

# Status of COSINE experiment

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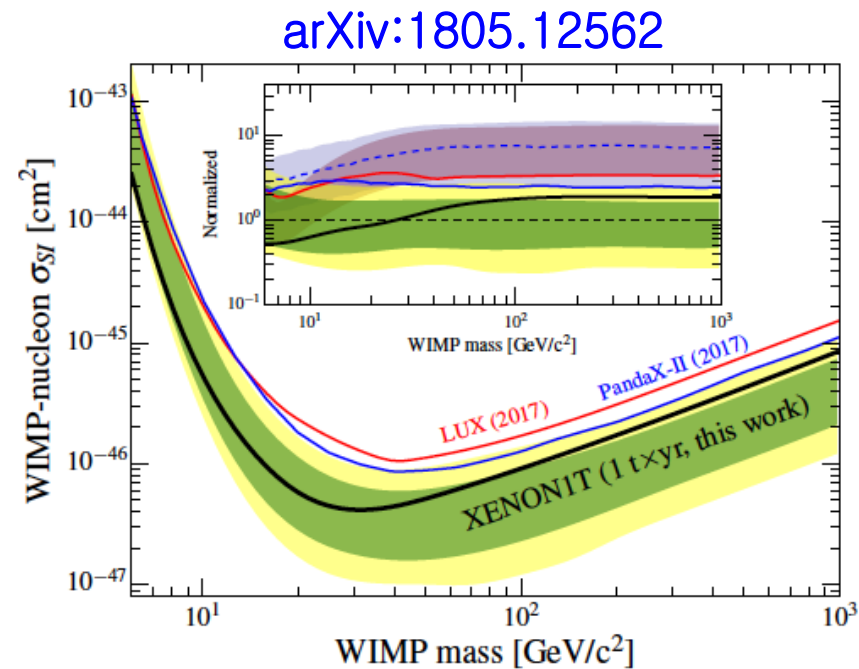
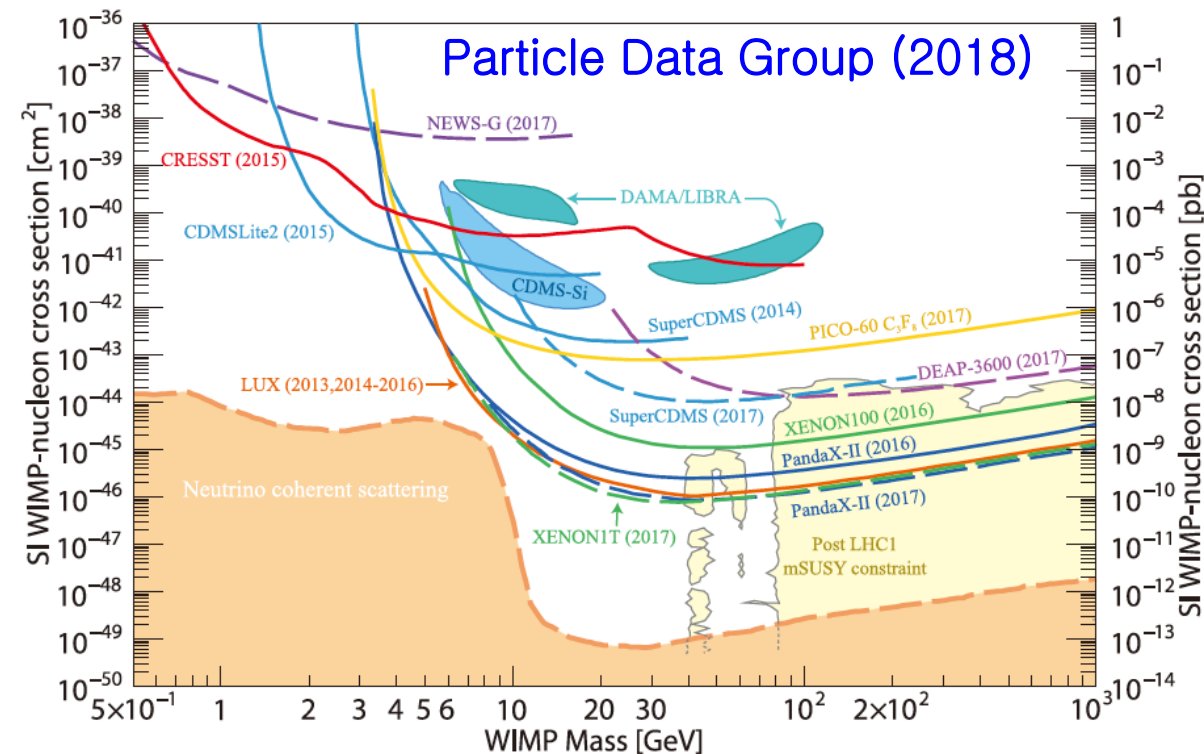
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# Current status of direct dark matter searches



- No sign of WIMP dark matter down to  $4 \times 10^{-47} \text{cm}^2$  @ 30 GeV
- Exploring low-mass dark matter
- Unresolved signal from DAMA

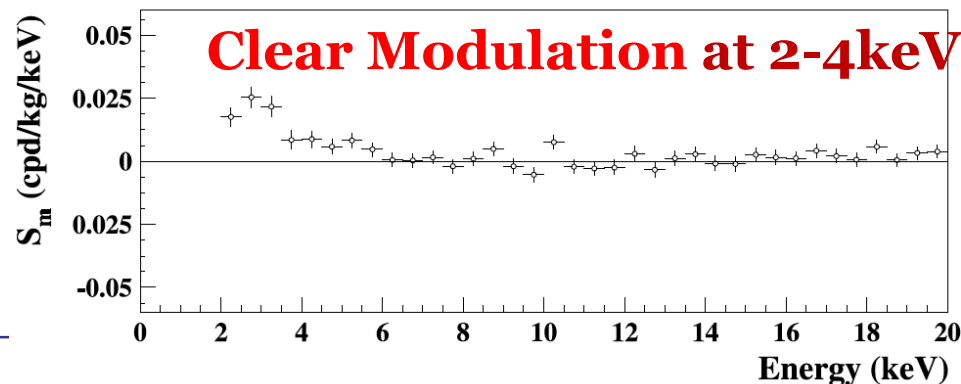
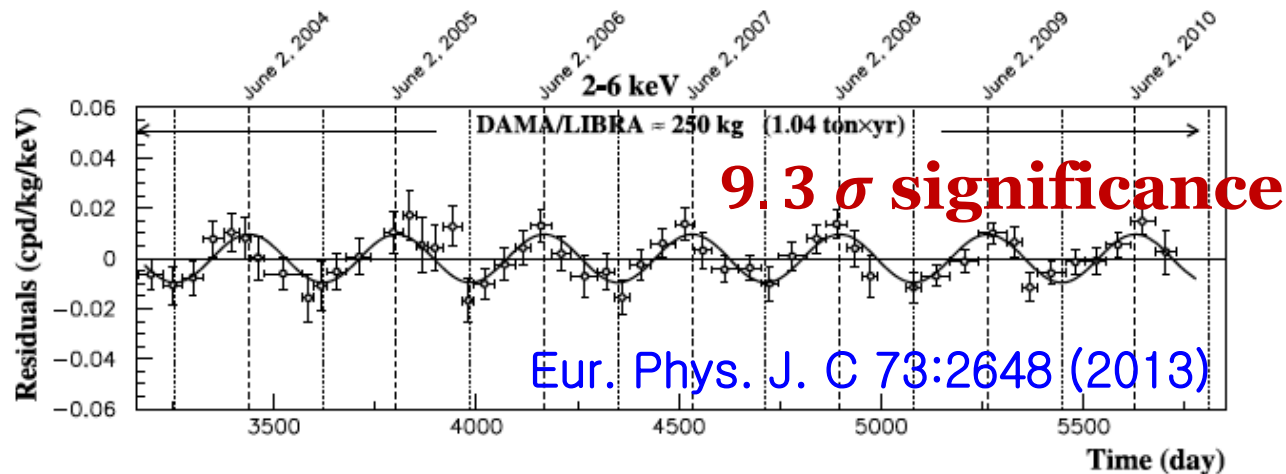
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## DAMA/LIBRA experiment

- Annual Modulation Searches with an array of **NaI(Tl) crystals**



**Claimed an observation of the dark matter**



**DAMA/LIBRA phase 1**

**1.33 ton-year**

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## First model independent results from DAMA/LIBRA–phase2

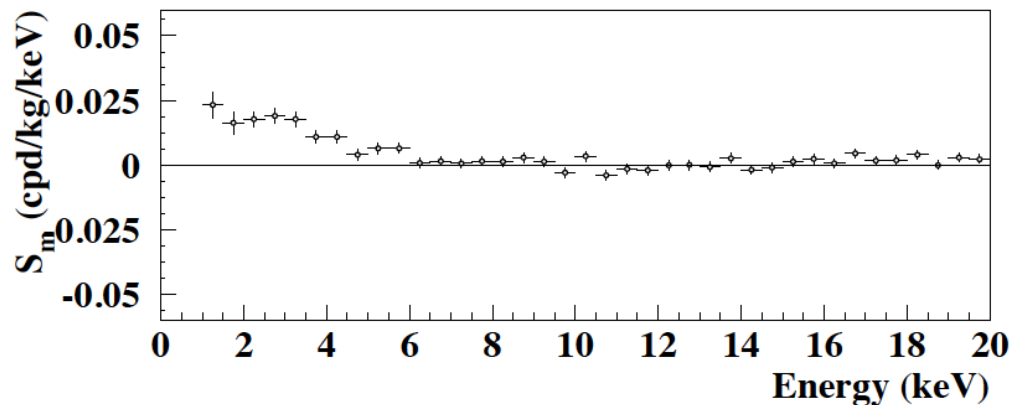
### New result from DAMA/LIBRA

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V. Caracciolo<sup>e</sup>, R. Cerulli<sup>a,b</sup>, C.J. Dai<sup>f</sup>, A. d'Angelo<sup>c,d</sup>,  
A. Di Marco<sup>b</sup>, H.L. He<sup>f</sup>, A. Incicchitti<sup>c,d</sup>,  
X.H. Ma<sup>f</sup>, A. Mattei<sup>d</sup>, V. Merlo<sup>a,b</sup>, F. Montecchia<sup>b,g</sup>,  
X.D. Sheng<sup>f</sup>, Z.P. Ye<sup>f,h</sup> **arXiv:1805.10486**

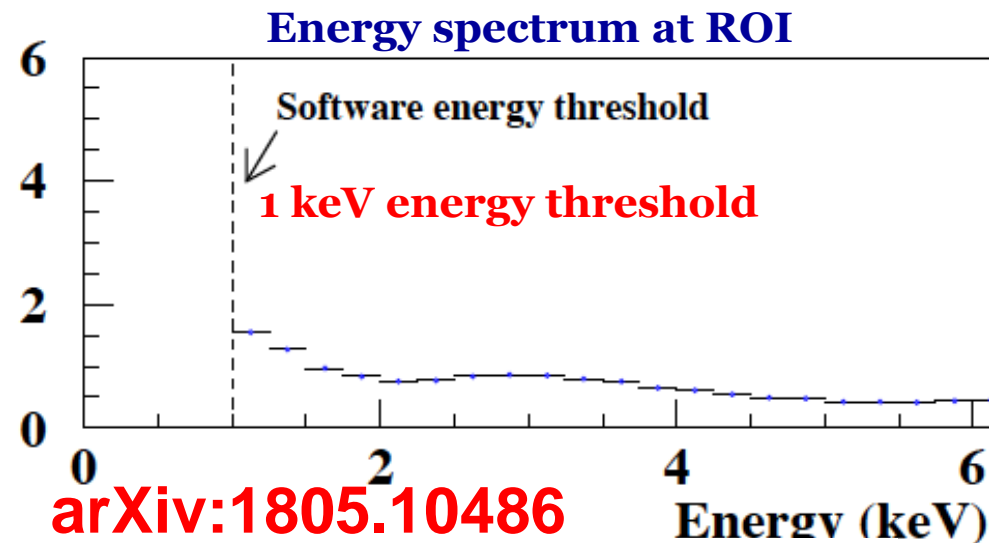
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# DAMA/LIBRA phase 2

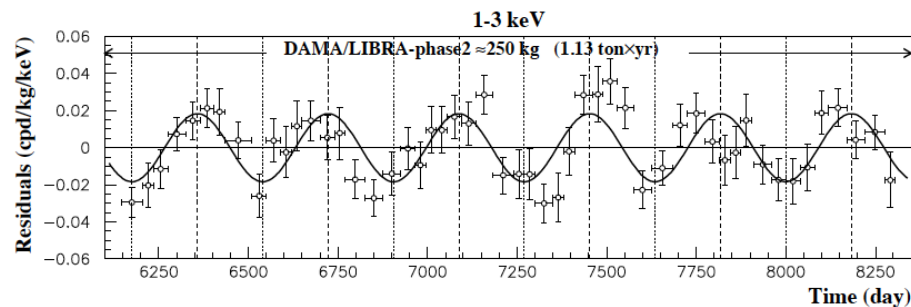
- **Energy threshold** reached to **1 keV** with better PMTs
- Still there is modulation
- Significance
  - ❖ 1-6 keV : **9.5  $\sigma$**  (phase 2)
  - ❖ 2-6 keV : **12.9  $\sigma$**  (phase 1+2)
- Increased modulation amplitude below 2keV



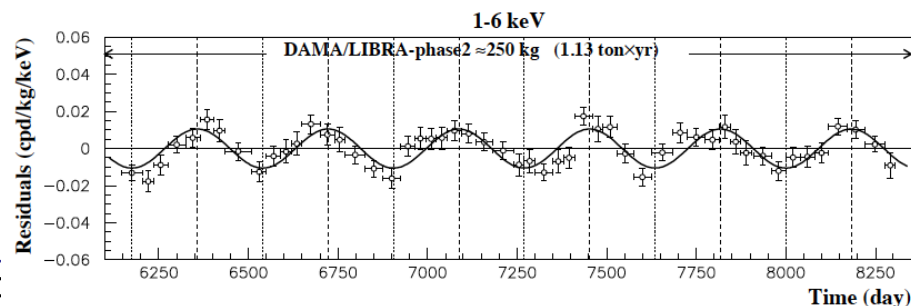
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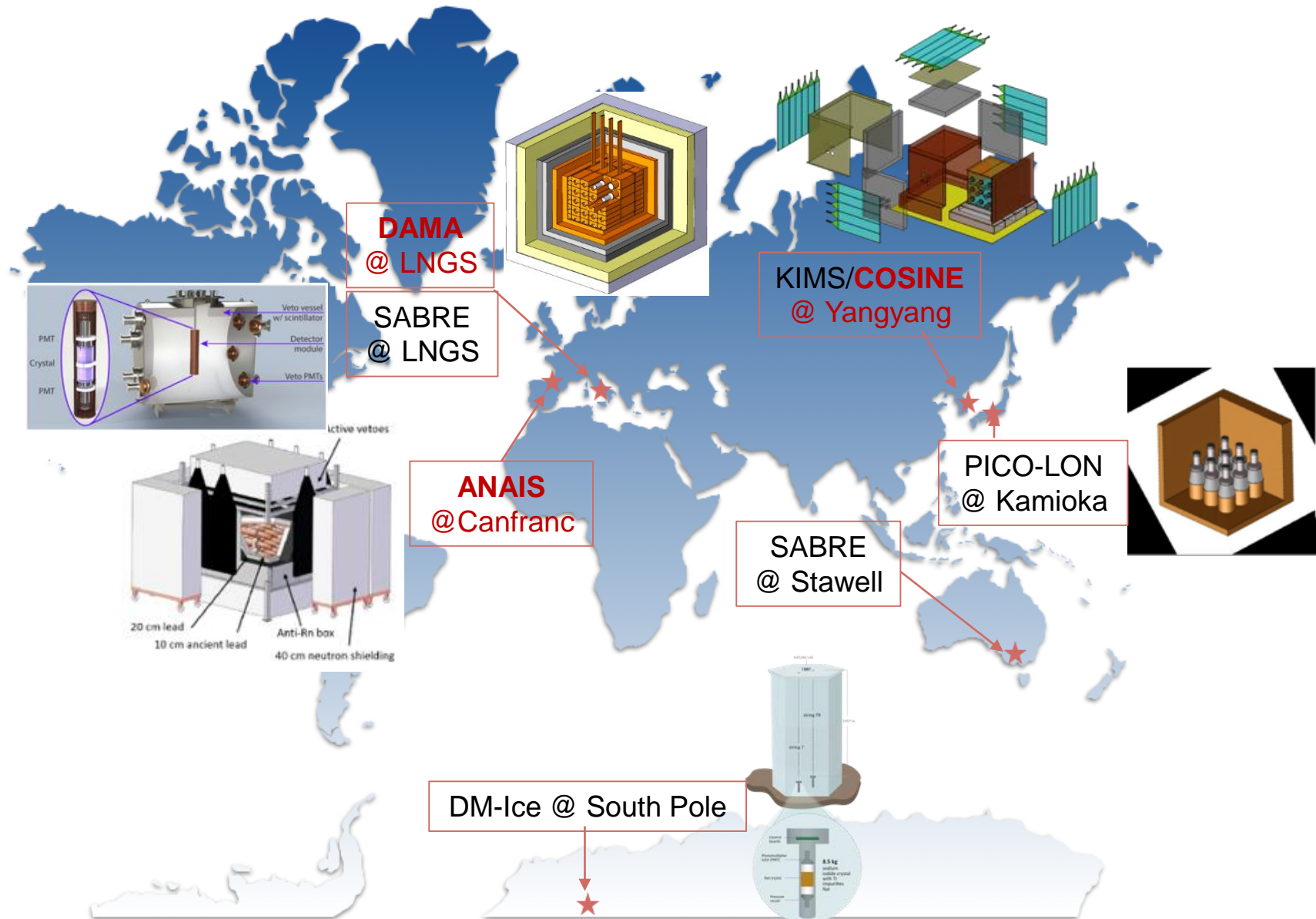
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**Modulation amplitude**



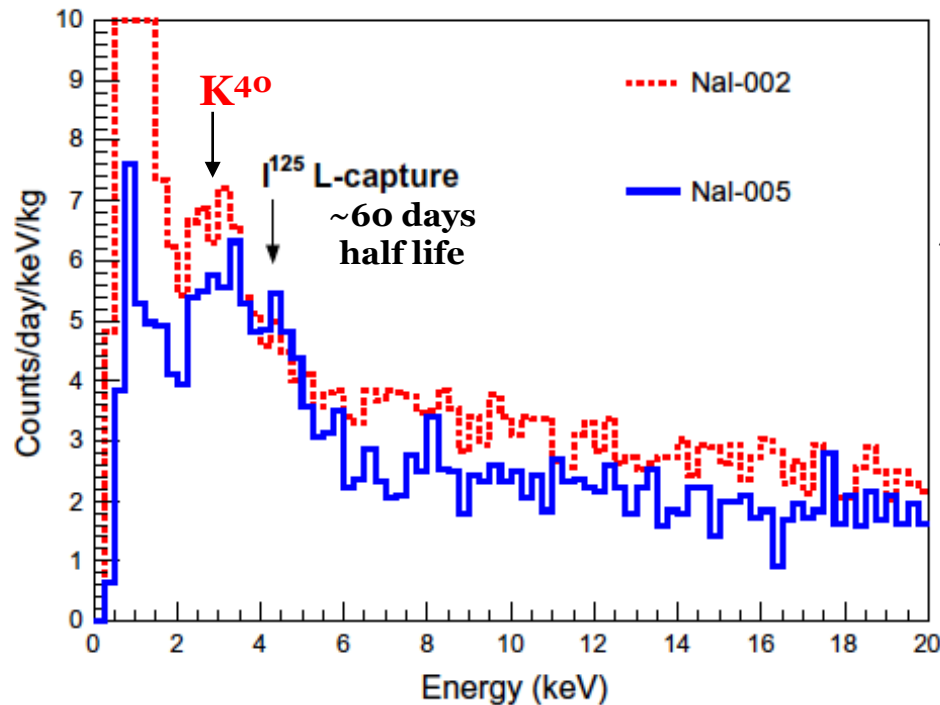
# Global NaI(Tl) efforts



# NaI(Tl) crystal developments by KIMS (since 2013)

K.W.Kim et al., Astropart. Phys. 62, 249 (2015)

P. Adhikari et al., EPJC 76, 185 (2016)



~ **2keV energy threshold**  
~ **2 dru background @ 6keV**

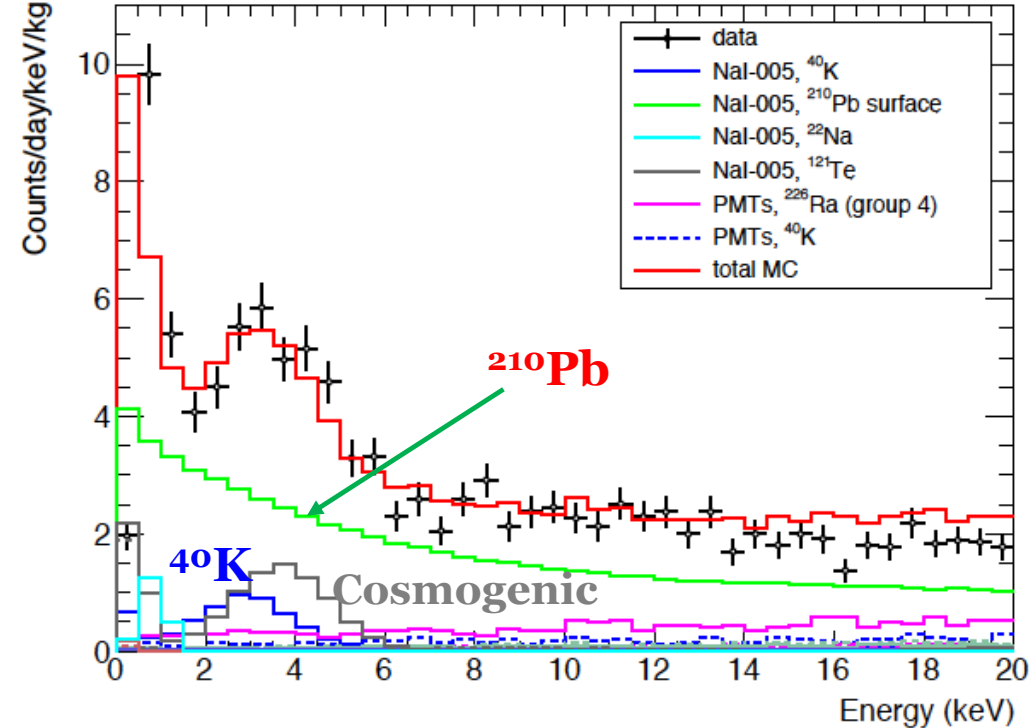
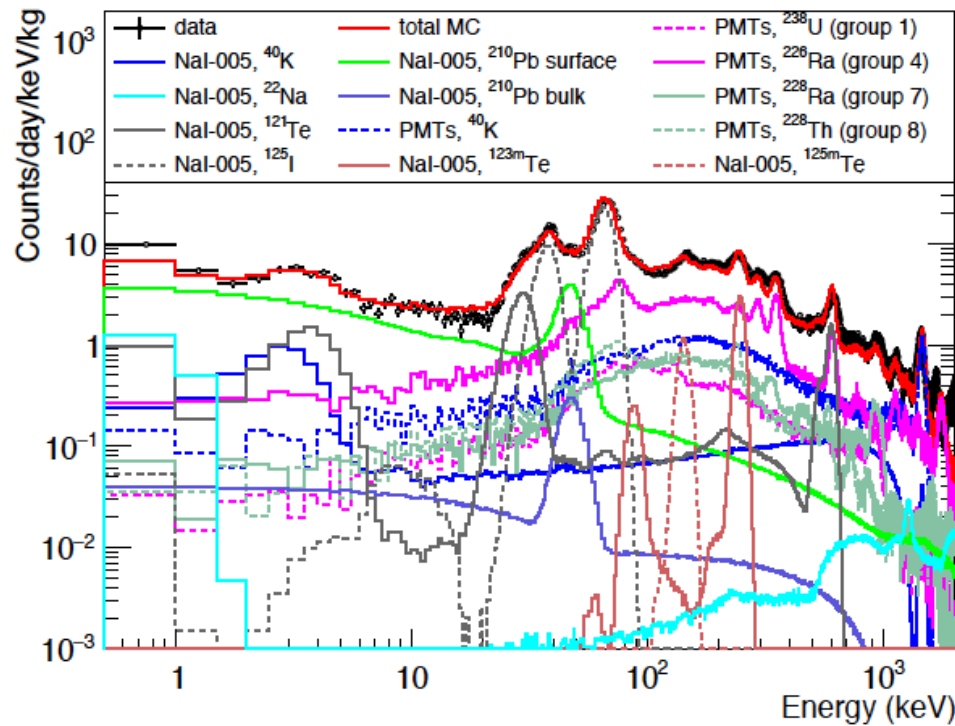
**$^{40}\text{K}$  and  $^{210}\text{Pb}$  are  
main background at  
low energy**

- **Understanding internal background** very well
- We achieved ~2 counts/kg/day/keV level at 6keV
- Continue to reduce background of the crystal



# Background understanding of a NaI(Tl) crystal

G. Adhikari *et al.*, EPJC 77, 437 (2017)



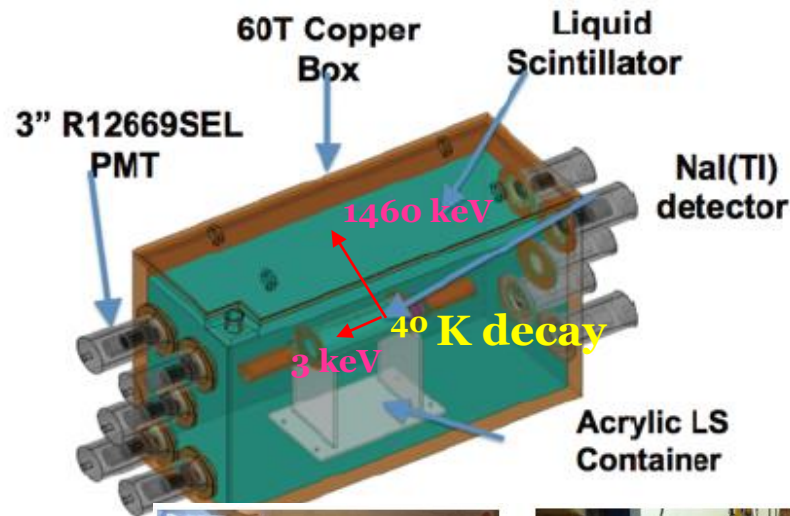
- Geant4 based MC simulation describes background of a NaI(Tl) crystal reasonably well
- Main background at low energies due to internal  $^{210}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{40}\text{K}$ , and  $^{121}\text{Te}$  ( $\tau = 19.2$  days) cosmogenic



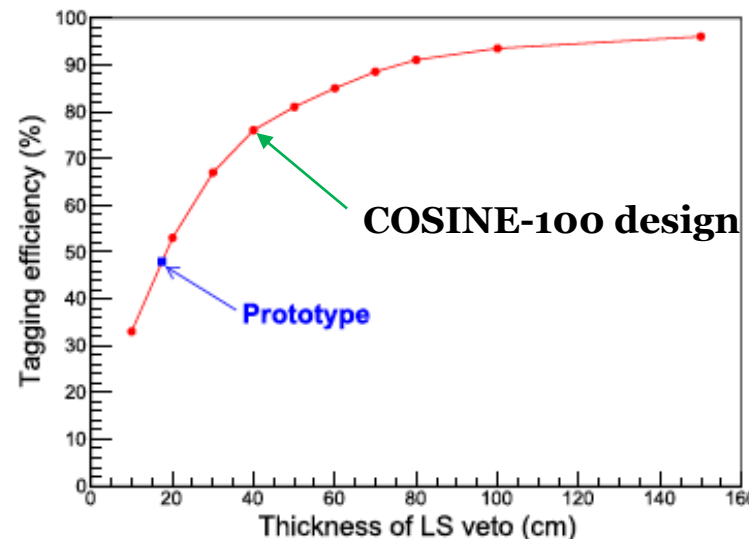
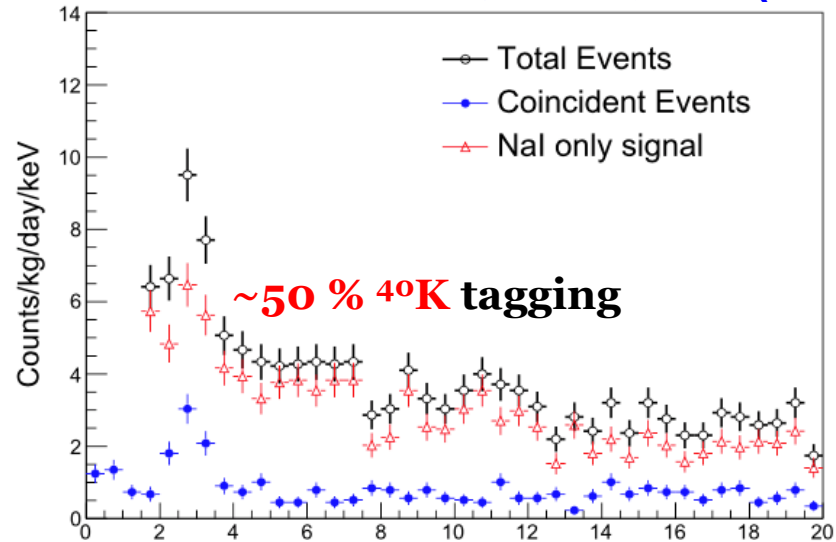
# Internal $^{40}\text{K}$ and external background reduction

- Active veto with liquid scintillator

J.S. Park *et al.*, NIMA, 851 (2017) 103

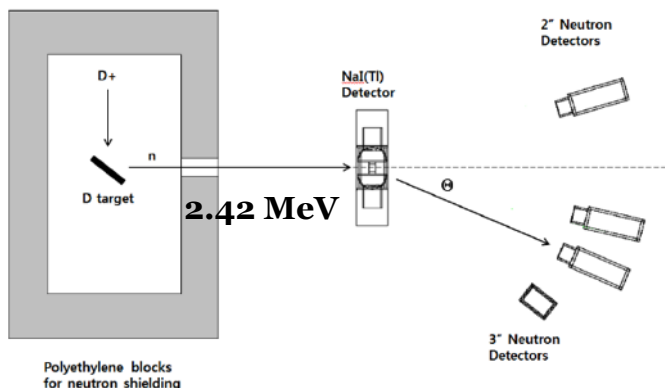


Prototype design for single crystal

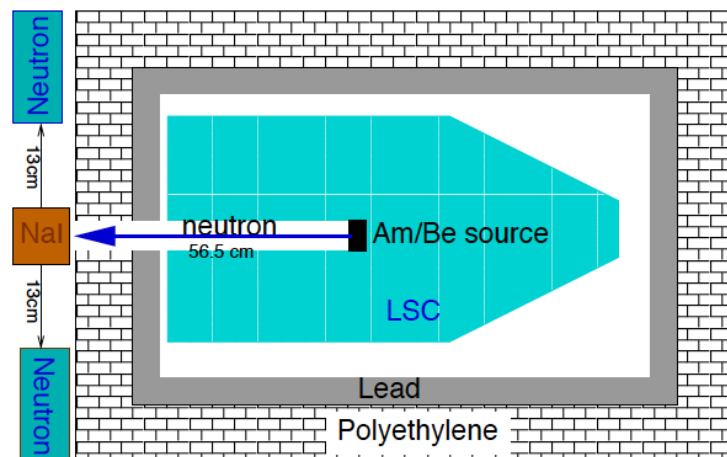


# Nuclear recoil data

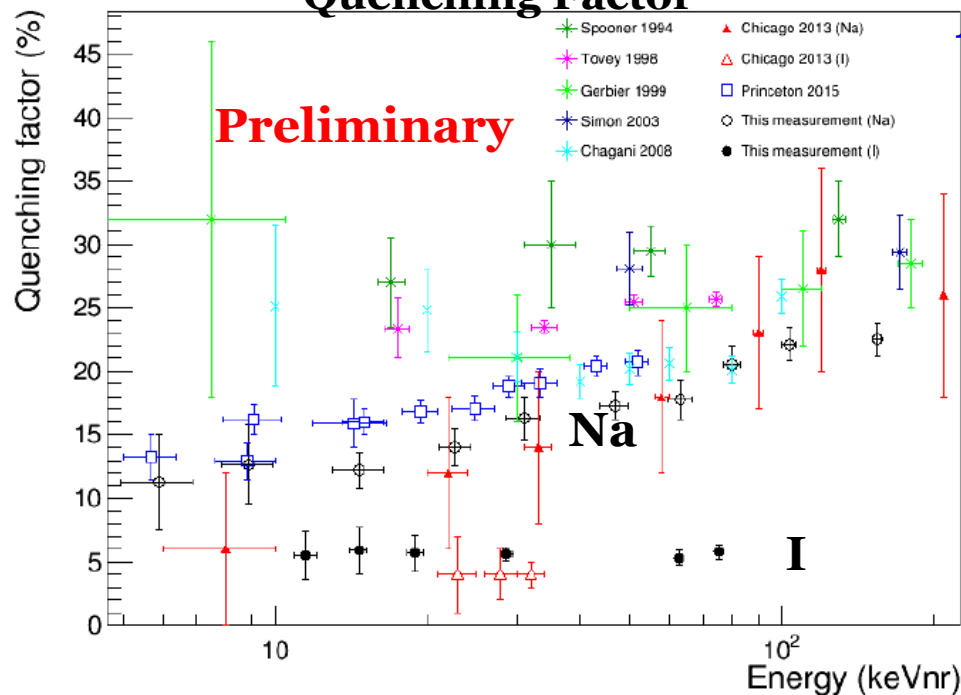
## D-D neutron generator



## Am/Be source

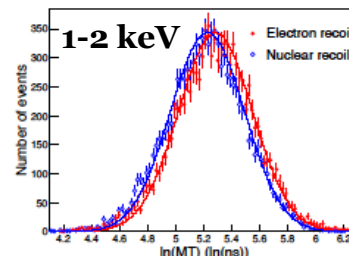


## Quenching Factor

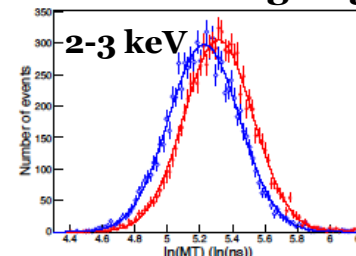


H.S. Lee *et al.*, JHEP 08 (2015) 093

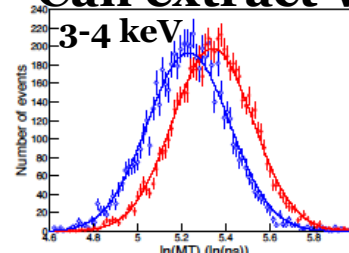
**Good discrimination** due to high light yield !!



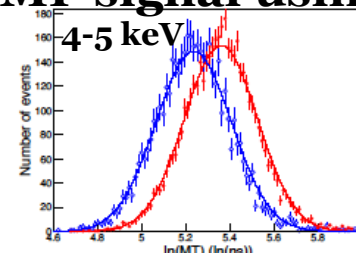
(a) 1-2 keV



(b) 2-3 keV



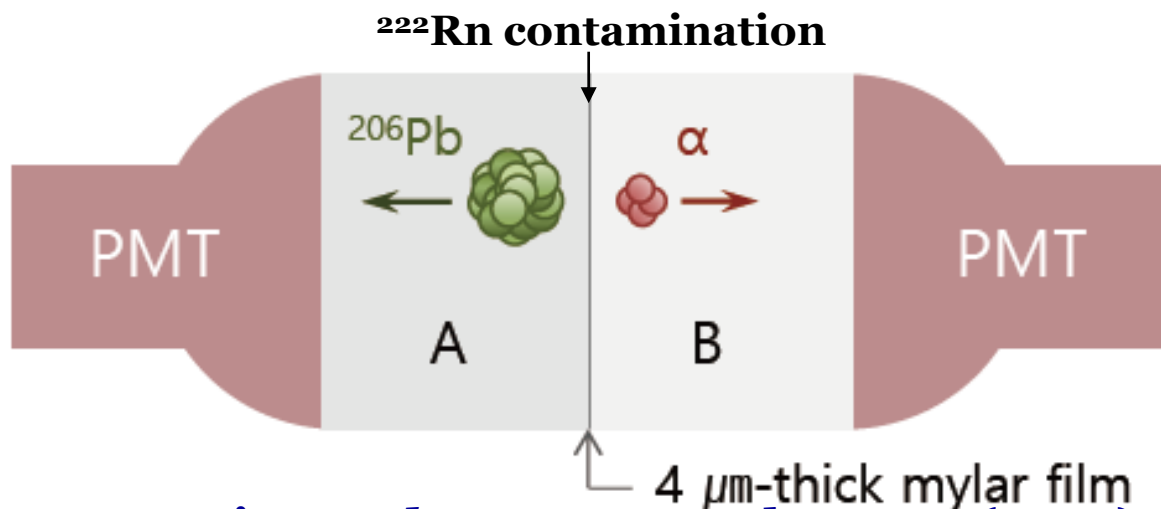
(c) 3-4 keV



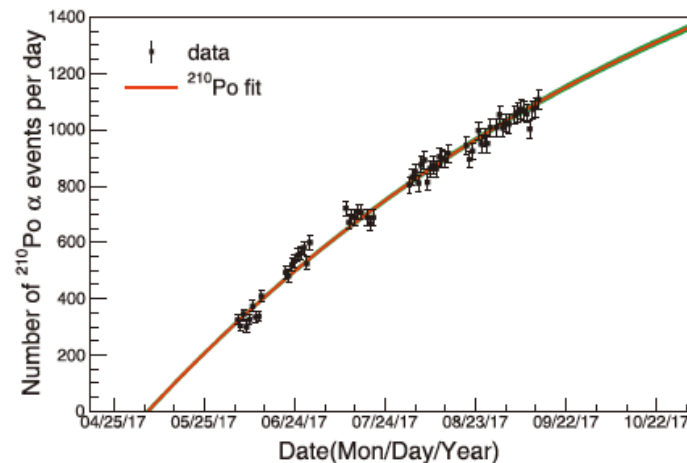
(d) 4-5 keV

**Can extract WIMP signal using PSD**

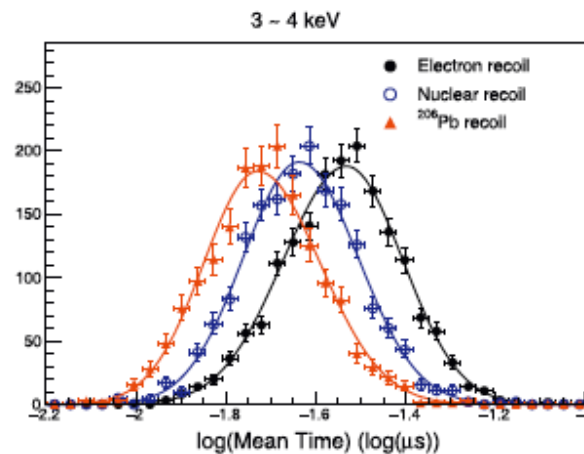
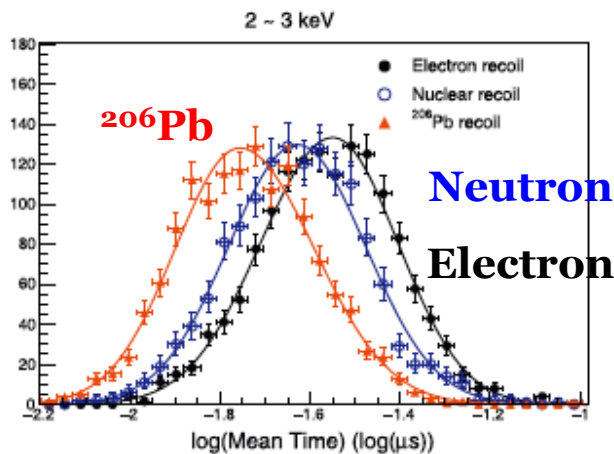
# Surface $^{206}\text{Pb}$ recoil measurement



$^{210}\text{Po}$  has been increased



K.W. Kim *et al.*, *Astropart. Phys.* 102 (2018) 51

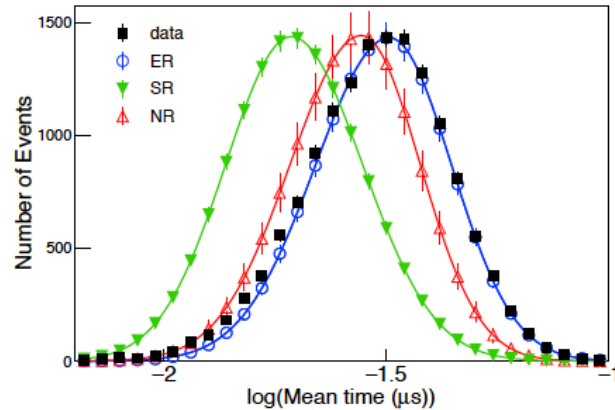


- Surface  $^{206}\text{Pb}$  recoils are much faster than typical NaI nuclear recoils
- We will use those shapes to extract WIMP signals

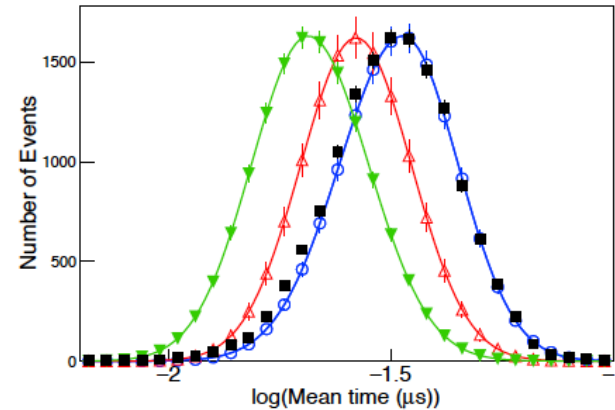


# Nuclear recoil event extraction using pulse shape discrimination

- 2967.4 kg days exposure from **KIMS-NaI R&D** (two crystals)



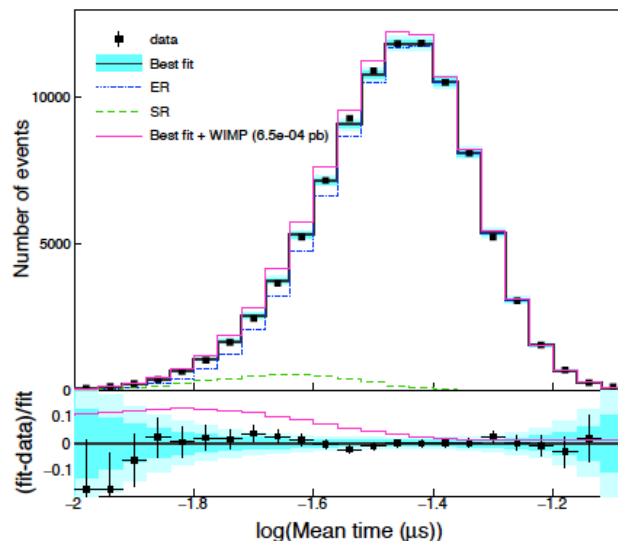
(a) 2-3 keV



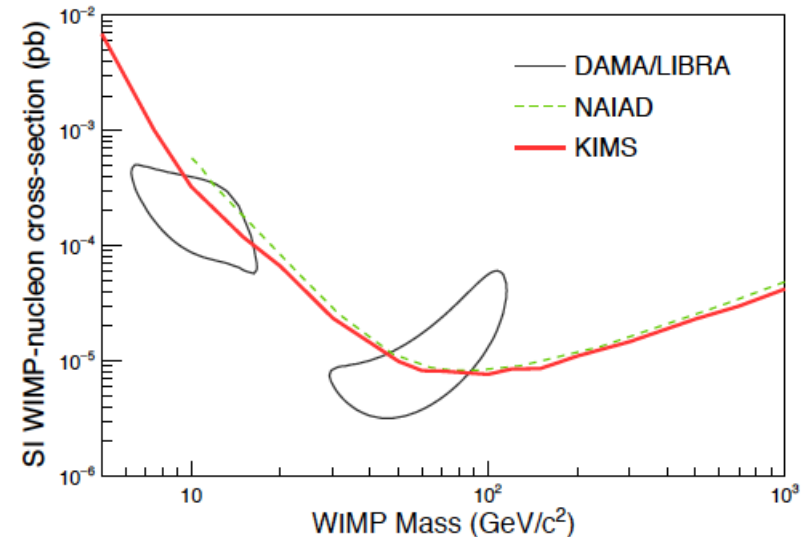
(b) 3-4 keV

**K.W. Kim *et al.*, arXiv:1806.06499**

Fit results (2-8 keV)

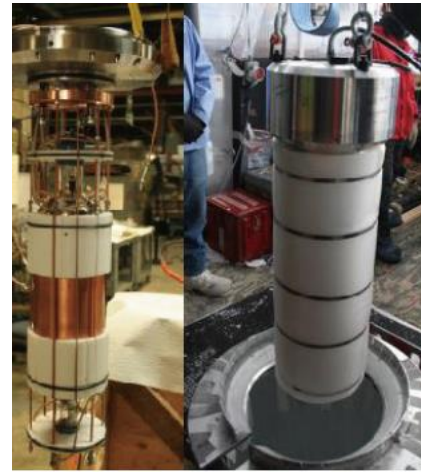
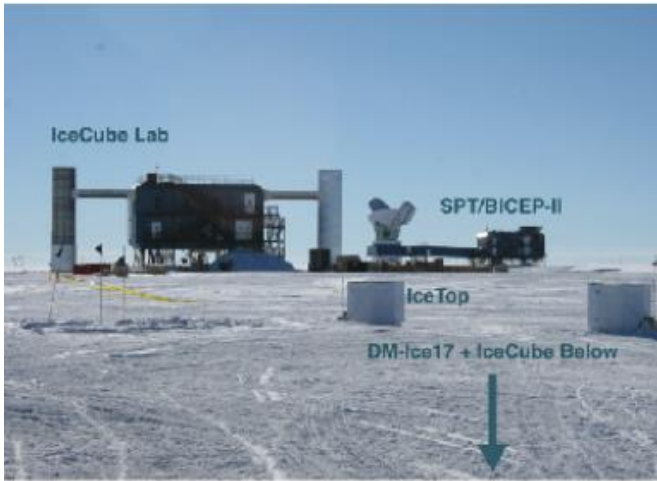


Spin Independent WIMP-nucleon interaction



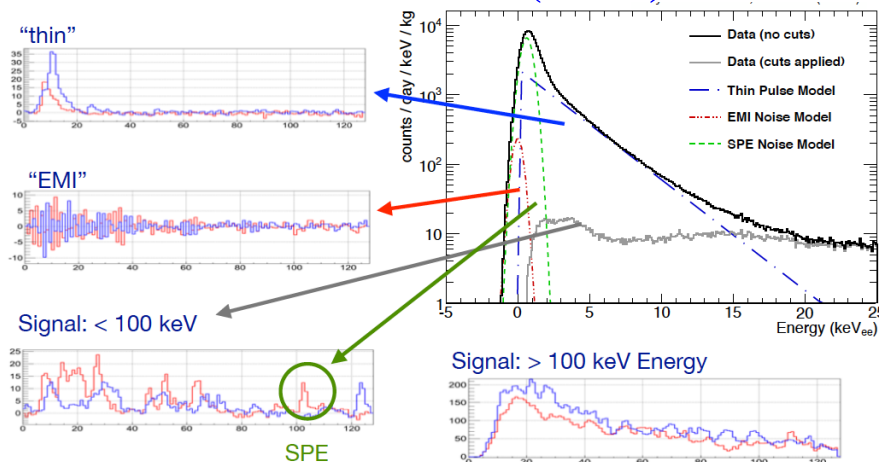
# DM-Ice17

- DM-Ice17 in South pole (Jun.2011 – Jan.2015)

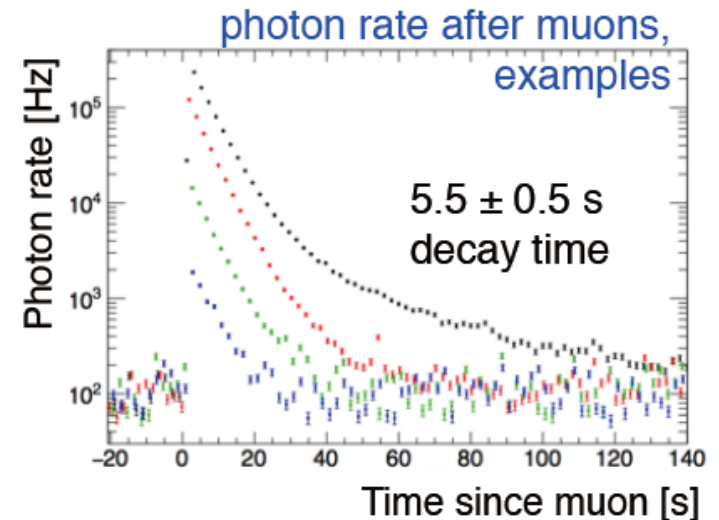


Two 8.47 kg crystal  
2200 m.w.e overburden

PRD 90 092005 (2014)

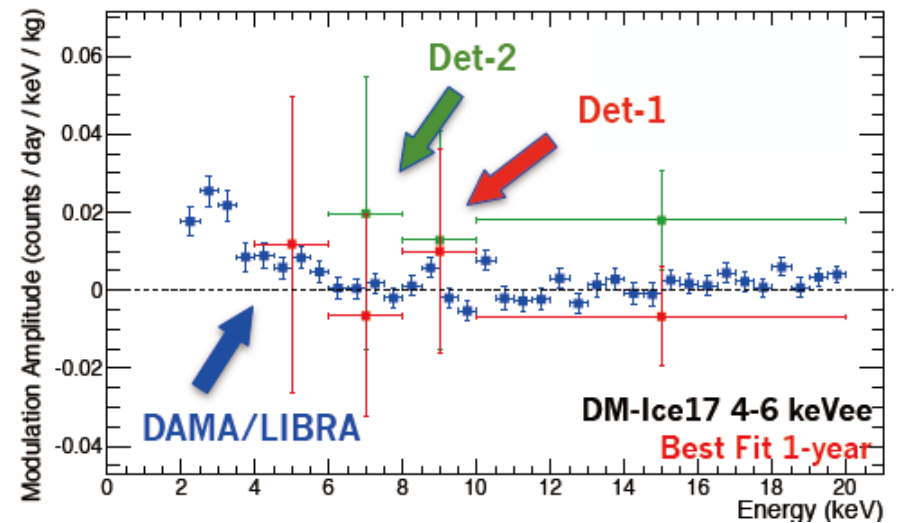
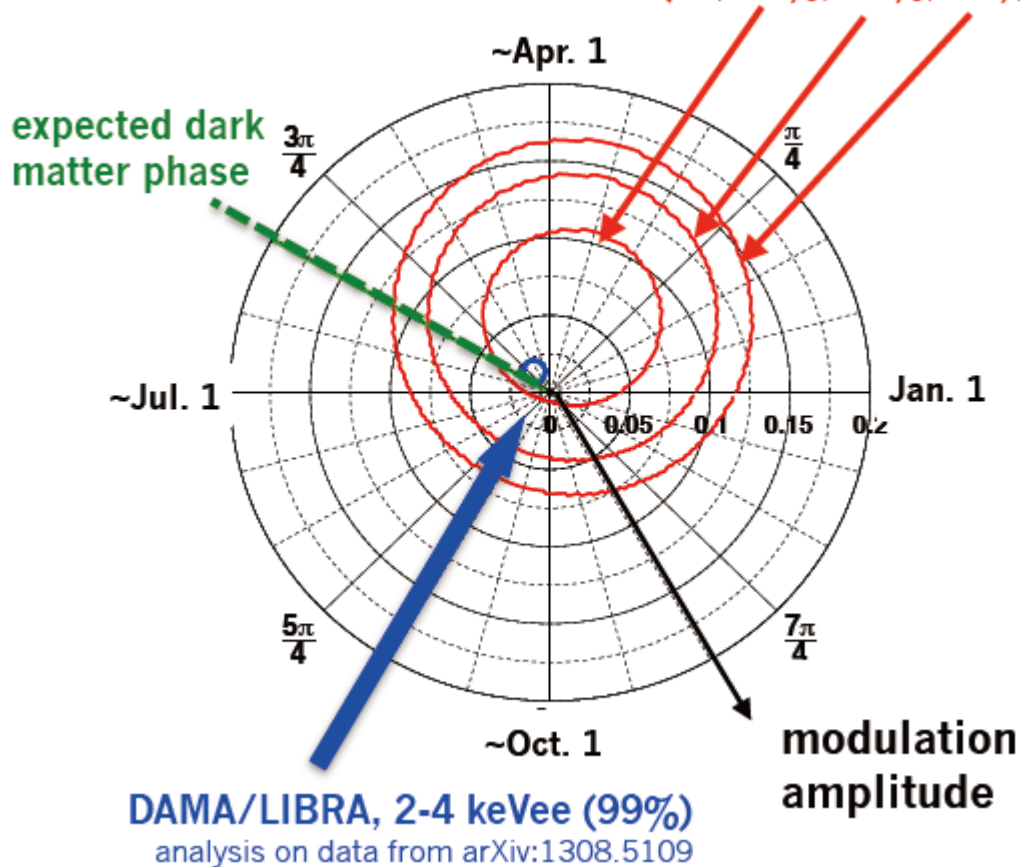


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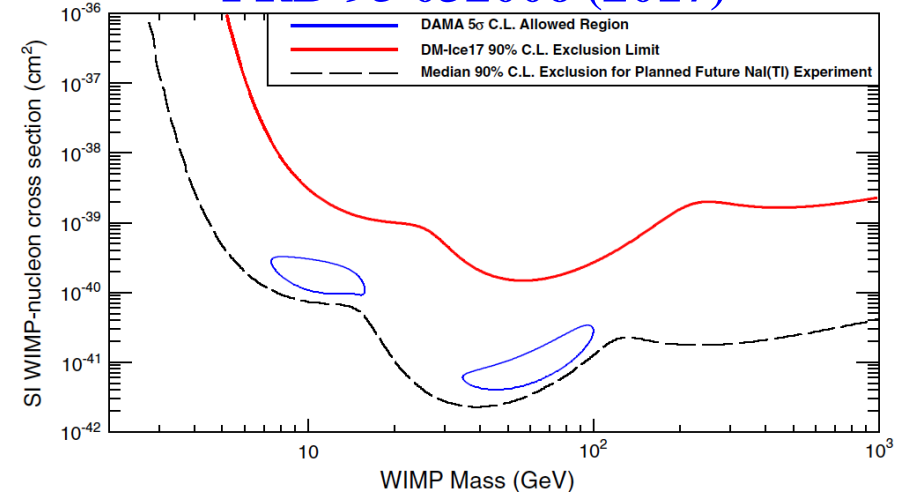


# Annual modulation study with DM-Ice17

DM-Ice17 4-6 keVee (BF, 68%, 95%, 99%)



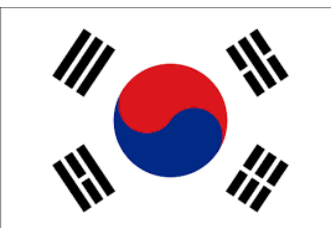
PRD 95 032006 (2017)



- Continue to develop low background NaI(Tl) crystals



**KIMS** and **DM-Ice** joint effort to search for dark matter interactions in NaI(Tl) scintillating crystals.  
(Goal to **verify DAMA/LIBRA's observation**)





# YangYang(Y2L) Underground Laboratory

(Upper Dam) YangYang Pumped

Storage Power Plant

Center for Underground Physics

IBS (Institute for Basic Science)

1000m

700m

(Power Plant)



양양양수발전소

KIMS (Dark Matter Search)

AMoRE (Double Beta Decay Experiment)



(Lower Dam)

Minimum depth : 700 m / Access to the lab by car (~2km)

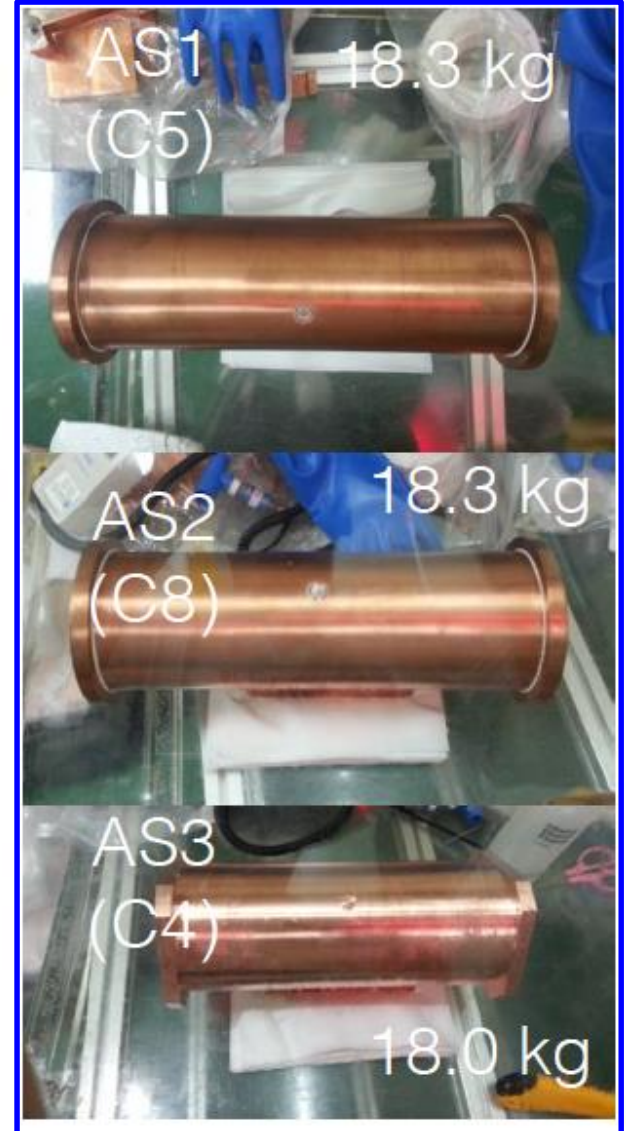


# COSINE-100 detectors

- ~106 kg crystals running since Sept/2016 **From DM-ICE**



**From KIMS**





# COSINE-100 crystals

Crystal	Mass (kg)	Powder	Alpha rate (mBq/kg)	$^{40}\text{K}$ (ppb)	$^{238}\text{U}$ (ppt)	$^{232}\text{Th}$ (ppt)	Light yield (p.e./keV)
Crystal 1	8.3	AS-B	$3.20 \pm 0.08$	$43.4 \pm 13.7$	$< 0.02$	$1.31 \pm 0.35$	$14.88 \pm 1.49$
Crystal 2	9.2	AS-C	$2.06 \pm 0.06$	$82.7 \pm 12.7$	$< 0.12$	$< 0.63$	$14.61 \pm 1.45$
Crystal 3	9.2	AS-WSII	$0.76 \pm 0.02$	$41.1 \pm 6.8$	$< 0.04$	$0.44 \pm 0.19$	$15.50 \pm 1.64$
Crystal 4	18.0	AS-WSII	$0.74 \pm 0.02$	$39.5 \pm 8.3$		$< 0.3$	$14.86 \pm 1.50$
Crystal 5	18.0	AS-C	$2.06 \pm 0.05$	$86.8 \pm 10.8$		$2.35 \pm 0.31$	$7.33 \pm 0.70$
Crystal 6	12.5	AS-WSIII	$1.52 \pm 0.04$	$12.2 \pm 4.5$	$< 0.018$	$0.56 \pm 0.19$	$14.56 \pm 1.45$
Crystal 7	12.5	AS-WSIII	$1.54 \pm 0.04$	$18.8 \pm 5.3$		$< 0.6$	$13.97 \pm 1.41$
Crystal 8	18.3	AS-C	$2.05 \pm 0.05$	$56.15 \pm 8.1$		$< 1.4$	$3.50 \pm 0.33$
DAMA			$< 0.5$	$< 20$	0.7 - 10	0.5 – 7.5	5.5 – 7.5

AS: Alpha Spectra (company)

WS: WIMPScint (powder grade)

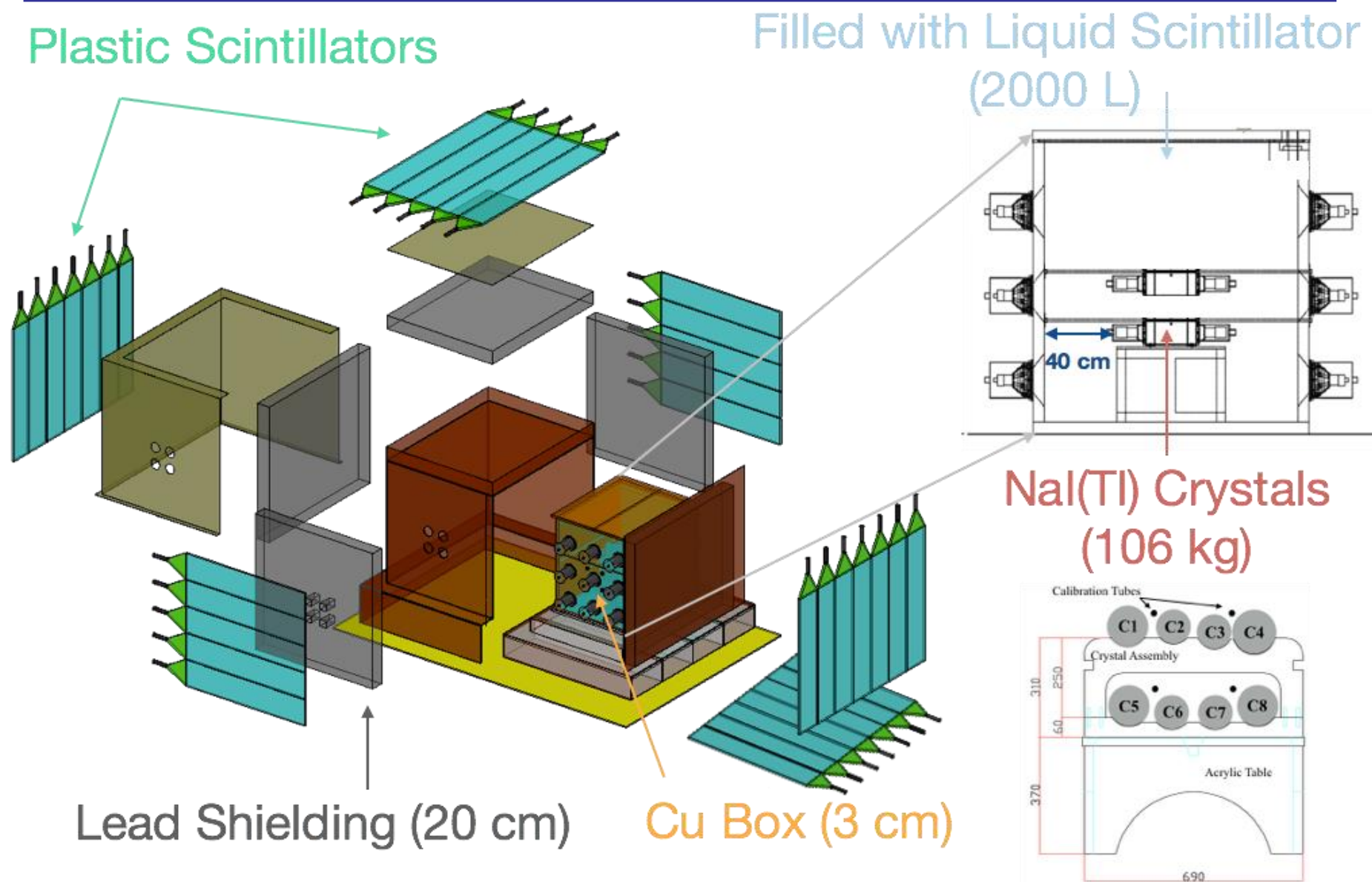
- Alpha rate corresponds to  $^{210}\text{Po}$  ( $^{210}\text{Pb}$ )
- $^{210}\text{Pb}$  and  $^{40}\text{K}$  levels are **higher than DAMA/LIBRA**

- Hamamatsu R12669 PMTs

quantum efficiency: 35% @ 420 nm



# Shield for COSINE-100 Experiment





# COSINE-100 detectors

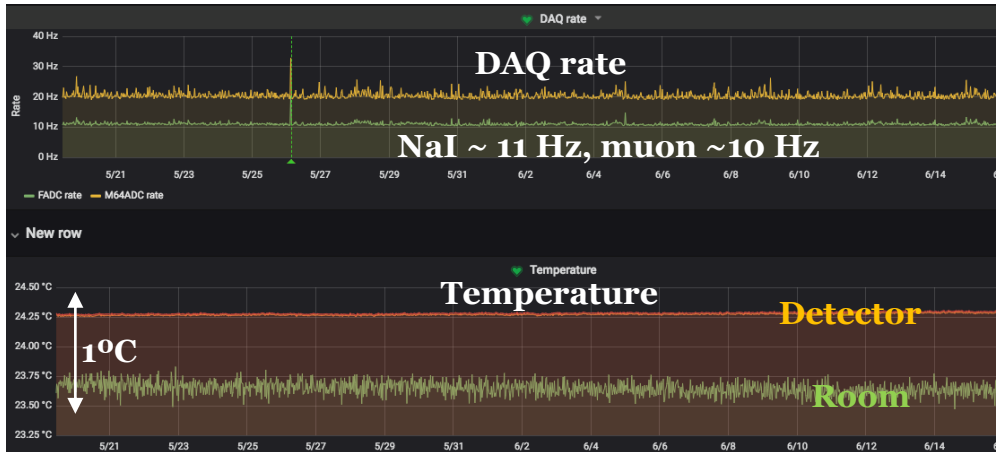
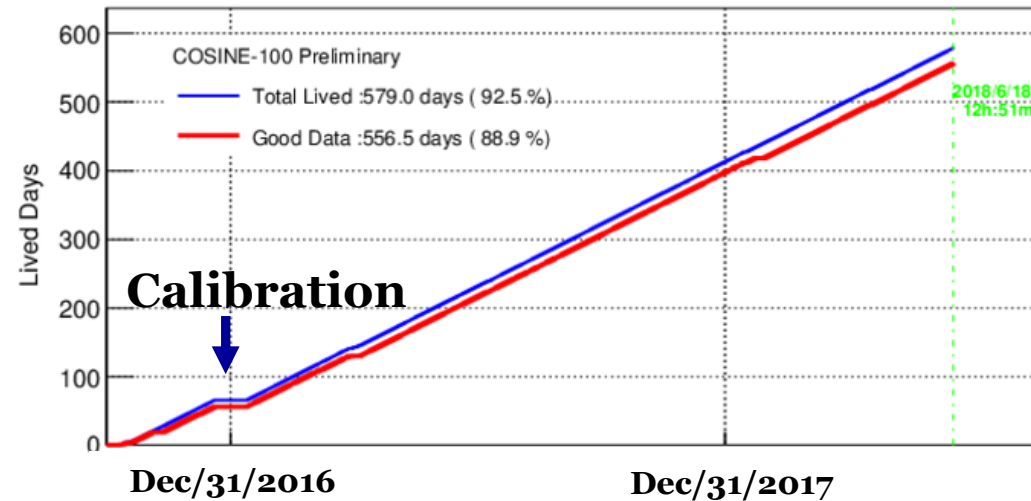


**Physics run started since Sept/2016**

**Eur. Phys. J. C 78 (2018) 107**

# COSINE-100 operation

## COSINE-100 exposure

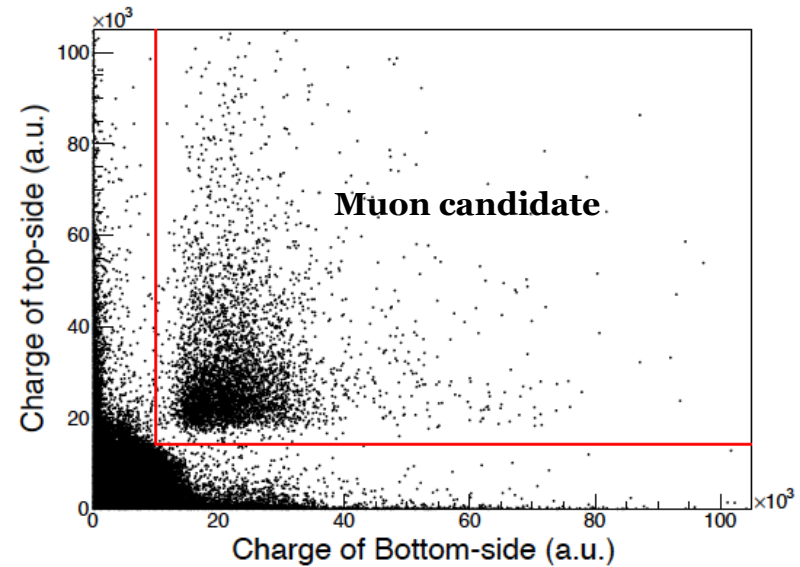
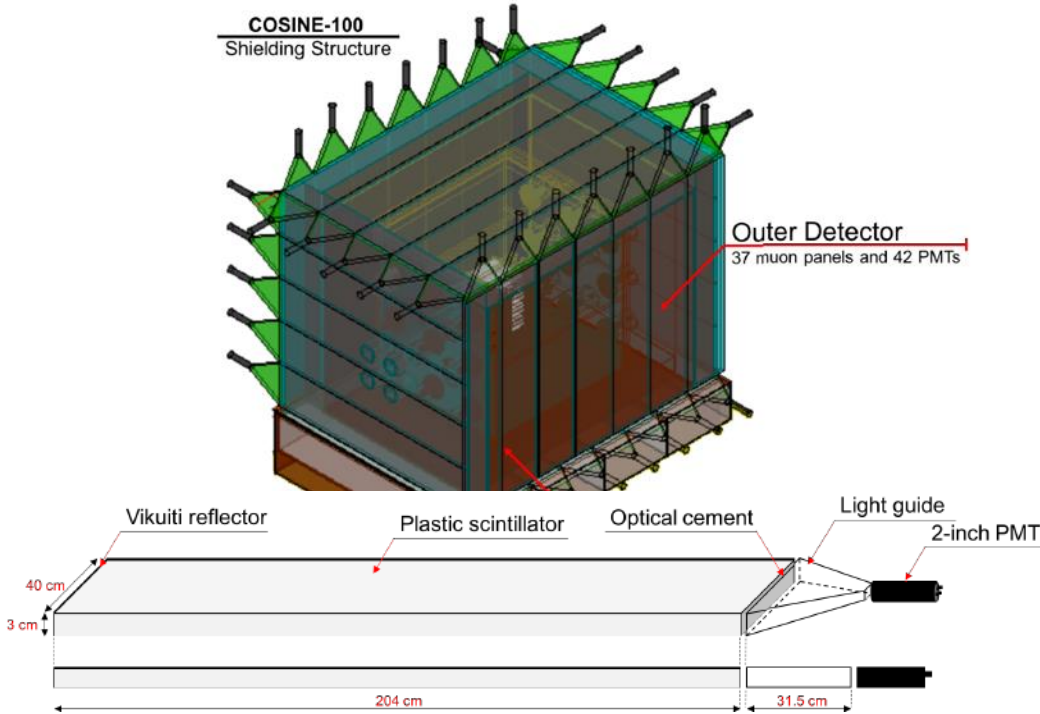


- **Stable physics run**
  - ❖ More than 90% live time!! Most of data are marked as good quality data
- About 21 month data taking
  - ❖ SET1 data (59.5 days) – Background modeling, detector understanding
  - ❖ SET2 data (406 days) – Annual modulation analysis



# Muon detector

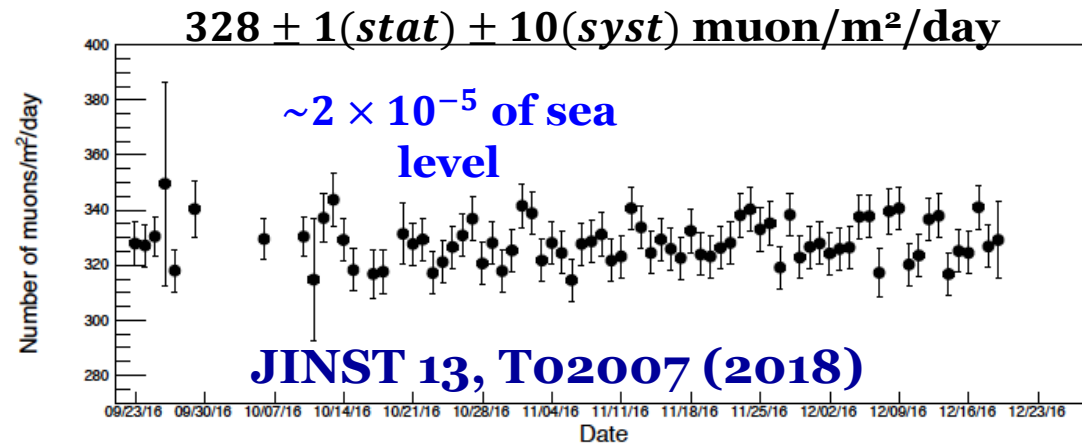
- Outer muon veto consists of 37 plastic scintillator panels



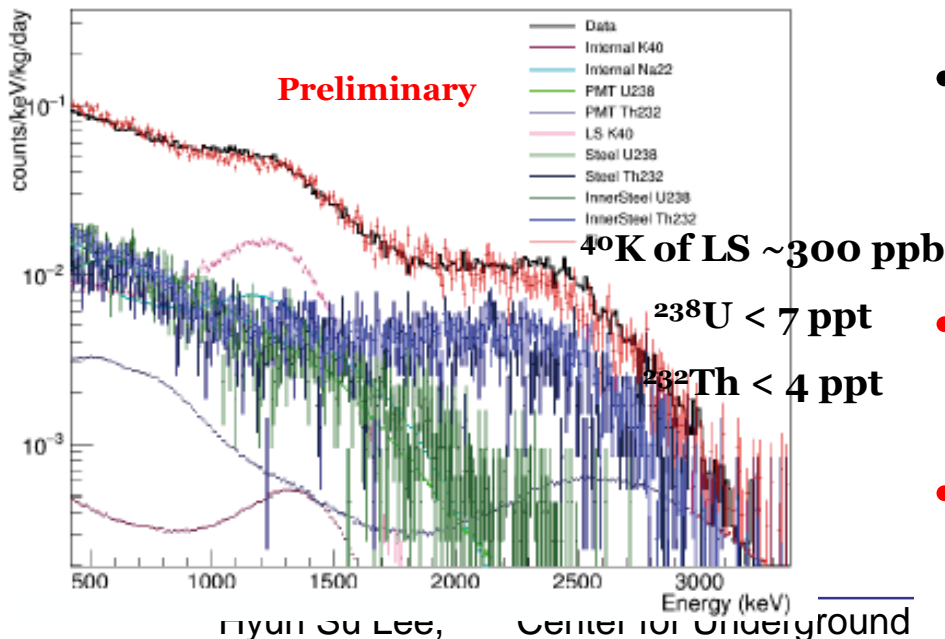
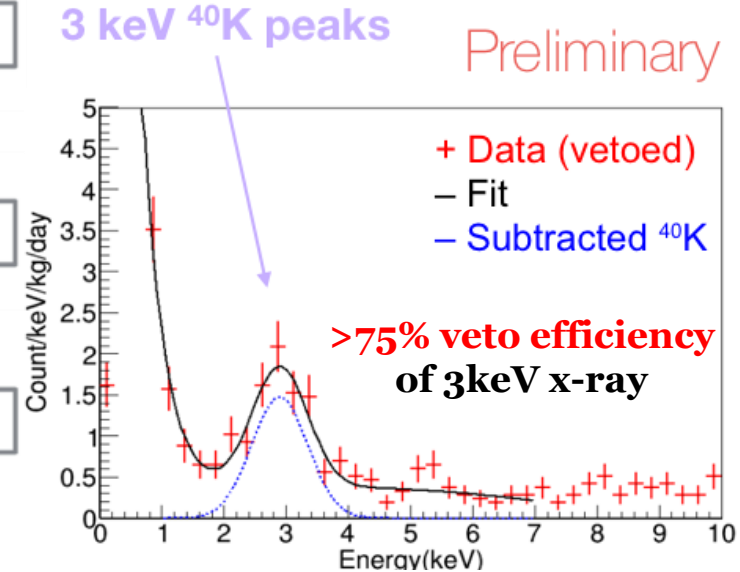
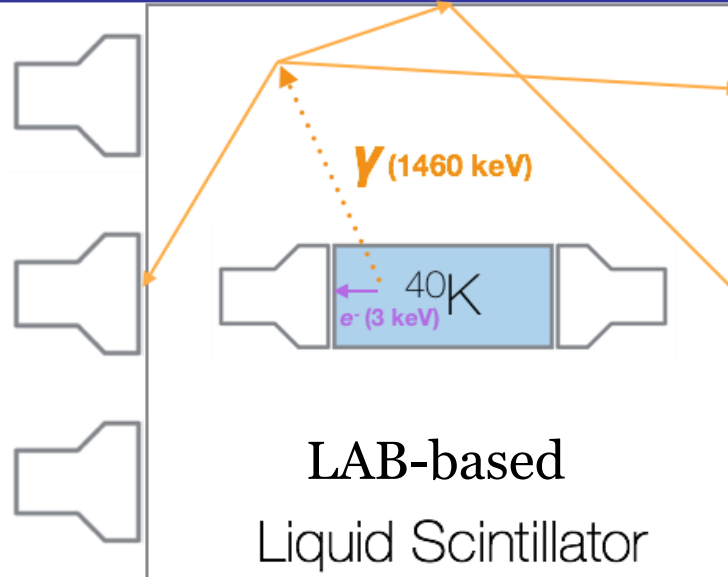
Muon flux has been monitored stably

**Vetoing of muon correlated events** in NaI(Tl) crystals was implemented

**Study on muon induced events** with NaI(Tl) and liquid scintillator is ongoing

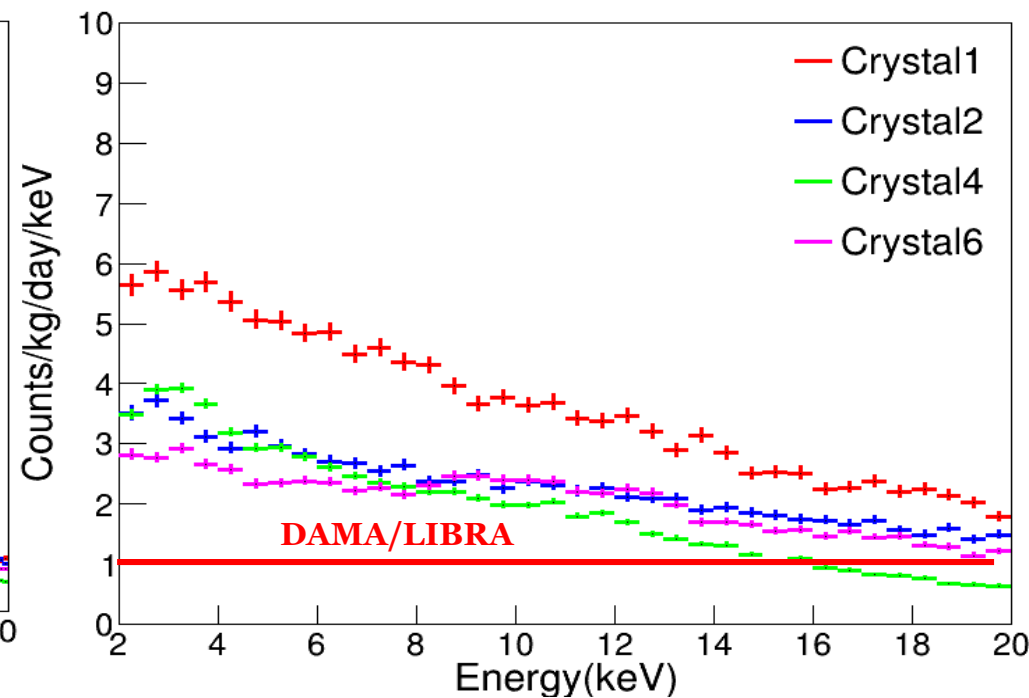
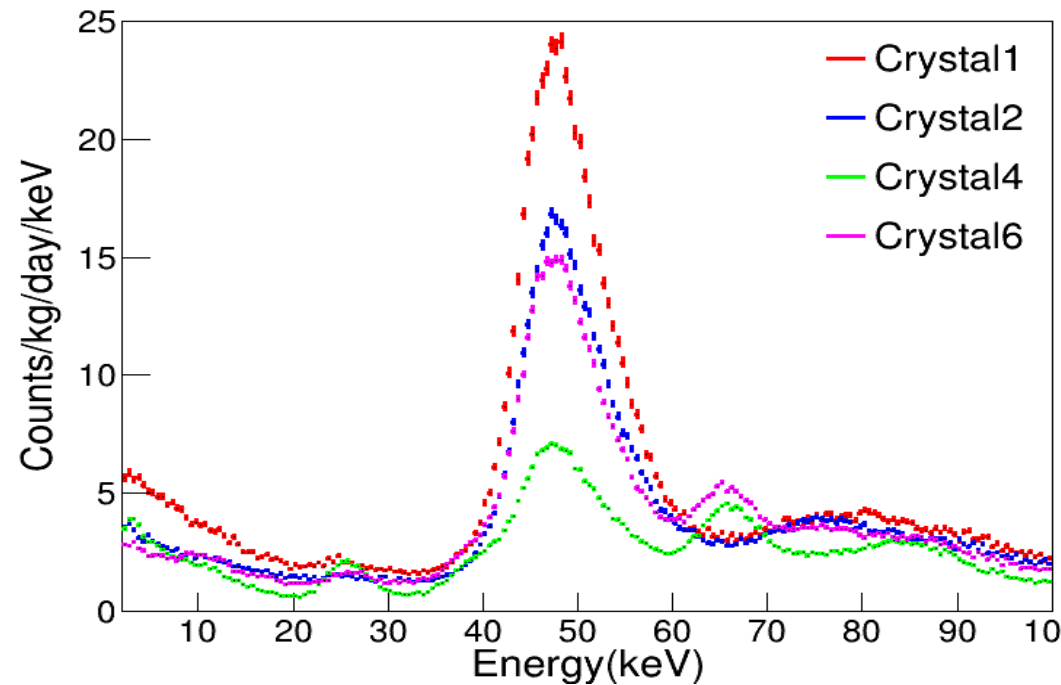


# Liquid scintillator veto system



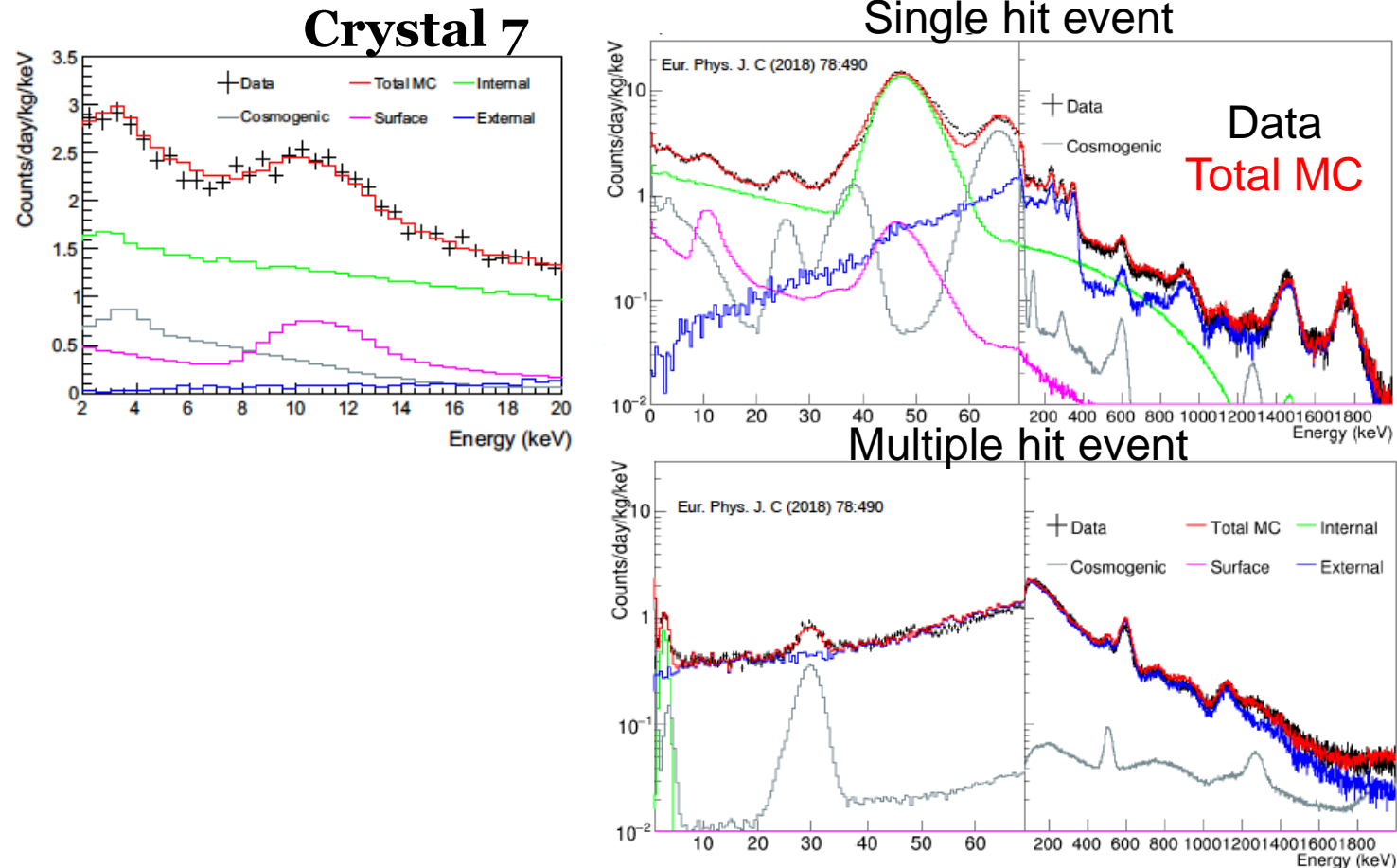
- Tagging rate of  $^{40}\text{K}$  is well understood with Geant4-based simulation
- Internal background of LS is well understood and low enough
- 20 keV tagging threshold is achieved

# Crystal data (initial two month – SET1)



- **Background levels** from 2 to 4 dru (counts/kg/day/keV)
  - ❖ Higher than DAMA/LIBRA crystals
  - ❖ Efficiency corrected spectra

# Background understanding



**P. Adhikari *et al.*, Eur. Phys. J. C 78 (2018) 490**

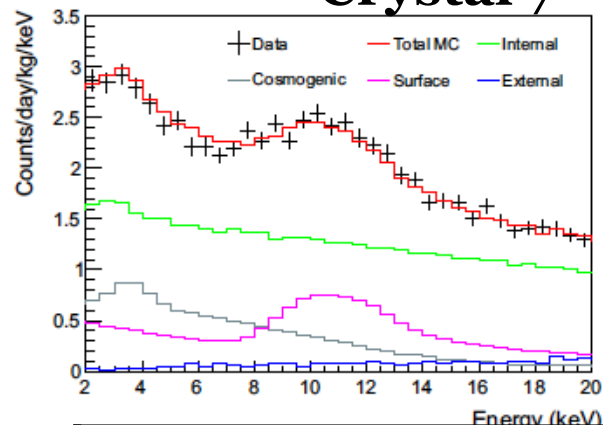
Good understanding of the backgrounds in NaI(Tl) crystals

Only **use 6-2000 keV region** for modeling

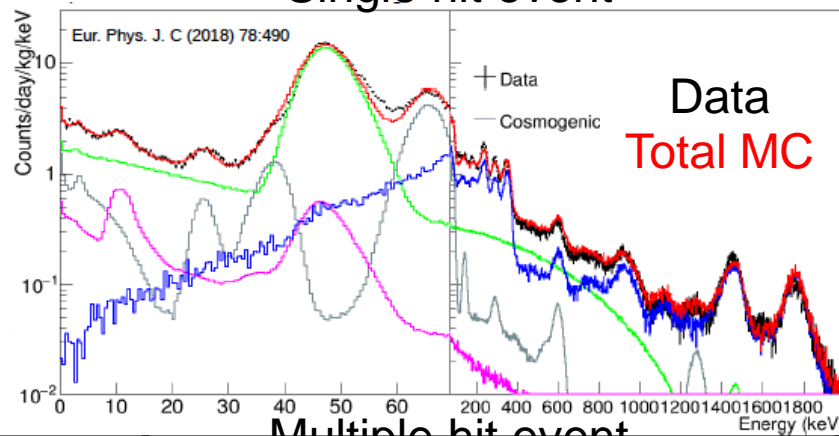


# Background understanding

**Crystal 7**

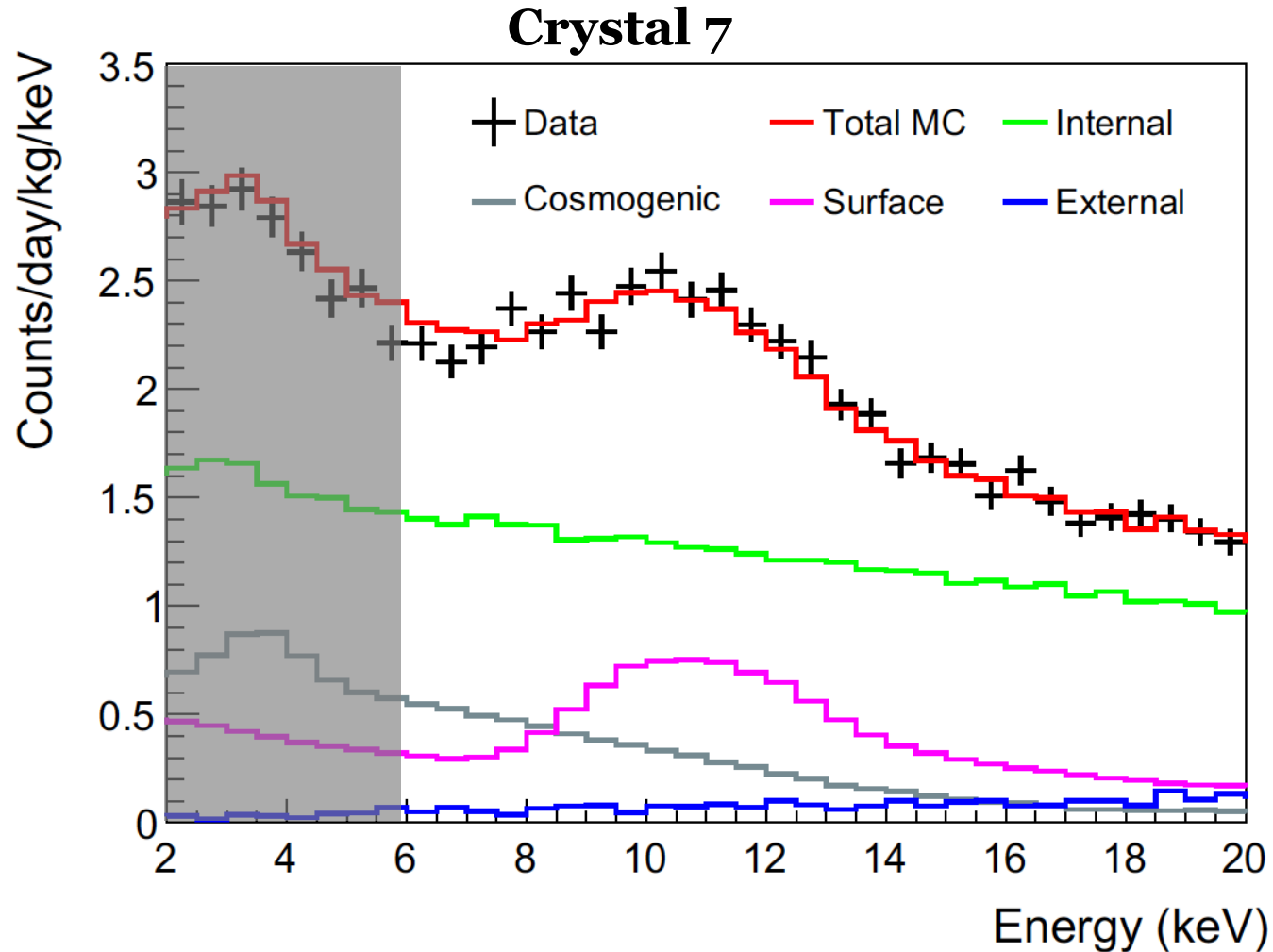


**Single hit event**



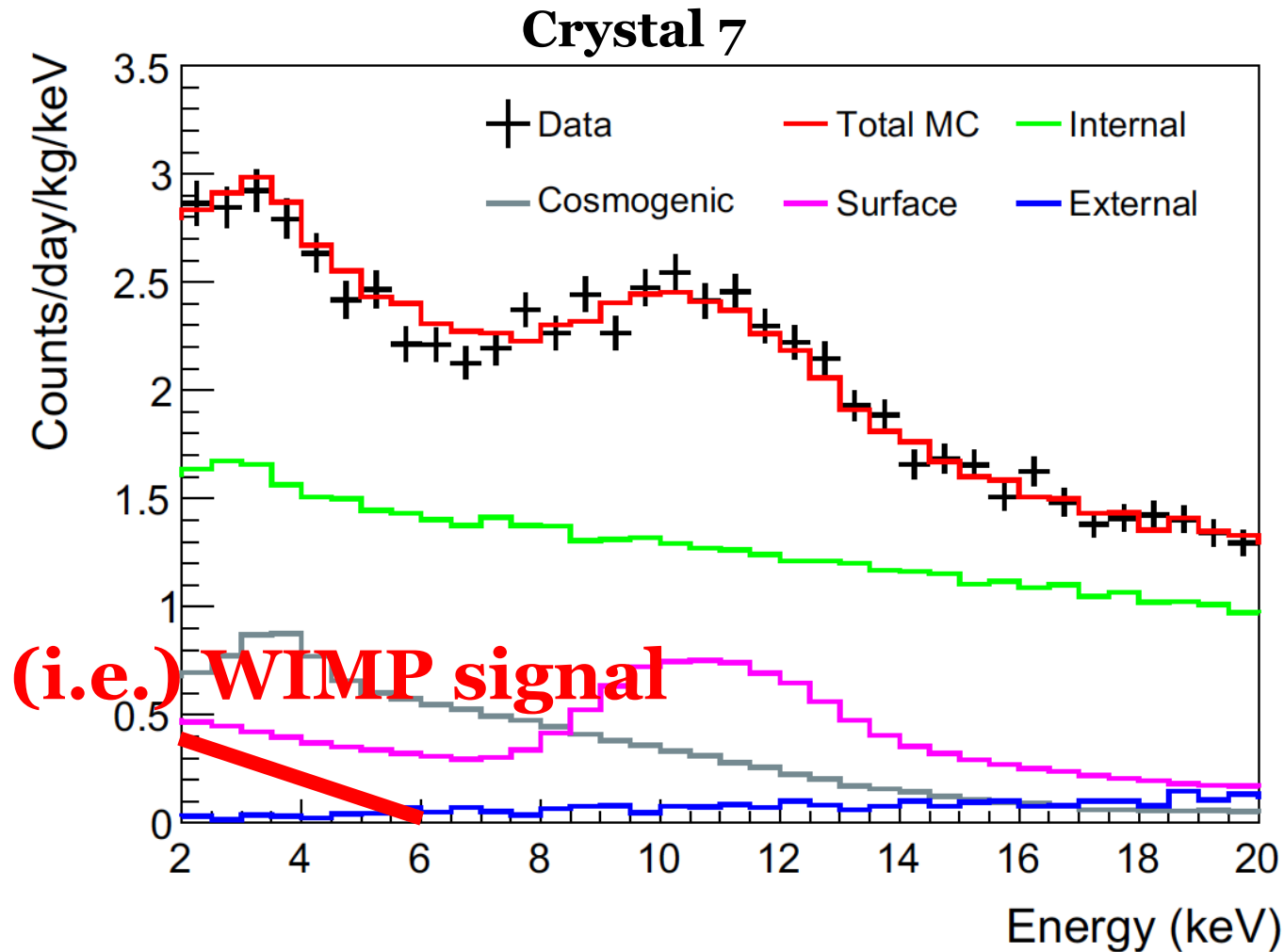
Component	Background 2-6 keV (dru)
Internal $^{210}\text{Pb}$	1.50 +/- 0.07
Internal $^{40}\text{K}$	0.05 +/- 0.01
Surface $^{210}\text{Pb}$	0.38 +/- 0.21
$^3\text{H}$ (Cosmogenic)	0.58 +/- 0.54
$^{109}\text{Cd}$ (Cosmogenic)	0.09 +/- 0.09
Other cosmogenic	0.05 +/- 0.03
External	0.03 +/- 0.02
<b>Total expected</b>	<b>2.70 +/- 0.59</b>
<b>Data</b>	<b>2.64 +/- 0.05</b>

# Fit with WIMP signals



**Background modeling was done only using events at 6- 2000keV**

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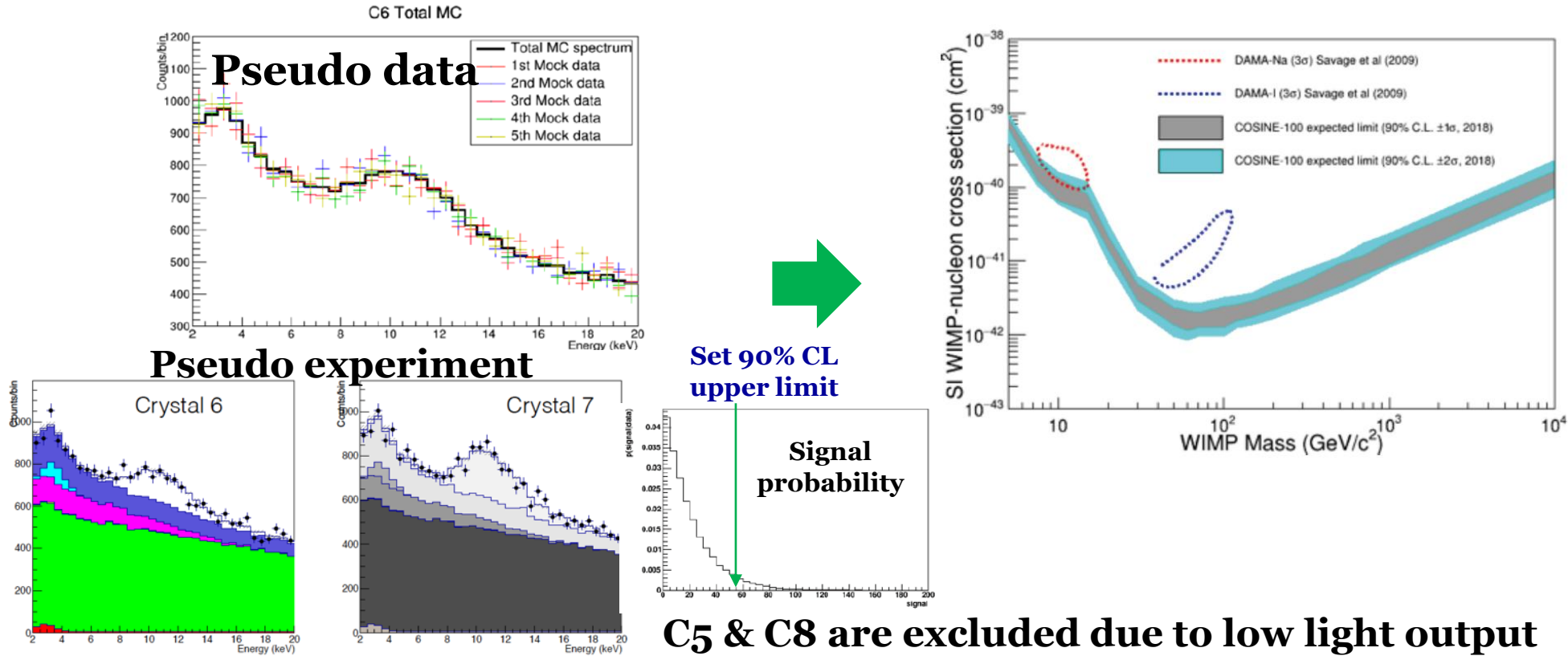


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# Mock data and pseudo experiments

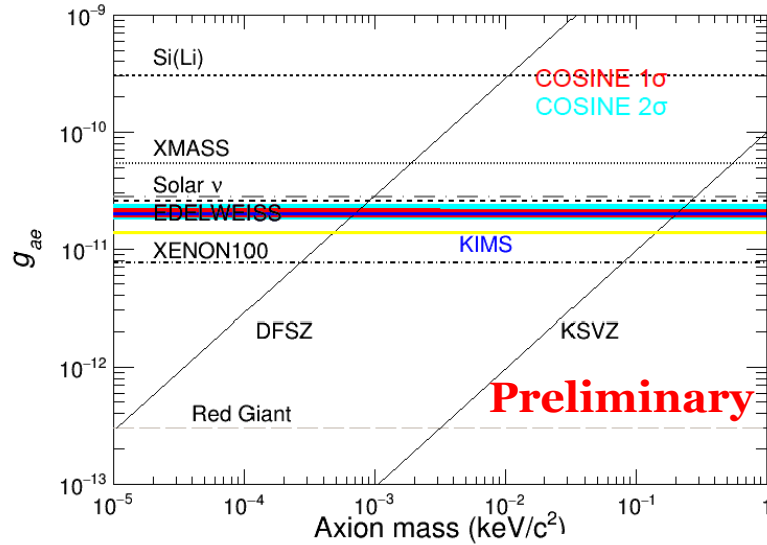
- Generate mock data from MC modeling



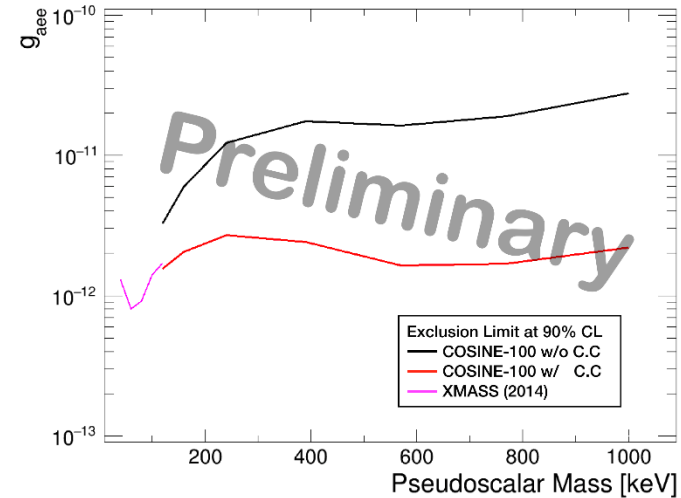
- Sensitivity estimation is done
- Data fit is almost ready**

# Another physics analysis (SET1 data)

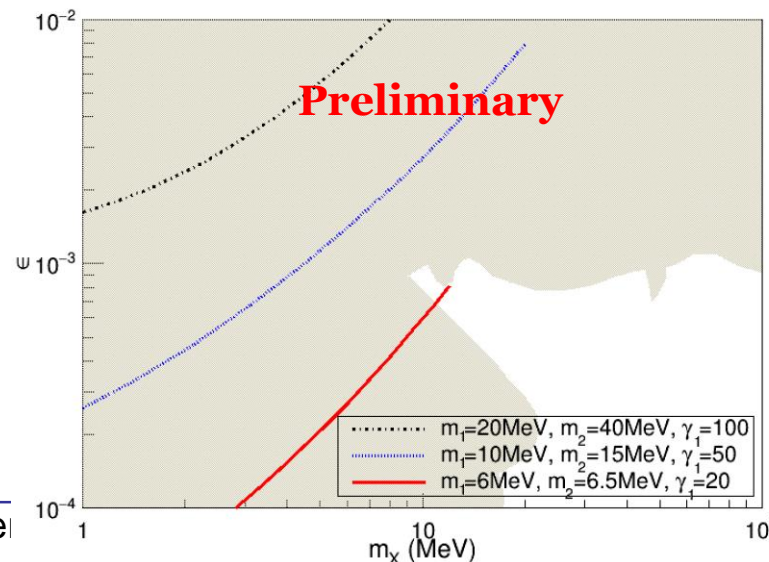
## Solar axion



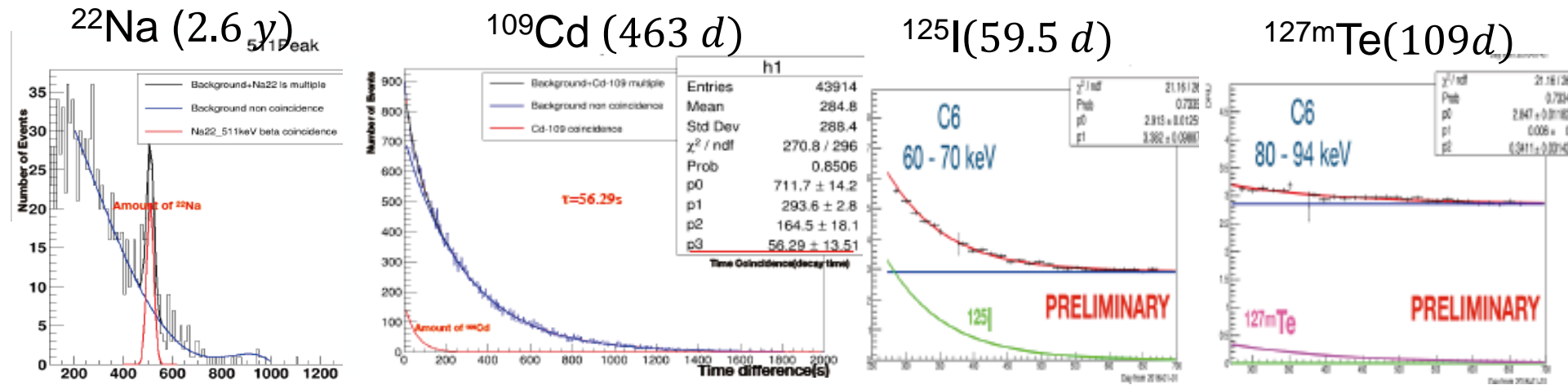
## Bosonic Super WIMP



## Boosted inelastic dark matter



# Cosmogenic background



## Cosmogenic isotope activities mBq/kg

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C6	C7
$^{22}\text{Na}$	$0.78 \pm 0.18$	$0.67 \pm 0.16$	$0.56 \pm 0.11$	$0.90 \pm 0.15$	$0.55 \pm 0.14$	$0.69 \pm 0.19$
$^{109}\text{Cd}$	$0.013 \pm 0.008$	$0.003 \pm 0.006$	$0.06 \pm 0.006$	$0.10 \pm 0.007$	$0.002 \pm 0.007$	$0.015 \pm 0.005$
$^{121\text{m}}\text{Te}$	-	-	$0.17 \pm 0.03$	$0.46 \pm 0.03$	$0.20 \pm 0.03$	$0.19 \pm 0.03$
$^{125\text{m}}\text{Te}$	-	-	-	$0.01 \pm ??$	$0.037 \pm 0.12$	$0.039 \pm 0.11$
$^{127\text{m}}\text{Te}$	-	-	$0.066 \pm 0.012$	$0.176 \pm 0.009$	$0.037 \pm 0.12$	$0.039 \pm 0.11$
$^{125}\text{I}$	-	-	$0.09 \pm 0.01$	$0.56 \pm 0.02$	$0.59 \pm 0.02$	$0.62 \pm 0.02$

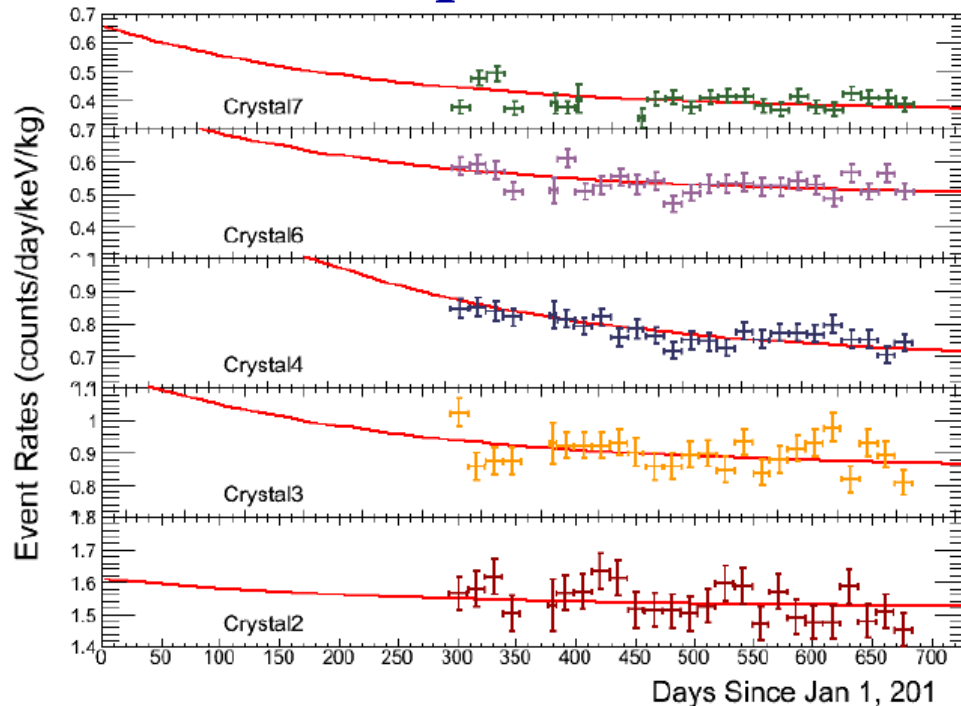
and  
 $^3\text{H}$  (12.3 y)



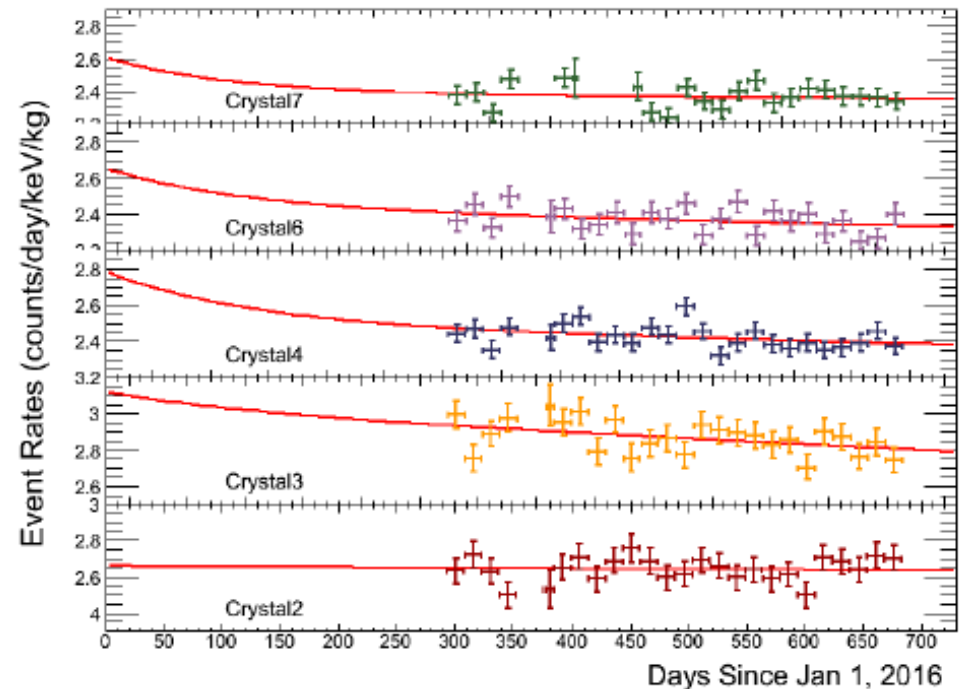
# Side band study for modulation (SET2 data)

- **Cosmogenic** components were **constraint** by the measurements
- Floating  $^3\text{H}$  and constant (**internal background**)

**Multiple 2-6 keV**



**Single 6-10 keV**



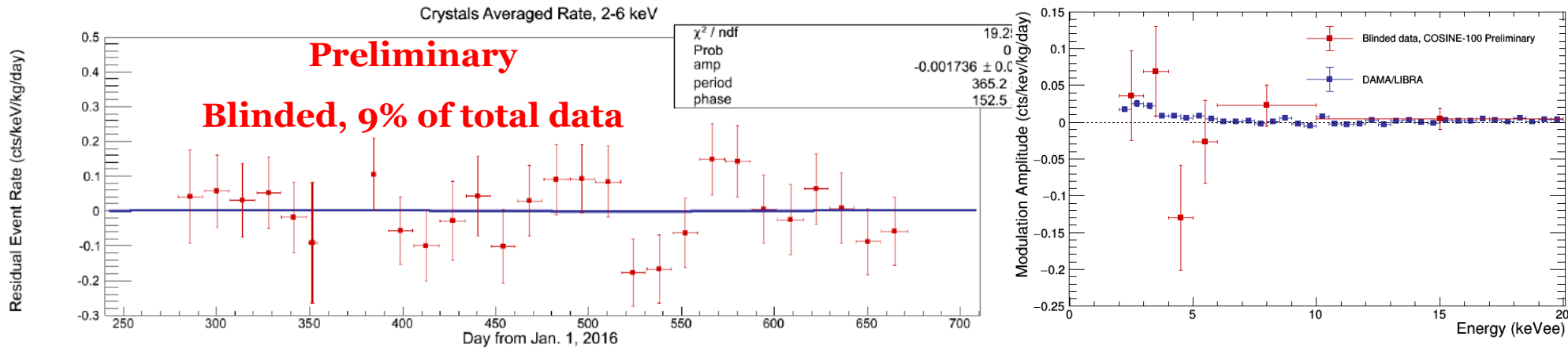
**C5 & C8 were excluded due to low light output**

**C1 was excluded due to uncontrolled noise**

- **Side bands are well explained** by known background

# ~ 9% data opened (blinded analysis)

- Current data is blinded, only 9% of total data

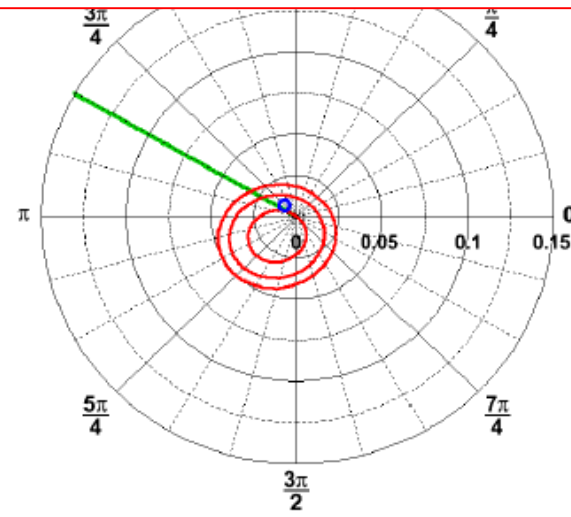
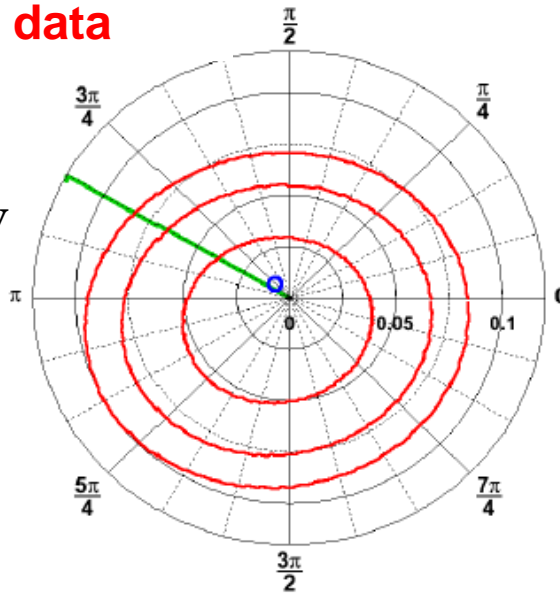


Data quality, cosmogenic component subtraction, and background modeling almost done

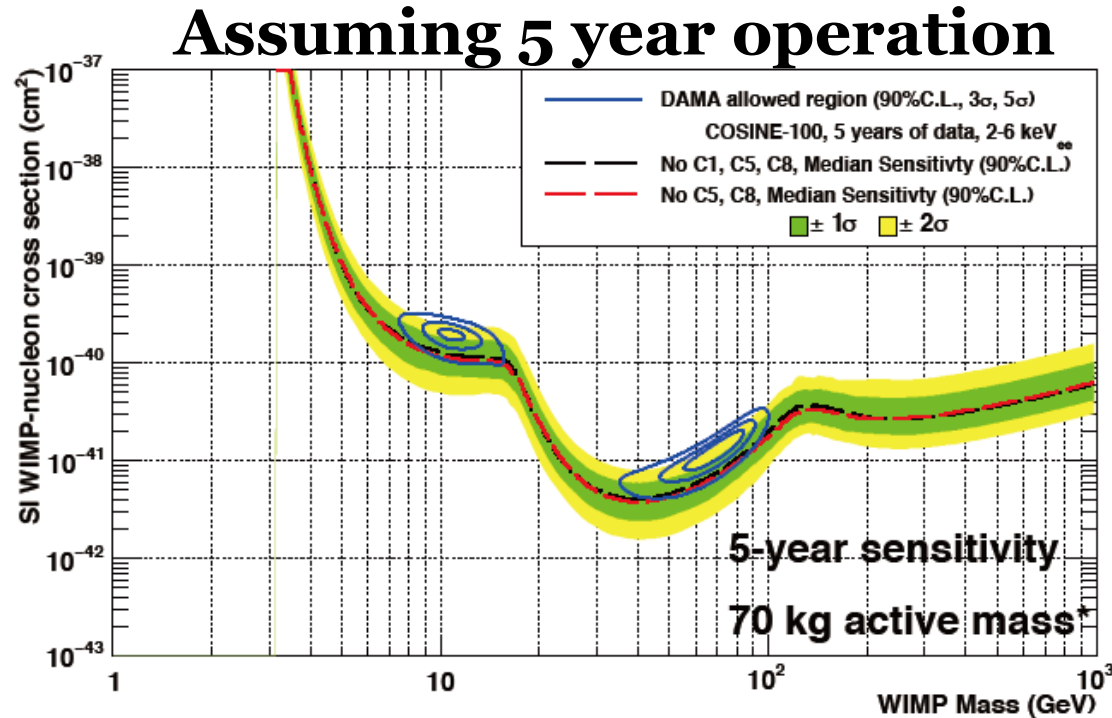
9% data

Assuming total SET2 data  
(error reduction only)

Under evaluating  
systematic uncertainty



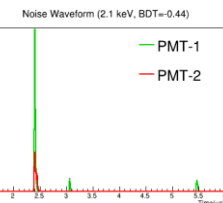
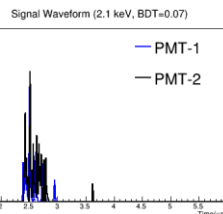
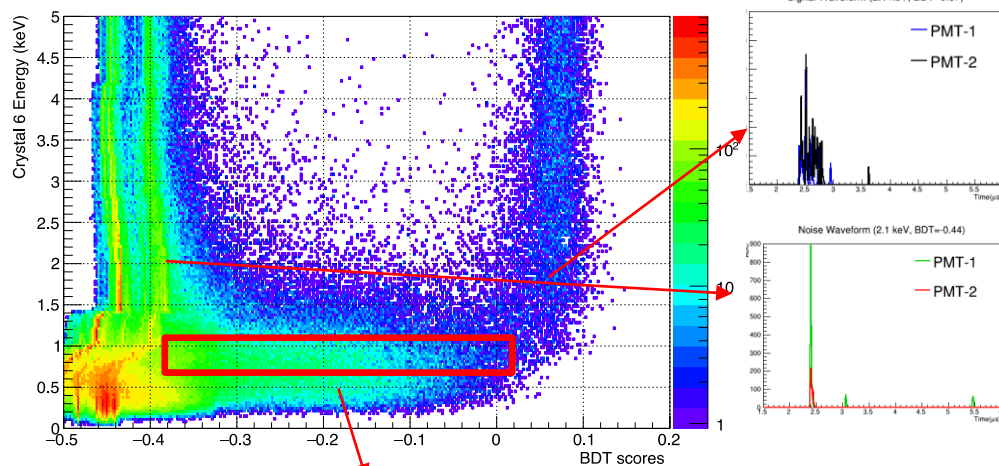
# COSINE-100 Expected Sensitivity



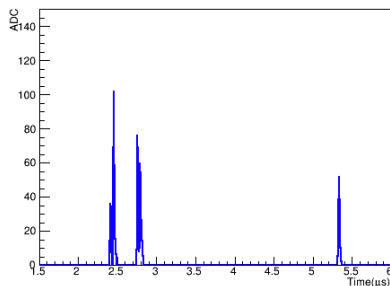
- C5 & C8 are excluded due to low light output
- Combining data between COSINE-100 & ANAIS-112 are agreed between two groups

# Analysis with 1 keV energy threshold

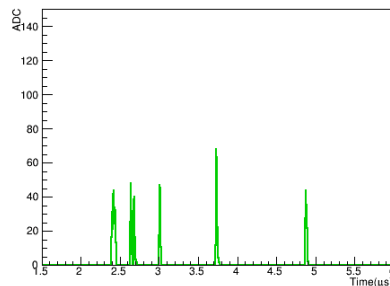
Crystal 6 Energy vs BDT



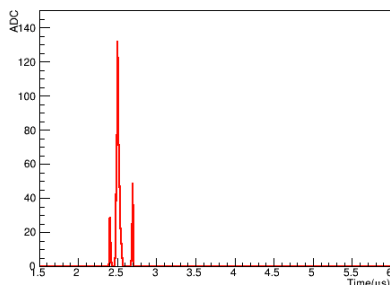
Signal Waveform (0.66 keV, BDT=0.014)



Waveform (0.59 keV, BDT=-0.19)



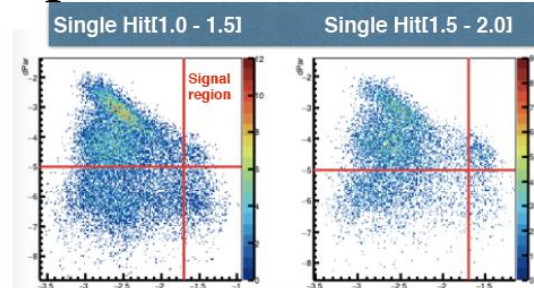
Noise Waveform (0.54 keV, BDT=-0.39)



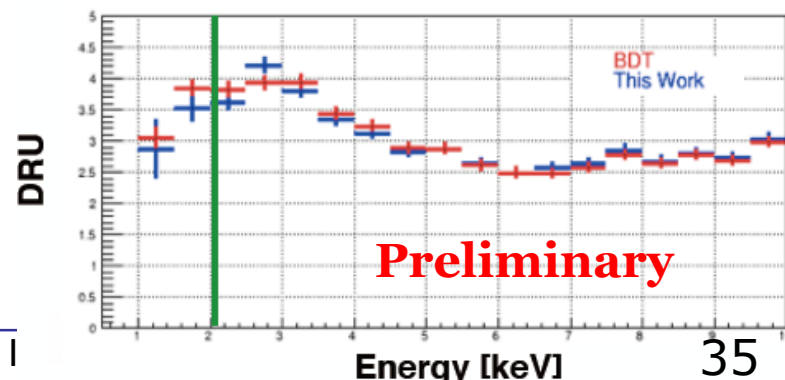
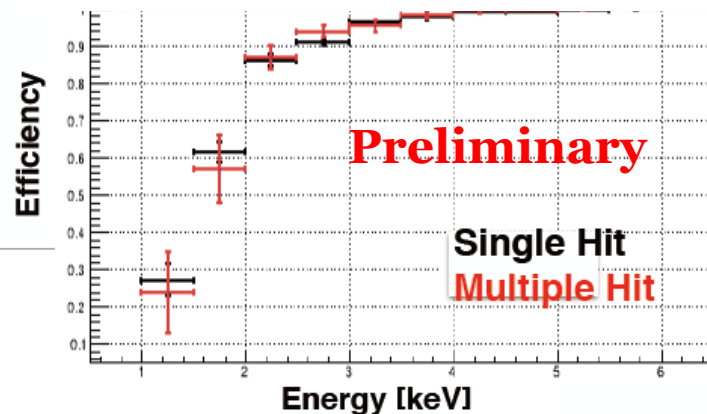
Understand signal-like events and noise-like events at low energy

Develop new parameter to reject noise-like events effectively

## New parameters for noise rejection



## Efficiency





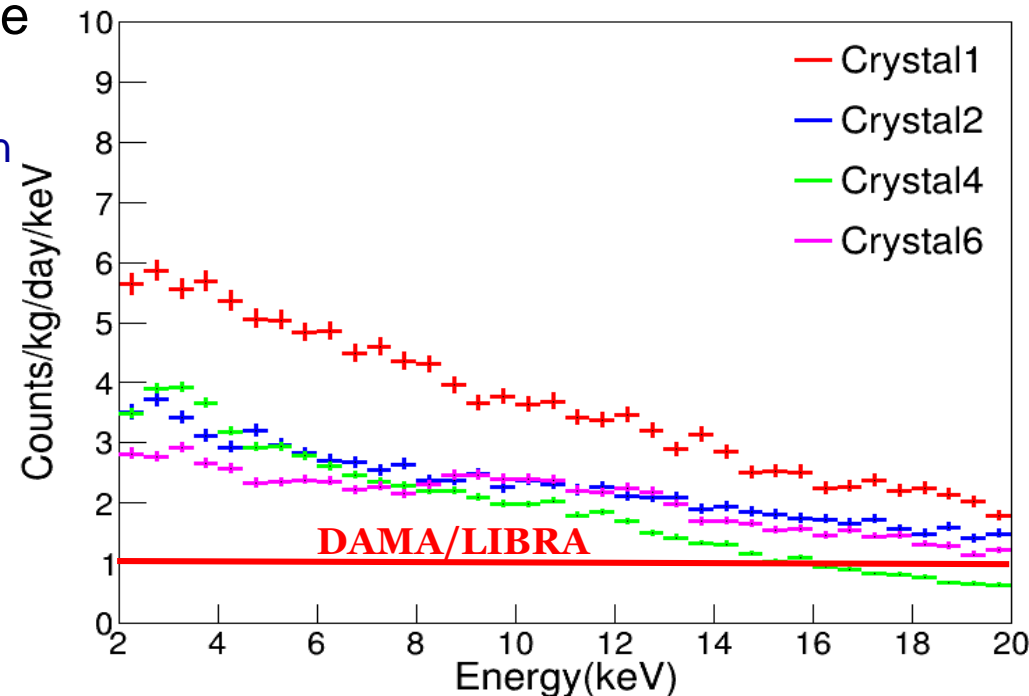
# Next phase of COSINE (COSINE-200)

- **Background levels of COSINE-100 are 2-3 times higher than DAMA/LIBRA**

- ❖ We may not resolve all possible scenarios in interpreting DAMA/LIBRA signals
- ❖ Still need to develop better crystals

- Issues are **internal  $^{40}\text{K}$ ,  $^{210}\text{Pb}$ , and  $^3\text{H}$**

- ❖  $^{40}\text{K}$  : Powder purification
- ❖  $^{210}\text{Pb}$  : Any part of powder, crystal growing, and crystal handling can make it
- ❖  $^3\text{H}$  : Cosmogenic activation



- **Extremely pure crystal development**

- ❖ From initial materials to detector assembly, we need **very careful handling**
- ❖ These are very **difficult jobs** for a private **company**
- ❖ We decided to do our **own development for the entire process**

**Cosmogenic activation will be naturally reduced if we grow the crystals in Korea**

# Nal powder purification (Lab experiment)

- Recrystallization

Saturated NaI solution  
@ 25 ° C

Evaporation of 40 % of  
H<sub>2</sub>O under vacuum

Crystallization:  
Cooling down with stirring

T ↑ 110 ° C

T ↓ 25 ° C

Purified NaI powder

NaI crystal

Drying crystal  
under vacuum  
@ 130 ° C

# Purification of NaI powder

- **Recrystallization** three times for normal grade while one times for the other pure grade powders

## ICP-MS results

Powder	$^{39}\text{K}$ (ppb)		$^{208}\text{Pb}$ (ppb)		$^{232}\text{Th}$ (ppb)		$^{238}\text{U}$ (ppb)	
	initial	After	Initial	After	Initial	After	Initial	After
Astro grade	5	< 1	0.9	<0.4	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Crystal grade	45	6	3.3	0.8	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Normal grade	240,000	210	6.9	0.2	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1

- **Efficiency: 40% – 50%**
- **Mother solution can be reused for next recrystallization.**

Reduction for K and Pb after one recrystallization

- **K : ~ 10 reduction**
- **Pb: ~ 3 reduction**

**1 ton of Crystal grade powder**  
**is ready to use**

**Goal : K less than 20 ppb**

# Purification factory

70 kg NaI powder can be loaded



**Goal : K less than 20 ppb**

**~ 30 kg of purified NaI powder**

	K (ppb)	Pb (ppb)	U (ppb)	Th (ppb)
Initial NaI	248	19.0	<0.01	<0.01
Purified NaI	<b>&lt;16</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<0.01	<0.01

**Our system is more effective than lab experiment**



# Crystal growing

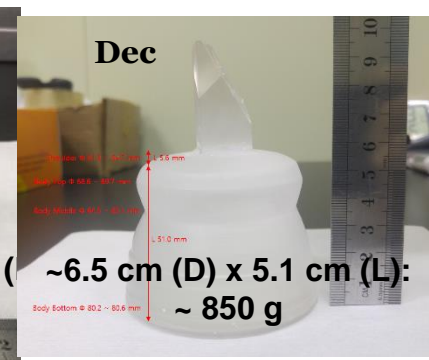
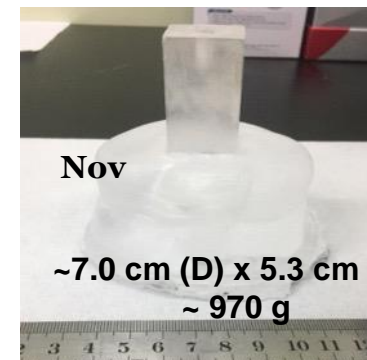
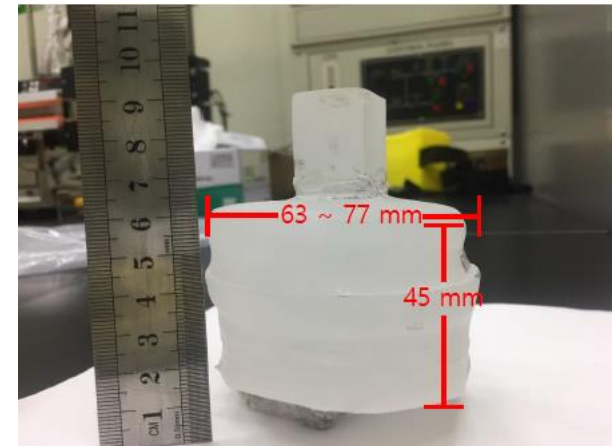
- Small crystal grower was installed at 2017



Crucible diameter is  $\phi = 15$  cm; **1~2 kg** test crystal can be grown

**Sept/2017**

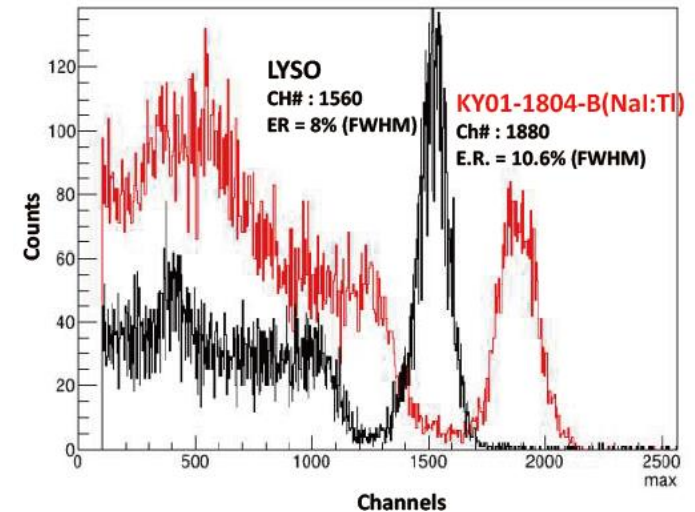
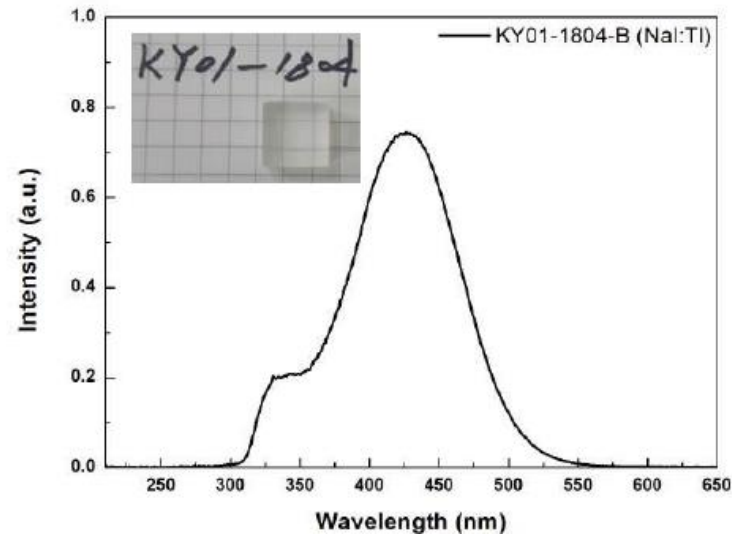
**Pure NaI**



# Tl doped crystals

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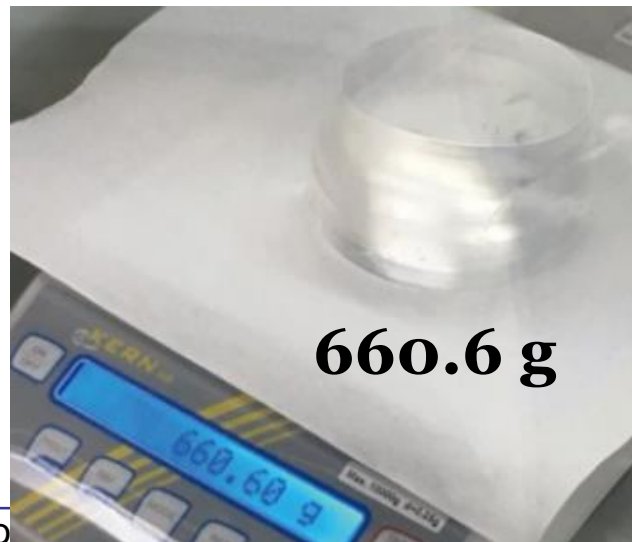
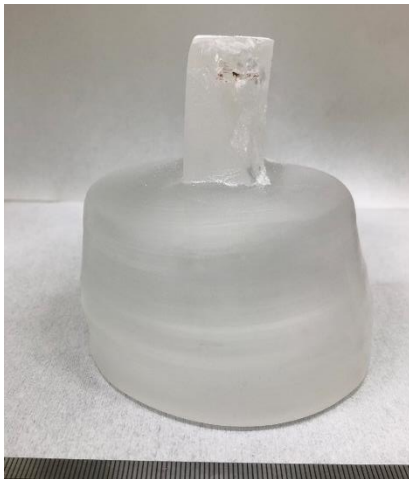
Crystal  
grade



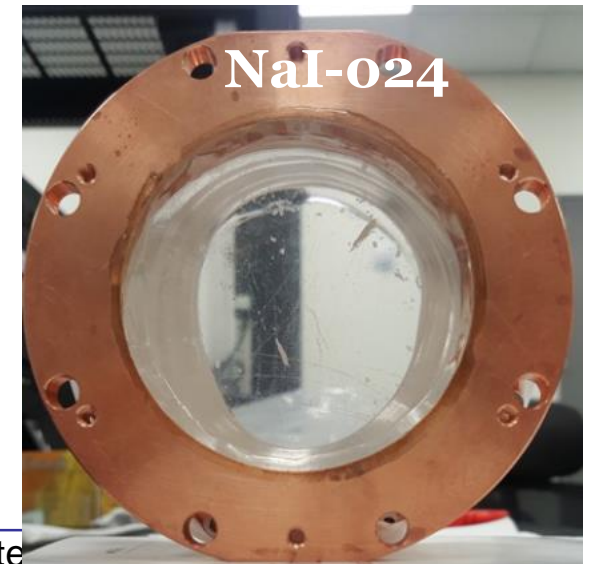
**~40,000 Photons/MeV**

May/2018

Astro  
grade

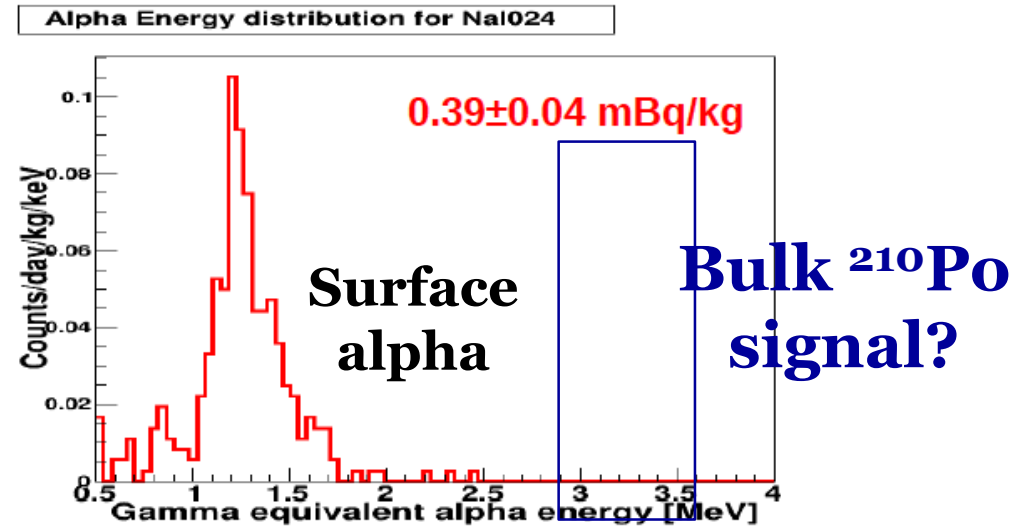
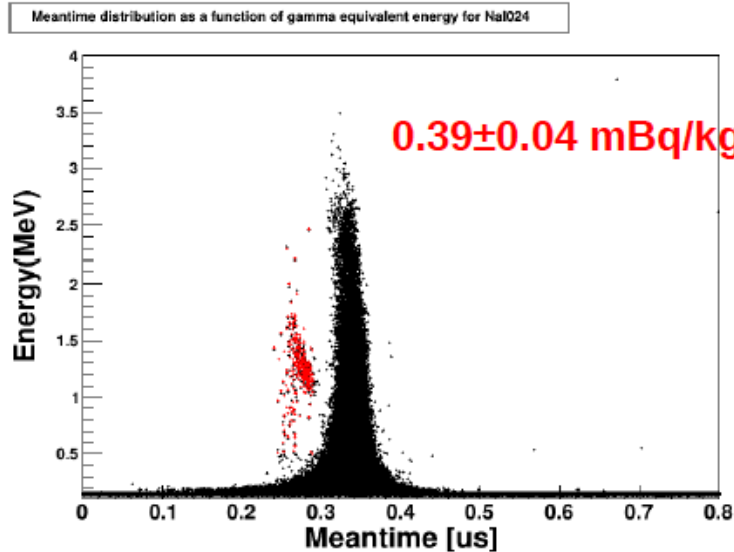


**660.6 g**



# Nal-024 underground measurement

Measurement started from June 4<sup>th</sup> (2018)



- Light Yield  $\sim 6.5$  photoelectrons/keV
- The lowest total alpha level from NaI crystals which we measured
- No bulk  $^{210}\text{Pb}$  contamination ( $< 0.005$  mBq/kg)
- Surface contamination : failure of  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  control for encapsulation
  - ❖ We will do the encapsulation process again
- 1 dru background is achievable!!

# A full size grower

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- Full size grower & annealing furnace were installed ( $\phi = 60$  cm )
  - ❖ Similar growing machine as the DAMA/LIBRA crystals
  - ❖ Maximum powder loading : 120 kg
    - About three full size detectors (12.5 kg) per ingot



- Tests on temperature control & mechanical operation were done
- Real experiments will be started soon

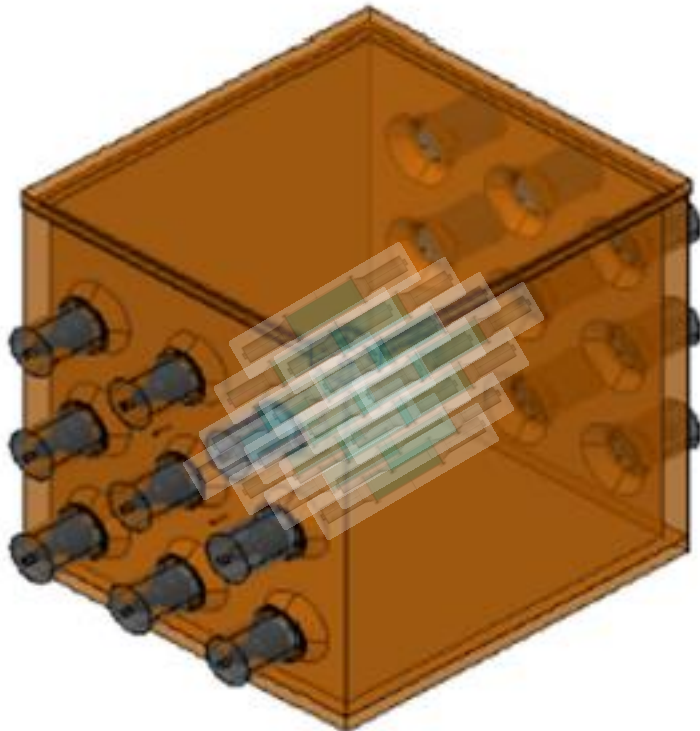


# COSINE-200

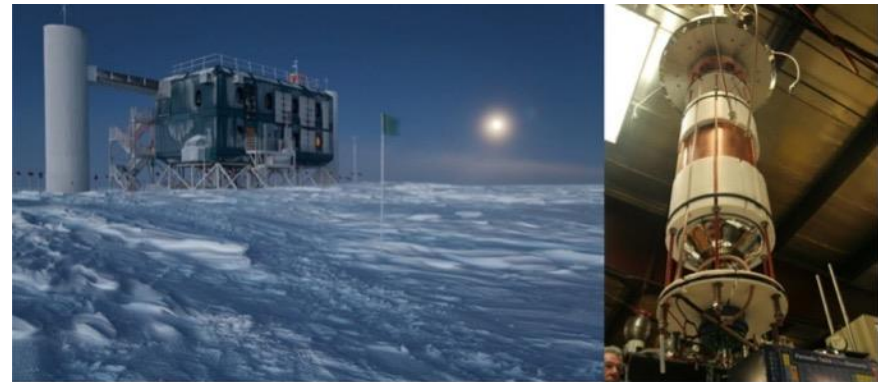
- Current COSINE-100 shield designed to accommodate 16 of 12.5 kg crystals = **200 kg**

**Total 200 kg**

**Another 200 kg in **south pole** ? If we have same modulation..**



**Y2L**

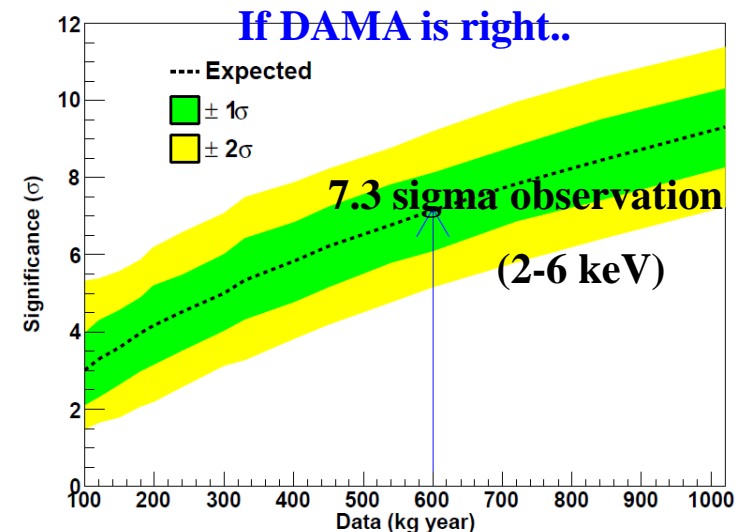
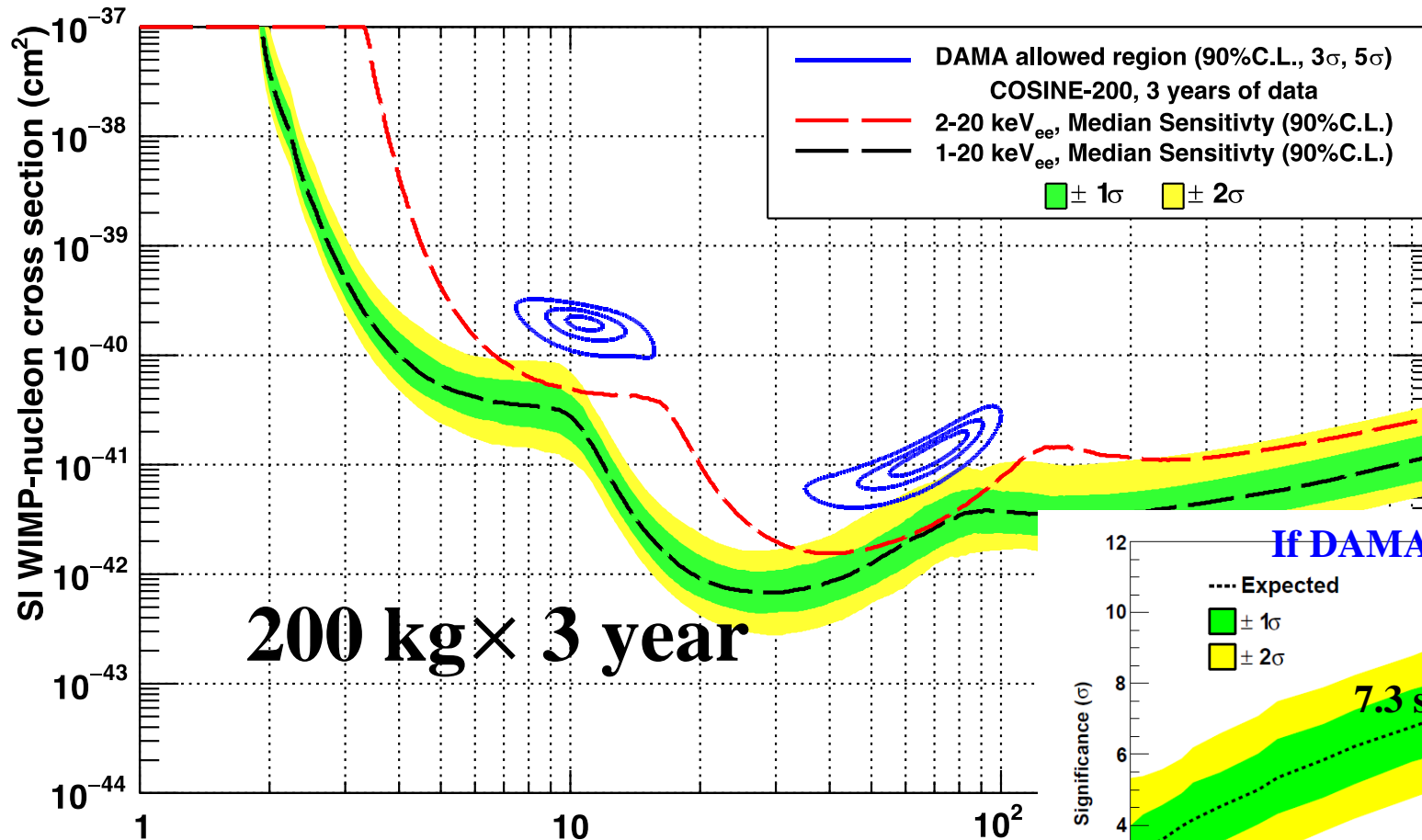


**Under consideration**

**2022-2023 (IceCube upgrade)**

# COSINE-200 sensitivity (Modulation)

- 1 dru background (same as DAMA/LIBRA)



**Model independent comparison of the modulation amplitude at 2-6 keV will be performed**

# Summary

- COSINE-100 is running well
  - ❖ We understood our detector well
  - ❖ Physics analyses are ongoing
- COSINE-200 is under preparation
  - ❖ Unambiguous conclusion for the DAMA/LIBRA signals
  - ❖ Goal to start ~200 kg experiment at 2019 with less than 1dru background

