

The NEWS-SNO Project

Context

Principles

SEDINE at LSM

Status of NEWS-SNO

Summary

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Basic comments on detection of “low mass” flying particle

- Kinematical match
- To detect flying ping pong balls is it better to have as target :
 - lead “petanque” balls
 - or ping pong balls ?
- => use light nuclei to detect light WIMPs
- H, He lightest

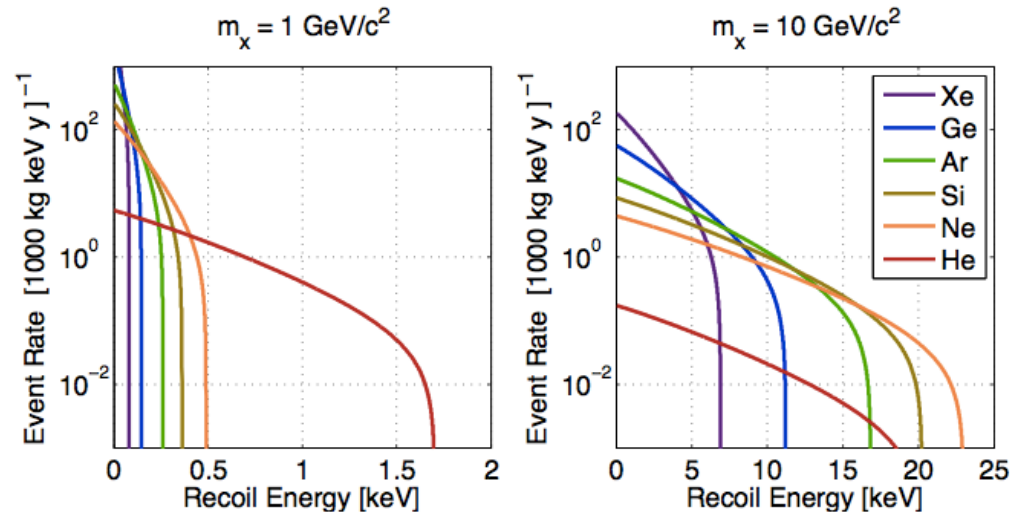
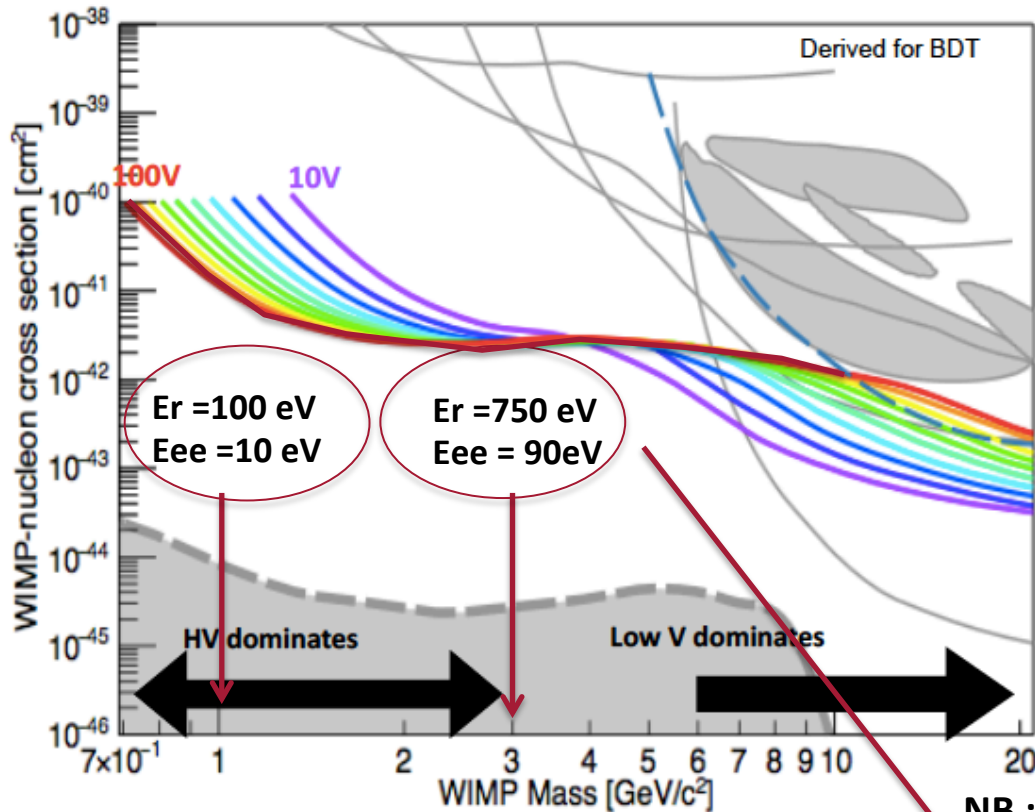


Illustration : looking for low WIMP mass with Ge



Playing with voltage for ionisation
from 10 to 100 V

Hypothesis of the projection

- 100 eV RMS heat and ionisation
- heat only evts reduced by 100
- 350 kg.d
- Background extrapolated flat to LE
- QF extrapolated as $0.16E_r^{0.18}$

Adapted ?



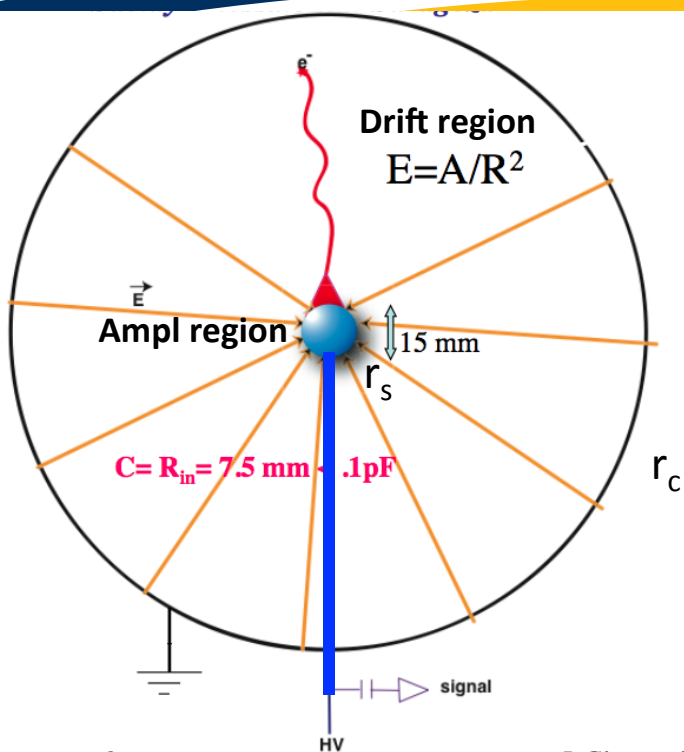
Best suited

NB : energies corresponding to a threshold above which 5% of WIMP signal is kept (PDG DM reviewers recommendation)

Q. Arnaud et al, in preparation

Spherical gas detectors

New Experiments With Spheres

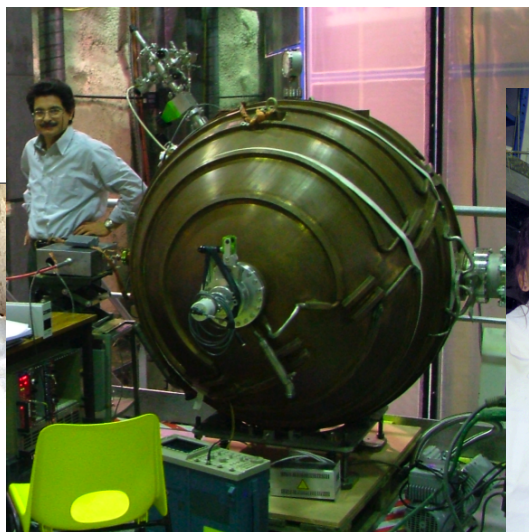
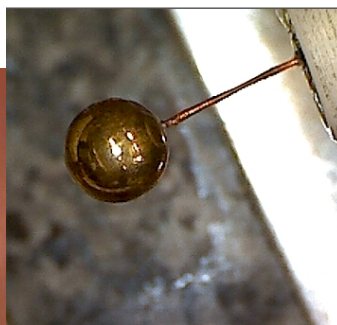


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$$E \approx V/r^2 * r_s$$

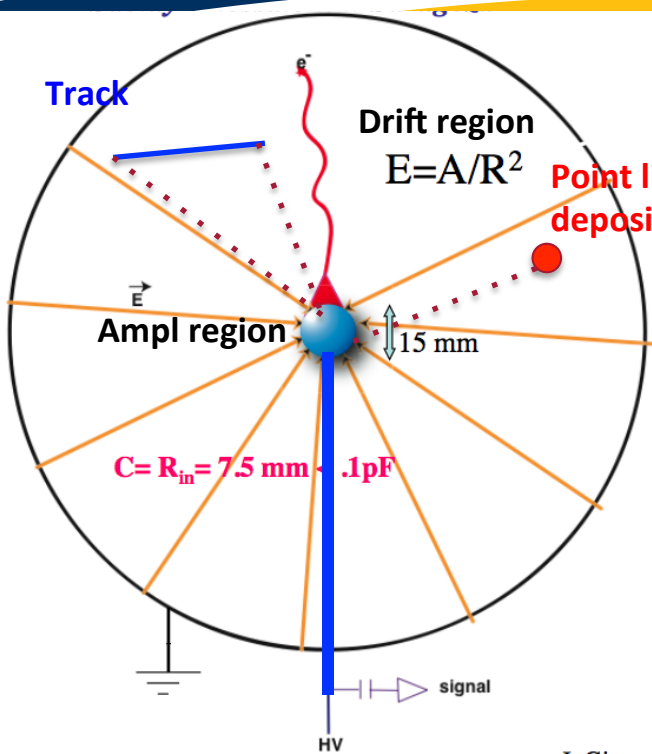
for $r_c \gg r_s$

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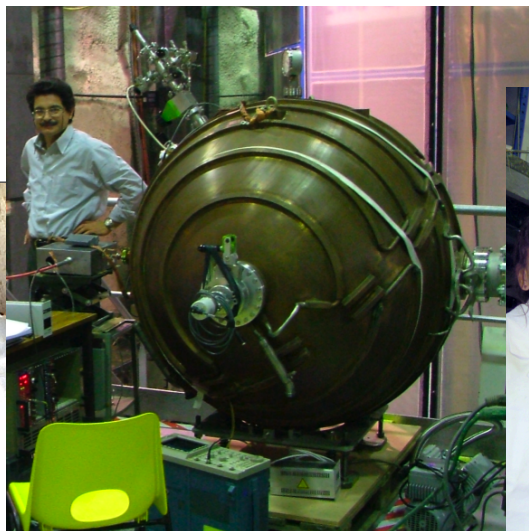
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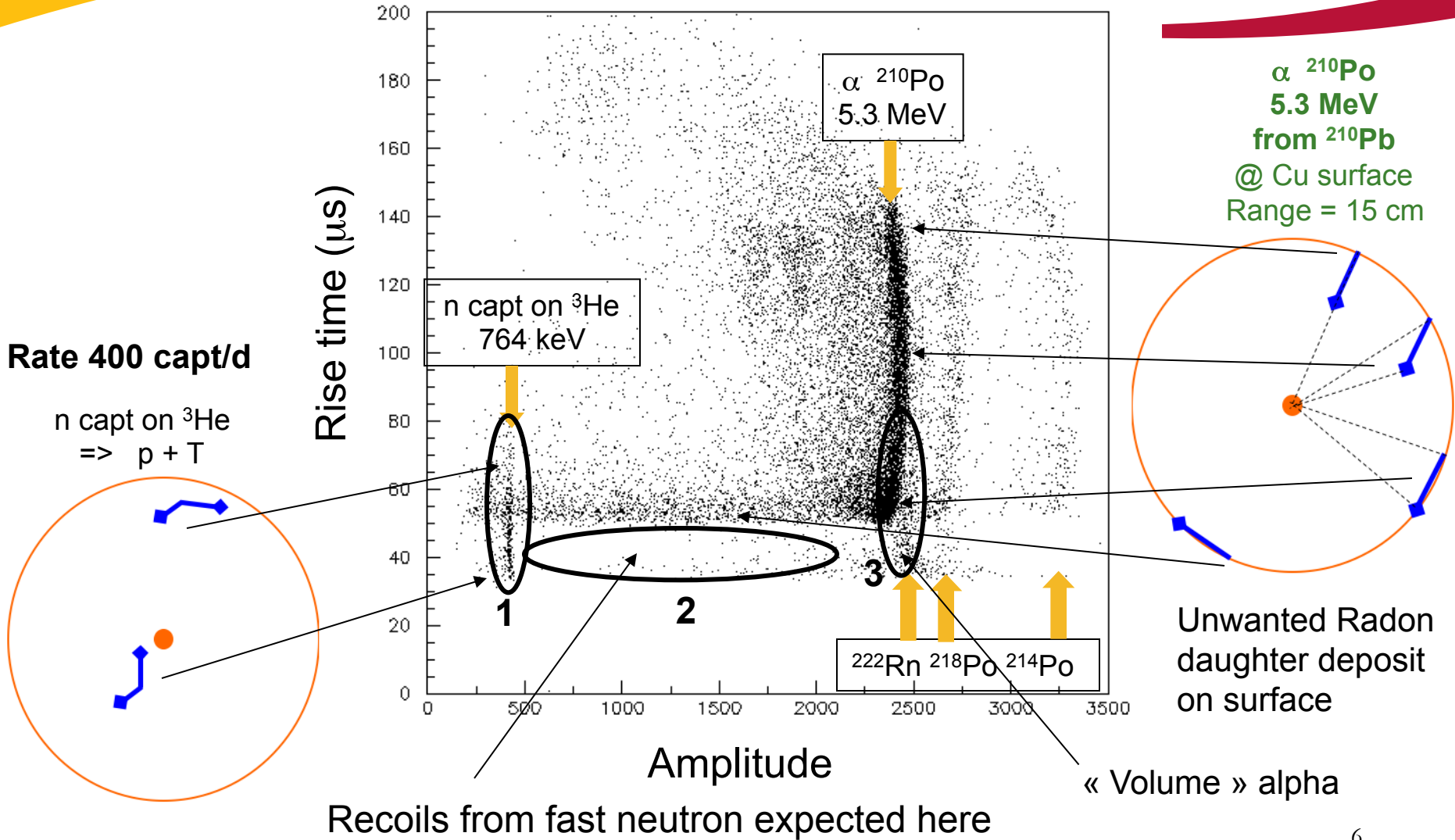


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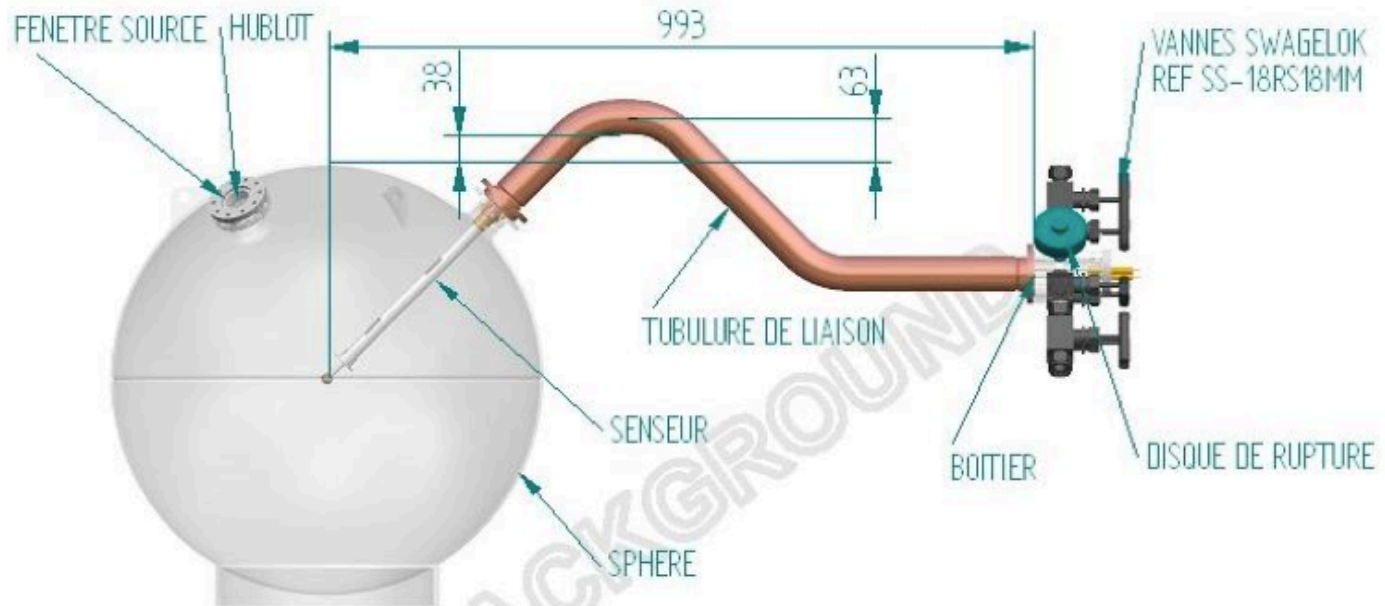


Run with Ar/CH₄ + 3g ³He @ 200 mb SPC 130cm Ø @ LSM



Low activity 60cm Ø prototype SEDINE @ LSM

Sedine ensemble



Poids de la sphère : ~80kg

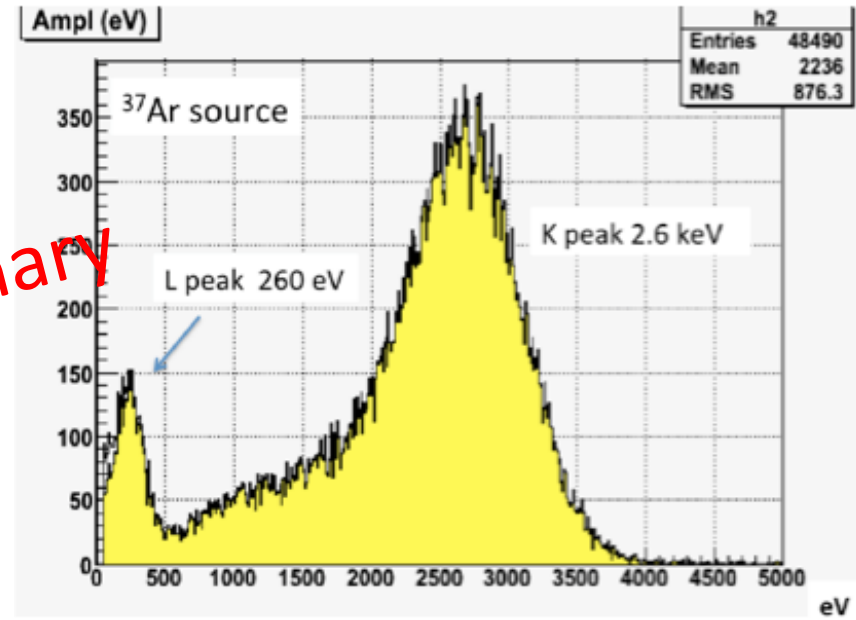
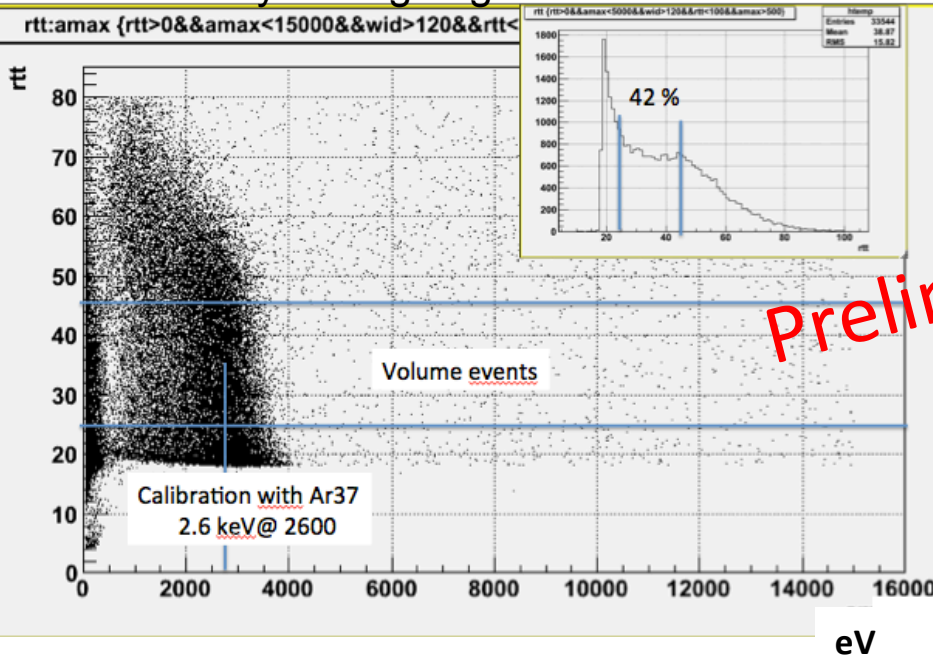
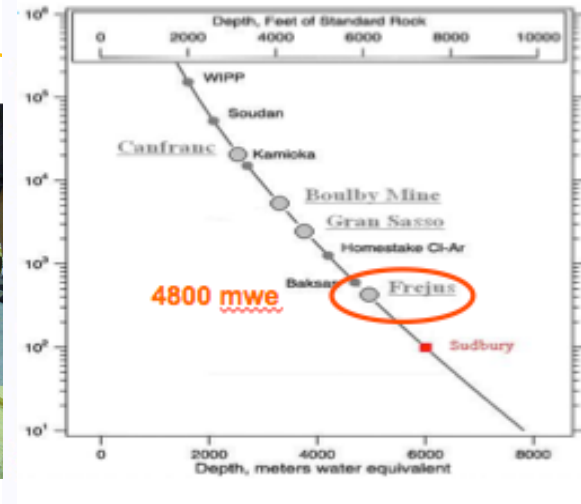
Poids du tube : ~10kg

Poids du boîtier : ~8kg



Light dark matter search : low activity 60 cm \varnothing prototype @ LSM : SeDiNe

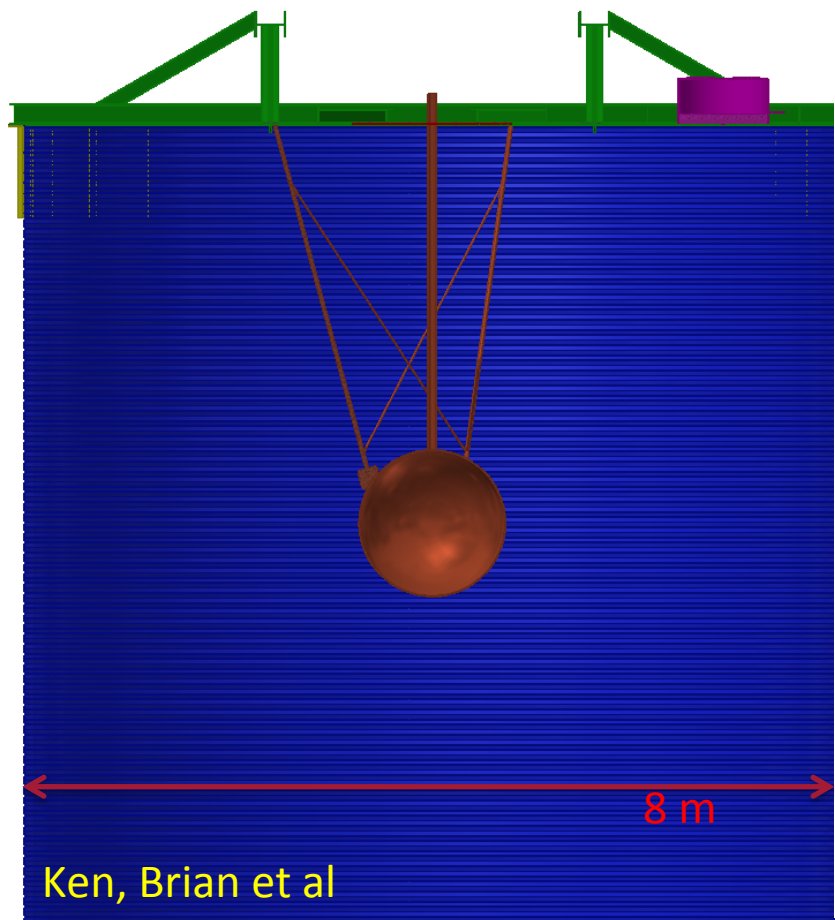
- 6 mm \varnothing sensor
- Not yet optimised wrt low activity (^{210}Po) & shield thickness
- Runs with Neon+0.7% CH_4 @ 3 bars performed in 2014=> 300 g sensitive mass
- 1.2 kg.d exposure, 120 eV threshold
- Neutron and ^{37}Ar calibration completed
- Data analysis ongoing



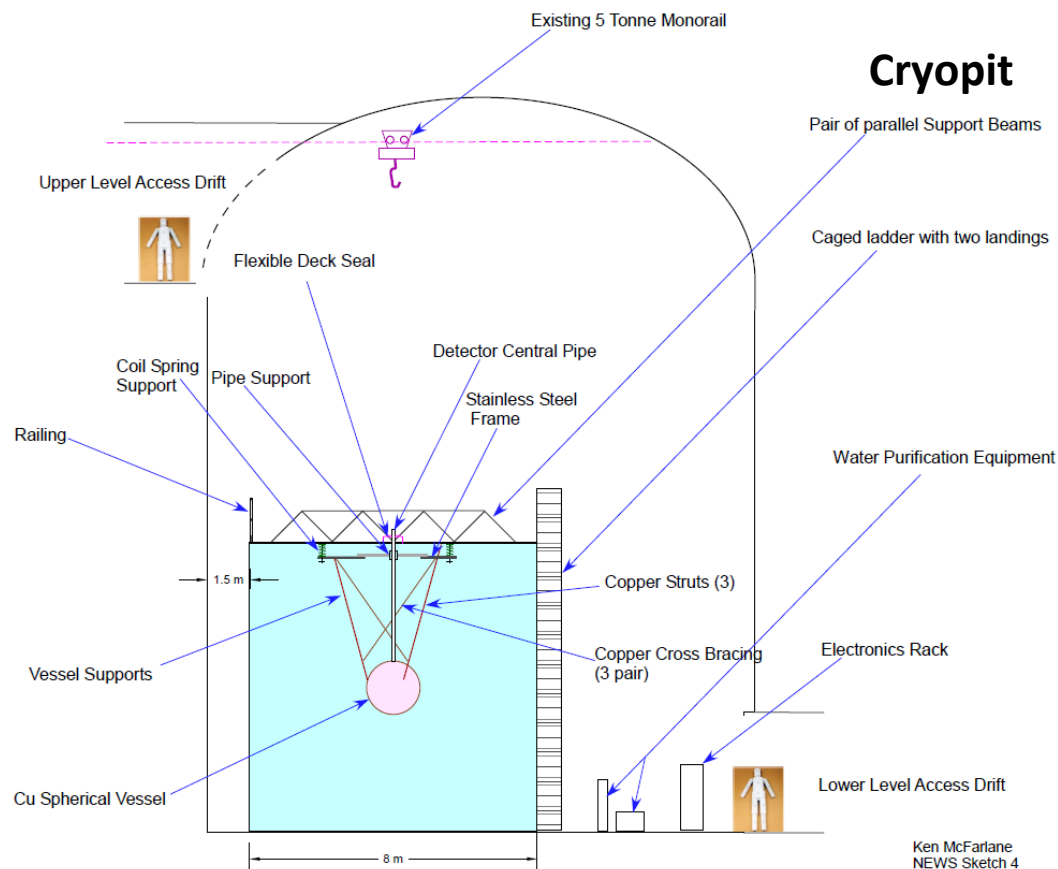
Preliminary

NEWS-SNO= 1.4 m sphere in 8m diam water tank @ SNOLAB

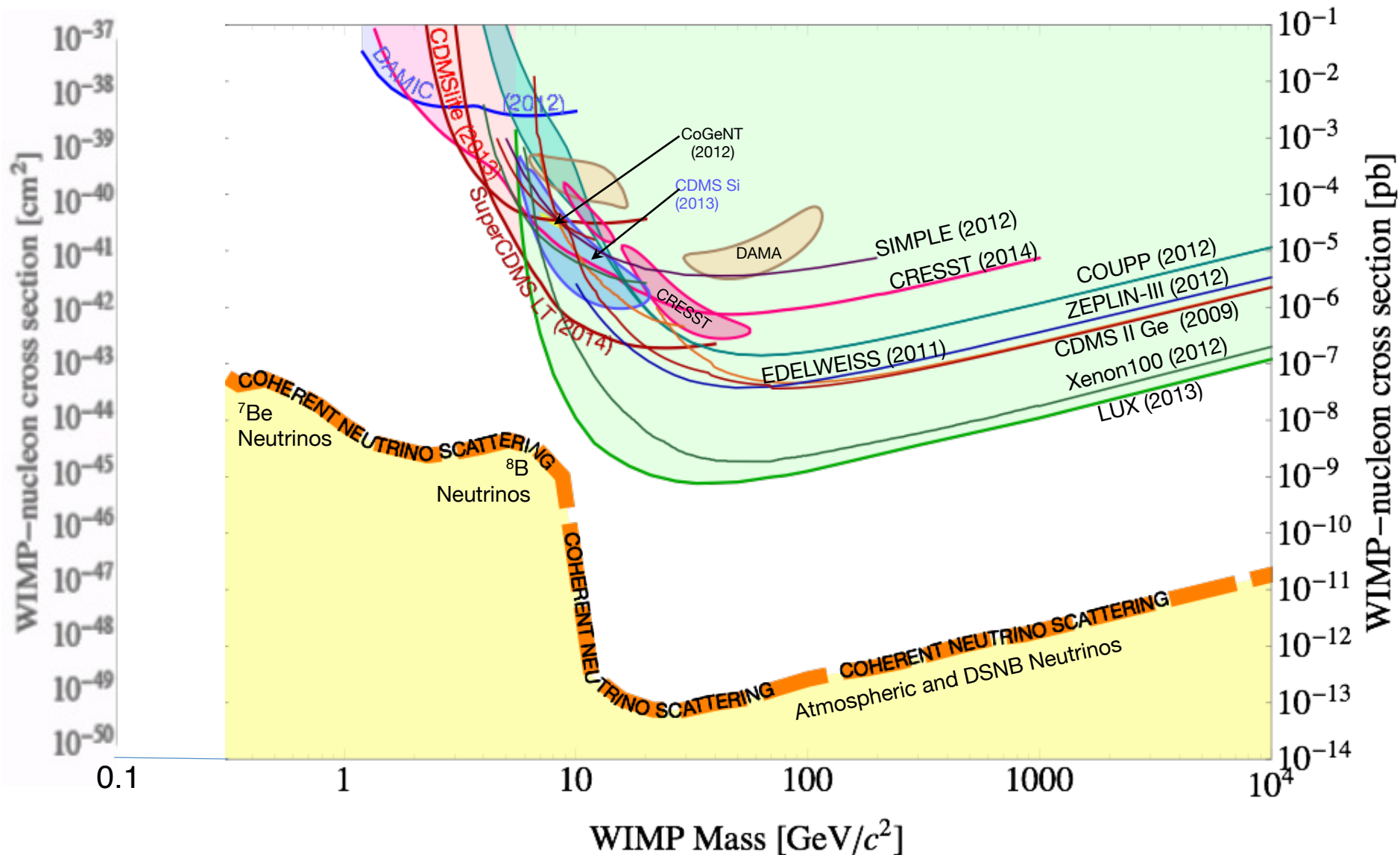
Use Ne, He, H (CH₄) gas at pressure up to 10 b as targets for light WIMP search



NEWS Water Shield Tank in SNOLAB Cryopit

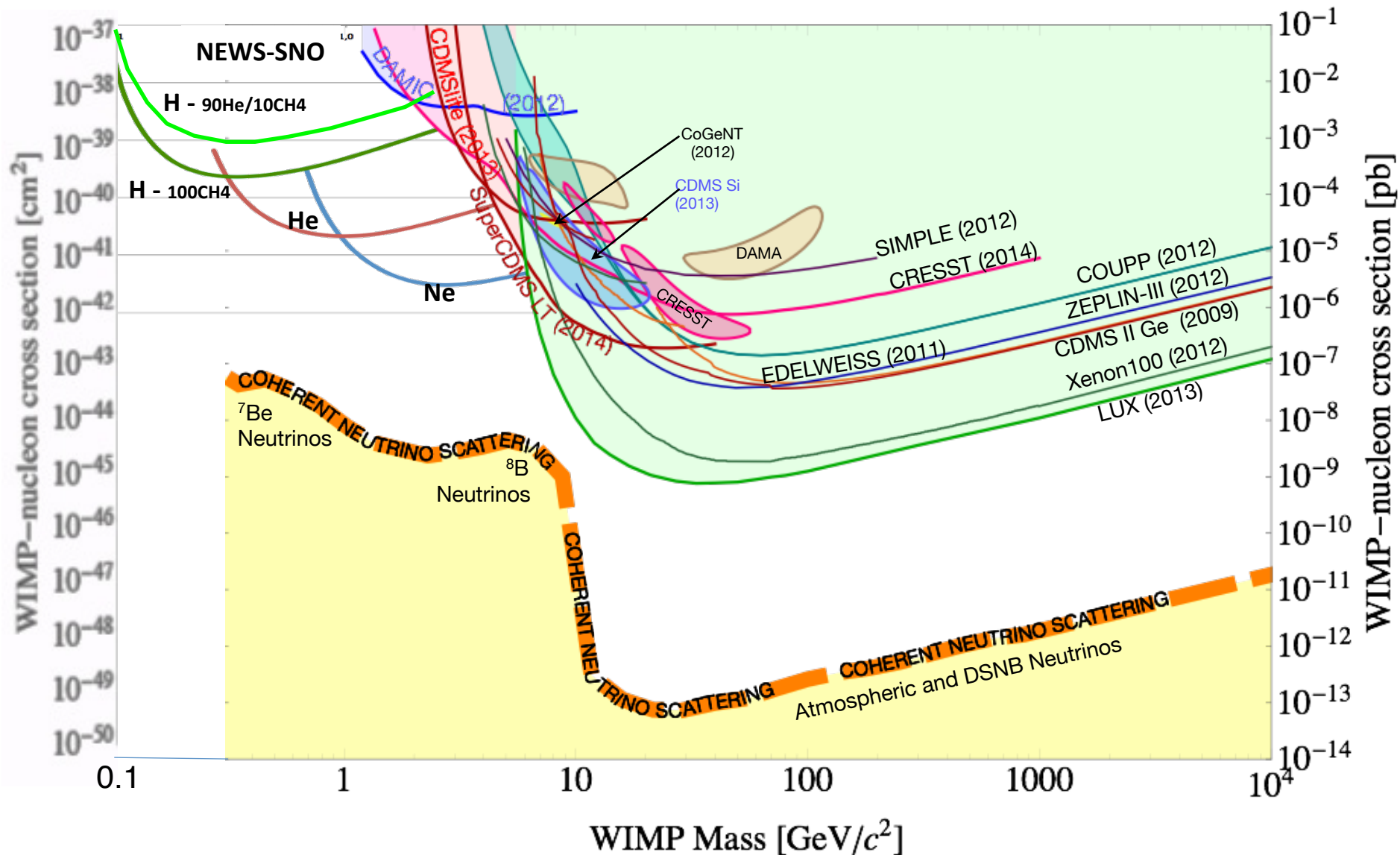


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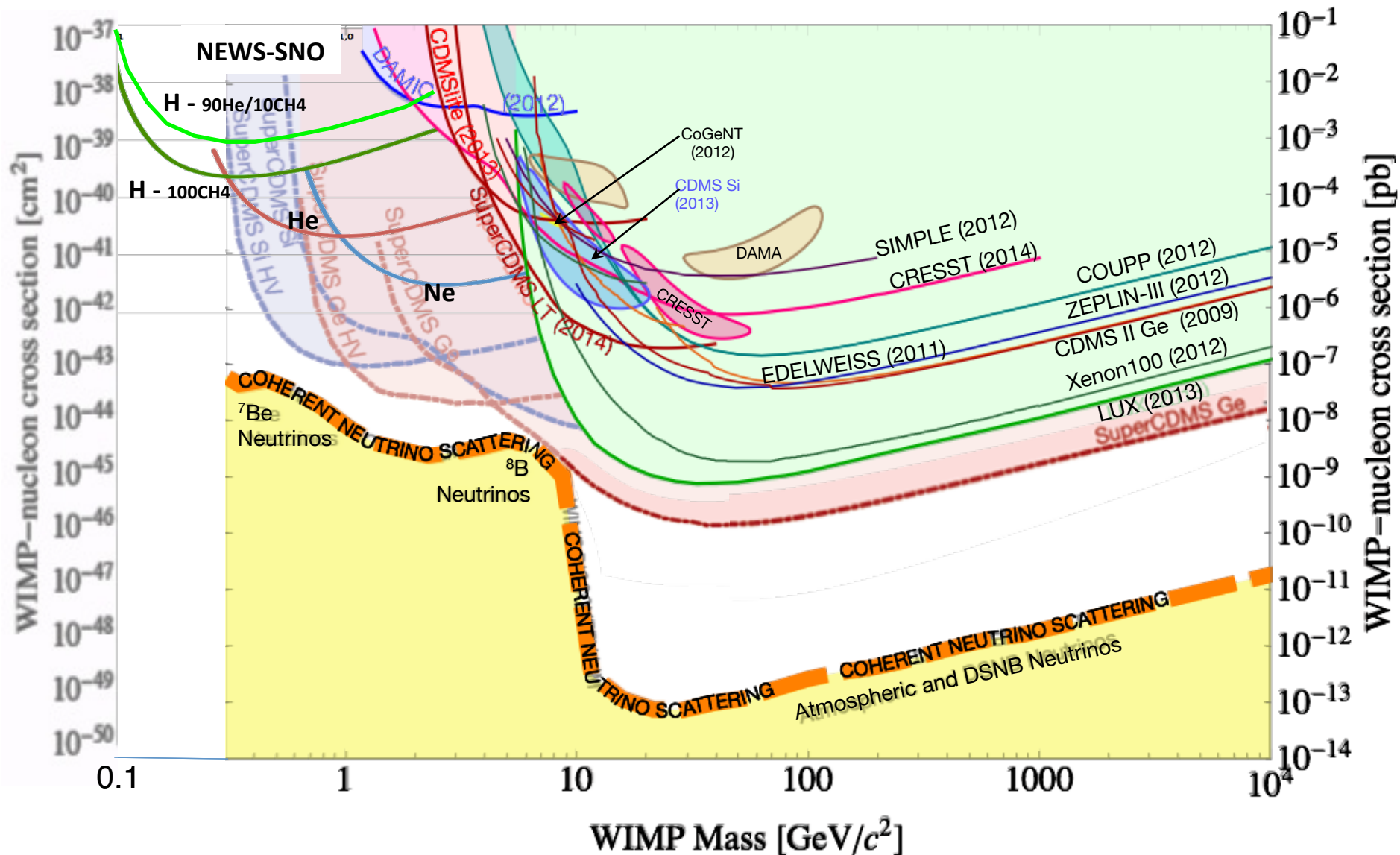
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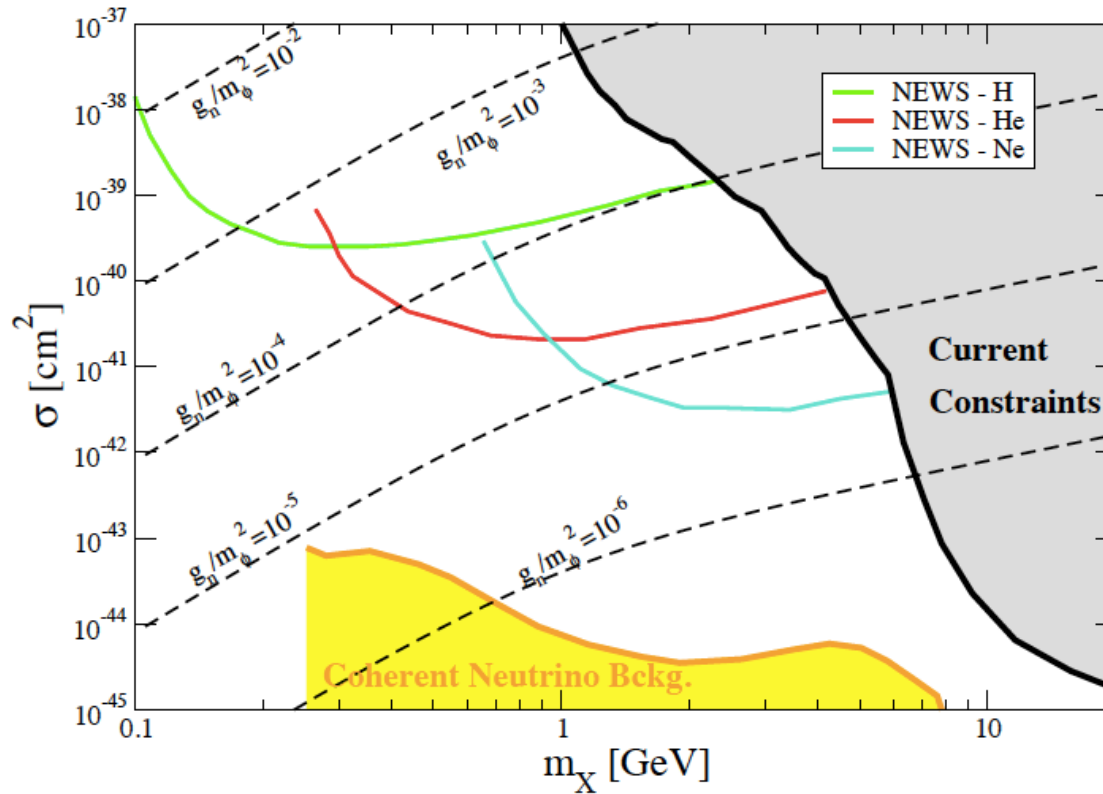
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NEWS physics reach : example of sensitivity to GeV Dark Matter with a light mediator

S Profumo : arXiv 1507.07531



The black dashed lines indicate points at constant g_n/m_ϕ^2

Other unique physics reach opportunities with NEWS-SNO

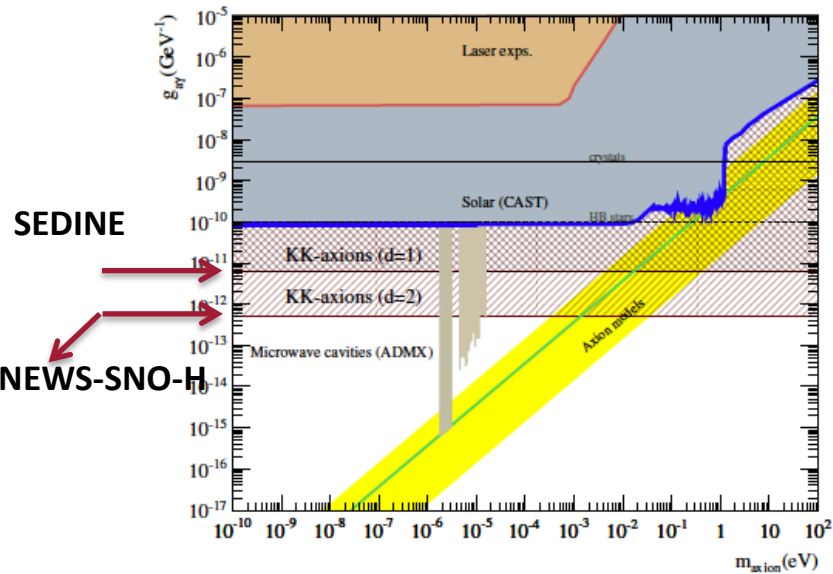


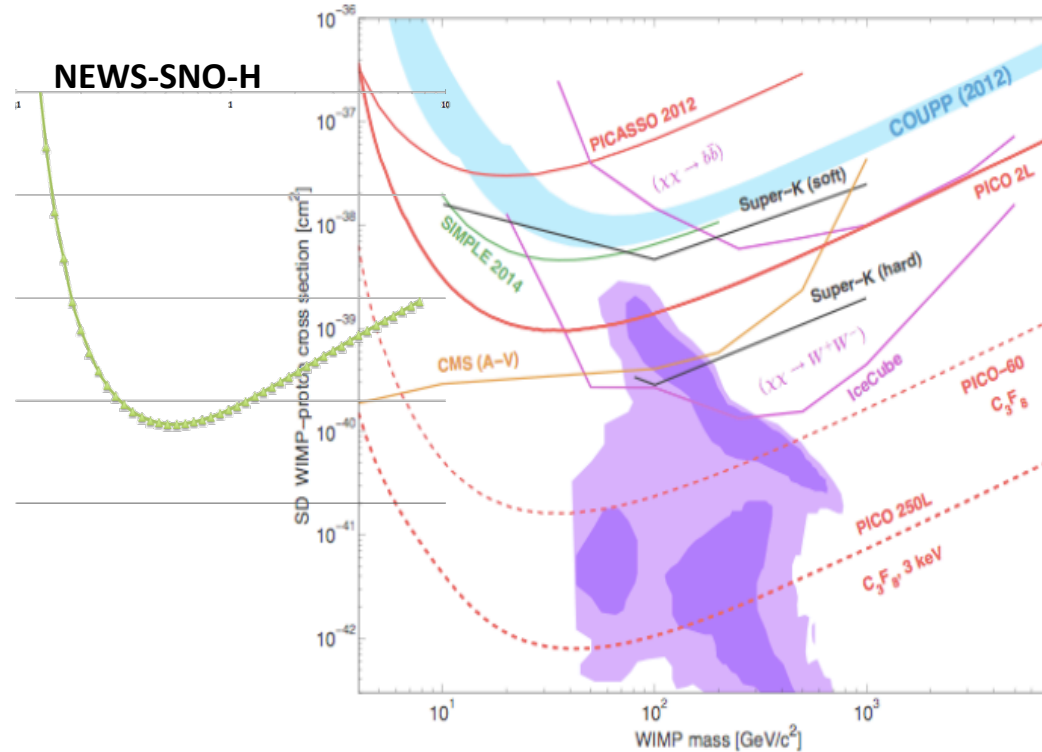
FIG. 7. Sensitivity limits obtained with SEDINE detector in this work versus other axion searches [4].

KK axions

2 photon decays of solar axions

NB : here need volume

Paper in preparation



Spin dependent couplings with H

H is best nucleus with Fluorine

Milestones

- 2014 proposal to CERC & CFI : accepted for funding
- March 2015 : first presentation at SNOLAB EAC
 - ⇒ Positive feedback, invited to go ahead, in between GW0 and GW1
 - ⇒ Address some key points
 1. Recommendation to go for 1.4 m instead of 2 m diam sphere
 2. Safety and risk analysis
 3. Secure background calculations
 4. Detailed budget
 5. **Planning should allow completion by 2021**
 6. Prepare CDR
- May 2015 First collaboration meeting at SNOLAB
 - 7 teams, 20 participants
 - Set up of work package structure and regular technical meetings
 - Strong interaction with SNOLAB staff

Background budget for 10 b operating pressure of 1.4m sphere

	U Copper	Th Copper	Co60 Copper	Rn Water	Pb210 Surface	Rod/sensor	External rad	Total	NB evts in ROI
Radioactive background budget	1 μ Bq/kg	1 μ Bq/kg	20 μ Bq/kg 2 months exposure to CR	1 mBq/m ³ stationary w polyurea	5 mins exposure to 50 Bq/m ³ Rn air	Maximum allowed	Tl208 from rock	Tot dru in 0-1 keV	100 kg.d exposure
									Nb evts in ΔE 0.2 keV
Ne/CH4 99/1	0,005	0,004	0,007	0,001	0,011	0,005	0,005	0,033	0,661
He/CH4 99/1	0,005	0,004	0,007	0,001	0,011	0,005	0,005	0,033	0,668
He/CH4 90/10	0,085	0,058	0,117	0,018	0,179	0,080	0,080	0,457	10,751
CH4 pur	0,023	0,016	0,032	0,005	0,049	0,022	0,022	0,126	2,964

GEANT4 simulations

Table 4.1. The anticipated background count rates (expressed in dru, that is evt/kg/keV/d) in the region of interest 0-1 keV for the very low mass WIMP search in the NEWS-SNO experiment. Background sources were assumed with updated information on contaminations as well as with respect to the new geometry, i.e., using a 1.4m diameter sphere with 10mm thick walls in a 8m diameter water tank employing different gases/gas mixtures as targets.

NB : @ 10 bar operating pressure

$M_{\text{Ne}} = 12.5 \text{ Kg}$

$M_{\text{He}} = 2.5 \text{ Kg}$

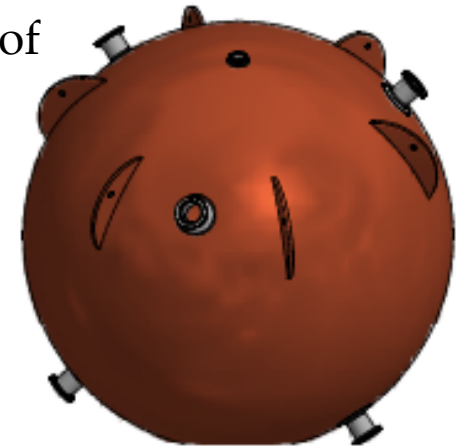
$M_{\text{H}} = 0.25 \text{ Kg}$ in He/CH4 90/10 mix



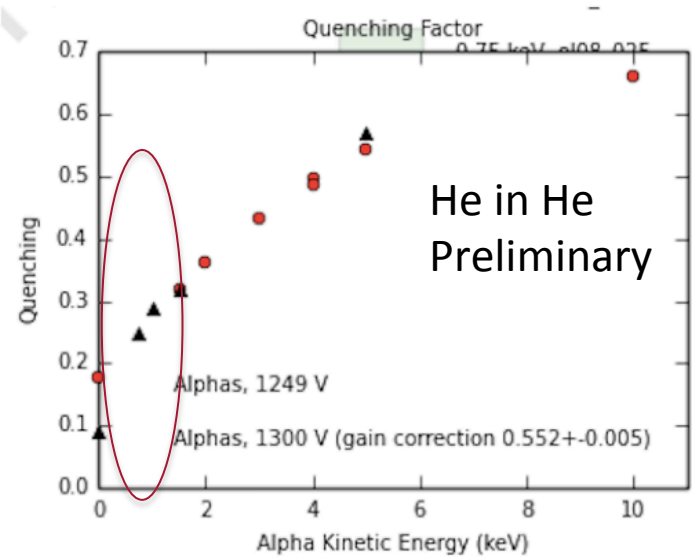
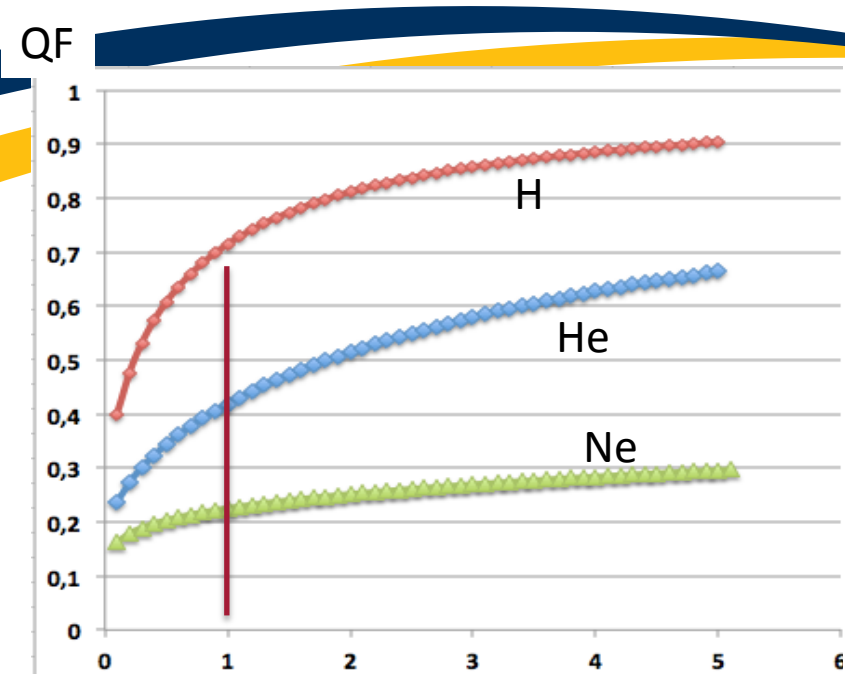
Data taking time to reach \approx background free mode (1 evt) range from 8 to 40 days

Vessel key technical issues

- **Cu quality**
 - From discussion with Majorana/PNNL team, identify supplier of Cu **1 μ Bq/kg U/Th**
 - ^{60}Co from cosmogeny can be contained **at same level of induced background if 2 months above ground**
- **Thickness of shell**
 - Driven by mechanical constraint from 10 b internal pressure and 2b external pressure => **10 mm =>**
- Making of sphere according to **TSSA regulations**
 - Several identified (Canada, Europe, US), some well aware of pressure vessel constraints, discussions on going
- Coordination between supplier and maker
 - Minimize exposure to CR
 - On going Arubis/KME/Southern Brass



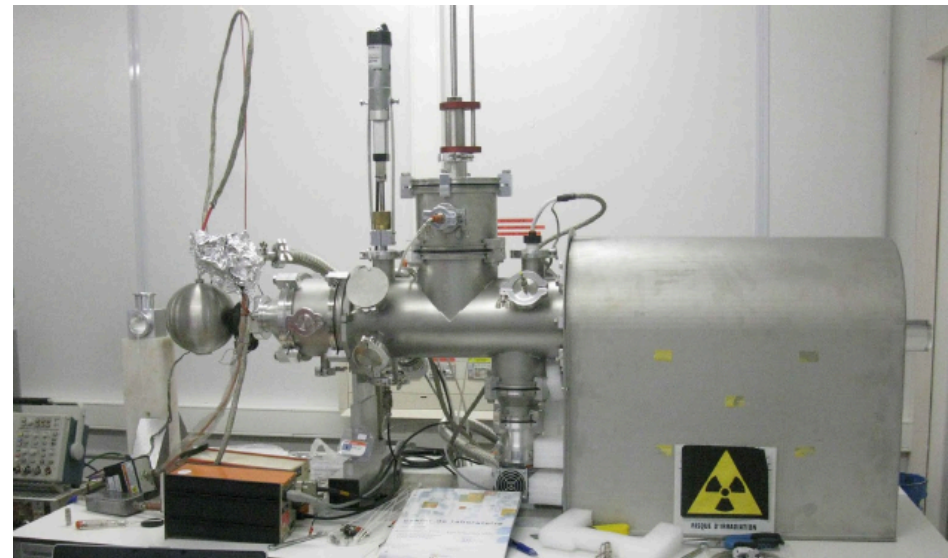
Quenching factors measurements @ Grenoble



Hime Model arXiv 0712.2470v2

Use Ion beam injected to detector through massless window

Trick : 1 μm hole



NEWS Collaboration : International

First collaboration meeting @ SNOLAB 27-28 May



- **Queen's** - Philippe di Stefano, Tony Noble, **Sabine Roth**, **Alexis Brossard**, **Alvine Akamaha**, **Paco Vasquez dS**, Philippe Camus + Connor, Sean, Jon, + **3 new MsC/PHD (2020)**, + **1-2 PDF**
 - Copper vessel and gas set-up specifications, project follow up, calibration set up
 - Gas characterisation at Queen's, laser calibration, on smaller scale prototype...
 - Simulations/Data analysis
- **SNOLAB** – Ken Mc Farlane, Brian Morisette
 - Water shield and infrastructure at SNOLAB
- **(TRIUMF - Fabrice Retiere)** : cosmic ray protection for sphere fabrication at PAVAC, light detection, sensor
- **IRFU/Saclay** -Ioannis Giomataris, Michel Gros, Thomas Papaevangelou, Patrick Magnier, Jean Paul Bard
 - Sensor/rod (low activity, optimised wrt field with 2 electrodes)
 - Electronics (low noise preamps, digitisation, stream mode)
 - DAQ/soft
- **LSM** (Laboratoire Souterrain de Modane) - **F Piquemal + M Zampaolo**, +Ali DastgheibiFard
 - Low activity archeological lead for close electronics/valve shield
- **Tessaloniki University** – I Savvidis + Ioannis Katsioulas
 - Simulations, neutron calibration
 - Studies on sensor
- **LPSC Grenoble** - **D Santos + JFrancois Muraz**, Olivier Guillaudin
 - Quenching factor measurements < 1 KeV with ion beams
- **TU Munich** – A Ulrich
 - Gas properties and ionisation process for Pening mixtures
- ... more  welcome :



Prospects



- Other physics and applications
 - Coherent Neutrino Scattering detection at nuclear plant
 - Double beta decay (need $\ll 1 \mu\text{B}/\text{kg}$)
 - Gamma and neutron spectrometers

- Improvements (Queens and TRIUMF)
 - Scintillation measurement \Rightarrow discrimination
 - Segmented sensor \Rightarrow directionality
 - ...

Time line

