

# Status and future prospects of Gran Sasso



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## The Gran Sasso Underground Laboratory

Proposed in 1979
Approved in 1982
Since 1989 w/ the first experiment: MACRO





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## **Scientific achievements**

Neutrino oscillations: GALLEX/GNO for solar v's MACRO for atmospheric v's Cosmic rays: unique study with EAS-TOP LVD/MACRO

#### **Rare phenomena:**

ββ w/ Heidelberg-Moscow (m<sub>ee</sub> ~0.44eV) & Cuoricino Nuclear astrophysics:

Dark Matter w/ DAMA

### R&D:

- Low energy(<1MeV) solar neutrinos with the Borexino prototype: a pioneer project
- LAr technology
- Low counting techniques

The Gran Sasso Laboratory in the future (<2010-2012)

□ Safety and infrastructures upgrade (2004 - 2006)**CNGS** program: OPERA, ICARUS Low energy solar neutrinos: Borexino **DM: LIBRA, CRESST, WARP, LXe(?)**  $\Box \beta \beta$ : Cuoricino, Cuore, Gerda **Nuclear astrophysics: LUNA** 

# Safety and Infrastructures upgrade

### **Upgrade of infrastructures [2004-2006]**

### First phase

- Floor waterproofing
- Realization of containment basins
- Safety measure for the drinkable water

### Second phase

- Upgrade of the ventilation system
- Upgrade of the cooling capability
- Upgrade of the electrical power

### **Sealing of floors**



### Hall C with Borexino & OPERA





### Hall A with GNO being taken apart





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### New drain system



### Ventilation system at present



## New ventilation system



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# **Cooling system**



## LNGS physics program before 2010

# Existing and under way projects at the Laboratory



### Physics program before 2010

Solar neutrinos: Borexino searching for <sup>7</sup>Be and pep SN neutrinos: LVD (~400 events for a std SN) running with 99.3% duty cycle in the last 5yrs T600 (~100), Borexino(80)

Double beta decay: Cuoricino with about 40kg of TeO<sub>2</sub> (with 34% <sup>130</sup>Te) in 3yr can reach  $T_{1/2} > 1.8x10^{24}$  yr (90%CL) GERDA with ~20kg Ge enriched. ~1yr to confirm at 5 $\sigma$  or reject HM

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Dark Matter: CRESST: upgraded to 33detectors(10kg) + neutron shielding operational by endo of 2005 LIBRA with 250kg of Nal already running (1.5yr) WARP from 2.3kg to 100kg if background problems solved

CNGS: OPERA + ICARUS(T1800/T3000) Gravitational waves: 2m in deameter spherical antenna to be Installed on surface and moved later underground

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# T600 at Gran Sasso



T600 will be in operation by fall 2006 At present coll. working on infrastructures (power supply, ventilation, heat dissipation) 2 modules for T600 in Hall B since end of 2004



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# **OPERA**

Goals:  $\Box v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{\tau}$  in appearance  $\Box$  sub-leading  $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$ 





Technique:

✓ Pb nuclear emulsions
✓ 1.8kton target Pb mass
✓ Determination of decay topology

- 5 years with 4.5x10<sup>19</sup> pot/year,
- expected ~10 events for δm<sup>2</sup>~2.5x10<sup>-5</sup> eV<sup>2</sup> @ ~0 background and for maximal mixing

## Building OPERA ...



### **March 2005**

### Installation will take one more year



# Low energy solar neutrinos

### Low energy solar neutrinos ... why?

**Physics and astrophysics point of view:** 

□Test how the Sun shines. Input parameters (Z/X, opacity, ...) of SSM are correct?

How much energy from CNO (1.5% from SSM)? Any other energy source?

Photon luminosity versus Neutrino luminosity

**High precision neutrino flux and annual modulation determination. High precision mixing angle (** $\theta_{12}$  **) determination [mainly by meas. pp].** 

**Test of vacuum-matter transition (energy dependence of** v oscillations).

□ New physics (neutrino magnetic moment, NSI, new vacuum osc. [Vissani,03])

**CPT** test by comparison with terrestrial anti-neutrino experiments

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## Future low energy solar neutrino experiments\*

Experiment	Detection channel	target	Data taking	Expected signal counts/year for pp(Be)
Borexino	Elastic Scattering	100tons target mass	2007	30cpd only Be
KamLAND	Elastic Scattering	600 target mass	2007	
LENS	CC channel <sup>115</sup> In+v <sub>e</sub> ->e <sup>-</sup> + <sup>115</sup> Sn,γ	20ton In-loaded scintillator cells	?	2190(511)
MOON	CC channel <sup>100</sup> Mo+ν <sub>e</sub> ->e <sup>-</sup> + <sup>100</sup> Tc(β)	3.3ton Mo foils + plastic scintillator	?	240(77)
XMASS	Elastic Scattering	10ton liquid Xe	?	2373(1241) with 50keV thres.
CLEAN	Elastic Scattering	10ton liquid Ne	?	2869(1518) with 50keV thres.

\*only mentioned those which have a stronger R&D in progress!

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## Borexino back at work!

Fluid handling operations back at work
 First operation just completed: calibration of the CTF with a Rn source
 Next important step: green light for distillation of scintillator



### Schedule:

major activities: distillation of PC, procurement of about 1kton, filling
 new drain system has a big impact on the schedule
 new drain system should be built by July this year! Hence, Borexino takes data by beginning of 2007

## Summary

- Borexino back at work
- OPERA on schedule
- T600 underground being commissioned (next step: going toward kton scale)
- Cuoricino running, GERDA approved and in start-up
- Dark Matter: LIBRA, CRESST, WARP TF
- GNO stopped and taken apart
- Sealing of floors in progress (Hall C done!)
- New draining system installation, cooling and ventilation starting soon (April 18)

2006 A CRUCIAL YEAR FOR THE LNGS. Goals: lab. upgrade works over OPERA completed, T600 in operation, Borexino filled

## After 2010 ... ?!

Space limitation underground but important physics program to be completed:

- 1. Borexino : ~2007-2012
- 2. OPERA : ~2006-2012
- 3. GERDA: starts 2006-2007
- 4. CUORE: assembly over by 2009
- 5. ICARUS: starts 2006 with T600
- □ Maybe after ~2013 some space free for ...
- No Mton detector at Gran Sasso!
- Rare phenomena & solar neutrinos: going toward a measurement of pp neutrinos with a 10ton LNe Borexino-like detector?!
- □ New ideas for v-beams?