

# Ge detectors in fundamental research

direct DM search

search for  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay

spectroscopy

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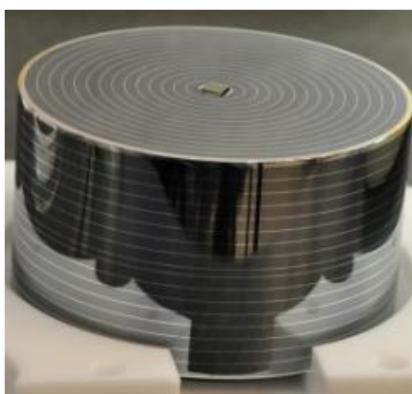
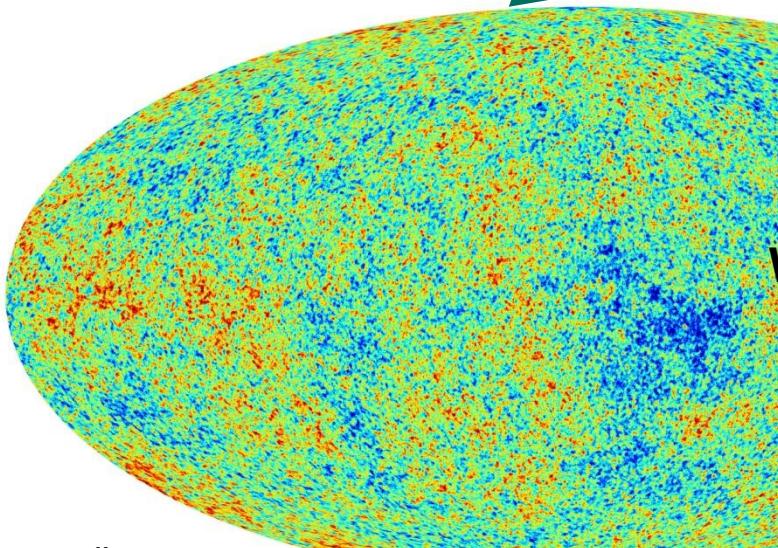
# Fundamental research & Ge detectors

What is Dark Matter?

How did structures form?



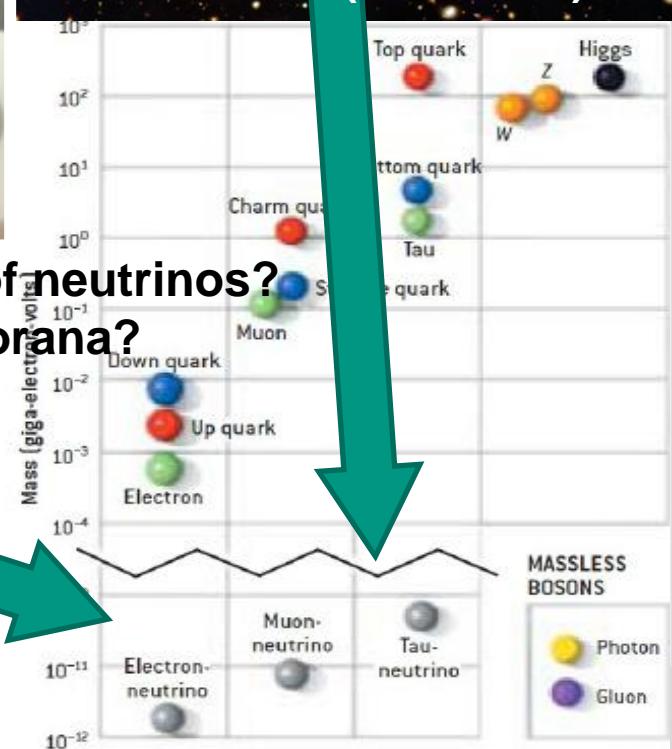
How did the Universe evolve?



What is the mass of neutrinos?  
Dirac or Majorana?

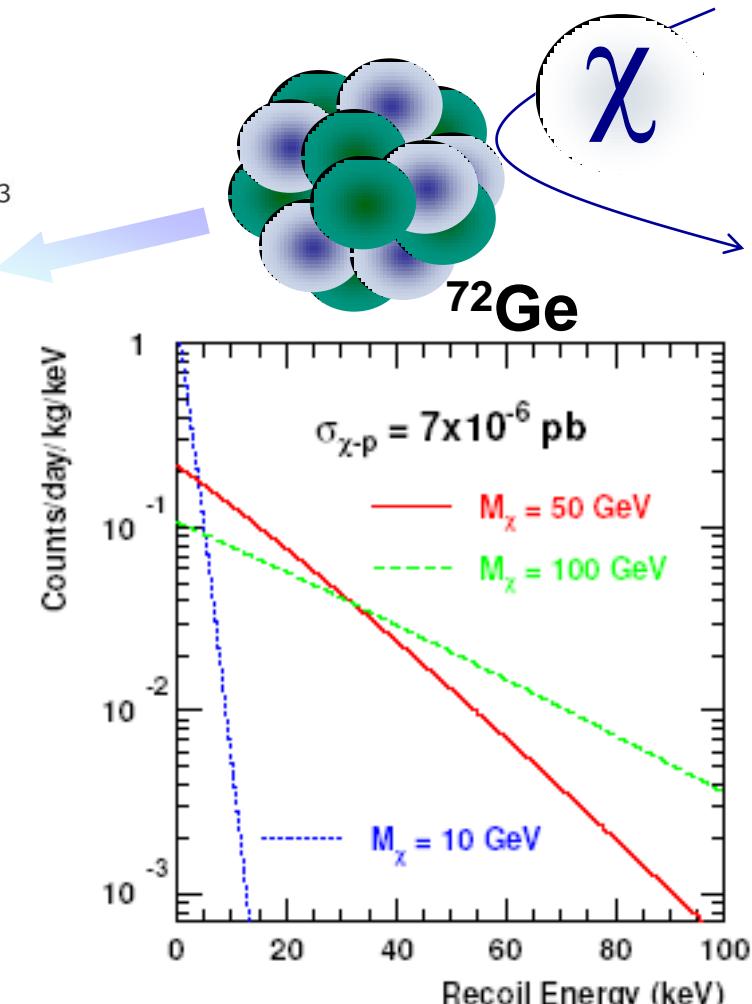
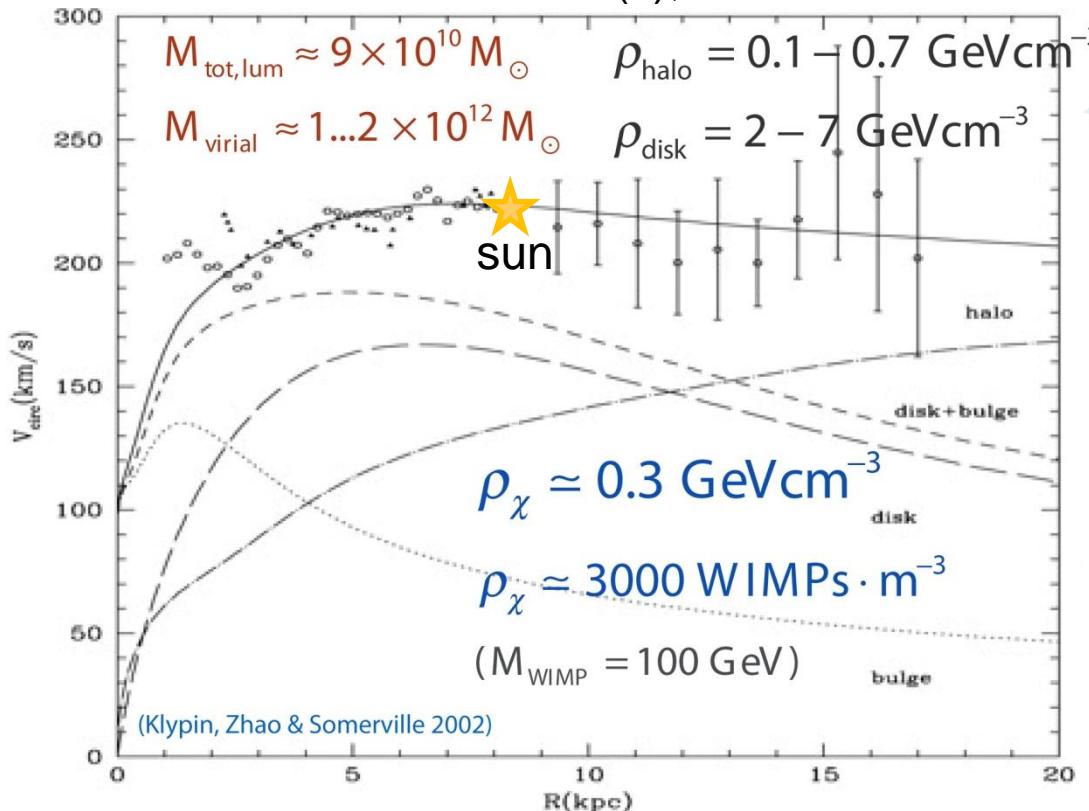
What's the role of neutrinos?

Are neutrinos (hot/warm)DM?



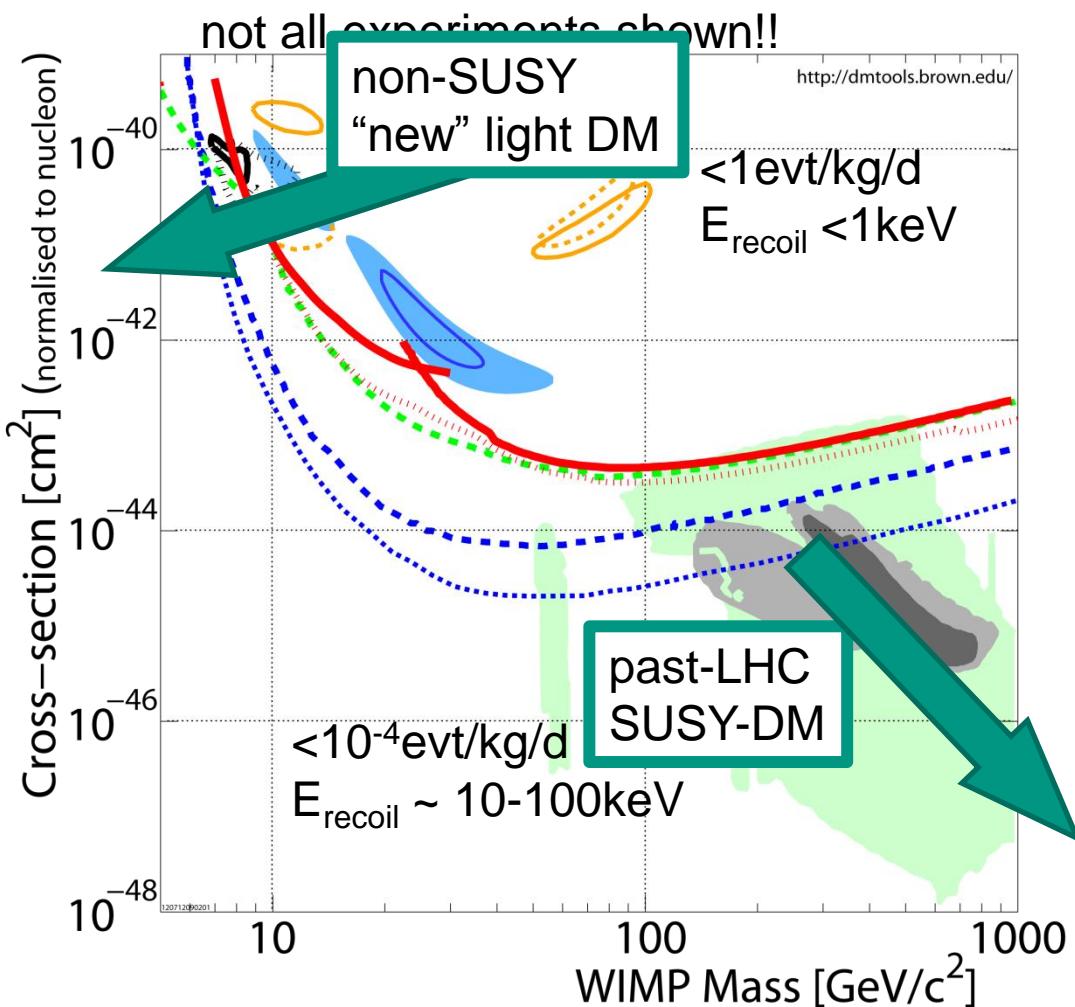
# direct DM search refresher

diffuse DM halo within our Milky Way  
with  $\sim$  Maxwell-Boltzmann  $f(v)$ ,  $\langle v^2 \rangle^{1/2} \sim 270 \text{ km/s}$



→ nuclear recoils at rates of  $< 1 \text{ evt/kg/year}$   
with  $E(\text{recoil}) \sim 1 - 100 \text{ keV}$

# direct DM search refresher



- EDW-II PLB **702**, 5 (2011) 329  
+ PRD**86**, 051701(R) (2012)
- EDW-II & CDMS PRD**84** (2011)
- DAMA/LIBRA EPJ **C56** (2008)
- CoGeNT PRL **106** (2011)
- CRESST II  $2\sigma$  EPJ **C72**(2012)1971
- CRESST II  $1\sigma$  EPJ **C72**(2012)1971
- CDMS Science **327**, 1619 (2010)  
+ Low E, PRL **106** (2011)
- XENON100 PRL **107** (2011)
- XENON100 PRL **109**, 181301 (2012)
- Buchmüller et al, 2011
- Bertone et al, 2011

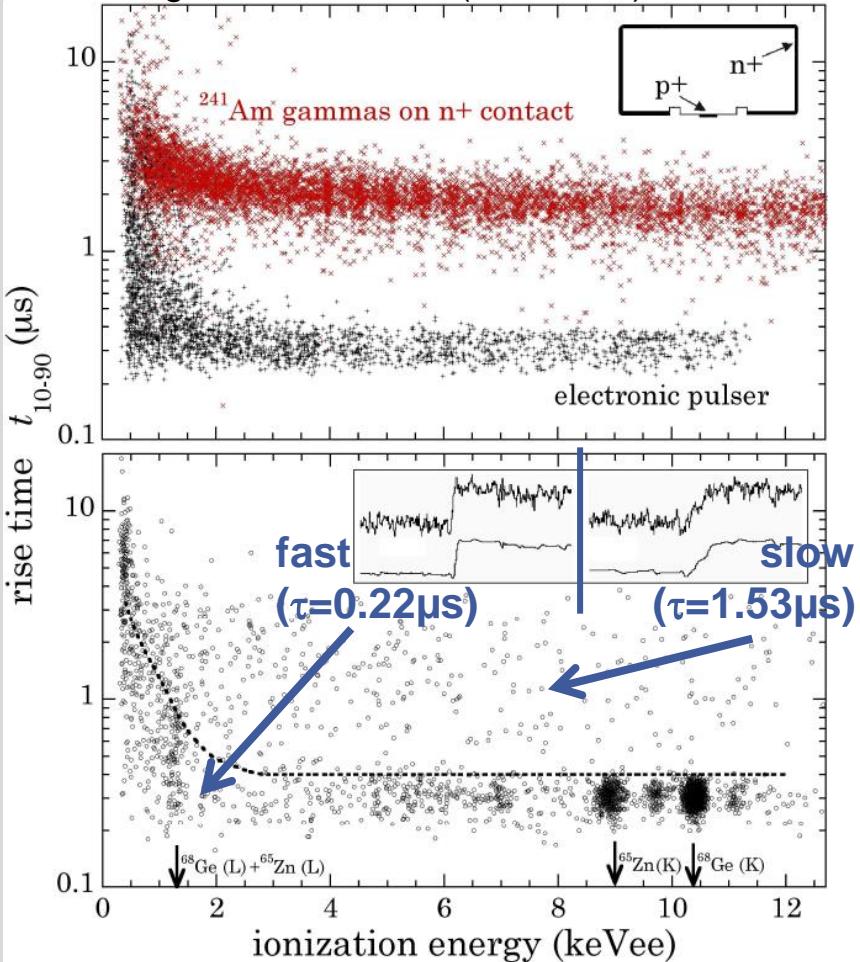
requirements:

- low thresh
- low bgd
- discrimination power
- reliability
- mass production

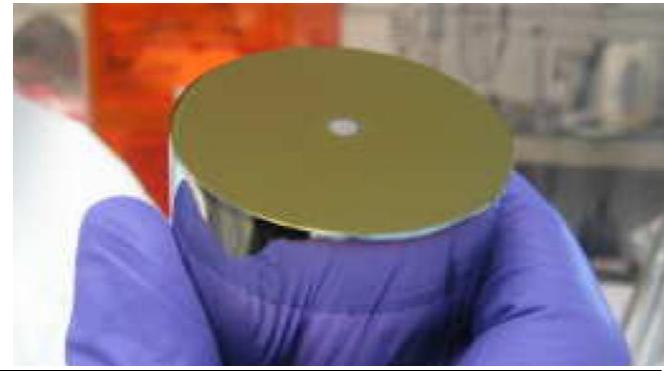
# DM search with PPC HPGe detectors

→ CoGeNT

440g PPC @Soudan (2100mwe) with rise time discrimination



C. Aalseth et al., arXiv:1002.4703v1



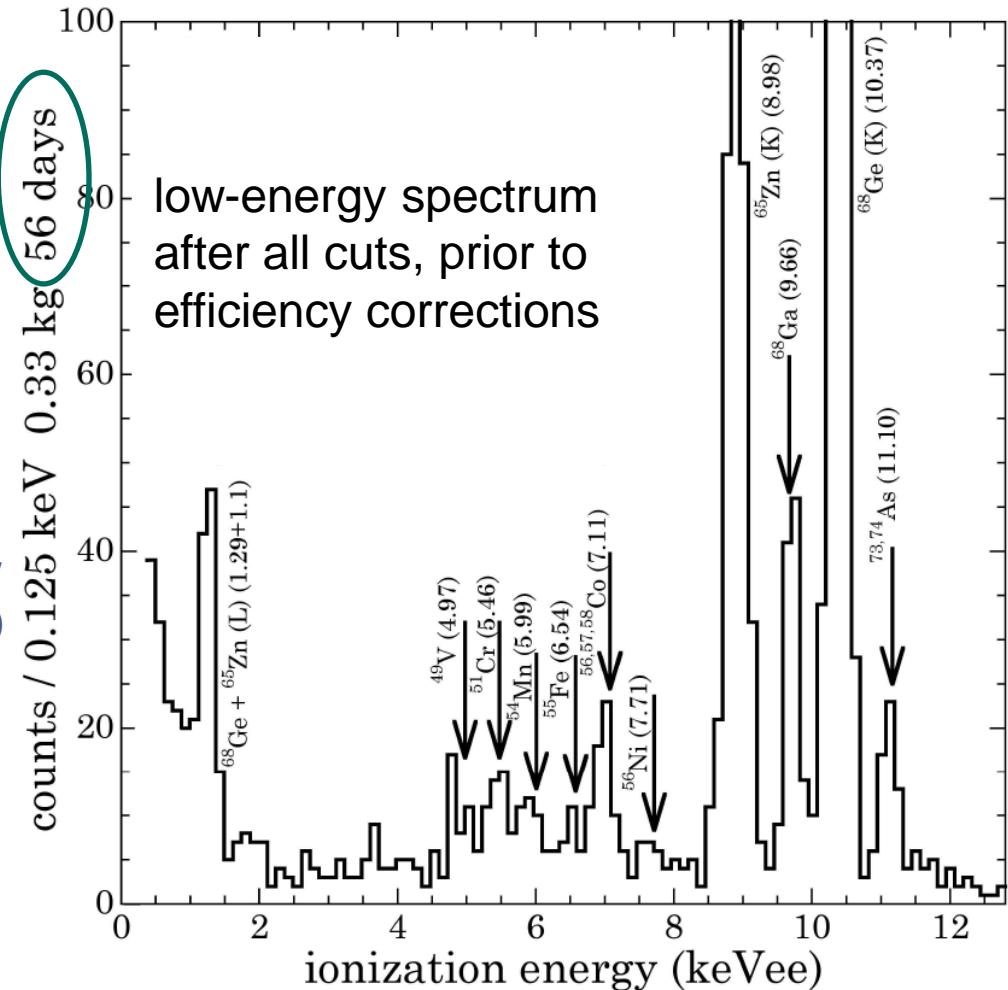
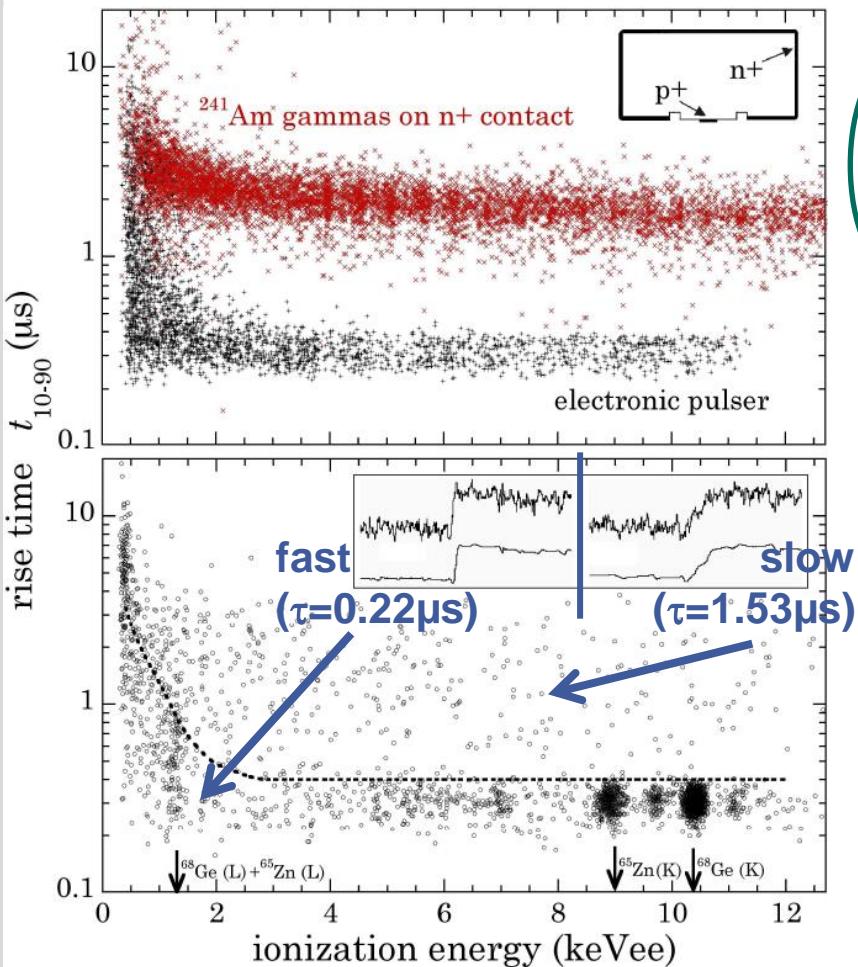
Property	Value
Manufacturer	Canberra (modified BEGe)
Total Mass	443 gram
Estimated Fiducial Mass	~330 gram
Outer Diameter	60.5 mm
Length	31 mm
Capacitance	1.8 pF (at 3000 V bias)



C. Aalseth et al., arXiv:1208.5737

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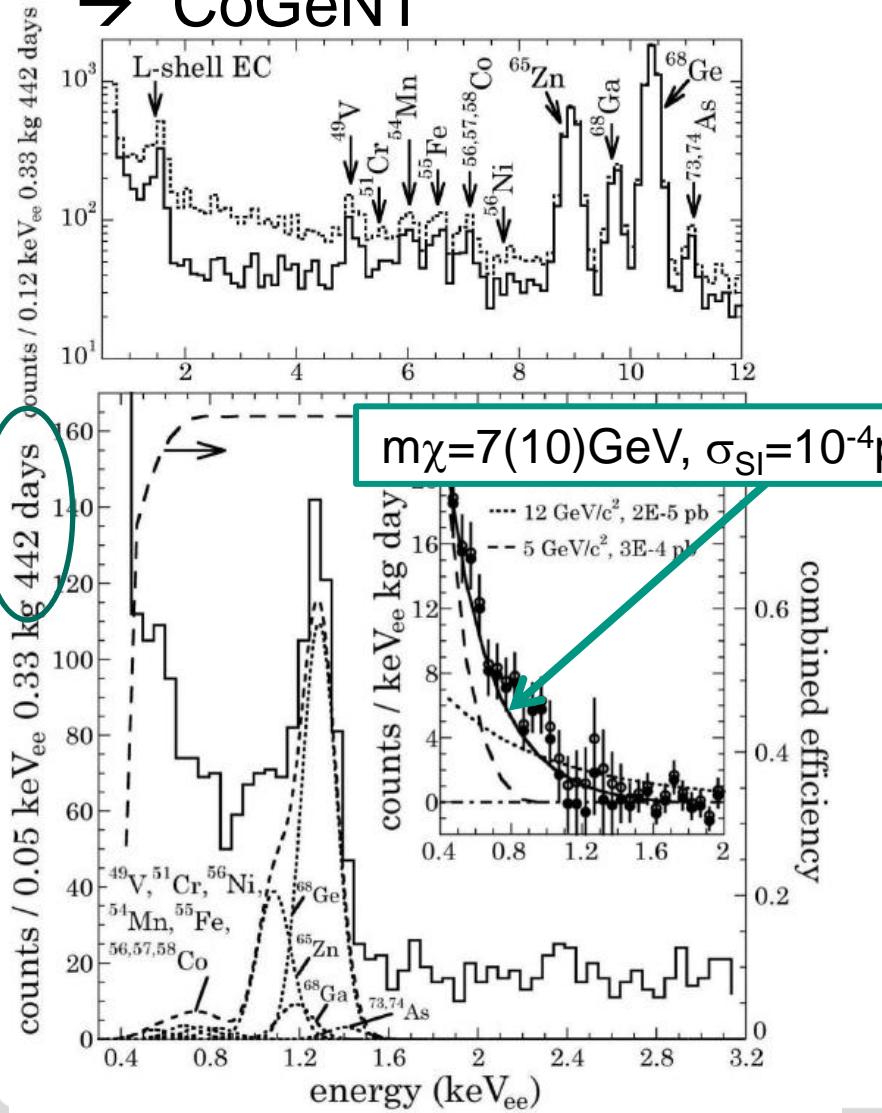
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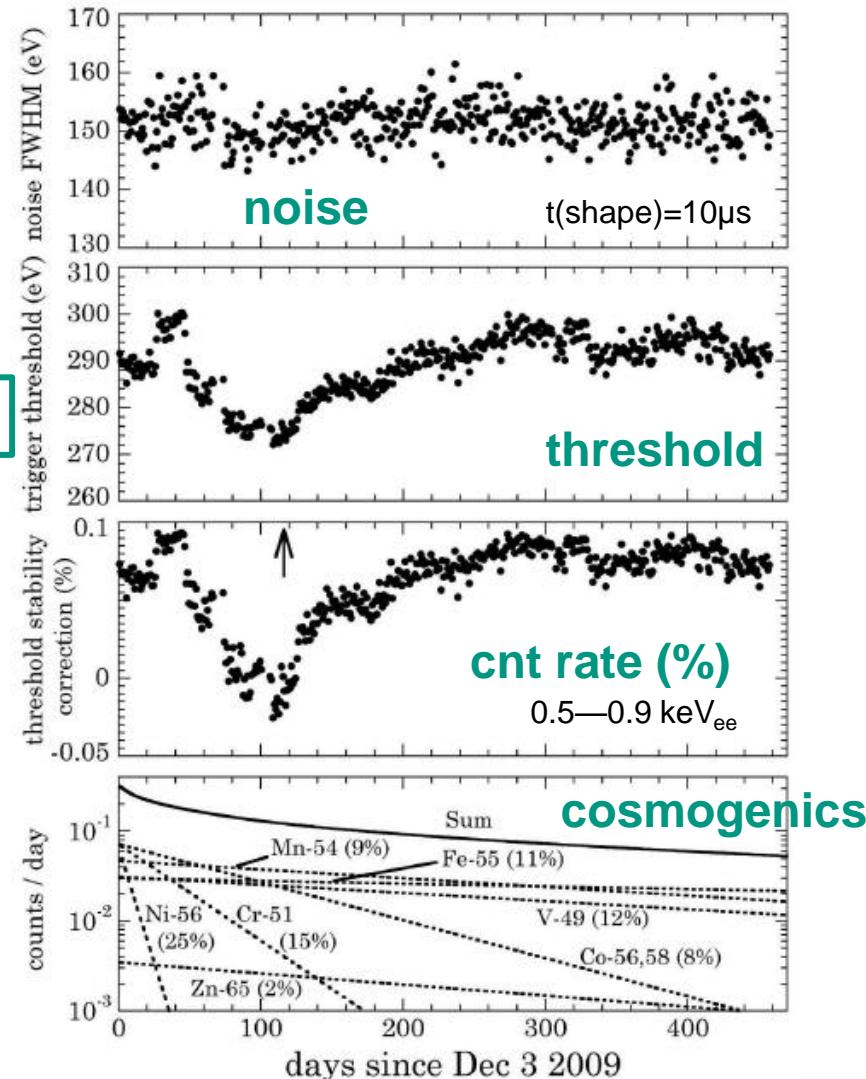
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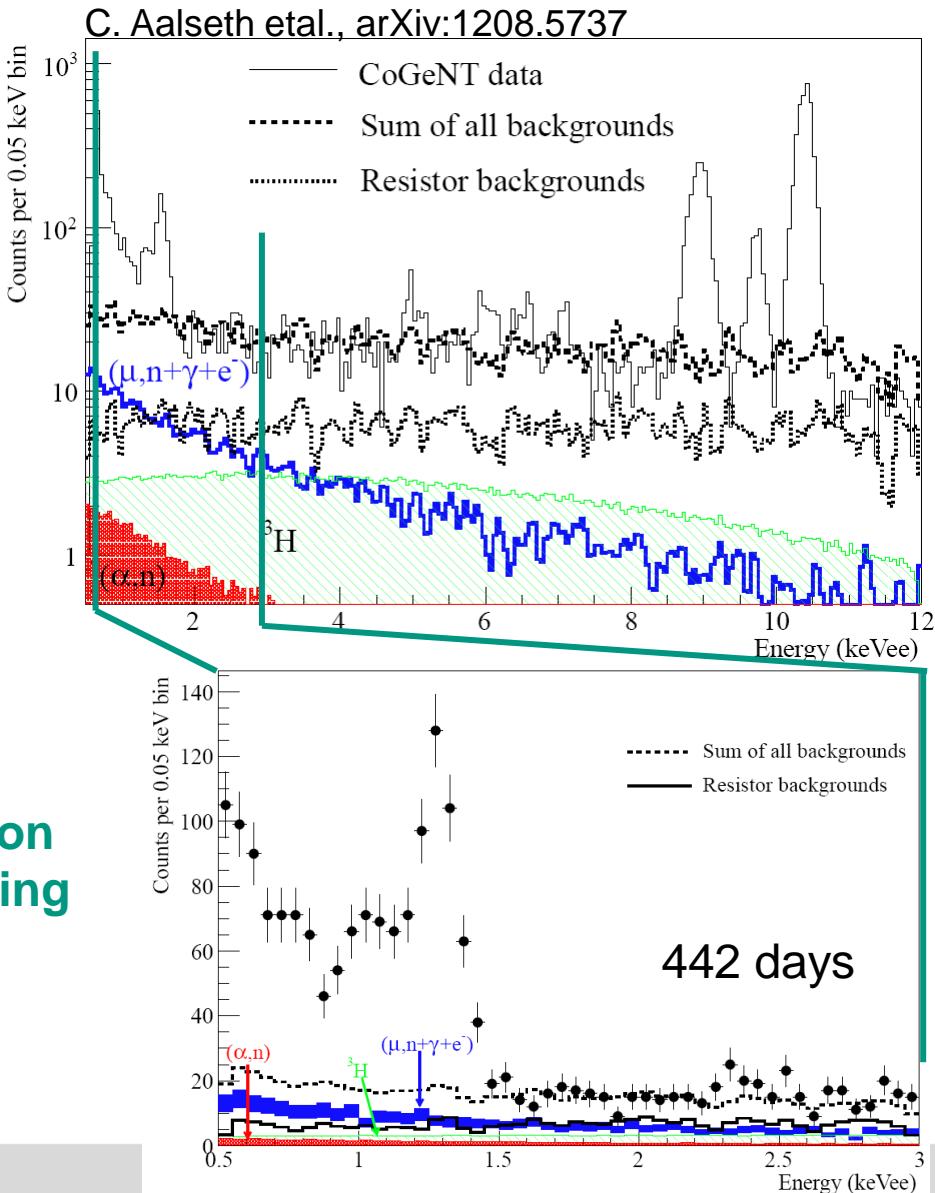
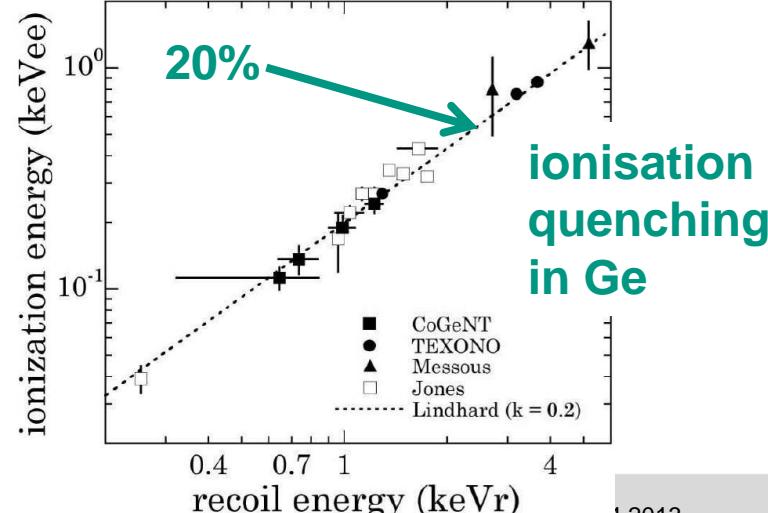
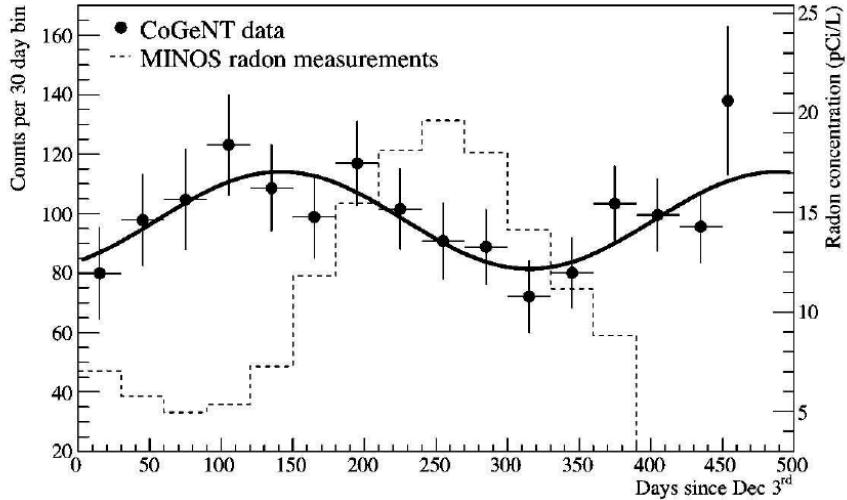


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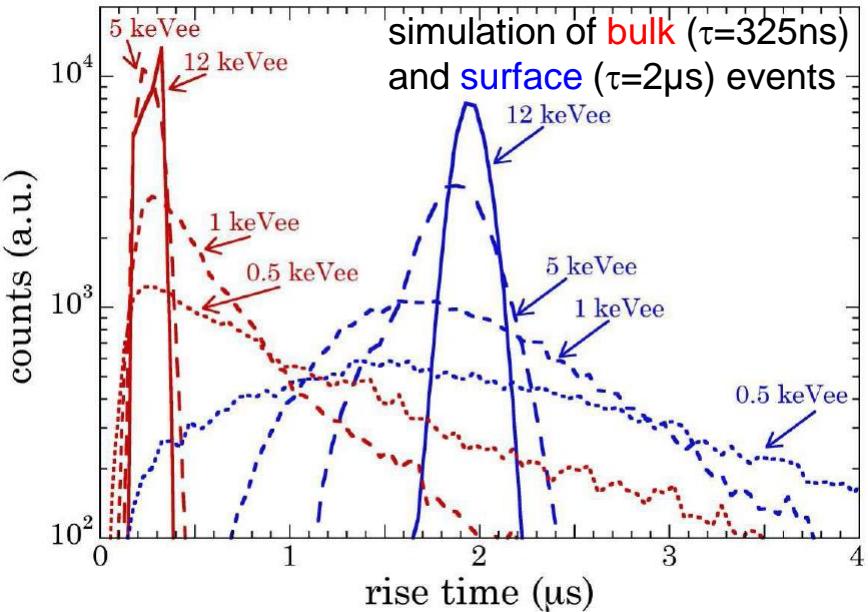
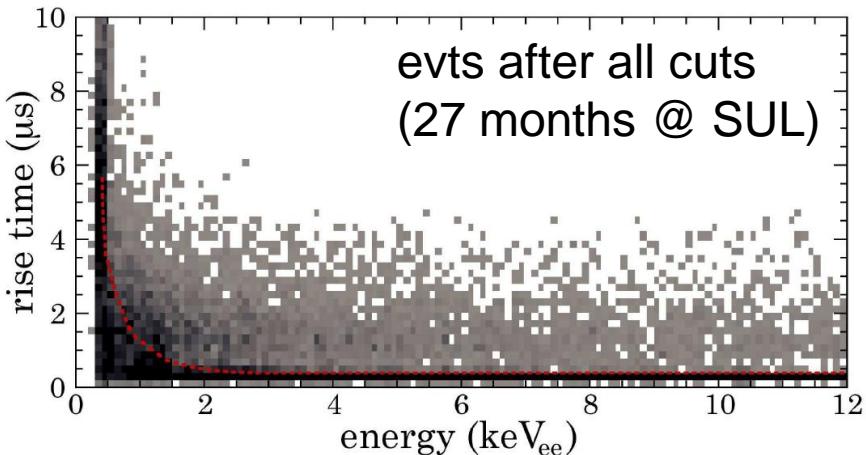
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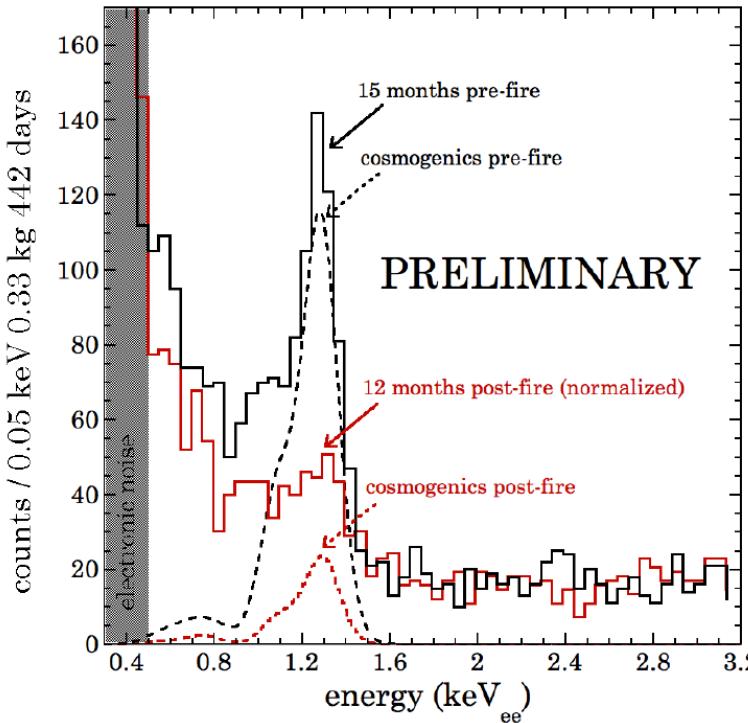
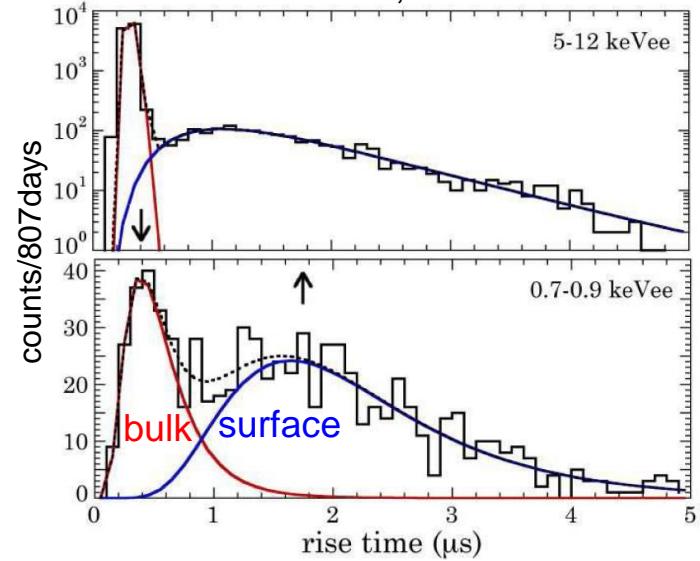


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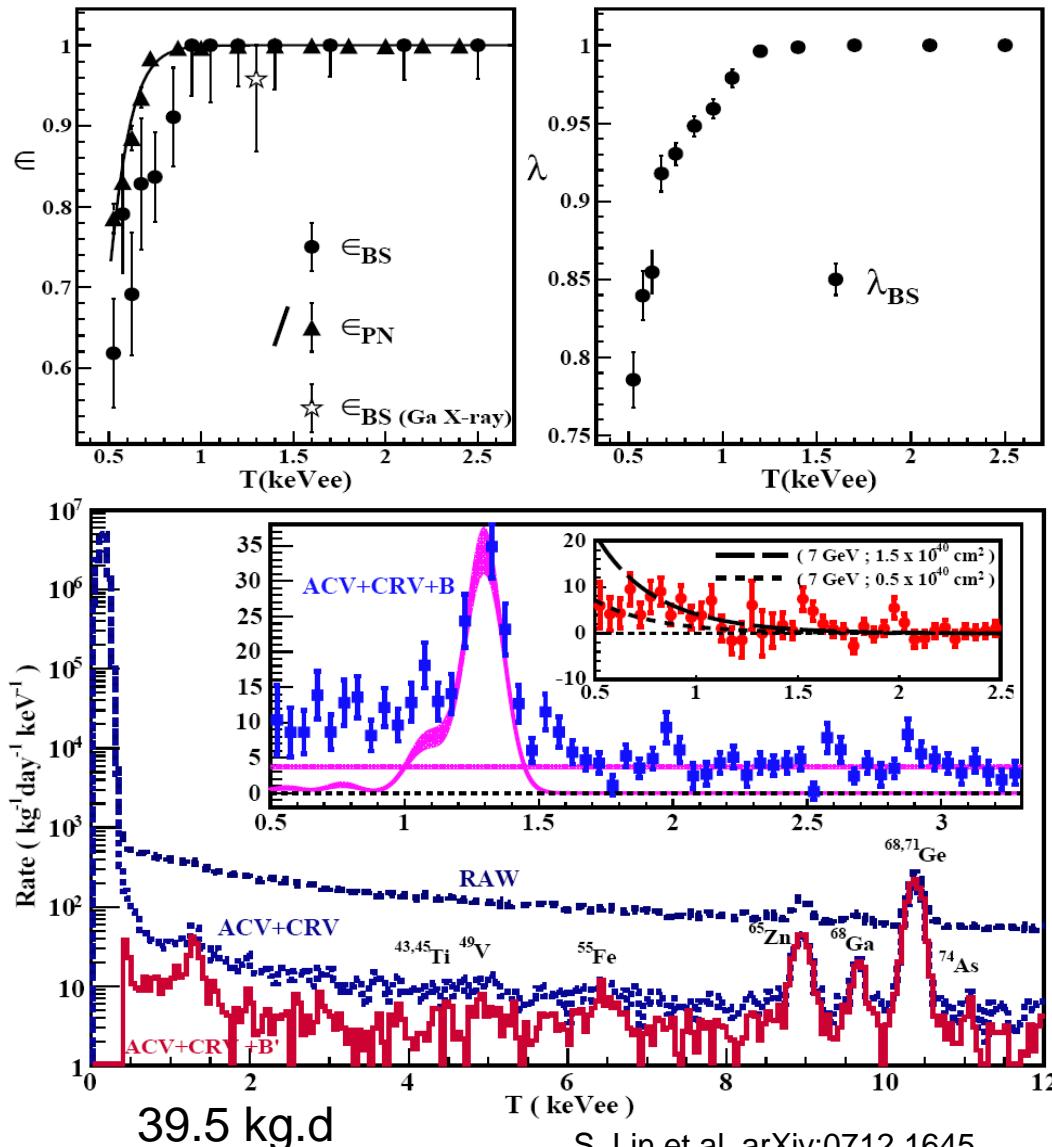
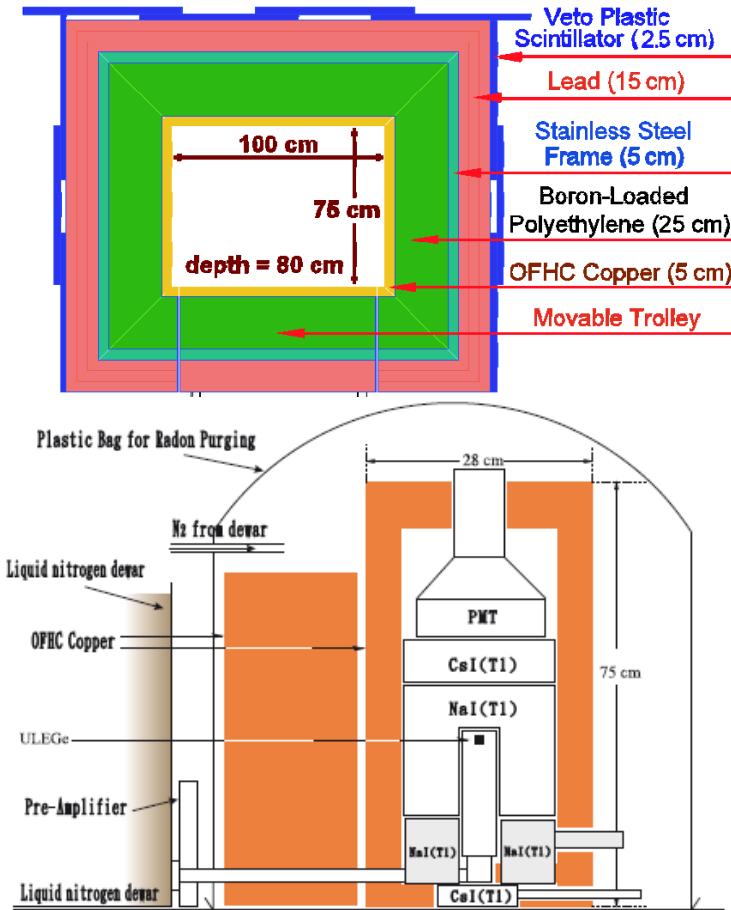
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# DM search with PPC HPGe detectors

→ TEXONO

926g(840g<sub>fid</sub>) PPCGe@Kuo-Sheng  
Reactor Neutrino Laboratory



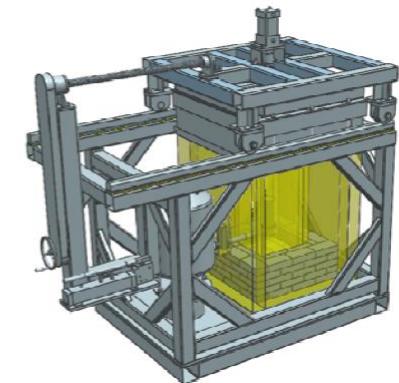
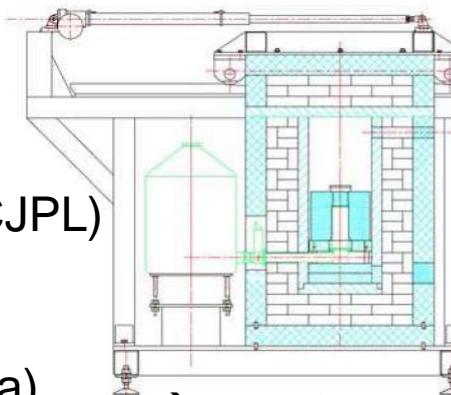
# DM search with PPC HPGe detectors

→ CDEX

China Jin-Ping Underground Laboratory (CJPL)

CDEX-1 (running since 11/2010):

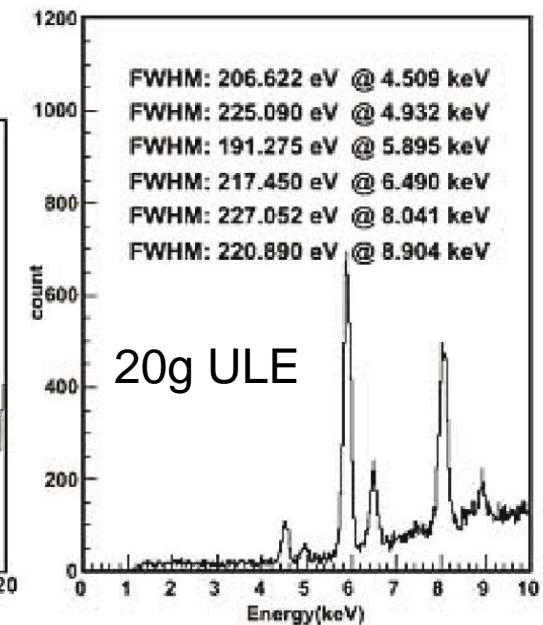
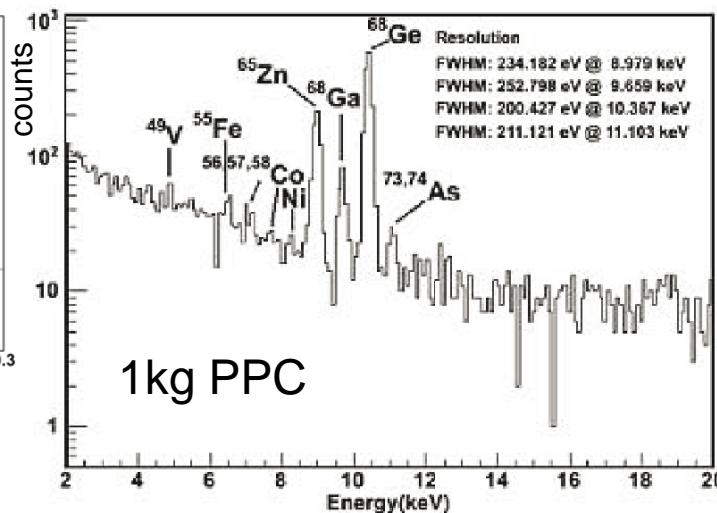
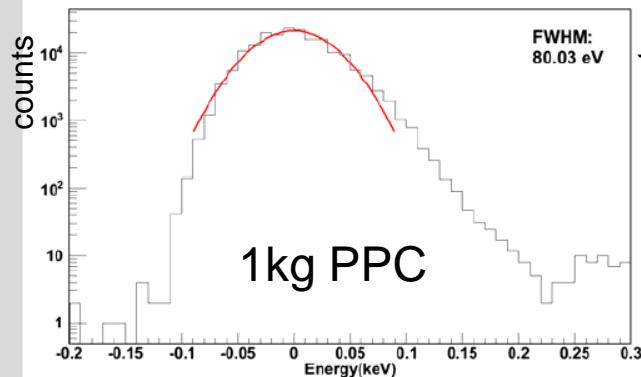
20g (4x5g) ULEGe & 1kg-PPCGe (Canberra)



→ spectroscopy with 709g HPGe

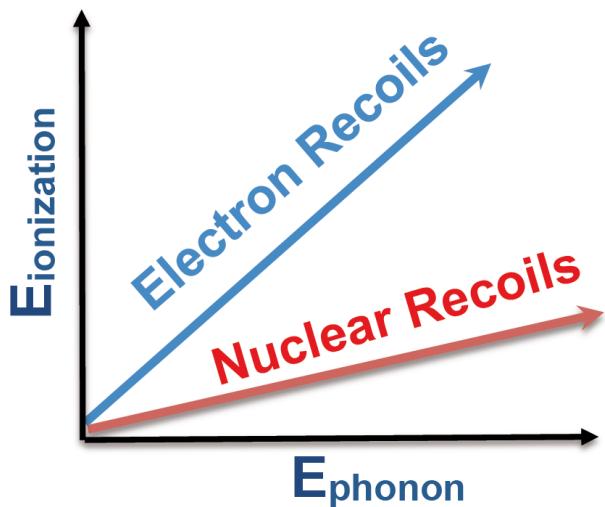
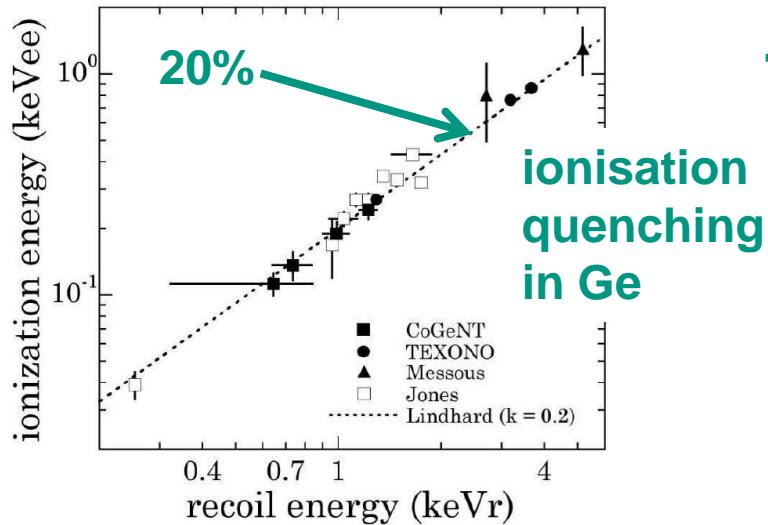
CDEX-10 (MC & design study):

10kg PPCGe surrounded by LAr active shielding

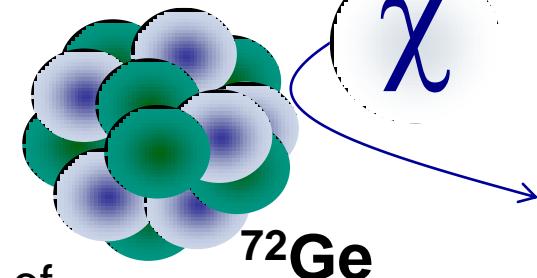


K. Kang et al., arXiv:1303.0601

# DM search with cryogenic HPGe detectors



combination of  
ionisation (charges)  
 $\rightarrow$  **bgd discrimination**  
and  
heat (phonons)  
 $\rightarrow$  **energy measurement**  
requires  $T \sim 10\text{-}50\text{mK}$  !

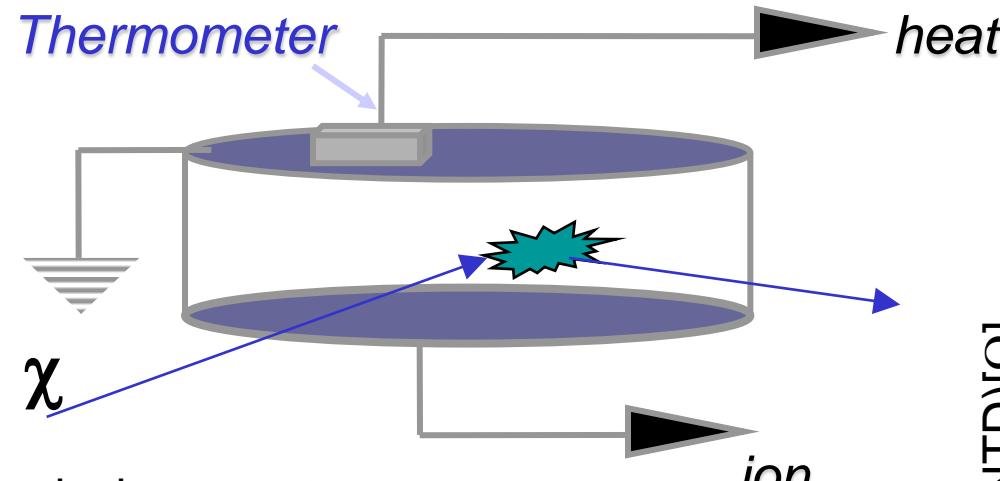


# DM search with cryogenic HPGe detectors

## → EDELWEISS

$\chi$  scattering with energy deposit  $E_R$  leads to  $\Delta T$  read out via thermometer → detector with small  $V \cdot C_V$  needed

$$\Delta T = \frac{E_R}{V \cdot C_V}$$



typical parameters:

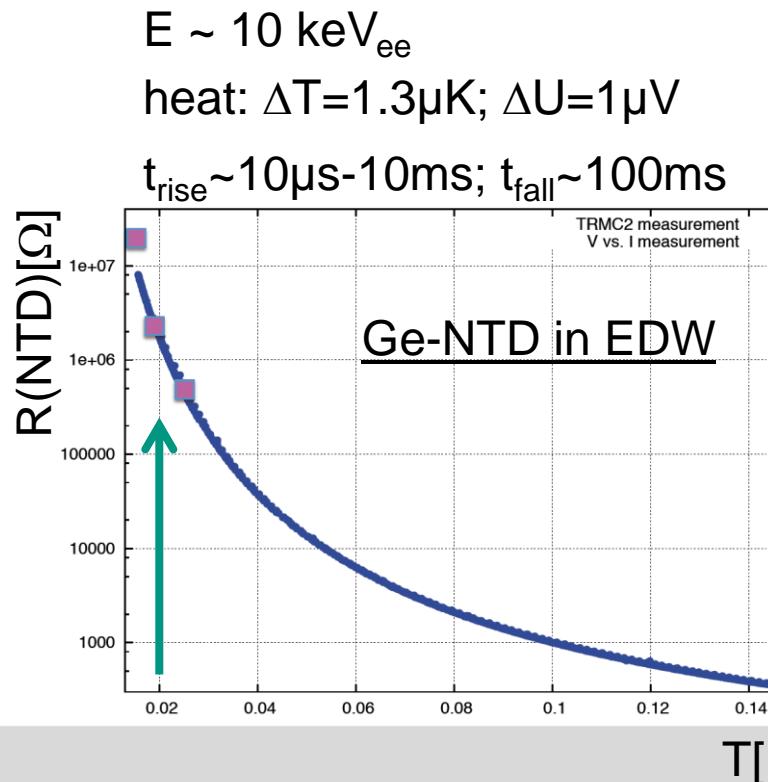
$E = 3\text{V/cm}$

$T_{op} = 20\text{mK}$

$m = 400\text{g}$  ( $d=20\text{mm}$ ;  $r=35\text{mm}$ )

$C=VC_V \sim 1\text{nJ/K}$  @  $T_{op}$

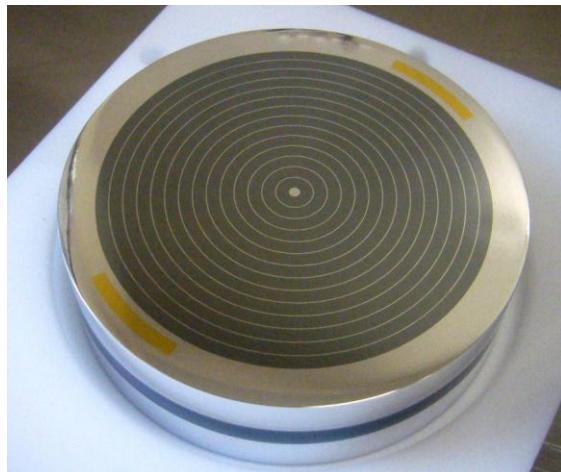
$G \sim 5\text{nW/K}$  thermal link to heat bath



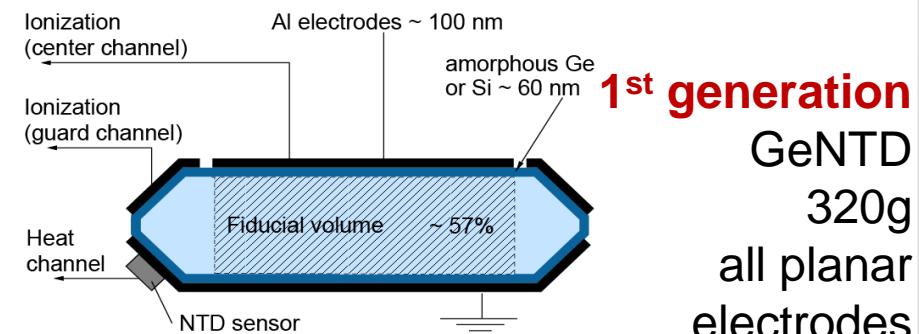
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→ EDELWEISS

- Heat measurement (NTD sensor)  
→  $E_{\text{recoil}} \approx E_h$  (after NL correct.)
- Ionization measurement @ few V/cm
- n-type HPGe
- $|N_a - N_d| < 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- dislocations (EPD) ~2000/cm<sup>2</sup>



ID400g

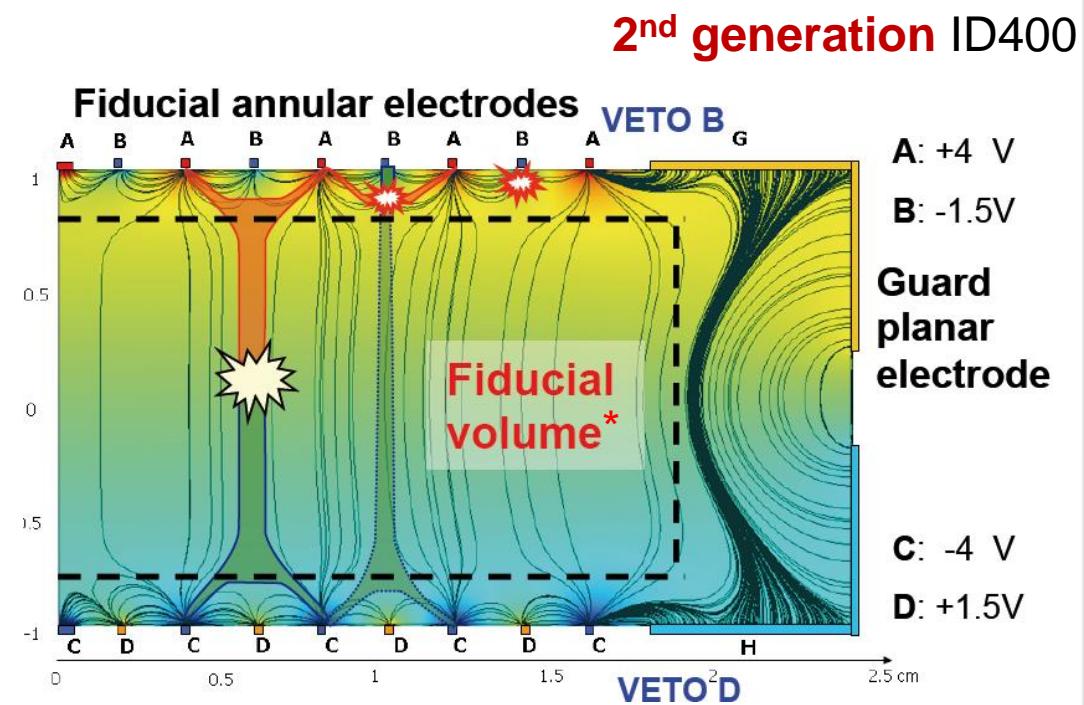


**1<sup>st</sup> generation**

GeNTD

320g

all planar  
electrodes



A: +4 V

B: -1.5V

Guard  
planar  
electrode

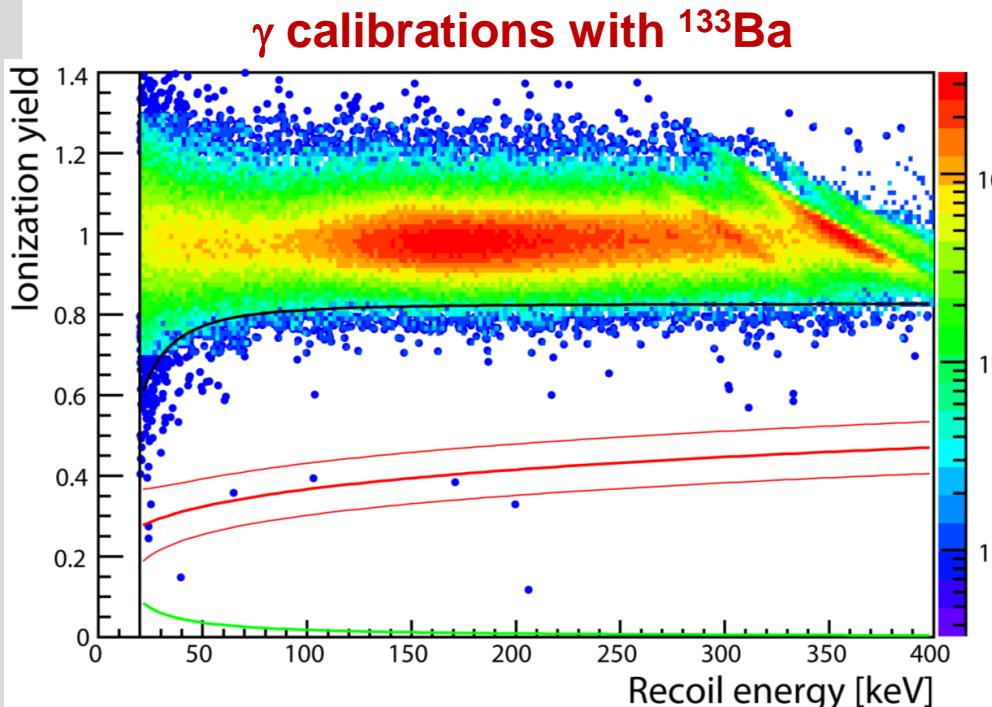
C: -4 V

D: +1.5V

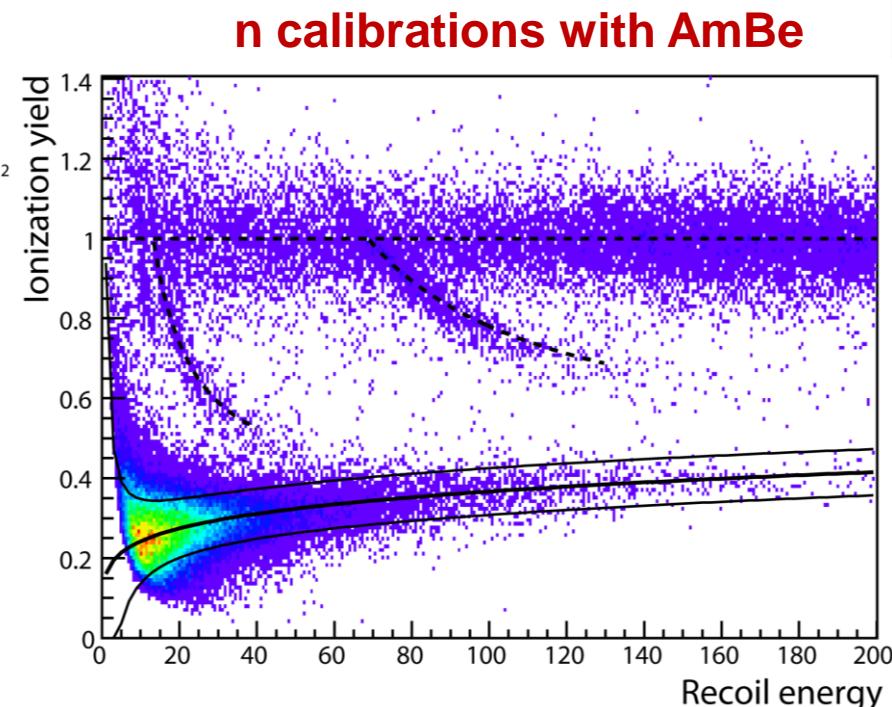
\*measured via cosmogenic  $\gamma$  lines

# DM search with cryogenic HPGe detectors

→ EDELWEISS



more than 350.000 γ's  
γ suppression factor  $3 \times 10^{-5}$   
1 "NR" for every 30k γ's (20-200keV)

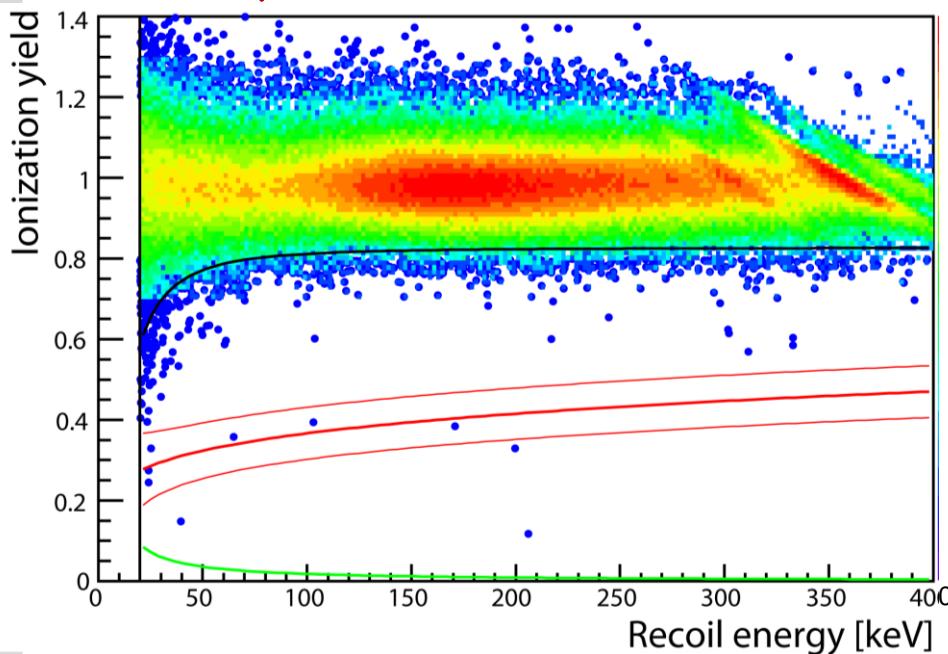


90% CL signal region  
 **$Q = 0.16 E_r^{0.18}$  from <10 to 200keV**  
(detection efficiency below 20keV)

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γ calibrations with  $^{133}\text{Ba}$

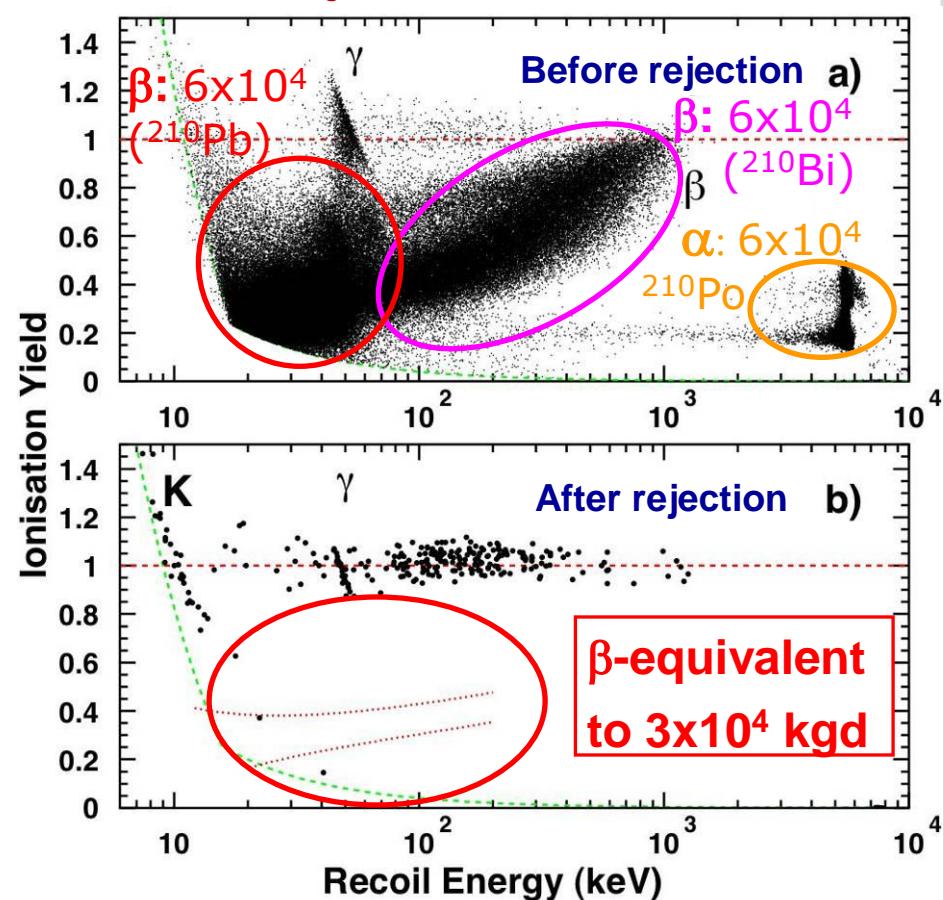


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rejection of surface events

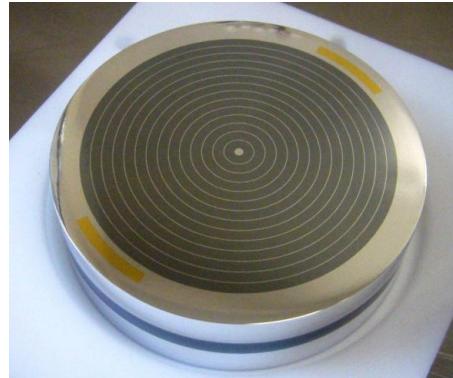


P. Di Stefano et al., ApP14 (2001) 329; O. Martineau et al., NIMA 530 (2004) 426 ; A. Broniatowski et al., PLB 681 (2009) 305

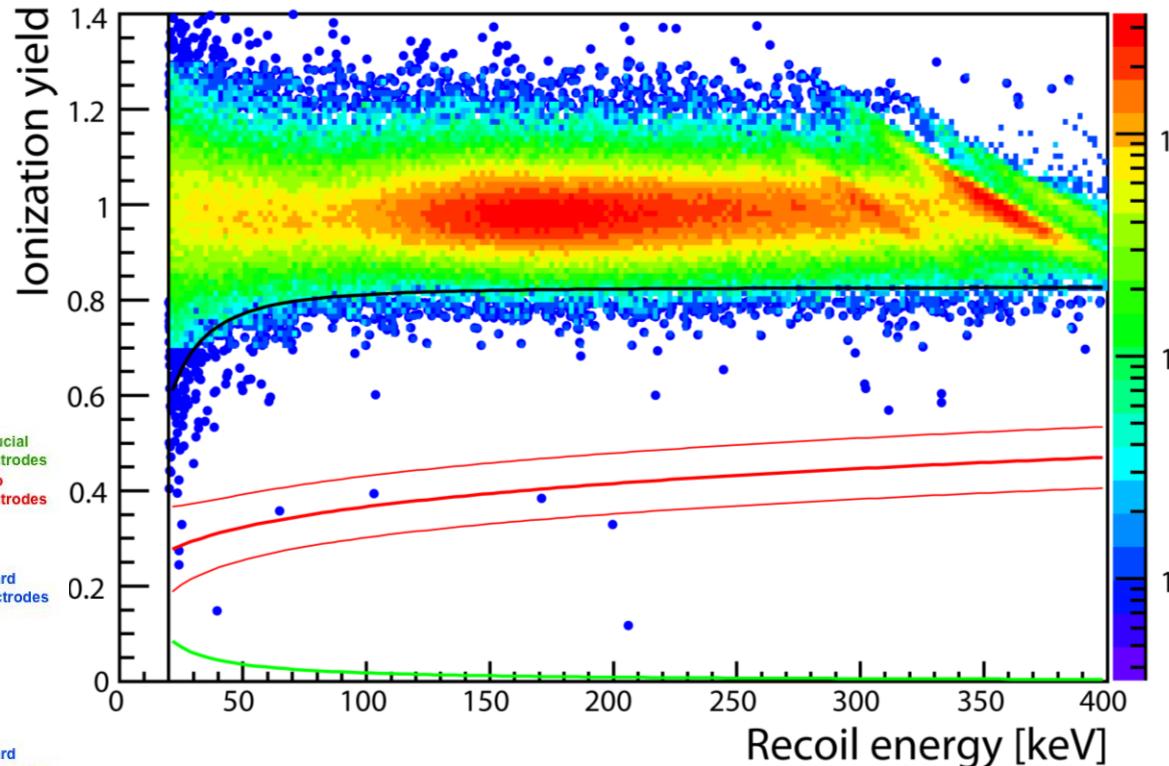
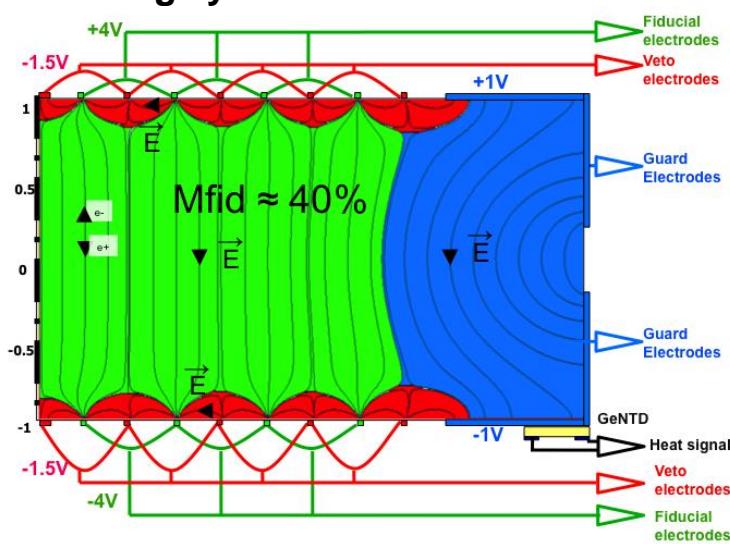
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## 2. generation ID detectors with lateral planar electrodes



400g cylindrical ID detector

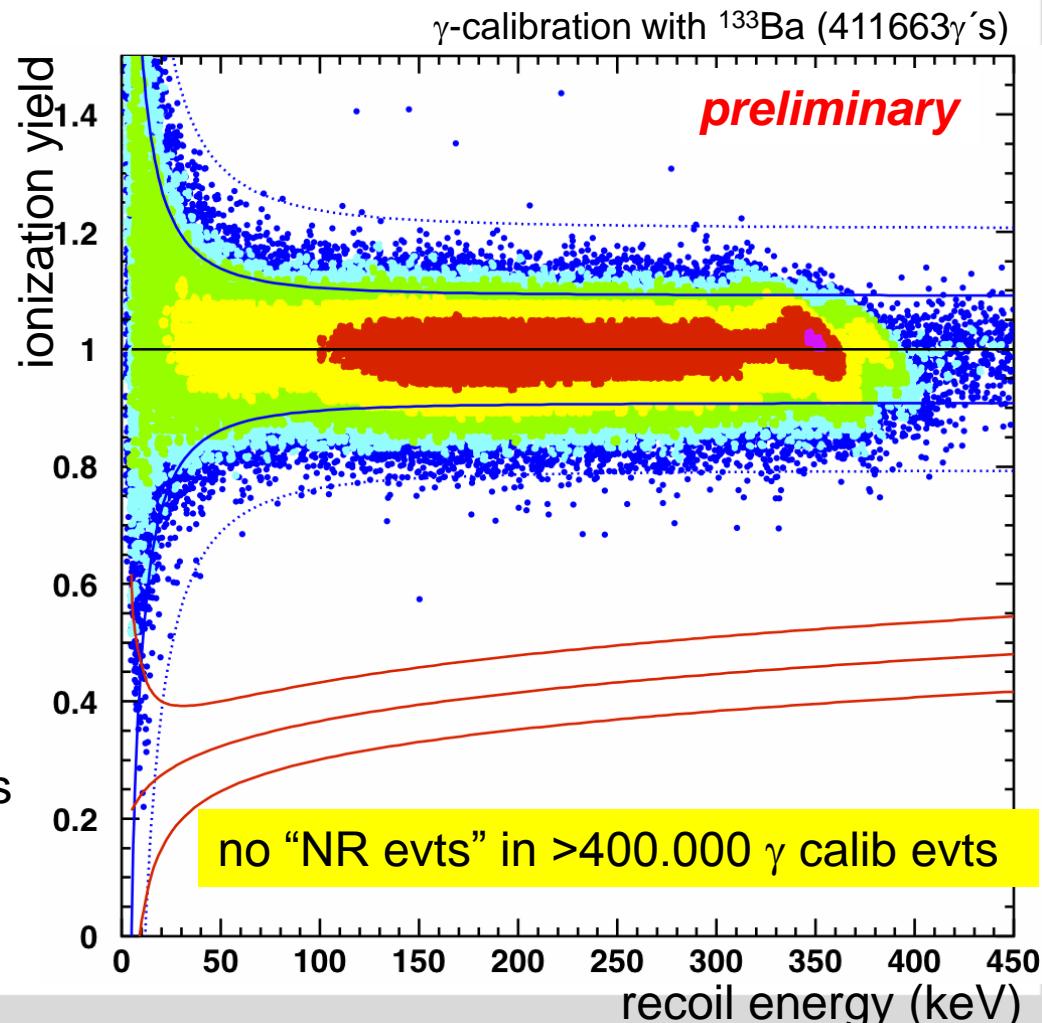
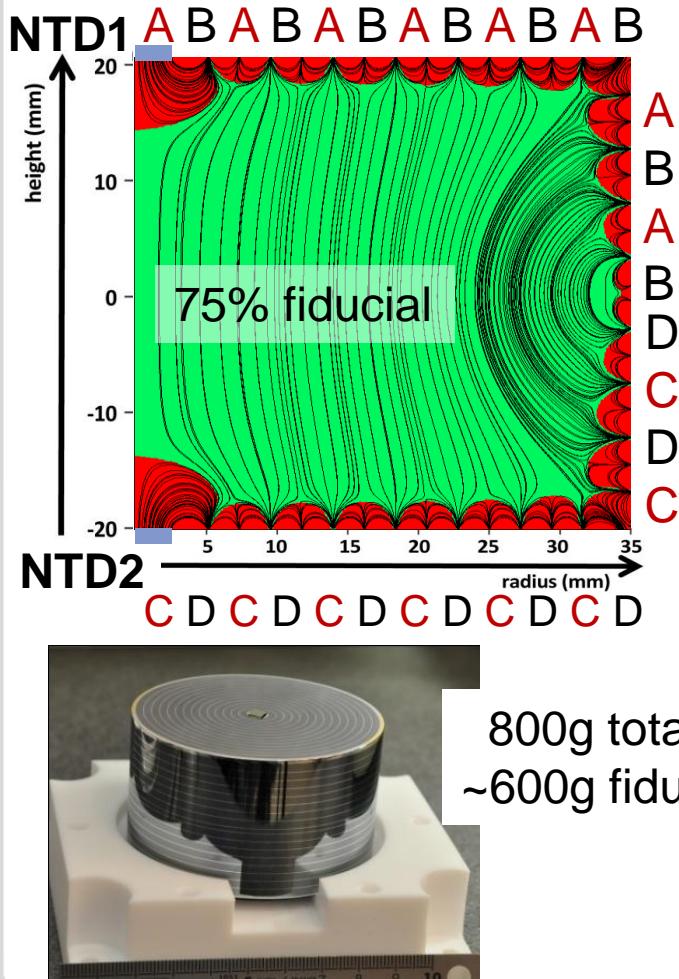


6 “NR evts” in 350.000 gamma calib evts

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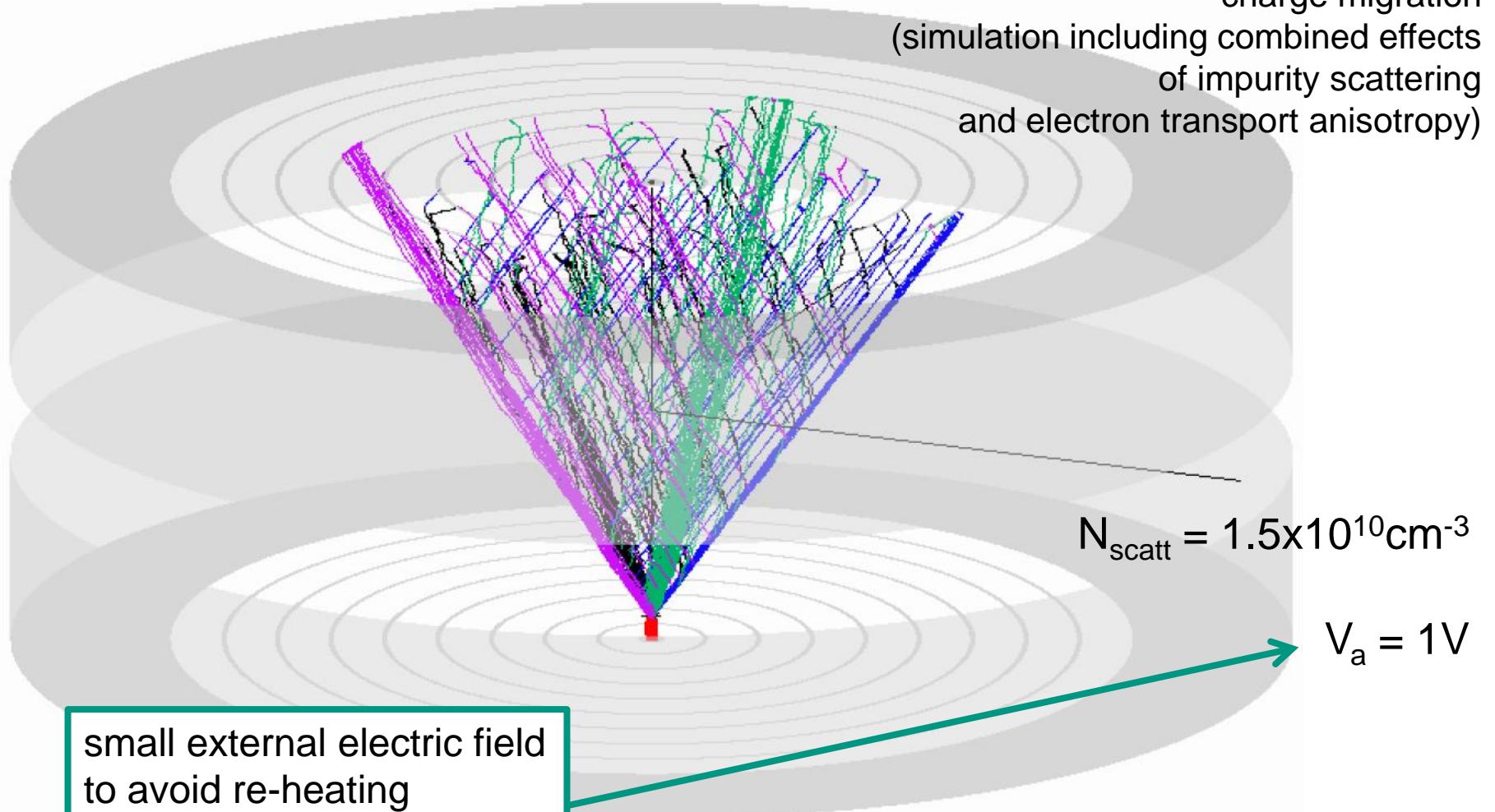
→ EDELWEISS

3. generation: FID detectors with rings on all surfaces



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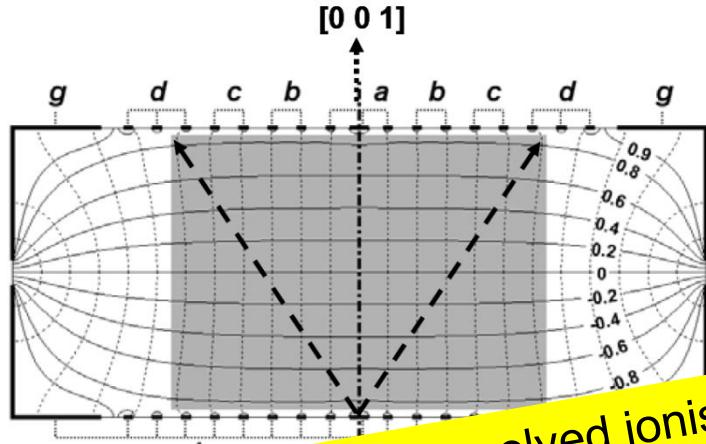
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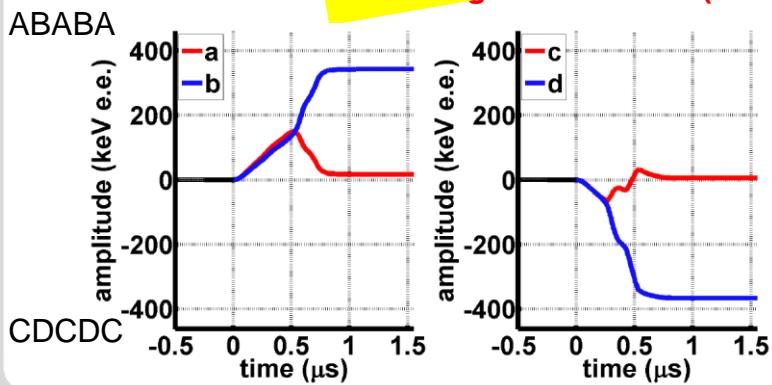
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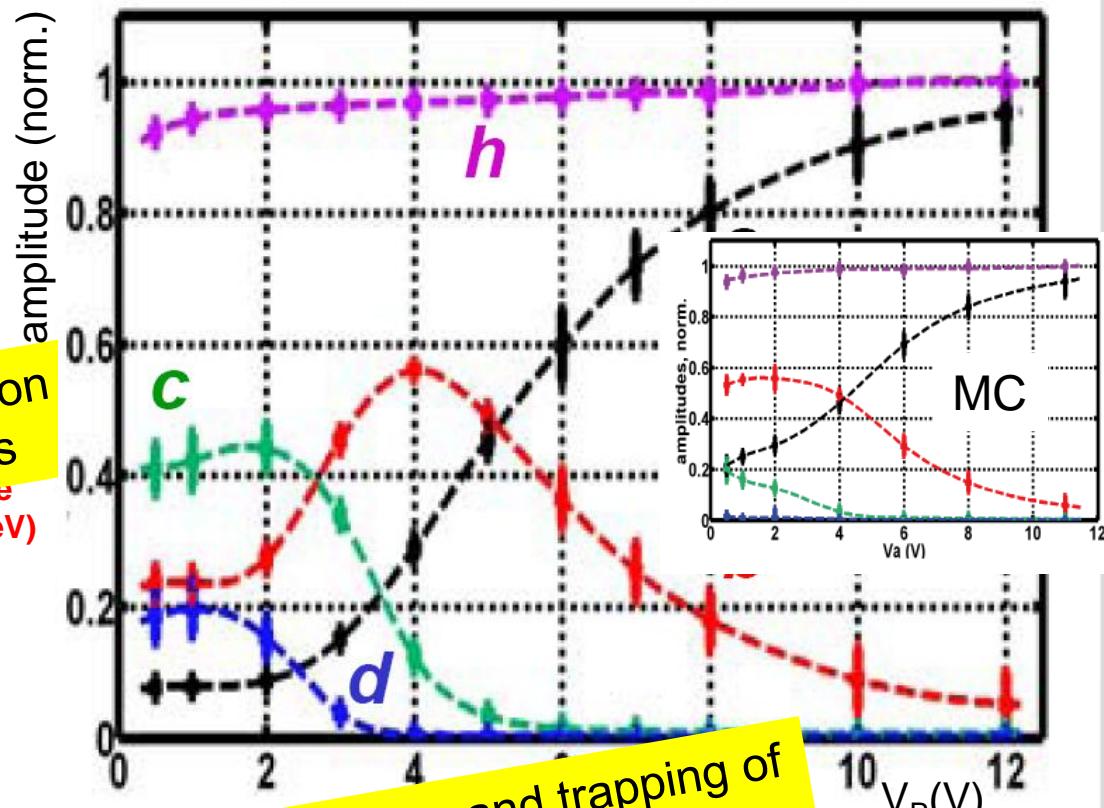
$$+V_a = +V_b = +V_c = +V_d = +V_g = -V_h$$



time-resolved ionisation  
in cryogenic Ge bolos



60keV electron collection pattern  
n-type,  $|N_d - N_a| < 10^{10}/\text{cm}^3$   
 $|N_d - N_a| = 10^{11}/\text{cm}^3$

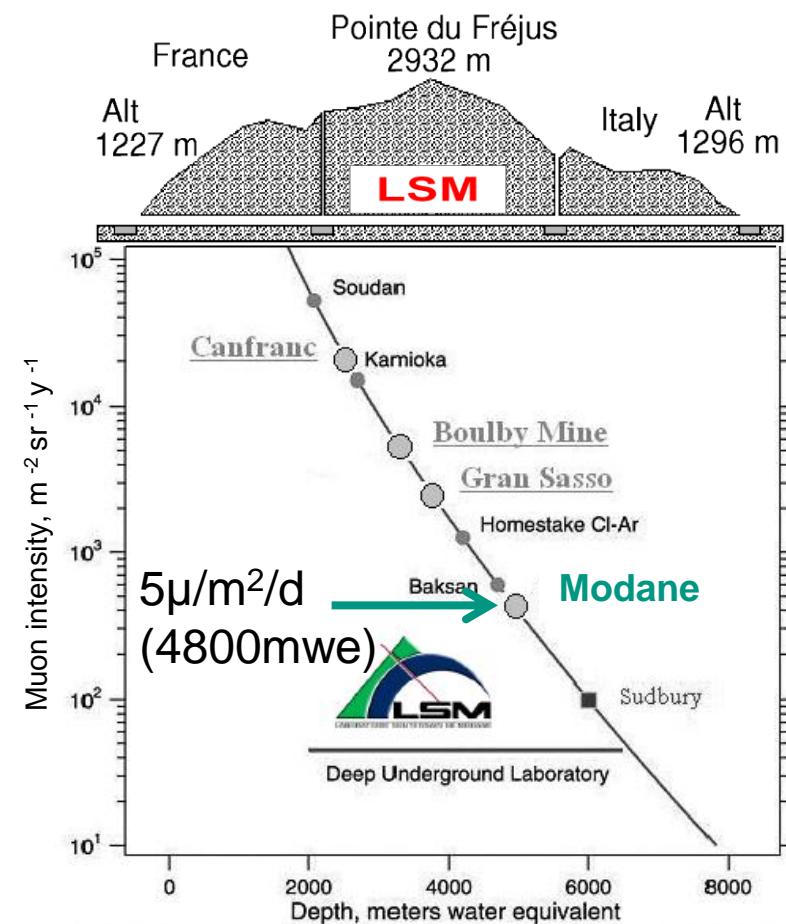
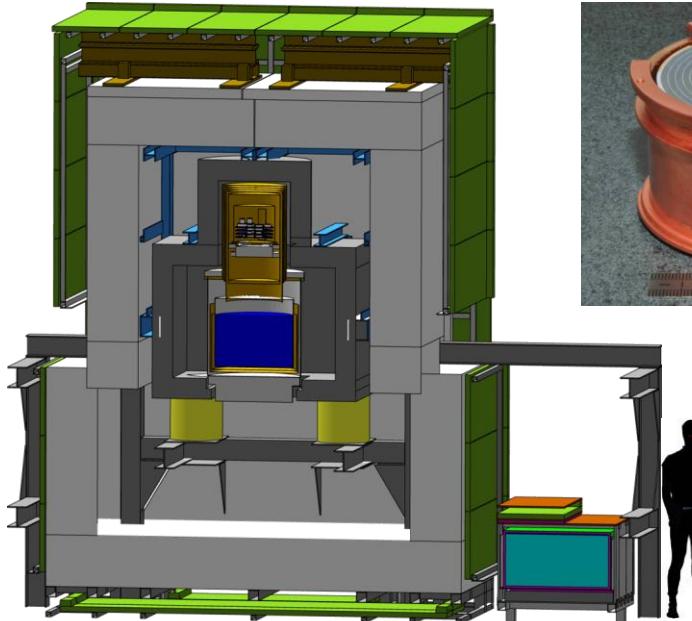


scattering and trapping of  
electrons on impurities  
Böhm et al., J of Low Temp Phys (2012)

# DM search with cryogenic HPGe detectors



→ EDELWEISS-3



Background (20 – 200 keV)	EDW-2 (evt / kg.d)	EDW-3 (evt / kg.d)
gamma rate (before Q-rej.)	82	14 – 44
ambient neutrons	$(2.6 - 8.1) \cdot 10^{-3}$ mainly due to cables and connectors	$(0.8 - 1.9) \cdot 10^{-4}$

04/2013: 15 FID800 installed;  
commissioning & calibration ongoing  
→ 40 FID800 (~25kg fid.) by 10/2013  
→ ~10.000 kg.d  $\equiv \sigma_{\text{Si}} = 2 \cdot 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2$

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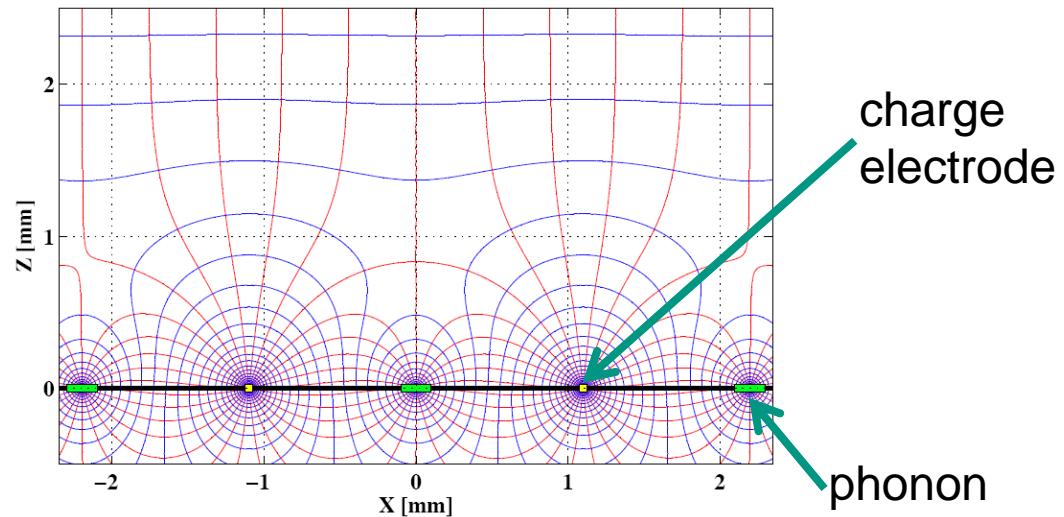
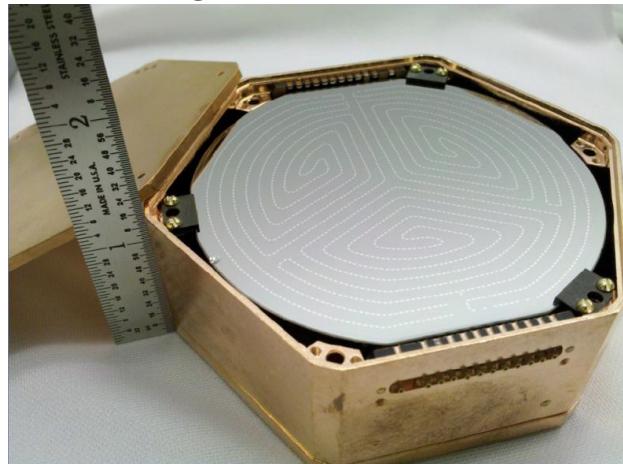
## → Super-CDMS

15 ultra-pure Ge crystals: 76 mm x 25 mm (3" x 1"), 0.6 kg

4x2 high sensitivity **phonon channels** : *each quadrant*

2x2 **charge channels** : *outer ring, inner disc*

operating at T ~ 50 mK

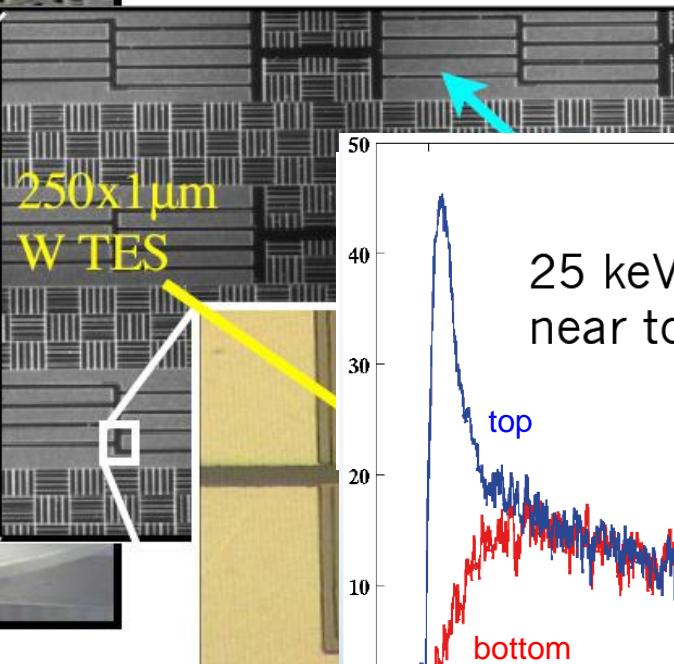
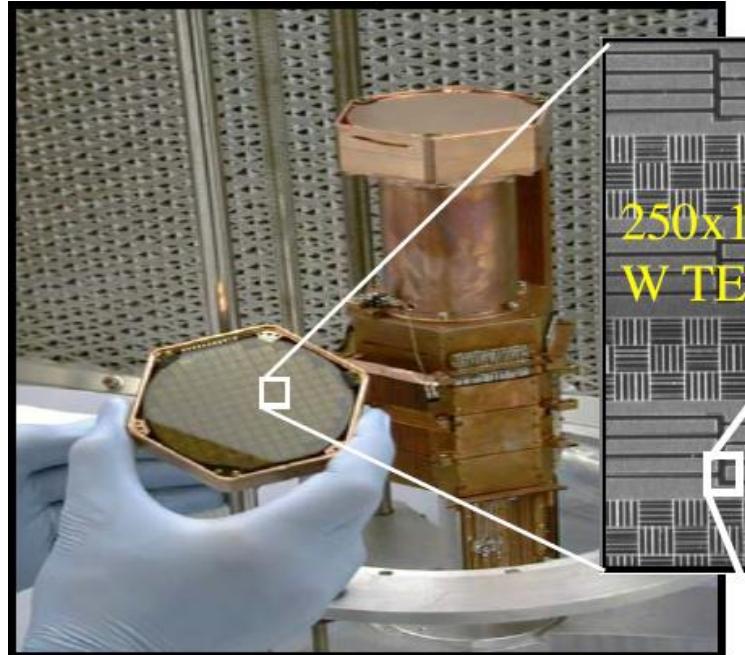


**iZIP: interleaved Z-sensitive Ionization and Phonon detectors**  
surface events

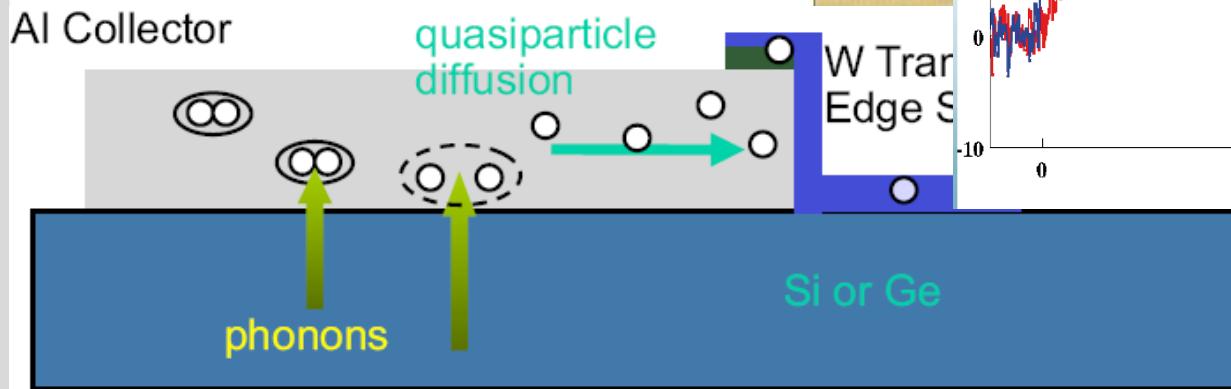
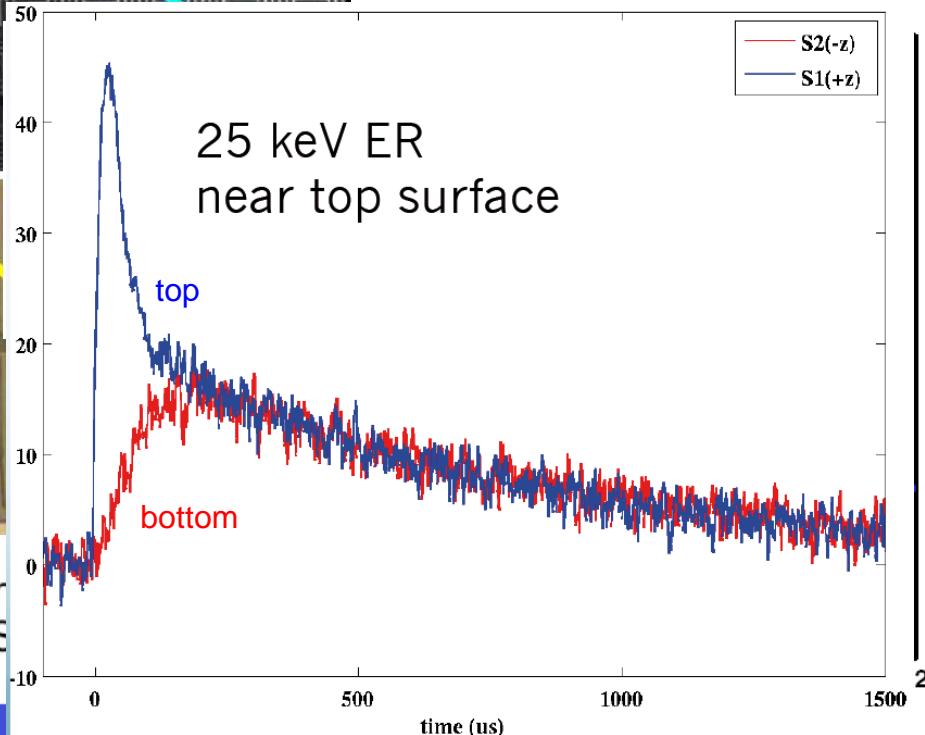
- show up on one detector side only
- have fast phonon signal

# DM search with cryogenic HPGe detectors

→ Super-CDMS



effective and fast phonon  
read-out ( $t_{rise} \sim 5\mu s$ )  
surface evts  $\equiv$  fast evts

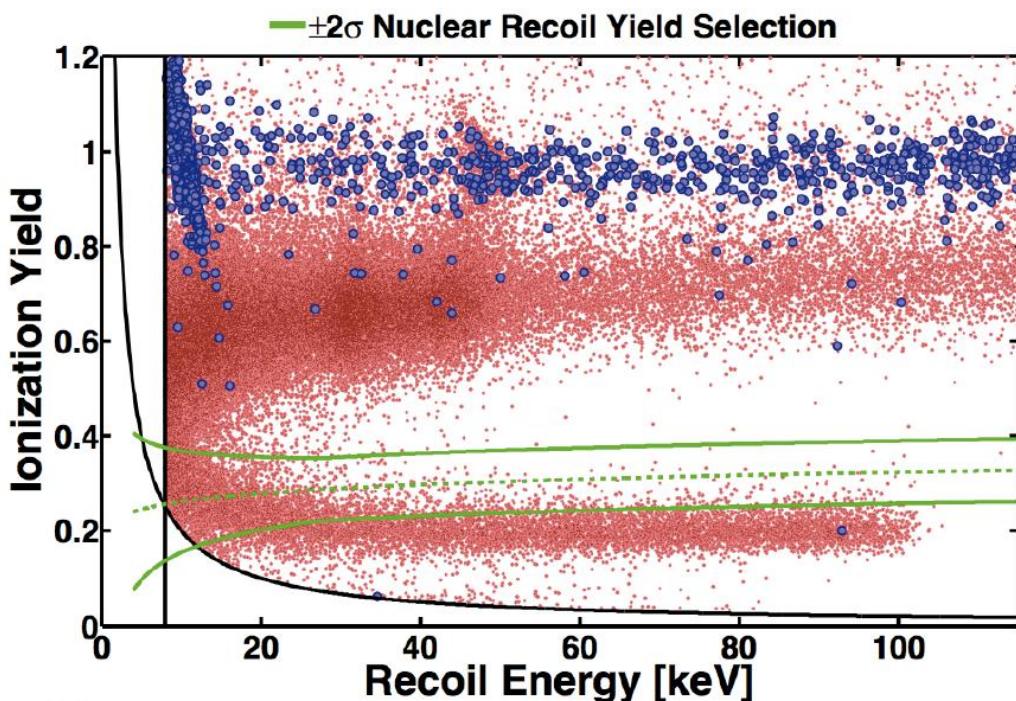
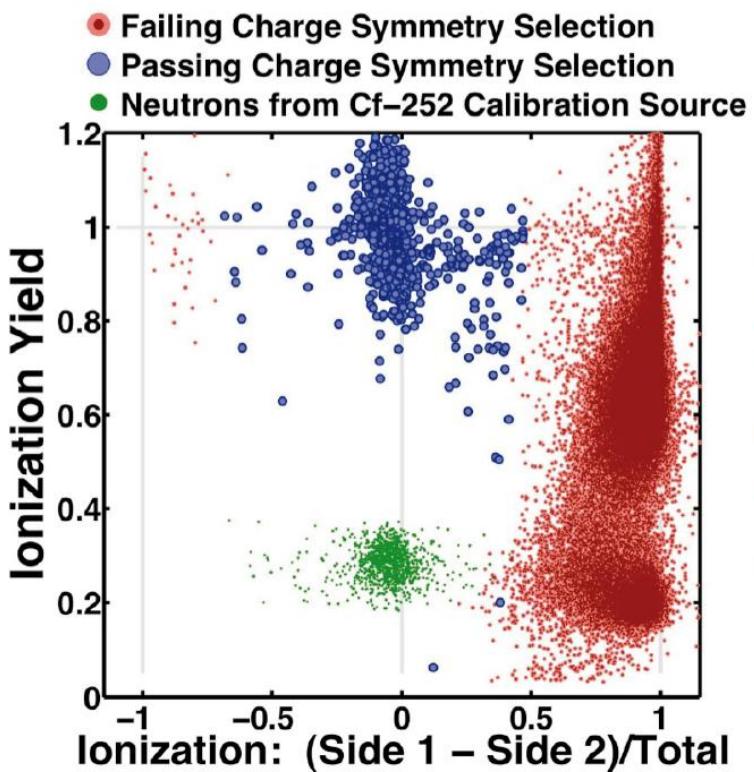


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# DM search with cryogenic HPGe detectors

→ Super-CDMS

surface rejection tests using implanted  $^{210}\text{Pb}$  on Si wavers



surface rejection requirements: surface event leakage to  $<2 \times 10^{-5}$  at 90% CL ✓

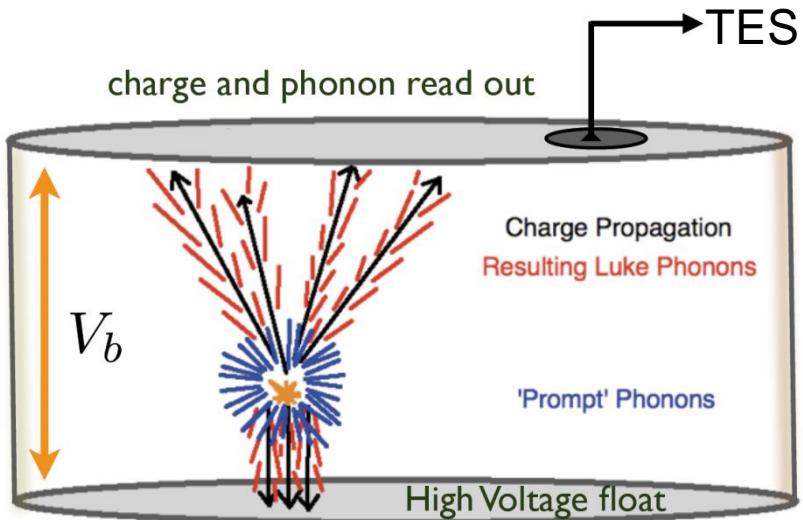
Type	E [keV]	P [%]
$\beta^-$	17	84
$\beta^-$	63.5	16
Aug E	8.2	37
CE	30.2	60
CE	42.5	14
X-ray	$\sim 10.8$	24
X-ray	46.5	4

# DM search with cryogenic HPGe detectors

→ CDMS-lite (low ionis. thresh. expt)

## low mass WIMP search

e.g.  $m(\chi)=10\text{GeV}$ ;  $E_{\text{rec}}=1\text{keV}$   
 $\rightarrow 0.85\text{keV}(\text{phonon}) + 0.15\text{keV}(\text{ion.})$

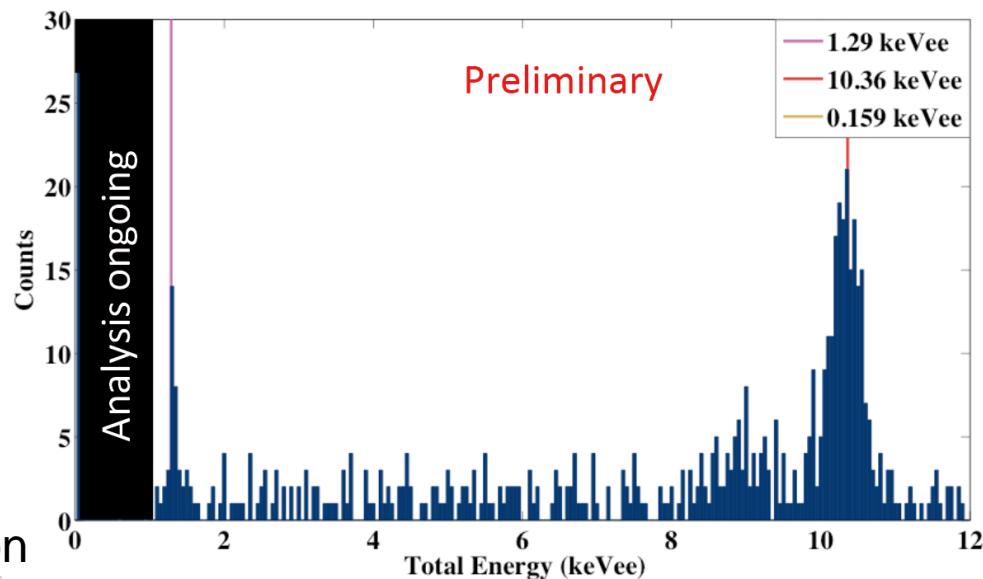


amplification ~24 reached  
 $E_{\text{thresh}}=0.085\text{ keV}_{\text{ee}}$  reachable  
no more evt-based ER/NR discrimination

Bias voltage accelerates e/h  
“terminal velocity” → max KE of ~ 30 meV  
Under high bias, work done on e/h:  
 $> 10\text{ eV} \gg 30\text{ meV}$   
“excess energy” is shed as Luke phonons:

$$E_{\text{Luke}} = N_{\text{e/h}} \times eV_{\text{bias}}$$

$$V_{\text{bias}} \leq 70\text{V}$$

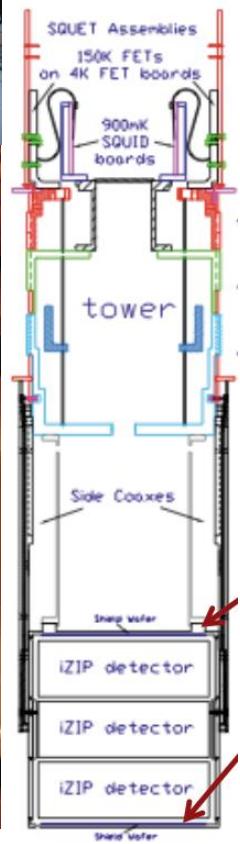
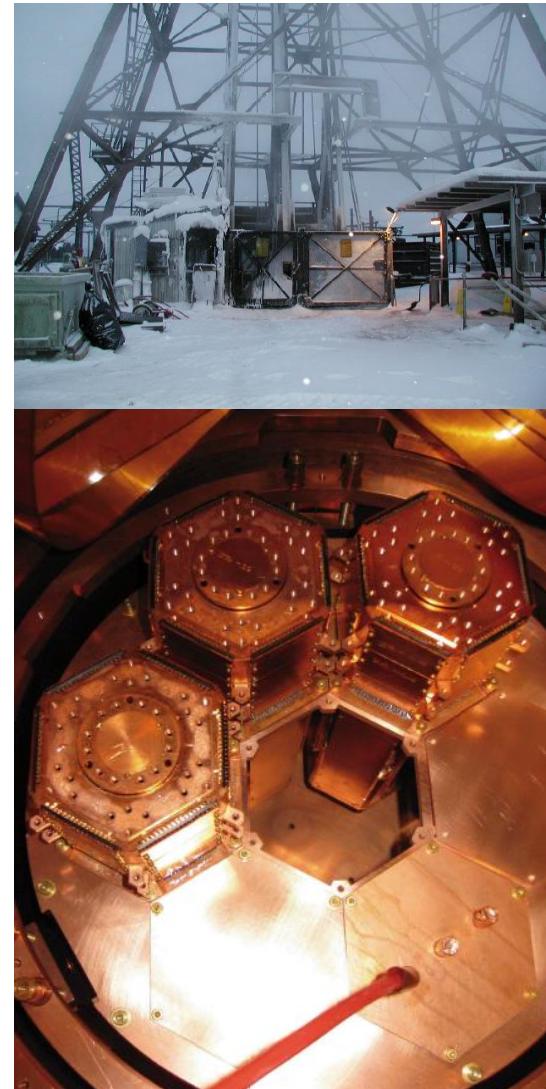
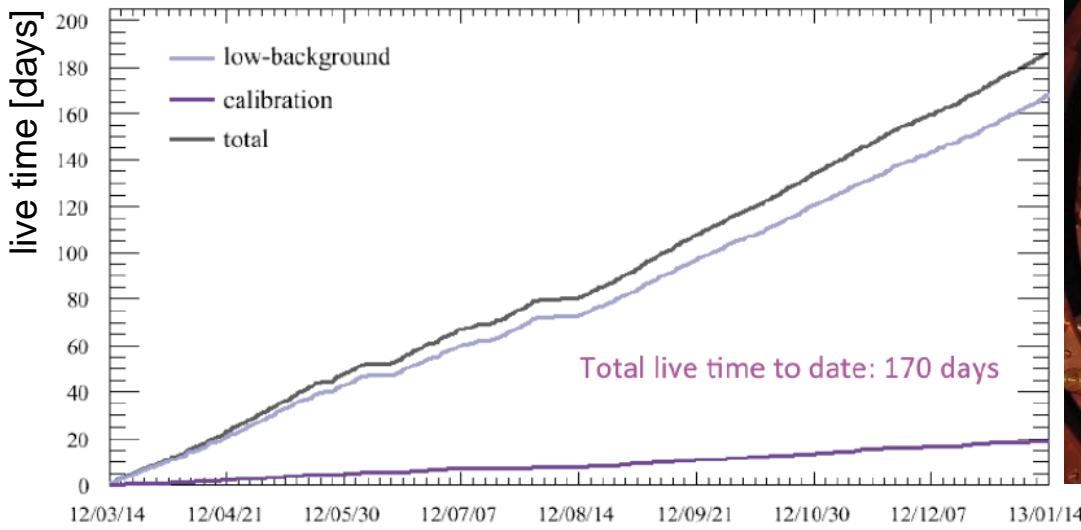


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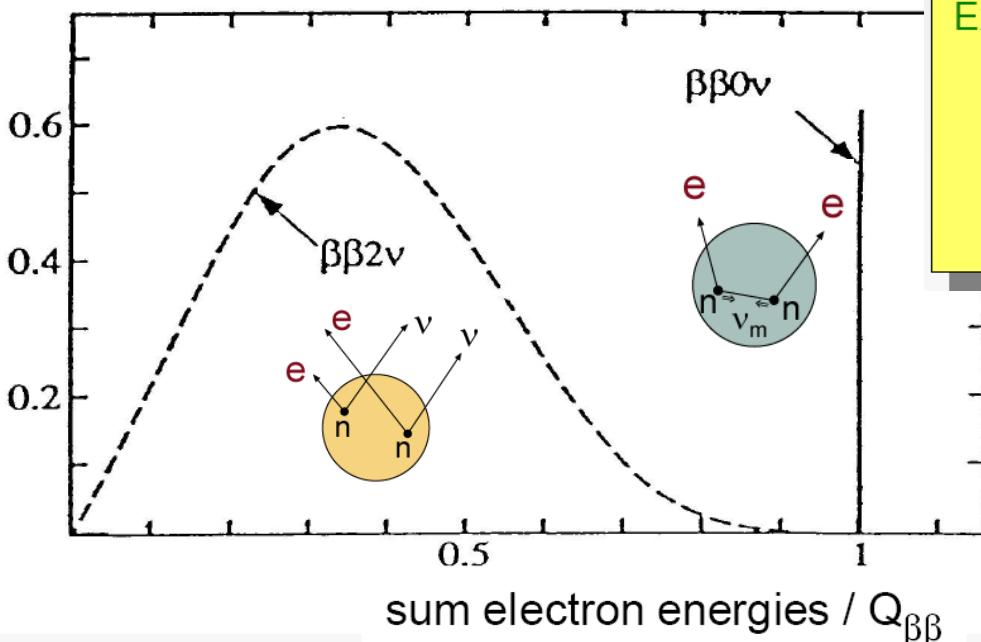
# SuperCDMS: 2 experiments with substantial detector improvements

- SuperCDMS-**Soudan**,  
operating 10 kg Ge array  
(5x 3det's à 600g; 1kg-det's)
  - SuperCDMS-**SNOLAB**,  
proposed 200 kg Ge array



# Search for $0\nu\beta\beta$ with HPGe detectors

→ generalities



**Experimental sensitivity**

$$T_{1/2}(90\% CL) > \begin{cases} \frac{\ln 2}{2.3} \frac{N_A}{A} a \cdot \epsilon \cdot Mt & \text{for } N^{bkg} = 0 \\ \frac{\ln 2}{1.64} \frac{N_A}{A} a \cdot \epsilon \sqrt{\frac{Mt}{B \cdot \Delta E}} & \text{for large } N^{bkg} \end{cases}$$

**$\beta\beta 0\nu$ :**

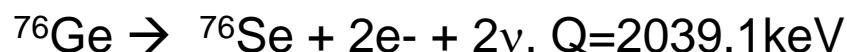
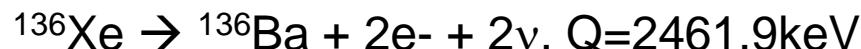
- electronic
- pointlike
- 2-3 MeV

**WIMP DM:**

- nuclear recoil
- pointlike, bulk
- ~few keV

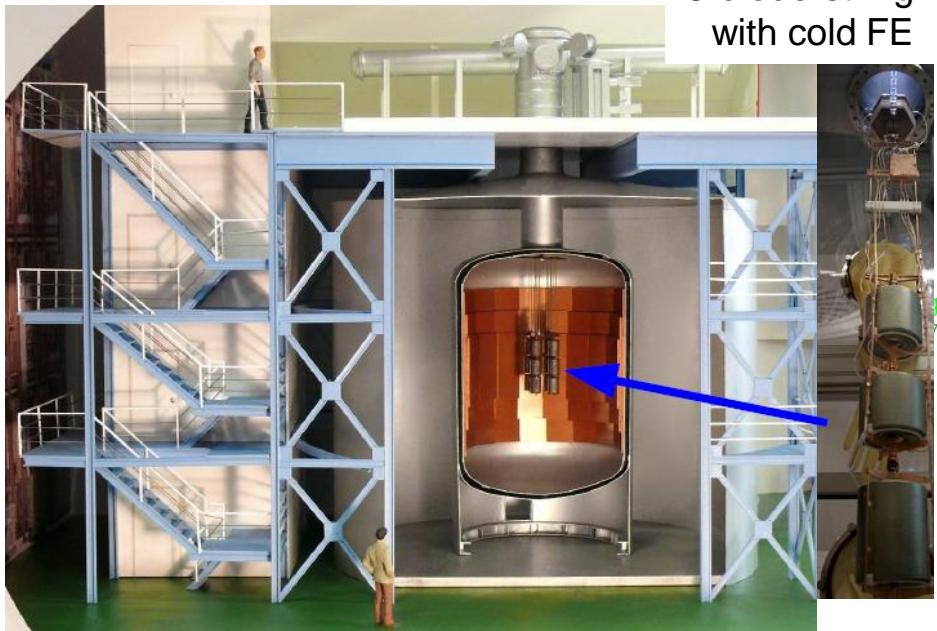
**requirements:**

- low background ( $\rightarrow \sim \text{cts}/\text{ROI}/\text{t}/\text{y}$ )
- single-site electronic
- good energy resolution  
(~4keV@2039keV)

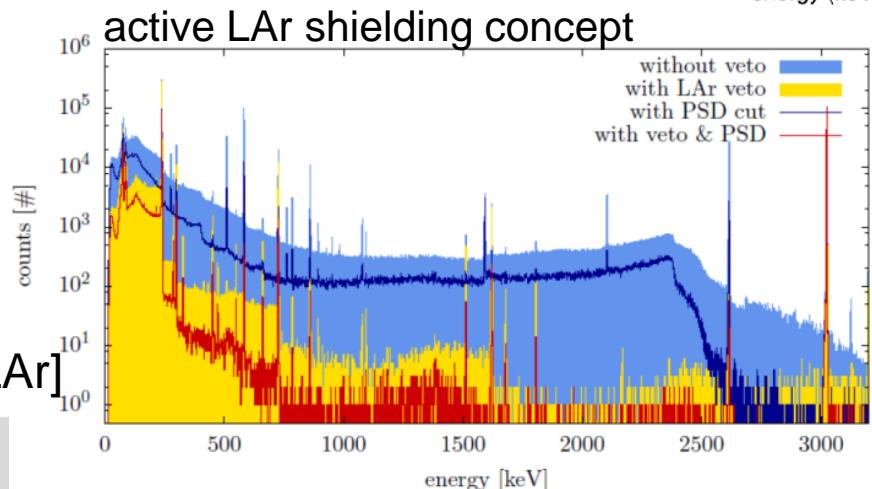
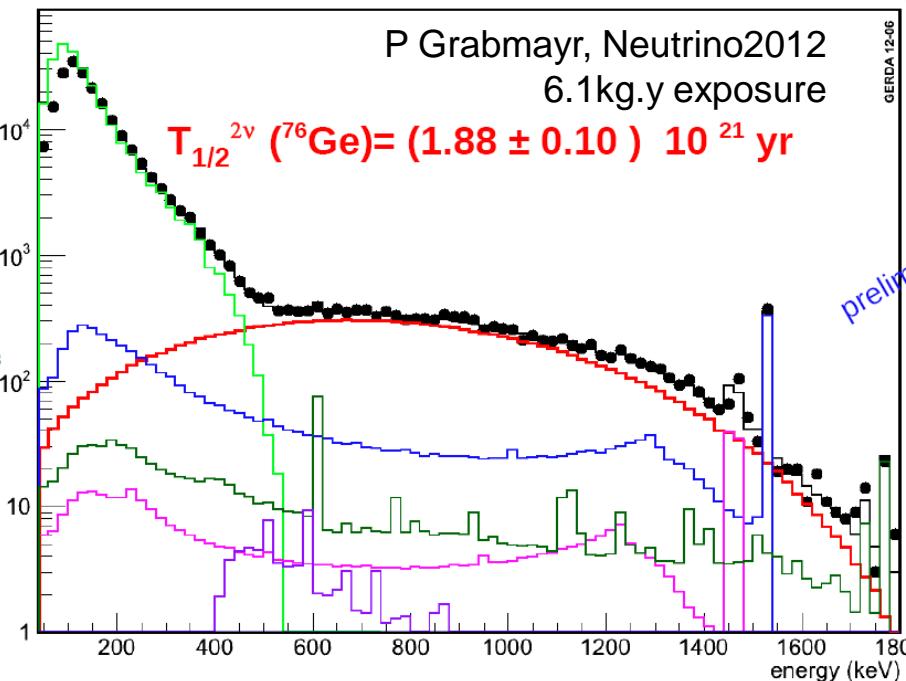


# Search for $0\nu\beta\beta$ with HPGe detectors

→ GERDA



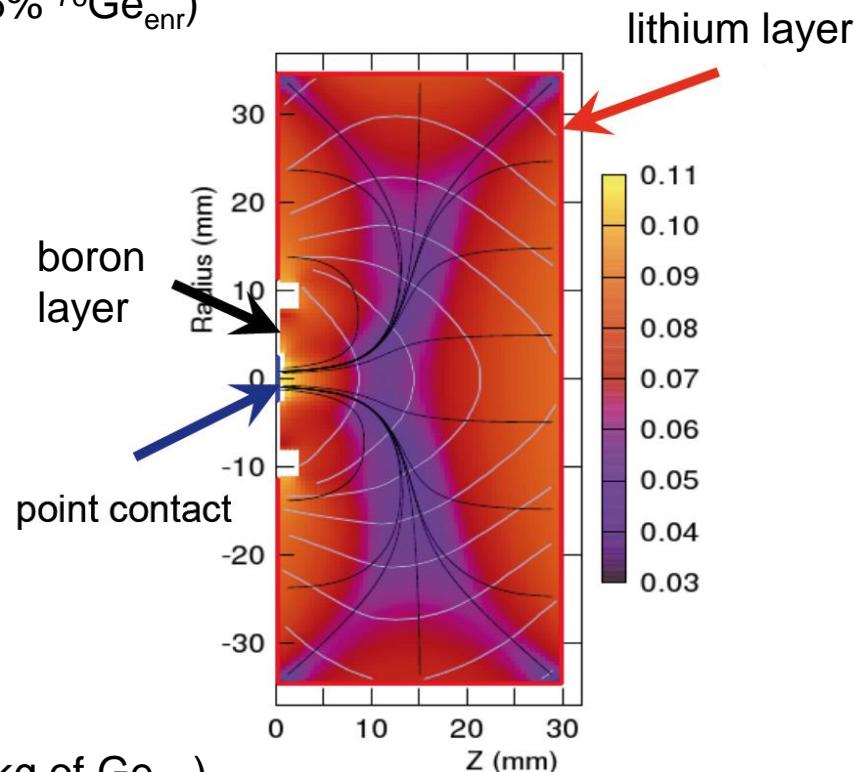
6  $^{76}\text{Ge}_{\text{enr}}$  + 3  $\text{Ge}_{\text{nat}}$  (14.6kg+6.6kg BEGe)  
running since Oct 2011 (phase 1)  
 $Q_{\beta\beta} \pm 20\text{keV blinded}$  (4.5keV@2039keV)  
BI( $Q_{\beta\beta} \pm 100\text{keV}$ )  
=  $0.020 + 0.006 - 0.004 \text{ cnts}/(\text{keV kg y})$   
phase 1 → 2 transition (addtl.3.5kg  $^{76}\text{Ge}_{\text{enr}}$ )  
→ BI =  $0.001 \text{ cnts}/(\text{keV kg y})$  [new BEGe+LAr]



# Search for $0\nu\beta\beta$ with HPGe detectors

## → MAJORANA

MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR located at Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF)  
~1.5 km (4200 m.w.e); PPC HPGe (86%  $^{76}\text{Ge}_{\text{enr}}$ )



40 kg of Ge detectors

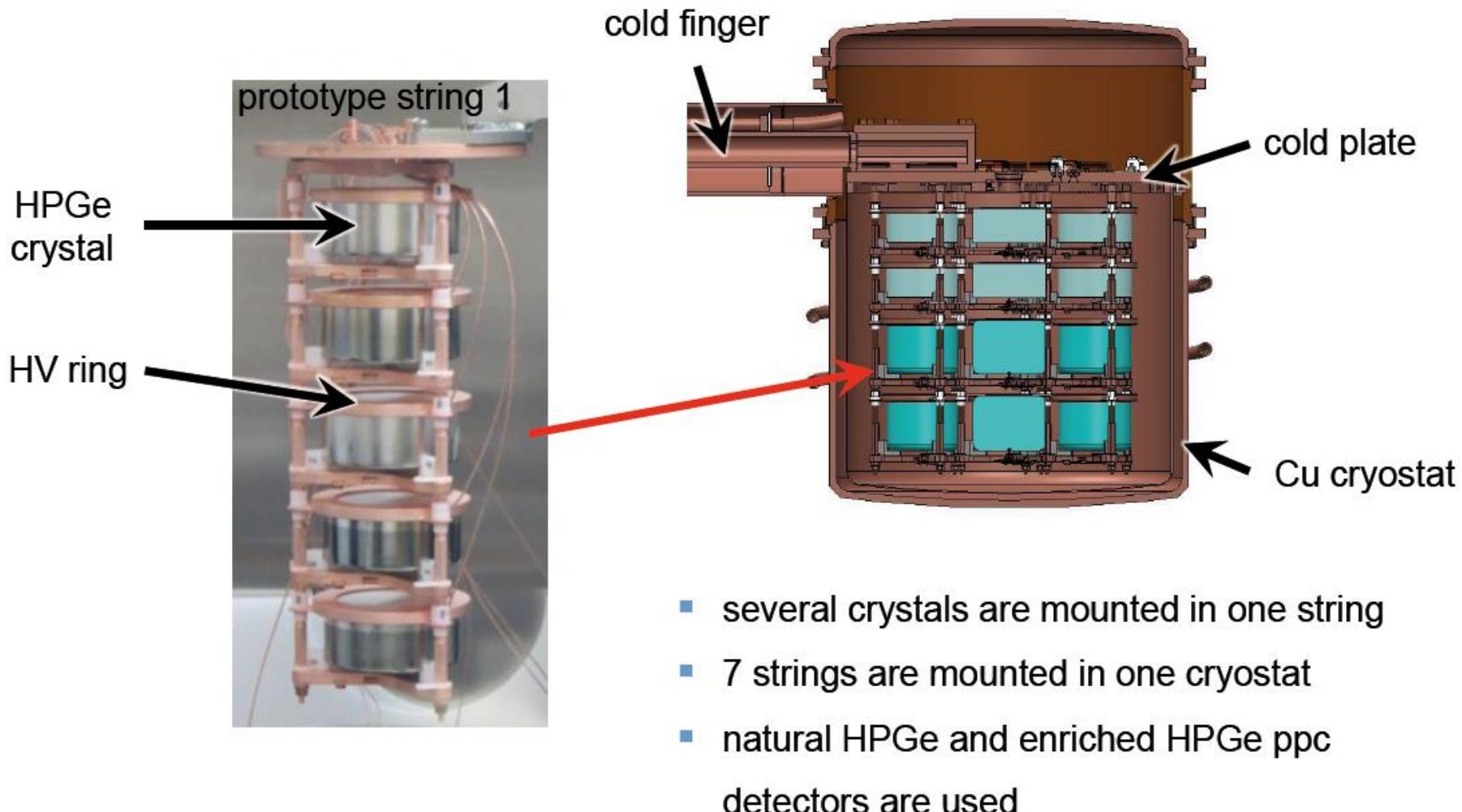
(30 kg of 86%  $^{76}\text{Ge}_{\text{enr}}$  crystals and 10 kg of  $\text{Ge}_{\text{nat}}$ )

2 independent ultra-clean cryostats made of electroformed Cu

low-background passive Cu and Pb shield with active muon veto

# Search for $0\nu\beta\beta$ with HPGe detectors

→ MAJORANA



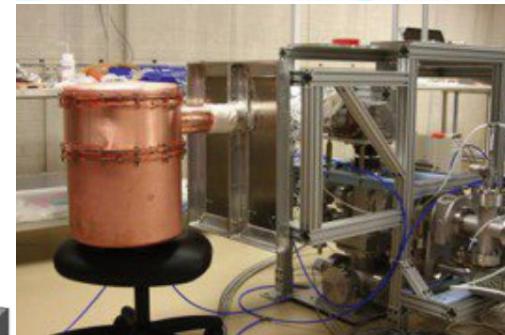
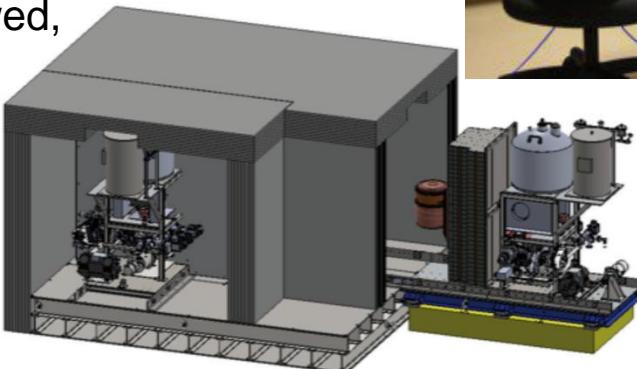
# Search for $0\nu\beta\beta$ with HPGe detectors → MAJORANA

MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR status as of 03/2013:

- installing experimental hardware at underground lab at SURF
- operating 16 Cu electroforming baths  
(10 @ SURF, 6 at shallow underground site @ PNNL)
- multiple det's working in string with full set of low bgd components
- reduction and refinement processing facility built and operational
- processing of 42 kg of  $^{76}\text{Ge}_{\text{enr}}$  complete
- production of enriched detectors at ORTEC ongoing
- first batch of 5  $^{76}\text{Ge}_{\text{enr}}$  detectors shipped underground
- characterization of enriched detectors underground
- >50% of the electroformed Cu produced,  
including all of the major parts for cryostat 1
- prototype cryostat fabricated and assembled
- prototype vacuum system designed, reviewed,  
assembled, and being operated

## 2013 planning:

Cryostat 1 with 3 strings  $^{76}\text{Ge}_{\text{enr}}$ ,  
4 strings  $\text{Ge}_{\text{nat}}$



F. Fränkle,  
DPG Dresden,  
2013

# Gamma-ray spectrometry with HPGe detectors

## → generalities

Best limits U, Th  $\approx 10 \mu\text{Bq/kg}$  for reasonable time of measurement ( $\sim 1$  month)

$$\text{Detection Limit} \approx \frac{\sqrt{\text{Backg. R}}}{\varepsilon \cdot I \cdot M \cdot \sqrt{t}}$$

R = resolution

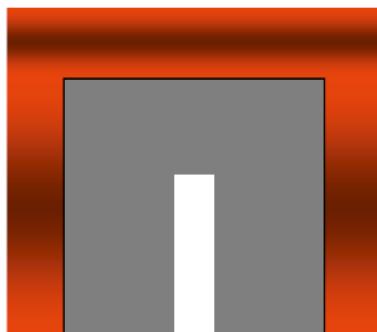
$\varepsilon$  = efficiency

I = intensity of the line

M = sample mass

t = time of measurement

COAXIAL



high mass

WELL



high efficiency

SEMIPLANAR



high resolution  
at low energies

The choice depends on what we want to measure

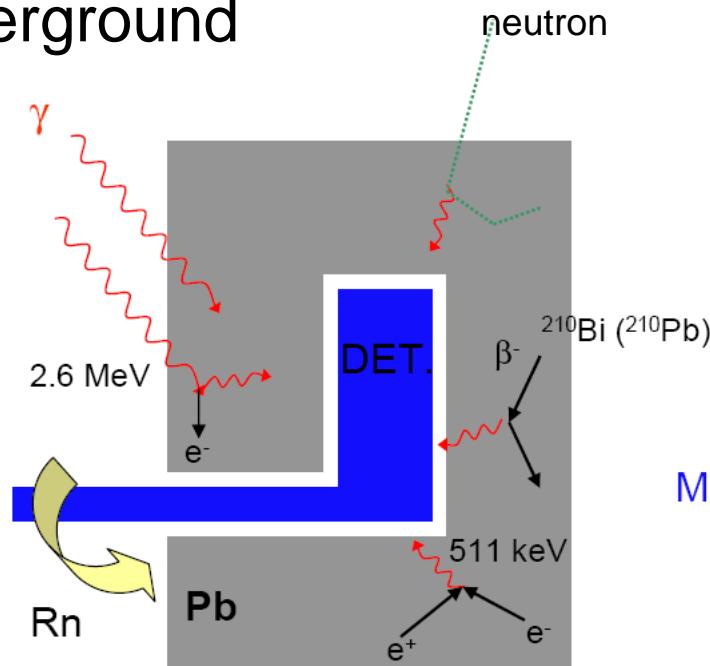
For all types: To improve sensitivity → BACKGROUND REDUCTION

Pia Loaiza, ILIAS meeting, Jaca, Feb 2008

# Gamma-ray spectrometry with HPGe detectors

## → generalities

### Background components in Ge spectrometry deep underground



- External gamma radiation (up to 2.6 MeV  $^{208}\text{TI}$ )
- neutrons from fission and ( $\alpha, n$ ) reactions
- Rn and its progenies
- Radioimpurities in cryostat

MOST IMPORTANT : MATERIAL SELECTION

Done in iterative steps

**ILIAS\*** database on radiopurity of materials built using MySQL system combined with php scripts which allow to communicate from web page to the database

<http://radiopurity.in2p3.fr/>

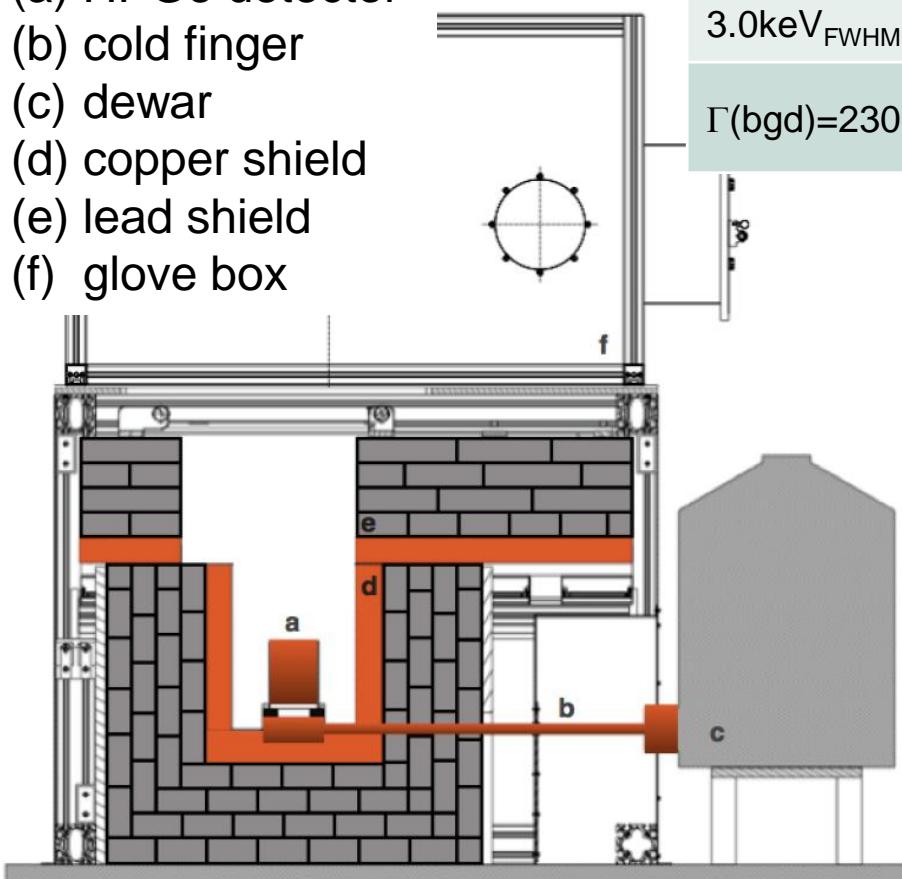
<http://radiopurity.org> (AARM and others)

\*FP6 European project for the development of the underground science

# Gamma-ray spectrometry with HPGe detectors

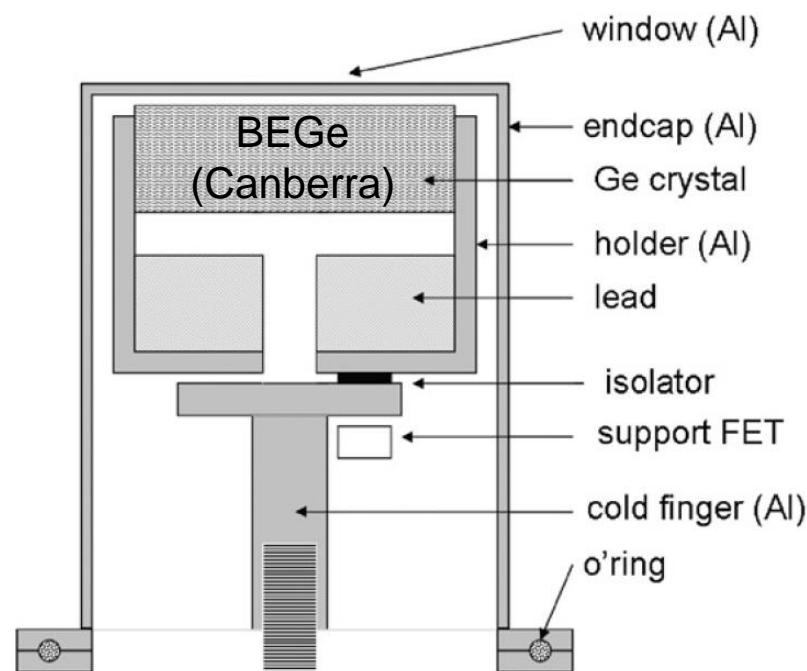
→ GATOR/Ge@LSM

- (a) HPGe detector
- (b) cold finger
- (c) dewar
- (d) copper shield
- (e) lead shield
- (f) glove box



L. Baudis et al., JINST 6 P08010, 2011 (GATOR@LNGS)

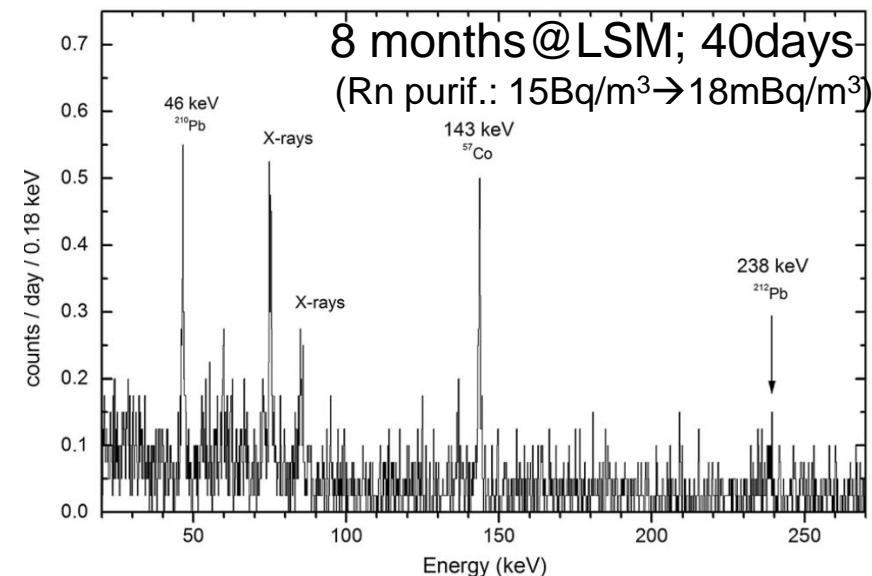
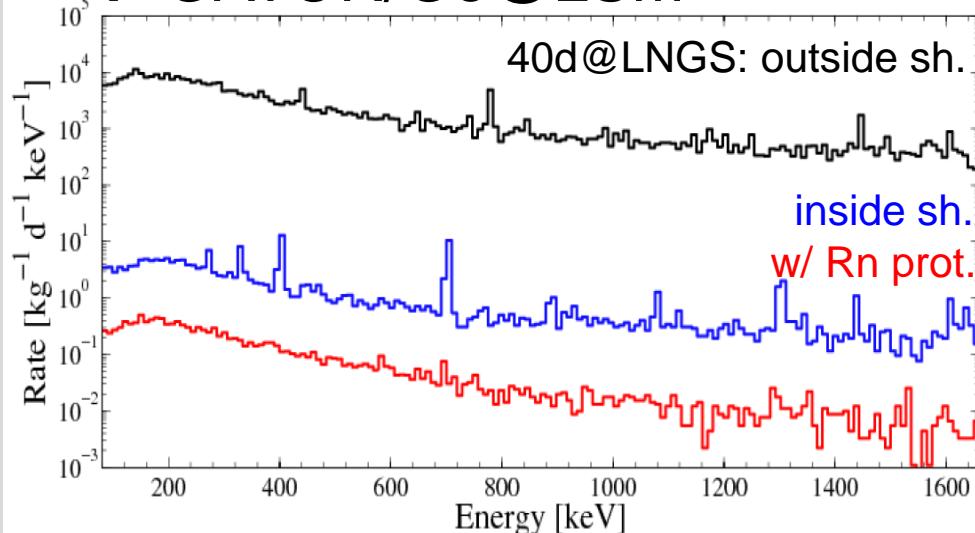
	p-type coaxial HPGe	planar BEGe
(a) HPGe detector	$m=2.2\text{kg}$	$d=80\text{mm}, h=30\text{mm} (m=800\text{g})$
(b) cold finger	$3.0\text{keV}_{\text{FWHM}} @ 1332 \text{ keV}$	$700\text{eV}_{\text{FWHM}} @ 122\text{keV}$
(c) dewar	$\Gamma(\text{bgd})=230 \text{ cts/d [100-2700]keV}$	$\Gamma(\text{bgd})=140 \text{ cts/d [20-1500]keV}$



P. Loaiza et al., NIM A634 (2011) 64 (Ge@LSM)

# Gamma-ray spectrometry with HPGe detectors

→ GATOR/Ge@LSM

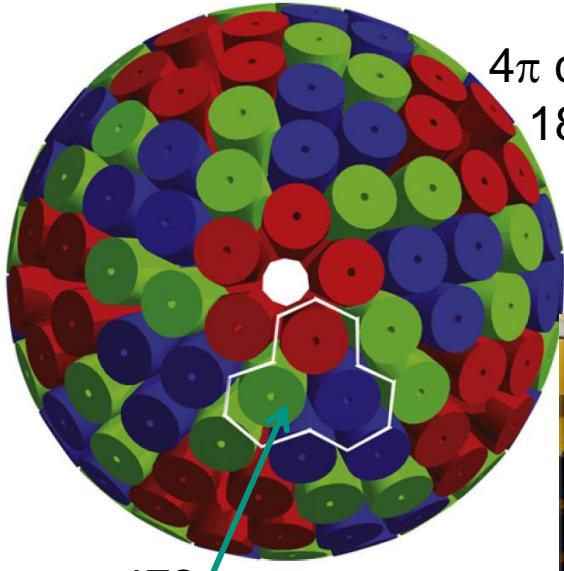


nuclide (line keV)	GATOR	Ge@LSM	GeMPI	intrinsic bgd in cts/day
<sup>238</sup> U/ <sup>214</sup> Bi (609)	0.6±0.2	<0.30	0.50±0.45	
<sup>210</sup> Pb (46)	NA	1.76±0.25	NA	
<sup>137</sup> Cs (662)	0.3±0.1	<0.26	NA	
<sup>40</sup> Ka (1461)	0.5±0.1	<0.36	0.6±0.4	
<sup>232</sup> Th/ <sup>212</sup> Pb (238)	<0.5	0.28±0.18	NA	

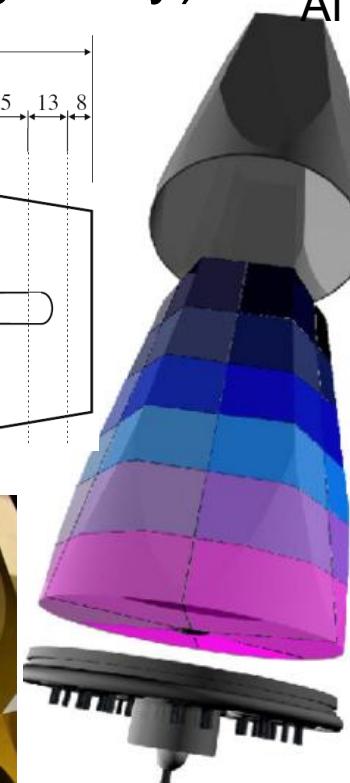
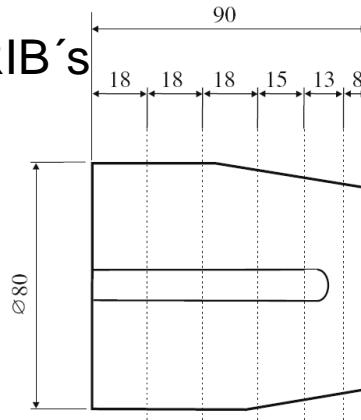
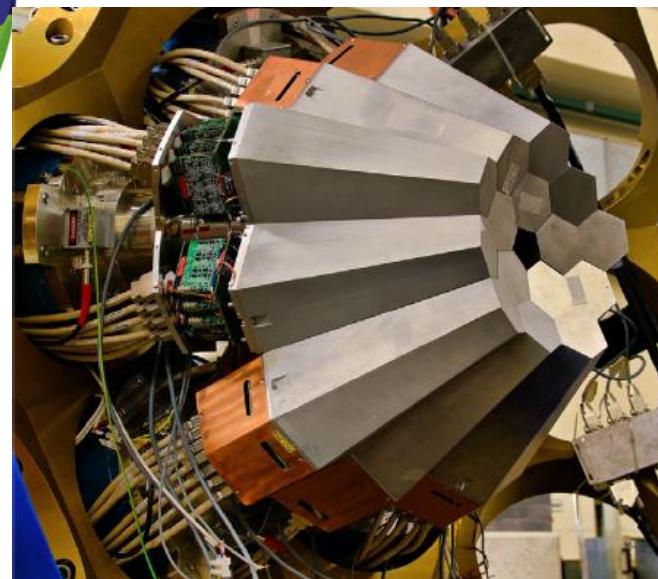
# Gamma-ray spectrometry with HPGe detectors

## → AGATA (Advanced GAmma Tracking Array)

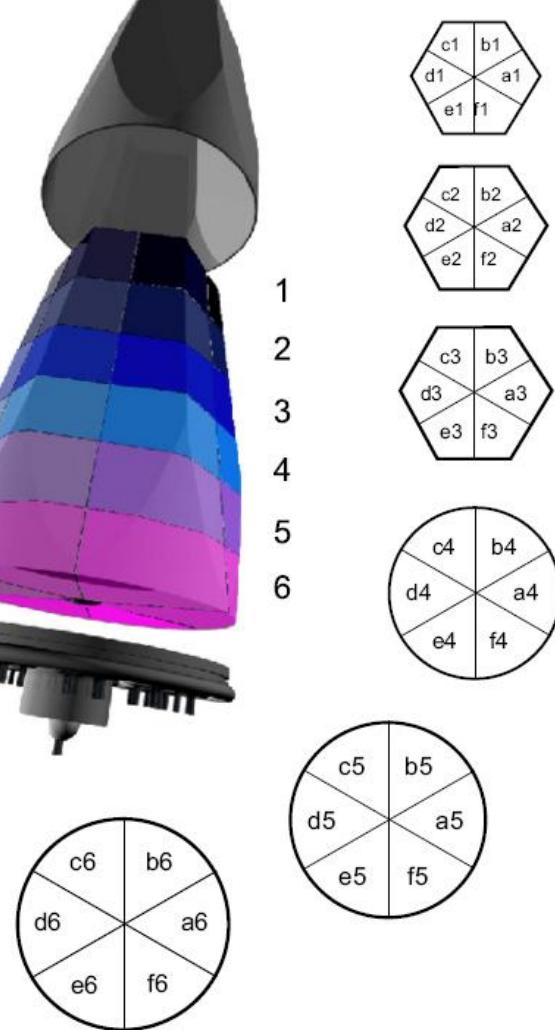
γ spectroscopy (100keV-20MeV-range) at RIB's  
(FAIR, HIE-Isolde, SPIRAL2, SPES)



ATC  
 $60 \times 3 \times (6 \times 6 + 1 \text{core})$   
= 6660 channels



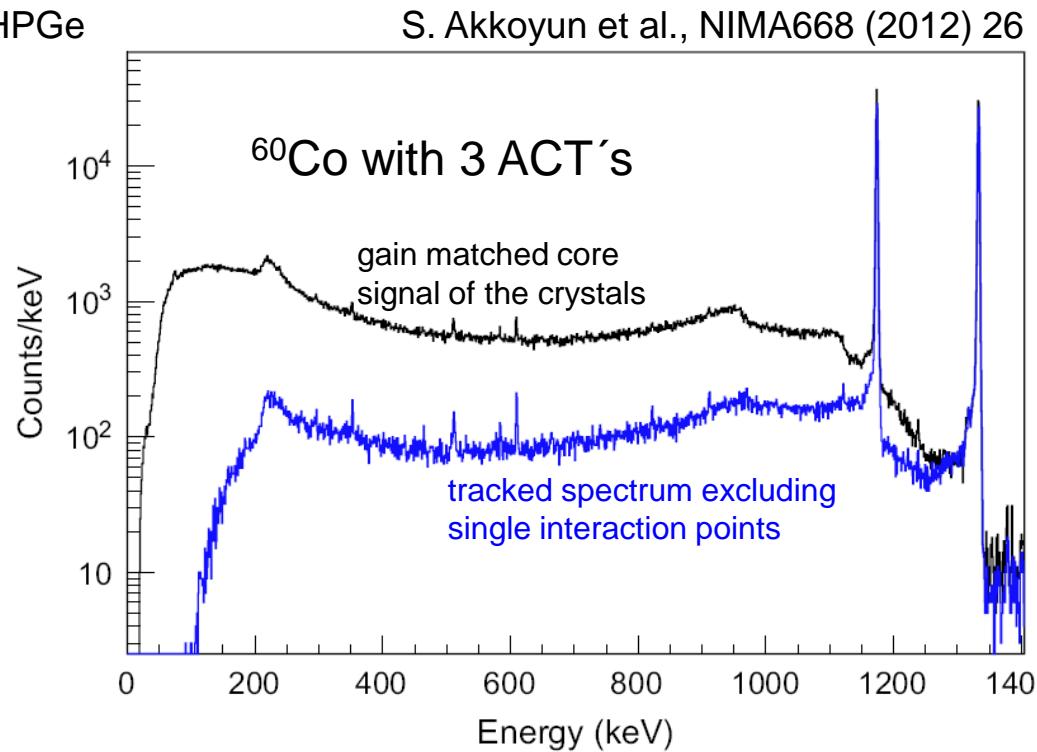
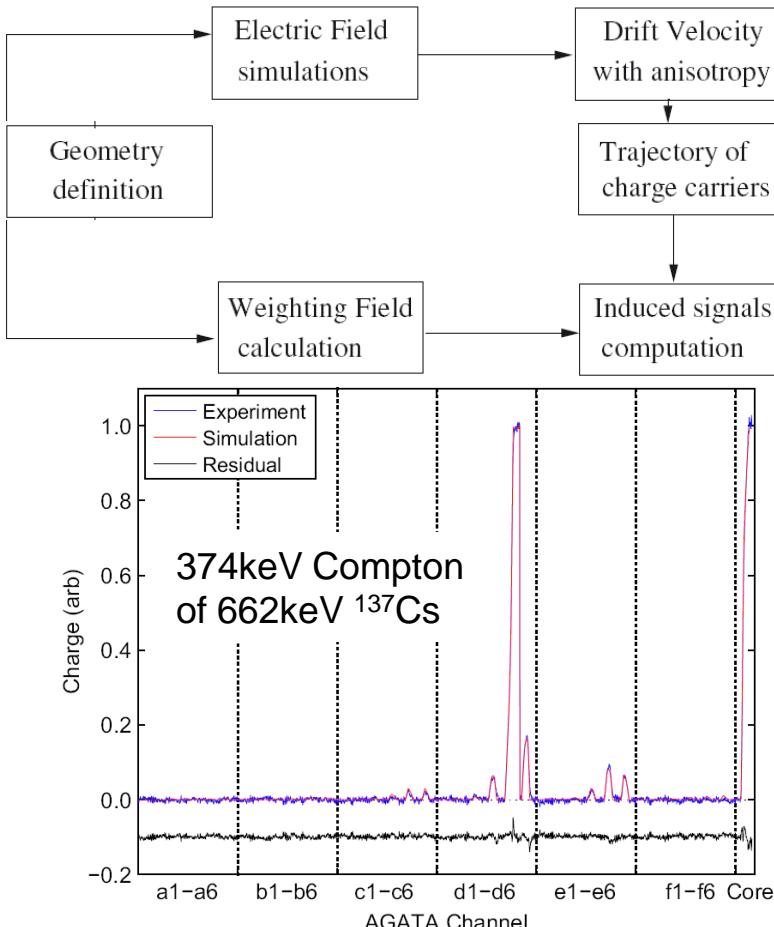
Al canister



# Gamma-ray spectrometry with HPGe detectors

→ AGATA

Multi Geometry Simulation of e/h drift in n-type HPGe  
(no space charge; +1V sens.electr.)



$$\begin{aligned} \text{P/T(raw)} &= 16.8\% \text{ (no low cutoff)} \\ \text{P/T(tracked)} &= 53.9\% \text{ (no low cutoff)} \\ &= 54.6\% \text{ (>200keV)} \\ \varepsilon(\text{tracked/raw}) &= 84.5\% \end{aligned}$$

# HPGe detectors in fundamental research

## → outlook

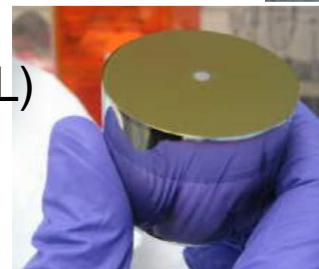
### ➤ ionisation&heat HPGe bolometers in direct DM search

15kg Super-CDMS@SUL & 30kg EDW running  
→ SuperCDMS@SNOLAB/EURECA → 150kg...1000kg



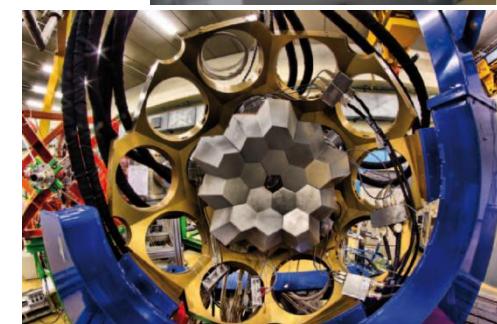
### ➤ ppc Ge detectors in direct DM search

CoGeNT running → C-4 (10x CoGeNT@SUL)  
TEXONO running → CDEX 10kg...1000kg



### ➤ BEGe/ppc Ge in $0\nu\beta\beta$ search

GERDA ph1 (15kg  $^{76}\text{Ge}_{\text{enr}}$ ) running  
→ ph2 ( $>20\text{kg }^{76}\text{Ge}_{\text{enr}}$ ) with  $\text{BI} = 0.001 \text{ cnts}/(\text{keV kg y})$   
MAJORANA demonstrator  $\sim 5\text{kg }^{76}\text{Ge}_{\text{enr}}$  in 2013 → 40kg



### ➤ coaxial/segmented/planar Ge in spectroscopy

GeMPI/GATOR/Ge@LSM:  
ultra-low-bg spectroscopy for material selection  
AGATA:  $4\pi$  spectrometer with excellent eff. (82%)  
(tracking/shaping/simulation)

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