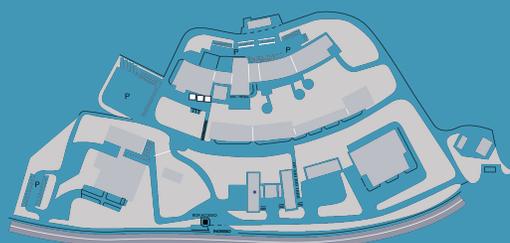




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*TO PAY A PERMANENT TRIBUTE TO ARCHIMEDES AND GALILEO GALILEI, FOUNDERS OF MODERN SCIENCE
AND TO ENRICO FERMI, THE "ITALIAN NAVIGATOR", FATHER OF THE WEAK FORCES*



Highlights from Gran Sasso



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External Buildings



Underground Site



Why can't we see the stars by day?

If we want to see a very small signal (e.g. starlight) we need to get rid of the strongest light sources (the sun)

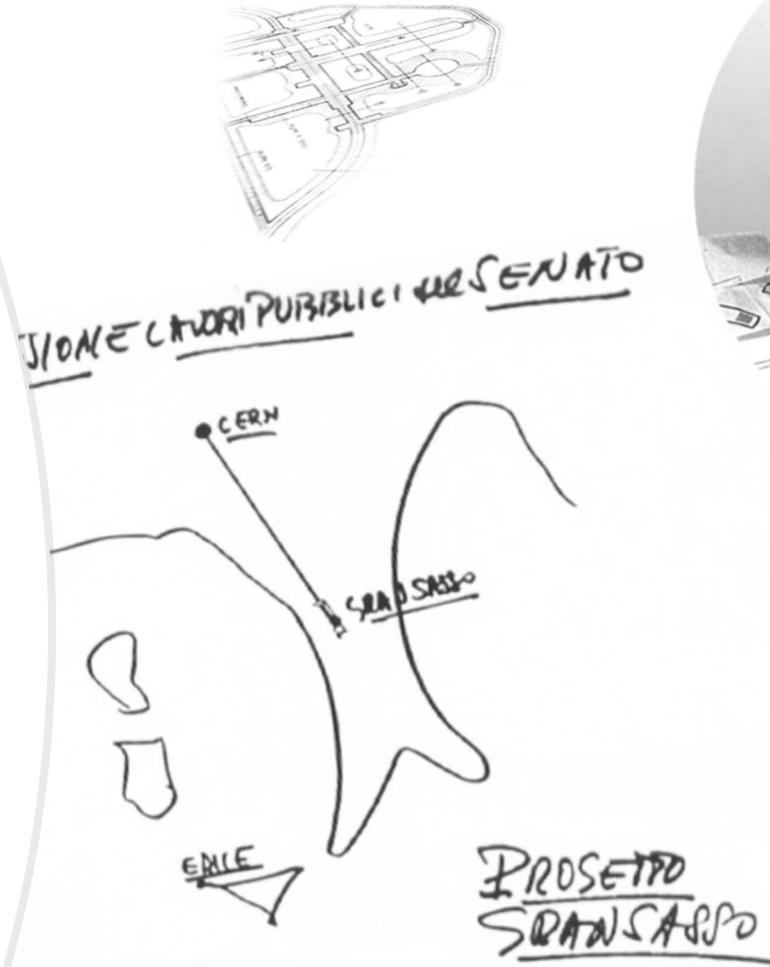


Why underground?

Underground laboratories are shielded by layers of rock and offer the unique possibility of studying rare physics phenomena in an environment which is almost free from cosmic ray background

A brief history of Gran Sasso National Laboratory

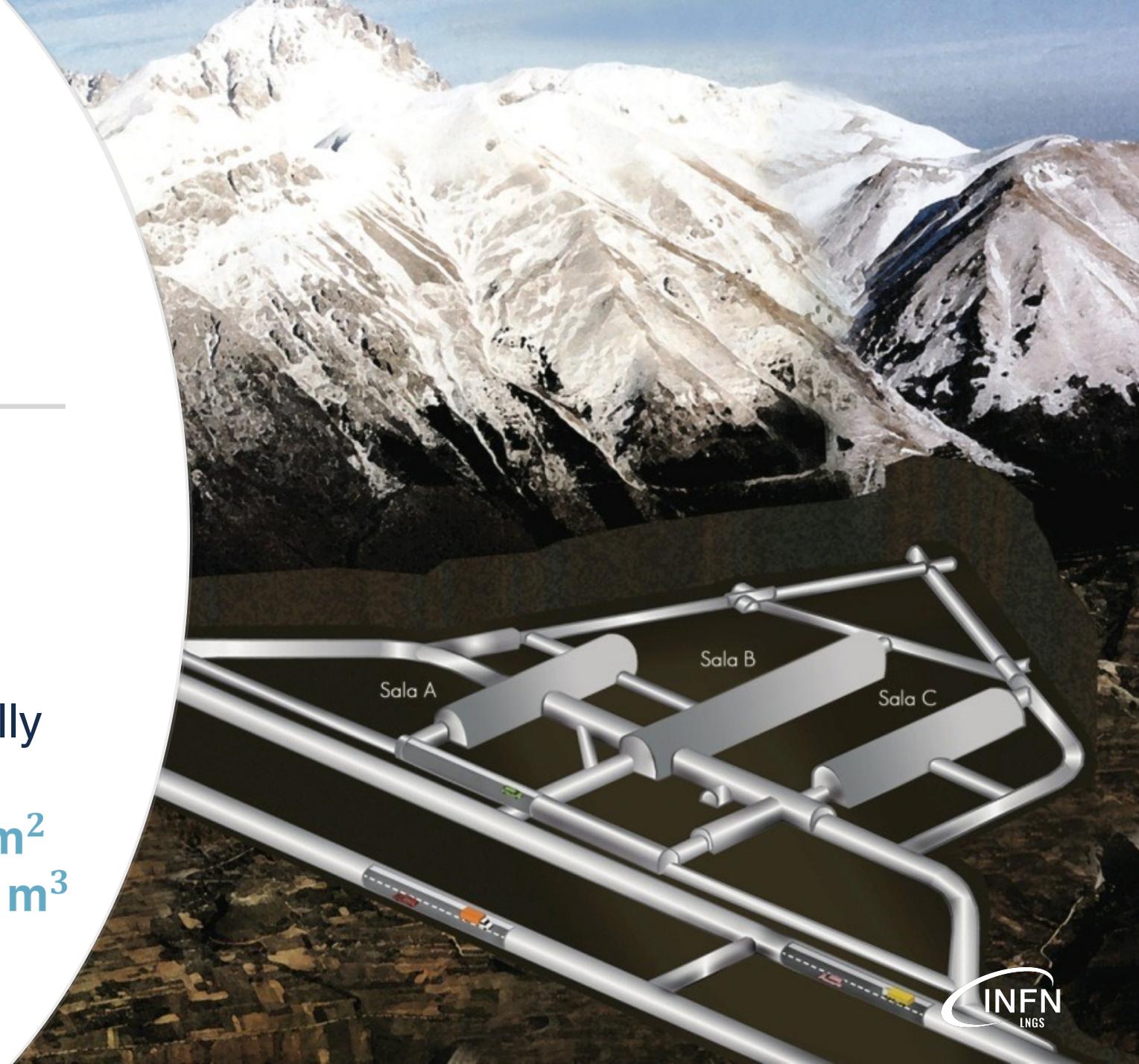
- 1979: **submission** of the proposal to **Italian Parliament** (by **A. Zichichi**)
- 1982: **approval** of the proposal
- 1987: the underground Laboratory is **completed**
- 1989: the **first experimental apparatus**, MACRO, begins the data taking



Features of the underground laboratory

- 1400 m of rock overhead
- Cosmic ray flux reduction: 1.000.000
- The largest in the world actually running

Underground Surface: 17800 m²
Underground Volume: 180000 m³



International Community of Gran Sasso National Laboratory

Since the beginning of 2023
Registered LNGS users

Total:	538	(981*)
Italian:	282	(417*)
Foreign:	256	(564*)

* 2019, before pandemic period

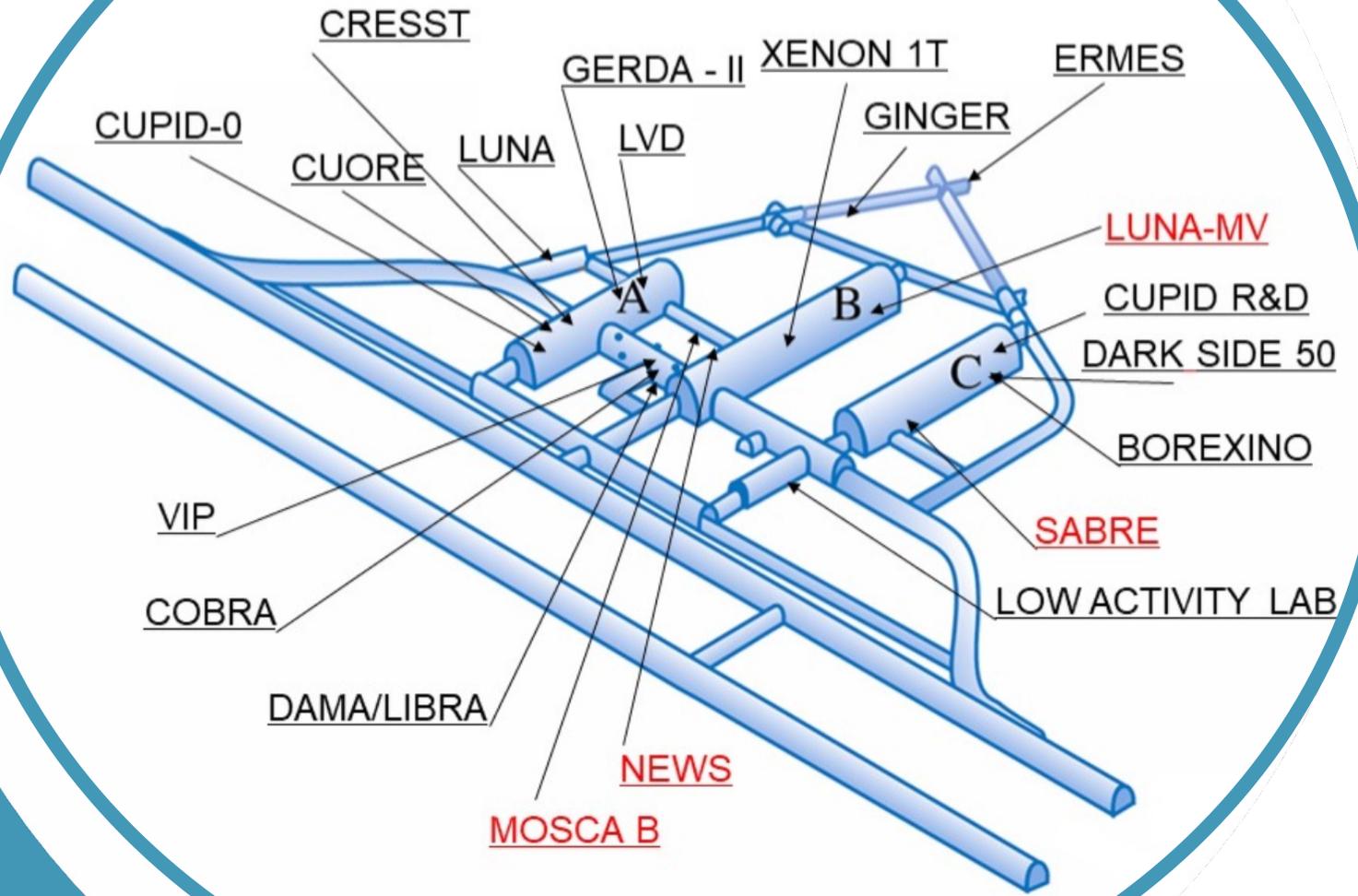


3 main experimental halls
100 m long, 20 m width and
18 m high

Many small tunnels for lab
facilities and small
experiments

Actually there are 22
experiments in data taking
or under construction

The most sensitive laboratory
for very low radioactivity
measurements



LNGS experiments

Fundamental physics

- **Neutrino astrophysics**
 - Solar neutrinos
 - Geo-neutrinos
 - Supernova neutrinos
- **Nuclear astrophysics**
 - Astrophysical nuclear processes
- **Neutrino properties**
 - Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay
 - Search for relic neutrinos
- **Dark Matter**
 - Direct interaction of WIMPs with Nuclei

..... but also

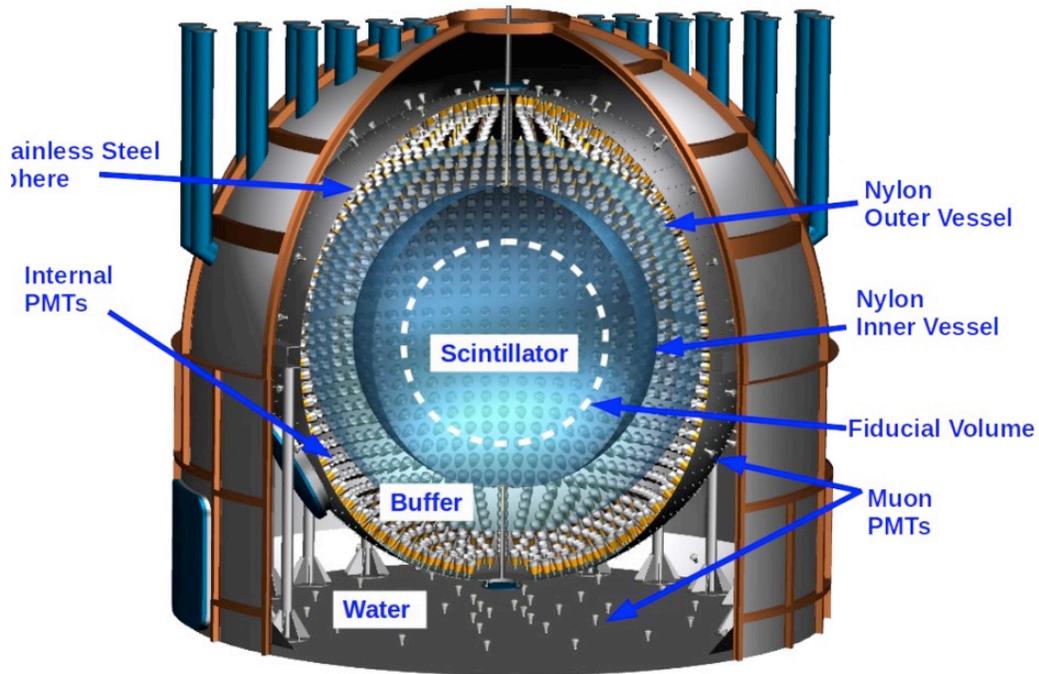
- **Test on quantum mechanics**
 - Quantum Coherence
 - Electron decay
- **Radiobiology**
 - Biological effects of low radioactive environment
- **Geophysics**
 - Earthquake monitoring and study
 - Analysis of water resources
- **Ultra Trace elemental analysis**
 - Low radioactivity tests and measurements
 - Cultural Heritage analysis
 - Advanced additive manufacturing

KEY words

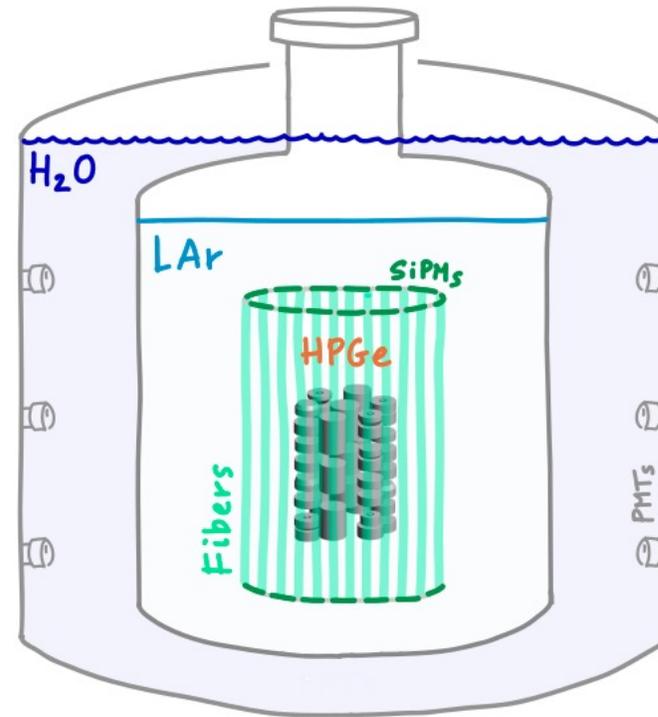
- **Rare events**
- **Low Background**
- **Radiopurity**
- **Screening**

Background & Screening

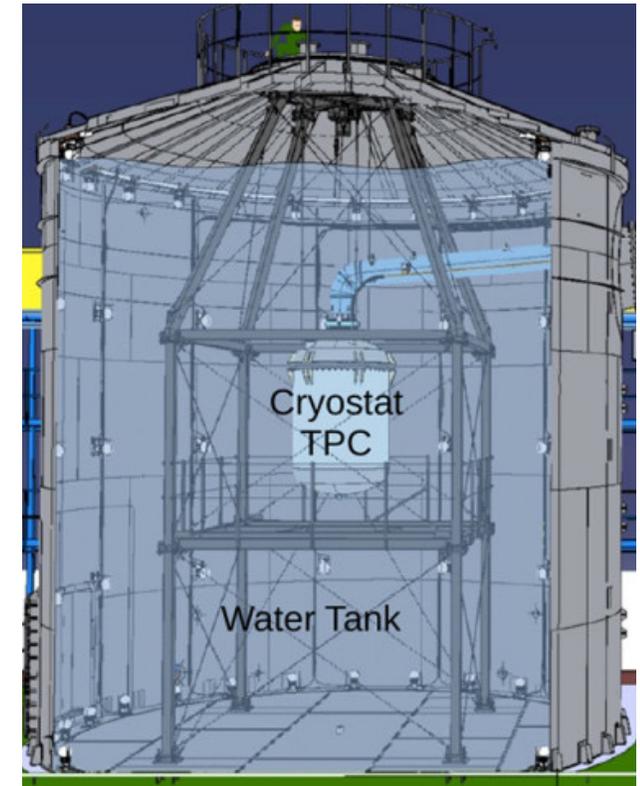
Solar Neutrinos



Double beta decay

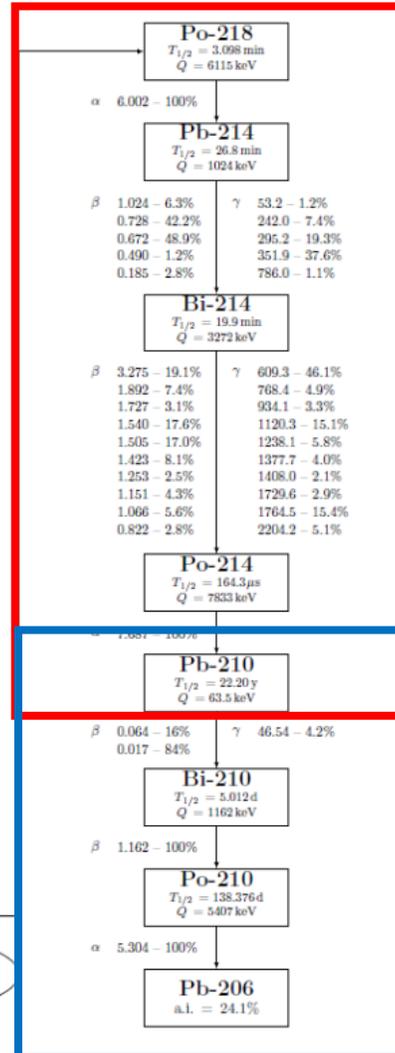
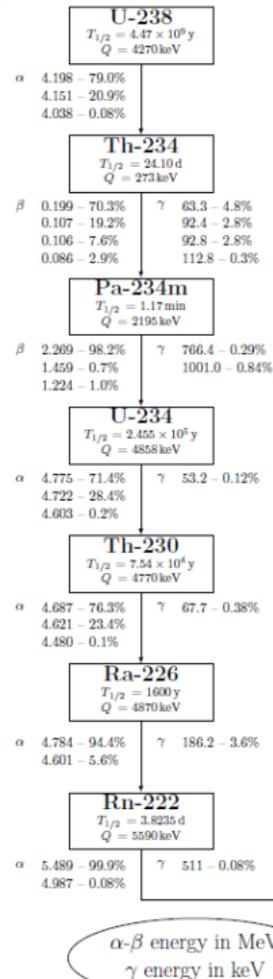
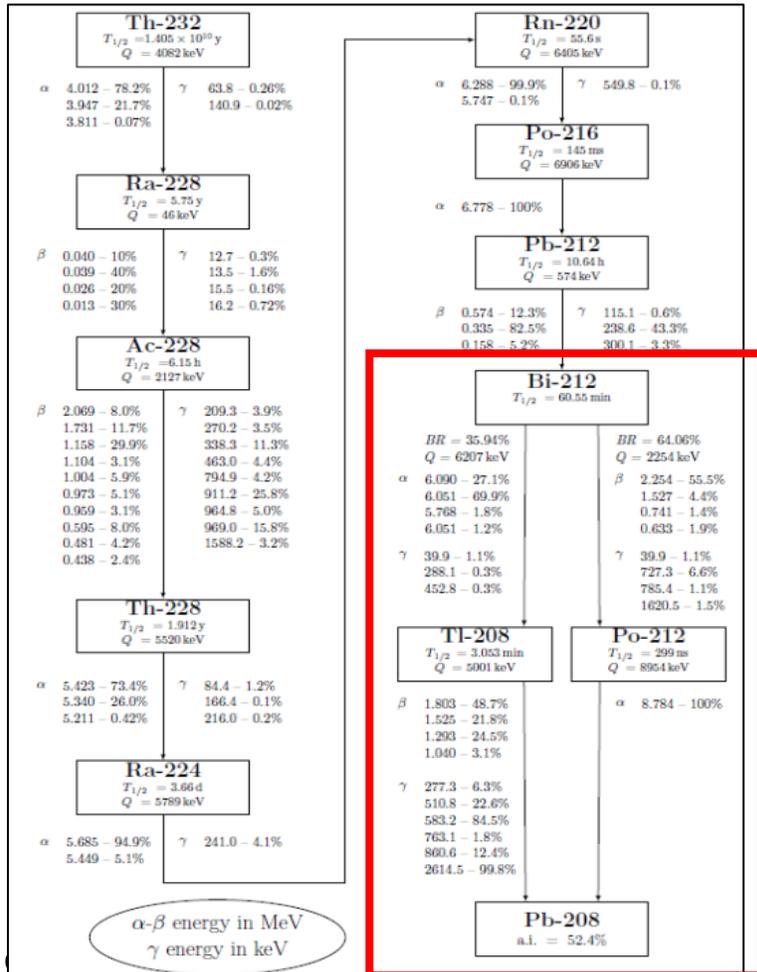


Dark Matter

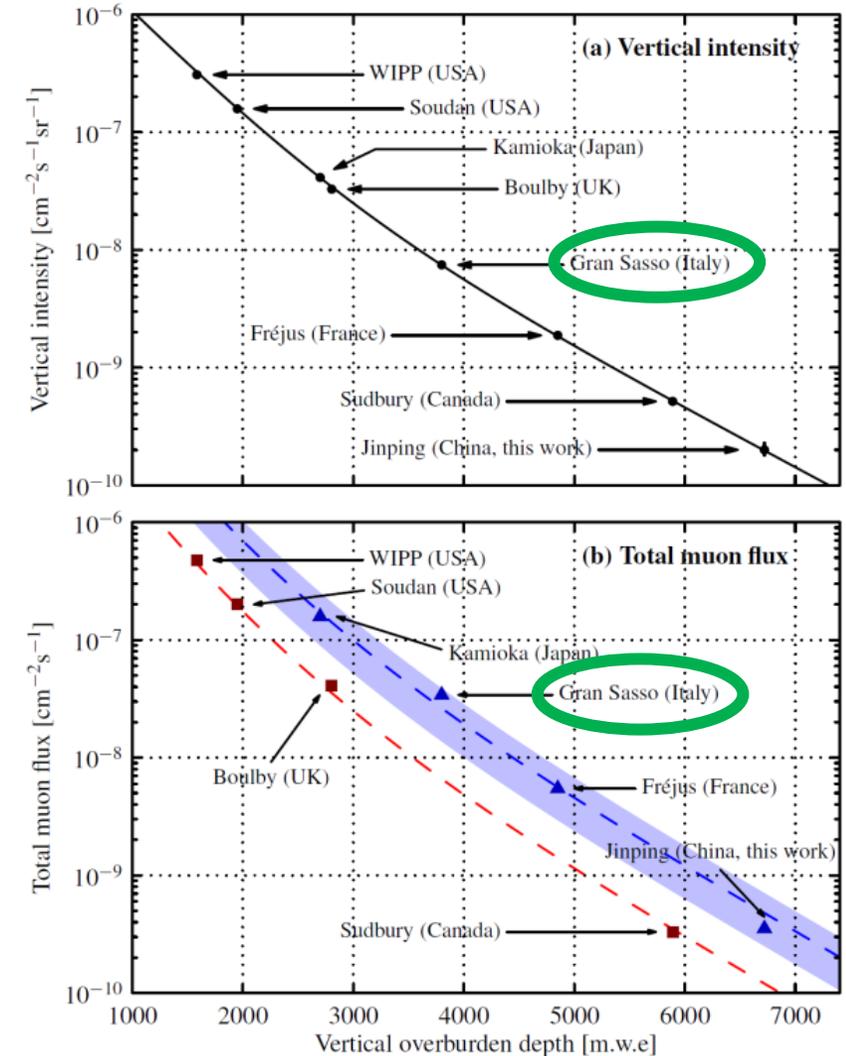


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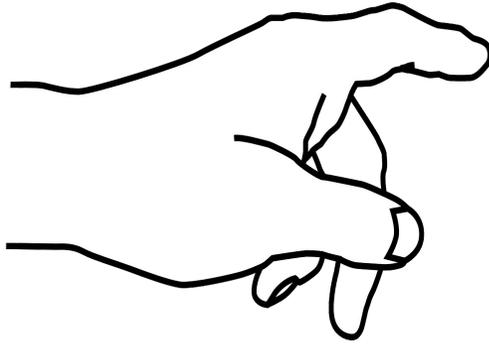
Reduce Radioactivity



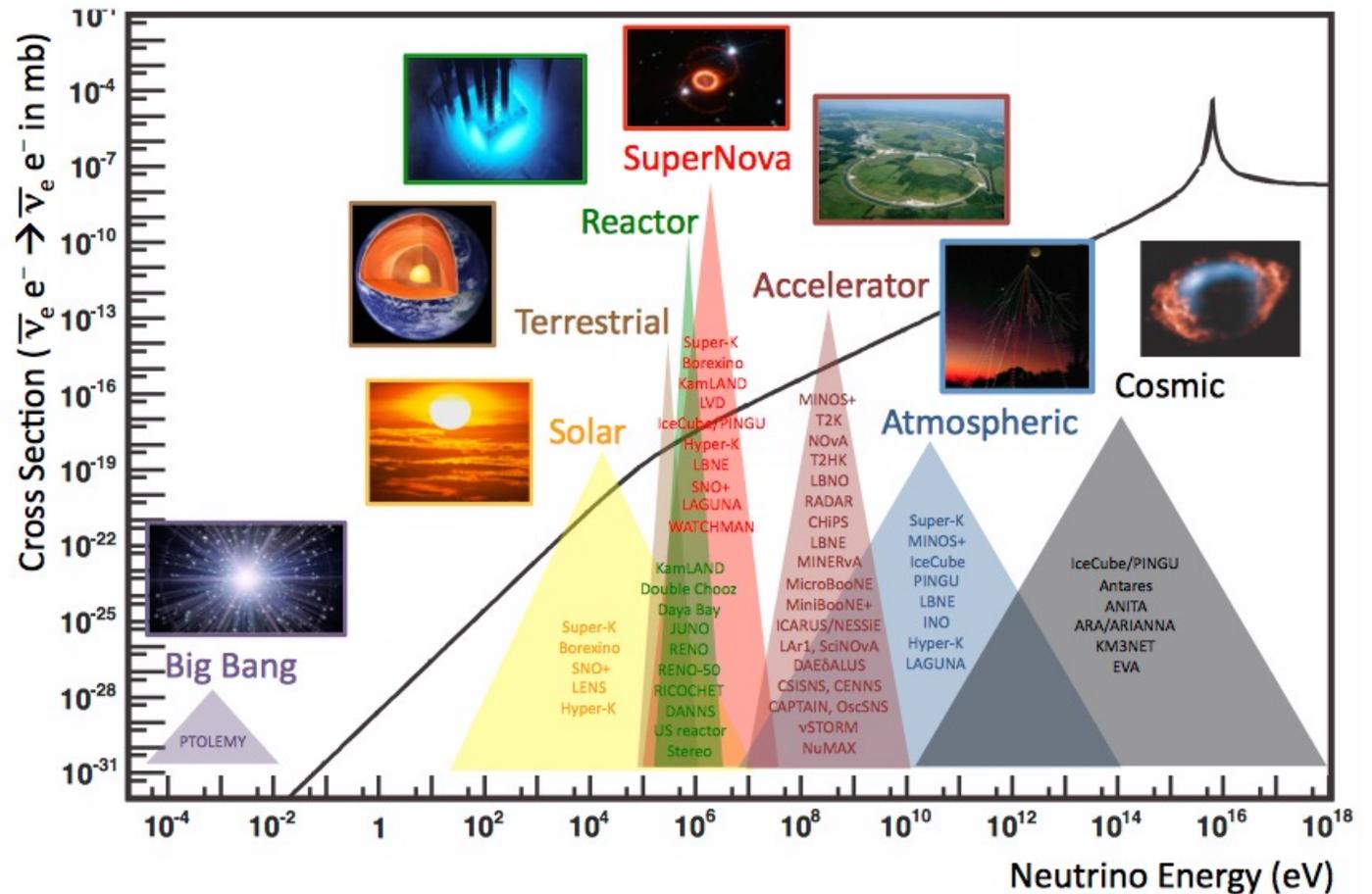
Reduce Cosmic rays



Neutrino AstroPhysics



Every second our fingers are crossed by
around **60 Billions** of neutrinos
Produced by many different sources



Neutrino Astrophysics Experiments

- LVD

SN neutrinos

- OPERA

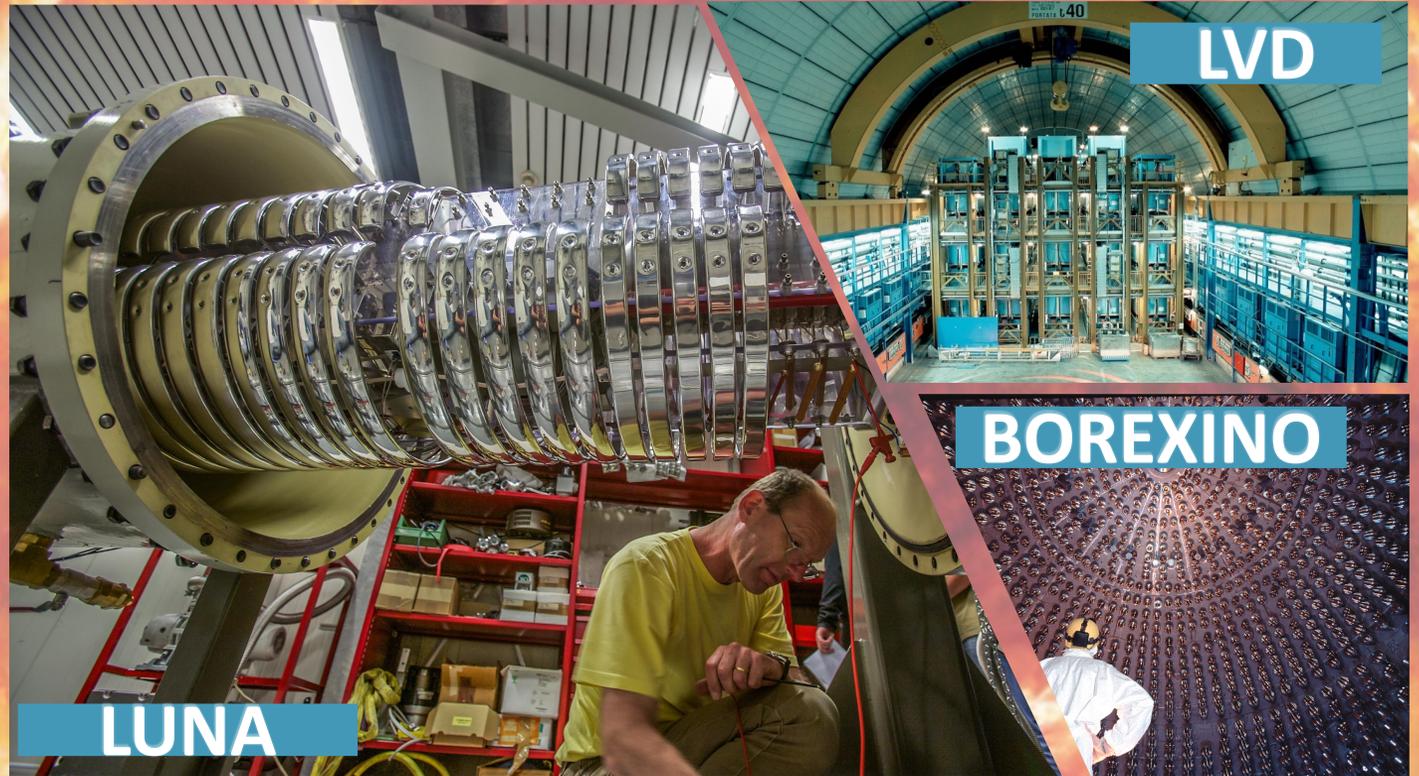
neutrino oscillation

- BOREXINO

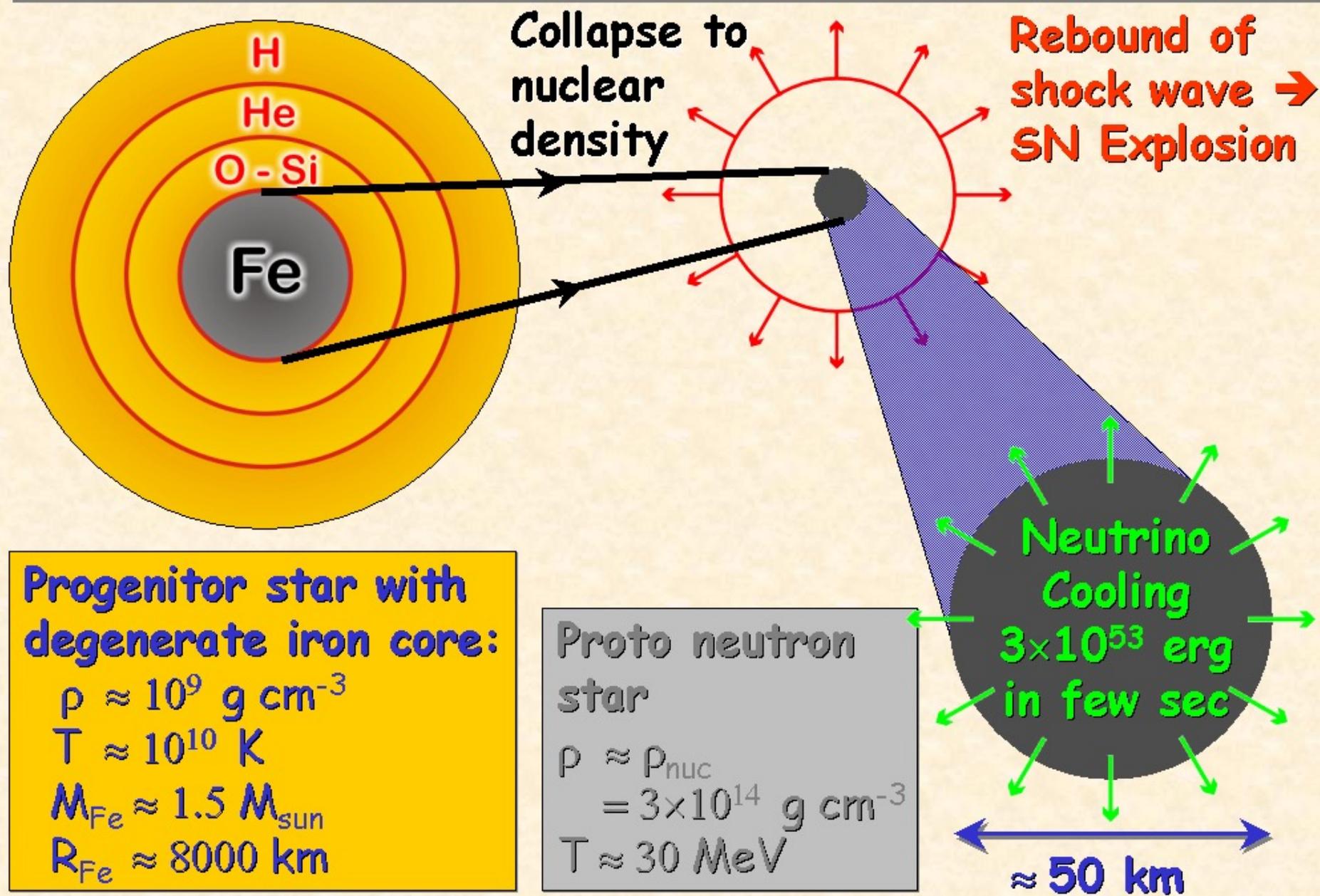
solar neutrinos
geo-neutrinos
SN neutrinos

- LUNA

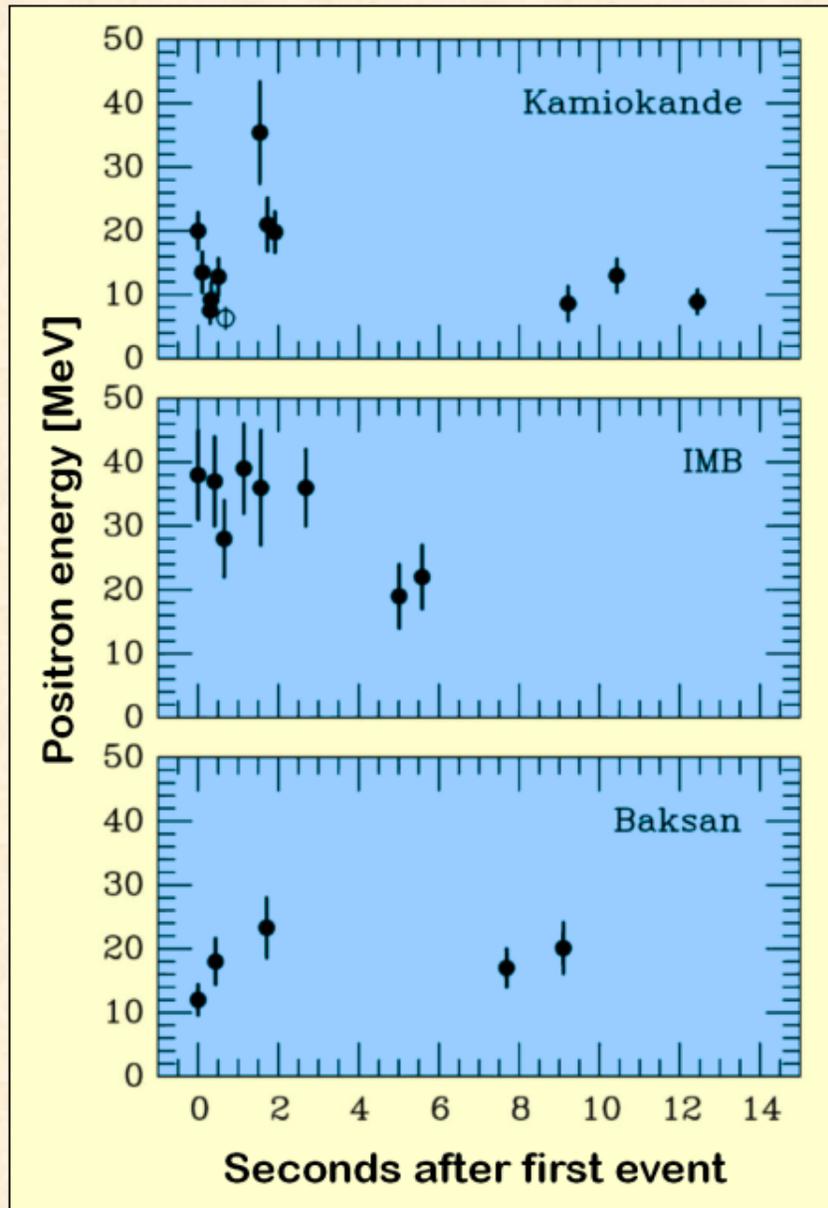
Nuclear Astrophysics



Stellar Collapse and Supernova Explosion



Neutrino Signal of Supernova 1987A



Kamiokande (Japan)
Water Cherenkov detector
Clock uncertainty ± 1 min

Irvine-Michigan-Brookhaven
(USA)
Water Cherenkov detector
Clock uncertainty ± 50 ms

Baksan Scintillator Telescope
(Soviet Union)
Clock uncertainty $+2/-54$ s

Within clock uncertainties,
signals are contemporaneous

The beginning: Supernovae neutrinos

LVD

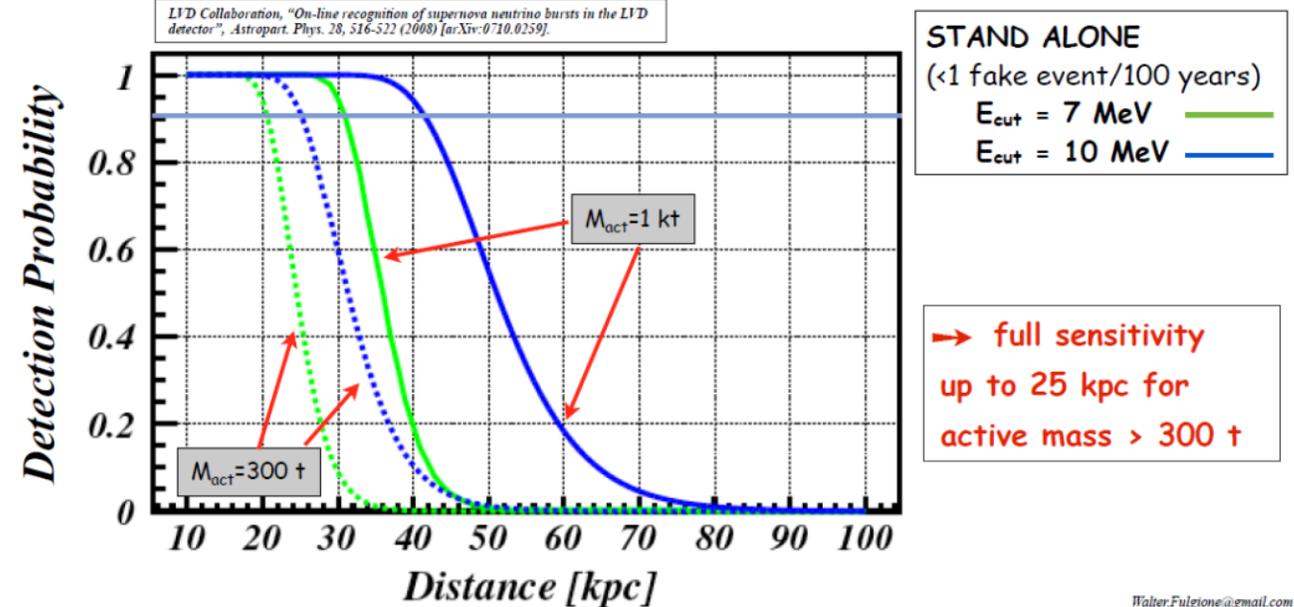
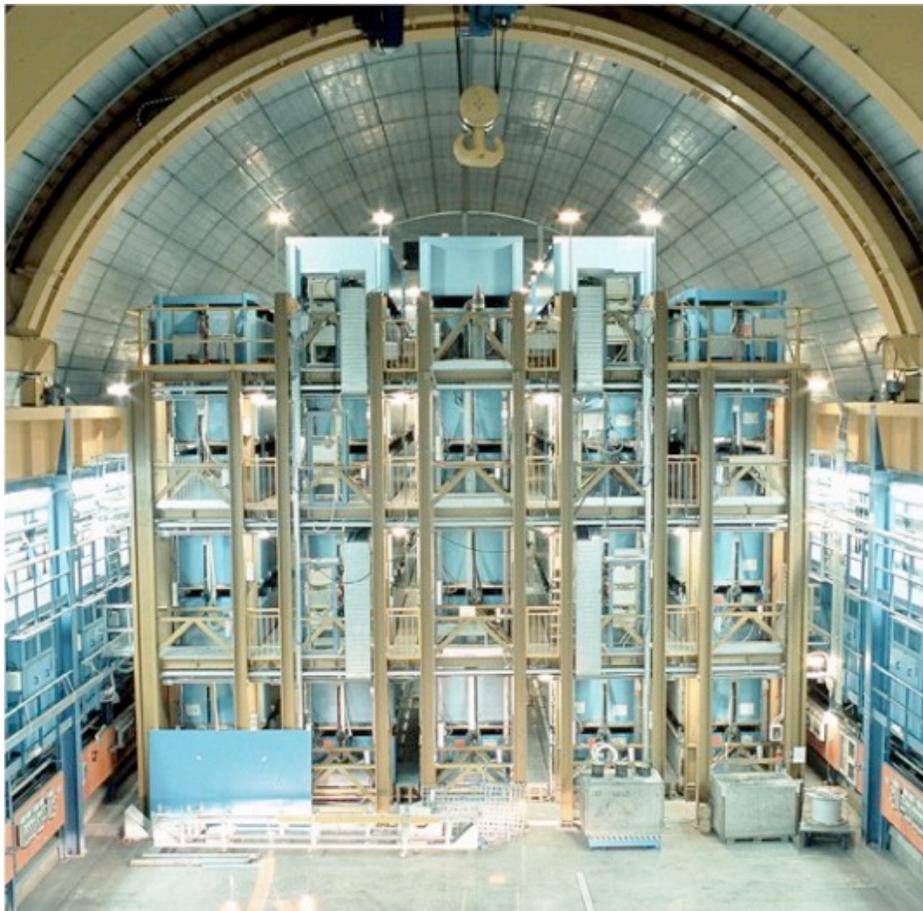
The most powerful scintillator telescope

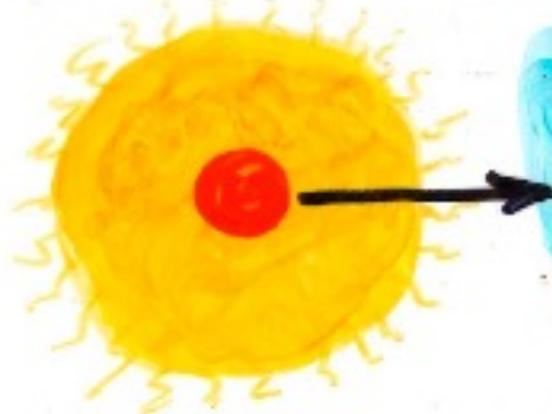
Main features:

Liquid Scintillator: C_nH_{2n+2} $\langle n \rangle = 9.6$ + 1g/l PPO + 0.03g/l POPOP, $\rho = 0.8 \text{ g/cm}^3$ **total 1 kt**

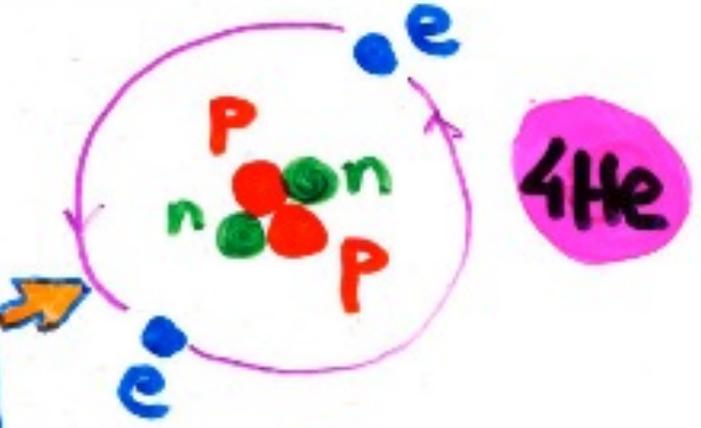
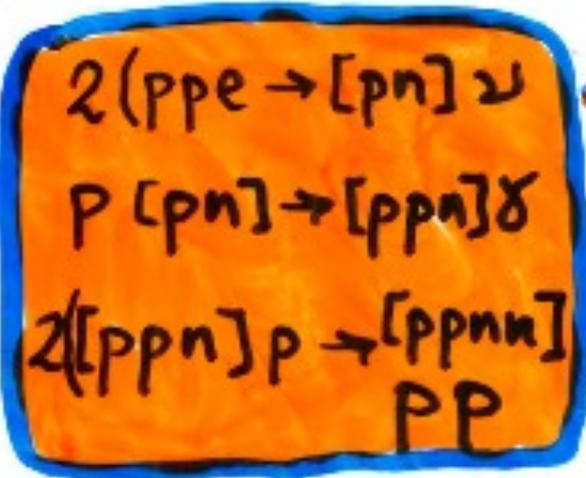
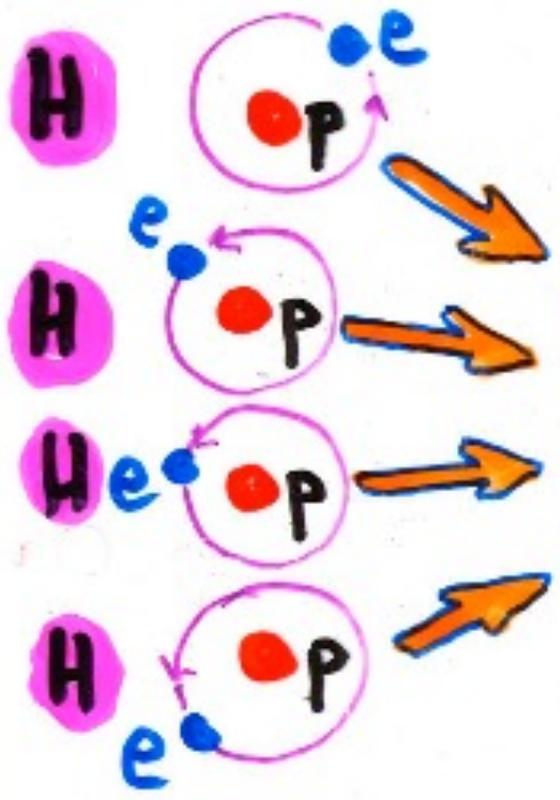
840 stainless steel, 1.5 m³, counters **total 0.85 kt**

(FEU49b or FEU125) 15 cm diameter **2520 PMTs**

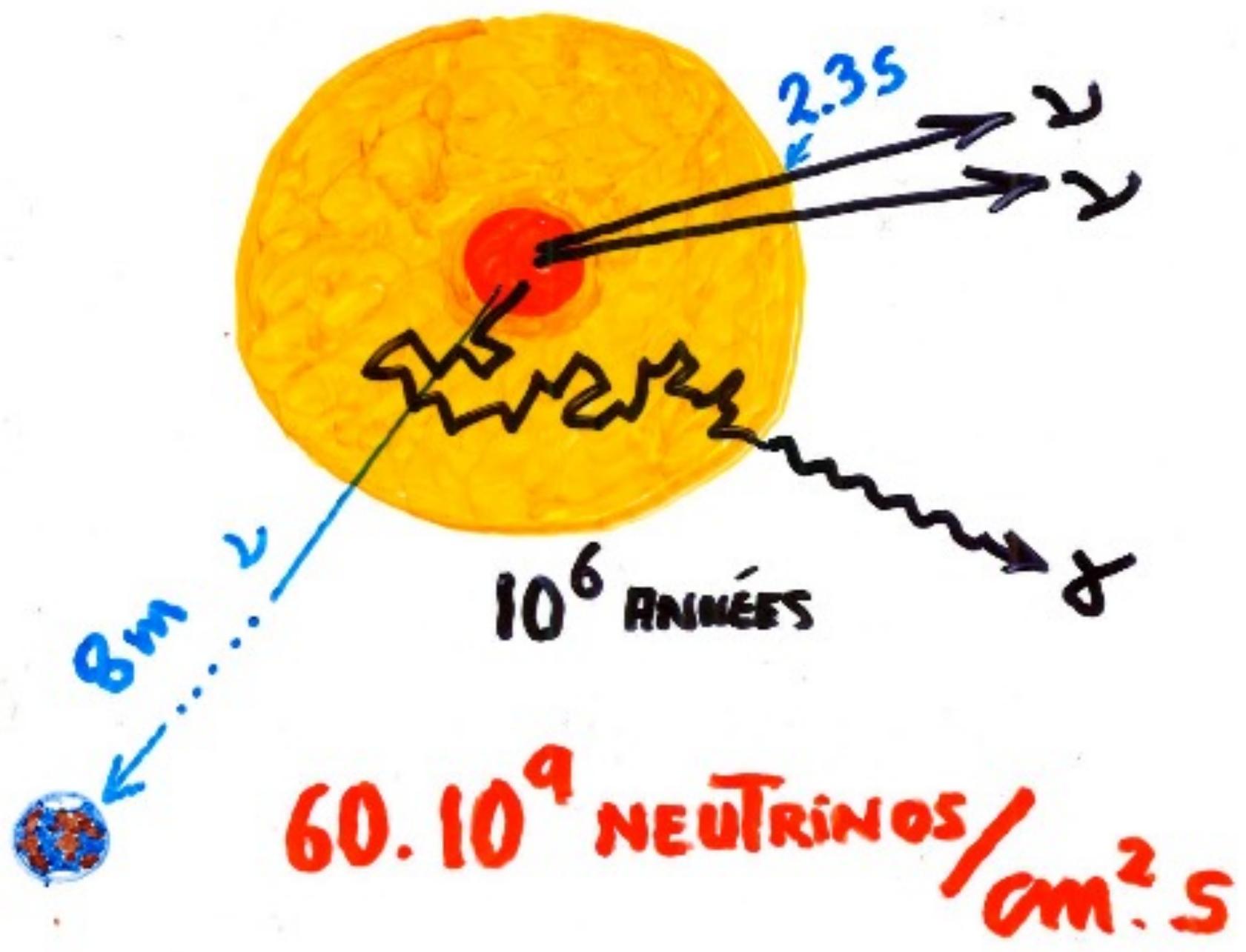




FOUR À FUSION THERMONUCLÉAIRE

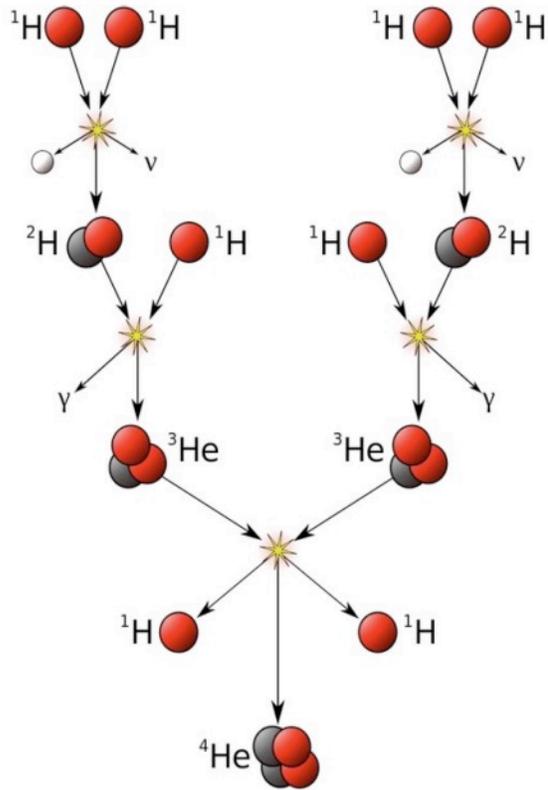


γ γ } 2.2%
ÉNERGIE }
THERMIQUE } 97.8%

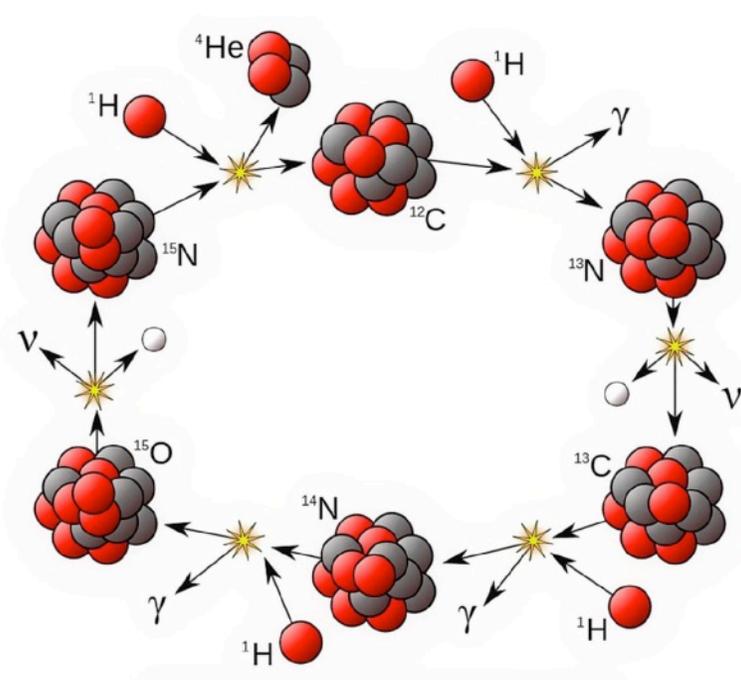


Borexino detector

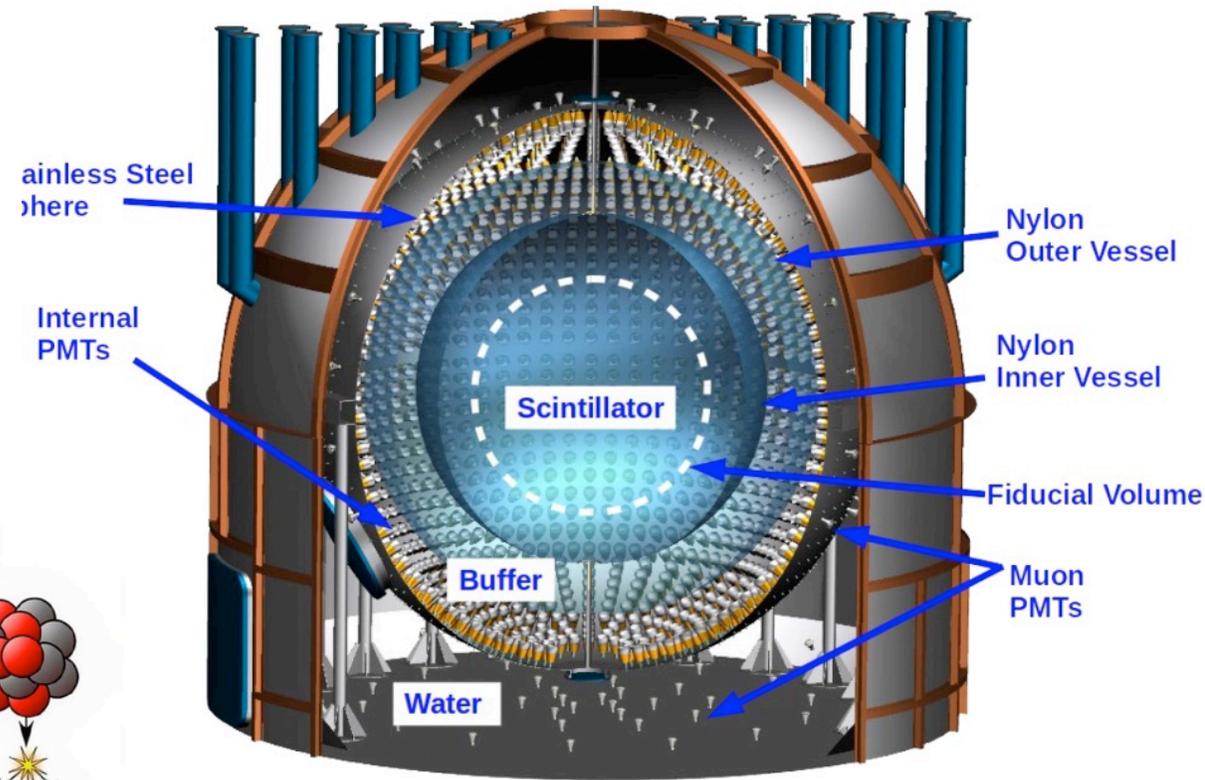
Nuclear Fusion Processes in the Sun



pp chain
(99%)



CNO cycle
(1%)

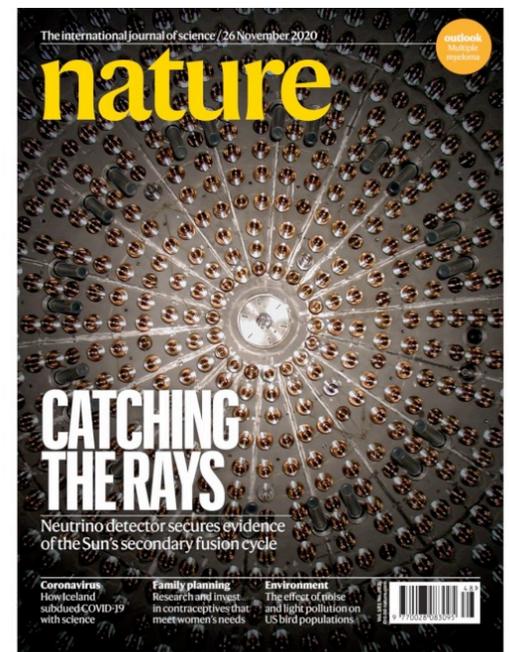
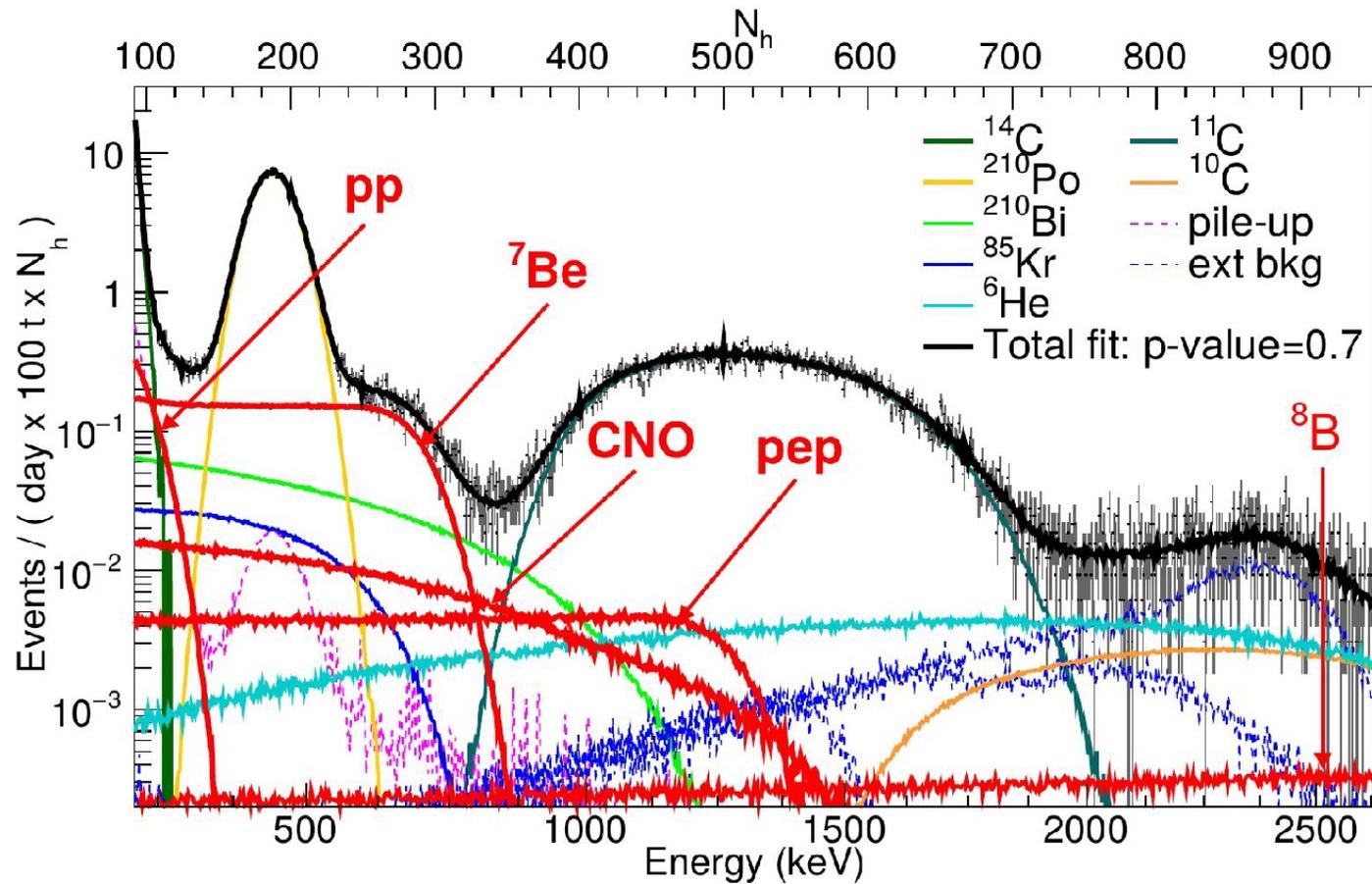


Borexino detector
 liquid scintillator
 Very high purity materials
 Very low radioactive background
 U and Th $\sim 10^{-19}$ - 10^{-20} g/g
 Hoyle Resonance

Borexino results

Solar fusion processes

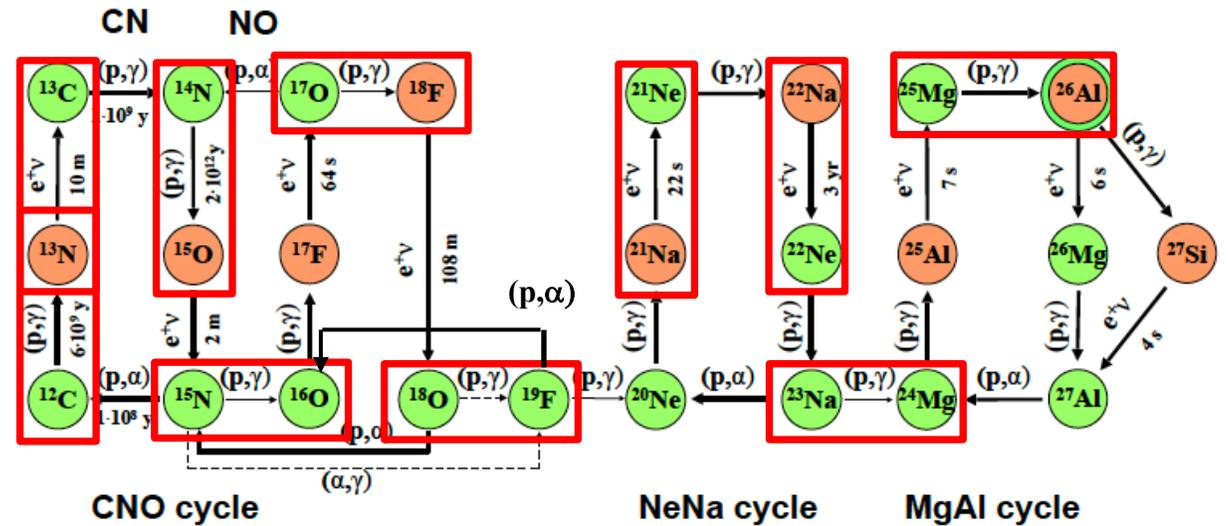
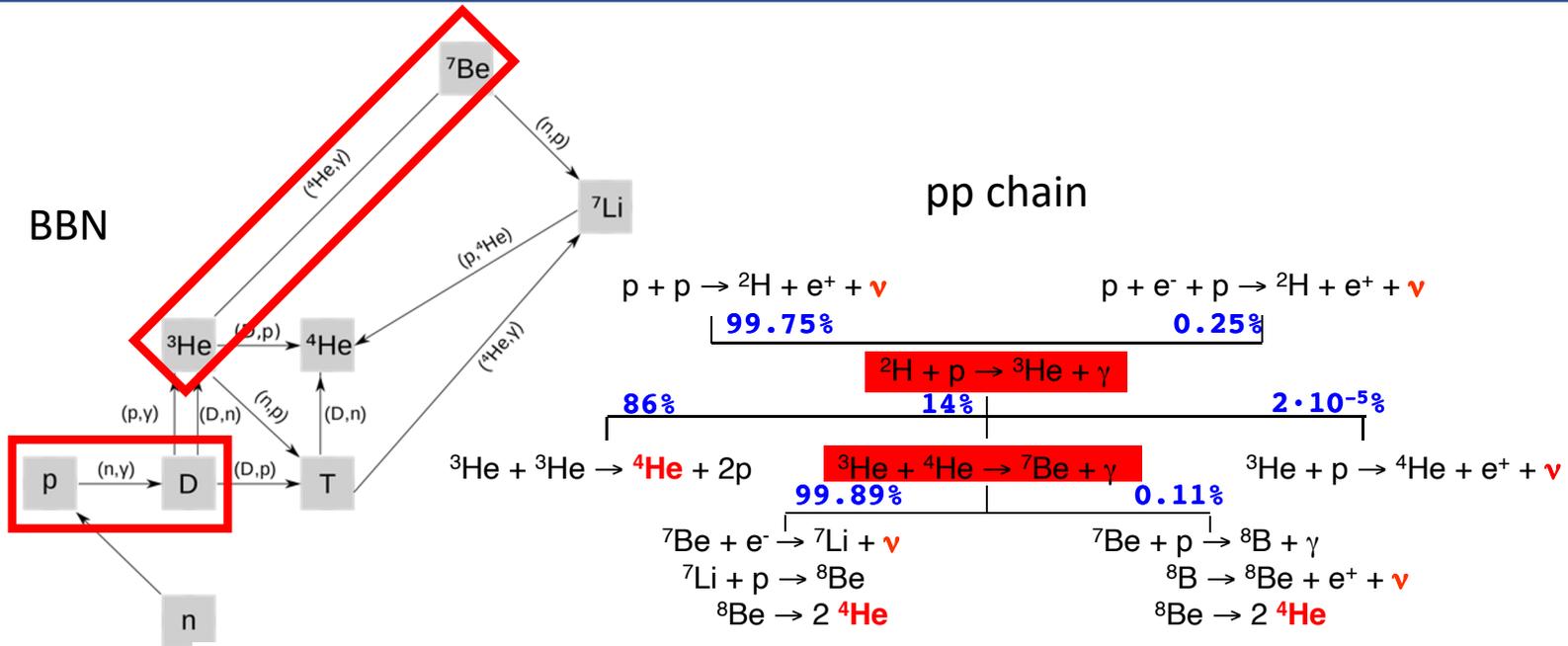
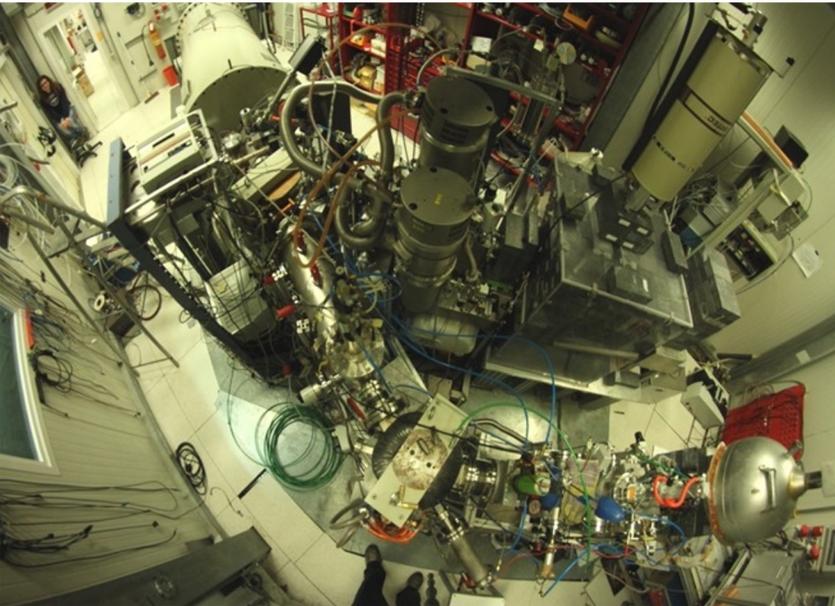
Neutrino emissions of all the solar fusion processes.
Awarded with the EPS-HEP Cocconi prize, 2021



Cocconi
Prize 2021

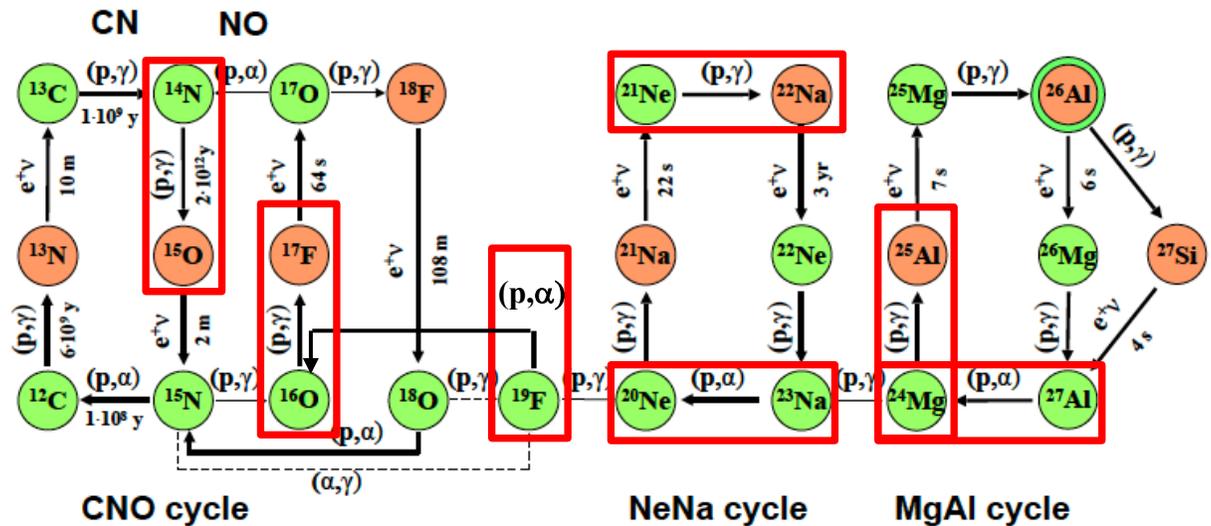


Nuclear Astrophysics - LUNA400

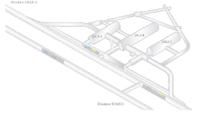


LUNA400: what can still be done

- $^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$ to decrease the uncertainty at solar temperature;
- $^{16}\text{O}(p,\gamma)^{17}\text{F}$ to determine the $^{16}\text{O}/^{17}\text{O}$ abundance ratio in red giant stars;
- $^{19}\text{F}(p,\alpha)^{16}\text{O}$ to constrain AGB star nucleosynthesis and to investigate spectroscopy of self-conjugate ^{20}Ne nucleus;
- $^{21}\text{Ne}(p,\gamma)^{22}\text{Na}$ to determine the production of ^{22}Na in Novae and Supernovae
- $^{23}\text{Na}(p,\alpha)^{20}\text{Ne}$ to understand the ^{23}Na production during H-burning both in stellar cores and shells;
- $^{24}\text{Mg}(p,\gamma)^{25}\text{Al}$ which is crucial to understand MgAl anticorrelation;
- $^{27}\text{Al}(p,\alpha)^{24}\text{Mg}$ which significantly affects the Mg and Al production;
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LNGS “Enrico Bellotti” IBF



The new MV accelerator is taking data in Hall B
A PAC organized the research program
Physics program is almost fixed for two years

A redesign of the underground area will be done to
accommodate 400 kV accelerator in Hall B

This will be the only facility of this type in the world



Accelerator room during construction



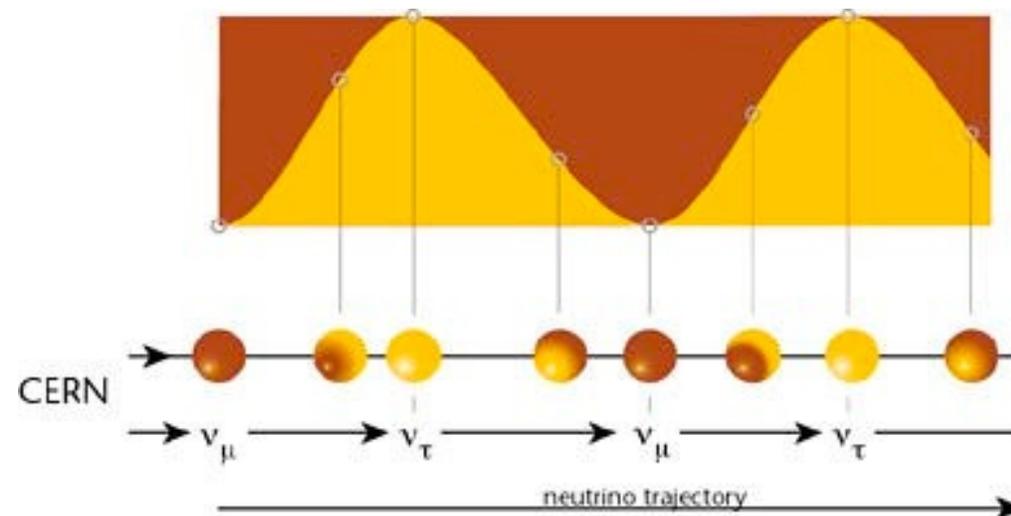
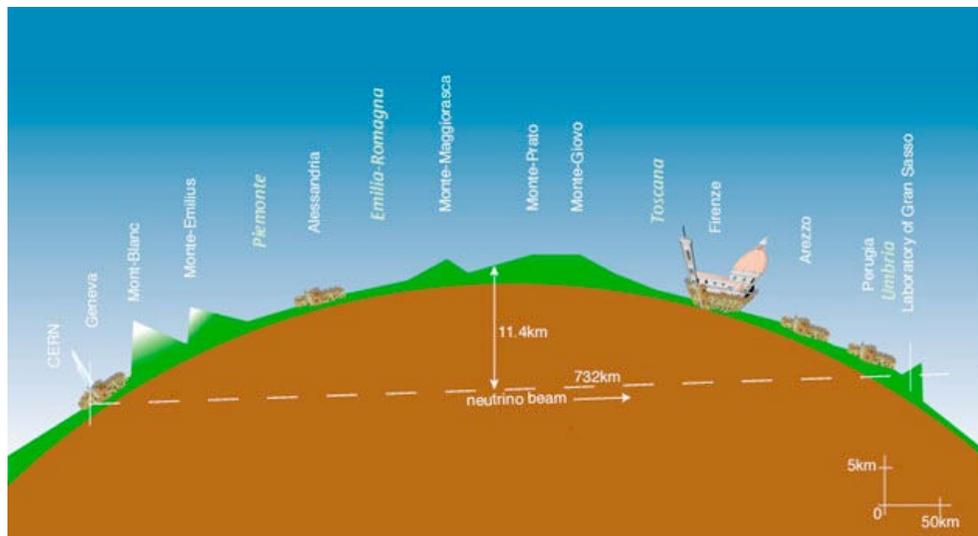
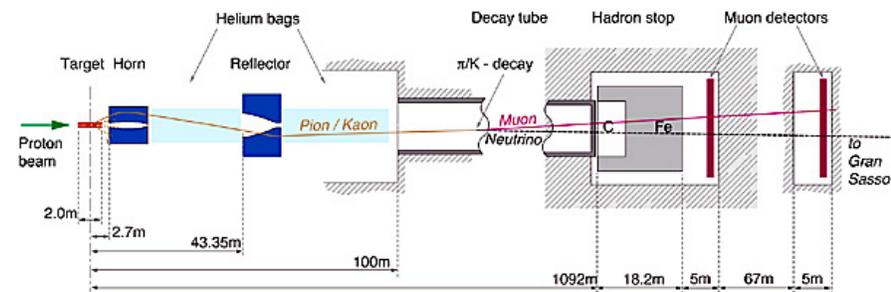
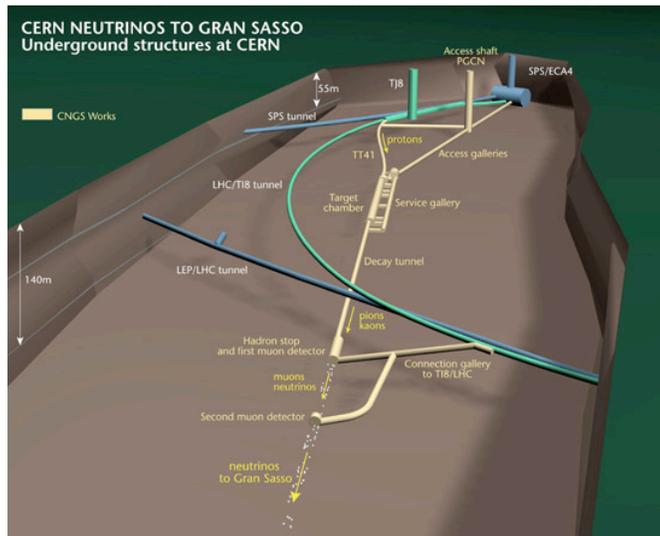
Control room building
during construction



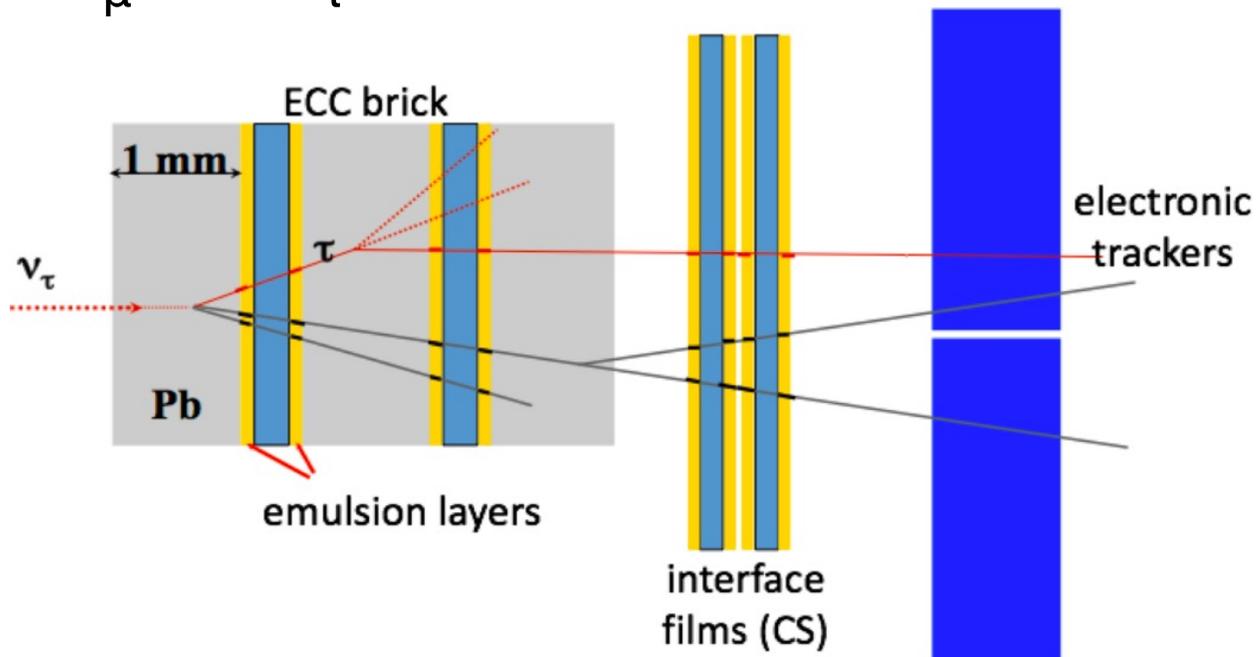
Neutrino Oscillation - Opera



Detection of the $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$ oscillation

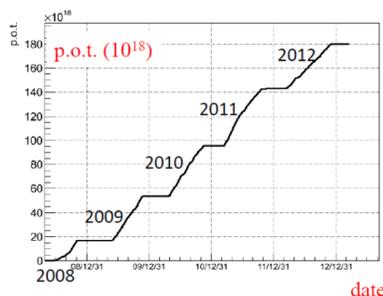


Neutrino Oscillation



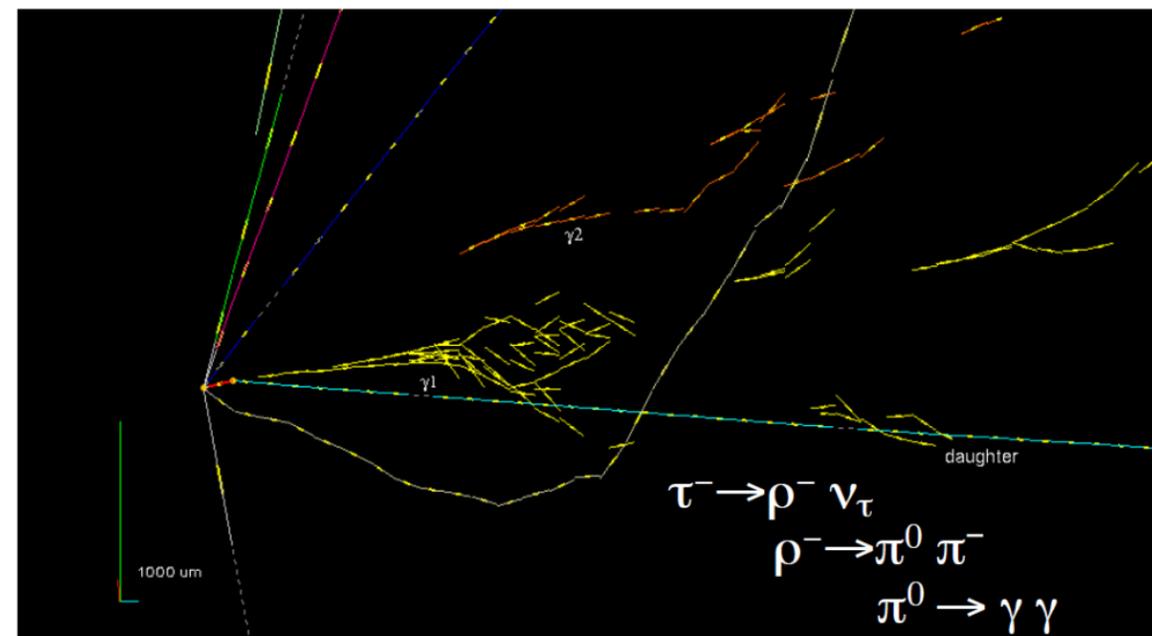
The CNGS beam along its five years of operation 2008 ÷ 2012

Year	Beam days	P.O.T. (10 ¹⁹)
2008	123	1.74
2009	155	3.53
2010	187	4.09
2011	243	4.75
2012	257	3.86
Total	965	17.97



THE FIRST ν_{τ} CANDIDATE

in the brick



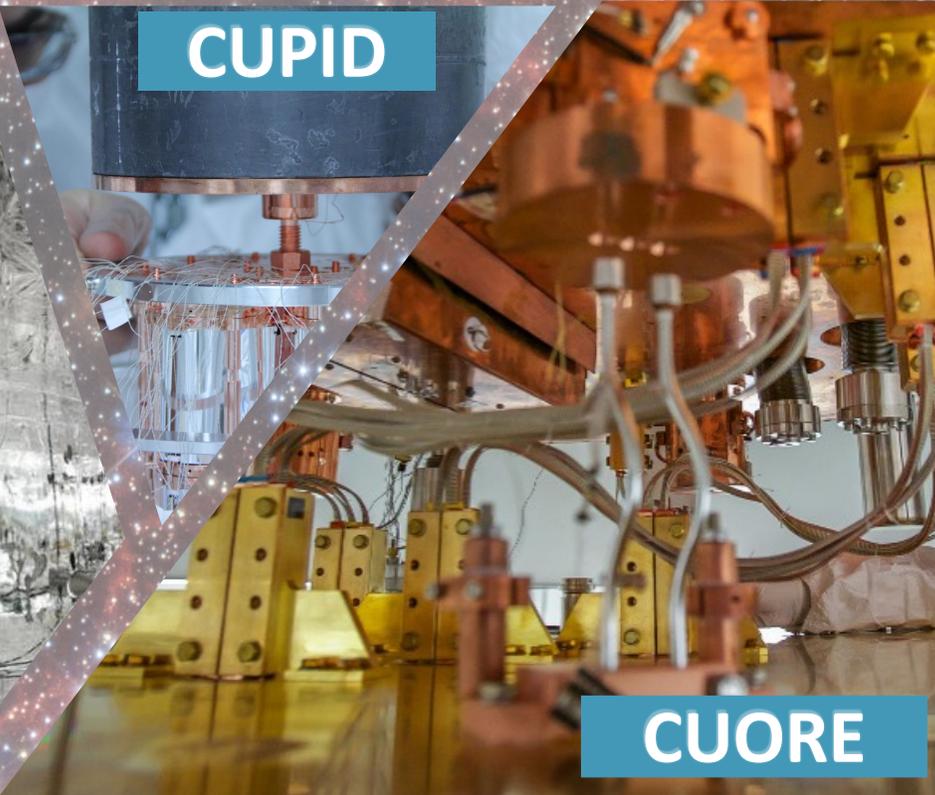
1.8x10²⁰ Protons on target, 5603 ν interactions
 10 events $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$ reconstructed (2 bkg)

$$|\Delta m_{32}^2| = (2.7_{-0.6}^{+0.7}) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay



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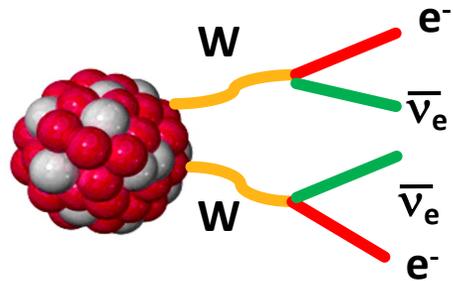


Double Beta Decay

Rare Nuclear Decay

$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z+2) + 2e^- + [...]$$

occurs in a number of even-even nuclei in A even multiplets



$\beta\beta-2\nu$: two neutrino mode

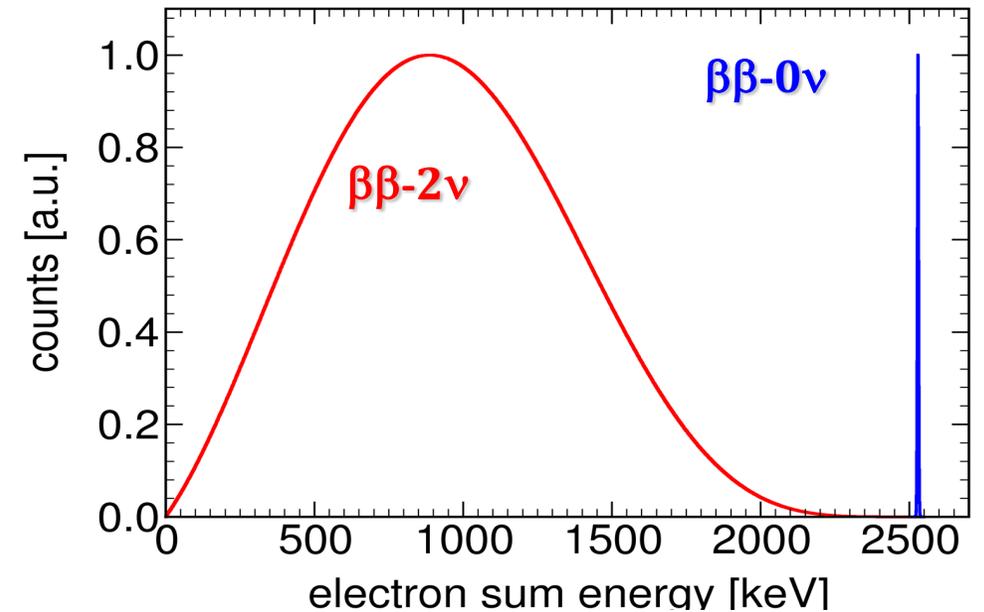
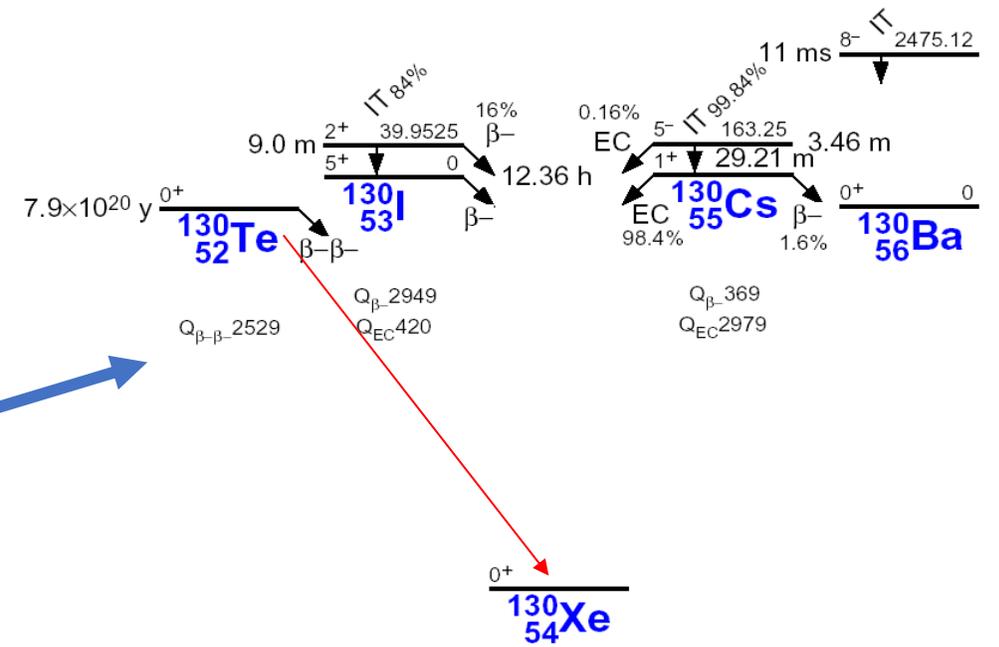
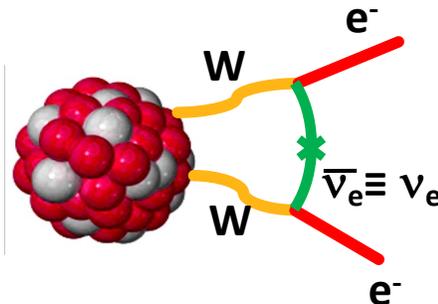
$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z+2) + 2e^- + 2\bar{\nu}_e$$

- allowed in Standard Model
- *second order weak transition*

$\beta\beta-0\nu$: neutrinoless mode

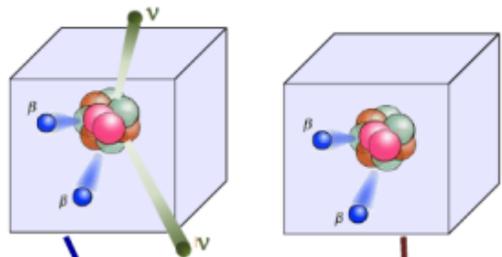
$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z+2) + 2e^-$$

- not allowed in Standard Model ($\Delta L=2$)
- neutrino is a massive Majorana particle
- lepton number violation
- matter/antimatter asymmetry in universe



Experimental Sensitivity

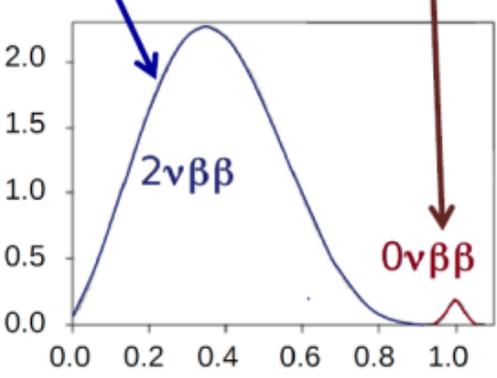
Approach:
SOURCE = DETECTOR



$$\tau^{-1} = G_{0\nu} \cdot |M^{0\nu}|^2 \cdot \langle m_\nu \rangle^2 = F_N \cdot \frac{|\langle m_\nu \rangle|^2}{m_e^2}$$

Phase space factor Nuclear Matrix Element

Effective Neutrino Mass Nuclear Factor of Merit



$$S(\tau_{1/2}^{0\nu}) \propto \epsilon \cdot \frac{a \cdot i}{A} \sqrt{\frac{M \cdot t_{meas}}{\Delta E \cdot BI}}$$

detector mass [kg] measuring time [y]

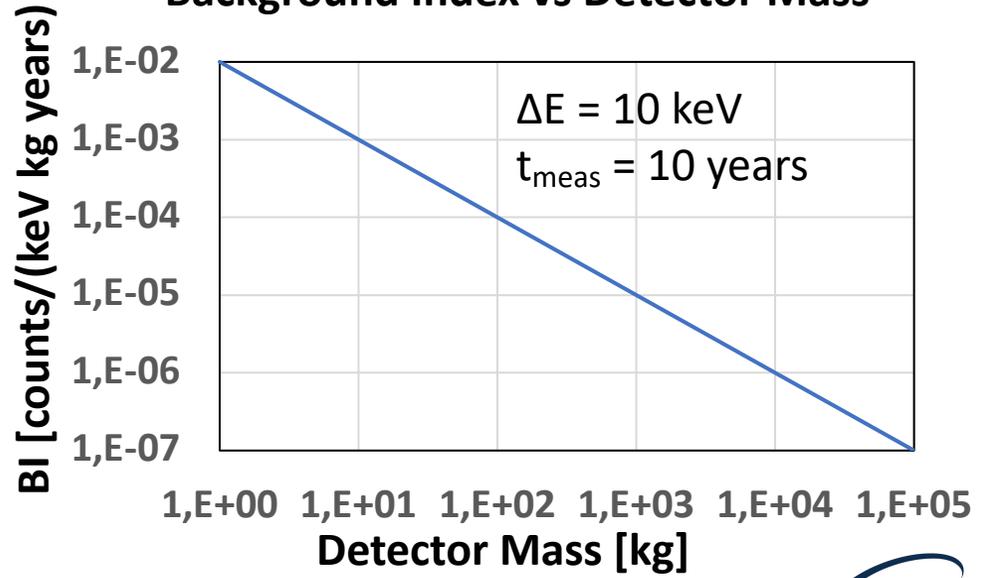
detector efficiency

isotopic abundance
atomic number

energy resolution [keV]

background [c/keV/y/kg]

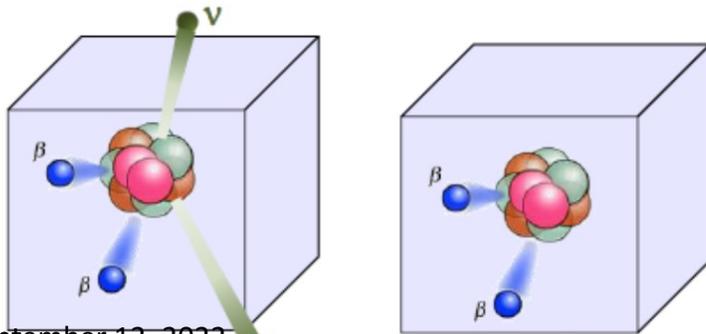
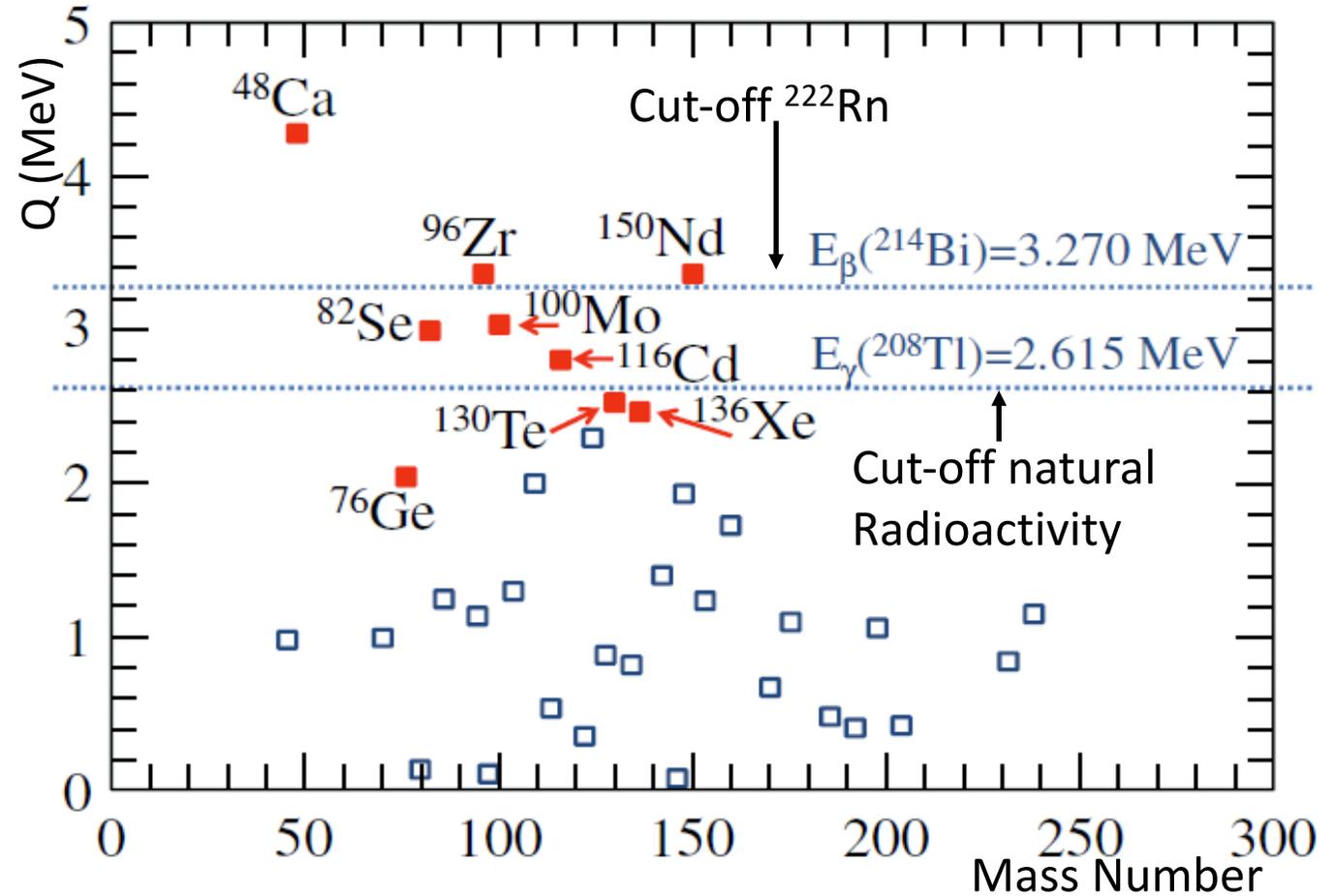
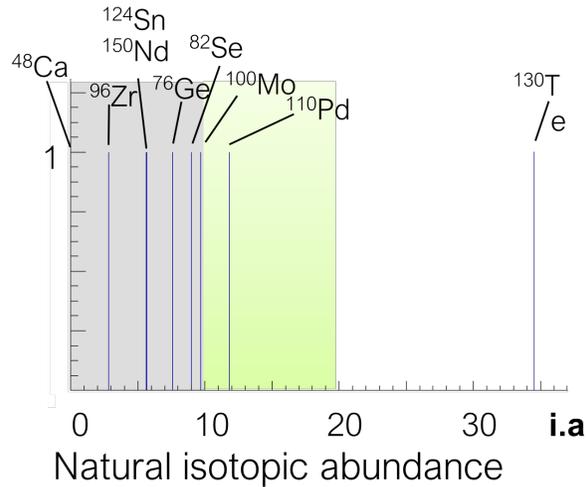
Background Index vs Detector Mass



Isotope selection

From the Table of Isotopes

- 35 isotopes with double beta decay transitions
- 9 promising for sensitive measurements
- most promising candidates: $Q_{\beta\beta} > 2-3$ MeV
- isotope enrichments are needed



Considering a calorimetric approach (**Source == Detector**)

- **isotope enrichments** are needed
- **very clean materials** have to be identified

Possible Calorimetric Approaches

Fluid or diluted in a fluid

Source

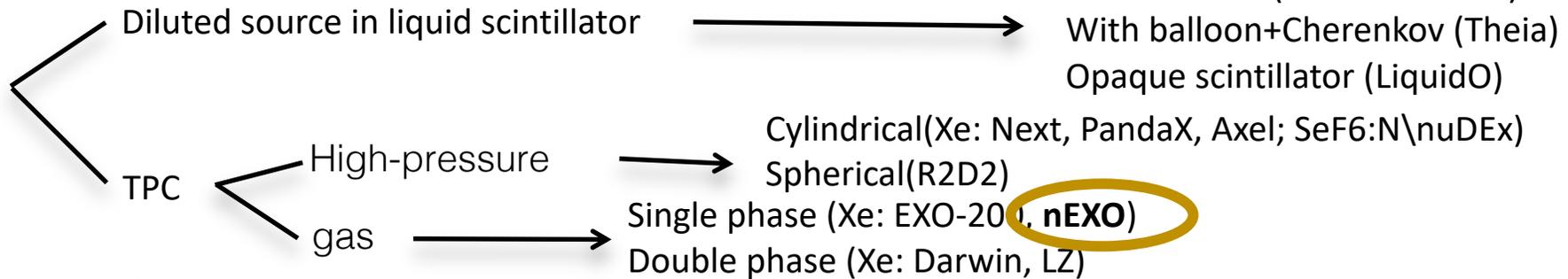
Integral part of a crystal

- Container size
- Concentration of the source

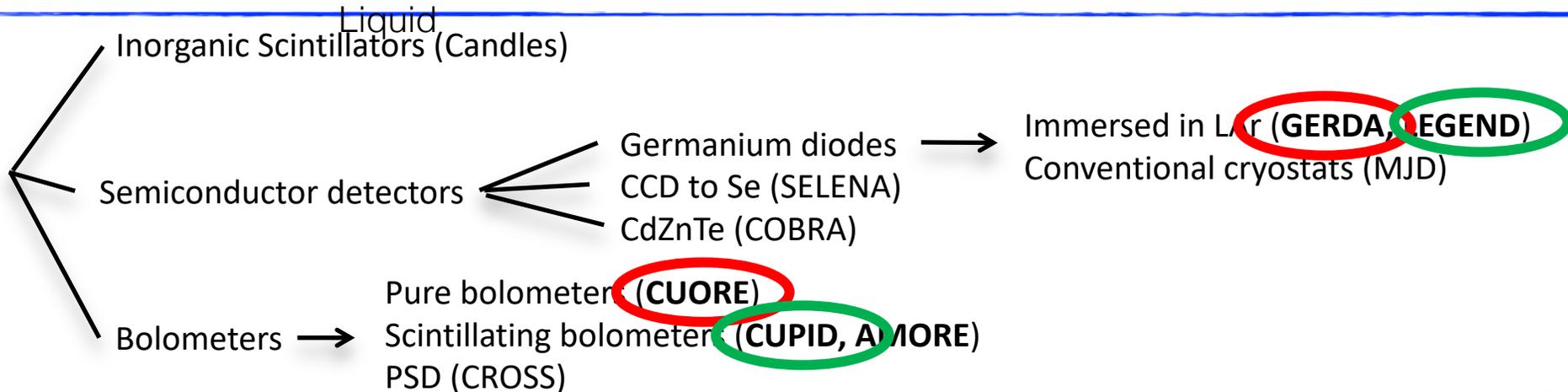
Scalability

- Size of a single crystal
- Number of crystals

Large volumes of fluid



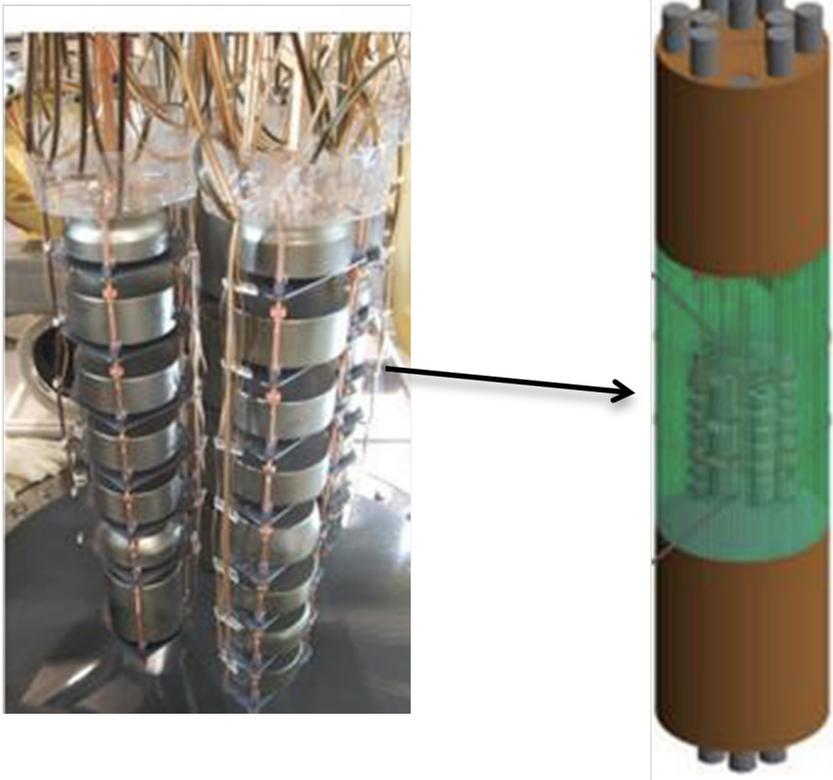
Crystal arrays



Gerda Experiment

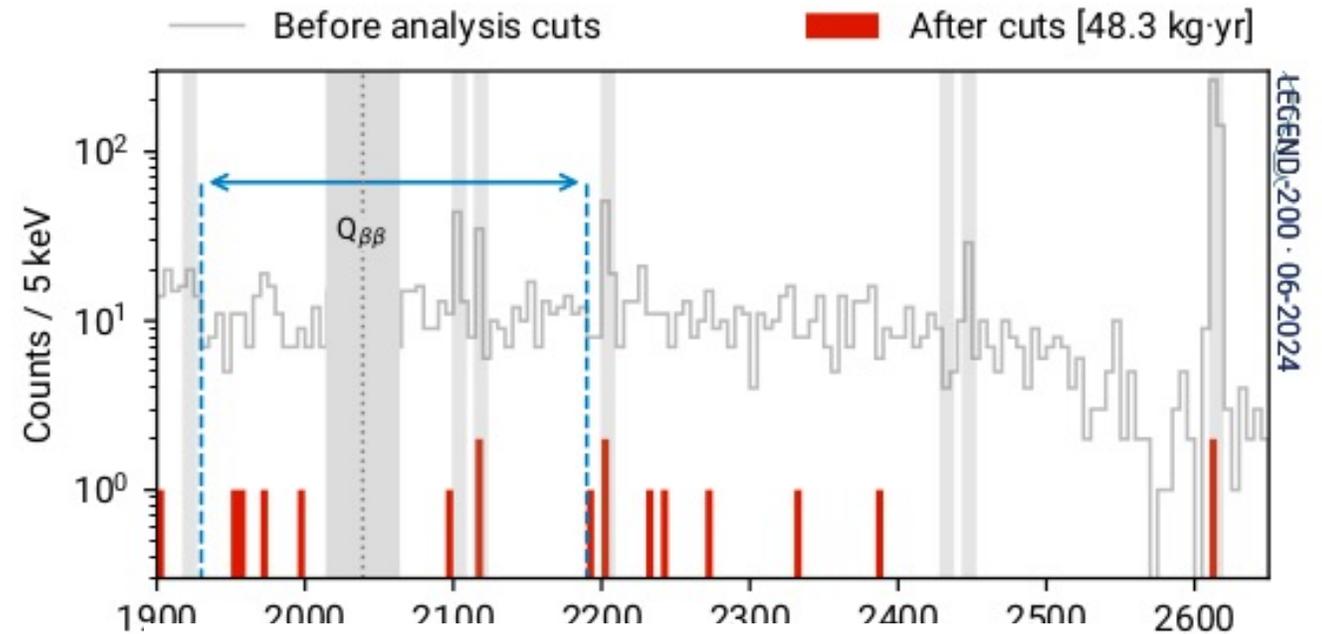
High purity germanium diodes immersed in LAr

- $\Delta E < 3$ KeV FWHM @ $Q_{\beta\beta}$
- Pulse shape analysis: multi/single site vs.
- anticoincidence with LAr
 - scintillating fibers (WLS) coupled to SIPMS
 - PMT above and below the detector



blind analysis:

- events close to $Q_{\beta\beta}$ are hidden
- fix all procedures & cuts
- open the box and apply analysis



Sensitivity for 90% C.L. $T_{1/2}$ limit

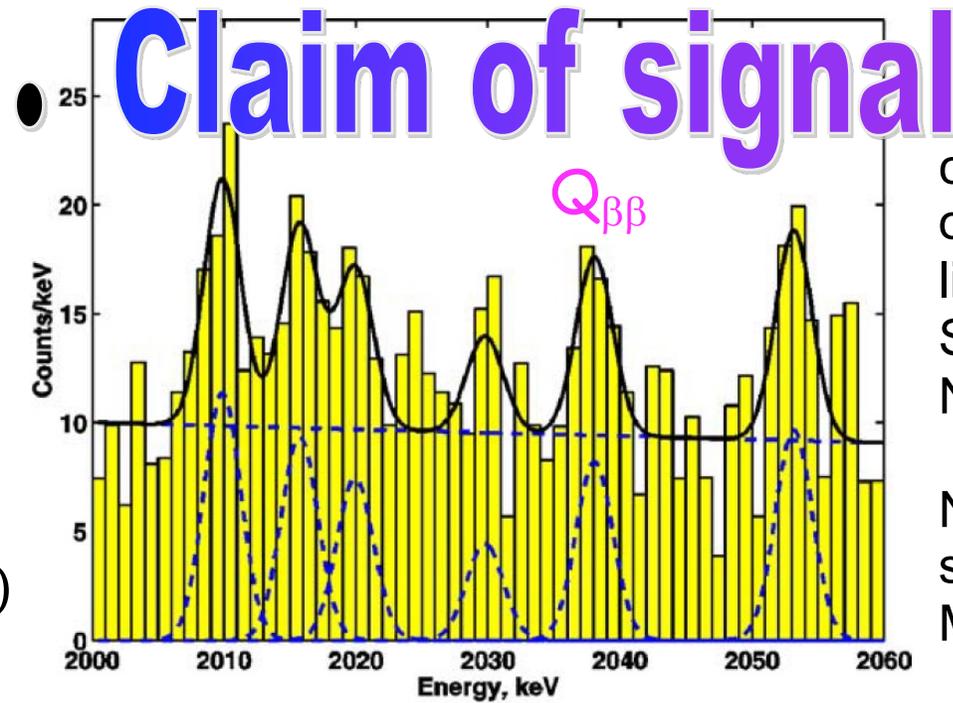
L200 alone	0.8×10^{26} yr
combined w. GERDA + Majorana Dem.	3.1×10^{26} yr



5 det. 10.9 kg, total exposure 71.7 kg y

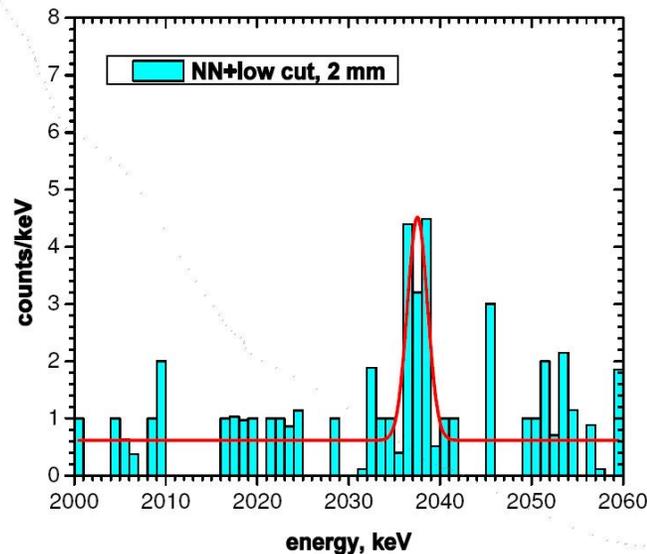
$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = (0.69 - 4.2) \cdot 10^{25} \text{ y } (3\sigma \text{ interval})$$

$$\langle m_{ee} \rangle \sim 0.4 \text{ eV}$$



claimed significance of 4.2 s disputed in literature, see e.g. Strumia+Vissani Nucl Phys B726 (2005)

NOT the first claim, see talk of Tretyak at MEDEX 2011



Mod Phys Lett A21 (2006) 1547:
after Pulse Shape Analysis 11 ± 1.6 events

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = \left(2.23^{+0.44}_{-0.31} \right) \cdot 10^{25} \text{ y}$$

The errors are clearly wrong & the numbers can not be used for $\langle m_{ee} \rangle$

not a blind analysis

Lessons to be learned

- No blind analysis → unconscious Bias ?
 - Experiment repeated with the same detectors
 - Results not confirmed also by different experiments
- Importance of the independent verification of the results (experimental method) before claiming a discovery
- different experiments and technologies

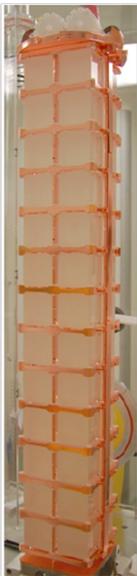
CUORE

Largest cryogenic particle detector ever realized

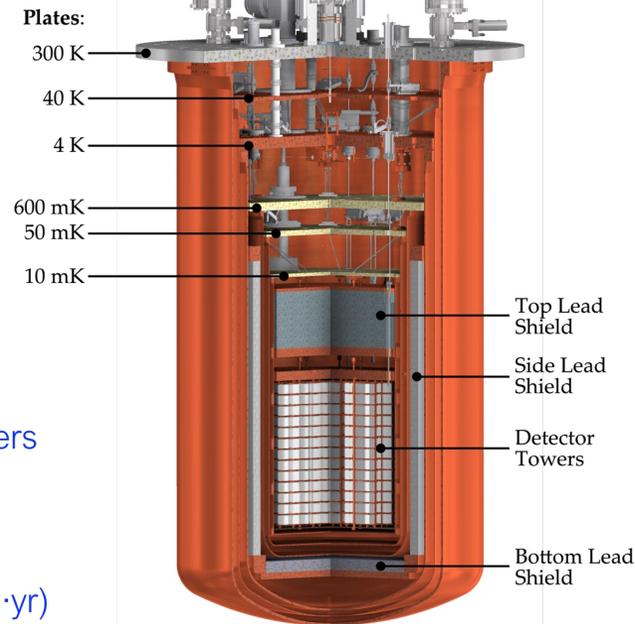
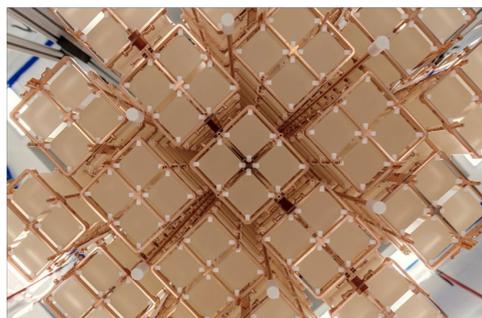
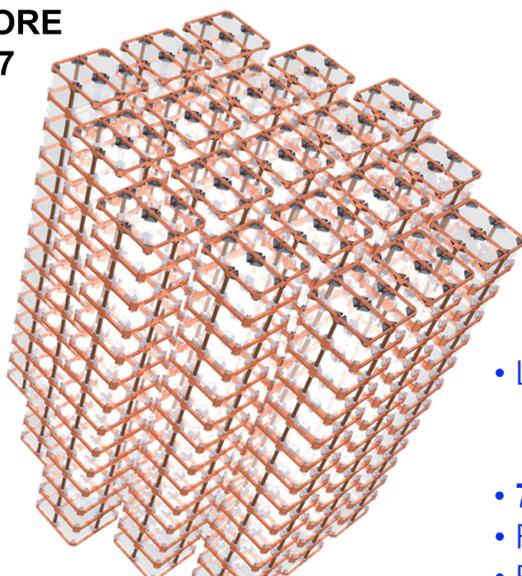
Cuoricino 2003



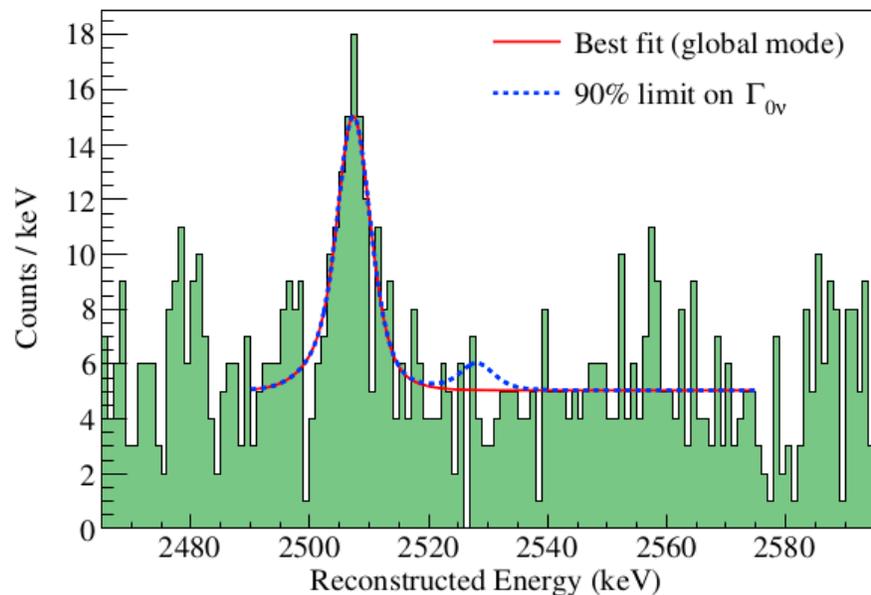
CUORE-0 2012



CUORE 2017



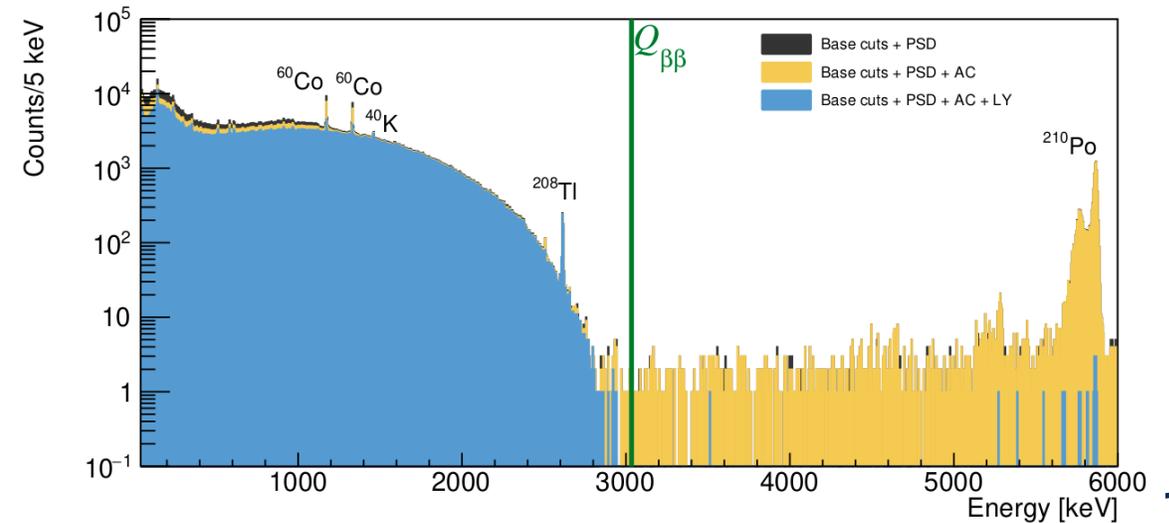
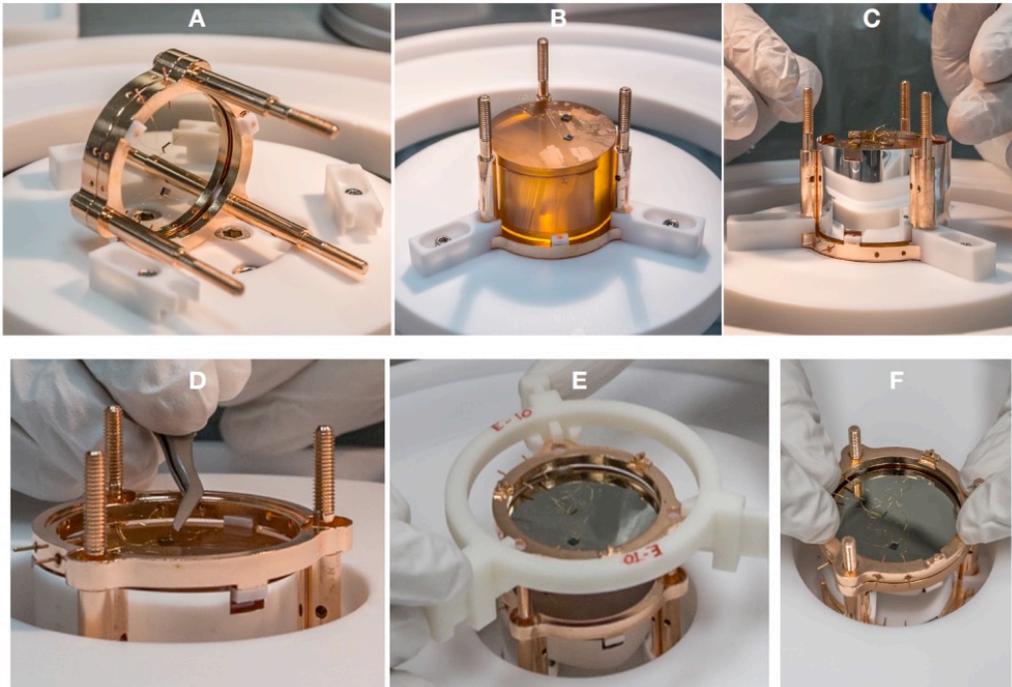
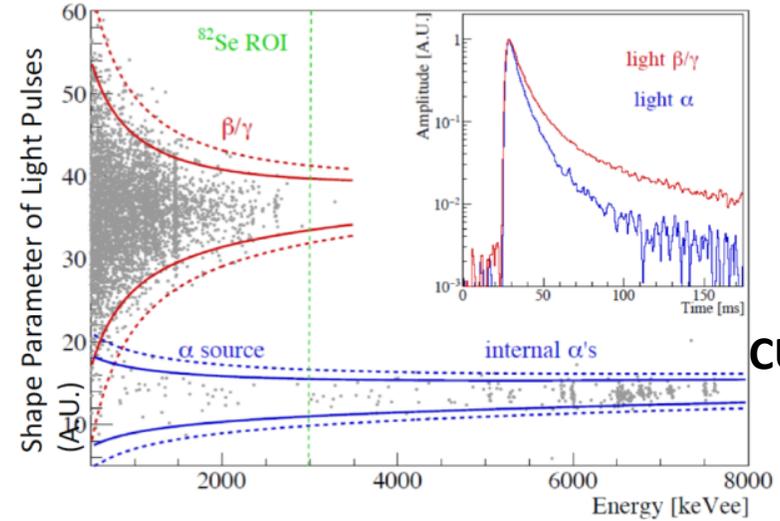
- LNGS
 - 988 TeO_2 crystals arranged on 19 towers
 - dedicated "dry" cryostat
- **742 kg** di natural TeO_2 (206 kg of ^{130}Te)
- FWHM: **7.7 keV** FWHM (ROI)
- Background: **$(1.4 \pm 0.2) \cdot 10^{-2}$** cnts/(keV·kg·yr)
- Total exposure: 1.8 tonne (TeO_2)·yr



data taking since 2017
 FWHM $\sim 0.28\%$ at $Q_{\beta\beta}$ bkg ~ 0.01 cnt/(keV kg yr)
 $T_{1/2} > 3.2 \cdot 10^{25}$ yr (90% C.I.)

CUPID

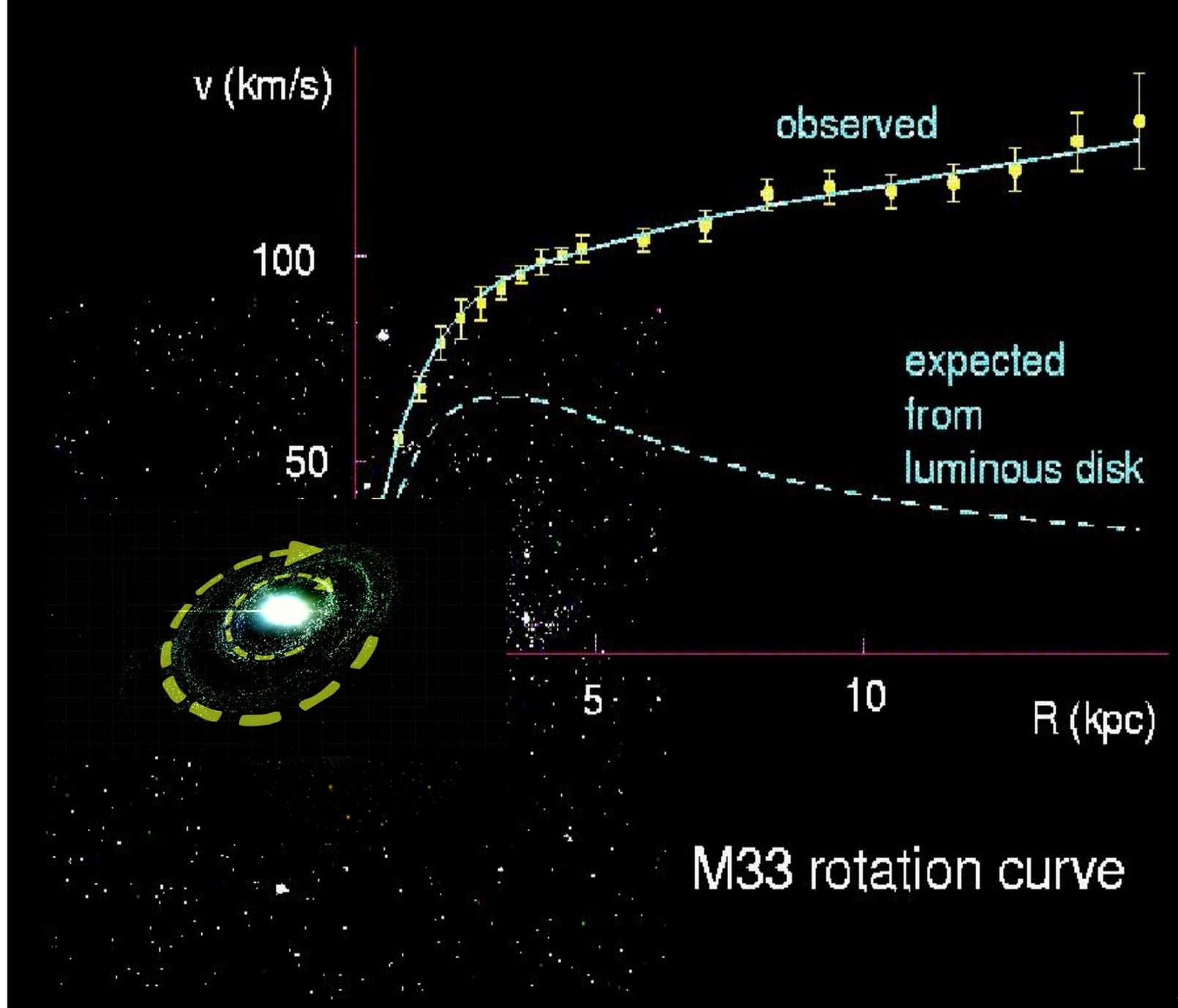
- Scintillating crystals and light detectors operated @ 10 mK
- Grown from various $\beta\beta$ emitters (**multi-isotope approach**)
- Excellent energy resolution @ $Q_{\beta\beta}$ (<1%)
- Possibility to high $Q_{\beta\beta}$ (3 MeV) for ^{82}Se and ^{100}Mo
- $\text{LY}_{\alpha} \neq \text{LY}_{\beta/\gamma} \rightarrow$ Particle ID
- $\text{LShape}_{\alpha} \neq \text{LShape}_{\beta/\gamma} \rightarrow$ Particle ID
- $\text{HShape}_{\alpha} \neq \text{HShape}_{\beta/\gamma} \rightarrow$ Particle ID



Cosmological studies @ LNGS

Dark Matter Searches

...large part
of our
Universe is
completely
unknown...



Dark Matter Search Experiments@ LNGS

Cryogenic Liquids

XENON

Dark Side

Bolometers

CRESST

Ultrapure Scintillator

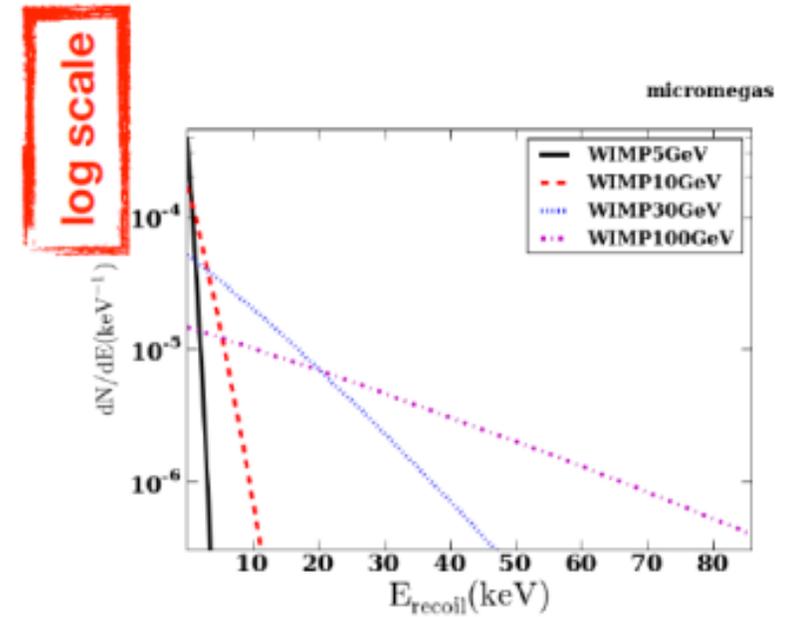
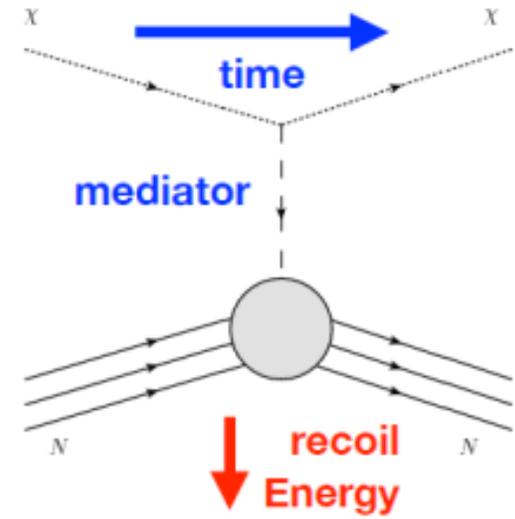
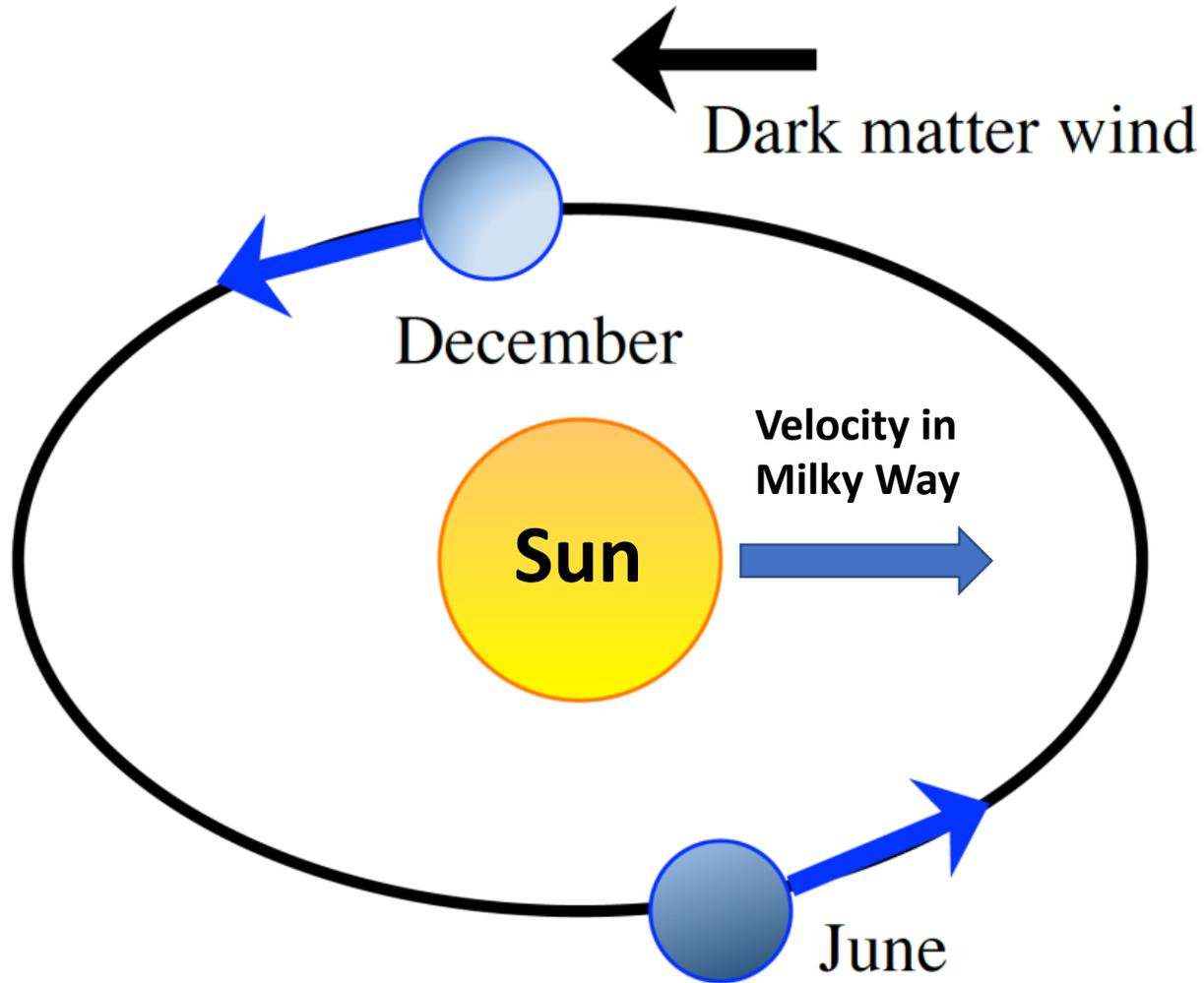
DAMA/LIBRA

SABRE

Ordinary Matter
5%

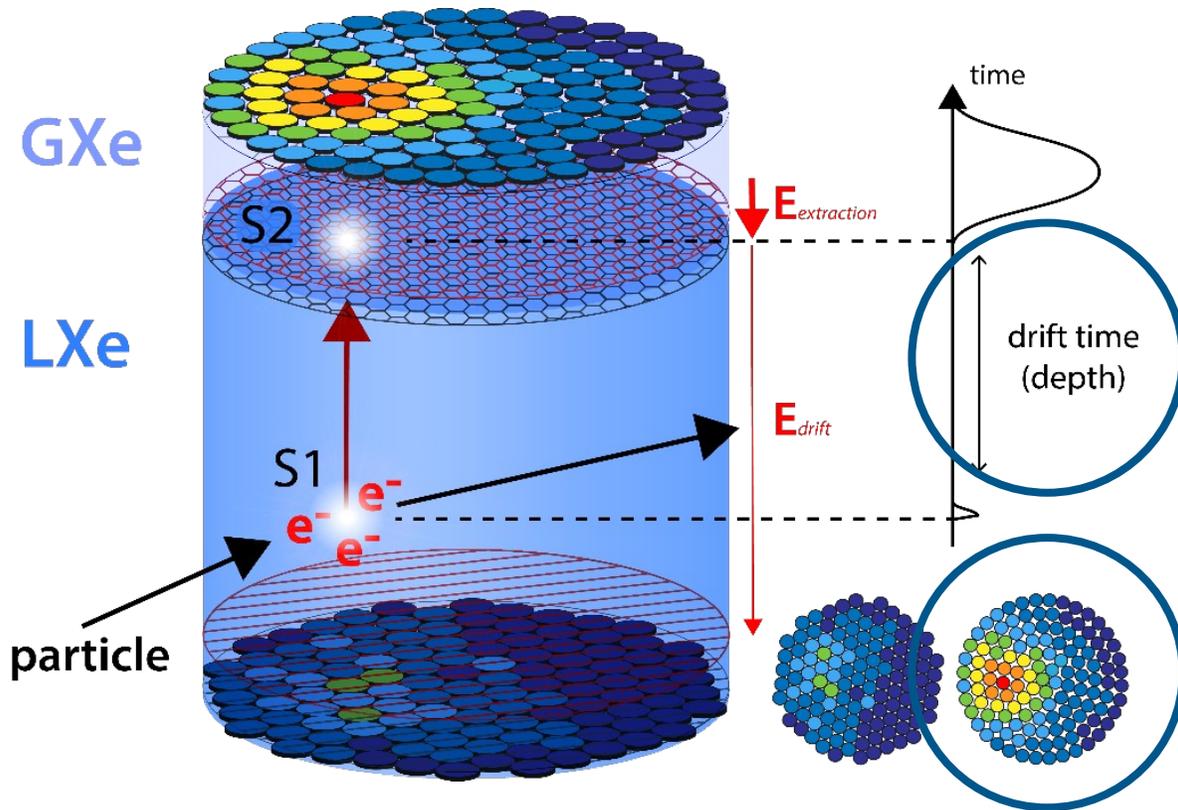


Dark Matter Searches



WIMP - ^{78}Ge nucleon scattering

Dual Phase TPC



Drift time:

$$\Delta t = t_{S2} - t_{S1}$$

Drift velocity:

$$v \approx 2 \text{ mm}/\mu\text{s} \approx 7200 \text{ km}/\text{h}$$

Depth (z - position):

$$z = v \cdot \Delta t$$

+

Concentric PMT array on top

→ S2 signal local

→ **x - and y - position**

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→ **3D position reconstruction**

→ **Self - shielding**

→ **Inner + radio-pure volume**

Thanks C. Weinheimer

Dual Phase TPC

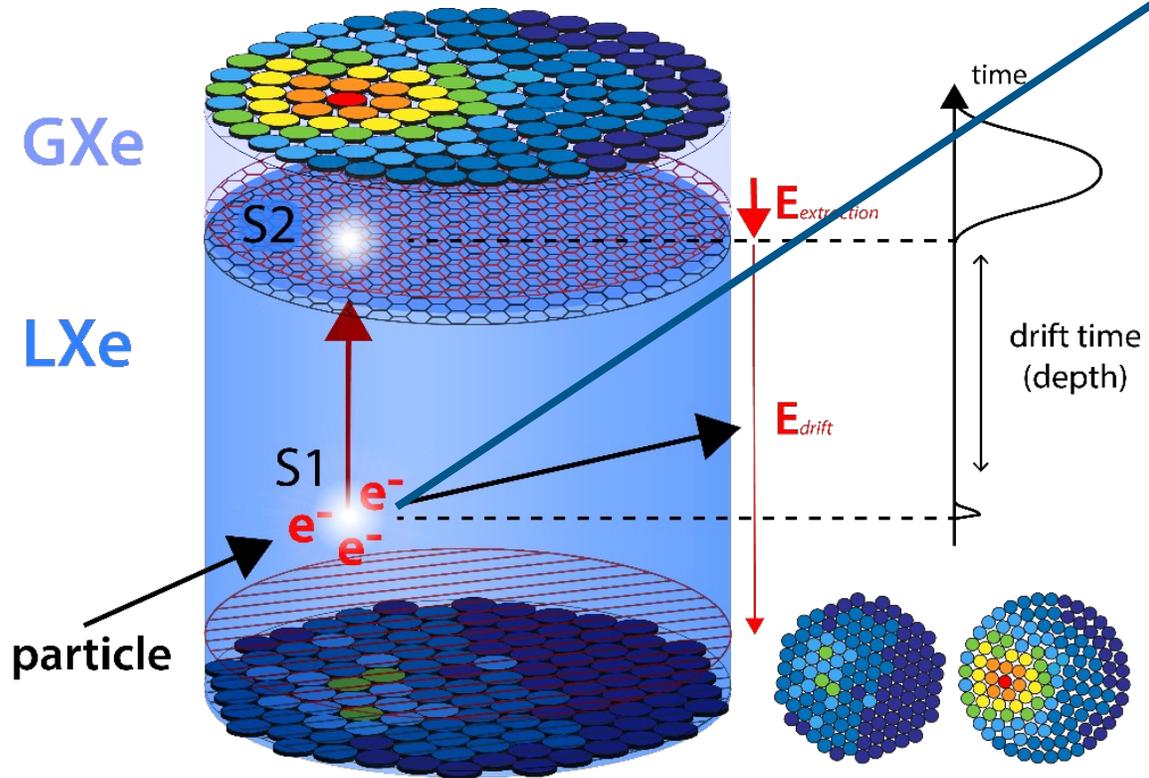
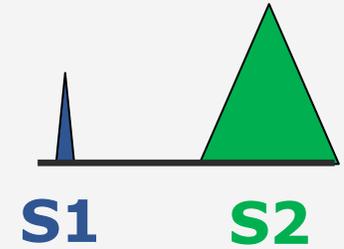
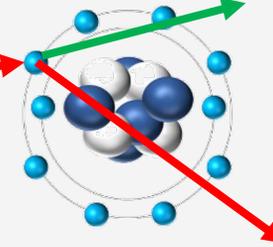


Figure in courtesy: L. Althüser

Particle identification

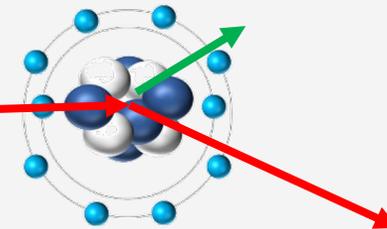
Electronic Recoil (ER)

γ, β



Nuclear Recoil (NR)

n, χ



Thanks C. Weinheimer

Xenon TPC

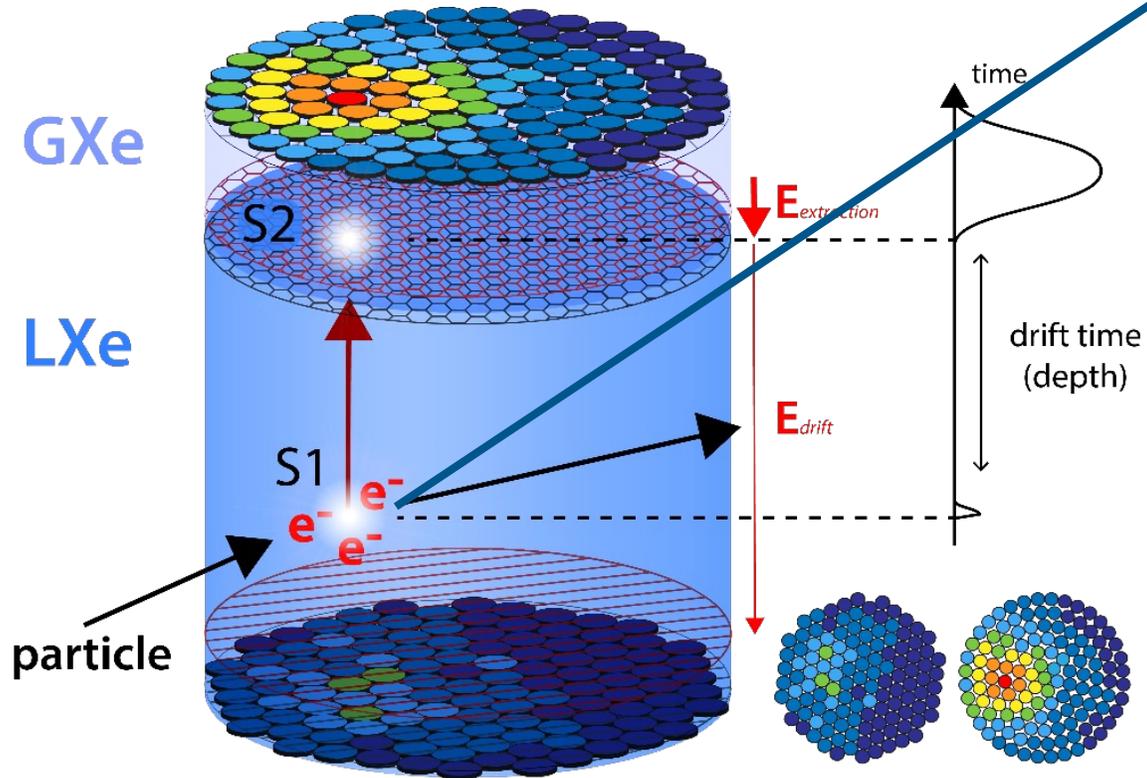
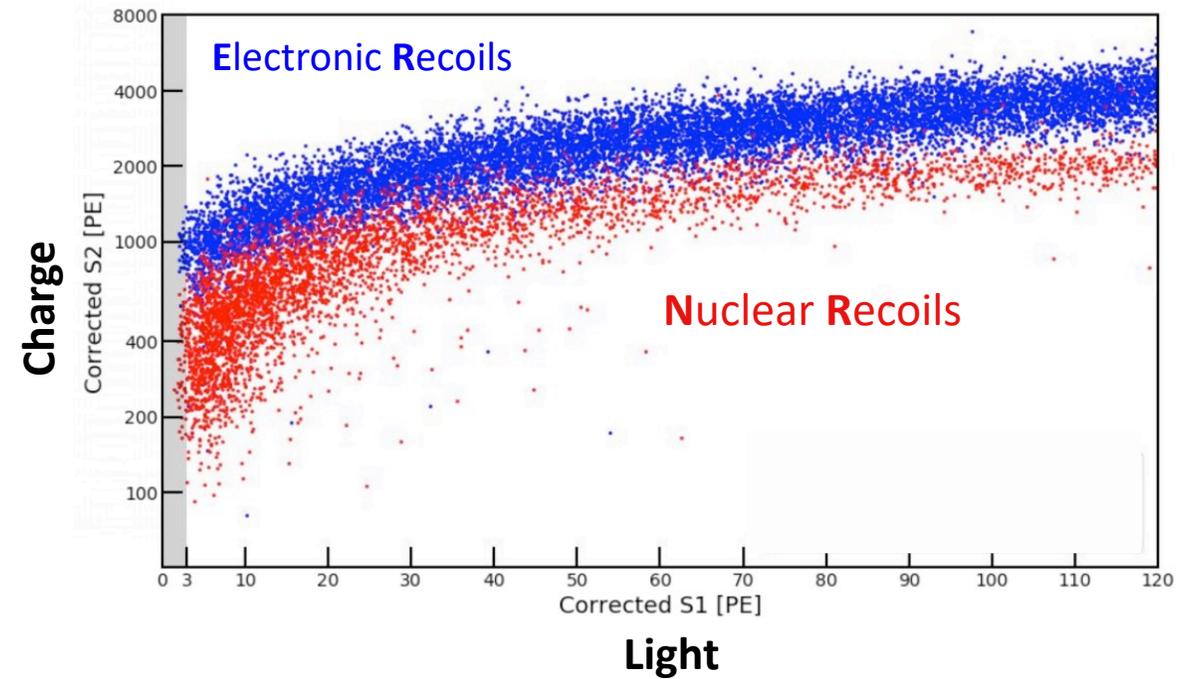


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Particle identification



Reduction of ER-induced background up to 99.75% at 50% NR acceptance

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Xenon @ LNGS



Dark Matter results

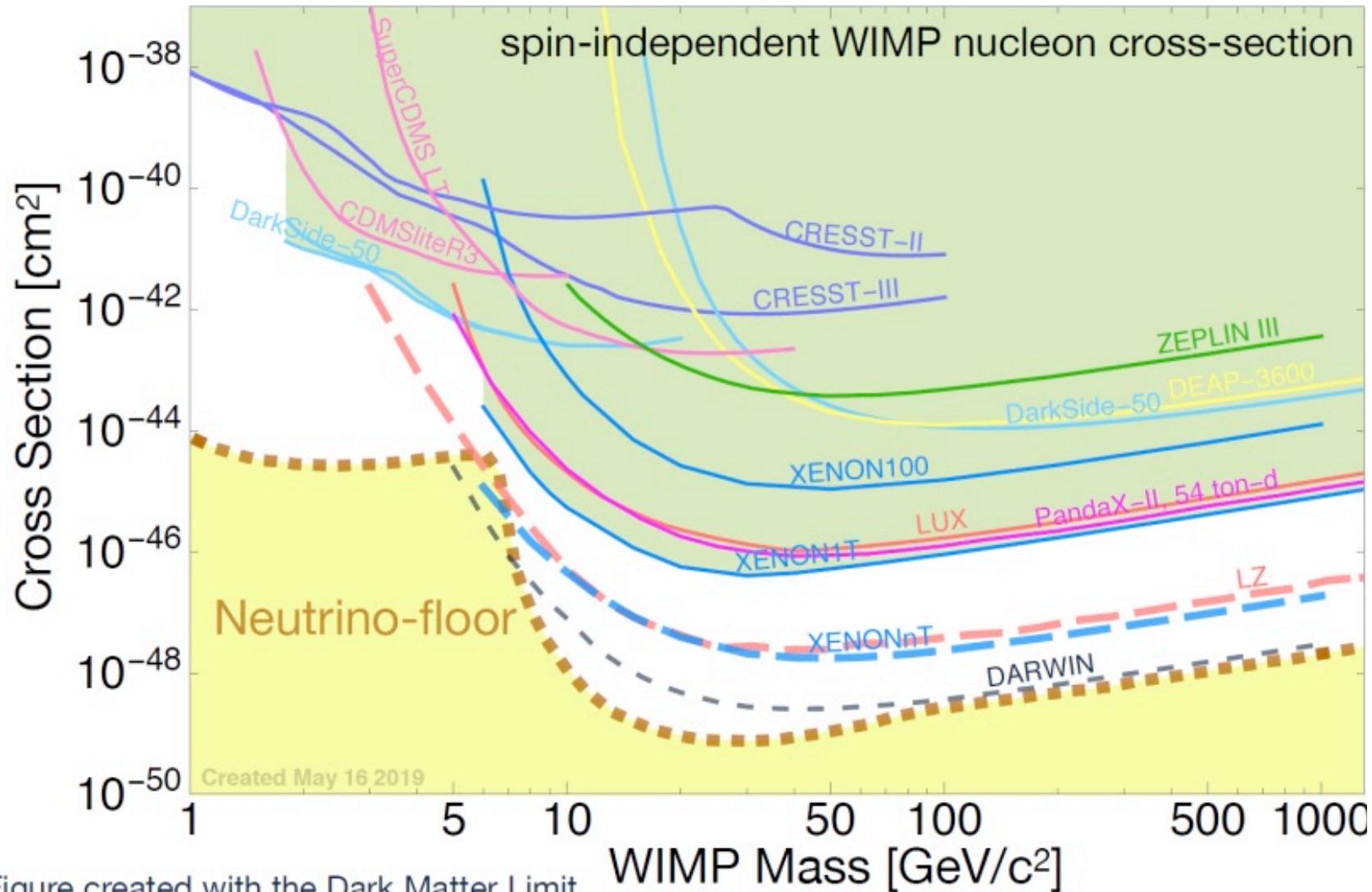
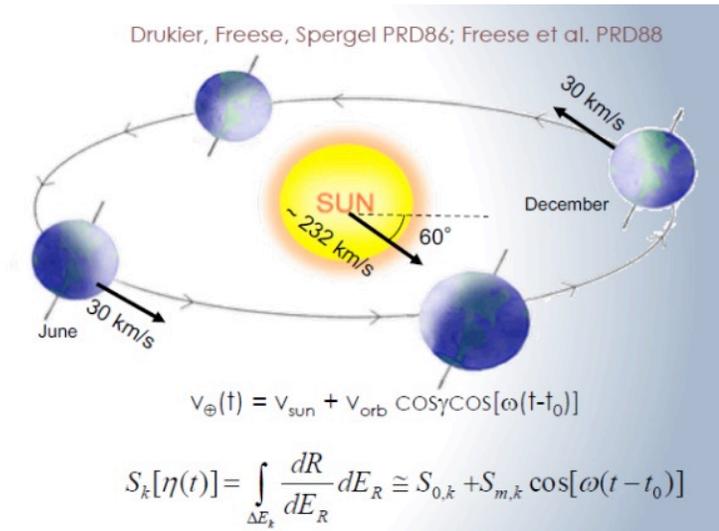


Figure created with the Dark Matter Limit Plotter by T. Saab and E. Figueroa

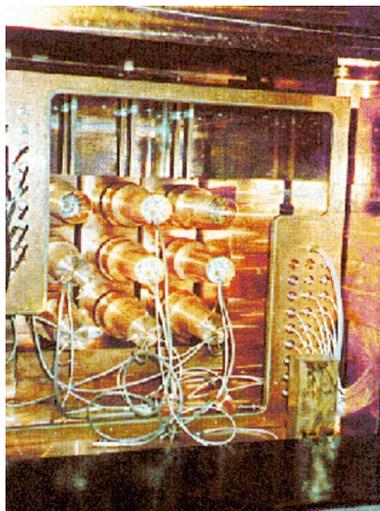
The Dama Libra result for Dark Matter search

Dama is looking for annual modulation signal of Dark Matter using High Purity NaI crystals. This approach could guaranty a model independent analysis of Dark Matter in the solar system.



To perform the measurement the requirements are

- 1) Cosine-like modulation of the rate
- 2) In low energy range
- 3) Period of 1 year
- 4) Phase at about June 2nd
- 5) For single-hit events in a multidetector set-up
- 6) With modulation amplitude in the region of maximal sensitivity must be $<7\%$ for usually adopted halo distributions, but it can be larger in case of some possible scenarios



DAMA/NaI

Concluded on July 2002; 7 annual cycles collected; exposure 0.29 ton×yr

Model independent evidence of a particle DM component in the galactic halo at 6.3σ C.L.



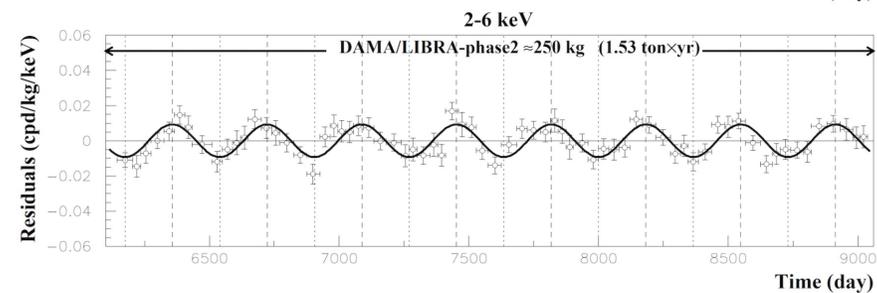
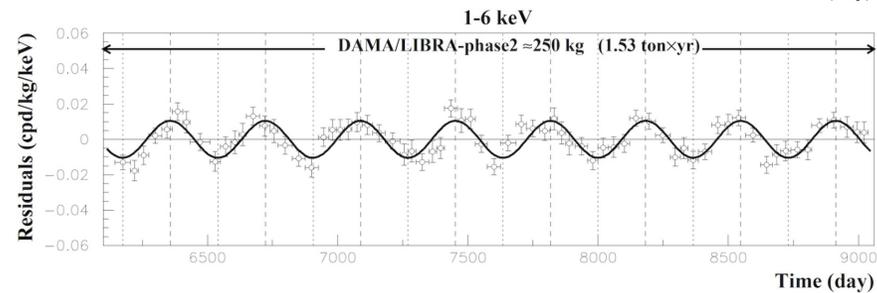
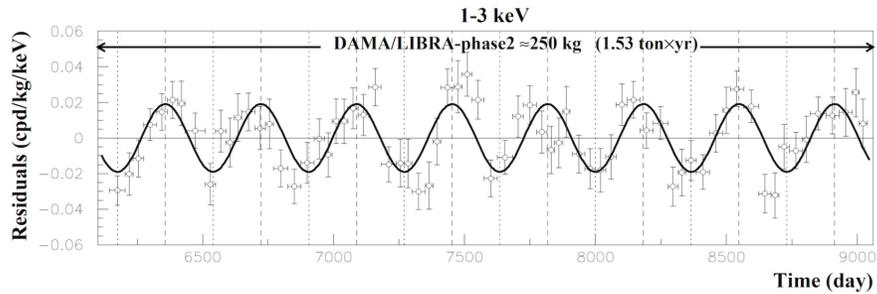
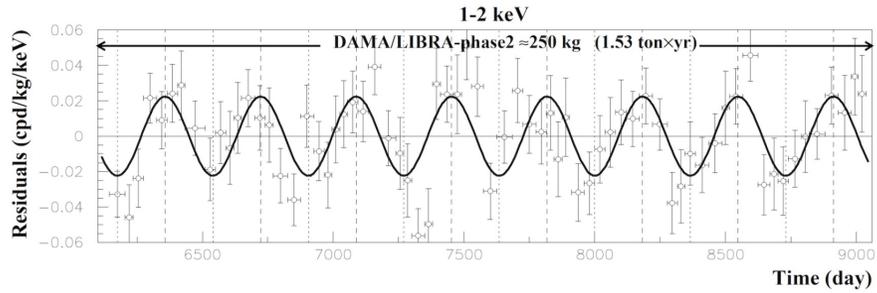
DAMA/LIBRA

New NaI(Tl) detectors with better radiopurity features

Phase 1: 7 annual cycles, 1.04 ton×yr

Phase 2: 8 annual cycles released so far (1.53 ton×yr)

Dama Libra results for Dark Matter search



Fit on DAMA/LIBRA-phase2
 $A \cos[\omega(t-t_0)]$; $t_0 = 152.5$ d, $T = 1.00$ y

1 – 2 keV $A=(0.0224 \pm 0.0030)$ cpd/kg/keV 7.4σ C.L.

1 – 3 keV $A=(0.0191 \pm 0.0020)$ cpd/kg/keV 9.7σ C.L.

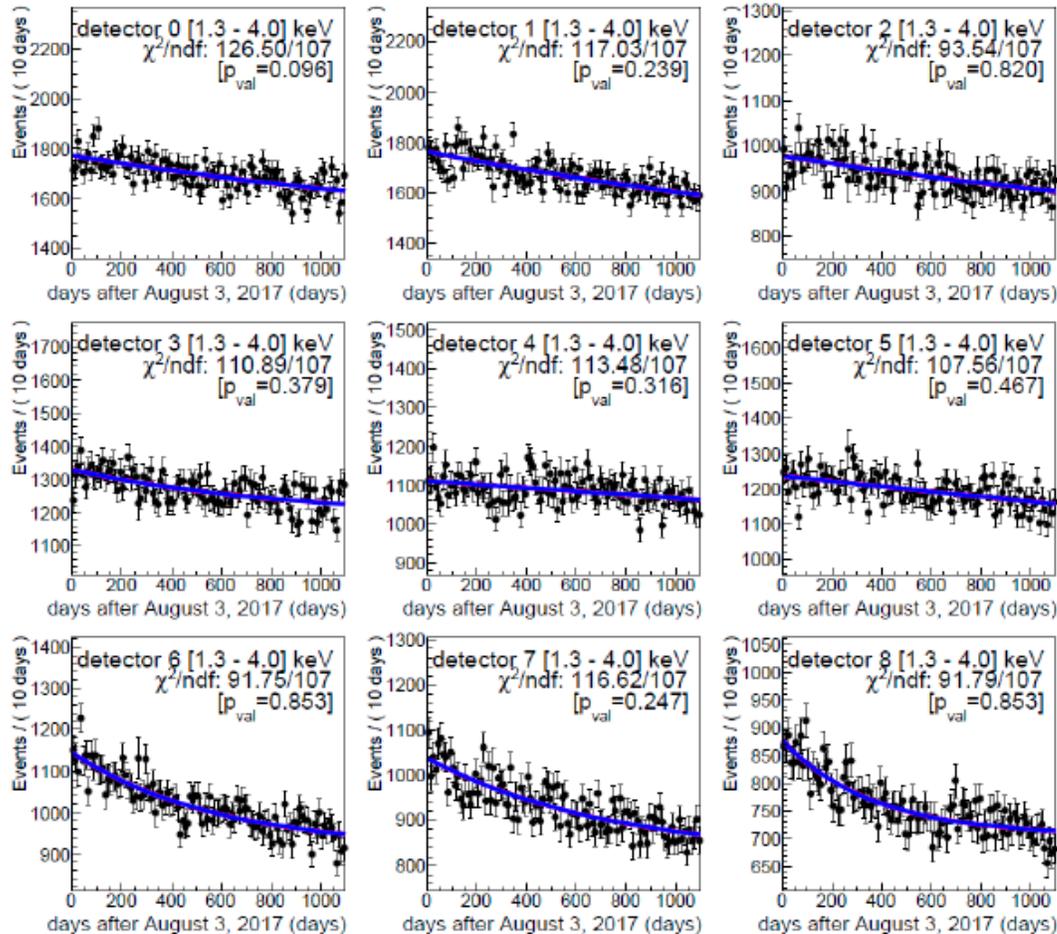
1 – 6 keV $A=(0.01048 \pm 0.00090)$ cpd/kg/keV 11.6σ C.L.

2 – 6 keV $A=(0.00933 \pm 0.00093)$ cpd/kg/keV 9.9σ C.L.

The data of DAMA/LIBRA-phase2 favor the presence of a modulated behavior with proper features at 11.6σ C.L.

Independent checks: Anais-112/Cosine-100

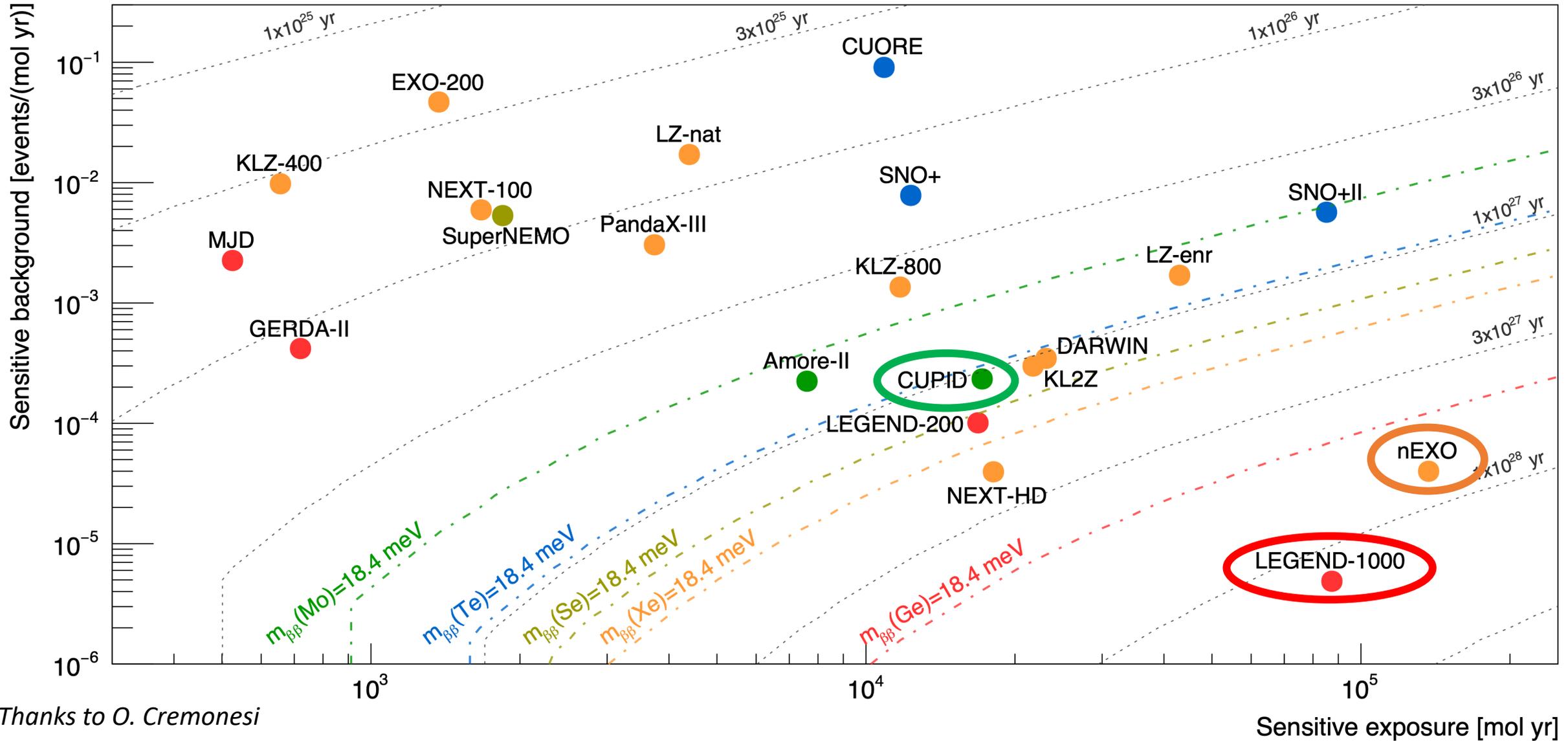
ANAIS-112



- Difficult to evaluate and cross check the DAMA results
- Not possible to use the same detector
- Difficult to produce NaI Crystal with the same purity → Larger bkg
- Up to now result not confirmed by two experiments:
 - ANAIS-112@Camfranc (incompatible 2-3 sigma level=
 - Cosine-100 in Korea

Future experiments @ LNGS

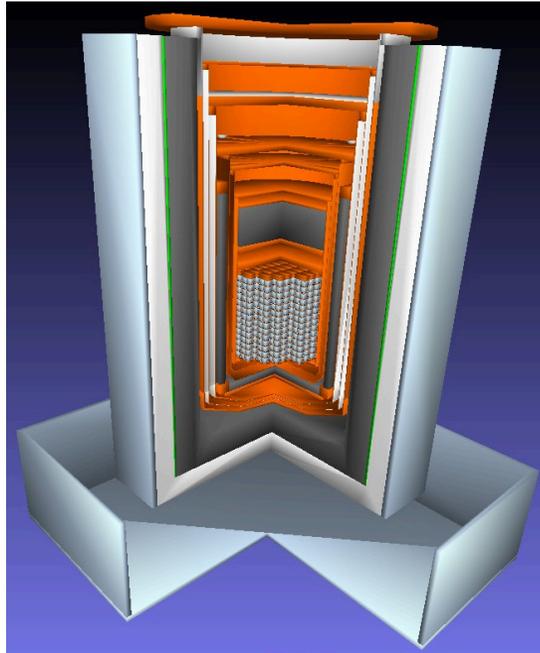
Double Beta Decay : Next Generation Experiments



Thanks to O. Cremonesi

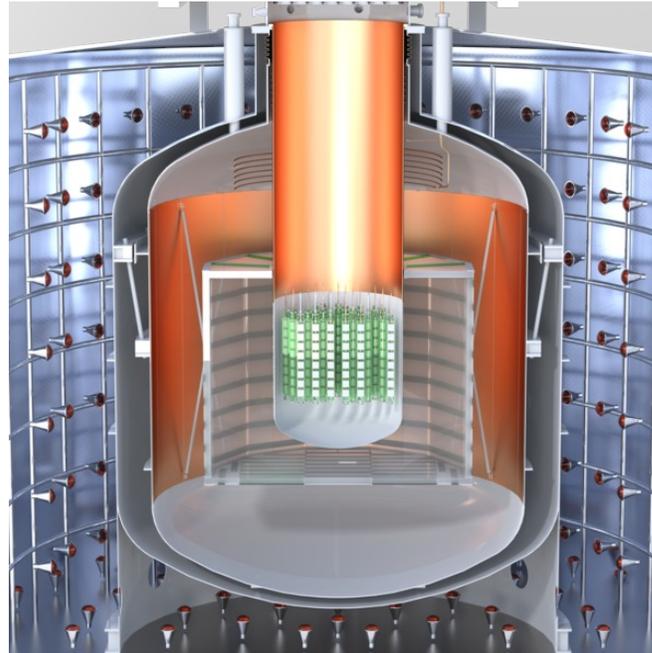
Sensitive exposure [mol yr]

CUPID



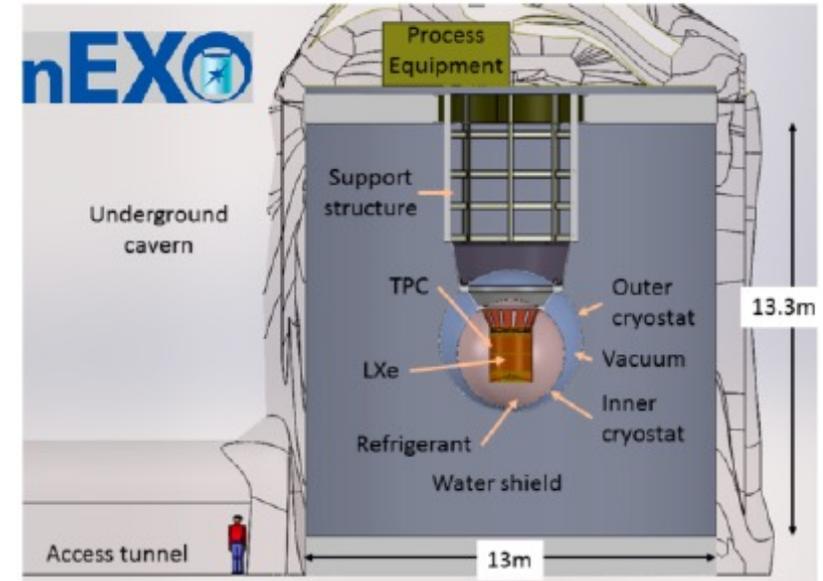
250 kg ^{100}Mo
 $T_{1/2}$ sens. 2.2×10^{27} yr

Legend-1000



910 kg ^{76}Ge
FWHM 0.12% at $Q_{\beta\beta}$
 $T_{1/2}$ sens. 1.2×10^{28} yr

nEXO



5100 kg Xe
FWHM 2.3% at $Q_{\beta\beta}$
 $T_{1/2}$ sens. 6×10^{27} yr

Open questions

Is it possible to fund and support all the 3 experiments?

Which is the optimal location of the experiments ?

Which is a reasonable timeline ?

	$T_{1/2}$ (10^{28} years)		$m_{\beta\beta}$ (meV) 3σ Discovery		COST	Laboratory
	Excl. Sens.	3σ Discovery	Median	Range		
CUPID	0.14	0.10	15	12 to 20	50-60 M€	LNGS
LEGEND-1k	1.60	1.30	12	9 to 21	150-200 M€	LMGS ?
nEXO	1.35	0.74	11	7 to 32	150-200 M€	SNOLAB?

Possible solution:

- CUPID/LEGEND LNGS
- nEXO @SNOLAB

Dark Matter search experiments

A rich experimental program is actually in preparation:

- XENONnT
- Dark Side 20k
- COSINUS
- SABRE
- LIME/CYGNO
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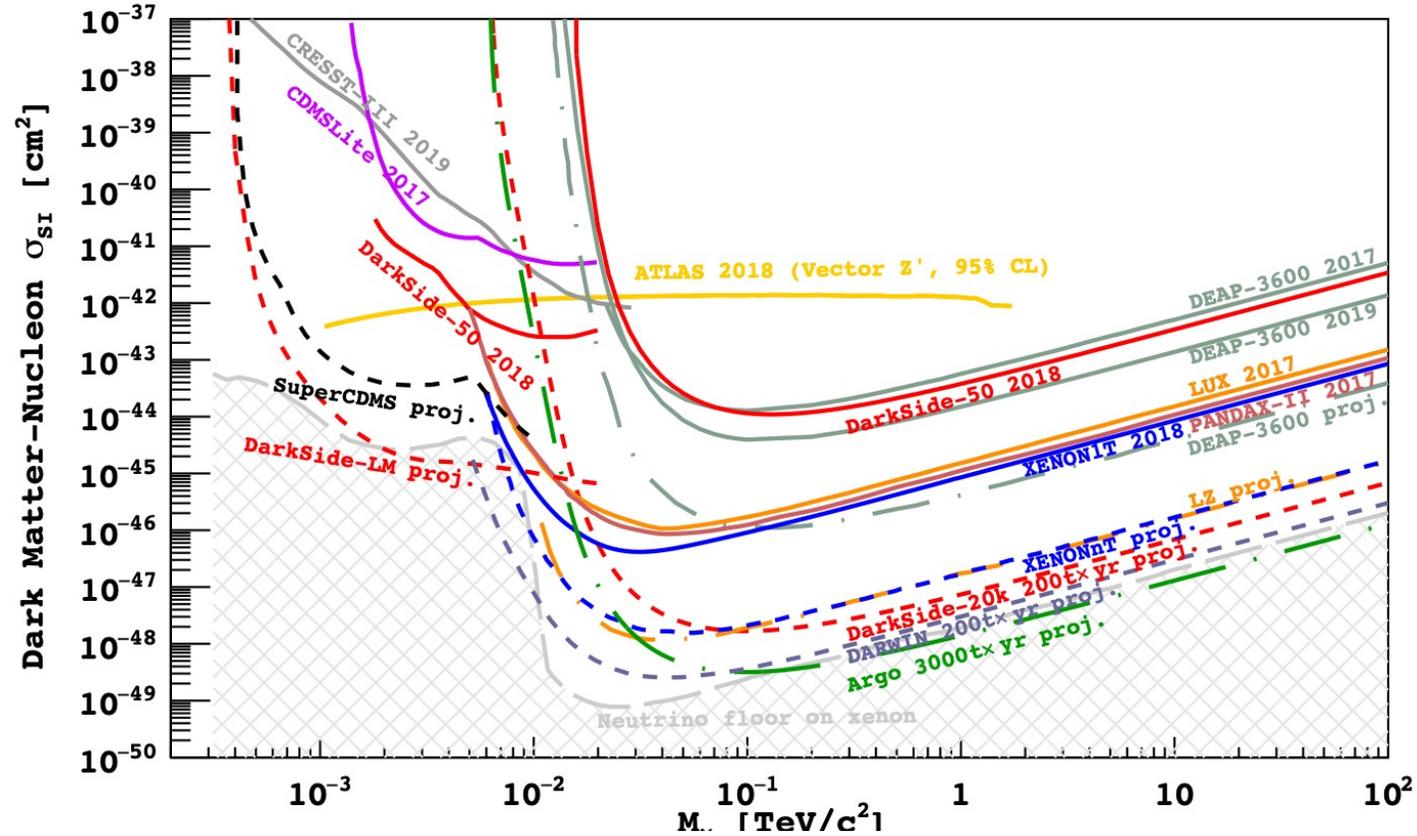
Specific LNGS facilities are under preparation

- NOA Clean Room for detector assembly
- New cryogenic plant for large LN production
- Screening facility for material selection
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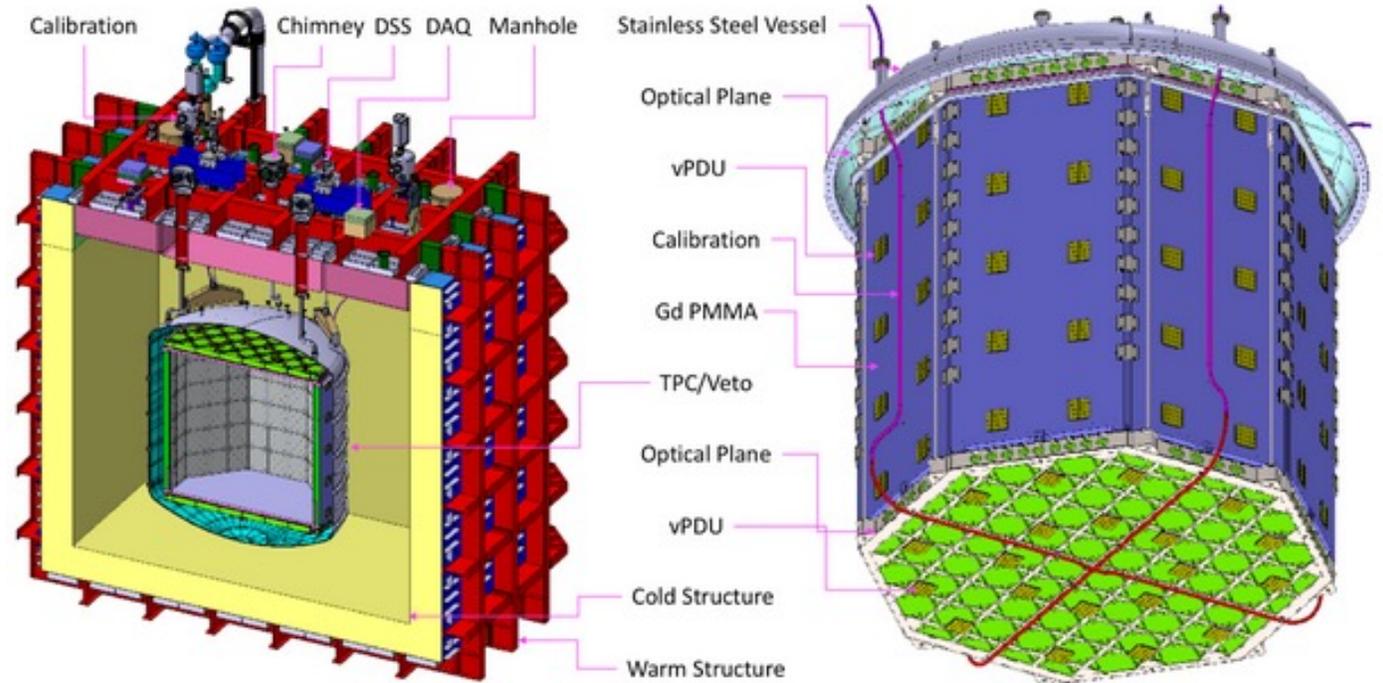
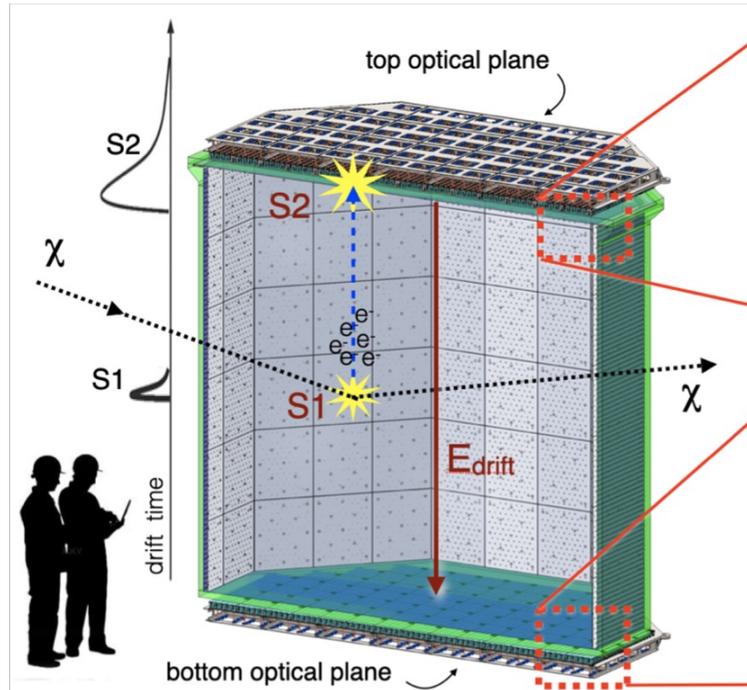
Medium/Long term activities on Dark Matter experiments are ongoing

Some Lols for future experiments (Darwin, ...) were received by LNGS

A 5/10 years plan on Dark Matter experiments is practically well established



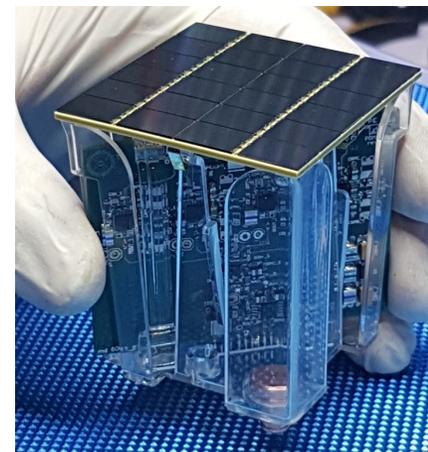
Dark Matter search – Darkside 20k



A 20-tonnes fiducial argon detector filled with underground argon

TPC acrylic vessel surrounded by AAr + Gd-loaded acrylic shell as a neutron veto

21 m² of Cryogenic Silicon based Photo-Multipliers

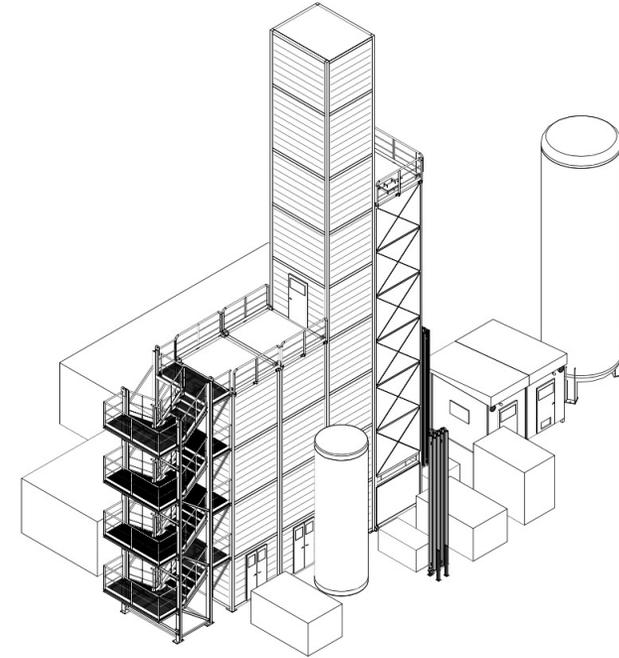




Darkside
cryostat
installation
@LNGS

URANIA

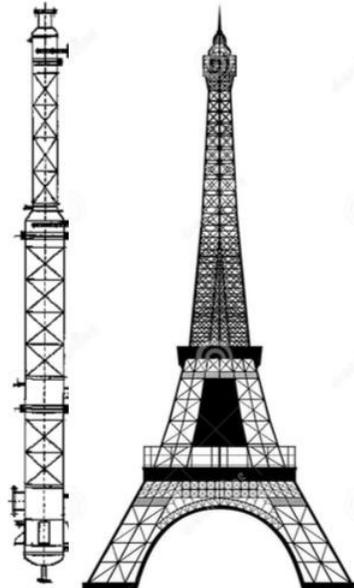
- ▶ Procurement of 50 tonnes of UAr from same Colorado source as for DS-50
- ▶ Extraction of 250 kg/day, with 99.9% purity
- ▶ UAr transported to Sardinia for final chemical purification at Aria



Seruci-I



Seruci-II



ARIA

- ▶ Big cryogenic distillation column in Seruci, Sardinia
- ▶ Final chemical purification of the UAr
- ▶ Can process O(1 tonne/day) with 10^3 reduction of all chemical impurities
- ▶ Ultimate goal is to isotopically separate ^{39}Ar from ^{40}Ar (at the rate of 10 kg/day in Seruci-I)

Cutting Edge Technologies

**Advanced Additive
Manufacturing
Copper 3D printing**

**Ultra-Trace elemental
and isotopical analysis
Cultural Heritage
Environmental Studies
High Purity Material**

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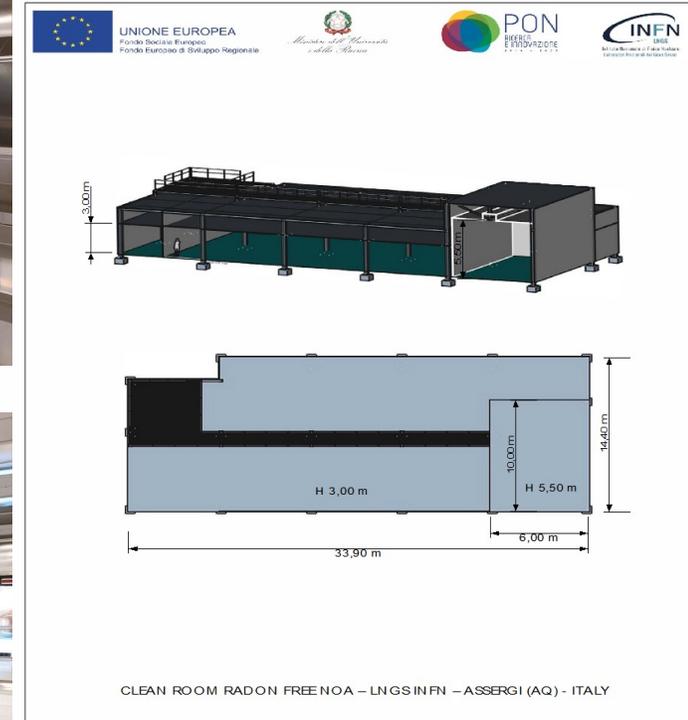
**Quantum Technology
Quantum Computing
Quantum Communication**



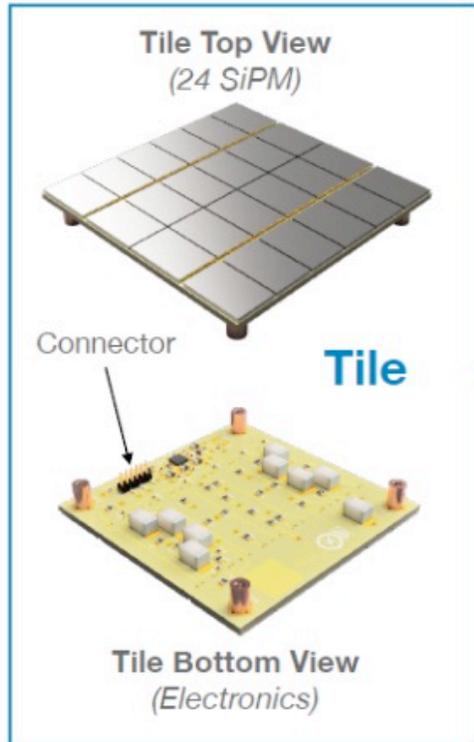
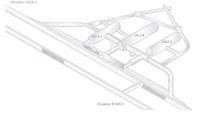
NOA - Nuova Officina Assergi

NOA funded with national/local funds

- **450 m² Clean Room/Radon Free**
- Detector instrumentation for
 - Bonding,
 - Dicing,
 - Thermo-compression/epoxy bonding,
 - Wire bonding
- PCB preparation
 - Advanced and radio-clean reflow system
- Testing capabilities
 - Characterization at cryogenic temperature
- Production
 - 1st production for DS20k: ~ **20 m² SiPM**

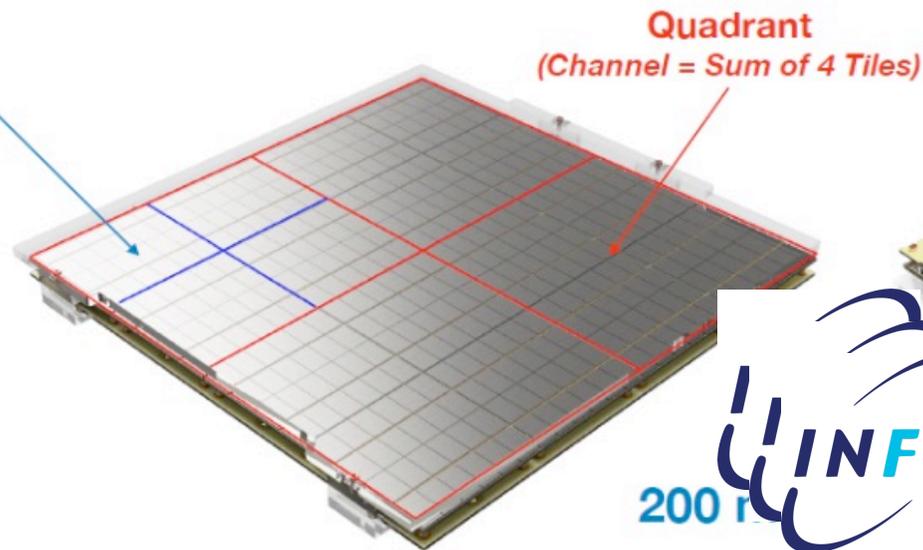


SiPM for DS20k @ NOA

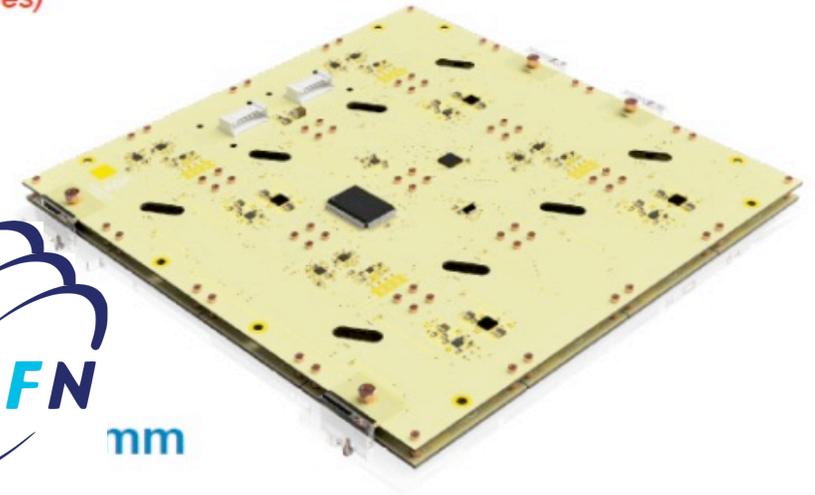


49,5 mm x 49,5 mm

The top side of the MB contains only connectors



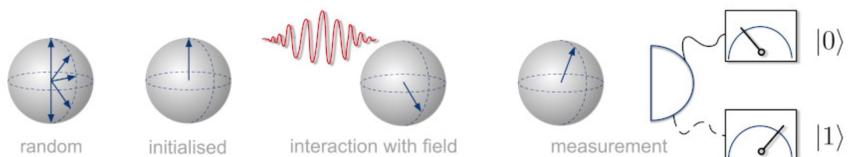
Top View
16 Tiles in 4x4 layout



Quantum Technologies for Fundamental Physics SQMS Project



QUANTUM TECHNOLOGIES FOR FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS

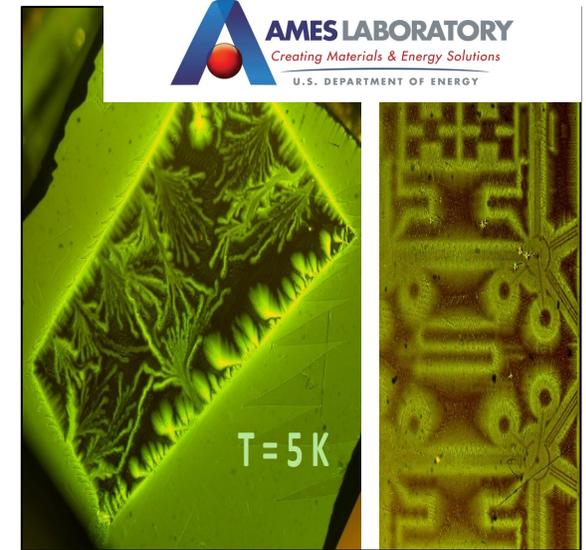
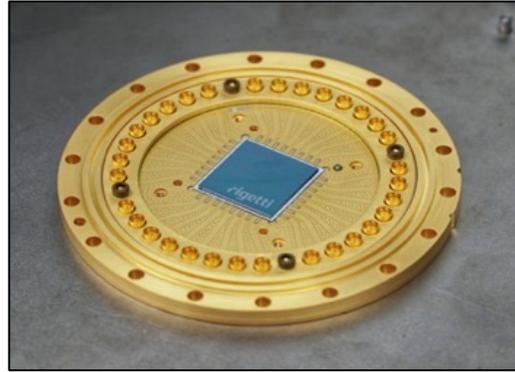
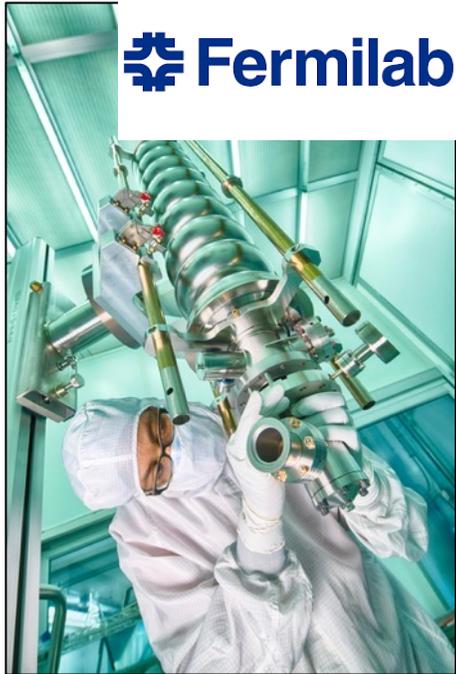


Quantum Technologies for Fundamental Physics

Discussing physics at the Marsala Room



Mission: Attacking the Decoherence Cross-Cutting Challenge



SQMS Mission

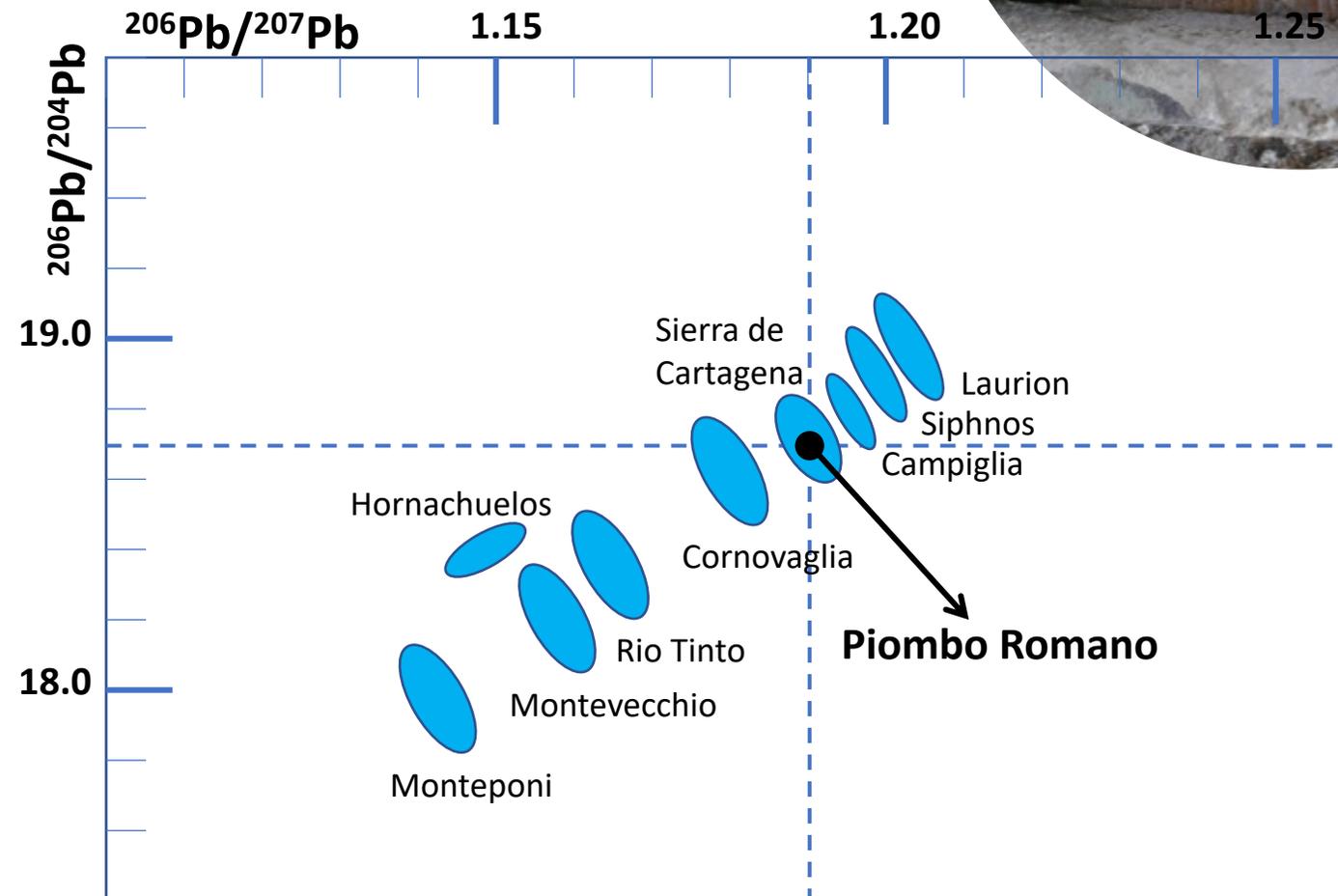
"bring together the power of national labs, industry and academia to achieve transformational advances in the QIS major cross-cutting challenge of understanding and eliminating the decoherence mechanisms in superconducting 2D and 3D devices, with the goal of enabling construction and deployment of superior quantum systems for computing and sensing."



Multidisciplinarity

Archeological Study

Ancient Roman Lead recovered from a Ship sunked in Sardegna (I century b. C.)

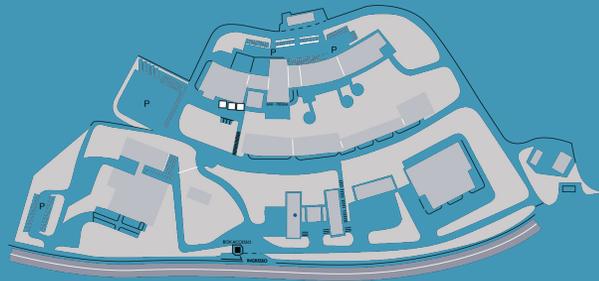


Conclusions

- @LNGS a large number of experiments are actually taking data or are under construction
- LNGS international community involve many country around the world and large number of researchers
- LNGS play a leading role in many different field of researches (DBD, DM, NA ...)
- Future scientific programs are under discussion at international level:



INFN
LNGS



Thank you



Light Majorana Neutrinos Mechanism

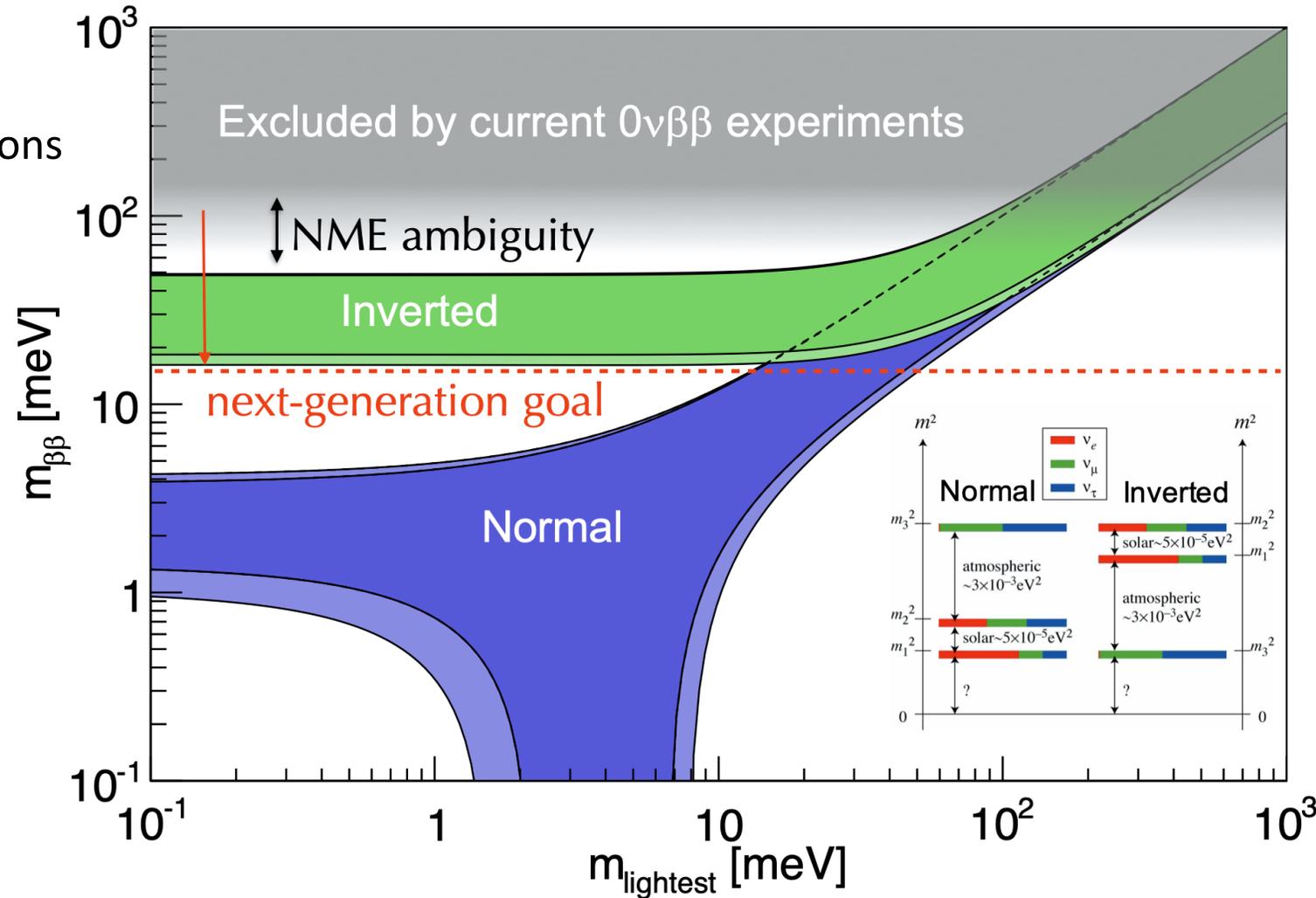
$\beta\beta 0\nu$ mediated by exchange of light Majorana neutrinos other mechanisms give no contributions

$$\eta_x = \langle m_{ee} \rangle = \sum_k U_{ek}^2 m_k$$

$$= c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 m_1 + s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 e^{i\alpha} m_2 + s_{13}^2 e^{i\beta} m_3$$

m_{ee} depends on three masses and two Majorana phases

- Transition amplitude is proportional to the coherent sum of neutrino masses
- Majorana phases play a crucial role: possible cancellations
- Oscillation experiments could identify only neutrino mass differences



$$\tau_{1/2}^{0\nu} = \ln 2 \frac{\epsilon N_{\text{nuclei}} t_{\text{meas}}}{N_{\beta\beta}}$$

$$N_{\beta\beta} \leq \sqrt{\text{bkg} \cdot \Delta E \cdot M \cdot t_{\text{meas}}}$$

$$N_{\text{bkg}} \gg 1 \quad S_{1/2}^{0\nu} \propto \epsilon \frac{i.a.}{A} \sqrt{\frac{M \cdot t_{\text{meas}}}{\text{bkg} \cdot \Delta E}}$$

$$N_{\text{bkg}} \sim 1 \quad S_{1/2}^{0\nu} \propto \epsilon \frac{i.a.}{A} M \cdot t_{\text{meas}}$$

Many important Parameters

N_{nuclei}	number of active nuclei
t_{meas}	measurement time [y]
M	mass of the detector [kg]
ϵ	detection efficiency
$i.a.$	isotopic abundance
A	atomic number
ΔE	energetic resolution [keV]
bkg	background index [c/keV/y/kg]

- isotope choice/enrichment
- experimental approach
- scalability
- stability
- cost

Urania

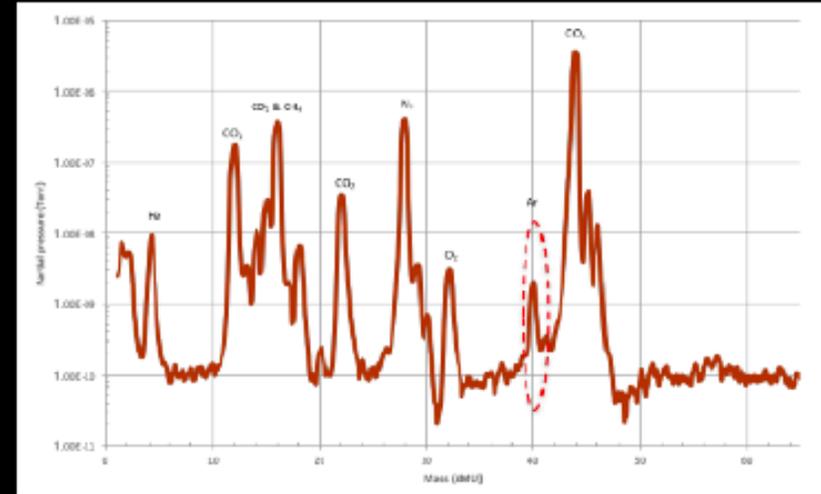
Isotope	Abundance	Specific activity (Bq/kg _{Ar})
⁴⁰ Ar	0.9960	Stable
³⁶ Ar	0.0033	Stable
³⁸ Ar	0.0006	Stable
³⁹ Ar	8.2×10^{-16}	1.0 [7,8]
³⁷ Ar	$\approx 1.3 \times 10^{-20}$	$\approx 4.5 \times 10^{-2}$ [9]
⁴² Ar	6.8×10^{-21}	6.8×10^{-5} [10,11]

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- ³⁹Ar: Q=565keV and T_{1/2}=269y;
- 8×10^{-16} g/g in the AAr; β emitter with specific activity 1Bq/Kg
- Produced in the atmosphere mainly by neutron-induced reactions of cosmic rays on ⁴⁰Ar
- Very low production going underground (UAr). Production from natural radioactivity reactions (α, n)-induced on ³⁹K

Urania extrction site

- DOE canyon, Dolores County, Colorado
- The company Kinder-Morgan (KM), extracts gas from the subsoil, which is later used for oil mining purposes, with composition: CO₂ 95%, UAr 430ppm; DarkSide “takes” the argon and returns the rest to KM
- The gas comes from the mantle ('magmatic CO₂'); the concentration of uranium and thorium in the mantle is typically at the level of ppb, 1/1000 relative to the crust (Well depth 3 KM) —>low probability of production of ³⁹Ar

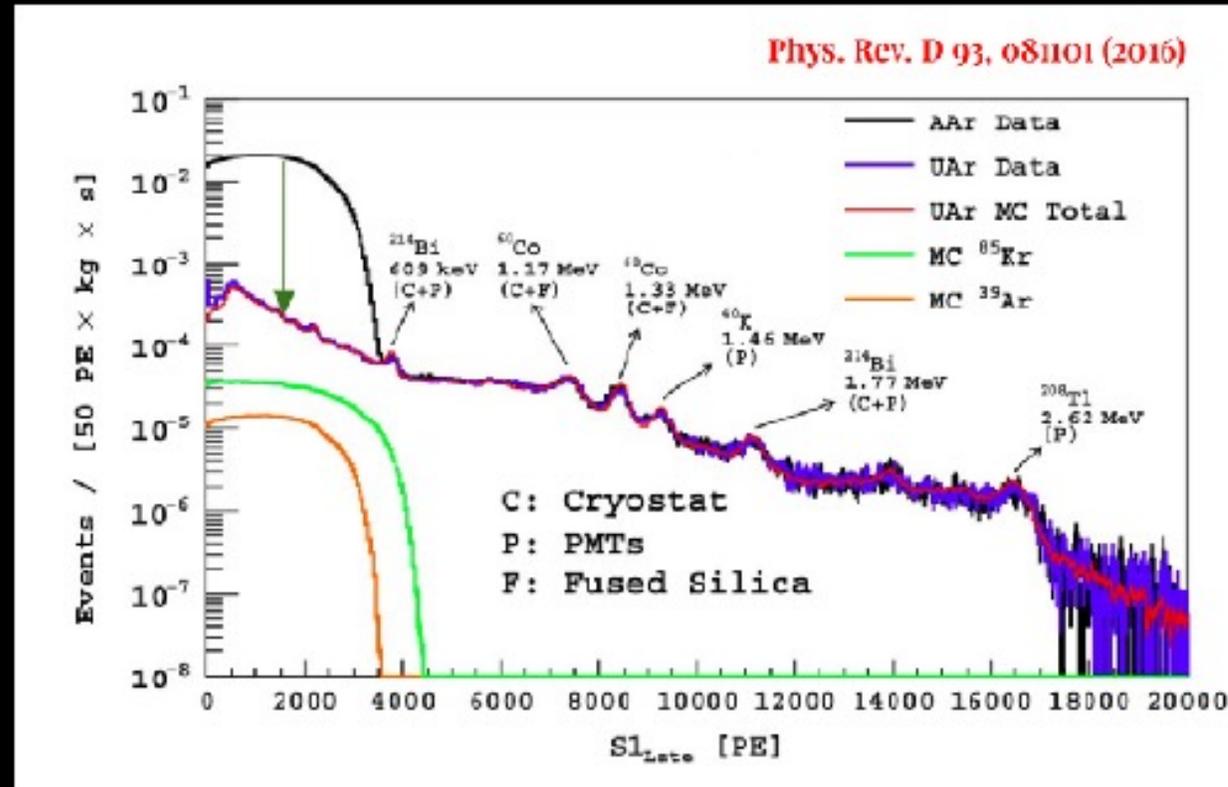


Composition	# of atoms (neutrons) yr ⁻¹ kg ⁻¹			
	⁴ He	neutrons	²¹ Ne	³⁹ Ar
Upper Continental Crust	1.64×10^{10}	10,680	753	28.7
Middle Continental Crust	8.98×10^9	6114	416	13.9
Lower Continental Crust	1.53×10^9	1129	70.2	0.749
Bulk Continental Crust	9.43×10^8	6253	433	15.3
Bulk Oceanic Crust	3.79×10^8	260	15.8	0.0235
Depleted Upper Mantle	2.51×10^7	22.4	1.06	0.000257

(O. Sránek et al., *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* 196 (2017) 370)

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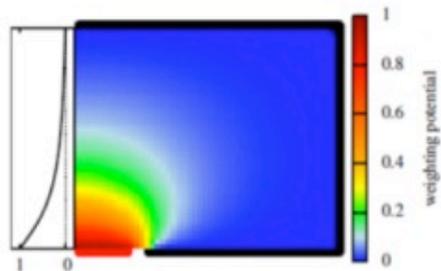
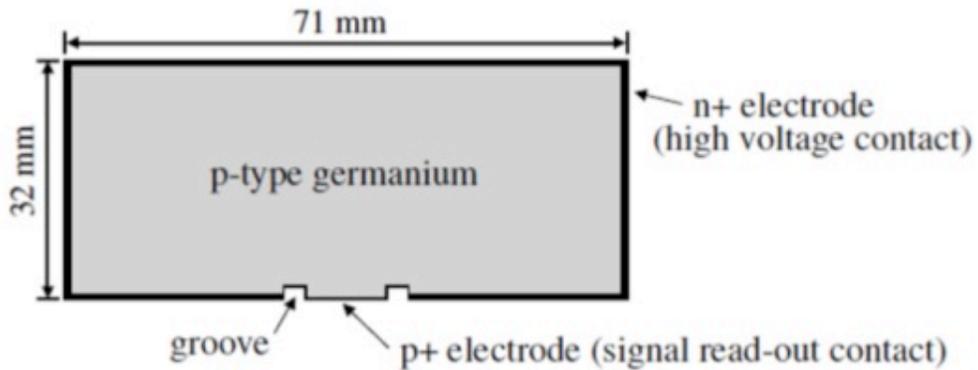
- ^{85}Kr : 1.8 ± 0.1 mBq/kg
- ^{39}Ar : 0.7 ± 0.1 mBq/kg



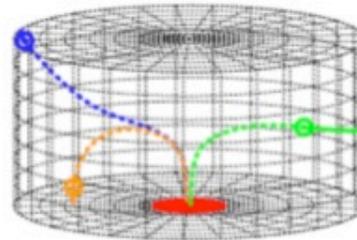
For DS50 results please see the talk of T.Hugues Aug 29th
4.45PM Dark Matter session

Gerda/Legend

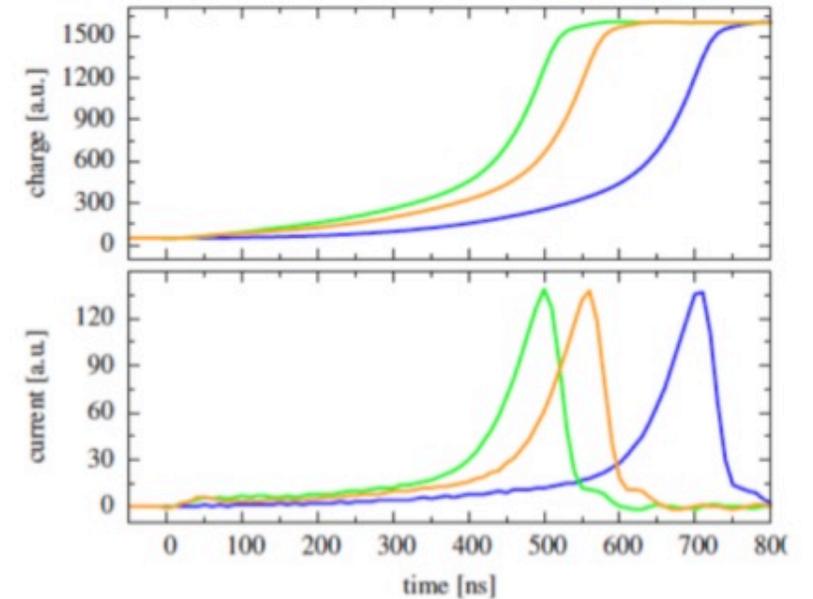
Novel HPGe detectors allow for efficient PID



- anode
- cathode
- electrons
- holes
- interaction point



(a) Trajectories

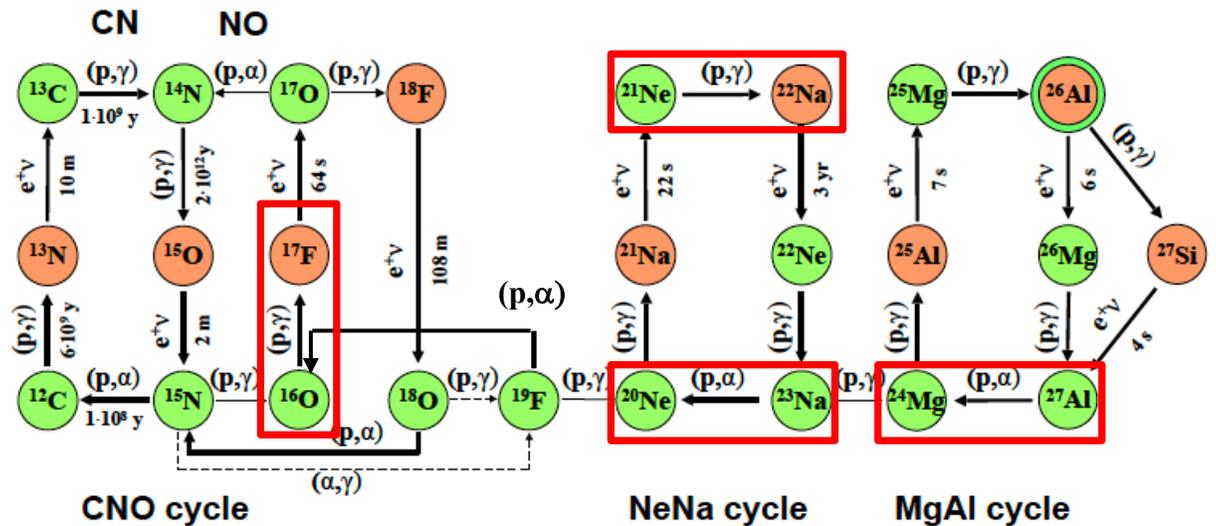


(b) Charge and current pulses

Thanks Prof. S. Shoenert

LUNA400 2022-2024 new program

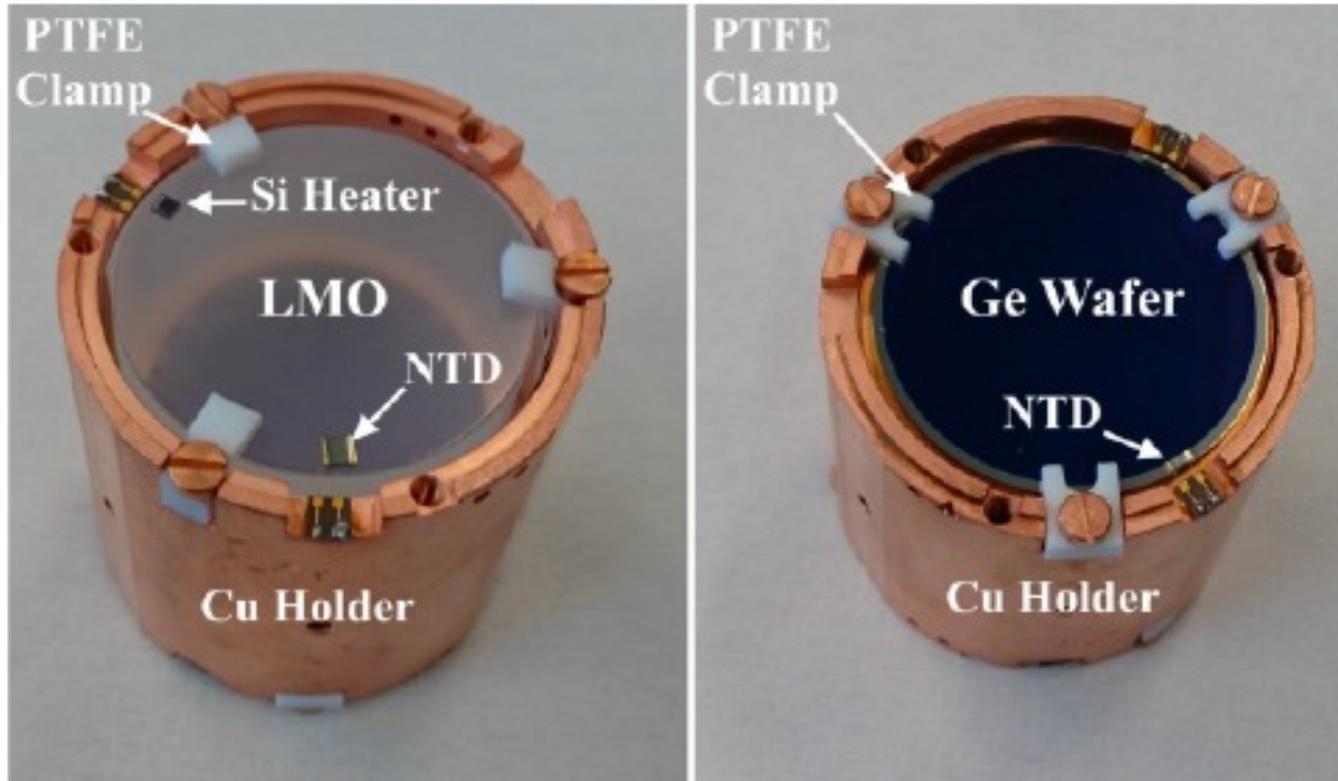
- $^{16}\text{O}(p,\gamma)^{17}\text{F}$ will be done using the solid target beam line setup together with the γ detectors available, only minimal modifications are foreseen;
- $^{21}\text{Ne}(p,\gamma)^{22}\text{Na}$ will be done using the gas target beam line setup together with the γ detectors available, only gas enriched in ^{21}Ne is needed;
- $^{23}\text{Na}(p,\alpha)^{20}\text{Ne}$ & $^{27}\text{Al}(p,\alpha)^{24}\text{Mg}$ Edinburgh group will develop the α particle detection setup.



Present and Future experiments

	Experiment	Isotope	Status	Laboratory	Moles of isotope	Isotopic abundance	B (events/kg _{is} o/keV/yr)	Fiducial isotope mass (kg)	Active fraction (%)	Efficiency	FWHM (keV)
High-purity Ge detectors	GERDA-II	⁷⁶ Ge	completed	LNGS	450	0.87	6.00E-04	30	88	0.7189	3.29
	MJD	⁷⁶ Ge	completed	SURF	240	0.88	4.74E-03	16	90	0.8099	2.585
	LEGEND-200	⁷⁶ Ge	construction		2400	0.9	2.10E-04	166	91	0.819	2.585
	LEGEND-1000	⁷⁶ Ge	proposed		12000	0.91	1.00E-05	839	92	0.828	2.585
Xenon TPC's	EXO-200	¹³⁶ Xe	completed	WIPP	1200	0.81	1.99E-03	75	46	0.84	72.85
	nEXO	¹³⁶ Xe	proposed	SNOLAB	34000	0.9	2.10E-06	2959	64	0.66	47
	NEXT-100	¹³⁶ Xe	construction	LSC	640	0.9	4.90E-04	77	88	0.3724	23.5
	NEXT-HD	¹³⁶ Xe	proposed		7400	0.9	5.80E-06	956	95	0.3916	18.095
	PandaX-III-200	¹³⁶ Xe	construction	CJPL	1300	0.9	1.20E-04	136	77	0.481	72.85
	LZ-nat	¹³⁶ Xe	construction	SURF	4700	0.09	1.22E-03	90	14	0.8	58.75
	LZ-enr	¹³⁶ Xe	proposed	SURF	46000	0.9	1.20E-04	876	14	0.8	58.75
	Darwin	¹³⁶ Xe	proposed		27000	0.09	4.10E-05	477	13	0.9	47
	Large liquid scintillators	KLZ-400	¹³⁶ Xe	completed	Kamioka	2500	0.91	3.80E-04	150	44	0.97
KLZ-800		¹³⁶ Xe	data taking	Kamioka	5000	0.91	5.30E-05	394	58	0.97	267.9
KL2Z		¹³⁶ Xe	proposed	Kamioka	6700	0.91	2.20E-05	729	80	0.97	141
SNO-I		¹³⁰ Te	construction	SNOLAB	10000	0.348	3.00E-04	272	20	0.97	188
SNO-II		¹³⁰ Te	proposed	SNOLAB	51000	0.348	3.00E-04	1873	27	0.97	133.95
Cryogenic calorimeters	CUORE	¹³⁰ Te	data taking	LNGS	1585	0.348	5.38E-02	206	100	0.8096	7.52
	CUPID-0	⁸² Se	completed	LNGS	62	0.96	5.95E-03	5	100	0.6966	19.975
	CUPID-Mo	¹⁰⁰ Mo	completed	LSM	23	0.97	7.82E-03	2.3	100	0.6916	7.52
	CROSS	¹⁰⁰ Mo	construction	LSC	48	0.96	1.71E-02	5	100	0.675	4.935
	CUPID	¹⁰⁰ Mo	proposed	LNGS	2500	0.96	1.70E-04	250	100	0.711	4.935
	AMORE	¹⁰⁰ Mo	proposed	Yemilab	1100	0.96	1.70E-04	110	100	0.7462	4.935
Tracking calorimeters	NEMO-3	¹⁰⁰ Mo	completed	LSM	690	0.9	2.18E-03	69	100	0.11	347.8
	SuperNEMO-D	⁸² Se	construction	LSM	850	0.9	1.10E-04	70	100	0.28	195.05
	SuperNEMO	⁸² Se	proposed	LSM	1200	0.9	3.20E-05	98	100	0.28	169.2

CUORE → CUPID



1534 Li_2MoO_4 crystals with
Ge wafer as light detectors

253 kg ^{100}Mo (472 kg crystals)
background 10^{-4} cnt/(keV kg yr)
FWHM $\sim 0.2\%$ at $Q_{\beta\beta}$

sensitivity $T_{1/2} \sim 1.5 \cdot 10^{27}$ yr (limit)
 $1.1 \cdot 10^{27}$ yr (discov)