

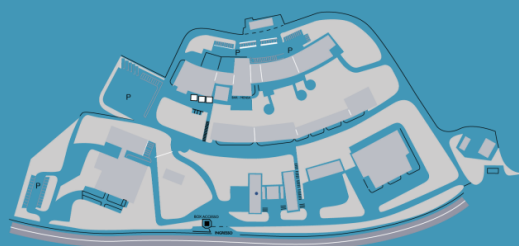


**ETTORE MAJORANA FOUNDATION AND
CENTRE FOR SCIENTIFIC CULTURE**

*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 are we going Underground?

Why don't we see stars during the day?

To see a very weak signal (light of a star) we need to avoid interference from other light sources (like the sun).

To study rare nuclear events, we need an environment in which all the possible interferences are minimized.

Why are we going Underground?

Every second, at sea level, something around 200 particles (muons) per m^2 will interact with Earth.

In this conditions, Cosmic Rays become an unavoidable “noise” for every nuclear detector placed on the Earth surface.

Going underground we strongly suppress such interferences produced by Cosmic Rays on our apparatus.



LNGS early history

- 1979: proposal by **A. Zichichi** to **Italian Parliament**
- 1982: **Approval** of LNGS construction
- 1987: Construction **completed**
- 1989: Start data taking of first large experiment (MACRO)
- 1991: GALLEX
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LNGS characteristics

The largest and most important
underground laboratory in operation

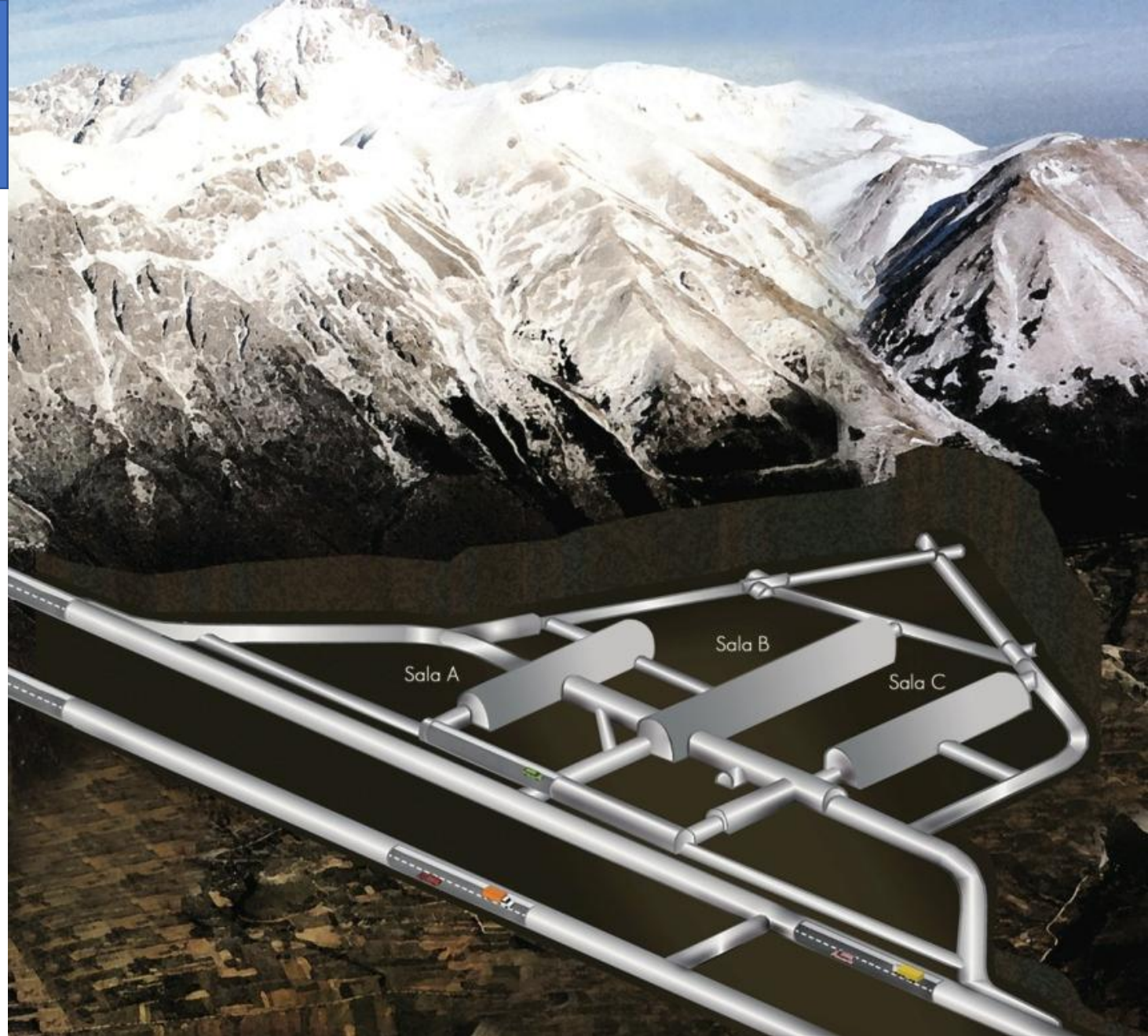
Shielded by **1400 m (3800 m.w.e.)** of
rock (Gran Sasso Mountains)

Muon flux reduction respect to sea
level **10^6**

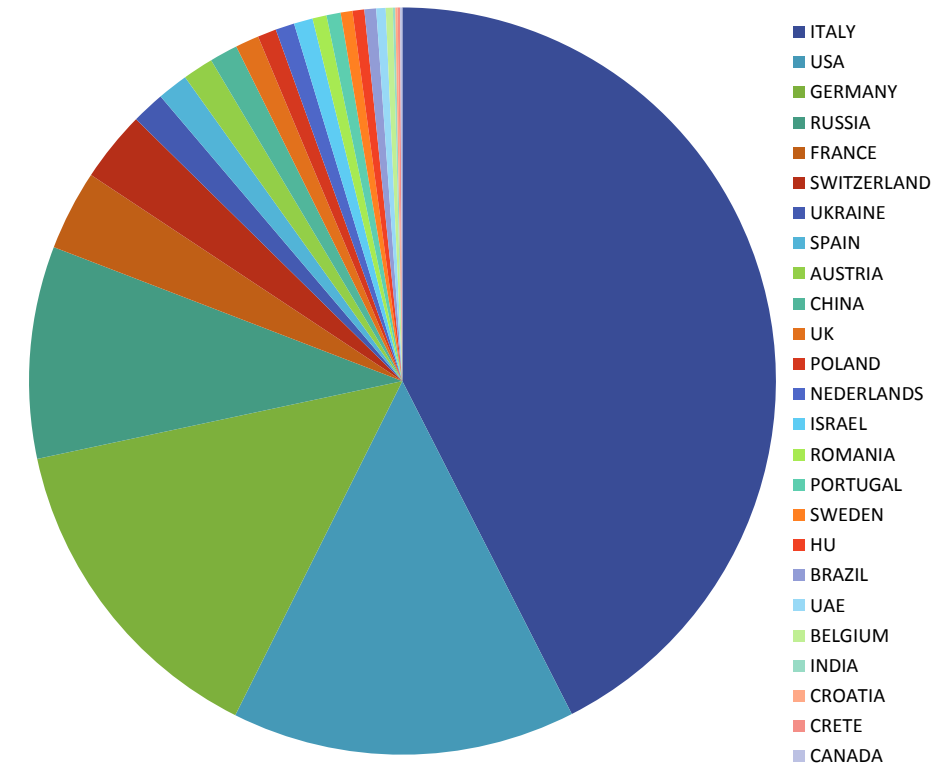
Easy access directly from the **A24**
highway

Area: **17.800 m^2**

Volume: **180.000 m^3**



An International Lab



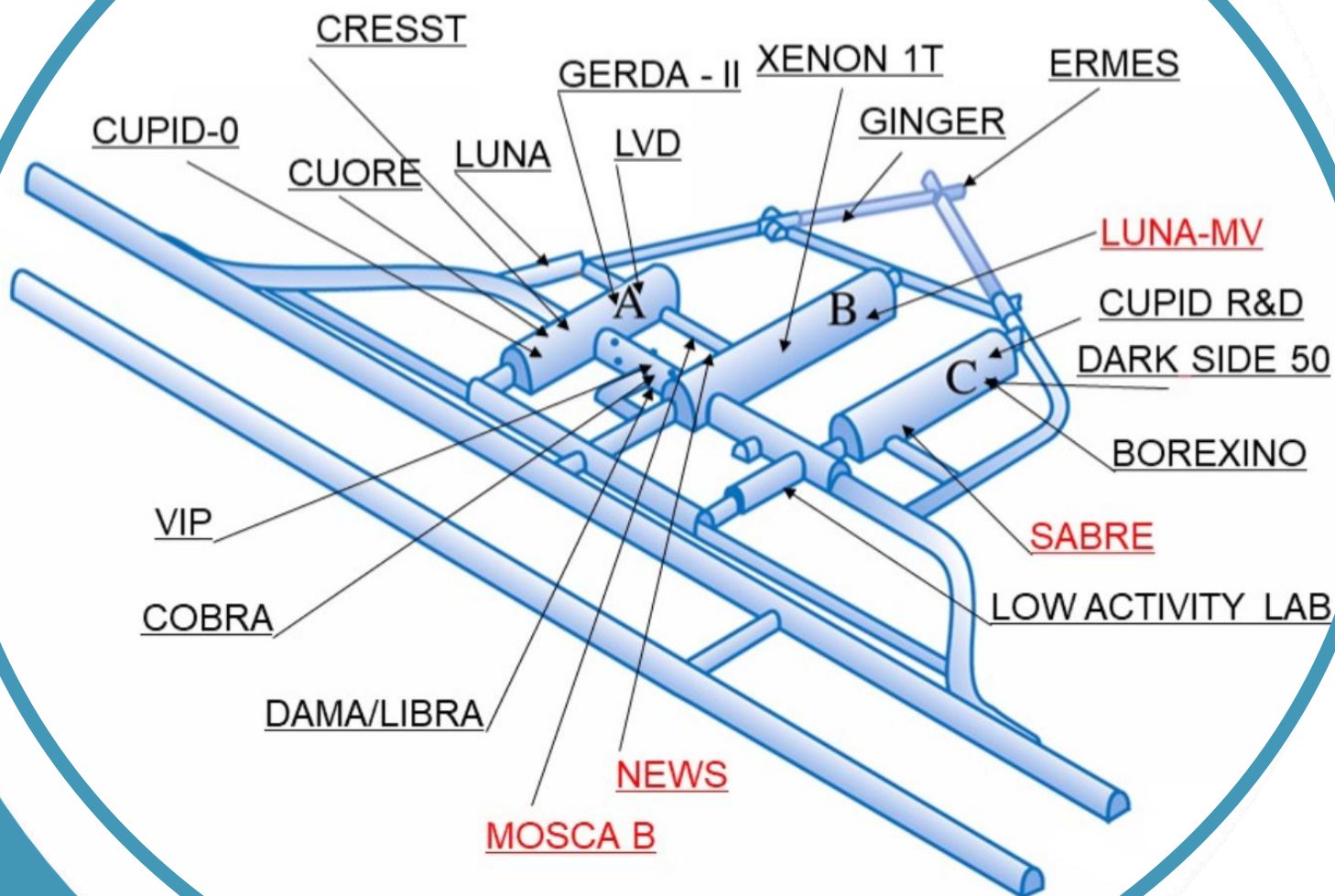
TOTAL USERS: N. 981
ITALIAN USERS: N. 417
FOREIGN USERS: N. 564

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

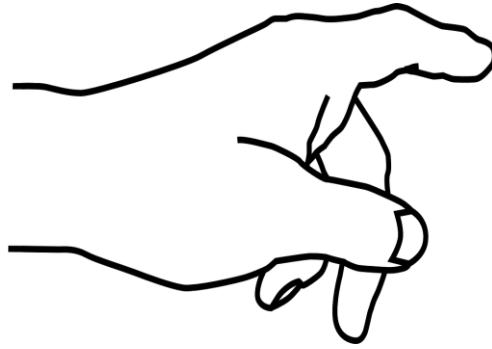
..... but also

- **Test on quantum mechanics**
 - Study on Planck invariance
 - 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

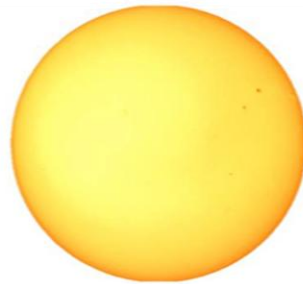
KEY words

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

Neutrino AstroPhysics



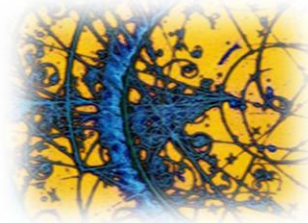
Every second our fingers are crossed by
around **60 Billions** of neutrinos
Produced by many different sources



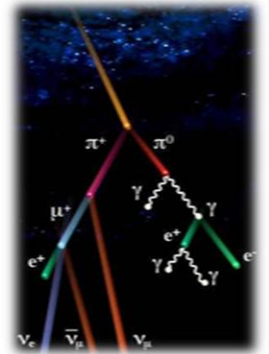
Neutrini Solari



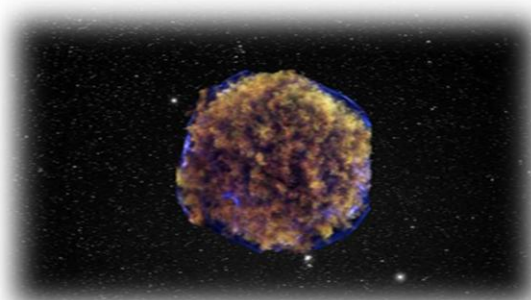
Neutrini Fossili
dal Big Bang



Neutrini Artificiali
da acceleratori



Neutrini da interazione di raggi
cosmici in atmosfera



Neutrini da esplosioni di SuperNova



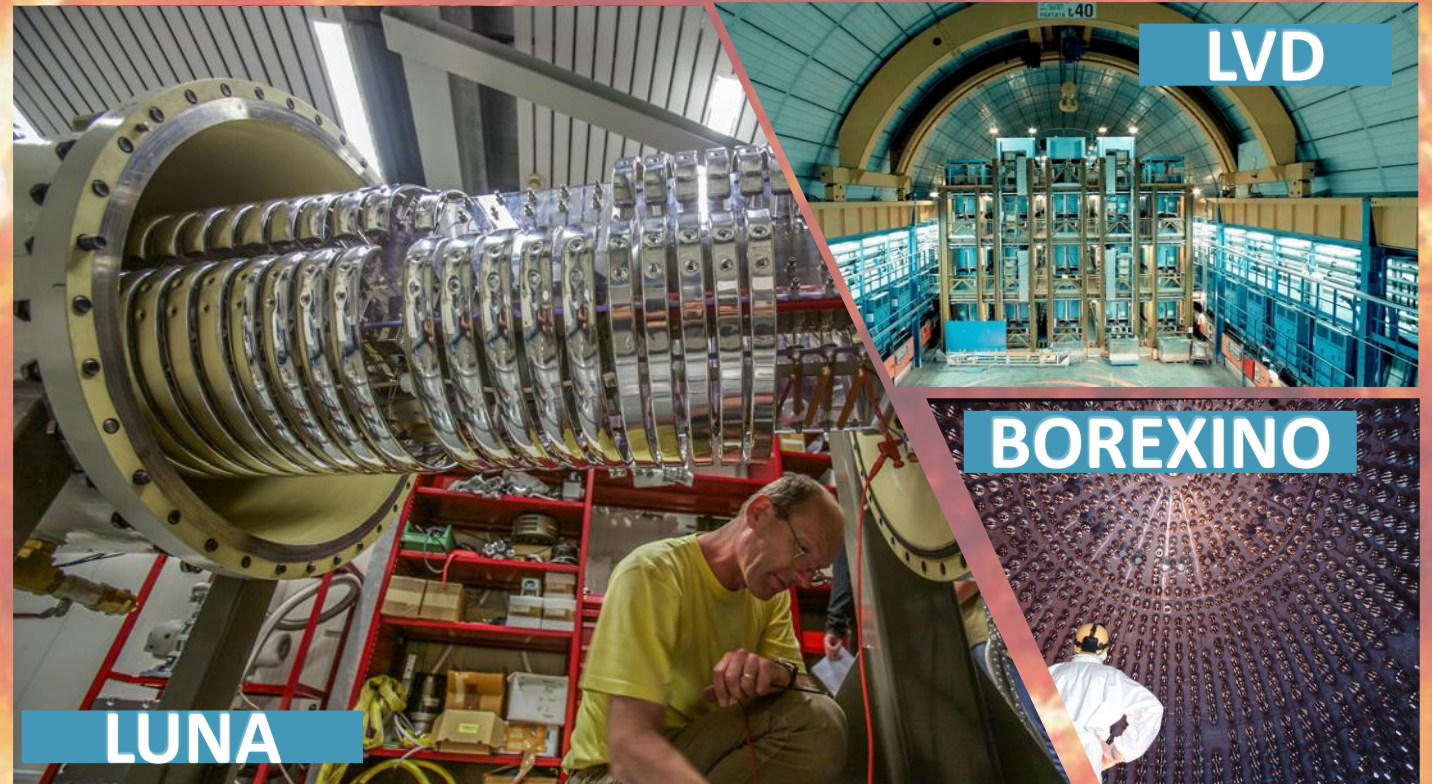
Neutrini Astrofisici
(Active Galactic Nucleus, Gamma Ray Bursts, etc...)



Neutrini prodotti dal
nostro pianeta

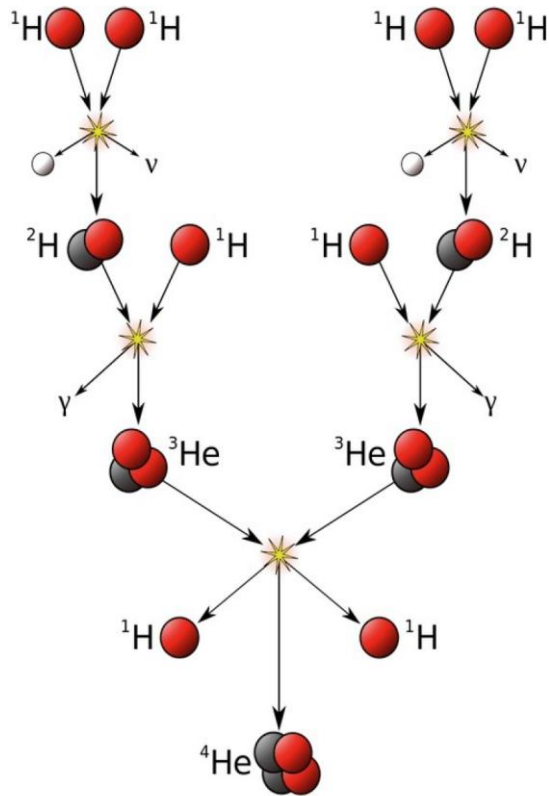
Neutrino Astrophysics Experiments

- **BOREXINO**
solar neutrinos
geo-neutrinos
SN neutrinos
- **LVD**
SN neutrinos
- **LUNA**
Nuclear Astrophysics

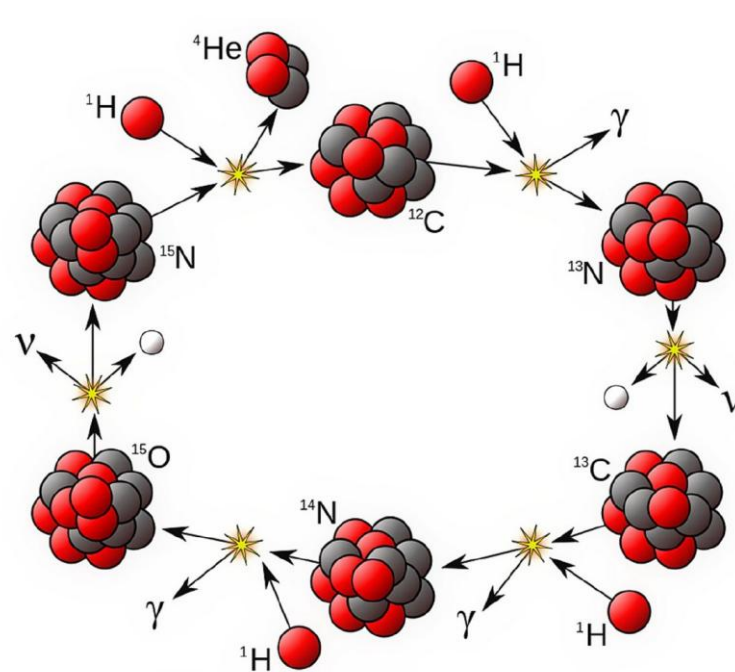


Borexino detector

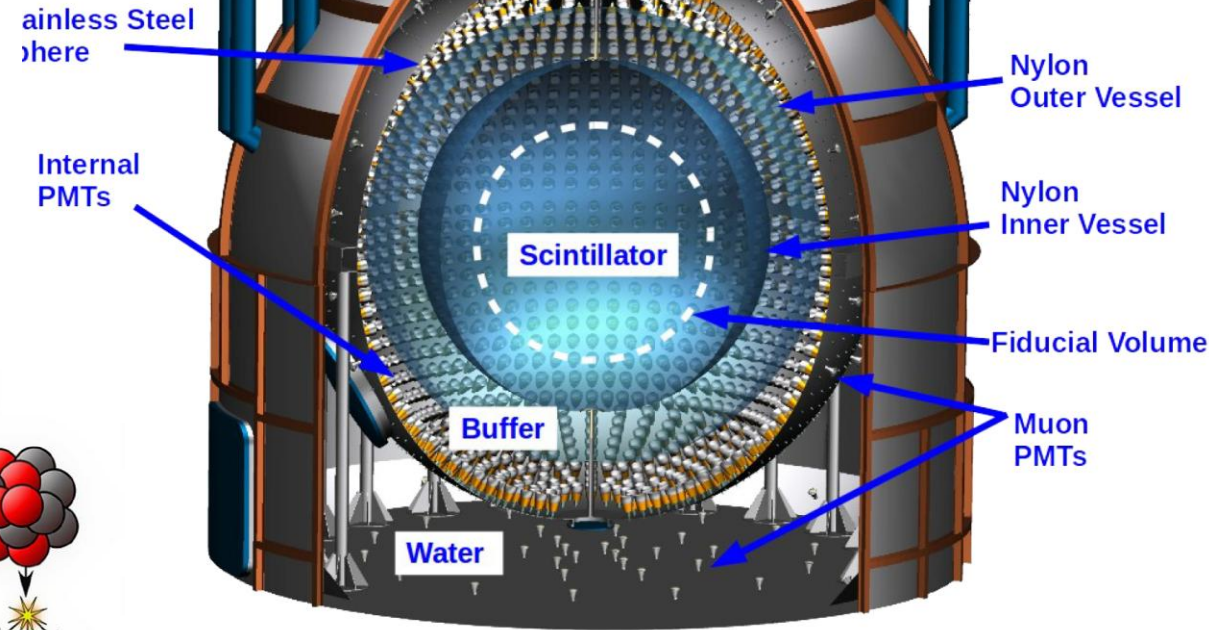
Nuclear Fusion Processes in the Sun



pp chain
(99%)



CNO cycle
(1%)



Borexino detector

Liquid scintillator

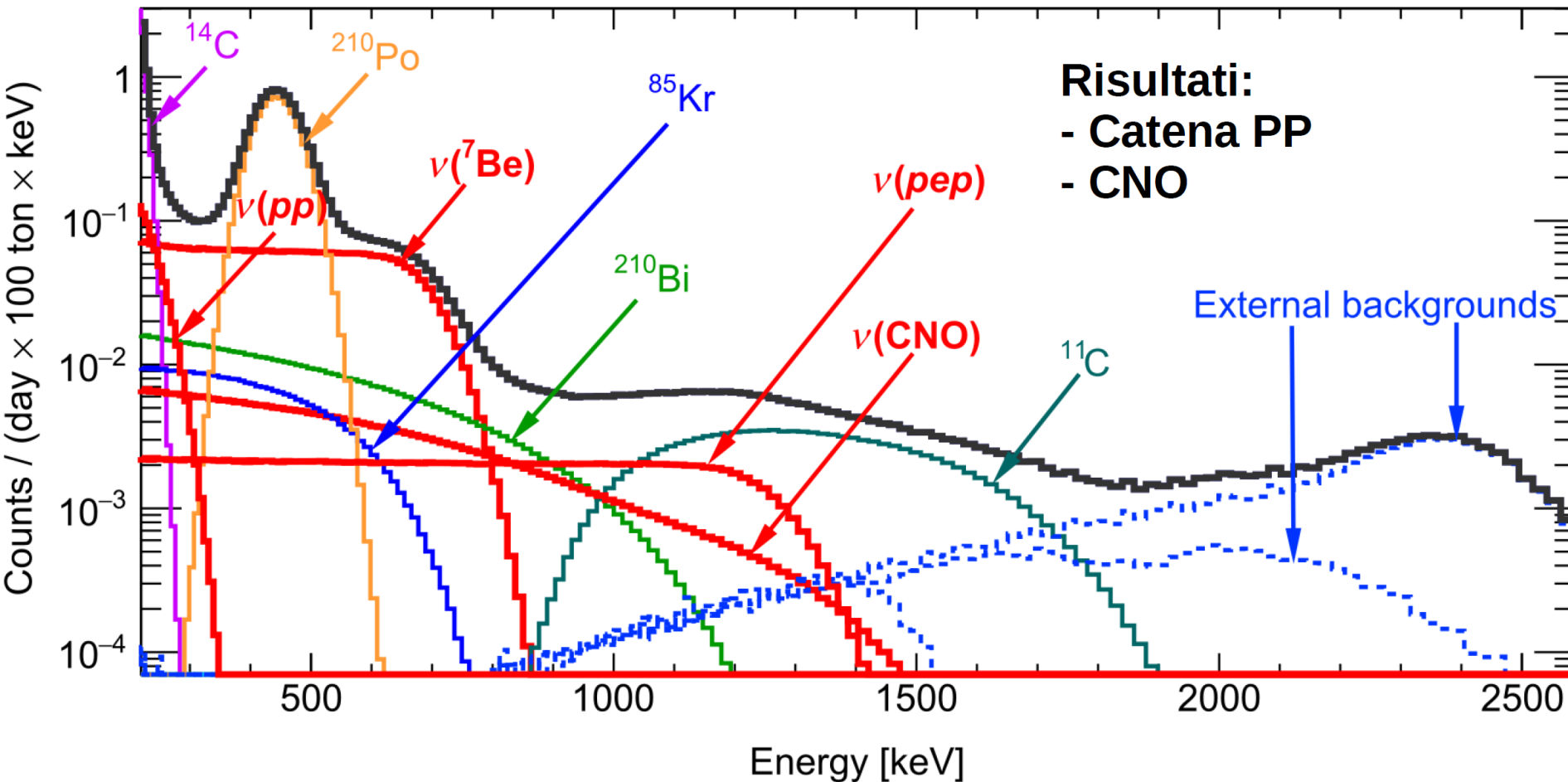
Very high purity materials

Very low radioactive background

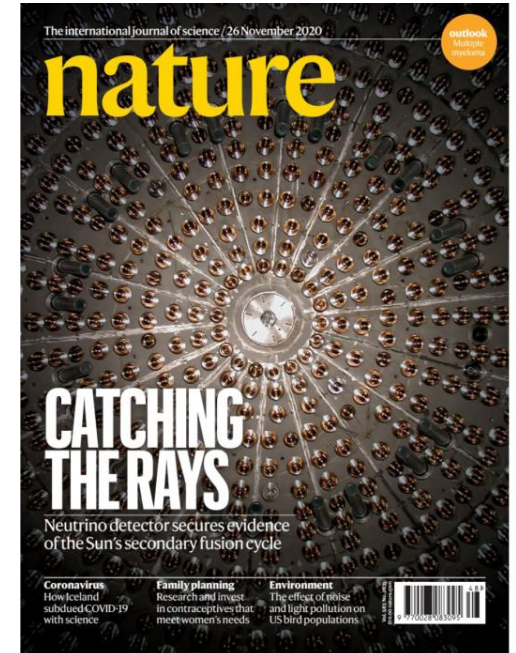
U and Th $\sim 10^{-19}$ - 10^{-20} g/g

Borexino results

Reconstruction of the Solar Neutrino Spectrum



Risultati:
- Catena PP
- CNO



Cocconi
Prize 2021



Supernovae neutrinos

LVD

The most powerful scintillator telescope

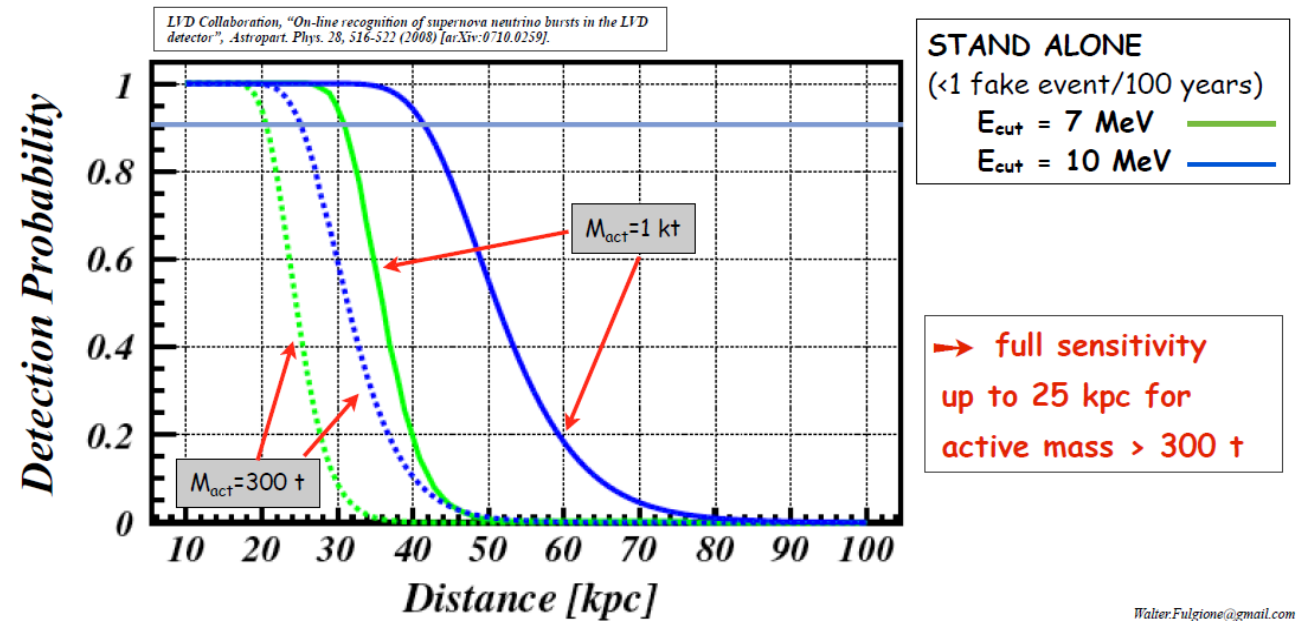


Main features:

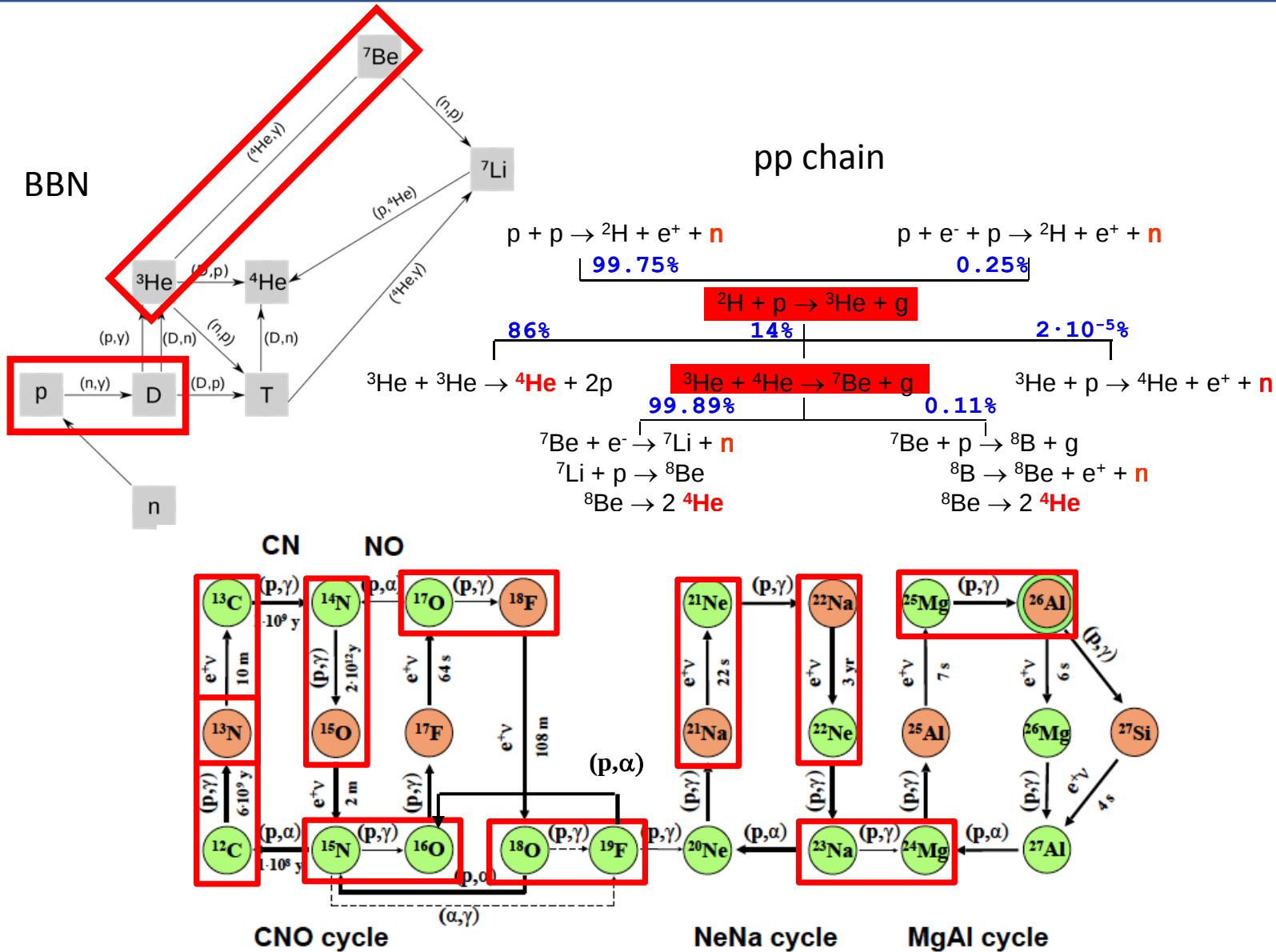
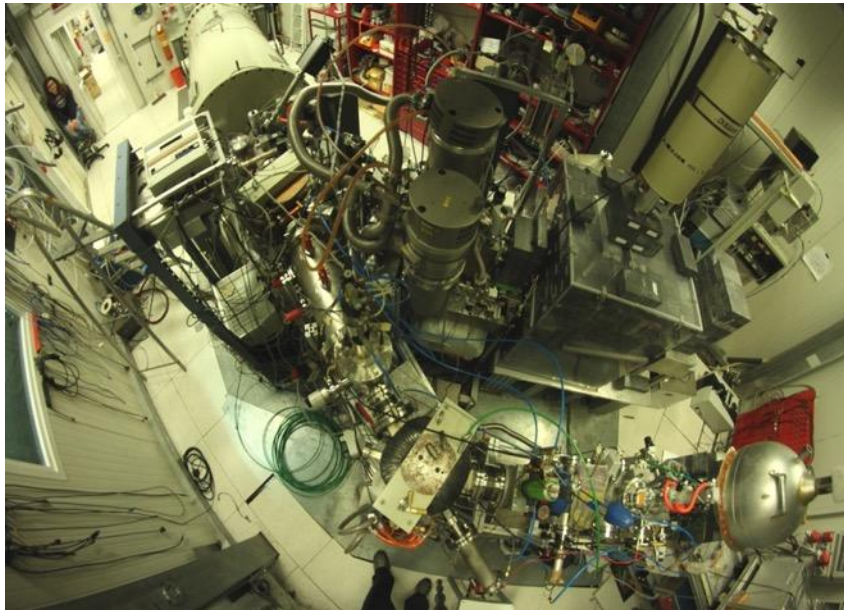
Liquid Scintillator: C_nH_{2n+2} $\langle n \rangle = 9.6$ + 1g/l PPO + 0.03g/l POPOP, $\rho = 0.8 \text{ g/cm}^3$ **total 1 kt**

840 stainless steel, 1.5 m^3 , counters **total 0.85 kt**

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



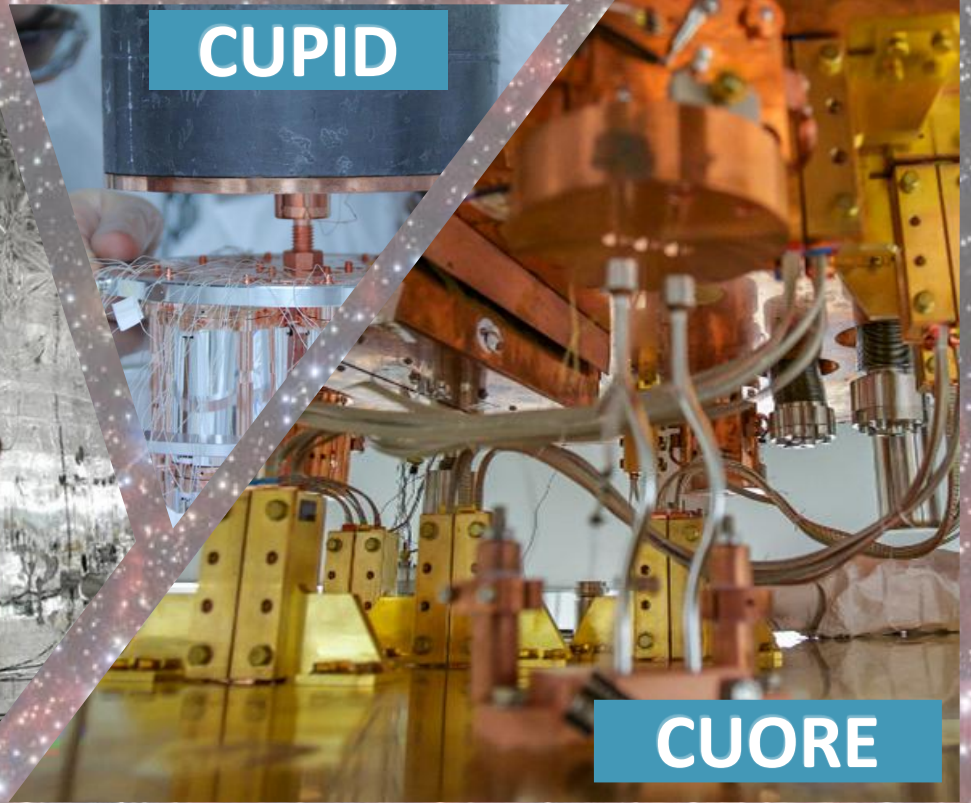
Nuclear Astrophysics - LUNA400



Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay



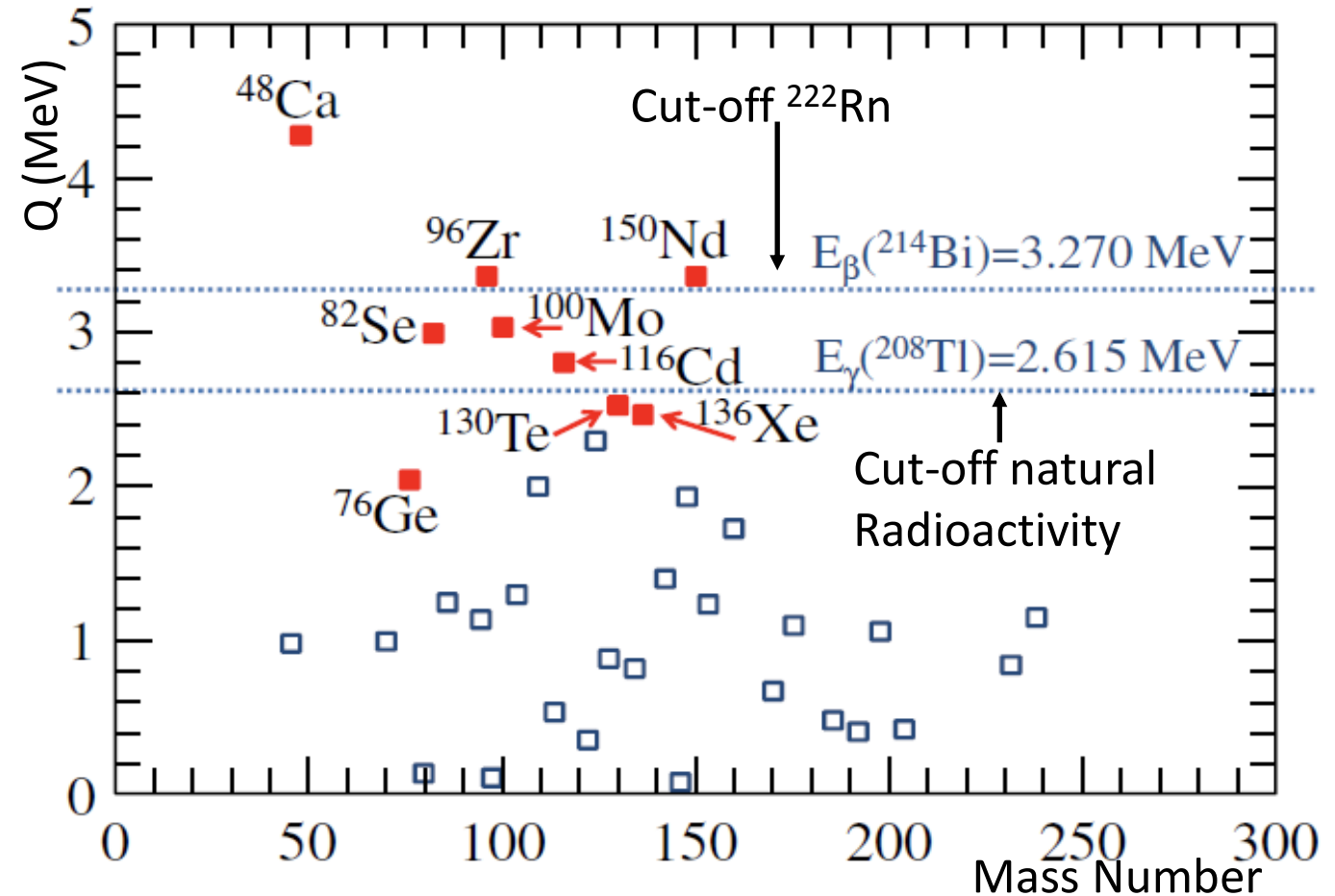
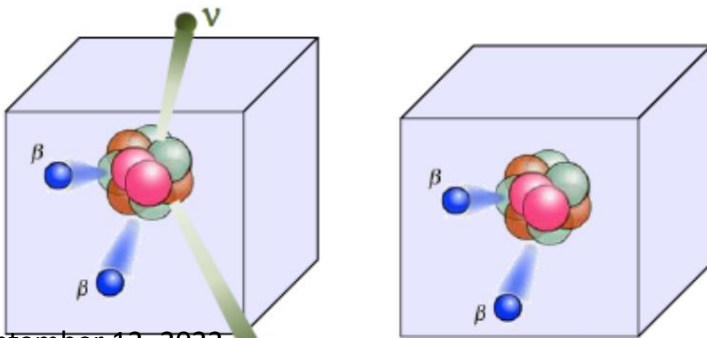
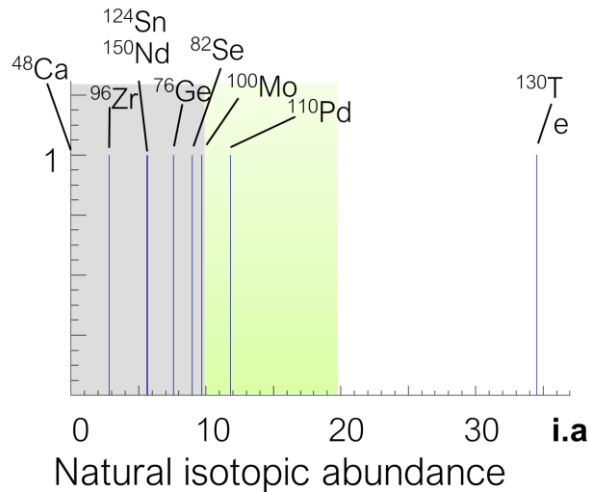
CUPID



Isotope selection

From the Table of Isotopes

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



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

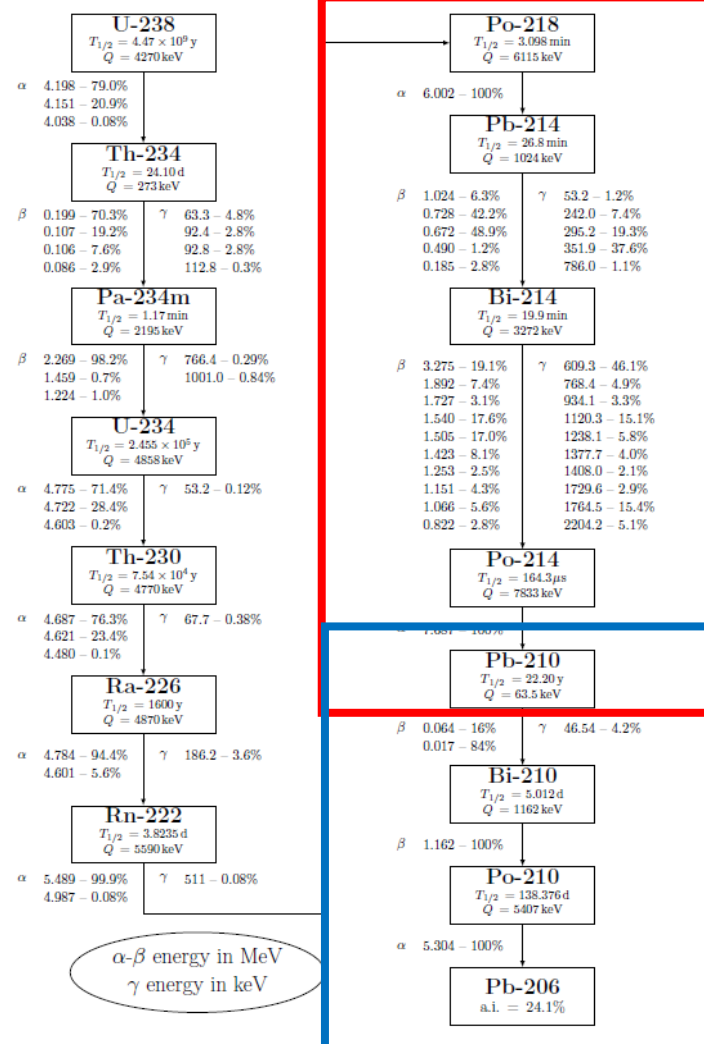
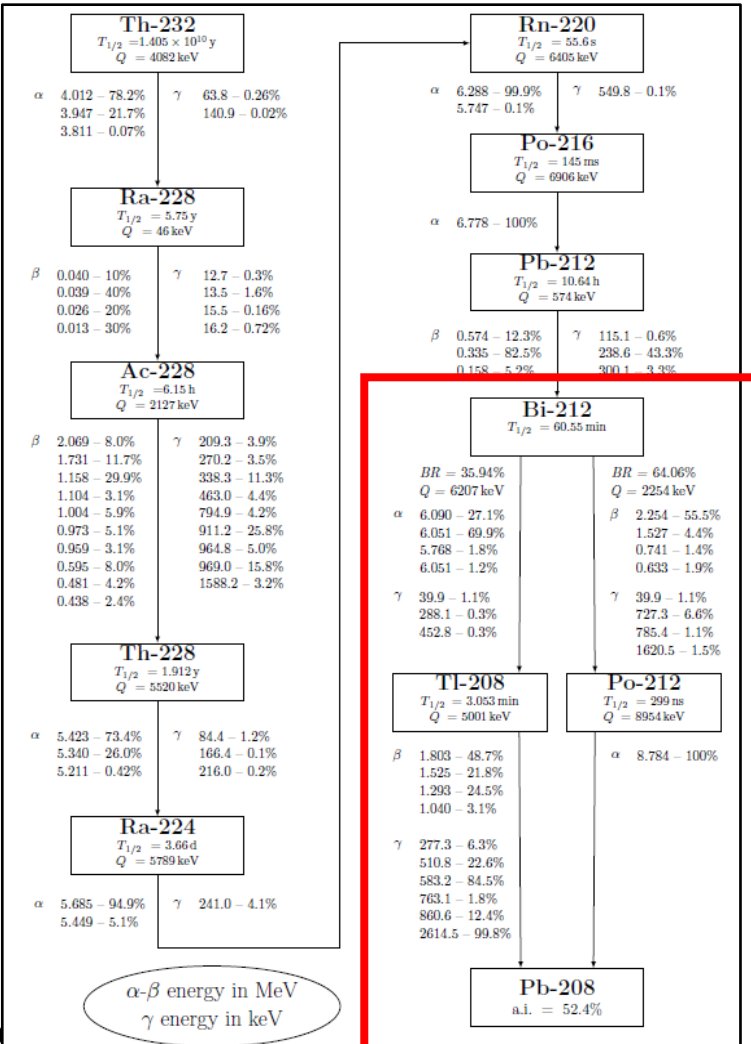
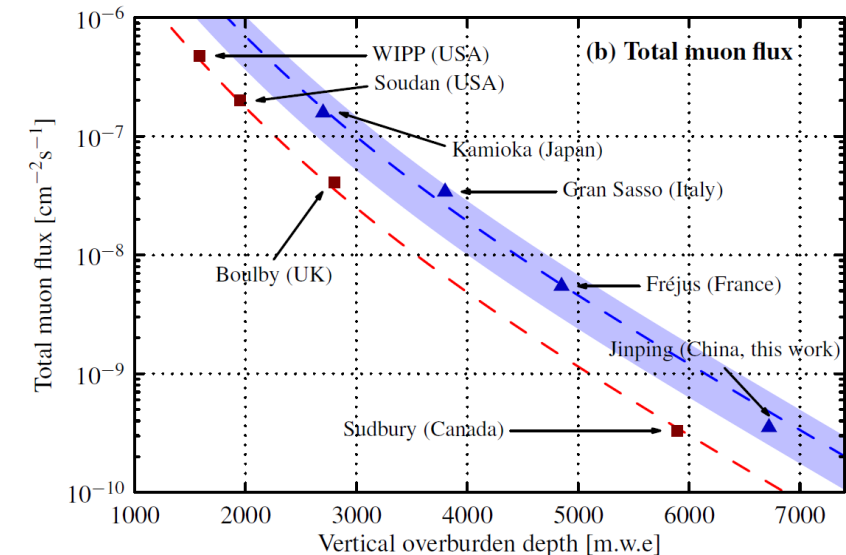
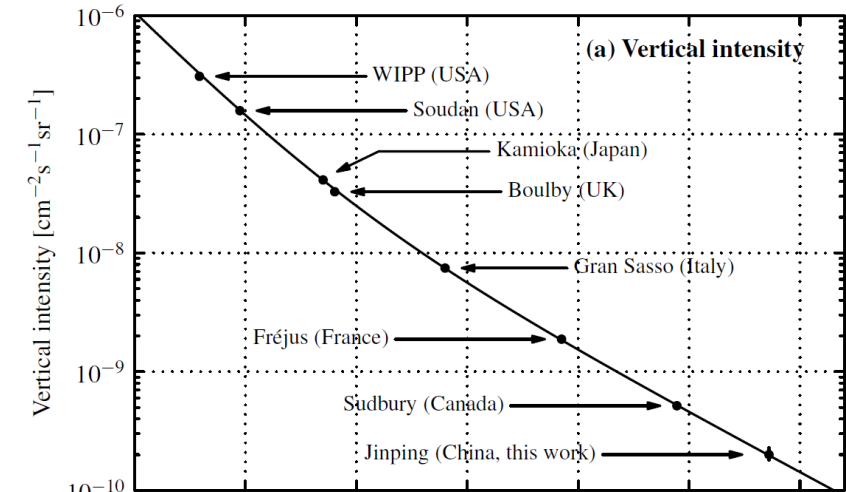
- **isotope enrichments** are needed
- **very clean materials** have to be identified

Background interferences

It is necessary to strongly reduce background events:

- Cosmic Rays
- Radioactivity

Guo et al., Chinese Physics **C45** (2021) 025001, arXiv:2007.15



Possible Calorimetric Approaches

Fluid or diluted in a fluid

Source

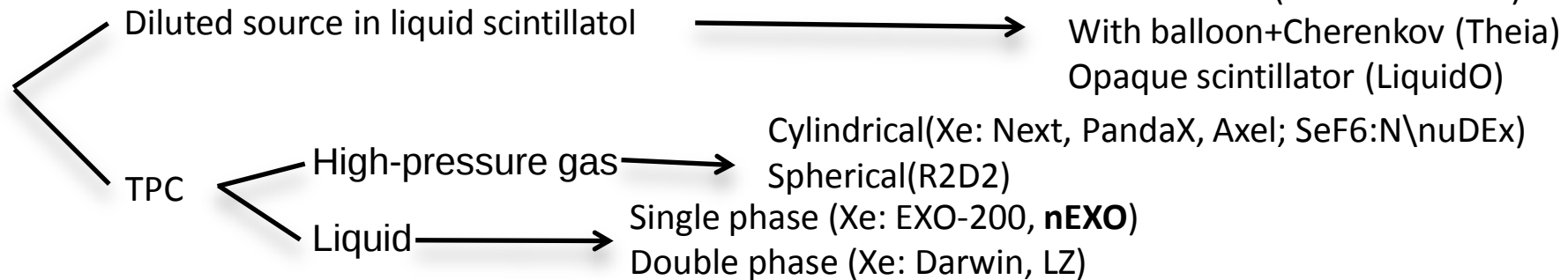
Integral part of a crystal

- Container size
- Concentration of the source

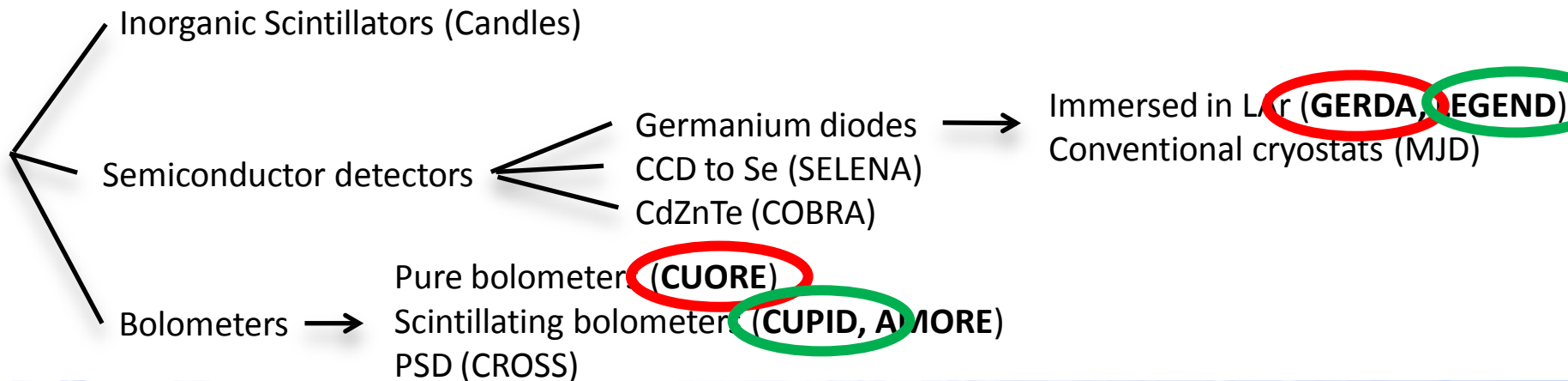
Scalability

- Size of a single crystal
- Number of crystals

Large volumes of fluid



Crystal arrays



Present and Future experiments

	Experiment	Isotope	Status	Laboratory	Moles of isotope	Isotopic abundance	$\frac{B}{\text{events/kg}_{\text{is}} \cdot \text{keV/yr}}$	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	267.9
	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

Completed
Data taking

Current situation

$T_{1/2} > 10^{24}$ y 90% C.I.
restricted club

GERDA $T_{1/2} > 1.8 \times 10^{26}$ y
Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 252502 (2020)

KamLAND-Zen 400 $T_{1/2} > 1.07 \times 10^{26}$ y
Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 082503 (2016)

EXO-200 $T_{1/2} > 3.5 \times 10^{25}$ y
Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 161802 (2019)

MAJORANA dem. $T_{1/2} > 2.7 \times 10^{25}$ y
Phys. Rev. C 100, 025501

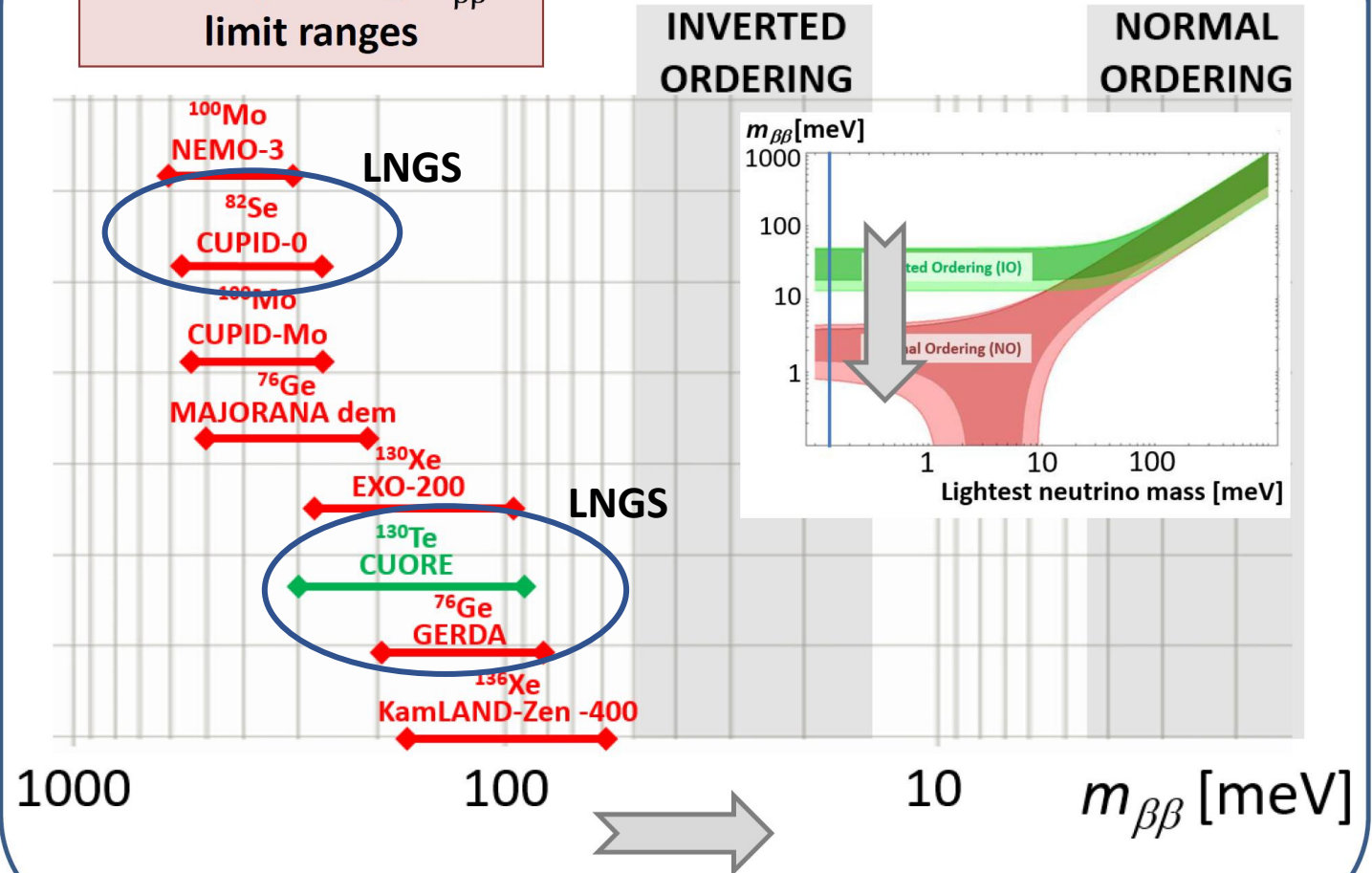
CUORE $T_{1/2} > 2.2 \times 10^{25}$ y
arXiv:1907.09376

CUPID-0 $T_{1/2} > 4.7 \times 10^{24}$ y
L. Pagnanini, TAUP 2021

CUPID-Mo $T_{1/2} > 1.8 \times 10^{24}$ y
B. Welliver, TAUP 2021

NEMO-3 $T_{1/2} > 1.1 \times 10^{24}$ y
Phys. Rev. D 92, 072011 (2015)

Corresponding $m_{\beta\beta}$
limit ranges

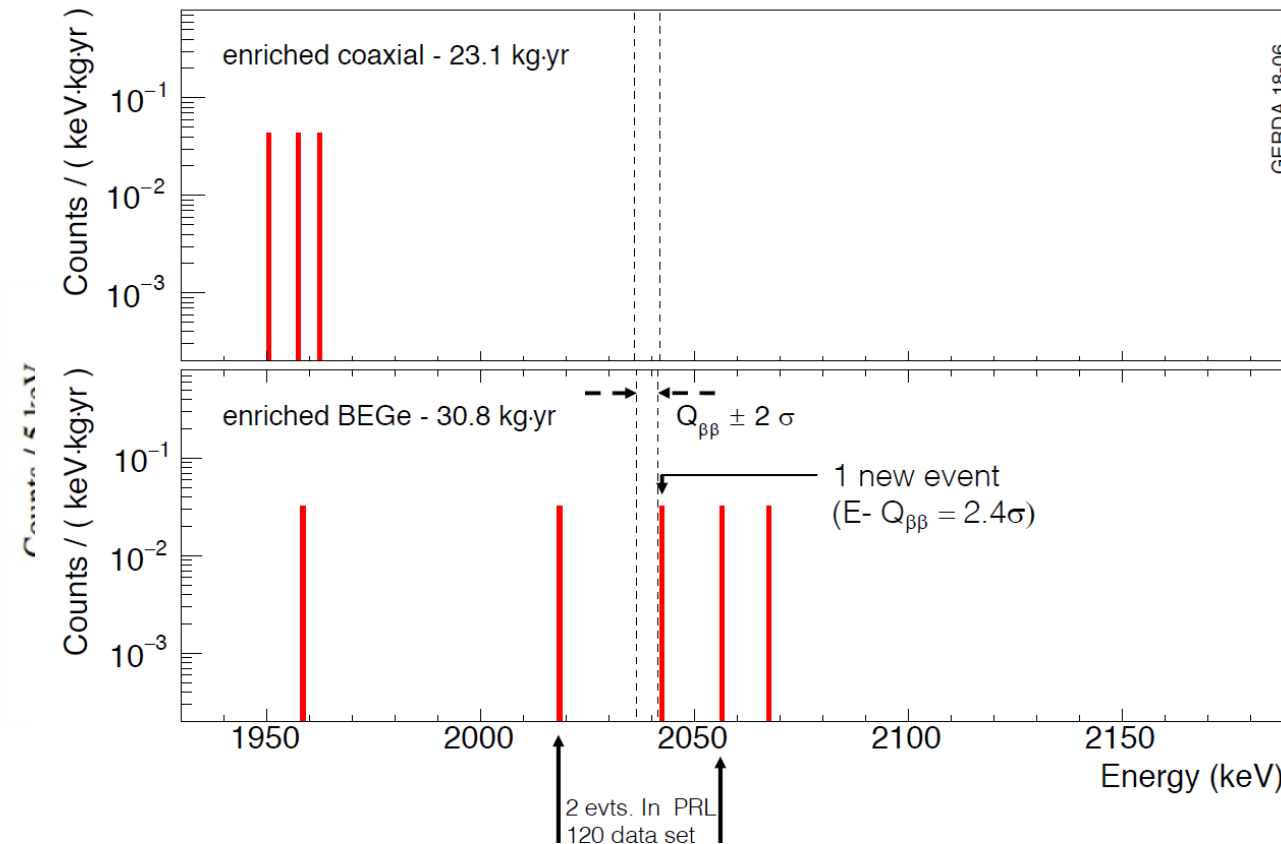
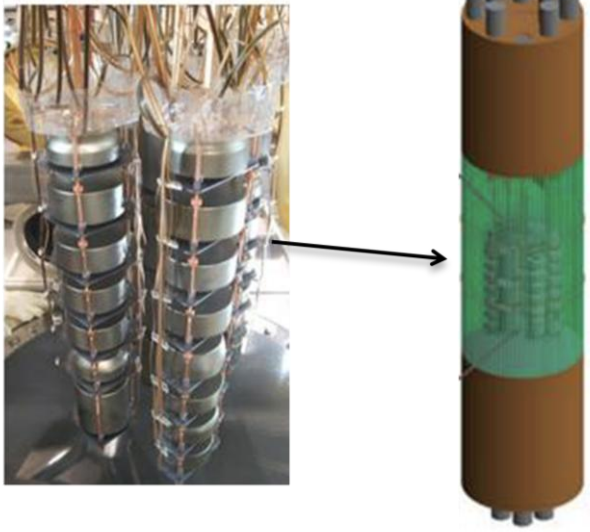


Gerda Results

GERDA experiment operates in a real
0 background conditions

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



Background index*:

$$(5.7^{+4.1}_{-2.6} \cdot 10^{-4}) \text{ counts}/(\text{keV} \cdot \text{kg} \cdot \text{yr})$$

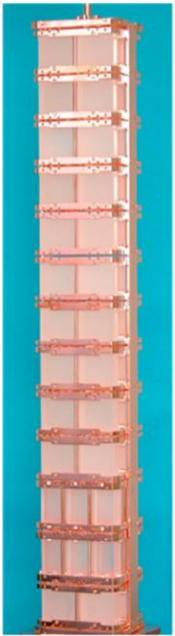
$$(5.6^{+3.4}_{-2.4} \cdot 10^{-4}) \text{ counts}/(\text{keV} \cdot \text{kg} \cdot \text{yr})$$

*: in 1930-2190 keV excluding ± 5 keV at $Q_{\beta\beta}$ and lines at 2104 keV and 2119 keV.

CUORE

Largest cryogenic particle detector ever realized

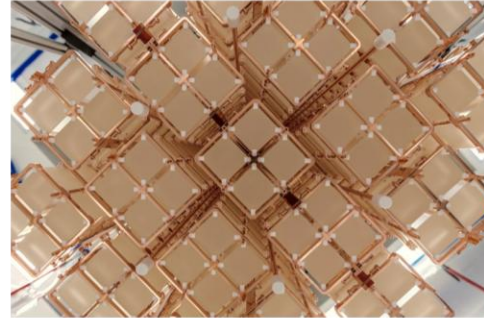
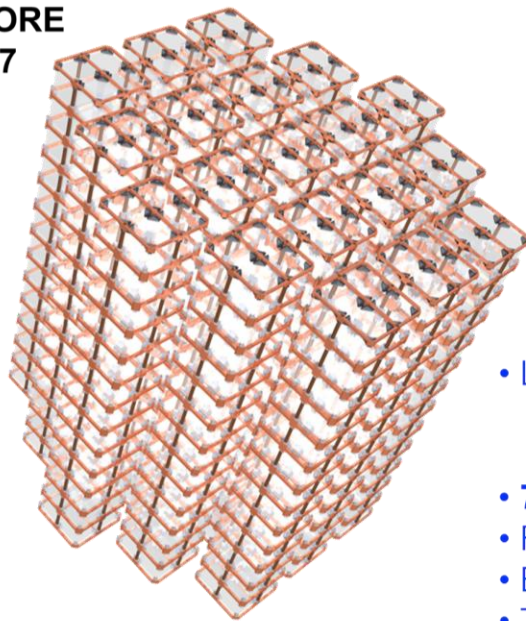
Cuoricino 2003



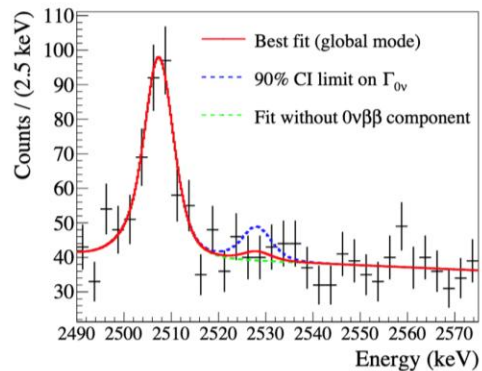
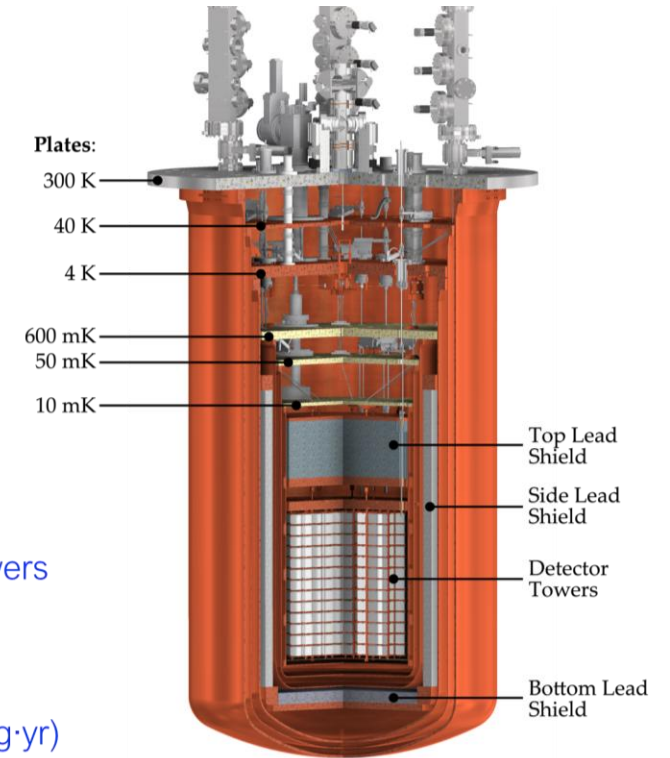
CUORE-0 2012



CUORE
2017



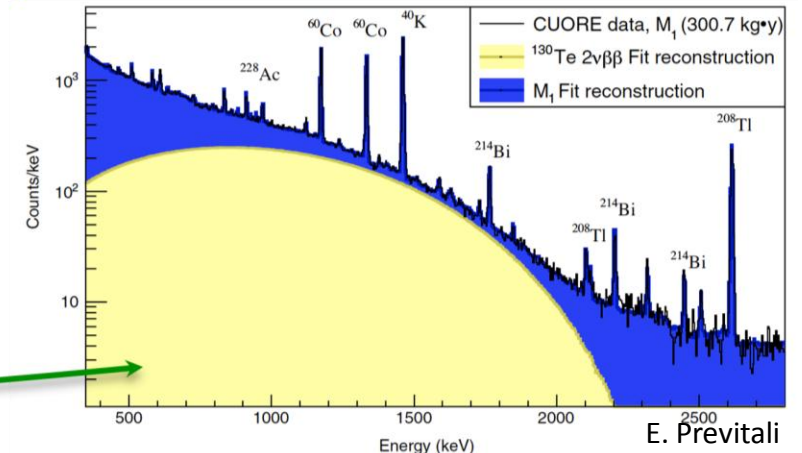
- LNGS
 - 988 TeO₂ crystals arranged on 19 towers
 - dedicated "dry" cryostat
- **742 kg** di natural TeO₂ (206 kg of ¹³⁰Te)
- FWHM: **7.7 keV** FWHM (ROI)
- Background: **(1.4 ± 0.2) · 10⁻²** cnts/(keV·kg·yr)
- Total exposure: 1.8 tonne (TeO₂)·yr



- $\beta\beta 0\nu$ result (1038.4 kg yr TeO₂, 288 kg yr ¹³⁰Te): :
 - $T_{1/2}(0\nu) > 2.2 \cdot 10^{25}$ yr (90% C.L.)
 - $m_{\beta\beta} < 90-305$ meV

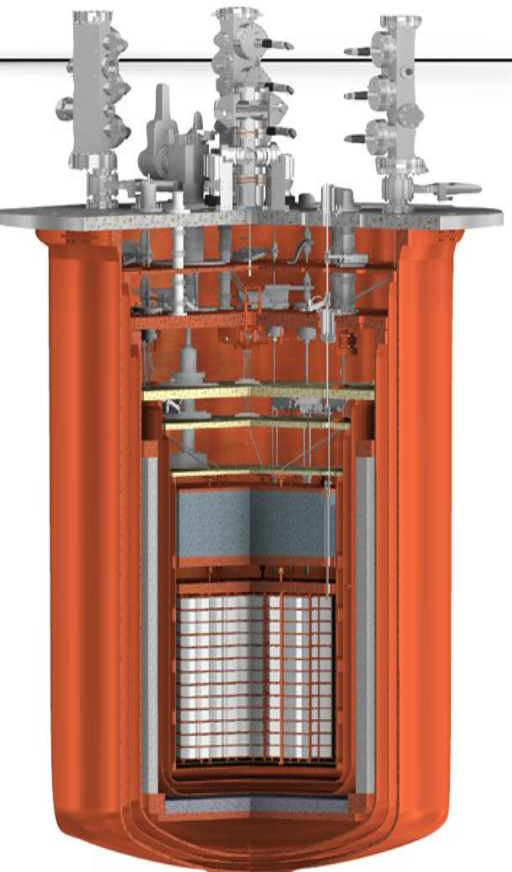
Adams D. et al. (CUORE collaboration), *Nature* 604 (2022) 7904, 53-58
<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-022-04497-4>

- $T_{1/2}(2\nu) = [7.71^{(+0.08}_{-0.06(\text{stat.})} + ^{+0.12}_{-0.15(\text{syst.})}] \cdot 10^{20}$ yr



CUORE/CUPID

- CUORE cryostat: **most powerful cryostat** ever realized
- **Tens of ton of materials** cooled at 10 mK
- Cryogenic detectors are **reliable**



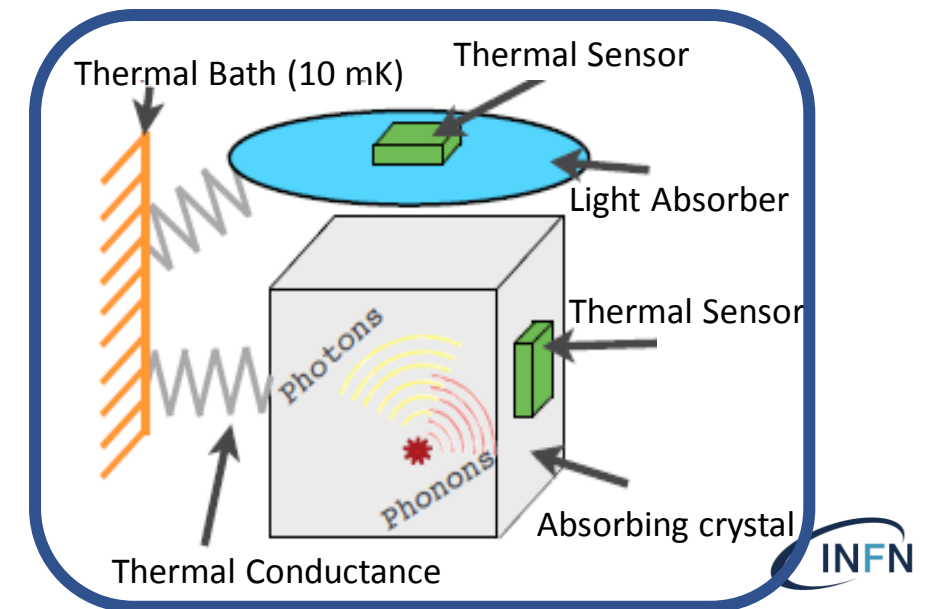
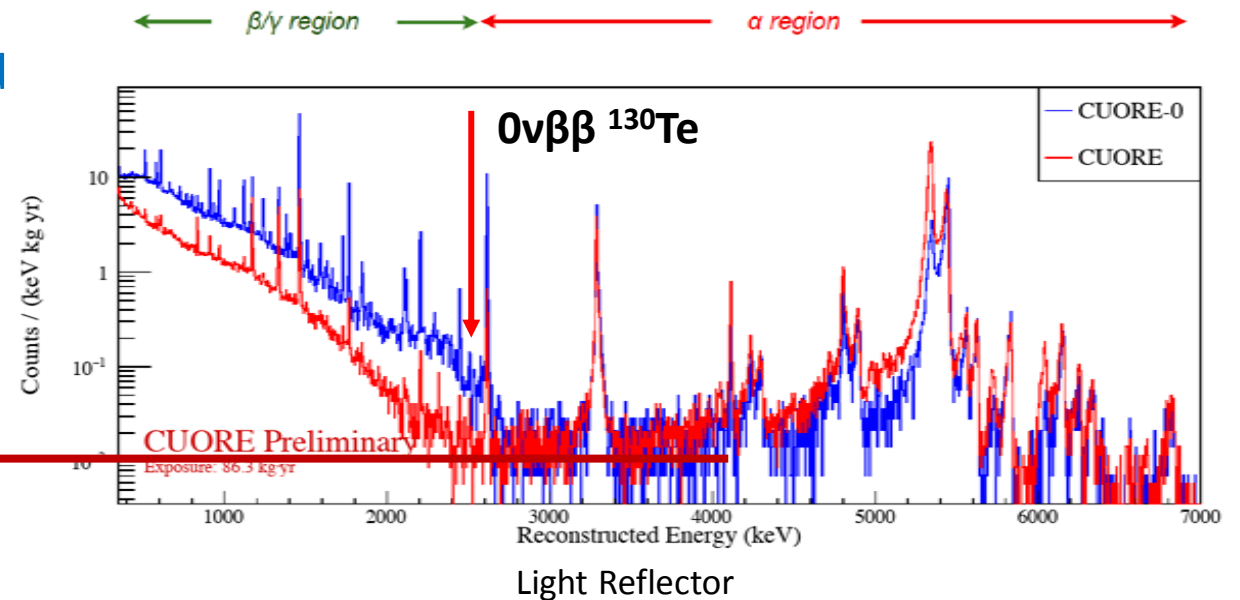
CUORE alpha background
BI $\sim 10^{-2}$ counts/(keV kg years)

CUPID - scintillating bolometers detector

Simultaneous read-out of **Photons and Phonons**

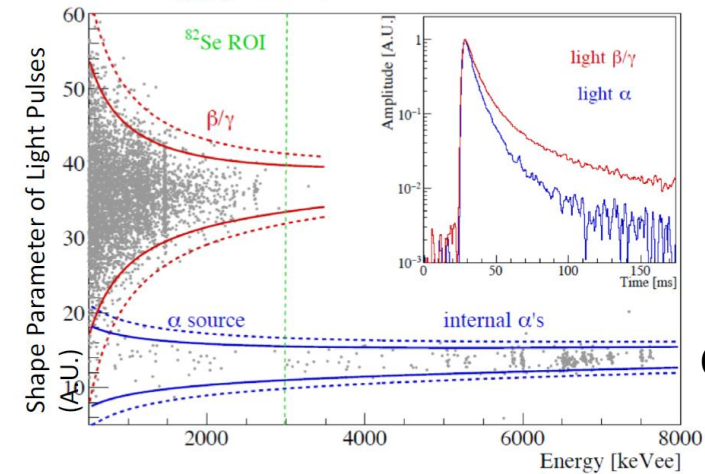
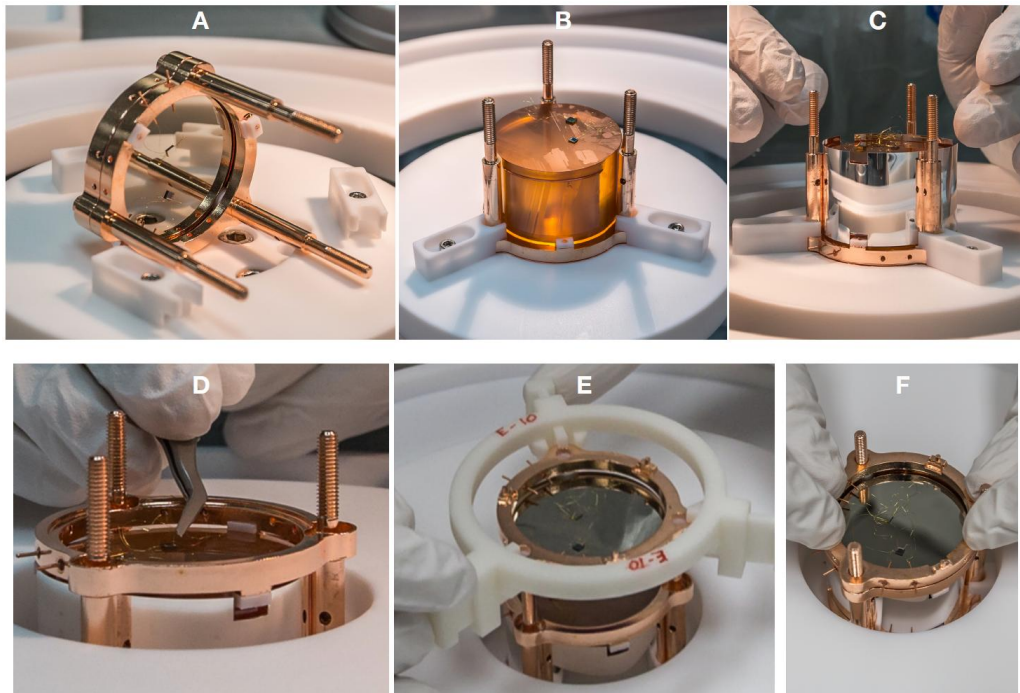


High energy resolution: **as bolometer**
High discrimination capability: **as scintillator**

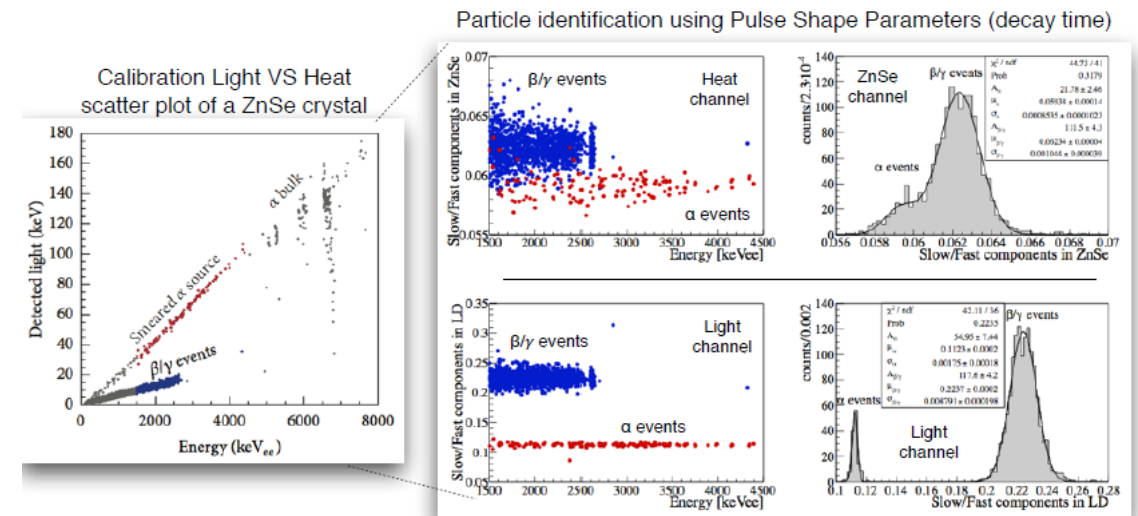


CUPID detector

- 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



CUPID-0 Data



Discrimination potential @ ROI:

$$DP(E) = \frac{|\mu_{\alpha}(E) - \mu_{\beta/\gamma}(E)|}{\sqrt{\sigma_{\alpha}^2(E) + \sigma_{\beta/\gamma}^2(E)}}$$

Heat channel
DP@ROI = 2

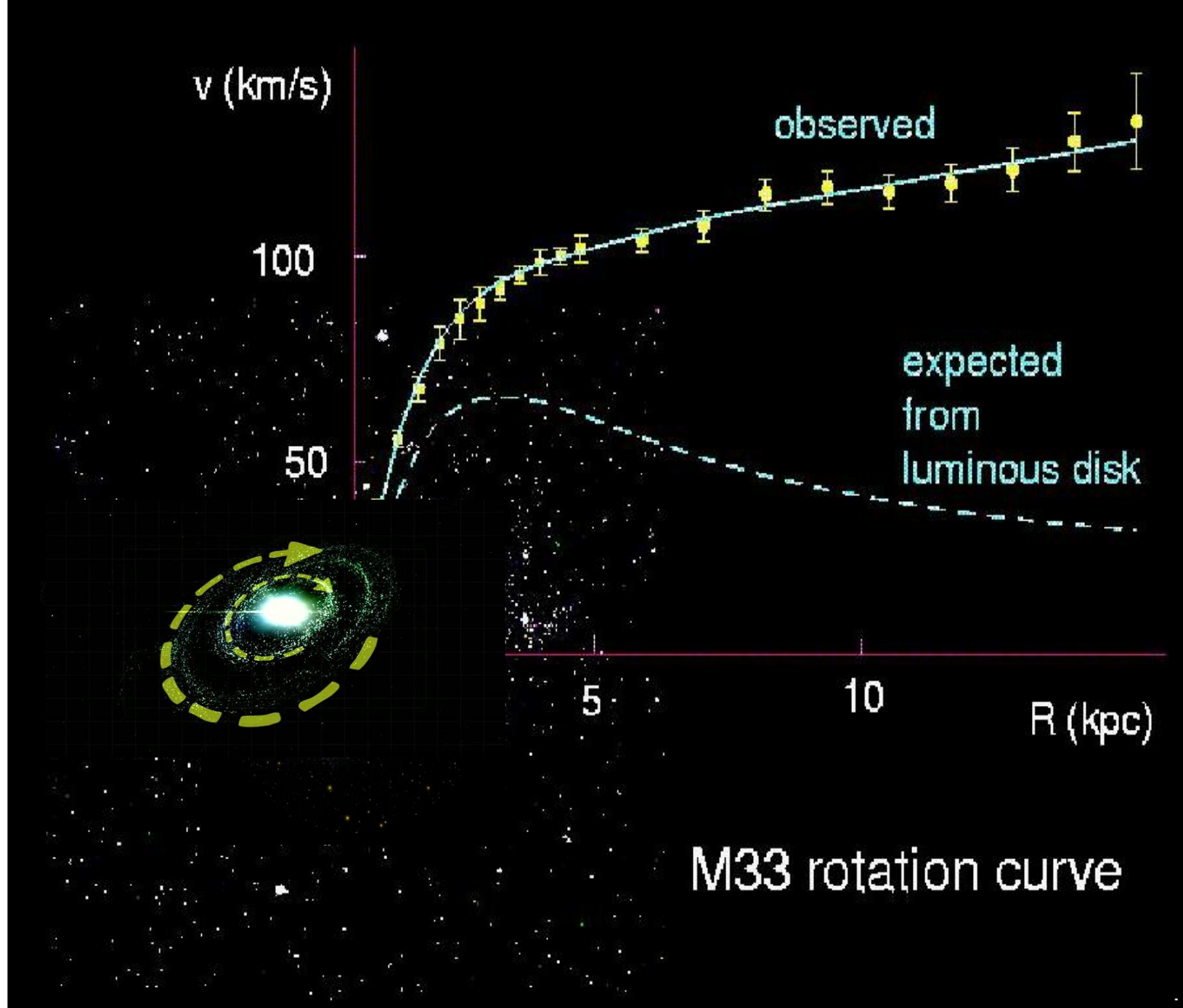
Light channel
DP@ROI = 11

Full rejection of α events
shapeHEAT+shapeLIGHT+light

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

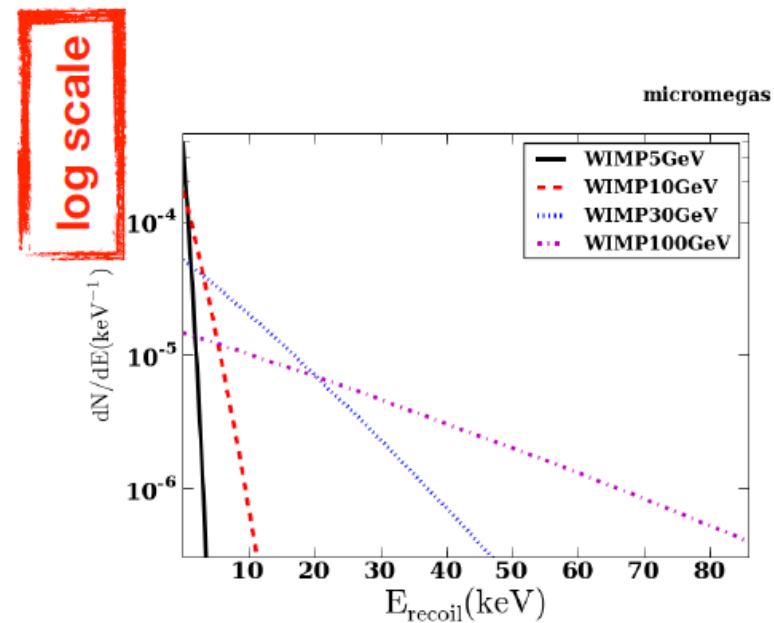
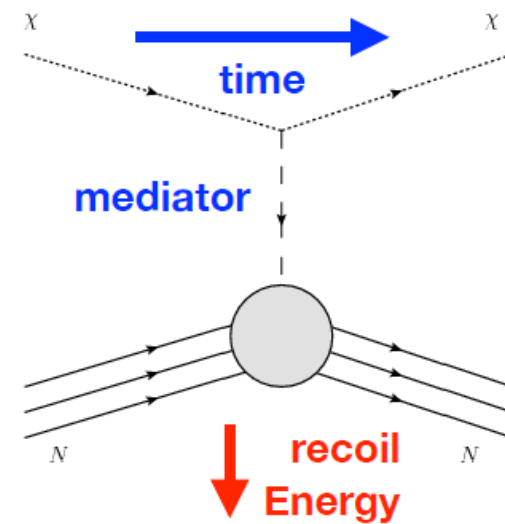
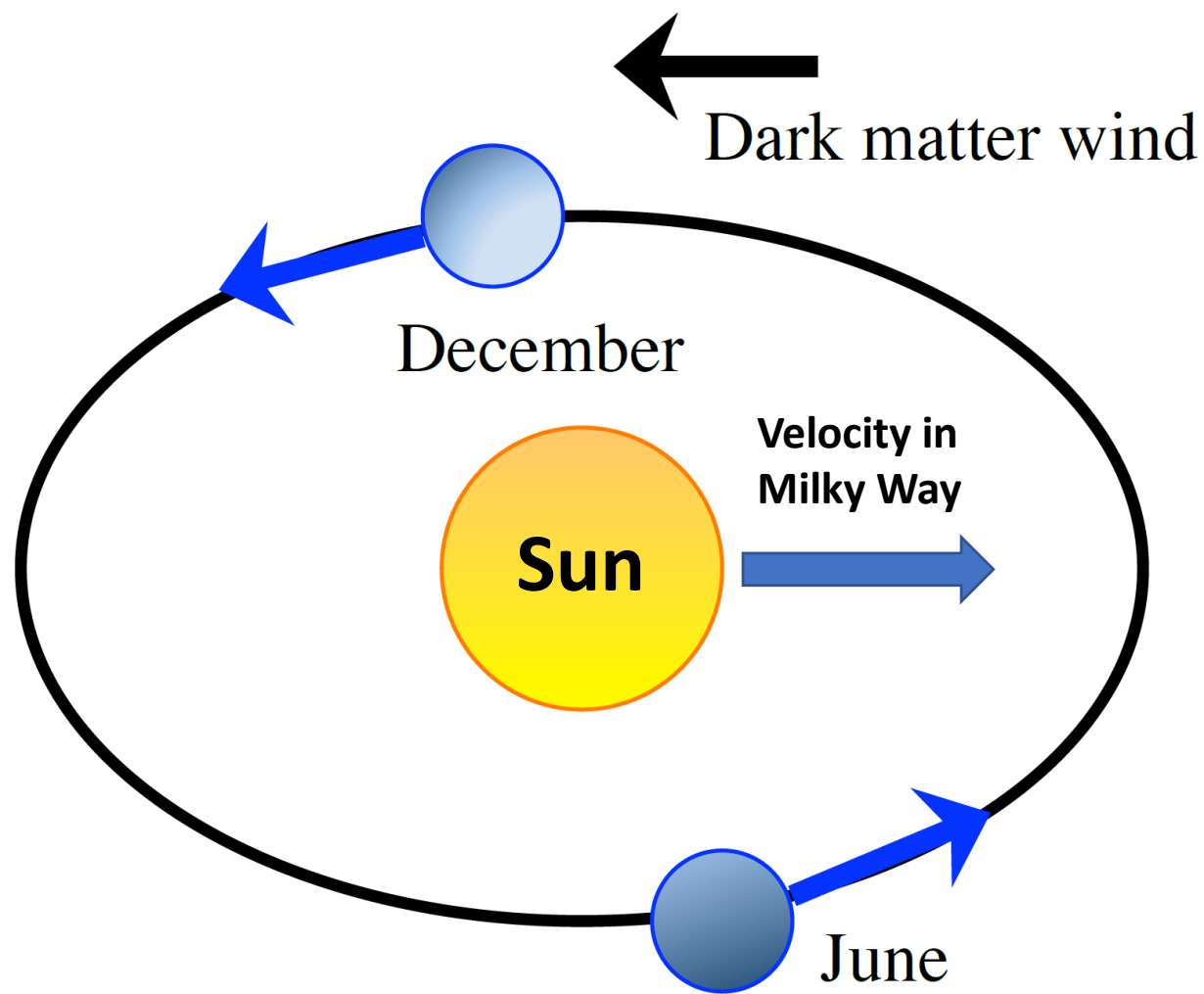
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SABRE



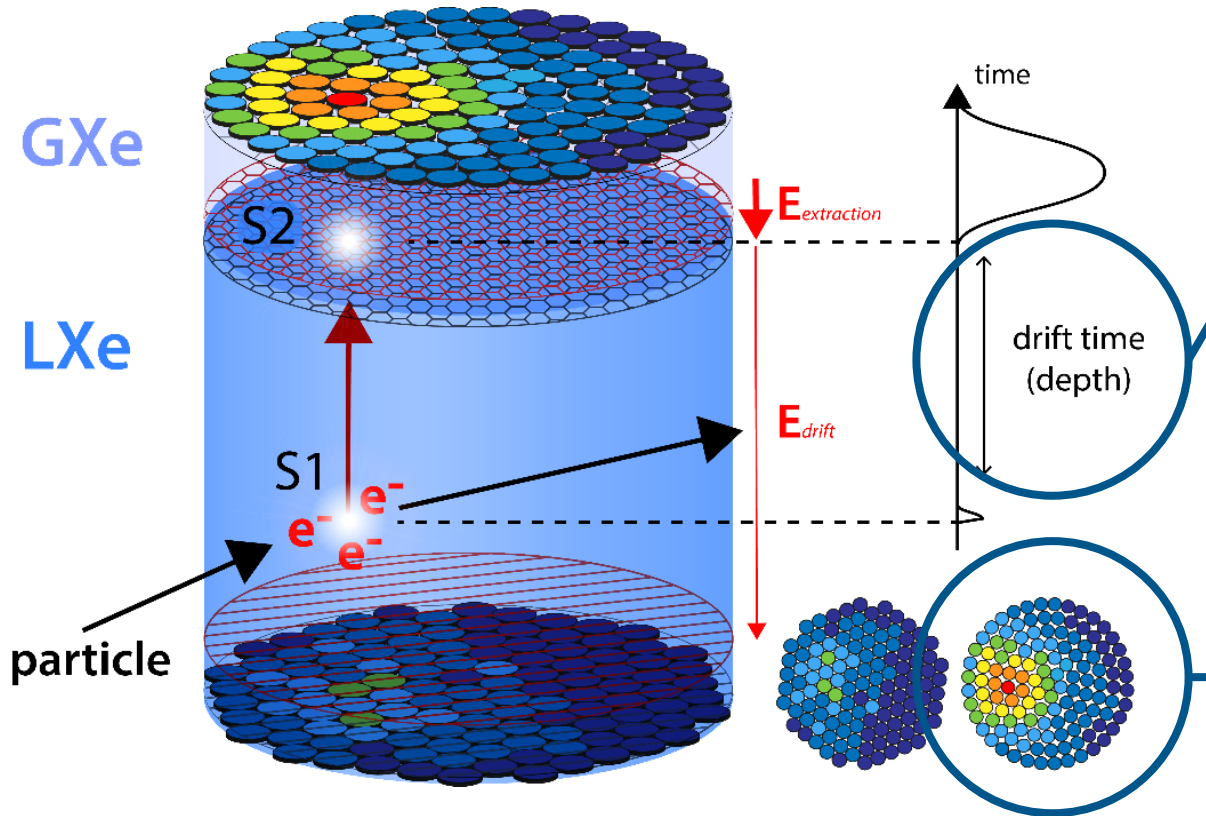
Ordinary Matter
5%

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

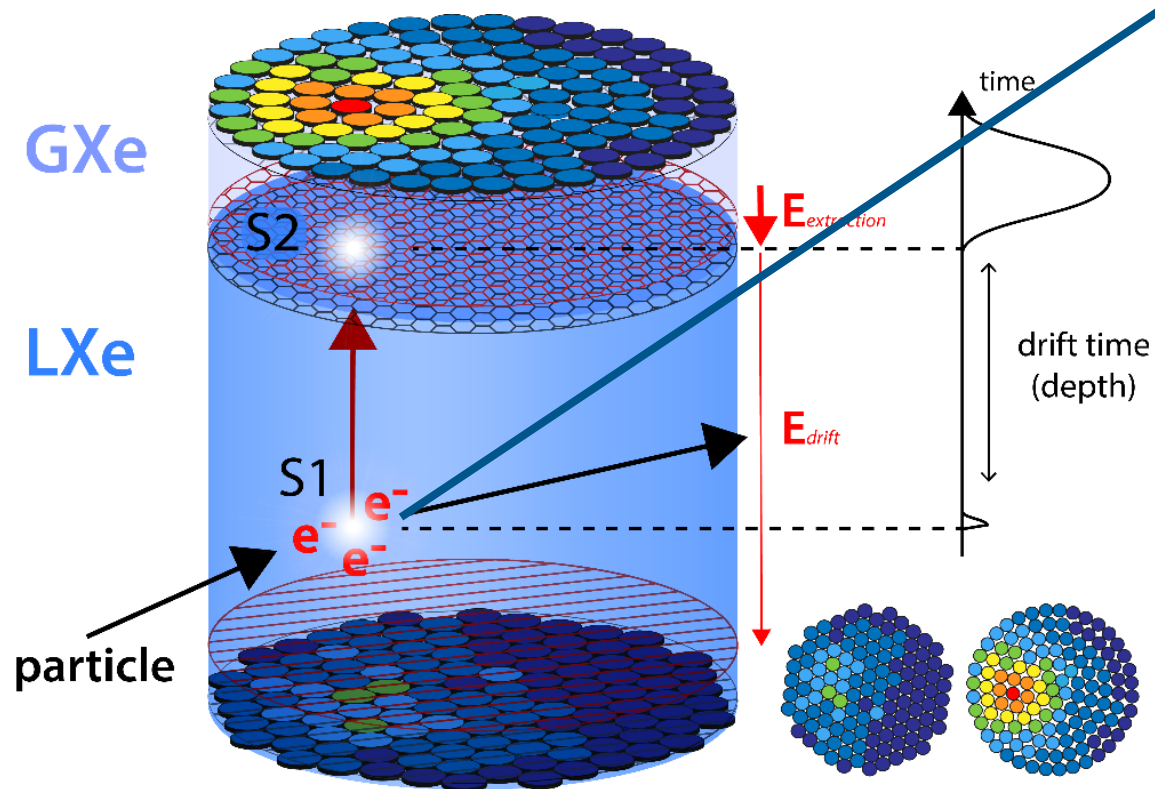
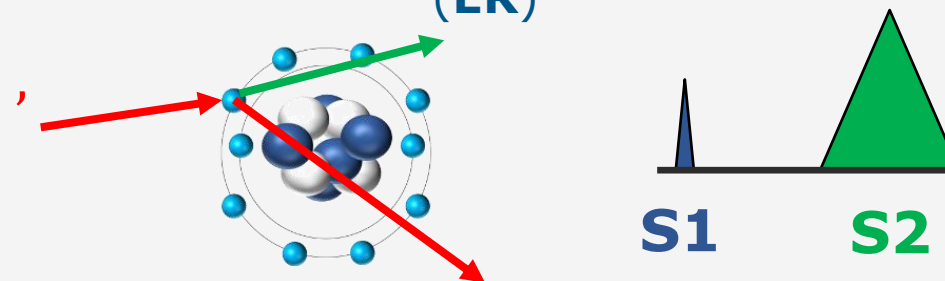


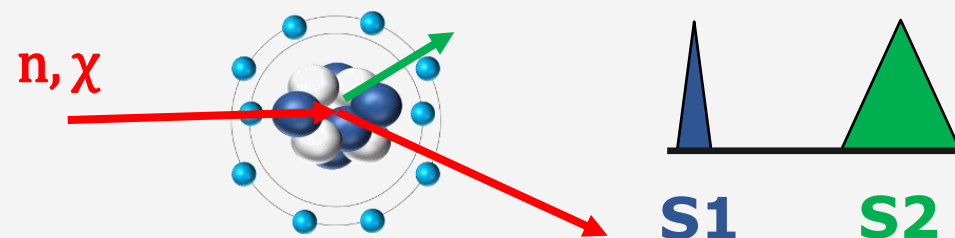
Figure in courtesy: L. Althüser

Particle identification

Electronic Recoil (ER)



Nuclear Recoil (NR)



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Xenon TPC

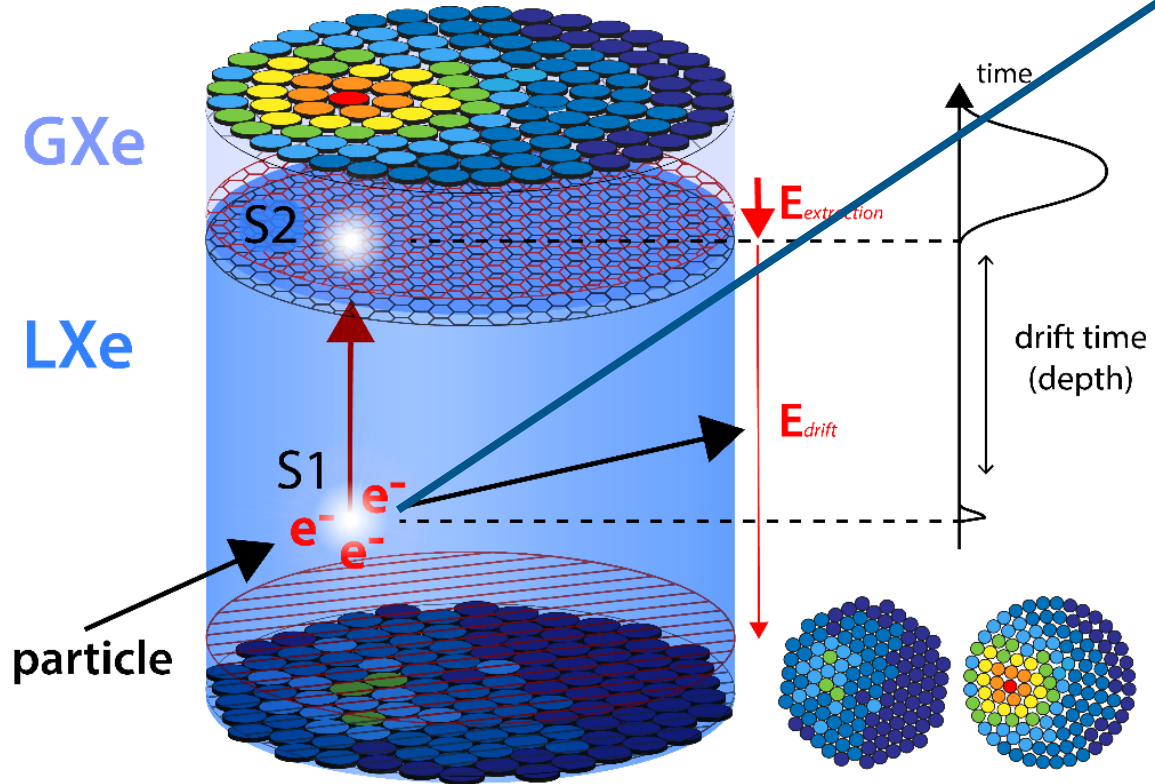
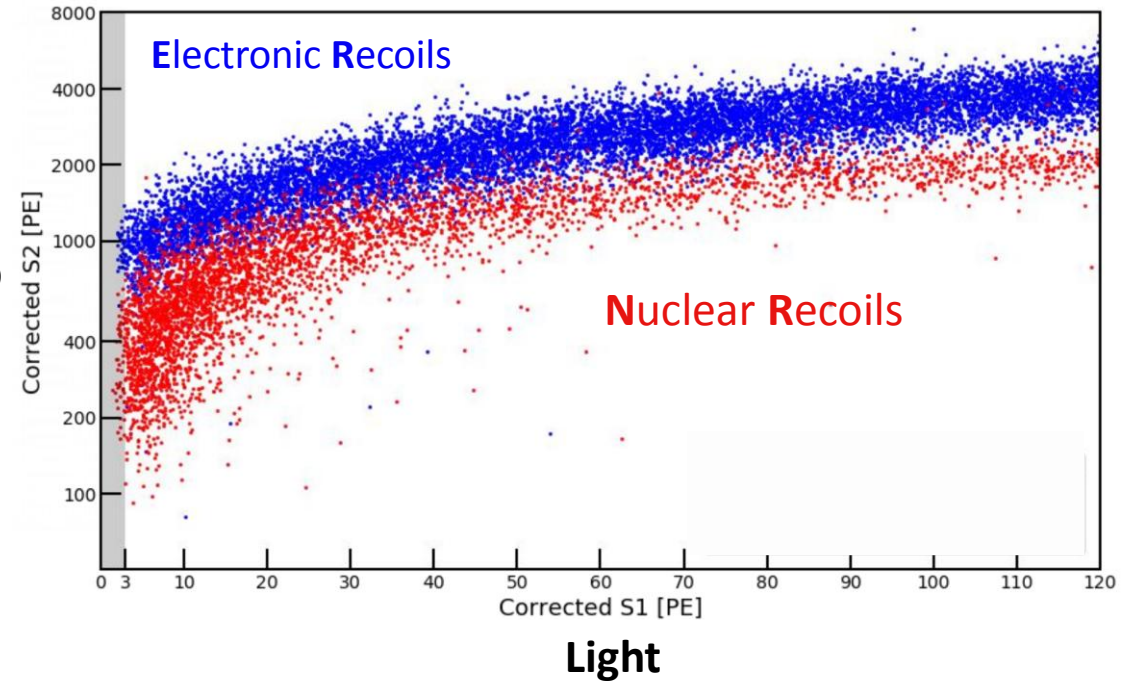


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Particle identification



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

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Xenon @ LNGS



Dark Matter Searches

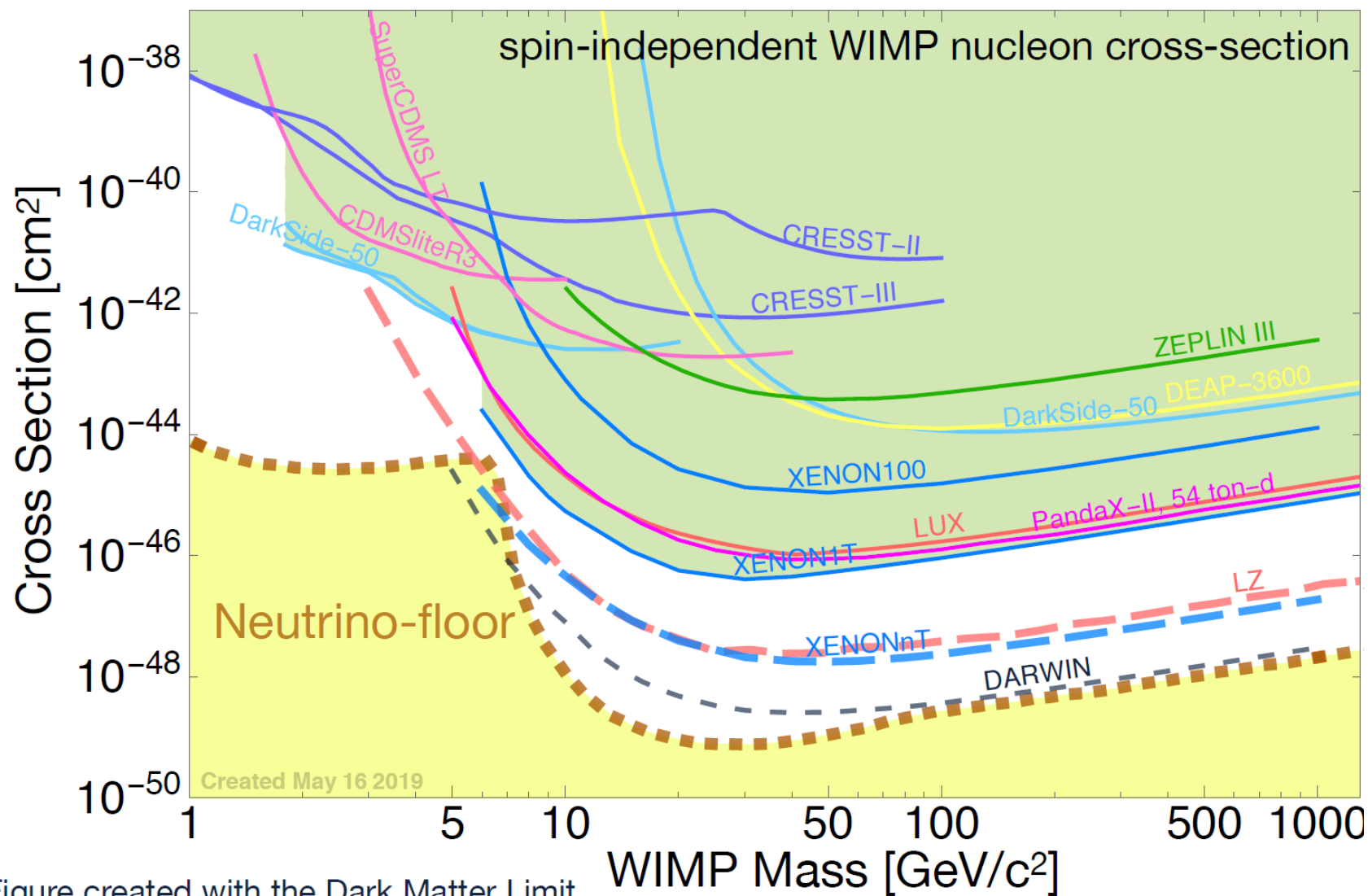


Figure created with the Dark Matter Limit
Plotter by T. Saab and E. Figueroa

Possible future experiments @ LNGS

Nuclear Astrophysics - LUNA-MV @ LNGS

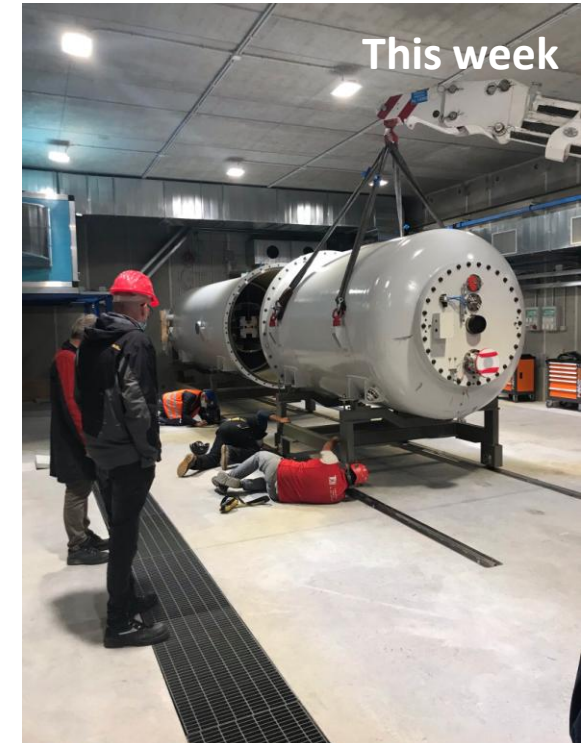
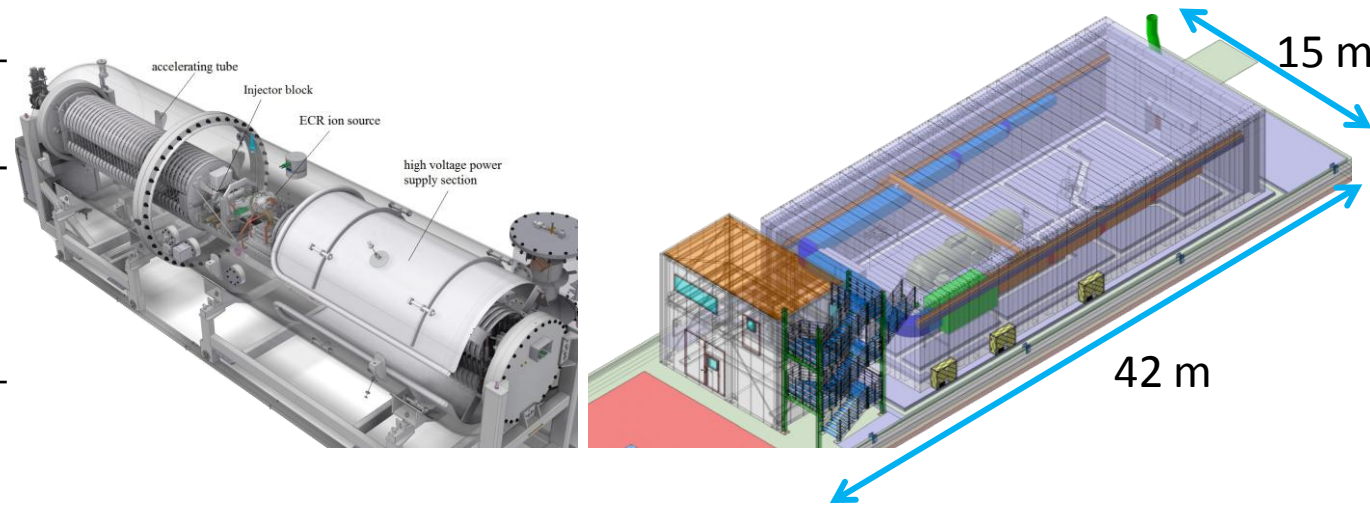
Maximum beam intensity on target at different terminal voltage

Ion specie	Terminal Voltage	
	0.3 MV – 0.5 MV	0.5 MV - 3.5 MV
$^1\text{H}^+$	500 μA	1000 μA
$^4\text{He}^+$	300 μA	500 μA
$^{12}\text{C}^+$	100 μA	150 μA
$^{12}\text{C}^{+2}$	60 μA	100 μA
Number of Beam Lines	2	
Beam time / year	7400h (308d)	
Max. admitted neutron flux at target	2000 n/s	
Neutron level outside shielding	Below natural underground neutron flux at LNGS	

Literature reference:

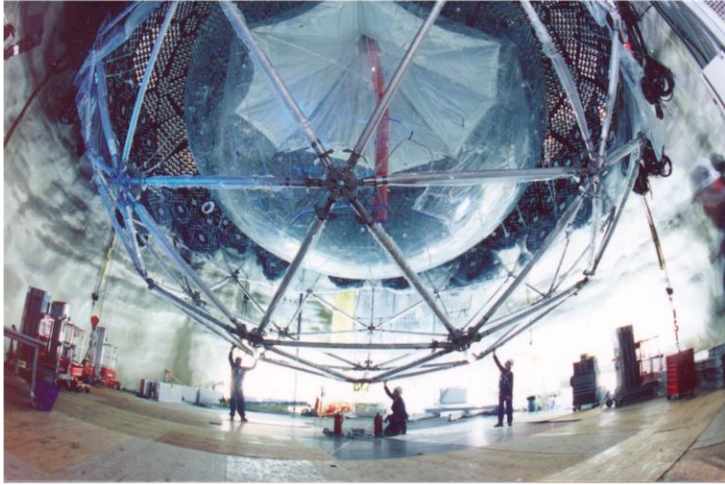
Sen, A., NIM B <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nimb.2018.09.016>

LUNA-MV mainly funded with a national grants



Double Beta Decay : Next Generation Experiments

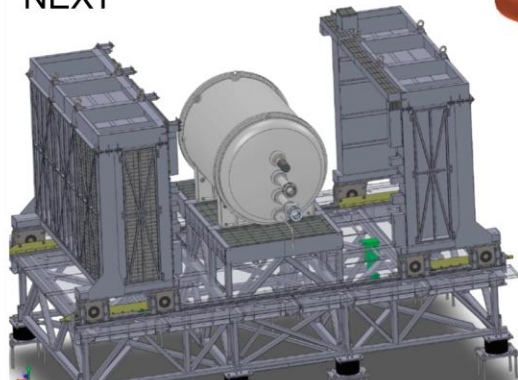
SNO+



KamLAND-ZEN



NEXT



CUPID



nEXO

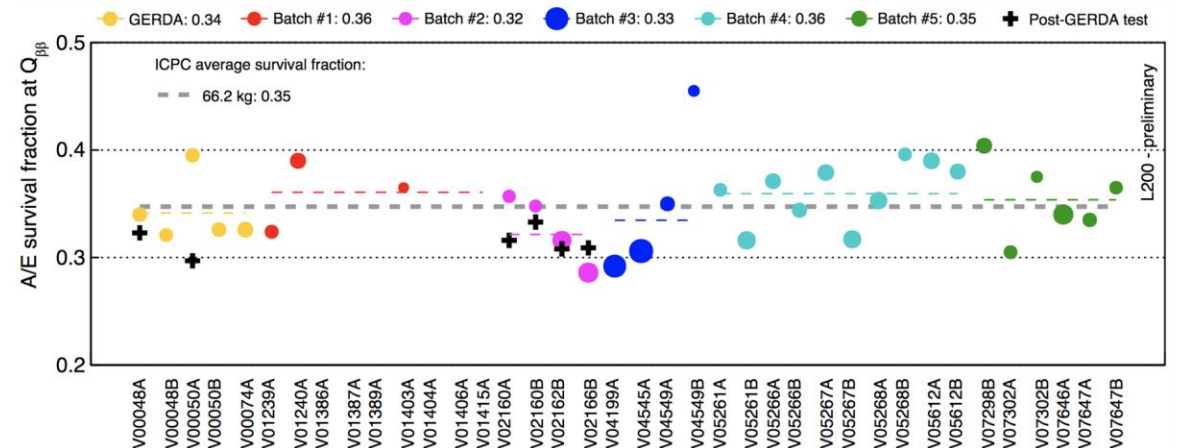
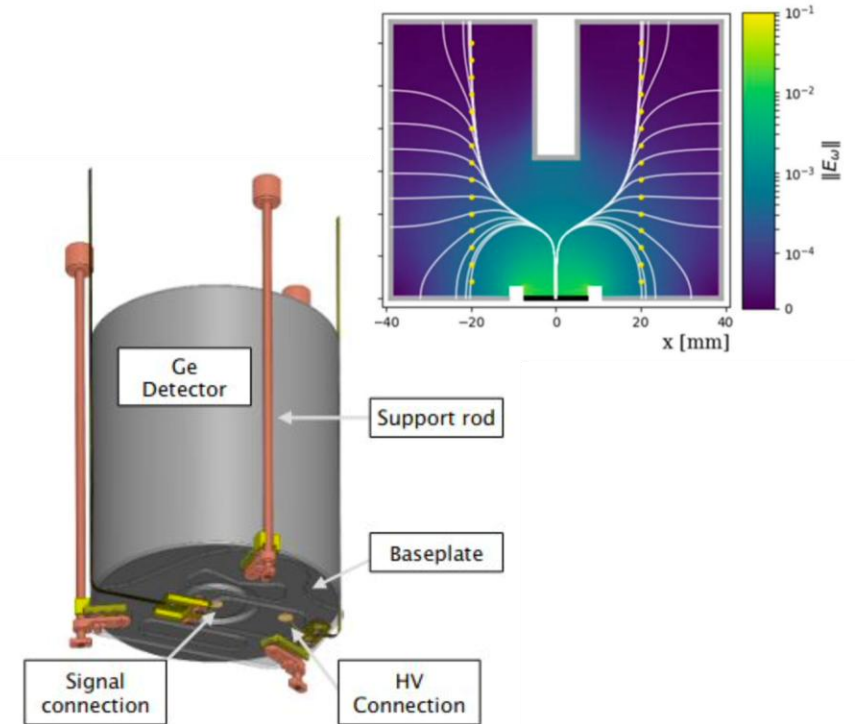
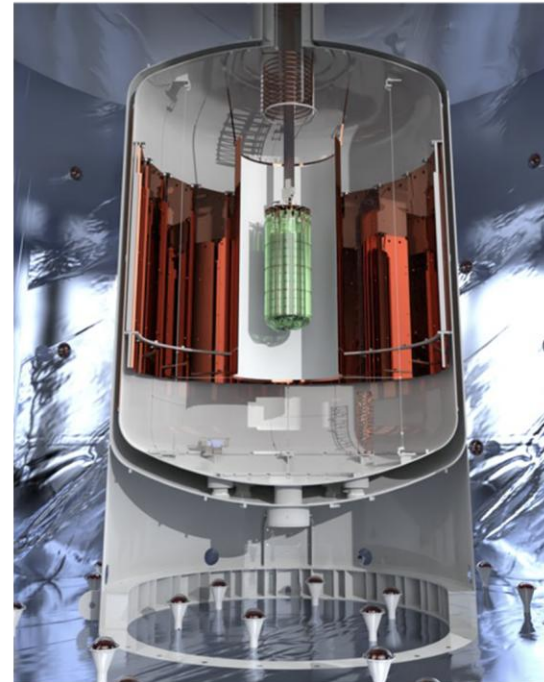


LEGEND



LEGEND-200

- Natural evolution of the GERDA principle
- Combines the best of Gerda and MJD
 - from GERDA:
 - detector configuration
 - infrastructure@ LNGS
 - system improvements
 - from MJD
 - selection of radio-pure materials
 - electronics
 - low threshold1
- ^{76}Ge :
 - 35 kg from GERDA
 - 30 kg from MJD
 - 140 kg new materials
- New type of detector, already tested in GERDA
 - ICPC $m > 2$ kg (0.7-0.9 kg previously)
 - same energy resolution and PSD capability



Double Beta Decay Experiments

29 Sep – 1 Oct 2021



North America - Europe
Workshop on
Future of Double Beta Decay

Meeting between North American and European funding agencies

- Selection of future DBD experiments
 - Experimental sensitivities
 - Budget requested for each experiment
 - International collaborations
- Selection of possible underground laboratories
 - SNOLab/SURF – North America
 - LNGS - Europe

	$T_{1/2}$ (10^{28} years)		$m_{\beta\beta}$ (meV) 3σ Discovery	
	Excl. Sens.	3σ Discovery	Median	Range
CUPID	0.14	0.10	15	12 to 20
LEGEND-1k	1.60	1.30	12	9 to 21
nEXO	1.35	0.74	11	7 to 32



Prosecutor of CUORE



Prosecutor of GERDA

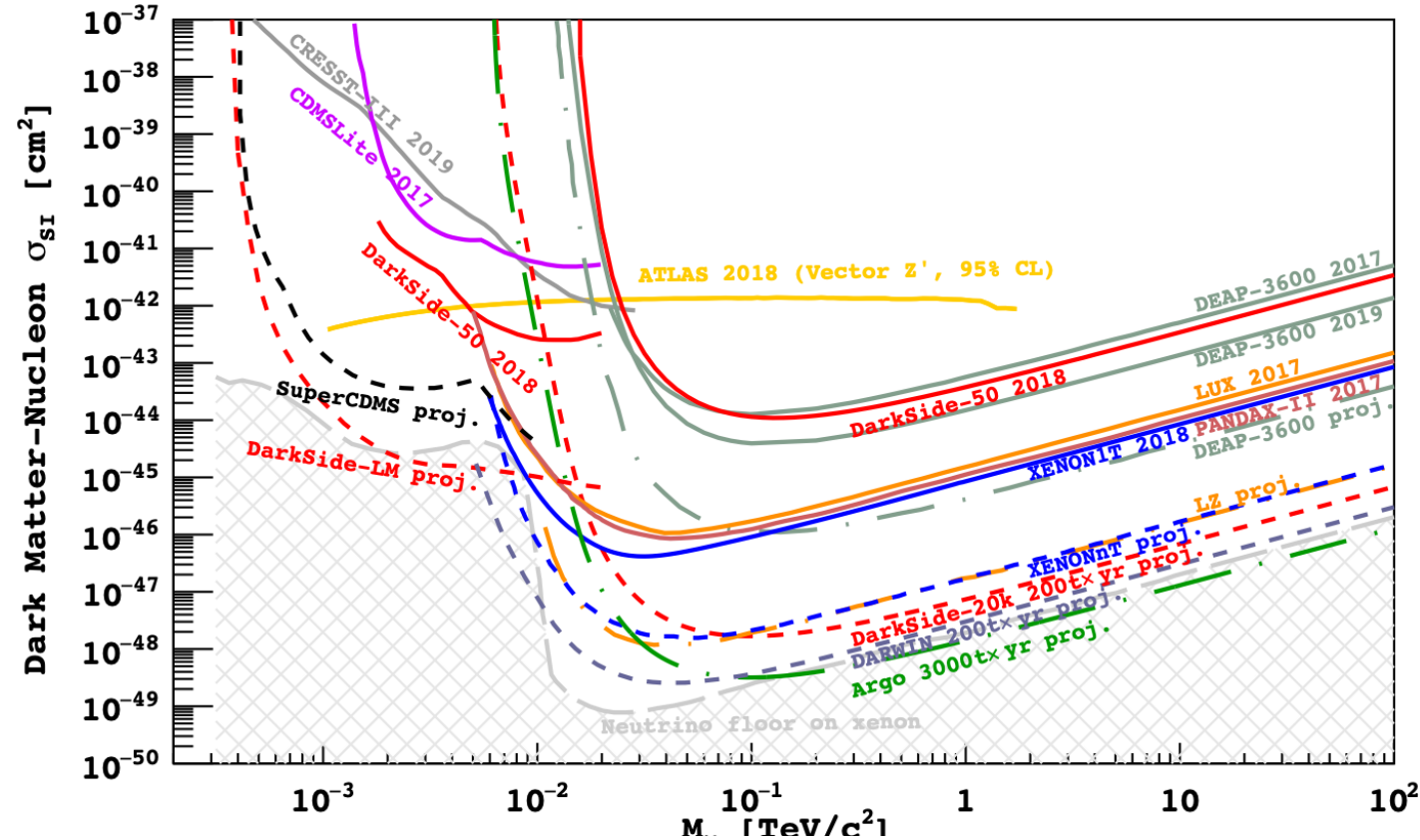
Dark Matter search experiments

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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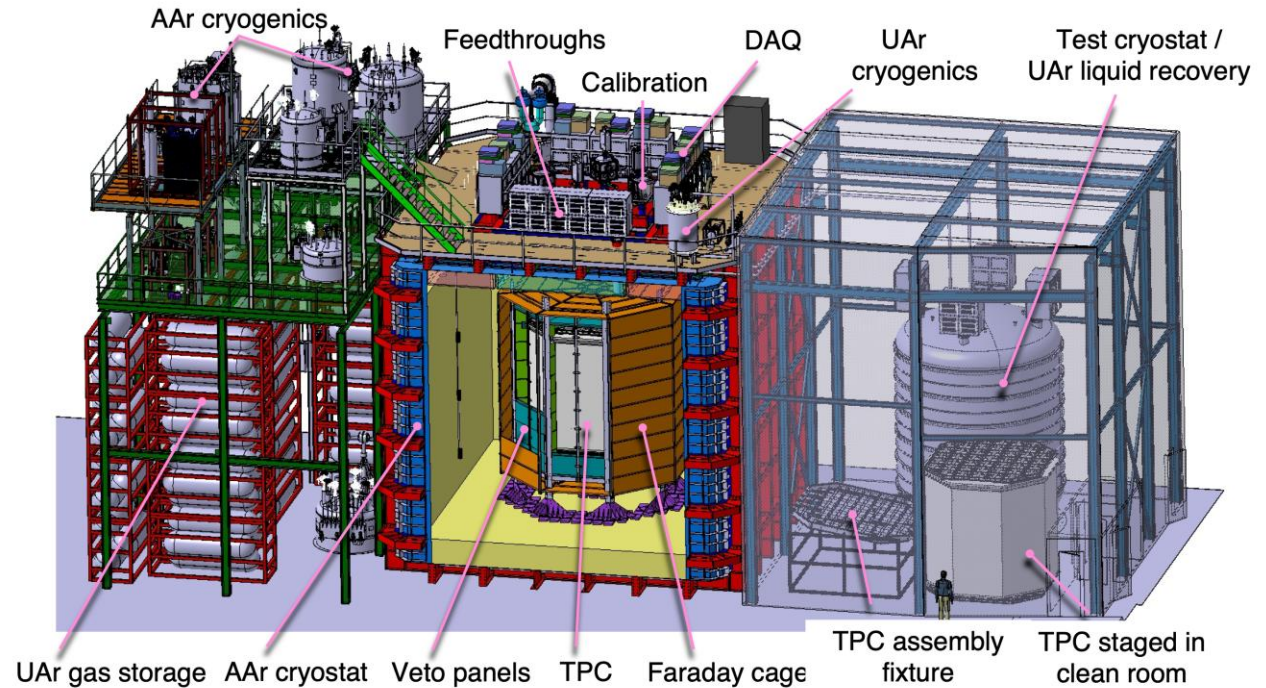
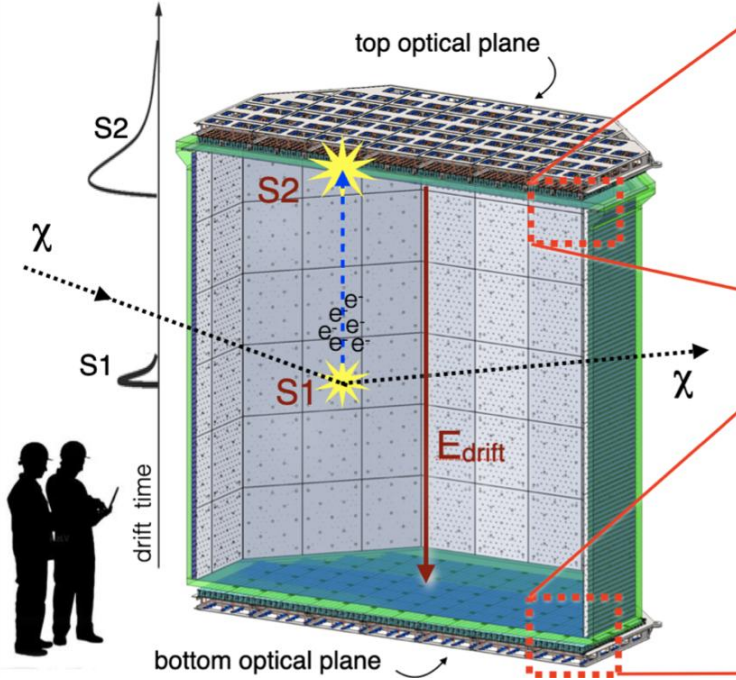


Medium/Long term activities on Dark Matter experiments are ongoing

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

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

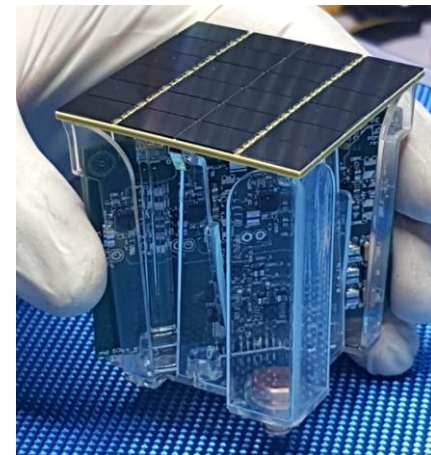
Dark Matter search – Darkside 20k



A 20-tonnes fiducial argon detector filled with underground argon

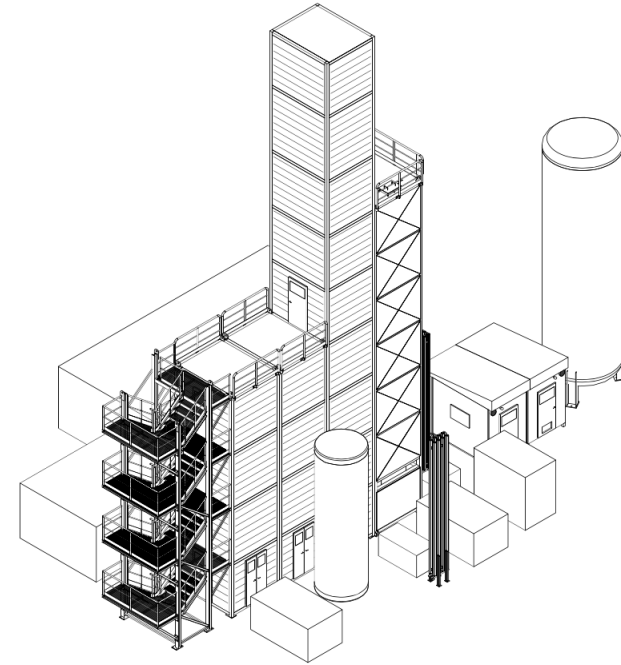
TPC acrylic vessel surrounded by AAr + Gd-loaded acrylic shell as a neutron veto

21 m² of Cryogenic Silicon based Photo-Multipliers

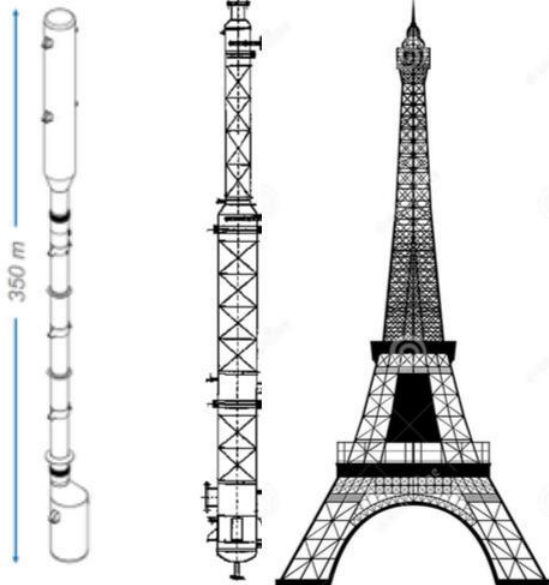


URANIA

- ▶ 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 $O(1 \text{ tonne/day})$ 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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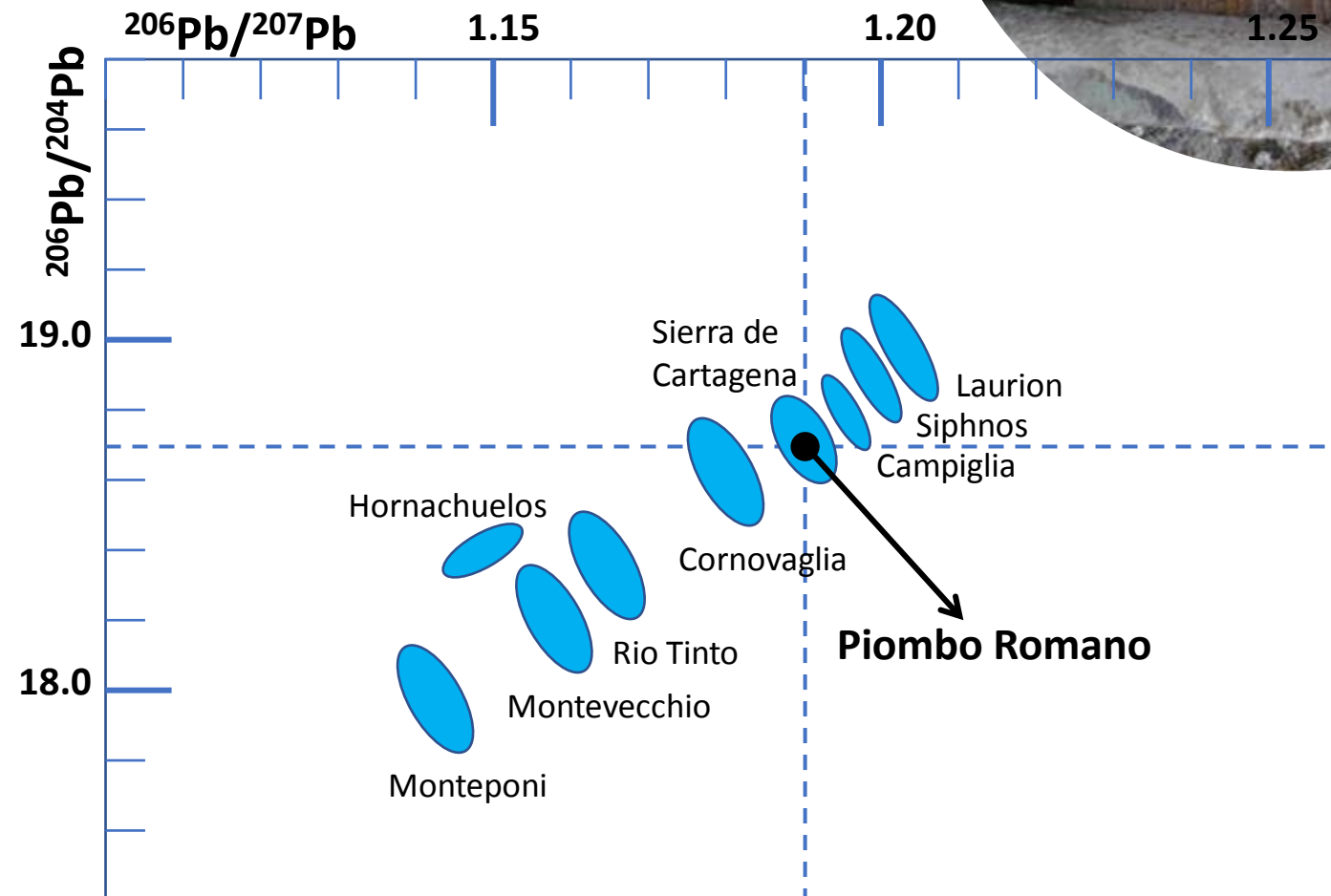
**Quantum Technology
Quantum Computing
Quantum Communication**



Multidisciplinary

Archeological Study

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

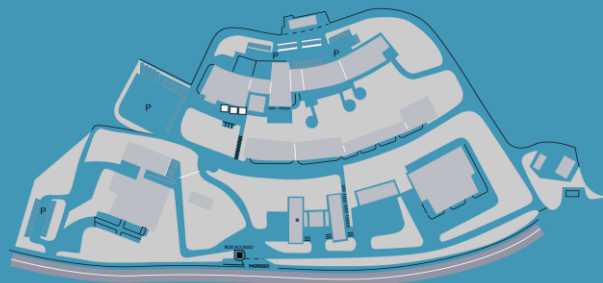


Conclusions

- @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:



Thank you





Prof. Enrico "Puccio" Bellotti

1940 - 2021

1st director of LNGS

President of Astroparticle Physics committee of INFN

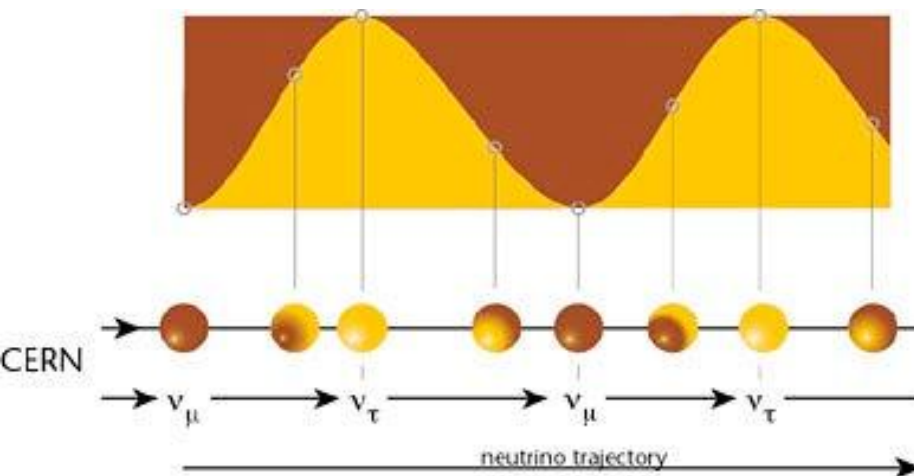
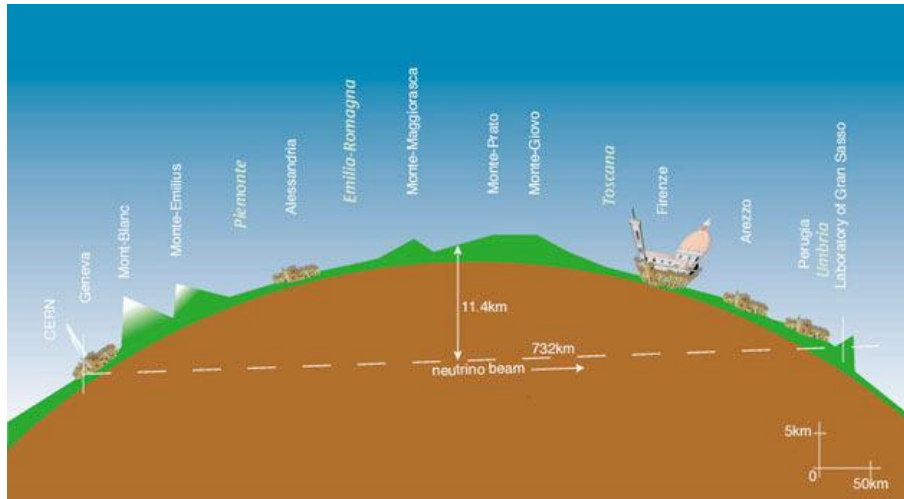
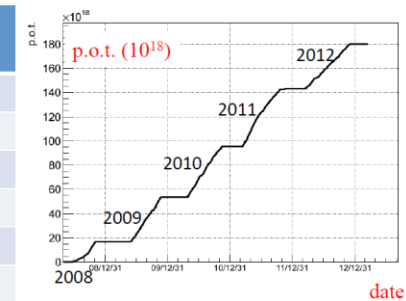
Great scientist and great expert in DBD

Neutrino Oscillation



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

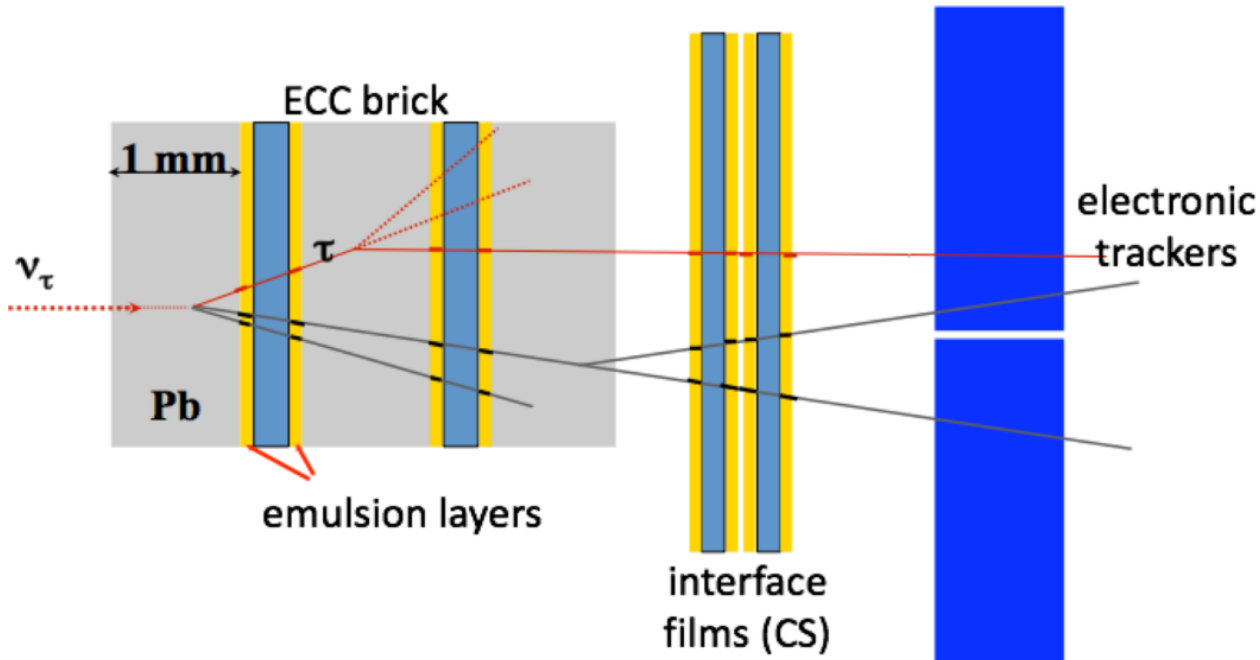
Year	Beam days	P.O.T. (10^{19})
2008	123	1.74
2009	155	3.53
2010	187	4.09
2011	243	4.75
2012	257	3.86
Total	965	17.97



Neutrino Oscillation

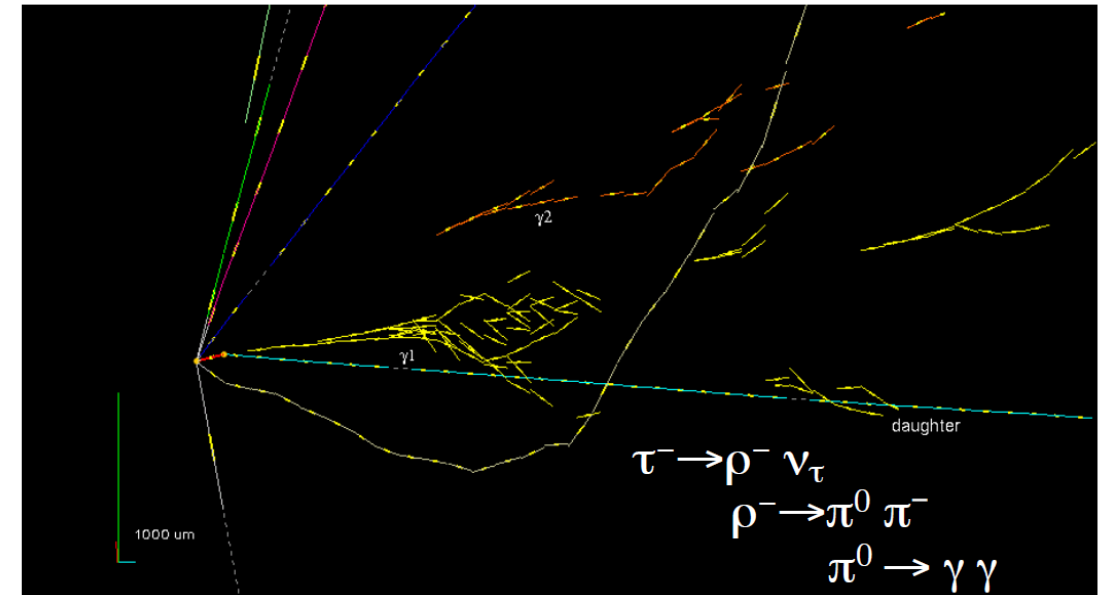


$$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau} + N \rightarrow \tau^{-} + X$$

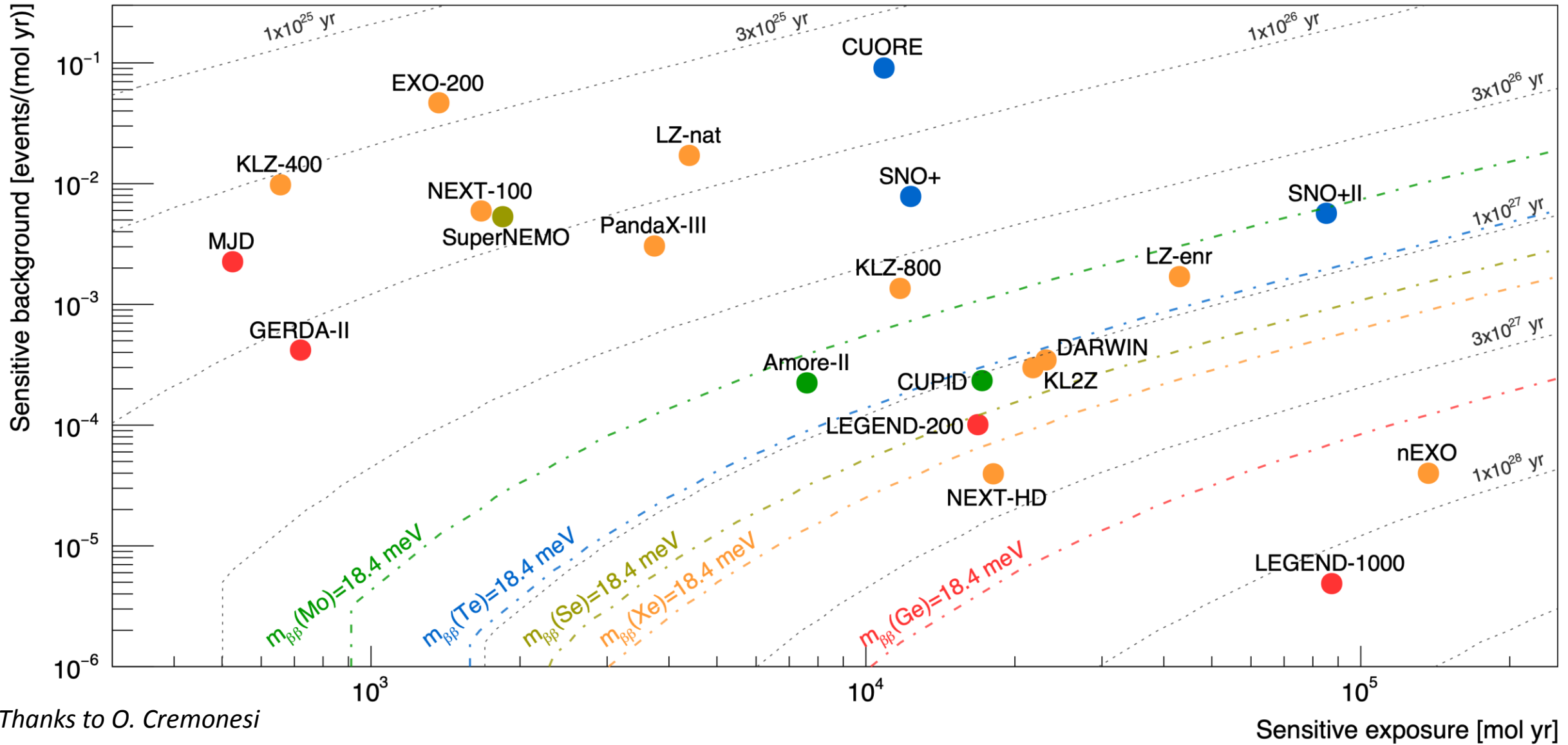


THE FIRST ν_{τ} CANDIDATE

in the brick



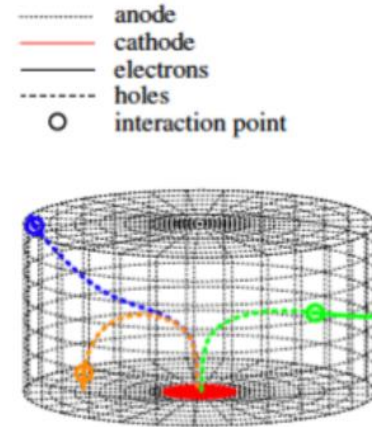
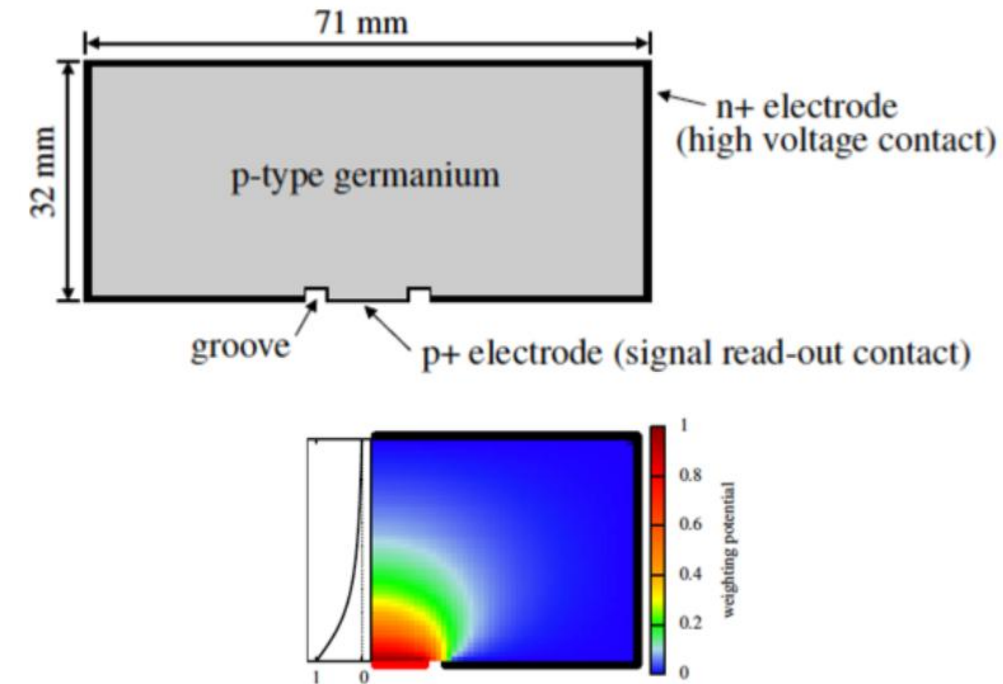
Sensitivities: a different view



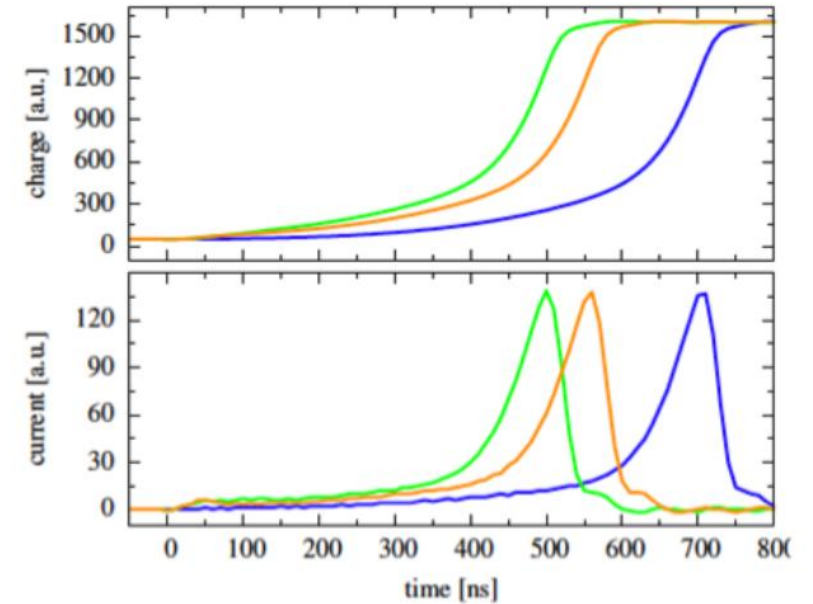
Thanks to O. Cremonesi

Gerda/Legend

Novel HPGe detectors allow for efficient PID



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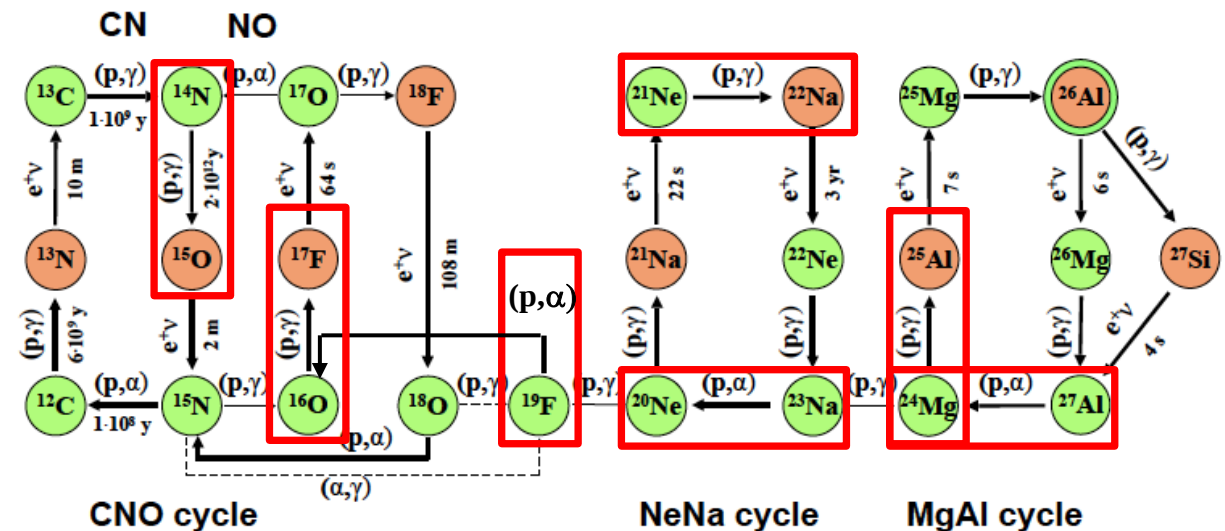


(b) Charge and current pulses

Thanks Prof. S. Shoenert

LUNA400: what can still be done

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

