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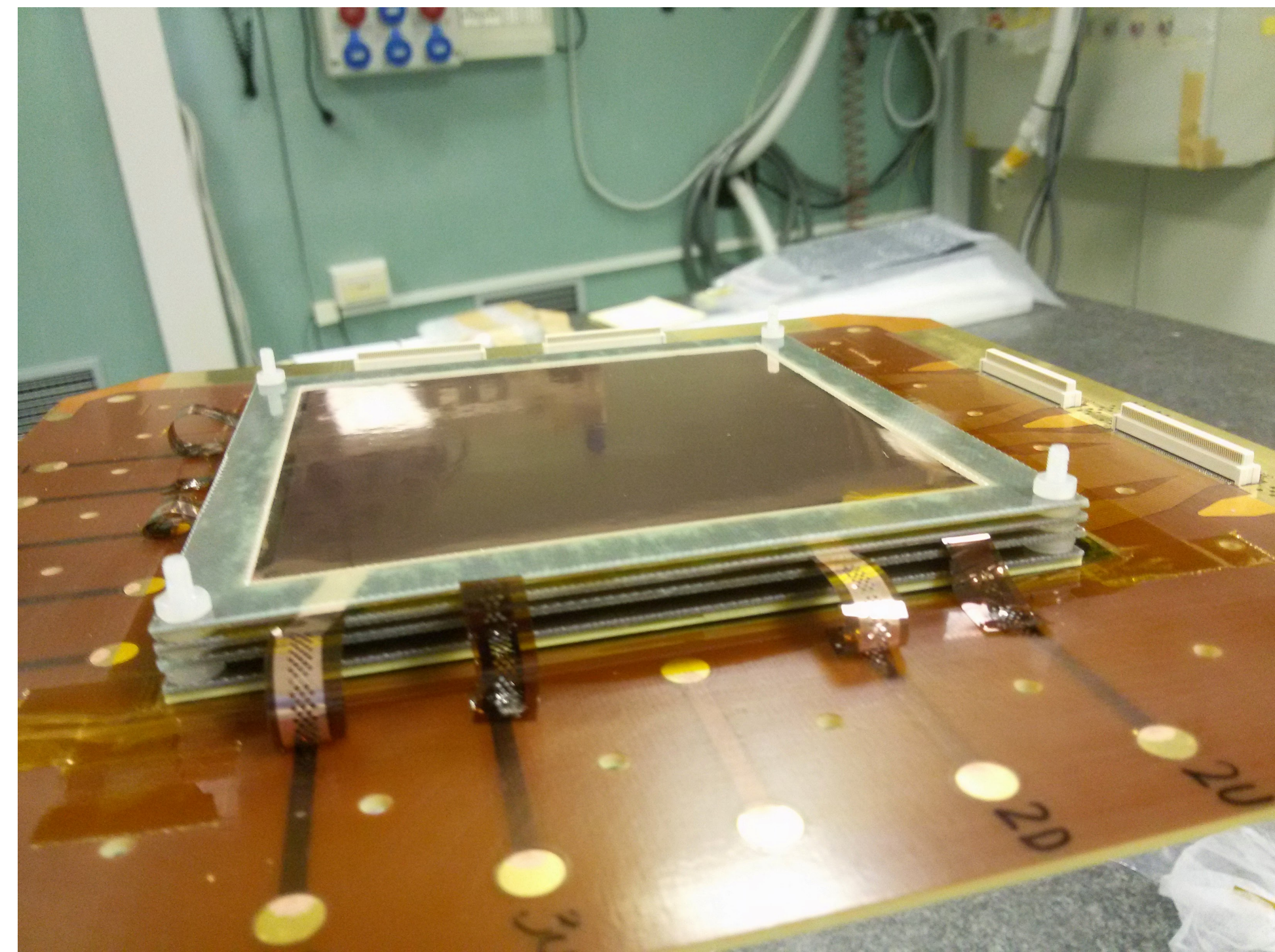
# Status of the CYGNO project



# 2015-2016: The ORANGE age



This project, started by few people in **2015** with a **3 mm sensitive gap** detector (ORANGE the 1<sup>st</sup>)

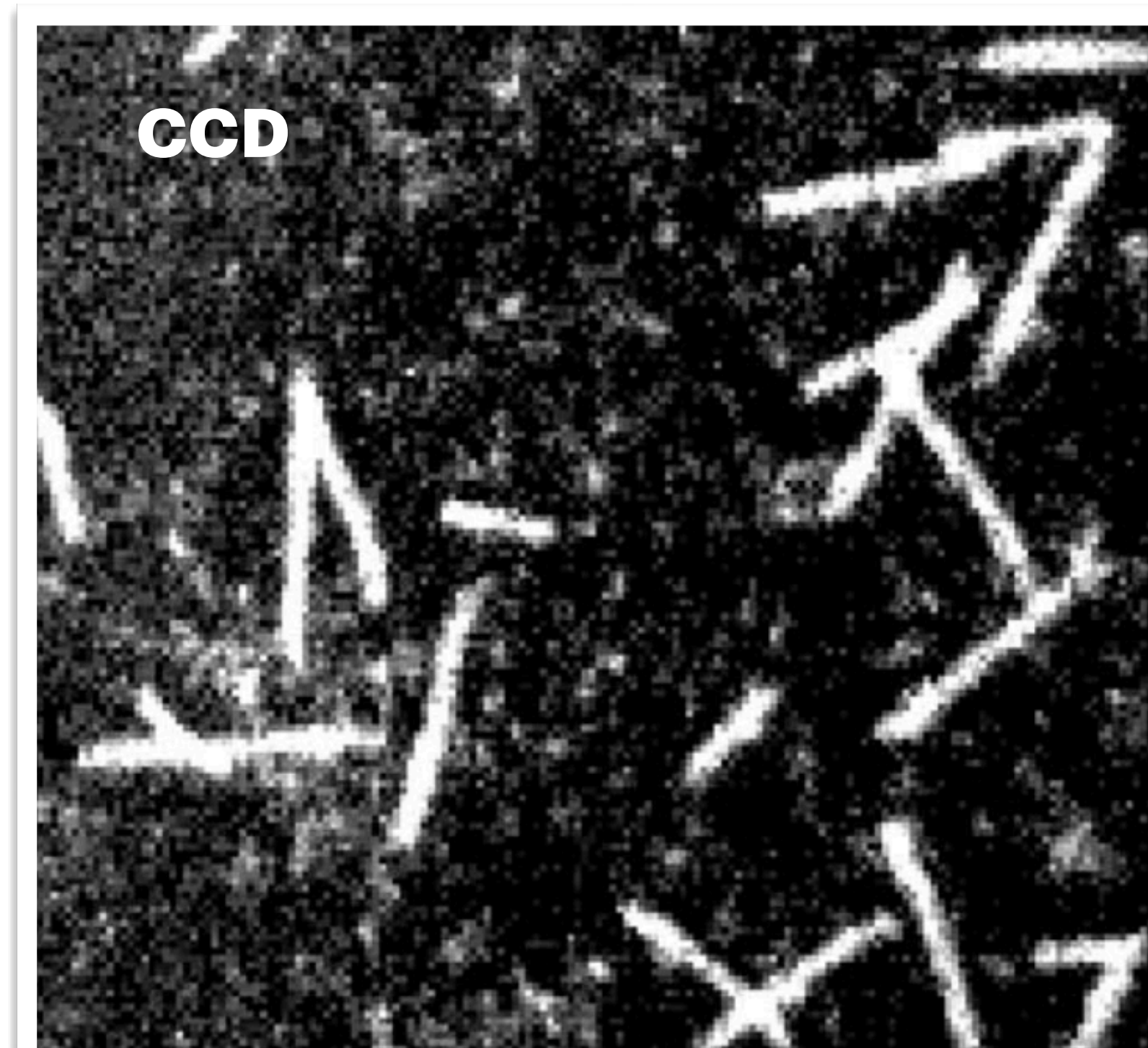
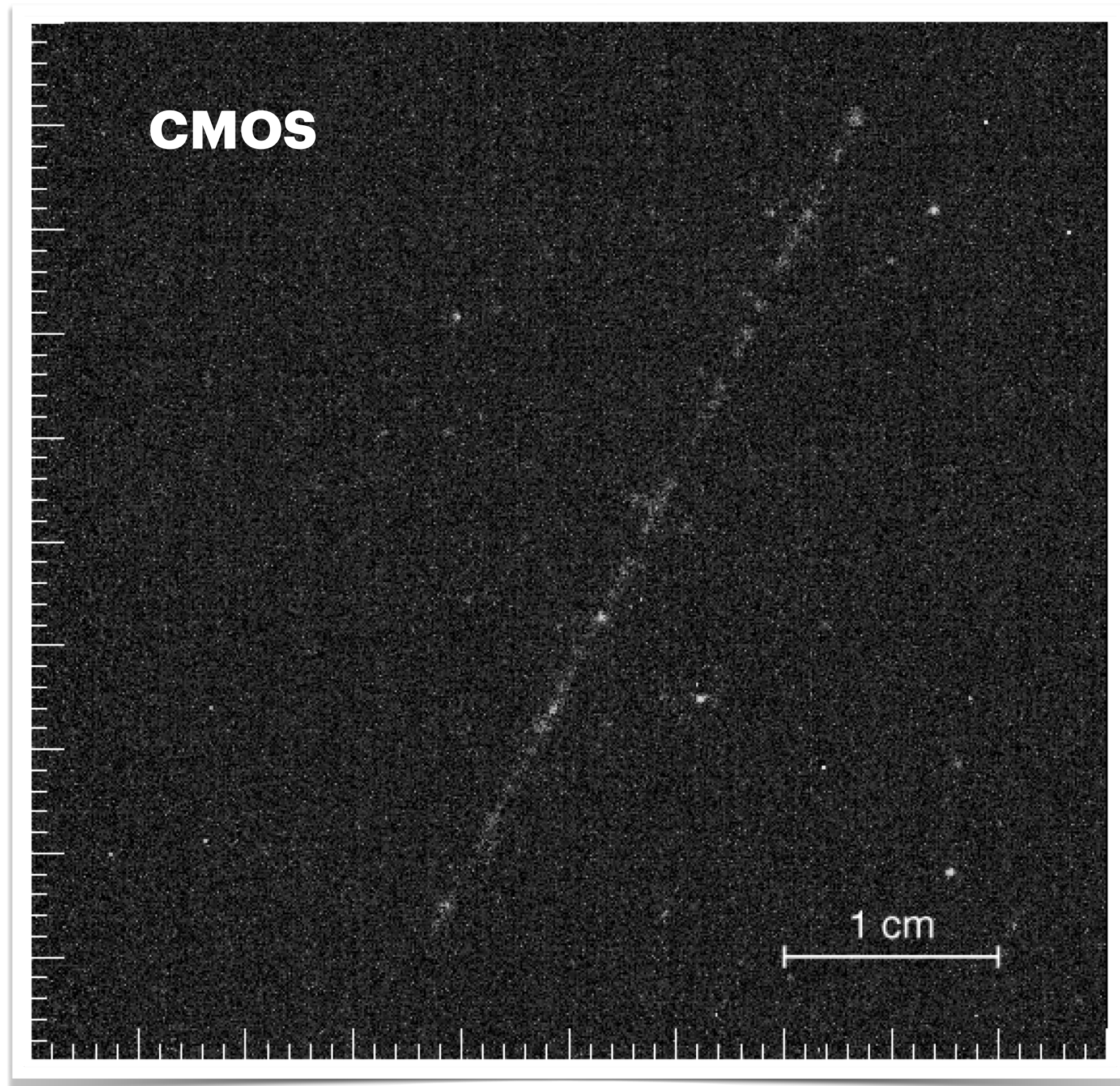


And a quite **rudimentary** set-up



# 2015-2016: The ORANGE age

The idea of using **sCMOS Active Pixel** Sensors, providing very **low noise** and **high granularity** and **sensitivity** allowed to obtain very clear **images** of m.i.p.



While the **high noise** level of **CCD** sensors used in **previous** attempts only allowed to image **highly ionising particles** (alpha)



# 2017-2018: The LEMON age



## 2017-2018: CYGNUS\_RD in CSN5.

16 **LARGE PROTOTYPE**

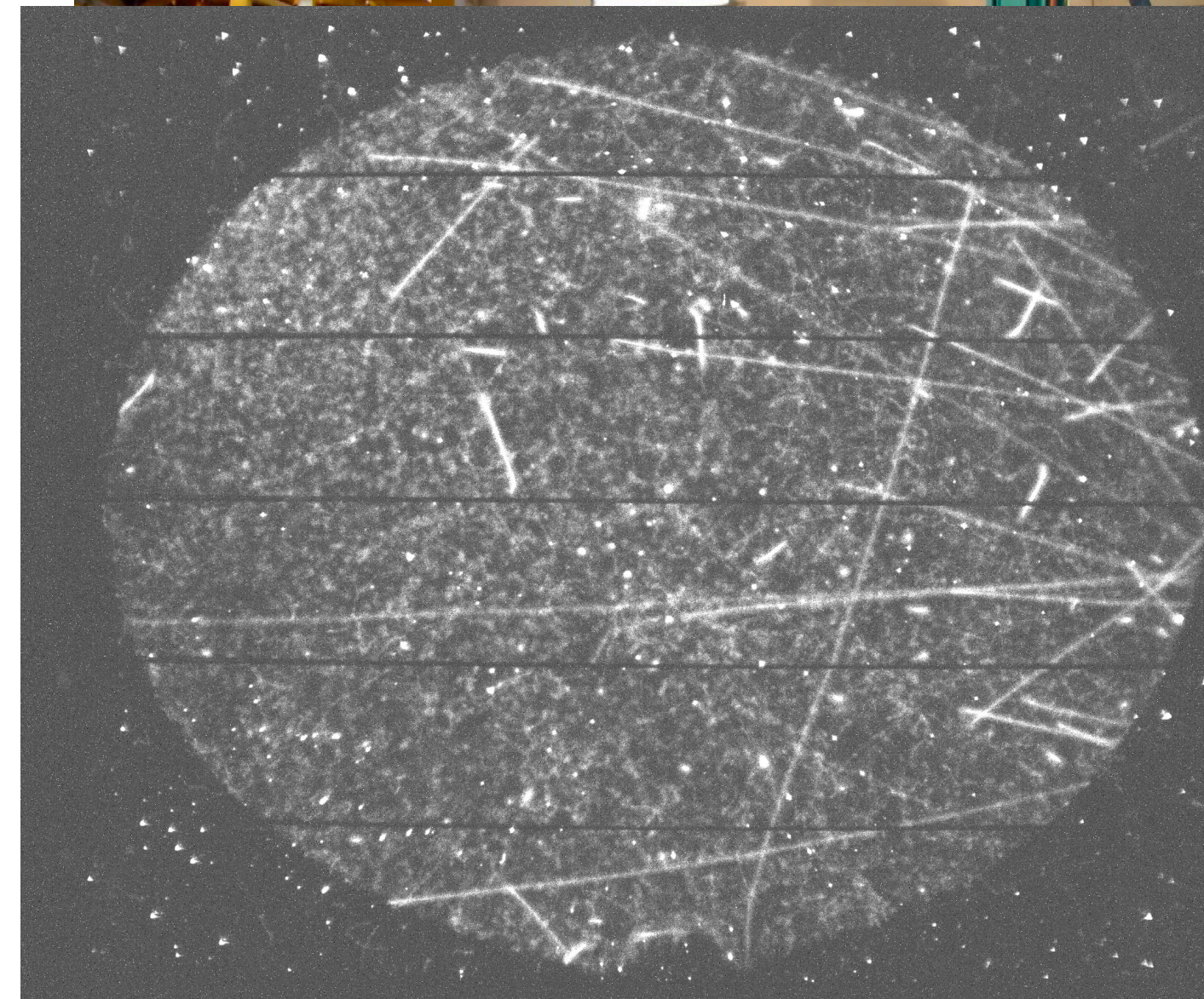
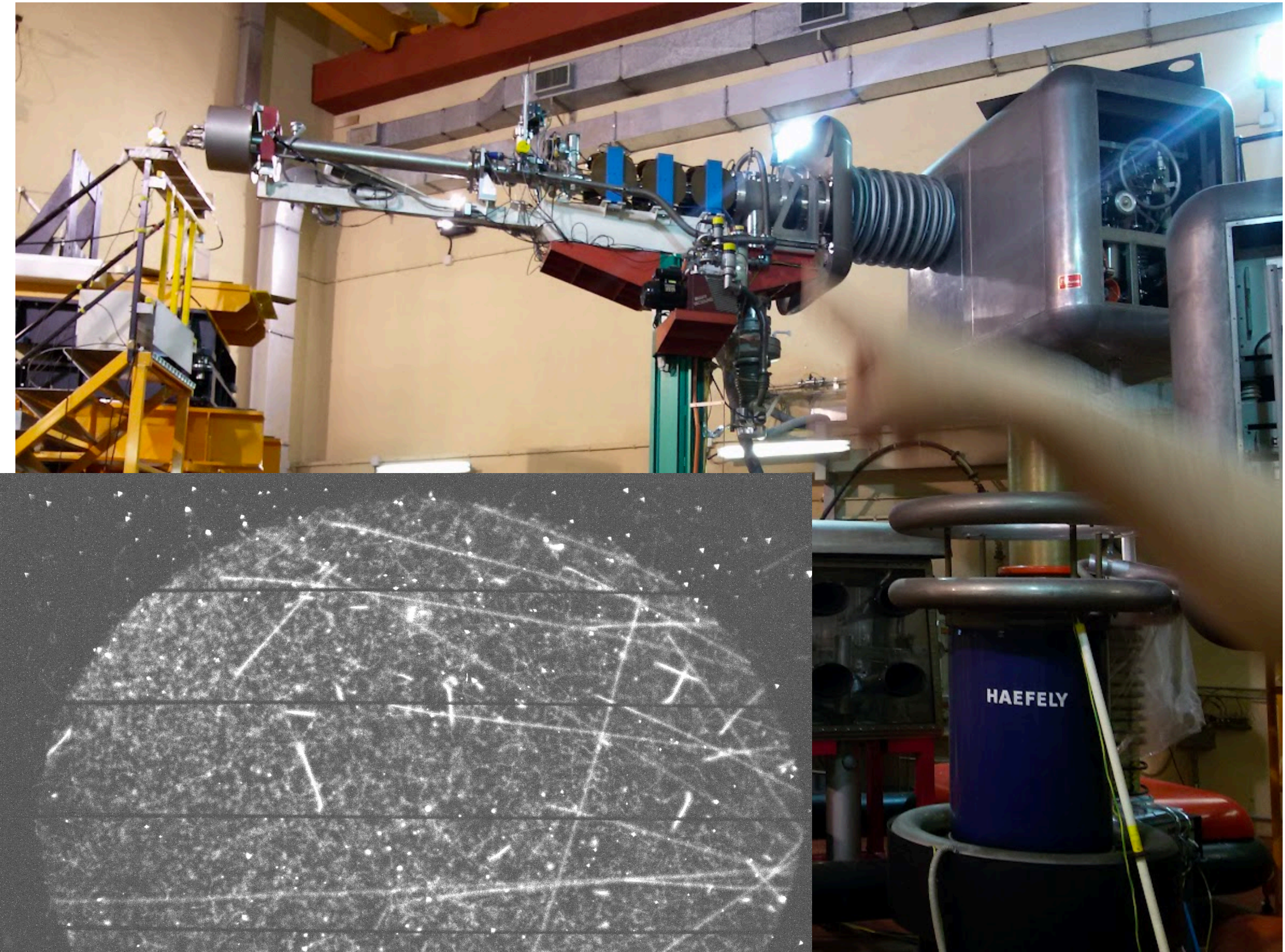
A new prototype with 7 litre sensitive volume (LEMON: Large Elliptical Module Optically readout) was built in 2017 tested on electron beam in July.

7x7 cm<sup>2</sup> PMT

Elliptical field cage with semi-transparent cathode

CMOS camera

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Large program of R&D, test beam and data analysis and papers!

At the Frascati Neutron Gun



# 2018: The CYGNO proposal



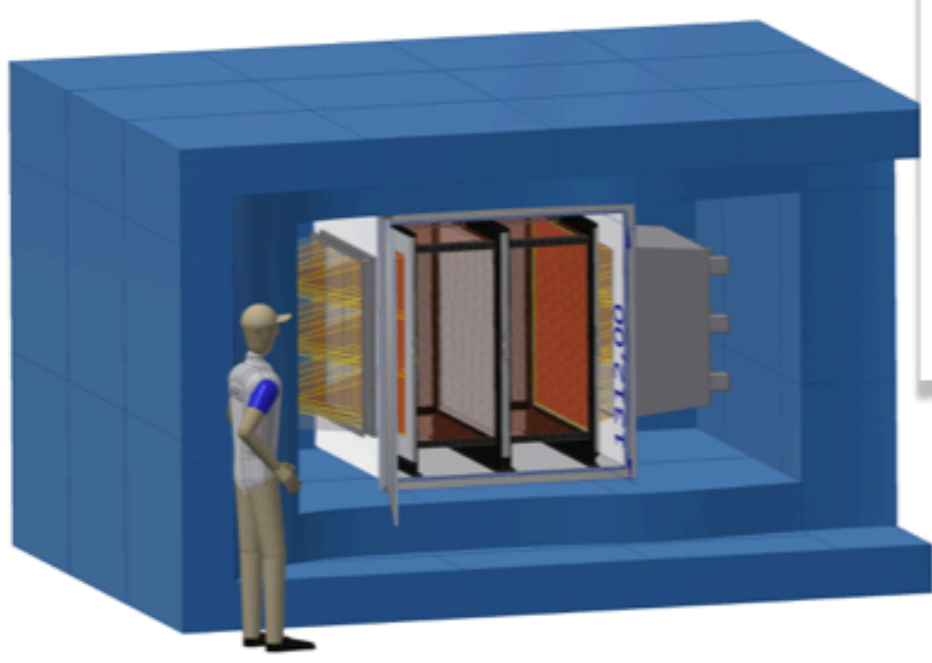
2018: **proposal** to INFN-CSN2 for the realisation of a **1 cubic meter TPC** based on optical readout

**Approved for 1 year for the CDR drafting**

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## PROPOSAL OF CYGNO

We think this technology showed to be really promising to develop a detector for Directional Light Dark Matter search.  
We are finalising a Conceptual Design Report that describes a proposal for CSN2 for a 3/4 year project leading to construction of CYGNO, a 1 m<sup>3</sup> TPC based on optical readout.



Conceptual design of CYGNO

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**Abstract**  
The design of the project named CYGNO (a CYGNO is CYGNO's 1m<sup>3</sup> module with Optical readout) is described here. CYGNO aims to make significant advances in the technology of single phase gas-only time projection chambers for the specific application of rare scattering events detection. In particular it will focus on a read-out technique based on the GEM amplification of the ionization and on the visible light collection with a sub-mm position resolution CMOS cameras. This type of readout - in conjunction with a fast light detection - will allow to reconstruct 3D images of the resulting particles, offering new ways to distinguish the electron and nuclear recoils. The final goal is to deliver a high resolution 1 cubic meter detector for underground neutron flux measurements that - with proper shielding and accurate choice of the materials - can be a prototype for a dark matter (DM) detector. The novel detection resolution is also being investigated as a further tool to reject background in the detection of Galactic DM particles. This project is part of the world-wide effort of the CYGNUS collaboration to define an optimal DM detection scheme sensitive to DM direction, towards a one-ton gas TPC nuclear recoil observatory.

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### CYGNO Conceptual Design Report

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The **CDR** presented in **2019** and was then the **basis** for the **future ideas** about the **cubic meter demonstrator**



# 2018: INITIUM!




In the meanwhile in October 2018 **INITIUM** was funded by the **ERC** to study **Negative Ion Drift** in a gaseous TPC with optical readout;



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## UPDATE: INITIUM!

Elisabetta Baracchini (GSSI) won an **ERC Consolidator Grant** with **INITIUM**



The proposal, presented at the beginning of 2018, is based on the experience gained in NITEC and CYGNUS\_RD and aims at "the development and operation of the first **1 m<sup>3</sup> Negative Ion TPC** (NITPC) with Gas Electron Multipliers (**GEMs**) amplification [in **He/CF<sub>4</sub>/SF<sub>6</sub>** mixture] and **optical readout** with CMOS-based cameras and PMTs"



**INITIUM**  
an **Innovative Negative Ion Time** projection chamber for **Underground Dark Matter** searches

**Elisabetta Baracchini**  
Gran Sasso Science Institute

ERC-COG-2018  
Proposal number 818744  
PE 2 - Fundamental Constituents of Matter

\*Dark Matter-like signals (He recoils) in CYGNUS-RD 10 L TPC

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## UPDATE: INITIUM!

Project funded with **2 M€: 1.1 at GSSI** (host) and **0.9 at INFN**.

- **900 k€ for personnel**: 600 k€ for PhD or Post-Doc;
- **600 k€ for equipment and consumables**;

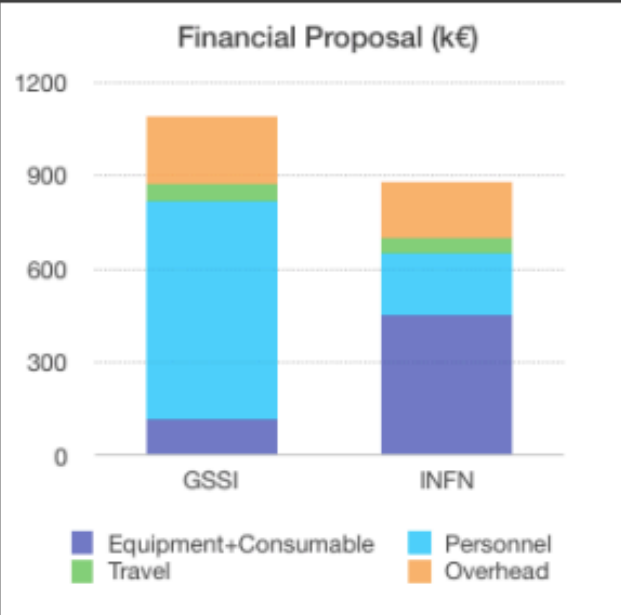
Although the different approaches (electron vs ion drift), INITIUM will largely be **synergic** with CYGNO-PHASE\_1;

The two projects will have several **common items**:

- a low radioactivity vessel;
- GEM for the charge multiplication;
- optical sensors (CMOS and SiPM/PMT);
- services for gas, high-voltage, DAQ;

whose **costs can be covered by the ERC financing**.

INITIUM will hire new people with a **net increasing of the number FTE involved**;



Category	GSSI	INFN
Equipment+Consumable	~100	~400
Personnel	~600	~200
Travel	~50	~50
Overhead	~150	~100

Since the beginning the idea was to **share** energies, ideas and tools between the two **synergic activities**

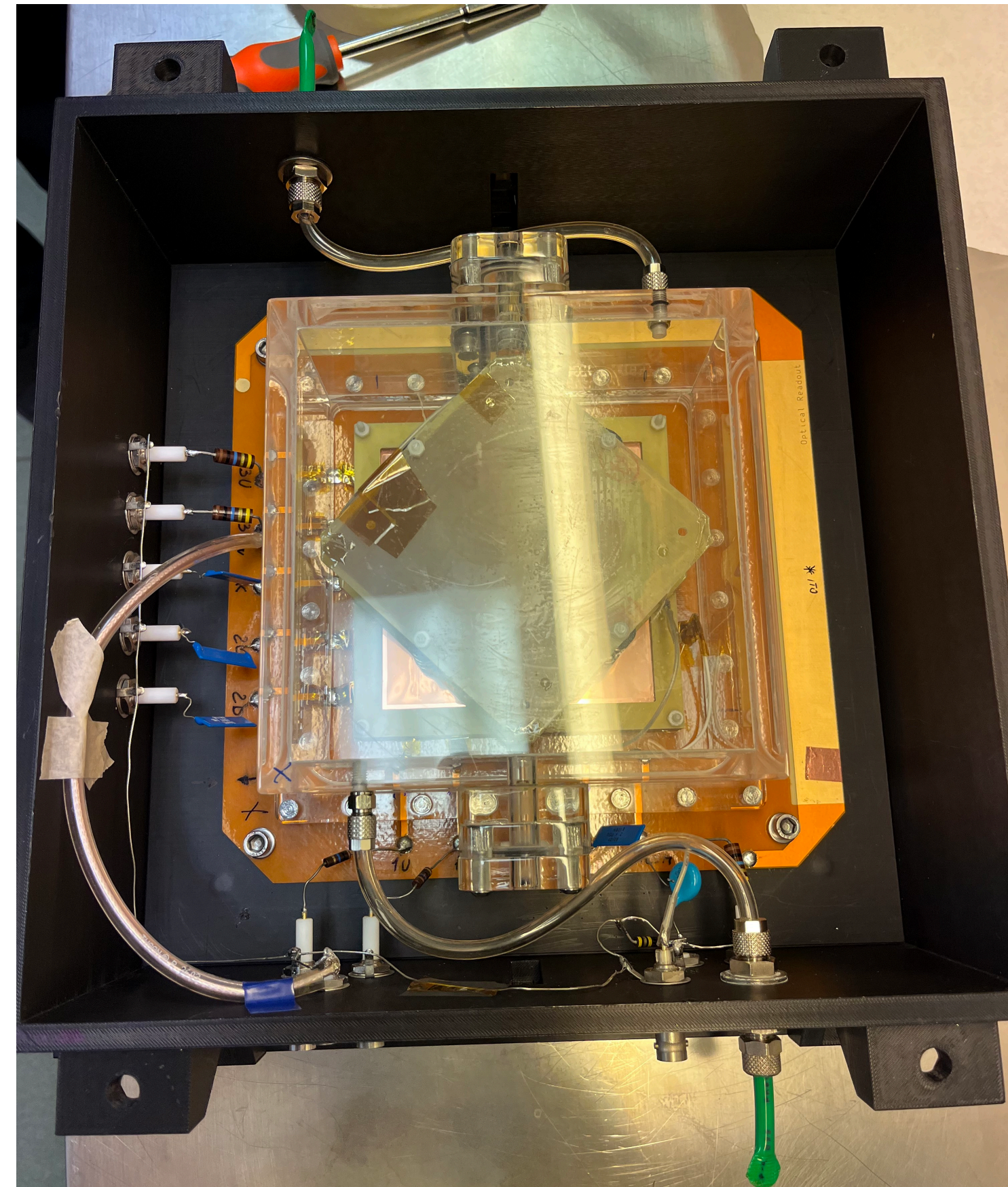


# 2019-2021: the LIME and MANGO era



We presented the **CYGNO CDR** to CSN2

In the meanwhile we assembled LIME and MANGO



the project was **approved in**  
September **2019**



# 2019-2021: the LIME and MANGO era

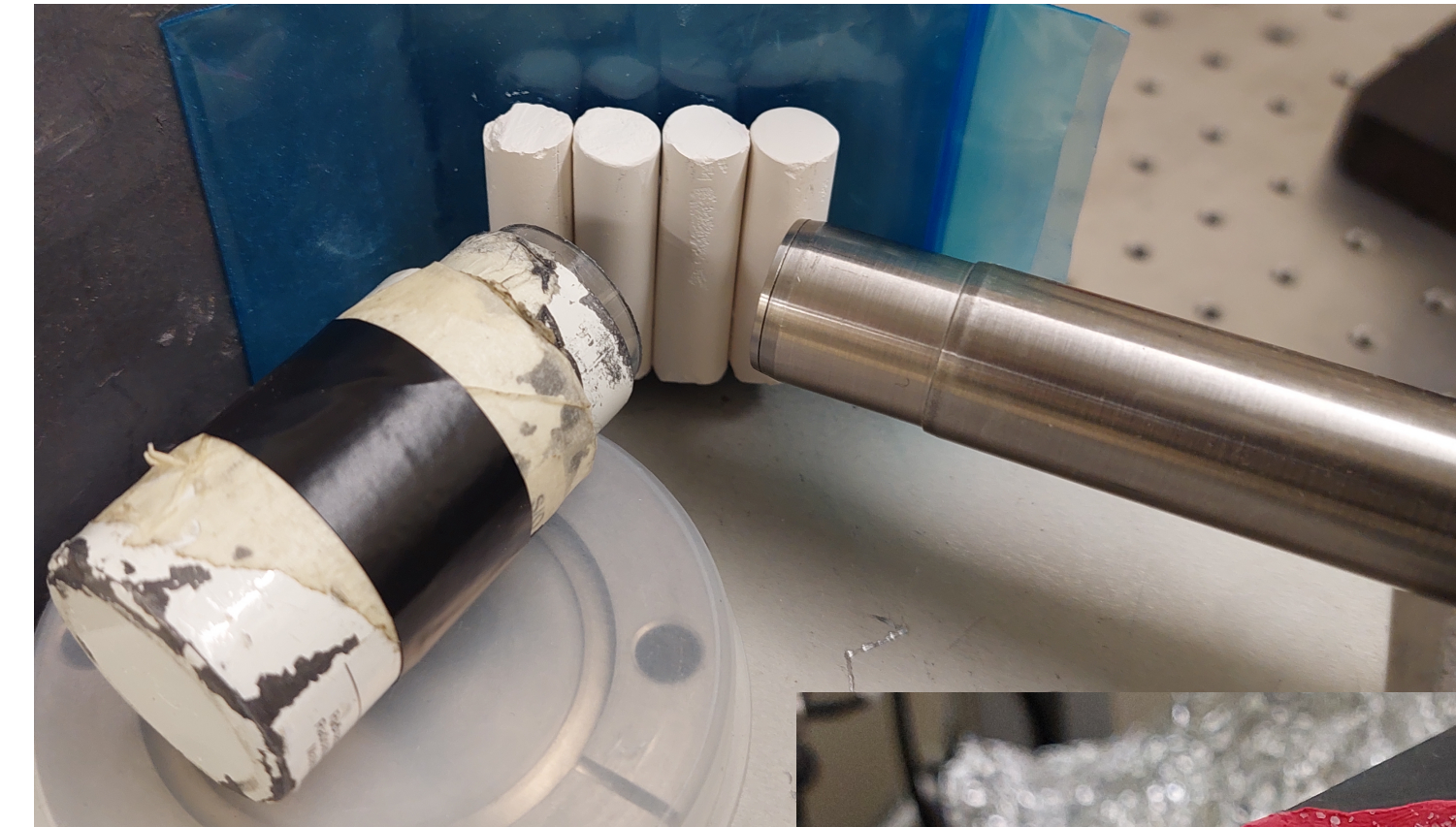
## 2020: construction of **LIME**



## 2020: **LIME** commissioning in clean room

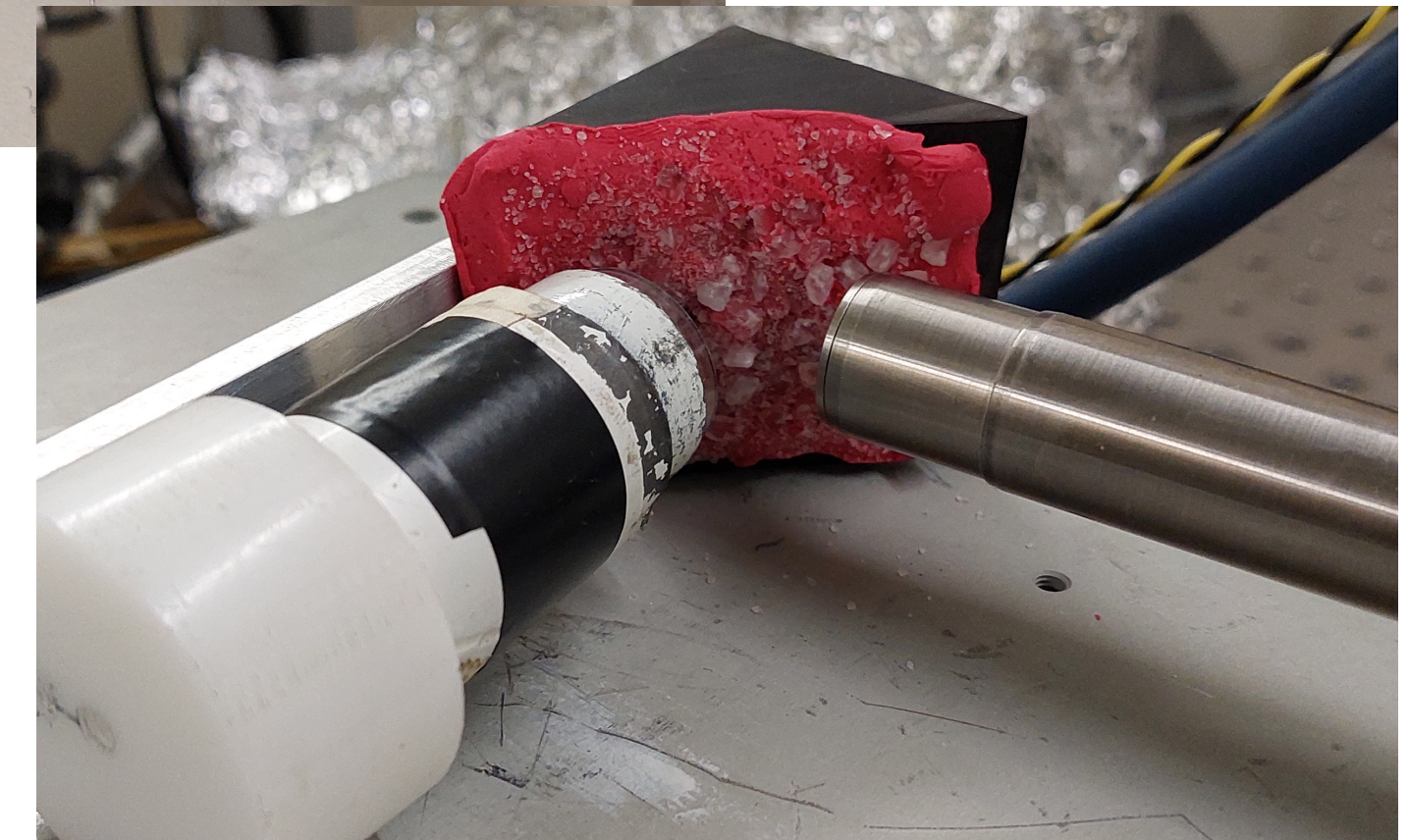


# 2019-2021: the LIME and MANGO era



The Calcium target

The Chlorine target



High precision **low energy** studies

**2021:** test of **LIME overground:**  
setup still rudimentary

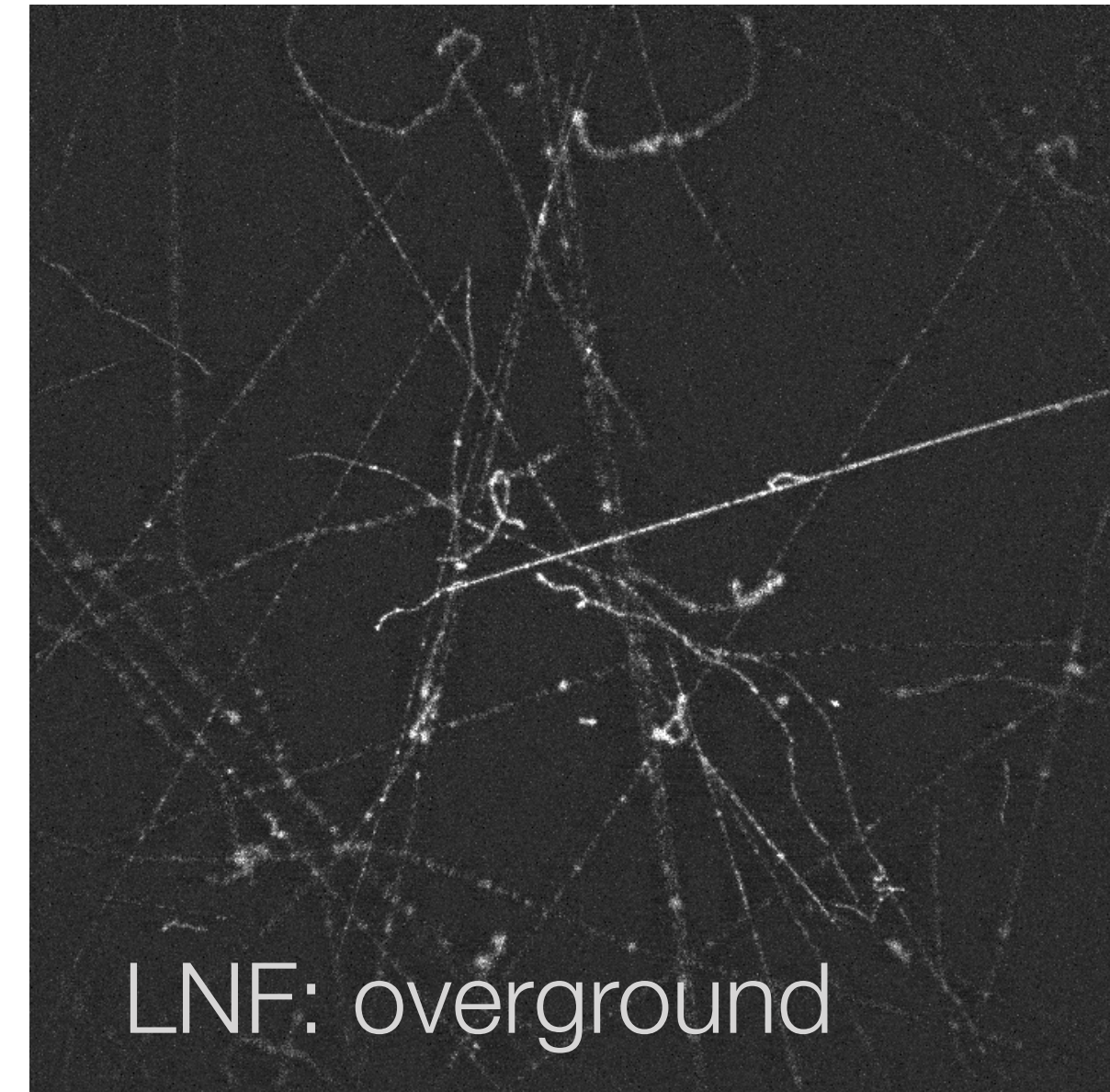
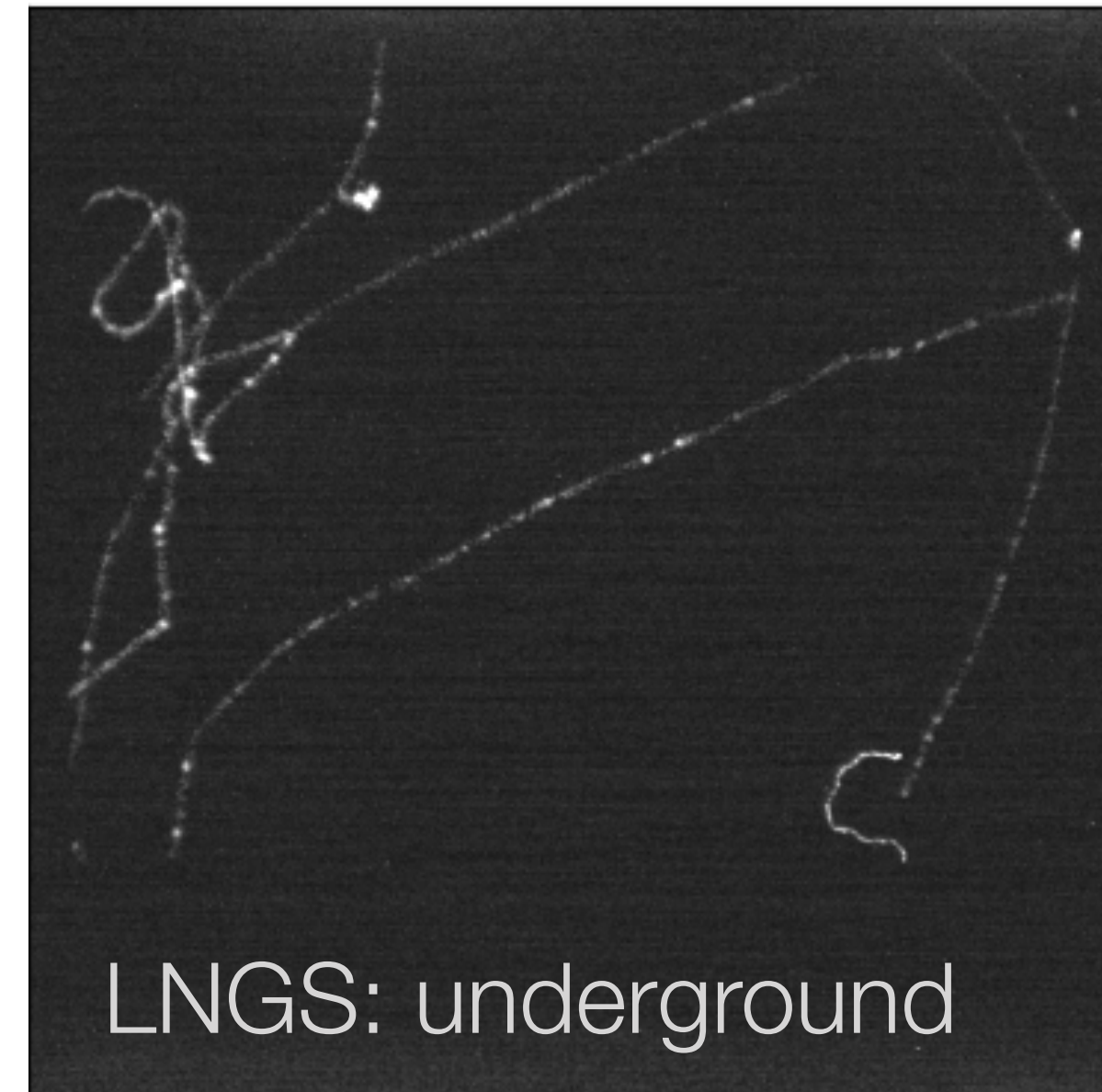


# 2022: LIME underground

May **2022**: we installed **LIME** underground



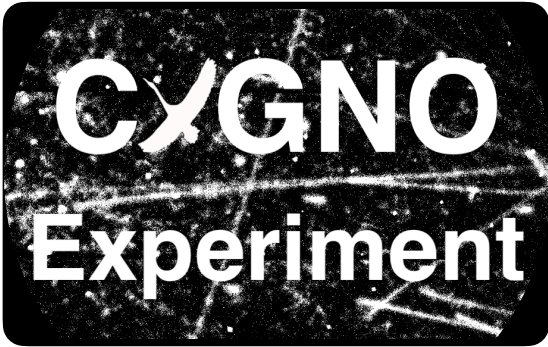
Unshielded  
LIME




Probably more than  $10^6$  pictures have been acquired so far

Important upgrade on the Trigger and DAQ system, while gas system is still under test





We presented the **TDR** for the 0.4 cubic meters demonstrator to INFN in July and to **LNGS** in **September 2022**



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Technical Design Report - TDR

CYGNO-04/INITIUM

This document identifies and describes the characteristics and technical requirements from the CYGNO-04/INITIUM Experiment related to the installation at Hall F of the Gran Sasso National Laboratories (LNGS)

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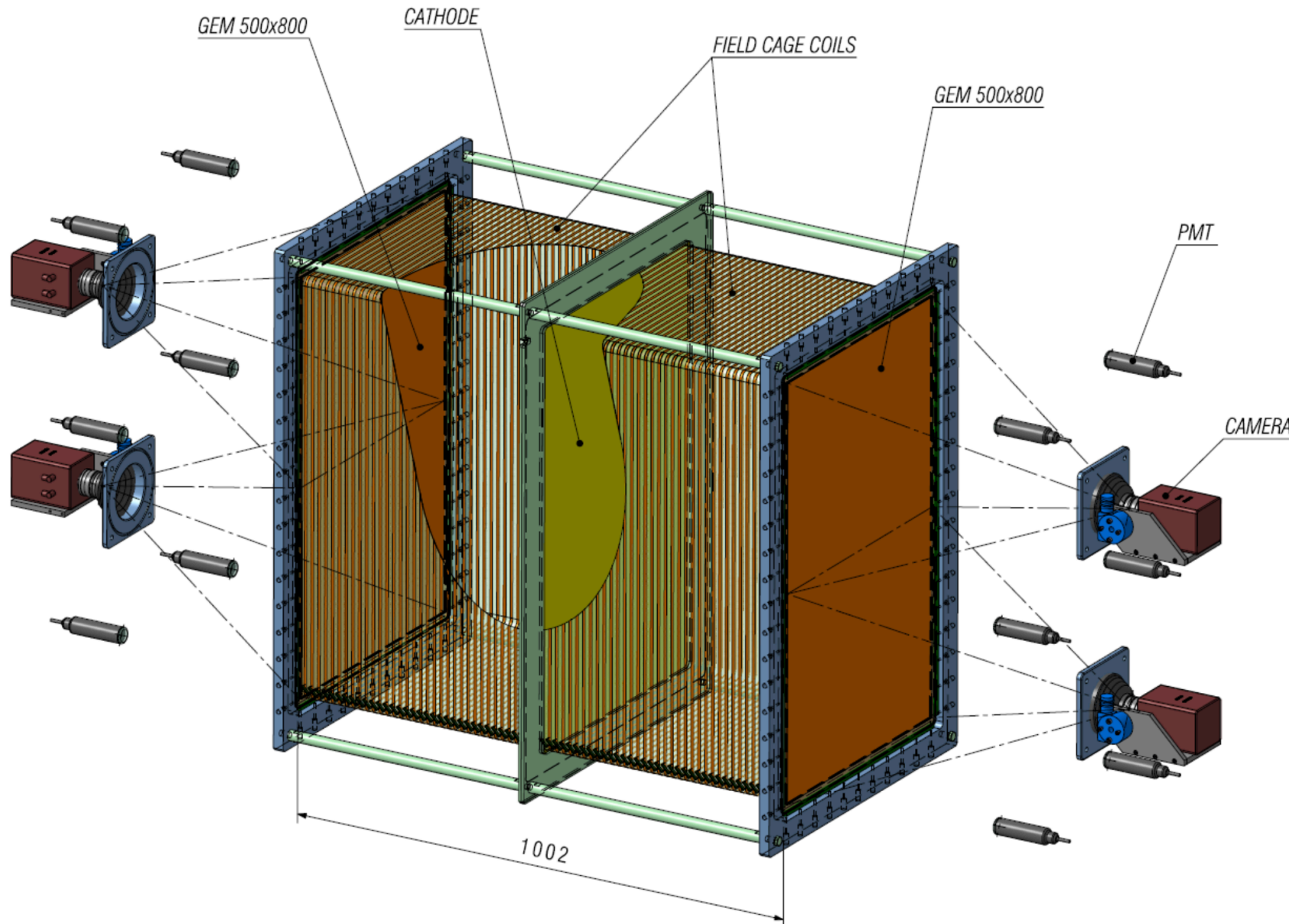
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Caro Davide,  
nel corso della riunione di bilancio della CSN2 tenutasi a Napoli dal 19 al 23 Settembre 2022, la Commissione II ha analizzato e valutato il TDR e le richieste presentate dal gruppo INFN della sigla CYGNO.

La commissione giudica positivamente il TDR di Cygno-04 notando che, in quanto progetto finanziato ERC, ha un profilo di rischio più alto di quello normalmente accettato per un progetto di commissione 2. Richiede che il TDR venga aggiornato appena siano disponibili i risultati ottenuti dal run underground del prototipo LIME (performance, stabilità temporale, background model) e dai test previsti per il prossimo anno su catodo, field cage, ecc.

La commissione approva il piano finanziario proposto dalla collaborazione CYGNO che prevede, da parte della Commissione, un contributo massimo di 120 k€/anno (inclusivo di ogni voce di spesa). L'approvazione si riferisce per il momento ai due anni previsti per la costruzione: 2023 e 2024. Quando sarà disponibile il TDR aggiornato secondo le richieste sopra menzionate, la Commissione procederà alla discussione del piano di spesa previsto per gli anni 2025-2027 che servirebbe a sostenere i costi di operazione del dimostratore.

Distinti saluti,

  
Dr. Oliviero Cremonesi  
(Presidente CSN2 dell'INFN - Fisica Astroparticellare)

The **project** is approved for the next **2 years**;

Experiment **running costs** for 25/27 to be discussed on the **basis of LIME results: performance, stability and background** model.



In order to **demonstrate** the **achievability** of the **CYGNO-30 experiment**, CYGNO-04 should:

- **evaluate the actual potentialities** of a large PHASE 2 detector to reach the expected performance;
- **study** and **minimize radioactivity** (material, gas, sensors) on a realistic experimental layout and scale;
- **develop** and test a **modular readout and DAQ**, able to and properly **reconstruct events** acquired by **different sensors**;



# CYGNO-04: the cost plan (23-27)



Core costs: 912 k€  
(233 k€ already spent): 669k€  
90 k€ of copper from Opera: 579k€  
fully covered by INITIUM-ERC

The INFN-CSN2 funds will be needed to run the experiment and to carry on the R&D that can be exploited to upgrade the PHASE 1 performance and to evaluate possible solutions for PHASE 2

INFN - CSN2	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Gas Bottle	10	5	15	15	0
Gas Recovery	10	0	20	20	0
Consumables	10	20	20	10	20
R&D	50	50	30	20	0
Tot w/o Travels (k€)	80	75	85	65	20
Travels - Shift	30	20	20	30	0
Travels - Installation	10	30	30	0	30
Tot Travels (k€)	40	50	50	30	30
Tot (k€)	120	125	135	95	50

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ST						1	PMMA cameras cones	EACH									0.30		1.20							estimation based on PALAZZI quotation
ST						3	PMMA GEM frame holder	EACH									1.00		2.00							LNf workshop estimation based on LIME costs
DP						2	READOUT	EACH																		
LB						2	GEM foil	EACH							2		3.00		6.00							quotation by CERN
CC						2	GEM frame	EACH							2		0.20		0.40							quotation by CERN
LB						3	GEM holder	EACH							3		0.20		0.60							quotation by CERN
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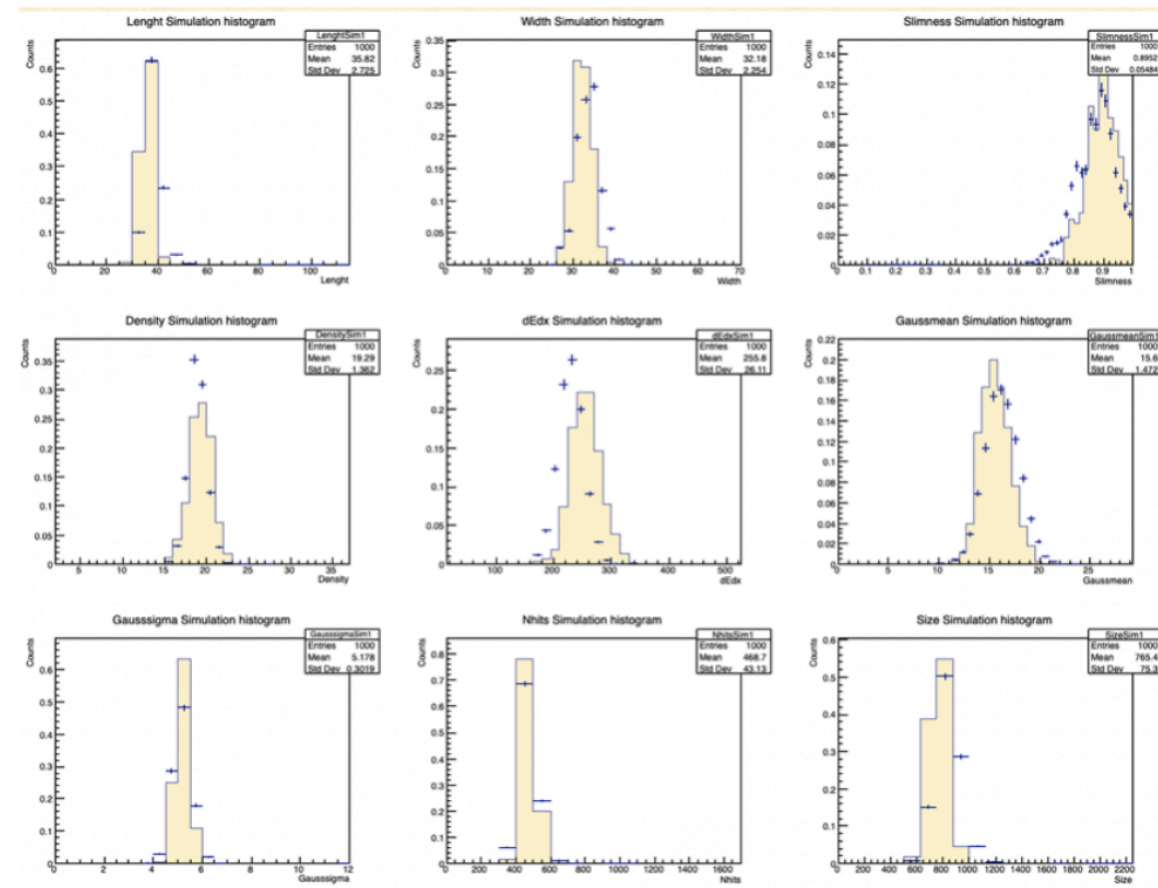
Running costs on INFN-CSN2



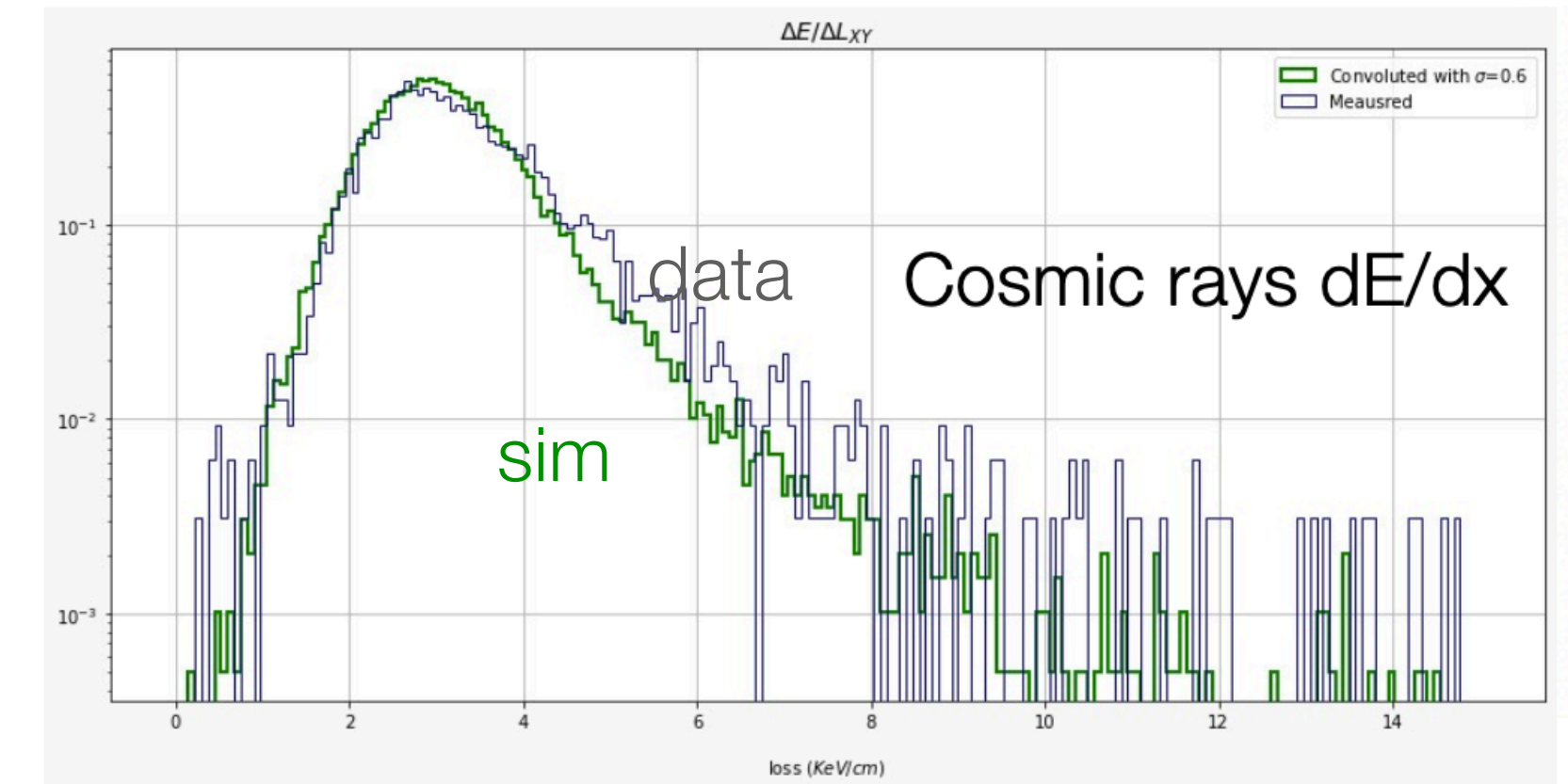
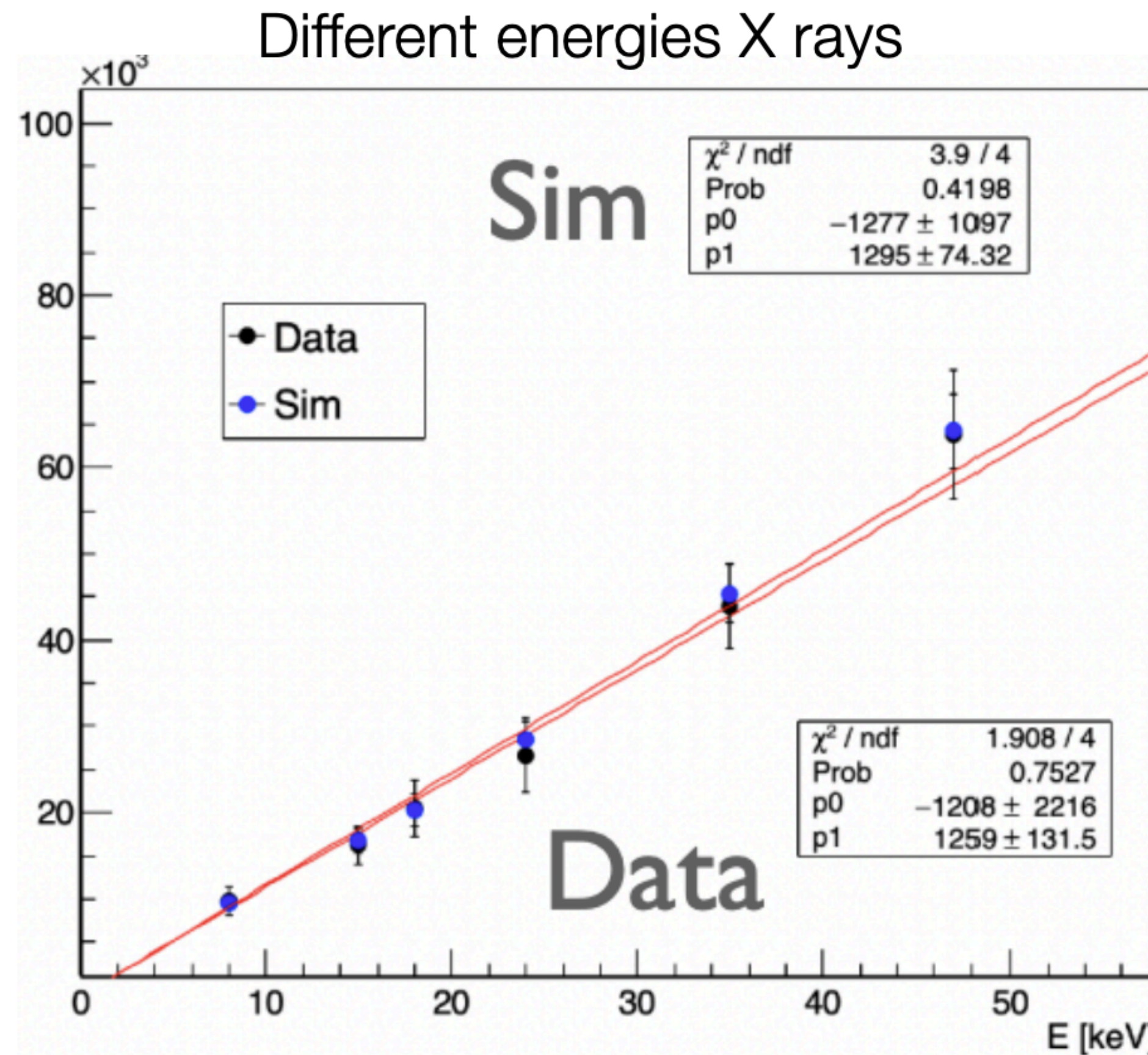
# Optical Readout response simulation



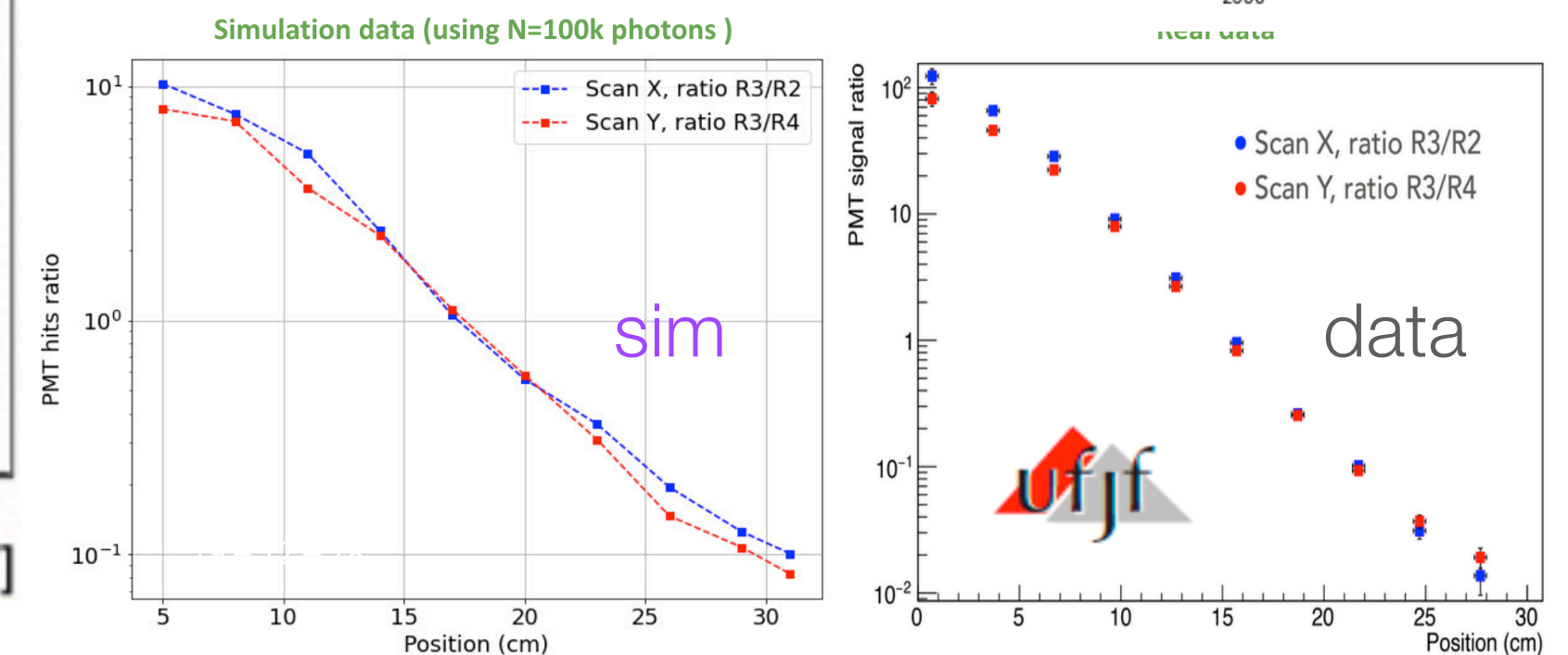
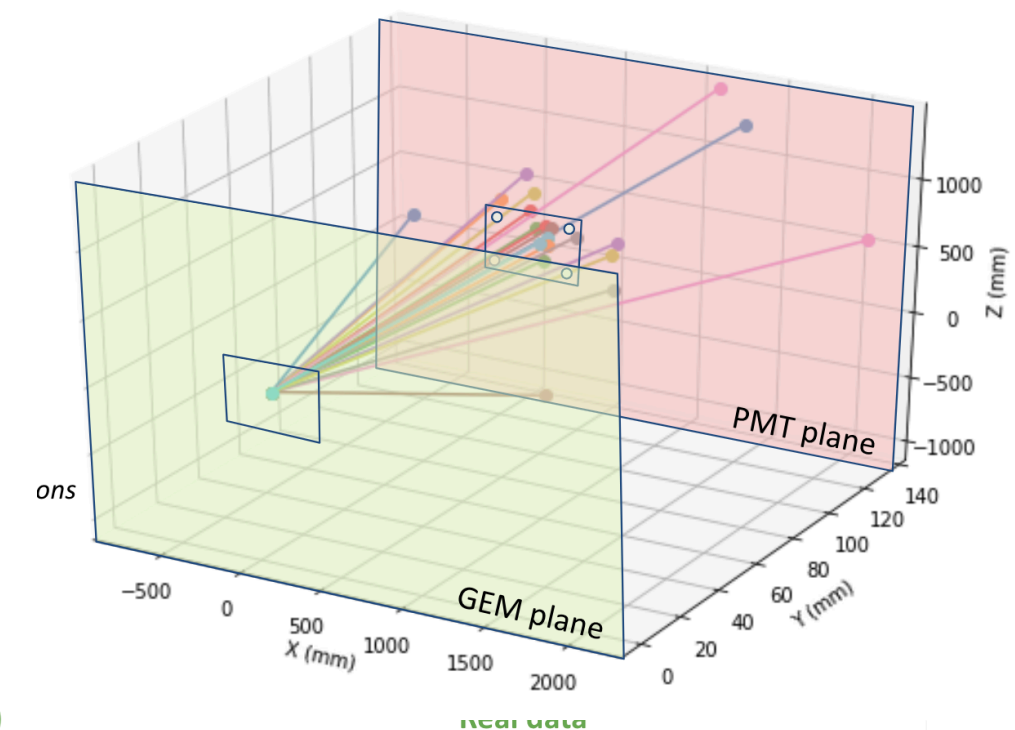
We developed a python code to completely **simulate** detector **response**: from the **energy release** to the optical signal formation in the **CMOS** sensor and **PMT**



We cross check several observables

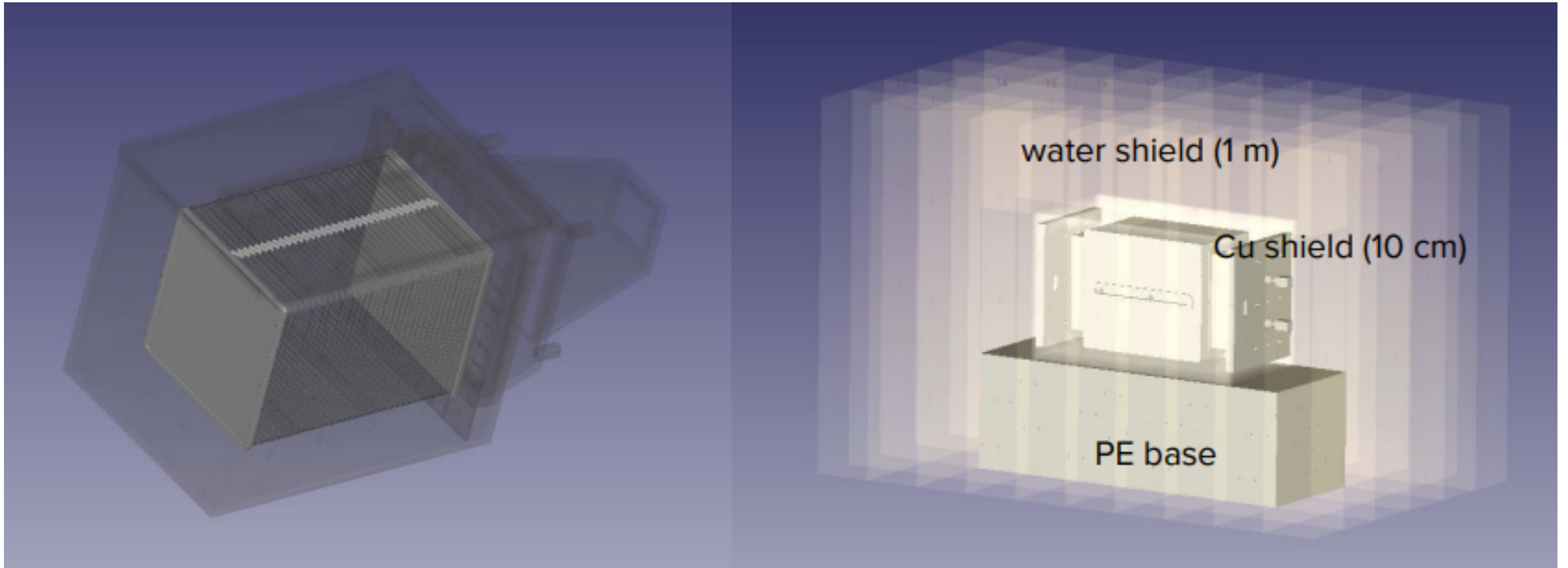


Work on PMTs still ongoing





# LIME and CYGNO-04 simulation



By using **GEANT4** the **internal** and **external** contributions to the radioactive background were evaluated in **different** detector **setup** and **shielding schemes**

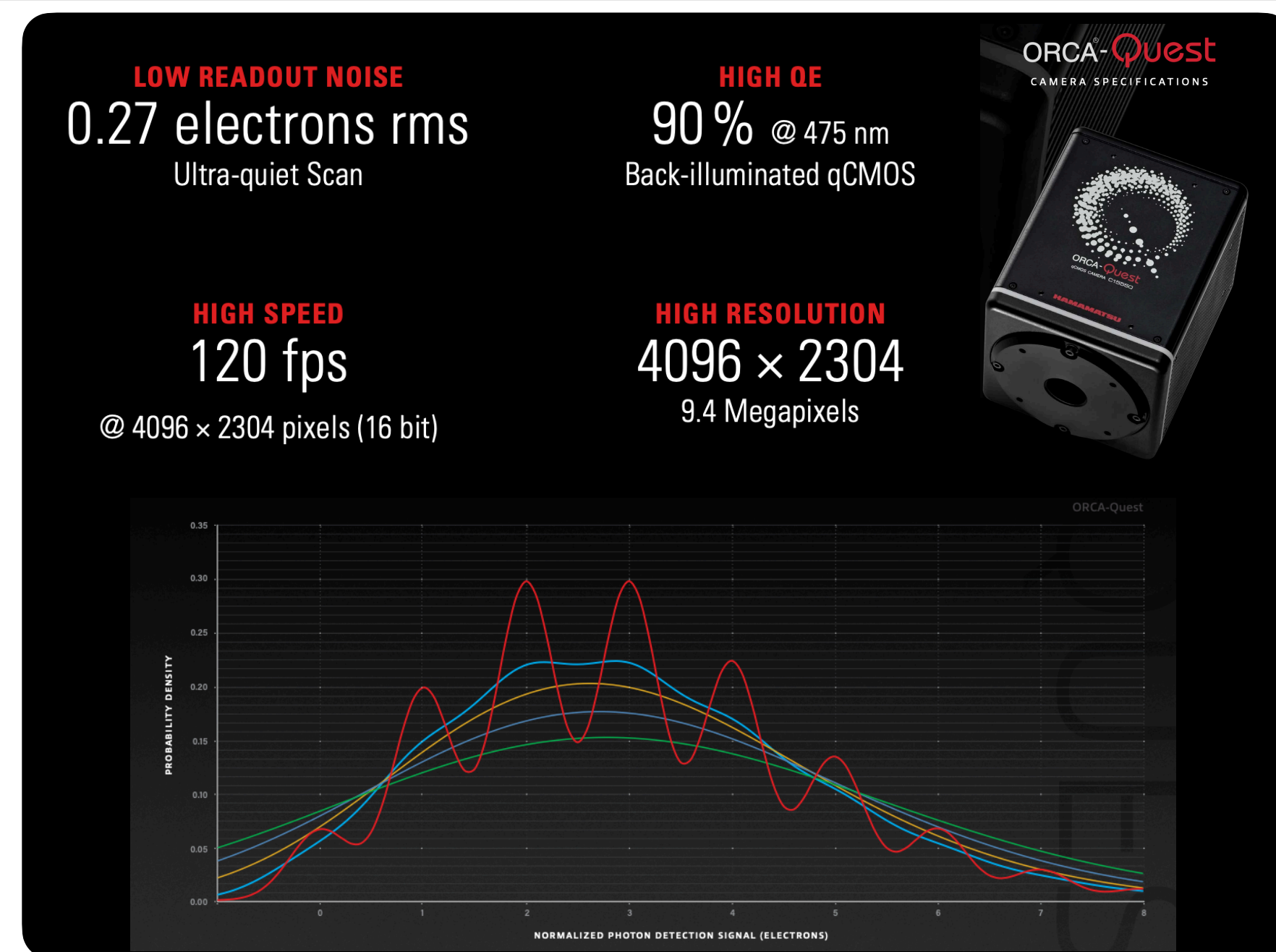


# CYGNO-04: ongoing technical tests

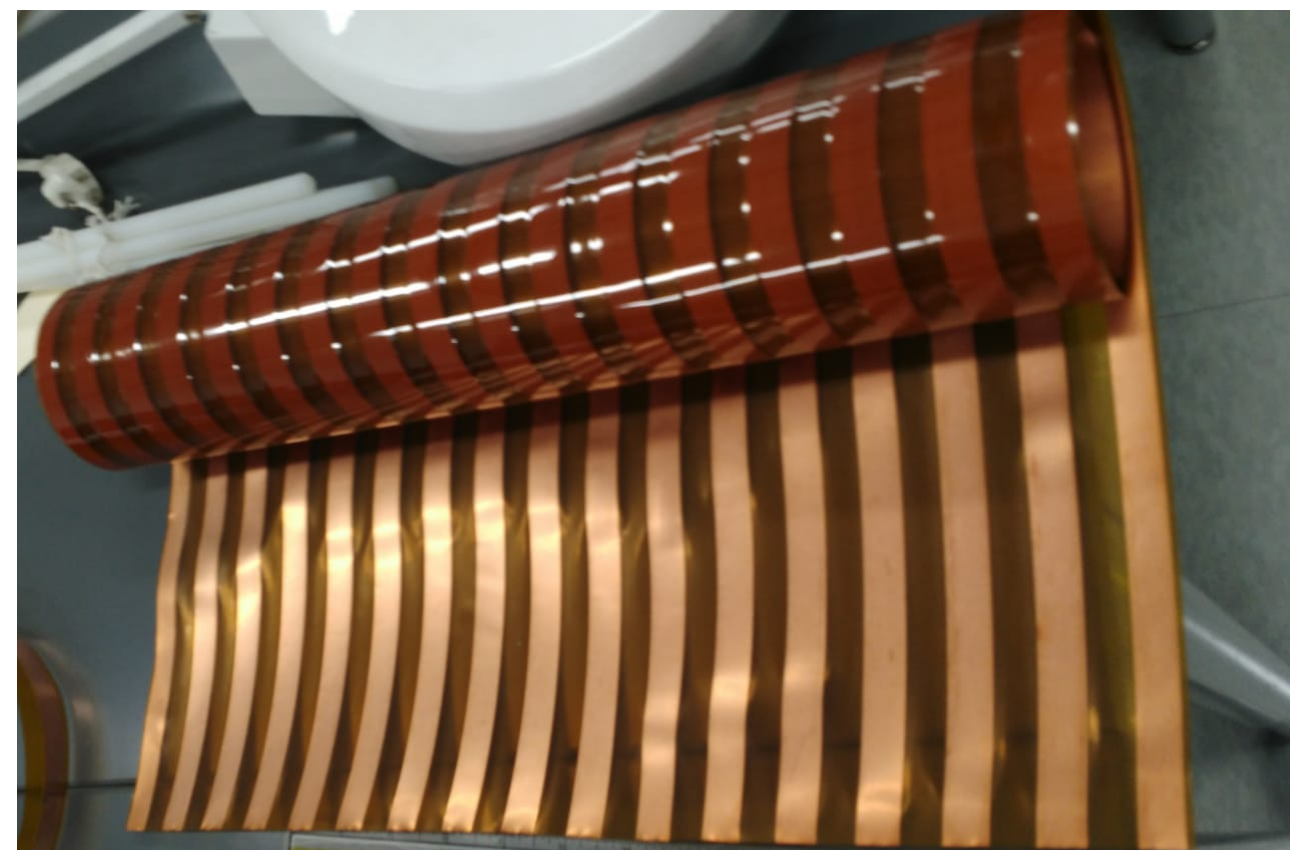


Technical upgrades will be adopted in the realization of the PHASE 1 demonstrator.

In most cases they have **already been successfully employed** in **detectors** for the search of **rare events**.



2 Hamamatsu qCMOS camera (**8M pix**)  
per side to readout **80x50cm<sup>2</sup> GEM**;

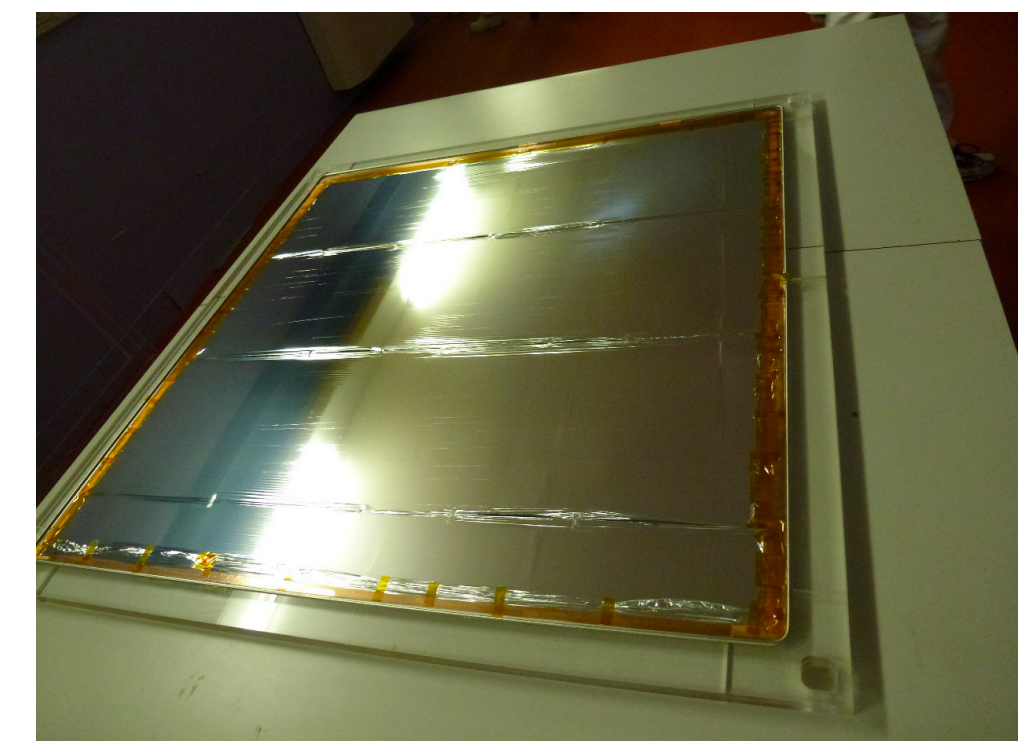


**Copper** on **kapton** printed strips  
for the **Field Cage** employed in  
**DRIFT III** detector;

Contacts with **ELTOS** to evaluate  
mechanical **requirements** for  
**support design**

Central common **0.9  $\mu\text{m}$**  thick  
**aluminum** cathode;

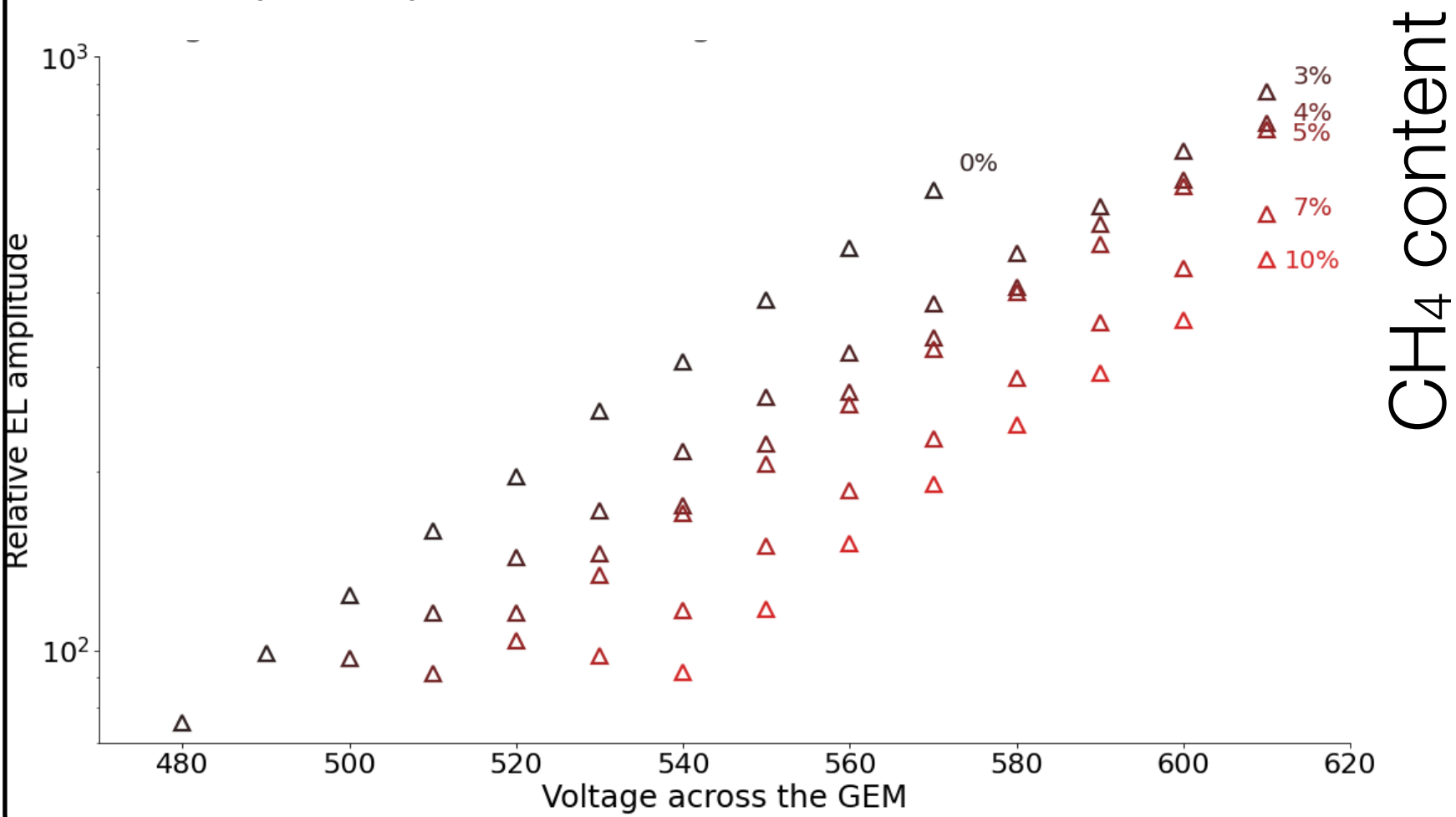
**Employed** and **provided** by the  
**DRIFT III** collaboration, already in  
our hands, to start **mechanical**  
and **electrical tests**



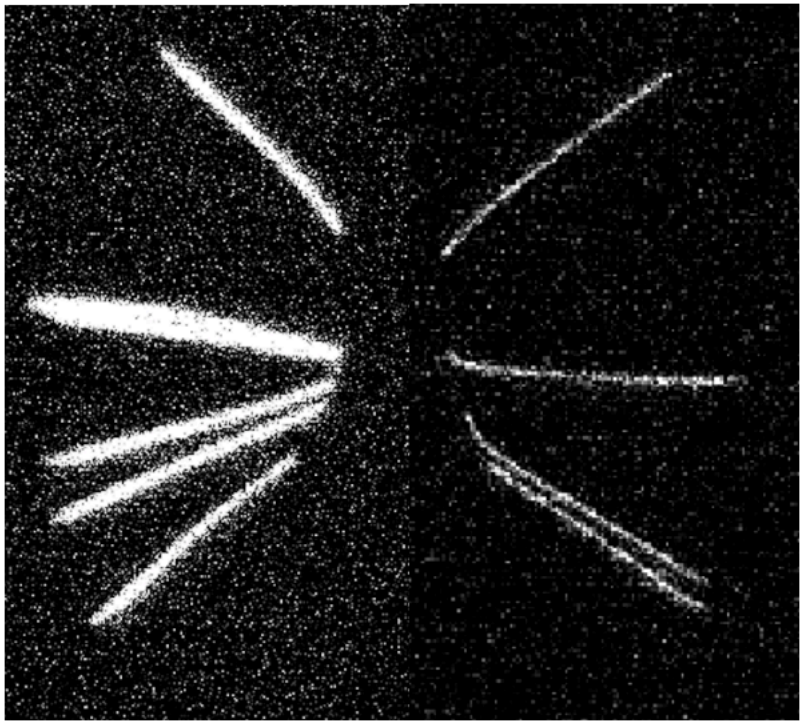


# R&D for further improvements

Charge and light yield of different **hydrogen rich** mixtures are being studied that would further enhance the experiment sensitivity to low O(GeV) WIMP masses.

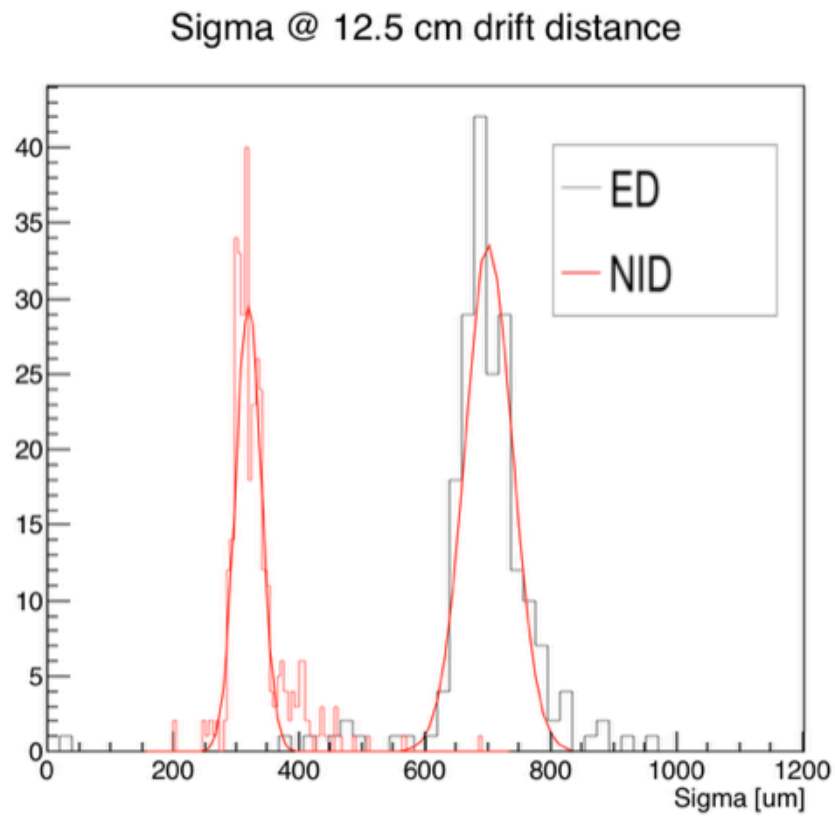


In studies with **SF<sub>6</sub>** our group at GSSI showed for the first time the possibility of exploiting **negative ion drift** operation at **atmospheric pressure**



He:CF<sub>4</sub>  
60:40  
1 kV/cm  
(ED)

He:CF<sub>4</sub>:SF<sub>6</sub>  
59:39.4:1.6  
0.4 kV/cm  
(NID)



significant **reduction** of the **diffusion** effect

## First evidence of luminescence in a He/CF<sub>4</sub> gas mixture induced by non-ionizing electrons

E. Baracchini,<sup>a,b</sup> L. Benussi,<sup>c</sup> S. Bianco,<sup>c</sup> C. Capocchia,<sup>c</sup> M. Caponero,<sup>c,d</sup> G. Cavoto,<sup>e,f</sup> A. Cortez,<sup>a,b</sup> I. A. Costa,<sup>e</sup> E. Di Marco,<sup>e</sup> G. D'Imperio,<sup>e</sup> G. Dho,<sup>a,b</sup> F. Iacoangeli,<sup>e</sup> G. Maccarrone,<sup>c</sup> M. Marafini,<sup>e,g</sup> G. Mazzitelli,<sup>c</sup> A. Messina,<sup>e,f</sup> A. Orlandi,<sup>c</sup> E. Paoletti,<sup>c</sup> L. Passamonti,<sup>c</sup> F. Petrucci,<sup>h,i</sup> D. Piccolo,<sup>c</sup> D. Pierluigi,<sup>c</sup> D. Pinci,<sup>e,1</sup> F. Renga,<sup>e</sup> F. Rosatelli,<sup>c</sup> A. Russo,<sup>c</sup> G. Saviano,<sup>c,j</sup> and S. Tomassini<sup>c</sup>

We demonstrated the possibility of **increasing** the **light yield** without increasing the GEM gain by **accelerating electrons** in a small gap after the charge amplification stage

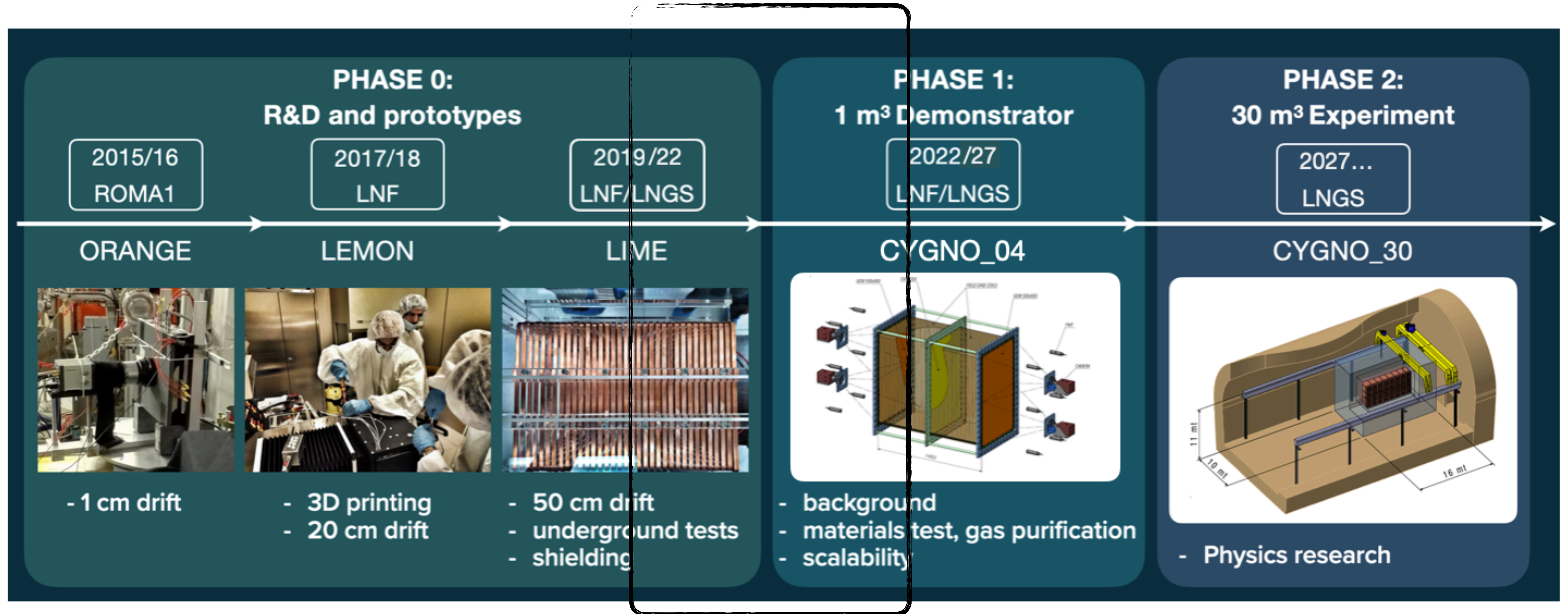
Our group has started to study the possibility of employing **freon-free eco-friendly** gas mixtures. Light yield studies for **He/HFO** were performed

## Tests of Eco-Friendly Gas Mixtures in GEM Based Detectors with Optical Readout

I. Abritta Costa, E. Baracchini, R. Bedogni, F. Bellini, L. Benussi, S. Bianco, M. Caponero, G. Cavoto, E. Di Marco, G D'Imperio, F. Iaconageli, G. Maccarrone, M. Marafini, G. Mazzitelli, A. Messina, L. Passamonti, F. Petrucci, D. Piccolo, D. Pierluigi, D. Pinci, F. Renga, A. Russo, G. Saviano, S. Tomassini



# The CYGNO project timeline



we are here



# 2023: what to do with LIME

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- LIME **data taking** will go on in the whole **2023**;
- “**LIME Operation**” **WG** will help, with Run Coordinators, Shift Teams;
- **tools** for monitoring the **detector** and **data quality**;
- **Fix** issues with **gas system** and test **filtration** and **purification**;
- Upgrade **Trigger** and **DAQ** system to increase **efficiency** and **stability**;
- **Analysis** will be **focused** on LIME data;
- A **complete Data/MC comparison** is expected by the end of 2023;

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Milestone

31 dic 2023

Validazione del Monte Carlo dei fondi di LIME underground

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# 2023: what to do with CYGNO-04



- **infrastructure designs** are expected to be ready by the beginning of 2023 and then **detector design**;
- Based on the LIME experience, we expect to **validate** gas **system** by the **beginning** of **2023** and **DAQ** system by the **end** of **2023**;
- In 2023 **test on cathode and field cage** will be carried on, to freeze detector **construction procedures**;
- Work on the **material scrutiny** for **low radioactive** solution. A WG on this would help in coordinating the work.

## Milestones

30 lug 2023

Realizzazione dei disegni esecutivi dell'infrastruttura nella hall-F per ospitare il dimostratore CYGNO-04

30 ott 2023

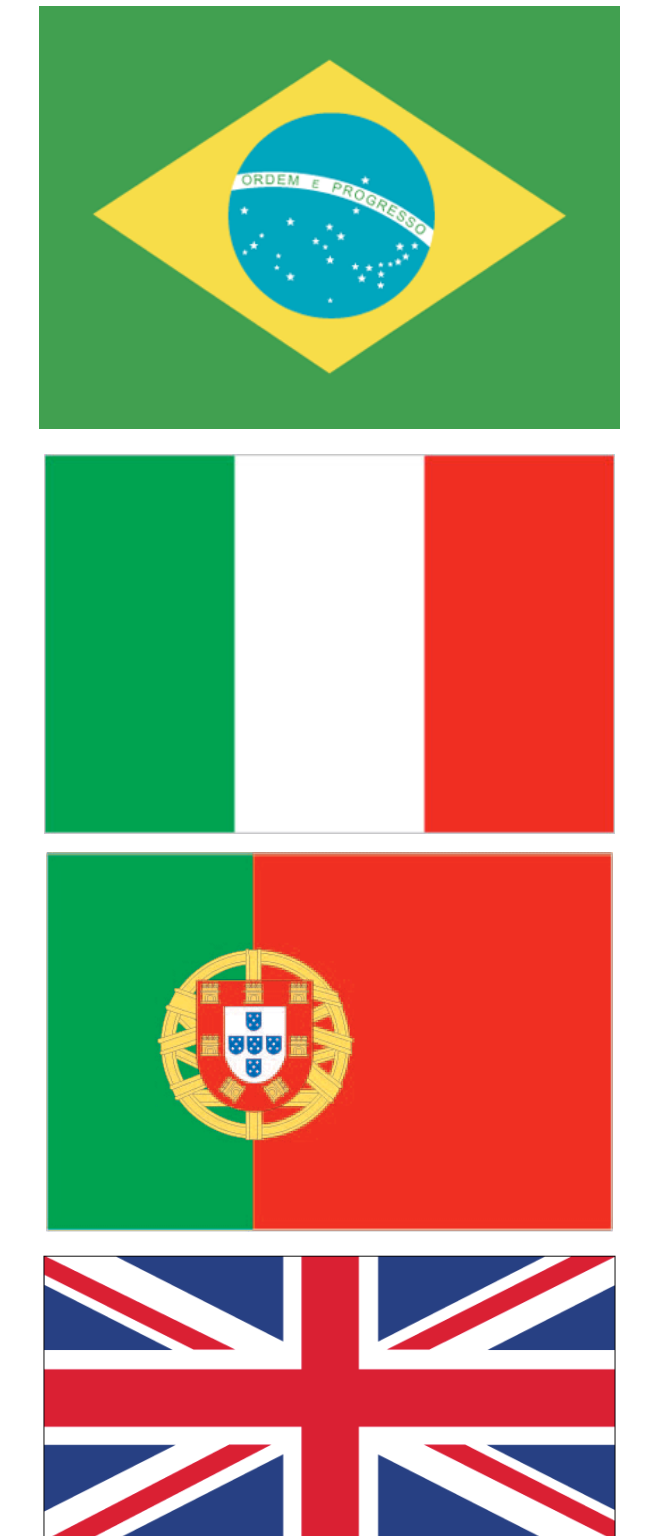
Realizzazione disegni operativi del dimostratore CYGNO-04



# The CYGNO people



Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare



Currently there are more than **50 collaborators** in CYGNO/INITIUM;

9 Institutions in 4 Countries;



# The CYGNO people



Institution	CYGNO	INITIUM	PRIN	Total FTE	PhD-Authors
INFN - RM1	2.7	0.3		3	8
INFN - LNF	2.3	0.5		2.8	9
INFN - LNGS	0.9	4.4	0.7	6	6
INFN - RM3	1.9			1.9	3
University of Sheffield (UK)	0.45			0.45	3
Universidade de Coimbra (PG)	2.5			2.5	5
Universidade Federal de juiz de Fora (BRA)	2			2	1
Centro Brasileiro de Pesquisas Físicas (BRA)	0.6			0.6	1
Universidade Estadual de Campinas (BRA)	0.5			0.5	2
Tot	13.35	5.2	0.7	19.25	36

Total of **19.25** FTE (**13.7 from INFN**) including also FTE from synergic activities in INITIUM and PRIN: T54J9J Zero radioactivity in future experiments (it ends in 22) and MZ884C - X ray polarimetry (it starts in 22);

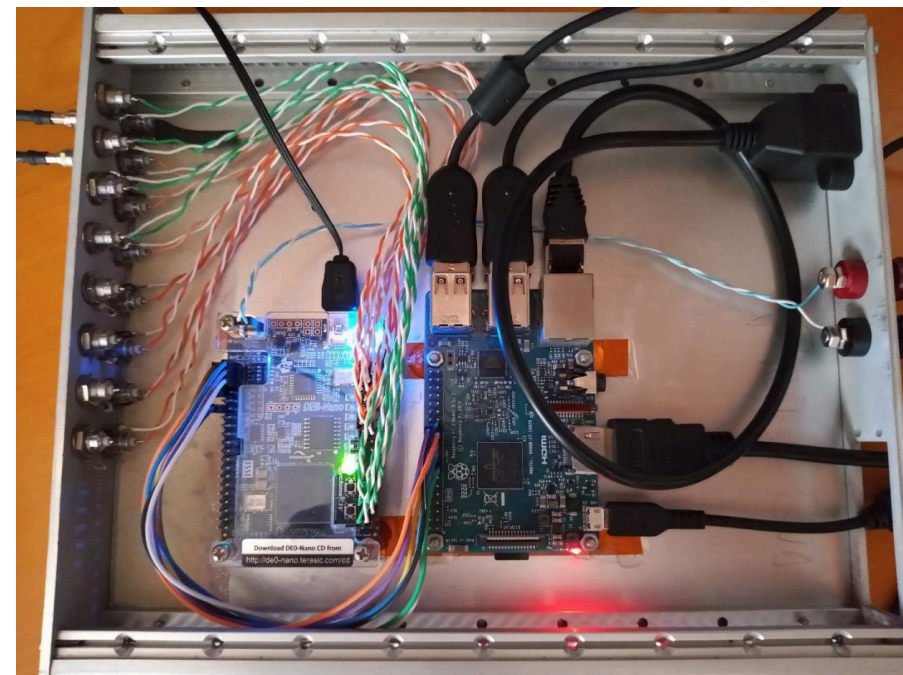
**2.4** FTE of LNF **technical team** not included;



# International Collaboration



**UFJF and CBPF** groups are mainly **electronic engineers** expert in signal processing and **data acquisition**



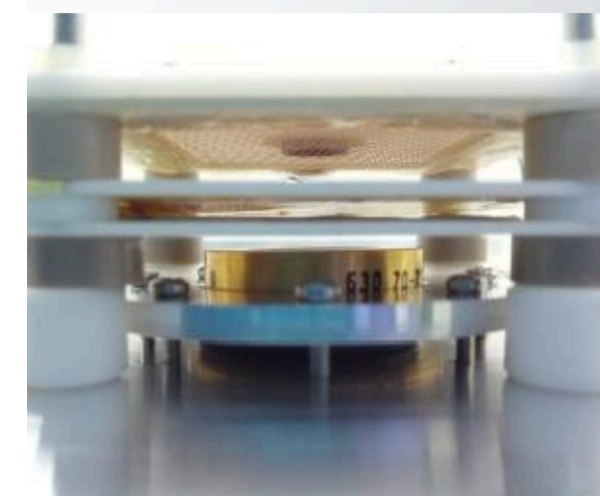
They are working on the hardware and firmware of the final **Trigger** and **DAQ** system, on the study of the noise and sensitivity of the different light sensors, on the **simulation** of the **sensors** and **photomultipliers**



**Coimbra** team has large experience in **MPGD** and **electroluminescence** in gases is performing all studies about **hydrocarbons** and helping in **LIME data analysis**

1 2 9 0 **Studies of electroluminescence in hydrocarbons enriched He/CF<sub>4</sub> gas mixtures** LIBPhys-U

Cristina M.B. Monteiro (co)  
LIBPhys-UC, University of Coimbra



**LIME: Diffusion & Absorption Length of <sup>55</sup>Fe x-rays**  
(Updates and new results)

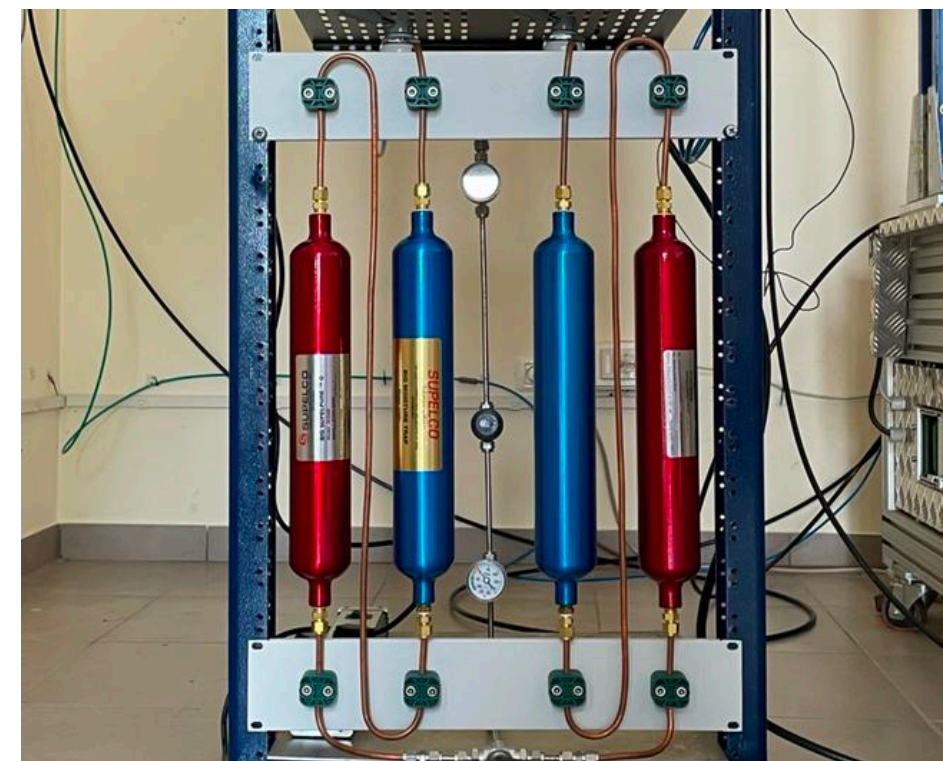


R. Roque | CYGNO Reconstruction & Analysis Meeting | 19/05/2022



**Sheffield** team is expert in **radioactivity reduction**.

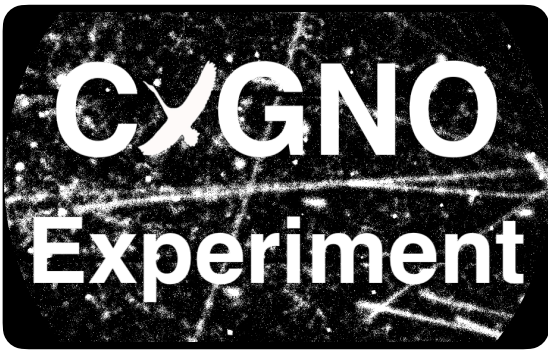
They are performing all studies about effectiveness of Radon traps for the **gas purification** and provided us designs about the system purification section



**Unicamp** team has already worked in astroparticle experiments. Students and PhD will work on LIME data analysis. Already involved in **simulation** and **digitization**



# The CYGNO Working groups



Tasks are subdivided in **7 WP**, working in parallel, with regular WP meetings and one **General Coordination Meeting every 2 weeks**;

The **parallel development** of the Working Groups **activities** is becoming **crucial** given the large amount of **tasks** to be **decided** and **realised**.

Physics WP1		Analysis WP2		Simulation WP3		Detector WP4		Services WP5		R&D WP6		Management WP7	
Elisabetta Baracchini		Emanuele Di Marco		Giulia d'Imperio		Giovanni Mazzitelli		Andrea Messina		Davide Pinci		Elisabetta Baracchini Giovanni Mazzitelli Davide Pinci	
Task	Coordinator	Task	Coordinator	Task	Coordinator	Task	Coordinator	Task	Coordinator	Task	Coordinator	Task	Coordinator
Dark Matter	G. Dho	Reconstruction Development	E. di Marco	Prototypes with GEANT	G. d'Imperio	Design	S. Tomassini	DAQ	A. Messina	ECO-GAS studies	D. Piccolo	INFN Responsible	D. Pinci
Solar Neutrinos	S. Torelli	Online-Offline software integration	G. Mazzitelli	Nuclear interactions with SRIM	F. di Giambattista	Integration	G. Mazzitelli	Trigger	H. Lima	Negative Ions	E. Baracchini	Technical Coordination	G. Mazzitelli
Super Nova DM	E. Baracchini	Data Analysis	E. di Marco	Gas properties with Garfield	D. Pinci	CMOS sensor	R. Nobrega	HV	F. Renga	Gas Mixtures	F. Amaro	Publications and Conferences	F. Petrucci
Sensitivities and discovery potential	G. Dho	Software Maintenance	E. di Marco	Sensor performance	R. Nobrega	GEM	L. Benussi	Gas System and Slow Control	F. Renga	Field Cage	G. Mazzitelli	International Collaborations	E. Baracchini
Migdal	A. Messina	Infrastructures	G. Mazzitelli	Integration	F. Petrucci	Performance Studies	D. Pinci	Gas Purification	R. Gregorio	Gas Luminescence	D. Pinci	Safety and Environment	G. Mazzitelli
LNGS Neutron Flux	F. di Giambattista			Infrastructures	G. Mazzitelli	Light Sensors	F. Iacoangeli	Calibration	G. Cavoto	Alternative MPGD	E. Baracchini	Call Applications	E. Baracchini
								Storage and Networks	G. Mazzitelli				



# CYGNO progeny



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**FINEM: Full Imaging of Nuclear recoils for Experimental Migdal measurement**

FARE

RICERCA IN ITALIA

FRAMEWORK PER L'ATTRAZIONE E IL RAFFORZAMENTO DELLE ECCELLENZE PER LA RICERCA IN ITALIA

This project has been funded by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research through the project FARE: Framework per l'Attrazione e il Rafforzamento delle Eccellenze in Italia "FINEM: Full Imaging of Nuclear recoils for Experimental Migdal measurement" (Prot. R208LP3A4C)

PLEASE NOTE: signature #1 is ALWAYS present (no X-ray needed) but might be difficult to distinguish ER + NR from same vertex

**Detection signature #1**

**MIGDAL collaboration**

PLEASE NOTE: signature #2 is required for high density mixtures/low granularity readout BUT need an atom that makes X-ray

**Detection signature #2**

arXiv:2009.05939

**5.9 keV from <sup>55</sup>Fe in LIME**

He/CF<sub>4</sub> (60/40)

**5.9 keV from <sup>55</sup>Fe in LIME**

Ar/CF<sub>4</sub> (80/20)

**FINEM GOAL: measure Migdal effect in He, CF<sub>4</sub> and Ar!**

Exploiting signature #1 with He:CF<sub>4</sub>

Exploiting signature #2 with Ar:CF<sub>4</sub>

**with a LIME-like detector**

Cosmic ray + low energy electron in LIME detector

**ray-CMOS: a wide field of view X-ray polarimeter**

\*N.B project started on 29 May 2022

Elisabetta Baracchini<sup>1,2</sup>, Enrico Costa<sup>3</sup>, Giorgio Dho<sup>1,2</sup>, Flaminia di Giambattista<sup>1,2</sup>, Alessandro Di Marco<sup>3</sup>, Emanuele Di Marco<sup>4</sup>, David Marques<sup>1,2</sup>, Giovanni Mazzitelli<sup>5</sup>, Fabio Muleri<sup>3</sup>, Atul Prajapati<sup>1,2</sup>, Paolo Soffitta<sup>3</sup>, Samuele Torelli<sup>1</sup>

**PRIN 2020**

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This project has been funded by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research through the project PRIN: Progetti di Ricerca di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale "HypeX: High Yield Polarimetry Experiment in X-rays" (Prot. 2020MZ884C)

**Polarimetry basics**

**Experimental techniques vs energy range**

**Physics cases vs energy range**

Scientific goals	Sources	< 1 keV	1-10	> 10 keV
Acceleration phenomena	PWN SNR jet (μQSO) jet (Blazars)	yes (but absorp.) no yes (but absorp.) yes	yes yes yes yes	yes yes yes yes
Emission in strong magnetic fields	WD AMS X-ray pulsator Magnetar	difficult no difficult (absorp.) yes (better)	yes yes yes (no cyclotron ?) yes	yes (difficult) yes yes no
Scattering in a-spherical geometries	Corona in XRB & AGNs X-ray reflection nebulae	yes (but absorp.) no	yes yes (long exposure)	difficult yes
Fundamental Physics	QED (magnetar) GR(BH) QG (Blazars) Axions (Blazars, Clusters)	yes(better) no difficult yes ?	yes yes yes yes	no no yes difficult

**Galaxies 2018, 6(2), 54**

Based on the **CYGNO** technology (optical readout of gas detector with Active Pixel Sensor) two **proposals** were **funded** for the study of the **Migdal** effect and the X-ray **polarimetry** in space;

In both cases we expect to have some synergic activity with teams foreseeing

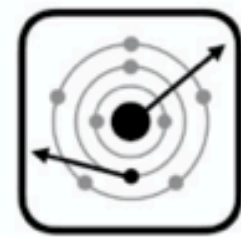
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# Optical Readout TPC projects

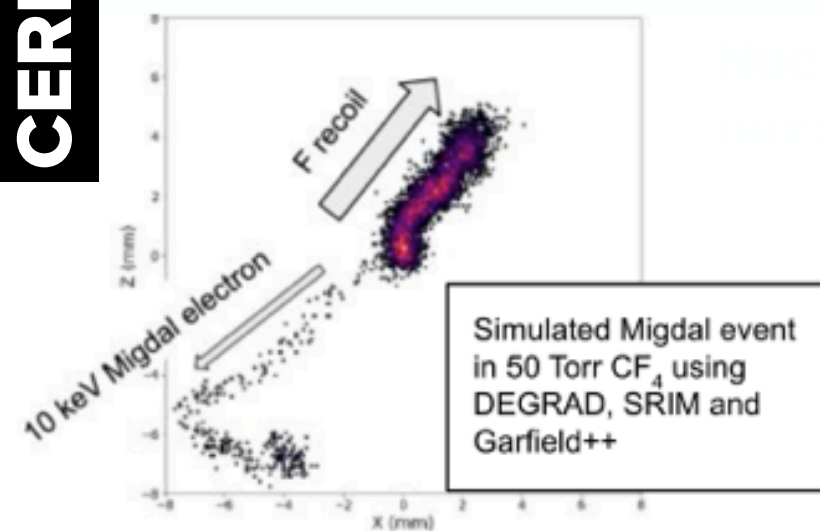


CERN 2020



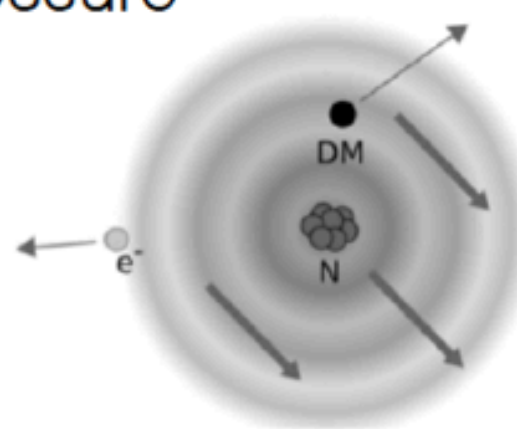
**MIGDAL**  
Migdal In Galactic Dark mAtter exPLoration

**Low-pressure TPC with optical+electronic readout**



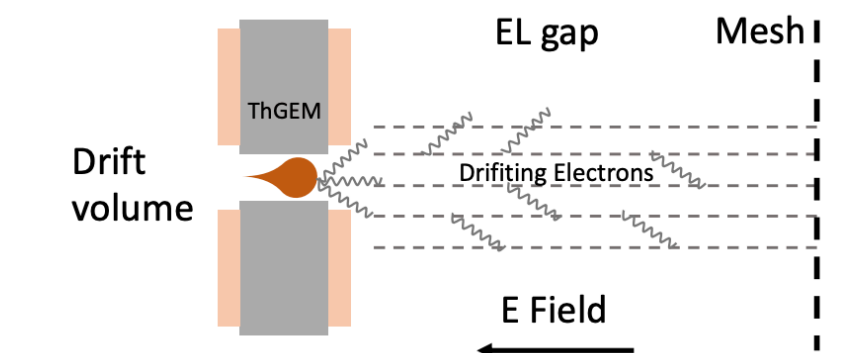
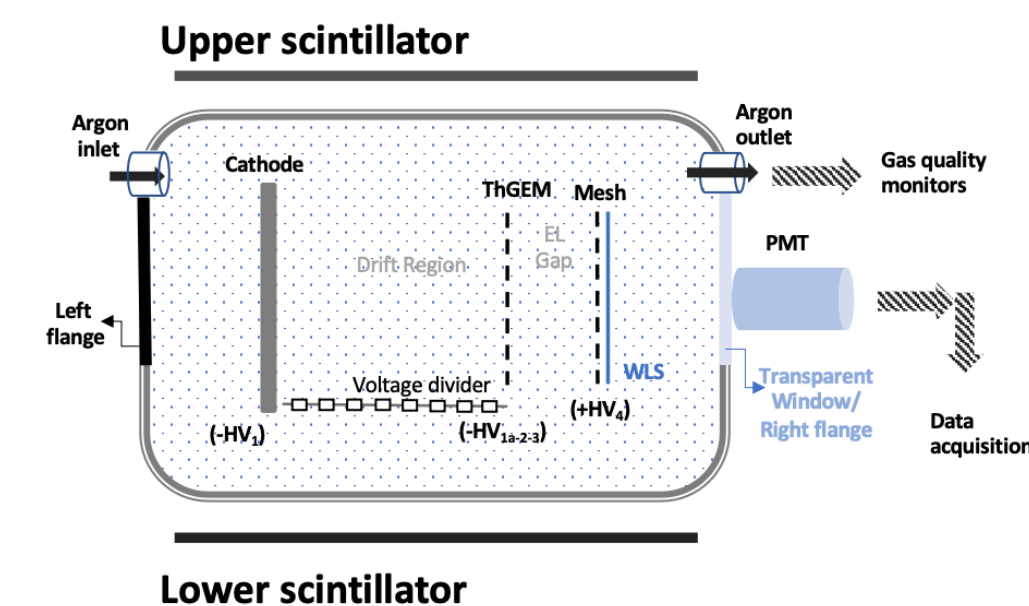
Migdal effect search in low-pressure CF<sub>4</sub> for DM searches in

**CMOS** + electronic readout of **transparent strip anode**



P. Majewski, RD51 Mini-Week 2020, [https://indico.cern.ch/event/872501/contributions/3730586/attachments/1985262/3307758/RD51\\_mini\\_week\\_Pawel\\_Majewski\\_ver2.pdf](https://indico.cern.ch/event/872501/contributions/3730586/attachments/1985262/3307758/RD51_mini_week_Pawel_Majewski_ver2.pdf)

**A gaseous argon time projection chamber with electroluminescence enhanced optical readout**

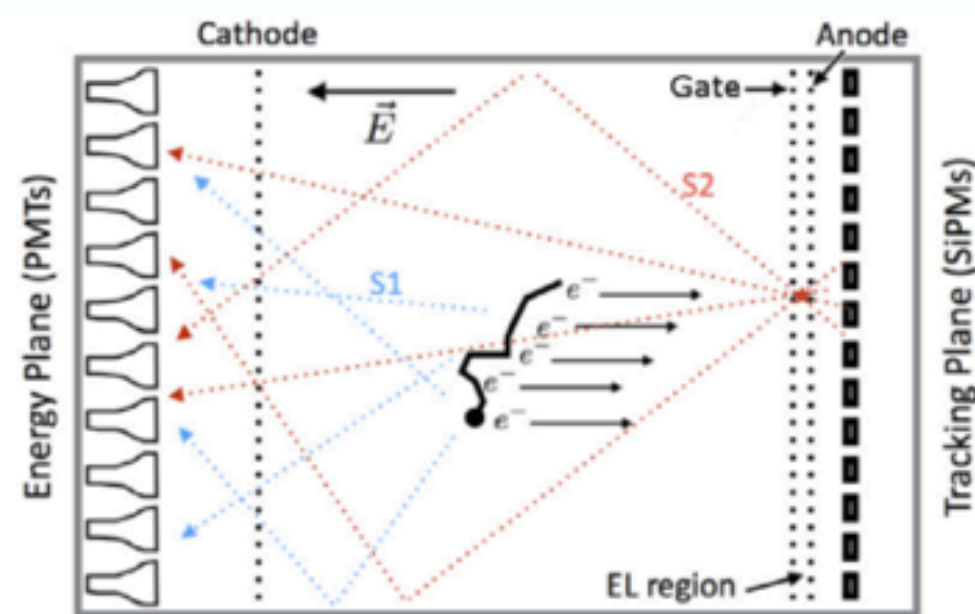


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**2022**

arXiv:2212.02385v1 [physics.ins-det] 5 Dec 2022



**High Pressure Xe gas TPC with electroluminescent amplification**



Neutrinoless double beta decay searches in <sup>136</sup>Xe

**PMTs** for energy measurement &  $t_0$  from S1, **SiPM-based tracking** plane recording electroluminescence

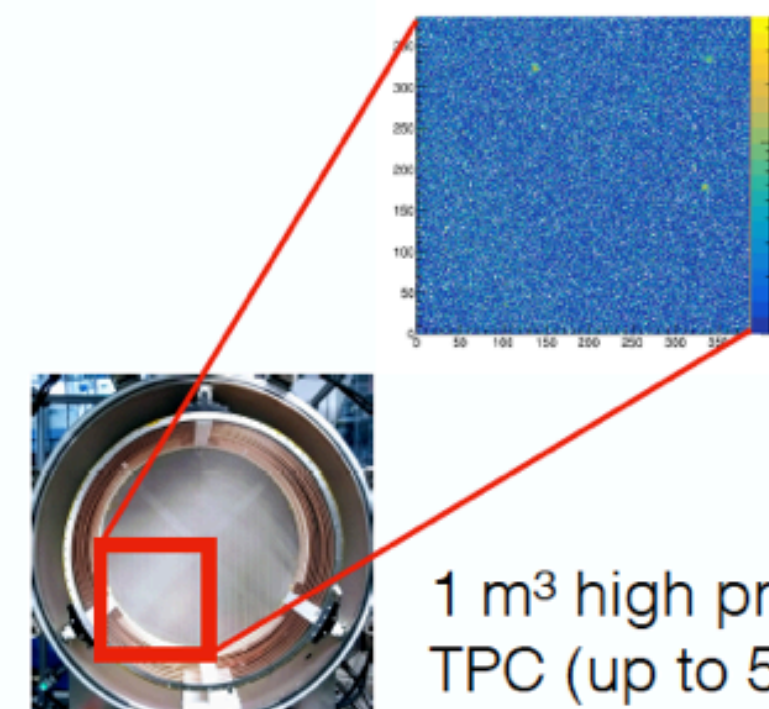
<https://next.ific.uv.es/next/experiment/detector.html>

L. Arazi, Status of the NEXT project, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2019.04.080>

**CANFRANC 2019**

**High Pressure TPC**

Towards a neutrino-nucleus cross section experiments



**Stitched optical readout** (4 CCD cameras) + **electronic signals** from meshes used for amplification

**DUNE COLLABORATION**  
**2021**

A. Deisting, HPTPC, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2102.06643.pdf>



## **PubComm composition:**

- At last Collaboration Meeting: G. Maccarrone, F. Amaro, E. Di Marco, F. Petrucci
- During this year:
  - A. Messina replaces E. Di Marco (March 2022)
  - F. Petrucci replaces G. Maccarrone as chair (October 2022)
- Currently: F. Petrucci, F. Amaro, A. Messina, G. Dho (warming up, active in January) (G. Maccarrone still helping until end of 2022)

**Thanks to Giovanni for the work done in these years!!**

## **Conferences:**

2017-2020: 5 poster + 13 talks (probably something missing in the DB)

2021: 4 posters + 20 Talks

2022: 8 posters + 20 Talks

2023: 1 accepted talk (warning: this time last year already 5 submitted contributions ...)

Very good numbers for our small collaboration. **Congratulations!**

(but can we sustain this pace?)



## Papers:

2020: 5 papers      2021: 1 paper (No new paper started!)

2022: 1 paper (the CYGNO Experiment paper, started in 2020)

### In 2022 we started several papers:

1. “Noise assessment in dark conditions of scientific CMOS sensors for the CYGNO Experiment”, c.a. R. Nobrega – waiting second draft
2. “Electroluminescence from GEM avalanches in He-CF<sub>4</sub> and He-CF<sub>4</sub>-isobutane for CYGNO – Directional Dark Matter search with an optical TPC”, c.a. C. Monteiro – readers/reviewers: G. Maccarrone, G. Dho, waiting second draft
3. “Directional DBSCAN to detect cosmic-ray tracks for the CYGNO experiment”, c.a. I. Pains – first round ongoing

Other papers (with more relaxed timescales):

4. Topic: “LIME: overground performance” - C.a.: G. Cavoto - a first draft is expected soon
5. “Modeling the detector response of the CYGNO optical readout TPC” (proposed title) – c.a. F. Petrucci - first draft expected soon
6. Topic: “Negative Ion Drift” – c.a. E. Baracchini – first draft expected soon
7. Topic: “Electro-luminescence: latest results with ITO” – c.a. G. Dho - first draft expected soon
8. Topic: “CMOS-Performance: study of light yield of different CMOS” – c.a. UFJF colleagues - first draft expected soon
9. Topic: “Underground background simulation for CYGNO-04” – c.a. G. D’Imperio - first draft beginning 2023



## Additional remarks and To Do list:


- Save paper materials somewhere to be accessible from collaboration members;
- Create an “approved” plots/pictures repository to be accessible from collaboration members;
- Create a repository of master and PhD theses;
- Our webpage <https://web.infn.it/cygnus/cygnos/> is obsolete! A major update cannot wait any longer. A separate discussion must start

Our WIKI page

<https://github.com/CYGNUS-RD/WIKI-documentation/wiki>

is in a “dual” state with some page used and others never implemented.

The “experiment” is positive, more pages have be used

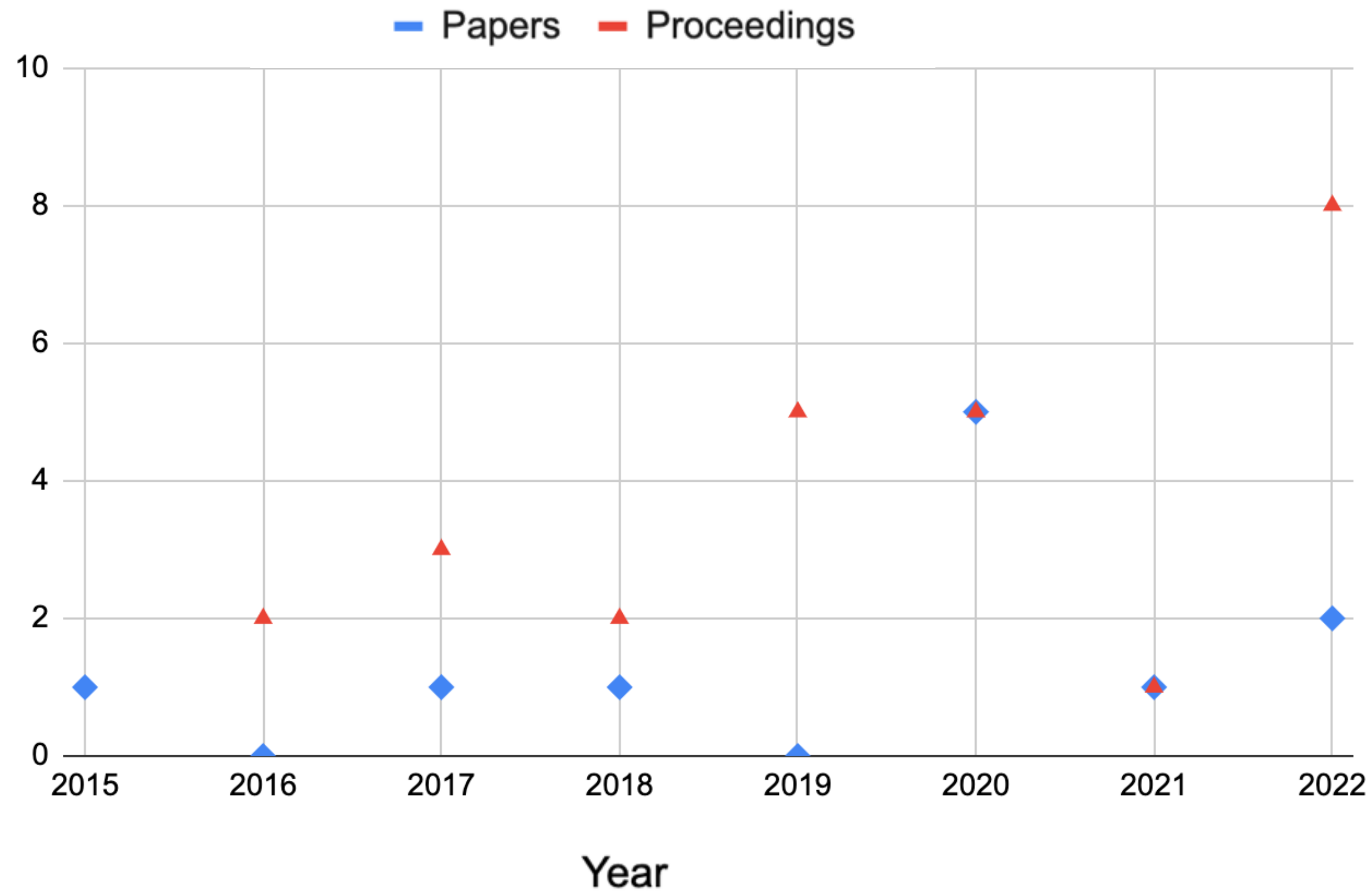


Links to the Wiki pages for the different activities are listed in the table:

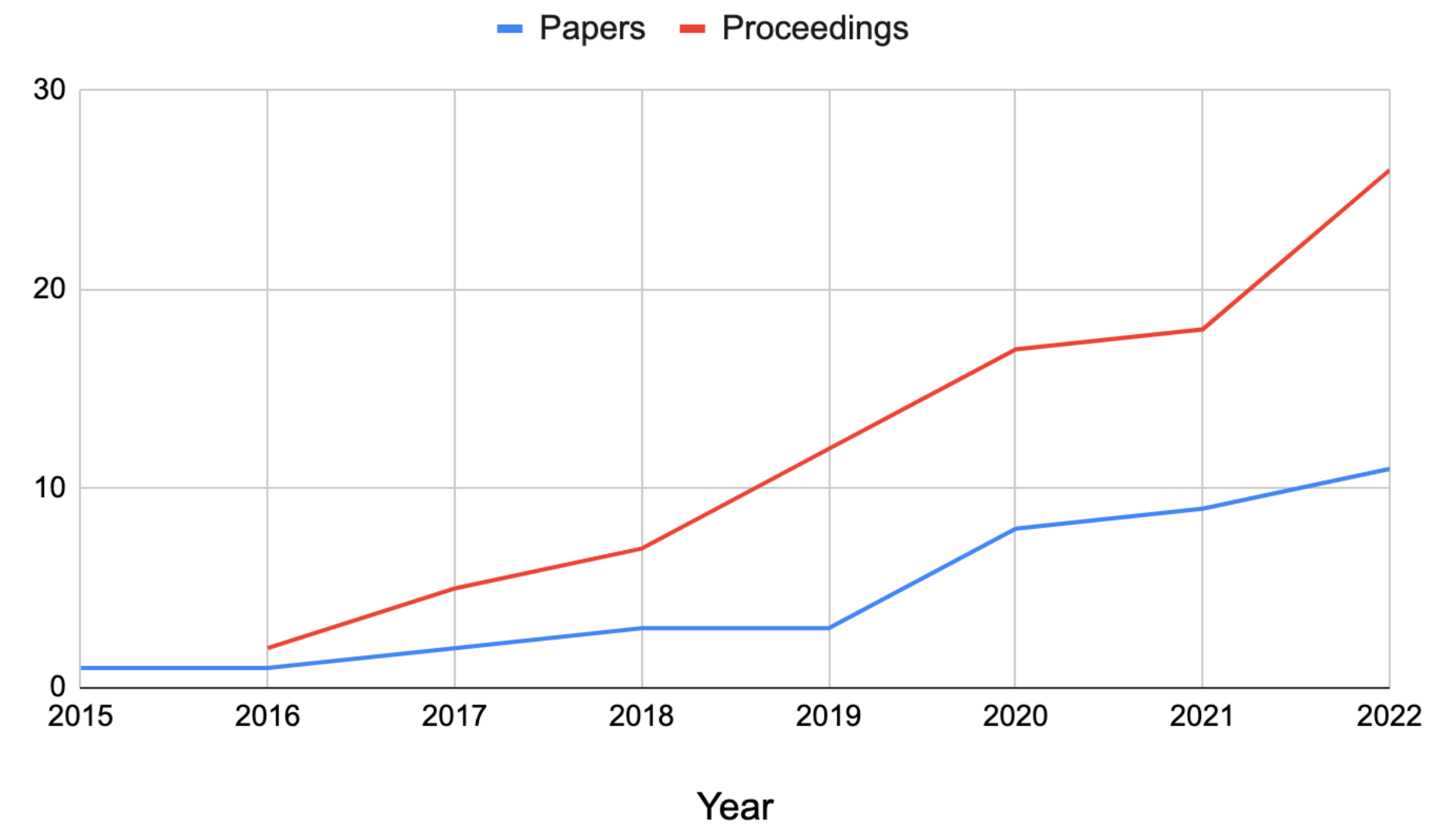
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Detector General	<a href="#">Detector General</a>	<a href="#">Davide Pinci</a>	~YES
Integration	<a href="#">Integration</a>	Giovanni Mazzitelli	YES!
Mechanics and Drawings	<a href="#">Mechanics and Drawings</a>	Sandro Tomassini	NO
DAQ	<a href="#">DAQ</a>	Andrea Messina	NO
Slow Control + Gas	<a href="#">Slow Control + Gas</a>	Francesco Renga	NO
Analysis	<a href="#">Analysis</a>	<a href="#">Emanuele Di Marco</a>	~YES
Simulation (SRIM+Geant4+Garfield)	<a href="#">Simulation</a>	Giulia D'Imperio	~YES
Digitization	<a href="#">Digitization</a>	<a href="#">Fabrizio Petrucci</a>	YES!
Publication Committee	<a href="#">PubComm</a>	<a href="#">Fabrizio Petrucci</a>	YES!



# The CYGNO publication timeline



11 papers and 26 proceedings;  
20 citations (112 with self-citations);



## Combined readout of a triple-GEM detector

23 citations

Identification of low energy nuclear recoils in a gas  
TPC with optical readout

14 citations



