## Low-background setup for measurement of the intrinsic background of CaMoO<sub>4</sub> scintillation crystals

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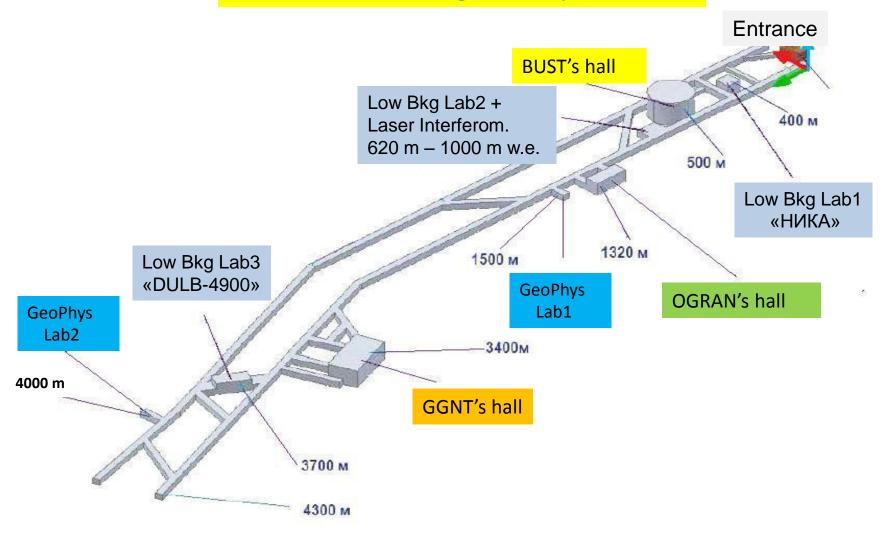


The overview of the BNO INR RAS and Neutrino village



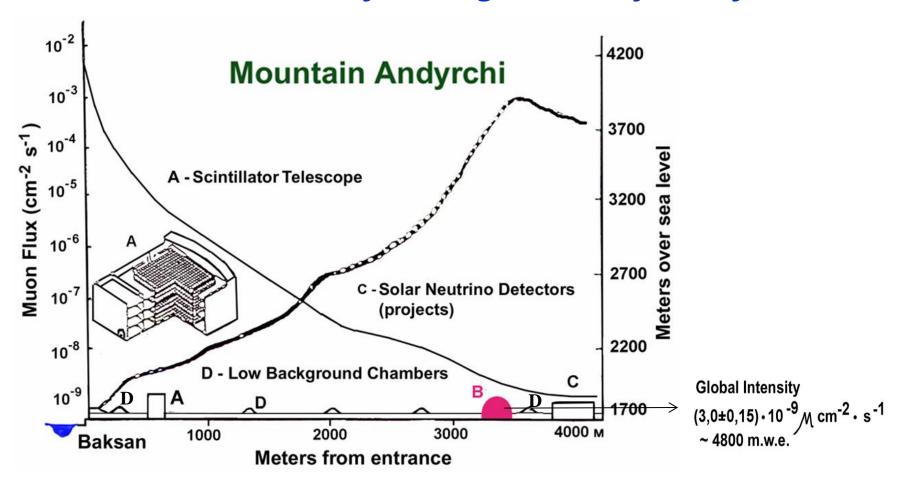
1) Elling building with Carpet detection facility; 2) shallow underground hall with Carpet-2 detection facility; 3) laboratory's buildings; 4) schematic view of Andyrchy-array at the mountain slope; 5) entrances to the Main and Auxiliary adits.

#### General view of underground objects of BNO



Underground Laboratories of the BNO INR RAS

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Schematic view of a section of the Andyrchy slope along the adit (write scale) and dependence of underground muon flux on the laboratory location depth (left scale).

#### **Characteristics of deep underground low-background laboratory (DULB-4900)**



General view of auxiliary and low-background boxes.



Interior view of the low-background box with the door opened.

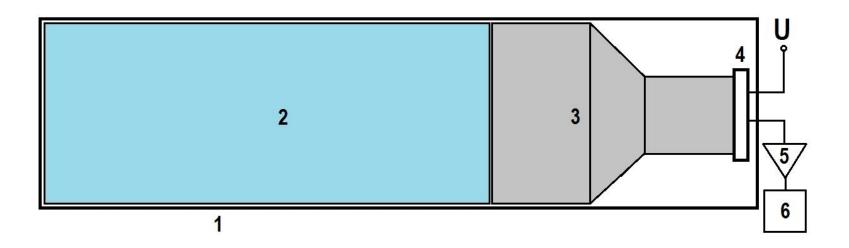
The walls, doors, floors and ceilings of the two low-background boxes are composed of 250 mm polyethylene+1mm Cd+150 mm high-purity Pb with the total mass of the shielding material 30 t, 1 t and 190 t, respectively.

## Low-background box





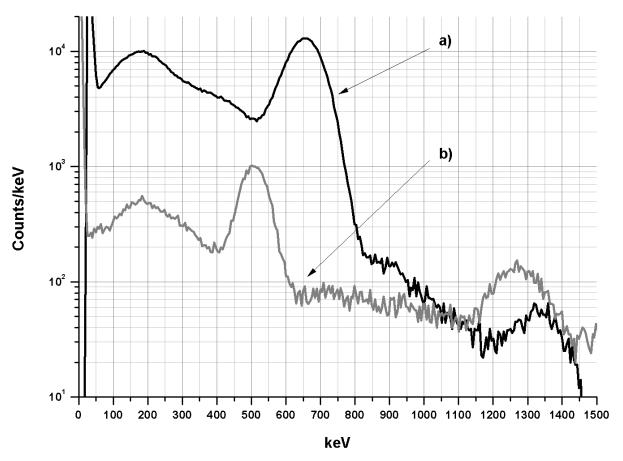
#### A Test Low-background scintillation detector



- 1 stainless steel case 102x500mm; 2 crystal NaI(Tl) 80x250 mm; 3 PMT-110;
- 4 PMT divider; 5 preamplifier; 6 recorder.

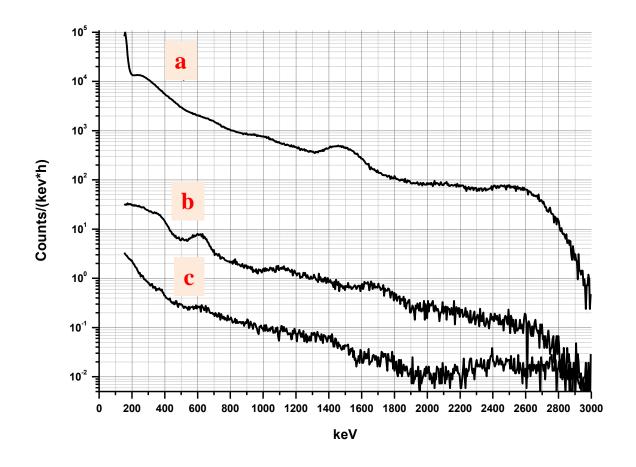
Crystal NaI(TI) with a diameter (d) 80mm and height (h) of 250 mm (weight of 4.6 kg), packed into the stainless steel cylindrical casing closed from one end with the maximum sizes d = 91 mm and h = 267 mm. Output window 12 mm thick made of an optical quartz. Crystal stored in underground conditions ~ 20 years.

The spectra of calibration sources <sup>137</sup>Cs - (a) and <sup>22</sup>Na – (b).



Resolution of 662 keV (spectrum "a") is 17.6%, and the lines of 1275 keV (spectrum "b") - 13.5%.

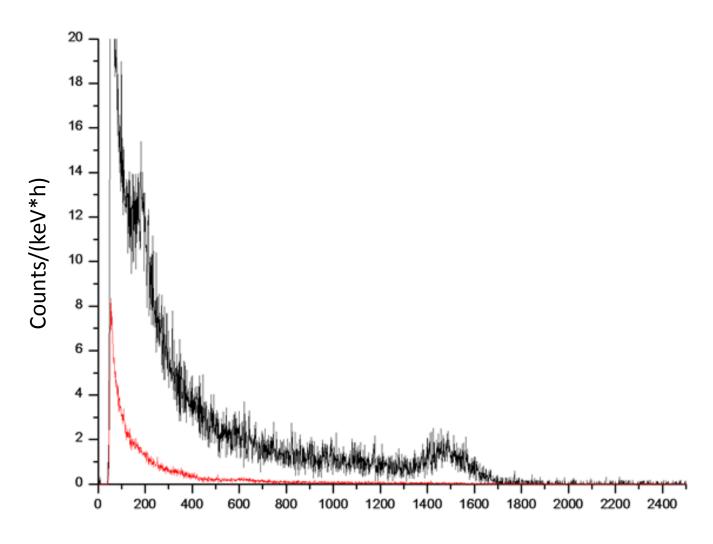
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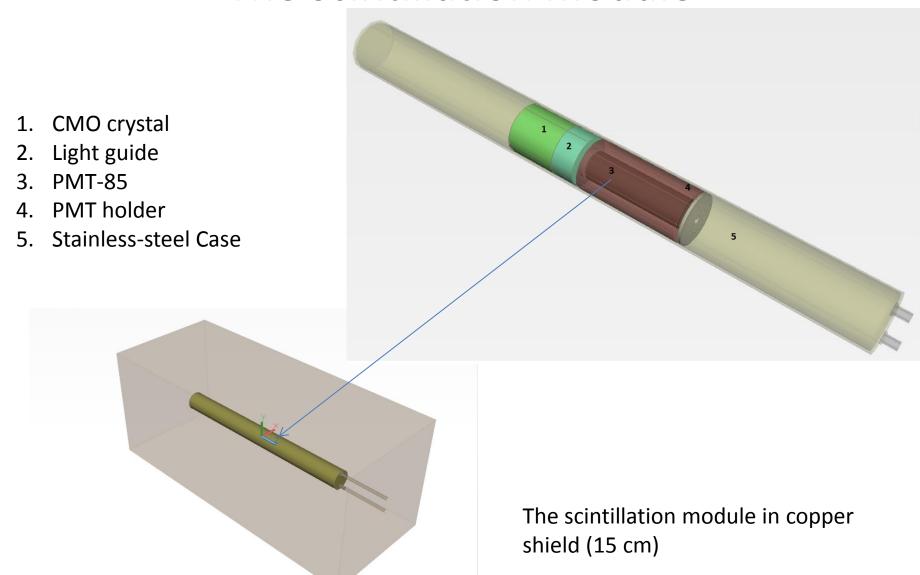
Background spectra in the unshielded room of DULB (a), in a low-background box (b), in a low-background box with additional 10 cm Cu shield(c). Crystal NaI(Tl) d=80 mm, h=250 mm, m=4.61 kg

#### **Count rate [0.15-3.00 MeV]**

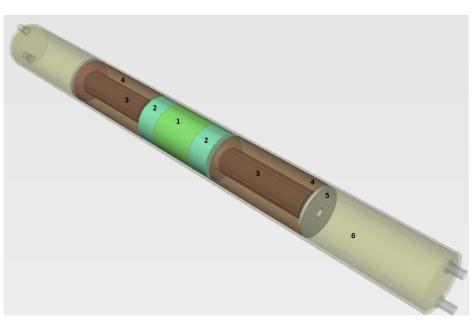
- a. 270  $[1/(s \cdot kg)]$
- **b.** 0.753 [1/(s·kg)]
- c.  $0.0542 [1/(s \cdot kg)]$



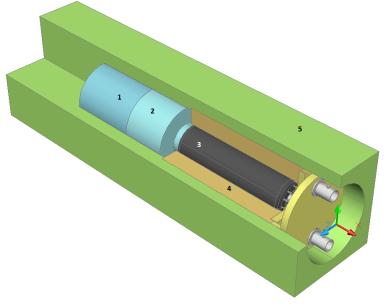
### The scintillation module



#### Variants of scintillation module

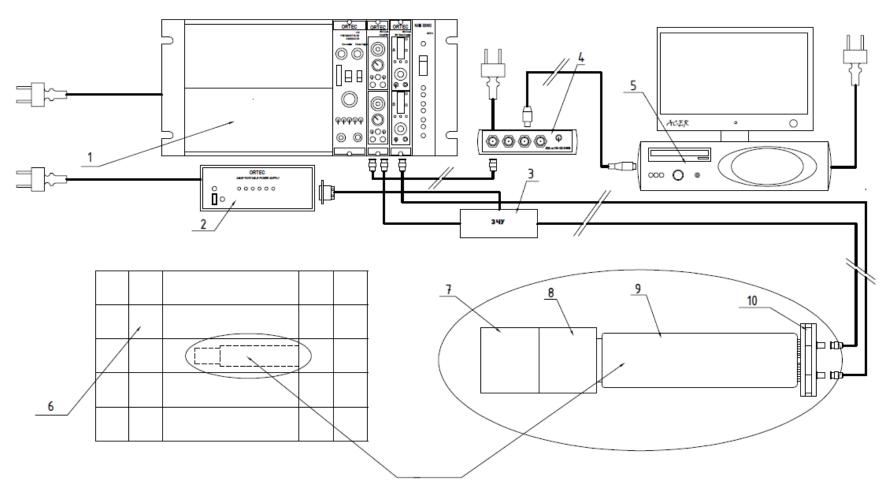


- 1. CMO crystal
- 2. Light guide
- 3. PMT
- 4. PMT holder
- 5. PMT HV divider
- 6. Stainless-steel Case



- CMO crystal
- 2. Light guide
- 3. PMT
- 4. PMT holder
- 5. Plastic Case

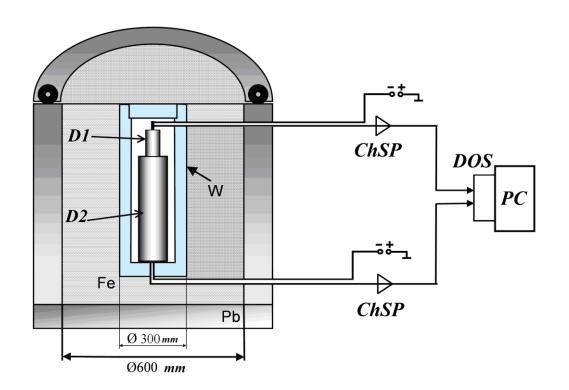
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- 1. Spectroscopy electronics
- 2. Portable power supply
- 3. Charge sensitive preamplifier
- 4.Digitizer
- 5.PC
- 6.Low-background shield (15cm Cu + 15cm Pb)

- 7.CMO crystal
- 8. Lightquide
- 9.PMT-85
- 10.PMT divider

Schematic section of the low-background setup and the electronic block diagram.



Low-background shield consists of 12 cm Pb + 15 cm Fe + 3 cm W. The setup includes a test detector D1 and coincidence detector D2, made from a large low-background scintillation crystal NaI (Tl) d = 150 mm, h = 150 mm, with a well d = 90 mm, h = 120 mm. Face of detector D1, which is a CMO crystal, is inserted into the well. In the proposed scheme, the detector D2 allows to register with some efficiency  $\gamma$ -rays accompanying the decay of radioactive impurities in the CMO crystal.

# Thank you very much for your attention!