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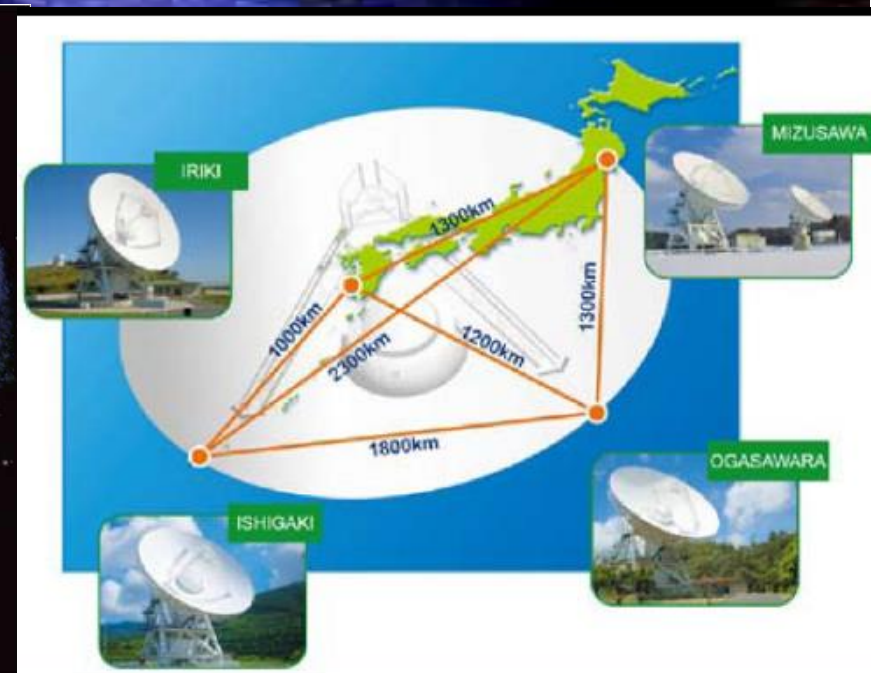
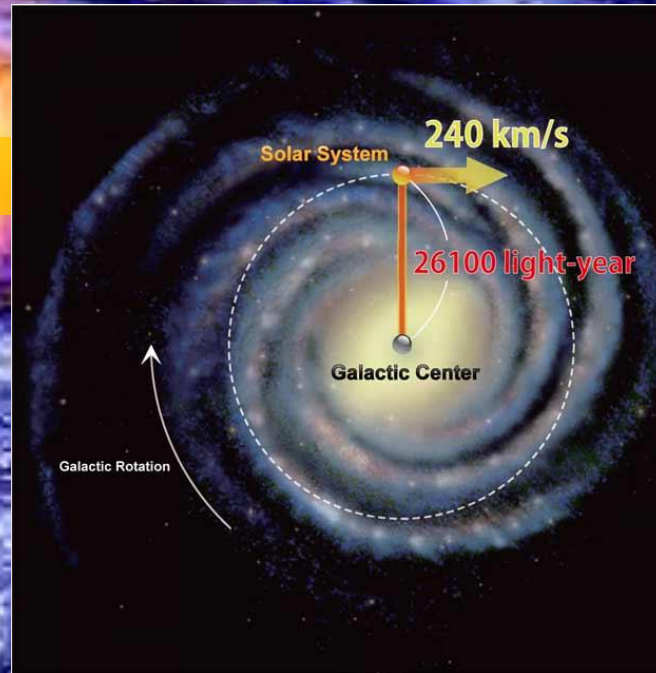
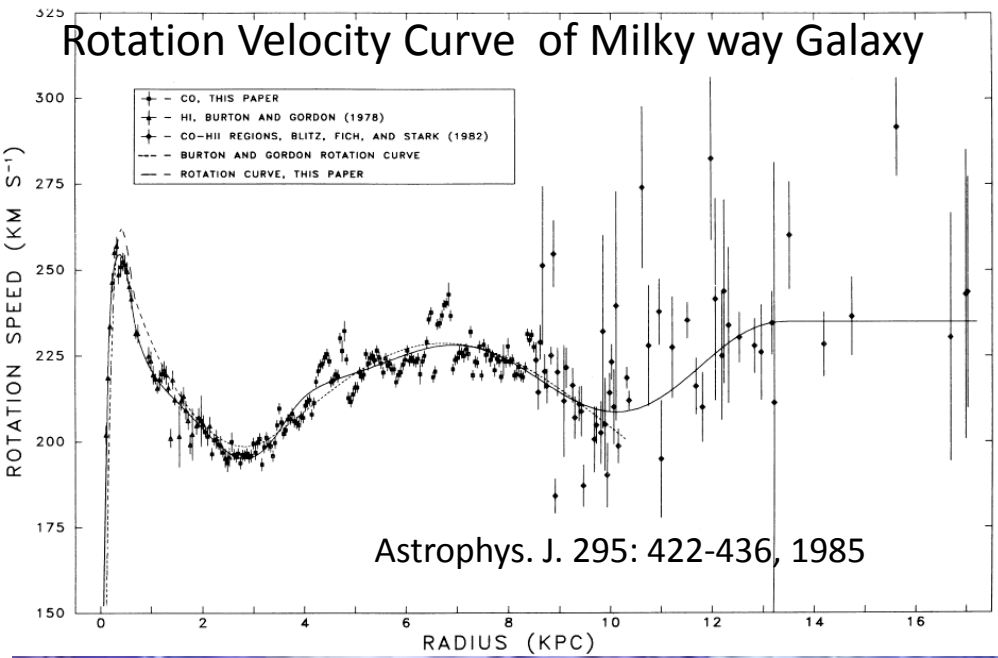
# NEWSdm

## Direction Sensitive Dark Matter Search with Super-high Resolution Nuclear Emulsion

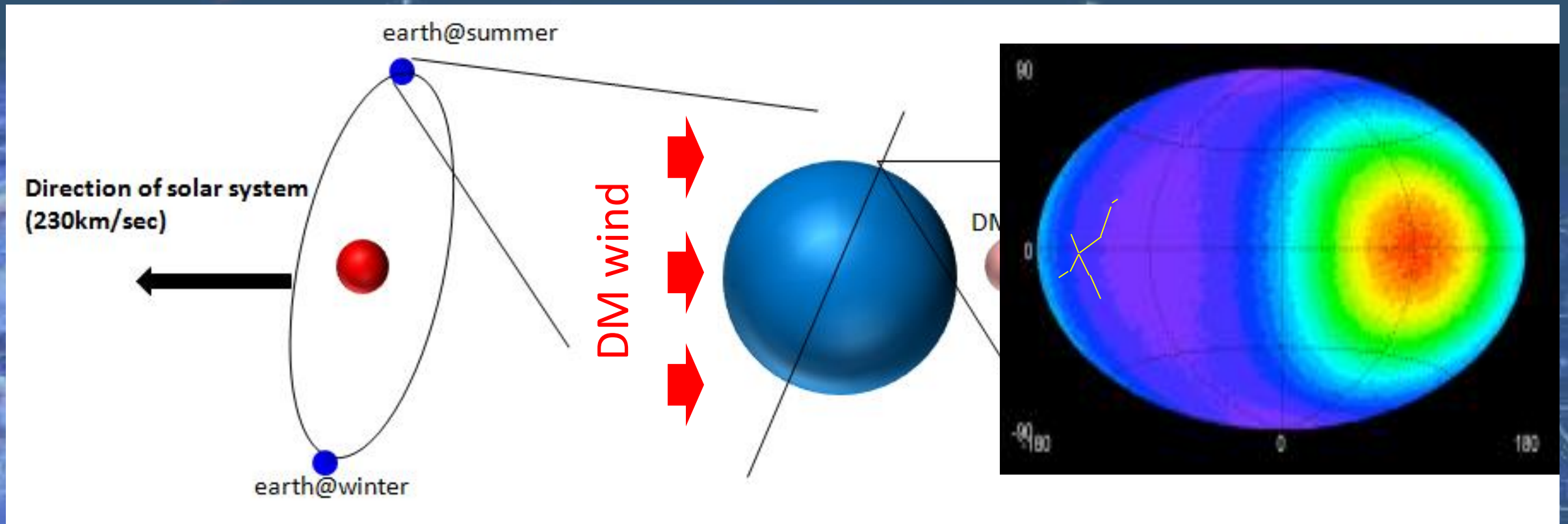
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On behalf of NEWSdm collaboration



- Rotation velocity curve : 240 +/- 14 km/sec
- Expected local dark matter density : 0.4 GeV/cm<sup>3</sup>  
( 270000 times dense than the average of overall dark matter density in the universe)
- Dark matter flux on the earth : 1000000 /cm<sup>2</sup>/sec for 100 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> dark matter mass

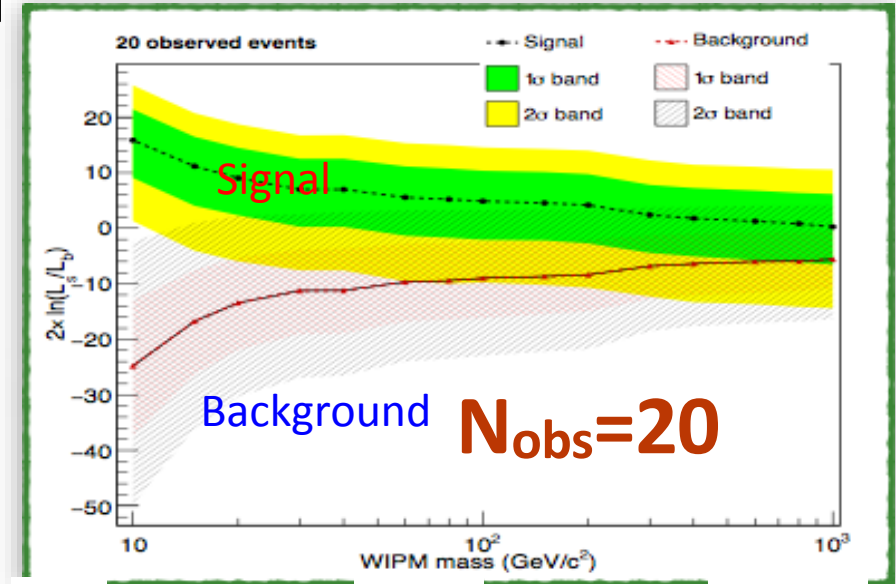
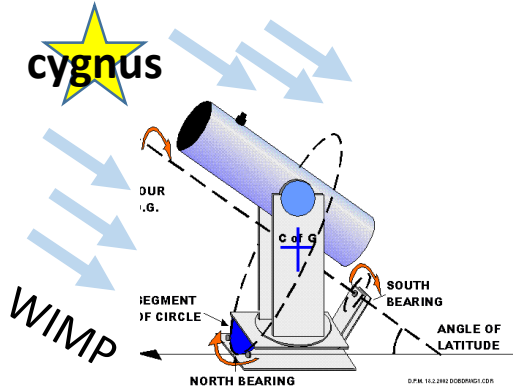
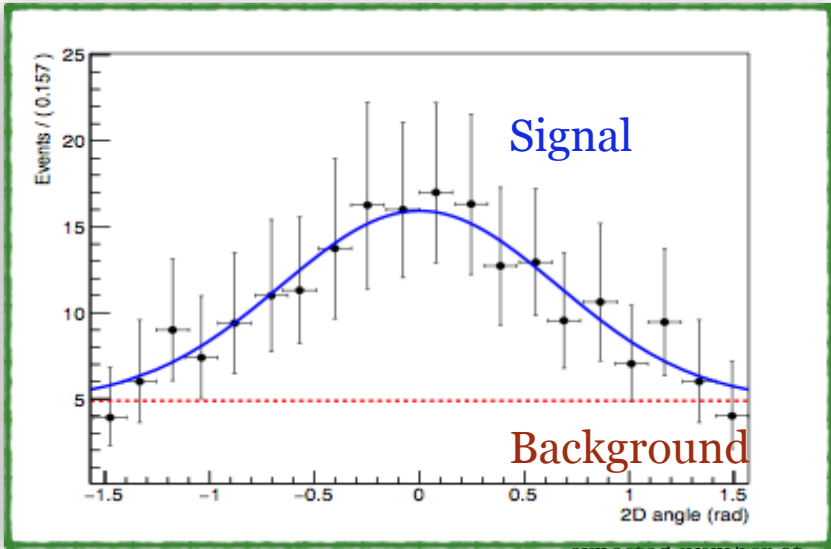


Direction Information → new information for new generation dark matter search experiment

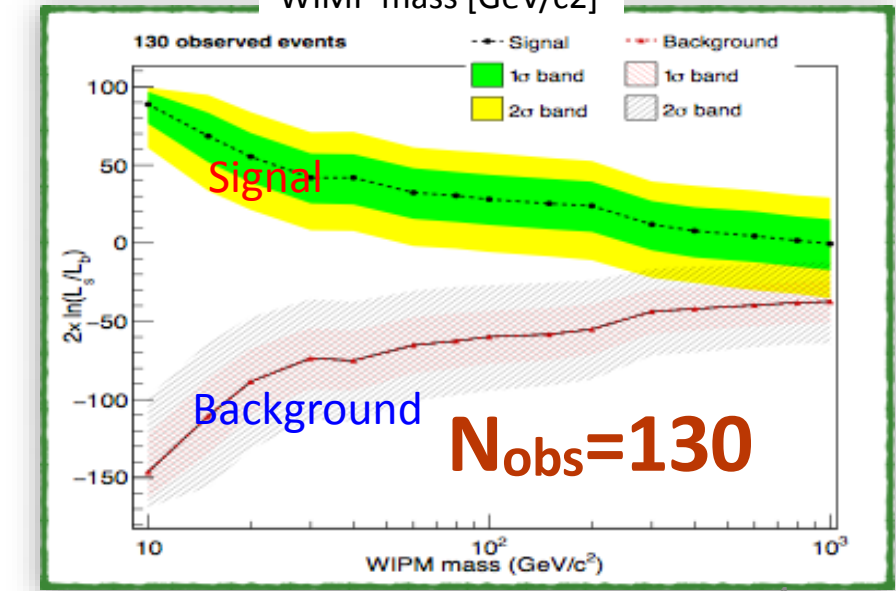
- Beyond neutrino floor
- Dark Matte Astronomy

# Potential of Directional Sensitive Search

arXiv:1705.00613 [astro-ph.CO]



10 100 1000  
WIMP mass [GeV/c<sup>2</sup>]



WIMP mass [GeV/c<sup>2</sup>]

expected number of WIMP events  
expected number of background events

signal pdf  
background pdf

$$\mathcal{L}(\sigma_{\chi-n}, R_b) = \frac{e^{-(\mu_{\chi} + \mu_b)}}{N!} \times \prod_{i=1}^N [\mu_{\chi} f_{\chi}(\vec{q}_i; t_i) + \mu_b f_b(\vec{q}_i)]$$

total number of observed events

set of observables

**Direction information : Several 10 events**

**Gain of 100 times**

**Annual modulation : Several 1000 events**

# Challenge for Direction Sensitive Dark Matter technologies

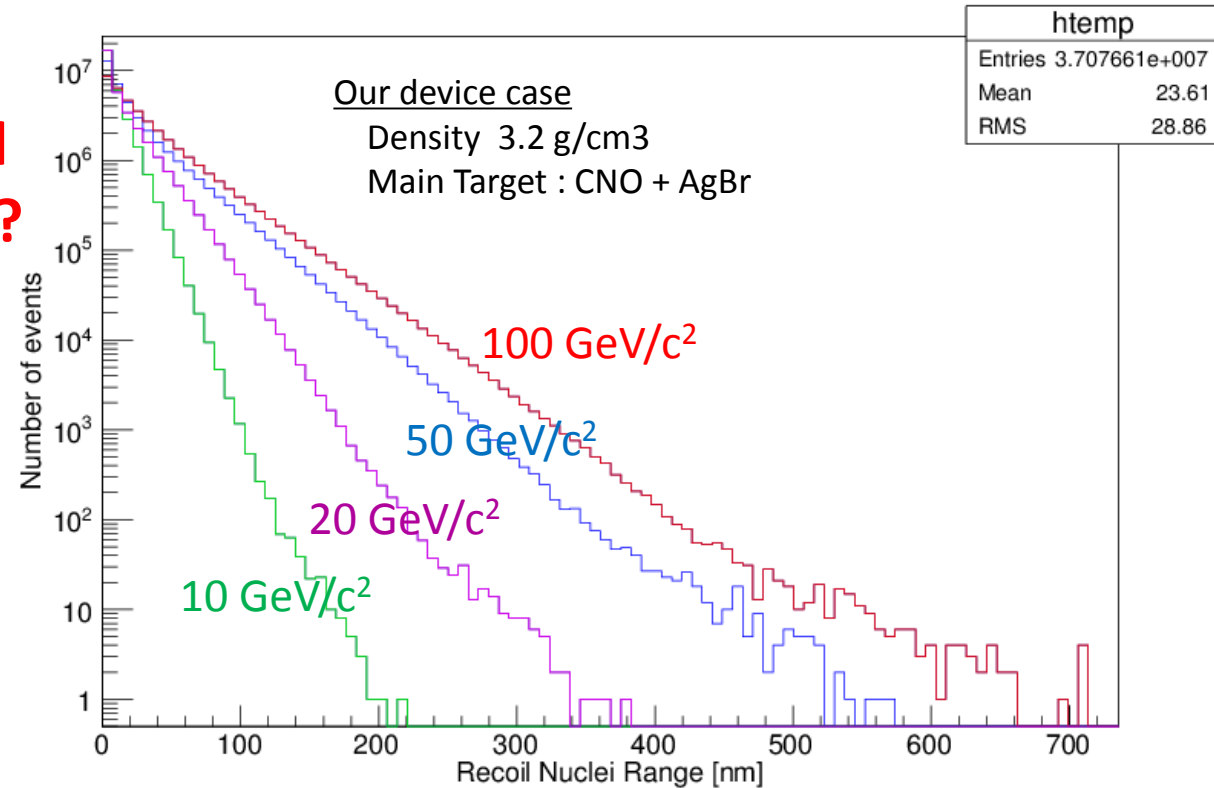
**Can the solid (or liquid) detector have directional sensitivity to nuclear recoil signal due to WIMPs ?**

- Track length of recoiled nuclei  $< \sim 1 \mu\text{m}$
- Angular dispersion due to straggling  $\sim 25\text{deg.}$

As dark matter detector ■ ■

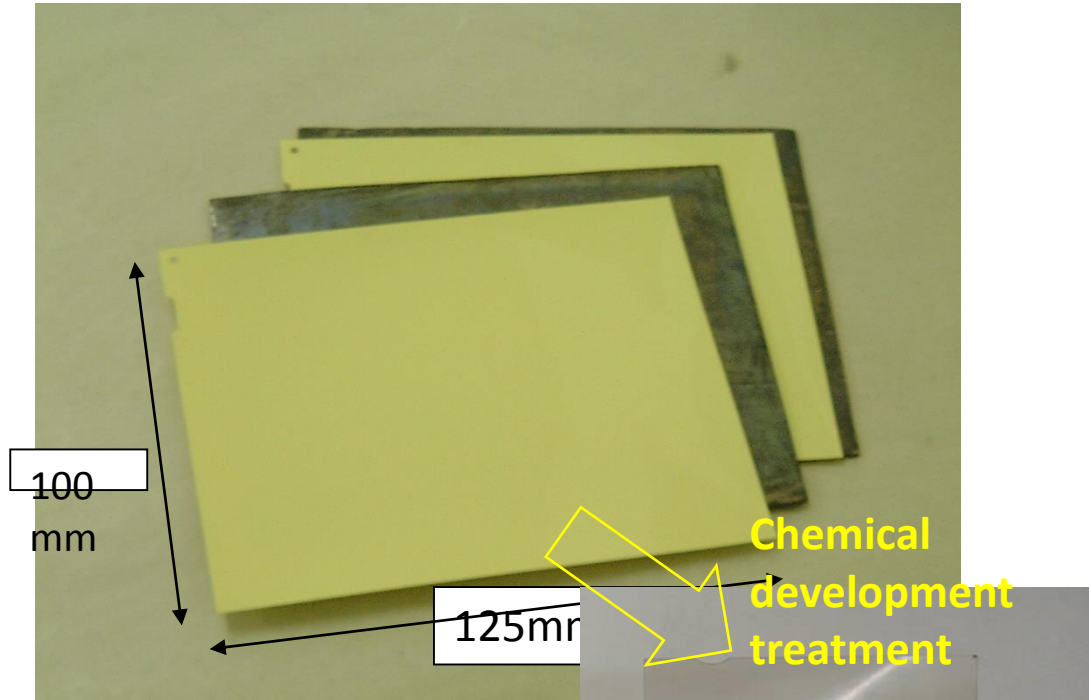
- ✓ low-background
- ✓ scalability

**New technical challenge !!**

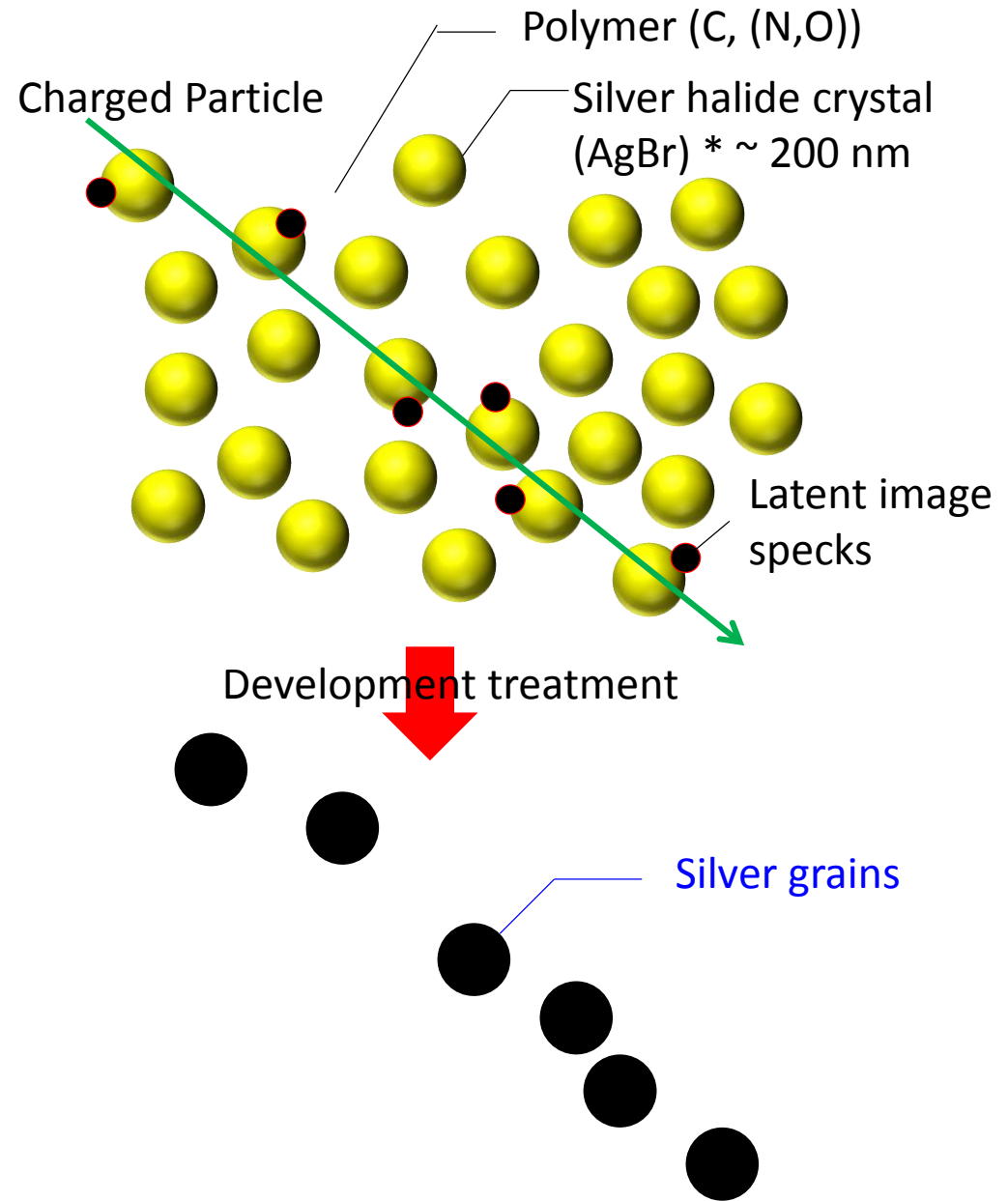


Low mass ( $\sim 10 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ) search : light target +  $< 200 \text{ nm}$  length  
High mass ( $> 100 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ) search : heavy target +  $< \sim 700 \text{ nm}$

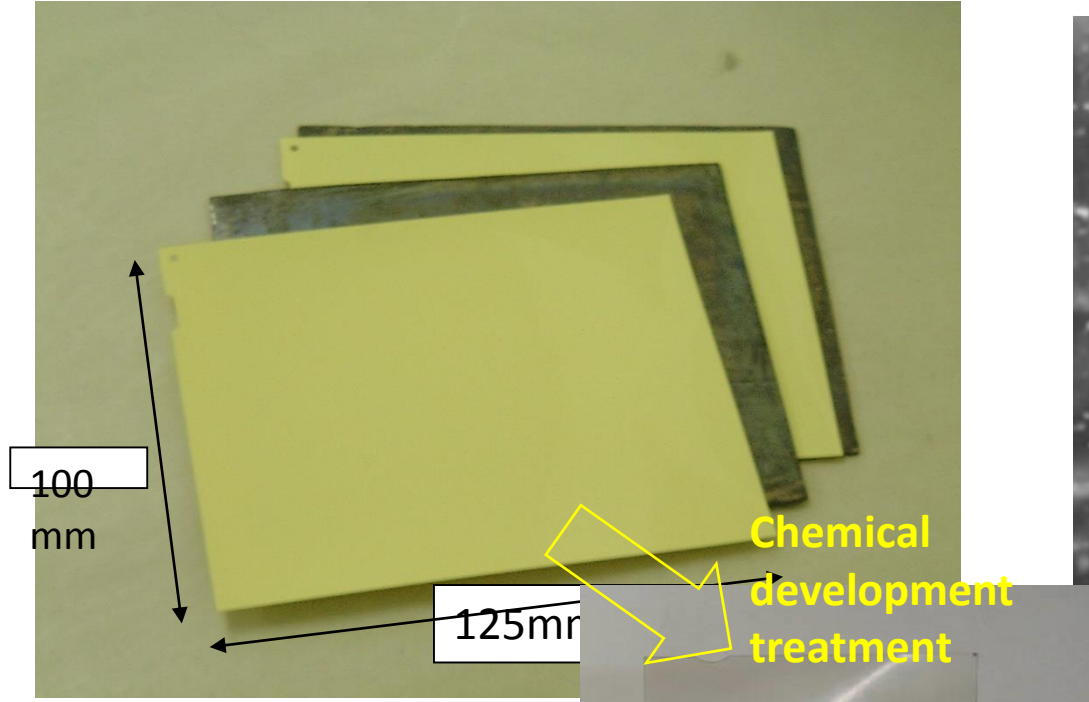
# Nuclear Emulsion



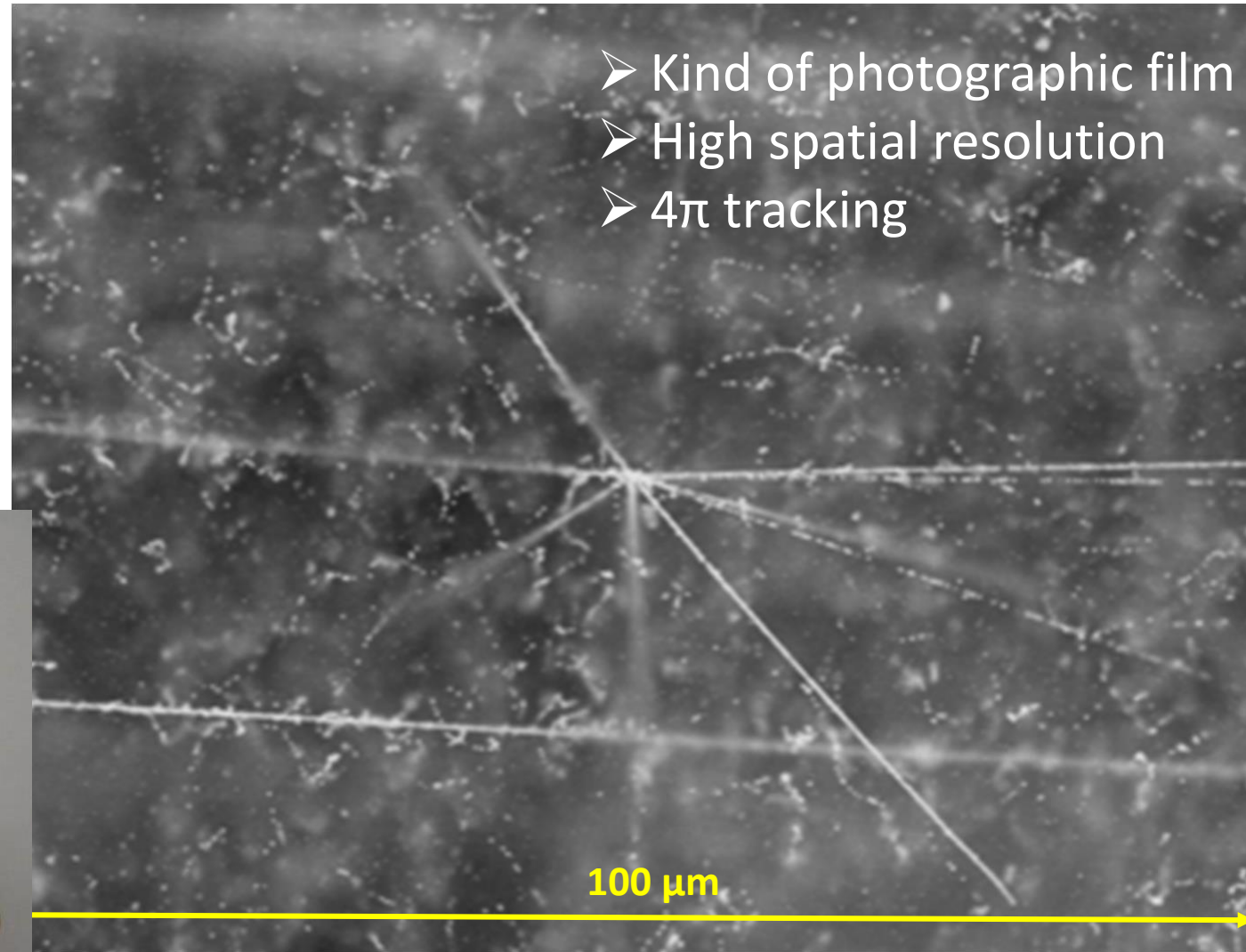
Solid tracking detector :  
Density  $\sim 3 \text{ g/cm}^3$



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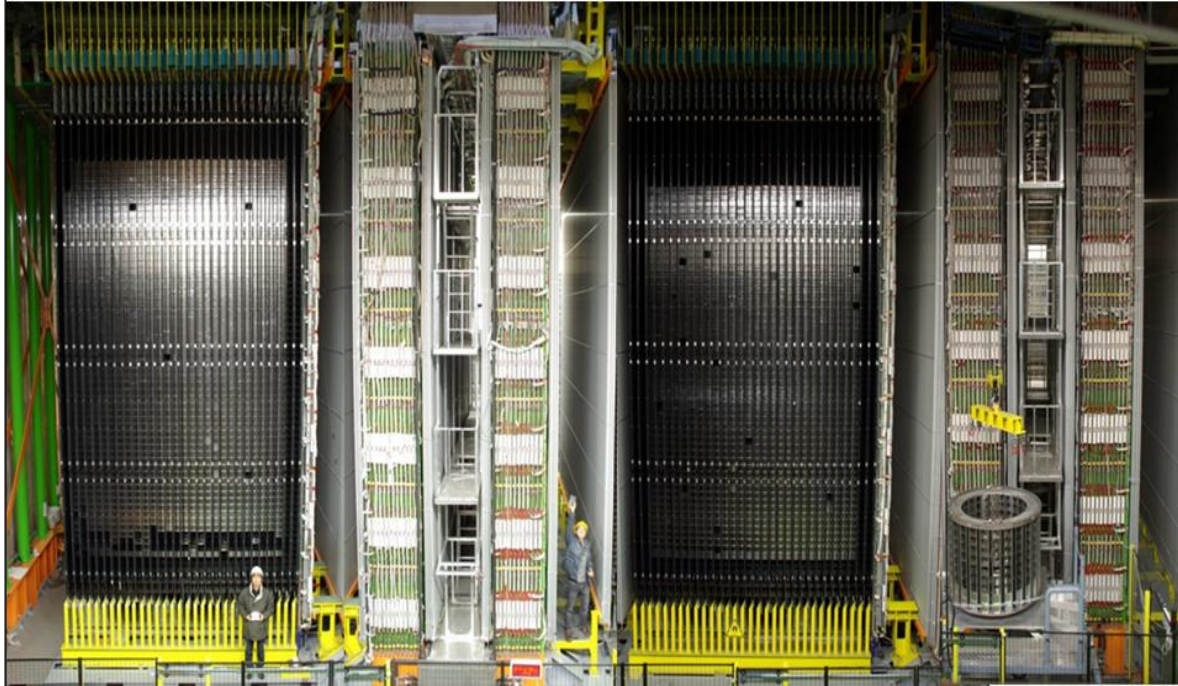


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# Latest the nuclear emulsion experiment and readout

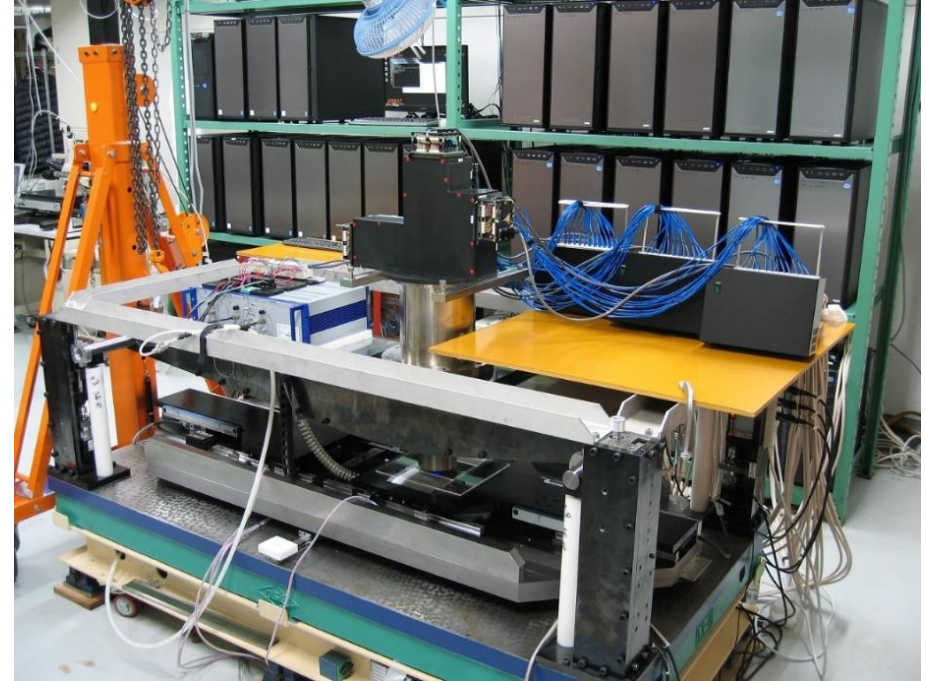
## OPERA detector



20 m

Observed neutrino oscillation with  
30 ton emulsion detector x 5 years (150 ton·year)  
(Emulsions are 20 % volume in this picture)

## Current highest speed readout system

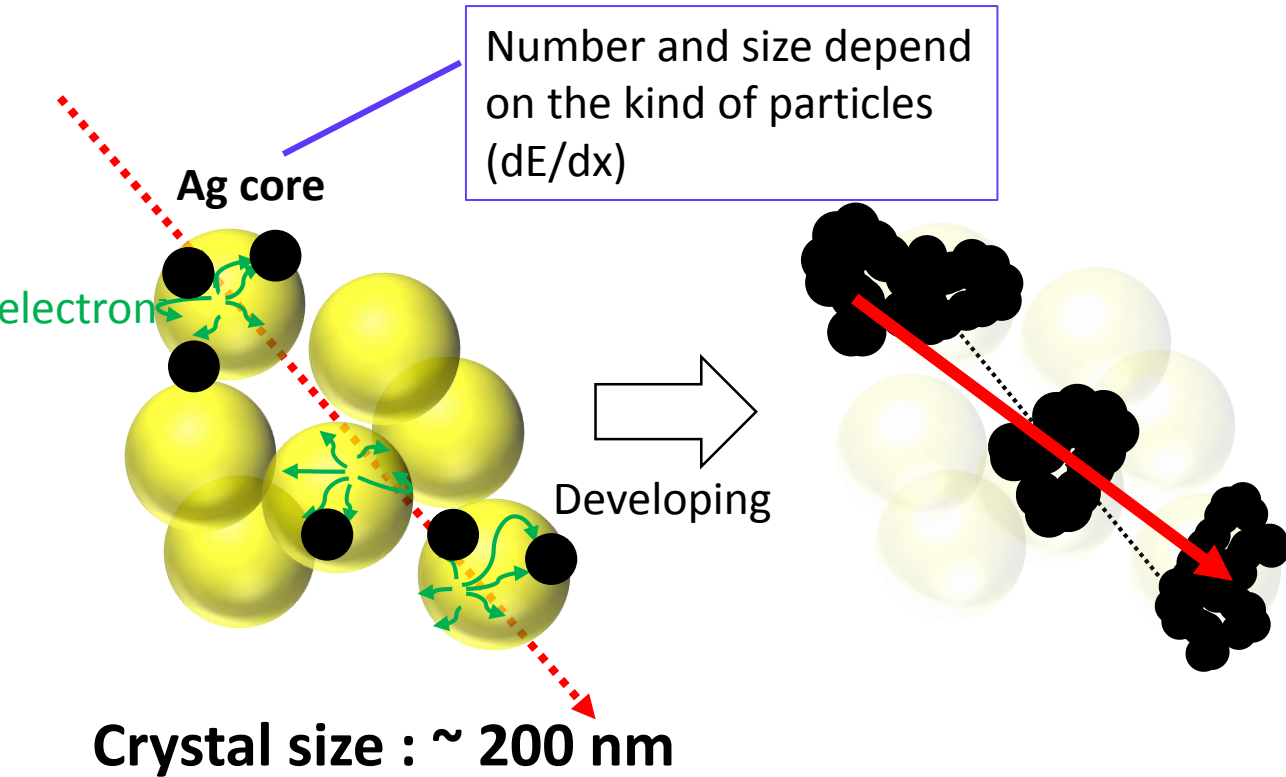


Scanning speed  $\sim$  several ton /year

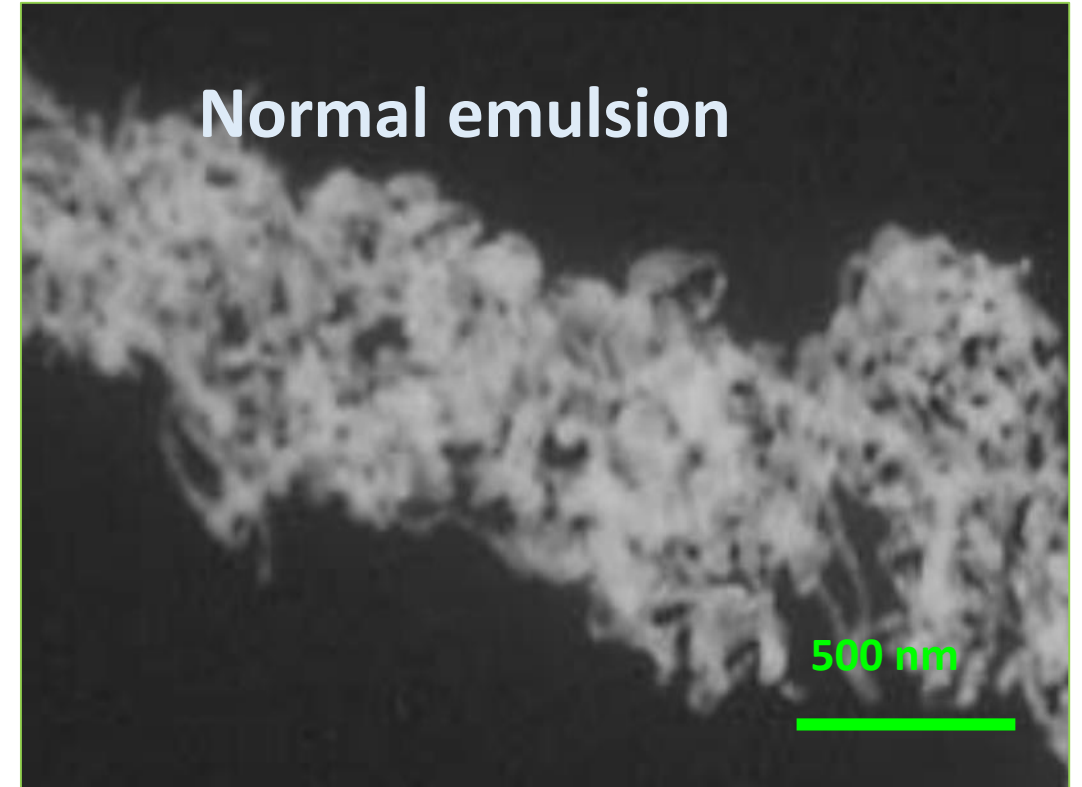
Ref : M. Yoshimoto et al., [arXiv:1704.06814](https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.06814) [physics.ins-det]



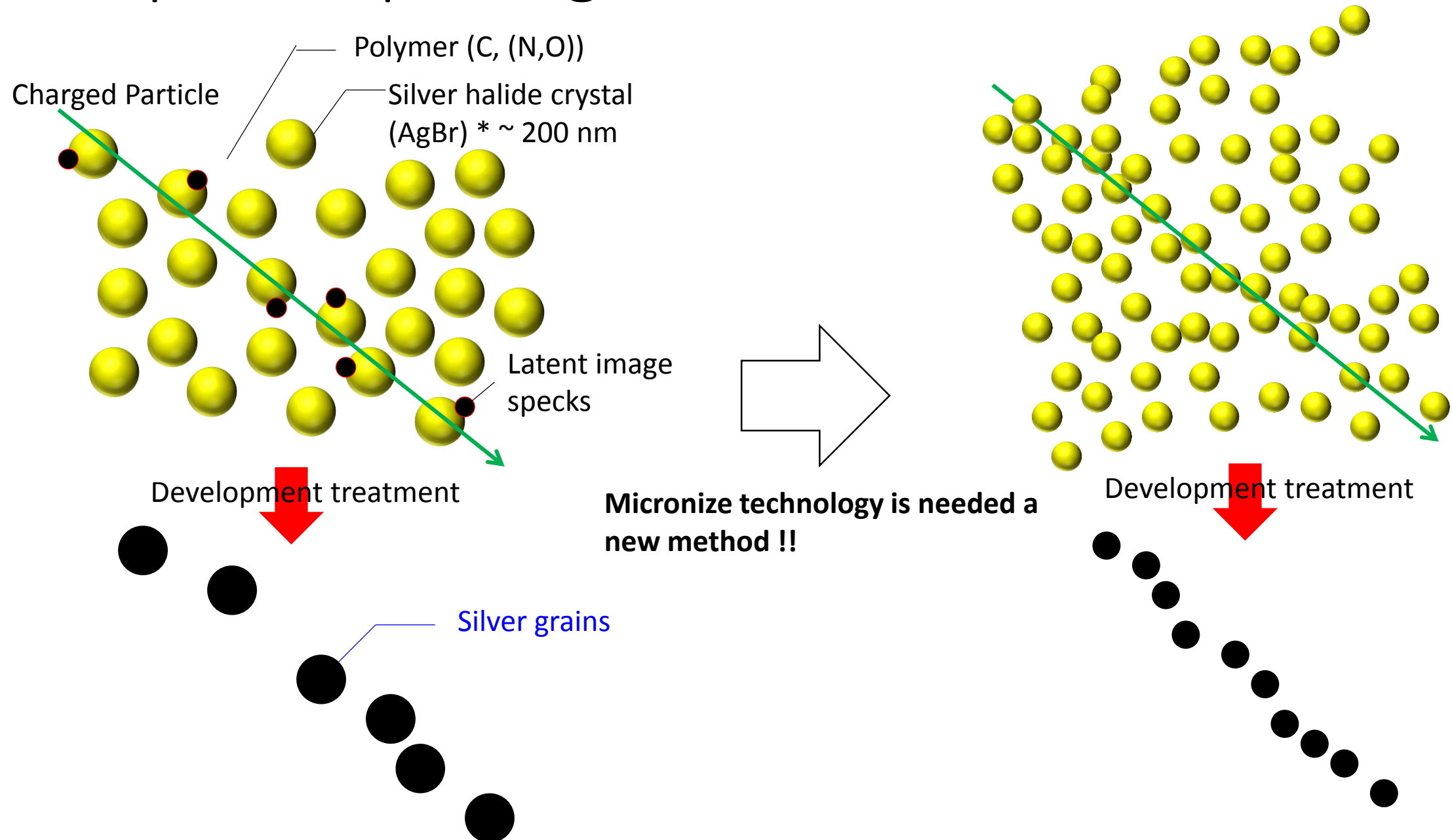
# Tracking for nuclear emulsion



## Electron microscope image of $\alpha$ -ray



# Concept of super-high resolution

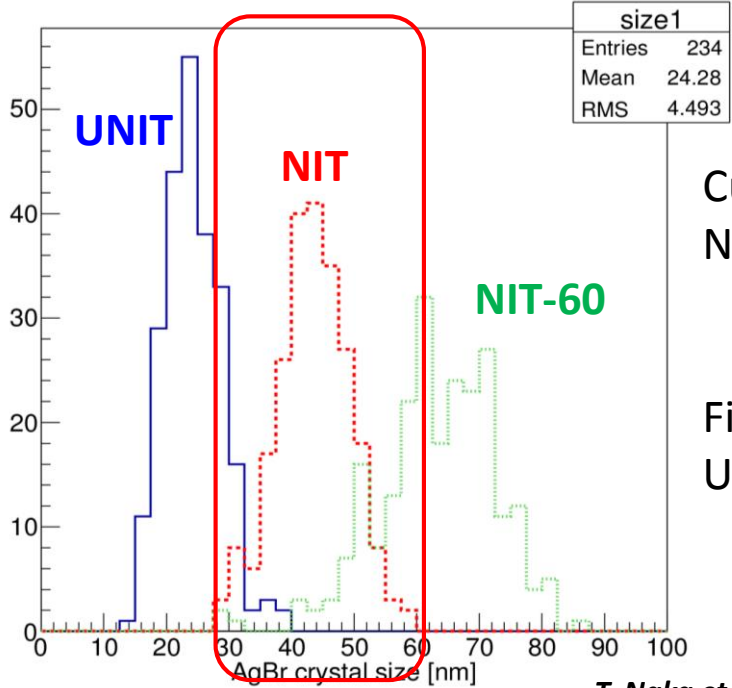
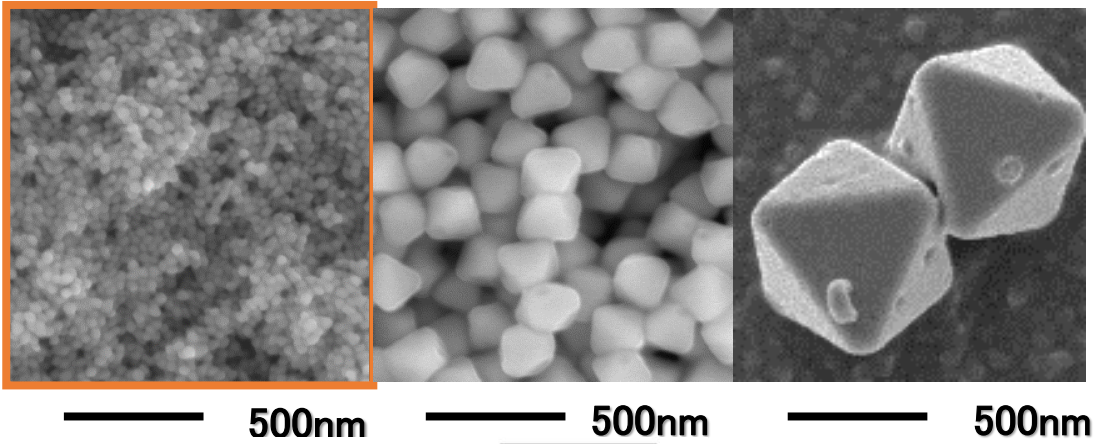


# Self-production of Nano Imaging Tracker(NIT)



- Production time : 4-5 hours /batch
  - One butch : ~ 100 g (+ 300 g)  
(there are 2 type machines)
- ⇒ kg scale production is possible using this machine.

## Controlled AgBr crystal



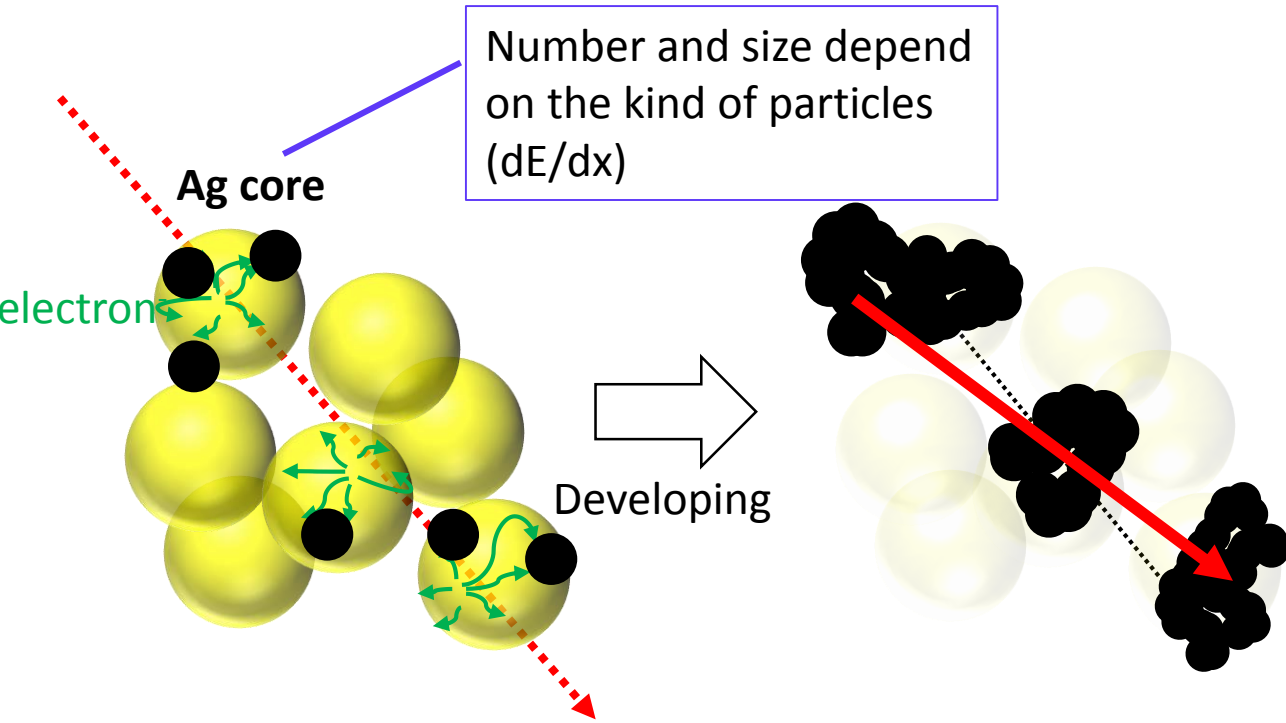
Current standard Device :  
Nano Imaging Tracker [NIT]  
crystal size : 44 nm

Finest grain emulsion :  
Ultra-NIT [UNIT]  
crystal size : 25 nm

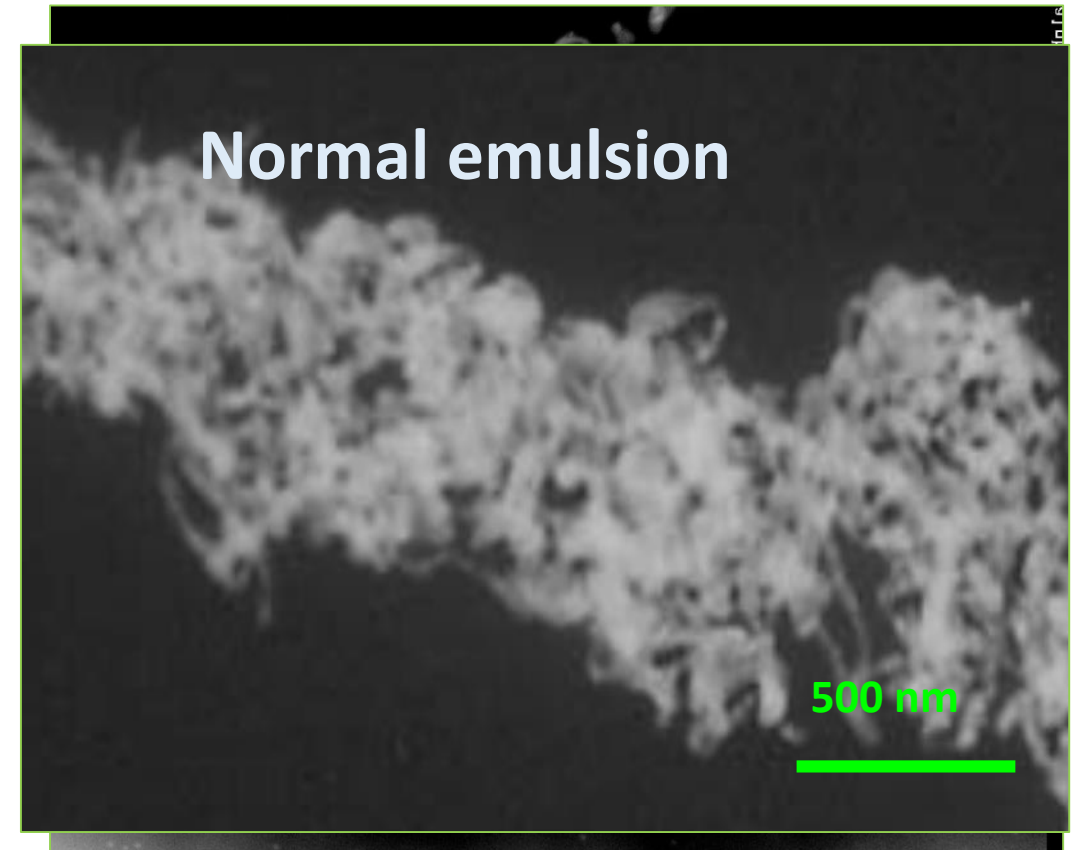
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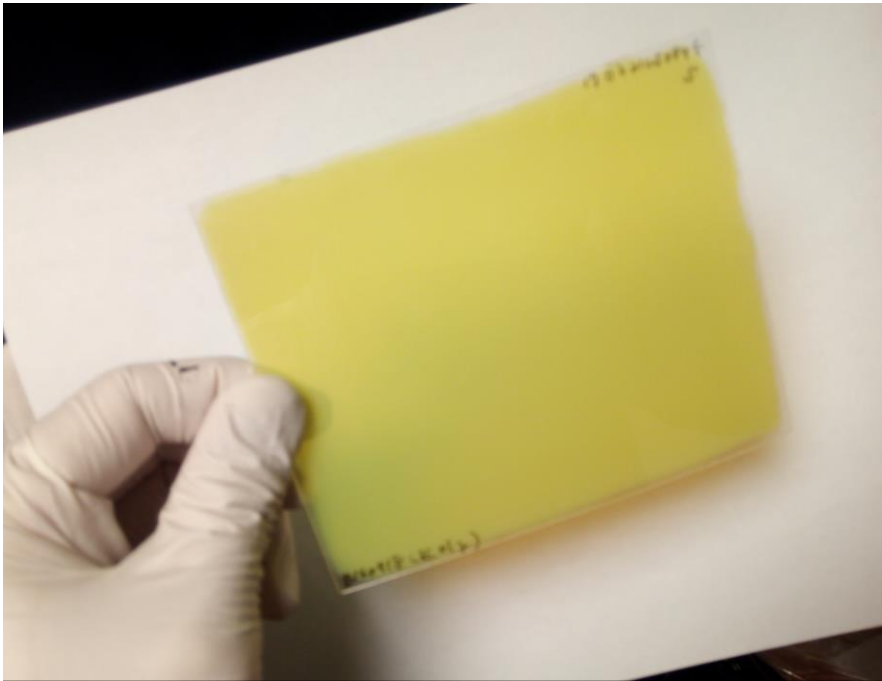
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# prototype NIT film for dark matter experiment



Elemental composition of NIT

	Mass fraction	Atomic Fraction
Ag	0.44	0.10
Br	0.32	0.10
I	0.019	0.004
C	0.101	0.214
O	0.074	0.118
N	0.027	0.049
H	0.016	0.410
S, Na + others	~ 0.001	~ 0.001

## ◆ Intrinsic radioactivity :

U-238	Th-232	K-40	Ag-110m	C-14
27	6	35	(~400)	24000

[mBq/kg]

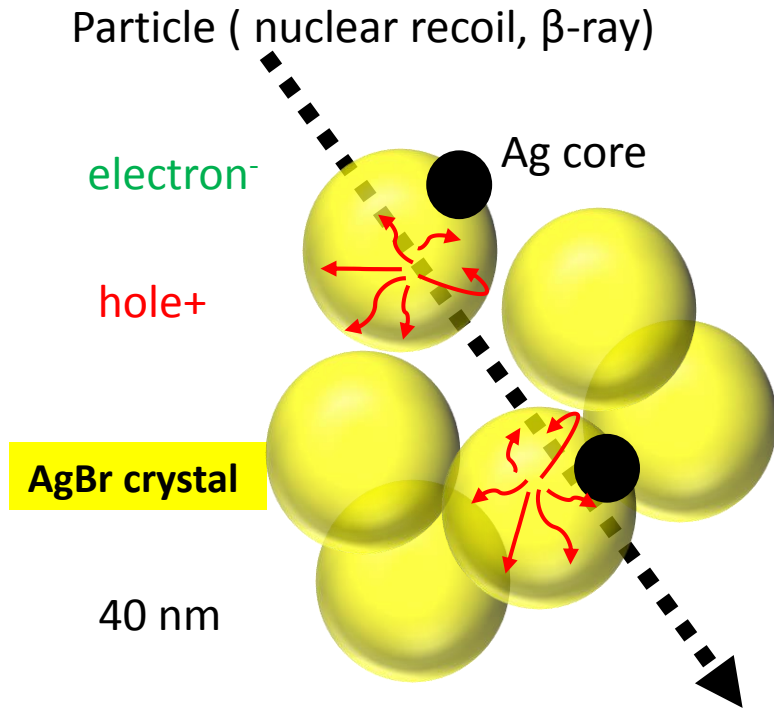
## ◆ Intrinsic neutron emission:

~ 1.2 /kg/y (by SOURCE simulation)

⇒ ~ 0.1 /kg/y ( > 100 nm nuclear recoil)

Detail shown in *Astropart. Phys.* 80 (2016)16-21

# $\beta$ -ray event rejection potential



## ❑ Cryogenic crystal effect

- crystal quantum efficiency is drastically decrease by lower temperature
- nuclear recoil is not by the thermal spike

⇒ Powerful discrimination between nuclear recoil and electron  
e.g. ) expected BG signal eff. due to electron  $< 10^{-9}$  @80K

## ❑ Chemical treatment

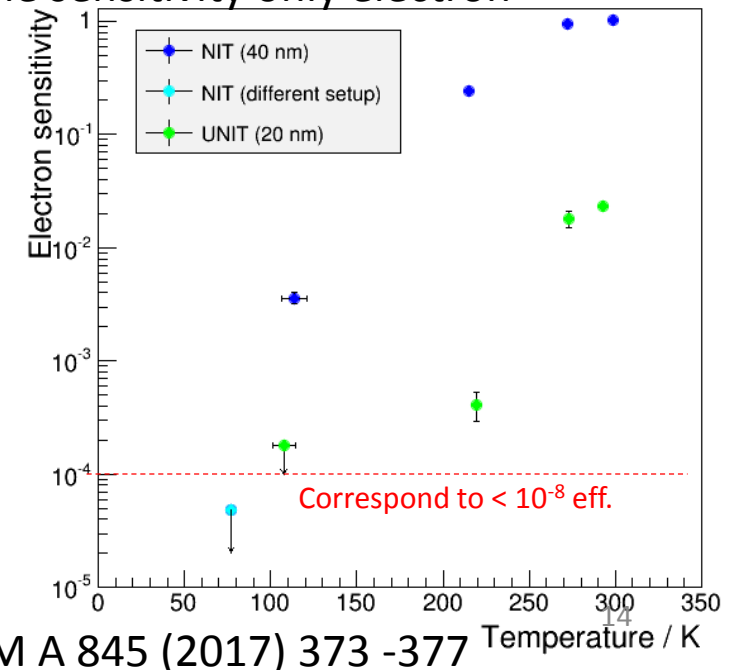
- Nuclear recoil can create enough number of e-h pair for the Ag core
- Dopant in the AgBr crystal to suppress the sensitivity only electron

## ❑ Low background material

- gelatin have high C-14 level
  - replacement to the synthetic polymer
- ⇒ at least  $> 10^3$  rejection  
(already measured byAMS)

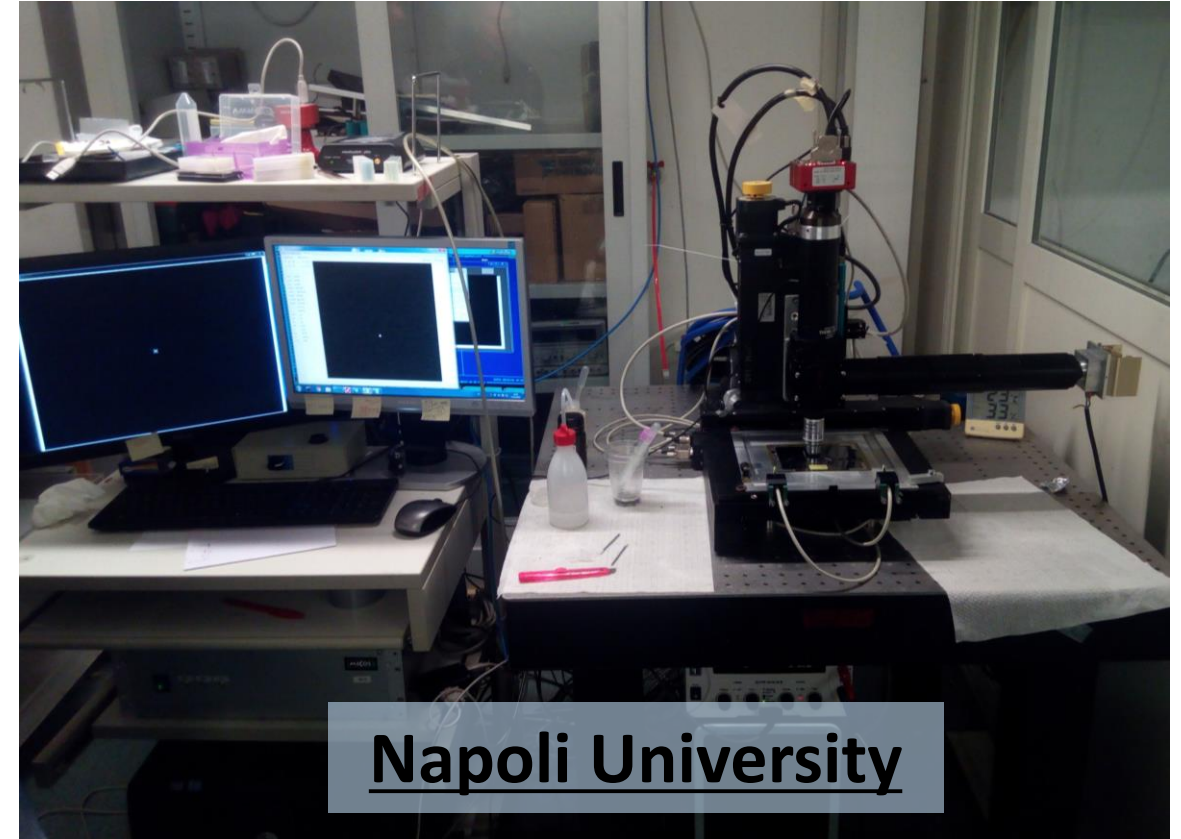
As potential,  $> 10^9$  rejection power is expected by combination of some techniques

⇒ Now, constructing the calibration system in the LNGS



# Development of New Readout System

Prototype R&D system @Nagoya and Napoli



# Low-velocity ion tracking

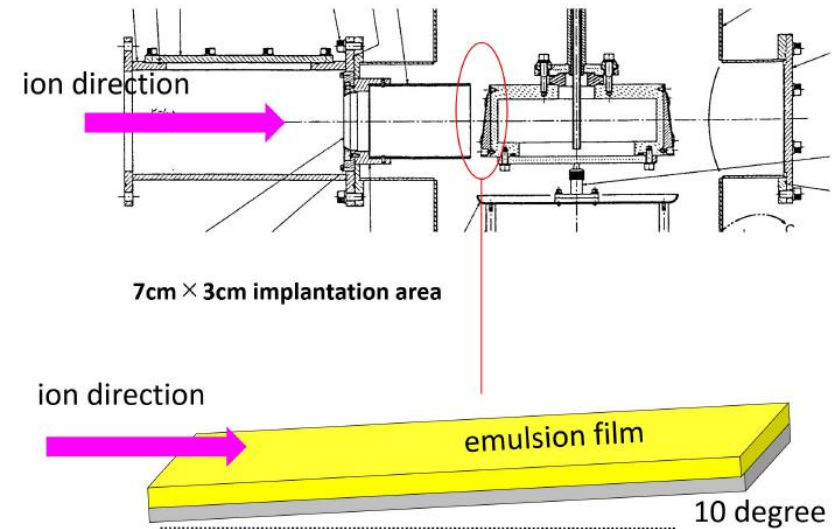
Can use ion implantation as calibration source

- Mono energy ( $\pm 0.1$  keV)
- Good direction uniformity ( $< 10$  mrad)
- Now, C from  $\text{CO}_2$ , Ar, Kr (but other various ion is possible)



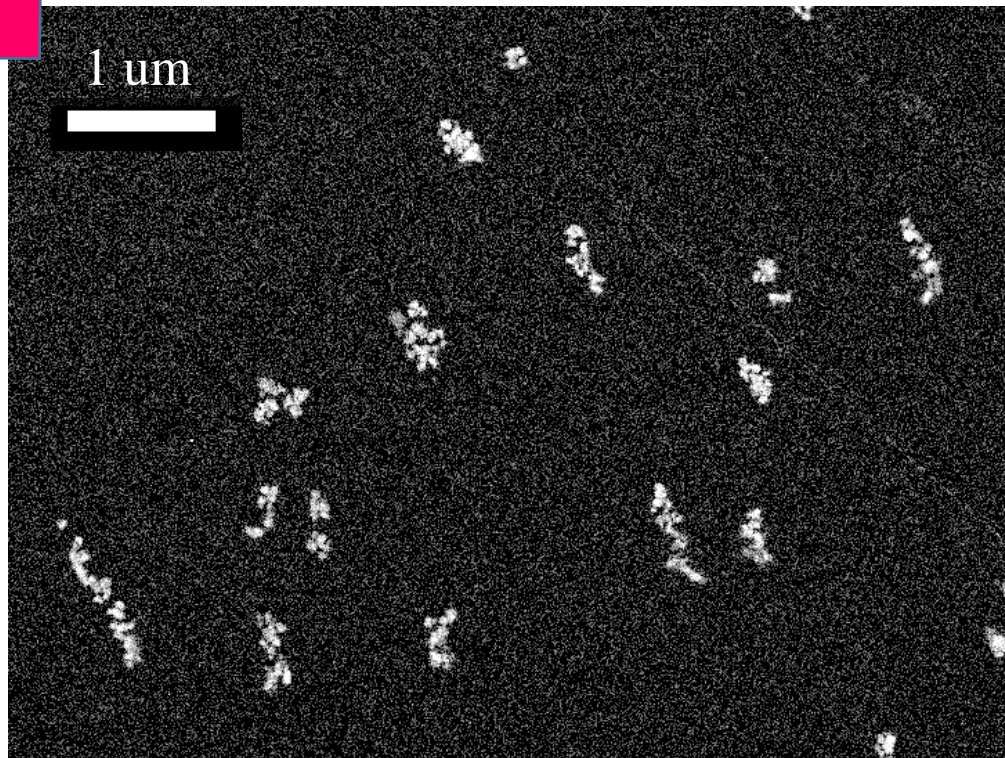
Low velocity ion created by an ion-implantation system

Side view of ion



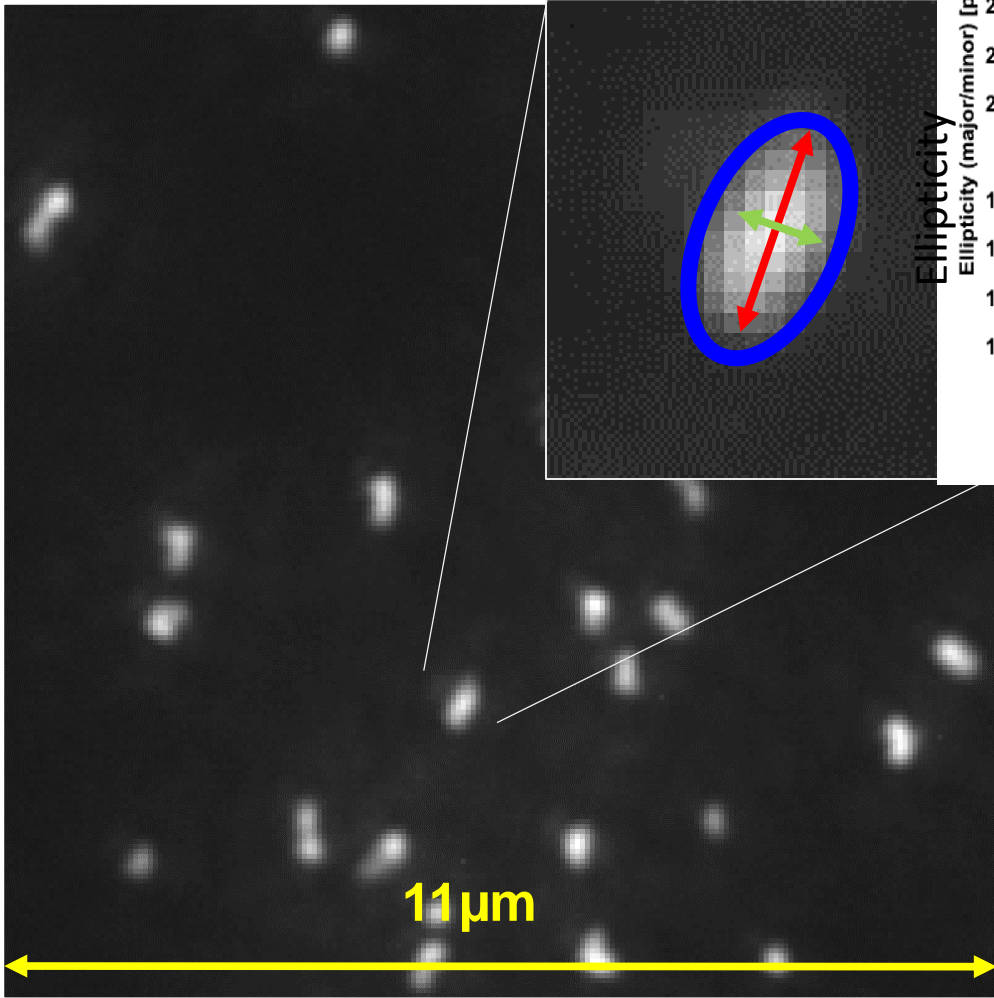
AgBr crystal has good sensitivity about Carbon ( $\sim 100\%$  efficiency)

100 keV Carbon SEM image

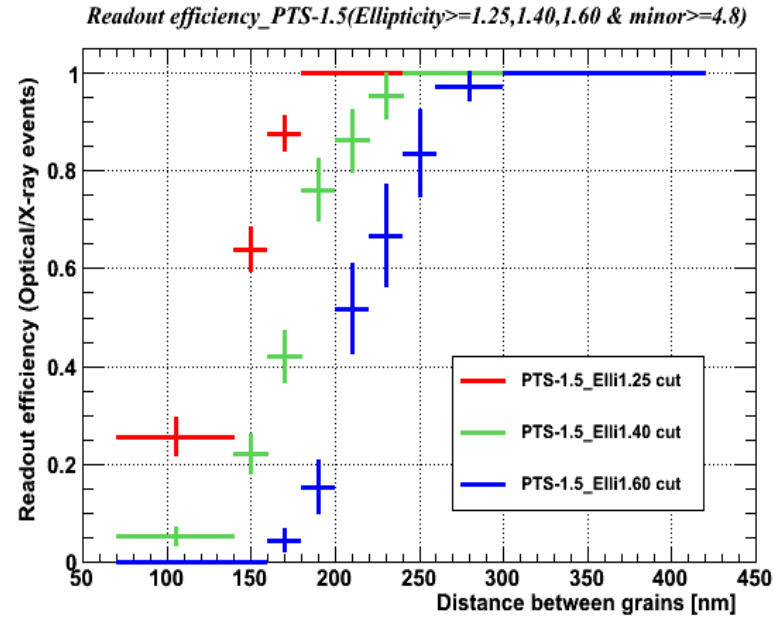
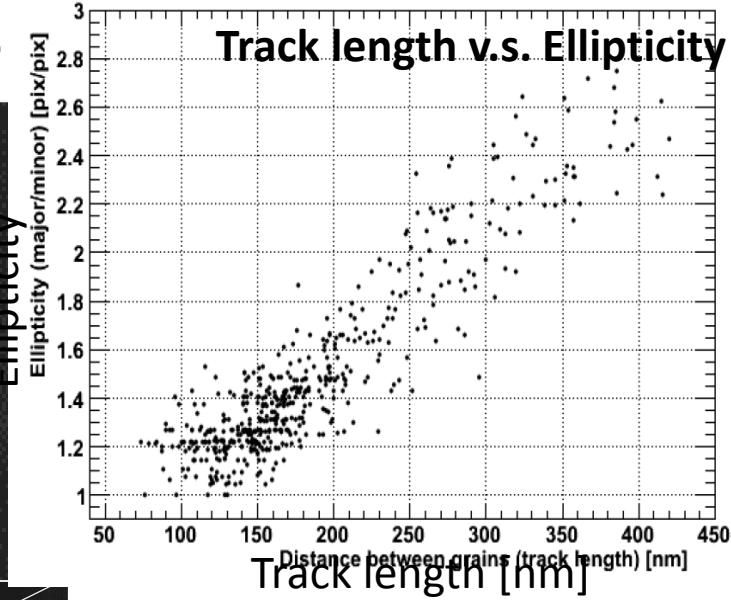




# Candidate selection method using epi-illuminated optical microscop

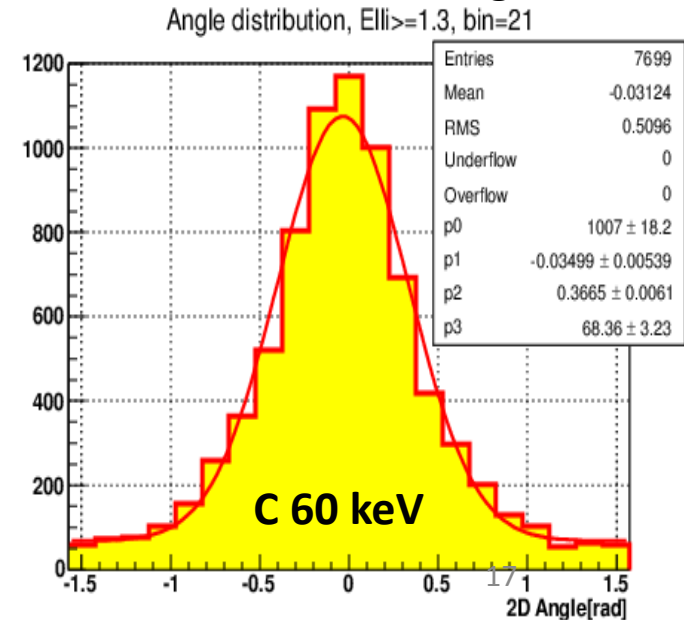


## Performance using only elliptical shape analysis



Current microscope has the potential to select > 100 nm length tracks

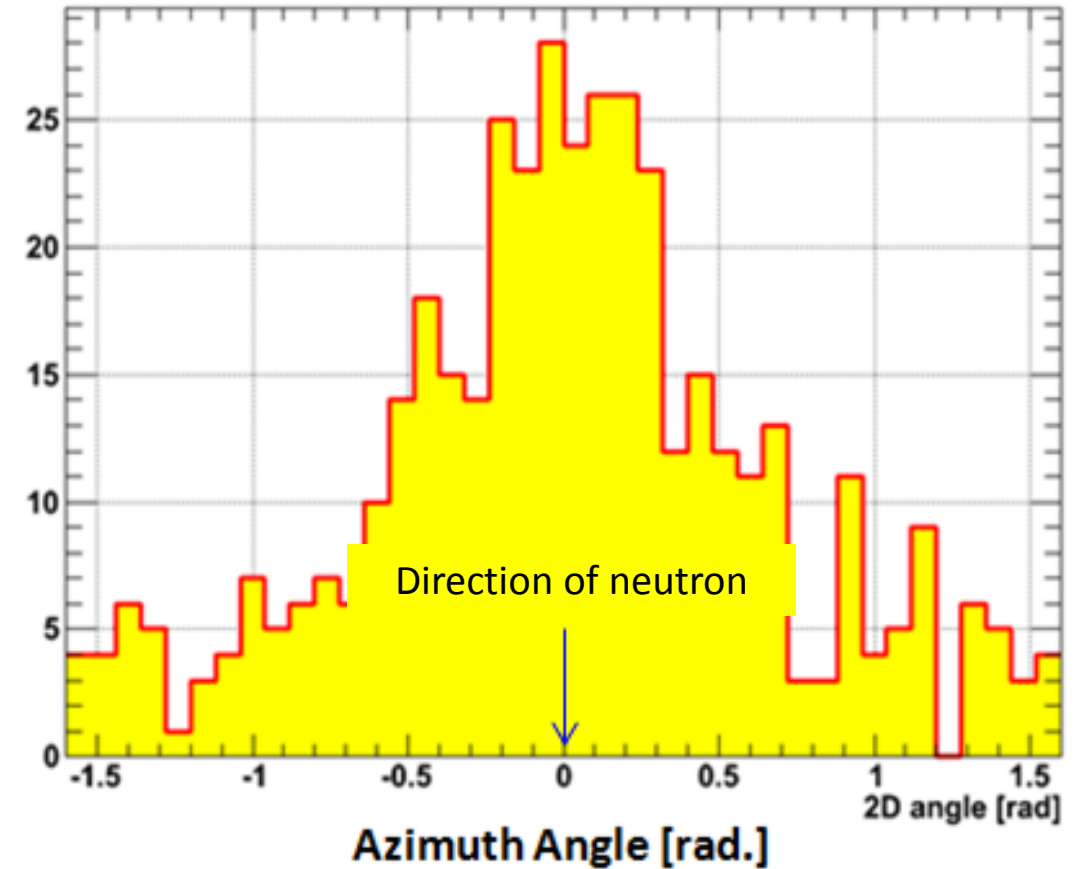
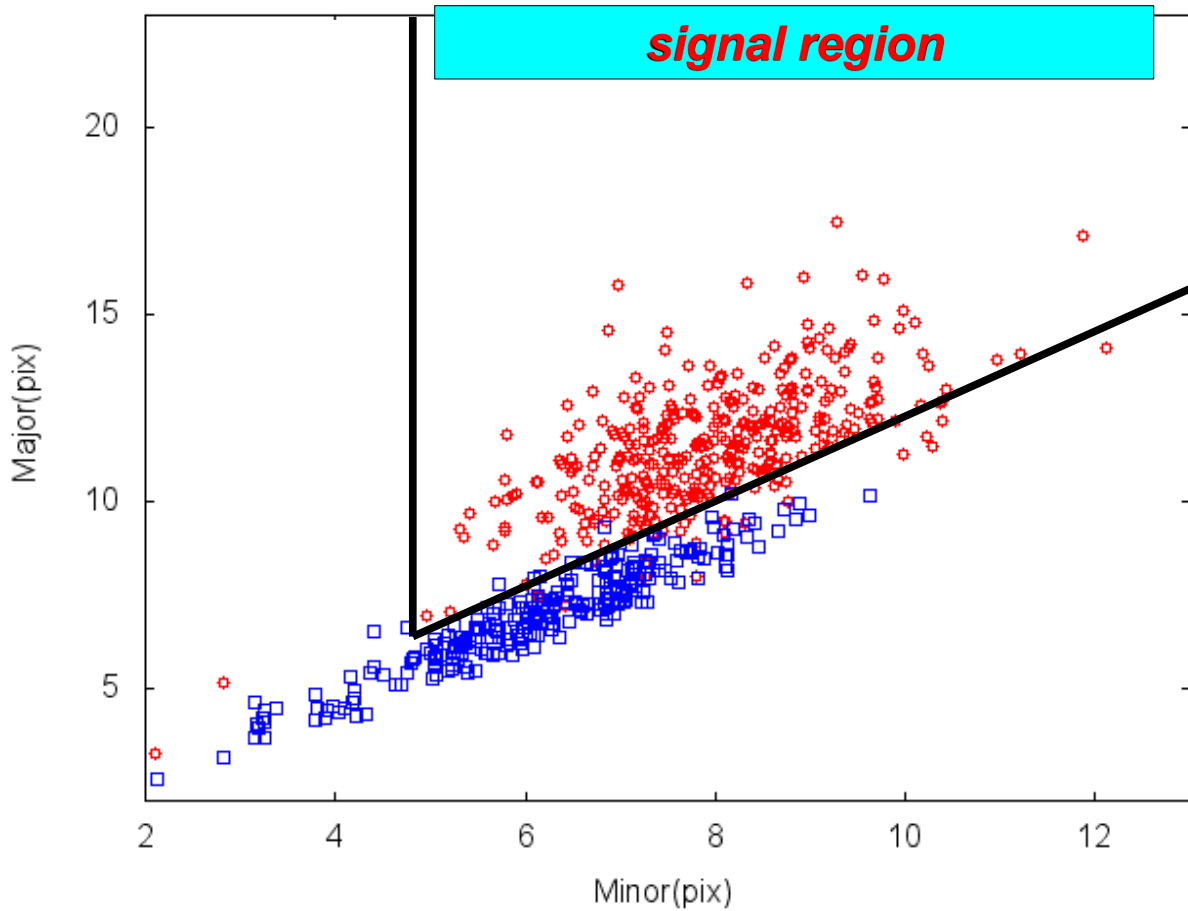
Direction sensitive eff. :  
 ~30 % @60 keV  
 (now on studying)  
 Angular resolution :  
 ~30 deg. @60 keV



*K. Kimura and T. Naka, Nucl. Inst. Meth. A 680 (2012) 12-17*

*T. Katsuragawa et al, JINST 12 T04002 (2017)*

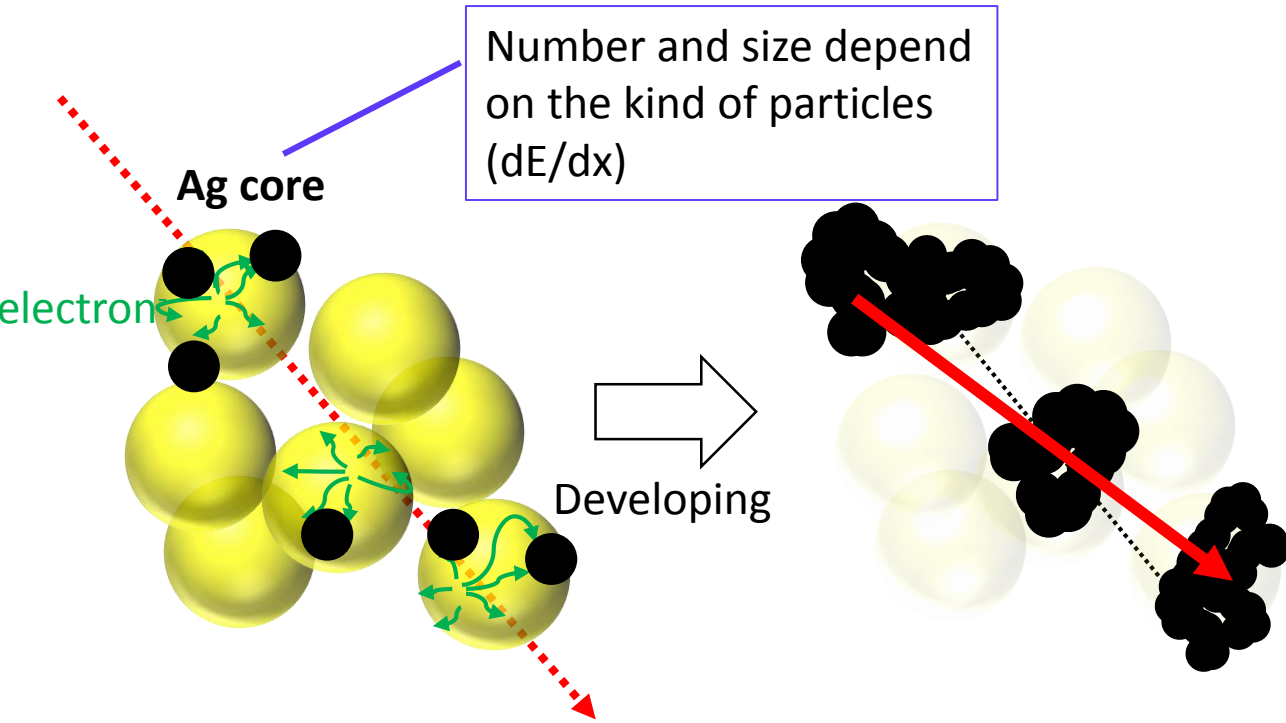
# Demonstration of direction sensitive nuclear recoil detection due to 14.8 MeV neutrons



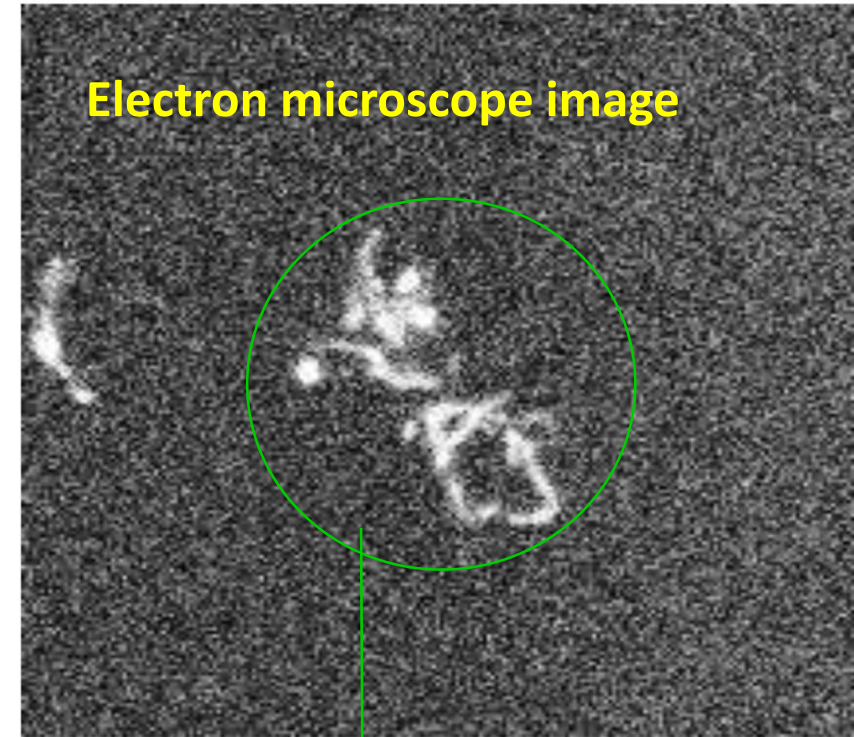
Mostly detected target was Br recoil [ < 200 keV ]

Now, we are preparing CNO recoil demonstration due to 565 keV (Li-p nuclear fission reaction)

# Concept of confirmation of signal



- ☑ complicate Ag filament structure  $\Rightarrow$  unique information as signal
- ☑ this structure depends on the  $dE/dx$  and controlled by the type of development treatment



**silver filament structure in nano-scale.  
Is unique information as nuclear recoil  
signal**

# Beyond optical resolution analysis

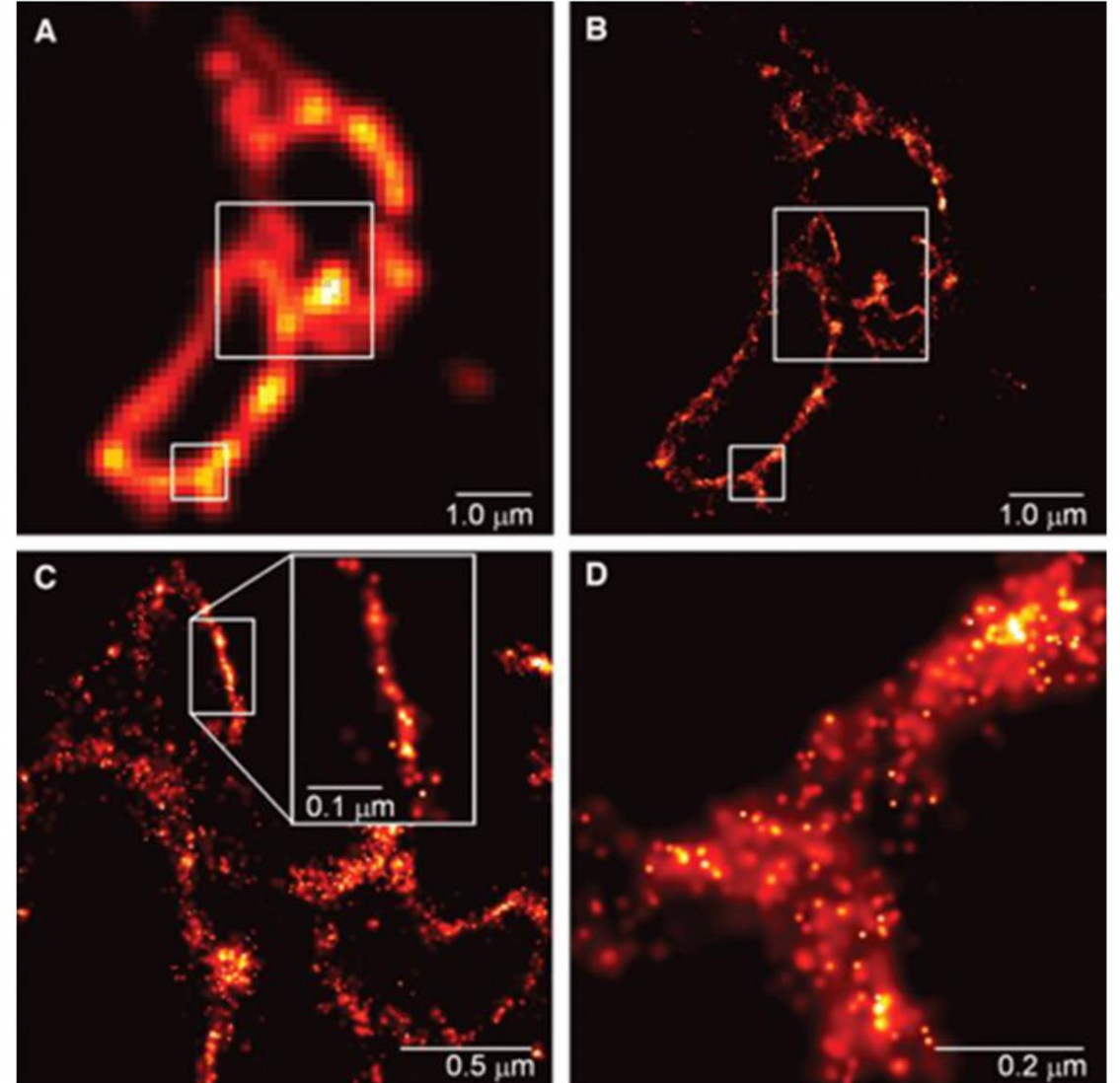
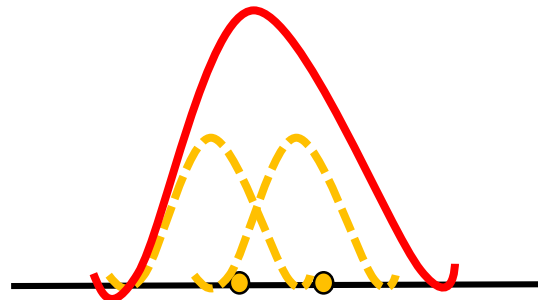
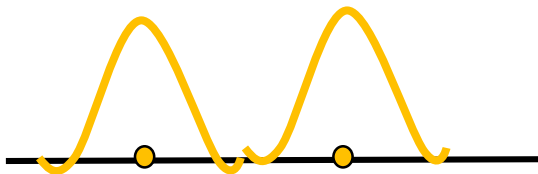
# 2014 Nobel Prize in Chemistry



The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2014 was awarded jointly to Eric Betzig, Stefan W. Hell and William E. Moerner *"for the development of super-resolved fluorescence microscopy"*

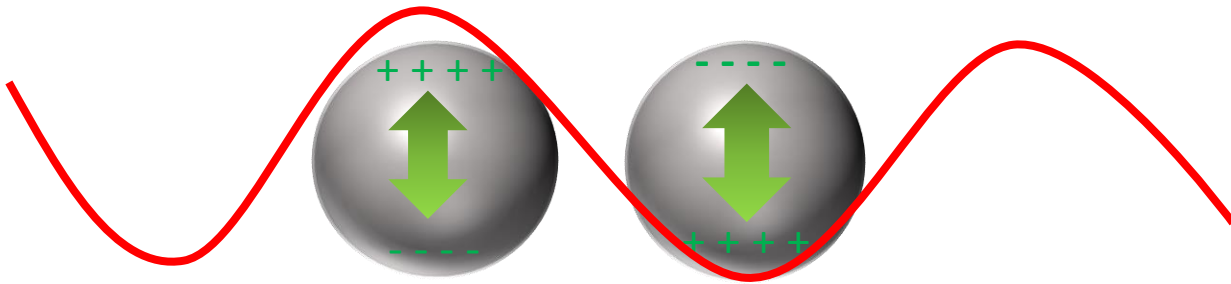
□ Beyond diffraction limit concept

e.g., STED, STORM



# Localised Surface Plasmon resonance

## Localized Surface Plasmon Resonance

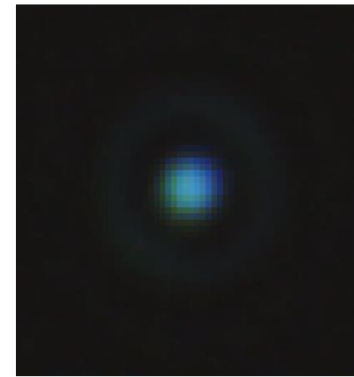


silver nano particle

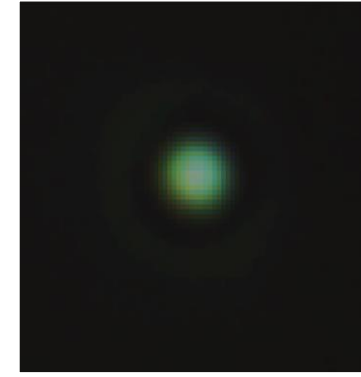
$$p = 4\pi\epsilon_m a^3 \frac{\epsilon_1(\lambda) - \epsilon_m(\lambda)}{\epsilon_1(\lambda) + 2\epsilon_m(\lambda)} E_0$$

$$\epsilon_1(\lambda_l) + 2\epsilon_m(\lambda_l) \approx 0$$

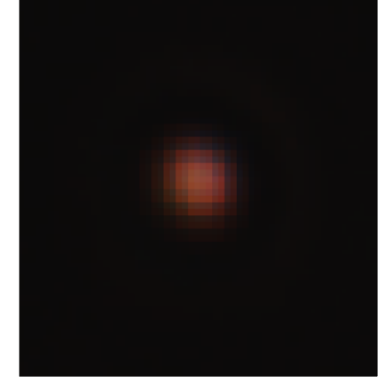
## Silver-nano particle



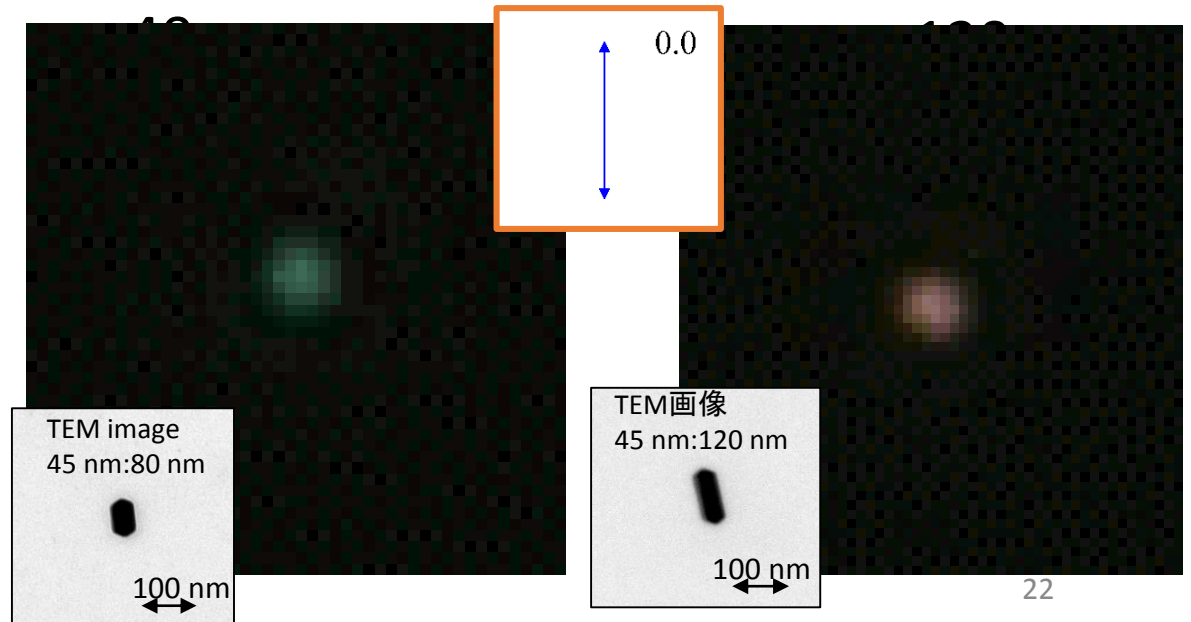
40 nm



80 nm



120 nm



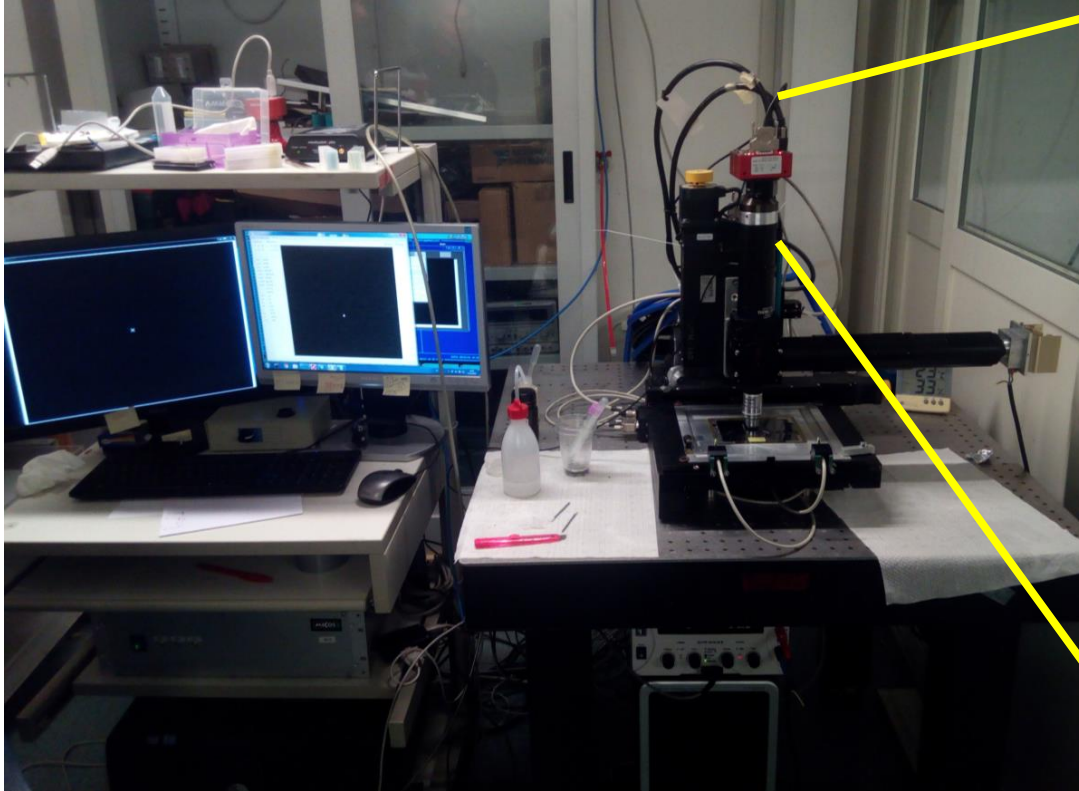
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100 nm

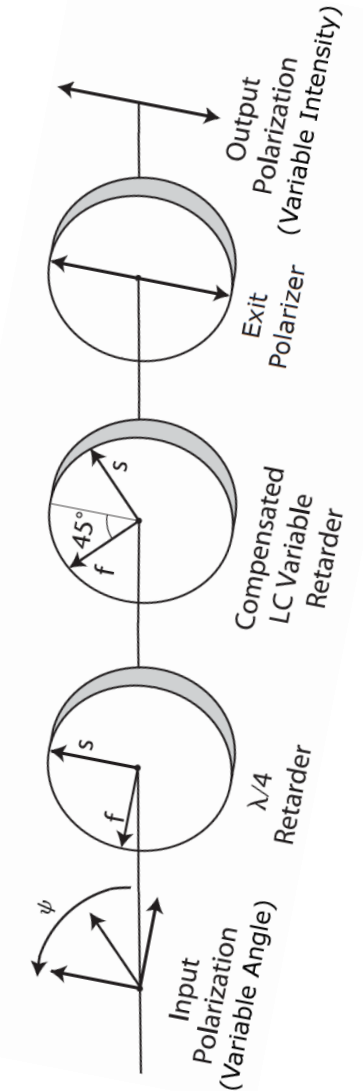
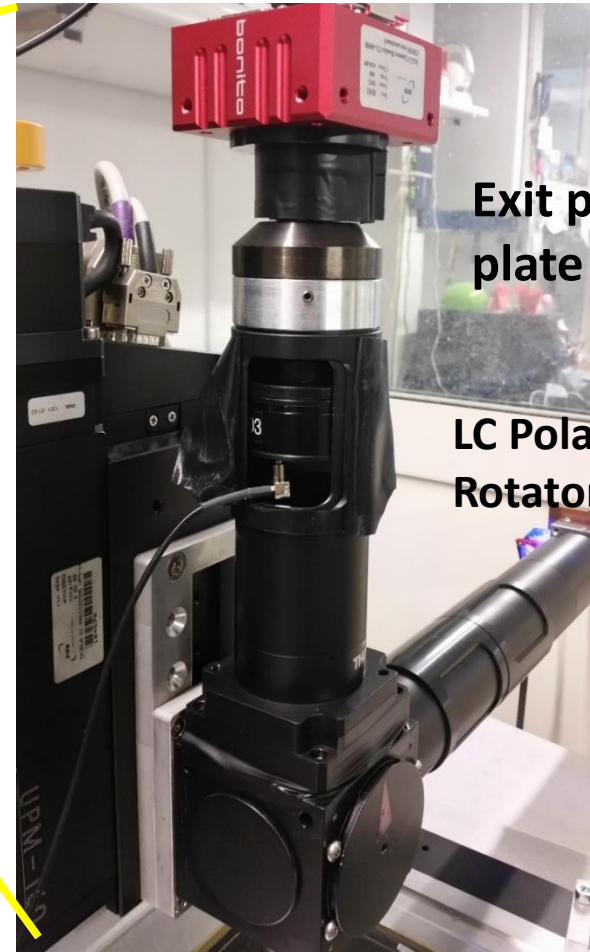
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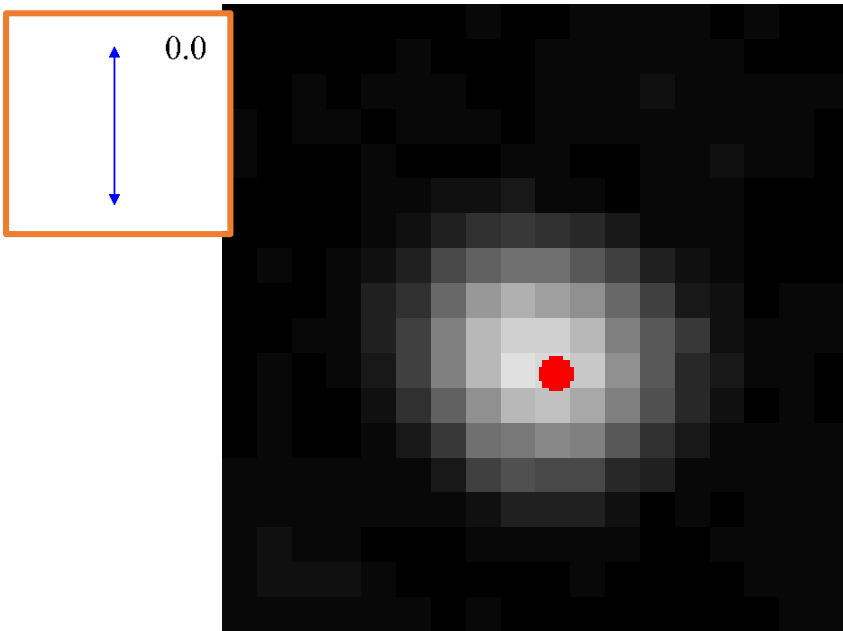
# New plasmon nano-tracking system [prototype]



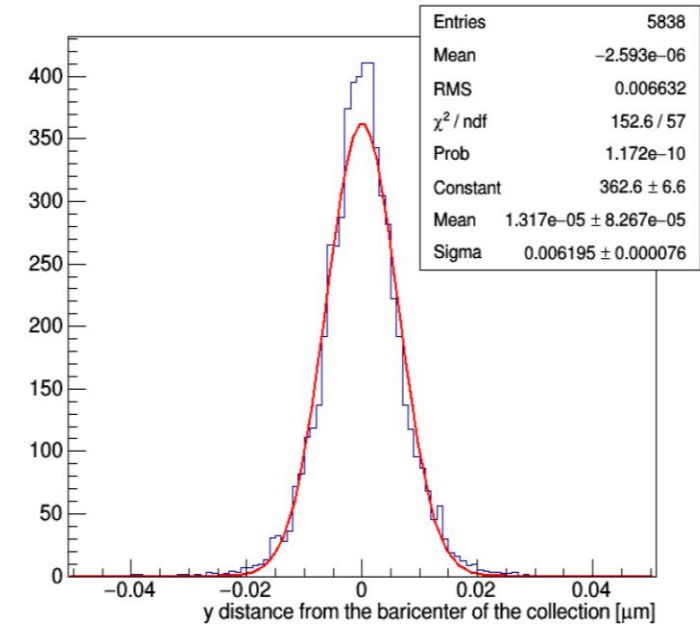
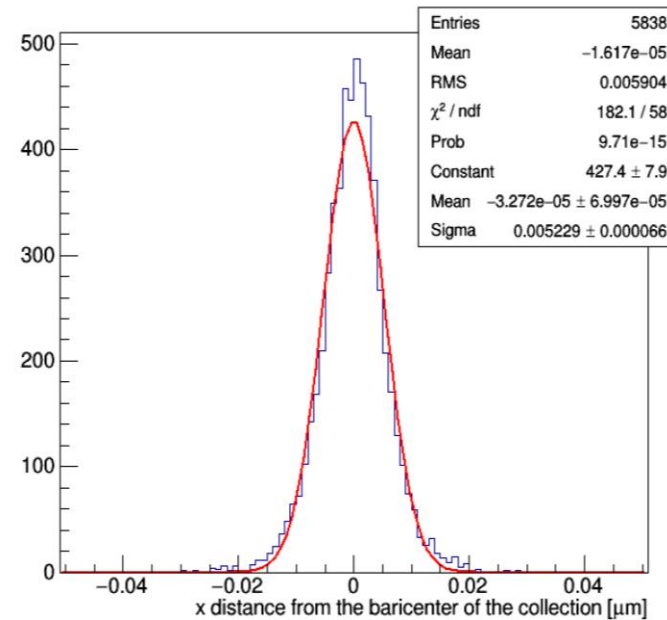
New epi-illuminated optical microscope system  
@ Napoli University, Italy



# Calibration of spatial resolution using single silver grain



Bary-center shift  $\rightarrow$  resolution

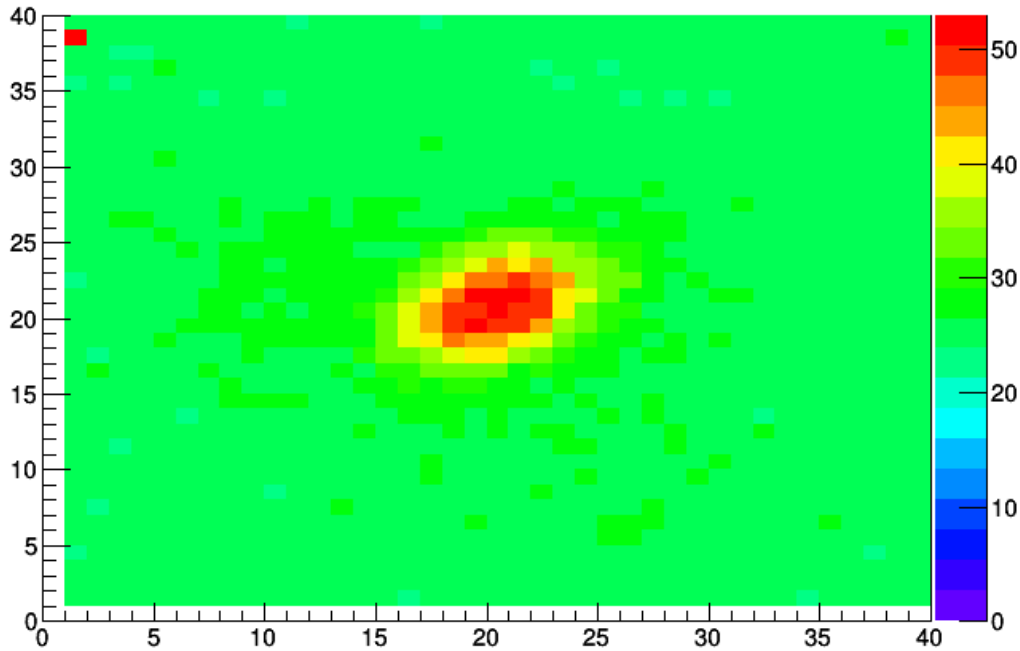


**Position accuracy  $\sim$  5 nm**  
 **$\equiv$  spatial resolution**  
 **$\times$  usual optical resolution  $>$   $\sim$  200nm**



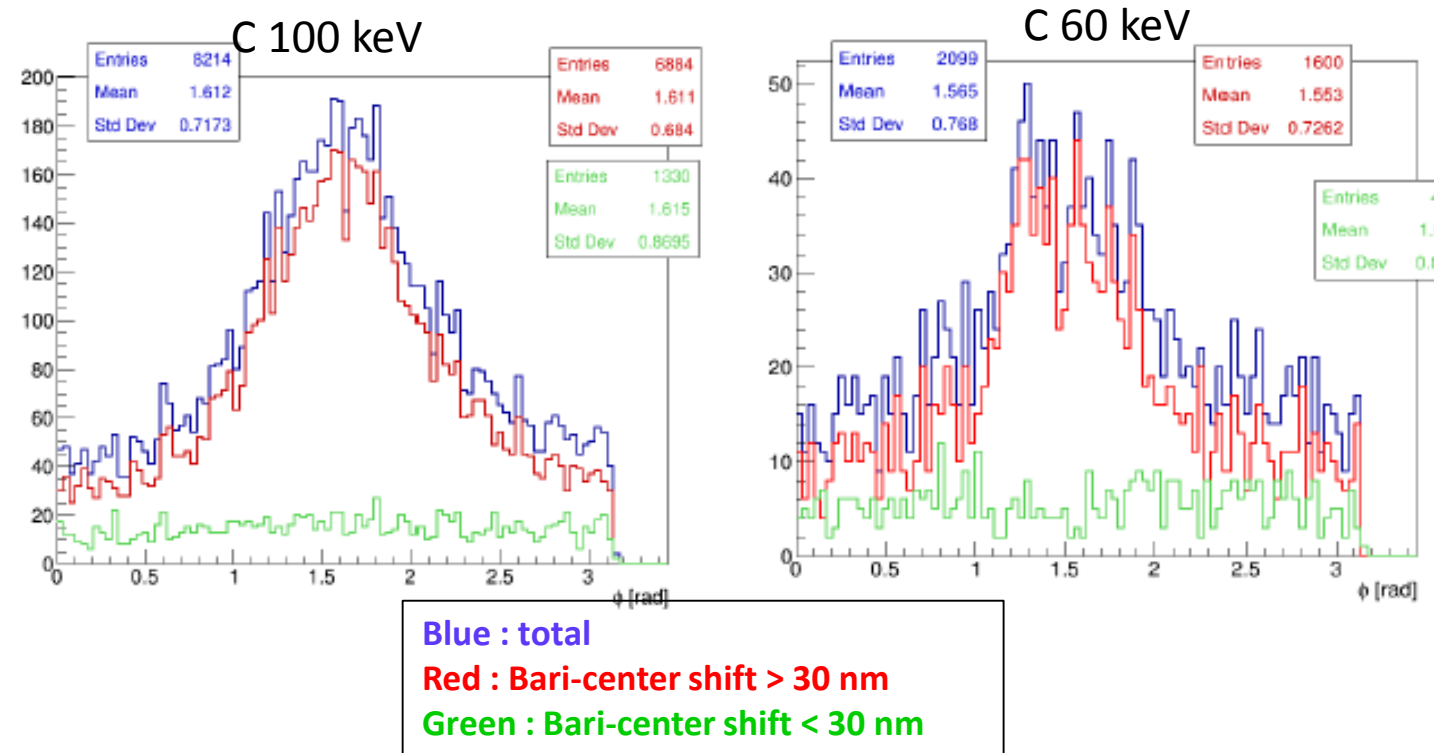
# Automatic analysis system for the plasmonics

cl 3474 in frame 140 at xy: -4.46 11.04



Shift of barycenter is important information for nano-scale structure

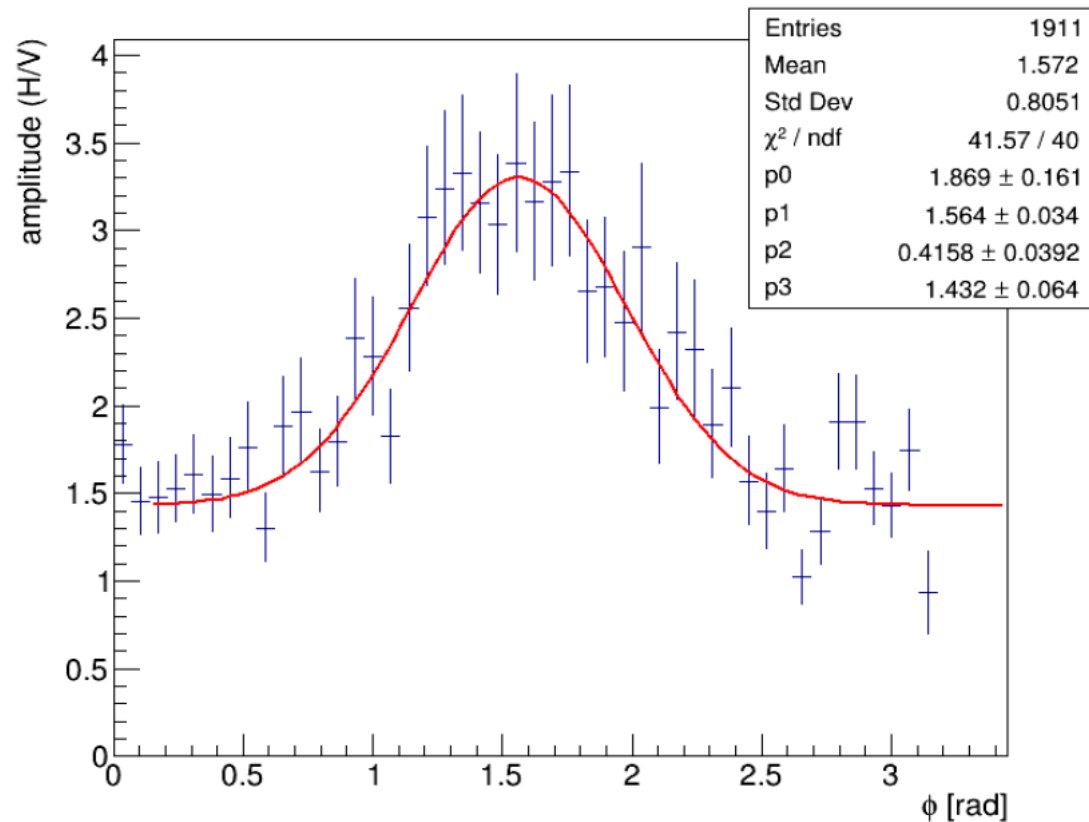
## Direction sensitivity using plasmon analysis



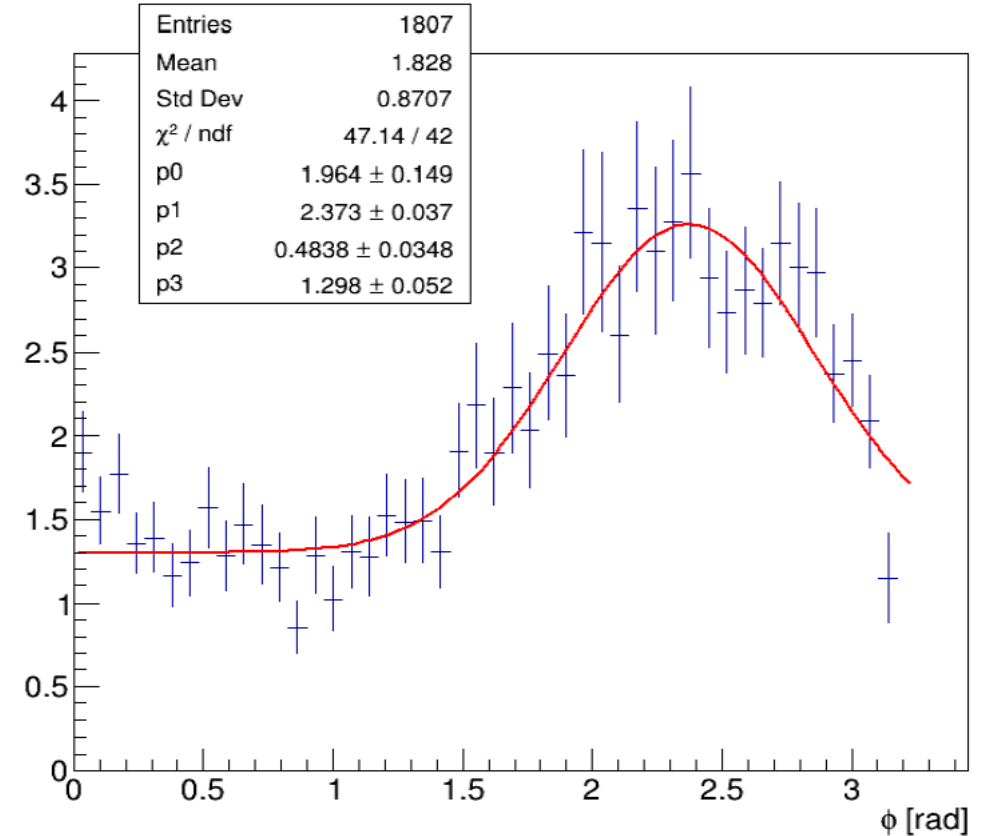
Demonstration of the direction sensitivity have been done .

# Direction sensitivity of low-energy C ion [ 30 keV ]

Expected :  $90^\circ$  -> Measured :  $90^\circ$

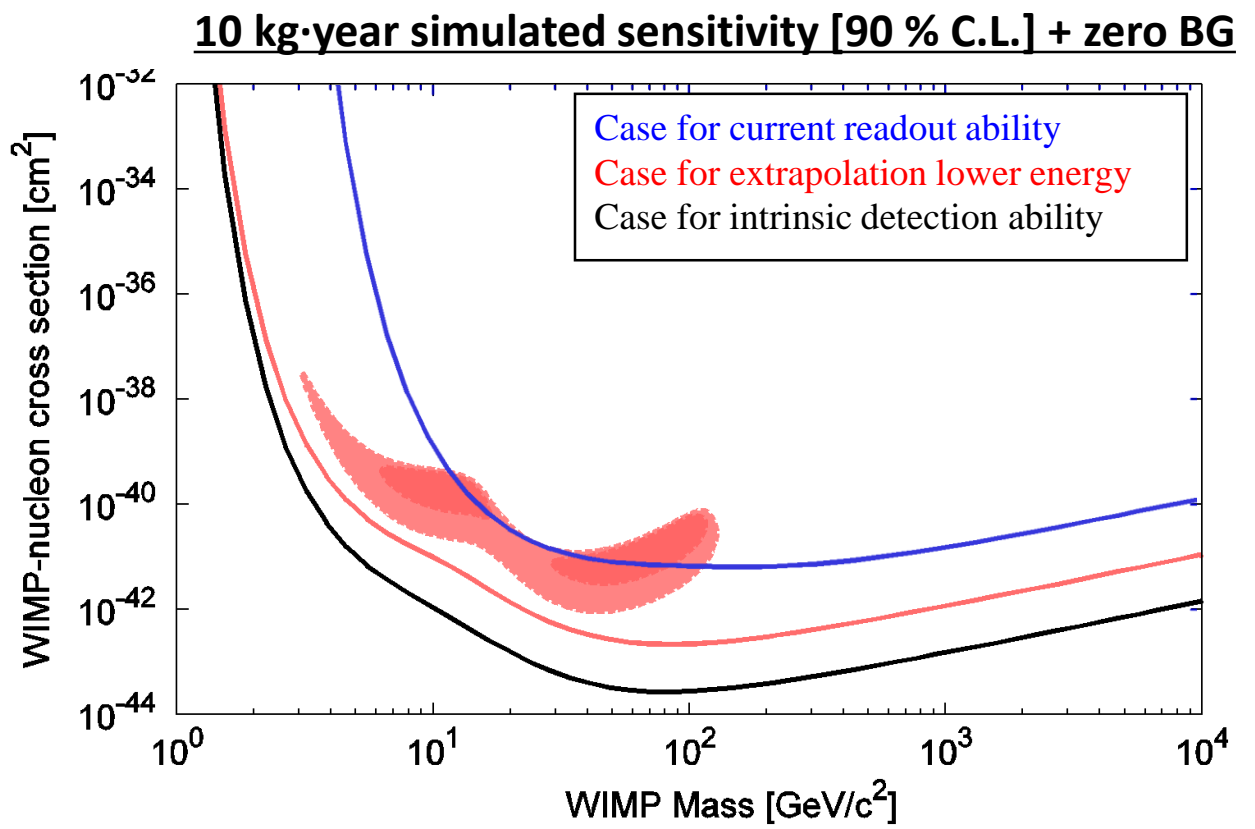
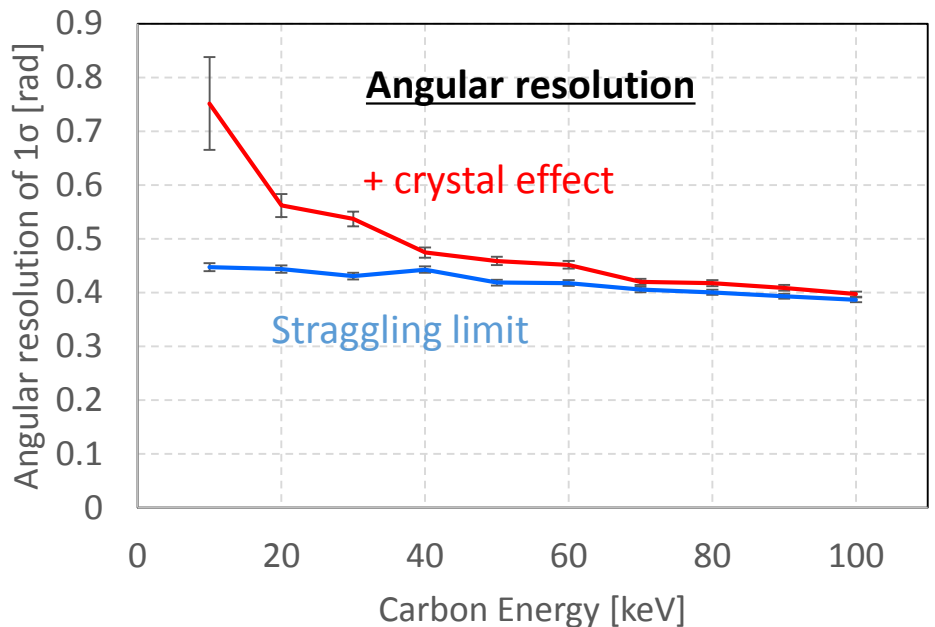
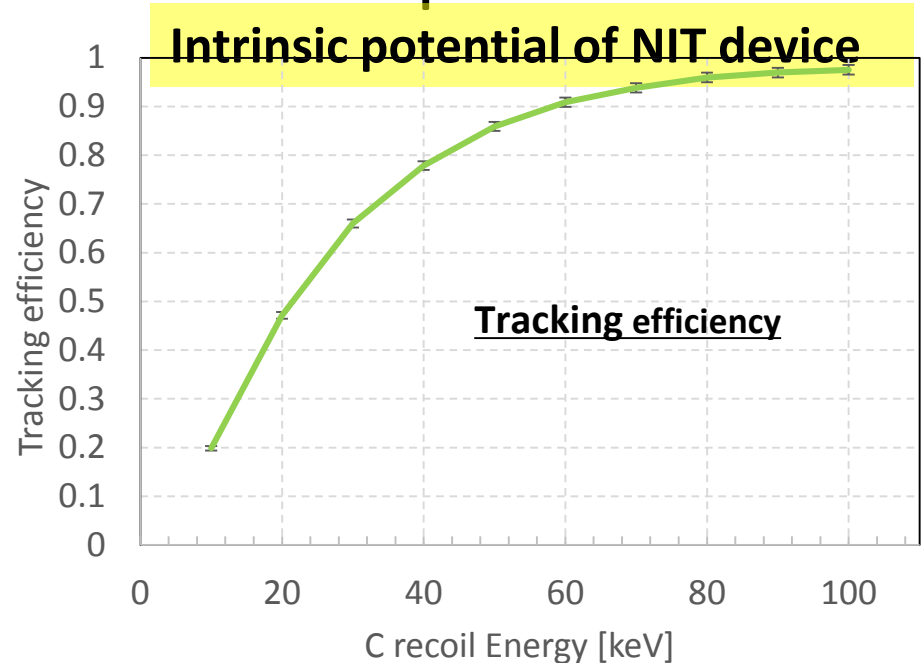


Expected :  $135^\circ$  -> Measured :  $136^\circ$



**Indication that we can see low-mass dark matter less than 10 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> with direction sensitivity**

# NEWSdm potential using NIT device



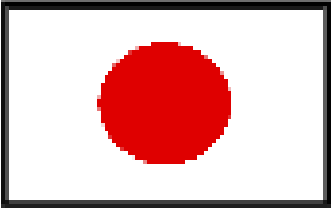




NIT detector / CNO sensitive / no Bkg no directionality  
 Simulation limit is “energy > 5 keV for all atoms (SRIM limit)”  
 & “Sensitivity > 0.1 % (Simulation statistics limit; 10 event)”

# NEWSdm ~ Nuclear Emulsions for WIMP Search + directional measurement



<http://news-dm.lngs.infn.it>

NEWS: Nuclear Emulsions for WIMP Search  
Letter of Intent  
(NEWS Collaboration)

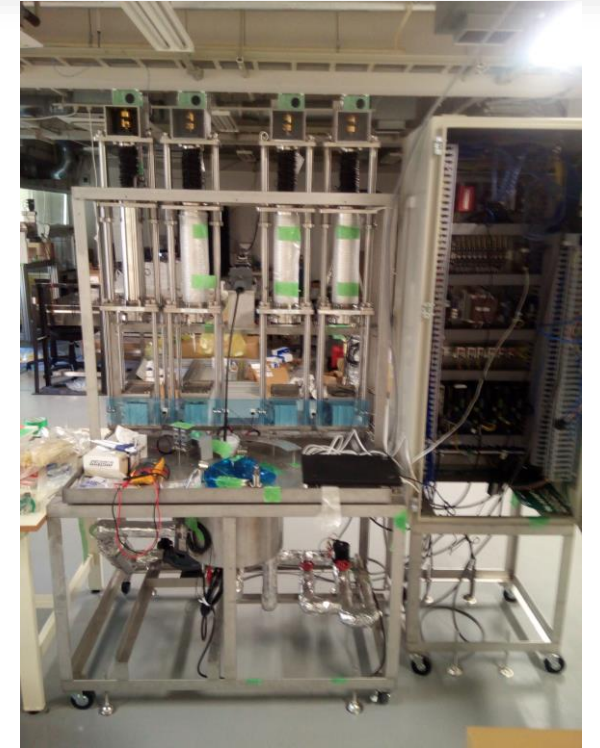
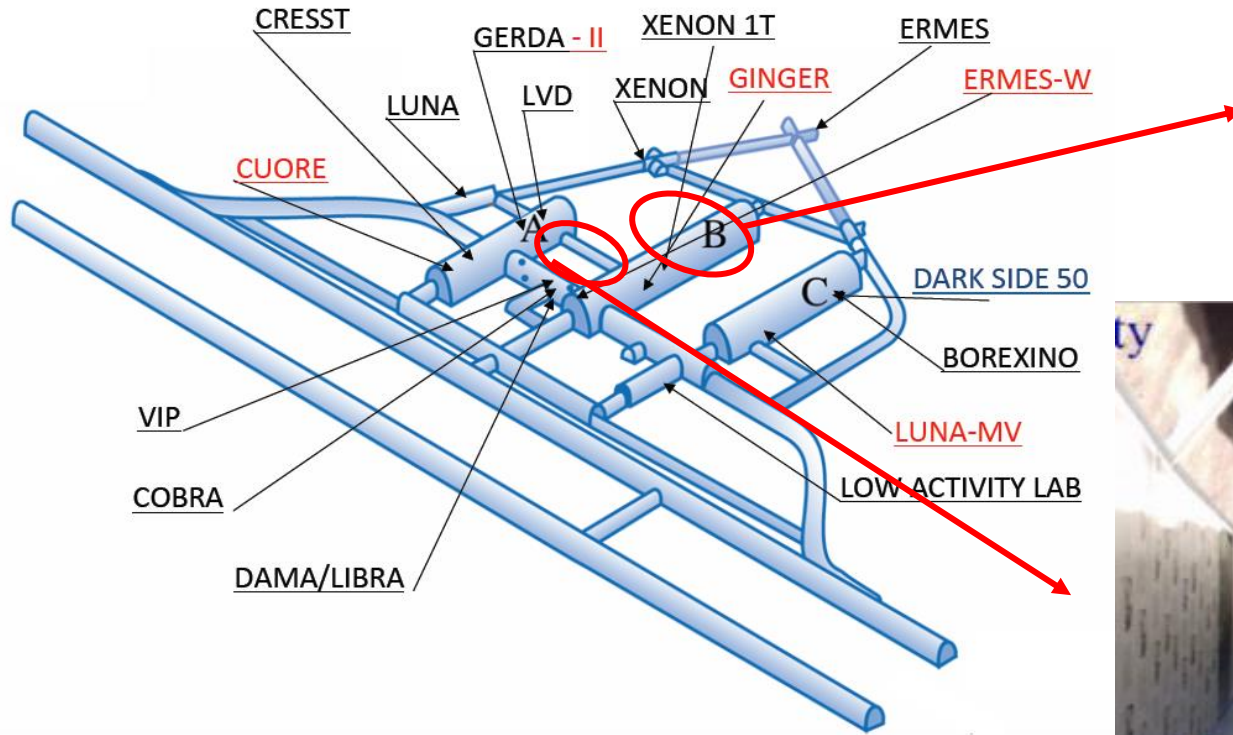
		
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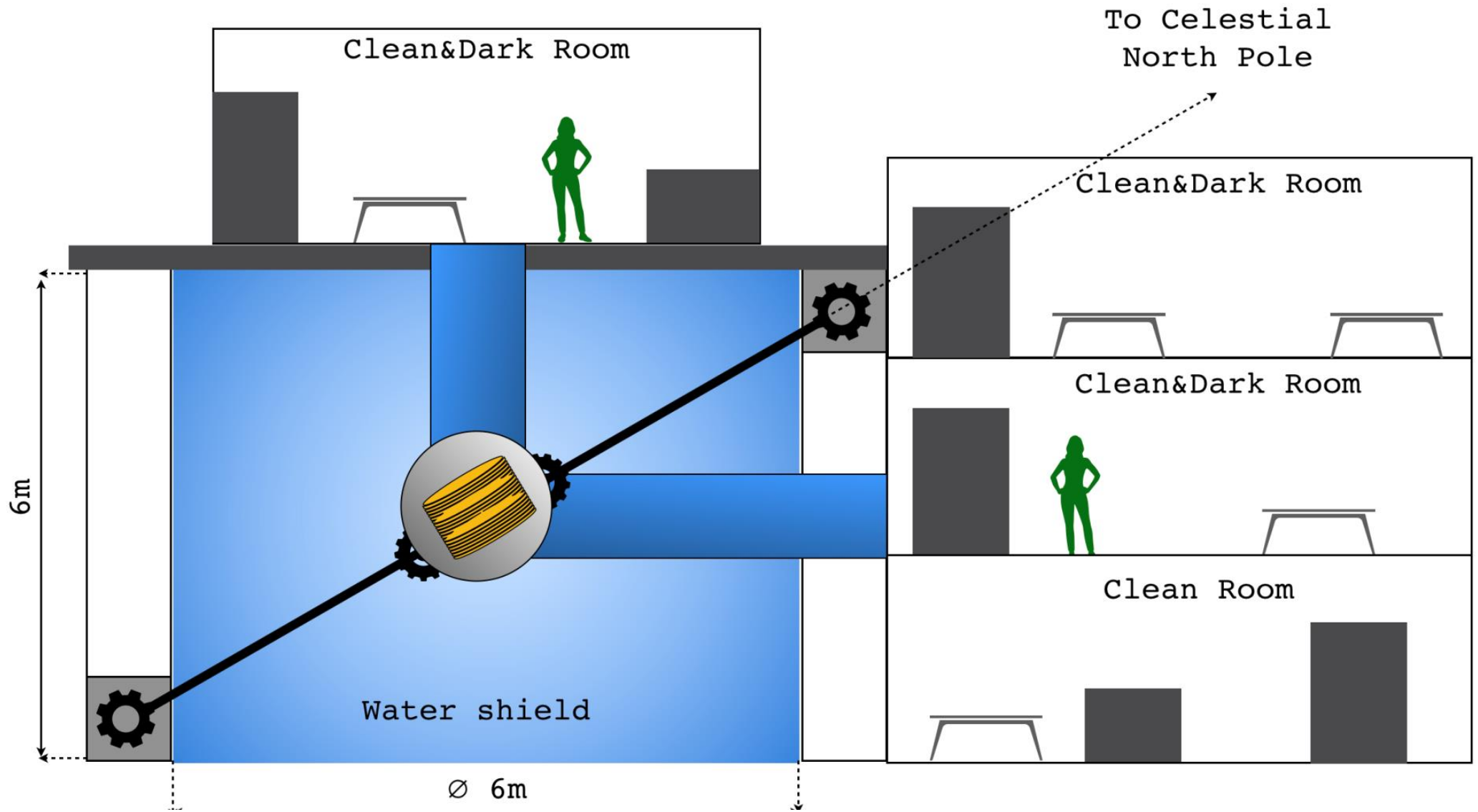
LOI under review by the LNGS science committee

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1604.04199>

# Test experiment environment

## Gran Sasso underground laboratory, Italy





# Conclusion

- **Dark matter is one of the most important subject in nature science**
- **Directional sensitive search is new methodology to obtain new information for direct dark matter search**
- **Super-fine grained nuclear emulsion (Nano Imaging Tracker : NIT) is capable of detecting nano-track, and very promising detector for direction-sensitive dark matter detection**
- **NEWSdm project is now on going as international experiment toward directional dark matter search in the LNGS**
- **Quite new technologies are continued to produce as “nano-tracking technologies”**