

# 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**
  - 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?

➤  $\theta_{13}$ , Precision values of mixing angles and  $\Delta m^2$ 's

➤ Absolute neutrino mass value. Only limits so far.

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

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

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

➤ Origin of matter-antimatter asymmetry.

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

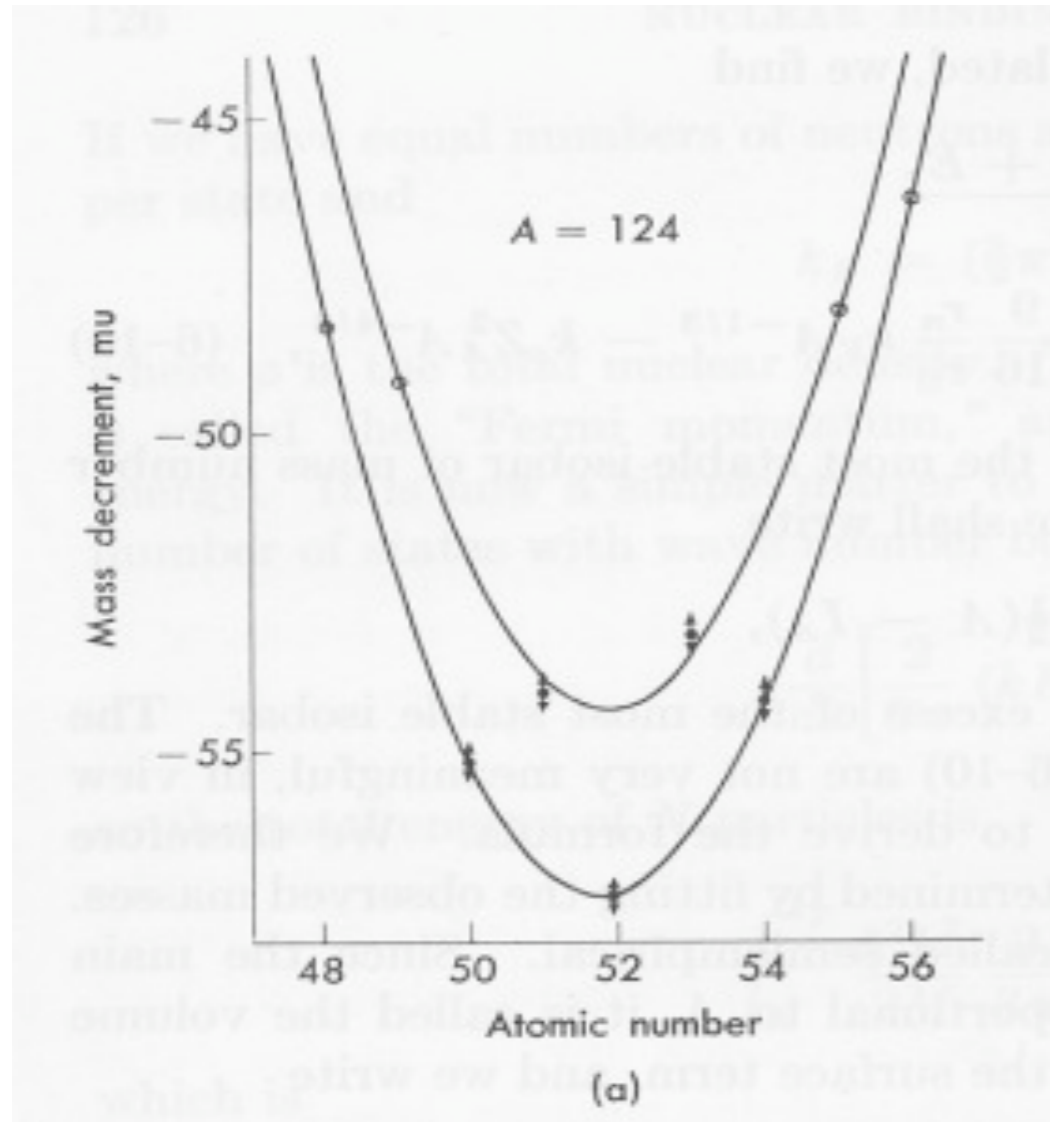
➤ Nature of Neutrinos: Majorana ( $\nu = \text{anti-}\nu$ ) or Dirac ( $\nu \neq \text{anti-}\nu$ )?

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

phase space

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

NME:  
~~Nasty Nuclear~~  
 Matrix  
 Element

Measured for 10 nuclei

Important input for  $0\nu\beta\beta$  NME calculation!  
 Important to understand its background contribution

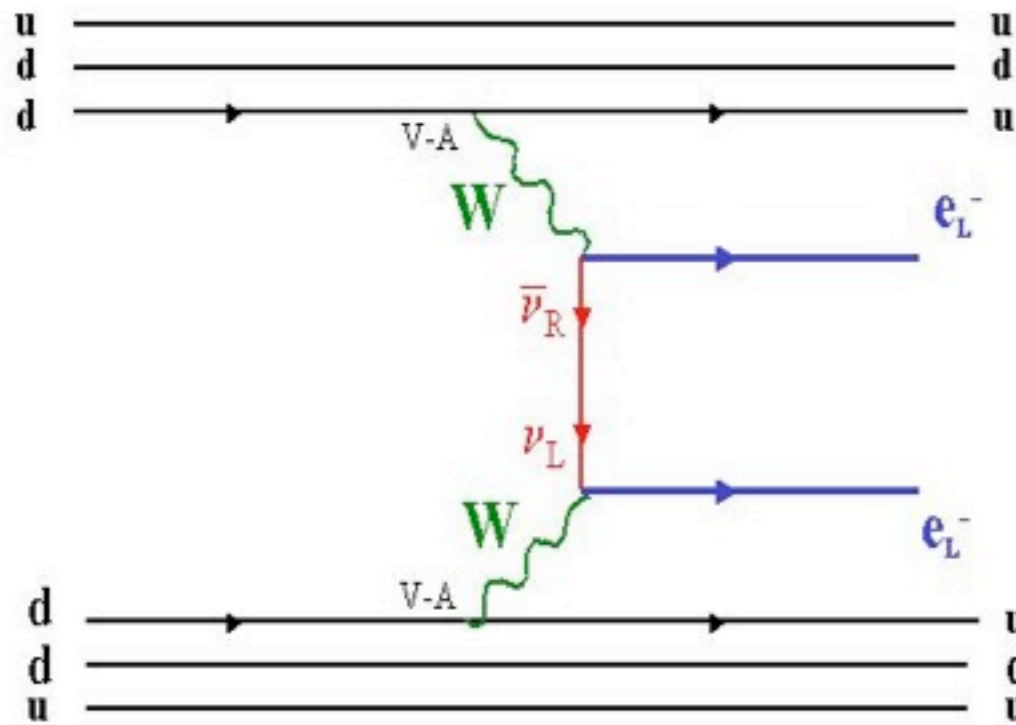
# Neutrinoless double beta decay



(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

$$T_{1/2}^{-1} = F(Q_{\beta\beta}^5, Z) |M^{0\nu}|^2 \langle m_\nu \rangle^2$$

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

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

$\alpha$  and  $\beta$ : Majorana phases

Other possible process :

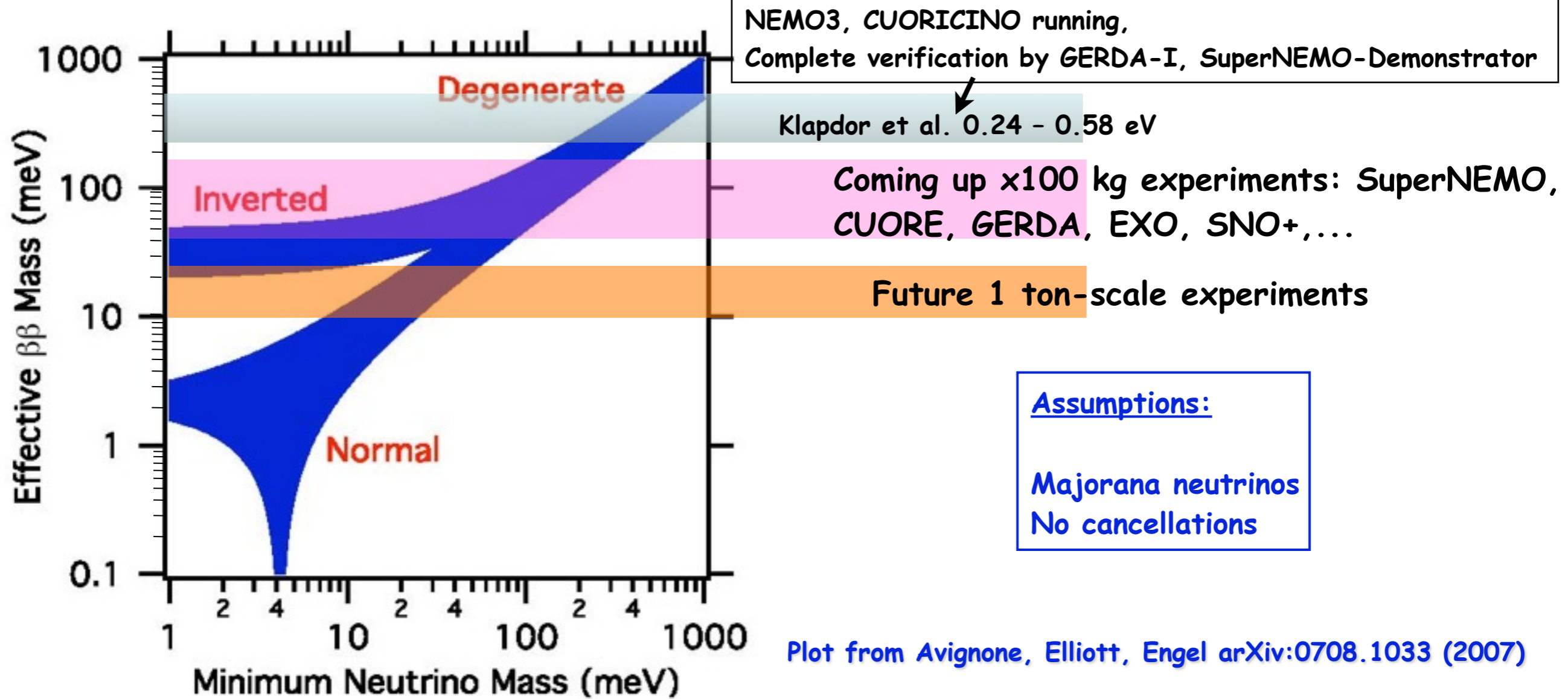
V+A current :  $\langle m_\nu \rangle, \langle \lambda \rangle, \langle \eta \rangle$

Majoron emission :  $\langle g_M \rangle$

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

Schechter-Valle theorem:

$\beta\beta(0\nu) \longrightarrow$  Majorana neutrinos



depending on Majorana CPV phases:

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

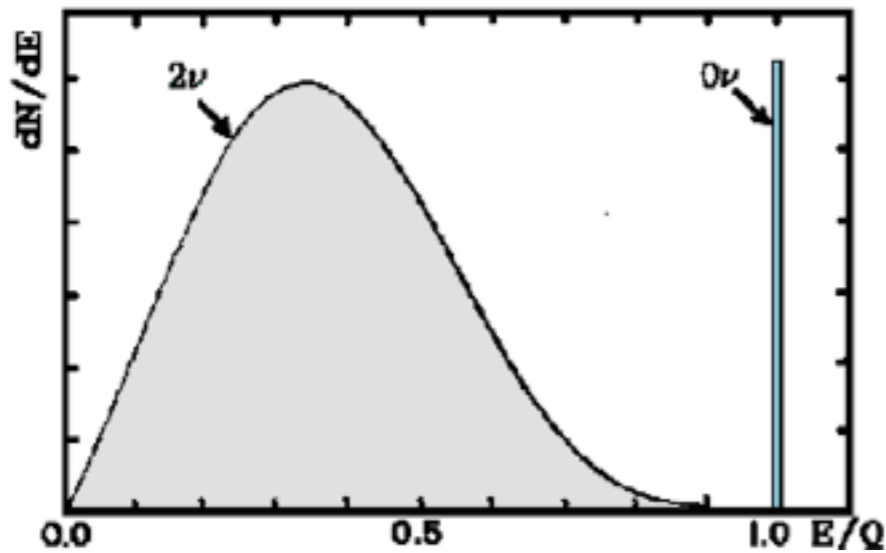
Quasi-degenerate hierarchy ( $m_1 \approx m_2 \approx m_3$ ) - best case

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

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

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

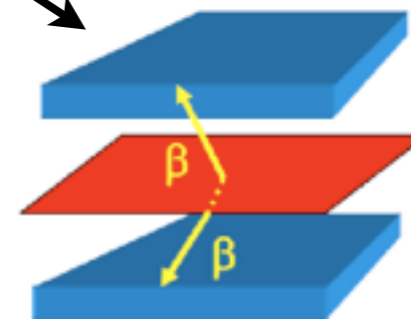
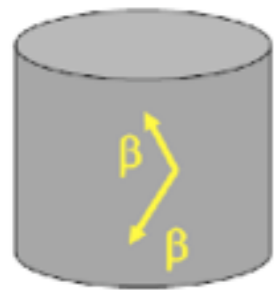
Normal hierarchy ( $m_1 < m_2 < m_3$ ) - really tough



## 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



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

Lepton number violating parameter

$\eta$  can be due to  $\langle m_{\nu} \rangle$

V+A, Majoron, SUSY,  $H^-$  or a combination of them

**Source = detector**  
**(calorimeters)**

Great  $\Delta E/E$   
compact

**Source  $\neq$  detector**  
**(foil+tracking+calorimetry)**

isotope flexibility  
"smoking" gun  
Topological bkg suppression



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

# Backgrounds

Cosmic rays



Underground Lab is a must

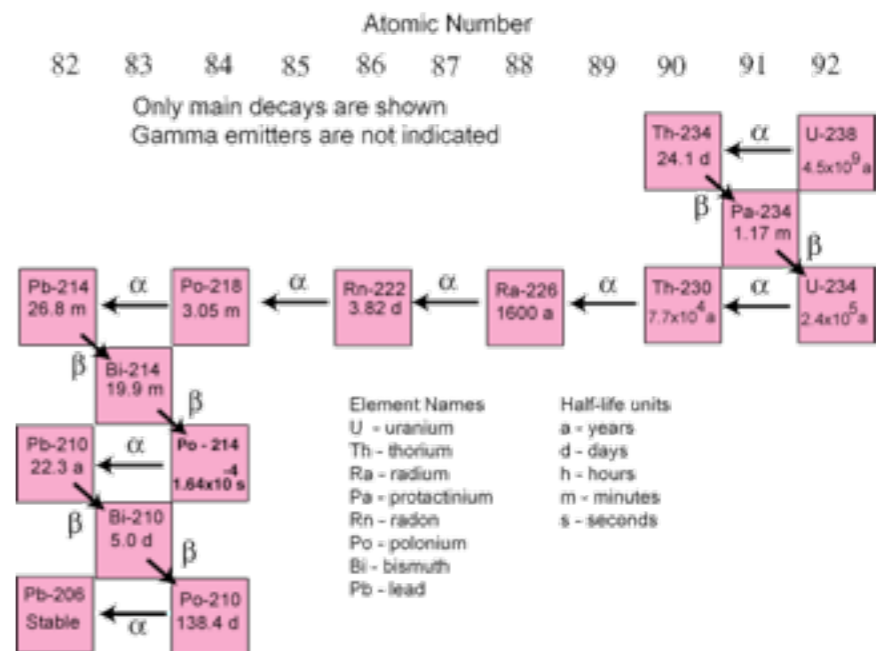
# Natural Radioactivity

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

$$T_{1/2}(0\nu\beta\beta) > 10^{25} \text{ yr}$$

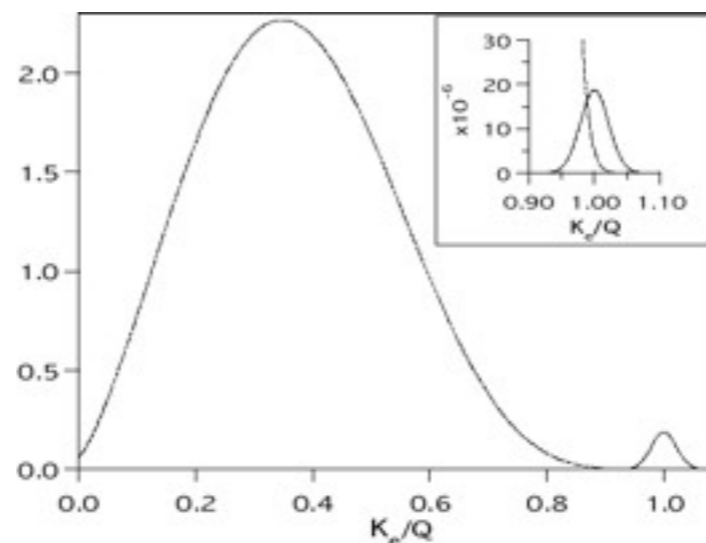
Main threat from:  
 $^{214}\text{Bi}$  ( $Q_\beta = 3.27 \text{ MeV}$ )  
 $^{208}\text{Tl}$  ( $Q_\beta = 4.99 \text{ MeV}$ )

The Uranium-238 Decay Chain



Radio-purity and bkg identification

# Standard Model $2\nu\beta\beta$



Irreducible bkg  
 Energy resolution  
 is the only  
 weapon here



# Isotopes



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	204 206 207 210

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

Centrifuge enrichment well established  
x100 kg production possible

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

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

# General Strategy

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

M: mass (kg)

$\varepsilon$ : efficiency

$k_{\text{C.L.}}$ : Confidence level

N: Avogadro number

t: time (y)

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

$\Delta E$ : energy resolution (keV)

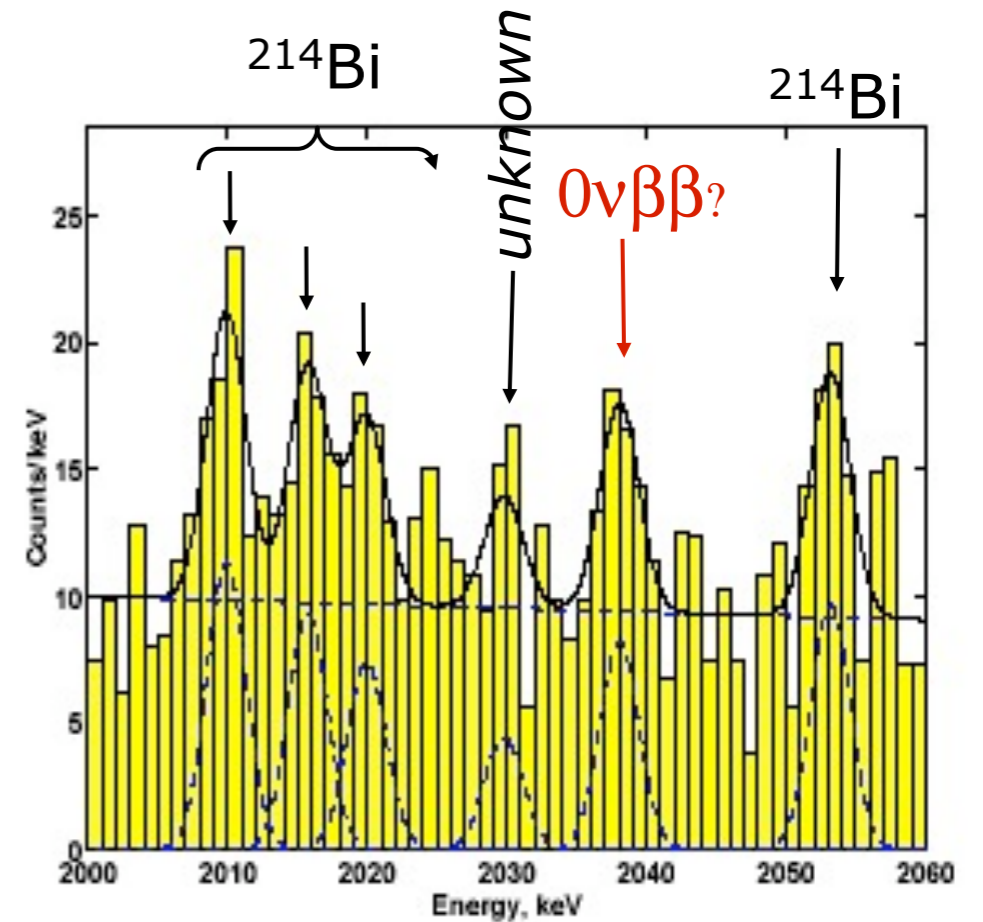
- Large mass (~100 kg to reach 0.05–0.1 meV level)
- High Efficiency
- Low  $N_{\text{Bkg}} \cdot \Delta E$  Note: The product is important when considering backgrounds
  - "Squeeze"  $\Delta E$  - improve resolution
  - Lower  $N_{\text{Bkg}}$  - improve non  $\beta\beta$  background rejection (topology,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

# The Claim

- ↗ 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,  $4.2\sigma$
- ↗  $T_{1/2} = (0.69-4.18) 10^{25}$  y ( $3\sigma$  range, best fit = 1.19)

Can not be dismissed out of hand  
BUT

KKDC claim (subset of Heidelberg-Moscow collaboration)



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

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

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

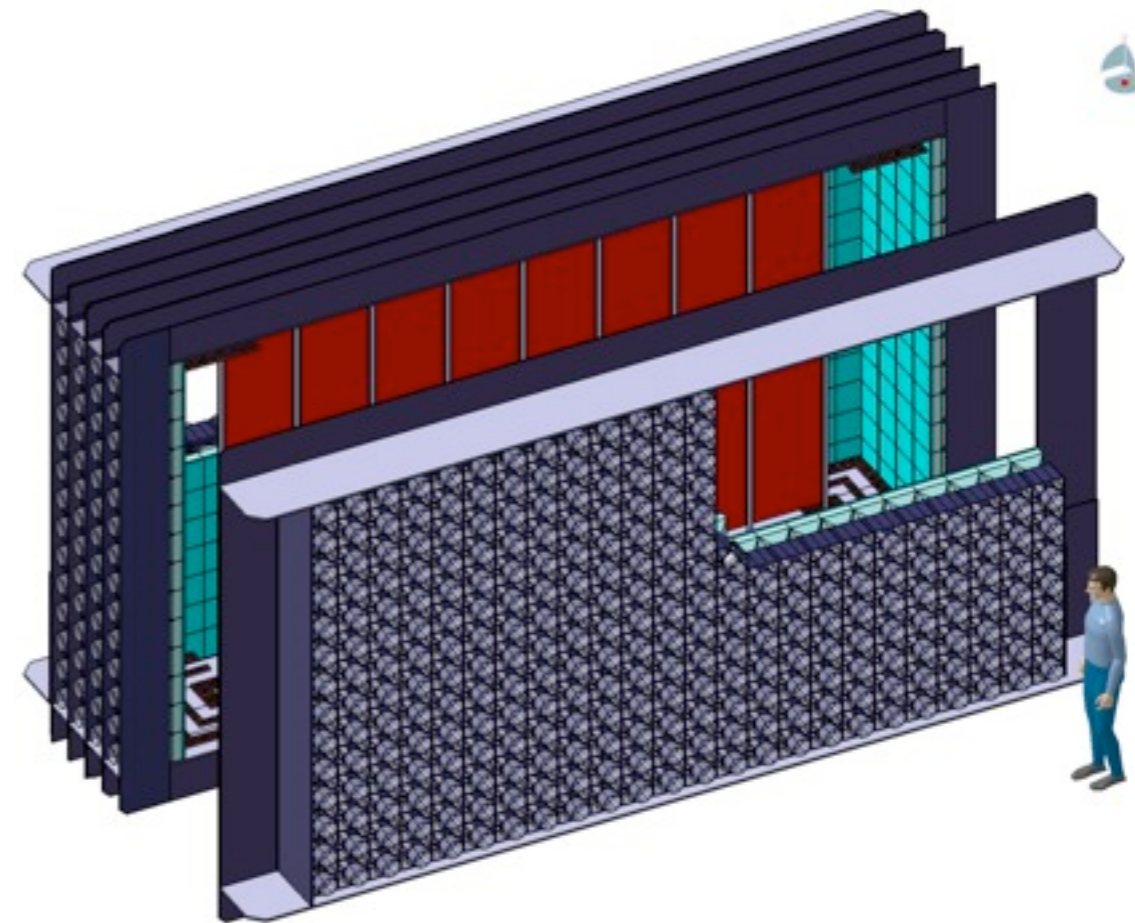
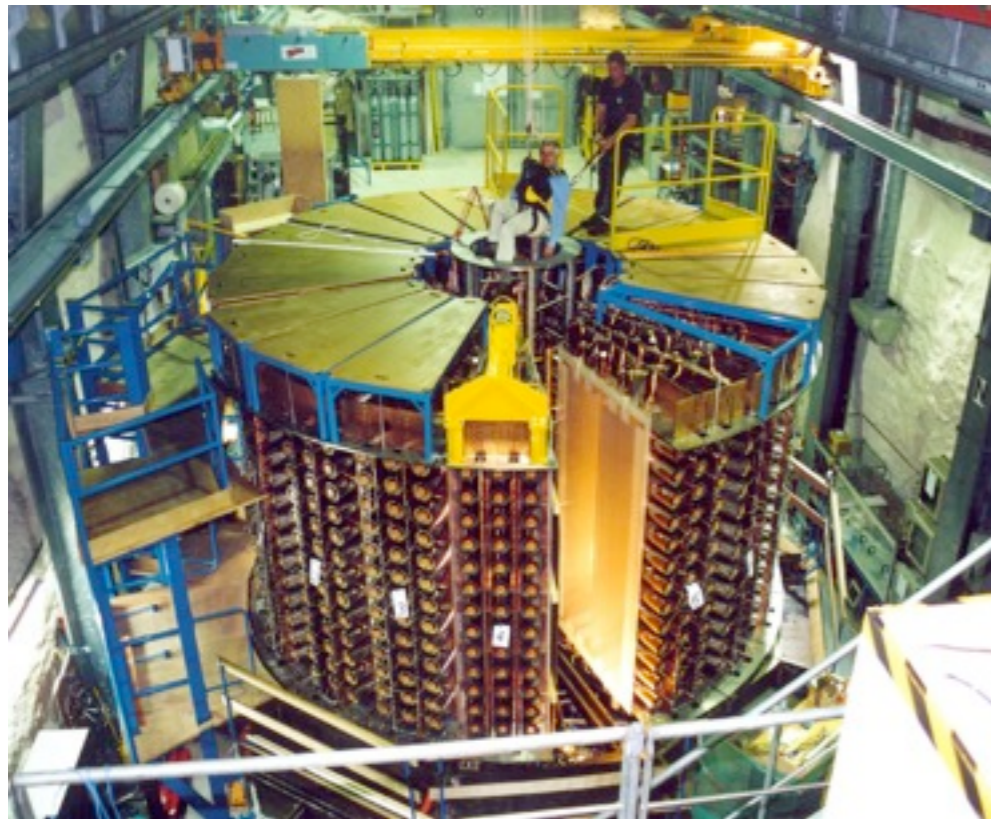
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# Tracking + Calorimetry, source $\neq$ detector

NEMO-III and SuperNEMO (~90 people)

NEMO-III

SuperNEMO

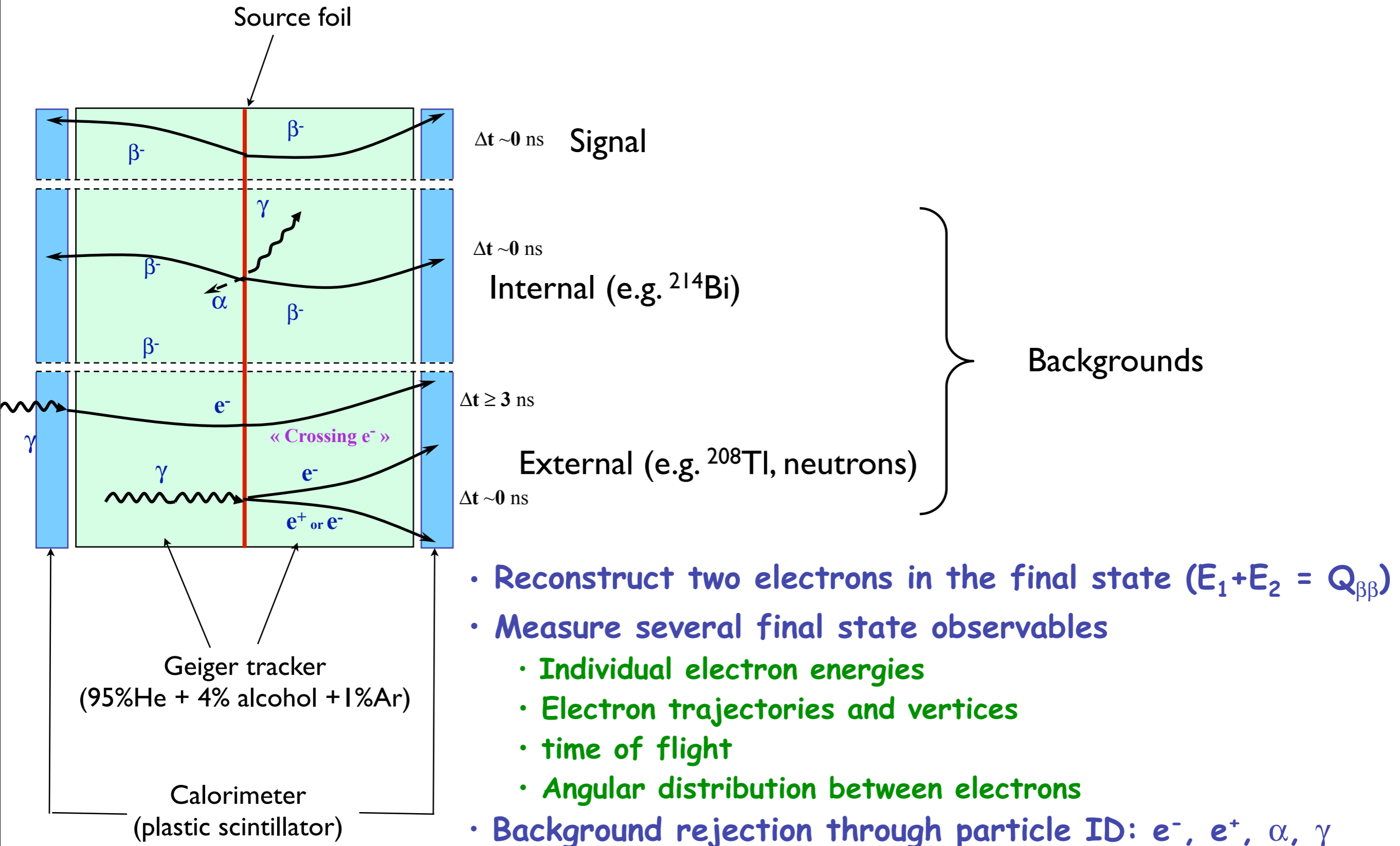


Major contribution from UK and France:  
~80% shared equally

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

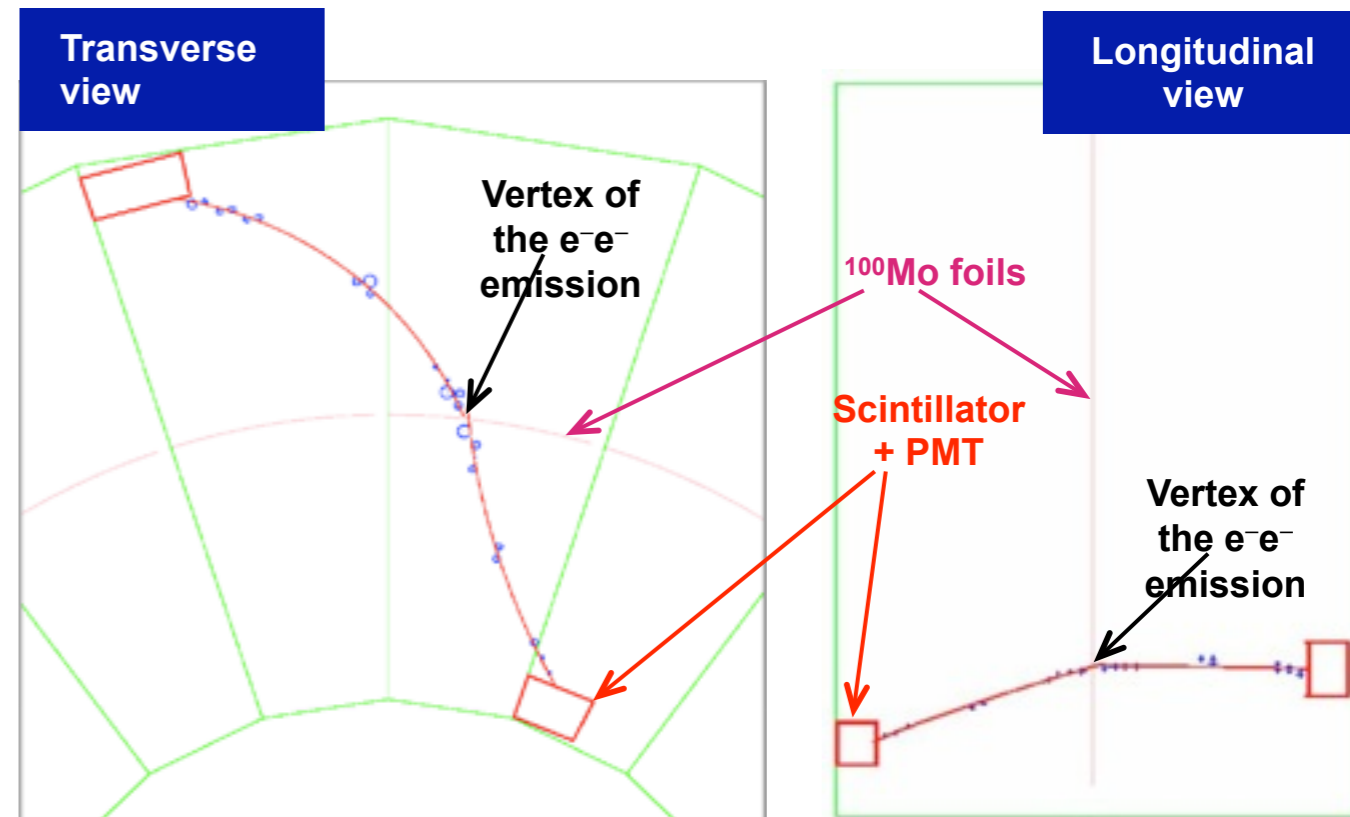
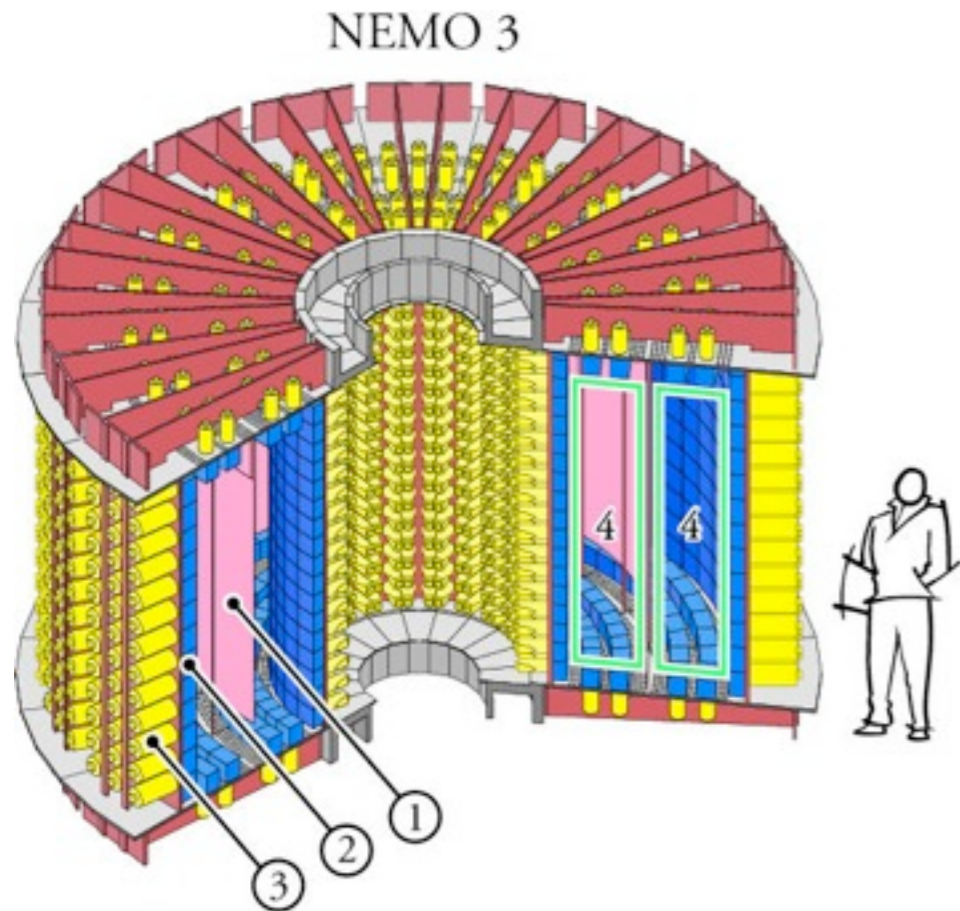
# NEMO-III and SuperNEMO

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:  $e^-$ ,  $e^+$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$

# 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

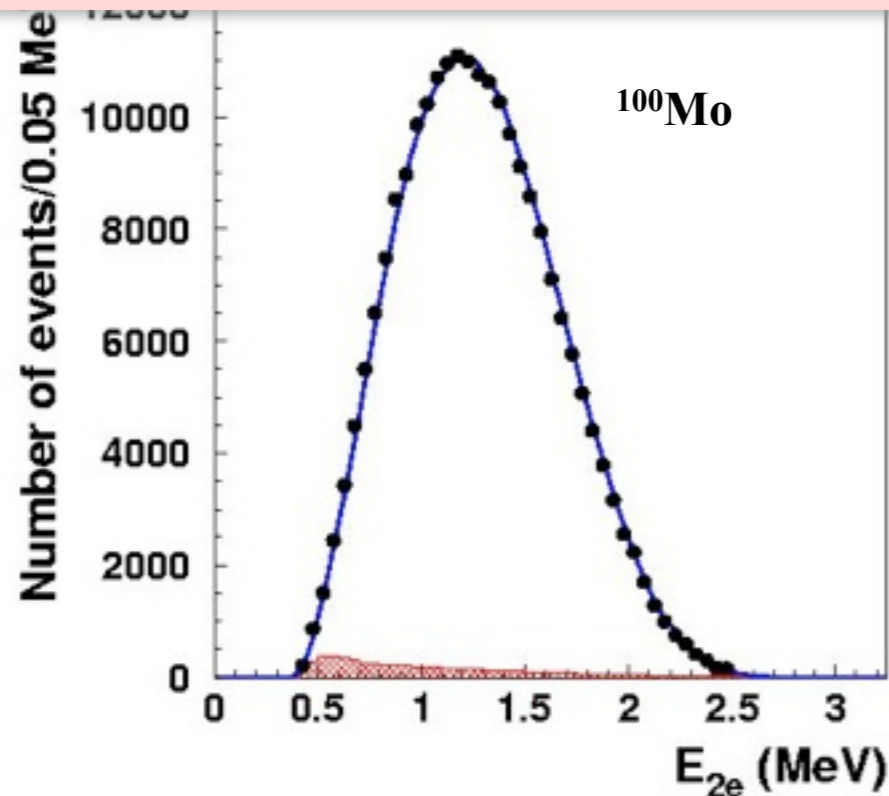
Search for any lepton violating process including with continuum spectrum (e.g. Majoron)

Attempt to disentangle the underlying physics mechanism through electron's angular distribution and individual energy analysis

# NEMO3 Results

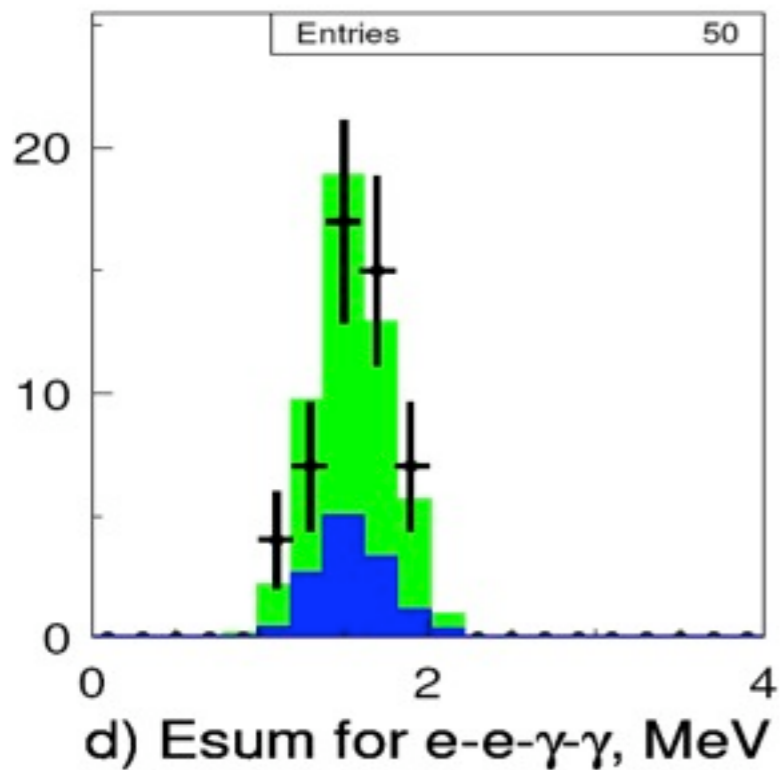
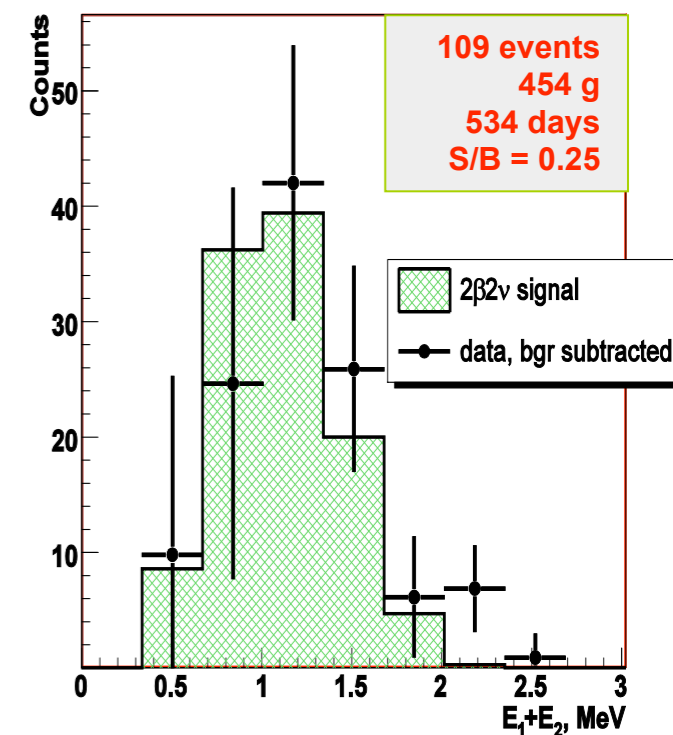
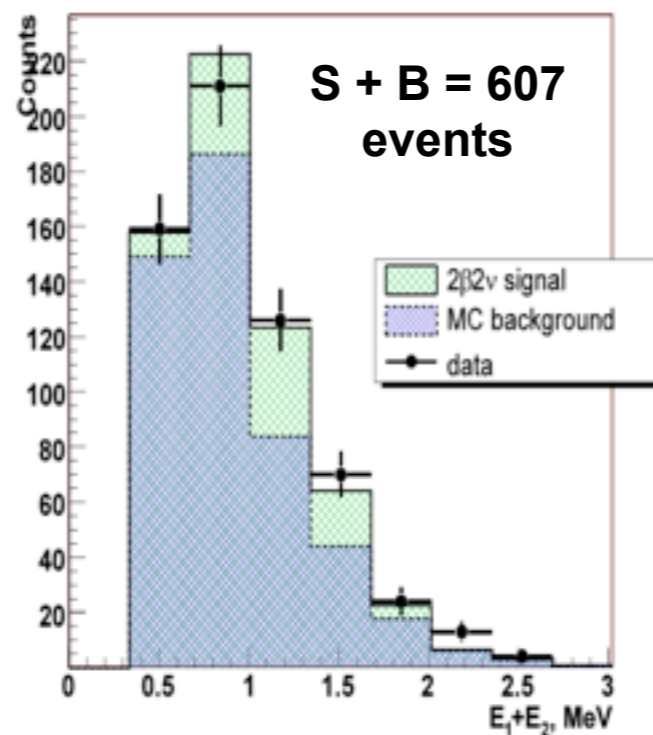
## Unprecedented accuracy of $2\nu\beta\beta$ measurements

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

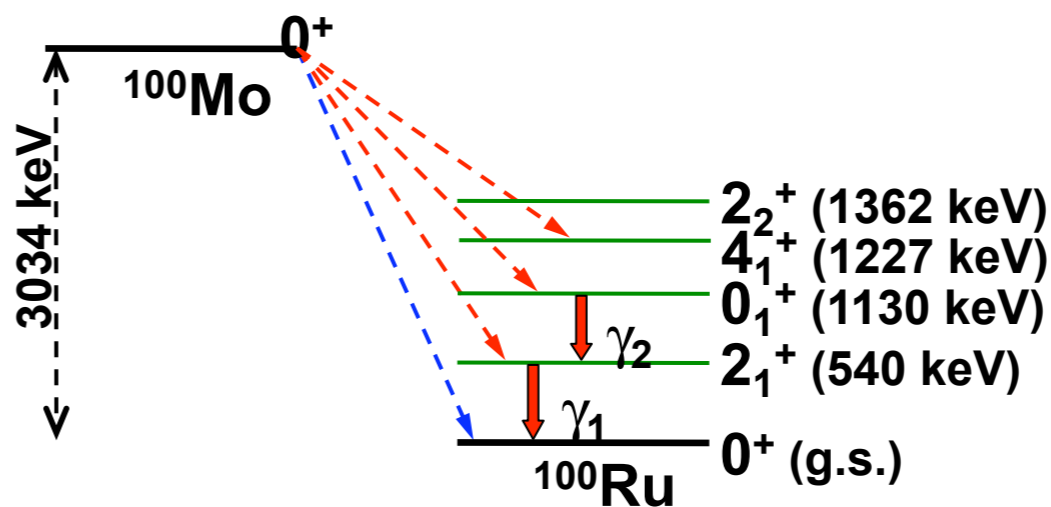


$$T_{1/2} = [ 7.6 \pm 1.5 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.8 \text{ (syst)} ] \times 10^{20} \text{ y}$$

(preliminary)



decay to excited states



Long awaited  $^{130}\text{Te}$  result

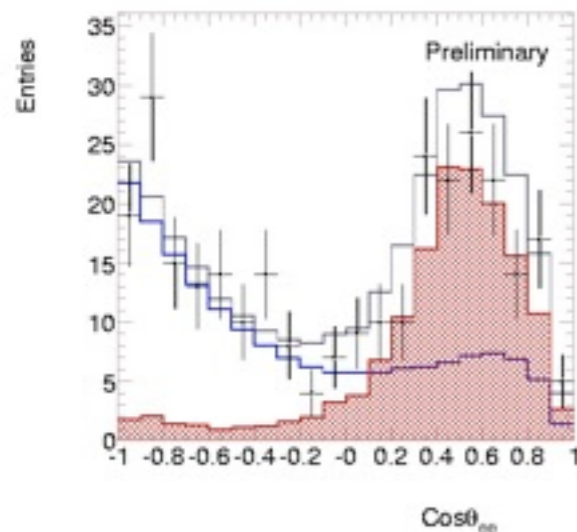
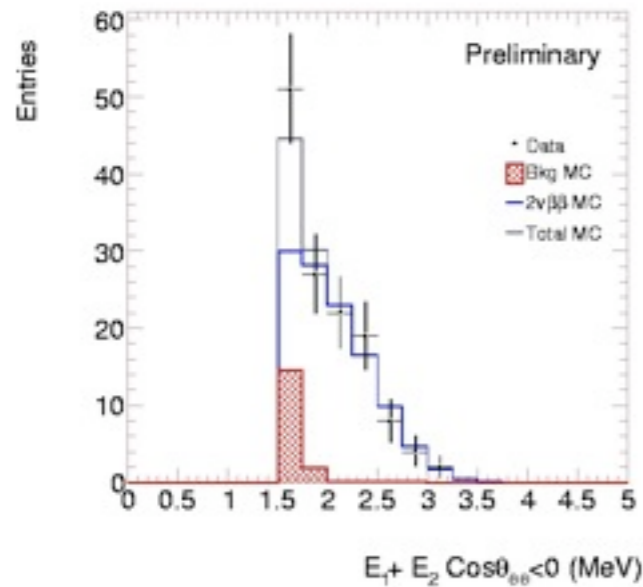
Also  $2\nu\beta\beta$  measurements for  $^{82}\text{Se}$ ,  $^{116}\text{Cd}$ ,  $^{150}\text{Nd}$ ,  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{96}\text{Zr}$

# NEMO3 Results

New results reported at Neutrino'08, Christchurch, New Zealand, May'08

$^{48}\text{Ca}$

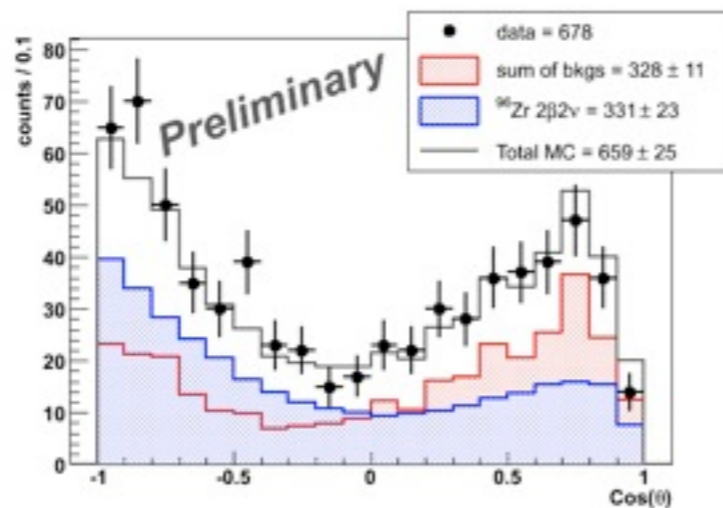
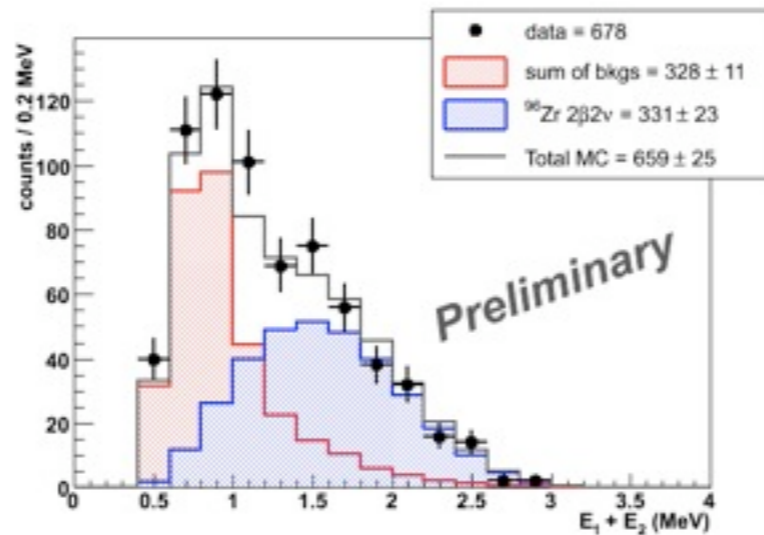
$$T_{1/2} (2\nu\beta\beta) = [4.4^{+0.5}_{-0.4} (\text{stat}) \pm 0.4 (\text{syst})] \times 10^{19} \text{ y}$$



paper in preparation

$^{96}\text{Zr}$

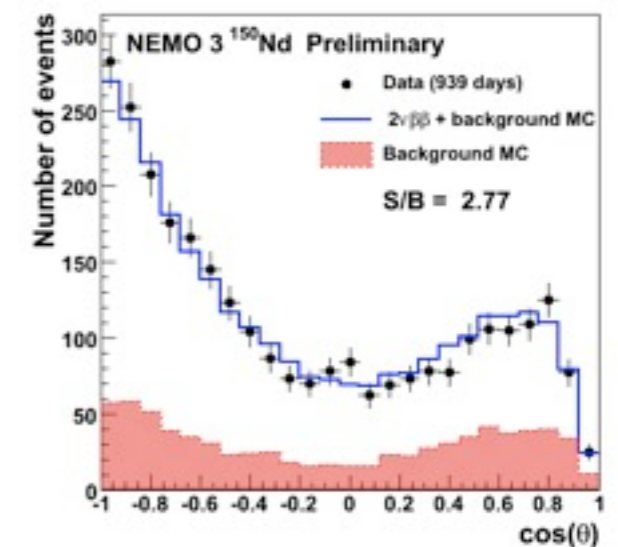
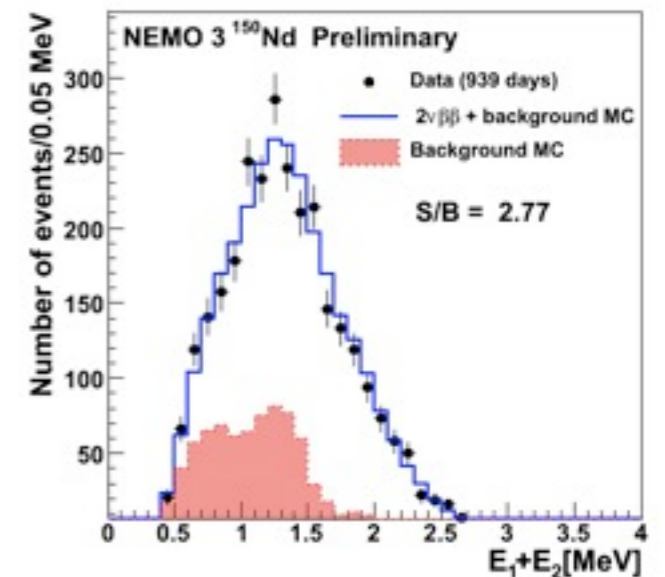
$$T_{1/2} (2\nu\beta\beta) = [2.3 \pm 0.2 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.3 (\text{syst})] \times 10^{19} \text{ y}$$



paper about to be submitted to Nucl. Phys. A

$^{150}\text{Nd}$

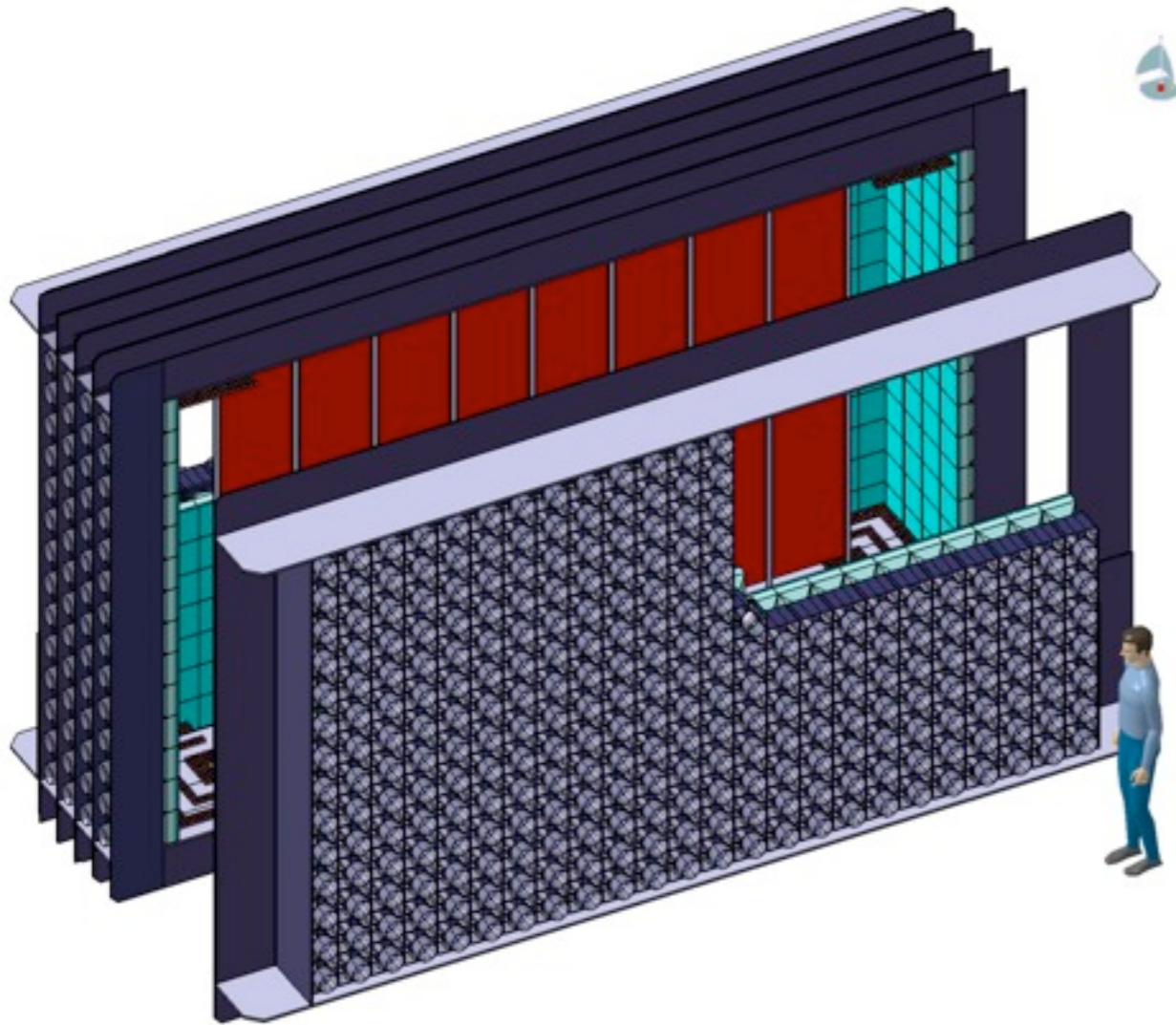
$$T_{1/2} (2\nu\beta\beta) = [9.20^{+0.25}_{-0.22} (\text{stat}) \pm 0.62 (\text{syst})] \times 10^{18} \text{ y}$$



submitted to PRL



# SuperNEMO Detector



Planar and modular design:  
~ 100 kg of enriched isotopes  
(20 modules x 5 kg)

## 1 super-module:

**Source (40 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>) 4 x 3 m<sup>2</sup>**

**Tracking : drift chamber**

**~2000 cells in Geiger mode**

**Calorimeter: scintillators +  
PMTs**

**~ 700 PMTs if scint. blocks**

**~ 250 PMTs if scint. bars**

**Modules surrounded by  
water passive shielding in an  
underground lab (new-LSM)**

**Funded Design Study**

**2006-2009**

**Calorimeter  $\Delta E/E = 7\%/\sqrt{E}$  (MeV)  $\Rightarrow$  4% at  $Q_{\beta\beta}$**

**Source radiopurity:  $^{208}\text{Tl} < 2 \mu\text{Bq/kg}$ ,  
 $^{214}\text{Bi} < 10 \mu\text{Bq/kg}$  (if  $^{82}\text{Se}$ )**

**Tracker optimization – automated wiring**

**All deliverables on track to be completed by mid-2009**

# Next step: To build 1<sup>st</sup> 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



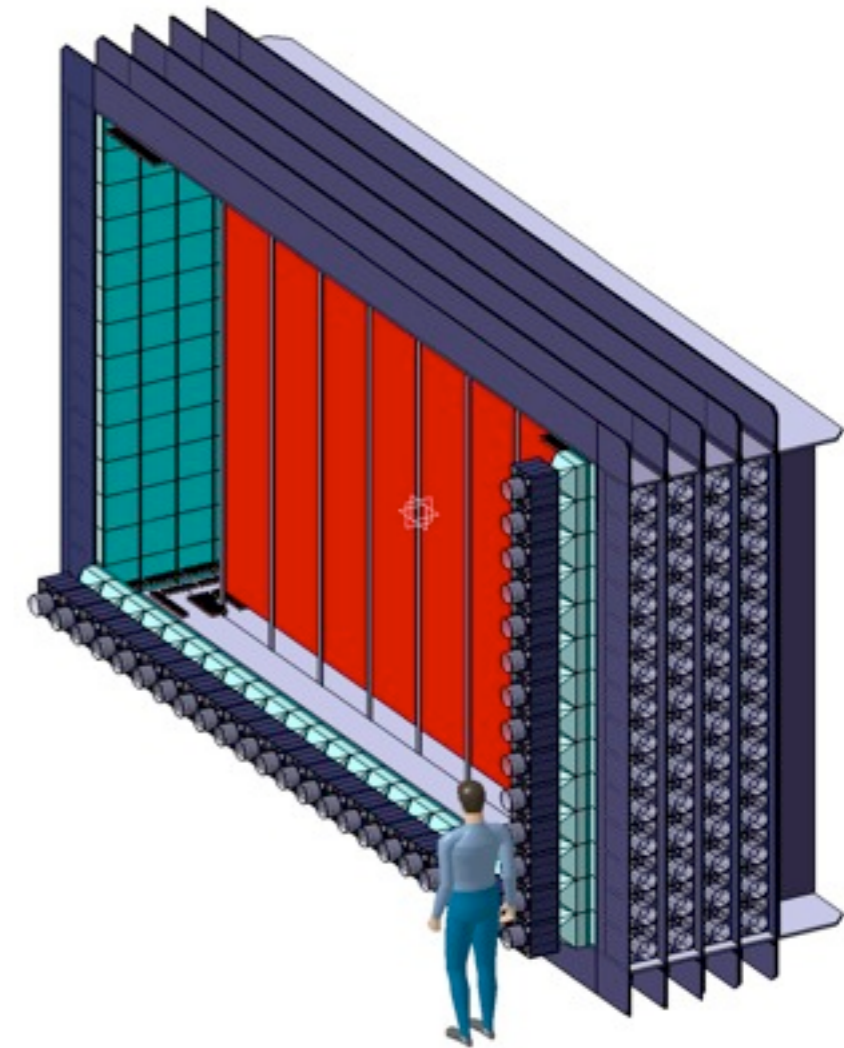
Simple counting experiment: 0.3 bkg. events in R.O.I  
with 7kg of <sup>82</sup>Se in 1.5 yr

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

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

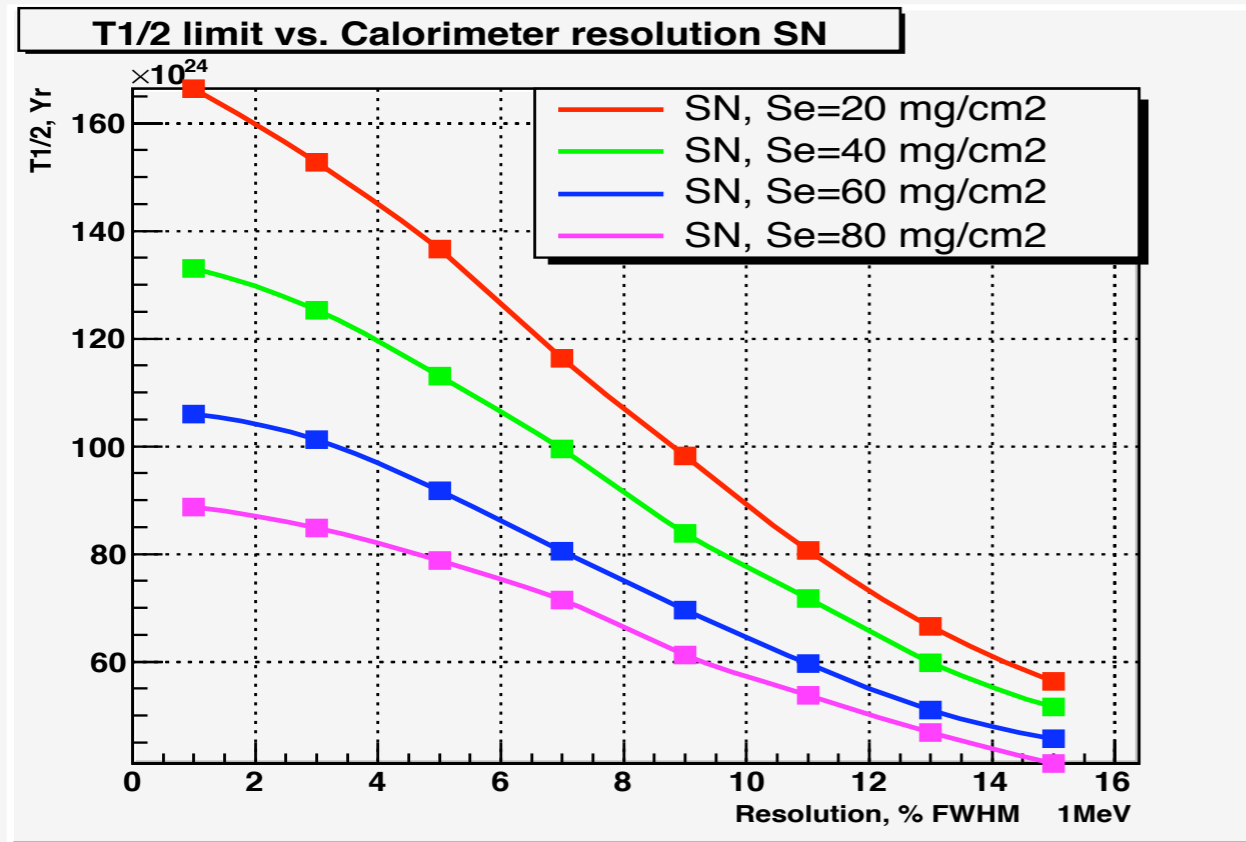
**or ~5 expected “golden events” if Klapdor is right**

**Proposal submitted to PPRP**



# SuperNEMO sensitivity:

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



$^{82}\text{Se}$ :

$$T_{1/2}(0\nu) = 10^{26} \text{ yr}$$

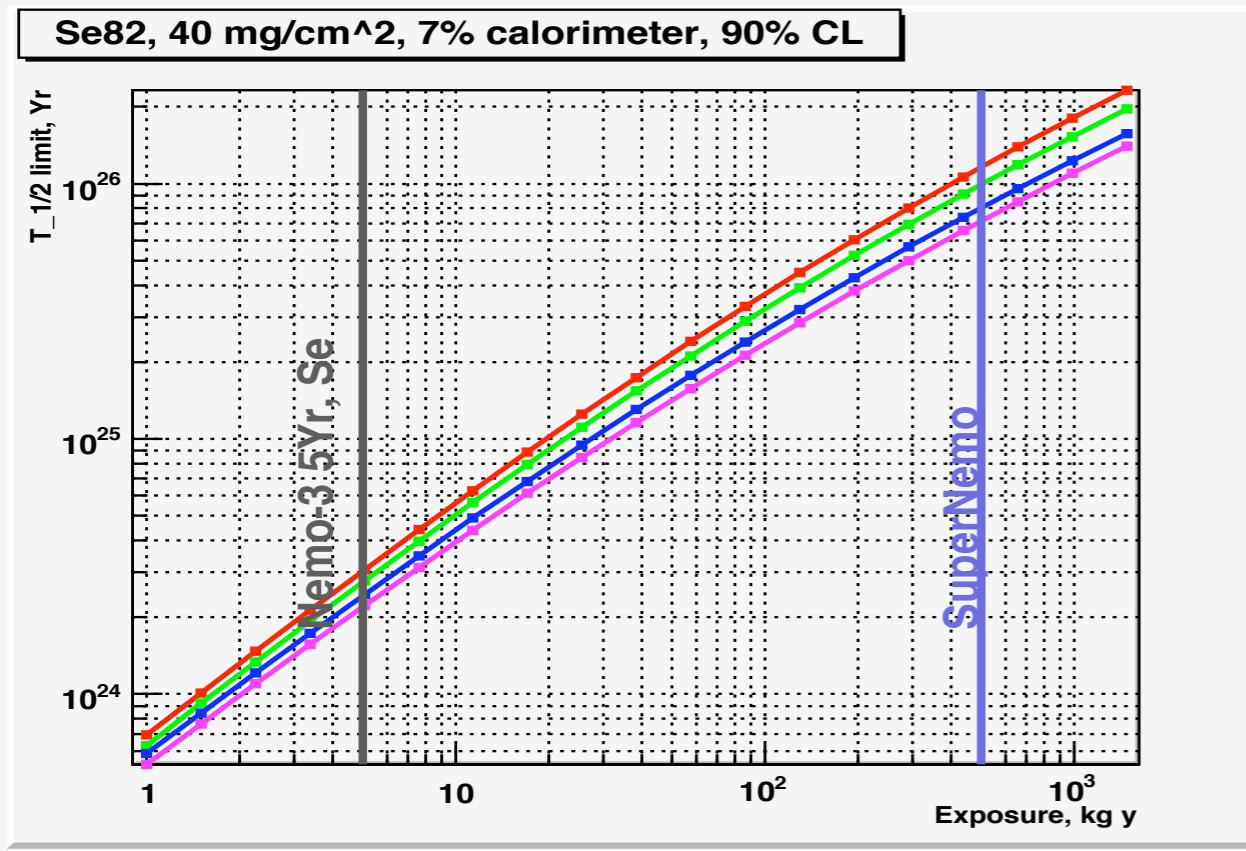
$$\langle m_\nu \rangle \leq 0.06 - 0.11 \text{ eV}$$

(range due to Nuclear Matrix Element uncertainties)

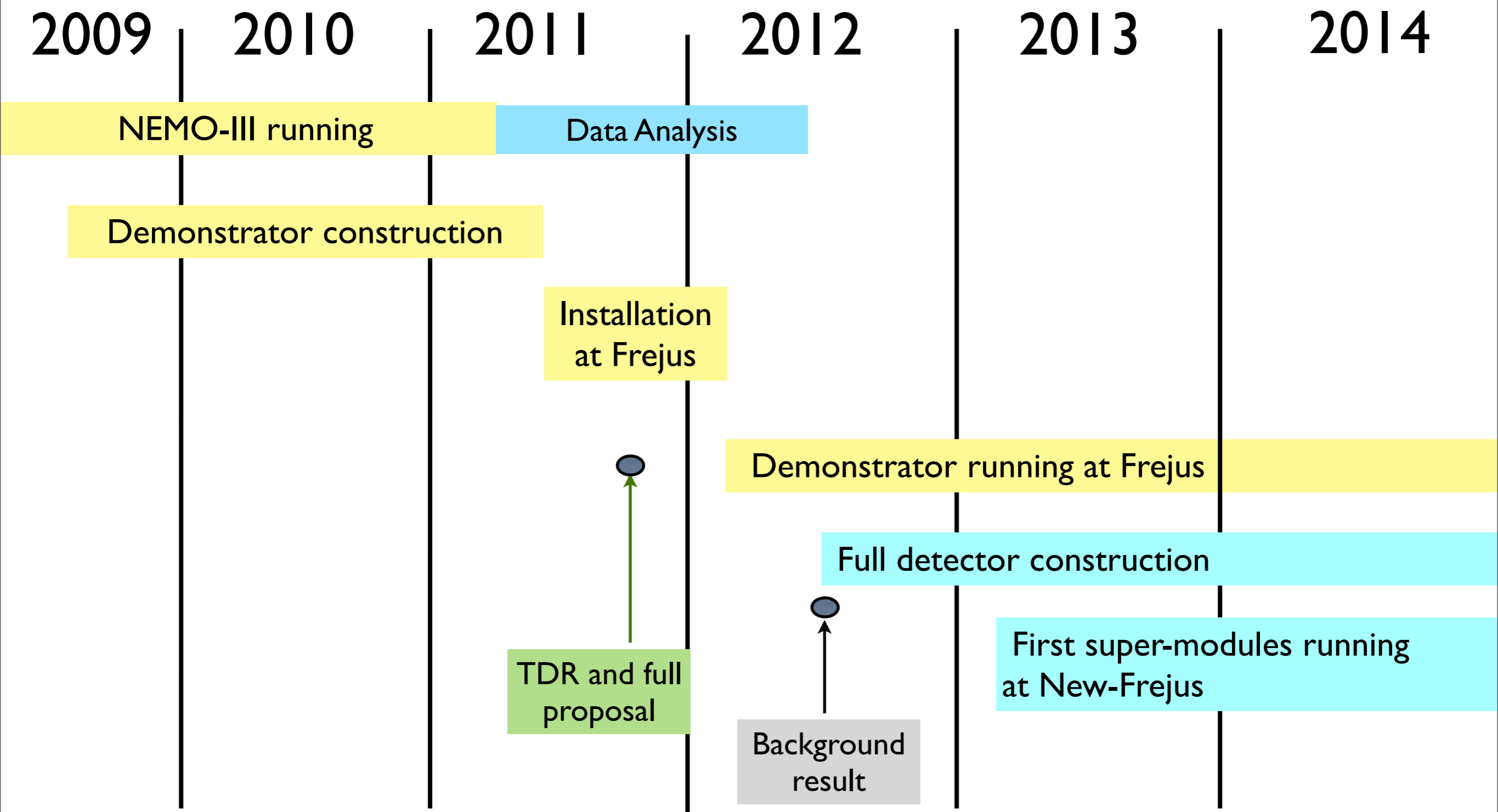
$^{150}\text{Nd}$ :

$$T_{1/2}(0\nu) = 5 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ yr} \quad \langle m_\nu \rangle \leq 0.045 \text{ eV}$$

(but deformation not taken into account)



# SuperNEMO schedule overview



**Target sensitivity of 50-100 meV by 2018**



# SNO+

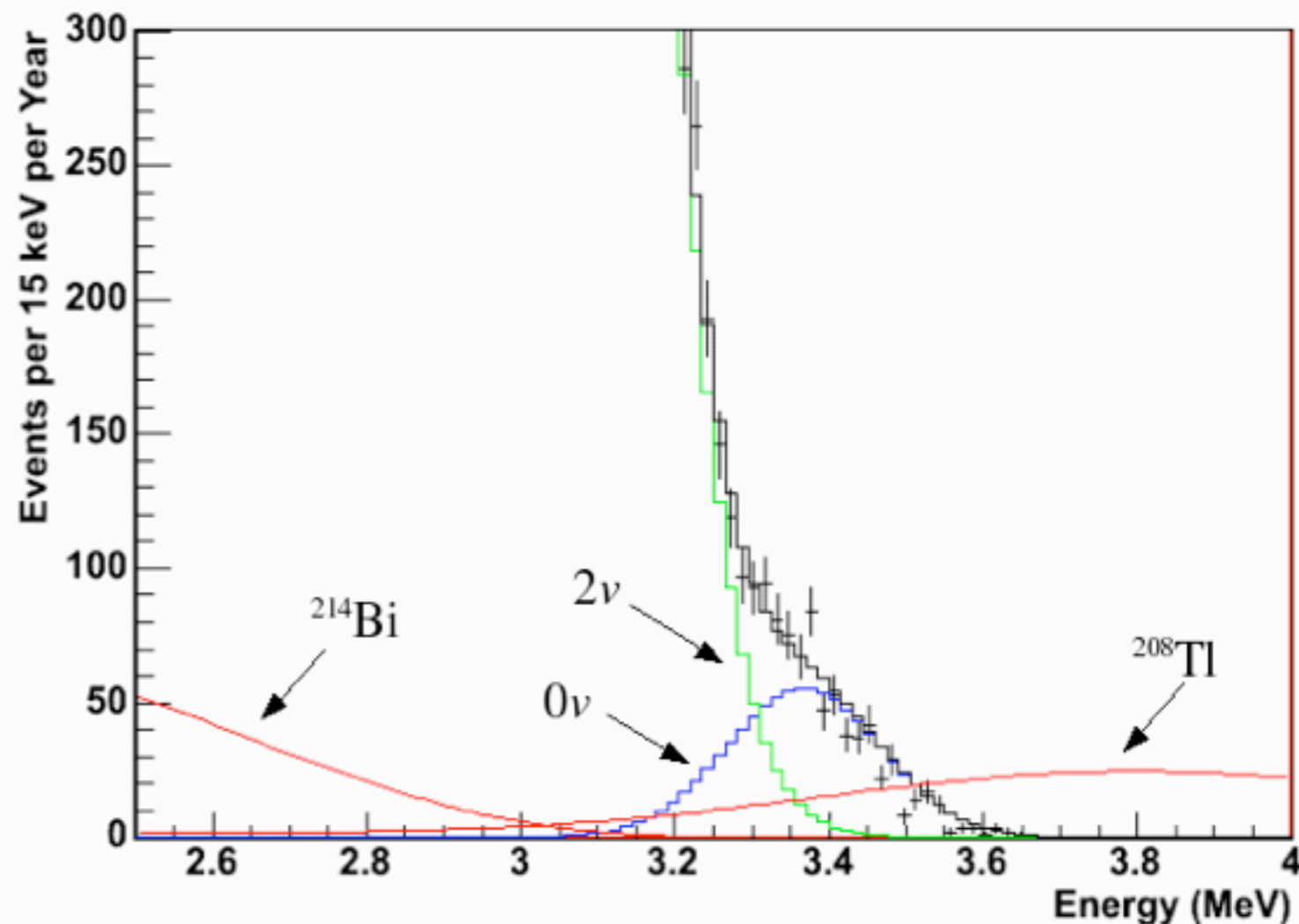
simulation of one year of data  
testing  $\langle m_\nu \rangle = 150$  meV (500kg  
of  $^{150}\text{Nd}$ )

- $^{150}\text{Nd}$  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  $^{150}\text{Nd}$
- 0.1 eV\* sensitivity with  $^{\text{nat}}\text{Nd}$ 
  - Quick “turnaround”
  - $^{\text{nat}}\text{Nd}$  radio-purity is one of key questions (10<sup>-14</sup> 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

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

# GERDA. $^{76}\text{Ge}$



$^{76}\text{Ge}$  - 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

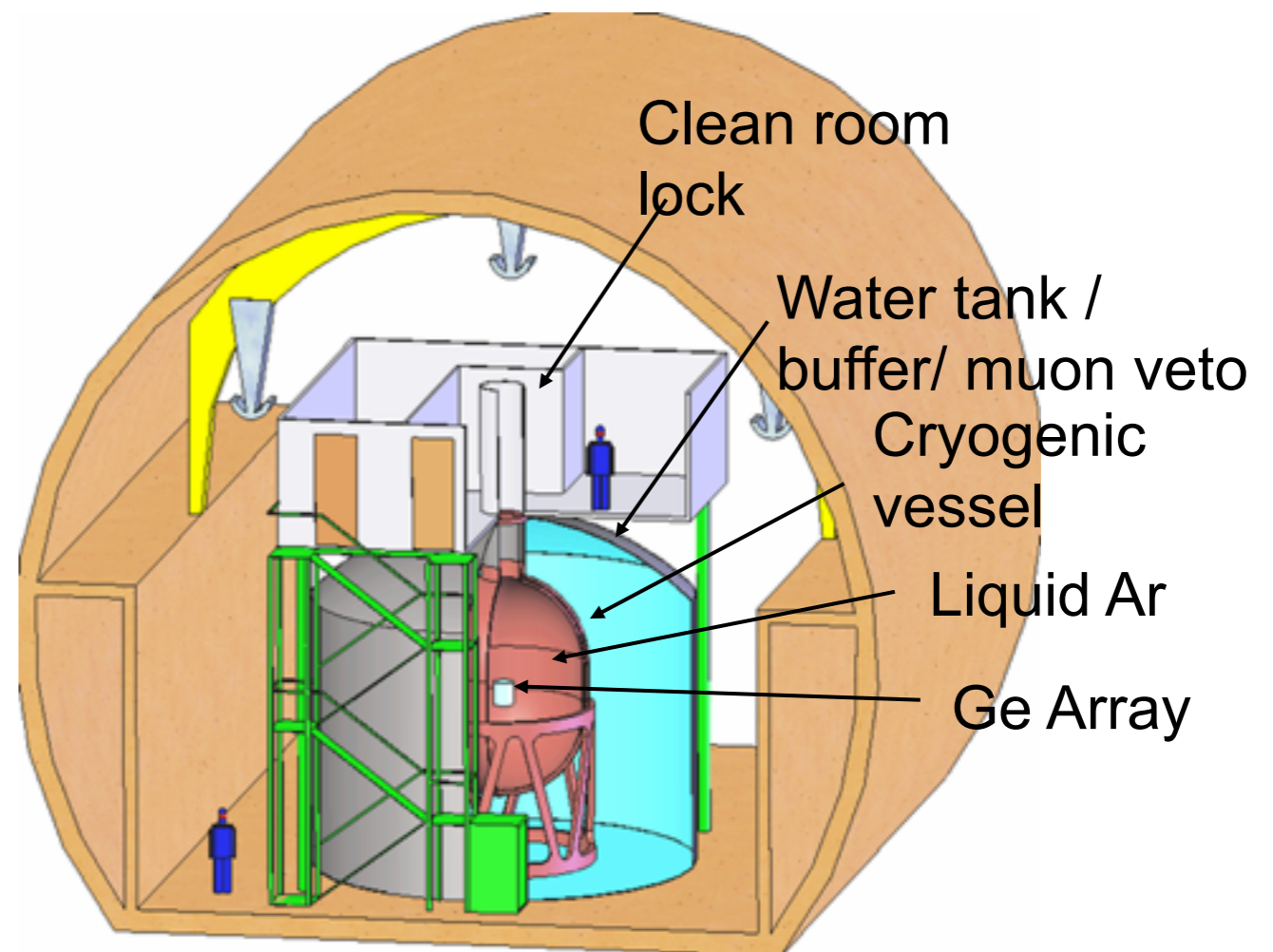
Phase II

Add new diodes (total: 40kg)

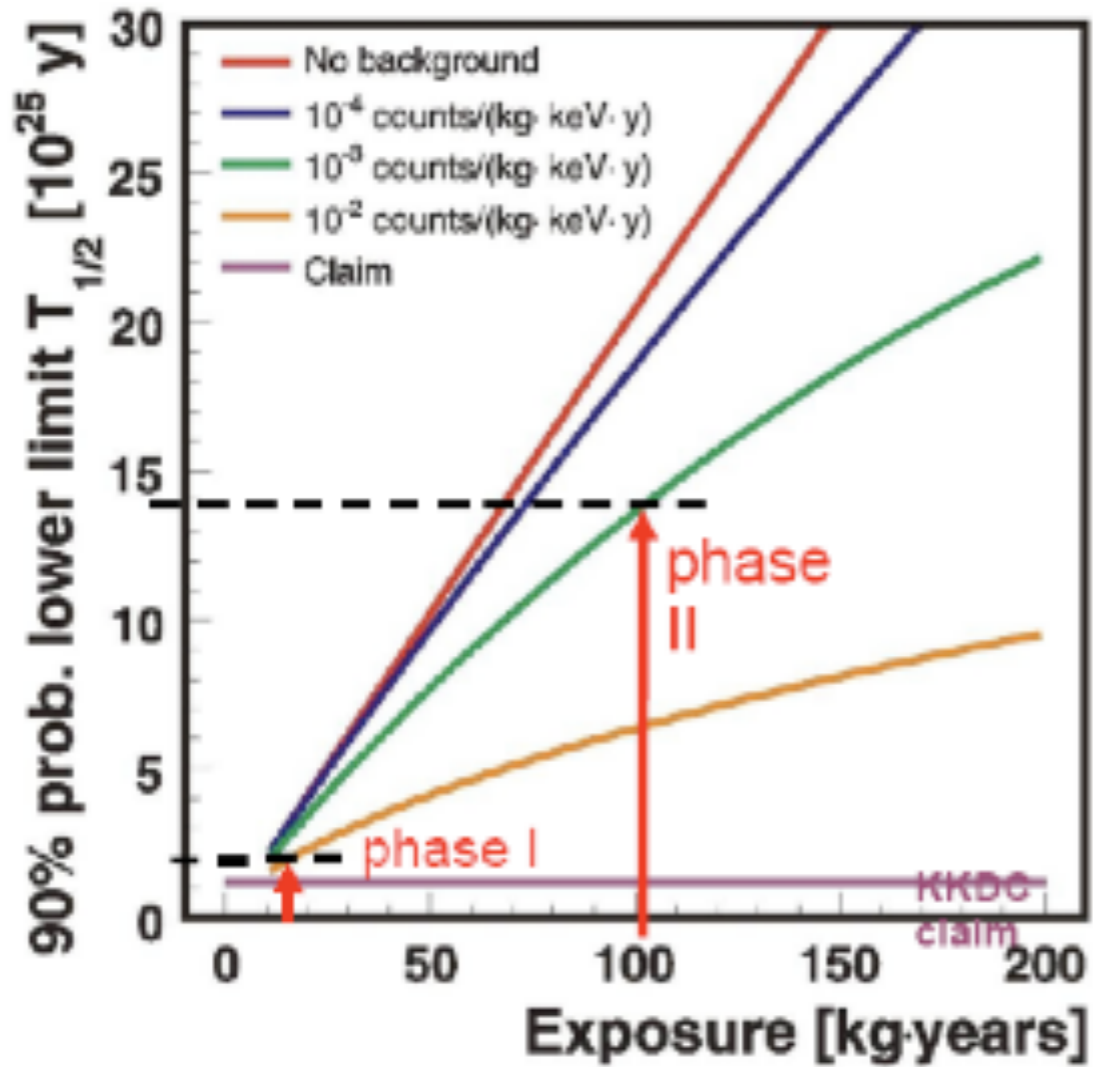
Bkg  $< 10^{-3}$  cts/kg keV yr

Both phases funded. Under construction

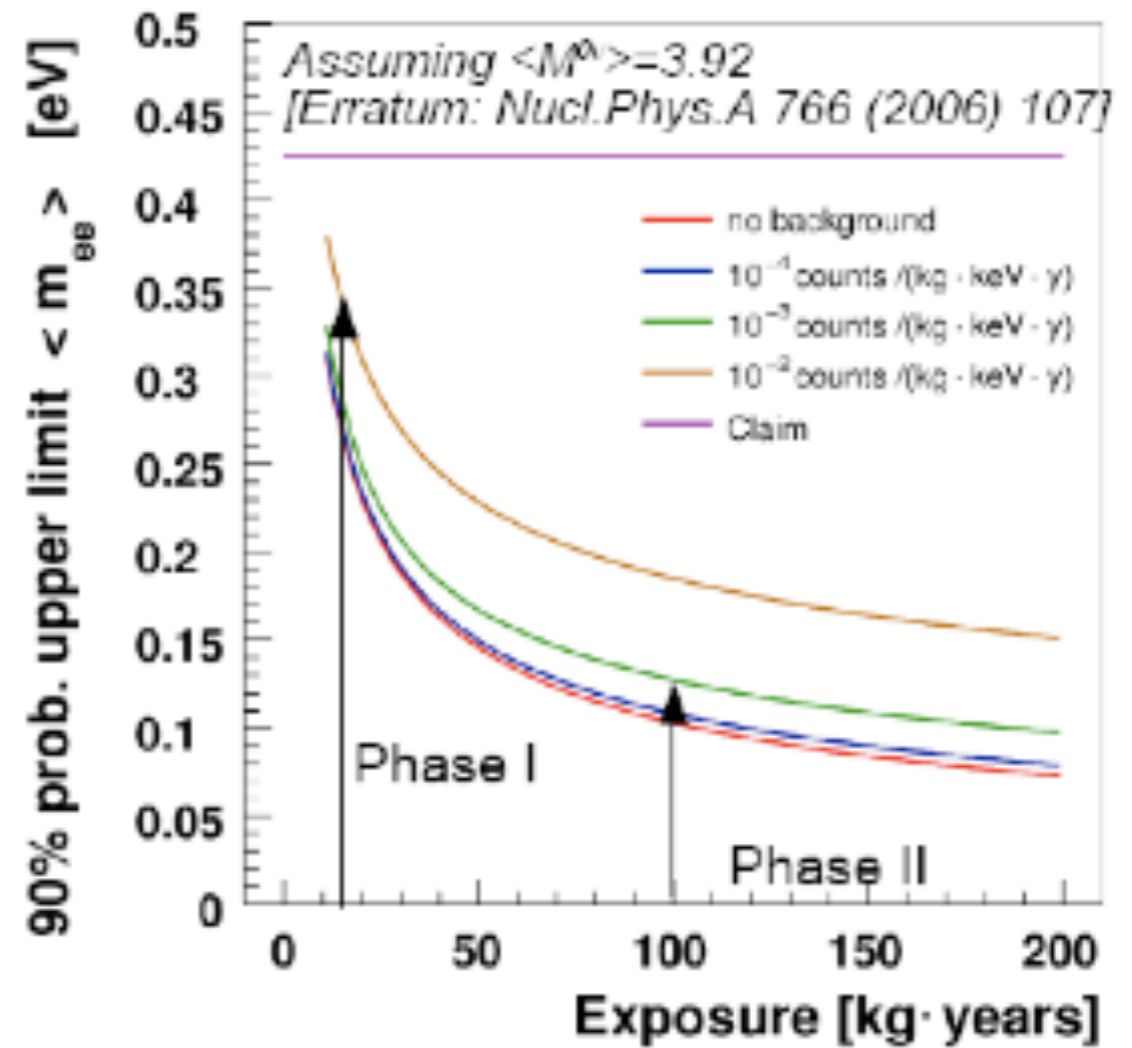
Location: Gran Sasso



Next step: GERDA + Majorana



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

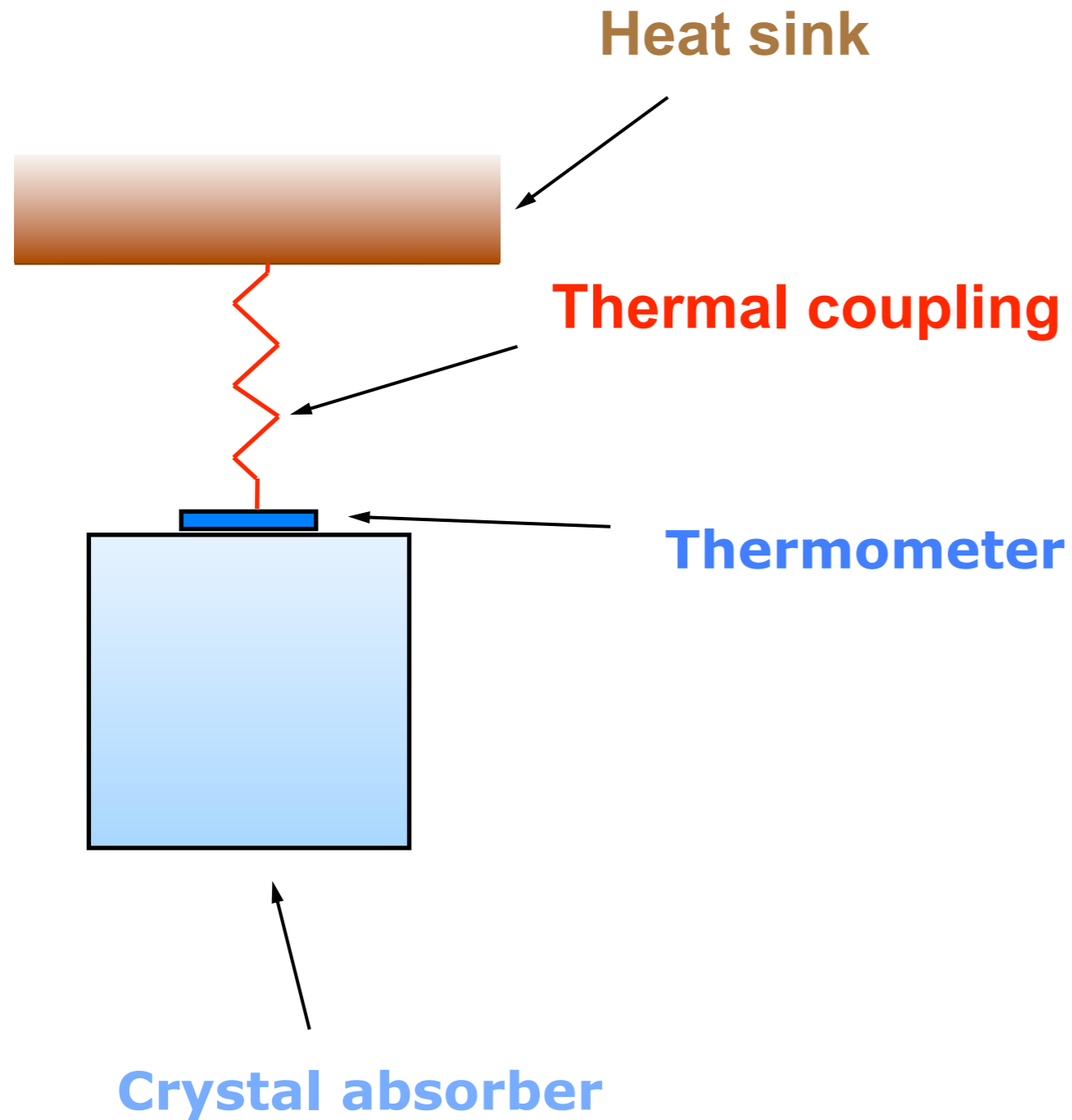


Phase I (~15kg): Start data taking 2009

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

# CUORICINO Detection Principle (Bolometer)

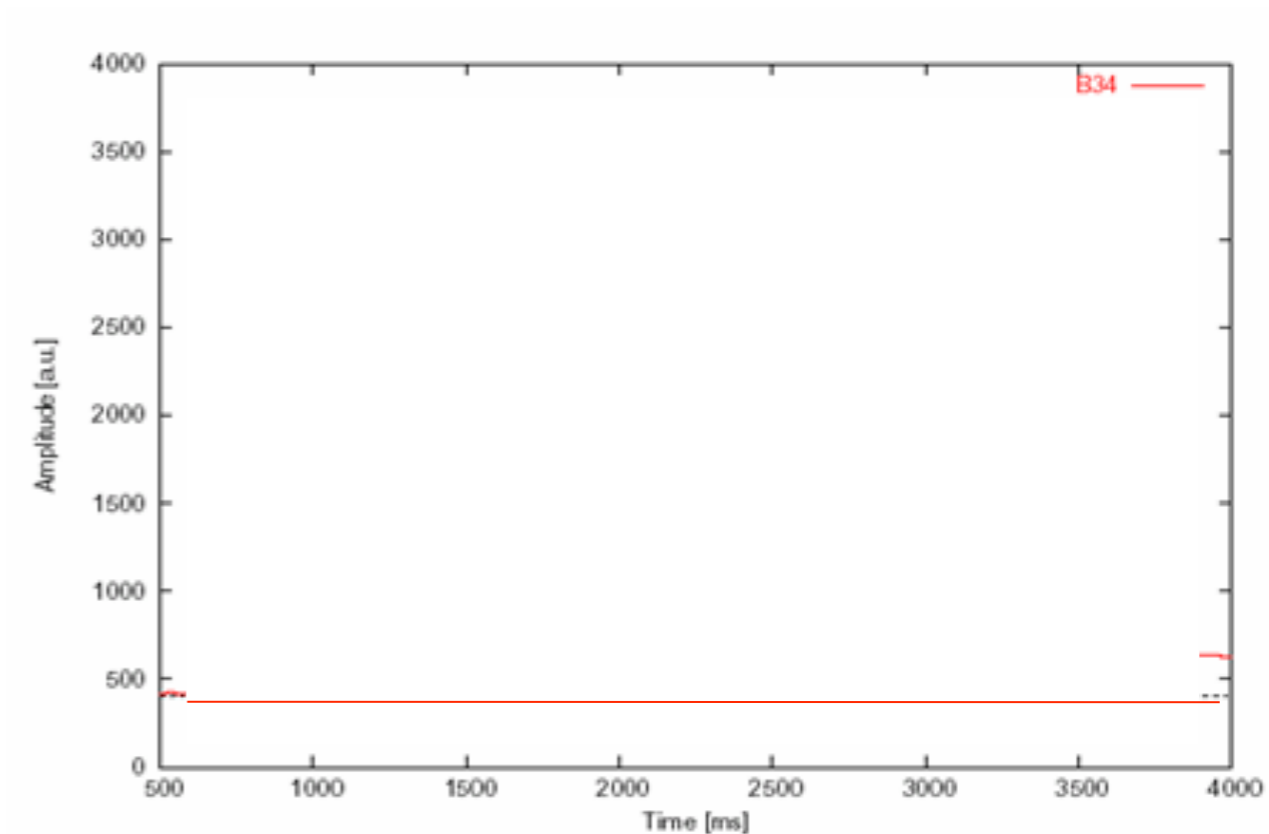
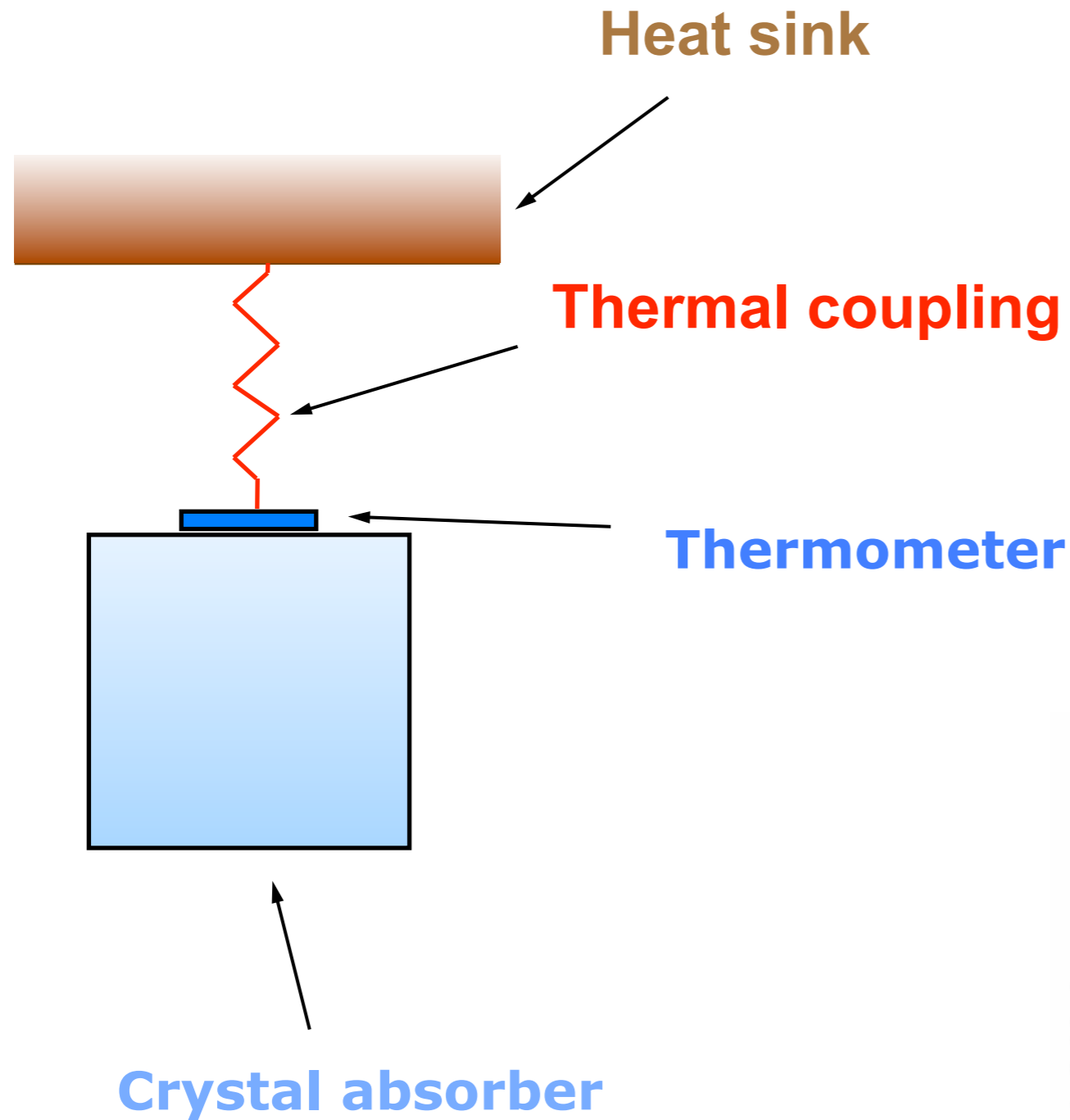
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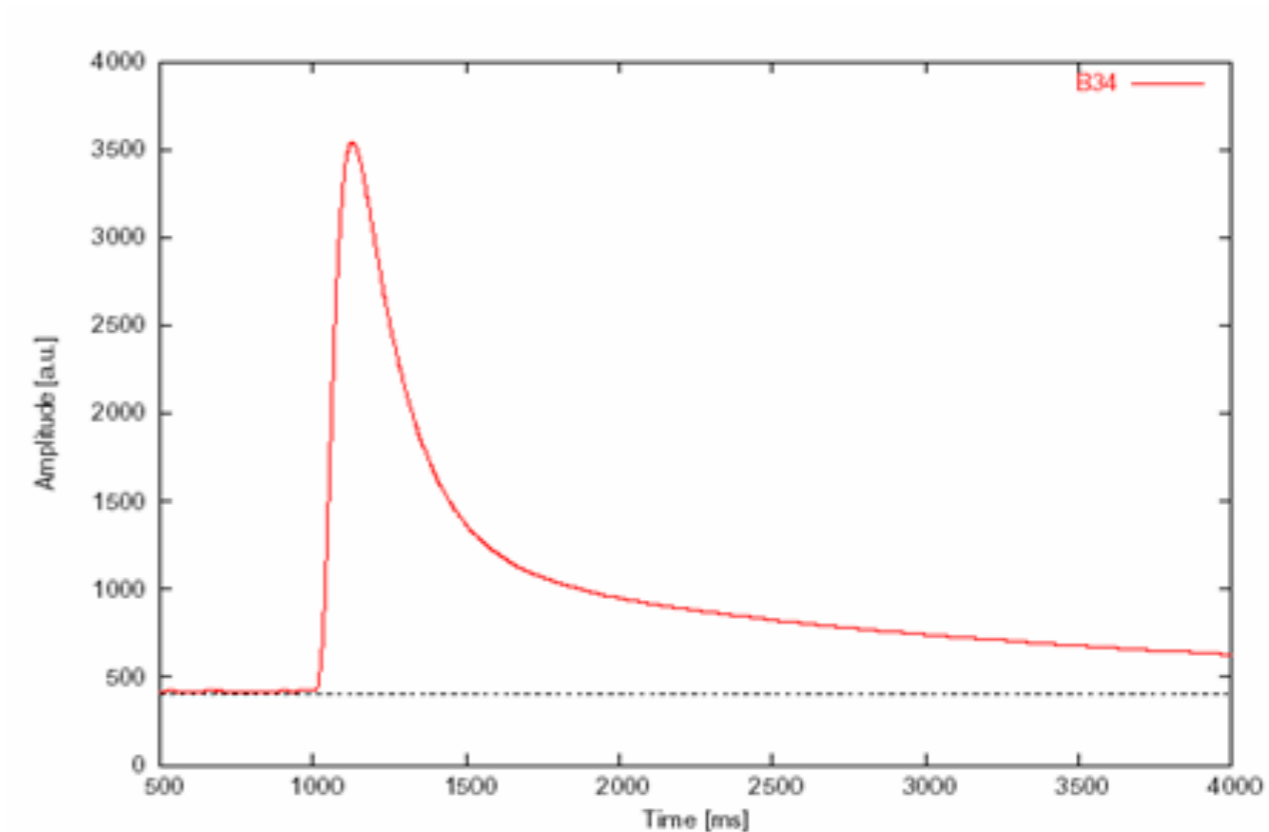
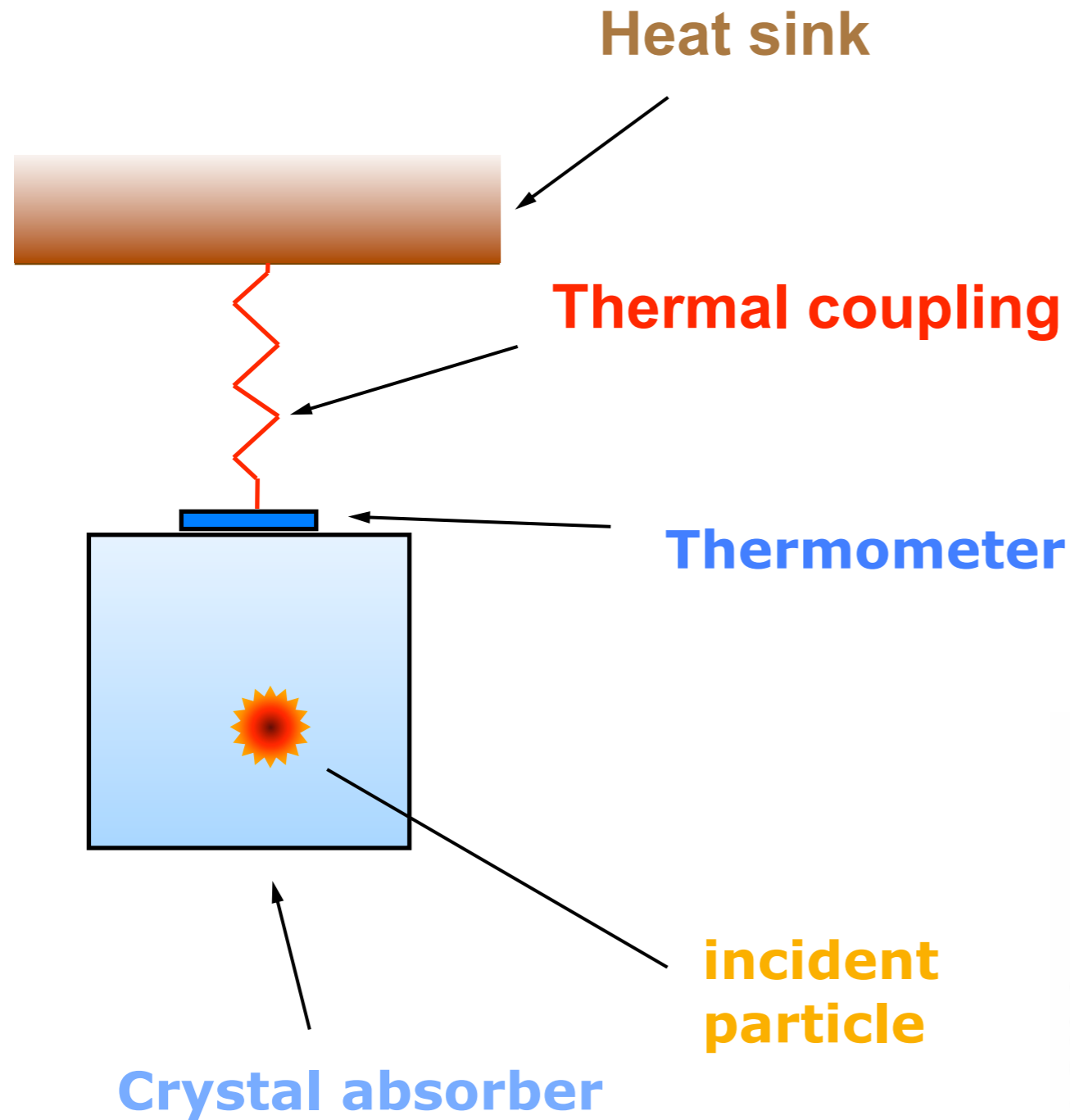
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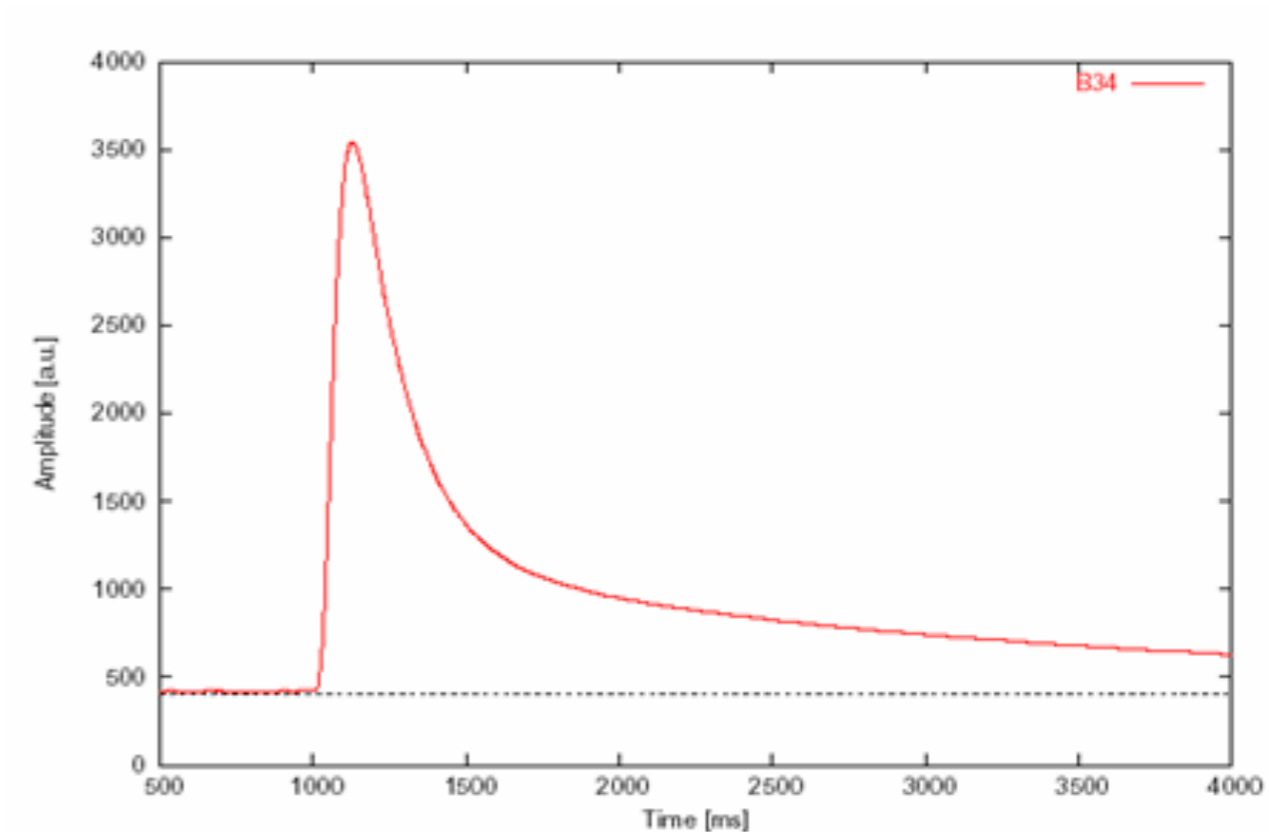
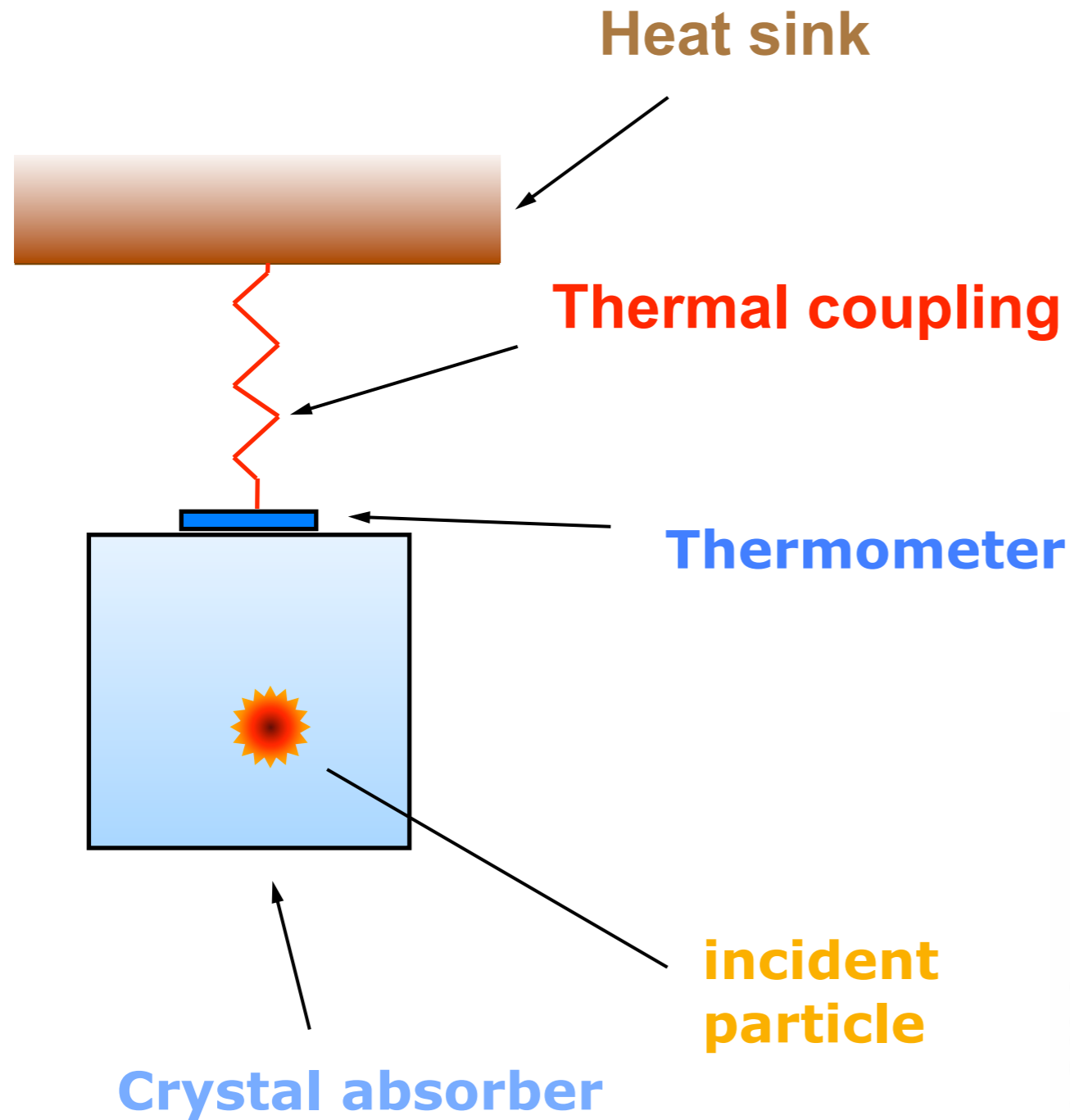


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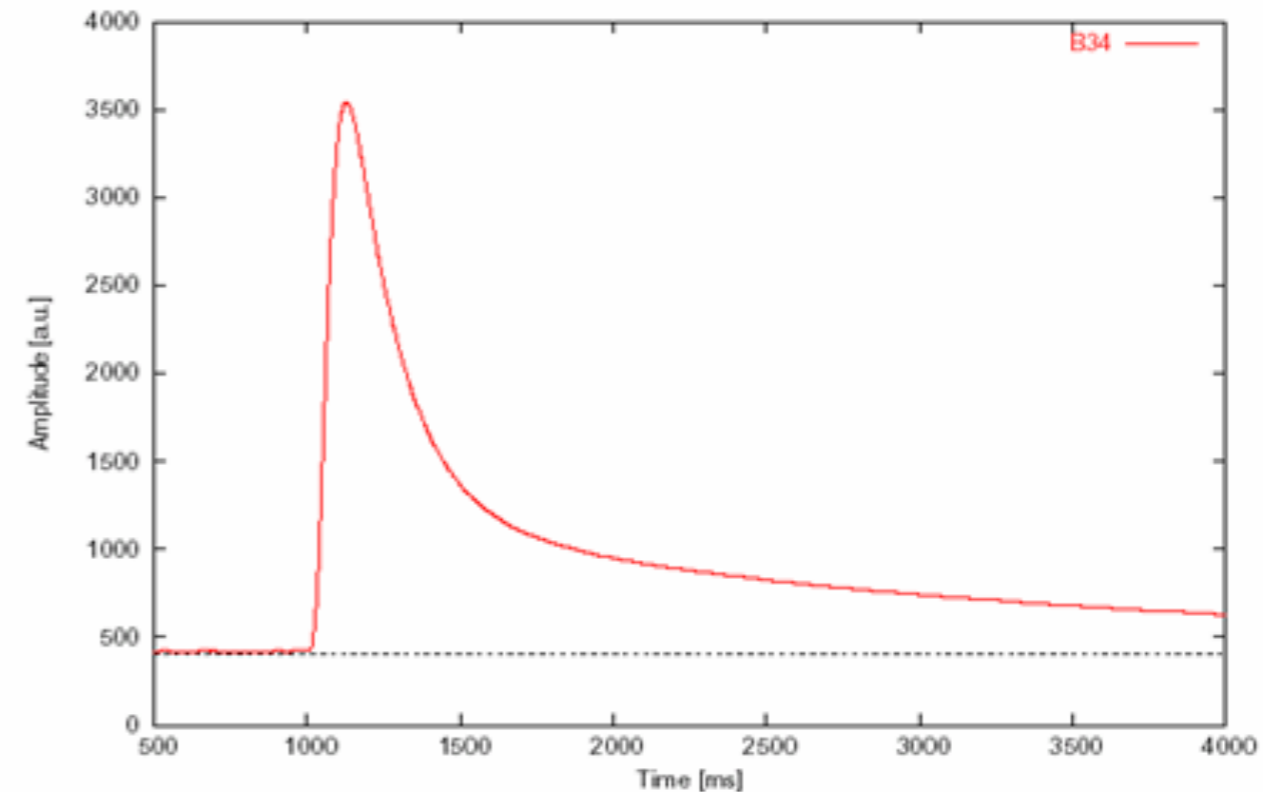
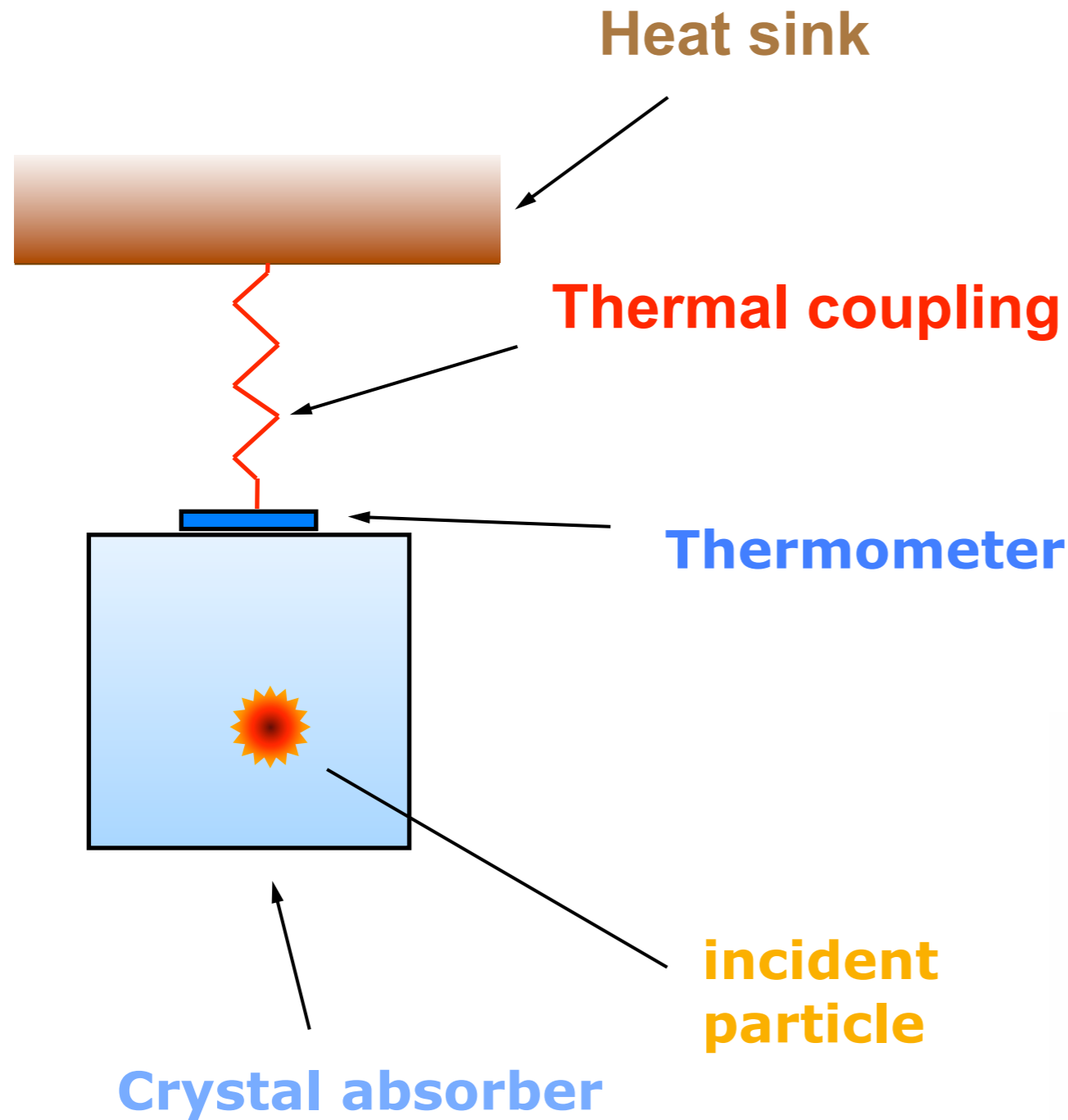
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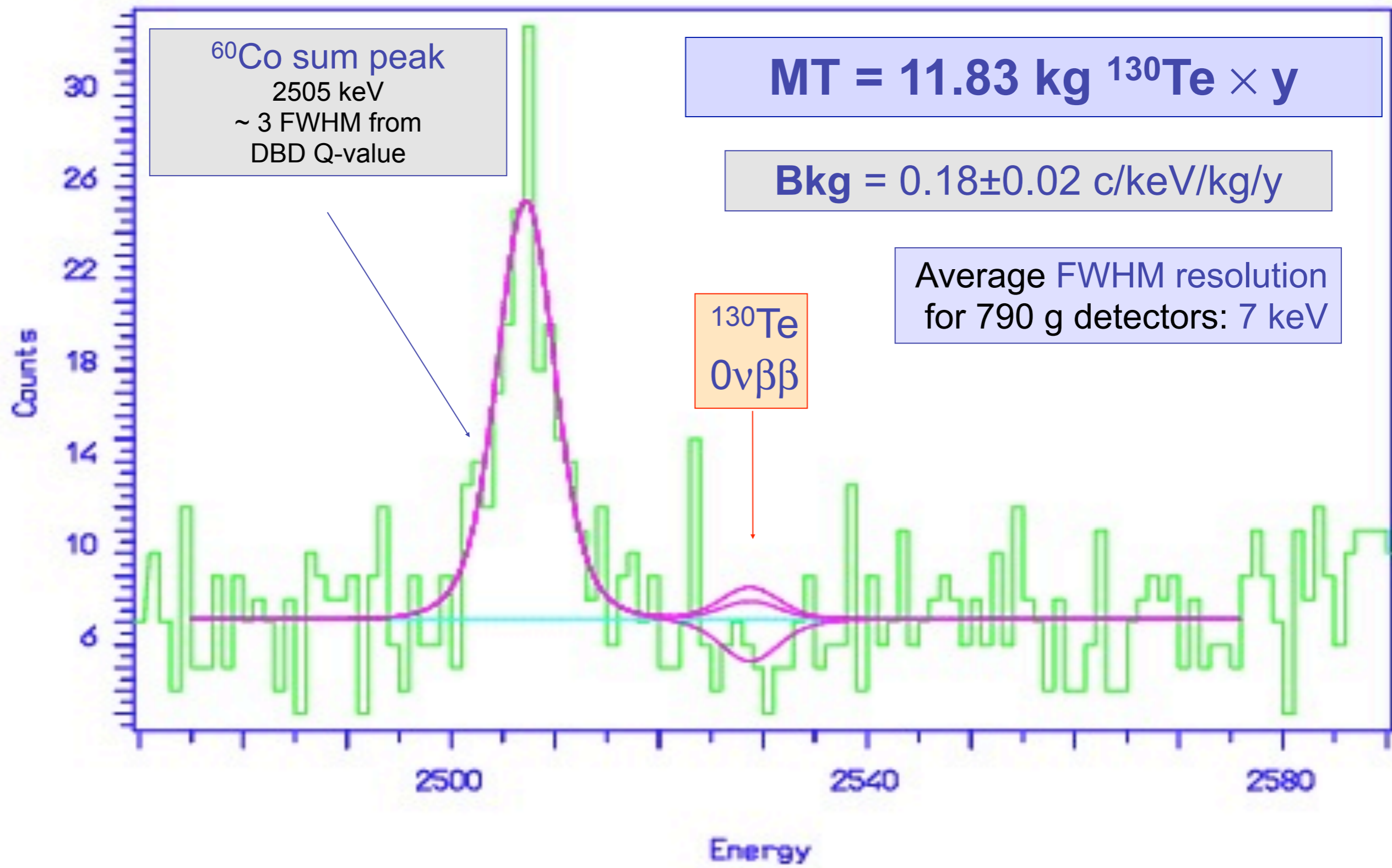
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The detector has to work at low temperature (10 mk) in order to develop high pulses





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

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

# CUORE. $^{130}\text{Te}$

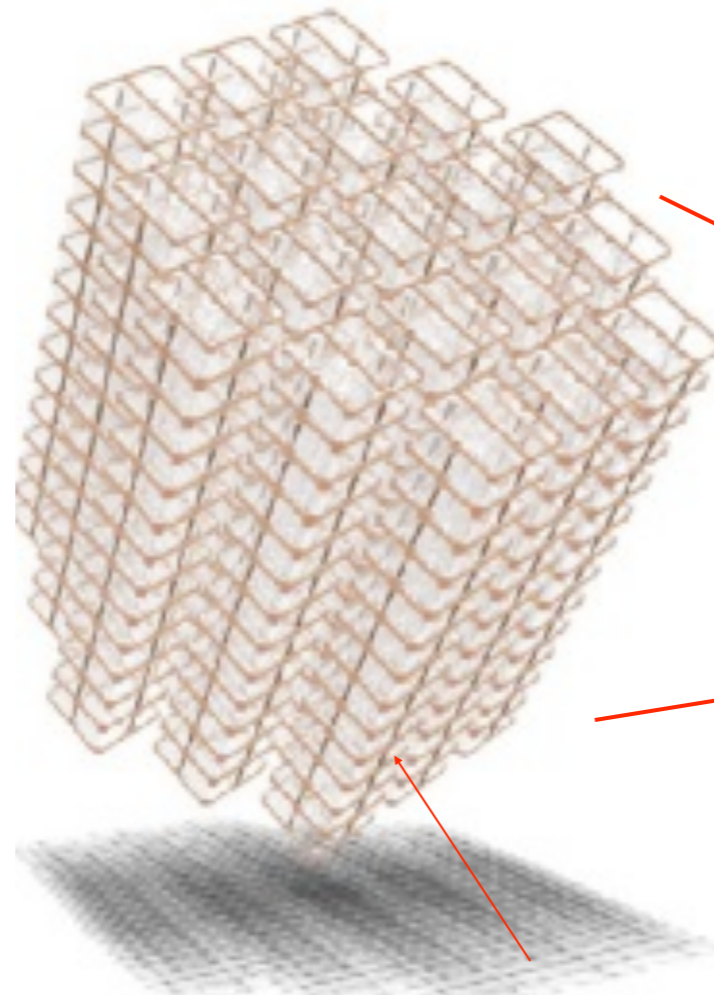
Array of **988** detectors:  
**19** Cuoricino-like towers.  
 $\Rightarrow M = 0.741$  ton of  $\text{TeO}_2$   
 $\Rightarrow M = 600$  kg of Te  
 $\Rightarrow M = 203$  kg of  $^{130}\text{Te}$



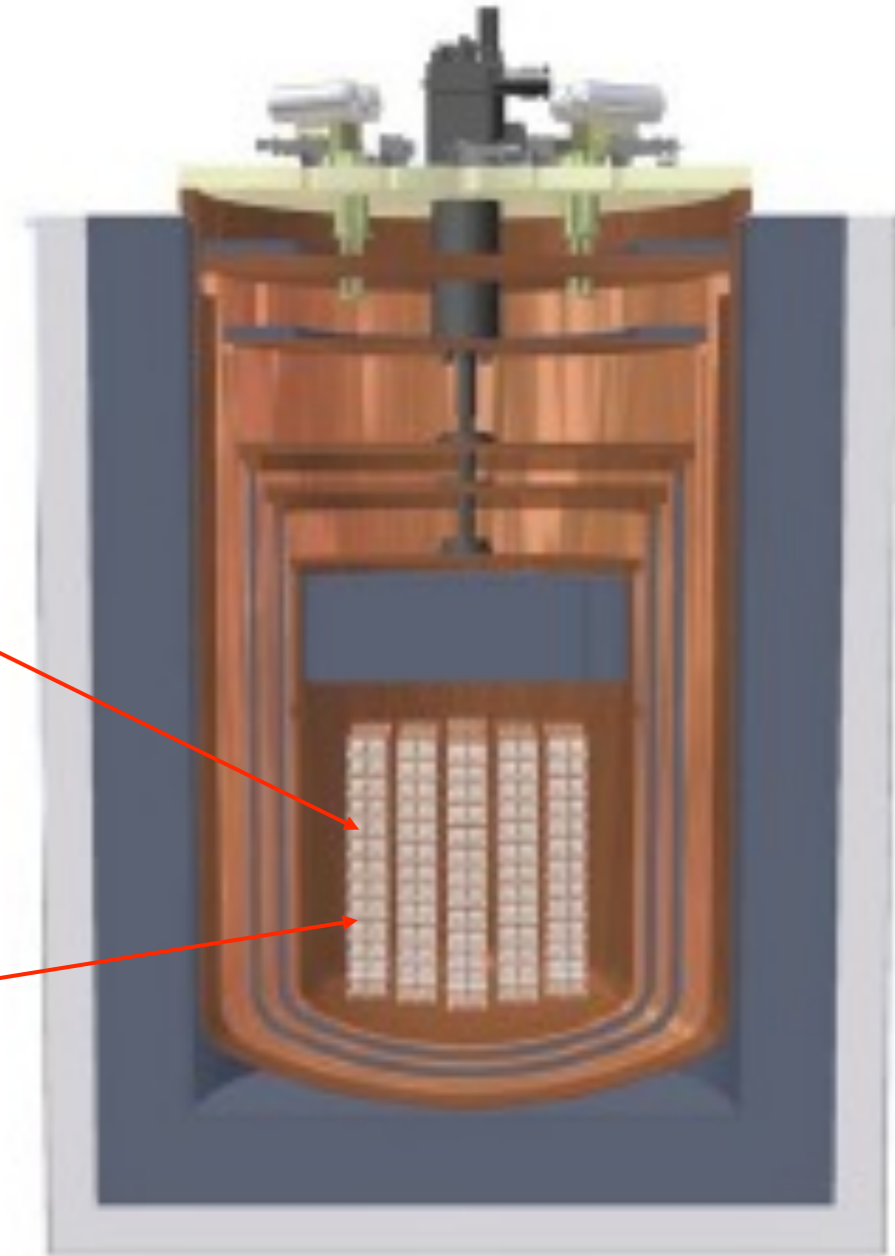
Natural Te



90 cm



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

Two-pronged approach to tackle this background:

Passive  $\Rightarrow$  surface cleaning

Active  $\Rightarrow$  event ID:

Enrichment is also possible

- ▶ Surface sensitive bolometers
- ▶ Scintillating bolometers

## 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

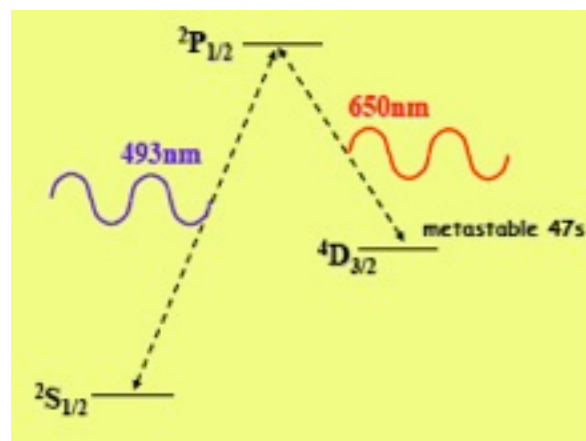


## Liquid Xe TPC

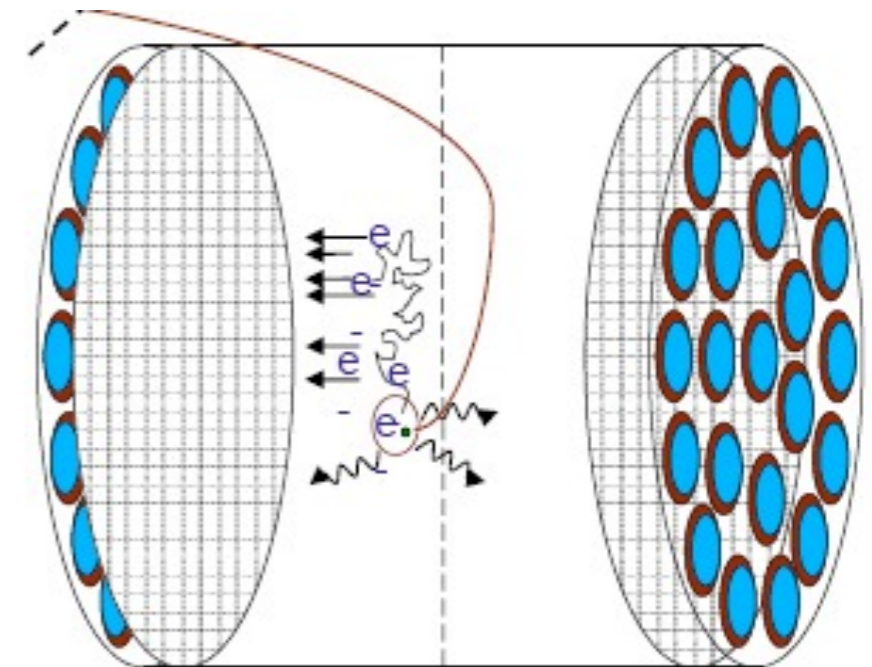
Energy measurement by ionization + scintillation

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

Optical spectroscopy with Ba+



Ion Grabber/mover



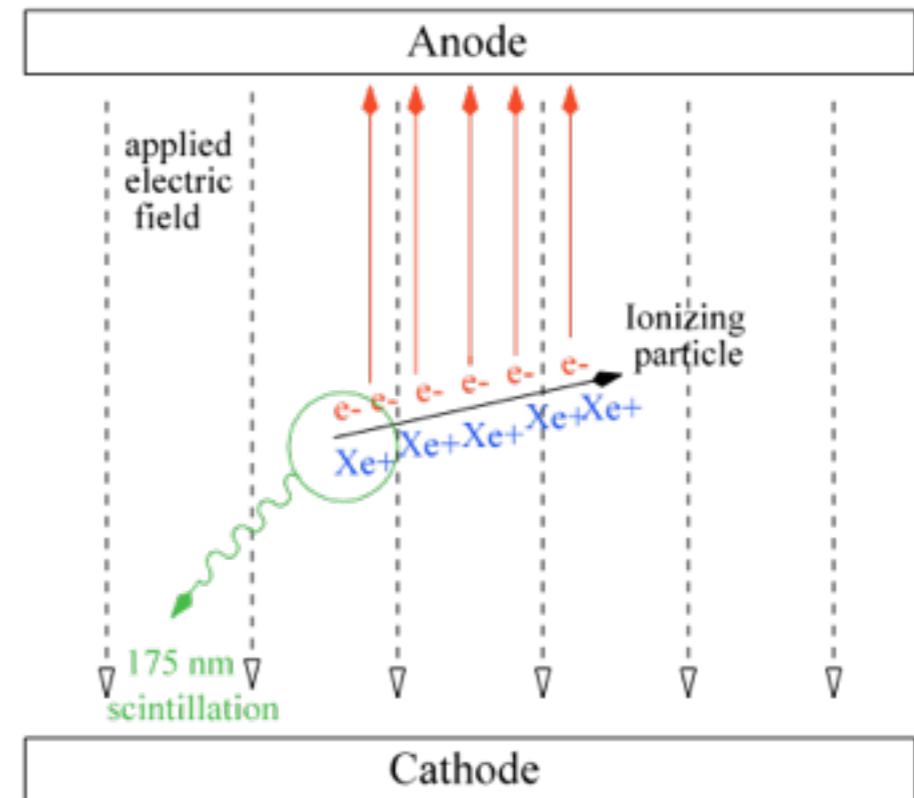
Case	Mass (ton)	Eff. (%)	Run Time (yr)	$\sigma_E/E @ 2.5\text{MeV}$ (%)	$2\nu\beta\beta$ Background (events)	$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$ (yr, 90%CL)	Majorana mass (meV)	
							QRPA <sup>†</sup>	NSM <sup>#</sup>
Conservative	1	70	5	1.6*	0.5 (use 1)	$2 \cdot 10^{27}$	50	68
Aggressive	10	70	10	1 <sup>†</sup>	0.7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



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

No Ba+ tagging

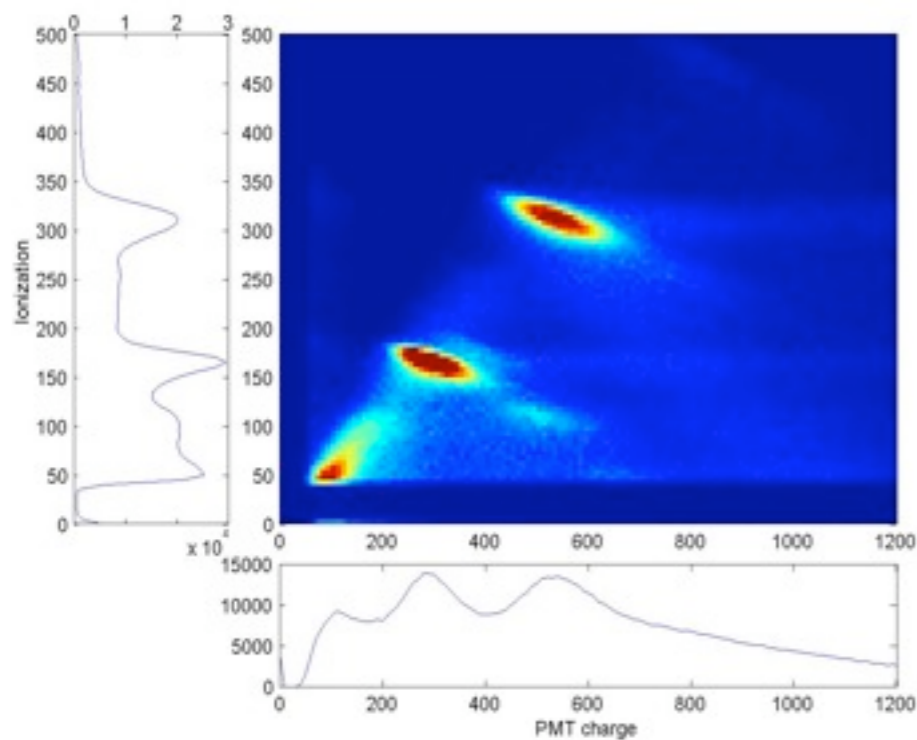
Ionization + scintillation to improve  $\Delta E/E$   
and detect alpha (BiPo bkg suppression)



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

Goals:

- Measure  $2\nu\beta\beta$  of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$
- Search for  $0\nu\beta\beta$  in  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  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  $^{76}\text{Ge}$  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  $^{116}\text{Cd}$  and  $^{130}\text{Te}$
- CANDLES
  - Undoped  $\text{CaF}_2$  scintillator crystal detectors. Isotope:  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ . Start with natural, look into possibilities of enrichment in the future
- ....

Experiment	Isotope	kg	$T_{1/2}$ yr, 90% CL	$m_{\nu}^*$ , meV	Start-up timescale	Status
HM	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	15	$>1.9 \cdot 10^{25}$	230-560	1990	finished
KDHK claim	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	15	$(0.7-4.2) \cdot 10^{25} (3\sigma)$	150-920	1990	finished
NEMO 3	$^{100}\text{Mo}$	7	$2 \cdot 10^{24}$ (expect. 2010)	340-590	2003	running
CUORICINO	$^{130}\text{Te}$	11	$>3 \cdot 10^{24}$ (current)	260-610	2002	running
CUORE	$^{130}\text{Te}$	210	$1.3 \cdot 10^{26}$	40-92	2011	approved
GERDA, Phase I	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	15	$3 \cdot 10^{25}$	180-440	2009	approved
Phase II	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	~31	$2 \cdot 10^{26}$	70-170	2011	approved
EXO 200	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	160	$6.4 \cdot 10^{25}$	270-380	2009	approved
EXO 1t	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	800	$2 \cdot 10^{27}$	50-68	2015	R&D
<b>SuperNEMO</b>	<b><math>^{82}\text{Se}/^{150}\text{Nd}</math></b>	<b>100</b>	<b><math>1 \cdot 10^{26}</math></b>	<b>45-110</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Design Study</b>
COBRA	$^{116}\text{Cd}$	151	$1.5 \cdot 10^{26}$	38-96	?	R&D
SNO+	$^{150}\text{Nd}$	500	$(1-5) \cdot 10^{25}$	50-100 (?)	2012?	R&D

\* 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)