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# INFN Astroparticle Projects in collaboration with Russia

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### The INFN

- The National Institute for Nuclear Physics (INFN) is the Italian research agency dedicated to the study of the fundamental constituents of matter
  - Managed under supervision of Ministry of Education (MIUR)
  - It conducts theoretical and experimental research in the fields of subnuclear, nuclear and astro-particle physics.
  - Funded: 1951
  - 4 National Laboratories
    - Frascati, Gran Sasso, Legnaro, Catania
  - 20 Directors for 20 regional divisions
  - 6 Foundations or External Structures



### INFN SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATION

• INFN [ 3670 Full Time Equivalent (FTE), research staff + university associates ]

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CSN1 : Particle Physics with Accelerators	19.8 M€	796 FTE	\
CSN2: Astroparticle and Fundamental Physics	12.3+9 M€	726 FTE	
CSN3: Nuclear Physics	9.2 M€	494 FTE	2015
• CSN4: Theory	2.7 M€	991 FTE	
CSN5: Technology	5.3 M€	663 FTE	/

#### • CSN2: Astroparticle and Fundamental Physics

- 4 main areas of scientific activity (new structure, 2015)
  - 1) Neutrino Physics
  - 2) Radiation from the Universe
  - 3) The Dark Universe
  - 4) Gravitational Waves, Gravity and Quantum Physics

### **CSN2: Astroparticle and Fundamental Physics**

• Four areas of research....

#### Neutrino Physics

#### Radiation from the Universe

Gravitational waves, Gravity and Quantum Physics

The Dark Universe

#### **CSN2:** Astroparticle and Fundamental Physics

• Four areas of research... with **solid long standing collaboration** with **Russian** institutions and Dubna International Laboratory



#### Many diverse places



#### **Neutrino Physics**



#### BOREXino (@LNGS)

- A liquid scintillator detector for solar and geo-neutrinos
- ~ 20 years of collaboration on a very successful project
  - Kurchatov, DUBNA, St. Petersburg, Moscow University (and Kiev)
  - A substantial contribution to construction, data acquisition and data analysis
- BOREXino main results (see 6 talks in the afternoon!)

Before Borexino (2006)

After Borexino (2015)



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# GERDA (@LNGS) $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 2.1 \ 10^{25} \text{ y}$ frequentist $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.9 \ 10^{25} \text{ y}$ bayesian

- Legacy of Moscow-Heidelberg experiments
- Successful completion of Phase I
  - End data taking 21-05-2013
  - Combined with HdM + IGEX
    - $p_value = 2.10^{-4}$
    - Klapdor's claim strongly disfavoured
- Phase 2 under completion
  - More mass (detectors done!)
  - Less background (10 times)
  - Improvements in LAr veto
  - Data taking with ~30 kg in a few months





### Scintillating Bolometers for 0vBB

- Current generation of **bolometer** experiments are background limited
  - Option: use scintillation light to reduce  $\alpha$  background
  - Test with 20 + 40 crystals (20 @ Modane)
  - Possible technology for a CUORE upgrade
  - A nice opportunity for stronger collaboration with Russian groups

ZnSe crystals (  $^{82}$ Se at 95% )





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#### SOX

- A nice re-use of BOREXino detector
  - Search for sterile neutrinos by means of an artificial anti-neutrino (and maybe in the future neutrino) source
  - <sup>144</sup>Ce anti-neutrino source made in Russia
    - INFN-CEA project with active role of Russian industry and scientists
- Similar proposal exists in Russia with SAGE detector
  - <sup>51</sup>Cr neutrino source
- Several talks (including my own) in the afternoon on SOX





#### The Dark Universe





#### The Dark Universe



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#### Dama Libra

- ~250 kg NaI scintillator crystals
  - Low threshold (2 keV published, 1 keV data taking in progress)
  - Long standing model independent signal
    - No credible interpretation beyond Dark Matter signature BUT
    - Difficult to reconcile with other experiments assuming naïve WIMP or simple electromagnetic interactions (LUX, Xenon-100)





See R. Bernabei's talk





# Darkside-50 kg (future 20t)

- 50 kg LAr bi-phase detector operated with low
  <sup>39</sup>Ar and liquid scintillator neutron veto
  - Zero background goal achieved
  - 20 t phase under discussion
    - Key contribution from Russia: low background titanium cryostat
    - See several talks on Thursday for details









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# Flying detectors



AGILE, 23-4-2006 Mainly X and  $\gamma$ 







FERMI, I I-6-2008 Brand new γ sky, but also electrons AMS-02,11-6-2011 Charged particles up to 1 TeV



- Among these, Pamela is a nice example of strong joint INFN-Russia collaboration
  - Silicon detectors technology: know how from long standing accelerator experience
  - Data analysis, Detector simulations
  - Leading role (P.I. Piergiorgio Picozza)

#### Pamela

- Launch 15-6-2006 from Baikonur
  - Stable operation in RESURS-DK1 satellite
    - Conditions are getting worse, but still usable after 9 y in space !
- A very successful experiment
  - Pamela results on DM all confirmed by AMS-02
  - Several talks on Friday on all results obtained in 9 y of data



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#### Future space detectors

- Follow up of Agile-Pamela-Fermi-AMS02
  - Dampe (China)
    - Important synergy with CAS. Chinese fundings.
    - 2 GeV 10 TeV e/ $\gamma$  30 GeV 100 TeV CR
    - Almost ready to fly
  - Gamma-400 (killed ???)
    - Tracker + Innovative calorimetry (CaloCube)
    - 100 MeV 1 TeV e/γ 2% energy resolution,
      10 TeV e<sup>-</sup> Light nuclei up to the knee 1000 TeV
      - Excellent hadron / electron separation
    - High acceptance calorimeter
  - HERD
    - INFN R&D effort just starting now



### A dream: observation of CR from space

- A 20 y old dream
  - Fluorescence and Cherenkov detection of CR air showers from space
  - AirWatch, EUSO, JEM-EUSO all dead....
  - Is there a future ?
- Next step: MiniEuso on ISS-Russia ?





### High energy neutrinos

- After Ice Cube discovery, increased interest for a high energy neutrino observatory in the Mediterranean
  - **24 M€** investment close to completion.
  - 8 towers and 24 strings will be deployed in water in 2015/2016
  - New fundings necessary to complete
    - Proposal for additional regional fundings under discussion
- Synergy with Toulon site on **ORCA** 
  - ORCA may find neutrino hierarchy, if done on time
  - Waiting for good news from France

#### Neutrinos

- Low energy neutrinos (solar, SN, terrestrial) covered by **Borexino** / **LVD at LNGS**
- Deep sea detectors for:
  - Neutrino astronomy in the Mediterranean: Km3Net
  - Atmospheric neutrinos (hierarchy): **ORCA**
- Both high priority, only partially funded so far
  - Work in progress



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# Optical Module







#### Gravitational waves

- Step 1: we need discovery!
  - Virgo-Ligo Adv. program almost ready to go
- Step 2: Birth of GW astrophysics
  - How many events with Adv detectors ?
    - Large uncertainty: 0.4 < events < 400 y
  - Future
    - Einstein Telescope for relatively high frequency observatory
    - LISA-PF ready for launch: key step toward low frequency observatory
- Multi-messenger observation with GW might be real in the next decade
  - Joint effort with optical, radio, γ, neutrino detectors
- R&D effort for new technologies (atom interferometry on ground or space)



### Virgo Advanced

- One of the main INFN efforts
  - EGO + CSN2
  - Strong synergy and agreement with LIGO
  - ~ 8M€/y
  - We must find waves ..... Ready for data in 2016







#### LISA-PF

- Goal: validate the concept of "no-touch" satellite
- Two Au-Pt masses in the same satellite
  - One free falling, the second one controlled by low-frequency electrostatic system
  - Launch in Dec. 2015



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#### Conclusions

- A long standing and fruitful collaboration in many diverse fields of research
  - Large Russian contribution to Gran Sasso experiments especially, but also to many other
  - A rich menu of new projects for future even more intense collaboration

# Thanks