



Directional Dark Matter with Optical Readout + Negative Ions (?)

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DM forms an halo within our galaxy.

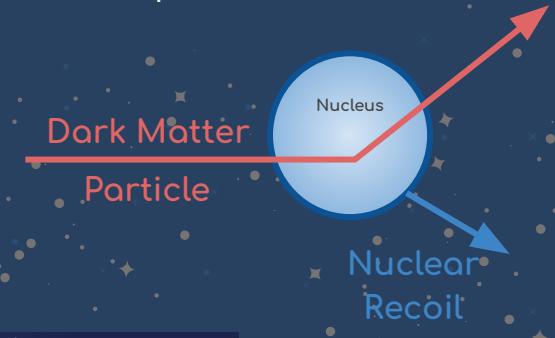
Solar system rotates around galaxy towards Cygnus constellation

Earth susceptible to an apparent WIMP wind from Cygnus direction!

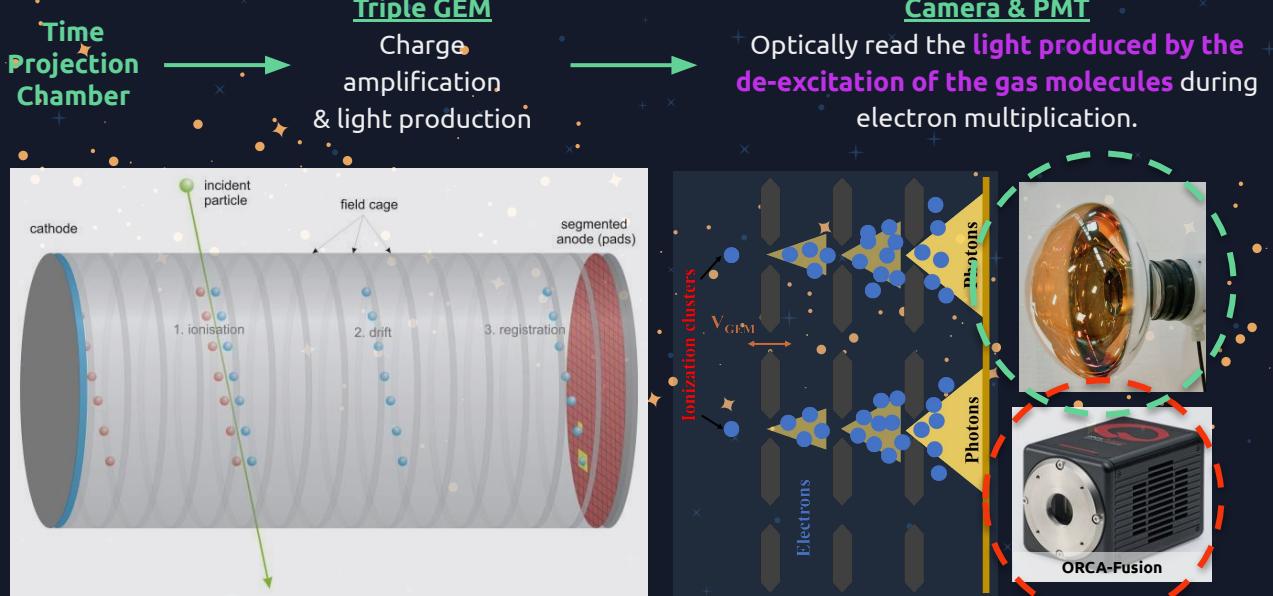


Direct detection

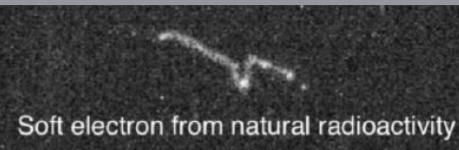
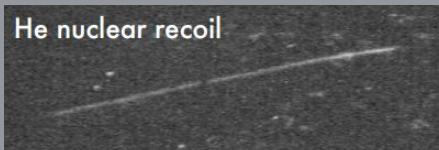
- ❖ $\text{SM} + \chi \rightarrow \text{SM} + \chi$
- ❖ SM particle's recoil



The CYGNO setup



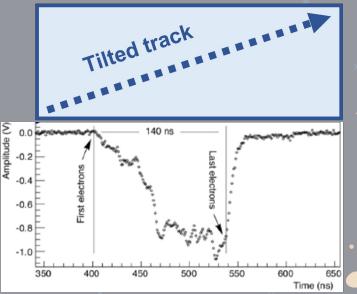
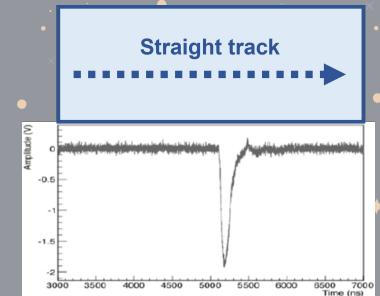
Using the camera's high granularity, we can measure the **energy** & **X & Y coordinates**



Soft electron from natural radioactivity

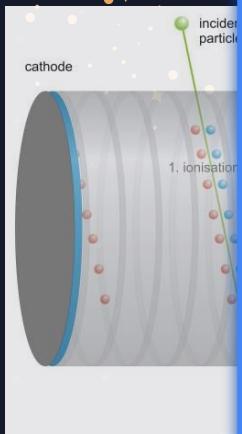
1. Measure integrated energy.
2. Charge carriers' times of arrival →

dZ coordinate (track's tilt)



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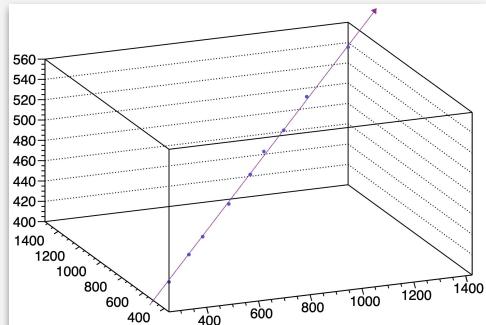
Time
Projection
Chamber



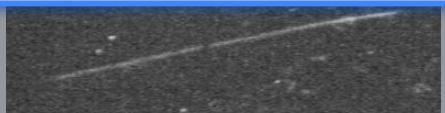
Triple GEM

Charge

$X + Y + dZ =$
3D reconstructed track



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Camera & PMT
Optically read the light produced by the

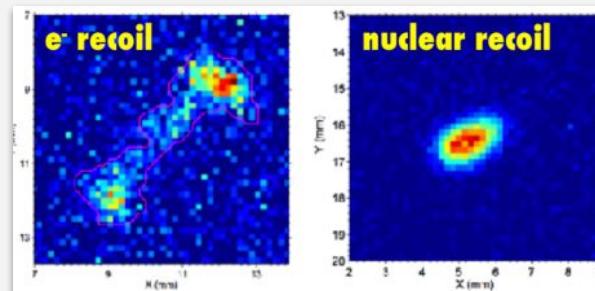
Track's deposited energy
topology (dE/dx)

Head-tail asymmetry

Directionality

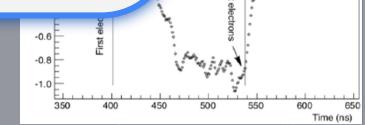
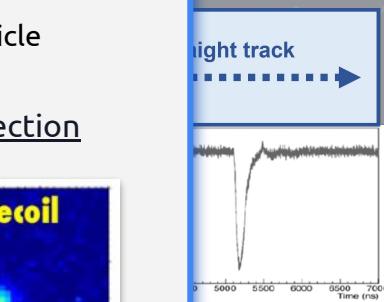
Particle

BG rejection

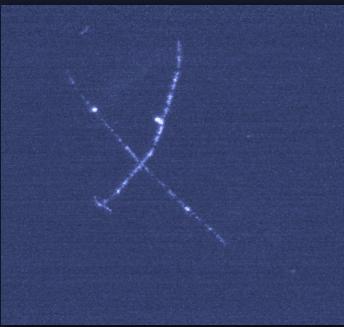
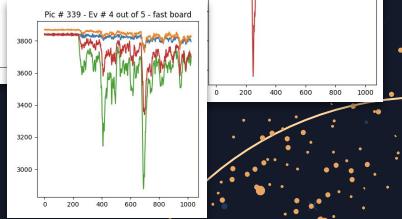
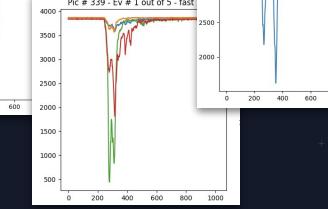
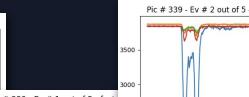
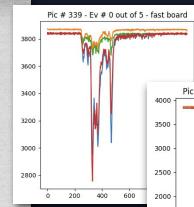
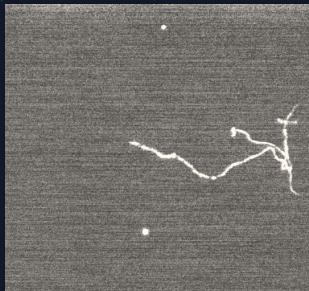
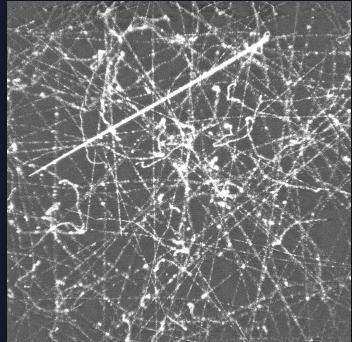


Soft electron from natural radioactivity

1 Measure integrated energy.
charge carriers'
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date (track's tilt)



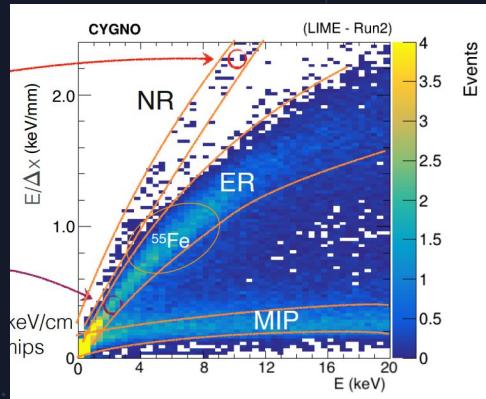
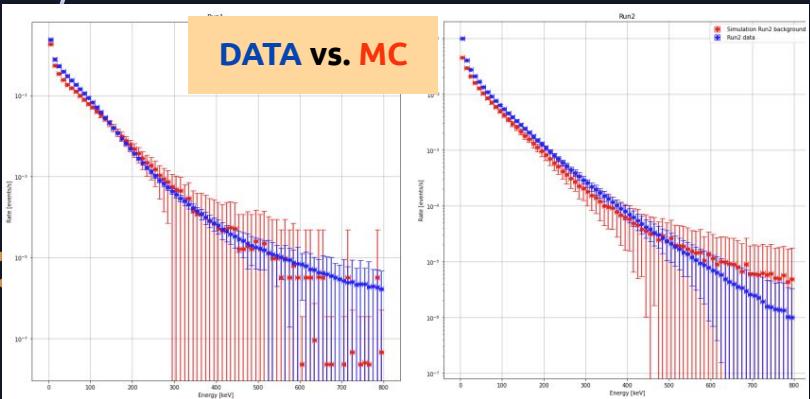
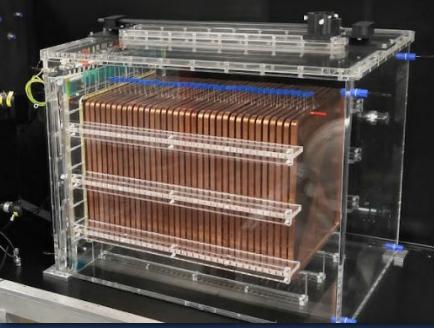
Some cool pictures



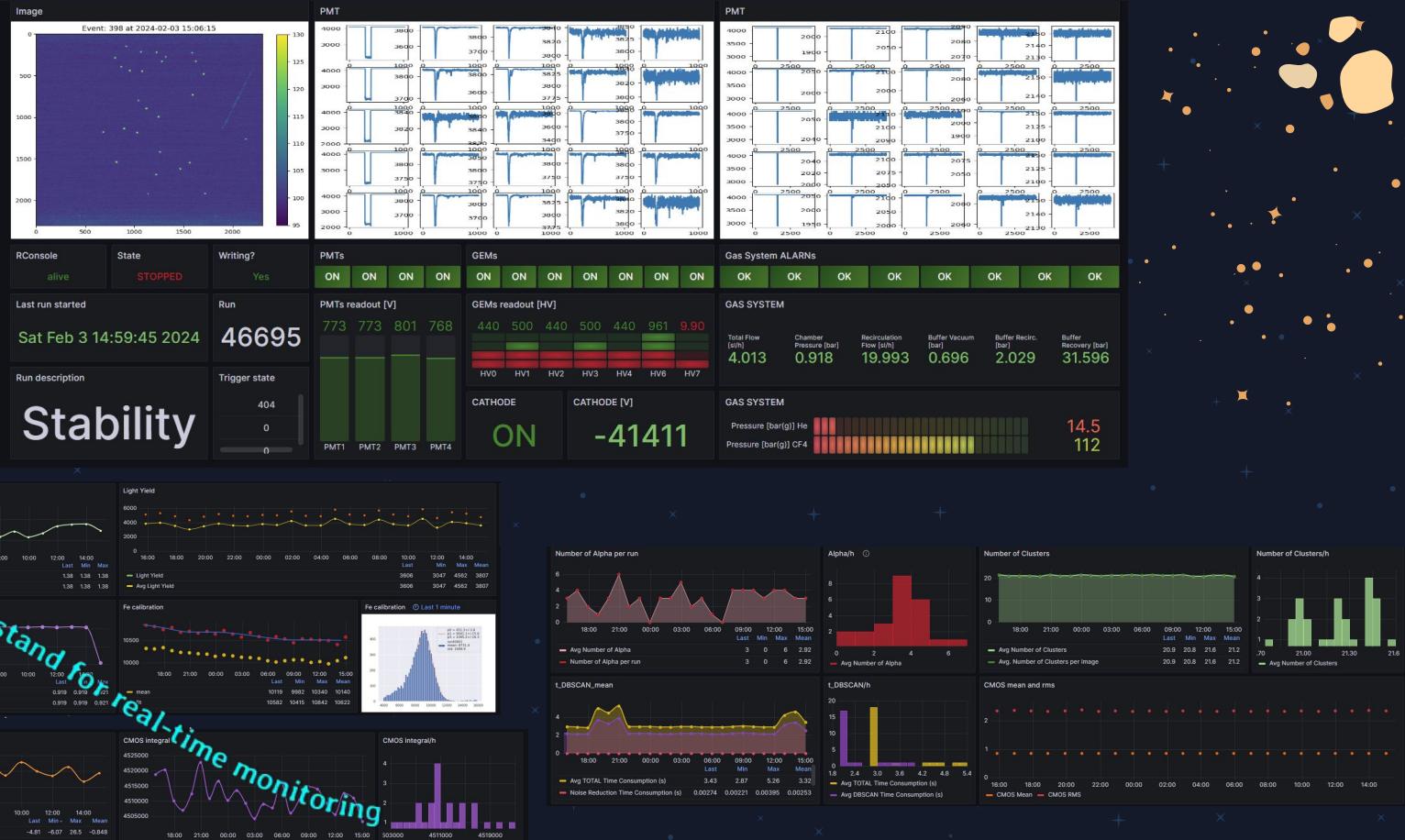
Check out our stand for real-time pictures

Current stage of CYGNO

- ★ LIME has been placed **underground** at LNGS in the beginning of 2022.
- ★ Several initial tests: DAQ, remote control, slow control, gas quality, detector operation optimization
- ★ Study of **shielding**
 - No shielding, 4cm copper, 10cm copper
 - 10cm copper+40cm water
- ★ Validation of **simulated BG model**.
- ★ ^{55}Fe , Ba, Am[Be] runs, background radioactivity, ...



LIME currently in data taking...



The Negative Ions Arc...

Advantages:

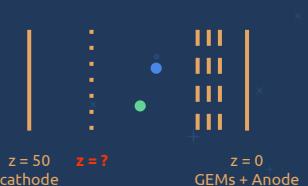
Reduced diffusion

Better spatial
resolution!

Multiple charge carriers

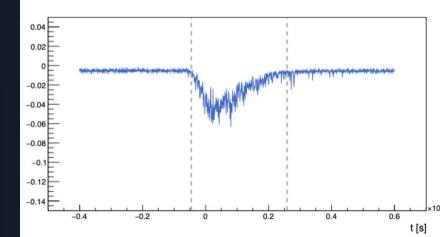
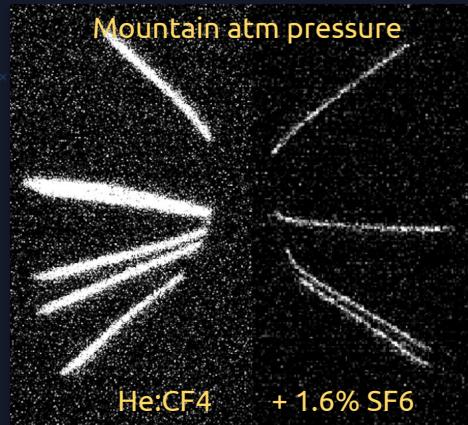


Better
directionality



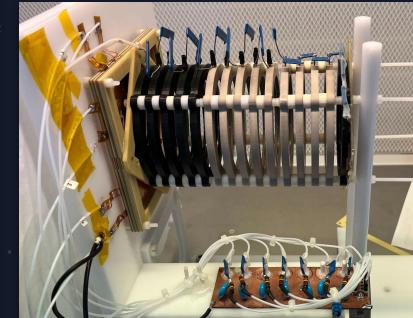
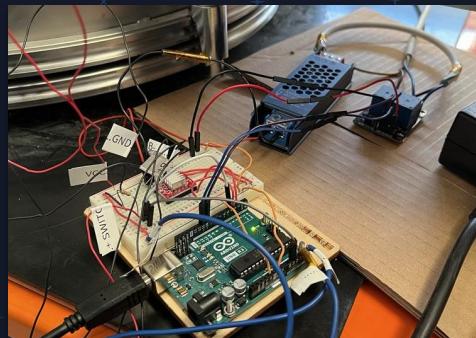
Better ER vs NR
discrimination

Absolute Z from Δt
between minority
charge carriers



- ★ Same light, less diffusion ✓
- ★ Signal length: O(ns) → O(ms) ✓

Nature, here we go!



The CYGNO family tree



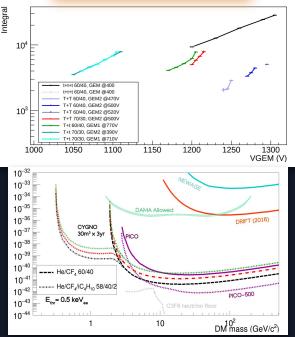
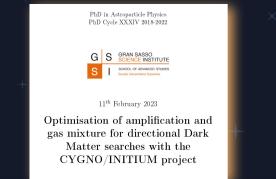
E. Baracchini

- ★ BaBar
- ★ MEG
- ★ ERC \Rightarrow
- ★ Negative Ions
- ★ DM, TPCs,
- ★ MPGDs ...

Root



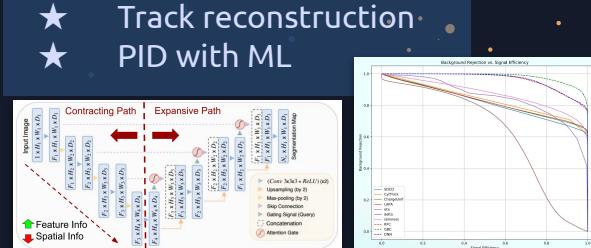
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1st Gen



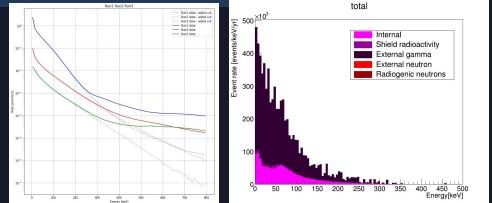
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- ★ Track reconstruction
- ★ PID with ML



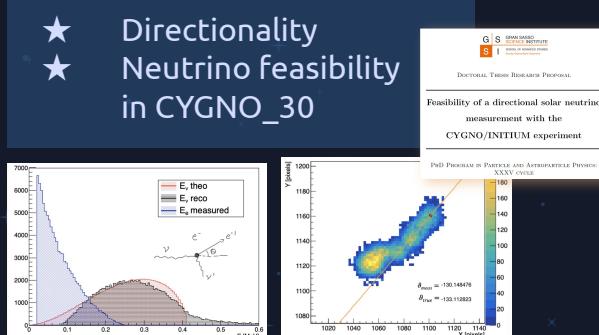
Flaminia



- ★ Data-MC comparison
- ★ Background & Shielding simulation



Samuele



- ★ Directionality
- ★ Neutrino feasibility in CYGNO_30

The CYGNO family tree

- ★ CMS
- ★ GEMs
- ★ Picosec (Timing)
- ★ Polarimetry



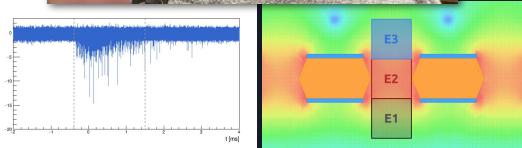
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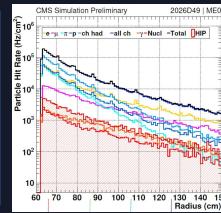


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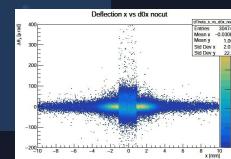


- ★ Maxwell simulations
- ★ DAQ/ Detector operation
- ★ PMT reconstruction / 3D
- ★ Negative Ion Drift (PMT)

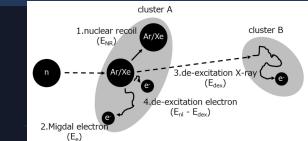
3rd Gen



- ★ Crystal collimation
- ★ SiPMs
- ★ Migdal



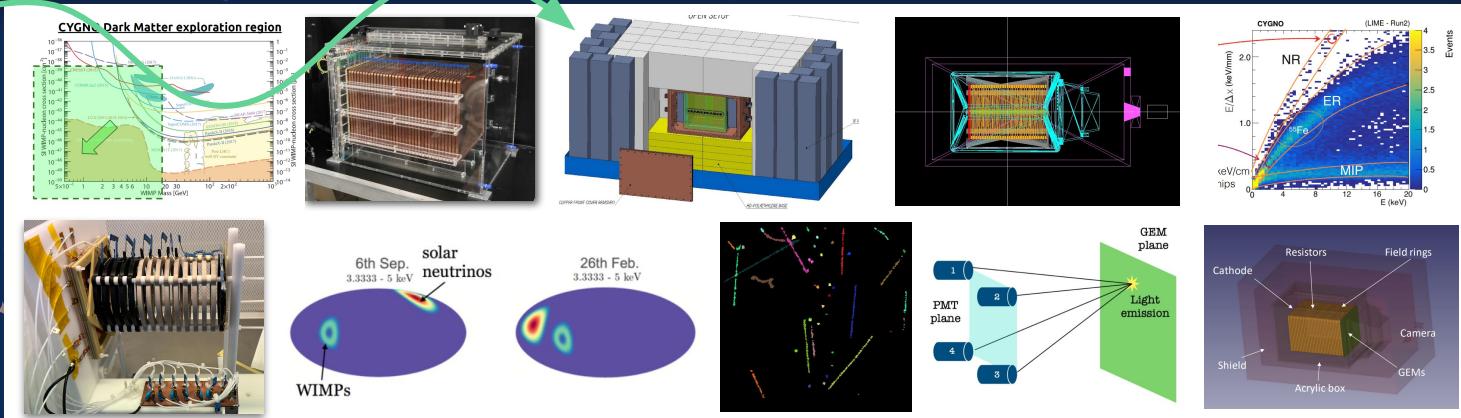
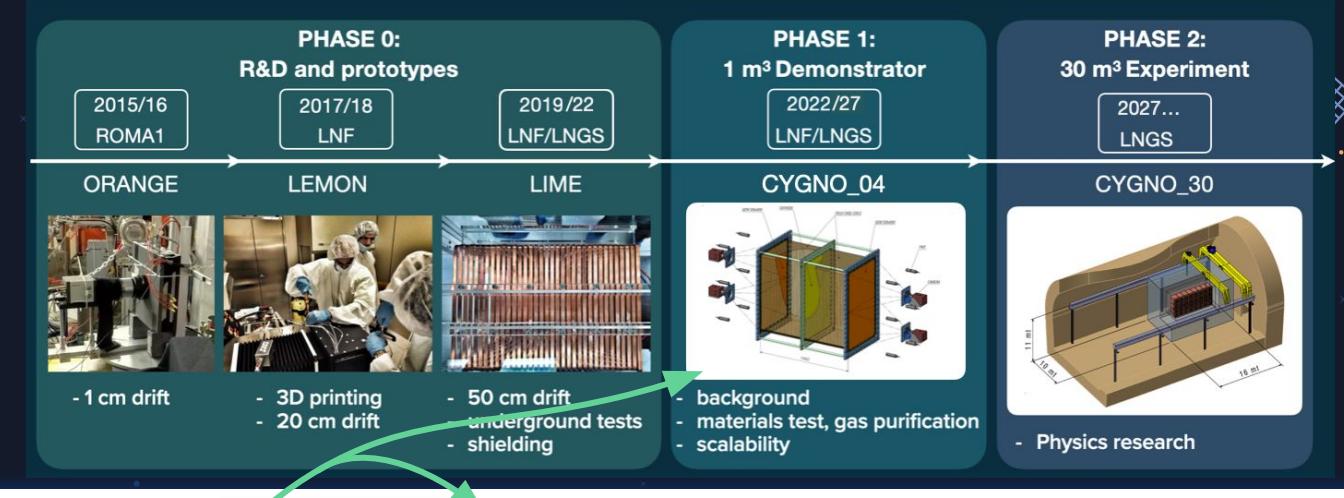
- ★ MIGDAL
- ★ TBD ...



4th Gen

The CYGNO roadmap \Rightarrow What can you do?

- ★ DM Sensitivity
- ★ 3D reconstruction
- ★ Directionality
- ★ ER vs. NR
- ★ Shielding
- ★ Background
- ★ Data vs. MC
- ★ Negative Ion Drift
- Design and Commissioning of CYGNO_04**
- ★ Fundamental physics
- ★ Axions
- ★ Neutrinos



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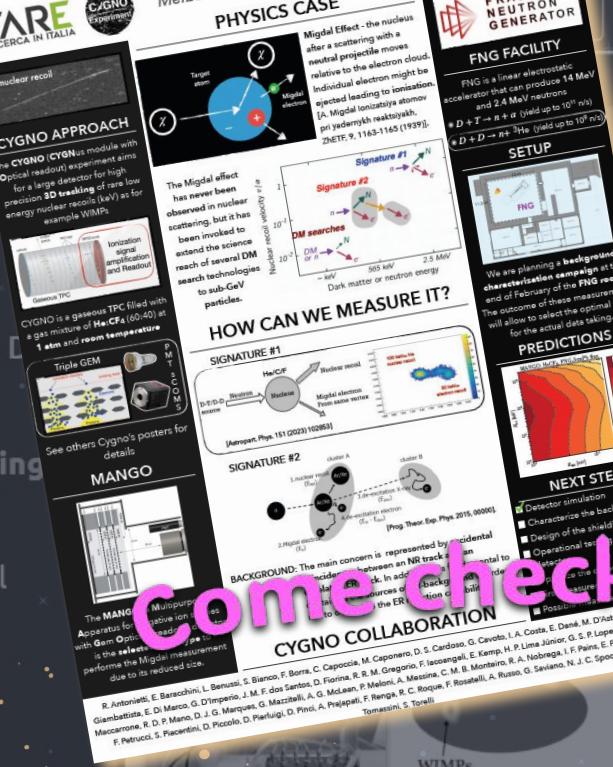
MIGDAL MEASUREMENT WITH CYGNO APPROACH



Malba D'astolfo, XXXVIII cycle



PHYSICS CASE



What do you do?

