

## Studies for a Xenon1t Dark Matter Detector - Gamma Background Marijke Haffke University of Zürich



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- Goal





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Gamma BG	10 <sup>-4</sup> DRU
Neutron BG	1 / (2 years)
Exposure	2 years
WIMP sensitivity (100GeV)	3 * 10 <sup>-47</sup> cm <sup>2</sup>
BG reduction	factor 100 -> Xe100



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  - find new Location
    - in Gran Sasso or other Underground Lab



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- Possible Location: Inside LVD Detector

#### My Work:

Studies of the expected gamma backgrounds

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## I. Introduction LVD

- Large Volume Detector
- Hall A of the Gran Sasso Laboratory
- Aim: Detecting stellar collapses, high energy neutrinos
- Dimensions: 49 m long
   13 m high
   12 m wide



## I. Introduction XENON inside LVD

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## I. Gamma Measurement NaI

#### NaI Detector from Saint Gobain



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## Calibration Measurements with Th228, Cs137, Co60, Co57 sources





• Spectra













#### Energy resolution of NaI





# Geant4 Simulations of CalibrationTh 228







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#### MC vs real data





I. Gamma Measurement NaI - Measurements

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  - XenonBox
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#### Measurements LNGS





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    - => LVD CF has ~ factor 10 lower BG



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- Geant4 Geometry:
  - Outer Cryostat (made of SSteel):

130 cm diameter, 100cm height

- Inner Can (made of SSteel):

123 cm diameter, 100 cm height

– Inner Teflon Tube:

91 cm diameter, 80 cm height

– Liquid Xenon:

~3 t in total ~1 t FV



- Started Gammas from "HollowSphere" of 2m radius around Xenon1t detector
- 10<sup>9</sup> events each for:
  - U238
  - Th232
  - Co60







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- Energy Spectra
- Singles for a detector resolution of 3 mm in z



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- but:
- normalization of the MC is preliminary

- waiting for more precise new measurements

more precise simulations => Outlook



## II. Gamma Simulations Xe1t Xenon inside LVD



LVD Geant4 Geometry of Rino Persiani



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## **IV. Summary and Outlook**

- NaI-Gamma-Measurements in LNGS => LVD Core facility has very low Gamma BG (~ \* 10)
- HollowSphere Simulations for Xenon1t => need additional outer shield

#### Outlook:

- intrinsic BG NaI => Activity of LVD CF
- Simulations of Gammas from LVD
- Simulations of BG from Xenon1t materials