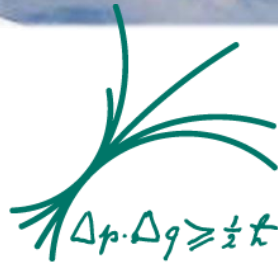


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# Annual Project Review 2017

In memory of Wolfgang Seidel



Our colleague Dr. Wolfgang Seidel passed away suddenly and much too soon on February 20, 2017. He had been a member of the scientific staff at the Max Planck Institute since 1991.

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## The CRESST collaboration

Led by the Max-Planck-Institut für Physik

### 6 institutions

45 members: 16 senior scientists  
2 guest scientists  
11 Post Docs  
16 PhDs





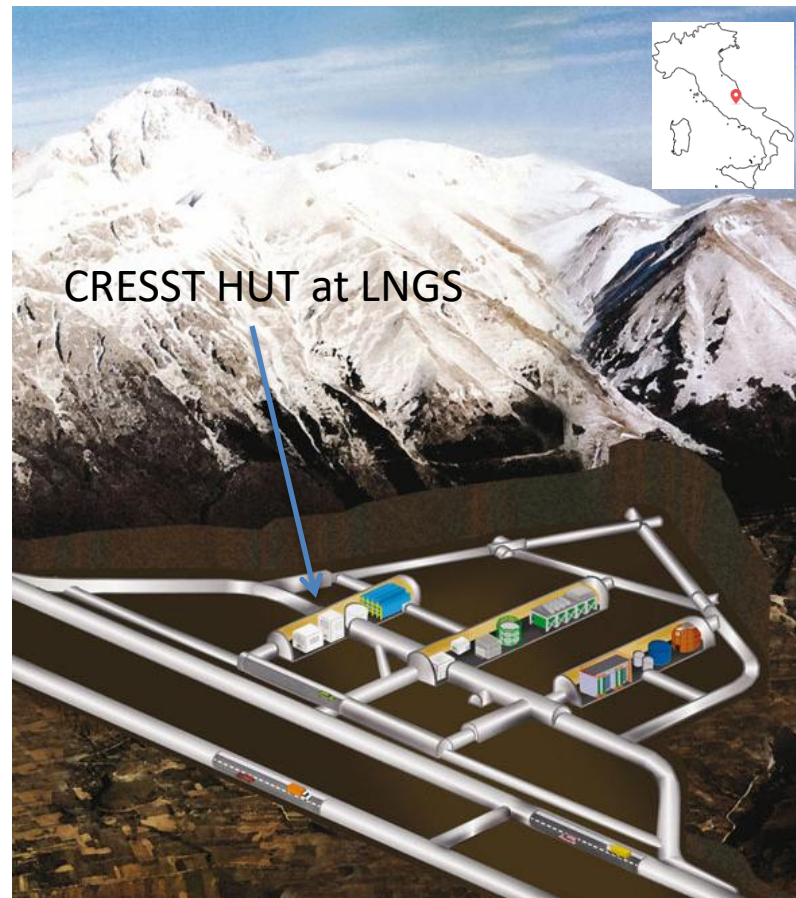
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## CRESST-III is collecting data at LNGS (Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso) in Italy

- Cryogenic scintillating calorimeter
- Target material  $\text{CaWO}_4$
- Read out channels: phonon  
scintillating light

### Phase 1

- 10 detector modules
- 50 kg\*day total exposure





# 2015 projected sensitivity for CRESST-III phase 1

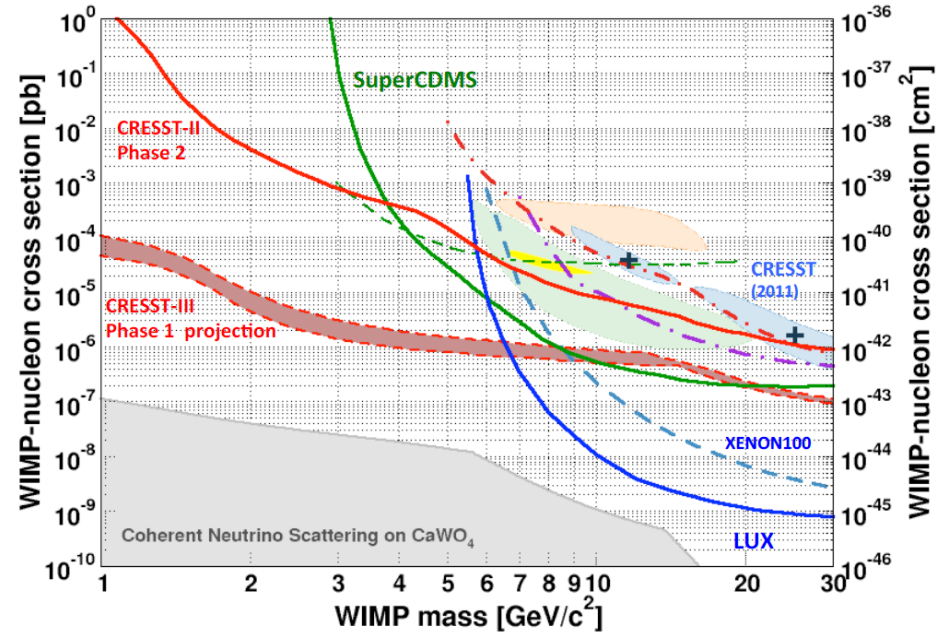
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## Assumptions:

- 24g  $\text{CaWO}_4$  crystal
- $E_{\text{th}} = 100\text{eV}$
- Light detector improved by factor 2 (due to smaller volume)
- 2x more detected light: due to thin crystal
- **CRESST-II radiopurity**

## CRESST-III Phase 1



See: CRESST collab. G. Angloher et al.  
arXiv:1503.08065

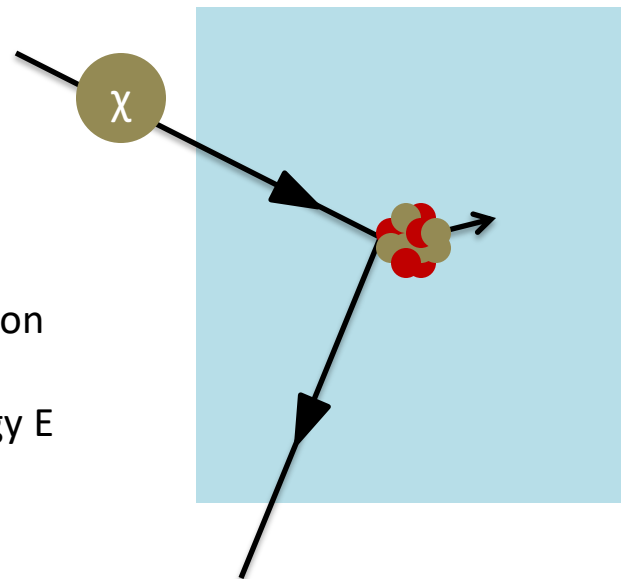
10 x 24g detectors operated for one year  $\approx$  50 kg-days (net)

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Target material

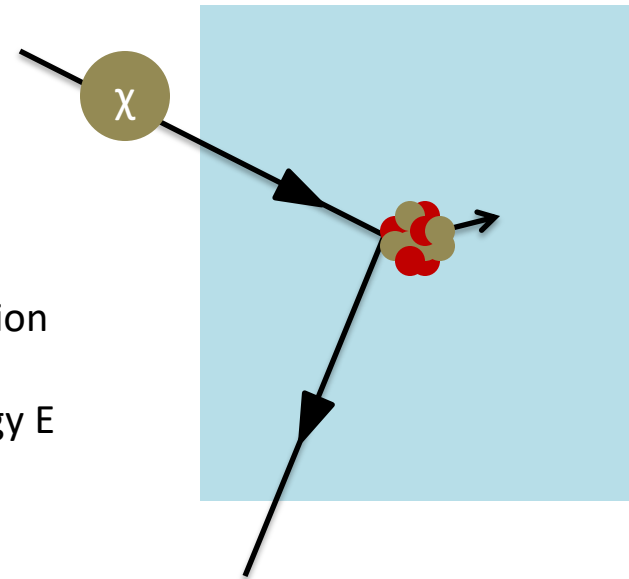


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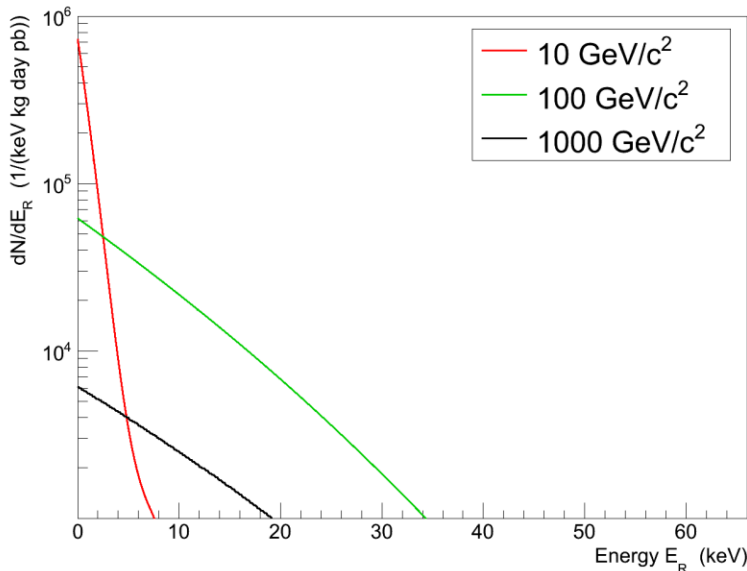


➤ The comparison between experiments is done using standard astrophysical assumptions



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## Recoil spectrum for a given cross section



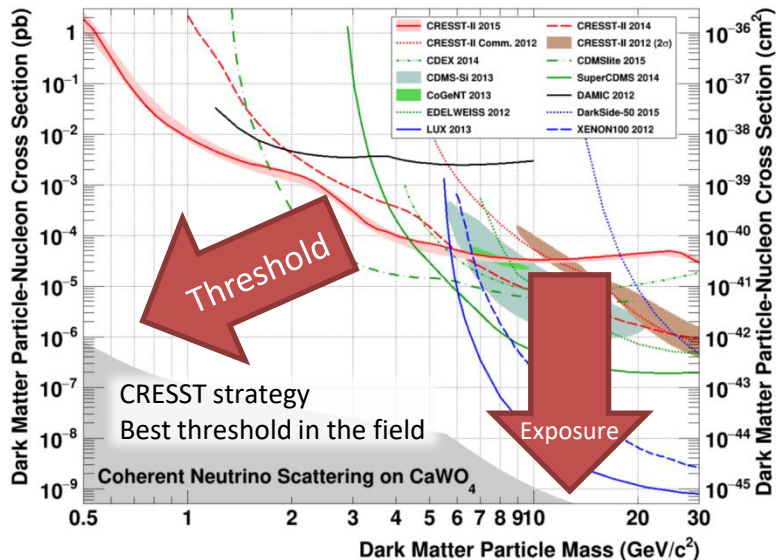
### For a given cross section:

- The rate increases exponentially toward lower energy
- End point of the spectrum decreases for lower DM particle mass

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Dark matter particles scatter

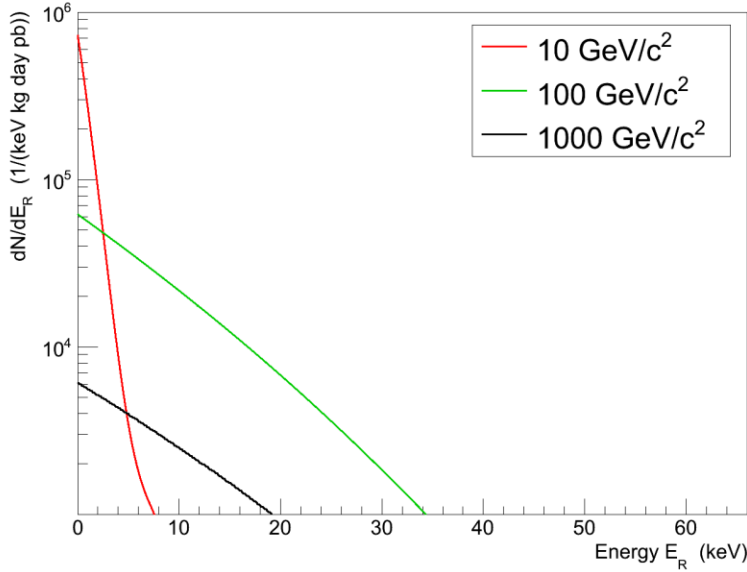
- off nuclei
- elastically
- coherently:  $\sim A^2$
- (spin-independent)





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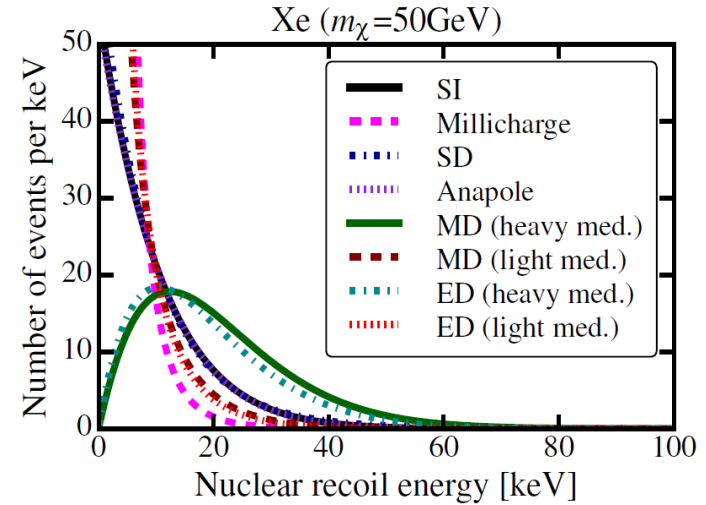
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In a modern view DM can scatter with different interactions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_1 &= 1_N 1_N, \\ \mathcal{O}_2 &= (v^\perp)^2, \\ \mathcal{O}_3 &= i \vec{s}_N \cdot \left( \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \times \vec{v}^\perp \right), \\ \mathcal{O}_4 &= \vec{s}_\chi \cdot \vec{s}_N, \\ \mathcal{O}_5 &= i \vec{s}_\chi \cdot \left( \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \times \vec{v}^\perp \right), \\ \mathcal{O}_6 &= \left( \vec{s}_\chi \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right) \left( \vec{s}_N \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right), \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

In case of a positive signal, **energy resolution** and **threshold** are crucial parameters to study structures in the spectrum.

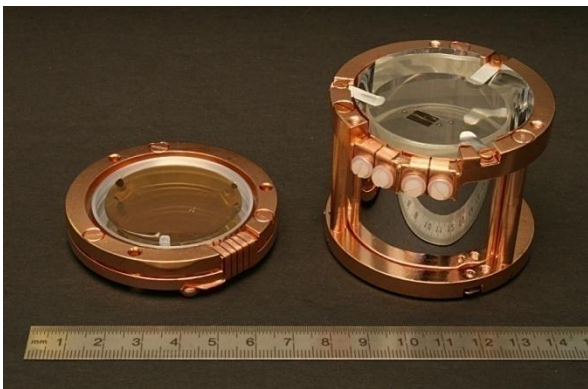




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At Max-Planck-Institut für Physik new improved detectors have been developed to enhance the desired characteristics.

## CRESST-II detector module



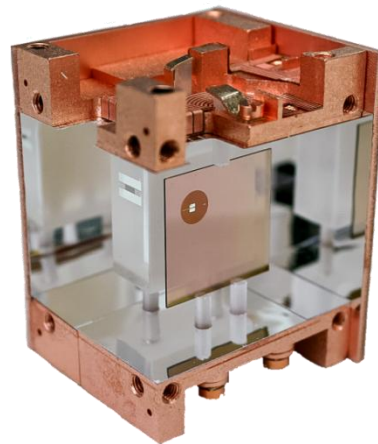
**Target mass:** 300g

**Phonon threshold:**  $E_{th} \approx 300\text{eV}$

**Light detector res.:**  $\sigma \approx 10\text{ eV}$

**Crystals:** commercial/TUM

## CRESST-III detector module



**Target mass:**  $\sim 25\text{g}$

**Phonon threshold:**  $E_{th} \lesssim 100\text{ eV}$

**improvement by at least a factor of 3**

**Light detector res.:**  $\sigma \approx 5\text{ eV}$

**improvement by a factor of 2**

**Crystals:** only TUM

**improvement radiopurity**

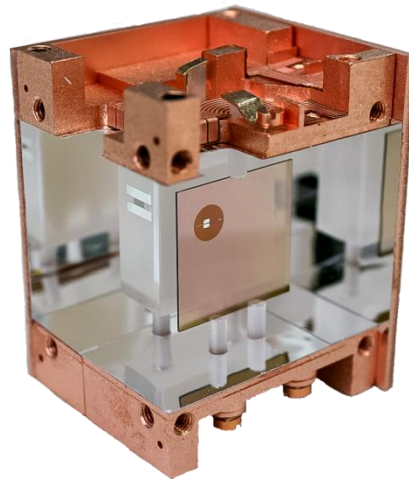


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## Energy resolution

### Scintillating 24 g CaWO<sub>4</sub> crystals as target

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- 100 eV threshold



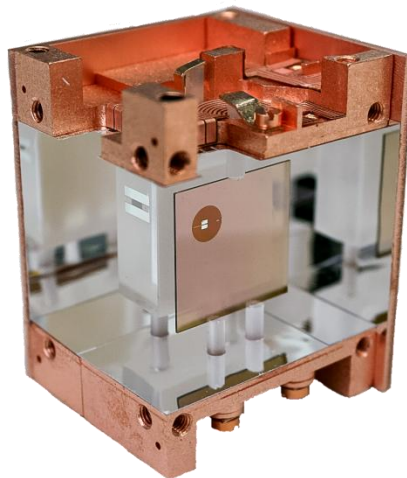


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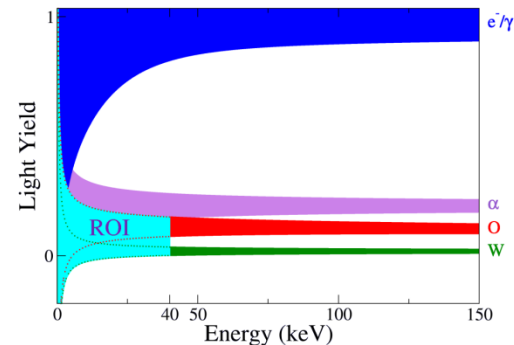
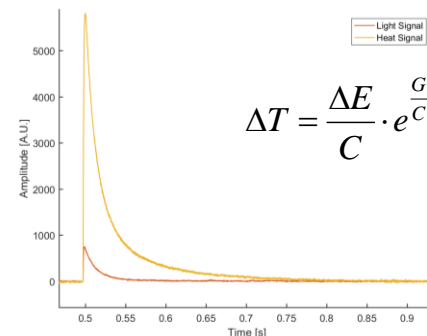


## Particle discrimination

### Light detector SOS

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Light yield characteristic of the type of particle → **Particle discrimination**





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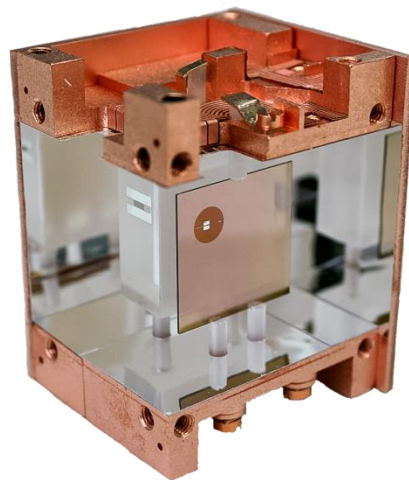
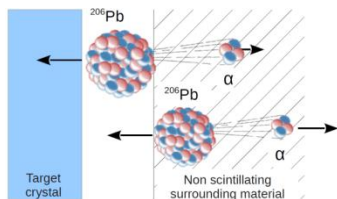
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## Background rejection

### Veto surface related background

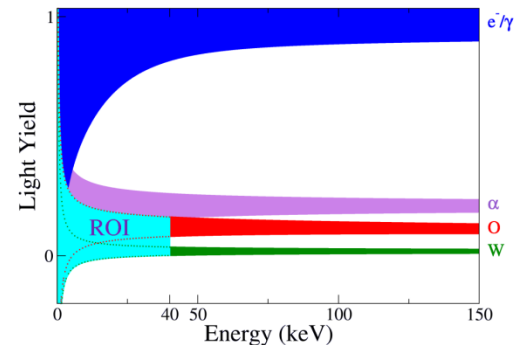
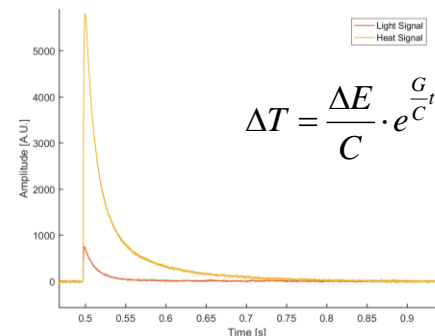
#### Housing

- Reflecting foil
- Fully scintillating



### Instrumented holding system

- CaWO4 stick instrumented with W-TES





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## Run commissioning

May 2016 ➤ 10 detector modules mounted

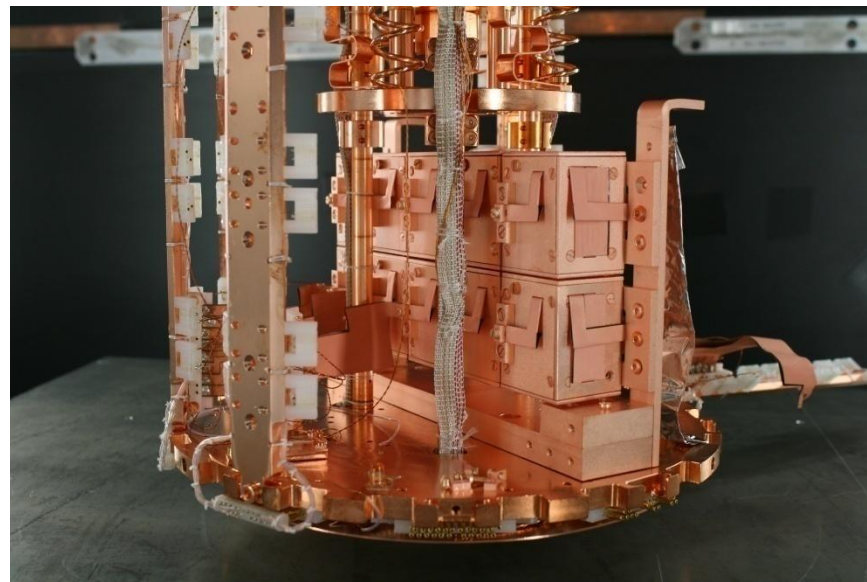
June 2016 ➤ Cool down to mK temperature

Sept 2016 ➤ Start physics run

Oct 2016 ➤ Energy calibration

April 2017 ➤ Neutron calibration

**Today** ➤ Total background raw exposure collected as of 15.12.17:  $\sim 30 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{day}$   
➤ **Unblinded 1 detector module above 100eV:  $2.4 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{day}$**





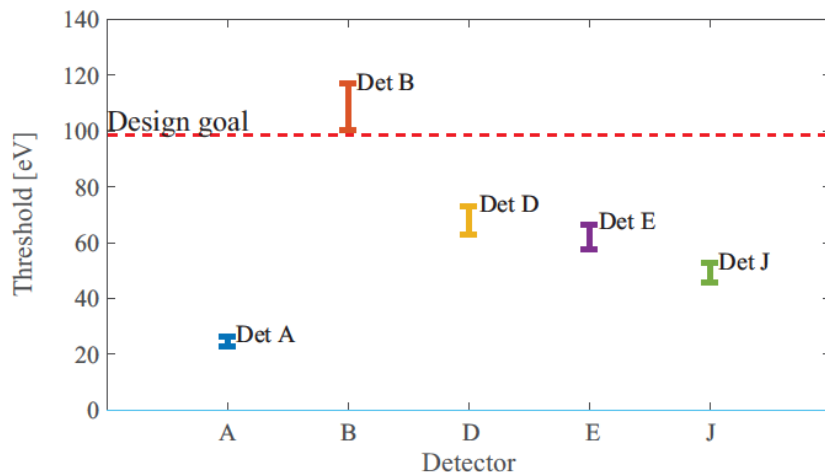
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## Optimum threshold

➤ In-depth study of energy calibration at low energy.

➤ Rigorous threshold analysis:

threshold determined by accepted noise trigger rate [M. Mancuso et al. (arxiv: 1711.11459)]



5 detector modules  
already reached/exceeded  
the design goal

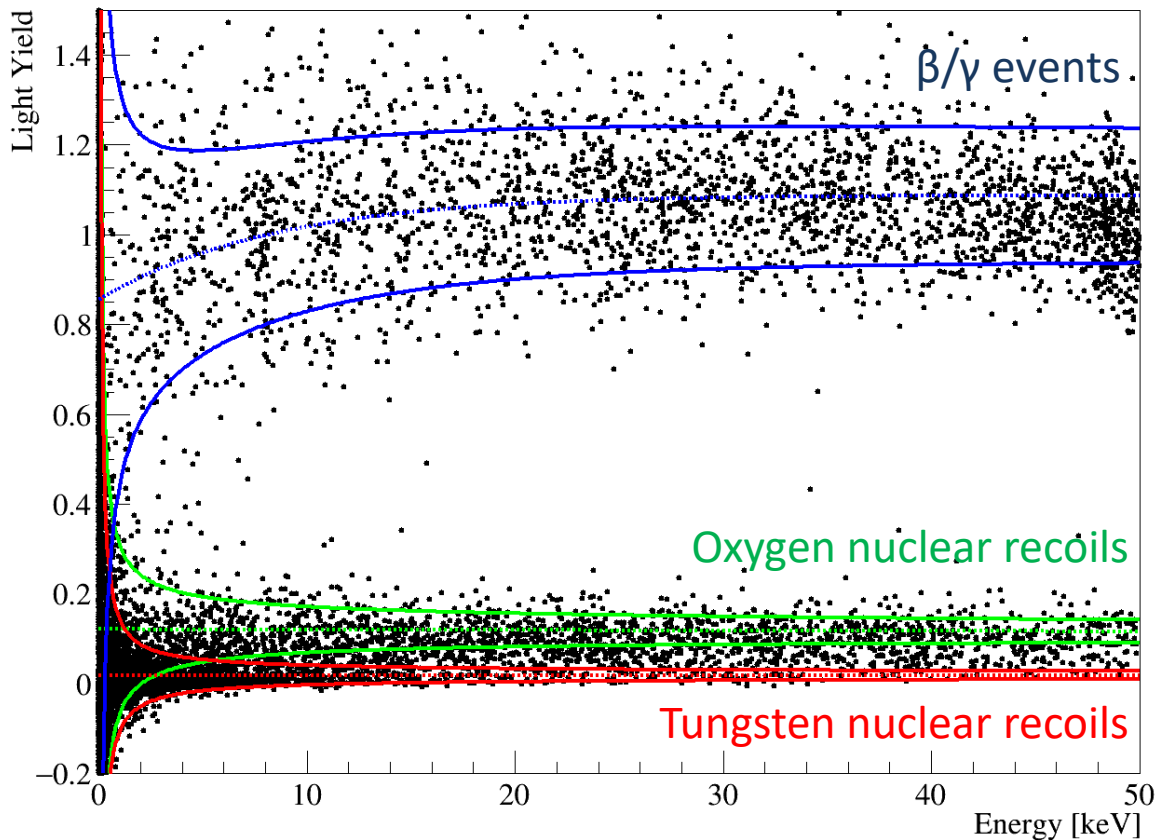
Noise-trigger rate	Det A	Det B	Det D	Det E	Det J
1 cts/(kg day)	6.69 mV	9.82 mV	6.65 mV	11.89 mV	5.57 mV
10 cts/(kg day)	6.26 mV	9.17 mV	6.21 mV	11.12 mV	5.21 mV
100 cts/(kg day)	5.80 mV	8.46 mV	5.73 mV	10.30 mV	4.82 mV
Energy range	22.6-26.1 eV	100.5-116.9 eV	63.0-73.2 eV	57.5-66.5 eV	45.5-52.6 eV





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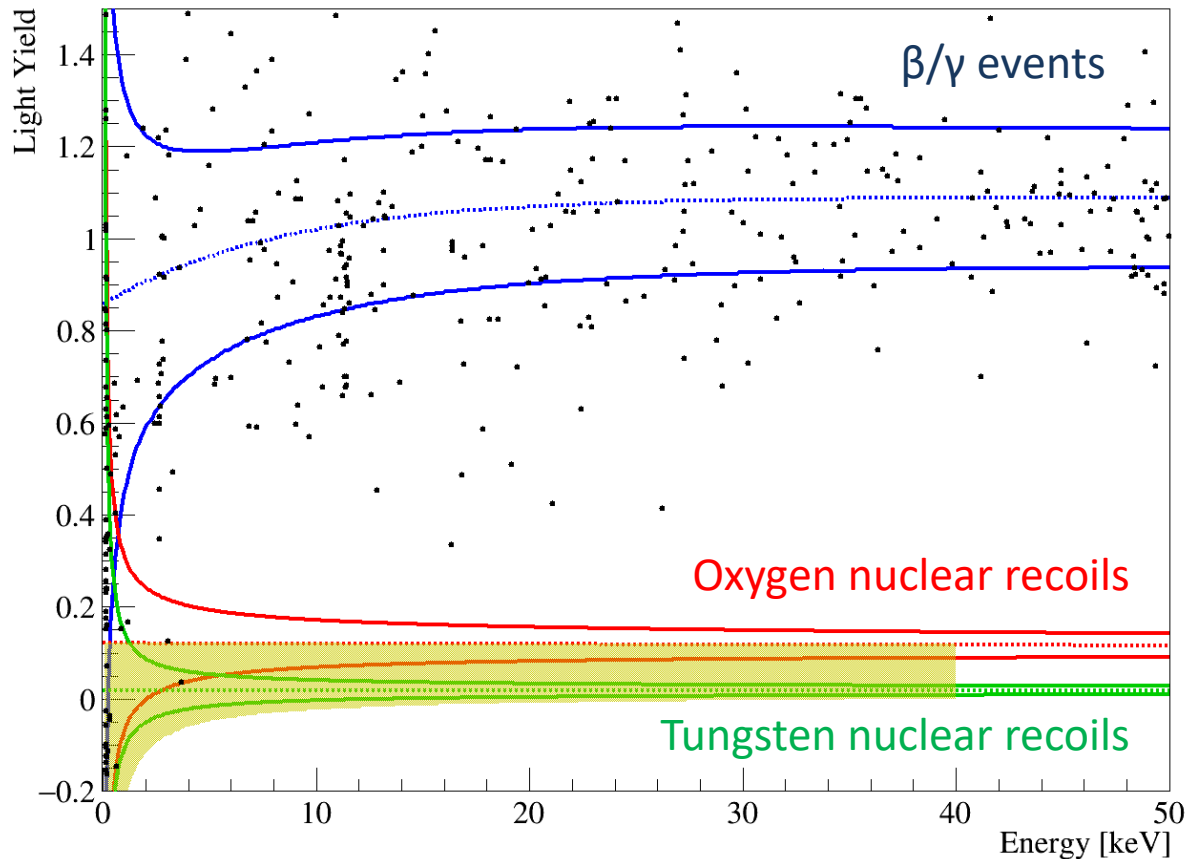
## Neutron Calibration Det A





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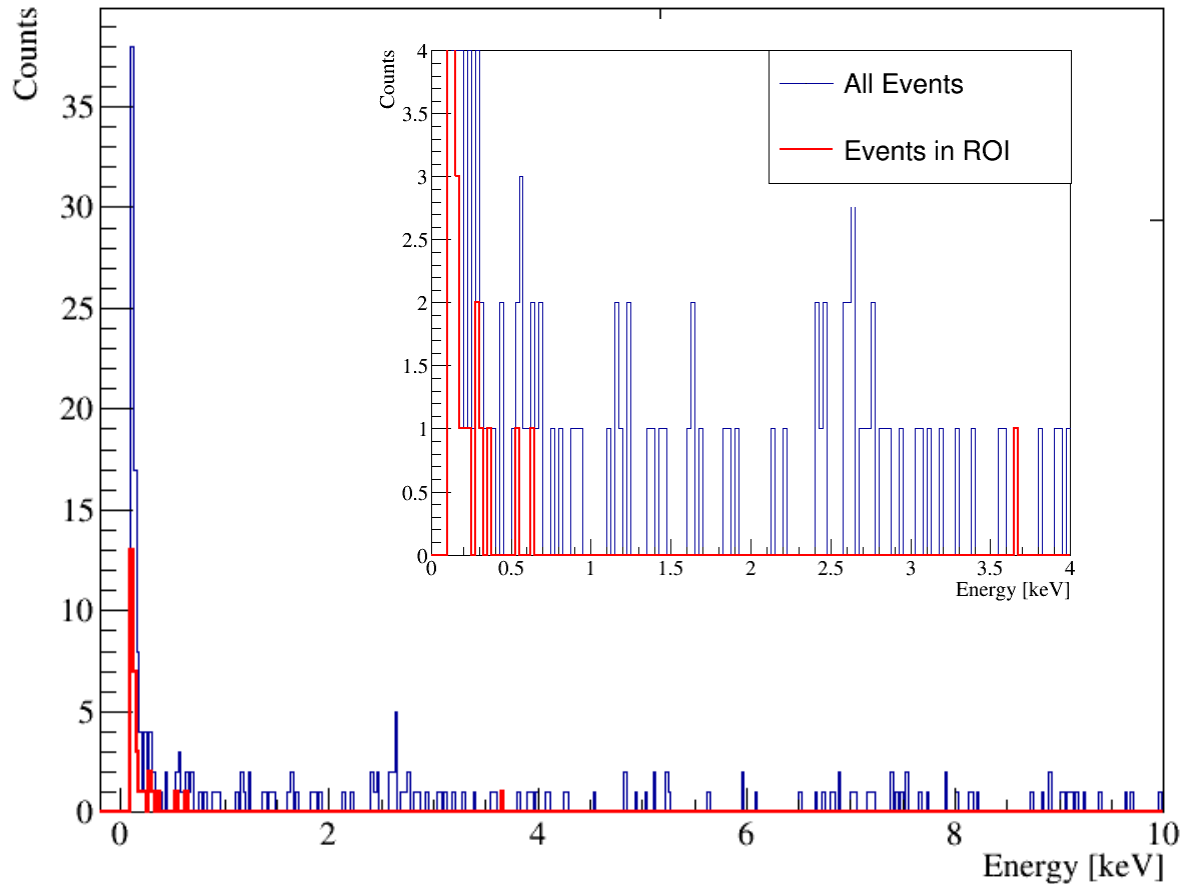
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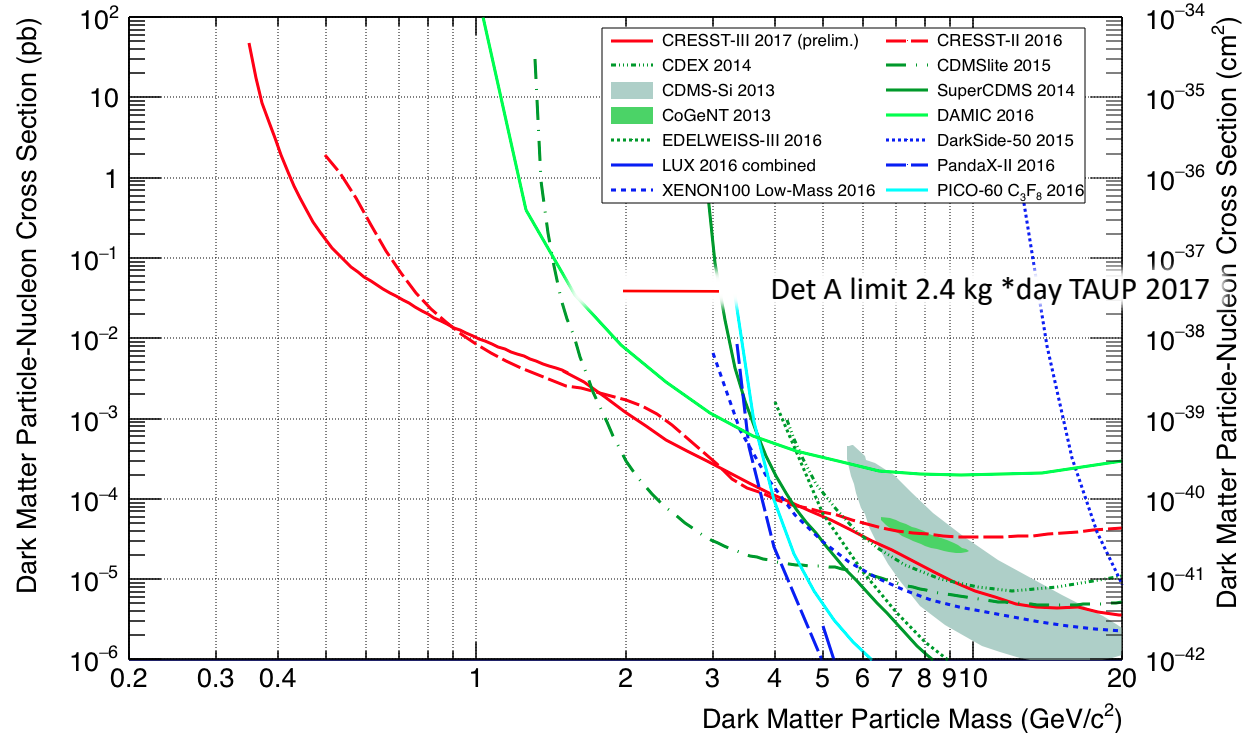
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## Limit with Det A 2.4 kg · day $\rightarrow$ ~8% of total exposure

Replicated and improved result from CRESST-II with only small fraction of the data set



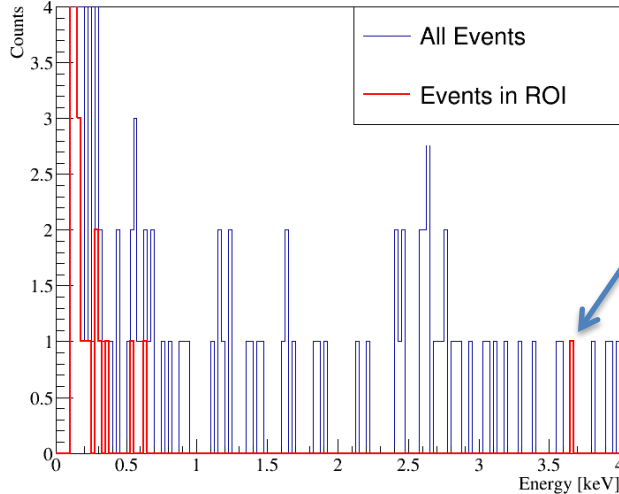
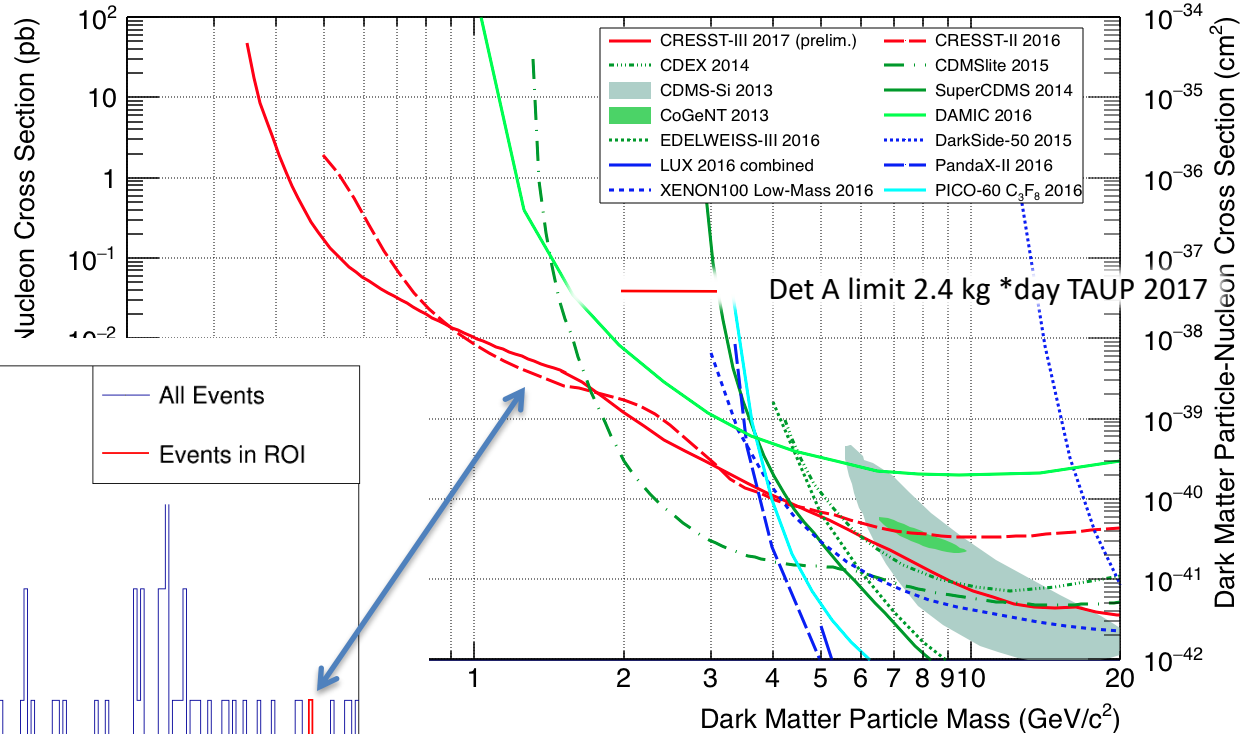
Exponential background rising towards low energy limits the sensitivity at low DM masses

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# Limit with DET A 2.4 kg · day $\rightarrow$ ~4% of total exposure

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energy limits the sensitivity at low DM masses

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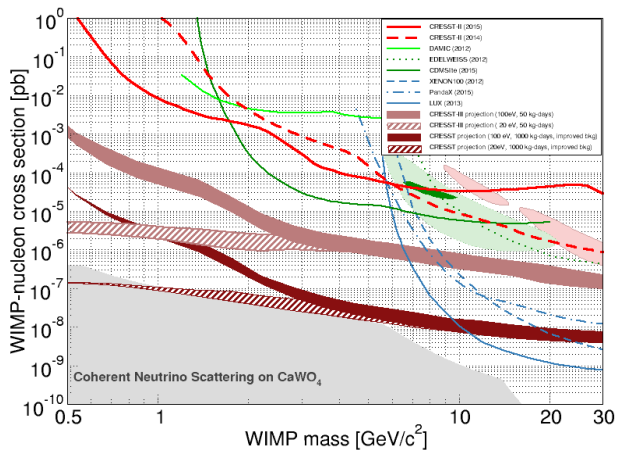
# Outlook

## Phase 1

- Keep collecting data
- Background investigation (in analysis) at low energy before the total unblinding
- Detector development to exclude possible hardware background source (further detector upgrade in spring 2018)

## Phase 2

- Upgrade the setup from 10 to 100 detector modules



- Detector modules → MPP
- Upgrade of cryogenic facility → MPP
- 300 SQUID electronics channels and DAQ → Collaborative effort

Funding MPP:  
Großgeräteantrag

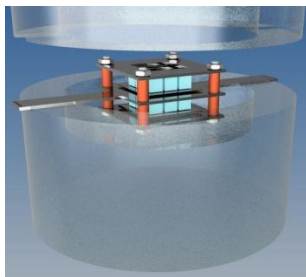


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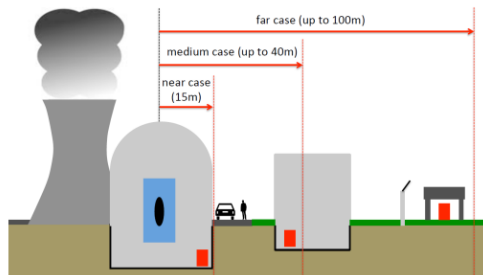
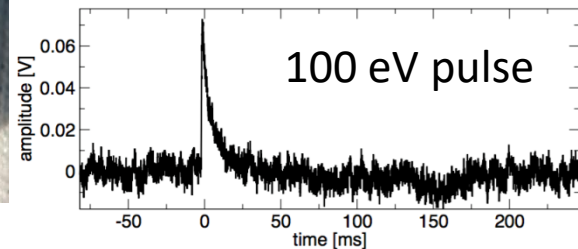
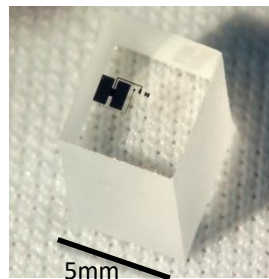
detection of coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering by probing nuclear-recoil energies down to the 10 eV-regime.

P.I.: Raimund Strauss

First prototype tested @ MPP



Array of small CRESST-like detectors in a cryogenic detector veto to be placed near nuclear power plant



CRESST cryogenic Lab

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Patent pending (Max Planck Innovations)

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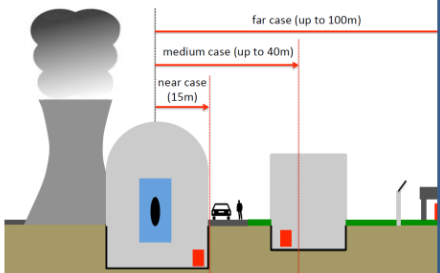
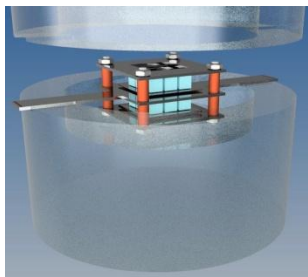
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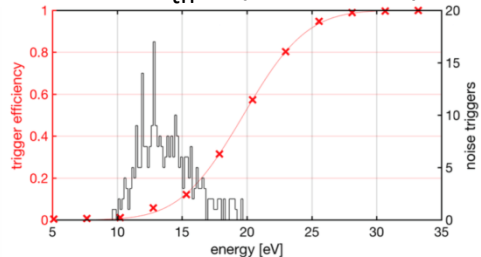
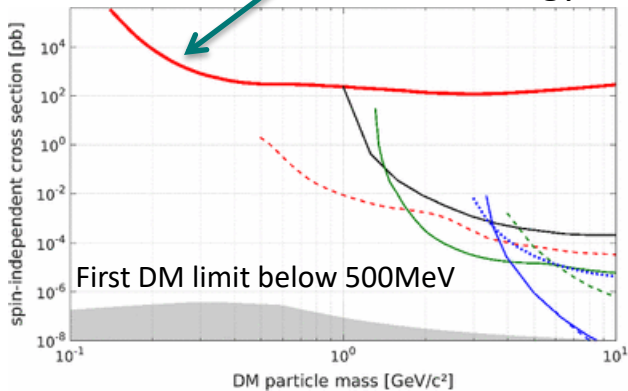
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### Results on MeV-scale dark matter from a gram-scale cryogenic calorimeter operated above ground

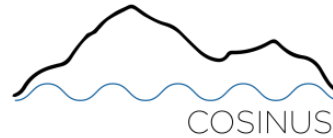
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Energy threshold:  $E_{th} = (19.7 \pm 0.1) \text{ eV}$



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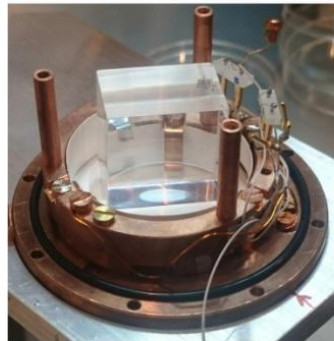




**COSINUS** aims to develop a cryogenic scintillating calorimeter with sodium iodide (NaI) scintillating crystals as target for DM.

P.I.: Karoline Schaeffner

Bare NaI crystal



covered with light detector



Mounted in cryostat



- direct comparability to DAMA/LIBRA
- significant lower nuclear recoil threshold
- particle discrimination

G. Angloher et al 2017 J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 888 012207

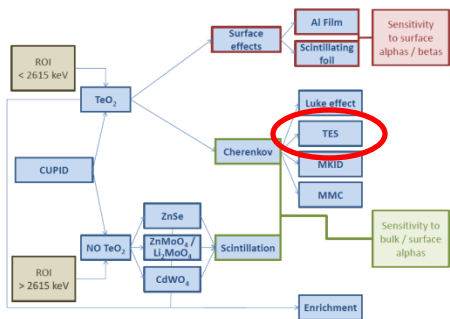
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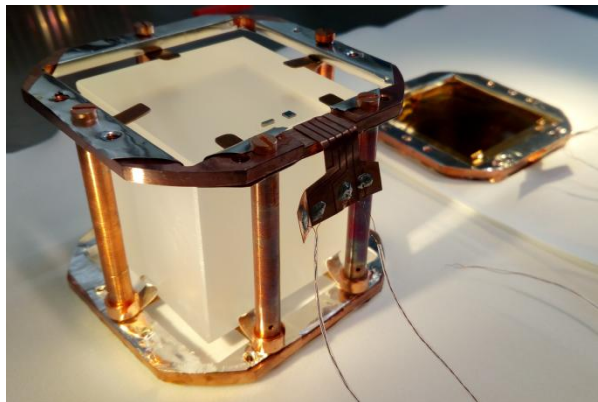


## CRESST technology applications

CRESST light detectors are considered as possible upgrade for the next generation of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  cryogenic experiment with  $\text{TeO}_2$

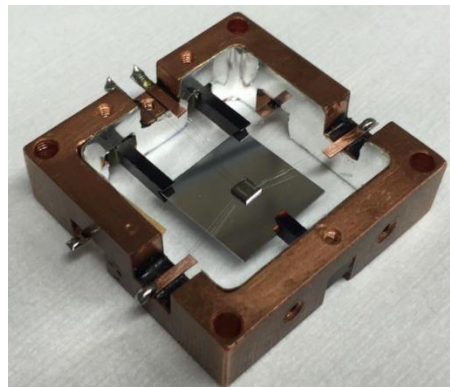


**CUPID**  
**CUORE**  
Upgrade with  
Particle  
IDentification



## SIDER (Silicon detectors for Dark matter search through Electronic Recoils)

Silicon detector featuring single charge sensitivity at cryogenic temperature for detecting dark matter particle of mass lower than  $1 \text{ MeV}/c^2$   
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**CRESST has an outstanding potential to explore the low mass region of the parameter space for DM nucleus scattering with unprecedented sensitivity**

by courtesy of: Therese Desjardin