

UPDATE ON THE BACKGROUND ESTIMATE AND VETO STUDIES

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- Cosmogenic activation
- Background measurements in the PoP phase
- CIS effect on veto efficiency

COSMIC ACTIVATION



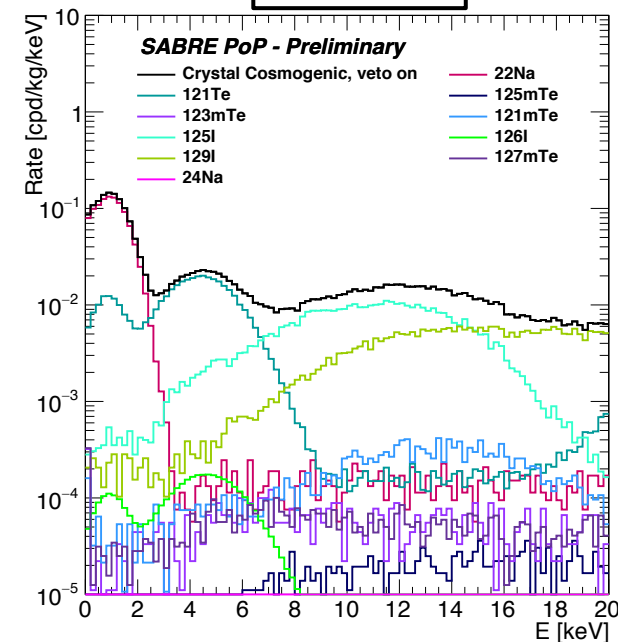
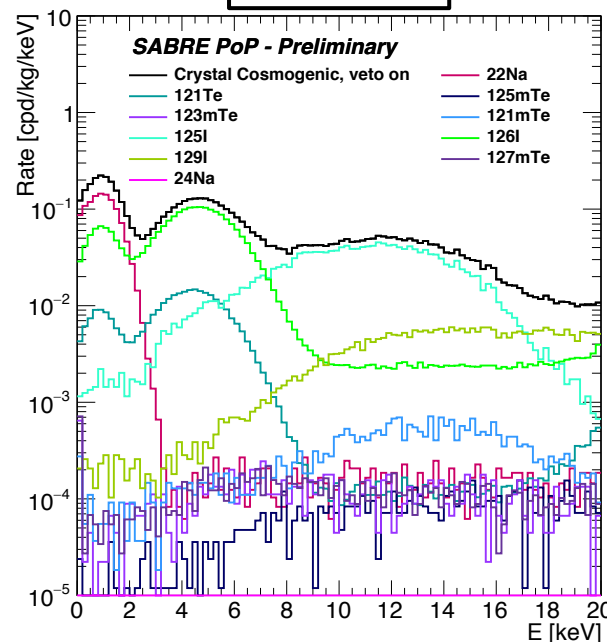
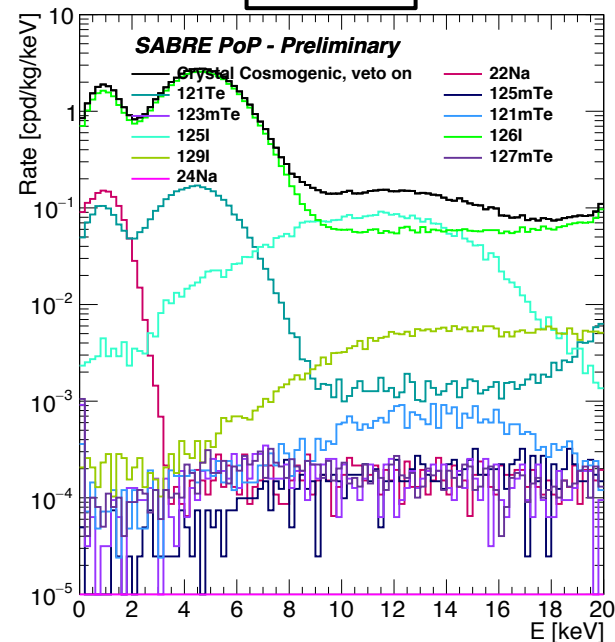
Isotope	Half-life	Comment
^{22}Na	2.602 y	Peaks at 1-2 keV
^{121}Te	16.78 d	Peaks at 3-7 keV
$^{121\text{m}}\text{Te}$	154 d	Regenerates ^{121}Te
^{125}I	59.40 d	Dominant above 7 keV
^{126}I	12.93 d	Disappears quickly

- Neutron rate 440 times higher at 12 km then surface**
- 1 day flight ~ 1 year surface in exposure
- 8.8 half-lives to reduce the contaminations to 1 day of surface exposure

0 days

60 days*

180 days



* ^{121}Te regeneration not considered

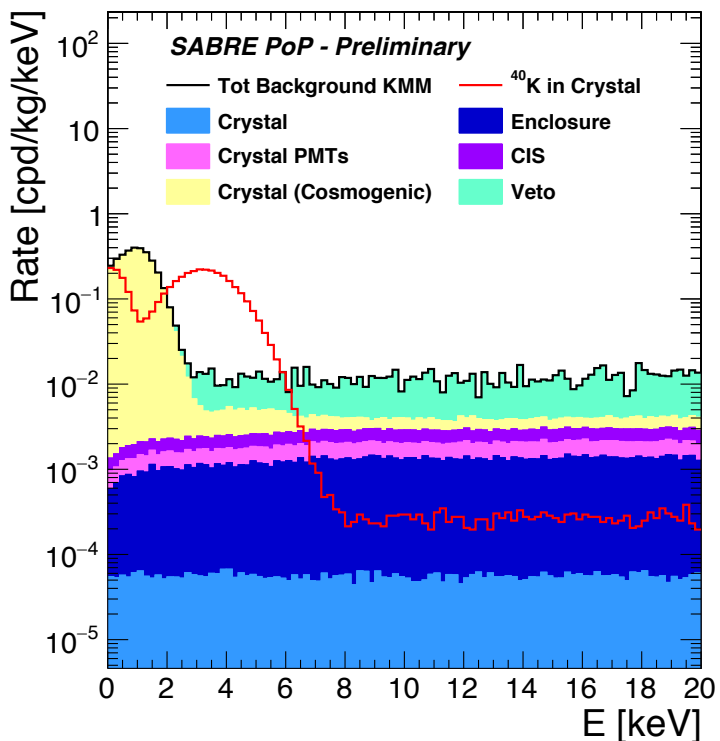
PoP SENSITIVITY



- The PoP phase allows the measurement of the crystal contaminations
- What is the precision expected?

$E(\text{Scintillator}) \in [1280, 1640] \text{ keV}$, $E(\text{Crystal}) \in [2, 4] \text{ keV}$

40K measurement mode



Isotope	Expected rate [cpd/kg/keV]
⁴⁰K in Crystal	1.91E-01
Crystal (other radiogenic)	5.85E-05
Crystal (cosmogenic 60 days)	4.13E-02
Crystal PMTs	5.78E-04
Enclosure	1.14E-03
CIS	9.70E-04
Veto	6.27E-03
Total background	5.1 E-02

After 90 days:

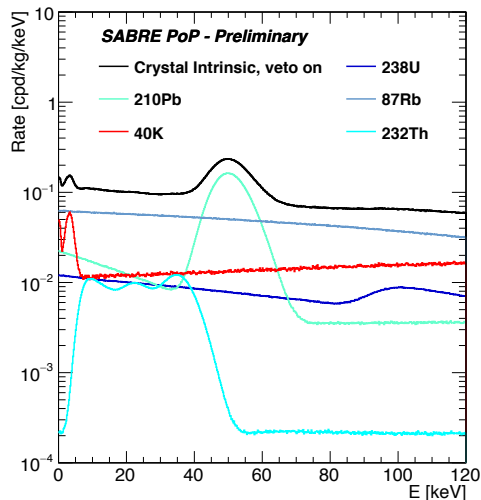
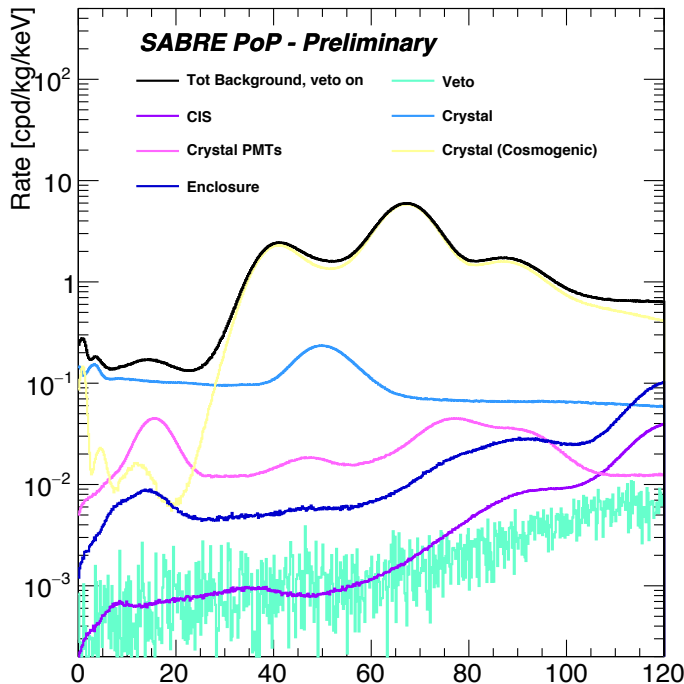
S=172, B=46

$\text{SQRT}(S+B)/S=8.6\%$
equivalent to 0.86 ppb of ⁴⁰K

Can do a template fit to data to measure ⁴⁰K and (if enough low energy sensitivity) ²²Na

Can we measure other contaminations?

INTRINSIC BACKGROUNDS

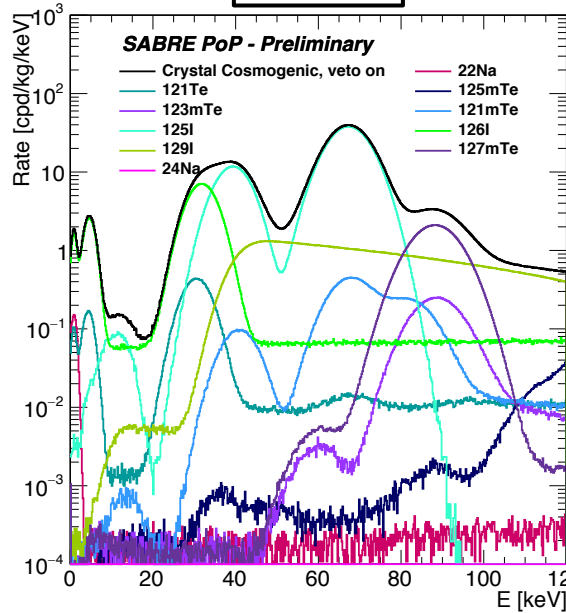


- Cosmogenic background dominates the higher energies
- ^{210}Pb could be measured at the 46 keV peak which contrast the well in the cosmogenic background (resolution important)
- ^{87}Rb gives exponential falling background, probably hard to measure
- U and Th too small

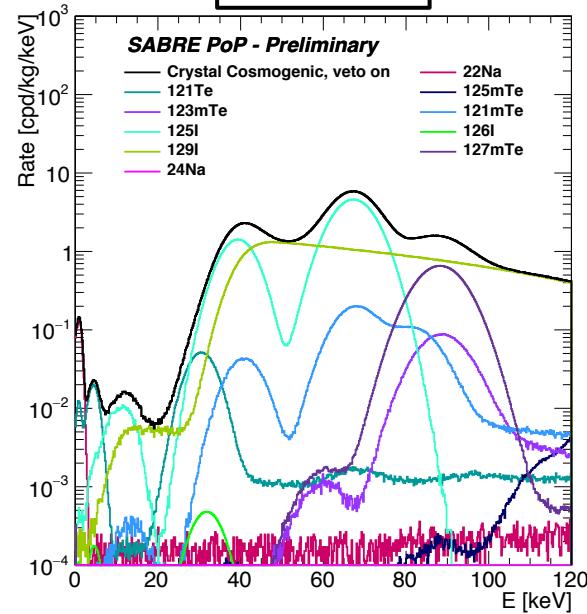
COSMOGENIC BACKGROUNDS



0 days

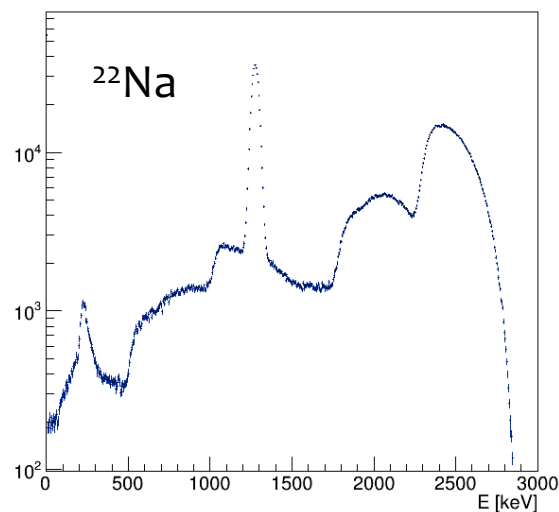
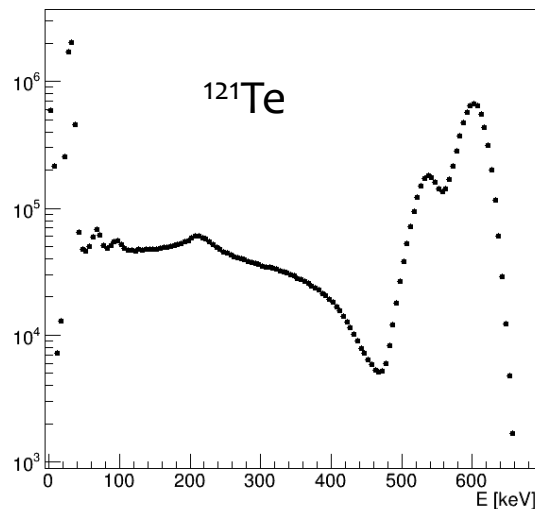


180 days



● ^{125}I from the double peak at 30 keV and 70 keV

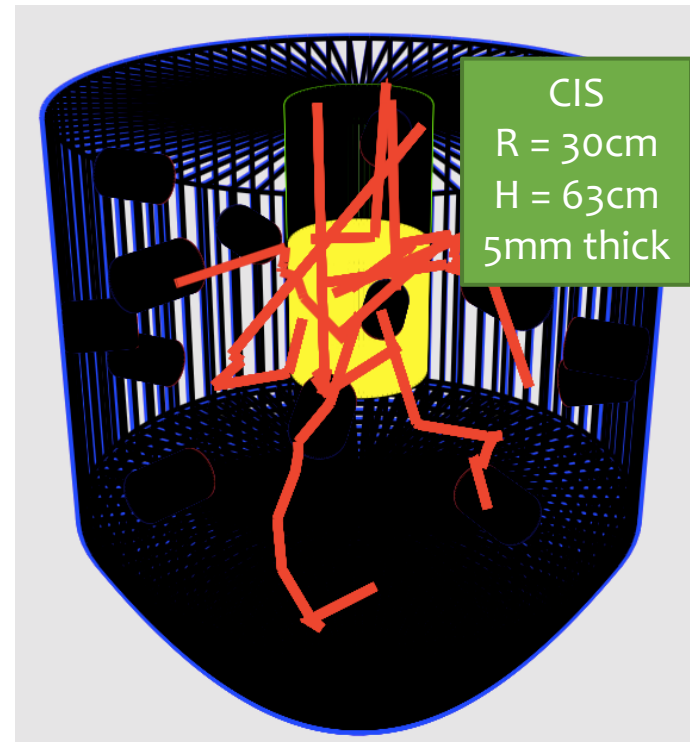
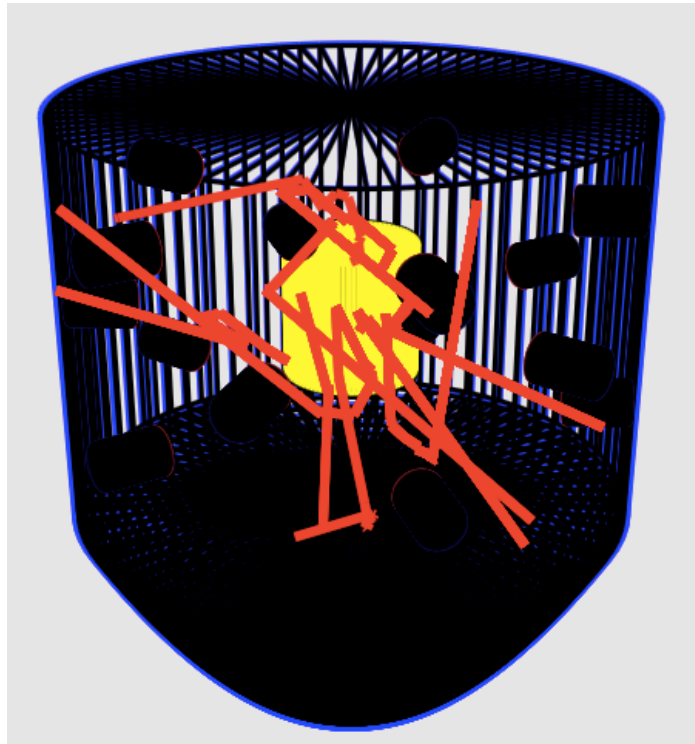
● ^{121}Te and ^{22}Na from higher energy bands



INSERTION SYSTEM



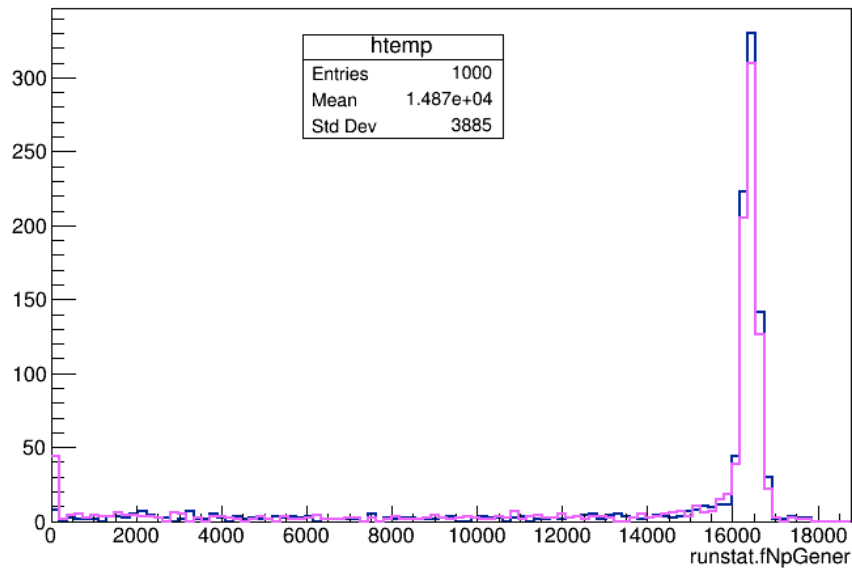
- ◎ Is the dead volume of the CIS significantly reducing the veto efficiency?
- ◎ Compared solution with/without CIS



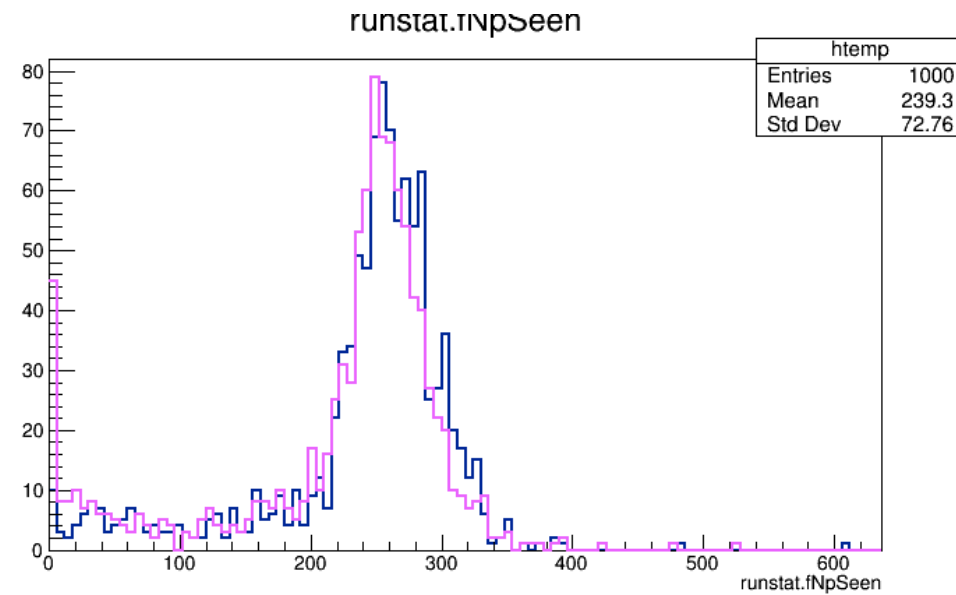
LIGHT YIELDS



Generated photons



Observed photons



Backup