

Neutrino mass and neutrinoless double beta decay ($0\nu\beta\beta$)

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Outline

- Double Beta Decay and neutrino mass
- Experimental techniques
- Current and Future projects
- Disclaimer: Weighted/biased by UK participation

Neutrinos are massive and they mix

What else do we want to know?

↗ Number of neutrinos: Are there sterile neutrinos?

↗ θ_{13} , Precision values of mixing angles and Δm^2 's

↗ Absolute neutrino mass value. Only limits so far.

Tritium: $m_{\bar{\nu}_e} < 2.3 \text{ eV}$ Cosmology: $\sum m_{\nu_i} < 1 \text{ eV}$

↗ Neutrino mass spectrum: Normal ($m_1 < m_2 < m_3$)

Inverted ($m_3 < m_1 < m_2$) or Quasi-degenerate ($m_1 \approx m_2 \approx m_3$)?

addressed
by
 $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

↗ Origin of matter-antimatter asymmetry.

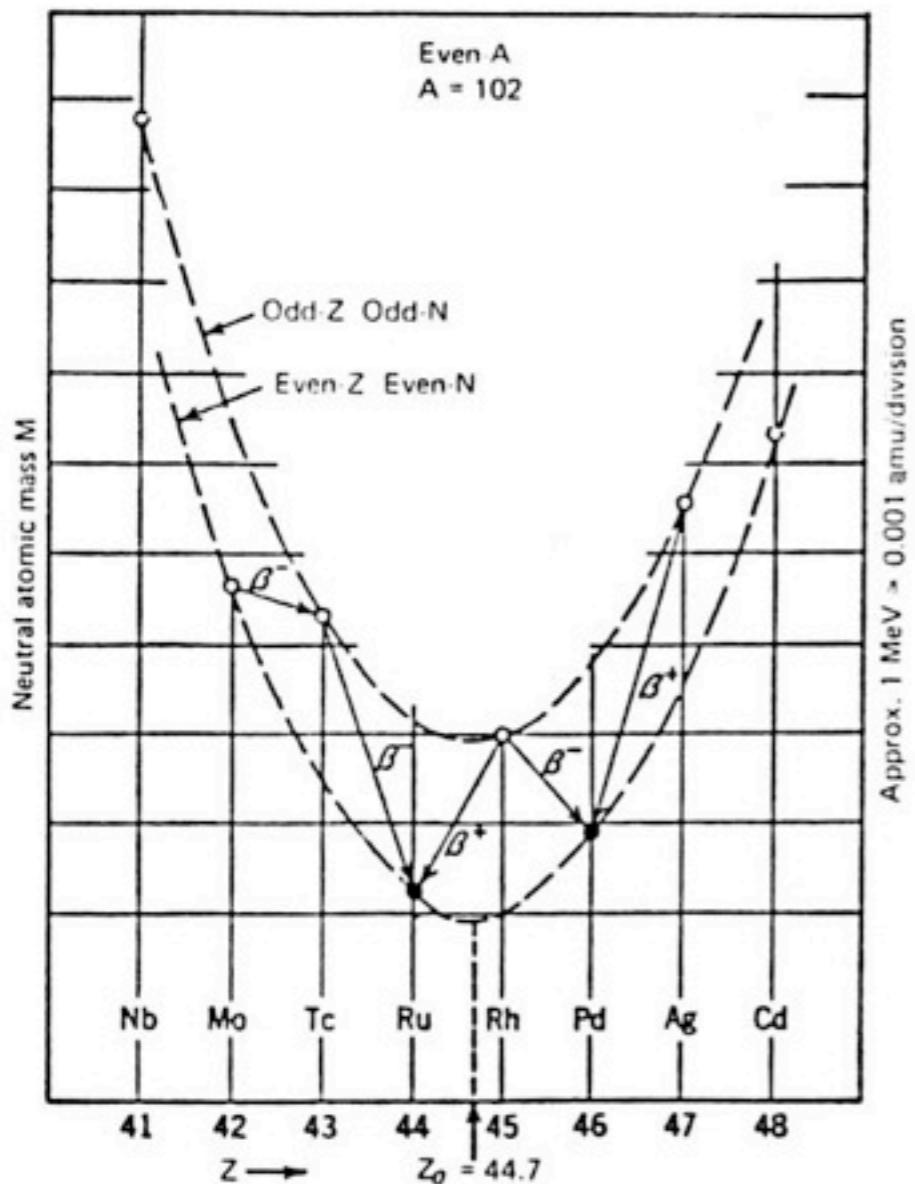
CP-violation in lepton sector: $\delta \neq 0, \pi$ and/or $\alpha, \beta \neq 0, \pi$?

↗ Nature of Neutrinos: Majorana ($\nu = \text{anti-}\nu$) or Dirac ($\nu \neq \text{anti-}\nu$)?

Full lepton number violation (required in most Grand Unification Theories).

Nuclear Physics and Standard Model $\beta\beta$ decay

For most even-even nuclei only $\beta\beta$ decay is possible (recall pairing term in SEMF!)



^{76}Ge , ^{100}Mo , ^{82}Se , ^{116}Cd , ^{150}Nd , ^{48}Ca ,
 ^{136}Xe , ^{96}Zr , ^{130}Te

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

$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z-2) + 2e^+ + 2\nu_e$$

$$2e^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z-2) + 2\nu_e$$

phase space

$$\frac{1}{T_{1/2}^{2\nu}} = G^{2\nu}(Q_{\beta\beta}, Z) |M^{2\nu}|^2$$

NME:
Nasty Nuclear
Matrix
Element

NME is measured in $2\nu\beta\beta$

Measured for 10 nuclei

Important input for $0\nu\beta\beta$ NME calculation!

Important to understand its background contribution

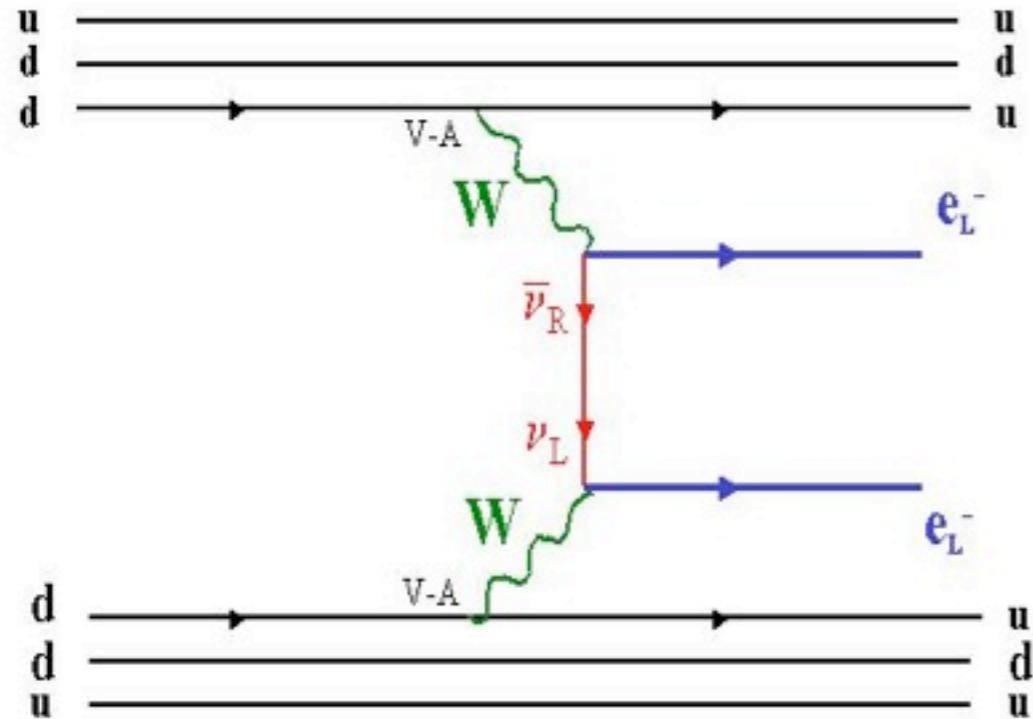
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(also $\beta^+\beta^+$ and 2K-capture possible)

$$\Delta L = 2$$

Lepton number violation!!!



Light neutrino exchange

Majorana neutrino ($\nu = \bar{\nu}$)

Access to absolute neutrino mass

Phase space factor

Nuclear matrix element

$$T_{1/2}^{-1} = F(Q_{\beta\beta}, Z) |M^{0\nu}|^2 \langle m_\nu \rangle^2$$

$$\langle m_\nu \rangle = m_1 |U_{e1}|^2 + m_2 |U_{e2}|^2 \cdot e^{i\alpha} + m_3 |U_{e3}|^2 \cdot e^{i\beta}$$

$|U_{ei}|$: mixing matrix elements

α and β : Majorana phases

Other possible process :

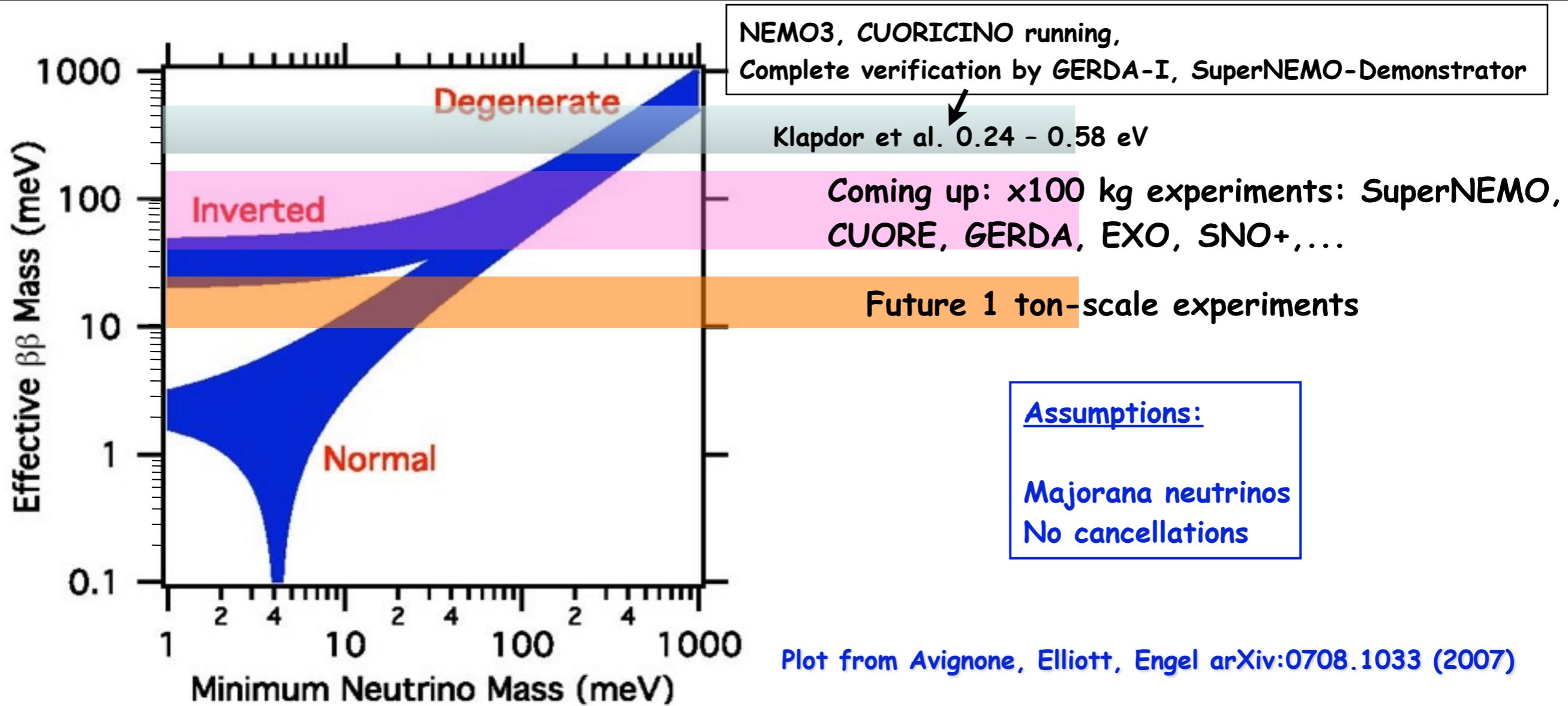
V+A current : $\langle m_\nu \rangle, \langle \lambda \rangle, \langle \eta \rangle$

Majoron emission : $\langle g_M \rangle$

Supersymmetry : $\lambda'_{111}, \lambda'_{113}$

Schechter-Valle theorem:

$\beta\beta(0\nu) \longrightarrow \text{Majorana neutrinos}$



depending on Majorana CPV phases:

$$|\langle m_\nu \rangle| \simeq 0.1 - 0.5 \text{ eV}$$

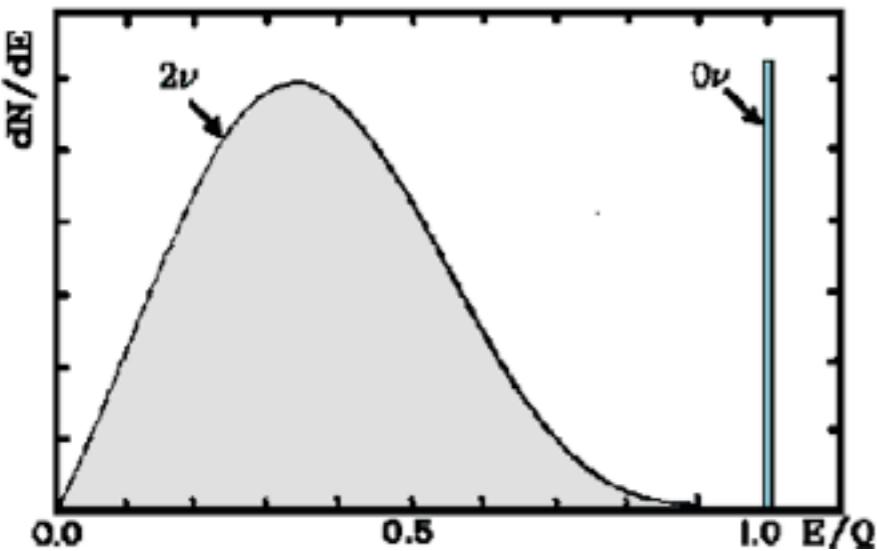
Quasi-degenerate hierarchy ($m_1 \approx m_2 \approx m_3$) - best case

$$|\langle m_\nu \rangle| \simeq 0.02 - 0.05 \text{ eV}$$

Inverted hierarchy ($m_3 < m_1 < m_2$) - tough but doable

$$|\langle m_\nu \rangle| \simeq 0.0 - 0.006 \text{ eV}$$

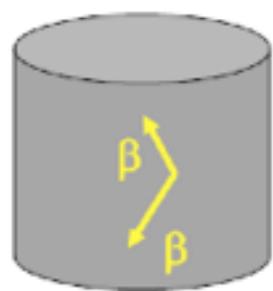
Normal hierarchy ($m_1 < m_2 < m_3$) - really tough



Experimental Observables/Signatures

- (1) Two coincident electrons from the same vertex
- (2) $E_{e1} + E_{e2} = Q_{\beta\beta}$
- (3) Angular distribution
- (4) Daughter nucleus ID (would be great)

Two Approaches

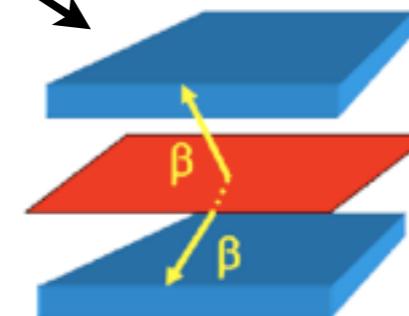


**Source = detector
(calorimeters)**
Great $\Delta E/E$
compact

$$\frac{1}{T_{1/2}^{0\nu}} = G^{0\nu}(Q_{\beta\beta}, Z) |M^{0\nu}|^2 \eta^2$$

Lepton number violating parameter

η can be due to $\langle m_\nu \rangle$
V+A, Majoron, SUSY, H⁻ or
a combination of them



**Source ≠ detector
(foil+tracking+calorimetry)**
isotope flexibility
“smoking” gun
Topological bkg suppression

Need detectors which can probe different mechanisms (and different isotopes)

Backgrounds

Natural Radioactivity

$$T_{1/2}(^{238}\text{U}, ^{232}\text{Th}) \sim 10^{10} \text{ yr}$$
$$T_{1/2}(0\nu\beta\beta) > 10^{25} \text{ yr}$$

Main threat from:

$$^{214}\text{Bi} (Q_\beta = 3.27 \text{ MeV})$$

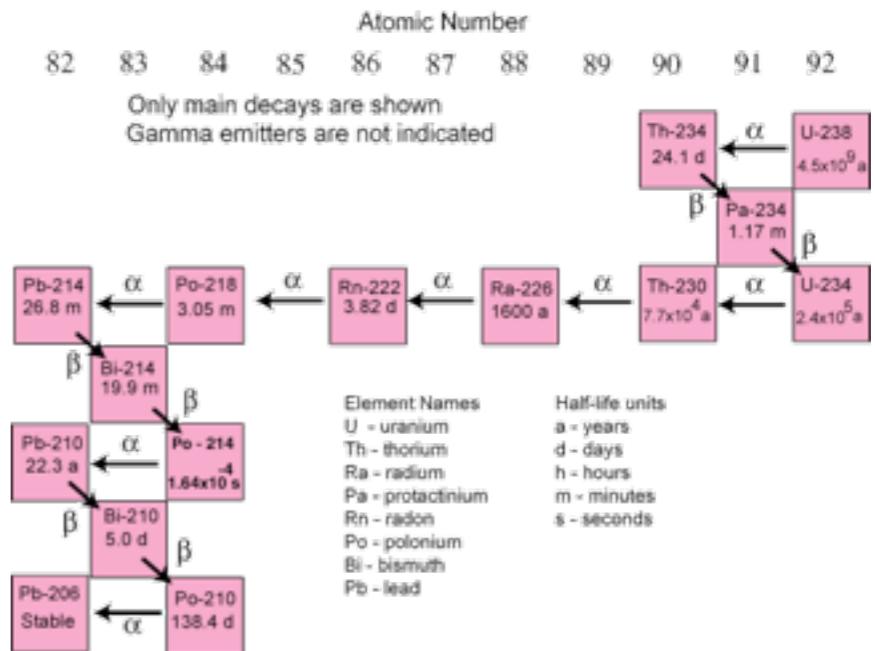
$$^{208}\text{Tl}(Q_\beta = 4.99 \text{ MeV})$$



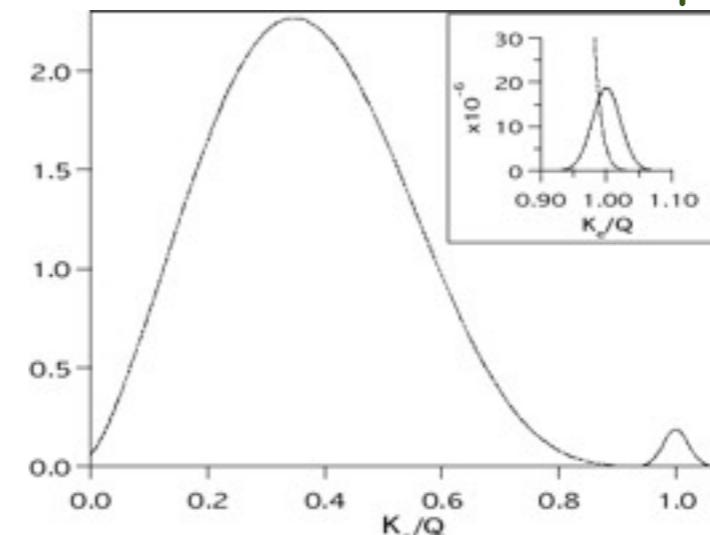
Underground Lab is a must

Cosmic rays

The Uranium-238 Decay Chain



Radio-purity and bkg identification



Irreducible bkg
Energy resolution
is the only
weapon here

Isotopes



Centrifuge enrichment well established
x100 kg production possible

Indicative price: 30–60 k€/kg

Unfortunately not possible for
 ^{150}Nd , ^{48}Ca , ^{96}Zr

Alternative for these isotopes: AVLIS (Atomic Vapour Laser Isotope Separation)
Interesting developments at the MENPHIS facility in France.

Deuterium	2
Helium gas	3
Lithium	6 7
Carbon	13
Silicon	28 29 30
Sulphur	32 33 34 36
Chromium	50 52 54
Iron	54 56 57 58
Zinc /Depleted Zinc/	64 66 67 68 70
Gallium	69 71
Germanium	70 72 73 74 76
Selenium	74 76 77 78 80 82
Krypton	78 80 82 83 84 86
Molybdenum	96 97 98 100
Cadmium	108 110 111 112 113 114 116
Tellurium	122 123 124 128 130
Xenon	124 126 128–132 134 136
Osmium	184 186 187 188 189 190 192
Lead	204 206 207 20

High $Q_{\beta\beta}$ is important due to phase space and natural radioactivity considerations

Isotope	$Q_{\beta\beta}$ (MeV)	Abund (%)
$^{48}\text{Ca} \rightarrow ^{48}\text{Ti}$	4.271	0.187
$^{76}\text{Ge} \rightarrow ^{76}\text{Se}$	2.040	7.8
$^{82}\text{Se} \rightarrow ^{82}\text{Kr}$	2.995	9.2
$^{96}\text{Zr} \rightarrow ^{96}\text{Mo}$	3.350	2.8
$^{100}\text{Mo} \rightarrow ^{100}\text{Ru}$	3.034	9.6
$^{110}\text{Pd} \rightarrow ^{110}\text{Cd}$	2.013	11.8
$^{116}\text{Cd} \rightarrow ^{116}\text{Sn}$	2.802	7.5
$^{124}\text{Sn} \rightarrow ^{124}\text{Te}$	2.228	5.64
$^{130}\text{Te} \rightarrow ^{130}\text{Xe}$	2.533	34.5
$^{136}\text{Xe} \rightarrow ^{136}\text{Ba}$	2.479	8.9
$^{150}\text{Nd} \rightarrow ^{150}\text{Sm}$	3.367	5.6

General Strategy

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu(y)} > \frac{\ln 2 \cdot N}{k_{C.L.}} \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{A} \sqrt{\frac{M \cdot t}{N_{Bkg} \cdot \Delta E}}$$

M: mass (kg)

ϵ : efficiency

$K_{C.L.}$: Confidence level

N: Avogadro number

t: time (y)

N_{Bkg} : Background events ($\text{keV}^{-1} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{y}^{-1}$)

ΔE : energy resolution (keV)

- Large mass (~100 kg to reach 0.05-0.1 eV level)
- High Efficiency
- Low $N_{Bkg} \cdot \Delta E$ **Note:** The product is important when considering backgrounds
 - "Squeeze" ΔE - improve resolution
 - Lower N_{Bkg} - improve non- $\beta\beta$ background rejection (topology, particle ID etc)

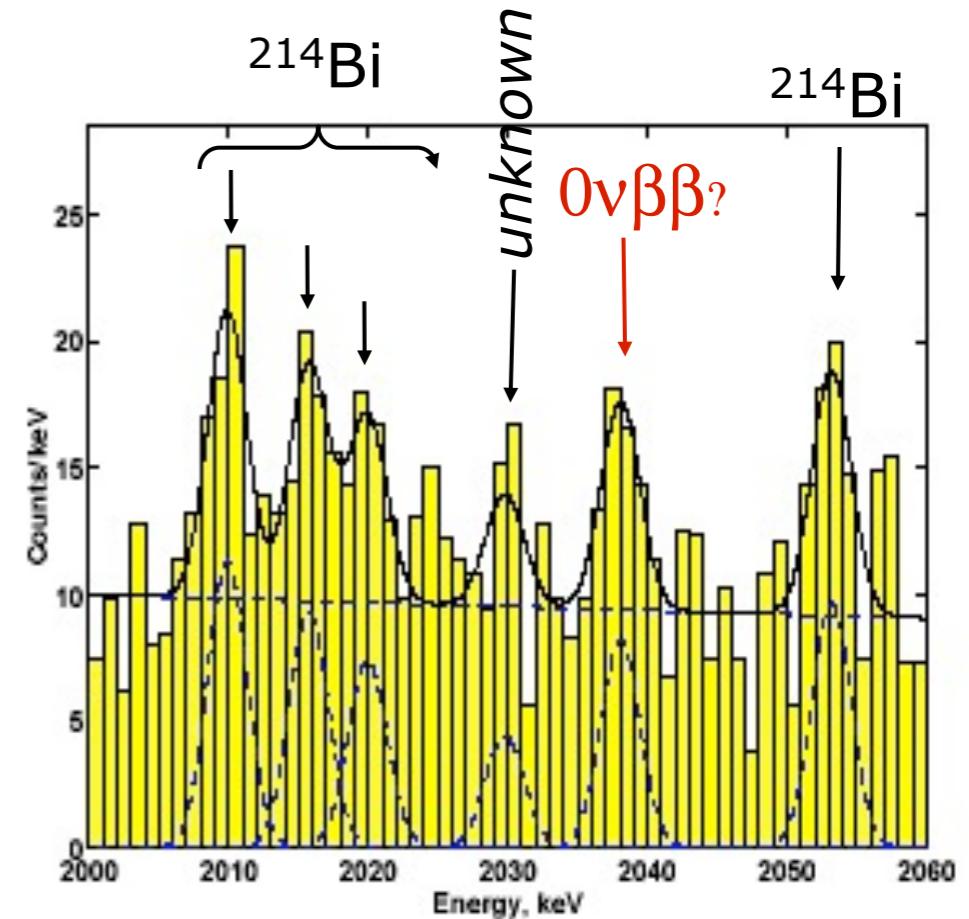
The Claim

KKDC claim (subset of Heidelberg-Moscow collaboration)

- ↗ HPGe detector (86% enriched)
- ↗ Full stat (71.71 kg y)
- ↗ Outstanding resolution 3.27 keV
- ↗ Unknown line at 2038 keV found
- ↗ $I = 28.75 \pm 6.86$ events, 4.2σ
- ↗ $T_{1/2} = (0.69-4.18) 10^{25}$ y (3 σ range, best fit = 1.19)

Can not be dismissed out of hand

BUT



$$\langle m_\nu \rangle = 0.1 - 0.9 \text{ eV} \text{ (KKDC, 2004)}$$

- ✗ Background under-estimated
- ✗ Relative intensities problem with ^{214}Bi lines
- ✗ Unknown line in the same region

- ▣ ^{56}Co by cosmic rays (γ 2034 keV + 6 keV X-ray)
- ▣ $^{76}\text{Ge}(n\gamma)^{77}\text{Ge}$ (2038 keV)
- ▣ An unknown line
- ▣ A combination of the above

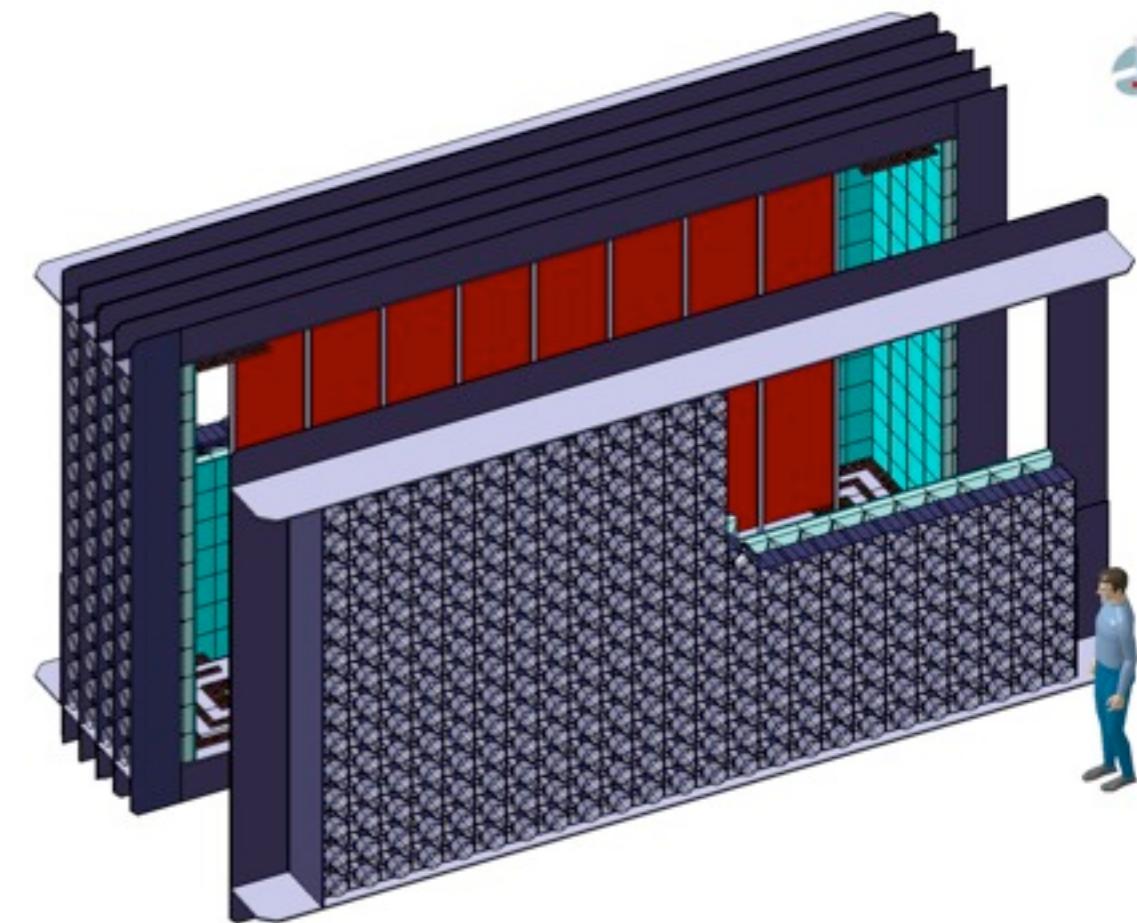
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Tracking + Calorimetry, source \neq detector

NEMO-III and SuperNEMO (~90 people)

NEMO-III

SuperNEMO

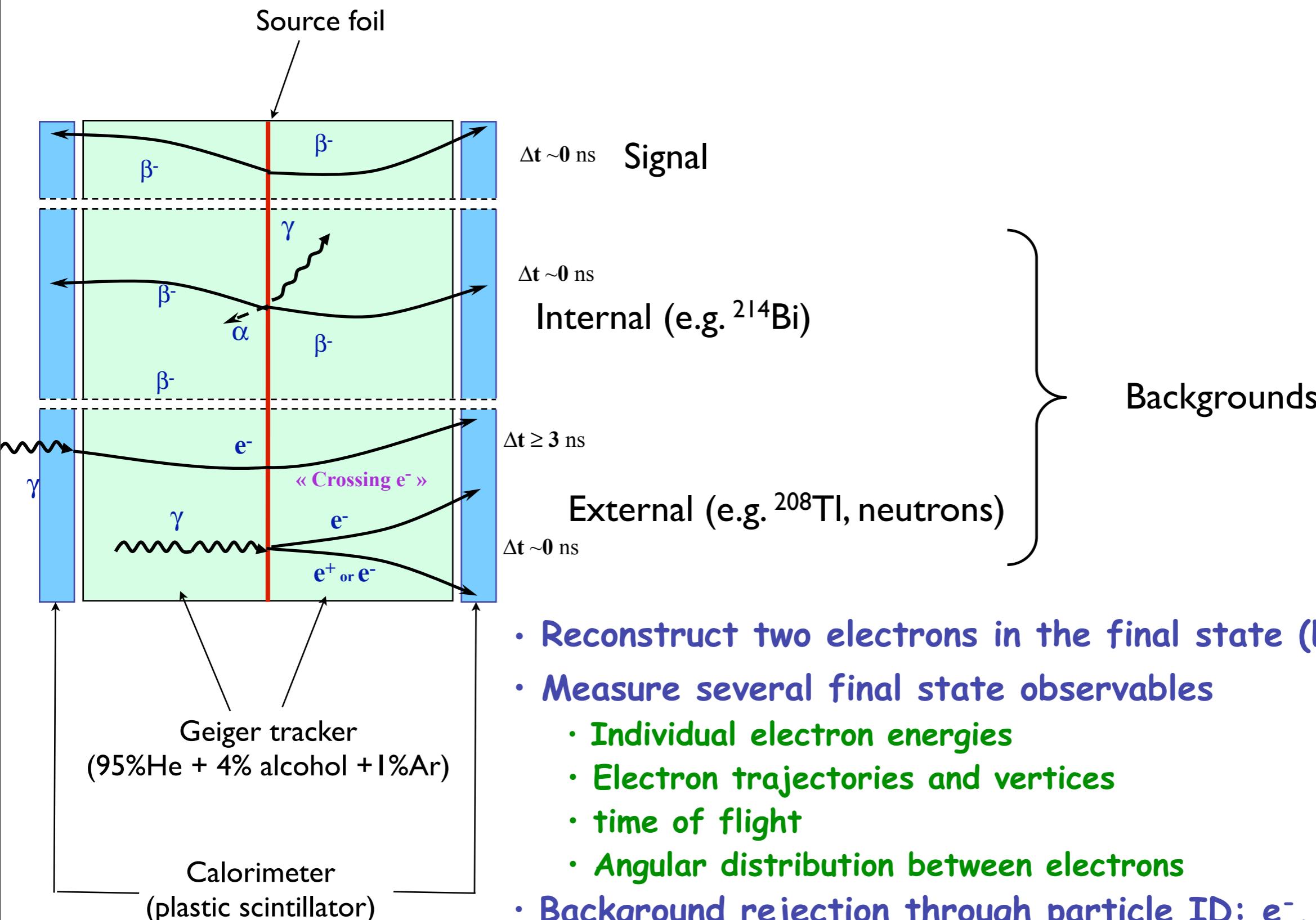


Major contribution from UK and France:
~80% shared equally

UK collaboration: UCL-HEP, UCL-MSSL, University of Manchester, IC.

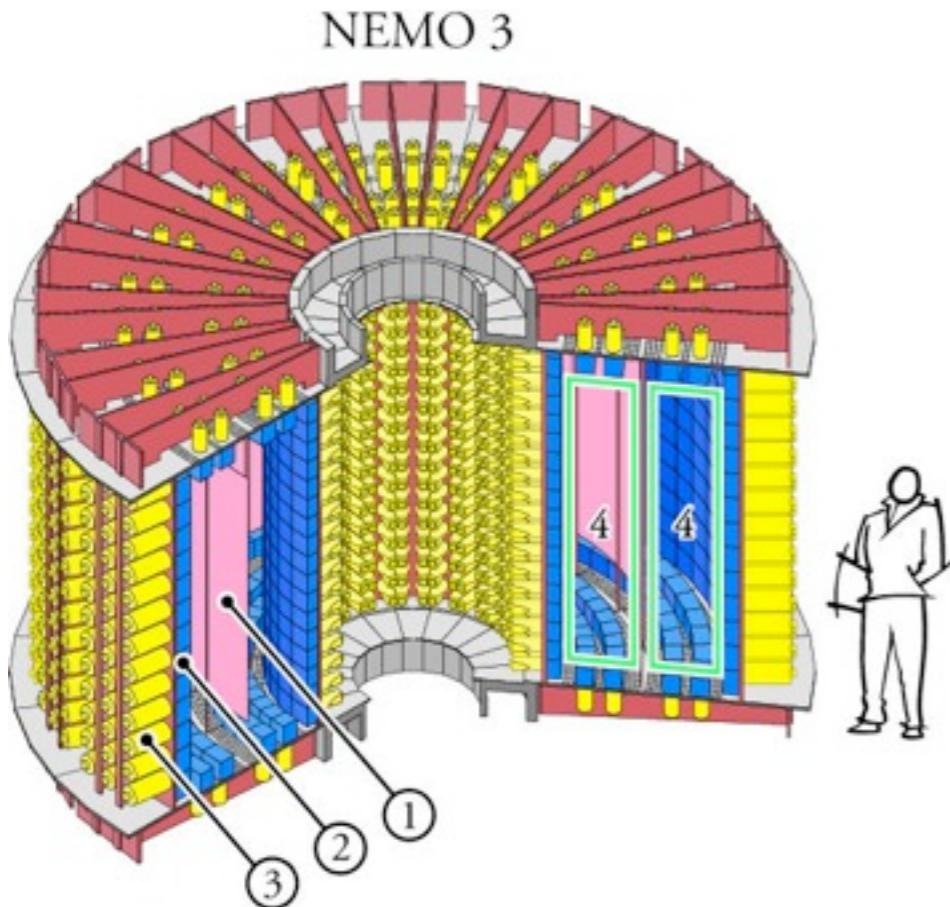
NEMO-III and SuperNEMO

Detection principle: reconstruct topological signature



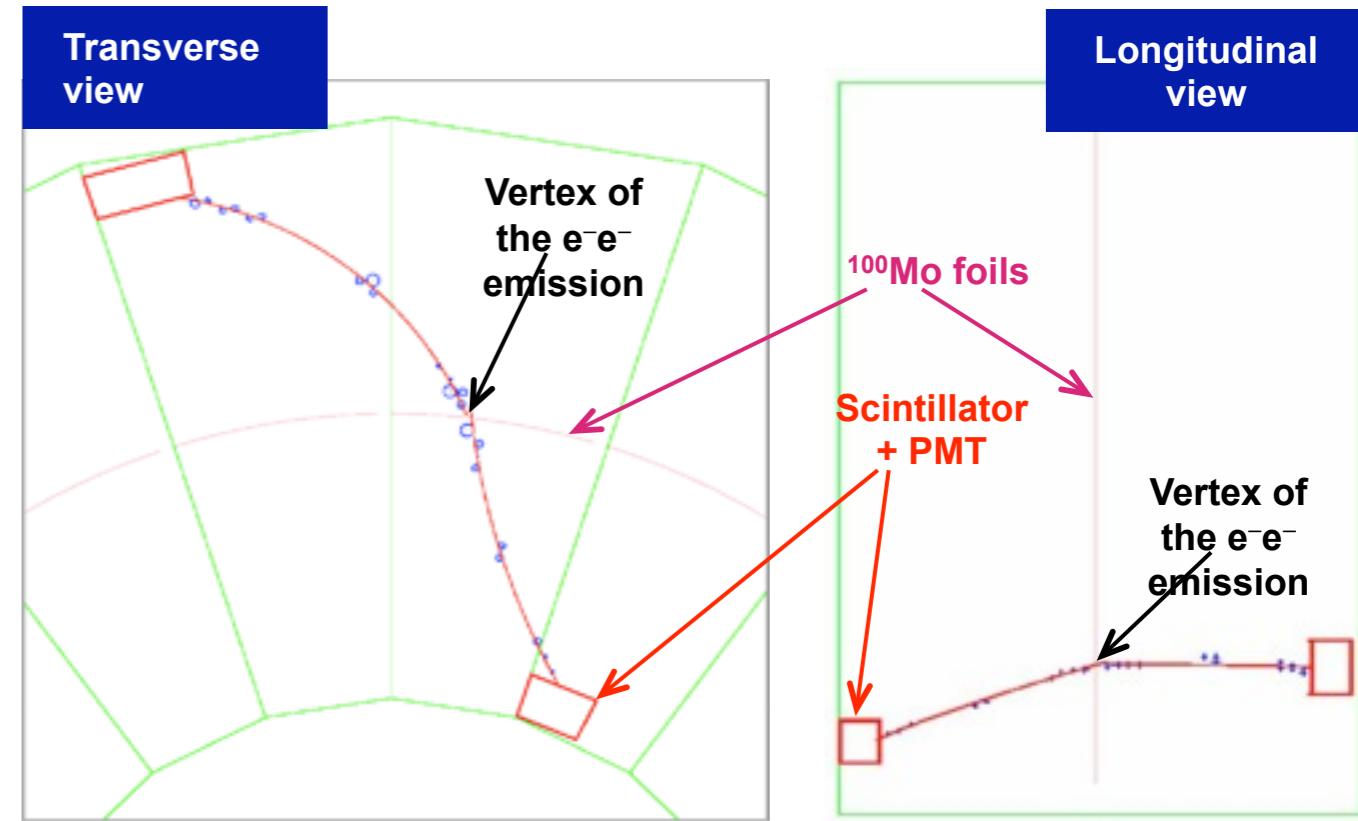
- Reconstruct two electrons in the final state ($E_1 + E_2 = Q_{\beta\beta}$)
- Measure several final state observables
 - Individual electron energies
 - Electron trajectories and vertices
 - time of flight
 - Angular distribution between electrons
- Background rejection through particle ID: e^- , e^+ , α , γ

NEMO3/SuperNEMO approach. Calorimetry + Tracking



Sources separated from detector \Rightarrow
 \Rightarrow can measure different isotopes
"Smoking gun" signature: \Rightarrow
 \Rightarrow two e^- with common vertex

} unique
to NEMO

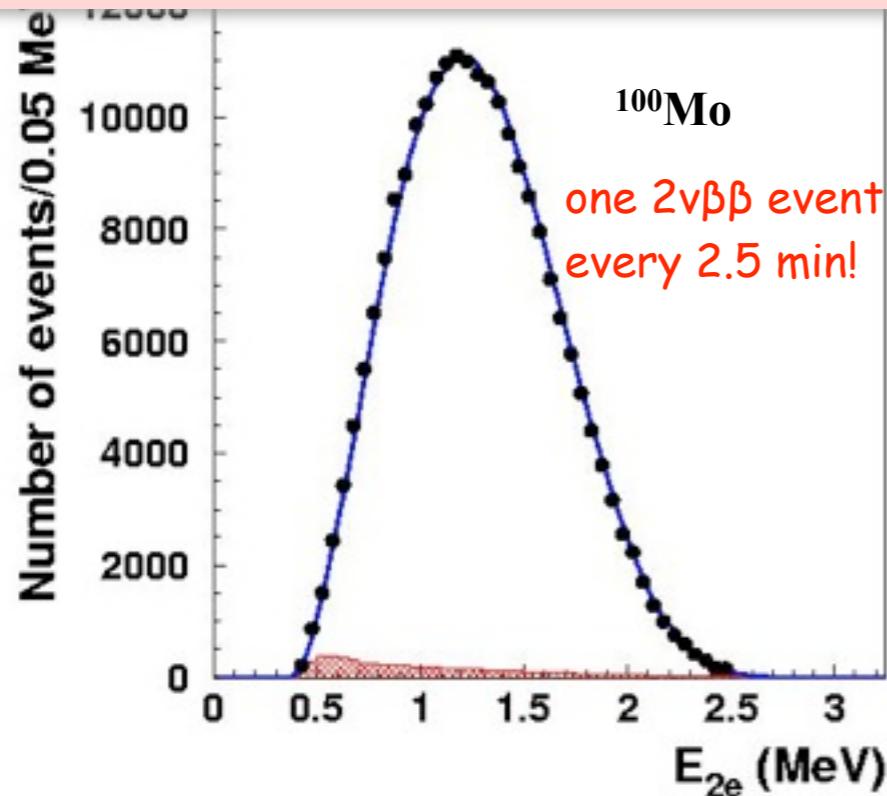


- ▶ Search for any lepton violating process including with continuum spectrum (e.g. Majoron)
- ▶ Attempt to disentangle the underlying physics mechanism through electron's angular distribution and individual energy analysis

NEMO3 Results

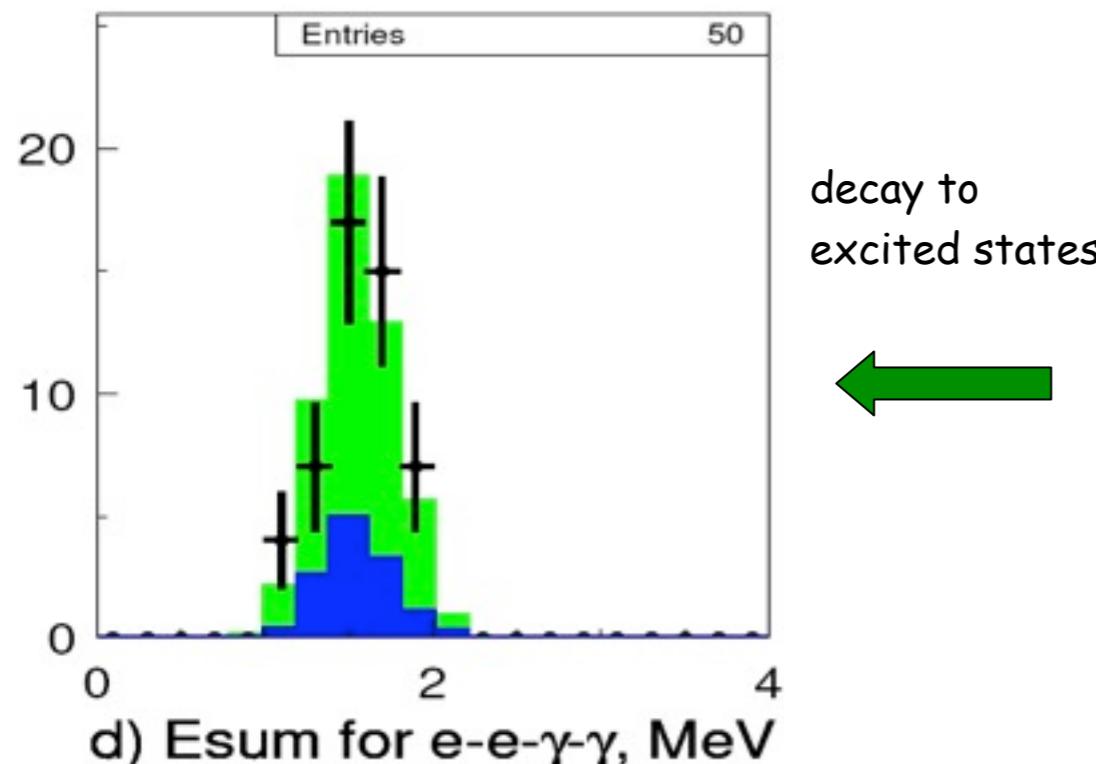
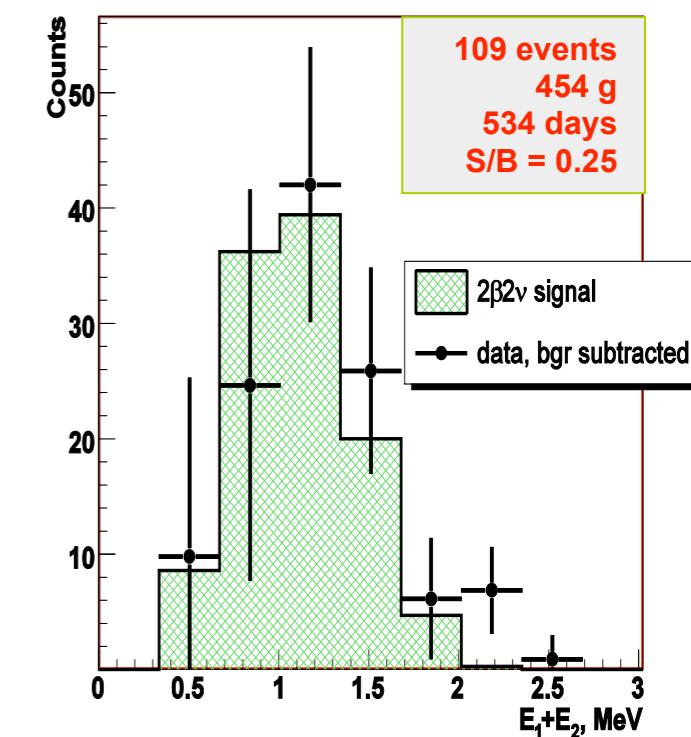
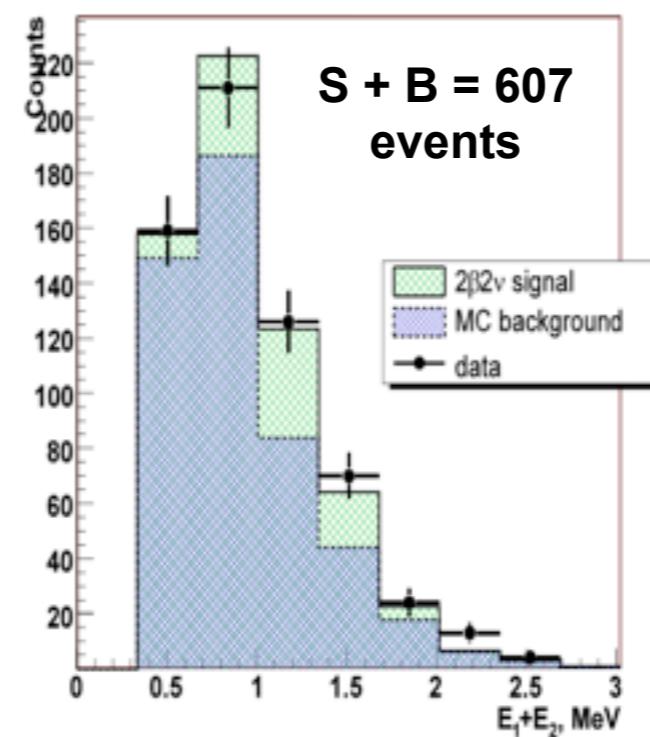
Unprecedented accuracy of 2v $\beta\beta$ measurements

$$T_{1/2}(\beta\beta 2\nu) = 7.11 \pm 0.02 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.54 \text{ (syst)} \times 10^{18} \text{ yrs}$$

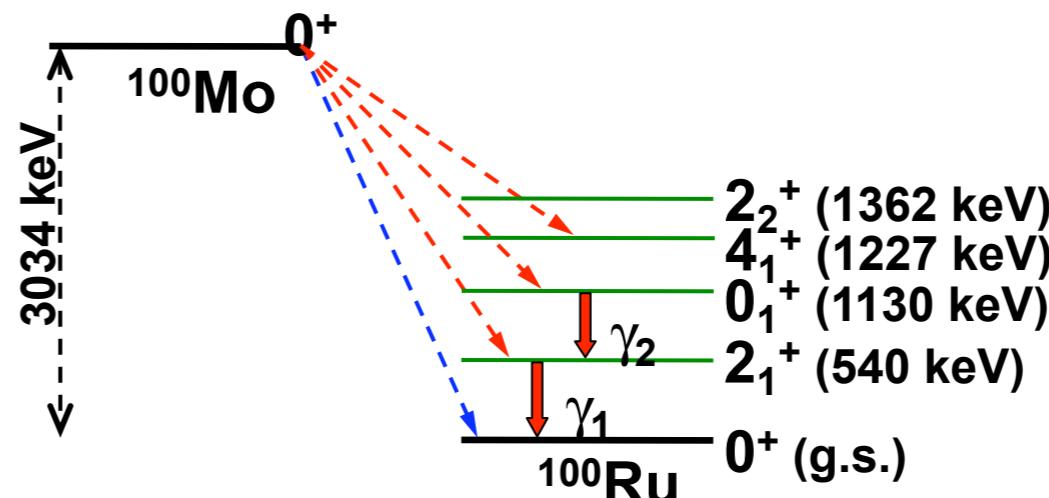


$$T_{1/2} = [6.9 \pm 0.9 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.8 \text{ (syst)}] \times 10^{20} \text{ y}$$

(preliminary)



Long awaited ^{130}Te result



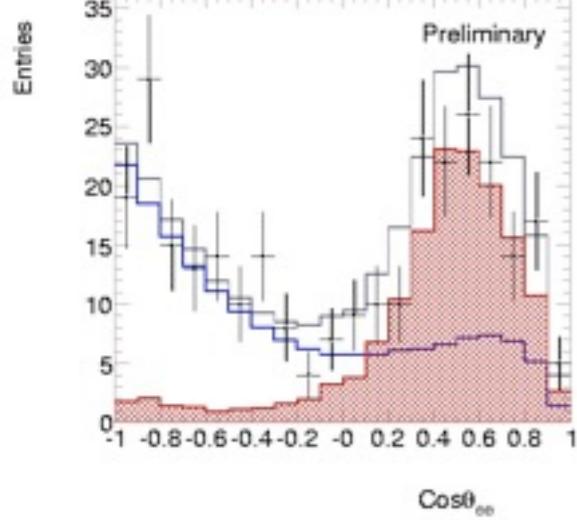
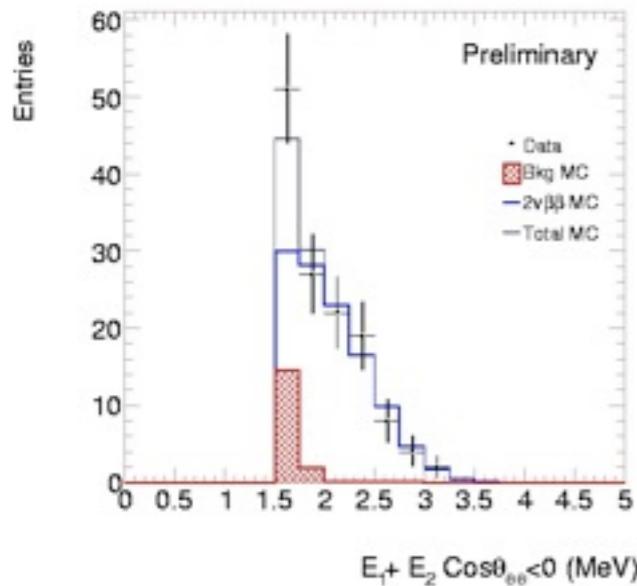
Also 2v $\beta\beta$ measurements for ^{82}Se , ^{116}Cd , ^{150}Nd , ^{48}Ca , ^{96}Zr

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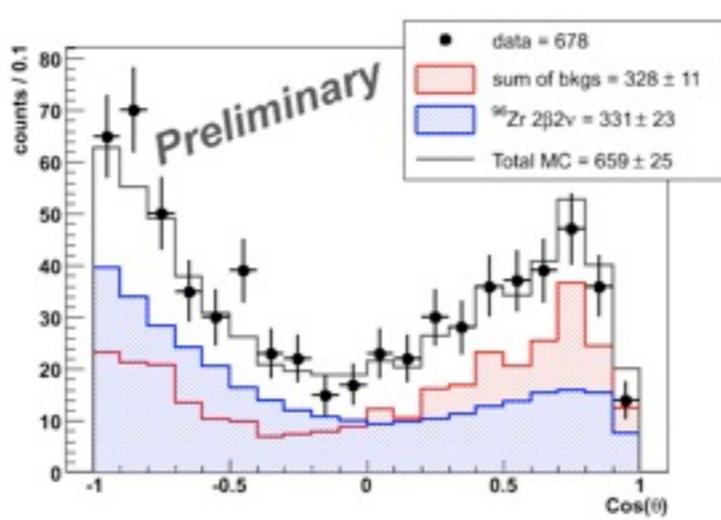
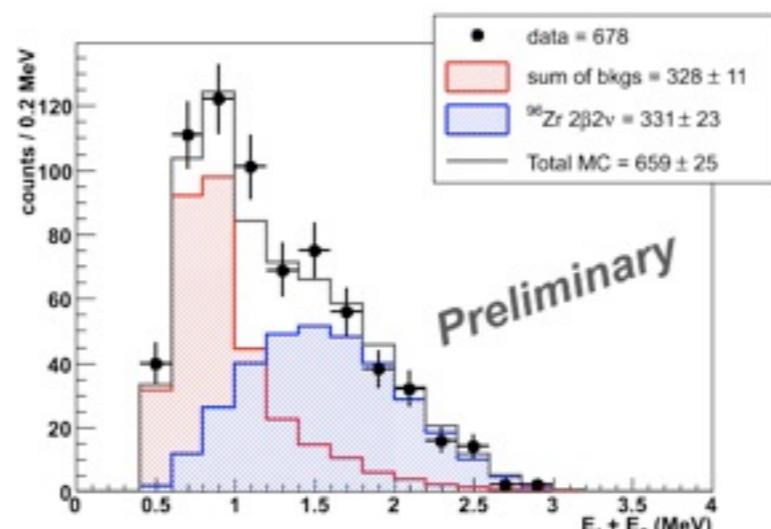
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paper in preparation

^{96}Zr

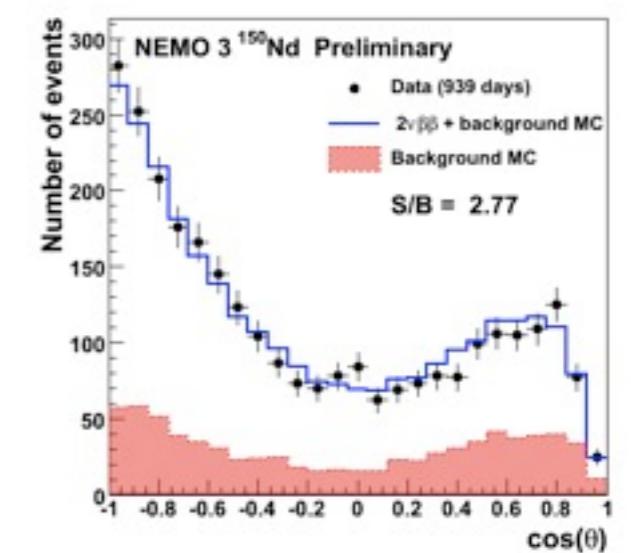
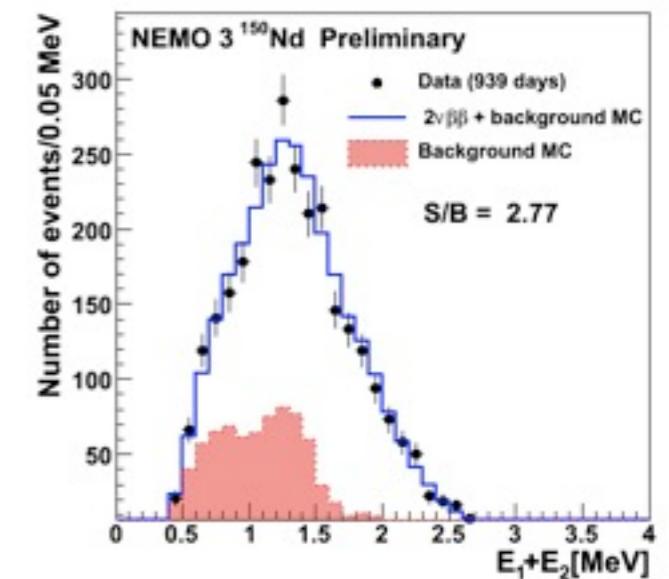
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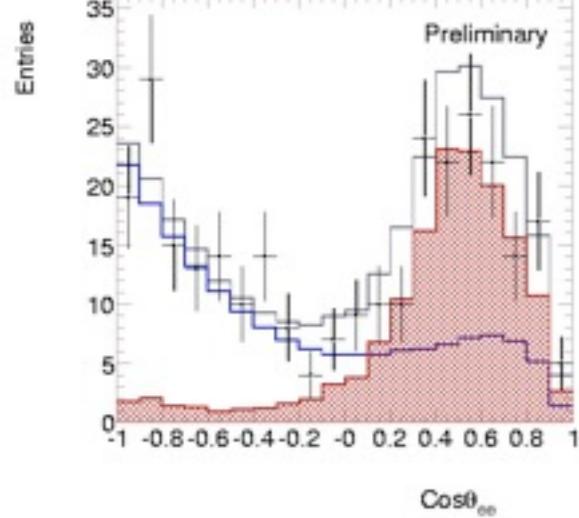
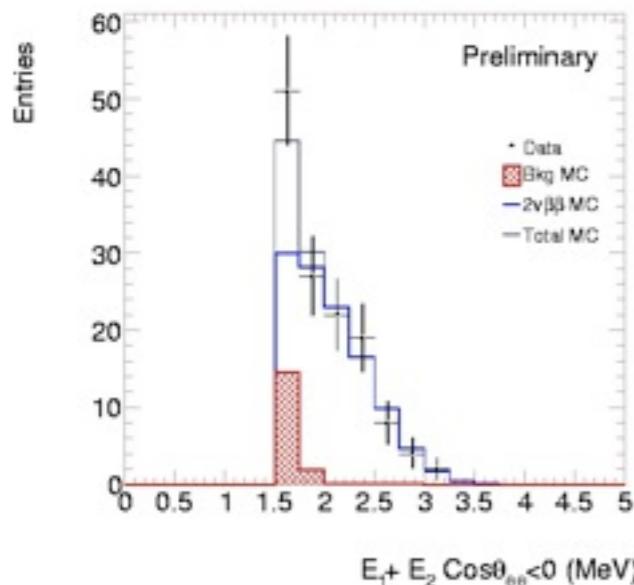
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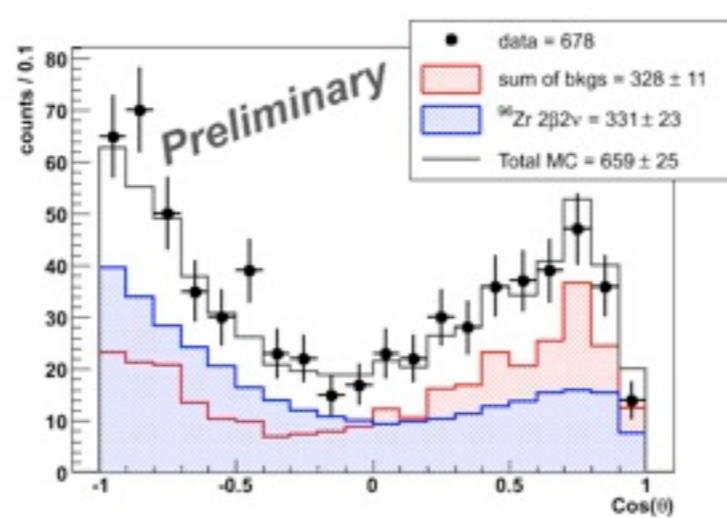
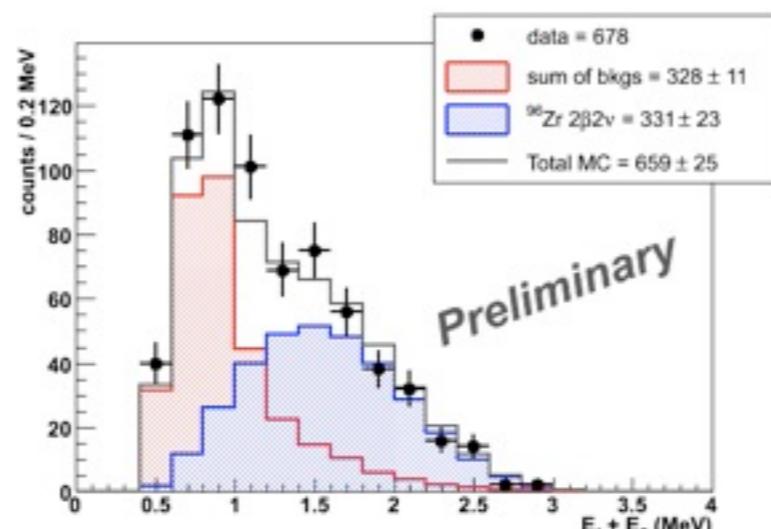
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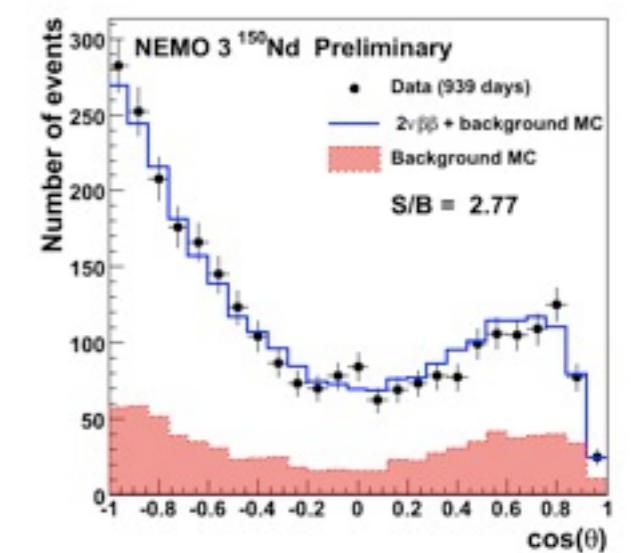
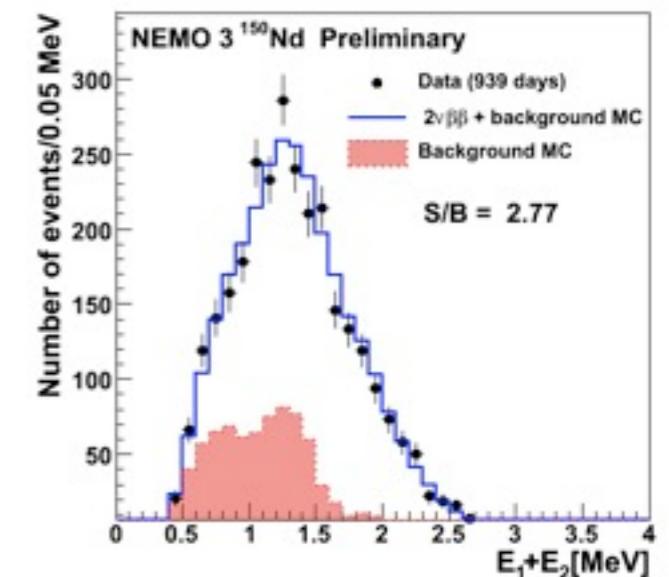
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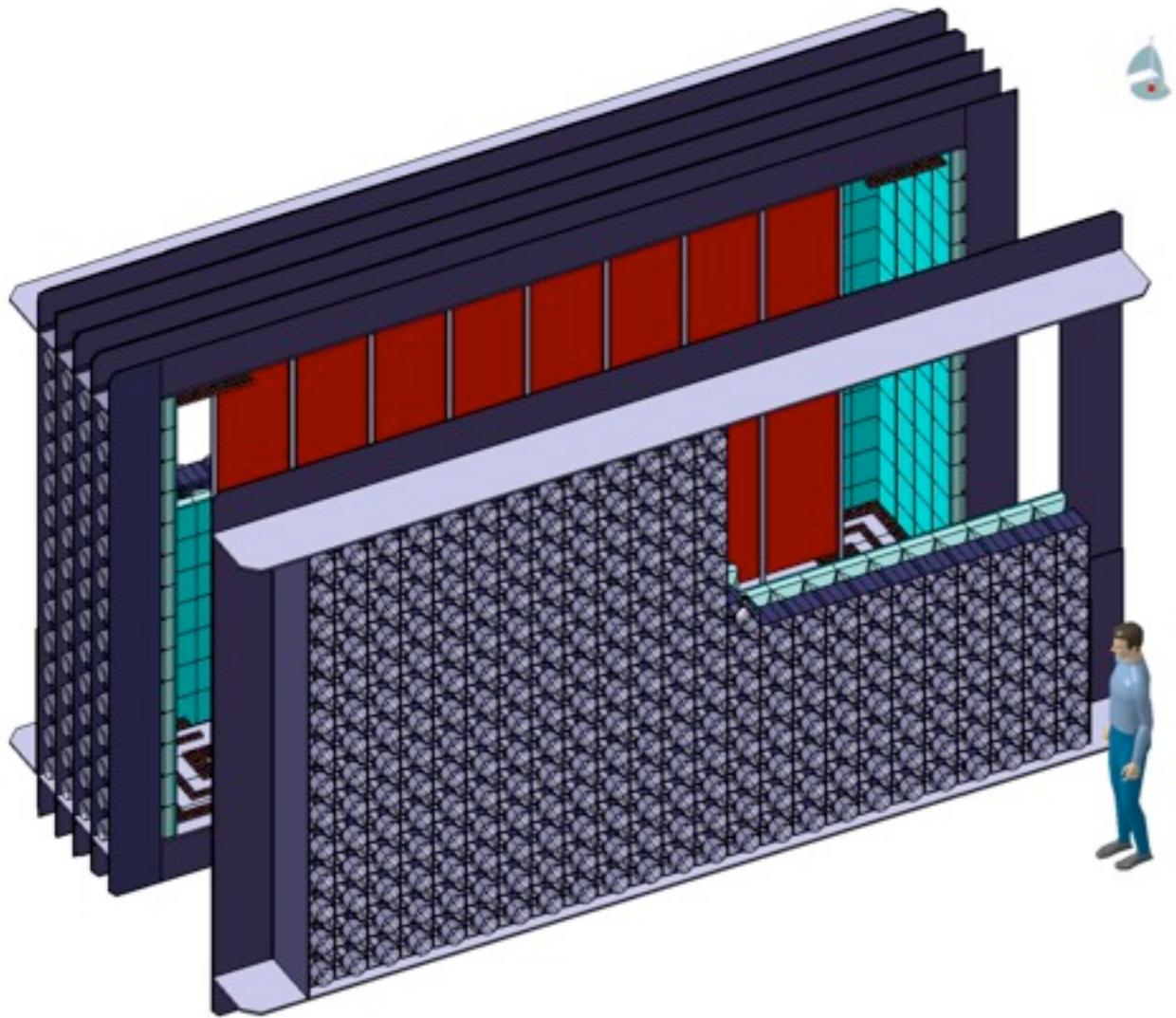
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1 super-module:
Source (40 mg/cm²) 4 x 3 m²
Tracking : drift chamber
~2000 cells in Geiger mode
Calorimeter: scintillators + PMTs
~ 700 PMTs if scint. blocks
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Funded Design Study
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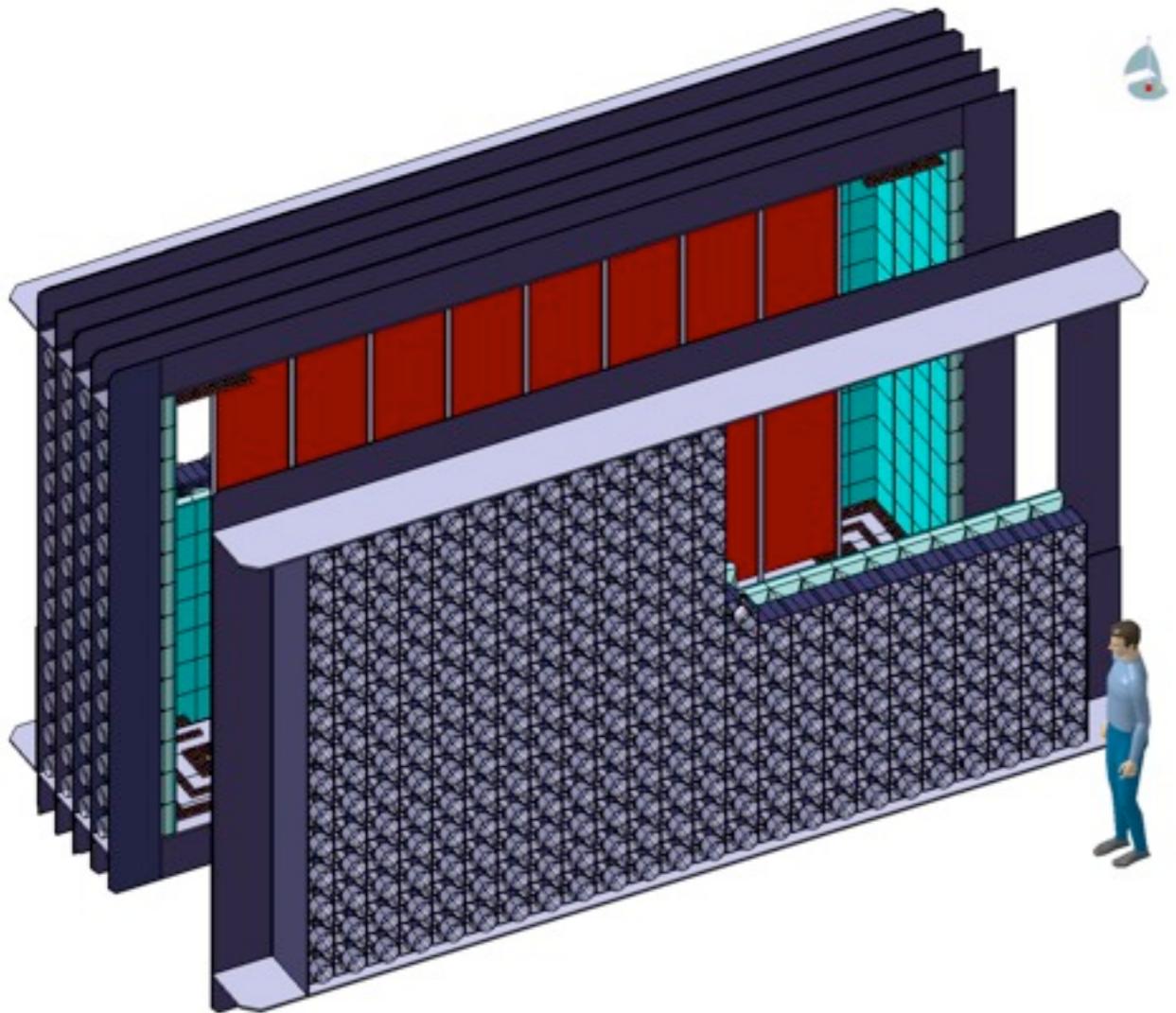
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Next step: To build 1st SuperNEMO module - Demonstrator

Goals

- Demonstrate feasibility of large scale mass production
- To measure backgrounds especially from radon emanation
- Only possible with a realistic super-module
- To finalise detector design
- To produce a competitive physics measurement

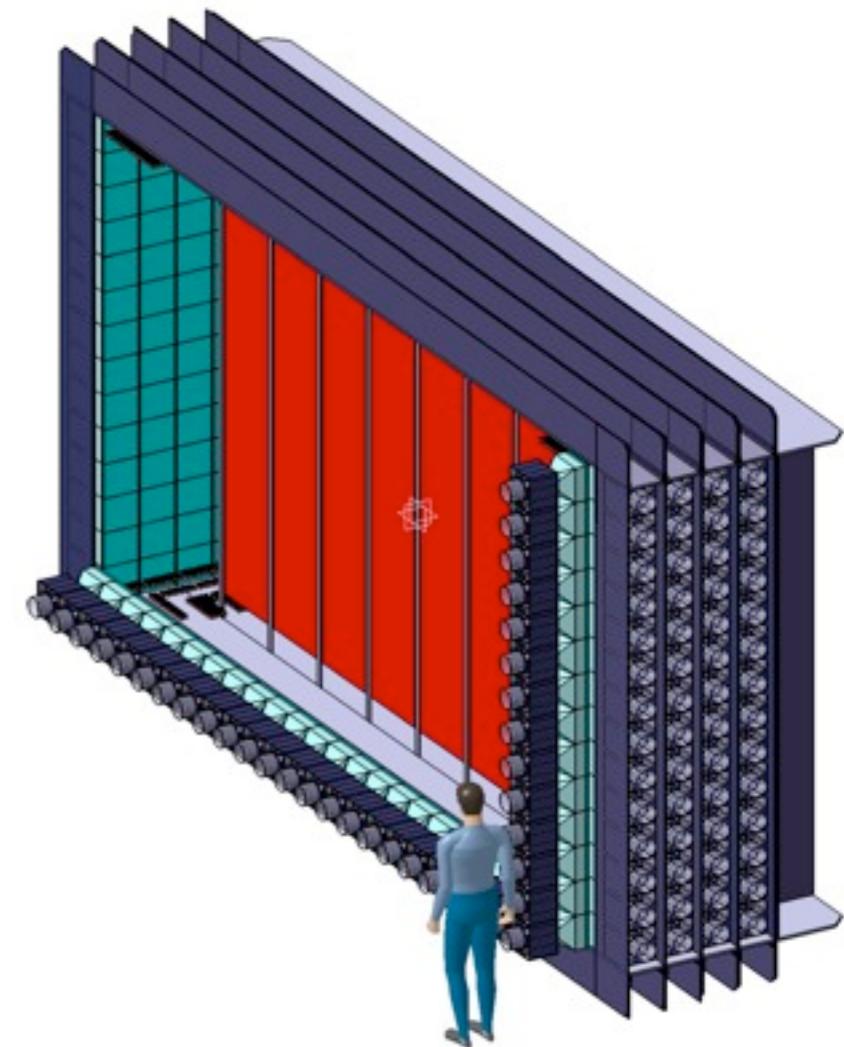


Simple counting experiment: 0.3 bkg. events in R.O.I
with 7kg of ⁸²Se in 1.5 yr

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}(90\%CL) > \frac{M}{A} N_A \frac{\varepsilon \ln 2}{n_{90\%}} t = \frac{7\text{kg} \cdot 10^3}{82\text{g}} 6 \cdot 10^{23} \frac{0.3 \cdot 0.69}{2.4} 1.5\text{yr} = 6.6 \cdot 10^{24} \text{yr}$$

Assuming equal NMEs and known differences in phase space values,
it is equivalent to $3 \cdot 10^{25}$ yr for ⁷⁶Ge (GERDA-PhaseI)

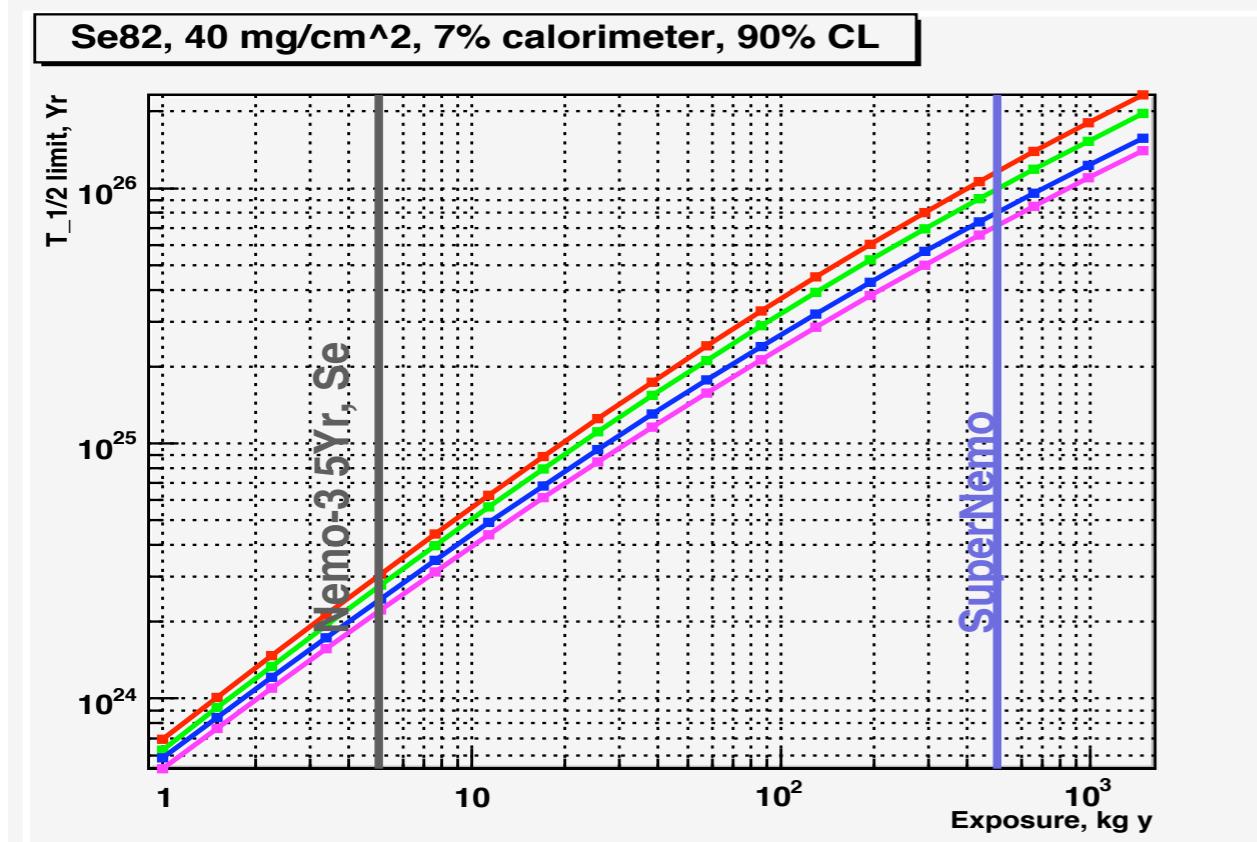
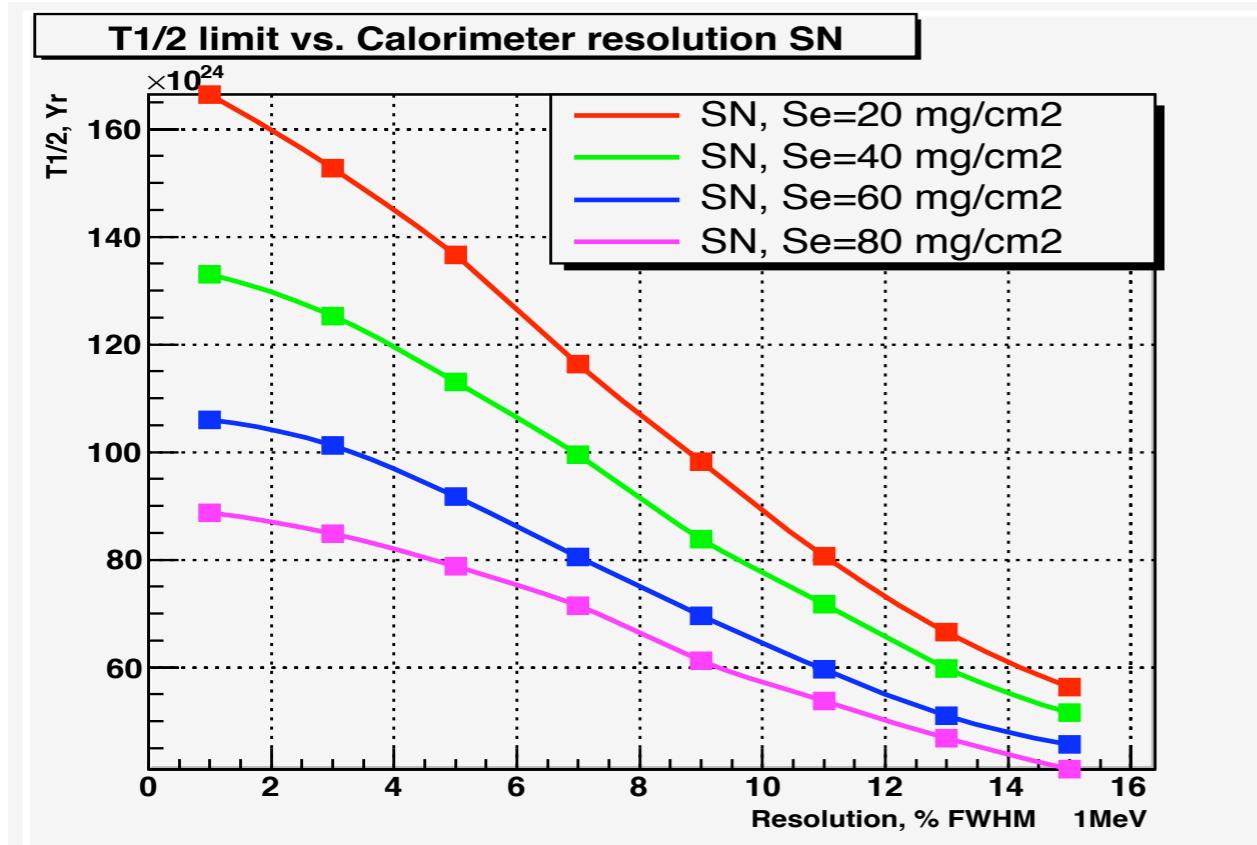
or ~5 expected “golden events” if Klapdor is right



Proposal submitted to PPRP

SuperNEMO sensitivity:

500 kg x yr, target bkg levels (2 and 10 $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$ of ^{208}Tl and ^{214}Bi)



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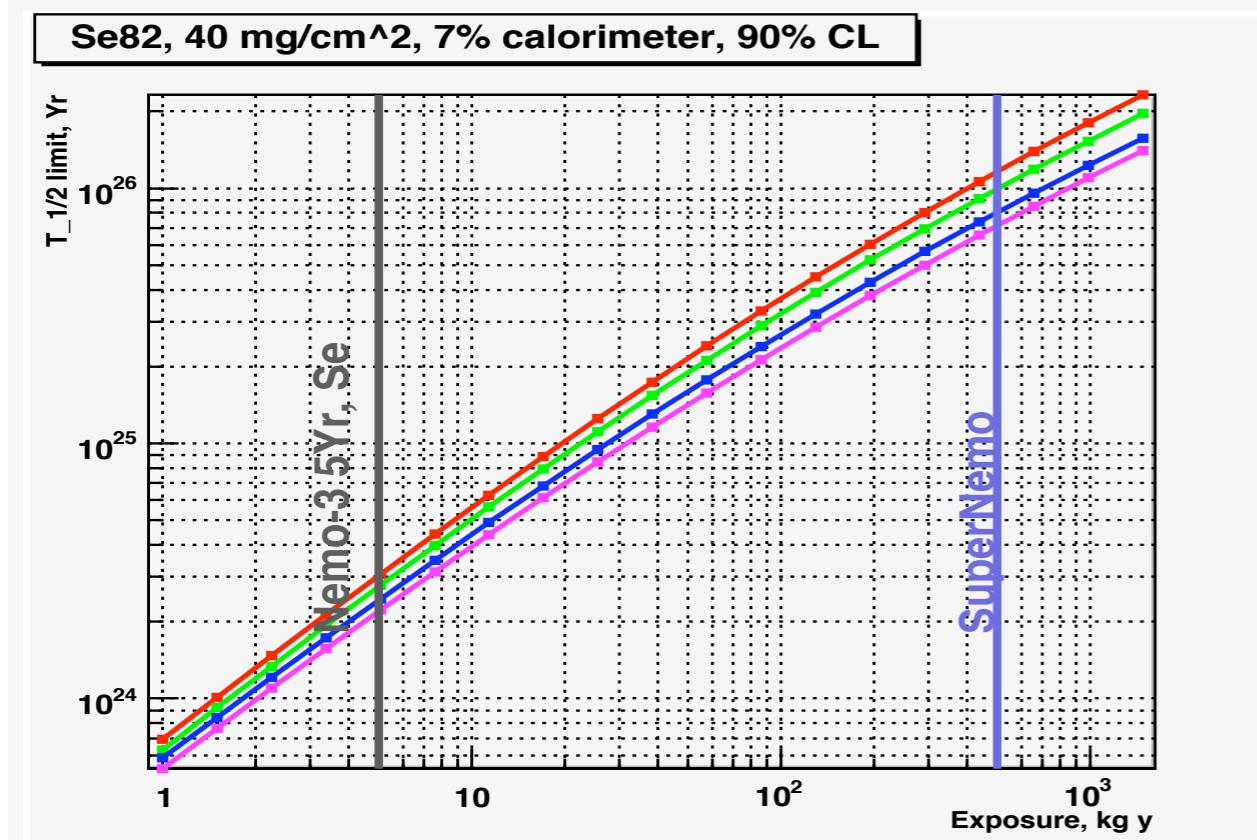
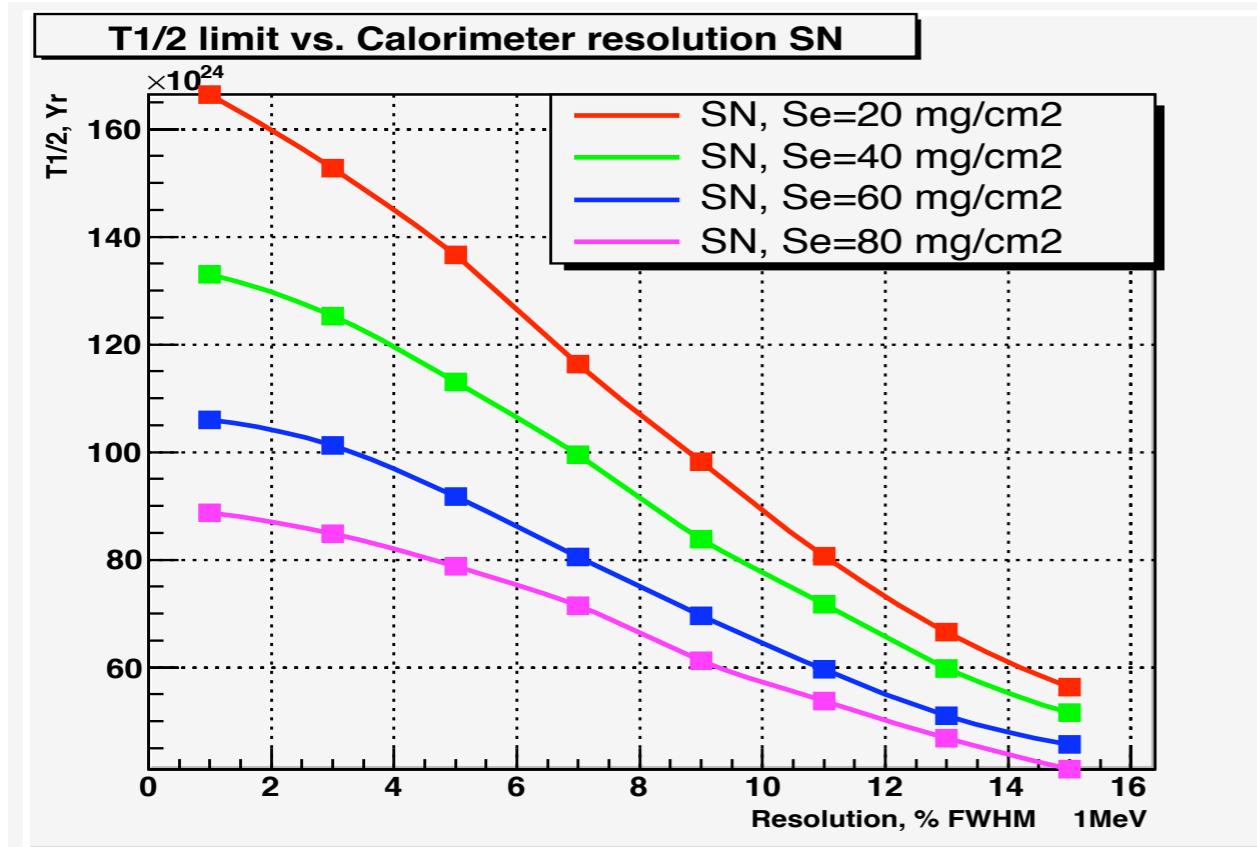
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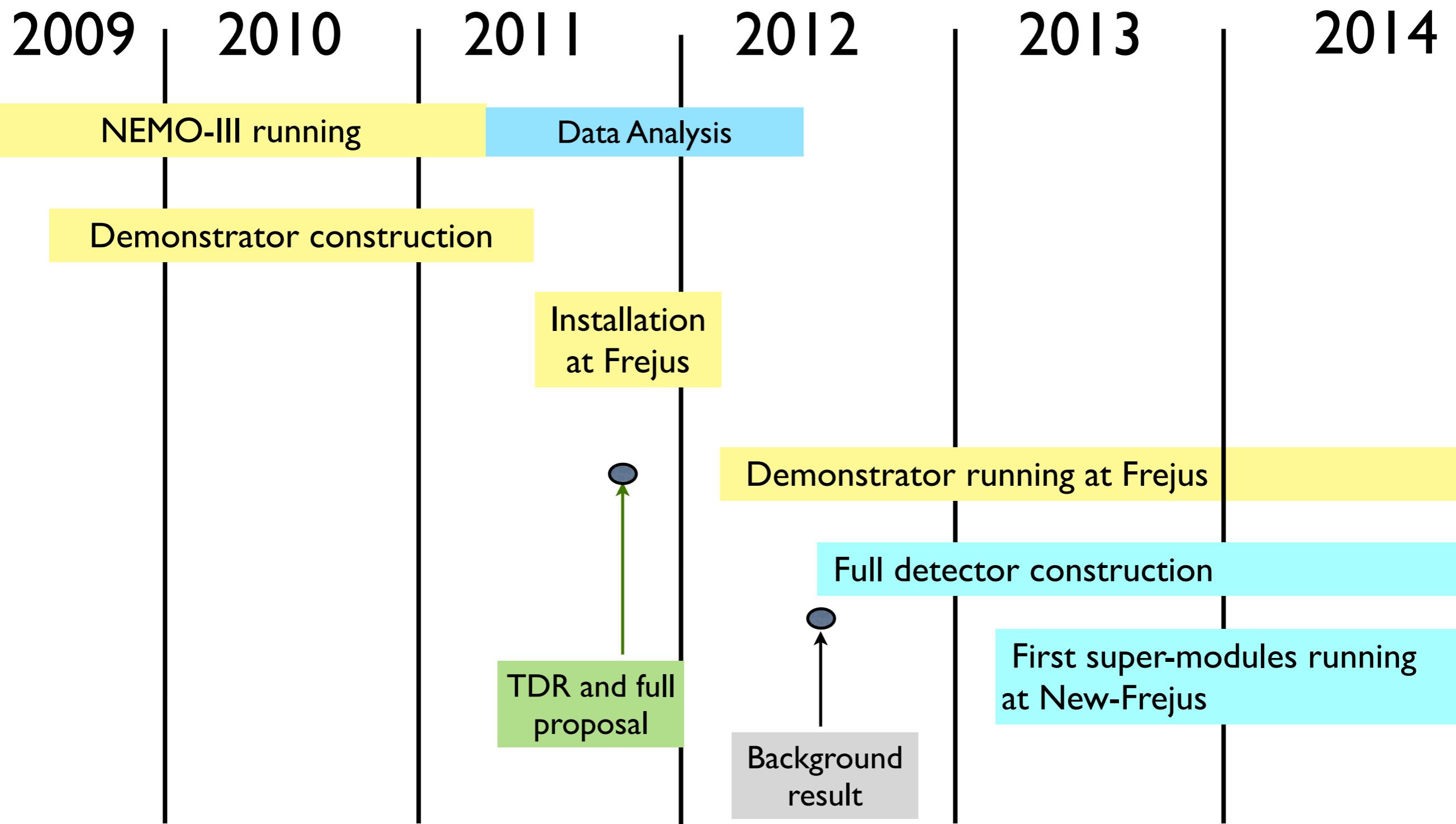
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Talk by C. Jackson later today

SuperNEMO schedule overview



Target sensitivity of 50-100 meV by 2018

Source = detector approaches

- Scintillator calorimeters
- Semiconductors (HPGe, CdZnTe)
- Bolometers
- Liquid/Gas Xe TPC

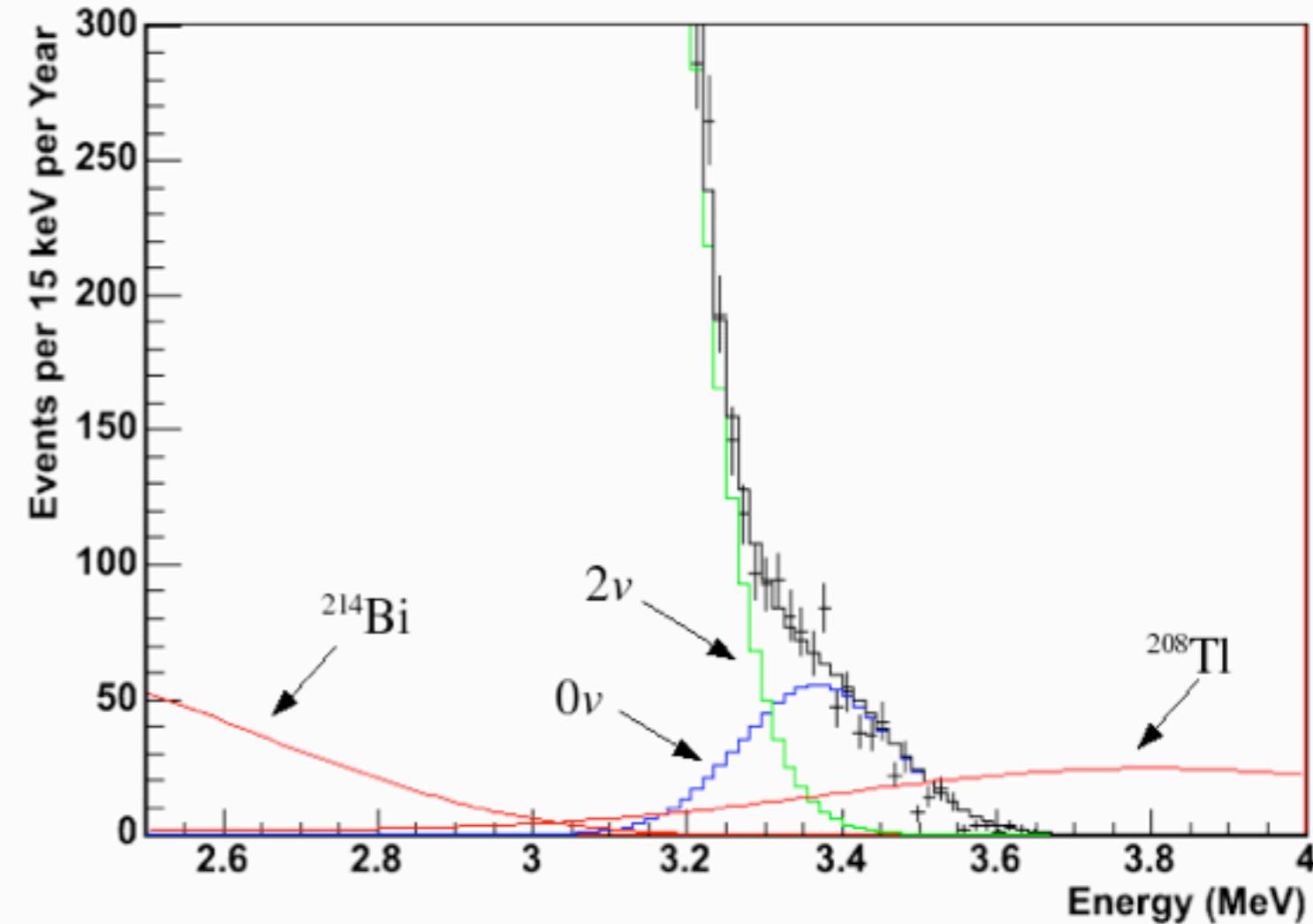


simulation of one year of data
testing $\langle m_\nu \rangle = 150$ meV (500kg of ^{150}Nd)

- ^{150}Nd double beta decays with an endpoint of 3.37 MeV (above most backgrounds).
- Poor energy resolution compensated by
 - little material near fiducial volume
 - meters of self-shielding
 - source in-source out capability

- Nd-loaded liquid scintillator
- 0.1% $^{\text{nat}}\text{Nd}$ in 1000 t of liquid scintillator
 - 56 kg of ^{150}Nd
- 0.1 eV* sensitivity with $^{\text{nat}}\text{Nd}$
 - Quick “turnaround”
 - $^{\text{nat}}\text{Nd}$ radio-purity is one of key questions (10^{-14} g/g in U and Th required)
- Possibility to enrich Nd with AVLIS (joint R&D with SuperNEMO)
- If enriched, 50 meV* sensitivity possible

The Simulated Spectrum of Double Beta Decay Events



UK participation proposal submitted to PPRP

* ^{150}Nd deformation not taken into account in NME calculation

GERDA. ^{76}Ge (HP Ge detector)



^{76}Ge - best way to check KKDC claim (free from NME uncertainties).

Naked enriched (86%) Ge-detectors
in LAr

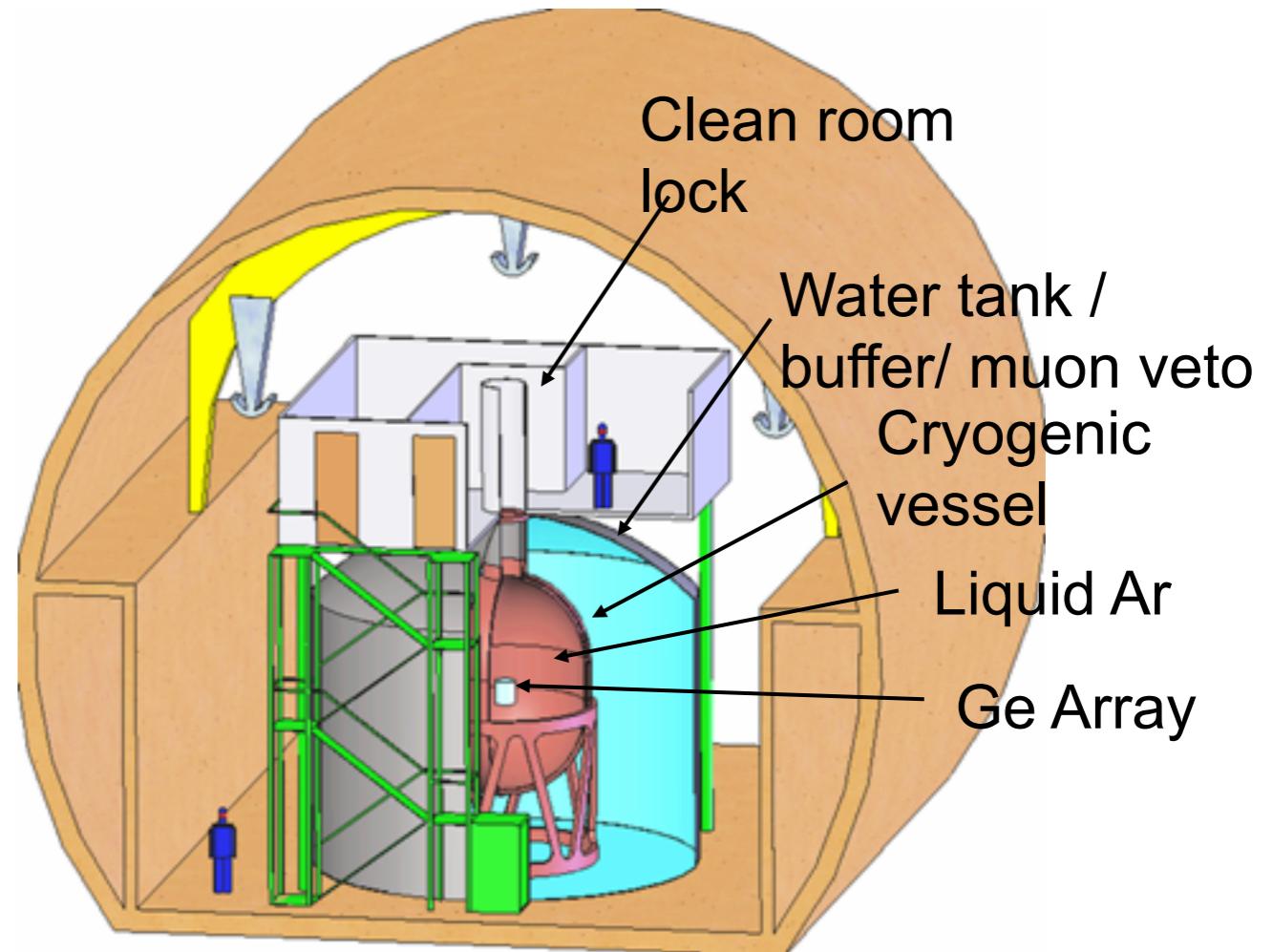
Phased Approach.

Phase I:
Existing detectors (HM+IGEX)
17.9 kg enriched diodes
Bkg free probe of KKDC:
 10^{-2} cts/kg keV yr

Phase II
Add new diodes (total: 40kg)
Bkg $< 10^{-3}$ cts/kg keV yr

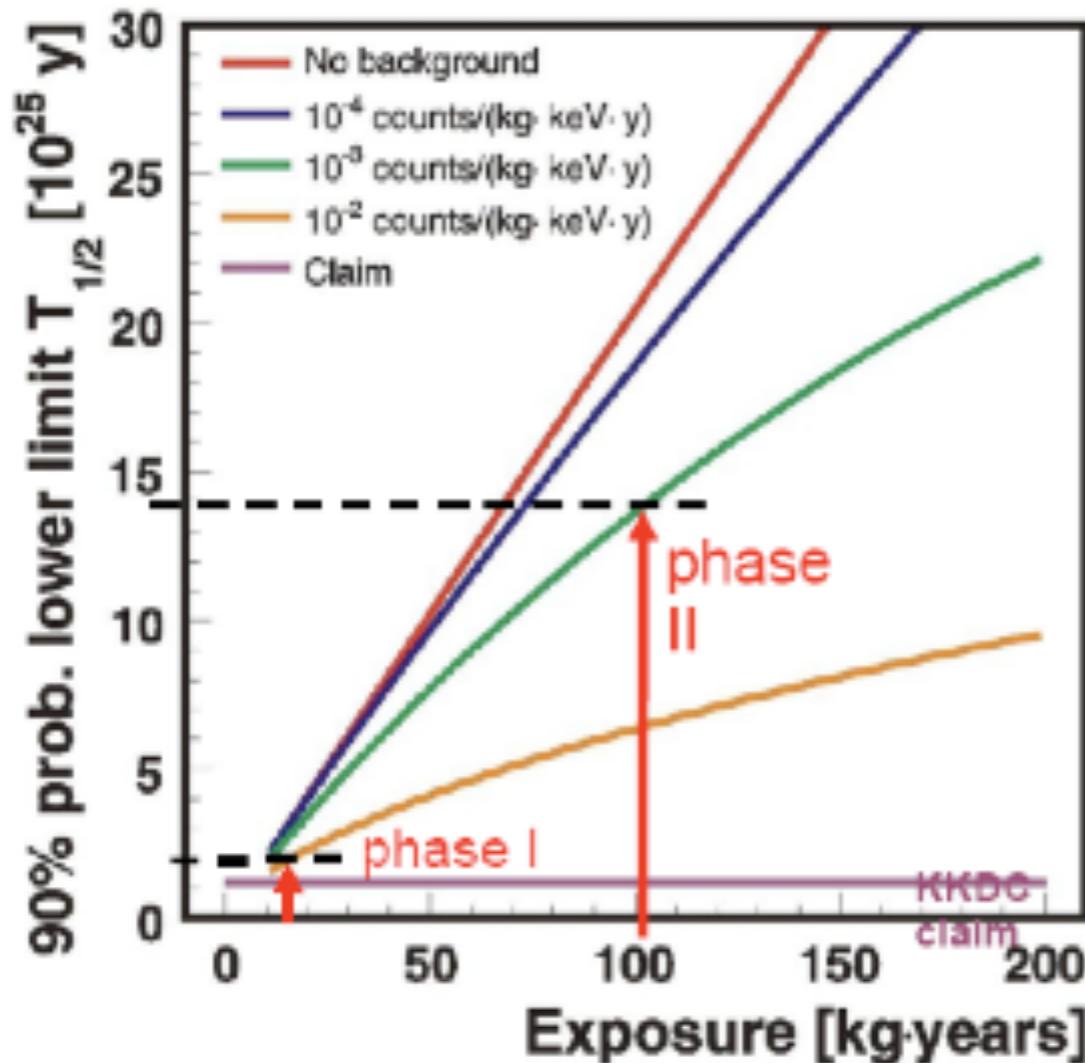
Both phases funded. Under construction

Location: Gran Sasso

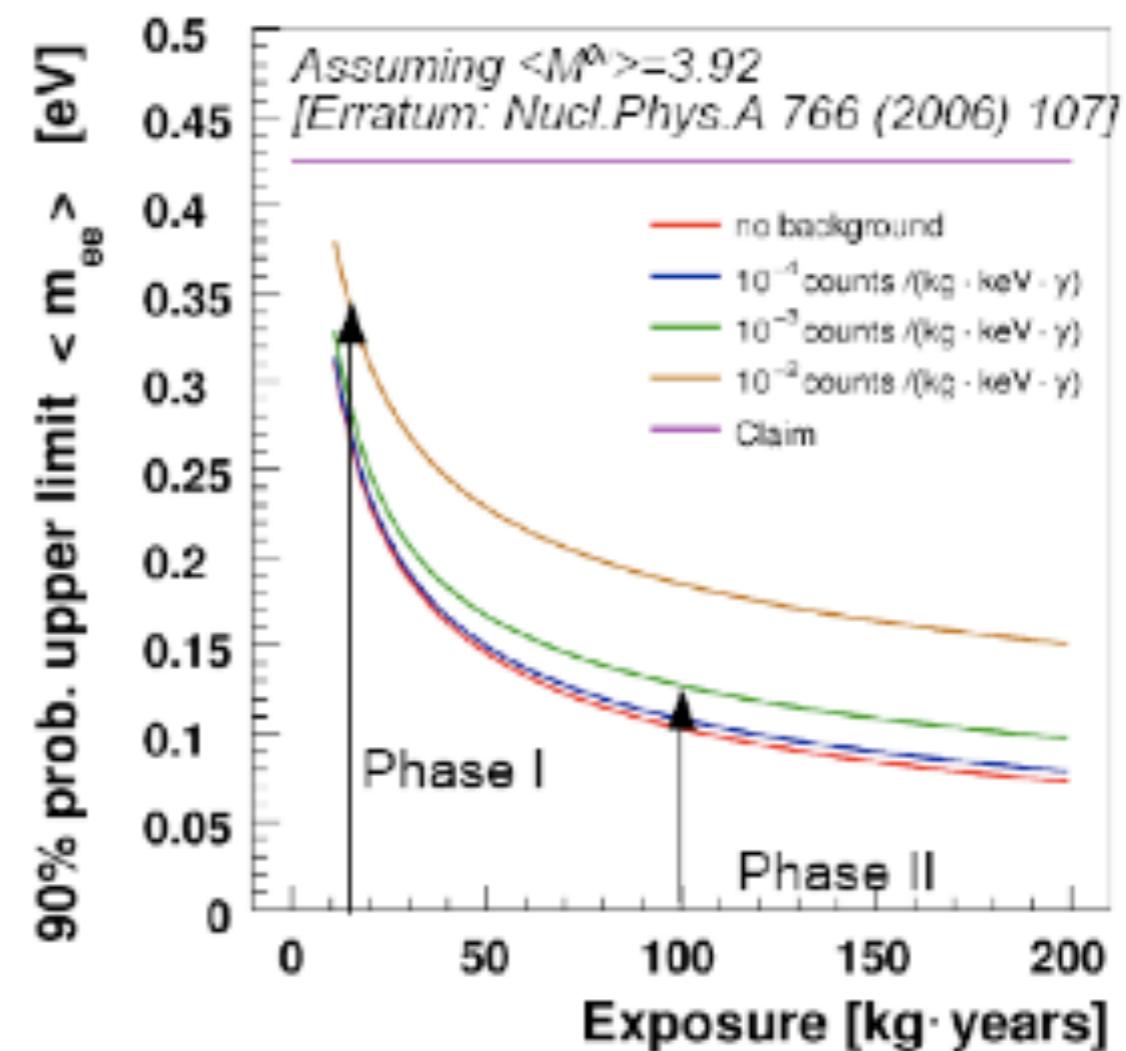


Next step: GERDA + Majorana

GERDA. ^{76}Ge



assumed energy resolution: $\Delta E = 4$ keV

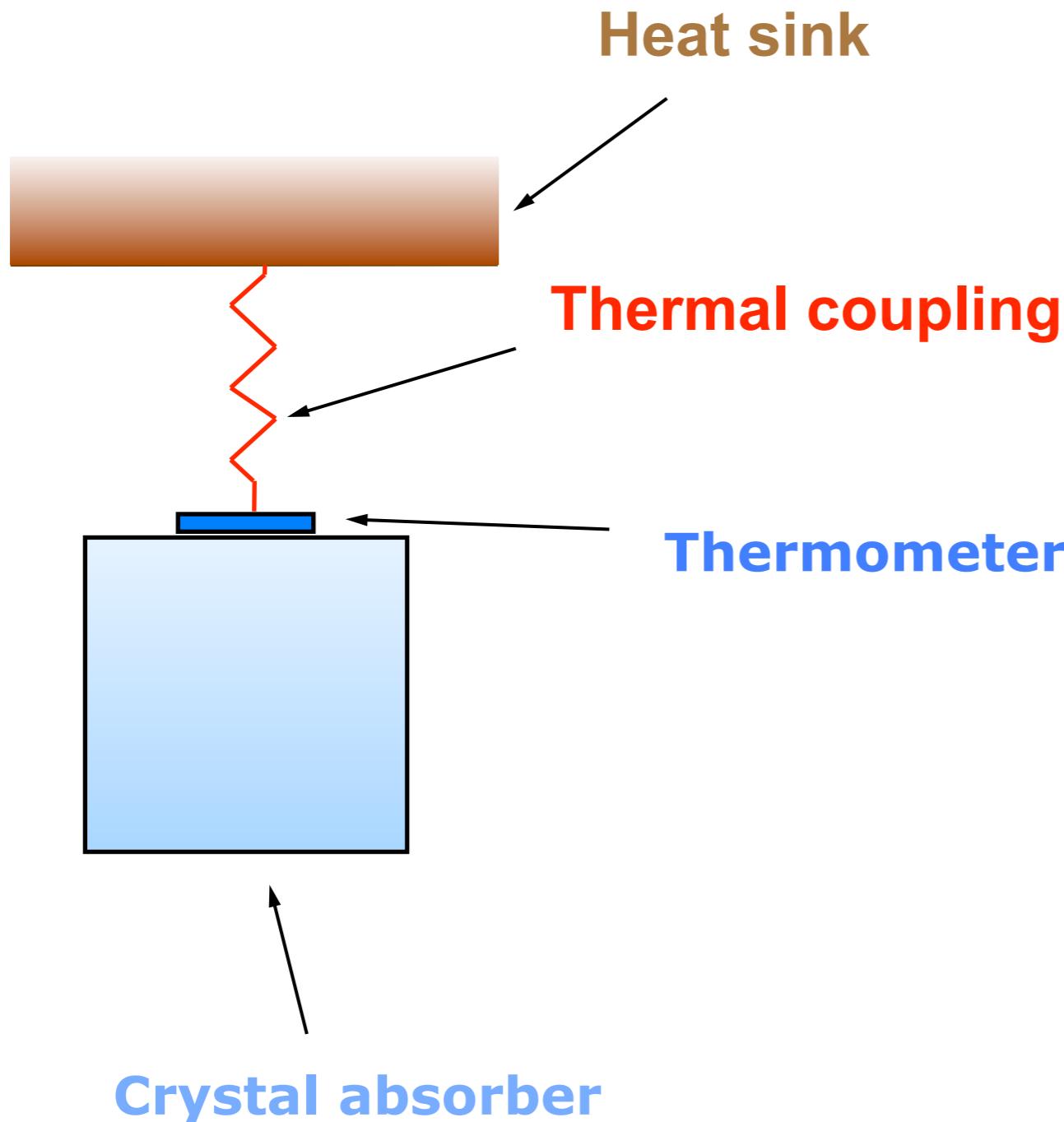


PhaseI (~15kg): Start data taking 2009

Phase III: GERDA + Majorana toward 1 ton detector
Depends heavily on background achieved in first two phases

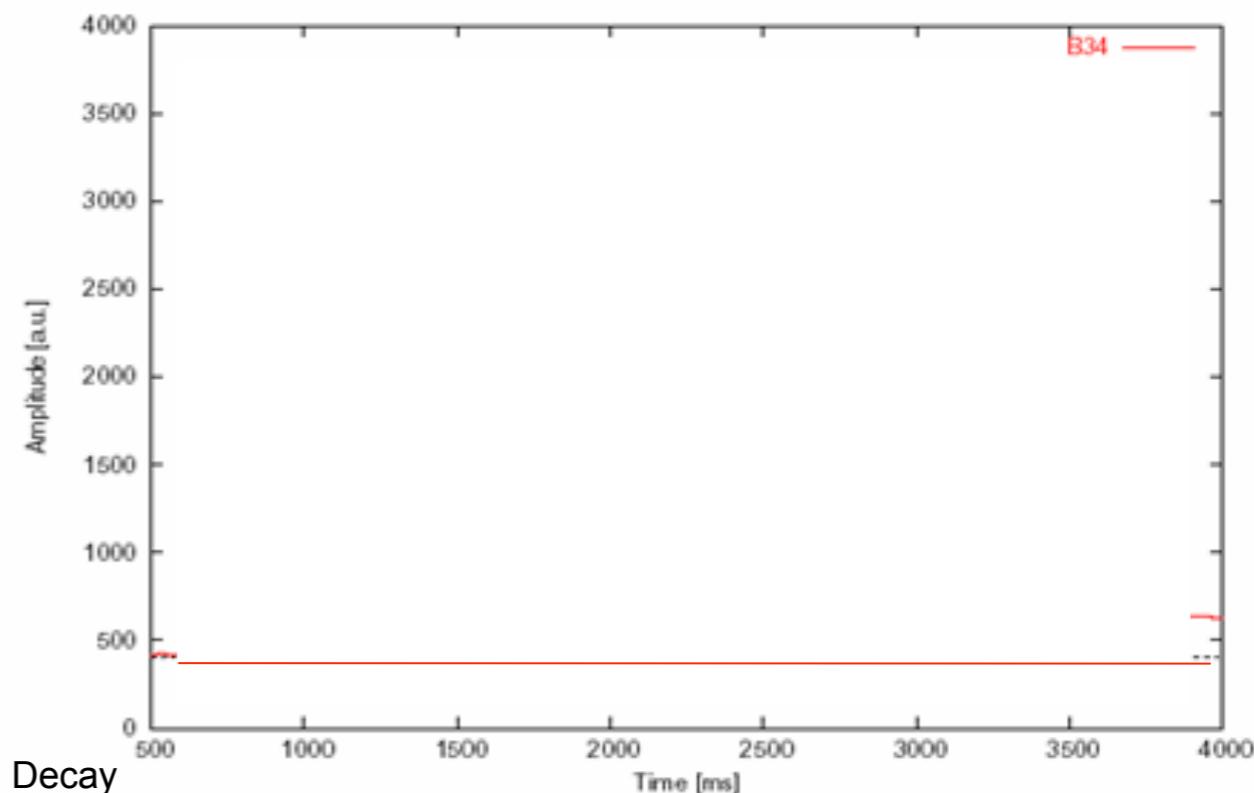
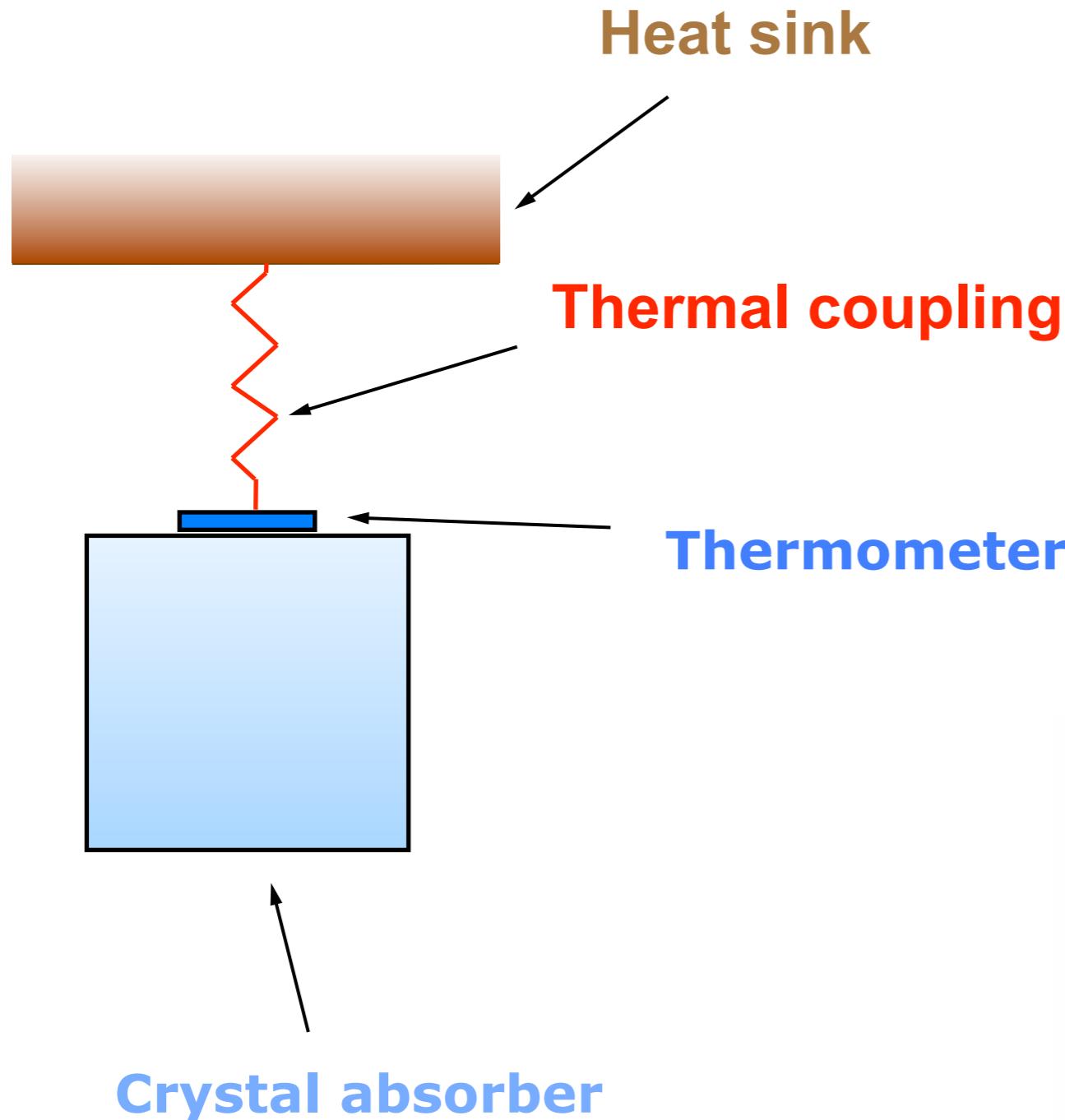
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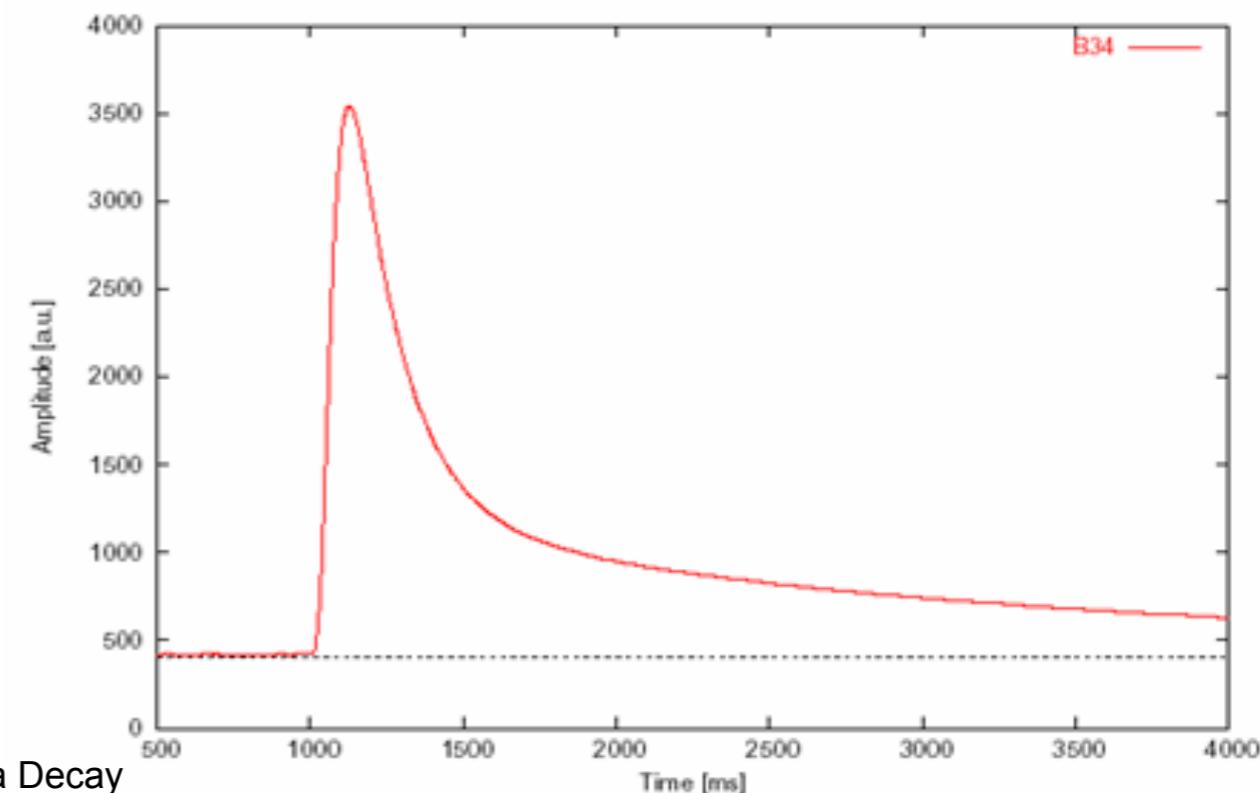
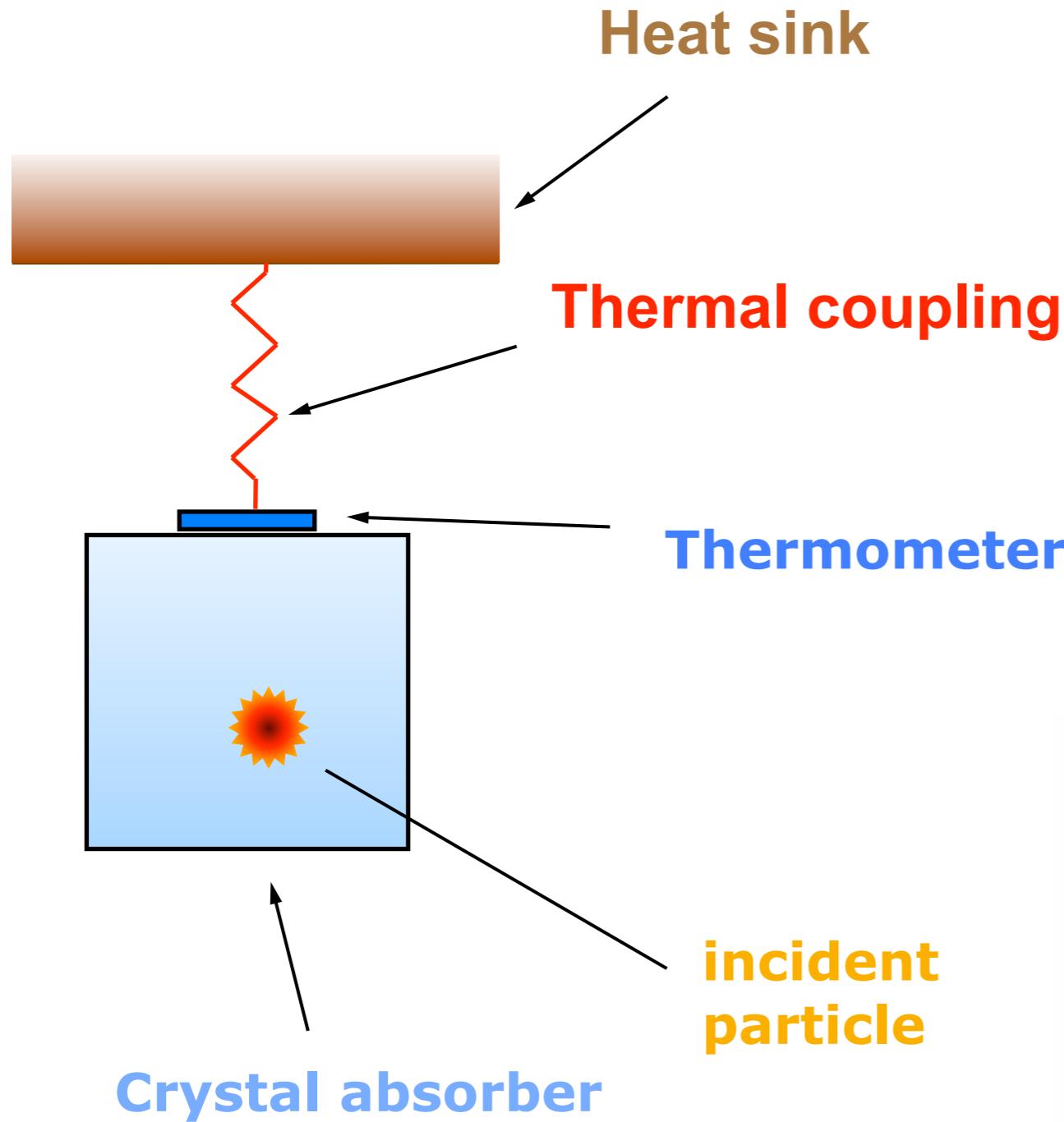
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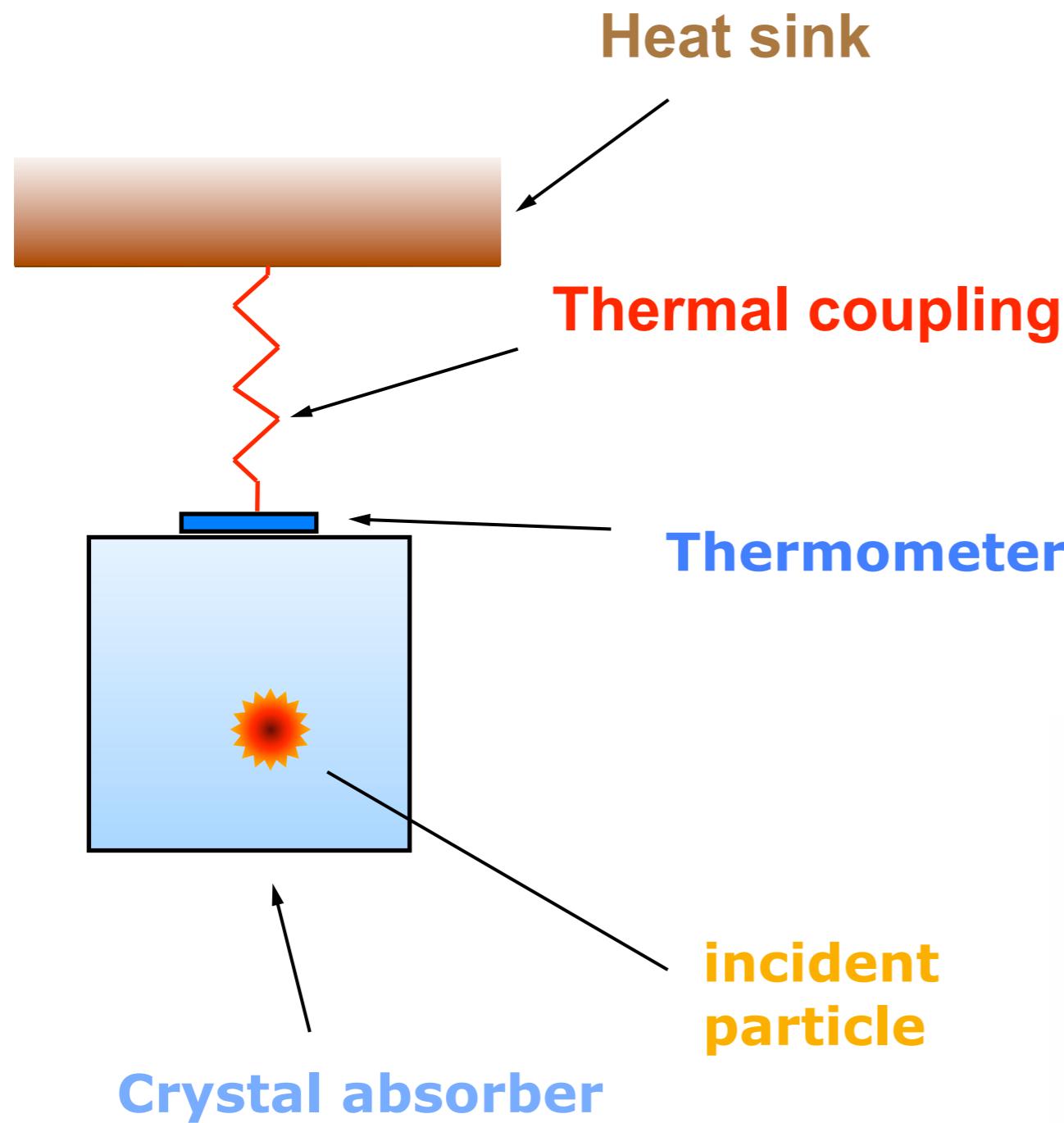
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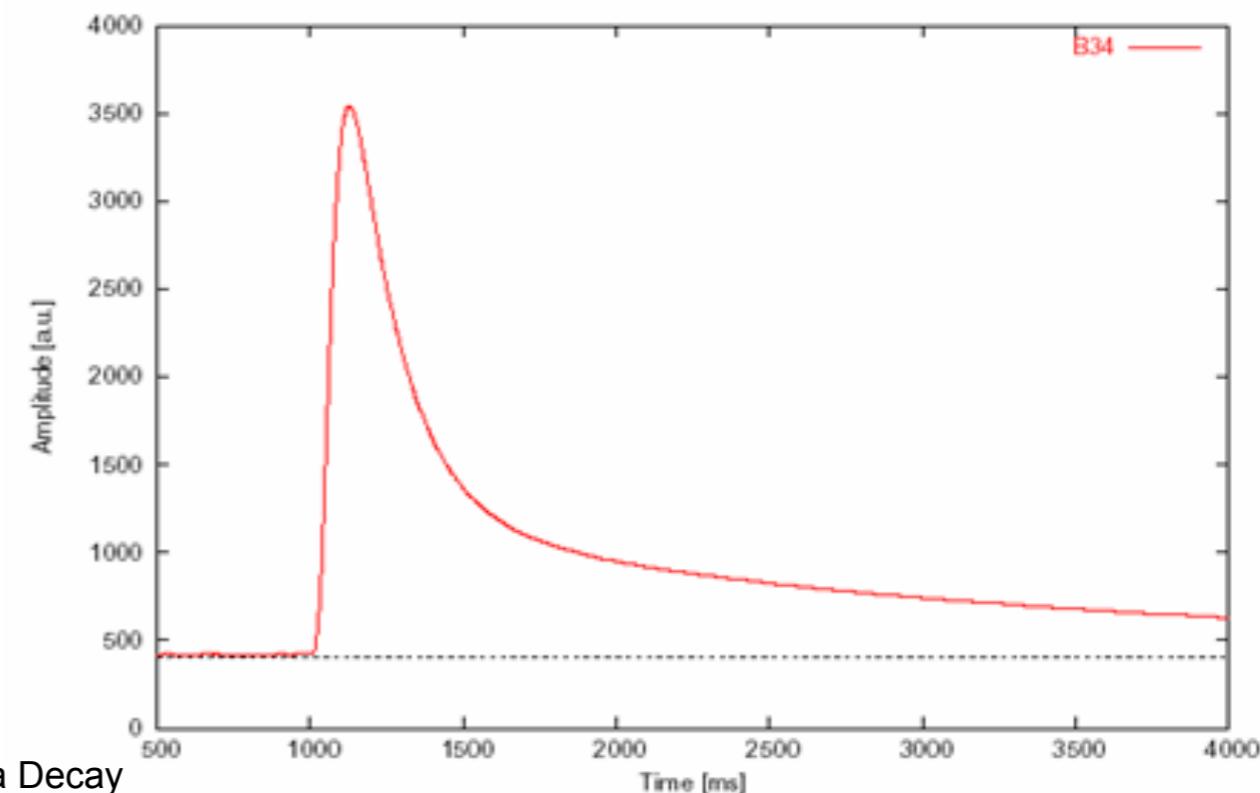
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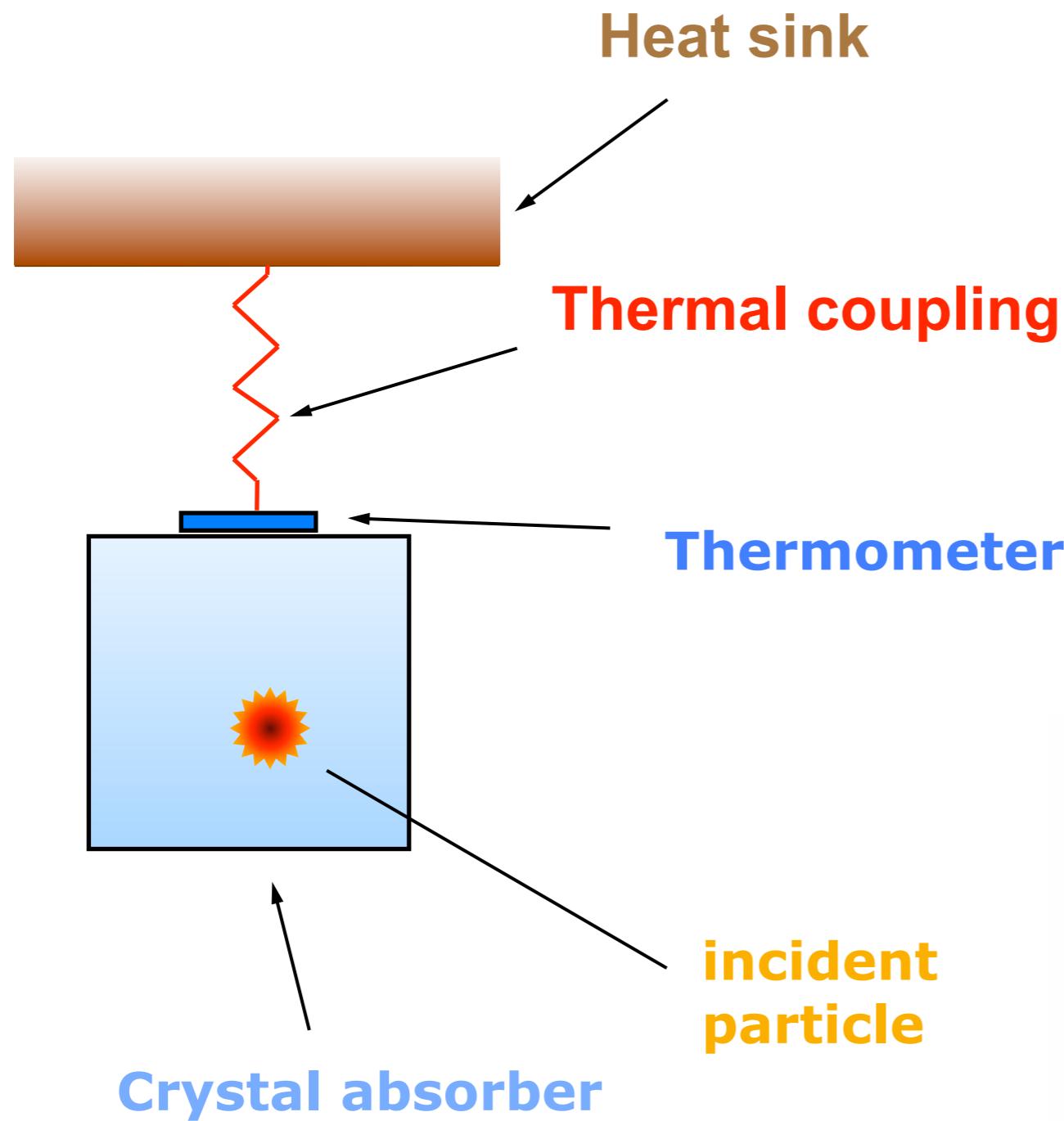
$$\Delta T = E/C$$



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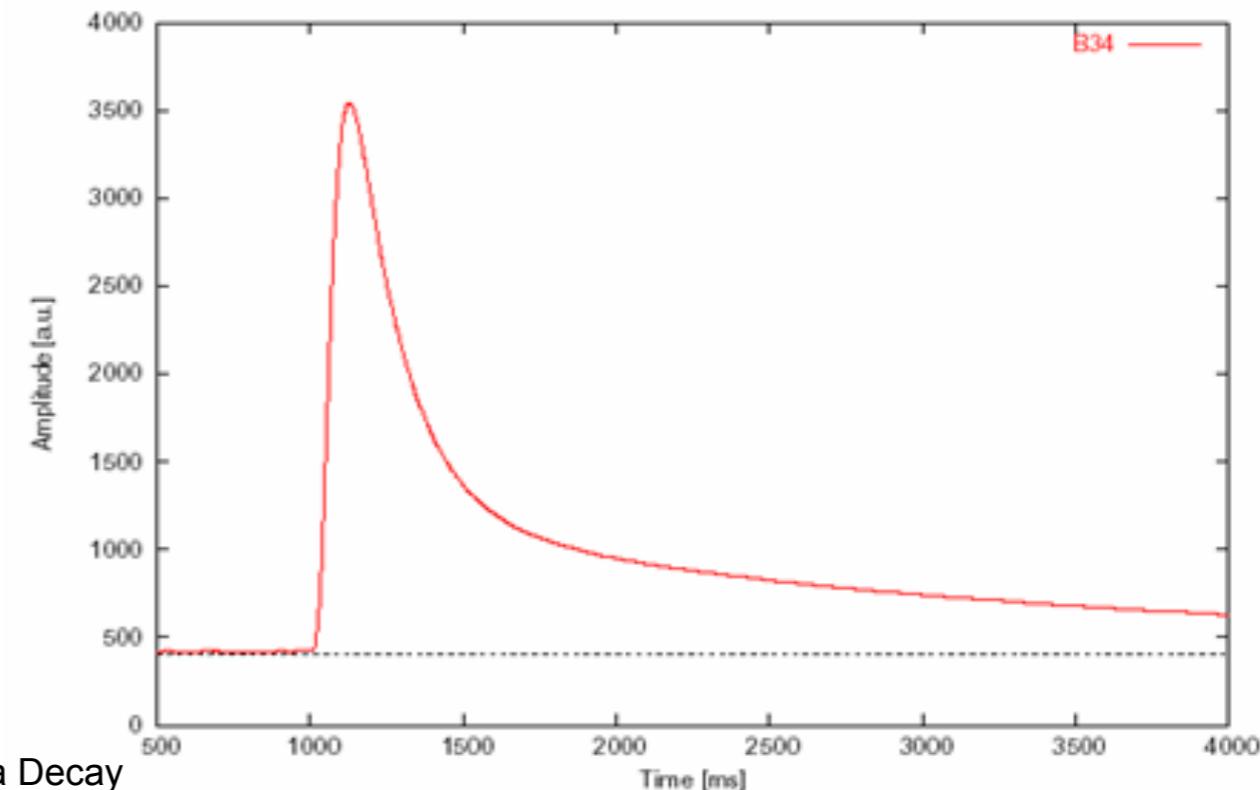
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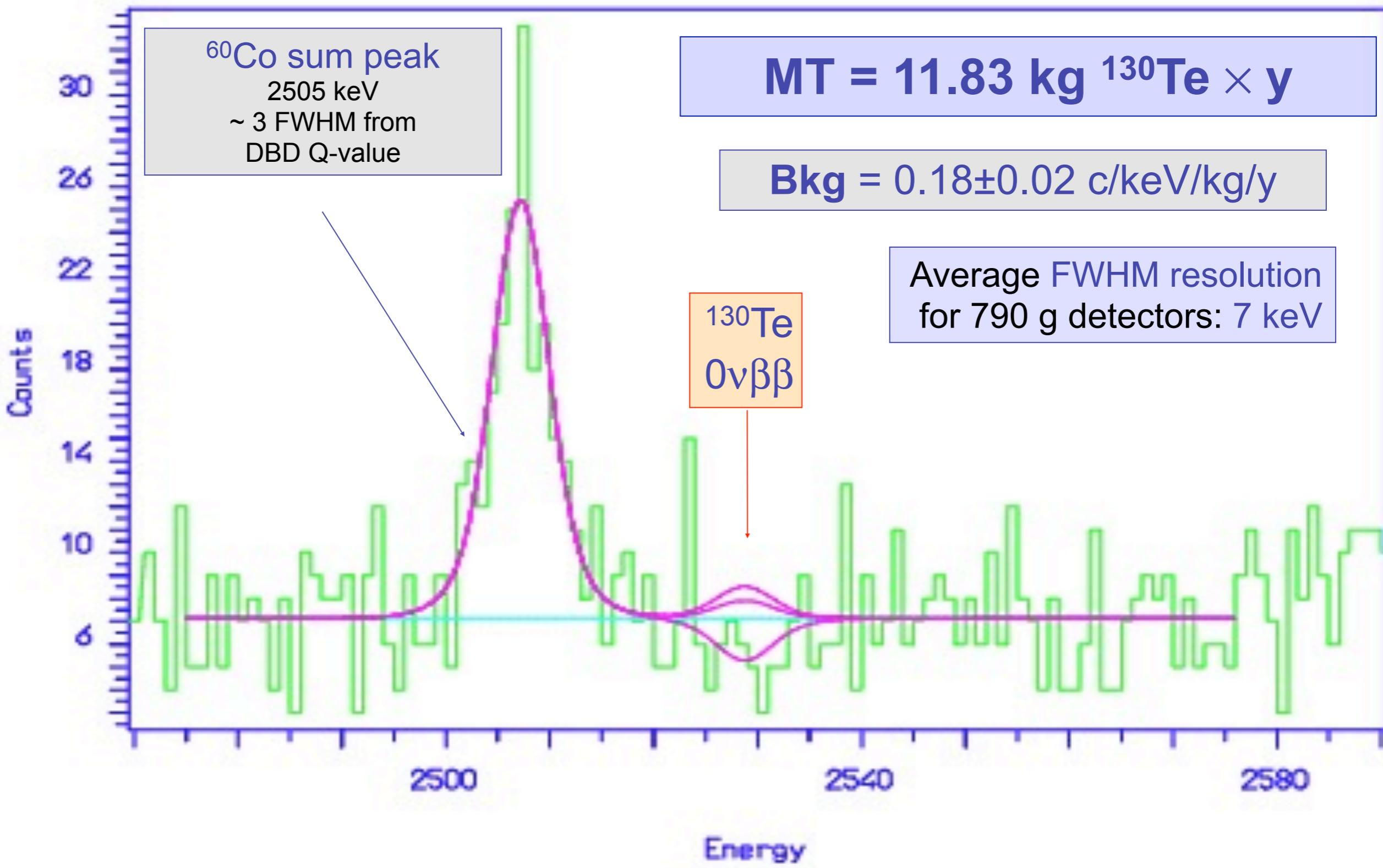


$$\Delta T = E/C$$

The detector has to work at low temperature (10 mK) in order to develop high pulses



CUORICINO



$\tau_{1/2}^{0\nu} (y) > 3.0 \times 10^{24} \text{ y}$ (90% c.l.)

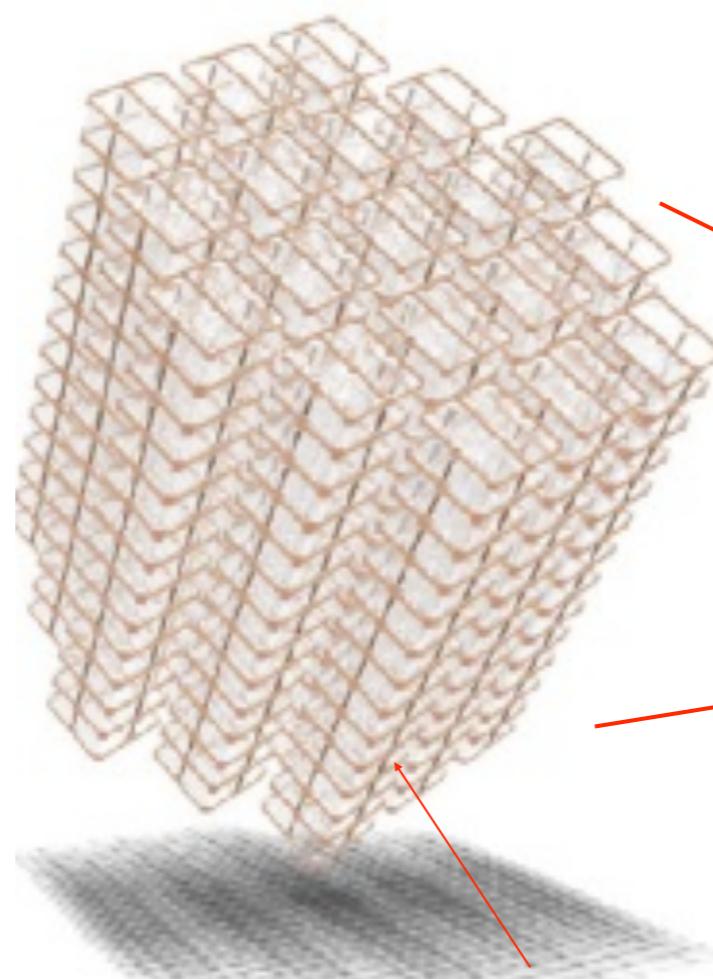
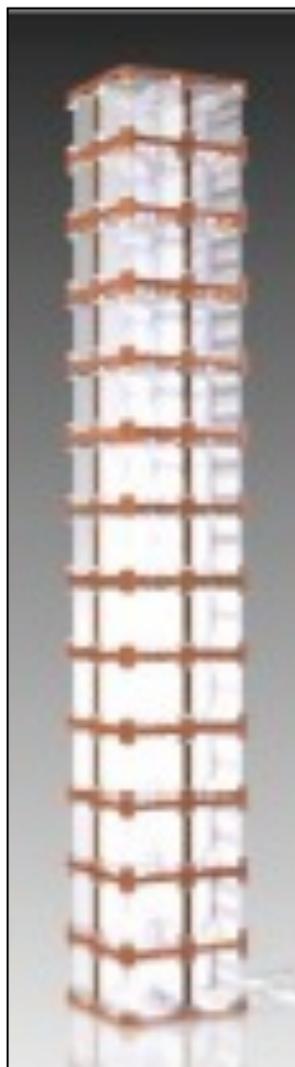
$\langle M_{\beta\beta} \rangle < 0.20 - 0.98 \text{ eV}$

CUORE. ^{130}Te

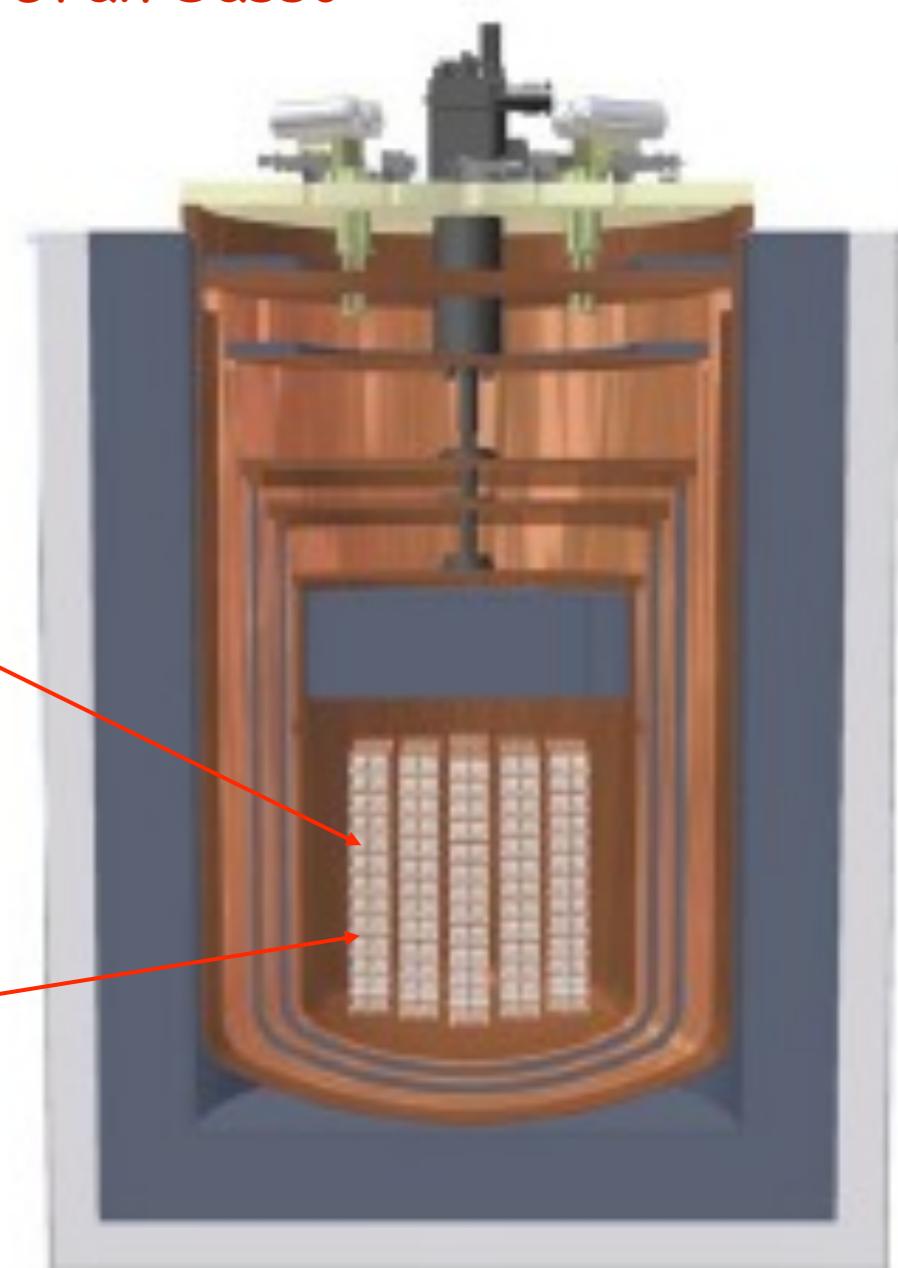
Array of 988 detectors:
19 Cuoricino-like towers.
 $\Rightarrow M = 0.741 \text{ ton}$ of TeO_2
 $\Rightarrow M = 600 \text{ kg}$ of Te
 $\Rightarrow M = 203 \text{ kg}$ of ^{130}Te



Location: Gran Sasso



Natural Te



19 CUORICINO-like towers

CUORE

Main background: Surface contamination close to fiducial volume
(Recall CUORICINO background level 0.18 ± 0.02 c/keV/kg/y)

Two-pronged approach to tackle this background:

Passive \Rightarrow surface cleaning

Active \Rightarrow event ID:

- ▶ Surface sensitive bolometers
- ▶ Scintillating bolometers

Enrichment is also possible

Expected sensitivities (5 years of data)

“Baseline” scenario

$$N_{\text{bckg}} = 0.01 \text{ cts.keV}^{-1}.\text{kg}^{-1}.\text{yr}^{-1}$$

$$T_{1/2} > 2.1 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ yr}$$

$$\langle m_\nu \rangle < 0.03 - 0.17 \text{ eV}$$

“Aggressive” scenario

$$N_{\text{bckg}} = 0.001 \text{ cts.keV}^{-1}.\text{kg}^{-1}.\text{yr}^{-1}$$

$$T_{1/2} > 6.6 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ yr}$$

$$\langle m_\nu \rangle < 0.015 - 0.1 \text{ eV}$$

Planned start-up: 2011

EXO - Enriched Xenon Observatory - ^{136}Xe

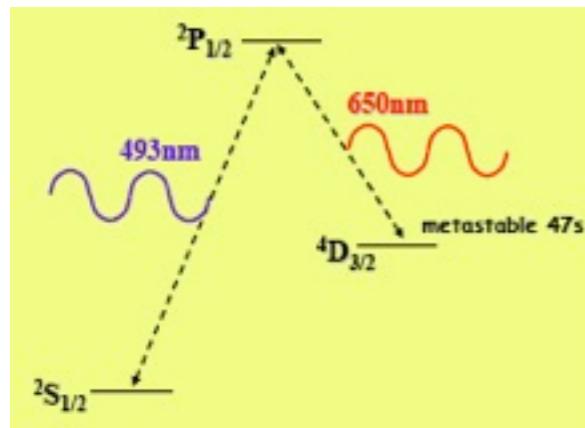


Liquid Xe TPC

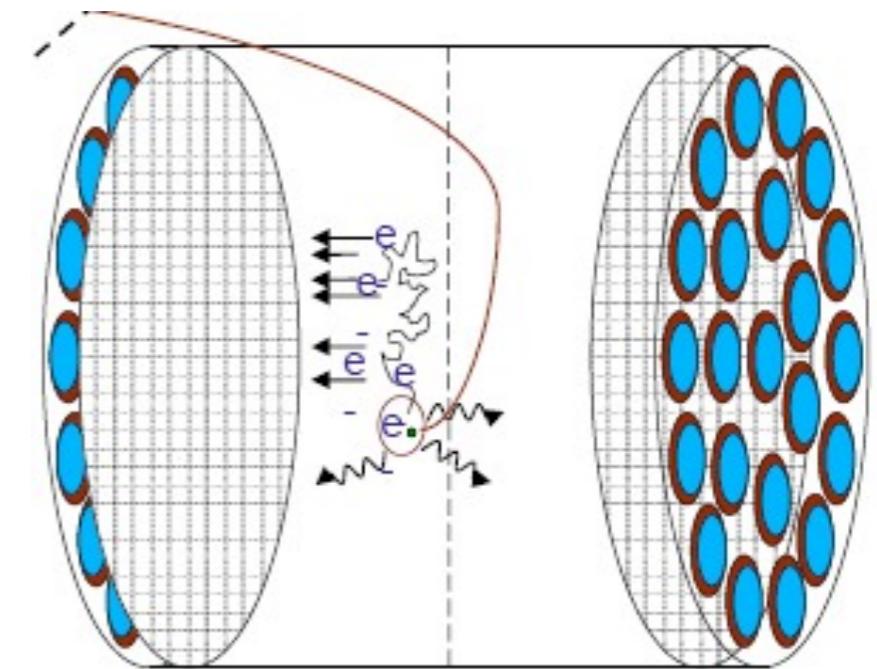
Energy measurement by ionization + scintillation

Tagging of Barium ion ($^{136}\text{Xe} \rightarrow ^{136}\text{Ba}^{++} + 2 e^-$)

Optical spectroscopy with Ba+



Ion Grabber/mover



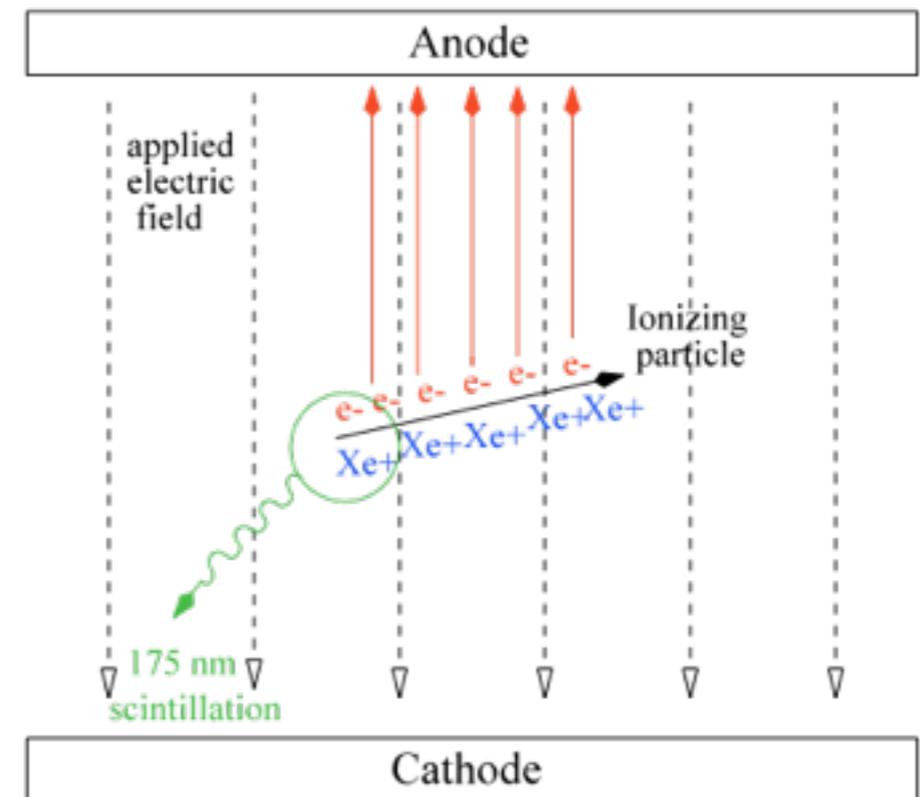
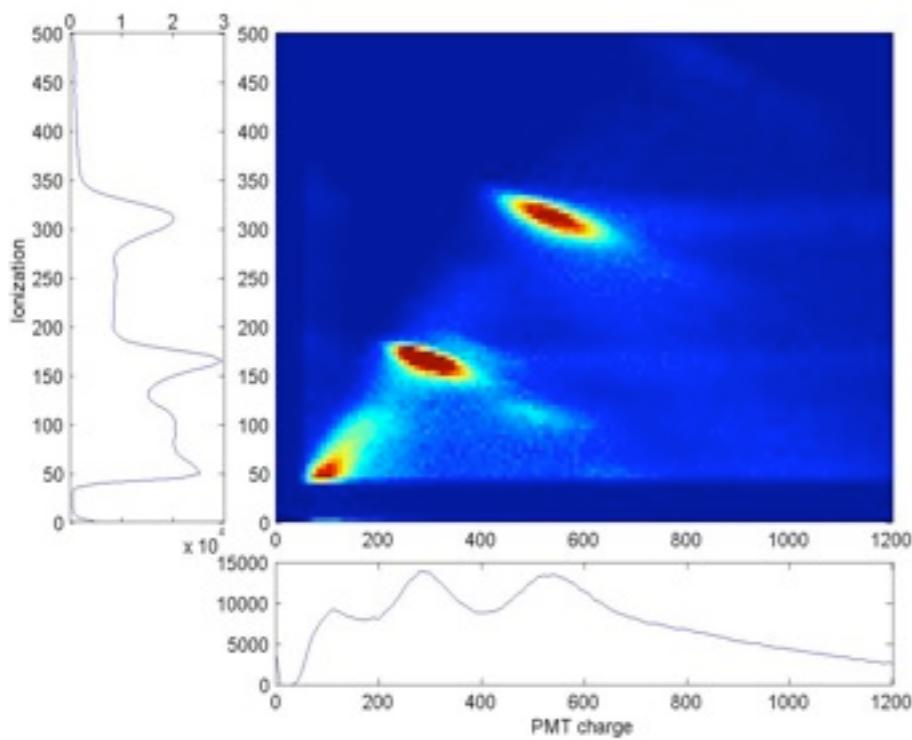
Case	Mass (ton)	Eff. (%)	Run Time (yr)	$\sigma_E/E @$ 2.5MeV	$2\nu\beta\beta$ Background (events)	$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$ (yr, 90%CL)	Majorana mass (meV) QRPA † NSM#
Conservative	1	70	5	1.6*	0.5 (use 1)	$2*10^{27}$	50 68
Aggressive	10	70	10	1†	0.7 (use 1)	$4.1*10^{28}$	11 15

EXO

200 kg of LXe (80% enriched ^{136}Xe in hand)

No Ba⁺ tagging

Ionization + scintillation to improve $\Delta E/E$
and detect alpha (BiPo bkg suppression)



Being commissioned in WIPP (New Mexico)
Physics run to start in 2009

Goals:

- Measure $2\nu\beta\beta$ of ^{136}Xe
- Search for $0\nu\beta\beta$ in ^{136}Xe with competitive sensitivity
 - $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 6.4 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ y (after 2y)}$
- Understand the operation of a large LXe detector
 - Backgrounds
 - Resolution, Xe purification and handling

Apologies to

- Majorana
 - US-based ^{76}Ge experiment (segmented Ge detectors). Close collaboration with Ge. Merger between the two to go towards 1t.
- COBRA
 - R&D with CdZnTe semi-conductor detectors (room-ish temperature). Very interesting potential with pixelated detectors. Main isotopes ^{116}Cd and ^{130}Te
- CANDLES
 - Undoped CaF_2 scintillator crystal detectors. Isotope: ^{48}Ca . Start with natural, look into possibilities of enrichment in the future
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Experiment	Isotope	kg	$T_{1/2}$ yr, 90% CL	m_ν^* , meV	Start-up timescale	Status
HM	^{76}Ge	15	$>1.9 \cdot 10^{25}$	230-560	1990	finished
KDHK claim	^{76}Ge	15	$(0.7\text{-}4.2) \cdot 10^{25} (3\sigma)$	150-920	1990	finished
NEMO 3	^{100}Mo	7	$2 \cdot 10^{24}$ (expect. 2010)	340-590	2003	running
CUORICINO	^{130}Te	11	$>3 \cdot 10^{24}$ (current)	260-610	2002	running
CUORE	^{130}Te	210	$1.3 \cdot 10^{26}$	40-92	2011	approved
GERDA, Phase I	^{76}Ge	15	$3 \cdot 10^{25}$	180-440	2009	approved
Phase II	^{76}Ge	~31	$2 \cdot 10^{26}$	70-170	2011	approved
EXO 200	^{136}Xe	160	$6.4 \cdot 10^{25}$	270-380	2009	approved
EXO 1t	^{136}Xe	800	$2 \cdot 10^{27}$	50-68	2015	R&D
SuperNEMO	$^{82}\text{Se}/^{150}\text{Nd}$	100	$1 \cdot 10^{26}$	45-110	2012	Design Study
COBRA	^{116}Cd	151	$1.5 \cdot 10^{26}$	38-96	?	R&D
SNO+	^{150}Nd	500	$(1\text{-}5) \cdot 10^{25}$	50-100 (?)	2012?	R&D

CUORE, GERDA and SuperNEMO are on the European roadmap for astro-particle physics (ASPERA)

* Matrix elements from MEDEX'07 or provided by experiments

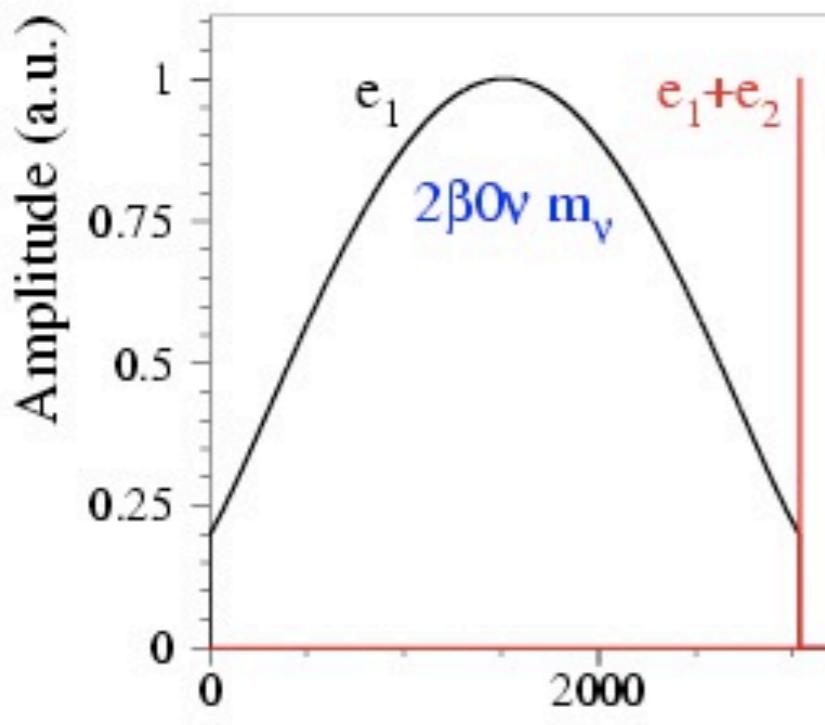
Summary

- $0\nu\beta\beta$ is **the only practical way** to establish neutrino mass nature (Majorana vs Dirac) and understand if $\Delta L \neq 0$.
- Vibrant and rapidly growing field
- Results will come in from several **x100kg** experiments in near-ish future
 - Big potential for a **major discovery**
 - **Necessary step** to converge on 1-2 ton-scale detector technology(ies)

BACKUP

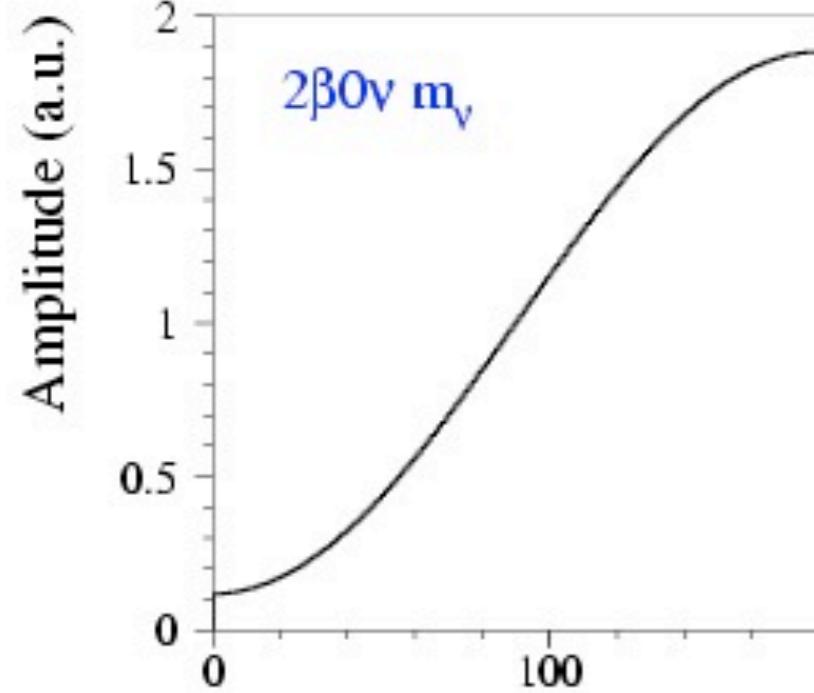
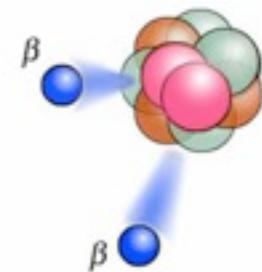
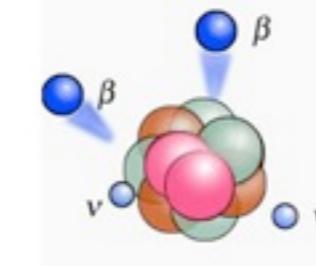
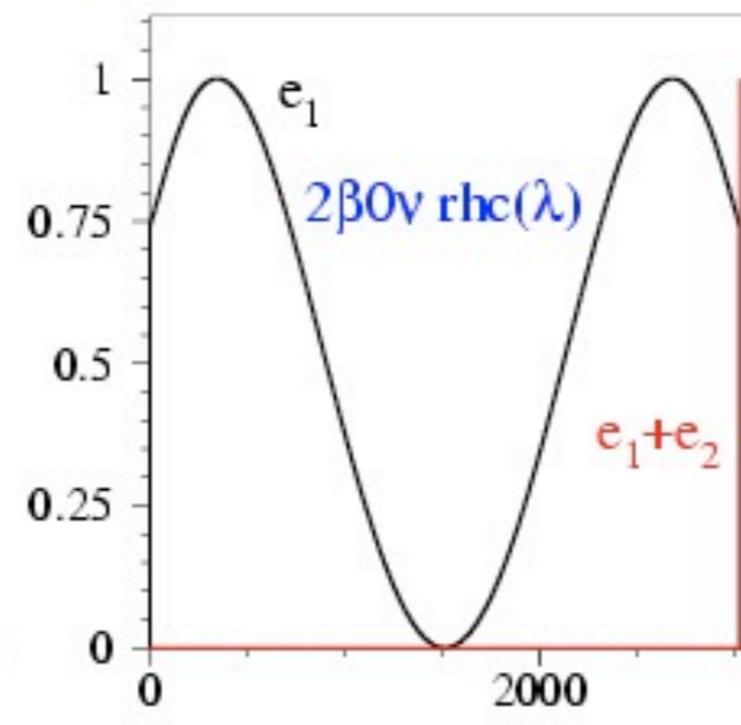
Topology detection may disentangle underlying physics mechanism

$\langle m_\nu \rangle$ $0\nu\beta\beta$ mechanism

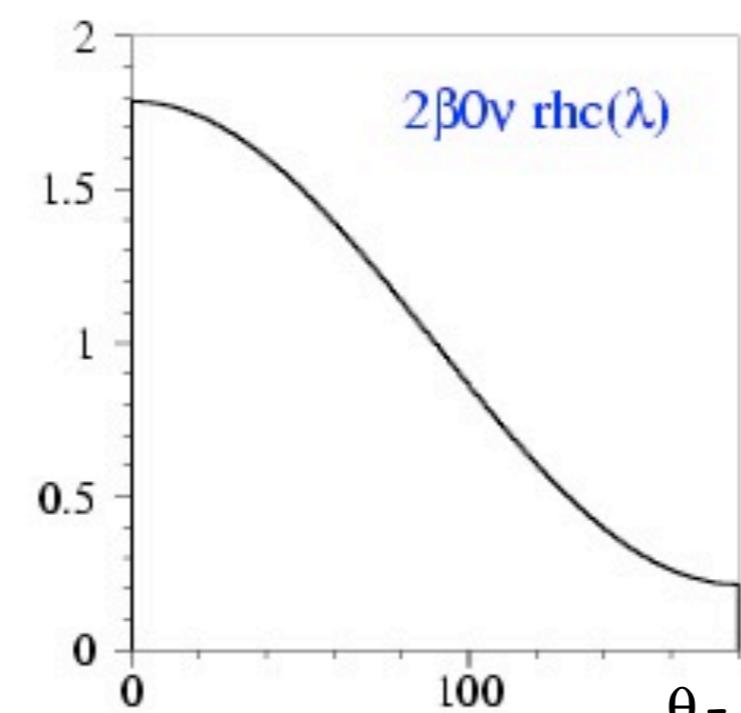


^{100}Mo

V+A $0\nu\beta\beta$ mechanism



^{100}Mo



Energy (keV)

θ - angle between e_1 and e_2

"Begging" for
topological detection!

0νββ experiment is about BKG suppression!

$$T_{1/2}(90\% \text{ CL}) > N_A \frac{\varepsilon \ln 2}{n_{90} A} \sqrt{\frac{M T}{b \Delta E}}$$

detector efficiency mass live time

bkg / (keV kg yr) in window ΔE
 N_{excluded} for 90% CL

Current best calorimeters (bolometers, Ge):

$$b = 0.2 \text{ counts}/(\text{keV kg yr}) \quad \Delta E = 5 \text{ keV}$$

$$b\Delta E = 1 \text{ c/kg yr}$$

Next generation calorimeters (CUORE, GERDA):

$$b = 0.01 \text{ counts}/(\text{keV kg yr}) \quad \Delta E = 5 \text{ keV}$$

$$b\Delta E = 0.05 \text{ c/kg yr}$$

Current topological (NEMO3)

$$b = 0.002 \text{ counts}/(\text{keV kg yr}) \quad \Delta E = 250 \text{ keV} \quad \Delta E/E = 8\%$$

$$b\Delta E = 0.5 \text{ c/kg yr}$$

Next generation topological (SuperNEMO)

$$b = 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ counts}/(\text{keV kg yr}) \quad \Delta E = 150 \text{ keV} \quad \Delta E/E = 4\%$$

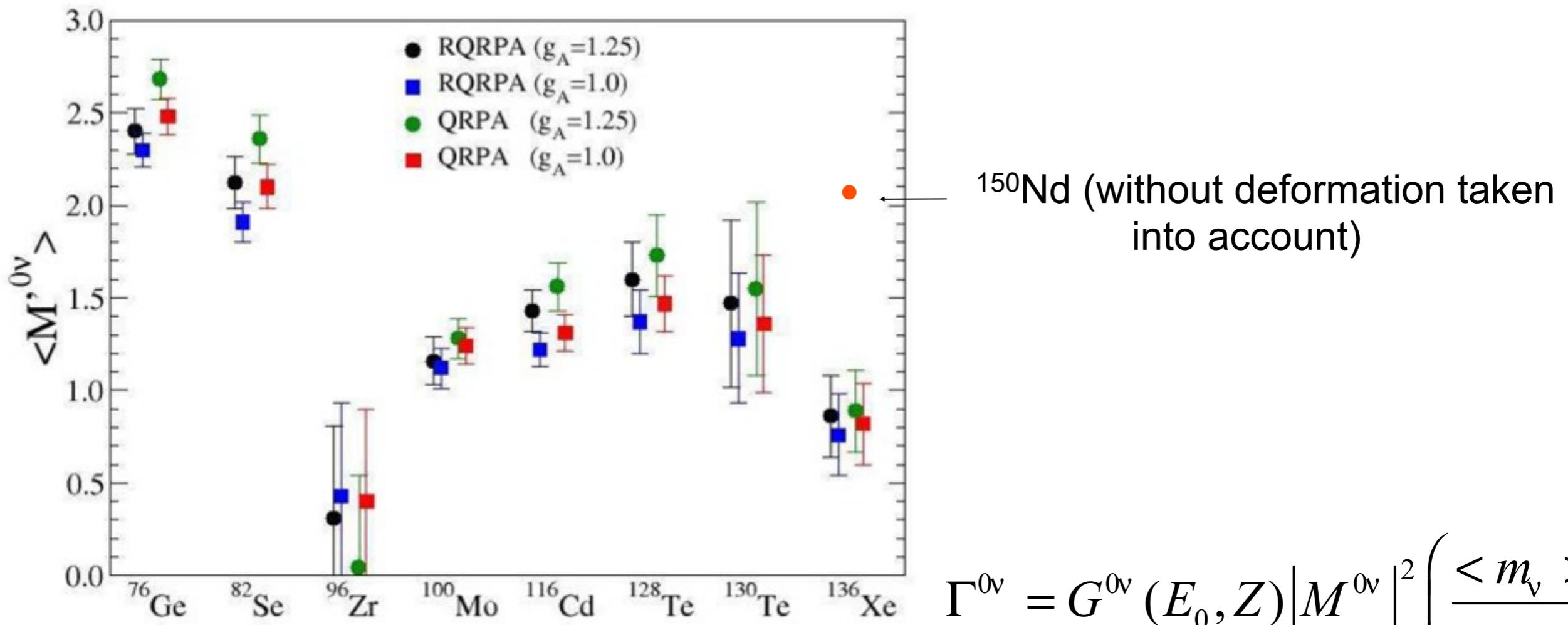
$$b\Delta E = 0.0075 \text{ c/kg yr}$$

"Dream" scenario for calorimeters:

$$b = 0.001 \text{ counts}/(\text{keV kg yr}) \quad \Delta E = 5 \text{ keV} \quad \Delta E/E = 0.2\%$$

$$b\Delta E = 0.005 \text{ c/kg yr}$$

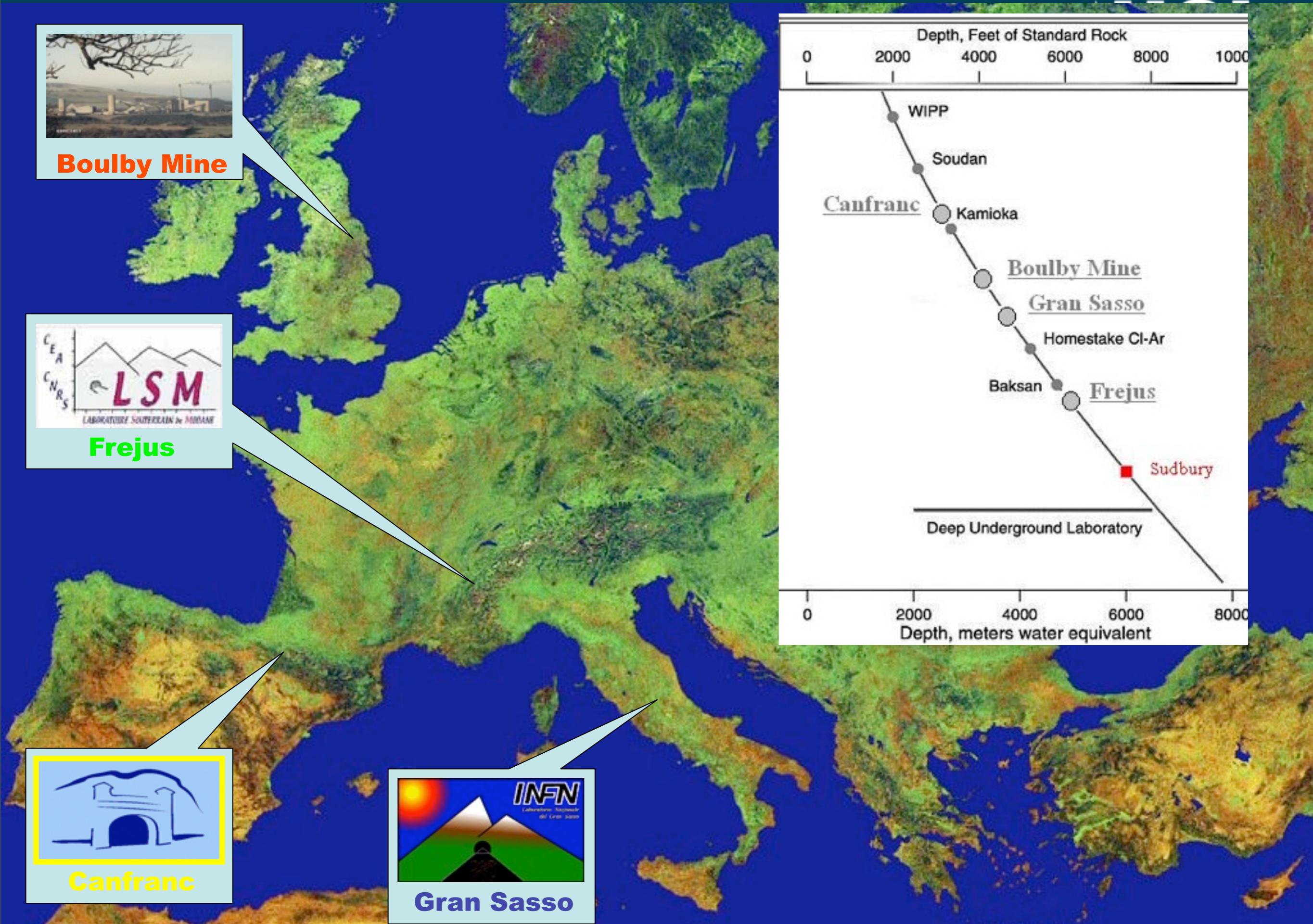
$$\Delta E/E = 0.2\%$$



$$\Gamma^{0v} = G^{0v}(E_0, Z) |M^{0v}|^2 \left(\frac{\langle m_v \rangle}{m_e} \right)^2$$

Phase space factor

Isotope	^{48}Ca	^{76}Ge	^{82}Se	^{96}Zr	^{100}Mo	^{116}Cd	^{130}Te	^{136}Xe	^{150}Nd
$G^{0v} \times 10^{-15} \text{ yr}^{-1}$	75.8	7.6	33.5	69.7	54.5	58.9	52.8	56.3	249



LSM extension project. Plan to be ready in 2013.

