

# Latest Development of Nuclear Emulsion technology

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# Short history of Nuclear Emulsion

1896 Becquerel Discovery of radioactivity by observing blackened Photo film

**1910 KINOSHITA Suekiti** **Detection of Alpha particle tracks**  
**by photographic film**

1911 Reinganum Sketch Alpha particle track detected by photographic film

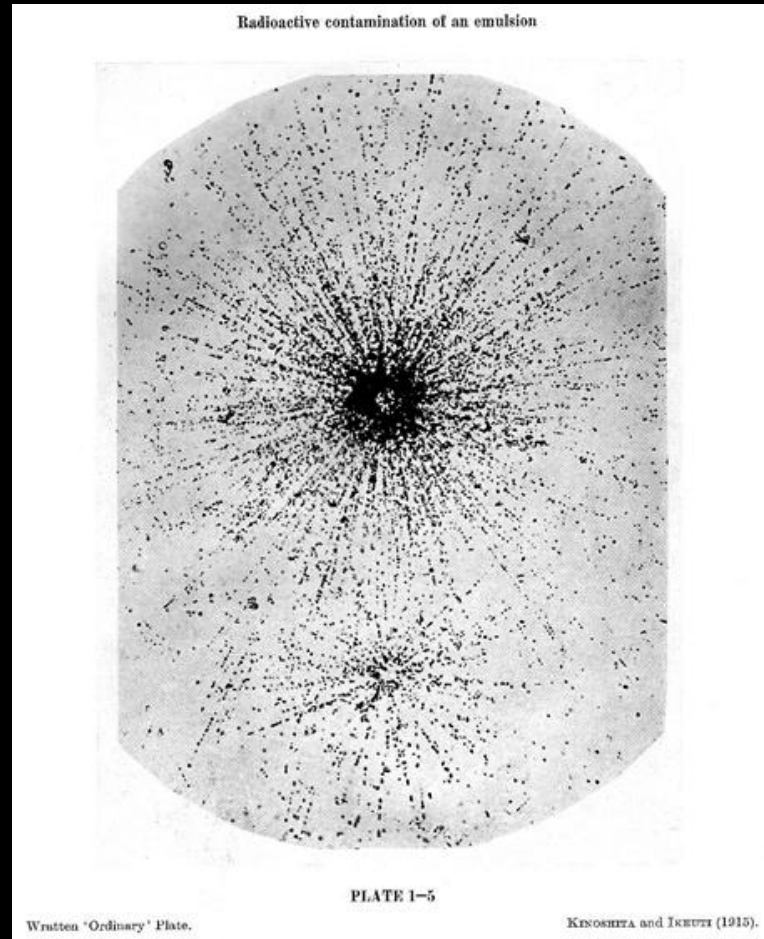
1915 KINOSHITA S.& IKEUTI H.

“The Track of the Alpha Particles in Sensitive  
Photographic Films.”

Philosophical Magazine and Journal of Science Ser.6,  
Vol.29, No.171, pp.420-425 (1915)

1937 Marietta Blau et al.  
Observation of Stars of Cosmic-ray  
Interactions by ILFORD plate

**1947 C.F. Powell et al.**  
**Discovery of  $\pi$  meson**

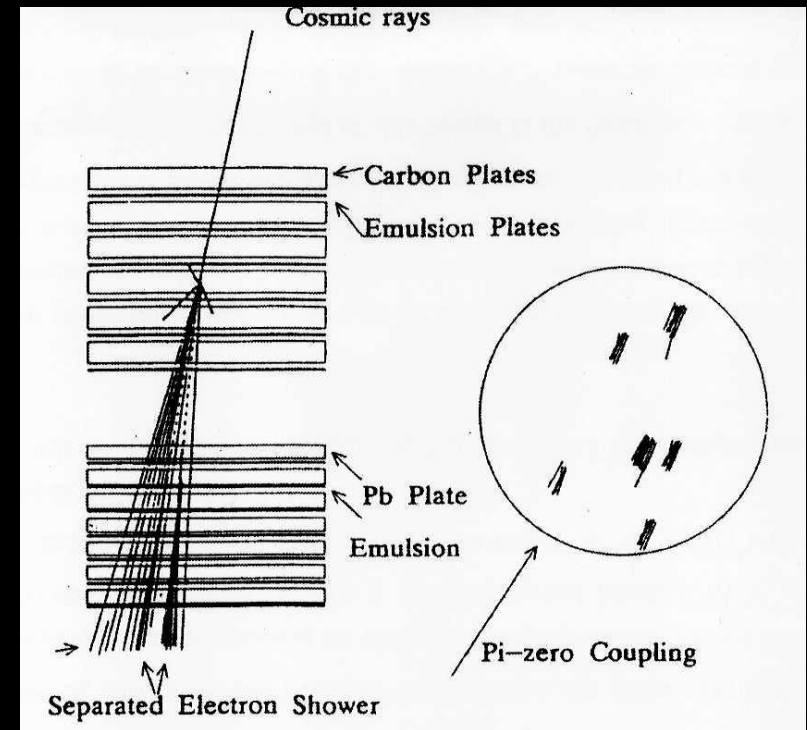


Development in Japan , the defeated country of 2<sup>nd</sup> world war

Cosmic-ray + Nuclear emulsion

Beam & Tracking device for the poor researcher

1950~ Study of multi-particle production in Cosmic-ray Int.  
Balloon/Air Plane base experiments.



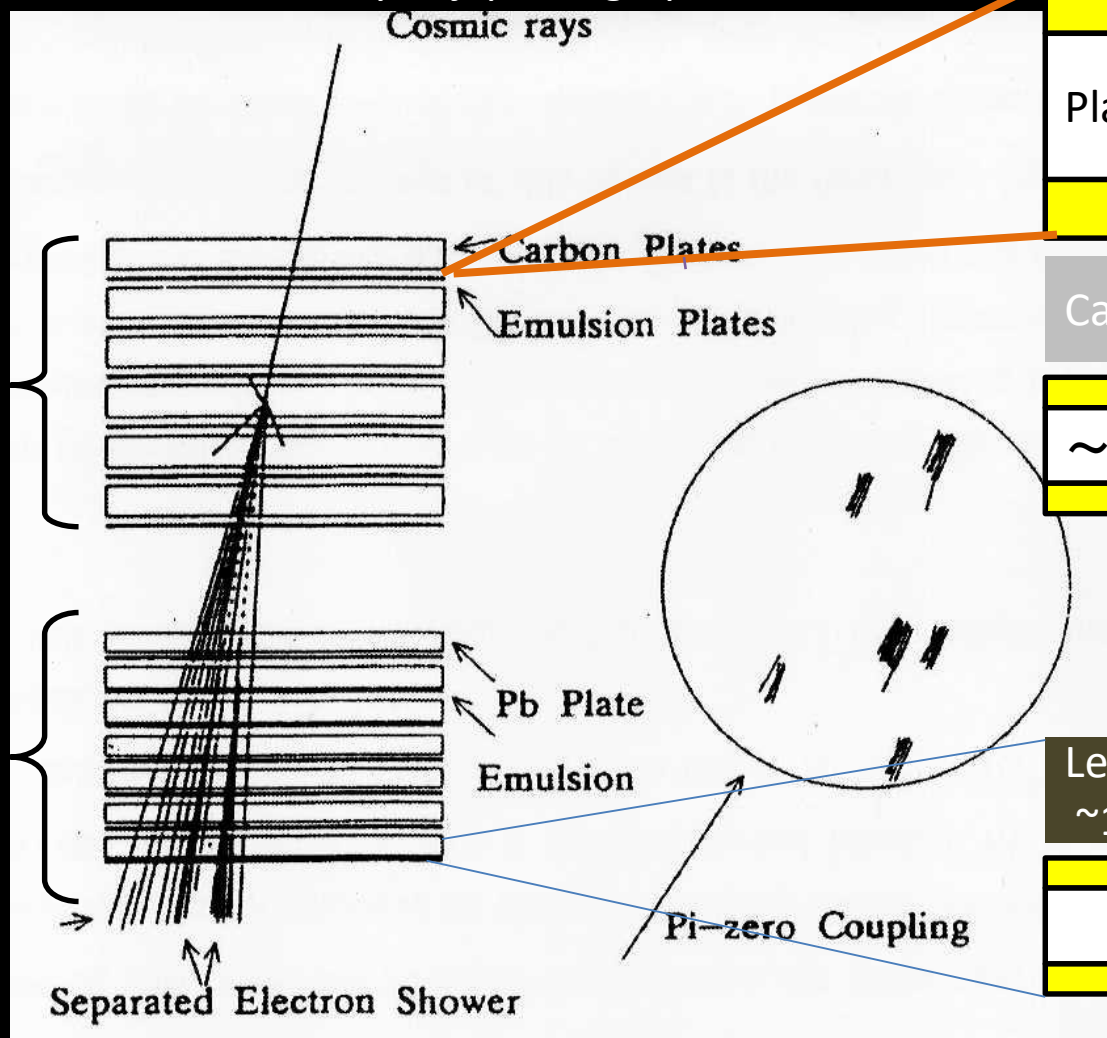
# Emulsion Cloud Chamber (ECC)

with "cheap" double coated thin emulsion layer film  
1950's Nuclear Emulsion R&D by Fuji photographic film.

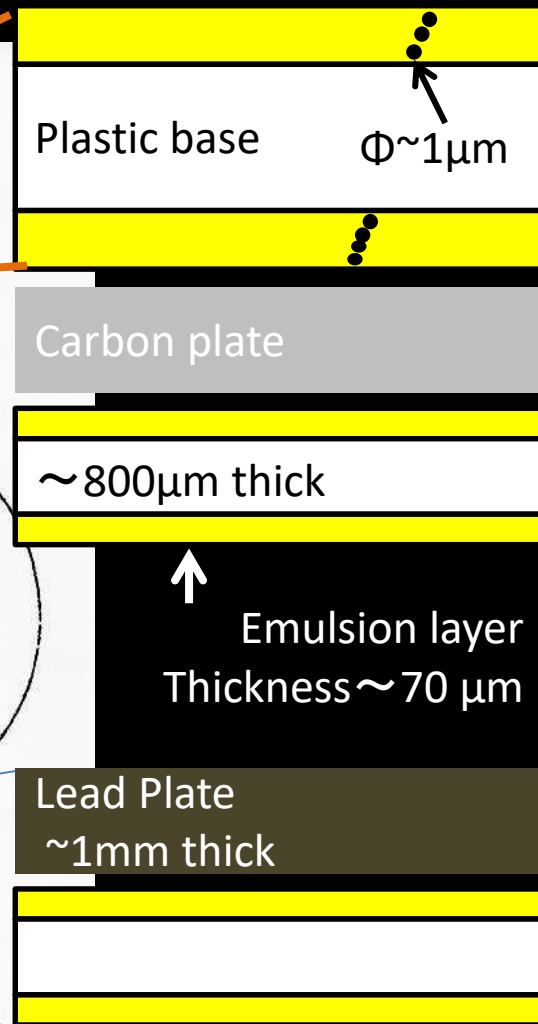
Interaction  
Vertex  
Detection

Separator

Shower Det.  
E-Cal &  
P Meas.  
by MCS  
Multiple Coulomb  
Scattering



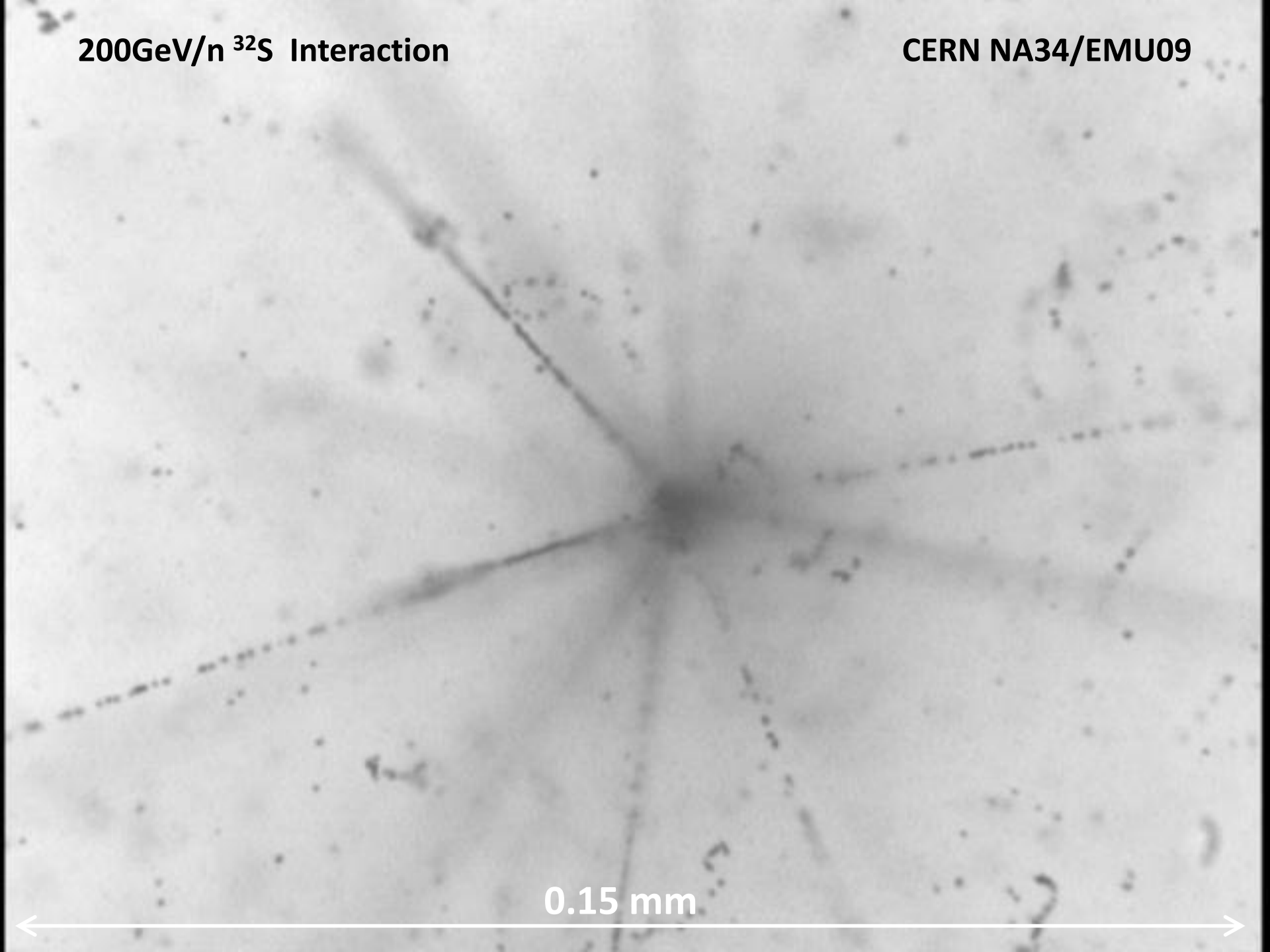
Charged Particle ●



Separated Electron Shower

200GeV/n  $^{32}\text{S}$  Interaction

CERN NA34/EMU09



0.15 mm



# “素粒子”の発見

## THE DISCOVERY OF ELEMENTARY PARTICLES

光子	$\gamma$	X-ray generator	Compton scattering	Wilson Cloud Chamber	ウィルソン霧箱
電子	$e^-$	Discharge tube	Ratio of $e/m$	Fluorescent screen	蛍光板
陽電子	$e^+$	Cosmic rays	Ratio of $e/m$	Wilson Cloud Chamber	ウィルソン霧箱
$\mu$ 粒子	$\mu^+$ $\mu^-$	Cosmic rays	Absence of radiation loss in passage through Pb. (Also decay at rest)	Wilson Cloud Chamber	ウィルソン霧箱
$\pi$ 中間子	$\pi^+$	Cosmic rays	$\pi$ - $\mu$ decay at rest	Nuclear emulsion	原子核乾板
	$\pi^-$	Cosmic rays	Nuclear interaction at rest	Nuclear emulsion	原子核乾板
	$\pi^0$	Accelerator	Decay into $\gamma$ -rays	Counters	カウンター
$K$ 中間子 (ストレンジ粒子)	$K^+$	Cosmic rays	$K_{\pi 3}$ decay	Nuclear emulsion	原子核乾板
	$K^-$	Cosmic rays	Nuclear interaction at rest	Nuclear emulsion	原子核乾板
	$K^0$	Cosmic rays	Decay into $\pi^+ + \pi^-$ in flight	Wilson Cloud Chamber	ウィルソン霧箱
中性子	$n$	Polonium plus Beryllium	Mass determination from elastic collisions	Ionisation chamber	電離箱
反陽子	$\bar{p}$	Accelerator	$e/m$ measurement plus detection of annihilation	Counters	カウンター (TOF)
反中性子	$\bar{n}$	Accelerator	Detection of annihilation	Counters	カウンター
ハイペロン (ストレンジ粒子)	$\Lambda^0$	Cosmic rays	Decay in flight into $p^+ + \pi^-$	Wilson Cloud Chamber	ウィルソン霧箱
	$\bar{\Lambda}^0$	Accelerator	Decay in flight into $\bar{p} + \pi^+$	Nuclear emulsion	原子核乾板
	$\Sigma^+$	Cosmic rays	Decay at rest	Nuclear emulsion	原子核乾板
	$\Sigma^-$	Accelerator	Decay in flight into $\pi^- + n^0$	Diffusion chamber	拡散霧箱
	$\Sigma^0$	Accelerator	Decay in flight into $\Lambda^0 + \gamma$	Bubble chamber	泡箱
	$\Xi^-$	Cosmic rays	Decay in flight into $\pi^- + \Lambda^0$	Wilson Cloud Chamber	ウィルソン霧箱
	$\Xi^0$	Accelerators	Decay in flight into $\pi^0 + \Lambda^0$	Bubble chamber	泡箱
	$\Omega^-$	Accelerators	Decay in flight into $\Xi^0 + \pi^-$	Bubble chamber	泡箱

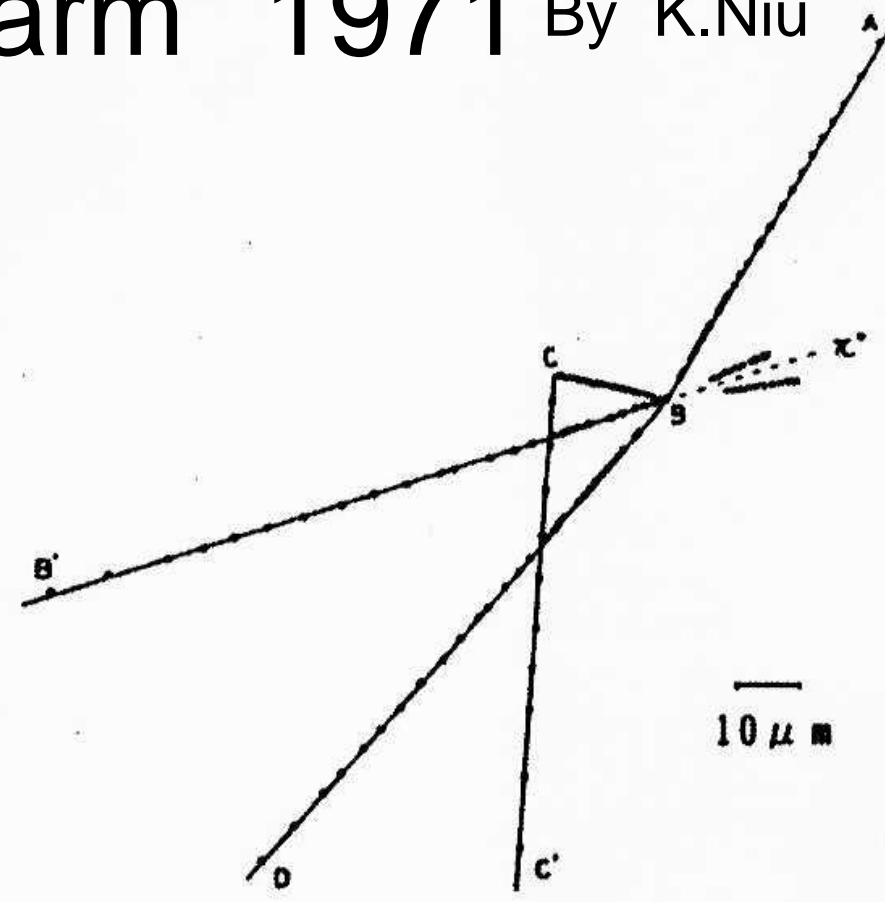
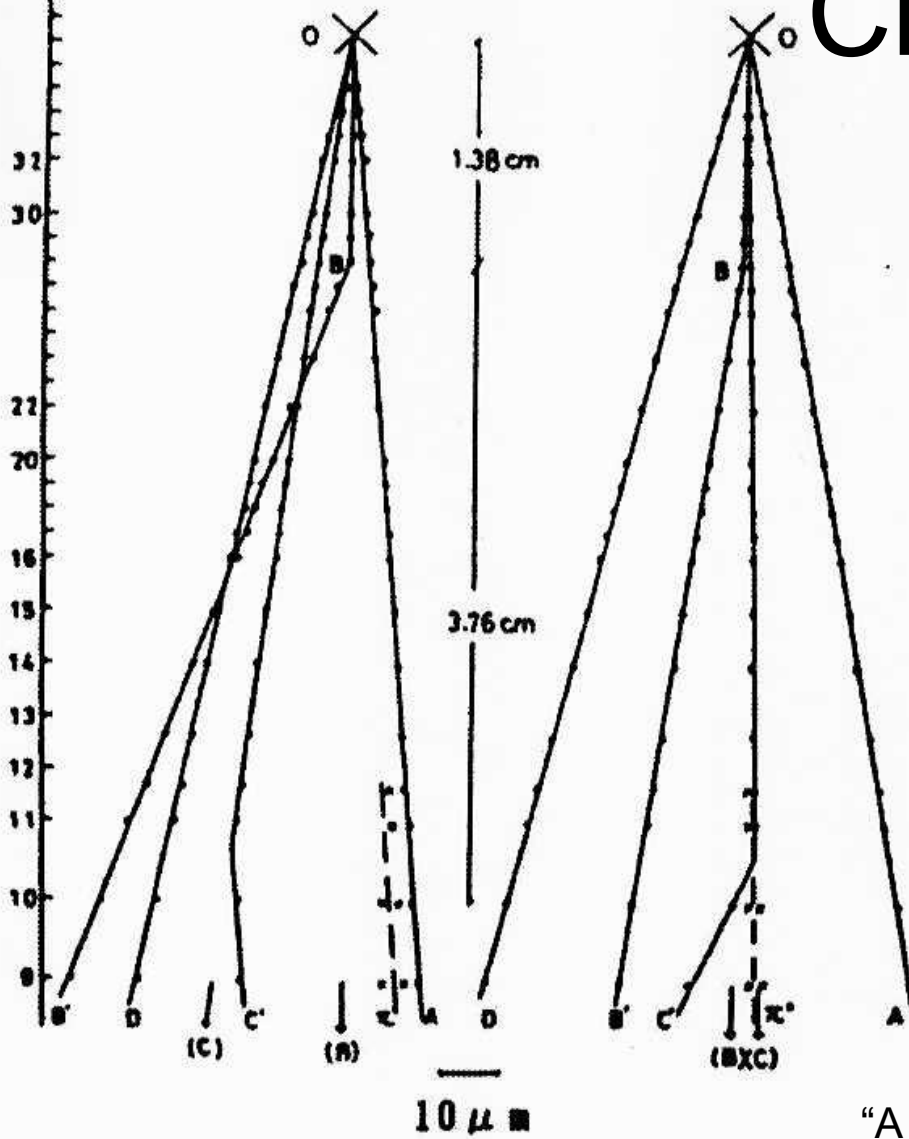
Plate  
Number

X-projection

Y-projection

Z-projection

# Charm 1971 By K.Niu



**The First Charm event recognized by human beings**

“A Possible Decay in Flight of a New Type Particle”  
K. Niu et al. Prog.Theor.Phys., Vol.46, No.5 (1971)

# Discoveries

1971 NIU Kiyoshi , Discovery of X (=Charm) Particle

↔ 1974 J/ψ

1994 KEK/E176 Observation of Double Hyper Nucleus

2000 NIWA Kimio et al. Discovery of  $\nu_\tau$

Fermilab E872 Donut (First event in 1998)

2015 CERN/LNGS CNGS1 OPERA (First event in 2010),

Discovery of  $\nu_\tau$  appearance by Neutrino Oscillation

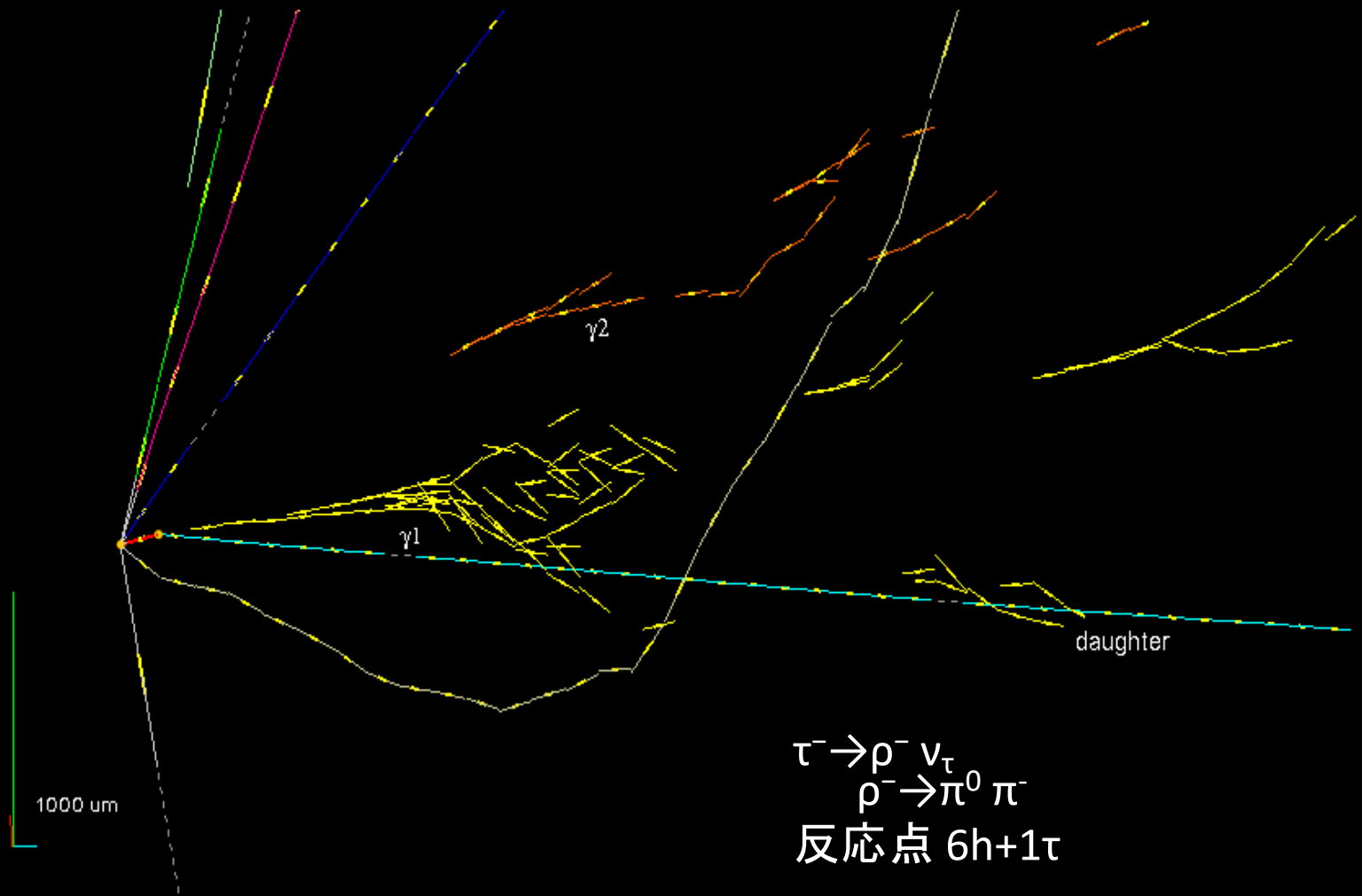
2016 MORISHIMA K. et al. ScanPyramids,

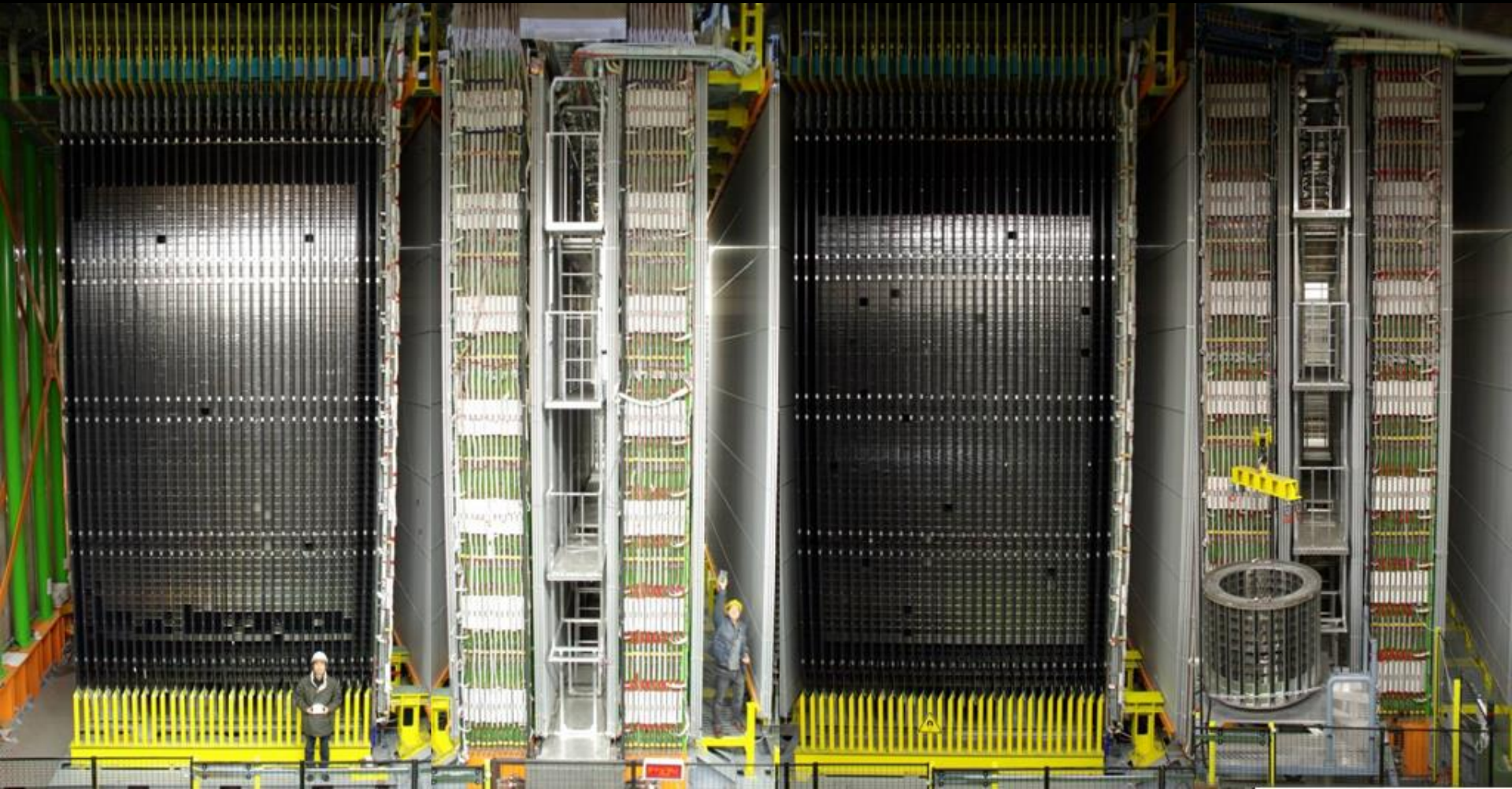
Discovery of new structure in Khufu Pyramid



# 1<sup>st</sup> $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ event in OPERA

2010



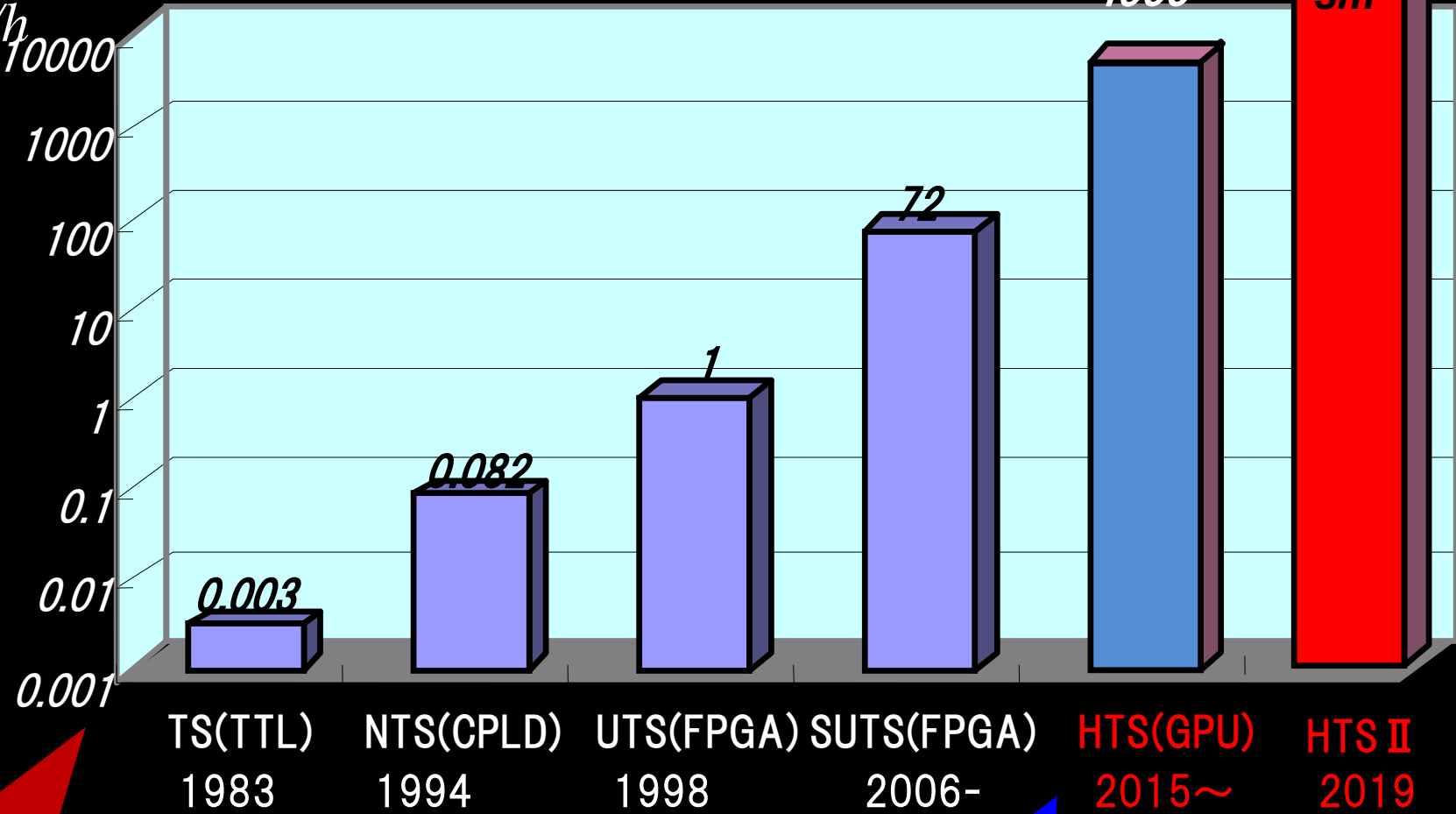


**Nuclear Emulsion Film: 100000m<sup>2</sup>**

**Fidutial Mass: 1250 Ton**

# Development of the Automated Nuclear Emulsion Read-out system

Speed in  $cm^2/h$



Mid. 1970  
Principle  
Proposed by Niwa K.

$\nu$   $\tau$  Discovery  
DONUT

1<sup>st</sup>  $\nu\mu \rightarrow \nu\tau$  Event  
OPERA 2010

New void in  
Kfuhu Pyramid

# HTS: Current Main system



# Nuclear Emulsion itself

- Photographic film lost markets by the Image digitizing storm . → No room in the company to develop and produce Nuclear Emulsion.

Good chance to retrieve Emulsion technology  
from Company to University.

- 2010: Installation of emulsion gel production system in our lab with helps of retired engineers

Emulsion R&D

without commercial restrictions

for best emulsion for specified experimental purpose

# Nuclear Emulsion Gel Production Machine



Installed in Nagoya Univ.

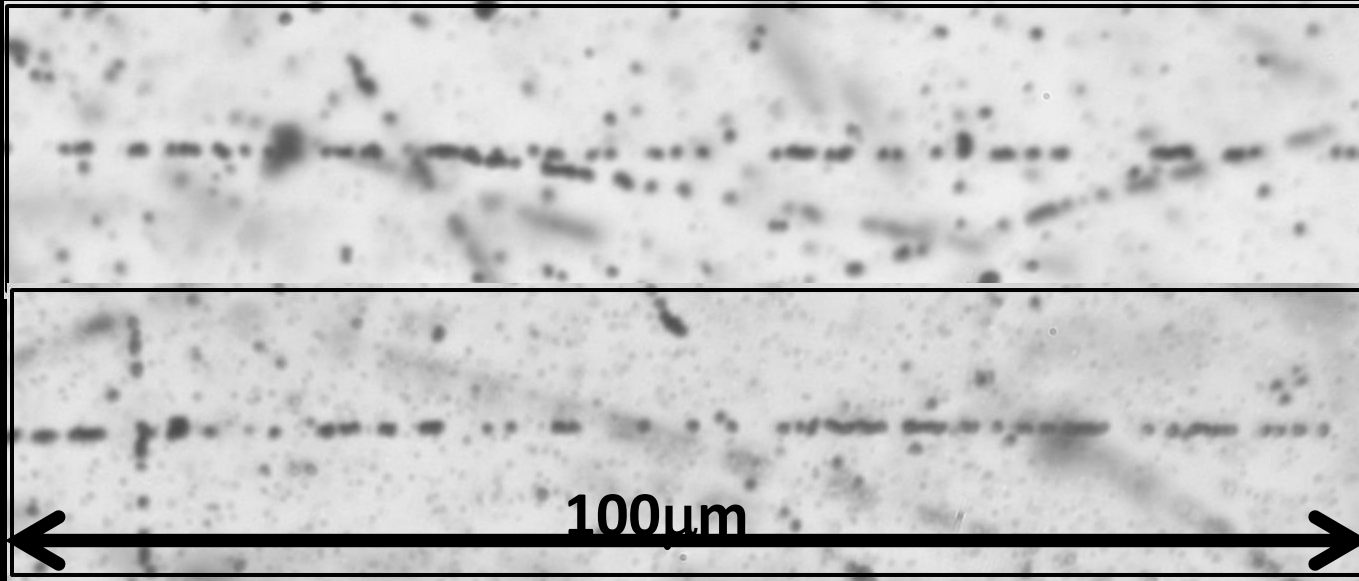
R&D Machine

~1kg/lot

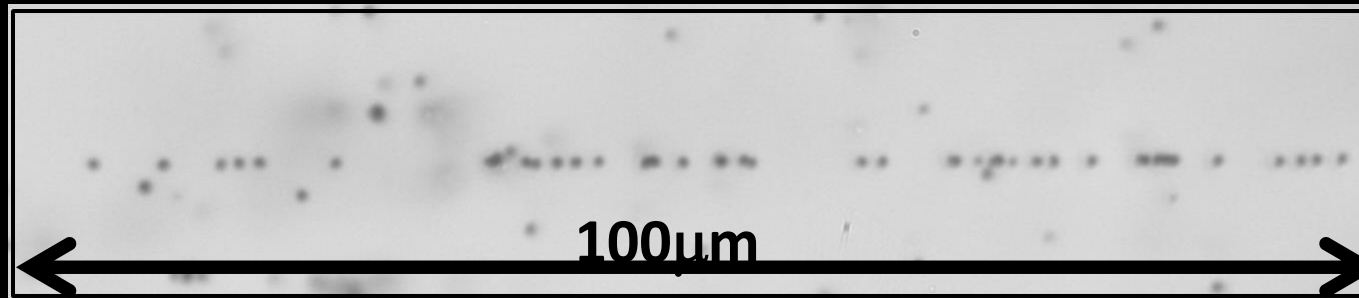
From 2010

Composed by a Maker  
Related to Fujifilm

# First output: Emulsion with world record highest sensitivity



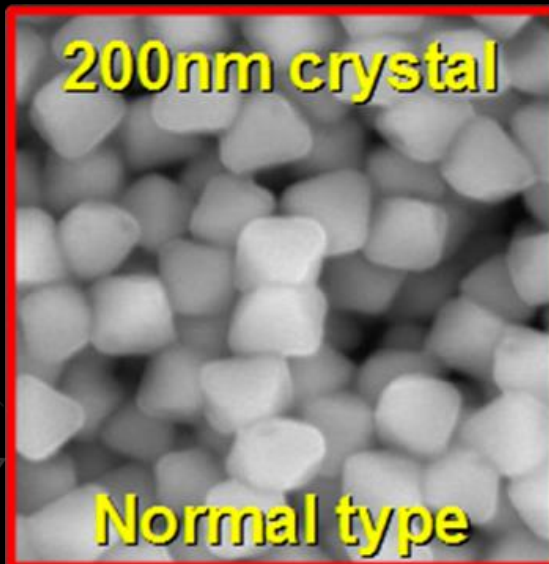
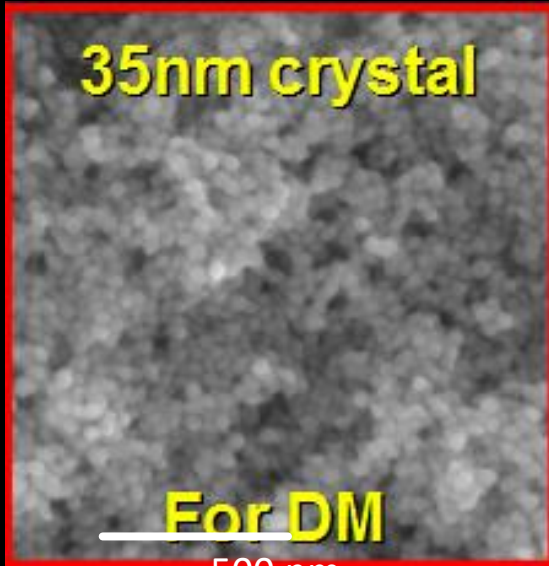
**GD=  $86.1 \pm 4.7$**   
**FD=  $2.9 \pm 0.9$**



**GD=  $34.8 \pm 0.6$**   
**FD=  $3.7 \pm 0.4$**

**Film used in  
OPERA**

# First output: Emulsion with 35nm diameter crystal for Dark Matter directional detection



**Electron microscope**





# Crystal Size Control

## Nano Imaging Tracker (NIT) Type

Directional Dark Matter detection  
Neutrino Coherent Scattering

## OPERA Type

Neutrino exp, Radiography  
 $\gamma$  Telescope (GRAINE)

35nm crystal

70nm crystal

100nm crystal

200nm crystal

←  
Down to 20nm

→  
Up to 800nm

- Grain size 20nm ~ 800nm
- Sensitivity control by impurity doping & chemical treatment

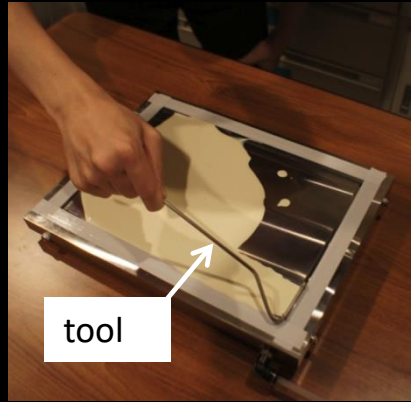
# Emulsion coating “technique”

## Traditional method

1. Pour the gel



2. Spread the gel



3. Drying



Tuning the gel properties

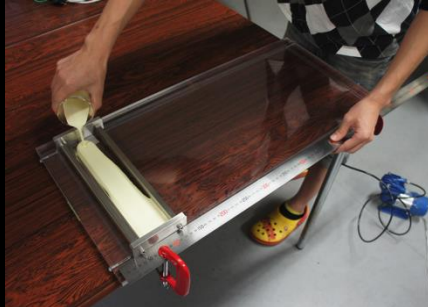
- viscosity
- surface tension

Tuning and controlling the drying condition

- humidity
- temperature
- wind

## New method (under development) -> Easy and fast

1. Pour the gel



2. Spread the gel



3. Drying



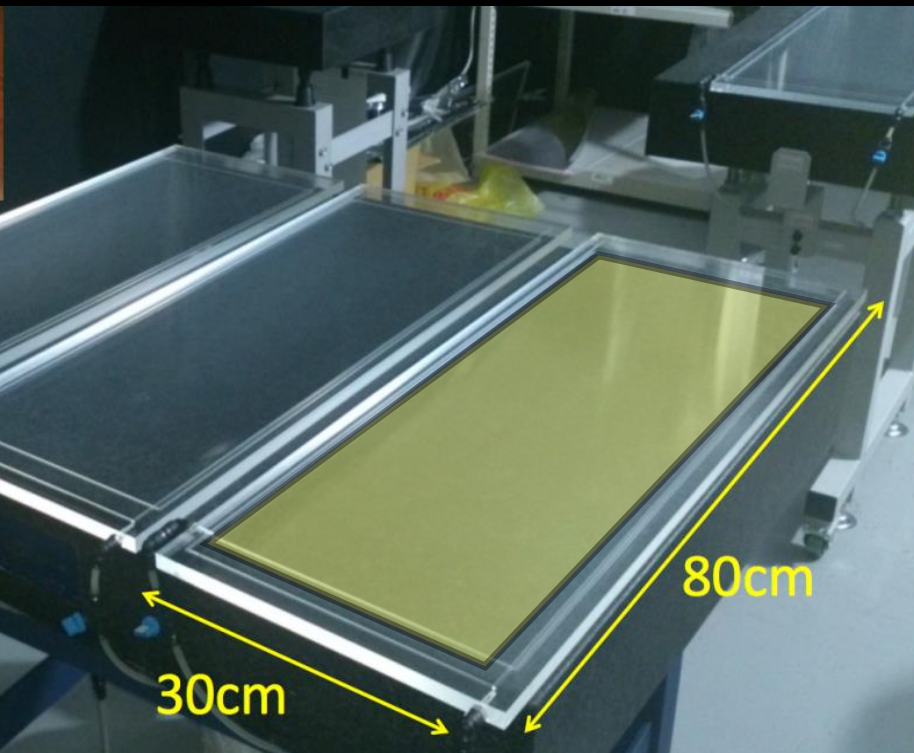
	OPERA film	Traditional	New
Flatness (/100cm <sup>2</sup> ) (1s)	<1μm	5μm	<2μm

# Film Mass Production @ Nagoya

~7 m<sup>2</sup>/Week → ~300 m<sup>2</sup>/Year at Present  
~1000m<sup>2</sup>/Year within a year  
~10000m<sup>2</sup>/Year within 5 years

## Pouring

Temp. 20°C R.H. 80-90%



## Drying

Temp. 30°C  
R.H. 70-80%



# Current Projects

- **GRAINE** : Balloon-borne Large aperture & High precision  $\gamma$ -ray telescope → Next Speaker
- **NINJA**: Precise study of low energy Neutrino interactions @JPARC
- **SHiP** : Search for Hidden Particles/ Study of Tau Neutrino interactions. Beam dump exp.@CERN
- **DsTau**: Study on Tau neutrino production in 400GeV proton int. Compact exp.@CERN
- **NEWSdm**: Directional Dark Matter search @LNGS
- **Muons**: Cosmic-ray Muon radiography

# GRAINE project

Precise observation of high-energy gamma-rays  
Exploring extreme universe by balloon-borne emulsion telescope

Gamma-Ray Astro-Imager with Nuclear Emulsion

PI: S. Aoki (Kobe Univ), Aichi Univ of Education, ISAS/JAXA, Kobe Univ, Nagoya Univ, Okayama Univ of Science

Simulation  
Supernova  
remnant, W44

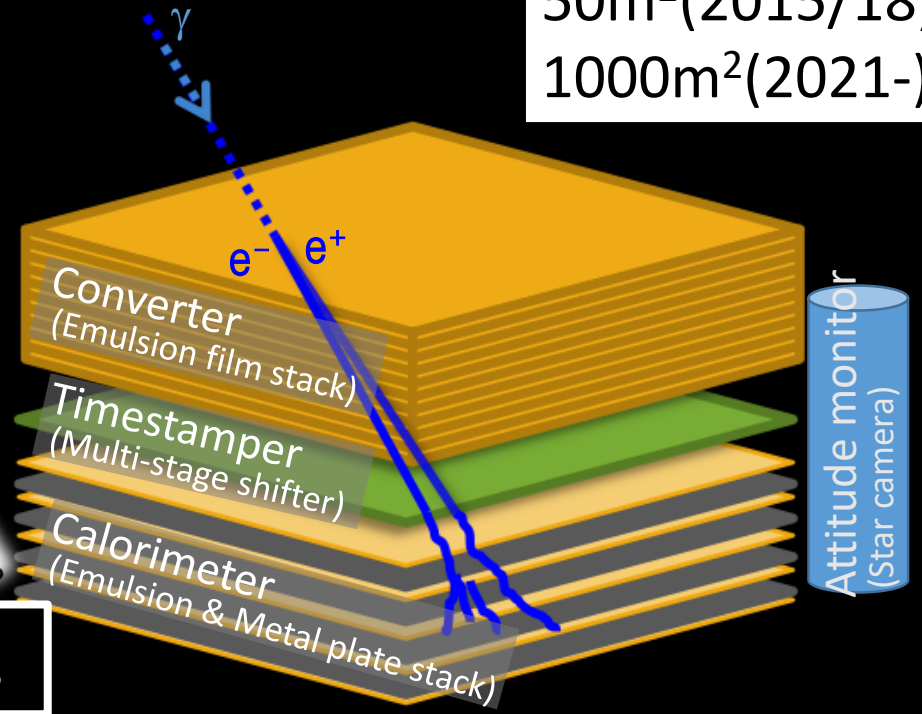
## Balloon-borne Emulsion $\gamma$ ray telescope

- ✓ Large aperture (10m<sup>2</sup>)
- ✓ High angular resolution (0.1deg@1GeV)
- ✓ Polarization sensitive

Emulsion  
50m<sup>2</sup>(2015/18)  
1000m<sup>2</sup>(2021-)

Detail → Next Speaker ROKUJO

Time-stamping technique !

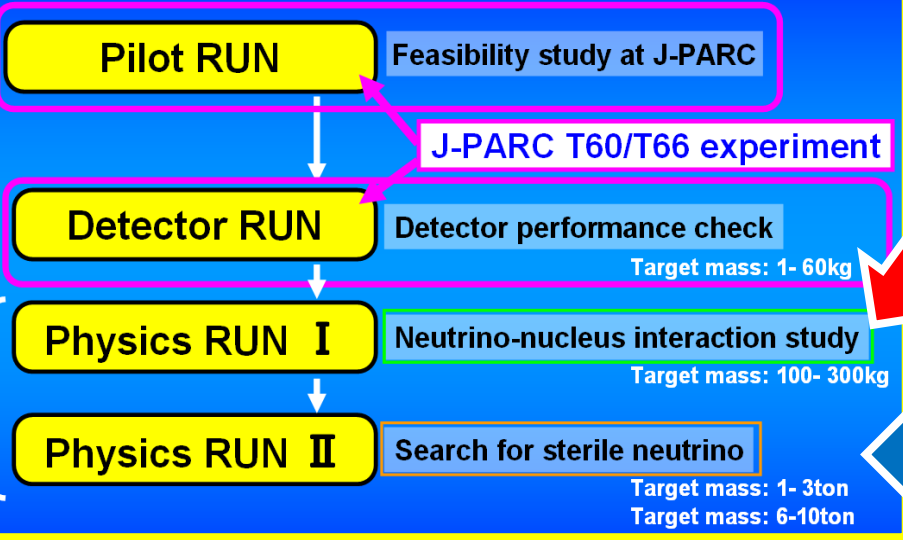


# NINJA Experiment

Neutrino Interaction research with Nuclear emulsion and J-PARC Accelerator

## NINJA Roadmap

Future plan

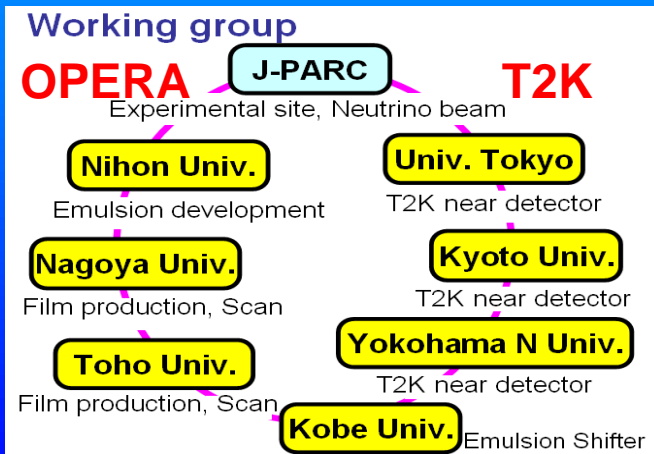
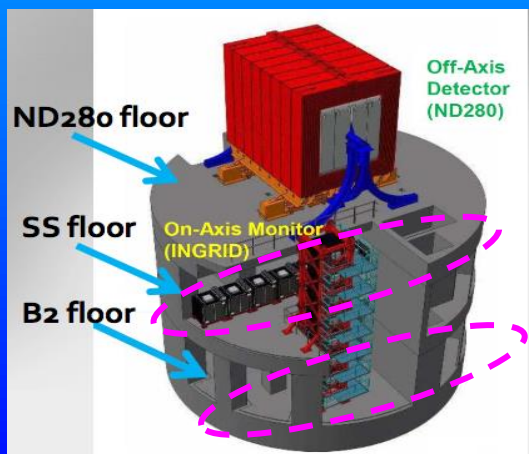


2018–2021  
 Study of Low energy  $\nu$  Int.

- $\nu$  – Water int. with recoil proton detection
- Measurement of  $\nu$  e content

2023 –  
 Search for Sterile  $\nu$

Emulsion  
 40m<sup>2</sup>(- 2018)  
 650m<sup>2</sup>(2019 -21)  
 650m<sup>2</sup>(2023- )



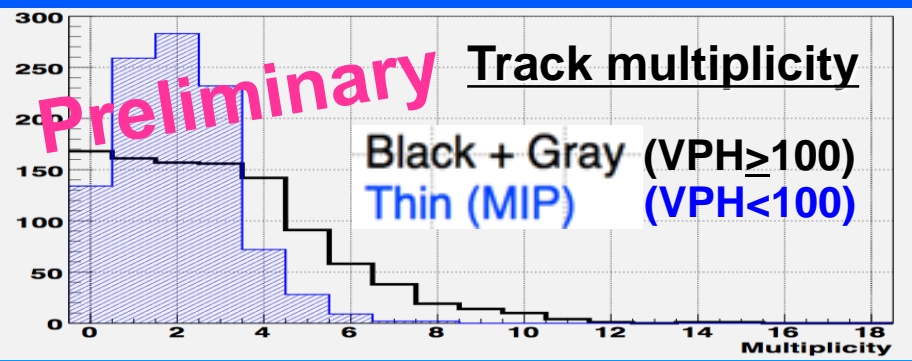
# Multi-track vertex event search

1021 vtx candidate events

Preliminary

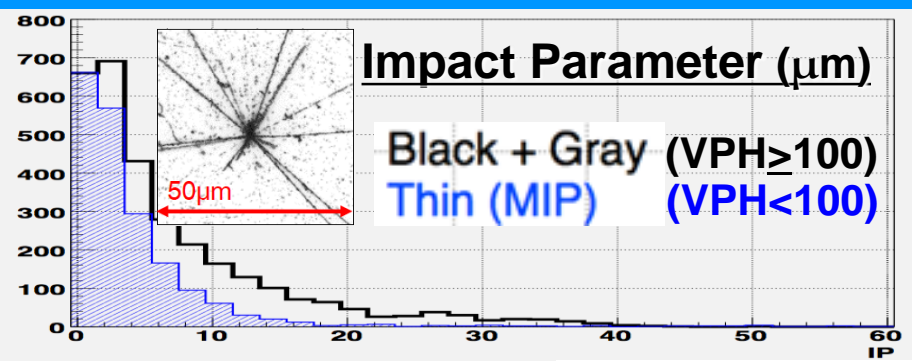
**Track multiplicity**

Black + Gray (VPH $\geq$ 100)  
Thin (MIP) (VPH $<$ 100)

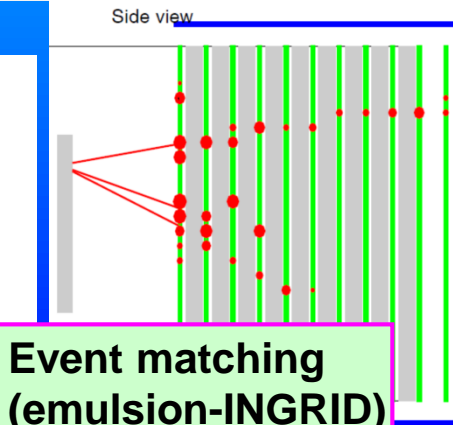
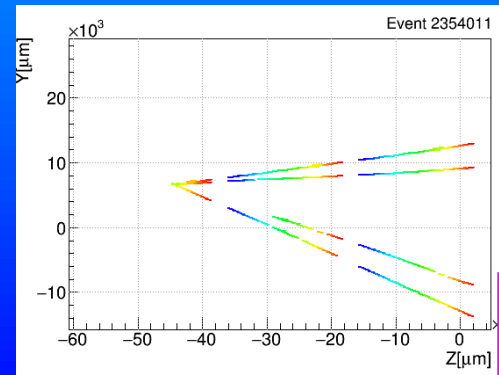
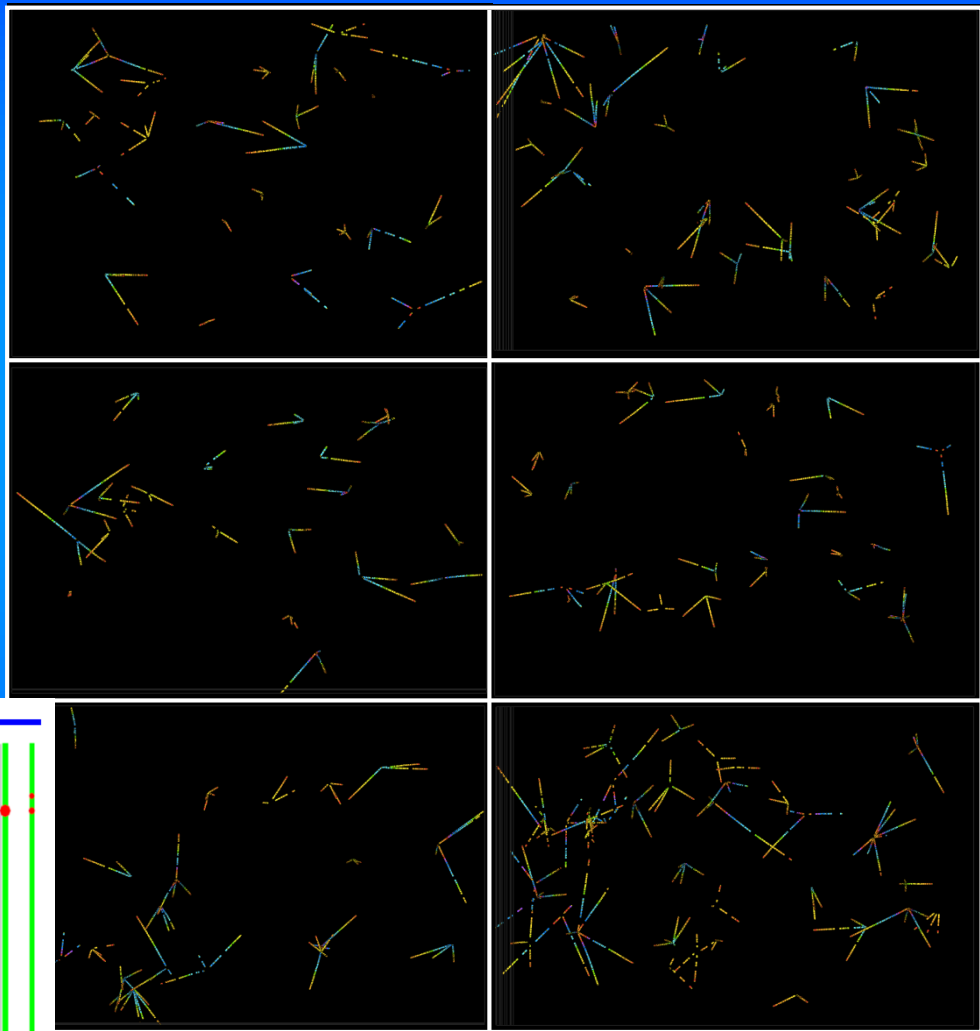


**Impact Parameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )**

Black + Gray (VPH $\geq$ 100)  
Thin (MIP) (VPH $<$ 100)



~25cm



**Event matching  
(emulsion-INGRID)**

(Multiplicity $\geq$ 3)

# SHiP experiment @ CERN SPS

**Look for new physics in  
intensity frontier**

**Explore hidden portals  
of the SM**

**using  $> 2 \times 10^{20}$  p.o.t.**

**Coupling to  $> 10^{17}$  Charm,  
 $> 10^{15} \tau$ ,  $> 10^{13}$  Beauty decays.**

Target/  
hadron absorber

Active muon shield

Hidden Sector  
decay volume

Spectrometer  
Particle ID

$\nu_\tau$  detector

**Rich  $\nu_\tau$  /anti  $\nu_\tau$  content**  
**3500  $\nu_\tau$  interactions**  
**with 6 tons OPERA like target.**

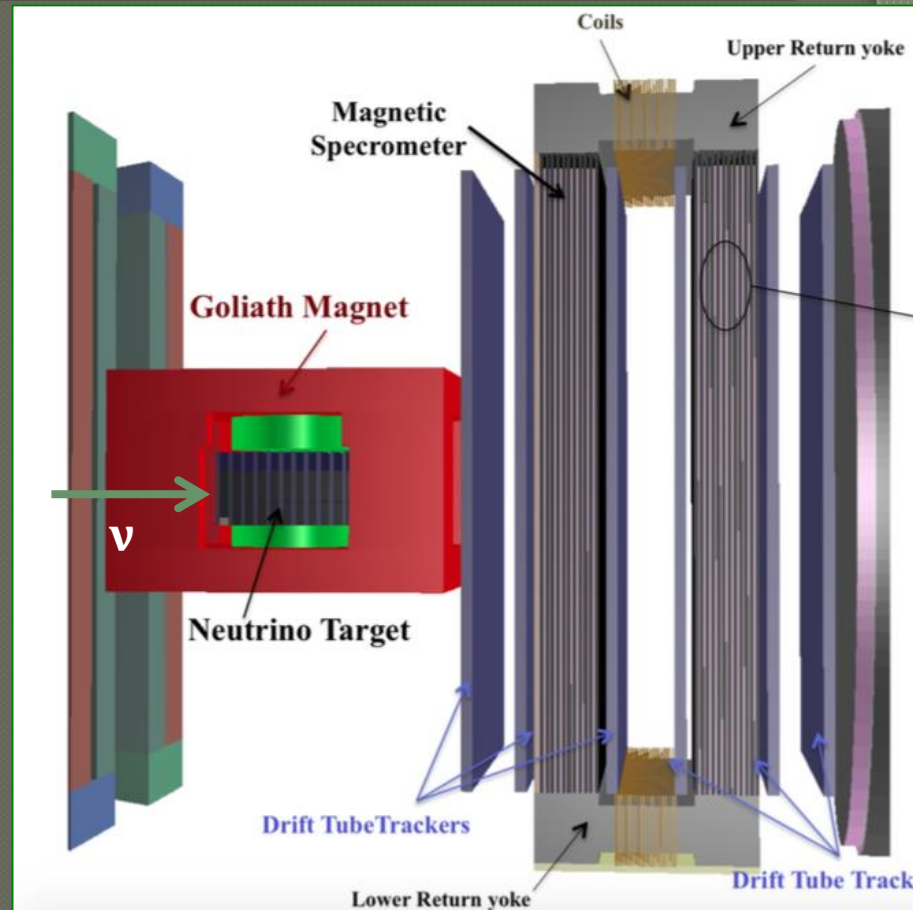
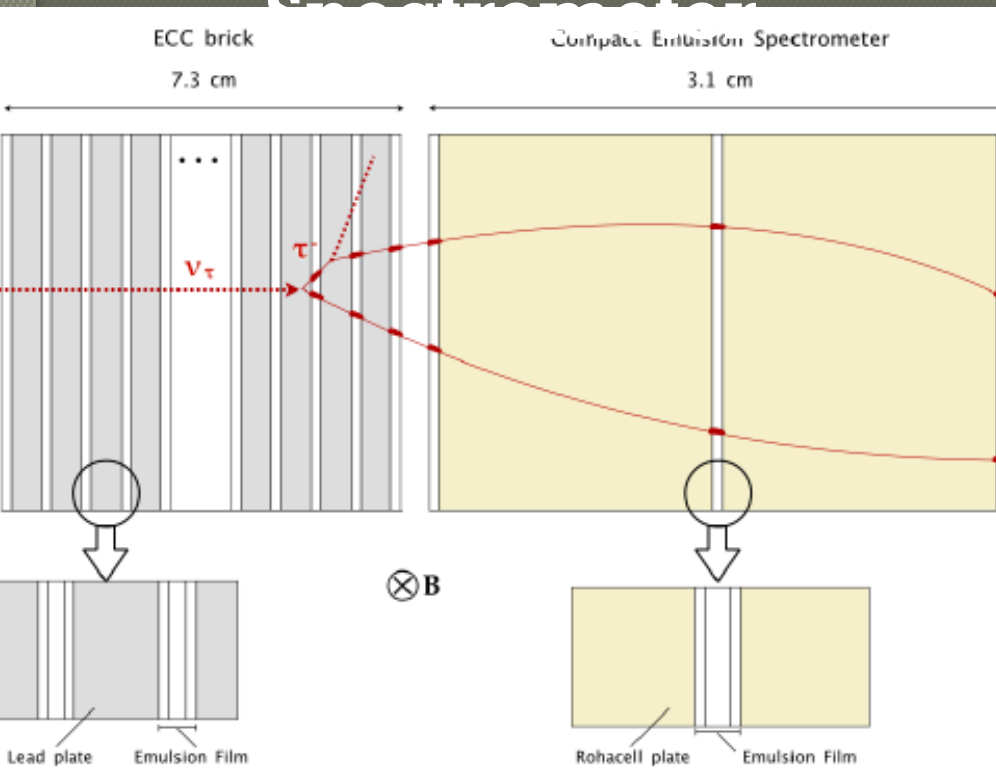
400GeV Proton Beam Dump exp.



# SHiP neutrino detector

**ECC  
+ Emulsion**

Emulsion  $\sim 3000\text{m}^2$



- P meas. up to  $20\text{GeV}/c$  @ 1T
- Sign determination for  $\nu_e/\text{anti-}\nu_e$

**8k  $\nu_\tau$  / anti  $\nu_\tau$**   
**280k  $\nu_e$  / anti  $\nu_e$**   
**500k  $\nu_\mu$  / anti  $\nu_\mu$**

**OPERA Muon  
system**

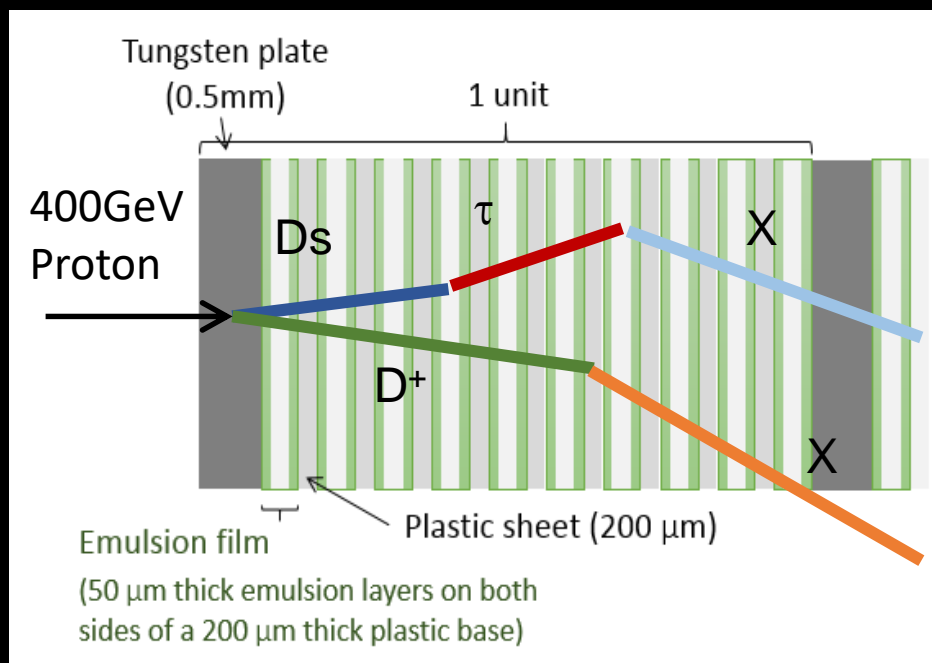
## Precise $\nu_\tau$ Flux evaluation for future $\nu_\tau$ experiments

Nagoya, Kyushu, Kobe, Aichi, Bern, Bucharest, Ankara, Dubna

LOI (SPSC-I-245), Proposal (SPSC-P-354)

Beam exposure planning in 2018 and in 2021.

- $\nu_\tau$  cross section measured by DONUT with large uncertainty (~50%) on  $\nu_\tau$  flux at beam source.
- Reduction of the uncertainty by measuring  $D_s \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow X$  in high energy proton interactions



Observable of the experiment

- $D_s$  production x decay branching ratio

$$\frac{N_{\nu_\tau}^{beam}}{N_{pot}} = \frac{2 \times \sigma(pW \rightarrow D_s X) \times BR(D_s \rightarrow \nu_\tau \tau)}{\sigma(pW)}$$

With collecting **1000** detected  $D_s \rightarrow \tau$

- Angular distribution of  $D_s \rightarrow \tau$  events
- $\rightarrow$  Energy distribution  $\rightarrow x_F$  dependence

Systematic uncertainties

DONUT

With DsTau

$D_s$  differential cross section ( $x_F$  dependence)

~0.5

**0.1**

Charm production cross section

0.17

Decay branching ratio

0.23

Target atomic mass effects (A dependence)

0.14

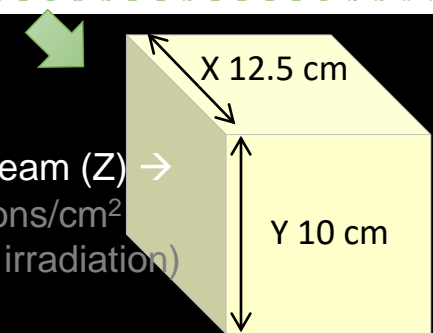
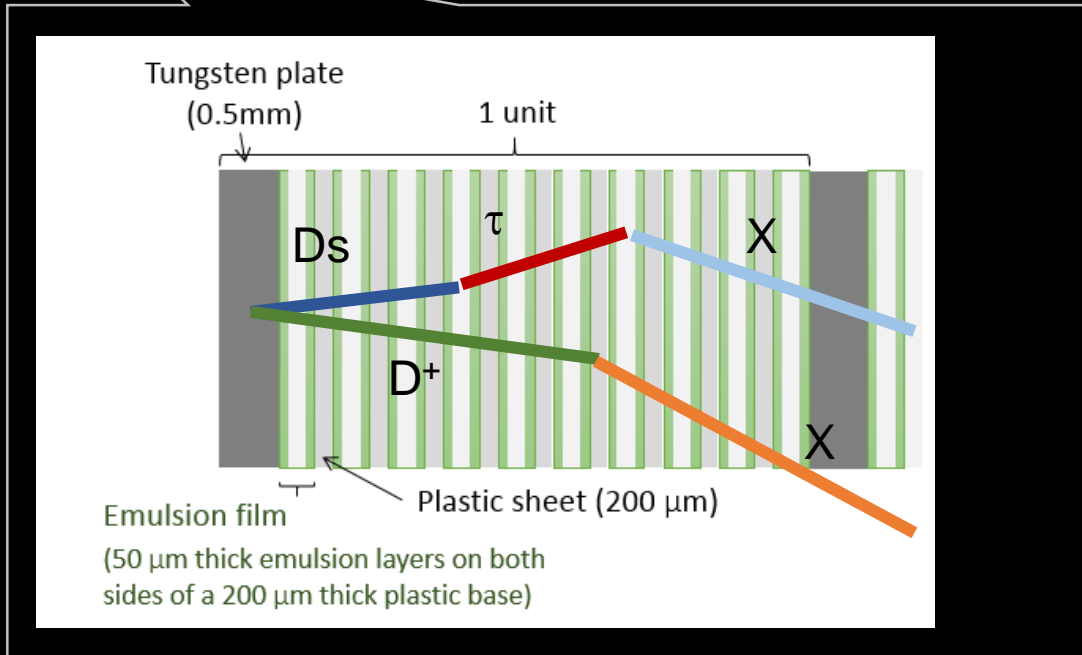
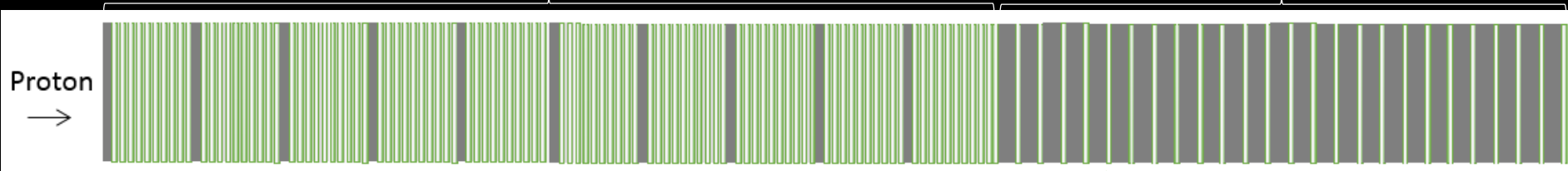
**0.03**

# Module structure for $D_s \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow X$ measurement (current baseline)

- $0.05 \lambda_{\text{int}}$  in 10 units tungsten  $\rightarrow 4.6 \times 10^9$  pot needed to get  **$2.3 \times 10^8$  proton int.**
- Track density in emulsion: **keep  $< 10^5$  tracks/cm<sup>2</sup>** at the upstream side
- To expose  $4.6 \times 10^9$  pot  $\rightarrow$  **detector surface  $4.6 \text{m}^2$  (368 modules)**

10 units  
(total 100 emulsion films)

ECC for momentum measurement  
(26 emulsion films interleaved  
with 1 mm thick lead plates)



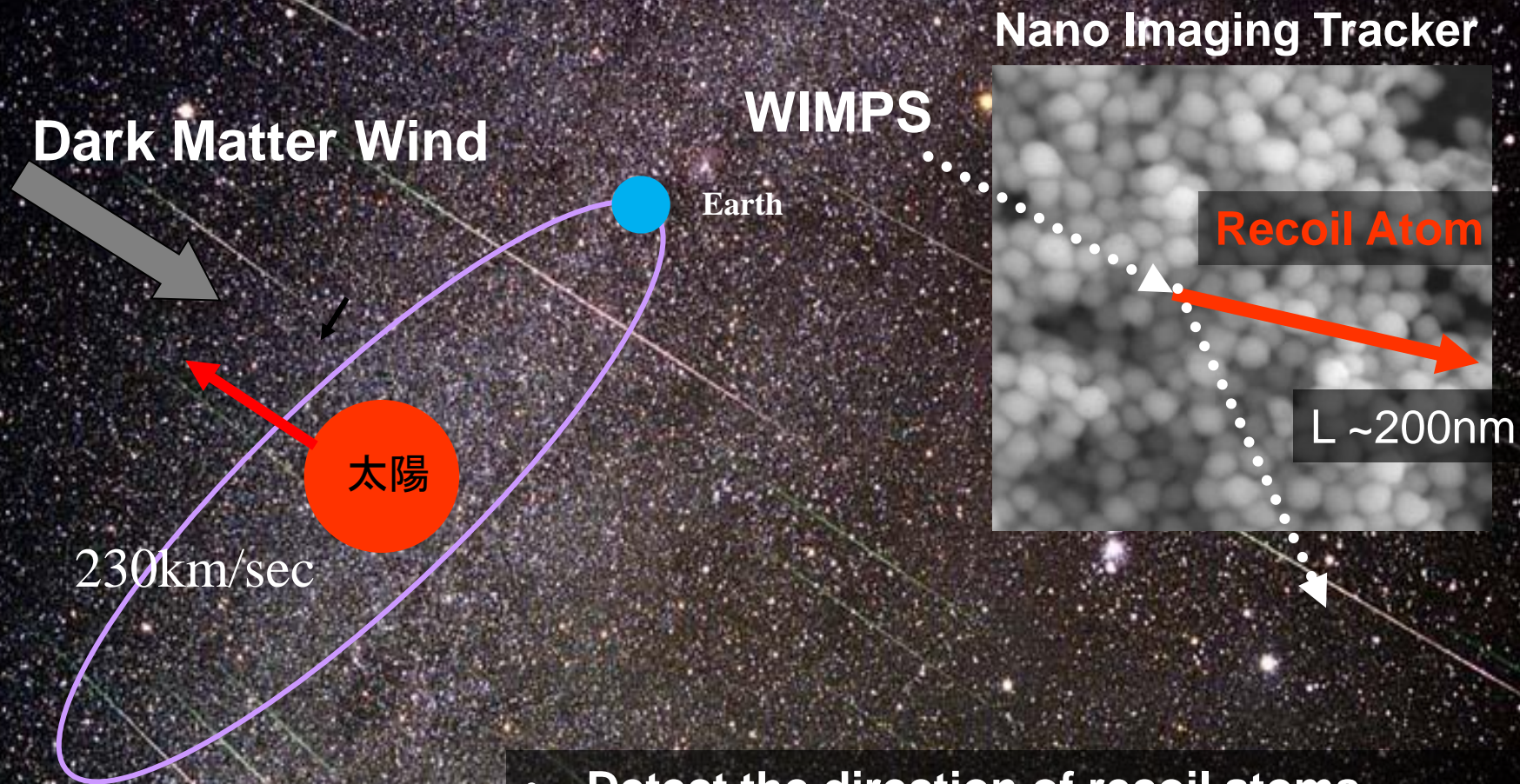
Emulsion  $\sim 500 \text{m}^2$

# Directional WIMP detection by Nuclear Emulsion

## NEWSdm @LNGS

Japan Group SP: NAKA T.

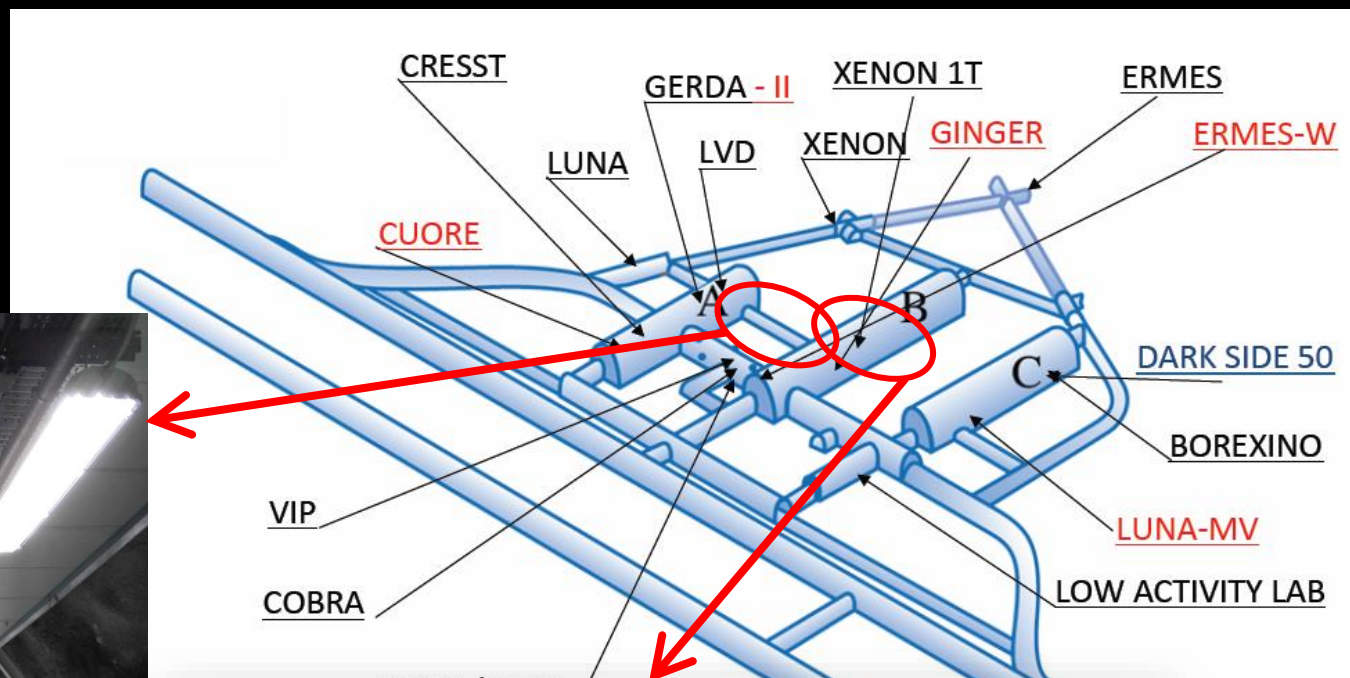
Japan – Italy- Russia- Turkey –Korea Collaboration



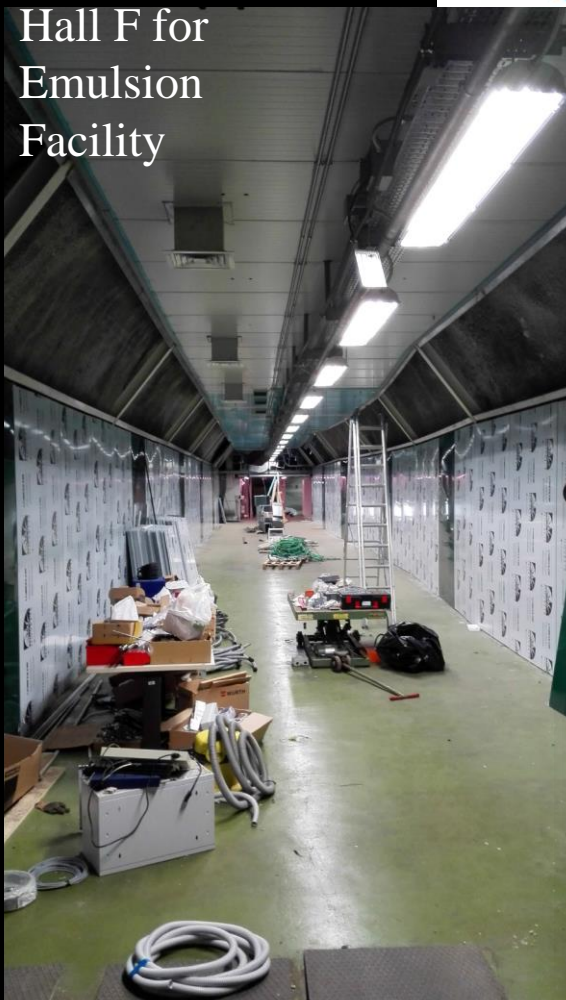
$$V_{\text{recoil}} = 2 ( V_{\text{sun}} + V_{\text{WIMP}} )$$
$$= 100 \sim 1000 \text{ km/sec}$$

- Detect the direction of recoil atoms  
→ Dark Matter Telescope
- Easy to realize Ton scale detector

# NEWSdm in Gran Sasso underground laboratory, Italy 2017

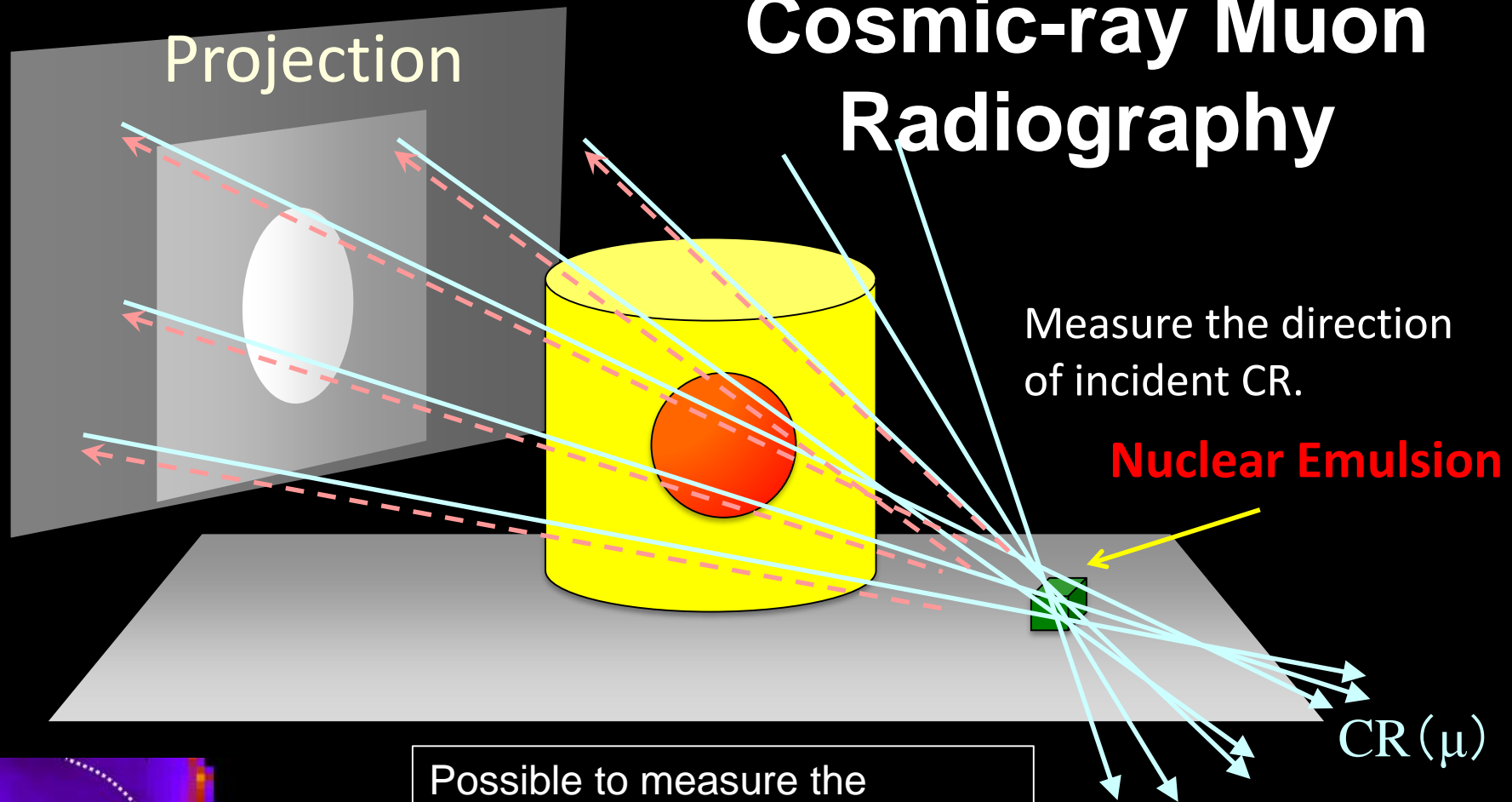


Hall F for Emulsion Facility

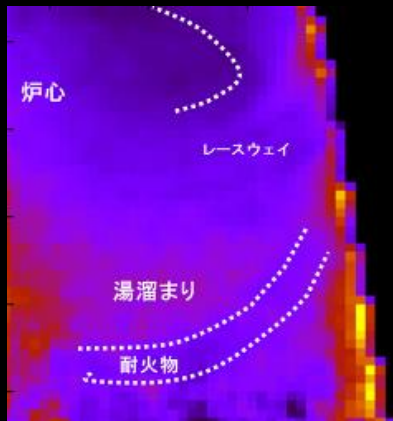


Part of Hall B for Detector Installation

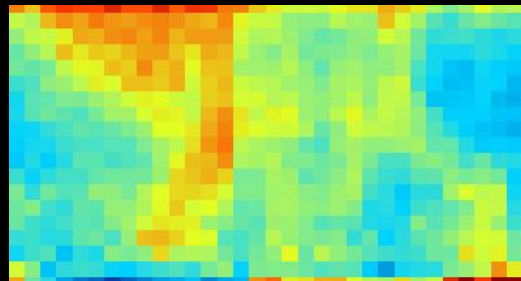
# Cosmic-ray Muon Radiography



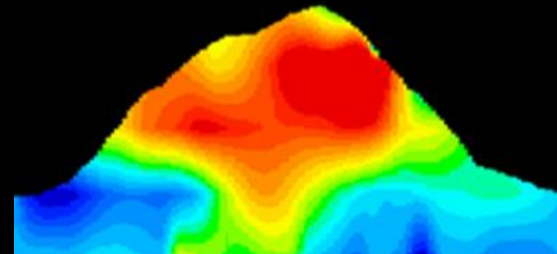
Possible to measure the material distribution of the object



Iron Furnace



Atomic Power Plant(F1)



Volcano (SHOWA SHINZAN)

# Nuclear Emulsion : a kind of Photographic film

- **Photographic Film:**

Young people has no experience to use photographic film.

Then they believe

“Nuclear emulsion is a kind of leading edge device.”

“原子核乾板は最先端デバイス”

This is true !

∴ Nuclear emulsion is

- Three dimensional device.
- Nano tech. device operating  $\sim 10\text{nm}$  size crystals
- Ultimate energy saving device. No electric-power needed
- Compact & Flexible device produced by only painting/pouring.
- The Read-out system is an incarnation of Digital technology treating three-dimensional Images ; the field of AI R&D.

# Summary

- **Nuclear Emulsion**

has a long History from 1910, is contributing to elementary particle physics until today

**Still Alive** , continue the contribution to the future science.

- Using emulsion, even students can be a Project Spokesman with their (good) ideas.

Low cost & Almost every thing is in your hand.

→ probably one of the best detector to cover the burnt field remained after the decline of the energy frontier dinosaur.