

Highlights from Korea's HEP Activities

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HEP Program in Korea

➤ Domestic Programs

- IBS /CUP: dark matter, $0\nu\beta\beta$
- IBS /DMAG: axion
- Neutrinos

➤ International Programs

- Colliders – CMS (~120), ALICE(~60), Belle-II(~45)
- Detector R&D for Future Colliders: FCC, EIC
- Neutrinos – JSNS2, SK/Hyper-K, DUNE, SHiP
- JPARC programs
- Fermilab program (DUNE, DAMSA etc)

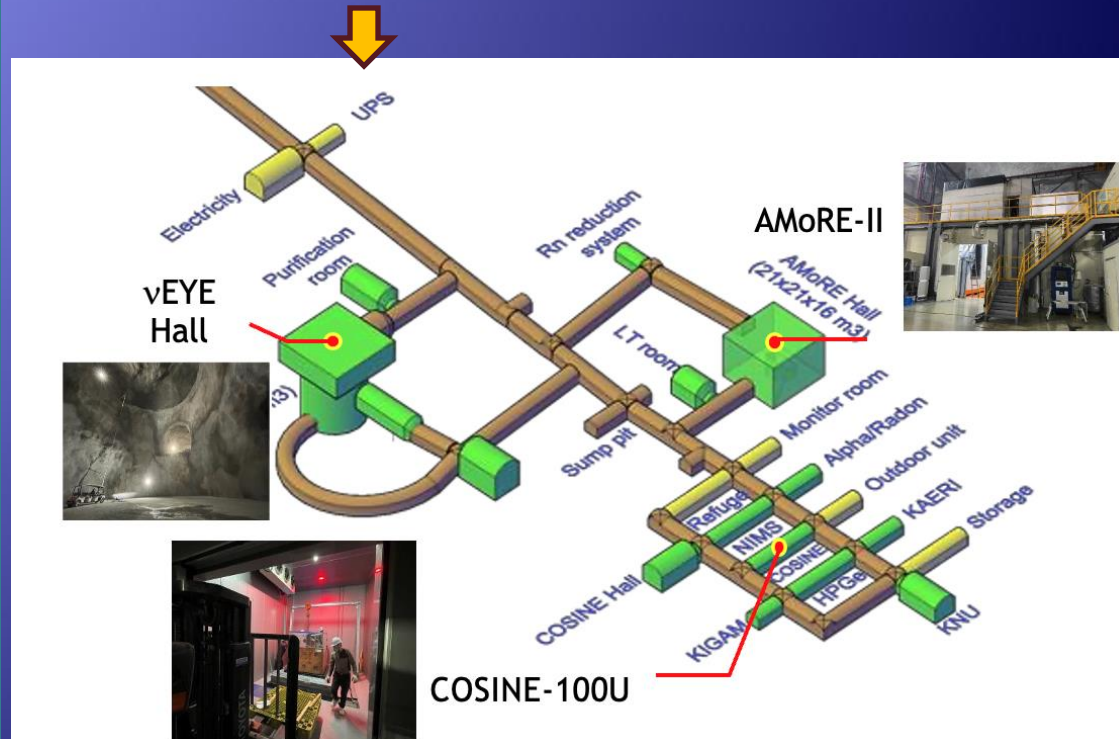
Apologies for not covering all activities, talk will be focused on HEP-ex activities

IBS: Center for Underground Physics (CUP)

- Yemilab: established new underground lab in 2022, moved from Y2L

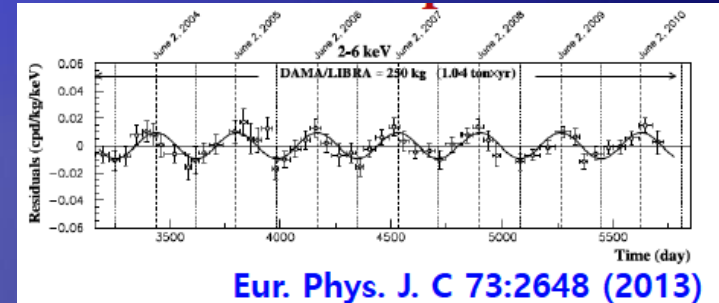
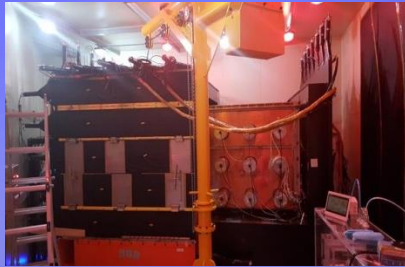


- Y2L (700m): 2003-2023
 - COSINE-100
 - AMoRE-I
- Yemilab (1000m): 2022~
 - COSINE-100U, 200
 - AMoRE-II
 - vEYE
 - Cryogenic DM searches
 - ...



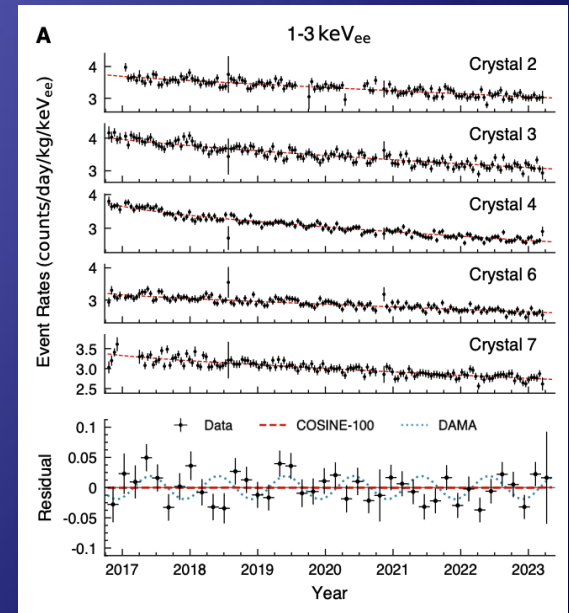
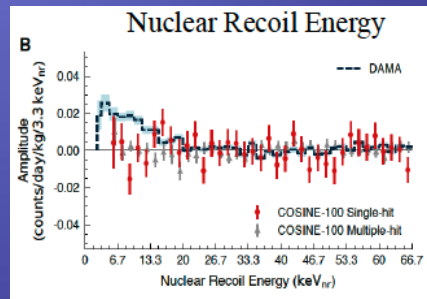
CUP: COSINE-100 @ Y2L

- Search for dark matters using DM-N elastic scattering
- Test DAMA/LIBRA's annual modulation signal with NaI crystals, 106kg



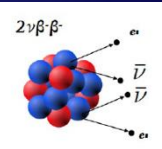
- No modulation signal observed!!
 - 6.4 years of data were fit with decaying bkgd model and modulation signal

E (keV _{nr})	A (counts/day/kg/3.3 keV _{nr})	
	COSINE-100	DAMA/LIBRA
6.7~20	0.001 ± 0.003	0.010 ± 0.001

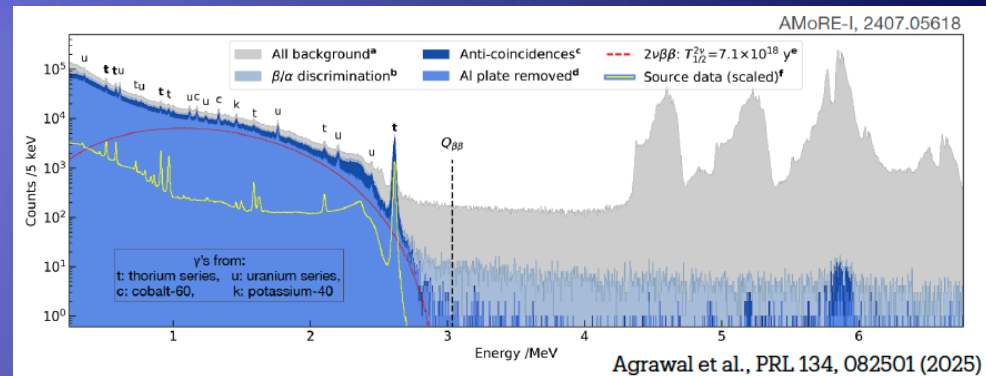
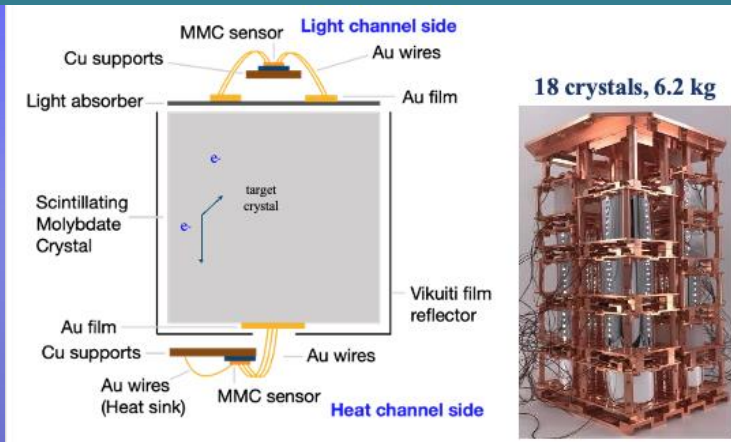


- Upgrade to COSINE-100U, -200 @ Yemilab with improved light yields

CUP: AMoRE-I for $0\nu\beta\beta$ @ Y2L



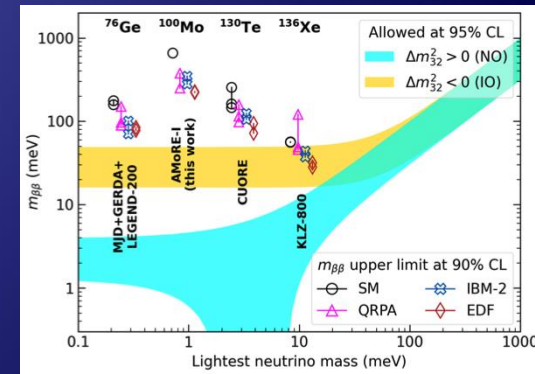
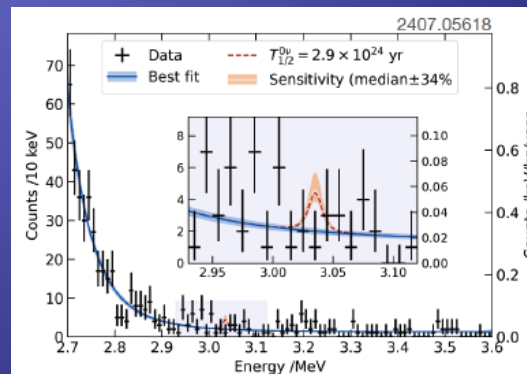
- Search for neutrino-less double beta decay signal (Majorana ν)
- Mo-100 based scintillation crystal (XMO) as source and target at 10-20 mK: scintillating signal and phonon signal



- Run 4kg Mo-100 for 4 yrs at 12mk
- Background : 0.025 counts/keV/kg/yr

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 2.9 \times 10^{24} \text{ yr at 90\% CL}$$

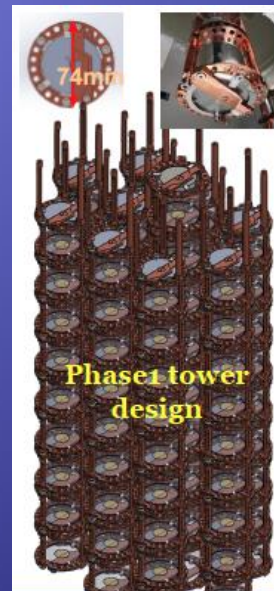
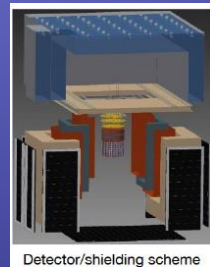
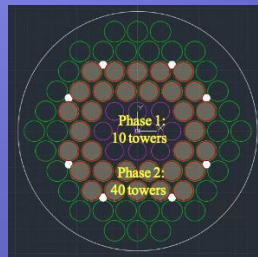
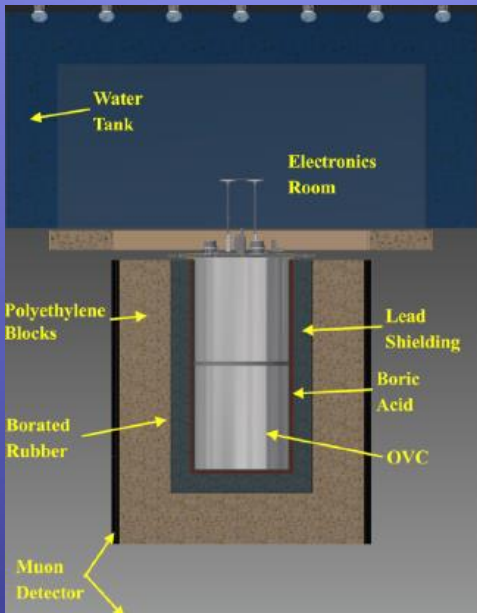
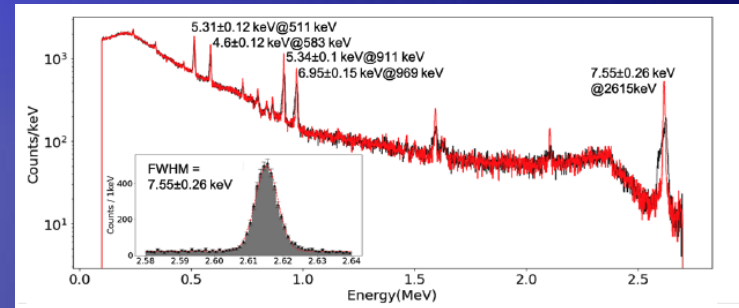
The best half life limit for ^{100}Mo



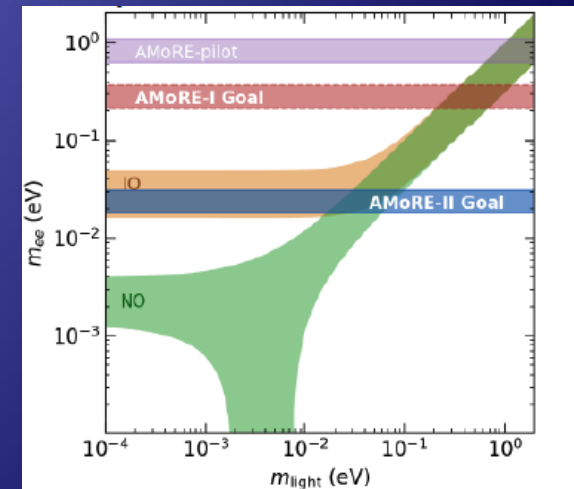
AMoRE-II @Yemilab

- AMoRE-II: 10 Countries, 25 Institutions
- 360 crystals (LMO+13CMO, $\sim 85 \text{ kg } ^{100}\text{Mo}$)
- Bkgds goal $< 10^{-4} \text{ count/keV/kg/year}$
- 5yrs op. can cover inverted mass ordering
- Schedule:
 - Phase 1: 90 crystals (2025-2026)
 - Phase 2: 360 crystals (2026-2030)

Satisfactory energy resolution:
EPJC 85, 172 (2025)

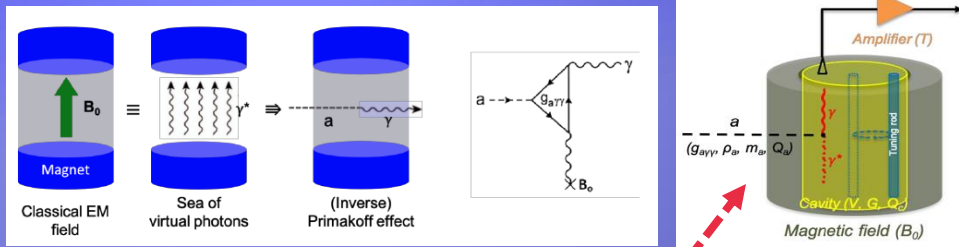


Sensitivity for ν mass



IBS: Dark Matter Axion Group (DMAG)

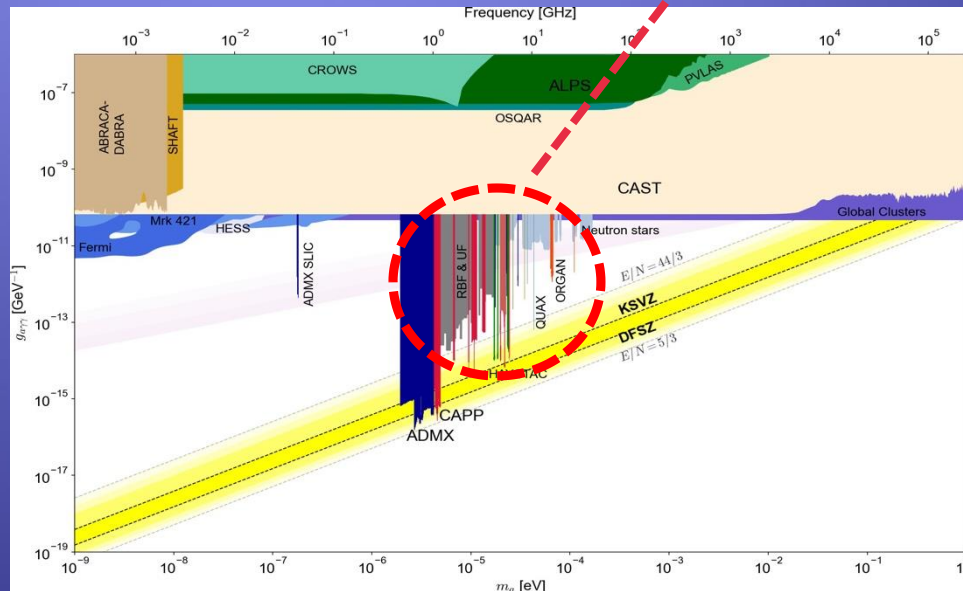
- Search for axion particle: solution to strong CP problem and dark matter candidate
- CAPP center is changed to DMAG group
- Detection by Primakoff effect



Dark matter *halo* in our galaxy

$$P_{a\gamma\gamma} \approx 9 \times 10^{-23} W \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{0.36} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\rho_a}{0.45 \frac{\text{GeV}}{\text{cc}}} \right) \left(\frac{f_a}{1.1 \text{ GHz}} \right) \times \left(\frac{B_0}{10.5 \text{ T}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{V}{37 \text{ L}} \right) \left(\frac{C}{0.6} \right) \left(\frac{Q_c}{10^5} \right)$$

(~100 photons/sec)



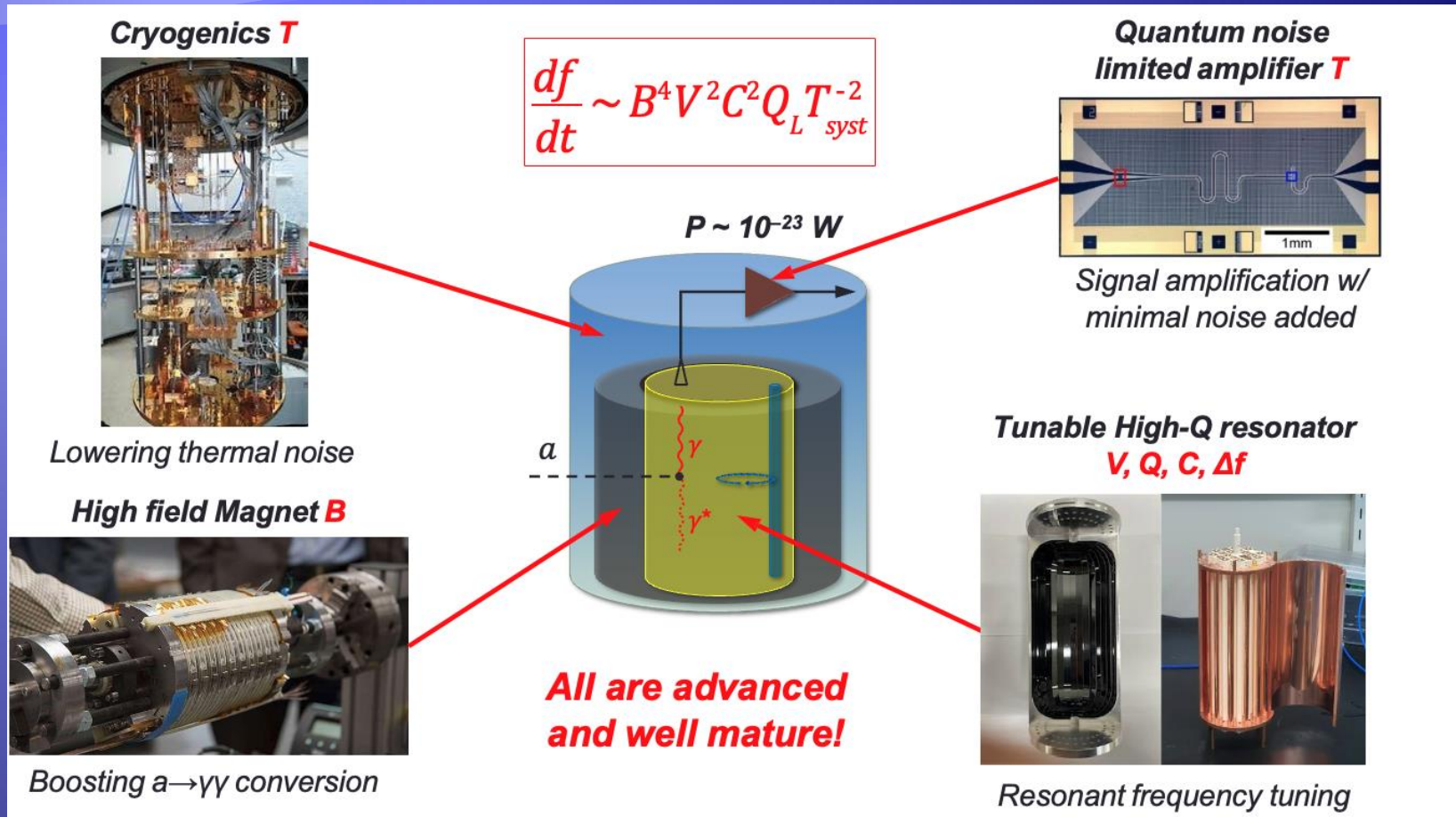
Unknown mass \Rightarrow scanning rate

$$\frac{df}{dt} \approx 2 \frac{\text{GHz}}{\text{year}} \left(\frac{5}{\text{SNR}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{0.2 \text{ K}}{T_{\text{sys}}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{P_{a\gamma\gamma}}{1 \times 10^{-22} \text{ W}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{10^5}{Q_c} \right)$$

$$\sim B_0^4 V^2 C^2 Q_c T_{\text{sys}}^{-2}$$

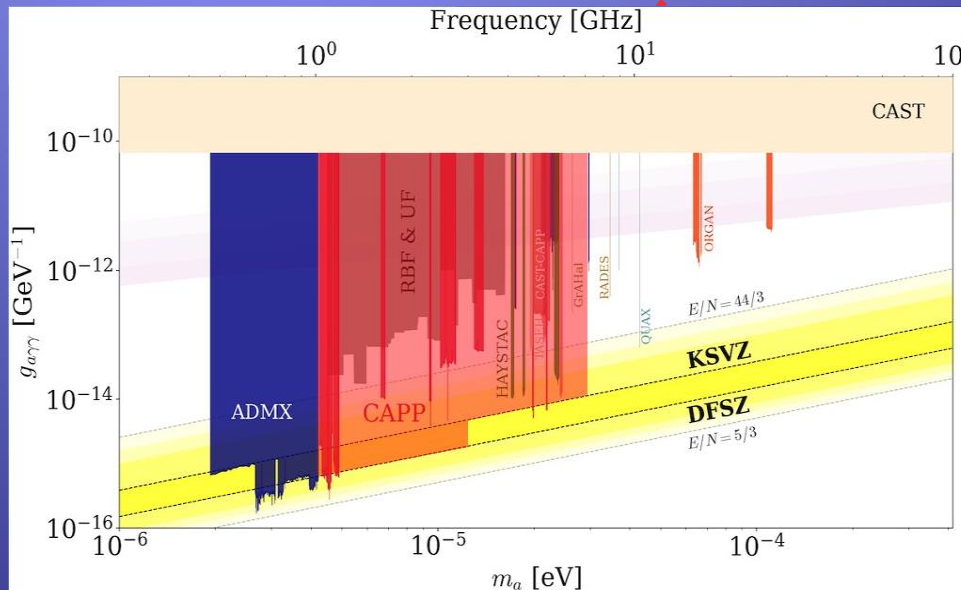
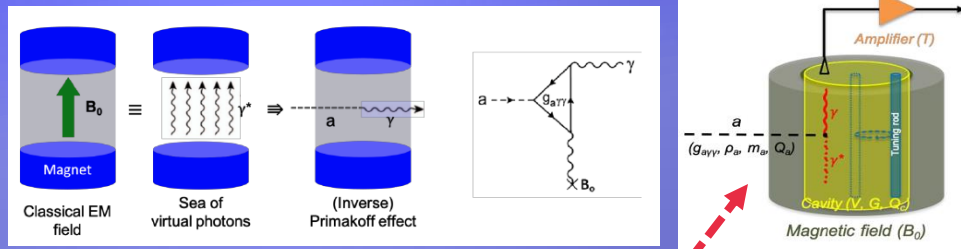
DMAG: How to achieve?

- Enhancing the scan rate by improving experimental parameters



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Prospects for 5 yrs

Axion search highlights

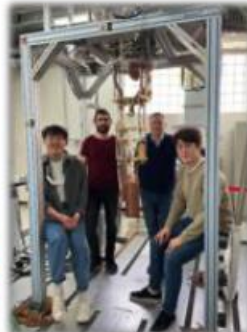
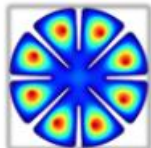
CAPP-8T

(8T/125mm)

HTS cavity + JPA
(2.3 GHz, $Q \sim 3.5 M$)

AQN search

Paper in preparation



CAPP-8TB

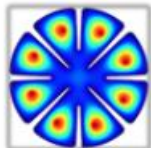
(8T/165mm)

8-cell + JPA

(5.9 GHz, 400 mK)

Near KSVZ sensitivity

Paper in preparation



CAPP-12T

(12T/96m)

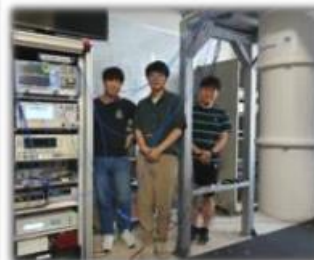
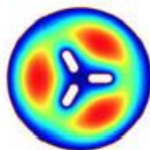
3-cell + JPA

(5.3 GHz, 400 mK)

KSVZ sensitivity

NM algorithm

PRL **133** 211803 (2024)



CAPP-12TB

(12T/320mm)

$f > 1$ GHz, $V = 37$ L, $T_{\text{sys}} < 250$ mK

$df/dt \sim 2$ MHz/day @ DFSZ

PRL **130** 071002 (2023)

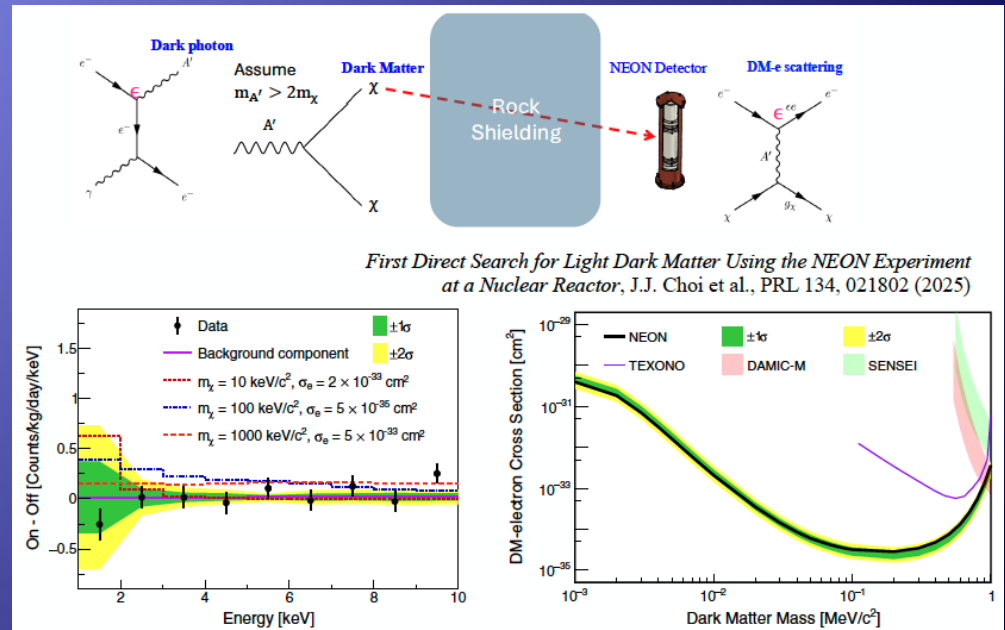
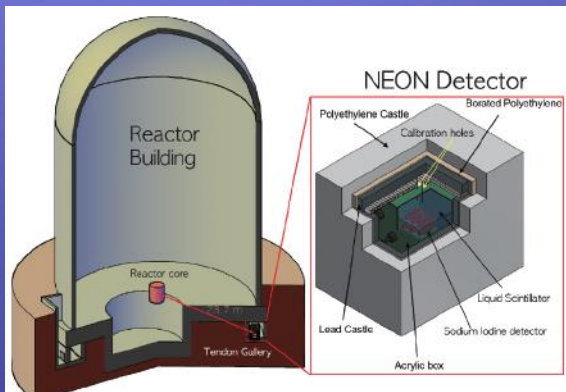
Extended scan ($\Delta f \sim 120$ MHz)

PRX **14** 031023 (2024)

Ready for 300-MHz run w/ SC cavity

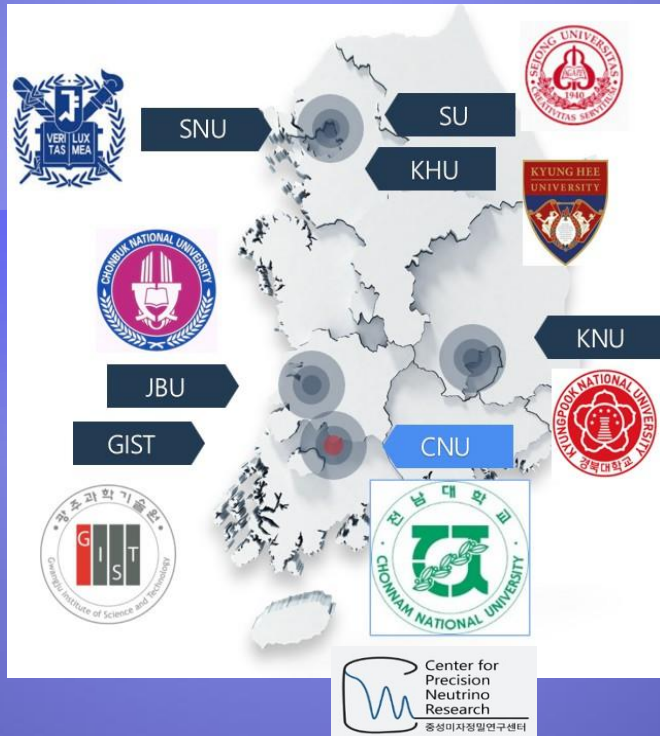
Physics with NEON

- Neon detector is installed at Hanbit nuclear power reactor (~23.7m)
 - ν coherent scattering, and dark matter search



First Direct Search for Light Dark Matter Using the NEON Experiment at a Nuclear Reactor, J.J. Choi et al., PRL 134, 021802 (2025)

Center for Precision Neutrino Research

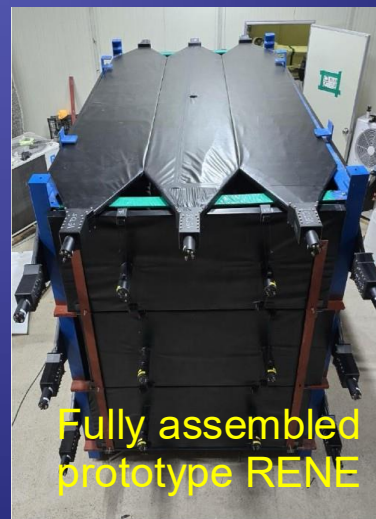
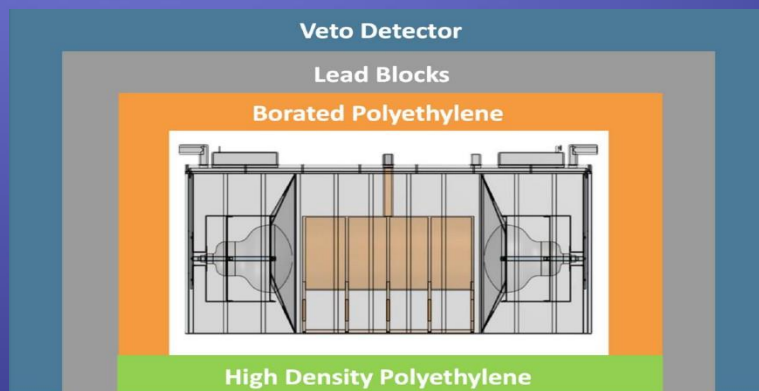
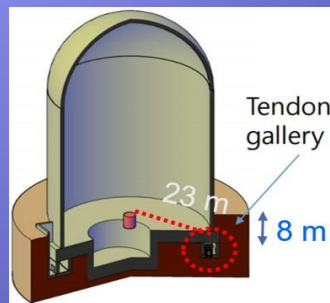


- Science Research Center program of Korea, 2022 (~ 50 members)
- International and domestic research hub of neutrino physics in Korea



Domestic: RENE

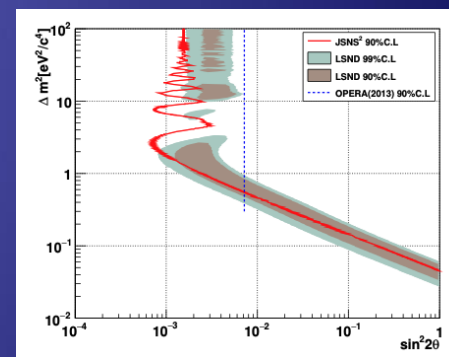
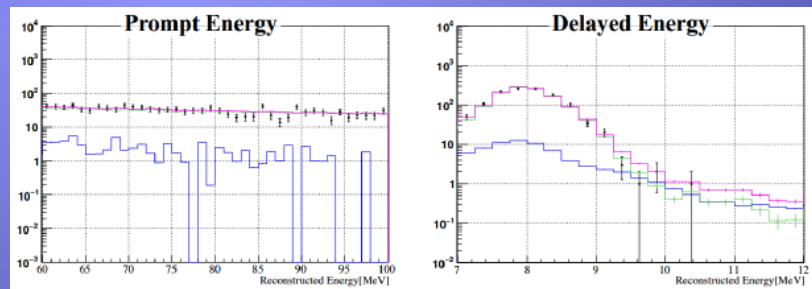
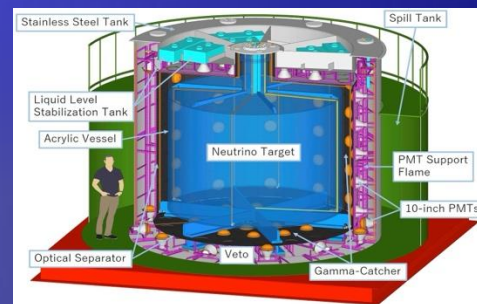
- **R**eactor **E**xperiment for **N**eutrino and **E**xotics (started in 2022):
 - Search for sterile neutrinos
 - Gd loaded (0.5%) liquid scintillator-based detector (350 L)
 - Two 20-inch PMTs mounted at both sides.
 - VETO is made of plastic scintillator.
 - Expect to install by summer 2025



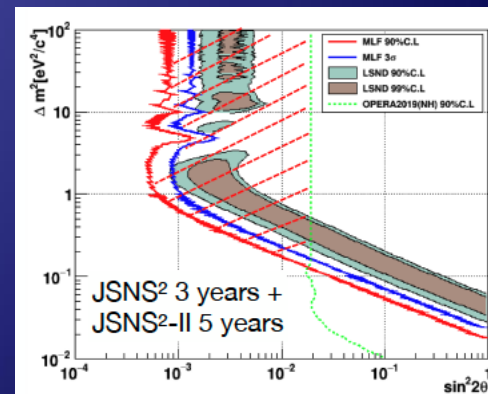
Programs @ J-PARC

➤ JSNS² – J-PARC Sterile Neutrino Search at J-PARC Spallation Neutron Source

- Search for sterile neutrinos: direct confirmation of LSND sterile ν ($\Delta m^2 \sim 1 \text{ eV}^2$)
- Liquid scintillator-based detector, 24m from target
- Physics Run (2021 ~ present)
- Pulse shape discrimination and bkgds studies are almost finalized

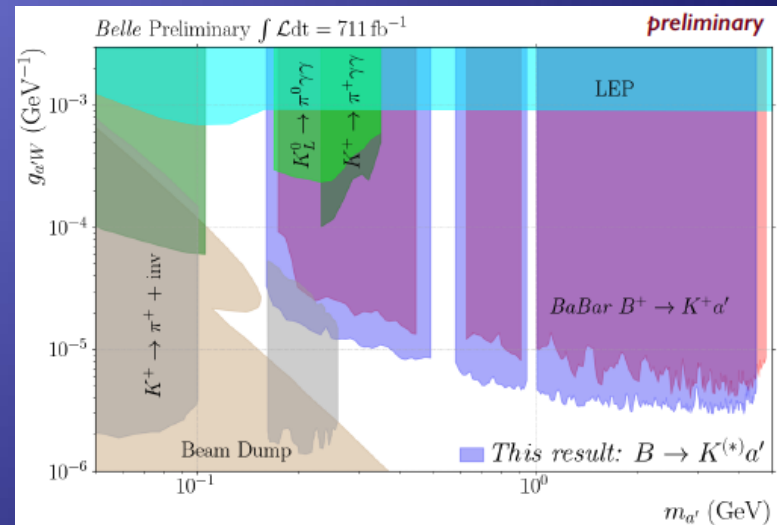
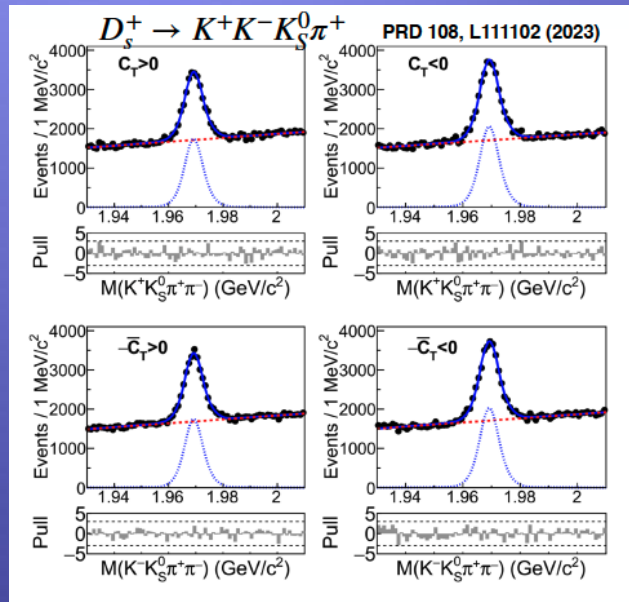


- About to open the signal region soon
- JSNS²-II new far detector is under construction to reduce the systematic uncertainty



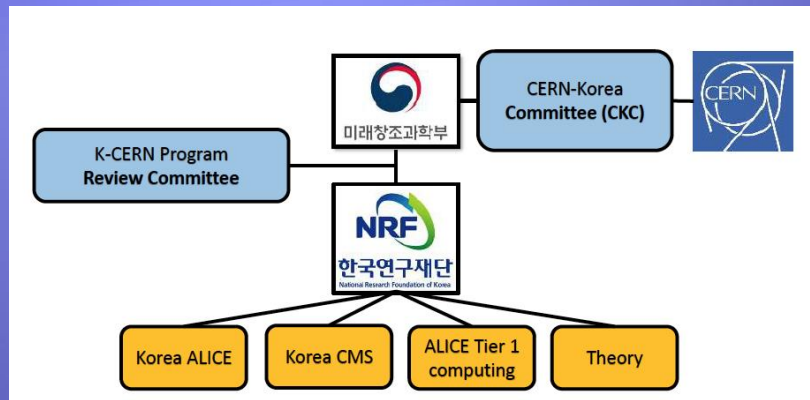
Belle-II @ KEK

- Flavor Factory: Belle-II
 - long history of participation in KEK experiments, AMY/Tristan, Belle/KEKB (since mid-1980s)
 - active participation w/ leading roles in the collaboration (WG conveners, Phys. Coordi., co- Spokes @ Belle; IB Chair @ Belle II, etc.)
 - recent physics highlights include A_{CP} in 4-body decays, exotic hadron studies, dark sector & ALP in B decays, etc.



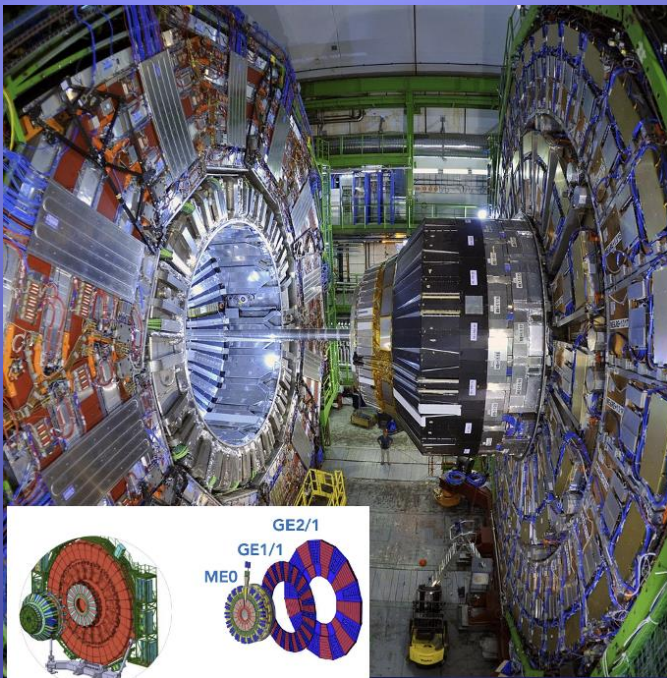
CMS @ LHC

- Korea-CERN Project was established between Korean government and CERN in 2006: ~8M\$/year
- CERN-Korea Committee (CKC) reviews the Korea-CERN projects every six months
- Very Successful International Project



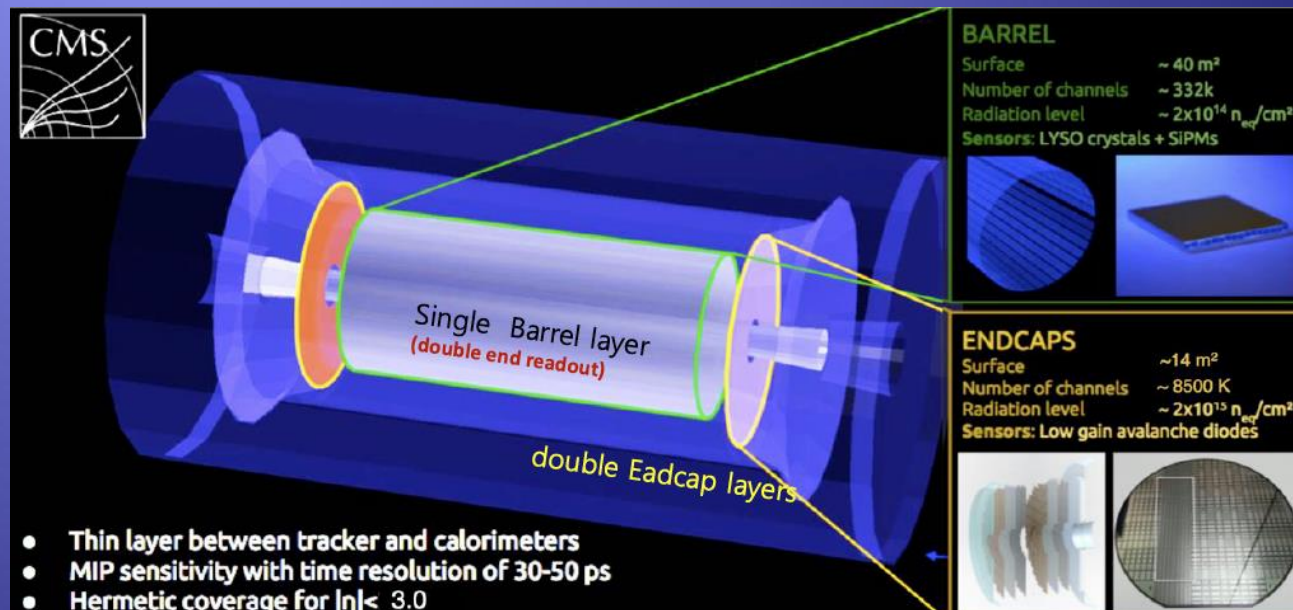
CMS Detectors by KCMS

- GEM foil & RPC gap productions for muon detectors
 - GE11, GE21, and ME0 GEM foils: to be done by 2026
 - RPC gaps for muon chambers: done
 - Detectors will be installed in 2026



MTD Detector by KCMS

- MTD (MIP Timing Detector): 30~50ps timing resolution to remove extra pp interactions
 - BTL: crystal scintillator + SiPM readout
 - ETL: silicon based sensor (LGAD)+ASIC readout (25% by KCMS)
- Beam test at CERN: 35ps timing resolution achieved
 - Built up the timing test setup, wafer postprocessing in Korea



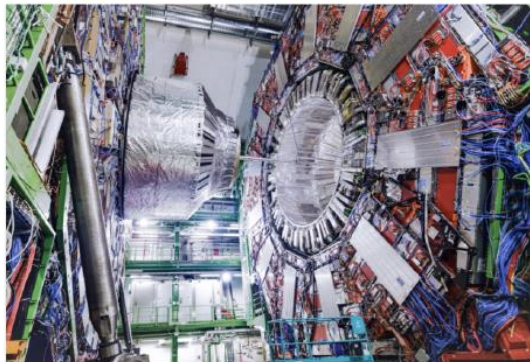
Few highlights by KCMS

CERN Press Release EWK Mixing Angle Measurements

The CMS experiment at CERN measures a key parameter of the Standard Model

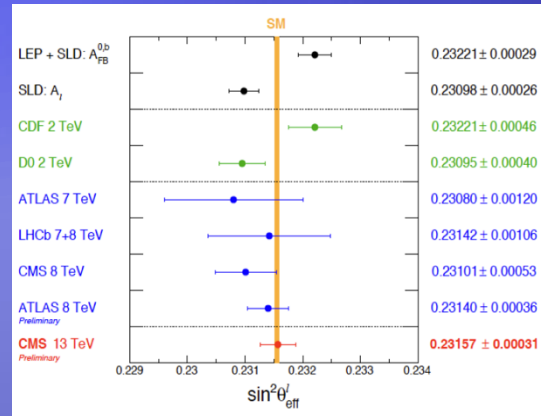
With this measurement the LHC is again demonstrating its ability to provide very high-precision measurements and bringing new insights into an old mystery

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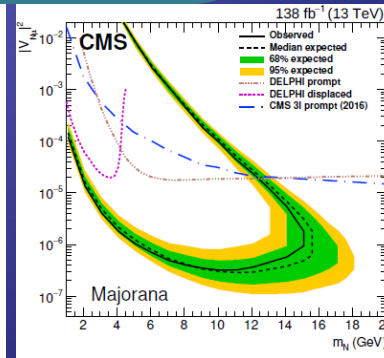
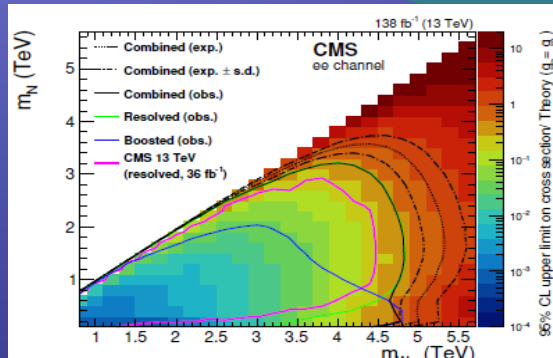
The CMS experiment (image: CERN)

Last week, at the annual *Rencontres de Moriond* conference, the CMS collaboration presented a measurement of the effective leptonic electroweak mixing angle. The result is the most precise measurement performed at a hadron collider to date and is in good agreement with the prediction from the Standard Model.

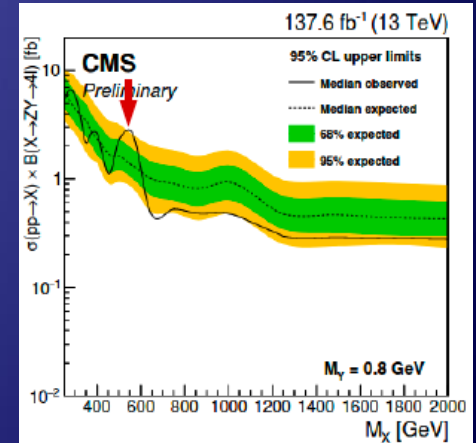
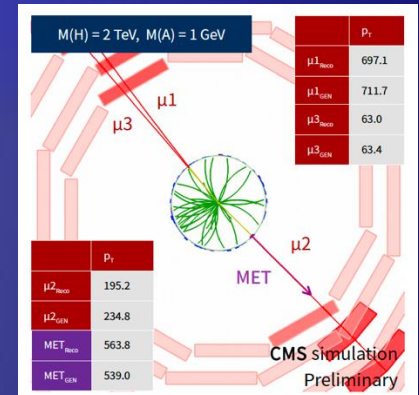


$$\sin^2 \theta^l = 0.23157 \pm 0.00031$$

Heavy Neutrino Searches



Z' searches



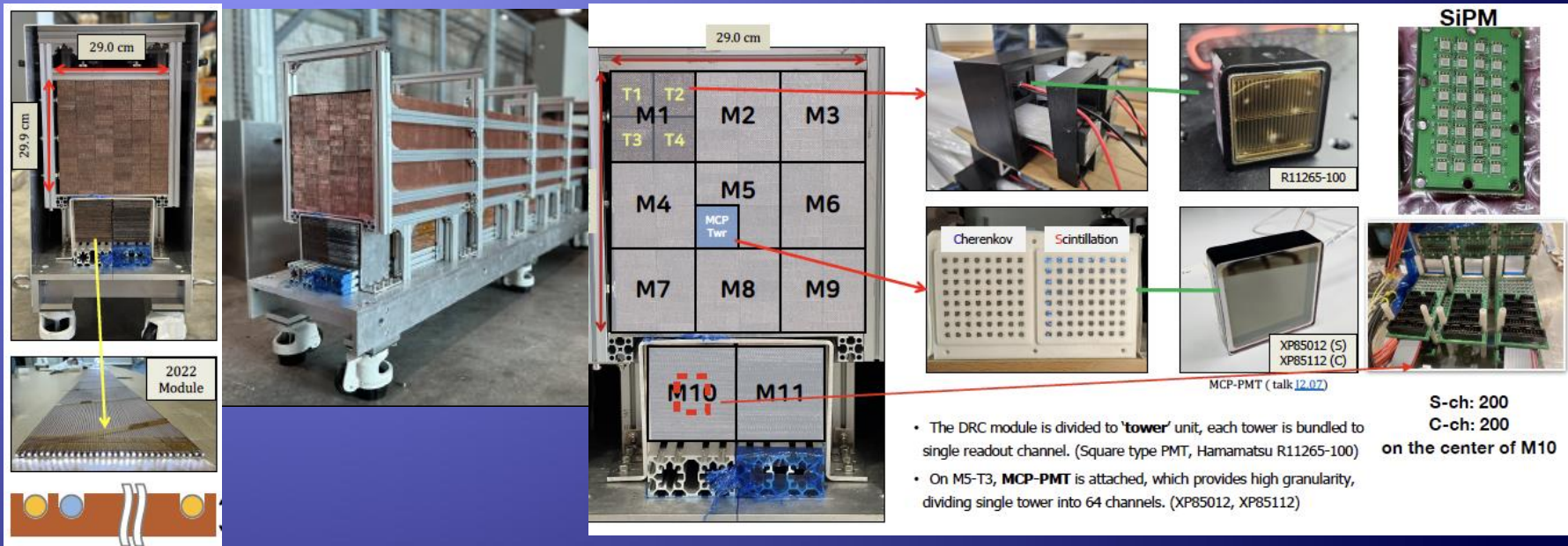
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Korean activities for future colliders

- FCC: R&D of dual read-out calorimeter (DRC):
 - High-quality energy measurement of both e/g & hadrons:
EM fraction in hadronic shower can be measured
 - Korean group (8 institutes) does all aspects of the DRC R&D
 - Module building, electronic & DAQ system, GEANT studies
 - Test-beam experiments and performance studies

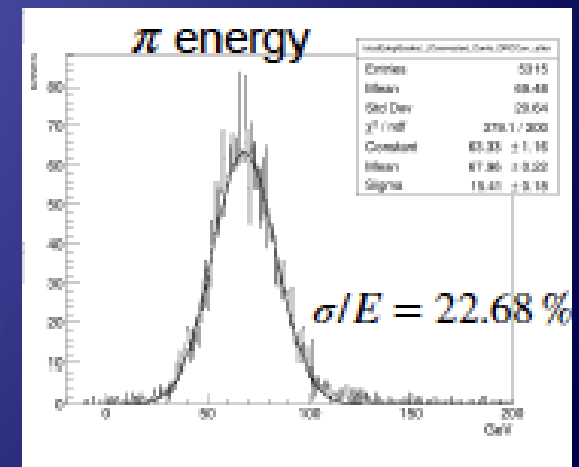
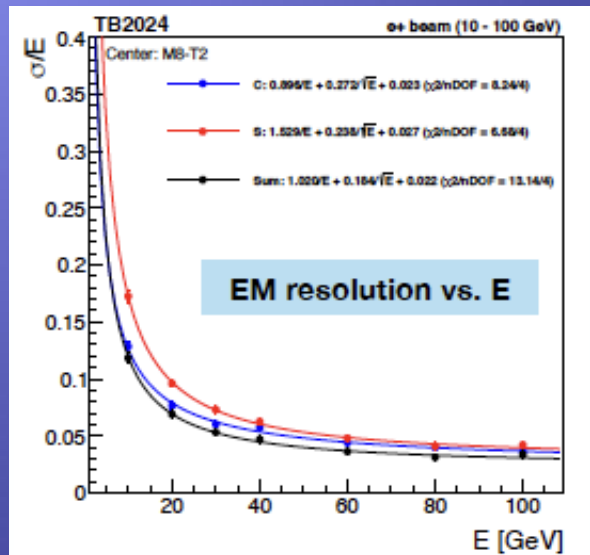


DRC Activities at CERN

➤ Good results are obtained

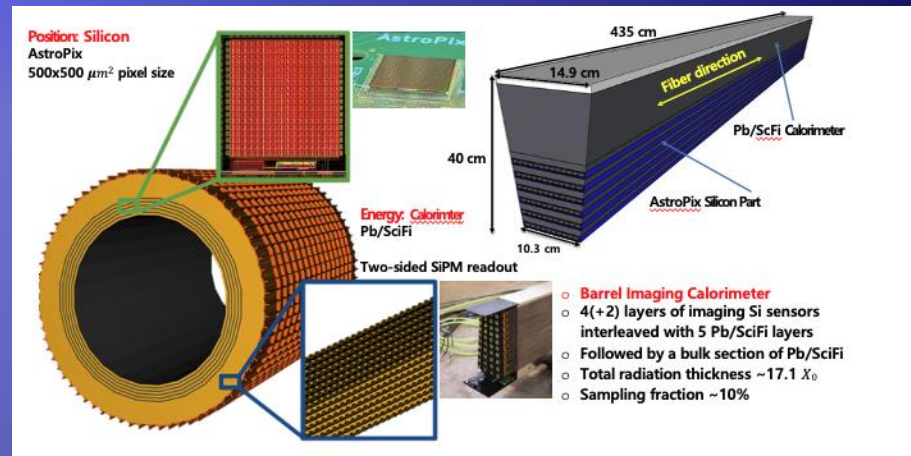
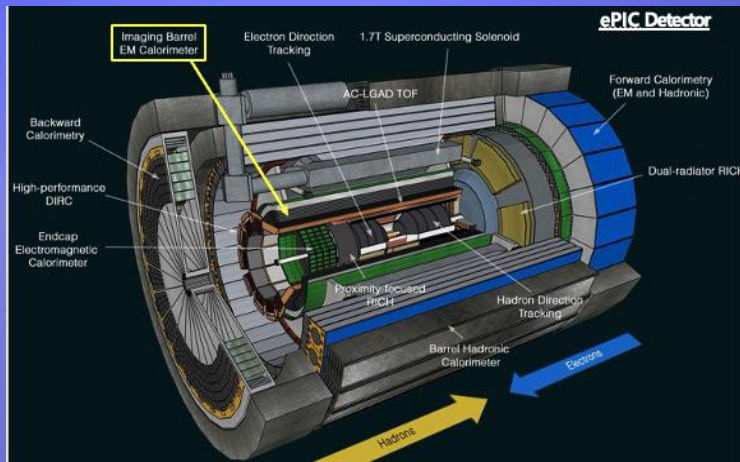
- EM energy resolution: $\sigma/E \sim 1.020/E + 0.184/\sqrt{E} + 0.022$
- Pion energy: $\sigma/E \sim 22.68\%$

Research activities for FCC were expanded for EIC

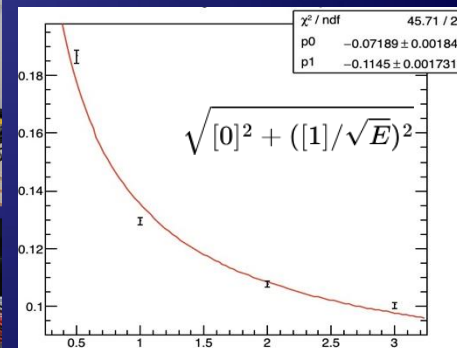
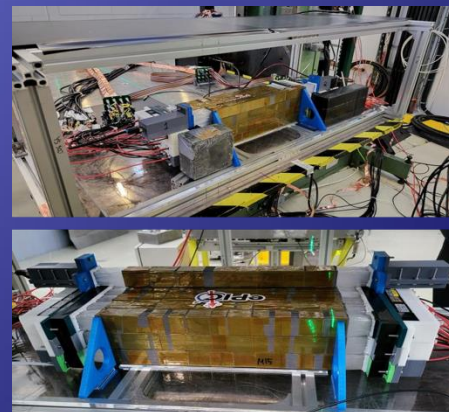


EIC activities for future colliders

- EIC: R&D of barrel imaging calorimeter (BIC)
 - Plan to contribute 50% by Korean group



- BIC Beam Test
 - Perform beam-test for 1st prototype of BIC at CERN PS T10
 - Results:
 - Stochastic term: 11.5%
 - Constant term: 7.2%



Summary

- Korean HEP community has been working very productively for last 20 years in both domestic and international projects
- Domestic programs: focused on dark matter and neutrino physics
- International projects: focused on precision physics on the Standard Model and search for new physics at the Energy Frontier and Intensity Frontier
- Korean HEP community actively pushes for various R&D (detector, machine learning etc) in order to develop future HEP programs
 - Plan to establish a Research Cooperative Center to support international joint research activities and infrastructure facilities

HEP Collider Physics in Korea

1970

1980

1990

2000

2010

Europe



CERN



ALEPH



L3



CHORUS



ALICE



OPERA



CMS

USA



FERMI

v-emulsion

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