

# AMoRE-II at Yemilab

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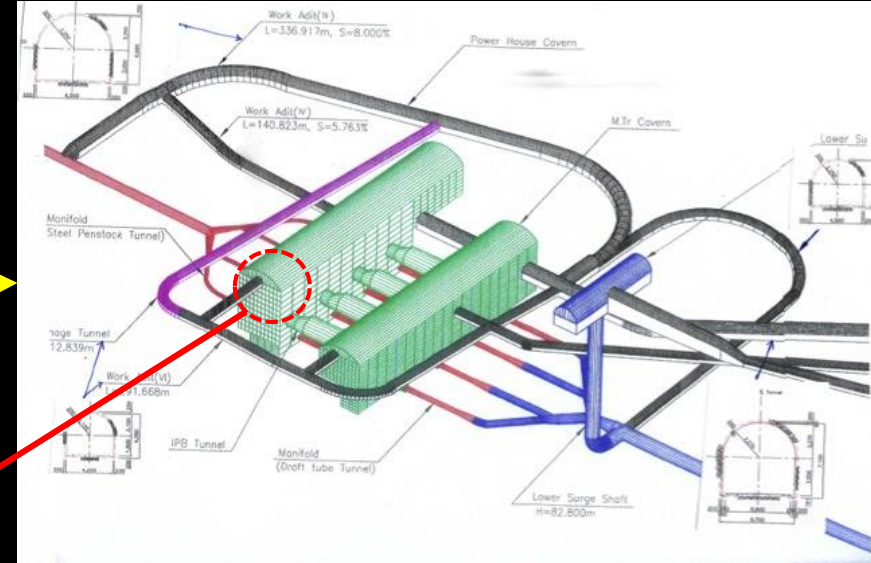
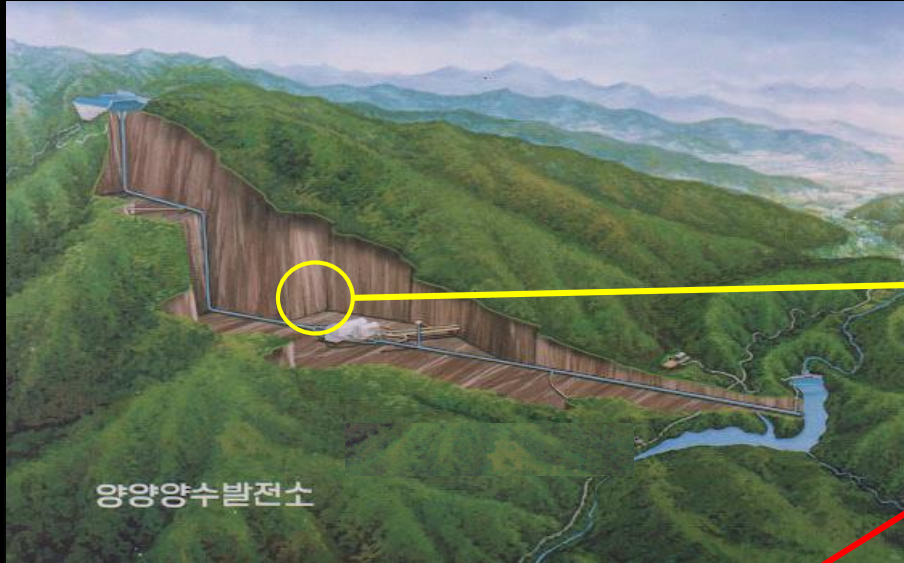
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Better Flavor**

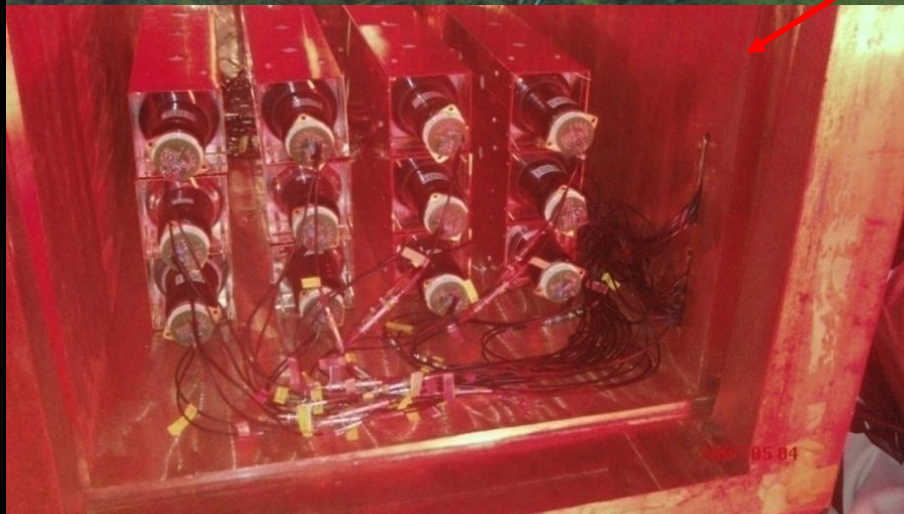
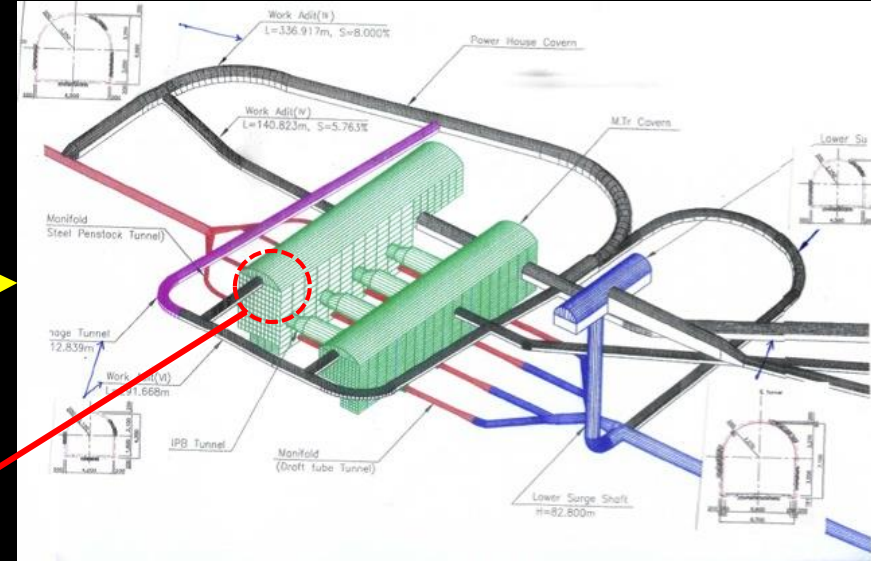
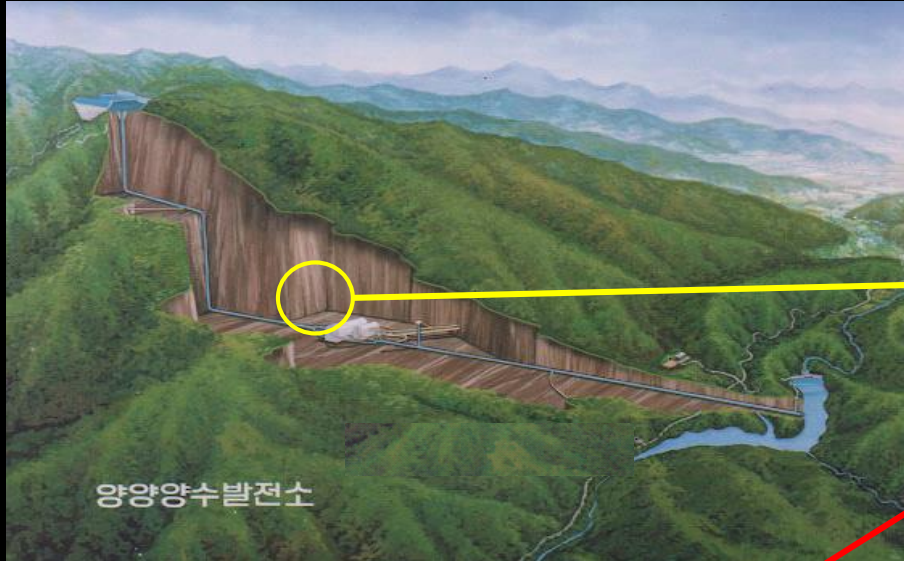
# Y2L (Yangyang Underground Lab.)



## Y2L phase 1 (A6 tunnel)

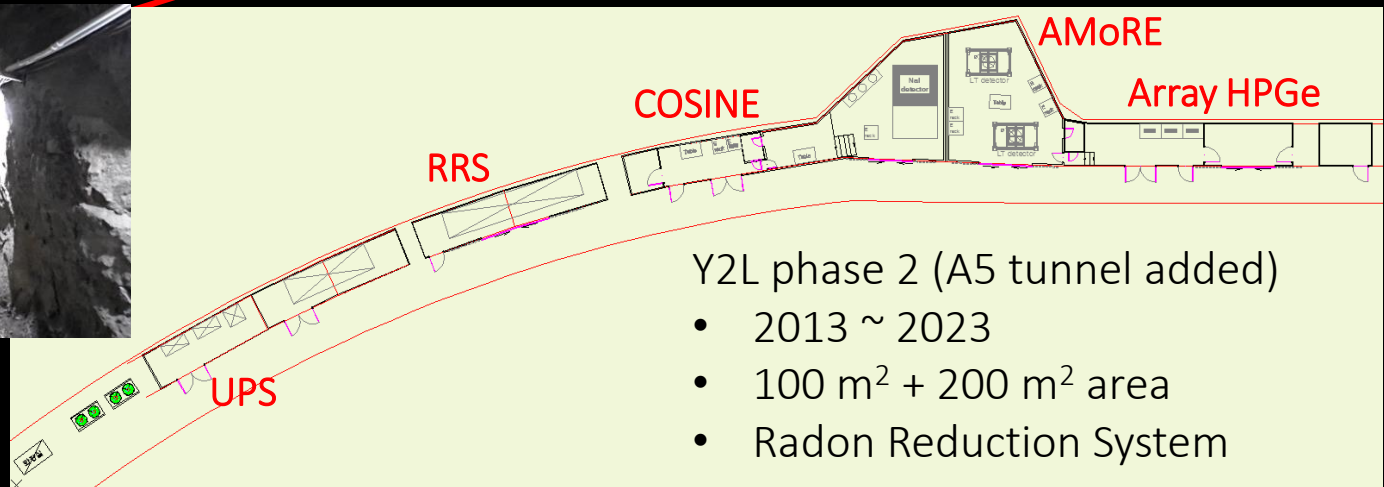
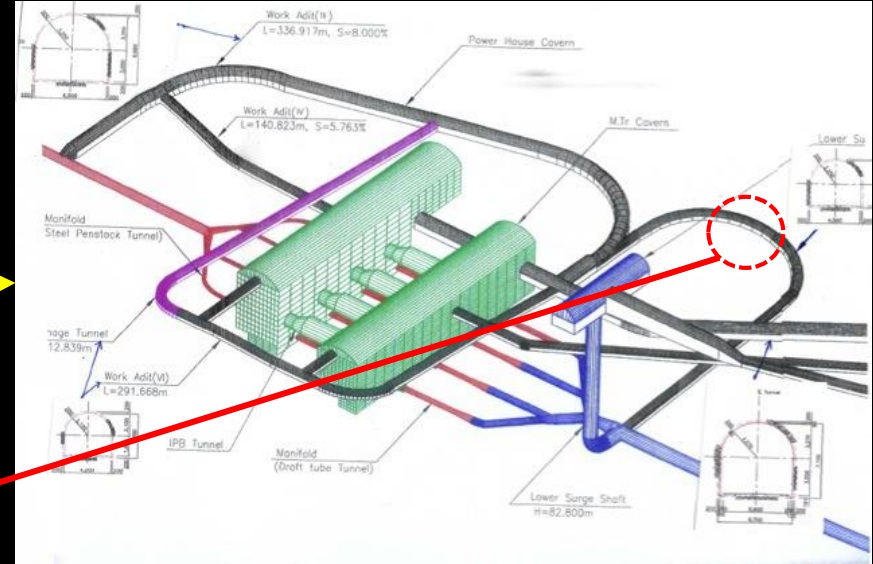
- 2003 ~ 2023
- 600 m overburden
- 100 m<sup>2</sup> area
- Access by car for 2km

# Y2L (Yangyang Underground Lab.)



- KIMS experiment start.
  - CsI(Tl) scintillator
- HPGe for radio-assay
- $\text{CaMoO}_4$  crystal R&D

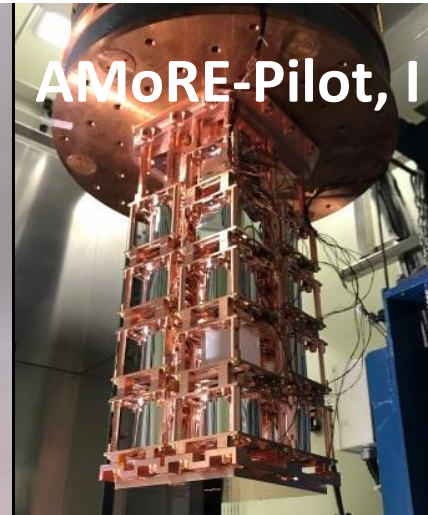
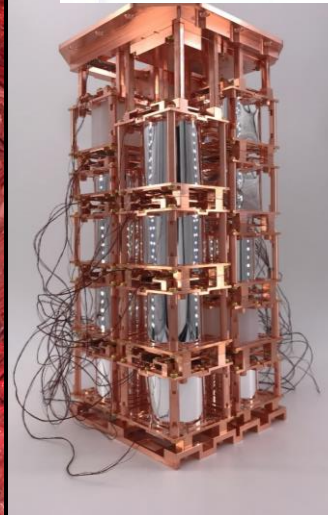
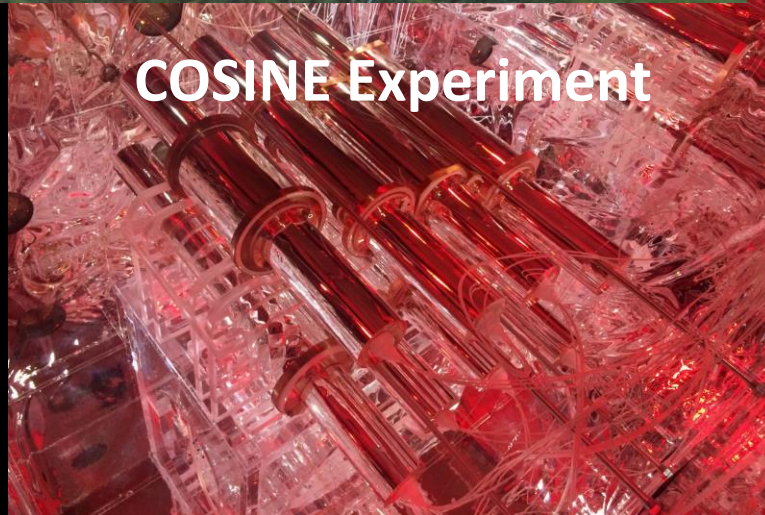
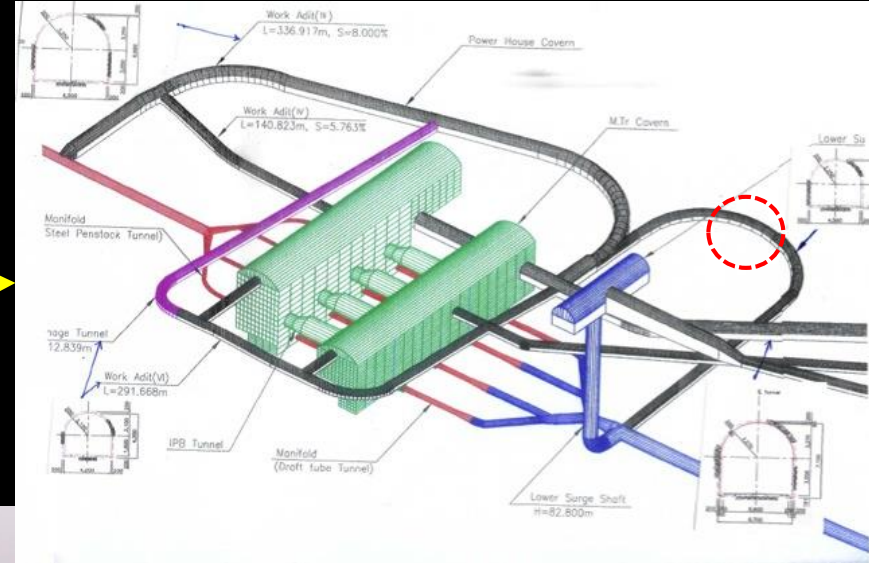
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Y2L phase 2 (A5 tunnel added)

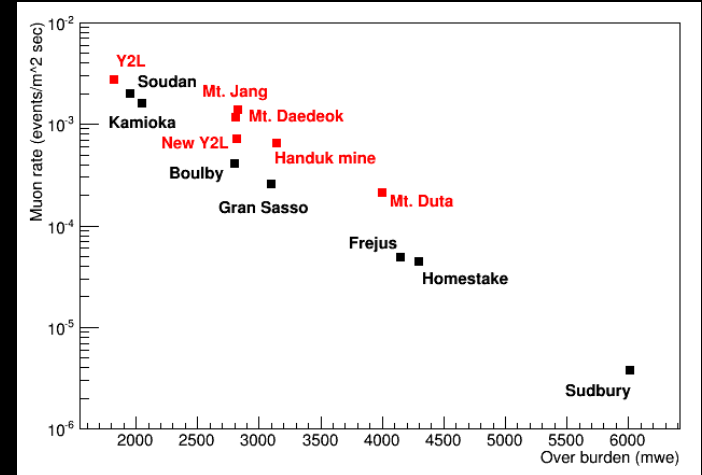
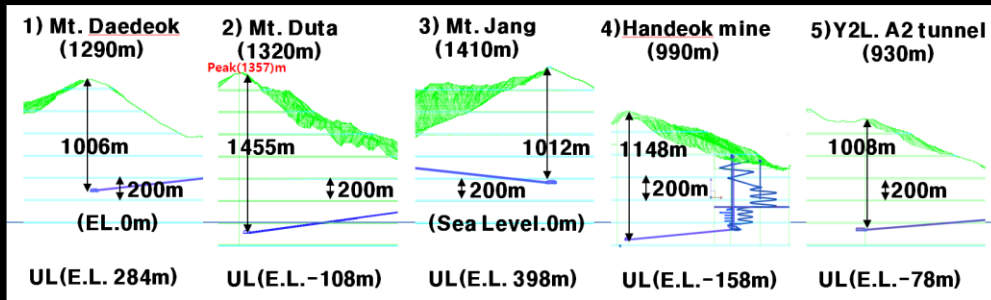
- 2013 ~ 2023
- 100 m<sup>2</sup> + 200 m<sup>2</sup> area
- Radon Reduction System

# Y2L (Yangyang Underground Lab.)



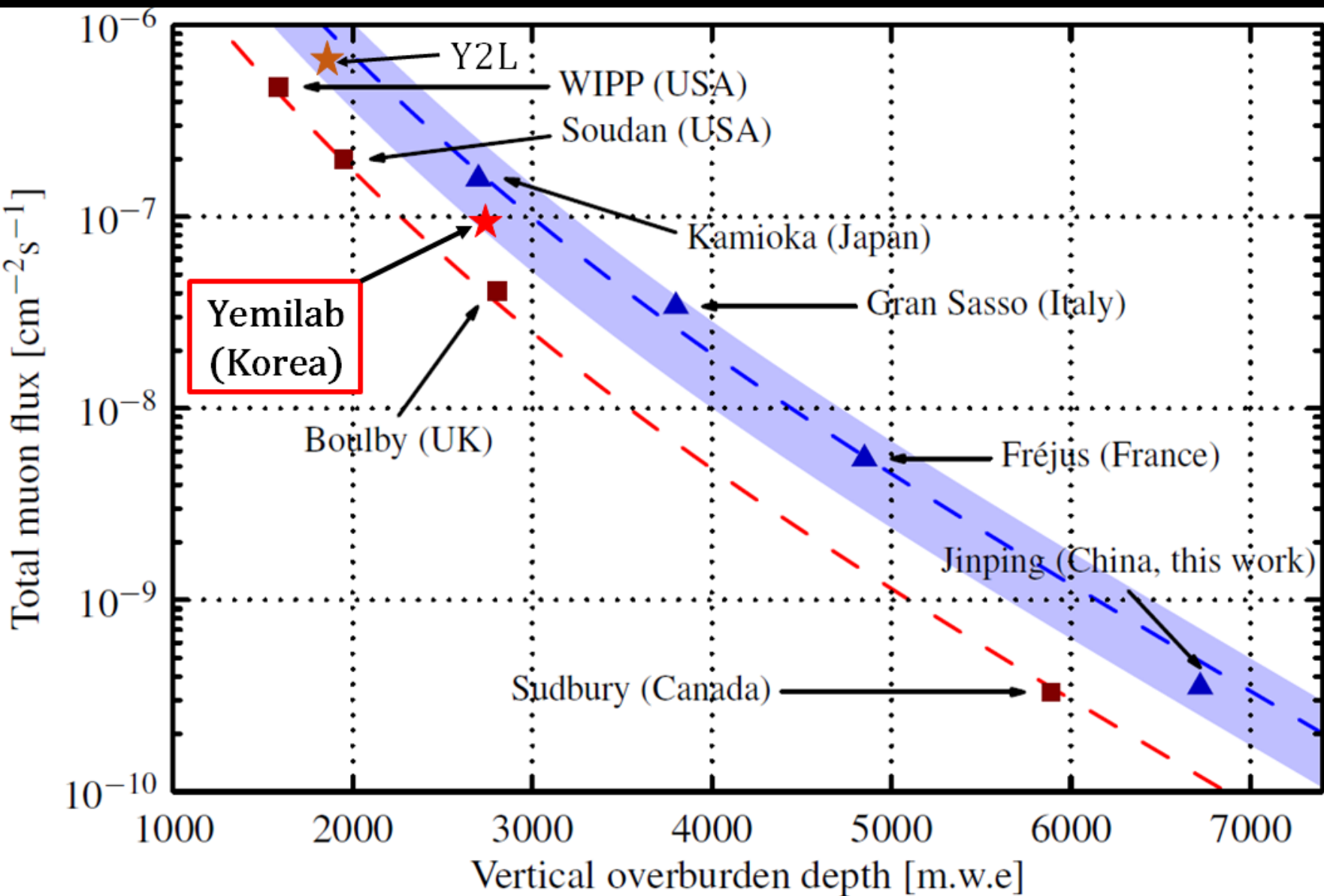
# New Underground Lab.

## Deeper! Larger! But cheap??

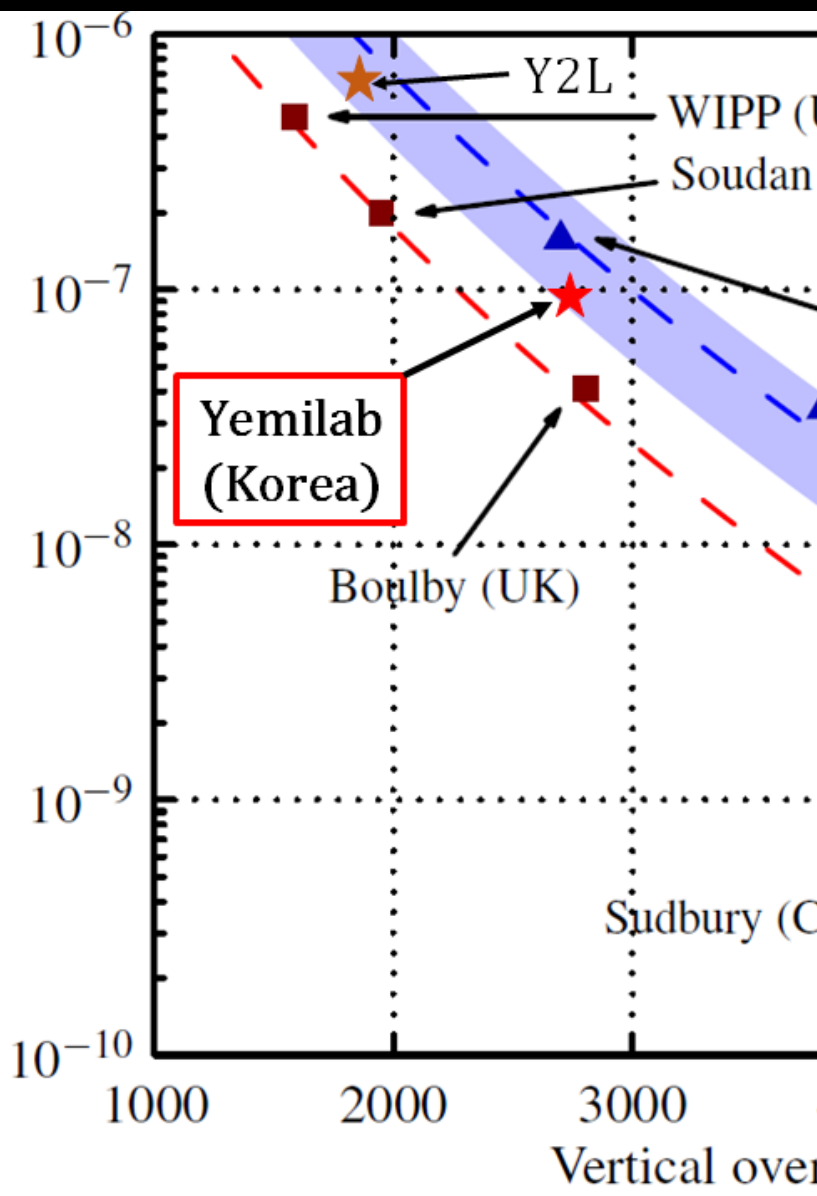


Candidates		H. of Peak	EL. of Entrance	Tunnel Length	Depth of 8%	Overburden	EL. of UL	Muon rate
		(m)	(m)	(m)	(m)	(m)	(m)	Event
1	Mt. Daedeok	1290	460	2200	176	1006	284	857
2	Mt. Duta	1350	180	3570	285.6	1455.6	-105.6	180
3	Mt. Jang	1410	550	1900	152	1012	398	877
4	Handeok mine	990	-70	1100	88	1148	-158	403
5	Y2L A2 tunnel	930	90	2100	168	1008	-78	547

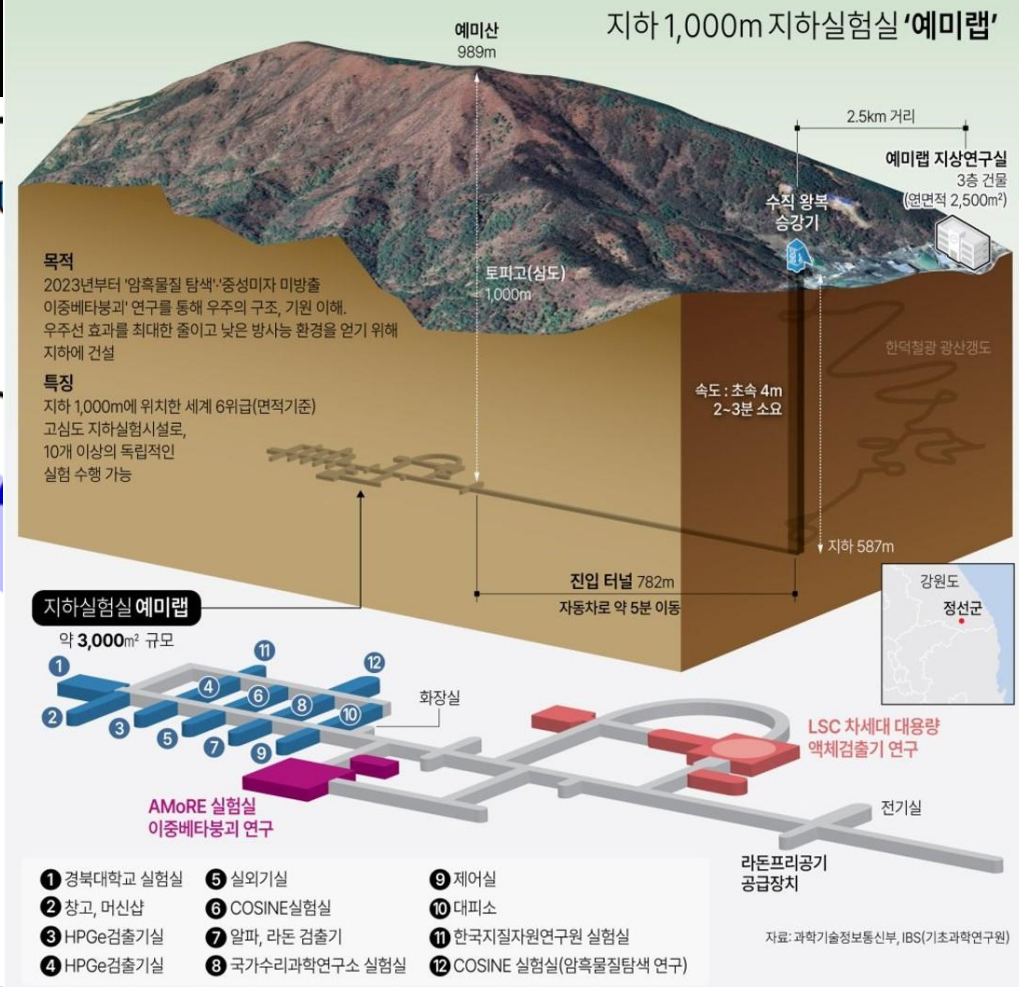




Total muon flux [ $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ]



지하 1,000m 지하실험실 '예미랩'



Vertical overburden depth [m.w.e]

# Yemilab Construction

## Milestones

**2015.** New underground facility site chosen as Handuk iron mine LTD

**2016.12** Agreement signed with Handuk for the establishment and utilization of Yemilab within Handuk mine

**2017.09 –2018.12** Building the human riding cage

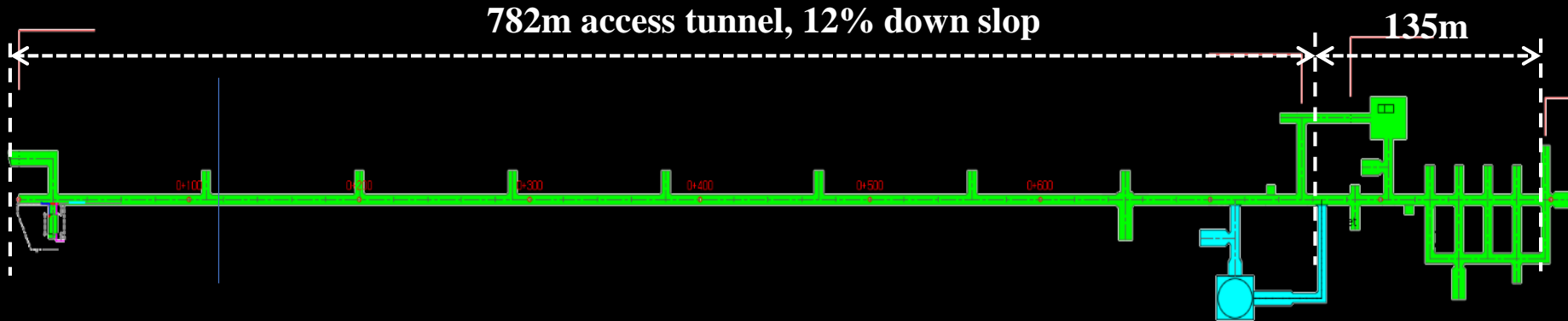
**2018.12 –2020.08** The 1<sup>st</sup> construction for excavation of the main tunnels

**2021.06 –2023.07** The 2<sup>nd</sup> construction for LSC & electricity, machinery etc..

**2022.10** Renovation of the ground office

**2022.10.05** The construction completion ceremony

# Yemilab Construction



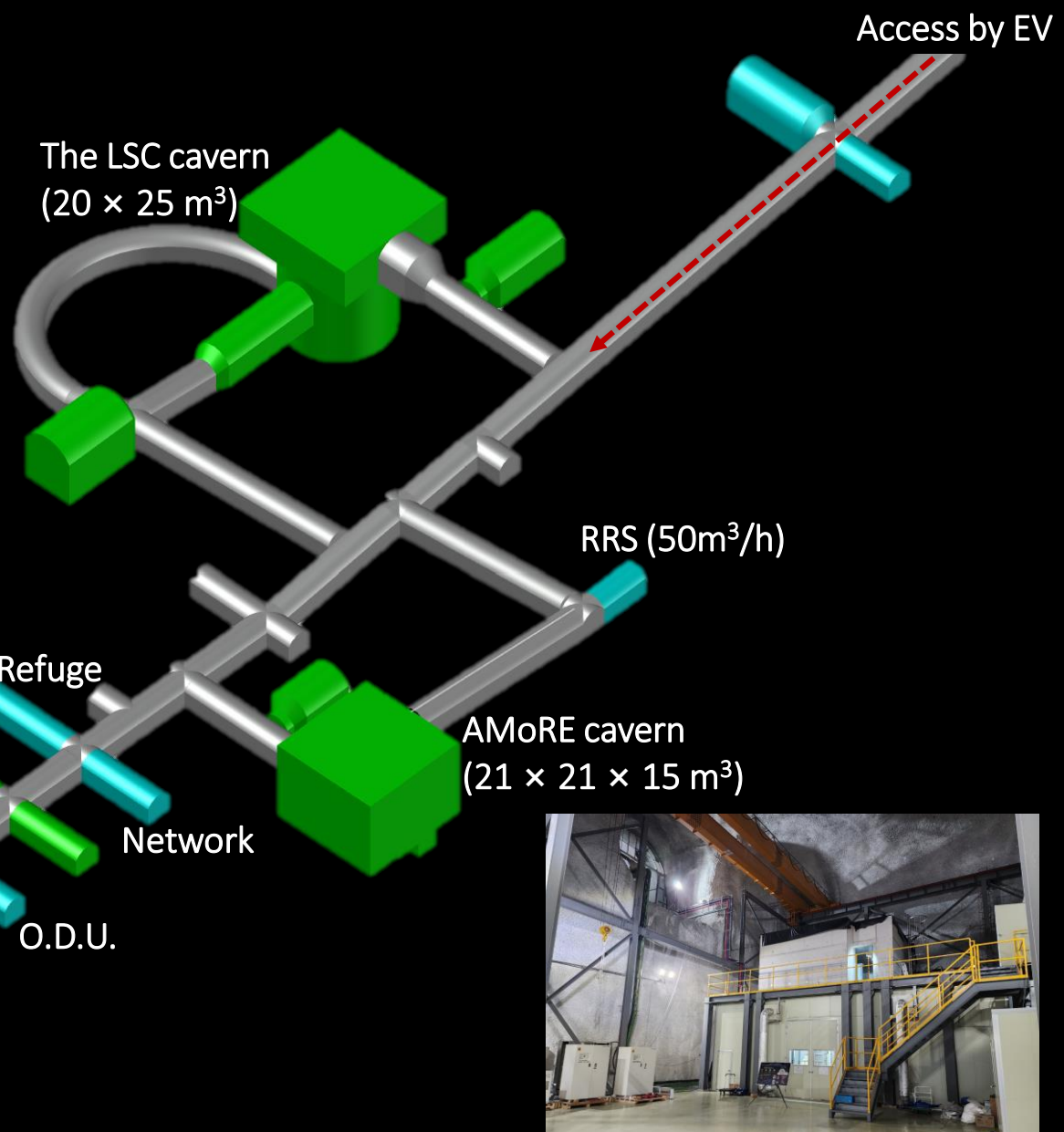
- The 1<sup>st</sup> phase construction
  - Period : 2017. July ~ 2020. August
  - Cage installation in the shaft
  - 1<sup>st</sup> phase Excavation : 2000 m<sup>2</sup> (lab. area)
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase construction
  - Period : 2021. May ~ 2022. July
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> phase excavation : 1000 m<sup>2</sup>
  - Electricity and machinery
  - Ground office renovation



# Yemilab Construction: AMoRE Cavern



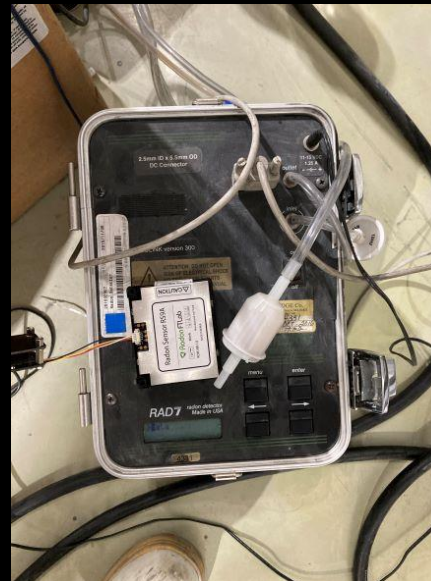
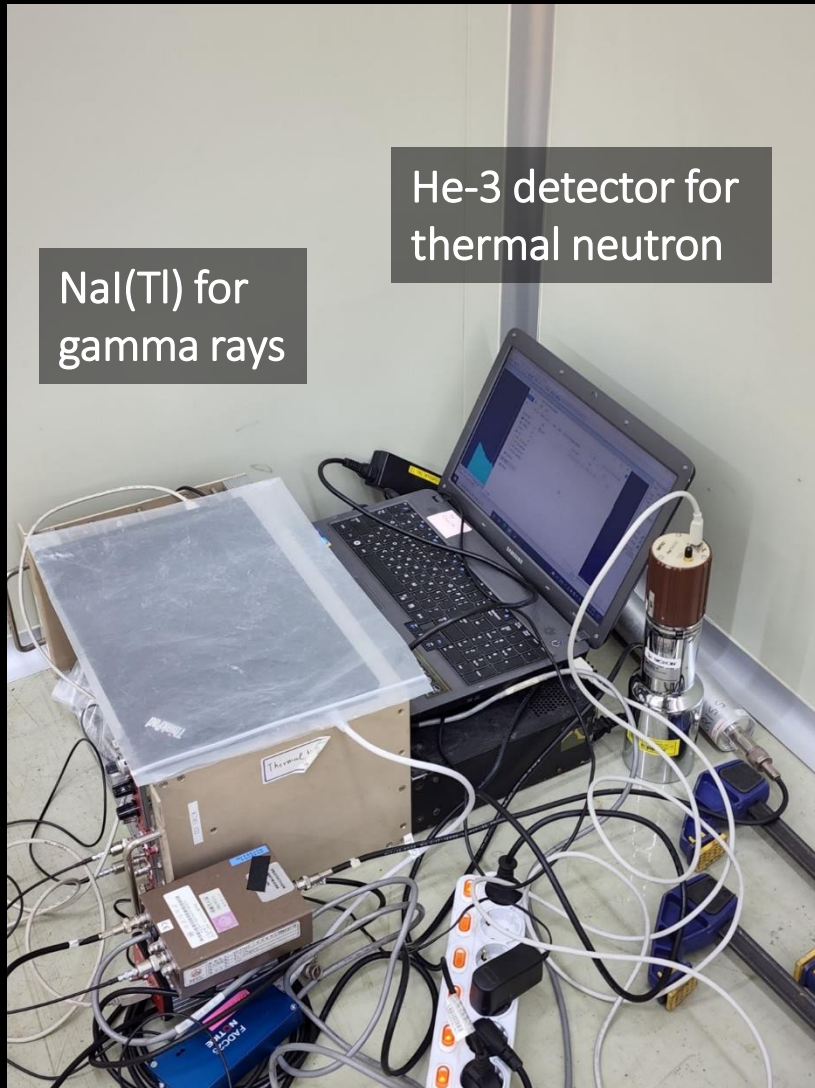
# The Yemilab



# Yemilab Infrastructures

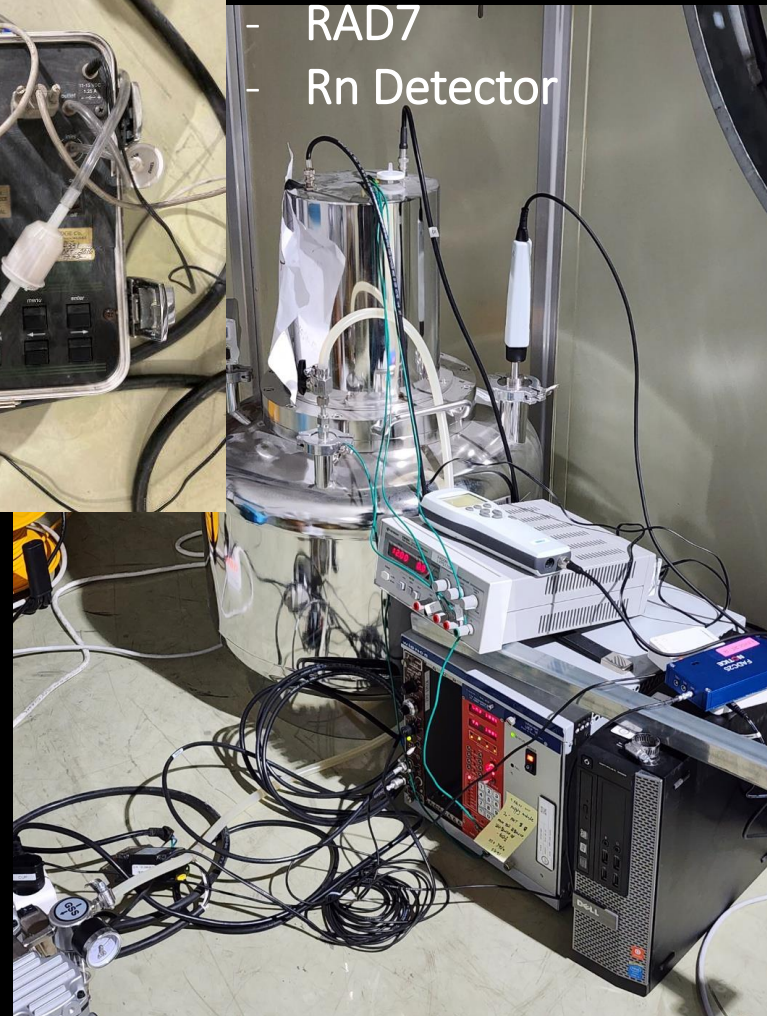
- Full mobile communication (LTE)
- Network connection
- Radon reduction system (50 m<sup>3</sup>/h, 1/500 reduction)
  - Will be upgraded to 200 m<sup>3</sup>/h
- LN2 generators for cryostats and HPGe
- Dust proof doors
- Electric vehicles for dust proof area
- Cranes for the large caverns (for large construction, 5/10 ton)
- Refuge (40 people for 72 hours, Dried food, water, air, UPS, ...)
- Toilets
- ...

# Radiation Measurements



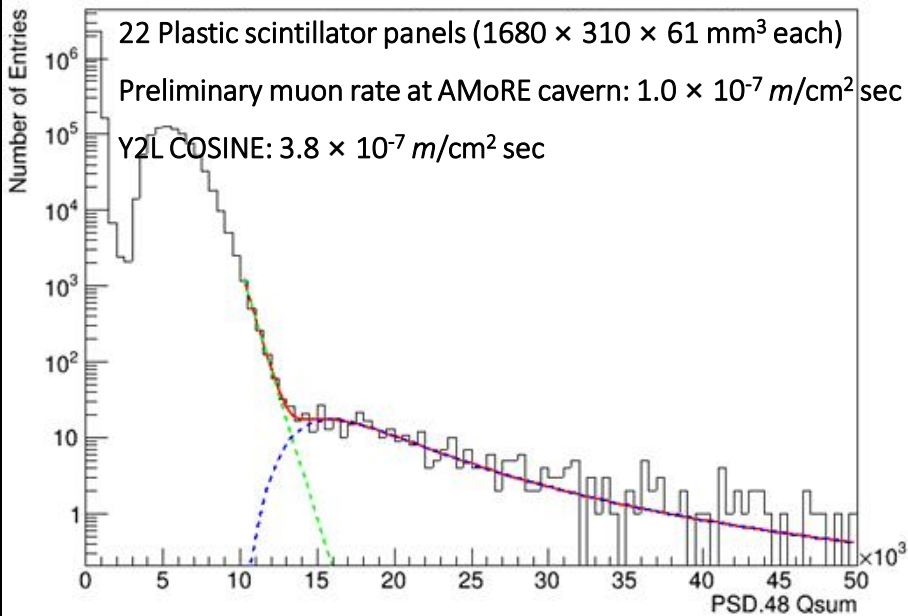
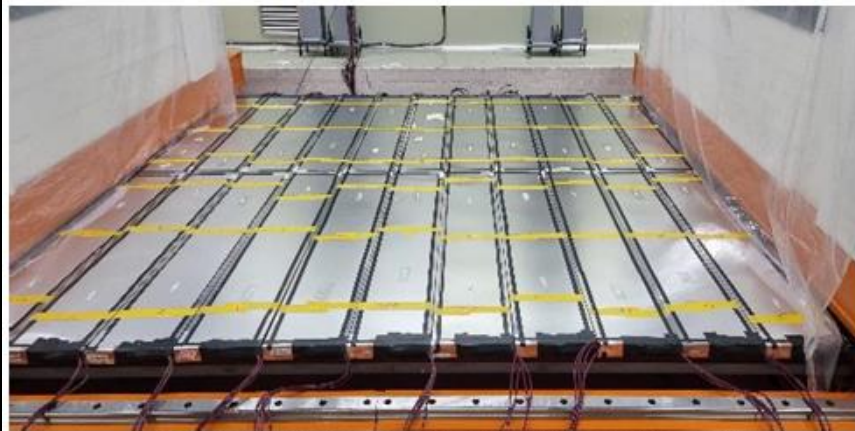
## Rn monitors

- RAD7
- Rn Detector

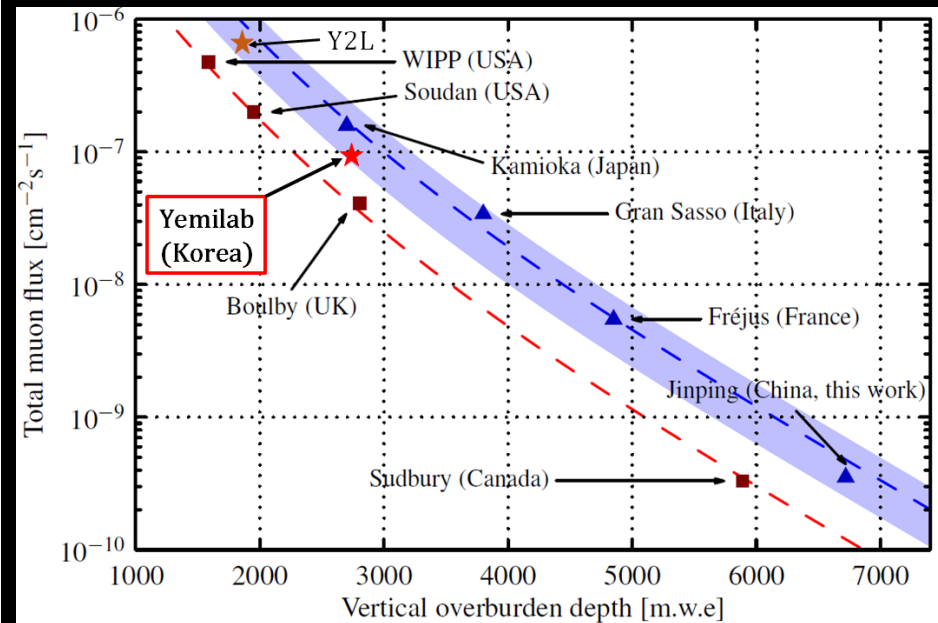




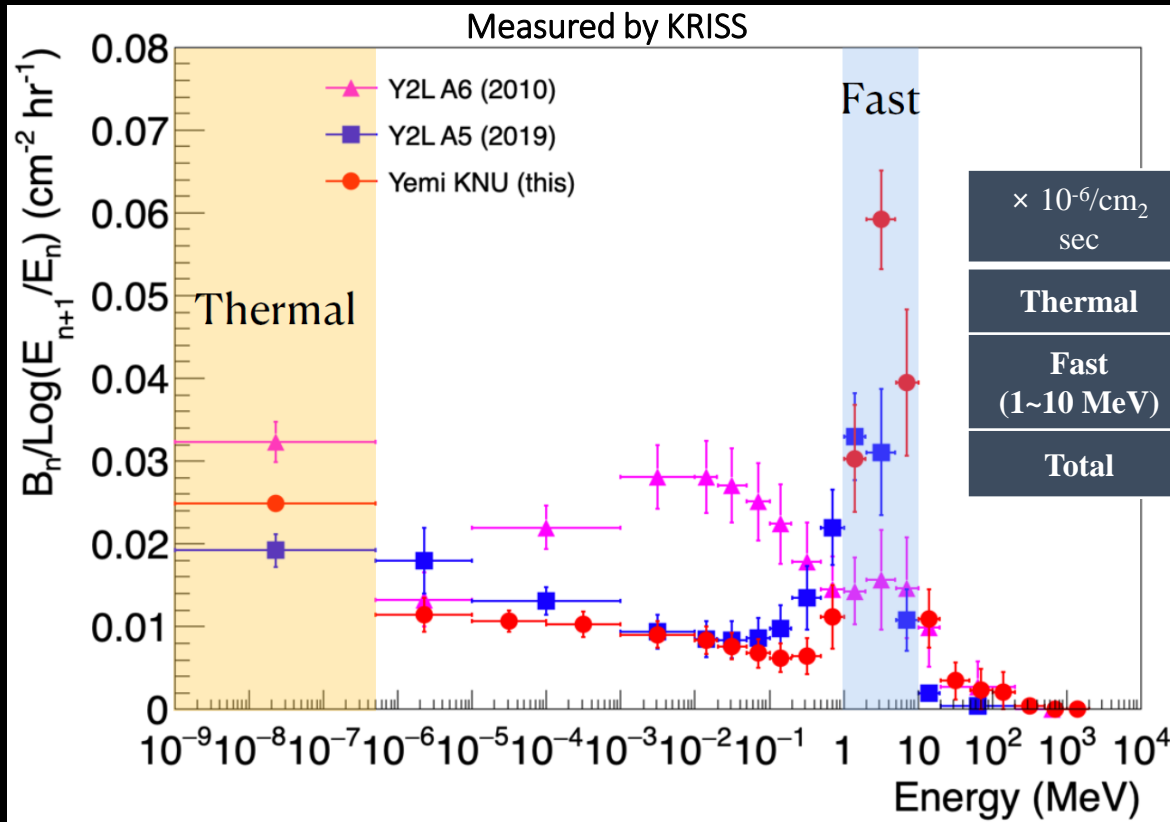
# Muon Flux



U.L.	Gran Sasso	SNO lab	SURF	Kamioka	Boulby	Yemilab
Depth (mwe)	3,800	6,000	4,300	2,700	2,850	2,500
Volume ( $\text{m}^3$ )	180,000	37,000	7,800	56,500	14,000	25,000



# Neutron Flux



$\times 10^{-6}/\text{cm}_2$ sec	Y2L A6	Y2L A5	Yemilab
Thermal	$24.2 \pm 1.8$	$14.4 \pm 1.5$	<b><math>18.6 \pm 0.8</math></b>
Fast (1~10 MeV)	$4.2 \pm 0.9$	$7.1 \pm 1.0$	<b><math>12.4 \pm 1.1</math></b>
Total	$67.2 \pm 2.2$	$44.6 \pm 6.6$	<b><math>49.5 \pm 1.8</math></b>

Y2L : More moderation by equipment  
 Yemilab : A few hundreds of tons Shotcrete  
 ~ 180 tons on AMoRE cavern

# Environmental Monitoring

**UA10**  
Temp. : -40 ~ 80 °C  
Humidity : 5 ~ 95 %

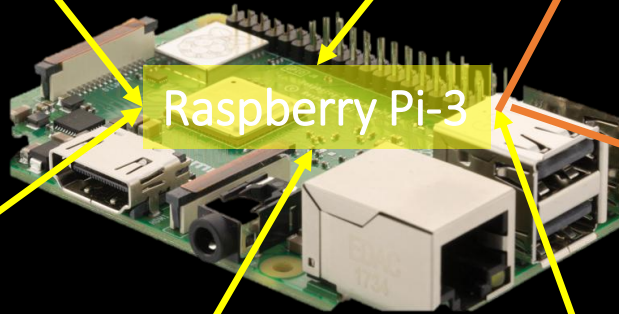
**DSM101**  
PM1.0 / PM2.5 / PM10  
1~1,000  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



**UA58-KFG-U**  
CO (~ 1,000 ppm)  
CO<sub>2</sub> (400 ~ 10,000 ppm)  
O<sub>2</sub> (0 ~ 25%)  
H<sub>2</sub>S (0 ~ 100 ppm)

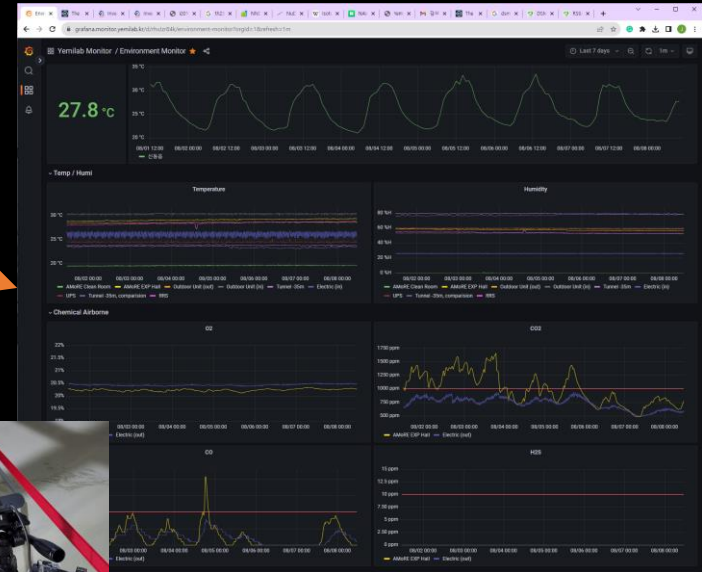
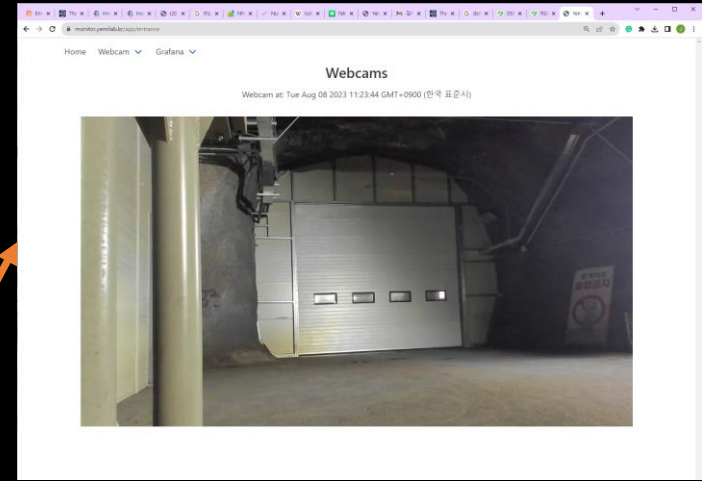


**RS9A**  
7 ~ 3700 Bq/m<sup>3</sup>  
±15% accuracy



Raspberry Pi-3

USB Connection



**Webcam**  
1 picture / min

# Yemilab Summary

- The new underground laboratory has been started in Korea.
  - Overburden:  $\sim 2,700$  m.w.e.
  - Total Area:  $3,000$  m<sup>2</sup>
- The measurement of the radiation environment is continued.
  - The rock and construction material radio-assay is ongoing.
  - Muon flux :  $1.0 \times 10^{-7}$  m/cm<sup>2</sup> sec (Preliminary)
  - Neutron flux :  $4.95 (\pm 1.8) \times 10^{-7}$ /cm<sup>2</sup> sec (Preliminary)
  - Raspberry-pi based online monitoring
- A permanent air circulation system is under considering.
- Y2L had been moved to Yemilab.

# AMoRE-II

Total 107 members, from 24 institutes, at 10 countries

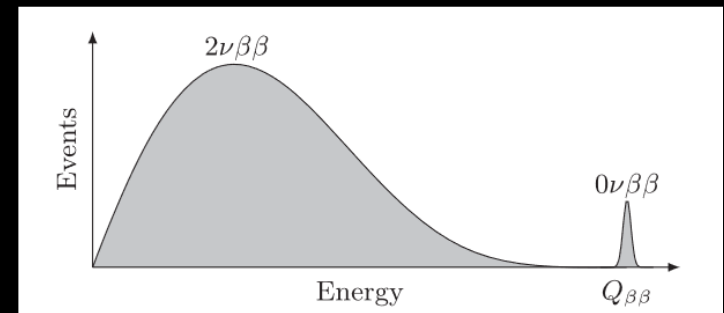


# $0\nu\beta\beta$ of $^{100}\text{Mo}$

- Discovery of  $0\nu\beta\beta$ 
  - Neutrinos are Majorana fermions
  - Lepton number violation
  - Beyond the standard model
- To discover  $0\nu\beta\beta$ , we need a good energy resolution, extremely low background at that energy and mass-time exposure.
- Molybdenum-100:
  - $Q_{\beta\beta} = 3034 \text{ keV}$ ,  $T_{1/2}^{2\nu} = 7.1 \times 10^{18}$  years
  - Natural abundance  $\sim 9.7\%$
  - Possible to be a scintillation crystal,  $\text{CaMoO}_4$ ,  $\text{Li}_2\text{MoO}_4$
  - $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.8 \times 10^{24}$  years at 90% CL. by CUPID-Mo

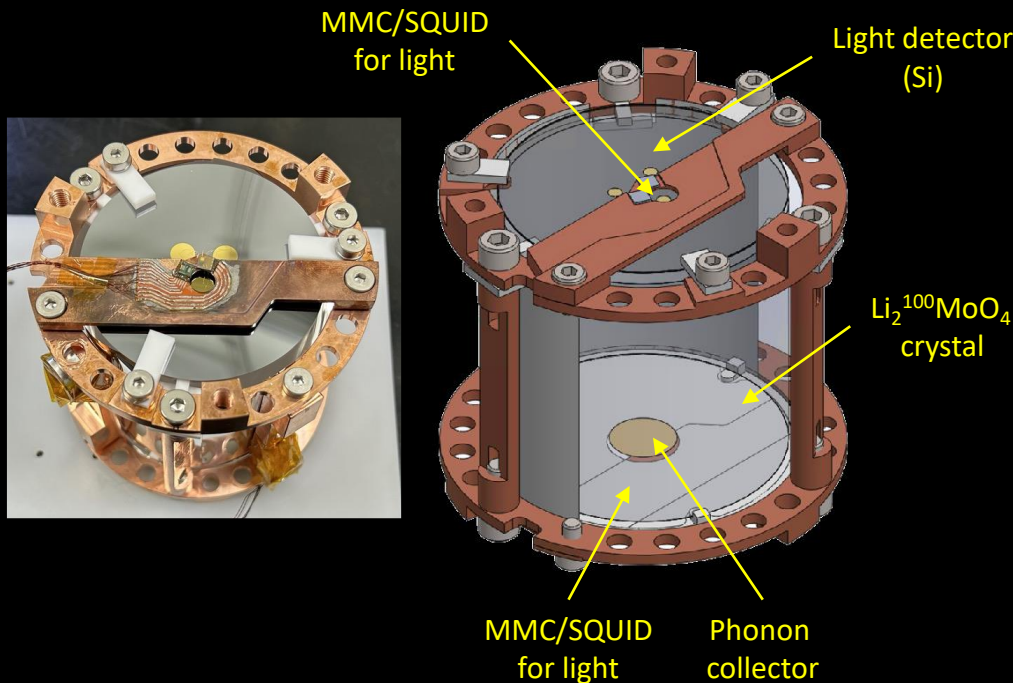
$$[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}]^{-1} = G_{0\nu} |M_{0\nu}|^2 \left( \frac{m_{\beta\beta}}{m_e} \right)^2$$

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \propto \sqrt{\frac{MT}{b\Delta E}}$$

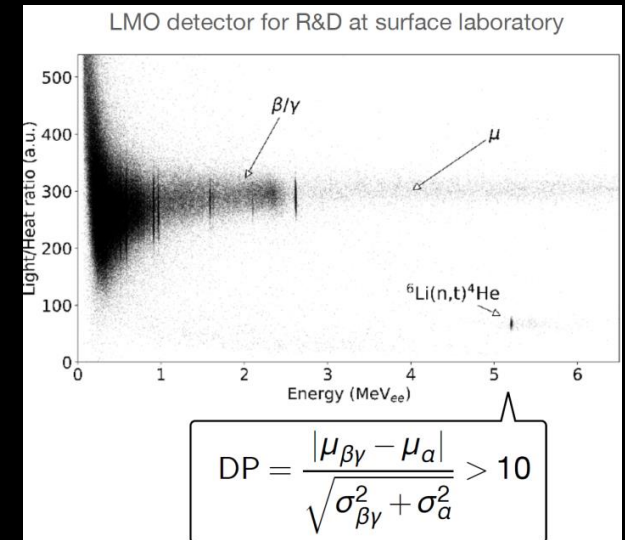
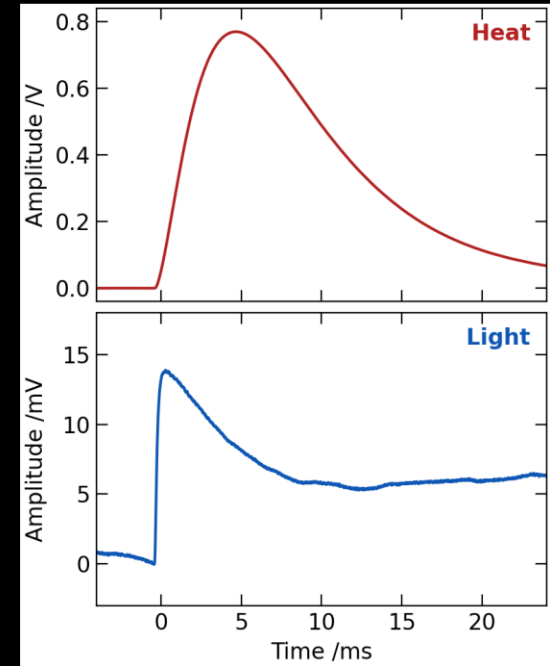


# AMoRE Detector

- Heat and light signals at low temperature
  - $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$  (LMO) scintillation crystal as a source and target at  $\sim 10$  mK
  - Detection of heat and light signal using MMC+SQUID



Averaged 2.6 MeV  $\gamma$  signal of a LMO detector of AMoRE-I

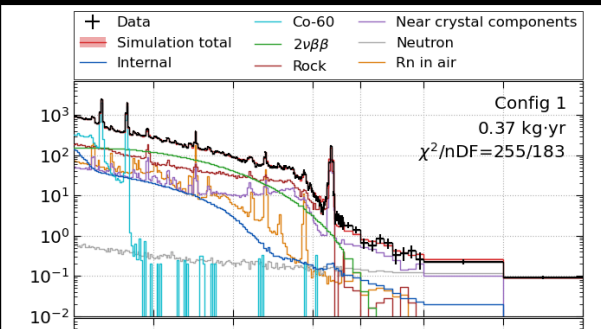


# AMoRE-Pilot

## 2015 – 2018



6  $^{48\text{dep}}\text{Ca}^{100}\text{MoO}_4$  crystals:  
1.9(0.88  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ ) kg of  
CMO



Y2L

Live exposure:  $\sim 0.32 \text{ kg}_{100\text{Mo}} \cdot \text{yr}$

Background:  $\sim 0.5 \text{ ccky}$

$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 3.2 \times 10^{23} \text{ years at 90\% CL.}$

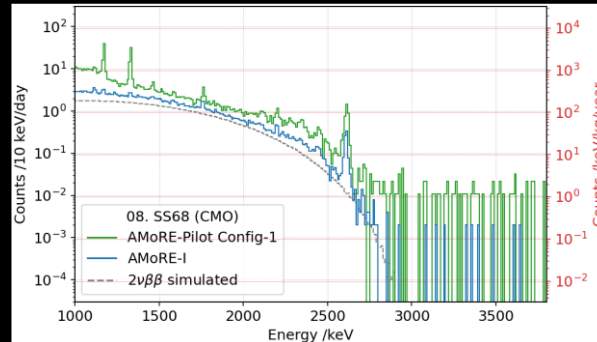
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# AMoRE-I

## 2020 – 2023



13 CMOs & 5 LMOs:  
6.2(3.0  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ ) kg of  
XMO



Y2L

Live exposure:  $\sim 4 \text{ kg}_{100\text{Mo}} \cdot \text{yr}$

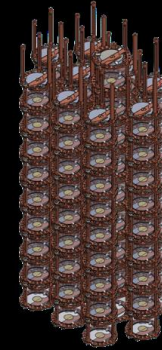
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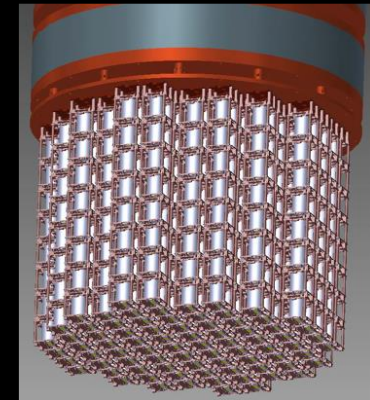
# AMoRE-II

## 2025 –



Stage 2:  
360 LMOs  
(157 kg)

Stage 1:  
90 LMOs  
(27 kg)



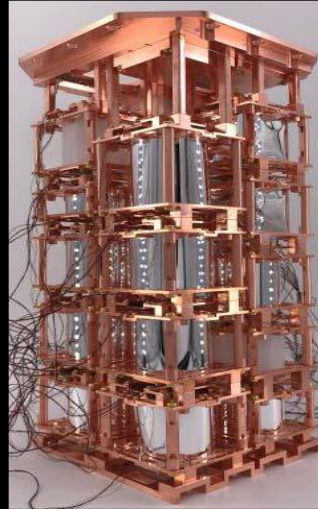
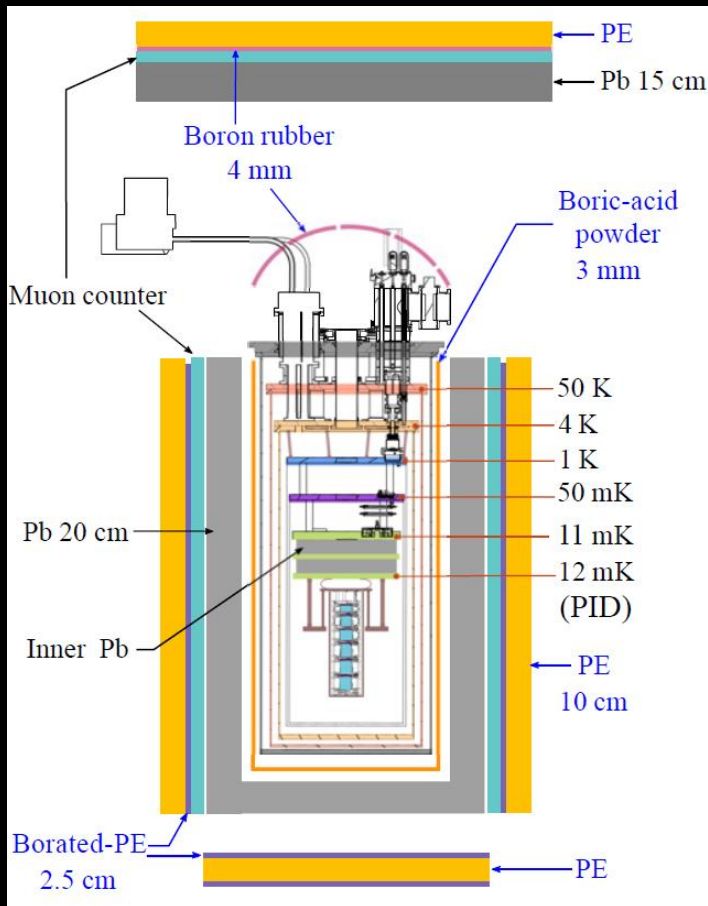
Yemilab

Live exposure:  $> 500 \text{ kg}_{100\text{Mo}} \cdot \text{yr}$

Background:  $\sim 10^{-4} \text{ ccky}$



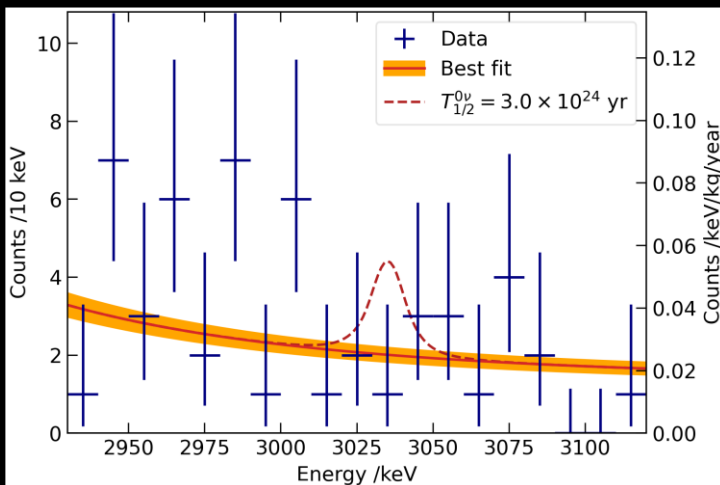
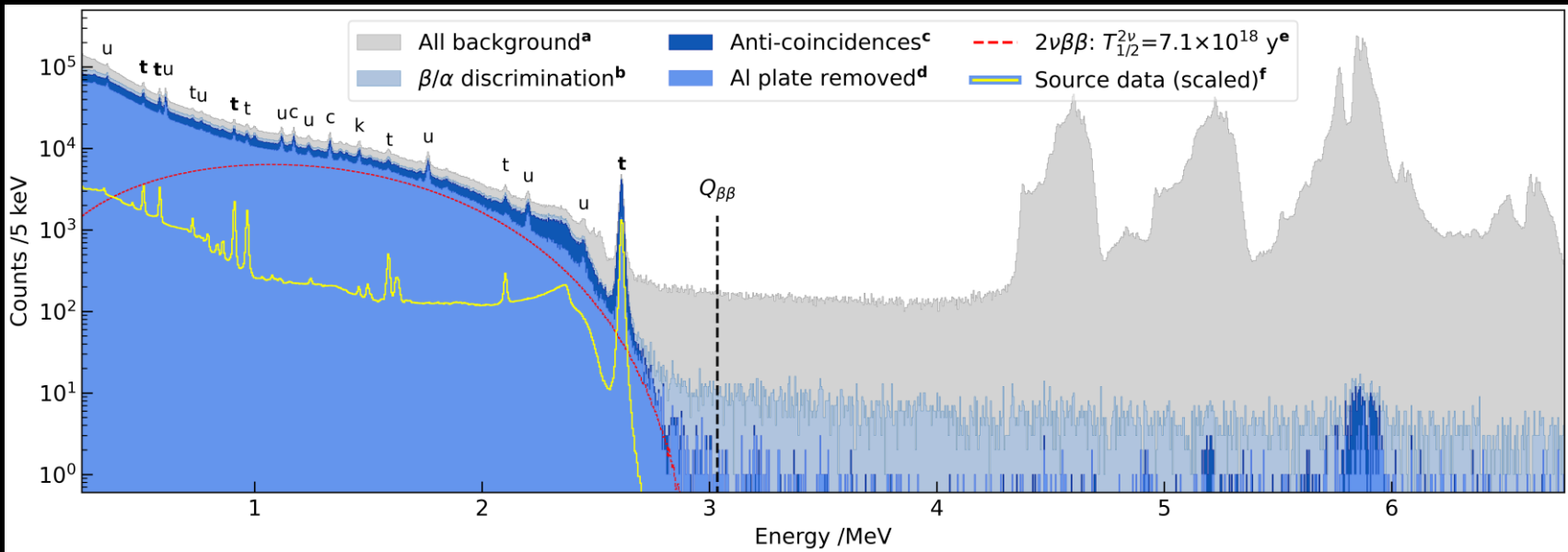
# AMoRE-I @ Y2L



To check detector performance & backgrounds

- Run @ Yangyang Underground Lab. (Y2L), 2020 - 2023
- 13 CMO (4.6 kg) and 5 LMO (1.6 kg) crystals
- 20 cm Pb shielding + neutron shields (PE + b.PE)
- Muon veto detector (plastic scintillator + PMT)
- Confirmed stable operation of MMC+SQUID @ 12 mK

# AMoRE-I



Total exposure:  $3.89 \text{ kg}_{100\text{Mo}} \cdot \text{year}$

Results:

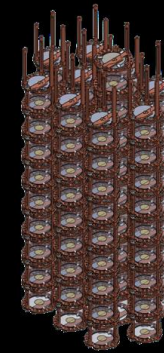
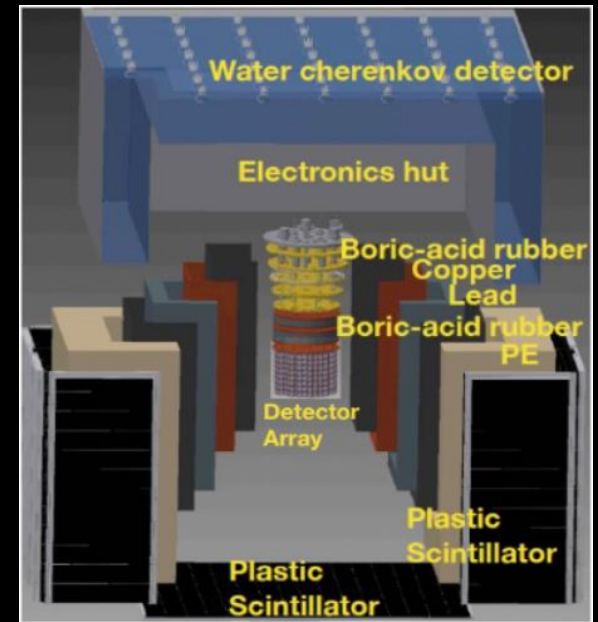
- Background: 0.025 cky
- $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 3.0 \times 10^{24} \text{ years}$  at 90% CL.

Agrawal *et al.*, arXiv:2407.05618, submitted to PRL

ckky: counts/kev/kg/year

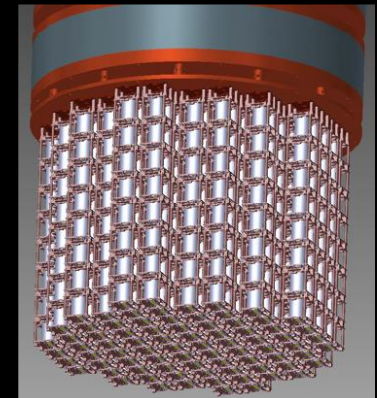
# AMoRE-II Overview

- @ Yemilab, 1000 m overburden
- 360 crystals (LMOs + 13 CMOs)
  - MMC+SQUID for heat & light signals
  - Si wafer for light detector
- Cryostat from Leiden
- Shielding with Pb, PE, and water
  - Lower: Pb (25 cm) + boric-acid rubber (1 cm) + PE (70 cm)
  - Upper: Inner Pb (26 cm) + water (~70 cm)
- Muon veto system
  - Lower: Plastic Scintillator Muon Detector (PSMD)
  - Upper: Water Cerenkov Muon Detector (WCMD)
- **Backgrounds: Goal  $< 10^{-4}$  ckky**
- **Sensitivity:  $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \sim 4 \times 10^{26}$  years, 90% CL.**
- Schedule
  - Stage 1: 90 crystals, 2024-25
  - Stage 2: 360 crystals, 2026 - 2030



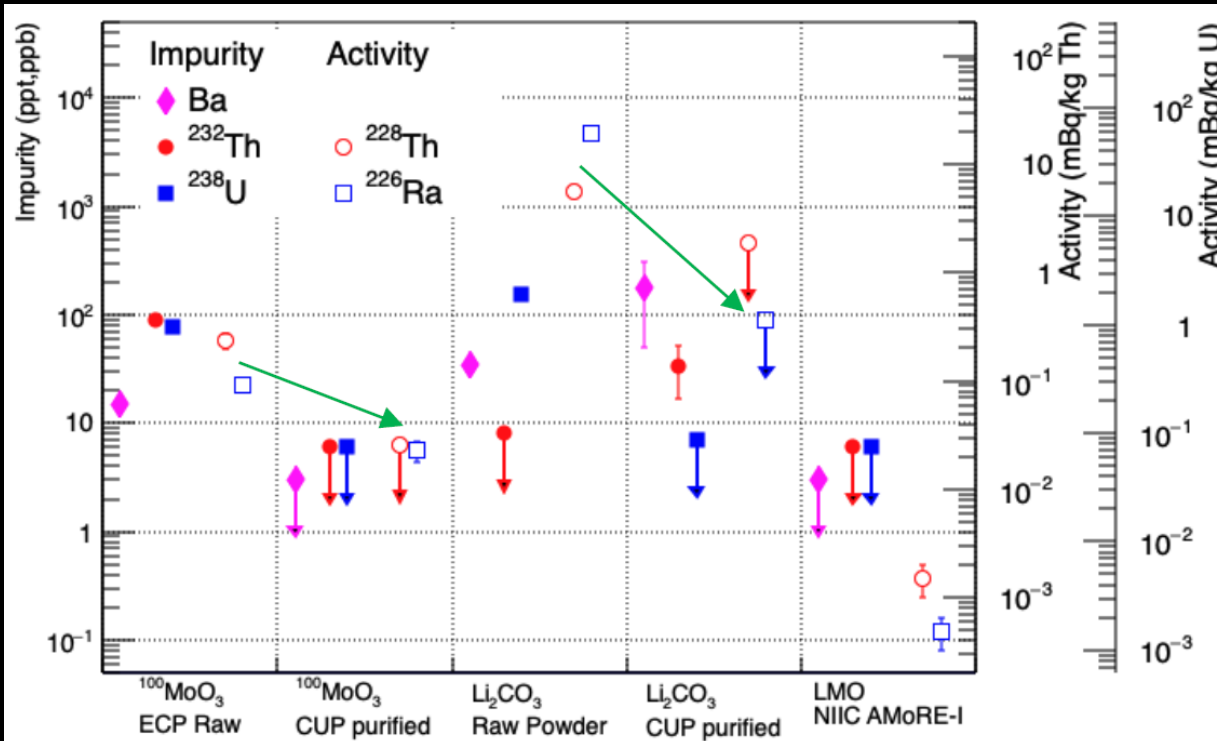
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# Radiopure Enriched Crystals

- Purification of raw materials
  - Purification of both powders,  $^{100}\text{MoO}_3$  and  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$
  - 120 kg of enriched  $\text{MoO}_3$  powder is purified in wet chemistry
  - Re-purification of crystal melts and wastes is going on

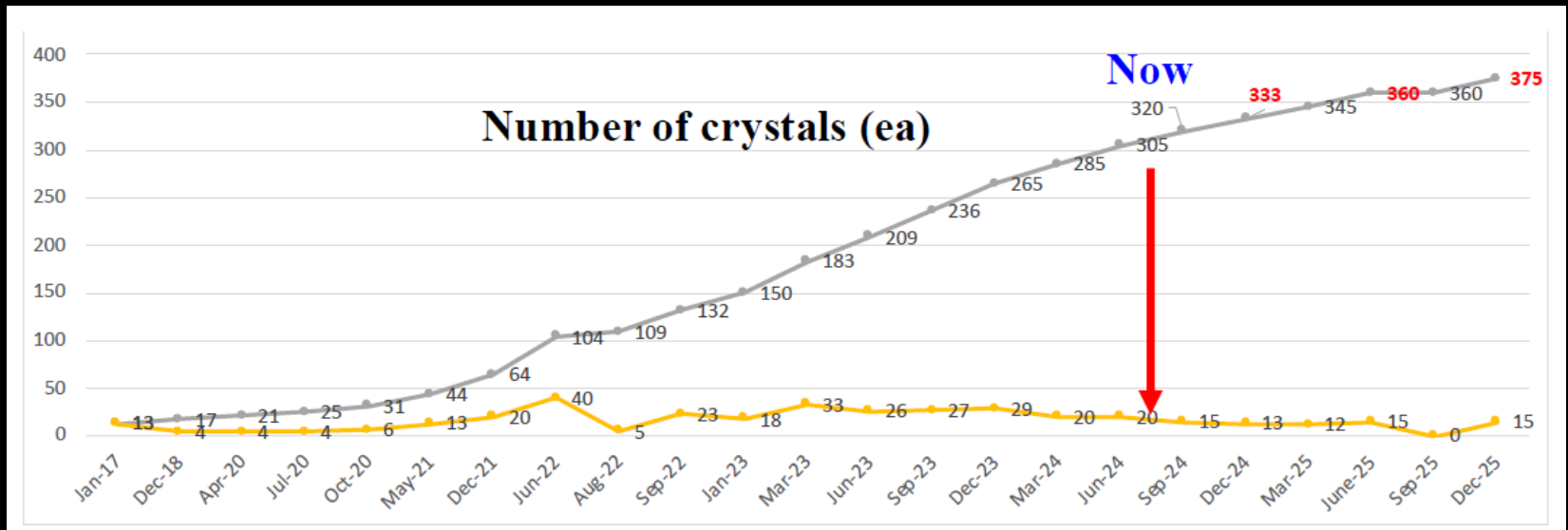


MoO <sub>3</sub> powder \ Activity (μBq/kg)	Raw	Purified
Ac-228	260 ± 50	< 27
Th-228	210 ± 50	< 16
Ra-226	260 ± 50	110 ± 30
K-40	8500 ± 1400	1700 ± 340

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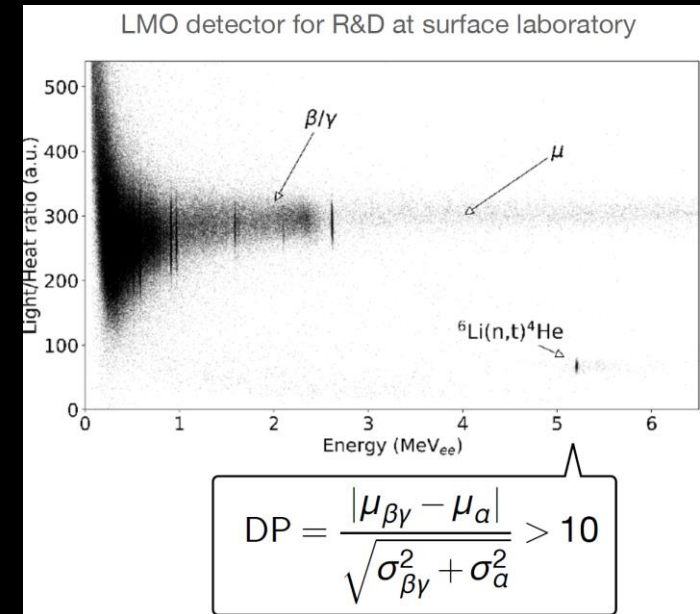
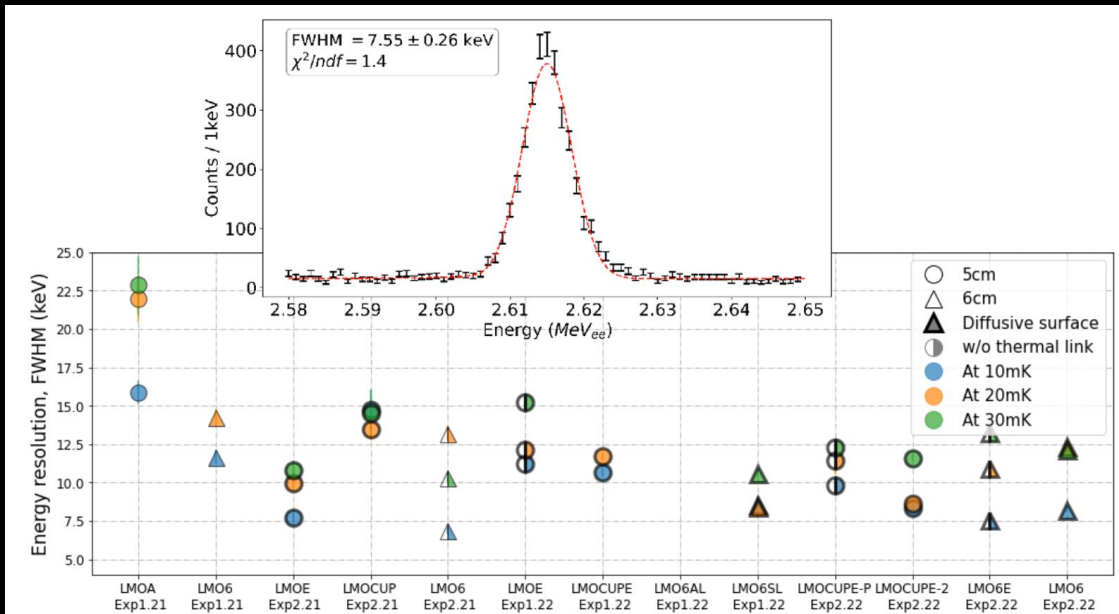
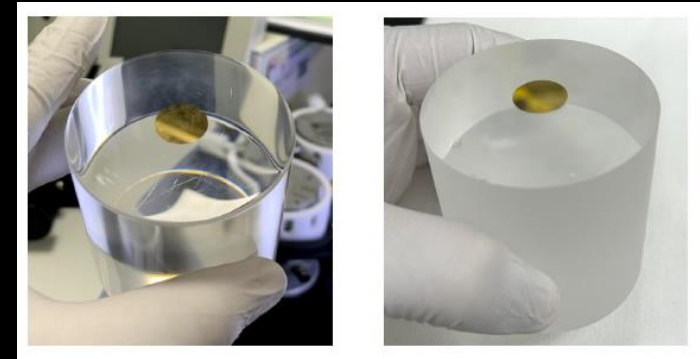
# Crystal Productions

- Crystals produced at CUP/IBS and Nikolaev Institute of Inorganic Chemistry (NIIC, Russia).
- 100Mo enrichment = 95%
- 360 ea (157 kg, 84 kg of 100Mo) of crystals (including AMoRE-I CMOs) will be ready by mid-2025.



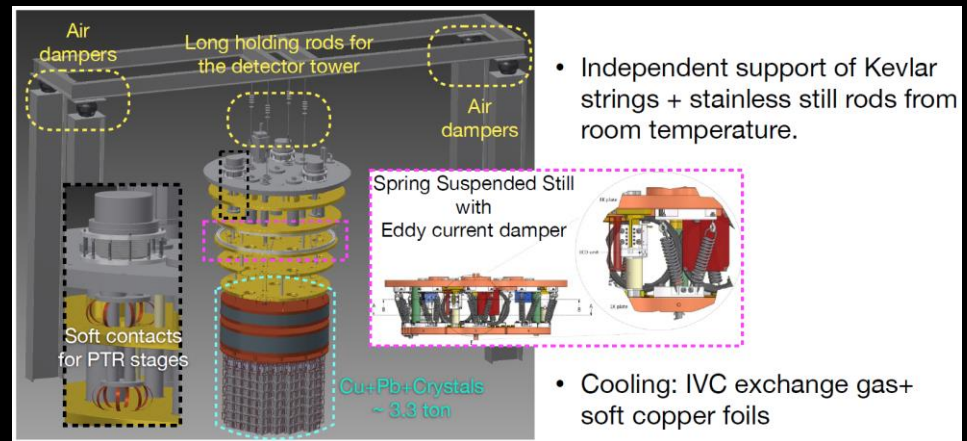
# Detector R&D

- Optimized detector design
  - Crystal surface (polished, diffusive)
  - Crystal size (5 cm, 6 cm): pile-up background  $< 3 \times 10^{-5}$  ckky
- Reach FWHM  $< 10$  keV at 3.034 MeV & improve light detector performance
  - $\beta/\alpha$  discrimination power  $> 10$

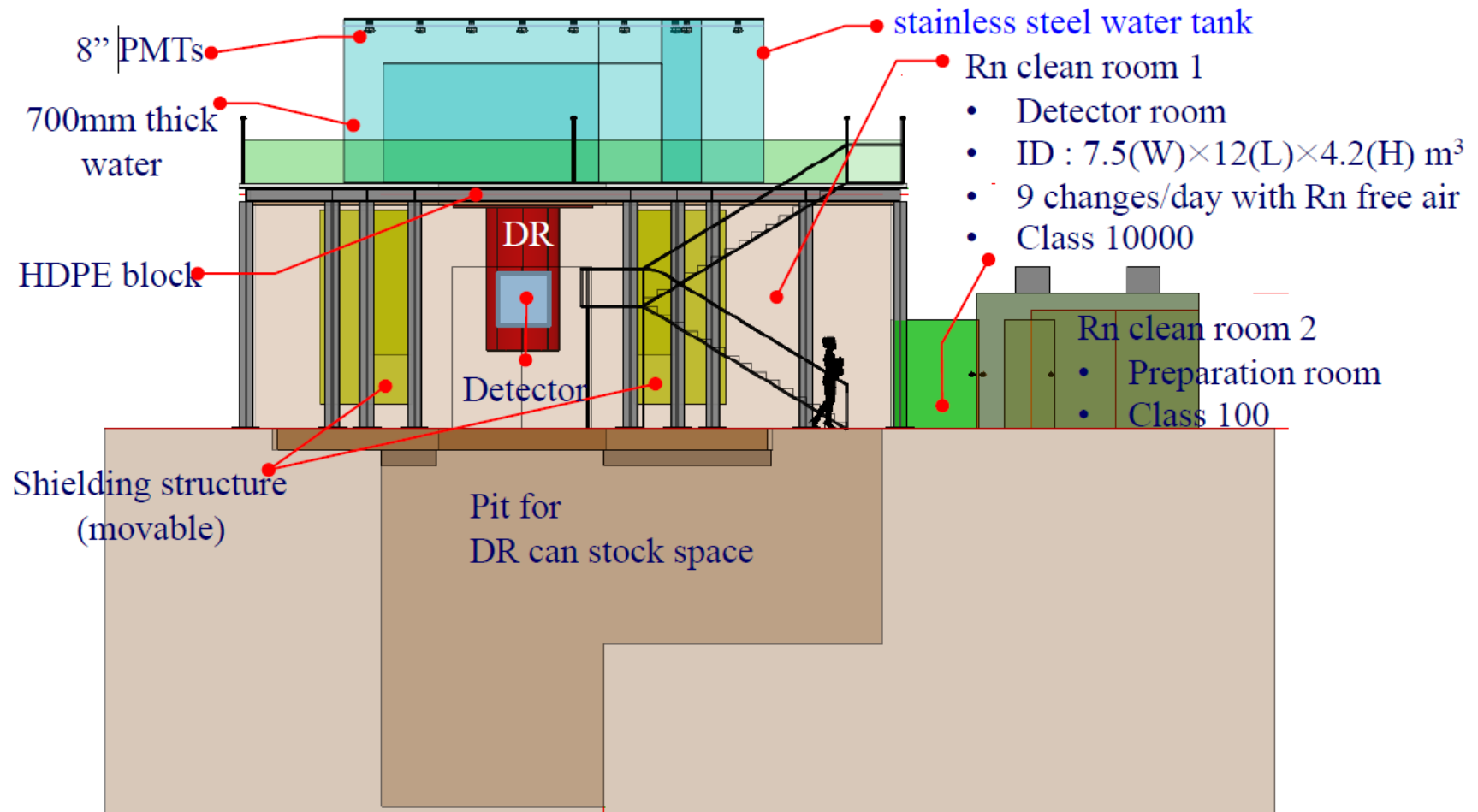


# Dilution Refrigerator (DR)

- Large dilution refrigerator from Leiden
  - With three pulse tubes
  - Cooling power:  $5 \mu\text{W}$  @ 10 mK
  - Base temperature: 6 mK
- Including vibration damping system
- Cabling: 27 wires X 360 detector
  - CuNi alloy30 ( $\phi 160 \mu\text{m}$ ) with NOMAX wire between top plate & mixing chamber
- DR has been transferred to Yemilab and is currently undergoing various tests.



# Structures





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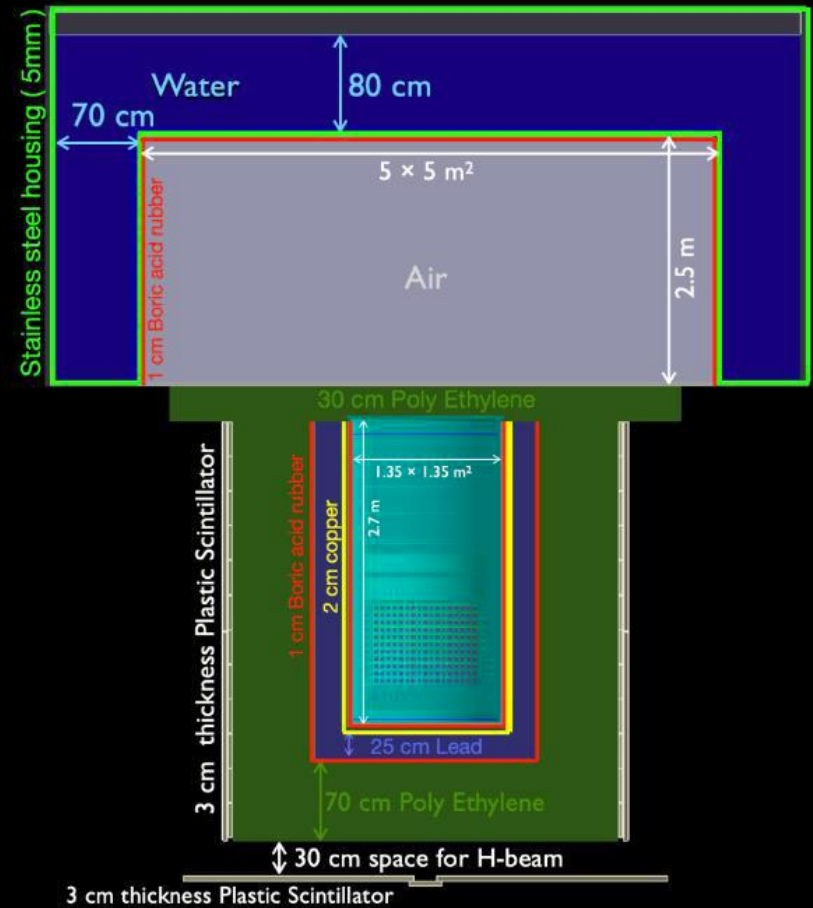
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) m<sup>3</sup>  
e air

# Shielding

- GEANT4 simulation for a realistic geometry with rock gamma, neutron and muon flux at Yemilab.
- Pb (26 cm) over the crystal towers, below the mixing chamber plate in IVC
- Lower: Pb (25 cm) < boric acid rubber (1 cm) < HDPE (70 cm)
- Upper: boric acid rubber (1 cm) < water (> 70 cm)
- Radon-less air supply
- At 1,000 m underground
  - Muon rate  $\sim 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

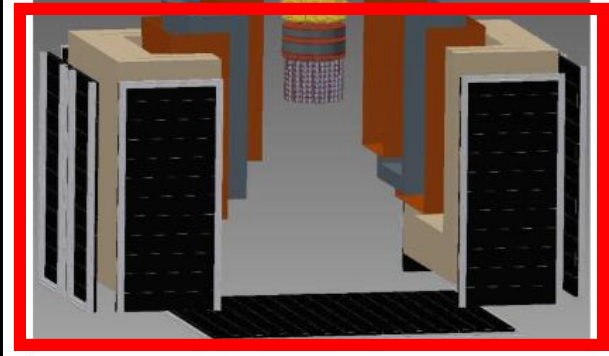


# Muon Veto System

Water Cerenkov Muon Detector  
(WCMD)



- 48 PMTs (8 & 10 inch)
- 60 tons of DI water
- Tyvek reflector inner surface

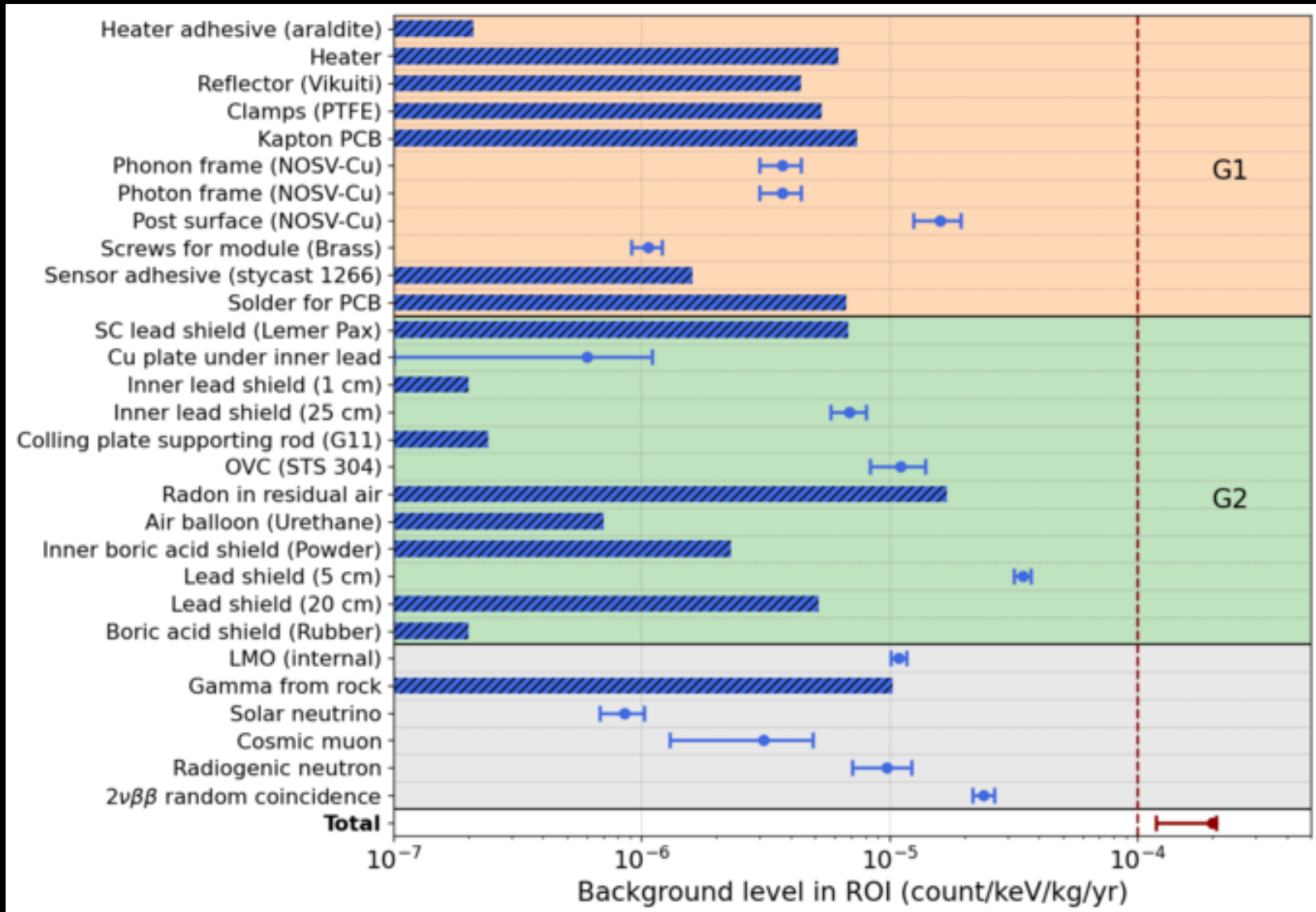


Plastic Scintillator Muon Detector  
(PSMD)

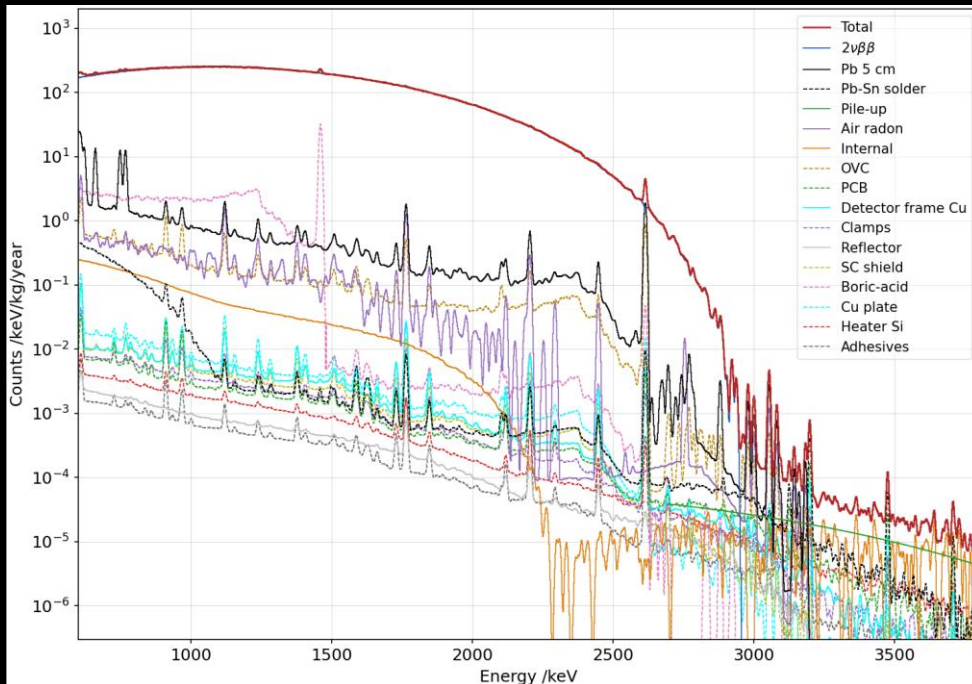


- 130 detectors
- 2 PS with wavelength shifting fibers and 4 SiPM
  - 170 cm x 30 cm x 5 cm

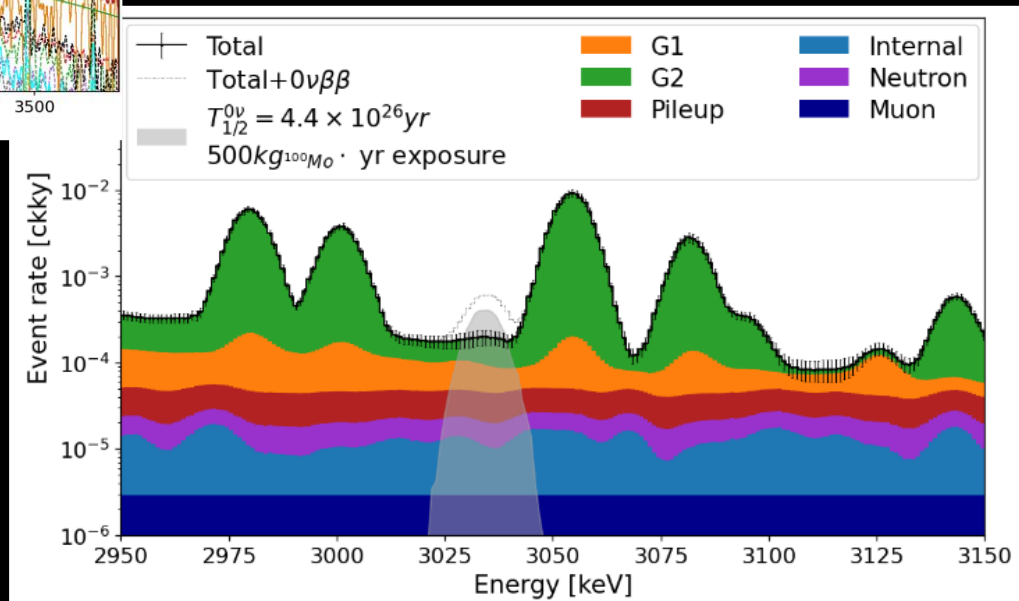
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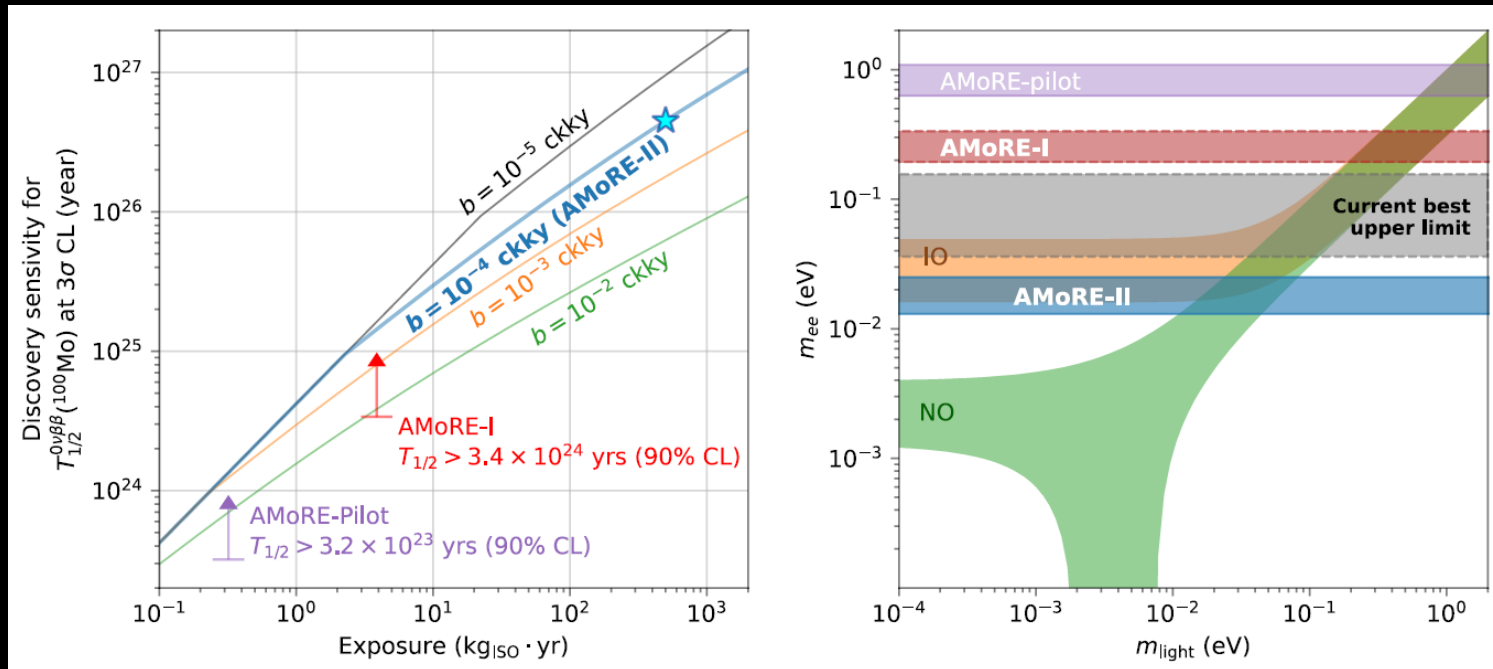


Bkg  $\sim 10^{-4}$  ckky,  $\sigma_E = 10$  keV (FWHM)



# AMoRE-II Plan

- Stage 1 with 27 kg of LMO for  $\sim 1$  year
- Mass upgrade to 157 kg for stage 2
- $> 5$  years more data taking:  $> 500 \text{ kg}_{100\text{Mo}} \cdot \text{year}$
- Sensitivity goal:
  - $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \sim 6 \times 10^{26}$  years (90% CL. Exclusion)
  - $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \sim 4 \times 10^{26}$  years ( $3\sigma$  evidence)
  - $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle \sim 20\text{-}35 \text{ meV}$



# AMoRE-II Summary

- AMoRE-II is being prepared to start stage 1 in 2024 with 90 ea (27 kg) of LMO crystals
  - DR was installed at Yemilab and is being tested now
  - Assembling crystal detector is on-going at Yemilab
  - Installing crystal detector will be started soon
- Stage 2 will use 360 ea (157 kg) of LMO
  - Background level at ROI  $\sim 10^{-4}$  c/ky
  - Discovery potential of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  with  $500 \text{ kg}_{100\text{Mo}} \cdot \text{year}$  exposure:  
 $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \sim 4 \times 10^{26}$  years,  $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle \sim 20\text{-}35$  meV

Thank you