

#### Nal crystal for particle detection

#### Pro

- High light output
  - 40,000 photons/MeV>60,000 photons/MeV?
- Easy to grow
  - Cheap
  - ✤ Large size
- The most widely used scintillator

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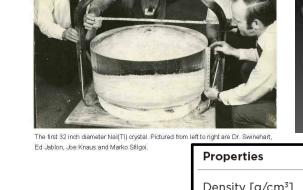
Huge hygroscopic materials

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- Contamination of natural Potassium

   ~ 3keV X-ray from <sup>40</sup>K
- No good identification of nuclear recoil

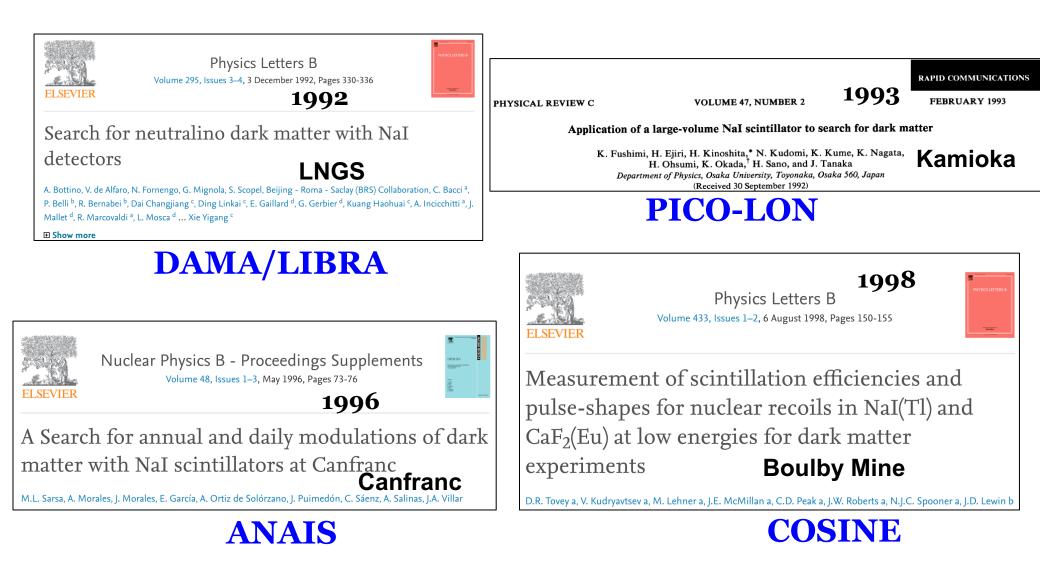
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7.4 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
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3%C <sup>-1</sup>

### Nal(TI) for rare event searches : Dark Matter



## Annual modulation of dark matter

#### The Highs

In June, Earth moves

at its fastest speed through the dark matter halo.

> Total Rate winter

# The Lows

In December,

Earth moves at

its slowest speed.

Sun and Earth move in the same relative direction

December/2<sup>nd</sup>

June/2<sup>nd</sup>

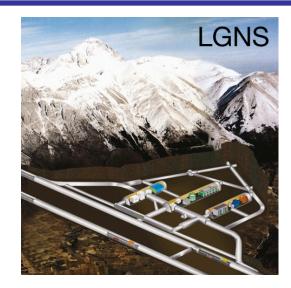
Earth and sun orbits are opposed

Earth passes through many dark matter particles

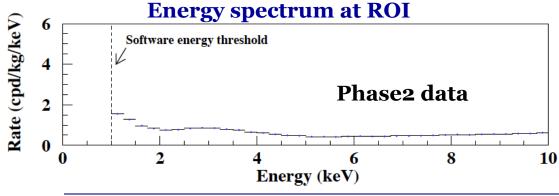
Earth encounters fewer particles

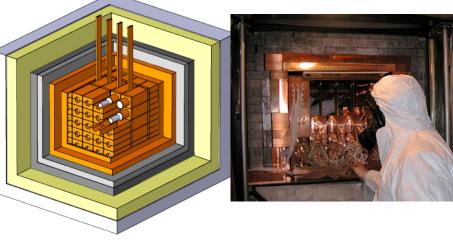
#### **DAMA/LIBRA** experiment

- Located at LNGS, Italy
- 25 x 9.70 kg Nal(TI) detectors ~ 250 kg
- Search for the annual modulation signal
- Crystals grown by Saint-Gobain
  - Extensive R&D for low-background crystals
  - ✤ 0.85 ~ 1.3 counts/keV/kg/day (dru) background
- Light yield of 5~10 PE/keV

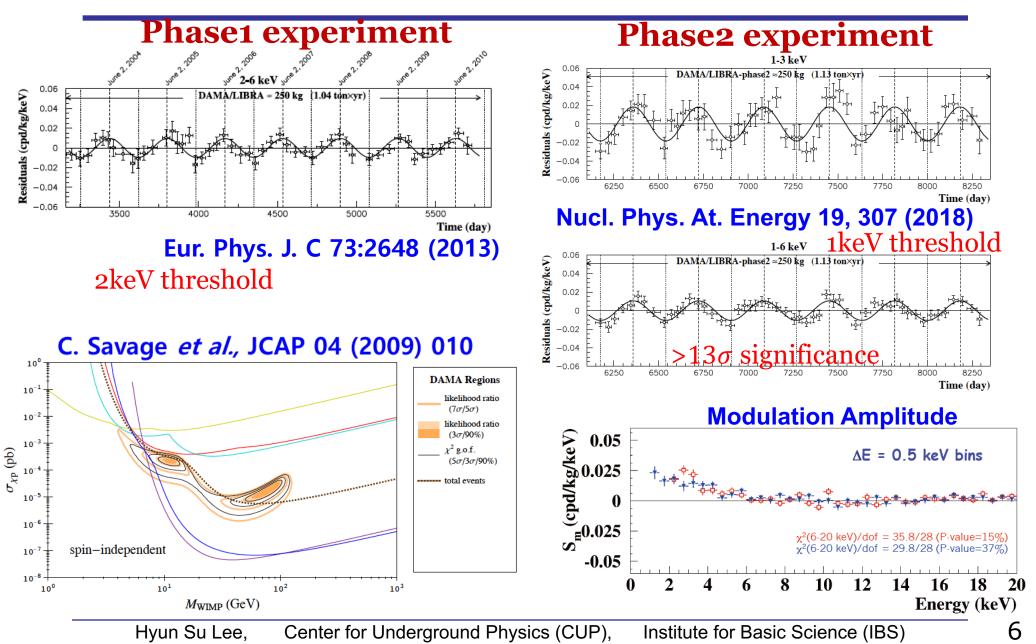


- DAMA/Nal (100 kg, 1996~2003) First modulation result, PLB 424, 195 (1998)
- DAMA/LIBRA-phase1 (250 kg, 2003-2010)
- DAMA/LIBRA-phase2 (250 kg, 2010~current)

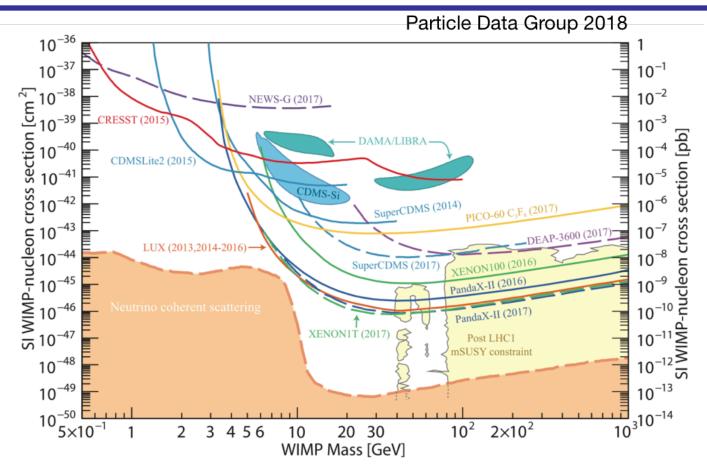




#### Annual modulation signal from DAMA/LIBRA

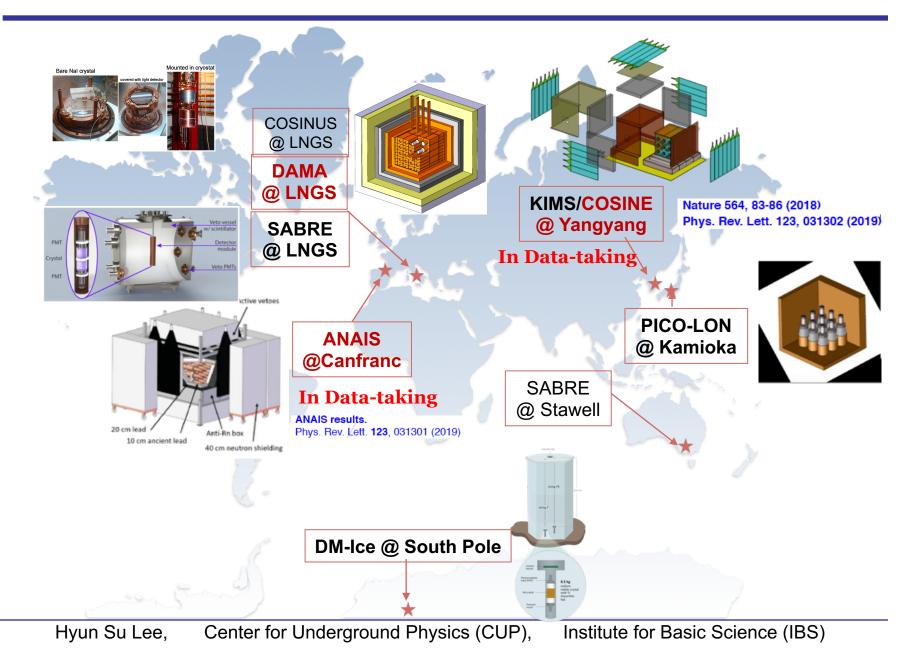


#### However...

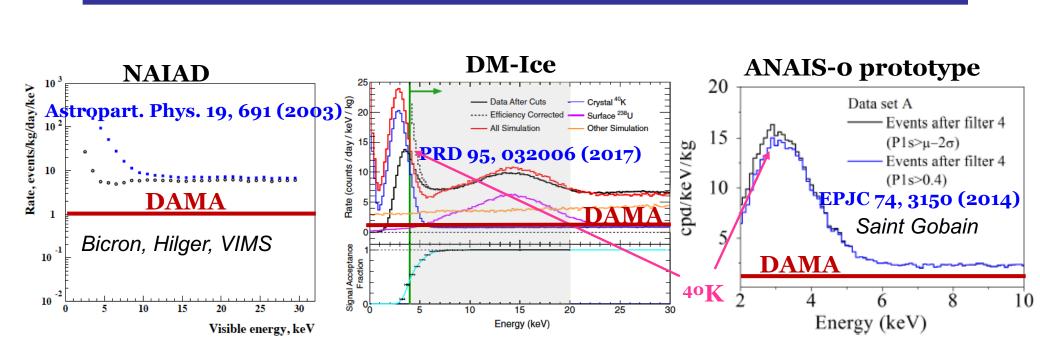


- Is Nal special for certain types of dark matter?
- Modulation signals vs time-averaged limits?
- Environmental effects? Better to have another NaI experiments

#### Global Nal(TI) efforts



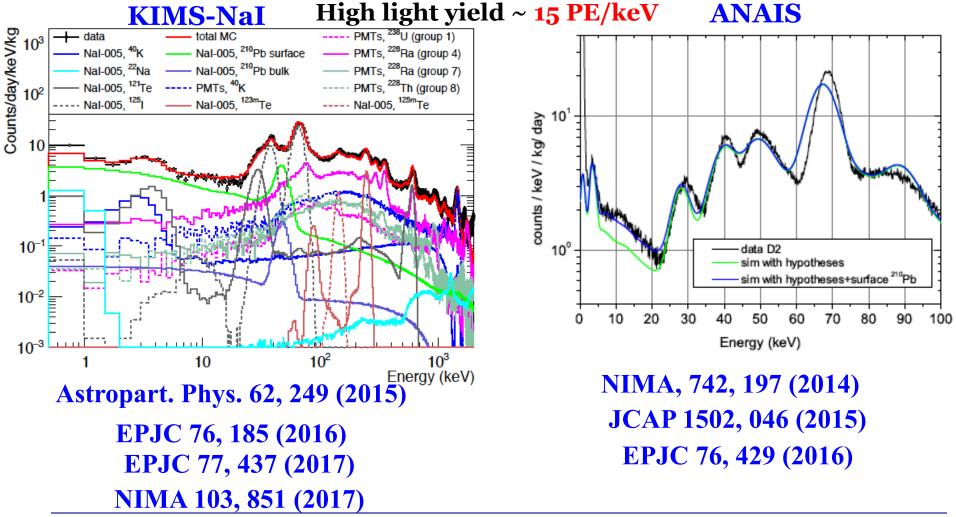
#### Why it is so hard to reproduce DAMA?



- No other experiments achieve the low-background rate of Nal(TI)
- Saint-Gobain lost the technique for low-background Nal(TI) crystals
  - Confidential contraction between DAMA and Saint-Gobain was finished already

### Nal(TI) development with Alpha Spectra (AS)

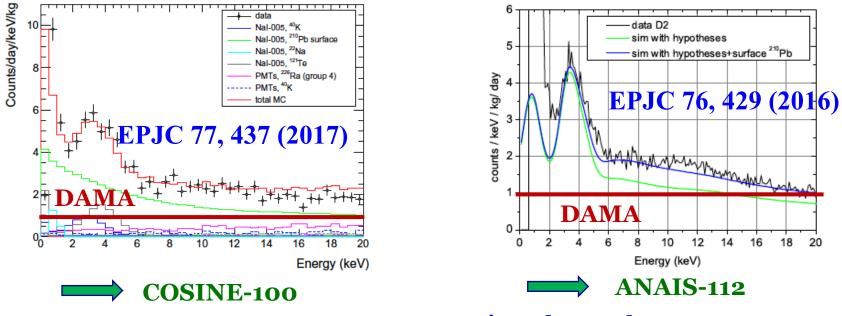
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**KIMS-NaI** High light yield ~ 15 PE/keV ANAIS



2-4 times larger than DAMA

- Reduced <sup>40</sup>K but, still contribute significantly
- <sup>210</sup>Pb is the most significant contribution
- Cosmogenic activation is unexpected problem from AS
- AS is located in Grand Junction, Colorado (~1,000 m altitude)

#### **COSINE** collaboration (Since 2015)

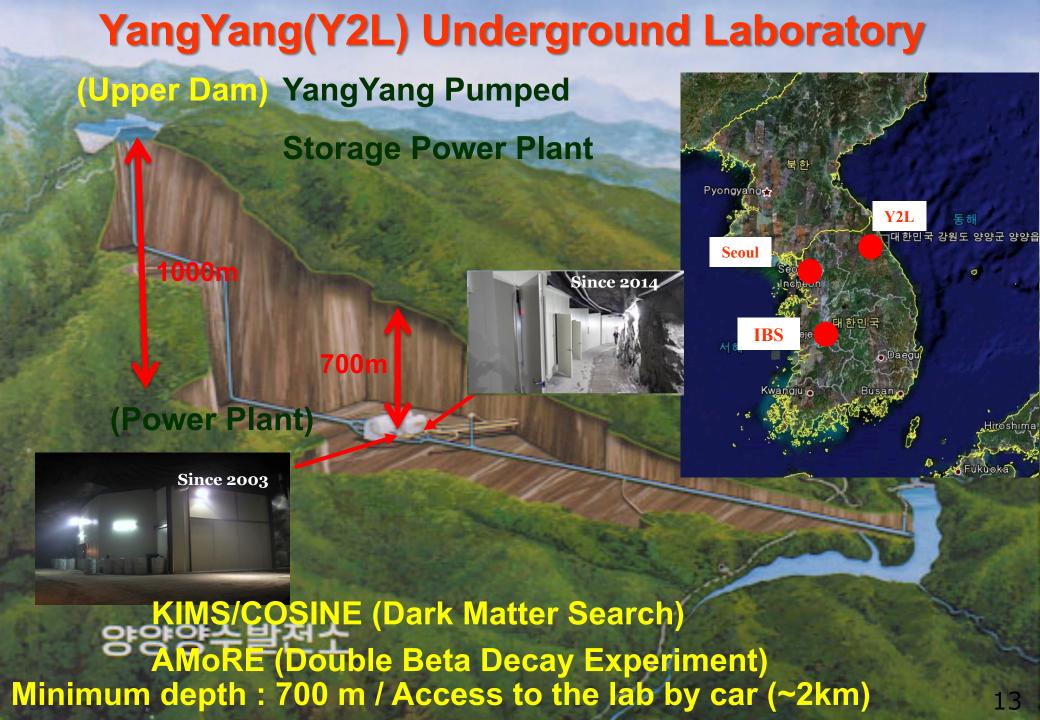


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KIMS and DM-Ice joint effort to search for dark matter interactions in NaI(TI) scintillating crystals. (Goal to **test DAMA/LIBRA experiment**)

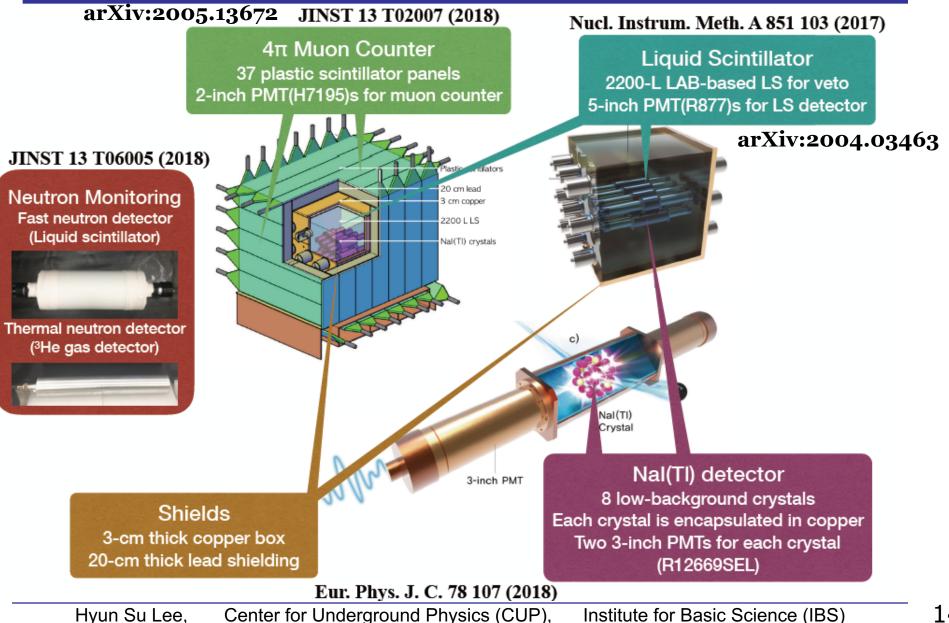






#### **COSINE-100 detector configuration**





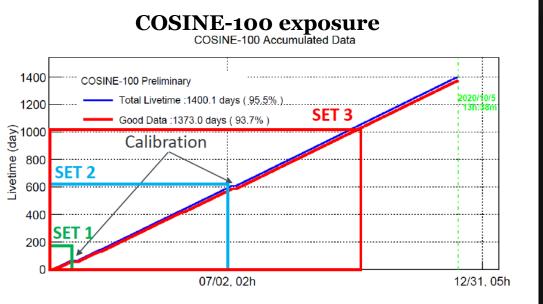
### **COSINE-100** detectors

Eur. Phys. J. C 78 (2018) 107 Eur. Phys. J. C 78 (2018) 490 JINST 13 (2018) P09006 JINST 13 (2018) T02007 JINST 13 (2018) T06005

**Physics run since Sept/2016** 

### **COSINE-100 operation**

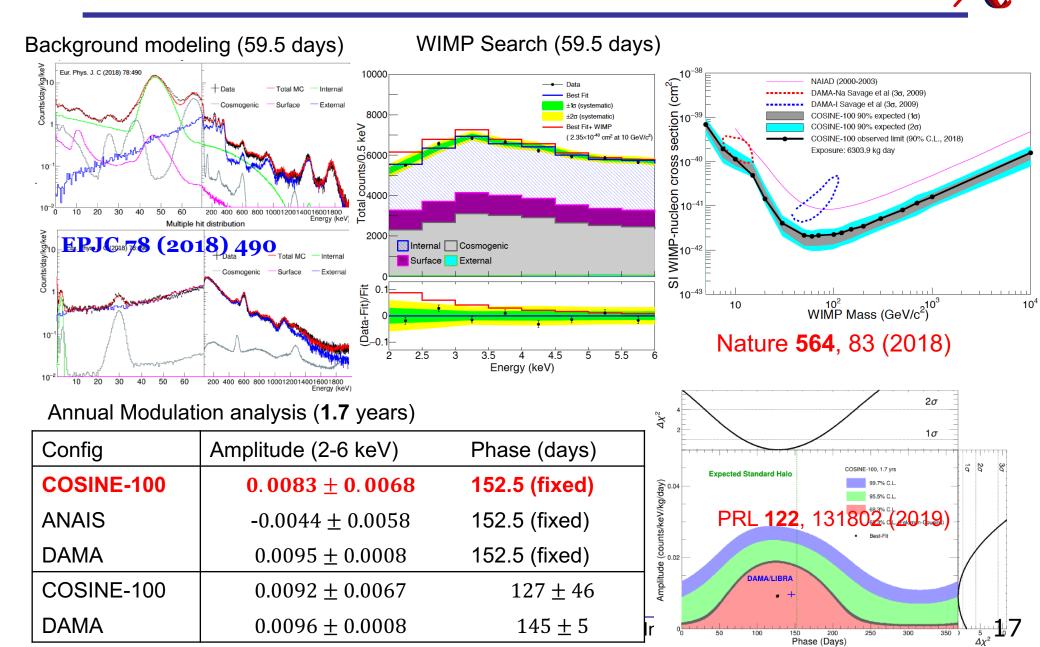




- Stable physics run
   >95% physics data
   >93% good runs

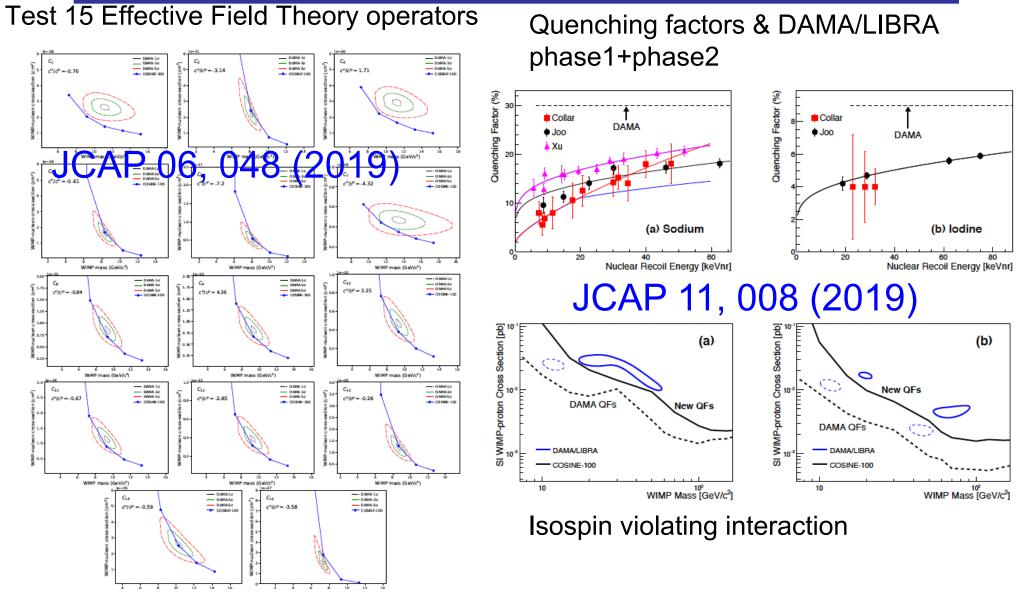


# COSINE-100 Physics results (2 keV threshold



#### **Other interpretations**

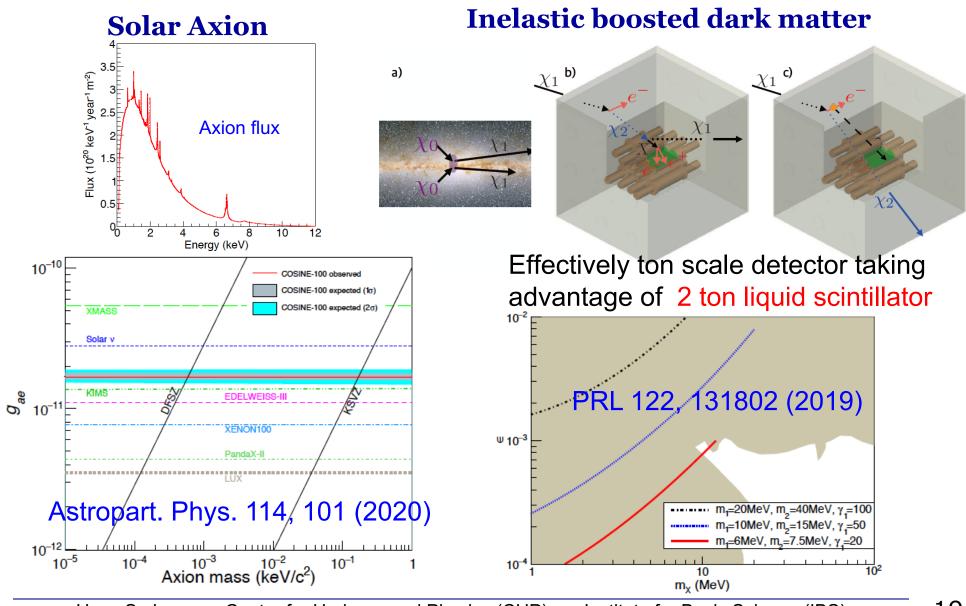




Best fit region of DAMA was not fully covered yet • Basic Science (IBS)

#### **Other DM candidates**



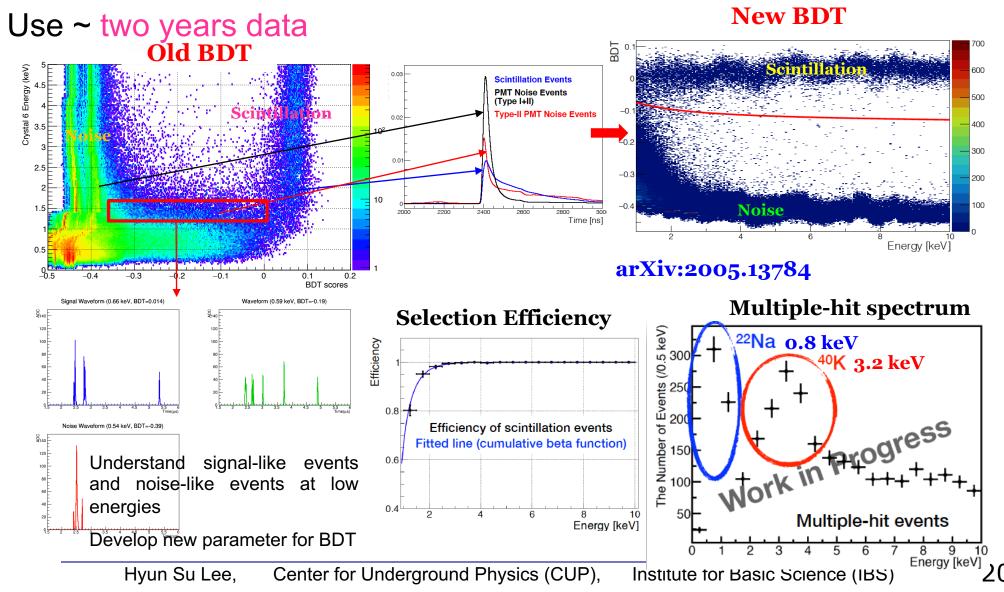


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#### Lowering energy threshold

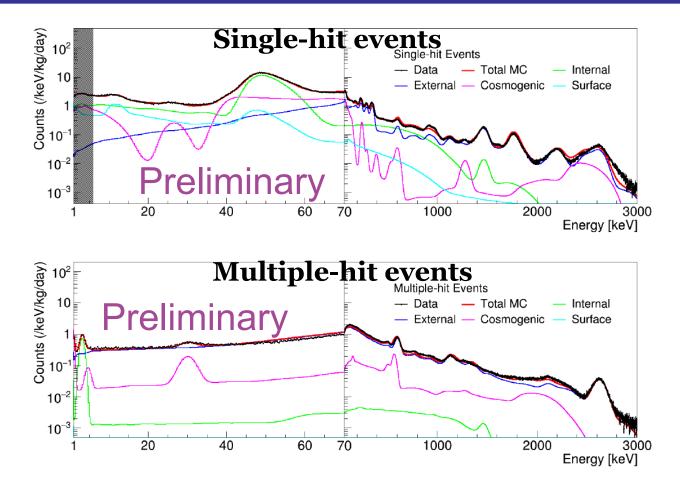


#### Reduced threshold from 2 keV to 1 keV with better noise control



#### Background modeling (1.7 years)

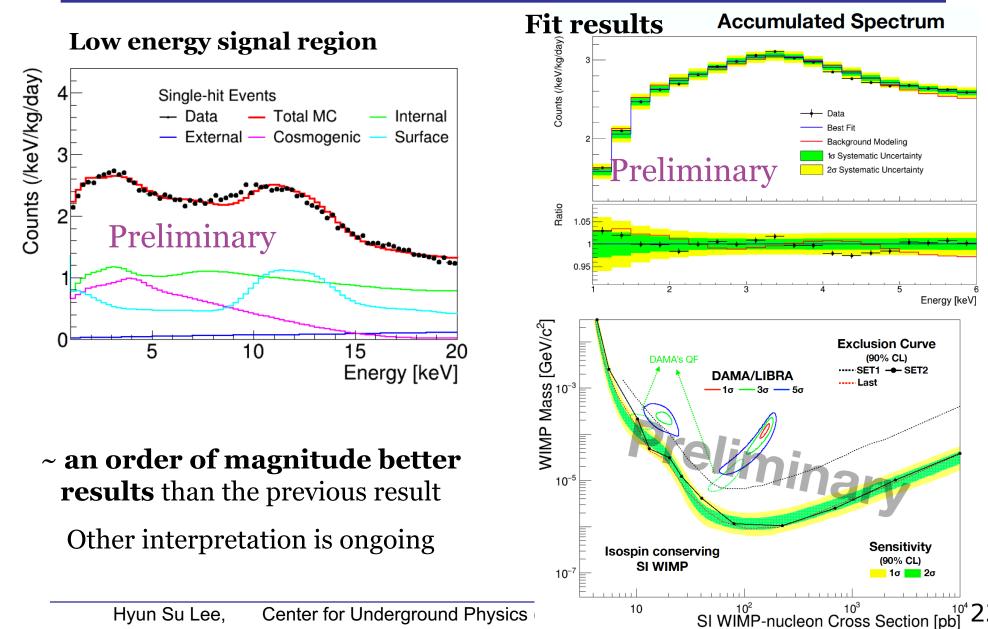




- Improved background modeling
  - ✤ <sup>129</sup>I, rock-gamma (<sup>208</sup>TI) are added
  - Better modeling of surface <sup>210</sup>Pb using contaminated crystal (Astropart. Phys. 126 (2021) 102528)

#### WIMP Search results (1.7 years)





#### **Annual Modulation Analysis**

**Bias** 

No Bias

-0.00015 +/- 0.00013



16.39/15

147.6 ± 5.

 $1.108 \pm 0.003$ 

0.356

1,000 Pseudo experiments

0.04996

37.84 ± 1.56

-0.00015 ± 0.00013 0.003928 ± 0.000102

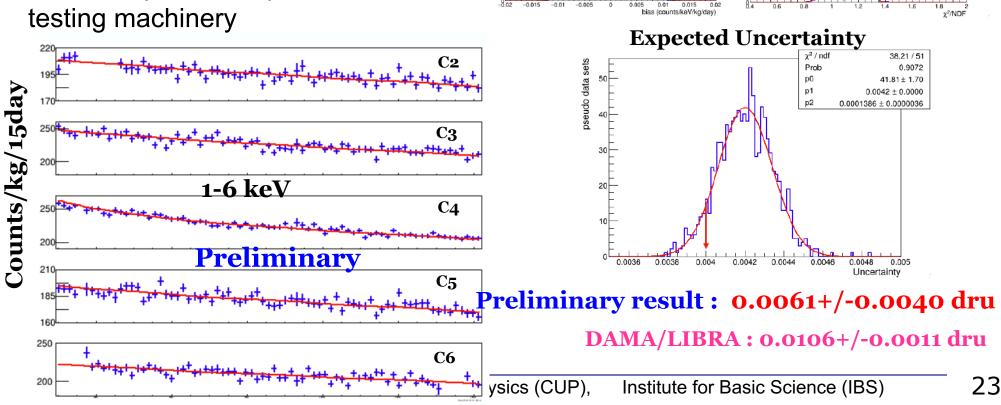
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- More data  $\sim$  3 years
- 1keV energy threshold
- Improved event selection
- Improved background modeling
- **Develop Bayesian toolkits**
- Realistic pseudo experiments for testing machinery



#### **COSINE-200 crystal development**



- Goal : Background less than DAMA/LIBRA (1 dru)
  - Needs a factor two or more improvement
  - Powder purification/crystal growing/detector assembly will be done at IBS, Korea Powder purification performance

K.A. Shin et al., J. Rad. Nucl. Chem. 317, 1329 (2018)



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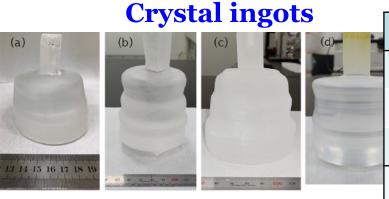
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	K (ppb)	Pb (ppb)	U (ppb)	Th (ppb)
Initial Nal	248	19.0	<0.01	<0.01
Purified Nal	<16	0.4	<0.01	<0.01



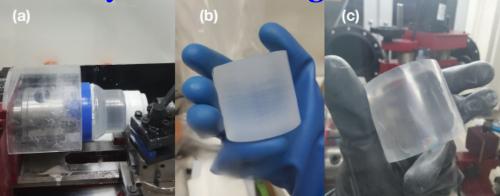
#### Our grown crystals



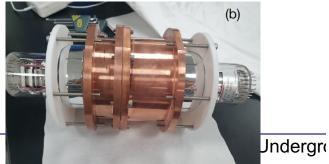


	K (ppb)	<sup>210</sup> Pb (mBq/kg)	<sup>238</sup> U (µBq/kg)	<sup>232</sup> Th(µBq/ŀ
Powder	5	-	<20	<20
Aug/2018	684	3.8+/-0.3	26+/-7	<6
Sept/2019	8	0.01+/-0.02	11+/-4	7+/-2
DAMA	<20	0.01~0.03	8.7~124	2~31

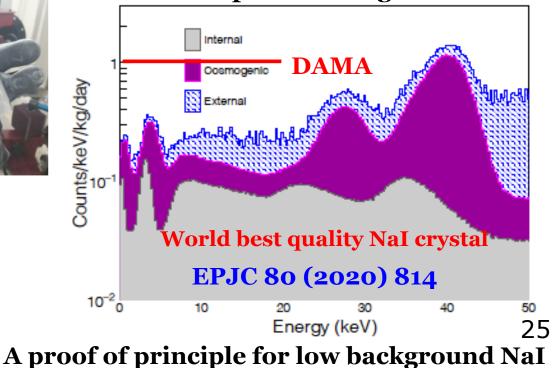
#### **Crystal machining**



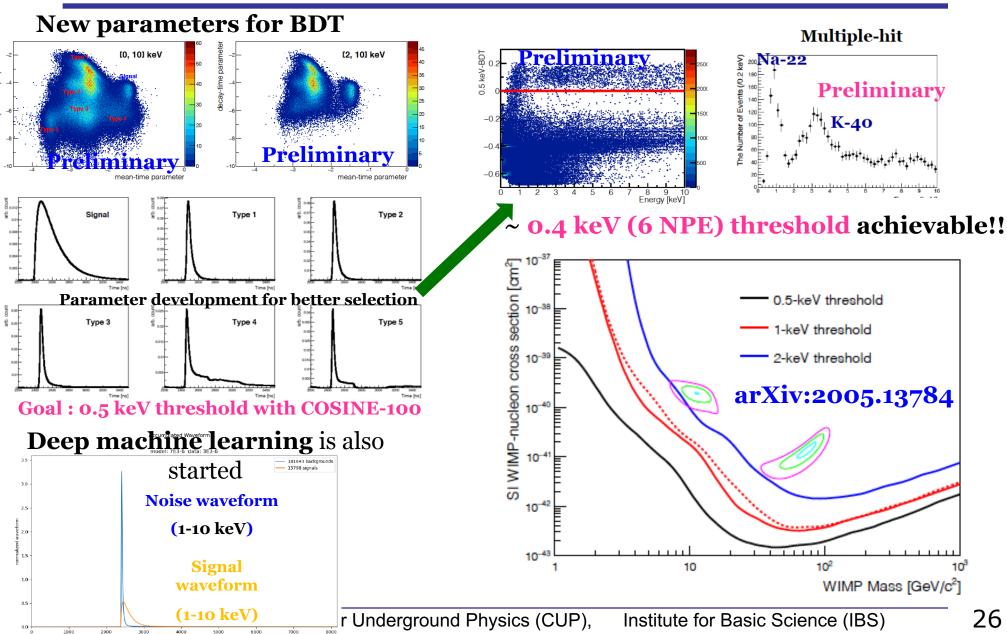
#### **Detector assembly**



#### **Expected background**



#### Low-threshold Nal(TI) detectors



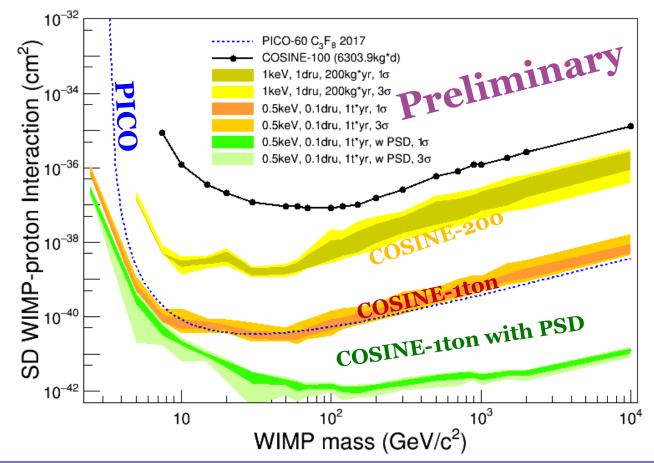
### Nal(TI) for spin-dependent interactions



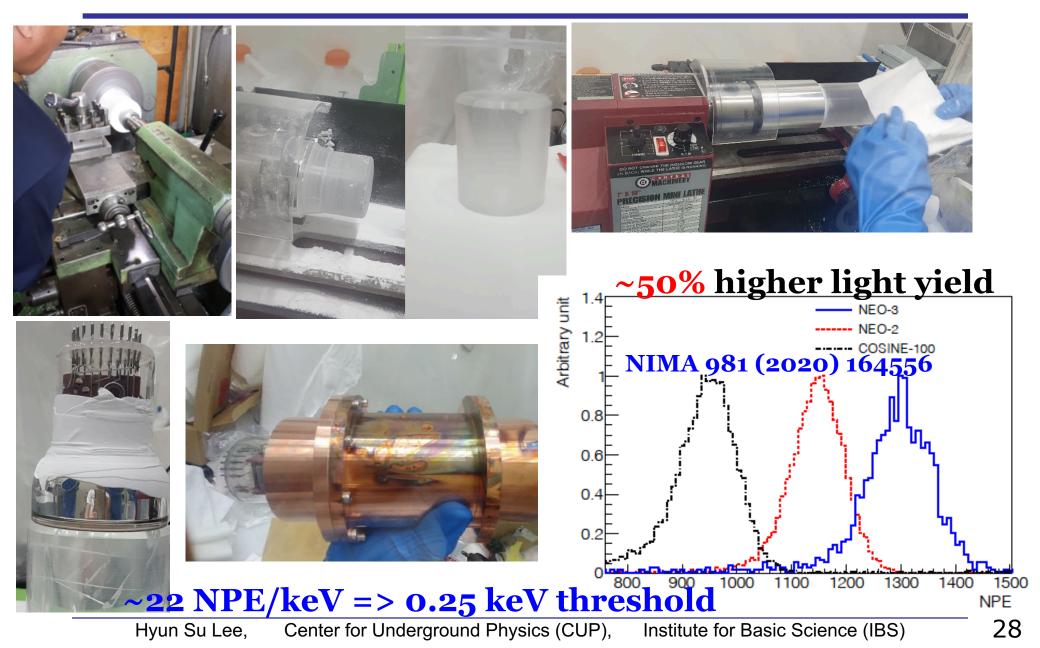
Unique proton odd target (Na = 11, I = 57)

Good for spin-dependent interactions

A world best detector for spin-dependent interaction is possible



#### Detector assembly for high light yield (low threshold)



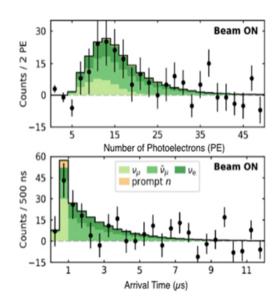
#### Possibility to detect CE $\nu$ NS in reactor

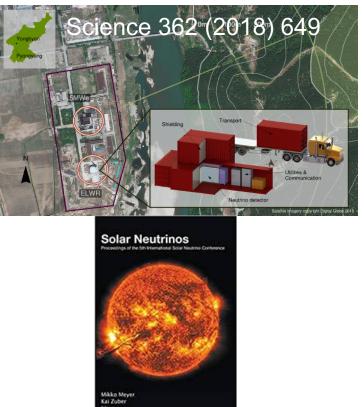


- Coherent Elastic v Nucleon Scattering (CEvNS)
  - Predicted at 1974
  - First observation at 2017 using spallation neutron source (~ 30 MeV neutrino)
  - However,  $CE\nu NS$  with reactor neutrino (~3 MeV) is not

□A lot of scientific and technological application





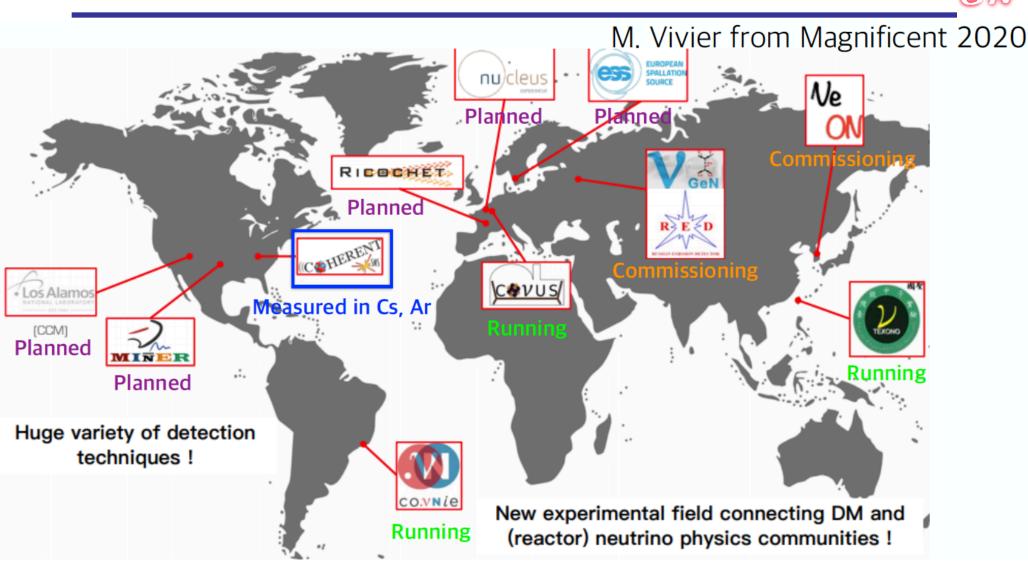


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Science **357**, 1123 (2017)

#### Worldwide efforts for $CE\nu NS$



#### **NEON Collaboration**



~ 15 people who are all active members of COSINE-100 and/or NEOS

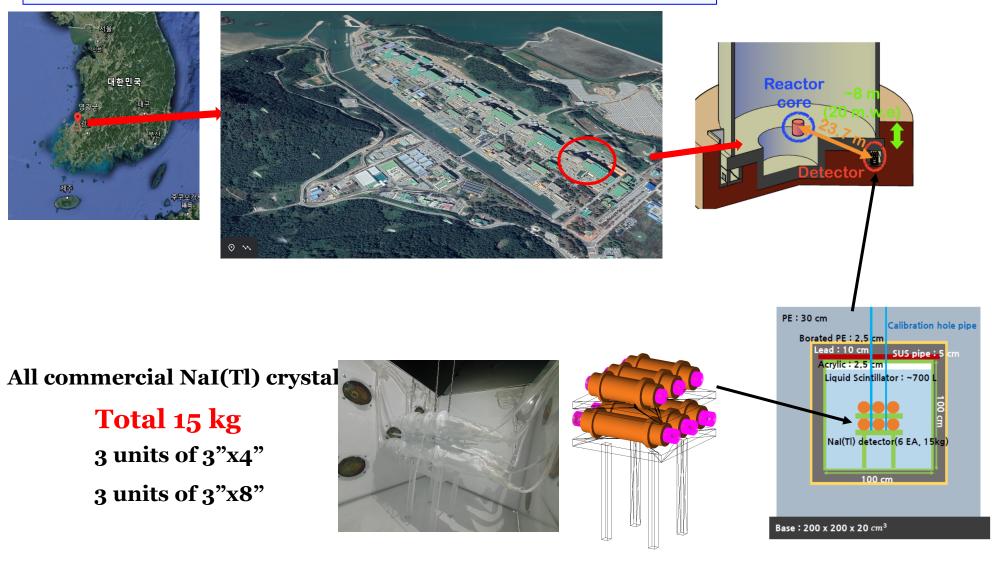


#### Aim to observe CEvNS from reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ using NaI(TI) detector Can take an advantage of COSINE-100 and NEOS experiences

#### **Reactor & NEON detector**



#### **Tendon Gallery of Hanbit Nuclear Power Plant (Yeonggwang)**



# Construction of the NEON detector (Nov/2020)

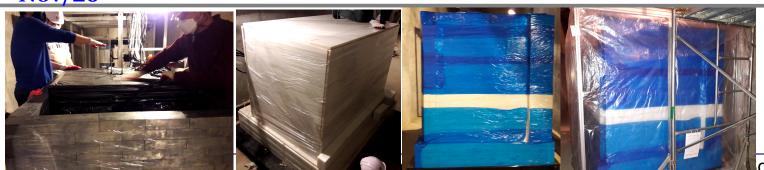
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Nov/19





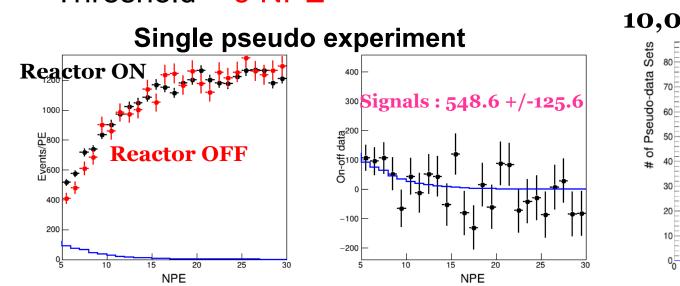


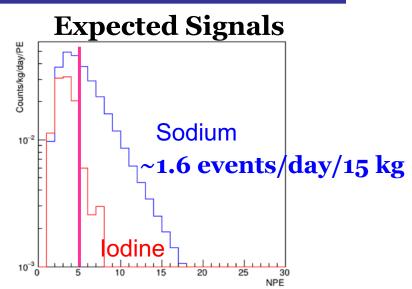
Dec/7/2020 **Start Physics Run!!** 33 cience (IBS)

### Sensitivity

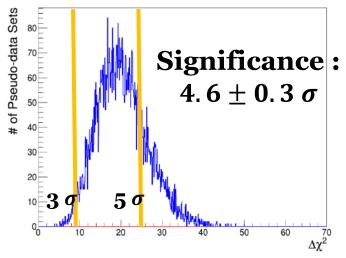


- Flat background ~5 dru
- Detector mass = 15 kg
- Reactor on data = 365 days
- Reactor off data = **100 days**
- Light yield = 22 NPE/keV
- Trigger and selection efficiency
- Threshold = 5 NPE





#### 10,000 Pseudo experiments



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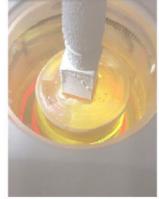
### Strategy of NEON experiment

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Detector development							
			NEON-phase 2				

- NEON-phase1 (~2023)
  - ~15 kg commercial crystals (< 10 dru background)</p>
  - Demonstration of detector performance and observe CE $\nu$ NS with >  $3\sigma$

- NEON-phase2 (~2025)
  - ~100 kg purified crystals ( <1dru background)</p>
  - Precision measurement and explore new physics interaction

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#### Summary & Conclusion

- Nal(TI) crystals have been developed for dark matter search experiments in Korea
  - Revisit DAMA experiments
- Korea (KIMS/COSINE) is the world-leading group in the NaI(TI) detector for rare event searches
- World-leading scientific applications are developed
  - Dark matter search : Spin-dependent WIMP-proton interaction
  - Coherent elastic neutrino nucleus scattering

Good chance for the first observation from reactor anti-neutrino

# Stay tuned for more exciting results to come from COSINE and NEON experiments!

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#### Muon modulation (3 years data)



