

Low Energy Neutrino & Dark Matter Physics using sub-keV Germanium Detectors



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- Overview (Collaboration; Program; History)
- Facilities : KSNL & CJPL
- Detector & Physics Highlights
- Dark Matter Results

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TEXONO-CDEX Collaboration

TEXONO *Taiwan*

◎ Neutrino Physics
Laboratory (KSI)

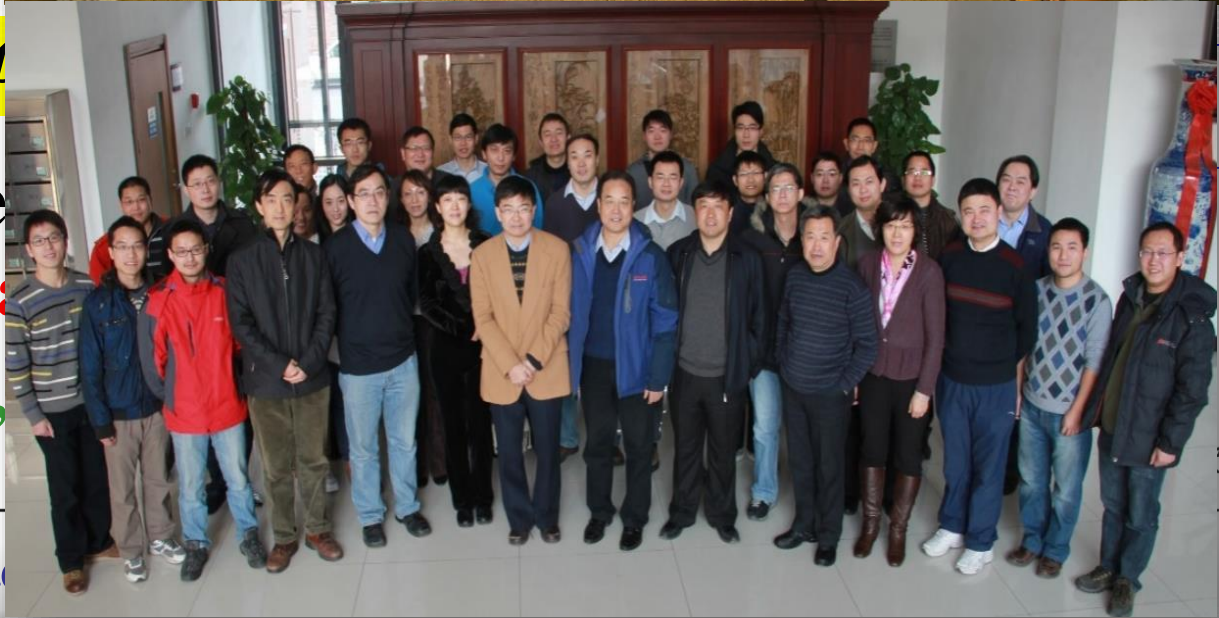
- Taiwan (AS,
- India (BHU)
- Turkey (METU)



CDEX *China Dark Matter*

◎ Dark Matter Search
Underground Laboratory

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Kuo-Sheng Reactor Neutrino Laboratory

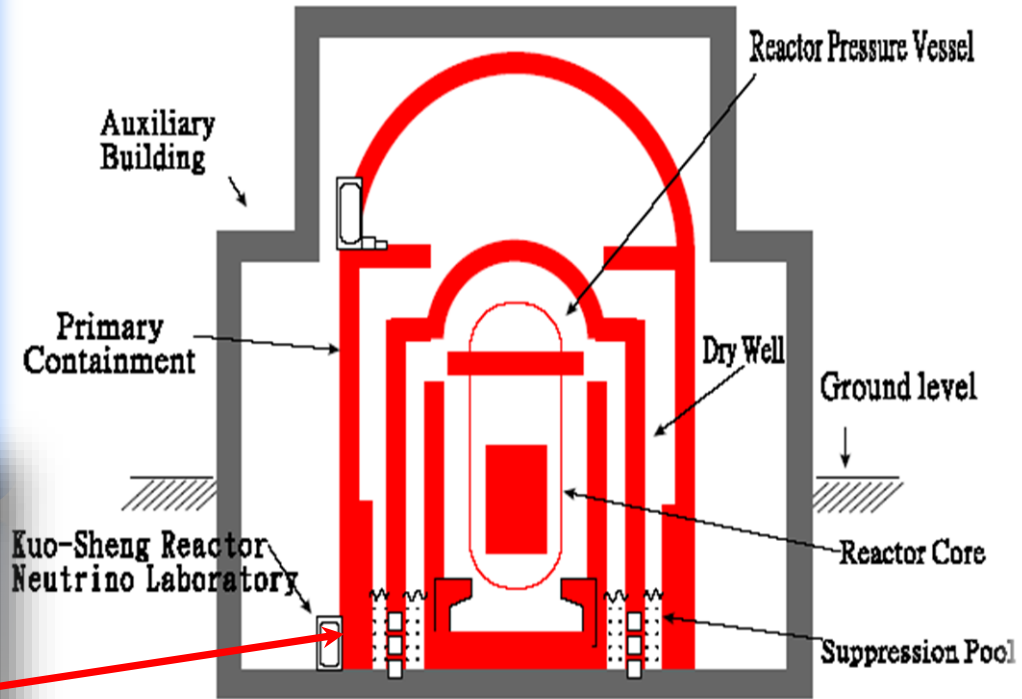


Taiwan-China Collaboration

A Bridge Over Troubled Waters

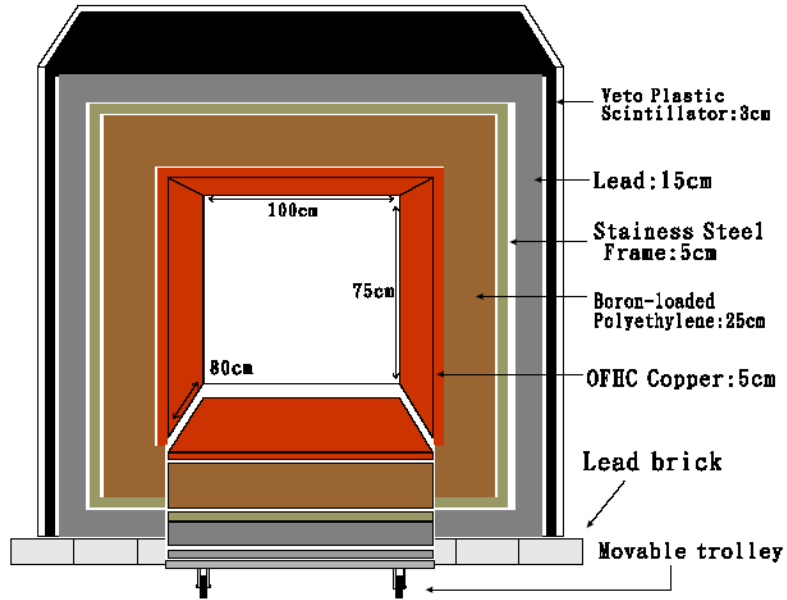
Researchers from Taiwan and the mainland have hit scientific pay dirt with the first—and so far the only—collaboration between two institutions across the Taiwan Strait

Kuo-Sheng Nuclear Power Station : Reactor Building

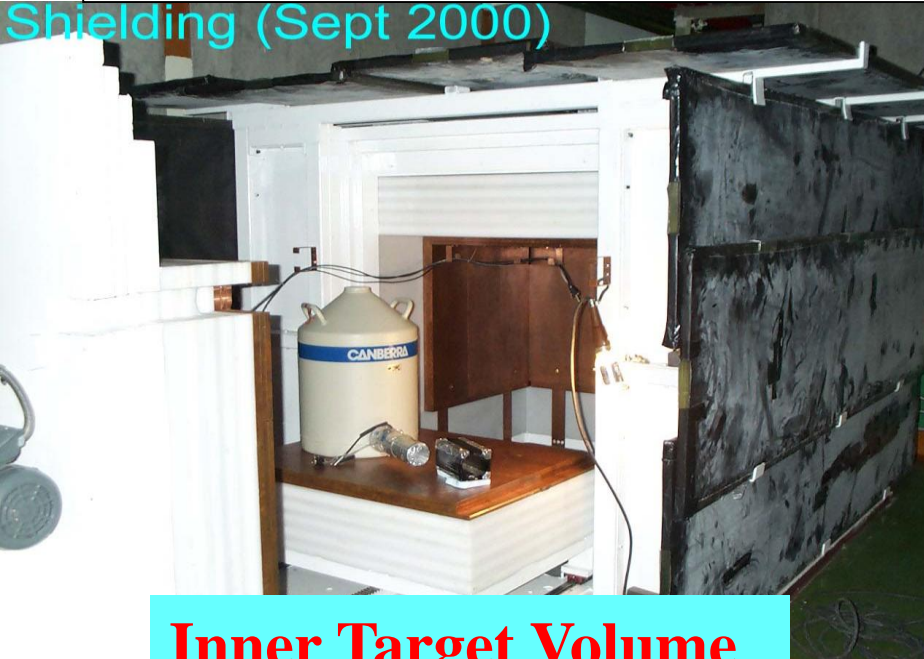


- 28 m from core#1 @ 2.9 GW
- Shallow site : ~30 mwe overburden
- ~10 m below ground level
- Neutrino flux $6.35 \times 10^{12} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$

Kuo-Sheng Reactor Neutrino Laboratory



Shielding (Sept 2000)



Inner Target Volume

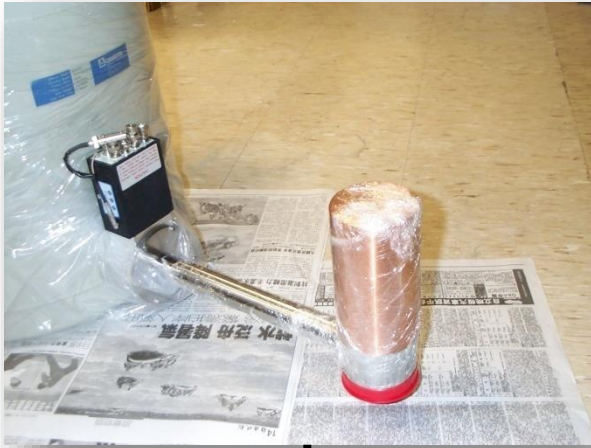
Front View (*cosmic vetoes, shielding, control room*)

Configuration: Modest yet Unique

Flexible Design: Allows different detectors conf. for different physics

KSNL: Detector Evolution

ULB-HPGe [1 kg]



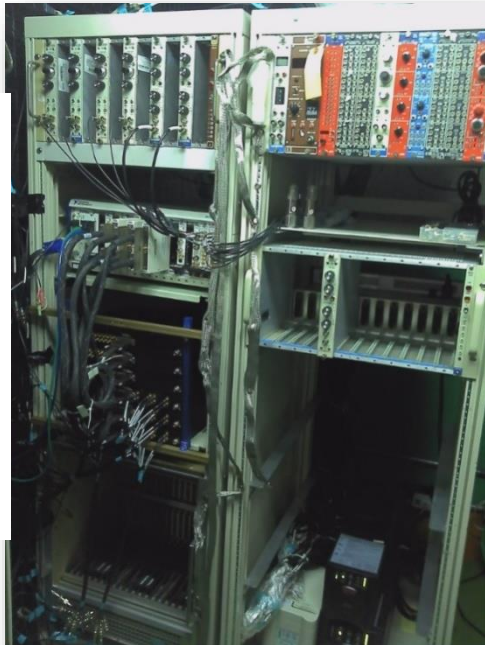
CsI(Tl) [200 kg]



**Sub-keV Ge Detectors
(20-1000 g)**

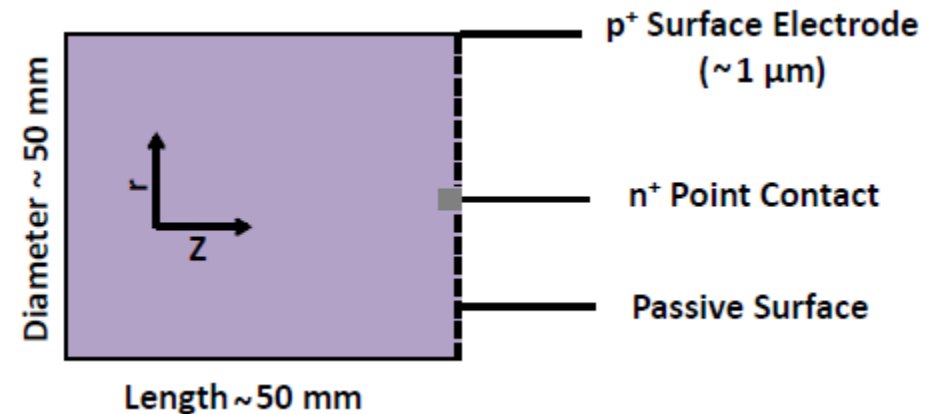
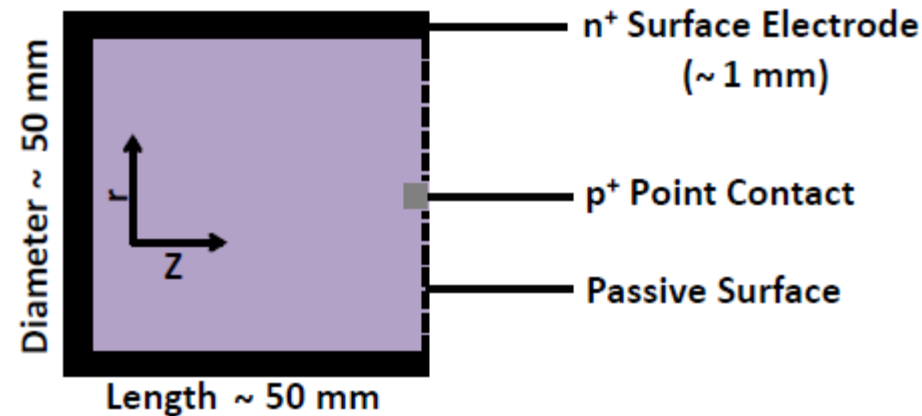
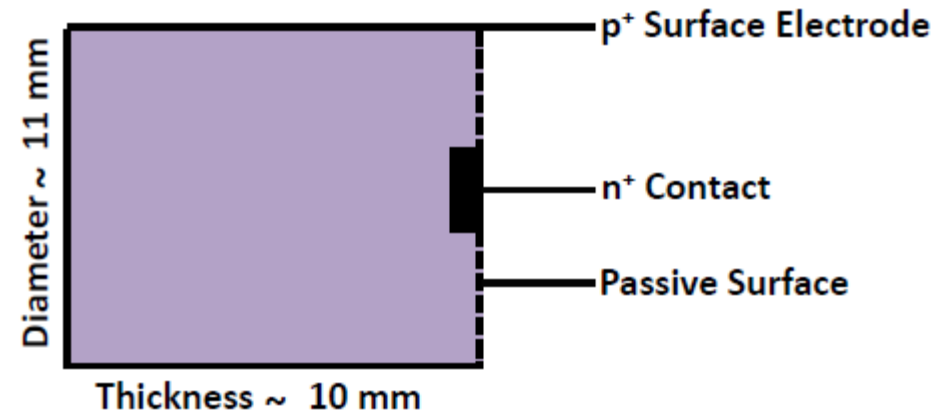
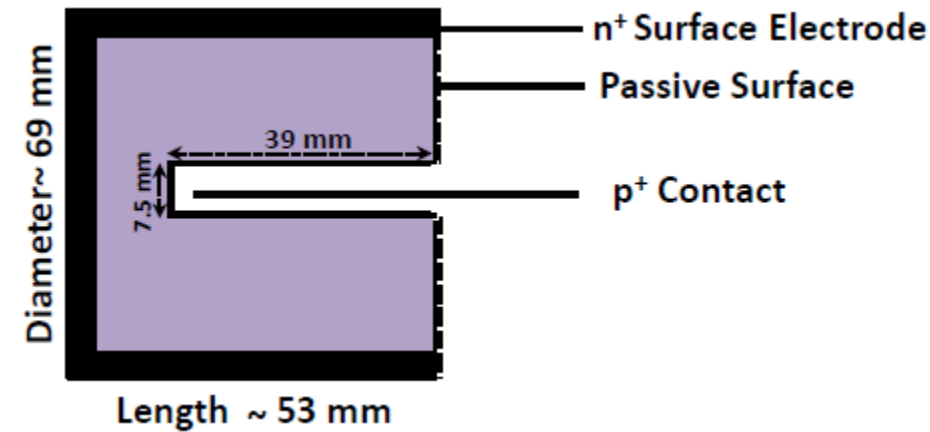


**Data
Acquisition with
FADC Readout
& FPGA
Capabilities**



Multi-Disks Array [~300 Tb]

Sub-keV Germanium Detector



Schematic crystal configuration of the Ge detectors: (a) CoaxGe at 1 kg mass, (b) ULEGe at 5 g modular mass, (c) pPCGe at 500 g mass, and (d) nPCGe at 500 g mass.

Baseline Hardware Design

p- PCGe
[500g – 1 kg]

p^+

n^+ (~1mm Li diffused)

900g

4x5g ULEGe

P^+ Proprietary Implanted Contact

Passivated Surface

N^+ (Li-diffused) Contact

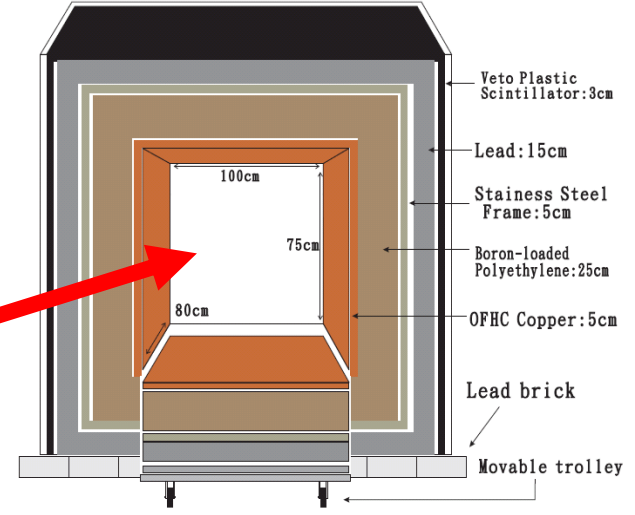
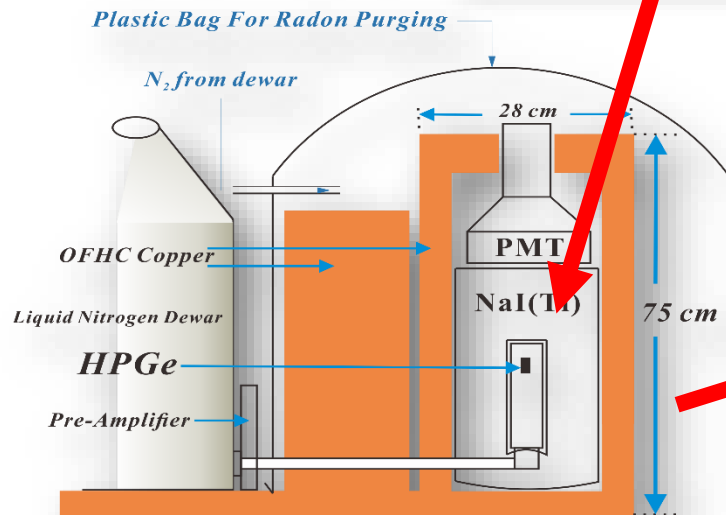
4 X 5 g

n- PCGe
[500 g]

n^+

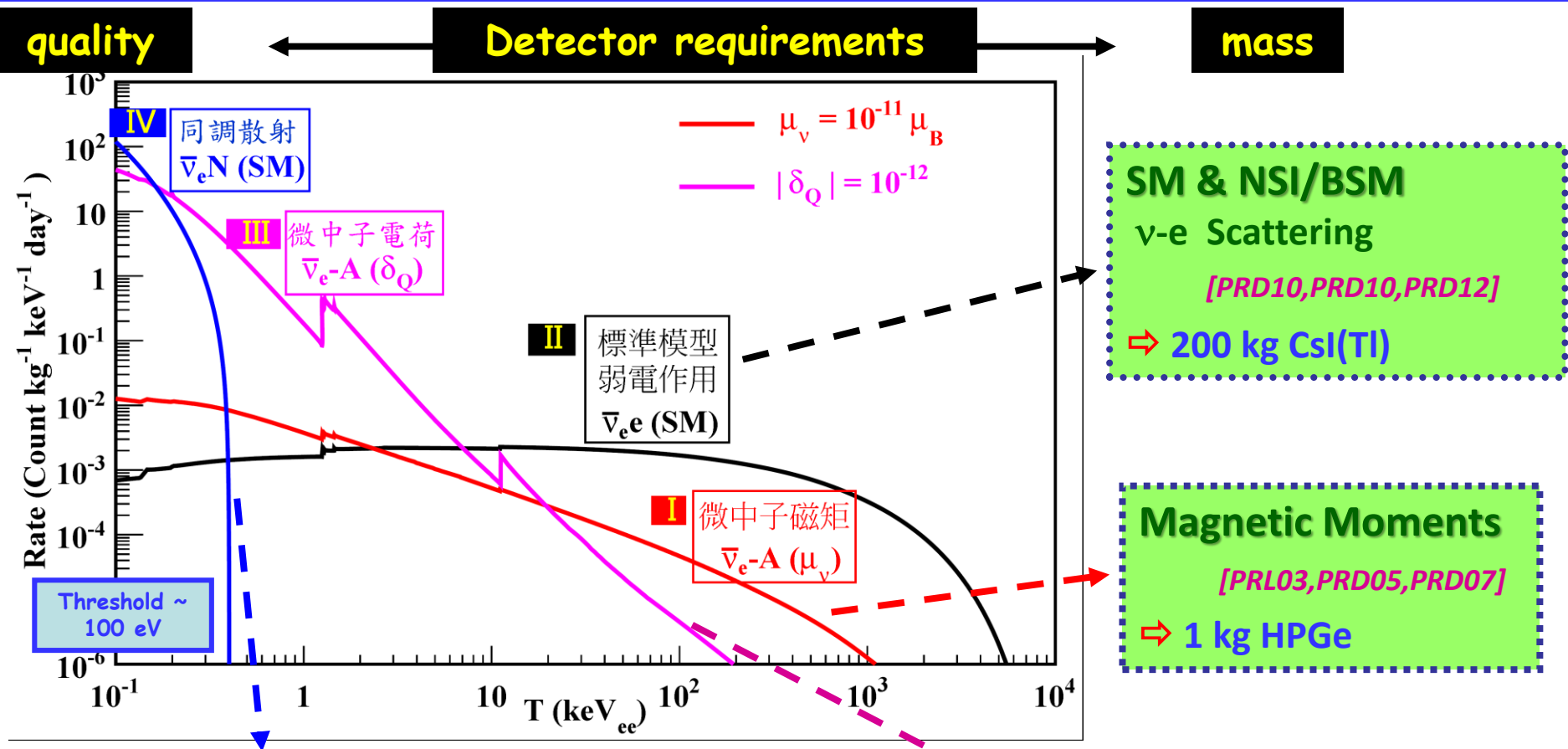
p^+ (~0.5 μm Boron implanted)

500 g



Neutrino Properties & Interactions at Reactor

Observable Spectra with Reactor Neutrino



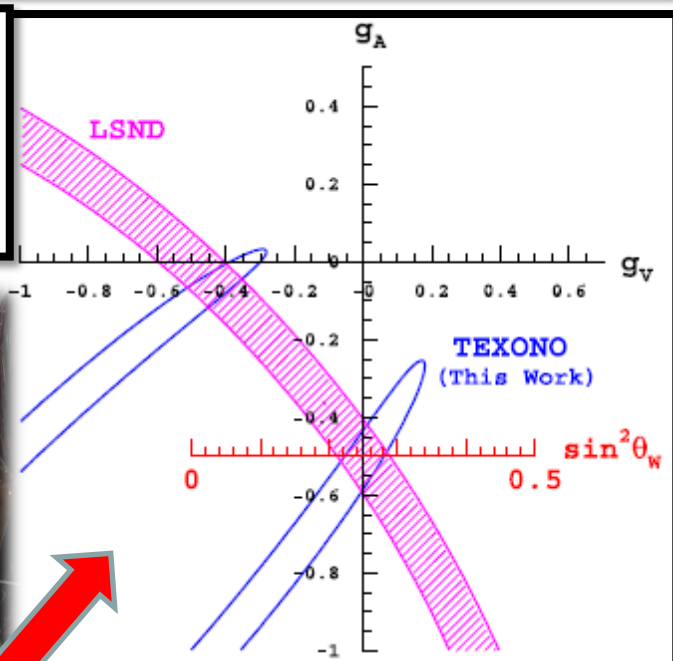
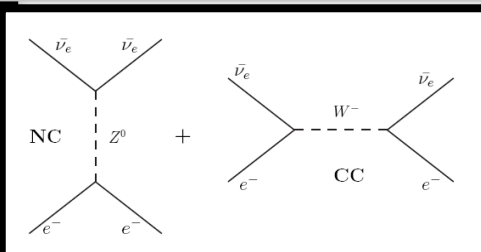
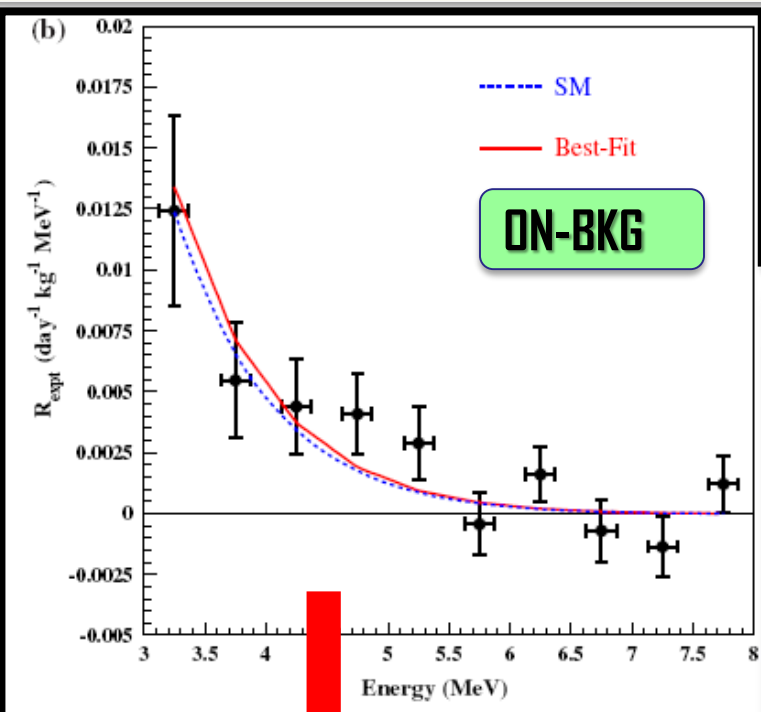
SM & NSI/BSM
 ν -e Scattering
 [PRD10, PRD10, PRD12]
 ⇒ 200 kg CsI(Tl)

Magnetic Moments
 [PRL03, PRD05, PRD07]
 ⇒ 1 kg HPGe

νN Coherent Scattering
 ⇒ sub-keV O(kg) ULEGe / PCGe
 ⇒ Dark Matter Searches @ KSNL [PRD09, PRL13, AP14]
 ⇒ CDEX Program @ CJPL [PRD13, PRD14, PRD14]

Neutrino Milli-charge [PRD14]
 ⇒ sub-keV O(kg) ULEGe / PCGe

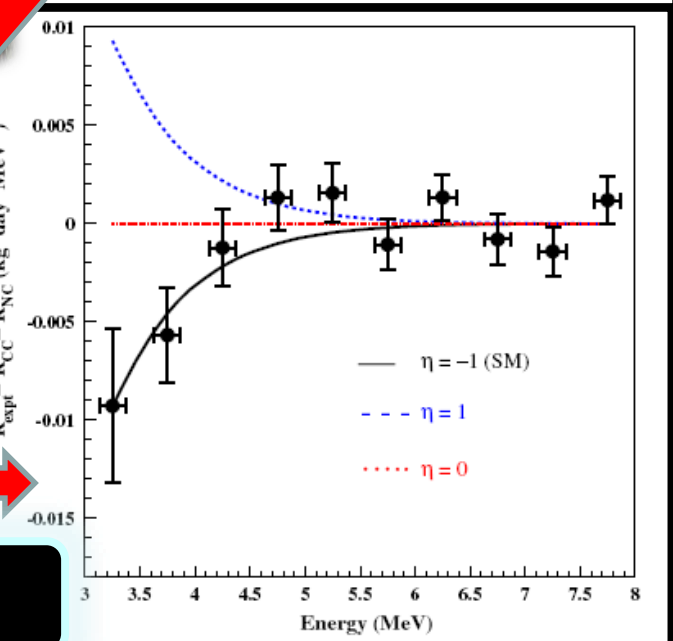
CsI(Tl) 200kg: Probe EW Physics [PRD2010]



$$R = [1.08 \pm 0.21(\text{stat}) \pm 0.16(\text{sys})] \times R_{SM}$$

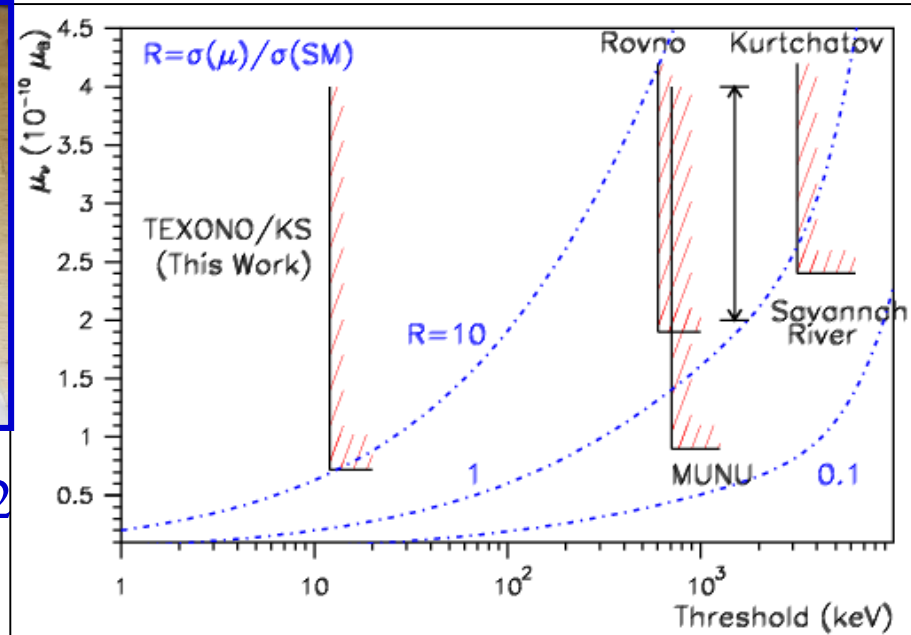
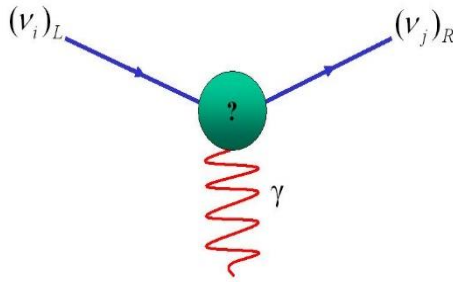
$$\sin^2 \theta_W = 0.251 \pm 0.031(\text{stat}) \pm 0.024(\text{sys})$$

Verify SM Destructive Interference



⊕ Constraints on Various Beyond SM Effects [PRD10; PRD12]

Neutrino Electromagnetic Properties: Magnetic Moments



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT} (ve)_{\mu} = \frac{\pi\alpha^2}{m_e^2} \left[\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{E_{\nu}} \right] \mu_{\nu}^2$$

$$\mu_{\nu}(e) < 7.2 \times 10^{-11} \mu_B \text{ [PRL03; PRL07]}$$

Search of μ_{ν} at low energy with Reactor ν -e scattering

⇒ high signal rate & robustness:

- $\mu_{\nu} \gg SM$ [decouple irreducible bkg ⊕ unknown sources]
- $T \ll E_{\nu} \Rightarrow d\sigma/dT$ depends on total ϕ_{ν} flux but **NOT** spectral shape [flux well known : ~6 fission- ν ⊕ ~1.2 ^{238}U capture- ν per fission]

Same approach continuing in GEMMA (Kalinin, Russia) $\mu_{\nu}(e) < 2.9 \times 10^{-11} \mu_B$ [2013]

New (!): Neutrino "Milli-Charge" [+Chen, Liu, Chi; PRD14]

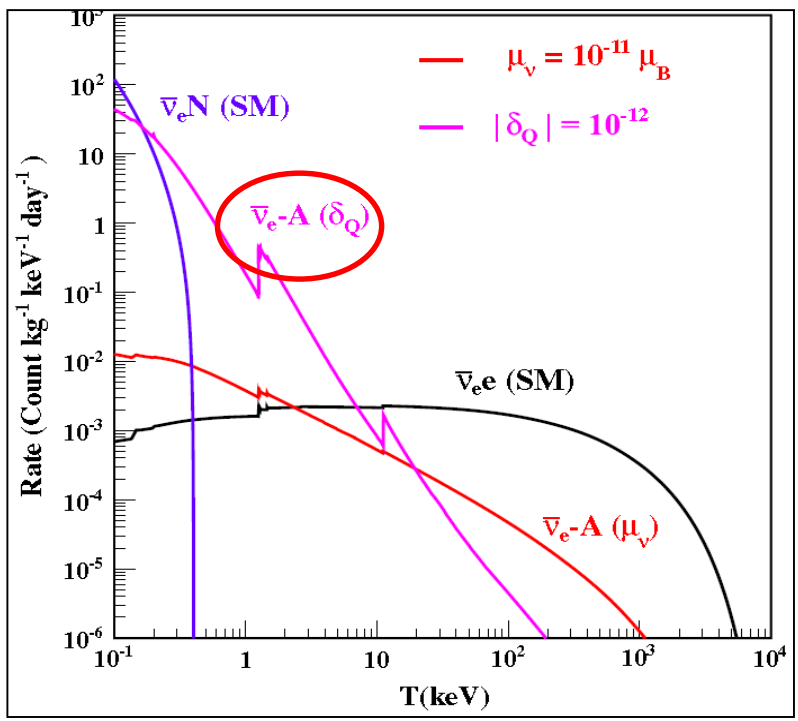
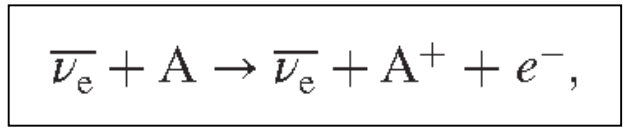
Neutrino Electromagnetic Form Factors in CPT conserving theories

$$\Gamma_{\text{em}}^{\mu} \equiv F_1 \cdot \gamma^{\mu} + F_2 \cdot \sigma^{\mu\nu} \cdot q_{\nu}$$

$$F_1 = \delta_Q \cdot e_0 + \dots, \quad F_2 = \dots \frac{\mu_{\nu}}{m_e}$$

The standard QED matrices

Atomic Ionization Differential Cross section with full atomic physics many-body "MCRPA-multiconfiguration relativistic random phase approximation" calculation [PL13]



The neutrino properties are parameterized by the neutrino fractional charge relative to the electron — commonly referred to as "Neutrino Millicharge".

The F_1 and F_2 terms characterize neutrino interactions without and with a change of the helicity states. threshold): $\delta_Q \sim 10^{-14}$

Neutrino Electromagnetic Properties: Magnetic Moments

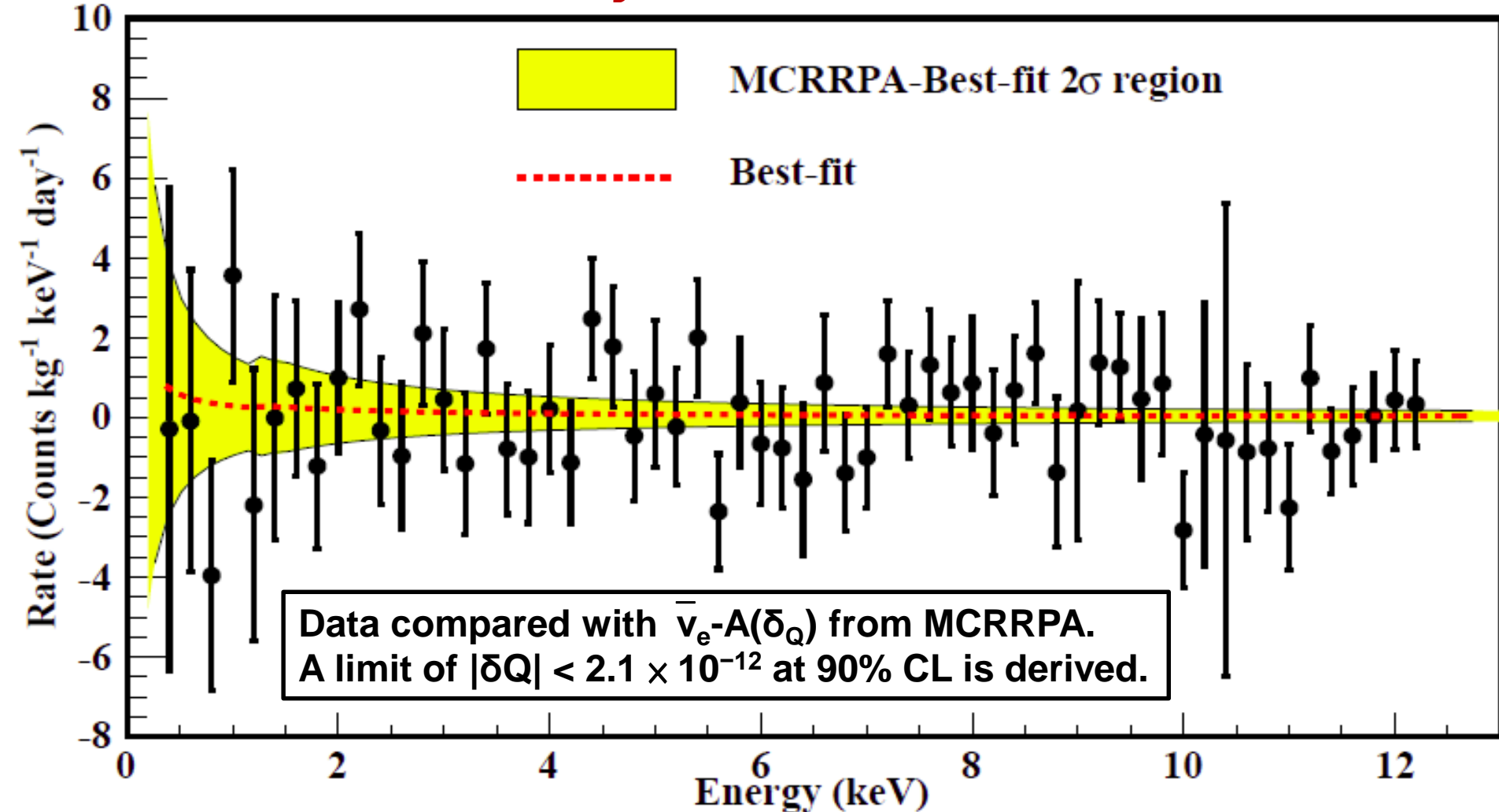
Data ON/OFF ~ 130days/70days

Detector : n-PCGe, p-PCGe

Threshold ~ 0.3 keV, 0.5 keV.

$$\mu_\nu < 1.7 \times 10^{-10} \mu_B$$

(at 90 % CL)



Current Research Focus: "sub-keV" Ge Detectors

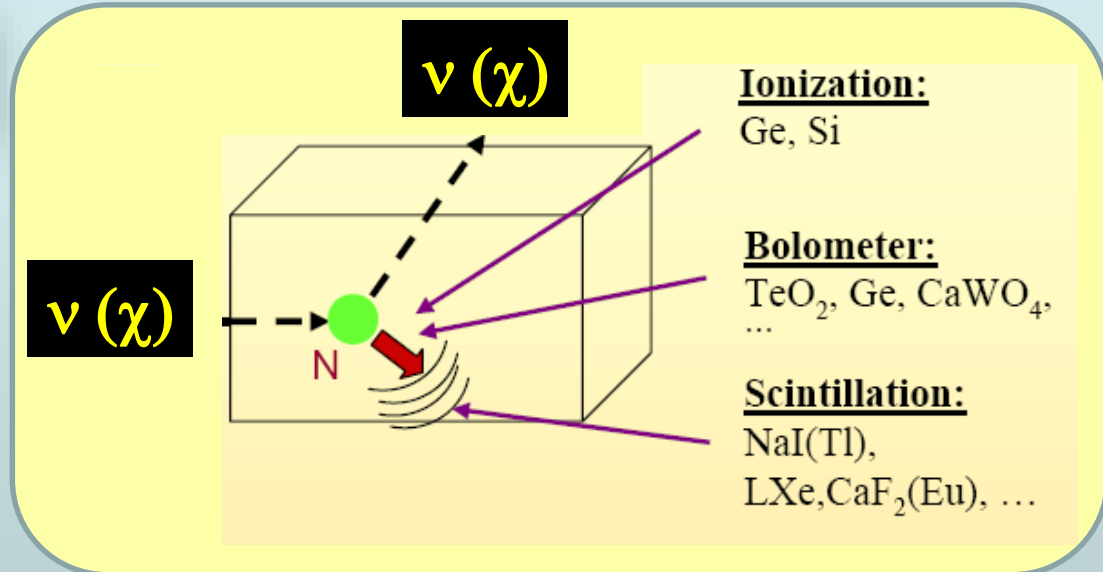
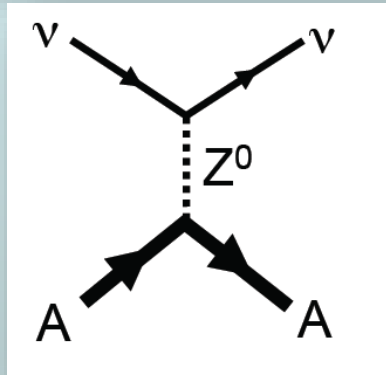
🕯 **Physics Goals for $O[100 \text{ eV threshold} \oplus 1 \text{ kg mass} \oplus 1 \text{ cpkkd}]$ detector :**

- ⦿ νN coherent scattering
- ⦿ Low-mass WIMP searches
- ⦿ Improve sensitivities on neutrino electromagnetic properties
- ⦿ Implications on reactor operation monitoring
- ⦿ Open new detector window & detection channel available for surprises
 - ❖ HPGe detector with Internal amplification

Neutrino - Nucleus Coherent Scattering

Standard Model allowed and predicted processes :

$$\nu + A \rightarrow \nu + A$$



- Neutral current process (same for all ν -flavor)
- $\sigma \propto N^2$ @ $E_\nu < 50 \text{ MeV}$
 ⇒ “Coherent” [probe “sees” the whole nucleus]
- Sensitive probe for **BSM**; interest in reactor monitoring
- Important process in **stellar collapse & supernova explosion**
- Analogous interaction used in **dark matter detection**
- **Ge at KSNL @ QF~0.2** : cut-off ~ 300 eV; Rate ~ 10 kg⁻¹ day⁻¹ \ @ threshold~100 eV

Standard Model Cross - Section at KSNL

[with Quenching Function for Ge for nuclear recoils]

$$\nu + N \rightarrow \nu + N$$

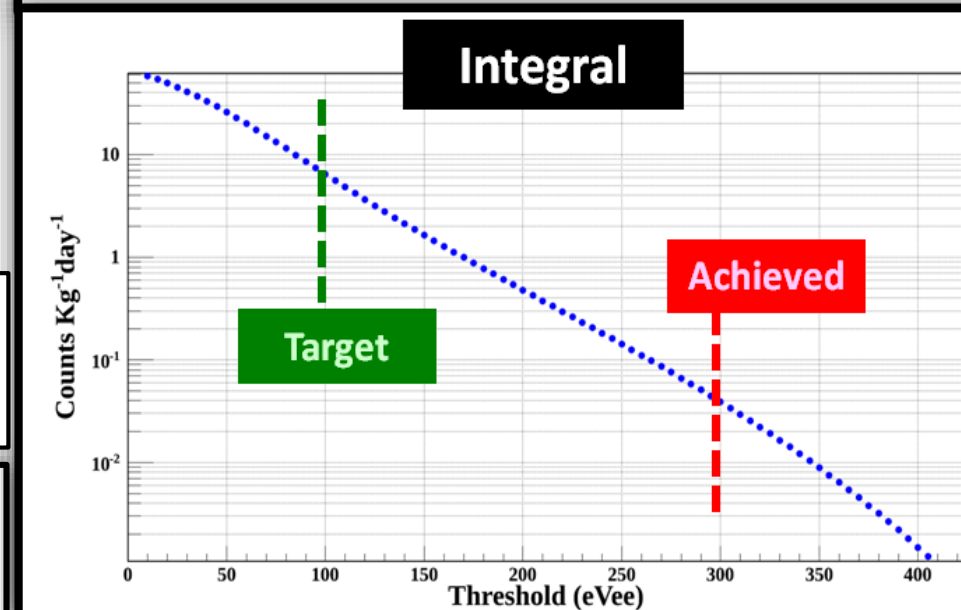
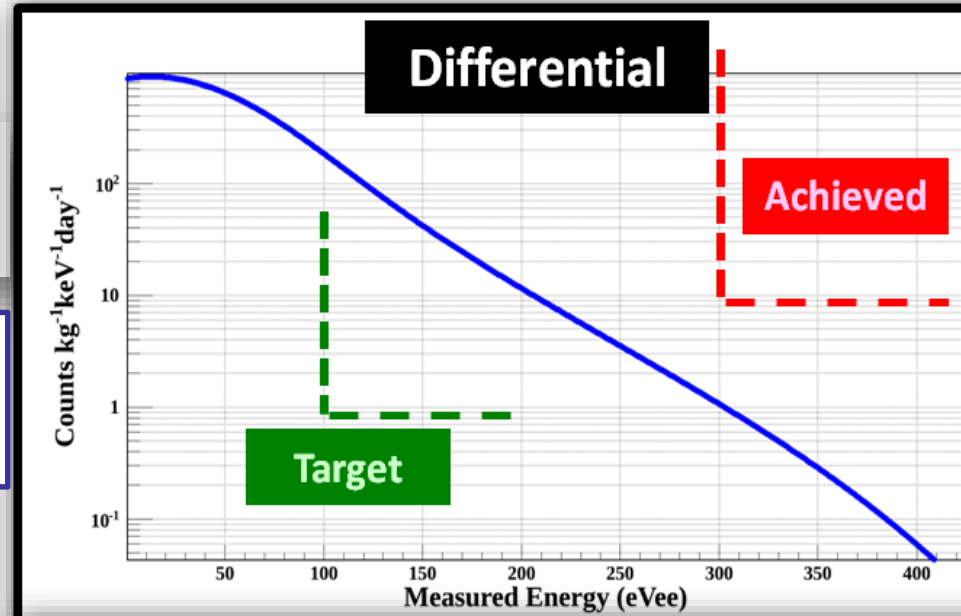
$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dT}\right)_{SM}^{coh} = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} m_N [Z(1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W) - N]^2 \left[1 - \frac{m_N T_N}{2E_\nu^2}\right]$$

 Needs Background < 10 cpkkd,
Target → 1 cpkkd



 Needs Threshold < 200 eV_{ee},
Target → 100 eV_{ee}

$$\sigma_{tot} = \frac{G_F^2 E_\nu^2}{4\pi} [Z(1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W) - N]^2$$



Origin of the Dark Matter Concept

Dark Matter rediscovered

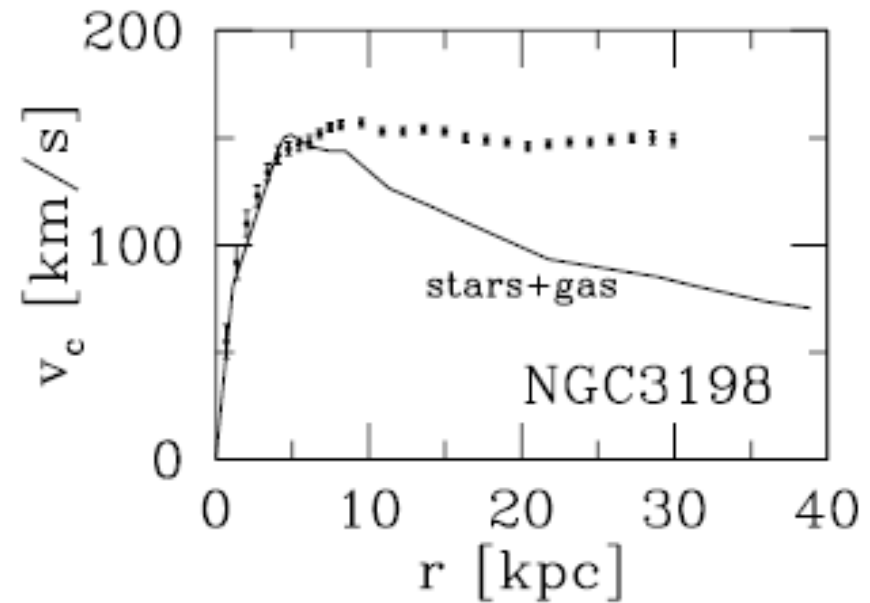
In 1970's Vera Rubin found that the rotation curves of galaxies ARE FLAT!



$$\frac{GMm}{r^2} = m \frac{v^2}{r} \Rightarrow v = \sqrt{\frac{GM(r)}{r}}$$

$$v = \text{const.} \Rightarrow M(r) \sim r$$

even where there is no light!



1 pc = 3.2 ℓ y

Dark Matter dominates in galaxies e.g. in NGC3198

$$M = 1.6 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot} (r/30 \text{ kpc})$$

$$M_{\text{stars+gas}} = 0.4 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$$

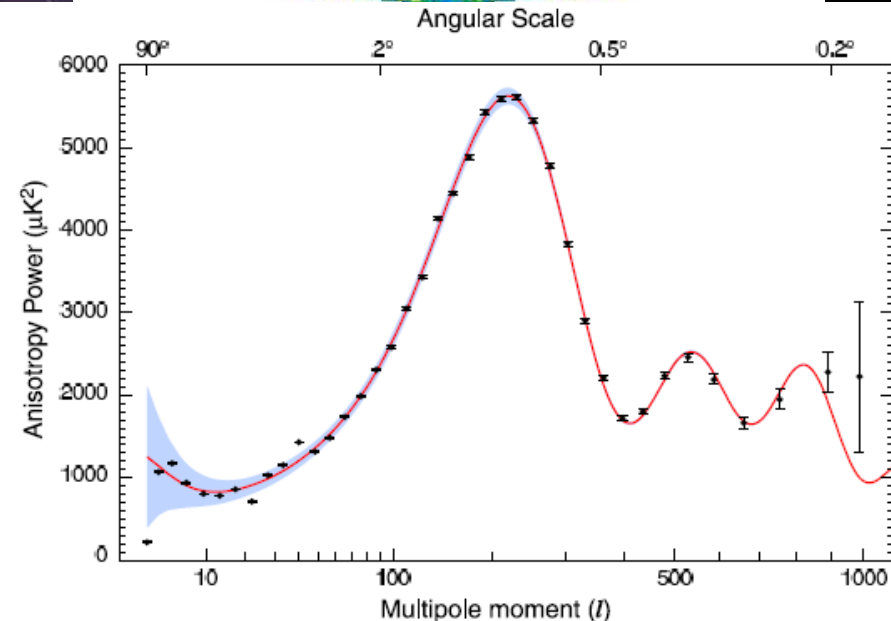
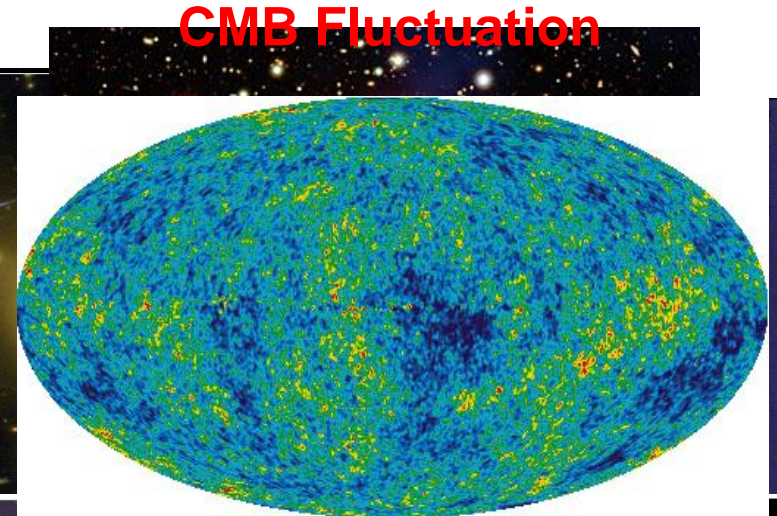
$$\frac{M}{M_{\text{vis}}} > 4$$

We are going to concentrate on the DM in the Dark Halo of our own galaxy

Astrophysical Evidences

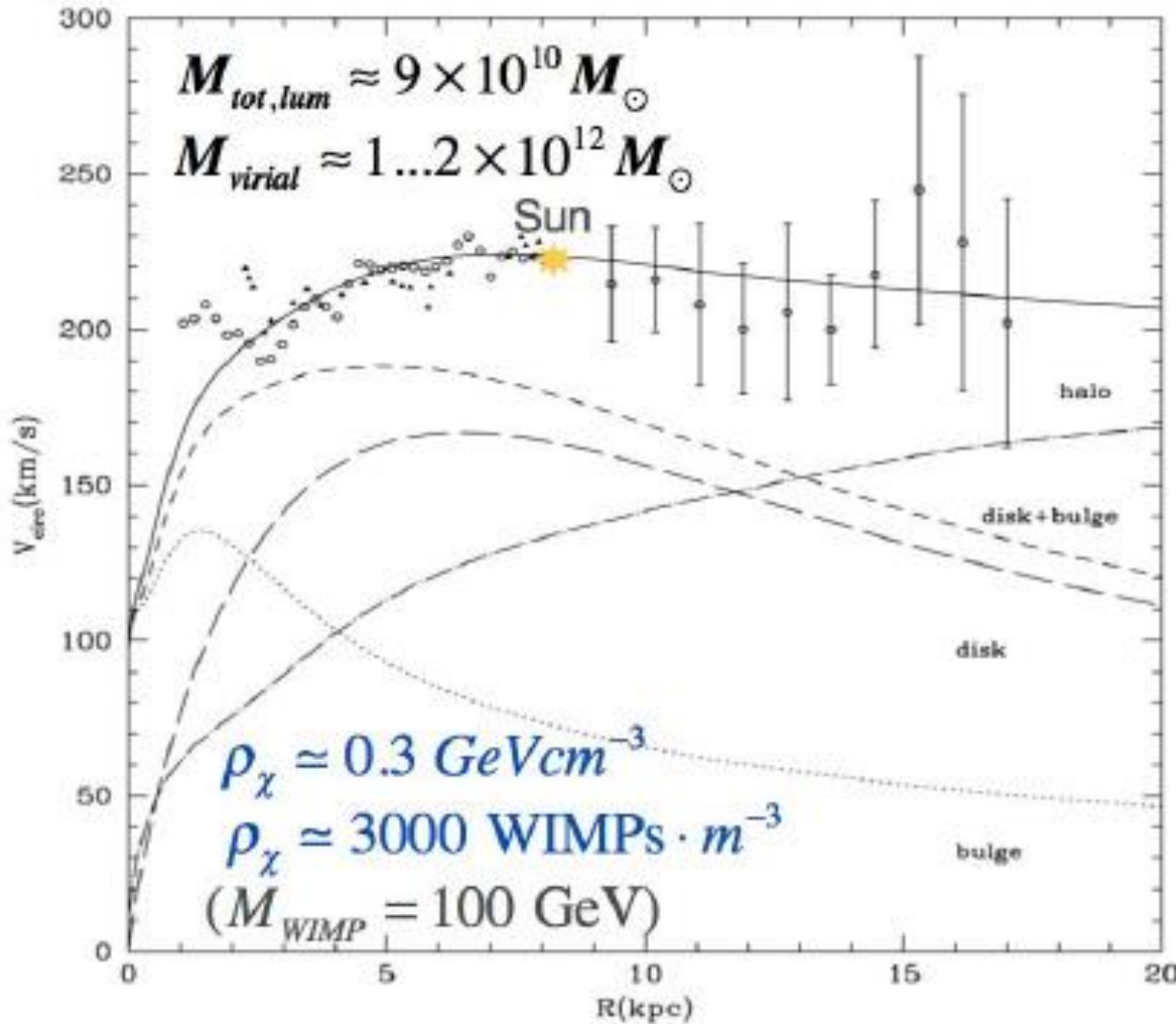
- Dark matter has **already been discovered** through
 - Galaxy clusters
 - Galactic rotation curves
 - Weak lensing
 - Strong lensing
 - Hot gas in clusters
 - Bullet Cluster
 - Supernovae
 - CMB
- We have entered in the regime of **dark matter identification**

NASA, A. Fruchter and the ERO Team (STScI, ST-EGF)
Galaxy Cluster Abell 2218



Milky Way's Dark Halo

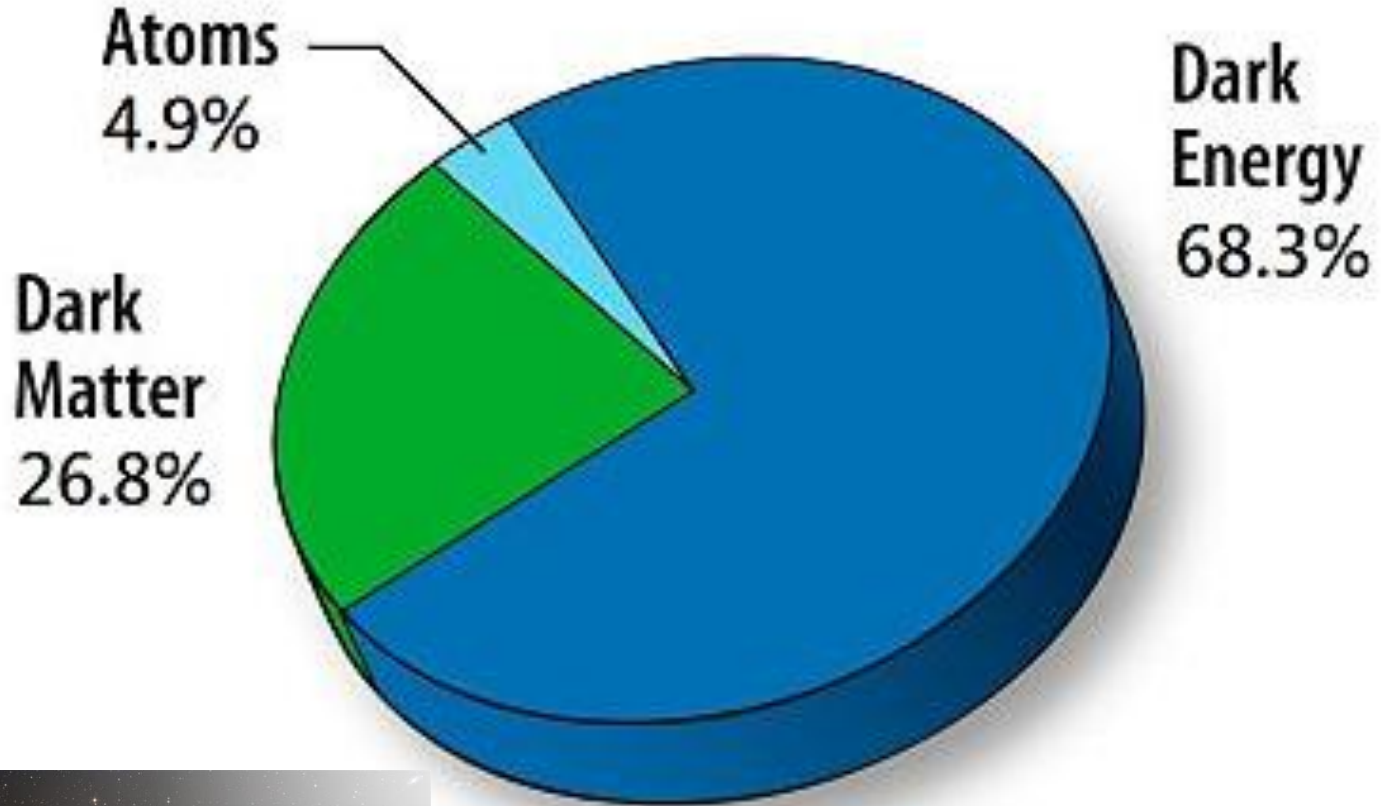
Fig. from L. Baudis; Klypin, Zhao and Somerville 2002



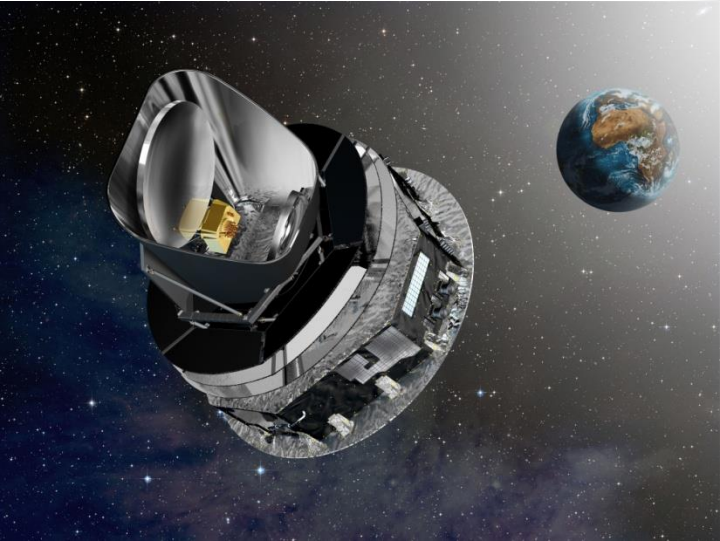
Cold dark matter is present at all scales including galactic halos (rotation curves), including ours (revolution speed of Magellanic Clouds, etc.) If dark matter particles do not have weak interaction, no hope to detect them, if they do are called **WIMPs** **NB. Not necessarily only one type**

$10^{10} (\text{GeV}/m_{\chi})$ WIMP's passing through us per cm^2 per second !

Universe Energy Budget



TODAY



What we know about DM?

Know something

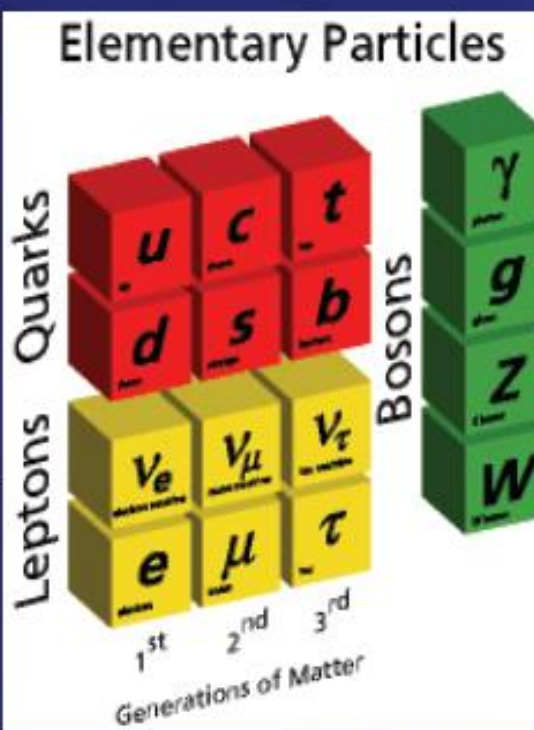
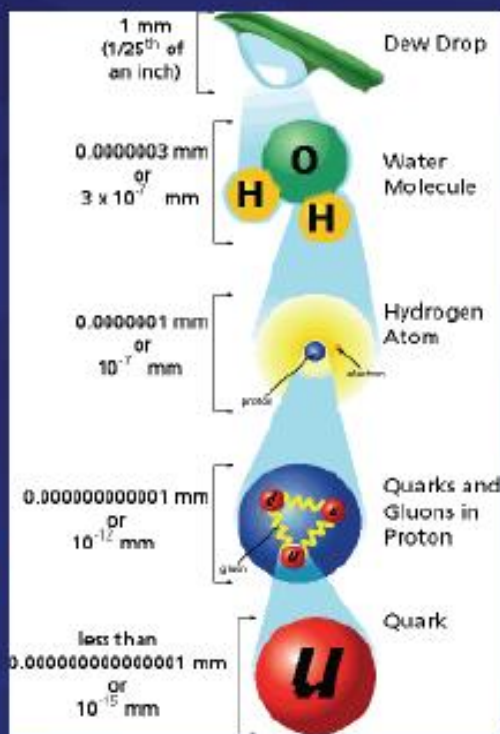
- ❖ All we know is that dark matter reacts to gravitation but not to electromagnetism since it does not emit any light i.e. electric charge =0 and colourless
 - ❖ It should be massive
 - ❖ Very long lived or absolutely Stable
 - ❖ Very Weak in nature
 - ❖ Hot or warm or cold, prefer cold dark matter
 - ❖ Mass, spin NOT known
- May be it interacts with ordinary matter through the weak nuclear force, the one responsible for radioactive decays.
 - Dark matter would then be made of weakly interacting particles.

**NOTHING ABOUT
DARK ENERGY !!!**

Standard Model of Particles

Standard Model of Particles $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$

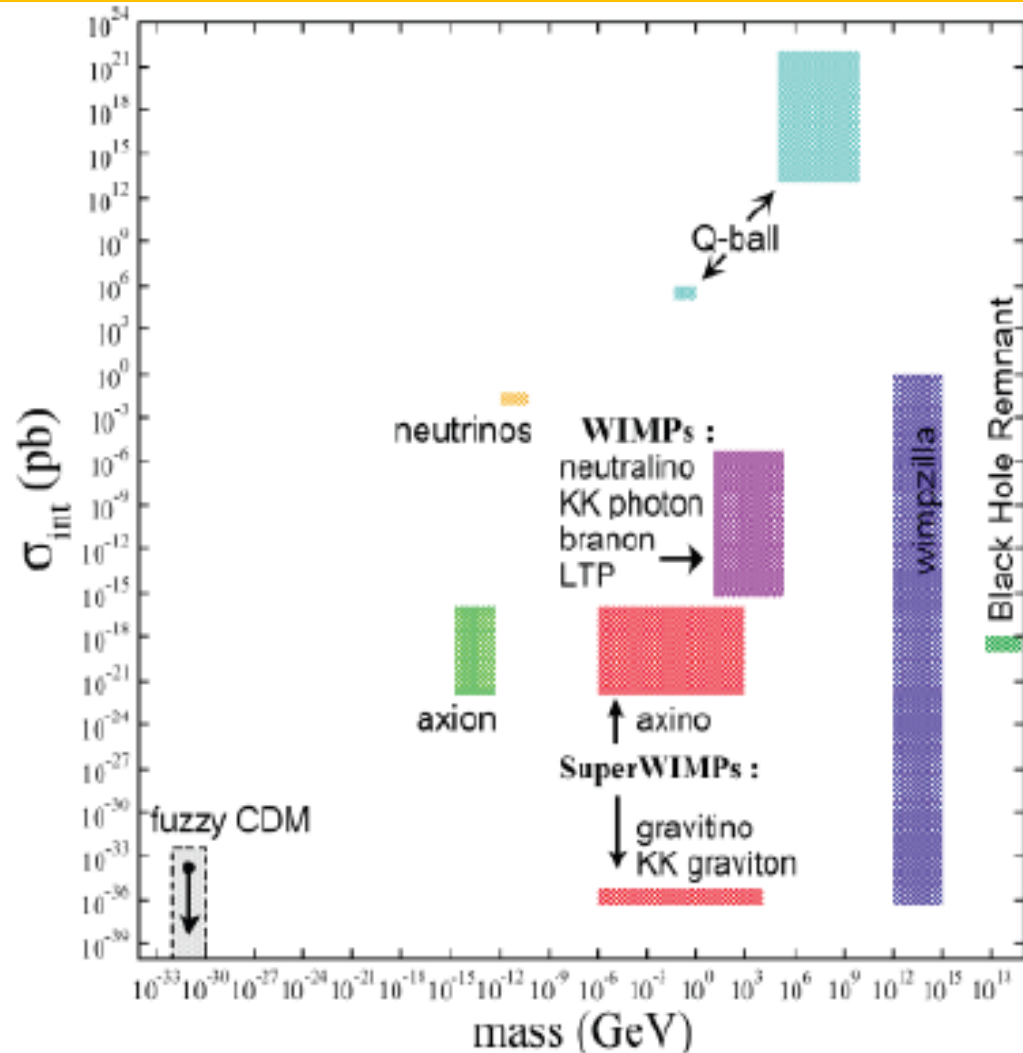
Inward Bound



None of the SM particles can play the role of DM

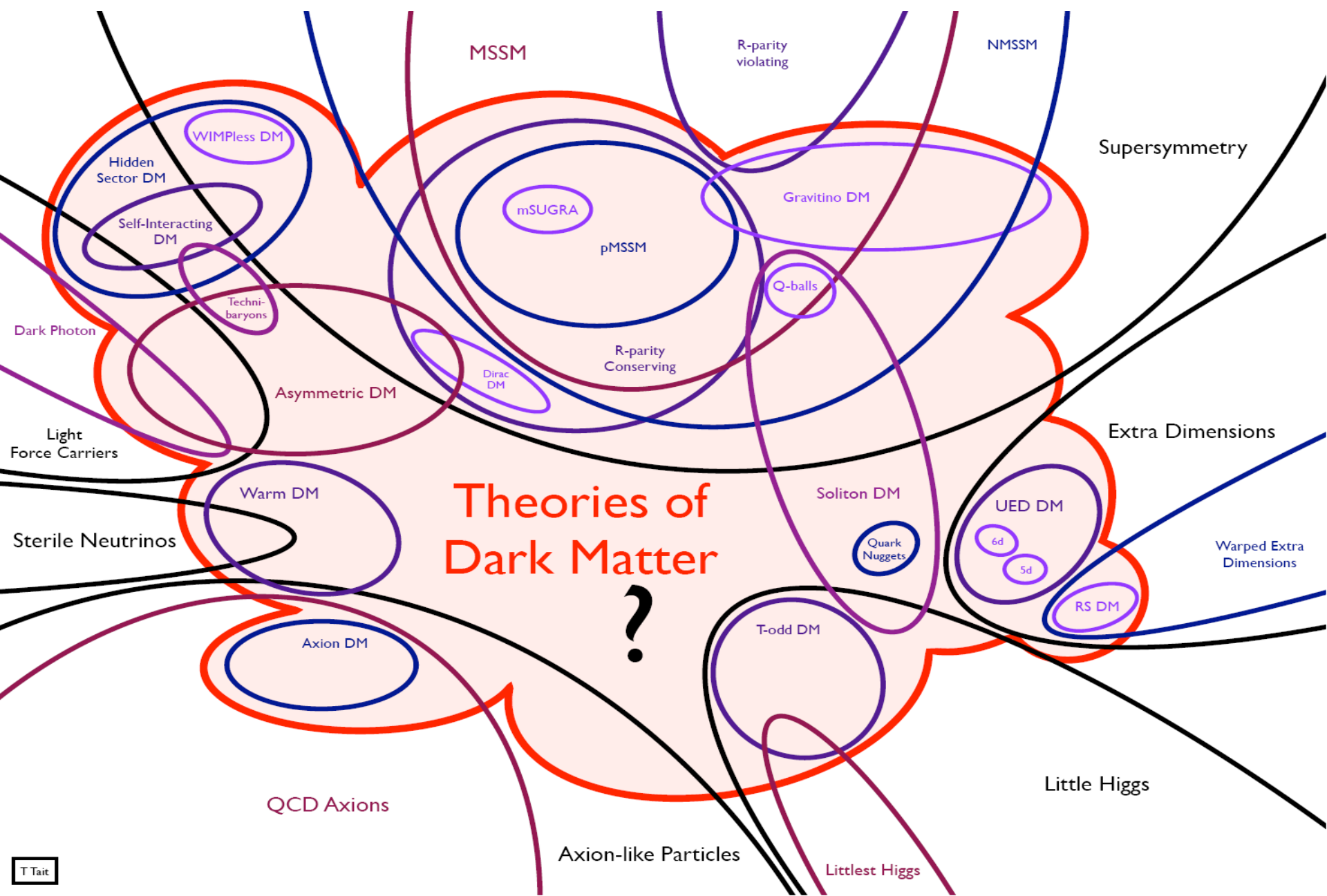
DM Candidates in Particle Physics

- Many many candidates in fact
- Wide ranges of mass and coupling strengths
- If one tries to solve hierarchy problem, weak scale DM is well motivated
- Strong CP motivated axion



L.Roszkowski (2004)

Non-WIMP Dark Matter



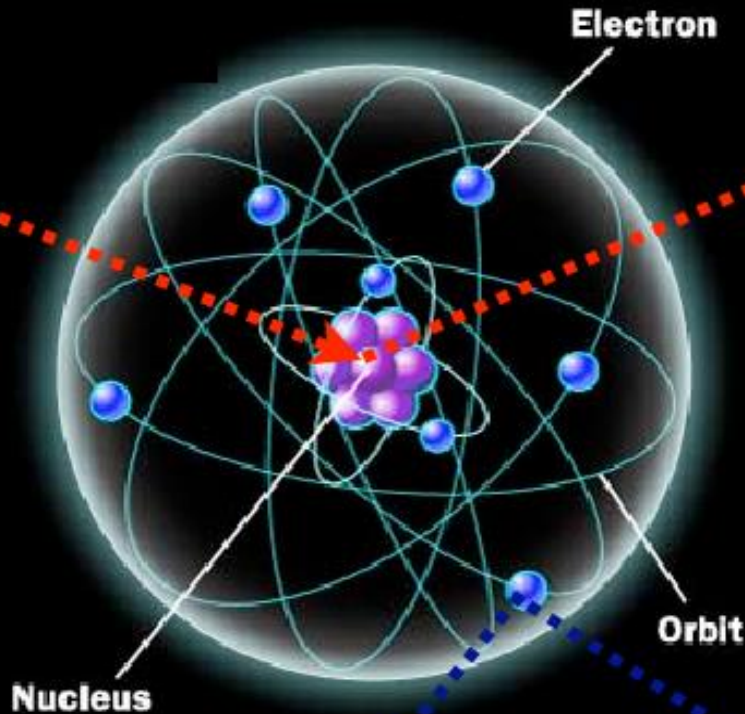
Theories of
Dark Matter

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Dark Matter Searches

Direct Detection

Signal: $N \rightarrow N'$



Backgrounds:

$$\begin{aligned} &\gamma e^- \rightarrow \gamma e^- \\ &N \rightarrow N' \\ &N \rightarrow N' + \alpha, e^- \\ &\nu N \rightarrow \nu N' \end{aligned}$$

Dark Matter Searches

$$\chi + N \rightarrow \chi + N$$

WIMP Nucleus Spin Independent cross-section

$$\sigma_{SI} = \frac{1 + m_\chi^2/m_p^2}{1 + m_\chi^2/m_N^2} A^2 \sigma$$

WIMP Nucleon Spin Dependent cross-section

$$\sigma_{SD} = \frac{1 + m_\chi^2/m_p^2}{1 + m_\chi^2/m_N^2} \frac{4\lambda_{p,z}^2 J(J+1)}{3} \sigma$$

Axion like dark matter particle

$$R = \frac{1.2 \times 10^{19}}{A} g_{aee}^2 \left(\frac{m_a}{\text{keV}}\right) \left(\frac{\sigma_{\text{photon}}}{\text{bn}}\right) \text{kg}^{-1} \text{day}^{-1}$$

Low mass (<10 GeV) WIMP / Sub-keV Recoil Energy

- Not favored by the most-explored specific models on galactic-bound SUSY neutralinos as CDM; *still* allowed by generic SUSY
- *Solar-system bound* WIMPs require lower recoil energy detection
- Other candidates favoring low recoils exist: e.g. non-point like SUSY Q-balls; Models e.g. pseudo-scalar axion-like particles.
- Less explored experimentally

The World Wide WIMP Search



SNOLab
DEAP
CLEAN
Picasso
COUPP
DAMIC

Boulby
ZEPLIN
DRIFT

YangYang
KIMS

Homestake
LUX

Modane
EDELWEISS

Kamioka
XMASS
Newage

Soudan
SuperCDMS
CoGeNT

Canfranc
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Rosebud
ANAIS

Gran Sasso
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CRESST
DAMA/LIBRA
DarkSide

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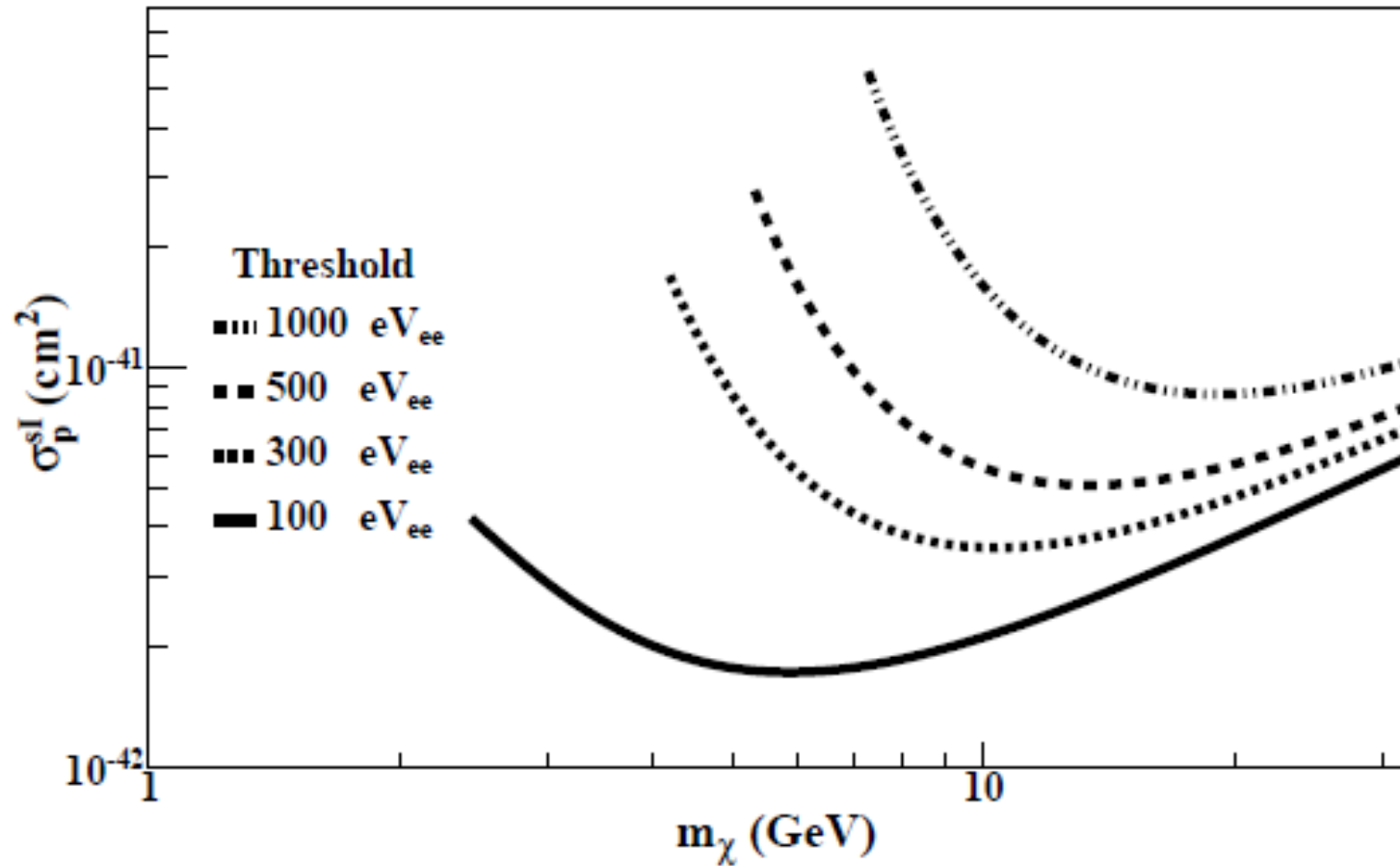
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South Pole
DM Ice

Many experiments are collecting more data and new ones are being built. With theorists and experimentalists being hard at work, hopefully there will soon be a breakthrough.

Dark Matter Searches



Sensitivity reach of the same configuration at different detector threshold, showing the relative improvement in cross-section as a function of χ_m .

at various values of χ_m . The lower bounds of χ_m as a function of physics parameters is also shown, assuming 1 kg-yr of data and a background level of $1 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ keV}_{ee}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$.

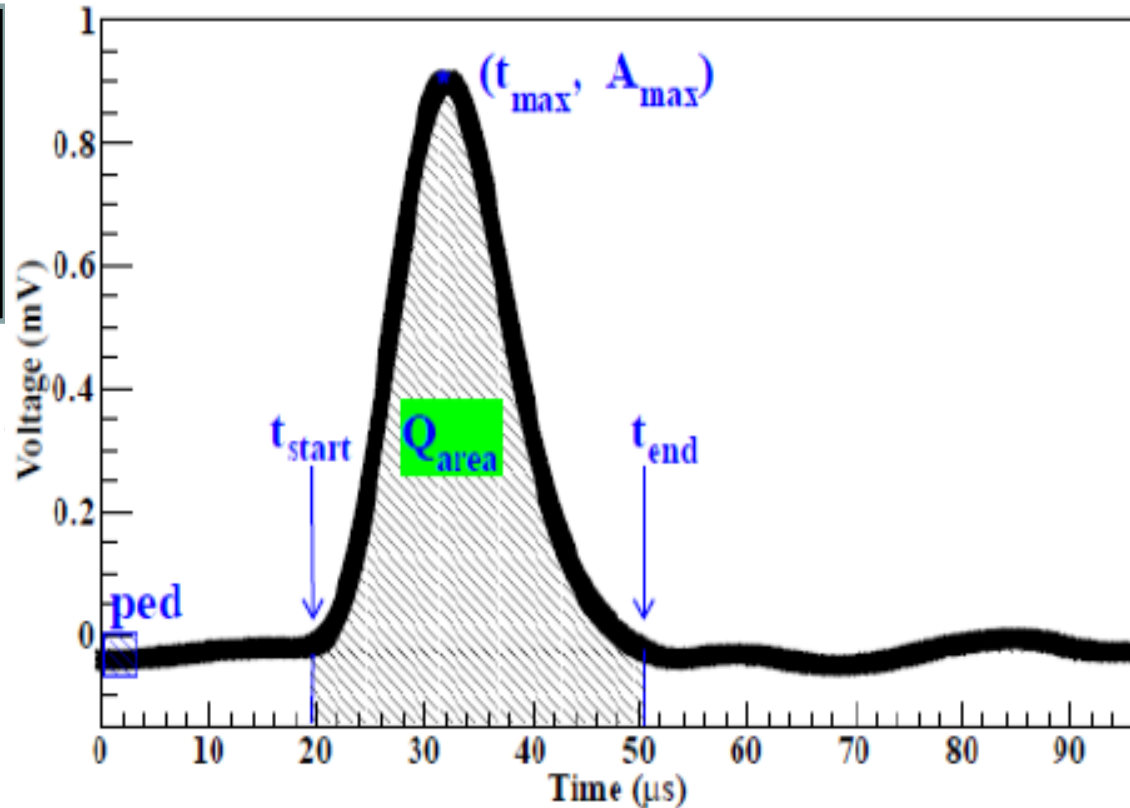
Quenching effects of nuclear recoils are taken into account.

Energy Measurement: Energy Calibration

PCGe

Reset
Preamp

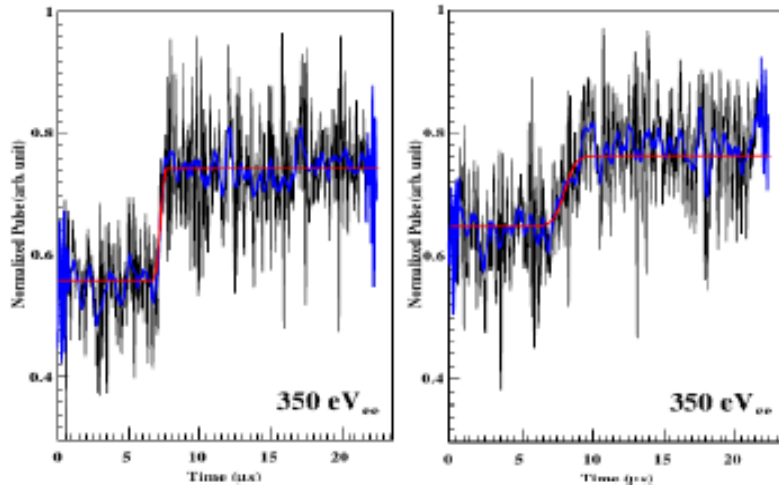
SA: Shaping time $0.5 \mu\text{s}$ to fit in frame ; Typical operation in



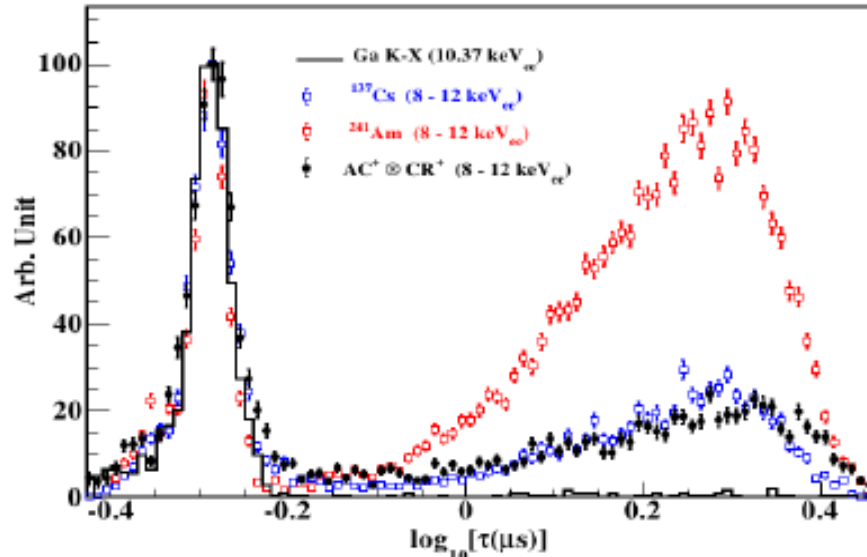
Typical SA6 pulse at $6 \mu\text{s}$ shaping time. The various key parameters for analysis and calibration purposes are shown.

Bulk and Surface event Identification

Timing Amplifier Output



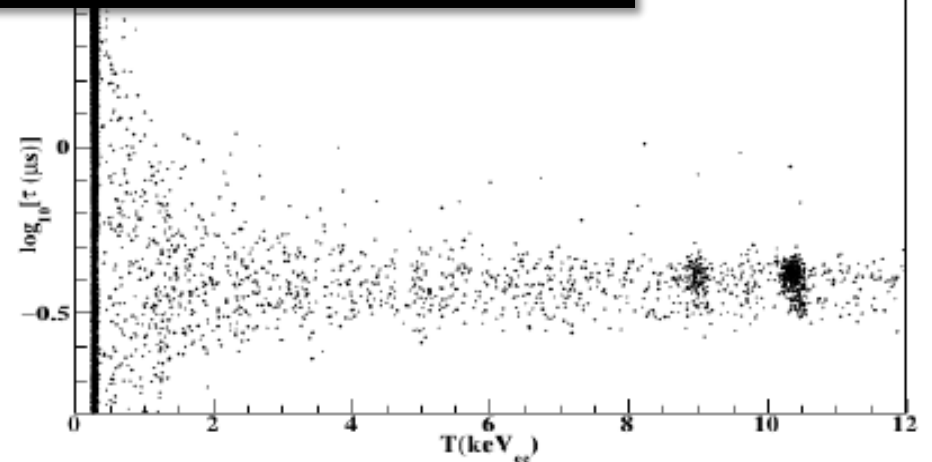
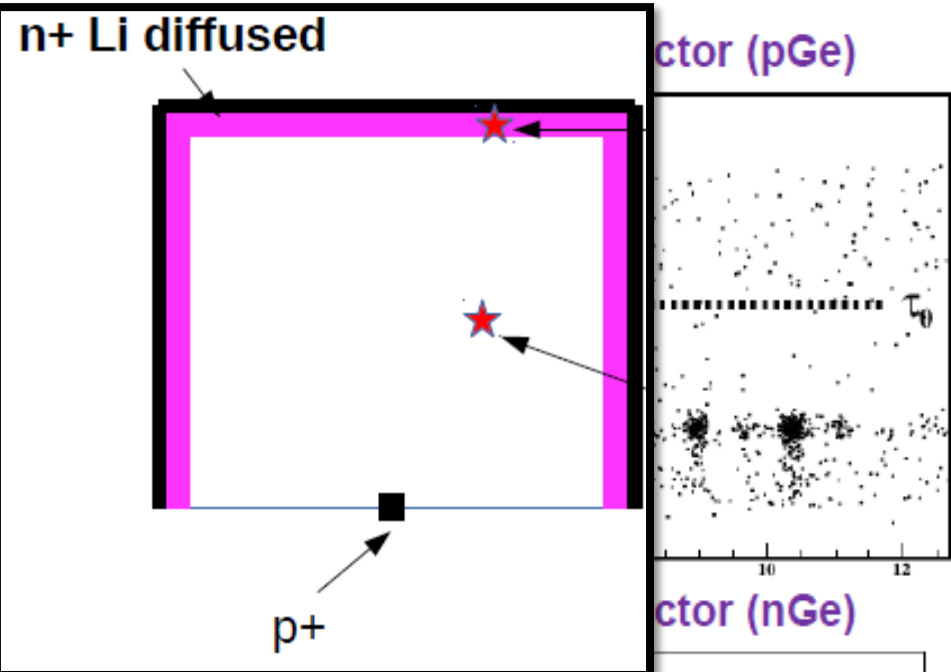
⇒ Thickness of Dead Layer = 1.16 ± 0.09 mm (^{133}Ba Source)



⇒ Different Background Sources give Identical TA-risetime in Bulk but Varying in Surface.

Savitzky – Golay Filter

$$\frac{1}{2}A_0 \times \tanh\left(\frac{t-t_0}{\tau}\right) + P_0$$



Bulk and Surface event selection efficiency

$$B = \epsilon_{BS} \cdot B_0 + (1 - \lambda_{BS}) \cdot S_0$$

$$S = (1 - \epsilon_{BS}) \cdot B_0 + \lambda_{BS} \cdot S_0$$

$$B_0 + S_0 = B + S$$

B = Observed Bulk, S = Observed Surface

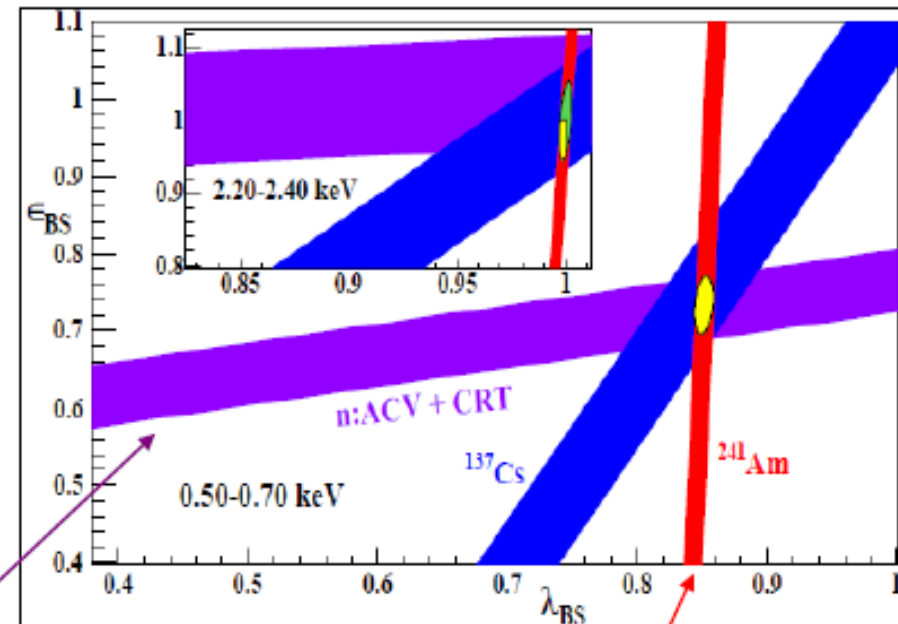
B_0 = Actual Bulk, S_0 = Actual Surface

ϵ_{BS} = Efficiency of bulk signal retaining

λ_{BS} = Efficiency of surface signal suppression

To obtain $(\epsilon_{BS}, \lambda_{BS})$ requires at least two measurements of (B,S) where (B_0, S_0) are known:

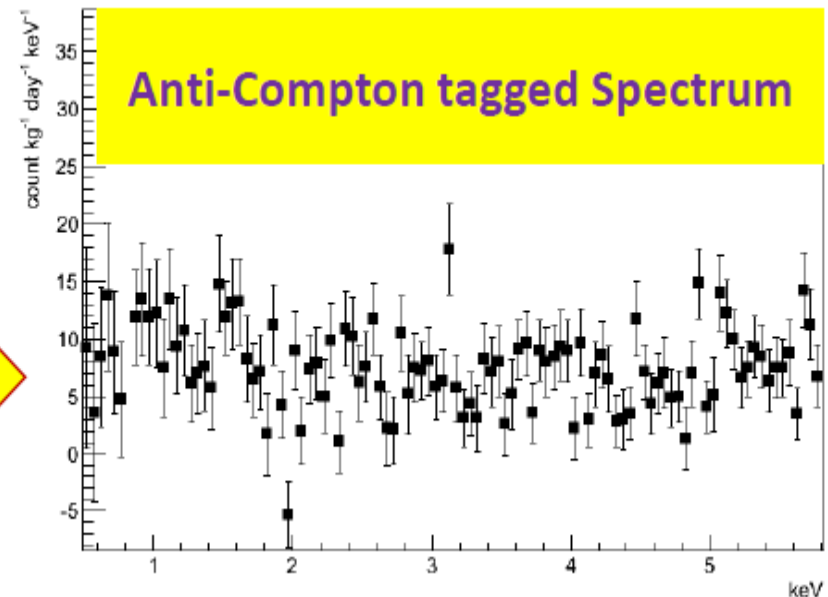
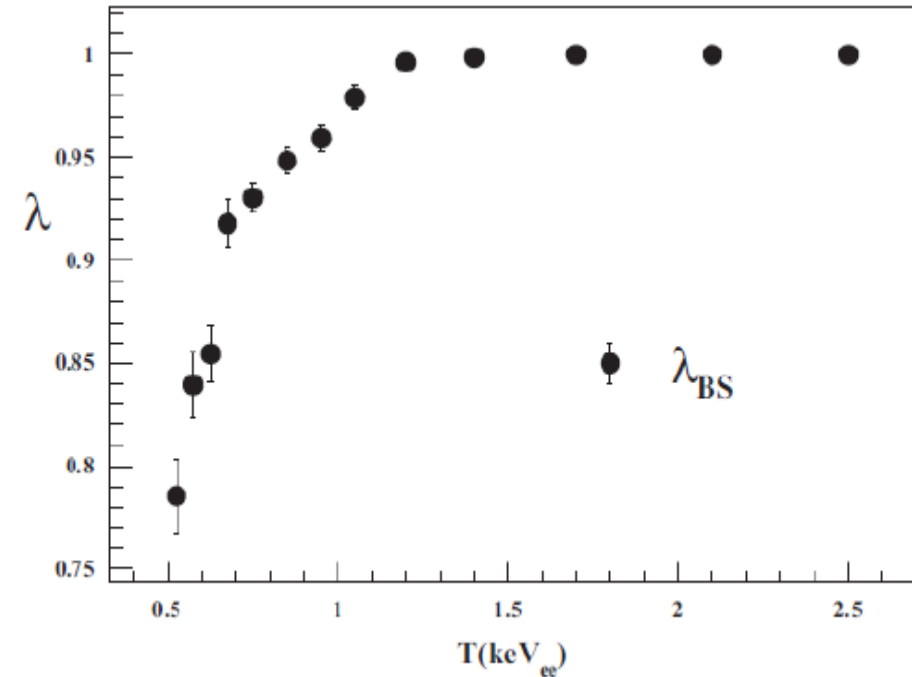
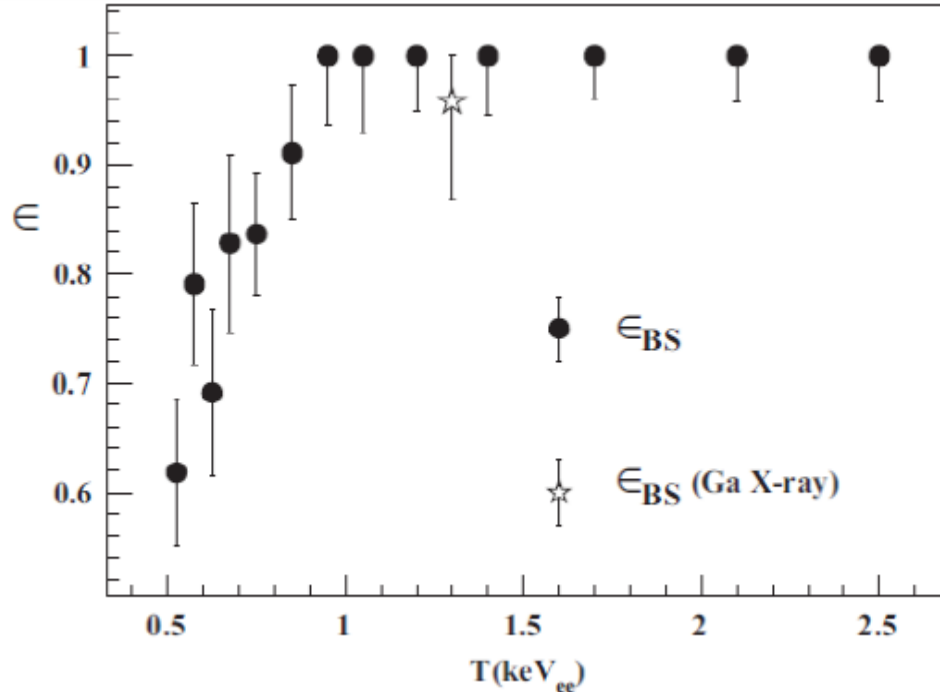
- Very Surface Rich events with γ -ray sources (^{241}Am); B_0 from MC.
- Surface Rich events with γ -ray sources (^{137}Cs); B_0 from MC.
- Bulk Rich Cosmic-ray induced high energy neutrons; B_0 from n-PCGe detector (no anomalous Surface-Bulk events).



Bulk-Rich high-energy neutrons constrain ϵ_{BS}

Surface-Rich γ -rays constrain λ_{BS}

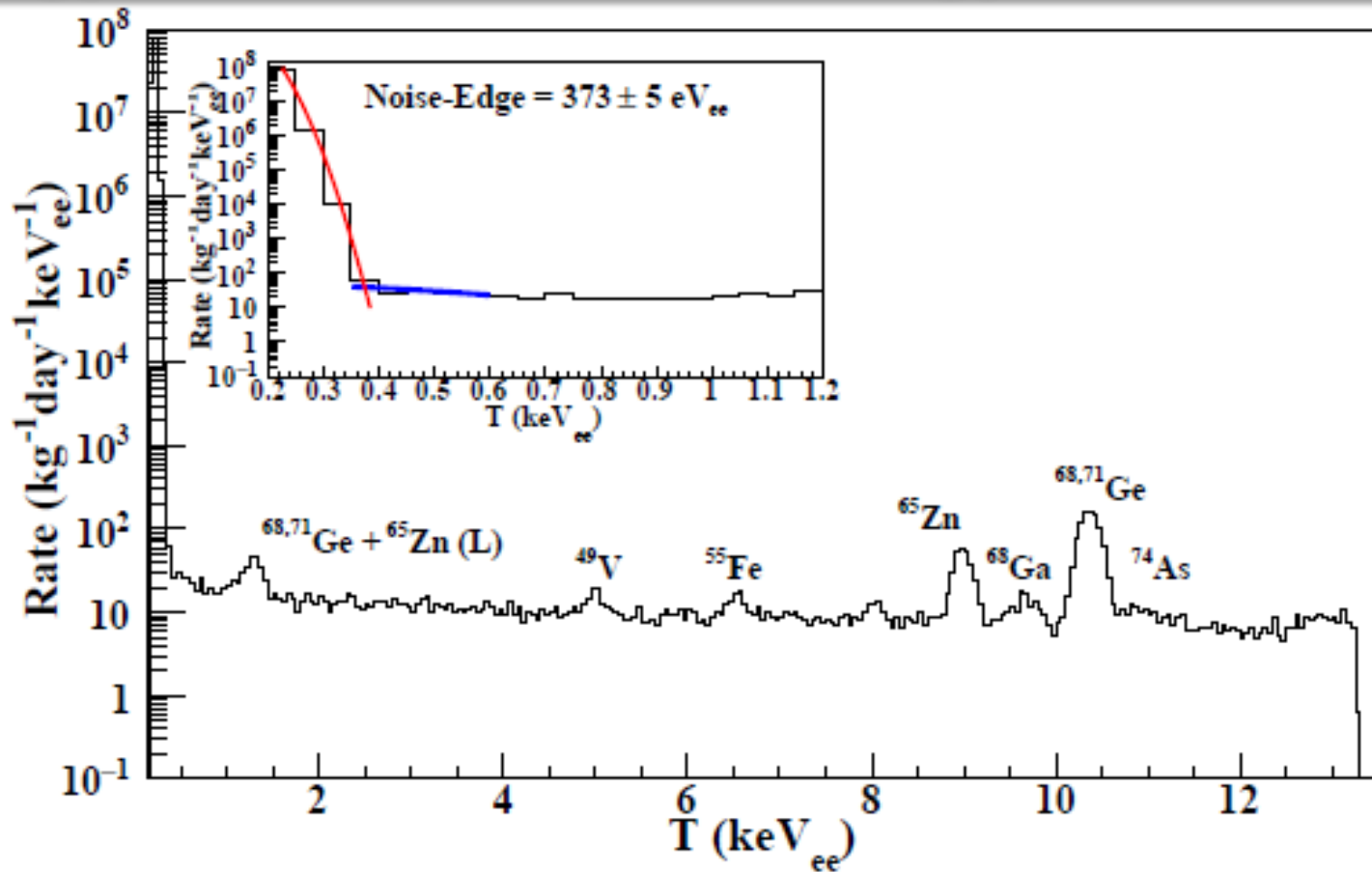
Bulk and Surface event selection efficiency



Cross-Check Consistent
with flat MC expectation



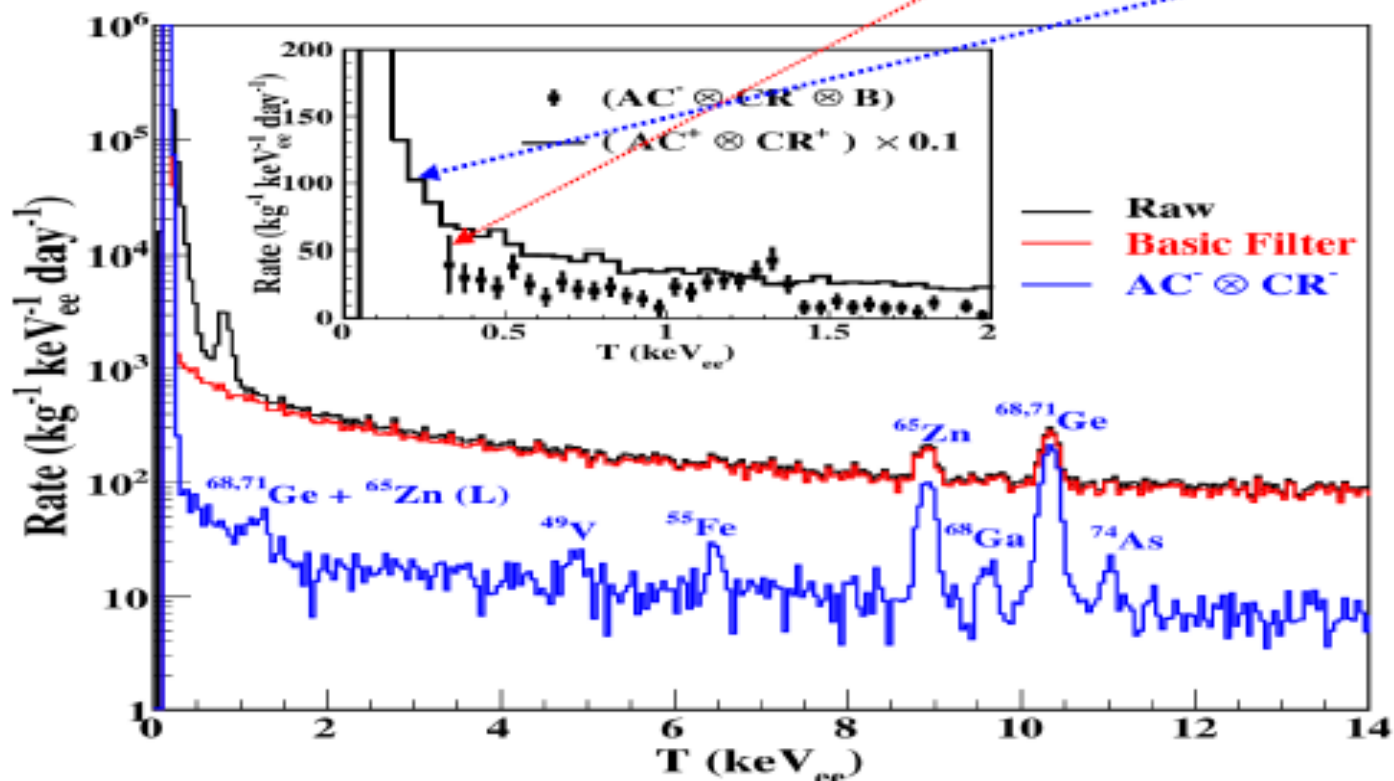
Energy Measurement: Energy Calibration



Typical ULEGe, pPCGe and nPCGe spectra showing X-ray peaks and noise-edge. **The lines in all cases are used in energy calibration.** The peaks are due to electron capture of cosmogenic activated isotopes producing X-rays inside the detectors. The noise-edge is defined **as the energy when physics events would take over from the self-trigger electronic noise spectra.**

Summary table of Ge detector performance

Items	CoaxGe	pPCGe	nPCGe	pPCGe
Modular Mass (g)	1000	900	500	500
Pedestal Noise RMS(eV)	812	56	49	41
Pulser FWHM (eV)	1566	124	133	110
Noise Edge (eV)	5600	400	373	311
Noise Edge with Double Co-incidence (eV)	N/A	300	237	197

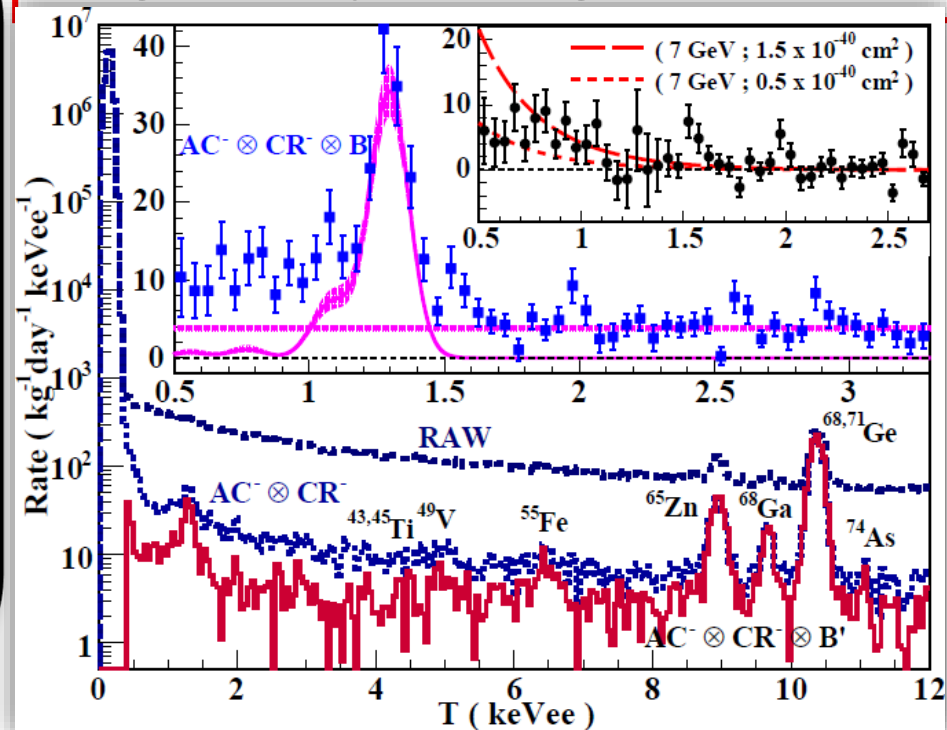
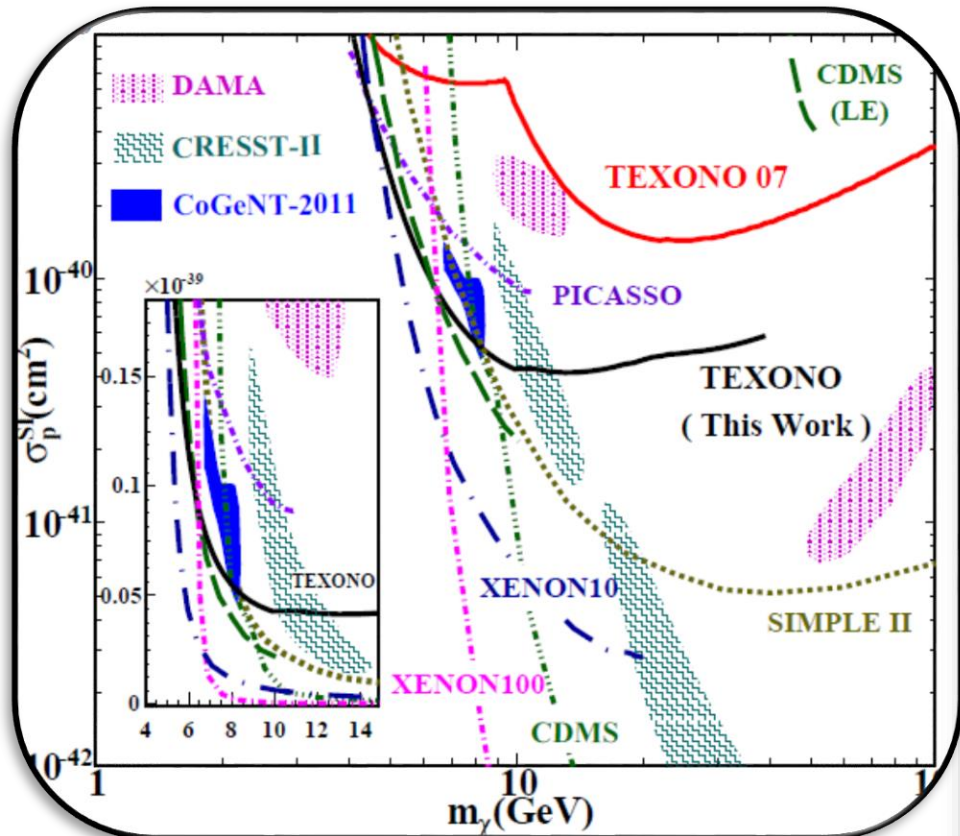


Light WIMP Searches with Ge @ KSNL

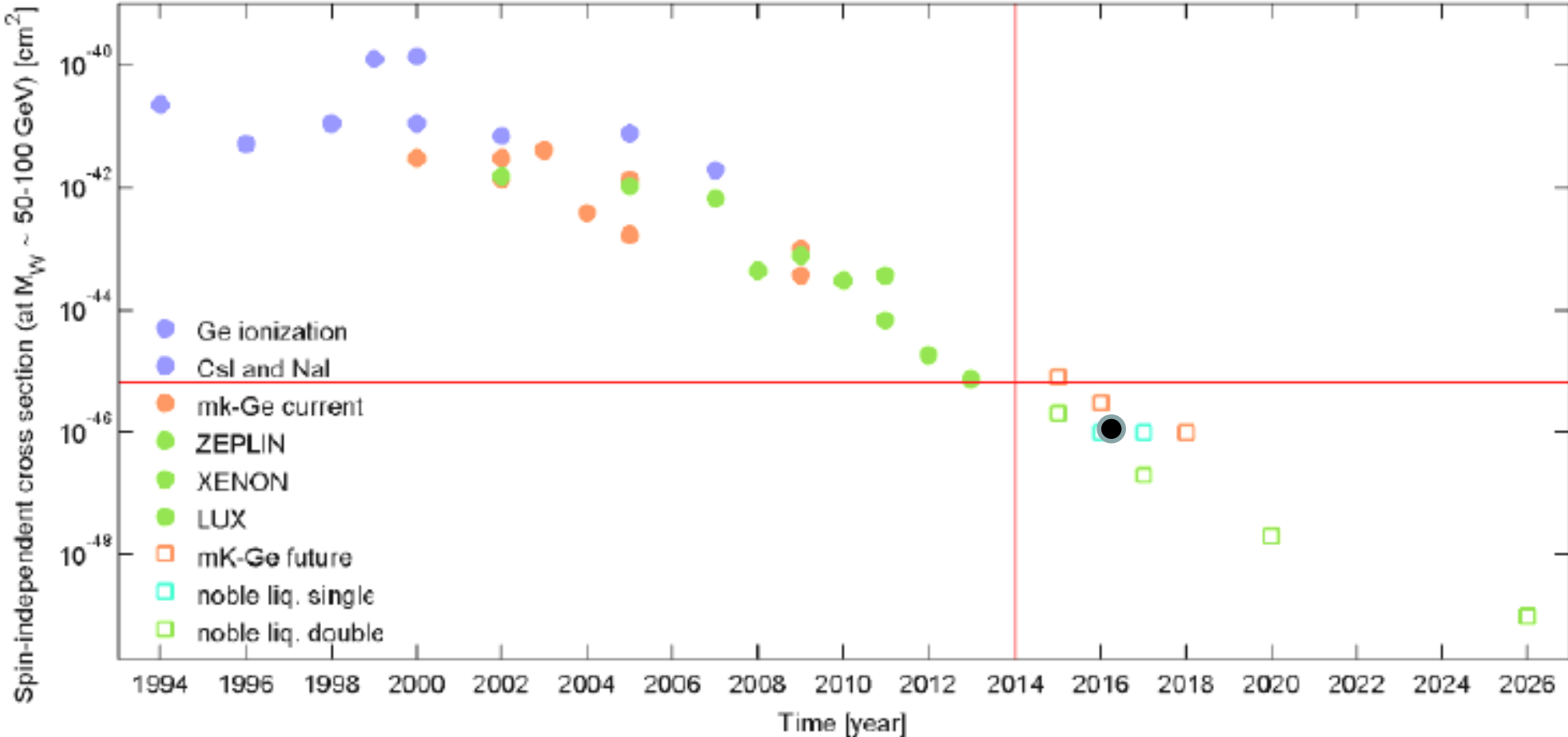
TEXONO@KSNL [PRL13,AP14] :

- Learn & Establish Techniques
- Catalyze CDEX-1 @ CJPL
- Produce Physics Results !

- 🏆 500 eV threshold; FM 0.84 kg; DS 39.5 kg-days
- 🏆 devised schemes for B/S separation & efficiencies
- 🏆 probed and excluded some light WIMP allowed regions
- 🏆 Indicated: leakage of “Surface” background to “Bulk” samples can give false positive signals.



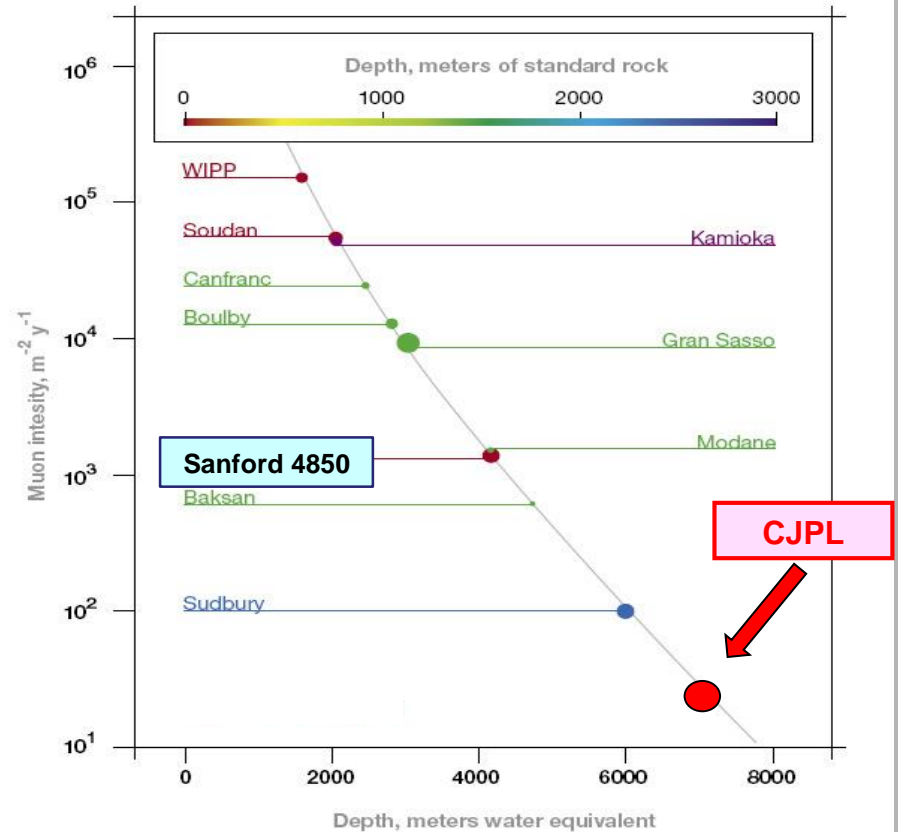
Light WIMP Searches Sensitivity

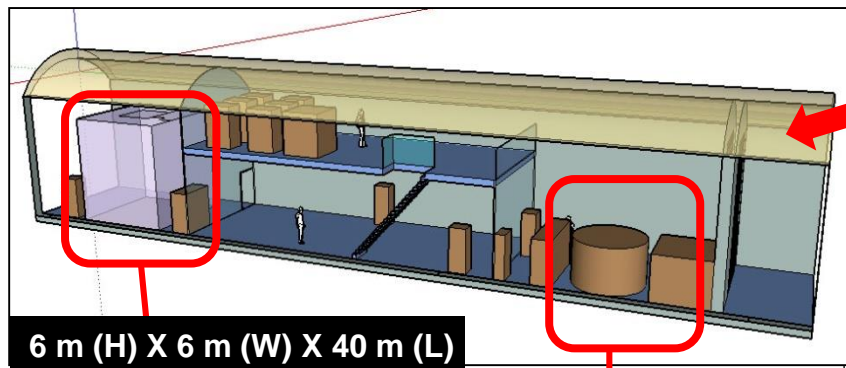
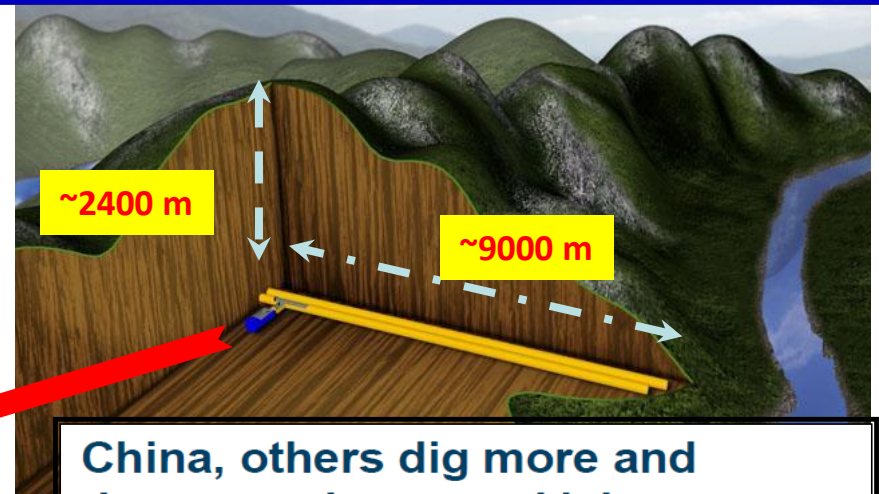
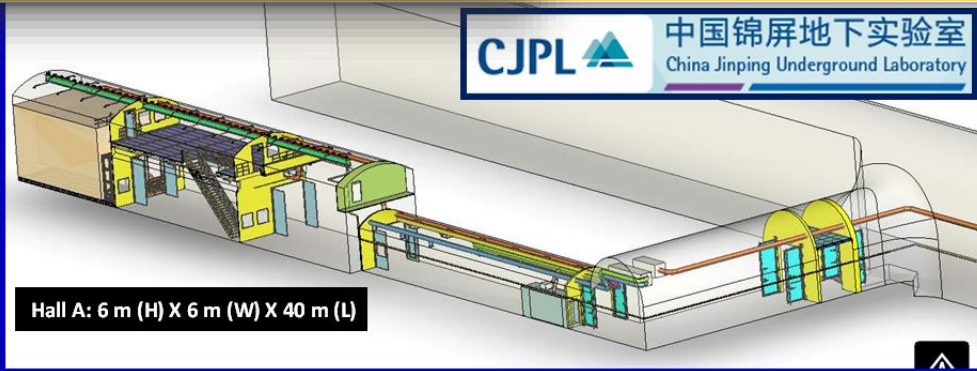


L. Baudis, arXiv:1408.4371

**Limits are getting better and better
So be positive and wait for positive claim....**

- ◎ 2400+ m rock overburden, drive-in road tunnel access
- ◎ ~6 muon/m²-month (cf sea-level 100 Hz/m²)
- ◎ 6X6X40 m cavern constructed [managed by THU & YLJHDC]
- ◎ CDEX-1 Dark Matter Program





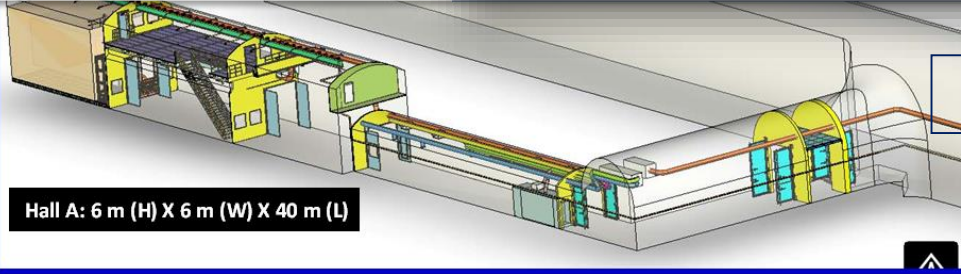
China, others dig more and deeper underground labs

From tiny to gargantuan, experiments are in the works to exploit the shielding from cosmic rays that being deep underground offers. *Physics Today* September 2010

PARTICLE PHYSICS:
Chinese Scientists Hope to Make Deepest, Darkest Dreams Come True
 Dennis Normile

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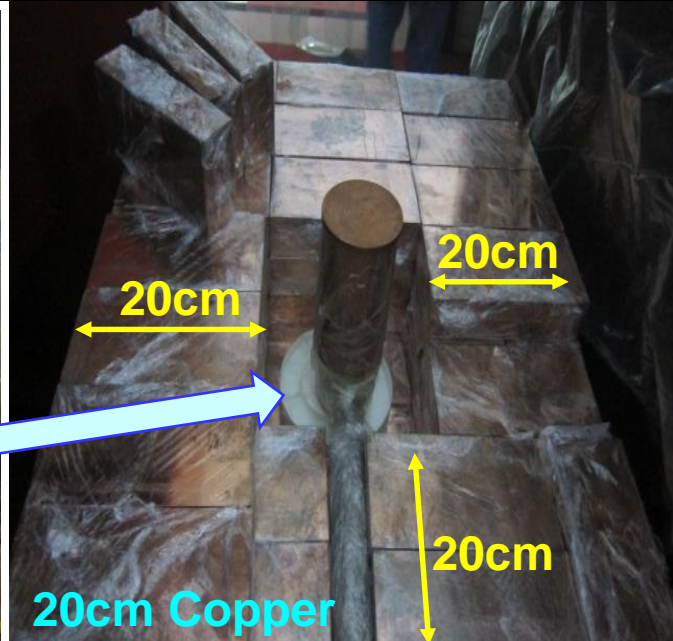
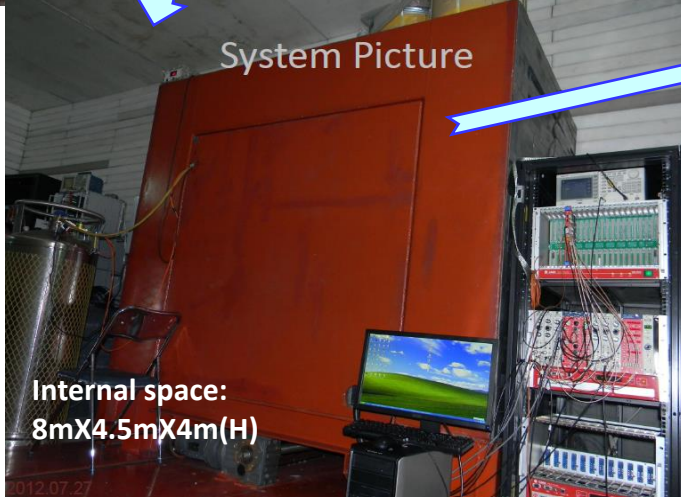
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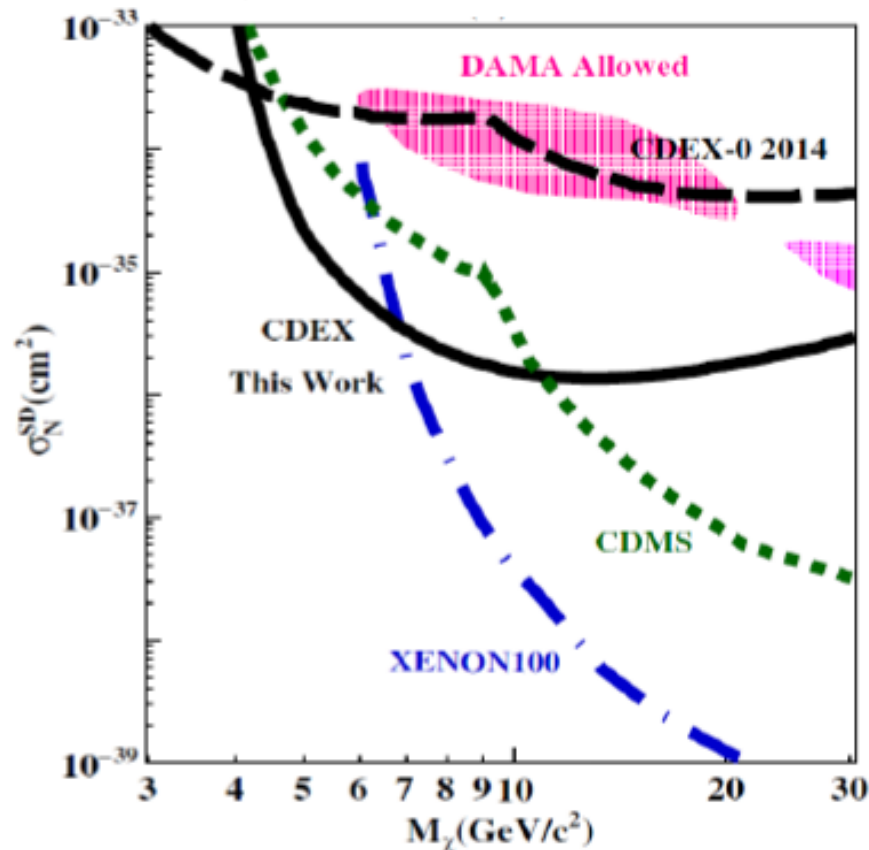
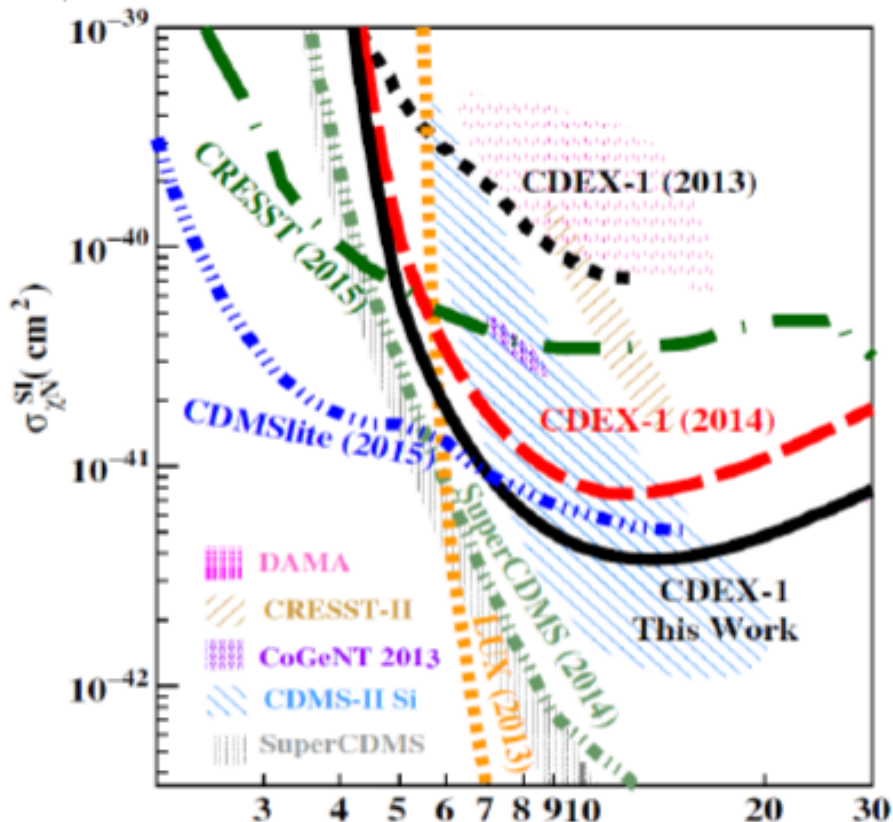
μ -rate ~ 6 per m^2 per month

CDEX-1 @ CJPL :

- ✦ Adopt KSNL Baseline Design
- ✦ Engineering Run 2011
- ✦ Physics Run June 2012
- ✦ First Results 2013



- All events quantitatively accounted for ; No Residual Excesses at sub-keV
- Exclude CoGeNT-2013 excess as WIMP-induced, independent of interaction channels



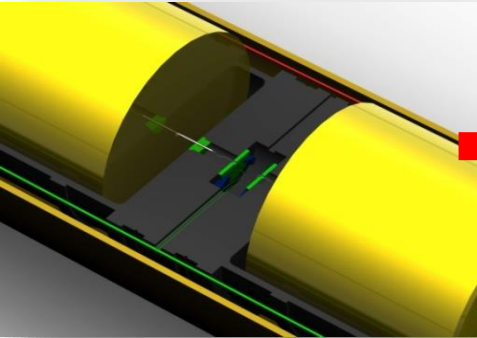
Configurations: M_χ (GeV/c^2)

- * 335 kg-days of data @ CJPL (2016)
- * Baseline design with NaI(Tl)
- * Fiducial mass : 915 g
- * Analysis above : 475 eV
- * Q.F. adopted by TRIM software with 10% systematic uncertainty

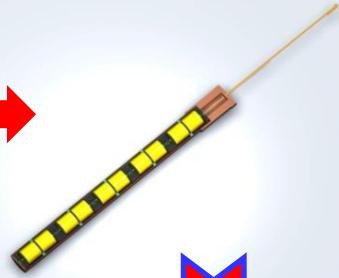
Reference: PRD 93 092003 (2016) ; PRD(R) 90 091701(2014);
PRD 90 032003 (2014); PRD 88 052004 (2013)

Design of CDEX-10: LAr as anti-Compton

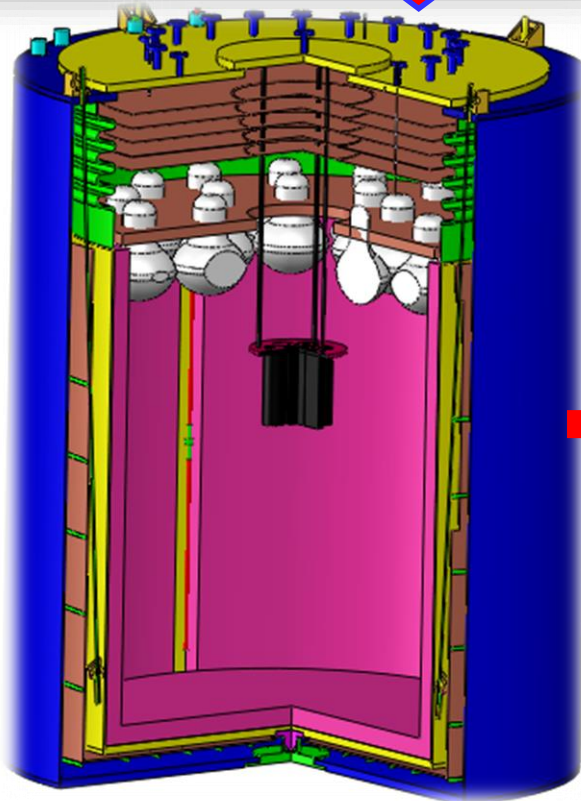
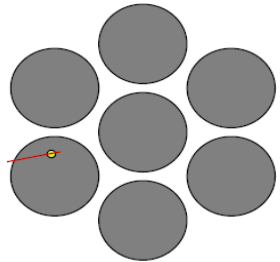
Ge + JFET



Ge Array in String

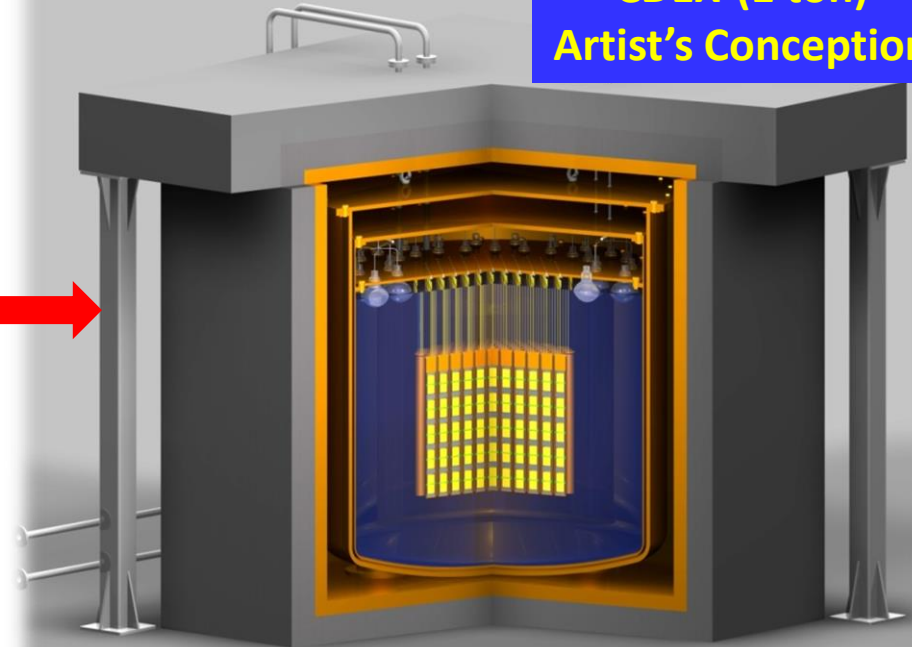


CDEX-10
(2015+)



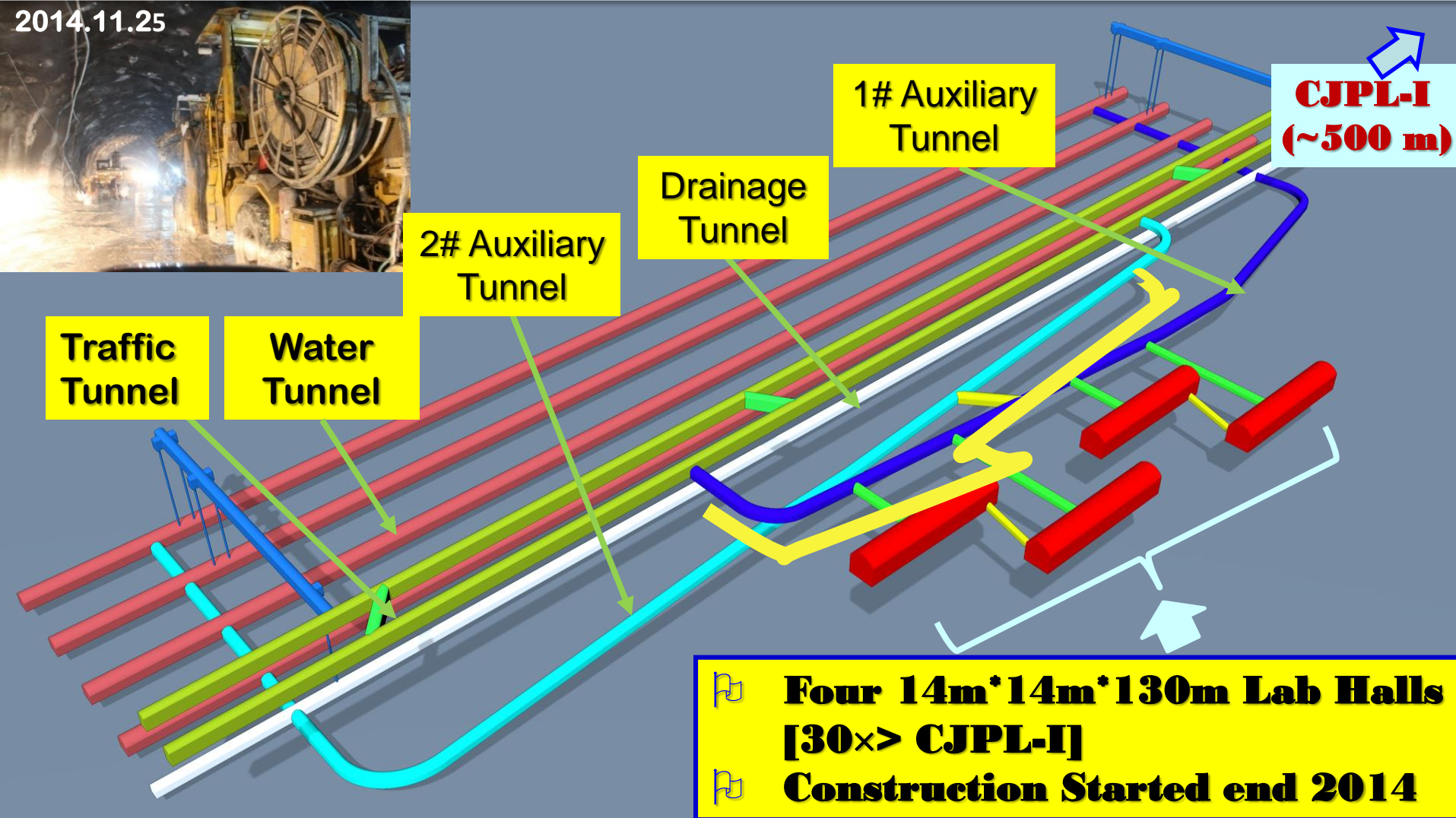
- PCGe in Arrays & Strings
- LiqN (LiqAr) as both cryogenics (& active anti-Compton)
- ~30-40 cm 4π shielding range
- Prototype 2014
- Baseline Design for Future O(1 ton) Expt for $DM+0\nu\beta\beta$

CDEX-(1 ton)
Artist's Conception



New Lab: CJPL - II

2014.11.25



**Four 14m*14m*130m Lab Halls
[30x> CJPL-I]**



Construction Started end 2014

PHYSICS

Science V346, Nov 2014

China supersedes its underground physics lab

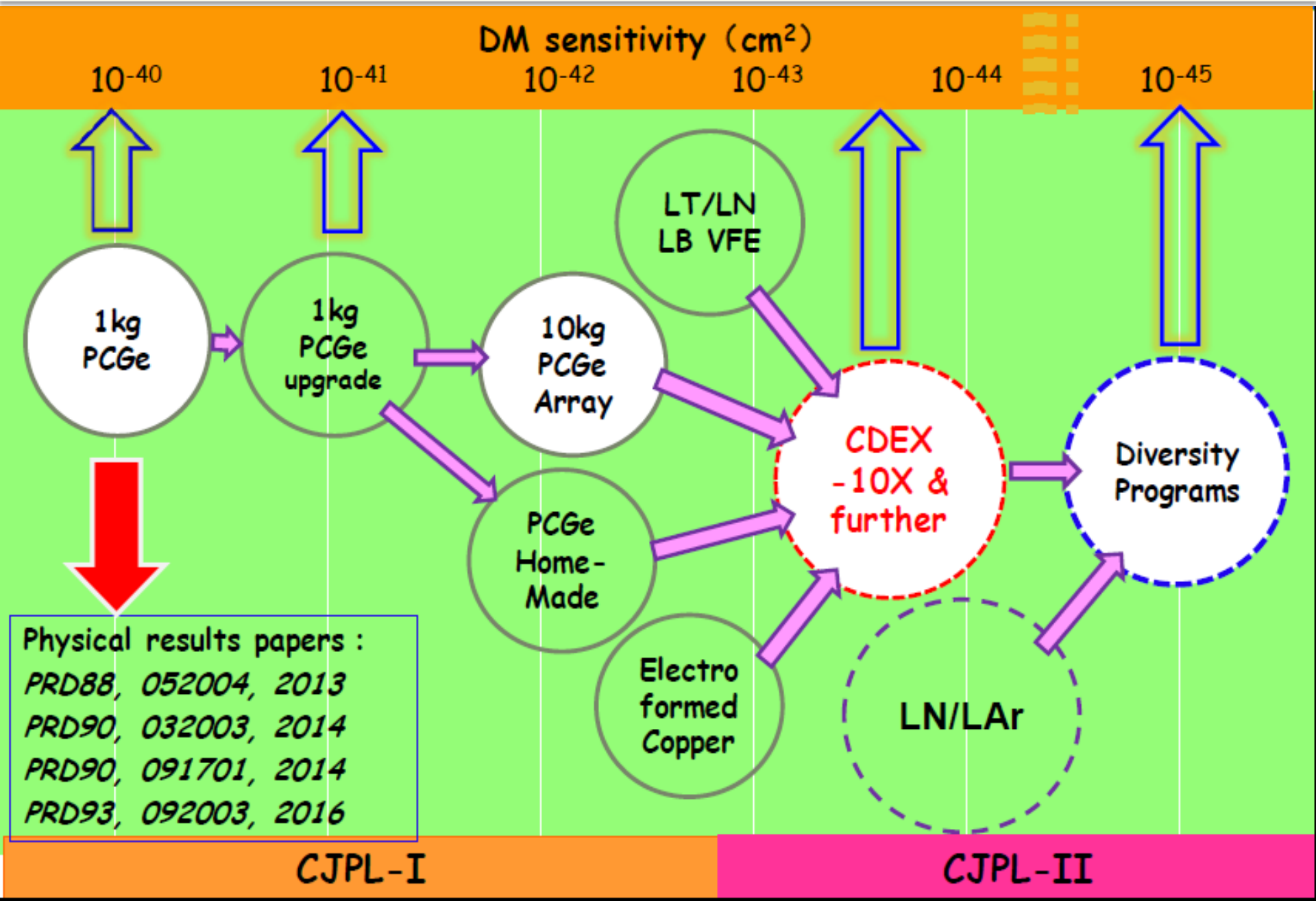
Planned expansion could pave way for "ultimate dark matter experiment"

China carves out larger role in underground science

Physics Today 68(1), 23 (2015)

As it is doing in so many areas of science, China is racing onto the world stage of underground astroparticle physics.

Plans of CDEX



Summary & Prospects

- Improved sensitive bounds on low energy neutrino parameters.
- Competitive results on light WIMPs with sub-keV Ge, *even at a surface* **TEXONO@KSNL**; further improved with underground **CDEX-1@CJPL**
- **Surface leakage to Bulk samples** is important to **PPCGe** at low energy, origin of earlier “WIMP signal”.
- **CJPL-2**: 30 times more space, being built
- **Ge R&D + technology acquisition** ⇒ next generation **DM (+DBD) experiment @CJPL**
- **KSNL**: more matured to return to original goal
 - ⌘ **νN coherent scattering**

Thank you !!

**Back Up
Technical Materials**

Direct Detection

1. Large mass
2. Low cost
3. Low threshold
4. As pure as possible
5. Deeper is the better

Standard assumption → Galactic WIMP Halo

WIMP "wind" with ~220 km/s relative velocity, or $\beta = v/c \sim 7 \times 10^{-4}$

Direct detection attempts to measure: $E_{\text{recoil}} \sim \frac{1}{2} M_{\text{nucleus}} c^2 \beta^2$
 ~ 10 to 20 keV

Event rate \propto detector size, \propto WIMP flux, & \propto cross section

More specifically, sensitivity depends on detector composition, WIMP mass, detection threshold, and halo model

Very roughly:

$$\text{Rate} = N [\text{atoms}] \times \phi [\text{cm}^{-2}\text{day}^{-1}] \times \sigma [\text{cm}^2/\text{atom}]$$

$N = 8.3 \times 10^{24}$ [atoms in a 1 kg Ge detector]

$$N = \frac{M}{A} \times N_A = \frac{1000 [\text{g}]}{72.61 [\text{g/mole}]} \times 6.02 \cdot 10^{23} [\text{atoms/mole}]$$

$\phi = 6.1 \times 10^9$ [cm⁻²day⁻¹]

$$\phi = \frac{\rho}{M_{\text{GeV}}} v T = \frac{1/3 [\text{GeV/cm}^3]}{100 [\text{GeV}]} \times 0.7 \cdot 10^{-3} \times 3 \cdot 10^{10} [\text{cm/s}] \times 86400 [\text{s/day}]$$

$\sigma = 1 \times 10^{-43}$ [cm²/atom] (weak scale cross section)

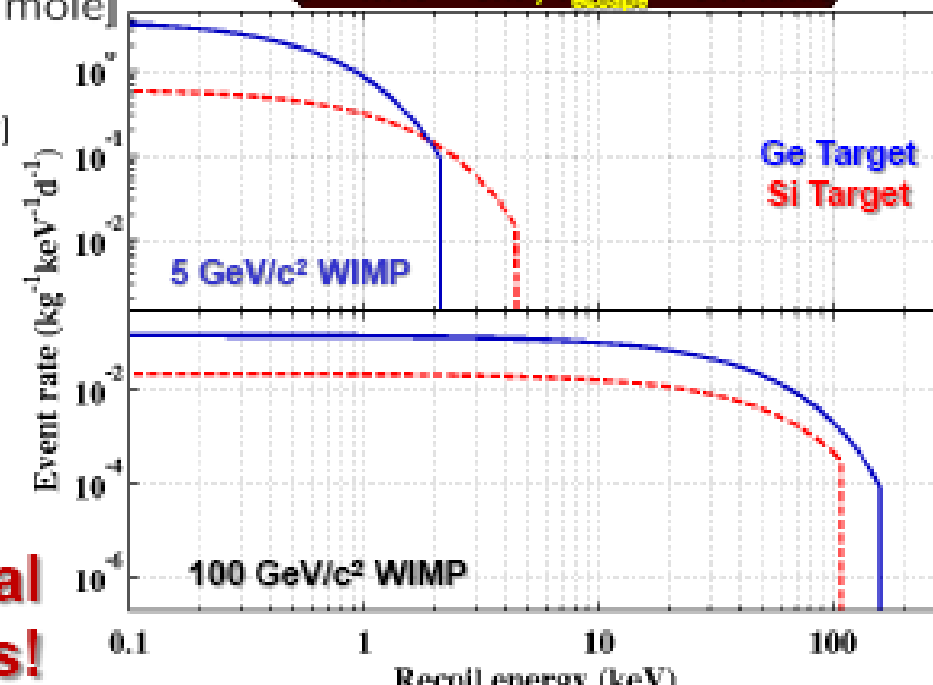
Rate = 5.1×10^{-9} [kg⁻¹day⁻¹]... totally hopeless rate per nucleon

But $\beta \ll 1 \rightarrow$ Coherent scattering from entire nucleus
 $\rightarrow \sim A^4$ enhancement

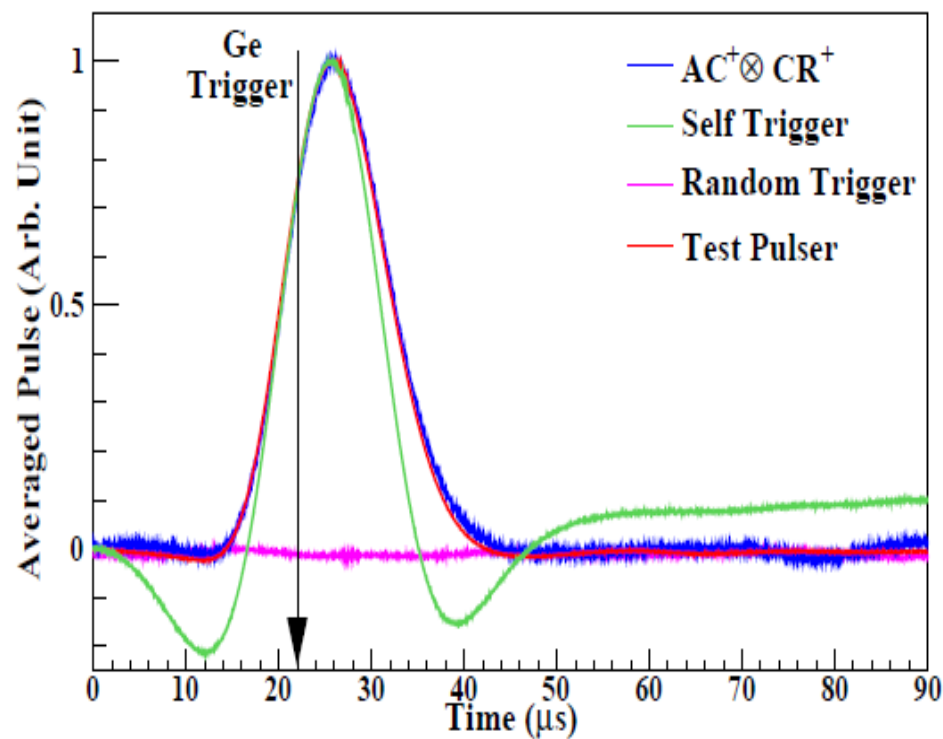
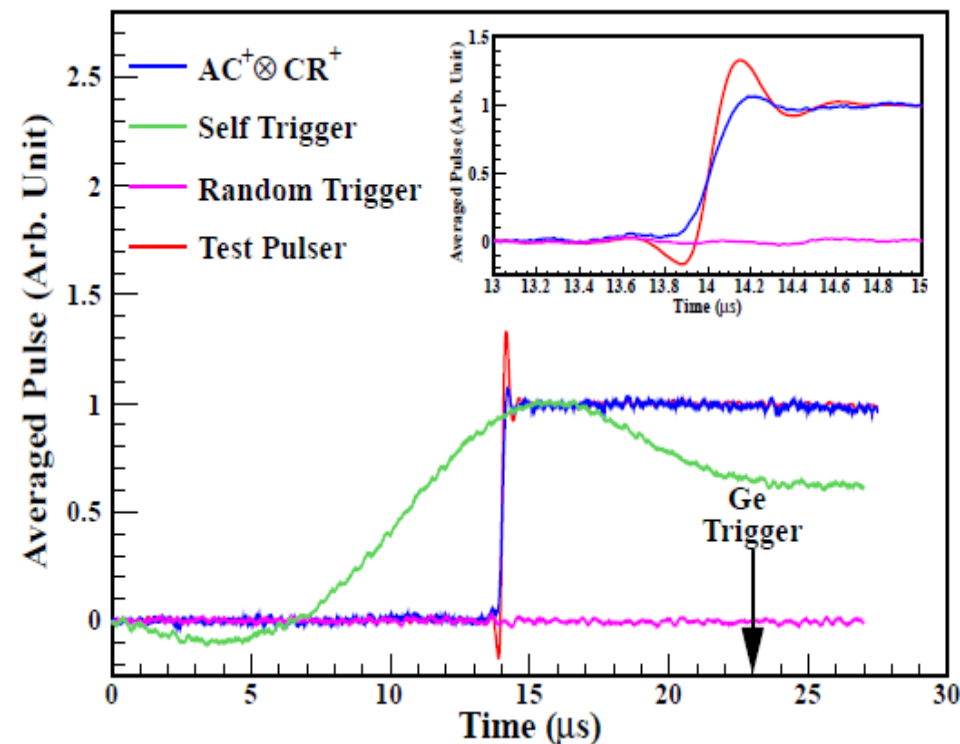
Rate $\sim (72.61)^4 \times 5.1 \times 10^{-9}$ [kg⁻¹day⁻¹]

~ 0.1 events [kg⁻¹day⁻¹]... much more approachable

A low-energy threshold is critical for detecting LOW MASS WIMPs!

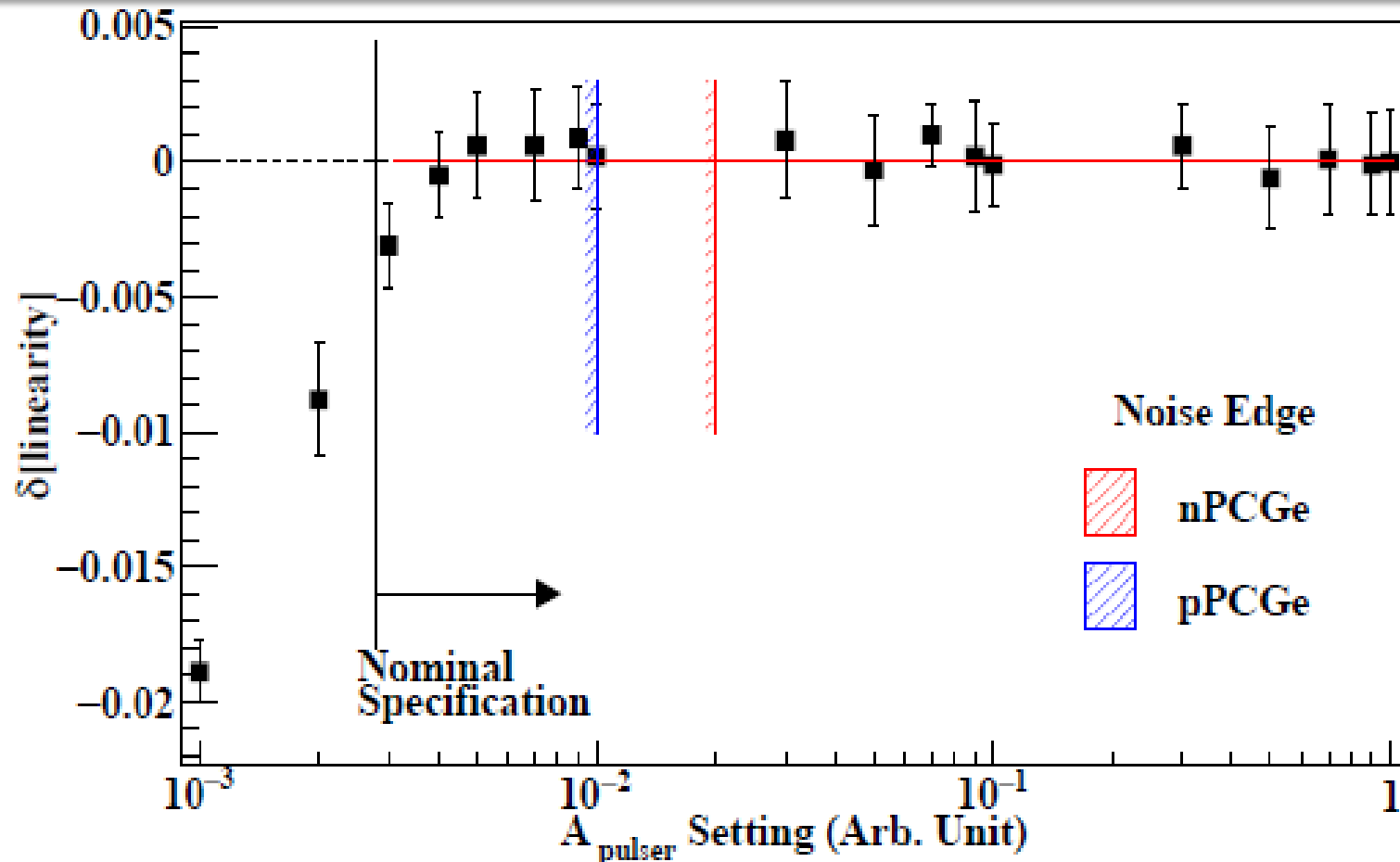


Energy Measurement: Energy Calibration



Comparison of averaged pulse shaped from timing amplifier (TA) and shaping amplifier SA₆ for events due to random-trigger, self-trigger pedestal electronic noise, test-pulser and physics interaction. The selected events except those of random-trigger are of effective energy near noise-edge (300eVee). Their amplitude is normalized to unity in the display, except for the random-trigger whose normalization follows that of the self-trigger. The physics samples are from bulk events tagged with "AC⁺⊗CR⁺" and after basic criteria. The trigger instants defined by Ge-SA₆ signals are shown.

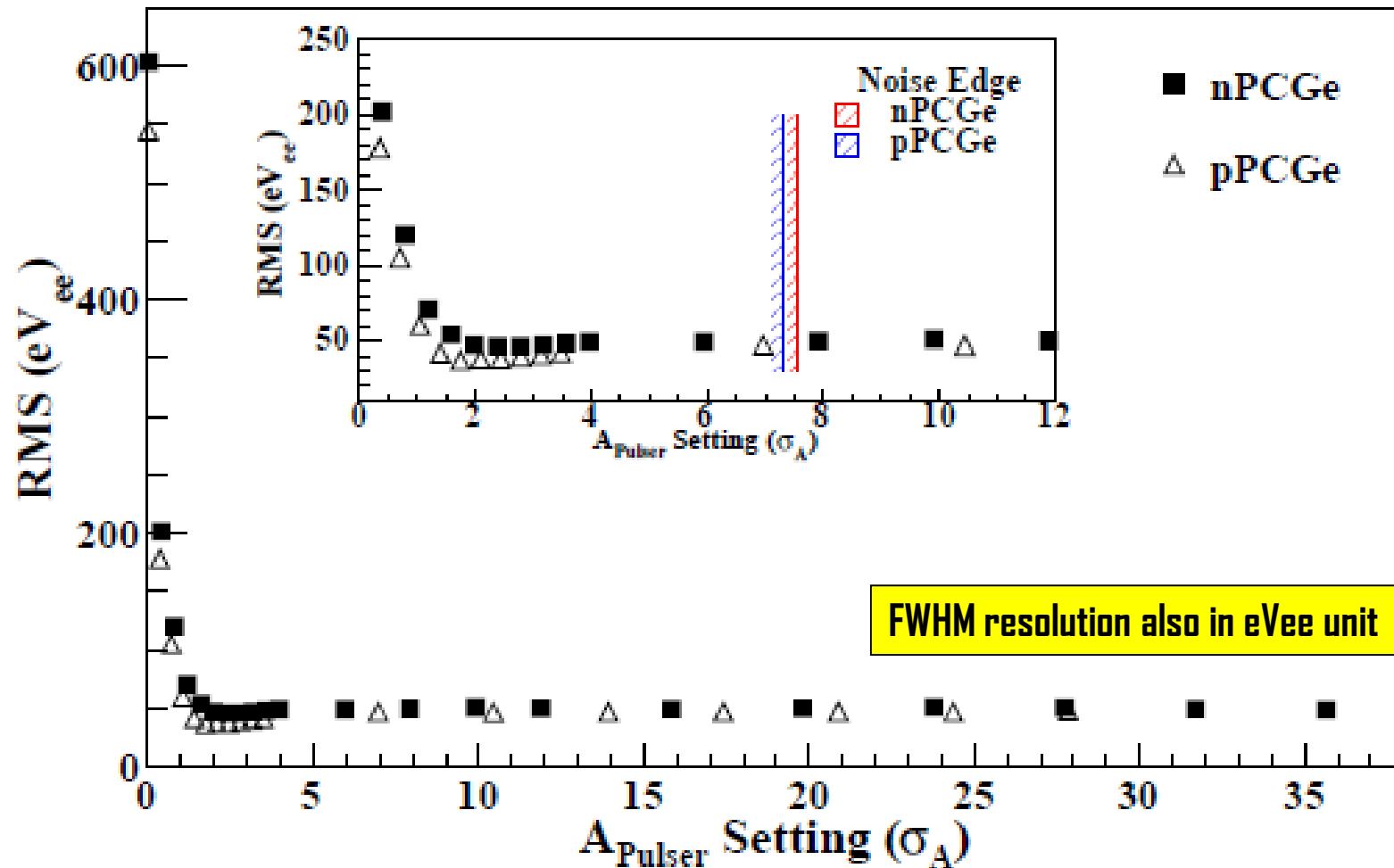
Energy Measurement: Energy Response



Energy response near threshold with the test-pulsur which provides precise and linear input signals.

Superimposed are the nominal specification, as well as the settings corresponding to the **electronic noise-edges** of the pPCGe and nPCGe.

Energy Measurement: Energy Response



Response of the pPCGe and nPCGe detectors versus energy when the test-pulsar amplitude (displayed in σ_A unit) is comparable to pedestal noise fluctuations. It can be seen that the detectors are well-behaved in the physics regions of interest.



**TEXONO @ KSNL (2007): 220 eV threshold with 20 g ULEGe ;
Opened window for "Light WIMPs" searches [PRD09]**

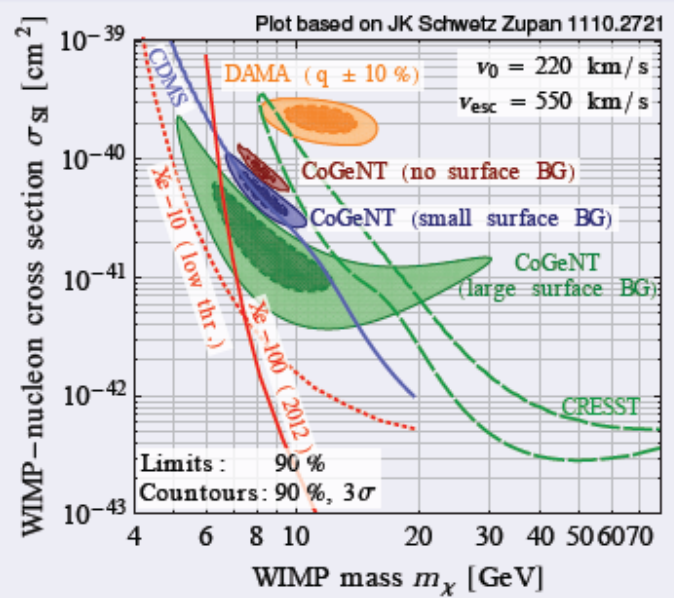


**2010—2013: Claimed evidence of GeV WIMPs from terrestrial
experiments and astrophysics data [strength diminished by now]**

Hints for light dark matter

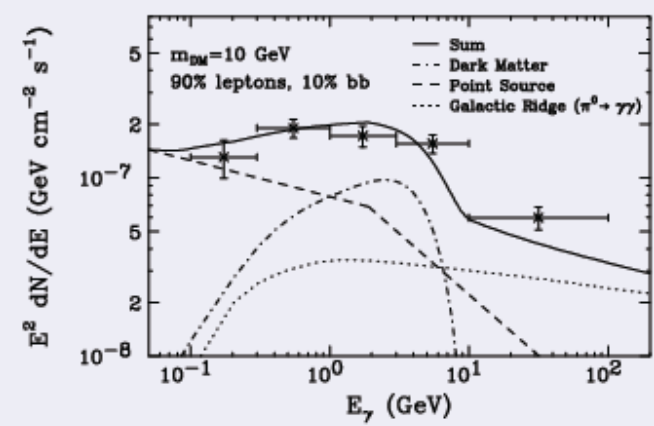
J. Kopp @ IDM12

On the Earth ...



- Several intriguing direct detection signals
- But **severe tension** with null results

...and in the skies

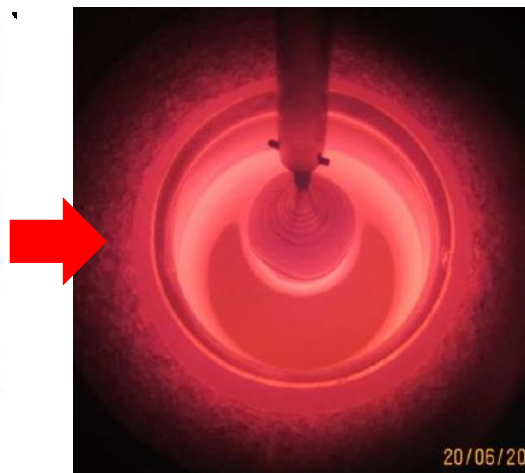


- An tentative γ ray excess from the Galactic Center
Hooper Goodenough 0912.2998, 1010.2752, 1201.1303
 - ▶ Morphology \neq point source
- Radio filaments
Linden Hooper Yusef-Zadeh 1106.5493
- Isotropic radio background
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Ge Processing & Assembly Facility at THU



Czochralski machine



Grown samples
Ge single crystal

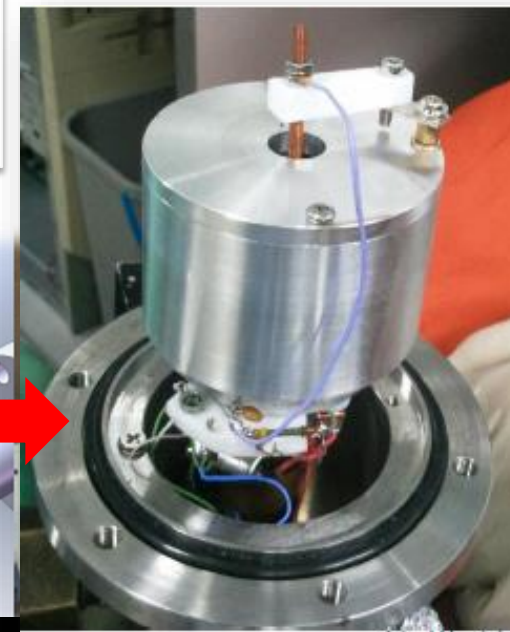
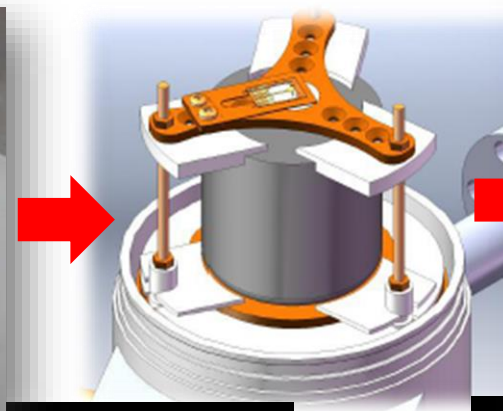
- 🔧 Growth & Processing of raw Ge crystal
- 🔧 Application-specific optimized assembly
- 🔧 R&D on JFETs & Preamps & ASICs



Crystal



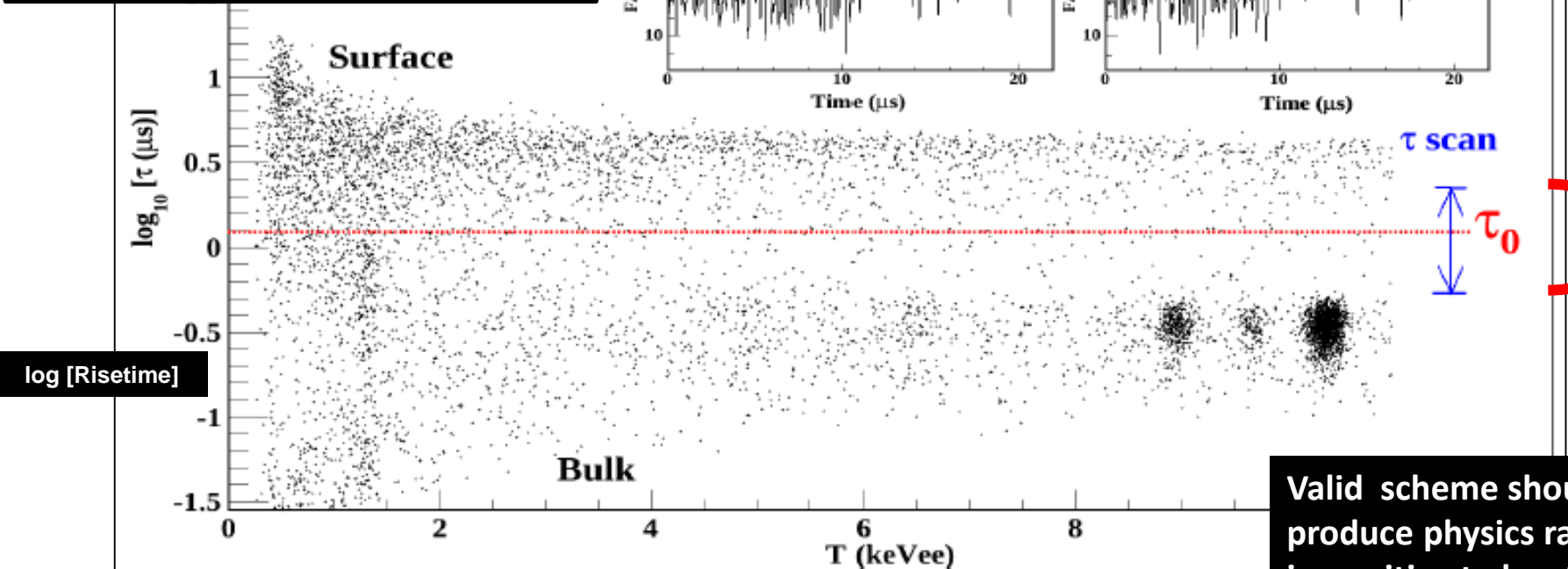
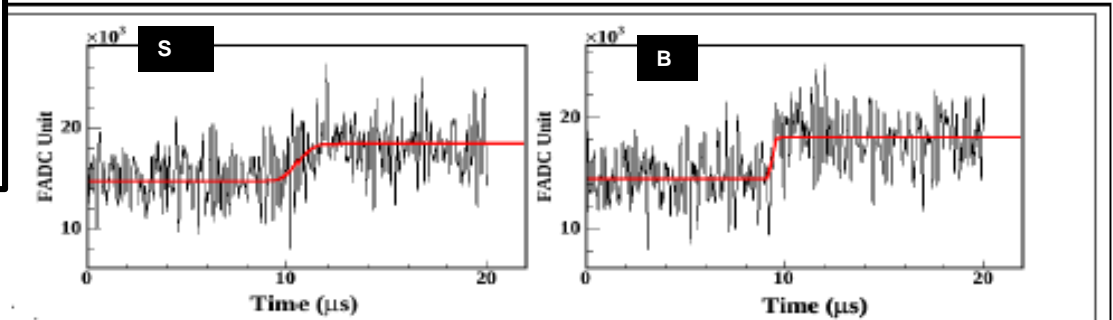
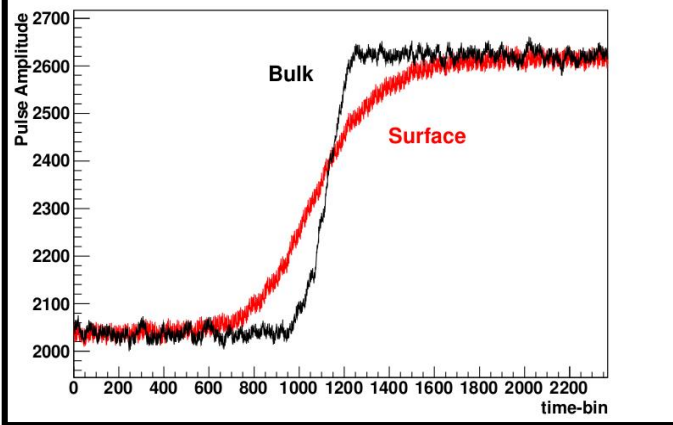
Processing & Assembling



Detector & Cryogenics

PSD for Surface Vs Bulk Events @ PCGe [AP14]

- n+ "inactive layer" is not totally dead; signals finite but slower rise time
- ACV+CRT tag (cosmic-induced high energy neutrons) \Rightarrow no surface band
- n-type PCGe \Rightarrow no surface band

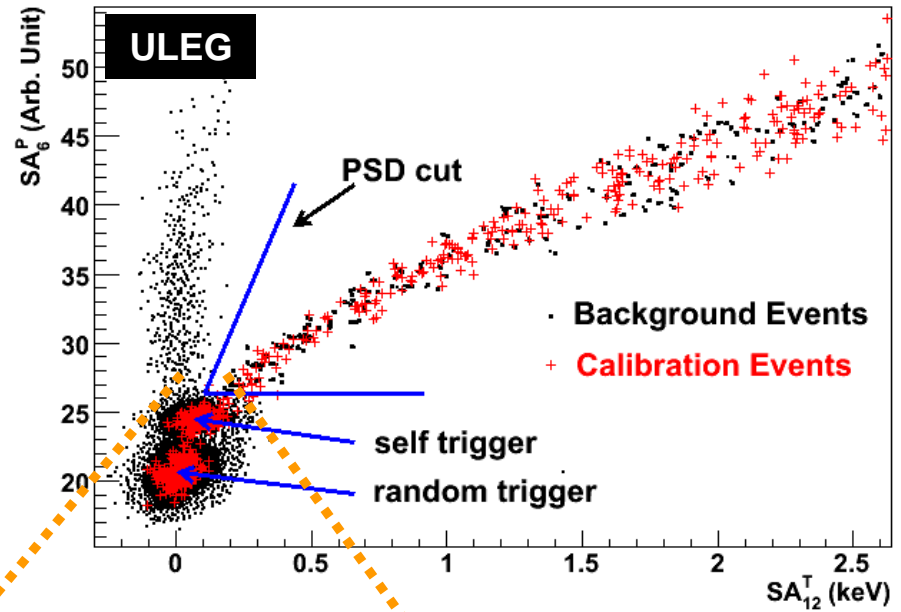


Valid scheme should produce physics rates insensitive to location

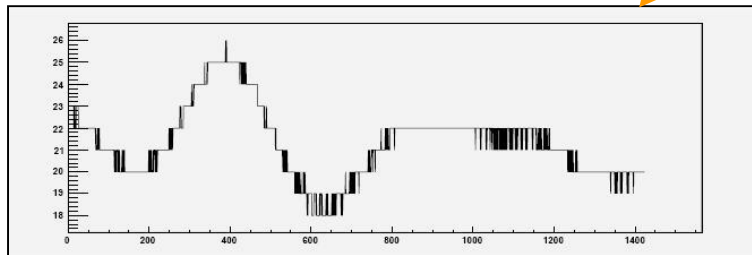
PSD Selection to Suppress Electronic Noise

E.g. 1 \Rightarrow correlations in two readout of different gains & shaping times

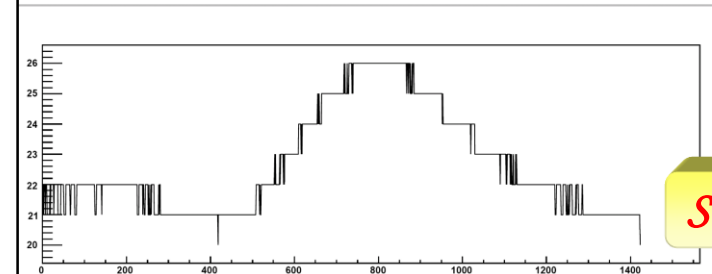
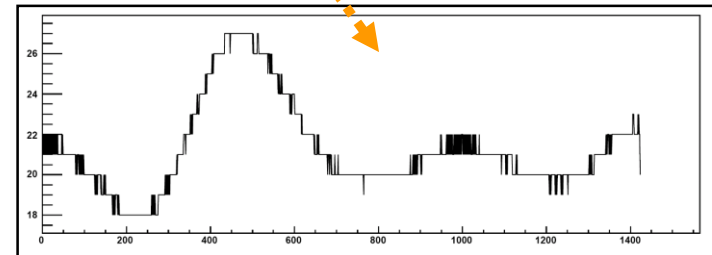
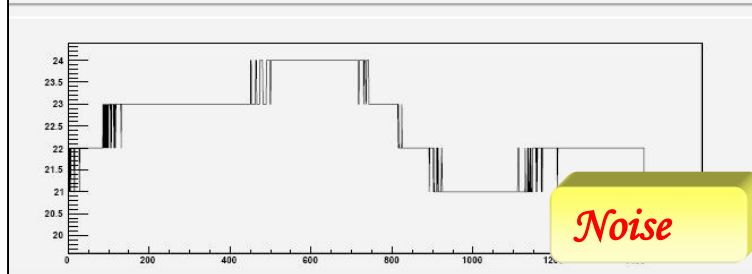
🎯 look for specific +ve pulse fluctuations at specific & known timing



6 μ s



12 μ s



Phys-Vs-Noise Selection Efficiency

E.g. 2 \Rightarrow correlations between Max. Amp. & Energy

