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Nuclear Astrophysics



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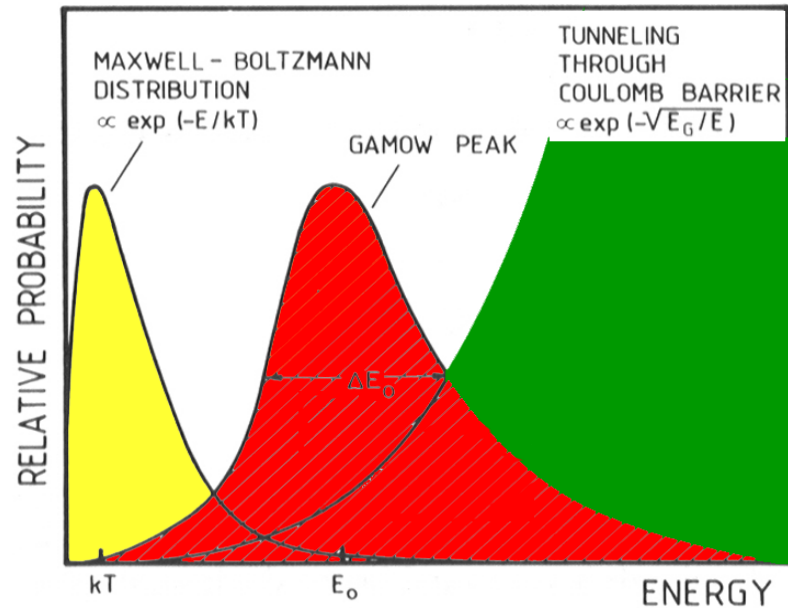
LUNA3 (CSN3) e LUNA-MV (progetto premiale)

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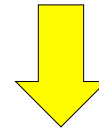
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Astrofisica nucleare underground: perche'?



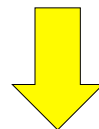
Sun:
 $kT = 1 \text{ keV}$
 $E_c \approx 0.5-2 \text{ MeV}$
 $E_0 \approx 5-30 \text{ keV}$
 for reactions of H burning



kT but also $E_0 \ll E_c !!$

$$\sigma(E) = \frac{1}{E} \exp(-31.29 Z_1 Z_2 \sqrt{\mu/E}) S(E)$$

Cross sections in the range of pb-fb at stellar energies



with typical laboratory conditions reaction rate R can be as low as few events per month

Astrophysical factor



Laboratory for **U**nderground **N**uclear **A**strophysics



LUNA 1
(1991-2001) ●
50 kV

LUNA 2 ●
(2000→...)
400 kV

● LUNA MV
(2019-→...)

Radiation LNGS/surface

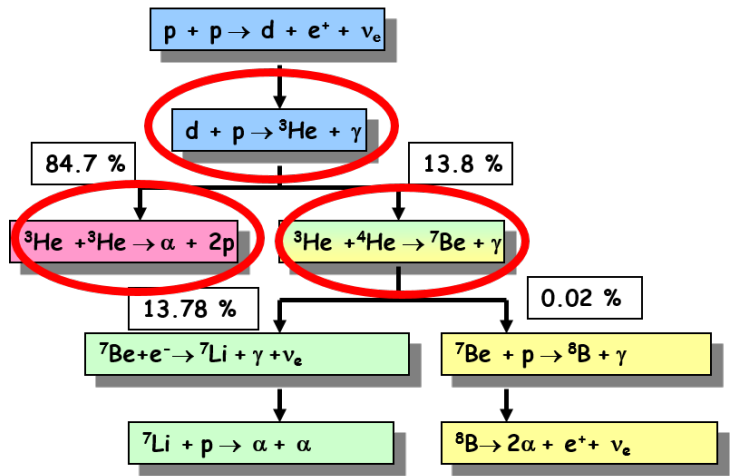
Muons 10^{-6}

Neutrons 10^{-3}

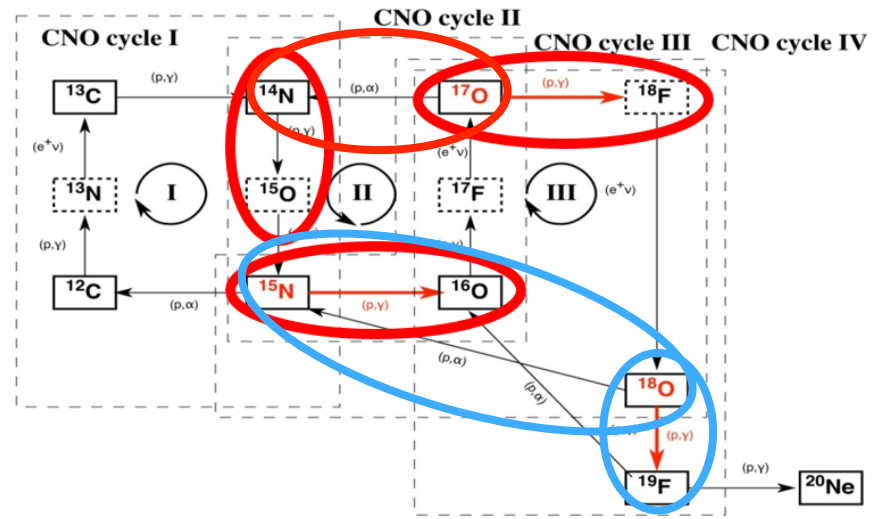
LNGS (1400 m rock shielding \equiv 4000 m w.e.)

25 anni a LUNA: la combustione dell'idrogeno

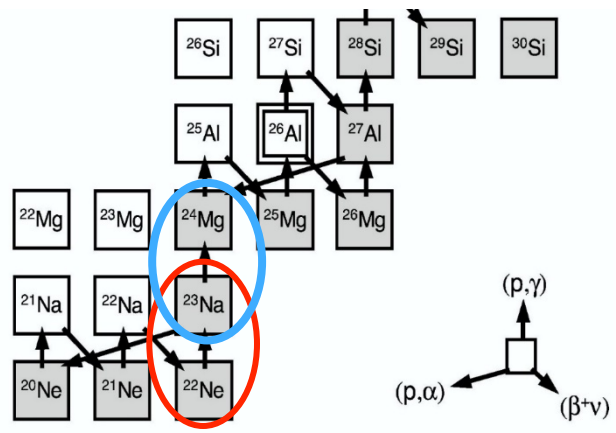
pp chain



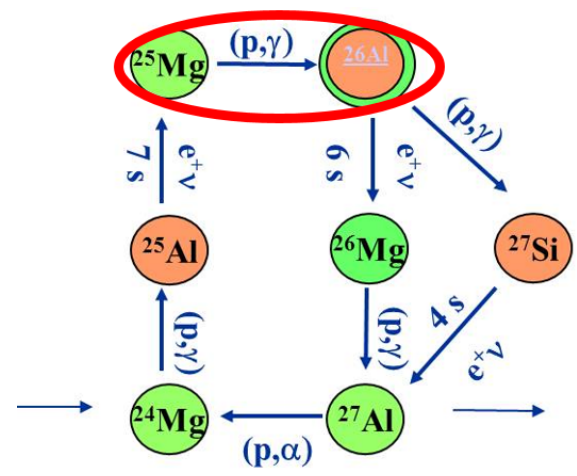
CNO cycle



Ne-Na cycle

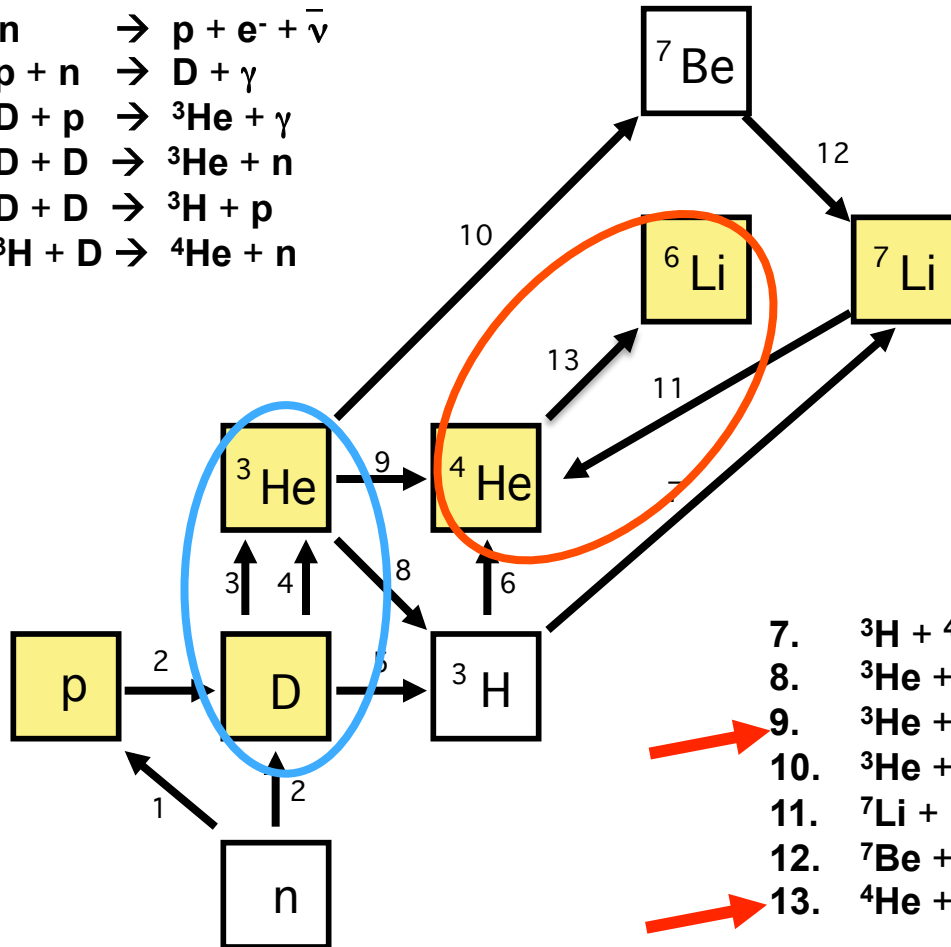


Mg-Al cycle



...e Nucleosintesi del Big Bang

1. $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}$
2. $p + n \rightarrow D + \gamma$
3. $D + p \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} + \gamma$
4. $D + D \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} + n$
5. $D + D \rightarrow {}^3\text{H} + p$
6. ${}^3\text{H} + D \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} + n$



7. ${}^3\text{H} + {}^4\text{H} \rightarrow {}^7\text{Li} + \gamma$
8. ${}^3\text{He} + n \rightarrow {}^3\text{H} + p$
9. ${}^3\text{He} + D \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} + p$
10. ${}^3\text{He} + {}^4\text{He} \rightarrow {}^7\text{Be} + \gamma$
11. ${}^7\text{Li} + p \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} + {}^4\text{He}$
12. ${}^7\text{Be} + n \rightarrow {}^7\text{Li} + p$
13. ${}^4\text{He} + D \rightarrow {}^6\text{Li} + \gamma$

Program (@ LUNA400) 2016-2019: a bridge toward LUNA MV

${}^2\text{H}(p,\gamma){}^3\text{He}$ - ${}^2\text{H}$ production in BBN ✓

${}^6\text{Li}(p,\gamma){}^7\text{Be}$ - abundances of Li isotopes (BBN); improves the knowledge of ${}^3\text{He}(\alpha,\gamma){}^7\text{Be}$ key (p-p chain) ✓

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 ${}^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha,\gamma){}^{26}\text{Mg}$ - competes with ${}^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha,n){}^{25}\text{Mg}$ neutron source in massive stars (*LUNA 400 + MV*)

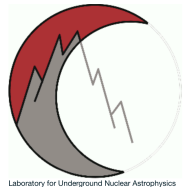
${}^{13}\text{C}(\alpha,n){}^{16}\text{O}$ - neutron source in AGB (*LUNA 400 + MV*)



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 ${}^{12}\text{C}(p,\gamma){}^{13}\text{N}$ and ${}^{13}\text{C}(p,\gamma){}^{14}\text{N}$ - relative abundance of ${}^{12}\text{C}$ - ${}^{13}\text{C}$ in the deepest layers of H-rich envelopes.

2019

$^2\text{H}(p,\gamma)^3\text{He}$ - ^2H production in BBN



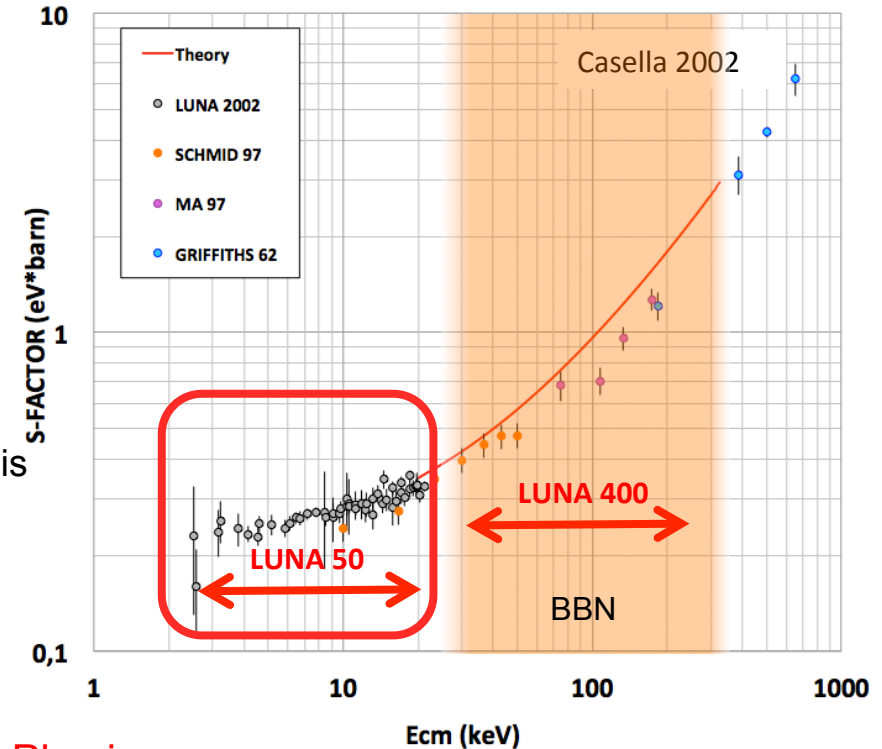
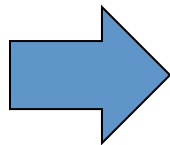
Reaction	Rate Symbol	$\sigma_{^2\text{H}/\text{H}} \cdot 10^5$
$p(n, \gamma)^2\text{H}$	R_1	± 0.002
$d(p, \gamma)^3\text{He}$	R_2	± 0.062
$d(d, n)^3\text{He}$	R_3	± 0.020
$d(d, p)^3\text{H}$	R_4	± 0.013

(Di Valentino et al. 2014, $\Omega_b h^2 = 0.02207$)

- The error budget of computed abundance of deuterium is mainly due to the $D(p,\gamma)^3\text{He}$ reaction
- measurements (9% error) **NOT** in agreement with recent "Ab-Initio" calculations.

Measurement goal:

- Cross section measurement at $30 < E_{cm}(\text{keV}) < 260$ with $\sim 5\%$ accuracy
- Differential cross section measurement at $100 < E_{cm}(\text{keV}) < 260$



Physics:

- Cosmology: measurement of Ω_b .
- Neutrino physics: measurement of N_{eff}
- Nuclear physics: comparison of data with "ab initio" predictions.

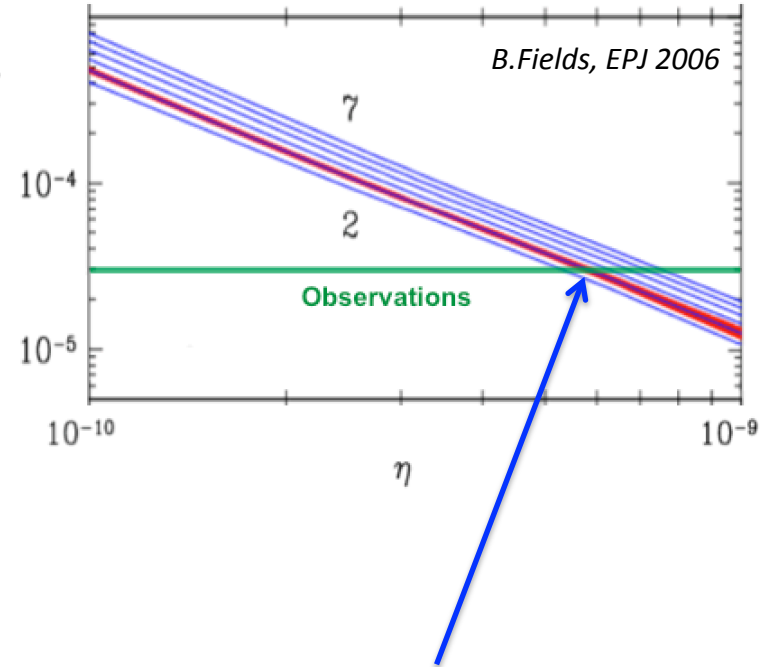
D/H ratio and cosmology

-BBN provides a precise estimate of Baryon density Ω_b , through the comparison of $(D/H)_{\text{BBN}}$ and $(D/H)_{\text{obs}}$:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{Red arrows: } D(p, \gamma) \text{ data fit} \\
 100\Omega_{b,0}h^2(\text{BBN}) = 2.26 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.02 \\
 100\Omega_{b,0}h^2(\text{BBN}) = 2.16 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.02 \\
 \text{Green arrows: } D(p, \gamma) \text{ "ab-initio"} \quad D/H \text{ observations}
 \end{array}$$

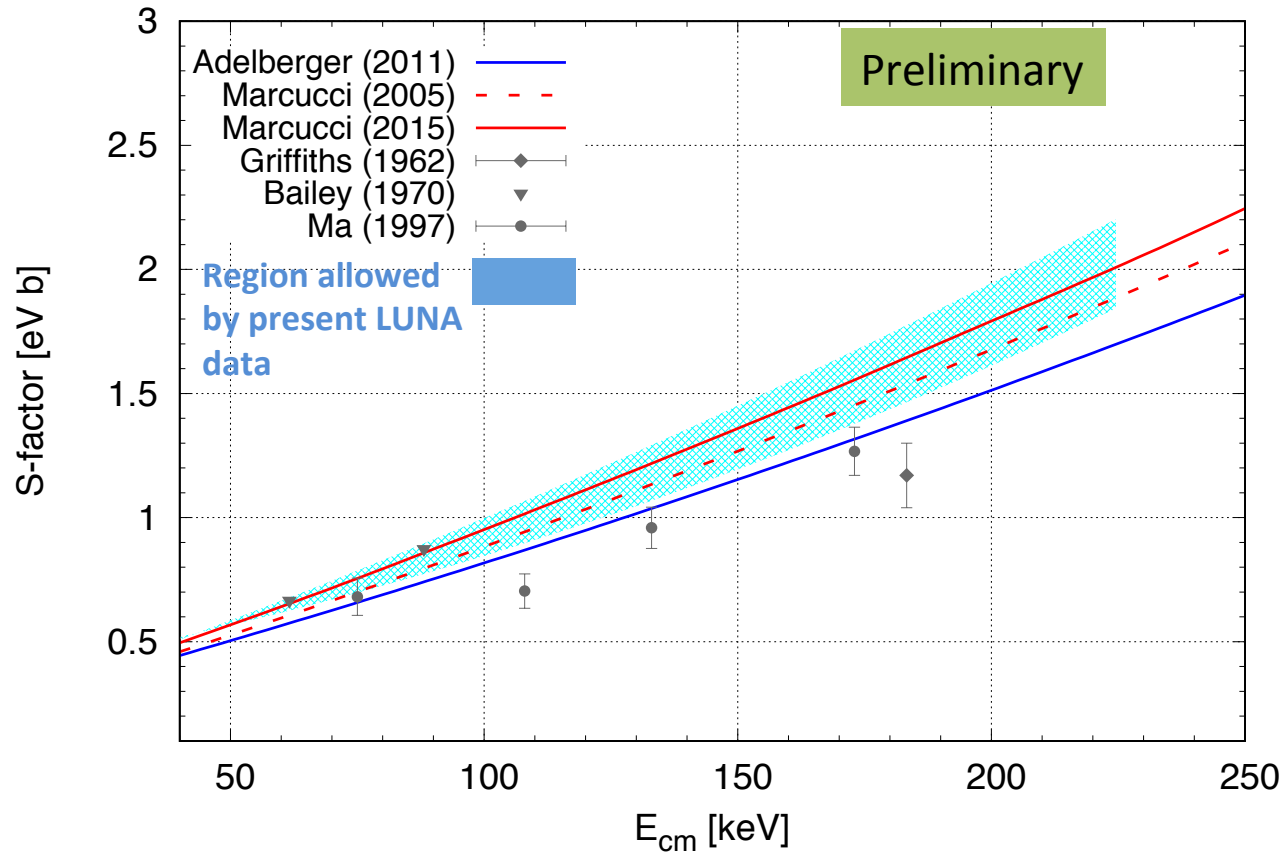
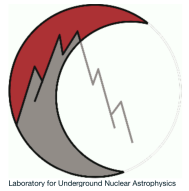
R. Cooke et al., Ap. J. 830 (2016) 148

From CMB data:
 $100\Omega_{b,0}h^2(\text{CMB}) = 2.22 \pm 0.02$ (PLANCK2015)



-Deuterium abundance also depends on the density of relativistic particles (photons and 3 neutrinos in SM). Therefore it is a tool to constrain the “dark radiation”.

Results: astrophysical factor



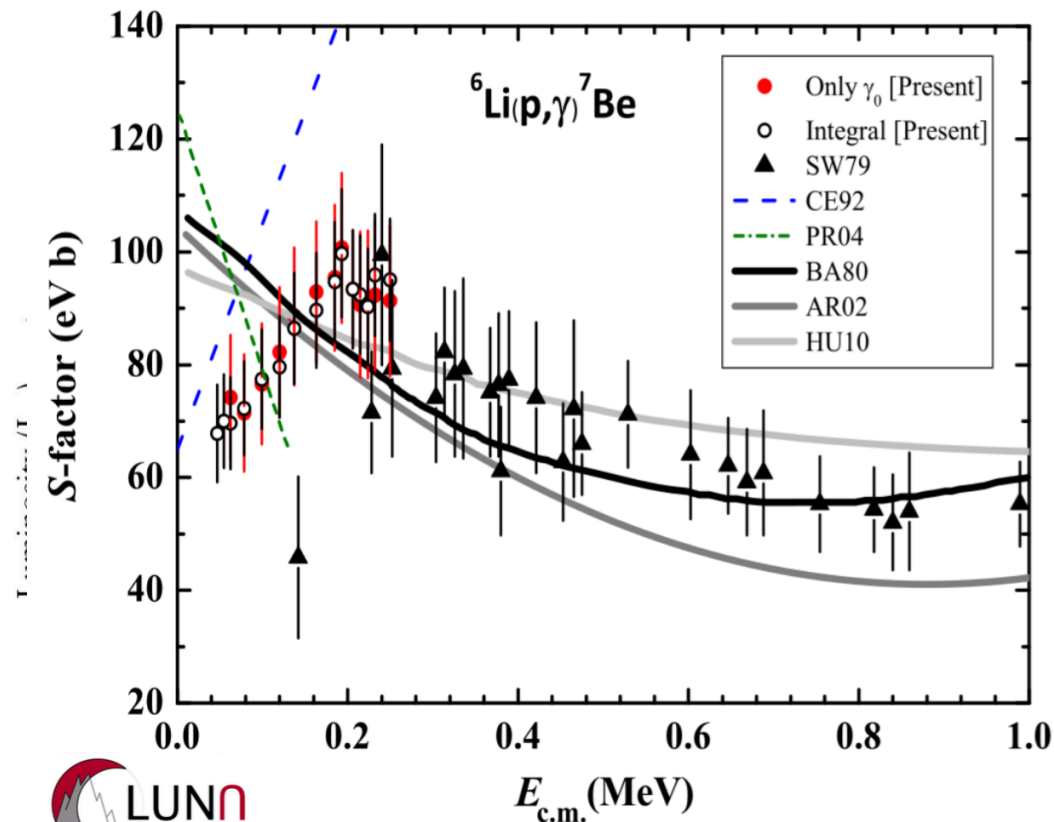
${}^6\text{Li}(p,\gamma){}^3\text{He}$

${}^6\text{Li}$ originates from the spallation and fusion reactions in the ISM.

Pre-main and main sequence stars efficiently destroy ${}^6\text{Li}$ via ${}^6\text{Li}(p,\gamma){}^7\text{Be}$ and ${}^6\text{Li}(p,\alpha){}^3\text{He}$ ($T > 3 \cdot 10^6$ K)

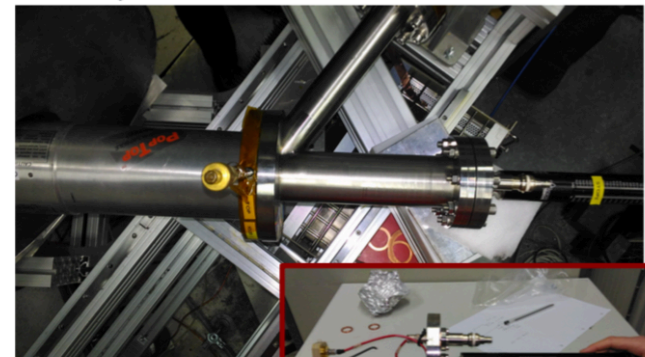
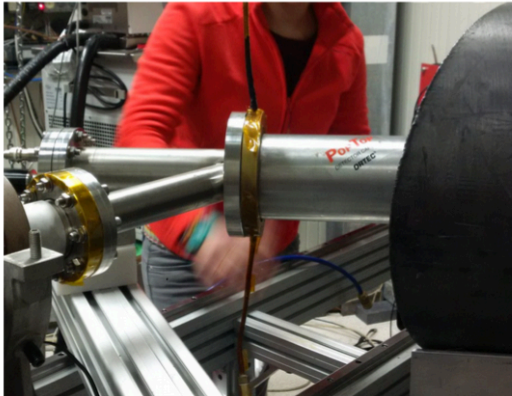
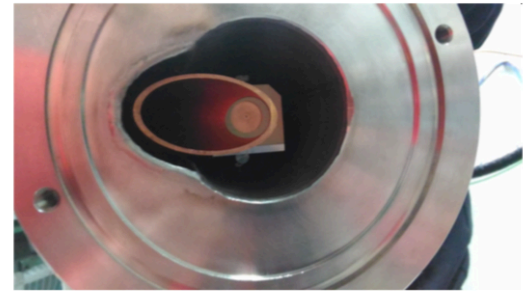
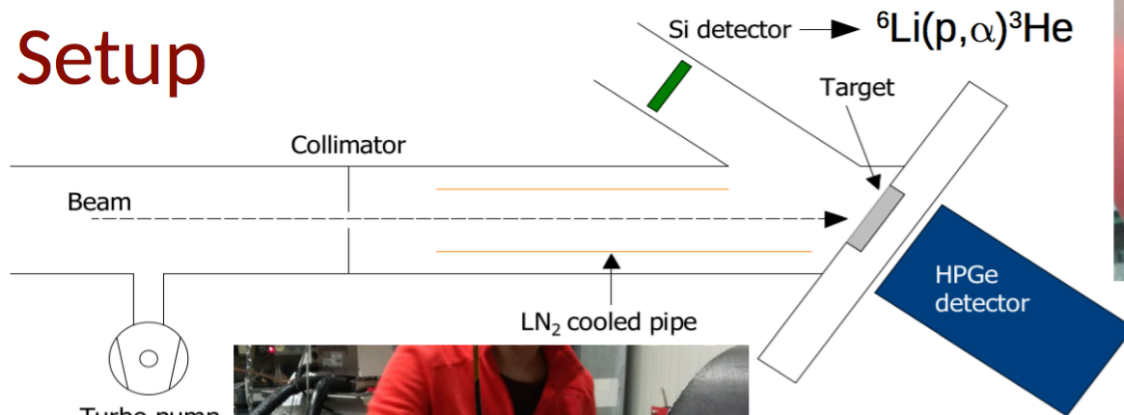


${}^6\text{Li}$ is an important tool to understand the early evolution of a star



${}^6\text{Li}(p,\gamma){}^3\text{He}$

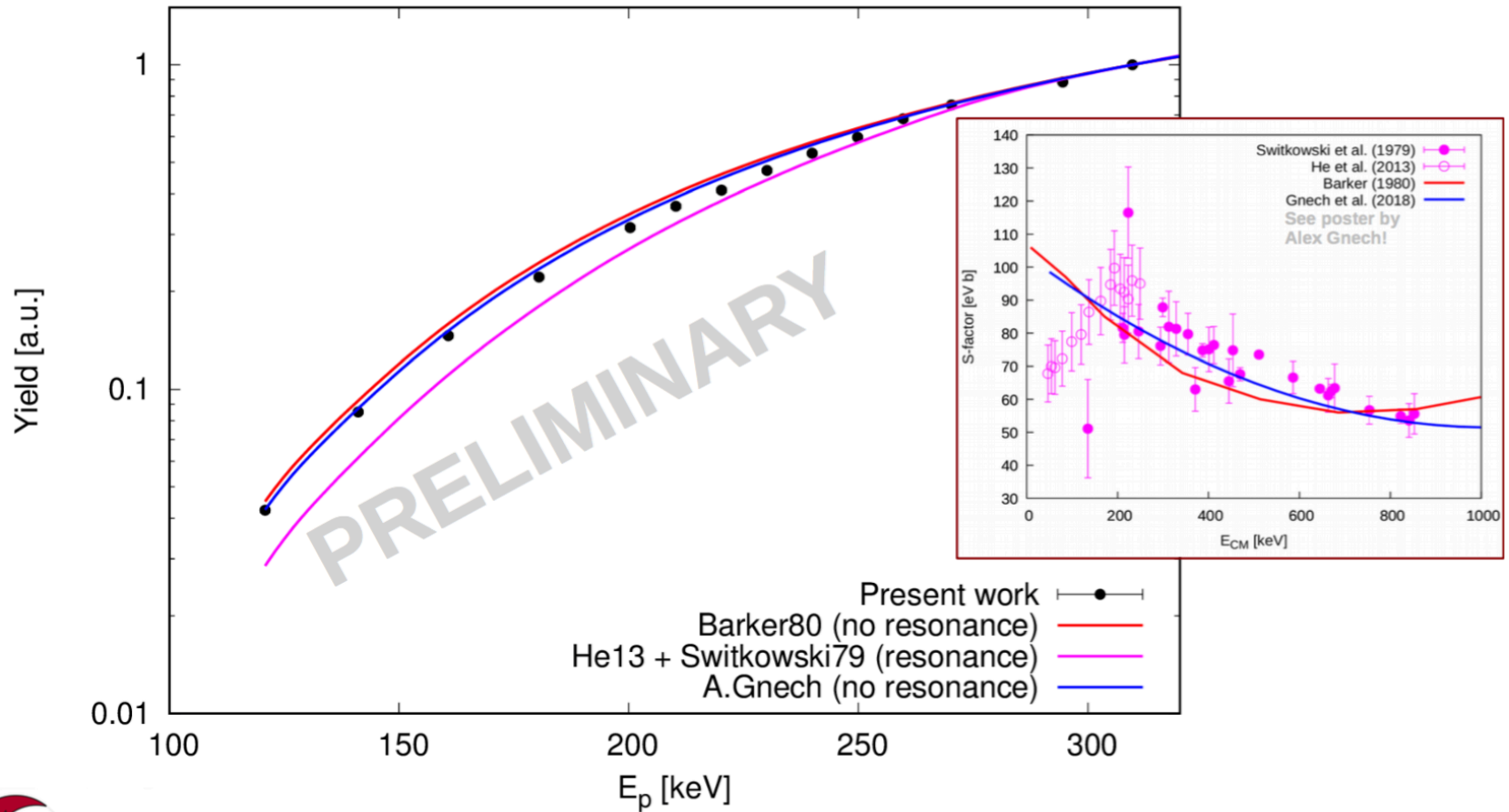
Setup



- Cold Finger + secondary e⁻ suppression
- Water cooled target
- HPGe at -55° and Si at +125° w.r.t. beam direction
- HPGe at 1.7 cm and Si at 10 cm w.r.t. target



Total Yield



Le sorgenti di neutroni per il processo s:



Nucleosynthesis of half of the elements heavier than Fe

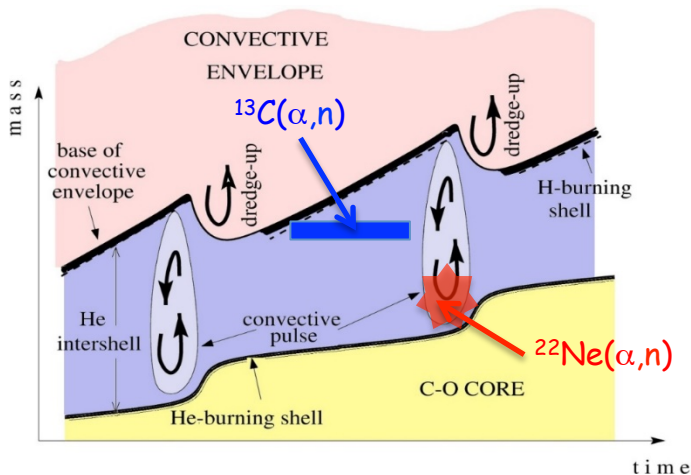
Main s-process $\sim 90 < A < 210$

TP-AGB stars

shell H-burning
 $T_9 \sim 0.1 \text{ K}$
 $10^7 - 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$



He-flash
 $0.25 \leq T_9 \sim 0.4 \text{ K}$
 $10^{10} - 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

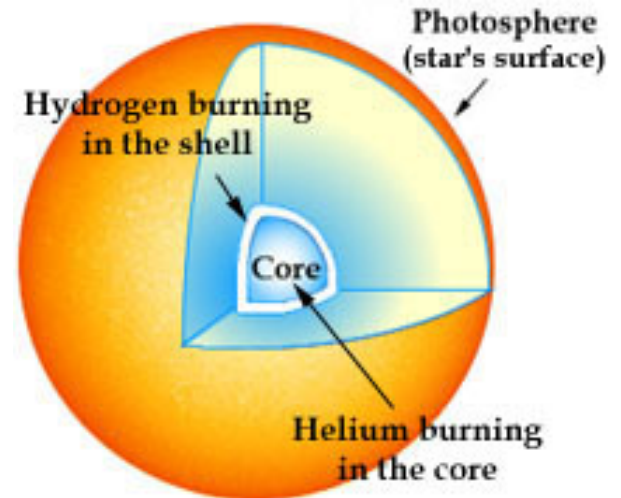


Weak s-process $A < \sim 90$

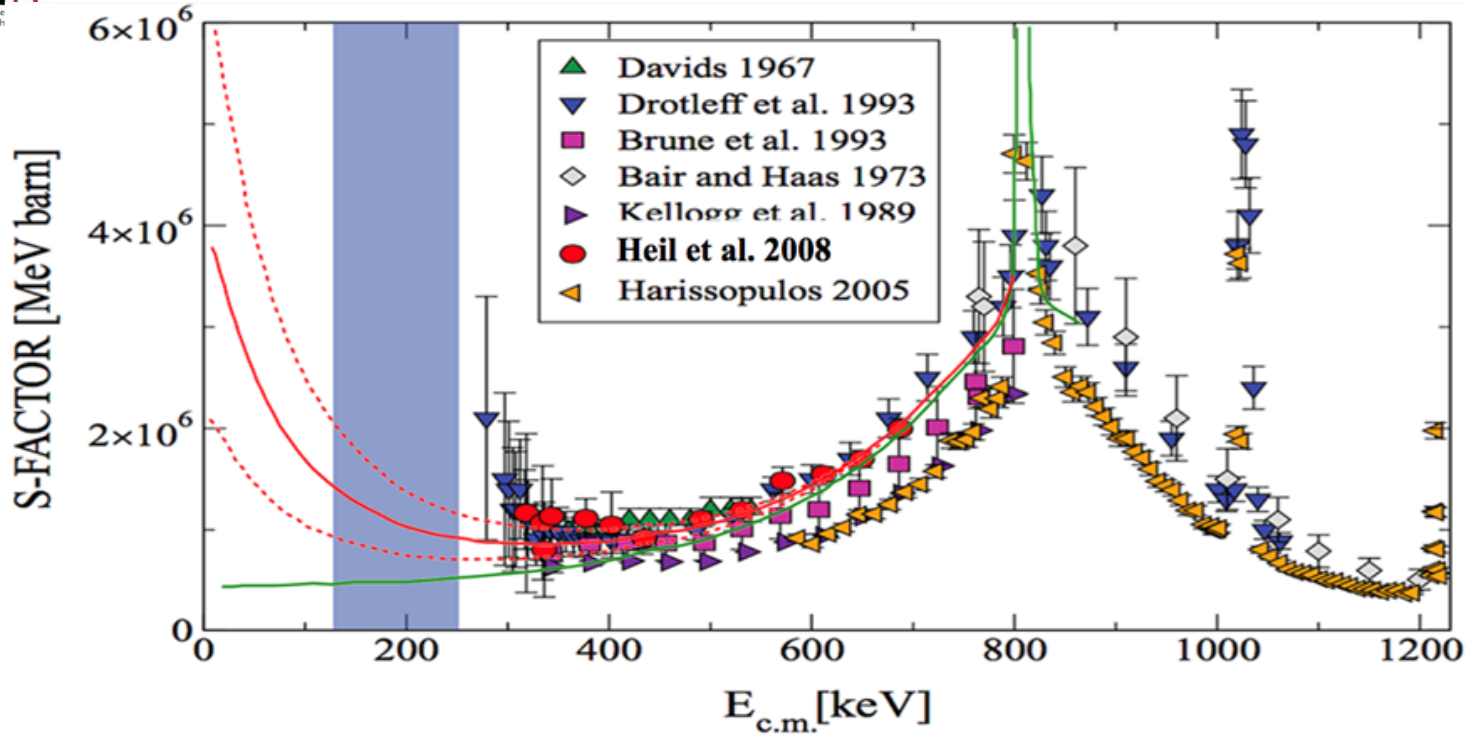
massive stars $> 10 M_{\text{Sun}}$

core He-burning
 $3 - 3.5 \cdot 10^8 \text{ K}$
 10^6 cm^{-3}

shell C-burning
 $\sim 10^9 \text{ K}$
 $10^{11} - 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$



$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$



$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$ is the major neutron source for the main component of the *s process* in low mass ($1-3 M_{\odot}$) AGB stars, whose temperature is around $1-2 \times 10^8$ K.

This translates into the effective energy range: 120-250 keV.

No direct data covering this energy range is available yet.

Astrophysical requirement: uncertainty on $S(E) < 10\%$

$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$: expected reaction rate

Target enrichment in ^{13}C : 99%, $I_\alpha = 200 \mu\text{A}$

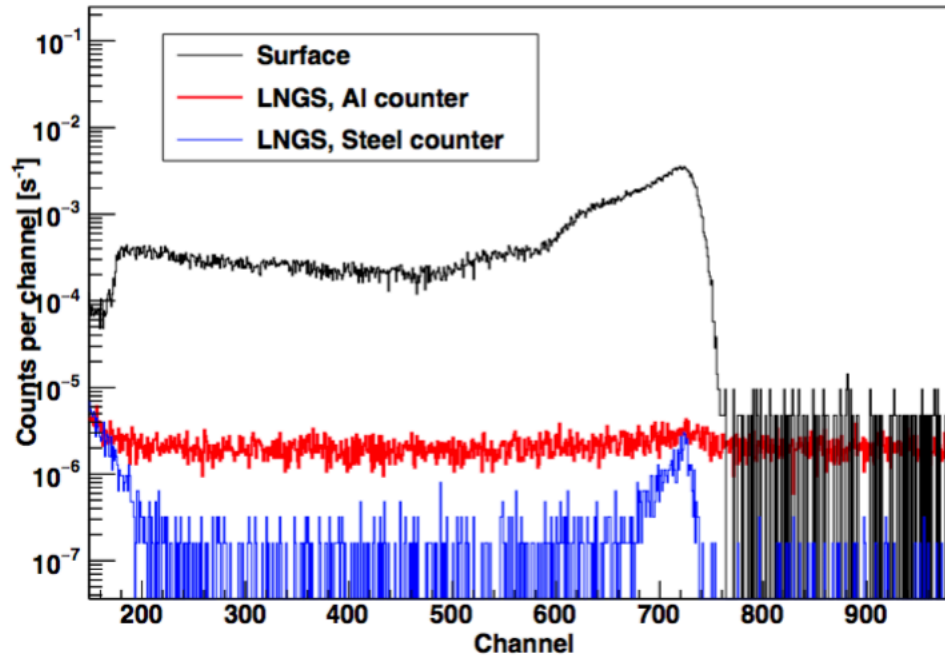
$N_t = 10^{18} \quad 2 \cdot 10^{17} \quad \text{at/cm}^2$

Elab [keV]	Ecm [keV]	Rate [neutr/h]	Rate [neutr/h]
400	306	339	121
375	287	103	38.5
350	268	28	10.9
300	229	1.3	0.6
275	210	0.2	0.1
250	191	0.02	0.01

beam time:
 ≈ 2 months
if bck = 0

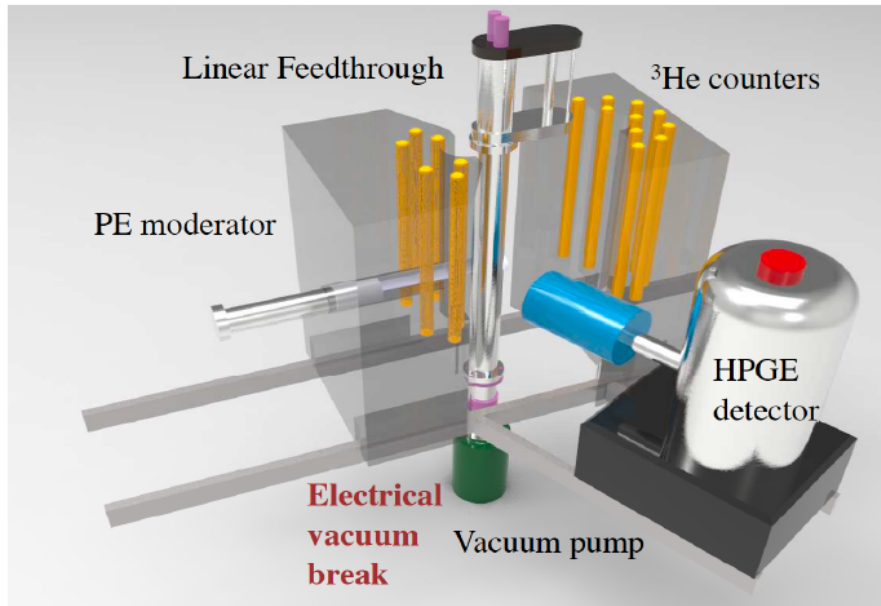


Low Background ^3He counters



- At lowest energy about 1:1 signal:background
- Total bg rate ≈ 4 counts/hour
- Composed of neutrons and α emitted into counter from wall

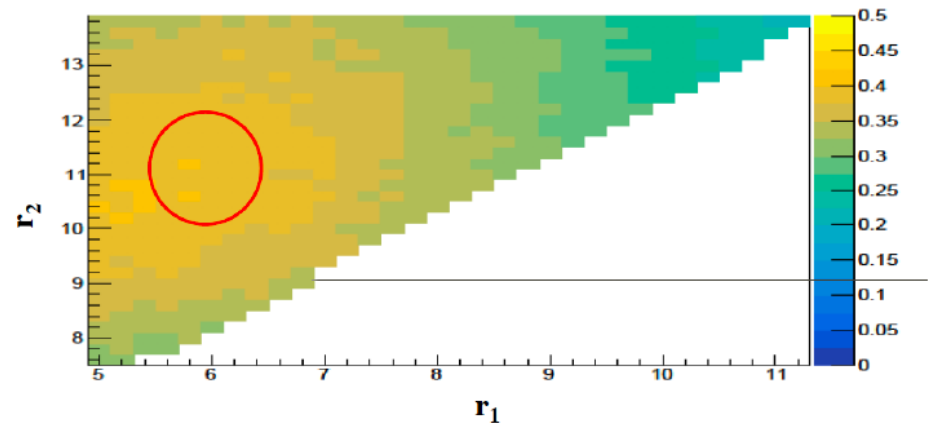
$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$: set-up of the new underground experiment



Order concluded: delivery by the end of September

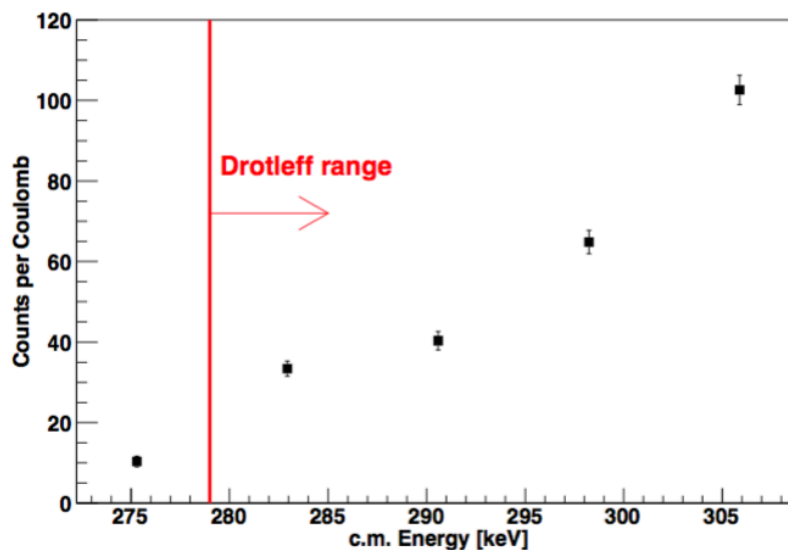
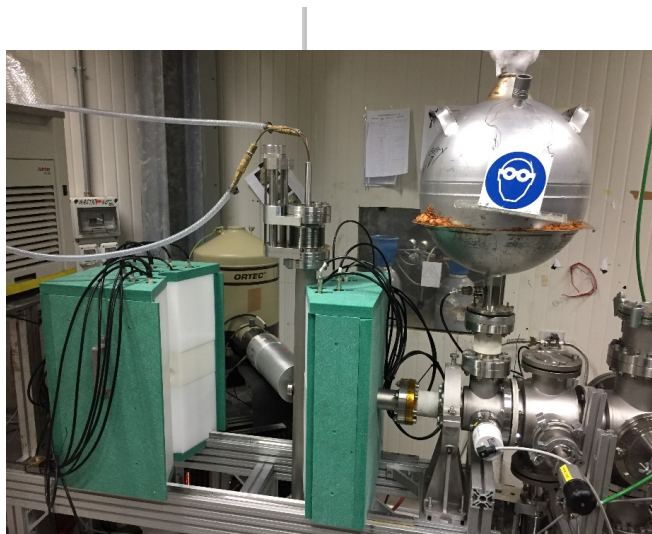
Counters arranged in two rings
INNER: 6 tubes (25 cm active length) at r_1 from the target
OUTER: 12 tubes (40 cm active length) at r_2

Geant4 simulations in order to maximise the efficiency (40%)



Detection efficiency \approx 40%

$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$: measured yield



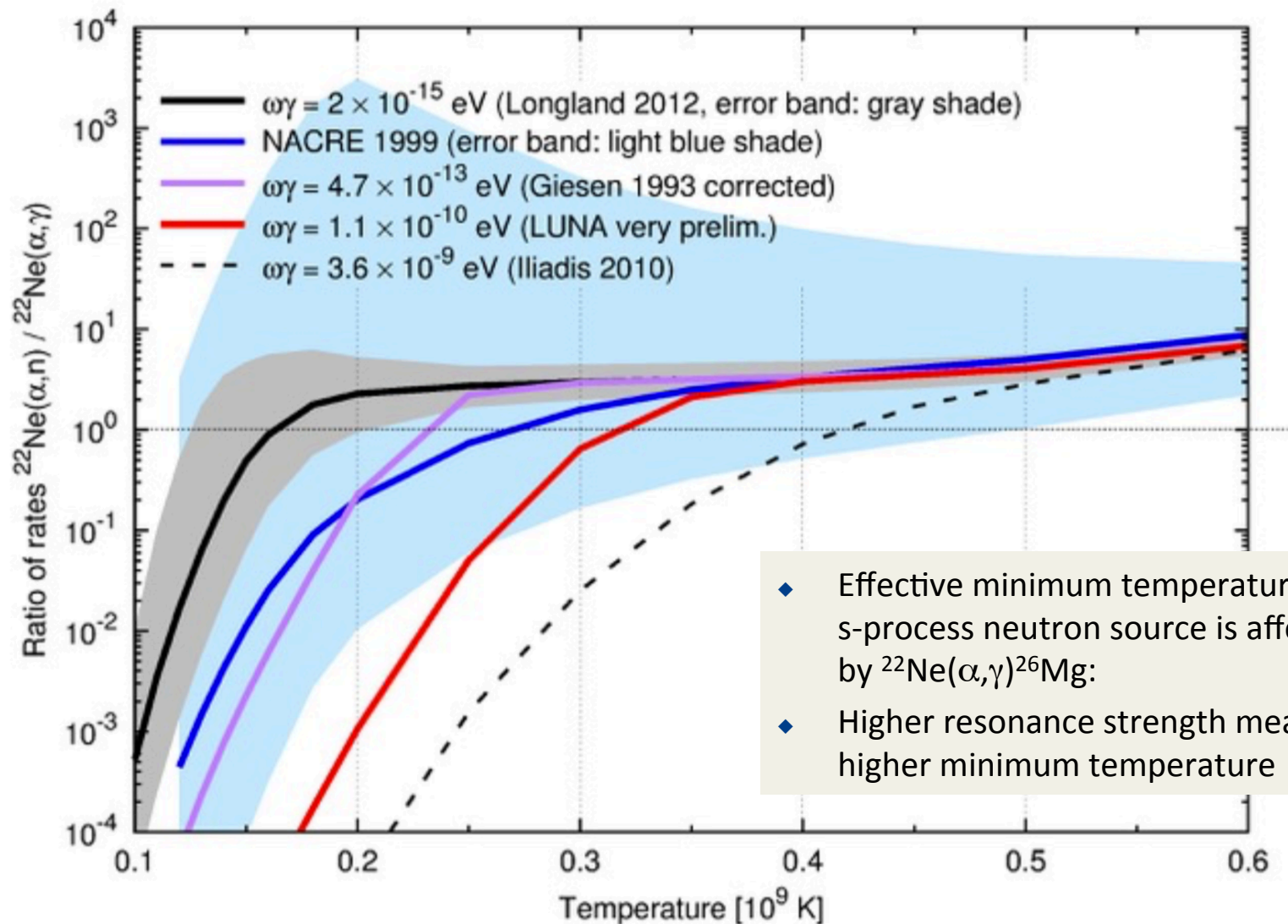
E_α [keV]	Charge [C]	Raw counts
400	11	1375
390	16.7	1408
380	17	1177
370	13.7	569
360	20.4	474

- First beam time concluded in March
- Total charge on target 80 C
- Counting statistics better than 10 %
- Measured below Drotleff et al. range

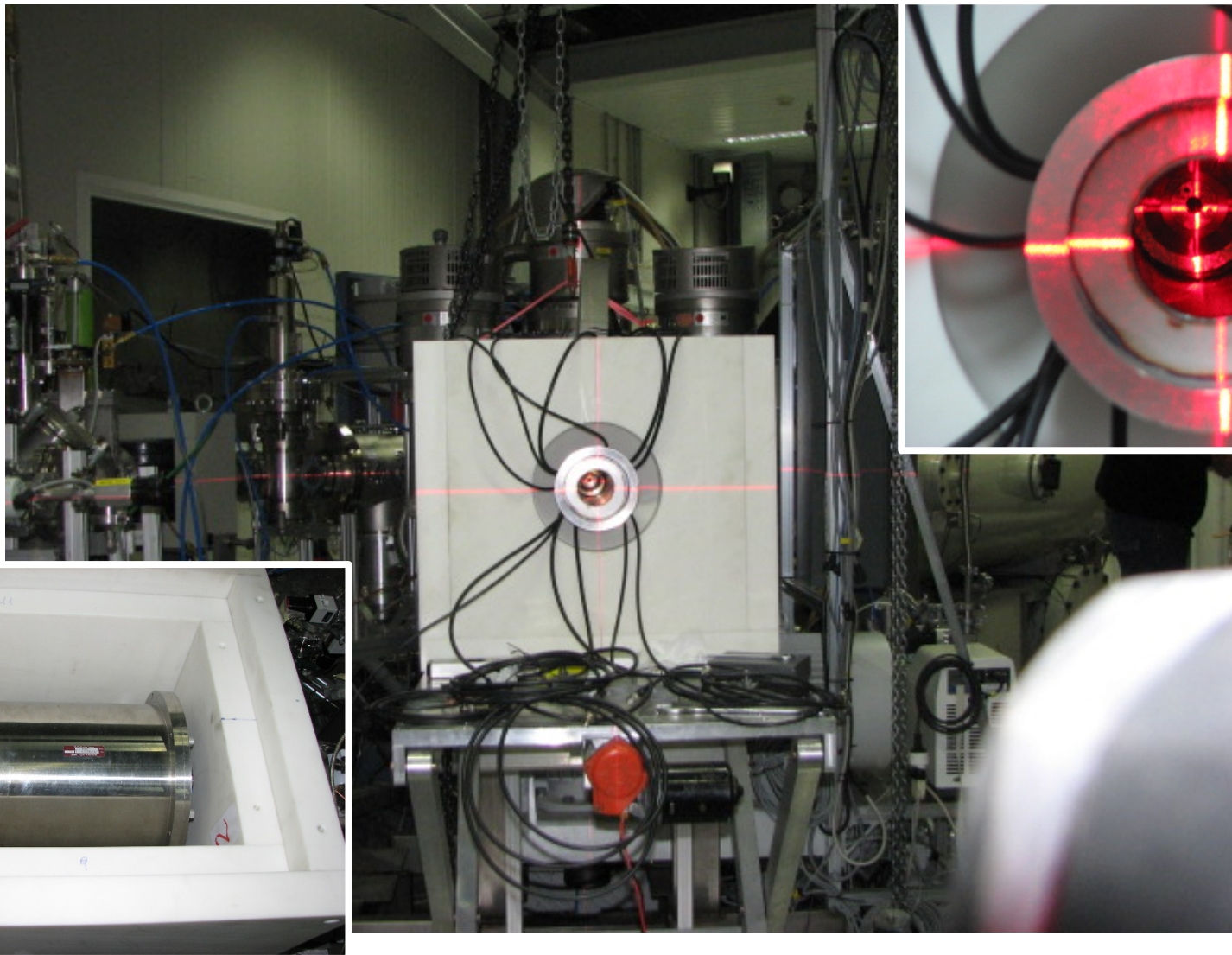


$^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha, \gamma)^{26}\text{Mg}$

THE LUNA400: THE RATE WITH THE NEW UPPER LIMIT



THE NEW SETUP: MOUNTED AND TESTED IN APRIL 2018, BEAM TIME IN OCTOBER 2018





LUNA400: produzione scientifica 2018

The branching ratio of the 189.5 keV $^{22}\text{Ne}(p,\gamma)^{23}\text{Na}$ resonance

[European Physical Journal - A 54 \(2018\) 44](#)

Improved background suppression for radiative capture reactions at LUNA with HPGe and BGO detectors

[J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 45 \(2018\) 025203](#)

Improved $^{18}\text{O}(p,\alpha)^{15}\text{N}$ reaction rate by underground measurements at LUNA

[PRL, submitted](#)

Direct capture cross section and the $E_p = 71$ and 105 keV resonances in the $^{22}\text{Ne}(p,\gamma)^{23}\text{Na}$ reaction

[PRL or Nature Physics, to be submitted in a few days](#)

Effect of beam energy straggling on resonant yield in thin gas targets: the cases $^{22}\text{Ne}(p,\gamma)^{23}\text{Na}$ and $^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$

[Europhysics Letters, to be submitted in a few days](#)

Low energy cross section of the reaction $^{18}\text{O}(p,\gamma)^{19}\text{F}$

[PRL or PLB, in the hands of the LUNA EB, submission within July 2018](#)

& something on $\text{D}(p,\gamma)$ and $^6\text{Li}(p,\gamma)$ within the end of the year



LUNA MV- scientific program (2019 → 2023)

$^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$: High scientific interest for revised data covering a wide energy range (400 keV- 1.2 MeV). Scientific results of high impact but reduced risk immediately after commissioning phase (6 months)

$^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$: solid state target. Gamma & particle detectors (30 months)

$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha,n)^{16}\text{O}$: enriched ^{13}C solid target & neutron detector (8 months)
Data taking at LUNA 400 kV ongoing.

$^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha,n)^{25}\text{Mg}$: enriched ^{22}Ne gas target & neutron detector (8 months)

Next steps (not before 2024...):

$^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$: ^{12}C solid target depleted in ^{13}C and α beam OR α jet gas target and ^{12}C beam (36 months ??).



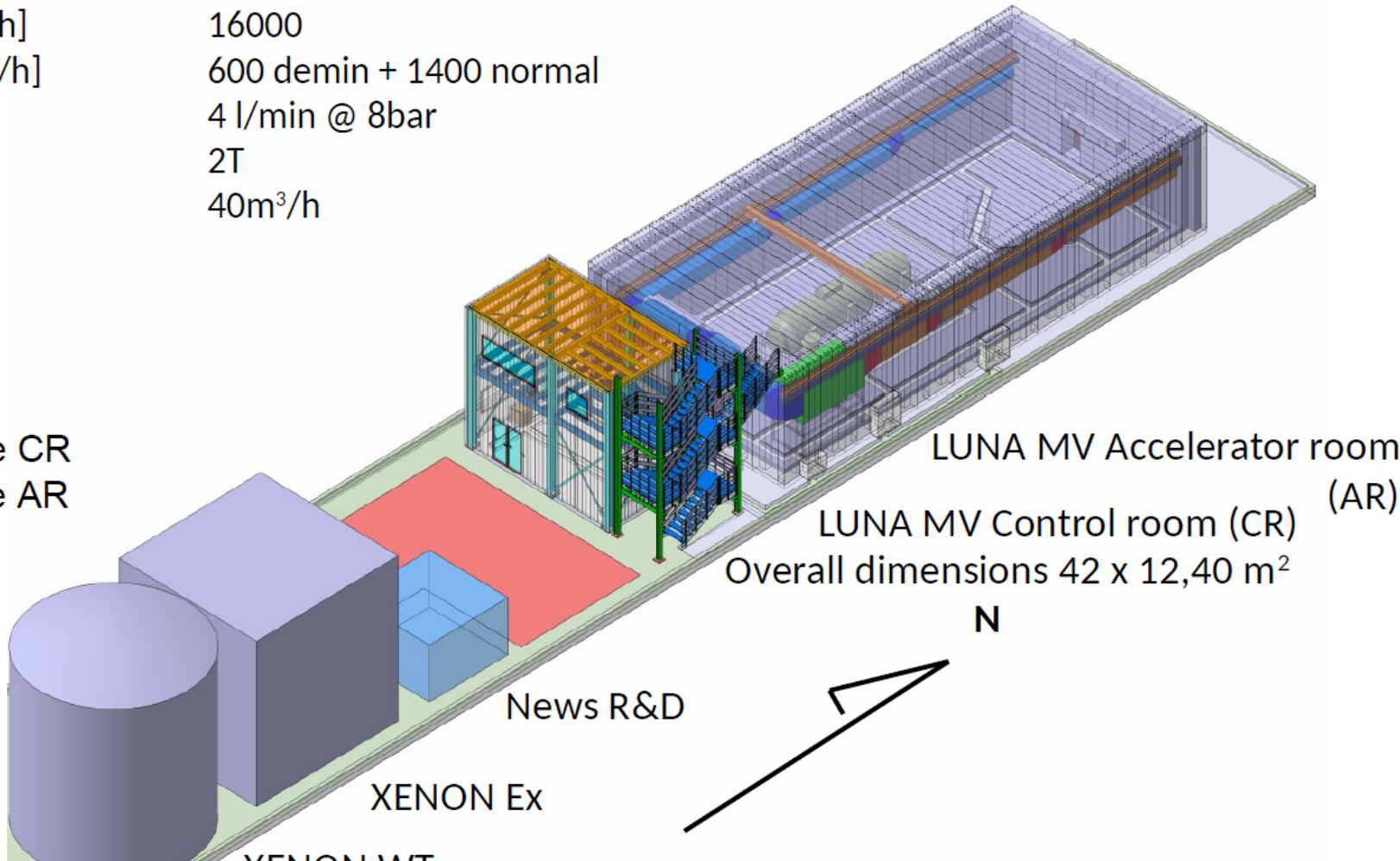
The new LUNA-MV site in Hall B

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Electrical Power [kW]	45 normal + 165 UPS
Cooling AR [kW]	75 Water + 70 Air
Cooling CR [kW]	5 Air
Ventilation [m ³ /h]	16000
Water cooling [l/h]	600 demin + 1400 normal
Compressed air	4 l/min @ 8bar
Crane	2T
Exhaust	40m ³ /h

Safety Senors

- 6 x O₂
- 2 x SF₆
- 6 x Smoke CR
- 30 m x Smoke AR
- 5 x TVCC



Accelerator: ready at HVE

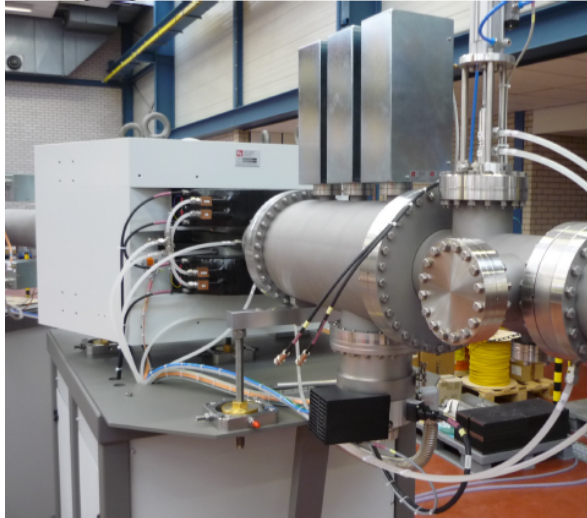


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March 19, 2018

FACTORY ASSEMBLY PROTOCOL 3.5 MV Singletron accelerator system

End-User/Consignee: Laboratory Nazionale del Gran Sasso, Assergi, Italy

Contract number: CIG No. 62076380EF and CUP No. 154G14000140005
CIG No. 62076380EF Amdt. No. 1

HVEE ref.: B9051

We herewith confirm that the 3.5 MV Singletron accelerator system for Laboratory Nazionale del Gran Sasso Assergi, Italy is fully assembled at HVE Amersfoort, The Netherlands.



Accelerator ready at HVE (March 2018)

1st acceptance test : May 28 - June 8, 2018

Accelerator room @ LNGS: conclusion by Sept. 2018

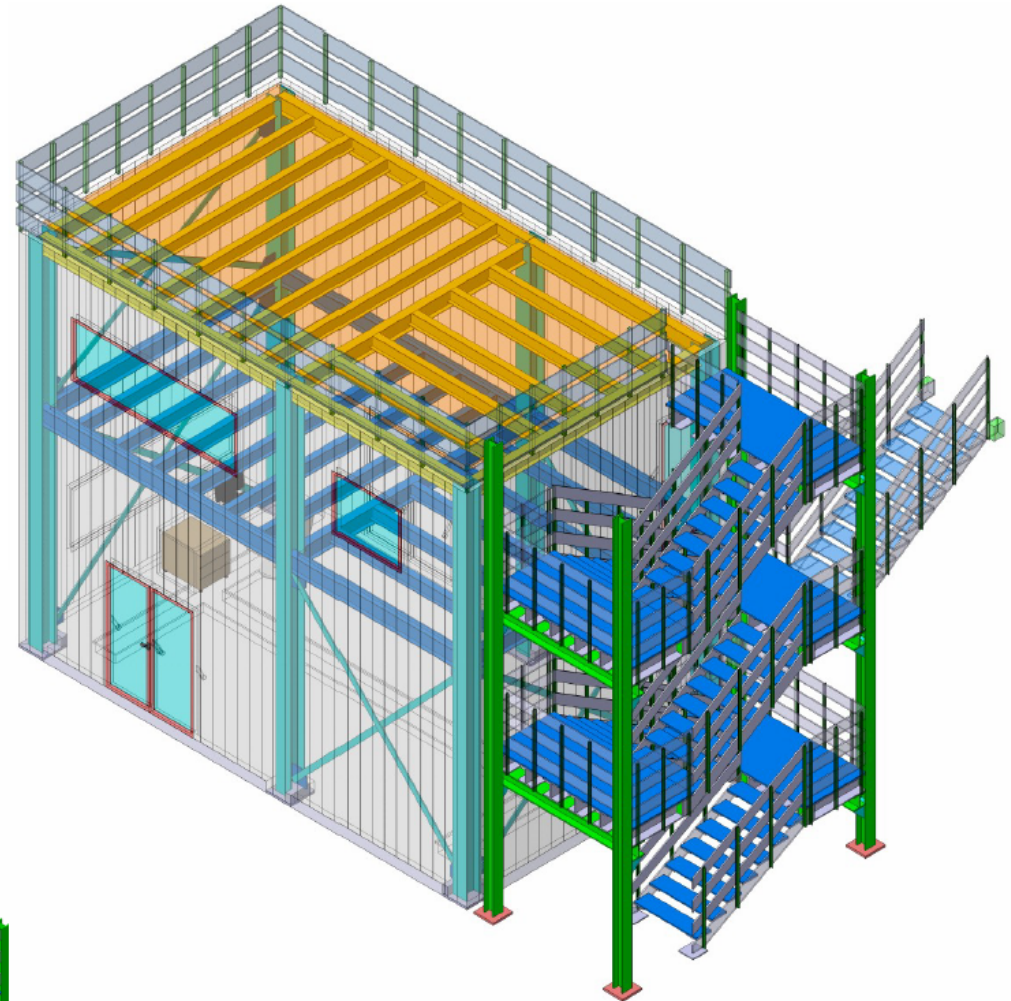
According to the contract signed by INFN, the site in Hall B must be ready at latest at January 2019.

Review of LUNA-MV project on March 23th 2018 by INFN committee (A Arcones, A Nobles, L. Patrizi, E. Santonocito, M. Taiuti)



LUNA-MV: control room

Dimensions: 9 x 5,40 x 7,20 m³
Concrete platform at ground floor: 0,2 m
Distance CR ↔ AR: 2,5 m
Stair from OPERA Decommissioning



To be built between
Sept. & Oct. 2018

→ some authorizations still pending



LNGS, March 23th 2018: 1-day review of LUNA-MV

Review Committee Report:

Concerning the Luna-MV Review Of March 23rd, 2018

LNGS

A. Arcones, A. Noble, L. Patrizii, D. Santonocito, M. Taiuti

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LNGS, March 23th 2018: 1-day review of LUNA-MV

3). Summary of Findings and Recommendations

- iv. The scientific proposal outlines a series of experiments that are recognized world wide as being of high scientific merit.
- v. The committee appreciated the proposal and endorses the choice of the key reactions to be studied in the following five years by the collaboration.
- vi. The experimental program appears to be feasible from a budget and technological point of view, and the collaboration is very experienced, having operated the LUNA-400 accelerator for nearly two decades.
- vii. The collaboration has well developed and well considered plans for the commissioning of both the accelerator and the neutron production monitors and interlocks.

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Genova : FTE

Prati P. 70% + Corvisiero P. (100% ass. senior)

Zavatarelli S. 60%

Cavanna F. 80%

Ferraro F. 20 %

Genova : leadership misura ${}^2\text{H}(p,\gamma){}^3\text{He}$, responsabilita' simulazioni
LUNA-MV: sviluppo bersagli e misura corrente

