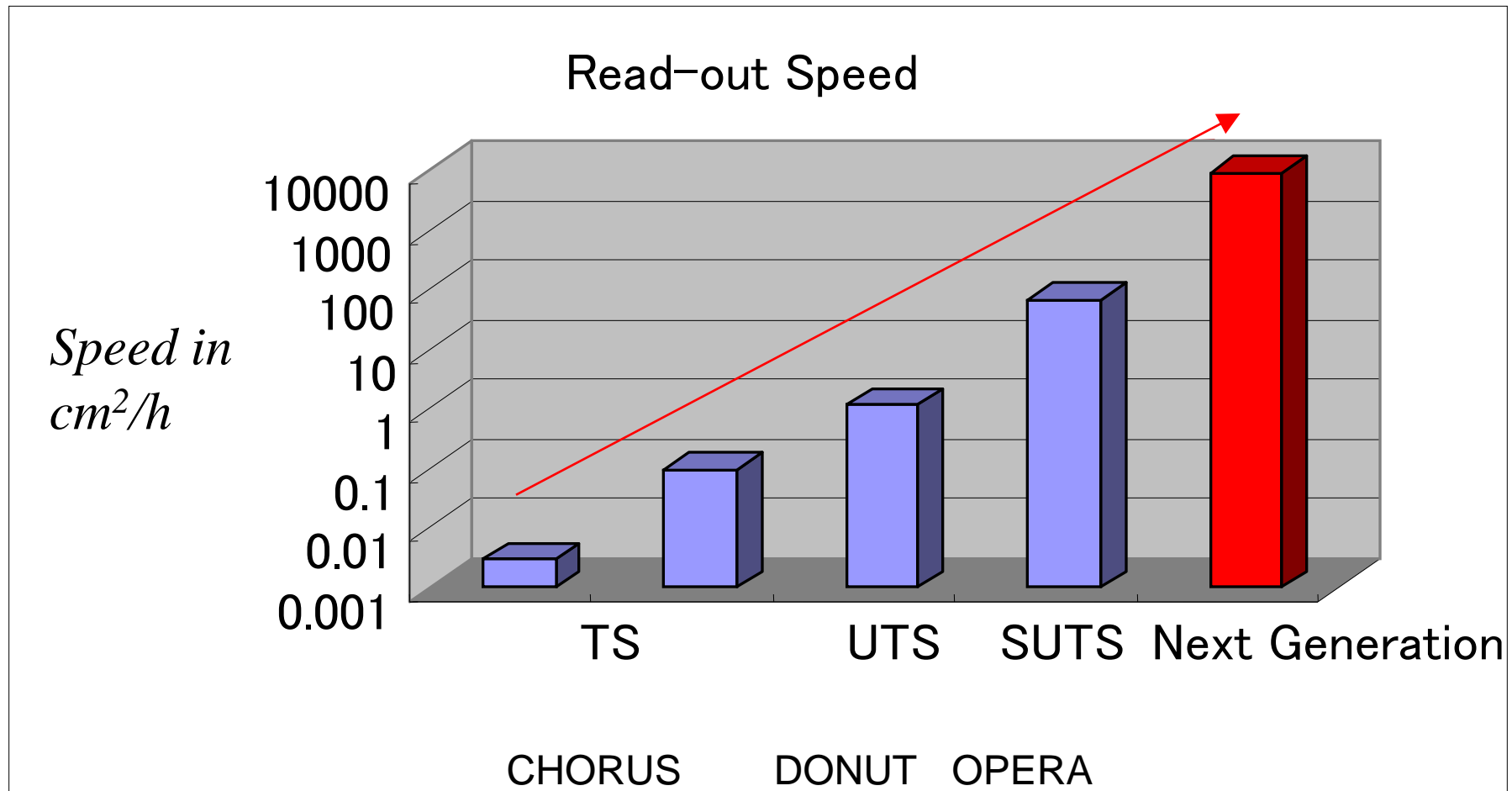
X-Y stage  
10cm/s  
with anti-vibration

Design by  
NAKANO Toshiyuki.





# Evolution of the Scanning Power



The system **× 100** faster than SUTS is under design.

# R&D Subjects for Double Beta

- Reduction of  $^{40}\text{K}$  contamination ( $10^{-4}$ )  
Quite high contamination in the current Emulsion because of the production process  
$$\text{AgNO}_3 + \text{KBr} \rightarrow \text{AgBr} + \text{KNO}_3$$
Replace KBr to NaBr: No difficulties: Test
- Energy Resolution Confirmation: Test & Improvement

# Summary

- OPERA is running smoothly.
  - Succeed to produce and treat 110000m<sup>2</sup> films, corresponding to 30tons Emulsion gel.
  - Succeed to operate Fast read-out systems.
- Emulsion as a Tracking Calorimeter for Double Beta Decay.
  - Seems no large difficulties from the technical point of view.