

# Double Beta Decay Experiments



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# Outline

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DBD and neutrino mass  
NME  
decay signature  
detector choice  
experimental sensitivity  
background sources

## part 2. DBD experiments:

Ge experiments  
NEMO3  
Cuoricino

## part 3. DBD experiments: the new generation

on-going: GERDA - CUORE - EXO ...  
proposed ...  
conclusions

# $0\nu\beta\beta$ present and new generation experiments

## further explore "Klapdor claim"

NEMO3 still running (already discussed)

GERDA phase I (same nucleus: direct comparison)

CUORE-0

EXO-200

## 2<sup>nd</sup> generation - approach the IH region

CUORE GERDA II (approved, funded with R&D completed)

EXO-1ton (R&D status)

MAJORANA & GERDA III (to be funded)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> generation - full inspection of IH region

?????

# $0\nu\beta\beta$ rate predicted for IH

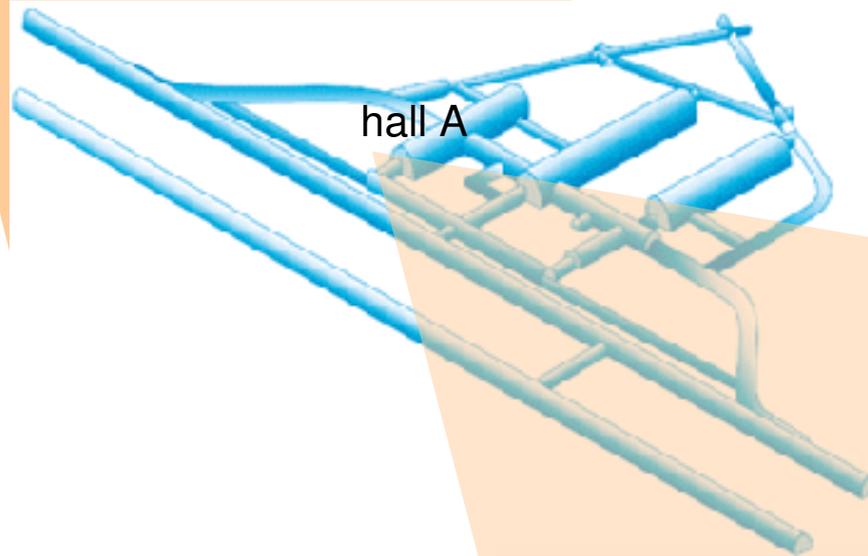
events/ton(of isotope)/year

	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	$^{82}\text{Se}$	$^{100}\text{Mo}$	$^{130}\text{Te}$	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	$^{116}\text{Cd}$
lower value	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.1
higher value	37.4	75.6	112.2	105.0	77.9	105.0



# LNGS

Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso  
L'Aquila, ITALY



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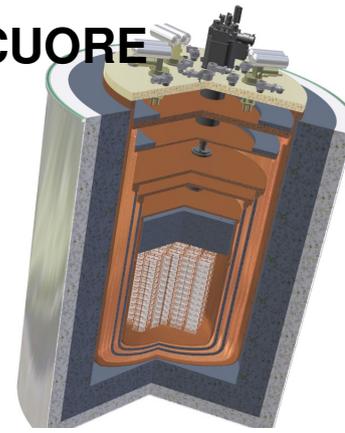
## Cosmic Ray Shield

3200 m.w.e.

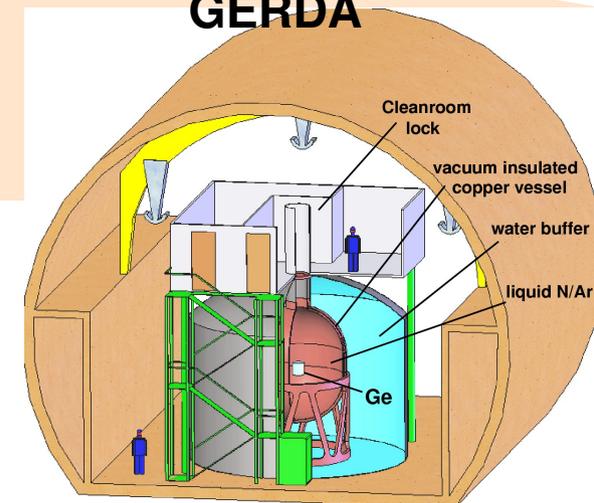
$\langle E_{\mu} \rangle \sim 270 \text{ GeV}$  - Flux $_{\mu} \sim 1/\text{m}^2/\text{h}$

neutron flux  $\sim 3 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ n/s/cm}^2$

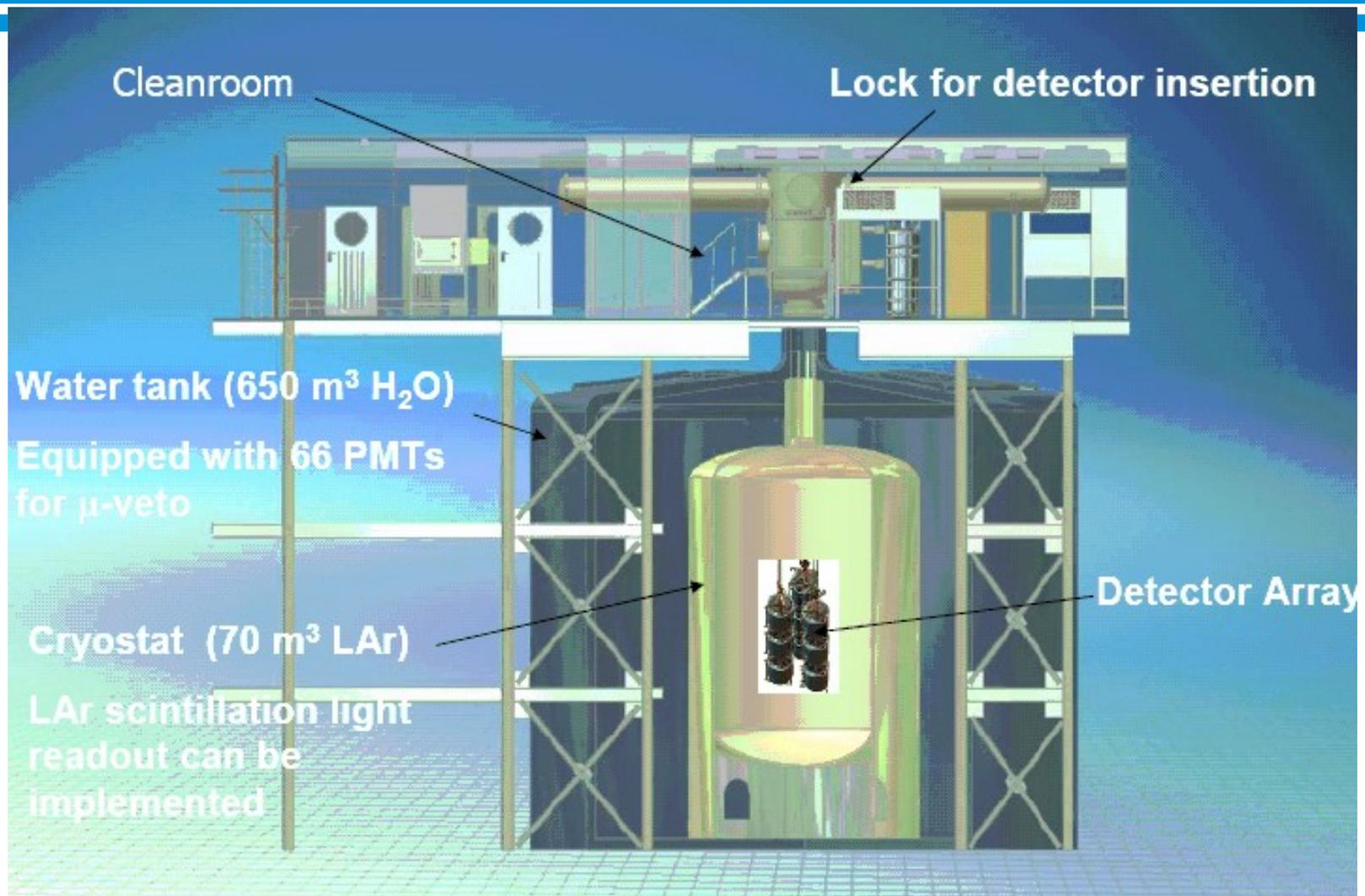
## CUORE



## GERDA



# GERDA



- LAr provides a veto

- segmentation of diodes for a greater reduction of backgrounds

- operate with "naked" Ge diodes in LAr shielding

# GERDA

Phase I ~ 15 kg  $^{76}\text{Ge}$

(crystals Heidelberg-Moscow + IGEX)

goal: in 1 y test with high statistic of the "Klapdor claim", confirm

Phase II ~ 30 kg  $^{76}\text{Ge}$

Segmented crystals -3 years of data-taking

goal: approach the IH region

Phase III ~ 1000 kg

Segmented crystals Liquid Argon -10 years of data-taking

goal: completely explore the IH region

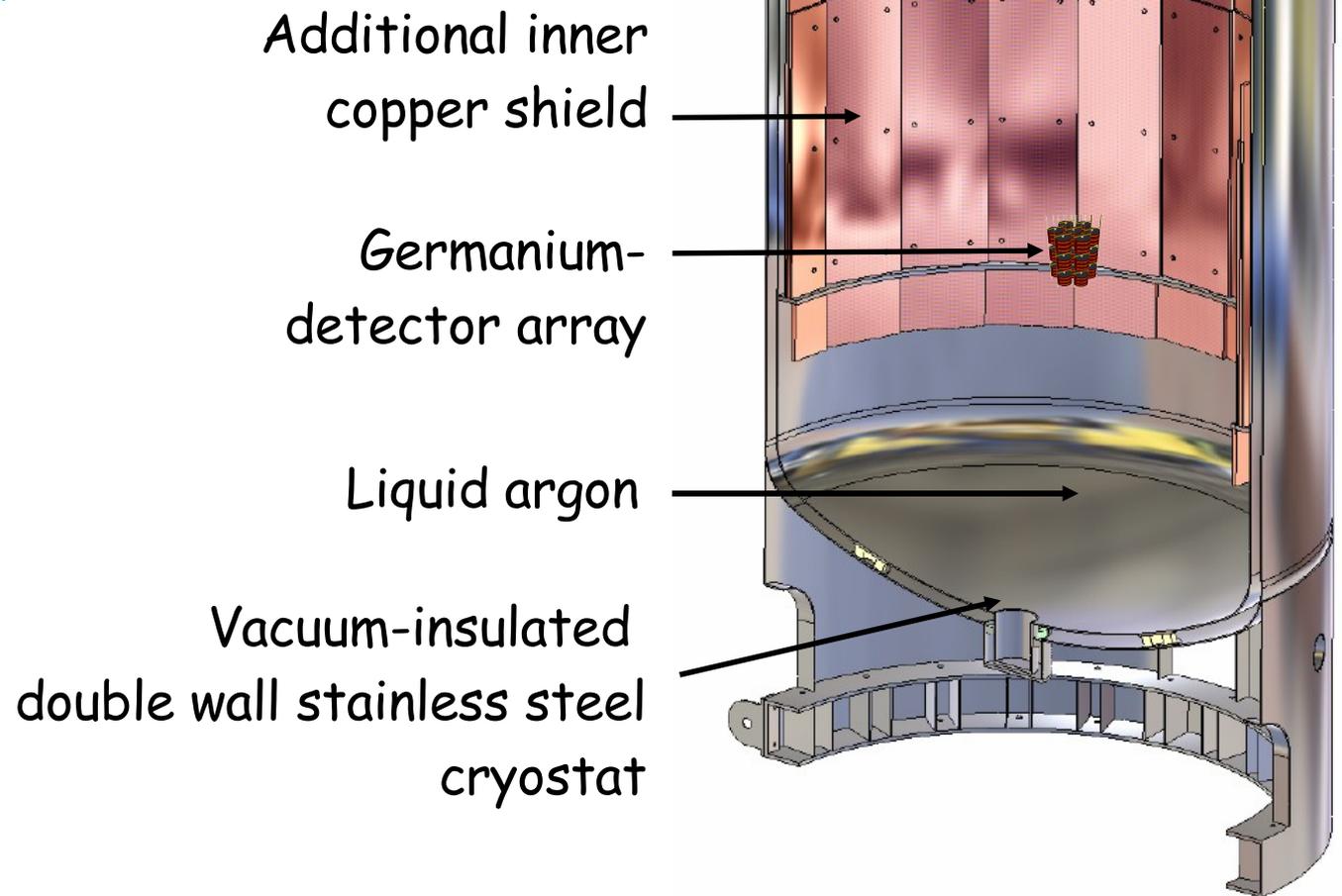
VERY EXPENSIVE in collaboration with MAJORANA !!!!



# GERDA design

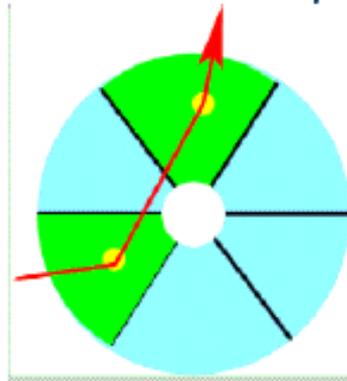
the Huge LAr shield substitutes the traditional Pb shield with the advantage of

- higher radiopurity
- active shield feasible by scintillation read-out
- lower  $n$  and  $\gamma$  produced by  $\mu$  interaction

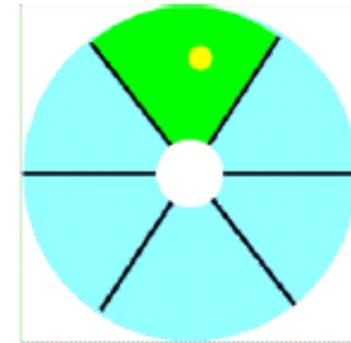


## Segmentation + Pulse Shape analysis for background reduction

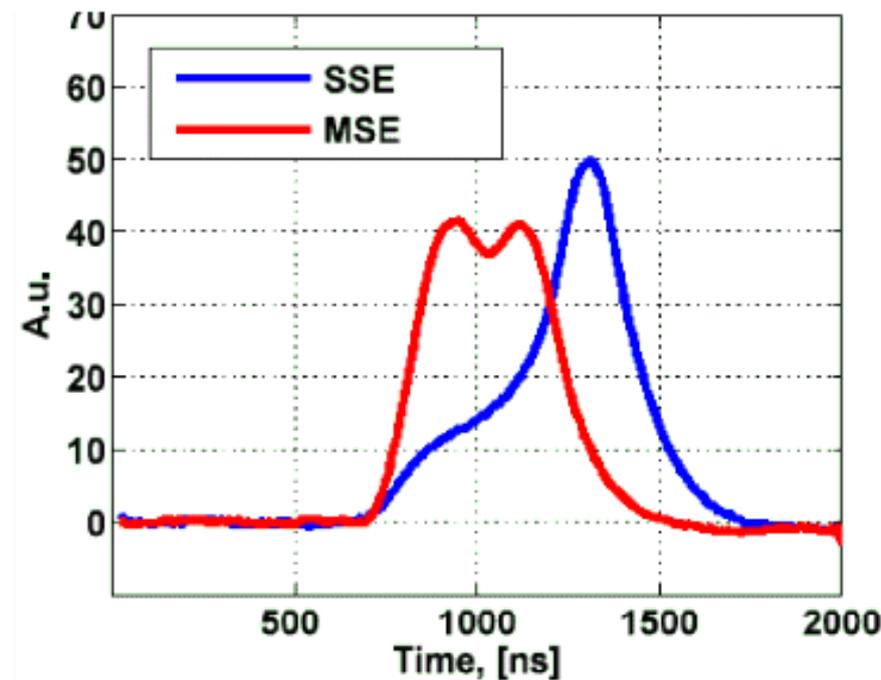
$\gamma$  background  
typically Multi  
Segment Event



signal like event  
is always Single  
Segment Event

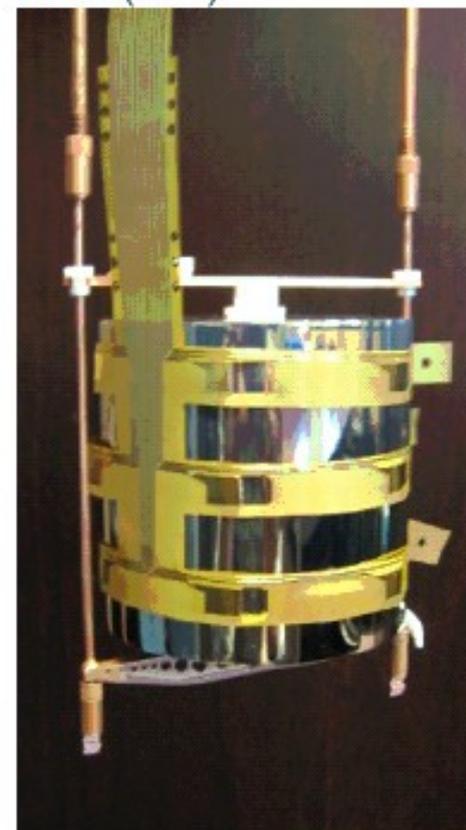
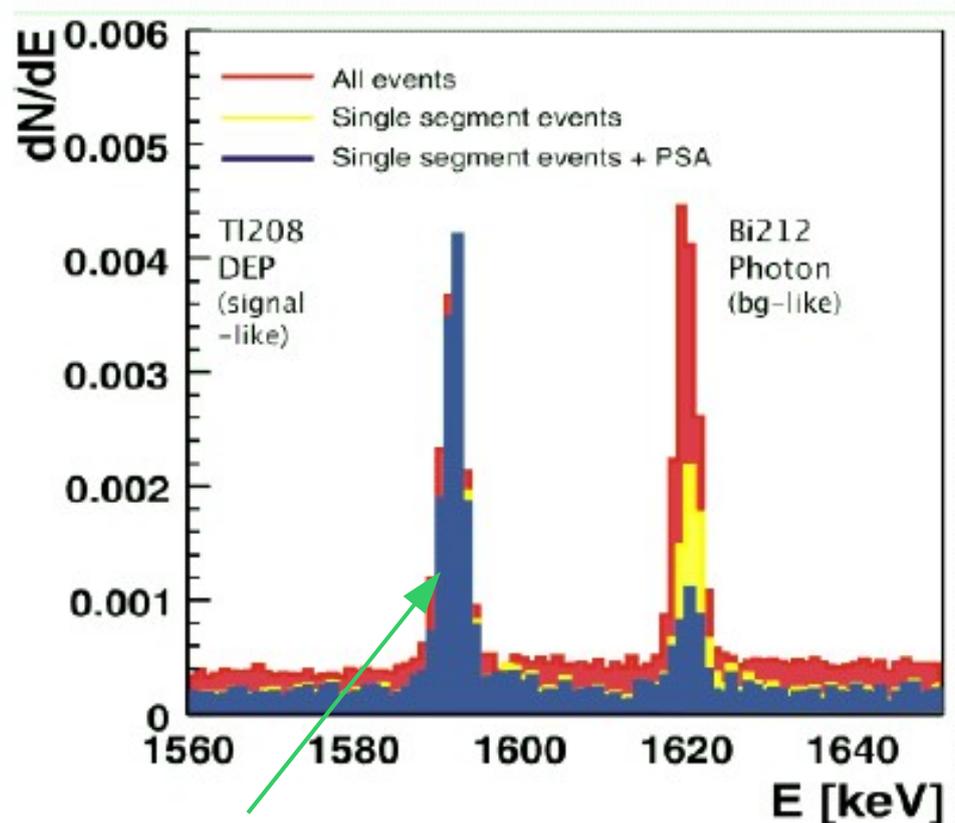


Pulse Shape Analysis can also distinguish SSE and MSE



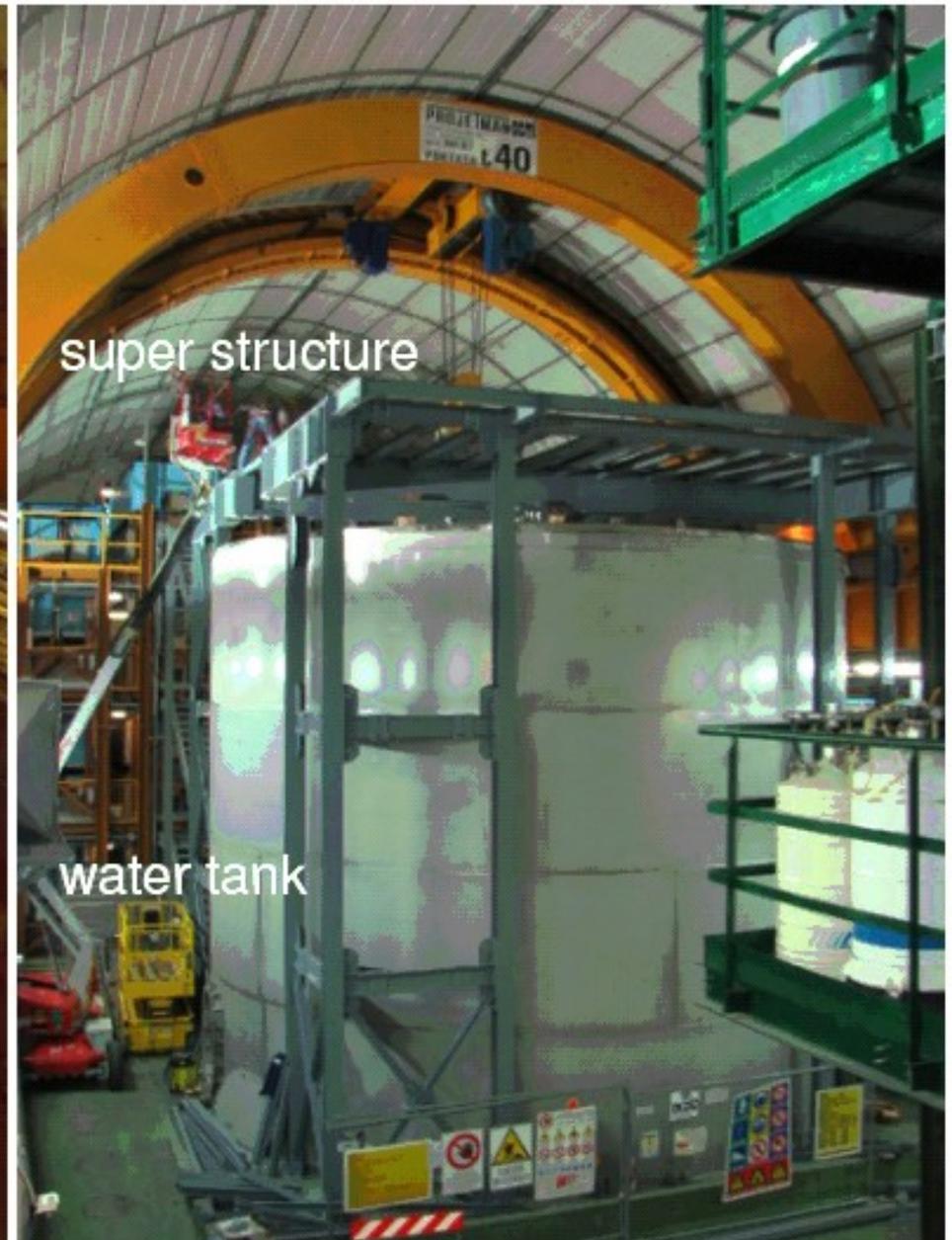
Applying PSA and Single Segment most of multisite events can be removed: NIM A 583 (2007) 332

By consequence we need segmented detector working in LAr (LN)



18 contacts, 18 diodes on one crystal

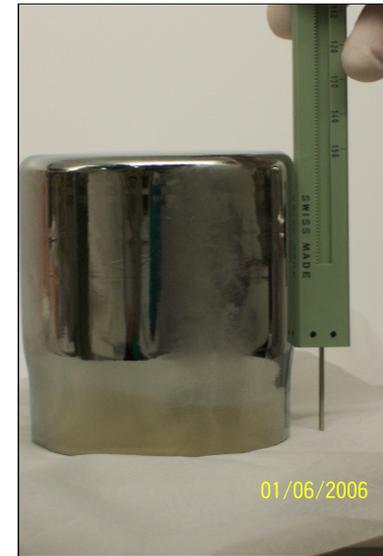
$^{208}\text{Tl}$  double escape peak simulates a Onbb event (dep is due to the escape of two 511 keV  $\gamma$  due to annihilation)



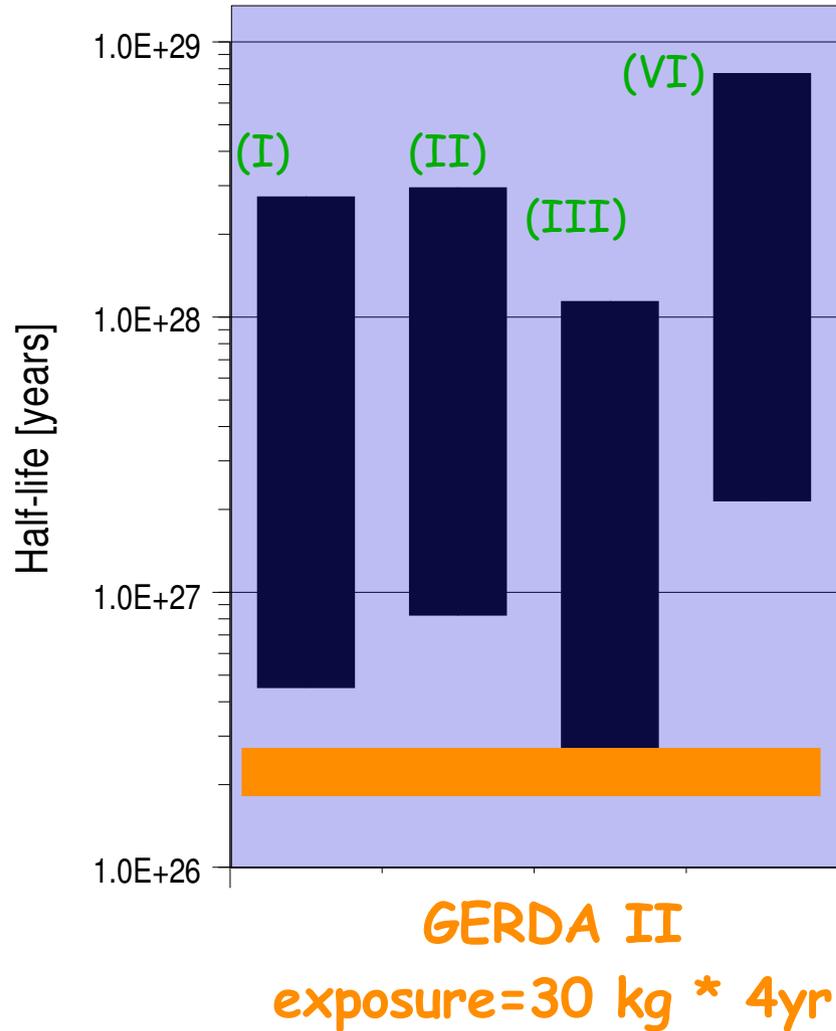


# The GERDA detectors

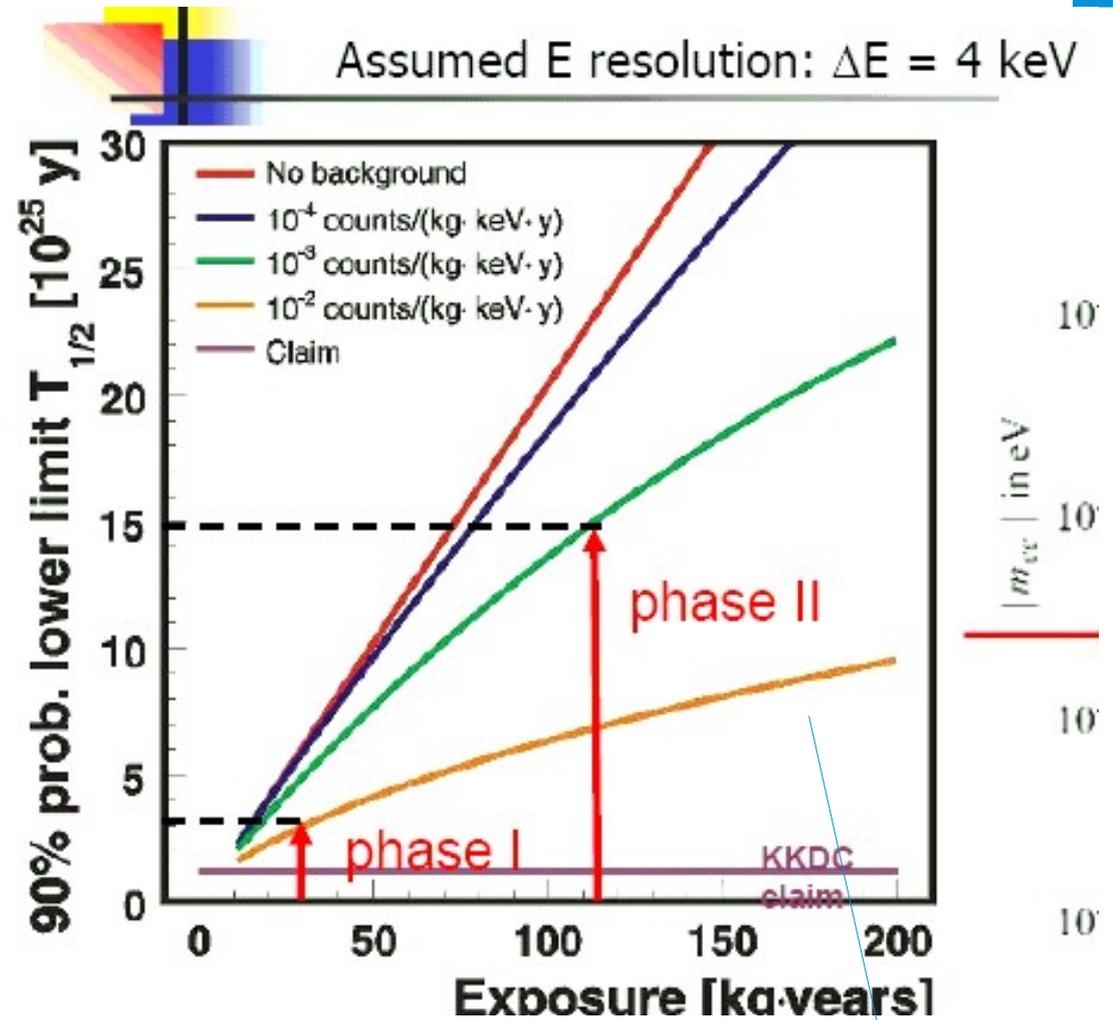
- In 2006 3 IGEX diodes and 5 HM diodes were removed from their cryostats
- Dimensions were measured
- Construction of dedicated low-mass holder for each diode



# $0\nu\beta\beta$ half-life predicted for IH according to different evaluation of the NME



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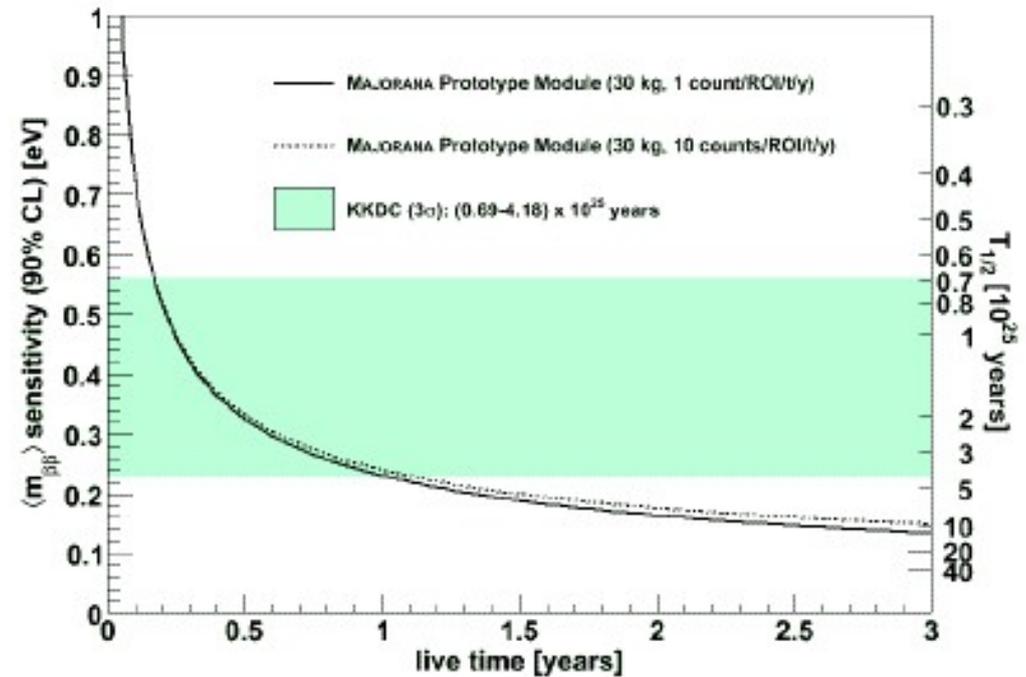
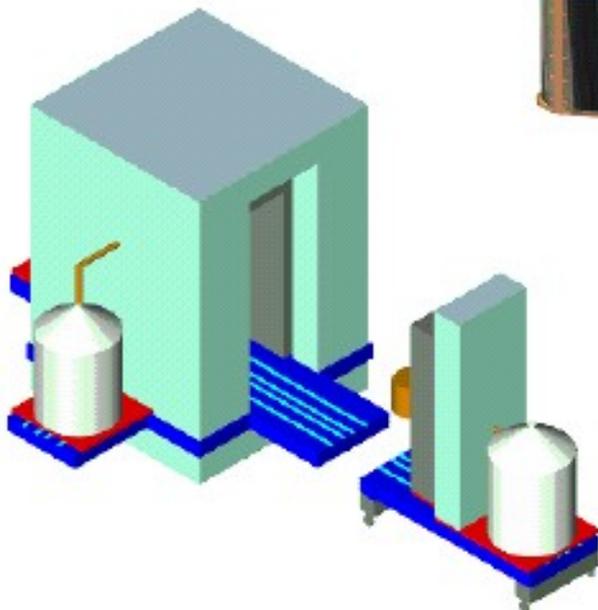
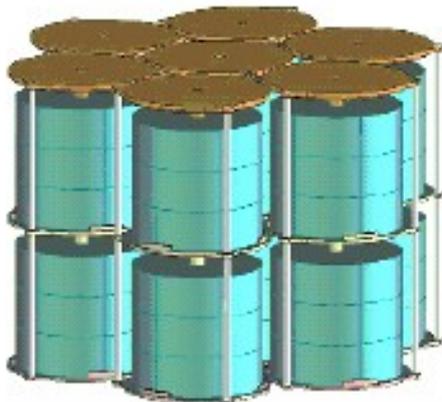


*background rate in the HM experiment*

# MAJORANA $^{76}\text{Ge}$ $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay



Slides courtesy of dr. Steve Elliott



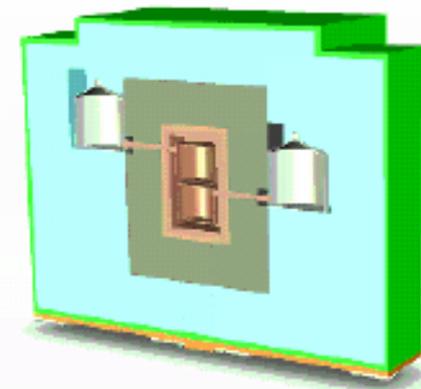
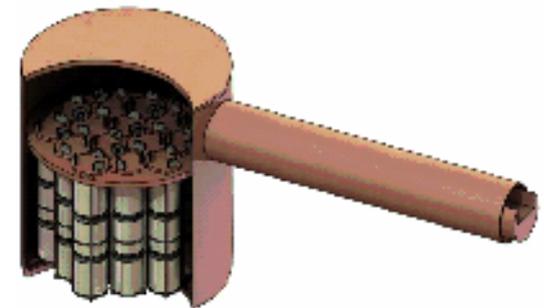
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# The MAJORANA Demonstrator Module



Detectors are deployed in string and operated in an ultra-clean, electroformed Cu cryostat

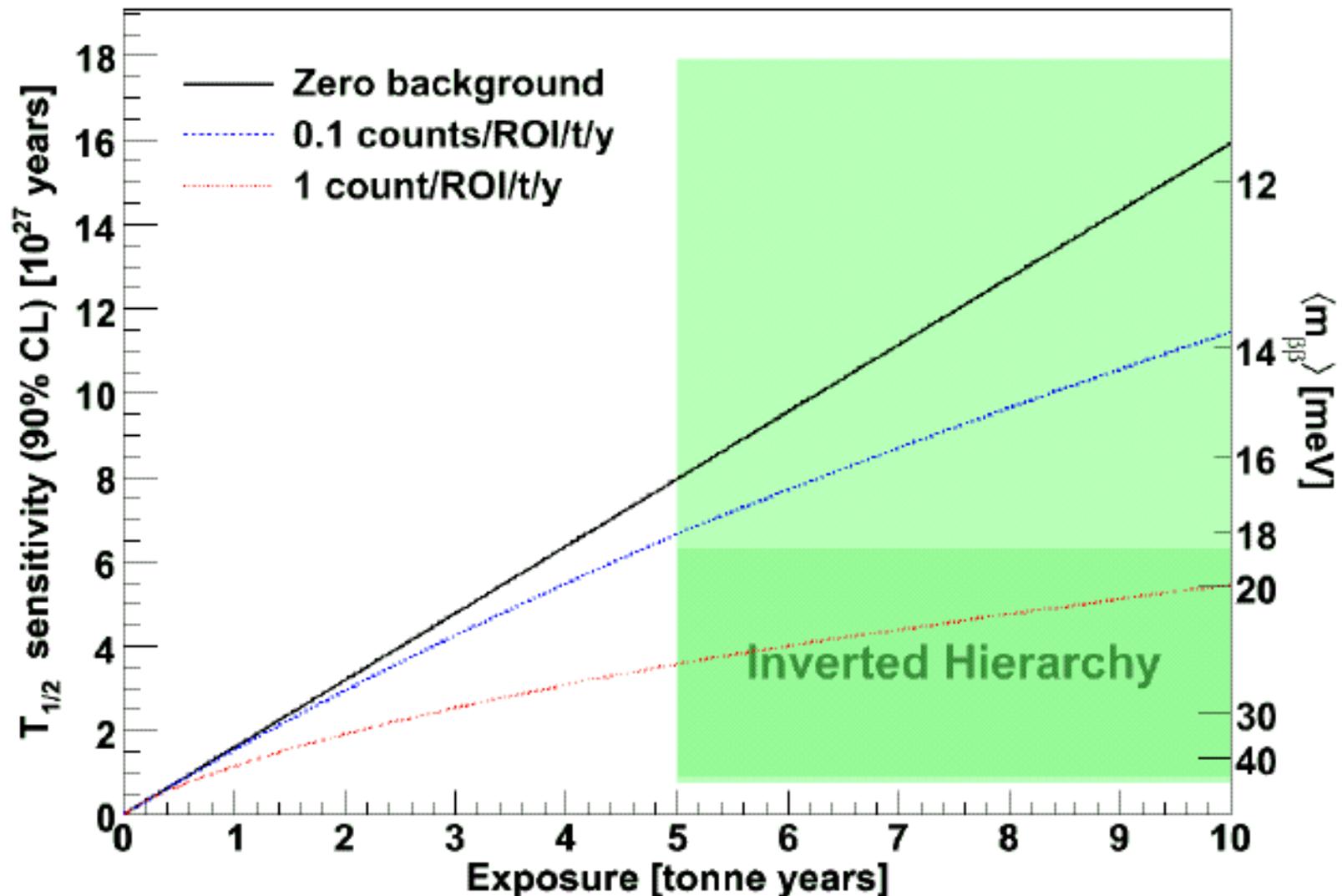
- 60-kg of Ge detectors
  - 30-kg of 86% enriched  $^{76}\text{Ge}$  crystals required for science goal; 30-kg non enriched
  - Examine detector technology options p- and n-type, segmentation, point-contact.
- Low-background Cryostats & Shield
  - ultra-clean, electroformed Cu
  - naturally scalable
  - Compact low-background passive Cu and Pb shield with active muon veto
- Located underground 4850' level at SUSEL/DUSEL
- Background Goal in the  $0\nu\beta\beta$  peak region of interest (4 keV at 2039 keV)
  - **~ 1 count/ROI/t-y (after analysis cuts)**



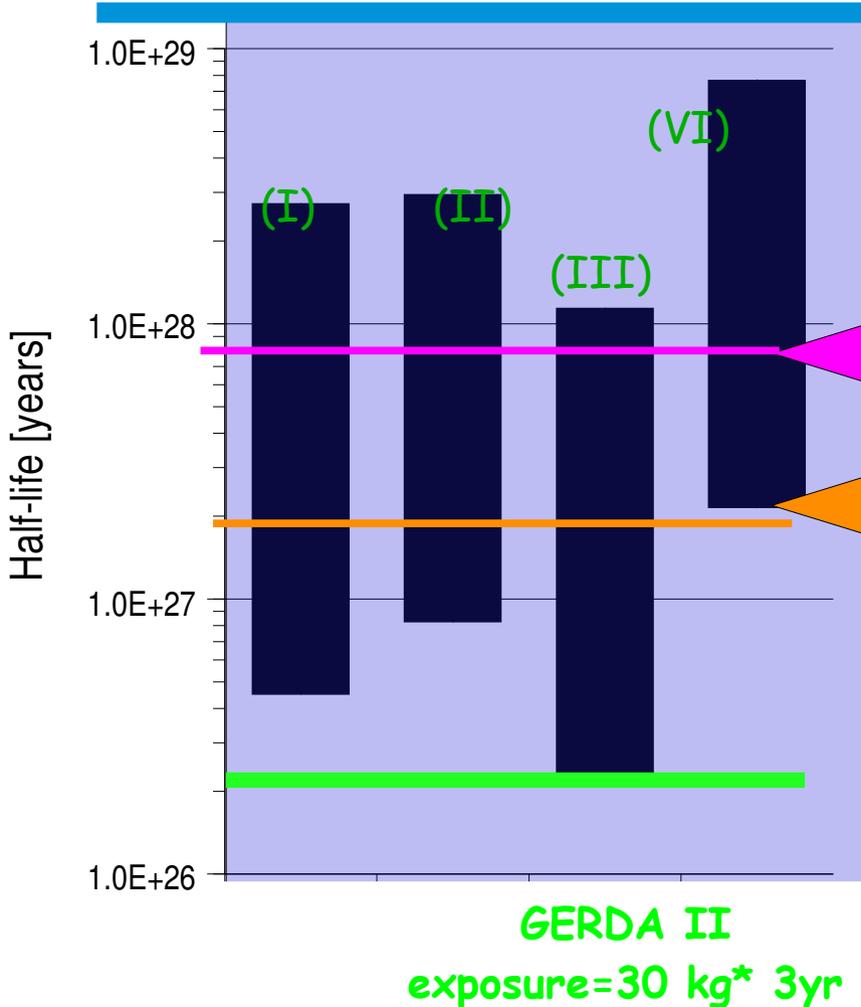
# 1-tonne Ge - Projected Sensitivity vs. Background



$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = \ln(2)N\epsilon t/UL(B)$$



# $0\nu\beta\beta$ half-life predicted for IH according to different evaluation of the NME



MAJORANA 1 ton  
0 counts in 5 y in the ROI  
background <  $10^{-5}$  c/keV/kg/y  
exposure=1ton\*5year

MAJORANA 1 ton  
5 counts in 5 years in the ROI  
background= $1/\text{ROI}/\text{t}/\text{Y} \sim 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$  c/keV/kg/y  
exposure=1ton\*5year

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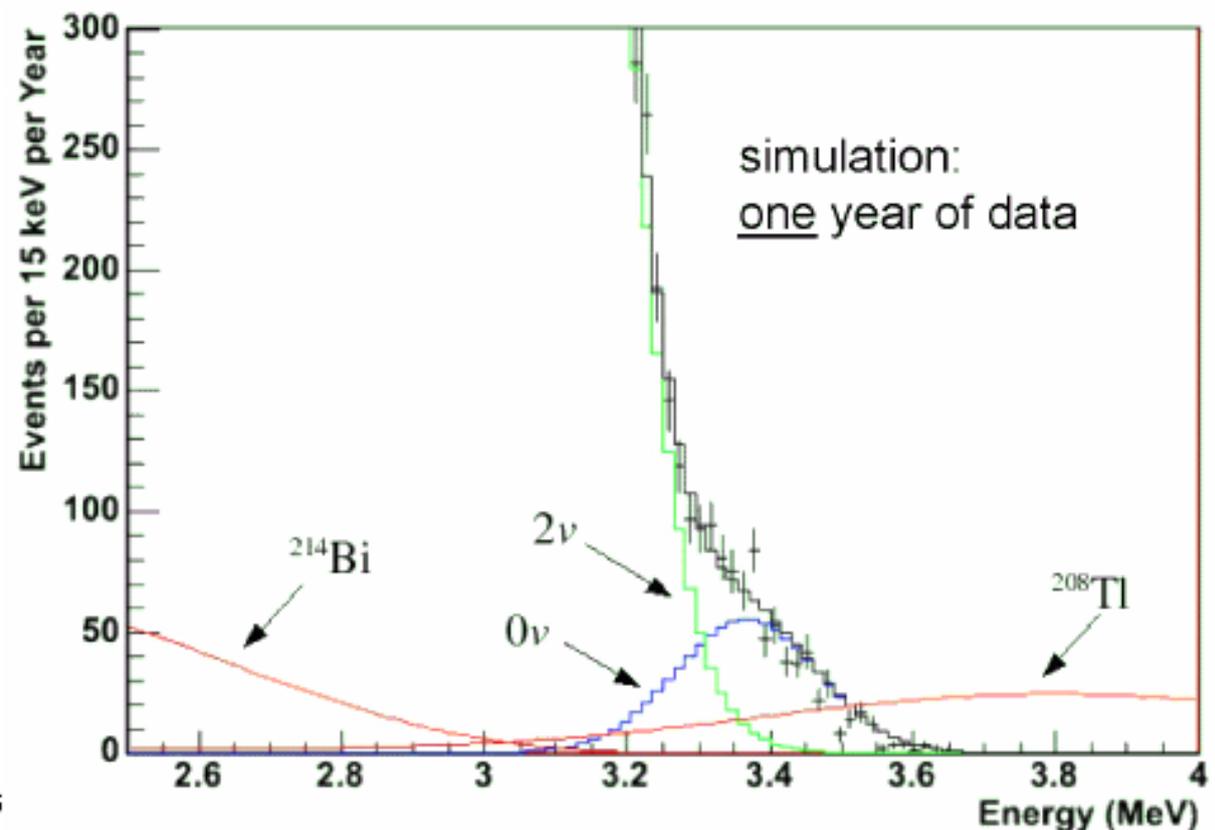
Note this is a project !!  
not jet funded  
R&D status



- 1000 tons liquid scintillator in the SNO cavern
- 0.1%  $^{nat}\text{Nd}$  dissolved in the scintillator containing 56 kg of  $^{150}\text{Nd}$  isotope
- $^{150}\text{Nd}$  has a high (3.37 MeV) endpoint
- Much of the infrastructure recycled from SNO (need to reverse the acrylic sphere tethering system and acquire LAB-based scintillator compatible with the Nd compound)
- Possibility to enrich Nd at AVLIS facility (France)

Background shape needs to be very well understood in order to extract meaningful results

The Simulated Spectrum of Double Beta Decay Events





## EXO: a LXe TPC with $\beta\beta$ -tag

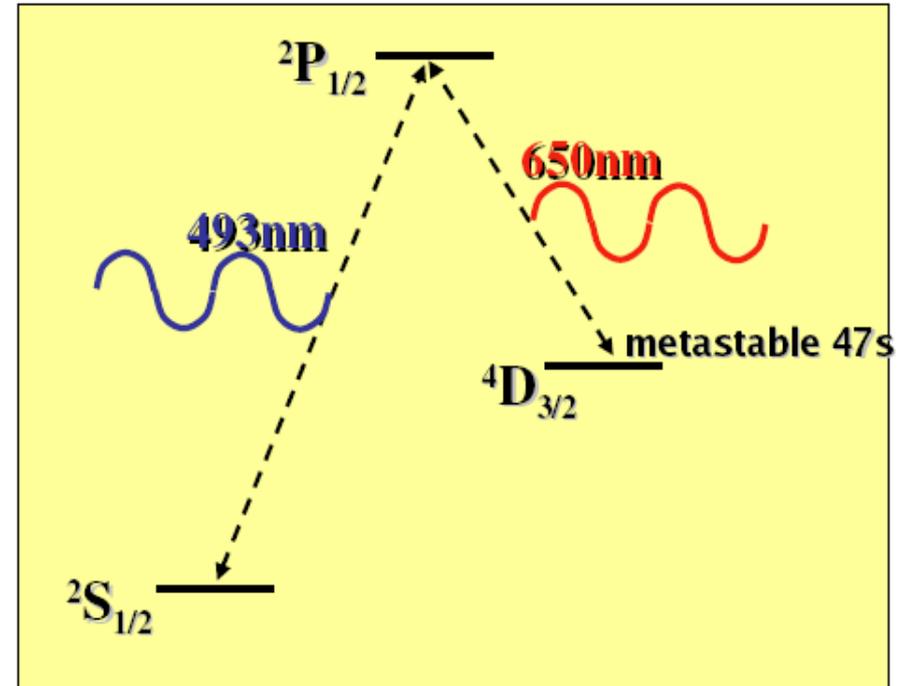
Identification of Ba ion :  
 $^{136}\text{Xe} \rightarrow ^{136}\text{Ba}^{++} + 2e^-$   
 by laser fluorescence

Xe offers a qualitatively new tool against background:



final state can be identified

using optical spectroscopy (*M.Moe PRC44 (1991) 931*)



**detector** = TPC (energy, position)

read-out scintillation and ionization signal (improve energy resolution)

Xe nat. i.a. = 8.9% BUT  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  enrichment easy and safe



## EXO: a LXe TPC with $\beta\beta$ -tag

### EXO-200:

200 kg of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  TPC with liquid Xe

detection of ionization + scintillation (FWHM  $\sim 2\%$  @ 2.5 MeV)

no identification of the  $\text{Ba}^+$  ion

GOALS: test bkg achievement

measure  $2\nu\beta\beta$  of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$

$0\nu\beta\beta$  of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  2 y sensitivity  $\sim 6 \cdot 10^{25}$  y

on-going

### EXO-1 ton:

200 kg of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  TPC with liquid Xe (80% enrichment)

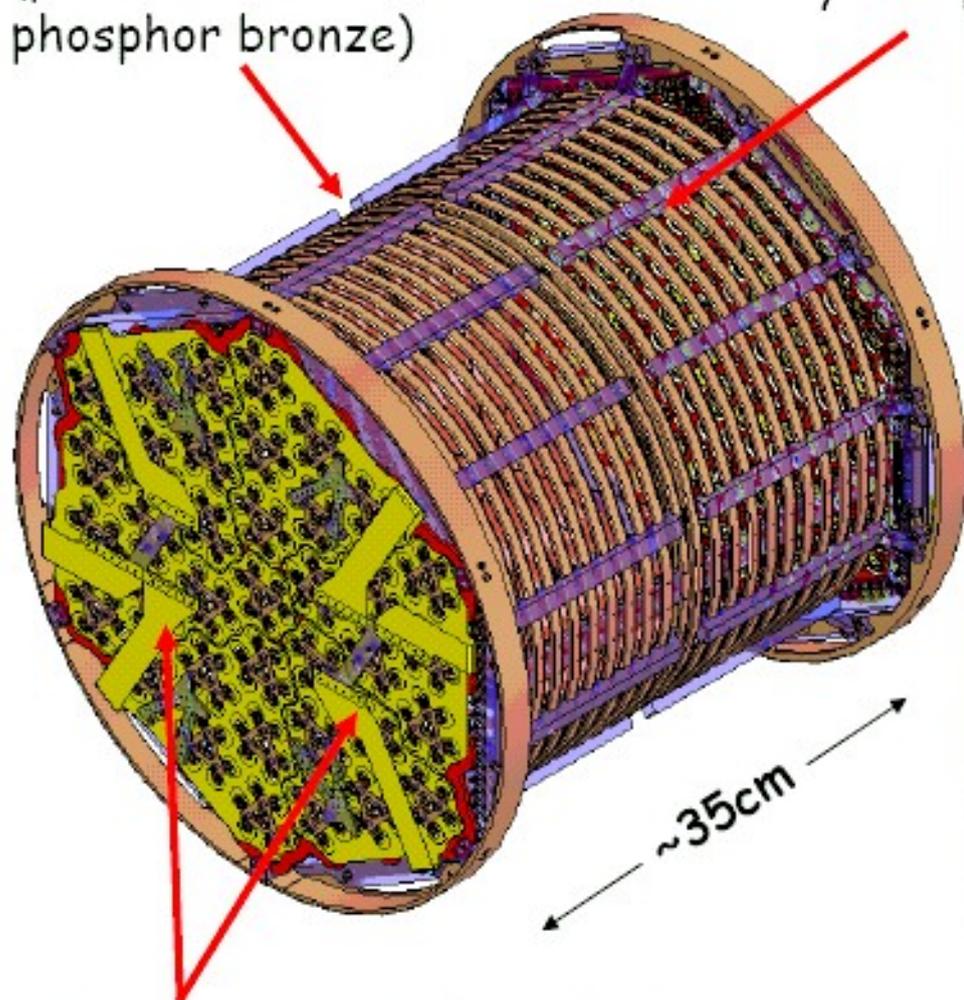
with identification of the  $\text{Ba}^+$  ion bkg  $< 0.0005$  c/keV/kg/y

GOALS:  $0\nu\beta\beta$  of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  5 y sensitivity  $\sim 2 \cdot 10^{27}$  y

# EXO-200 LXe TPC field cage & readout planes

Central HV plane  
(photo-etched  
phosphor bronze)

acrylic supports



flex cables on back of APD plane



# EXO-200kg Majorana mass sensitivity

## Assumptions:

- 1) 200kg of Xe enriched to 80% in  $^{136}$
- 2)  $\sigma(E)/E = 1.4\%$  obtained in EXO R&D, Conti et al Phys Rev B 68 (2003) 054201
- 3) Low but finite radioactive background:  
20 events/year in the  $\pm 2\sigma$  interval centered around the 2.481MeV endpoint
- 4) Negligible background from  $2\nu\beta\beta$  ( $T_{1/2} > 1 \cdot 10^{22}$ yr R. Bernabei et al. measurement)

Case	Mass (ton)	Eff. (%)	Run Time (yr)	$\sigma_E/E$ @ 2.5MeV (%)	Radioactive Background (events)	$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$ (yr, 90%CL)	Majorana mass (eV)	
							QRPA	NSM
EXO-200	0.2	70	2	1.6*	40	$6.4 \cdot 10^{25}$	0.133 <sup>†</sup>	0.186*

## *What if Klapdor's observation is correct ?*

Central value  $T_{1/2}(\text{Ge}) = 1.2^{+3}_{-0.5} \cdot 10^{25}$ , ( $\pm 3\sigma$ )  
 (Phys. Lett. B 586 (2004) 198-212)  
 consistently use Rodin's matrix elements for both Ge and Xe)

In 200kg EXO, 2yr:

• Worst case (QRPA, upper limit) 15 events on top of 40 events bkgd  $\rightarrow 2\sigma$

• Best case (NSM, lower limit) 162 events on top of 40 bkgd  $\rightarrow 11\sigma$

# EXO neutrino effective mass sensitivity

## Assumptions:

- 1) 80% enrichment in  $^{136}\text{Xe}$
- 2) Intrinsic low background + Ba tagging eliminate all radioactive background
- 3) Energy res only used to separate the  $0\nu$  from  $2\nu$  modes:  
Select  $0\nu$  events in a  $\pm 2\sigma$  interval centered around the 2.481 MeV endpoint
- 4) Use for  $2\nu\beta\beta$   $T_{1/2} > 1 \cdot 10^{22}\text{yr}$  (Bernabei et al. measurement)

Case	Mass (ton)	Eff. (%)	Run Time (yr)	$\sigma_E/E$ @ 2.5 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)	$2 \cdot 10^{27}$	24	33
Aggressive	10	70	10	1 <sup>†</sup>	0.7 (use 1)	$4.1 \cdot 10^{28}$	5.3	7.3

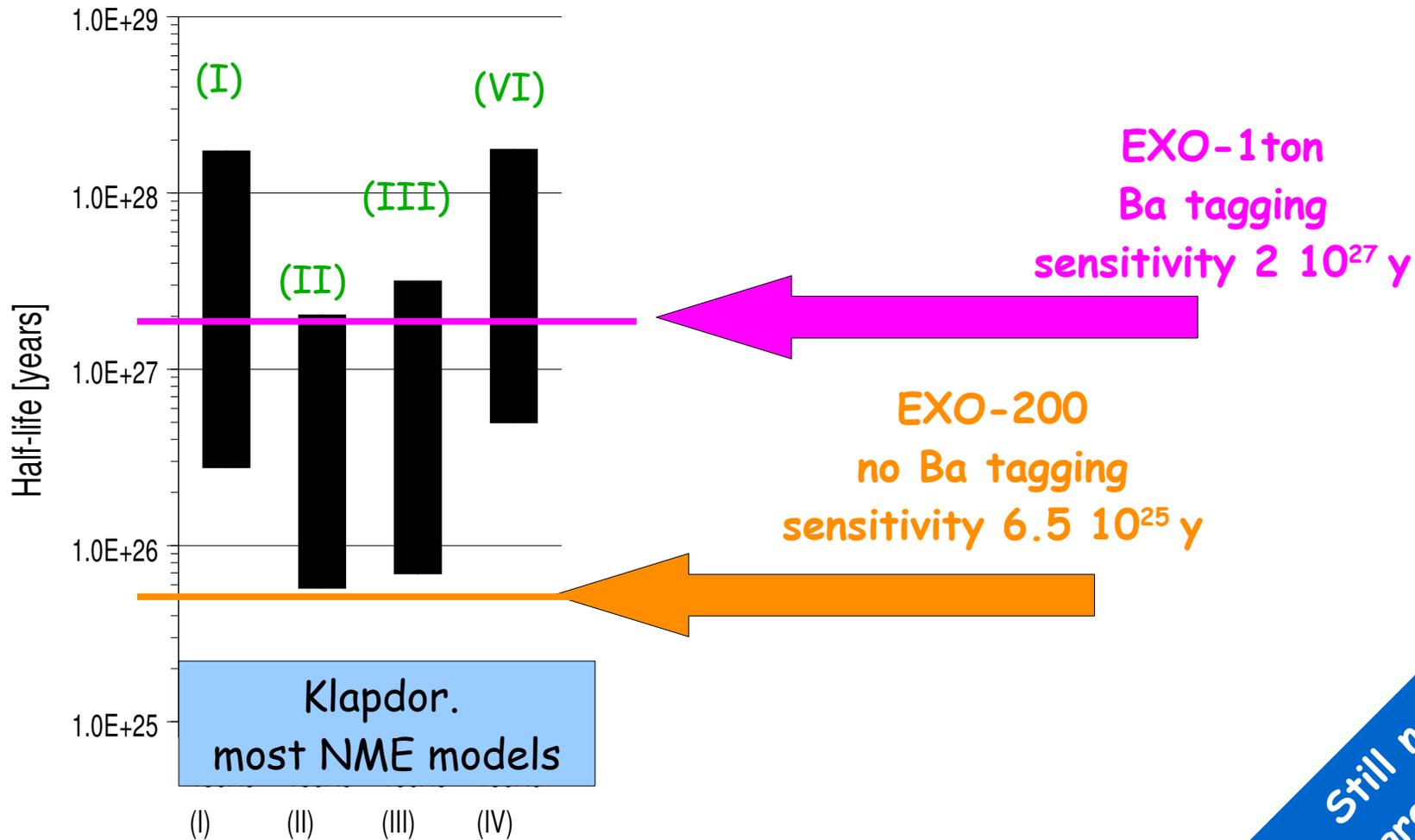
\*  $\sigma(E)/E = 1.4\%$  obtained in EXO R&D, Conti et al Phys Rev B 68 (2003) 054201

<sup>†</sup>  $\sigma(E)/E = 1.0\%$  considered as an aggressive but realistic guess with large light collection area

<sup>‡</sup> Rodin, et. al., Nucl. Phys. A 793 (2007) 213-215

<sup>#</sup> Caurier, et. al., arXiv:0709.2137v1

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Still no data.  
Background evaluated  
on the basis of MonteCarlo !!!

# CUORE



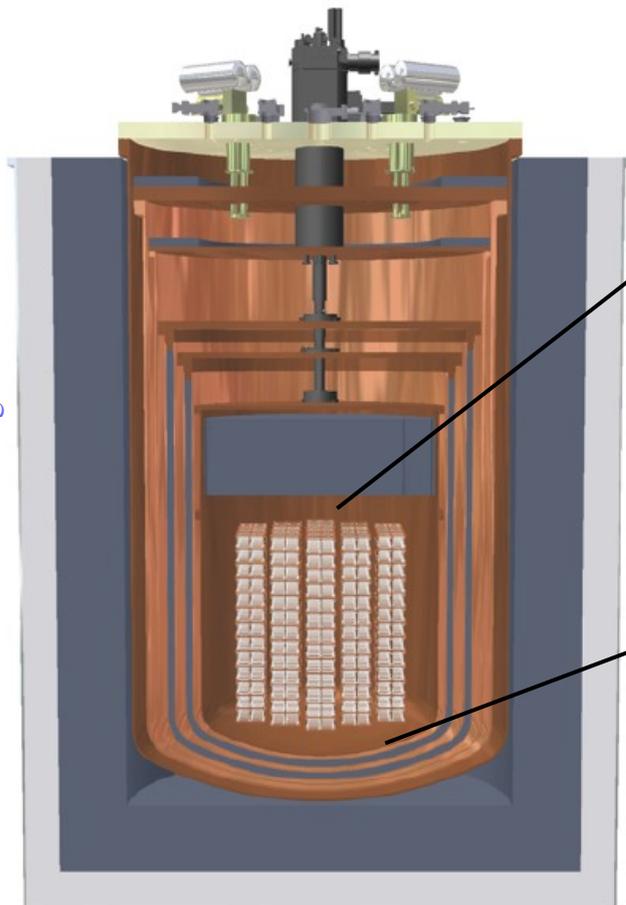
750 g  $\text{TeO}_2$



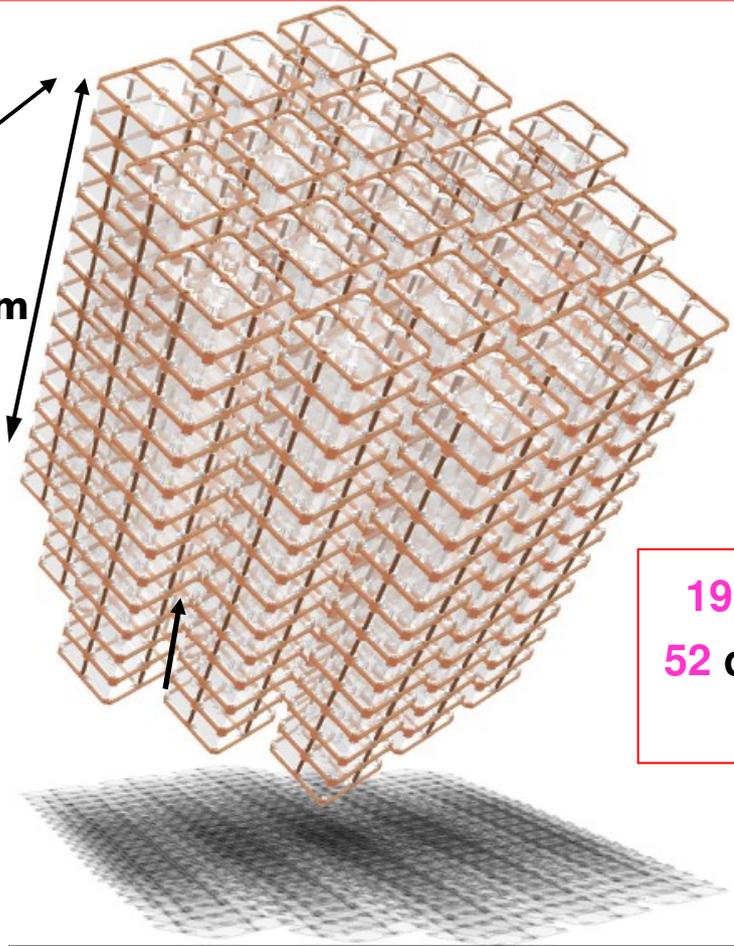
x 988

$$0.75 \text{ kg} \times 988 = 741 \text{ kg } \text{TeO}_2$$
$$\sim 600 \text{ kg } \text{Te} = 200 \text{ kg } ^{130}\text{Te}$$

Dilution refrigerator



80 cm

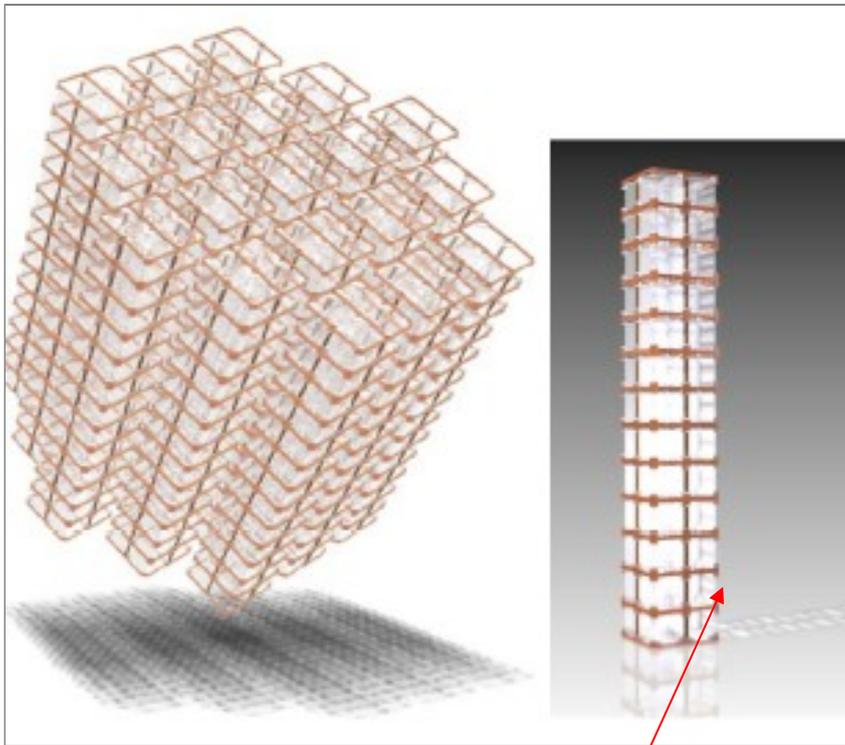


19 towers  
52 detectors  
each



# CUORE: background rejection

Compact structure, ideal for active shielding



$0\nu\beta\beta$  is fully contained within 1 crystal

operating the crystals in anticoincidence  
strong background reduction in the bb region

$\gamma$ ray background	~3
n background	~100
muon background	~100

Each tower is a **CUORICINO-like** detector

external shields + anticoincidence  
reduce external background to negligible levels  
FLUKA & GEANT4 simulations  
muon veto probably not required

# CUORE: material selection

severe selection of materials for their radioactive content

use internal roman lead (no  $^{210}\text{Pb}$ )

measured contaminations (generally they are upper limits) used as input to MC GEANT4 simulation

Material and element		$^{232}\text{Th}$ [pg/g]	$^{238}\text{U}$ [pg/g]	$^{40}\text{K}$ [pg/g]	$^{210}\text{Pb}$ [Bq/kg]	$^{60}\text{Co}$ [uBq/kg]
TeO <sub>2</sub> (RAD hall C + Cuoricino)	TeO <sub>2</sub>	0.2	0.1	< 1	< 0.00001	< 1
Cu (GeMPI – LNGS)	Cu	< 2.4	< 1.3	< 0.3	-	< 10
Roman Pb (GeMPI – LNGS)	Pb	< 18	< 4	< 2	< 0.004	< 10
Low Act Pb (1)	Pb	< 5.4	< 2.3	1.6	27	180
Low Act Pb (2)	Pb	< 7.6	< 3.7	1.7	23	< 11

# CUORE

CUORE has a **dedicated site** in LNGS and the construction has started

The CUORE **refrigerator** is fully funded and has already been ordered

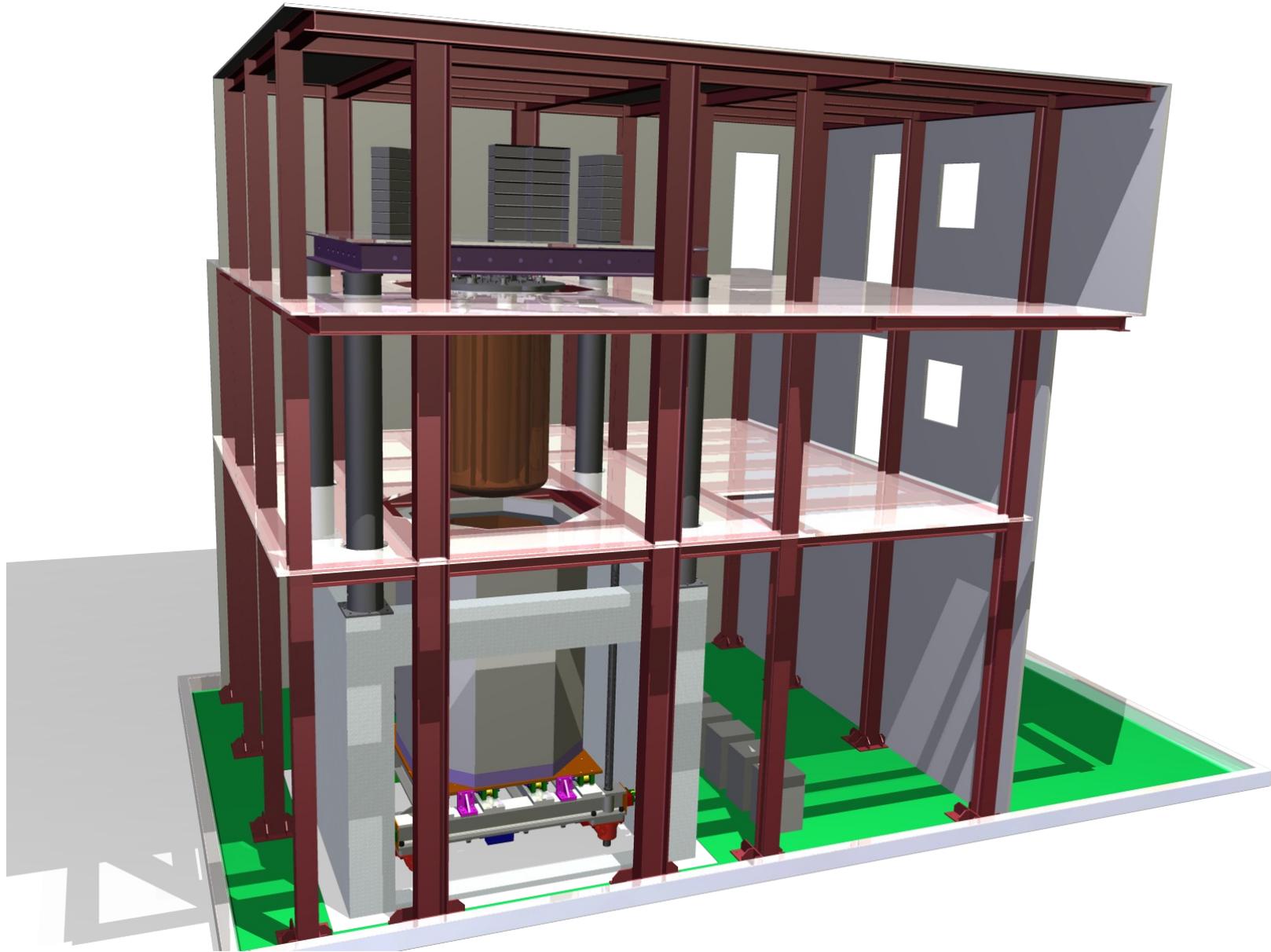
**1000 crystals** are funded by INFN and DoE and the delivery will start in Nov

The **first CUORE tower** (CUORE-0) will be assembled and operated in 2009

## Schedule

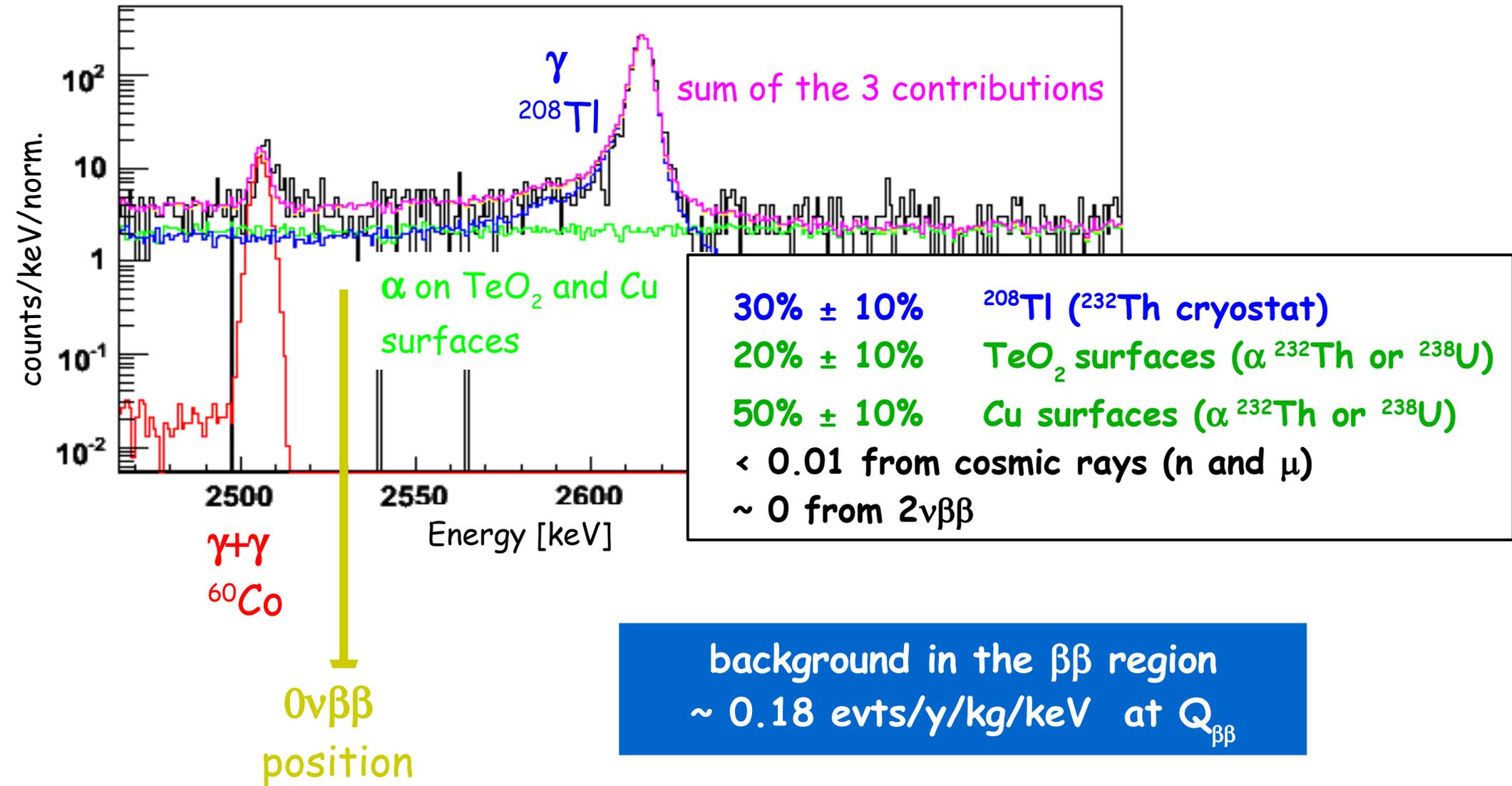
- 2008: Hut construction  
Crystals production
- 2009: Utilities  
Clean room  
External Shielding  
Cryostat Installation  
and commissioning
- 2010-11: Detector assembly  
Faraday Cage  
Front-end & DAQ
- 2012: Data taking

# CUORE hut





# From Cuoricino to CUORE



**Cuoricino background sources in the  $0\nu\beta\beta$  region**

- 1) 30%  $\pm$  10%  $^{208}\text{Tl}$  ( $^{232}\text{Th}$  cryostat)
- 2) 20%  $\pm$  10%  $\text{TeO}_2$  surfaces ( $\alpha$   $^{232}\text{Th}$  or  $^{238}\text{U}$ )
- 3) 50%  $\pm$  10%  $\text{Cu}$  surfaces ( $\alpha$   $^{232}\text{Th}$  or  $^{238}\text{U}$ )

**Source 1 = Tl 2615 keV line -> just a problem of shielding**

CUORE Tl line bkg =  $< 10^{-3}$  c/keV/kg/y

**Source 2 = Crystal surface contamination** the contamination can be controlled with proper surface treatments (including chemical etching and polishing with "clean" powders). A recent test on 8 crystals (CUORE-like) proved that the new surface treatment studied in LNGS reduces the contamination by a factor  $\sim 4$

Hall C measured contamination  $< 3 \cdot 10^{-3}$  c/keV/kg/y

**Source 3 = Unknown source** candidates are surface contamination of inert part of the detector

Hall C measured contamination projected in CUORE  $\sim 2/4 \cdot 10^{-2}$  c/keV/kg/y

a dedicated array of 8  $5 \times 5 \times 5$  cm<sup>3</sup> crystals operated in Hall C  
ICMPS bulk and surface measurement  
low bkg Ge spectroscopy  
some more investigation on neutrons contribution

# Measured contamination projected (MonteCarlo) on CUORE

	Background	
	10 <sup>-3</sup> c/keV/kg/y	
External gamma	< 1	MEASURED
Exp. Apparatus	< 1	MEASURED
Detector structure bulk	< 1	MEASURED
Crystal bulk	< 0.1	MEASURED
Detector structure surfa	~ 20-40	Extrapolated from our bkg model
Crystal surfaces	< 3	MEASURED
Neutrons	< 0.1	MC simulation (validated with a n source exp
Muons	0.4+/-0.1	MC simulation without veto

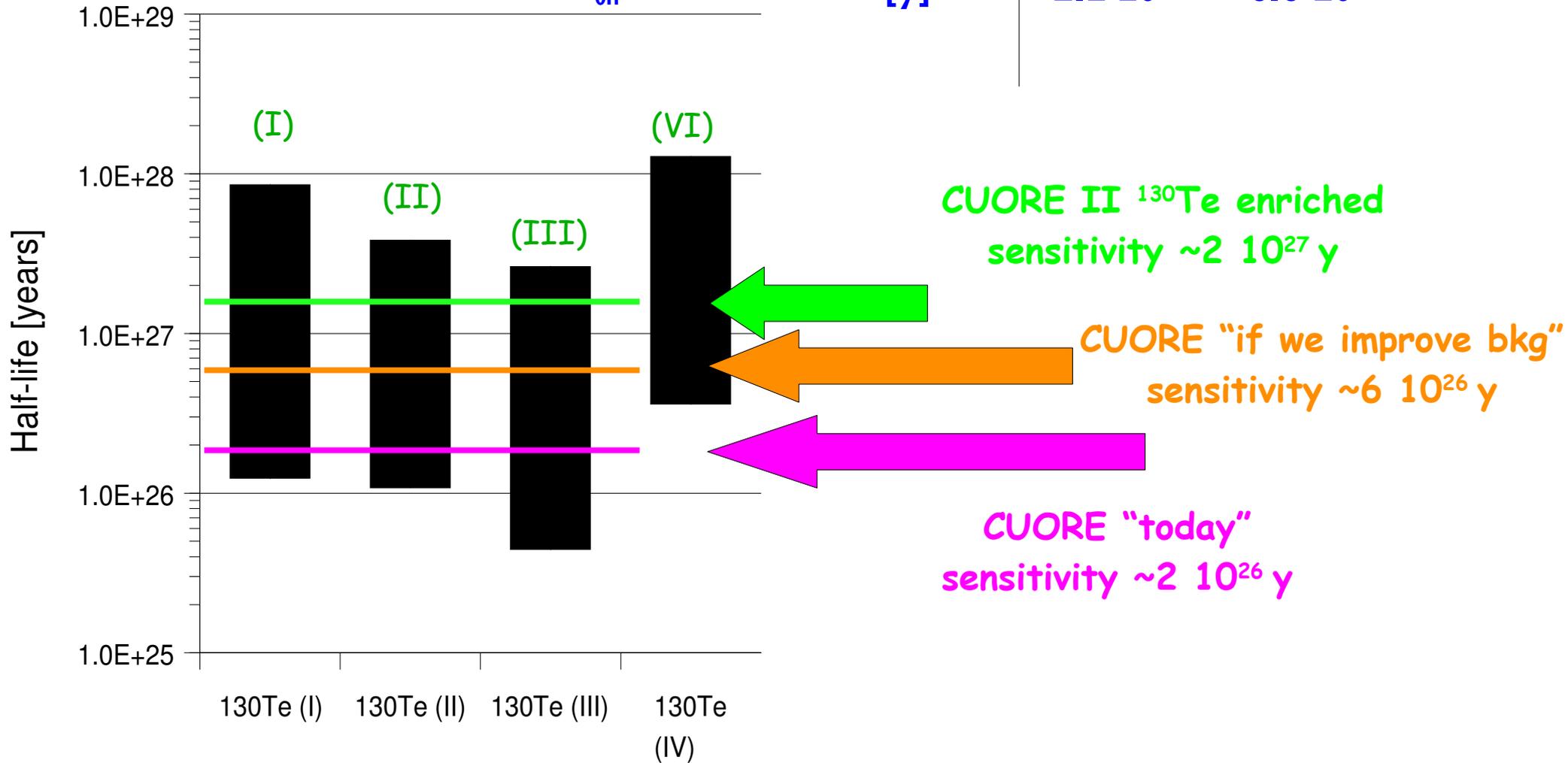
 Limiting factor to 0.01 c/keV/kg

 Limiting factor to 0.001 c/keV/kg

*MEASURED = experimentally measured contamination extrapolated to CUORE through MC simulation*

# CUORE sensitivity:

Bkg	[c/keV/kg/y]	0.01	0.001
FWHM	[keV]	5	5
$S_{on} - 5 \text{ years}$	[y]	$2.1 \cdot 10^{26}$	$6.6 \cdot 10^{26}$



# CUORE-0

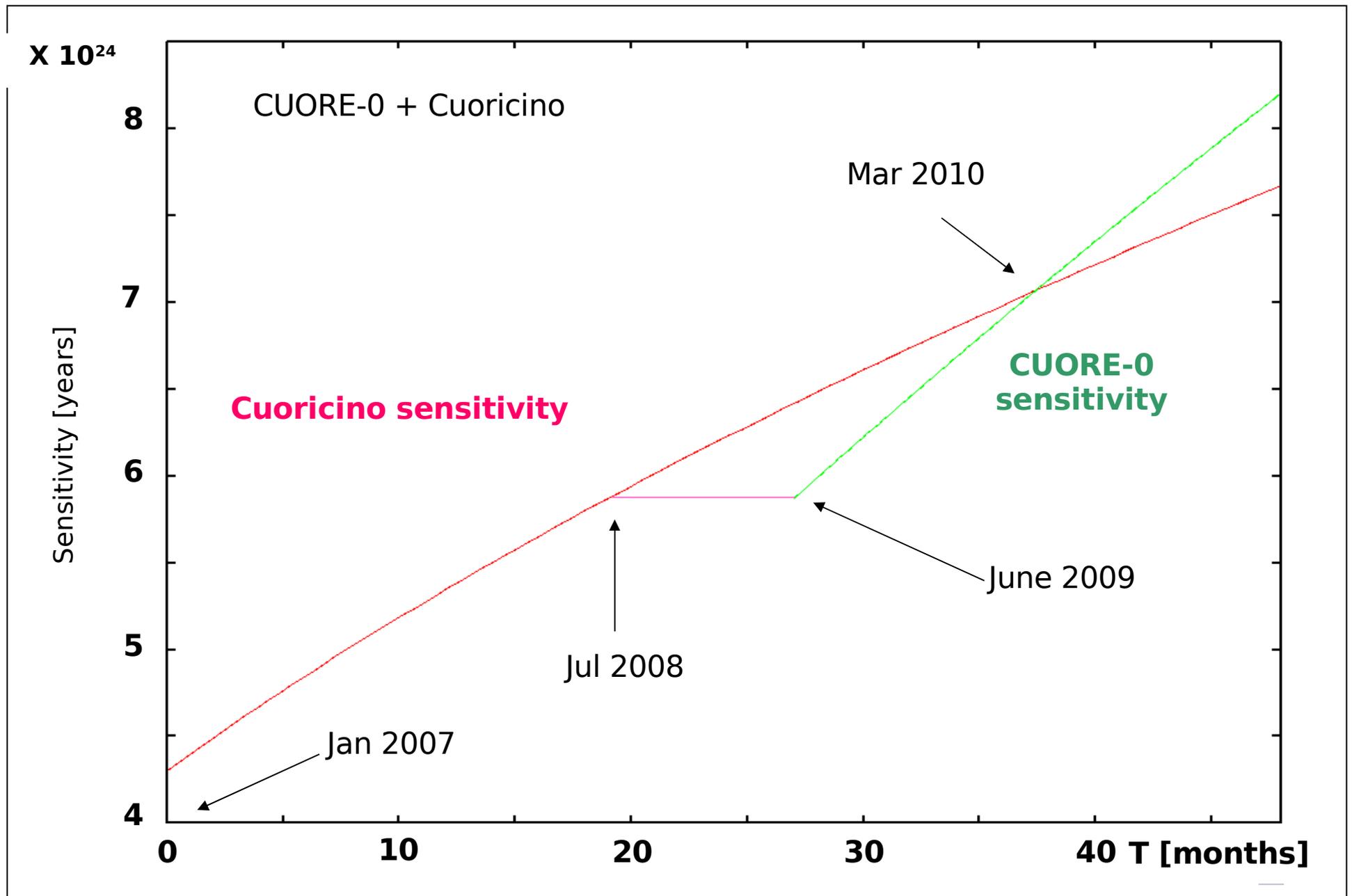


will be the first CUORE tower to be installed in the dilution refrigerator in hall A of LNGS, presently housing Cuoricino

## Motivations of CUORE-0

- Test the many improvements done on several technical aspects of the assembly procedure:
  - gluing
  - holder
  - zero-contact approach
  - wires
  - ...
- CUORE-0 background should be around 1/3 of Cuoricino background in the DBD energy region and close to the CUORE target in energy degraded alpha region
- CUORE-0 will be a powerful experiment that will overtake soon Cuoricino sensitivity

# CUORE-0 vs Cuoricino



# Cuoricino result vs. HM claim of evidence:

HM claim of evidence:

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}(\text{y}) = (0.69-4.18) \times 10^{25} \text{ (3}\sigma \text{ range)}$$



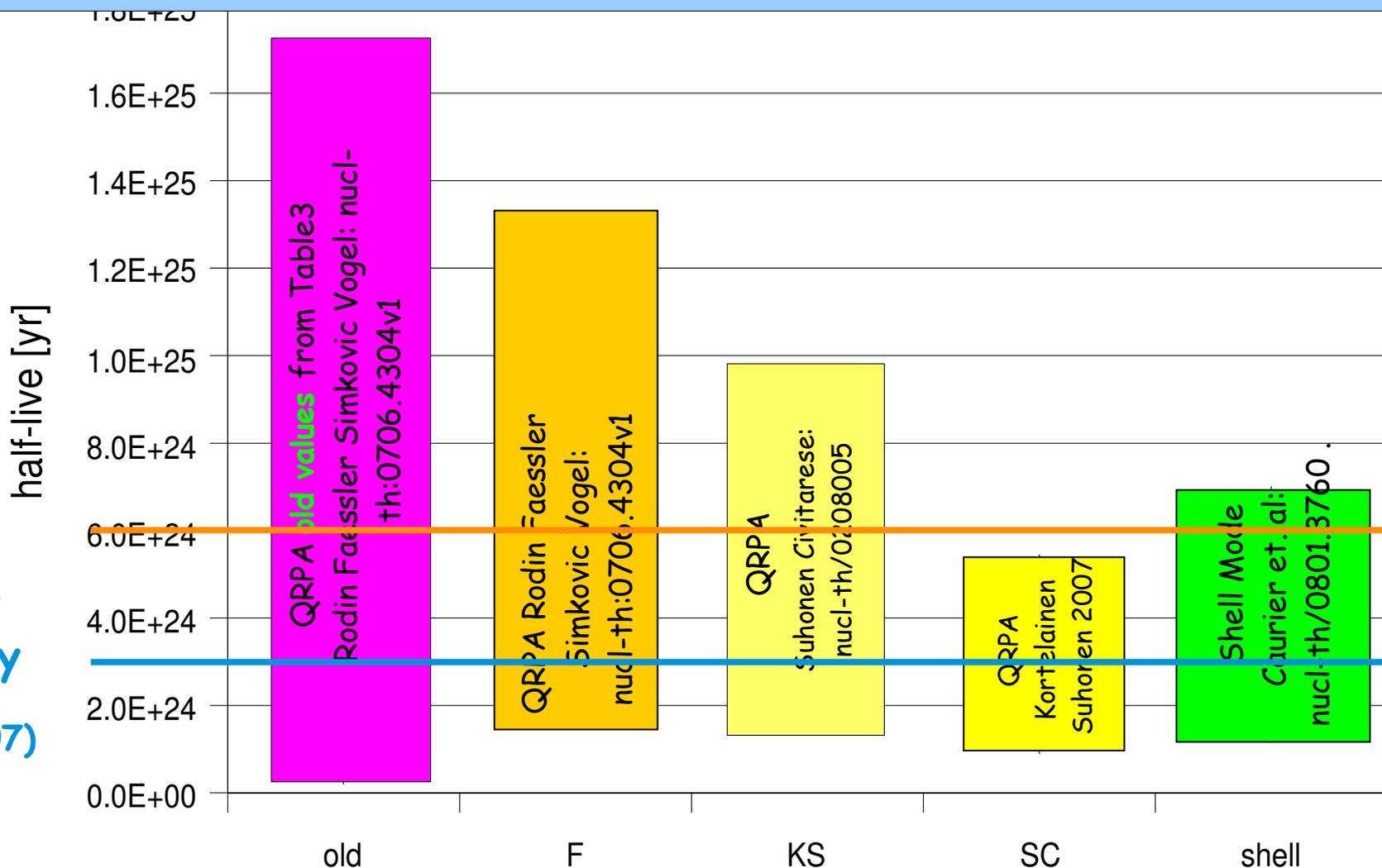
$^{130}\text{Te}$  predicted

$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}(\text{y})$  range

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

**CUOREO**  
 $6 \times 10^{24}$  y  
 @90%  
 (2010)

**Cuoricino**  
 $3.1 \times 10^{24}$  y  
 (summer 2007)



# SuperNEMO:

(France, UK, Russia, Spain, USA, Japan, Czech Republic, Ukraine, Finland)

Tracko-calorimeter with 100 kg of  $^{82}\text{Se}$  or  $^{150}\text{Nd}$   
(possibility to produce  $^{150}\text{Nd}$  with the French AVLIS facility)

$$T_{1/2} > 2 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ yr} \quad \langle m_{\nu} \rangle < 0.05 - 0.09 \text{ eV}$$

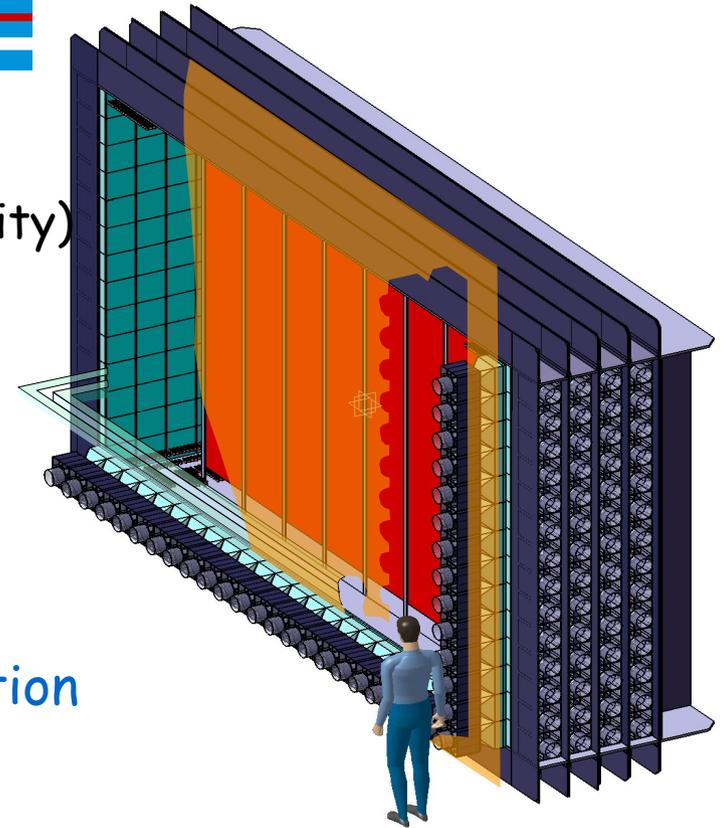
Modules based on the NEMO3 principle  
Measurements of energy sum, angular distribution  
and individual electron energy  
3 years R&D program: improvement of energy resolution  
Increase of efficiency  
Background reduction  
.....

R&D funded by France, UK and Spain

2009: TDR

2011: commissioning and data taking of first modules in Canfranc (Spain)

2013: Full detector running



100 kg → 20 modules

## next future

between 2010 and 2011 full test of "Klapdor claim"

NEMO3 + CUORE0 indirect test (and partial, i.e not covering all NME)

GERDA I direct test of the signal

EXO indirect test (if bkg good will cover almost all the NME)

after 201?

CUORE will start in 2012

GERDA II will start in (?)

NEMO3 (?)

EXO-1ton (?)

MAJORANA+GERDA III (?)

IF they fulfill the background requirements

IF no news in the panorama of NME

they will enter IH

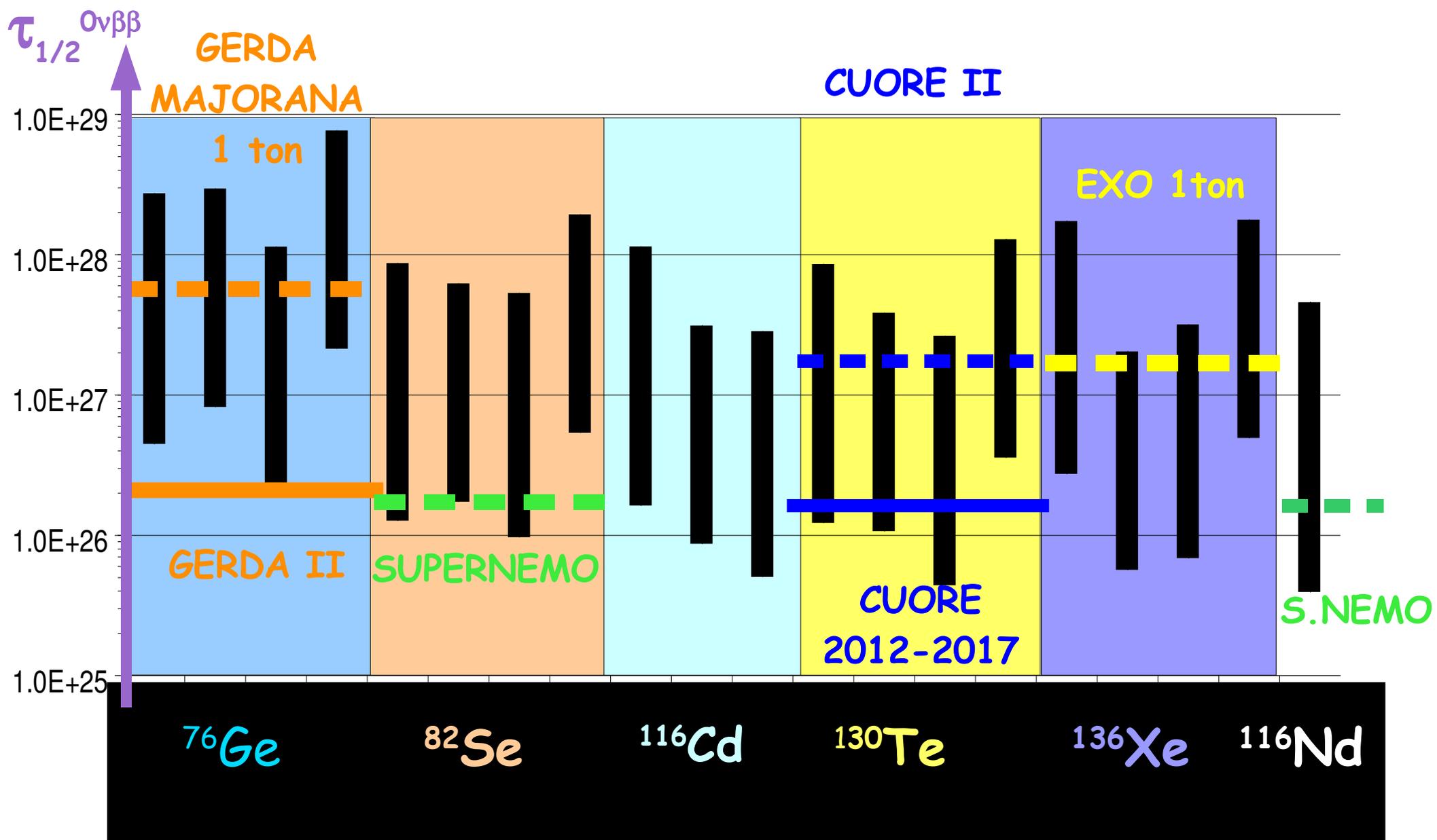
BUT

they will never be able to exclude it

... MANY OTHER projects not discussed

what for the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation?

# approaching the IH



# 3rd generation

## 1st option

improve background  
increase the mass

## 2<sup>nd</sup> option

0 background experiment

**EXO 1 ton with Ba tag**

feasibility have to be still proved

**Majorana+Gerda 1 ton**

feasibility is almost proved

it is only a combination of shields, material  
selection, special production of detectors ...

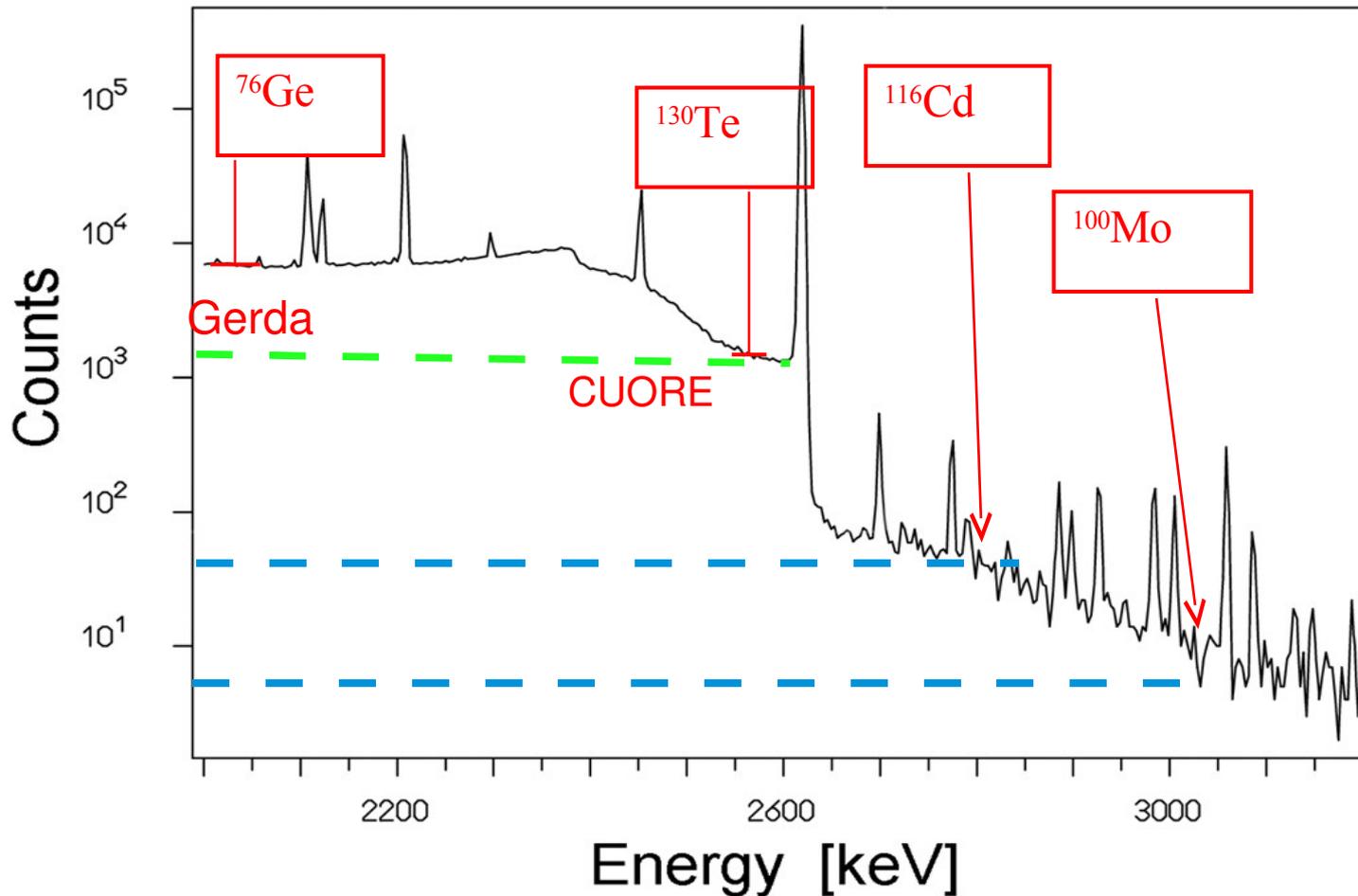
**MONEY**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> option

new detectors

# BOLUX: The (far) Future

A STRAIGHTFORWARD GAIN IN BACKGROUND:  
ISOTOPES WITH HIGHER Q-value



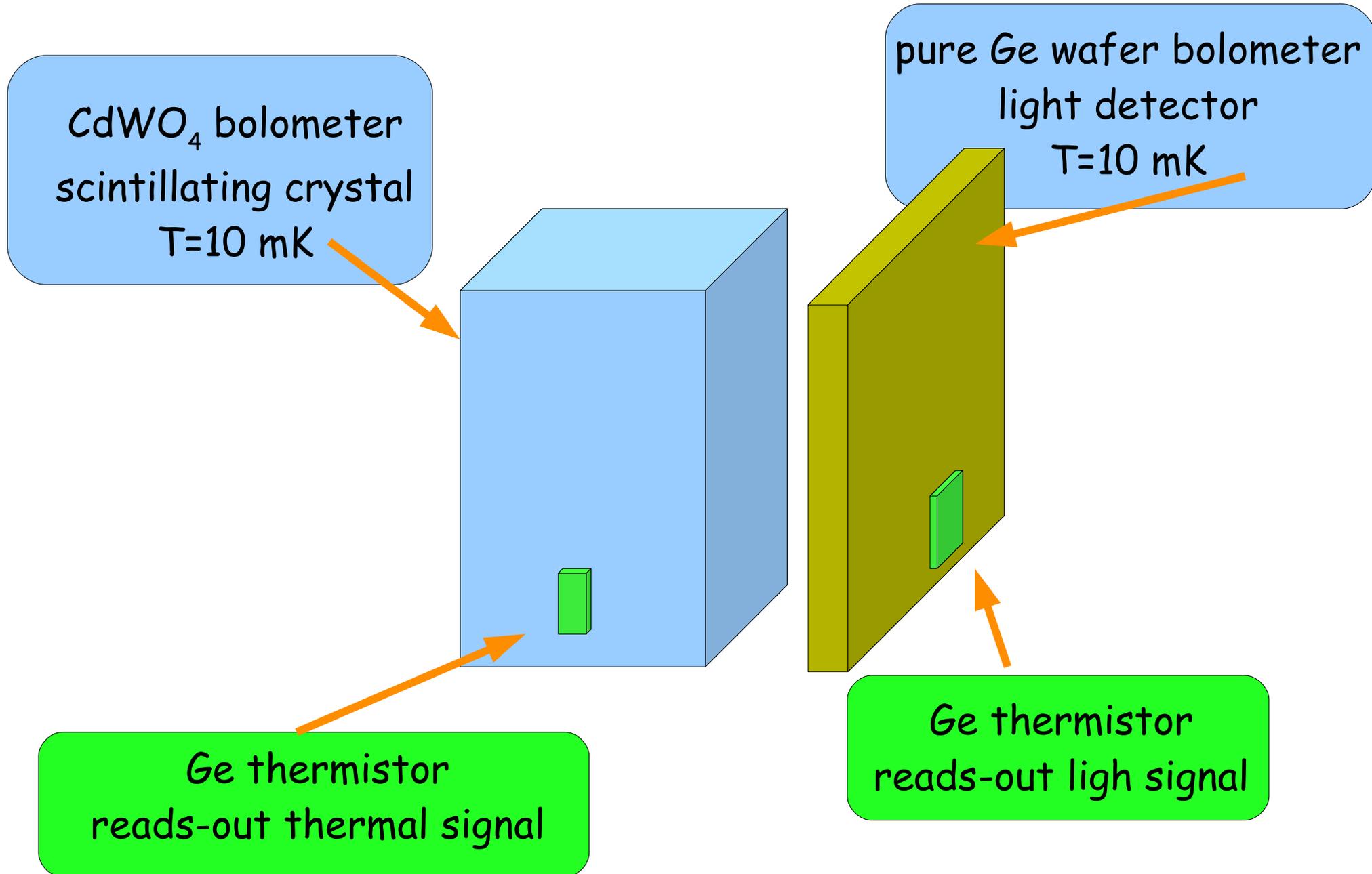
above 2.6 MeV the  $\gamma$  rate  
is 1-2 order of magnitude  
lower

BUT

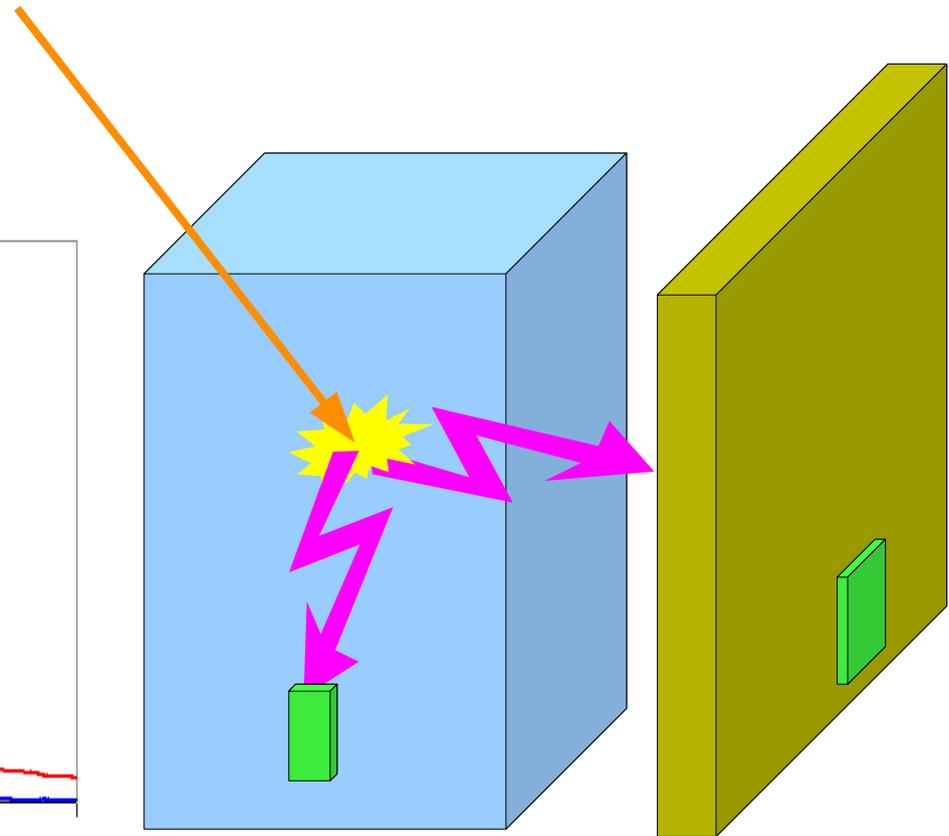
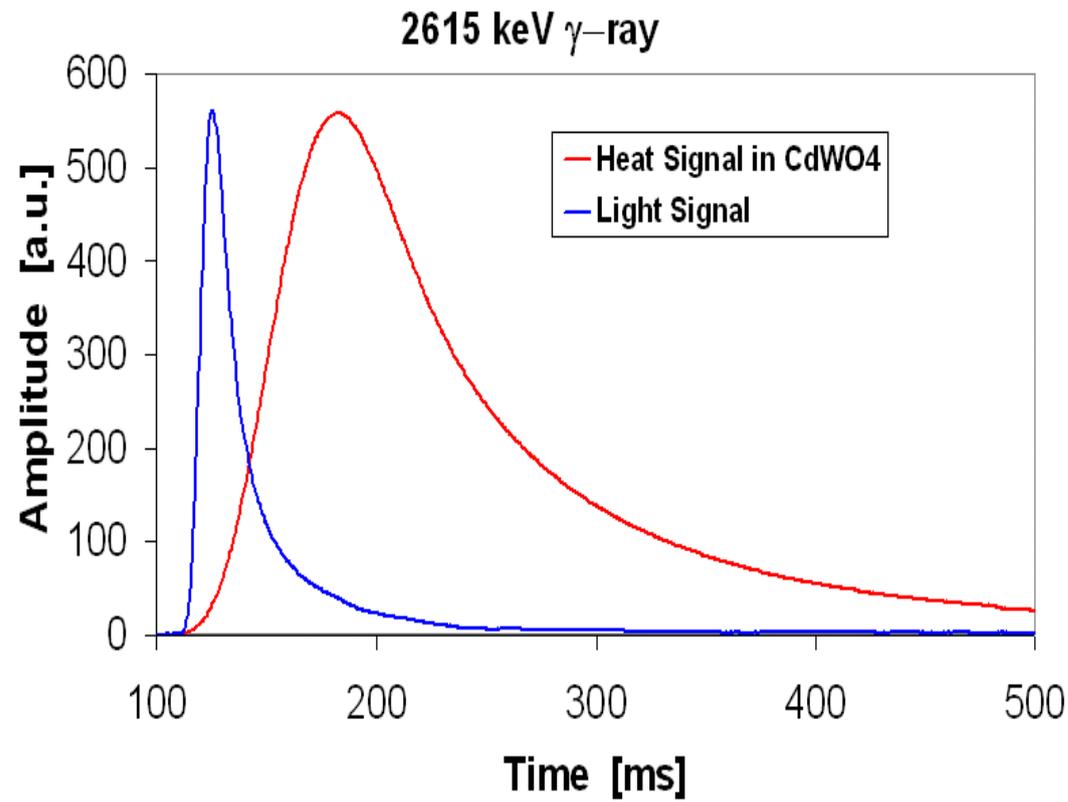
there is  $\alpha$  background  
potentially dangerous

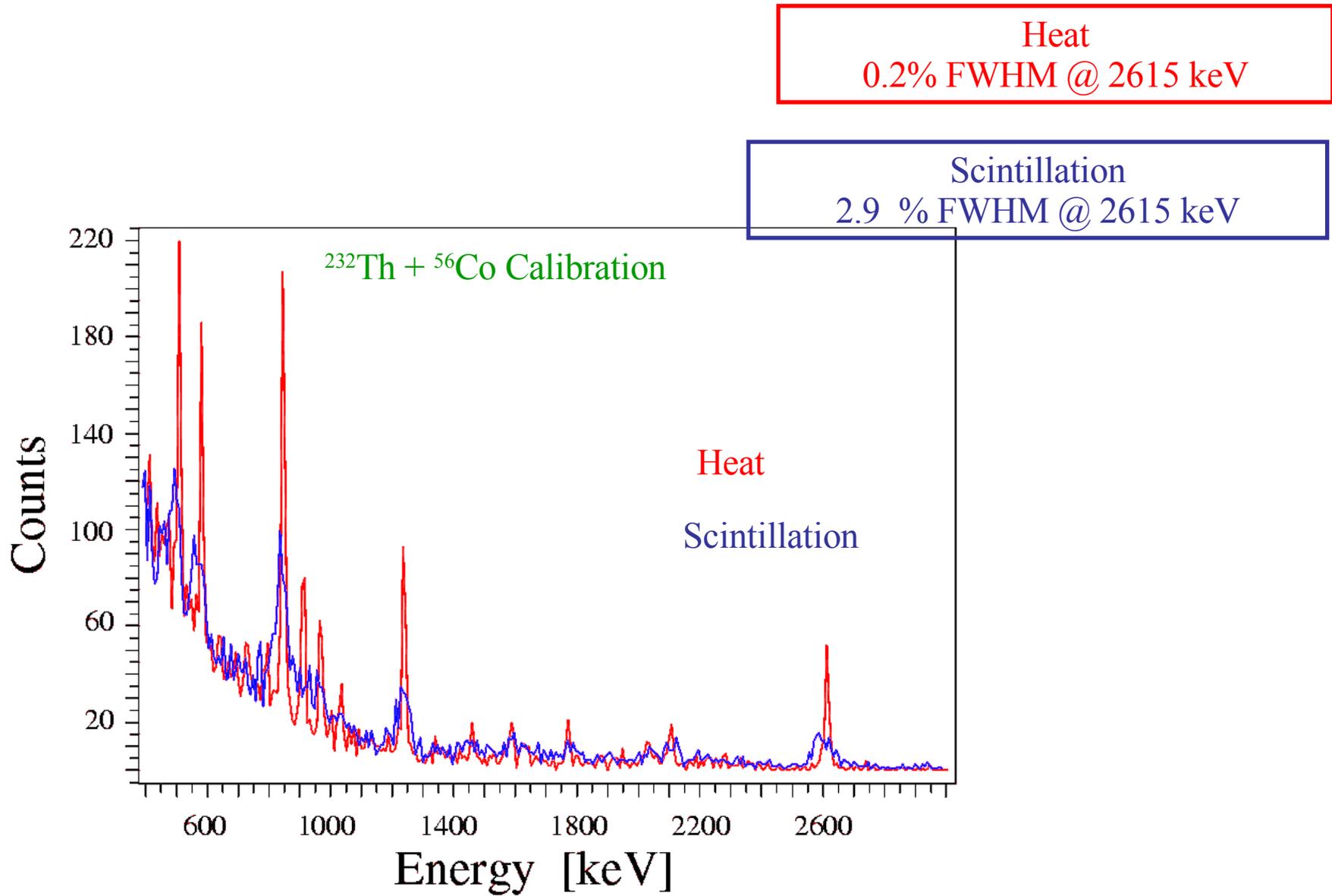
Environmental *underground* background:  
<sup>238</sup>U and <sup>232</sup>Th trace contaminations

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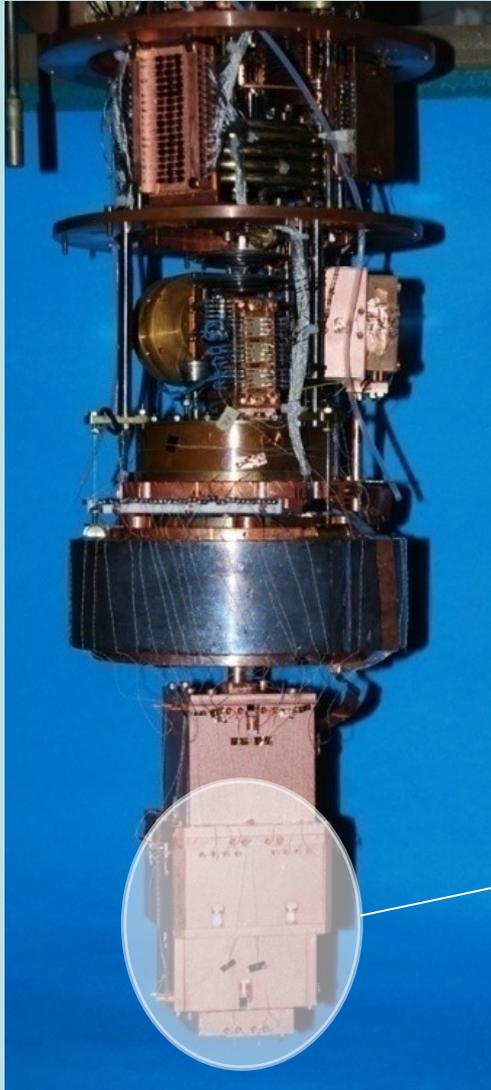
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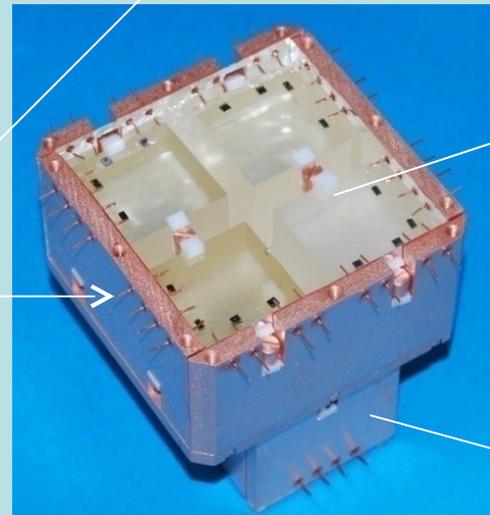
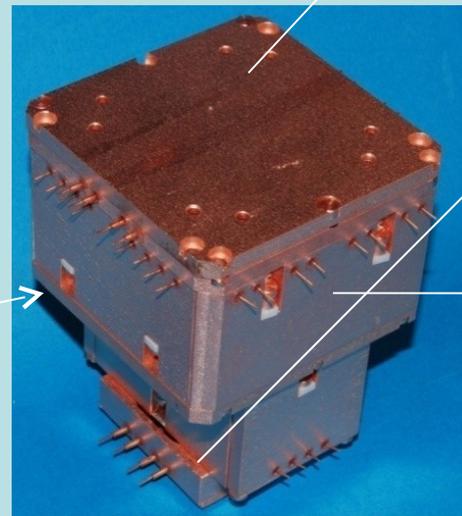
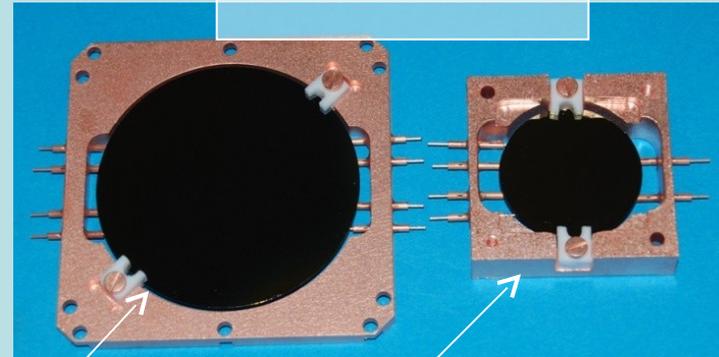


2.9% FWHM is the best result ever achieved with CdWO<sub>4</sub> as scintillator

# BOLUX: The (far) Future



Light Detector

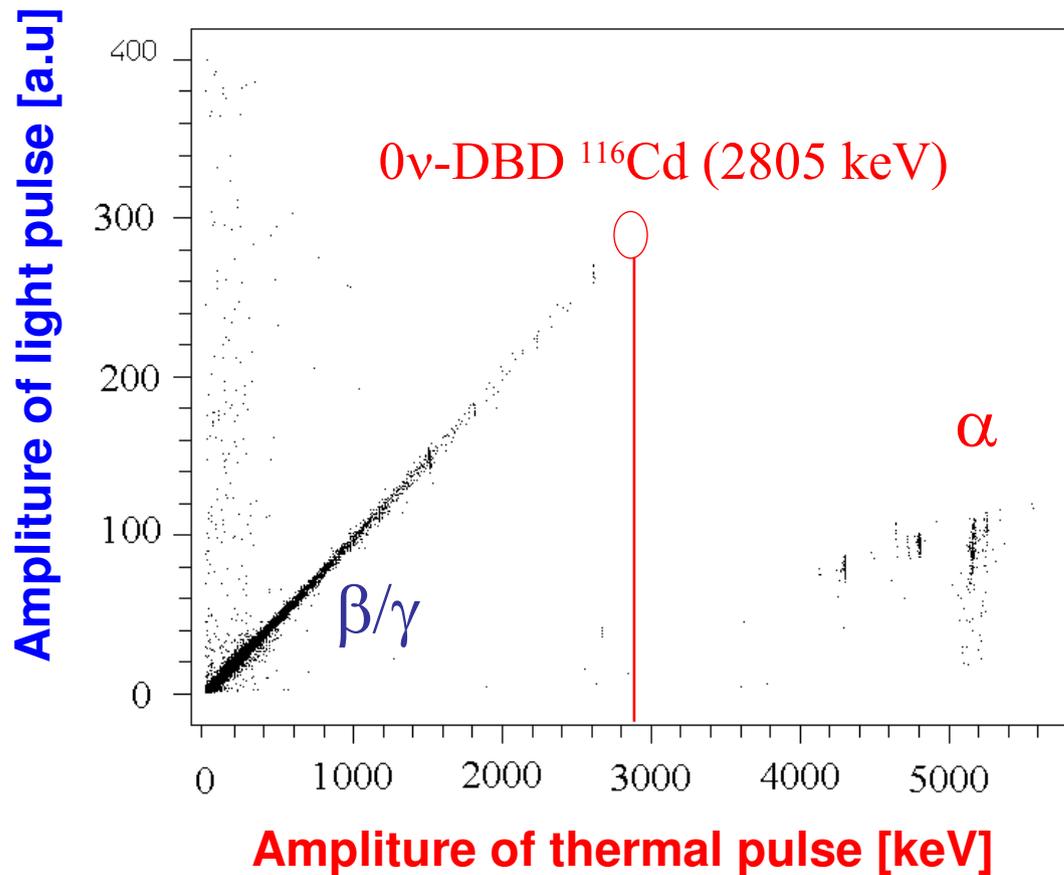


3x3x3  
CdWO<sub>4</sub>

3x3x6  
CdWO<sub>4</sub>

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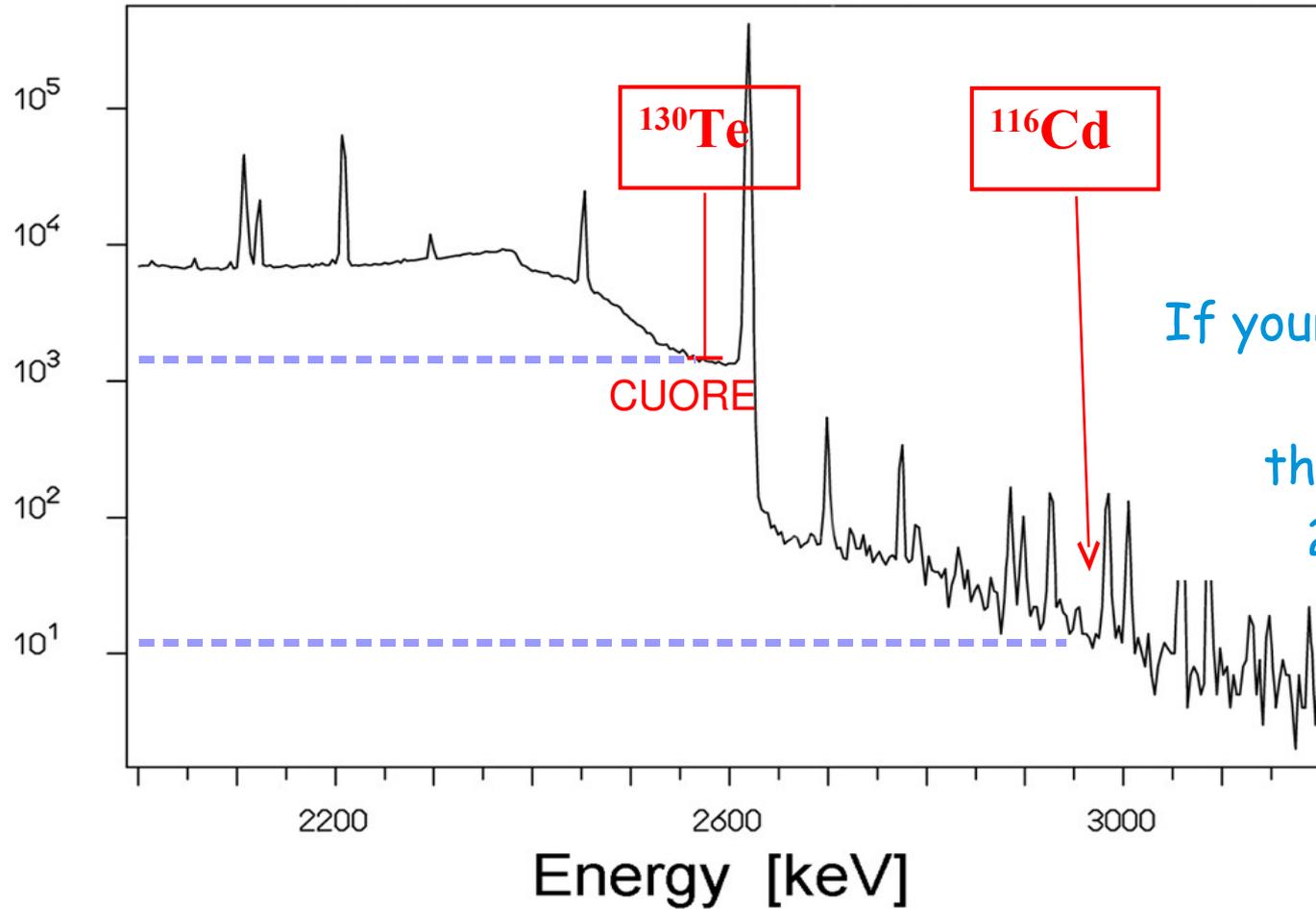
440 h live time measurement



$\beta/\gamma$  and  $\alpha$  are clearly separated  
 $\alpha$  background can be rejected with  
high efficiency

# BOLUX: The (far) Future

*calibration spectrum of a Ge detectors  
here a contribution is negligible*



If your exp. region is above 2.6 MeV  
and you reject alphas  
the gain could be as high as  
2 orders of magnitude !!!

# BOLUX: The (far) Future

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excluding  $\alpha$  contribution CUORE  
would have a background of  
0.001 c/keV/kg/y  
with scintillating bolometers  
a bkg of  $10^{-5}$  c/keV/kg/y is feasible

CUORE is designed in order allow  
the replacement of  
 $\text{TeO}_2$  crystals with other bolometers

Assume we use CUORE refrigerator  
1 ton  $\text{CdWO}_4 \sim 300$  kg of natural Cd  
natural i.a.  $^{116}\text{Cd} = 7.6\%$  assume enriched to 30%  
 $\sim 100$  kg of  $^{116}\text{Cd}$   
background = 1/100 CUORE best background  
=  $10^{-5}$  counts/kg/keV/y  
sensitivity of  $\sim 10^{28}$  y !!!!

still R&D  
problem of enrichment  
crystal contamination  
engineering of the detector ....

# The (far) Future

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we fight with mass and background

is there any other possible approach?

# The (far) Future

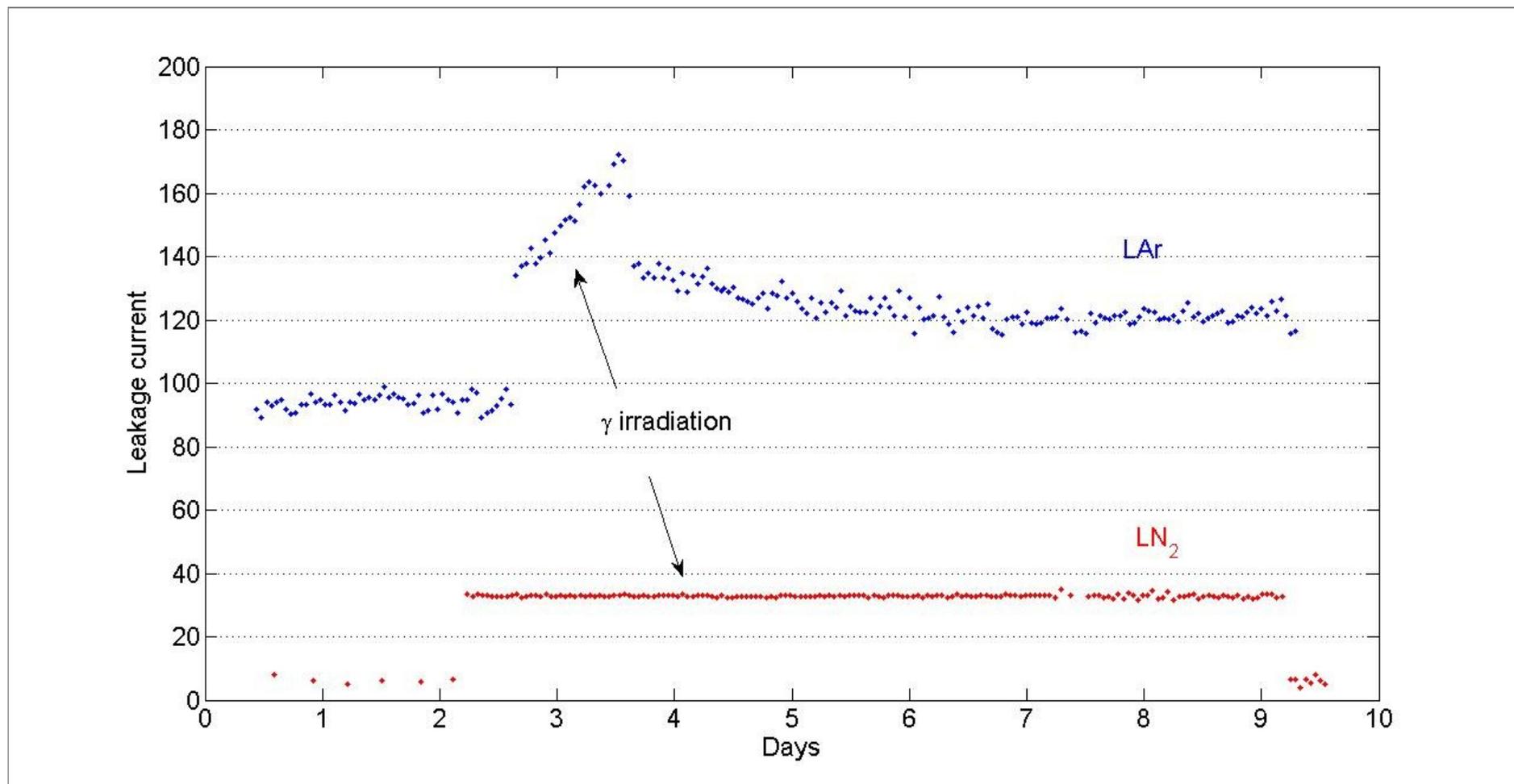
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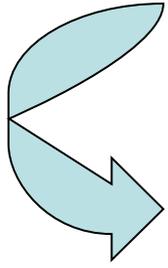
a useful tool



**spares**

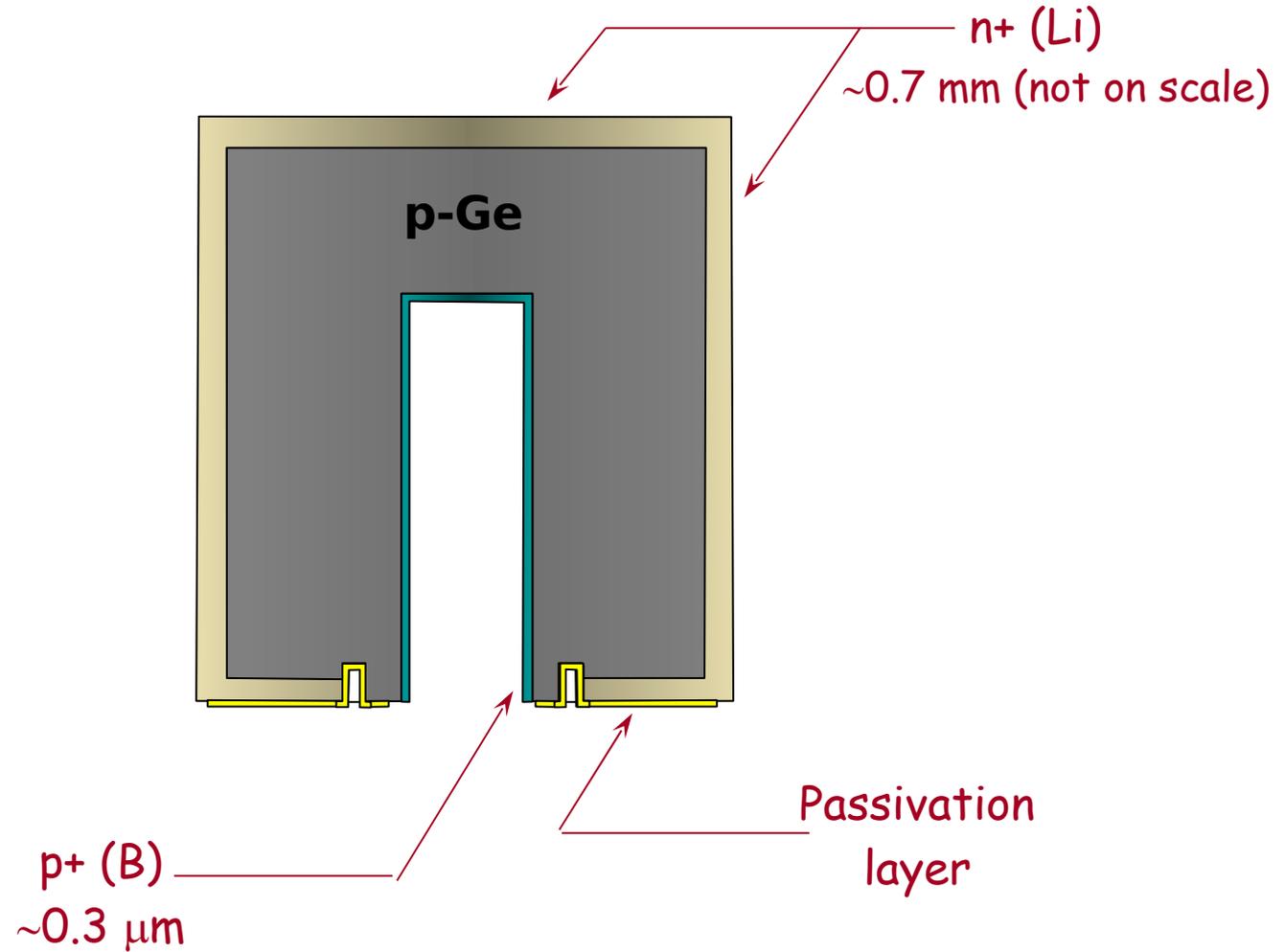
# Issue of the radiation-induced leakage current





Problem much more serious if irradiation of the bottom part

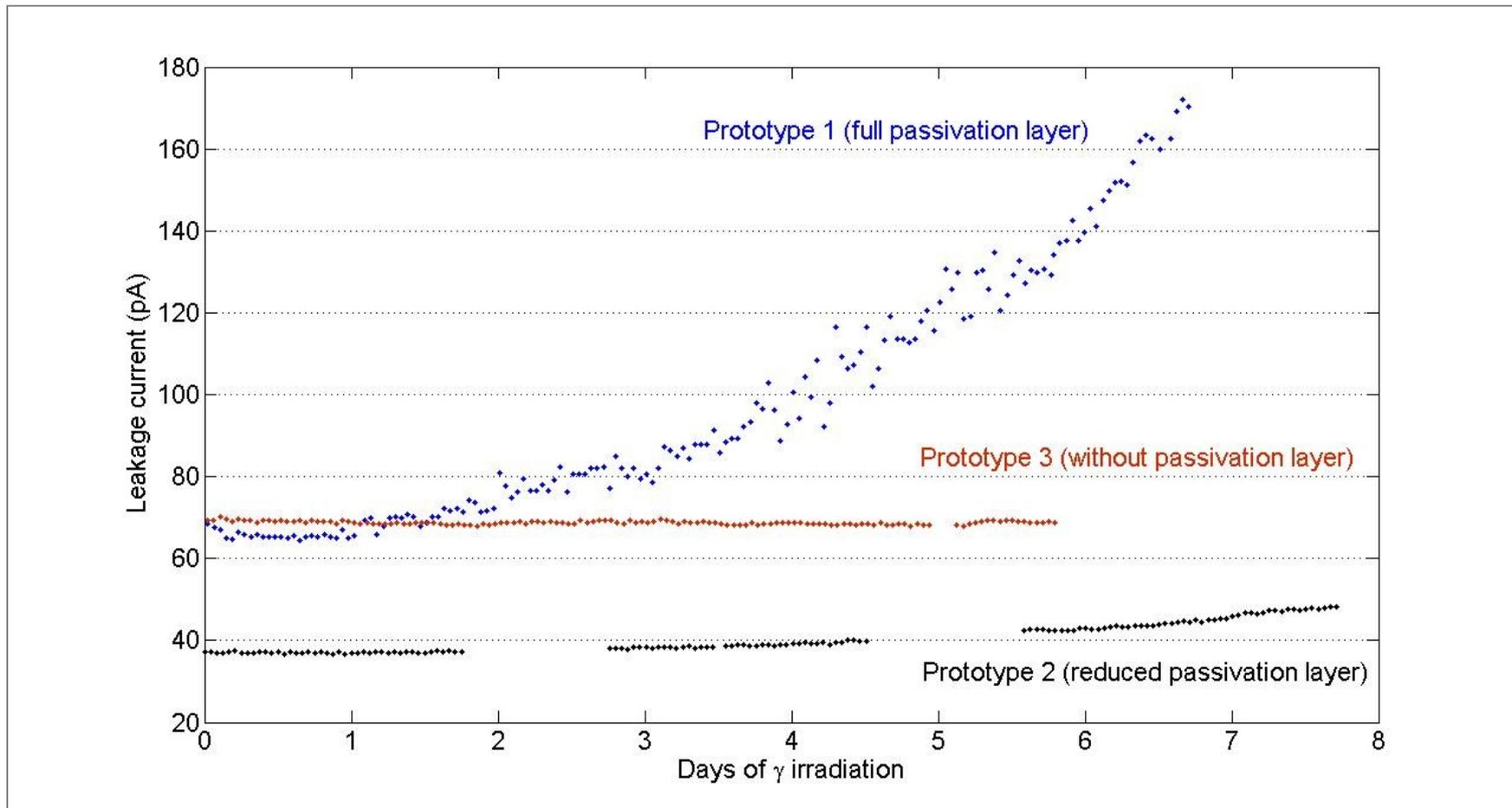
Origin of the problem: **the passivation layer**



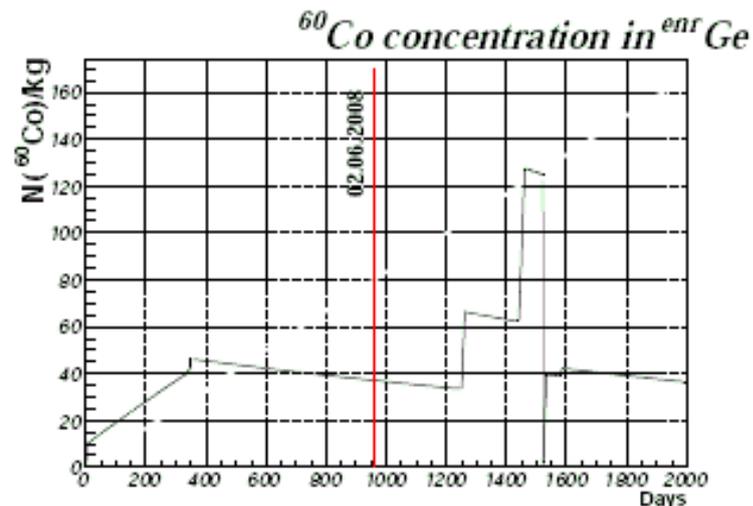
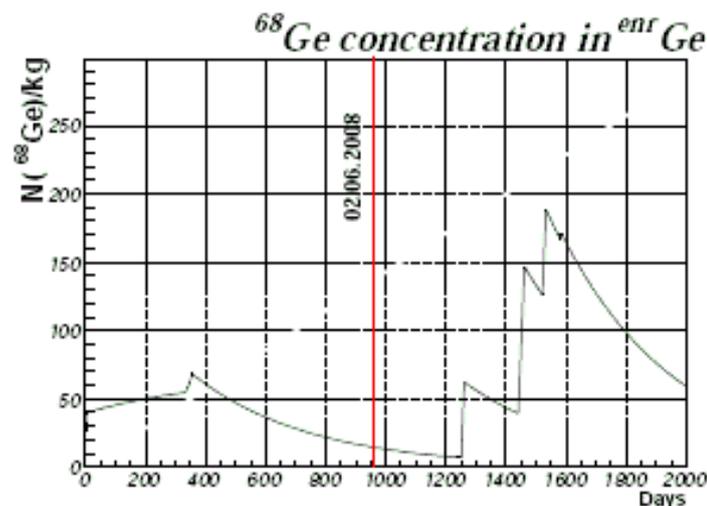
# Solution

Calibration 1 week  $\rightarrow$  negligible increase of LC during live-time of GERDA ( $<10$  pA)

(Note:  $\Delta LC \sim 1$  nA  $\rightarrow$  1.6 keV deterioration)



- Natural Ge contains about 7% of  $^{76}\text{Ge}$ . Enriched to 87% in Krasnoyarsk (Russia)
  - 37.5 kg enriched Ge delivered to Munich in 2006, now stored underground.
  - Also delivered 50 kg depleted Ge (leftover of the enrichment) used for purification and crystal pulling tests.
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- Estimated background index for Phase I (HM, IGEX) crystals is only  $10^{-2}$  cts/(keV kg y) mainly because of the cosmogenically produced  $^{60}\text{Co}$
  - For the production of Phase II crystals we need to reduce exposure.
  - With underground storage of the material between each step of processing the projected background contribution of  $^{68}\text{Ge}$  is about  $\sim 10^{-3}$  cts/(keV kg y) and  $\sim 10^{-5}$  cts/(keV kg y) for  $^{60}\text{Co}$



# GERDA: Background evaluation and reduction



Source	Actions
$\gamma$ s from external environment $^{208}\text{Tl}$ and $^{214}\text{Bi}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shield with hyperpure liquids (<math>\text{H}_2\text{O}</math> 3 m+LAr 2 m)  <math>\Rightarrow 3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg}^{-1}\text{y}^{-1}\text{keV}^{-1}</math></li> </ul>
$^{228}\text{Th}$ (<10 mBq/kg) in Cryostat (SS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HP Cu shield (25 <math>\mu\text{Bq/kg}</math>; 10-15 cm thick)+LAr</li> </ul>
$\mu$ induced prompt signals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>\sim 1400</math> m rock overburden</li> <li>Anticoincidence between crystals(&amp;segments)</li> <li><math>\mu</math>-vetoes: top (plastic scint.) +Water Cherenkov  <math>\Rightarrow 10^{-4} \text{ kg}^{-1}\text{y}^{-1}\text{keV}^{-1}</math></li> </ul>
$\mu$ induced delayed signals $n + ^{76}\text{Ge} \rightarrow ^{77\text{m}}\text{Ge} \Rightarrow ^{77}\text{As}$ ( $t_{1/2} = 53$ s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low-Z shields</li> <li>Delayed coincid. Tag decay chain <math>\Rightarrow 10^{-4} \text{ kg}^{-1}\text{y}^{-1}\text{keV}^{-1}</math></li> </ul>
Internal to crystals Cosmogenic $^{60}\text{Co}$ ( $t_{1/2} = 5.27$ y) (crystal production)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimize time above ground after crystal growing</li> <li>Diode &amp; segments antic., PSA  <math>\Rightarrow 3.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg}^{-1}\text{y}^{-1}\text{keV}^{-1}</math></li> </ul>
Internal to crystals Cosmogenic $^{68}\text{Ge}$ ( $t_{1/2} = 270$ d) (crystal and detector productions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimize time above ground after enrichment; shielded transport container</li> <li>After two years underground <math>\Rightarrow 5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg}^{-1}\text{y}^{-1}\text{keV}^{-1}</math></li> <li>Reduce by segmentation and PSA</li> </ul>
Front-end electronics, cables, support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Materials minimisation (grams) &amp; selection. Still under R&amp;D <math>\Rightarrow \approx 5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg}^{-1}\text{y}^{-1}\text{keV}^{-1}</math></li> </ul>



# Conclusion - Summary



- GERDA is under construction
- Construction of Phase I expected to be finished soon, start of datataking expected in 2009
- Development of Phase II detectors is on the way
- Detector grade Ge crystals (Ph. II) expected in 2009
- 18 fold segmented prototypes are working in vacuum and in LN
- Many other R&D projects with possible application in Ph.II are running in parallel: point contact detectors, scintillation light detection in LAr etc.

# Strategies for the control of the surface background from inert materials

(A) Passive methods  $\Rightarrow$  surface cleaning

Mechanical action

Chemical etching / electrolitical processes

Passivation

① “Legnaro” method

② “Gran Sasso” method

(B) Active methods (“reserve weapons”)  $\Rightarrow$  events ID

① surface sensitive bolometers (Como)

a. scintillating bolometers able  
to separate  $\alpha$  from electrons /  $\gamma$  (LNGS / Roma)

# The diagnostic problem

It is **difficult and quite demanding** in terms of time and money to verify the effectiveness of a method to reduce the surface radioactivity

Two methods:

(A) **Direct counting**

$$A_{3-4 \text{ MeV}}^{\text{sup}} \approx 1.7 \text{ counts / cm}^2 \text{ y}$$

Assuming CUORICINO background

runs in hall C

(B) **Concentration measurements**

contamination in U – Th of the order of **ng/g**

Not applicable at all for **<sup>210</sup>Pb** or **<sup>226</sup>Ra**

ICPMS analysis