# Neutrino Physics in Switzerland

Neutrino physics is one of the three pillars of particle physics in Switzerland. 60-70 Physicists & Engineers

High Energy Frontier Neutrino Physics Astroparticle Physics

#### neutrino oscillations

OPERA, T2K (+ NA61), Future (Detector R&D, MICE)

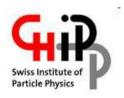
Bern, Geneva, ETHZurich

 $\beta\beta$ O $\nu$  EXO, GERDA

Bern, UniZurich

(part of Astro)
ICECube

**EPLausanne** 



#### Instutitional structure

- -- professors are independent.
- -- One coordinating body: CHIPP

Board: Straumann, Ereditato, Nakada, Pohl

-- funding by home institutions

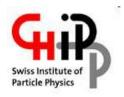
Ecole Polytechnique Zurich Ecole Polytechnique Lausanne Universités/cantons

--Swiss National Foundation

Typically one grant per professor Recently project oriented grants (sinergia for T2K: 2M for 3 years)

- -- one national lab PSI (great beams for  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ ,  $\mu \rightarrow eee$ )
- -- the other host state of CERN

Very strong incentive to work at CERN Very interested in the future of CERN also in neutrino physics!



OPERA experiment at CNGS

Posc\* ot cc (arbitrary units)

 $\Delta m^2 = 3 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ 

 $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{\tau}$  search

x 10<sup>9</sup>

0.4

0.35

0.3

0.25

0.2

0.15

0.1

Emulsion Cloud Chamber + spectrometer charm candidate

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Full mixing, 5 years run,  $4.5 \times 10^{19}$  pot / year target mass = 1.3 kton

τ decay channels	ε(%)	BR (%)	Signal ( $\alpha (\Delta m^2)^2$ ) $\Delta m^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3}$ $eV^2$	Background:	
$ au o \mu$	17.5	17.7	2.9	0.17	
$ au^{-}  ightarrow \mathrm{e}^{-}$	20.8	17.8	3.5	0.17	
$ au  ightarrow h^{\scriptscriptstyle{-}}$	5.8	49.5	3.1	0.24	
$\tau \to 3h$	6.3	15	0.9	0.17	
ALL	εχΒR	=10.6%	10.4	0.75	



v fluence

(730 km => osc. max~1.5 GeV)
450 GeV protons, 20 GeV  $\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu_{\mu}$  peak
\*\*\* No near detector
(OK for low background appearance search)

#### Swiss researchers in OPERA



**OPERA: 35 institutions, 200 people** 

LHEP Bern (including the former Neuchatel group):

A. Ariga, T. Ariga, <u>A. Ereditato</u>, F. Juget, J. Knüsel, I. Kreslo, G. Lutter, F. Meisel, M. Messina, <u>U. Moser</u>, C. Pistillo, K. Pretzl, J.L. Vuilleumier

#### ETHZ:

A. Badertscher, C. Lazzaro, A. Rubbia, T. Strauss

#### Past and current activities:

conceptual design (A.E.,Niwa, Strolin, 1997), proposal, CNGS design;
Target Tracker, lead production monitoring, microscopes and emulsion film robot, test
beams; emulsion scanning and physics analysis;
management duties: A. E. (Spokesperson)



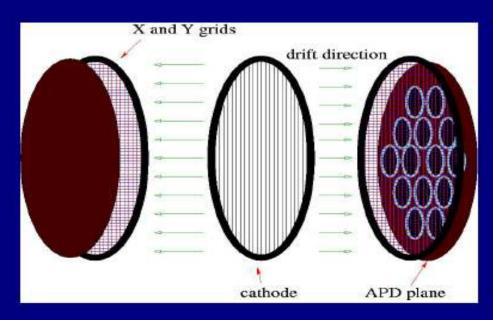
# EXO: search for 0νββ decay of <sup>136</sup>Xe

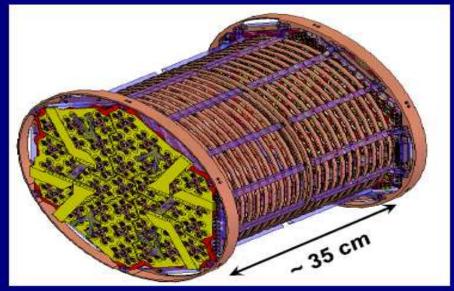
#### Swiss EXO members

Bern: M.Auger, R.Gornea, F. Juget, G. Giroux, G. Lutter, J-L.Vuilleumier, J-M.Vuilleumier

# EXO-200 liquid Xenon TPC

Charge & scintillation light readout





# Expected performance of EXO-200

- Very low radioactive background
  - Careful selection of materials, optimized custom design
  - Manufacturing, handling and installation in clean rooms
- Very good energy resolution
  - charge+light readout, 1.6 % @ 2.5 MeV

#### Physics runs starting in 2009. Projected run time: ~ 2 years

	Mass (ton)				Radioactive background (events)			na mass eV)
EXO- 200	0.2	70	2	1.6	40	6.4x10 <sup>25</sup>	0.133	0.186

Note:  $2\nu\beta\beta$  not yet observed in  $^{136}$ Xe, limit at  $T_{1/2} > 1.2*10^{24}$  years (90% CL)

#### **Swiss GERDA members**

Zurich: L. Baudis, A. Ferella, F. Froborg, R. Santorelli, M. Tarka

- Phase I: 18 kg <sup>76</sup>Ge detectors; 30 kg years
- Sensitivity reach:

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 3.0 \times 10^{25} yr$$

$$\langle m_{\nu e} \rangle < 0.27 eV$$

- Phase II: 40 kg enriched <sup>76</sup>Ge detectors
- · Sensitivity reach after 150 kg years:

$$T_{1/2}^{0v} > 15 \times 10^{25} yr$$

$$\langle m_{ve} \rangle < 0.11 eV$$





GERDA LAr cryostat

detector array

# Swiss responsibility: calibration system

- type and source configuration
- source collimators; screening of collimator materials with HPGe detector
- gamma and neutron backgrounds in source parking position
- source strength for pulse shape discrimination of single vs multiple-site events
- dynamic data base with calibration parameters

Start commissioning: mid 2009



#### Swiss T2K members



#### within a ~300 people international collaboration

Bern: A. Ariga, F. Bay, A. Ereditato, E. Frank, M. Hess, F. Juget, I. Kreslo,

M. Messina, U. Moser, C. Pistillo, H.U. Schuetz

ETHZ: A. Badertscher, A. Gendotti, S. Horikawa, L. Knecht, A. Marchionni,

G. Natterer, V. Pettinacci, A. Rubbia, C. Strabel, T. Viant

Geneva: N. Abgrall, J. Argyriades, P. Bene, A. Blondel, A. Bravar, F. Cadoux,

A. Ferrero, D. Ferrere, F. Masciocchi, S. Murphy, E. Perrin, M. Ravonel

Participation started with K2K (HARP data) and first observation of accelerator based muon neutrino disappearance. (UNIGE)

TPC readout development, mechanics, testing and assembly; (Geneva)

muon beam monitoring (emulsion detectors); (Bern)

ND 280 magnet refurbishment transport installation; (ETHZ)

analysis activities; management: Executive Committee (A. Rubbia), Global Analysis

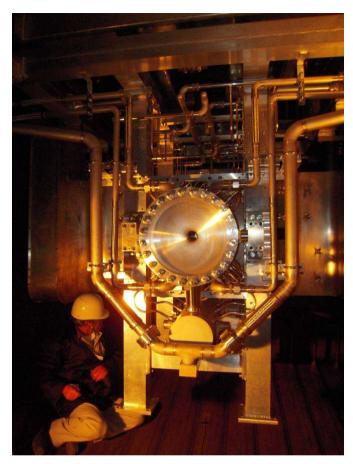
Conv. (A. Blondel)

## Status of T2K

30 GeV proton beam accelerated 23Dec09!



neutrino beam line SC magnets installed and tested at 30 GeV

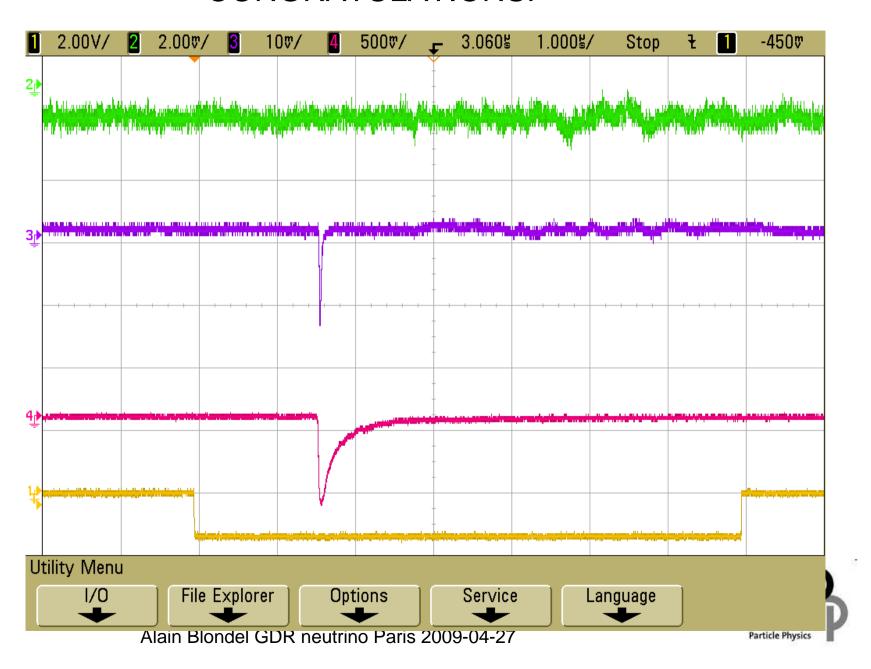


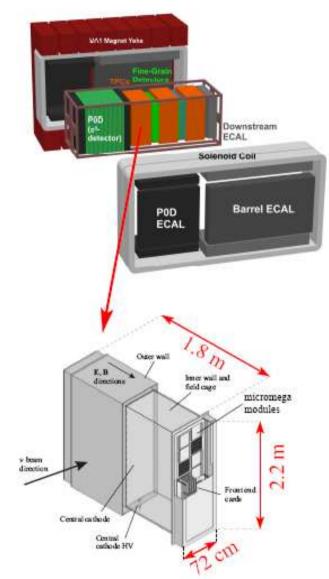
1st horn and target installed

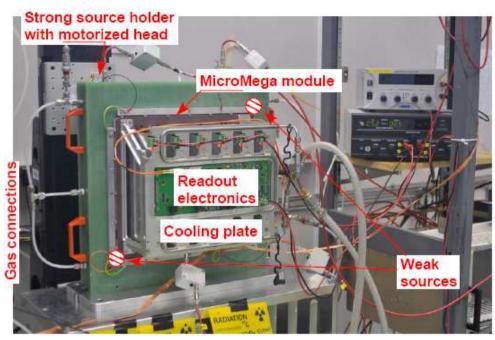
# 1st beam on target (low power) 23April 2009 19:09 JST

Far detector (Super KamiokaNDE) ready now (new electronics) Near detector ND280 under completion. Operational end 2009 1st physics run: Dec09 - 2010 ==>  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$  sensitivity ~ 0.06 5 years (10<sup>7</sup>s@ 0.75MW) ==>  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$  sensitivity ~ 0.006

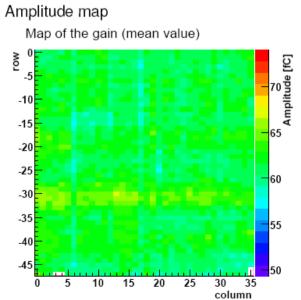
# FIRST BEAM ON T2K TARGET CONGRATULATIONS!

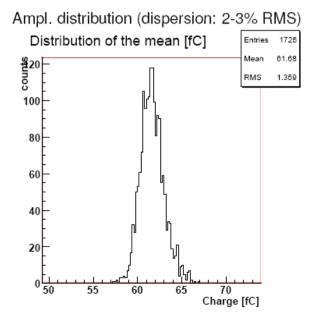






# Main detector contribution to T2K: ND280 Magnet and TPC calibration





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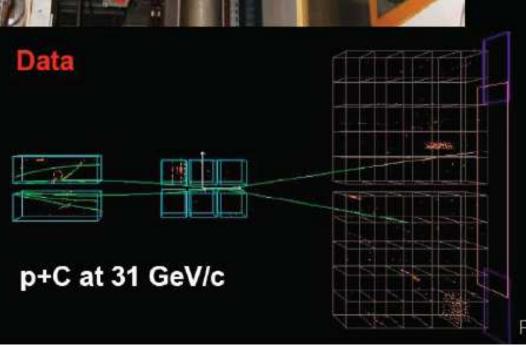
# SHINE NA61

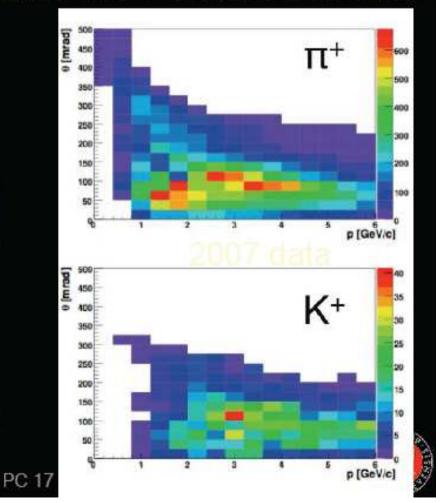
# NA61/SHINE expt at CERN

 $\pi$  and K prod. in p+C collisions at 30 GeV ==> predict T2K  $v_{\mu}$  &  $v_{e}$  fluxes Acceptance covers T2K beam line

data in 2007 + 30Xmore in 2009





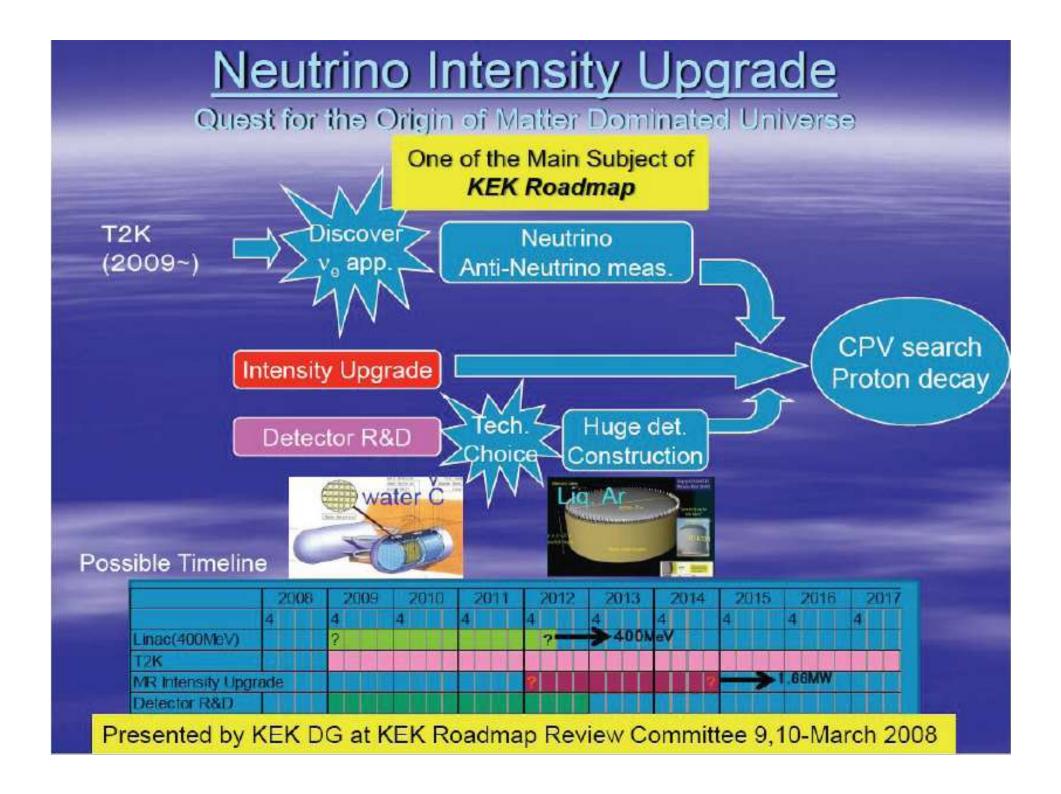


Swiss groups certainly follow the future possibilities at T2K!

- -- e.g. far detector LArg possibilities (ETHZ)
- -- near detector issues (UNIGE)

Three Possible Scenario Studied at NP08 Workshop





# Long term future of neutrino physics

CP violation in quarks was discovered in 1964. Followed a long program to understand its nature and measure it precisely, test universality etc... Still ongoing after 45 years!

Three-neutrino oscillations predict leptonic CP violation. This is a key ingredient for the leading explanation of the baryon-antibaryon asymmetry of the Universe by Leptogenesis.

We have not discovered leptonic CP yet...

==> it seems that there is a long future for the required accelerator neutrino oscillation experiments!

CH groups are actively involved in the study of future options for neutrino physics

- -- 1998 ECFA neutrino factory study groups
  - ==> BENE network in CARE (2004-2008) (UNIGE+UNINE,UNIBE)
    - ==> EUROnu design study + NEU2012 network in EUCARD (UNIGE)
- + Laguna (ETHZ, UNIBE) design study for underground detector site

  Alain Blondel GDR neutrino Paris 2009-04-27

  Swiss Institute Physical P



# Longer term future of neutrino physics & Switzerland

CH groups are actively involved in the study of future worldwide options for neutrino physics. As far as European initiatives are concerned:

Potential future neutrino projects in Europe beyond the CNGS

- ECFA, for what concerns the accelerator based programs, and
- **ApPEC**, for large underground (astroparticle physics) detectors, synergy through searches for rare processes such as proton decay and detection of neutrinos from supernovae.

Two design studies supported by the European FP7 program:

- the **EuroNU** design study (+NEU2012 network in EUCARD) is dedicated to the assessment and technical development of next generation high-intensity superbeams, beta-beams and neutrino factories (*Geneva*)
- the **LAGUNA** design study dedicated to the feasibility of very large underground infrastructure able to host next generation neutrino physics and astroparticle physics and proton decay experiment (*Bern, ETHZ*)

# CERN Strategy Group

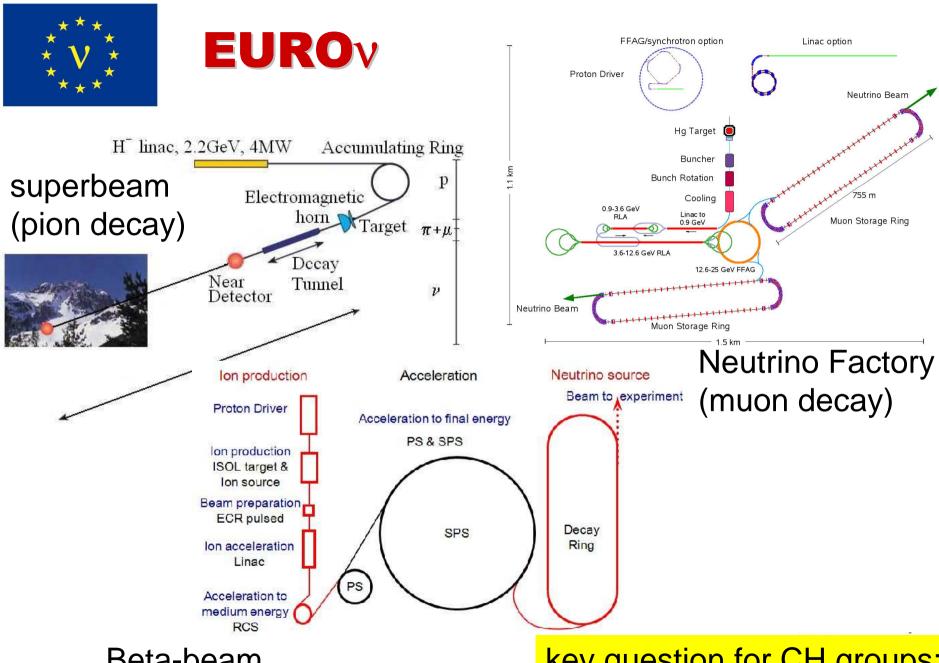
.....studies of the scientific case for future neutrino facilities and the R&D into associated technologies are required to be in a position to define the optimal neutrino programme based on the information available in around 2012; Council will play an active role in promoting a coordinated European participation in a global neutrino programme"

- Crucial R&D for 2<sup>nd</sup> generation facilities (post T2K)
- Include 3 main European candidates:
  - CERN to Frejus Super-Beam
  - Neutrino Factory
  - Beta-Beam
- Performance and "cost" comparison
- Present outcome to SG
- Done in collaboration, not competition
   15 partners, coordinator STFC



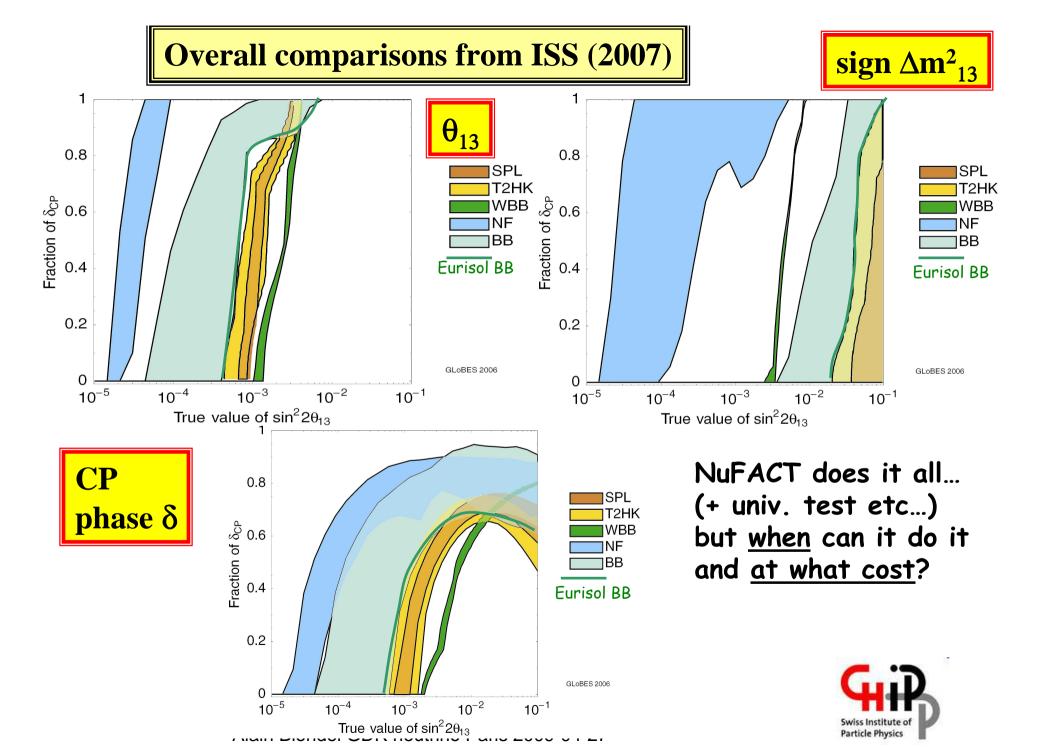
- Created end 2006
- Submitted proposal: May 07; total cost 14.5M€, EC 4.8M€
- Outcome: August 07 ranked first, negotiate for 4.0M€
- Negotiations slow, but complete!
- Project started: 1st September
- Duration: 4 years completion in 2012, as required
- GA signed





Beta-beam rad-ion decay GDR neutrino Paris 2009-04

key question for CH groups: can any of this be at CERN?



LAGUNA: approved EU FP7, RI design study for site localization of the future European Large Underground Neutrino and Astroparticle Observatory.

Detector options: LENA (liquid scint.), GLACIER (LAr), MEMPHYS (water Cerenkov)



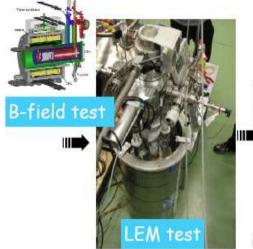
- Swiss groups: Bern and ETHZ (~15 CH researchers)
- Scientific interest in promoting the GLACIER option
- Following the current Swiss initiatives in the field of LAr TPC detectors
- A. Rubbia Project Coordinator





# Steps towards GLACIER

## Small prototypes ➡ ton-scale detectors ➡ 1 kton ➡ ?

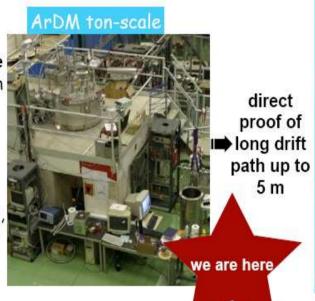


proof of principle doublephase LAr LEM-TPC on 0.1x0.1 m<sup>2</sup> scale

LEM readout on 1x1 m² scale

UHV, cryogenic system at ton

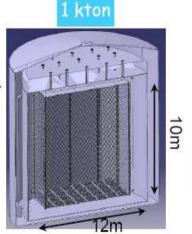
scale, cryogenic pump for
recirculation, PMT operation
in cold, light reflector and
collection, very high-voltage
systems, feed-throughs,
industrial readout electronics,
safety (in Collab. with CERN)

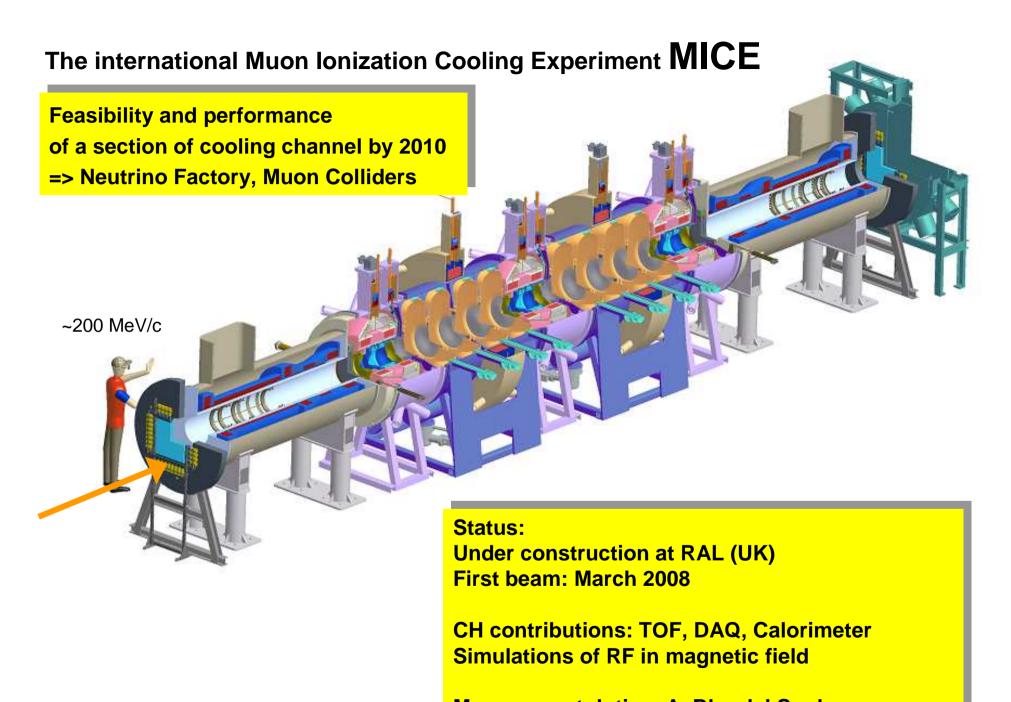


Application of LAr LEM TPC to neutrino physics: particle identification (200-1000 MeV electrons), optimization of readout and electronics, cold ASIC electronics, possibility of neutrino beam exposure

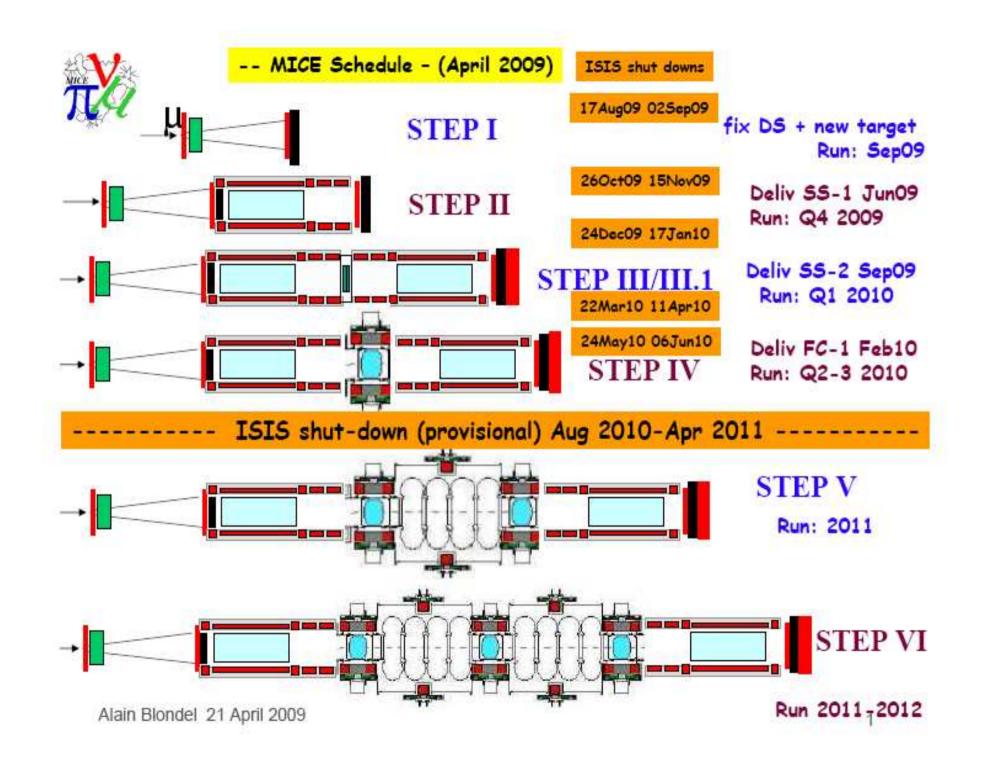


full engineering demonstrator for larger detectors, acting as near detector for neutrino fluxes and cross-sections measurements, ...





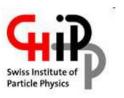
Alain Blondel GDR neutring Management duties: A. Blondel Spokesmouse



# Swiss conclusions for oscillation physics

#### Main lines of interest:

- -- present and future of T2K
- longer term future at CERN
   but starting with accelerator and detector R&D at/with CERN
- -- Leading effort in Laguna, MICE, Liquid Argon R&D



# Structuring the European Neutrino community

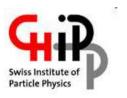
# EUCARD NEU2012 Palladino/ Efthymiopoulos / Blondel

Follow up from ECFA WG/BENE Past successes

- -MICE
- -NNN02 → T2K-EU
- -EUROnu

Aims fro the next 4 years:

- -- European Neutrino Roadmap
- -- coordinated detector R&D



## Writing the European Neutrino Oscillation Roadmap

#### Have agreed to contribute:

#### Theory

Manfred Lindner John Ellis (POFPA) or Michelangelo Mangano José Bernabeu

#### **Experiments**

André Rubbia (LAGUNA) Antonio Ereditato (CHIPP-OPERA)

C. Rubbia et al (ICARUS)

Francesco Terranova (INFN-OPERA deputy)

David Wark (T2K International spokesperson)

Jenny Thomas (MINOS deputy spokesperson)

Hervé de Kerret (DCHOOZ)

Agnieszka Zalewska (SPC panel chair)

Marcos Dracos (IN2P3)

Marco Zito (DAPNIA-EUROnu SB)

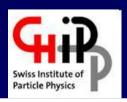
Alessandro Baldini (MEG spokesperson/Marco Grassi)

will also include EUROnu (NF) (Long),

EUROnu (BB) (Lindroos or other) EUROnu (Rob Edgecock)

Ilias Efthymiopoulos (MERIT)

+ Alain Blondel, Silvia Pascoli and Fanny Dufour



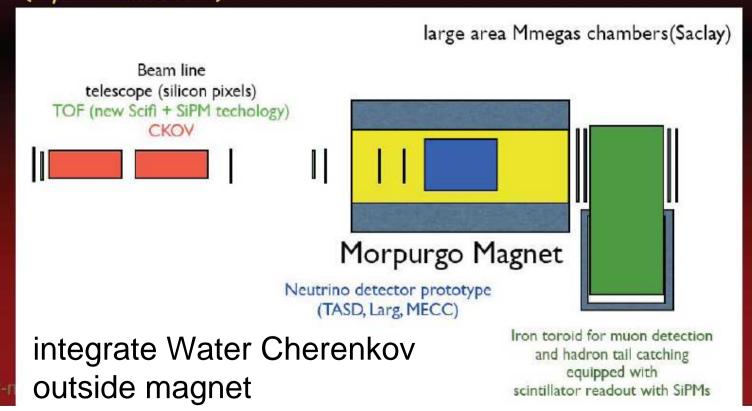


#### **NEUTRINO DETECTOR TEST BEAM**

Originally proposed for 'Devdet' detector development in synergy with LHC upgrade and linear collider.

Answer key experimental questions on detectors for future neutrino beams ex: . charge confusion for low energy muons in iron-scintillator sandwich.

- . properties of stopping pions and muons in Liquid Argon and Water
- . Integration of emulsions/Larg/TASD with magnetized iron spectrometer (Hybrid detector)



#### Next steps:

#### **Cern workshop in May:**

- -- make the point that ALL neutrino facilities studied in EUROnu require a high power proton machine
- -- make the point that a lot needs to be learned about neutrino detectors e.g. properties of stopping low energy particles

#### **CERN** workshop in October

-- organization starting; « roadmap committee » will be informed and consulted.

CERN-SPC working group (Zalewska, Aleksan, Blondel, Dornan, Meyer, Zwirner) report in december

Decision on SPL will be made in 2011!

