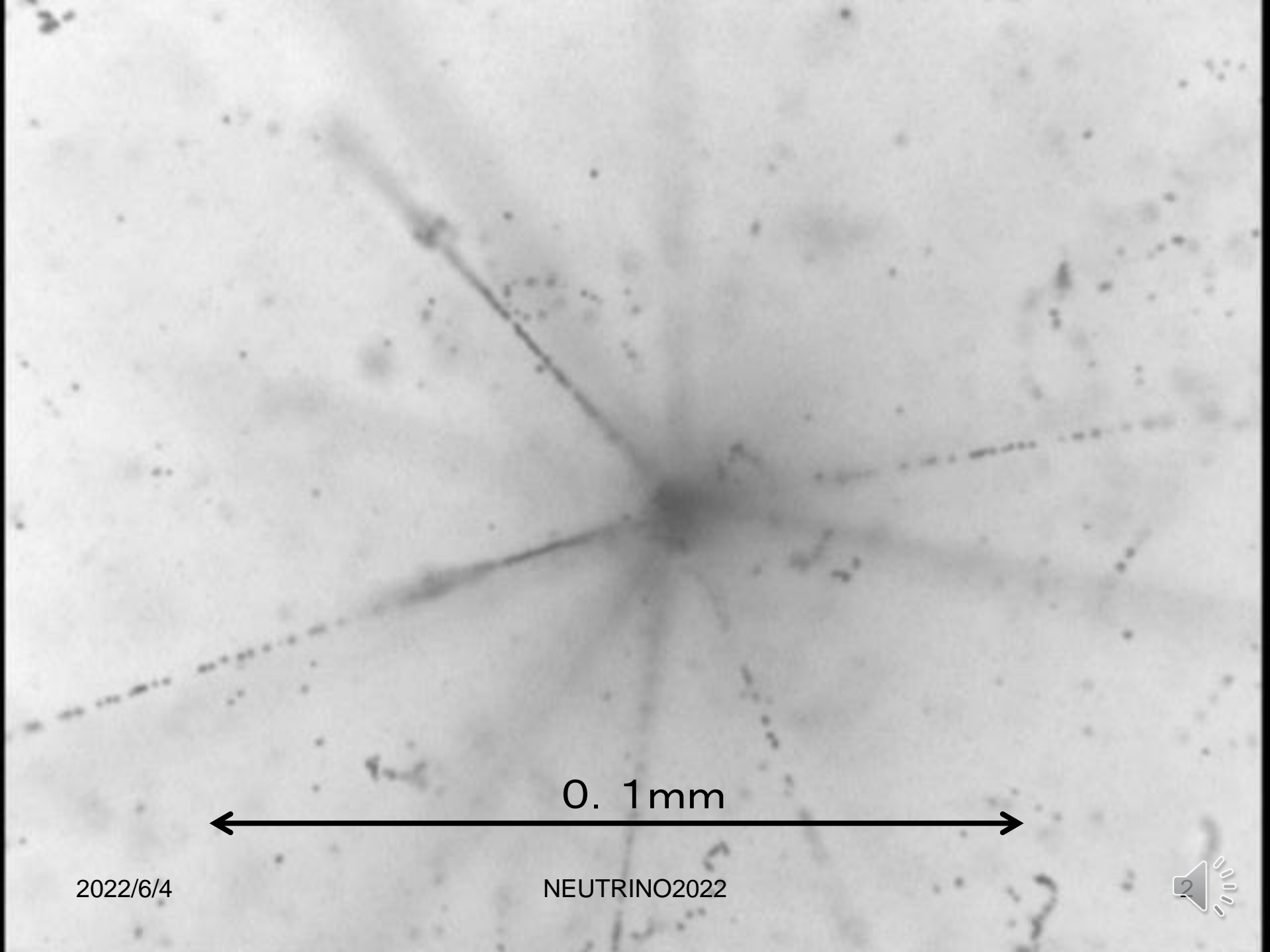


# Overview on emulsion detector technique

Toshiyuki NAKANO  
Emulsion readout system

Hiroki ROKUJO  
Emulsion film production

Nagoya Univ.



0. 1mm

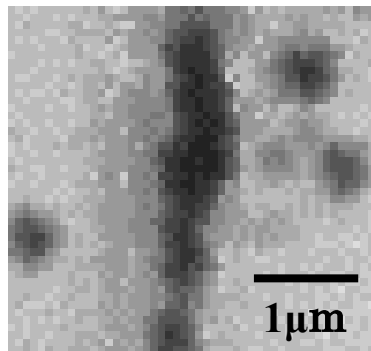
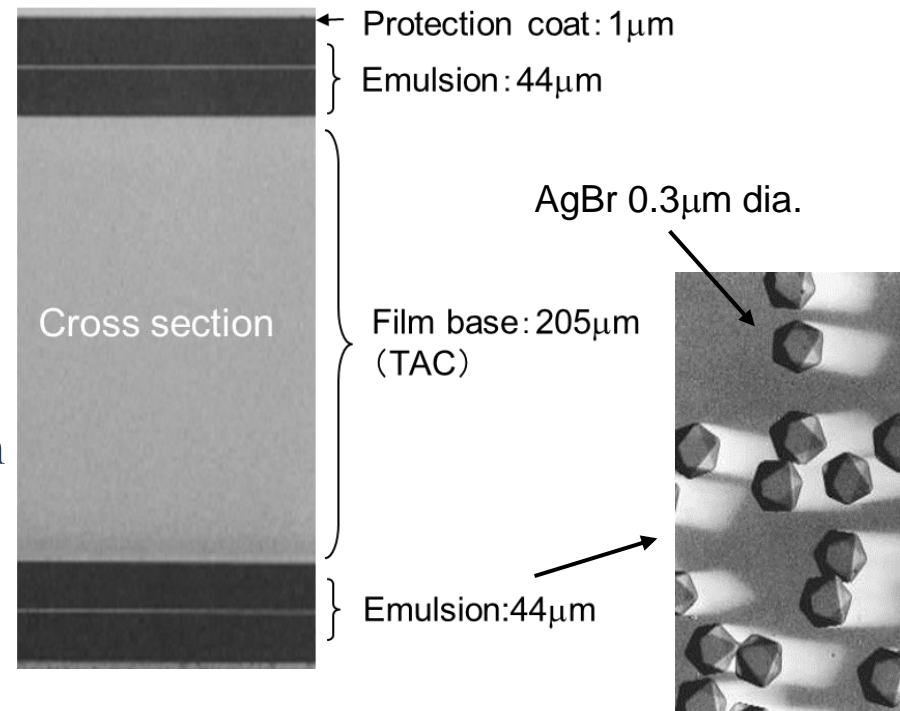
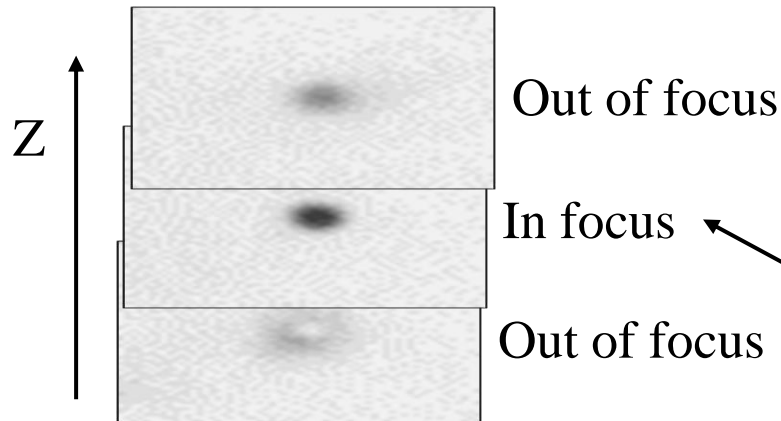
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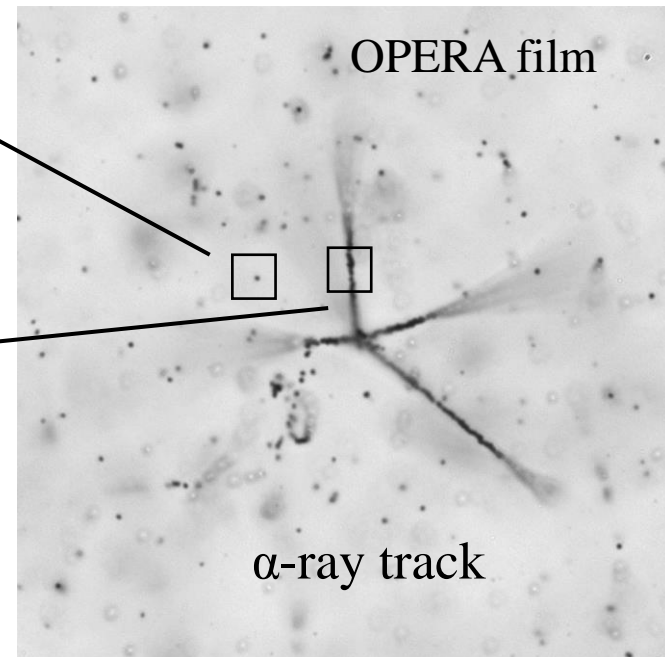


# Nuclear emulsion

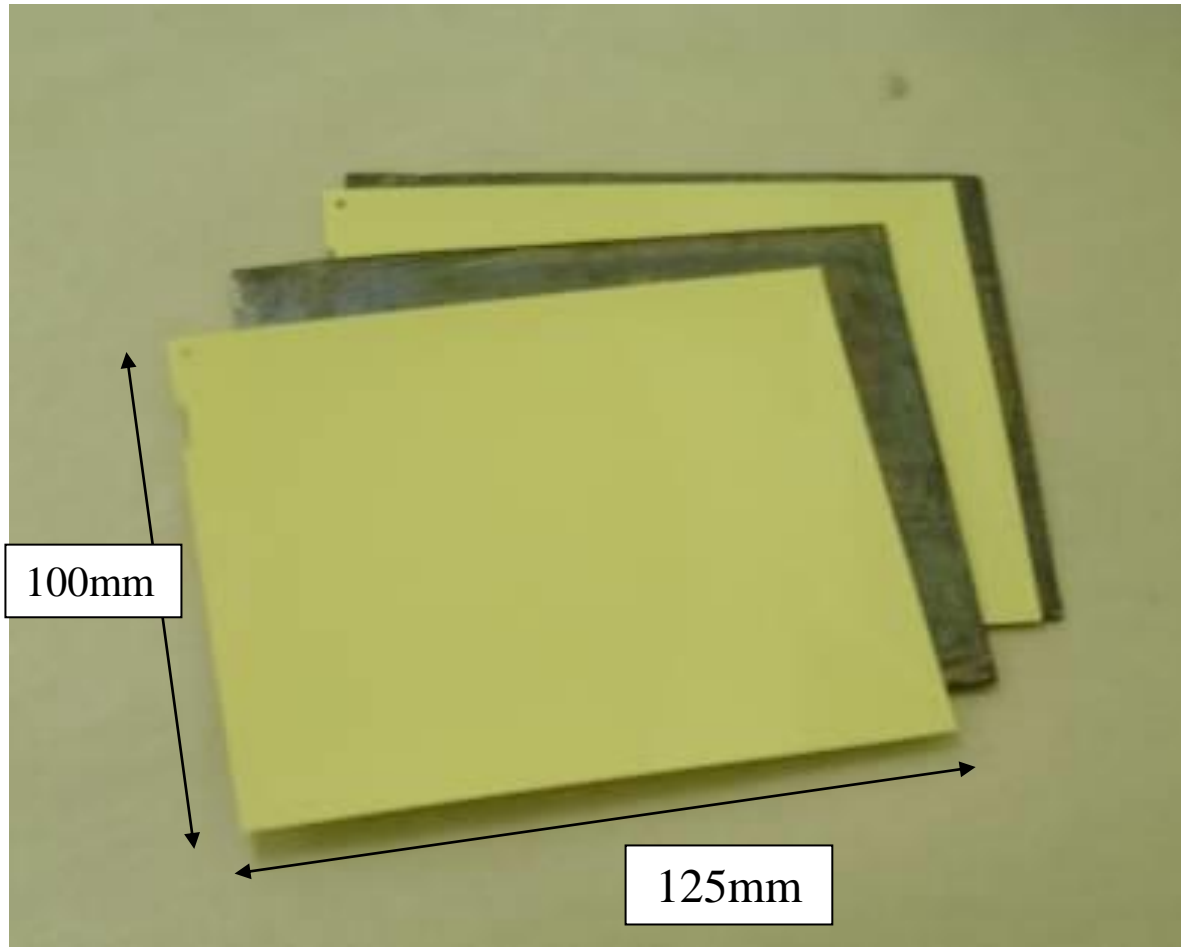
- 3D tracking detector
- Thickness of the emulsion layer  $>50\mu\text{m}$
- Microscope depth of field  $\sim 3\mu\text{m}$
- Size of the silver grain  $\sim 0.3\mu\text{m}$
- Optical resolution which is required  $<0.5\mu\text{m}$



Stacked image res.  $0.27\mu\text{m}$



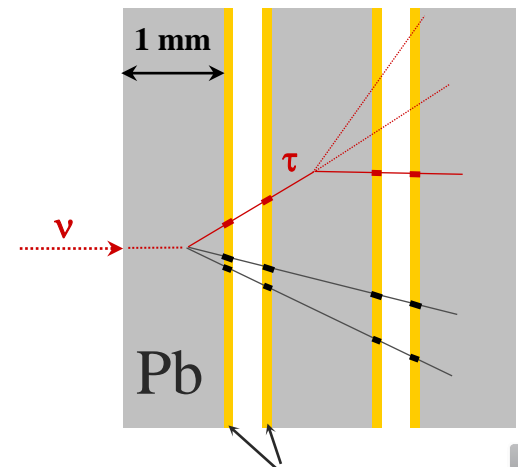
# Nuclear Emulsion Film



**Emulsion Cloud Chamber**



**56 lead plates + 57 films**



**Nuclear Emulsion Films**

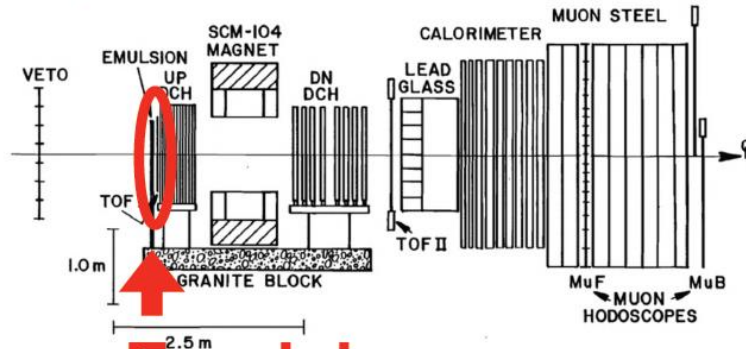




1979-

## Fermilab E531

Neutrino Charm Production  
 $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$  Oscillation Search



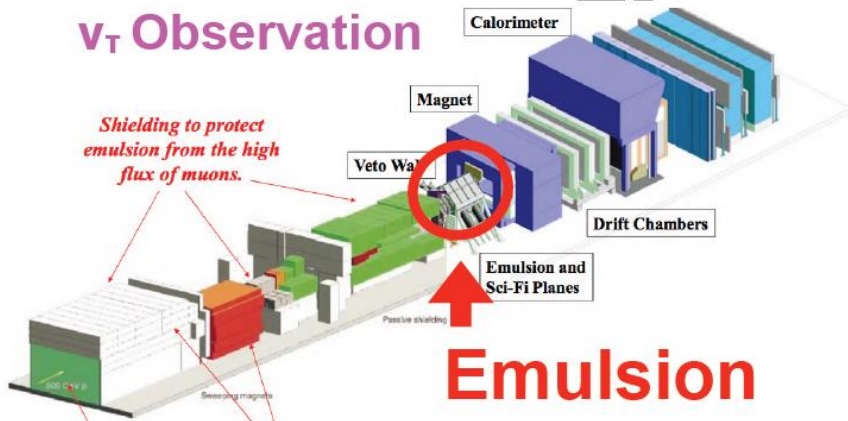
**Emulsion**

1997-

## Fermilab E872 DONUT

Direct Observation of  $\nu_\tau$

$\nu_\tau$  Observation



**Emulsion**

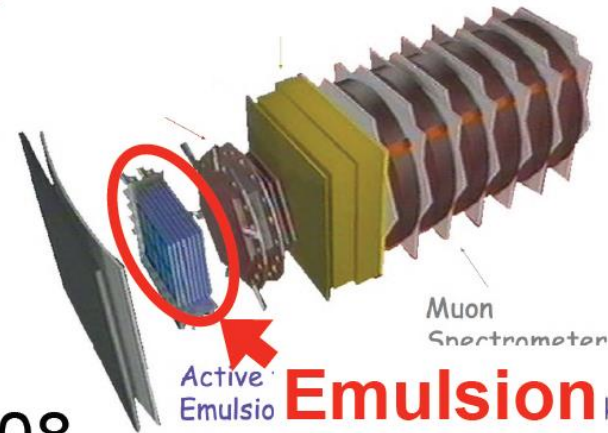
1994-



## CERN WA95 CHORUS

CERN Hybrid Oscillation Research Apparatus

$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$  Oscillation Search



**Emulsion**

2008-



## CERN CNGS1 OPERA

Oscillation Project with Emulsion Tracking Apparatus

$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$   
Appearance Search

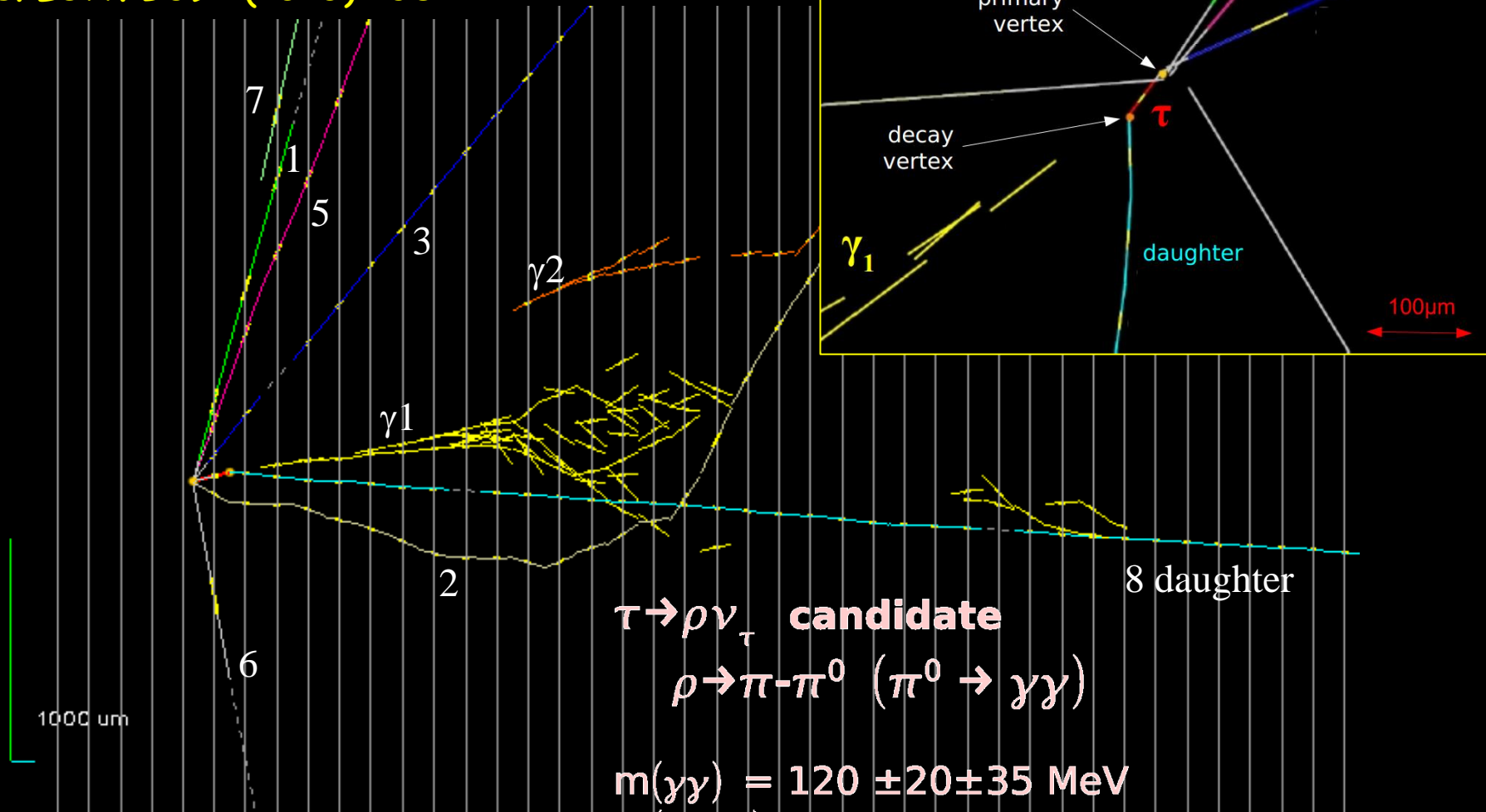


**Emulsion**

# 1<sup>st</sup> $\nu_\tau$ candidate ( $\tau \rightarrow h$ ) (2010)

Phys. Lett. B691 (1010) 138

⊙ Beam view



$\tau \rightarrow \rho \nu_\tau$  candidate

$\rho \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0$  ( $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ )

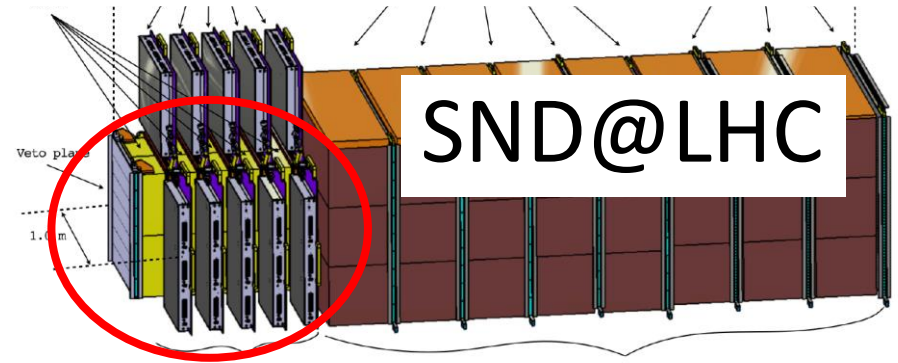
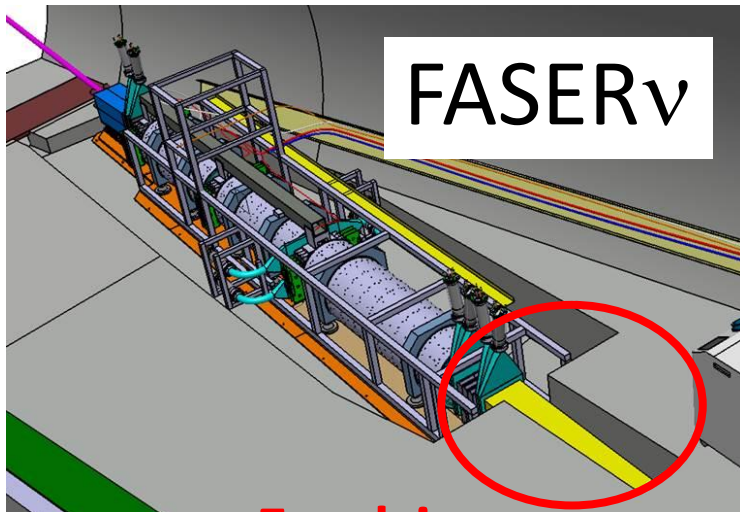
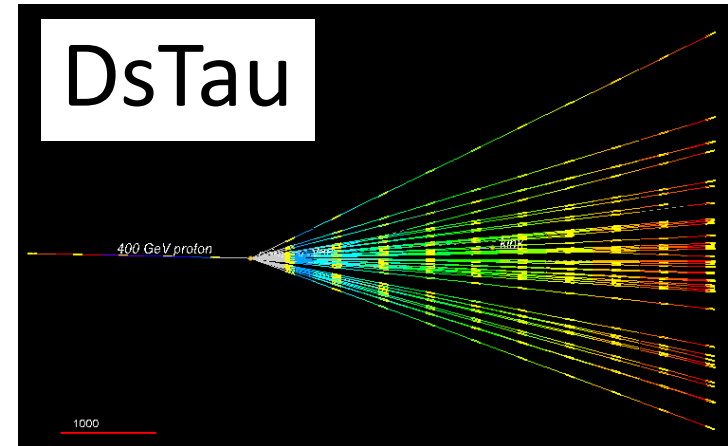
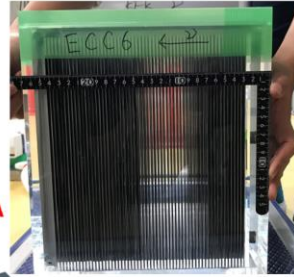
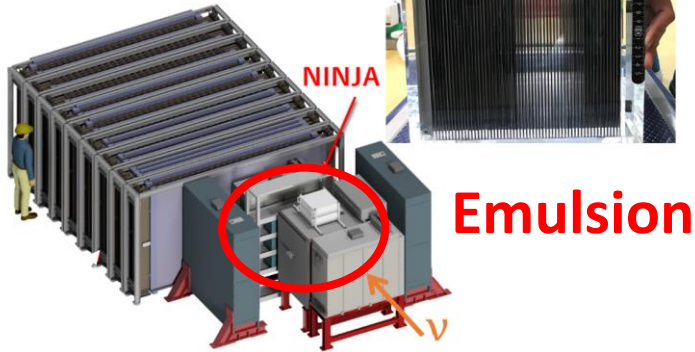
$m(\gamma\gamma) = 120 \pm 20 \pm 35 \text{ MeV}$

$m(\pi^- \gamma\gamma) = 640^{+125}_{-80} {}^{+100}_{-90} \text{ MeV}$

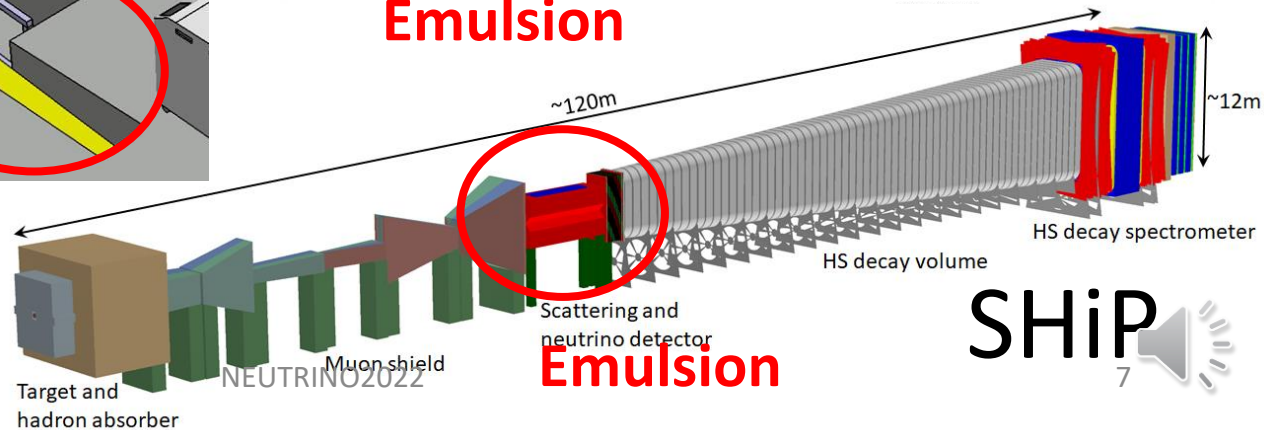
$\text{Br}(\tau \rightarrow \rho \nu_\tau) \sim 25\%$

# Coming experiments

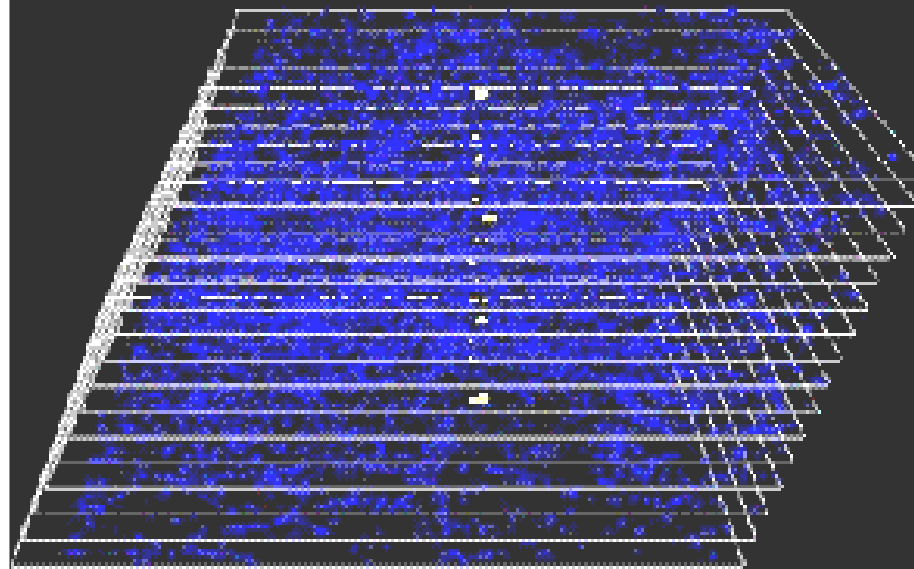
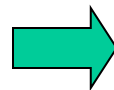
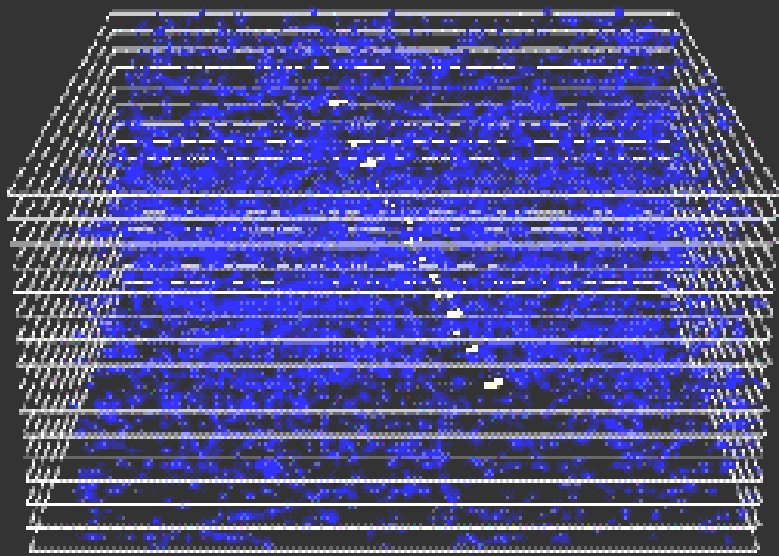
 **NINJA**



**Emulsion**

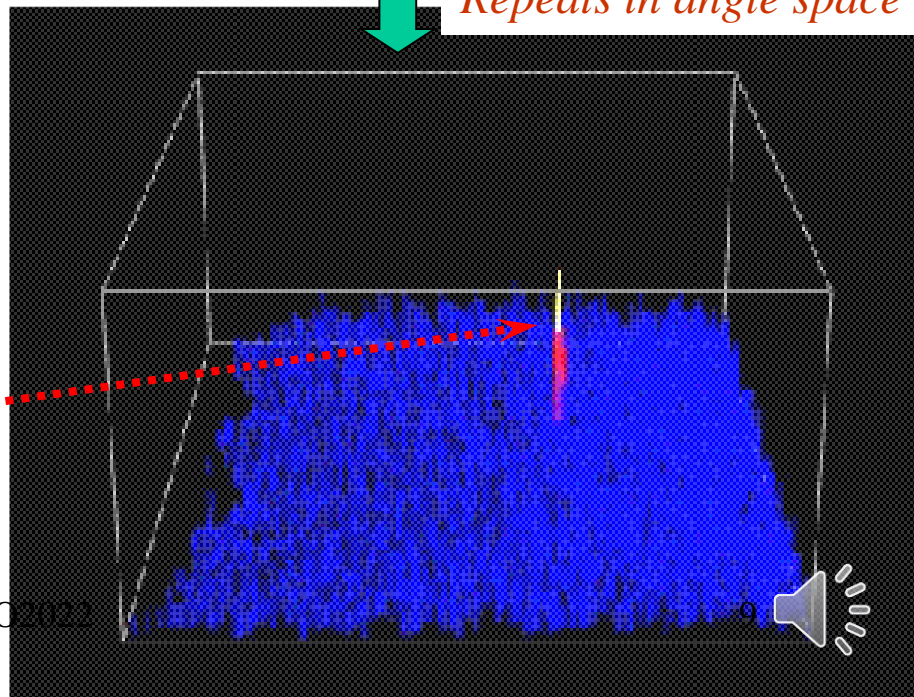


# Emulsion scanning system



*Repeats in angle space*

- Take 16 tomographic images by microscope optics.
- Shift images to aim at specific angle tracks
- Sum up 16 images to examine coincidence.
- Find signal of tracks.

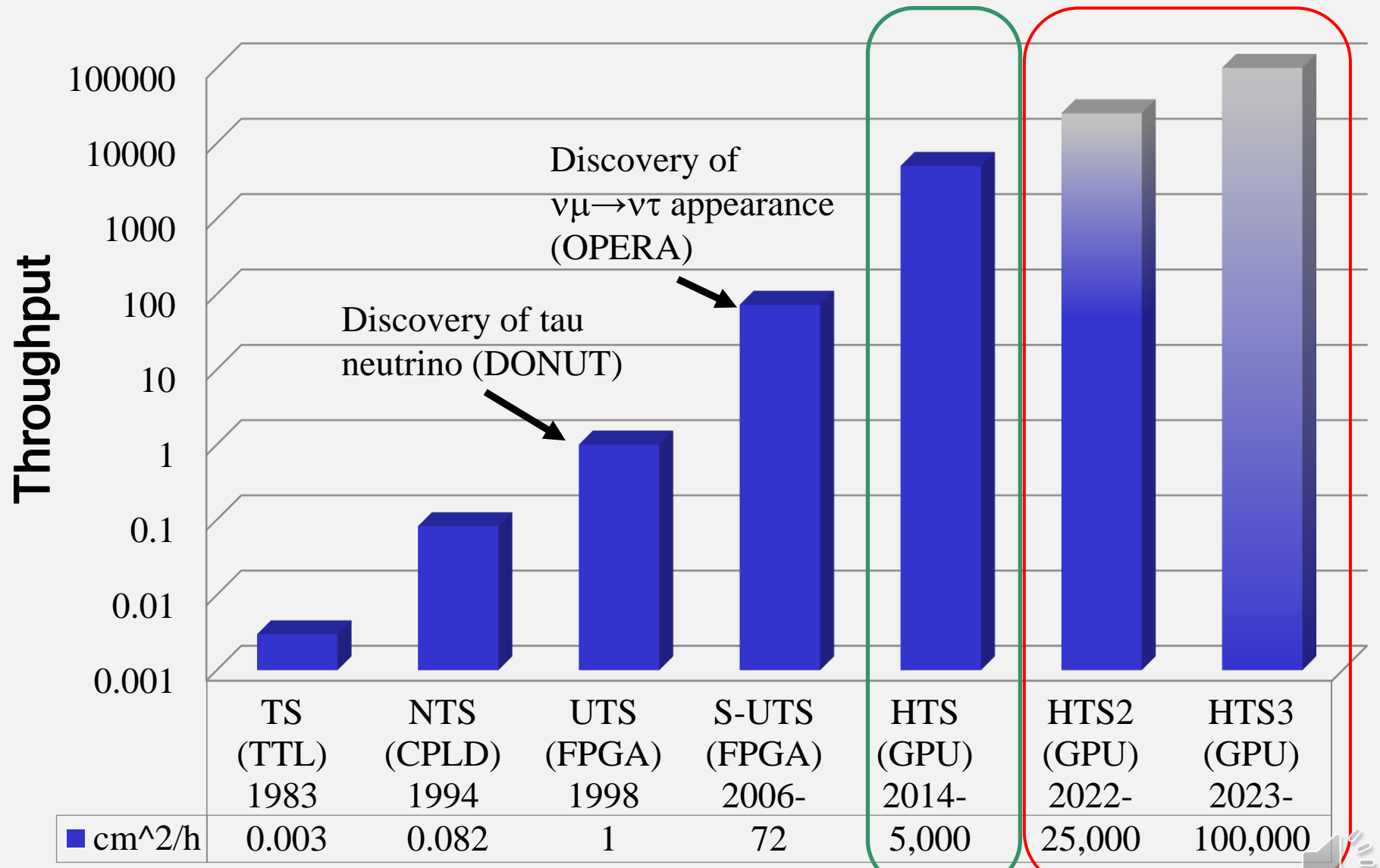


*Invented by K.Niwa in 1974*

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# Emulsion Readout History and Roadmap





Computers

# HTS

Camera

PIEZO controller

Objective lens

Illuminator

Stage

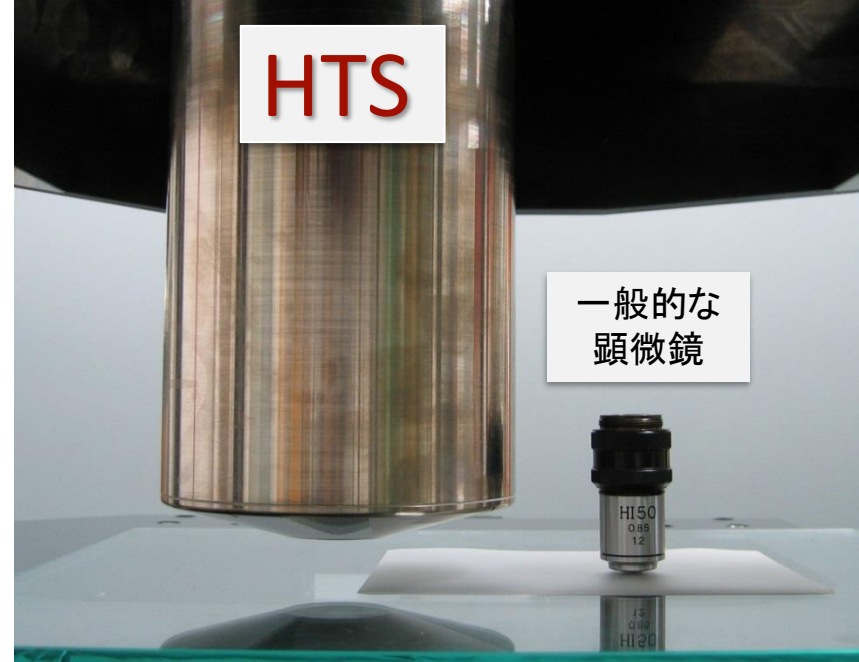
Under operating for

- NINJA
- DsTau
- GRAINE
- Radiography

<https://doi.org/10.1093/ptep/ptx131>

# HTS concept

- Very large field of view  
5 x 5 mm<sup>2</sup> (x600 cf. SUTS)
- Quick stage using the linear motors (good transfer characteristic) and counter stage.
- GPGPU based image processing  
<100ms @tanθ<1.6 (Geforce GTX680 \*72)



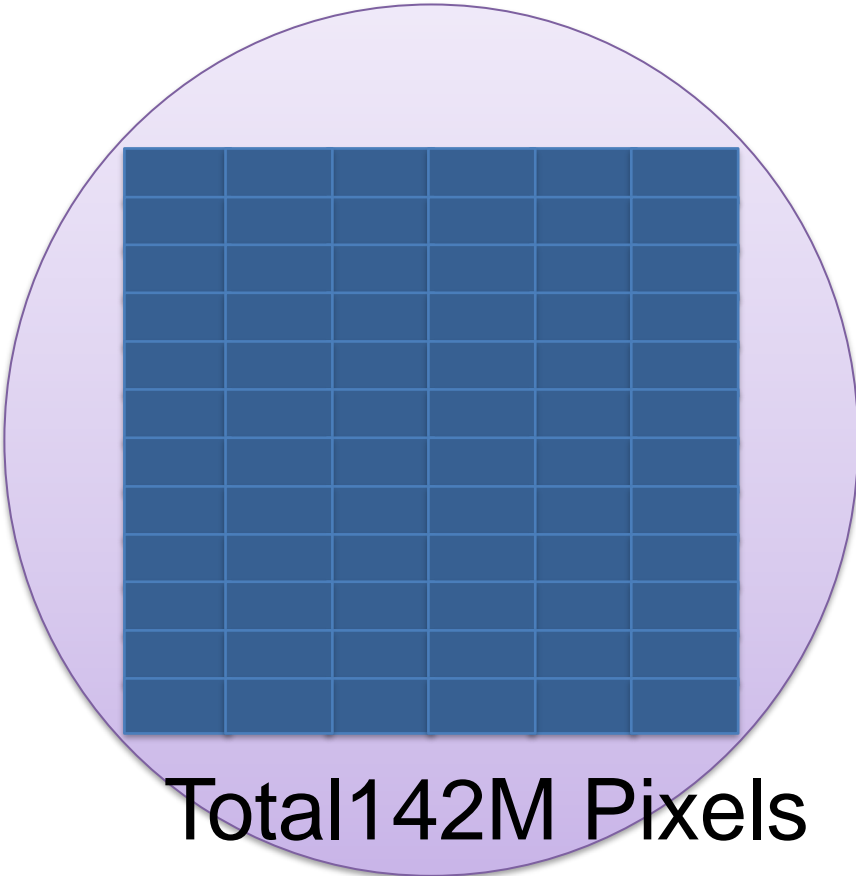
	FOV	View Cycle	Scan speed
SUTS	0.04mm <sup>2</sup>	50Hz	72cm <sup>2</sup> /h
<b>HTS (running)</b>	<b>25mm<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>5Hz</b>	<b>4500cm<sup>2</sup>/h</b>
<b>HTS2 (under commissioning.)</b>	<b>50mm<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>15Hz equiv.</b>	<b>25000cm<sup>2</sup>/h</b>



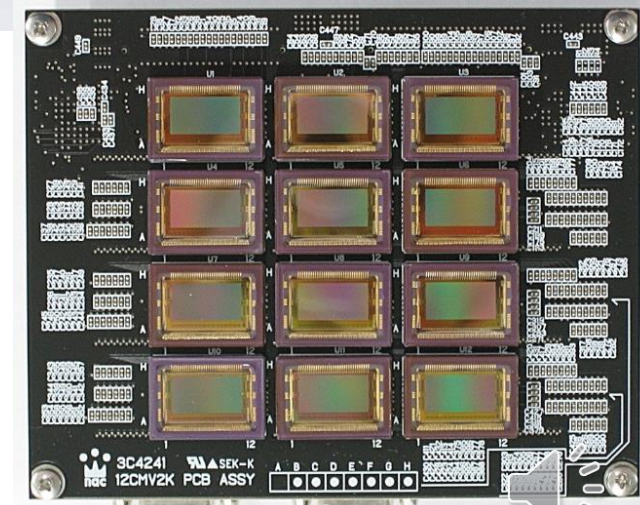
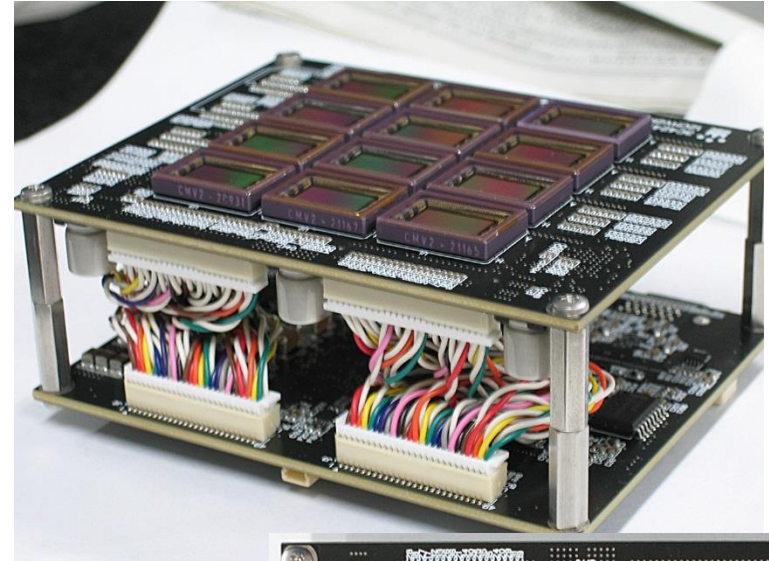
# Mosaic Imager

Divide FOV into 72 parts.  
Need the sensor of 2M pixel and 300fps.

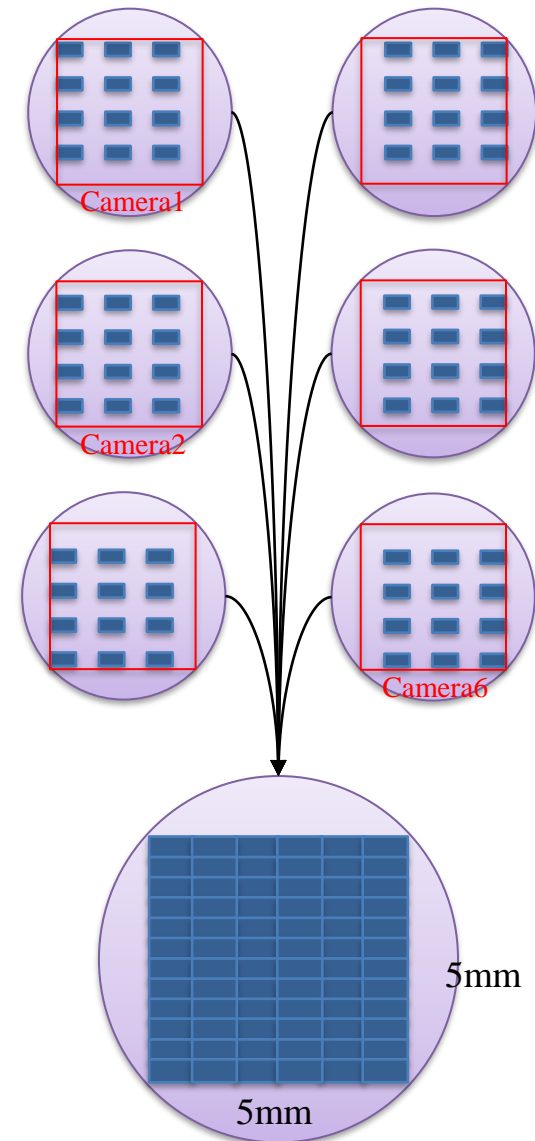
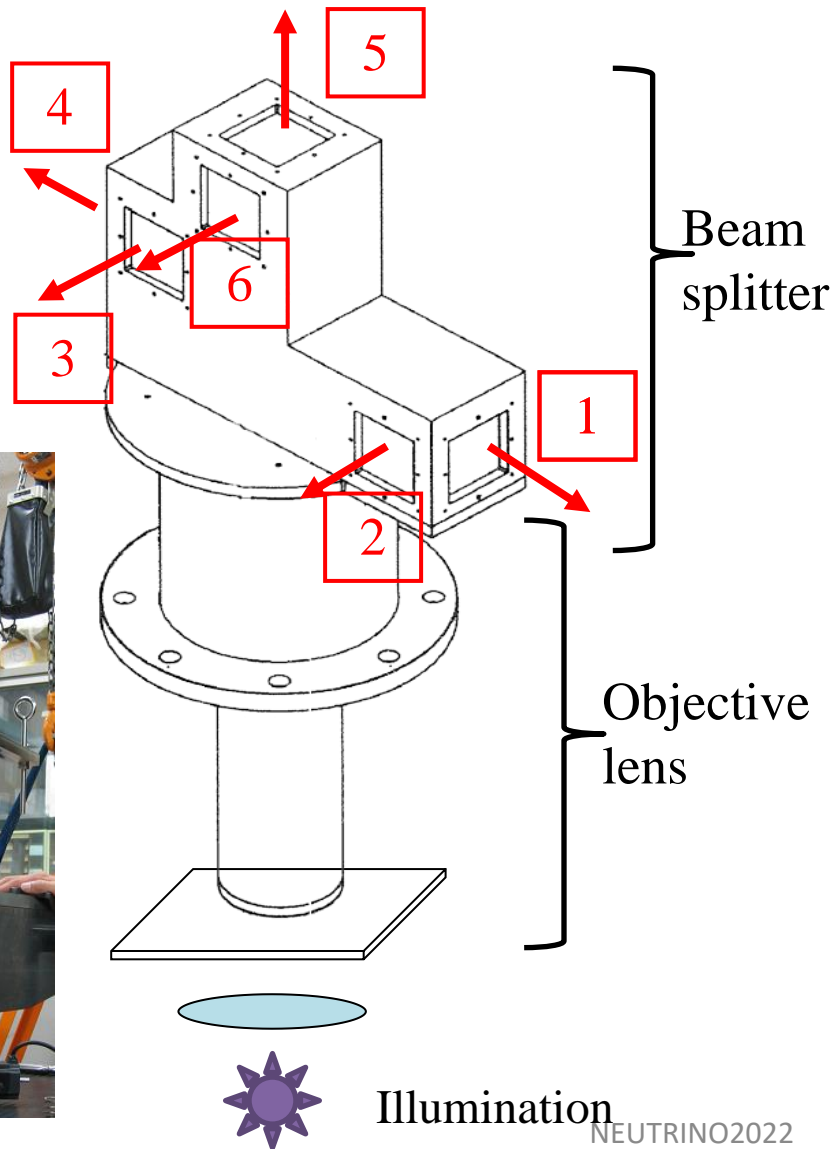
Specially ordered Mosaic Imager



Total 142M Pixels & 300fps  
Data rate : 43GByte/s

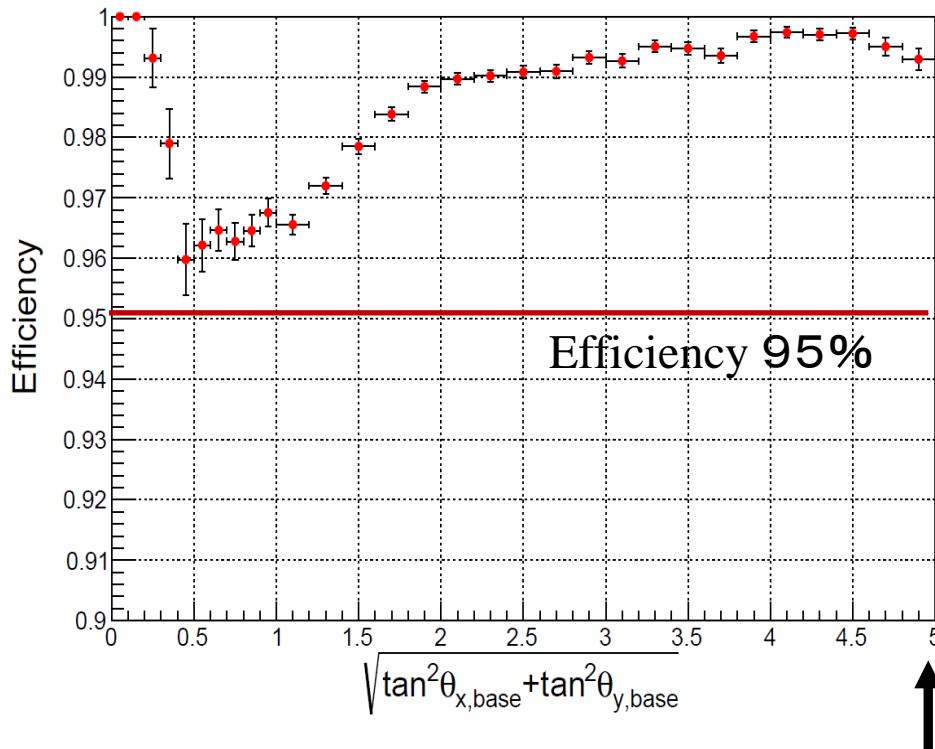


# Mosaic Imager with beam splitter

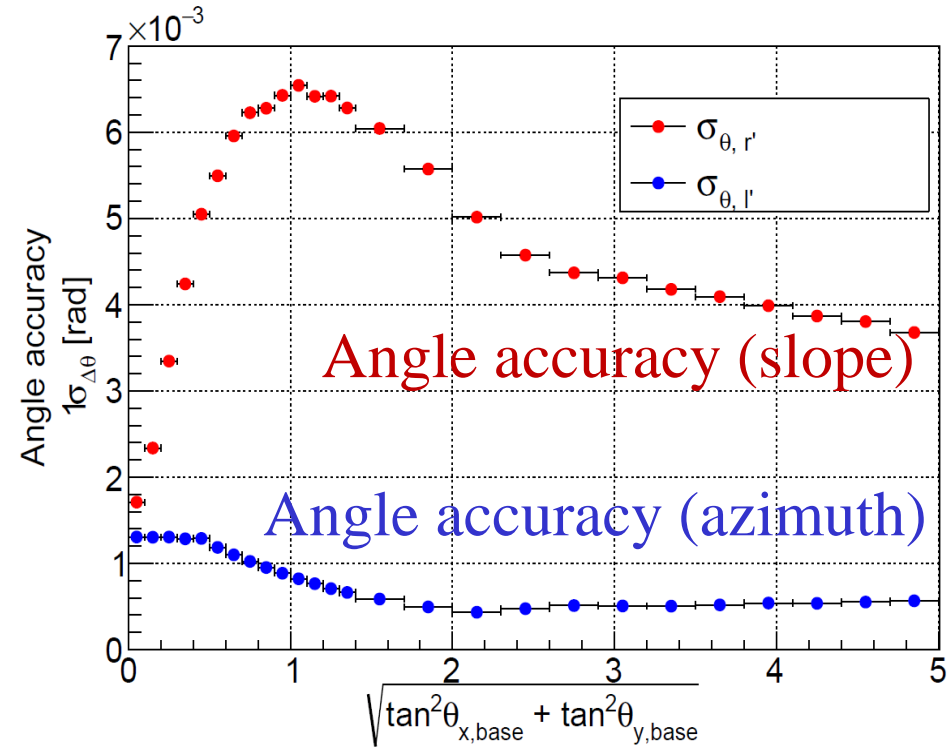


# Efficiency and Angle accuracy

arXiv:2112.02887 [physics.ins-det]  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/ptep/ptac076>



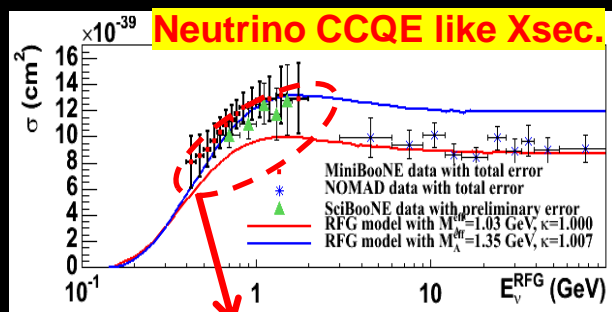
**80% of Solid angle**



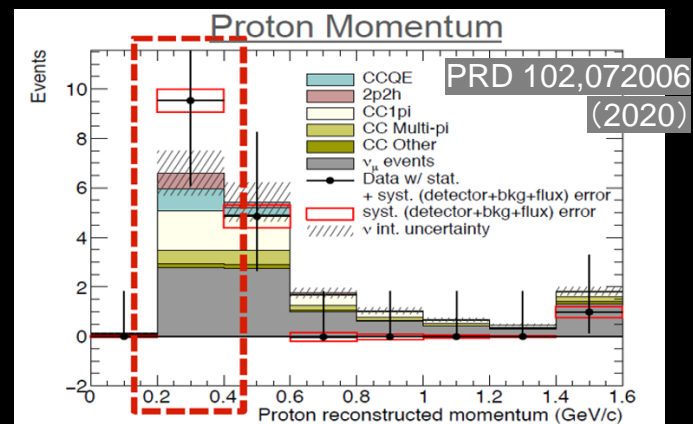
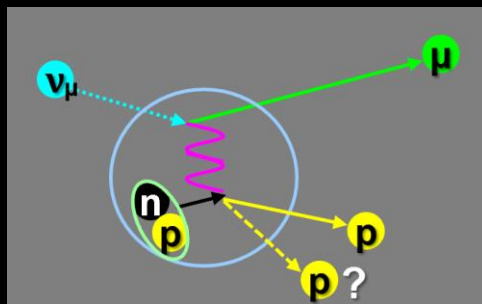
Neutrino Interaction research with Nuclear emulsion and J-PARC Accelerator

## Physics motivation

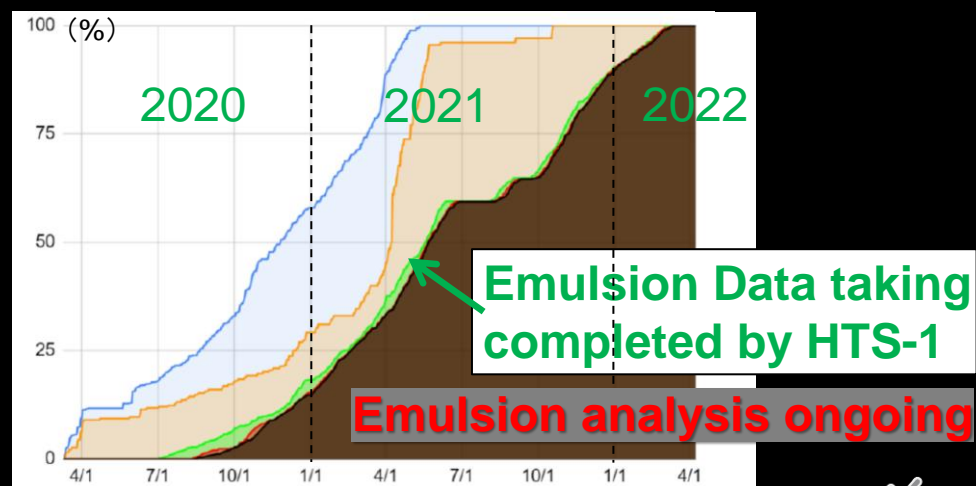
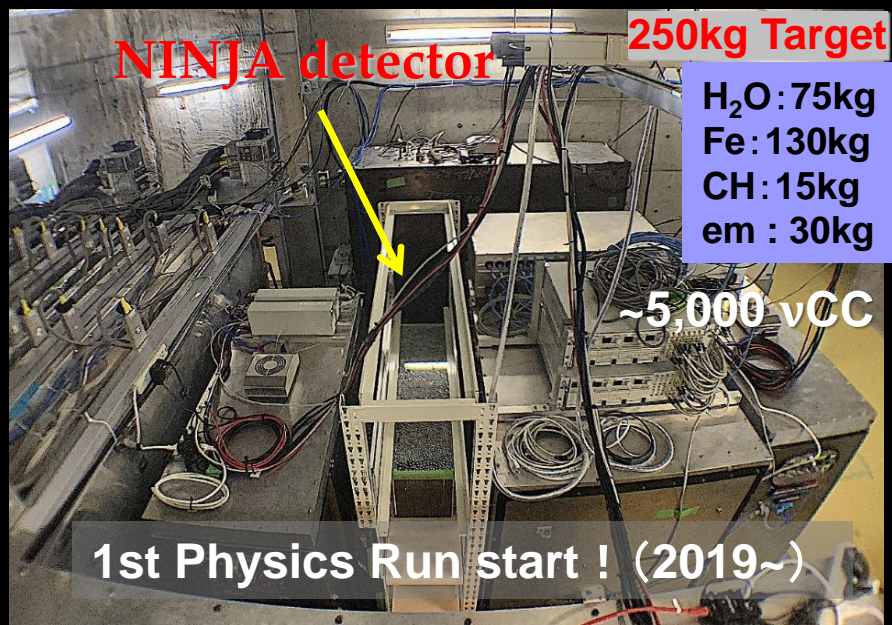
1. Precise measurement of neutrino cross-sections
2. Sterile neutrino search



$\nu$ -multi nucleon interaction (MEC, 2p2h)??



First measurement of slow protons in  $\nu$ -water interactions

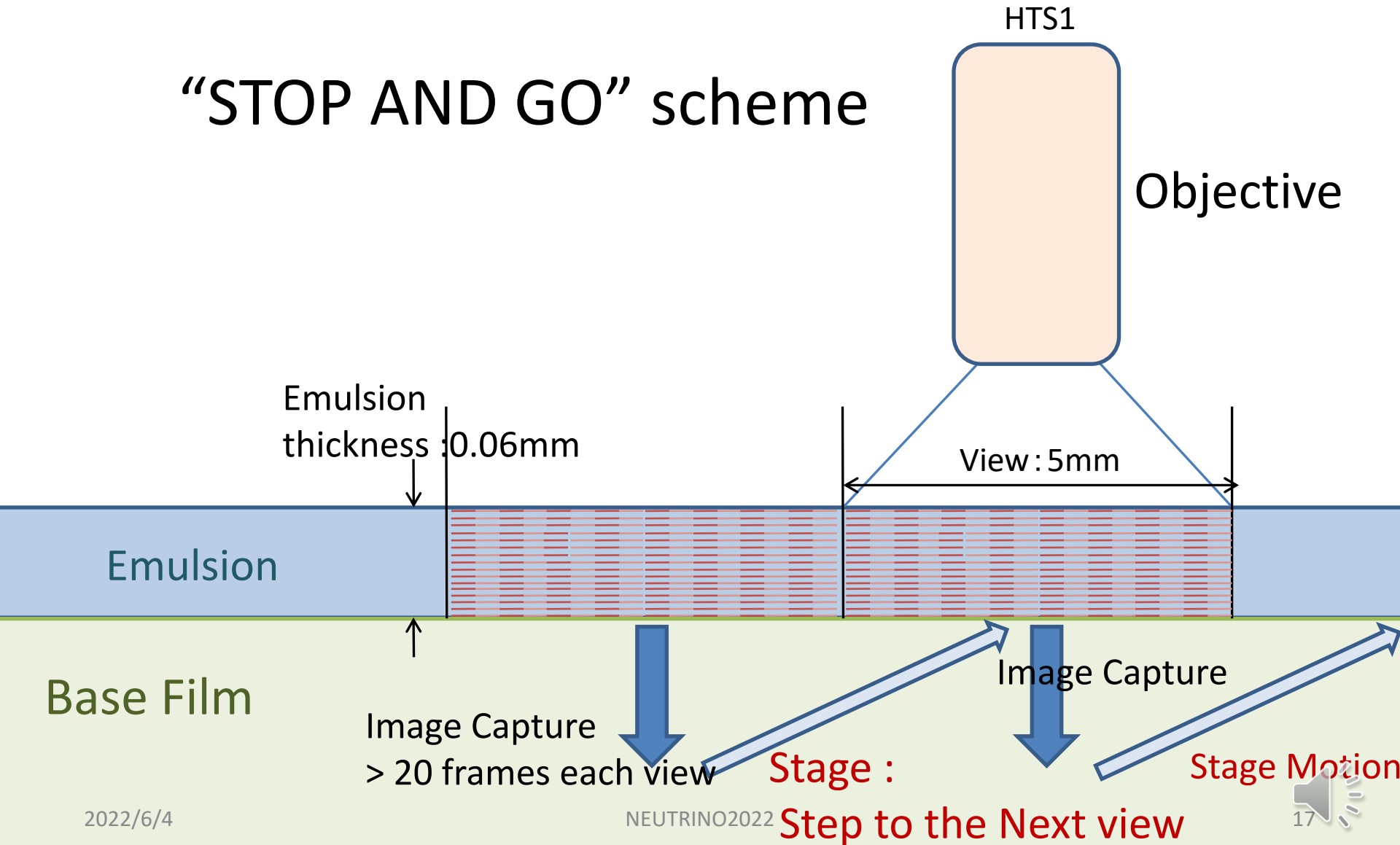


→ 2<sup>nd</sup> Physics Run : 500m<sup>2</sup> (4x)

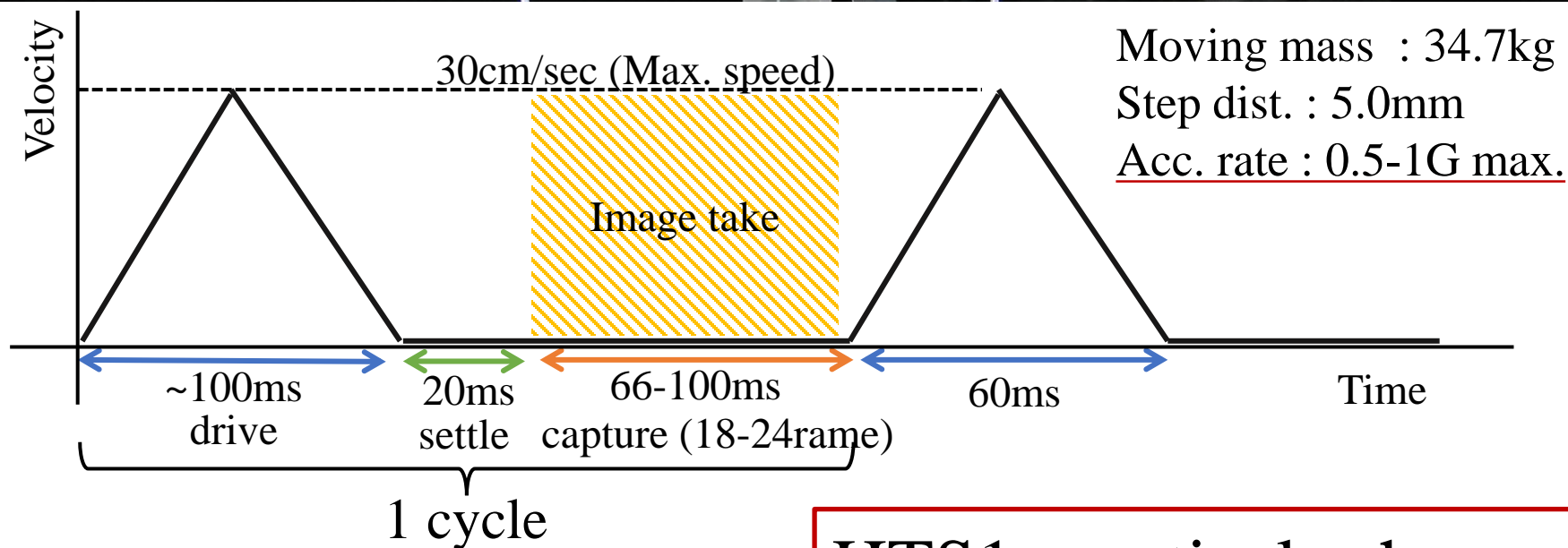
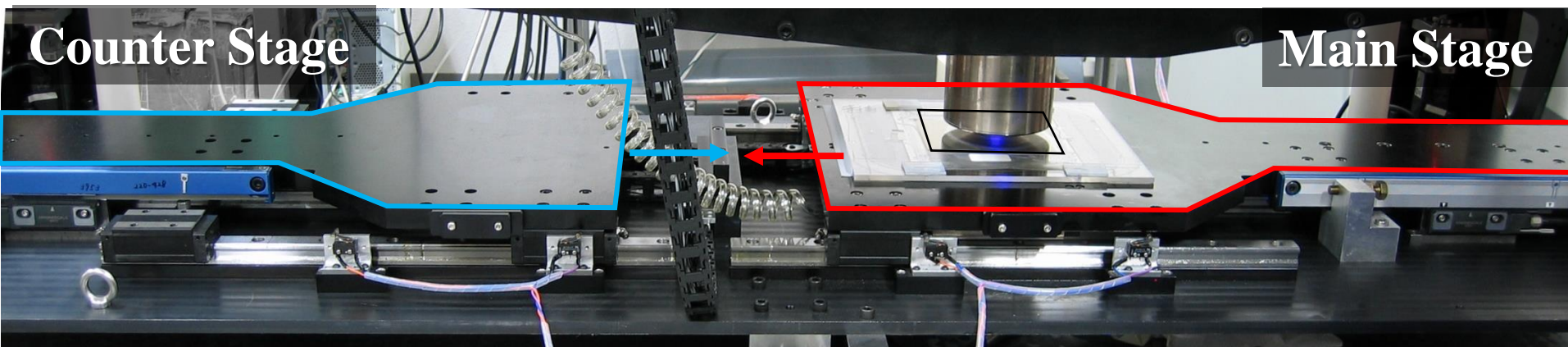


# What is scan speed limit in HTS1

“STOP AND GO” scheme



# Time chart of each cycle

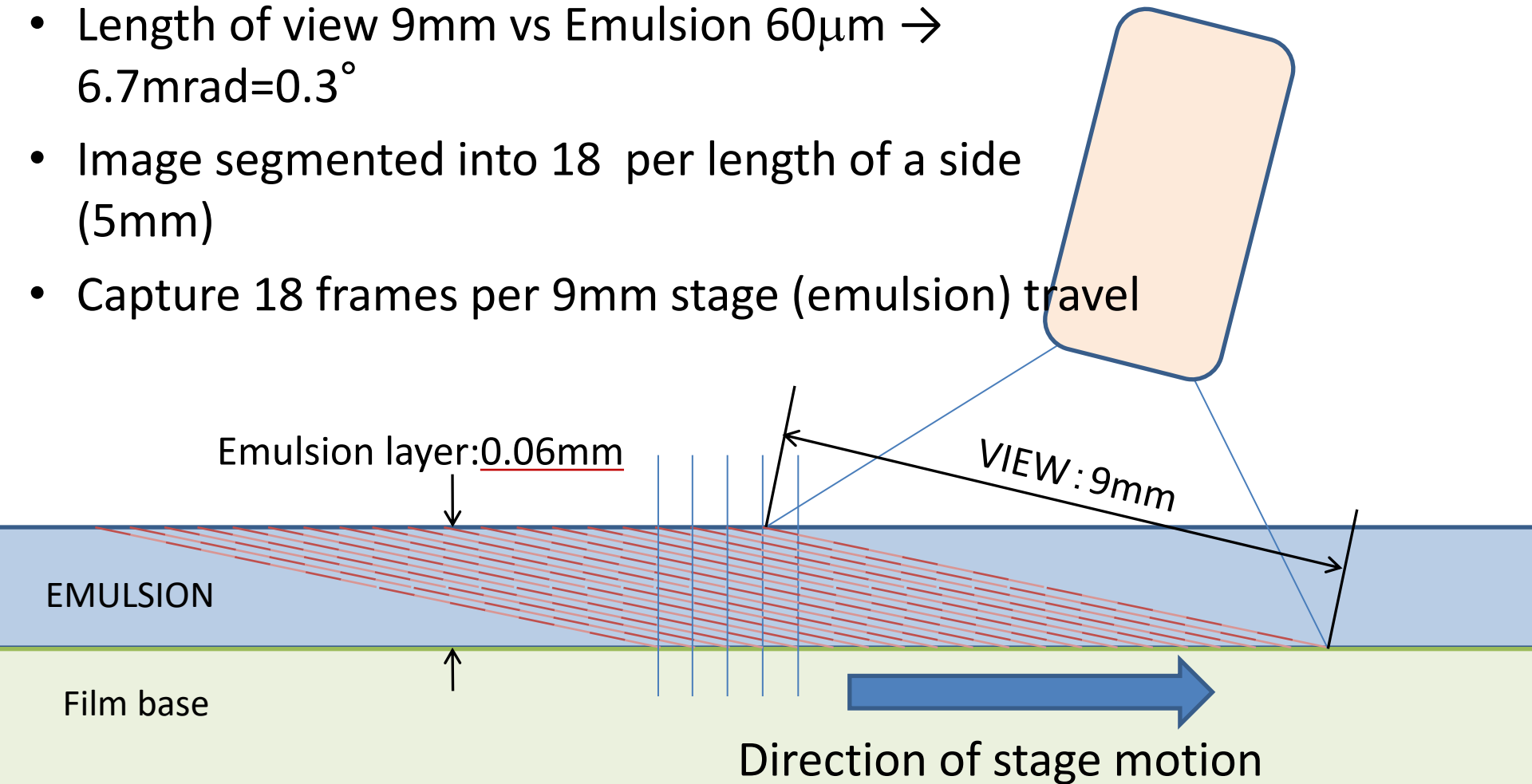


HTS1 practical scheme

# Continuous image capturing

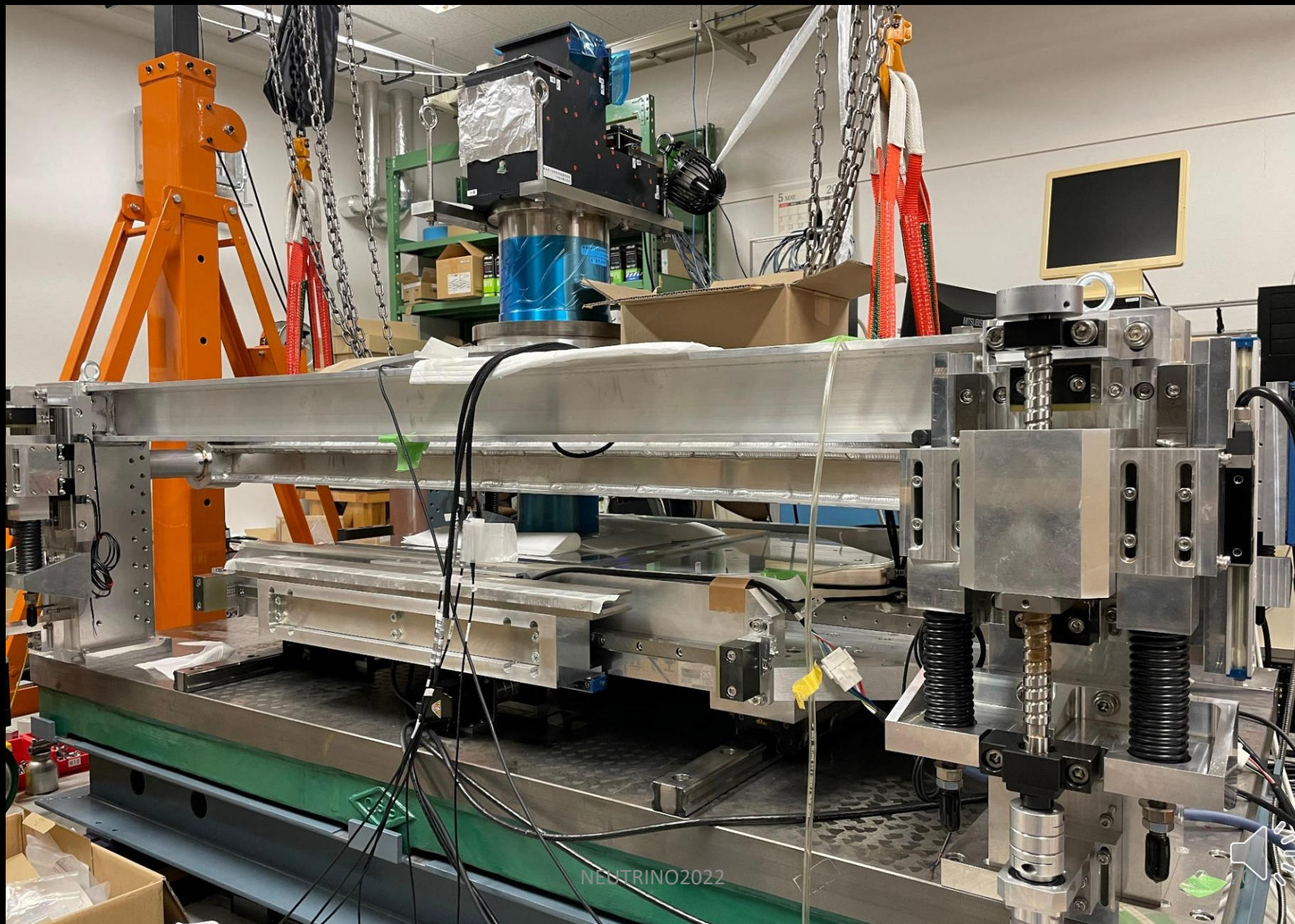
Objective

- Length of view 9mm vs Emulsion  $60\mu\text{m} \rightarrow 6.7\text{mrad}=0.3^\circ$
- Image segmented into 18 per length of a side (5mm)
- Capture 18 frames per 9mm stage (emulsion) travel





# HTS2





# Summary of readout system

- The feature of Nuclear Emulsion
  - True 3D tracking detector
  - Intrinsic acceptance is 4-pi
  - $dE/dx$ , momentum by MCS, shower detection
- Data quality by high speed scanning system
  - Angle accuracy :  $\sim 1\text{mrad}$  in azimuth, 2-6mrad in slope
  - Detection efficiency  $> 95\%$
  - Scanning Speed :  $10,000 \text{ m}^2/\text{y}$  will be coming soon

# **Nuclear Emulsion Detector**

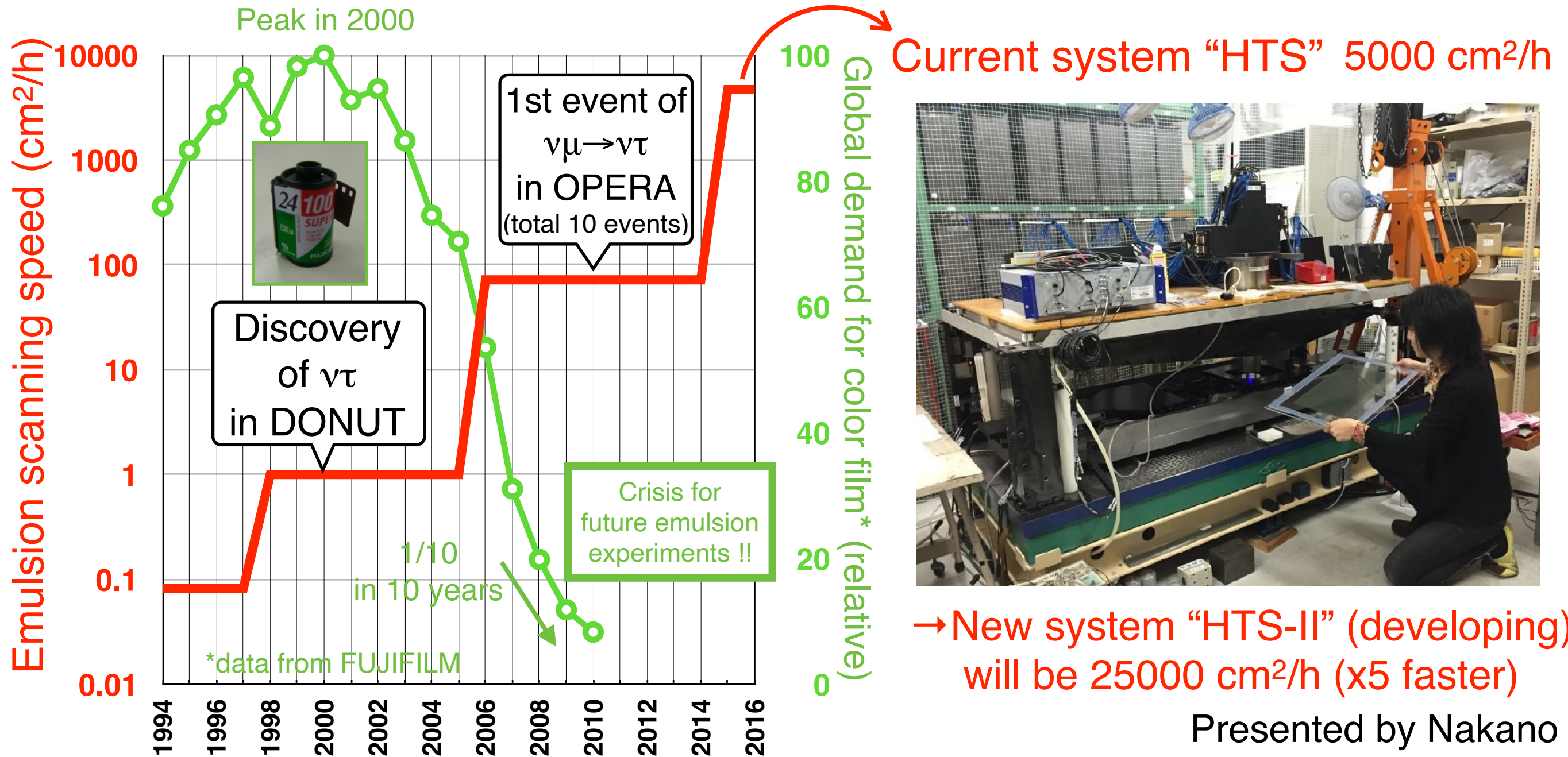
## **Recent technologies**



**Hiroki ROKUJO**  
**(Nagoya Univ.)**

1. Birth of Nagoya-made Nuclear Emulsion
2. Large-scale Emulsion Production Facility

# Evolution of Emulsion Scanning Speed and Decline of Photographic Film Industry



We started the development and supply of Nuclear Emulsion itself in our laboratory (2010–)



# Introduction of Emulsion Gel Production System

in cooperation with former members of Fuji Film

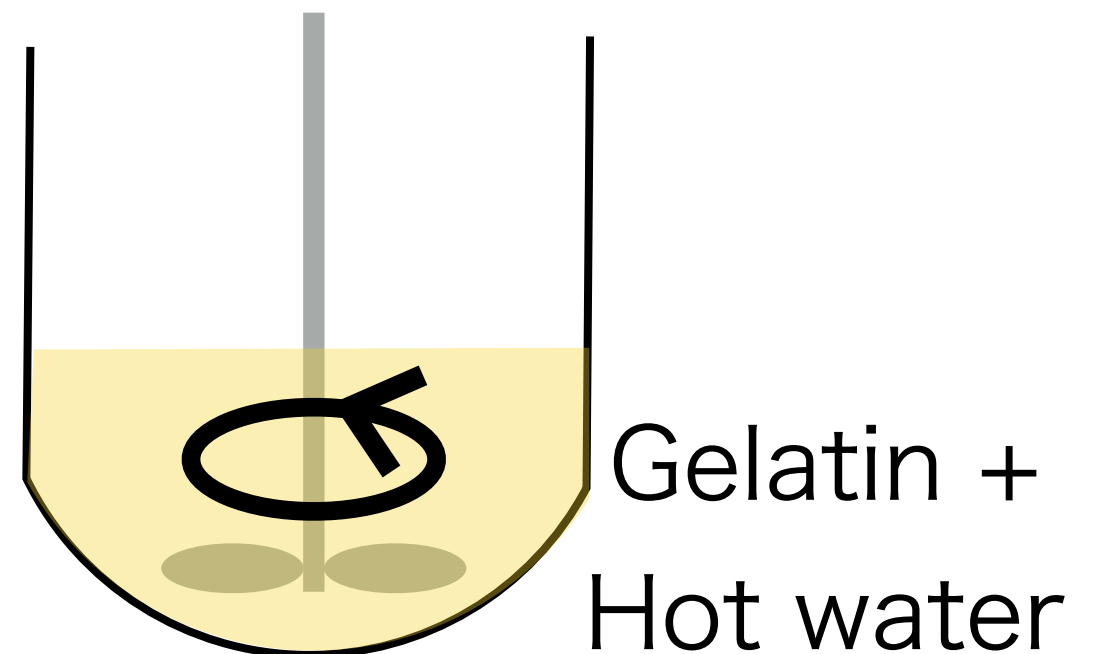
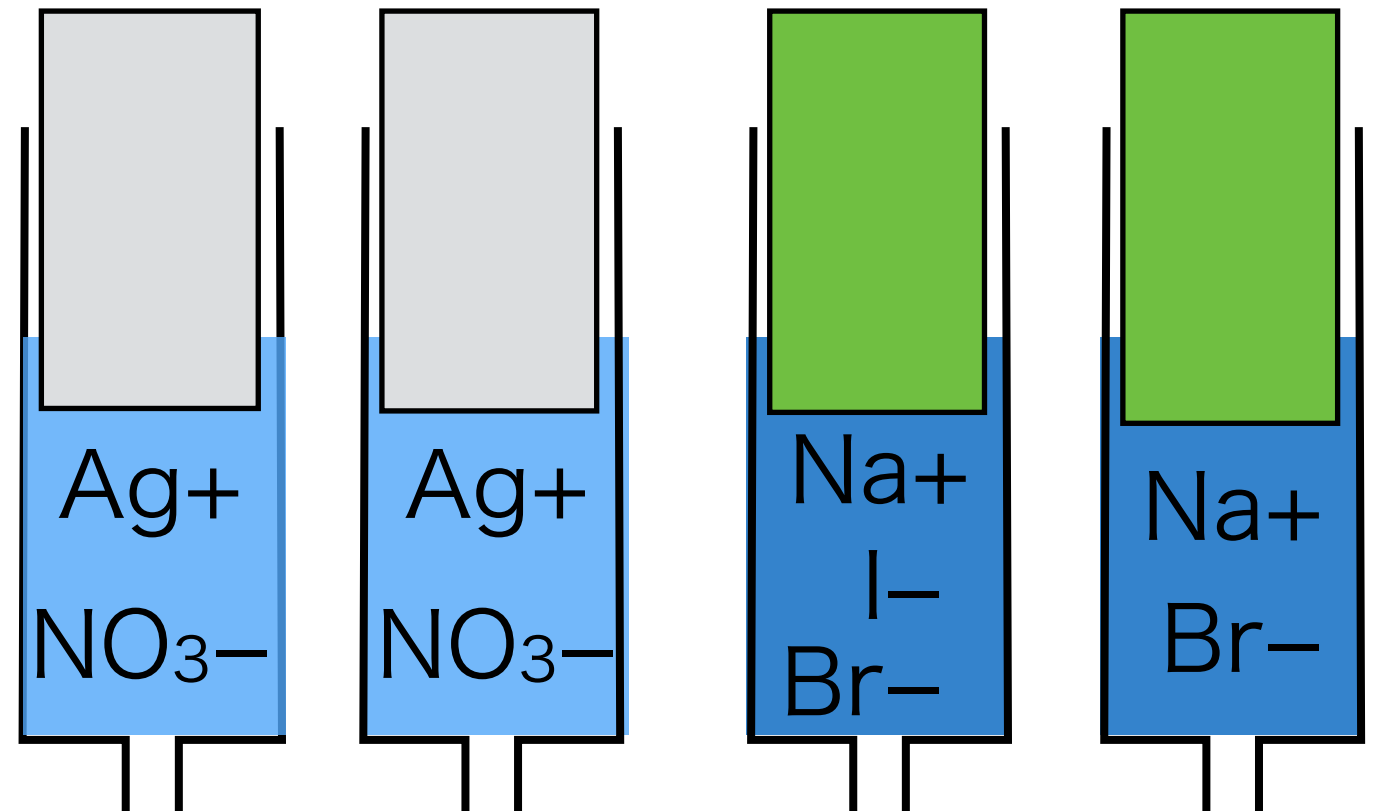
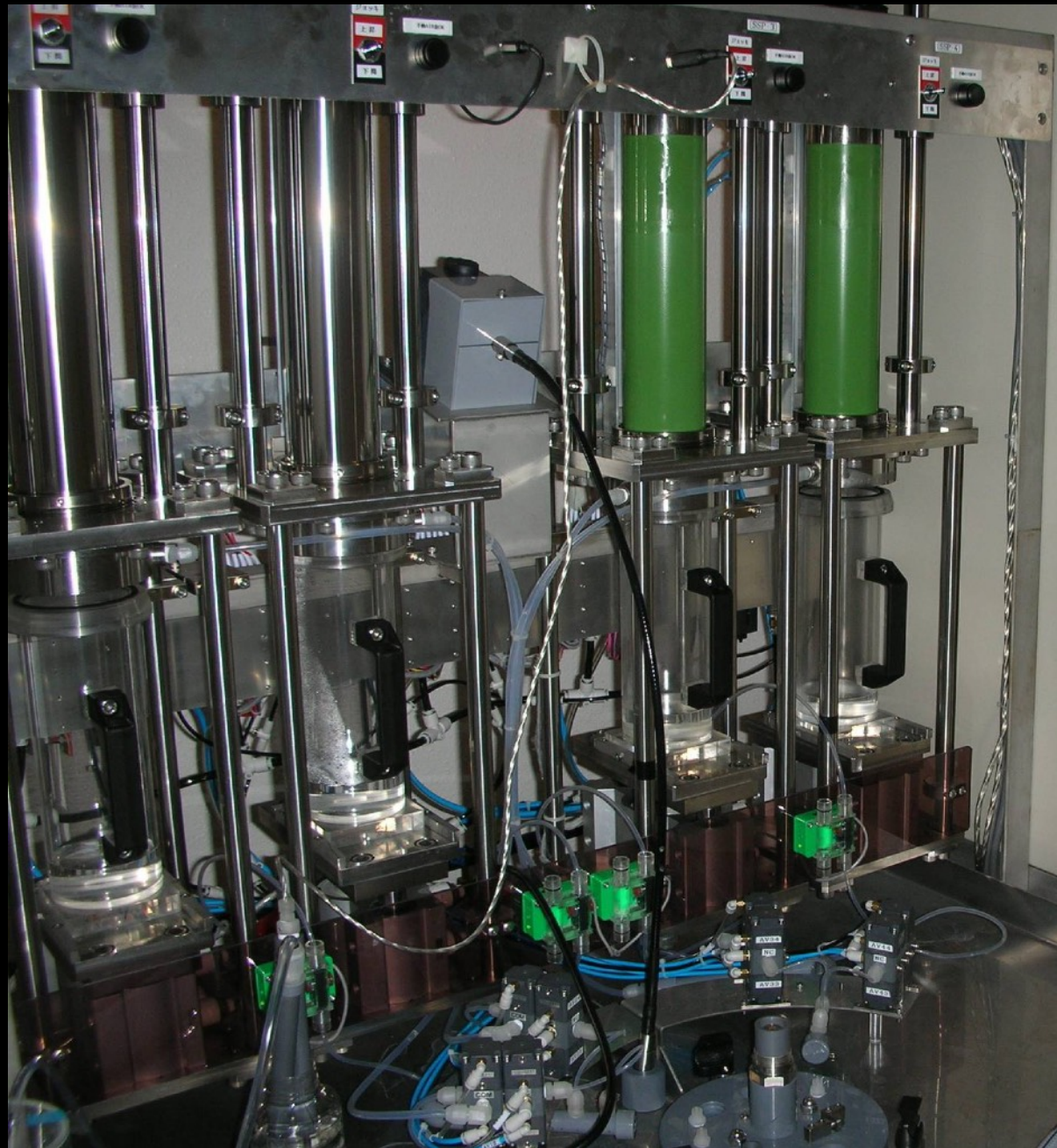


**Developing self-produced nuclear emulsion  
that satisfies our own research requirement.**



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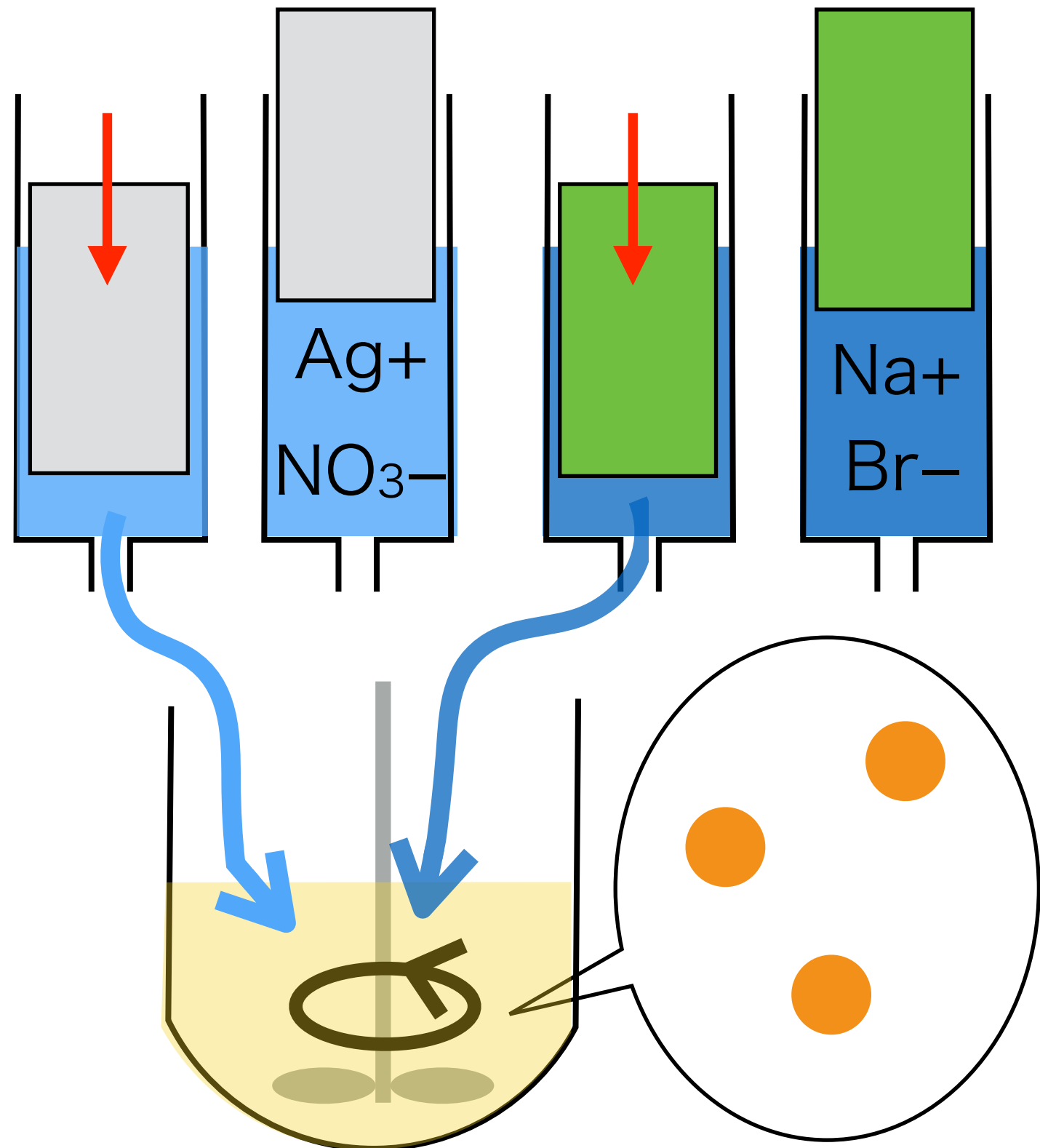
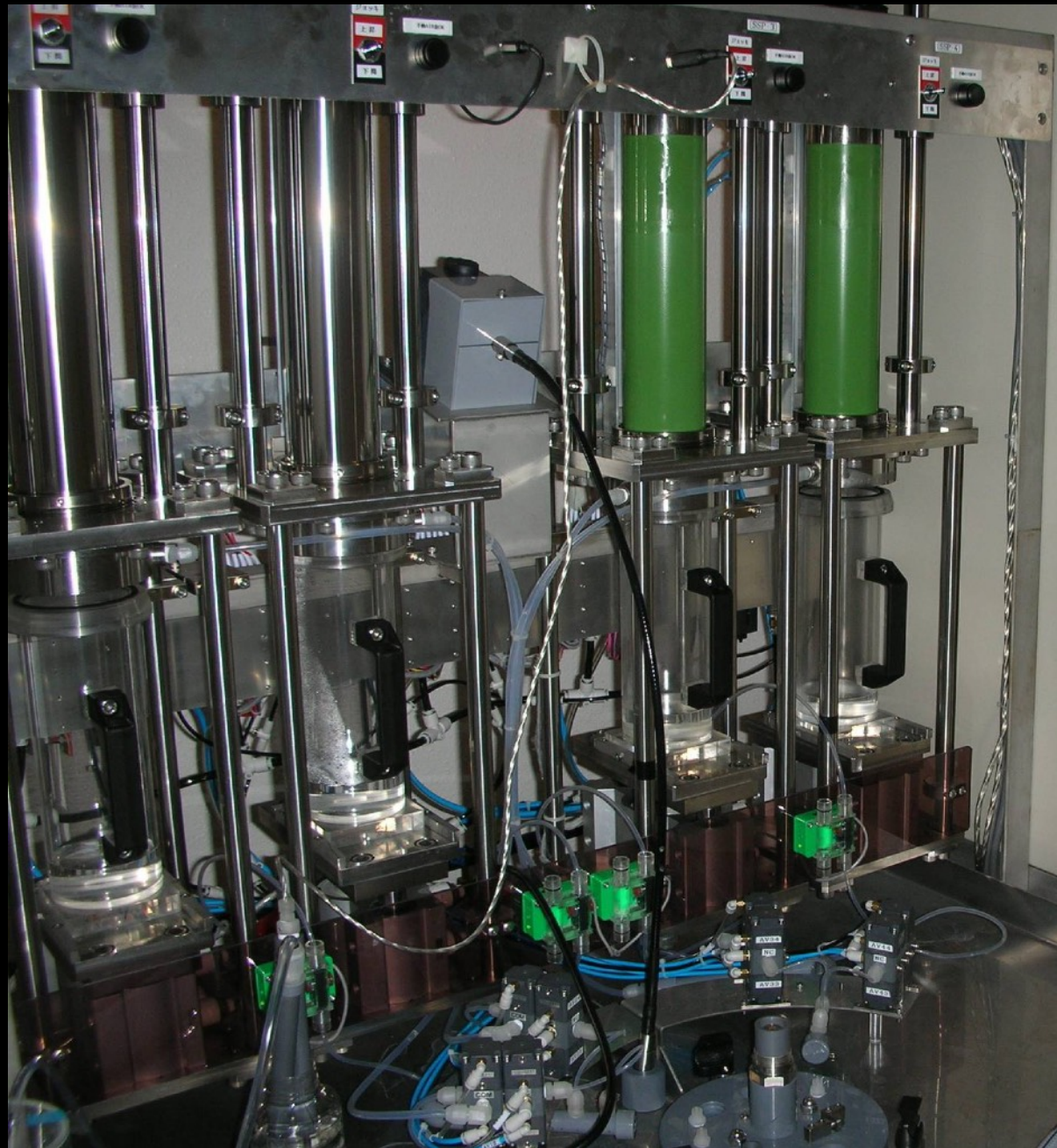
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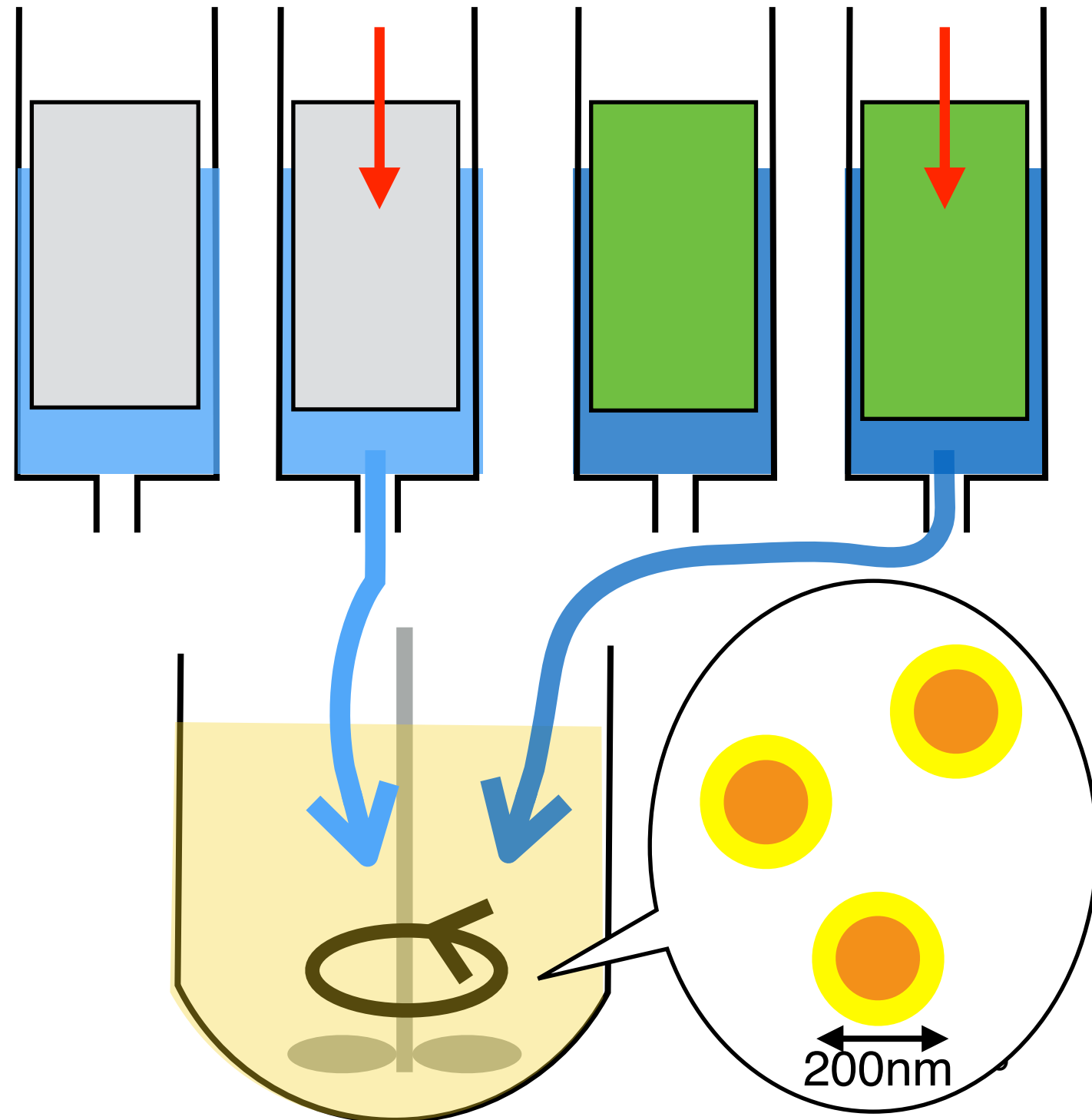
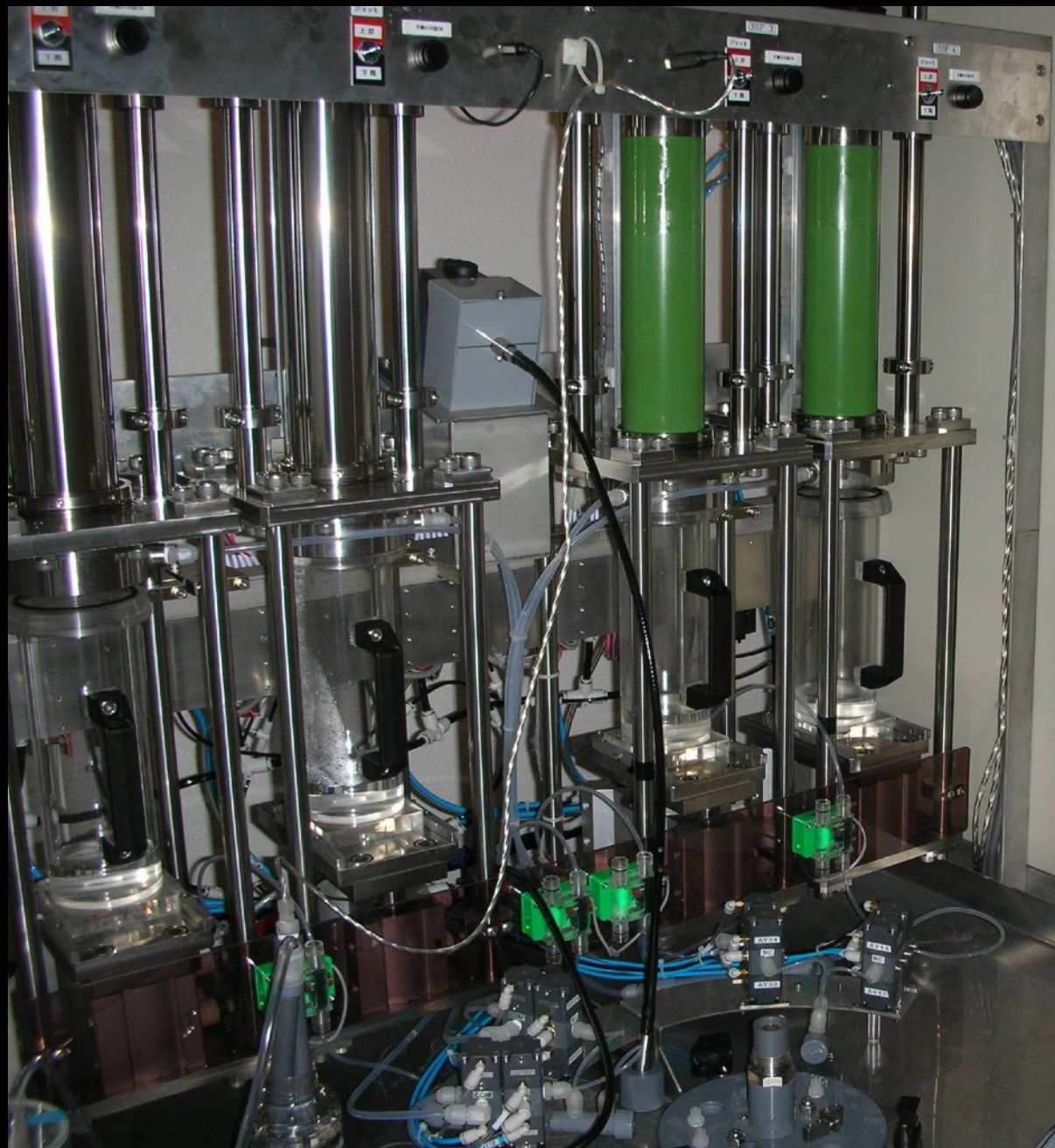
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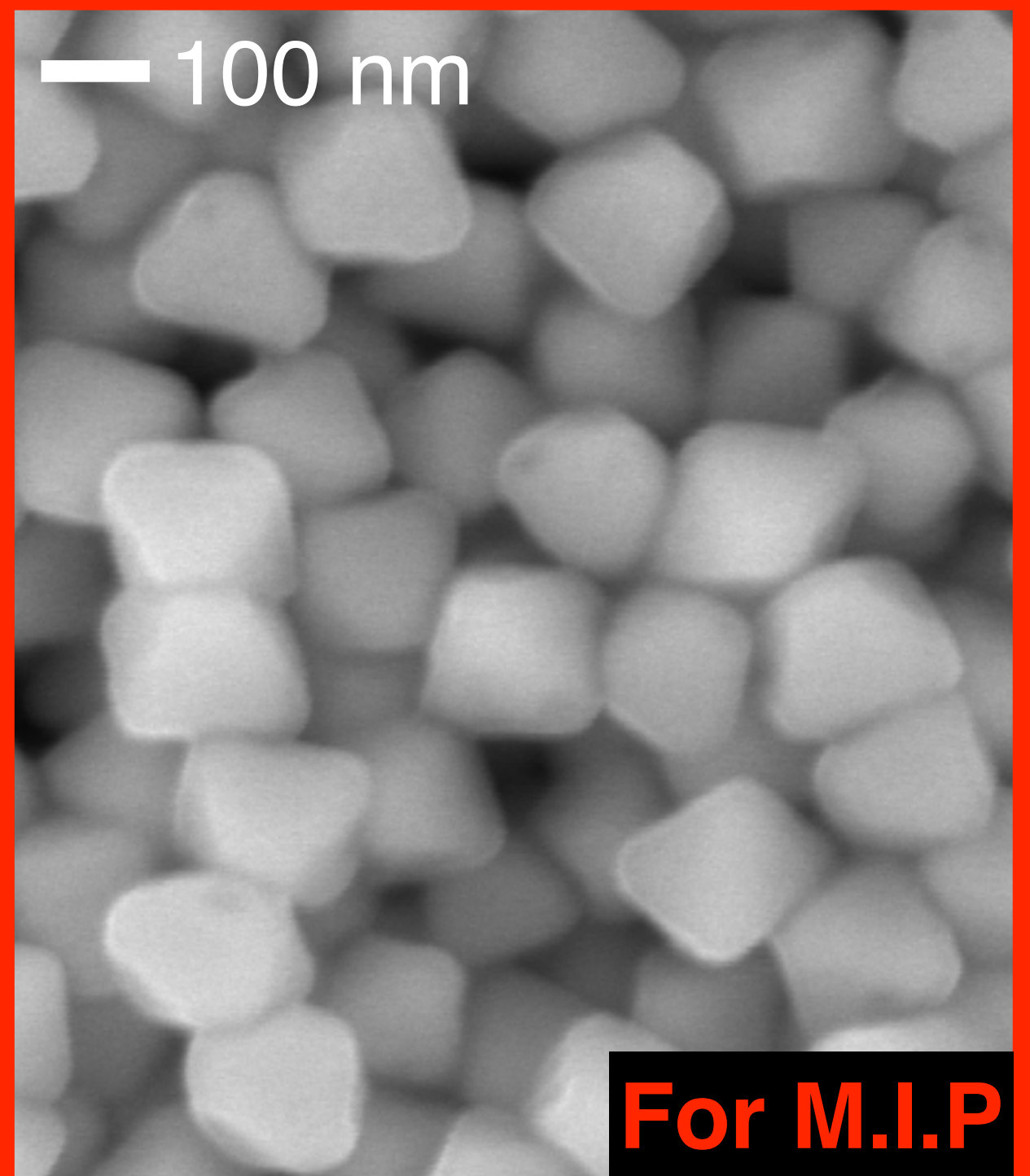


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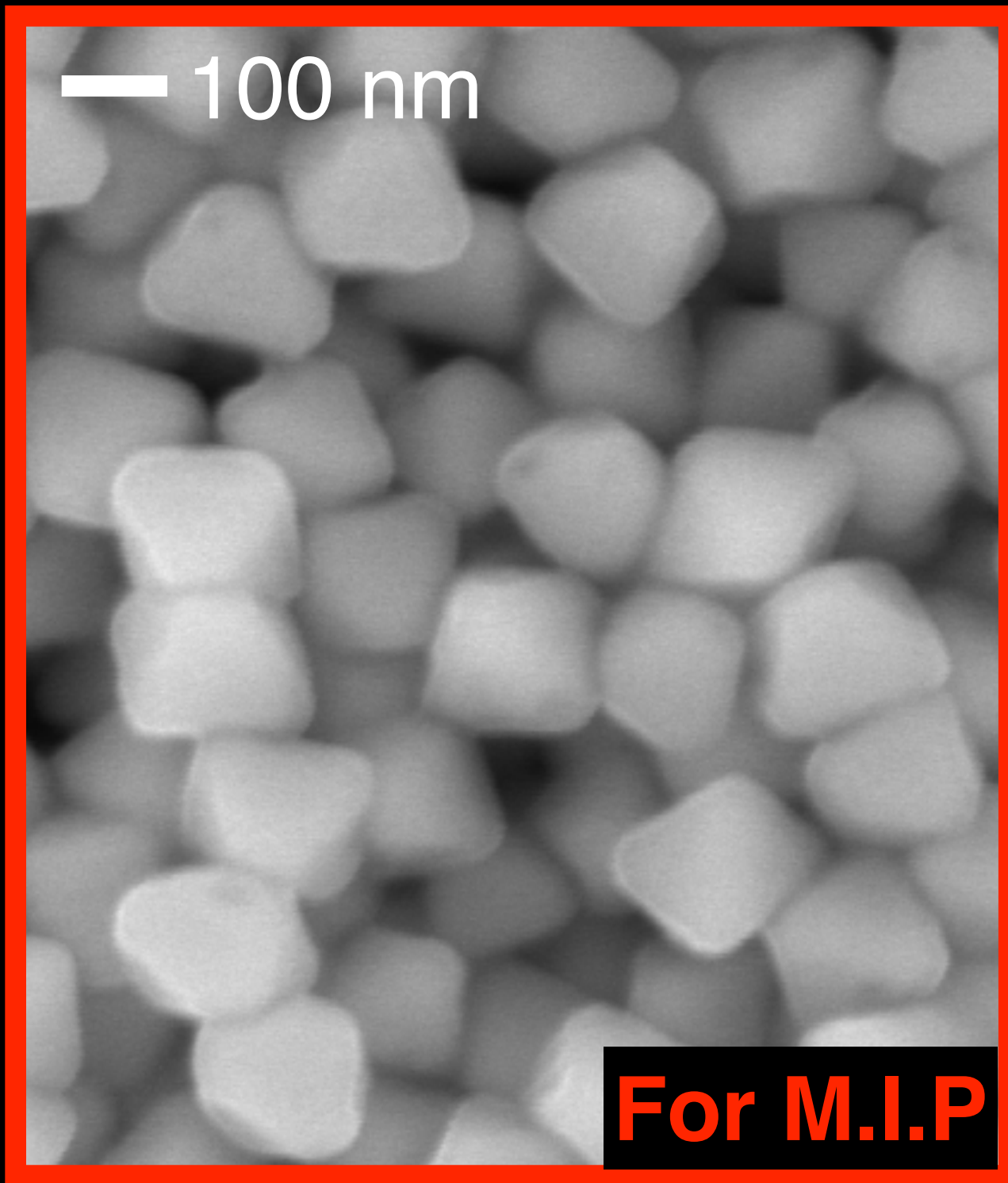


Each AgBr crystal in gelatin  
functions as 3-D position sensors.  
**Intrinsic resolution:  $\sim 50$  nm**



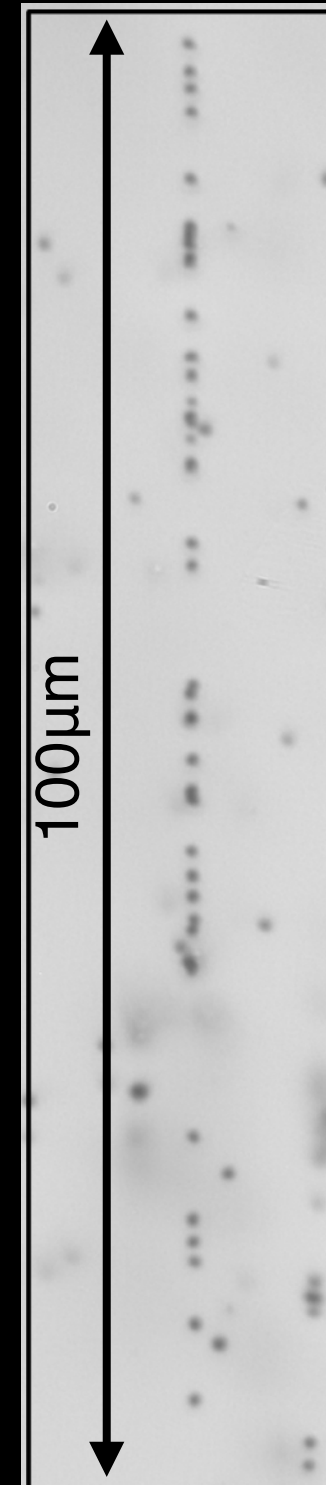
# Self-produced nuclear emulsion

## —High sensitive—



N. Naganawa et al.

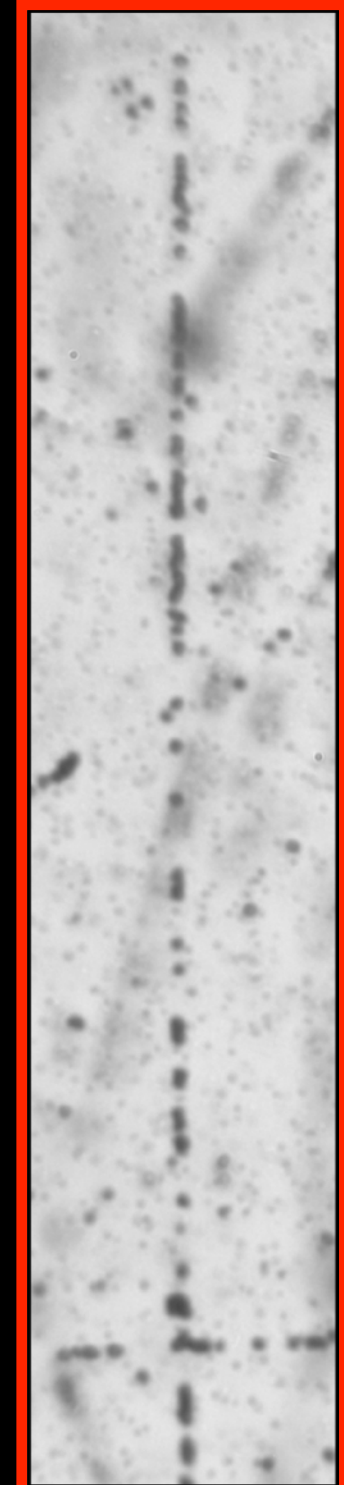
Film used  
in OPERA



grain density ~30  
fog density ~4

**change  
gelatin,  
chemical  
etc.**

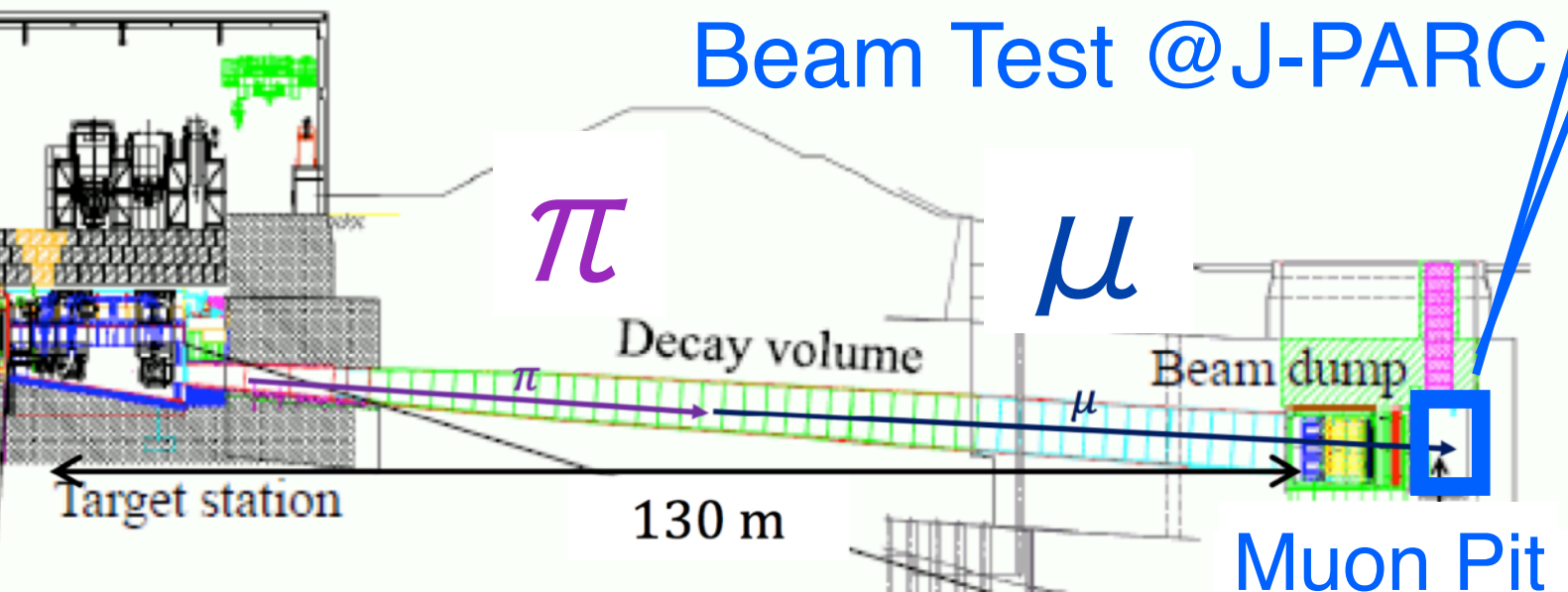
**NAGOYA  
High-sensitive  
Film**



grain density >50  
fog density ~4

# Nagoya Emulsion Film & Data using Scanning System

Beam Test @J-PARC

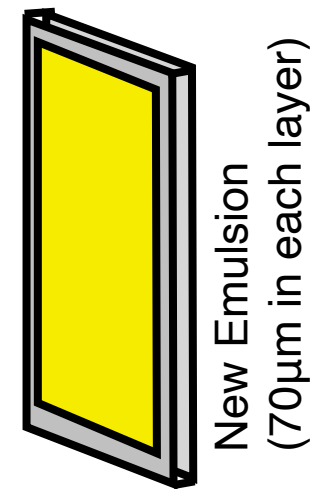


## Set up

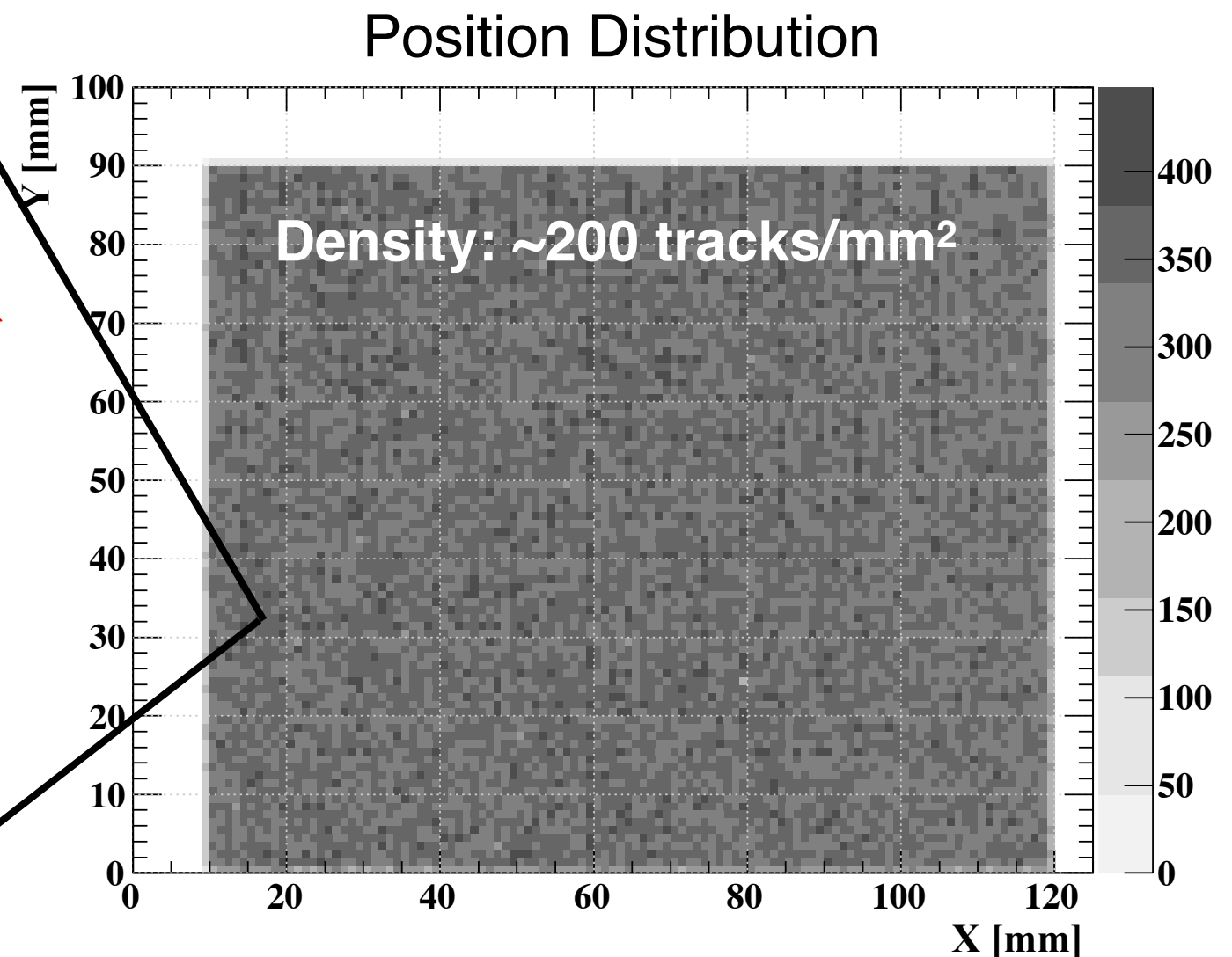
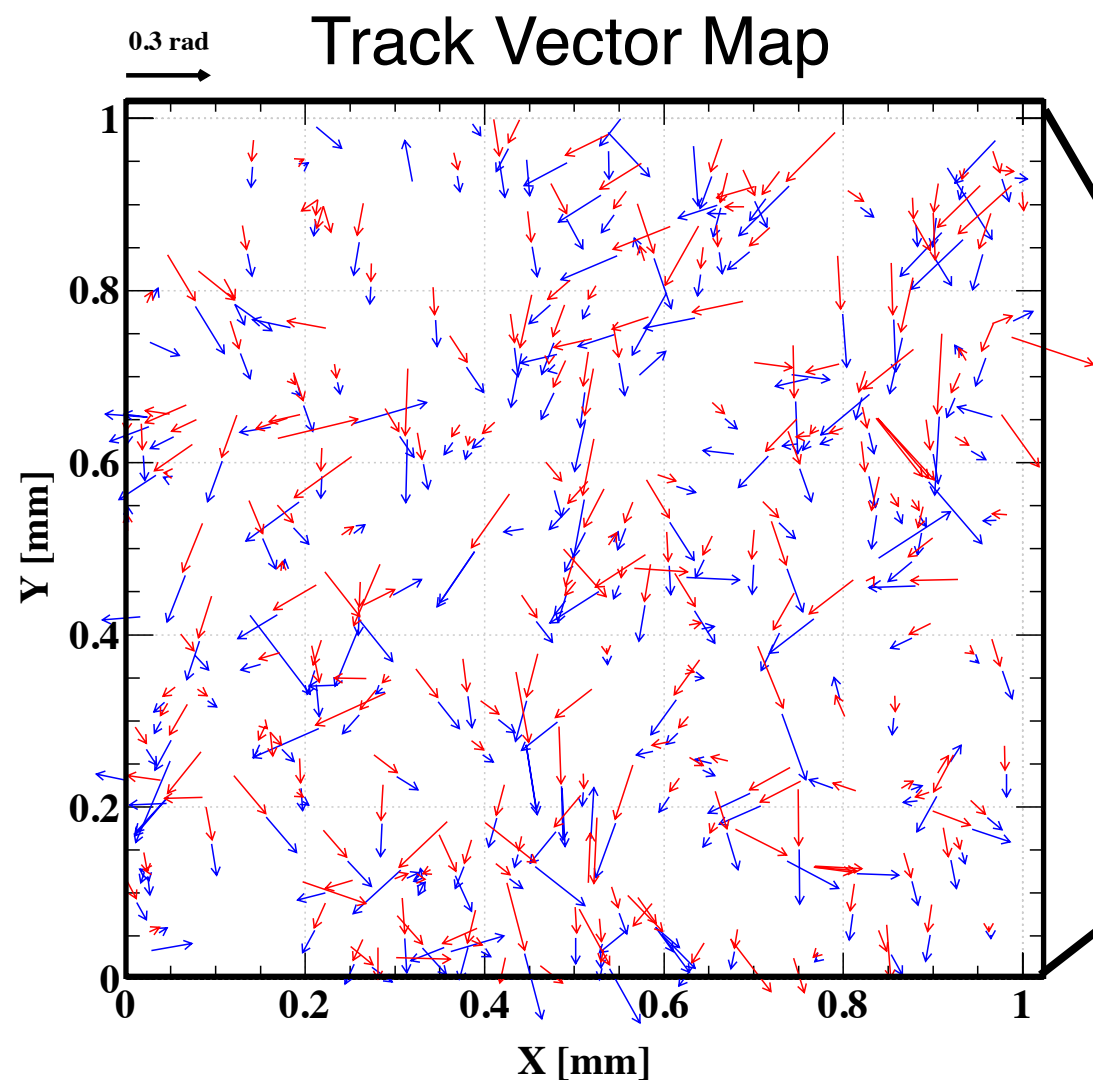
single shot

( $2.45 \times 10^{11}$  p.o.t.)

Vacuum-packed  
doublet film  
(12.5cm x 10cm)

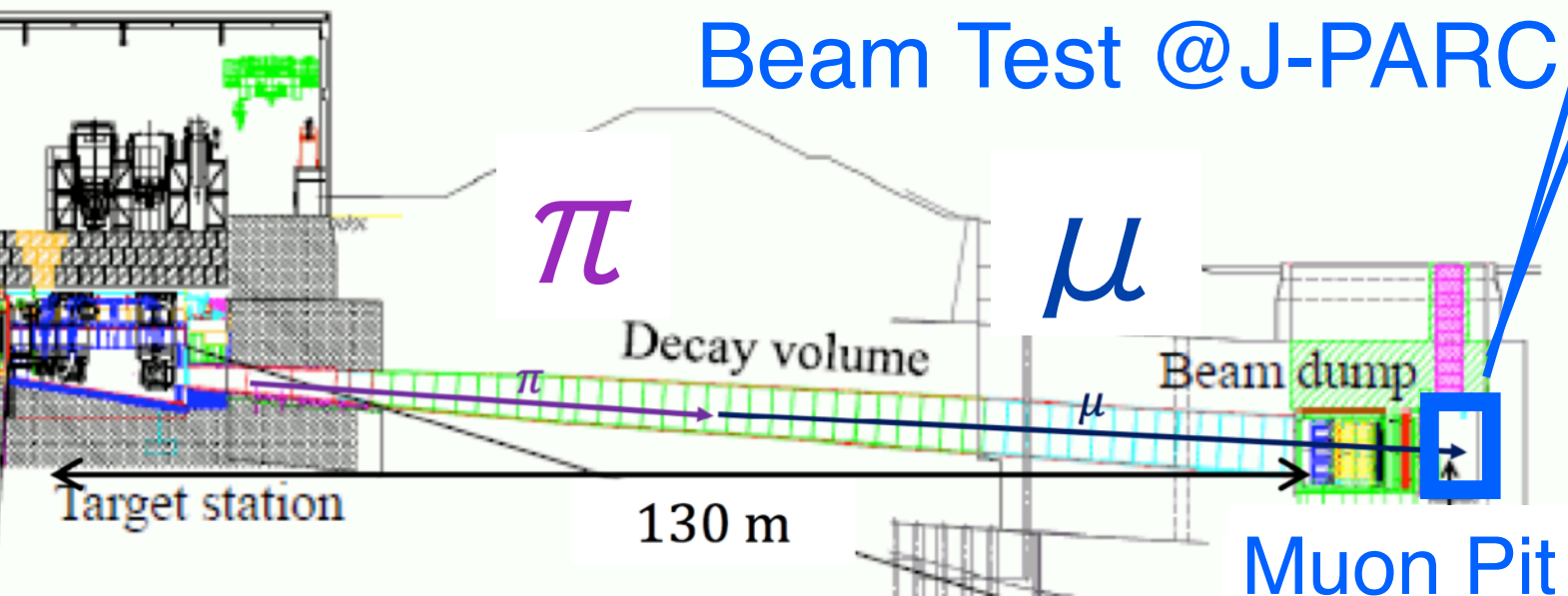


thanks to A.Ariga, T.Nakadaira



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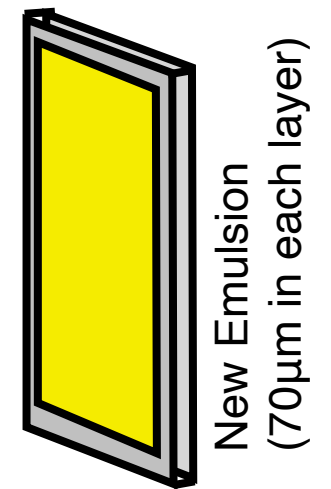


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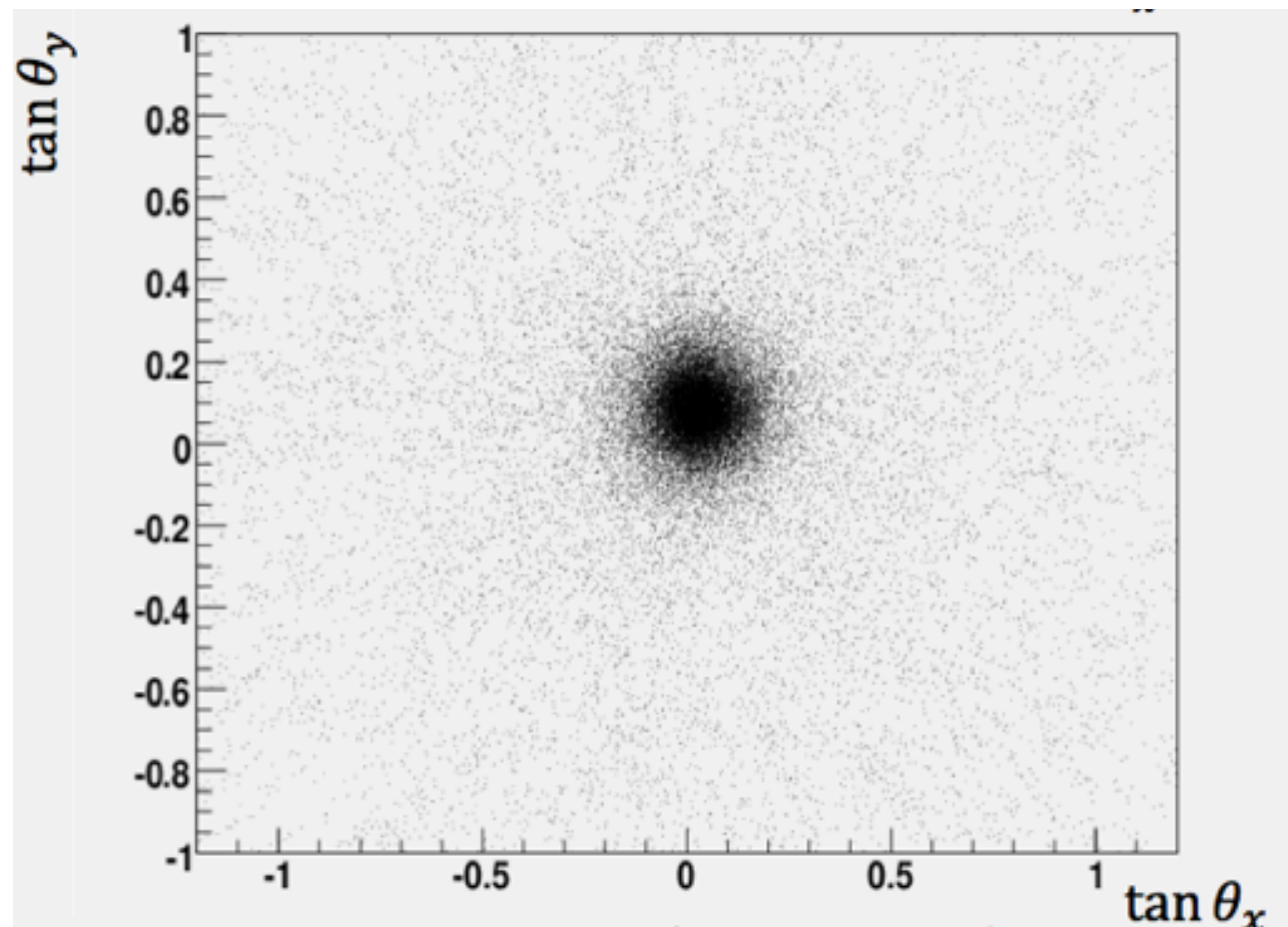
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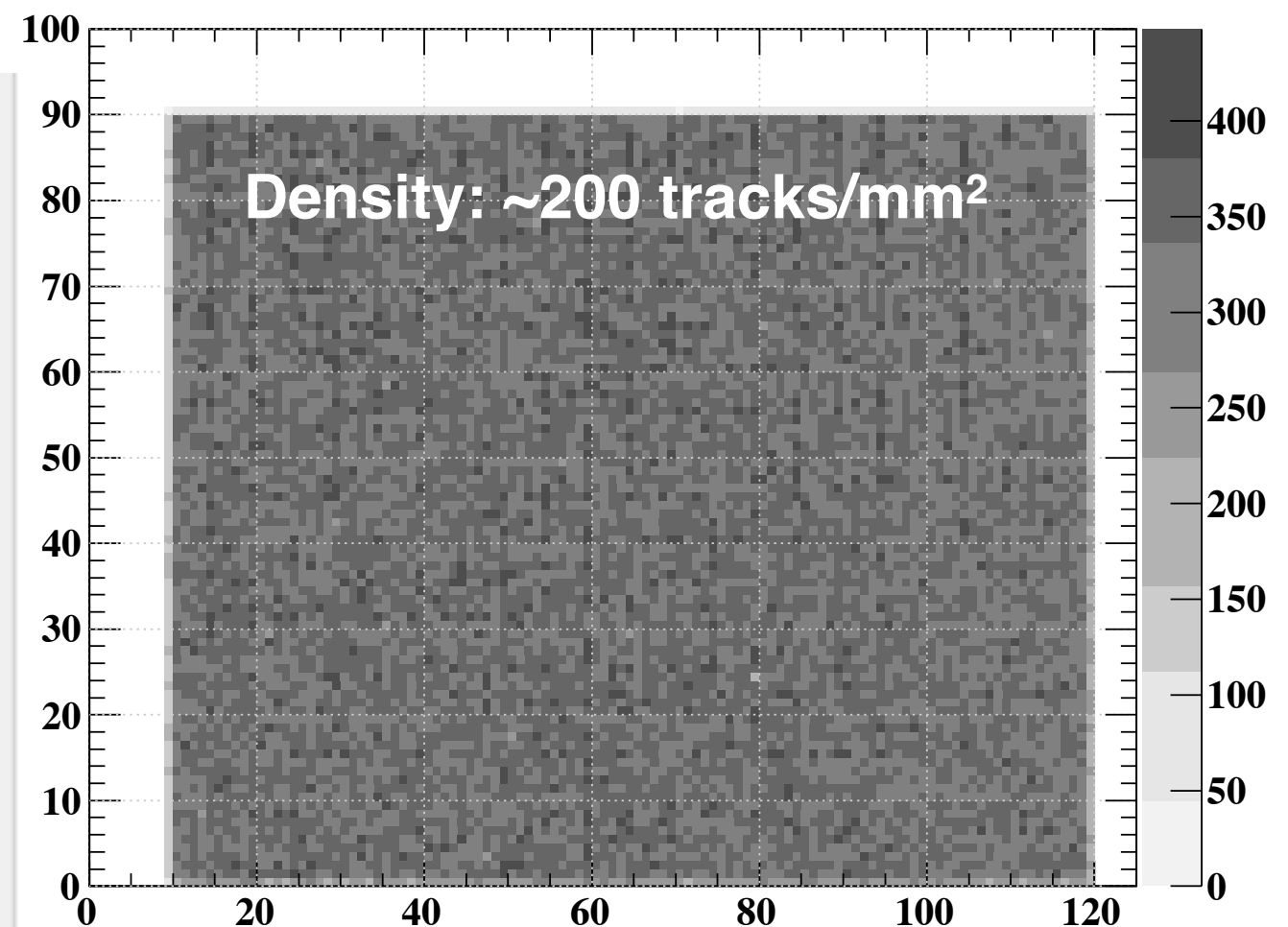


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Beam image (angular distribution)



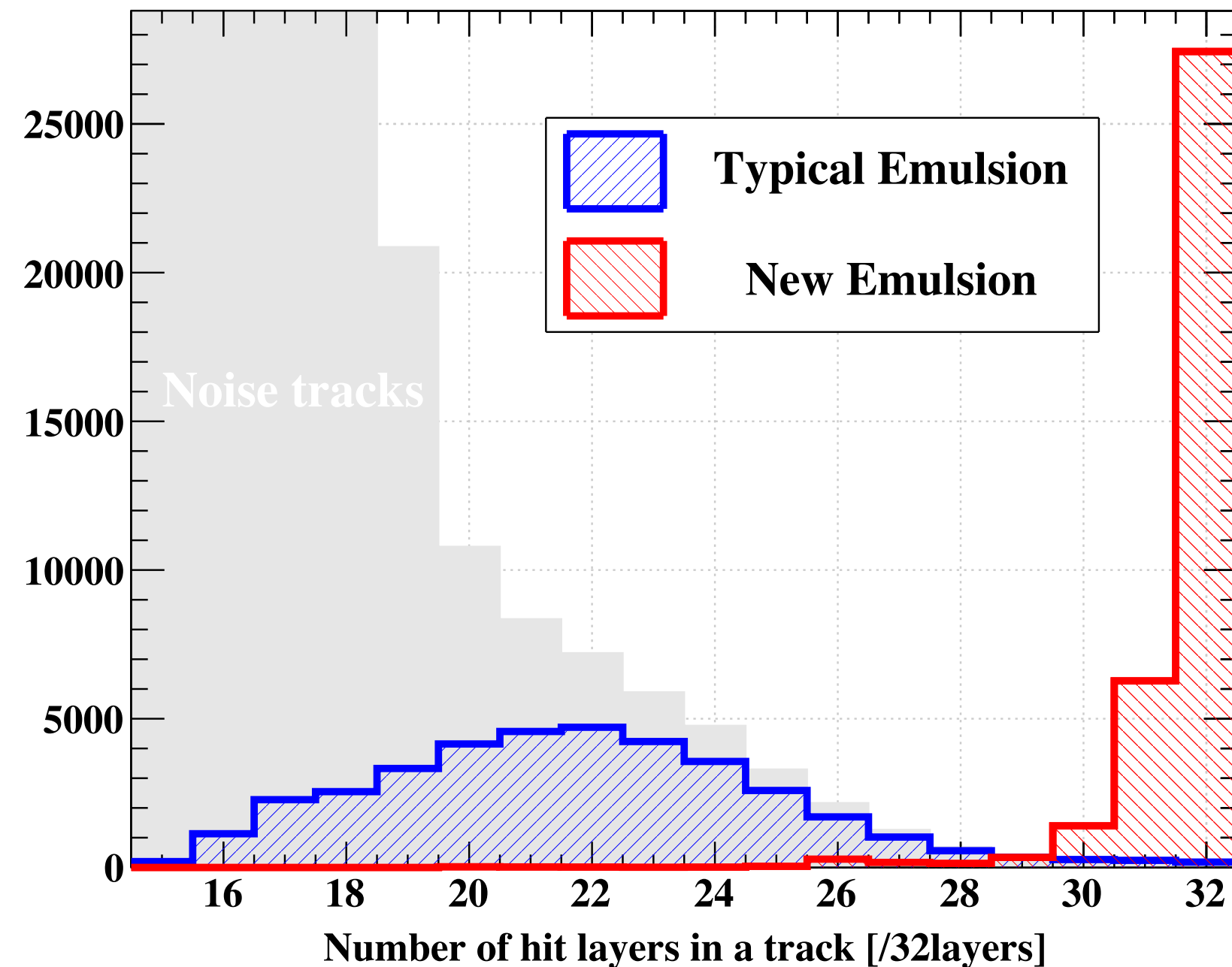
Position Distribution





# Nagoya Emulsion Film + Scanning System = High quality track data

Pulse Height Distribution ( $\tan\theta < 0.1$ )



- Track-finding Efficiency :  
**80% → 97%**
- Good separation from noise track  
→ **High S/N data**

K. Ozaki *et al* 2015 *JINST* 10

# $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$ Event Selection

H.Rokujo et al.,  
PTEP 2018, 063H01

## Balloon-borne Emulsion Chamber Data

GRAINE-2018

Flight data

8 films  
5 mm x 5mm

/(5mm x 5mm )

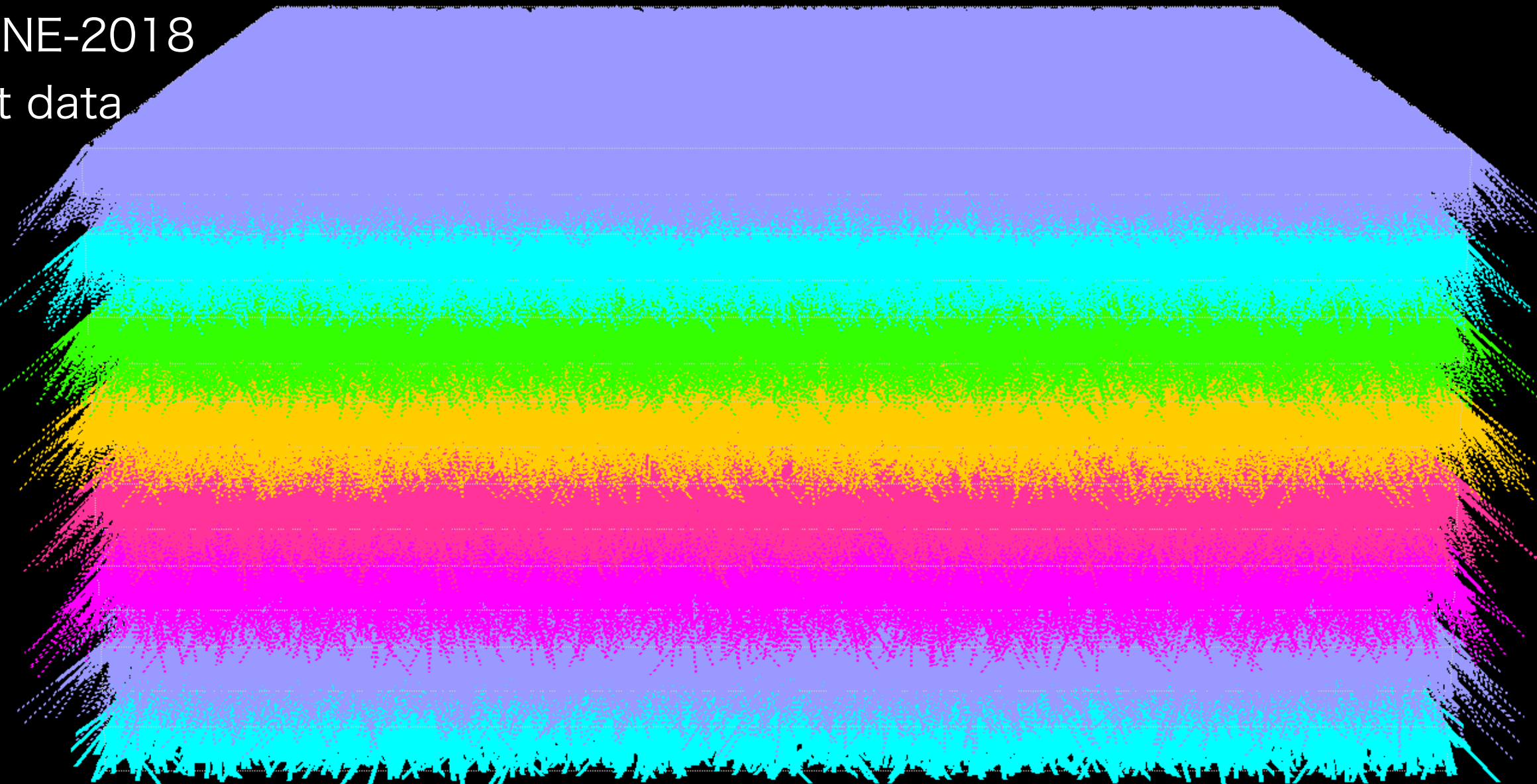
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All



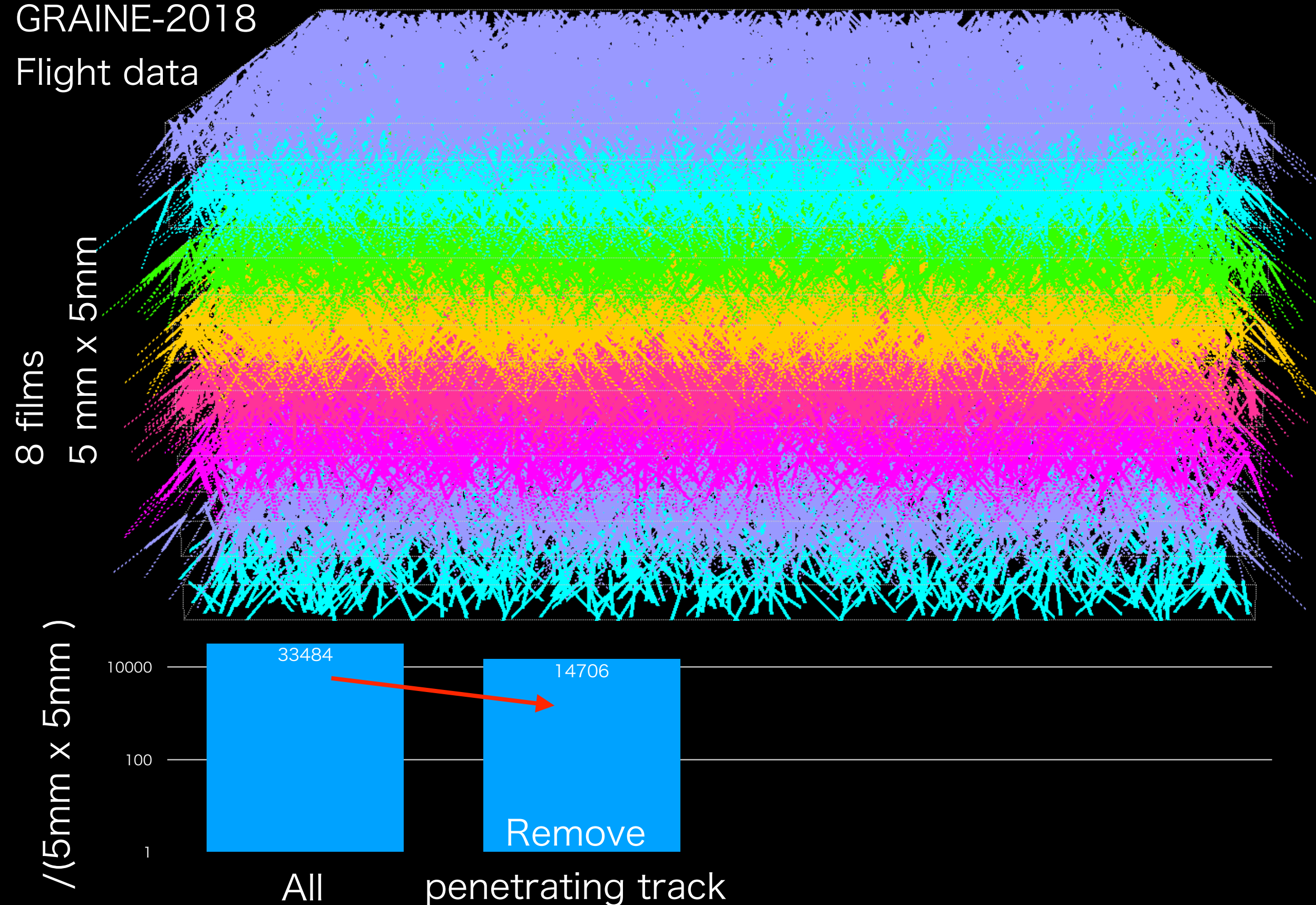
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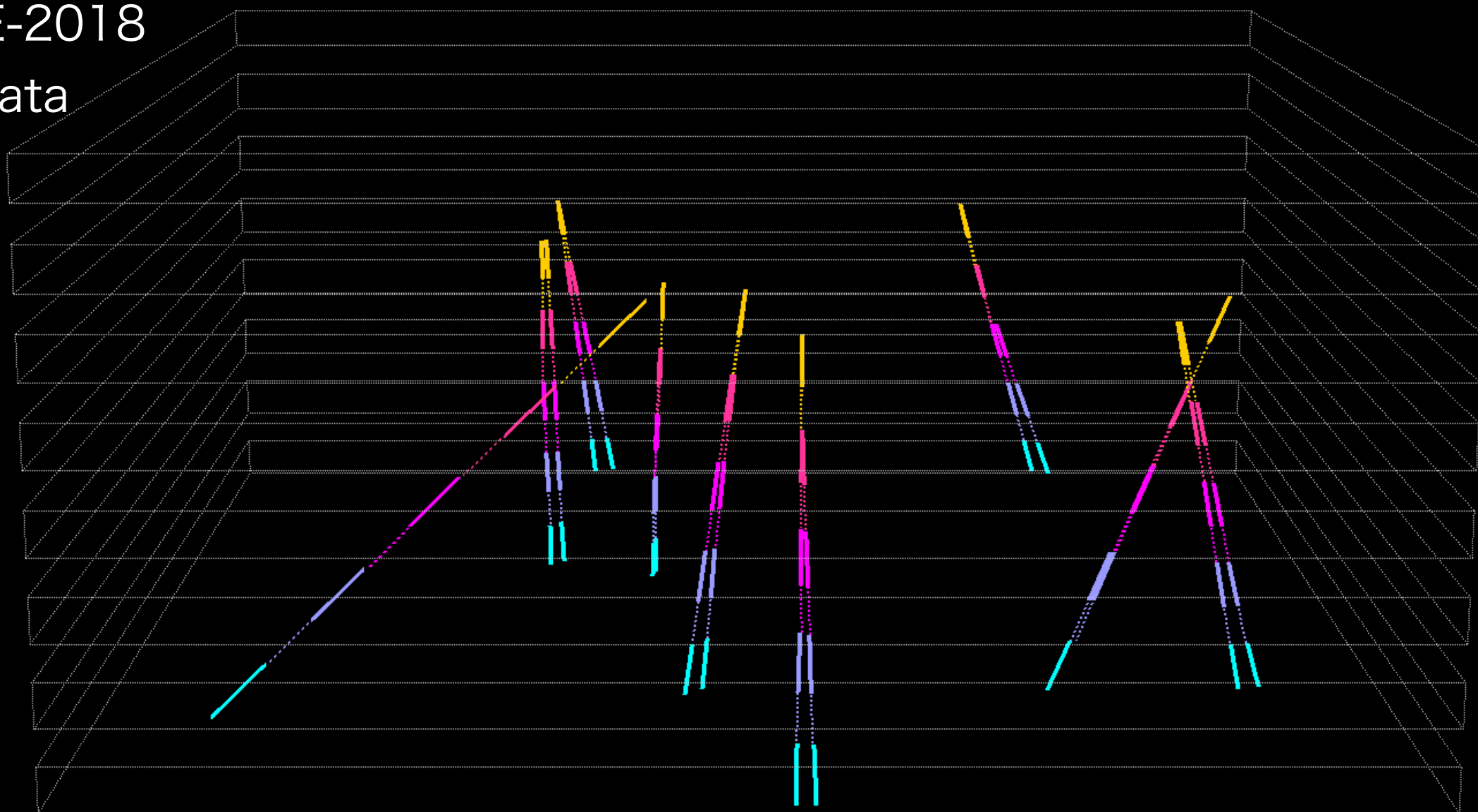
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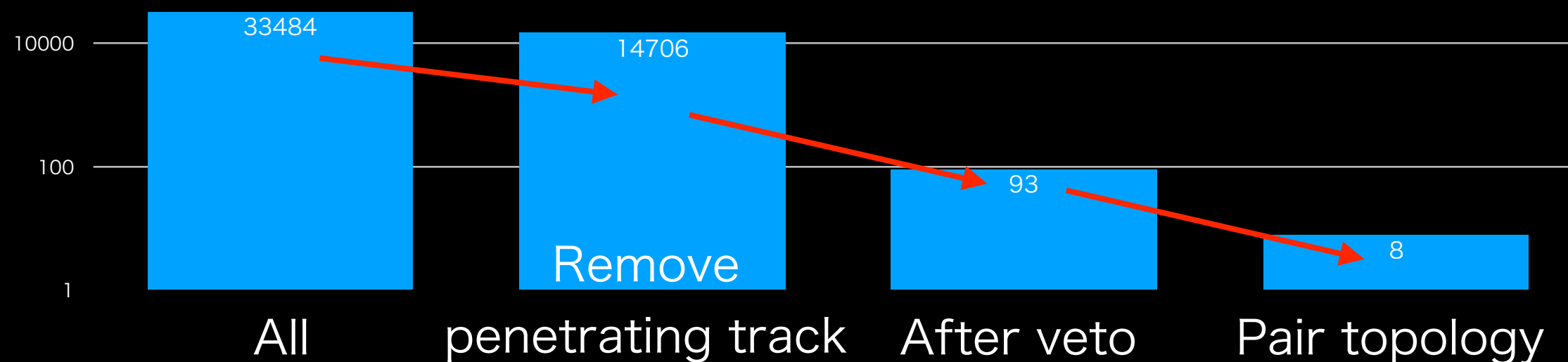
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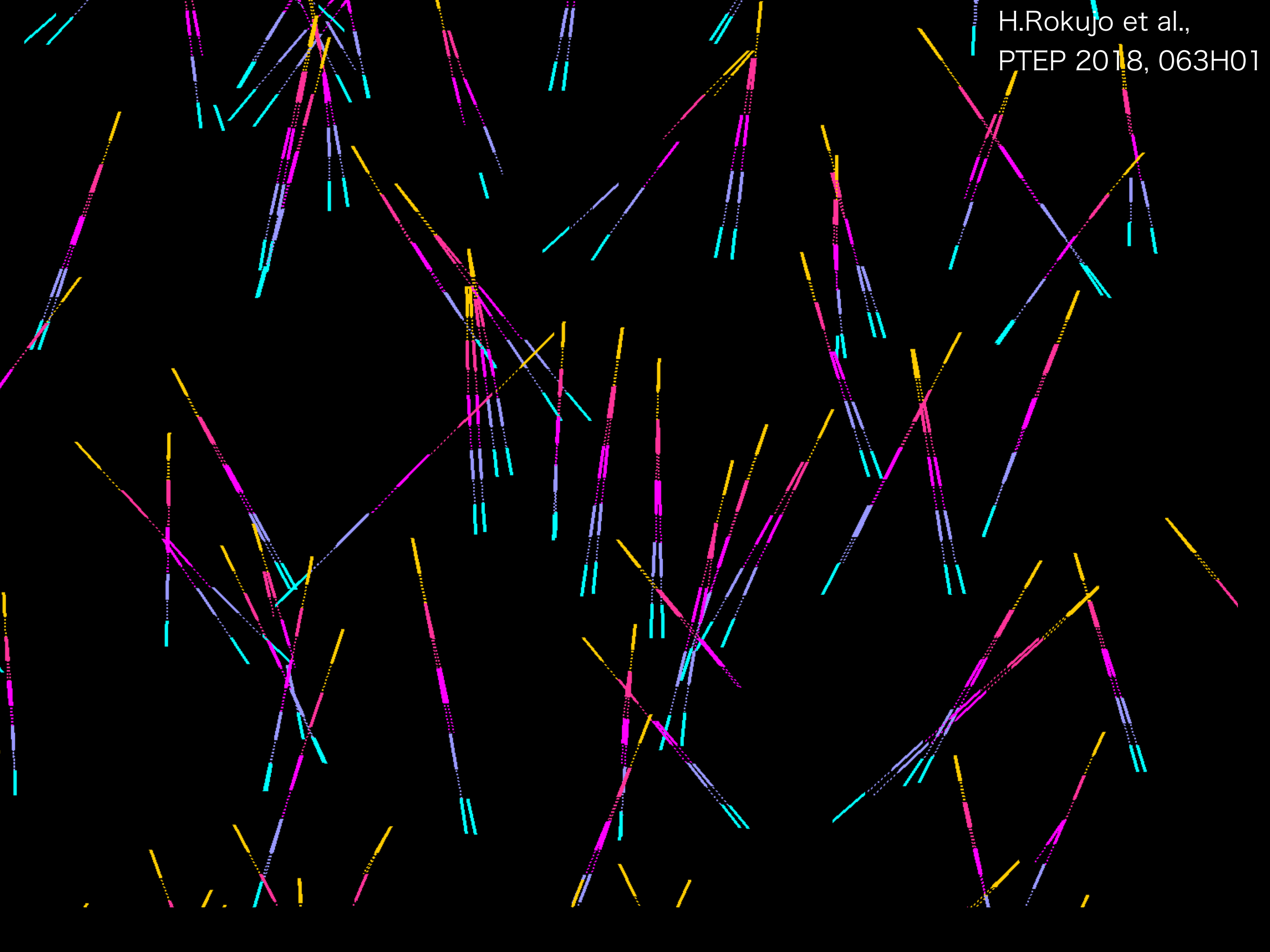
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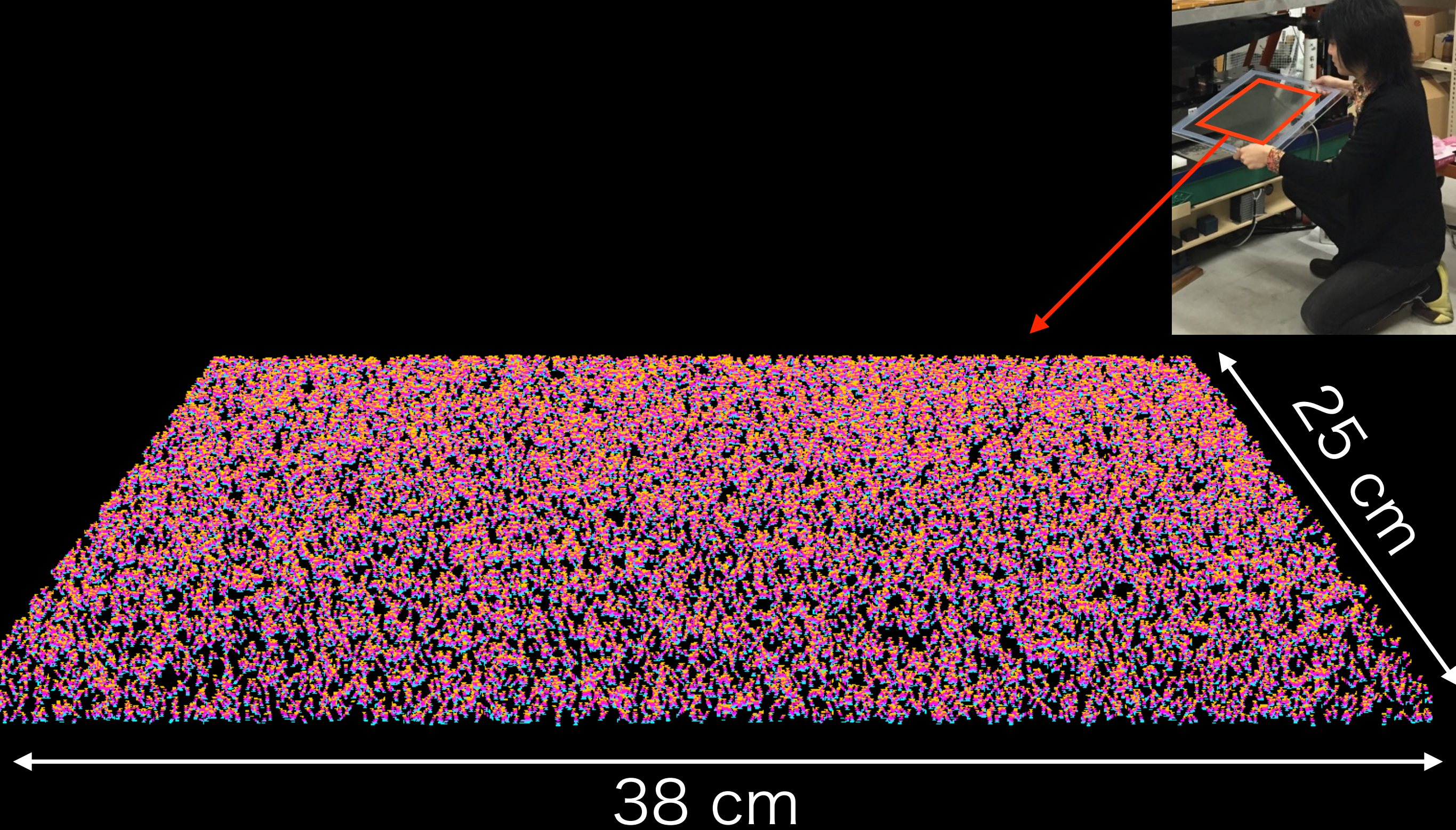


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High efficiency and high SN ratio data set  
→ Systematic analysis and large-area emulsion experiments.



Neutrino research

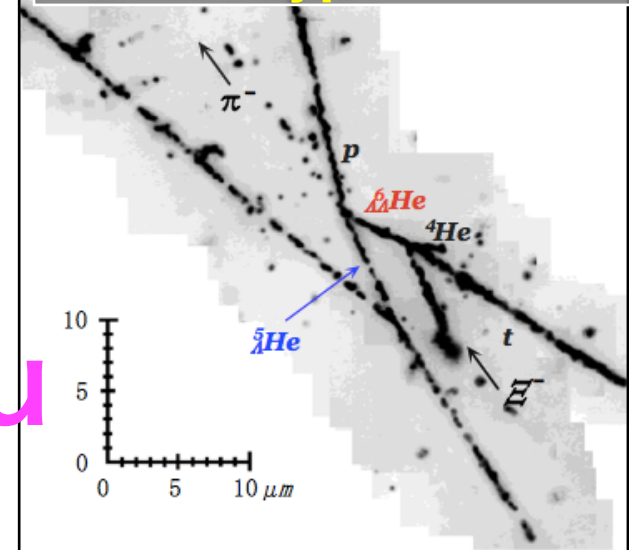
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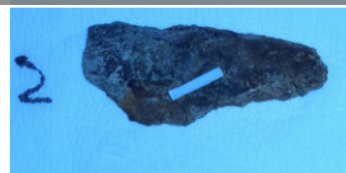
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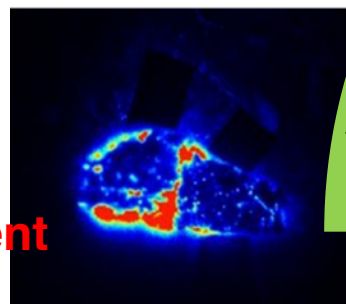
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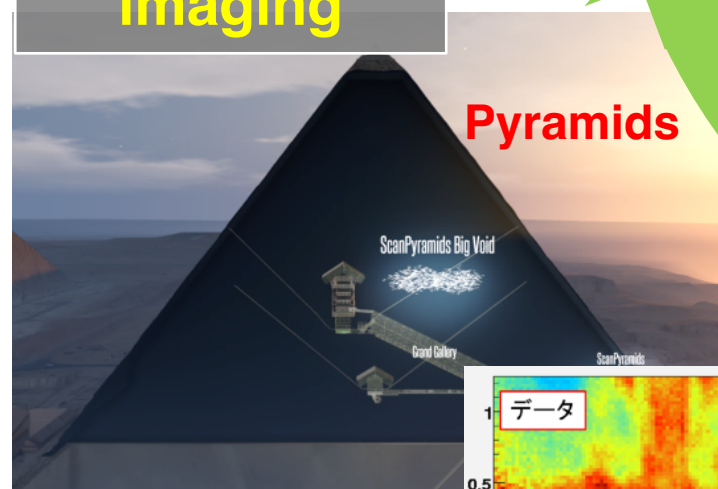
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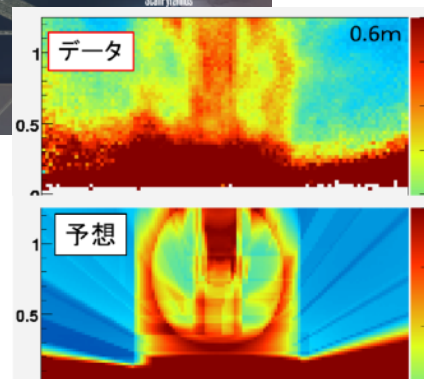
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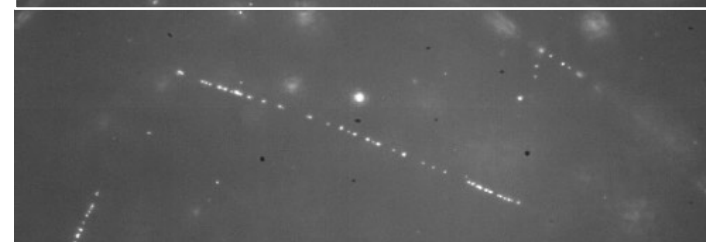


Pyramids



Reactor

Neutron imaging



Particle Phys.

Nuclear Phys.

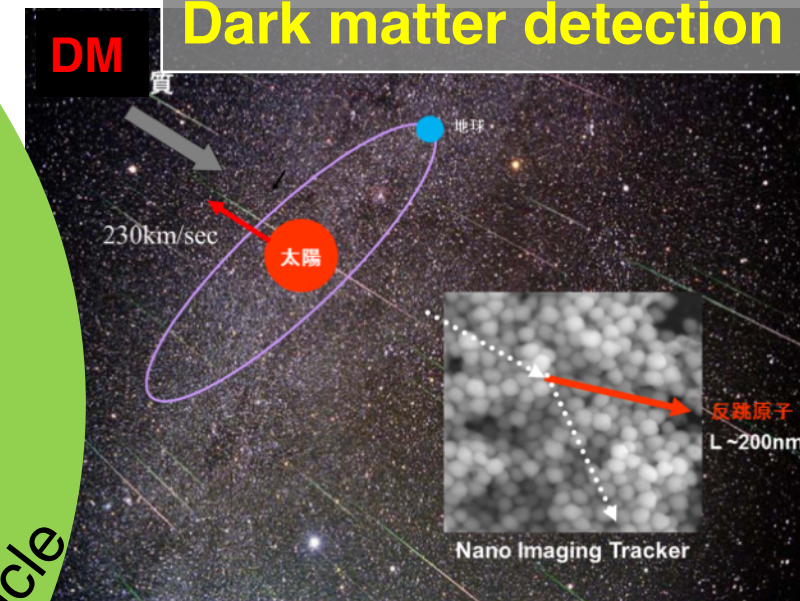
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Education

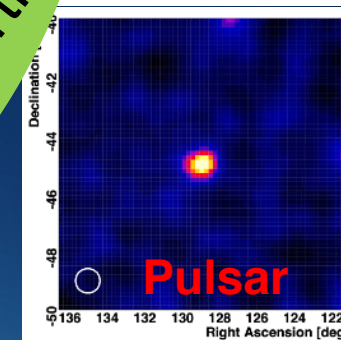
Applications

# Ongoing Emulsion Projects

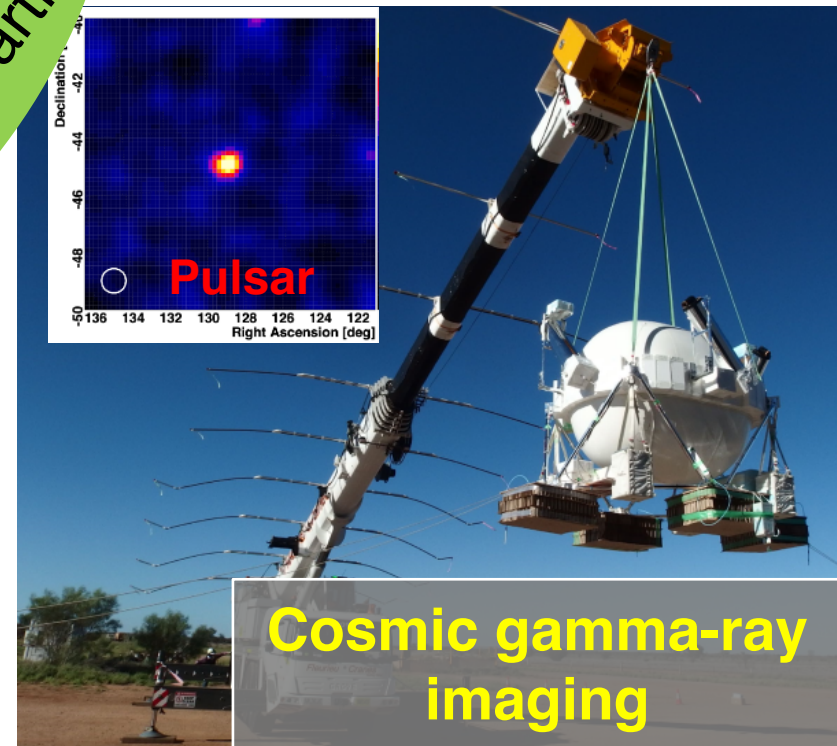
Dark matter detection



Pulsar



Cosmic gamma-ray imaging



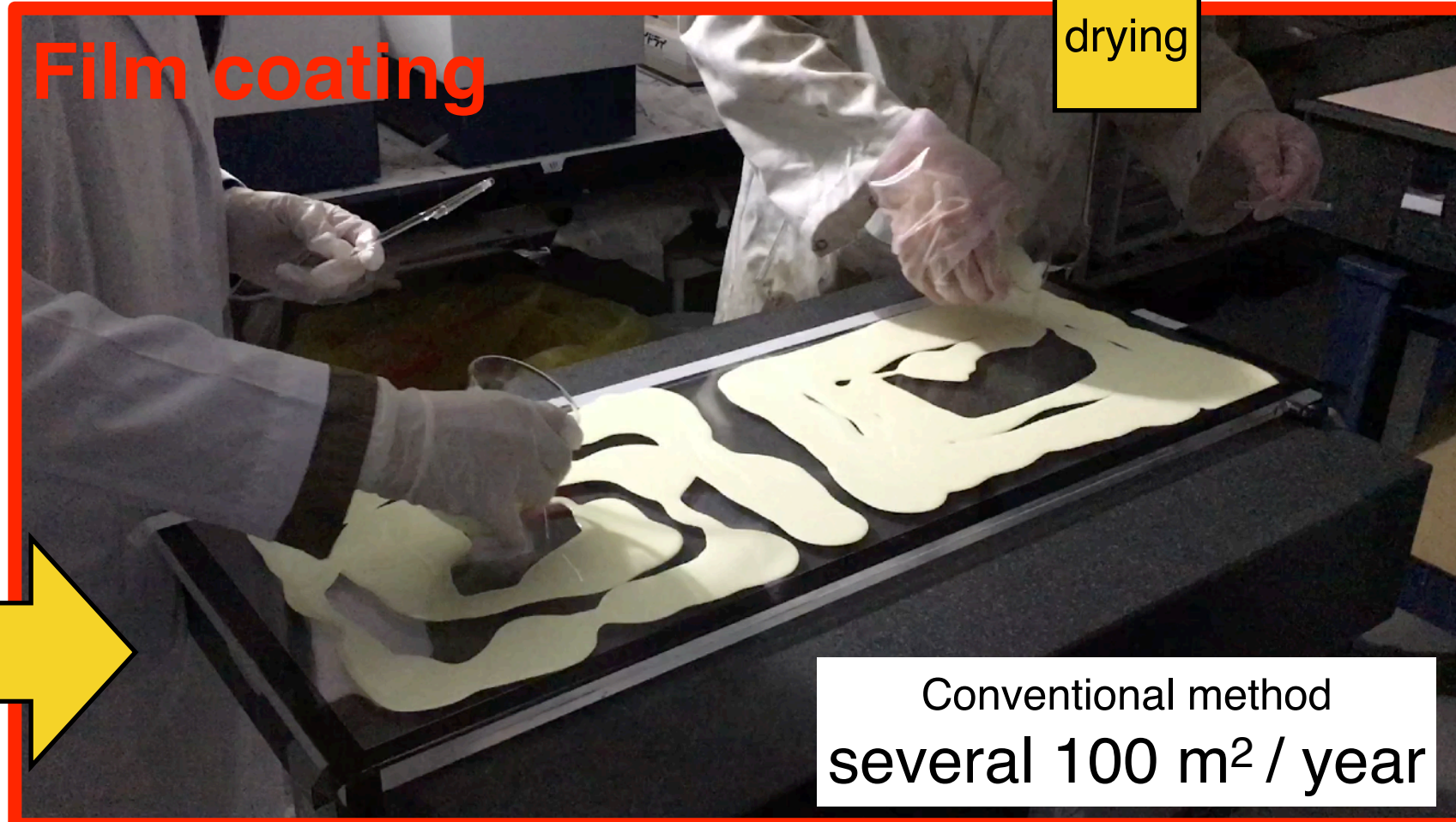


# Upgrade of Film Production

Gel Production



Film coating



After drying



Conventional method  
several 100 m<sup>2</sup> / year

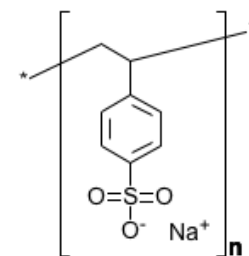
In 2018, We started construction of a new facility that can supply films with 10 times larger capacity.



# Development of Automatic Coat Method

## - Knife Coater Method-

### Viscosity Tuning



Emulsion(new gelatin)  
+PSSS  
(m.w. 10,000,000)

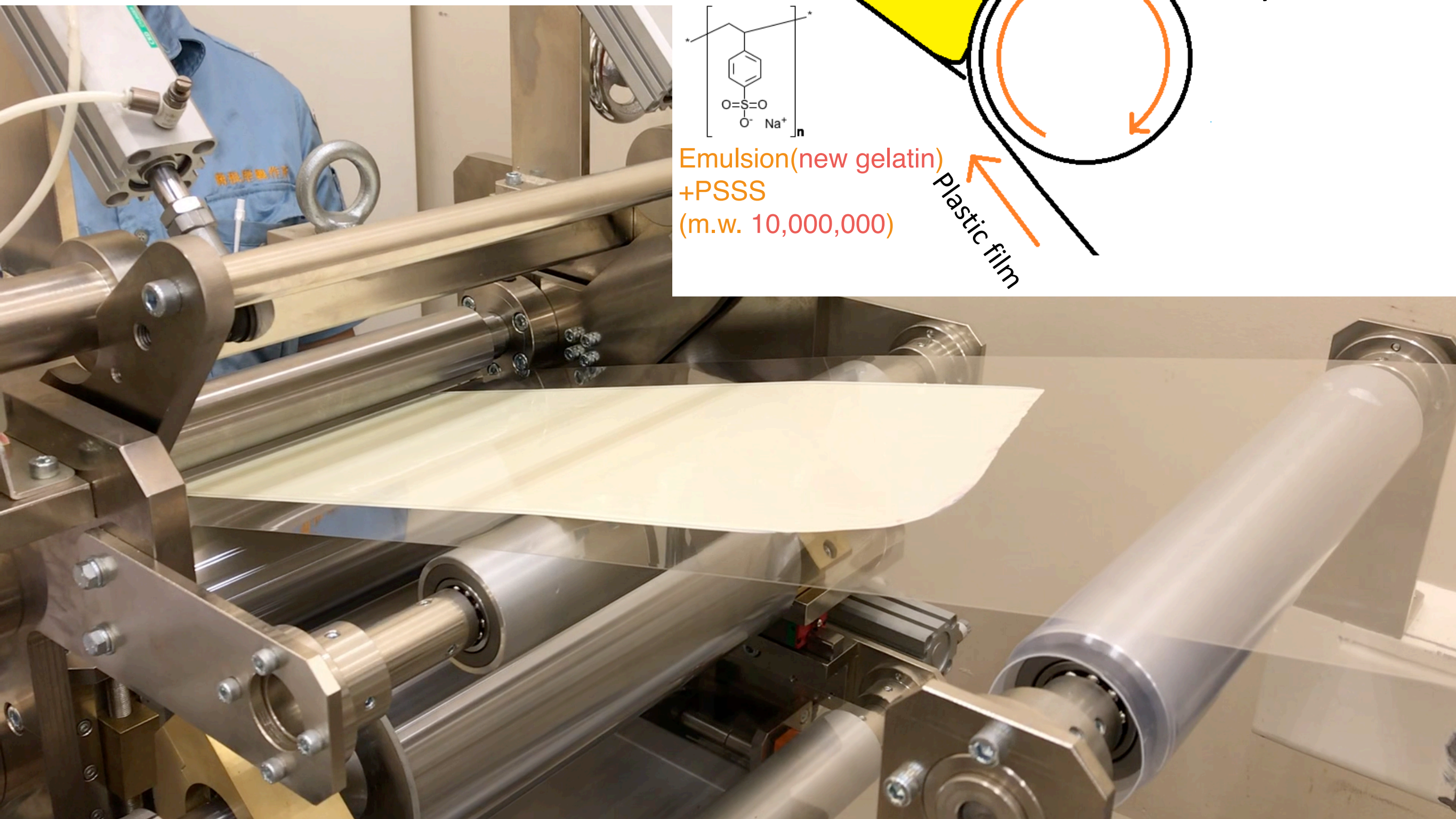
Hot  
Emulsion  
Gel

Knife coater head

clearance

Plastic film

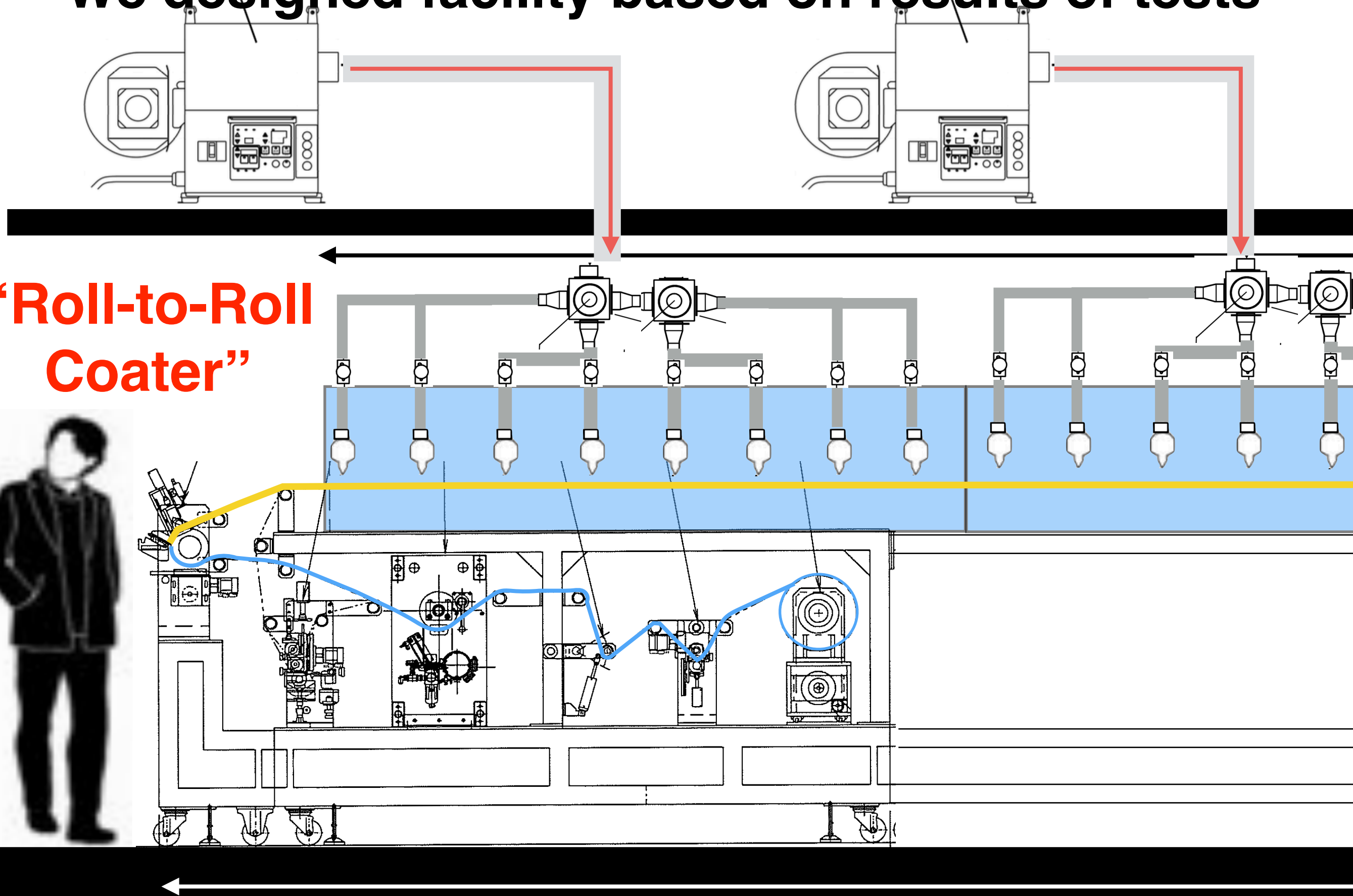
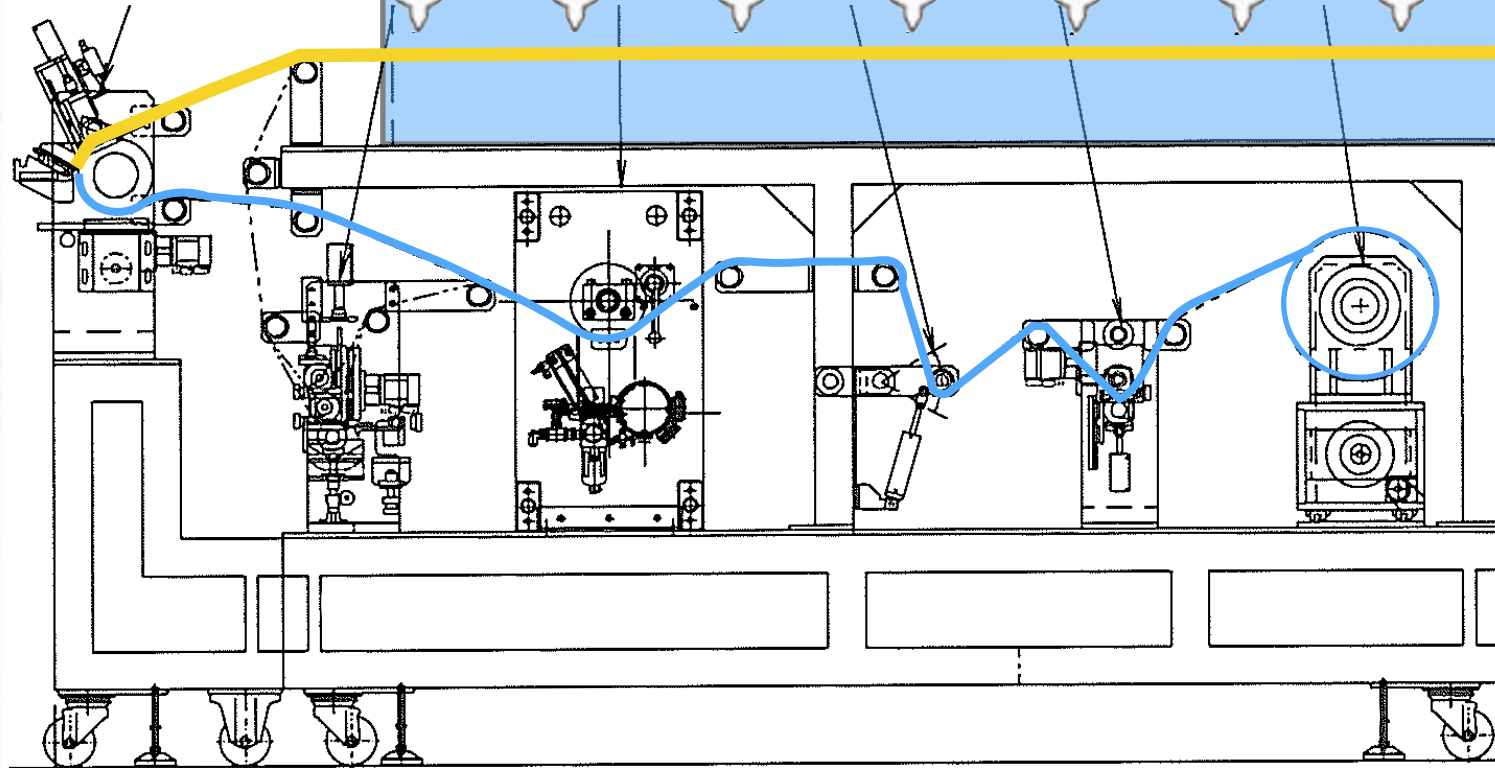
Plastic film





# We designed facility based on results of tests

**“Roll-to-Roll  
Coater”**





**2021 May.-  
Roll-to-roll emulsion film  
coating facility  
started practical operation  
(Real production in the dark)**

**Coating**

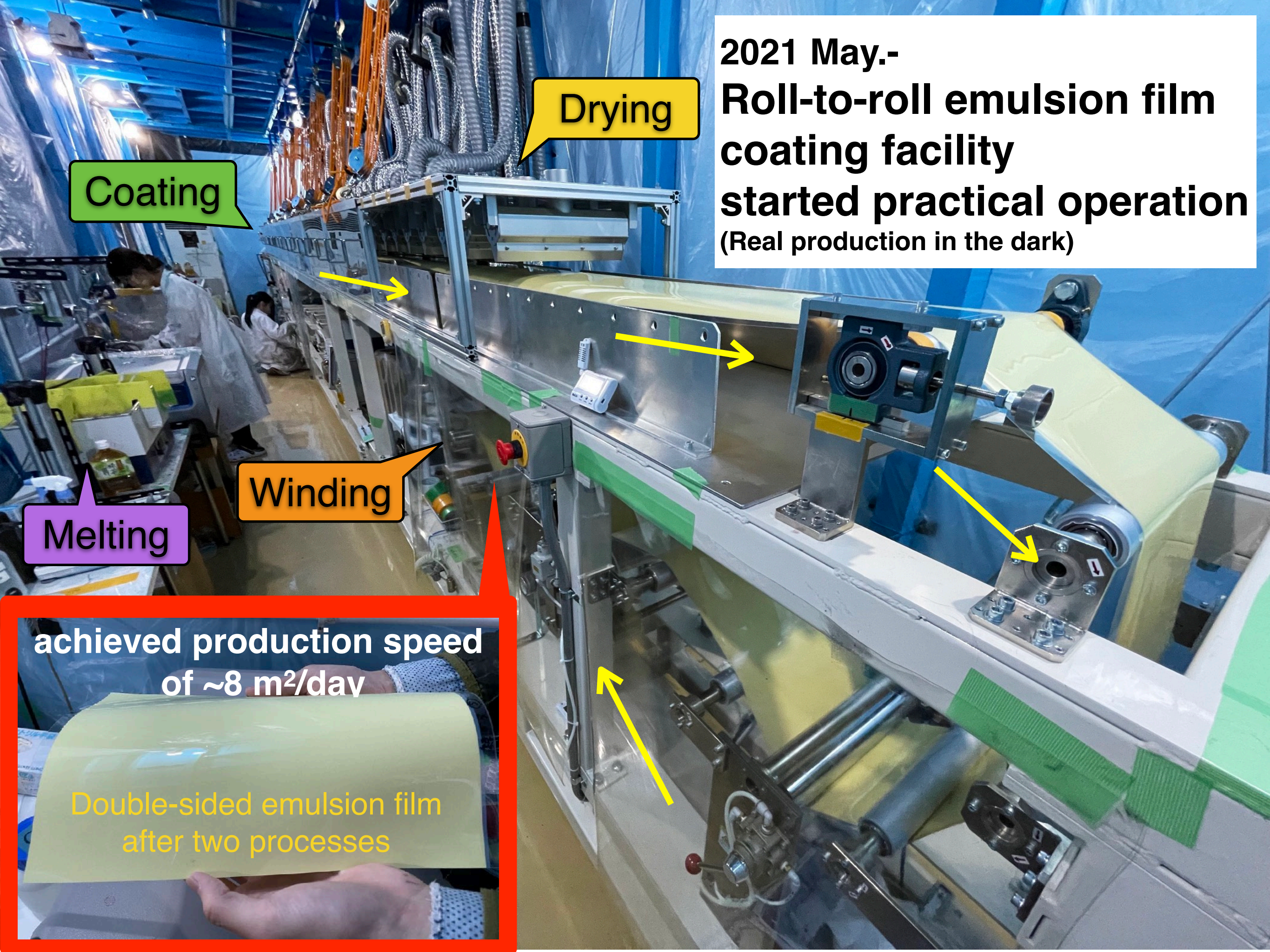
**Drying**

**Winding**

**Melting**

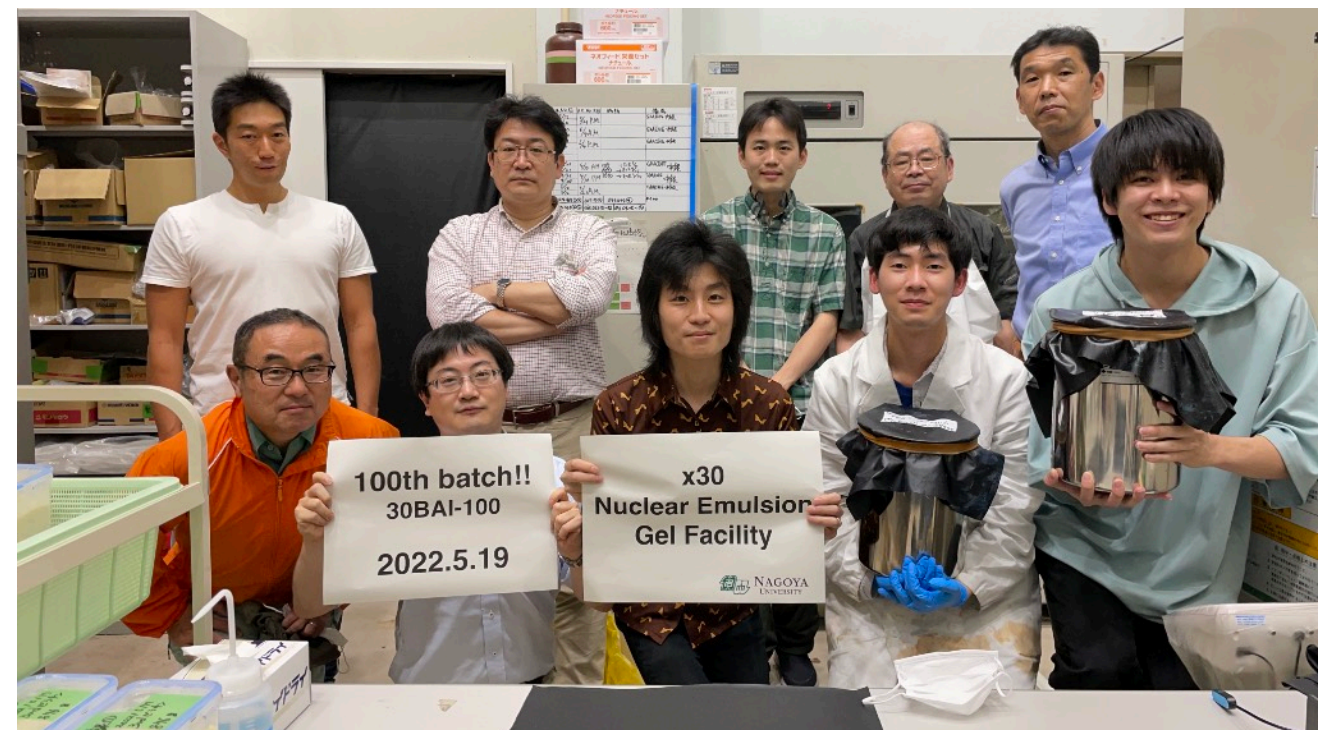
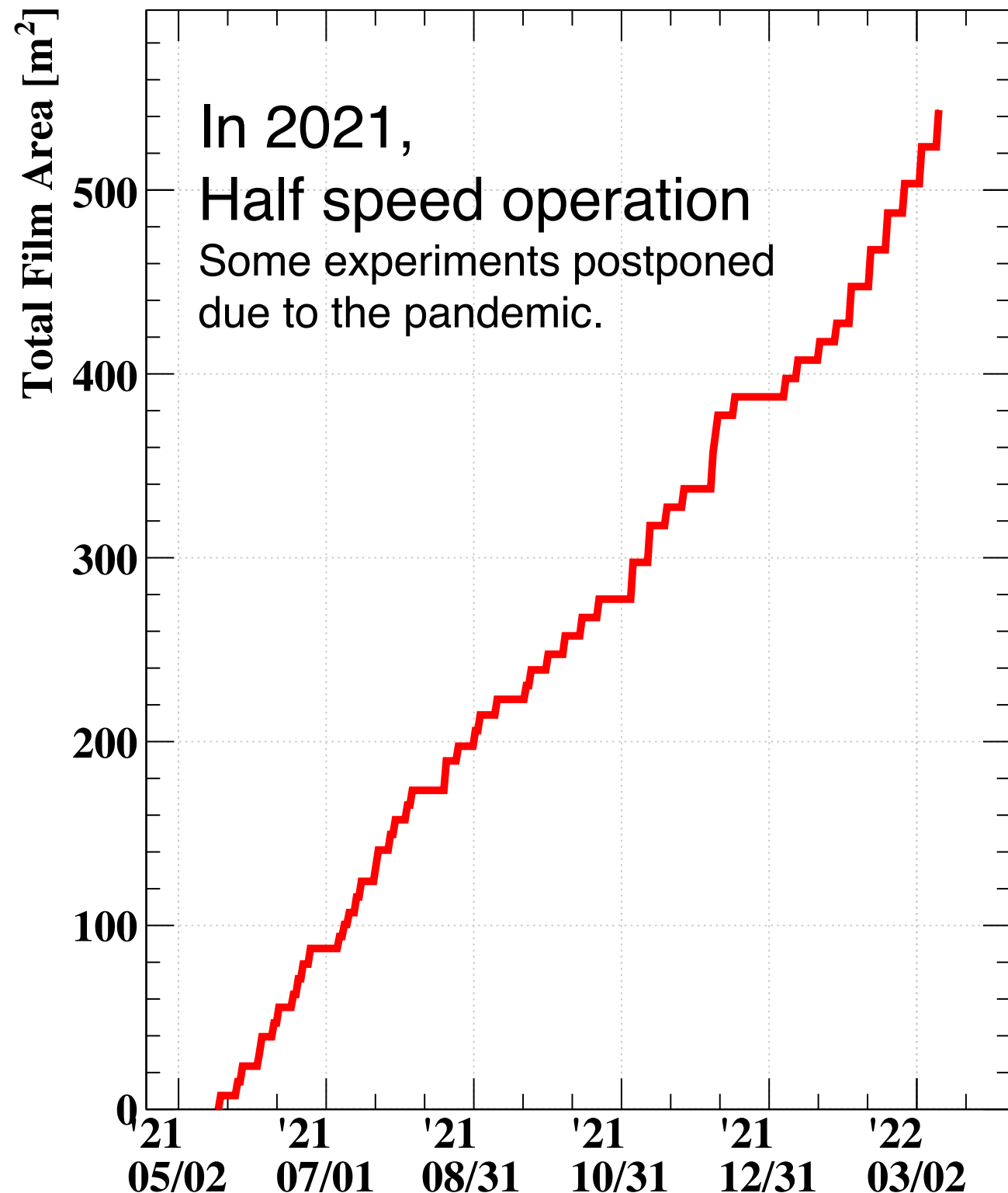
**achieved production speed  
of  $\sim 8 \text{ m}^2/\text{day}$**

**Double-sided emulsion film  
after two processes**





# Started Mass Production in the new facility



celebration for the 100th batch in the new facility

Started supply for  
DsTau (2021&2022 run)  
FASER-nu (2022 run)  
SND (2022 run)  
GRAINE R&D  
Proton radiography R&D

In June 2022,  
Full speed operation for  
GRAINE (Balloon experiment)  
NINJA (2023run)  
...etc.

# Summary

## **- Part of Emulsion Development and Production-**

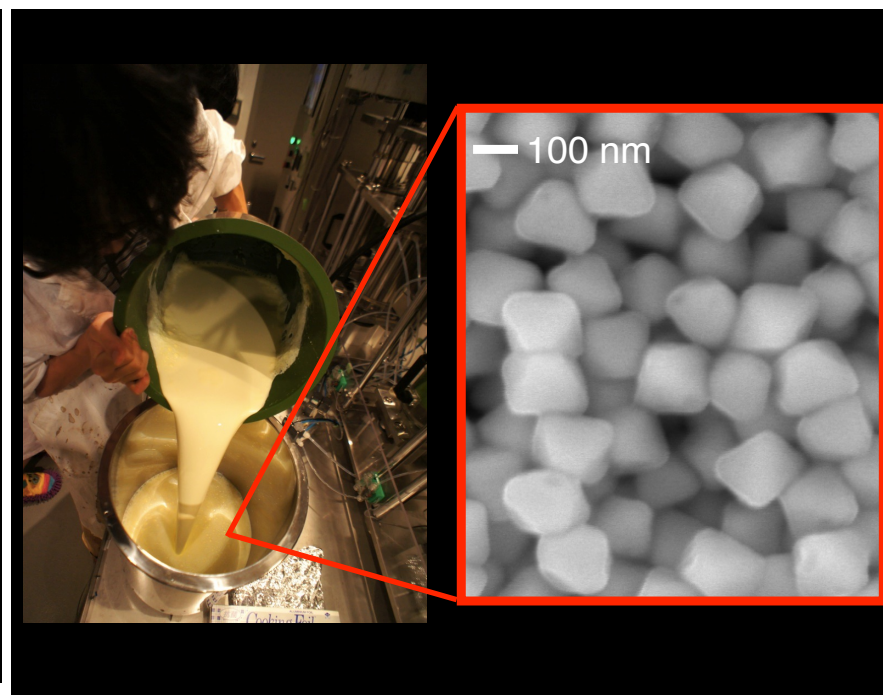
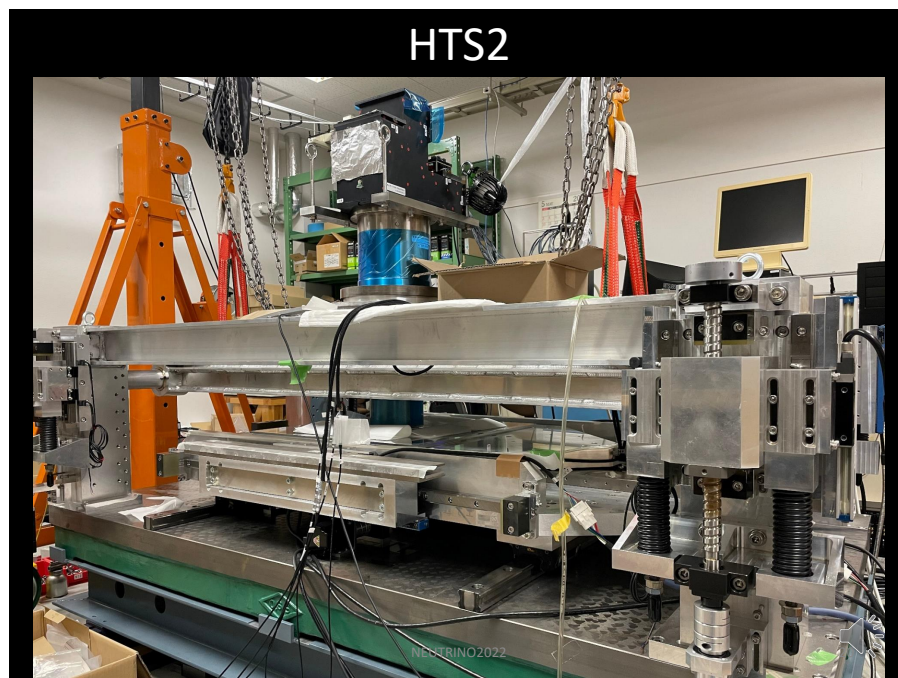
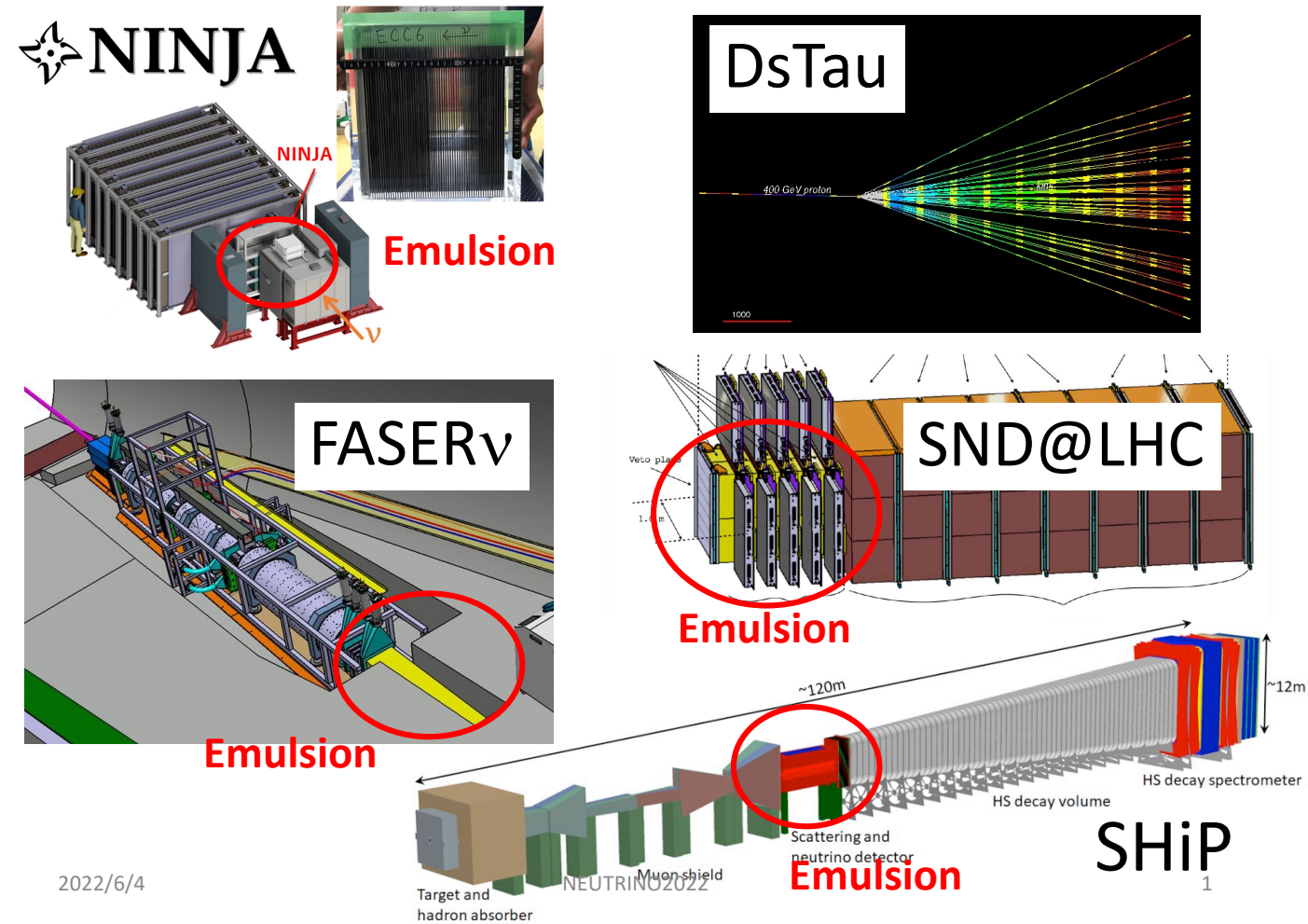
- **Developing nuclear emulsion consistently from gel production to scanning**
  - Nuclear emulsion suitable for each experiment.
  - Immediately put into practice the necessary development and ambitious ideas.
  - Expansion of applications.
- **High-speed and high-quality scan data**
  - Full-scale data analysis of large-area nuclear emulsion
- **Upgrade of Film Production Facility**
  - Large-scale gel production & Roll-to-roll film production facility
  - Started supply to ongoing neutrino experiments
- **Emulsion Experiments enter to the next stage! Stay tuned for results.**



# Emulsion technology

- Contributing in neutrino physics such as observations of  $\nu\tau$  &  $\nu\tau$  appearance in oscillations.
- Further contributions through **coming experiments**.

## Coming experiments



- We welcome your interesting ideas using nuclear emulsion!