

Neutrino physics with low temperature detectors

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- Thermal sensors
- Particle identification in bolometers
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- Coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering
- Direct neutrino mass measurement
- Double beta decay

- **Conclusions**

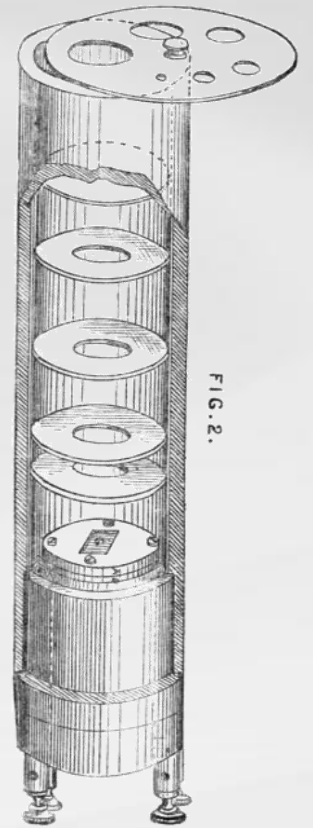
Bolometers: definition and history

- Name comes from greek βολος : ray
- Defined in 1880 by Samuel P. Langley

THE BOLOMETER

AN instrument a thousand times more sensitive to radiant heat than the thermopile, and capable of indicating a change of temperature as minute as 1-100,000th of a single Centigrade degree, deserves the attention of the physicist.

- First device was used to measure the intensity of solar radiation at various wavelengths
- Measurements at ambient temperature
- Sensitivity $\Delta T \sim 10^{-5} \text{ K}$

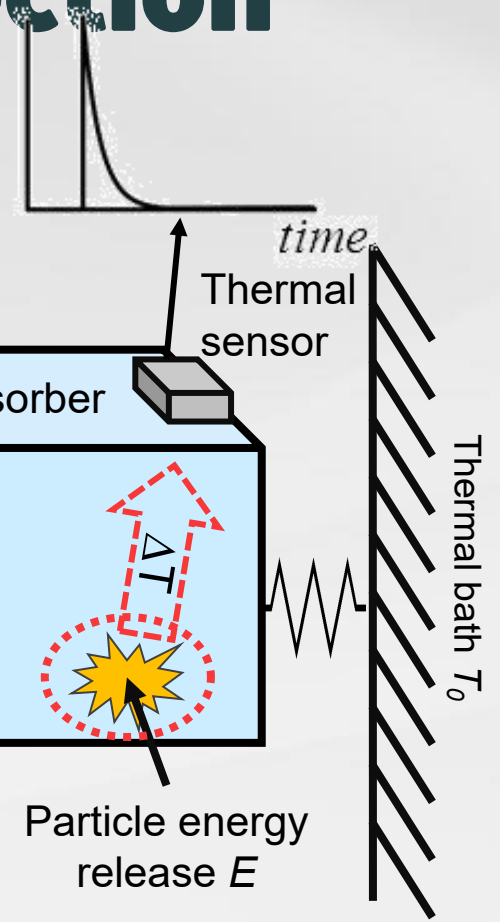


*S. Langley, The bolometer
Nature, 25, 14-16, 1882*

Modern bolometers for particle detection

- Measurement of radiation via temperature change
- Requires very low temperatures of operation to detect this change (~10-100 mK)
- The change itself is defined by heat capacity and released energy:

$$\Delta T = \frac{E}{C}$$



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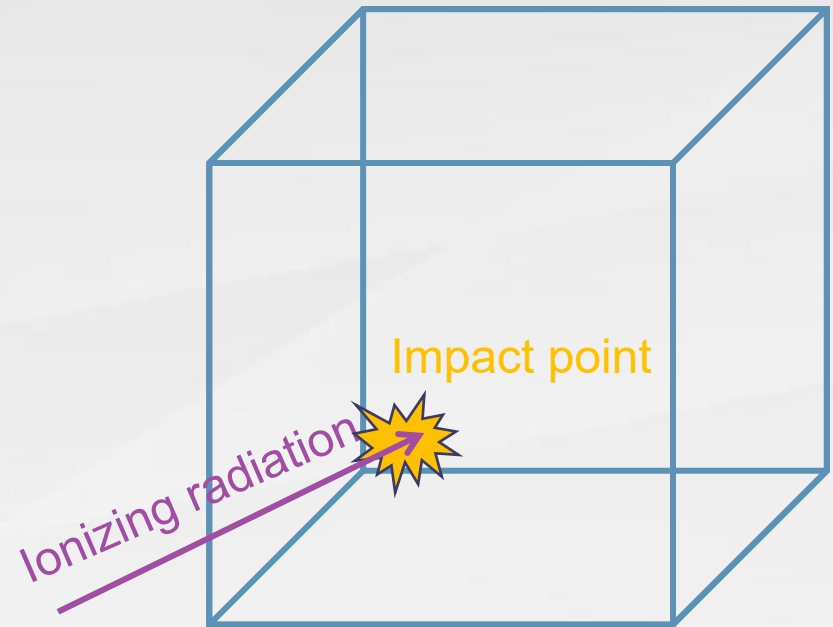
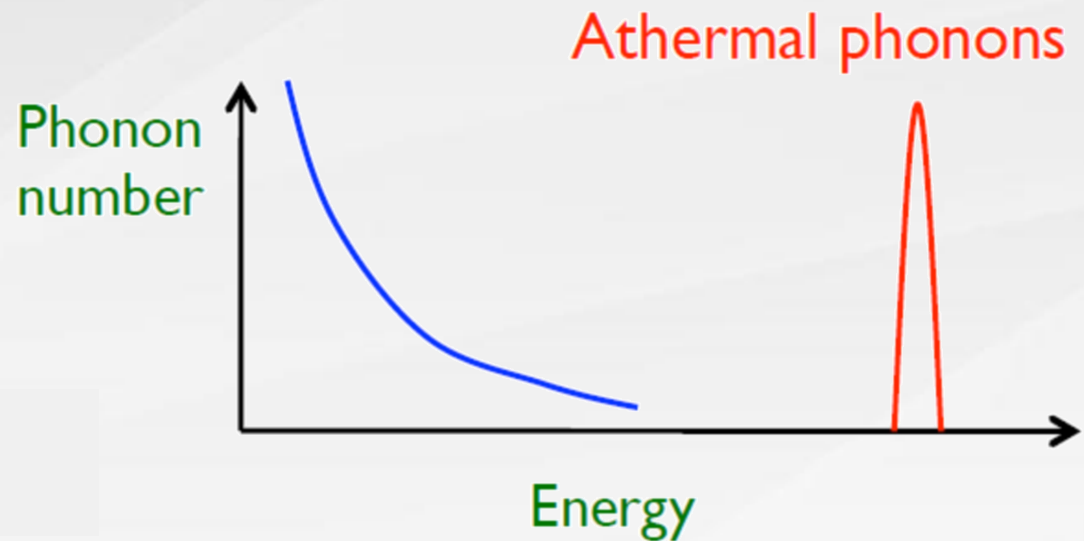
$$C_r(T) = \frac{12\pi^4}{5} N_A k_b \left(\frac{T}{\Theta_D}\right)^3$$

Debye law for dielectrics

Low heat capacity is essential for building a good bolometer!

Phonon propagation

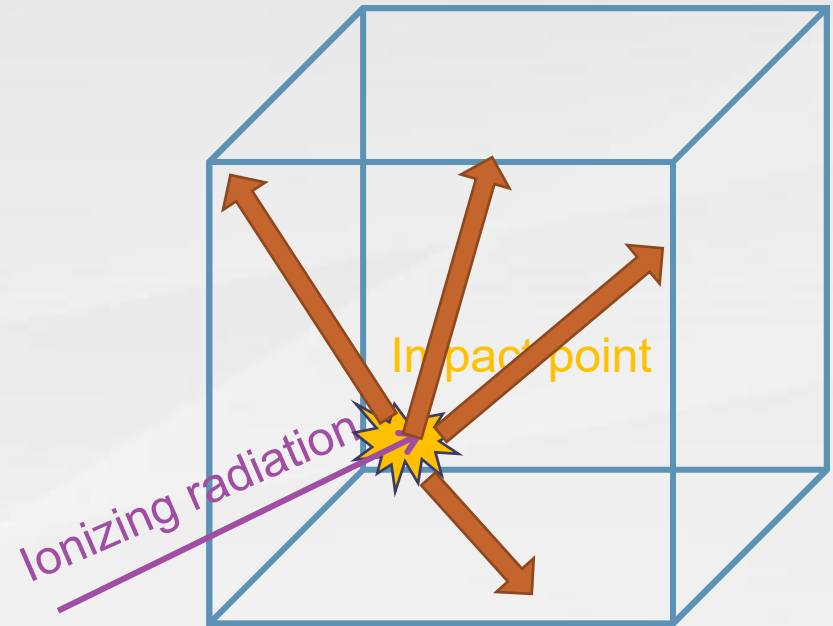
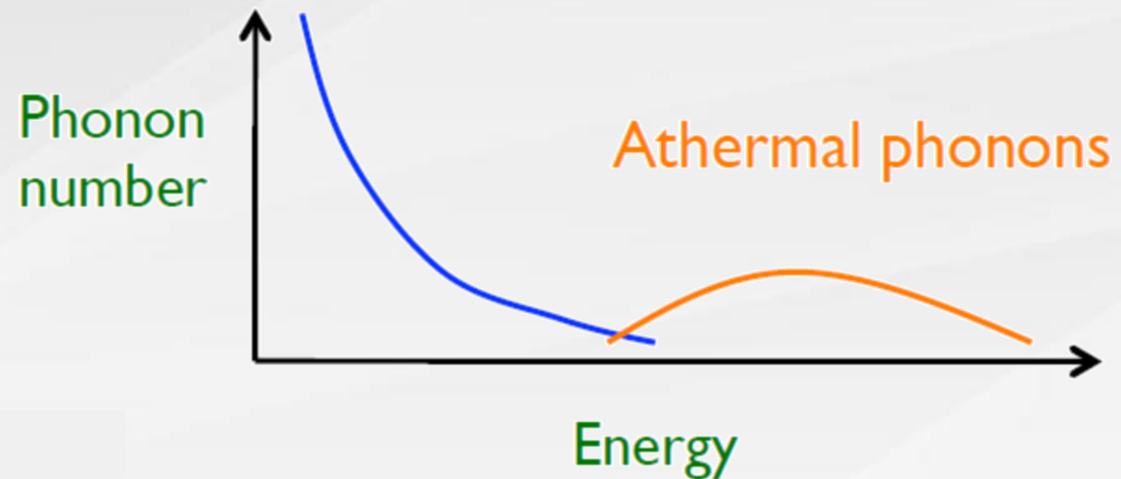
- Initial high-energy phonons:
 - Very short pathlength
 - Degrade very quickly



Position dependence through the pulse shape

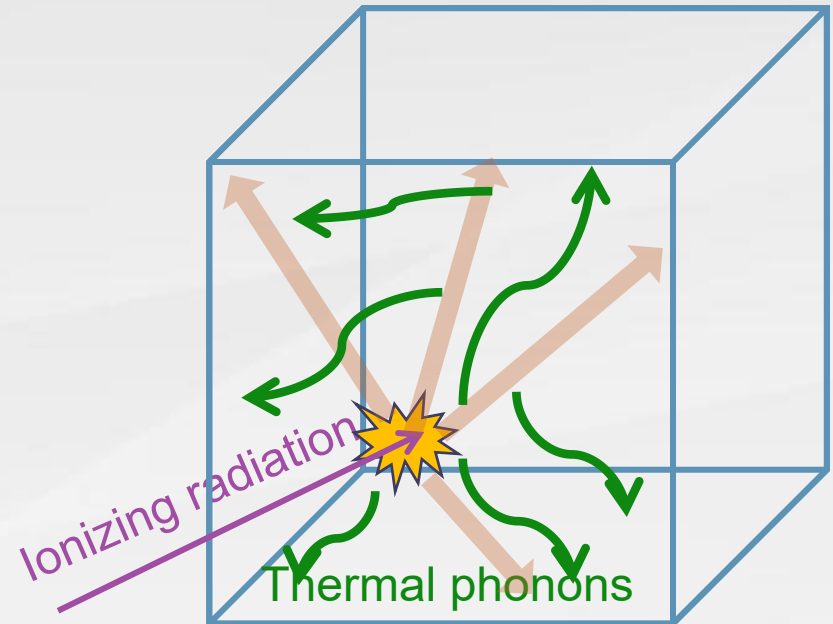
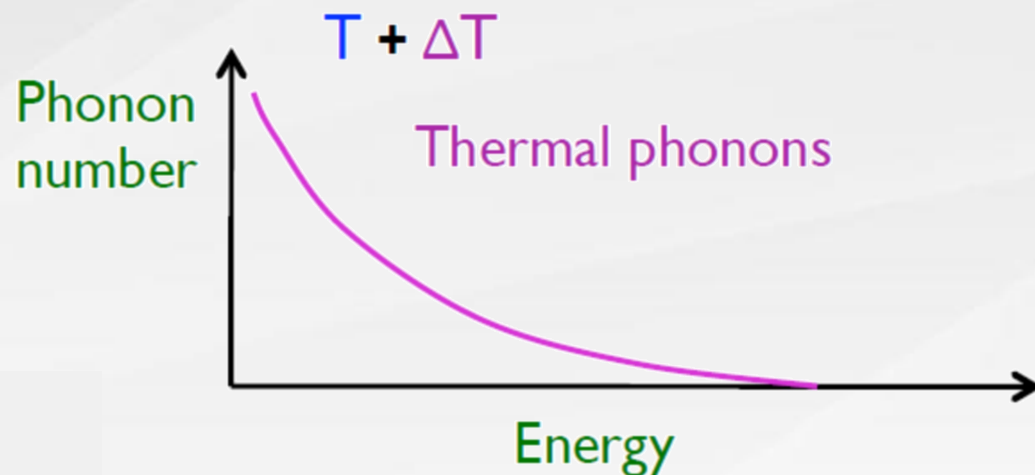
Phonon propagation

- Ballistic phonons
 - Longer lifetime (ms)
 - Path > detector size
 - Degrade through scattering on surfaces (mostly)



Phonon propagation

- Thermal phonons:
 - Thermalization time = C/G
 - Only energy is measured, all other features are washed out



Slow (~ms)
The most reliable energy
measurement

Energy resolution

- Internal energy resolution:

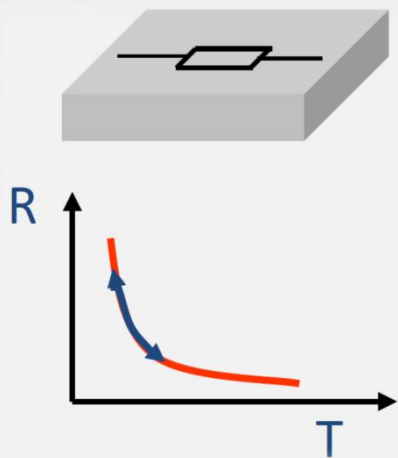
$$\Delta E_{int} = \sqrt{N} \cdot k_B T = \sqrt{k_B C(T) T^2} \sim \text{few eV for macrobolometers}$$

- Other mechanisms to be taken into account:
energy losses in the detector volume, external noise sources
- Typical energy resolution strongly depends on size of the bolometer,
ranges from eV to keV

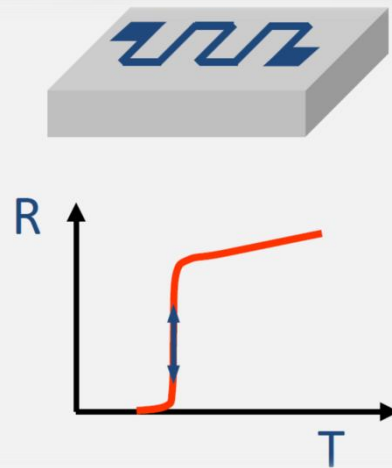
Thermal sensors

Typical sensors

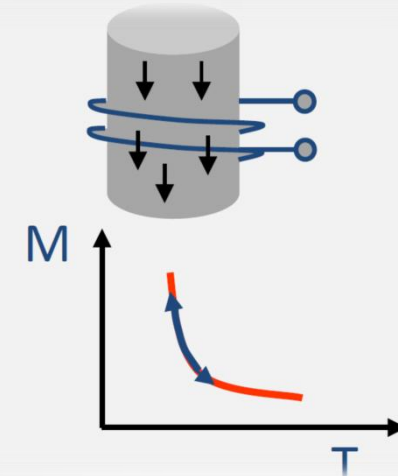
- What do we need?
- Large change of “X” parameter depending on temperature
- Low heat capacity (absorber is dominant)
- Speed of signal depends on the type of phonons we are sensitive to



Neutron Transmutation Doped sensors



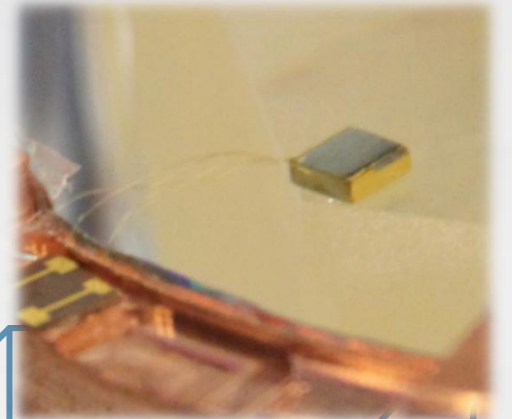
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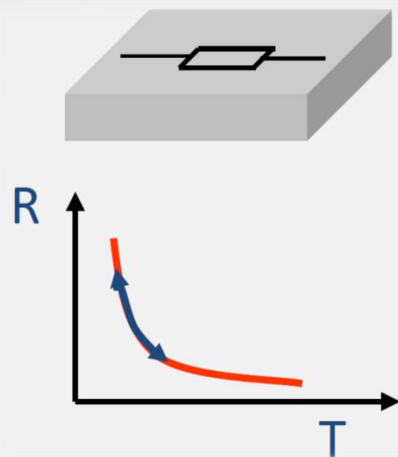
Metallic Magnetic Calorimeters

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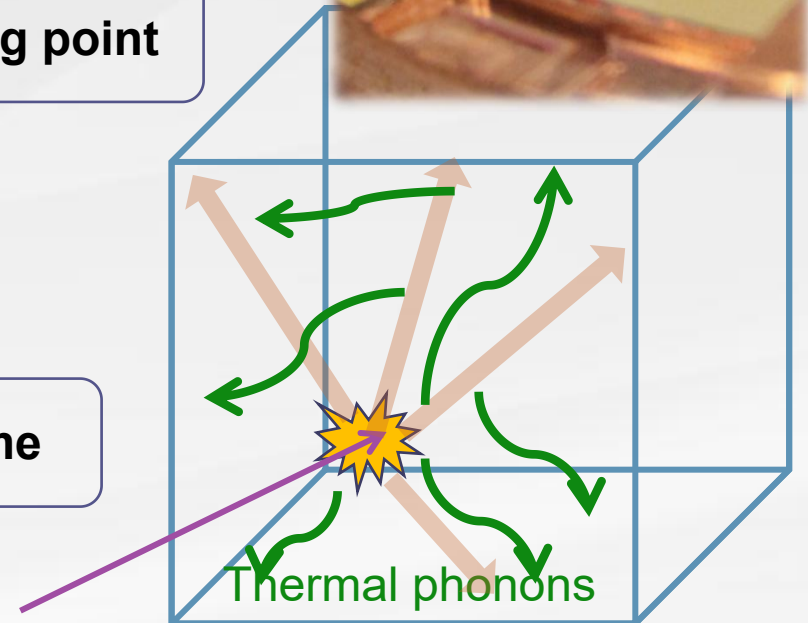
- Produced by irradiation of Ge crystal with thermal neutrons
- Good reproducibility for big amounts of sensors
- Temperature dependence: $R = R_0 \exp\left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right)^{1/2}$



1-10 ~ MOhms at working point



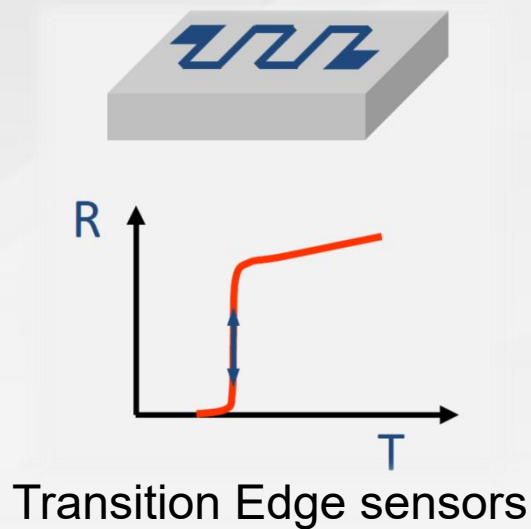
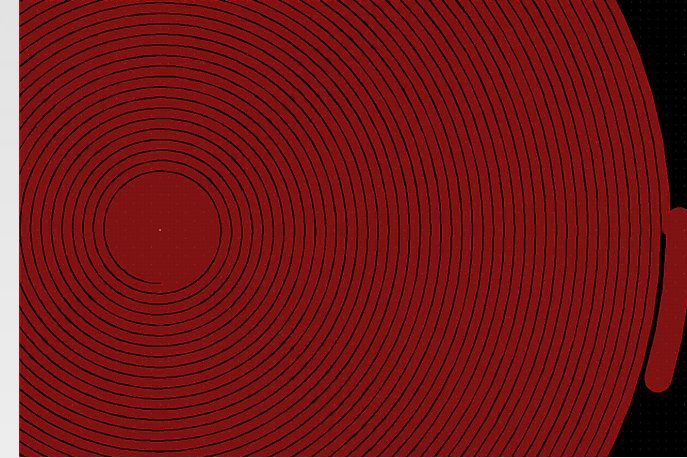
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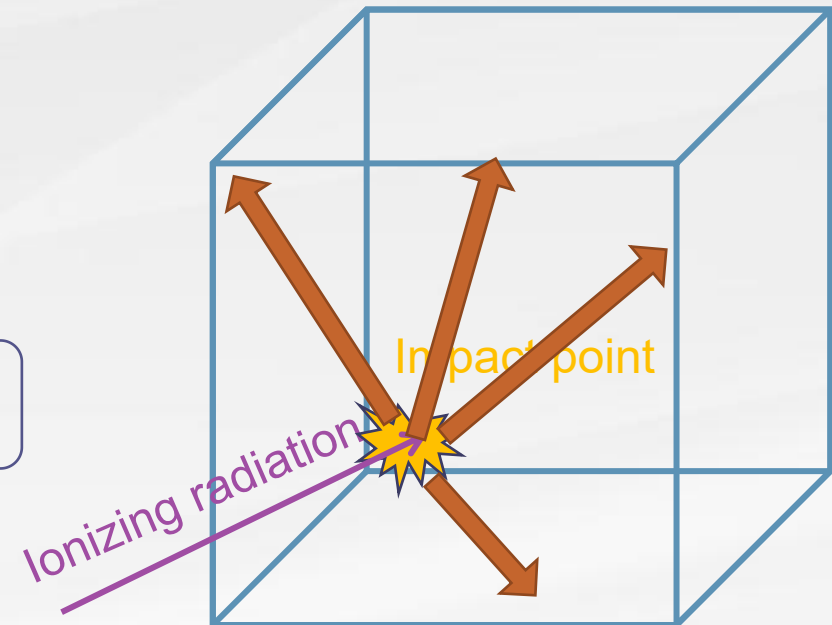
Thermal phonons

Transition Edge sensors

- Exploiting superconducting transition
- Materials: Mo/Cu Mo/Au Ir/Au Ti/Au W....
- SQUIDs generally required for read-out

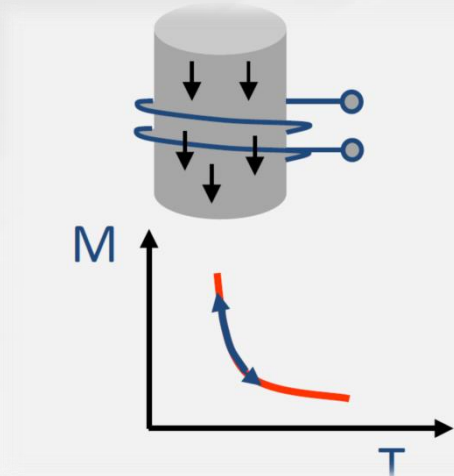
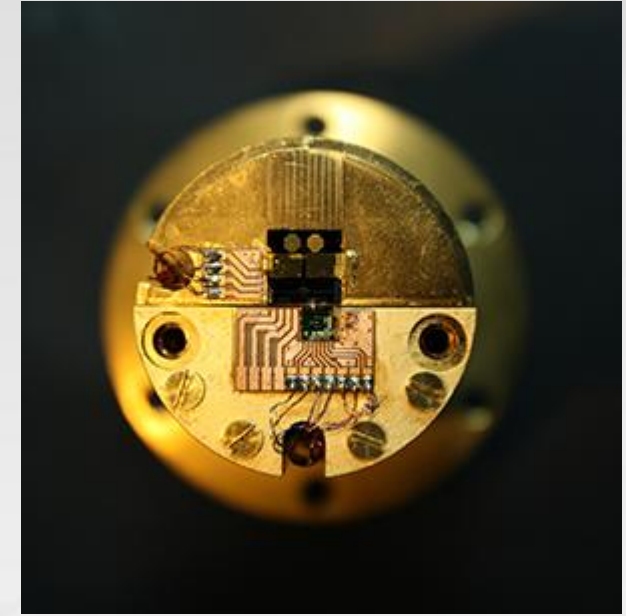


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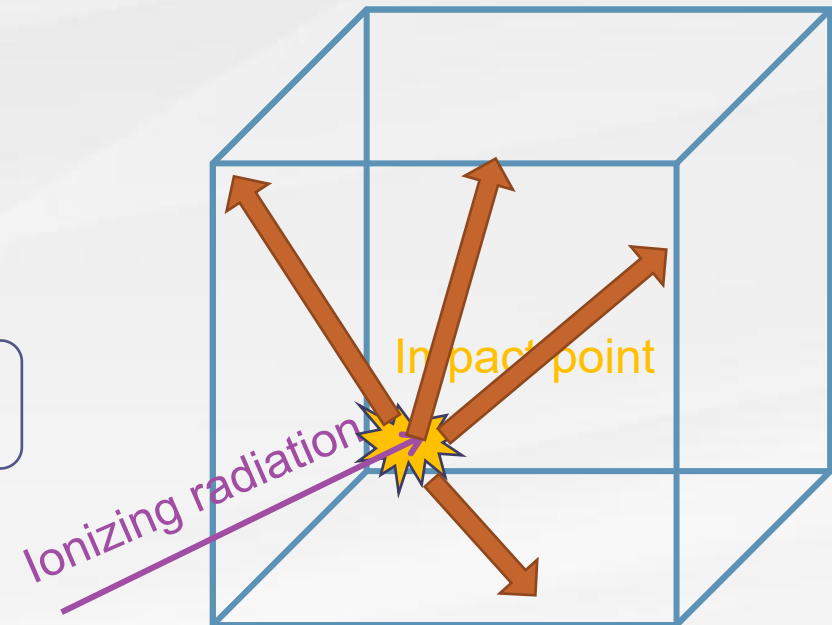
Metallic Magnetic Calorimeters

- Magnetization of material changes with temperature
- SQUIDs generally required for read-out
- no dissipation in the sensor
- no galvanic contact to the sensor



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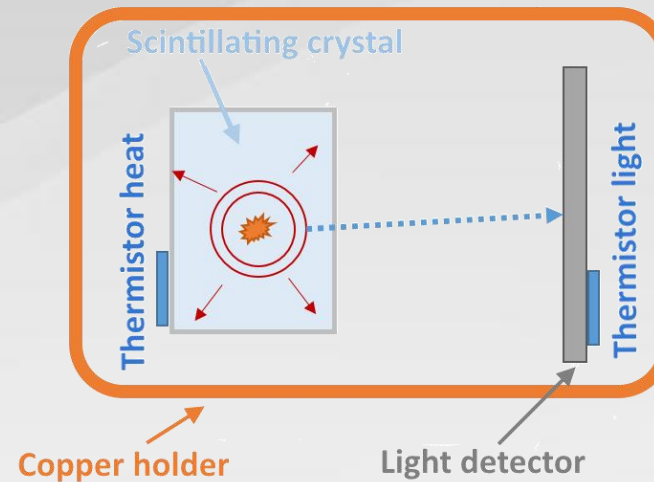
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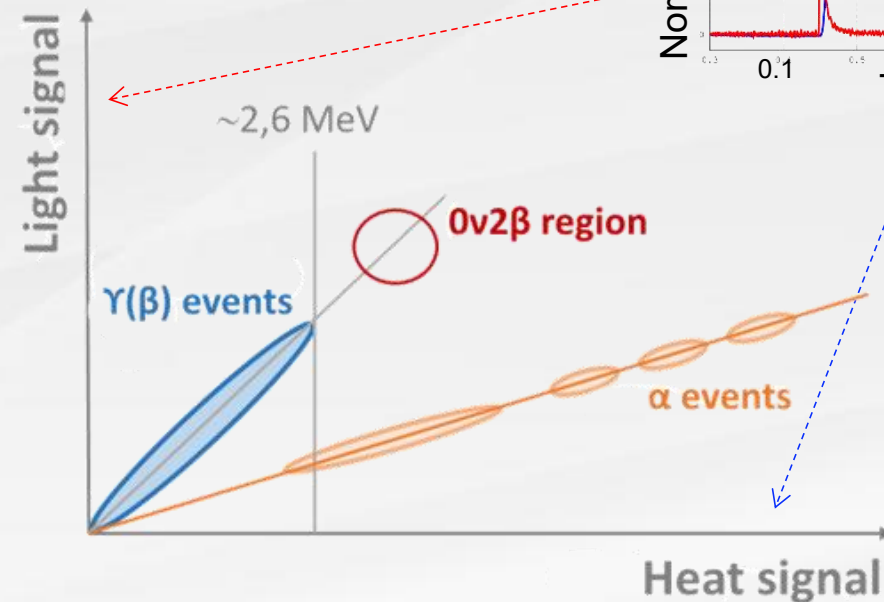
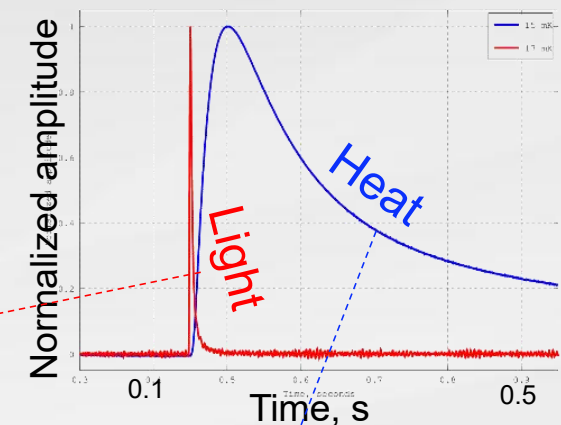
Particle identification with bolometers

Particle discrimination with bolometers

- Scintillation:
- Alphas and nuclear recoils emit in general a different amount of light with respect to beta/gamma of the same energy
- Particle **discrimination using light for α rejection**



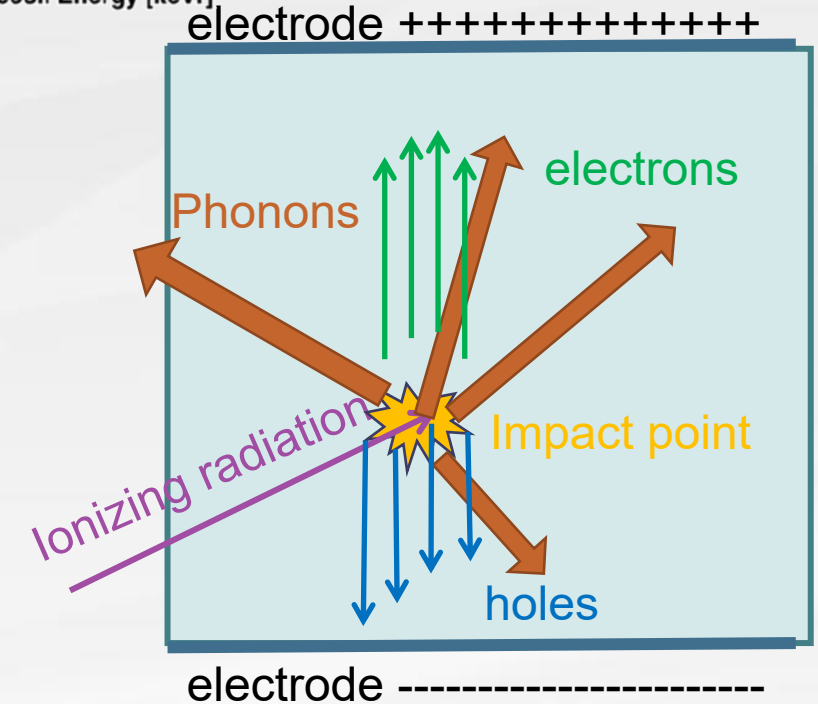
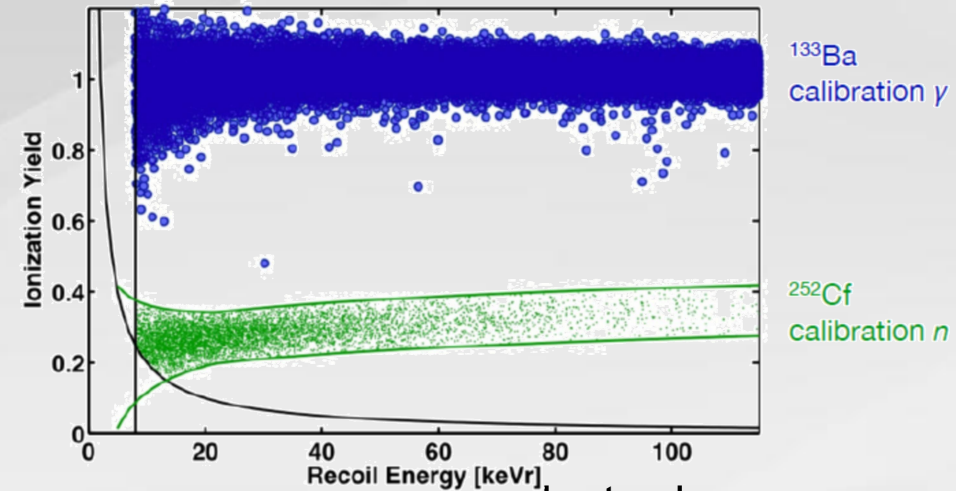
Typical signal: **0.1 mK/MeV**,
converted to **0.1-0.2 mV/MeV**



Particle discrimination with bolometers

Ionisation:

- Nuclear recoils produce less charge with respect to same energy electron recoils induced by beta/gamma.
- Add a charge readout to the phonon readout
- Excellent method to discriminate nuclear recoils from electron recoils

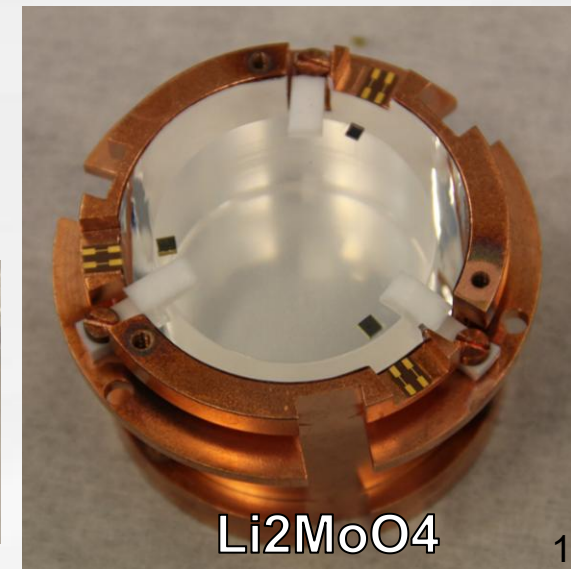
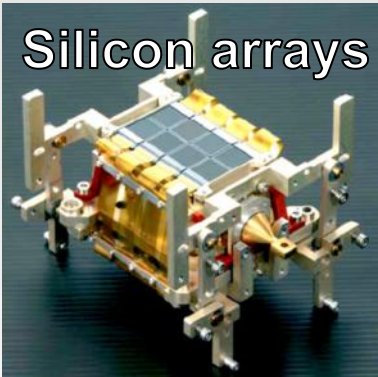


Advantages and applications

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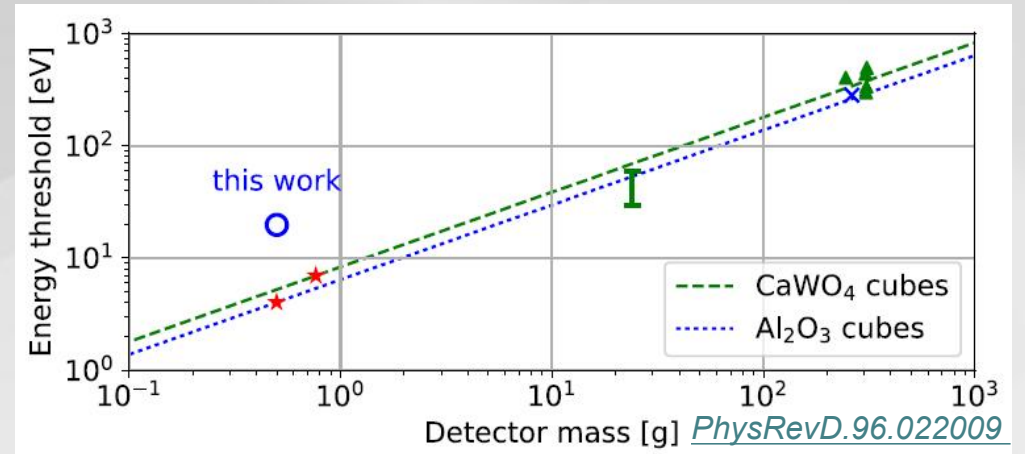
- Materials - you need sufficiently high Debye temperature and non-magnetic material for a good absorber
- The studied isotope can be embedded into the detector



Bolometers are

Very flexible in:

- Energy ranges!
- This depend on the absorber size, sensors, etc.
- From infrared to X-rays and particle detection



Experimental tests of a single-photon calorimeter for x-ray spectroscopy

Journal of Applied Physics 56, 1263 (1984); <https://doi.org/10.1063/1.334130>

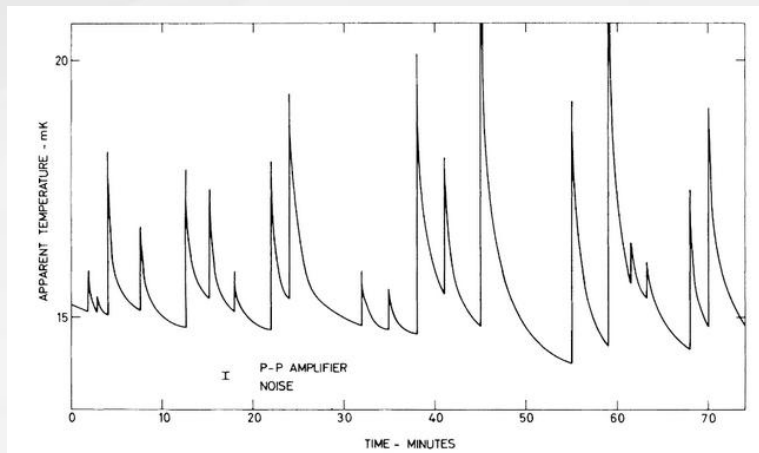
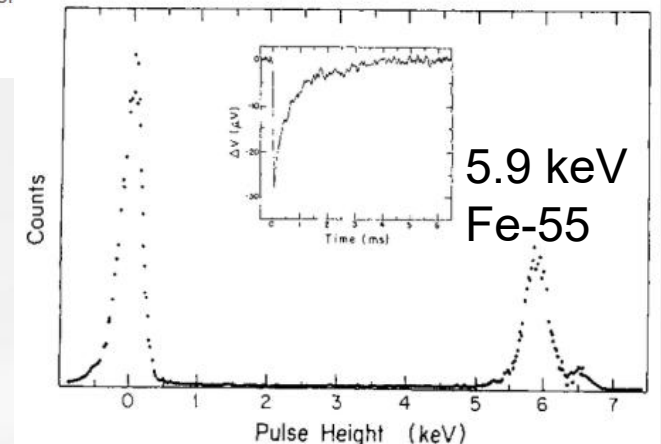
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Physics Department, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin

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Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland 20771

First energy spectrum with a low temperature calorimeter, 1984



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- Dark matter searches
- **Neutrino physics studies**
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Are there any disadvantages?

- Relatively slow detectors (especially large devices)
- Require complex infrastructure for stable operation
 - Restricted volume (by size of cryostat)
- Large masses through arrays - a lot of electronics channels!

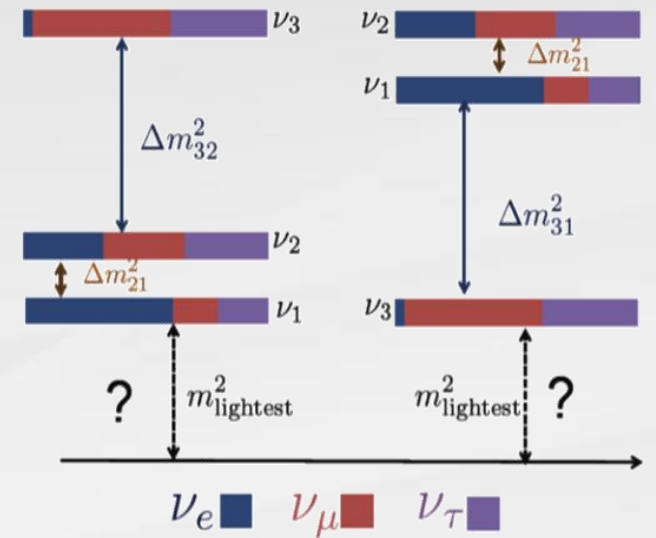
Neutrino physics: big questions

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What we need to find out?

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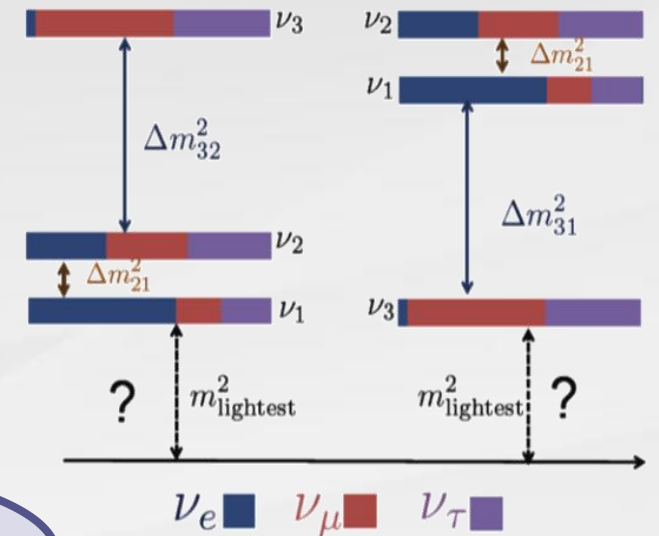


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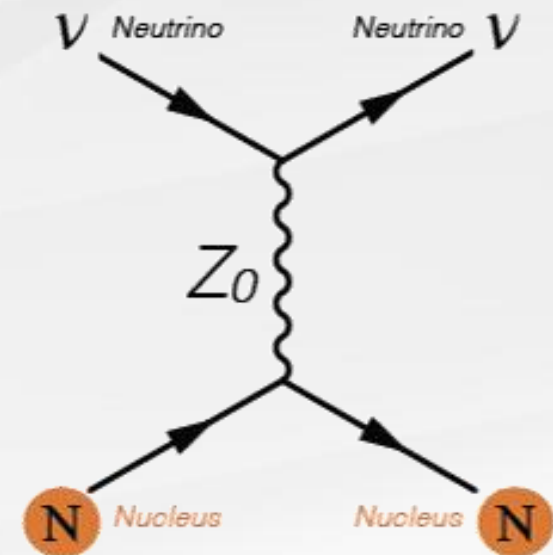
- **Neutrino absolute masses** ← Direct m_β mass measurement
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Coherent Elastic Neutrino-Nucleus Scattering ($\text{CE}\nu\text{NS}$)

CE ν NS

- Largest neutrino cross section at low energies by few orders of magnitude: process within the SM, first detected by COHERENT collaboration in 2017
- Low-energy and high precision measurements required for further investigations:
 - Low energy test of SM
 - Physics beyond SM
 - n magnetic moment
 - Non standard n interaction
 - Z' boson



CE ν NS

- Low-energy source: reactor neutrinos

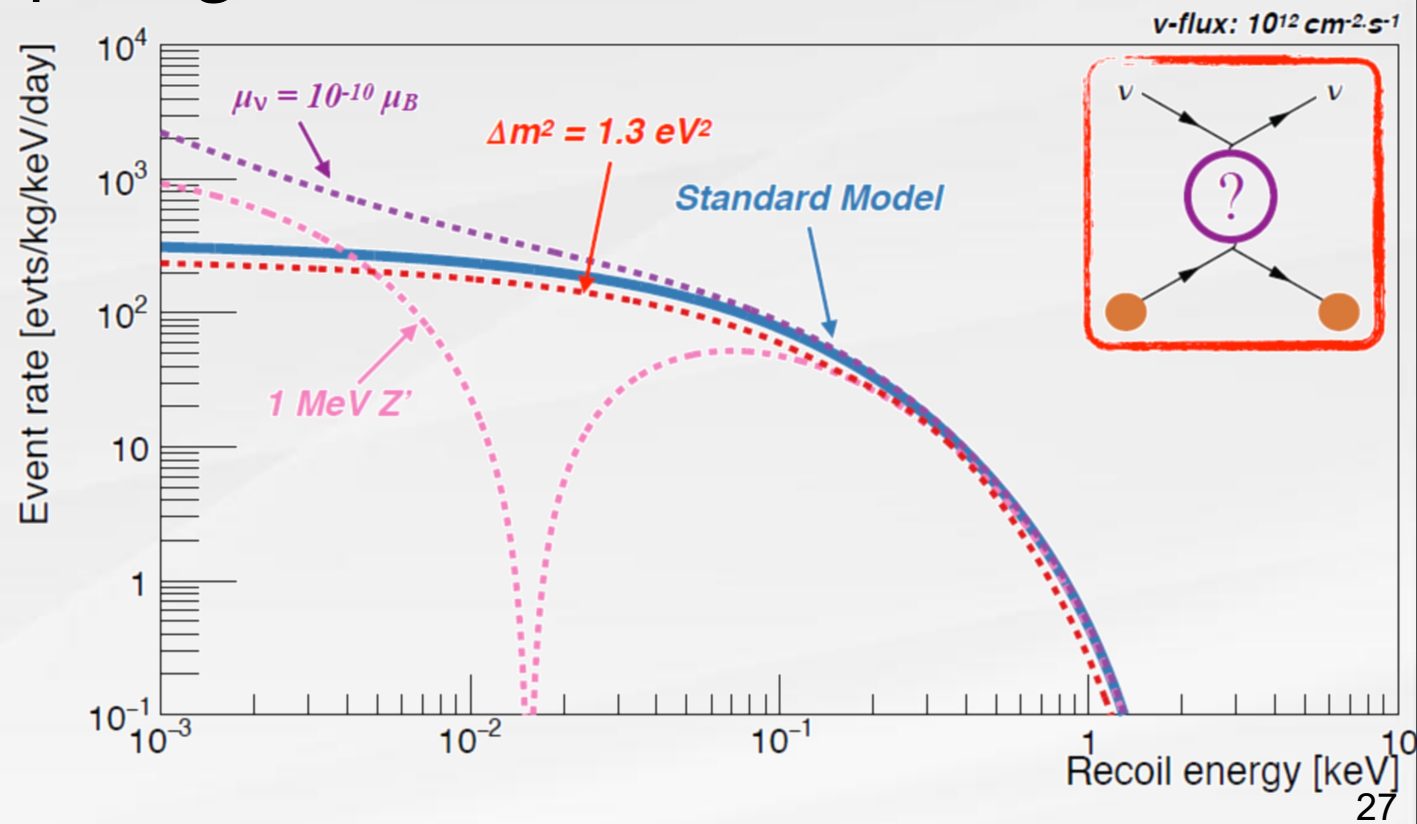
$$\frac{d\sigma(E_\nu, E_r)}{dE_r} = \frac{G_f^2}{4\pi} Q_w^2 m_N \left(1 - \frac{m_N E_r}{2E_\nu^2}\right) F^2(E_r)$$

$$Q_w = N - Z(1 - 4\sin^2 \theta_w)$$

- Few tens of events per day and per kg of detector material expected

- **O(10 eV)** threshold required

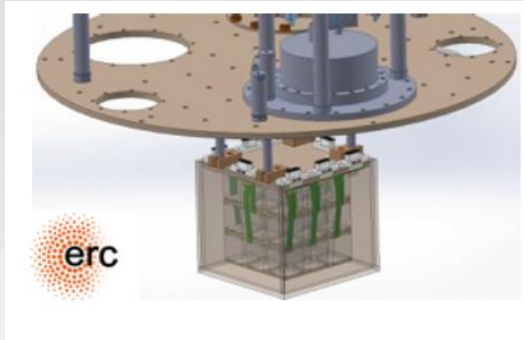
- Challenge within the reach for bolometric detector technology



CE ν NS experiments

- One of the main challenges: background reduction
- Experience adopted from dark matter experiments:

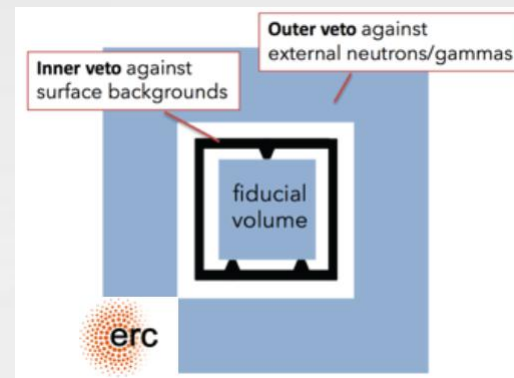
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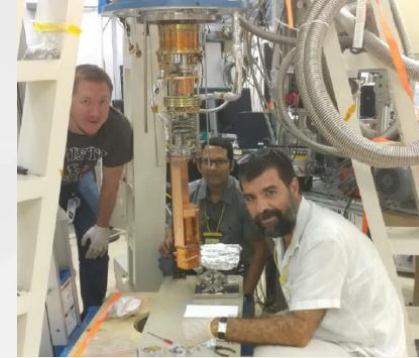
NuCLEUS



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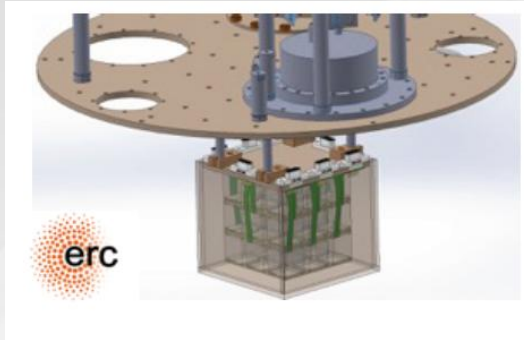
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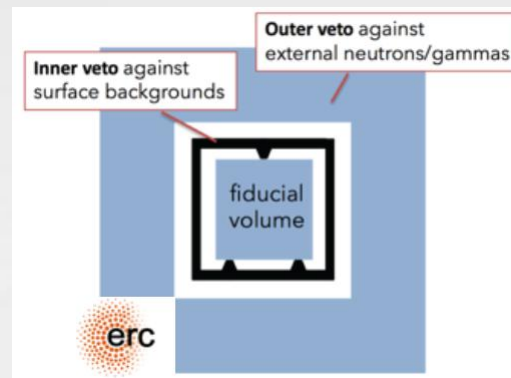
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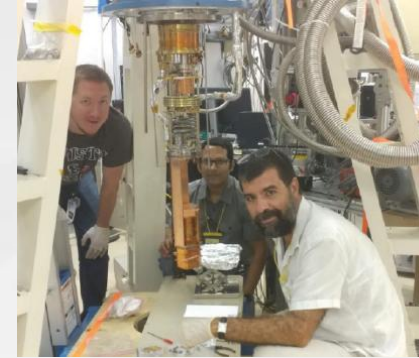
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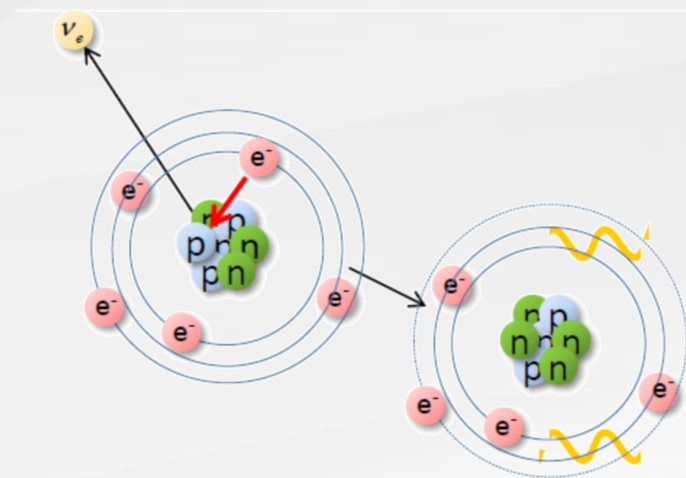
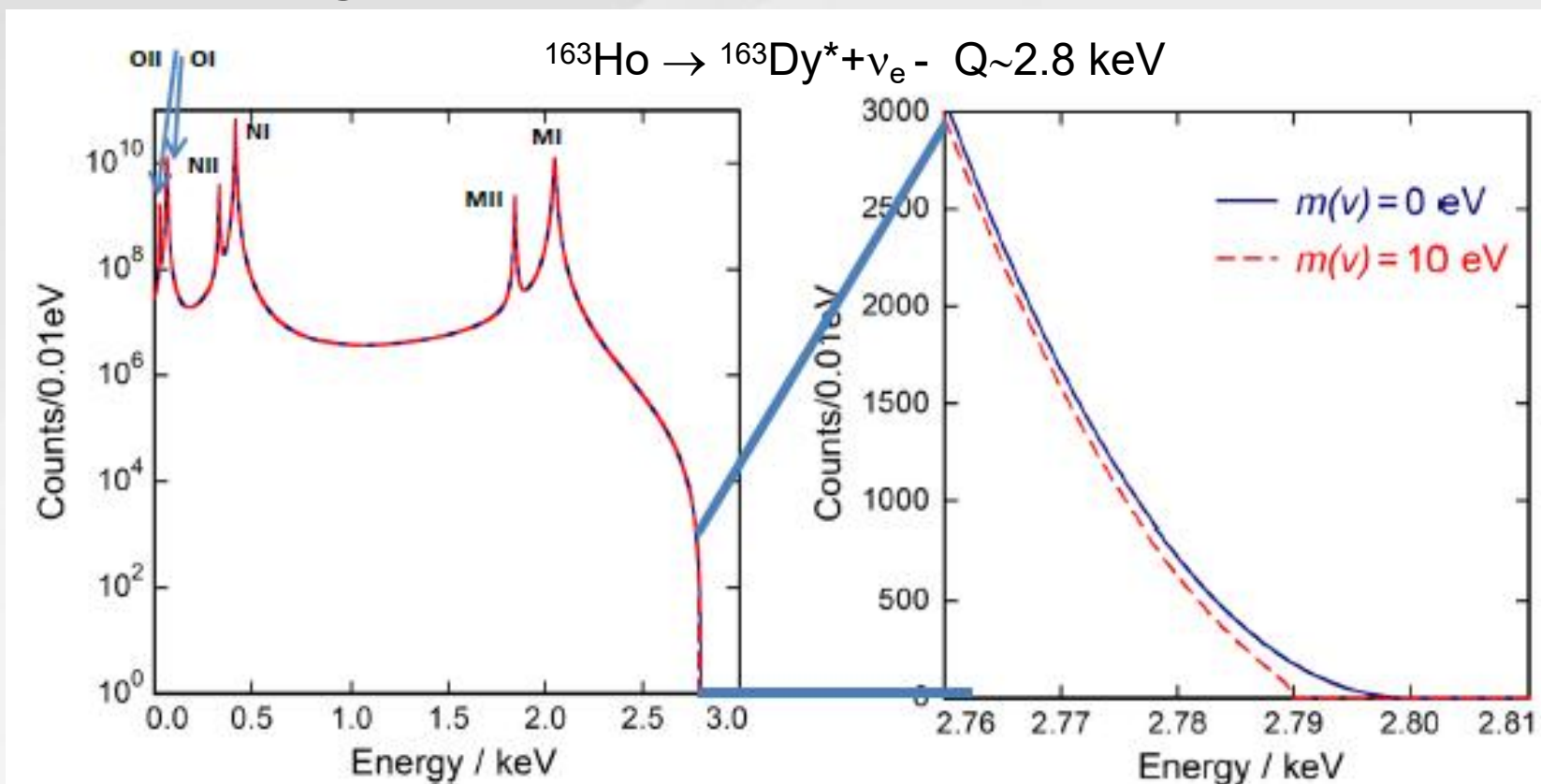
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Stay tuned for the results in coming years!

Direct neutrino mass measurements

Direct neutrino mass measurements

- **Model-independent measurement:** kinematics
- High-precision measurement of end-point of β spectrum (or EC)
- Good energy resolution and efficiency is needed \rightarrow bolometers



$T_{1/2} = 4570 \text{ yr}$

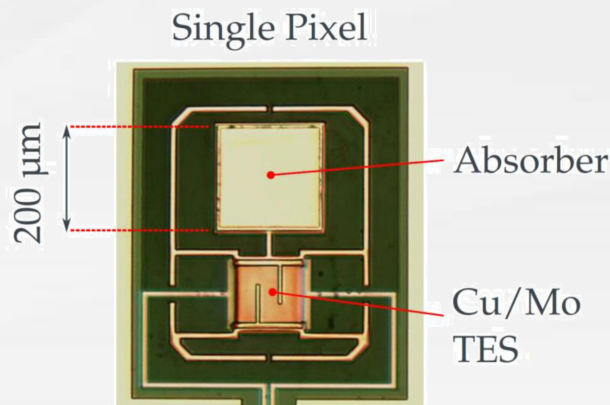
Experiments with ^{163}Ho

- Required activity in the detectors :
Final experiment $>10^6$ Bq $>10^{17}$ atoms
- Precision characterization of the endpoint region $E_{\text{FWHM}} < 3$ eV
- Background level $< 10^{-6}$ events/det/day

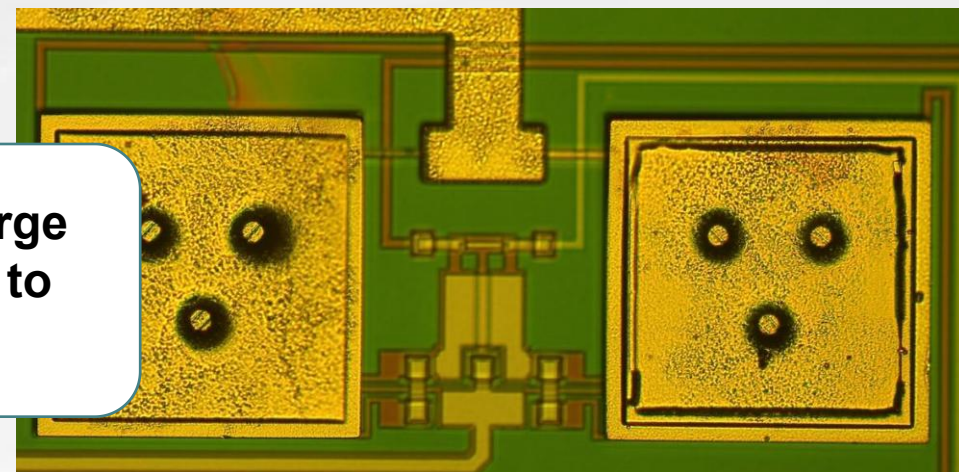
HOLMES



MMC



Both experiments use large arrays and multiplexing to limit pile-ups

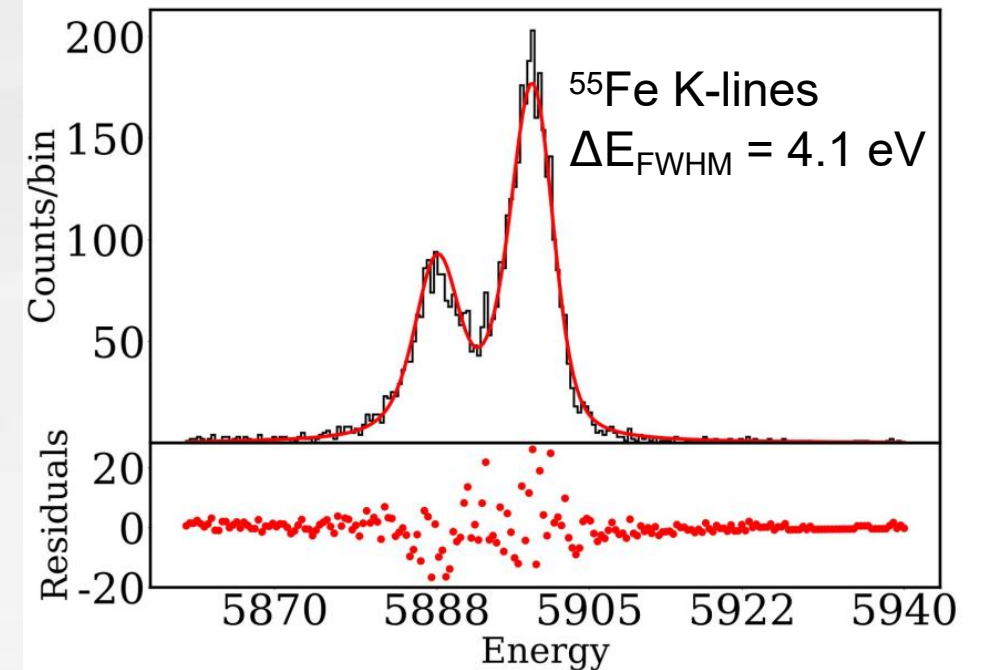
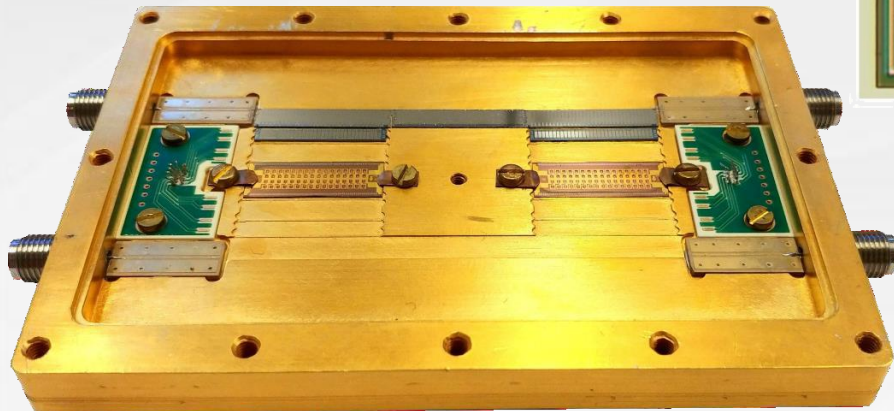
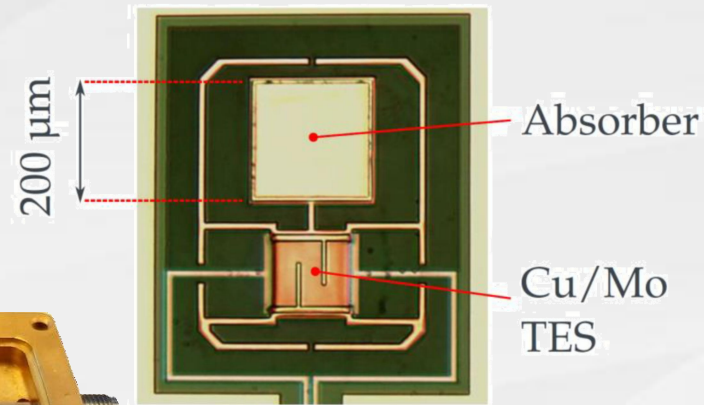


Experiments with ^{163}Ho



- Array of transition edge sensors calorimeters
- reliable performance demonstrated without ^{163}Ho
- Multiplexed readout demonstrated

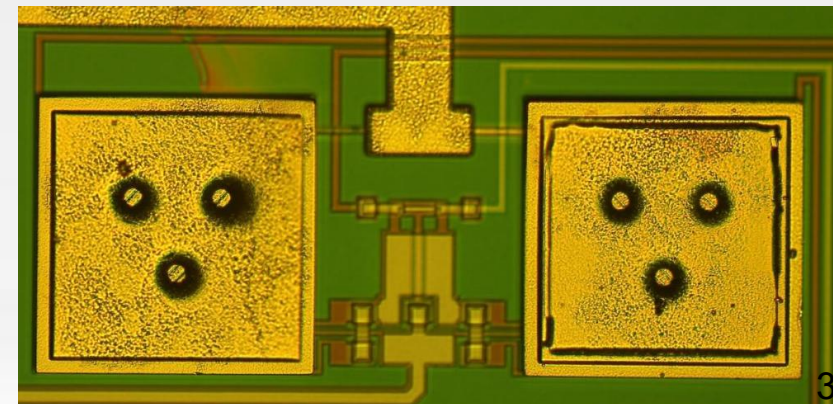
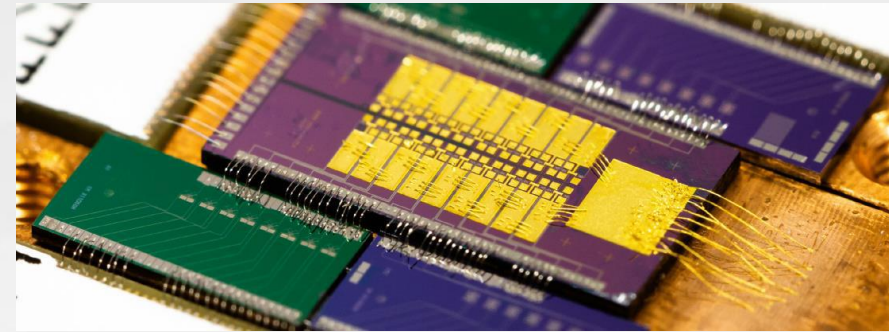
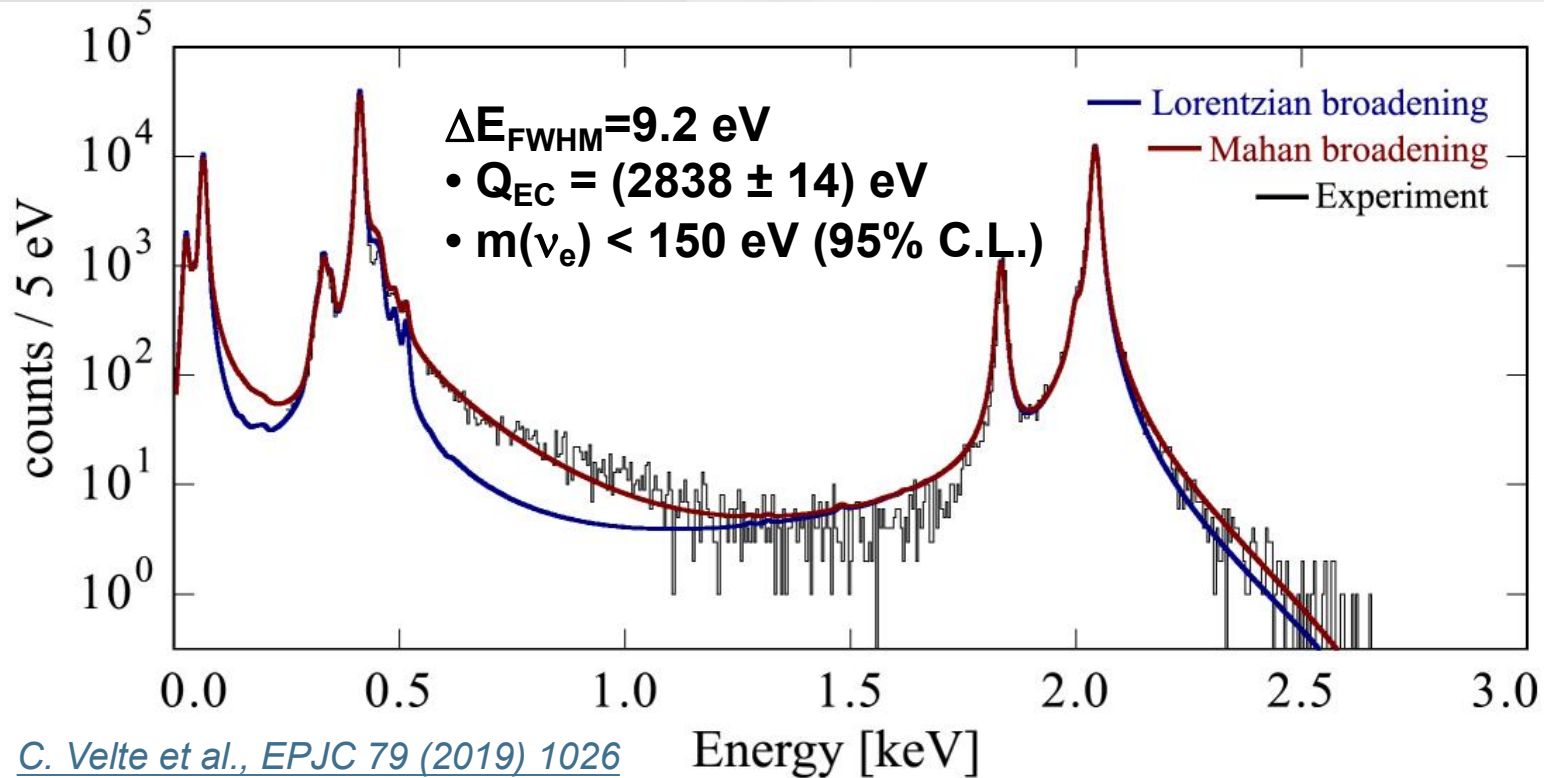
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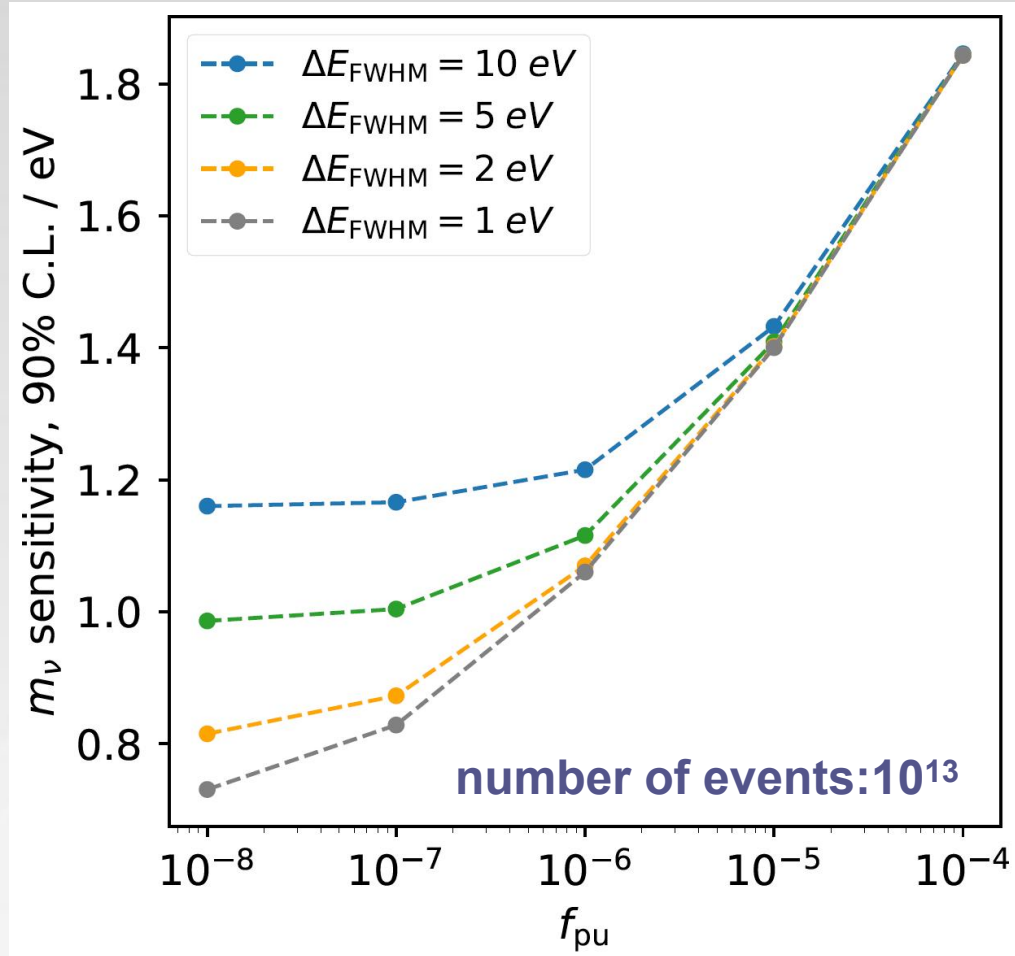


- Metallic magnetic calorimeters
- Reliable performance with ^{163}Ho implanted (Ag and Au): 0.2 Bq
- Parallel readout tested



Prospects

Near future:



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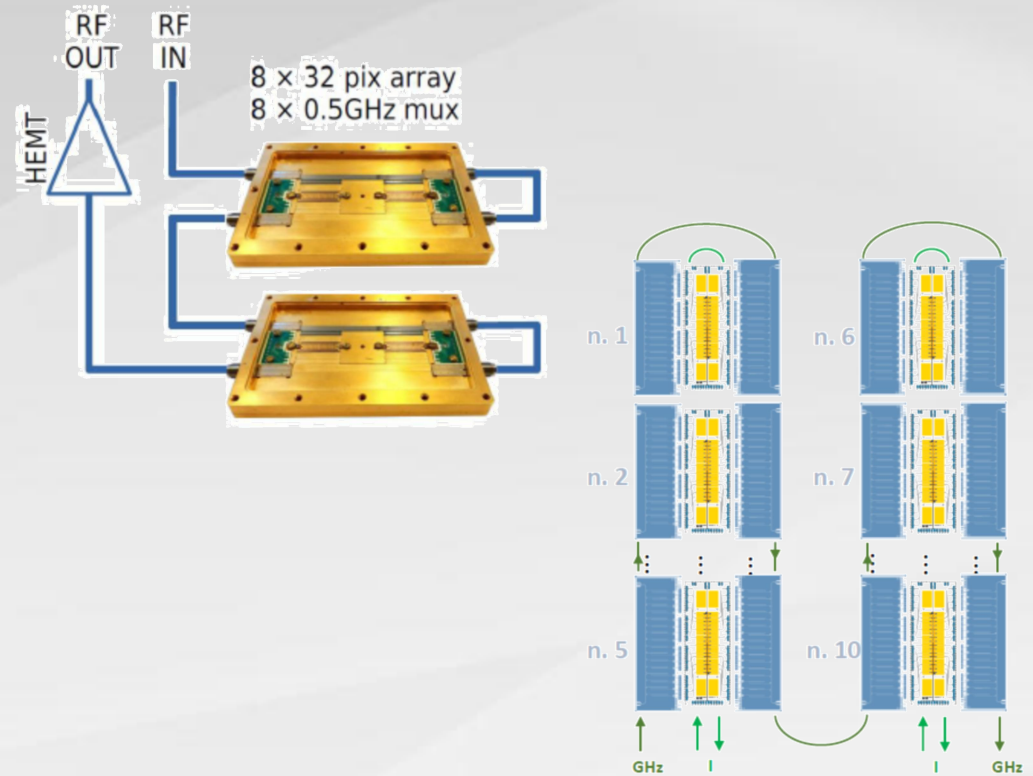
Final experiments:

Holmes:

- 1000 channels
- Activity per pixel: 300 Bq

ECHo-100K:

- 12000 channels
- Activity per pixel: 10 Bq



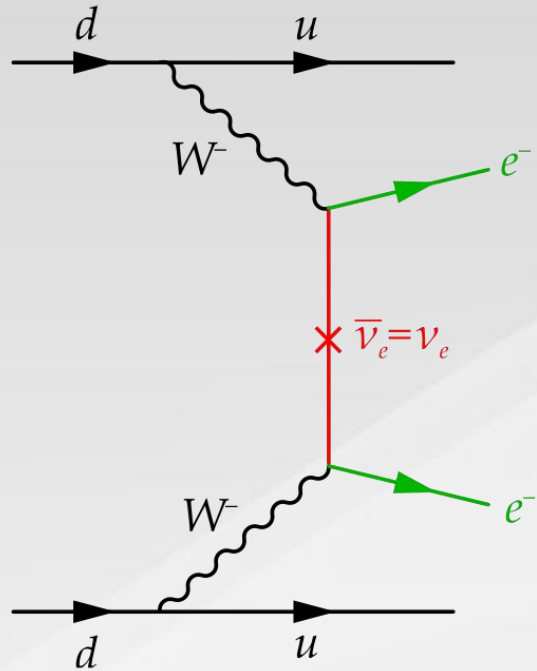
The goal is to achieve sensitivity near <0.2 eV with measurement of $>10^{16}$ decays

The determination of the electron neutrino mass with ^{163}Ho is complementary to the determination with ^3H

Neutrinoless double beta decay

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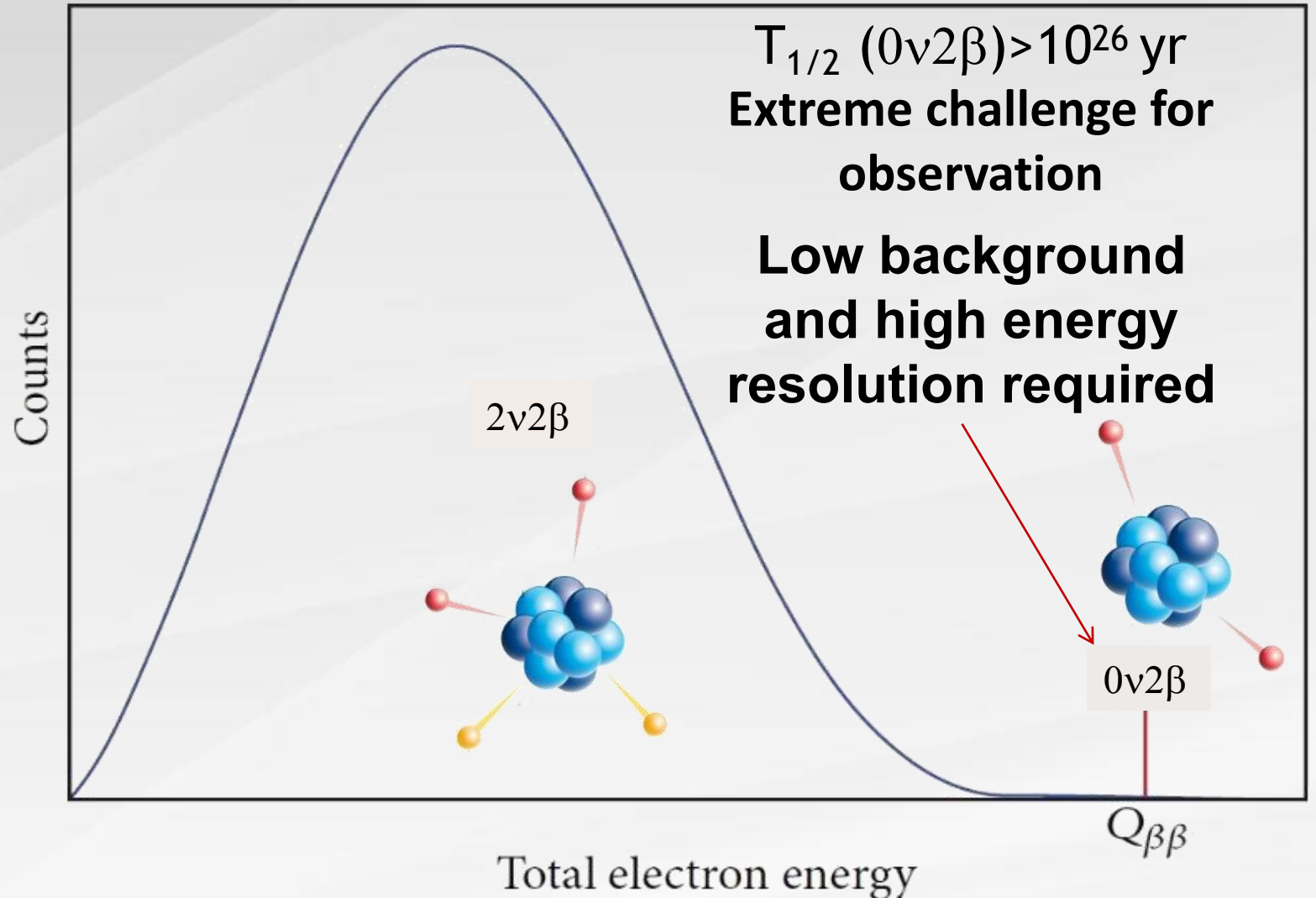
$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z+2) + 2e^-$$



Fixes neutrino mass scale

Total lepton number violation \rightarrow

new physics beyond SM

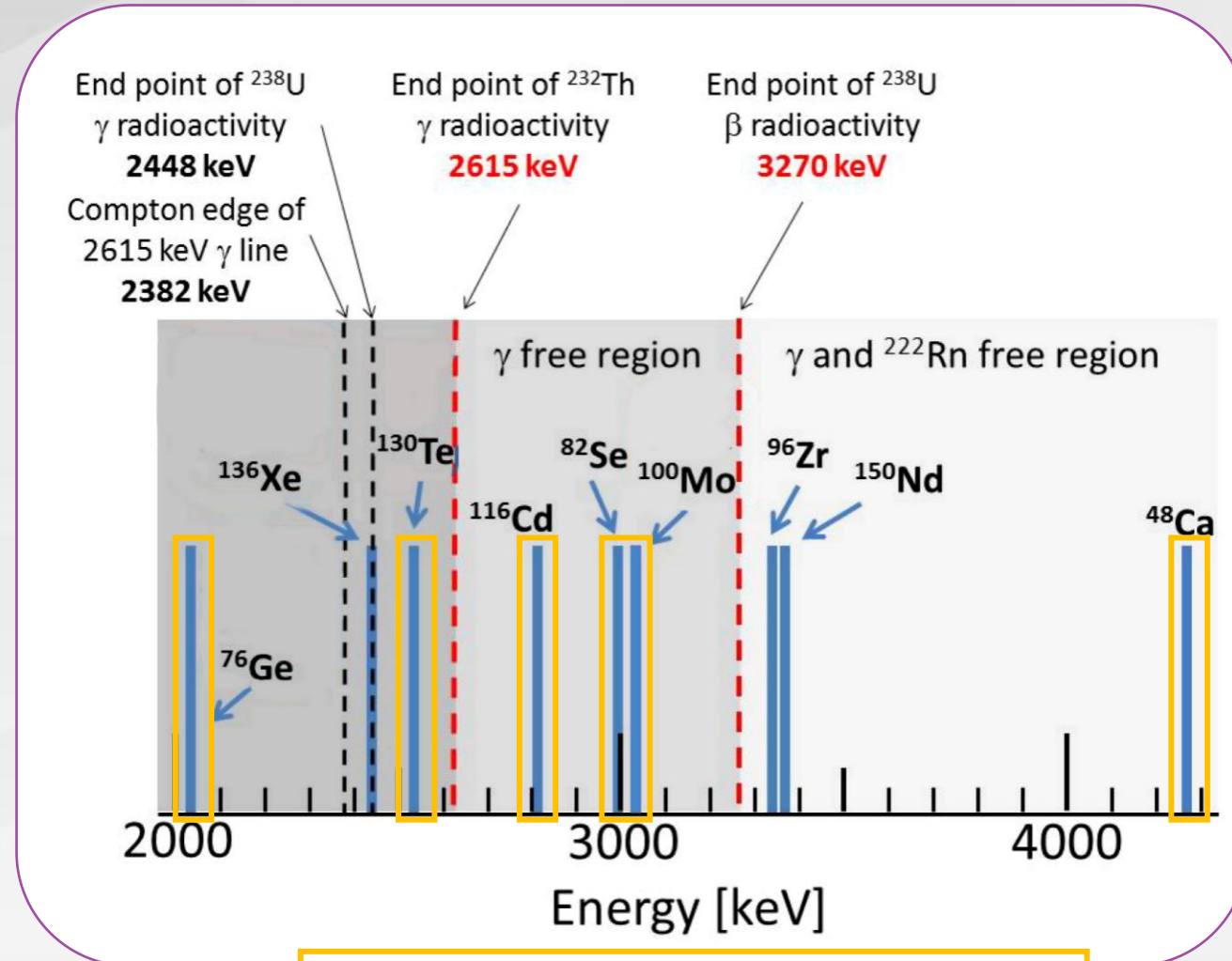


$0\nu 2\beta$ decay candidates

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu 2\beta} \propto a \cdot \epsilon \cdot \sqrt{\frac{M \cdot t}{b \cdot \Delta E}}$$

Experimental requirements:

- Isotopic abundance and/or large scale enrichment
- High $Q_{\beta\beta} \rightarrow$ lower background level in ROI and higher $0\nu 2\beta$ decay rate
- **Minimum two isotopes** should be measured: for observation and confirmation



Bolometric detectors technology applicable for most of candidates!

Status of current searches

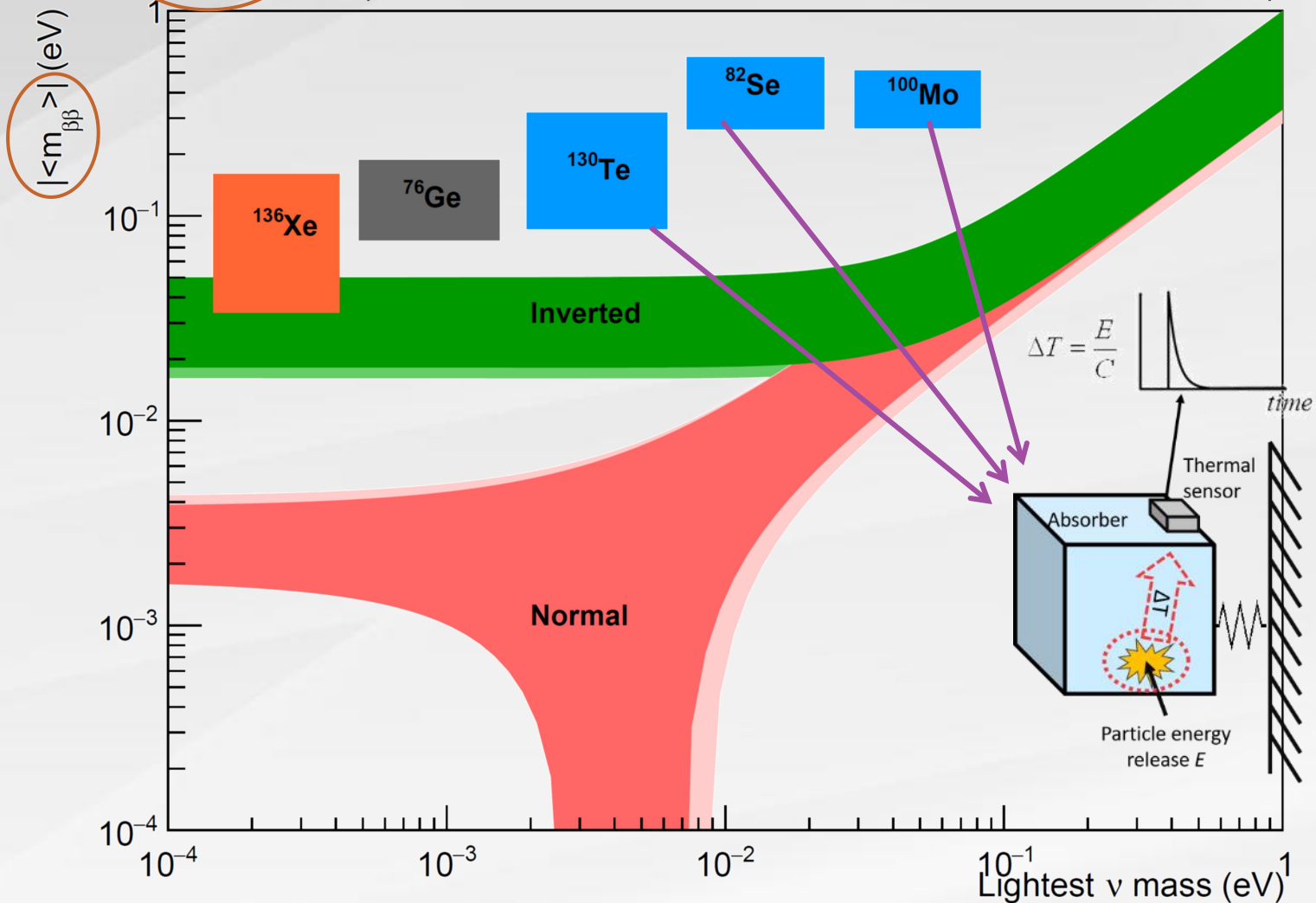
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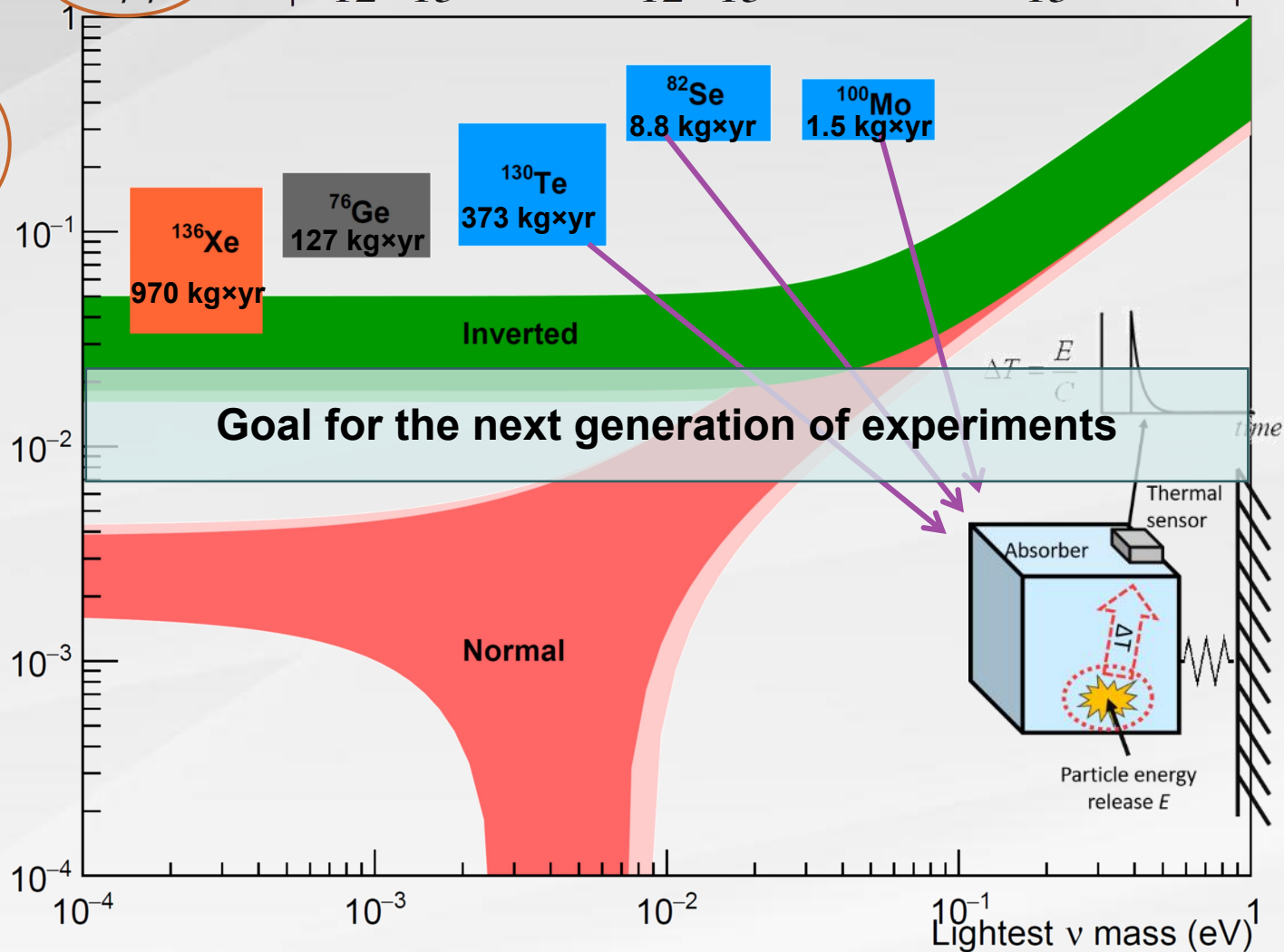
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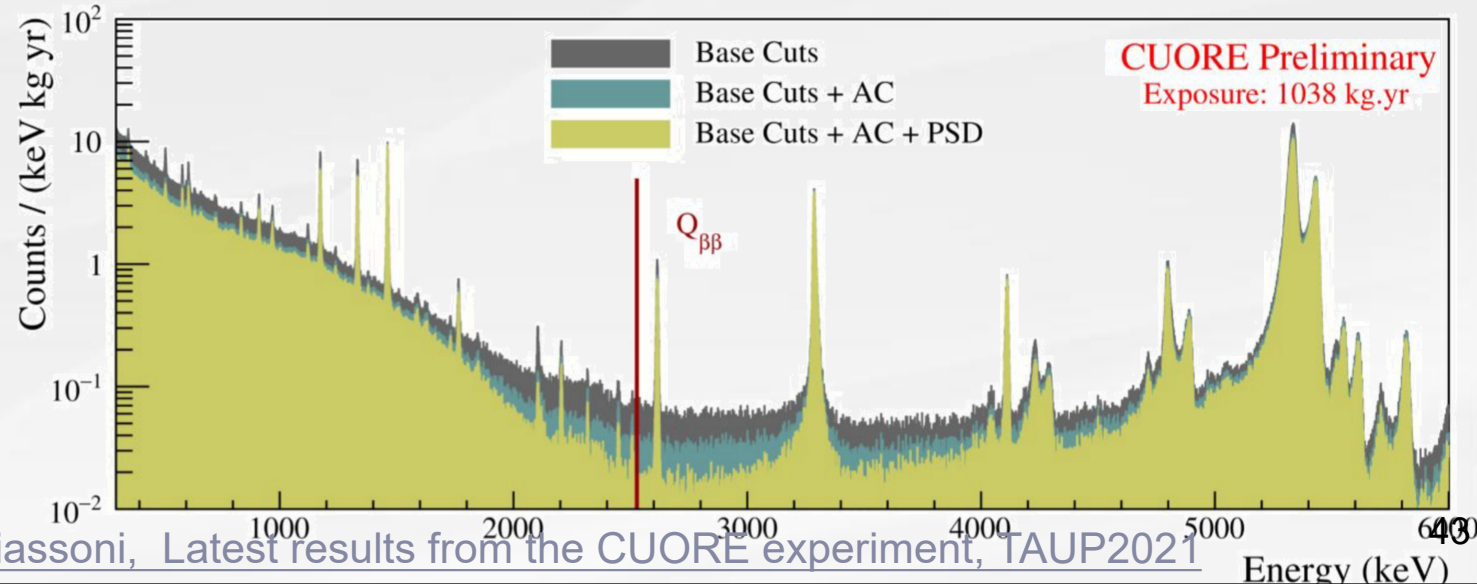
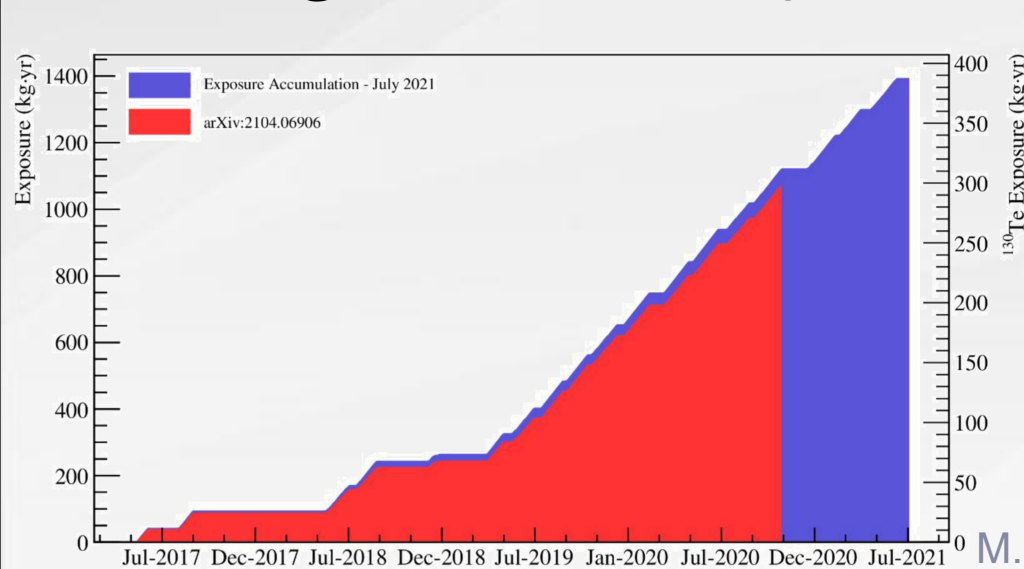
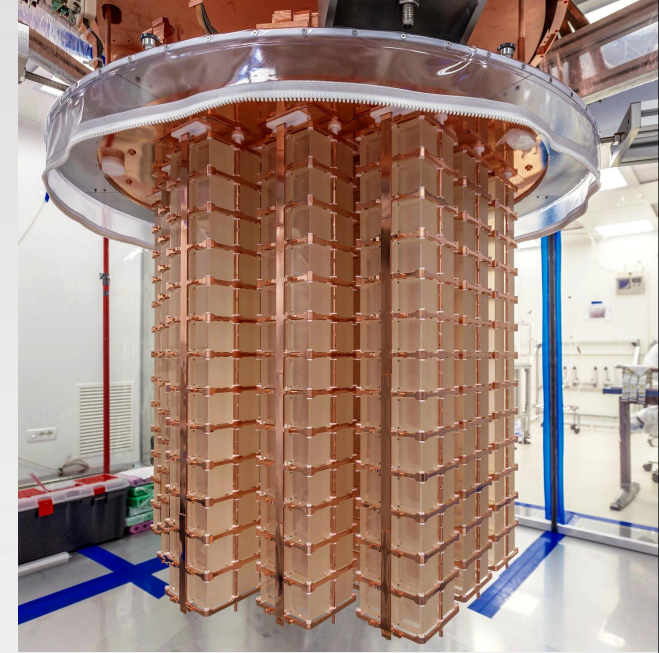
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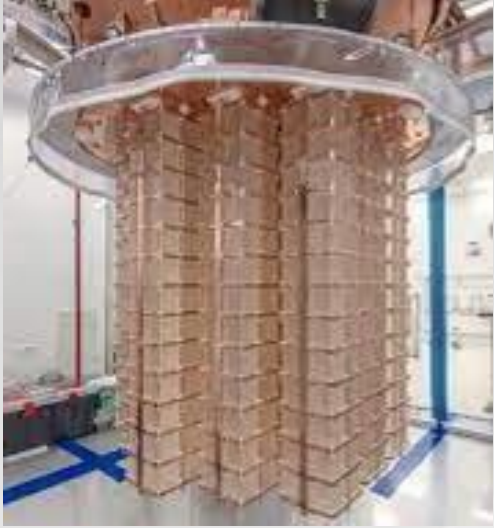
Demonstrators and large experiments

CUORE: the largest bolometric experiment

- **CUORE**: the Cryogenic Underground Observatory for Rare Events
- **First ton scale** array of cryogenic calorimeters: **988 TeO_2 crystals** (0.75 kg each)
- CUORE cryogenic facility is an unprecedented technological challenge, which is now **taking data in steady and reliable conditions**

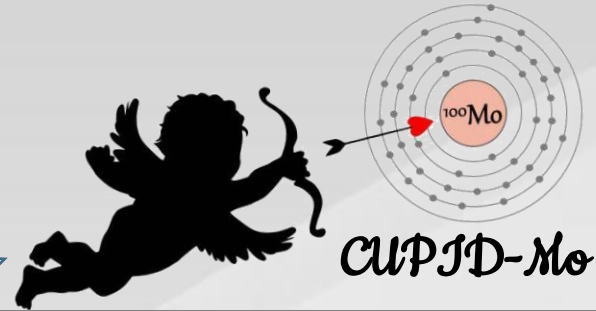


CUPID: past and future



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DBD experiment at 10 mK
No particle ID*

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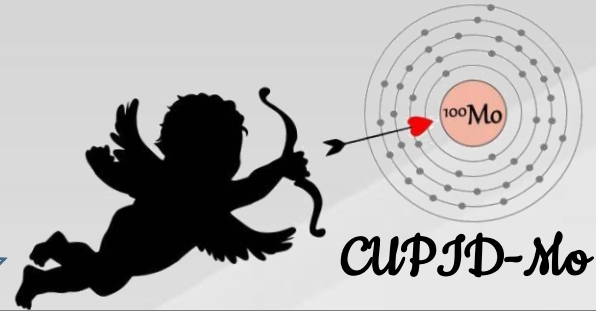


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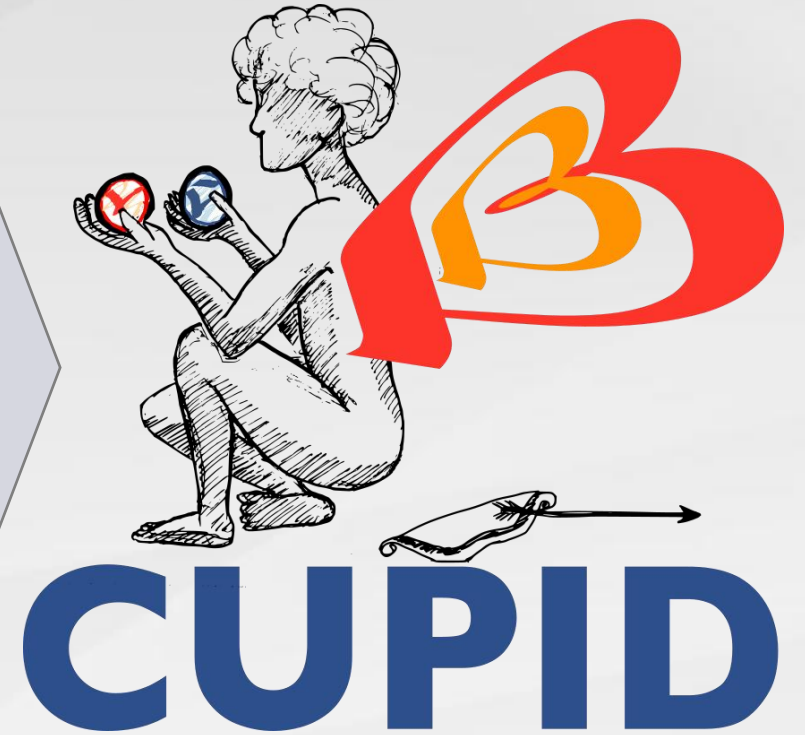
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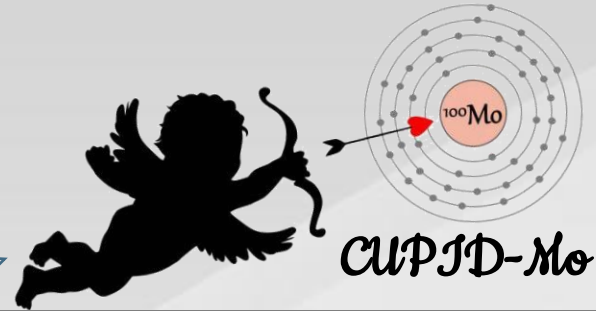


CUPID-0



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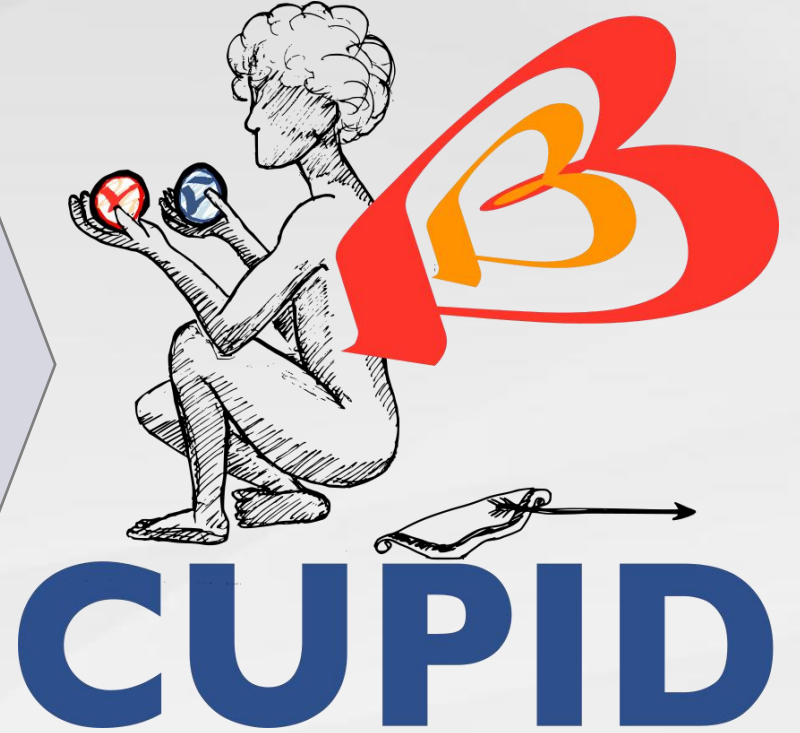


CUPID-Mo

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CUPID-O



CUPID

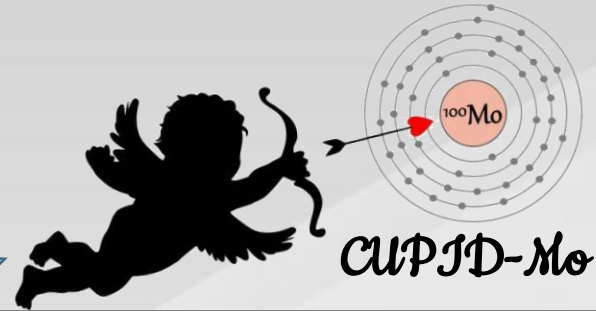


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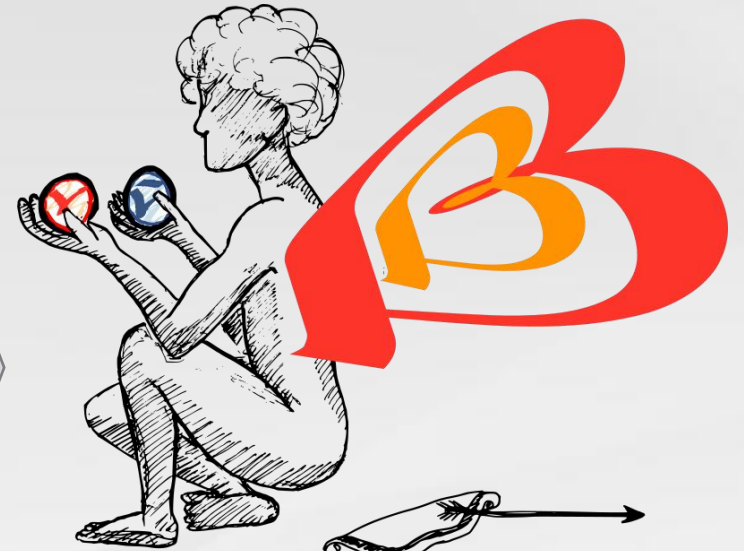
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Phase II

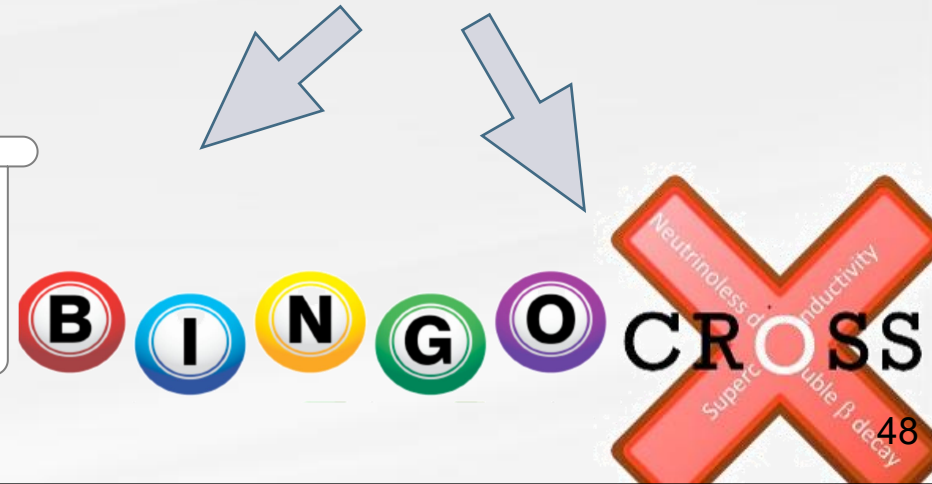
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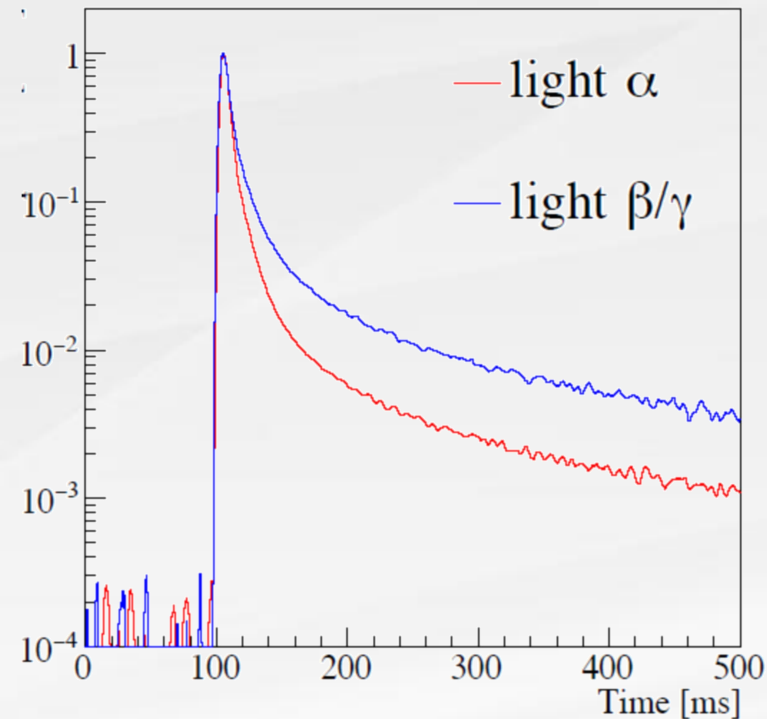
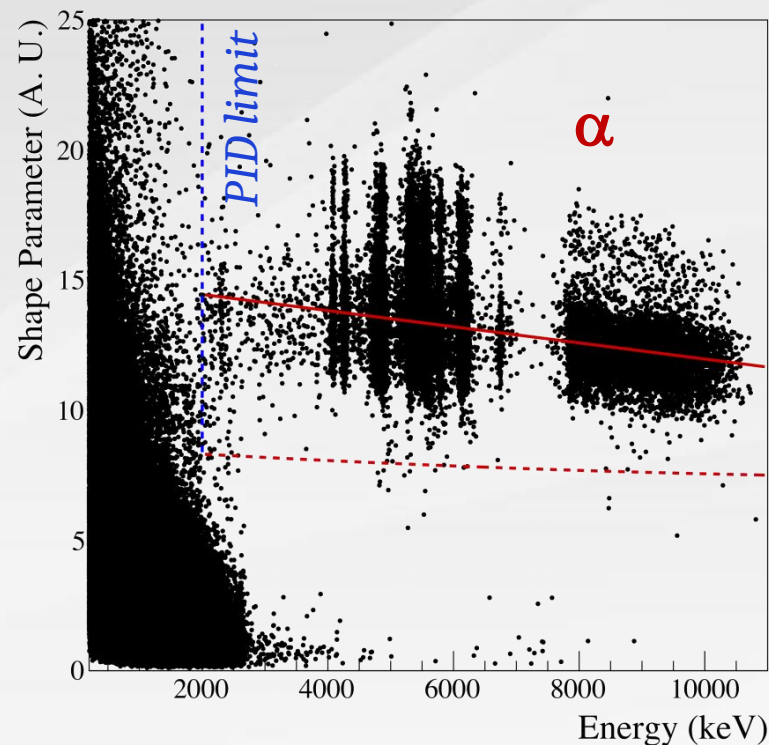
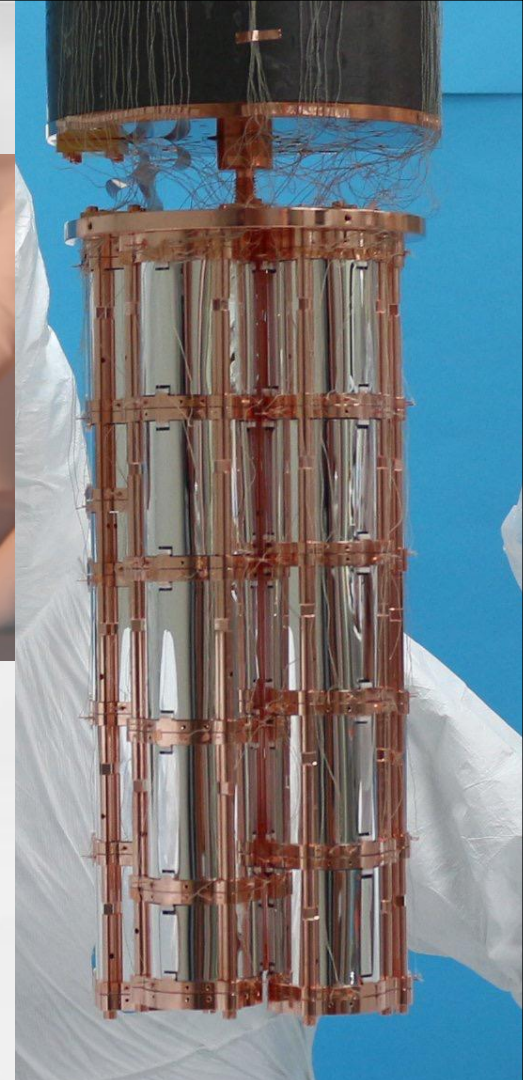


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CUPID-0 demonstrator (^{82}Se)

- The first pilot experiment for CUPID with scintillating bolometers in LNGS
- 95% enriched Zn^{82}Se bolometers (**5.17 kg of ^{82}Se , $Q_{\beta\beta}=2998$ keV**)

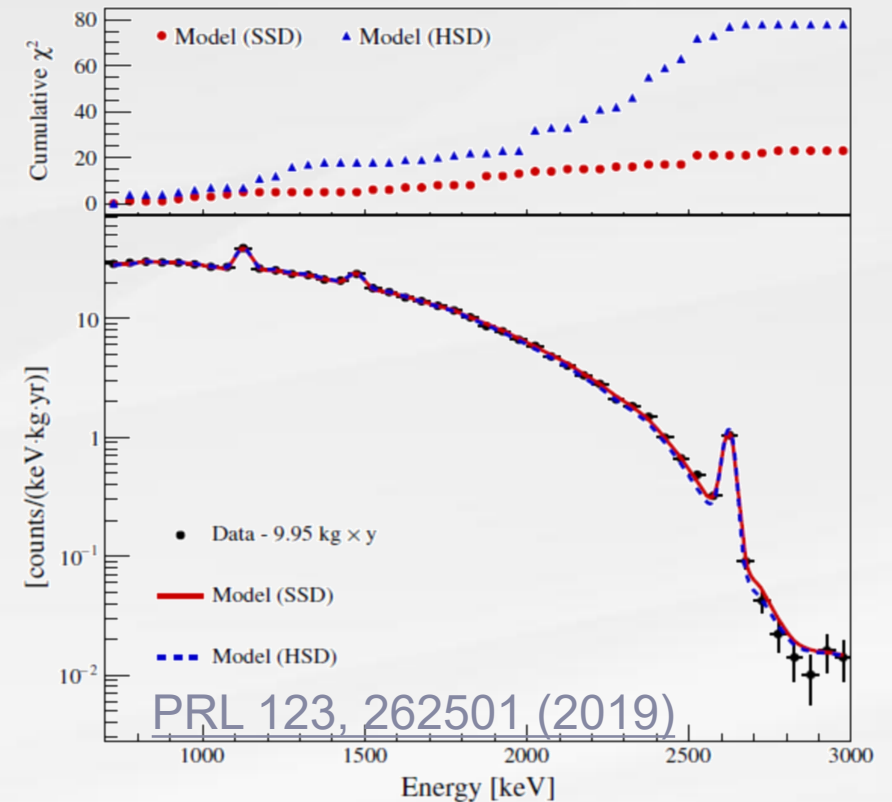
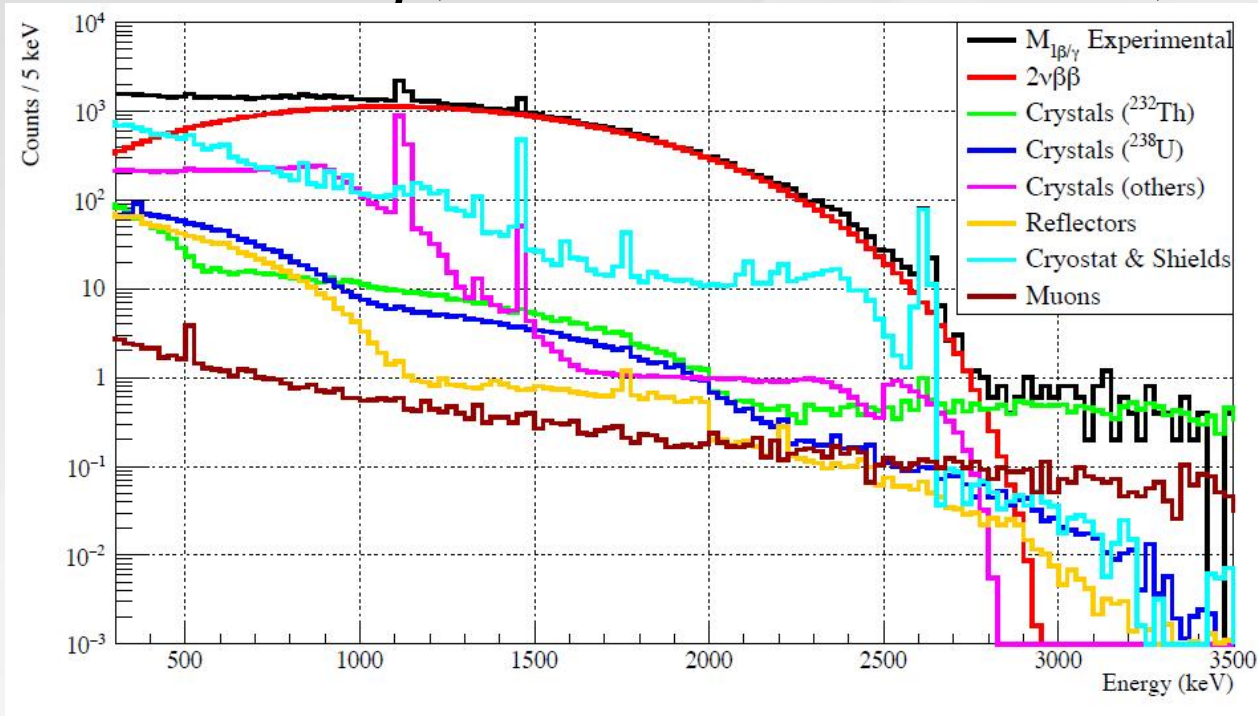


[EPJC \(2018\) 78:428](#)

CUPID-0 results

$FWHM @ Q_{\beta\beta} = (20.05 \pm 0.34) \text{ keV}$

- Successful demonstration of advantages of dual-readout technique
- High scientific potential: best limit on $0\nu 2\beta$, most precise measurement of $^{82}\text{Se } 2\nu 2\beta$, CPT violation search, SSD vs HSD, excited states



$$T_{1/2}^{2\nu} = [8.60 \pm 0.03(\text{stat})_{-0.13}^{+0.19}(\text{syst})] \times 10^{19} \text{ yr}$$

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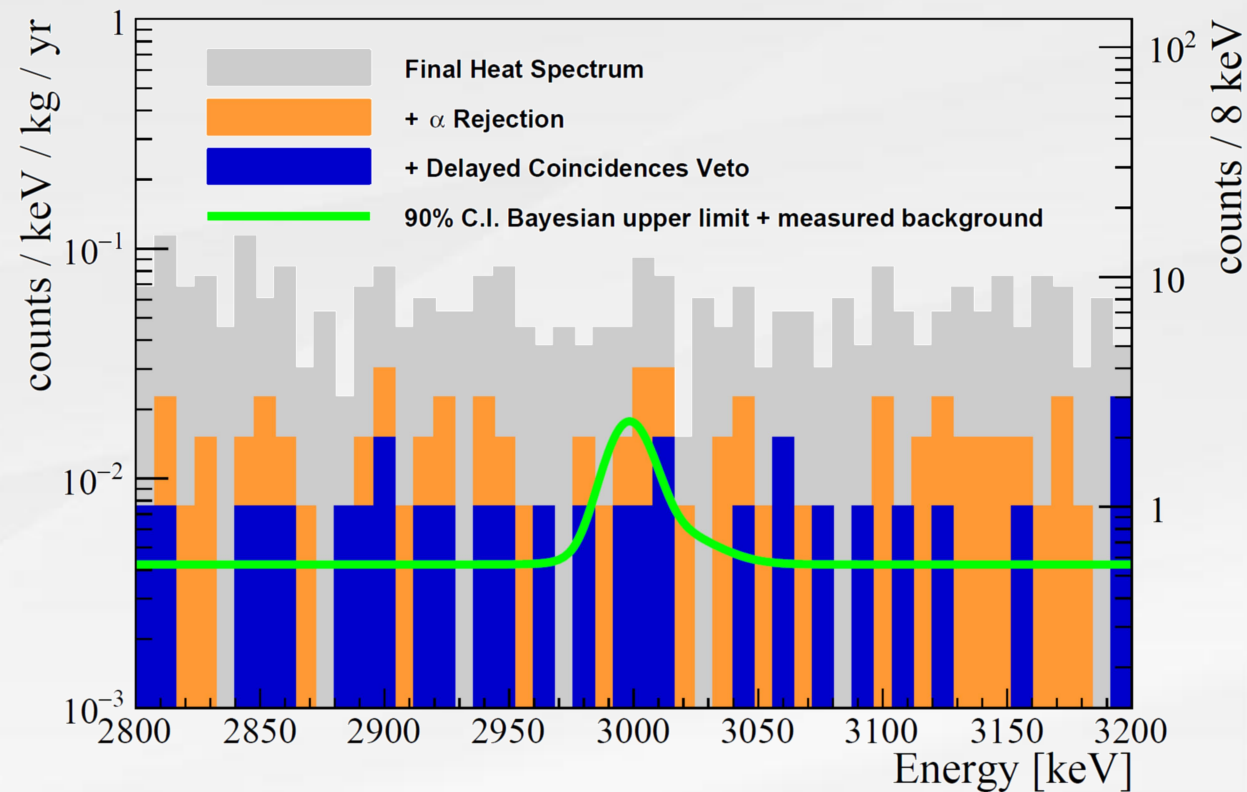
$$m_{\beta\beta} < 263\text{-}545 \text{ meV}$$

[PRD 100, 092002 \(2019\)](#)

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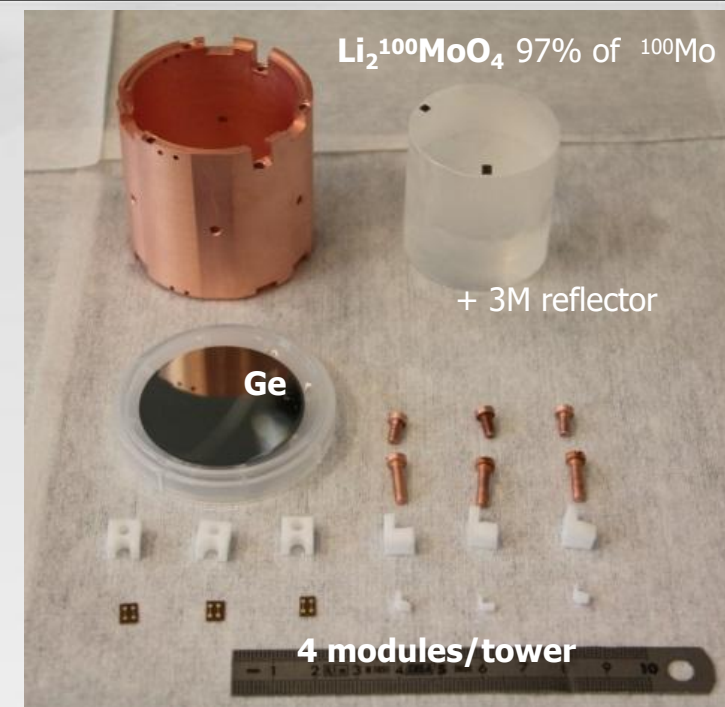
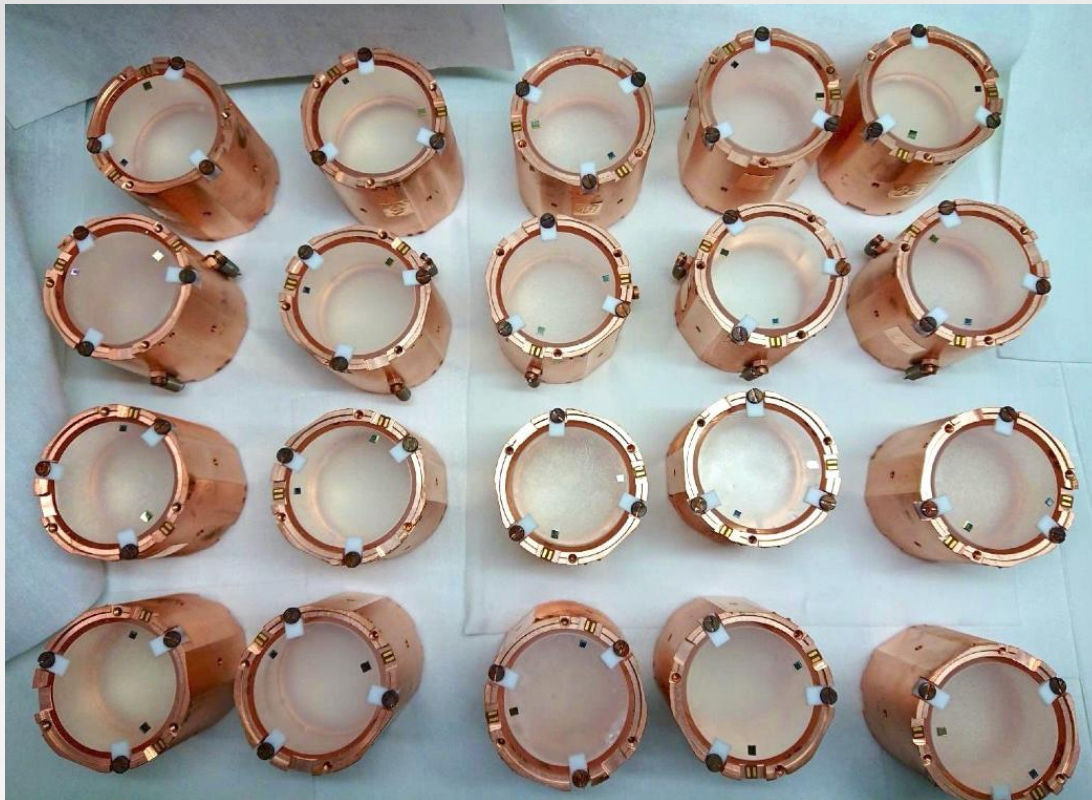
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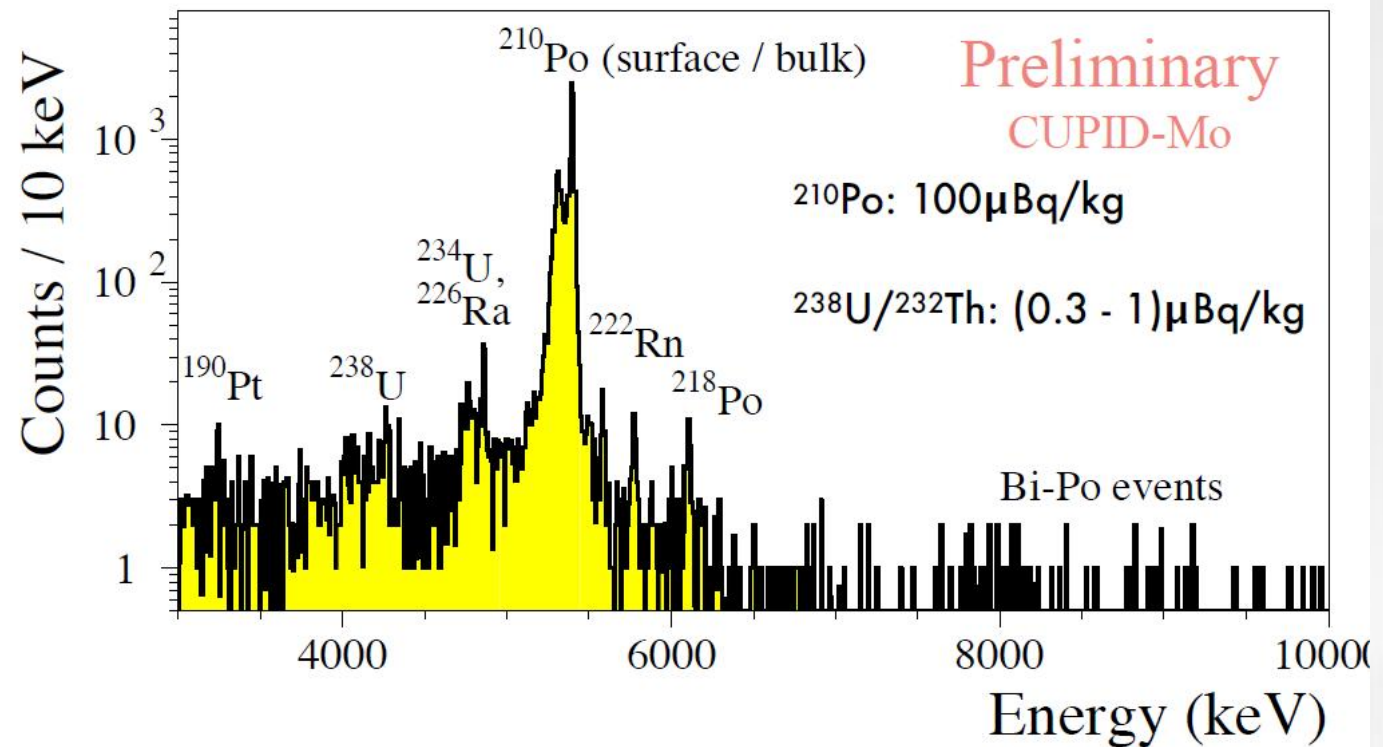
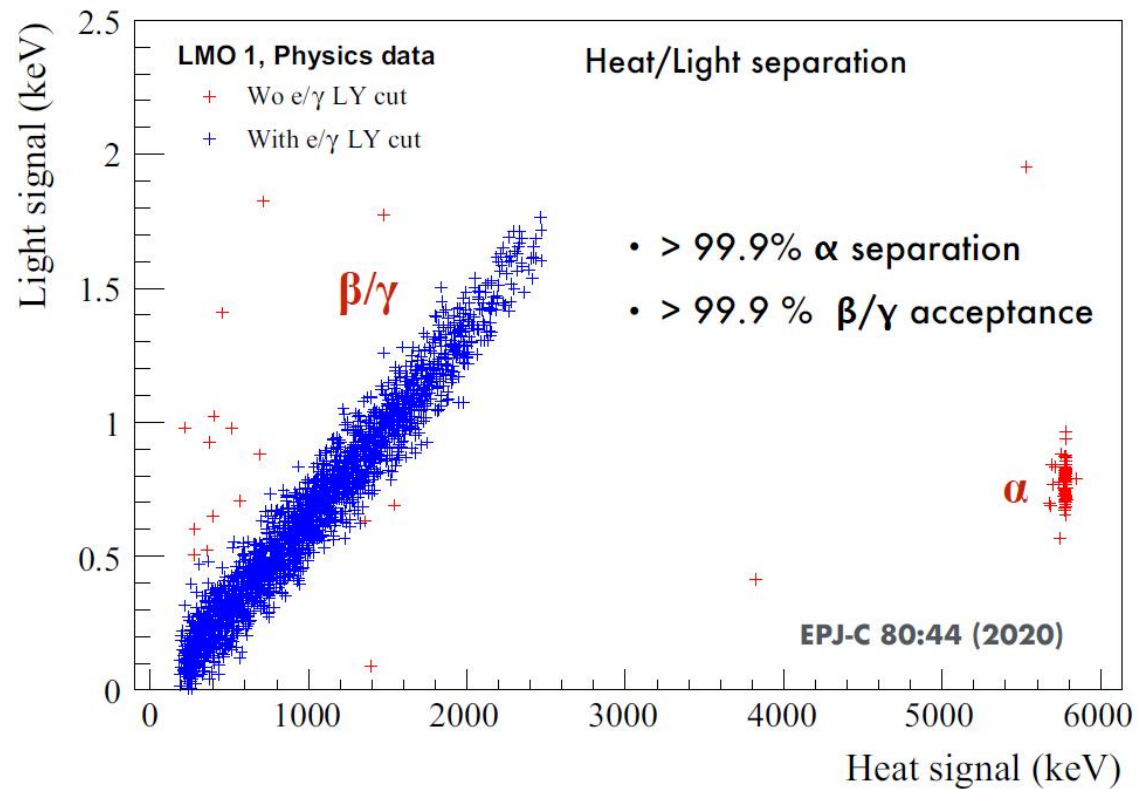
CUPID-Mo

- $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ scintillating crystals - high energy resolution and radiopurity, array of 20 modules at LSM
- **Total of 2.26 kg of ^{100}Mo , $Q_{\beta\beta} = 3034$ keV**



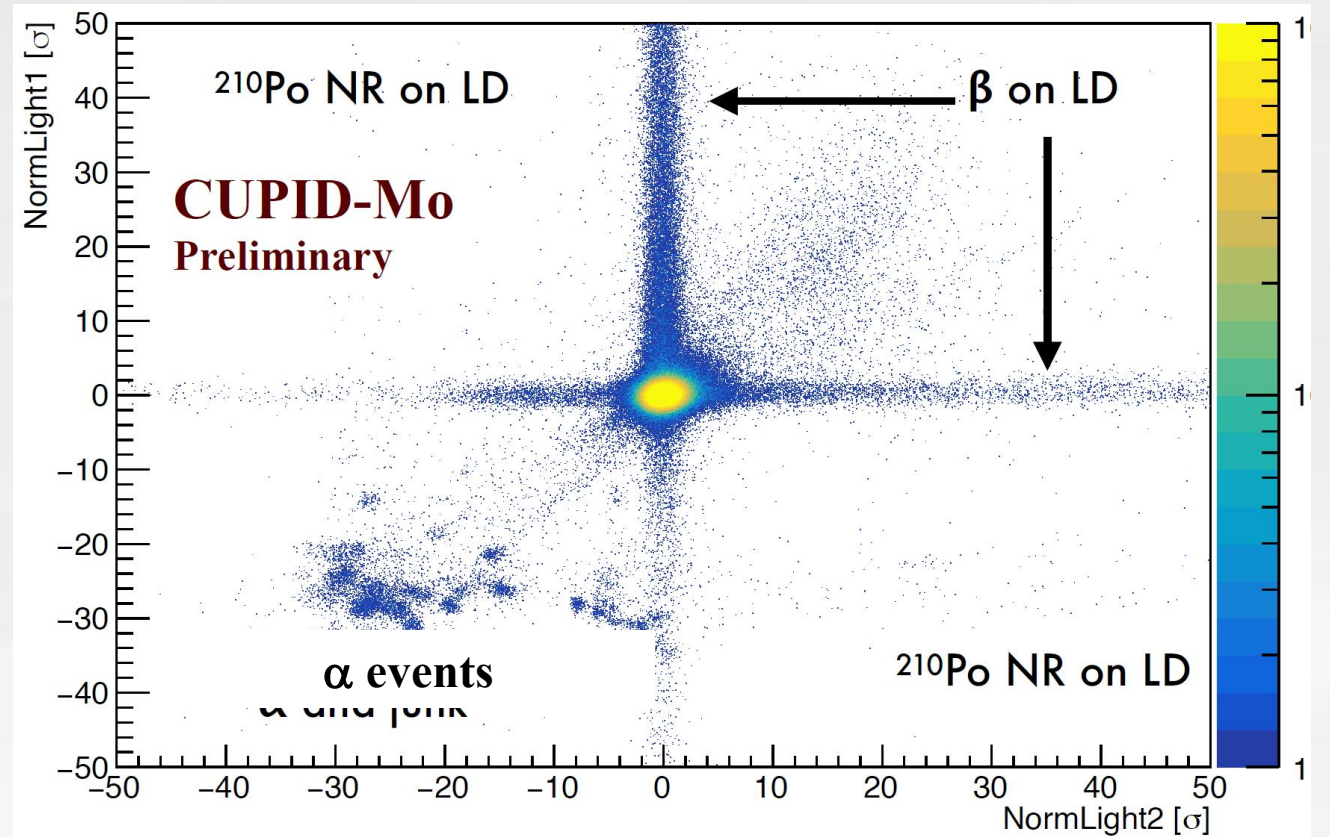
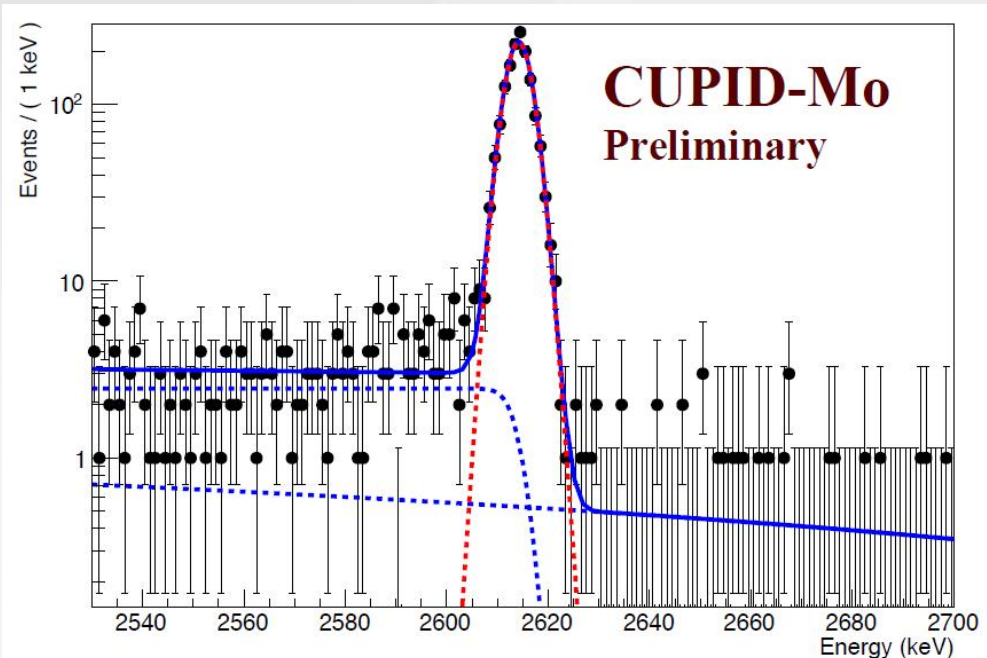
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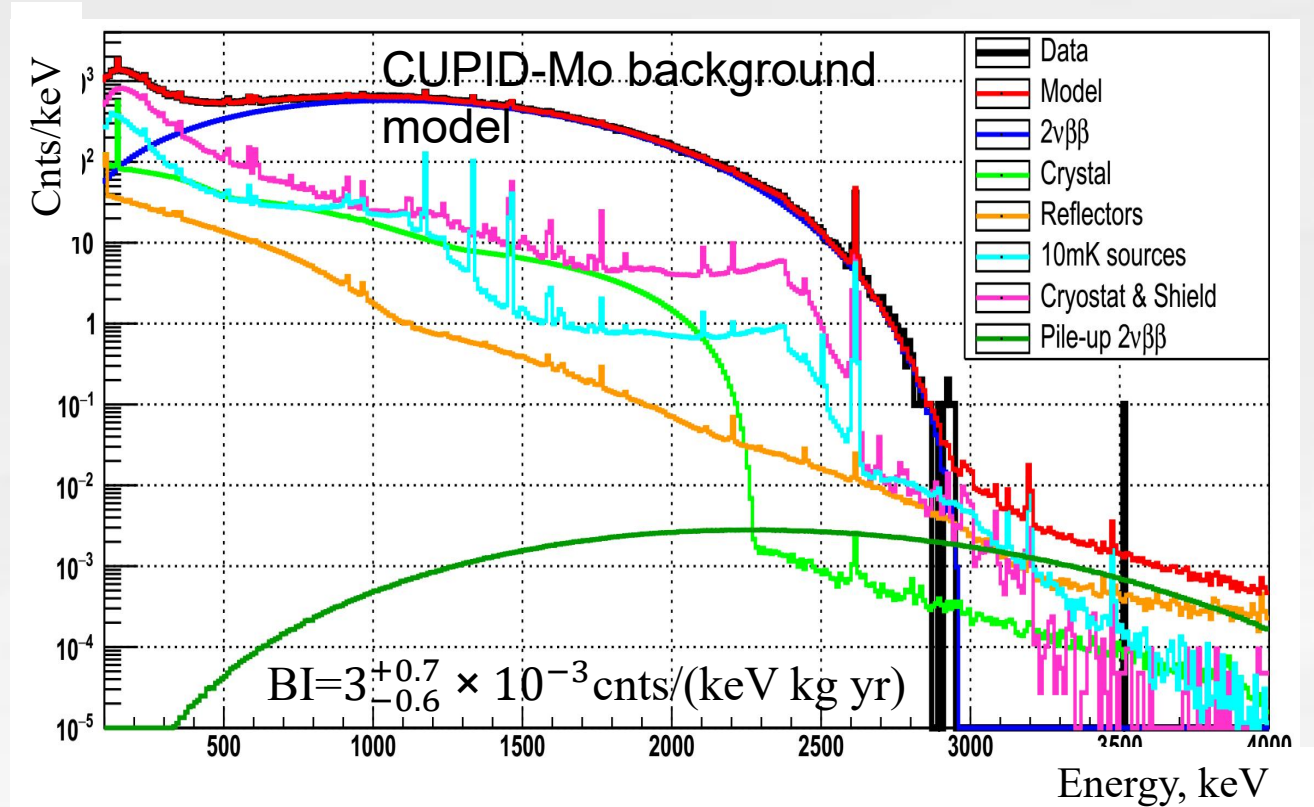
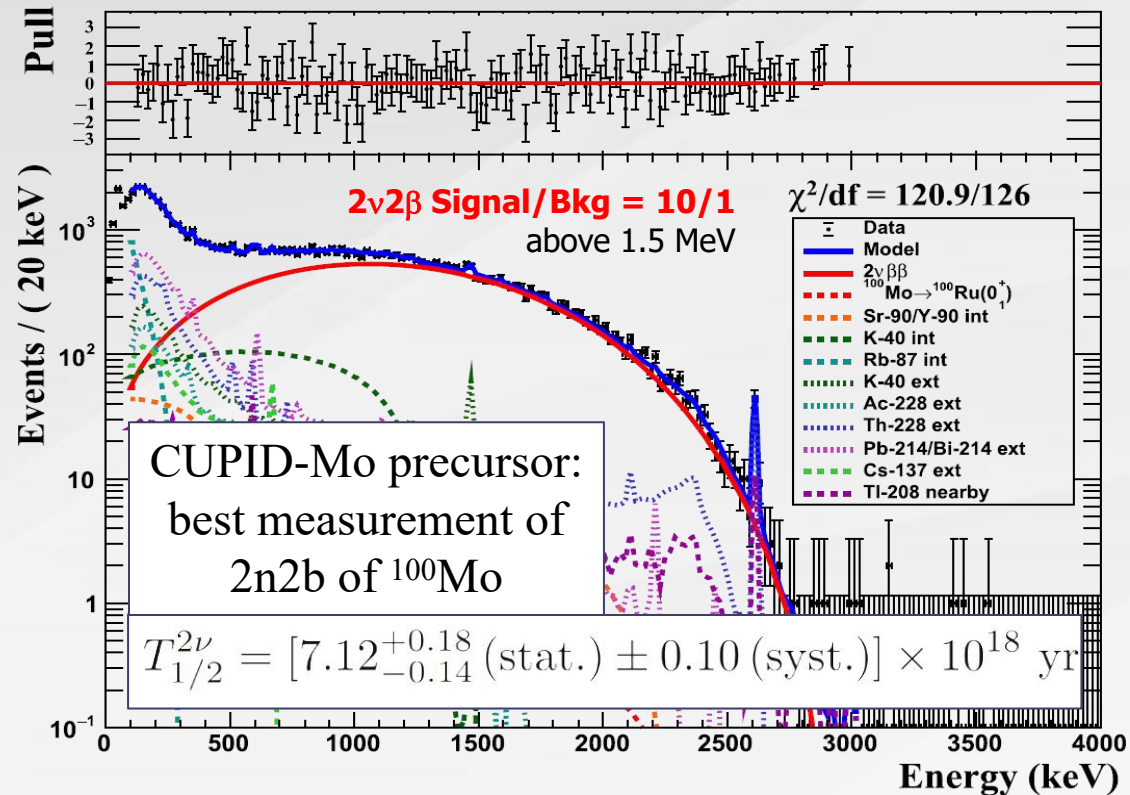
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- Anticoincidence, light yield and pulse shape cuts applied for background reduction
- **FWHM @ $Q_{\beta\beta} = (7.38 \pm 0.35)$ keV**



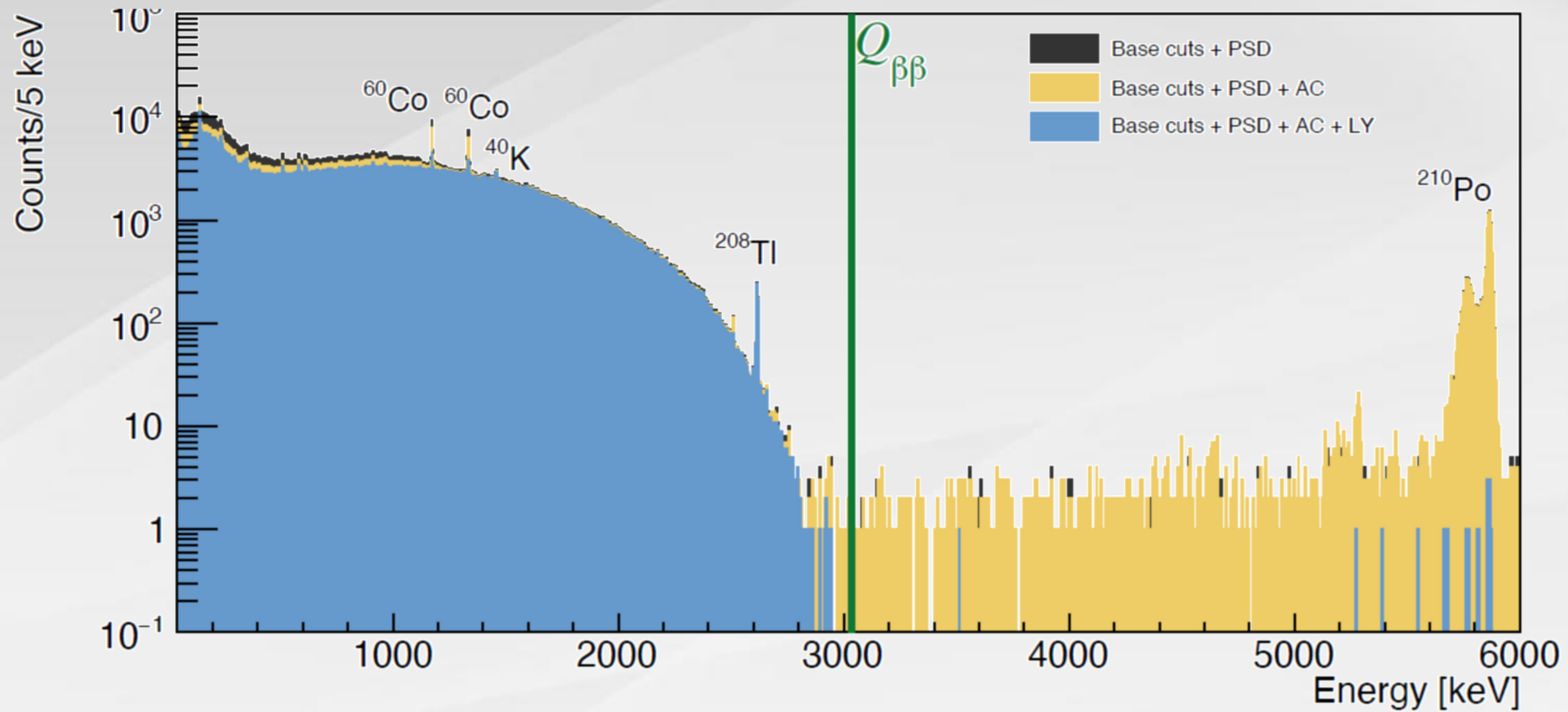
CUPID-Mo results

- Excellent performance and radiopurity - **chosen for ton-scale experiment**
- Best limit on ^{100}Mo $0\nu 2\beta$ half-life, the most precise measurement of ^{100}Mo $2\nu 2\beta$ (new results are expected from full CUPID-Mo) and excited states



CUPID-Mo results

$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.8 \times 10^{24} \text{ yr}$
(90% C. I. limit)
 $m_{\beta\beta} < 280\text{-}490 \text{ meV}$
1.5 kg×yr



[PRL 126, 181892 \(2021\)](#)
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CUPID: baseline

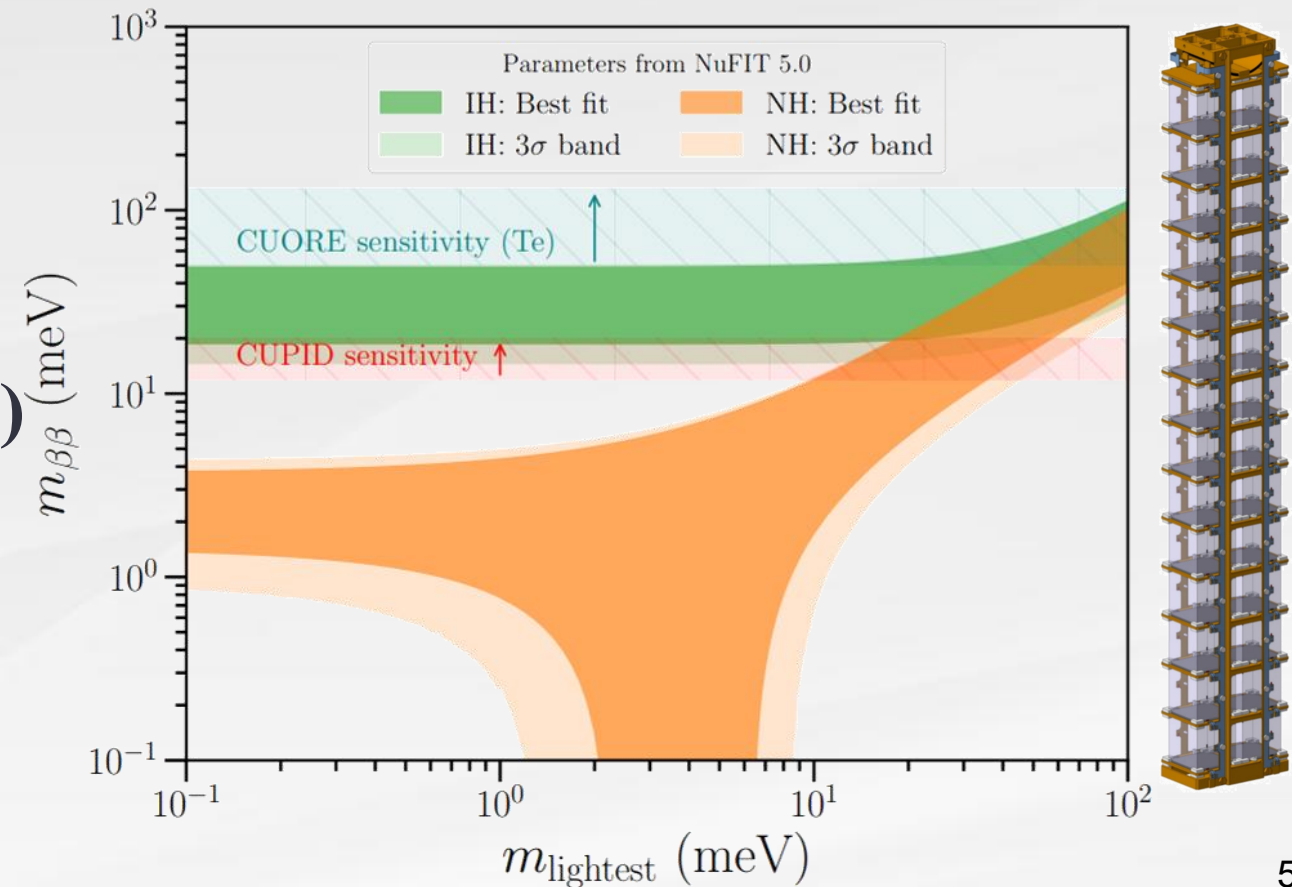
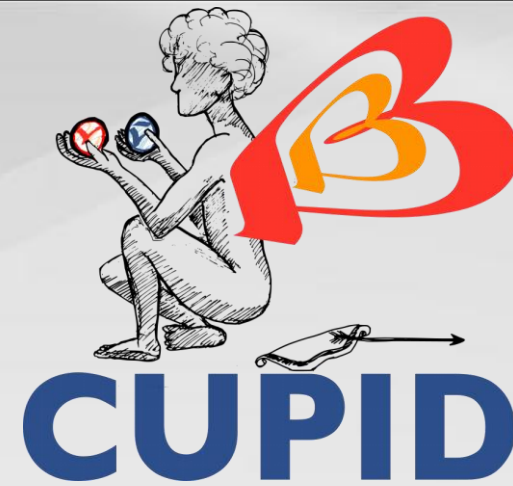
- $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ scintillating bolometers
- α rejection using light signal
- Enrichment > 95%
- 1596 crystals and 240 kg of ^{100}Mo
- FWHM < 10 keV at $Q_{\beta\beta}$ (3034 keV)

Background goal: 10^{-4} cnts/(keV kg yr)

Discovery sensitivity at 3σ :

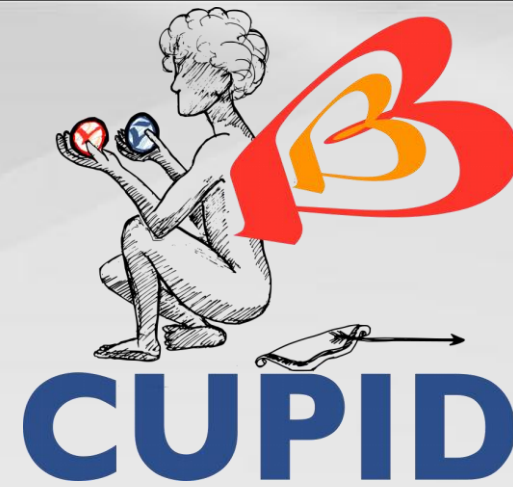
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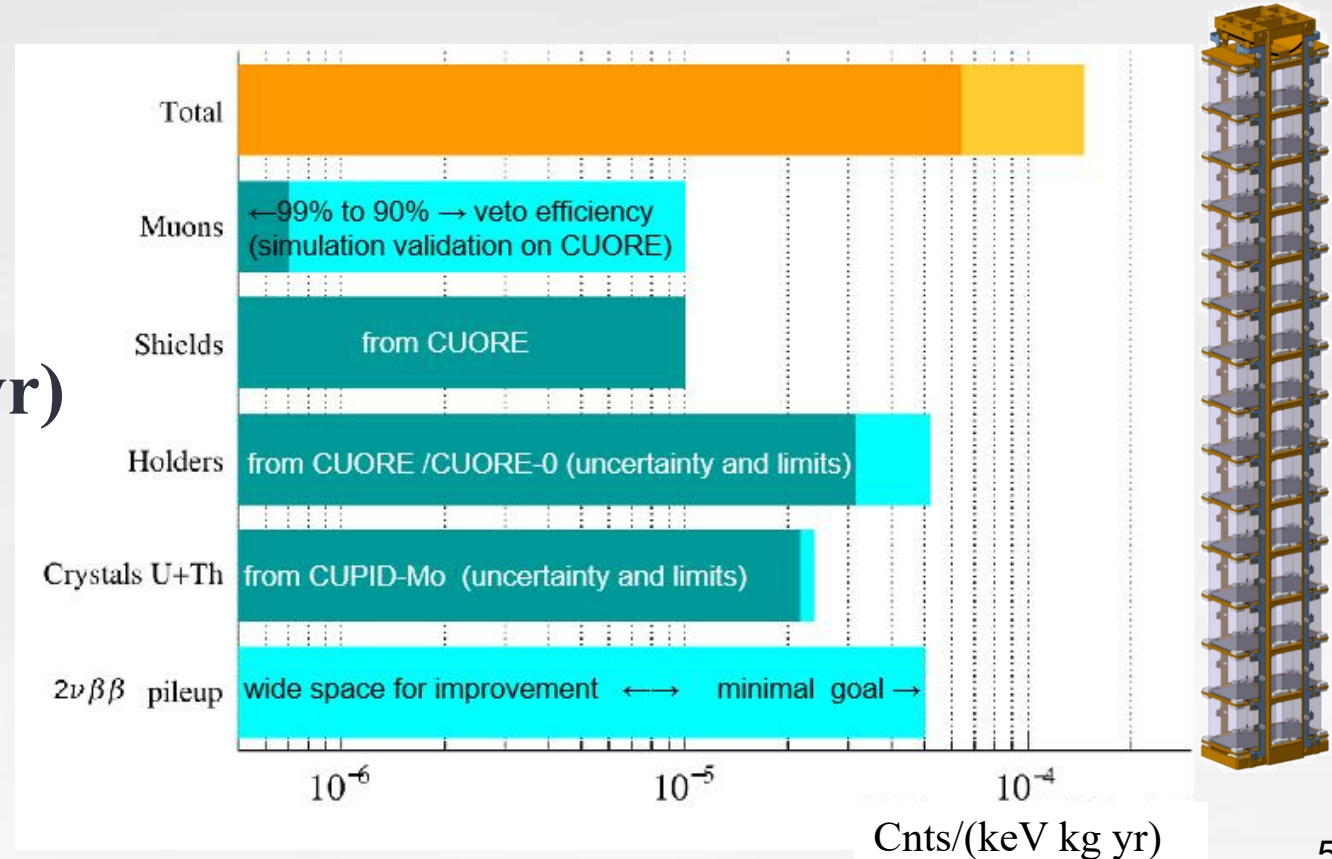


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CUPID: R&D

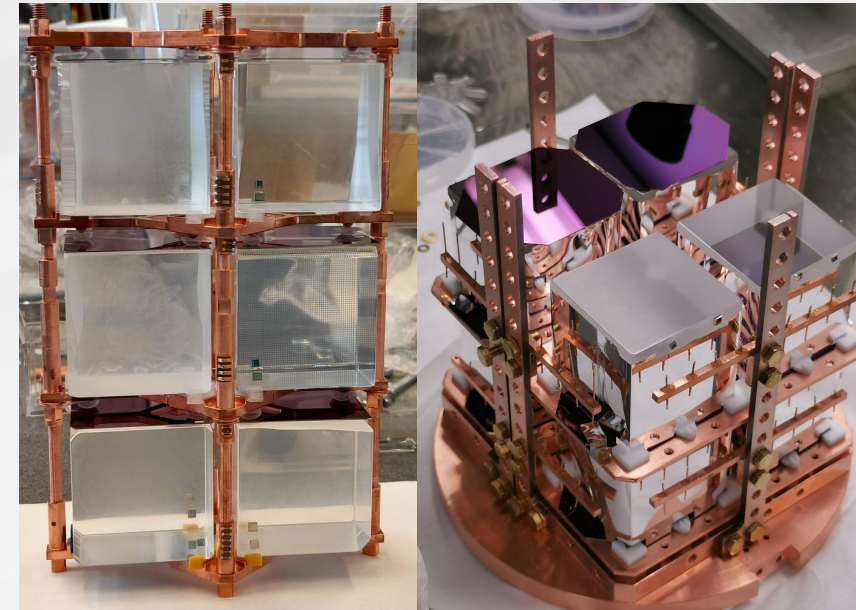
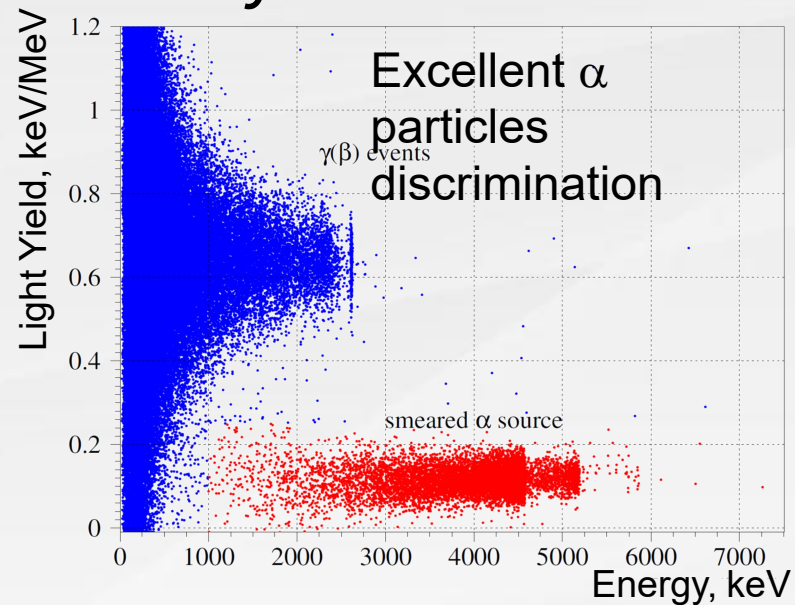
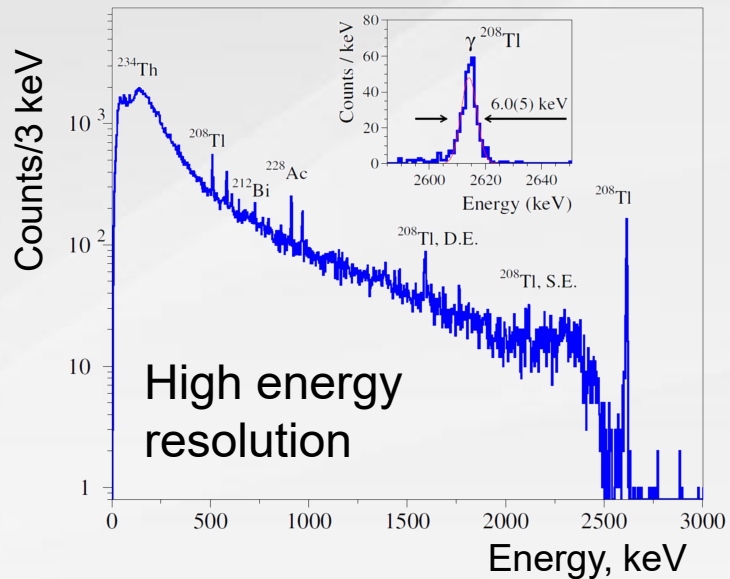
- Series of cryogenic tests at LNGS and LSC performed to define the final **structure of CUPID**
- Maximally effective use of experimental space
- Studies of pile-up rejection: both synthetic and induced pulses used for analysis

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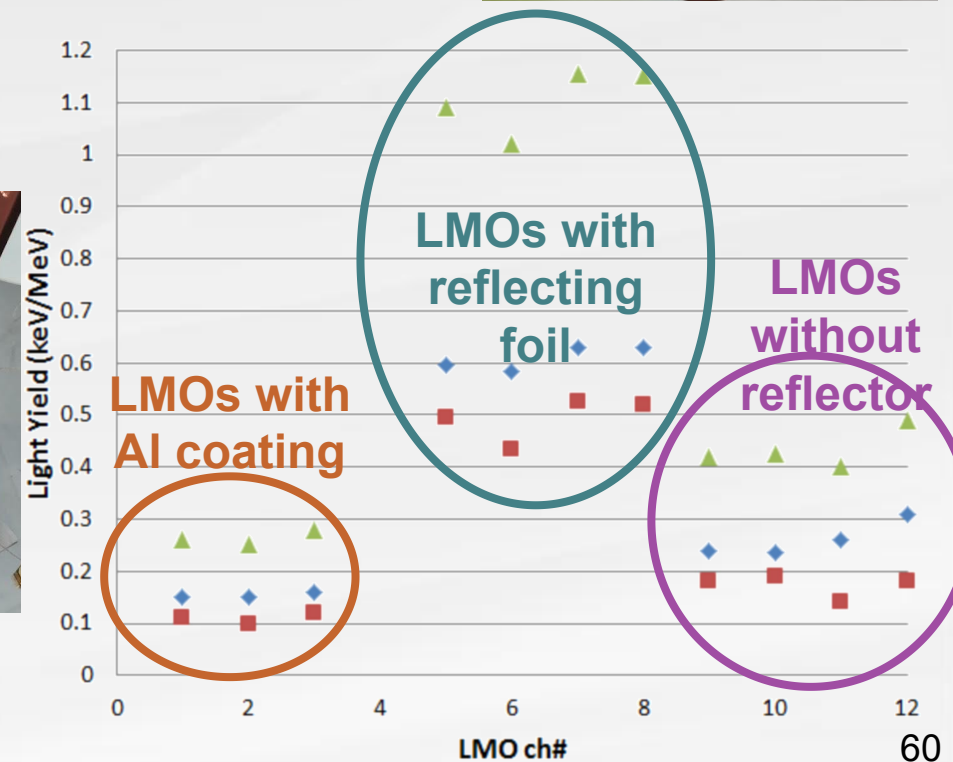
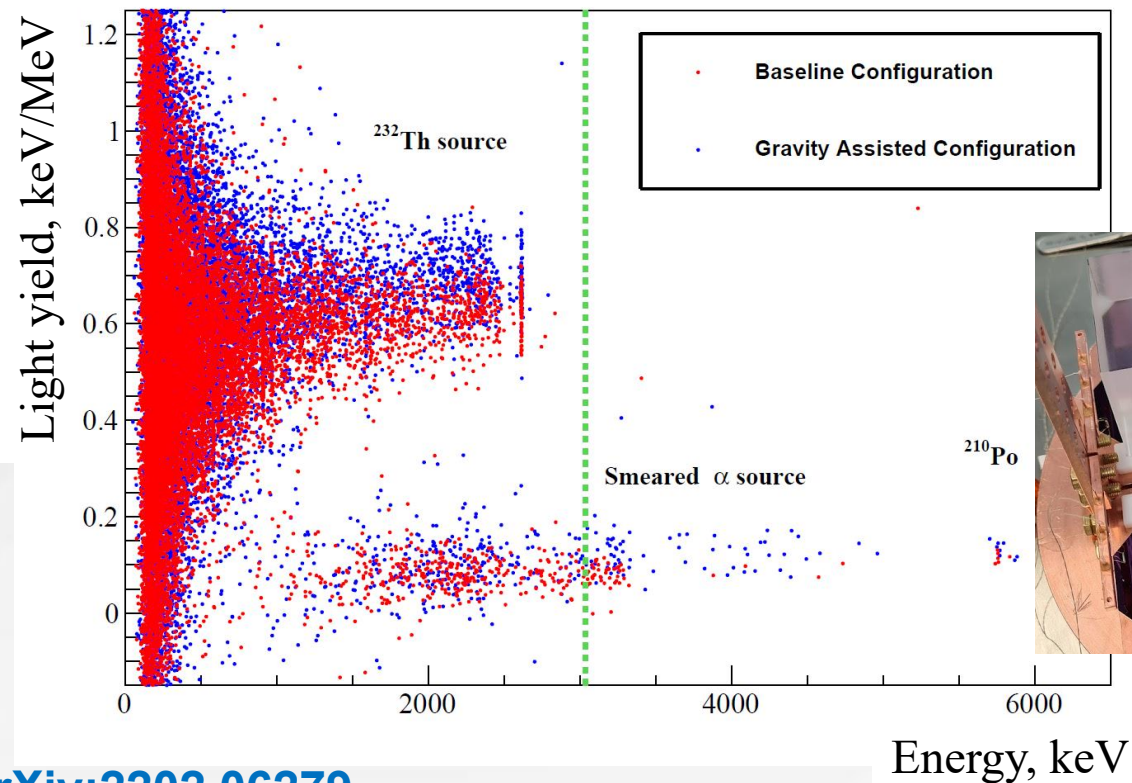
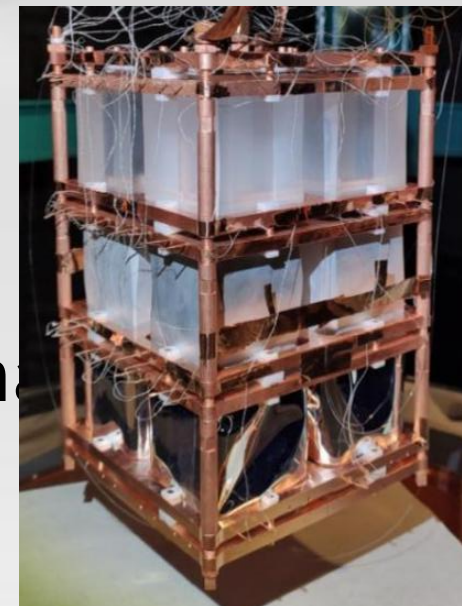
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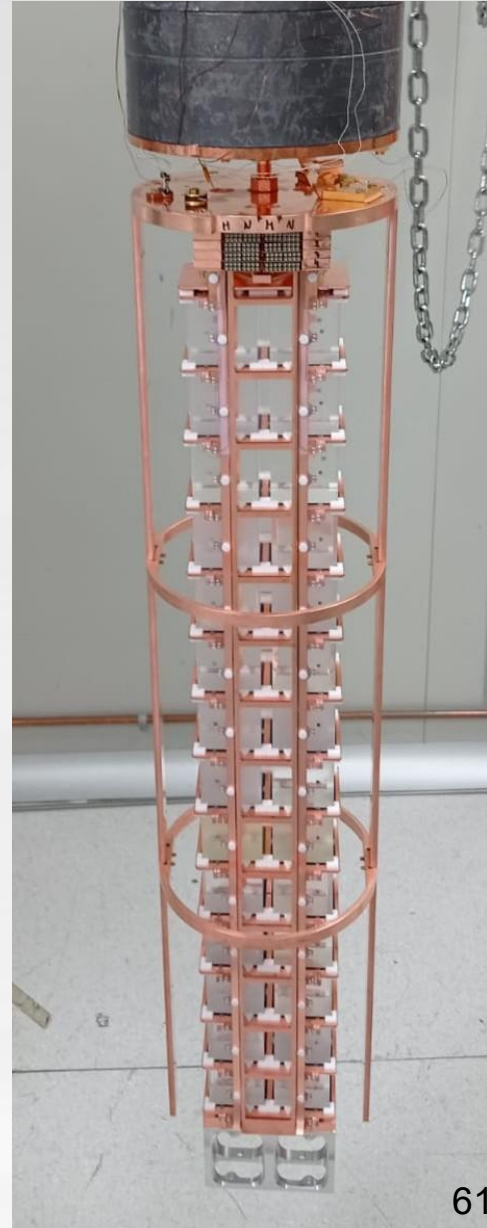
CUPID: light collection studies

- Light yield comparison leads to rejection of reflecting foil - lower background with sufficient light yield for α discrimination
- Optimisation of the detector structure

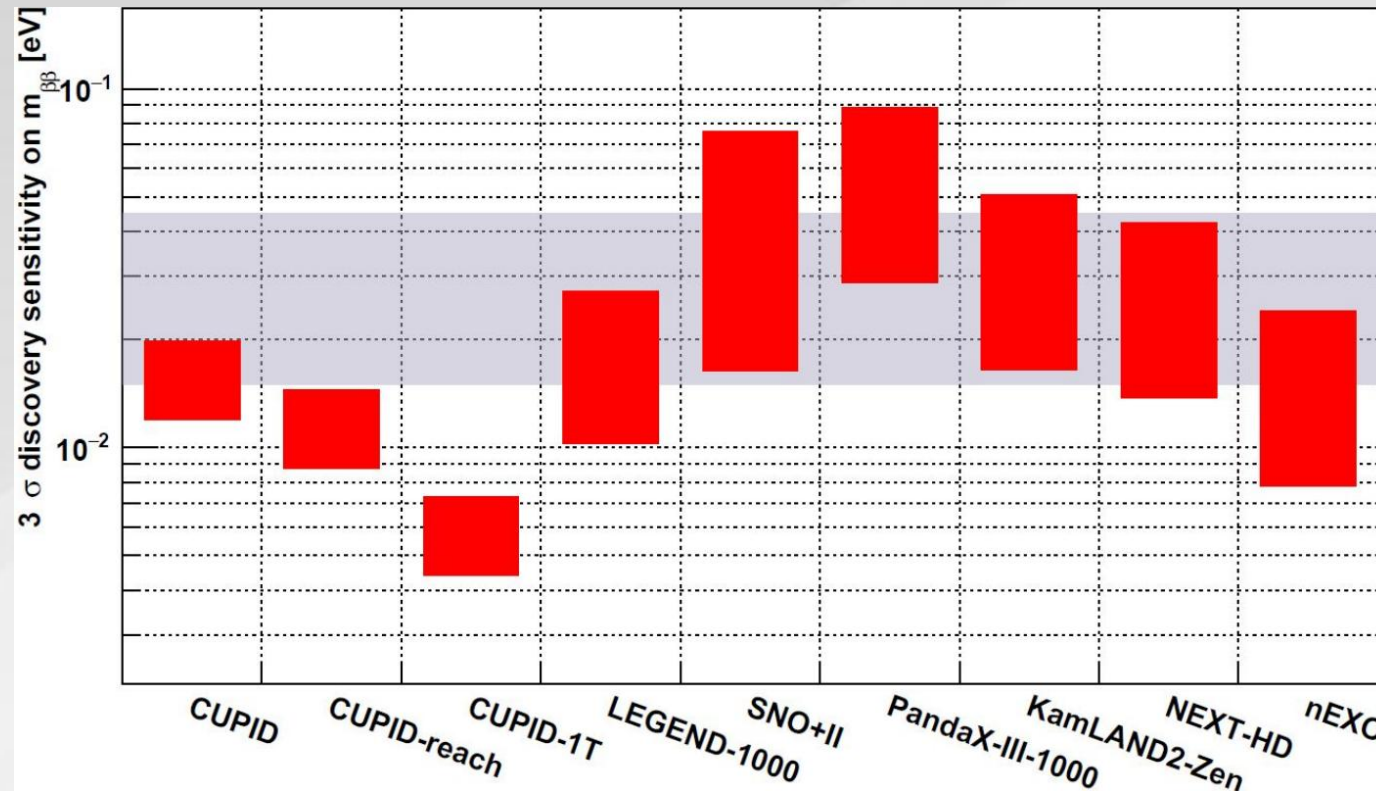


CUPID: single tower measurement

- The tower with 28 crystals and 30 light detectors is being measured in the cryostat at LNGS
- Validation of the CUPID detector structure and performance
- Analysis is ongoing: results coming soon



CUPID sensitivity

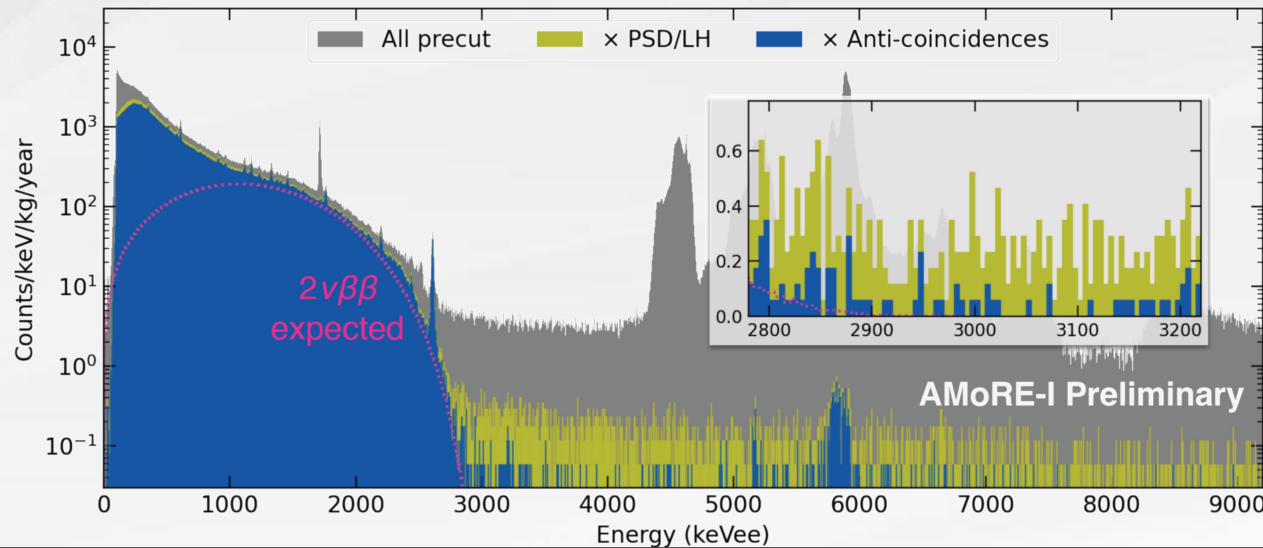
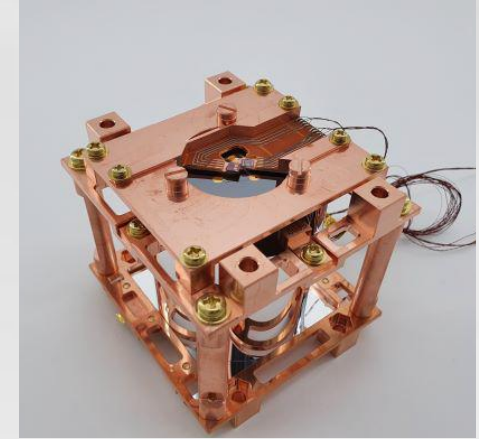
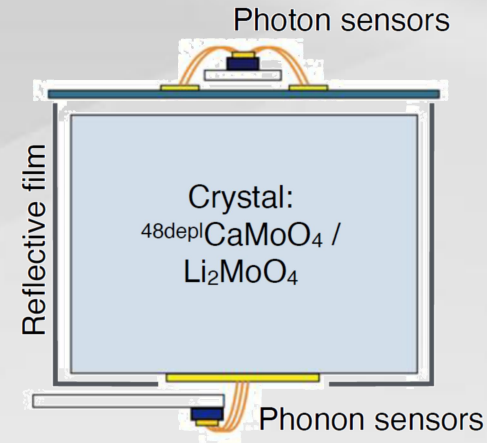
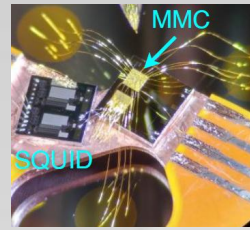


- CUPID: Exactly what we start building: **10^{-4}** cnts/keV/kg/yr
- CUPID-reach: improvements before construction: **2×10^{-5}** cnts/keV/kg/yr
- CUPID-1T: 1 ton ^{100}Mo in new cryostat: **5×10^{-6}** cnts/keV/kg/yr

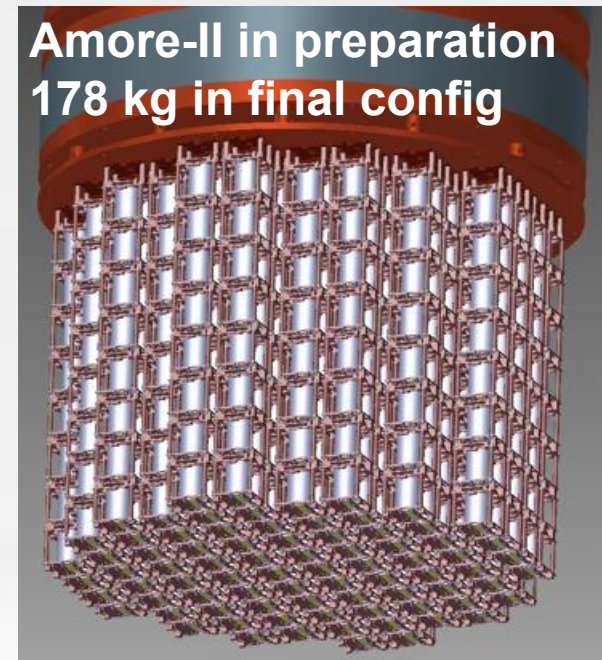
AMoRE

- Metallic magnetic calorimeter (MMC) + SQUID:

- Fast signal timing: a few millisecond rise-time for phonon signals at mK
- Low random coincidence background
- Energy resolution ~ 10 keV FWHM at 2.6 MeV

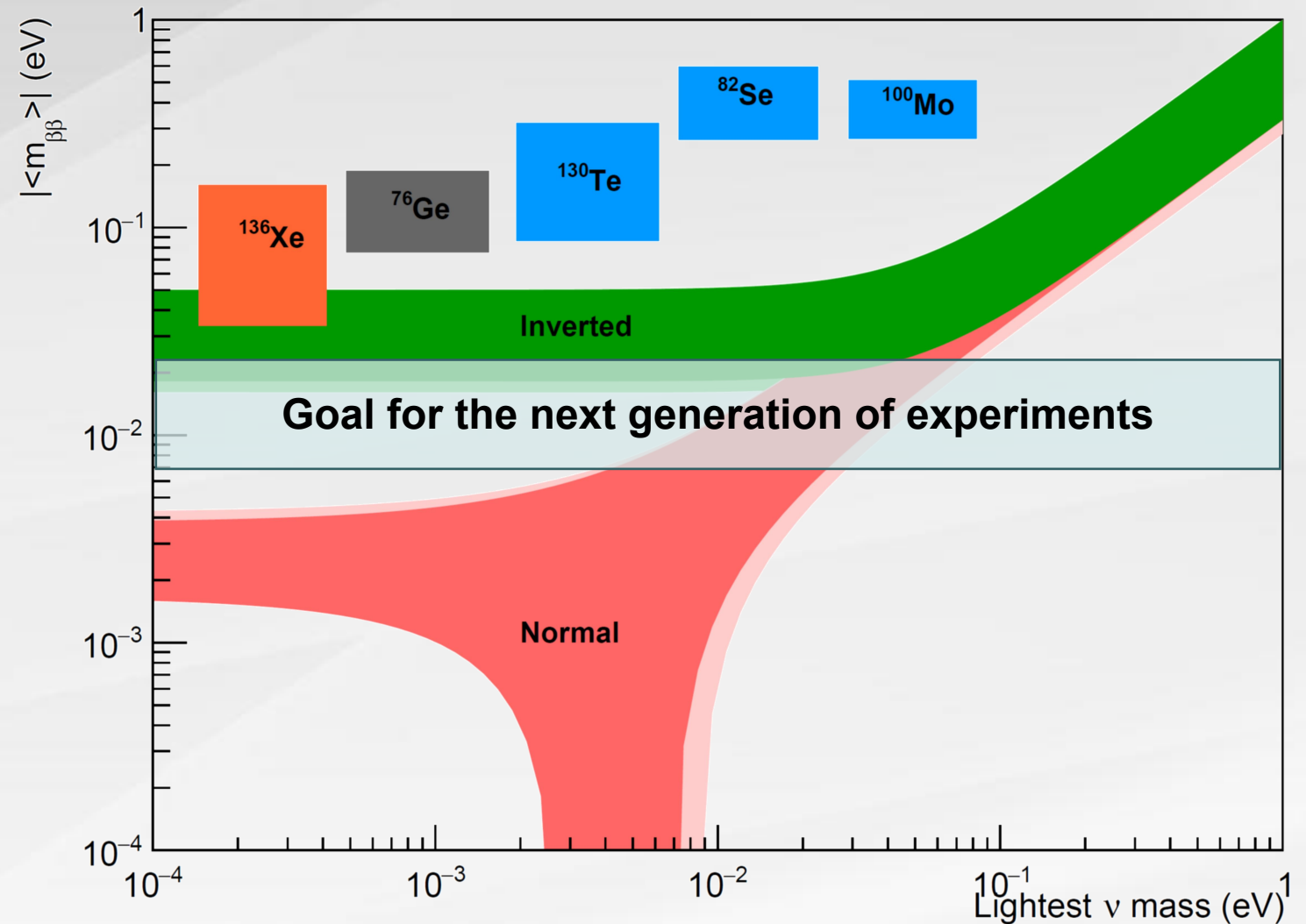


Amore-II in preparation
178 kg in final config



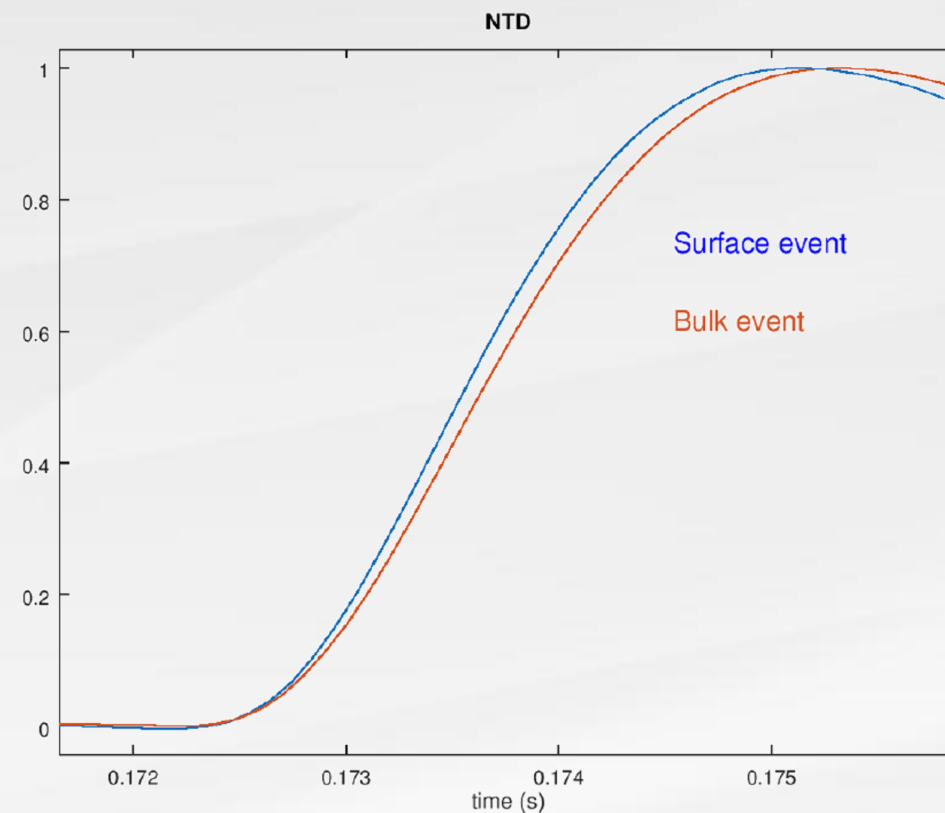
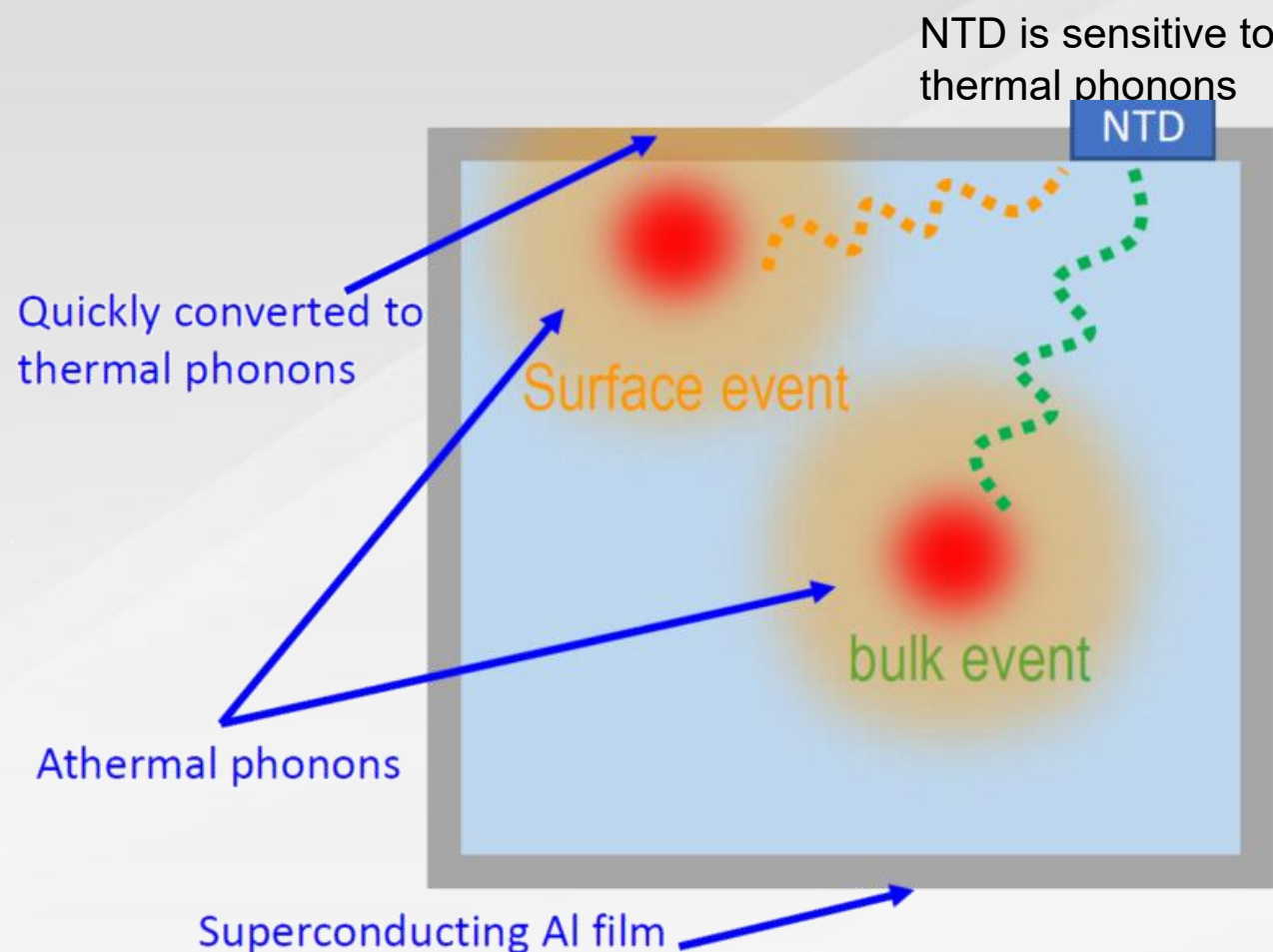
R&D and future projects

- Which improvements can be done “at reach” for sensitivity increase?
- Background rejection and reduction
- New PID methods
- Other isotopes?



CROSS technology: surface sensitivity

- Bolometers coated with metal films to identify near-surface events
(No light detector is needed and advanced particle ID)



CROSS prototypes: coating tests

$$DP = \frac{|\mu_{\beta/\gamma} - \mu_{\alpha}|}{\sqrt{\sigma_{\beta/\gamma}^2 + \sigma_{\alpha}^2}}$$

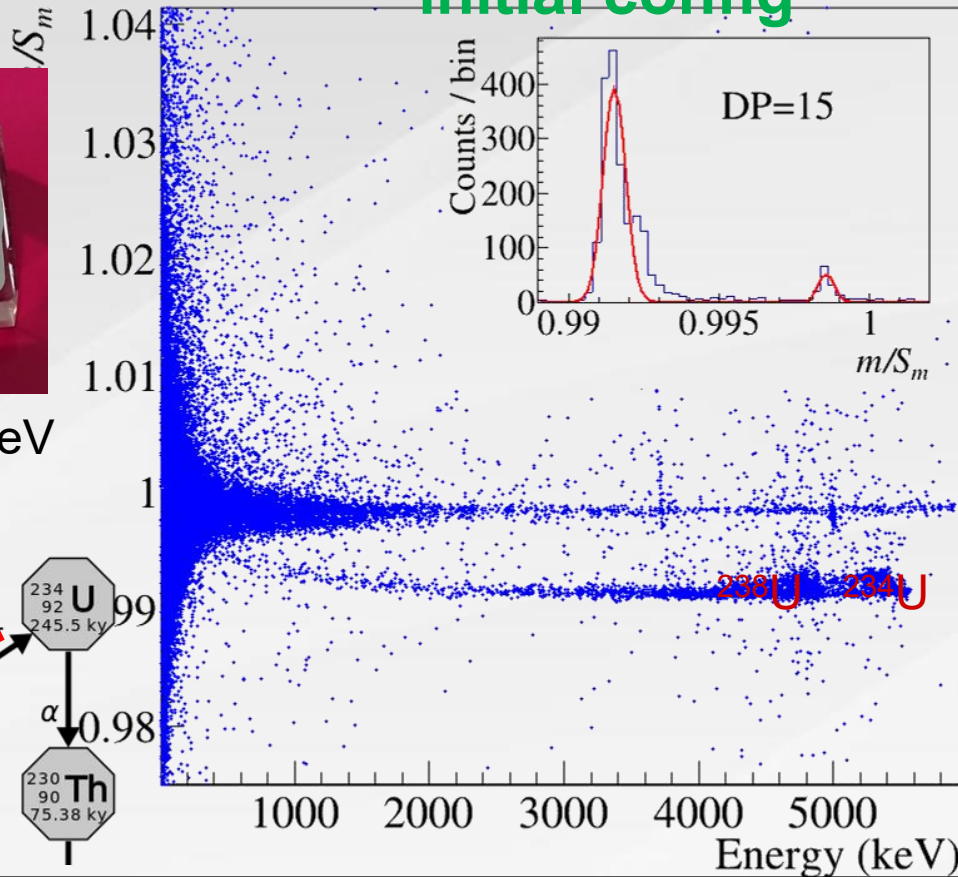
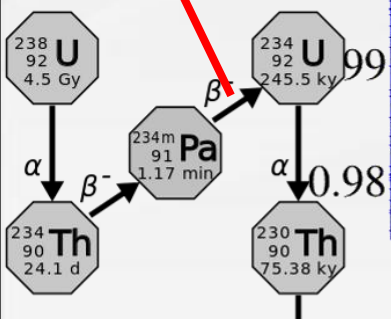
- Prototypes are tested in aboveground tests (IJCLab) with coating on one face, irradiated by a U source

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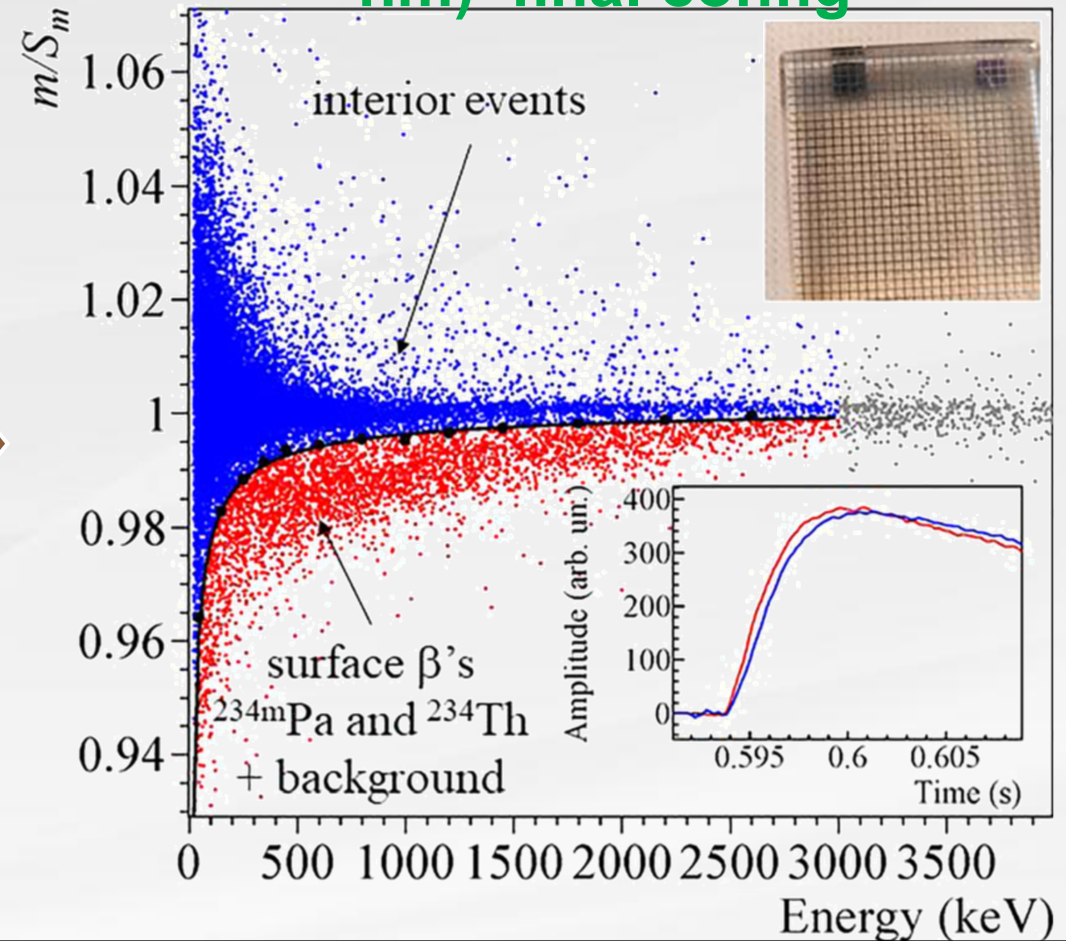
Aluminum (10um) layer:
initial config



$Q_{\beta} = 2.2 \text{ MeV}$



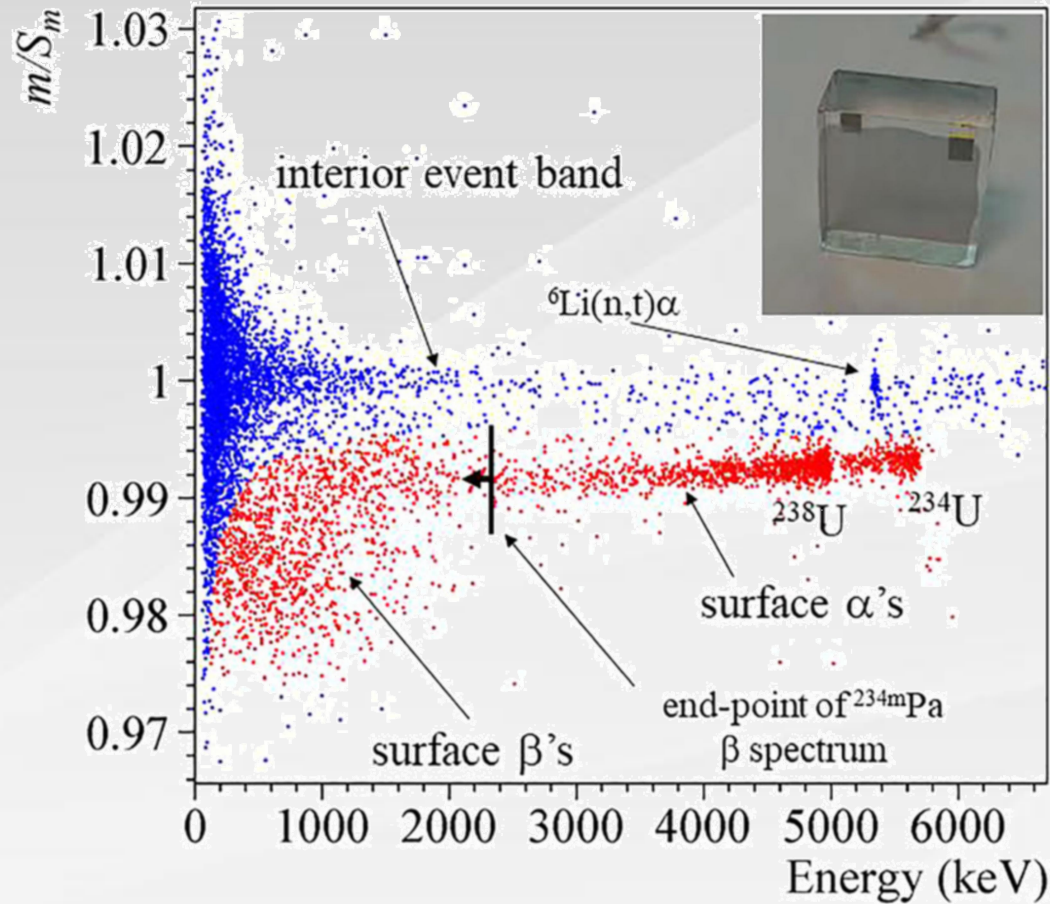
Palladium (10nm)-Aluminum (100 nm) final config



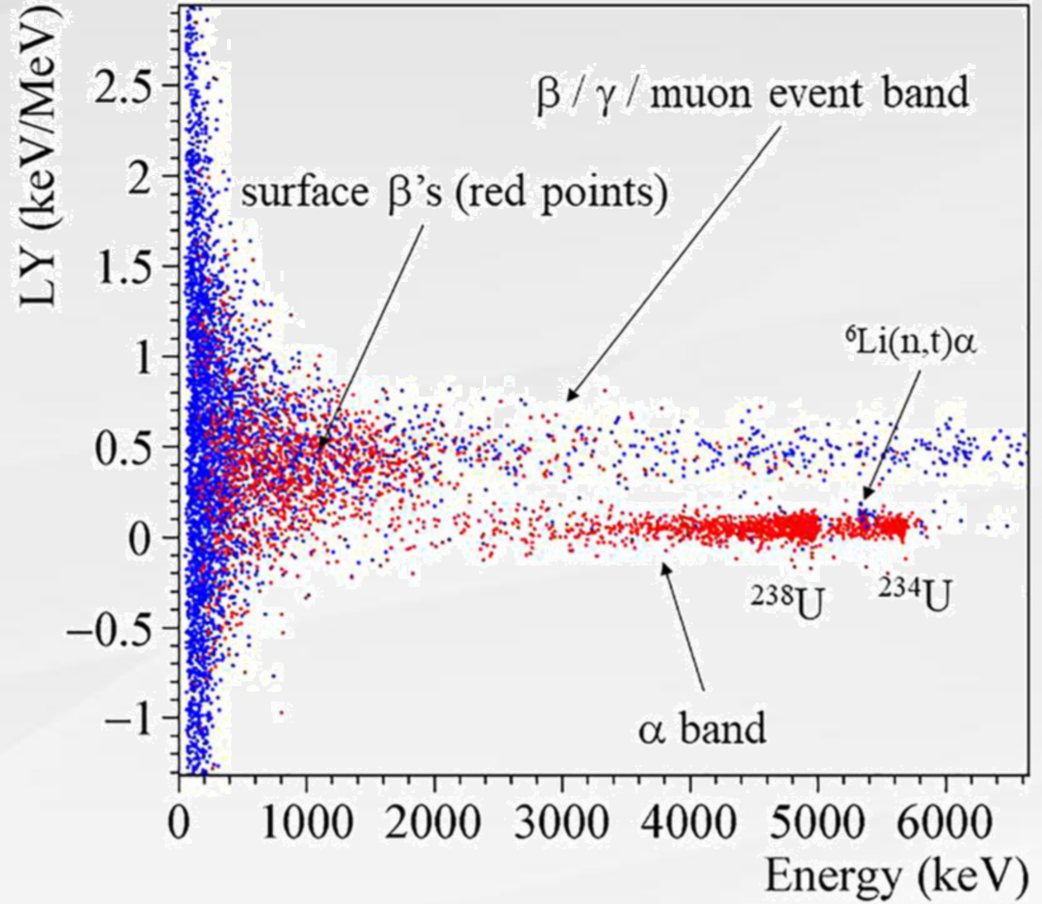
CROSS prototypes



CROSS technology: single read-out



CUPID technology: dual read-out



Cross: prospects

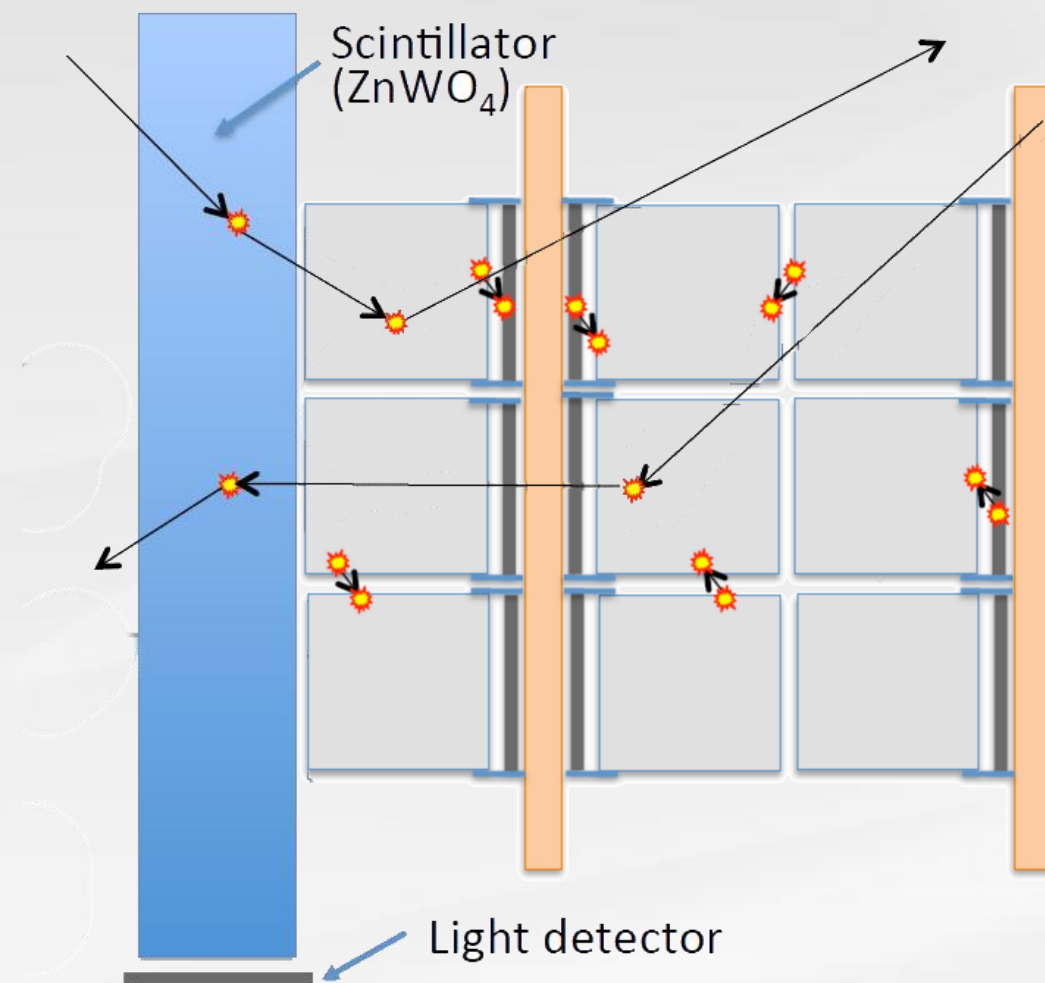
- Complications faced with surface coating technology when scaling the detectors size: R&D phase reengaged
- In the meanwhile: LSC facility used for joint CROSS-CUPID-BINGO measurements
- In preparation: 42 $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ cubic (45^3 mm) crystals + 20 CUPID-Mo crystals: **6.6 kg of ^{100}Mo**
- With $\text{BI}=10^{-3}$ cnts/keV/kg/yr and 2 yr livetime:
 $T_{1/2}$ limit $\sim 2 \times 10^{25}$ yr, $m_{\beta\beta} \sim$ **(86-149) meV**



BINGO experiment: gamma bkg reduction

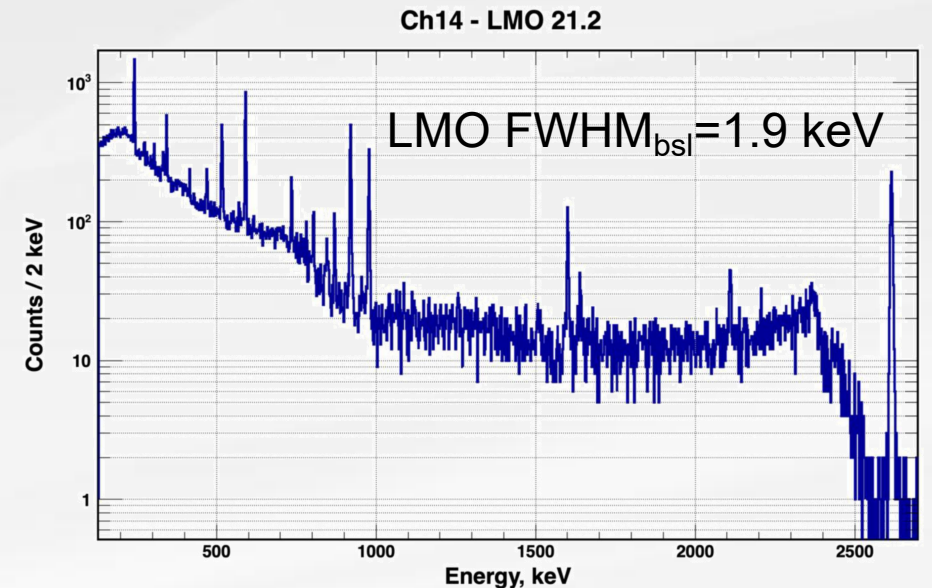
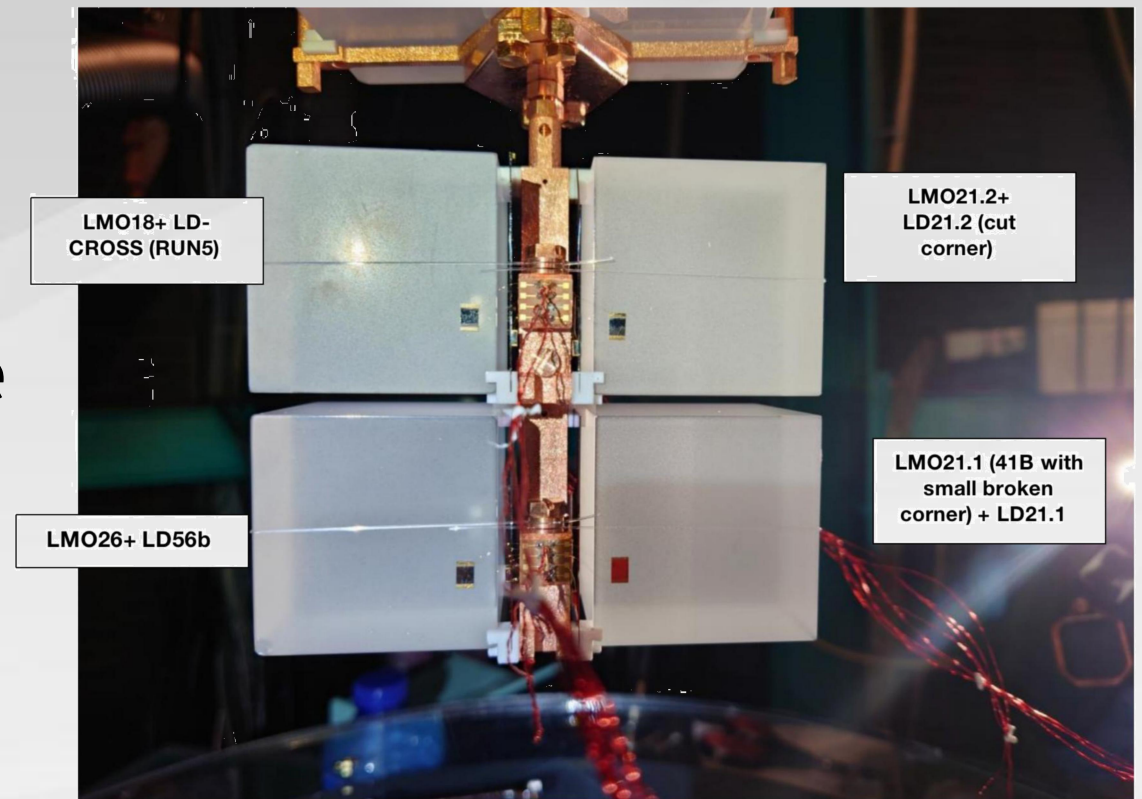
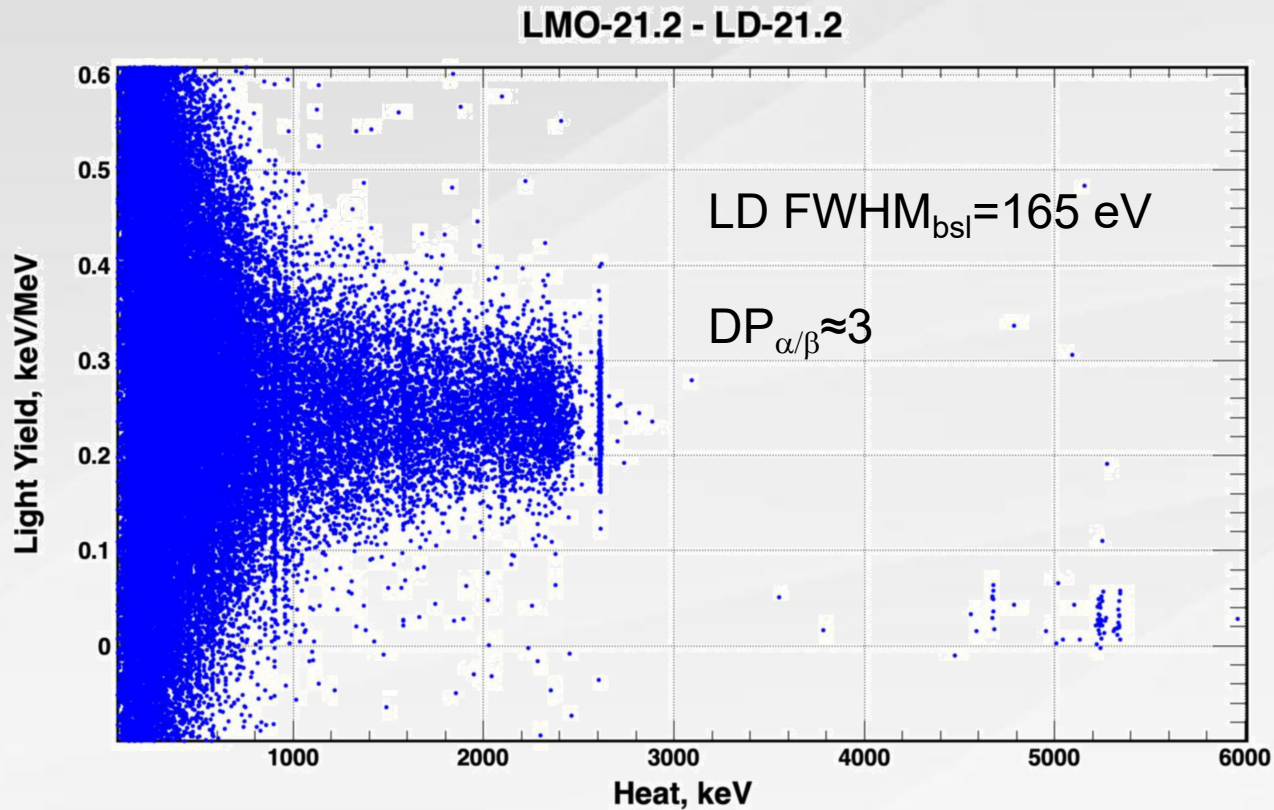
- Surface events discrimination: detectors will “see” only active elements
- Internal **active veto**: BGO scintillators, bolometric light read-out
- Light detectors with **Neganov-Luke technology** to reach 10 eV rms baseline
- Both Li_2MoO_4 and TeO_2 compounds

Goal for bkg index in ROI:
 $\sim 10^{-5}$ cnts/keV/kg/yr



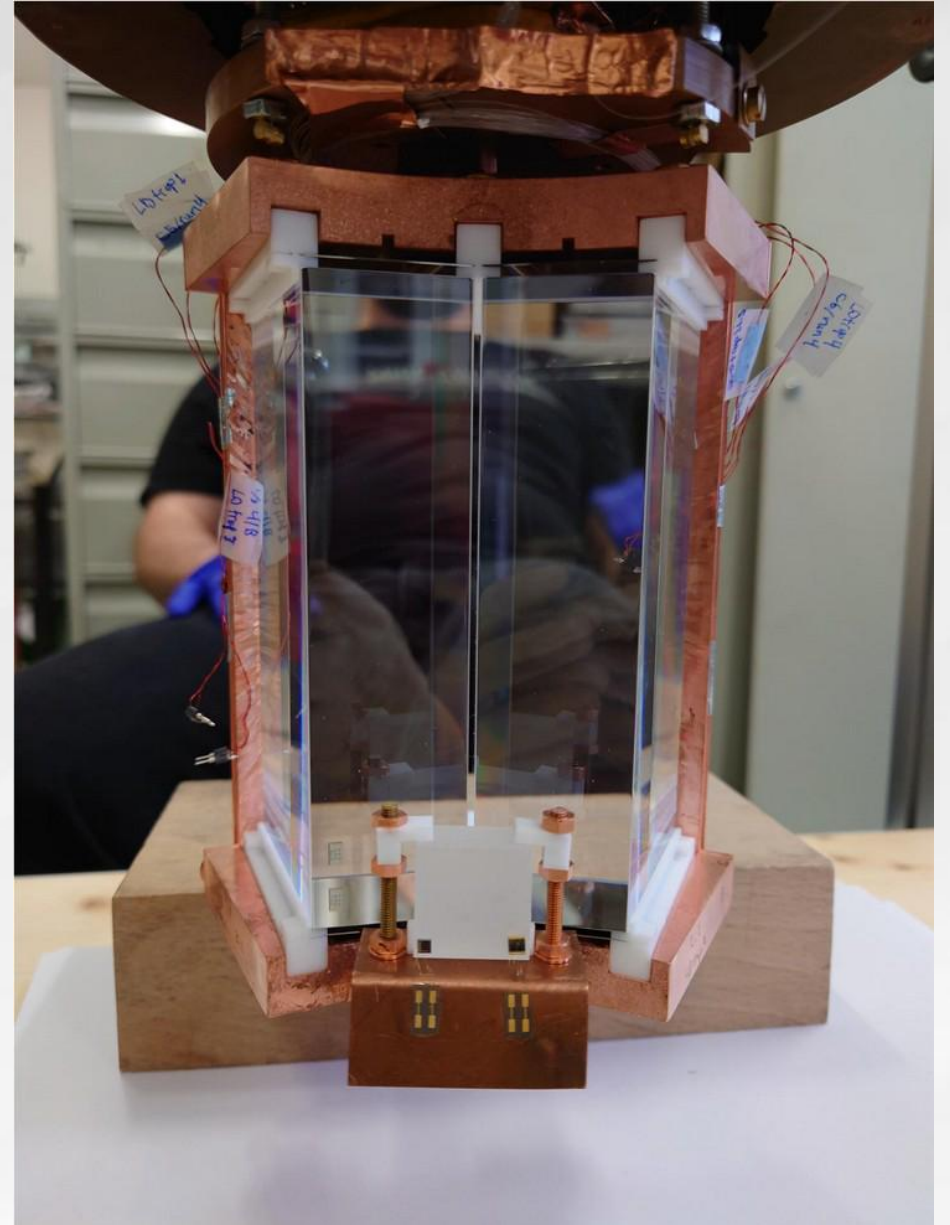
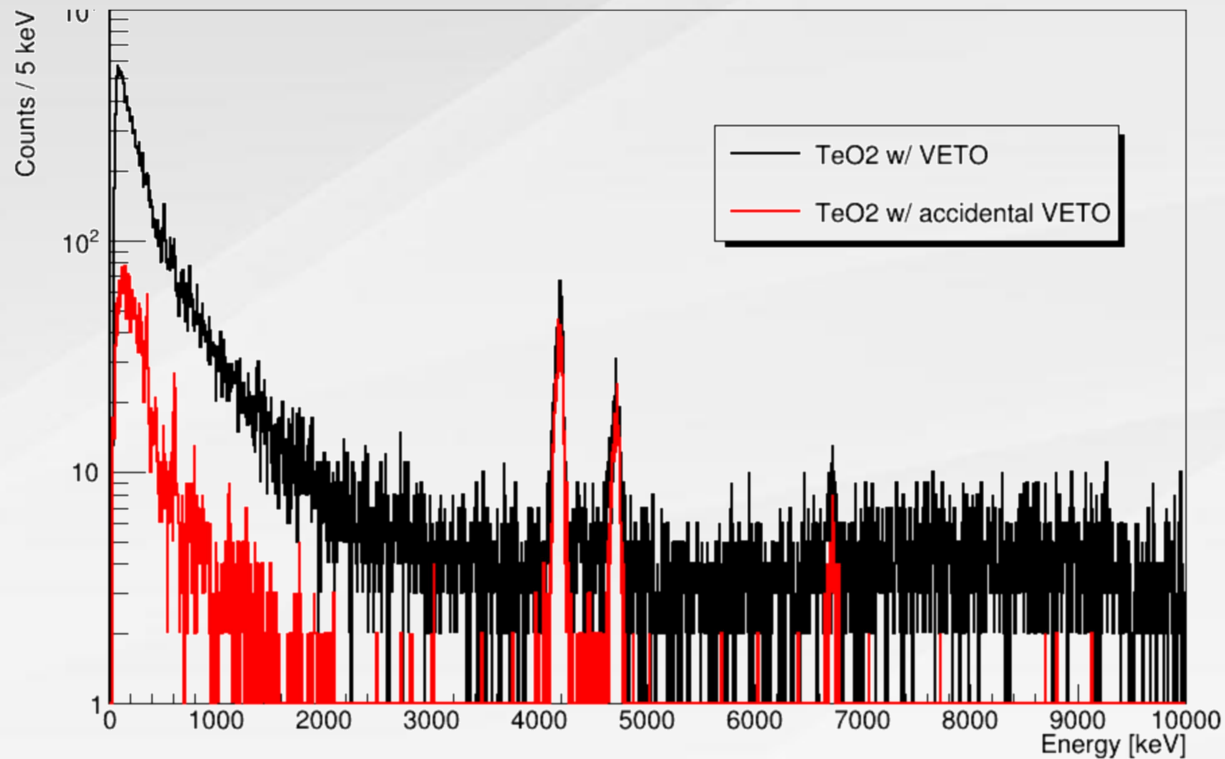
BINGO prototypes

- New nylon wire assembly structure validated: detector performances are satisfactory



BINGO prototypes:veto

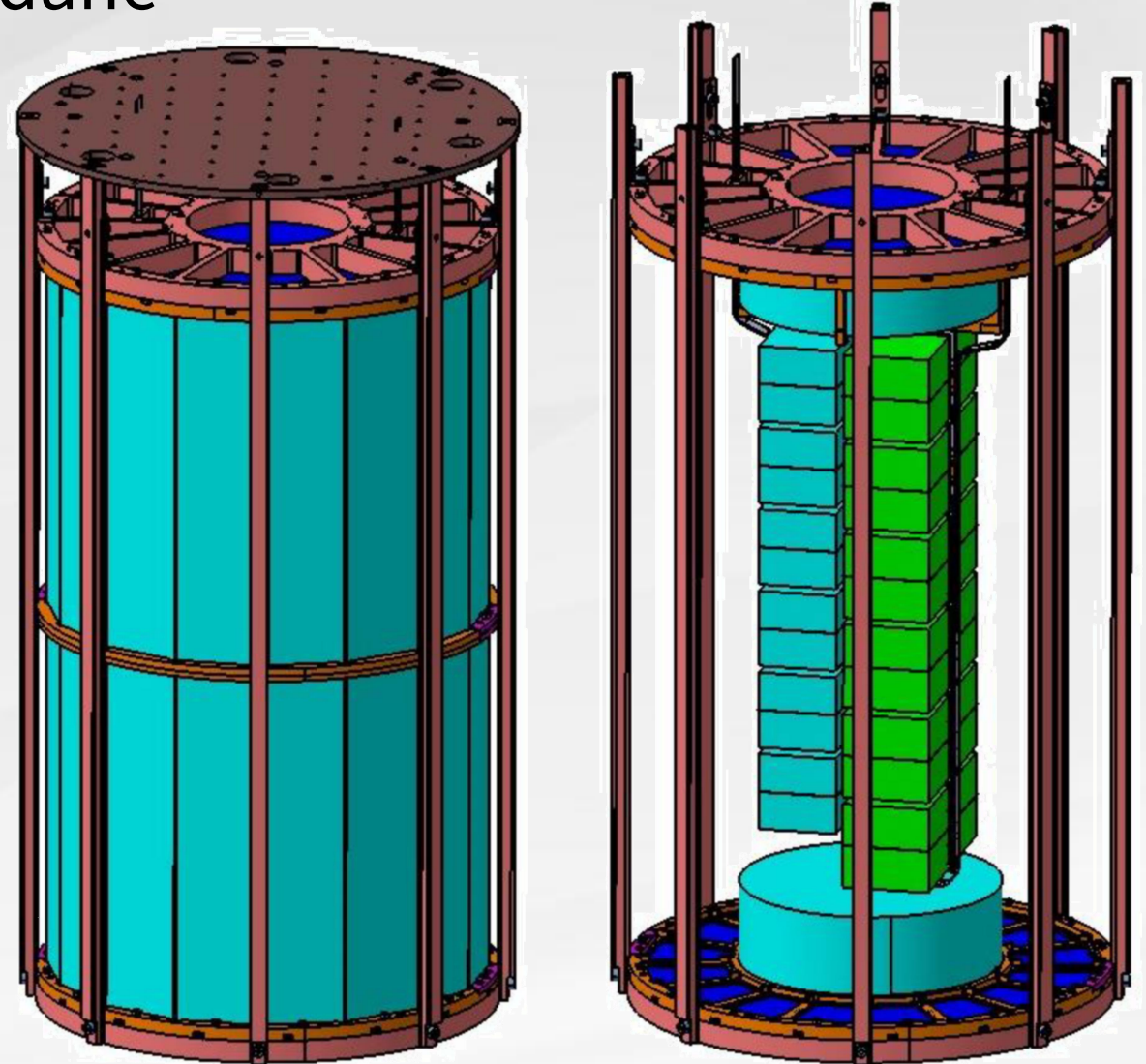
- First test with large BGO crystals and LD detectors for coincidence studies
- Efficiency/threshold study performed



BINGO demonstrator

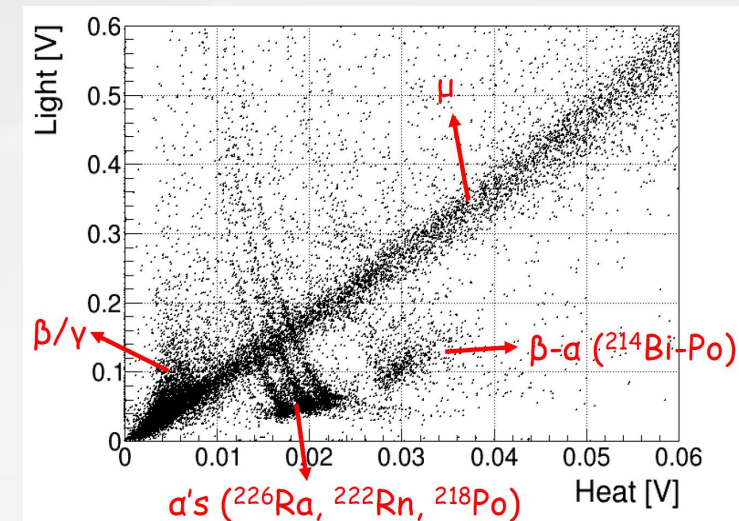
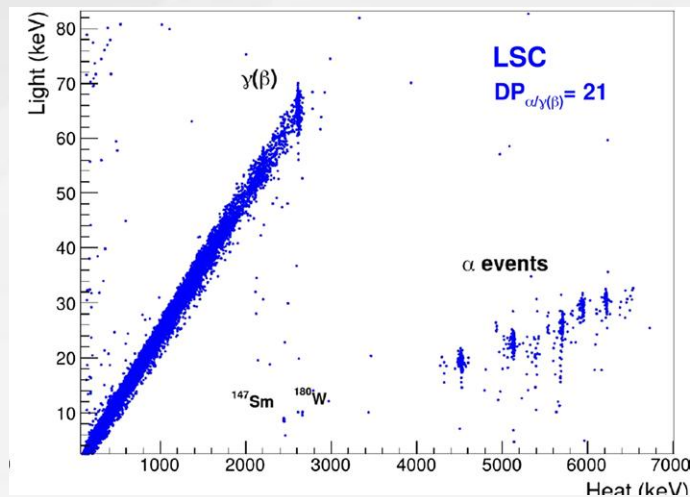
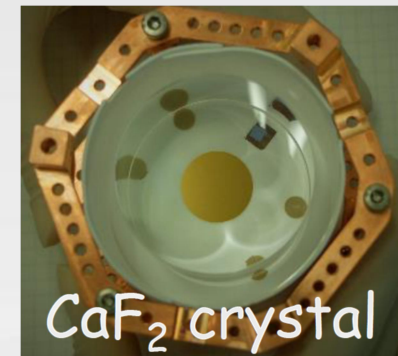
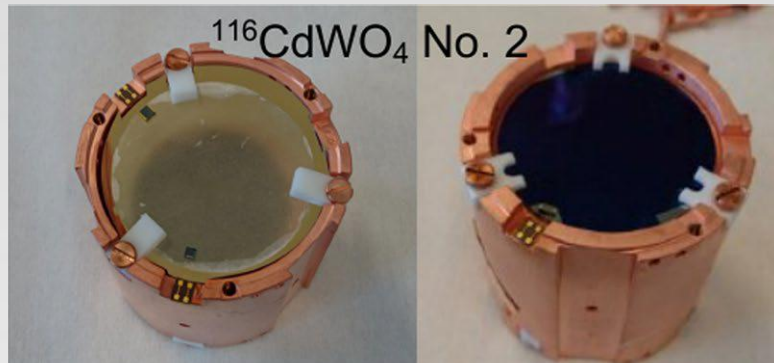
- MINI-BINGO will be installed in Modane Underground Laboratory
- 2x12 crystal towers (LMO+TeO)
- Crystals will see nothing else that is not active

Scale high enough to demonstrate
 $b \leq 10^{-4}$ cnts/keV/kg/yr
in 1 yr data taking



^{116}Cd , ^{48}Ca scintillating bolometers

- R&D tests performed on small scale with promising performance and particle discrimination capability

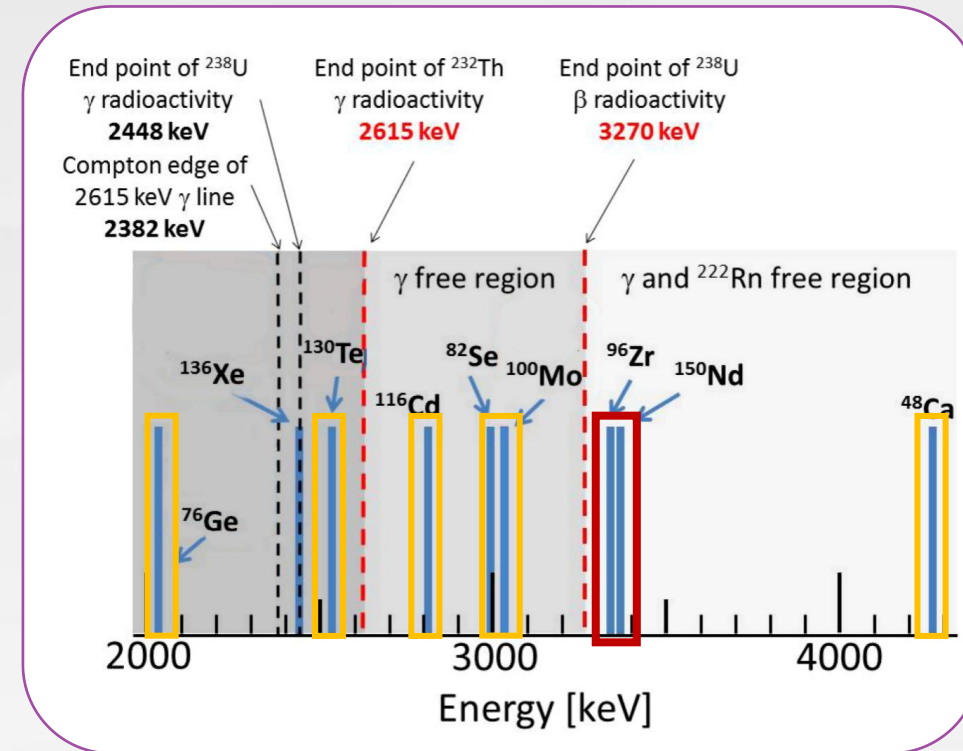


TINY experiment proposal



Starting
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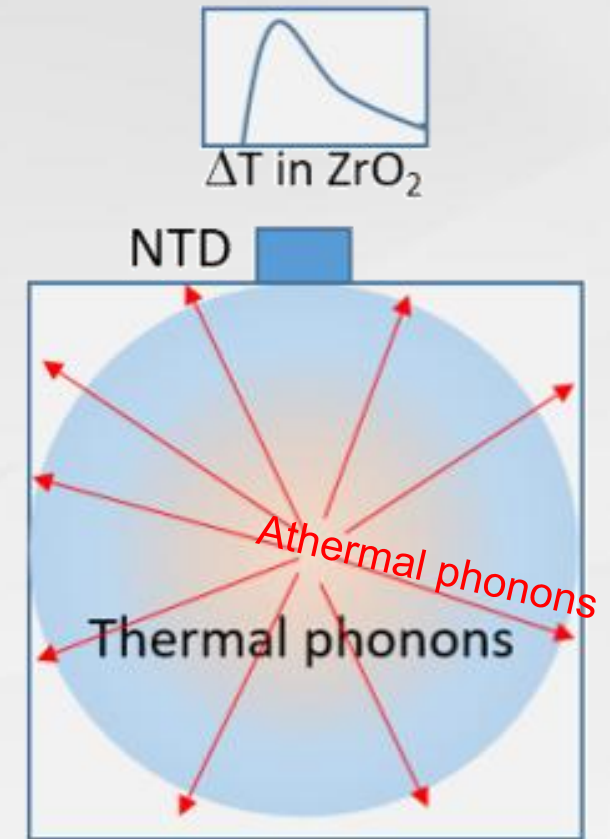
- Two Isotopes for Neutrinoless double beta decaY search
- Development of **easy to reproduce detector technology** for highly sensitive searches for $0\nu 2\beta$ with ^{96}Zr and ^{150}Nd
- R&D followed by an underground demonstrator on a small scale



TINY detectors: Zr

- Low risk
- Medium risk
- High risk

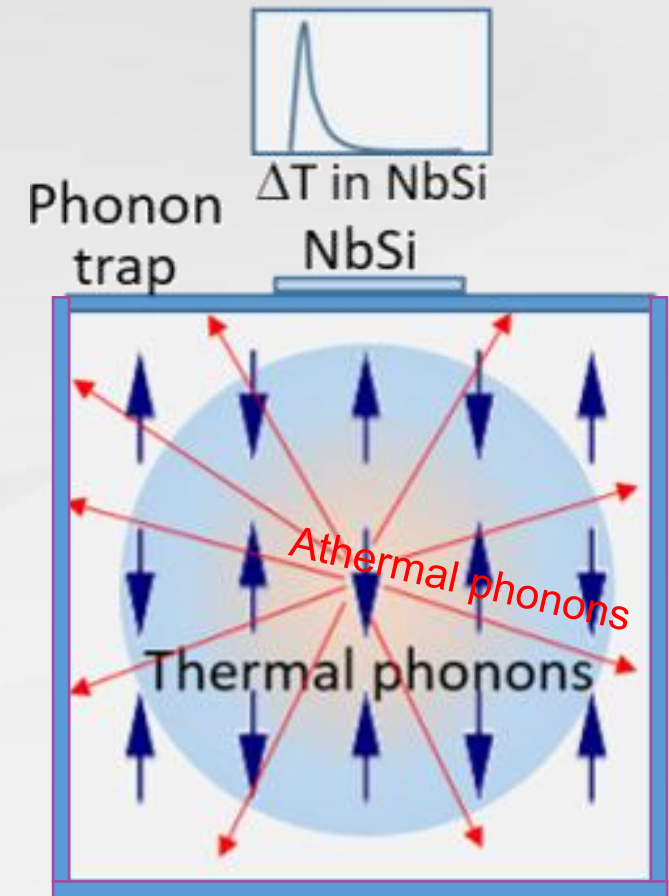
- Crystal compounds: ZrO_2 (75% Zr), ZrSiO_4 (55% Zr)
- Scintillating bolometers as a baseline
- Thermal sensors (Neutron Transmutation Doped thermistors) - robust and reproducible
- Target energy resolution: **<10 keV FWHM at Q_{bb}**
- Target α discrimination by light: >99.9%
- First: natural crystals, then move to enriched material for demonstrator



TINY detectors: Nd

- Low risk
- Medium risk
- High risk

- Crystal compounds: **NdGaO₃(55%)**, NdF₃(71%)
- Proof-of-concept: **measurement of magnetic compounds** with athermal sensors
- Use large surface athermal phonon sensors (high impedance NbSi Transition Edge Sensors)
- Target energy resolution: **<20 keV FWHM at Q_{bb}**
- Particle **discrimination by the pulse-shape**
- First measurement of magnetic bolometers
- No large-scale enrichment yet



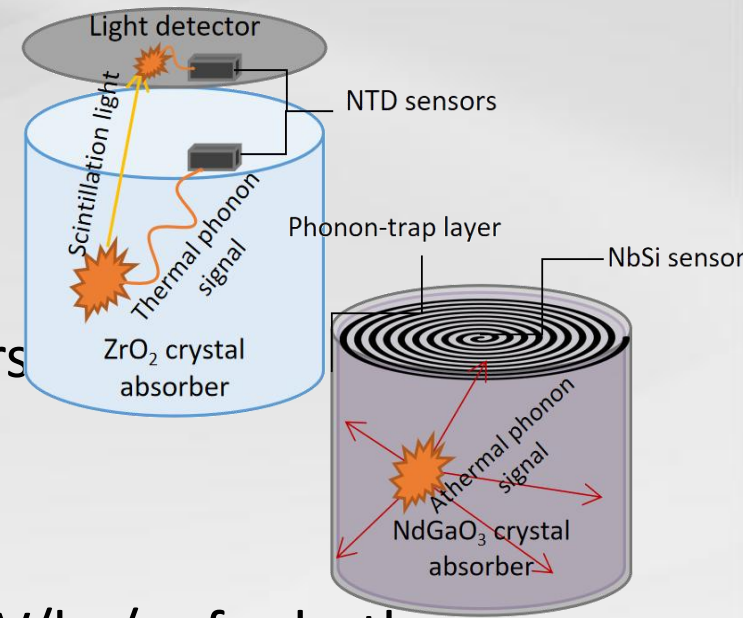
TINY final demonstrator

Baseline configuration: **array of 10 crystals**

- 5×400 g enriched $^{96}\text{ZrO}_2$ **double read-out** scintillating bolometers
- 5×400 g natural NdGaO_3 **single read-out** magnetic bolometers

Precision measurement of $2\nu 2\beta$ spectrums

New limits in **1 year** of measurements and background 10^{-3} cts/keV/kg/yr for both:



Isotope	NEMO-3		TINY	
	Exposure, kg×yr	Present limits, yr	Exposure, kg×yr	Present limits, yr
^{96}Zr	0.031	9.2×10^{21}	1.4	2×10^{24}
^{150}Nd	0.191	2×10^{22}	0.062	5.7×10^{22}

*J. Argyriades et. al., Measurement of the two neutrino double beta decay half-life of Zr-96 with the NEMO-3 detector, Nucl.Phys.A847:168-179 (2010)

J. Argyriades et al., Measurement of the double- β decay half-life of ^{150}Nd and search for neutrinoless decay modes with the NEMO-3 detector, Phys. Rev. C 80, 032501 (2009)

Conclusions

- Low temperature detectors have evolved enormously in last ~20 years and have wide range of applications now
- Particle identification capability, materials flexibility, high energy resolution allow to reach unprecedented sensitivities
- Powerfull tool for neutrino physics - major advancement are expected on scale of next 10 years

Stay tuned!

Backups

Bolometers are

As a consequence of two previous points, bolometers are very flexible in applications:

- Astronomy, astrophysics and cosmology

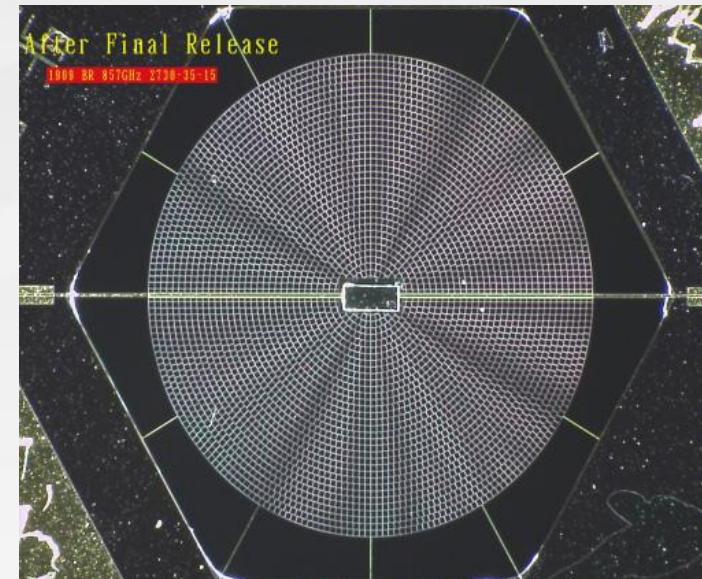
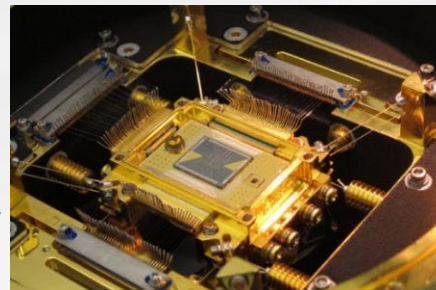
Examples:

High Frequency Instrument (HFI) in Planck experiment

52 spider-web bolometers based on NTD Ge thermistors $T \sim 0.1$ K

SXS instrument on ASTRO-H mission

HgTe absorbers on **Si thermistors**
6×6 channels - 7 eV FWHM in 0.3-12 keV



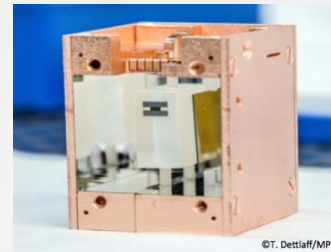
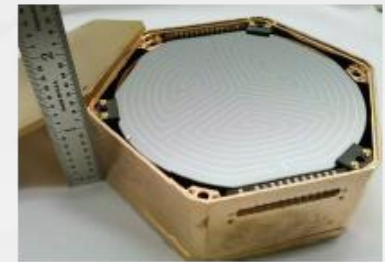
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- Dark matter: search for WIMPs, axions and other exotic particles

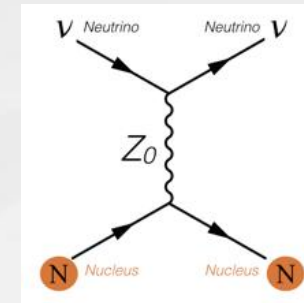
Examples:

- **EDELWEISS and SuperCDMS with Ge ionizing bolometers**
 - **CRESST with CaWO_4 scintillating bolometers**
- Low energy threshold (≤ 100 eV)
 - Low raw background
 - Electron/nuclear recoil discrimination
 - Large exposures

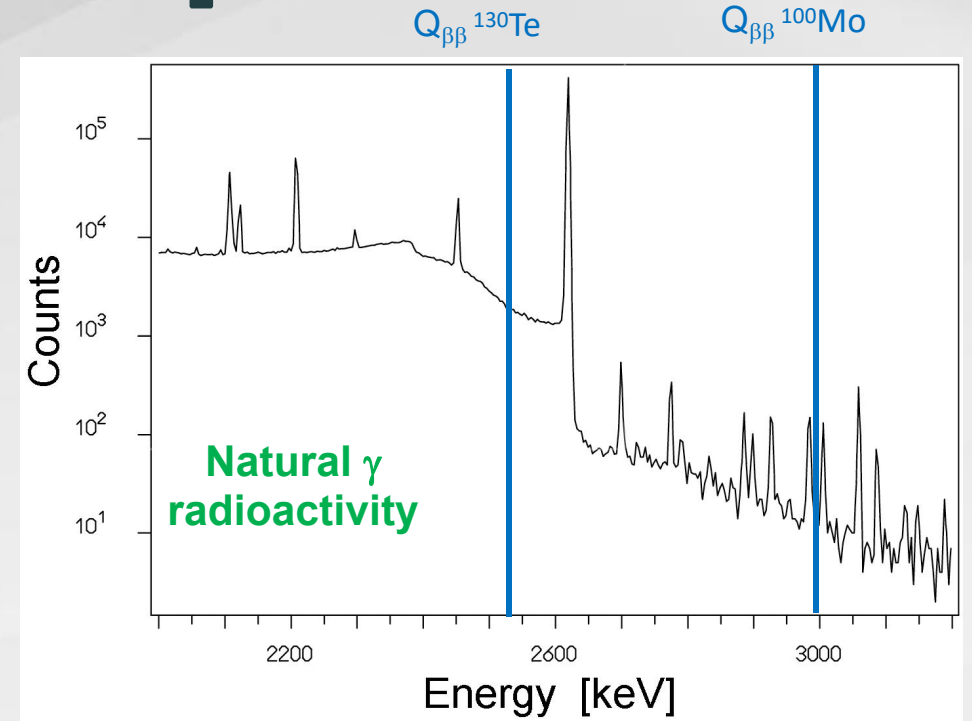
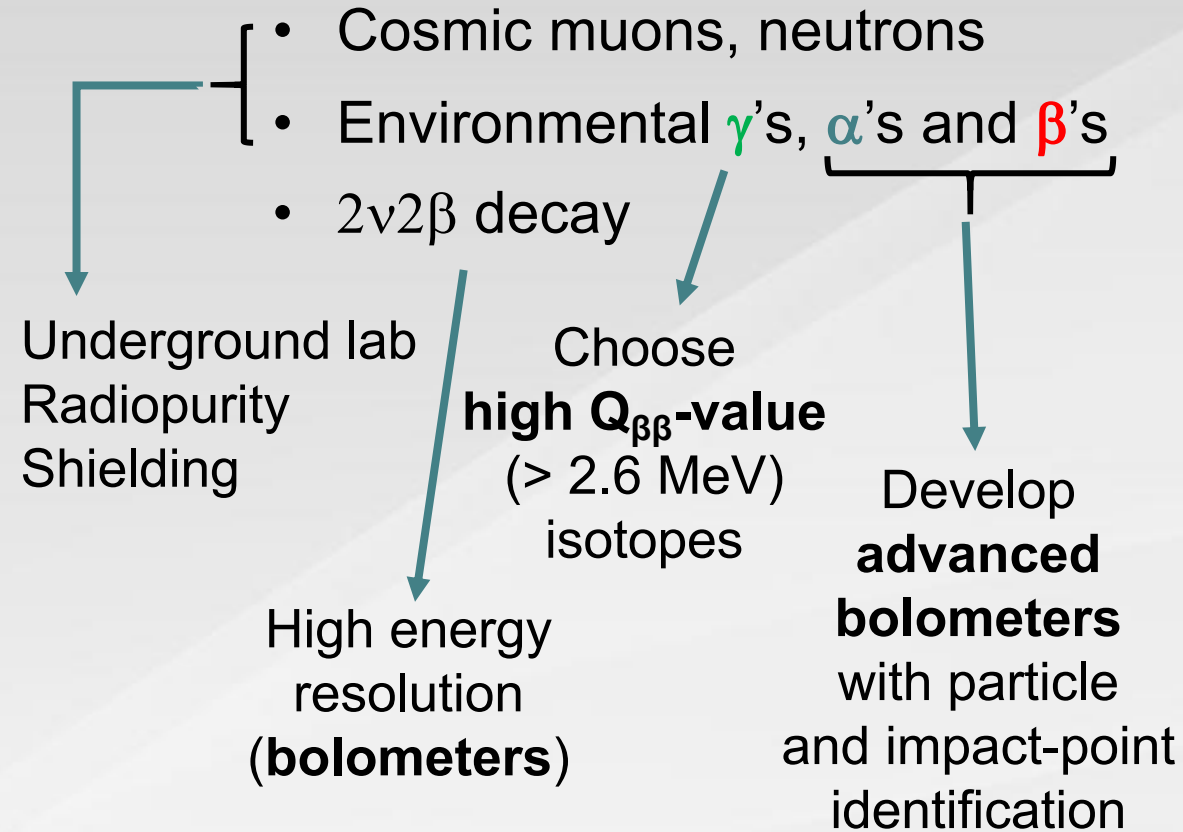


Cryogenic equipment

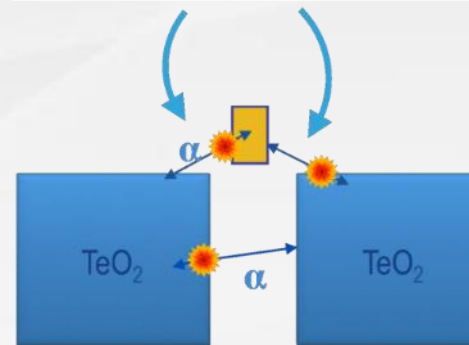
- Past: liquid bath cryostats
- Now: pulse-tube cryostats



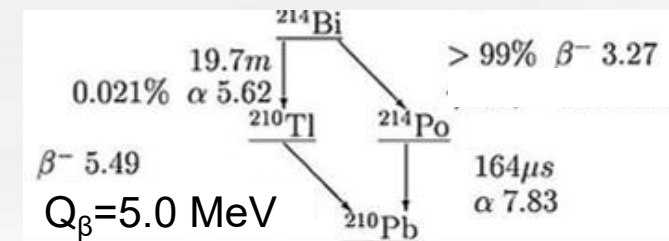
Background sources and isotope choice



Energy degraded α events

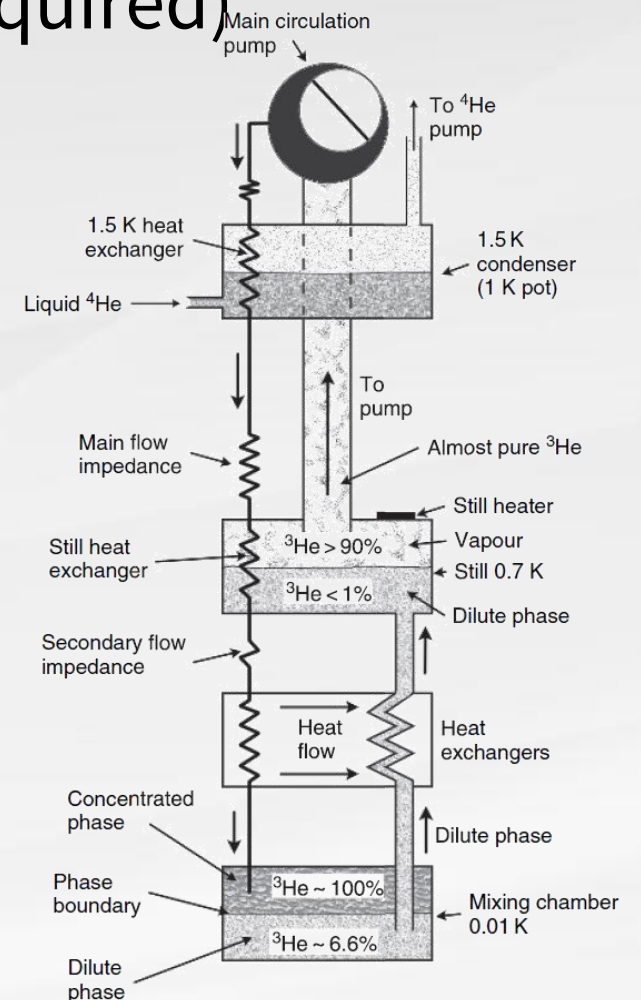


High energy β decays



Dilution unit cryostats

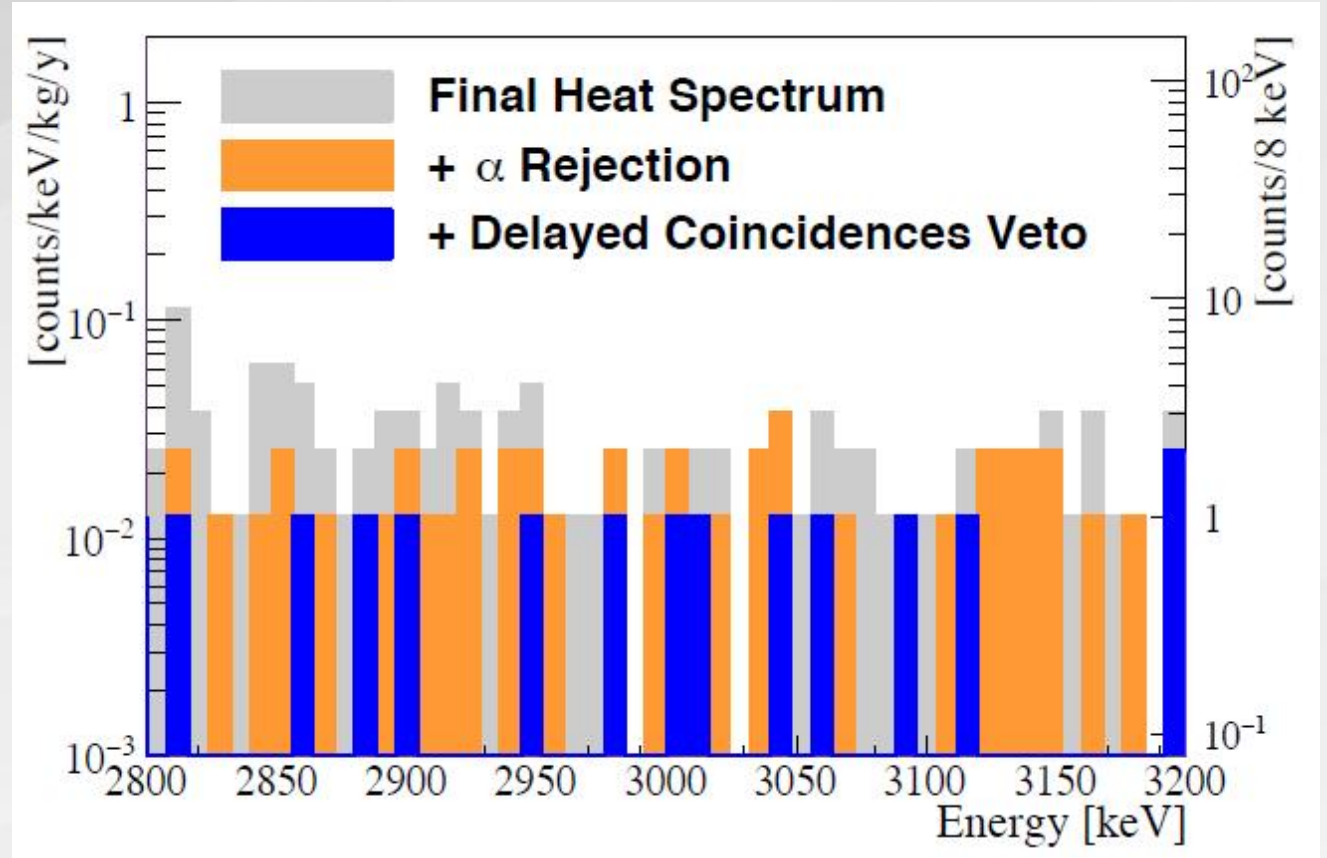
- Allow to stay at low temperatures stably for indefinite amount of time
- Modern closed-circuit cryostats (no cryoliquids required) are cost-efficient
- Scalable: biggest one so far is CUORE cryostat



CUPID-0 background

Several cuts applied:

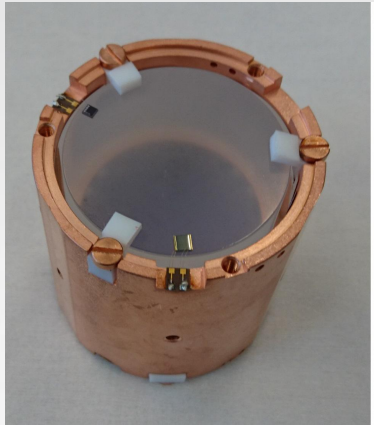
- Selecting only particle signals:
⇒ 3.2×10^{-2} cnts/(keV kg yr)
- Selecting only β/γ :
⇒ 1.3×10^{-2} cnts/(keV kg yr)
- Removing ^{208}Tl events:
⇒ **3.5×10^{-3} cnts/(keV kg yr)**



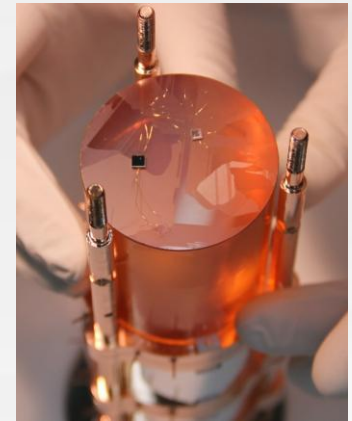
Important insights for design of the next generation experiment

Choice for CUPID

- Both demonstrators have shown excellent perspectives for double beta decay searches with scintillating bolometers: high efficiency, background rejection in ROI, good energy resolution
- Few features pushed the choice towards $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$:

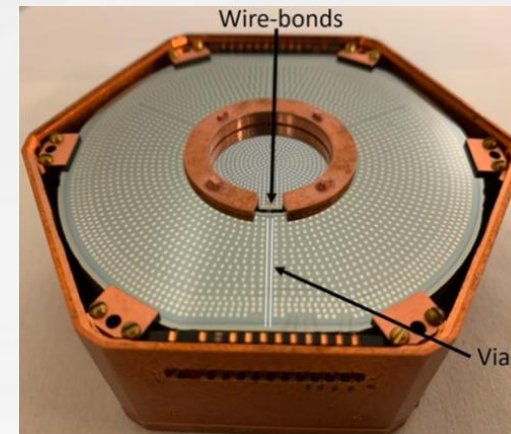


- » Higher energy resolution (7.4 vs 20 keV)
- » Excellent radiopurity (ZnSe crystals have much higher U\Th contamination, ~30 times)
- » Easier crystal growth



CENNS experiments: MINER

- Full cryogenic active veto: 25g Ge target detectors with 2.5 cm (4 Pi) active Ge with 200 eV threshold
 - Back. reduction about 10
- Hybrid Ge detector: ER/NR discrimination demonstrated at the few keV scale
- Low threshold 100g sapphire detectors:
 - Demonstrated 100 eVnr threshold with position sensitivity



CENNS experiments: Ricochet

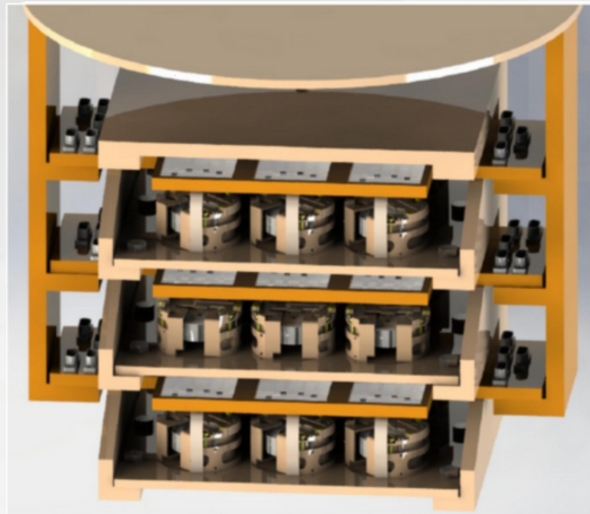
- Cosmic reduced by overburden (15 m w.e.)
- Pushing for particle identification down to 100 eV

3x3x3 CryoCube

1kg payload

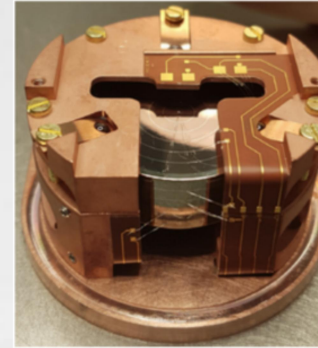
integrated HEMT readout

To be delivered starting mid-2022



Alternating 15mK/1K layers

Misiak PhD Thesis
Salagnac & al: [arXiv:2111.12438](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.12438)



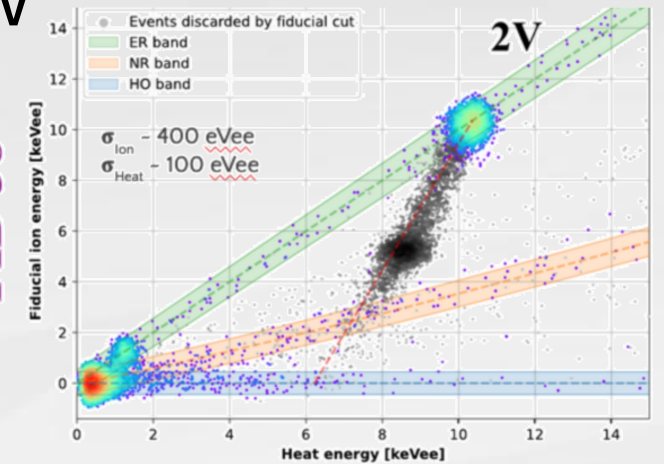
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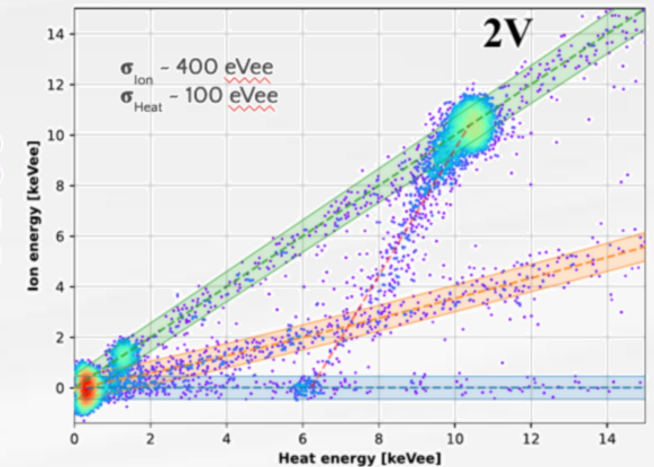
27 x 38g Ge crystals
with NTDs and electrodes
2 optimized designs (COMSOL)
Ongoing validation of the
performances.



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Using FET electronics

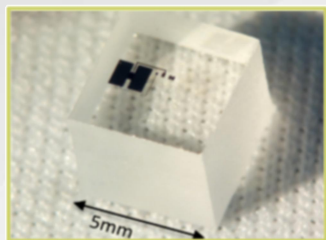


CENNS experiments: NuCLEUS

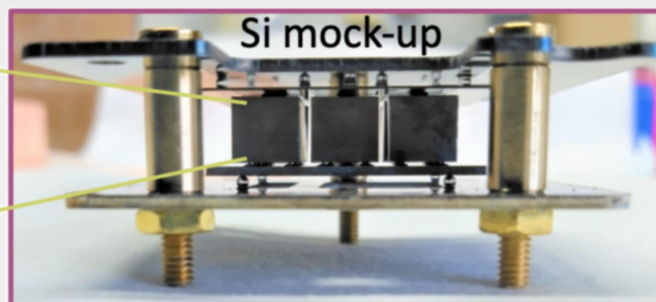
- Al_2O_3 prototype with threshold ~ 20 eV
- Outer and inner vetos for bkg rejection

Target crystals:

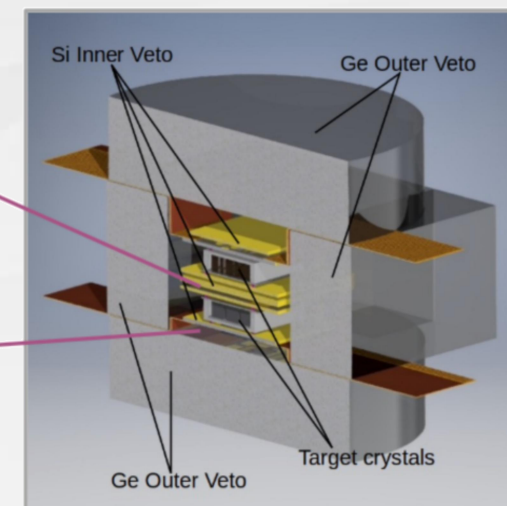
Two 3x3 arrays with a total mass of 6g (CaWO_4) + 4g (Al_2O_3)



Inner veto: TES-instrumented holder to reject surface backgrounds and holder-related events



Germanium outer veto for active γ/n background rejection



- ✓ Production of detector arrays
- Next steps: testing & cutting

- ✓ Mechanical and thermal test with mock-up
- Next steps:
 - Replacement of 2nd wafer with *beaker* for a 4π -coverage
 - detector operation in inner veto

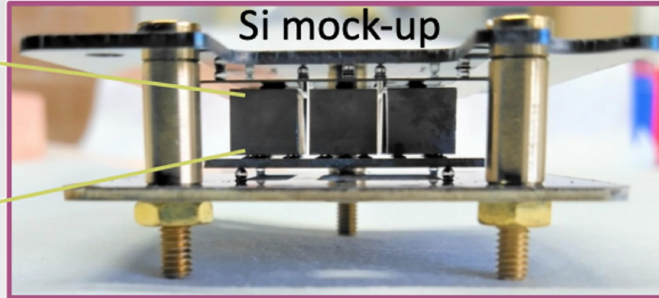
- ✓ Design finished
- ✓ Ongoing prototype test

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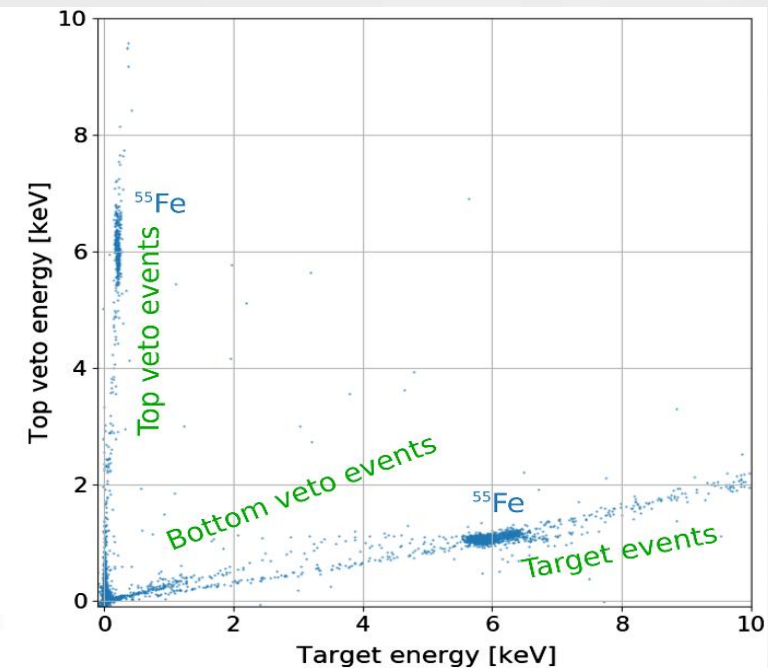
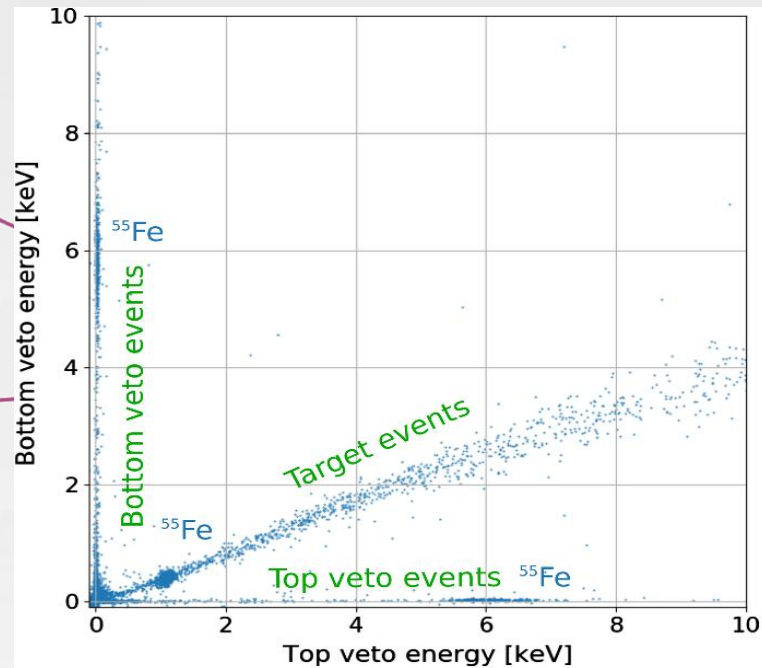
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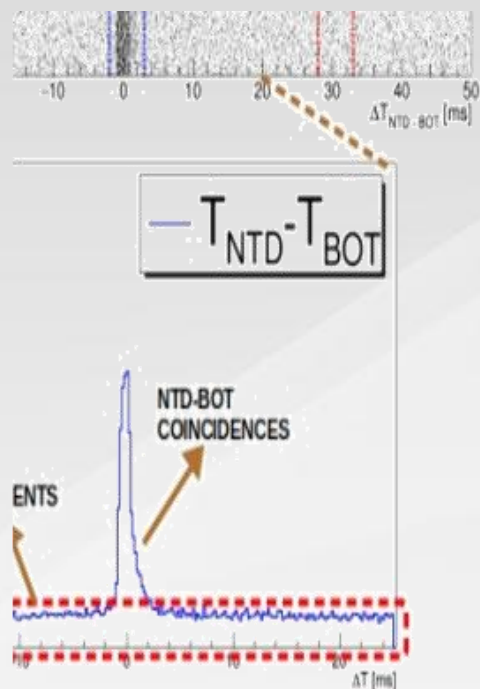


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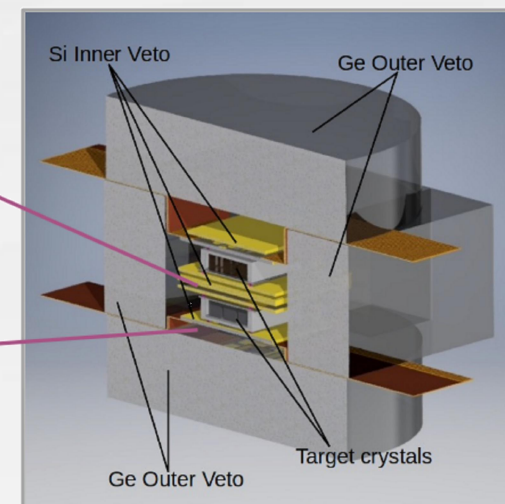
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Measure
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2021_04_30_12_52_44
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2021_05_04_14_47_35
2021_05_12_17_27_27
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CENNS: the signature

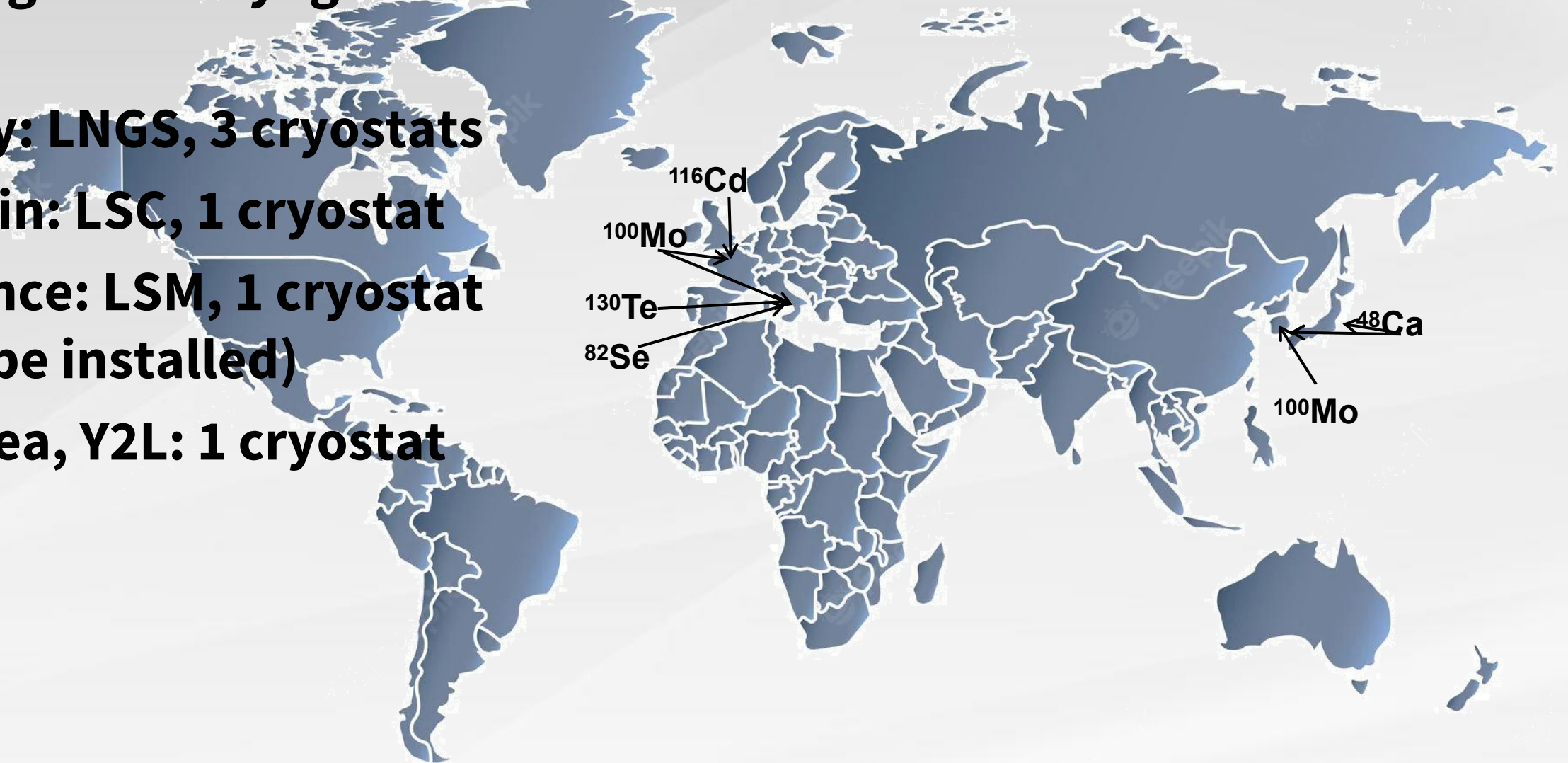
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$$\frac{d\sigma(E_\nu, E_r)}{dE_r} = \frac{G_f^2}{4\pi} Q_w^2 m_N \left(1 - \frac{m_N E_r}{2E_\nu^2} \right) F^2(E_r)$$

DBD bolometers measurements worldwide

Underground cryogenic facilities for DBD:

- Italy: LNGS, 3 cryostats
- Spain: LSC, 1 cryostat
- France: LSM, 1 cryostat (to be installed)
- Korea, Y2L: 1 cryostat



$0\nu 2\beta$ decay rate

$$(T_{1/2}^{0\nu 2\beta})^{-1} = G(Q, Z) g_A^4 |NME|^2 \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2$$

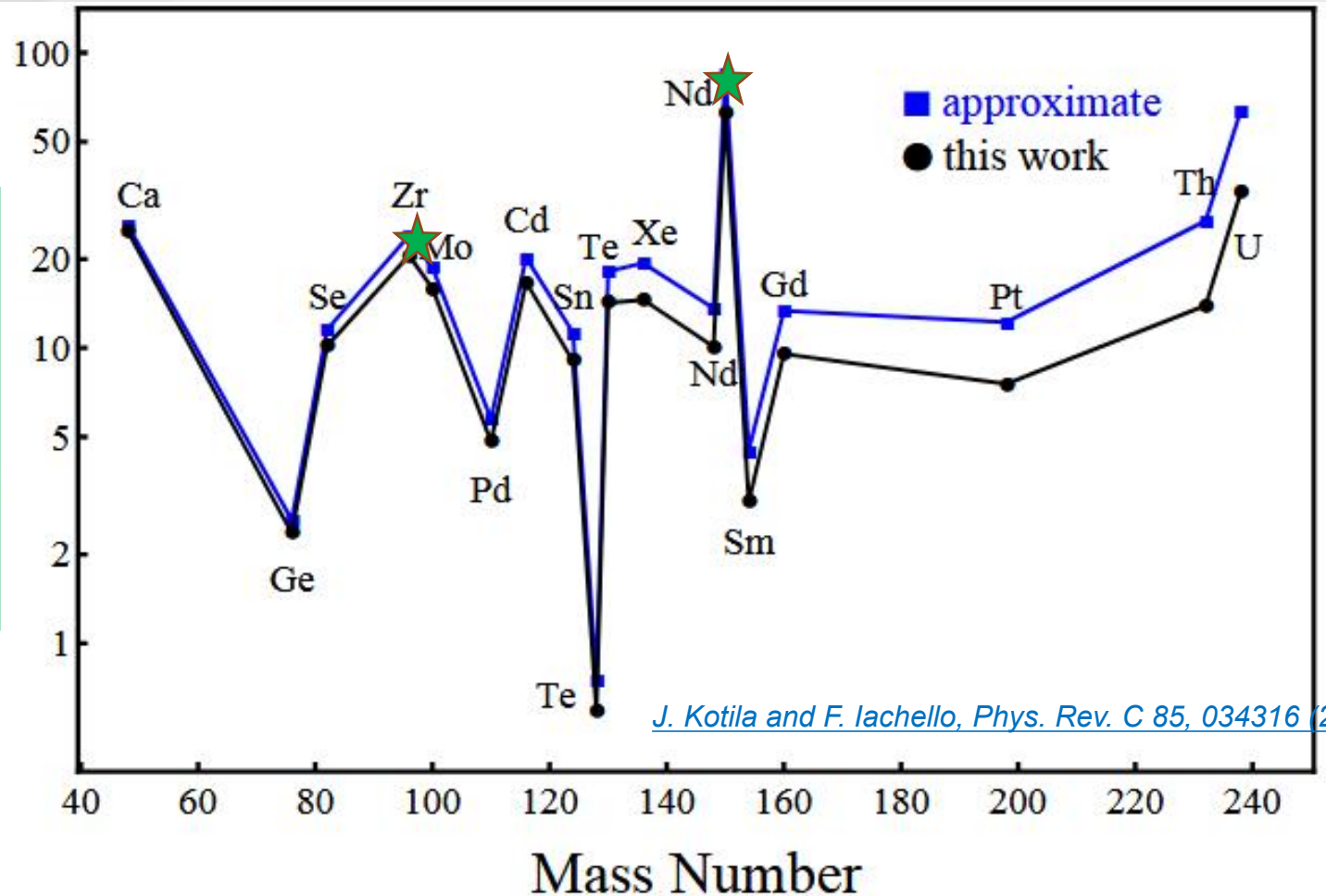
Observable

Phase space factor

Effective Majorana mass - the unknown

Process is allowed in 35 nuclei → **only few are interesting** for experiments

$G_{0\nu}^{(0)} (10^{-15} \text{ yr}^{-1})$



J. Kotila and F. Iachello, Phys. Rev. C 85, 034316 (2012)

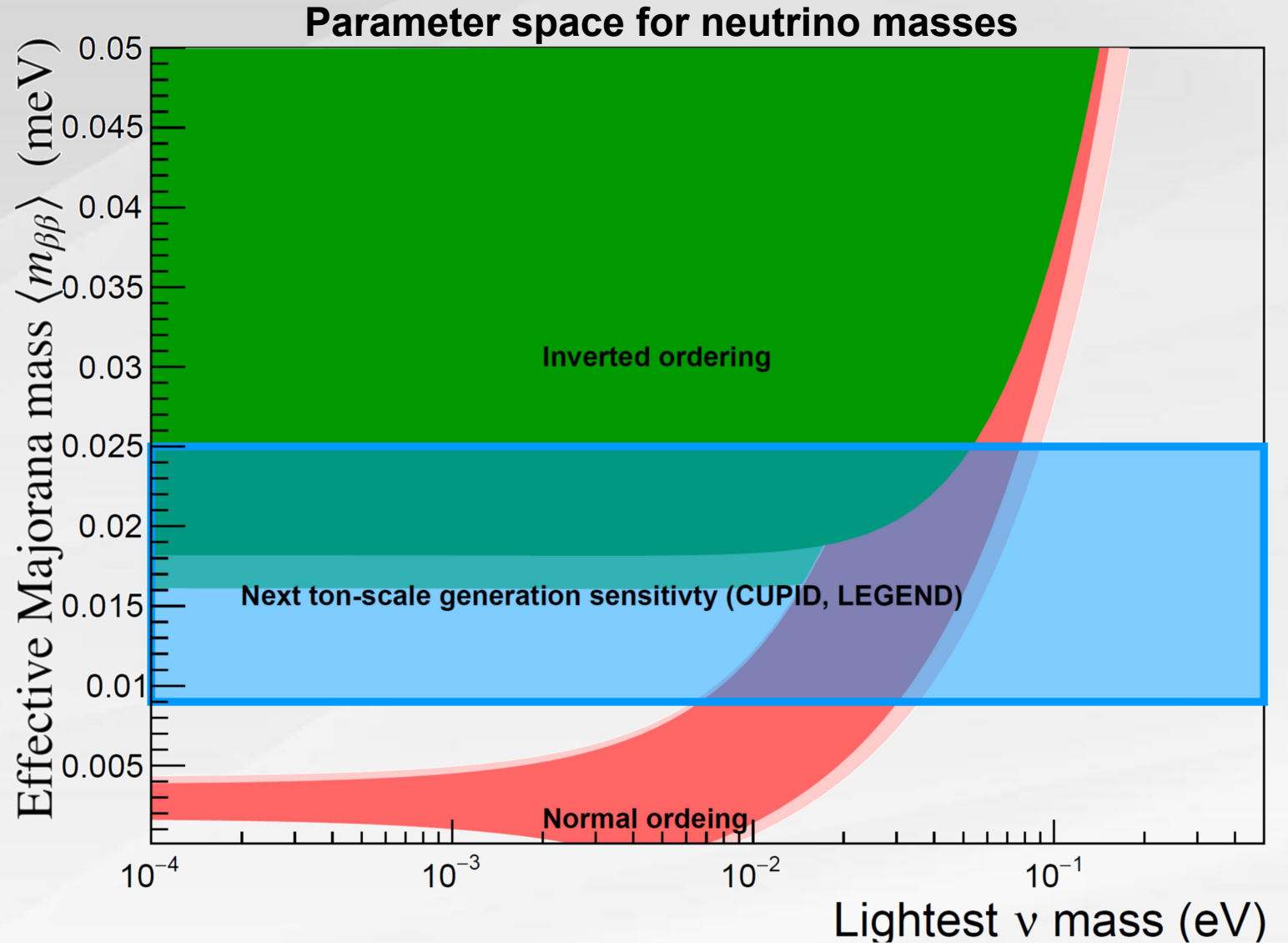
TINY experiment: study of $2\nu 2\beta$

- Nuclear spectroscopy with high precision
- NME calculations quality verification

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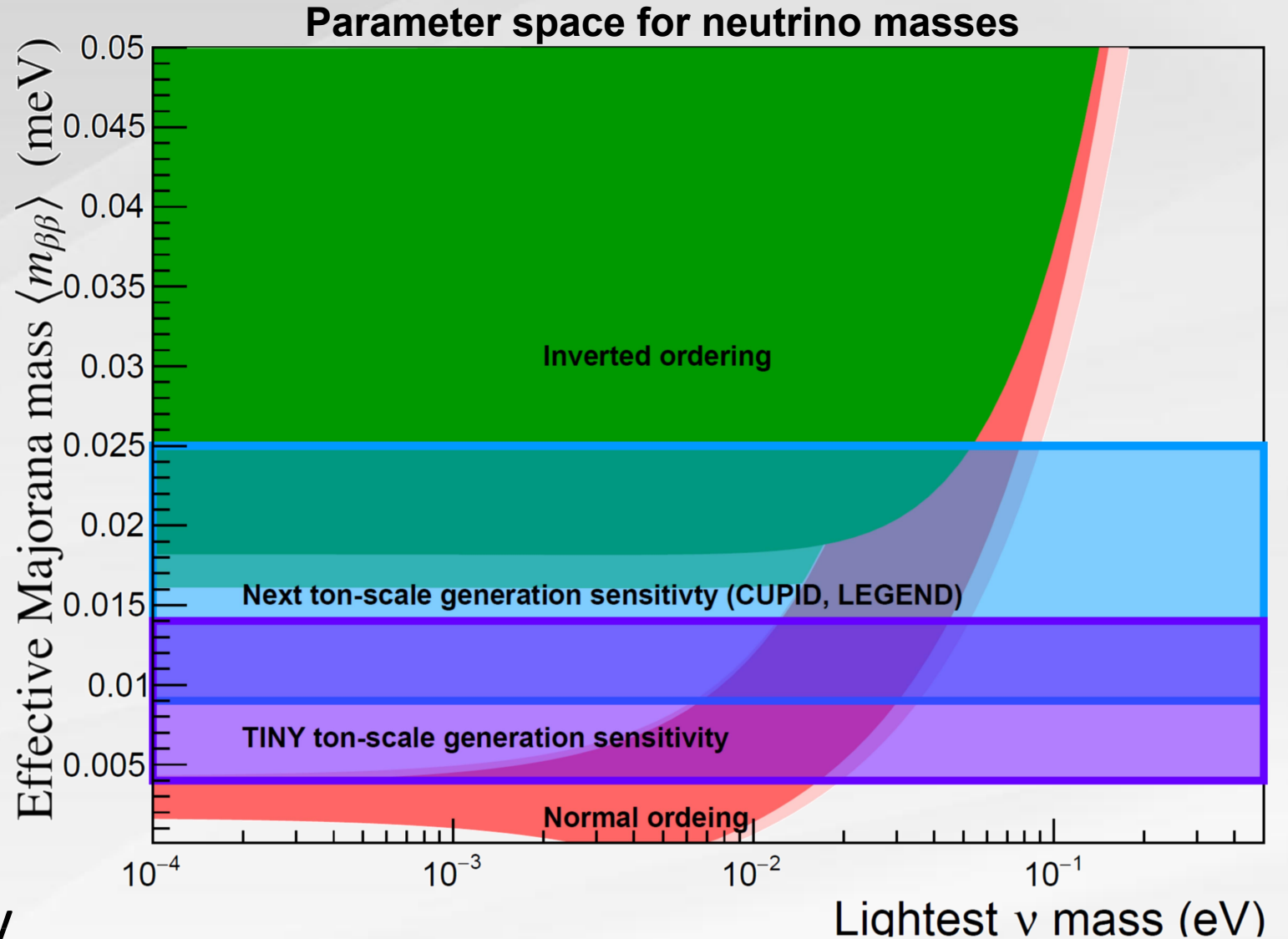
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CENNS: outlook

- After the first observation in 2017, interest is growing in precision measurements
- An exciting physics program to investigate:
 - physics beyond the SM
 - non standard neutrino interactions
 - studies of neutrino background for dark matter searches
- Stay tuned for the results in coming years!