STELLA @ LNGS: status and update

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Upgrade STELLA laboratory

- Planned since 2018;
- Funding available ca. 700 k€;
- Hold-ups due to pandemic and administrative problems;
- Hopefully done and working by the end of 2023;
- New laboratory space.







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Collaboration MPI-K-HD & LNGS

New HPGe detector:

(see talk on Wednesday by Nicola Ackermann)

- Based on GeMPI design;
- Improved shielding;
- Increased efficiency;
- Location in new STELLA laboratory.

Scientific projects

- Meteorite measurements (King et al., «The Winchcombe meteorite, a unique and pristine witness from the outer solar system» Science Advances, 8, eabq3925, 16/11/2022; Shober P.M. et al., «Arpu Kuilpu: An H5 from the outer main belt», Meteoritics and Planetary Science, 57, Issue 6 (2022) pp. 1146-1157);
- Rare decay search (Laubenstein, M. et al., «Search for rare alpha and double beta decays of Yb isotopes to excited levels of daughter nuclei», European Physical Journal C, 82 (2022) 58);
- New detector design (Celi, E. et al., «Development of a cryogenic In2O3 calorimeter to measure the spectral shape of 115In 6-decay», Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A, 1033 (2022) 166682; Nagorny, S. et al., «Measurement of Pt-190 alpha decay modes with gamma emission using a novel approach with an ultra-low-background high purity germanium detector», Journal of Instrumentation, 16, Issue 3 (2021) P03027).

Winchcombe

- The Winchcombe meteorite contains water similar to that found on Earth;
- New study shows that carbonaceous asteroids played a key role in delivering the ingredients needed to kickstart oceans and life on the early Earth;
- Winchcombe was blasted off an asteroid near Jupiter and travelled to Earth within the last million years;
- Samples of the meteorite are on display at the Natural History Museum;

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Figure 1: Decay scheme of the ¹¹⁵In to the ground state $(1/2^+)$ and excited state $(3/2^+)$ of ¹¹⁵Sn. Figure reprinted from Ref. [11].

 $In_2O_3 \\ 4^{th} \text{ forbidden non-unique } \beta \text{ decay} \\$

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