

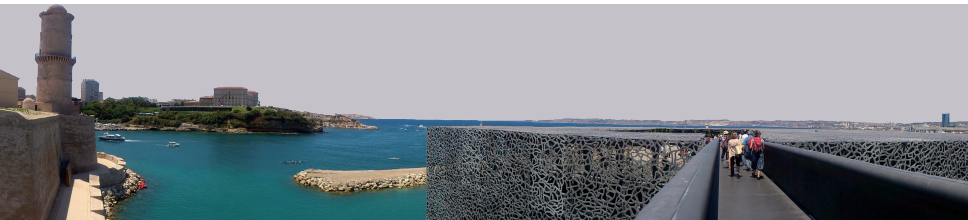
Double Beta Decay Experiments



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Double Beta Decay

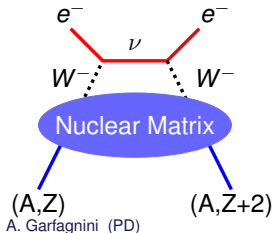
- a 2nd order process, detectable only if single beta decay (1st order) is energetically forbidden, or ΔJ large

$$2\nu\beta\beta : (A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z + 2) + 2e^- + 2\bar{\nu}_e$$

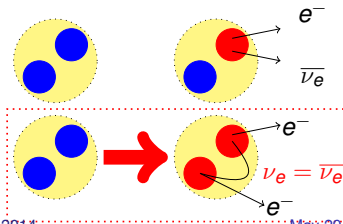
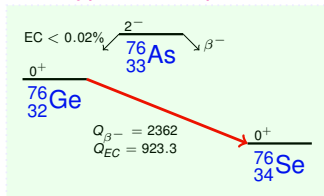
- a **rare process**, measured in 11 nuclei
 - $T_{1/2} \sim 10^{19} - 10^{21}$ yr
 - $\Delta L = 0$
- for ^{76}Ge : $T_{1/2} \sim 10^{21}$ yr

$$0\nu\beta\beta : (A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z + 2) + 2e^-$$

- still hunted process
 - $T_{1/2} > 10^{25}$ yr
 - $\Delta L = 2 \rightarrow$ physics beyond the Standard Model



Typical example



Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

- In the limit of **light Majorana neutrinos** exchanges (1305.0056v2 [hep-ph])

$$\Gamma^{0\nu} = \frac{1}{T_{1/2}^{0\nu}} = G_{0\nu}(Q, Z) \cdot \overset{\text{NME}}{|M^{0\nu}|^2} \cdot \frac{|m_{ee}^\nu|^2}{m_e}$$

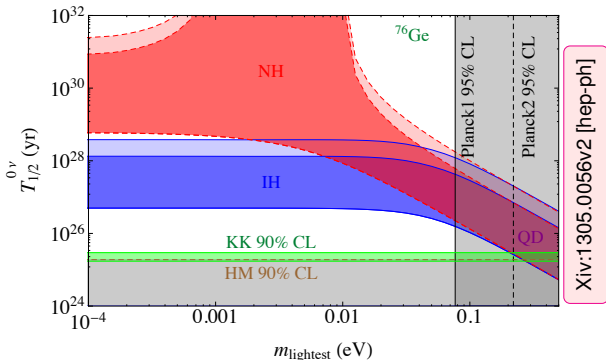
Effective Majorana mass

Phase Space

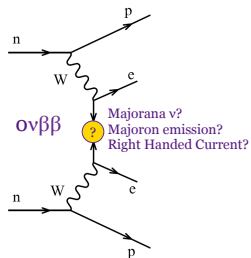
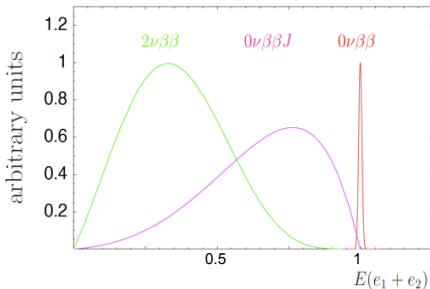
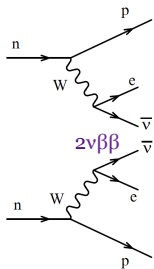
- with Neutrino Mixing Matrix

$$m_{ee}^\nu = \sum_k U_{ek}^2 m_k$$

$$m_{ee}^\nu = c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 m_1 + s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 m_2 e^{2i\alpha_2} + s_{13}^2 e^{2i\alpha_3} m_3$$



Experimental signatures



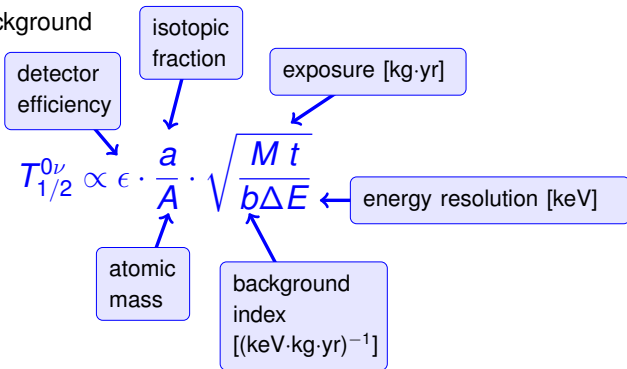
- **Event topology:** two electrons at the decay vertex
- **measure** the electrons **sum energy spectrum** (and angular distributions)
- energy distribution sensitive to the underlying process ($2\nu\beta\beta$, $0\nu\beta\beta$ with Majorons)
- $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay has a **peak** at $Q_{\beta\beta} = E_{e1} - E_{e2} - 2m_e$

.. and sensitivities

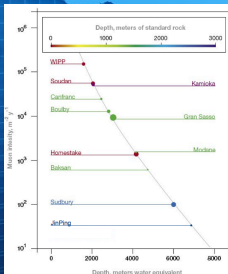
- In the unlikely case of **zero background** experiment:

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \propto \epsilon \cdot \frac{a}{A} \cdot M t$$

- the **sensitivity** with background



Double Beta Decay Experiments around the World



LNGS

Depth: 3650 m.w.e

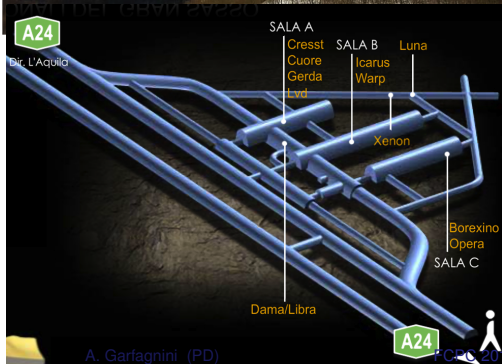
Three large experimental halls.
Environmental rates:

muons: $2.58 \times 10^{-8}/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ s})$

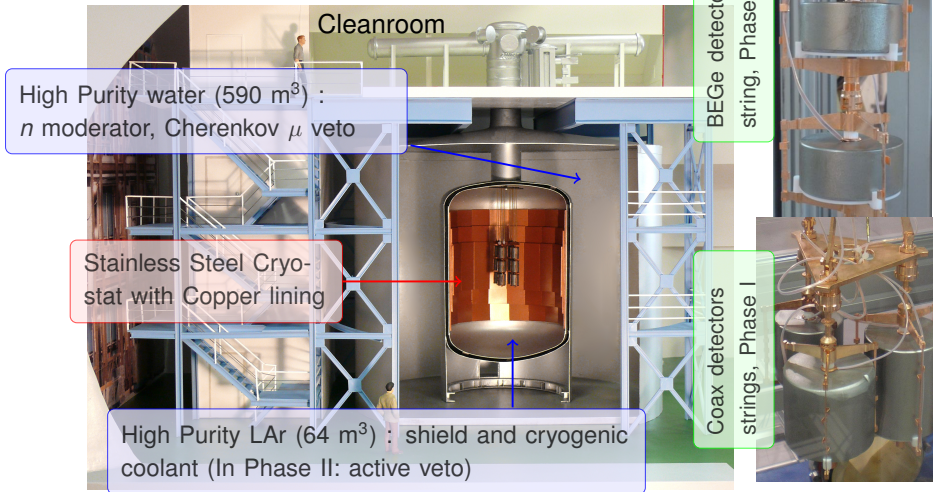
gammas: $0.73/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ s})$

neutrons: $4 \times 10^{-6}/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ s})$

Double Beta Decay Experiments:
GERDA, CUORE, COBRA and
Lucifer R&D



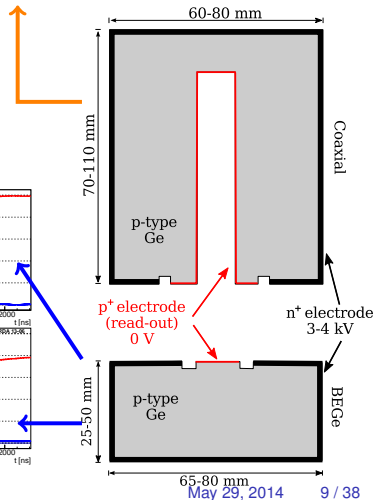
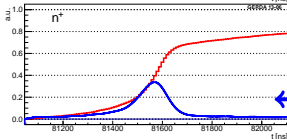
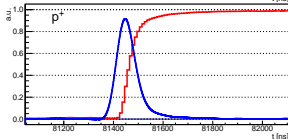
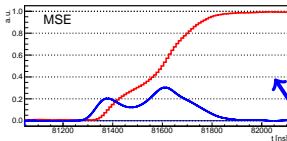
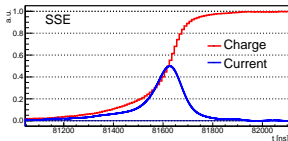
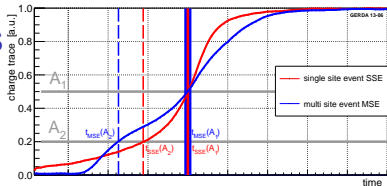
- Onion like shielding against environmental radiation
- Rigorous material selection (screening)



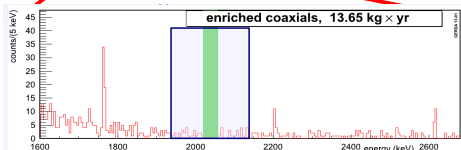
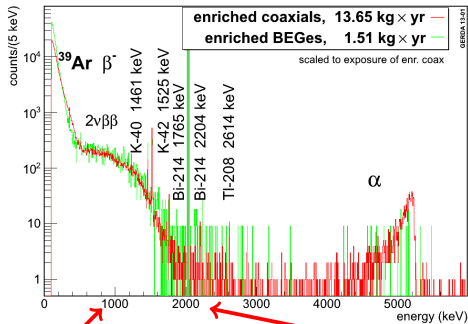
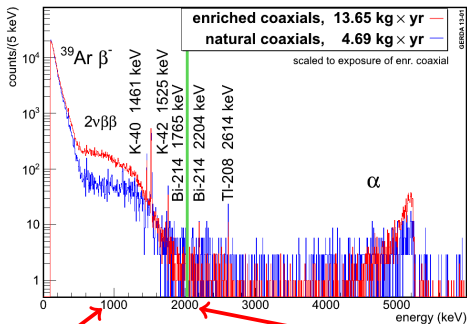


GERDA detectors

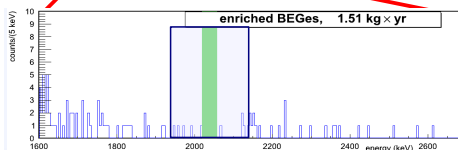
- Phase I: p-type semi-coaxial
- Phase II: p-type, Broad Energy Germanium (BEGe)
- Signal structure allows to discriminate between **Single-Site-Events (SSE)** and **Multiple-Site-Events (MSE)**



The measured energy spectra in GERDA

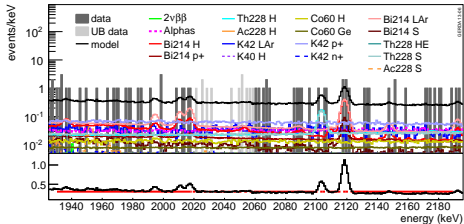
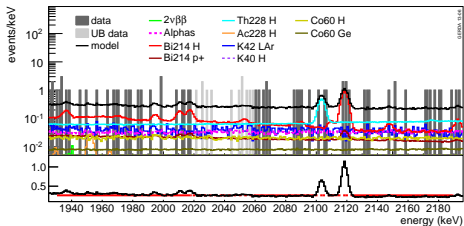


Enriched coaxials: 0.022 ± 0.003 cts/(keV·kg·yr)



Enriched BEGes: $0.041^{+0.015}_{-0.012}$ cts/(keV·kg·yr)

- Background in the $0\nu\beta\beta$ ROI is consistent with a **flat background** in the 1930 keV - 2190 keV energy region



- Background index, extrapolated into the region of interest (before PDS)

Coaxial:

$$(1.75^{+0.26}_{-0.24}) \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ counts}/(\text{keV kg yr})$$

BEGe:

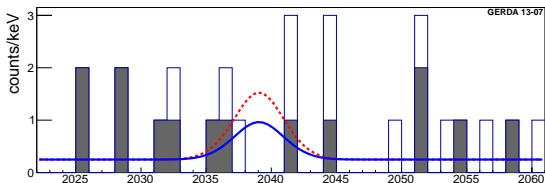
$$(3.6^{+1.3}_{-1.0}) \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ counts}/(\text{keV kg yr})$$

- Linear fit with flat background in 1930 keV - 2190 keV, excluding peaks at 2104 keV and 2119 keV



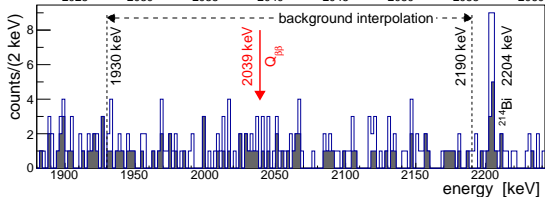
GERDA $0\nu\beta\beta$: Phys. Rev. Lett. 111 (2013) 122503

- Data divided into **three data sets** (Golden, Silver, BEGe)
- **Profile Likelihood Fit** performed separately to the three sets
- **Signal+Bck** described by **constant term + Gaussian($Q_{\beta\beta}, \sigma_E$)**
- **Systematics folded in the fit**



Frequentist Approach

- **Best Fit:** $N^{0\nu} = 0$
- $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 2.1 \cdot 10^{25} \text{yr}$ (90% CL)



Bayesian Approach

- Flat Prior assumed
- **Best Fit:** $N^{0\nu} = 0$
- $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.9 \cdot 10^{25} \text{yr}$ (90% CL)

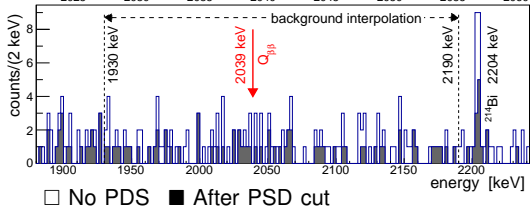
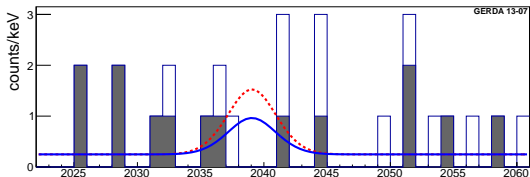
□ No PDS ■ After PSD cut



GERDA $0\nu\beta\beta$ vs. KK (2004) claim

- Assuming $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = 1.19 \cdot 10^{25}$ yr
- Expected Signal: 5.9 ± 1.4 counts in $\pm 2\sigma$
- Expected Background: 2.0 ± 0.3 counts in $\pm 2\sigma$
- Observed: 3.0 counts (0 counts in $\pm 1\sigma$)

Claim poorly credible



From profile likelihood:

- Assuming H1,
 $P(N^{0\nu} = 0) = 0.01$

Comparing

- H1: Claimed signal
- H0: Background only

Bayes Factor

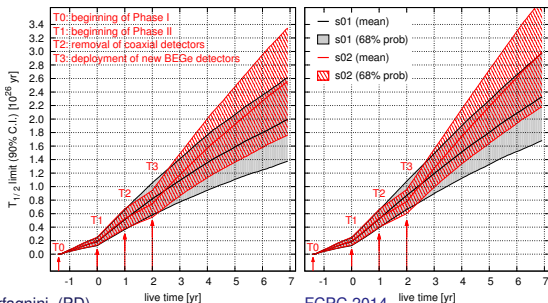
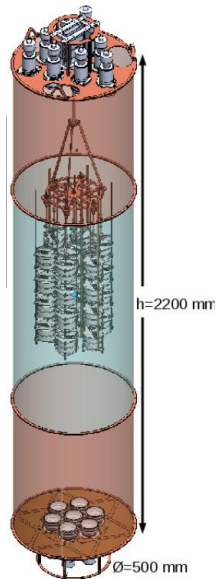
- $P(H1)/P(H0) = 0.024$
(uncertainties on claim included)

GERDA Phase II: improve the sensitivity

- Reduce the background (goal: 0.001 counts/(keV·kg·yr))
- Increase the exposure (goal: 100 kg yr)

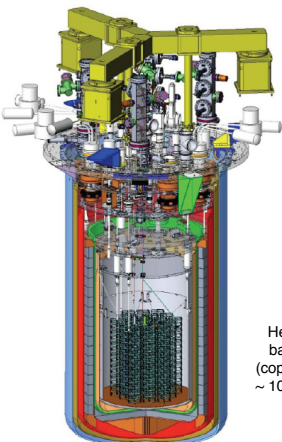
Strategy

- new detectors (20 kg) with enhanced bck recognition eff
- LAr instr: bkg rejection by detection of LAr scintillation light
- two options:
 1. PMTs on top and bottom of detector array
 2. SiPMs with fiber curtain

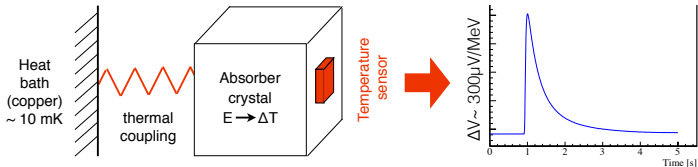


CUORE

- **Technique:** nat-TeO_2 bolometers operated at 10-15 mK
- **Cryogenics:** custom pulse tube dilution refrigerator and cryostat.
- **Challenge:** 1 ton of detectors operated at 10 mK
 - demanding radioactivity constraint on materials (accurate screening), very clean assembly
 - independent suspension of the detector array from the dilution unit
- **Detectors:** 988 TeO_2 bolometers
- **Mass:** 741 kg (TeO_2), 206 kg (^{130}Te)
- **Background goal:** 0.01 counts/(keV·kg·yr)
- **Energy resolution:** 5 keV (FWHM)
- **Lifetime:** 5 yr
- **Half-life sensitivity:** 5.9×10^{25} yr (90% CL)

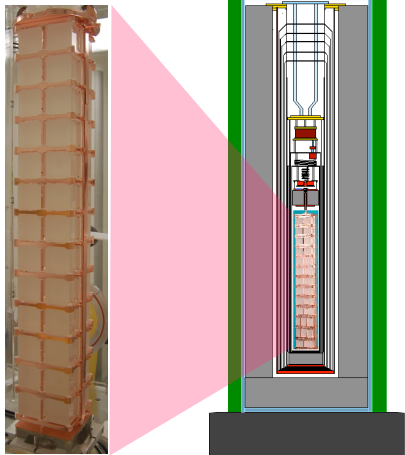


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Operation of CUORE0, the 1st CUORE tower

- The 1st CUORE tower has been assembled and run to test the assembly and commission CUORE techniques (data taking/analysis).



Detector:

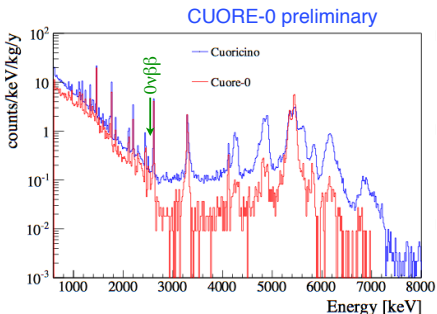
- 25 bolometers (750 g each)
- active mass: TeO_2 39 kg, (Te^{130} 11 kg)

Setup:

- using the **Cuoricino cryostat** with
- inner shield: 1 mm Roman Pb ($^{210}\text{Pb} < 4$ mBq/kg)
- external shield: 20 cm Pb, 10 cm borated polyethylene
- N_2 flushing to reduce Rn contamination

taking data since March 2013

First CUORE0 results, and future plans



Data presented taken between Mar-Sep 2013. Exposure: 2 kg yr in ^{13}Te

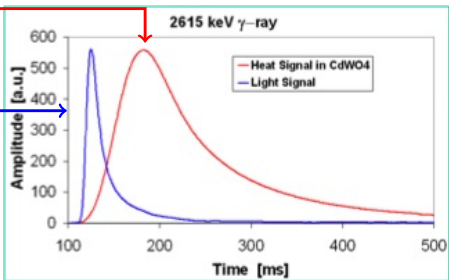
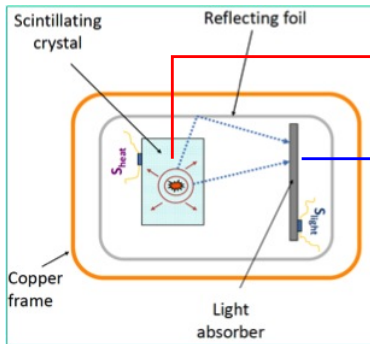
- From calibration: FWHM 5.7 keV at 2615 keV (^{208}Tl)
- Background lower than previous CUORICINO experiment: **surface contaminations $\times 6$ lower**

	Bkg [counts/(keV·kg·yr)]	
	$0\nu\beta\beta$ region	2700-3900 keV
CUORICINO	0.153 ± 0.006	0.110 ± 0.001
CUORE0	0.071 ± 0.011	0.019 ± 0.002

- CUORICINO sensitivity reached in 1 year time
- Detector assembly completed by June 2014
- Cryostat commissioning completed by fall 2014
- Detector towers installation and commissioning: end 2014
- **Start of data taking: 2015**

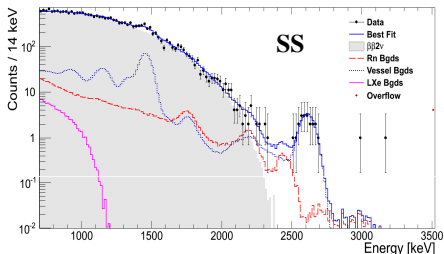
Lucifer

- **Techniques:** scintillating bolometers operated at 10 mK
- **Location:** LNGS (Italy), R&D program
- **Source:** enriched crystals, various options ^{82}Se , ^{100}Mo , ^{116}Cd , etc.
- **Status:** R&D program on material enrichment and crystal production ongoing
- **Timeline:** R&D with significant mass in 2014-2015



EXO-200: JINST 7 (2012) P05010

- **Technique:** liquid enriched Xenon TPC
- **Location:** EXO-200 WIPP (New Mexico, USA)
- **Source:** 200 kg Xe (80% enriched in ^{136}Xe)
- **Status:** first phase completed. Expect 3 more yrs of data with improved hardware.
- charge and light readout allows to distinguish SSE (signal) from MSE (background)



Discovery of 2ν mode [PRL 107, 212501 (2011)]

Confirmation by KamLAND-Zen
[PRC 85, 045504 (2012)]

$$T_{1/2}^{2\nu\beta\beta} = (2.165 \pm 0.016^{\text{stat}} \pm 0.059^{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{21} \text{ yr}$$

[Phys. Rev. C 89 (2014) 015502]

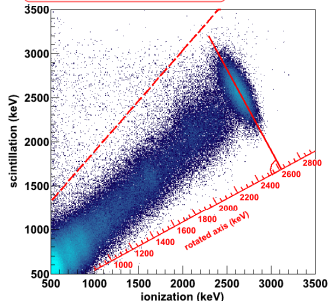


ΔE

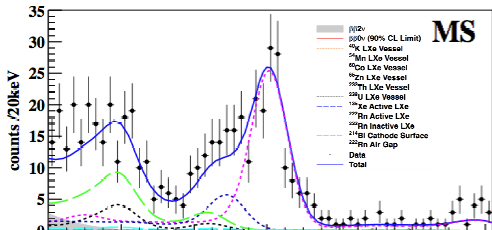
Scintillation: 6.8%

Ionization: 3.4%

Rotated: 1.6%



EXO-200 : $0\nu\beta\beta$ limit result



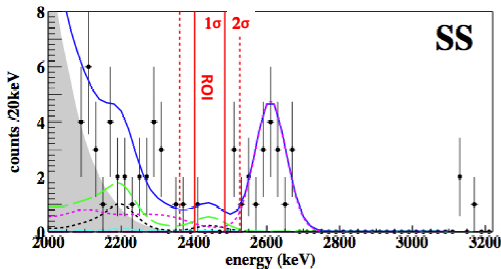
Low background run 2a
No signal observed

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta} > 1.6 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ yr (@ 90\% CL)}$$

Majorana mass limit:

$$\langle m \rangle_{\beta\beta} < 140 - 380 \text{ meV}$$

M. Auger et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, (2012) 032505



^{222}Rn in cryostat air-gap	1.9	± 0.2
^{238}U in LXe Vessel	0.9	± 0.2
^{232}Th in LXe Vessel	0.9	± 0.1
^{214}Bi on Cathode	0.2	± 0.01
All Others	~ 0.2	
Total	4.1	± 0.3 1σ

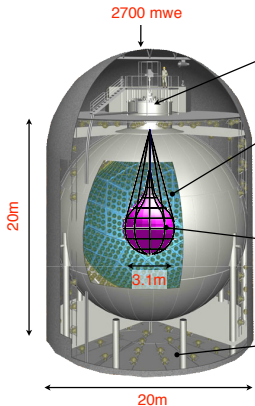
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^{232}Th in LXe Vessel	2.9	± 0.3
^{214}Bi on Cathode	0.3	± 0.02
All Others	~ 0.2	
Total	7.5	± 0.5 2σ

$$(1.4 \pm 0.1) \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1} \text{ keV}^{-1}$$

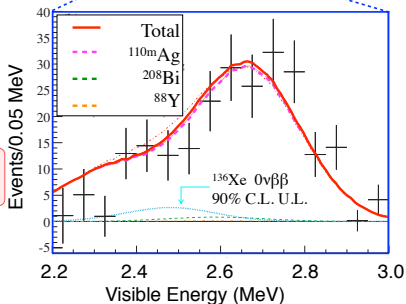
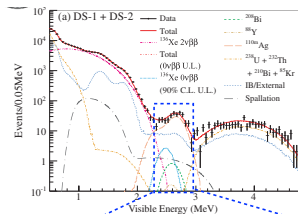
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KAMLand-Zen: [arXiv/1205.6372]

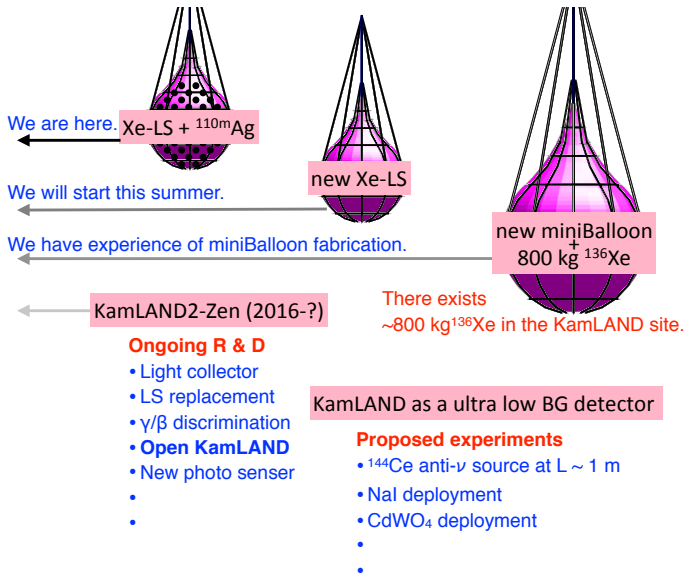
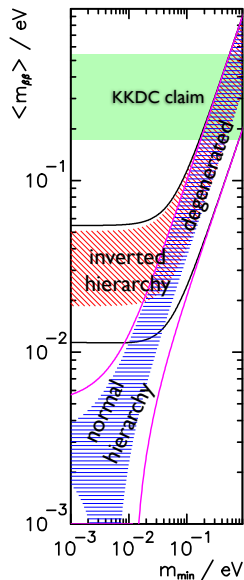
- **Technique:** enriched Xenon dissolved in LS
- **Location:** Kamioka (Japan)
- **Source:** ^{136}Xe (91% enr.)
- 300 kg (130 kg fiducial)
- **Status:** working on improving the bkg



$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.9 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ yr}$$



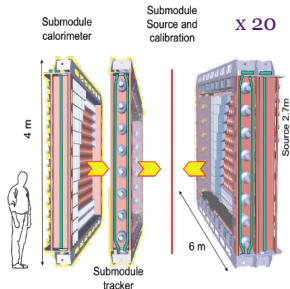
KAMLand-Zen Evolution and Timeline



Super-Nemo Demonstrator

- **Technique:** tracker/calorimeter (20 modules) with source foil
- **Location:** Modane (France)
- **Source:** ^{82}Se (5 kg, Demonstrator - 100 kg, full)
- **Timeline:** Demonstrator, start-up in 2013, Full detector data taking 2015
- a modular successor of NEMO-3. Lower background ($\times 0.1$ will be proven by demonstrator, 1 module)
- knowledge of full event topology (calorimetry, tracking and PID) allows to disentangle decay mechanisms

NEMO-3		SuperNEMO
^{100}Mo , ^{82}Se (^{150}Nd , ^{130}Te , ^{116}Cd , ^{96}Zr , ^{48}Ca)	Isotopes	^{82}Se (^{150}Nd , ^{48}Ca)
10	Mass (kg)	100–200 (demo: 7)
^{208}Tl : ~100 ^{214}Bi : <300	Source contamination ($\mu\text{Bq/kg}$)	^{208}Tl : <2 ^{214}Bi : <10
5	Radon level (mBq/m^3)	<0.15
8%	Energy resolution (FWHM at 3MeV)	4%
1	$\text{T}^{1/2}$ sensitivity (10^{24} y)	100 (demo: 6.6)
300–900	<m_ν> sensitivity (meV)	40–100 (demo: 200–400)

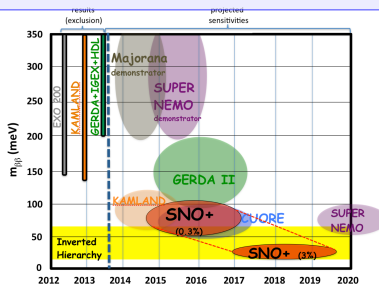
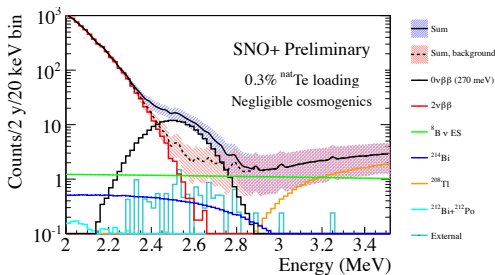


SNO+

- **Double Beta decay is a high priority** in SNO+ rich physics program (solar neutrinos, Geo neutrinos, reactor and supernova neutrinos)
- **Techniques:** Deploy DBD isotope in LAB Liquid Scintillator
- **Location:** Sudbury (Canada)
- **Source:** ^{130}Te (natural abundance), 800 kg (**160 kg in fiducial volume**)
- **Timeline:** 2013 water fill, 2014 scintillator fill, **end 2014-2015 (isotope deploy)**

^8B solar ν , irreducible bkg

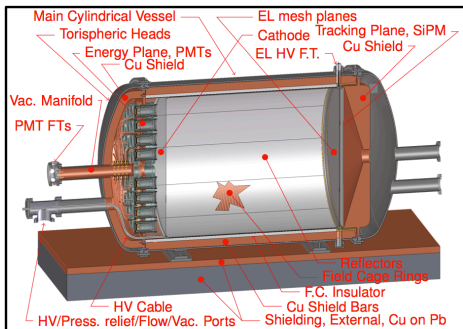
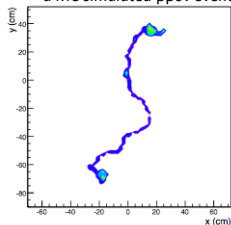
Cosmogenic and ^{214}Bi , ^{208}Tl contamination, reduced by delayed coincidences (α/β tag)



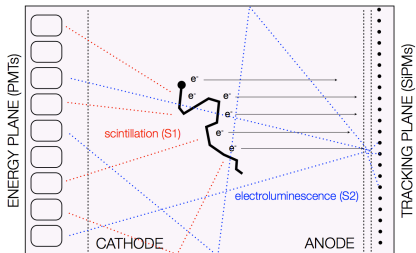
Next-100

- **Techniques:** High Pressure asymmetric (10-15 bar) Xe-TPC
- **Location:** Canfranc (Spain)
- **Source:** ^{136}Xe enriched at 90%, about 100 kg
- **Status:** demonstrator under study (radiopurity an important issue for background rejection)
- **Timeline:** physics runs expected for 2015

Reconstructed tracks from a MC simulated $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$ event



NEXT-100 Technical Design Report; Executive Summary 2012 JINST 7 T06001



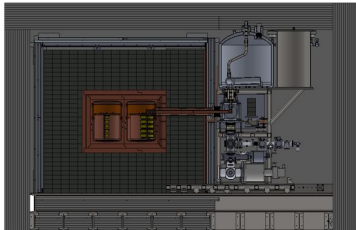
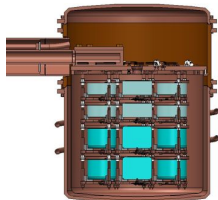
The Majorana Demonstrator



Funded by DOE Office of Nuclear Physics and NSF Particle Astrophysics,
with additional contributions from international collaborators.

- Goals:**
- Demonstrate backgrounds low enough to justify building a tonne scale experiment.
 - Establish feasibility to construct & field modular arrays of Ge detectors.
 - Test Klappdor-Kleingrothaus claim.
 - Low-energy dark matter (light WIMPs, axions, ...) searches.

- Located underground at 4850' Sanford Underground Research Facility
- Background Goal in the $0\nu\beta\beta$ peak region of interest (4 keV at 2039 keV)
3 counts/ROI/t/y (after analysis cuts)
scales to 1 count/ROI/t/y for a tonne experiment
- 40-kg of Ge detectors (KPP of at least 30-kg)
 - At least 15-kg of 86% enriched ^{76}Ge crystals & up to 15-kg of $^{\text{nat}}\text{Ge}$
 - Detector Technology: P-type, point-contact.
- 2 independent cryostats
 - ultra-clean, electroformed Cu
 - 20 kg of detectors per cryostat
 - naturally scalable
- Compact Shield
 - low-background passive Cu and Pb shield with active muon veto



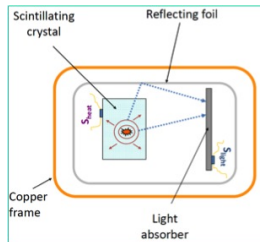
D. Radford, Snolab Future Projects Planning (Aug 2013)

Future DBD Projects

- Several R&D projects to study/develop new techniques for DBD detection
- Examples:
 - combine scintillation light in xtals (to reject background events)
 - build larger ($\times 5 - 10$) detectors with consolidated technology

Experiment	Isotope	Technique	Mass
CARVEL	^{48}Ca	48 CaWO_4 scint. xtals	\sim tonne
LUCIFER	^{82}Se	ZnSe scint. bolometer	18 kg
AMoRE	^{100}Mo	CaMoO_4 sint. bolometer	50 kg
COBRA	^{116}Cd	CdZnTe pixel detector	10 kg/183 kg
SuperNEMO	^{82}Se	Foils with tracking	100 kg
DCBA	^{150}Nd	Nd foils and tracking chamb.	20 kg
nEXO	^{136}Xe	Xe liquid TPC	\sim tonne
1ton Ge (GERDA+MJ)	^{76}Ge	Point-Contact GE in LAR	\sim tonne

Scintillating xtals principle



Large scale production chain not yet proven for some project

Construction costs for large detectors can be an issue (R&D needed)

GERDA/Majorana joint efforts towards 1 tonne Ge



- ^{76}Ge modules in electroformed Cu cryostat, Cu / Pb passive shield
- 4π plastic scintillator μ veto
- DEMONSTRATOR: 30 kg ^{76}Ge and 10 kg $^{\text{nat}}\text{Ge}$ PPC xtals
- ^{76}Ge array submersed in LAr
- Water Cherenkov μ veto
- Phase I: ~ 18 kg (H-M/IGEX xtals)
- Phase II: +20 kg segmented xtals

Joint Cooperative Agreement:

Open exchange of knowledge & technologies (e.g. MaGe, R&D)
Intention to merge for larger scale 1-tonne exp.

Select best techniques developed and tested in GERDA and MAJORANA



$0\nu\beta\beta$ combined limit (^{76}Ge and ^{136}Xe)

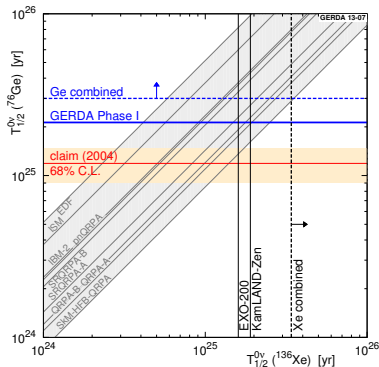
Data Set	Isotope	$P(H_1)/P(H_0)$	Comment
GERDA	^{76}Ge	0.024	Model Indep.
GERDA+HdM+IGEX	^{76}Ge	0.0002	Model Indep.
KamLAND-Zen	^{136}Xe	0.40	Model Dep [†]
EXO-200	^{136}Xe	0.23	Model Dep [†]
GERDA+EXO+KZen	$^{76}\text{Ge}, ^{136}\text{Xe}$	0.002	Model Dep [†]

[†] Model dependent on NME and leading terms

- Assuming conservative NME ratio
 $M^{0\nu}(^{136}\text{Xe})/M^{0\nu}(^{76}\text{Ge}) = 0.4$

- Profile likelihood function with 5 independent backgrounds

$$\Rightarrow T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 3.0 \cdot 10^{25} \text{yr} \text{ (90\% CL)}$$



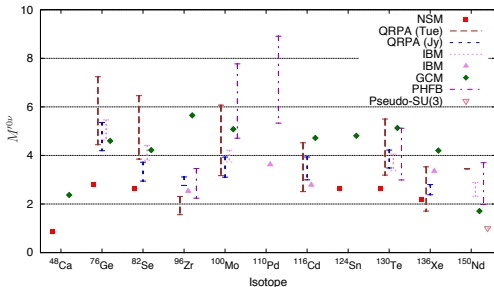
Conclusions:

- $0\nu\beta\beta$ observation would be a major discovery:
 - observe Lepton Number Violation
 - unveil the Majorana nature of neutrinos
- GERDA has completed its Phase I and scrutinized the KK claim with 1.5 years of data taking (21.6 kg yr exposure)
- no excess of counts above background found
- a combination of GERDA and previous experiments sets a limit for $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 3 \times 10^{25}$ yr (90% CL)
- Several experiments are or will be running in few years at (several) 100 kg mass scale with different isotopes and complementary experimental techniques (i.e. CUORE and GERDA Phase II)
- The exploration of the inverted hierarchy (as predicted by theory) will be possible and results are foreseen in the next few years

Reserve Slides

Isotopes and Nuclear Matrix Elements

Isotope	Abundance [%]	$Q_{\beta\beta}$ [MeV]	$G_{0\nu}$ [10^{-14}yr^{-1}]
^{48}Ca	0.19	4.274	6.35
^{76}Ge	7.8	2.039	0.62
^{82}Se	9.2	2.996	2.70
^{96}Zr	2.8	3.348	5.63
^{100}Mo	9.6	3.035	4.36
^{116}Cd	7.6	2.809	4.62
^{130}Te	34.5	2.530	4.09
^{136}Xe	8.9	2.462	4.31
^{150}Nd	5.6	3.367	19.2

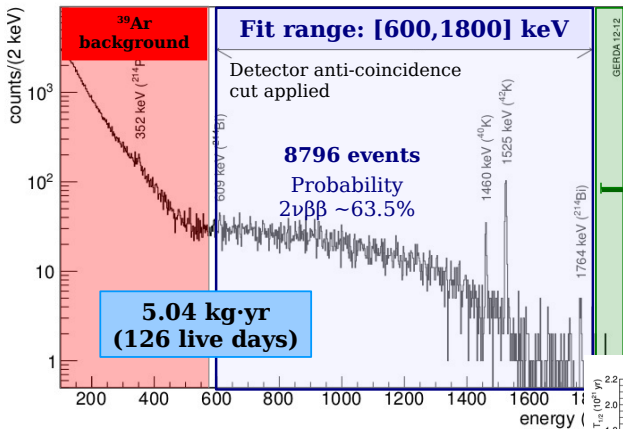


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- Nuclear Matrix Elements (NME) are calculated using various models: QRPA (RQRPA, SQRPA) Shell Model, IBM2, ...
- calculation discrepancies are still one of the largest uncertainties
- none of the isotopes is favorite (from NME point of view)
- High $Q_{\beta\beta}$ are preferable (reduce environmental background due to γ lines)
- Isotopic abundance is an issue \Rightarrow material enrichment for higher sensitivities

Two Neutrino Double Beta Decay

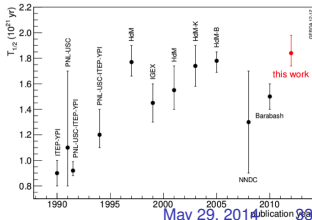
Sum energy spectrum



Probability
 $2\nu\beta\beta < 0.02\%$

$$T_{1/2}^{2\nu} = (1.84^{+0.14}_{-0.10}) \cdot 10^{21} \text{ yr}$$

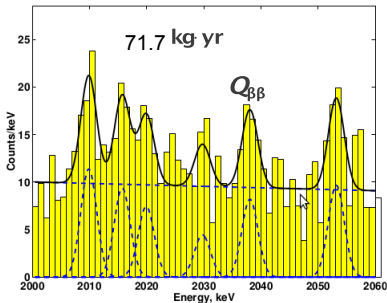
M. Agostini et al, J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part
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What value of Klapdor-Kleingrothaus to compare with?

a) 2004 publications: ¹NIM A522 371 & ²Phys Lett B586 198



entire data set^{1,2}: 71.7 kg yr (active mass)
 28.75 ± 6.86 signal events
 $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = (1.19_{-0.23}^{+0.37}) \cdot 10^{25}$ yr

data for PSD analysis^{1,2}: 51.4 kg yr
 19.58 ± 5.41 signal events
 $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = (1.25_{-0.27}^{+0.49}) \cdot 10^{25}$ yr

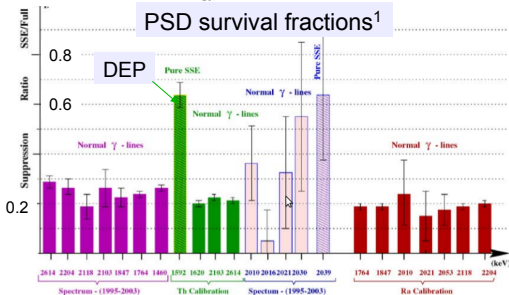
with PSD: 12.36 ± 3.72 evt
 Without efficiency correction
 $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = 1.98 \cdot 10^{25}$ yr

DEP survival fraction¹ ~ 62%
 $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = 1.23 \cdot 10^{25}$ yr

No efficiency correction is applied in any publication!

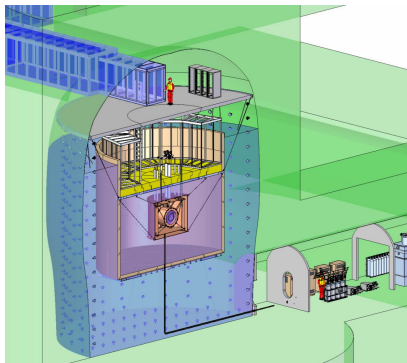
with given eff. $T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$ after PSD agrees with the one without

PSD survival fractions¹

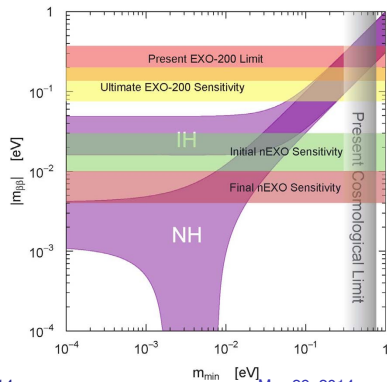


nEXO: the future evolution of EXO-200

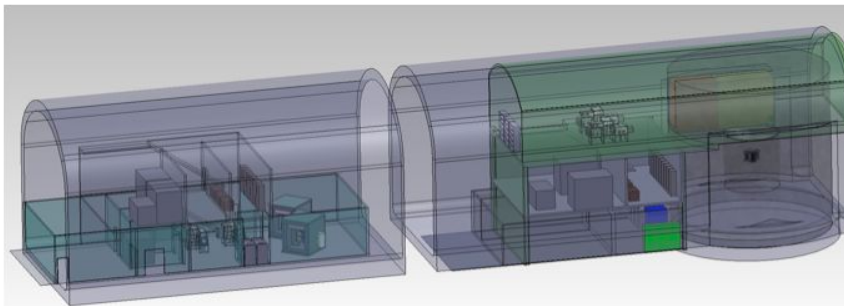
- **Technique:** same as for the EXO-200 TPC ($\times 5$ mass)
- **Location:** SNOLab, Sudbury (Canada)
- **Source:** ^{136}Xe (5 tonne)
- **Timeline:** ?
- R&D program to improve HV, lower the background, and study application of SiPM readout (instead of APDs) and alternative charge collection scheme



A. Garfagnini (PD)



1 tonne Ge, possible detector configurations



Compact

Two shields, each with 8 EFCu vacuum cryostats

Cryogenic Vessel

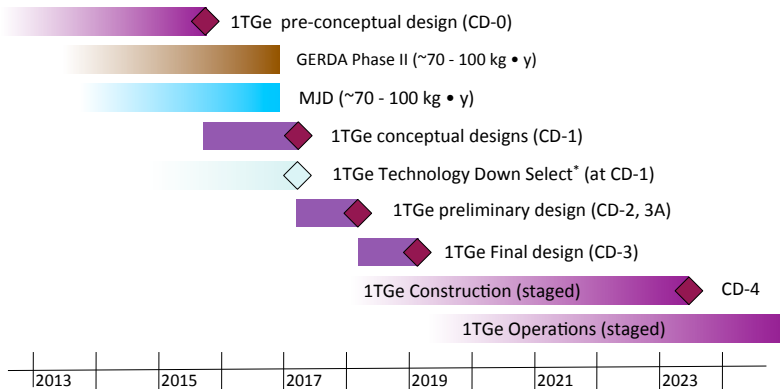
Diameter of water tank:

- ~11 m for LAr,
- ~15 m for LN (shown)

1TGe Projected Timeline



- Technology down-select will be based on 1TGe R&D, GERDA Phase II, and MJD. Currently working with GERDA to define the process.
- 1TGe management will be defined based on participating institutions



1TGe Preliminary Cost Estimate



- Parametric estimate based on actual costs for MJD and GERDA experiments, with MJD the primary source
- Procurement costs generally scaled in linear fashion, except where cost reductions can be expected
- 30% contingency on MJD-based estimates, 50% on all others

Option	Min TPC (\$M)	Max TPC (\$M)
Homestake 4850L	214	231
Homestake 7400L	206	231
SNOLAB 6800L	210	235

TPC Walk-up	Cost (\$ks)
UG Crystal Fabrication	15,000
LAr Tank and shield	10,000
Rn mitigation	1,500

Major Procurements/Activities	Cost (\$ks)
Host Lab Infrastructure	2,000
Materials & Assay	2,100
Ge Procurement/Enrichment	105,000
Detector Fabrication	21,400
Detector Modules	4,000
Electroforming	1,500
Mechanical Systems	8400
DAQ	5400
Project Labor	18,500