Latest results from NEMO-3 and status of SuperNEMO

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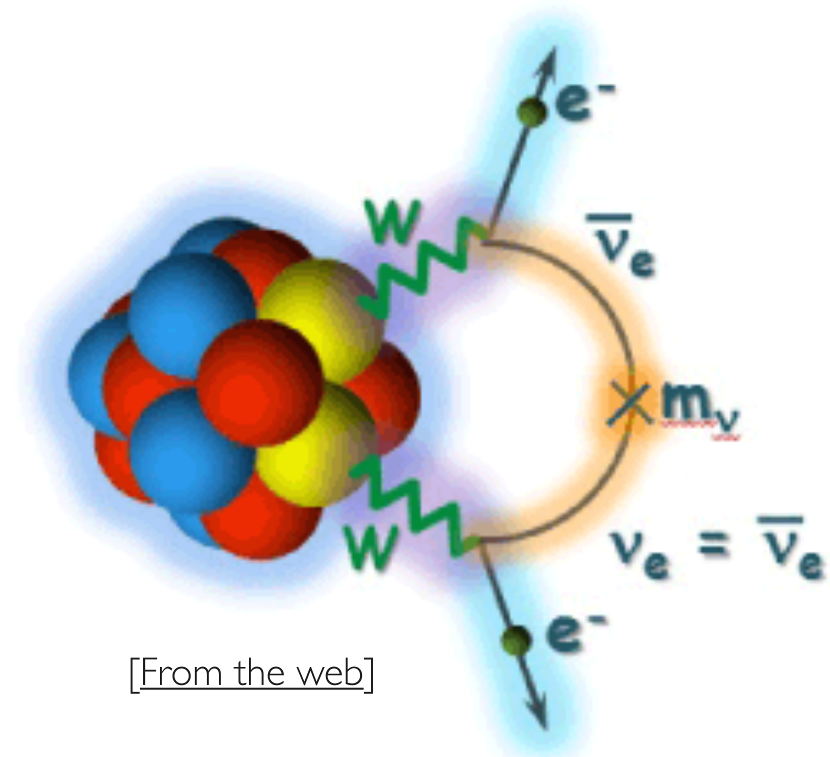
Neutrino-less double beta decay in a nutshell

- Process forbidden in the SM
- Test Dirac/Majorana nature of neutrinos
- Half-life strongly suppressed

$$(T^{0\nu}_{1/2})^{-1} = G_{0\nu}(Q_{\beta\beta}, Z)|M_{0\nu}|^2\eta^2$$



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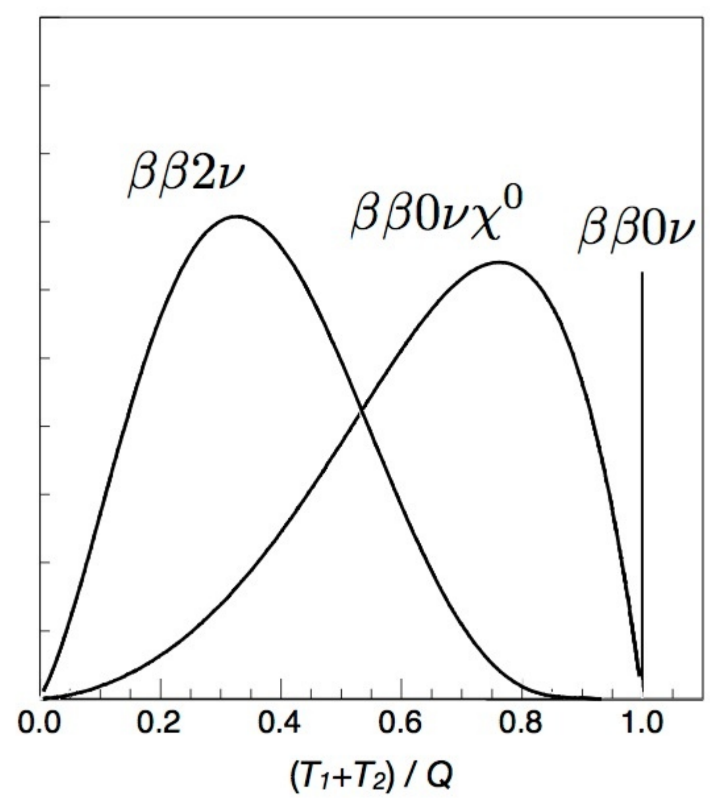
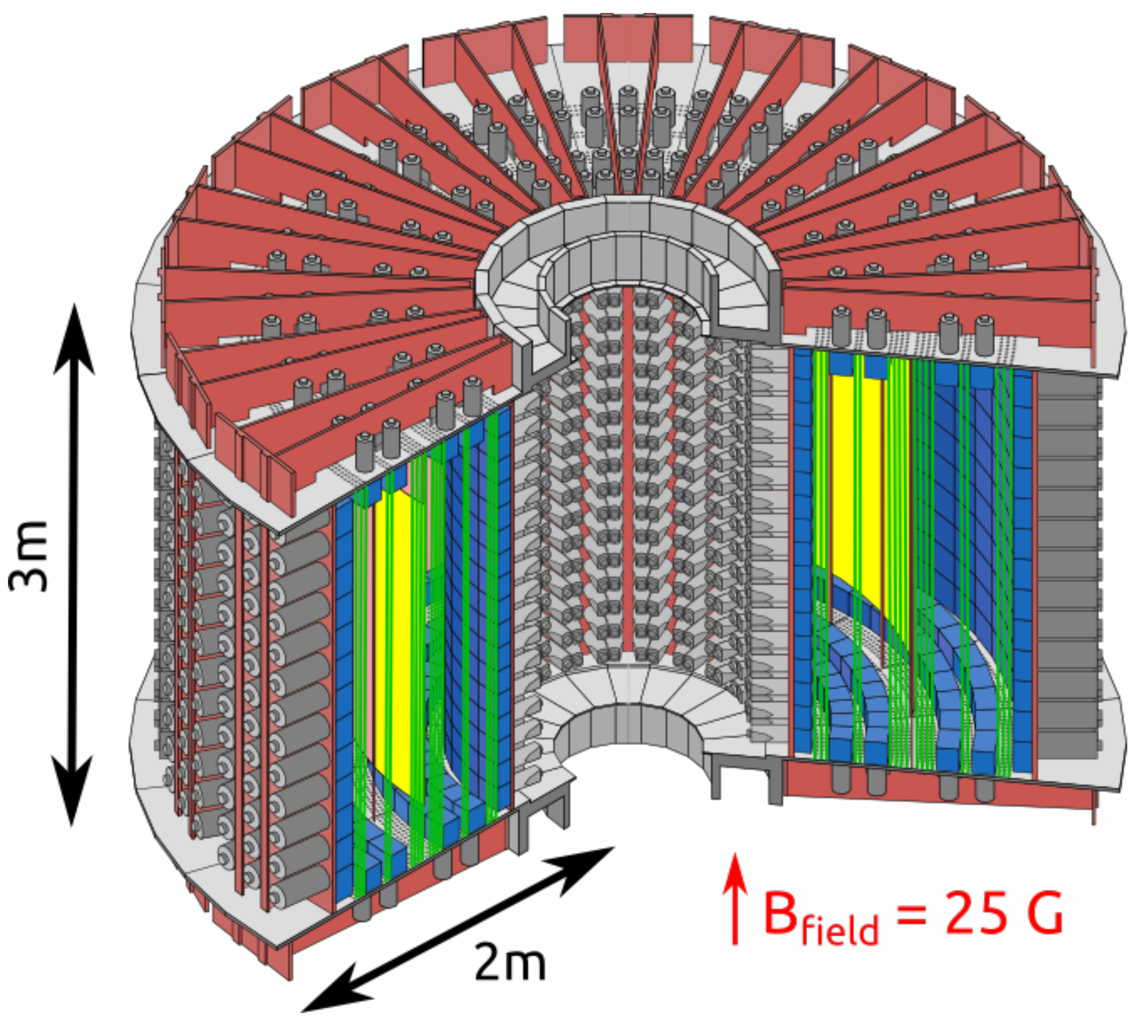


Few different mechanisms may induce 0νββ

- Light Majorana neutrino exchange
- Right-handed current (V+A), SUSY, Majoron(s), etc.

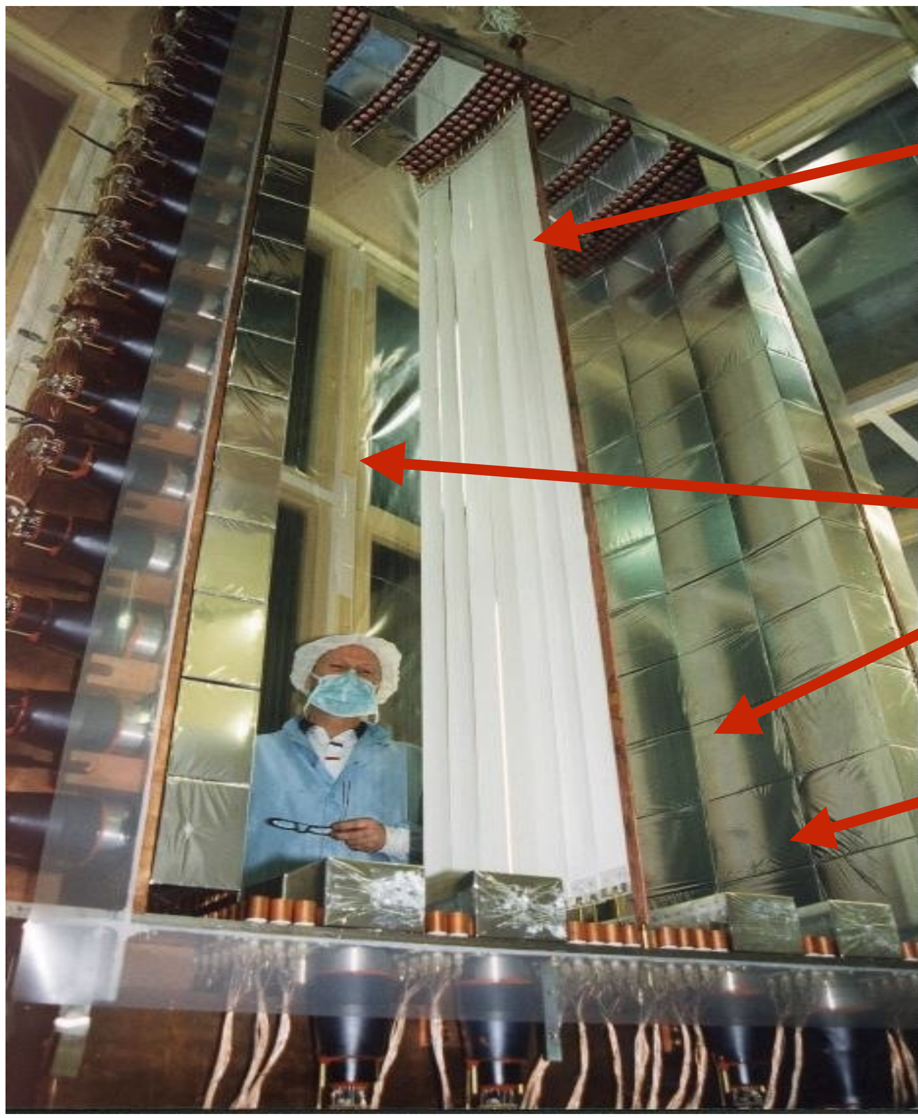
Different topology in the final state

Once upon a time: NEMO-3



- ββ decay experiment combining tracker and calorimetric measurement
- Allows reconstruction of the final state topology and particle identification
- Located in the Modane underground laboratory (LSM) in the Frejus tunnel at ~4800 m.w.e.
- Measured 10 kg of different ββ isotopes
- Taking data from February 2003 to January 2011

NEMO-3: the detector



- Central ββ source plane made of 7 different isotopes: mainly ^{100}Mo (7 kg) and ^{82}Se (1 kg)
- Cu & ^{Nat}Te blank foils: Cross-check background measurements
- Wire drift chamber made of 6180 Geiger cells: σ ~ 3 mm (xy) , 10 mm (z)
- 1940 polystyrene scintillators coupled with low radioactivity PMTs: FWHM ~15 % @ 1 MeV
- 25 Gaus magnetic field: charge identification
- Gamma & Neutron shield, anti-Radon facility

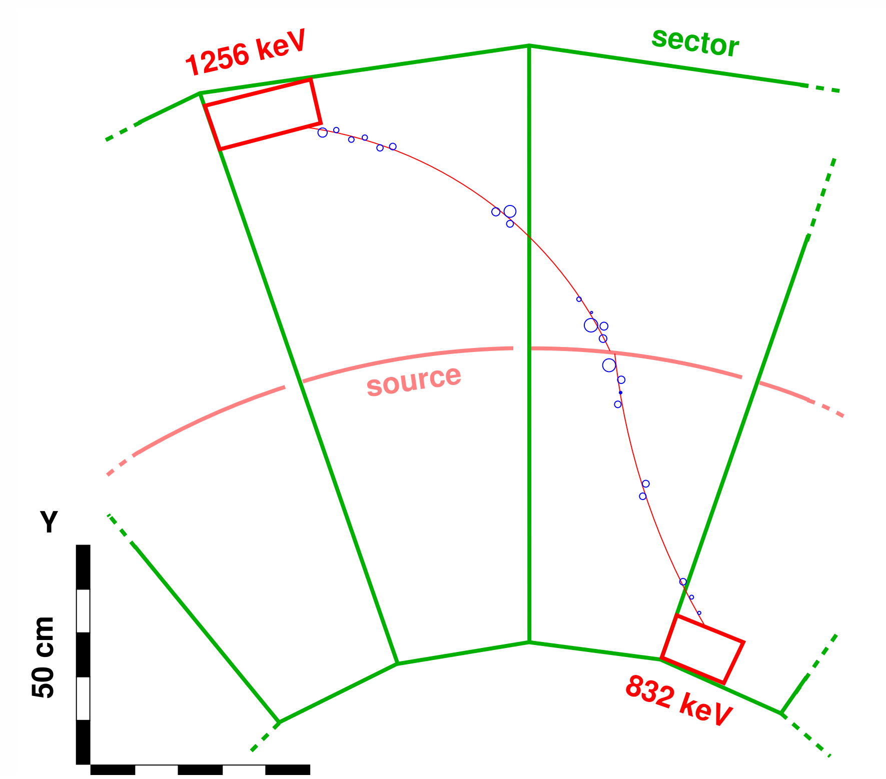
NEMO-3: unique feature

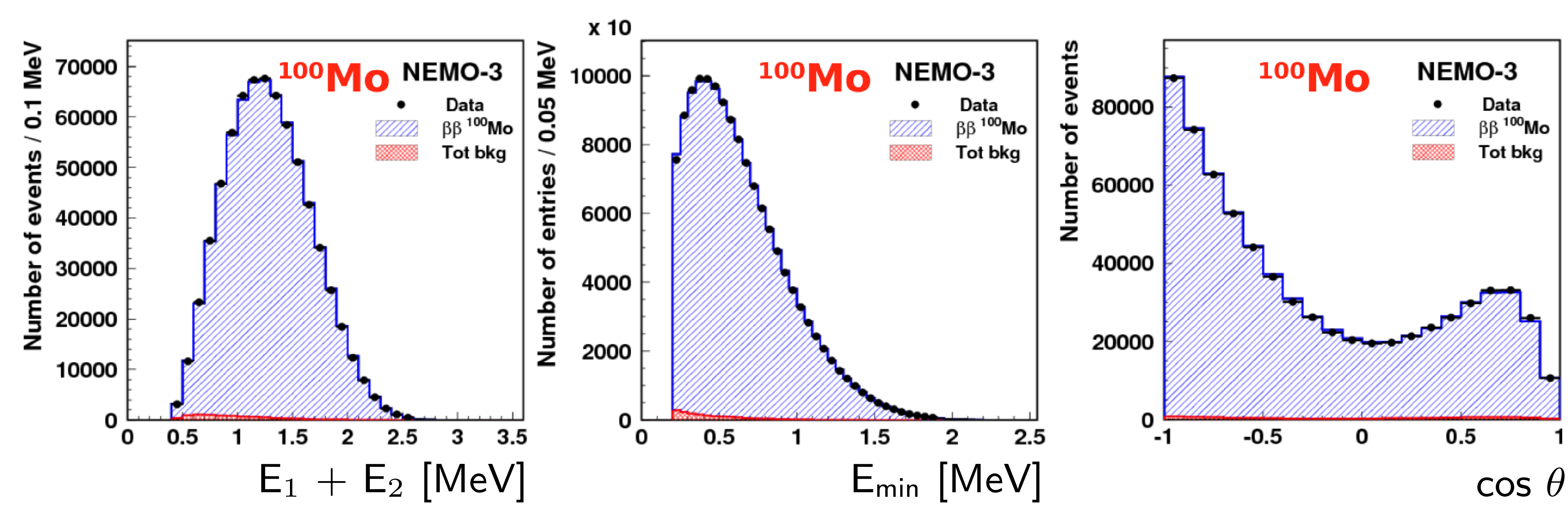
Full reconstruction of $2e^-$ kinematics: unique!

Potential discrimination of mechanism behind $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay: angular distribution, single electron spectra

Reconstruction of different final state topologies: excellent background rejection

Competitive with the fore-front techniques employing much more isotopic mass





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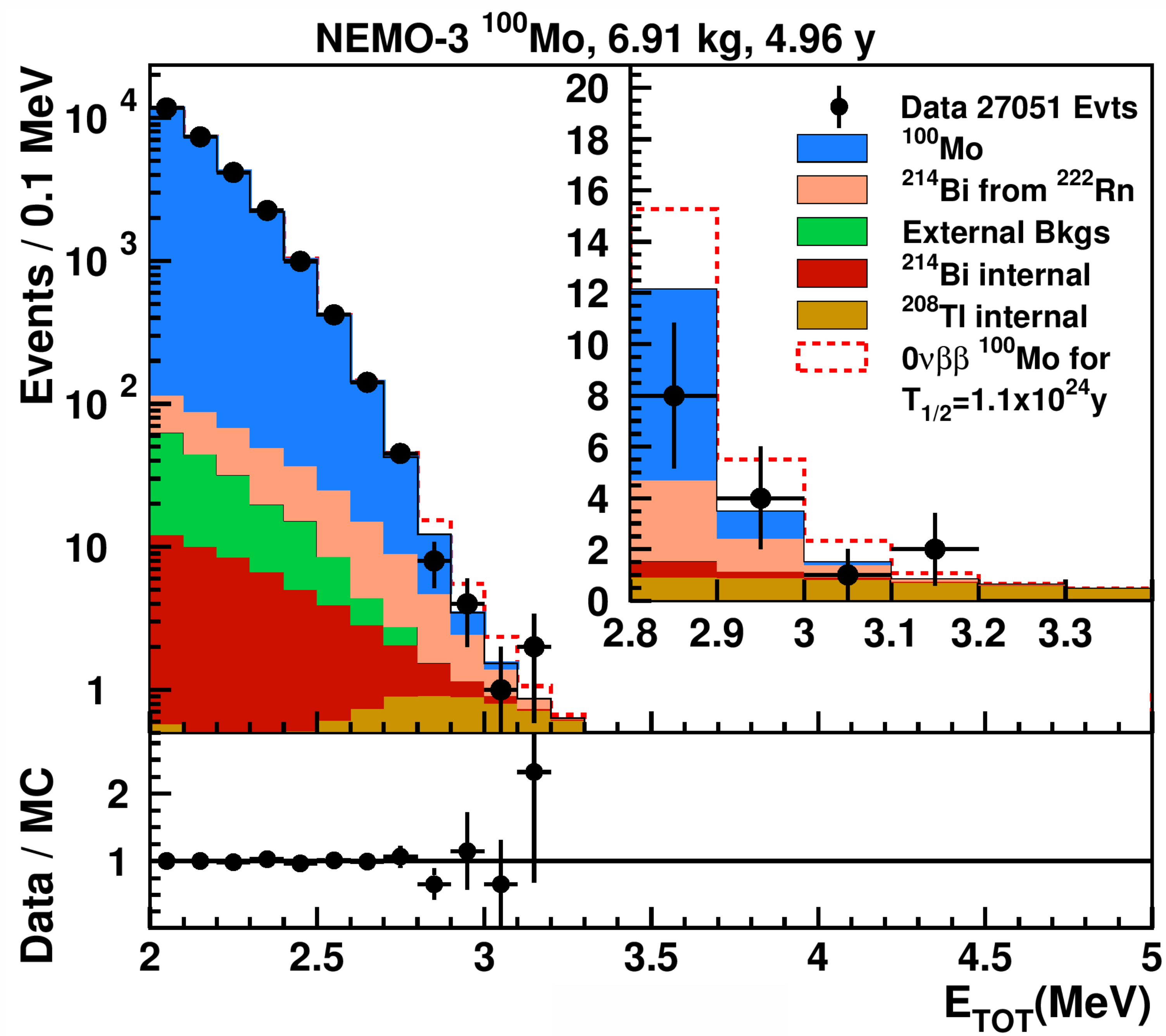
[Phys. Rev. D. 89.111101 (2014)]

NEMO-3: ^{100}Mo 0νββ result

- Full exposure of 34.3 kg×y
- Use information in [2.0; 3.2] MeV
- Detection efficiency: 11.3 ± 0.8 %
- Total bkg.: 1.3×10^{-3} cts/(keV×kg×y)
- No event excess in the 2e$^-$ channel



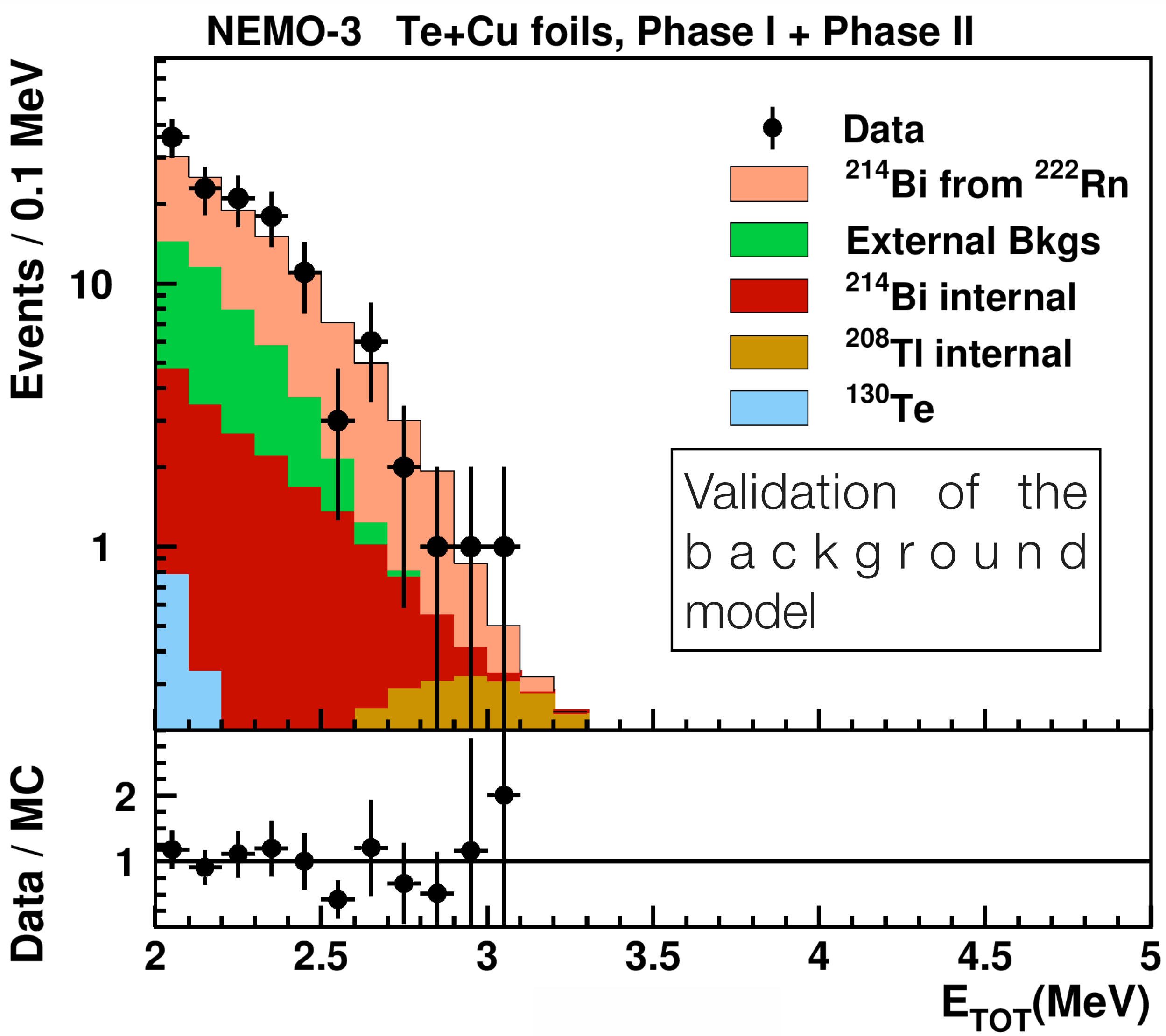
$T^{0\nu}_{1/2} > 1.1\times10^{24}$ y (90 % C.L.) → ⟨m_ν⟩ < 0.33 - 0.62 eV

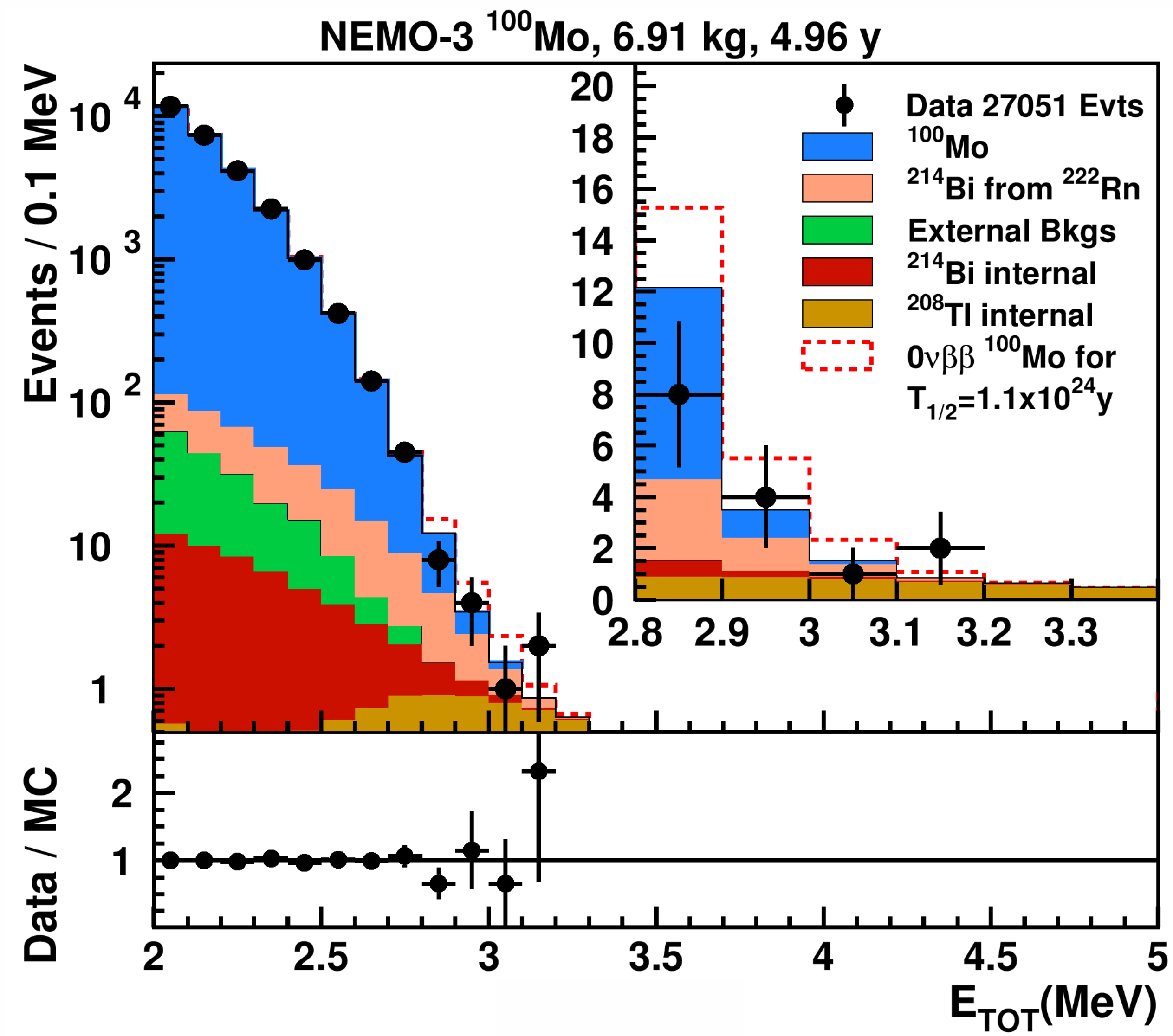
Competitive with most recent results (GERDA, Cuoricino, KamLAND-Zen)

NEMO-3: high energy background

No events in Cu & Te foils after 13.5 kg×y > 3.1 MeV

No events in ^{100}Mo foils after 34.3 kg×y > 3.2 MeV





Promising background free technique for high $Q_{\beta\beta}$ isotopes

^{48}Ca (4.272 MeV), ^{150}Nd (3.368 MeV) or ^{96}Zr (3.350 MeV)

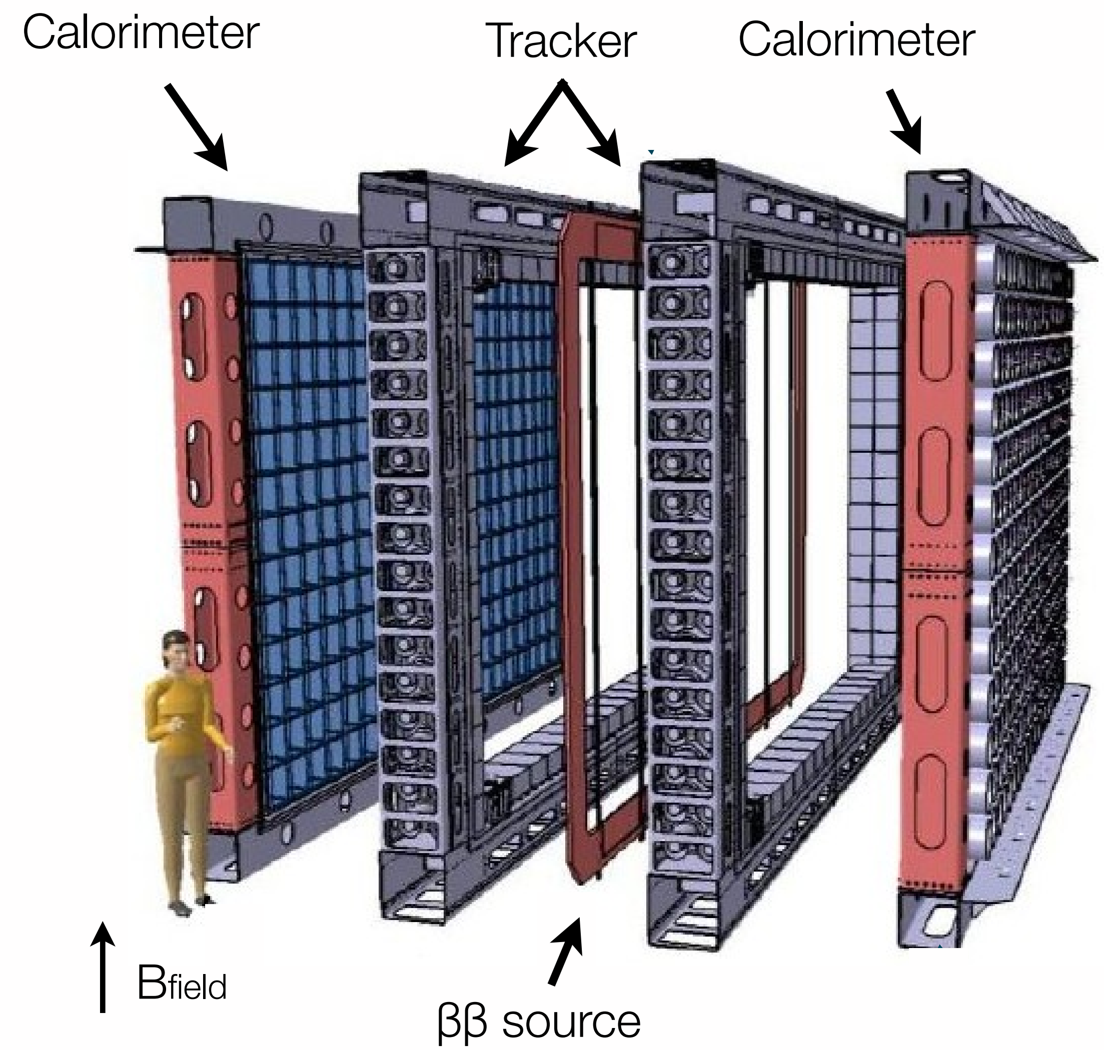
[Eur. Phys. J. C70: 927-943,2010]

SuperNEMO: toward the new generation

Extrapolate a well known technique:

- 100 kg of ββ emitter in 20 detection modules
- Approach Inverted Hierarchy region

	NEMO-3	SuperNEMO
Efficiency	18%	~30%
Isotope	7 kg ^{100}Mo	~100 kg ^{82}Se (^{150}Nd, ^{48}Ca)
Exposure	35 kg y	~500 kg y
Energy res.	8% @ 3 MeV	4% @ 3 MeV
^{208}Tl (source)	~100 μBq/kg	< 2 μBq/kg
^{214}Bi (source)	~ 300 μBq/kg	< 10 μBq/kg
Rn (in tracker)	5 mBq/m^3	0.15 mBq/m^3
$\langle m_\nu \rangle$	0.33 - 0.62 eV	0.04 - 0.1 eV



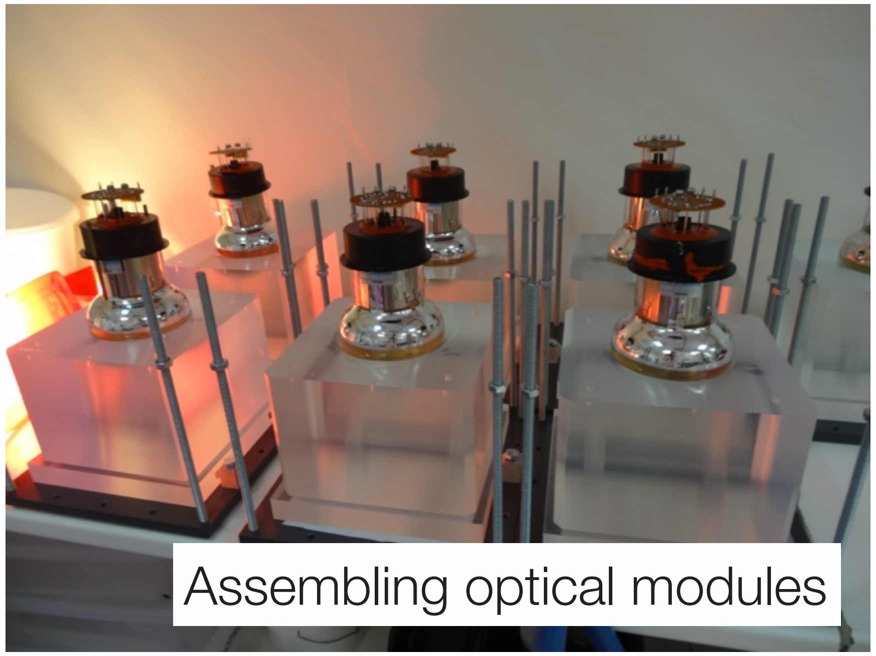
Demonstrator → 7 kg ^{82}Se running ~2.5 y

- To be installed @ LSM (replacing NEMO-3)
- Match SuperNEMO requirements
- Sensitivity: $\langle m_\nu \rangle$ ~ 0.20 - 0.40 eV

SuperNEMO: the detector

Calorimeter:

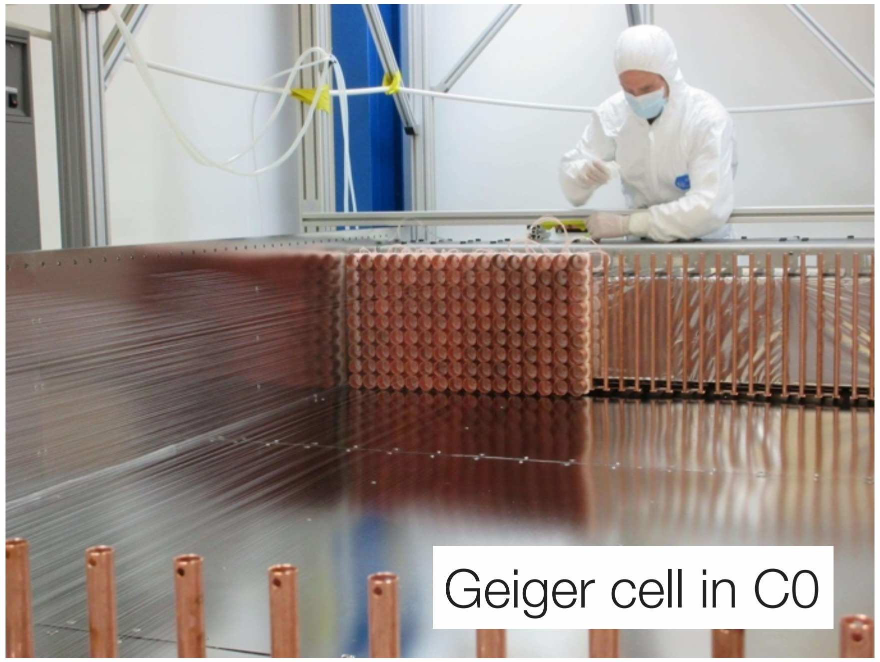
- 5” and 8” PMT directly coupled to a scintillator block with optimised geometry: 7.8 % FWHM @ 1 MeV
- Electronics, optical modules, shield & mechanical structure under production



Assembling optical modules

Tracker:

- Geiger cells in a Rn-tight tracker chamber surrounded by Optical Modules
- C0 commissioned at sea level, ready to be shipped to LSM (September). C1 under commissioning

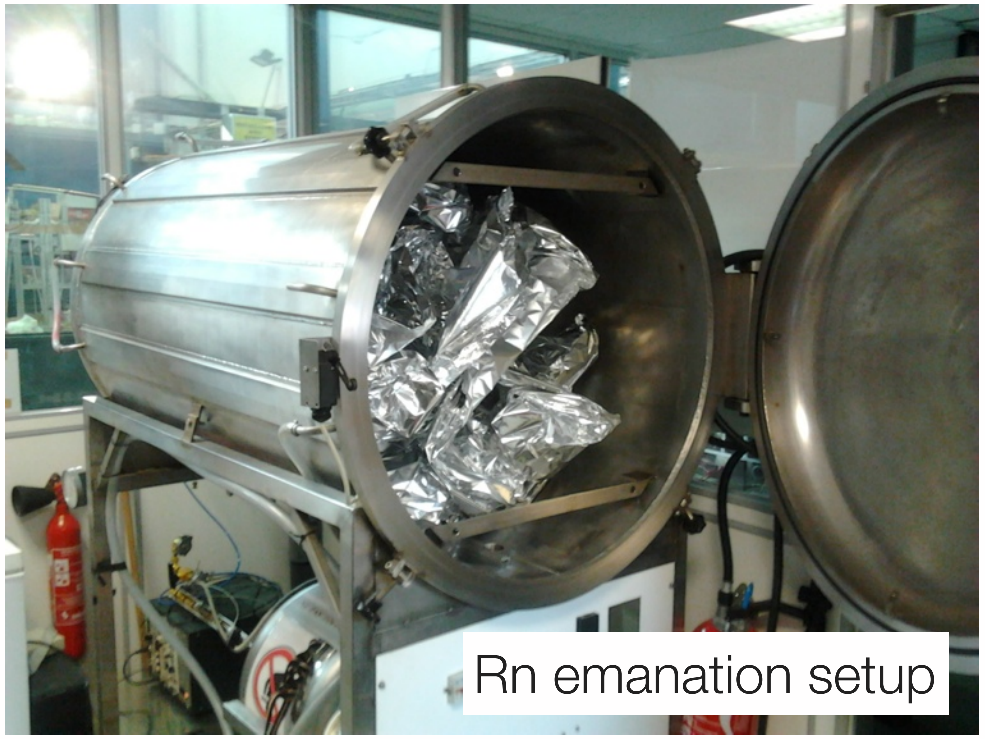


Geiger cell in C0

Source foils:

- Thin foils made of 7 kg of ^{82}Se powder mixed with PVA glue + mylar support: under production
- Other isotopes are under consideration: ^{150}Nd, ^{48}Ca

SuperNEMO: radio-purity



Radon:

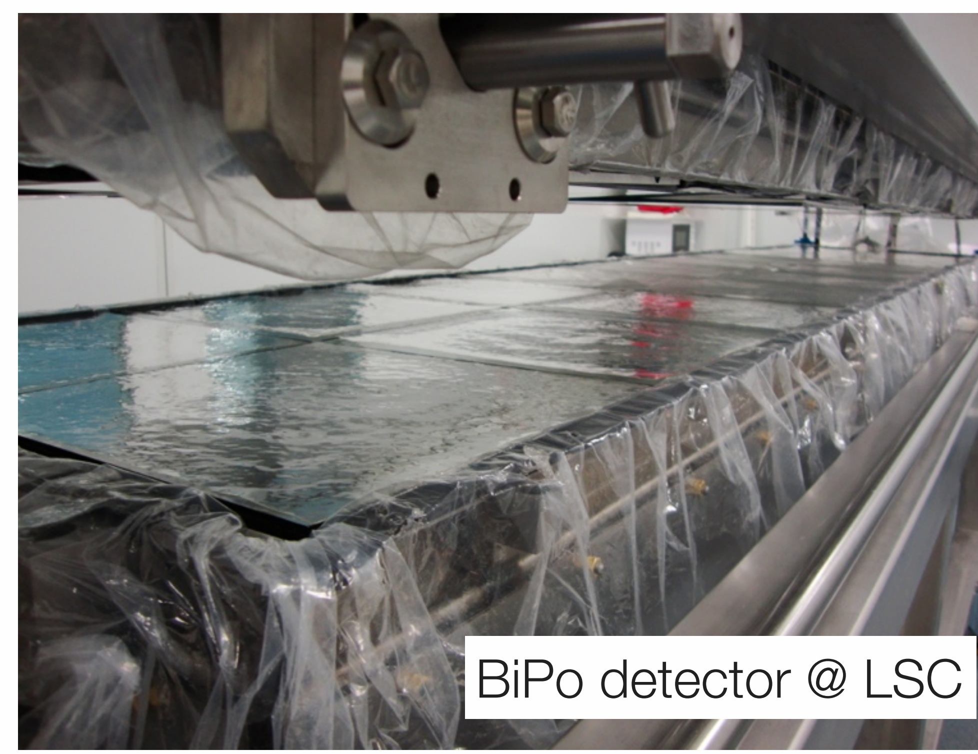
- Control the Radon emanation of the materials
- Radon purification/absorption with dedicated setup

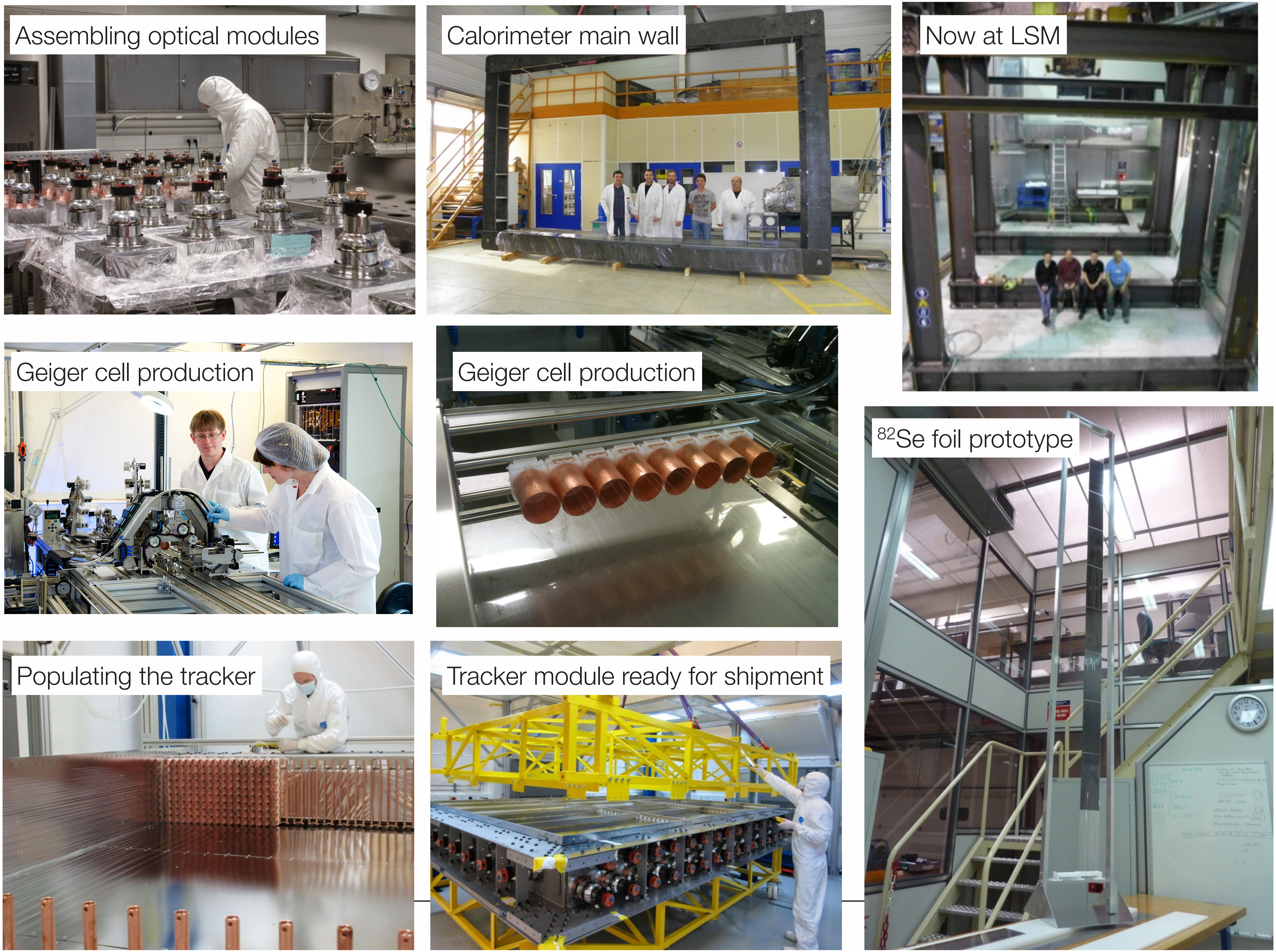
Detector radio-purity budget:

- Material validation with HPGe detectors

Source foils:

- Dedicated setup operating at LSC (Canfranc): detect delayed β-α from Bi-Po chain
- Sensitivity ~10 μBq/kg after 2-3 months of measurement
- First two ^{82}Se foils currently under measurement




Assembling optical modules
Calorimeter main wall
Now at LSM
Geiger cell production
Geiger cell production
^{82}Se foil prototype
Populating the tracker
Tracker module ready for shipment

Summary & conclusions

Tracking + Calo. technique

- Unique: allowing direct reconstruction of the $2e^-$
- Full signature of $0\nu\beta\beta$ events and powerful background rejection
- Background-free technique for high energy $Q_{\beta\beta}$ isotopes

Latest NEMO-3 results

- Total ^{100}Mo exposure of 34.3 kg×y shows no event excess
- $T^{0\nu}_{1/2} > 1.1\times10^{24}$ y → $\langle m_\nu \rangle < 0.33 - 0.62$ eV @ (90 % C.L.)
- ^{82}Se, ^{48}Ca, ^{96}Zr, ^{116}Cd, ^{150}Nd: analysis of full statistics ongoing

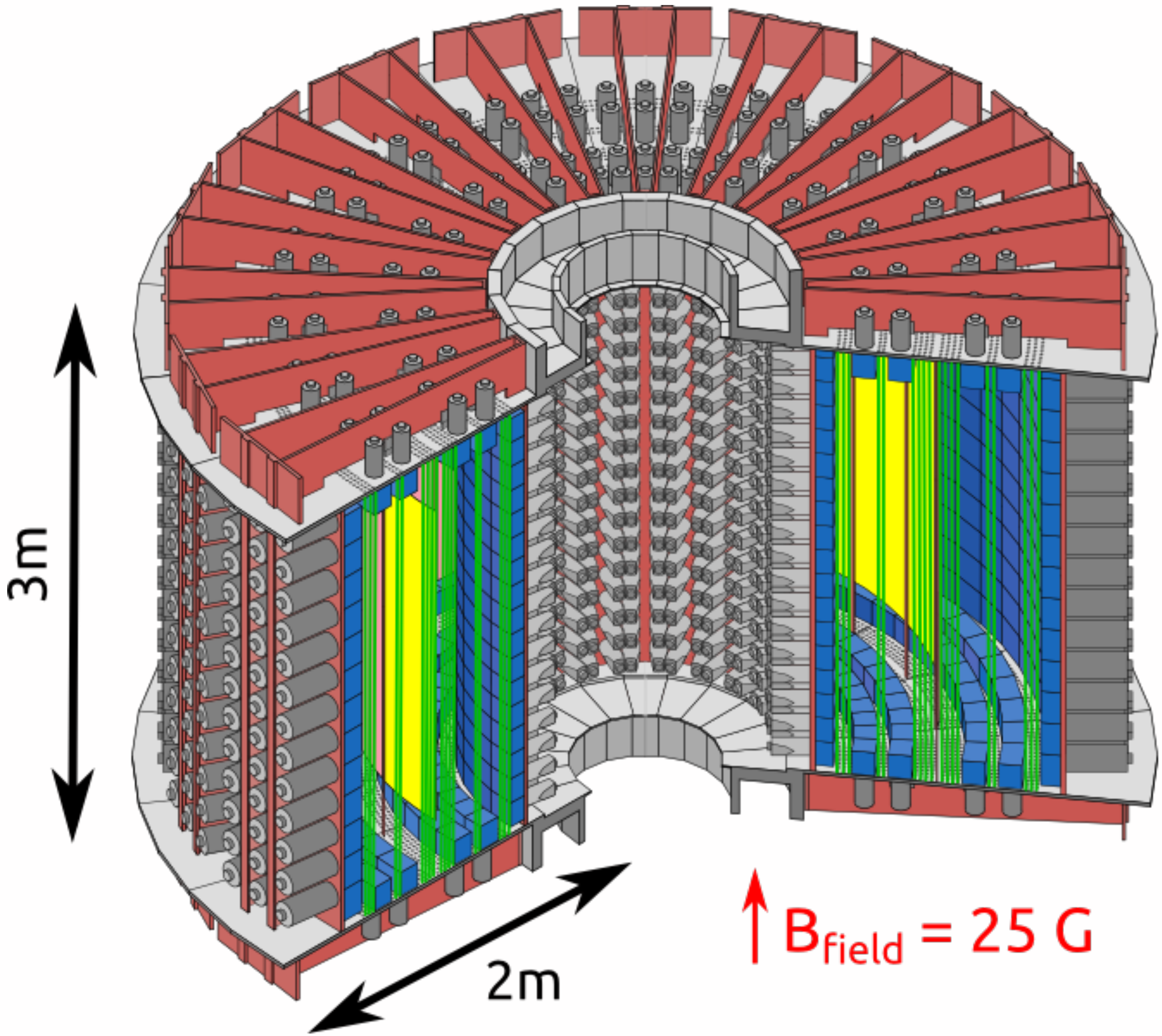
SuperNEMO demonstrator

- Under construction: commissioning by 2016
- Foresee to run for 2.5 years with 7 kg of ^{82}Se
- $T^{0\nu}_{1/2} > 6\times10^{24}$ y → $\langle m_\nu \rangle < 0.20 - 0.40$ eV @ (90 % C.L.)

Future: Full SuperNEMO

- 20 demonstrator-like modules
- 100 kg of ^{82}Se running for 5 years
- ^{150}Nd and ^{48}Ca are also being considered
- $T^{0\nu}_{1/2} > 1\times10^{26}$ y → $\langle m_\nu \rangle < 0.04 - 0.10$ eV @ (90 % C.L.)

Backup slides



sources

60 mg/cm² foils

10 kg of ββ isotopes

tracker

6180 Geiger cells

vertex resolution :

σ_{xy} ~ 3 mm σ_z ~ 10 mm

calorimeter

1940 optical modules :

polystyren scintillators

+ 3" and 5" PMTs

$FWHM_E$ ~ 15% / $\sqrt{E_{MeV}}$

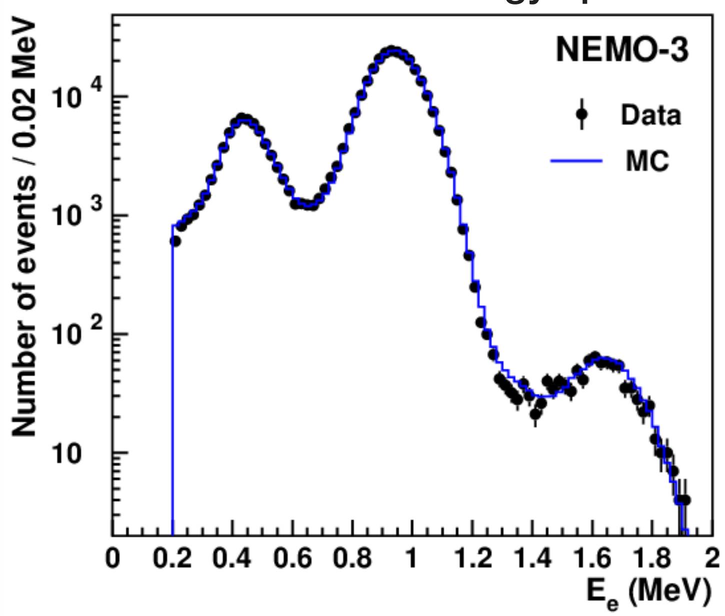
σ_t ~ 250 ps

NEMO-3: energy calibration

Radioactive sources:

- ^{207}Bi: 482 keV and 976 keV conversion electron
- ^{90}Sr — ^{90}Y: β-decay end point Q_β = 2280 keV
- ^{207}Bi: 1682 keV conversion electron to test energy scale: 99% PMTs Data/MC < 0.2%

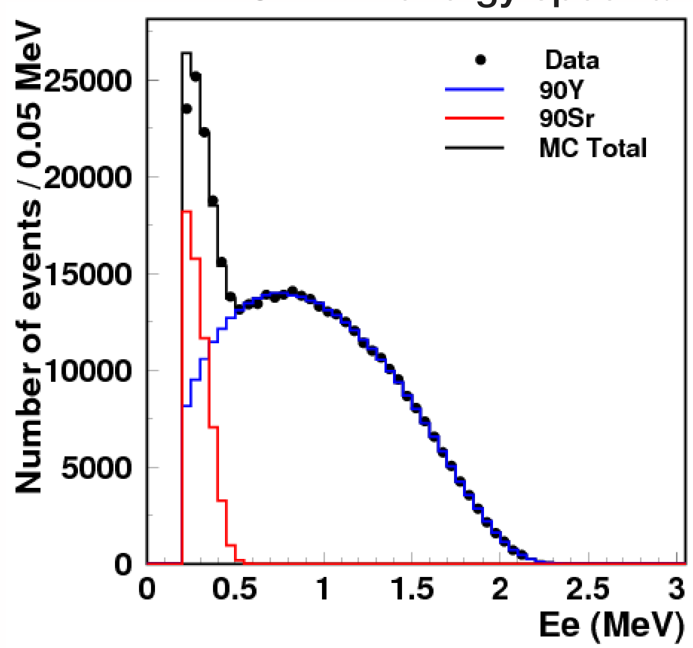
^{207}Bi energy spectra



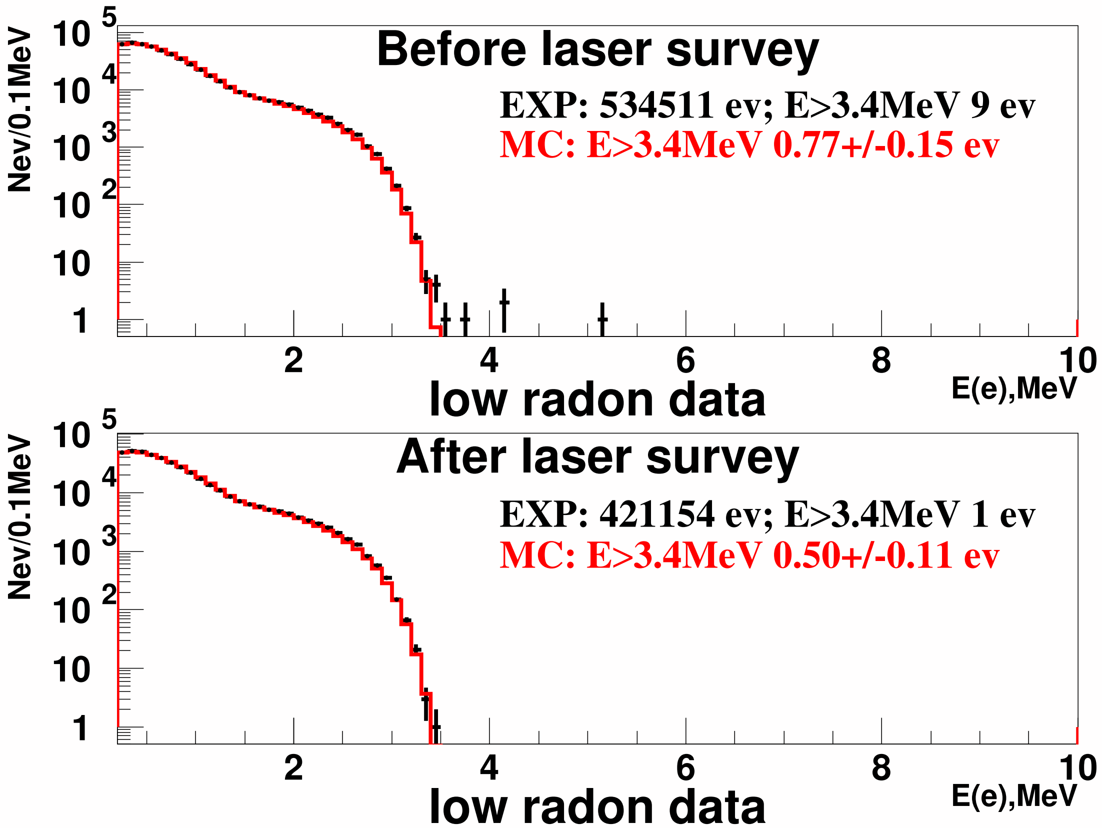
Laser inter-calibration system:

- Gain and time survey twice a day PMTs linearity < 1% for E < 4 MeV
- 82% of PMTs stable < 5% over the whole data taking

^{90}Sr — ^{90}Y energy spectra



NEMO-3: Laser survey

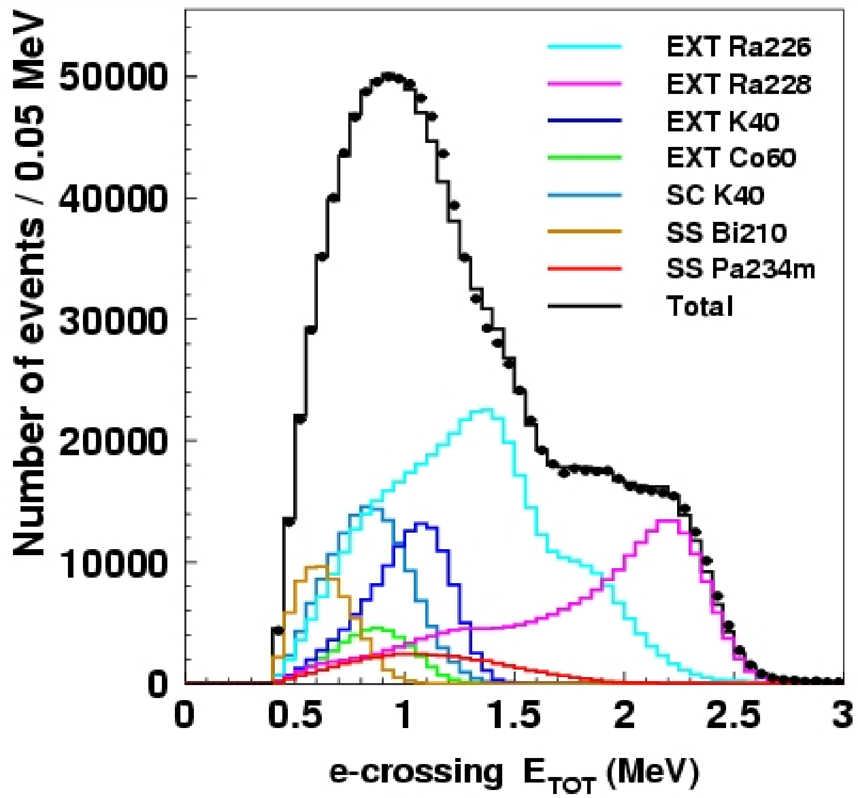


Laser inter-calibration system:

- Gain and time survey twice a day PMTs linearity < 1% for E < 4 MeV
- 82% of PMTs stable < 5% over the whole data taking
- Validate PMT stability with the ^{214}Bi β-decay end point (3270 keV) background free channel

NEMO-3: backgrounds

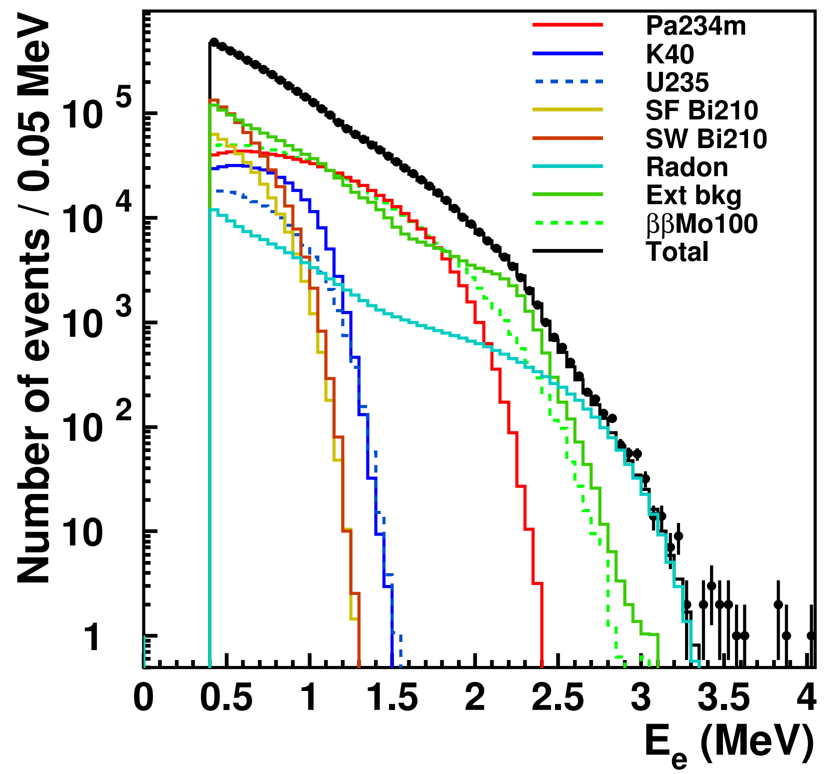
[NIM A 606: 449-465, 2009]



External background:

- Radio-impurities in surrounding material, γ from (n,γ)
- μ bremsstrahlung

Measured through e^- + γ and e^- crossing channels



Internal background:

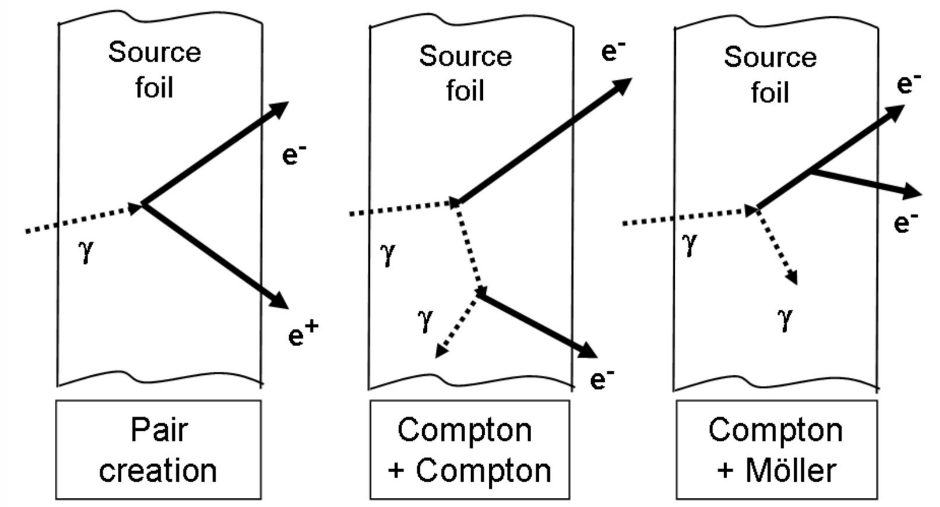
- ^{208}Tl and ^{214}Bi contamination in foil source
- ^{214}Bi from Rn decay in tracker volume

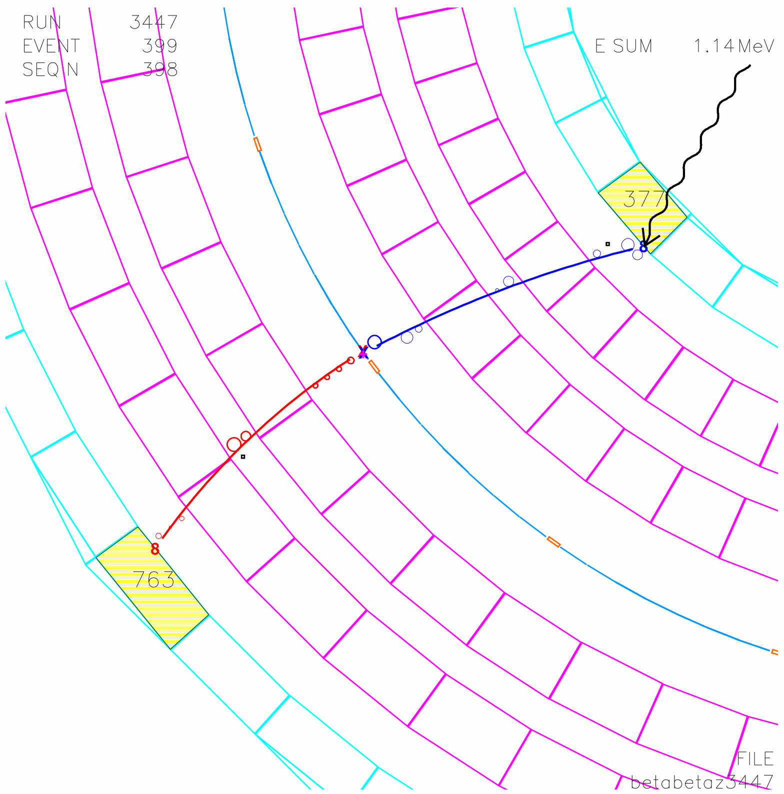
Measured through e^- + Nγ, e^- + α and single e^- channels

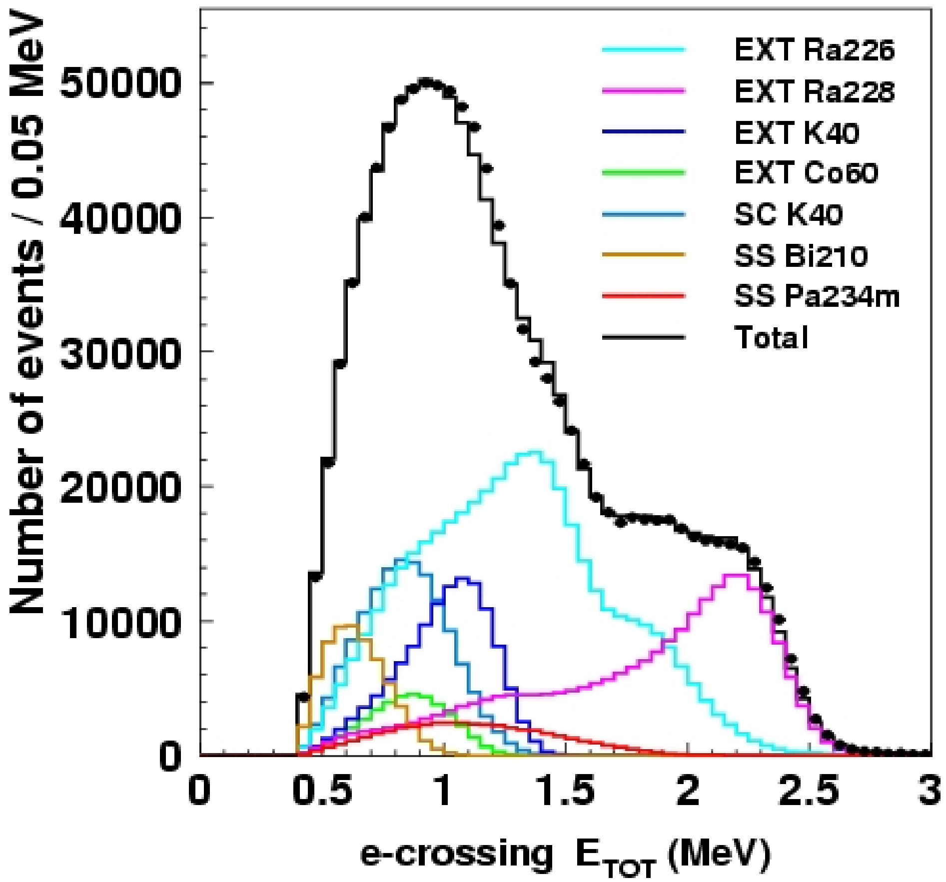
NEMO-3: external backgrounds

Radio-impurities in material, γ from (n,γ) and μ bremsstrahlung

e-γ and one-crossing-e channels



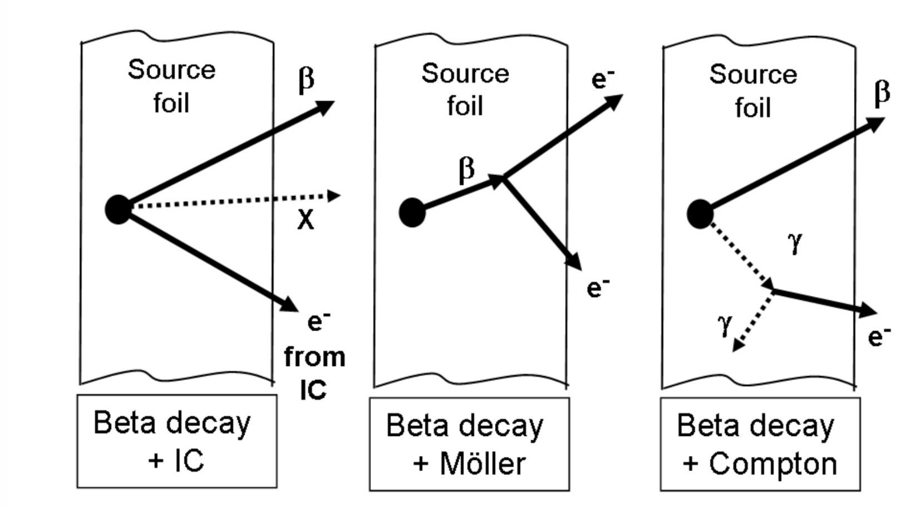


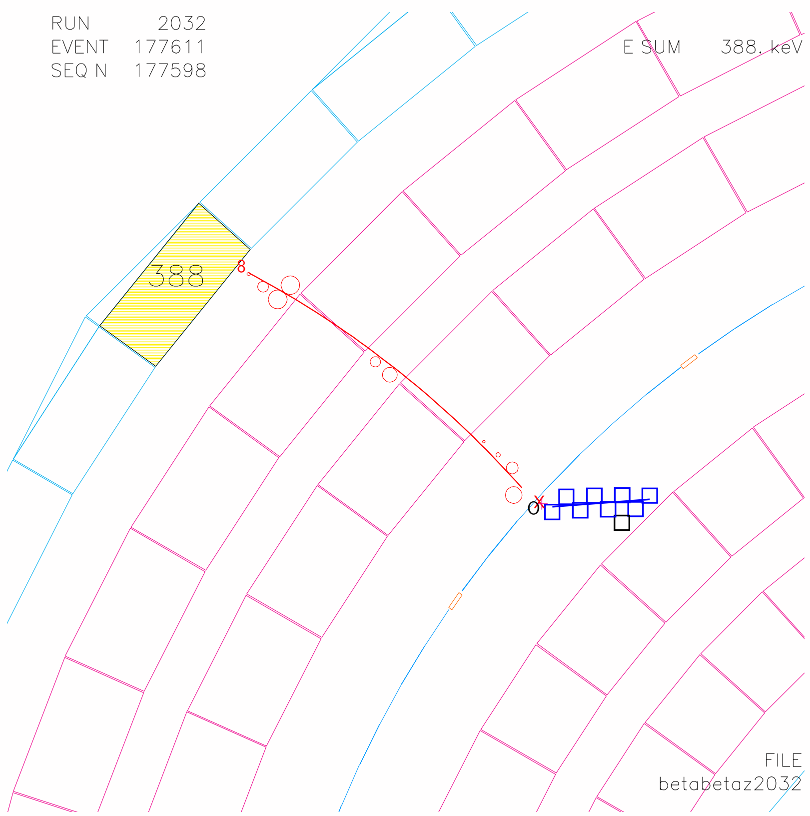


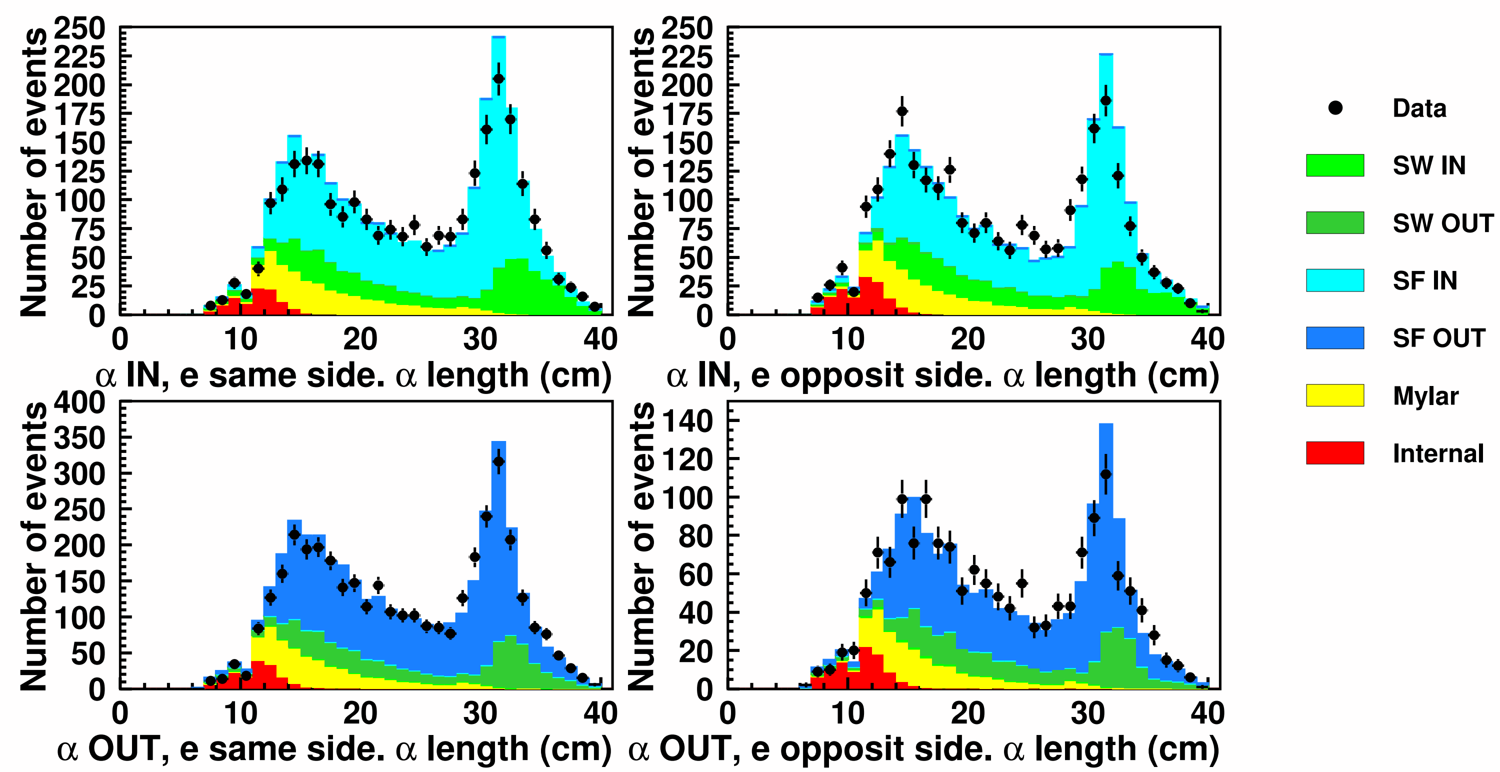
NEMO-3: internal backgrounds

^{208}Tl (from ^{232}Th) and ^{214}Bi (from ^{238}U) contamination in foil source and ^{214}Bi from Rn decay in tracker volume

1eNγ (^{208}Tl) and 1e1α (^{214}Bi) channels



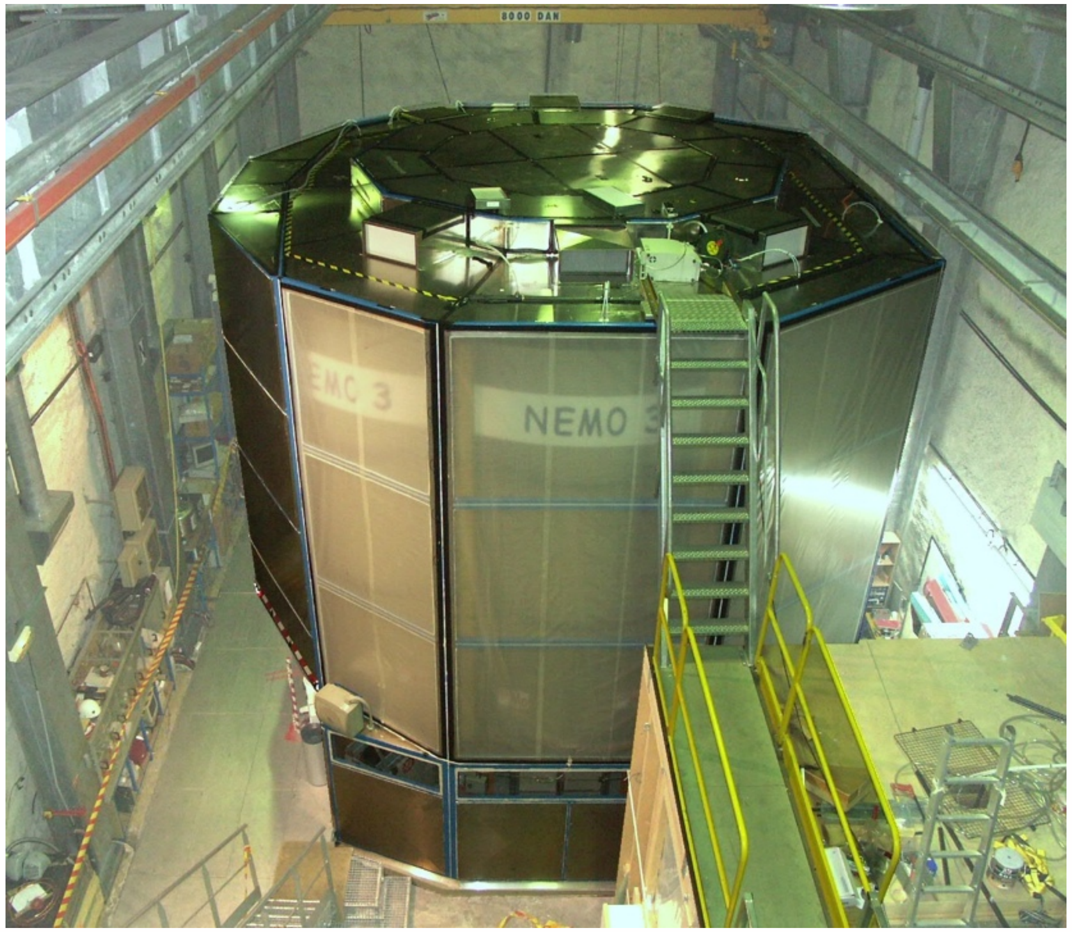


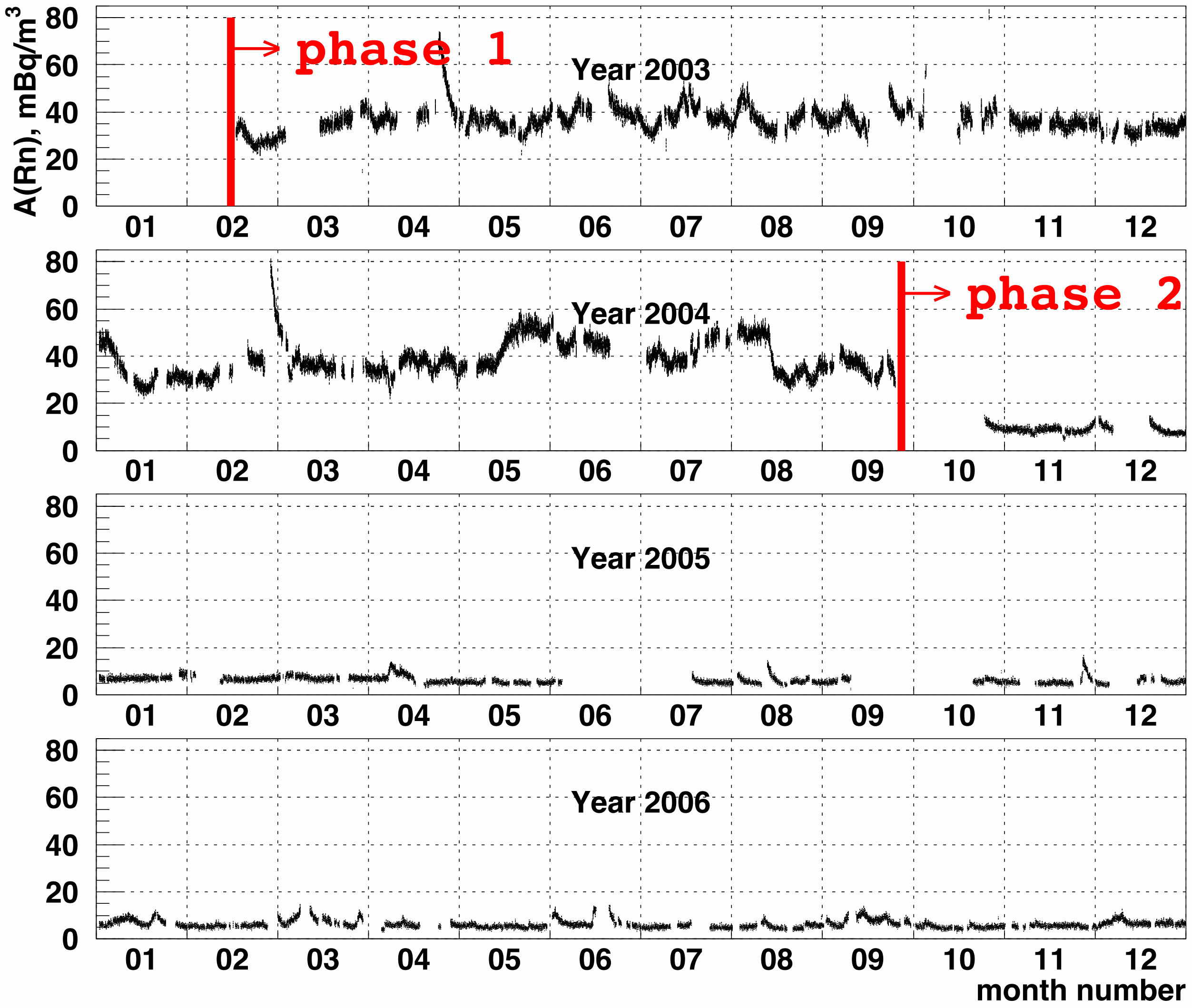


NEMO-3: ^{222}Rn background

^{222}Rn in the gas of the tracking chamber monitored through the 1e1a channel

Strongly suppressed upon flushing Rn-free air into a dedicated tent surrounding the detector

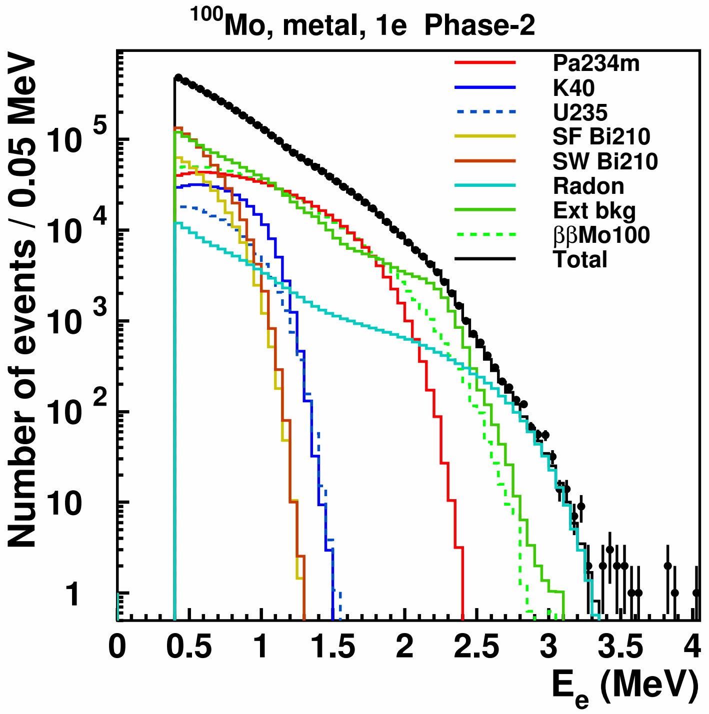


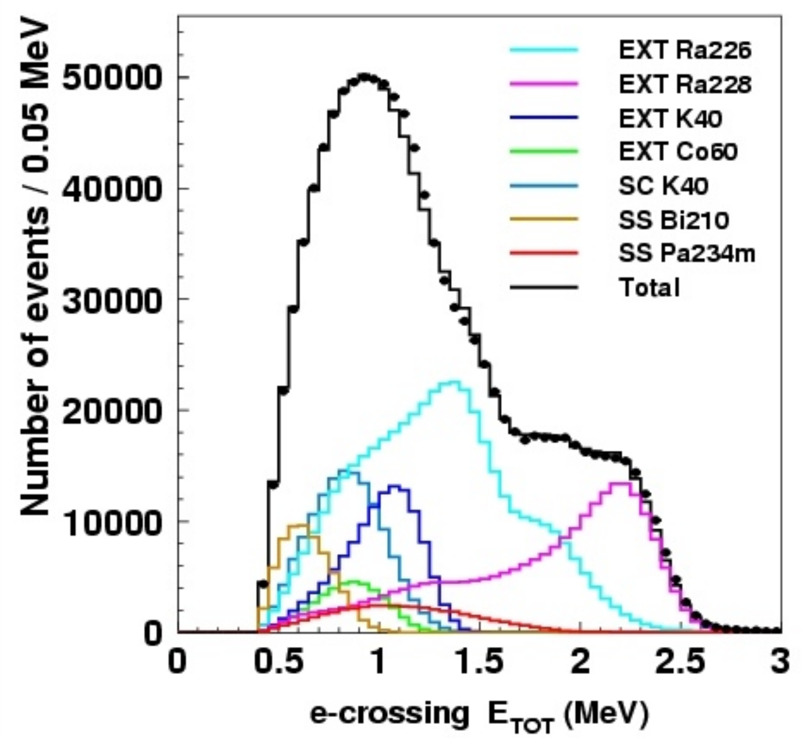


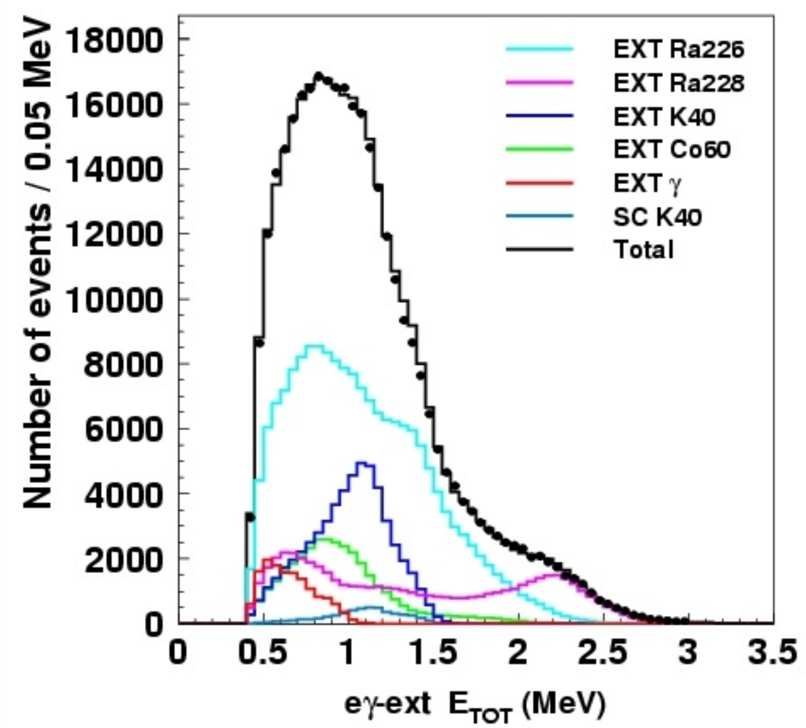
Phase 1: 37.7±0.1 mBq/m^3

Phase 2: 6.46±0.02 mBq/m^3

NEMO-3: Background measurement

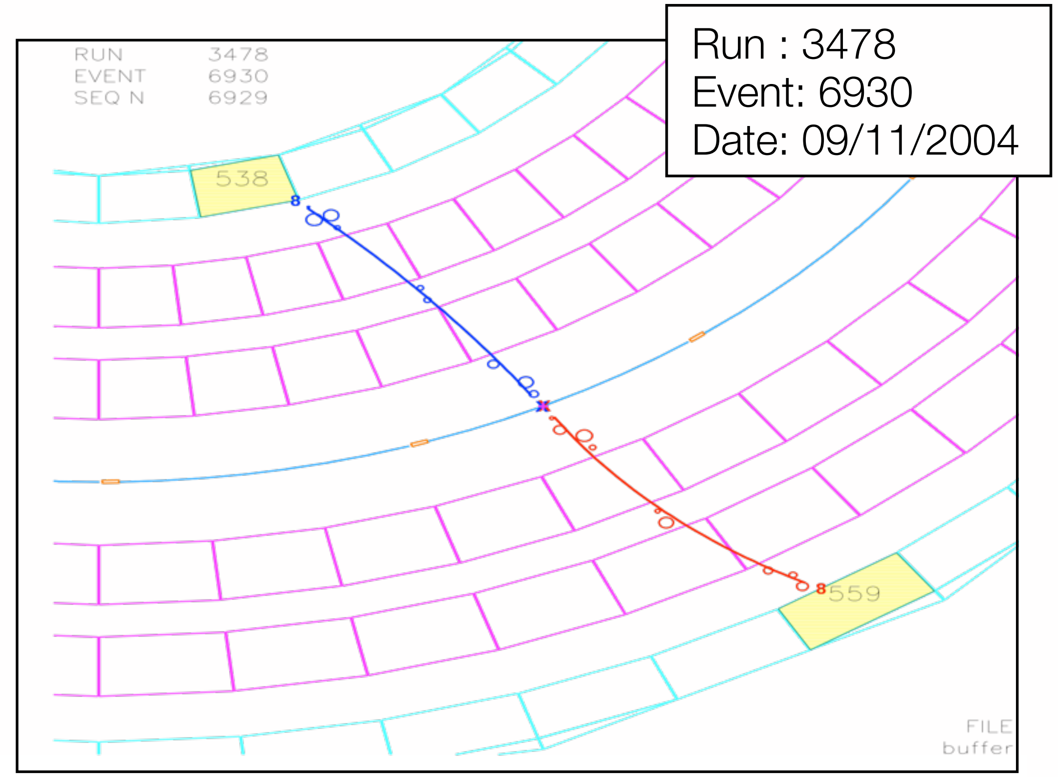






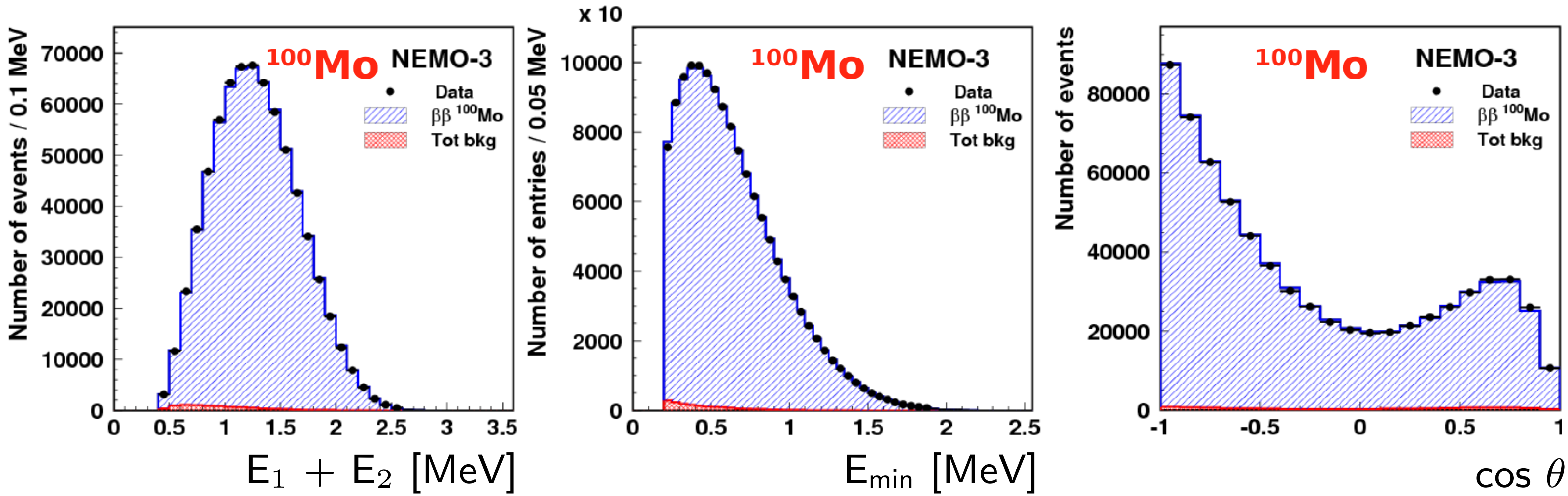
NEMO-3: ^{100}Mo 2vββ results

- About 700 000 2vββ events
- Detection efficiency = 4.3 ± 0.7 %
- Signal over Background ratio = 76



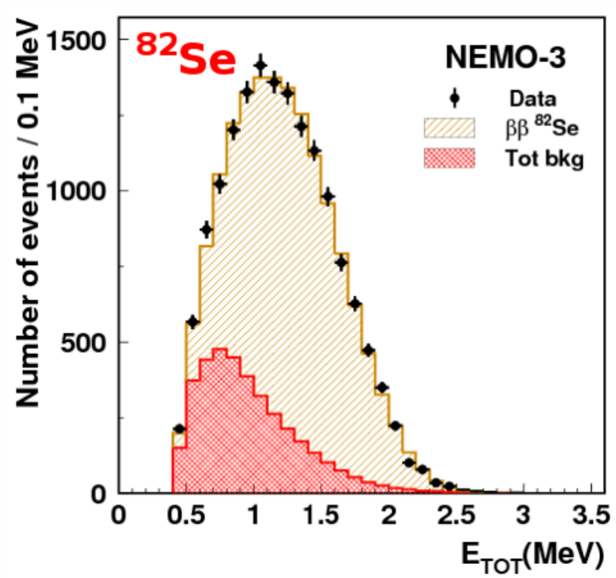
$T^{2v}_{1/2}$ = [7.16 ± 0.01 (stat) ± 0.54 (syst)]×10^{18} y

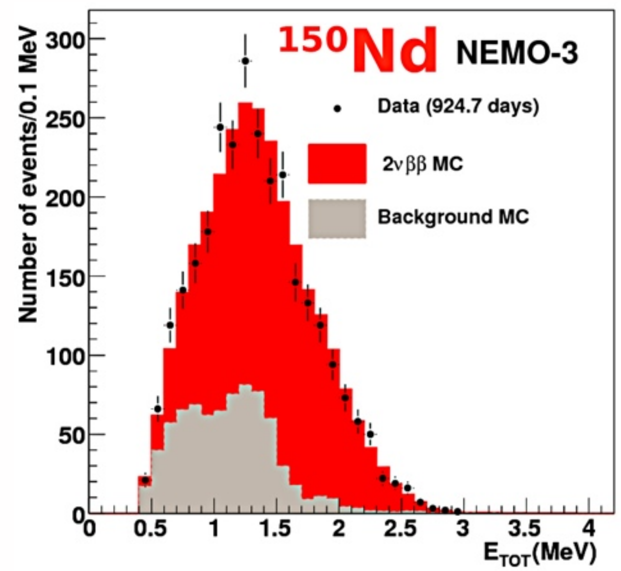
Consistent with previously published [PRL 95 (2005) 182302]

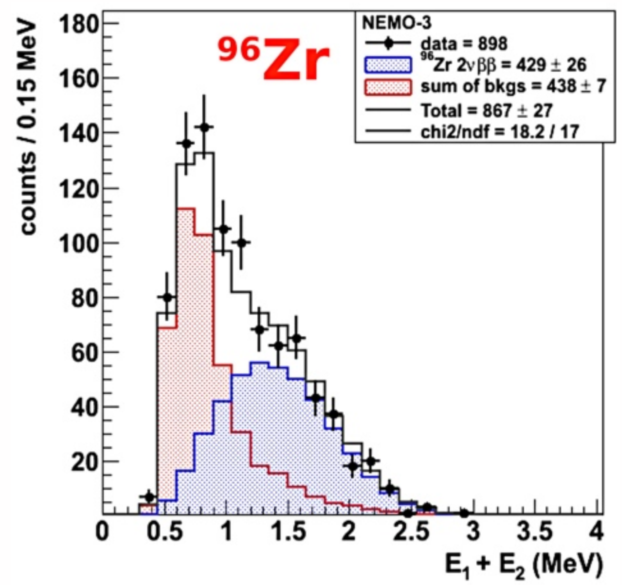


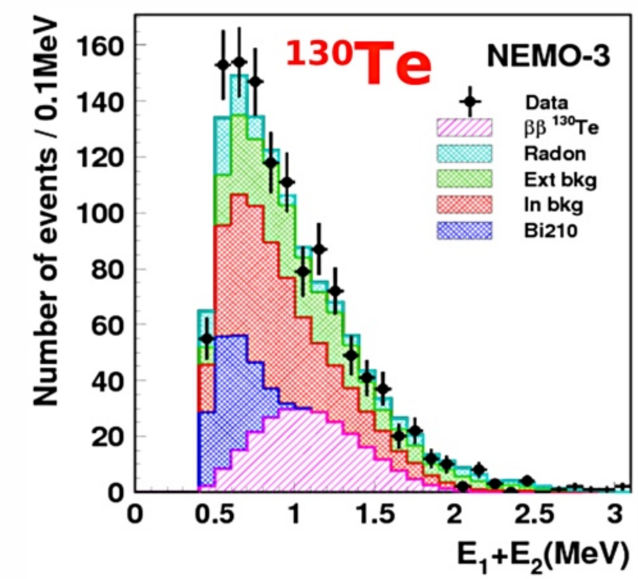
NEMO-3: other results

Other isotopes: only partial exposure has been published









Isotope	Mass [g]	Exposure [days]	$T_{1/2}$ (2ν) [x 10^{19} y]	$T_{1/2}$ (0ν) [y] @ 90% C.L.	⟨m_ν⟩ [eV] @ 90% C.L.	Reference
^{82}Se	932	389	9.6 ± 1.0	> 1.0 x 10^{23}	< 1.7 - 4.9	Phys.Rev.Lett. 95 (2005) 182302
^{150}Nd	37	925	0.90 ± 0.07	> 1.8 x 10^{22}	< 4.0 - 6.3	Phys. Rev. C 80, 032501 (2009)
^{96}Zr	9.4	1221	2.35 ± 0.21			Nucl.Phys.A 847(2010) 168
^{130}Te	454	1275	70 ± 14			Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 062504 (2011)

Analysis of whole statistics ongoing (^{82}Se, ^{48}Ca, ^{96}Zr, ^{116}Cd, ^{150}Nd)…stay tuned!

^{100}Mo 0νββ decay to the ^{100}Ru excited states [Nuclear Physics A781 (2007) 209-226]

[Phys. Rev. D. 89.111101 (2014)]

Detailed paper to be published in the following weeks

NEMO-3: ^{100}Mo 0νββ result

- No event excess after 34.3 kg×y exposure
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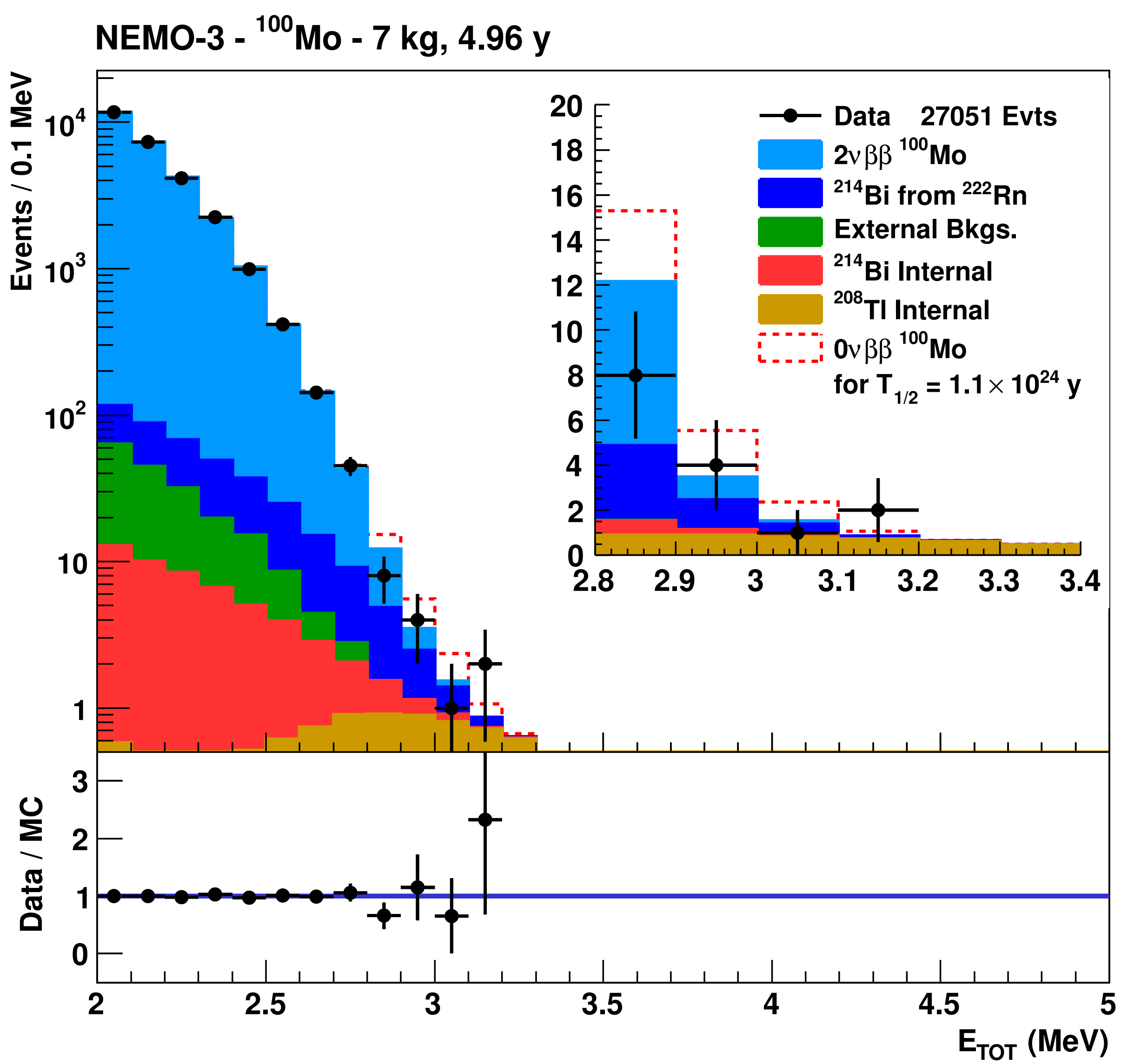

Expected background in [2.8 - 3.2] MeV

2νββ	8.45 ± 0.05
^{214}Bi from radon	5.2 ± 0.5
External	< 0.2
^{214}Bi internal	1.0 ± 0.1
^{208}Tl internal	3.3 ± 0.3
Total	18.0 ± 0.3
Data	15

Total background: 1.3×10^{-3} cts / (keV×kg×y)

NEMO-3: Systematic uncertainties

Systematics

$0\nu\beta\beta$ detection efficinecy	7.0%	Measure activity of known ^{207}Bi source
$2\nu\beta\beta$ events in window	0.7%	$2\nu\beta\beta$ energy spectrum fit for $E > 2$ MeV
^{214}Bi contamination	10.0%	^{214}Bi measurement in $1e1\alpha$ and $1e1\gamma$ channel
^{208}Tl contamination	10.0%	Measure activity of known ^{238}U source

NEMO-3: ^{100}Mo 0νββ mechanisms

Limits at 90% C.L. in units of 10^{24} y

Process	Stat. Only	Stat. + Syst.	Expected
Mass mechanism	1.1	1.1	1.0 [0.7; 1.4]
RH Current $\langle\lambda\rangle$ ($q_{r.h.}$ — $l_{r.h.}$)	0.7	0.6	0.5 [0.4; 0.8]
RH Current $\langle\eta\rangle$ ($q_{l.h.}$ — $l_{r.h.}$)	1.0	1.0	0.9 [0.6; 1.3]
Majoron (n=1)	0.050	0.044	0.039 [0.027; 0.059]

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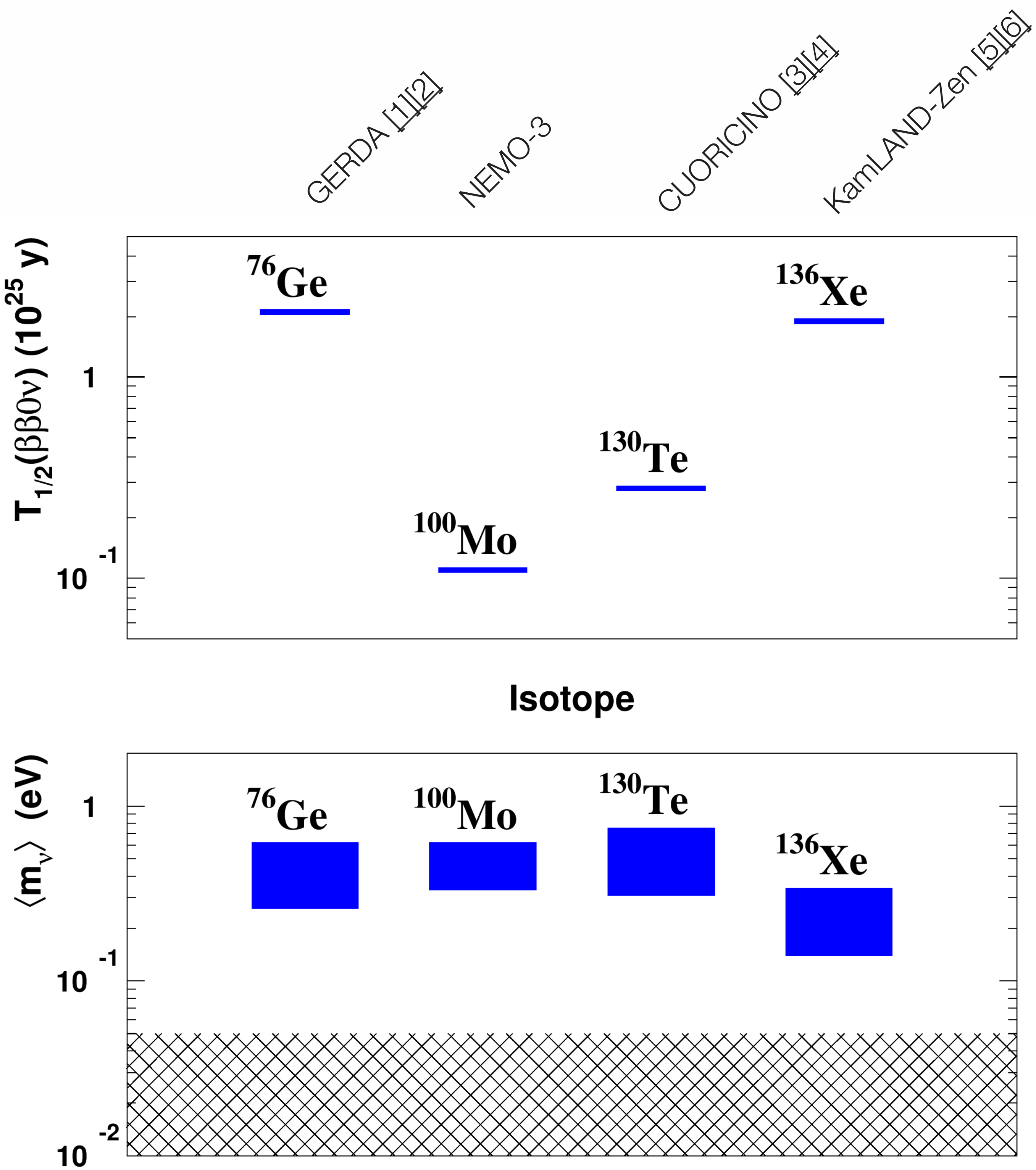
What is the status?



Limits at the 90% C.L. on half-lives and lepton number violating parameters. Published experimental constraints on ⟨mν ⟩ and recalculated values with NMEs from Refs. [17, 19–22, 40] and recent phase space calculations from Refs. [23, 24] are also given.

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What is the status?

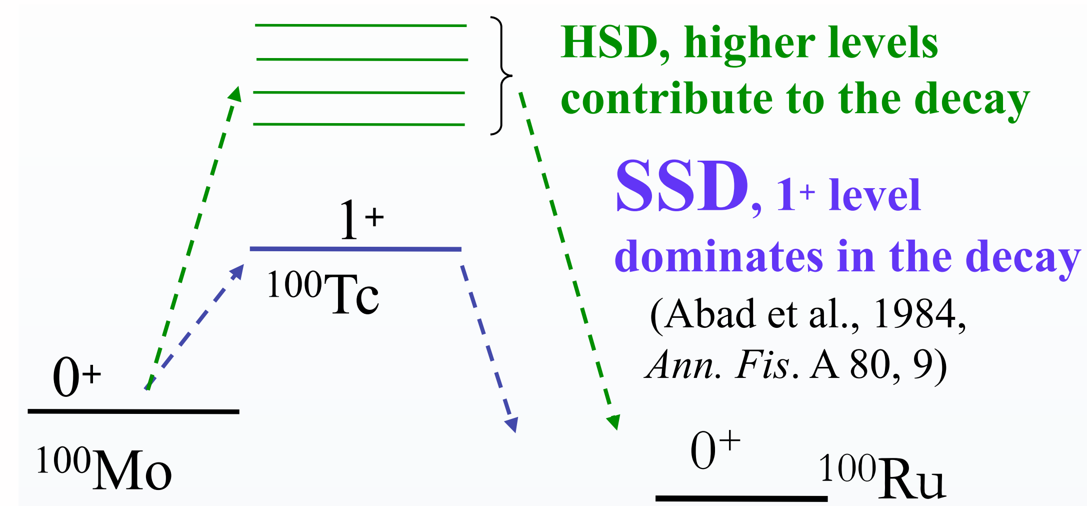
		Light Majorana neutrino exchange		Right handed current		SUSY: neutralino or gluino exchange	Majoron emission
Isotope	Exposure ($kg \cdot y$)	Half life (10^{25} y) published	$\langle m_\nu \rangle$ (eV) published	$\langle \lambda \rangle$ (10^{-6}) published	$\langle \eta \rangle$ (10^{-8}) published	λ'_{111}/f (10^{-2}) published	$\langle g_{ee} \rangle$ (10^{-5}) published
^{100}Mo [1] (NEMO-3)	34.7	0.11	0.33 - 0.62	0.9 - 1.3	0.5 - 0.8	4.4 - 6.0	1.6 - 3.0
^{130}Te [2][3] (CUORICINO)	19.75	0.28	0.31 - 0.71	1.6 - 2.4	0.9 - 5.3		17 - 33
^{136}Xe [4][5] (KamLAND-Zen)	89.5	1.9	0.14 - 0.34				
^{136}Xe [9] (KamLAND-Zen)	109.4 + 89.5	2.6	0.14 - 0.28				
^{136}Xe [6] (EXO-200)	99.8	1.1	0.19 - 0.45				
^{76}Ge [7][8] (GERDA)	21.6	2.1	0.2 - 0.4				3.4 - 8.7
^{76}Ge [9] (HdM)	35.5	1.9	0.35	1.1	0.64		8.1

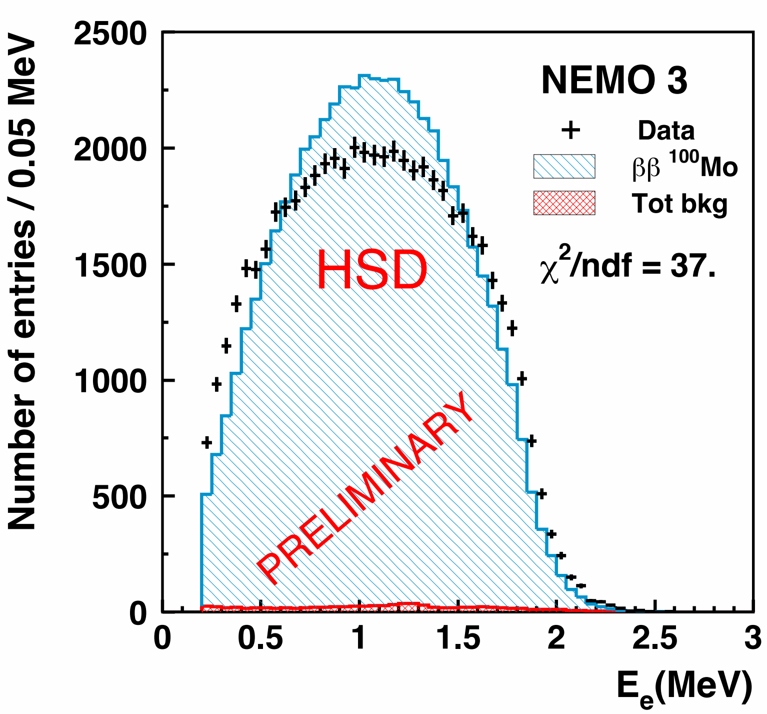
NEMO-3: 2νββ of ^{100}Mo SSD/HSD

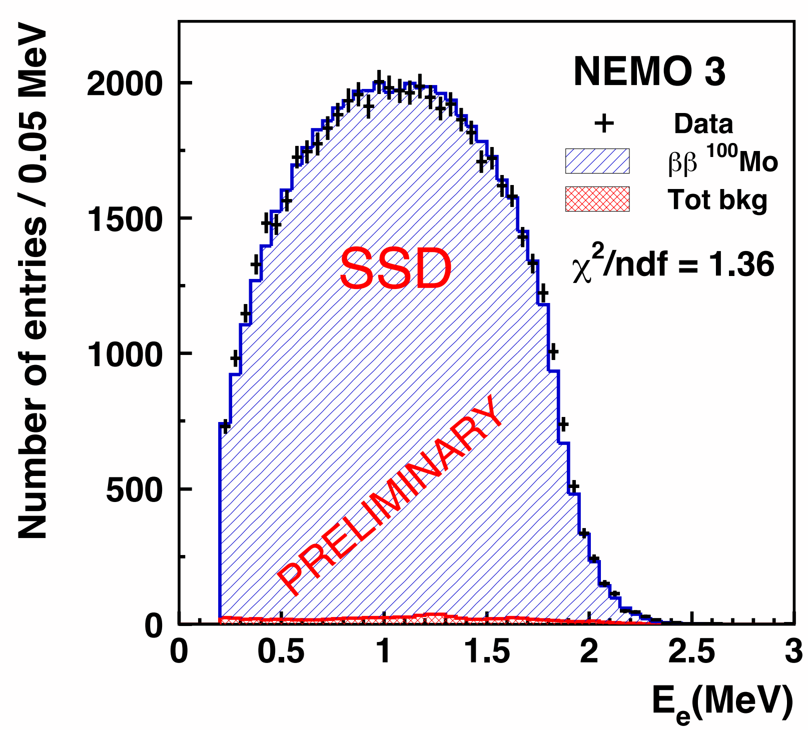
If the intermediate nucleus is a J^{π}=1+ state, the NME could be dominated by GT transitions through this state.

If the SSD hypothesis is confirmed

- 2νββ half-life could be determined from single-β and electron capture (EC) measurements.
- simplification in the theoretical description of the intermediate nucleus



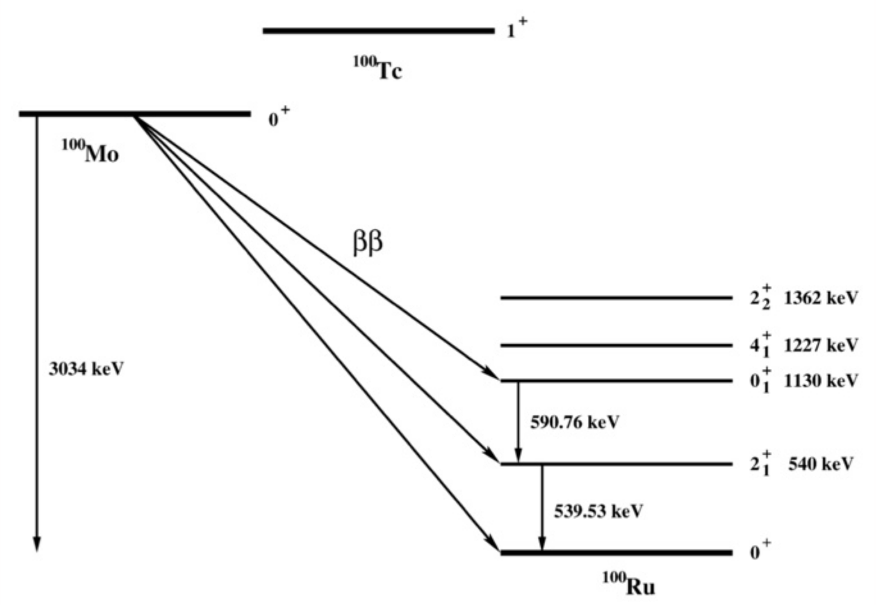




Electron energy distribution in 2νββ decay of ^{100}Mo is in favour of SSD

NEMO-3: excited states

^{100}Mo decays to excited states: constrain model for NME calculation



With NEMO3 after 7kg · yr of exposure (Phase1):

$T_{1/2}^{2\nu}(0^+ \rightarrow 0^+_1) = 5.7^{+1.3}_{-0.9}$ (stat) ± 0.8 (syst) × 10^{20} y

$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}(0^+ \rightarrow 0^+_1) > 8.9 \times 10^{22}$ y @ 90% C.L.

$T_{1/2}^{2\nu}(0^+ \rightarrow 2^+_1) > 1.1 \times 10^{21}$ y @ 90% C.L.

$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}(0^+ \rightarrow 2^+_1) > 1.6 \times 10^{23}$ y @ 90% C.L.

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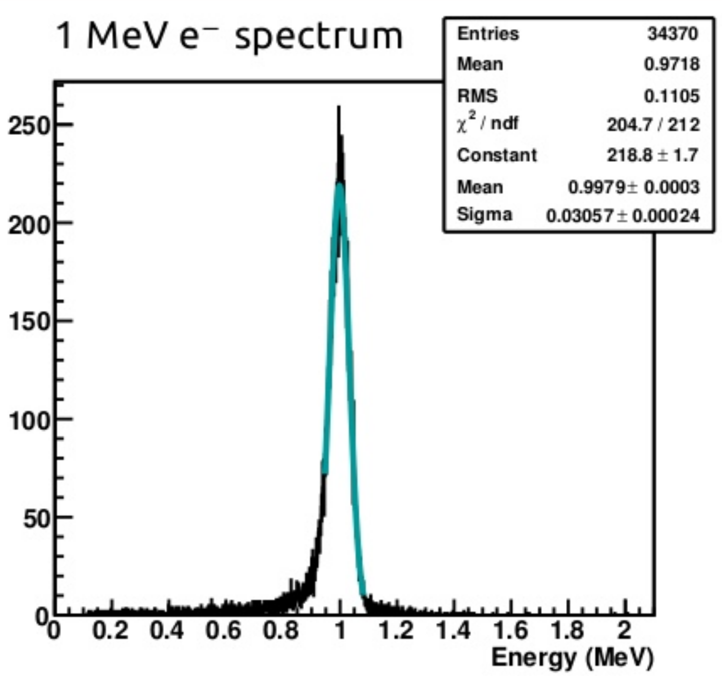
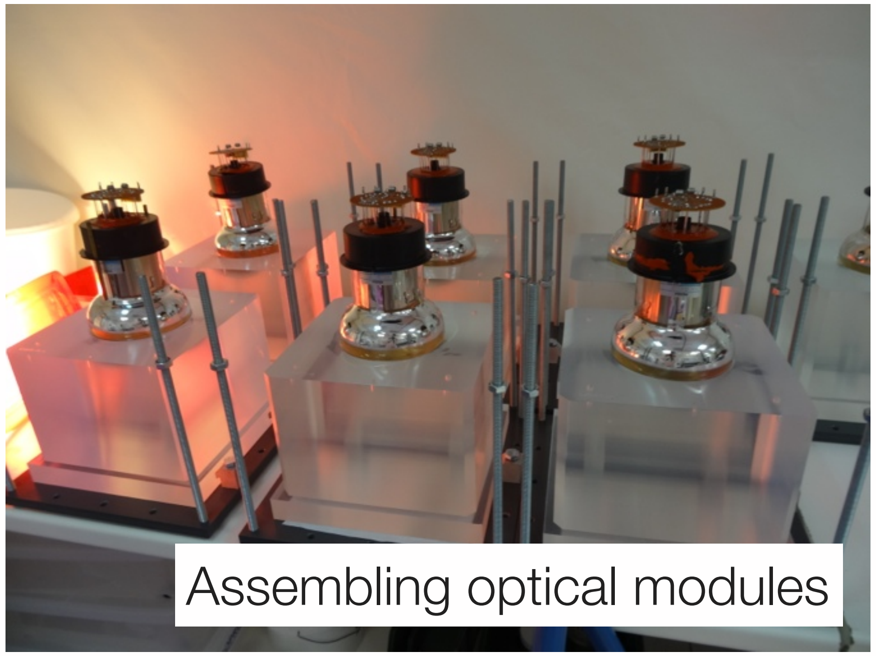
SuperNEMO: the calorimeter

- 720 5” and 8” high quantum efficiency PMT directly coupled to a scintillator block with optimised geometry
- Energy resolution tests: 7.8 % FWHM @ 1 MeV
- Electronics, optical modules, shield & mechanical structure under production

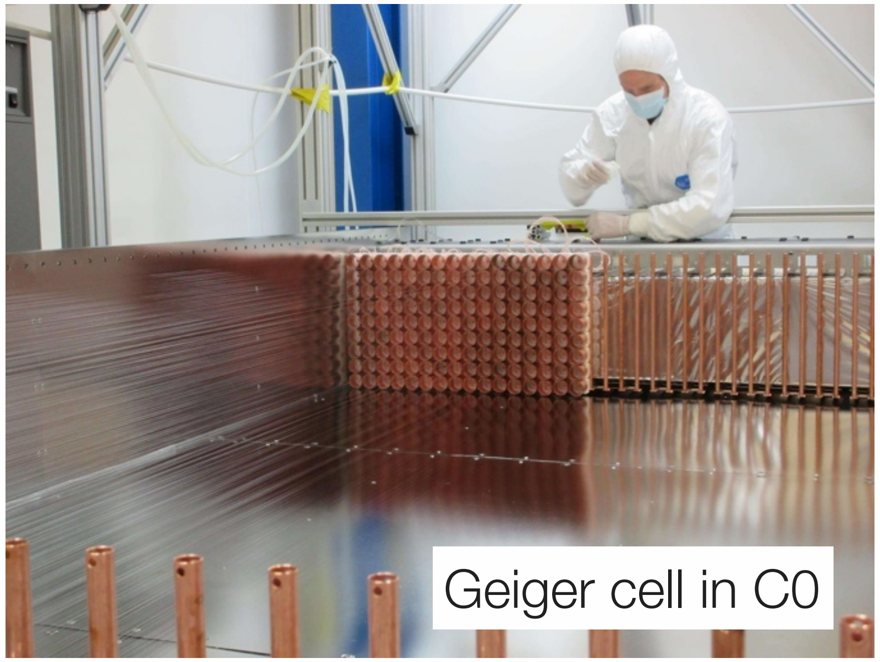


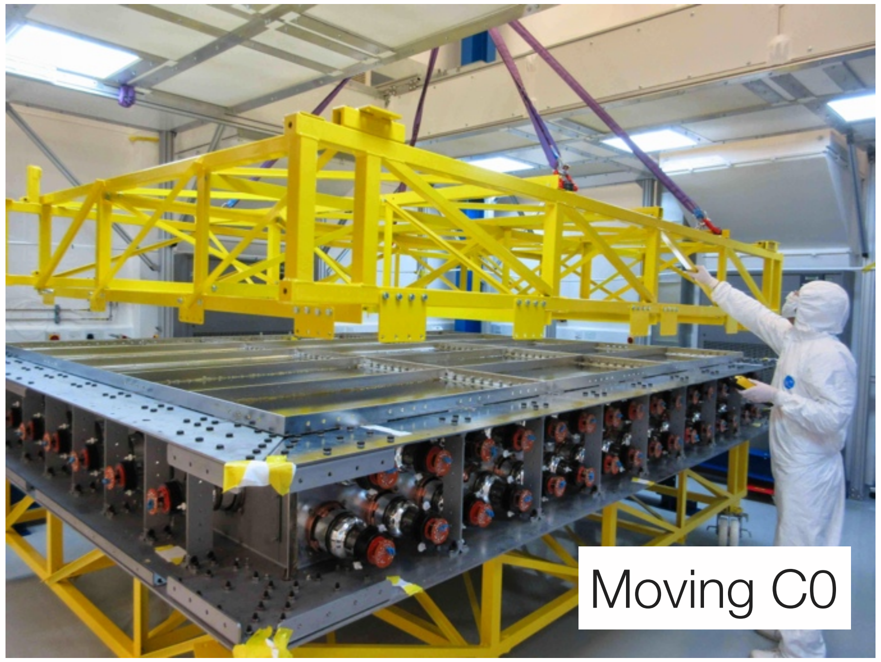

Assembling optical modules

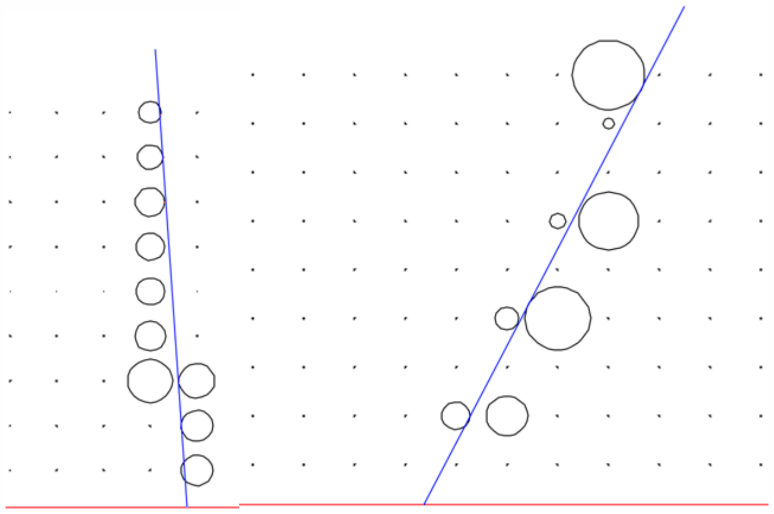

Calorimeter main wall

SuperNEMO: the tracker

- 2034 Geiger cells in a Rn-tight tracker chamber surrounded by Optical Modules
- Drift cells under production. Tracker assembly in 4 pieces (C0 to C3)
- C0 commissioned, ready to be shipped to LSM (September)
- C1 under commissioning. Ready to start construction of C2
- Preliminary radon emanation of C0: 0.236 ± 0.035 mBq/m^3 — close to the requirement!

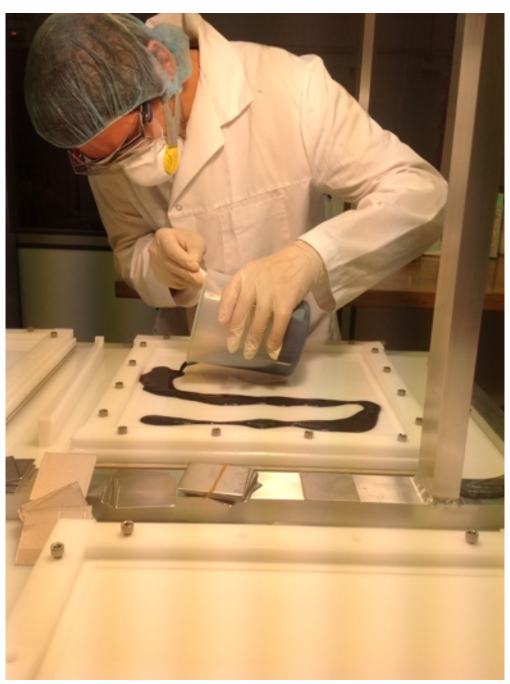

Geiger cell in C0

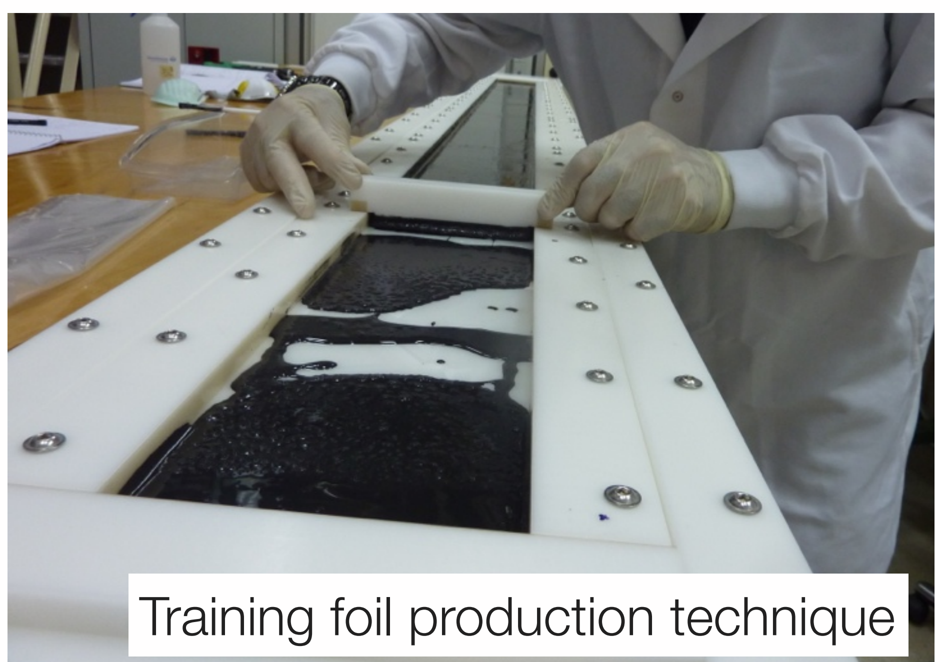

Moving C0


Commissioning with cosmic rays

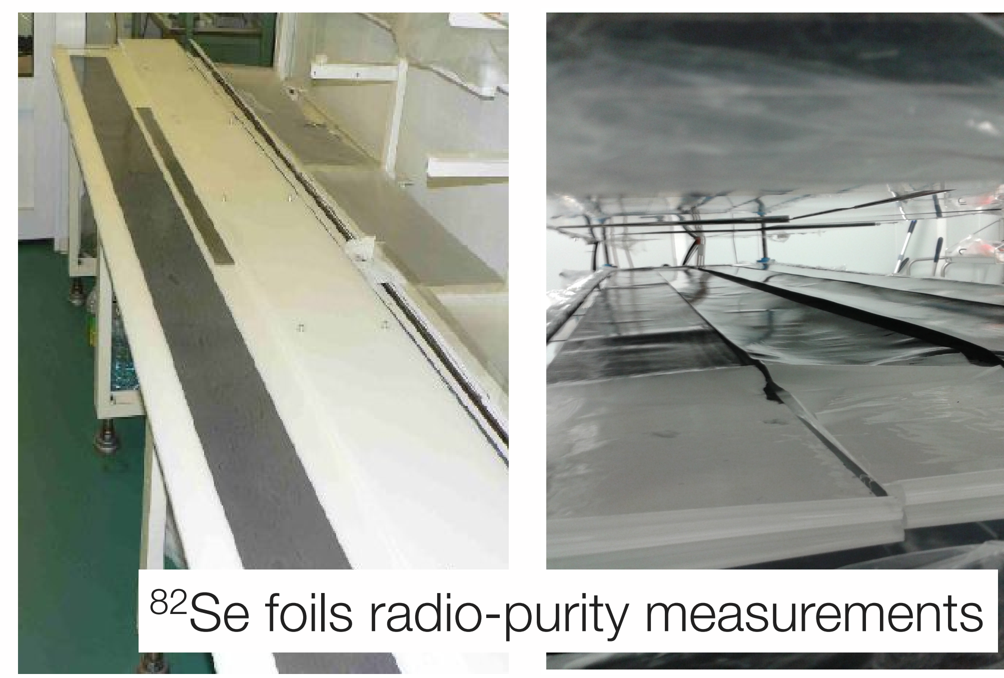
SuperNEMO: the source foil

- 36 foils installed on the source frame in the detector center
- ^{82}Se powder mixed with PVA glue + mylar or nylon mechanical support
- Limits on foil contamination in ^{208}Tl (2 μBq/kg) and ^{214}Bi (10 μBq/kg) are challenging
- Purification technique under investigation: chemical chromatography, distillation, etc.





Training foil production technique

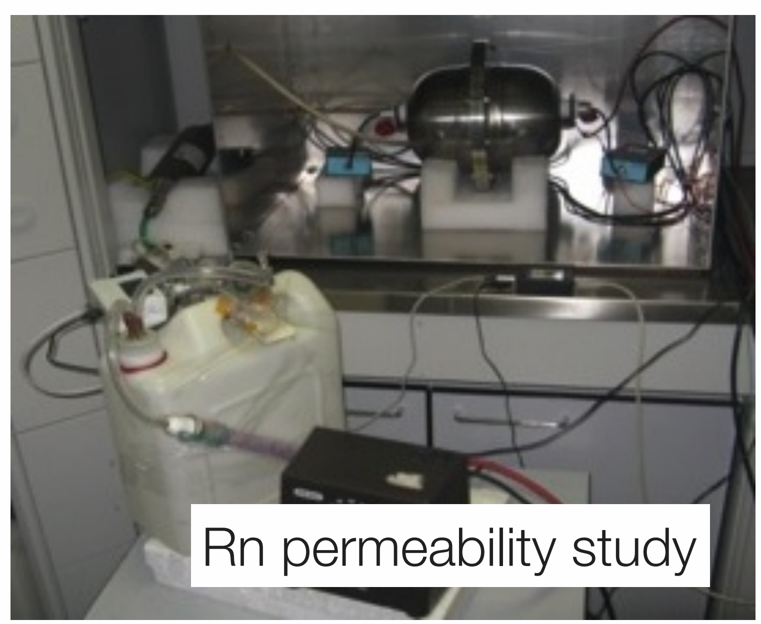


^{82}Se foils radio-purity measurements

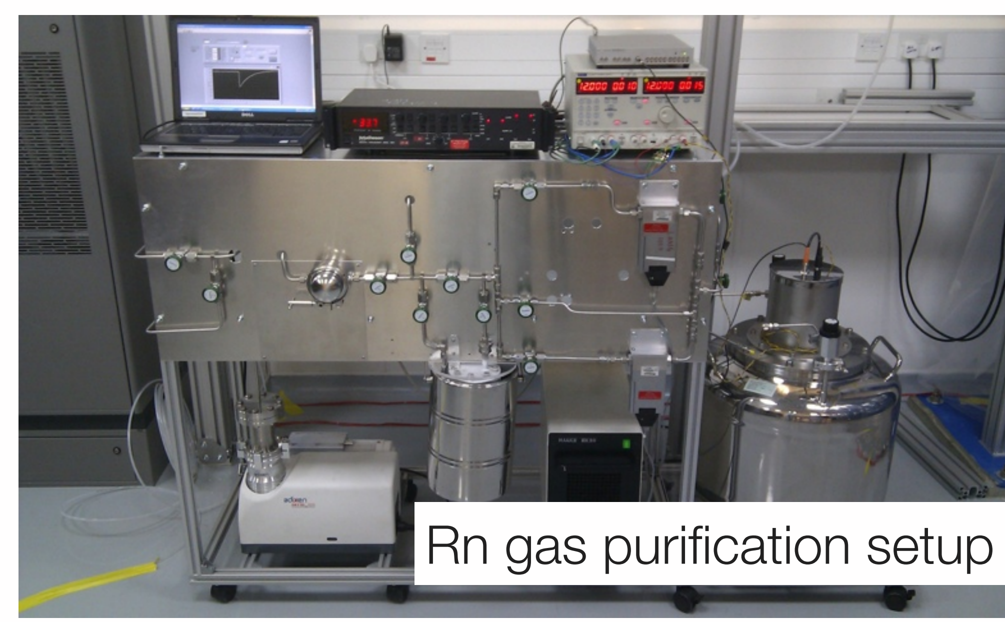
SuperNEMO: Radon measurements

- The Rn gas in the tracker volume was the dominant background in NEMO-3
- Reduce Rn contamination to 0.15 mBq/m^3
- Control the Radon emanation of the materials
- Radon purification/absorption with dedicated setup
- Preliminary radon emanation of C0 = 0.236 ± 0.035 mBq/m^3 — limits is close!

Rn emanation setup



Rn permeability study



Rn gas purification setup

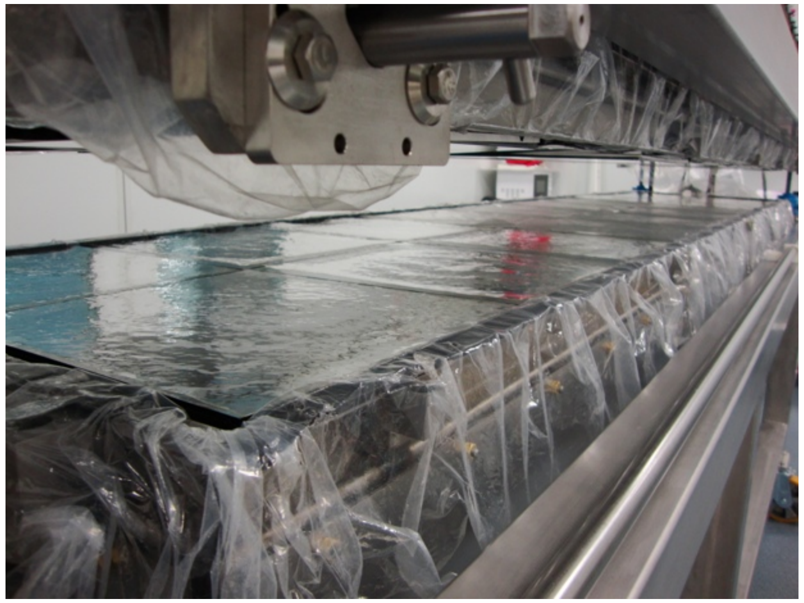
SuperNEMO: radio-purity measurements

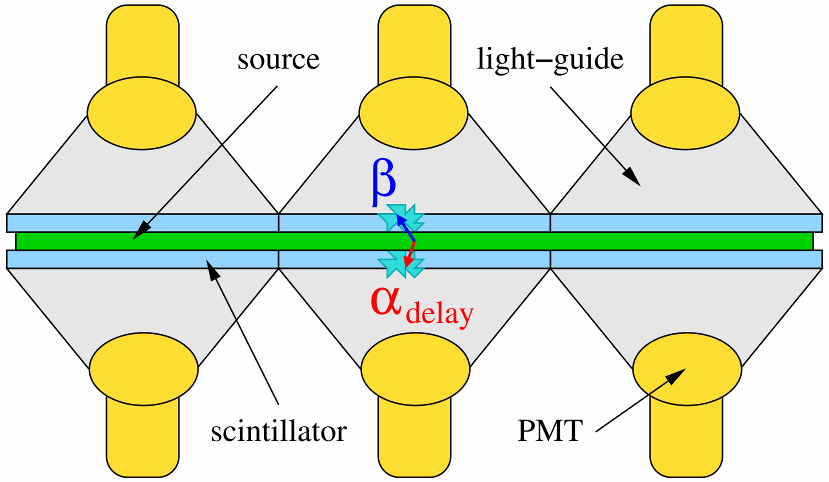
Detector radio-purity budget:

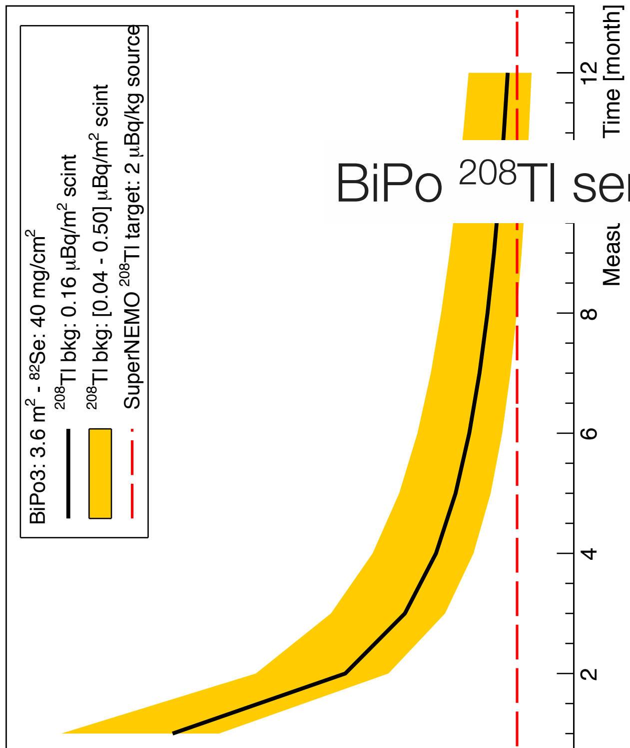
- Materials validation with HPGe detectors (sensitivity ~ mBq)

Source foils:

- HPGe not sensitive enough for SuperNEMO requirement
- Dedicated setup operating since February 2013 @ LSC (Canfranc): BiPo
- Detecting delayed β—α coincidence from Bi—Po chain
- First two ^{82}Se foils currently under measurement







BiPo ^{208}Tl sensitivity