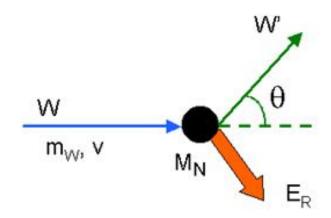


Nuclear recoils: things that go bump in the dark

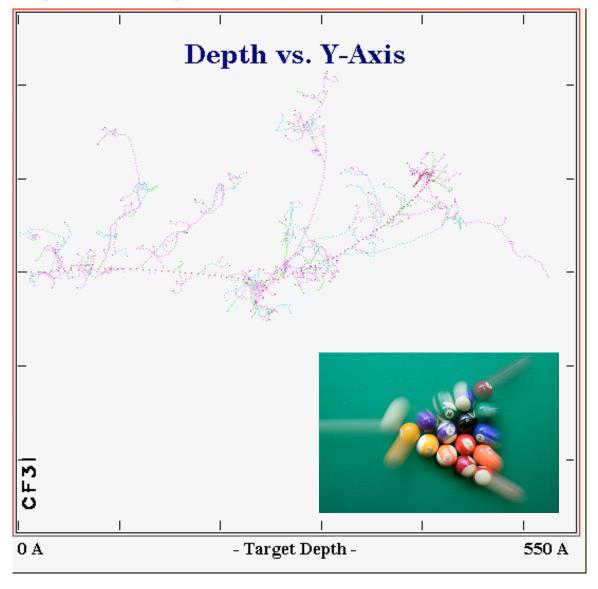
Old shoe

(elastic scattering of fast neutrons) but interest renewed by WIMP and neutrino detection.



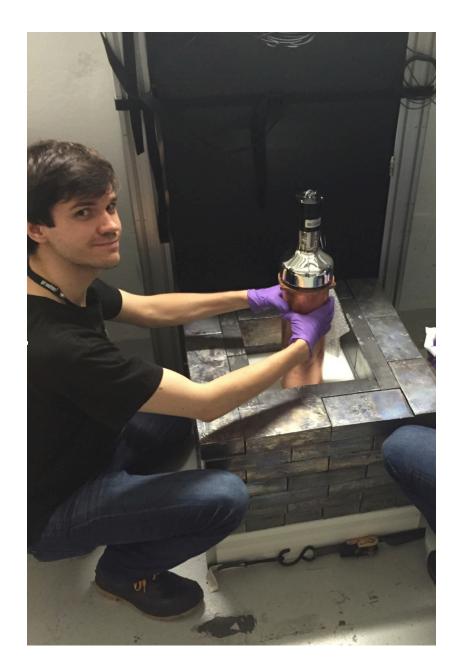
Microscopic behavior (e.g. dense energy concentration) can be exploited for NR identification.

Quenching of signal at low-energy



Most active area of particle detector R&D in last ~30 yrs?

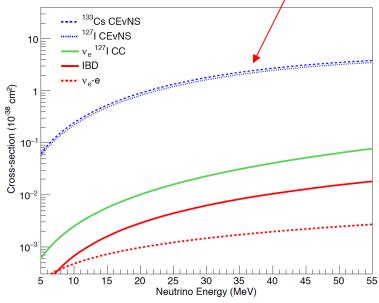
CEVNS: the advent of "miniature" neutrino detectors





CEVNS has largest v x-section

The catch: low-E NRs are the only detectable signature



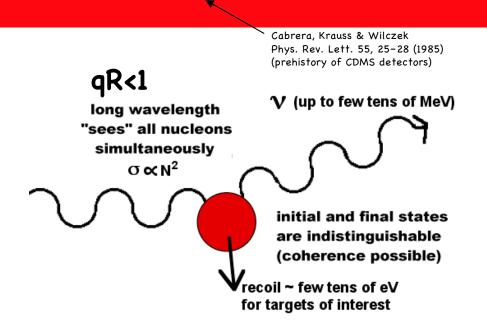
A 10c introduction to coherent v-N scattering (CEvNS)

- Uncontroversial Standard Model process
- Large enhancement to cross-section $_{\text{Phys. Rev. D 9 (1974) 1389}}^{\text{D.Z. Freedman}}$ for E_{V} < few tens of MeV ($\sigma \propto \text{N}^2$, possible only for neutral current)
- 43 yrs until successful detection... combination of source & detector technology was missing:

Detector mass must be at least ~1 kg (reactor experiment) + <u>recoil</u> energy threshold << 1keV

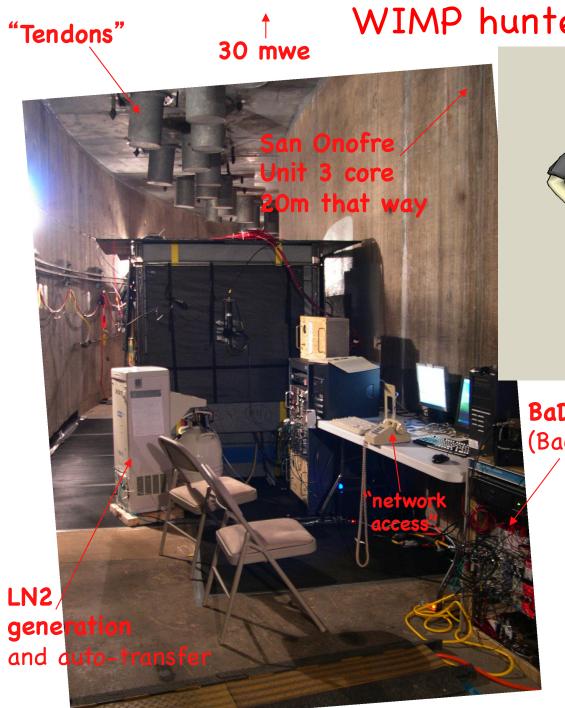
(recoils lose just 10-20% of E to ionization or scintillation)

• Cryogenic bolometers and many other methods proposed over the last four decades.

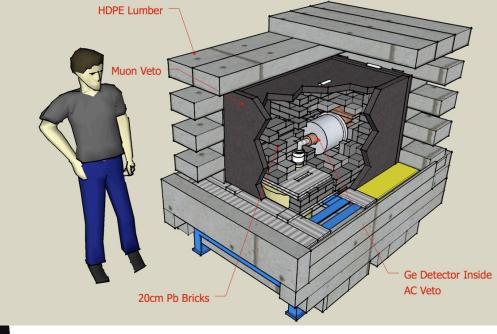


Fundamental physics (partial list):

- Largest σ_V in SN dynamics: should be measured to validate models (J.R. Wilson, PRL 32 (74) 849)
- A large detector can measure total E and T of SN $\nu_{\mu}, \nu_{\tau} \Rightarrow$ determination of ν oscillation pattern and mass of ν star (J.F.Beacom, W.M.Far & P.Vogel, PRD 66(02)033011)
- Coherent o same for all known v... oscillations observed in a coherent detector
- \Rightarrow evidence for v_{sterile} (A.Drukier & L.Stodolsky, PRD 30 (84) 2295)
- Sensitive probe of weak nuclear charge
- ⇒ test of radiative corrections due to new physics above weak scale (L.M.Krauss, PLB 269, 407)
- More sensitive to NSI and new neutral bosons than v factories. Also effective v charge radius (J. Barranco et al., hep-ph/0508299, hep-ph-0512029)
- σ critically depends on μ_V : observation of SM prediction would increase sensitivity to μ_V by > an order of magnitude (A.C.Dodd *et al*, PLB 266 (91) 434)
- Sensitive probe of neutron dens. distribution
 Smallish detectors... "v technology"?
- Monitoring of nuclear reactors against illicit operation or fuel diversion: present proposals using conventional 1-ton detectors reach only > ~3 GWt reactor power
- Geological prospection, planetary tomography...
 the list gets much wilder.

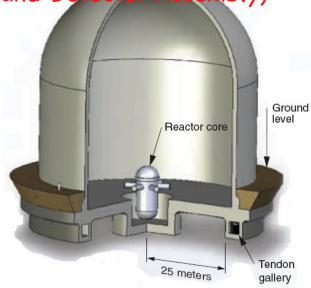


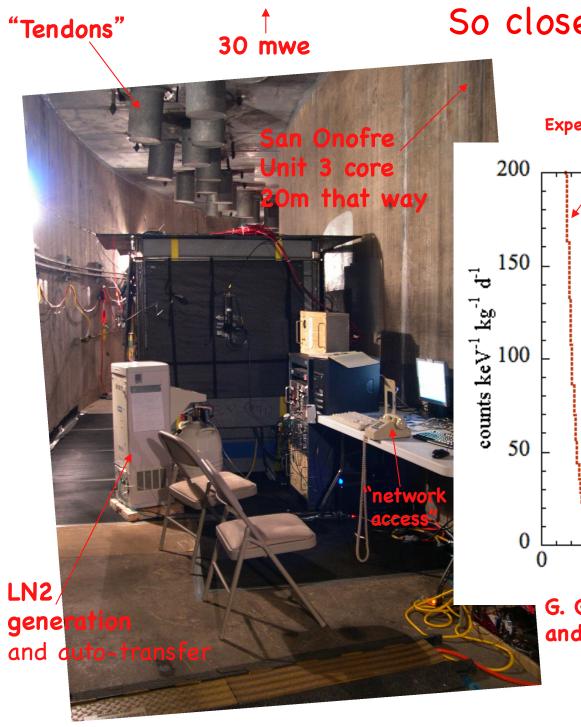
WIMP hunters need a hobby



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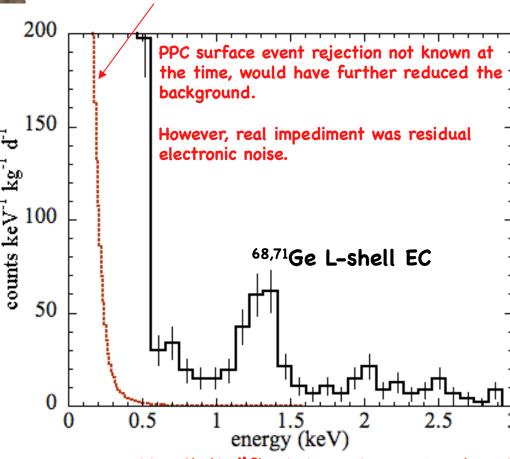
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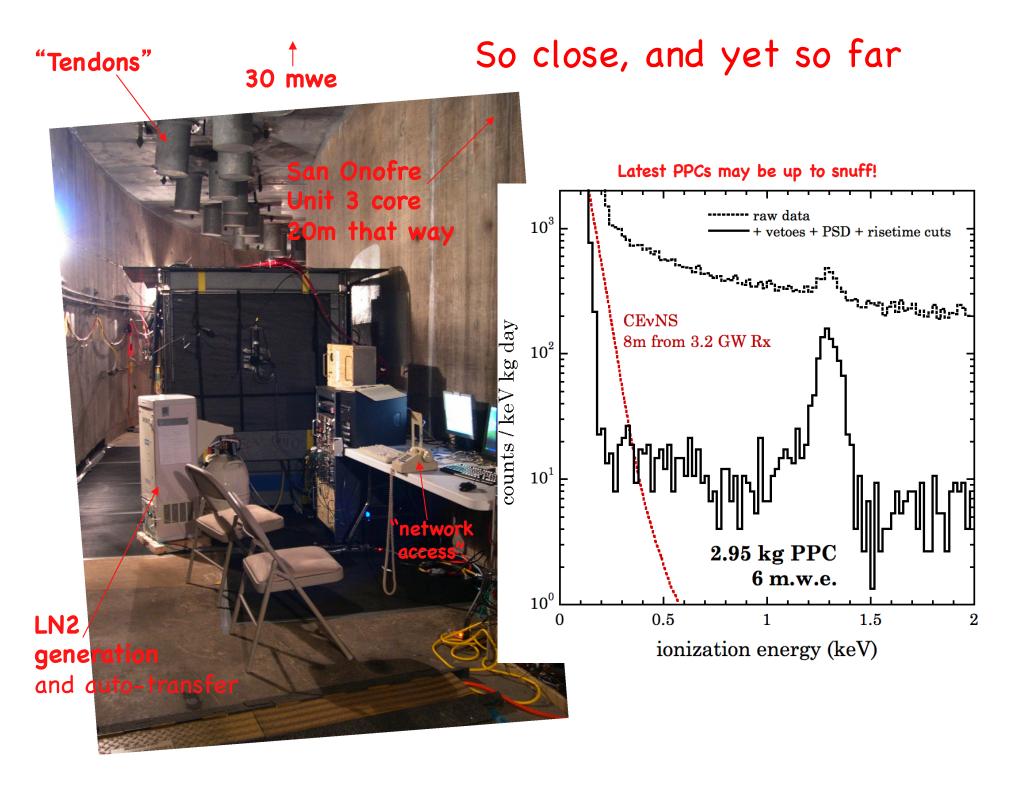


So close, and yet so far

Expected CEVNS signal (resolution folded in)



G. Gratta dixit: "first to put CEVNS signal and backgrounds on a linear-linear plot..."



Other reactor enthusiasts:

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Coherent Neutrino Scattering with

Cryogenic Crystal Detectors (also MINER)

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Bolometric Detection of Neutrinos

Blas Cabrera, Lawrence M. Krauss, and Frank Wilczek

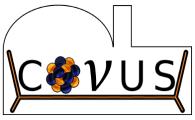
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(Received 14 December 1984)

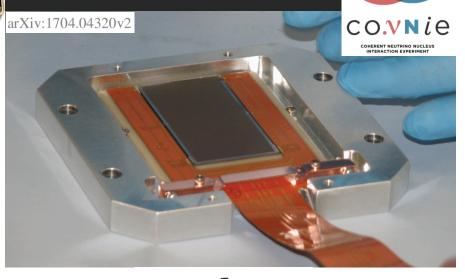
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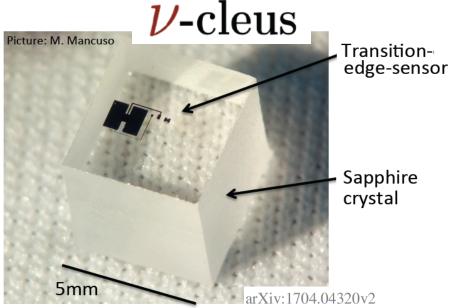






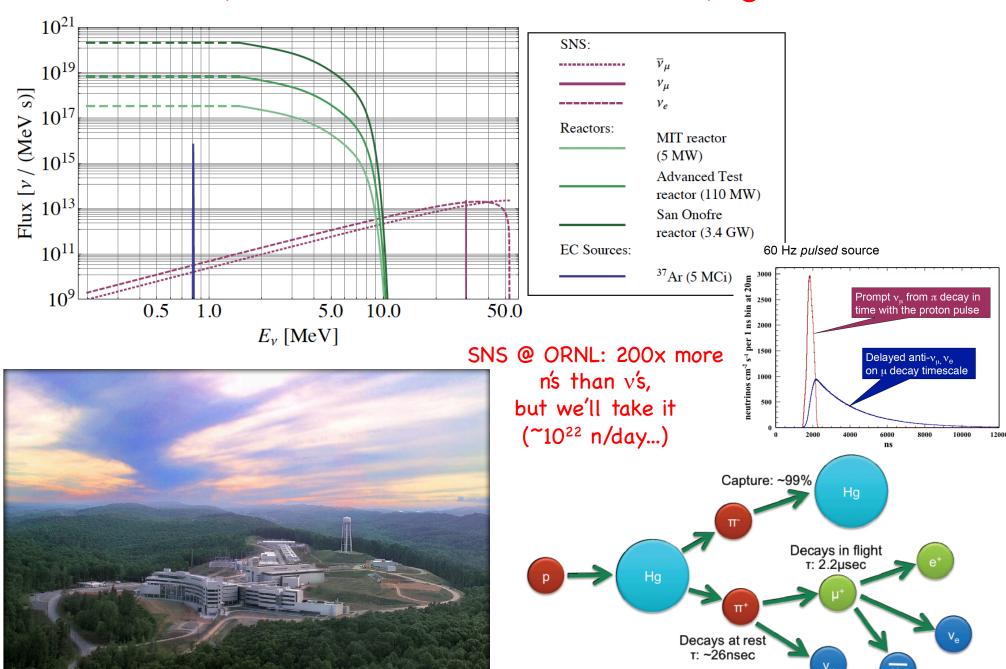
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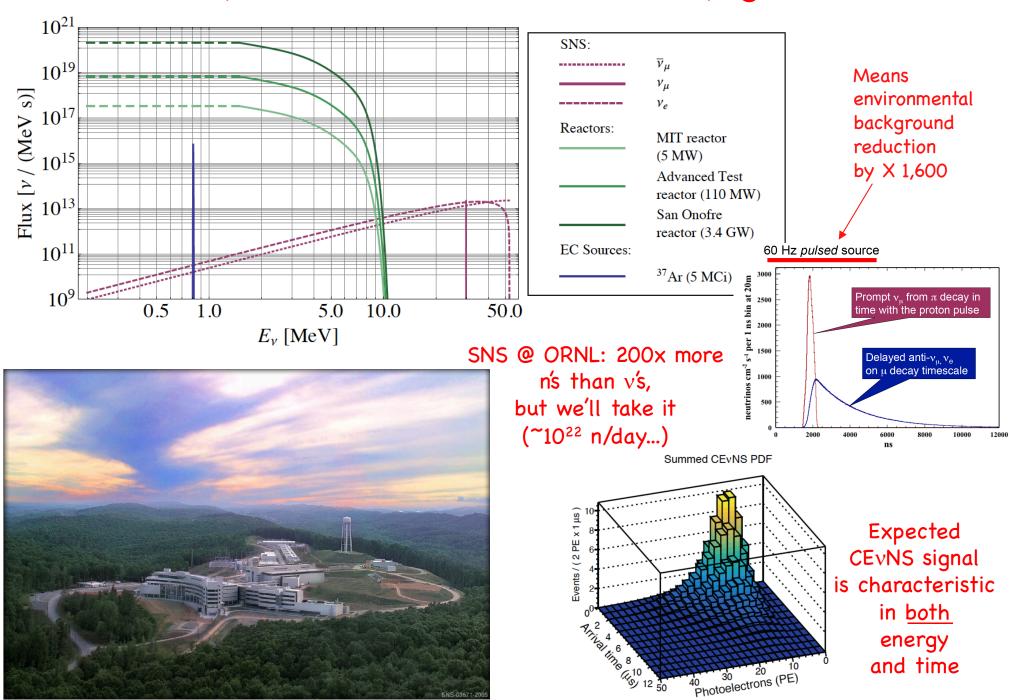


Technological applications: reactor monitoring is around the corner (compact microbolometer arrays and CCDs are almost there)

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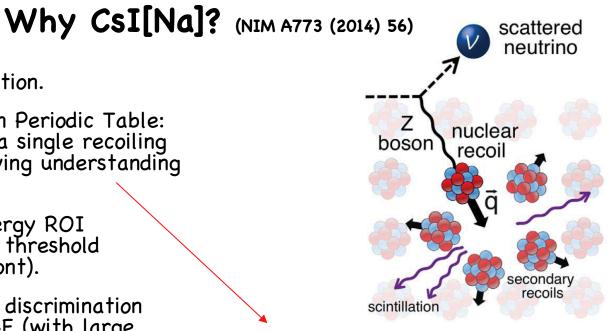


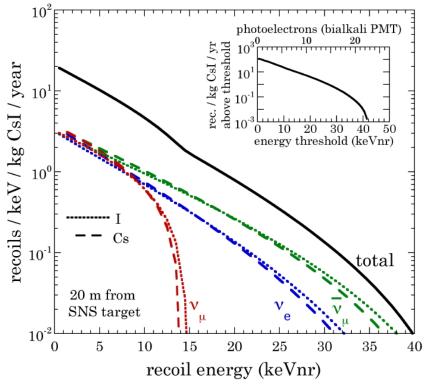
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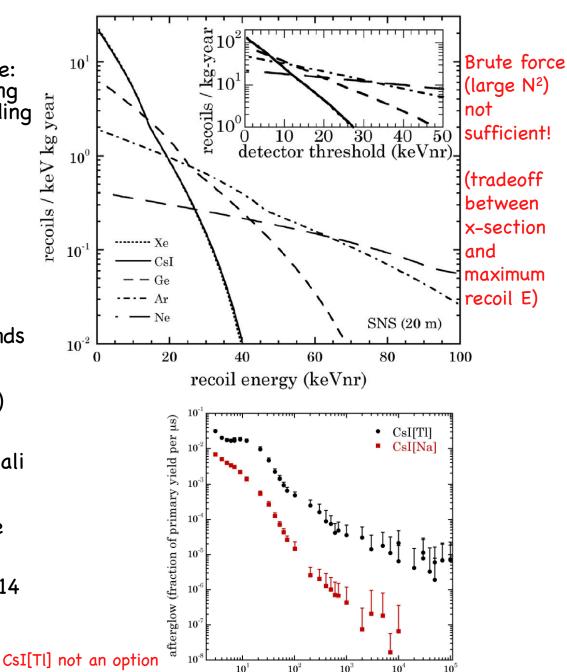




Why CsI[Na]? (NIM A773 (2014) 56)

due to excessive afterglow

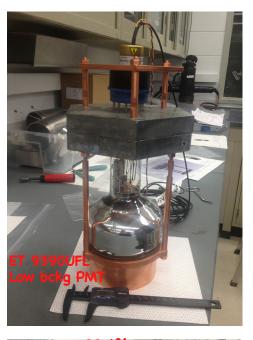
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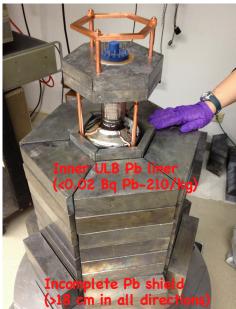


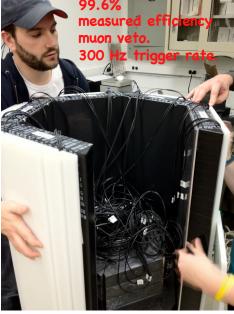
time after interaction (µs)

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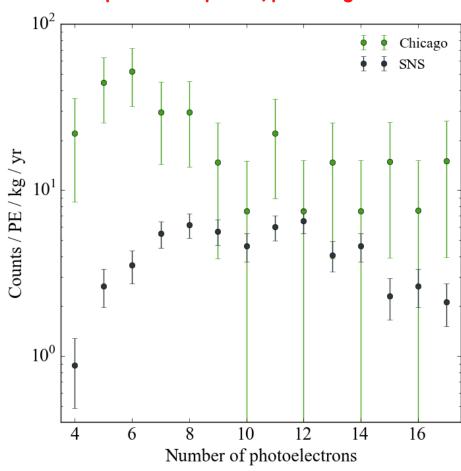






Pulsed SNS signal leads to very low bckg.

We improved on prototype background level!



Preliminaries: in situ neutron bckg measurements

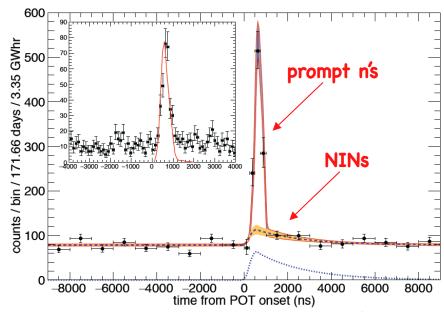




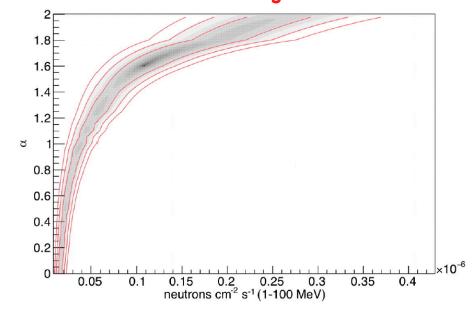




The "neutrino alley" @ SNS

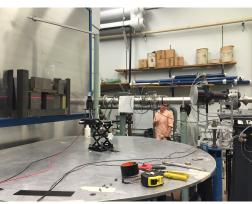


Measured NIN and prompt n bckg rates were x50 and x20 smaller than CEvNS signal rate.



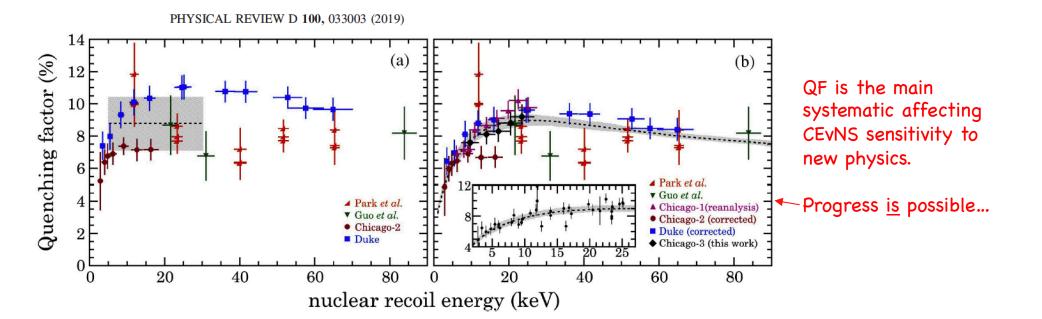
Preliminaries: Quenching factor (QF) measurements





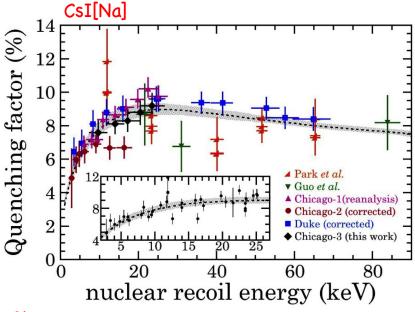




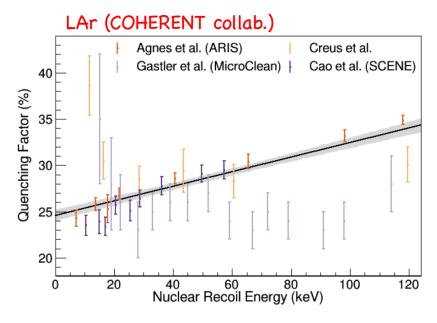


Toto, we're not in Kansas anymore:

for CEVNS studies, the QF is the crux



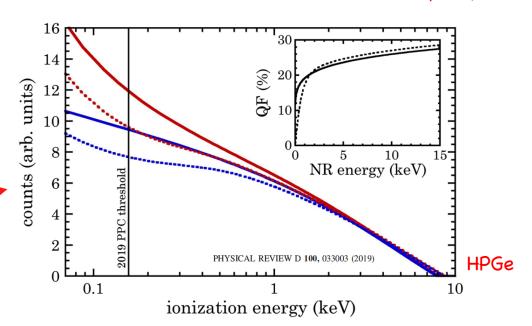
5% uncertainty in 5-25 keV ROI Physics-based model (Birks + kinematic threshold)



2% uncertainty in >20 KeV ROI claimed (?!) Linear fit (because "it isn't completely unreasonable")

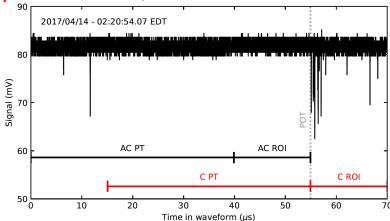
We are not looking for WIMPs: we have predictable signals.

Time to start taking this subject seriously... it can make the difference between discoveries—and embarrassment.



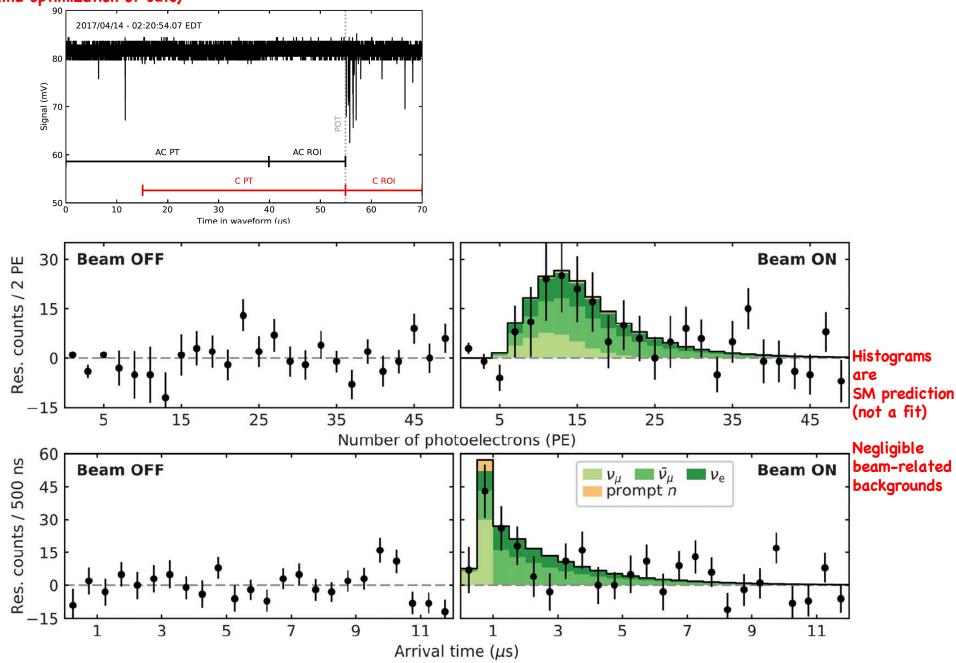
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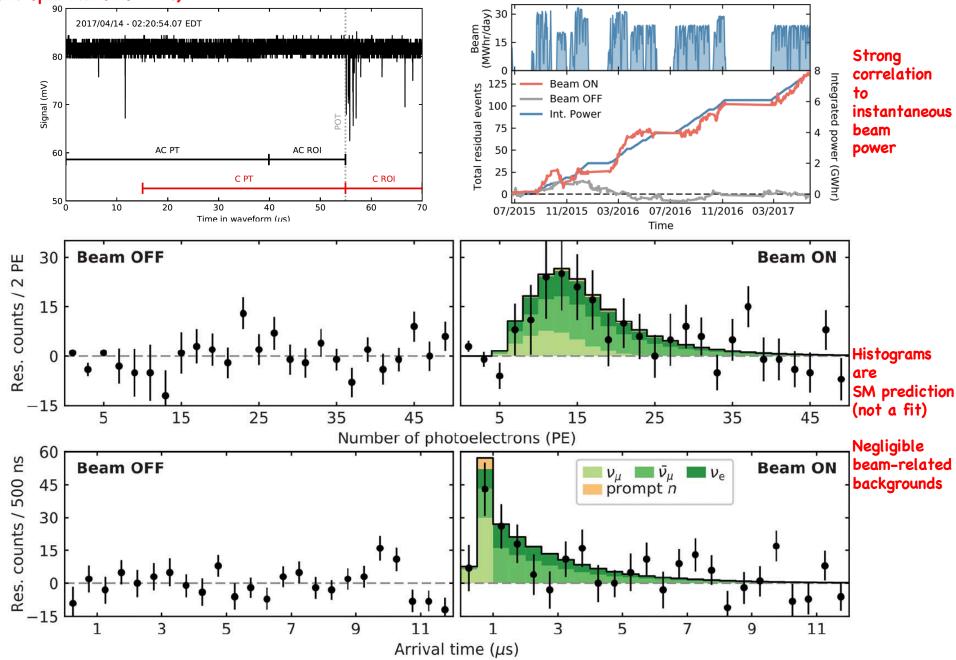
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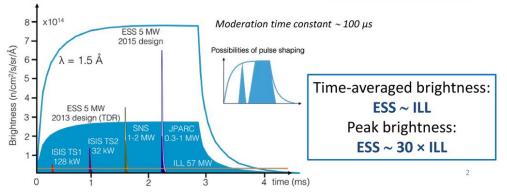
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A new and definitive opportunity for CEVNS: the ESS

ESS – A long-pulse spallation source

	SNS	ESS
Average power	1.4 MW	5 MW
Proton pulse length	695 ns	2.86 ms
Peak power	34 GW	125 MW
Energy per pulse	24 kJ	357 kJ
Pulse repetition rate	60 Hz	14 Hz



X10 the DAR \vee production of the SNS (= signal STATISTICS = sensitivity to new physics)

x2.5 SNS current & x2 SNS energy (=~x4 SNS v/p)

Slightly <u>better</u> signal-to-bckg than SNS, after including beam timing (steady-state bckgs are subtractable)

SNS signal rate is excruciatingly slow (e.g.,~300 CsI[Na] events in over 4 yr). ESS provides X10 the throughput.

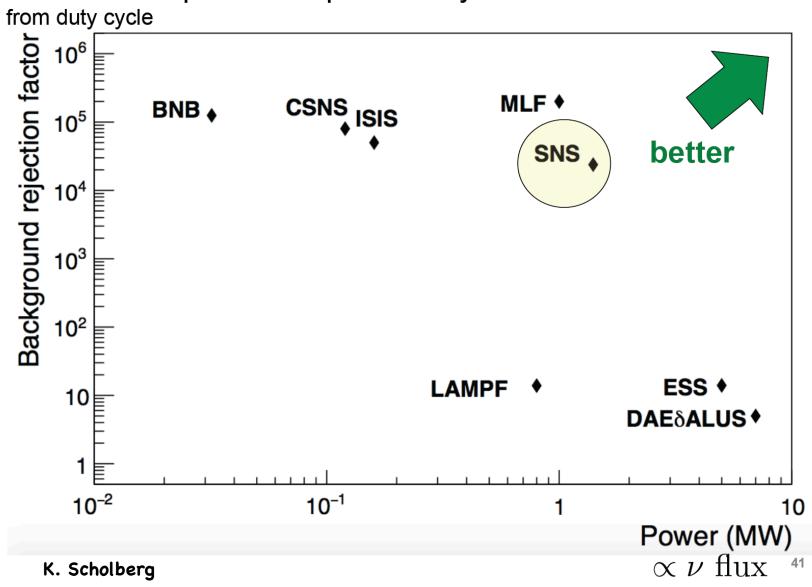


Statistical uncertainties become negligible, while keeping detectors small and low-cost -> best possible sensitivity to CEvNS at spallation sources is within reach, limited by irreducible systematics (Φ_{v} , QF) only.

First POT expected for 2021 (the time to start thinking CEvNS @ ESS is NOW)

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Comparison of pion decay-at-rest v sources

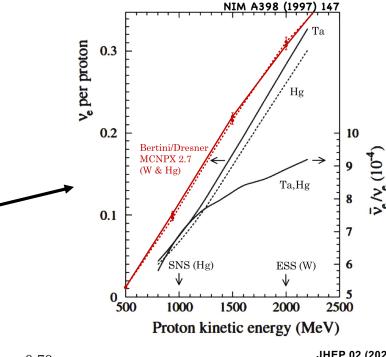


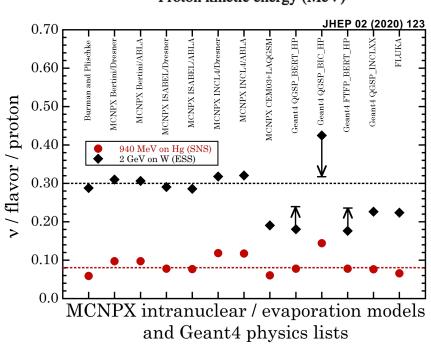
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1) Neutrino flux depends
 on proton current
 and on proton energy.
 v/p grows dramatically with E_p
 ⇒ v production @ ESS is x9.2 @ SNS

2) Steady-state backgrounds are subtractable ⇒ signal-to-background f.o.m. depends on square root of duty cycle (slightly better signal/bckg at ESS)

3) Differences in ESS and SNS duty cycles for v detection are simply wrong, by a large factor. (J-PARC MLF is also better than SNS).





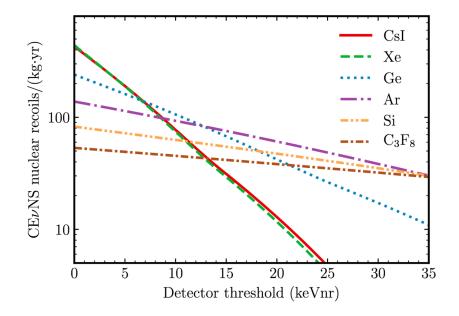
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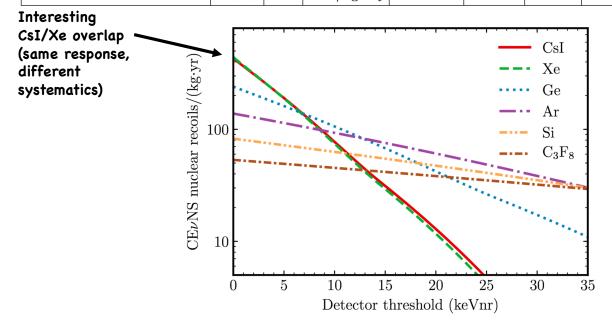
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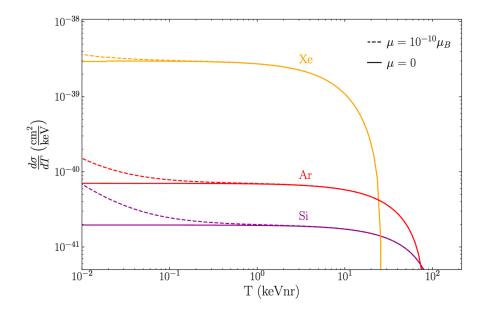
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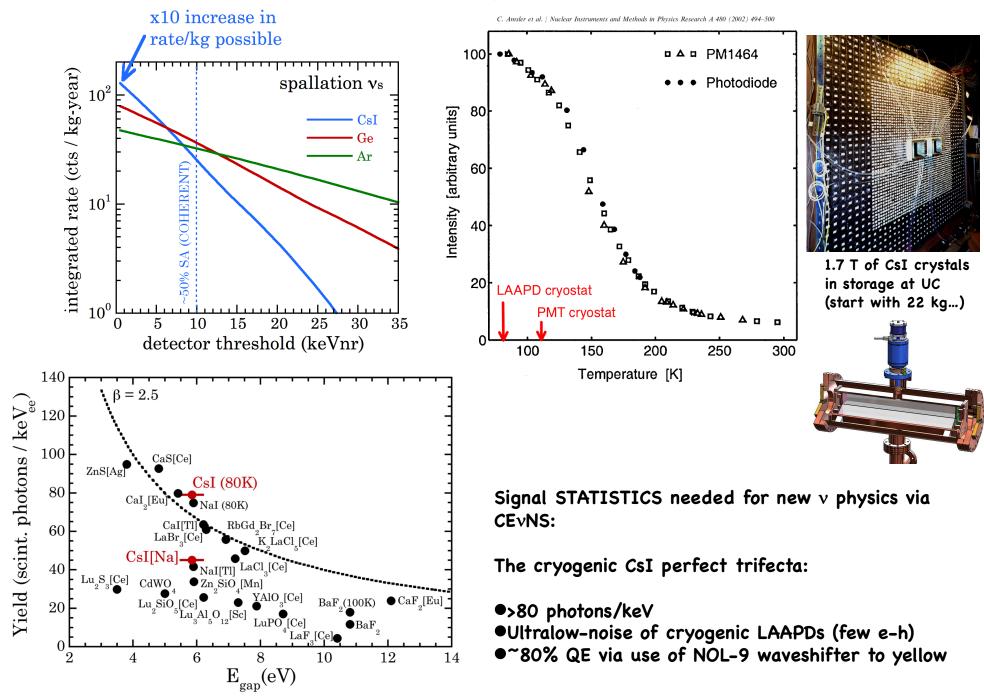
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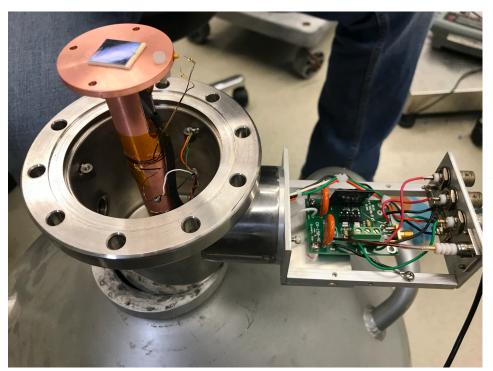
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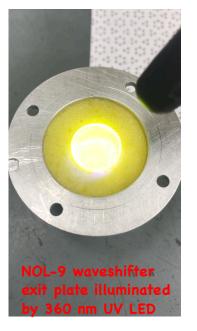
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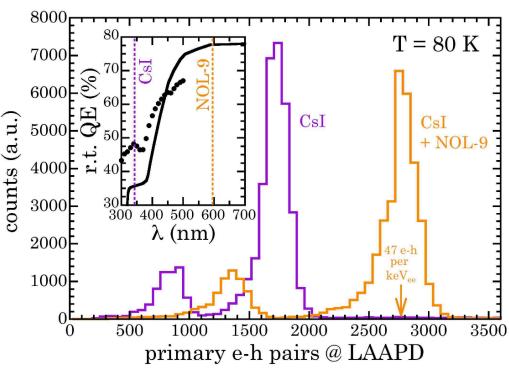


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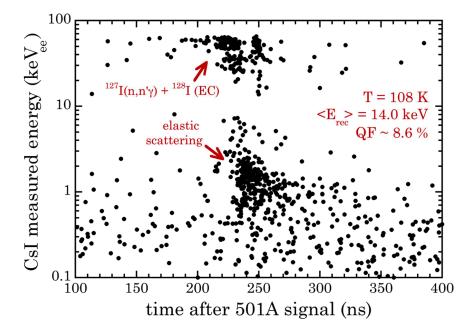
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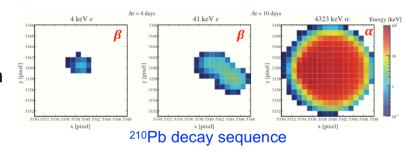
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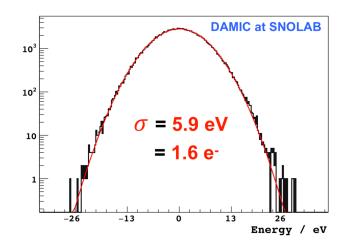
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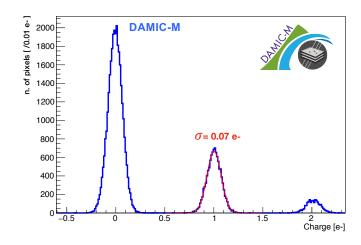
 Exquisite spatial resolution: unique background characterization and rejection

Unparalleled rejection of intrinsic backgrounds!



- Extremely low dark current (2×10⁻²² A cm⁻², < 0.001 e/pixel/day)
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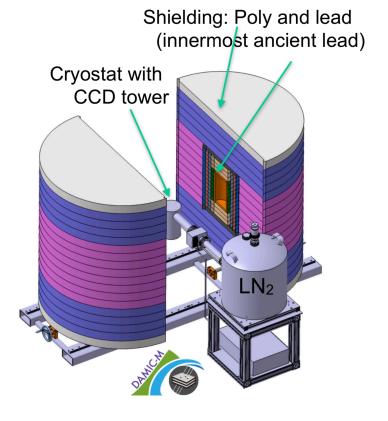




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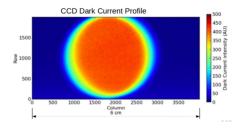
DAMIC at Laboratoire Souterrain de Modane

- 50 CCDs (kg-size target mass)
- Most massive CCDs ever built (>10 g each)
- Single electron resolution with "skipper" readout (demonstrated by Fermilab SENSEI group)
- A fraction of dru background
- "Classical" design (Ge detectors and DAMIC at SNOLAB)
- R&D and design up to 2021
- Construction 2022
- Installation in 2023

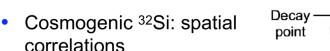


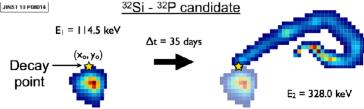
DAMIC-M Backgrounds

- Most relevant backgrounds identified by DAMIC at SNOLAB
- Cosmogenic tritium: minimize exposure to cosmic rays with shielding during transport/fabrication; CCD packaging and test underground at LSM. Also, R&D ongoing to evaluate tritium removal by wafers/CCDs baking.



Activation of a DAMIC CCD at the LANSCE neutron beam. Tritium clearly detected; rate measurement being finalized.

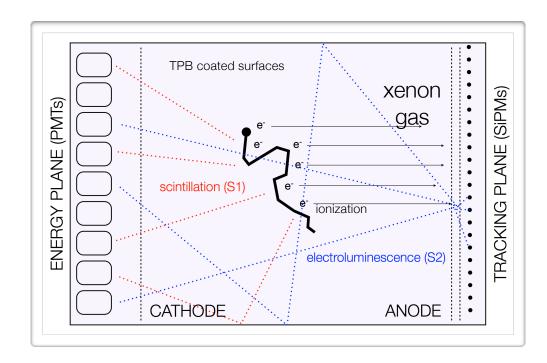




- Surface ²¹⁰Pb: minimize exposure to radon (radon-free clean room at LSM for CCD packaging/test; installation in radon-free tent)
- Radiogenic background: material selection and electro formed copper

Challenging goal: 0.1 dru

High pressure gas xenon detectors



EL mode is essential to get lineal gain, therefore avoiding avalanche fluctuations and fully exploiting the excellent Fano factor in gas

- •It is a High Pressure Xenon (HPXe) TPC operating in EL mode.
- •It is filled with 100 kg of Xenon enriched at 90% in Xe-136 (in stock) at a pressure of 15 bar.
- •The event energy is integrated by a plane of radiopure PMTs located behind a transparent cathode (energy plane), which also provide t0.
- •The event topology is reconstructed by a plane of radiopure silicon pixels (MPPCs) (tracking plane).

NEXT-NEW

Tracking plane Pressure with SiPMs 50 bar

vessel rated to

Taking data at the LSC

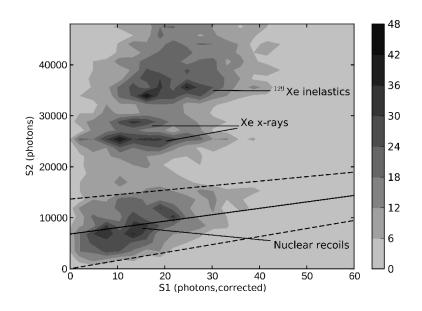


Copper shield: 6cm in the main body, 12 cm in the end caps

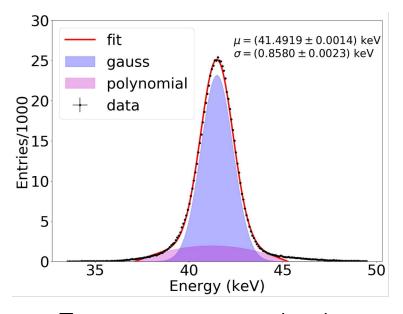
Energy plane with PMTs

Detector can be optimised for operation at the ESS

Nuclear recoils and energy resolution in gas xenon

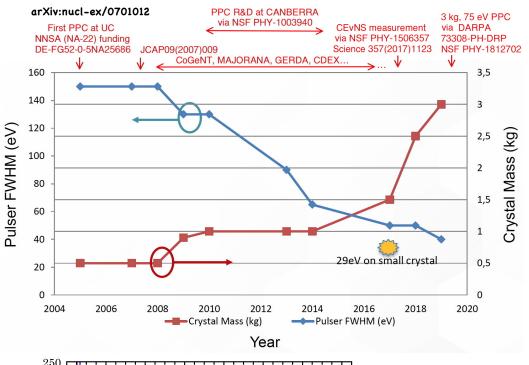


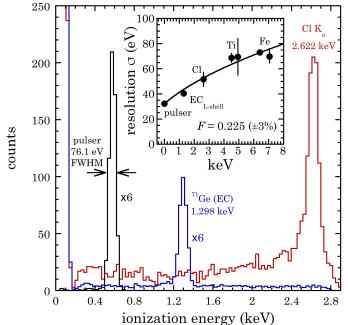
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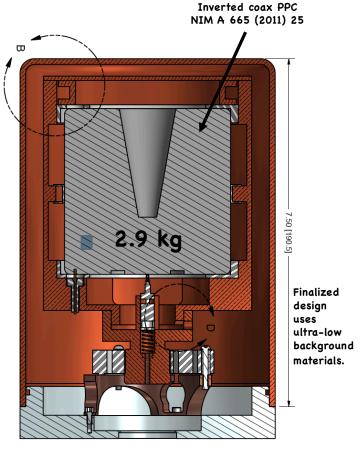
Energy reconstruction in NEW of 41.5 keV events. Energy resolution is 4.85% FWHM

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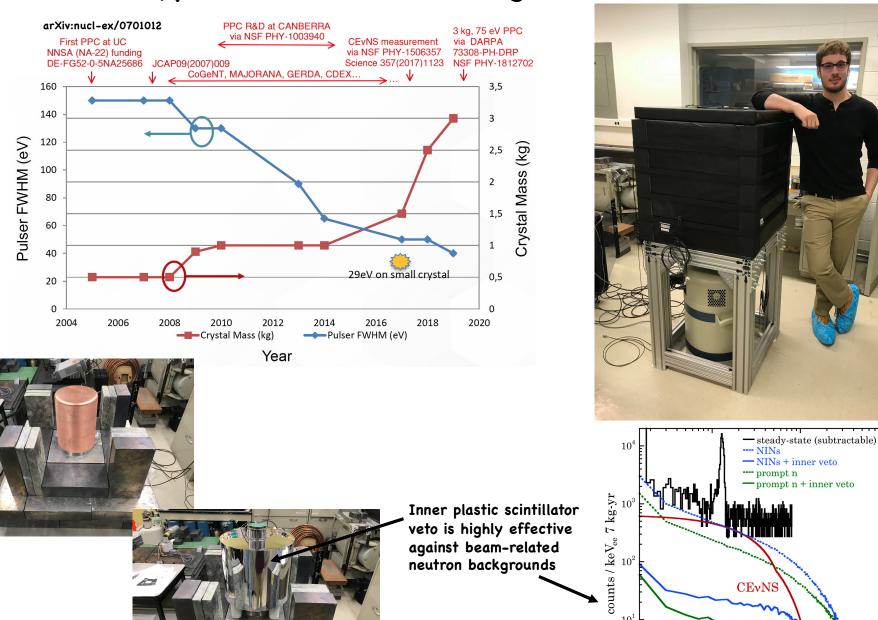


Ge PPC: unique combination of mass, radiopurity, threshold and resolution provide ideal tool for precision CEvNS studies, and practical applications (reactor monitoring)





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neutron backgrounds

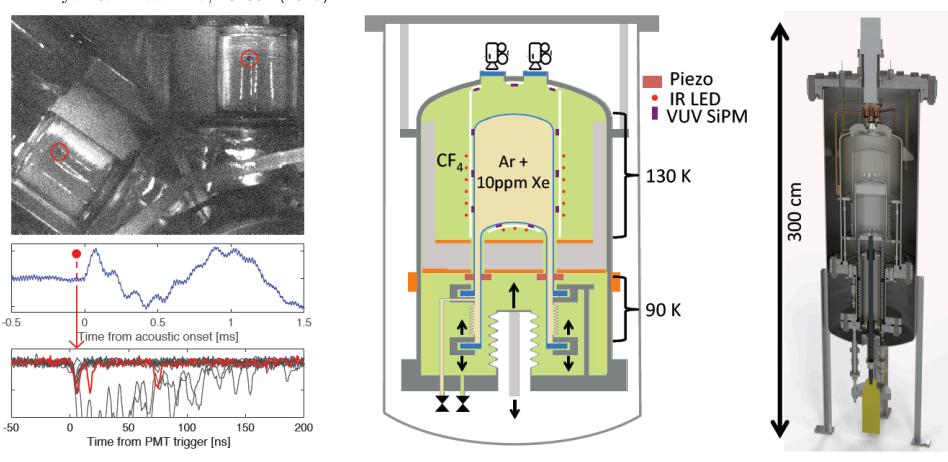
CEvNS

ionization energy (keV_o)

QF = 20 %d = 20 m

Moderately superheated scintillating bubble chambers

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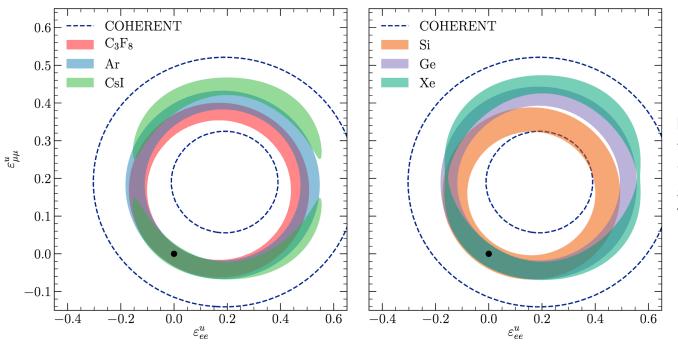
Lowest threshold, highest background discrimination of any NR detector. 10 kg device for CEvNS under construction at FNAL/Northwestern.

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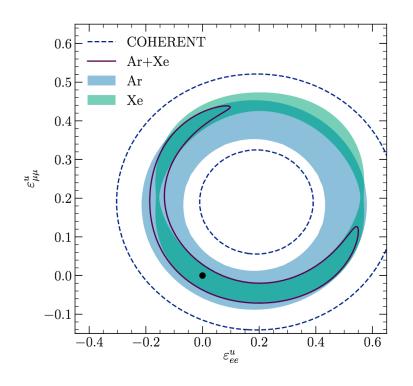
NSI, magnetic moment, v charge radius, weak mixing angle, sterile v, DM candidates... The list is long...

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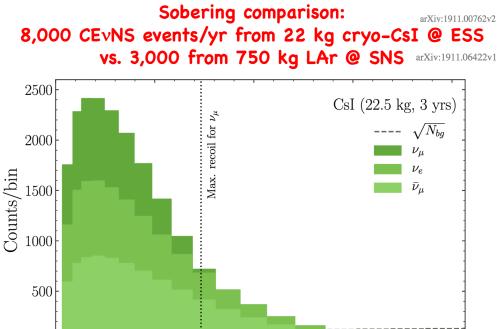
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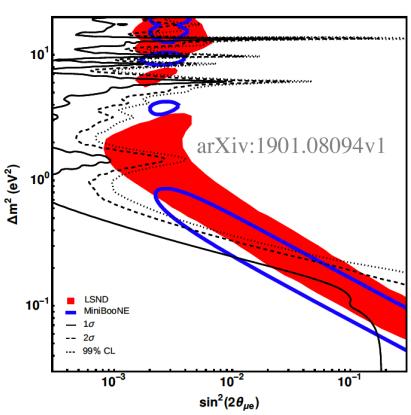
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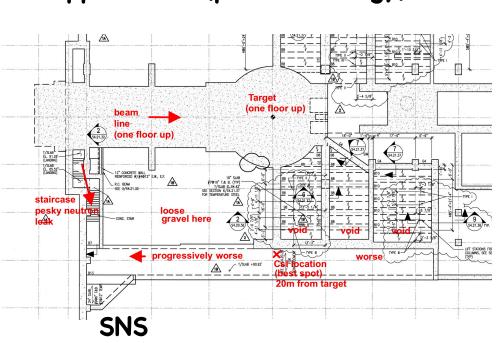
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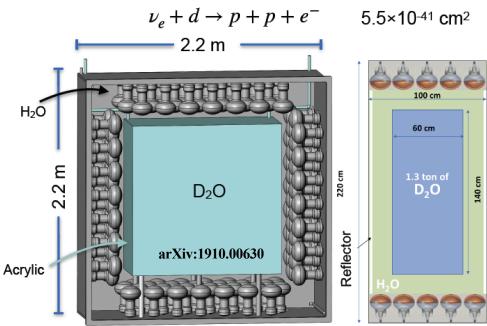


Searches for sterile v's via CEvNS: "direct detection" of the undetectable...

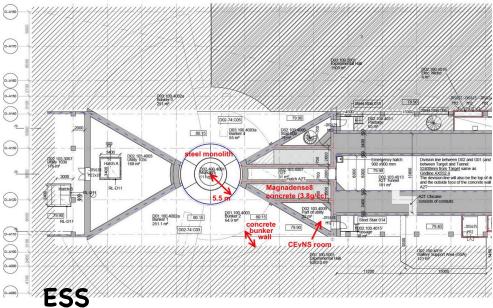
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