



# *COSINE(NEON)/NEWSdm/SHiP/DAMSA*

*Dark Particles with (traditional) high resolution detector technologies*

**On behalf of the COSINE-100 collaboration and help (Yoon Chun Sil, Shin Seodong) from the SHiP, NEWSdm, and DAMSA collaborations**



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# Dark Particle Detections in Korea

WIMP, iBDM, LDM, HNL, Dark Photon, Dark Axion, ALP

Weakly Interacting Massive Particle, inelastic Boosted Dark Matter, Light Dark Matter, Heavy Neutral Leptons, Axion Like Particle

Flux : Underground vs Beam dump

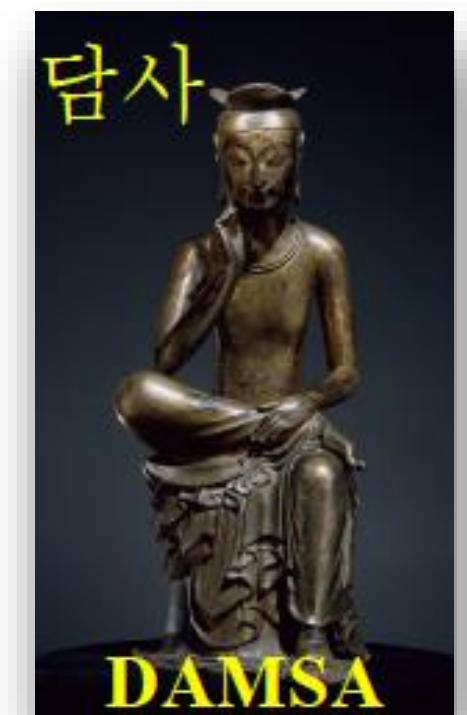
PID : Calorimetric vs Directional

Background : Neutron Background

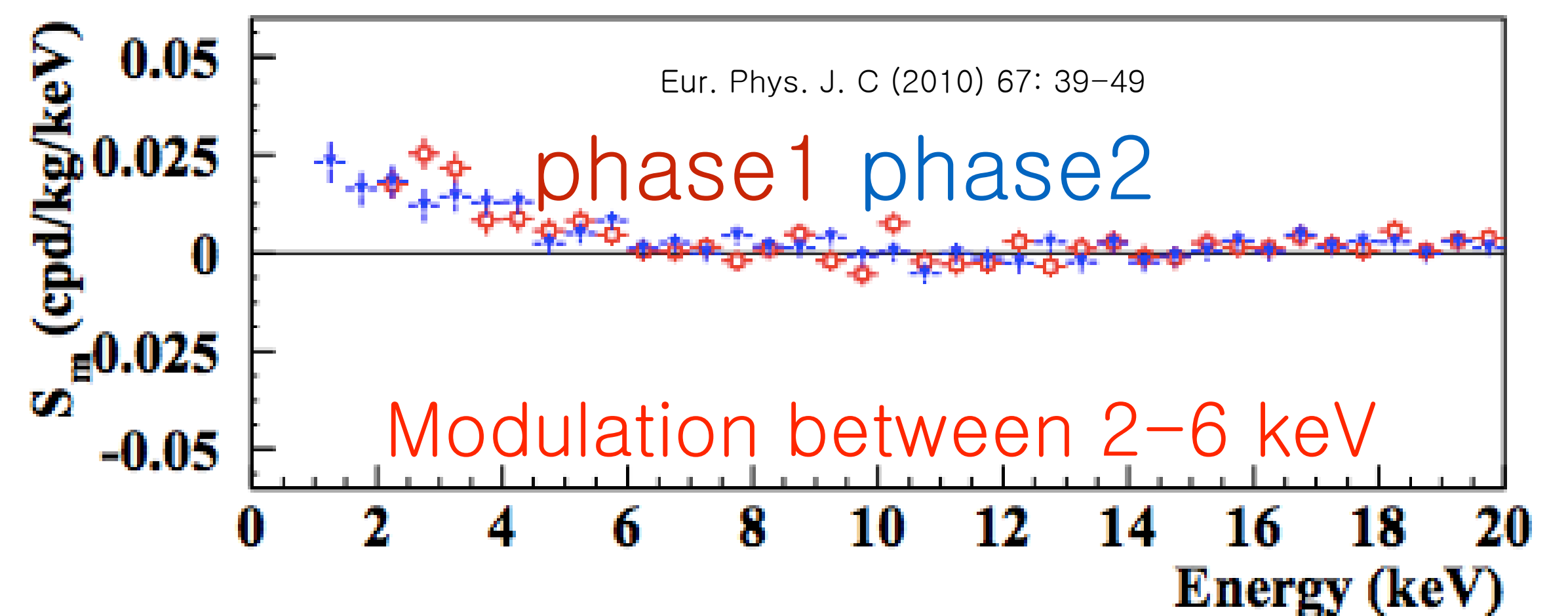
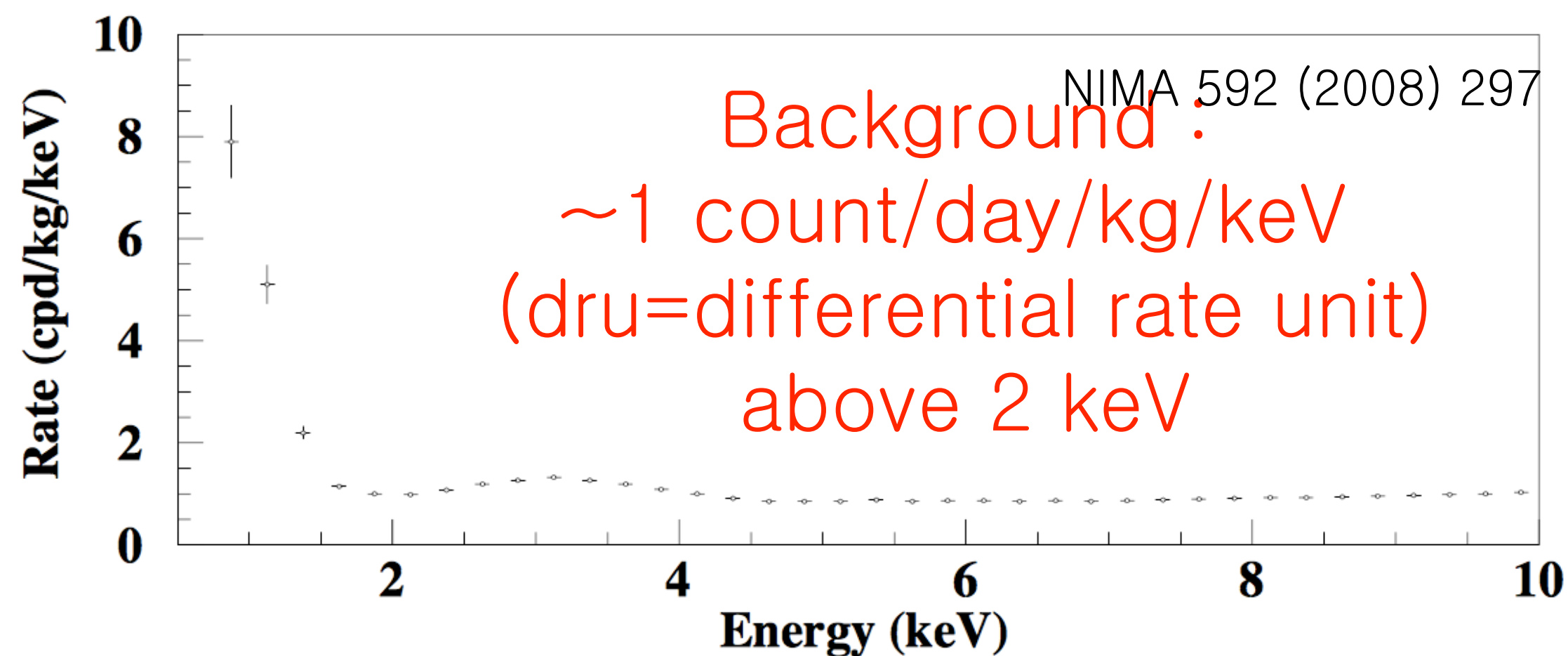
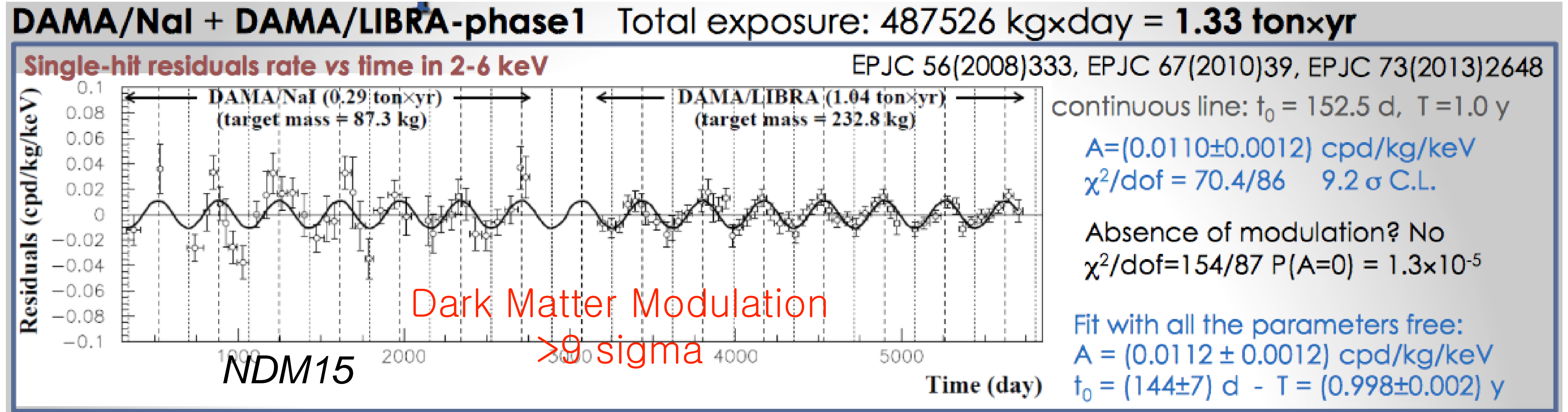
Coherence :  $Z^2$  dependence in detection and production

Resolutions : Energy and Position-Sensitive

Energy Reach : Low-threshold detectors

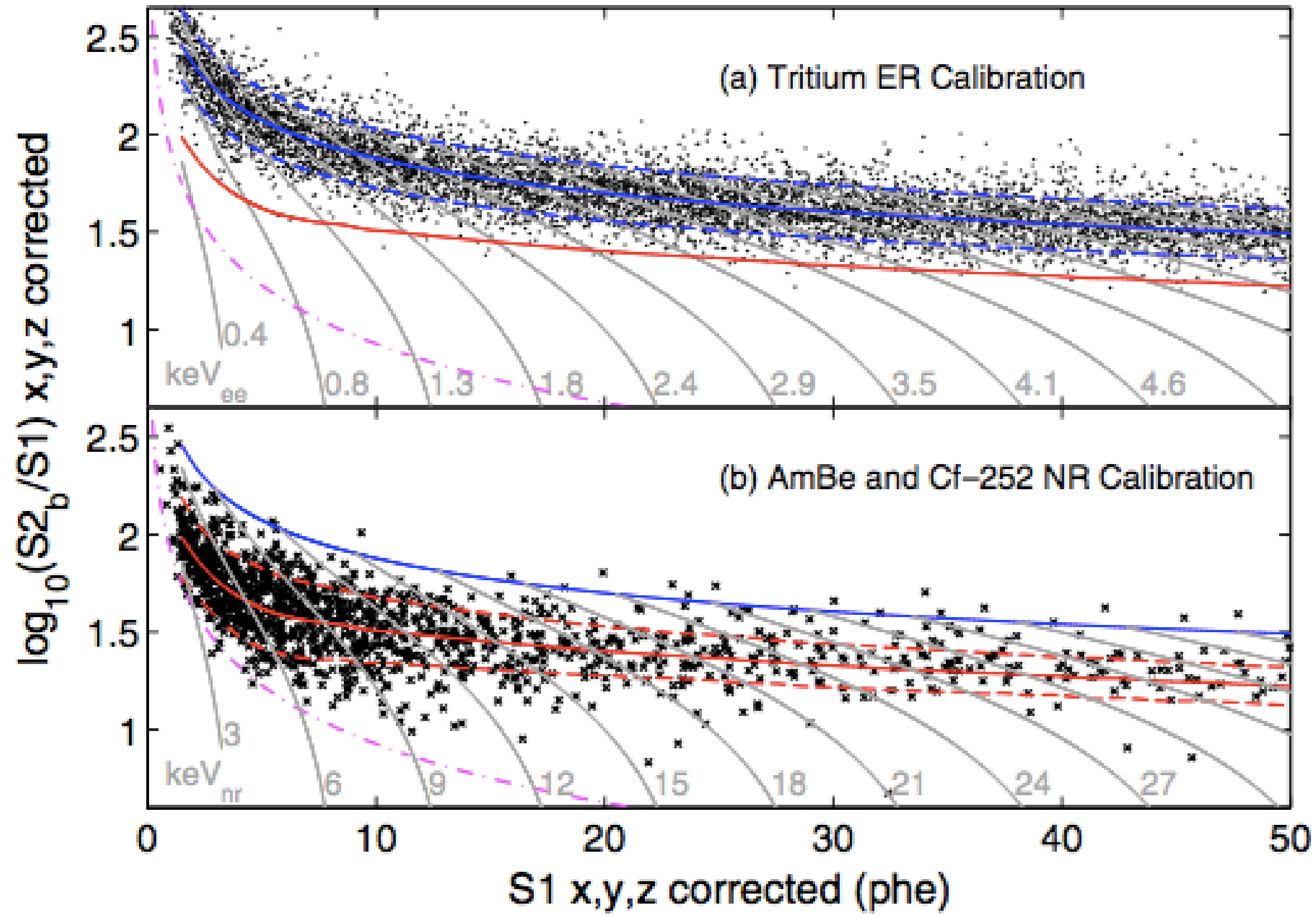


# The DAMA annual modulation signal, to be confirmed with independent measurements

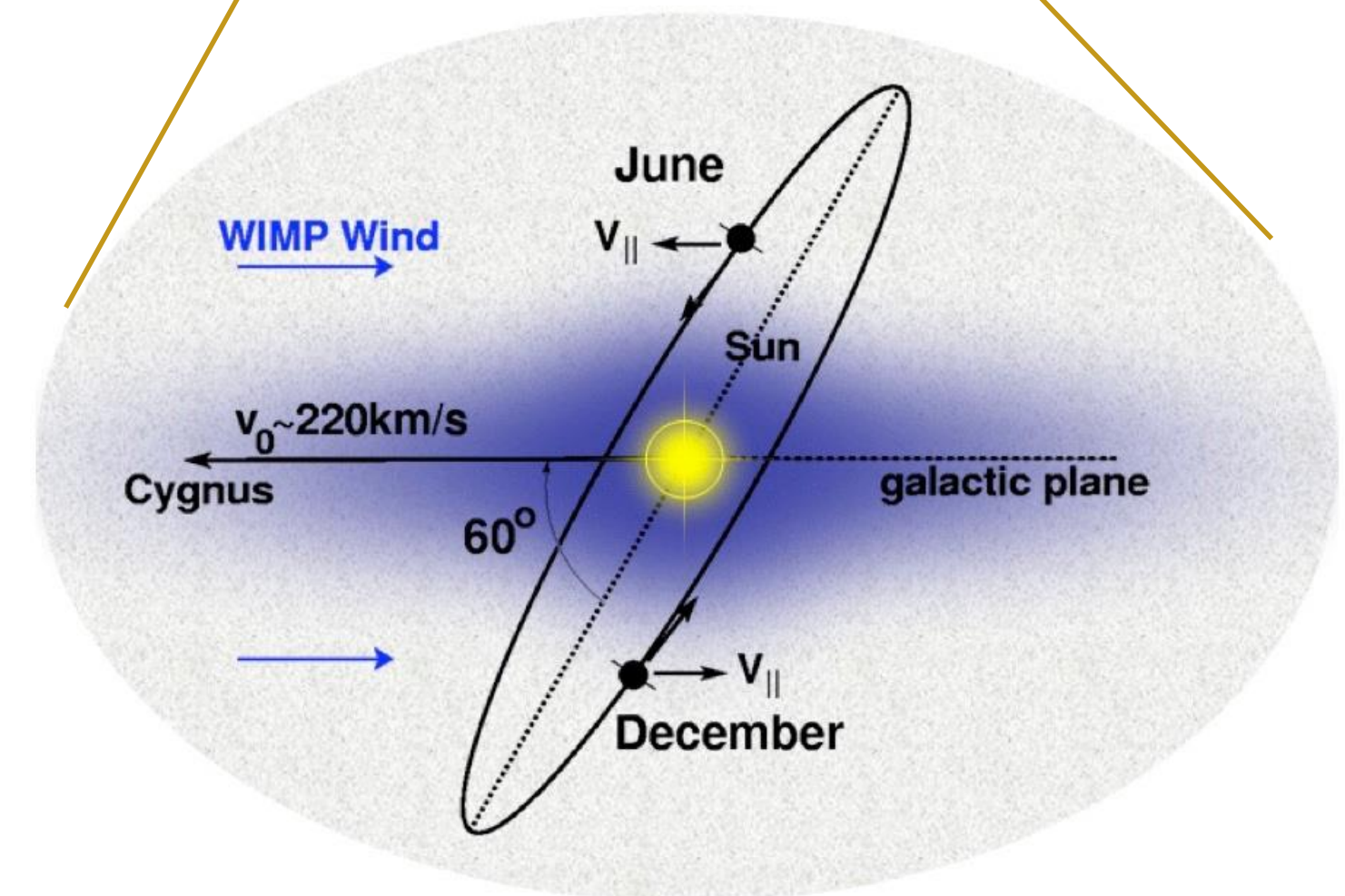
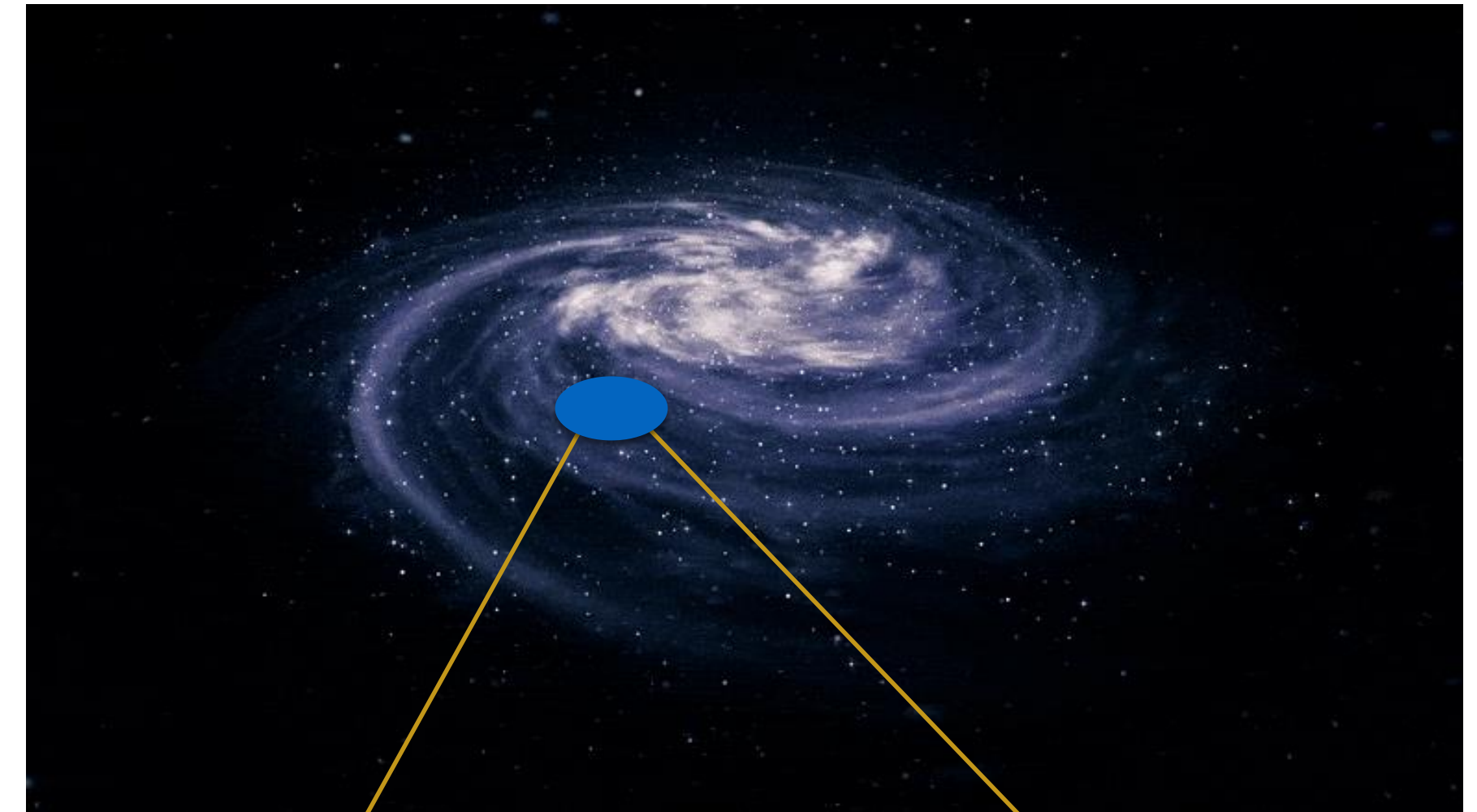


# Dark Matter Direct Detection : WIMP Signals & Backgrounds

Discrimination of nuclear recoils (Signal) from electron/gamma recoils (Background)



LUX Collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett., (2014)

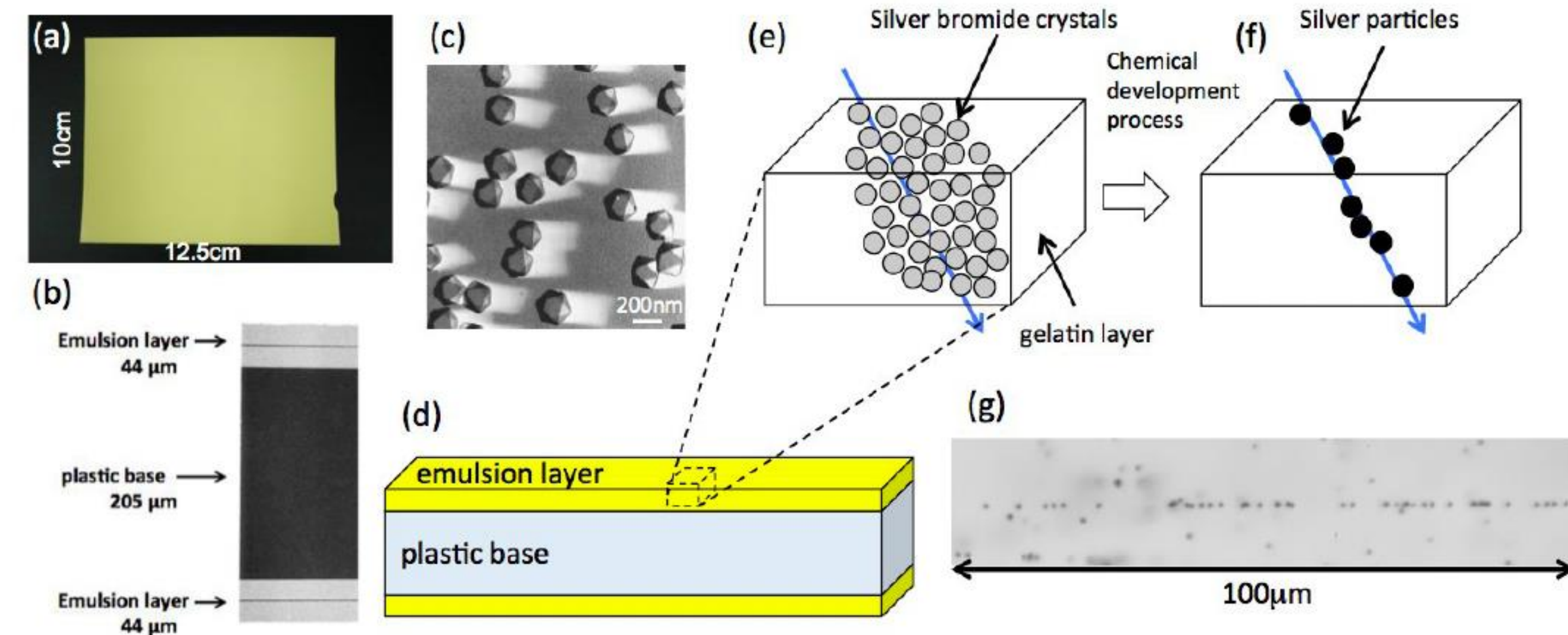
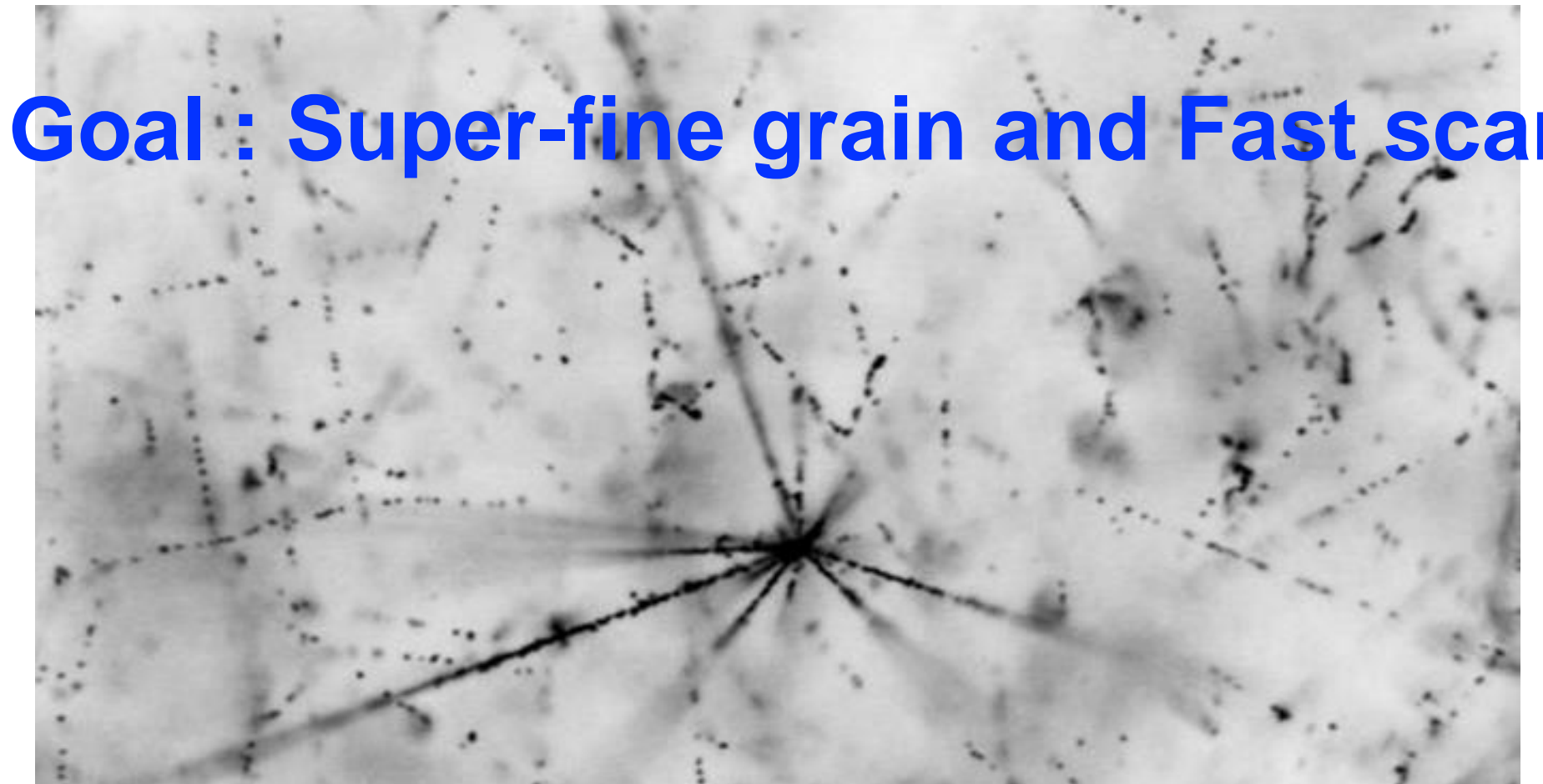
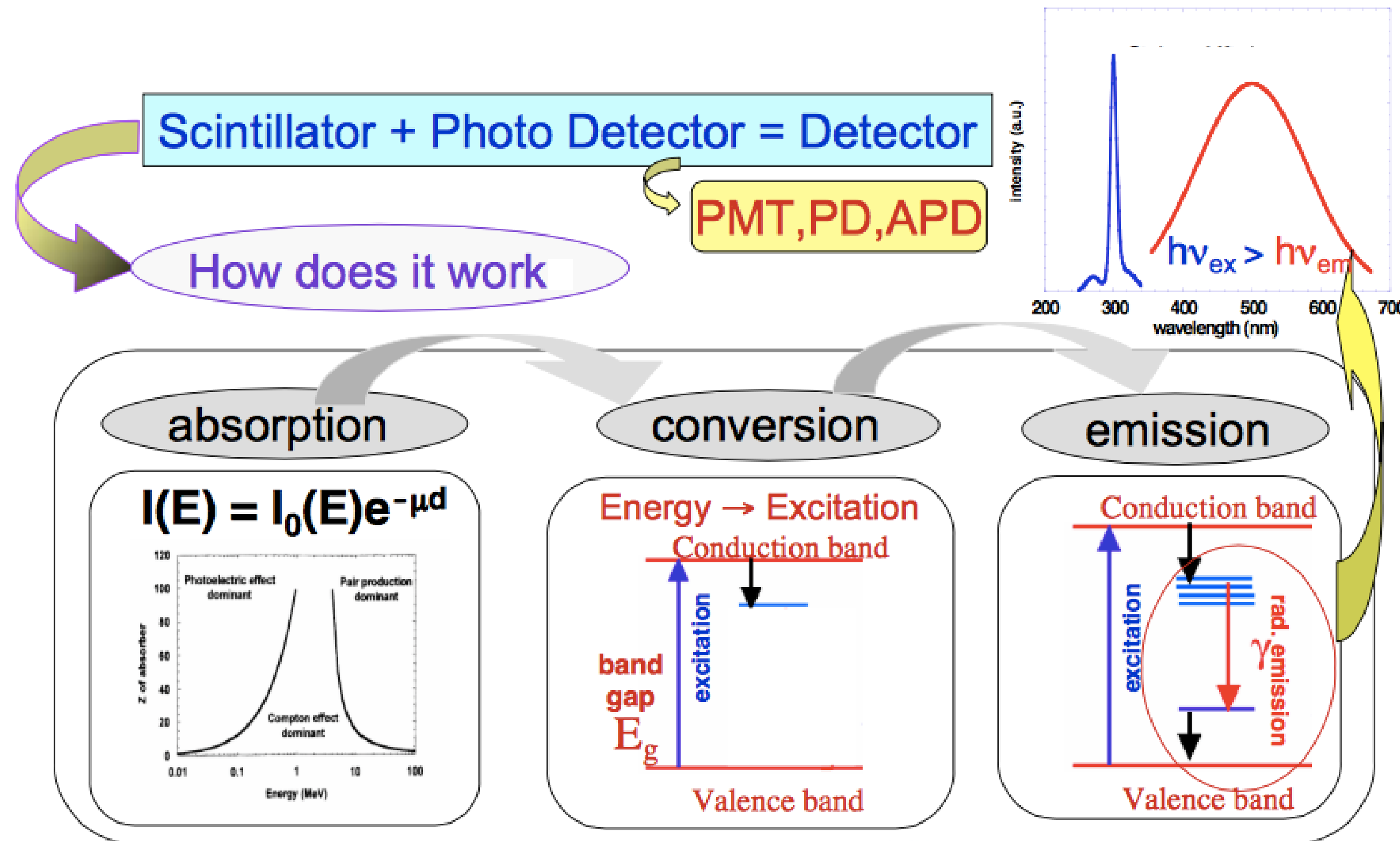


Annual modulation signal

# Crystal Scintillator and Nuclear Emulsion Technology

**Goal : Collect as much visible light as possible**

**Goal : Super-fine grain and Fast scan**



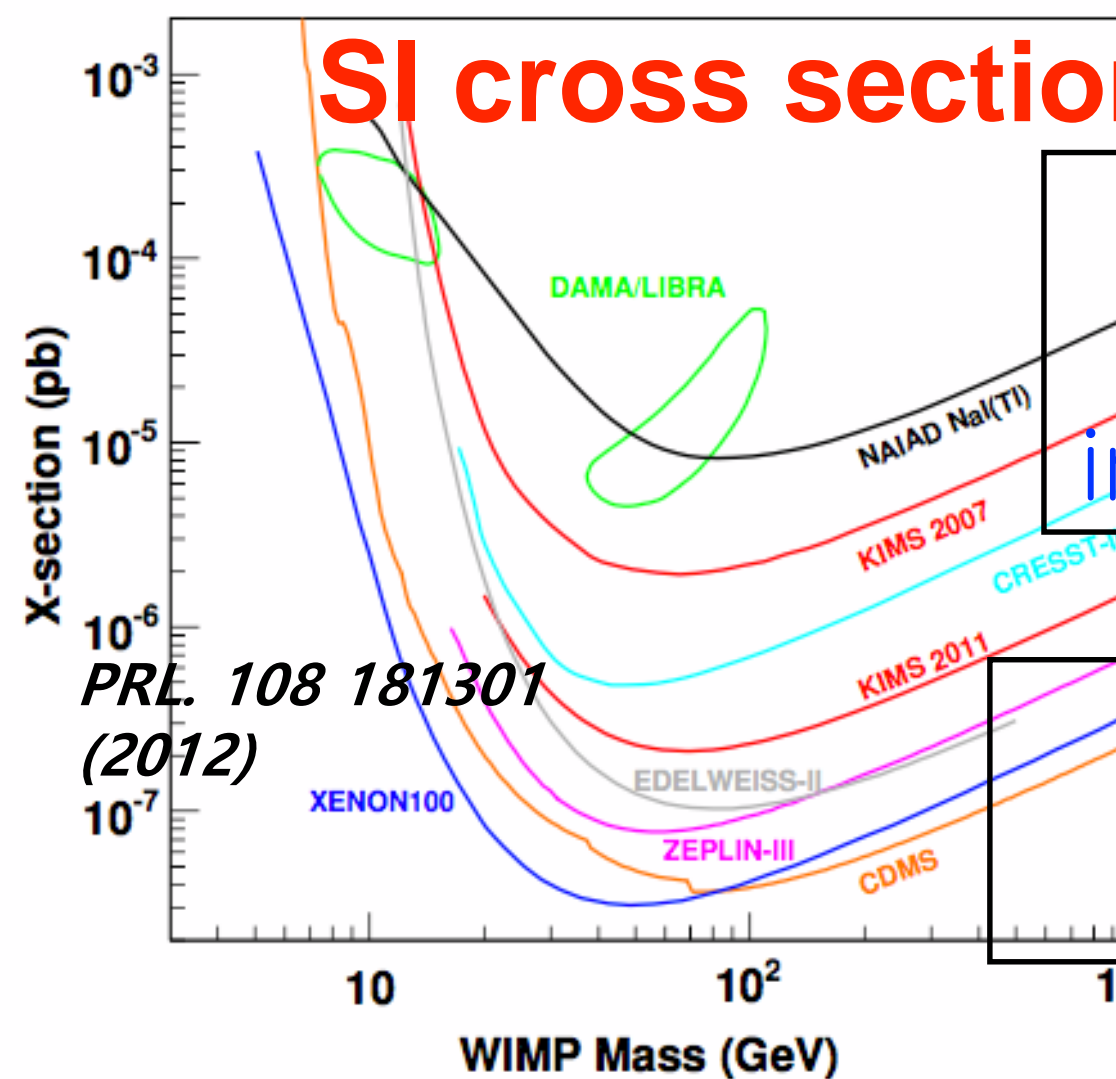
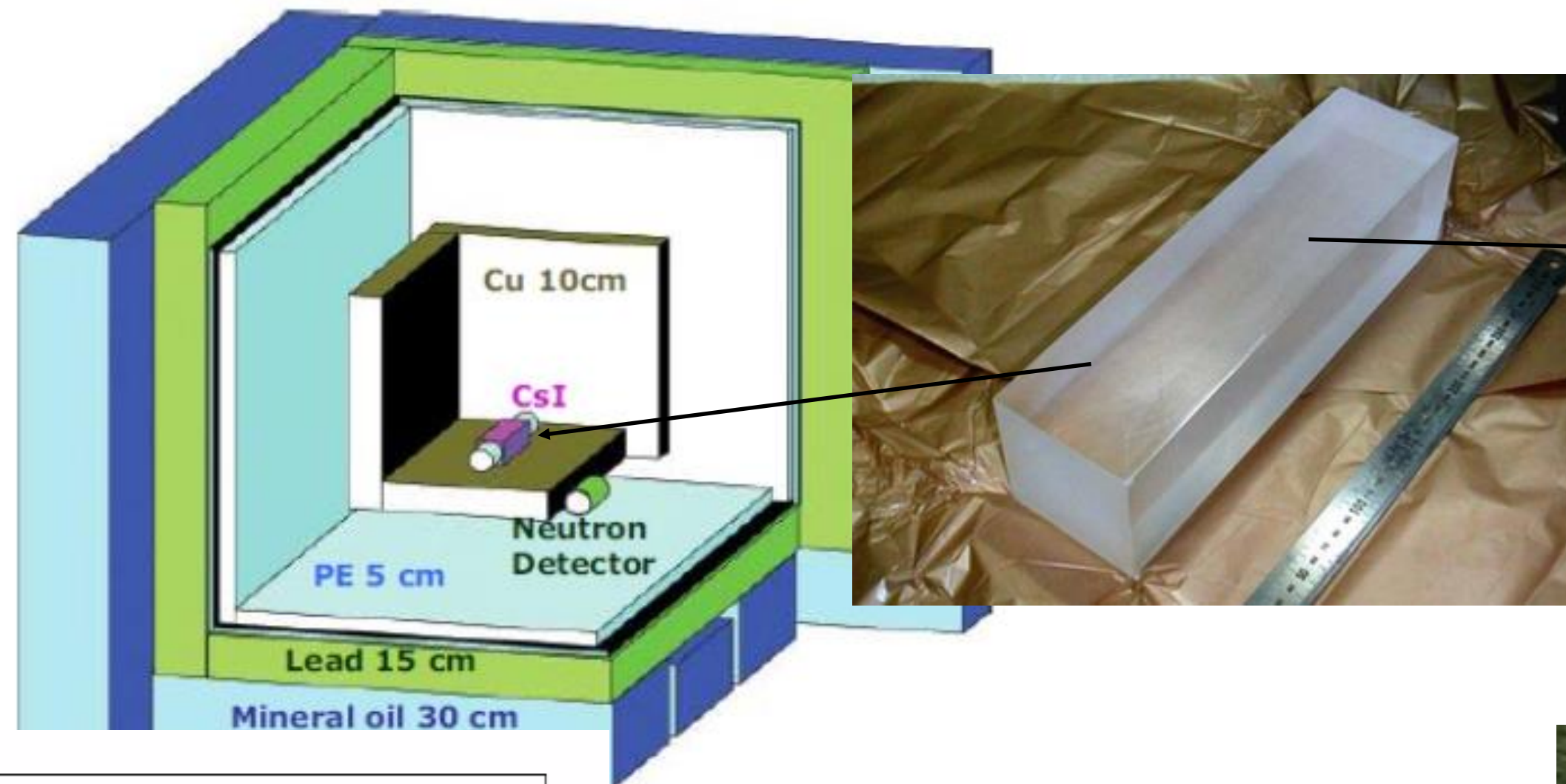
$\Delta E$ , Scalability, Slow turnaround, Hygroscopic

$\Delta r$ , Grain-size, Scan speed, Various nuclei

# Korea Invisible Mass Search (KIMS) since 2000

**12 CsI(Tl) 8.7 kg crystals (103 kg total)**

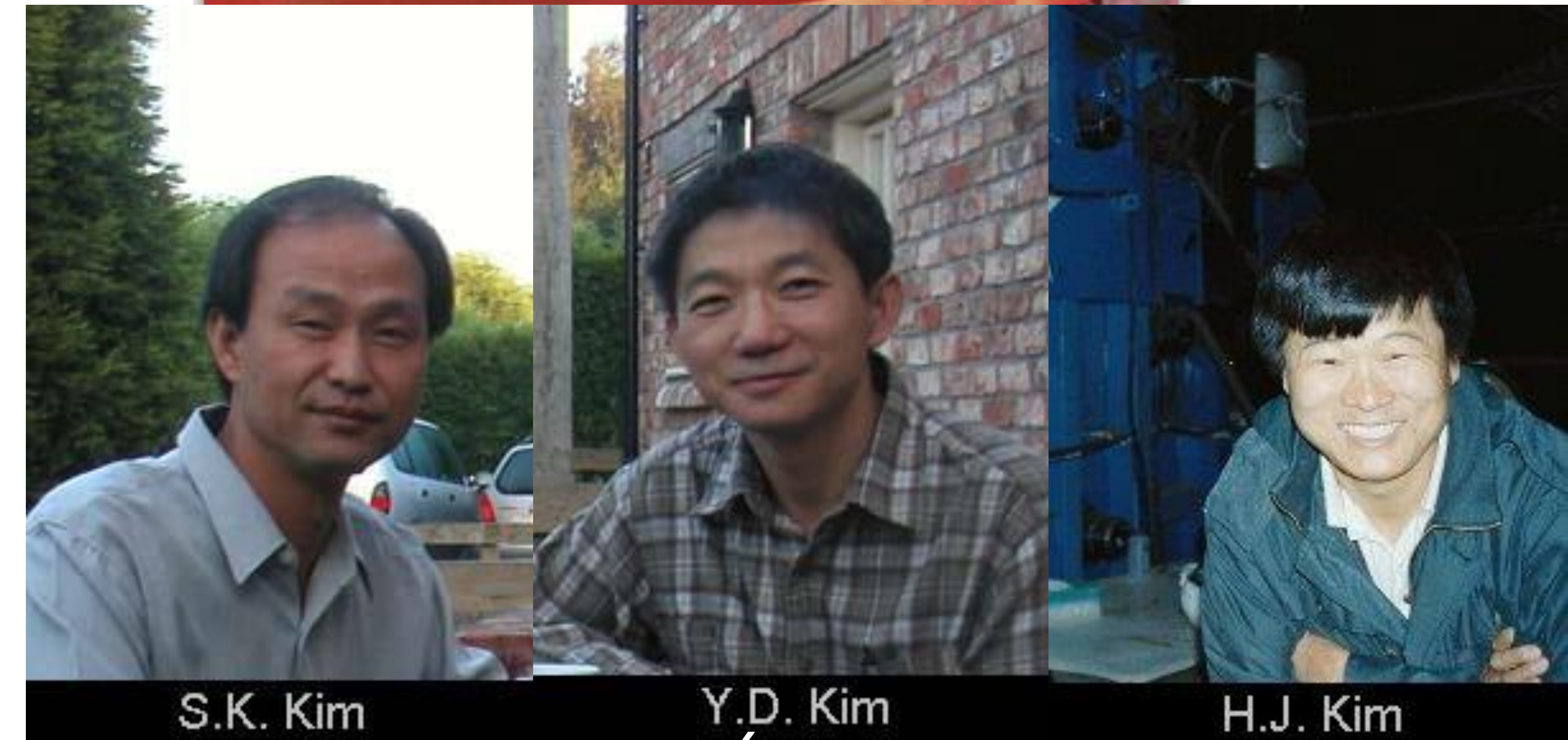
**Background level achieved at ~3 dru (counts/keV/kg/day) at 3 keV**



**SI cross section limit**

KIMS-CsI results rejects DAMA signal in WIMP-Iodine interactions

Need to investigate WIMP-Sodium interactions





# The COSINE-100 Experiment

Joint collaboration between KIMS and DM-Ice to search for dark matter interactions in NaI(Tl) scintillating crystals.

**5 countries,  
15 institutes  
50 scientists**



## DM-ICE

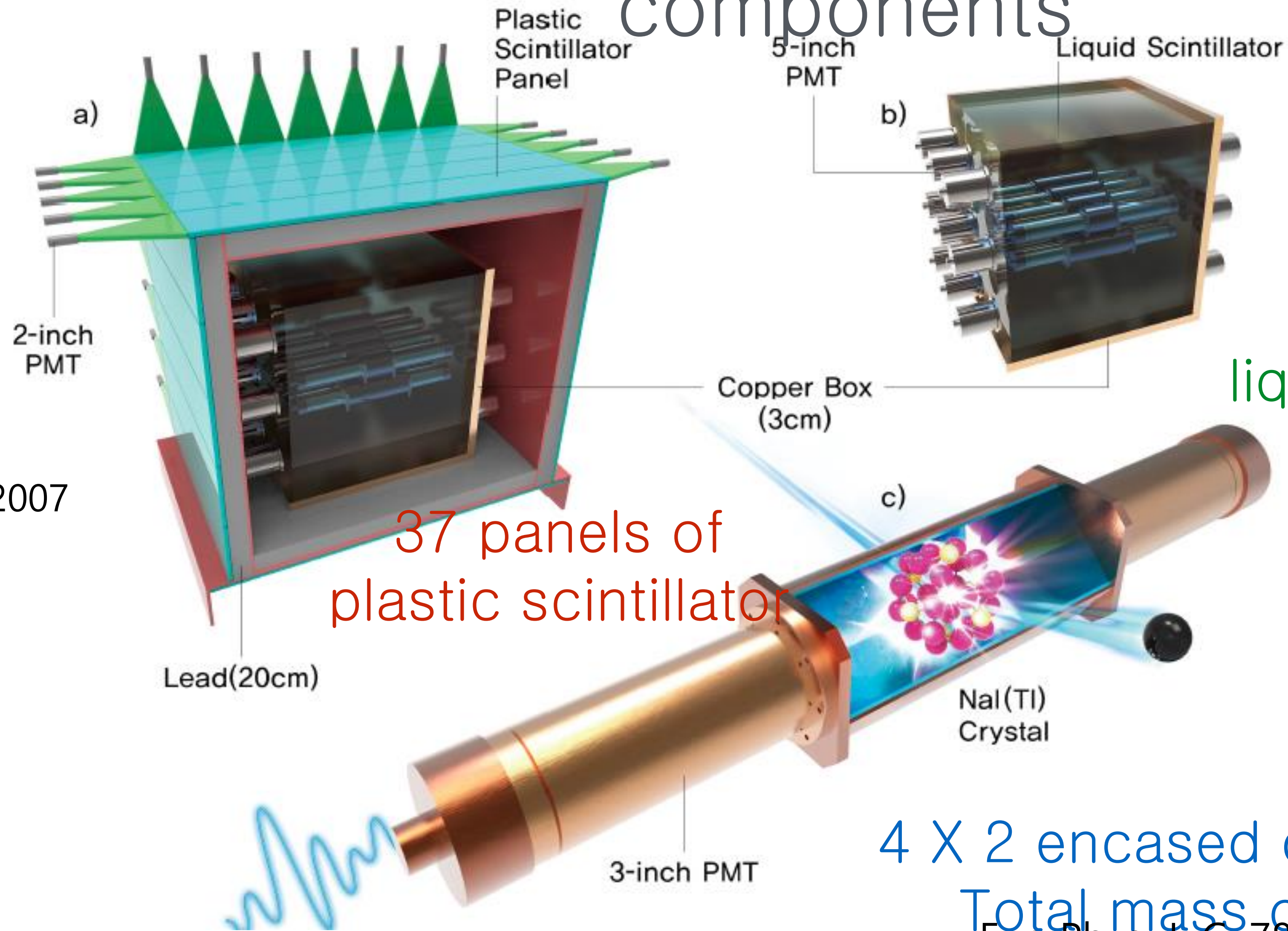


## WISCONSIN

## Yale



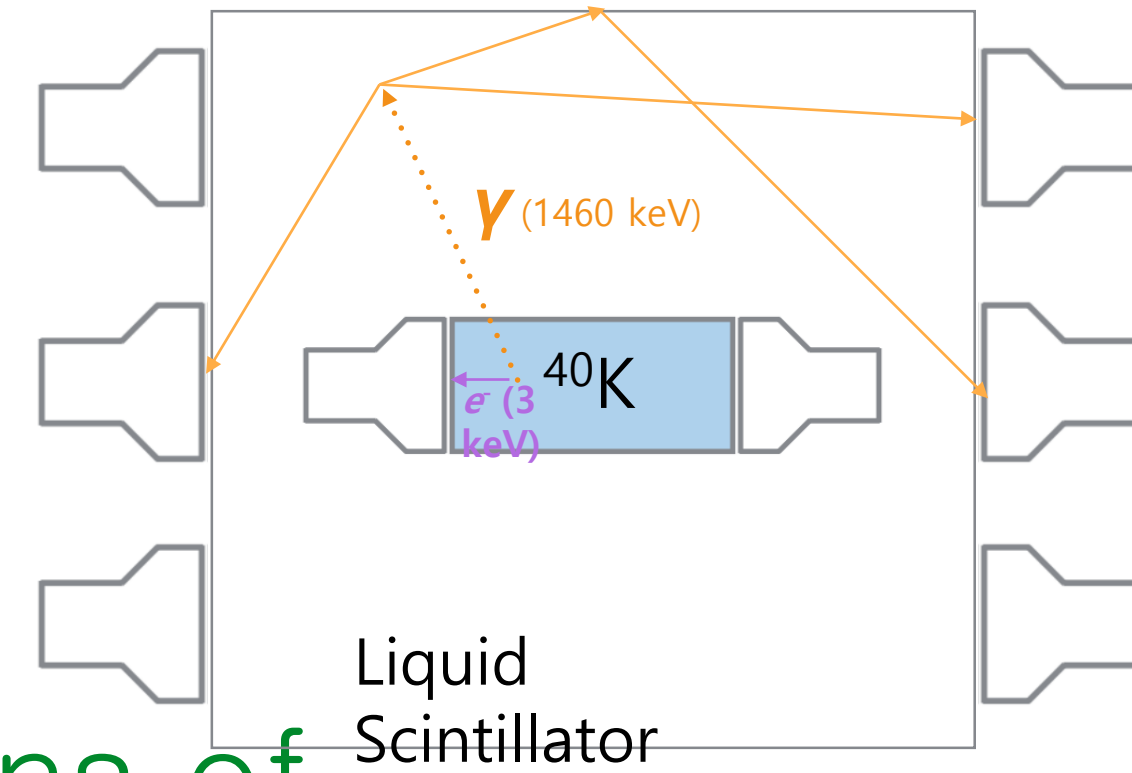
# The COSINE-100 detector components



37 panels of plastic scintillator

2 tons of liquid scintillator

4 X 2 encased crystal array  
Total mass of 106 kg



Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 851 102 (2017)

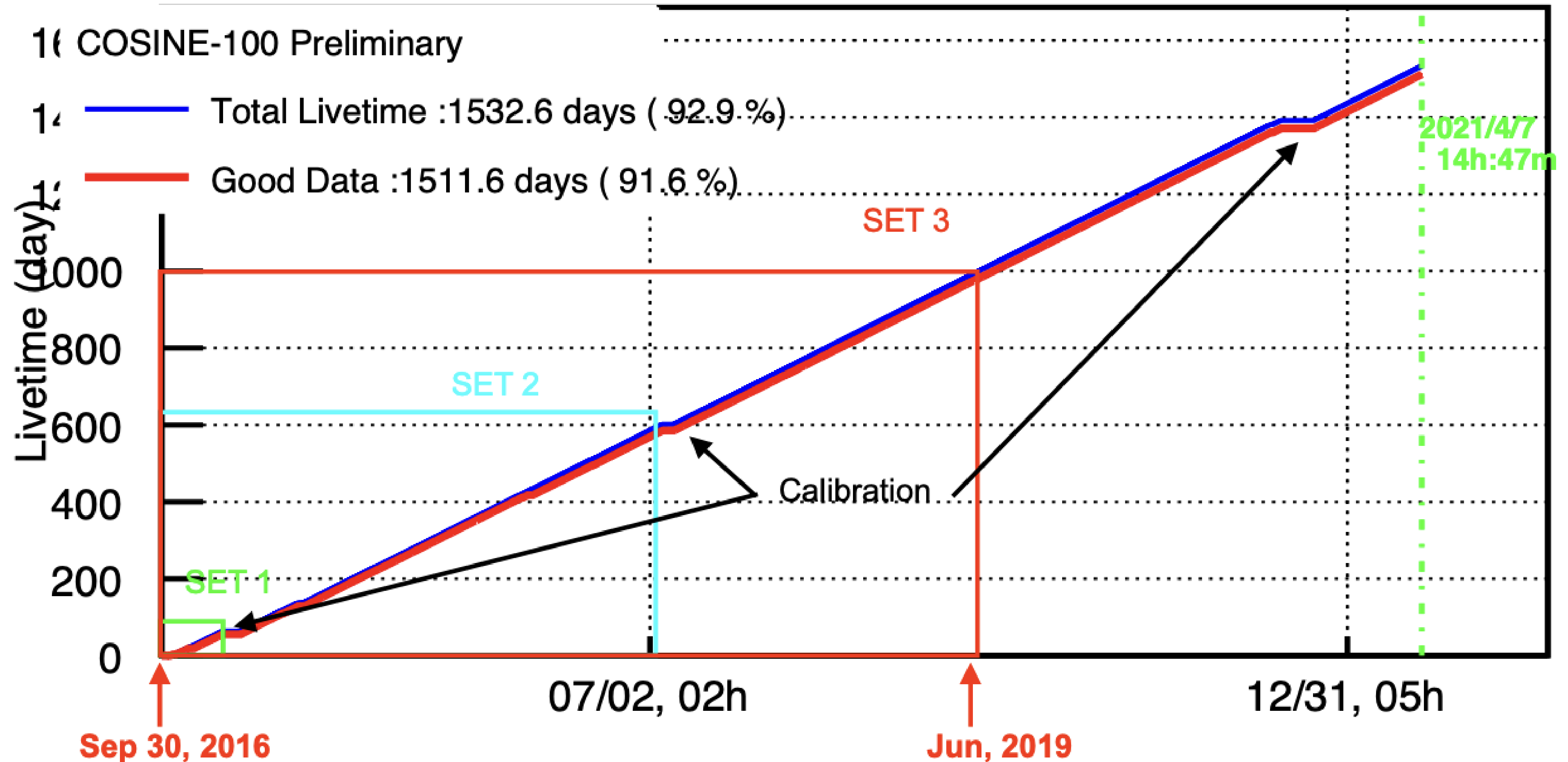
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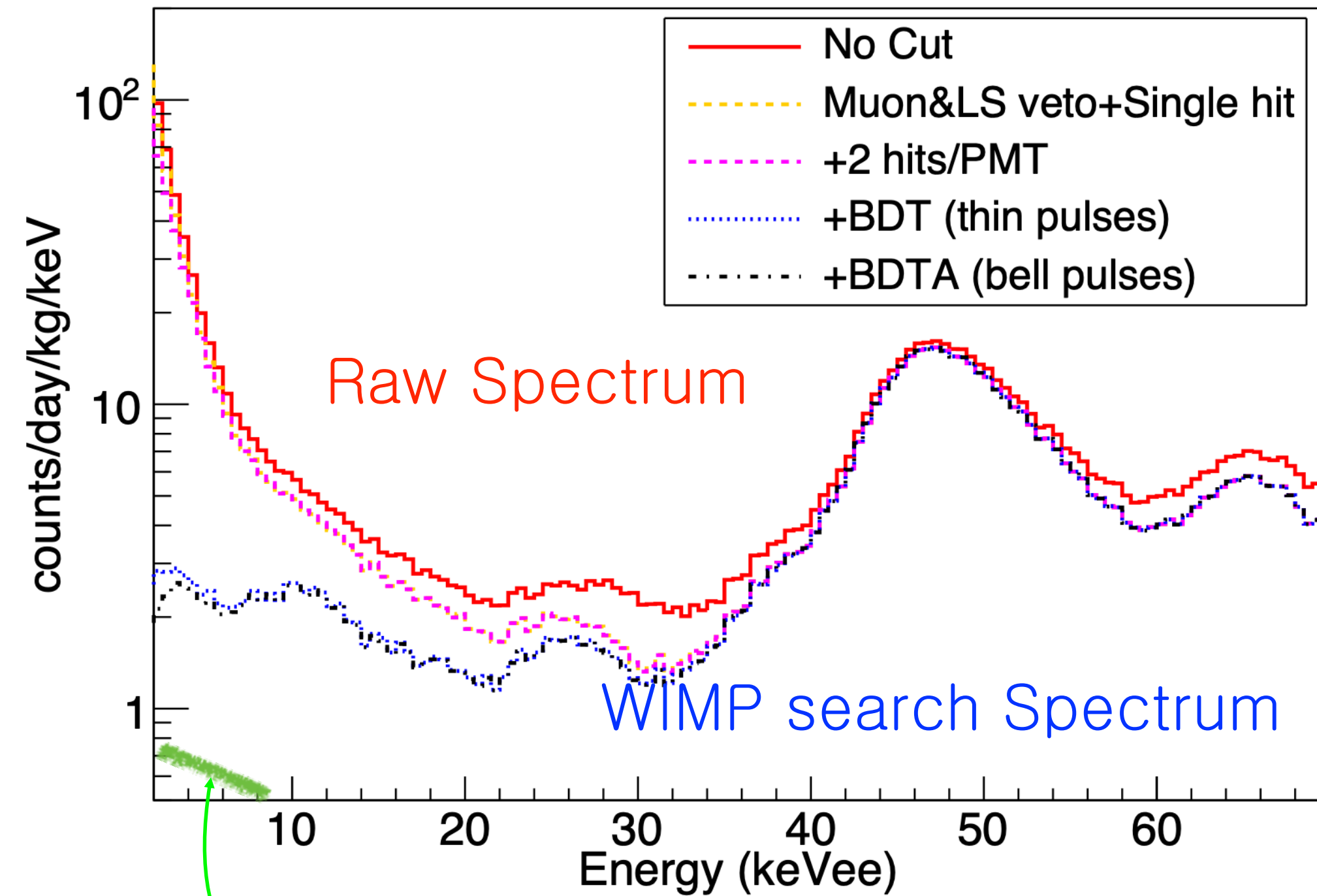
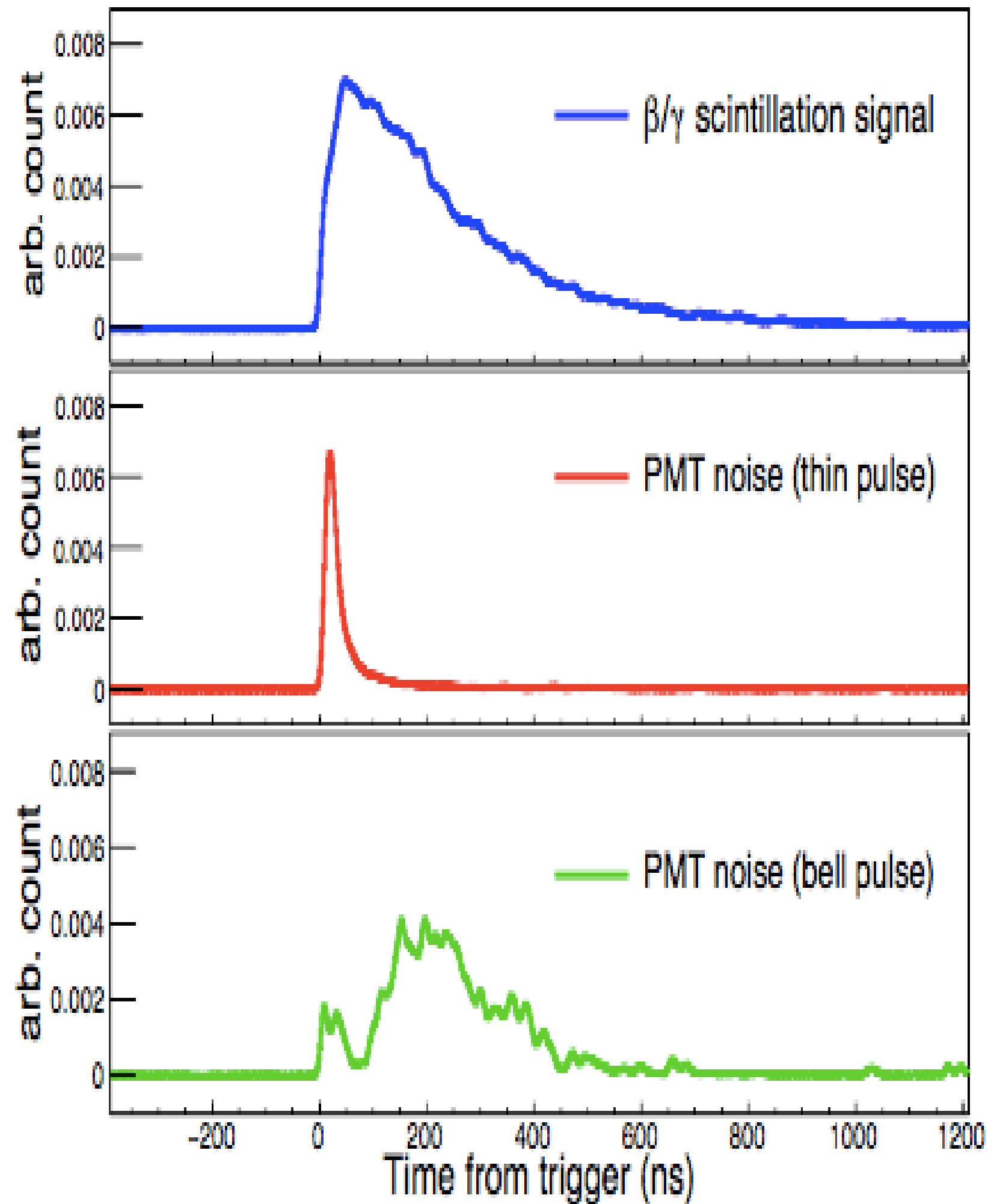
# Exposure (Running for more than 5 years)



Stable running of the detector for 5 years. Good runs are more than 90%

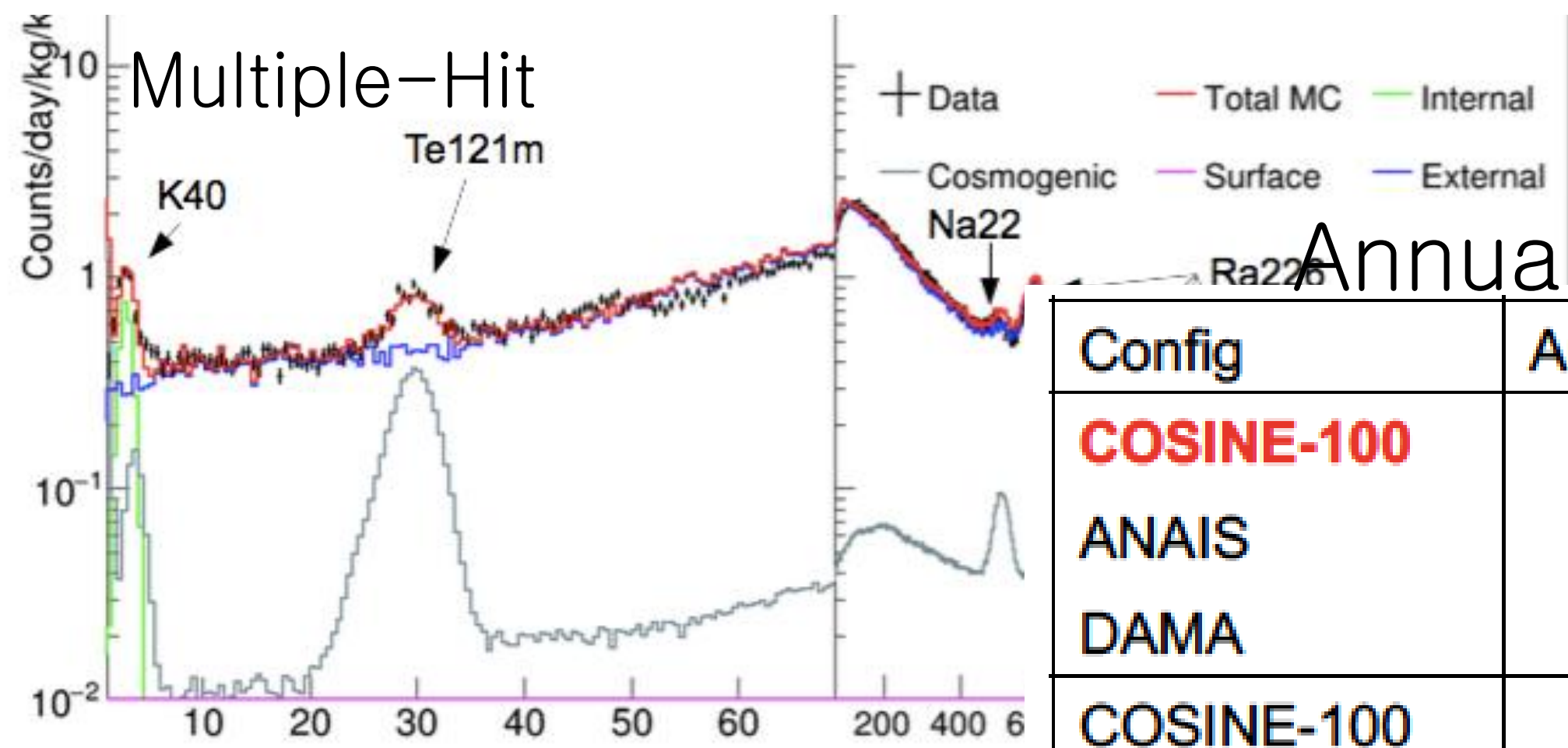
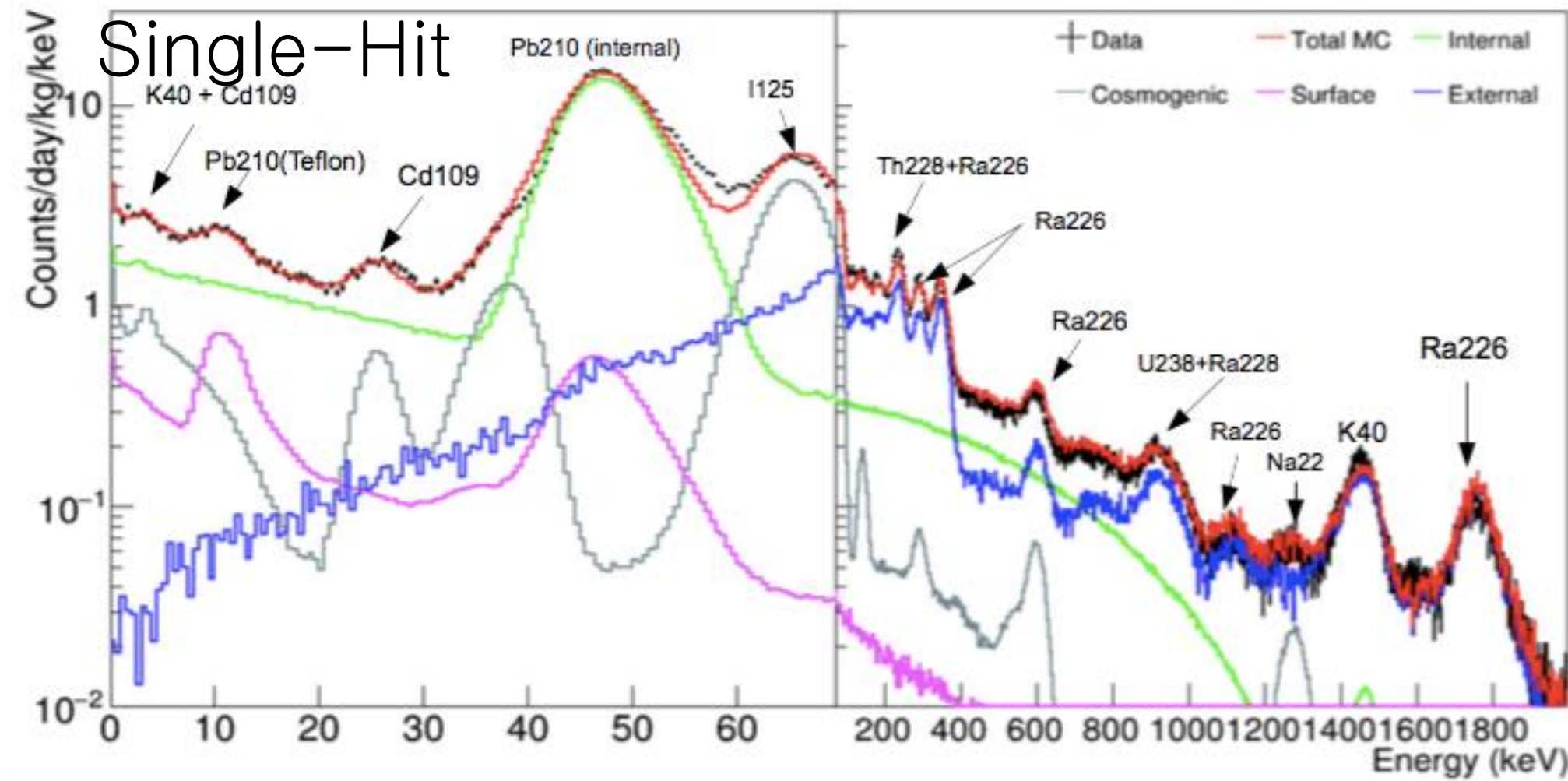
# PMT noise reduction

Every experiment has noise and WIMP search=Noise Reduction



- DAMA WIMP Signal Expectation
1. Constant Rate Analysis
  2. Annual Modulation Analysis

# COSINE-100 (2-keV Threshold Analyses)

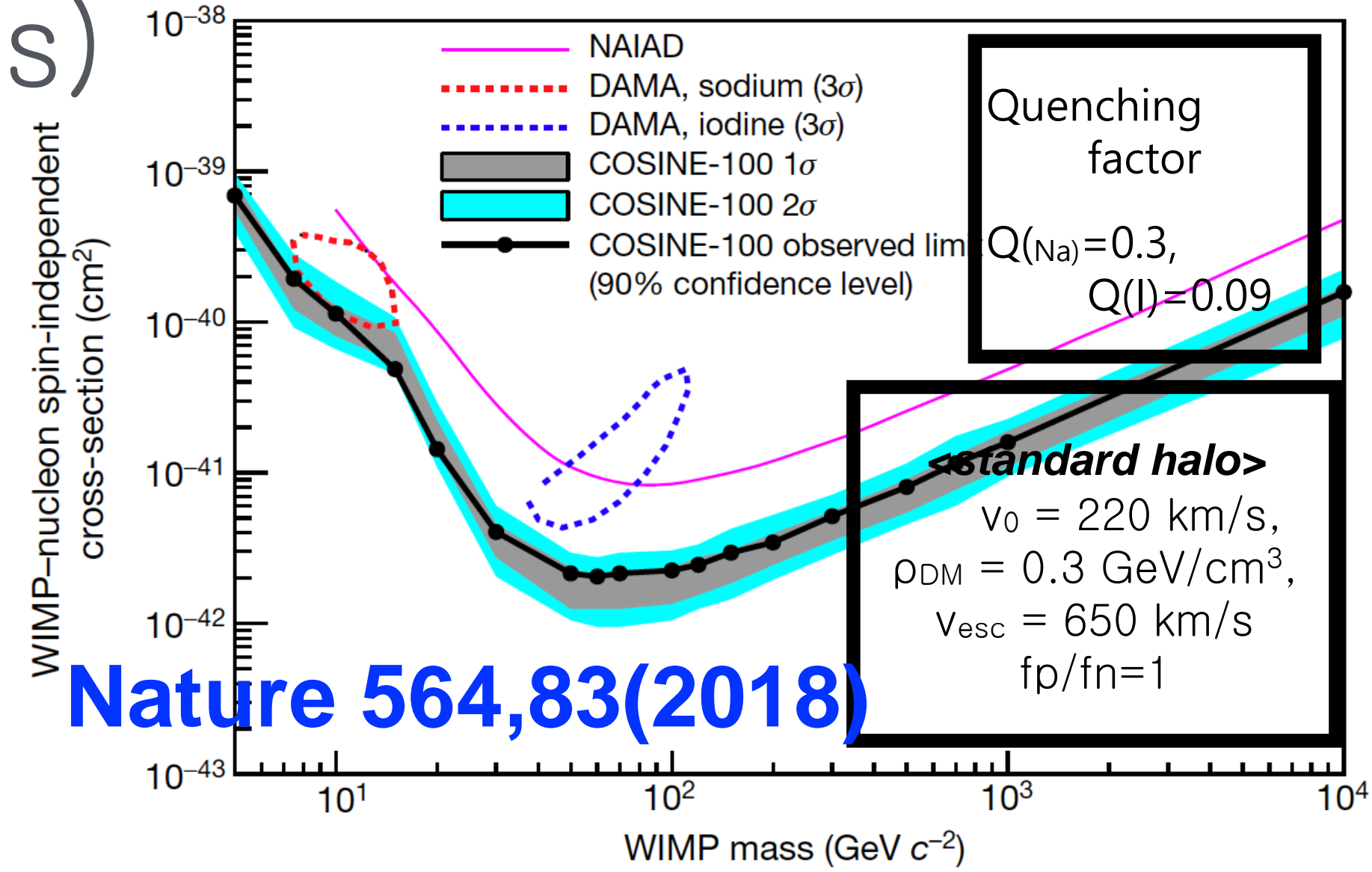


**EPJC 78, 490 (2018)**

**PRL 123,031302 (2019)**

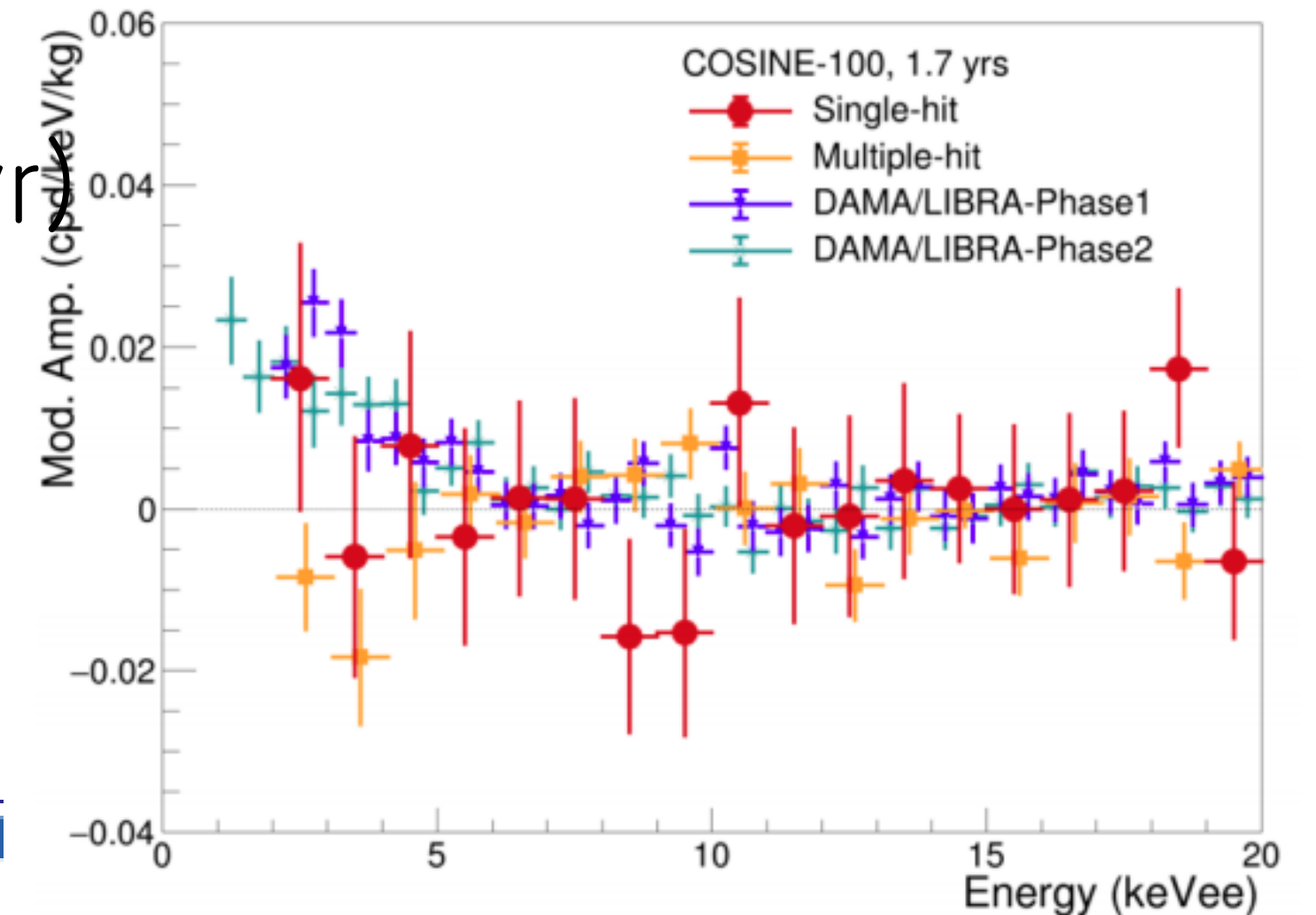
Annual Modulation Analysis(1.7 yr)

Config	Amplitude (2-6 keV)	Phase (days)
<b>COSINE-100</b>	<b><math>0.0083 \pm 0.0068</math></b>	<b>152.5 (fixed)</b>
ANAIS	$-0.0044 \pm 0.0058$	152.5 (fixed)
DAMA	$0.0095 \pm 0.0008$	152.5 (fixed)
COSINE-100	$0.0092 \pm 0.0067$	$127 \pm 46$
DAMA	$0.0096 \pm 0.0008$	$145 \pm 5$

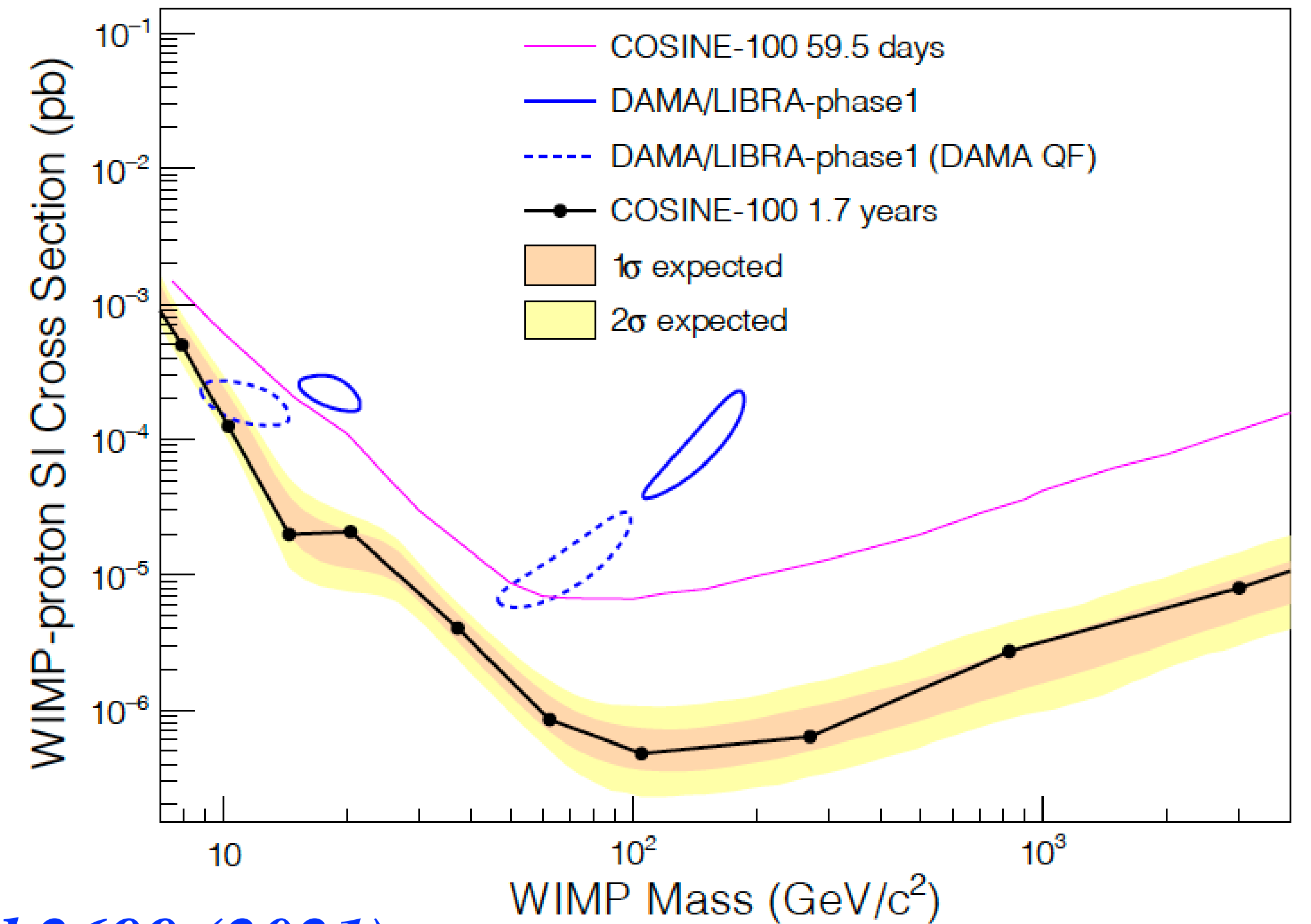
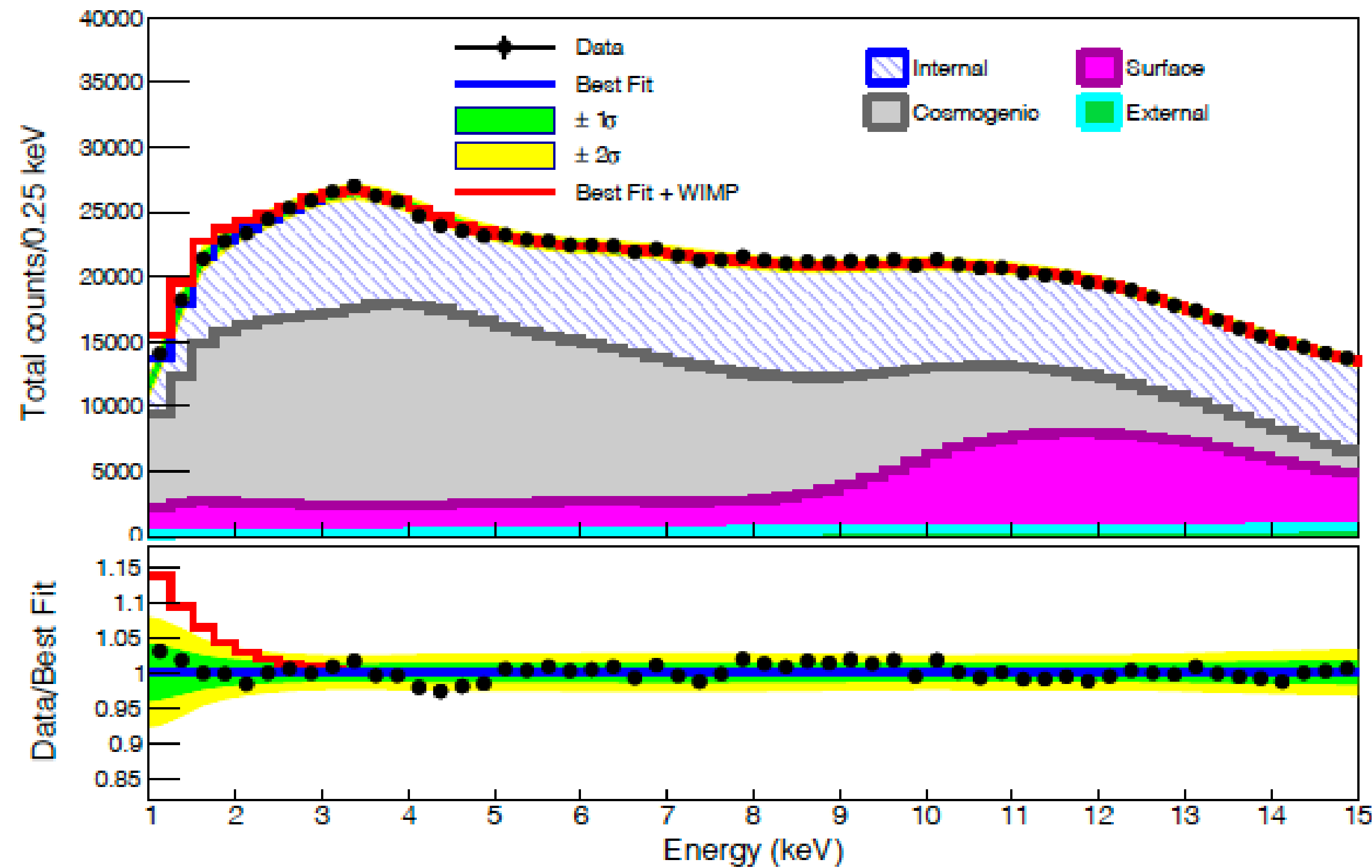


**Nature 564,83(2018)**

Offset + Exponential + Cosine is fit to data at 2-6 keV.



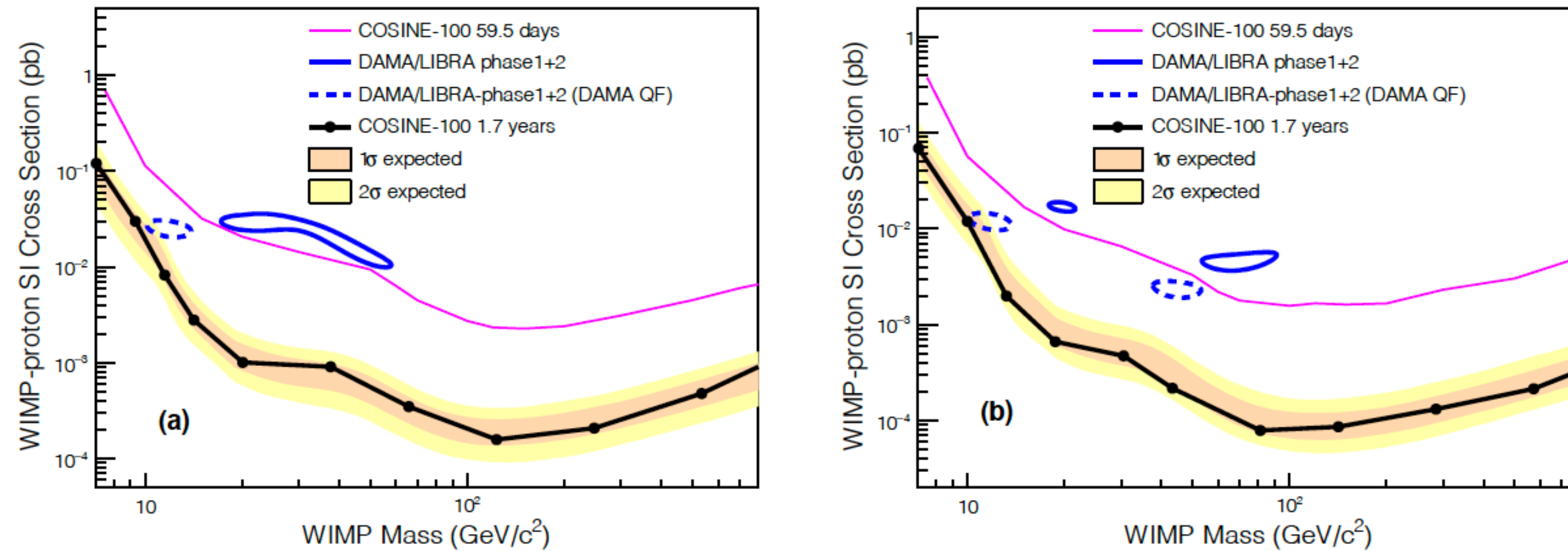
# Constant Rate Analysis with 1-keV threshold (1.7 yr)



*Sci. Adv. 7, eabk2699 (2021)*

**A factor of 10 improved result compared to the first result**

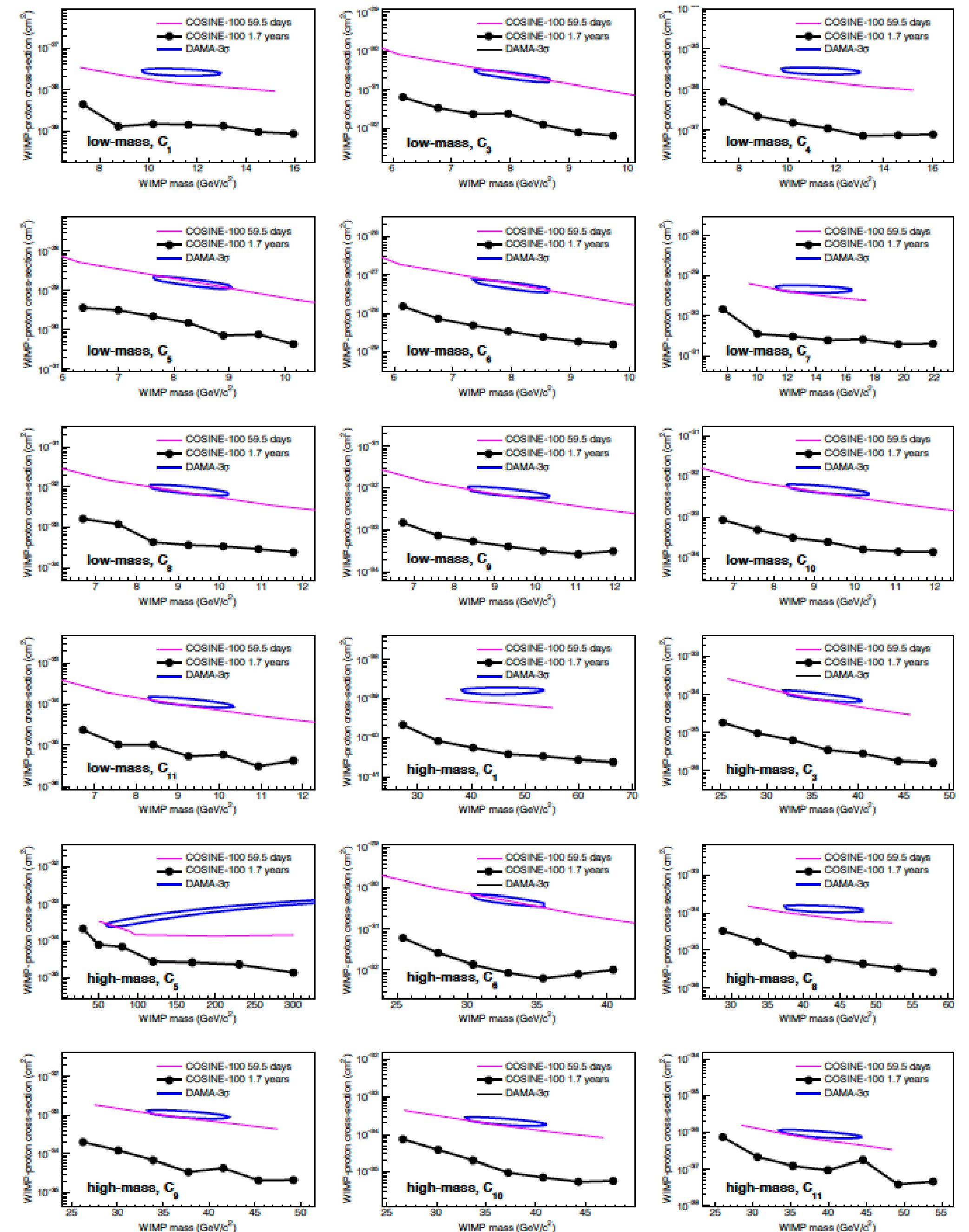
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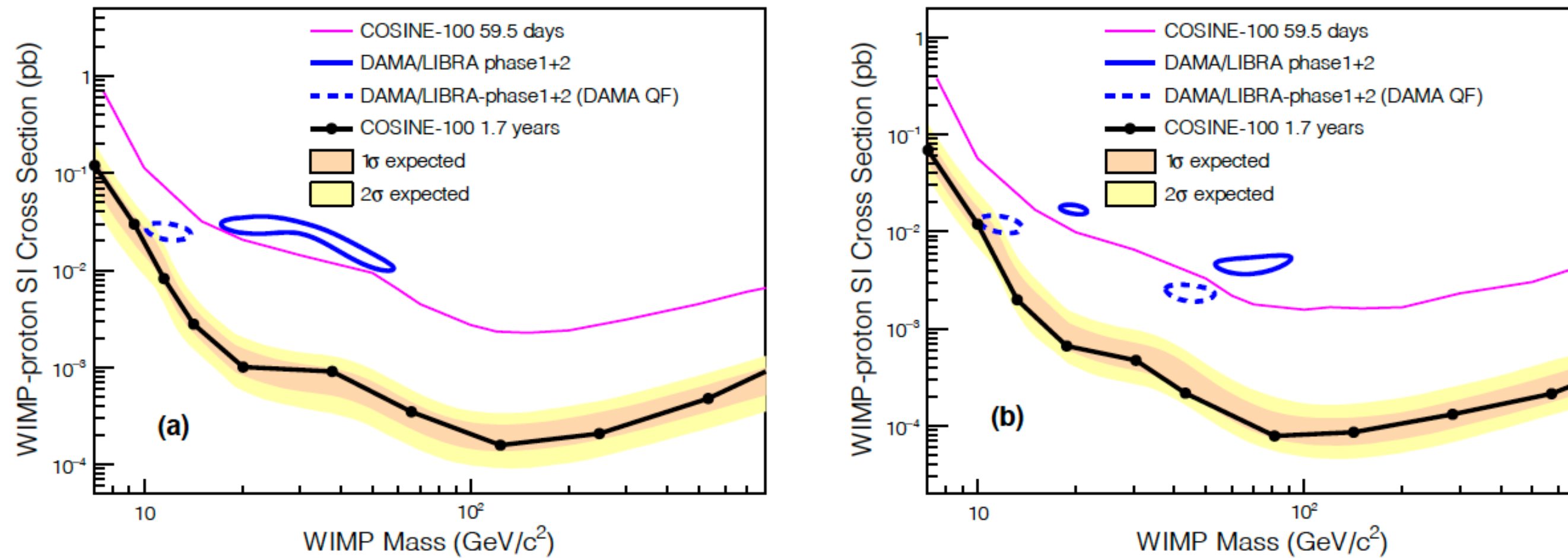
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## Is the end in sight for famous dark matter claim?

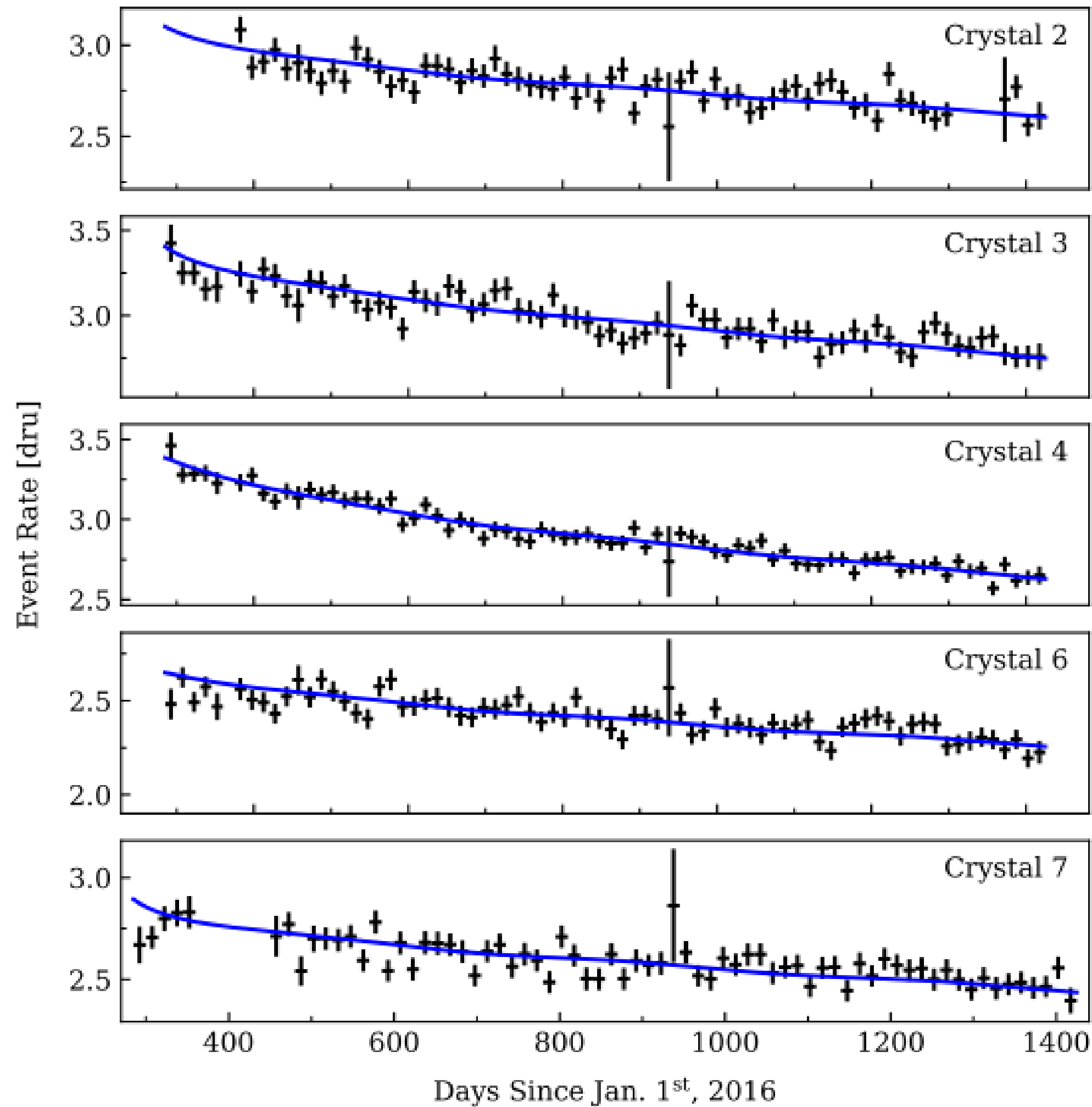
New data cast more doubt on controversial result from the DAMA experiment and an alternative explanation of it emerges

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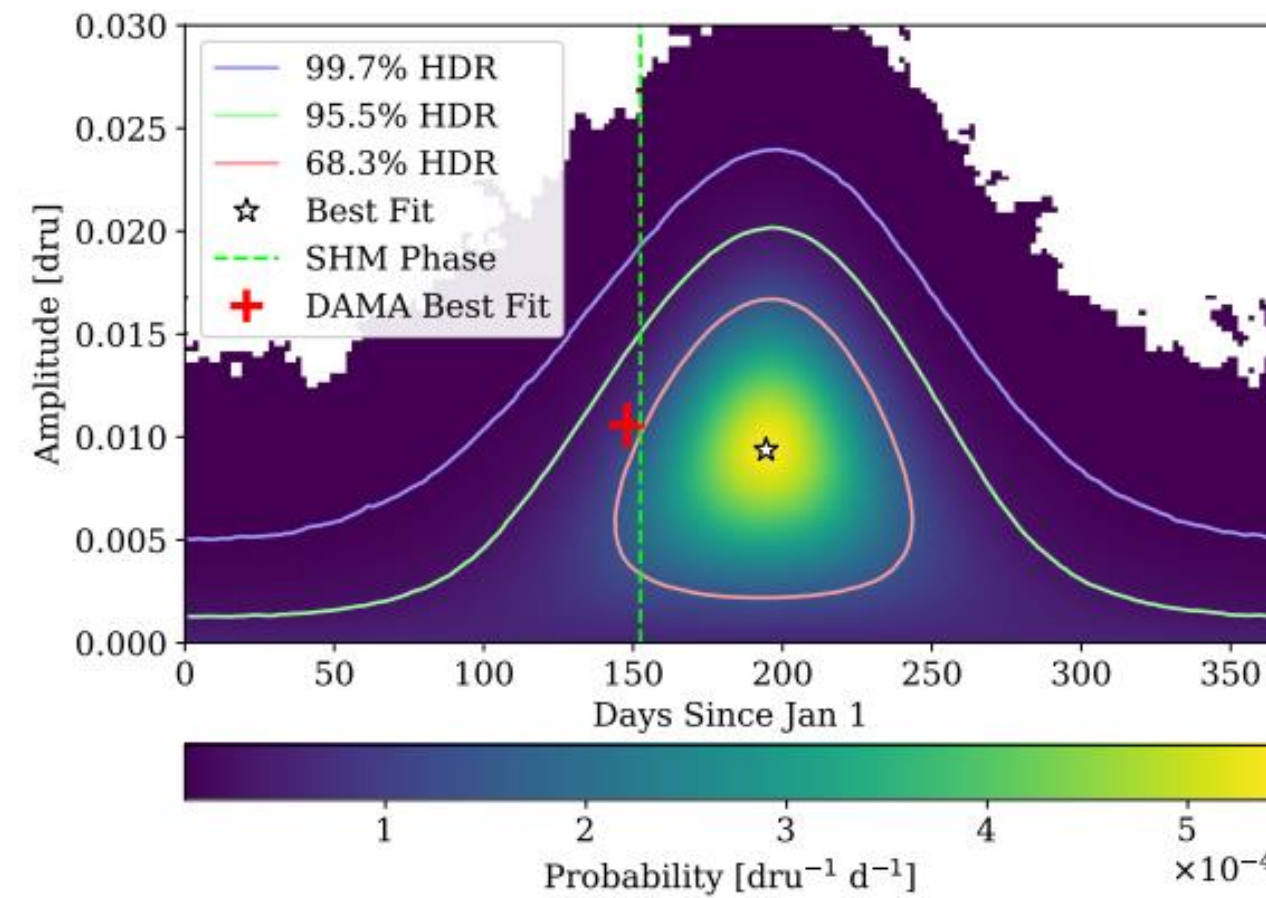
*Science Article*

Dark matter particles should generate flashes of light in the COSINE experiment's sodium iodide crystals. It aims to test a similar experiment's dark matter claim. CHANG HYON HA

# Annual Modulation Analysis with 1-keV threshold (2.82 yr)

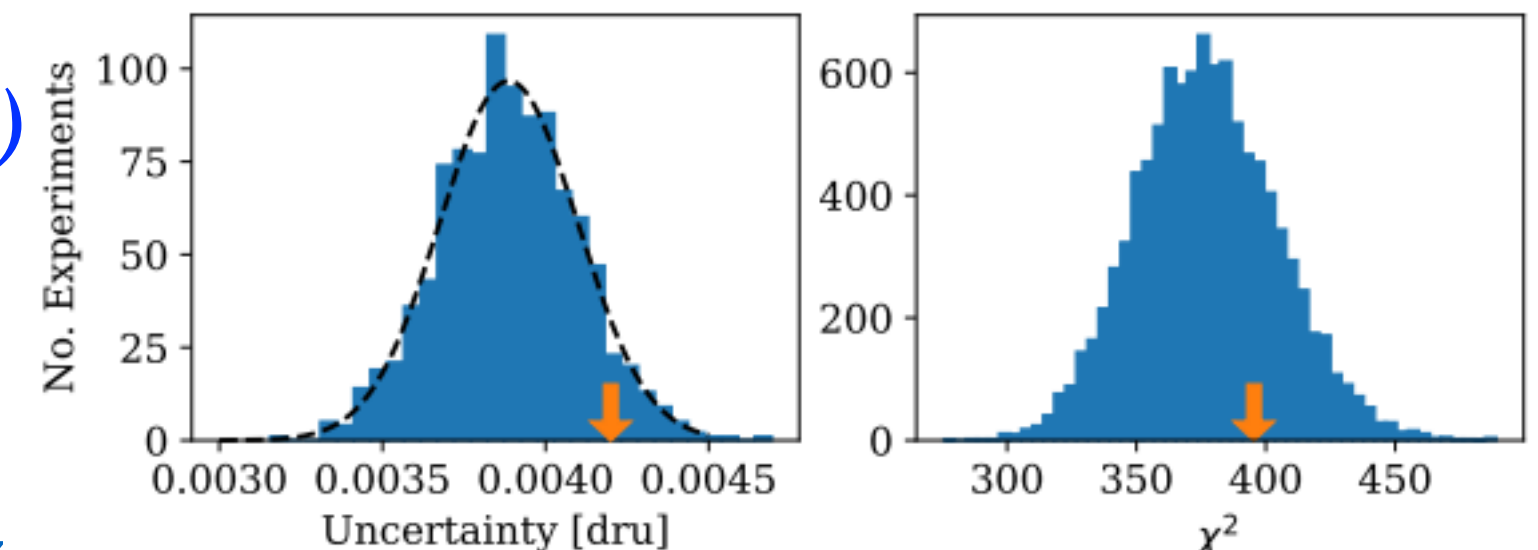


Better Modeling of Backgrounds  
Better Pseudo experiments



Configuration	Amplitude [dru]	Phase [days]
COSINE-100 1-6 keV (This result)	0.0067±0.0042	152.5 (fixed)
COSINE-100 2-6 keV (This result)	0.0050±0.0047	152.5 (fixed)
COSINE-100 2-6 keV (2019 result [14])	0.0083±0.0068	152.5 (fixed)
ANAIS 1-6 keV (2021 result [16])	-0.0034±0.0042	152.5 (fixed)
ANAIS 2-6 keV (2021 result [16])	0.0003±0.0037	152.5 (fixed)
DAMA/LIBRA 1-6 keV (phase2 [7])	0.0105±0.0011	152.5 (fixed)
DAMA/NaI+LIBRA 2-6 keV [7]	0.0102±0.0008	152.5 (fixed)
COSINE-100 1-6 keV (This result)	0.0094 <sup>+0.0073</sup> <sub>-0.0072</sub>	194.5 <sup>+49.0</sup> <sub>-50.5</sub>
COSINE-100 2-6 keV (This result)	0.0061 <sup>+0.0064</sup> <sub>-0.0061</sub>	Unconstrained
COSINE-100 2-6 keV (2019 result [14])	0.0092±0.0067	127.2±45.9
DAMA/LIBRA 1-6 keV (phase2 [7])	0.0106±0.0011	148±6
DAMA/NaI+LIBRA 2-6 keV [7]	0.0103±0.0008	145±5

*PRD submitted (arXiv:2111.08863)*



*This Results (1-6 keV) : 0.0067 ± 0.0042 dru*

DAMA/LIBRA : 0.0105 ± 0.0011

**Keep pounding! Need more data! Need better crystals!**

# COSINE-200 Preparations (much work done in Korea)

## Powder Purification

	K (ppb)	Pb (ppb)	U (ppb)	Th (ppb)
Initial NaI	248	19.0	<0.01	<0.01
Purified NaI	<16	0.4	<0.01	<0.01

[K.A. Shin et al., J. Rad. Nucl. Chem. 317, 1329 \(2018\)](#)

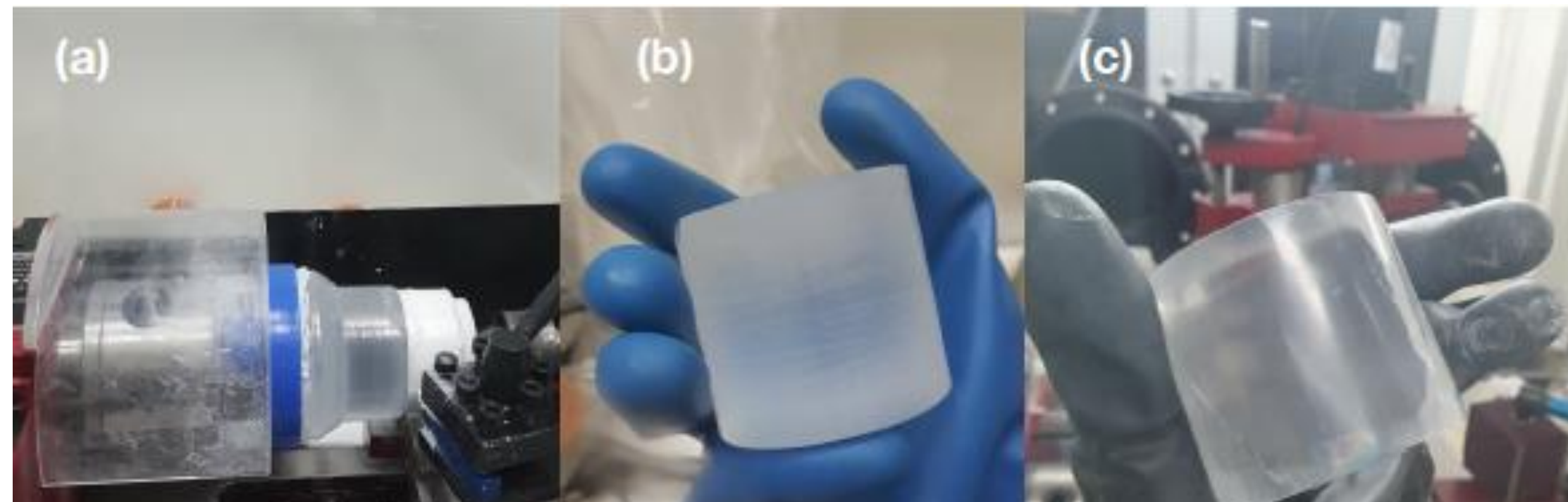
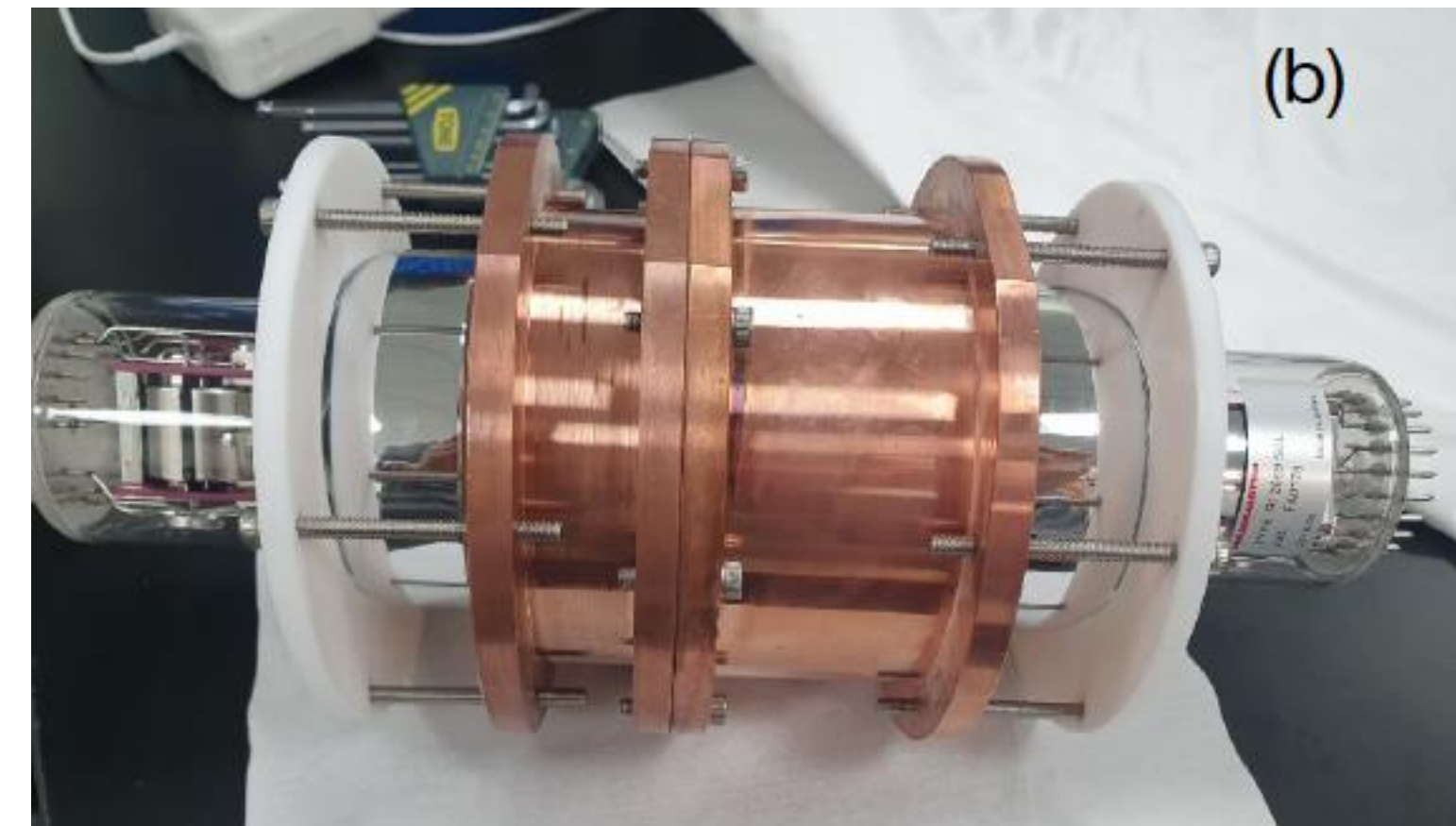
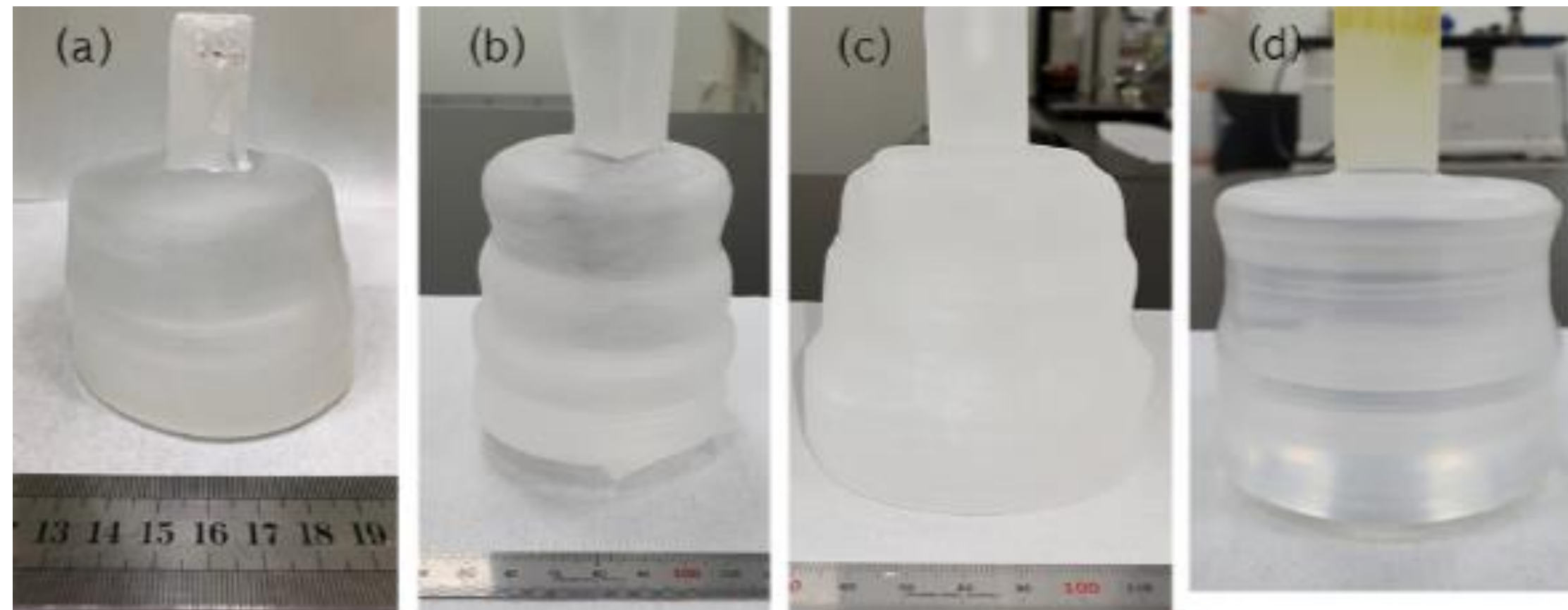
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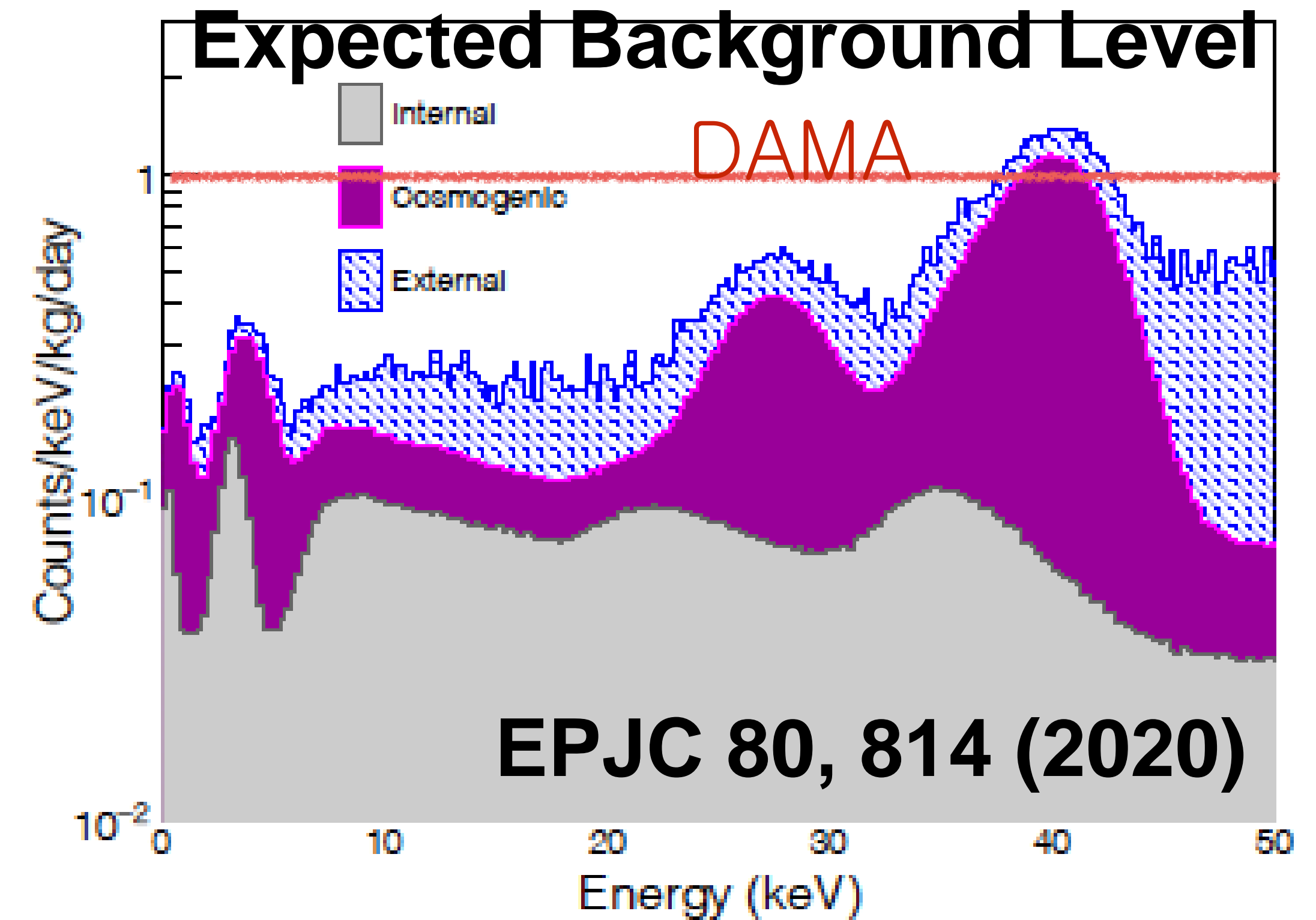
**Background rate should be less than 1 dru (DAMA)**



# Prototype NaI(Tl) crystal detector



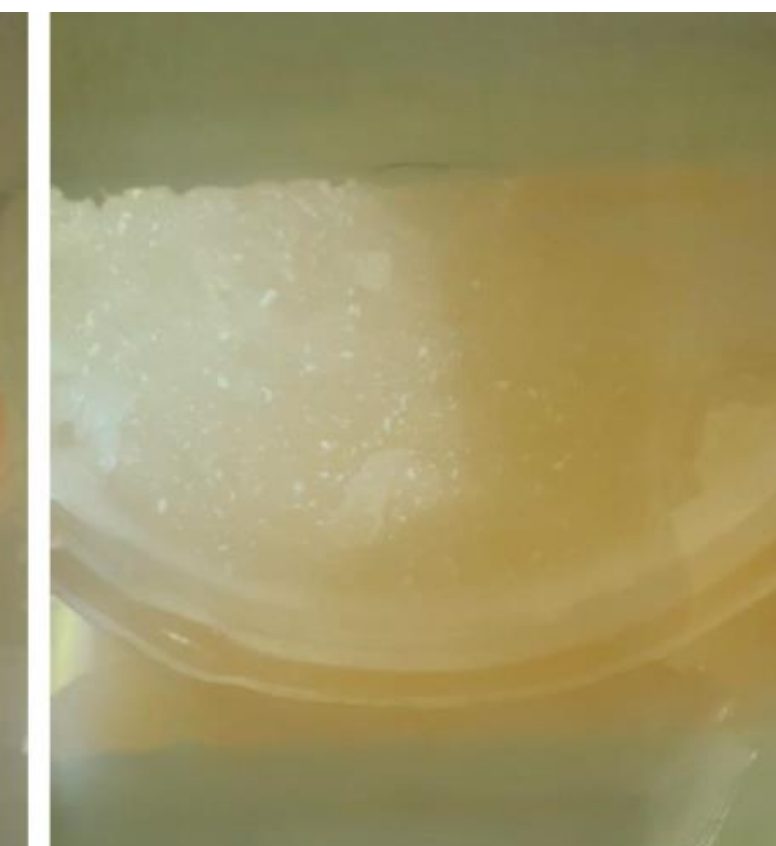
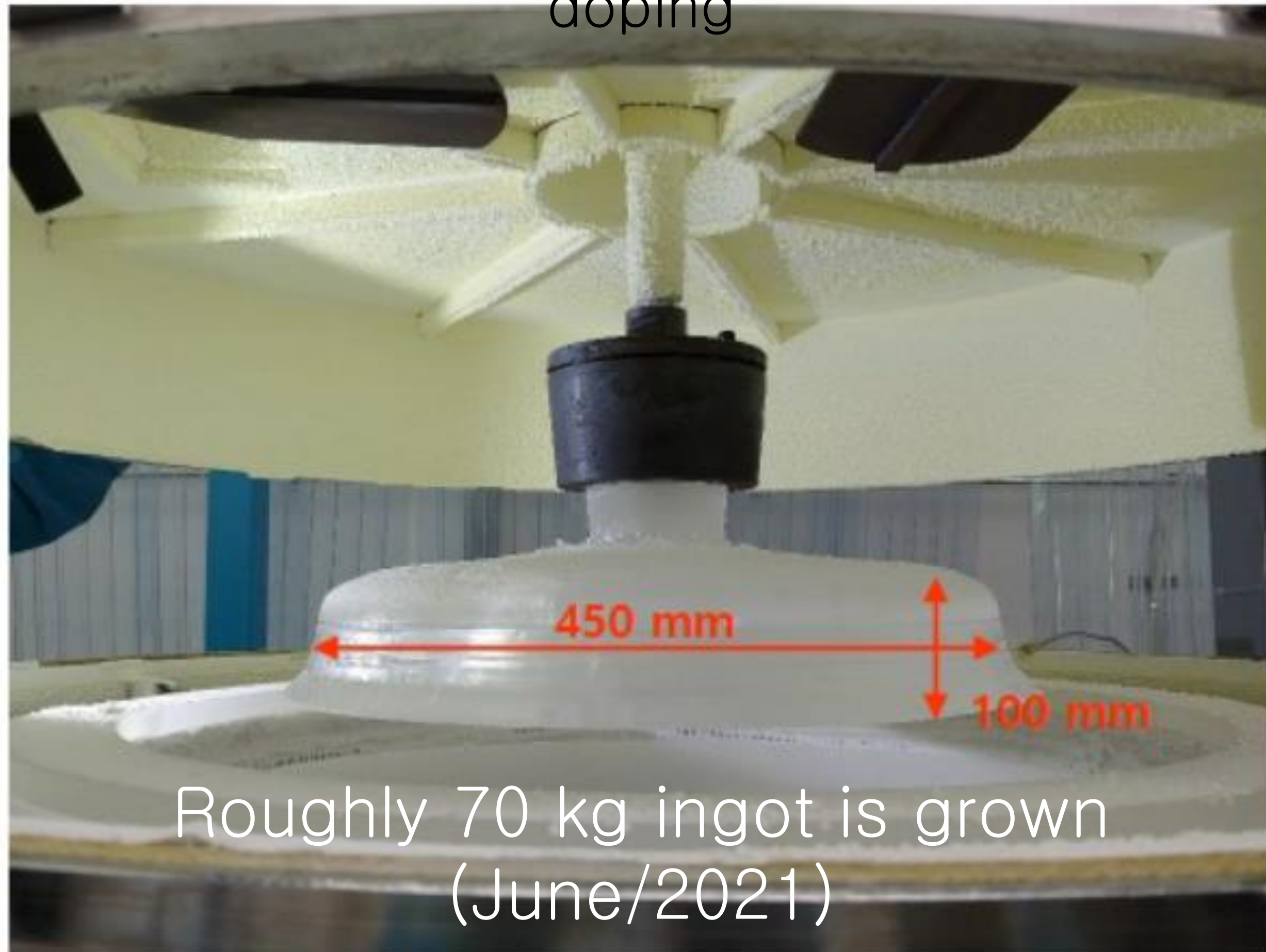
	K (ppb)	$^{210}\text{Pb}$ (mBq/kg)	$^{238}\text{U}$ ( $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$ )	$^{232}\text{Th}$ ( $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$ )
Powder	5	-	<20	<20
Aug/2018	684	3.8 $\pm$ 0.3	26 $\pm$ 7	<6
Sept/2019	<b>8</b>	<b>0.01<math>\pm</math>0.02</b>	<b>11<math>\pm</math>4</b>	<b>7<math>\pm</math>2</b>
DAMA	<20	0.01~0.03	8.7~124	2~31



# Large Size NaI(Tl) crystal growth at CUP

Test growing without Thallium doping

195 kg NaI Merck Powder loaded



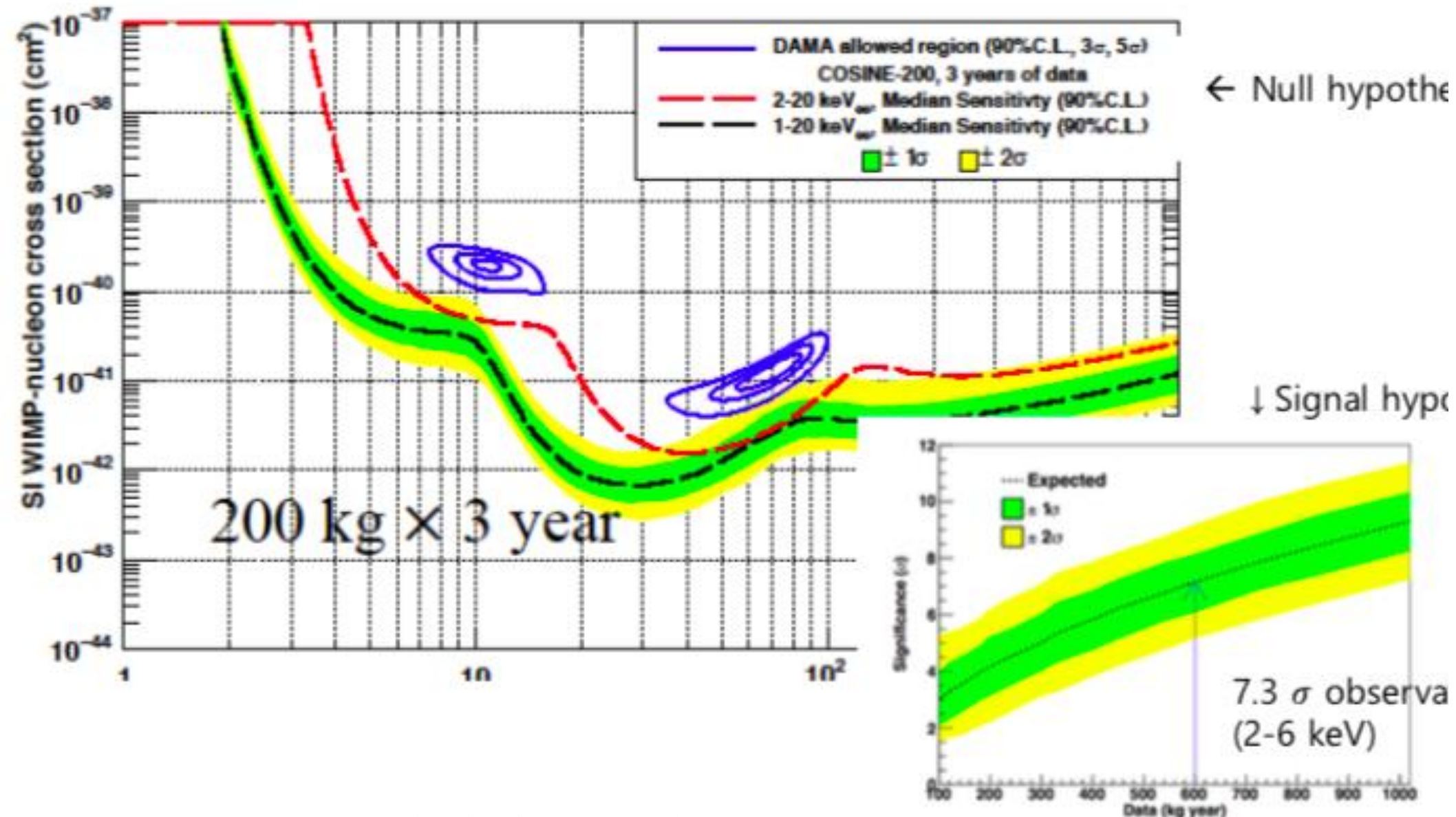
Sequence of crystallization

In-house Crystal growing starts working. Large-size Tl-doped and low-bkg crystal growth is the next step.

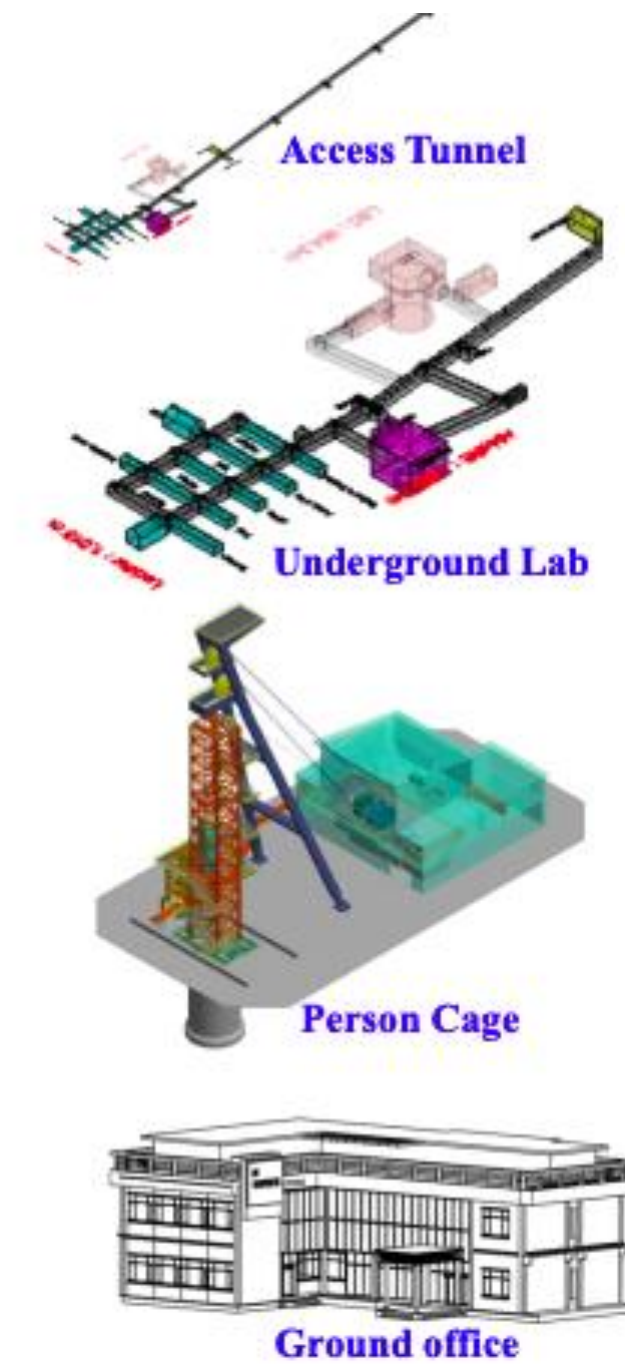
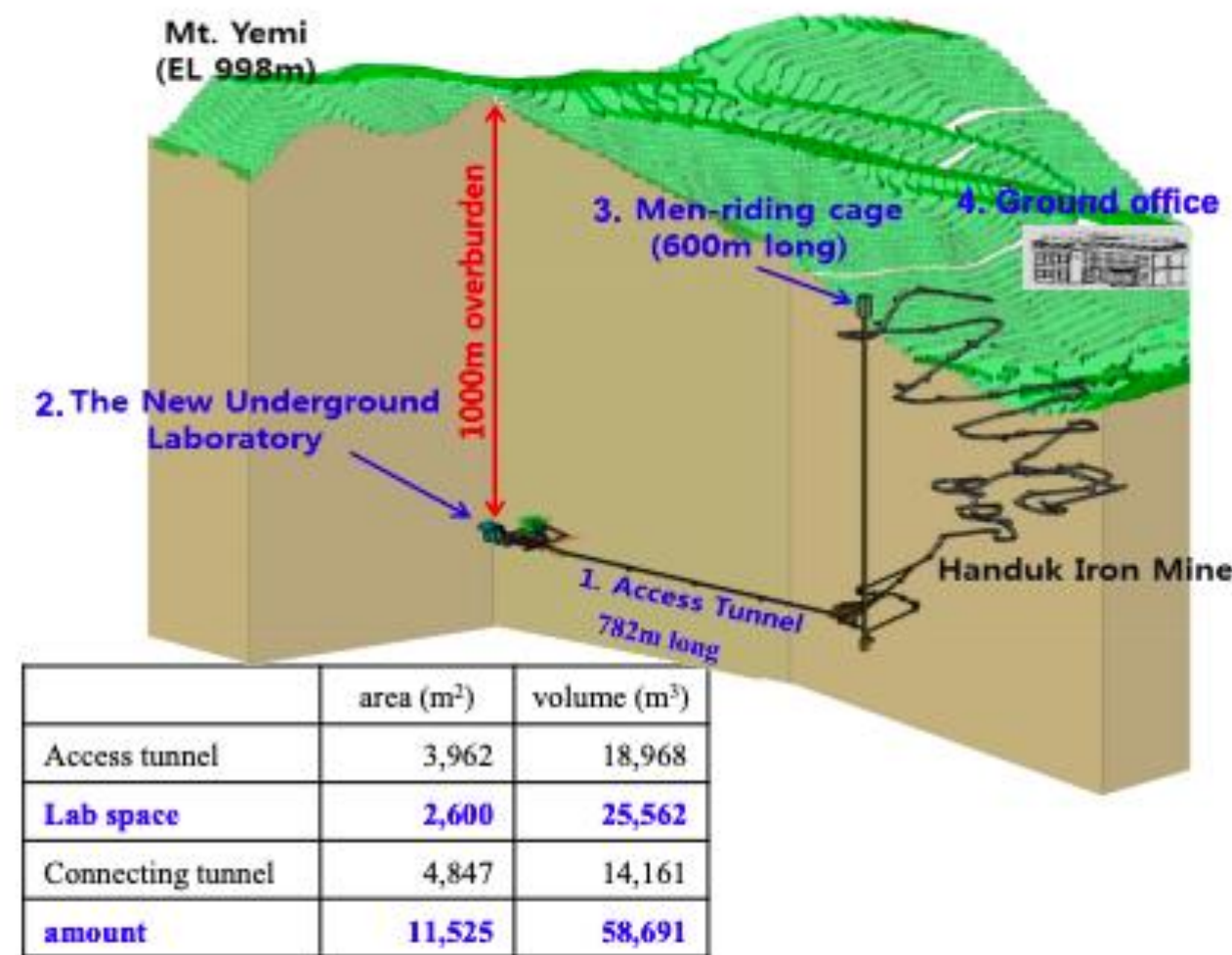
# COSINE-200 (starting 2022-2023) @ Yemilab

## Annual Modulation Analysis

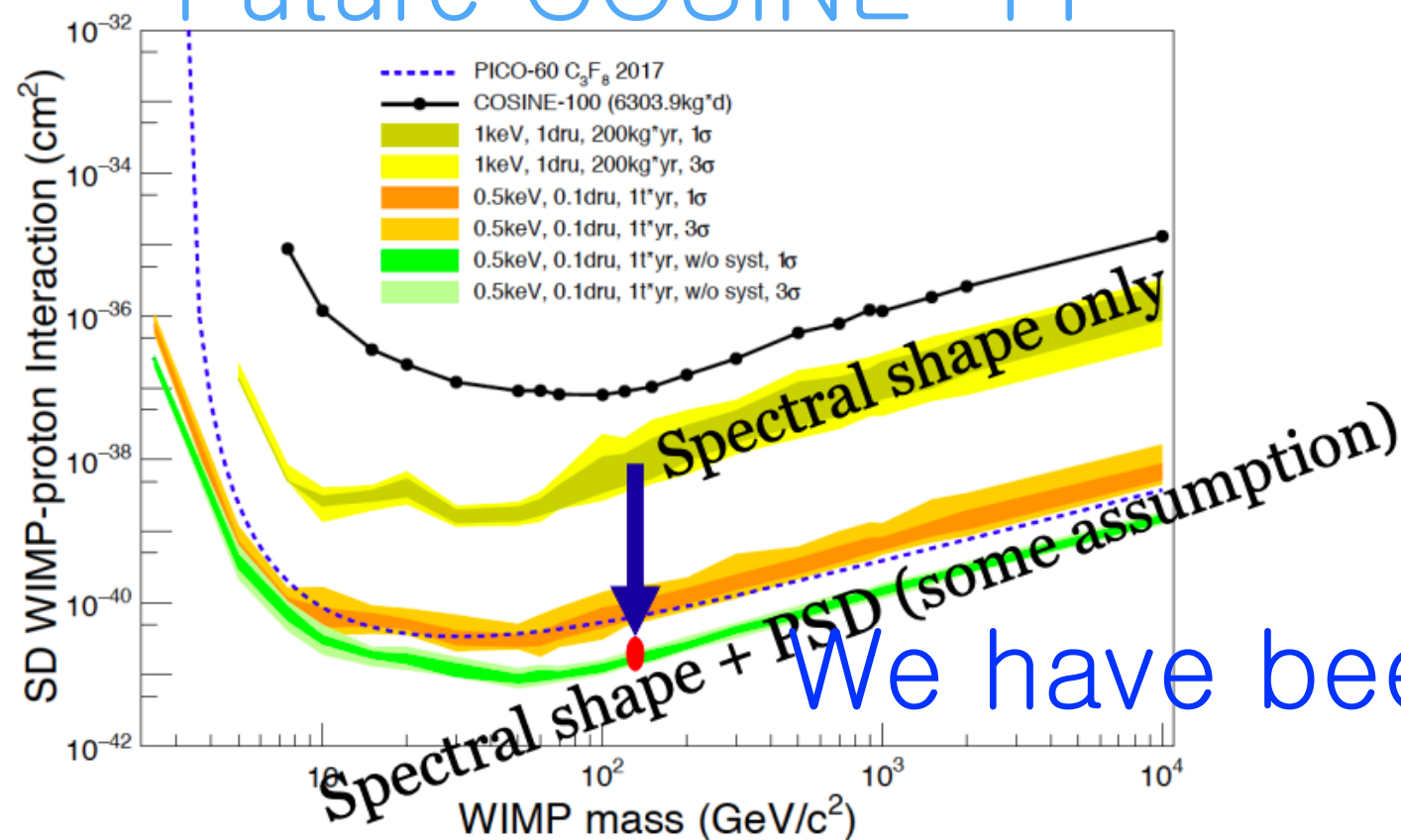
- 1 counts/day/kg/keV background assumed (same as DAMA/LIBRA)



1. Access Tunnel, 782 m long with 12% down slope
2. Underground Lab. with 2600  $\text{m}^2$
3. Person Cage, running vertical 587 m
4. Ground Office with 2500  $\text{m}^2$



## Future COSINE-1T



We have been preparing 200 kg experiment (COSINE-200) using better crystals with lower background



The ground office exterior

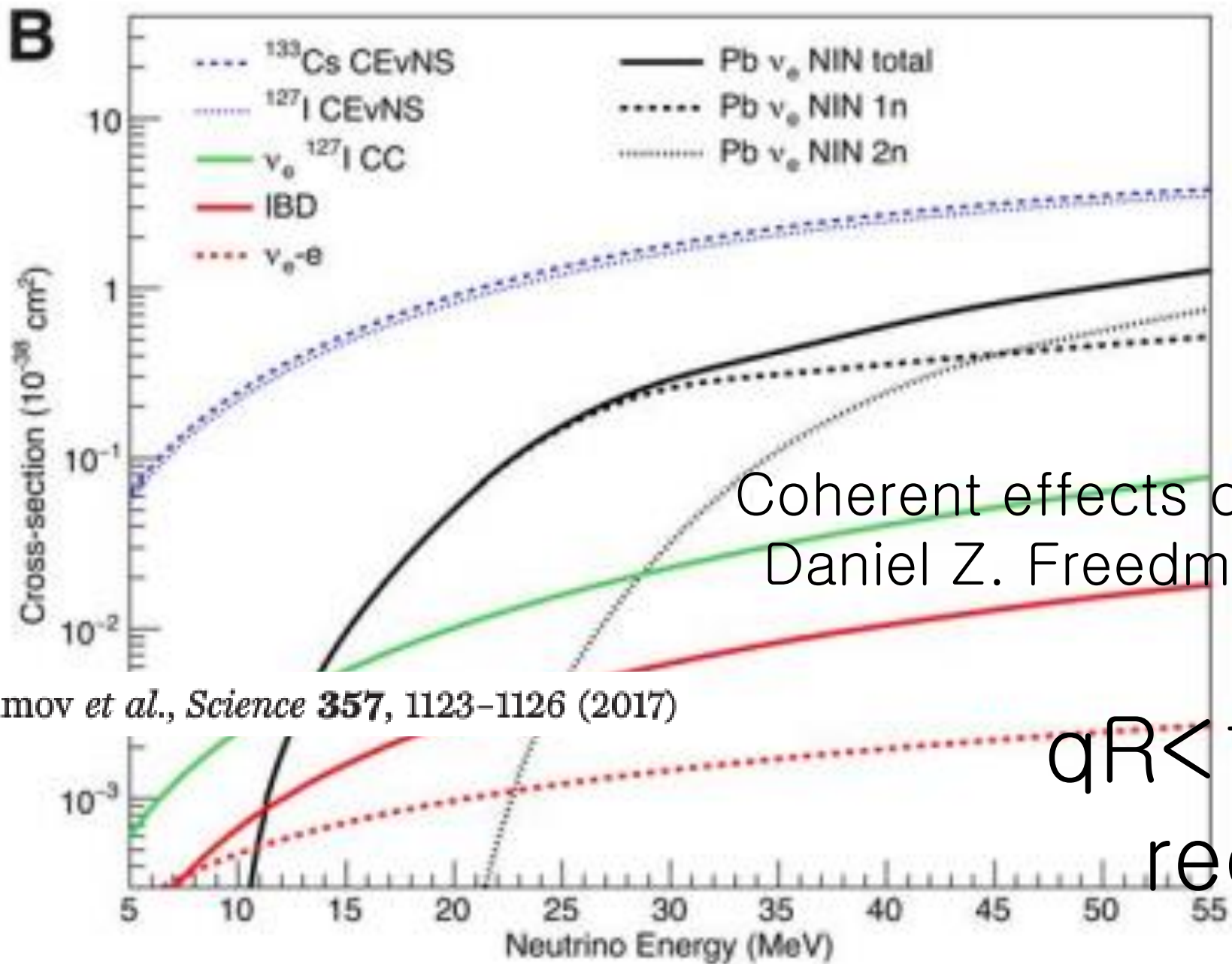
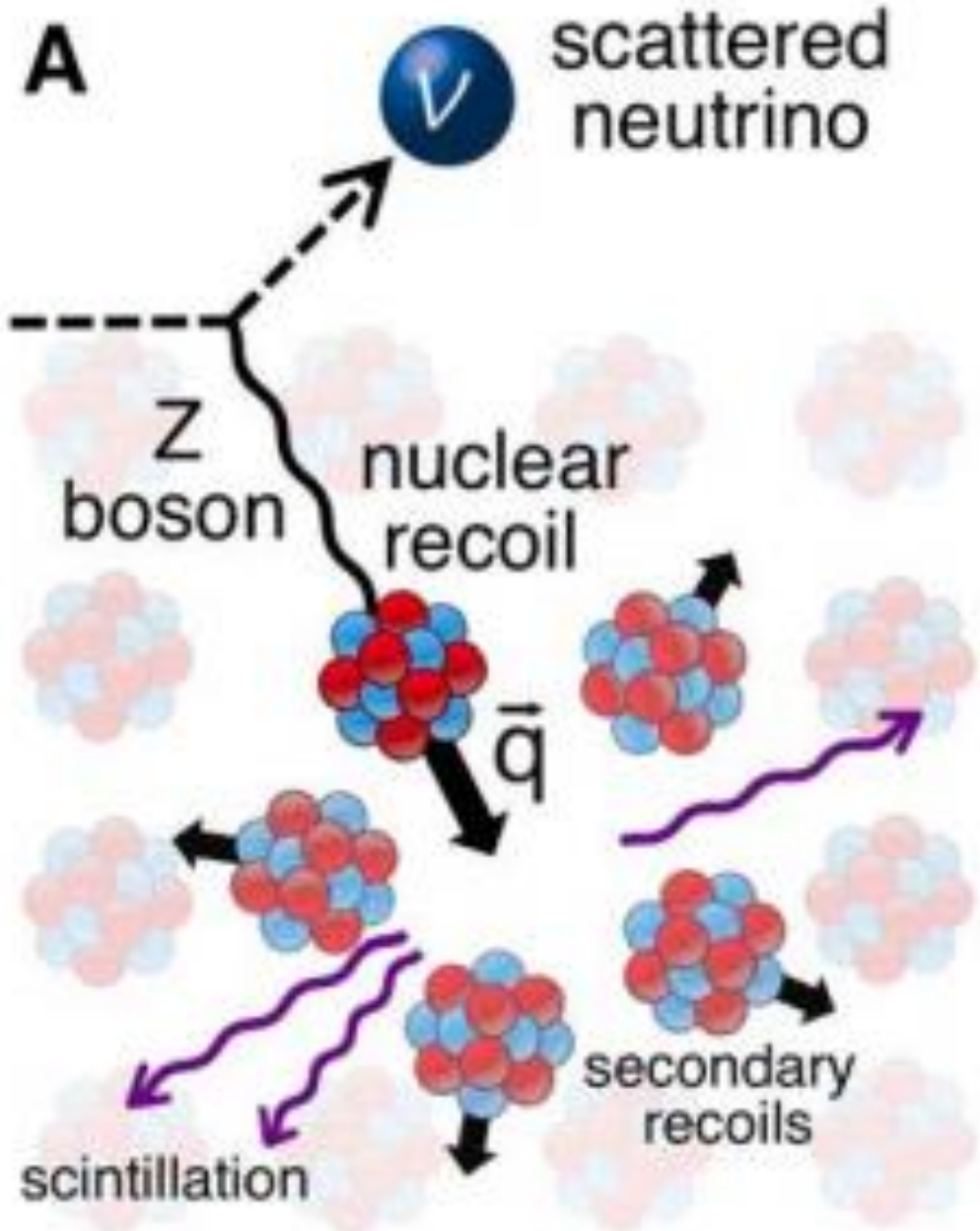


The reinforcement

# COSINE-100 Spinoff : NEON (Neutrino Elastic scattering Observation in NaI(Tl))

- The process predicted 46 years ago and the first measurement came just a few years ago (stopped pion) by the COHERENT collaboration.
- Aim at detection of Coherent scattering in reactors.
- Single flavor (electron anti-neutrino) &  $N^2$  dependence

- Dark Photon/Dark Axion Portal
- Neutrino Magnetic Moment
- Neutrino Non-Standard Interactions



Akimov et al., Science 357, 1123-1126 (2017)

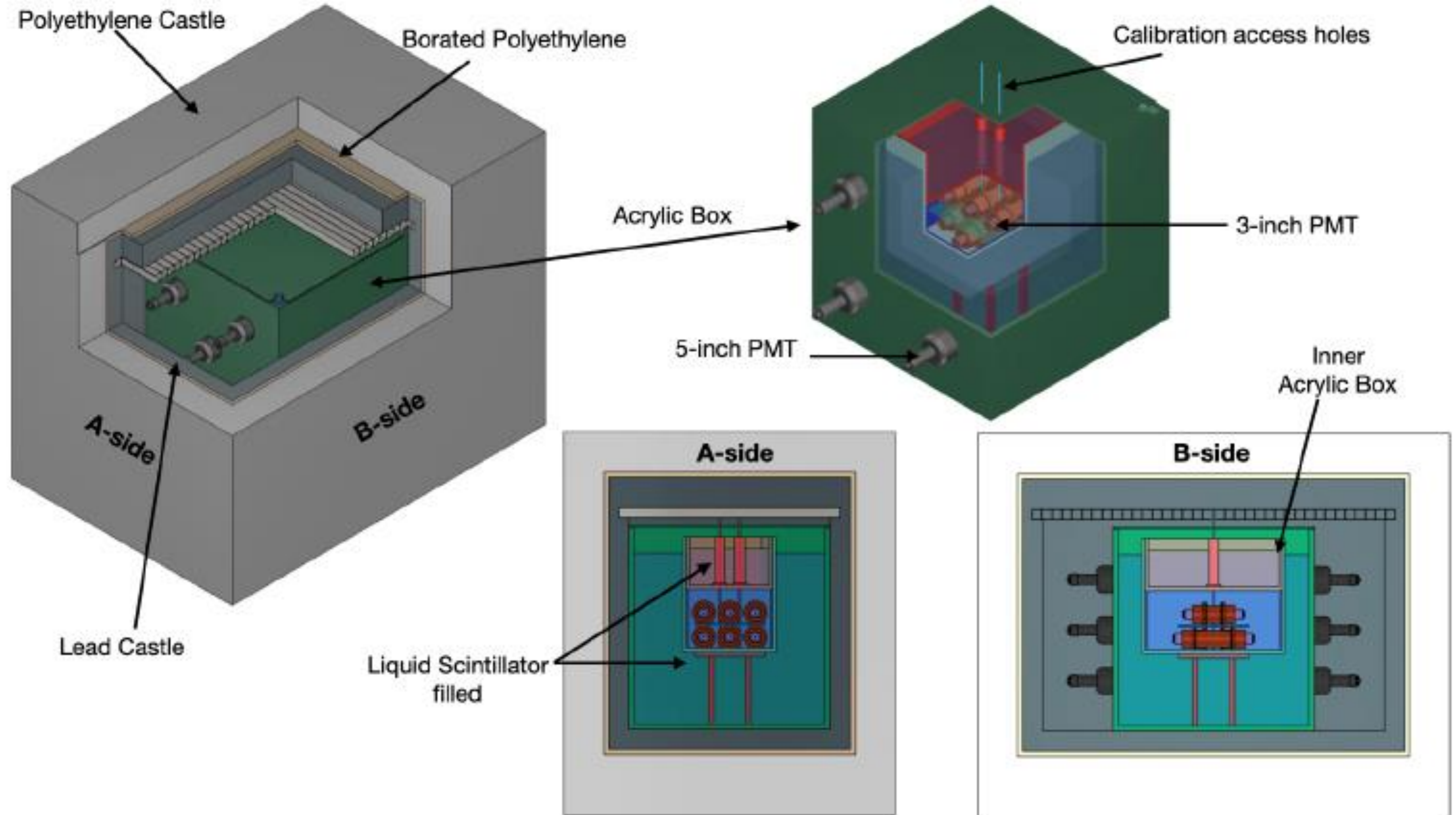
Coherent effects of a weak neutral current  
Daniel Z. Freedman (PRD 9,1389) 1974,

$qR < 1$  : Coherent requirement

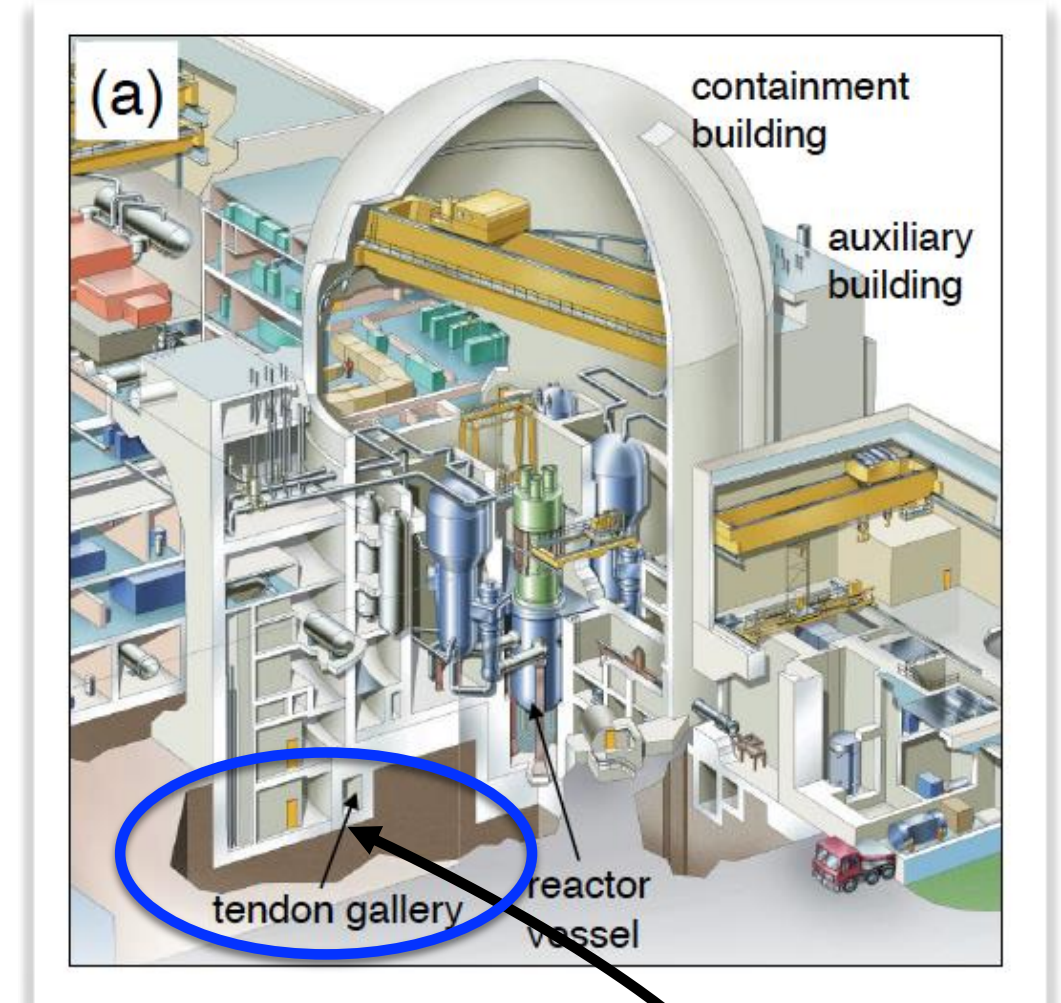
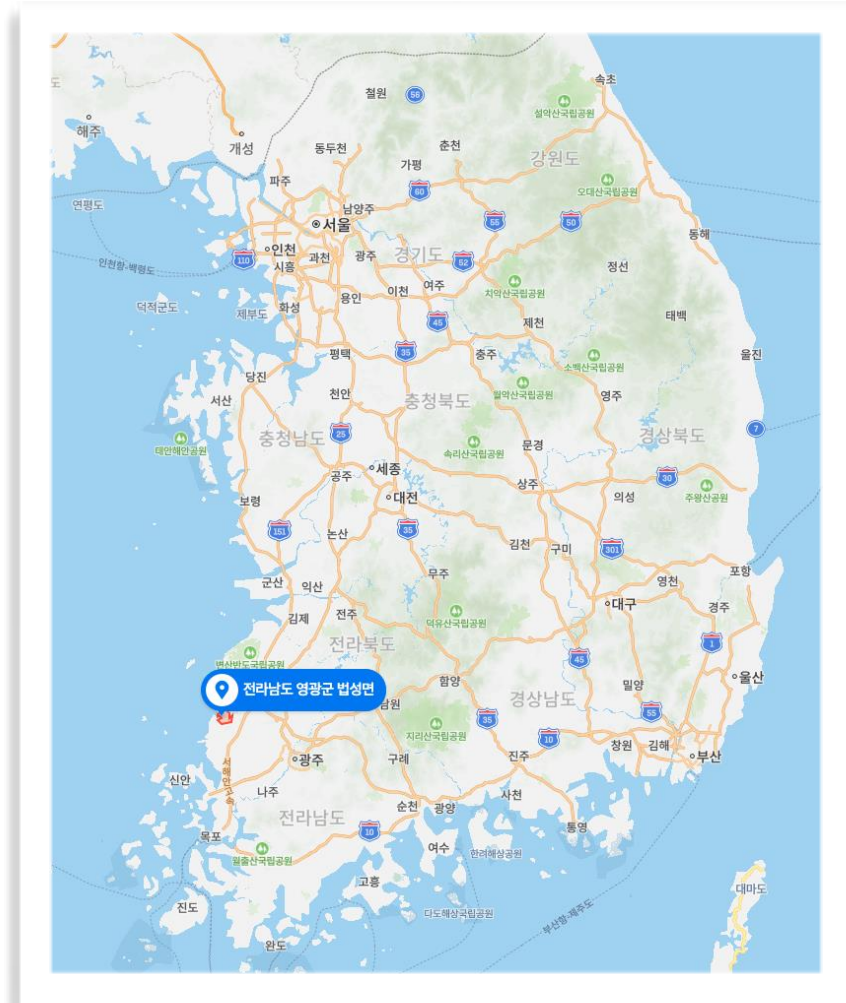
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# The NEON Experimental Setup

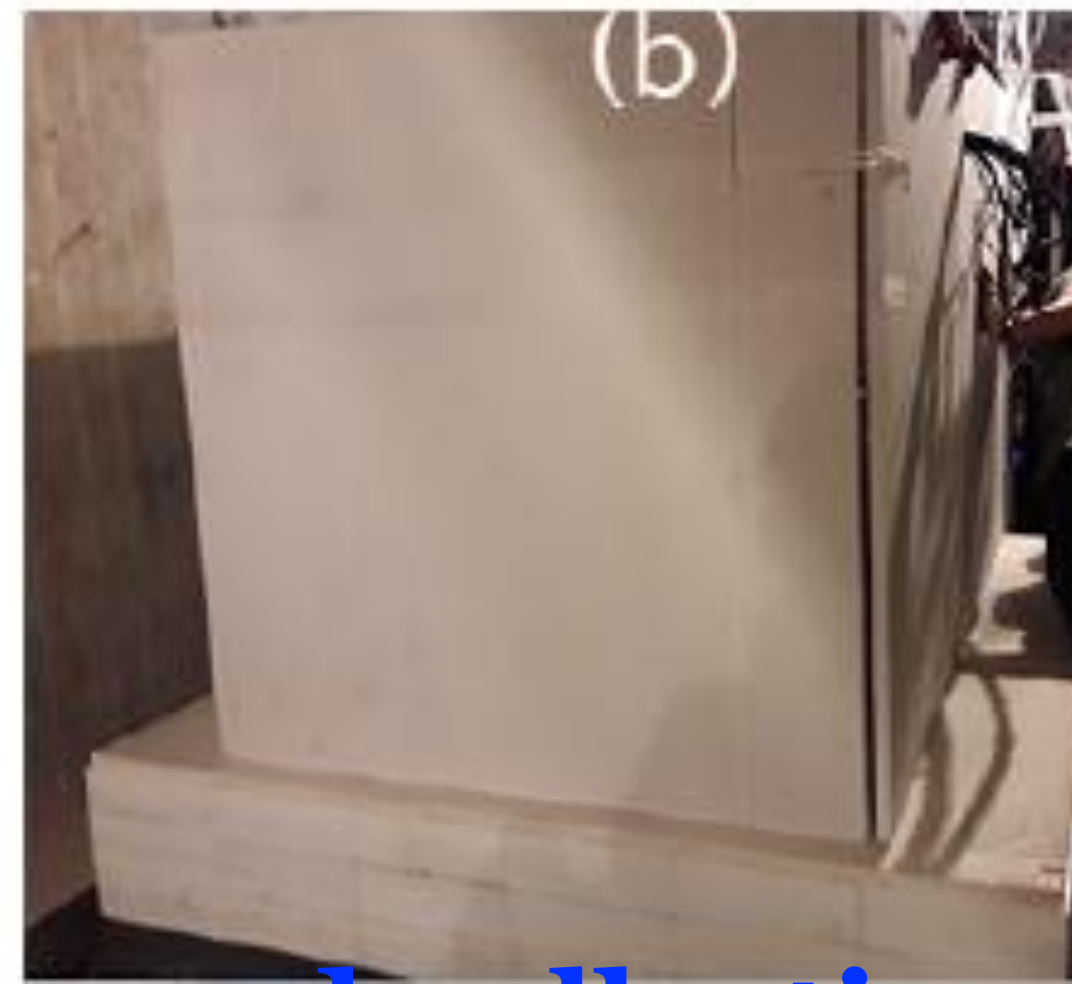


# The NEON Experimental at Hanbit NPP



Hanbit Nuclear Power Plant (Yeonggwang)

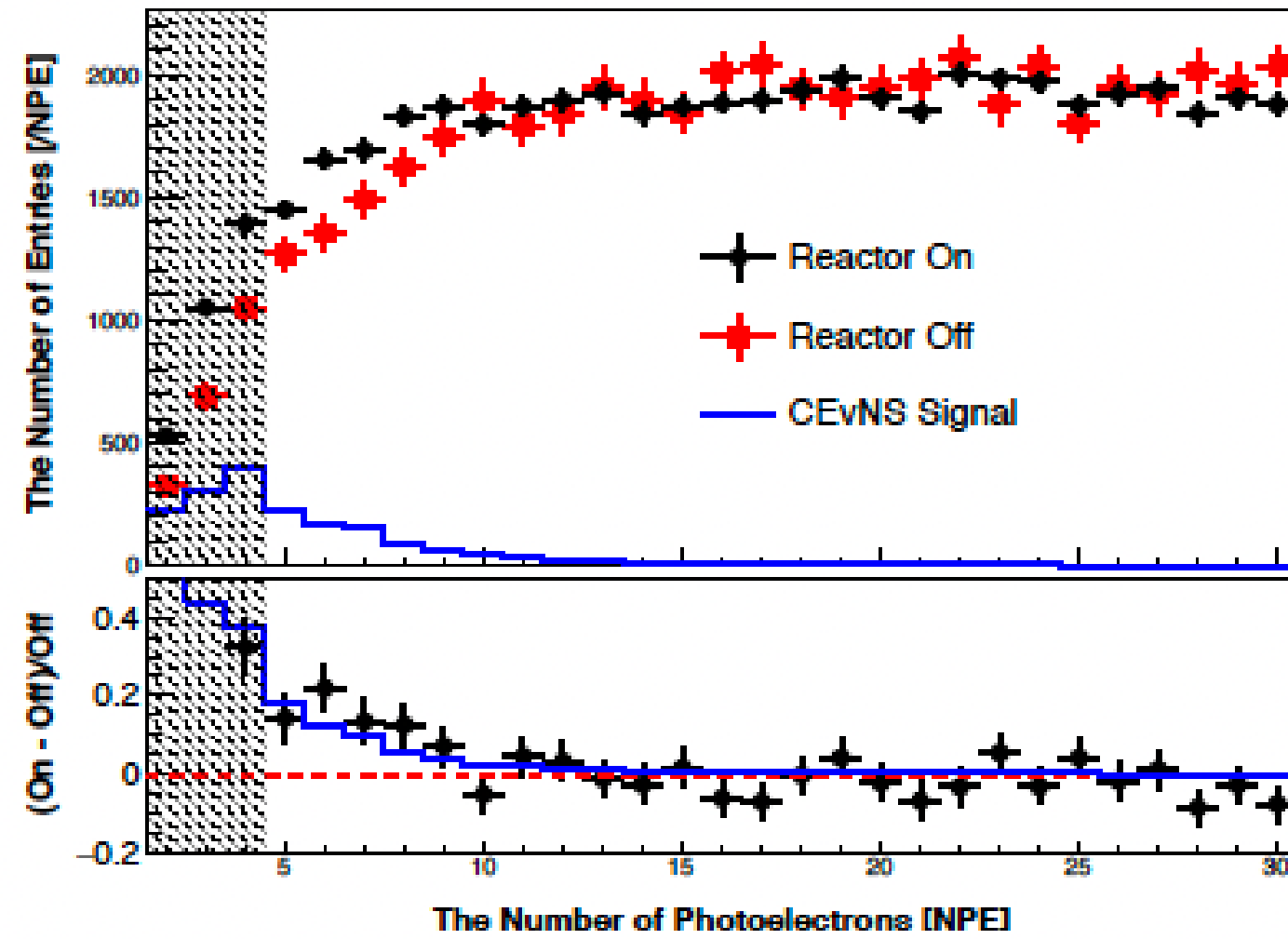
No. 6 Reactor



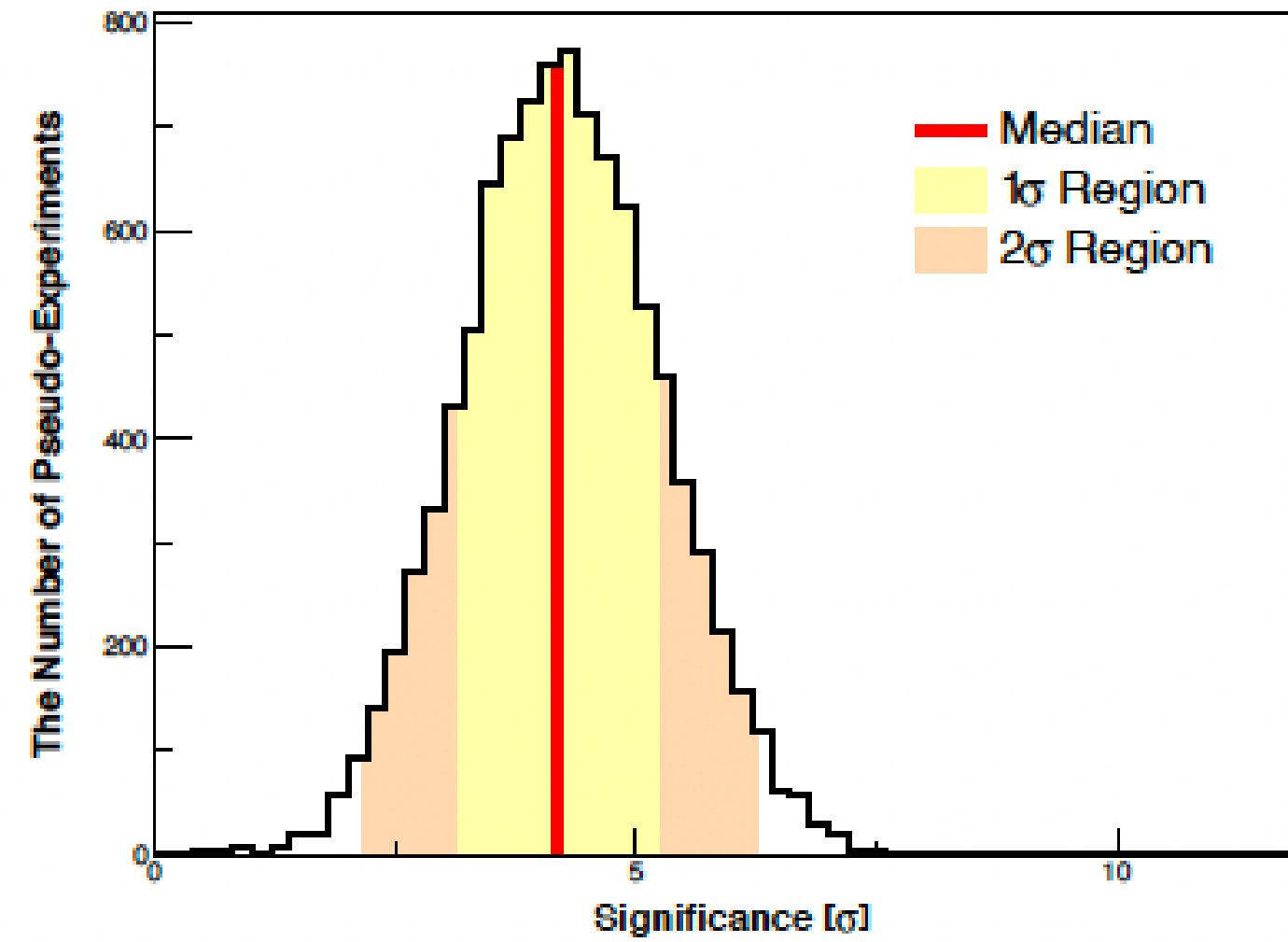
**NEON is running and collecting data.**

# Expected Rate and Sensitivity for NaI(Tl) crystal detectors

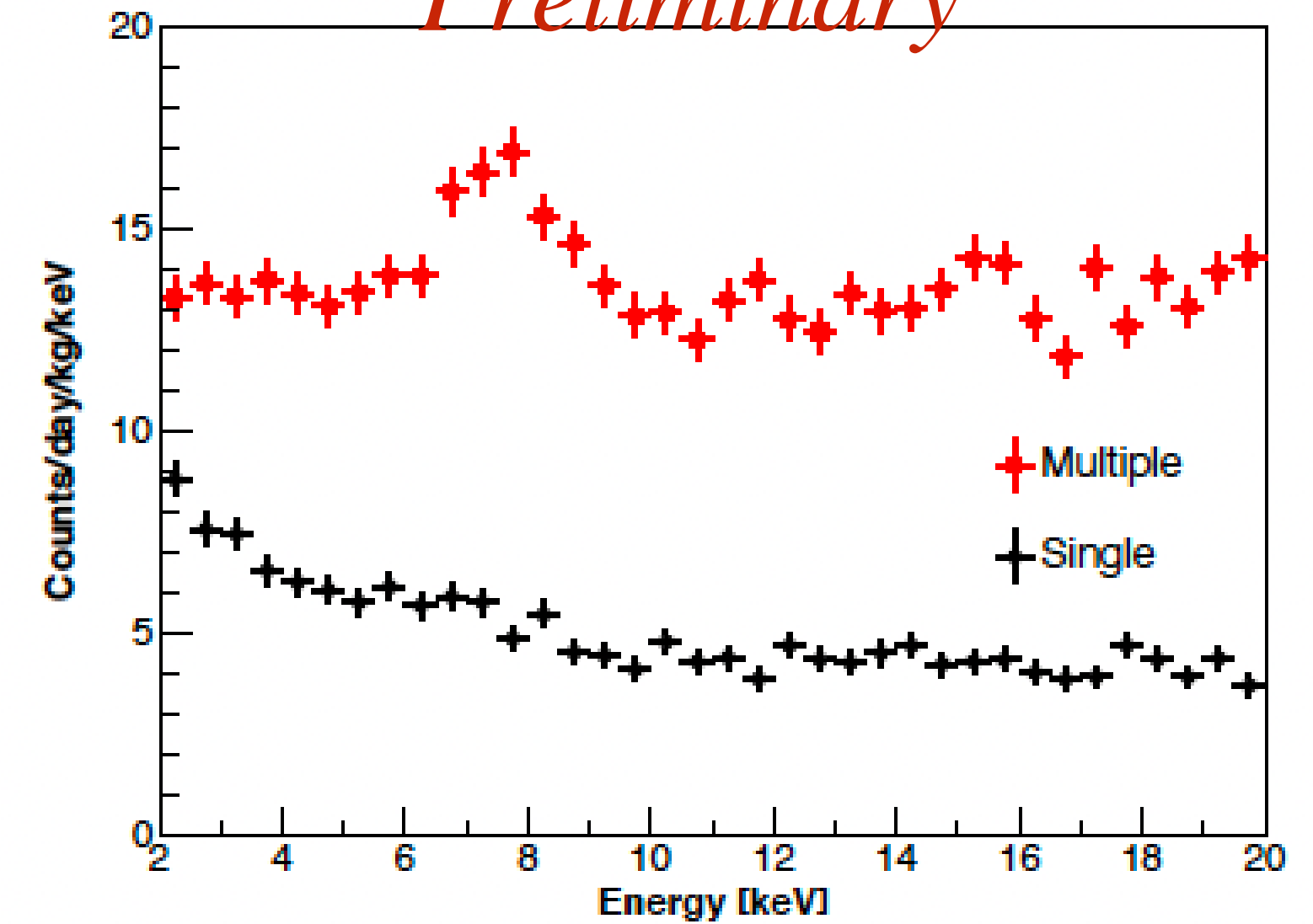
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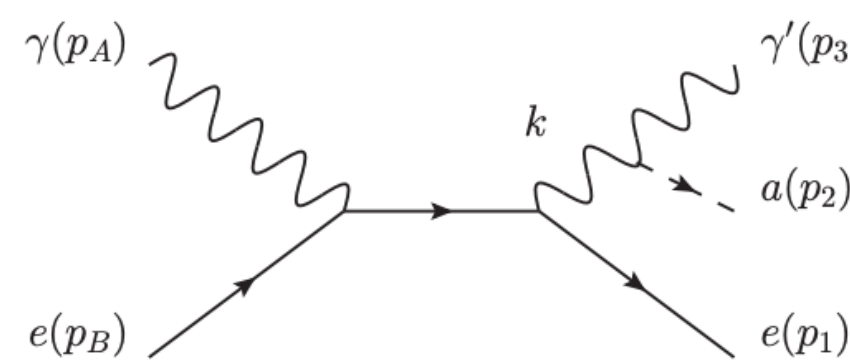


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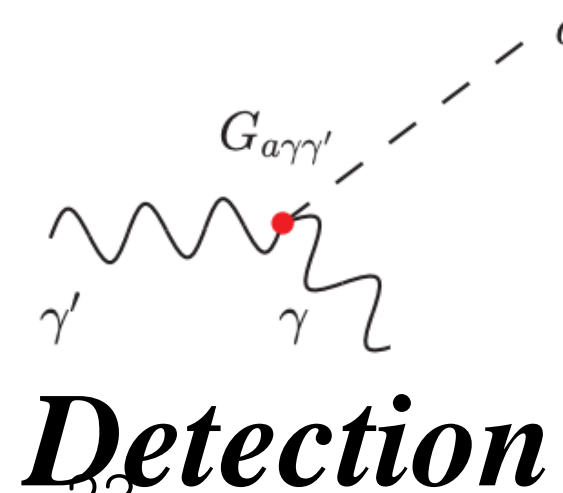


## Possible Dark Axion Search similar to NEOS

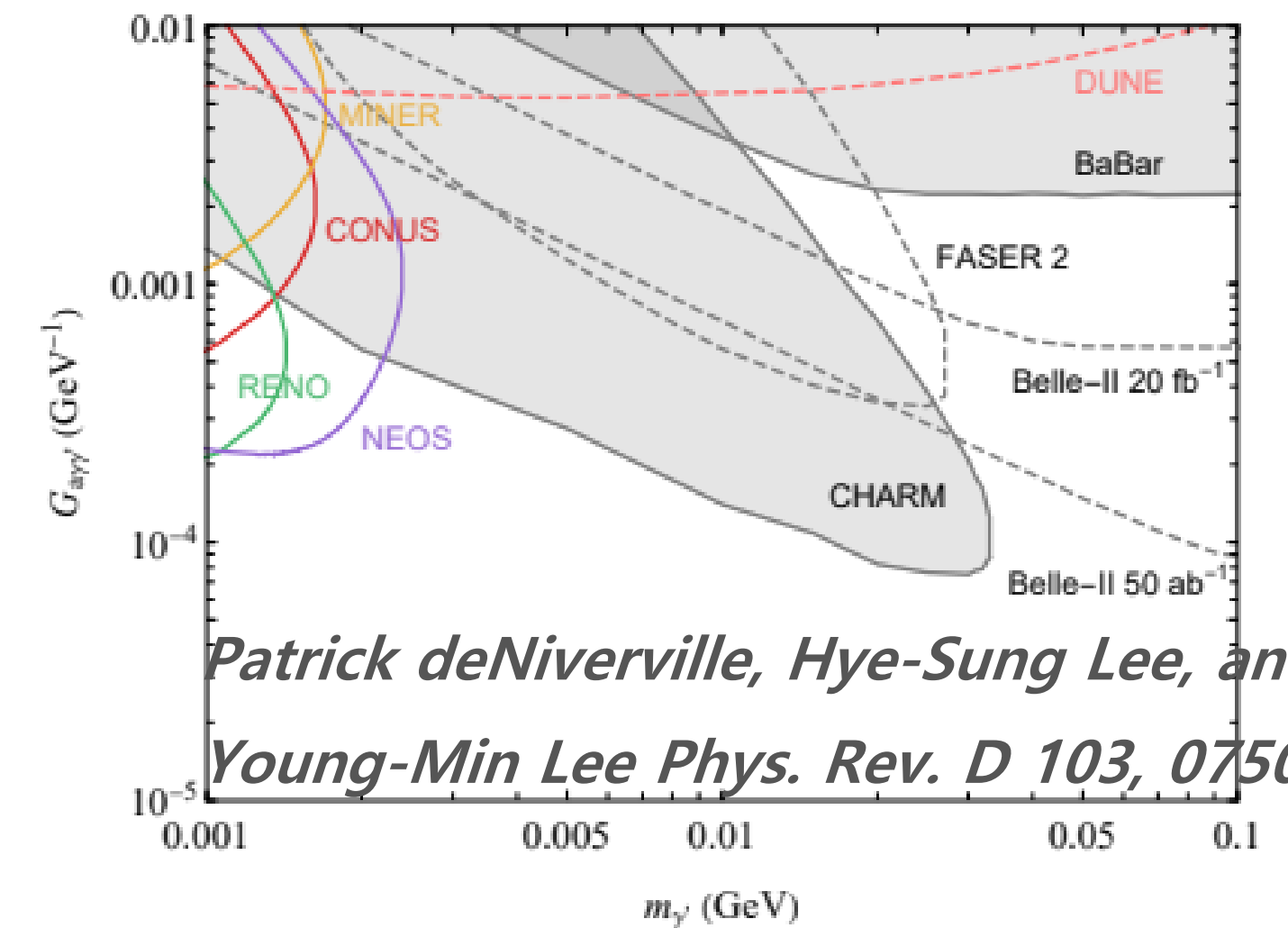
- Assumption for sensitivity study
- ✓ 22-photoelectrons/keV (PEs/keV) light yield
- ✓ 15-kg mass of detector
- ✓ 5-counts/kg/day/keV flat background
- ✓ 5-PEs threshold
- ✓ 365/100-days reactor-on/-off data



**Production**



**Detection**



Patrick deNiverville, Hye-Sung Lee, and Young-Min Lee *Phys. Rev. D* 103, 075006



# NEWSdm

Nuclear Emulsion for WIMP Search  
– directional measurement

try to measure the "direction" of  
WIMP-induced nuclear recoils

using Newly developed Nuclear emulsion  
with Super-fine grain

- NIT (Nano Imaging Tracker)

**NEWSdm Collaboration**  
70 physicists, 14 institutes

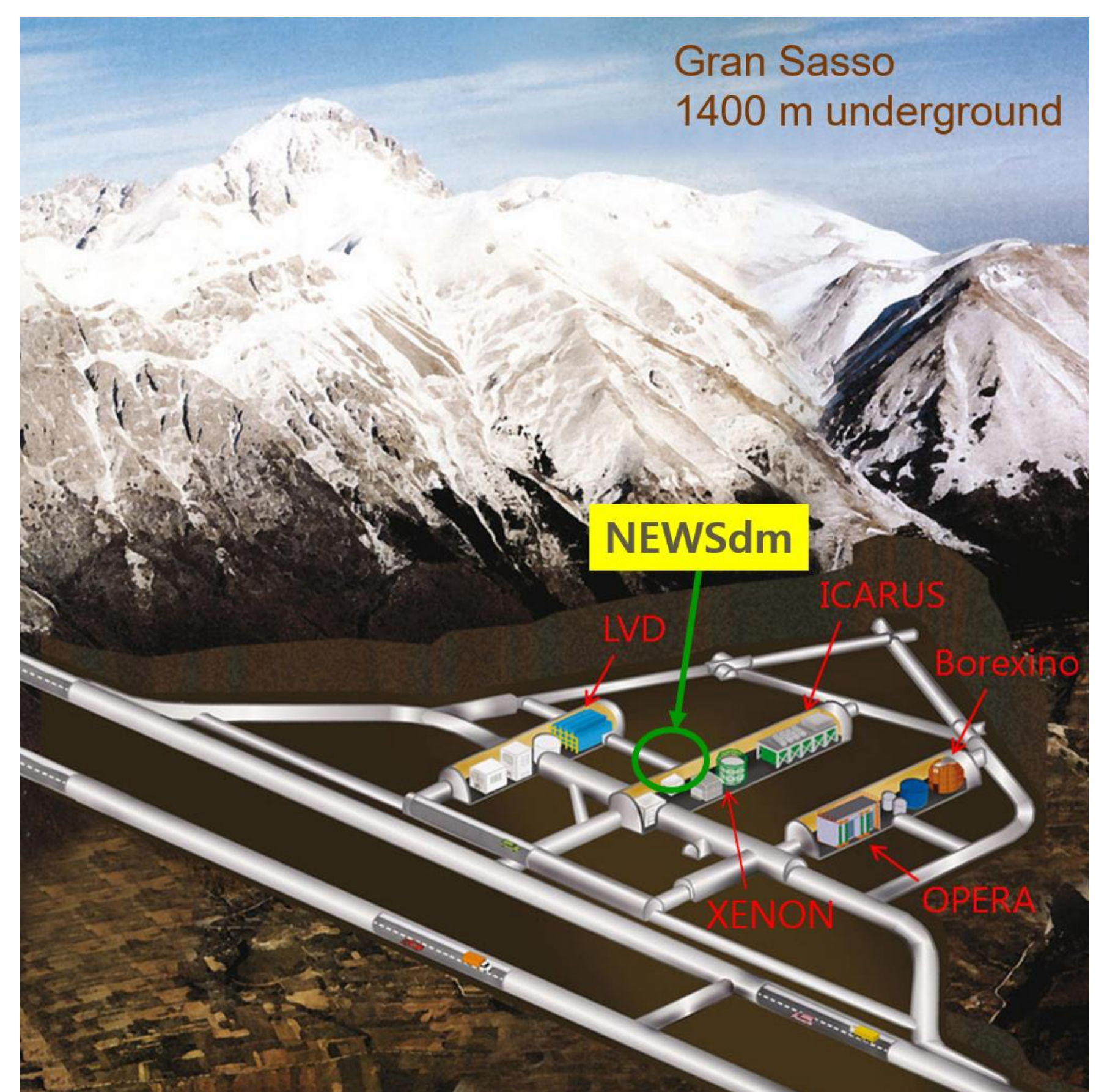
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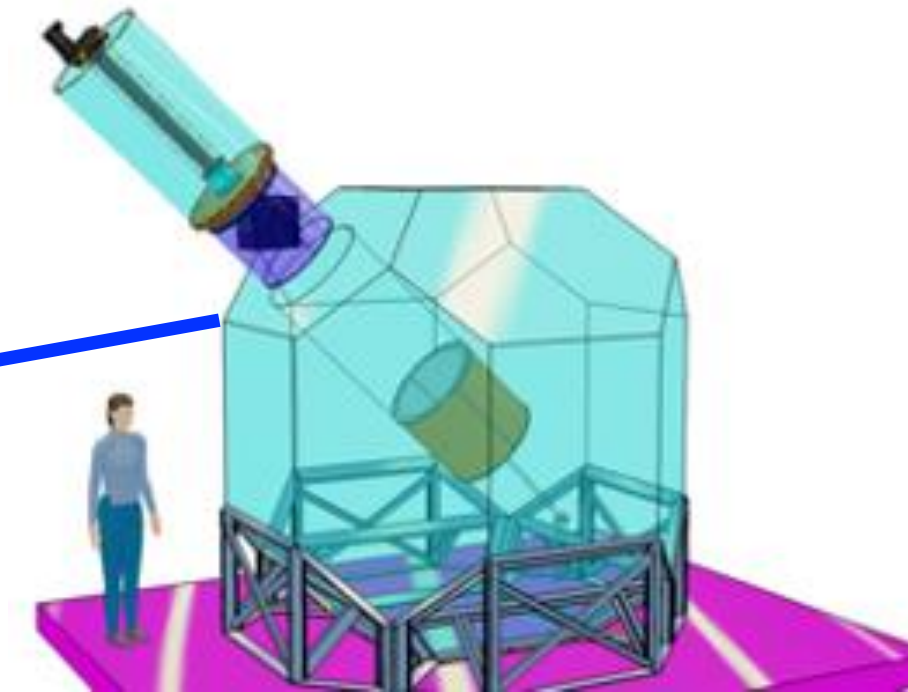
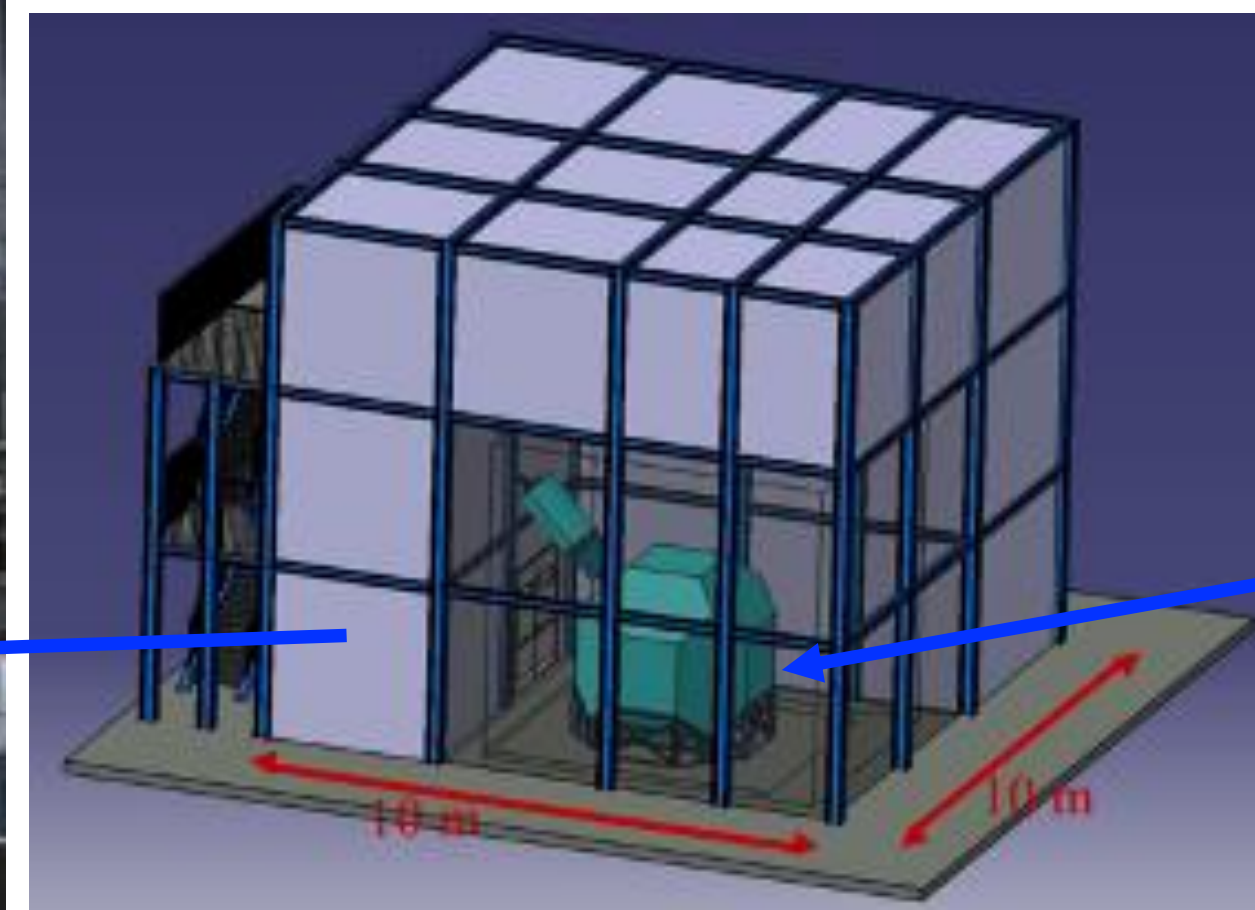
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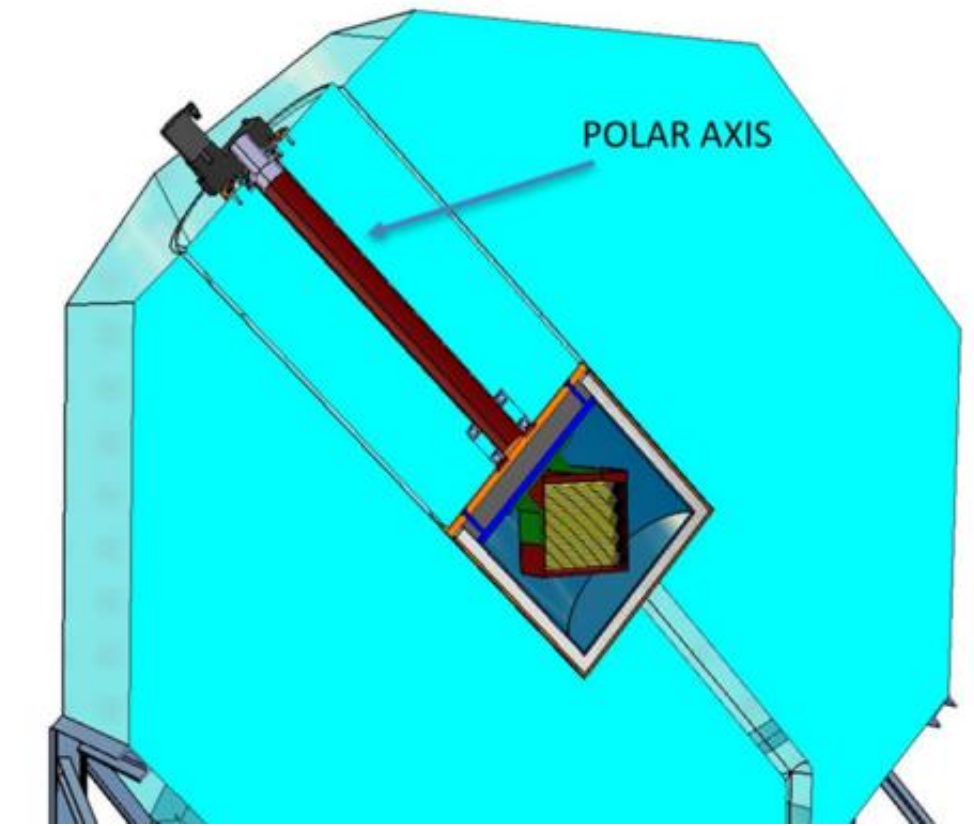
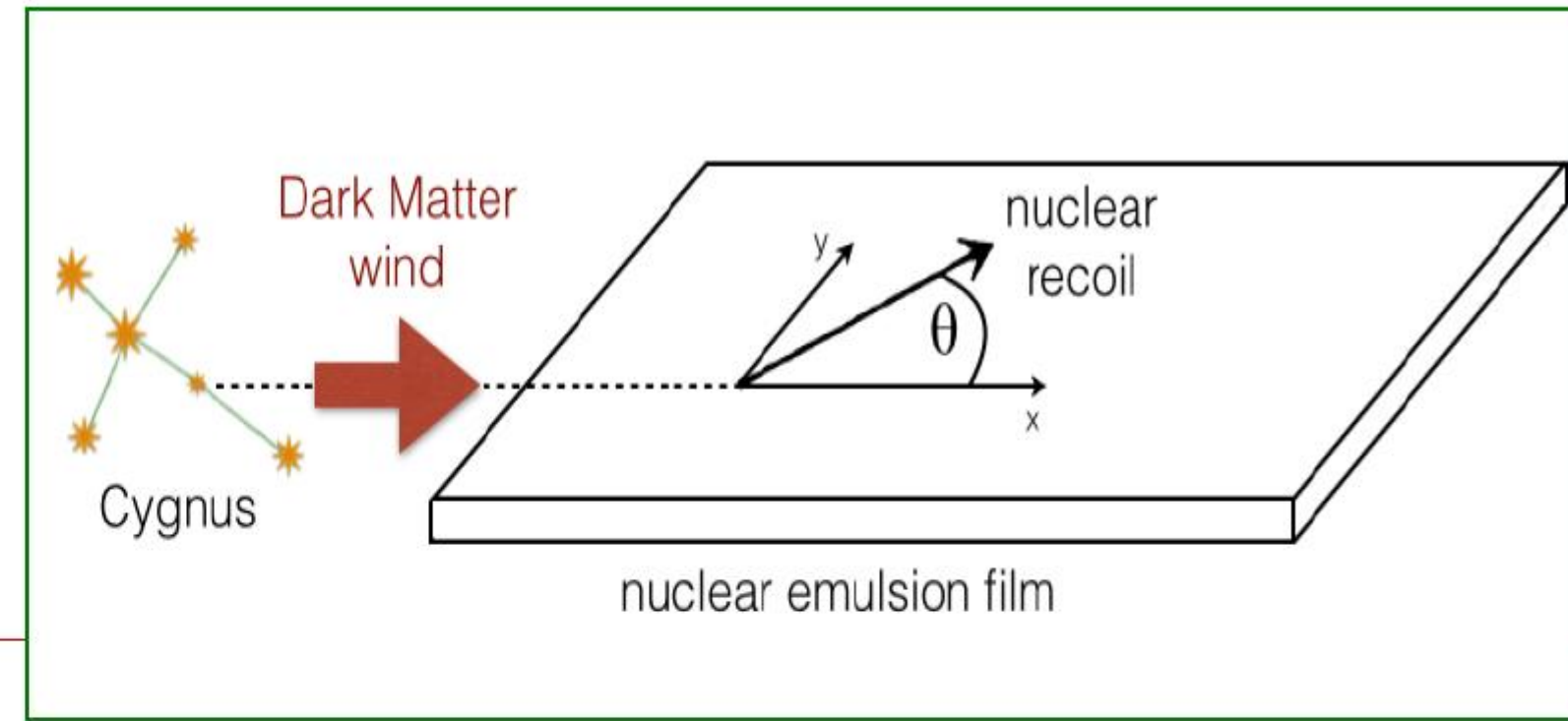
Gran Sasso  
1400 m underground



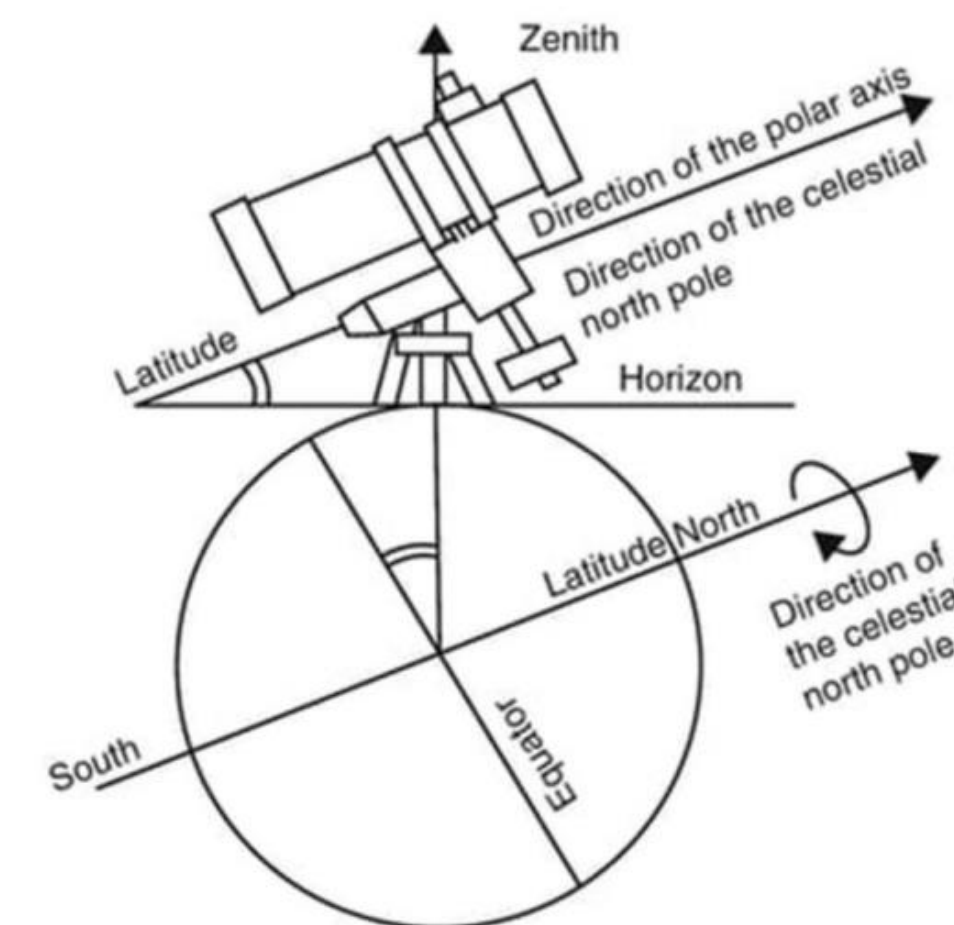
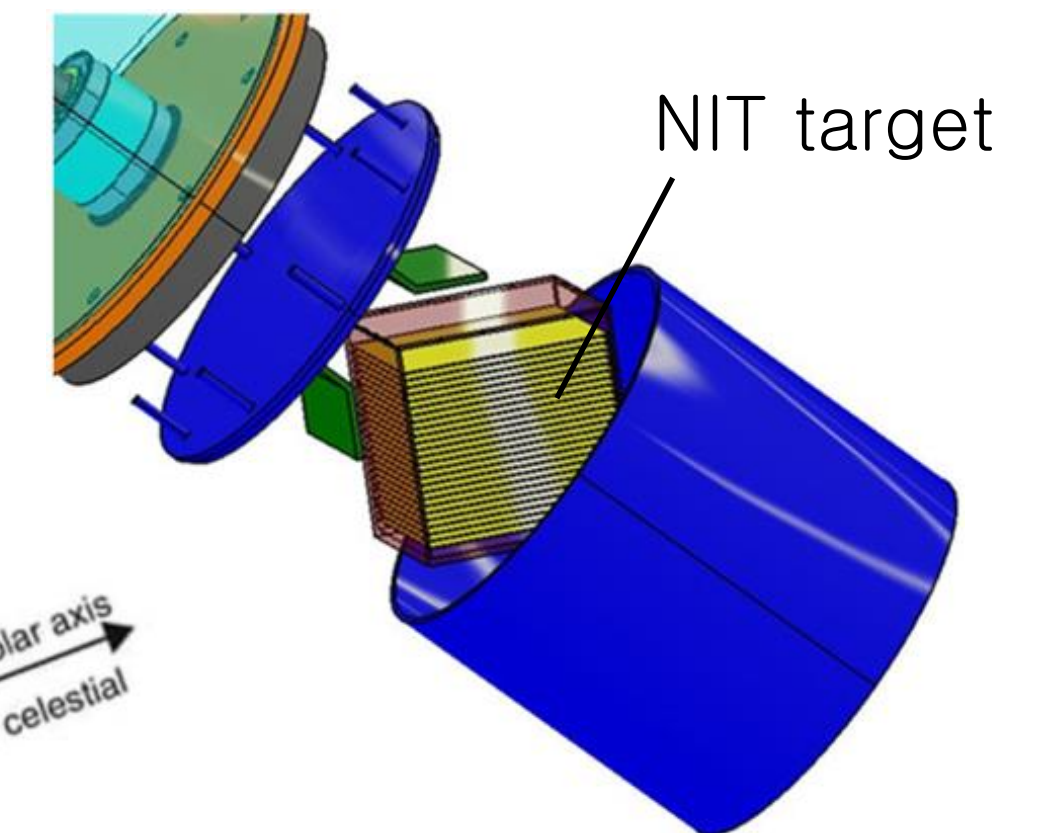
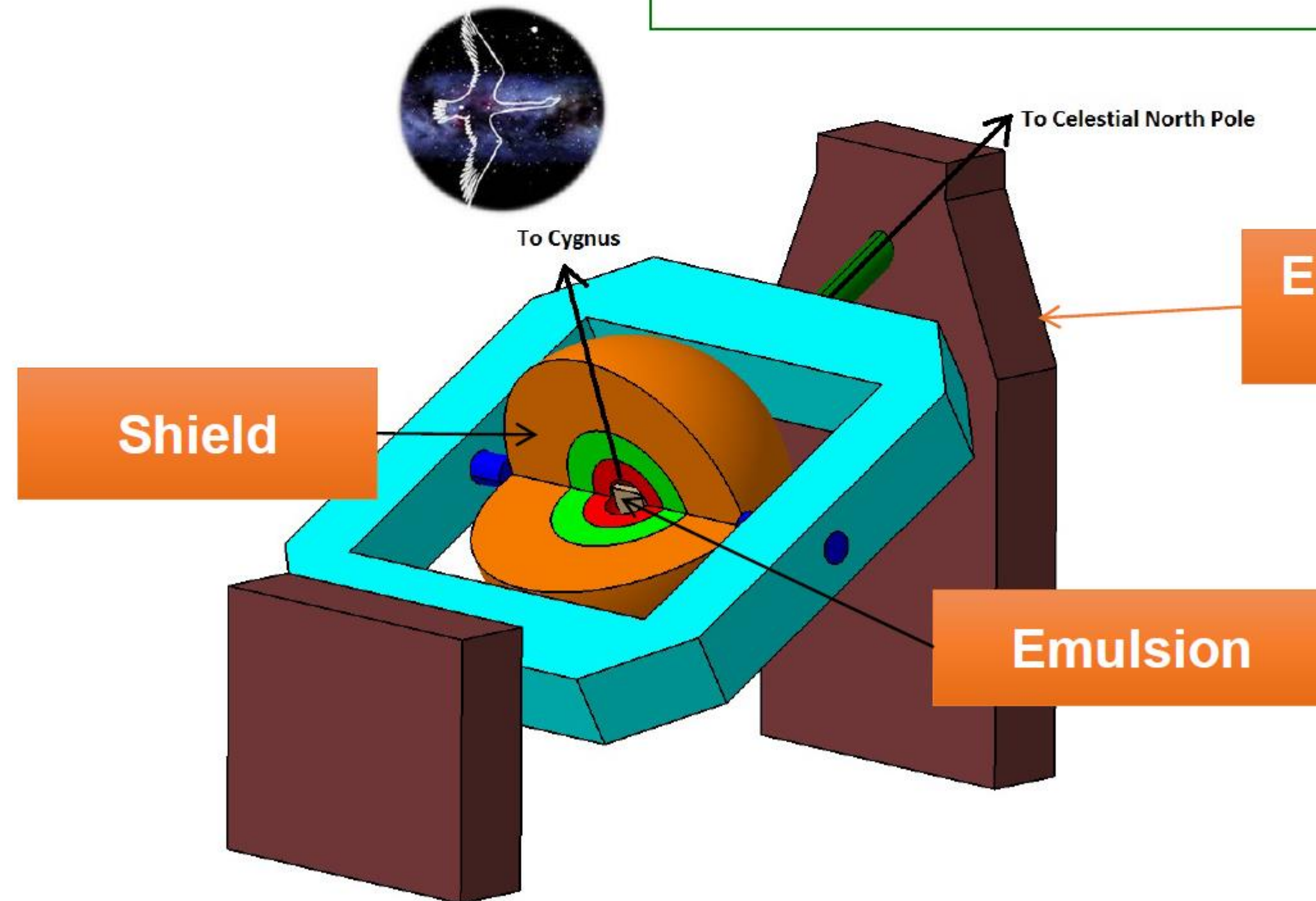


# *Directionality* as a strong signature of the galactic WIMP

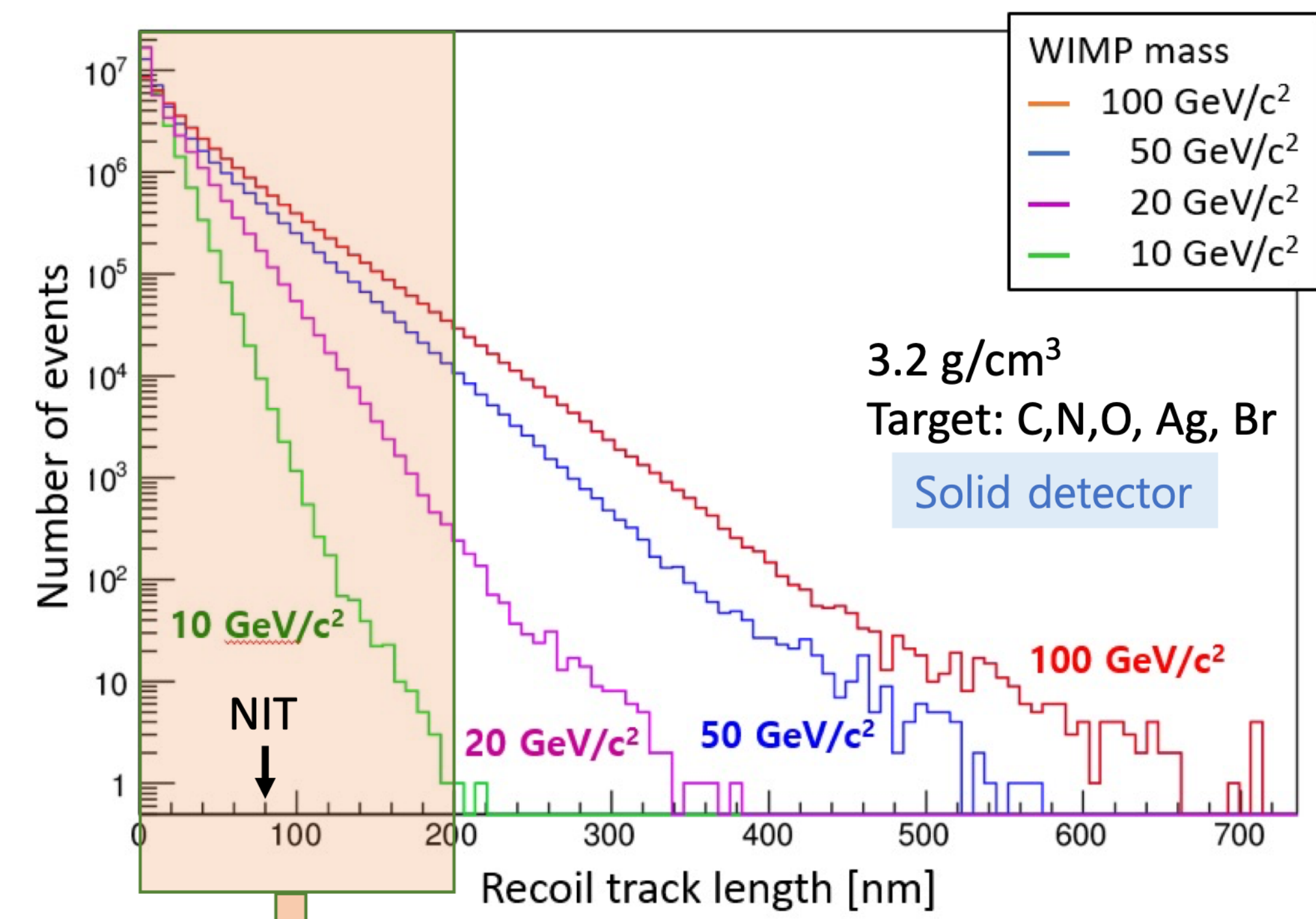
→ keep target pointed to DM wind (Cygnus) by using the Equatorial telescope



Cross-sectional view of NIT target with polyethylene shielding



# Expected recoil lengths in the Nuclear emulsion for different WIMP masses



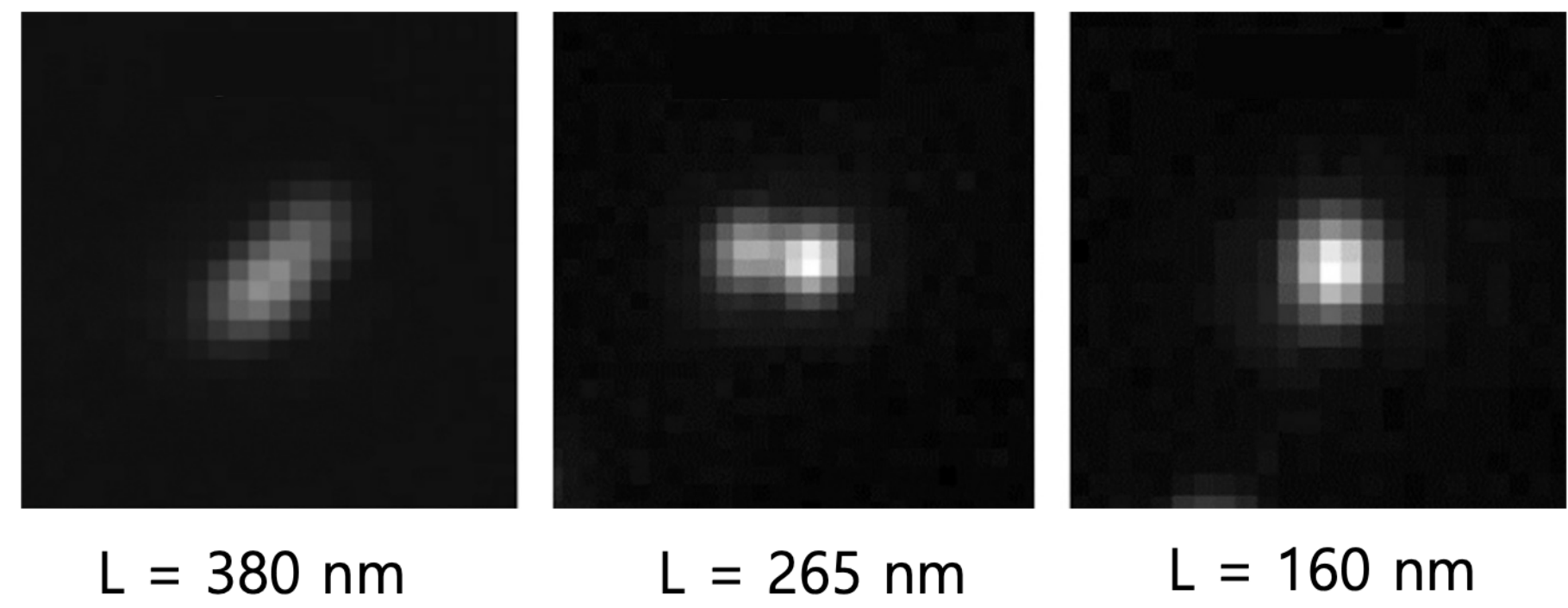
Inaccessible with standard optical techniques due to diffraction limit

Need super-resolution detector to measure tracks shorter than 200 nm

➔ **Challenge #1**

The ranges of the signal tracks can be ~several 100 nm in the Nuclear emulsion.

## Images of Optical microscope

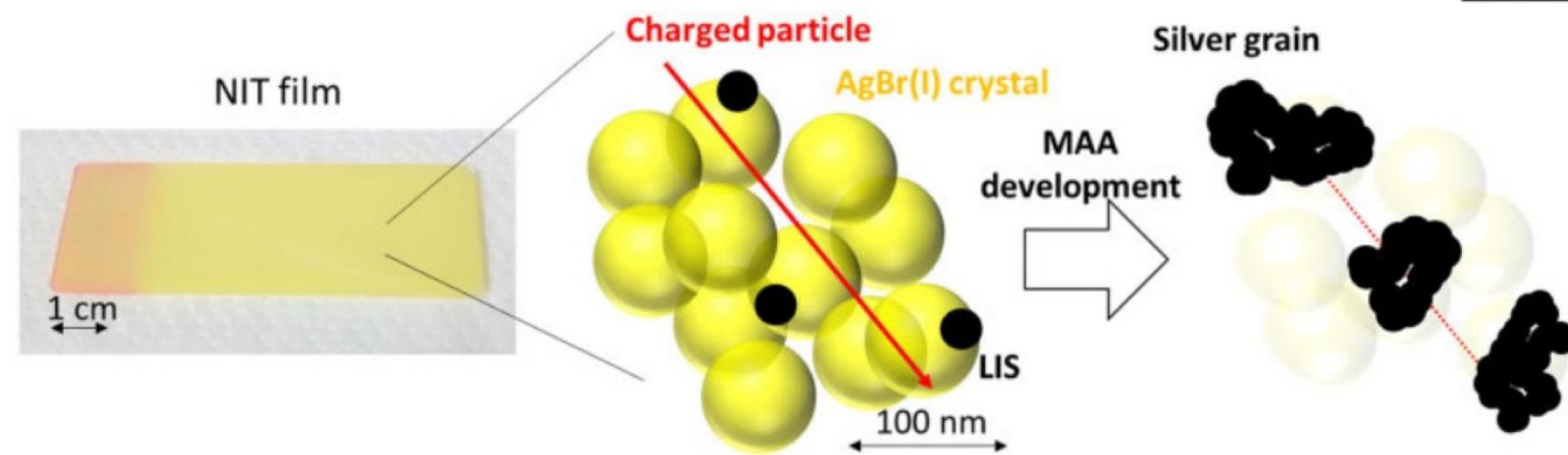
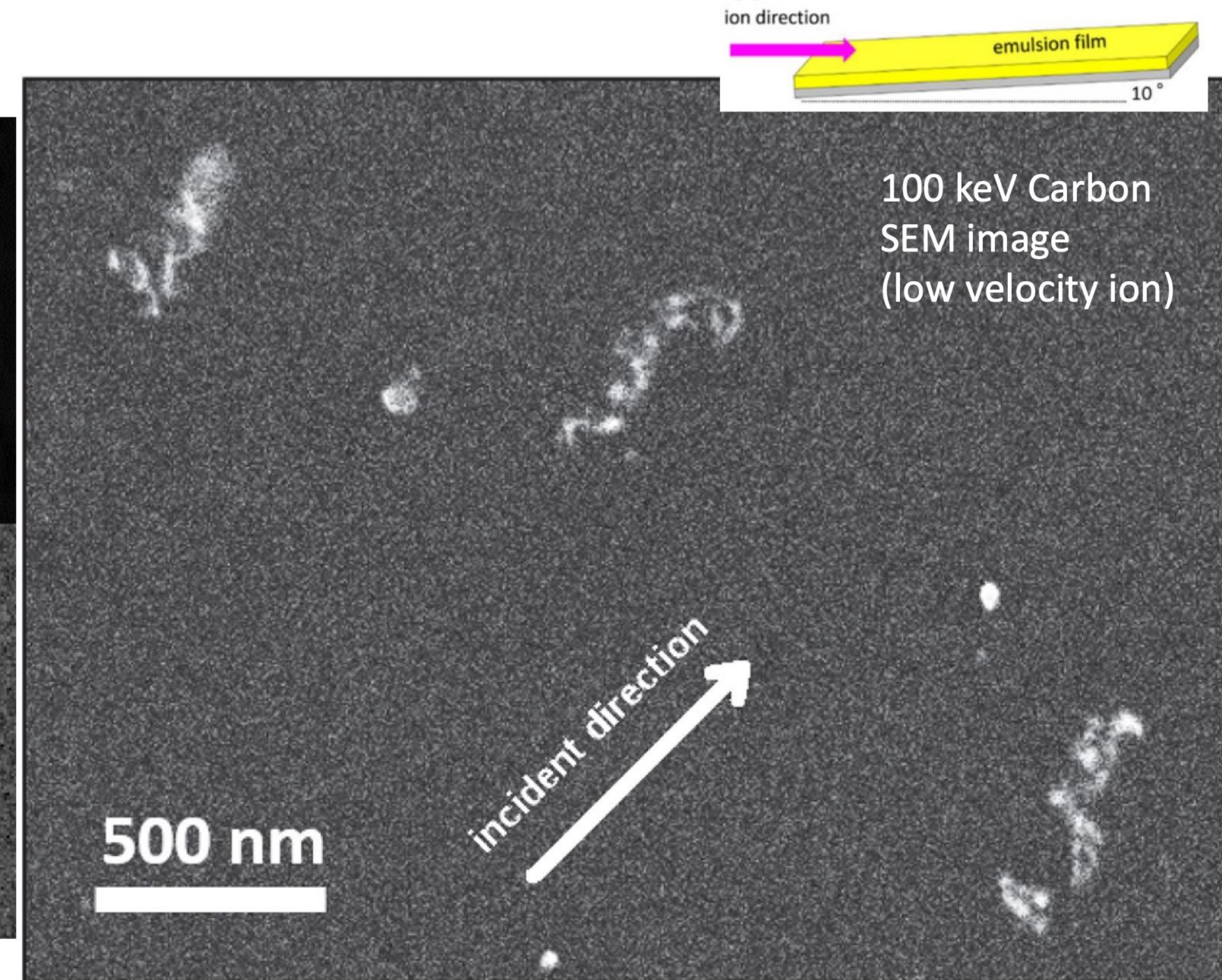
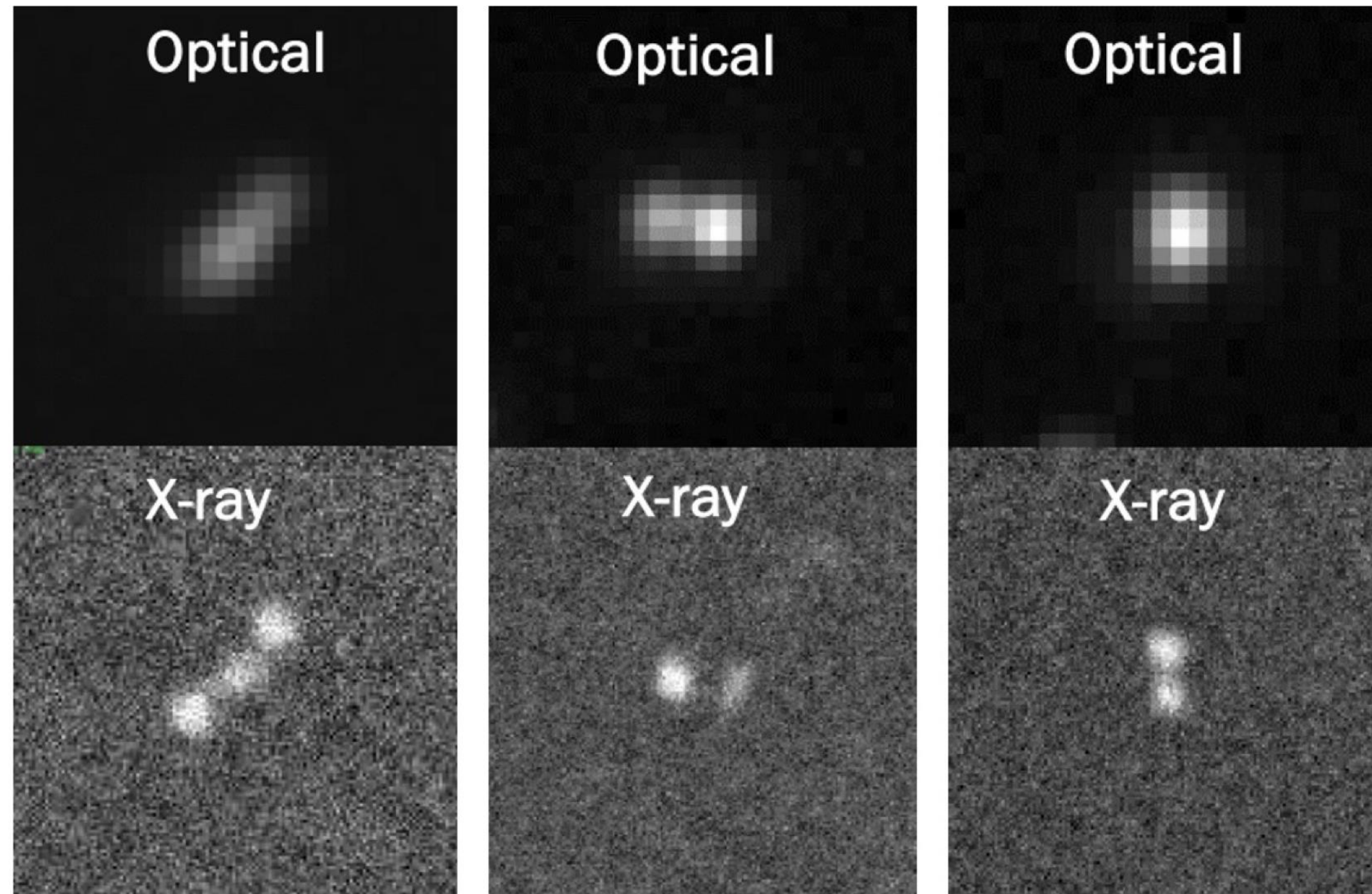


Recoil tracks due to 14 MeV neutron (D-T nuclear fission)

How can we see by the optical microscope?

**Challenge #2**

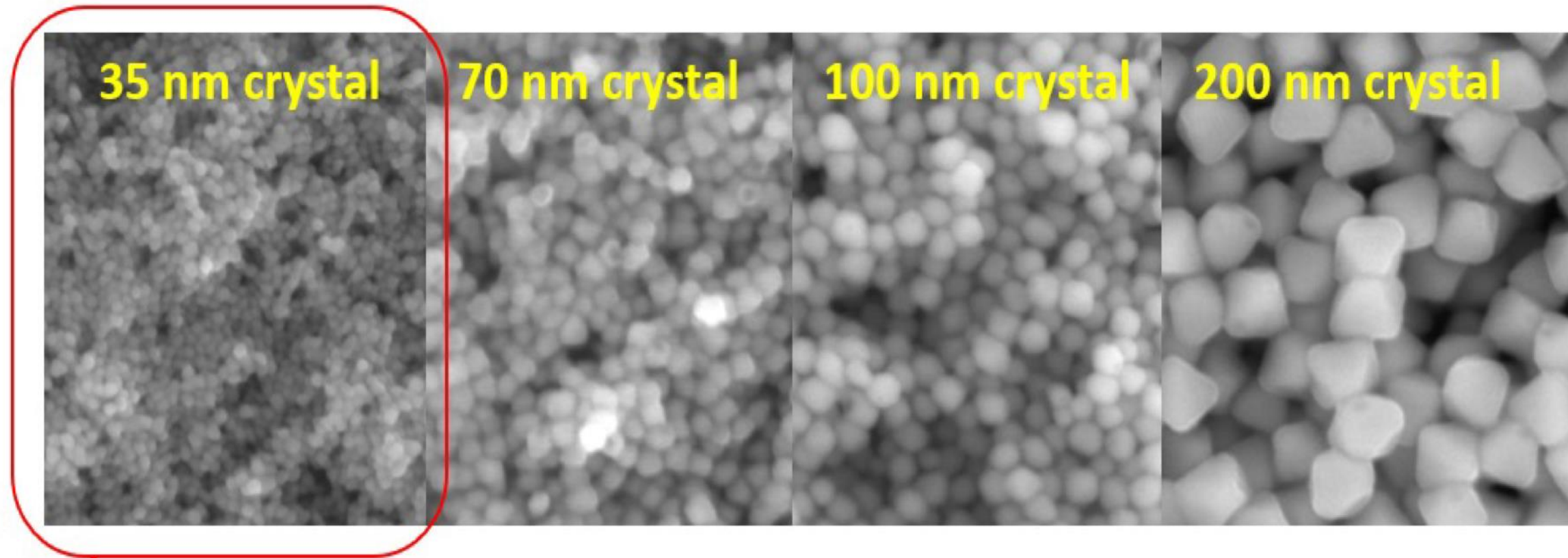
# Images by Optical, X-ray microscopes and SEM



Filament structure of Ag grain

- Track formation by several grains
- Silver grains can visualize after development

# Challenge #1 NIT (Nano Imaging Tracker)

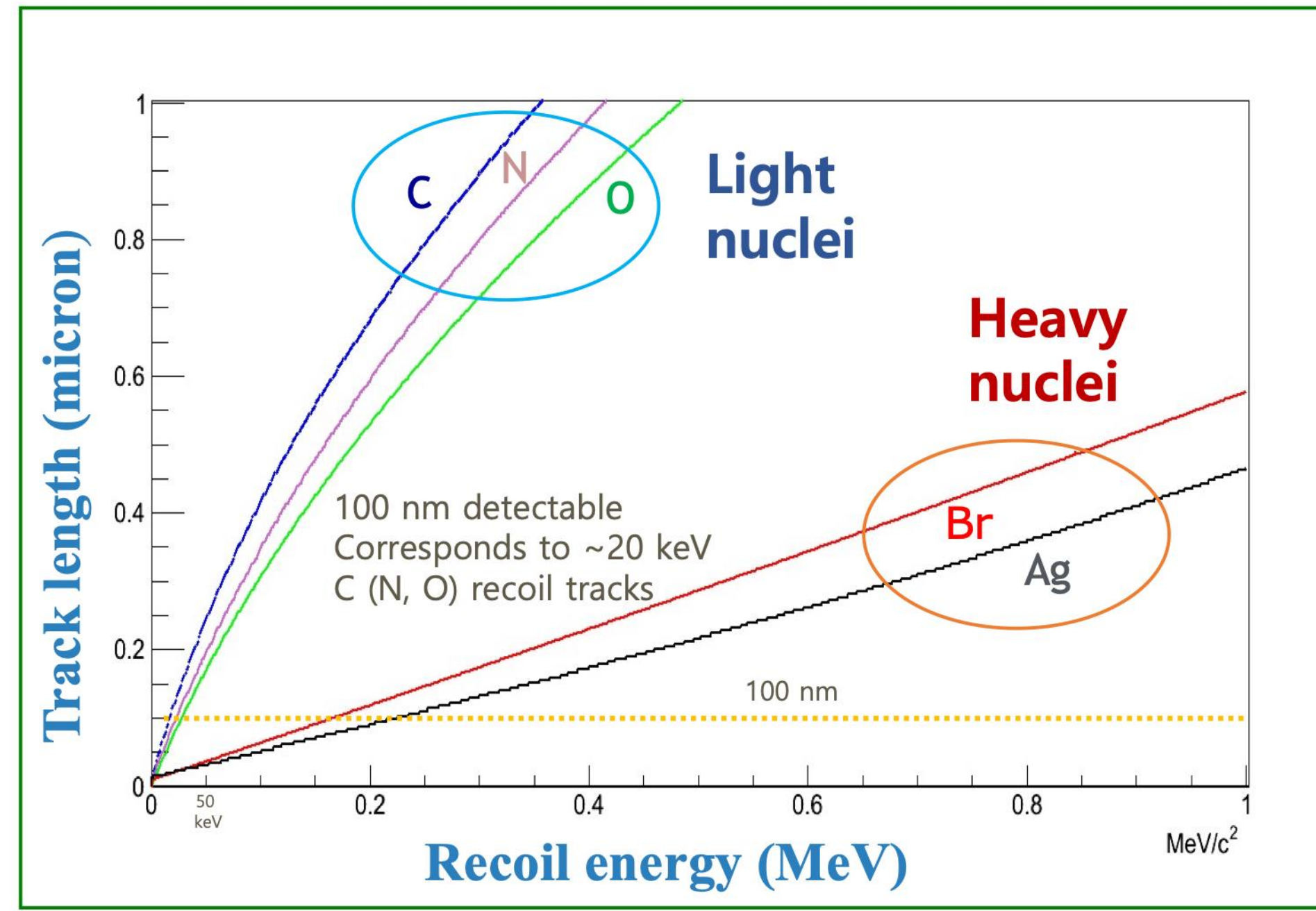
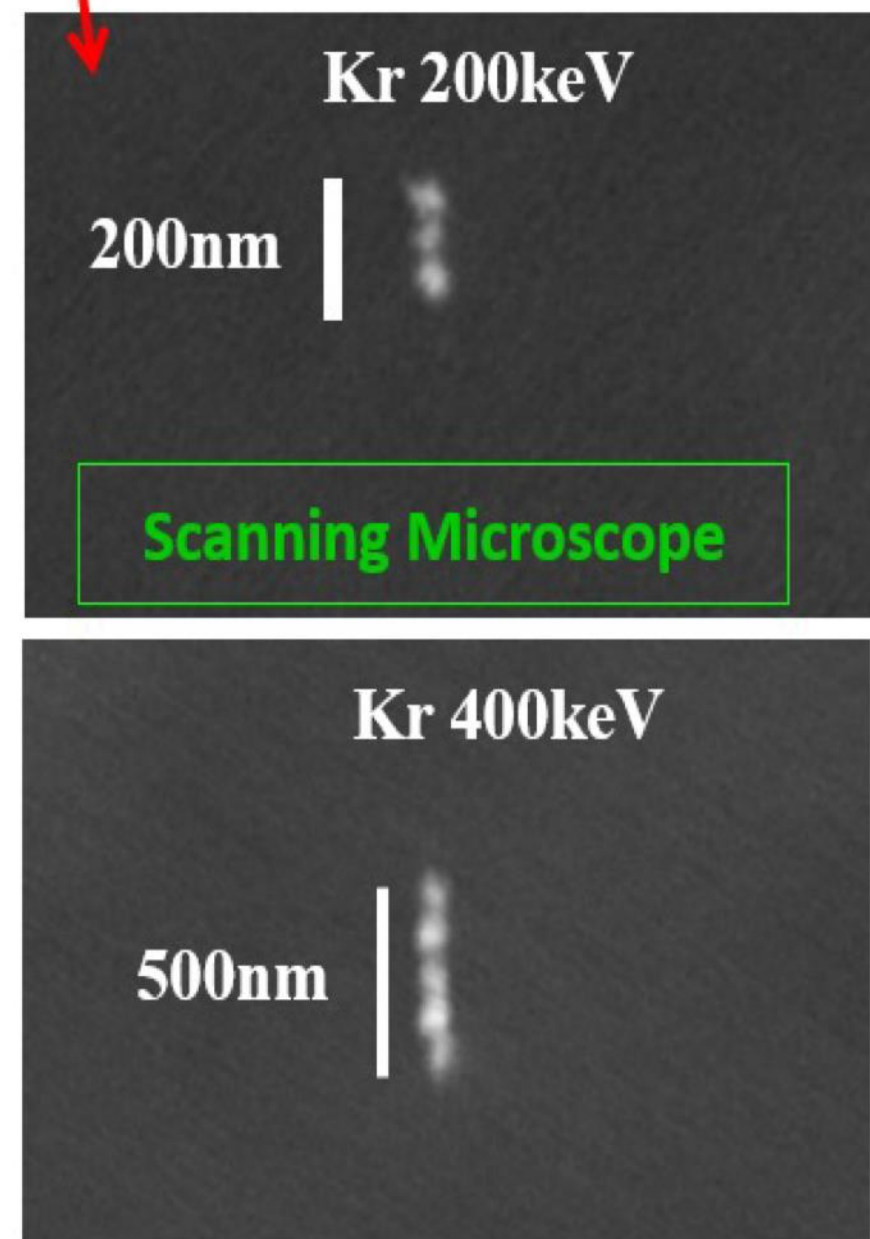


Newly developed emulsion with super-fine grain



Intrinsic spatial resolution  $\sim 10$  nm

500nm



## NIT composition

Constituent	Mass Fraction
AgBr-I	0.78
Gelatin	0.17
PVA	0.05

(a) Constituents of nuclear emulsion

Element	Mass Fraction	Atomic Fraction
Ag	0.44	0.12
Br	0.32	0.12
I	0.019	0.003
C	0.101	0.172
O	0.074	0.129
N	0.027	0.057
H	0.016	0.396
S	0.003	0.003

(b) Elemental composition

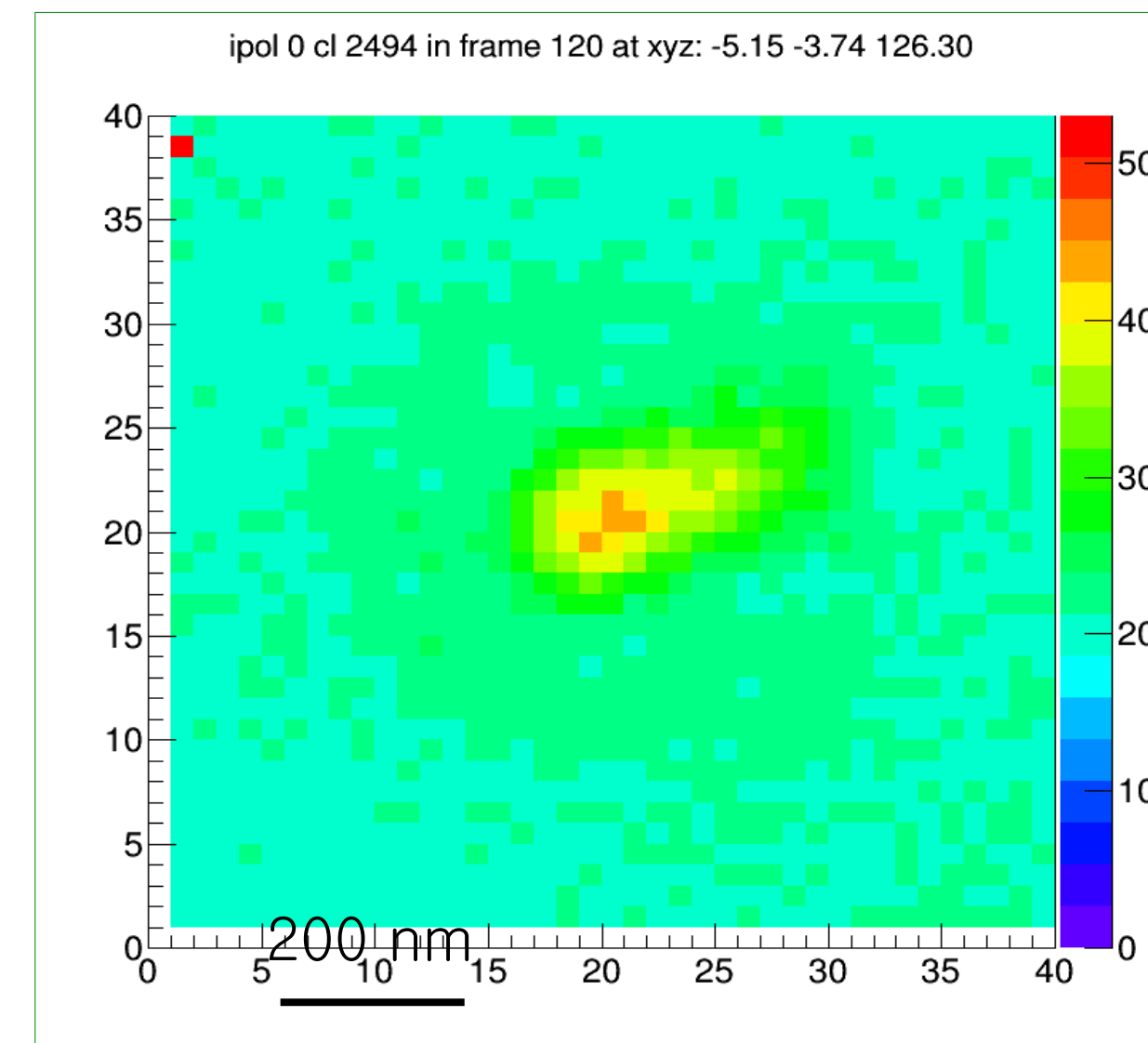
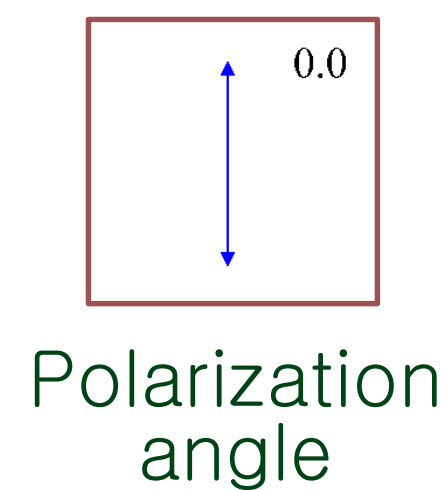
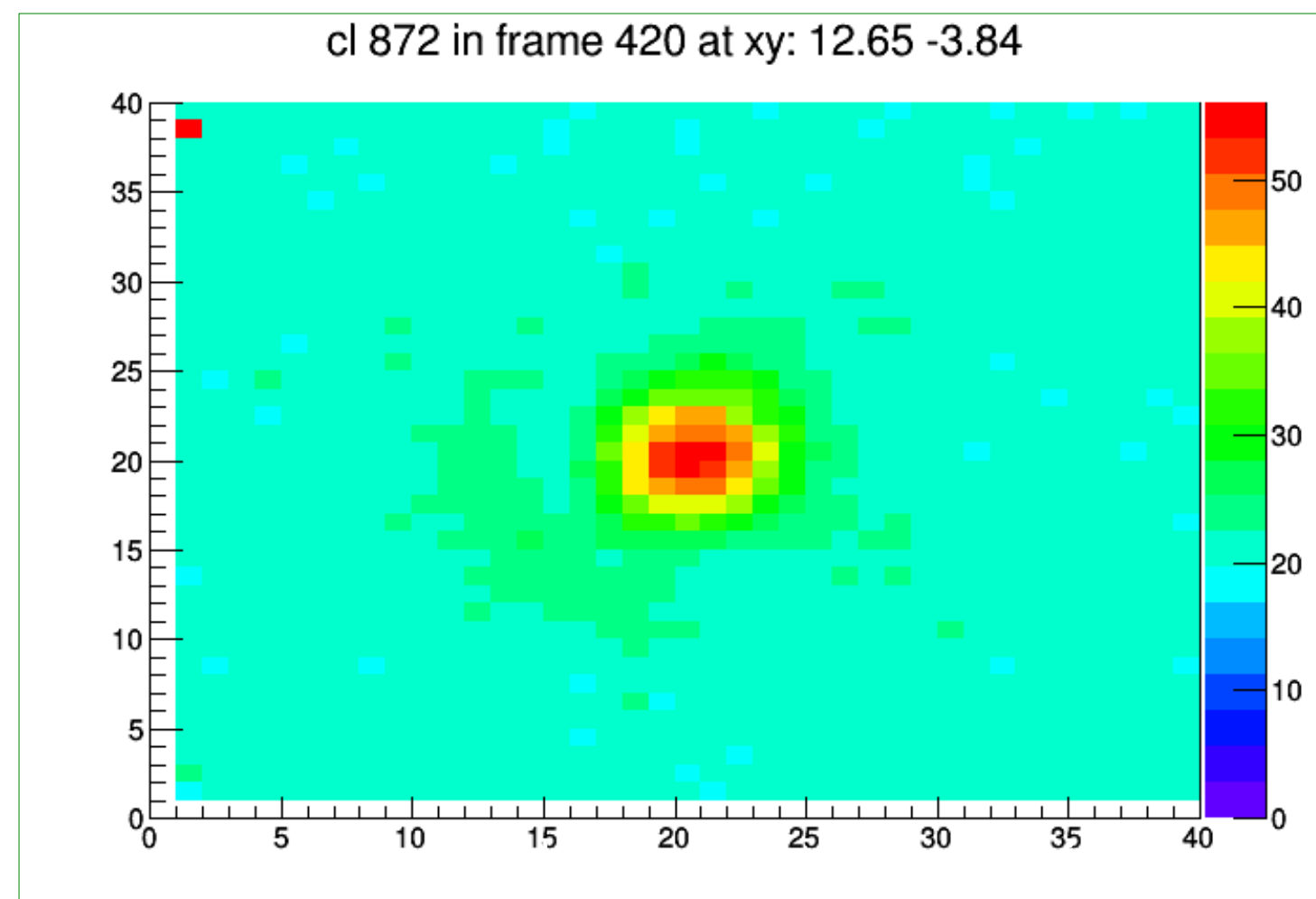
# Challenge #2 Beyond optical resolution

*LSPR (Localized Surface Plasmon Resonance) :*  
When the size of metallic grain is smaller than the wave length of the incident light,  
the *resonance* depends on the *polarization* of the light → Sensitive to the *shape* of

- To detect tracks shorter than optical resolution  
→ Taking multiple measurements over the whole polarization range  
→ The shift of c.m. of the cluster gives information of nano-structure.

Background grain  
c.m. of the cluster

Signal-like event  
(100keV C ion)  
Max barshift



## Constructing a New Lab (#2) in GNU

Upgrade of the Scanning system for NEWSdm



Scanning Lab #2



Scanning Lab #1

Also we will try to do the Emulsion treatments (gel production, development ... ) at this Lab.



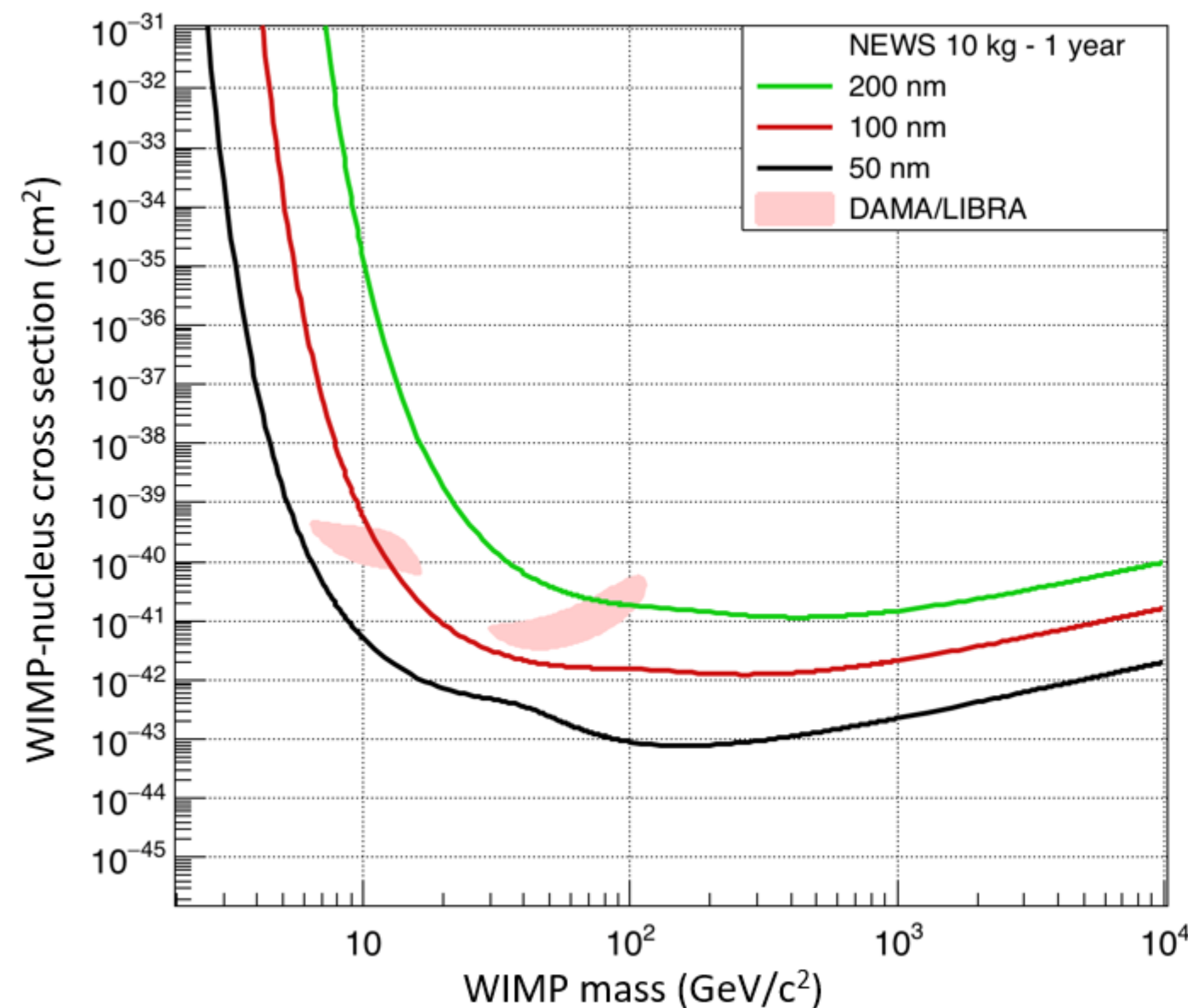
*Emulsion facility at Hall F in Gran Sasso*

# NEWSdm intermediate goal

## 10 kg pilot experiment

- submitted CDR to LNGSC (July 2021)

- First **directional** dark matter detector with 10 kg solid target
- Explore DAMA region with a completely different technique based on the **visual observation of recoil tracks** in the emulsion.
- Equatorial telescope with shielding & New emulsion facility construction



# NEWSdm final goal

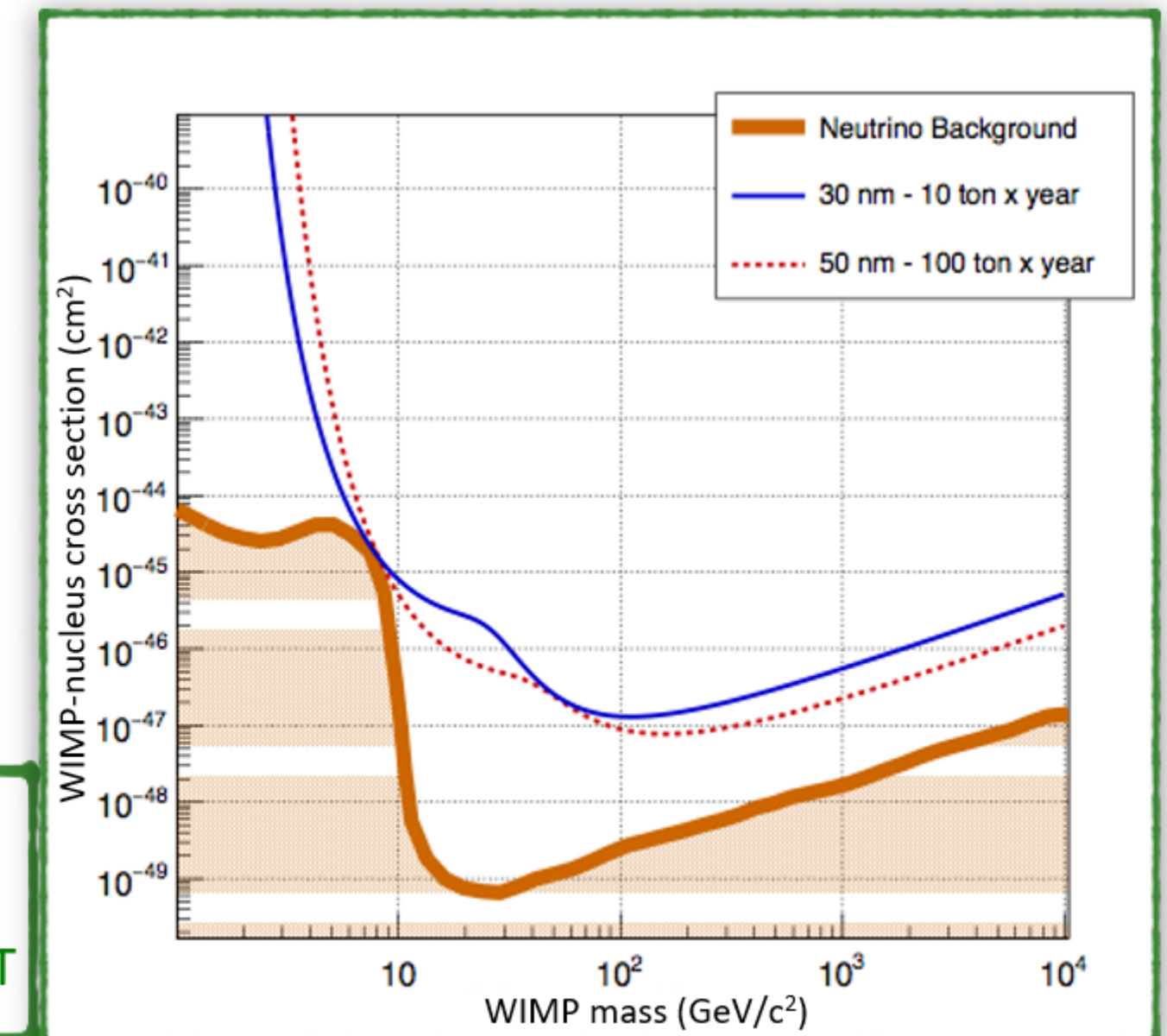
## Overcome the Neutrino floor ...

- Larger detector masses would be possible.
  - NIT is a **solid detector**.
- Other directional experiments use gaseous detectors.
  - difficult to make larger detector
  - difficult to make tracks due to diffusion effect

### Requirements :

- **Reduction of NIT grain size**  
Ultra-NIT has 40 nm resolution (grain size 25 nm)
- **Larger mass scale detector**
- **Further high speed scanning system**

The neutrino bound is reached with:  
**10 ton x year exposure for 30 nm grain NIT**  
**100 ton x year exposure for 50 nm grain NIT**

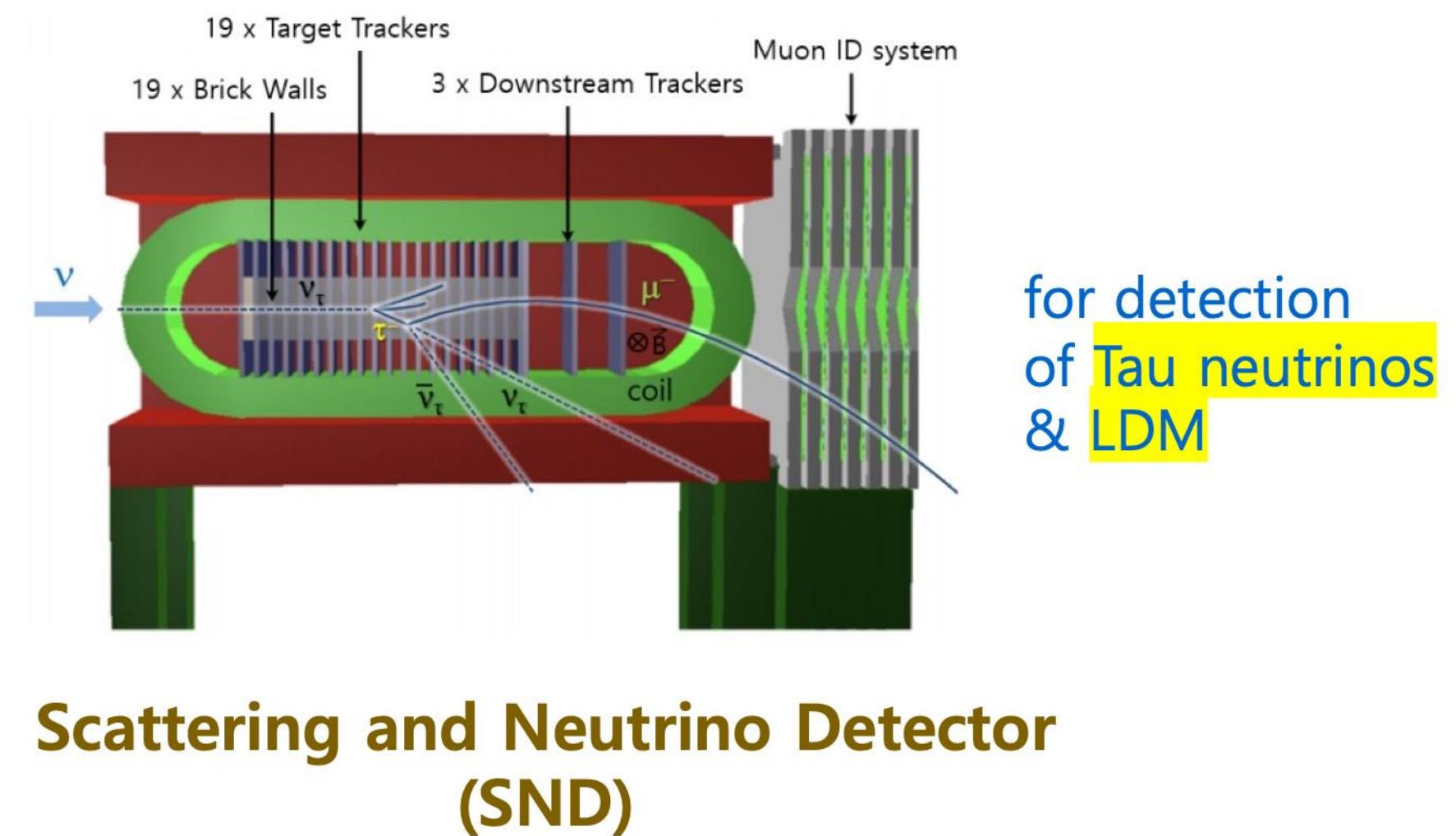
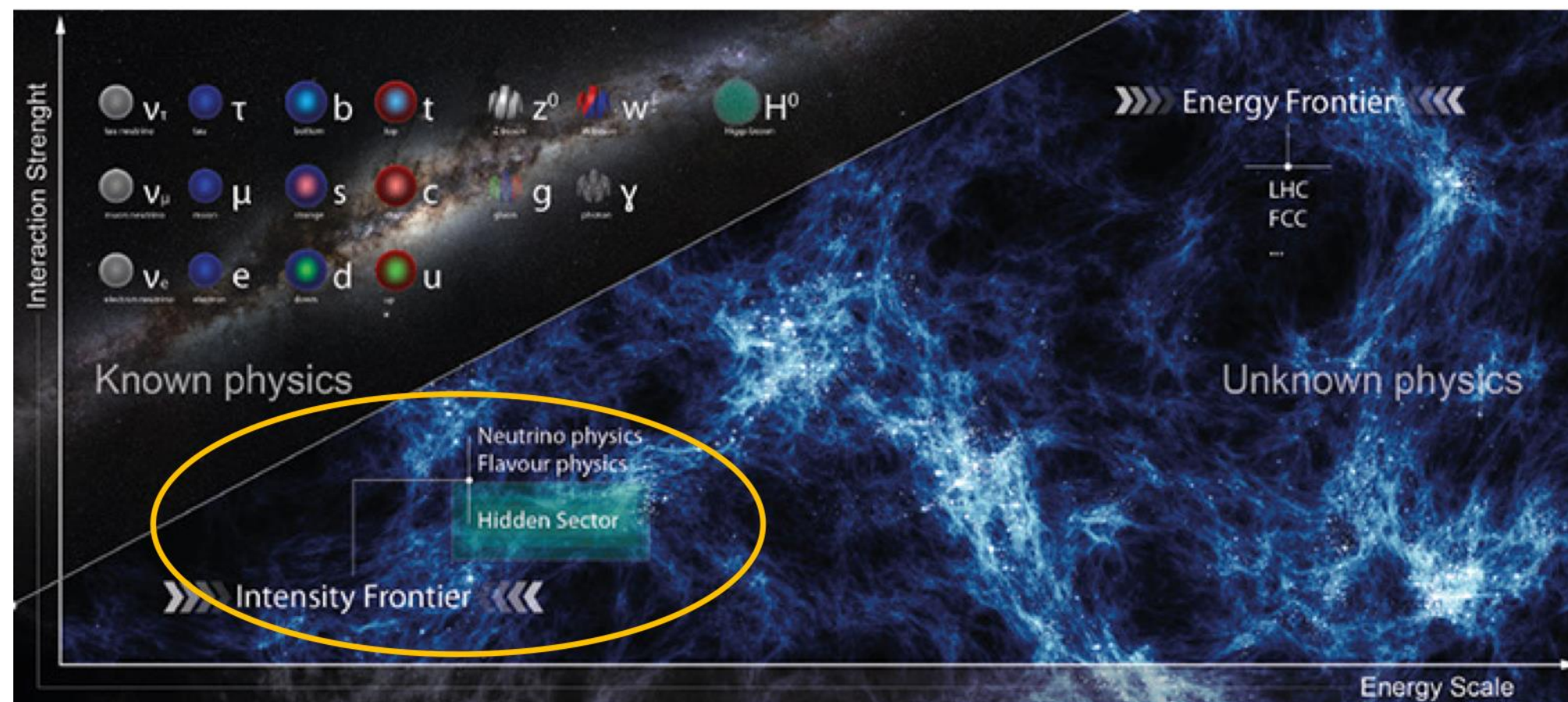
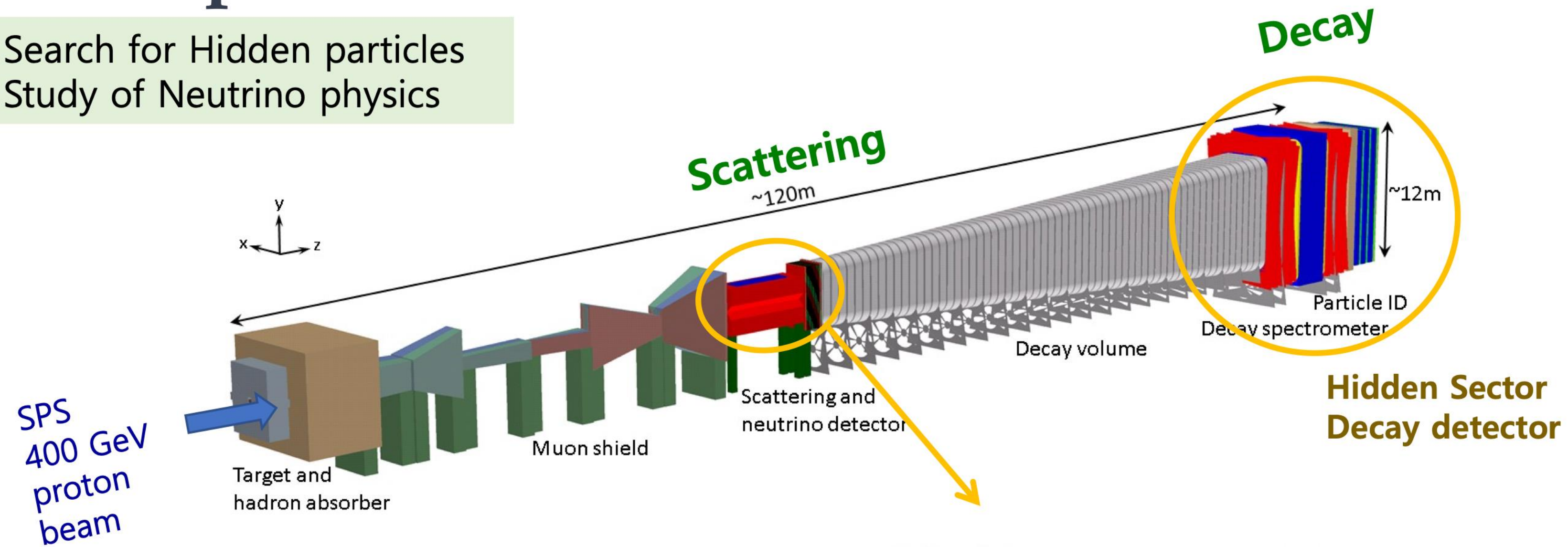




# SHiP experiment

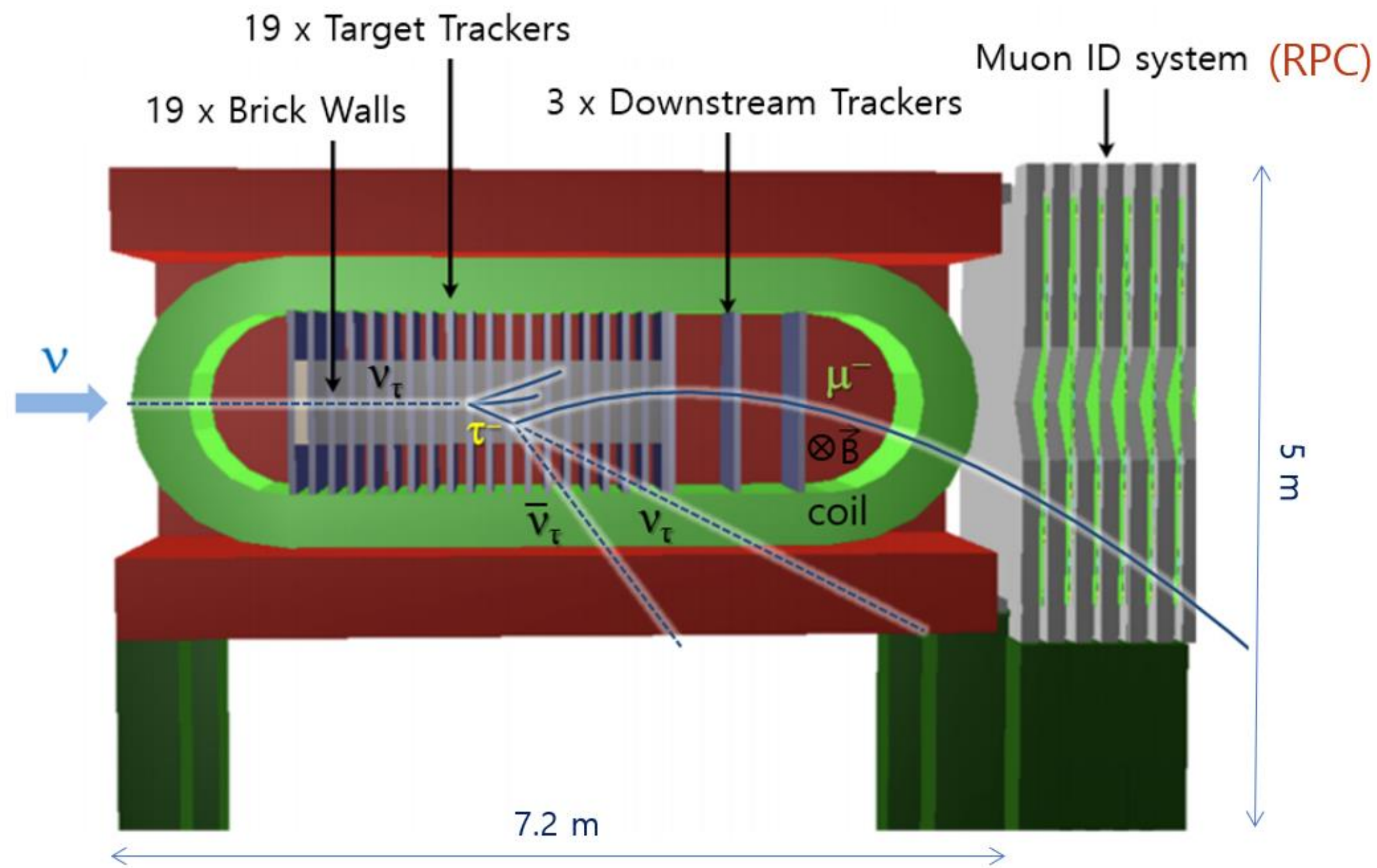
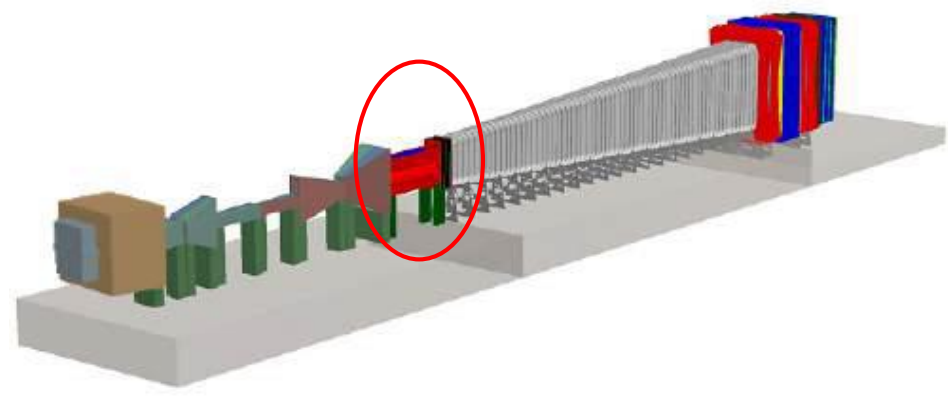
- Search for Hidden particles
- Study of Neutrino physics

HNL (Heavy Neutral Lepton),  
Dark photon, Dark scalar, ALP etc.

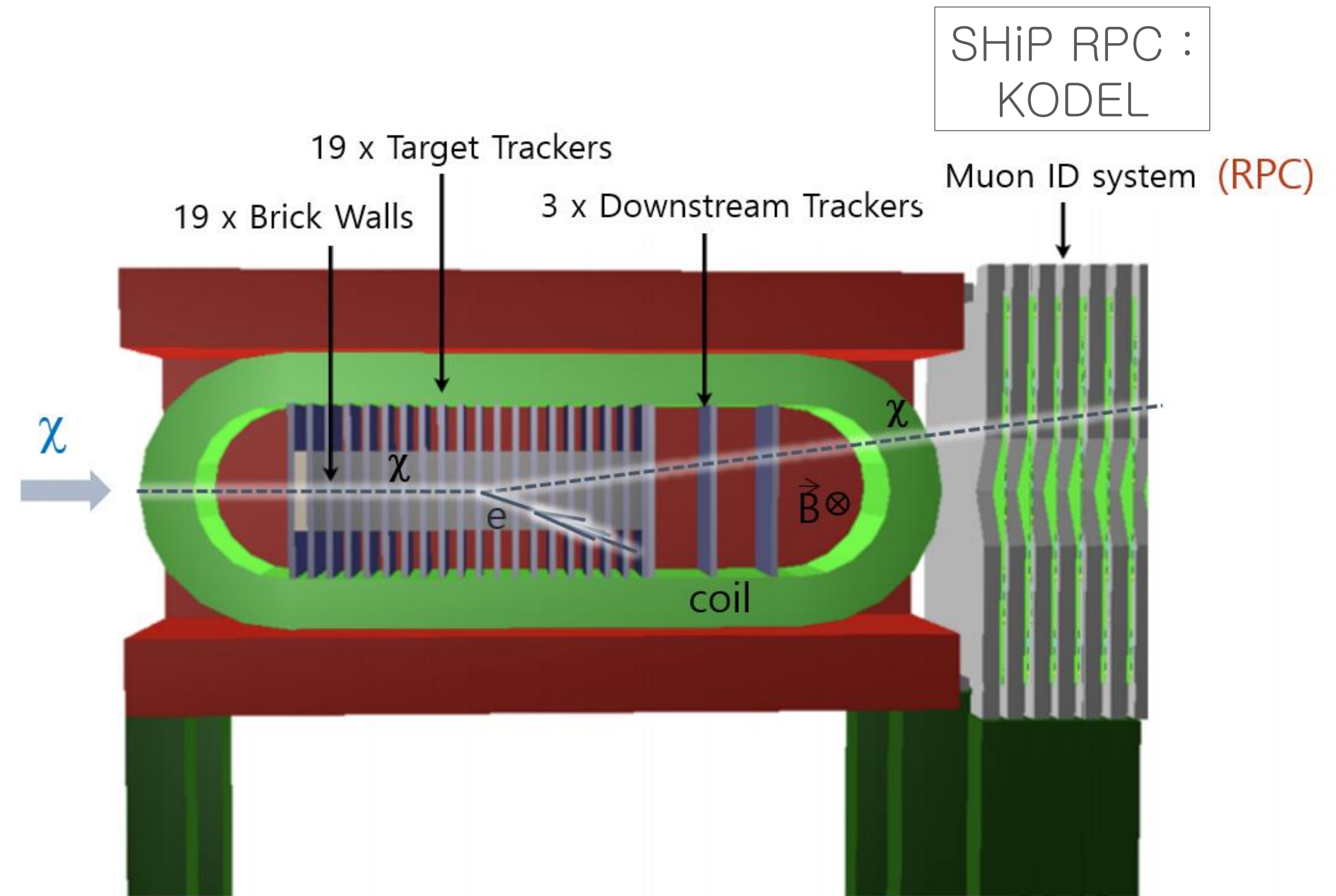




# Scattering and Neutrino detector (SND) in SHiP



Tau neutrino scattering at SND



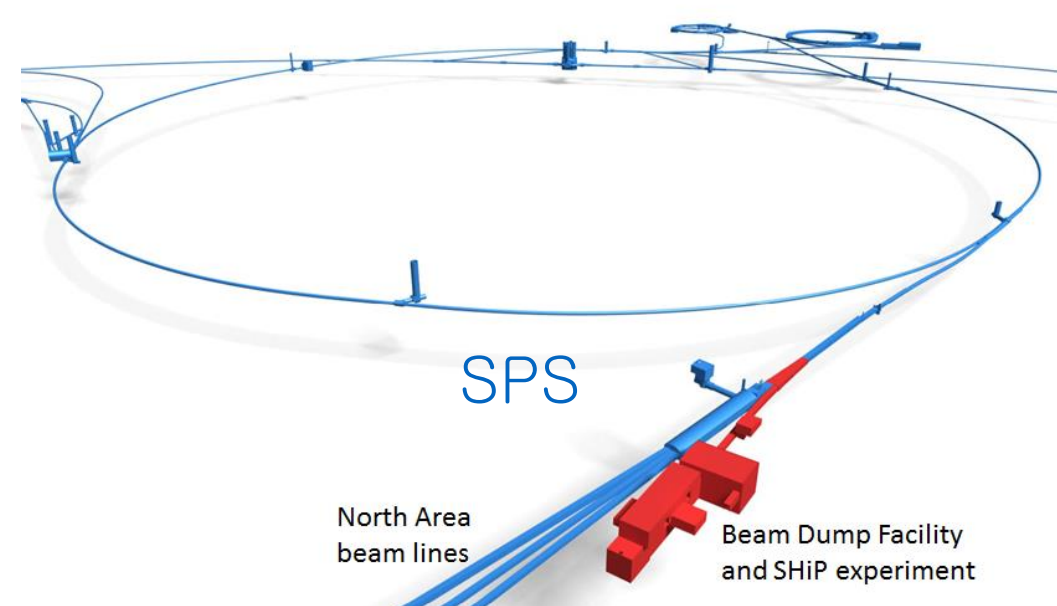
Light dark matter scattering at SND

– Electron recoil due to LDM scattering

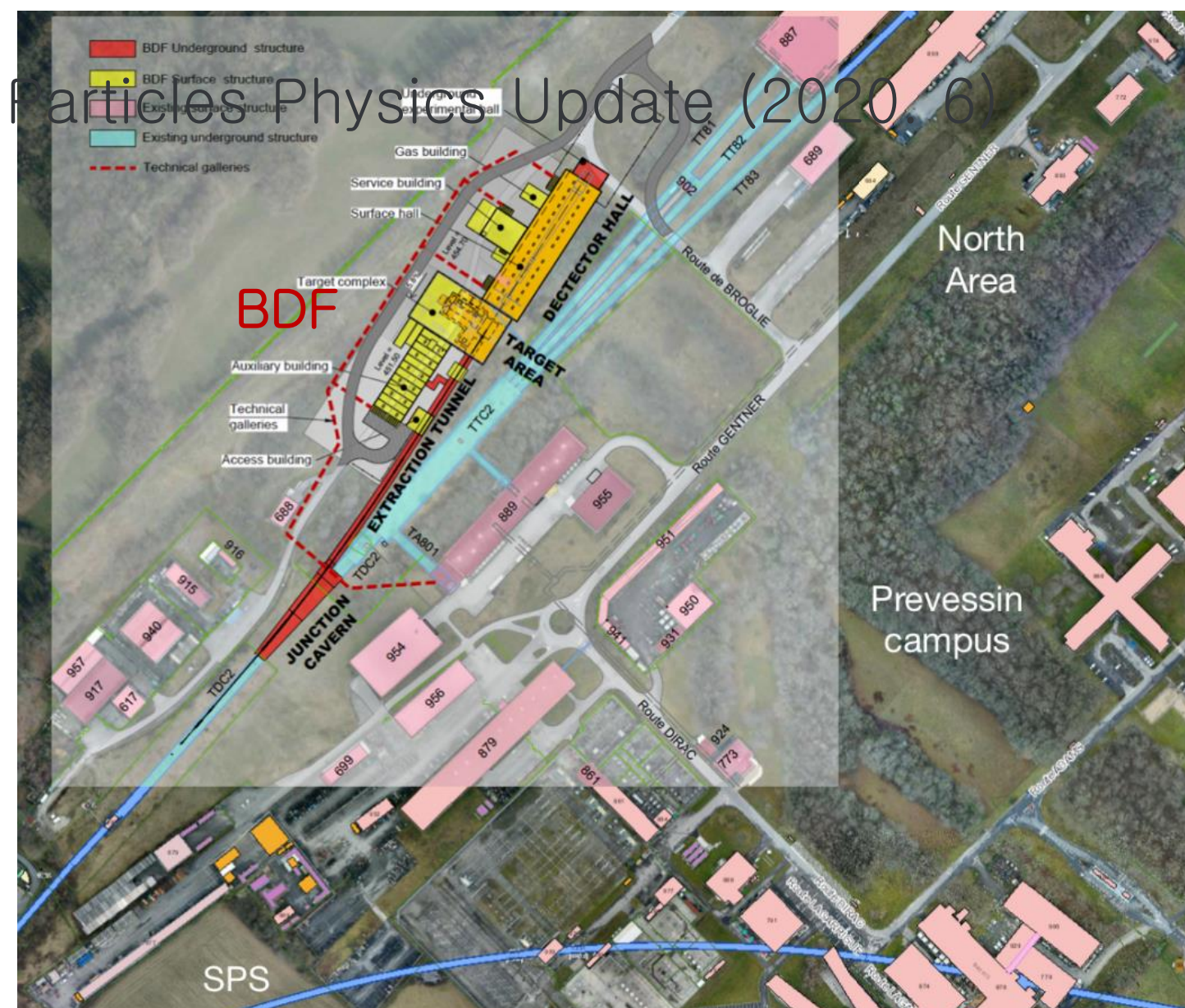


Among the proposals for larger-scale new facilities investigated within the Physics Beyond Colliders study, the **Beam Dump Facility** at the SPS emerged as one of the frontrunners. However, such a project would be difficult to resource within the CERN budget, considering the other recommendations of this Strategy.

– European Strategy of Particle Physics Update (2020, 6)



**BDF**  
(Beam Dump Facility)



# SND@LHC



A precursor for SHiP  
approved by CERN on 15 March 2021

Data taking from  
2022

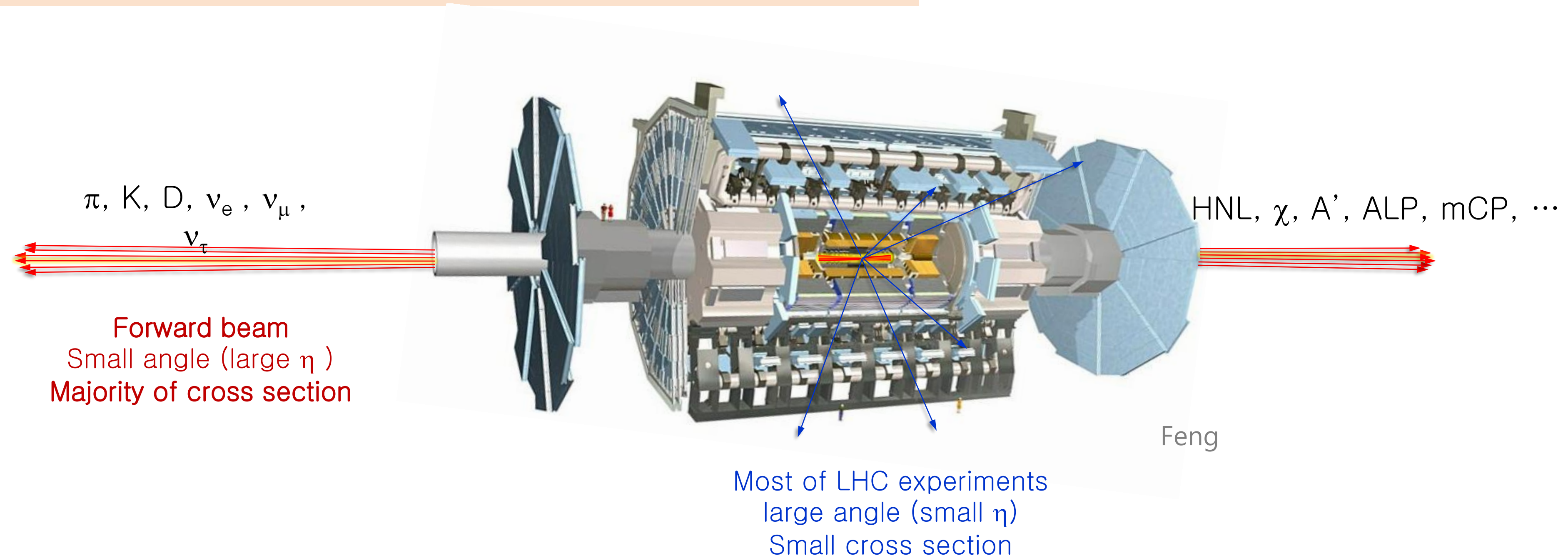
(LHC Run 3)  
**K-SHiP group will focus  
the SND@LHC  
instead of the SHiP.**

- They support the future collider (Higgs factory).
- We need to wait for the next ESPPU (more than 5 years).
- But SPSC approved BDF R&D

# Physics goal of SND@LHC

- Study of **High energy neutrinos** in unexplored energy region
- Search for **FIPs (Feebly Interacting Particles)**

⇒ See K.Y. Lee's talk in Neutrino session














The LHC focused high  $P_T$  / low cross section events ( $\sim$  **pb, fb**)  
 Total cross section is  $\sim$  **100 mb**, and most of highest energy are in the **forward region and low  $P_T$** .  
 → No detectors in the forward direction (hole in the beam axis)

# SND@LHC Collaboration



## Members from Asia and Europe

- |   |  |
|---|--|
|  Corea del Sud |  Bulgaria                 |
|  Giappone      |  Germania                 |
|  Turchia       |  Italia                   |
|   |  Portogallo               |
|   |  Regno Unito, Inghilterra |
|   |  Russia, Mosca (Oblast)   |
|   |  Svizzera                 |
|   |  CERN                     |

20 Institutes  
180 members

## K-SND group

### Gyeongsang National University

S. H. Kim, K. Y. Lee, B. D. Park, J. Y. Sohn, C. S. Yoon

### Korea University

K. S. Lee

### Gwangju National University of Education

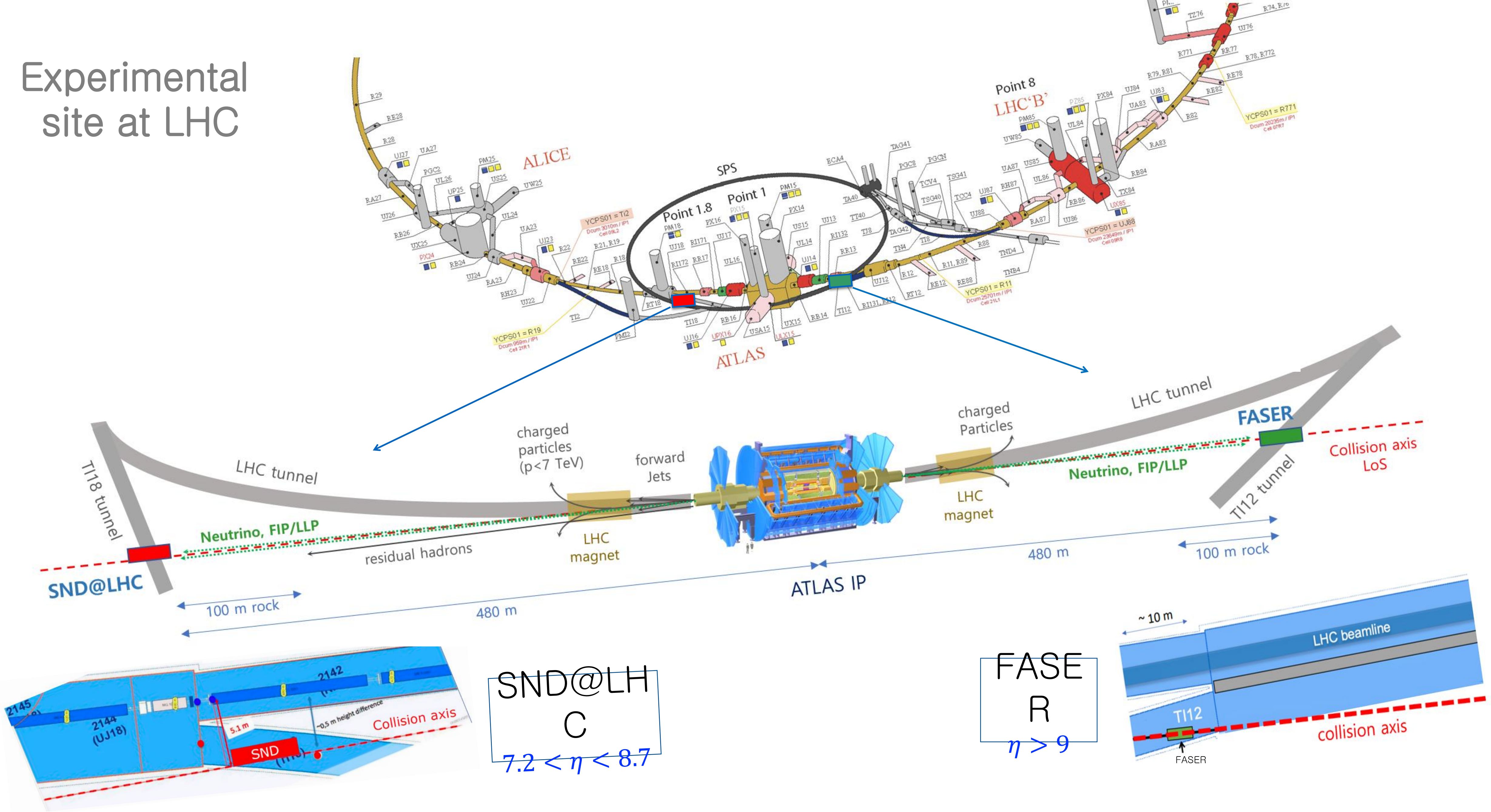
Y. G. Kim

### Sungkyunkwan University

K.-Y. Choi

4 Institutes  
8 members

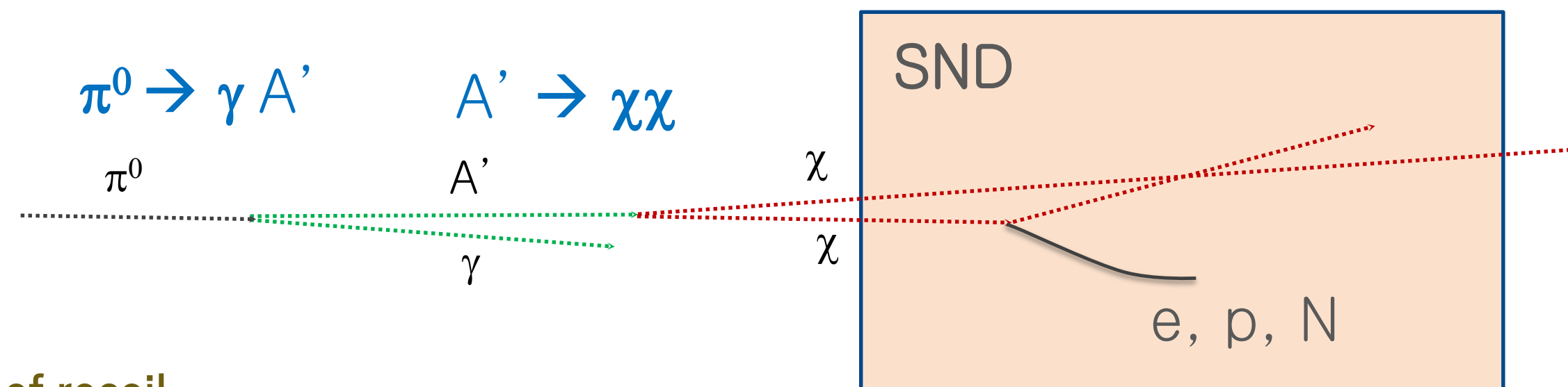
# Experimental site at LHC



# Search for FIPs at SND@LHC

## Light dark matter scattering

- The LHC is an abundant source for mesons ( $\pi^0, \eta \dots$ )  
 → Therefore, an abundant source for **dark photons** ( $A'$ )  
 → **Light dark matter** (LDM) can be produced from  $A'$  decay  
 → We will detect the **recoils from LDM scattering** in the SND.



- $\chi e \rightarrow \chi e$  e-recoil
- $\chi p \rightarrow \chi p$  p-recoil (Leptophobic)
- $\chi N \rightarrow \chi N$  N-recoil

### Samples of recoil tracks in emulsion

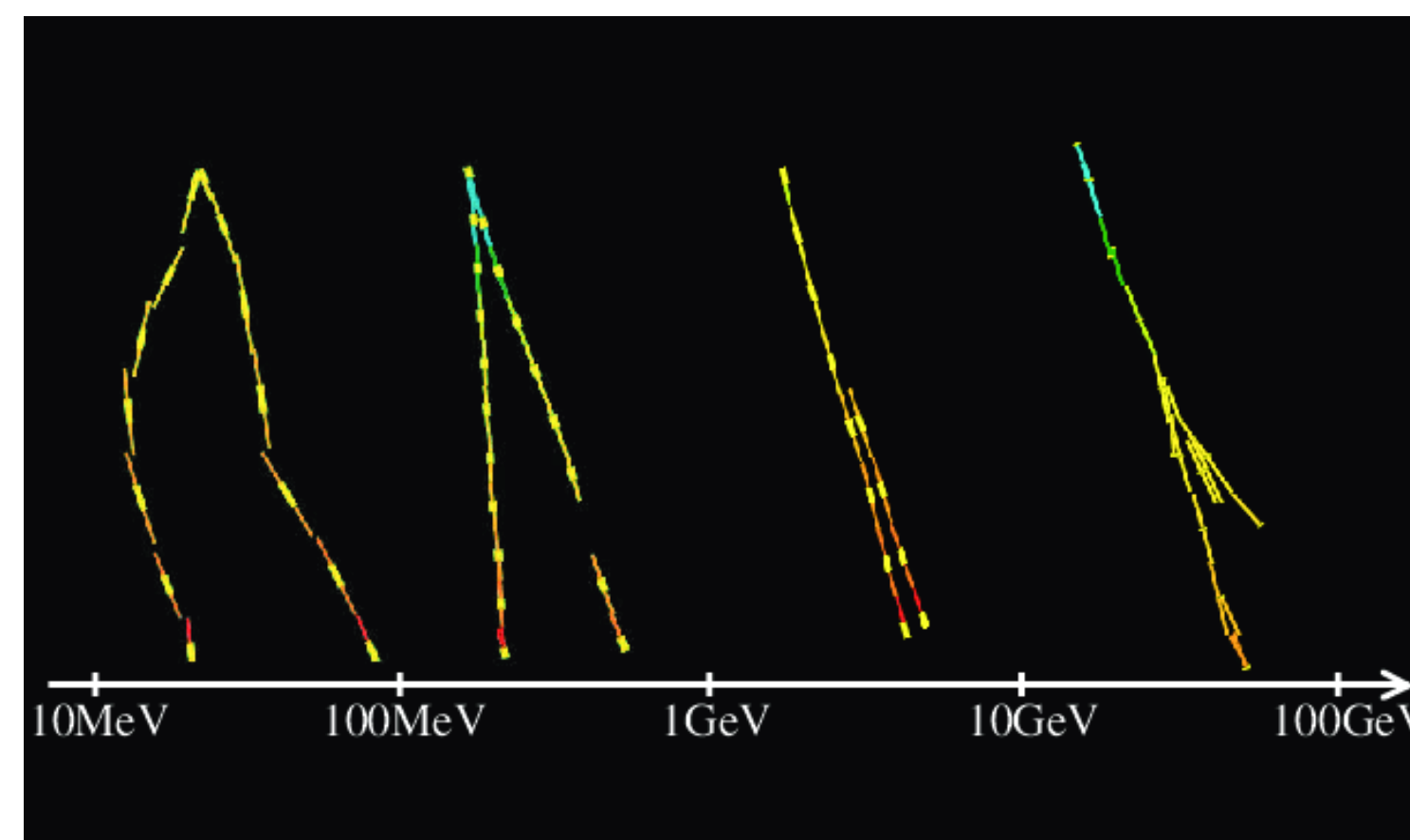
#### Proton recoil (~500 keV)

A proton track recoiled by a neutron  
 $\sim O(10) \mu\text{m}$



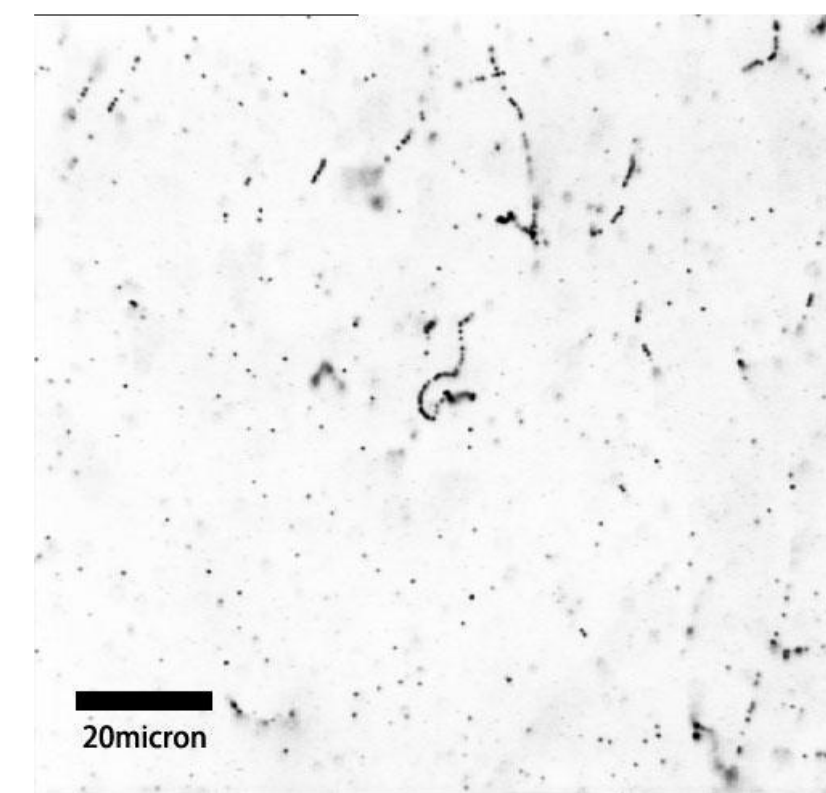
#### Nuclear recoil (~100 keV)

$\sim O(100) \text{ nm}$   
 NIT  
 (Special emulsion used in NEWSBIT)

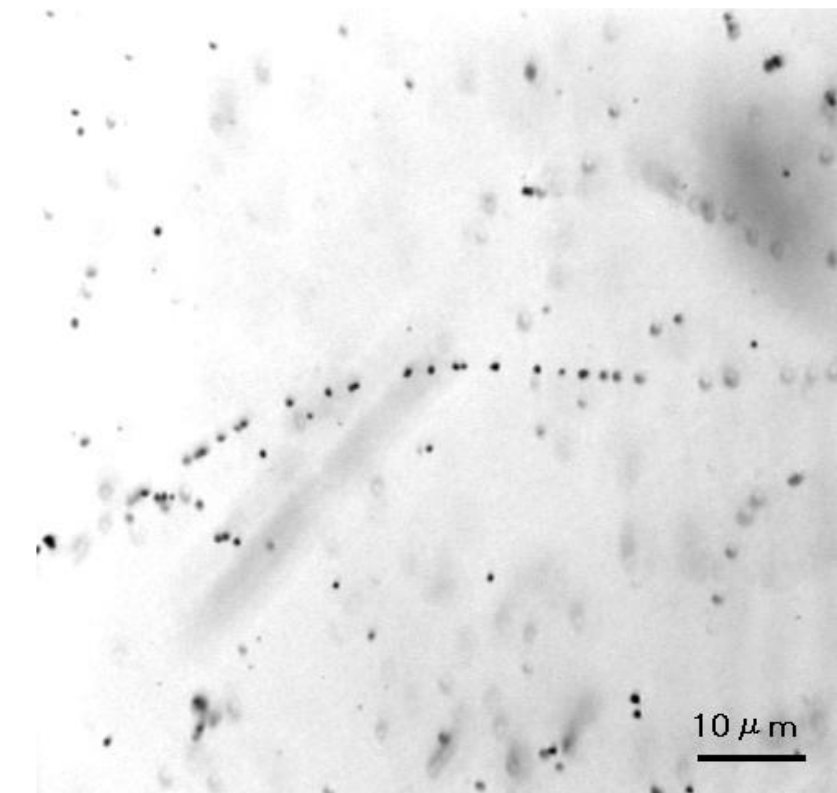


Reconstructed electron tracks in ECC

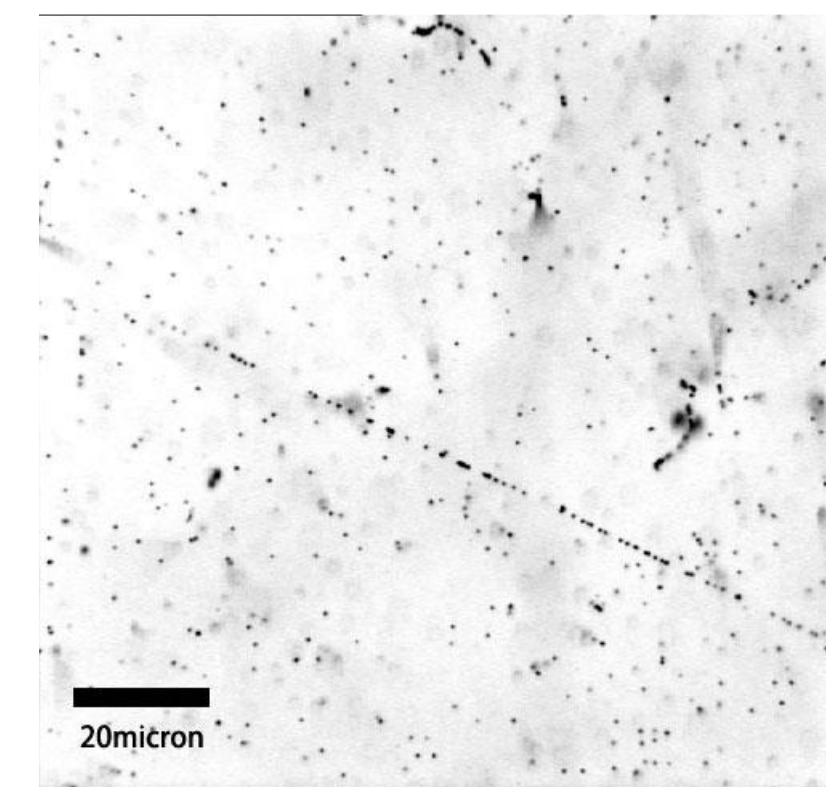
### Electron tracks in Nuclear emulsion



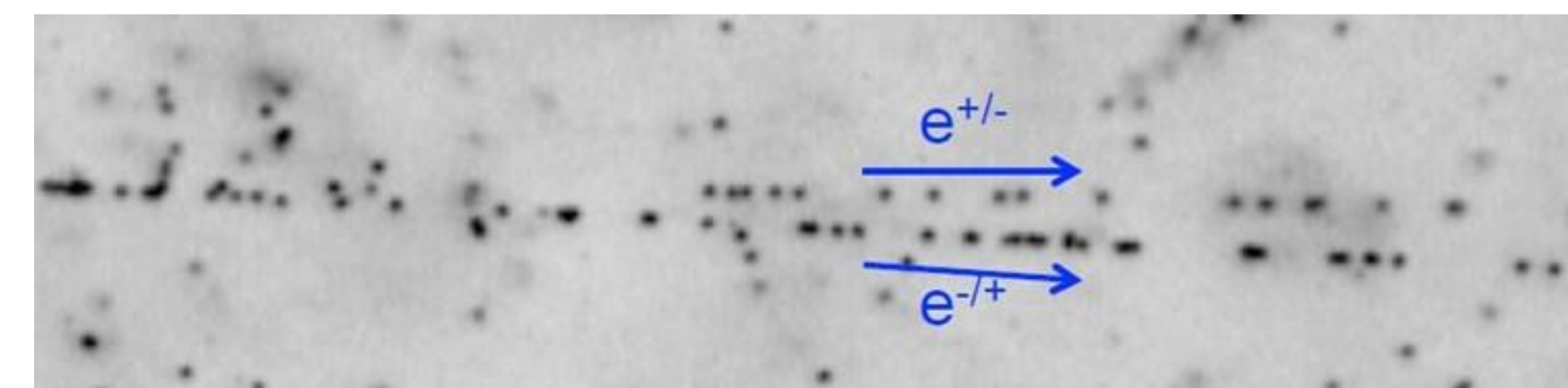
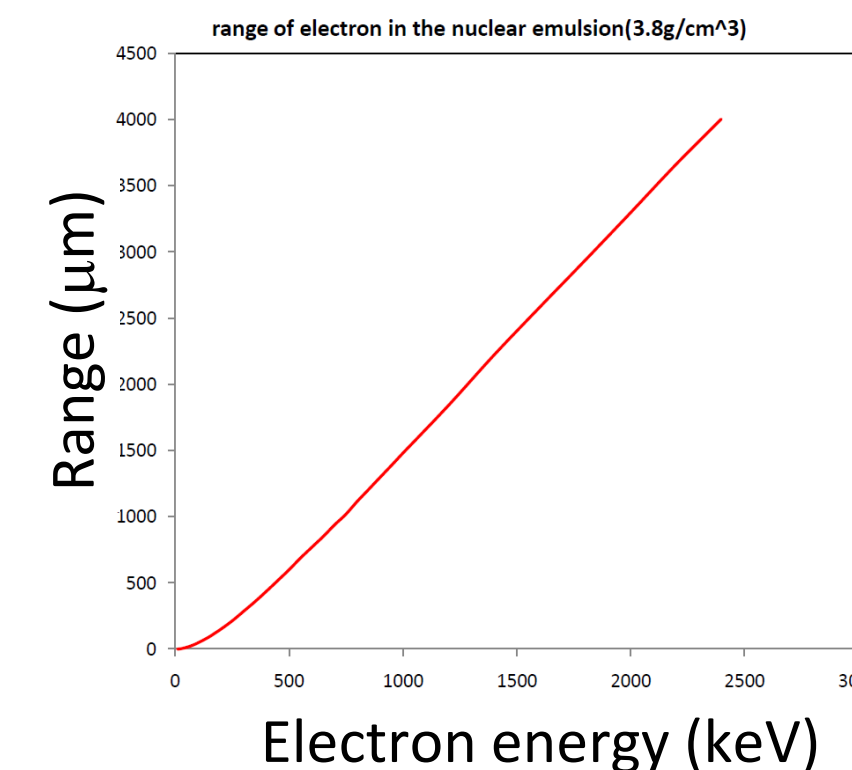
electron  $\sim 100 \text{ keV}$



electron  $\sim 1 \text{ MeV}$



electron  $> 10 \text{ MeV}$



Electron  $\sim 10 \text{ GeV}$

# Backgrounds of LDM

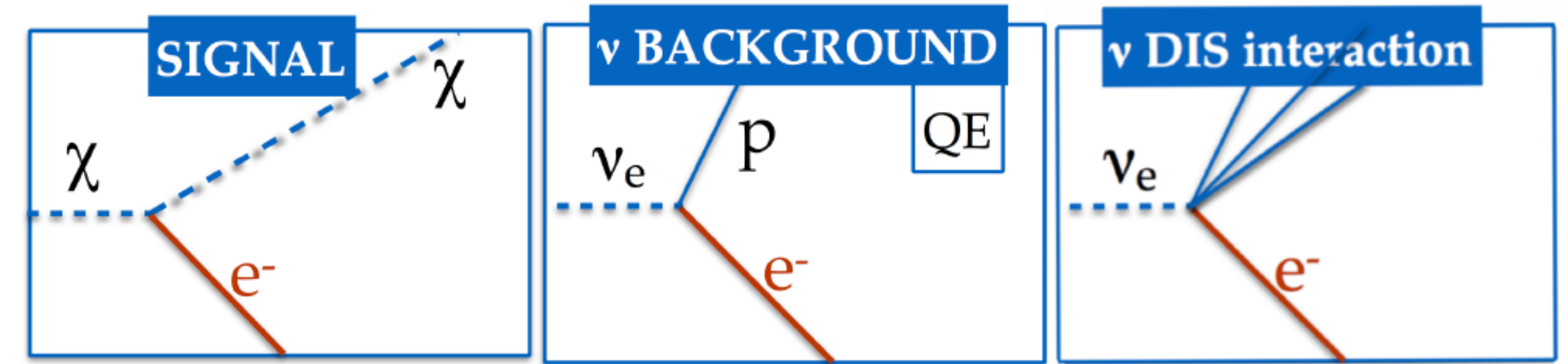
$\chi e \rightarrow \chi e$ : Signal

It is difficult to identify the signals event by event.

$\nu e \rightarrow \nu e$ : Background

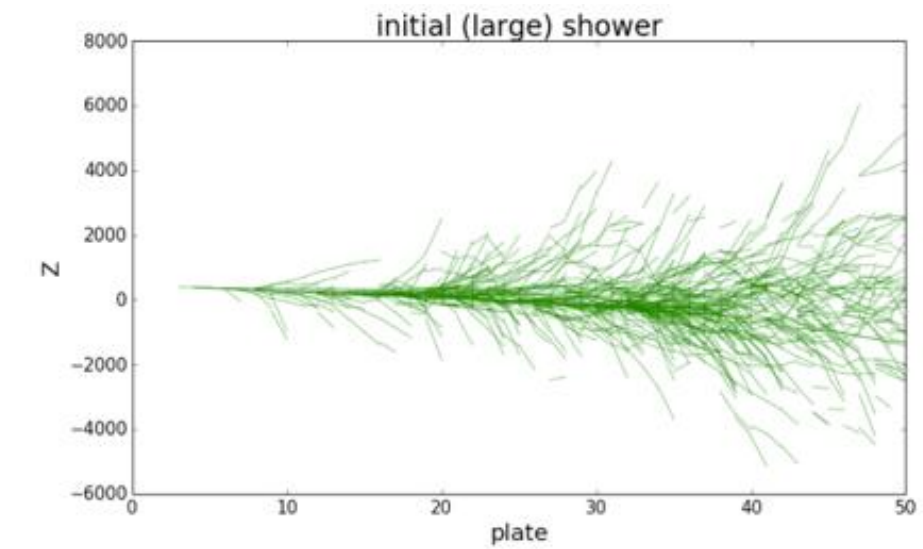
- E and  $\theta$  cut provide effective discrimination.
- DM ( $\nu$ ) scattering events peaked at lower (higher) energy due to light (heavy) mediator.

QE, RES, DIS: Cut on additional activity associate with the IP

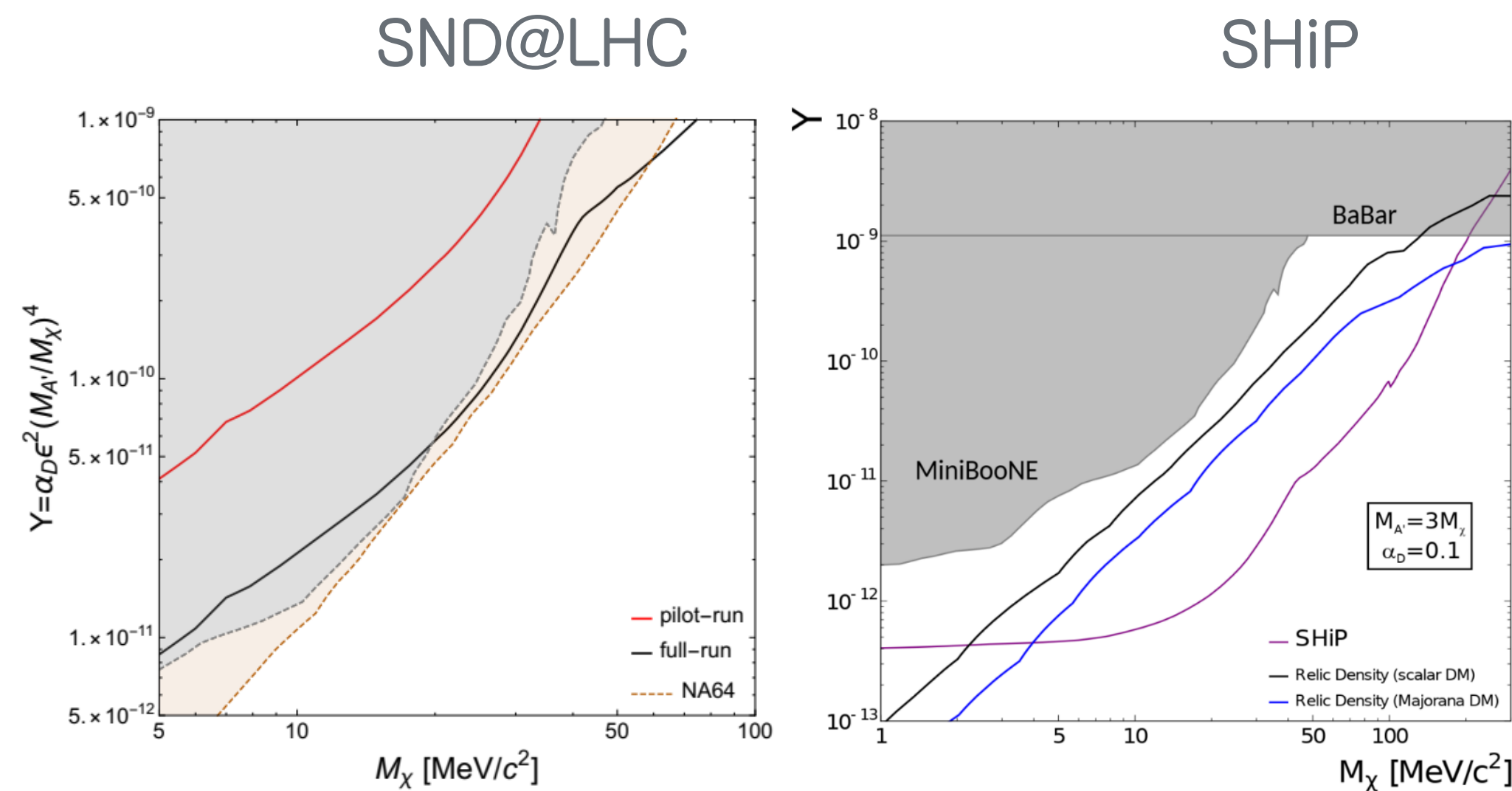


## BG rejection

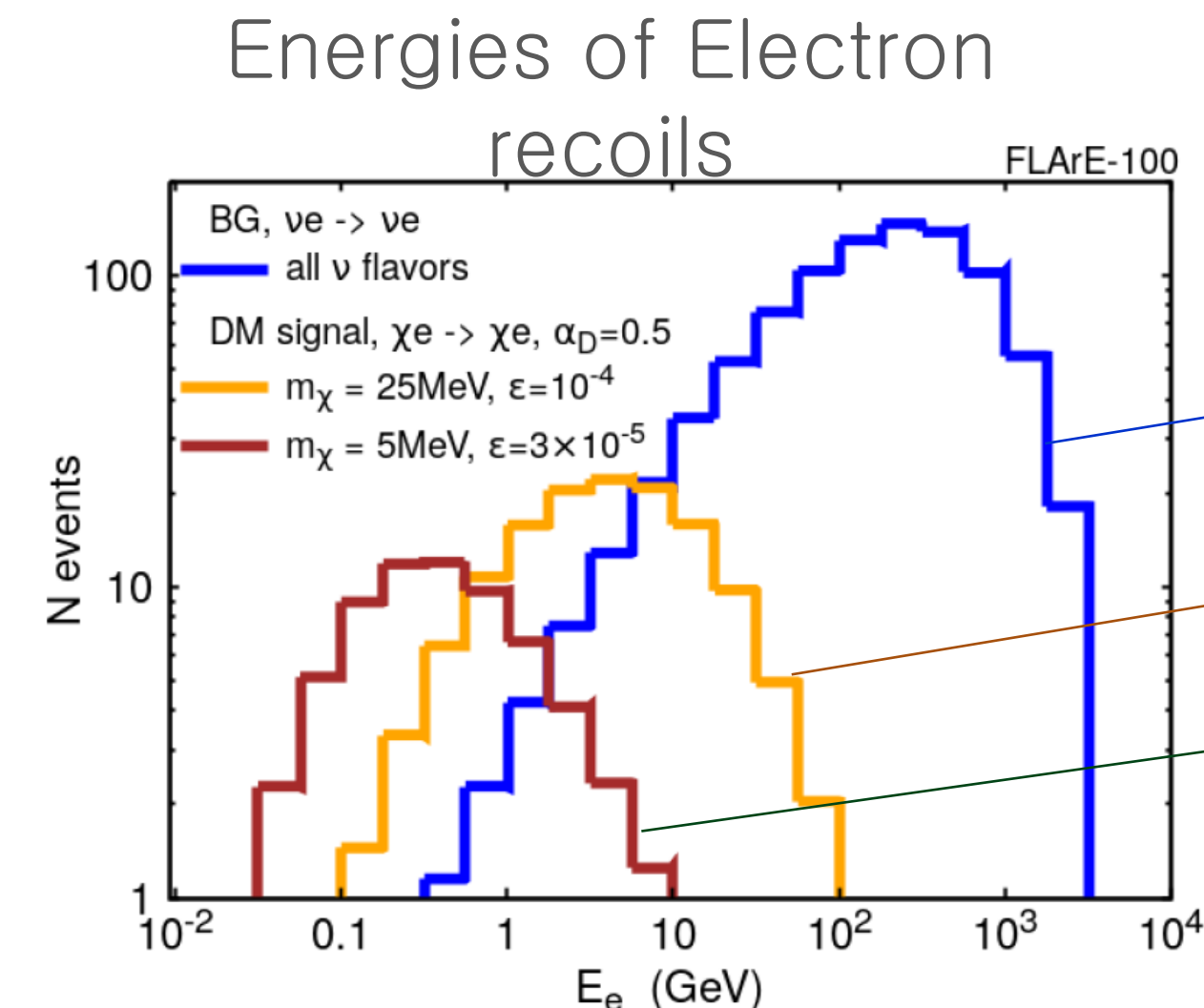
- 1) Energy-angle correlation
- 2) Presence of **proton** rejects  
Quasi-elastic scattering (QE)
- 3) Presence of **hadron jets** rejects  
Deep inelastic scattering (DIS)



Signal/bkg discrimination currently being studied using Machine Learning



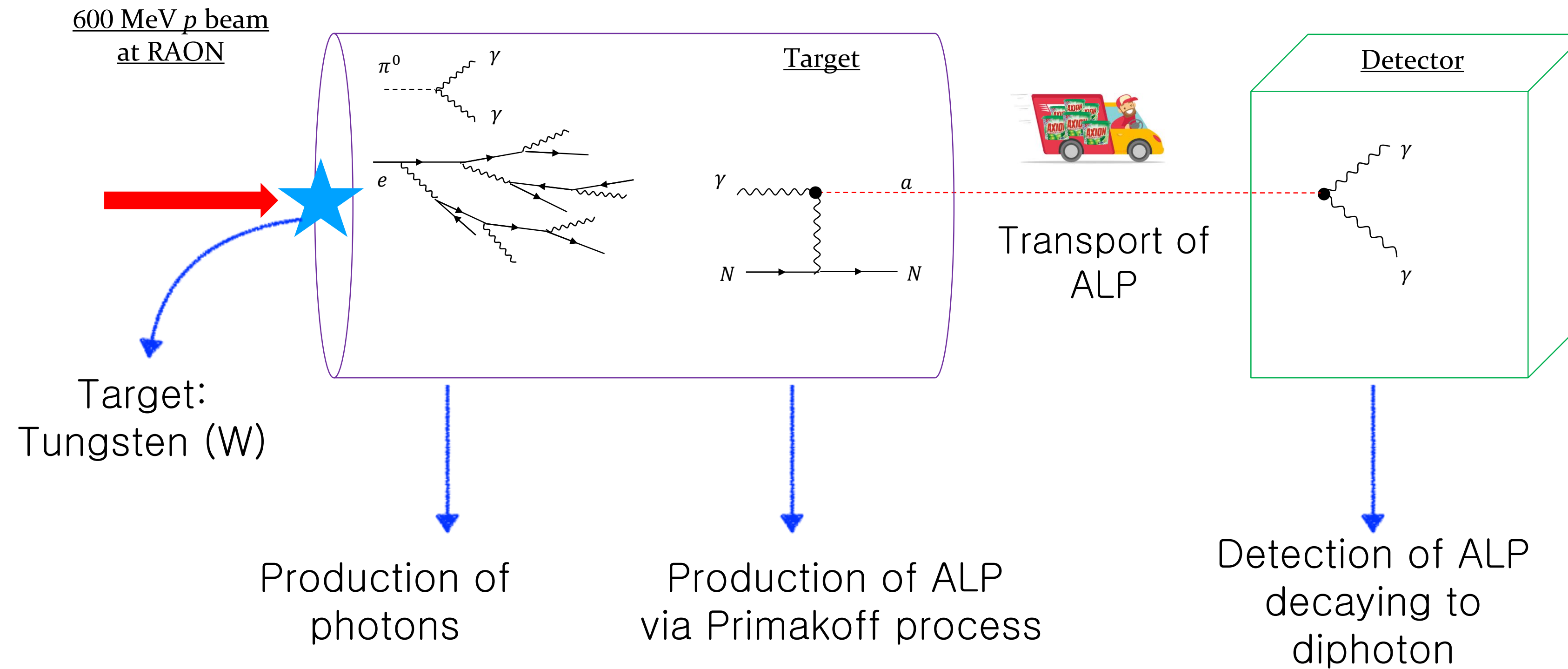
SND@LHC exclusion limits for LDM from the decay of dark photon  $A'$  assuming  $m_{A'} = 3m_\chi$  and  $\alpha_D = 0.1$  (90 C.L.).



$\nu e \rightarrow \nu e$  BG  
 $\chi e \rightarrow \chi e$  (25 MeV)  
 $\chi e \rightarrow \chi e$  (5 MeV) LDM

arXiv:2101.10338v2 FPF

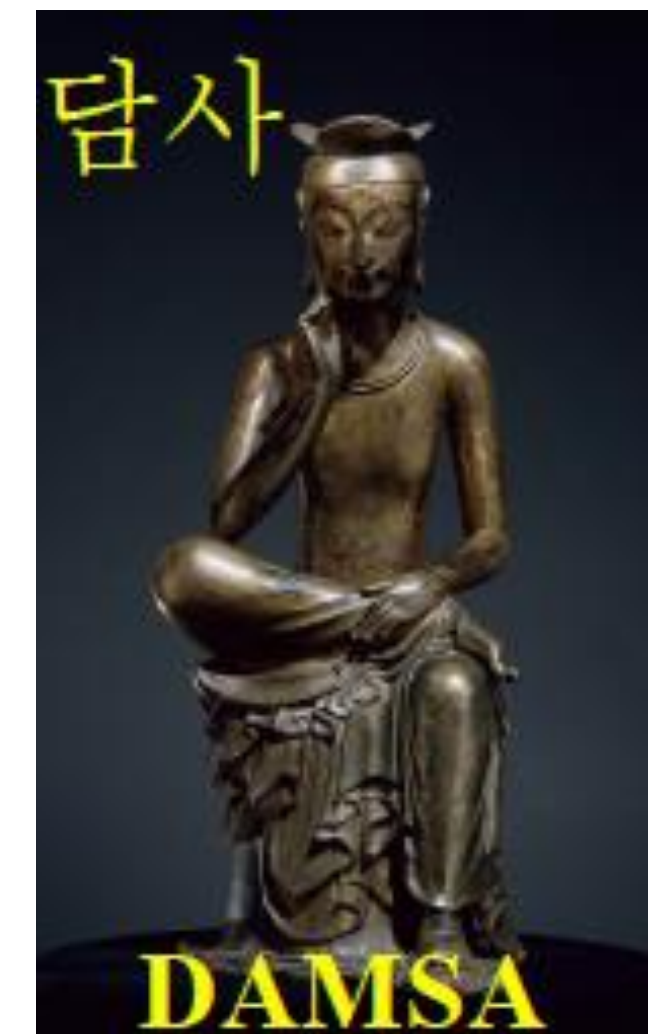
DAMSA is a proposal to search for axion-like particles (ALPs) in the low-energy and high intensity proton beam facility at RAON



- Meson decays
- Electromagnetic showers
- etc

$$\frac{d\sigma_P^P}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{1}{4} g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \alpha Z^2 F^2(t) \frac{|\vec{p}_a|^4 \sin^2\theta}{t^2}$$

$$t = (p_1 - k_1)^2 = m_a^2 + E_\gamma(E_a - |\vec{p}_a| \cos\theta)$$





# Dump produced **A**boriginal **M**atter **S**earches at an **A**ccelerator

담사: 깊은 생각 潭思

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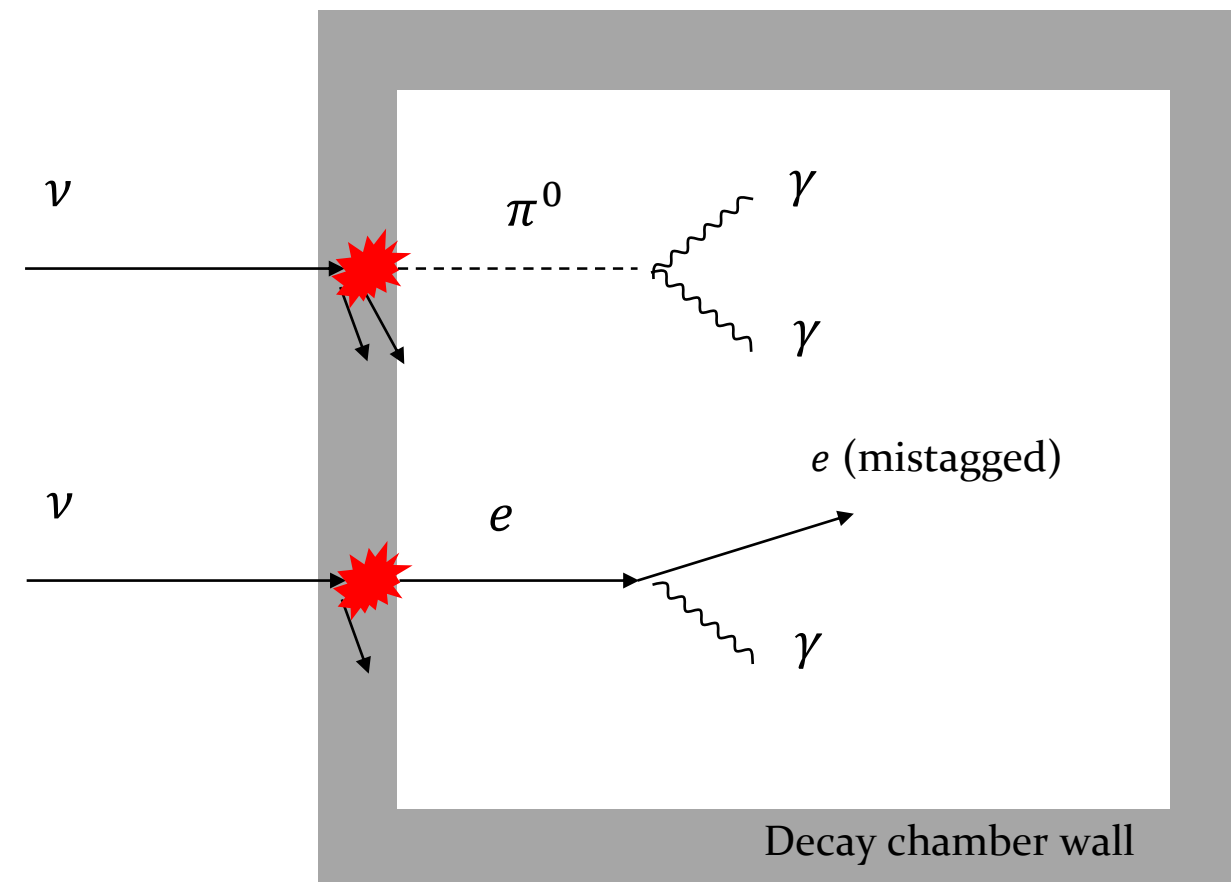
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Th: Theorist Ex: Experimentalist

**Strong collaboration between Experimenters and Theorists**

# Background consideration

## Neutrino originating

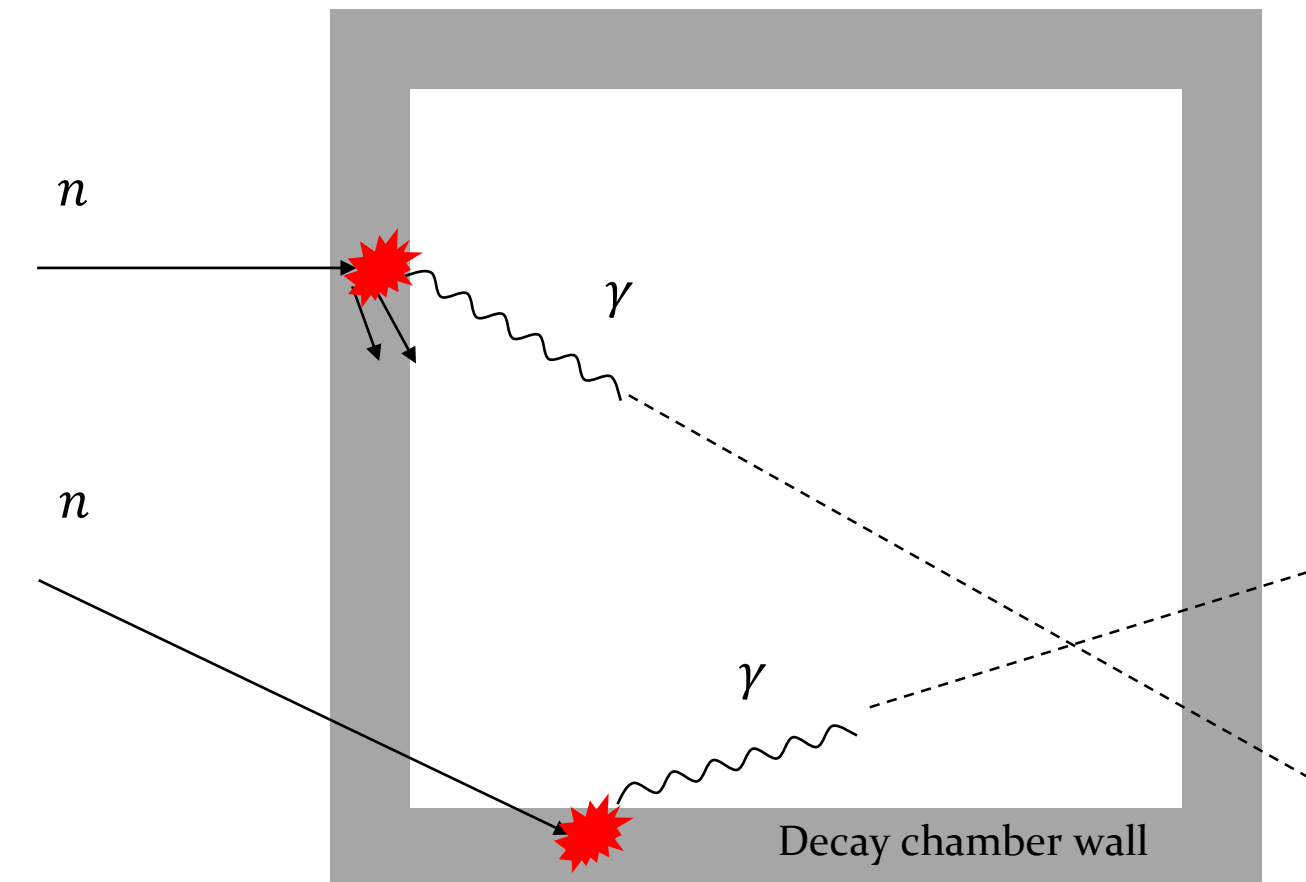


Beam energy is low (at most 600 MeV)

- Suppressed production of charged pions
- Neutrinos from stopped pions and muons, resulting in an isotropic, i.e., dispersed, neutrino flux

→ Negligible

## Neutron originating

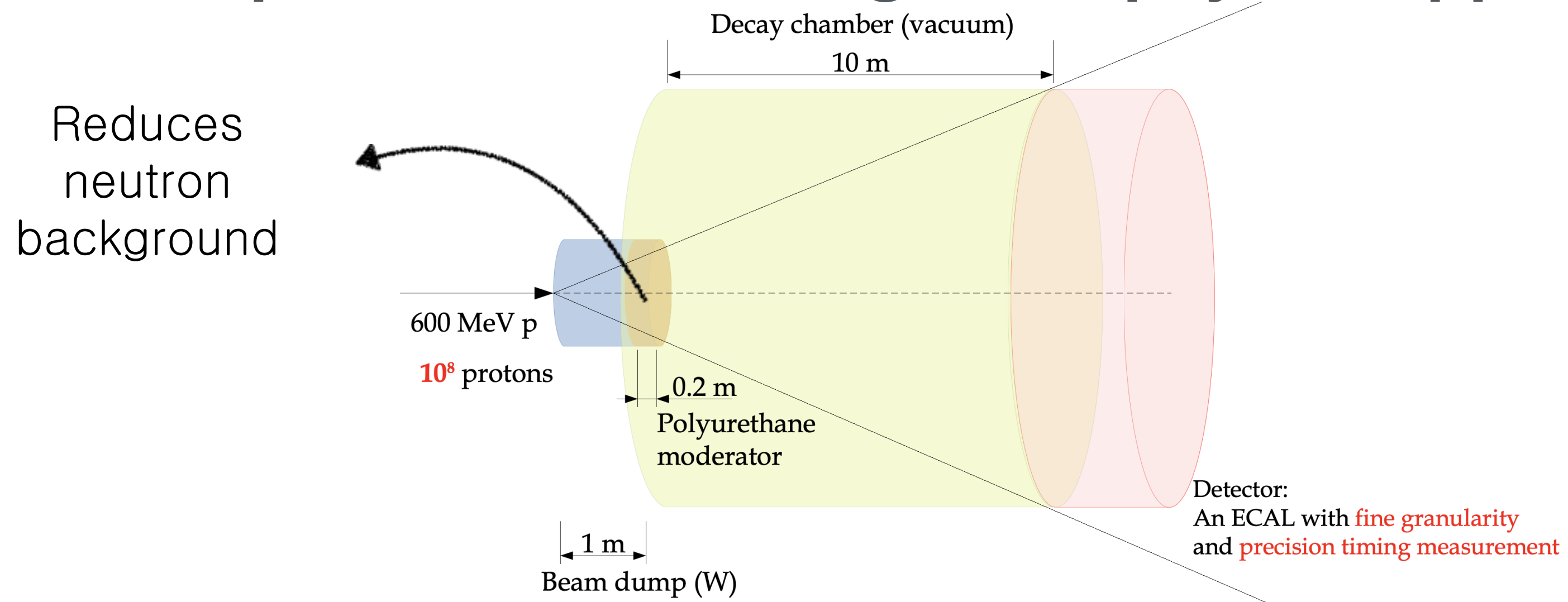


Any two photon tracks can mimic the signal

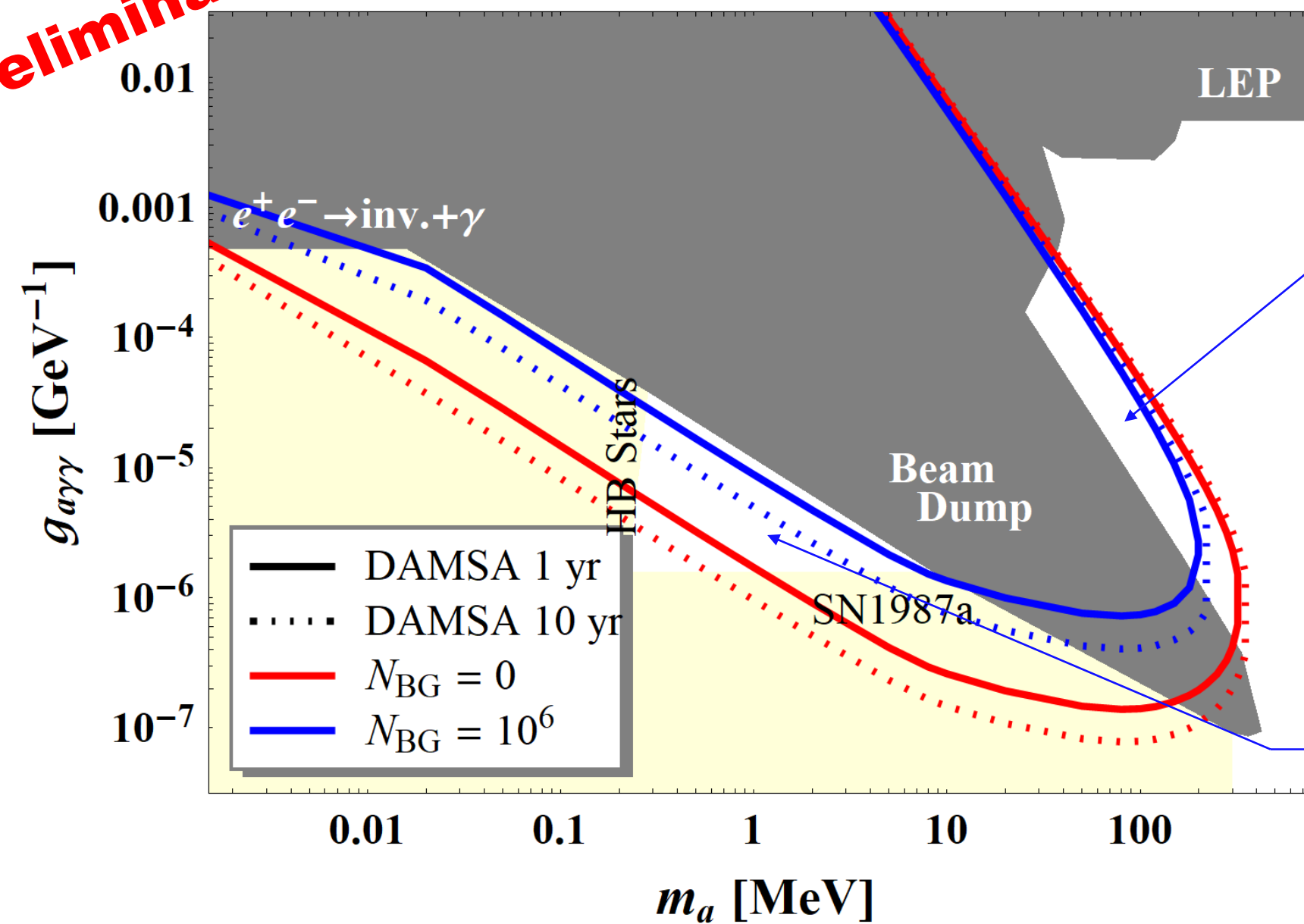
- Accidentally crossing each other at a point within position/timing resolutions
- Vector sum of their momenta traced back to the target, unlike the signal.
- Random invariant mass

→ Reducible by more than  $O(10^{11})$

# Conceptual detector design and physics opportunities



**Preliminary**



DAMSA can probe the ALP parameter region that has never been explored.

DAMSA will cover part of the so-called “cosmological triangle” where only (standard) cosmology would constrain.

# Summary and Outlook

- Korean experimental effort in the dark sector has been growing.
- Traditional high resolution detectors are used to identify dark particles in the lab.
- Low threshold calorimetric detectors and position sensitive emulsion detectors are under further improvement.
- A staged approach from small-scale prototyping to a large detector is the key to a success.
- COSINE-200 (ann. modulation), SND@LHC (instead of SHiP, Light dark matter), NEWSdm (directional detection), and DAMSA (ALPs) are forthcoming in near future.
- Challenges include a quality crystal growth (COSINE-200),  $\mathcal{O}(10\text{ nm})$ -scale position resolution (NEWSdm), and neutron bkg. rejections (DAMSA)