

On the detection of neutrinos (Chapter 3.4):

## Das Homestake Experiment (1970–1998):

Der erste Nachweis solarer Neutrinos - ein radiochemisches Experiment-

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**Energieschwelle  $E(\nu_e) > 0.814 \text{ MeV}$**

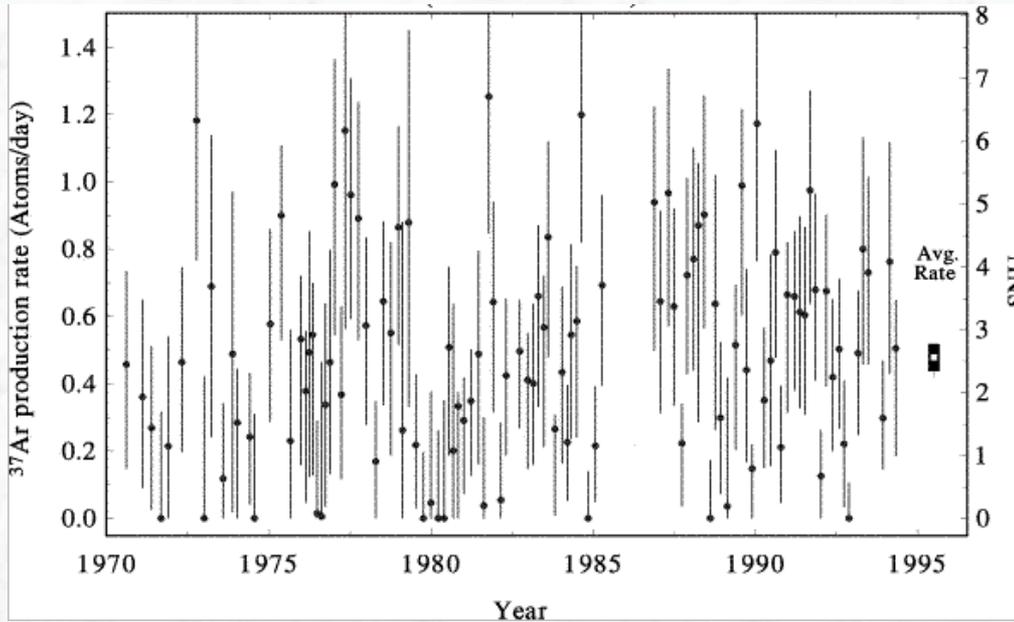
Detektor: 390 m<sup>3</sup> C<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub> (Perchloroethylene) installiert in einem Tank in der Homestake Goldmine (South Dakota, USA) unter 4100 m Wasser-äquivalent (m w.e.)

Erwartete Produktionsrate von Ar<sup>37</sup> Atomen  $\approx$  **1.5 pro Tag**

### Experimentelle Methode:

- Extraktion von Ar<sup>37</sup> im Abstand von wenigen Monaten, N<sub>2</sub> Spülung, Nachweis des radioaktiven Zerfalls (Elektroneinfangreaktion)  
der Ar<sup>37</sup> Atome:  $\text{e}^- + \text{Ar}^{37} \rightarrow \nu_e + \text{Cl}^{37*}$  (Halbwertszeit  $t_{1/2} = 34 \text{ Tage}$ )
- Angeregte Cl<sup>37</sup> Atom im Endzustand emittiert Auger-Elektronen und/oder  $\gamma$ -Quanten  
Nachweis in einem Proportionalzählrohr
- Kalibration / Vermessung der Nachweiseffizienz:  
durch Injektion einer bekannten Menge Ar<sup>37</sup> in den Tank

## Ergebnisse von mehr als 20 Jahren Datennahme



SNU (Solar Neutrino Units): Einheit zur Messung der Ereignisrate in radiochemischen Experimenten:

1 SNU = 1 Ereignis  $s^{-1}$  pro  $10^{36}$  Target-Atome

Mittelwert aller Messungen:

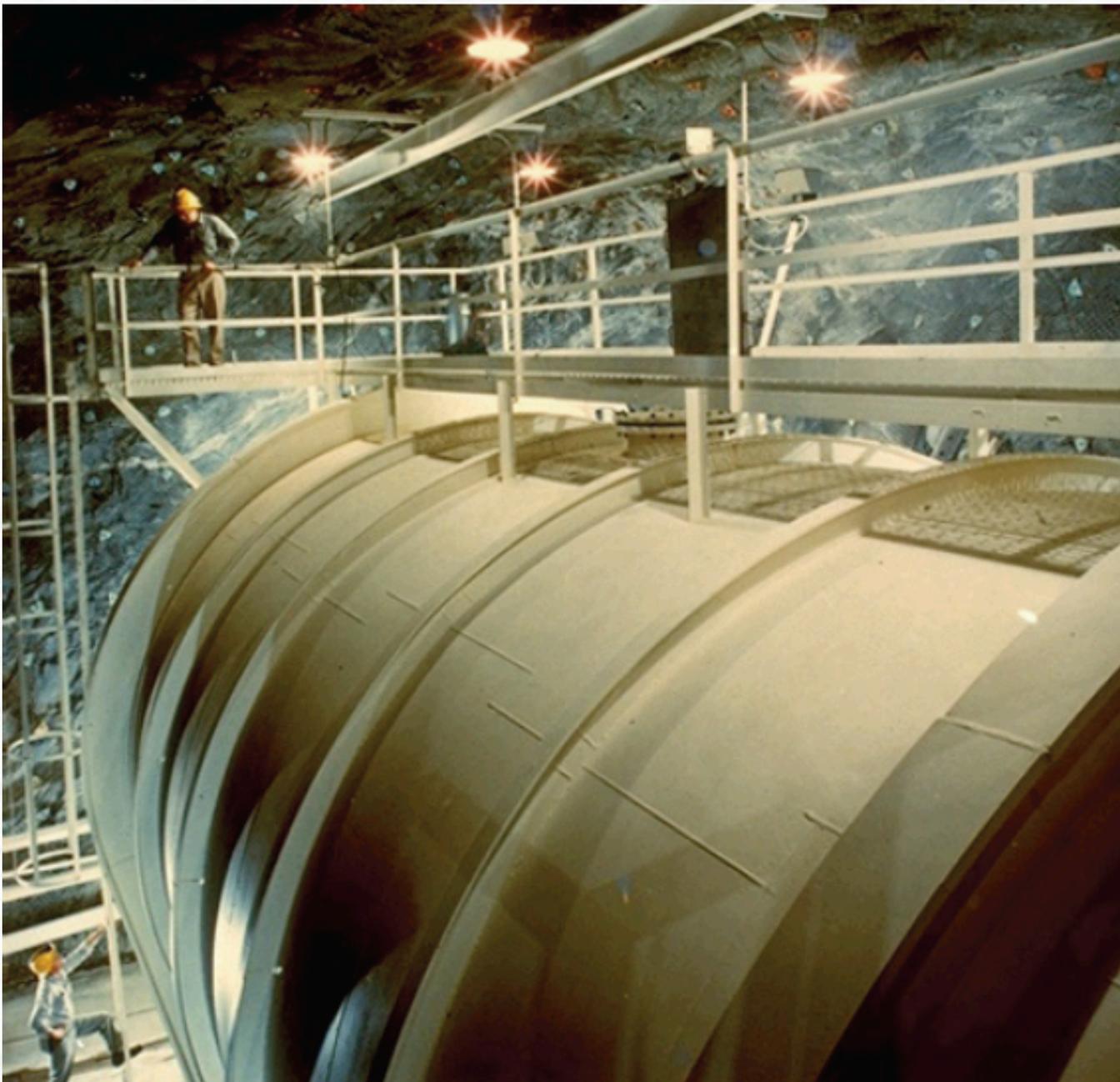
$$R(Cl^{37}) = 2.56 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.16 \text{ SNU}$$

(stat) (syst)

SSM Vorhersage:  $7.6^{+1.3}_{-1.1}$  SNU

Solares  
Neutrino  
Defizit

(SSM = Standard Solar Model, J. Bahcall et al.)



Der  $^{37}\text{Cl}$ -Neutrino-Detektor in der Homestake-Mine (ca. 1967)

ca. 1966



Raymond Davis John Bahcall

# Echtzeitexperiment unter Benutzung eines Wasser-Cherenkov Detektors zum Nachweis solarer Neutrinos

Elastische Neutrino–Elektron-Streuung:  $\nu + e^- \rightarrow \nu + e^-$

Nachweis von Cherenkov-Licht in Wasser, das durch das angestoßene Elektron emittiert wird  
(Nachweisschwelle:  $\sim 5$  MeV, entspricht 2 cm Weglänge in Wasser)

Wirkungsquerschnitte:  $\sigma(\nu_e) \approx 6 \sigma(\nu_\mu) \approx 6 \sigma(\nu_\tau)$

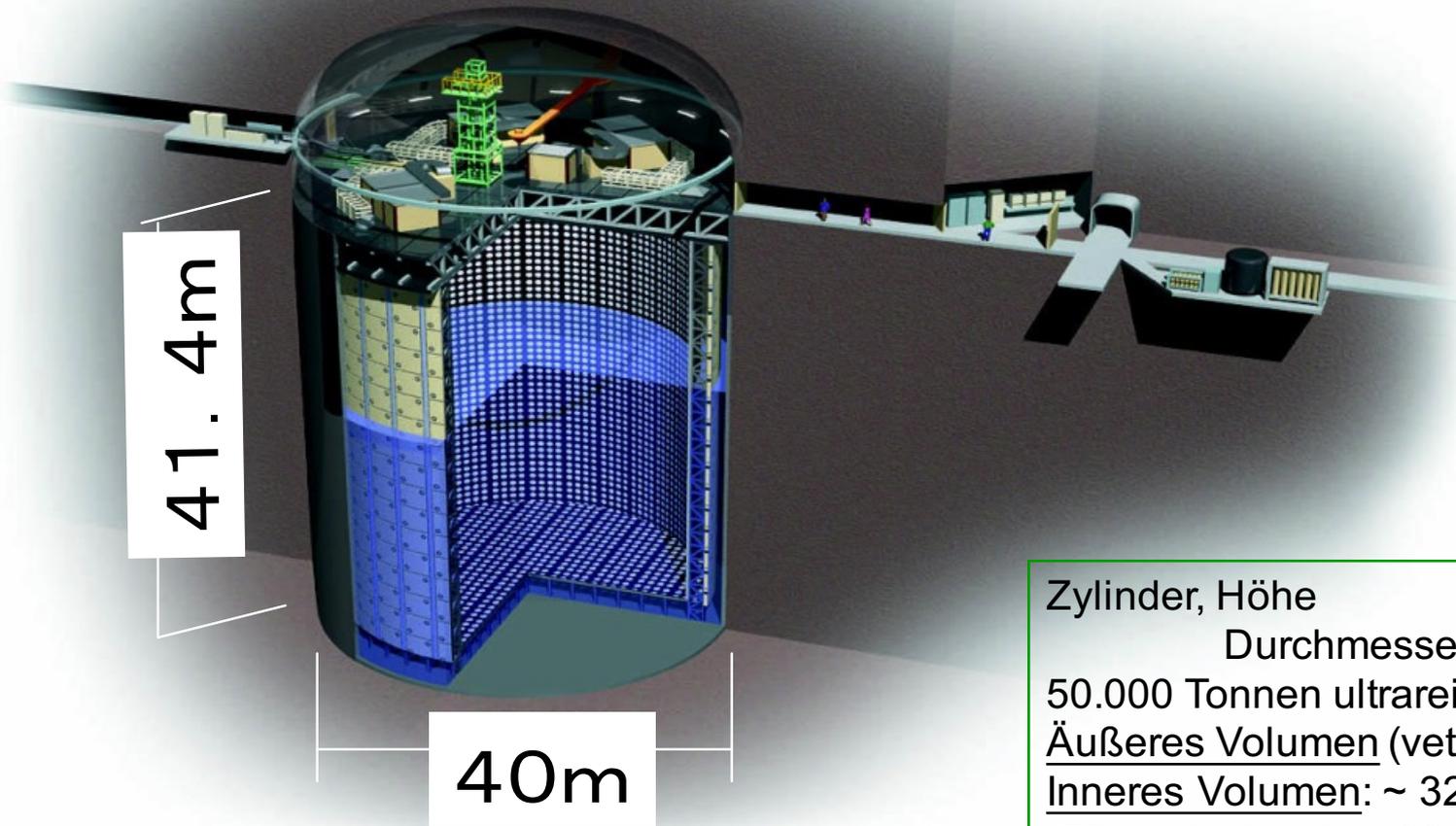
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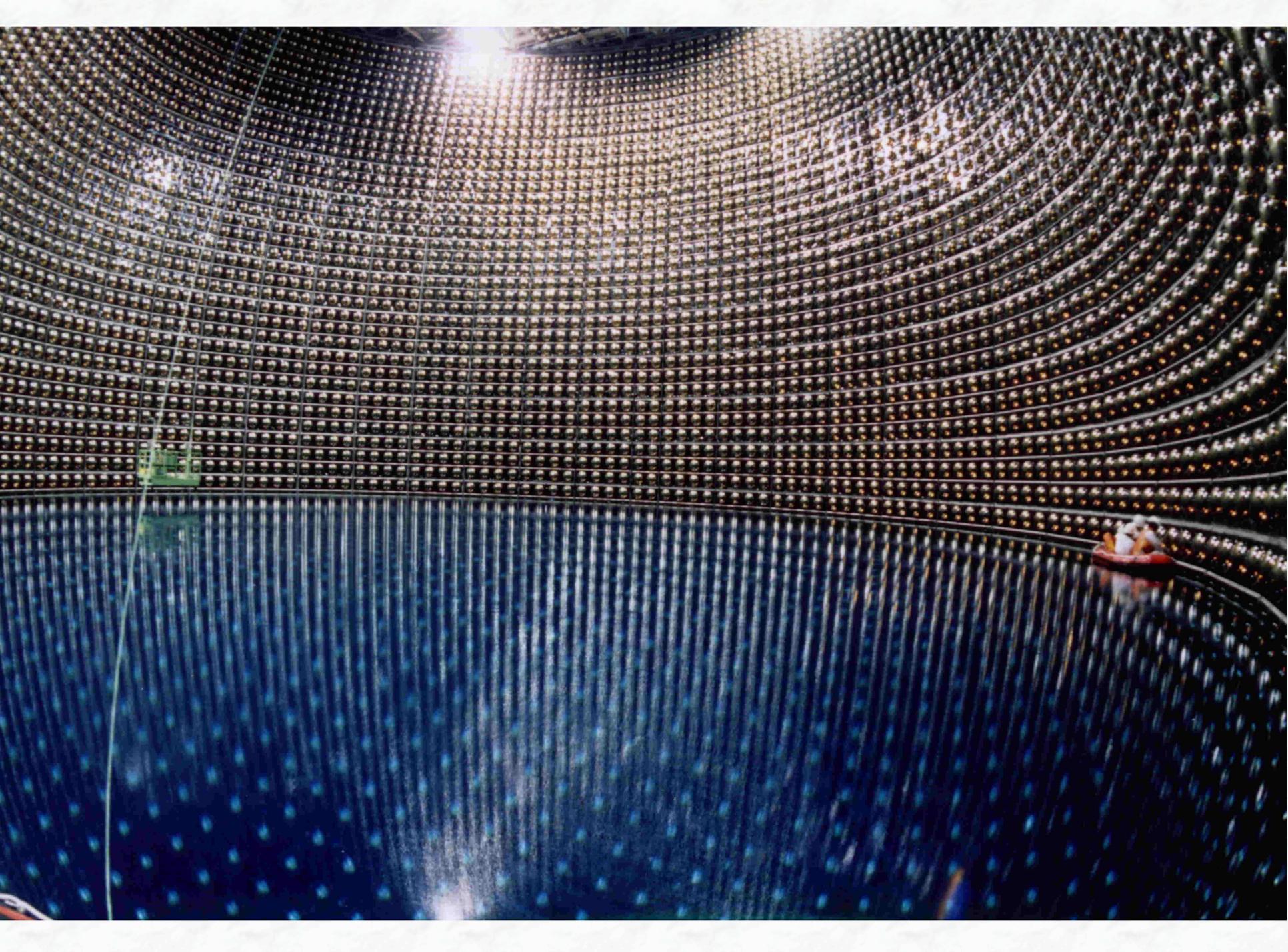
Zwei Experimente: Kamiokande (1987 – 94), Volumen: 680 m<sup>3</sup>  
Super-Kamiokande (1996 – 2001) Volumen: 22.500 m<sup>3</sup>

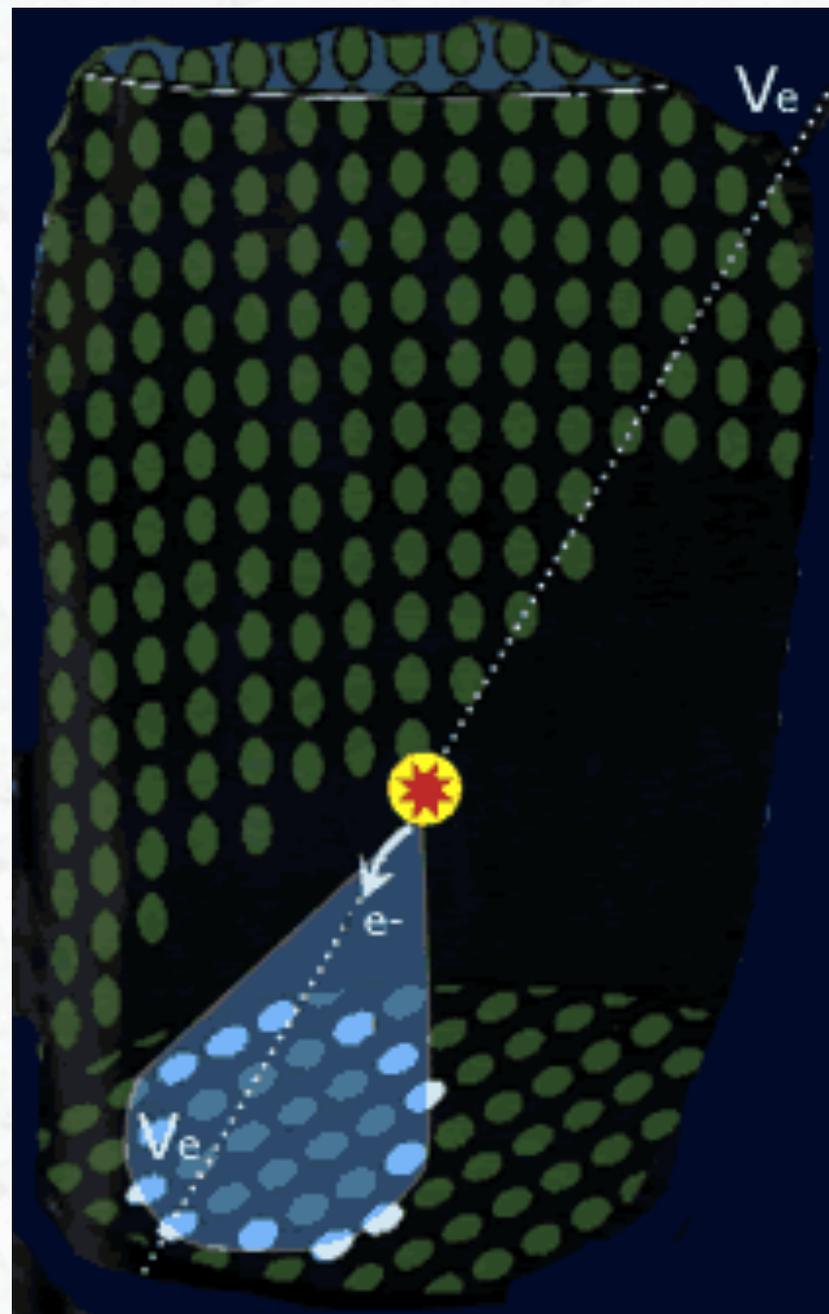
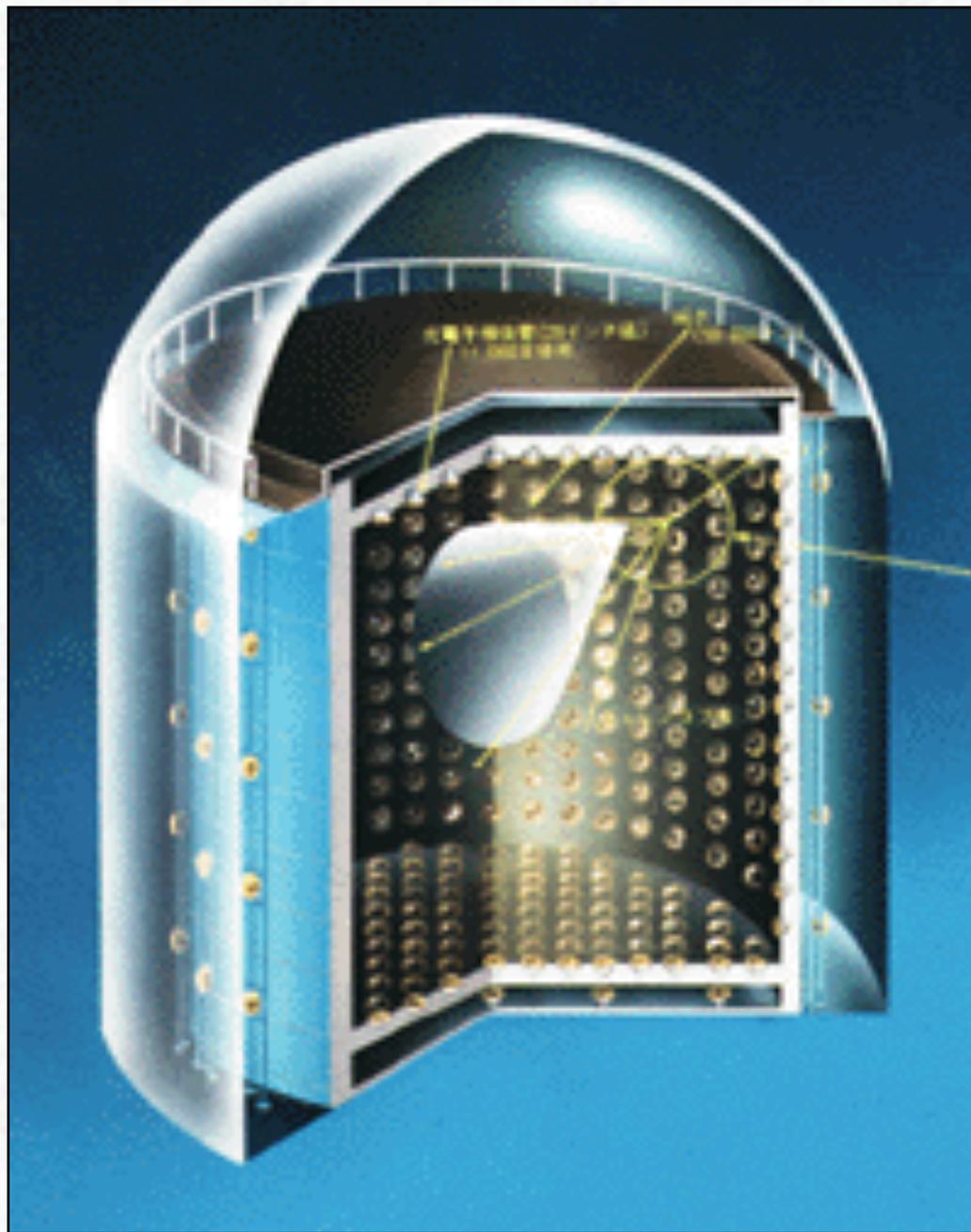
Installiert in der Kamioka-Mine (Japan)  
bei einer Tiefe entsprechend 2670 m w.e.

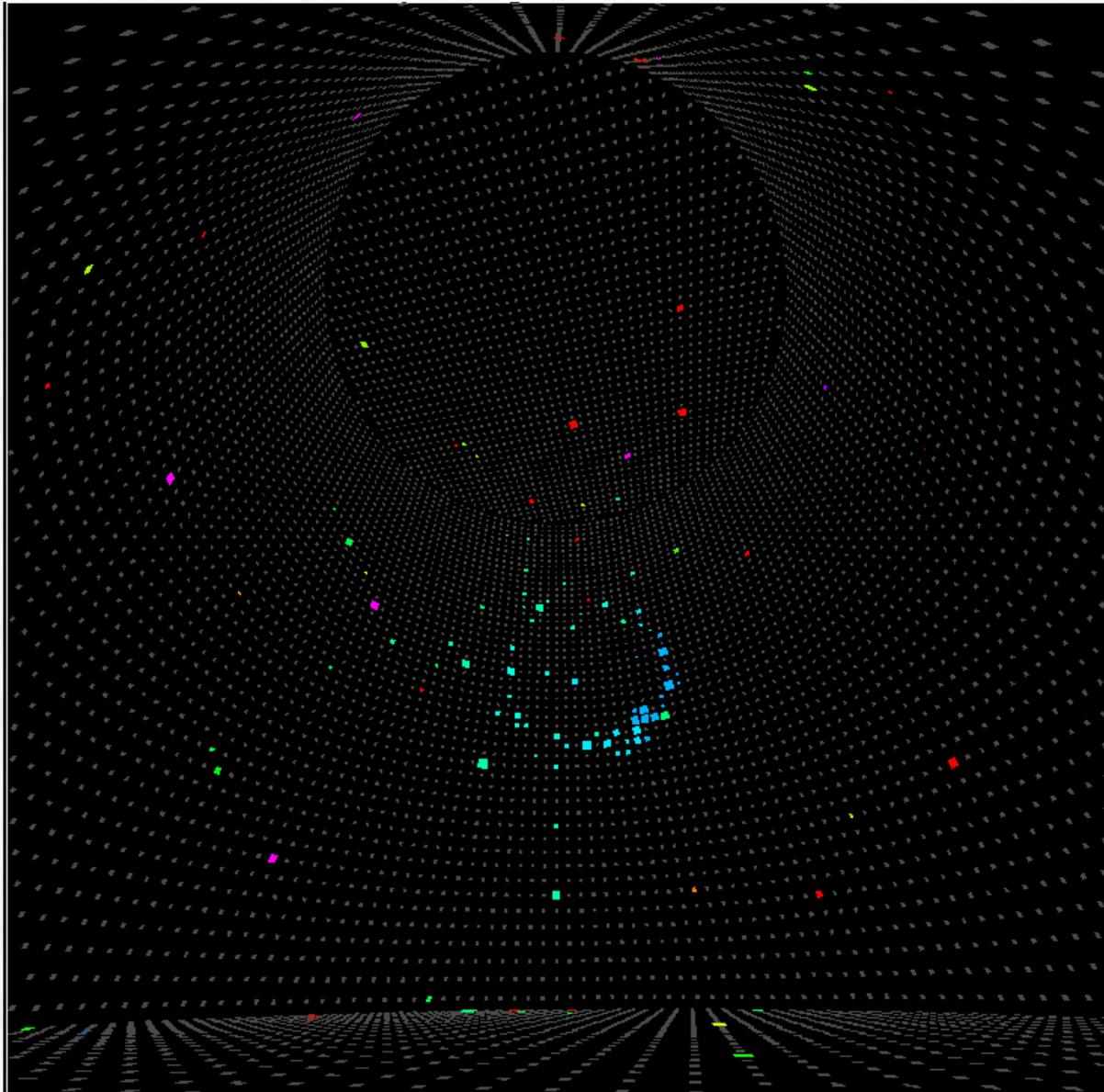
# Superkamiokande-Detektor (Japan)



Zylinder, Höhe = 41.4 m  
Durchmesser = 40 m  
50.000 Tonnen ultrareines Wasser  
Äußeres Volumen (veto) ~2.7 m dick  
Inneres Volumen: ~ 32.000 Tonnen  
(Für  $\nu$ -Nachweis: 22.500 Tonnen)  
11.200 Photomultiplier  
Durchmesser = 50 cm



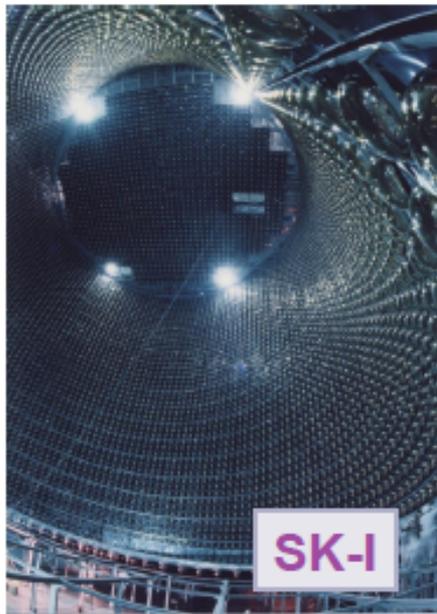




12 MeV  
Neutrino  
von der Sonne  
im SK-Detektor

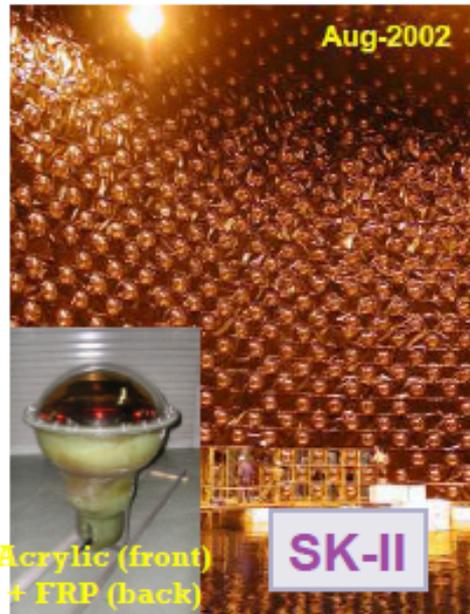
# History of Super-Kamiokande

1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010



11146 ID PMTs  
(40% coverage)

Threshold:  
(Total energy) 5.0 MeV  
(Kinetic energy) ~4.5 MeV



5182 ID PMTs  
(19% coverage)

7.0 MeV  
~6.5 MeV



11129 ID PMTs  
(40% coverage)

5.0 MeV  
~4.5 MeV

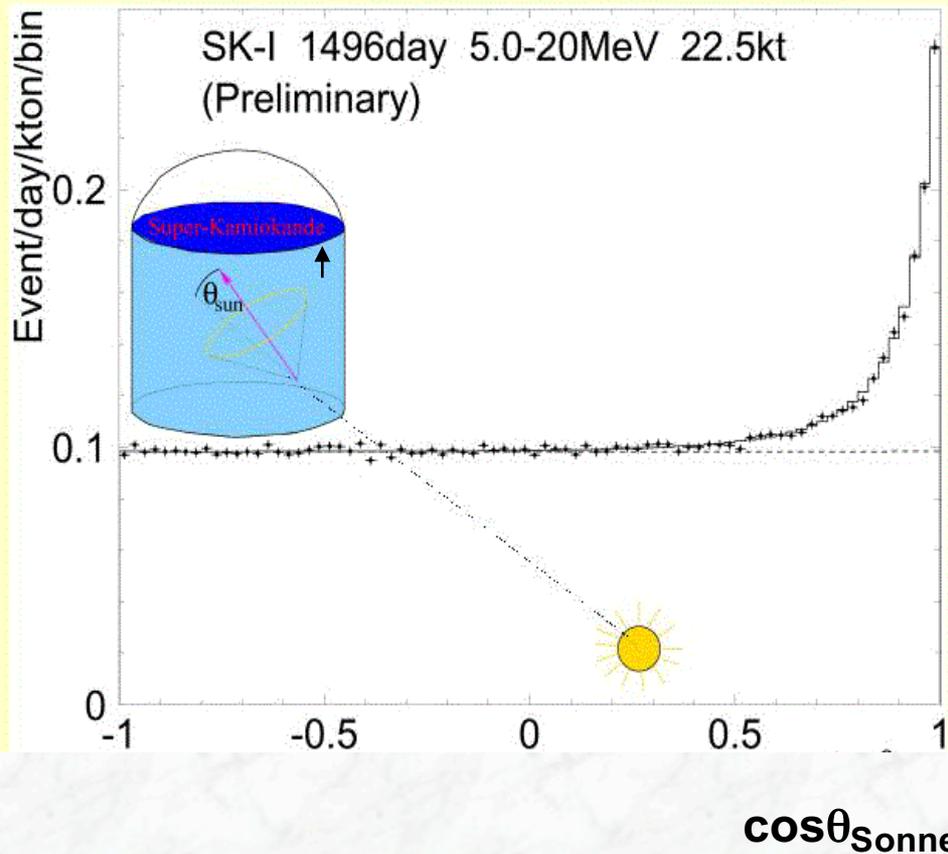


Electronics  
Upgrade

~4.5 MeV < 4.0 MeV  
~4.0 MeV < ~3.5 MeV

now goal

# Solar Peak above 5 MeV



Bestätigung des solaren Ursprungs der nachgewiesenen Neutrinos:

Winkelkorrelation zwischen der Neutrino-Richtung und der Richtung des gestreuten Elektrons

# The GALLEX-Experiment in Gran Sasso

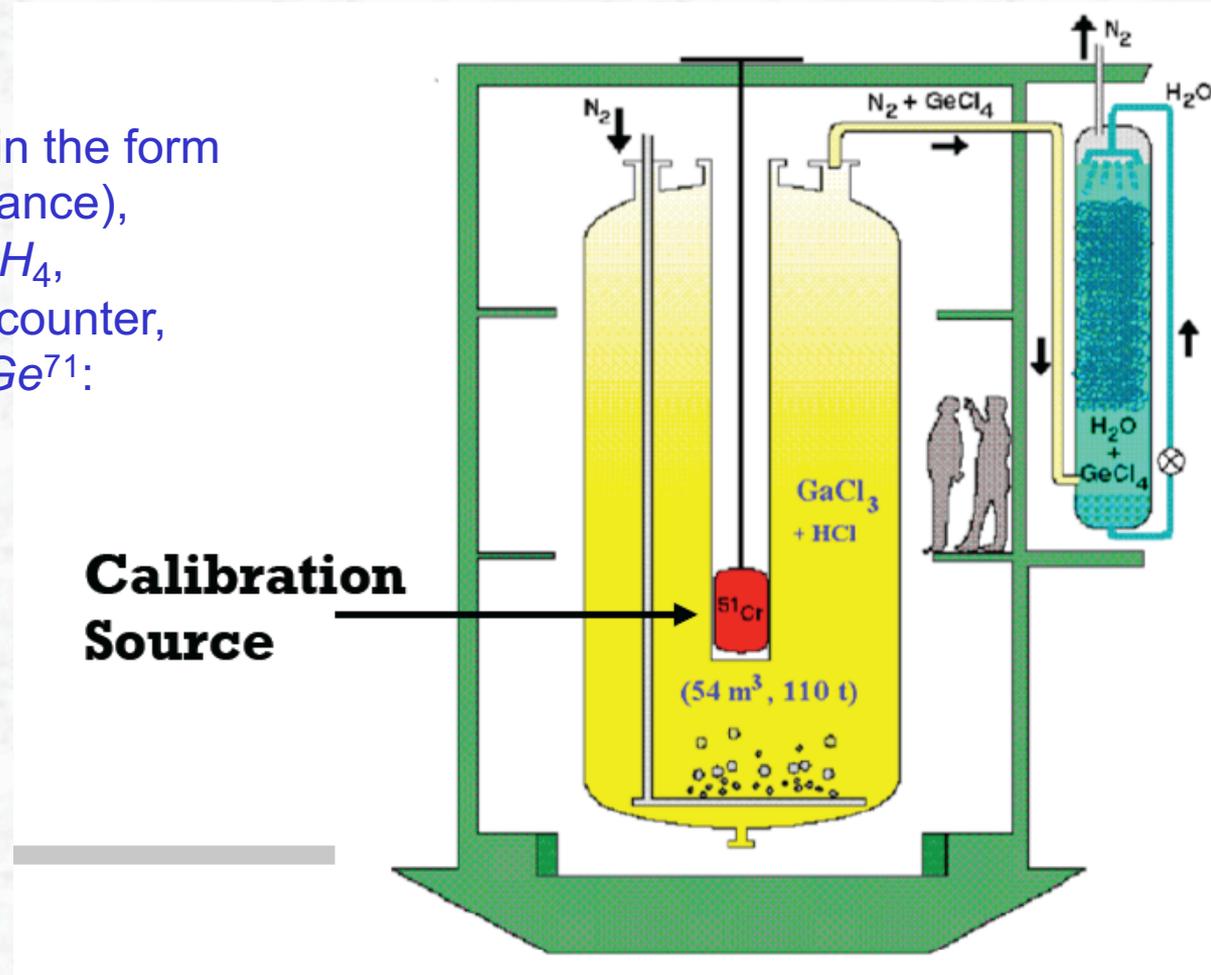
## Experimental method:

- Every few weeks extract  $\text{Ge}^{71}$  in the form of  $\text{GeCl}_4$  (a highly volatile substance), convert chemically to gas  $\text{GeH}_4$ , inject gas into a proportional counter, detect radioactive decay of  $\text{Ge}^{71}$ :



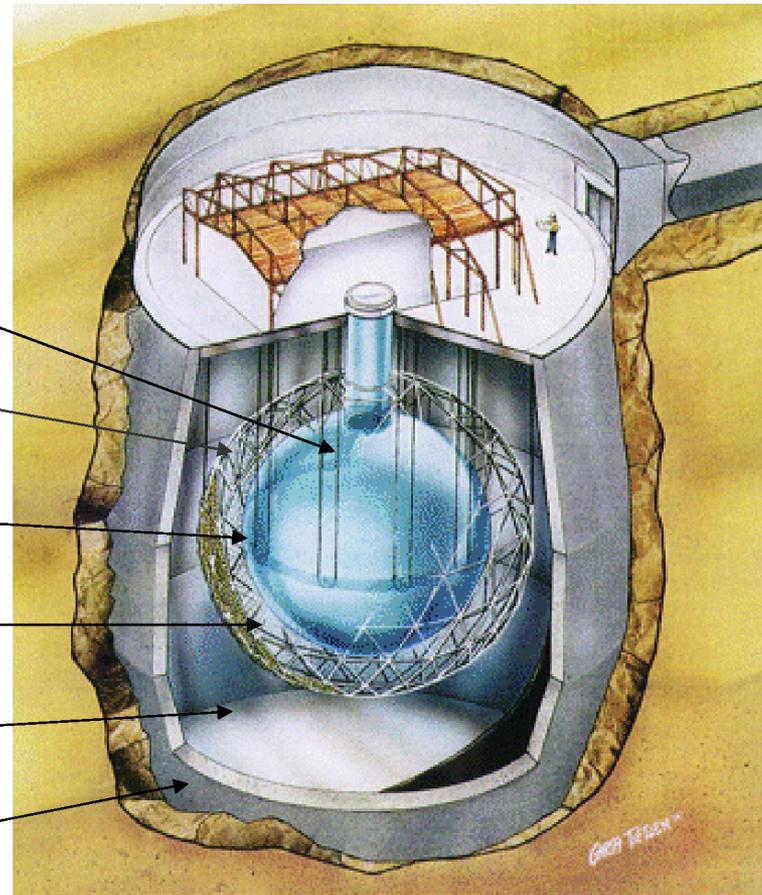
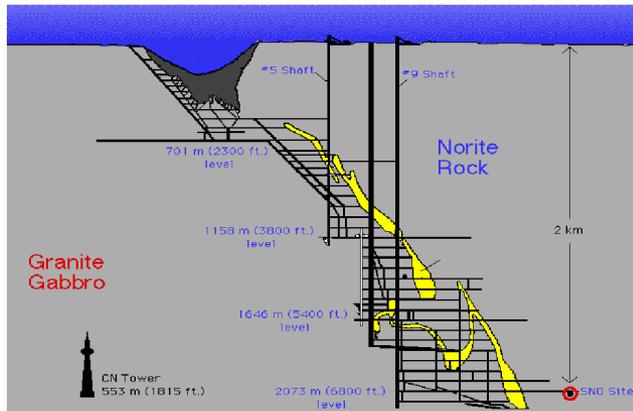
(half-life  $t_{1/2} = 11.43 \text{ d}$ )

- Calibrate full procedure with a well defined (and large)  $\beta$  source ( $^{51}\text{Cr}$ )



# The SNO Experiment

## Sudbury Neutrino Observatory



1000 tonnes D<sub>2</sub>O

Support Structure  
for 9500 PMTs,  
60% coverage

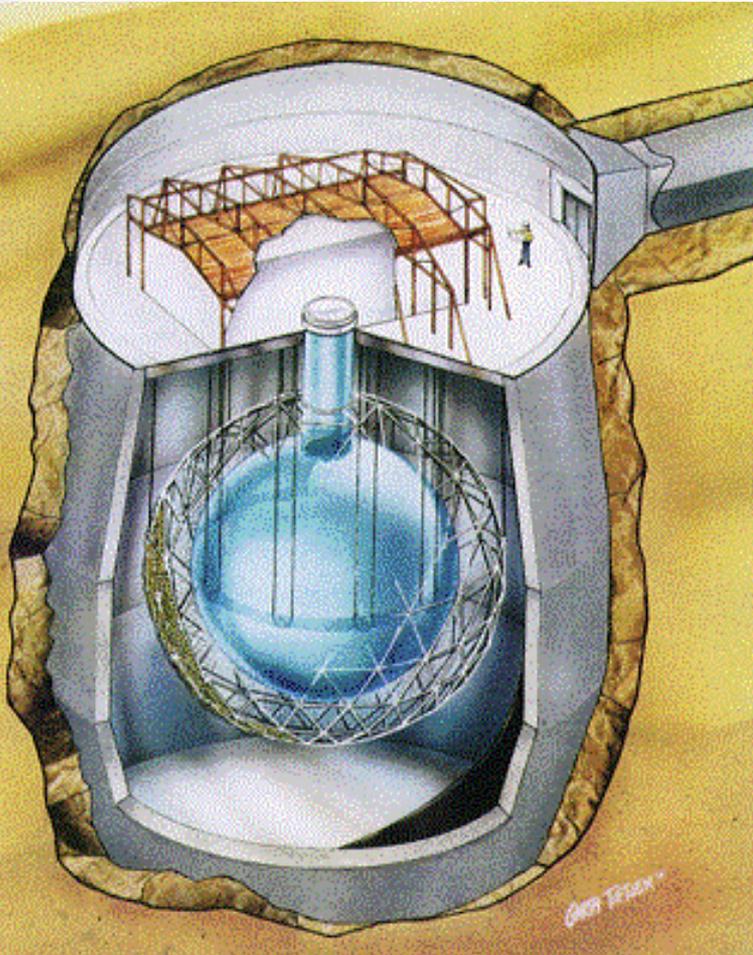
12 m Diameter  
Acrylic Vessel

1700 tonnes Inner  
Shielding H<sub>2</sub>O

5300 tonnes Outer  
Shield H<sub>2</sub>O

Urylon Liner and  
Radon Seal

## Unambiguous demonstration of solar neutrino oscillations:



SNO: a real-time experiment detecting Cherenkov light emitted in 1000 tons of high purity **heavy water**  $D_2O$  contained in a 12 m diam. acrylic sphere, surrounded by 7800 tons of high purity water  $H_2O$

Light collection: 9456 photomultiplier tubes, diam. 20 cm, on a spherical surface with a radius of 9.5 m

Depth: 2070 m (6010 m w.e.) in a nickel mine

Electron energy detection threshold: 5 MeV

Fiducial volume: reconstructed event vertex within 550 cm from the centre

## Solar neutrino detection at SNO:

1. Neutrino-electron elastic scattering (ES):  $\nu + e^- \rightarrow \nu + e^-$

Directional,  $\sigma(\nu_e) \approx 6 \sigma(\nu_\mu) \approx 6 \sigma(\nu_\tau)$  (as in Super-K)

2. Charged Current Reaction (CC):  $\nu_e + d \rightarrow e^- + p + p$

Weakly directional: recoil electron angular distribution  $\propto 1 - (1/3) \cos(\theta_{\text{sun}})$   
Good measurement of the  $\nu_e$  energy spectrum (because the electron takes most of the  $\nu_e$  energy)

3. Neutral Current Reaction (NC):  $\nu + d \rightarrow \nu + p + n$

Equal cross-sections for all three neutrino types

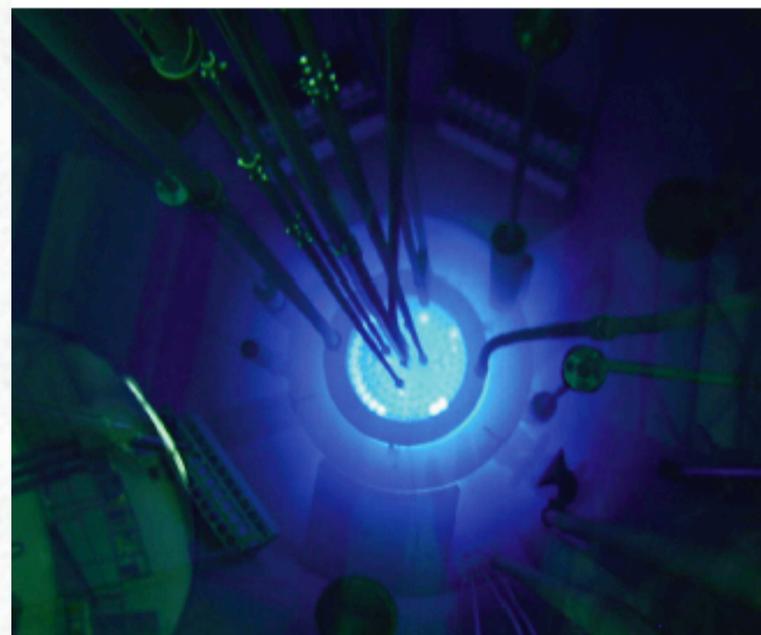
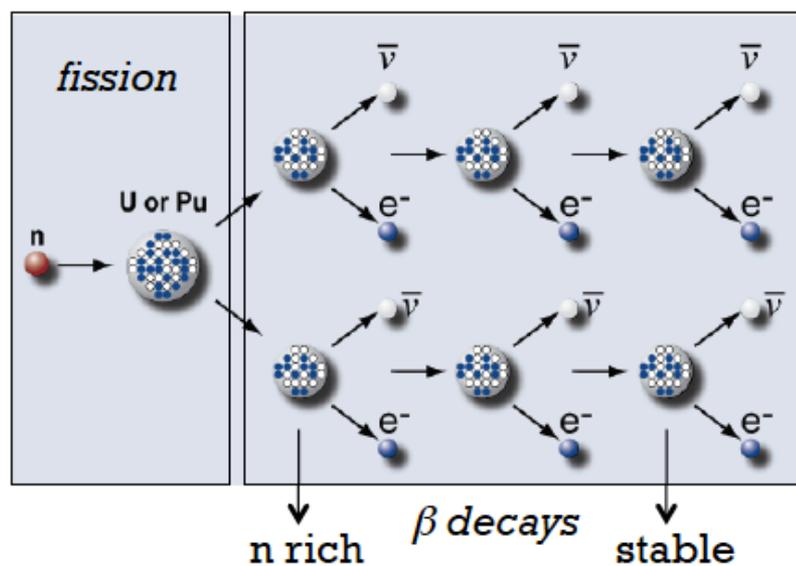
Measure the total solar flux from  $B^8 \rightarrow Be^8 + e^+ + \nu$  in the presence of oscillations by comparing the rates of CC and NC events

# Reactor experiments



- Nuclear reactors are very intense, pure and isotropic sources of anti-electron neutrinos from the neutron-rich fission products

$$\sim 2 \cdot 10^{20} \nu_e \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ GW}_{\text{th}}^{-1}$$

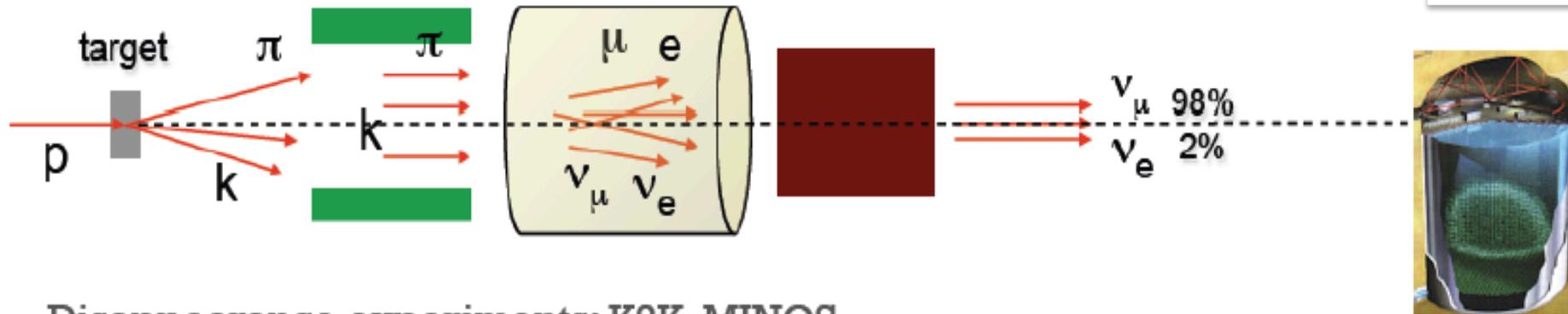


# Neutrinos from accelerators

- *K2K* in Japan
- *T2K* in Japan
- *MINOS* / USA (Fermilab)
- *Gran Sasso* / Italy (CERN)



- Conventional neutrino beam:



- Disappearance experiments: K2K, MINOS

- NOT enough energy to produce lepton in CC reaction

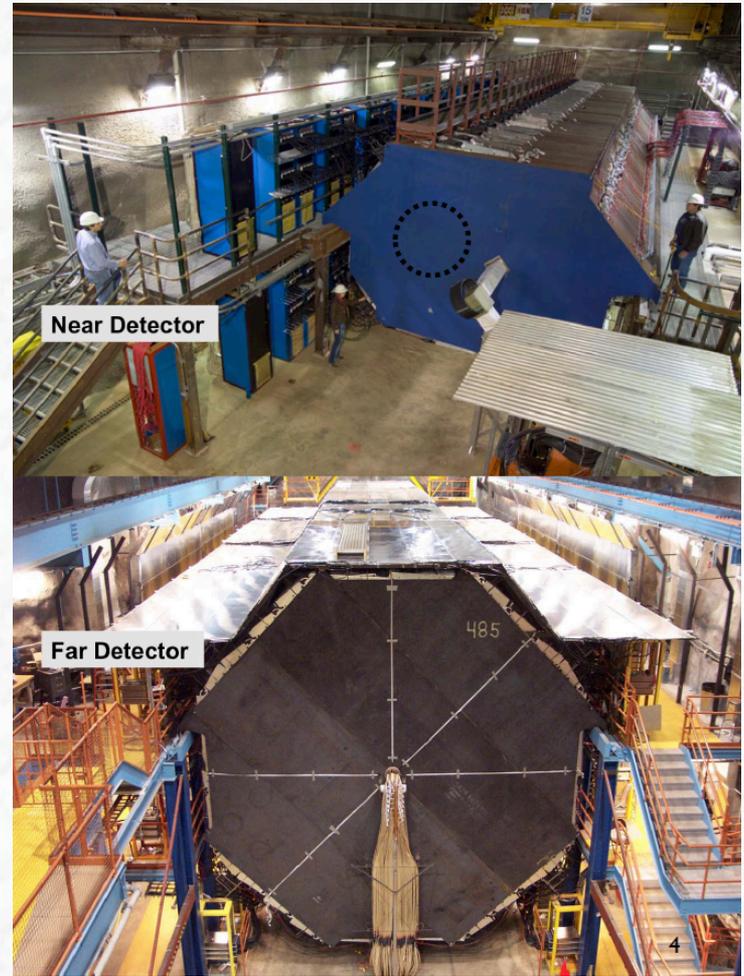
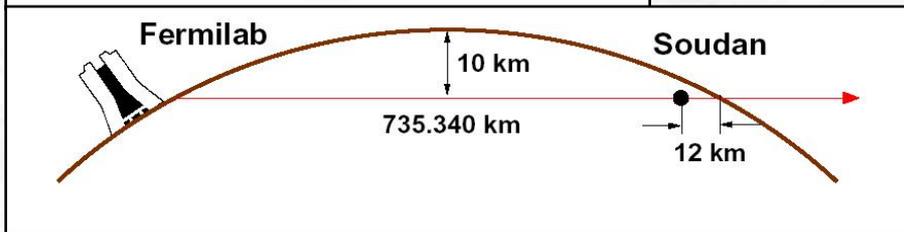
- Appearance experiments: MiniBooNE, OPERA

- Enough energy to produce lepton in CC reaction

- Detector techniques:

- Near/far detectors in disappearance exp.
- Emulsions, liquids
- Magnetized detectors

# Fermilab – MINOS Experiment

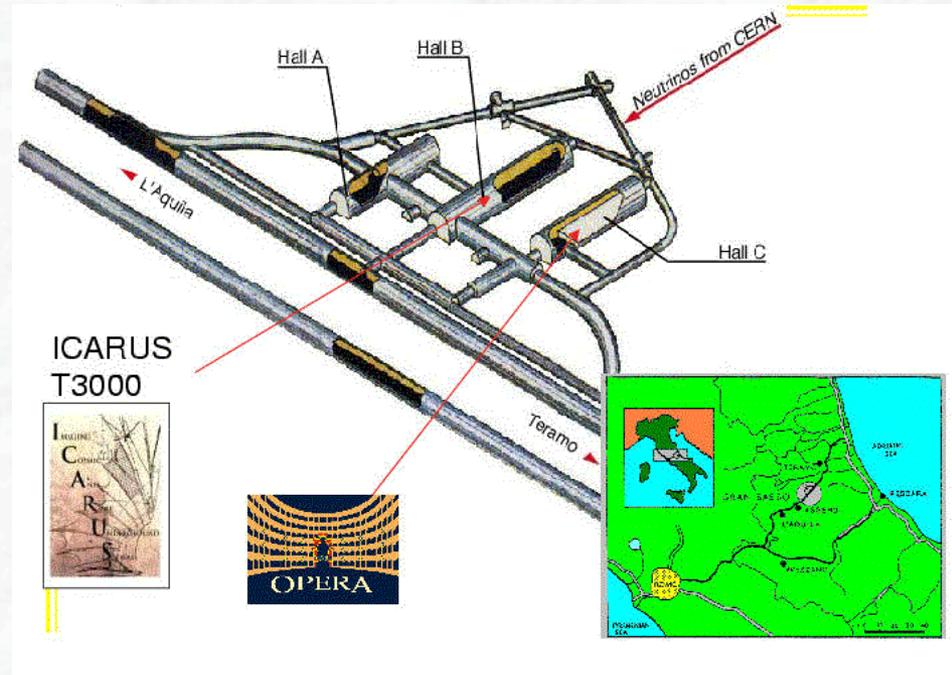
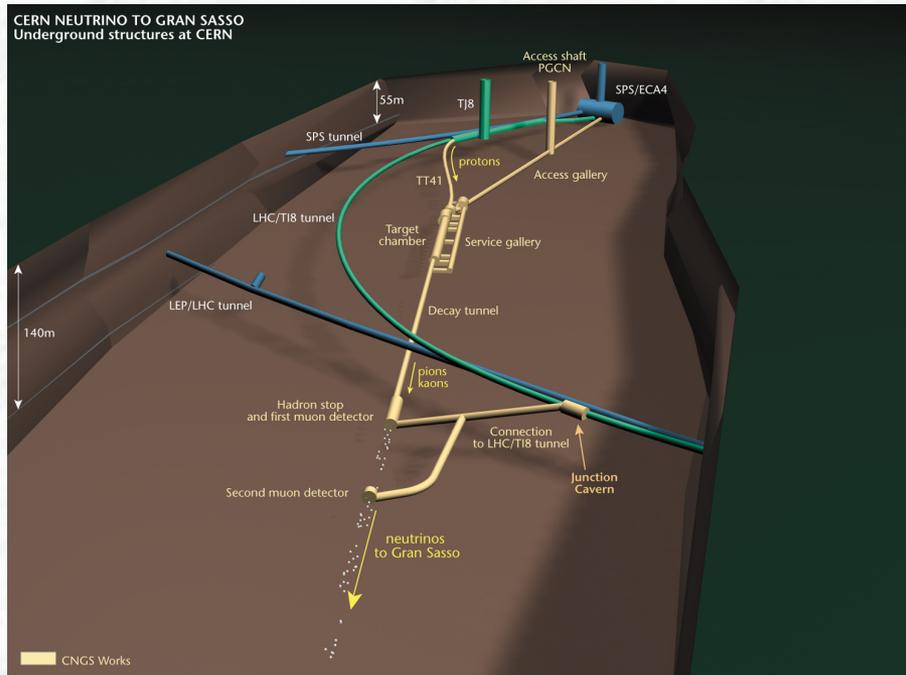


Fermilab Main Injector (MI): 120 GeV proton synchrotron

High intensity:  $4 \times 10^{13}$  protons per cycle,  
repetition rate: 1.9 s,  
 $4 \times 10^{20}$  protons on target,  
decay tunnel:

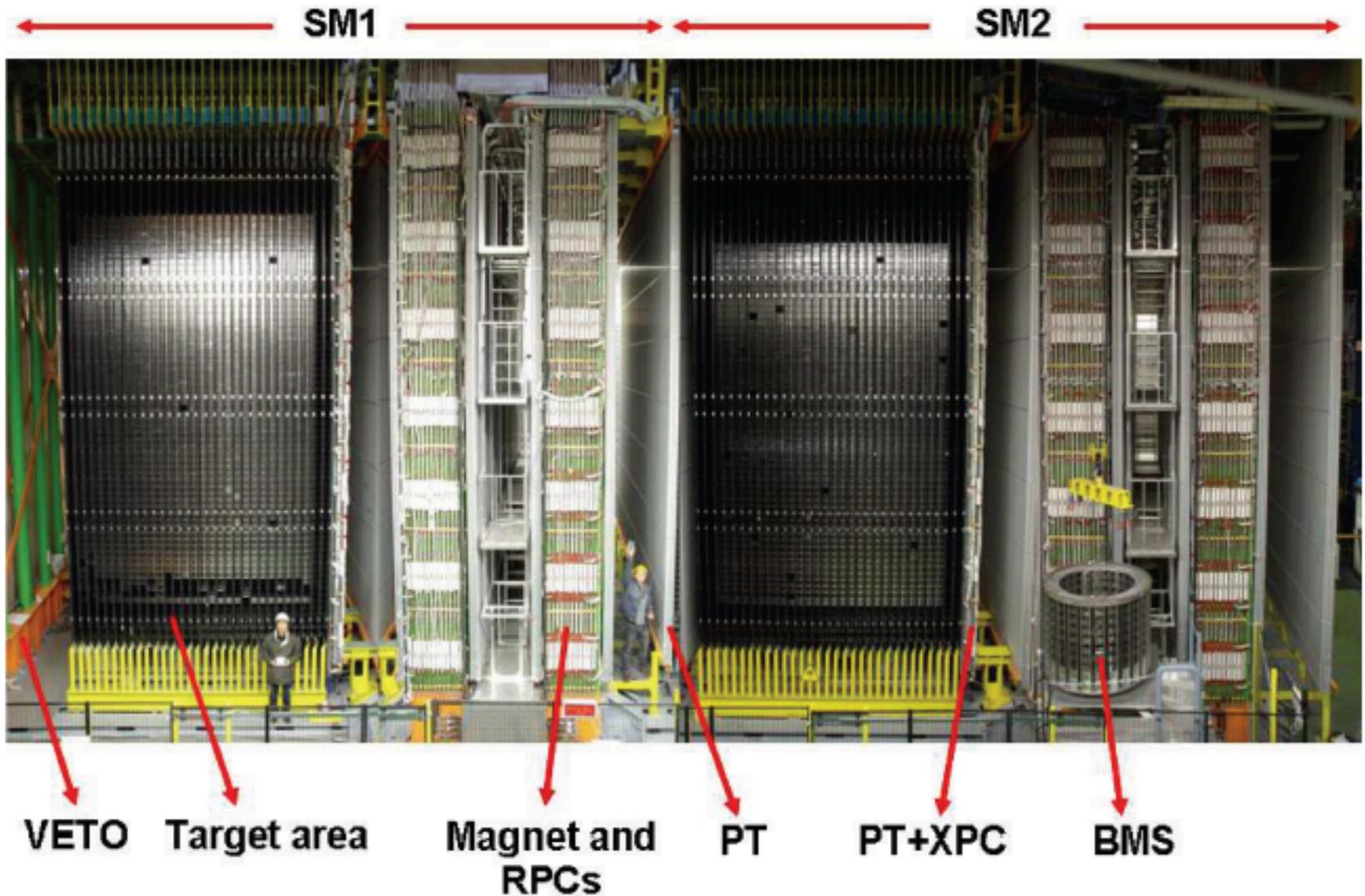
Two detectors: Near: 1.04 km from target  
Far: 735 km from target

# CNGS (CERN Neutrinos to Gran Sasso)



Main goal: Detection of  $\nu_{\tau}$  appearance after 732 km

# OPERA Experiment in Gran Sasso



# Candidate event for $\nu_\tau$ appearance in OPERA

