

# $0\nu\beta\beta$ & Dark Matter Searches with CUORE-0 and CUORE

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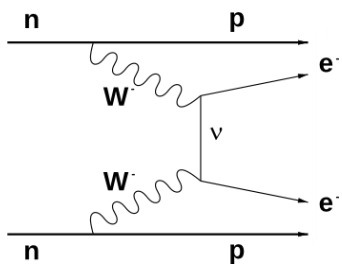
# Experimental search for $0\nu\beta\beta$

## WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

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

- allowed in the SM and already observed with  $T_{1/2} > 10^{18}$  y

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



- not allowed in the SM
- expected with  $T_{1/2} > 10^{25}$  y

If observed

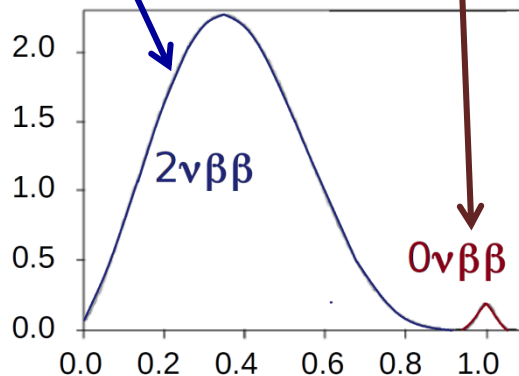
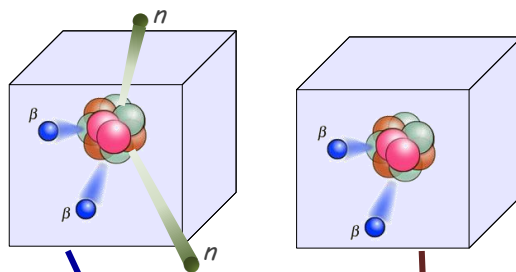


$$\nu \equiv \bar{\nu}$$

$$m_\nu \neq 0$$

## EXPERIMENTAL SIGNATURE

Approach:  
**SOURCE = DETECTOR**



Main signature:

Peak at Q-value over  $2\nu\beta\beta$  tail enlarged only by detector resolution

## EXPERIMENTAL SENSITIVITY

Lifetime corresponding to the minimum detectable number of events over background at a given C.L. (\*):

$$S^{0\nu} \propto \frac{\epsilon \text{ a.i.}}{A} \left( \frac{MT}{b \Delta E} \right)^{1/2} \quad b \neq 0$$

- M:** Total active mass in kg
- $\epsilon$ :** Detector efficiency
- a.i.:** Isotopic abundance
- b:** Background in c/keV/kg/y
- $\Delta E$ :** Detector resolution @ ROI in keV
- T:** Exposure time in y

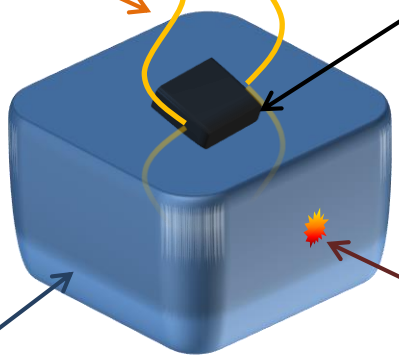
(\*) Qualitative expression in the Gaussian approximation (not fully accurate for very low background experiments)

# The bolometric technique

Signal transmission & thermal link (G)

Temperature sensor

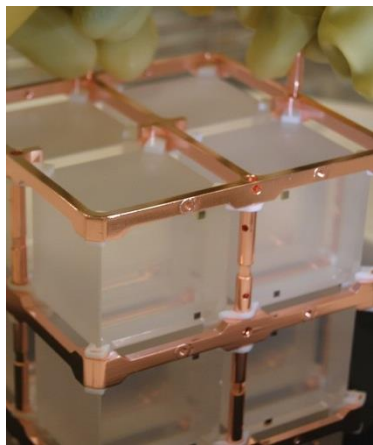
$$A = \frac{|d\text{Log}(R)|}{|d\text{Log}(T)|}$$



Energy release

Crystal absorber (C)

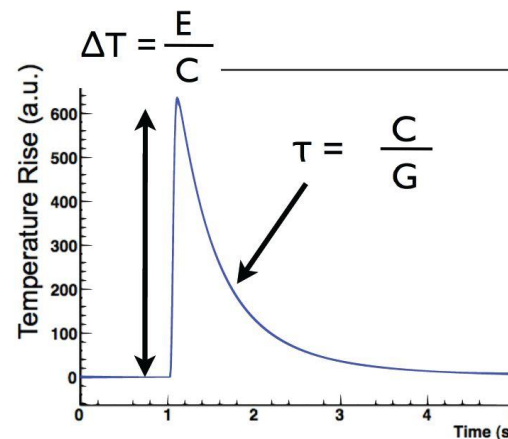
CUORE TeO<sub>2</sub> bolometers:



$T \sim 10 \text{ mK}$   
 $M \sim 0.75 \text{ kg}$   
 $C \sim 2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ J/K}$   
 $\Delta T/\Delta E \sim 100 \text{ } \mu\text{K/MeV}$   
 $\Delta V/\Delta E \sim 300 \text{ } \mu\text{V/MeV}$   
 $G \sim 2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ W/K}$   
 $\tau = C/G \sim 1 \text{ s}$

- The energy release originates a temperature rise: 
$$\Delta T = \frac{E}{C(T)}$$

- The temperature sensor converts the temperature rise in an electric signal:



- Excellent energy resolution!**

$\uparrow \uparrow N_{\text{phonons}} = \frac{C(T)T}{K_B T} \Rightarrow$  Statistical limit to energy resolution:  
 $\sigma = T\sqrt{C(T)K_B} \sim 10 \text{ eV} - 1 \text{ keV}$

- Wide target choice**

- Dielectric & diamagnetic materials
  - Intrinsic semiconductors
- $C(T) \propto \left(\frac{T}{\theta_D}\right)^3$

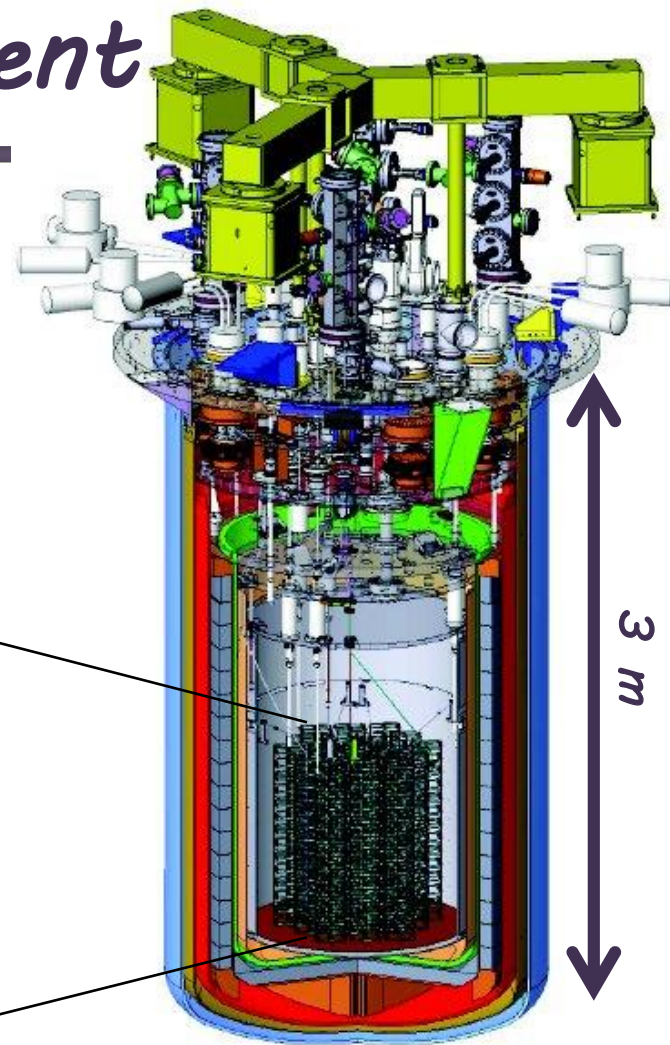
# The CUORE experiment

## Cryogenic *U*nderground *O*bservatory for *R*are *E*vents

Primary goal: search for neutrinoless double beta decay in  $^{130}\text{Te}$  ( $Q_{\beta\beta} \approx 2528 \text{ keV}$ , i.a. = 34.167%)

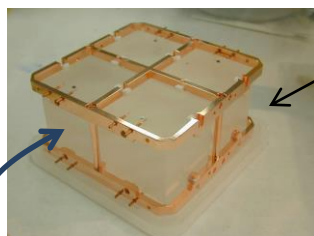
988  $\text{TeO}_2$   $5 \times 5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^3$  crystals (750 g each)

Detector Mass: 741 kg  $\text{TeO}_2$



19 towers

13 floors



5x5x5 cm  
 $\text{TeO}_2$  crystals

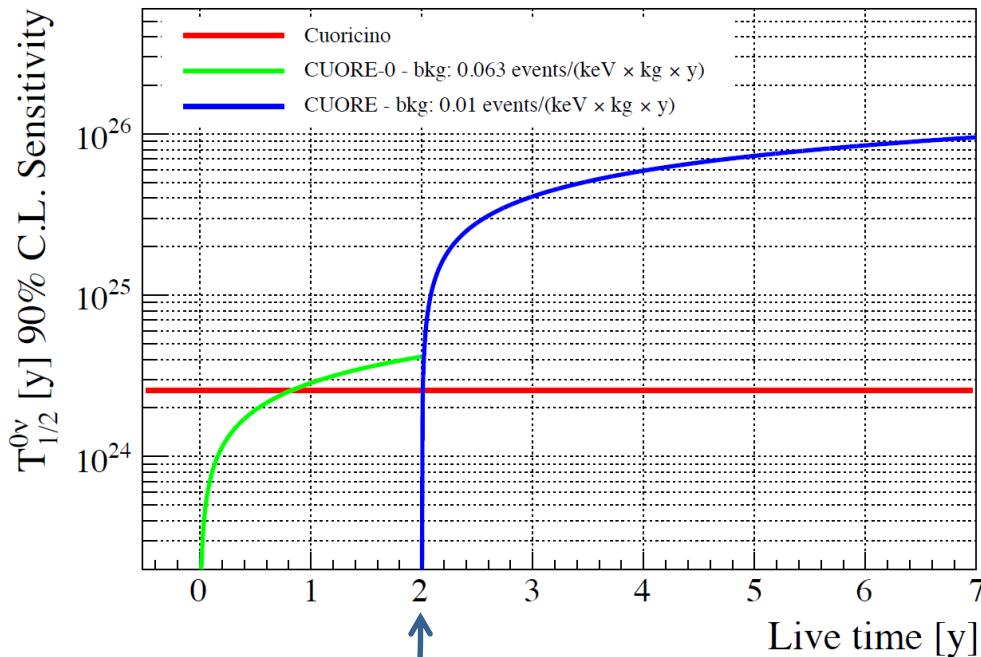
Mixing chamber T:  $\sim 5 \text{ mK}$

Expected energy resolution @ 2615 keV: 5 keV

Background goal: 0.01 c/keV/kg/y @ ROI

Projected  $0\nu\beta\beta$  sensitivity ( $1 \sigma$ ):  $T_{1/2} > 1.6 \times 10^{26} \text{ y}$

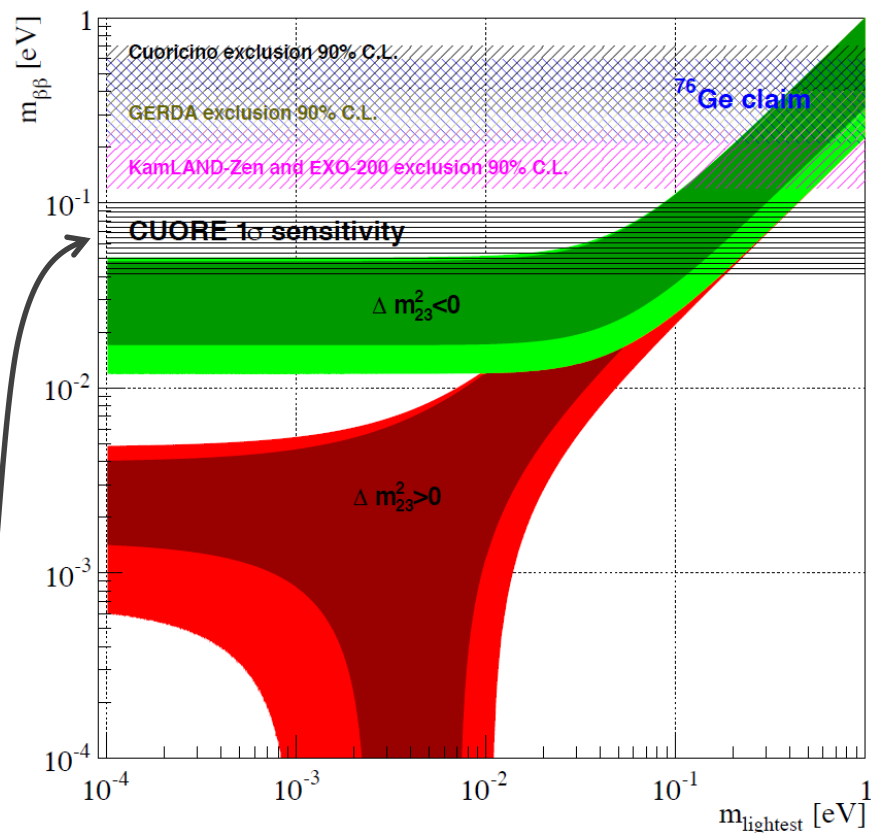
# CUORE sensitivity



$S_{1/2} (0\nu\beta\beta)$ :  
 $1.6 \times 10^{26} \text{ y } (1 \sigma)$   
 $9.5 \times 10^{25} \text{ y } (90\% \text{ CL})$   
 In terms of effective Majorana mass:  
 $\langle m_{ee} \rangle \sim 40\text{-}100 \text{ meV } (1 \sigma)$

*Design sensitivity goal:*

- background: 0.01 c/keV/kg/y
- 5 keV FWHM
- 5 years of live time



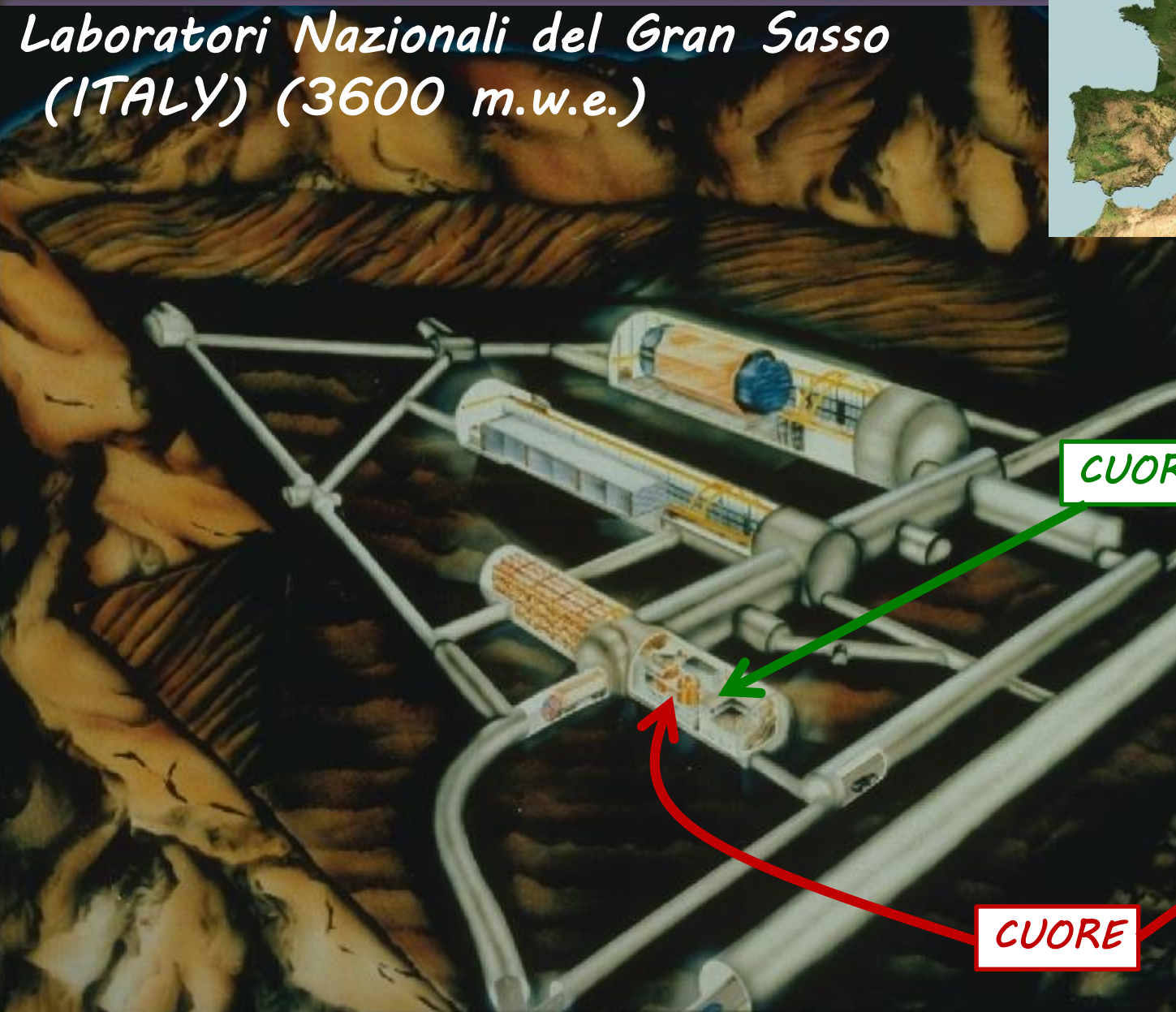




# LOCATION



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(ITALY) (3600 m.w.e.)



CUORICINO / CUORE-0

CUORE





# Evolution of $\text{TeO}_2$ bolometric experiments

MiDBD  
6.8 kg  $\text{TeO}_2$   
(1.8 kg  $^{130}\text{Te}$ )



1997-2001

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 2.1 \times 10^{23} \text{ y} \text{ [1]}$$

Cuoricino  
40.7 kg  $\text{TeO}_2$   
(11.3 kg  $^{130}\text{Te}$ )



2003-2009

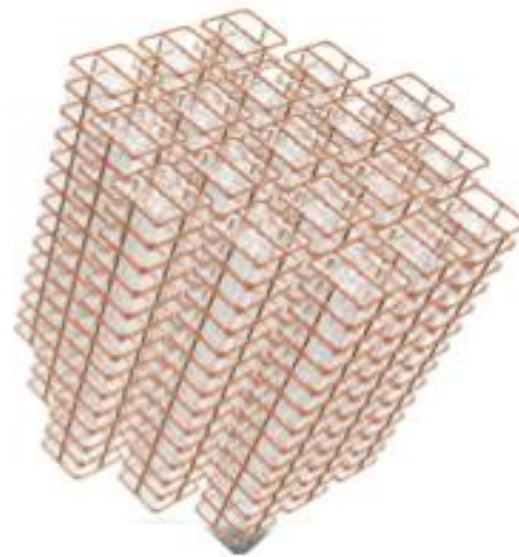
$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 2.8 \times 10^{24} \text{ y} \text{ [2]}$$

CUORE-0  
39 kg  $\text{TeO}_2$   
(11 kg  $^{130}\text{Te}$ )



2013...2016

CUORE  
741 kg  $\text{TeO}_2$   
(206 kg  $^{130}\text{Te}$ )



2015...



[1] C. Arnaboldi et al., Phys. Lett. B 557 (2003) 167-175

[2] E. Andreotti et al., Astrop. Phys. 34 (2011) 822-831

1 CUORE-like tower of 13 planes - 4 crystals each  
 52  $\text{TeO}_2$   $5 \times 5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^3$  crystals (750 g each)

Detector Mass: 39 kg  $\text{TeO}_2$

$^{130}\text{Te}$  mass (natural i.a.): 11 kg of  $^{130}\text{Te}$

- All detector components manufactured, cleaned and stored with protocols defined for CUORE
- Assembled with the same procedures of CUORE  
 ... in the 25 years-old CUORICINO cryostat

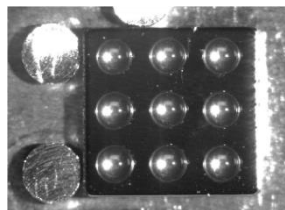
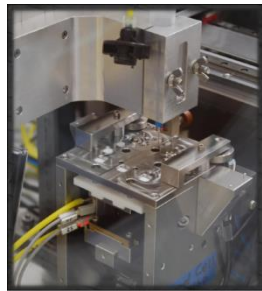
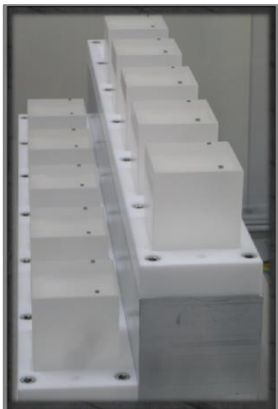
## GOALS:

- Proof of Concept for CUORE in all stages
- Test and debug the CUORE assembly line (thermistor gluing, signal wires bonding, tower assembly)
- Test of the CUORE DAQ and analysis framework
- Extend the physics reach beyond CUORICINO while CUORE is being assembled
- Demonstrate potential for DM and other rare events searches



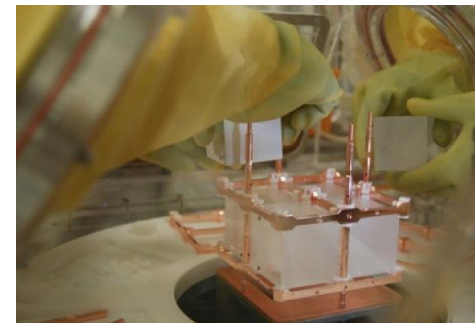
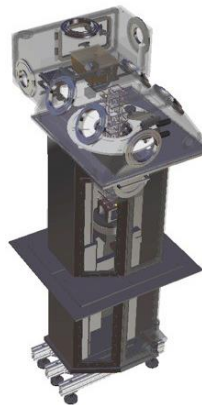
# CUORE-O/CUORE tower assembly line

## Thermistor gluing



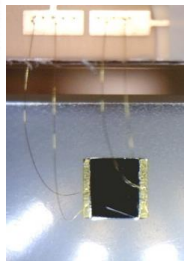
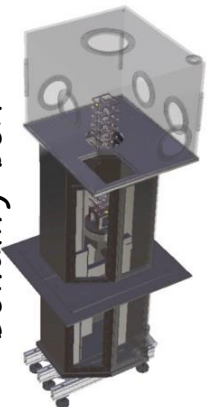
## Tower assembly

Mounting box

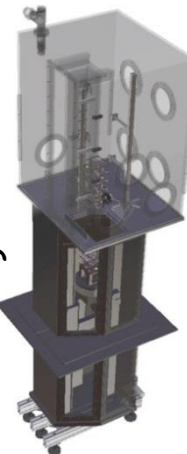


## Signal wires connection

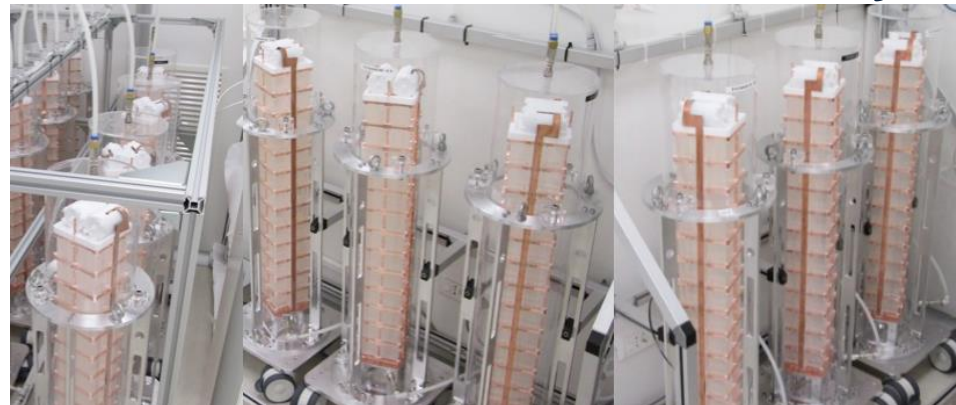
Bonding box



Cabling box



## Towers storage



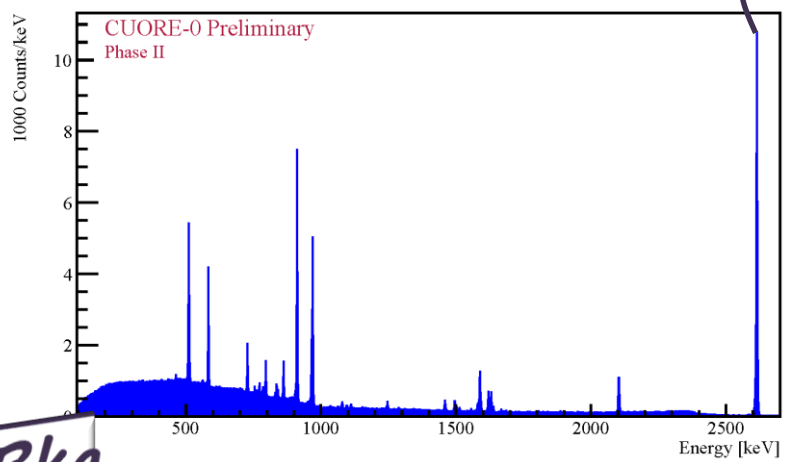
The successful operation of CUORE-O demonstrated the validity of the CUORE tower assembly line and of the CUORE cleaning procedures.



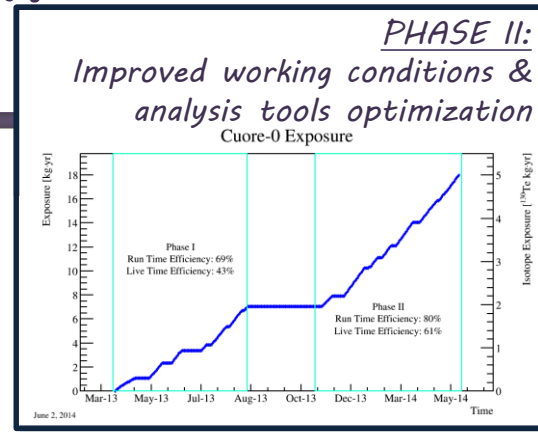
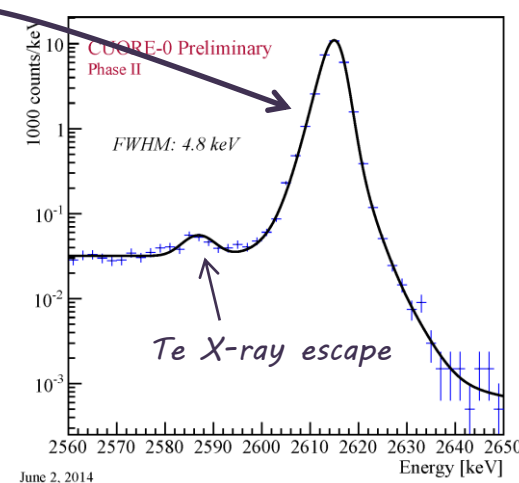
# CUORE-0 energy resolution & background

**FWHM**

CUORE-0 Calibration Spectrum (Phase II)



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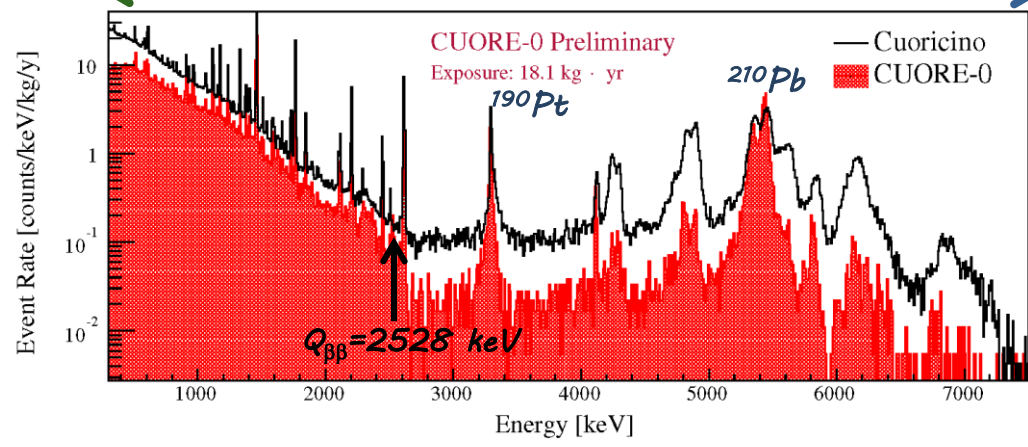


FWHM resolution estimated @ 2615 keV during calibrations  $\leq 5$  keV

**CUORE goal reached!**

**Bkg**

$\beta/\gamma$   $\alpha$



*Cuoricino background model confirmed:*

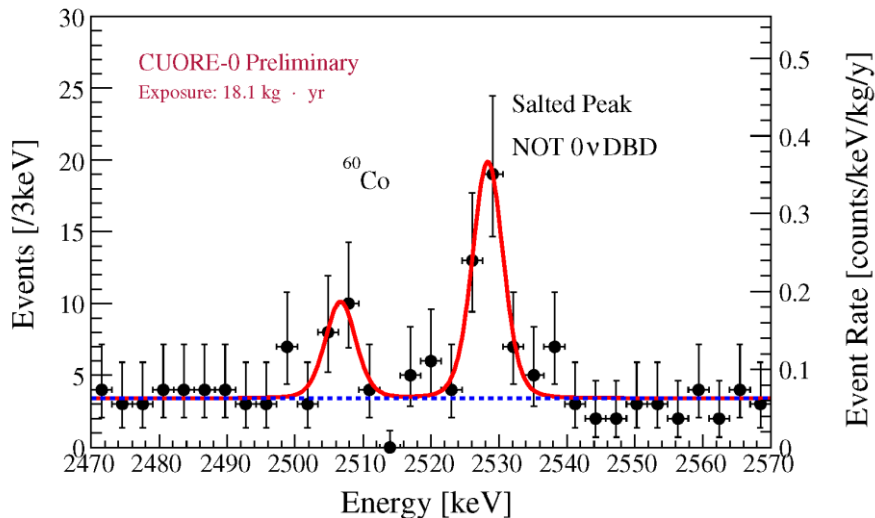
- environmental  $\gamma$  from material bulk contaminations  
-> mainly from cryostat (same as Cuoricino)
- surface ( $\alpha$ ) contaminations of close materials

*Evident reduction with respect to Cuoricino*

- factor of 6 for surface contaminations
- factor  $\sim 2.5$  in the ROI

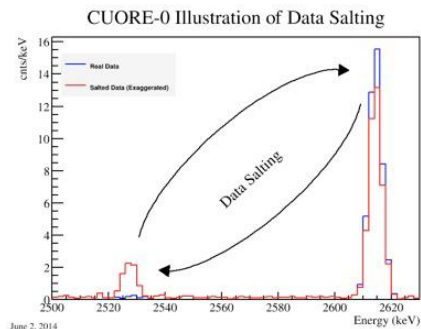
	$0_{\nu}\beta\beta$ ROI c/keV/kg/y	2700-3900 keV c/keV/kg/y	$\epsilon$ (%)
<i>Cuoricino</i>	$0.153 \pm 0.006$	$0.110 \pm 0.001$	83
<b>CUORE-0</b>	$0.063 \pm 0.006$	$0.020 \pm 0.001$	<b>78</b>

# CUORE-0 sensitivity



**Bkg spc blinded!!**

Blinded procedure: artificial peak generated in the ROI by exchanging some 2615 keV  $\Rightarrow$   $Q_{\beta\beta} \pm 10$  keV events



**Unblinding: early 2015**

## PROJECTED SENSITIVITY:

**Energy resolution:**

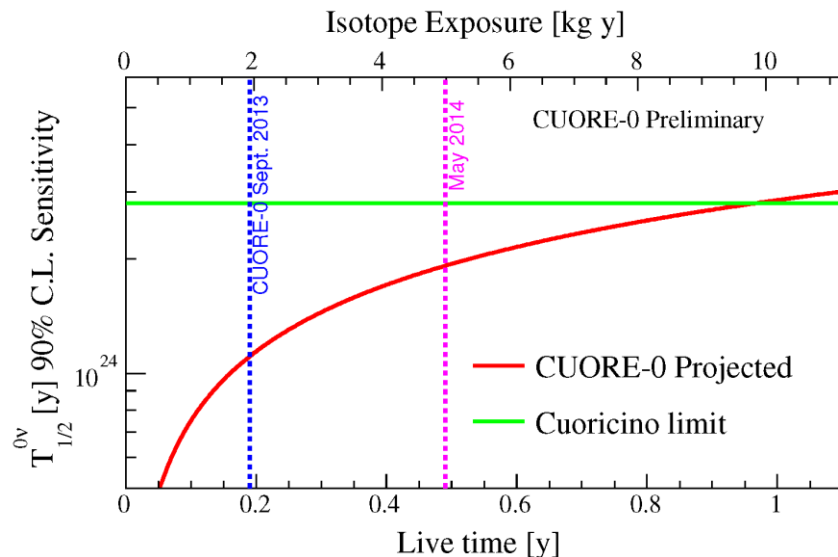
$\sim 5.2$  keV FWHM @ 2615 keV  
(corresponding to full statistics on bkg data)

**Background @ ROI:**

$0.063 \pm 0.006$  c/keV/kg/y



**CUORE-0 expected to surpass Cuoricino sensitivity with  $\sim 1$  year of livetime**



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# TeO<sub>2</sub> bolometers for DM

- ☺ Very good energy resolution
- ☺ Low energy threshold achievable [3]
- ☺ Quenching factor NR/e<sup>-</sup>R close to 1 [4]
- ☺ Sensitive to light and heavy WIMPs

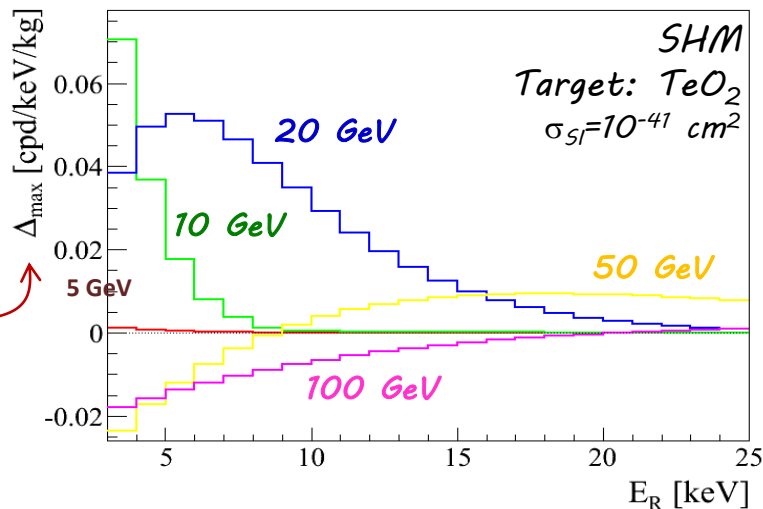
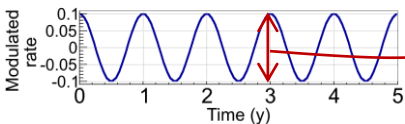
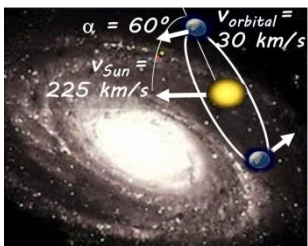
[3] Di Domizio et al., JINST 6 (2011) P02007  
 [4] A. Alessandrello et al., Phys. Lett. B 408 (1997) 465-468

- ☹ Limited sensitivity to SD interaction  
 (123Te, i.a.=0.91 %, unpaired n  
 125Te, i.a.=7.14 %, unpaired n)
- ☹ No scintillation light  
 (-> no particle discrimination NR/γ)

- Ton-scale detector mass
- Low background (material selection)
- Controlled operating conditions
- Long data-taken period scheduled

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Look for Dark Matter  
ANNUAL MODULATION



CUORICINO energy threshold:  
~ tens of keV



Threshold reduction is  
needed for CUORE

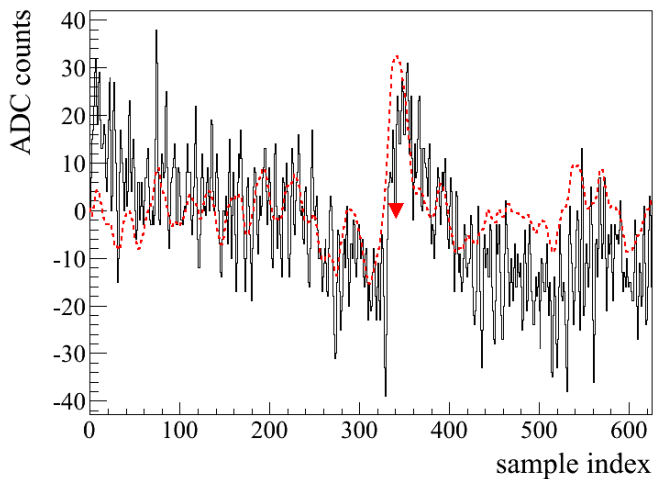


# Lowering the energy threshold

Di Domizio et al., JINST 6 (2011) P02007

*New trigger algorithm for low energy events:*

- Filter continuously “slices” of data with Optimum Filter algorithm (improves S/N)
- Then apply simple threshold trigger to filtered data



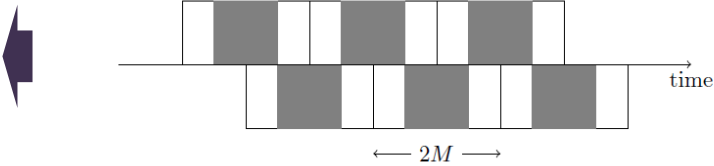
*Optimum Filter:*

$$H(\omega_k) = h \frac{S^*(\omega_k)}{N(\omega_k)} e^{-i\omega_k t_M}$$

Where:  
 $S(\omega_k)$ : expected average signal (estimated from data)  
 $N(\omega_k)$ : Noise power spectrum (estimated from data)



*Filter data continuously in slices*

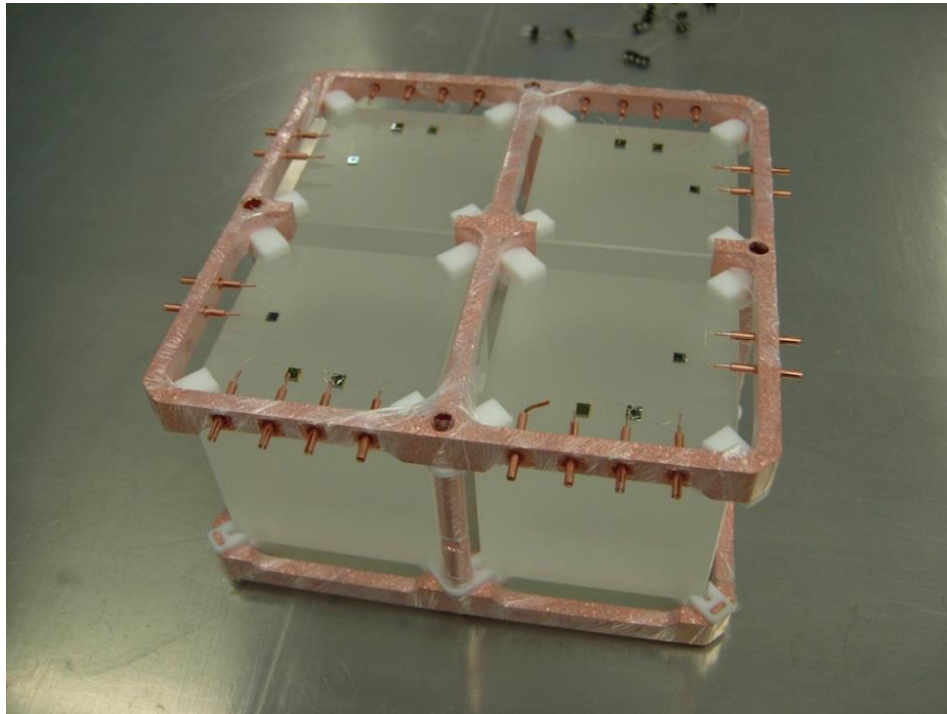


- Filtered samples (**RED**) are less noisy than original ones
- Baseline fluctuations are reduced
- Filter sensitive to the shape of the expected signal, suppressing non physical pulses

# Low energy study in CUORE-like crystals

The CUORE Collaboration, JCAP (2013) 038

*A low energy analysis using this trigger algorithm has been performed on CUORE crystals (CCVR2, "CUORE Crystals Validation Runs (\*) No 2")*



- ❑ *Four CUORE-like crystals (B1, B2, B3, B4)  
Total mass 3 kg*
- ❑ *Data taken in June 2009 in the Hall C R&D cryostat:  
19.4 days of live time*

*(\*) Series of test of CUORE crystals arriving at LNGS (test four crystals from each batch)<sup>[6][7]</sup>*

[6] Arnaboldi et al., Journal of Crystal Growth 312 (2010) 2999

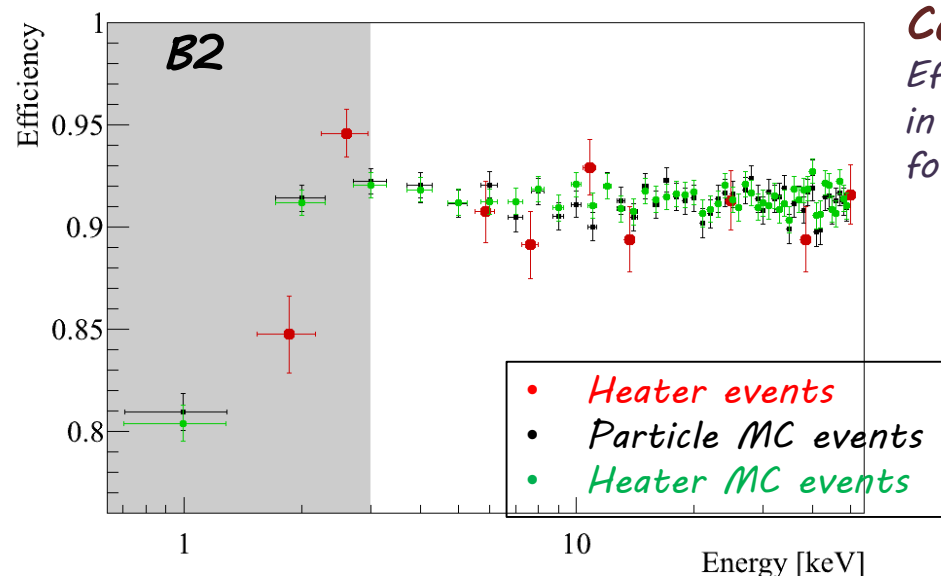
[7] Alessandria et al., Astrop. Phys 35 (2012) 839-849



# Trigger efficiency and energy threshold

- Physical pulses ranging from 1 to 50 keV are generated by a joule heater glued to each crystal
- The detection efficiency is estimated as the ratio detected/expected heater pulses as a function of energy
- The method is validated for particle pulses (slightly different in shape from heater pulses) by a MC event simulator<sup>[8]</sup> (pulses + noise)

[8] M. Carrettoni and M. Vignati, JINST 6 (2011) P08007



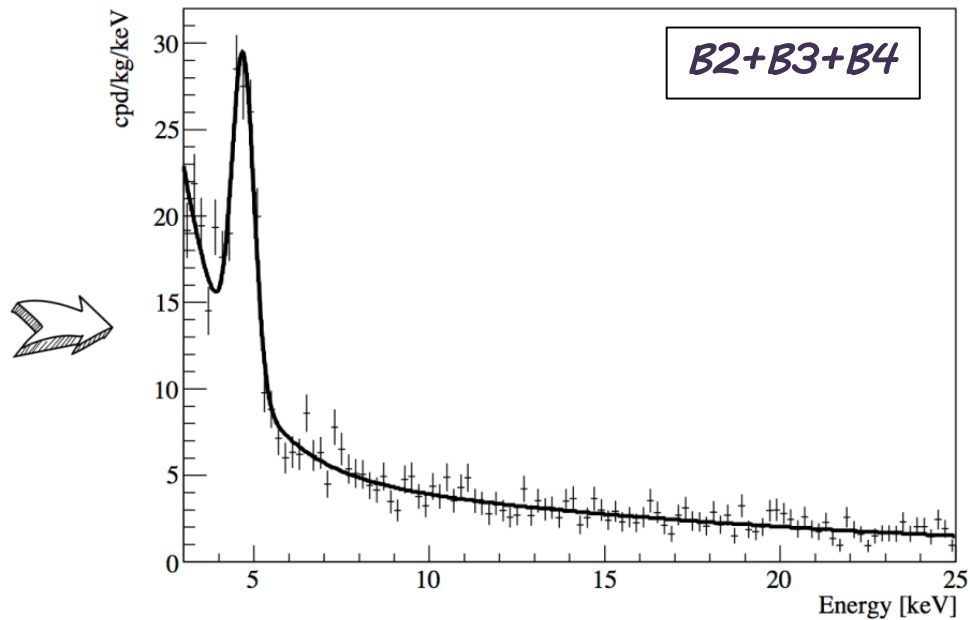
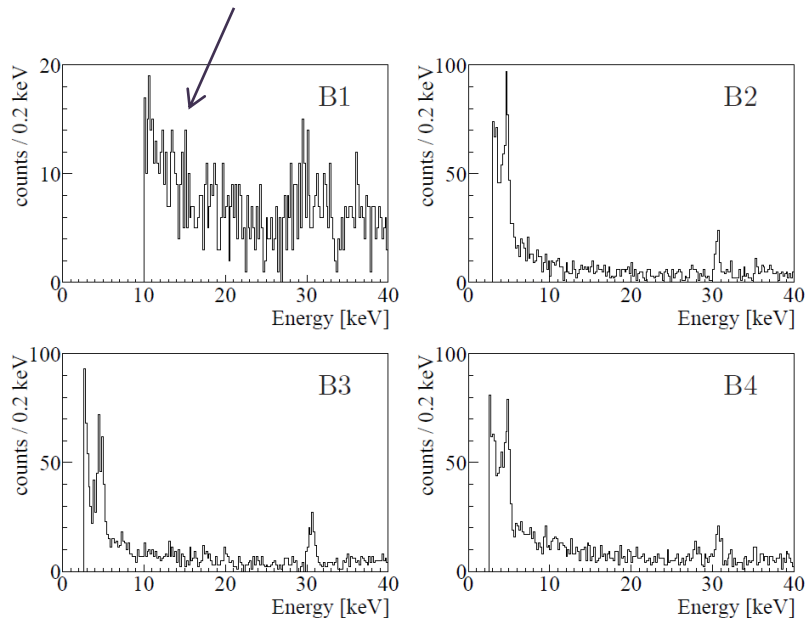
**Constant efficiency  $\sim 0.9$  down to  $\sim 3$  keV**  
Efficiency dominated by  $^{210}\text{Po}$  rate (usual contamination in new crystals),  $T_{1/2} = 147$  days, expected to be  $\approx 1$  for aged crystals.

Crystal	Threshold (keV)
B1	10.0
B2	3.0
B3	2.5
B4	2.5

**$\leq 3$  keV threshold reached in 3/4 crystals**

# Low energy background CCVR2

Noisy, not used in the analysis



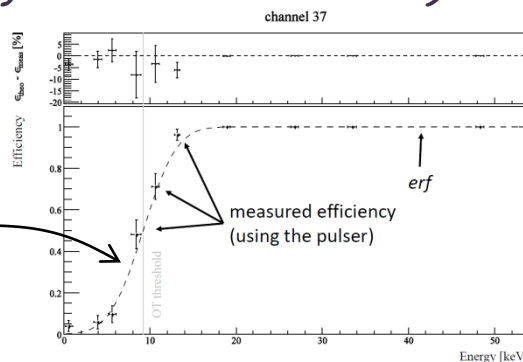
- Background ranging from 25 c/keV/kg/d @ 3 keV to 2 c/keV/kg/d @ 25 keV
- A peak (presently unknown origin) at 4.7 keV

# Low energy analysis in CUORE-0

- Low energy trigger efficiency & threshold periodically monitored in dedicated runs (joule heater pulses ranging from 1 - 50 keV)

Function to model efficiency Vs E:

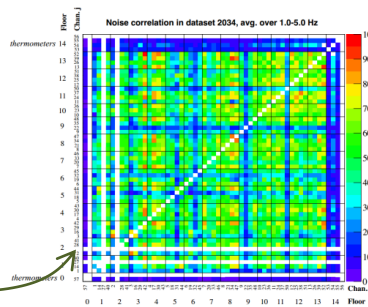
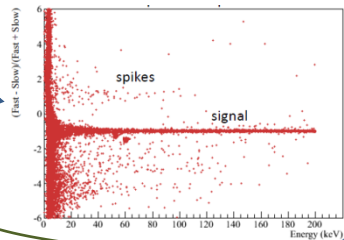
$$Eff(E) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{E - E_{thr}}{\sqrt{2} \sigma} \right) + \frac{1}{2}$$



- Higher noise event rate than in CCVR2, specially below 10 keV (Cuoricino cryostat!!)



Need to improve PSA and noise decorrelation techniques



WORK IN PROGRESS

- Attained by now:
  - Threshold: 5 - 10 keV in most channels
  - Bkg level: ~ 1 - 2 c/keV/kg/d down to 4.7 keV peak (factor ~2 reduction with respect to CCVR2)

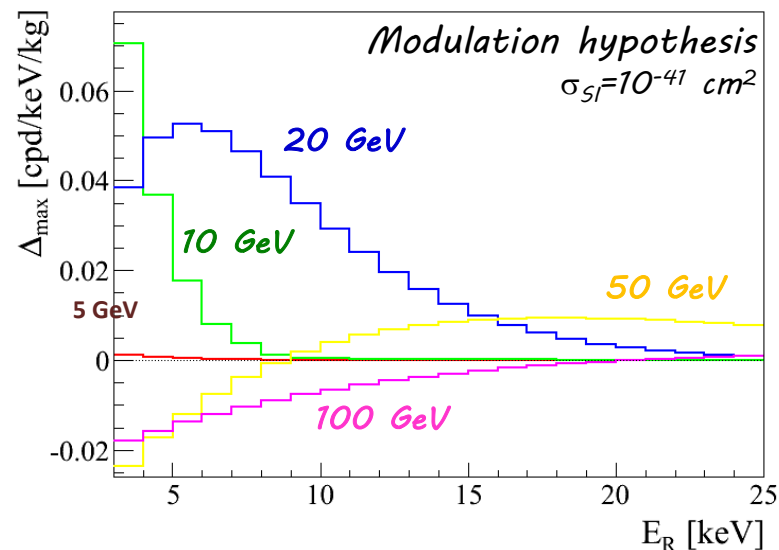
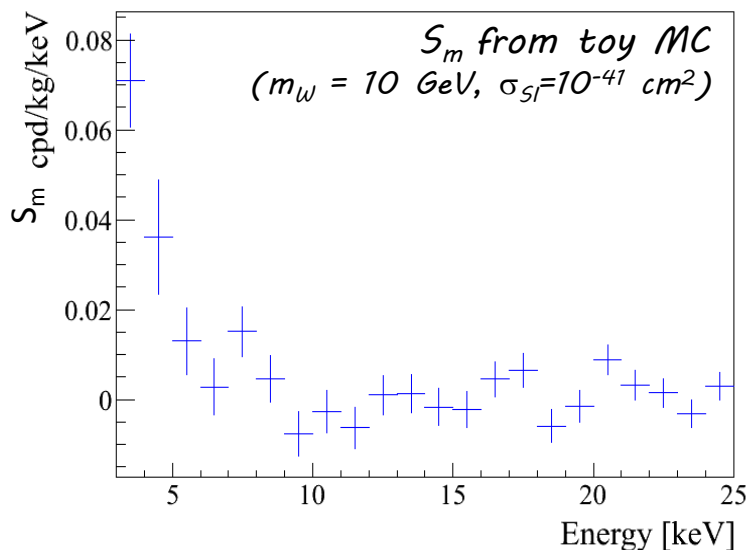


# Sensitivity to annual modulation

The sensitivity to DM annual modulation in CUORE-0 / CUORE has been evaluated with toy Monte Carlo's:

For every  $m_W$  :

- simulate bkg + signal modulated amplitude  $S_m$   
(2<sup>nd</sup> December - 2<sup>nd</sup> June in 3 month-windows)
- find  $\sigma_{SI}$  that makes the probability of the modulation hypothesis greater than the absence of modulation hypothesis at least 90% of the times.

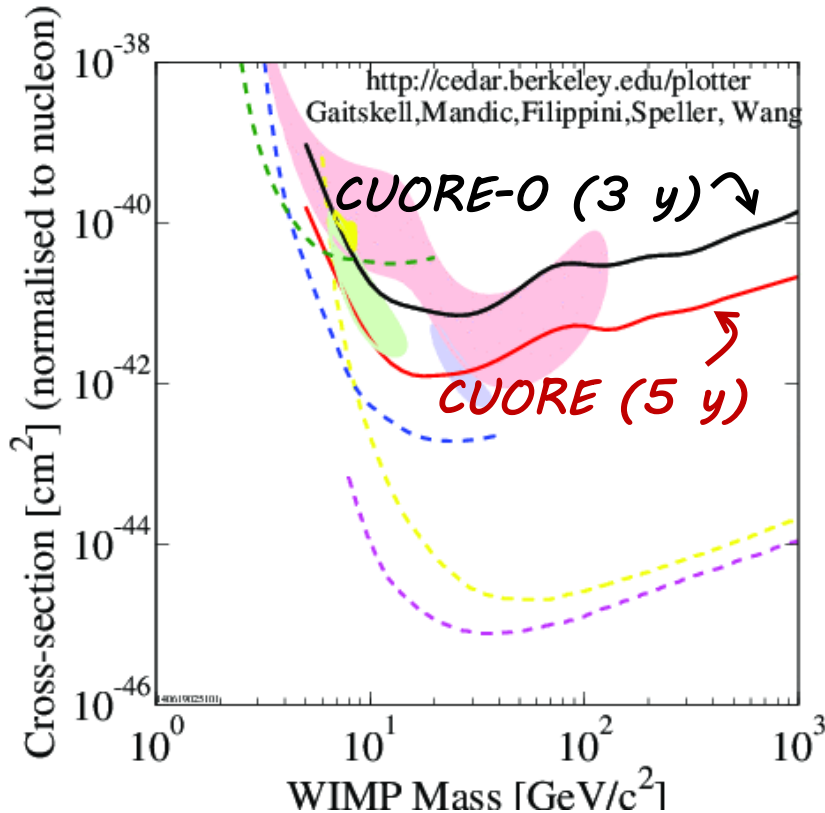
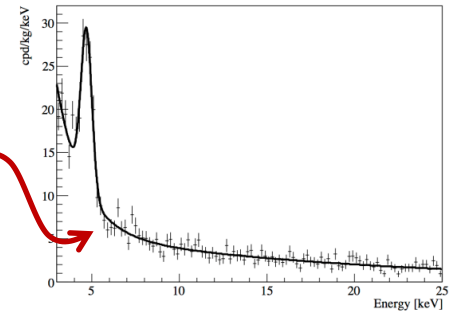




# SI Sensitivity to annual modulation

## ANALYSIS PARAMETERS:

- Energy threshold: 3 keV
- Exposure: CUORE-0 (39 kg x 3 y), CUORE (741 kg x 5 y)
- Background: conservative approach, sampled from CCVR2
- Halo model: Isothermal sphere  
 $(\rho_w = 0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3, v_0 = 220 \text{ km/s}, v_{esc} = 600 \text{ km/s})$
- $Q_{NR/e-R} = 1$



- CoGeNT Annual Modulation Search, PRL 107 (2011), ROI
- CDMSlite Soudan, Run 1 (2013)
- CUORE0 (3yr) 117 kg-y TeO2 Expected Sensitivity
- CDMS-II (Soudan Silicon SI Result, R125-128, contour, 68% C.L.)
- CUORE (5yr) 3.7 Ton-y TeO2, Expected Sensitivity
- DAMA/LIBRA 2008 5sigma, no ion channeling
- CRESST-II 1-Sigma Allowed Region, 730kg-days data
- SuperCDMS Soudan LT (2014), 90% C.L.
- XENON 100 Results from 225 live days of data presented at IDM
- LUX (2013) 90% U.L.

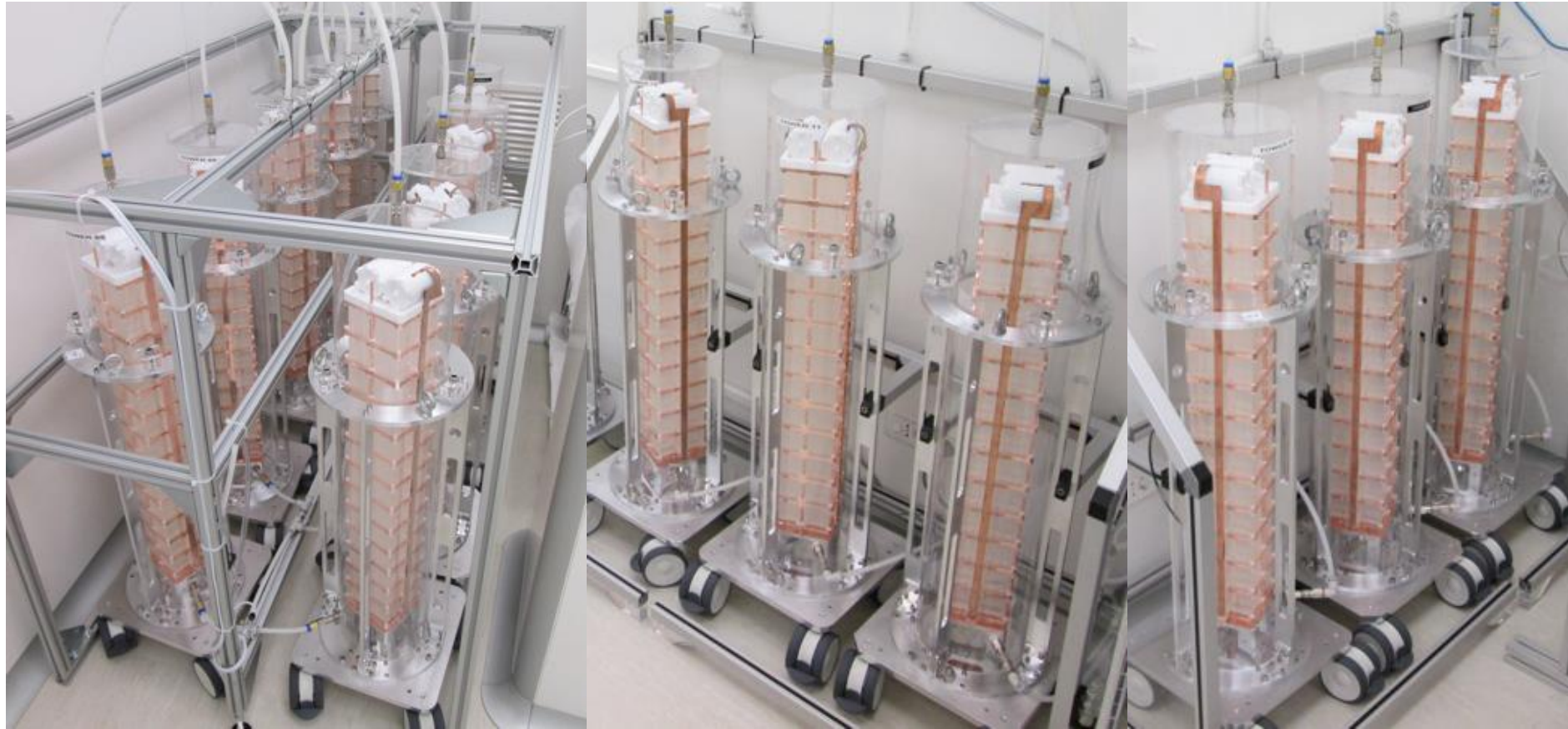
CUORE-0/CUORE could explore some of the current claims/hints of DM direct detection

- ❑ *CUORE:  $0\nu\beta\beta$  with  $\text{TeO}_2$  bolometers*
  - *CUORE-0, the “CUORE demonstrator”*
- ❑ *DM searches with CUORE*
- ❑ *CUORE status*
- ❑ *Summary*



# CUORE Status: Towers assembly

*All 19 towers fully instrumented and ready to mount*

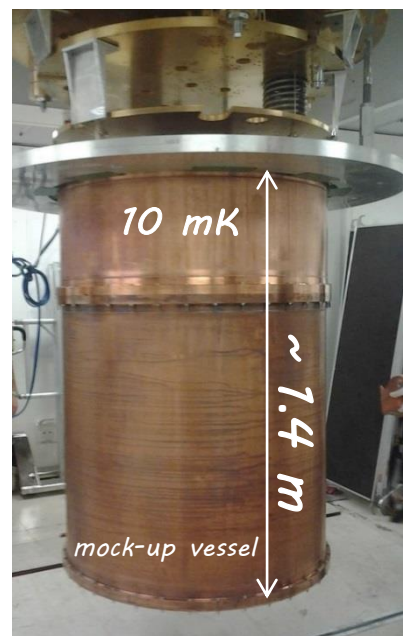
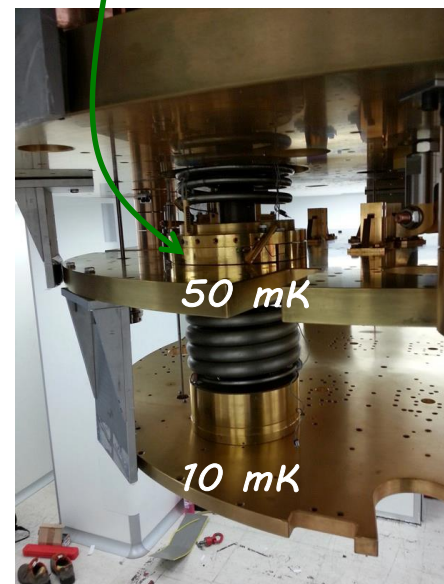
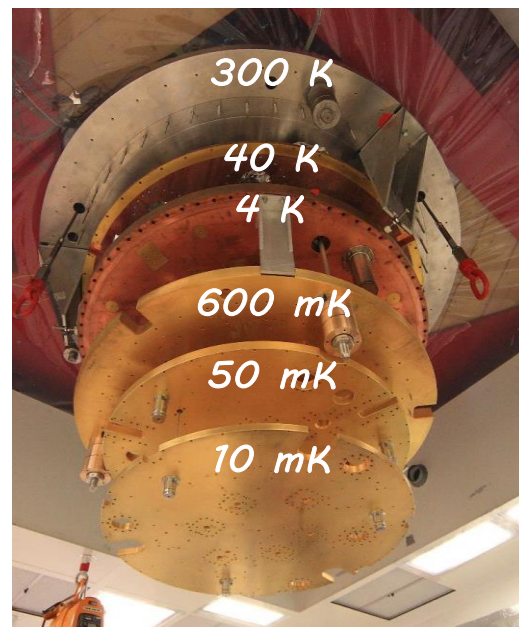


# CUORE Status: Cryogenics



- Dilution Unit (DU)
- LNGS onsite testing (test cryostat with 2 PTs):
- Lowest temperature: **4.95 mK**

- Jan 2014: Cryostat and DU merged



- March 2014: First "complete" cryogenic run:
  - 6 shields
  - DU
  - Pulse tubes (4/5)
  - Suspensions
  - Thermalizations
  - Thermometers

**Stable T**  
**~ 14 mK**

# CUORE Status



*Next step: detector integration  
(installation into the cryostat)*

*fall 2014 --> spring 2015*

*CUORE data taking is  
scheduled to start in  
summer 2015*

# Summary

- ❑ *CUORE is a  $\text{TeO}_2$  ton-scale bolometric  $0\nu\beta\beta$  experiment able to reach 40-100 meV effective Majorana mass.*
- ❑ *CUORE is at the end of the construction stage @ LNGS. Start data-taking in summer 2015.*
- ❑ *CUORE-0 is operating as a stand alone  $0\nu\beta\beta$  search. The results verify our understanding of the background sources in CUORE-0 and demonstrate that  $\approx 5$  keV energy resolution is achievable*
- ❑ *Low energy threshold ( $<3$  keV) has been achieved in CUORE-like bolometers by triggering on continuous optimum-filtered data.*
- ❑ *If low threshold level is attained, CUORE and CUORE-0 would be sensitive to WIMPs in the galactic halo by looking for annual modulation of the expected DM interaction rate. In particular, they can explore the light WIMP mass region pointed out by DM claims/hints.*



*Spare*

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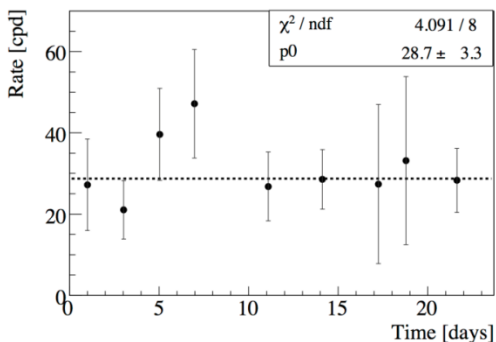
# *Backup Slides*

# The 4.7 keV peak

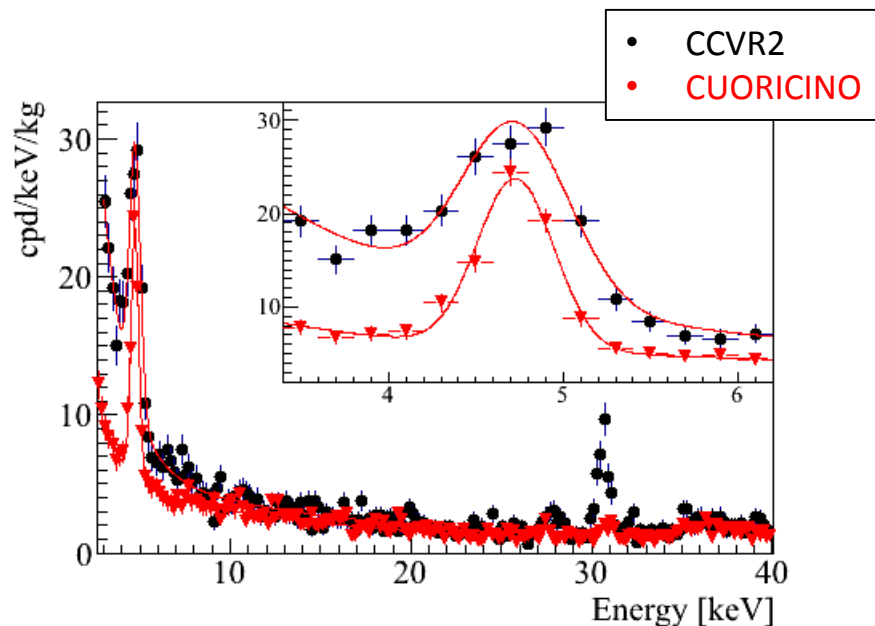
What's the origin of this peak?

4.7 keV  $\Rightarrow$  L1 Sb electron binding energy

- ❑  $^{123}\text{Te}$  (i.a. 0.9%) EC to  $^{123}\text{Sb}$  is a 2<sup>nd</sup> forbidden unique transition that proceeds mainly from L3 shell (4.23 keV)
- ❑  $^{121m}\text{Te}$  and  $^{121}\text{Te}$  EC to  $^{121}\text{Sb}$  ( $T_{1/2} \sim 154$  and 17 days), but K/L intensity is inconsistent with observations
- ❑ Other EC metastable isotopes (and daughters) have  $T_{1/2} < 4.7$  days, but the 4.7 keV peak intensity is constant in 20 days scale:



The 4.7 keV peak is also seen in a reanalysis of the last 2 months of operation of CUORICINO (only 4 bolometers with threshold < 4 keV):



(CUORICINO data not corrected for efficiency!)

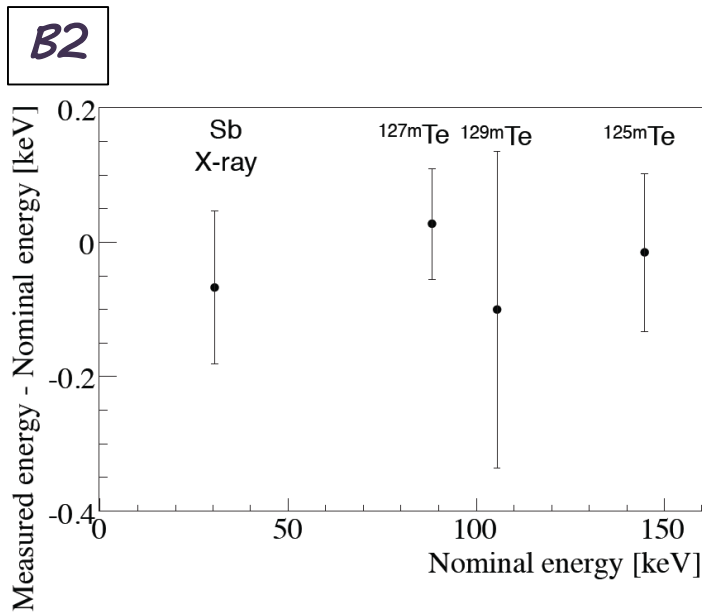


# Energy calibration @ low E

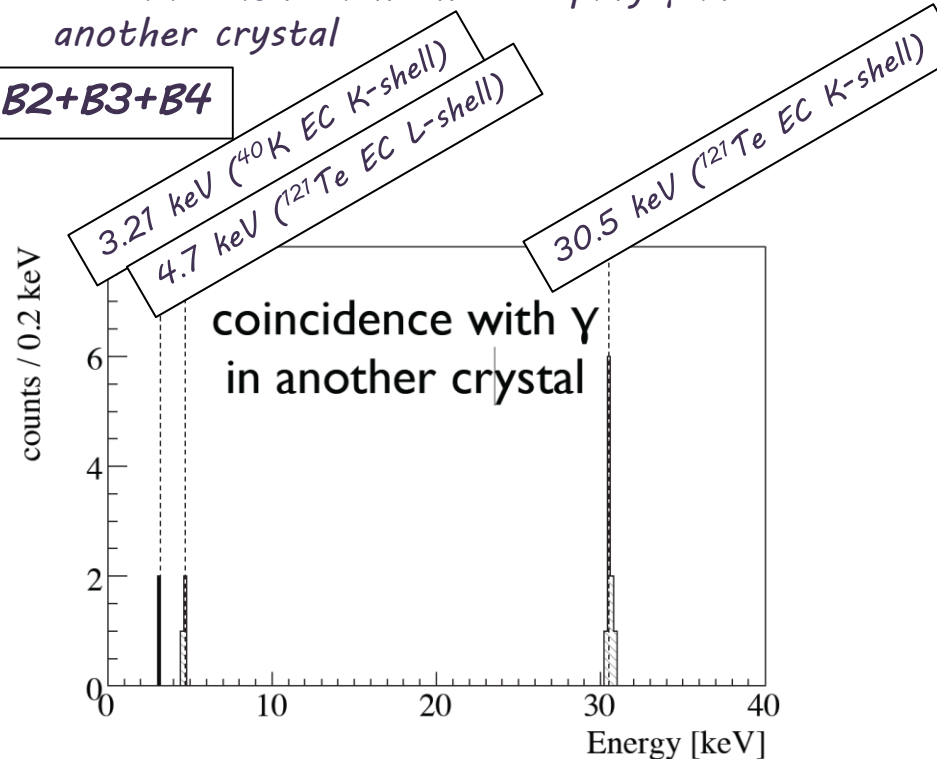
The energy calibration is performed with high energy  $\gamma$ 's (thoriated tungsten sources inserted between the cryostat and the external lead shields) and then checked at low energy:

- From 30-150 keV, lines from Te metastable isotopes (cosmogenic origin)

- Below 30 keV, using  $^{40}\text{K}$  and  $^{127}\text{Te}$  bulk content (EC decay to excited state), looking for the coincidence of the atomic de-excitation with the escaping  $\gamma$  in another crystal



**B2+B3+B4**



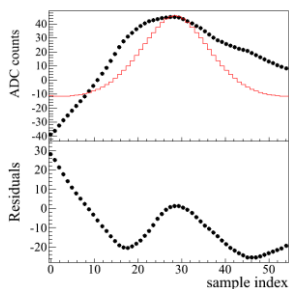
# Pulse shape discrimination

PSA to remove non-physical pulses (electronic spikes, mechanical vibrations...)

Shape Indicator (SI) parameter based on the  $\chi^2$  of the fit to the filtered average signal

$$SI = \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} \frac{(y_i^f - f_i)^2}{\sigma_L^2 (L-2)} \quad \text{where } \sigma_L^2 = \sum_{k=M/L}^{M-M/L} h^2 \frac{|s(\omega_k)|^2}{N(\omega_k)}$$

FAKE PULSE



GOOD PULSE

