

DOUBLE BETA DECAY: PRESENT STATUS

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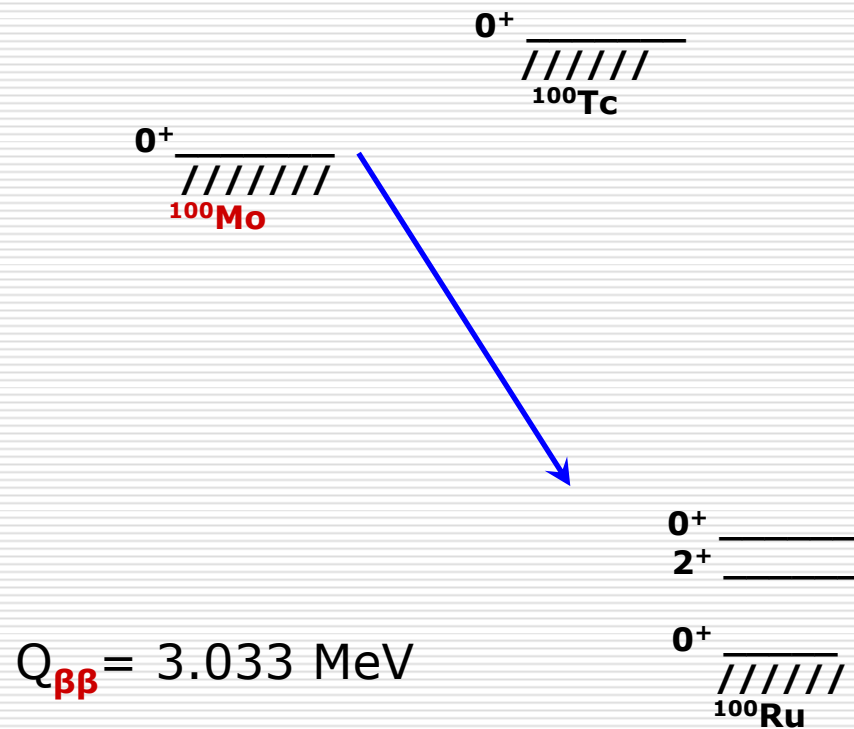
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I. Introduction

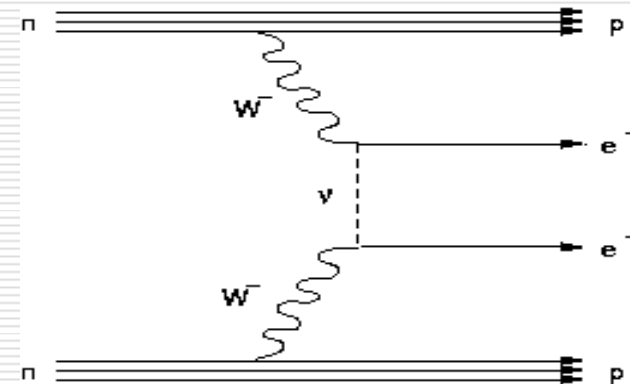
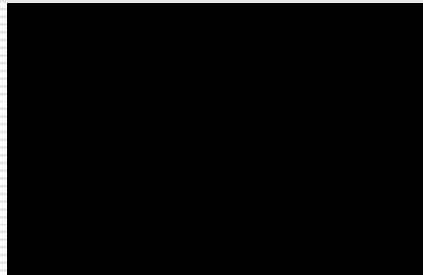


NEUTRINOLESS DOUBLE BETA DECAY

**Experimental
signature:**

2 electrons

$$E_{\beta 1} + E_{\beta 2} = Q_{\beta\beta}$$



Oscillation experiments \Rightarrow **Neutrino is massive!!!**

- However, the oscillatory experiments cannot solve the problem of the origin of neutrino mass (**Dirac or Majorana?**) and cannot provide information about the absolute value of mass (because the Δm^2 is measured).
- **This information can be obtained in 2β -decay experiments.**

$$\langle m_\nu \rangle = \left| \sum |U_{ej}|^2 e^{i\phi_j} m_j \right|$$

Thus searches for double beta decay are sensitive not only to masses but also to mixing elements and phases ϕ_j .

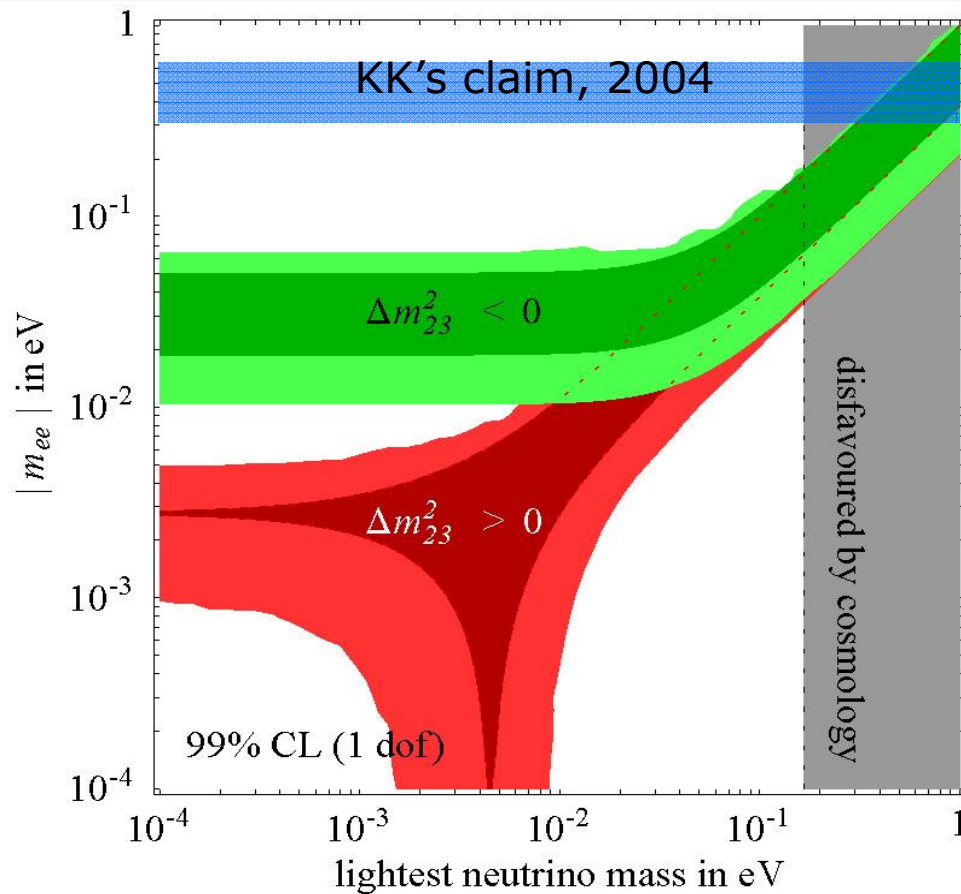
What one can extract from 2β -decay experiments? \Rightarrow

- Nature of neutrino mass (**Dirac or Majorana?**).
- Absolute mass scale (value or limit on **m_1**).
- Type of hierarchy (normal, inverted, quasi-degenerated).
- CP** violation in the lepton sector.

Neutrinoless double beta decay is being actively searched, because it is closely related to many fundamental concepts of nuclear and particle physics:

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- the lepton number nonconservation;
 - **the existence of neutrino mass and its origin (Dirac or Majorana?);**
 - the presence of right-handed currents in electroweak interactions;
 - the existence of Majoron;
 - the structure of Higg's sector;
 - the supersymmetry;
 - the heavy sterile neutrino;
 - the existence of leptoquarks.

DBD and neutrino mass hierarchy



Degenerate: can be tested

Inverted: can be tested by next generation of 2β experiments.

Normal: inaccessible (new approach is needed)

Best present limits on $\langle m_\nu \rangle$

Nuclei	$T_{1/2}, \text{y}$	$\langle m_\nu \rangle, \text{eV}$ QRPA [MEDEX07]	$\langle m_\nu \rangle, \text{eV}$ [SM]	Experiment
^{76}Ge	$> 1.9 \cdot 10^{25}$ $\approx 1.2 \cdot 10^{25} (?)$ $\approx 2.2 \cdot 10^{25} (?)$	$< 0.22-0.41$ $\approx 0.28-0.52 (?)$ $\approx 0.21-0.38 (?)$	< 0.69 $\approx 0.87 (?)$ $\approx 0.64 (?)$	HM Part of HM'04 Part of HM'06
	$> 1.6 \cdot 10^{25}$	$< 0.24-0.44$	< 0.75	IGEX
^{130}Te	$> 3.0 \cdot 10^{24}$	$< 0.34-0.57$	< 1.08	CUORICINO
^{100}Mo	$> 5.8 \cdot 10^{23}$	$< 0.81-1.28$	-	NEMO
^{136}Xe	$> 4.5 \cdot 10^{23}$	$< 1.41-2.67$	< 3.02	DAMA
^{82}Se	$> 2.1 \cdot 10^{23}$	$< 1.40-2.17$	< 4.47	NEMO
^{116}Cd	$> 1.7 \cdot 10^{23}$	$< 1.45-2.76$	< 3.76	SOLOTVINO

A Recent Claim

Klapdor-Kleingrothaus H V, Krivosheina I V, Dietz A and Chkvorets O, *Phys. Lett. B* **586** 198 (2004).

Used five ^{76}Ge crystals, with a total of 10.96 kg of mass, and 71 kg-years of data

$$\tau_{1/2} = 1.2 \times 10^{25} \text{ y} \quad (4.2 \sigma)$$
$$0.24 < m_\nu < 0.58 \text{ eV} \quad (\pm 3 \text{ sigma})$$

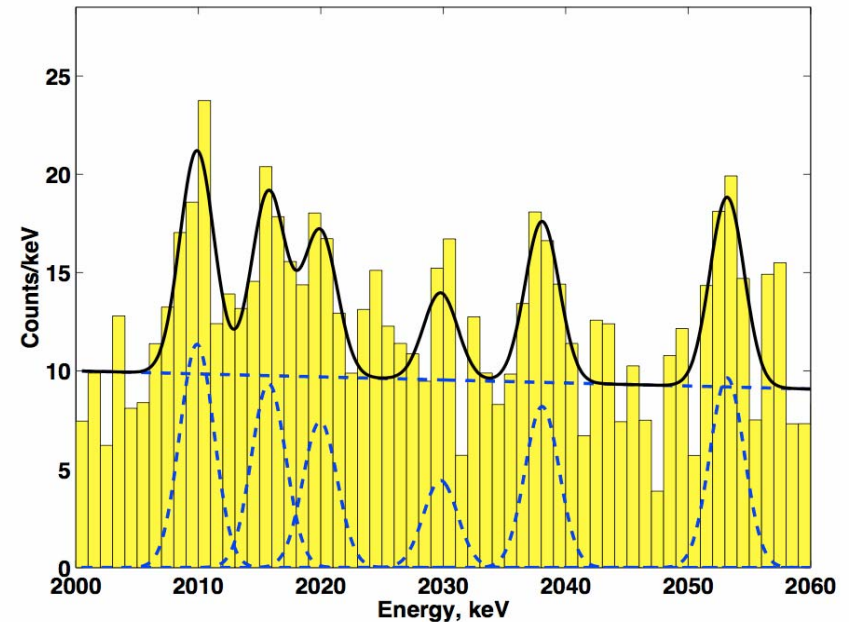
(NME from Eur. Lett. 13(1990)31)

There are some problems with this result:

- 1) Only one measurement.
- 2) Only $\sim 4\sigma$ level (independent analysis gives $\sim 2.7\sigma$).
- 3) In contradiction with HM'01 and IGEX.
- 4) Moscow part of Collaboration: **NO EVIDENCE.**
- 5) ^{214}Bi peaks are overestimated.
- 6) "Total" and "analyzed" spectra are not the same.

"**2 β community**": very conservative reaction

In any case new experiments are needed, which will confirm (or reject) this result



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Old data, new pulse shape anal.

$$\tau_{1/2} = 2.23^{+0.44}_{-0.31} \times 10^{25} \text{ y} \quad (6 \sigma)$$
$$m_\nu = 0.32 \pm 0.03 \text{ eV}$$

$$n = 11 \pm 1.8 \text{ events} \Rightarrow$$

where is a statistical error?!

non-correct peak position?!

Two neutrino double beta decay

- Second order of weak interaction
 - Direct measurement of NME values! \Rightarrow
 - The only possibility to check the quality of NME calculations!!!
 - g_{pp} (QRPA parameter \Rightarrow NME(0ν))!
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- This is why it is very important to measure this type of decay for many nuclei, for different processes (**$2\beta^-$, $2\beta^+$, $K\beta^+$, $2K$, excited states**) and with high accuracy.

Two neutrino double beta decay

- By present time $2\beta(2\nu)$ decay was detected in **10** nuclei:

**^{48}Ca , ^{76}Ge , ^{82}Se , ^{96}Zr , ^{100}Mo , ^{116}Cd , ^{128}Te ,
 ^{130}Te , ^{150}Nd , ^{238}U**

For **^{100}Mo** and **^{150}Nd** $2\beta(2\nu)$ transition to 0^+ excited state was detected too

Main goal is: precise investigation of this decay

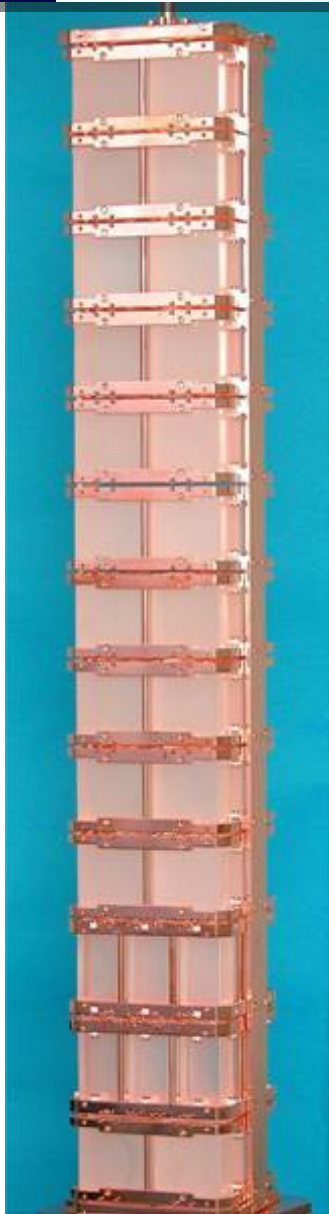
Recommended values for half-lives:

- ^{48}Ca - $(4.2^{+2.1}_{-1.0}) \cdot 10^{19}$ y
 - ^{76}Ge - $(1.5 \pm 0.1) \cdot 10^{21}$ y
 - ^{82}Se - $(0.92 \pm 0.07) \cdot 10^{20}$ y
 - ^{96}Zr - $(2.0 \pm 0.3) \cdot 10^{19}$ y
 - ^{100}Mo - $(7.1 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^{18}$ y
 - $^{100}\text{Mo} - ^{100}\text{Ru} (0^+_{1}) -$
 $(6.2^{+0.9}_{-0.7}) \cdot 10^{20}$ y
 - ^{116}Cd - $(3.0 \pm 0.2) \cdot 10^{19}$ y
 - $^{128}\text{Te}(\text{geo}) - (2.5 \pm 0.3) \cdot 10^{24}$ y
 - $^{130}\text{Te}(\text{geo}) - (0.9 \pm 0.1) \cdot 10^{21}$ y
 - ^{150}Nd - $(7.8 \pm 0.7) \cdot 10^{18}$ y
 - $^{150}\text{Nd} - ^{150}\text{Sm} (0^+_{1}) -$
 $(1.4^{+0.5}_{-0.4}) \cdot 10^{20}$ y
 - $^{238}\text{U}(\text{rad}) - (2.0 \pm 0.6) \cdot 10^{21}$ y
- ECEC(2ν):
- $^{130}\text{Ba}(\text{geo}) - (2.2 \pm 0.5) \cdot 10^{21}$ y

II. CURRENT EXPERIMENTS

- **NEMO-3** and **CUORICINO**
- Others (TGV, Baksan, DAMA, COBRA, ITEP-TPC, excited states,...)

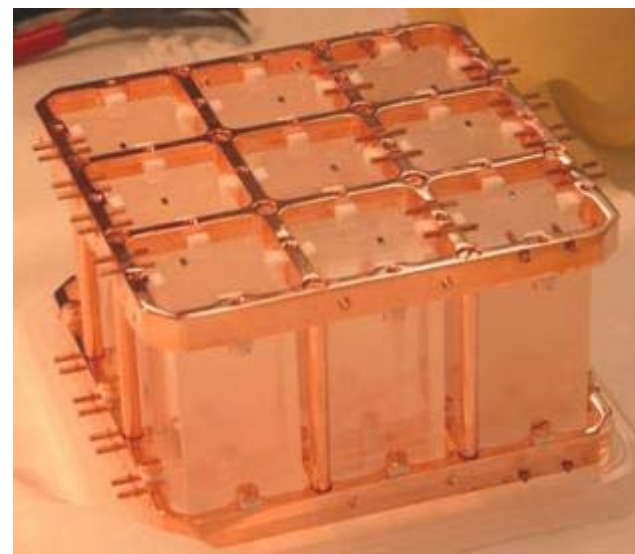
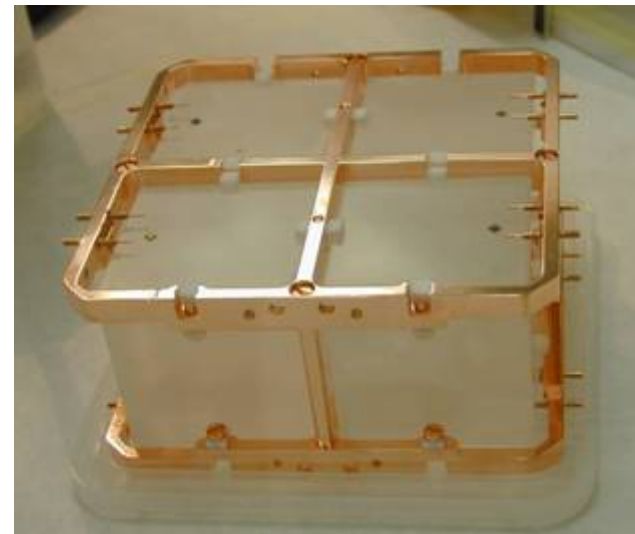
Cuoricino



11 modules
4 detectors each
Dimension: 5x5x5 cm³
Mass: 790 g

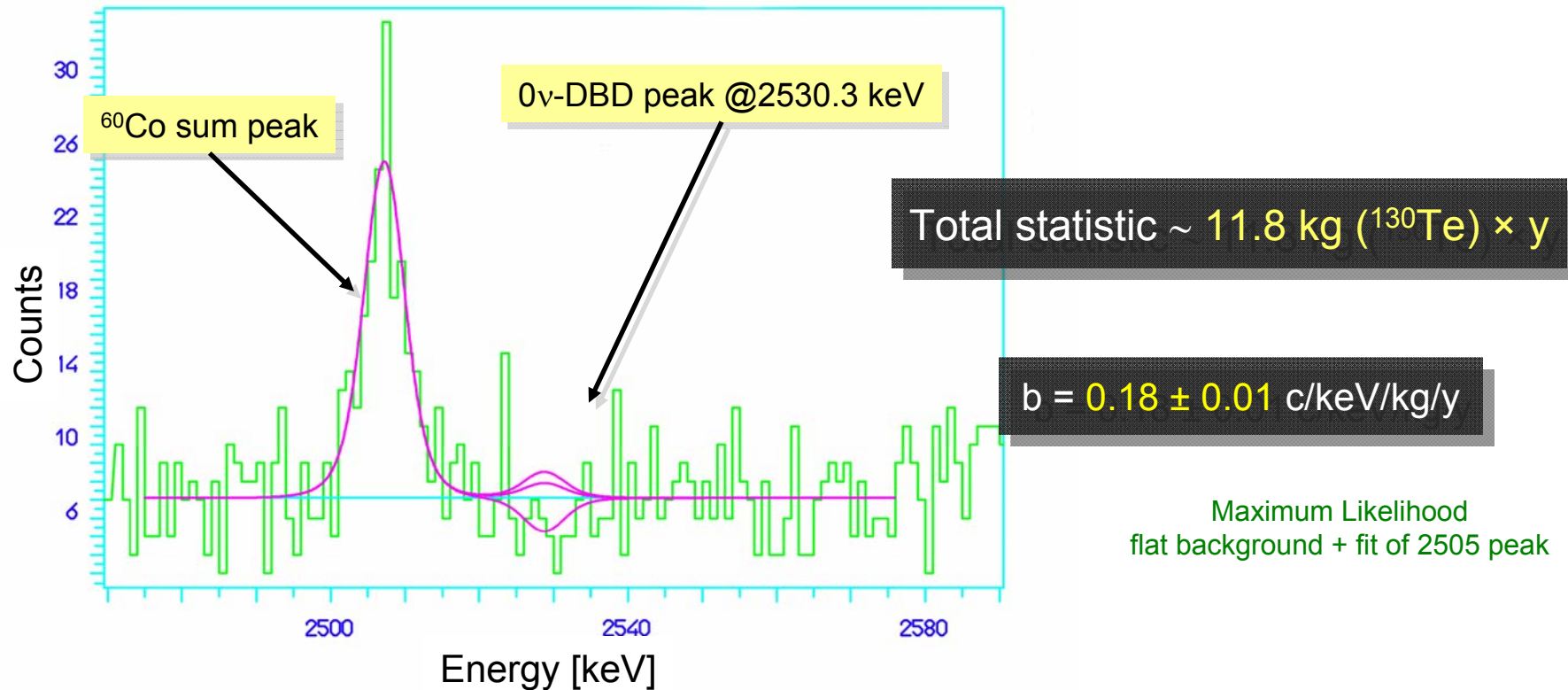
Total mass
40.7 kg
(~11 kg of ¹³⁰Te)

2 modules
9 detectors each,
Dimension: 3x3x6 cm³
Mass: 330 g





Cuoricino result on ^{130}Te $\beta\beta 0\nu$ decay



*Anticoincidence background spectrum the **bb-0n** region*

$$\tau_{1/2}^{0\nu} \geq 3.0 \cdot 10^{24} \text{ y (90\% CL)}$$



$$\langle m_{\nu} \rangle \leq 0.34 - 1.08 \text{ eV (90\% CL)}$$

CUORICINO sensitivity

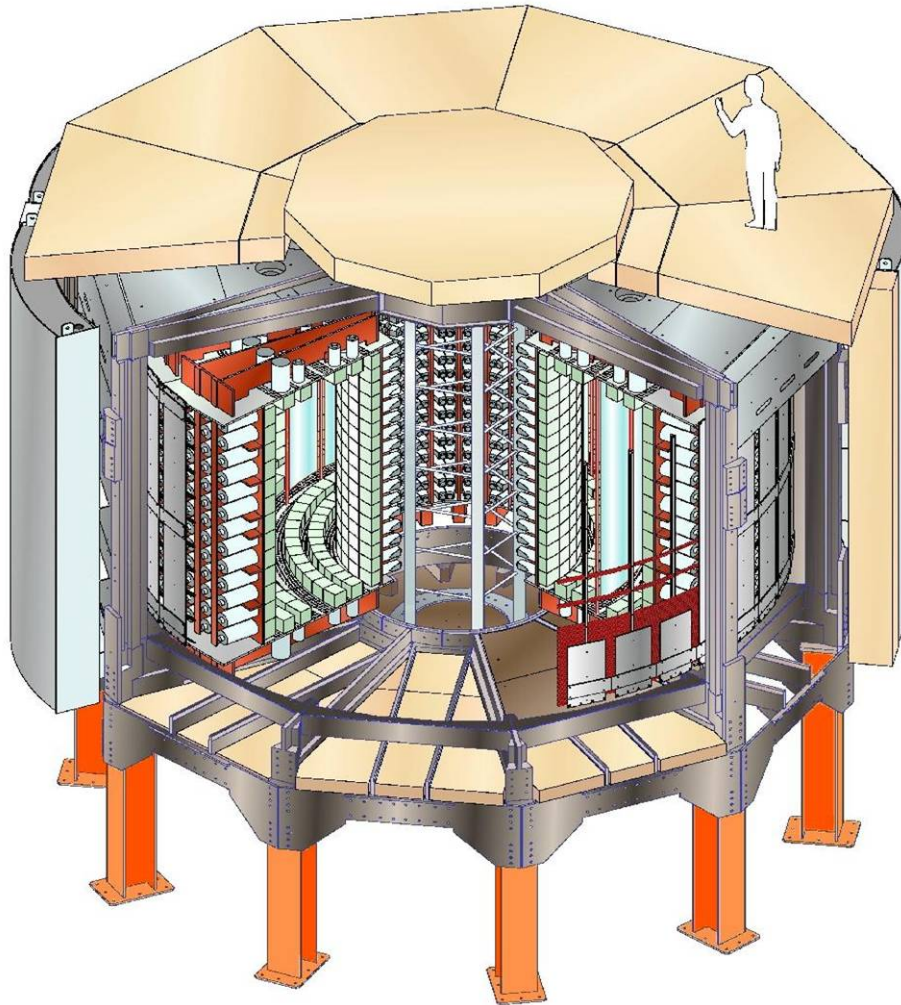
□ In 3 y running time:

$$T_{1/2} > 5.2 \cdot 10^{24} \text{ y}$$

$$\langle m_\nu \rangle < 0.2\text{-}0.6 \text{ eV}$$

The NEMO3 detector

Fréjus Underground Laboratory : 4800 m.w.e.



Source: 10 kg of $\beta\beta$ isotopes
cylindrical, $S = 20 \text{ m}^2$, 60 mg/cm^2

Tracking detector:

drift wire chamber operating
in Geiger mode (6180 cells)

Gas: He + 4% ethyl alcohol + 1% Ar + 0.1% H₂O

Calorimeter:

1940 plastic scintillators
coupled to low radioactivity PMTs

Magnetic field: 25 Gauss

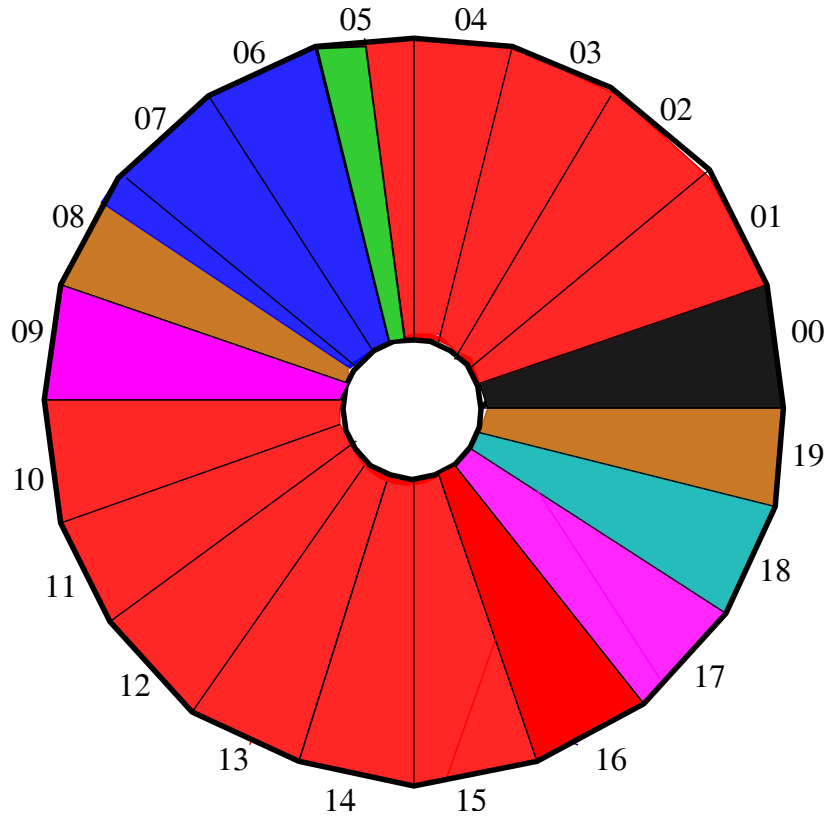
Gamma shield: Pure Iron (18 cm)

Neutron shield: borated water (~30 cm) + Wood (Top/Bottom/Gaps between water tanks)



Able to identify e^- , e^+ , γ and α

ββ decay isotopes in NEMO-3 detector



^{100}Mo 6.914 kg **^{82}Se 0.932 kg**
 $Q_{\beta\beta} = 3034 \text{ keV}$ $Q_{\beta\beta} = 2995 \text{ keV}$

ββ0ν search

ββ2ν measurement

- ^{116}Cd 405 g**
 $Q_{\beta\beta} = 2805 \text{ keV}$
- ^{96}Zr 9.4 g**
 $Q_{\beta\beta} = 3350 \text{ keV}$
- ^{150}Nd 37.0 g**
 $Q_{\beta\beta} = 3367 \text{ keV}$
- ^{48}Ca 7.0 g**
 $Q_{\beta\beta} = 4272 \text{ keV}$

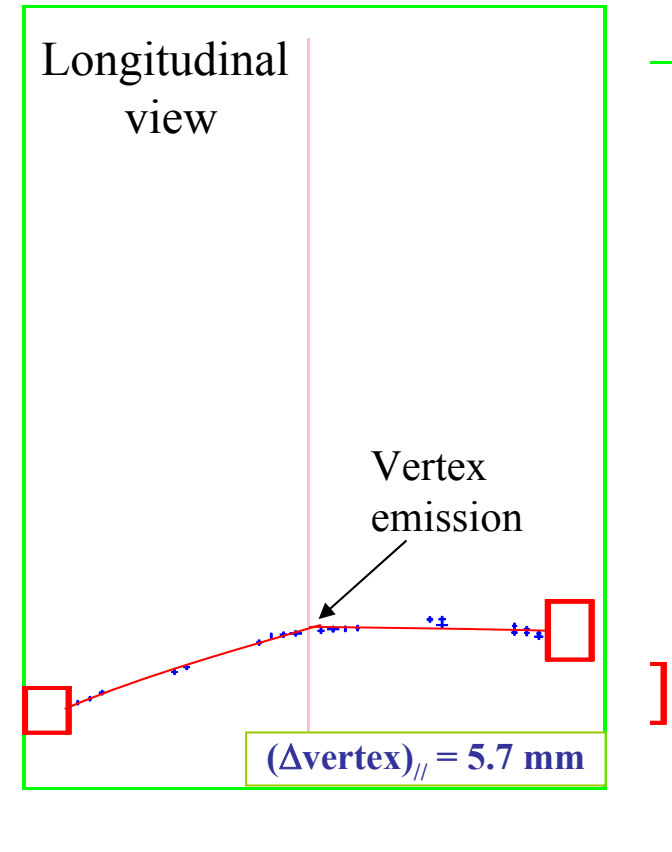
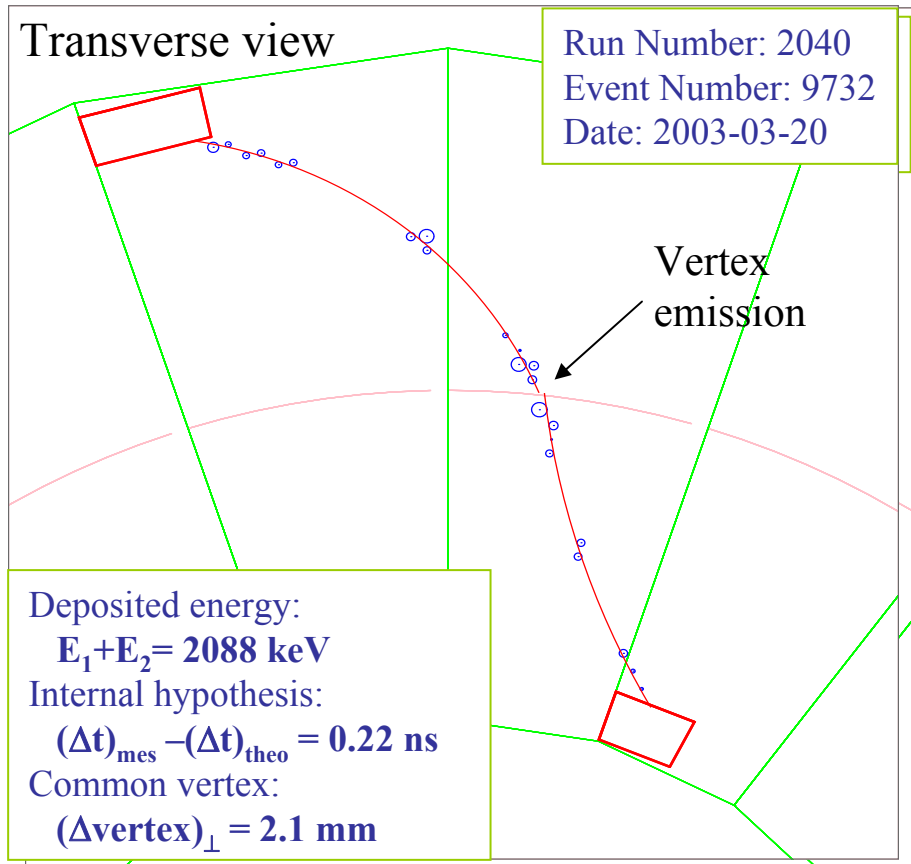
- ^{130}Te 454 g**
 $Q_{\beta\beta} = 2529 \text{ keV}$
- $^{\text{nat}}\text{Te}$ 491 g**
- Cu 621 g**

External bkg measurement

(All enriched isotopes produced in Russia)

$\beta\beta$ events selection in NEMO-3

Typical $\beta\beta 2\nu$ event observed from ^{100}Mo



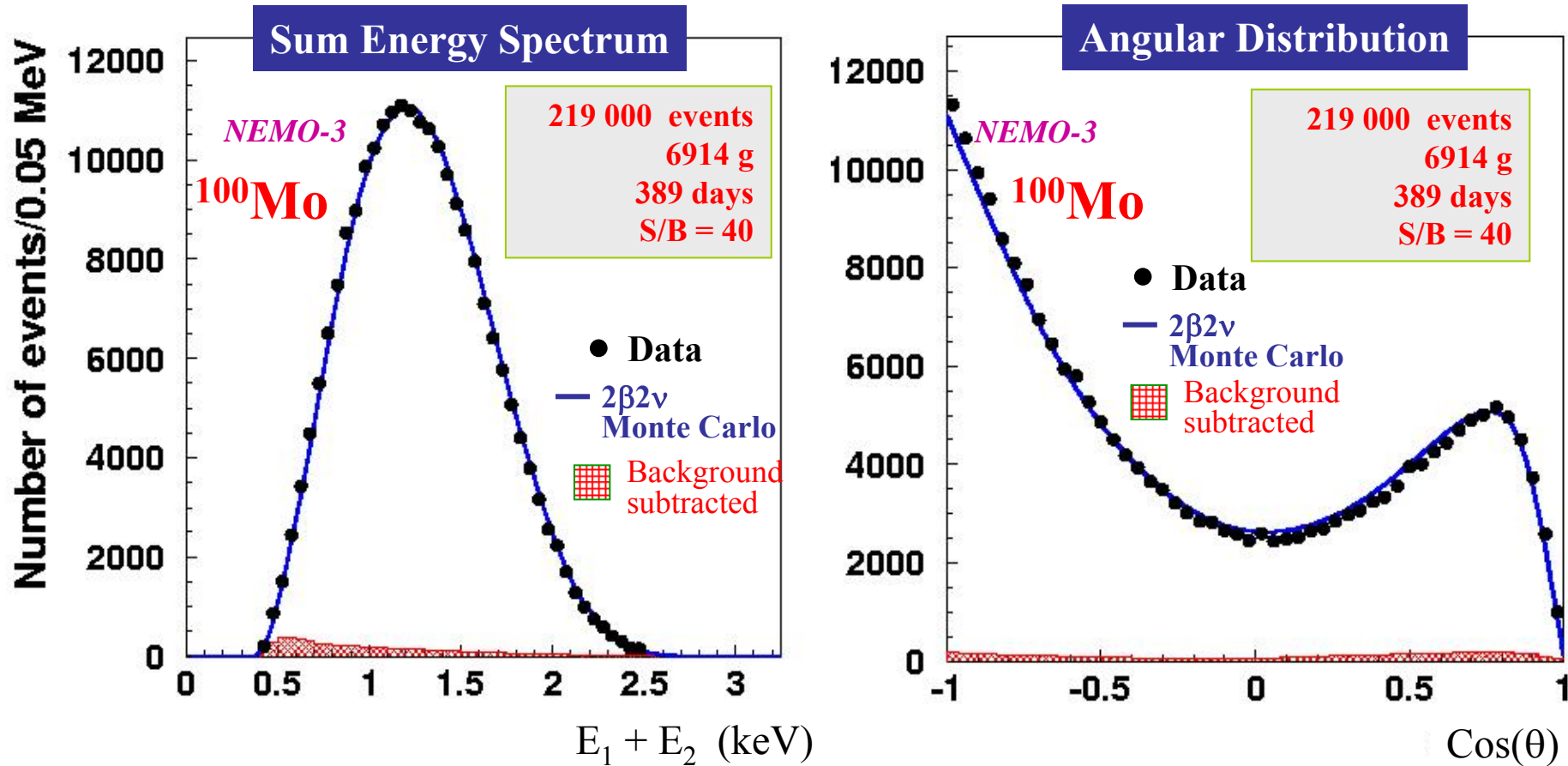
Trigger: at least 1 PMT > 150 keV
 ≥ 3 Geiger hits (2 neighbour layers + 1)

Trigger rate = 7 Hz

$\beta\beta$ events: 1 event every 2.5 minutes

^{100}Mo $2\beta 2\nu$ preliminary results

(Data Feb. 2003 – Dec. 2004)

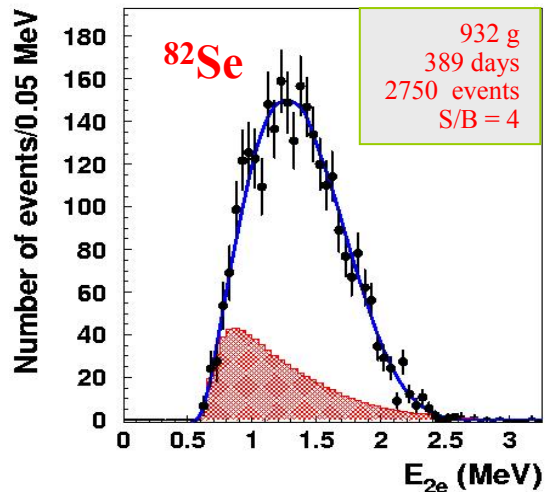


7.37 kg.y

$T_{1/2} = 7.11 \pm 0.02$ (stat) ± 0.54 (syst) $\times 10^{18}$ y

$\beta\beta 2\nu$ results with other nuclei

Background subtracted



^{82}Se $T_{1/2} = 9.6 \pm 0.3$ (stat) ± 1.0 (syst) $\times 10^{19}$ y

^{116}Cd $T_{1/2} = 2.8 \pm 0.1$ (stat) ± 0.3 (syst) $\times 10^{19}$ y

^{150}Nd $T_{1/2} = 9.7 \pm 0.7$ (stat) ± 1.0 (syst) $\times 10^{18}$ y

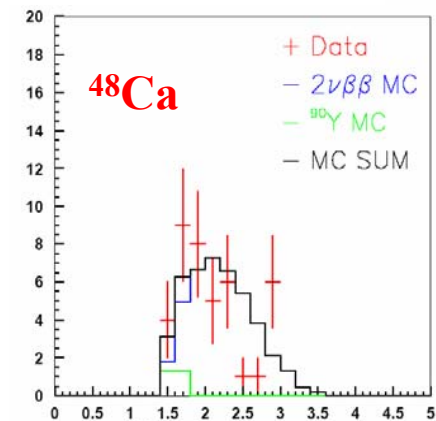
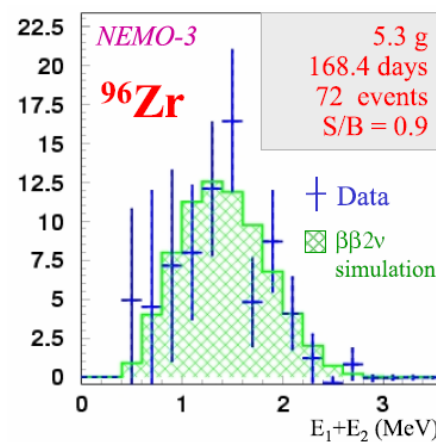
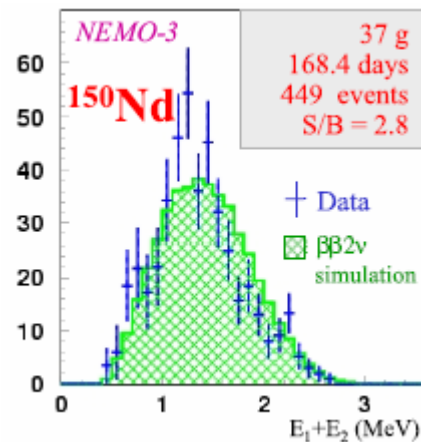
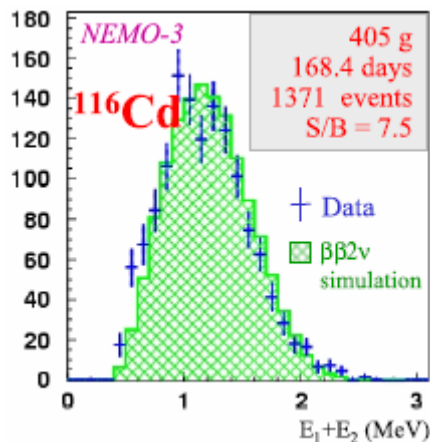
^{96}Zr $T_{1/2} = 2.0 \pm 0.3$ (stat) ± 0.2 (syst) $\times 10^{19}$ y

^{48}Ca $T_{1/2} = 3.9 \pm 0.7$ (stat) ± 0.6 (syst) $\times 10^{19}$ y

^{130}Te $T_{1/2} = 7.6 \pm 1.5$ (stat) ± 0.8 (syst) $\times 10^{20}$ y (new!)

^{100}Mo -

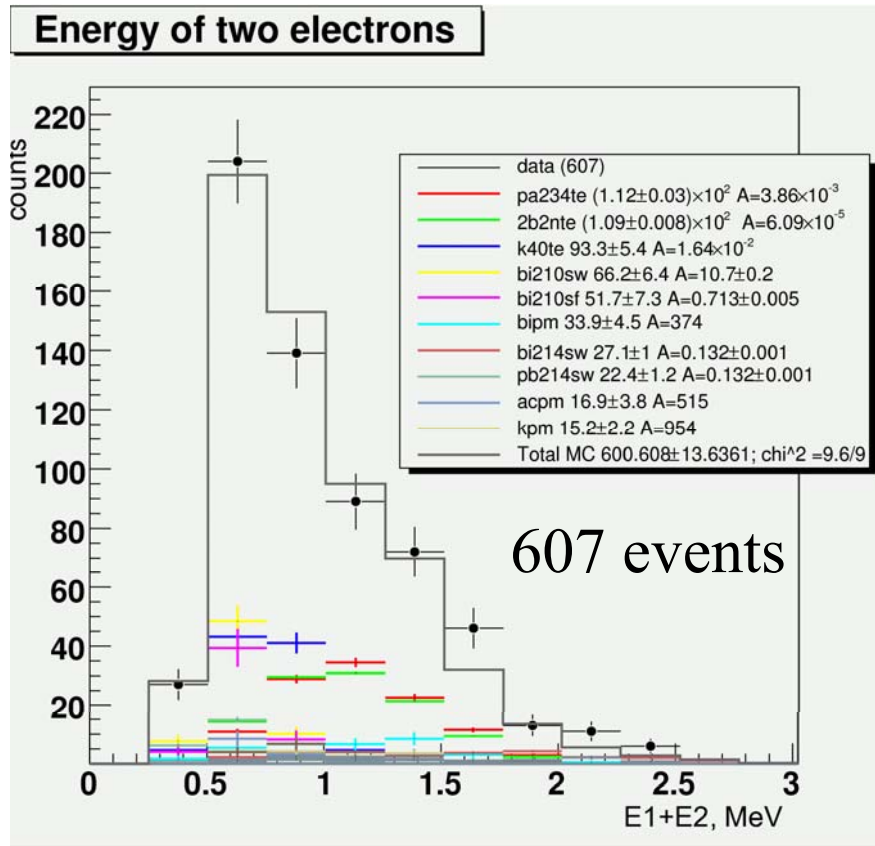
$^{100}\text{Ru}(0^+_{1})$ $T_{1/2} = 5.7^{+1.3}_{-0.9}$ (stat) ± 0.8 (syst) $\times 10^{20}$ y



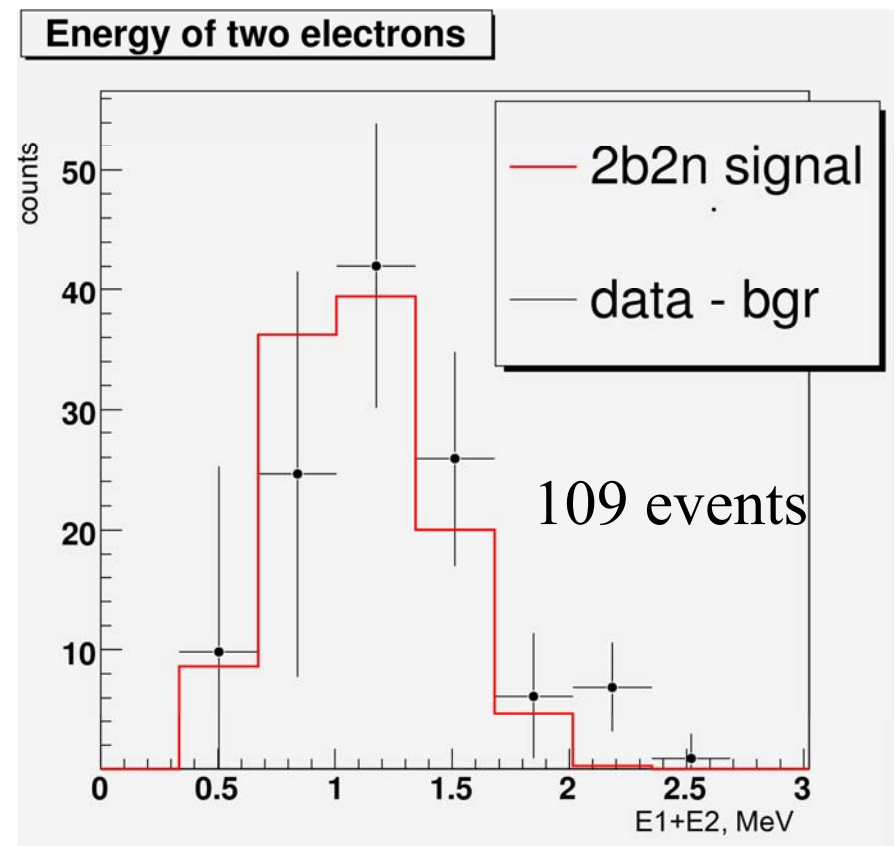
NEMO-3 is $2\beta(2\nu)$ -decay factory!!!

^{130}Te (preliminary)

$$T_{1/2}^{2\nu\beta\beta} = (7.6 \pm 1.5(\text{stat}) \pm 0.8(\text{syst})) \cdot 10^{20} \text{ years}$$



534 days, 454 g of ^{130}Te



background subtracted

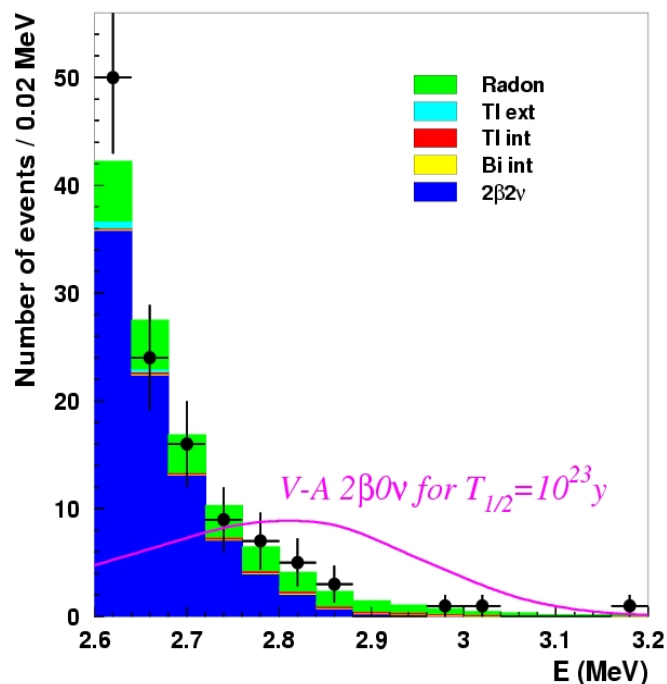
Other interesting results with NEMO-3

(using information obtained with 2ν -decay of ^{100}Mo)

- **SSD** mechanism is confirmed for 2ν decay of ^{100}Mo [Phys.At.Nucl. 69(2006) 2090]
- **"Bosonic"** properties of neutrino is checked:
 - pure "bosonic" neutrinos are excluded;
 - conservative upper limit $\sin^2\chi < 0.6$ is obtained(hep-ph/0704.2944)

$\beta\beta 0\nu$ search

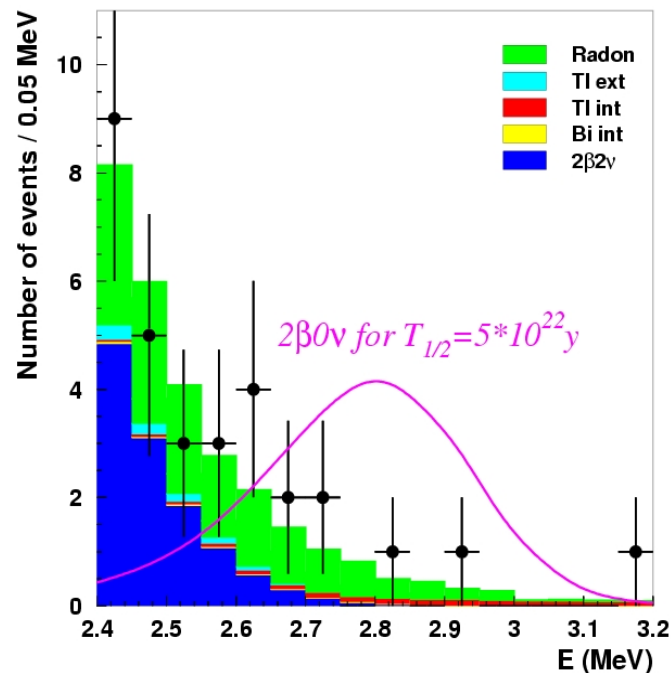
^{100}Mo , Phase I + II, 693 days



$T_{1/2}^{\beta\beta 0\nu} > 5.8 \times 10^{23}$ (90 % CL)
 $\langle m_\nu \rangle < 0.8 - 1.3$ eV

expected in 2009: $T_{1/2}^{\beta\beta 0\nu} > 2 \times 10^{24}$ (90 % CL)
 $\langle m_\nu \rangle < 0.4 - 0.7$ eV

^{82}Se , Phase I + II, 693 days



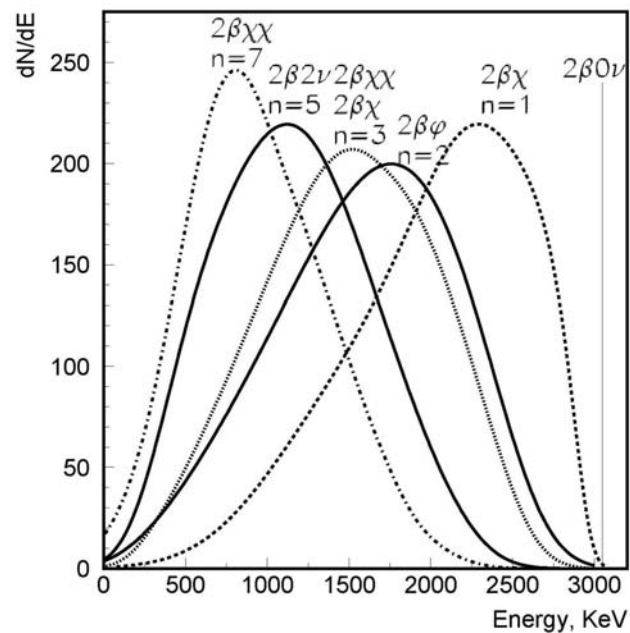
$T_{1/2}^{\beta\beta 0\nu} > 2.1 \times 10^{23}$ (90 % CL)
 $\langle m_\nu \rangle < 1.4 - 2.2$ eV

$T_{1/2}^{\beta\beta 0\nu} > 8 \times 10^{23}$ (90 % CL)
 $\langle m_\nu \rangle < 0.7 - 1.1$ eV

- Collaboration decided to perform blind analysis with mock data
- Plan to open the box and update the results ~ summer 2008
 - and once again at the end of the experiment ~ early 2010.

Decay with Majoron emission

NEMO-3 results



	n=1 *	n=2 *	n=3 *	n=7 *
¹⁰⁰Mo	$>2.7 \cdot 10^{22}$ $g < (0.4-1.8) \cdot 10^{-4}$	$>1.7 \cdot 10^{22}$	$>1.0 \cdot 10^{22}$	$>7 \cdot 10^{19}$
⁸²Se	$>1.5 \cdot 10^{22}$ $g < (0.7-1.9) \cdot 10^{-4}$	$>6.0 \cdot 10^{21}$	$>3.1 \cdot 10^{21}$	$>5.0 \cdot 10^{20}$

* *R.Arnold et al. Nucl. Phys. A765 (2006) 483*

III. FUTURE EXPERIMENTS

□ Main goal is:

To reach a sensitivity \sim **0.01-0.1 eV** to $\langle m_\nu \rangle$ (inverted hierarchy region)

□ Strategy is:

- to investigate different isotopes ($>2-3$);
- to use **different** experimental technique

Here I have selected a few propositions which I believe will be realized in the nearest future (~5-10 years)

- ❑ **CUORE** (^{130}Te , cryogenic thermal detector)
- ❑ **GERDA** (^{76}Ge , HPGe detector)
- ❑ **MAJORANA** (^{76}Ge , HPGe detector)
- ❑ **EXO** (^{130}Xe , TPC + Ba^+)
- ❑ **SuperNEMO** (^{82}Se or ^{150}Nd , tracking detector)

Other proposals: MOON, SNO++, CANDLES, COBRA, XMASS, DCBA₂₈.

SUMMARY TABLE

(NME from MEDEX'07 and SM'07)

Experiment	nucleus	mass (kg)	status	start	$T_{1/2}(y)$	$\langle m_{\nu} \rangle$ eV	Location	Expected bkg (cts/keV/y/kg)
CUORE	^{130}Te	200	accepted + R&D	~2011	$2.1 \cdot 10^{26}$	0.04-0.13	Gran Sasso	0.01
				~2011	$6.5 \cdot 10^{26}$	0.02-0.07	Gran Sasso	0.001
GERDA	^{76}Ge	40	accepted + R&D	~2009	$2 \cdot 10^{26}$	0.07-0.21	Gran Sasso	0.001
		1000		~2011	$6 \cdot 10^{27}$	0.01-0.04		0.00025
MAJORANA	^{76}Ge	60	R&D	~2009	$1.6 \cdot 10^{26}$	0.08-0.24	SNO	0.00025
		1000	R&D	~2011	$6 \cdot 10^{27}$	0.01-0.04		
EXO	^{136}Xe	200	accepted + R&D	~2008	$6.4 \cdot 10^{25}$	0.12-0.25	WIPP	0.0006
		1000		~2011	$2 \cdot 10^{27}$	0.02-0.045		10^{-6}
SuperNEMO	^{82}Se ^{150}Nd	~ 100-200	R&D	~2011	$2 \cdot 10^{26}$	0.04-0.14	LSM, Can Franc	10^{-5}

IV. Conclusion

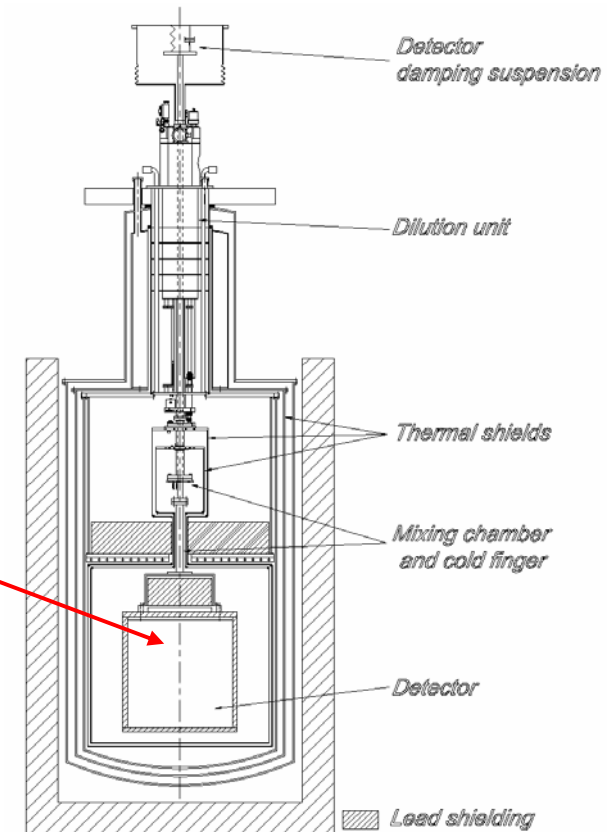
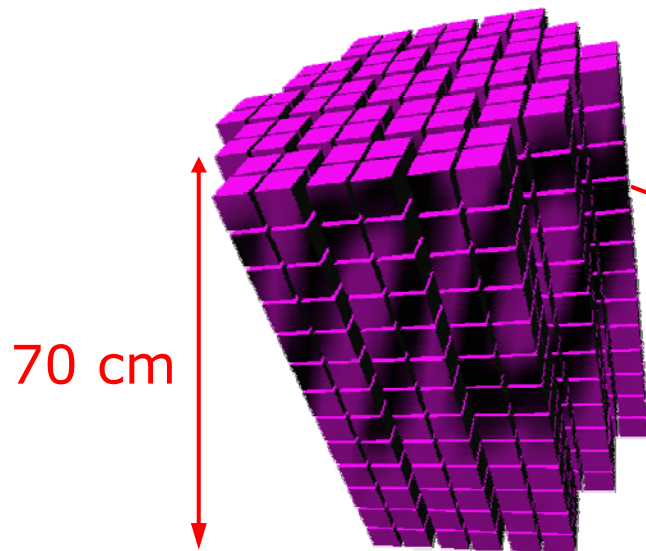
1. Significant advance has been made in the investigation of 2ν -decay.
2. Present conservative limit on $\langle m_\nu \rangle$ from $2\beta(0\nu)$ -decay experiments is ~ 0.9 eV.
3. There is indication on “evidence” of $2\beta(0\nu)$ -decay in ^{76}Ge ($\langle m_\nu \rangle \approx 0.5$ eV).
But it has to be confirmed (or rejected) in new experiments with ^{76}Ge (it will be done in a few years).
4. **CUORICINO** and **NEMO-3** will reach a sensitivity to $\langle m_\nu \rangle$ on the level $\sim (0.2-0.6)$ and $(0.4-0.7)$ eV in $\sim 2009-2010$.
5. New generation of experiments will reach sensitivity to $\langle m_\nu \rangle$ on the level $\sim (0.01-0.1)$ eV in $\sim 2012-2015$.

BACKUP SLIDES

CUORE

Array of 988 crystals:
19 towers of 52 crystals/tower.

→ $M = 0.78 \text{ ton}$ of TeO_2



Search for 0ν DBD of ^{130}Te

$Q_{\beta\beta} = 2529 \text{ keV}$

Natural isotopic abundance [^{130}Te] = 34.08%

Therefore, isotopic enrichment is unnecessary

CUORE 5 y sensitivity

□ “Pessimistic”:

$$B = 0.01 \text{ /keV}\cdot\text{kg}\cdot\text{y}; \Delta E = 5 \text{ keV}$$

$$T_{1/2} > \mathbf{2.1 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ y}}, \langle m \rangle < \mathbf{0.04-0.13 \text{ eV}}$$

□ “Optimistic”:

$$B = 0.001 \text{ /keV}\cdot\text{kg}\cdot\text{y}; \Delta E = 5 \text{ keV}$$

$$T_{1/2} > \mathbf{6.5 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ y}}, \langle m \rangle < \mathbf{0.02-0.07 \text{ eV}}$$

GERDA @ Gran Sasso: experimental concept

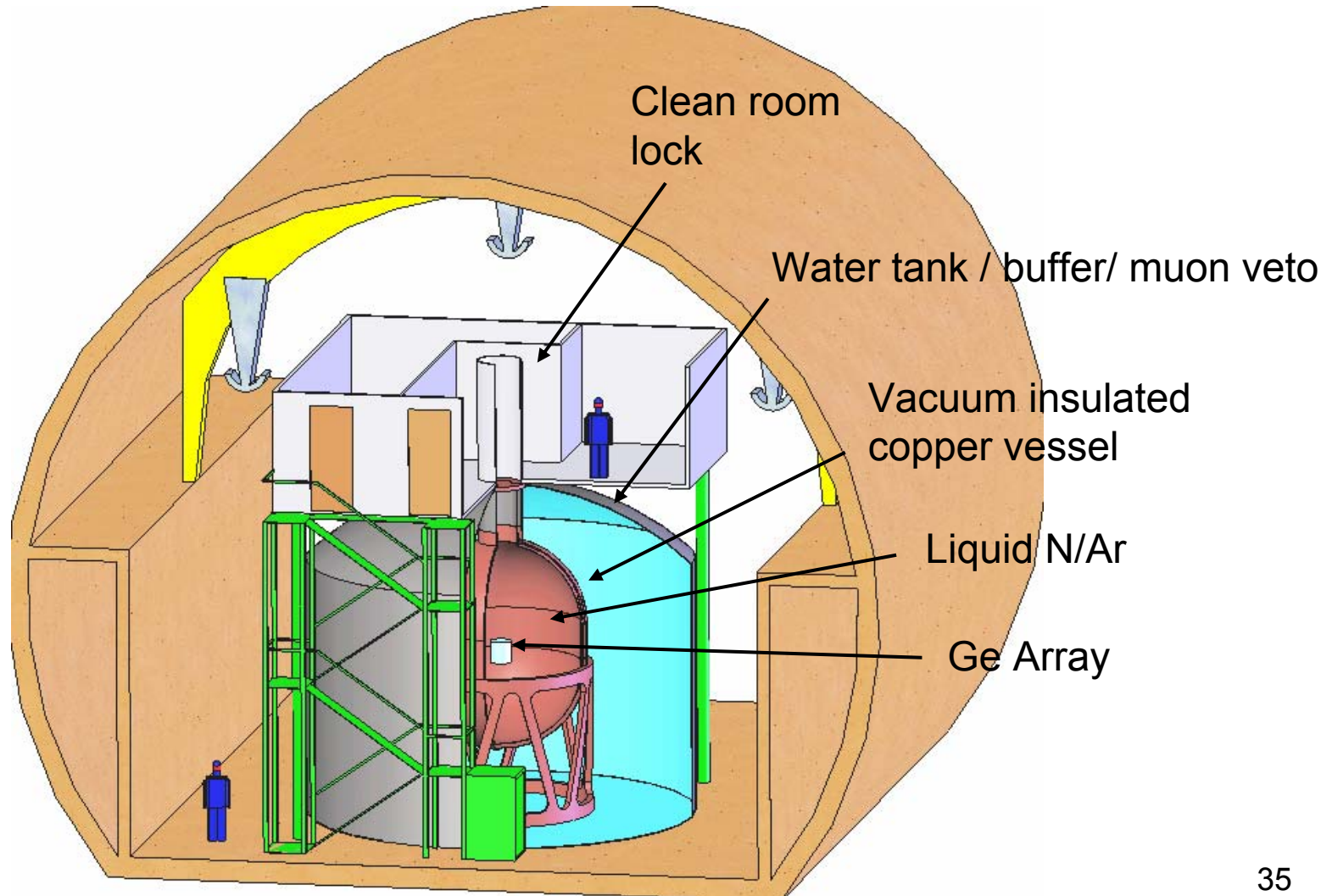
- HP Ge-diodes (86%⁷⁶Ge): **point-like** energy deposition at $Q_{\beta\beta} = 2039$ keV
- Operation of bare Ge diodes in **high-purity LN₂ or LAr shield**
(Heusser, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 45 (1995) 543); proposals based on this idea: GENIUS (H.V. Klapdor-Kleingrothaus et. al., hep-ph/9910205 (1999)); GEM (Y.G. Zdesenko et al., J. Phys. G27 (2001))
- **Baseline: LN₂**; possible **upgrade LAr**: $\rho=1.4$ g/cm³, active anti-coincidence with scintillation light from LAr

Phase I 15 kg of ⁷⁶Ge (HM and IGEX diodes)

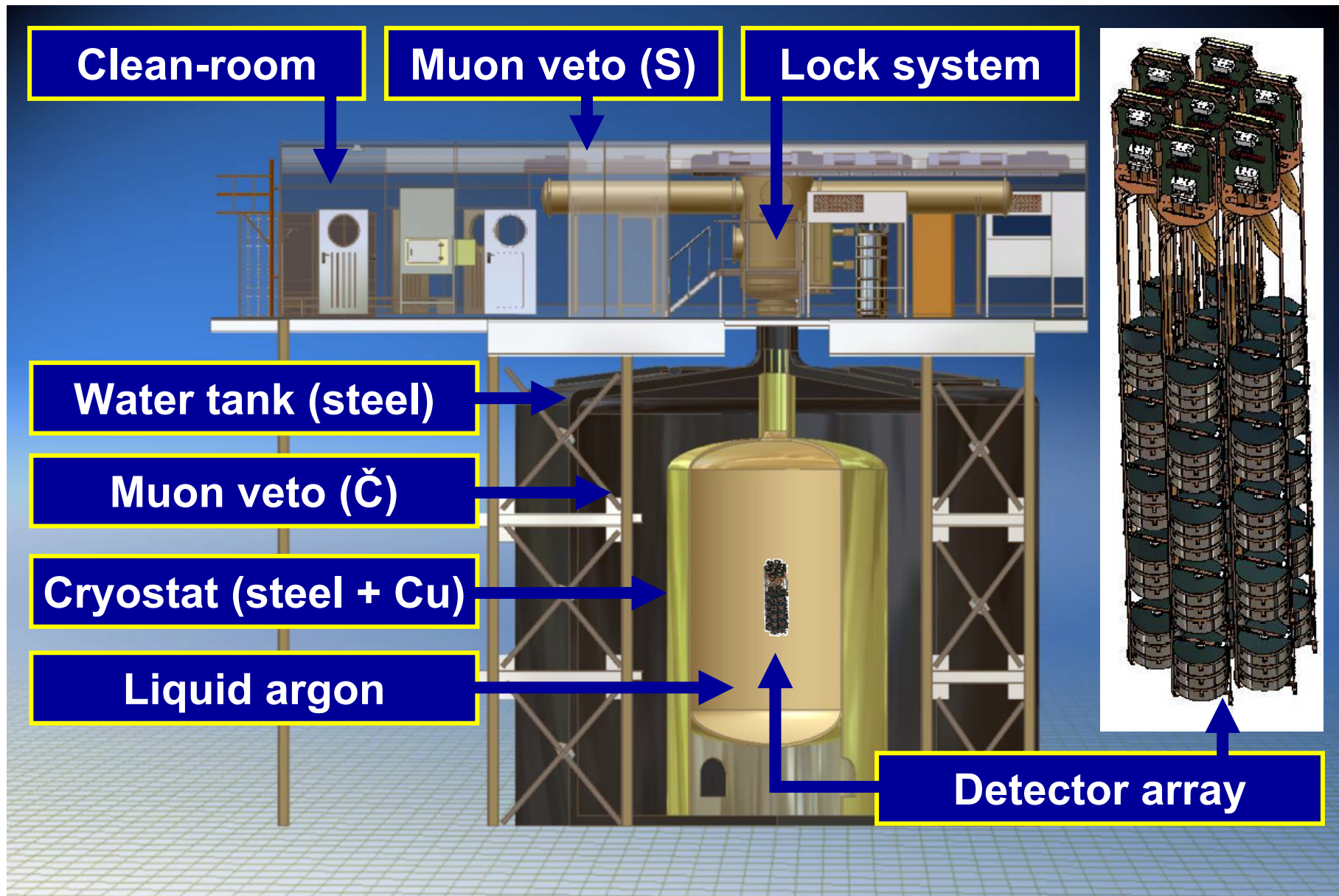
Phase II 35 kg (if funded)

Phase III ~ 500 kg

GERDA: Baseline design



GERDA: Technical realization



Physics reach

Phase I:

18 kg germanium

20 kg·y exposure

10^{-2} counts/(kg·keV·y)

Phase II:

35 kg germanium

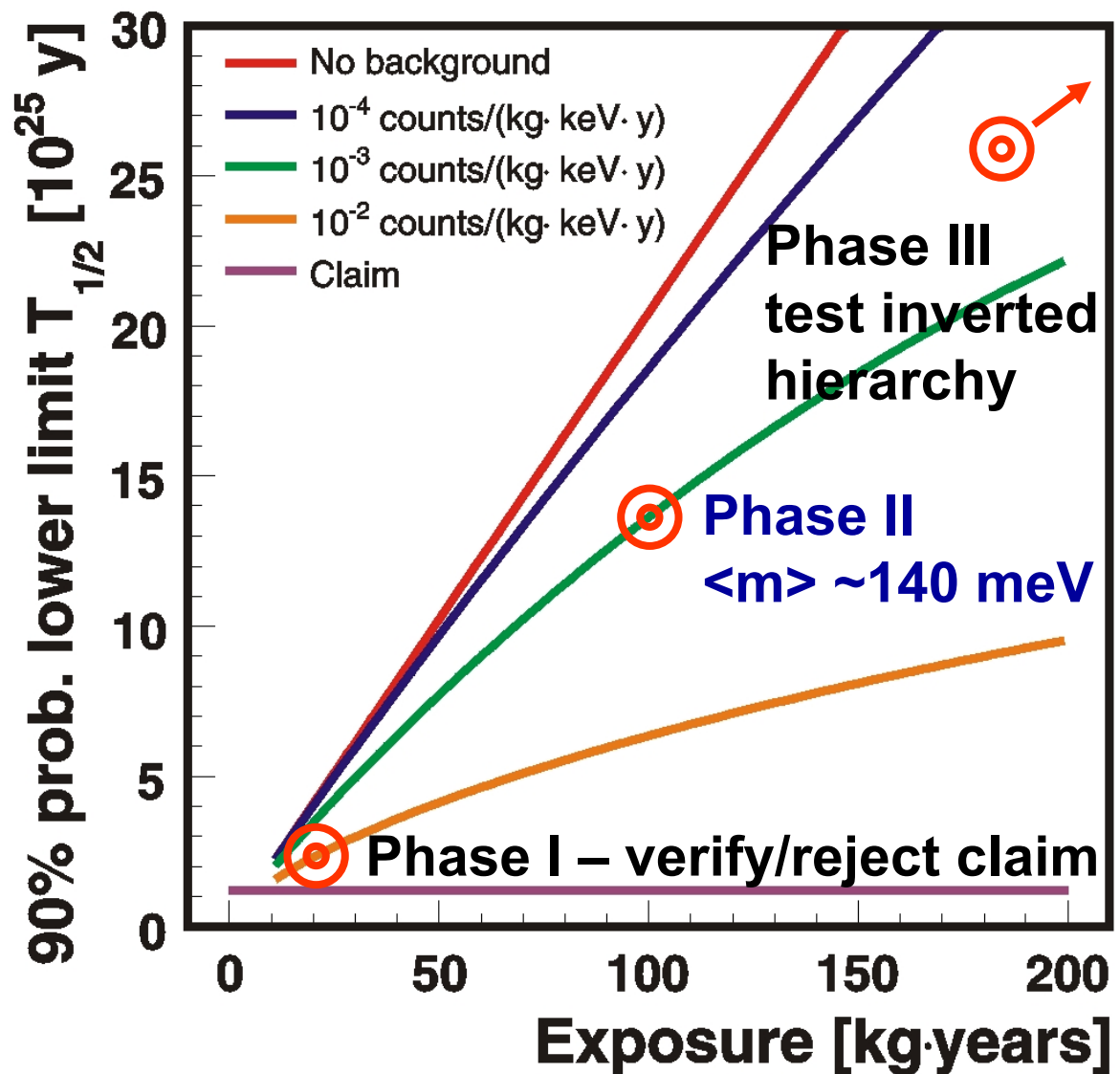
100 kg·y exposure

10^{-3} counts/(kg·keV·y)

Phase III:

1000 kg germanium

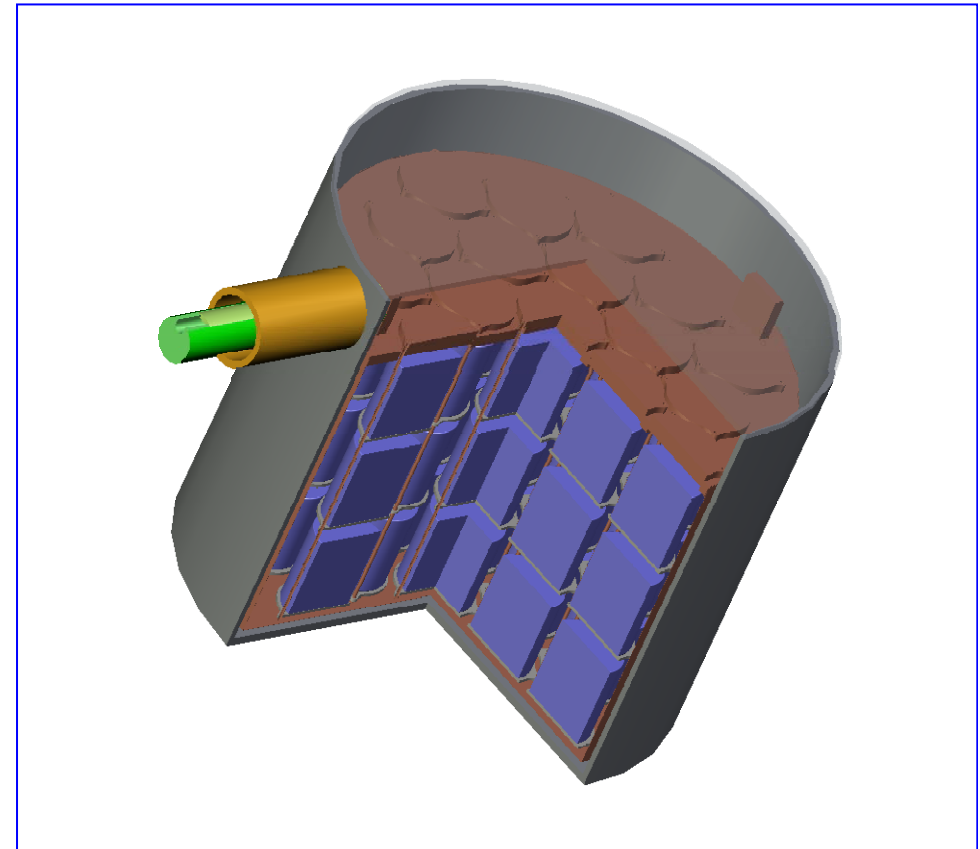
$\leq 10^{-4}$ counts/(kg·keV·y)



The Majorana ^{76}Ge $0\nu\beta\beta$ -Decay Experiment



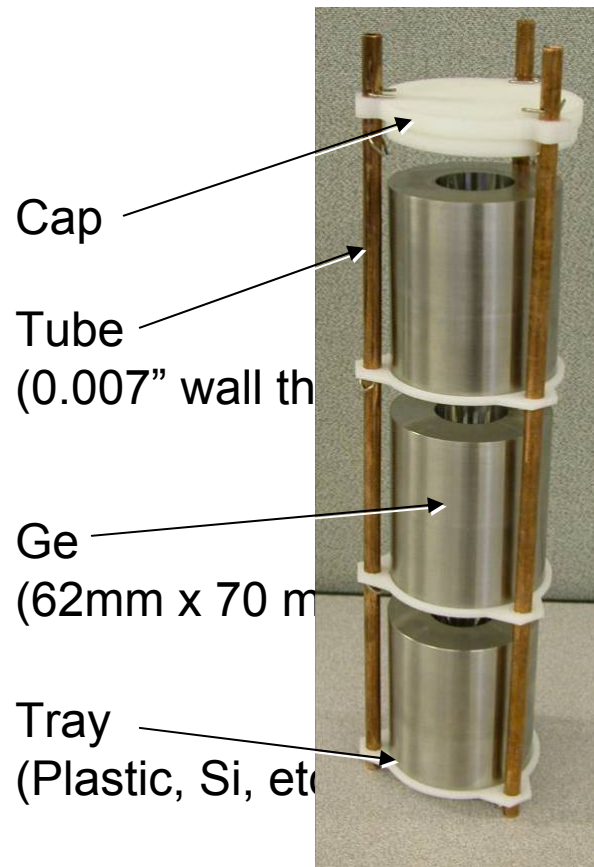
- Based on Ge crystals
 - 180 kg 86% ^{76}Ge
 - Enriched via centrifugation
- Modules with 57 crystals each
 - Three modules for **180 kg**
 - Eight modules for **500 kg!**
- Maximal use of copper electroformed underground
- Background rejection methods
 - Granularity
 - Pulse Shape Discrimination
 - Single Site Time Correlation
 - Detector Segmentation
- Underground Lab
 - 6000 mwe
 - Class 1000



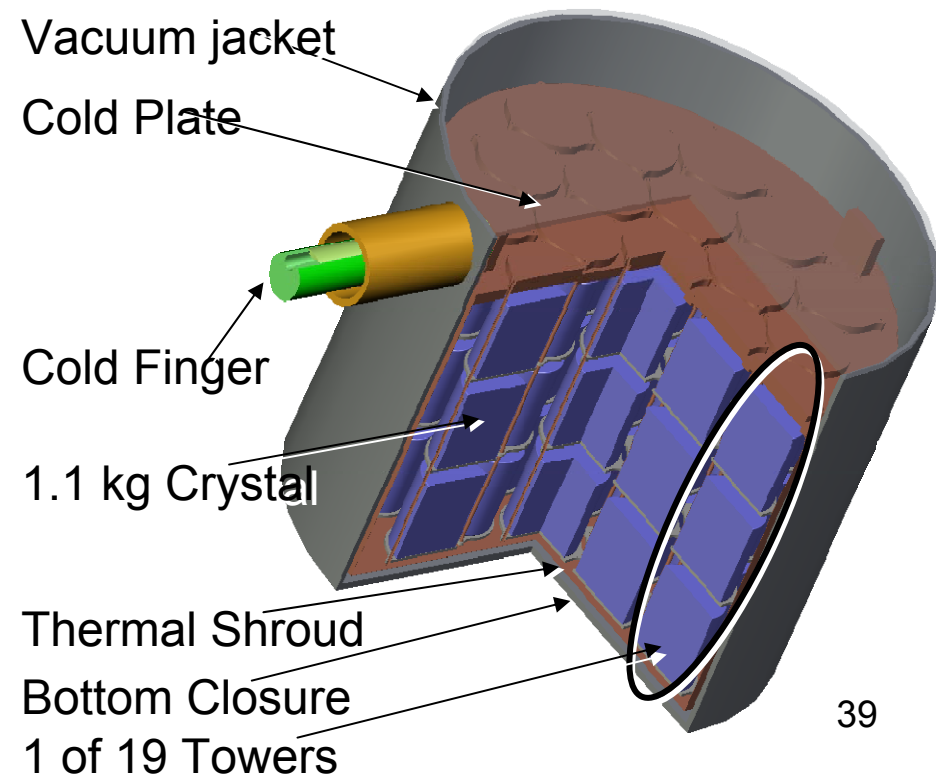
Conceptual Design of 57 Crystal Module



- Conventional vacuum cryostat made with electroformed Cu
- Three-crystal tower is a module within a module
- Allows simplified detector installation & maintenance
- Low mass of Cu and other structural materials per kg Ge



40 cm x 40 cm Cryostat

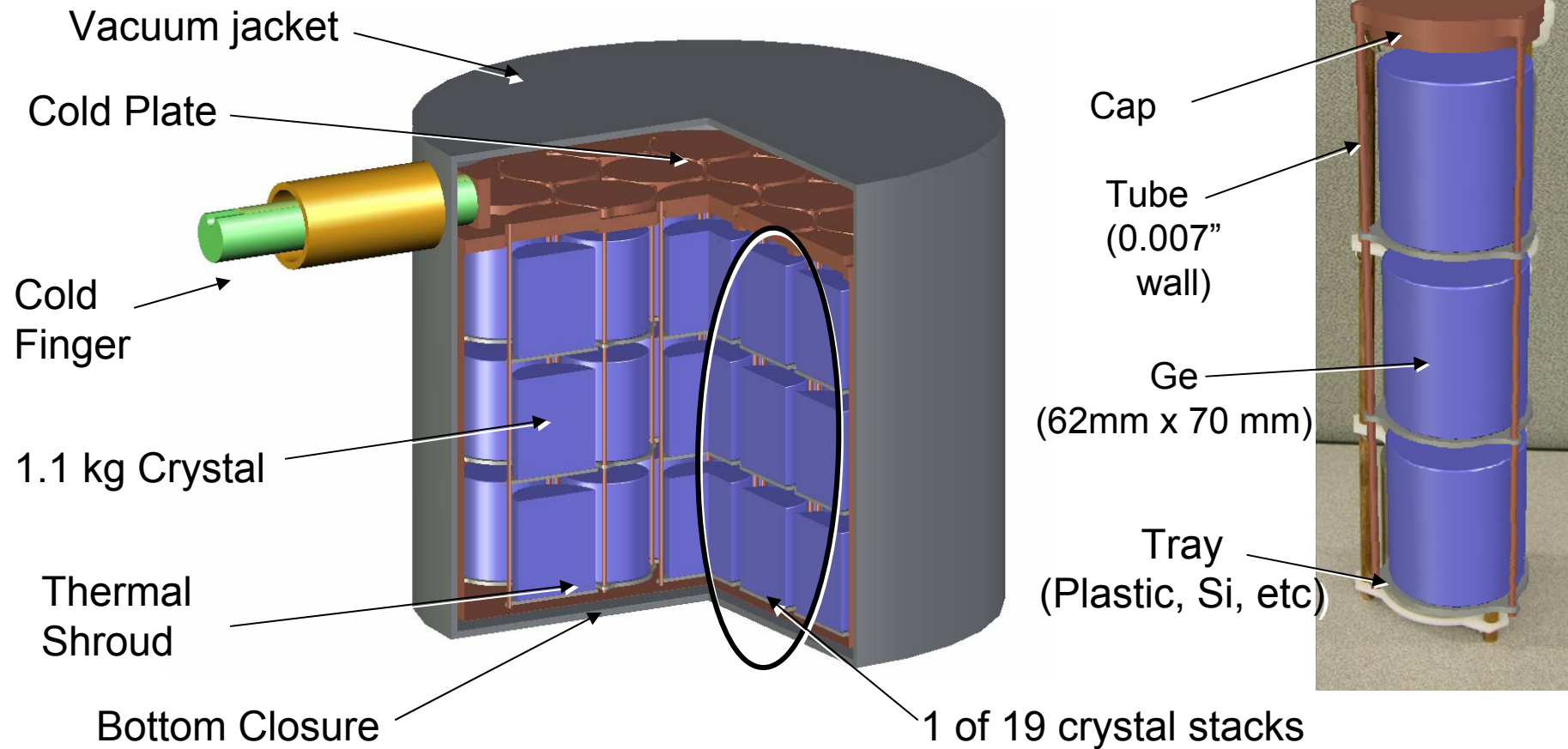


The Majorana Modular Approach

One concept: 57 crystal modules

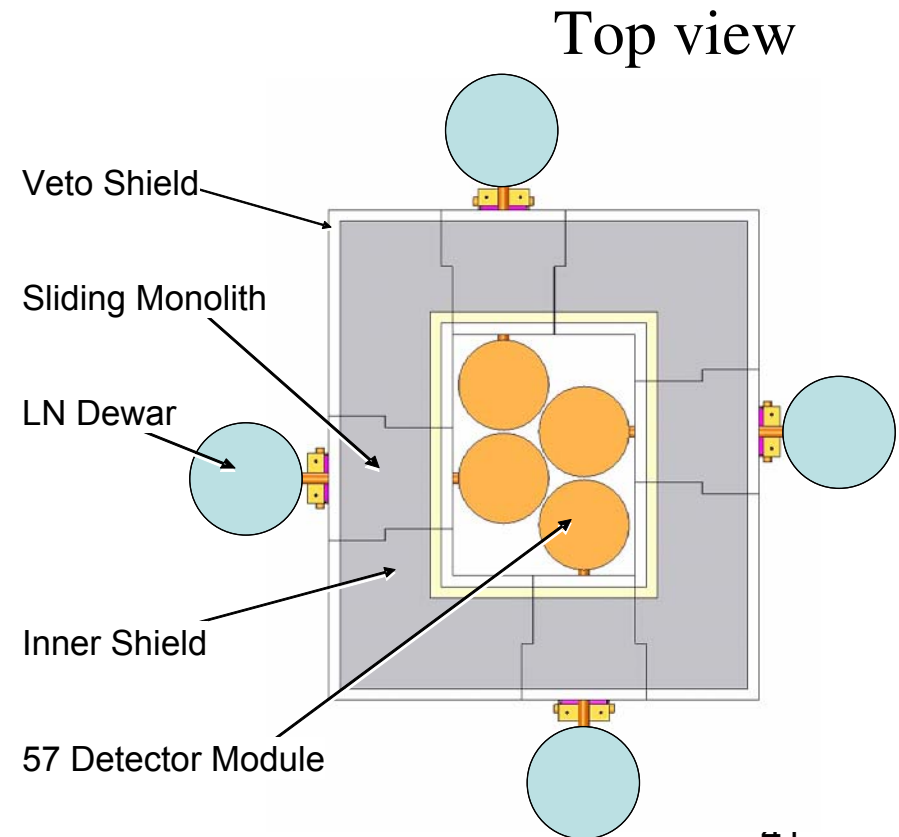
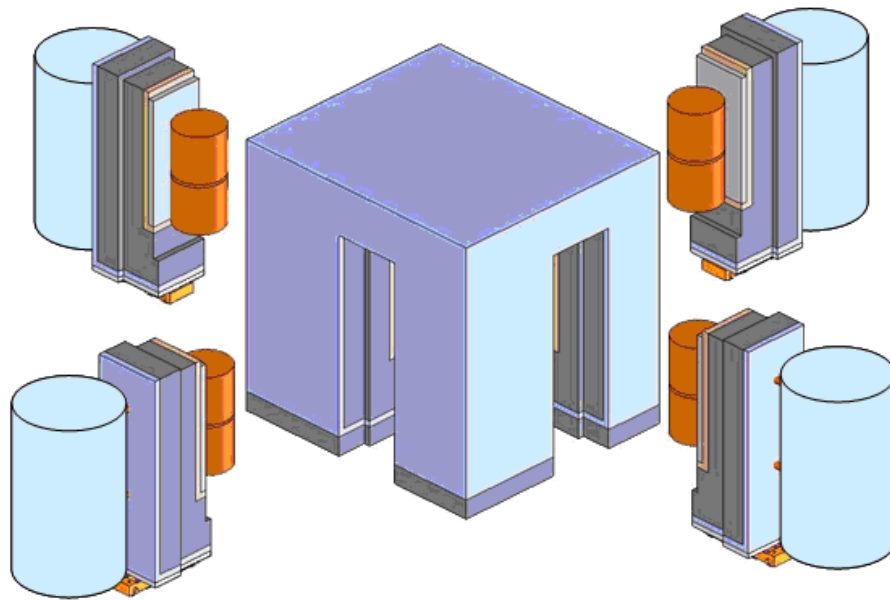
Conventional vacuum cryostat made with electroformed Cu.

Three-crystal stack are individually removable.



The Majorana Shield - Conceptual Design

- Deep underground: >5000'
- Allows modular deployment, early operation
- Contains up to eight 57-crystal modules
- 40 cm bulk Pb, 10 cm ultra-low background shield
- Active 4π veto detector



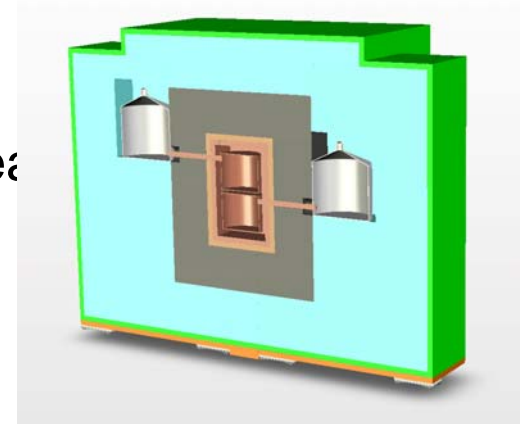
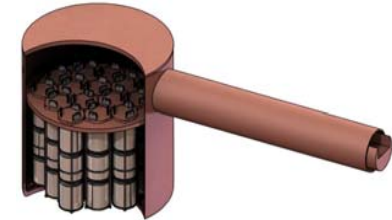
Majorana Collaboration Current Status

Actively pursuing the development of R&D aimed at a ~1 ton scale ^{76}Ge neutrinoless $\beta\beta$ -decay experiment.

- Immediate thrust is to build a 60 kg prototype module to demonstrate backgrounds needed in a future experiment capable of reaching a sensitivity to the “inverted hierarchy” neutrino mass scale (30-40 meV).
- Using this prototype, expect to make a down-select between Majorana and GERDA technologies, picking the best method.
- Also exploring longer term R&D to minimize costs and optimize the schedule for a 1 ton experiment.

Our plan has been guided by advice from NuSAG, an independent external panel review (March 06), and a DOE $\beta\beta$ -decay Pre-conceptual design review panel (Nov. 06)

The Majorana Prototype Module (WIP)

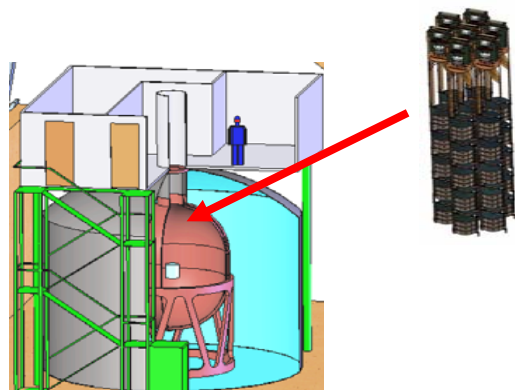


- 60 kg module, ~60-100 crystals.
- Different designs and levels of enrichment
- ≥ 4500 mwe
- Background Specification Goal in the $0\nu\beta\beta$ peak region of interest (4 keV at 2039 keV)
 - ~ ≤ 1 count/ROI/t-y (after analysis cuts)
- Expected Sensitivity to $0\nu\beta\beta$
(for 60 kg enriched material, running 2 years, or 0.12 t-y of ^{76}Ge exposure)
 - $T_{1/2} \geq 1.6 \times 10^{26}$ y (90% CL)
 - Sensitivity to $\langle m_{\nu} \rangle < 190$ meV (90% CL) ([Rod06] RQRPA NME)
 - Able to confirm/refute KKDC 400 meV value (20% measurement).

GERDA - Majorana



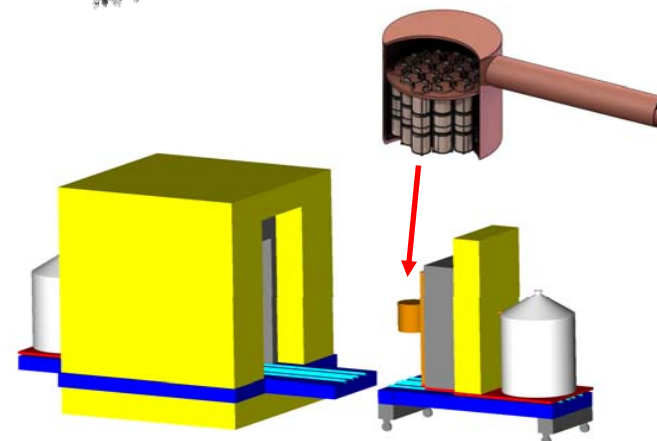
GERDA



- 'Bare' ^{76}Ge array in liquid argon
 - Shield: high-purity liquid Argon / H_2O
 - Phase I (mid 2008): ~18 kg (HdM/IGEX diodes)
 - Phase II (mid 2009): add ~20 kg new detectors
- Total ~40 kg



Majorana



- Modules of ^{76}Ge housed in high-purity electroformed copper cryostat
 - Shield: electroformed copper / lead
 - Initial phase: R&D prototype module
- Total 60 kg

Joint Cooperative Agreement:

- Open exchange of knowledge & technologies (e.g. MaGe, R&D)
- Intention to merge for 1 ton exp. Select best techniques developed and tested in GERDA and Majorana

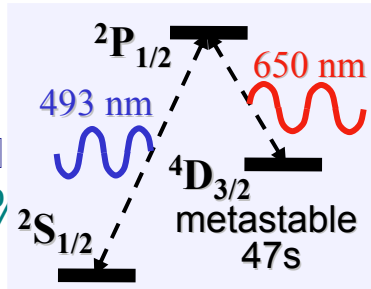
EXO (Enriched Xenon Observatory)
USA-RUSSIA-CANADA

- $^{136}\text{Xe} \rightarrow ^{136}\text{Ba}^{++} + 2e^-$ ($E_{2\beta} = 2.47$ MeV)
- **Main idea is:** to detect all products of the reaction with good enough energy and space resolution (M.Moe PRC 44(1991)931)

Tracking

EXO

- concept: scale Gotthard experiment adding Ba tagging to suppress background ($^{136}\text{Xe} \rightarrow ^{136}\text{Ba}^{++} + 2e$)
- single Ba^{++} detected by optical spectroscopy
- two options with 63% enriched Xe
 - High pressure Xe TPC
 - LXe TPC + scintillation
- calorimetry + tracking
- expected bkg only by $\sim 2\%$
 - energy resolution $\sigma_E = 2\%$

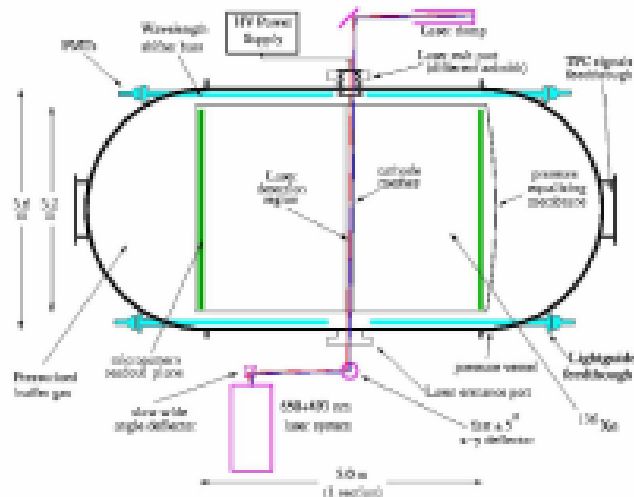


Present R&D

- Ba^+ spectroscopy in HP Xe / Ba^+ ex
- energy resolution in LXe (ion.+scint.)
- Prototype scale:
 - ▶ 200 kg enriched L ^{136}Xe without tag,
 - ▶ all EXO functionality except Ba id
 - ▶ operate in WIPP for ~two years
- Prototype goals:
 - ▶ Test all technical aspects of EXO (except Ba id)
 - ▶ Measure 2v mode
 - ▶ Set decent limit for 0v mode (probe Heidelberg- Moscow)

LXe TPC

Conceptual scheme of a high pressure Xe gas TPC with laser tagging



Full scale experiment at WIPP or SNOLAB

- 10 t (for LXe $\approx 3 \text{ m}^3$)
 - $b = 4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ c/keV/ton/y}$
 - $\sigma_{1/2} \approx 1.3 \times 10^{28} \text{ y}$ in 5 years
 - $\langle m \rangle \approx 0.013 \div 0.037 \text{ eV}$

1 ton EXO

- Liquid (gas) Xe TPC + Ba⁺ tagging
- 1 ton of **¹³⁶Xe** (**80%** enrichment)
- $\Delta E/E(\text{FWHM}) = \mathbf{3.8\%}$ at 2.5 MeV
(ionization and scintillation readout)
- Background (5 y) = **1** event
- Sensitivity (5 y): **$2 \cdot 10^{27}$ y** (**$\langle m_\nu \rangle \sim$**
0.02-0.45 eV)

EXO-200 (without Ba⁺ tagging)

- **200 kg** of ¹³⁶Xe (80% enrichment) – **exist!**
- Location: WIPP (USA)
- $\Delta E/E(\text{FWHM}) = \mathbf{3.8\%}$ at 2.5 MeV (ionization and scintillation readout)
- Background (5 y) = **40** events
- Sensitivity (5 y): **$6.4 \cdot 10^{25}$ y** (**$\langle m_\nu \rangle \sim 0.12\text{--}0.25$ eV**)
- Is under construction now (at Stanford)
- Start of measurements: in **$\sim 2007\text{--}2008$**

SuperNEMO preliminary design

Plane geometry

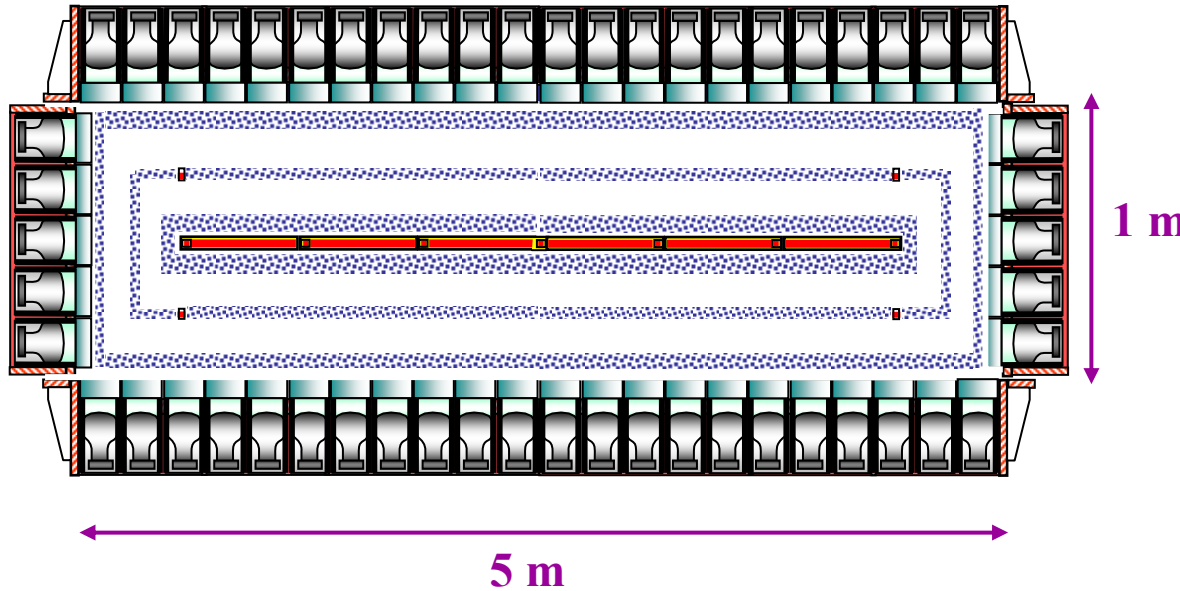
Source (40 mg/cm^2) 12m^2 , tracking volume (~ 3000 channels) and calorimeter (~ 1000 PMT)

Modular ($\sim 5 \text{ kg}$ of enriched isotope/module)

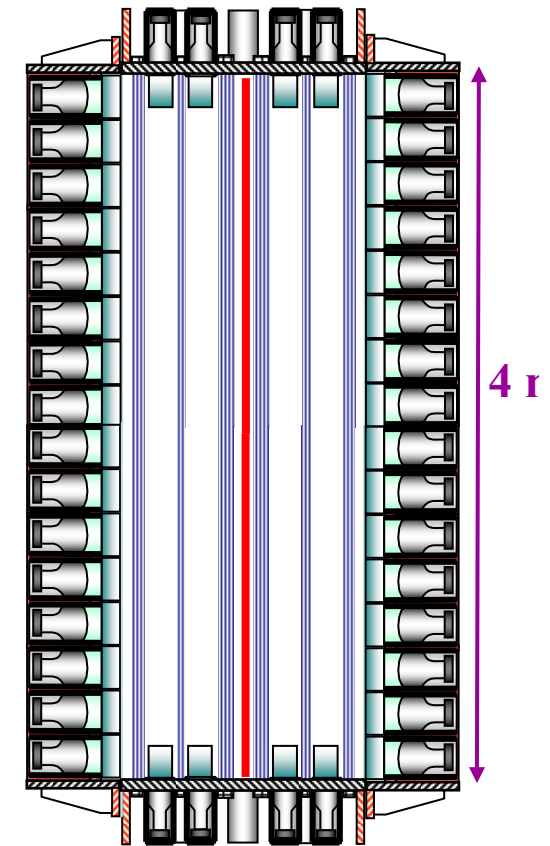
100 kg: 20 modules

$\sim 60\,000$ channels for drift chamber

$\sim 20\,000$ PMT

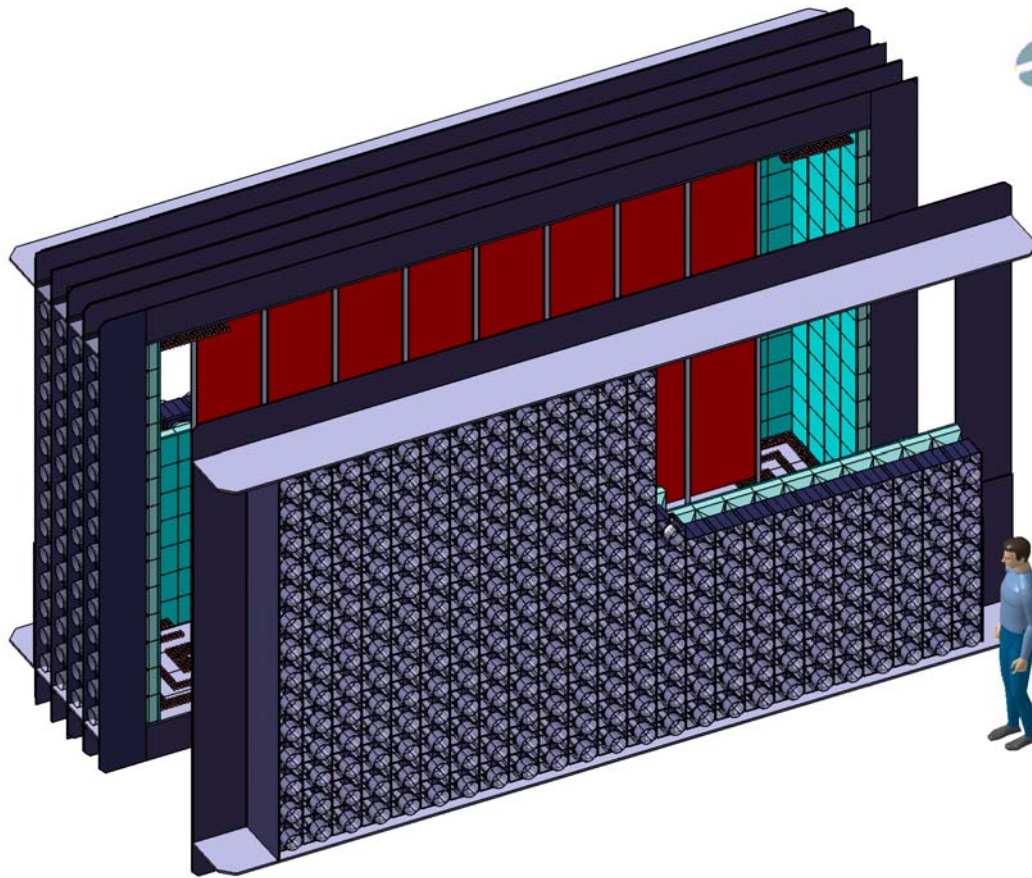


Top view

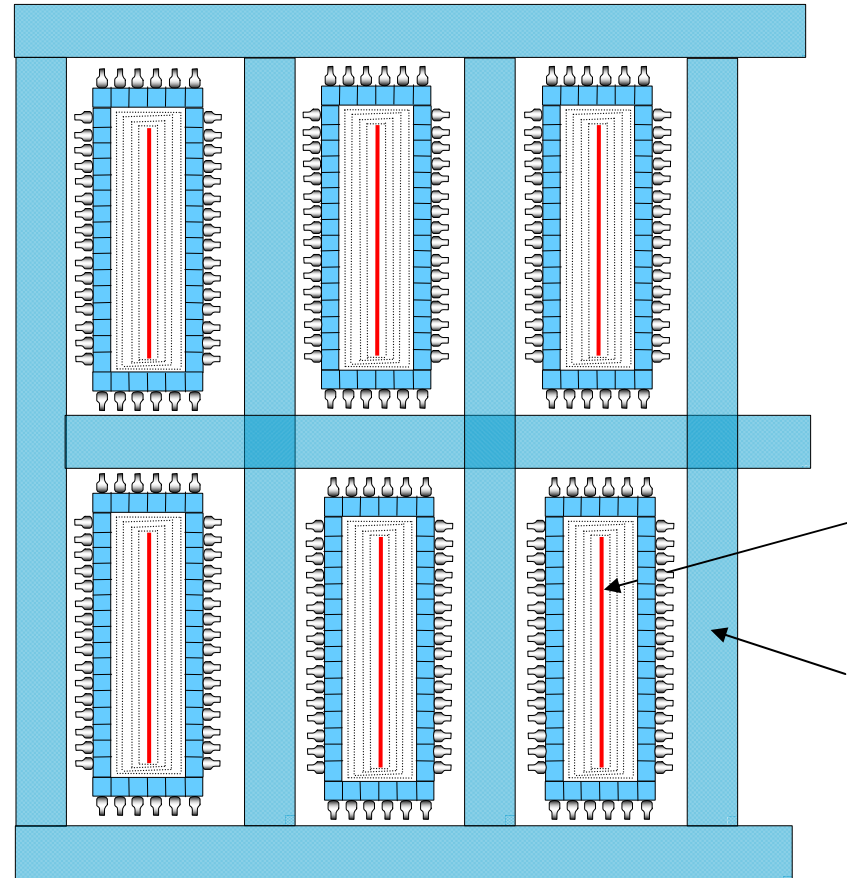


Side view

Very preliminary design



Single sub-module
with ~7 kg of isotope



~20 sub-modules for 100+ kg of isotope
surrounded by shielding

From NEMO-3 to SuperNEMO

NEMO-3

SuperNEMO

7 kg ^{100}Mo
 $T_{1/2}(\beta\beta 2\nu) = 7 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ y}$

Mass of isotope

100 kg ^{82}Se
 $T_{1/2}(\beta\beta 2\nu) = 10^{20} \text{ y}$

$T_{1/2}(\beta\beta 0\nu) > 2 \cdot 10^{24} \text{ y}$
 $\langle m_\nu \rangle < 0.3 - 1.3 \text{ eV}$

Sensitivity

$T_{1/2}(\beta\beta 0\nu) > 2 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ y}$
 $\langle m_\nu \rangle < 40 - 110 \text{ meV}$

FWHM $\sim 12\%$ at 3 MeV
 (dominated by calorimeter $\sim 8\%$)

Energy resolution
(FWHM of the $\beta\beta 0\nu$ ray)

FWHM $\sim 6\%$ at 3 MeV
 (dominated by source foil)

$\mathcal{E}(\beta\beta 0\nu) = 8 \%$
 { poor energy resolution
 { e^- backscattering on scintillator

Efficiency

$\mathcal{E}(\beta\beta 0\nu) \sim 40 \%$

$^{214}\text{Bi} < 300 \mu\text{Bq/kg}$
 $^{208}\text{Tl} < 20 \mu\text{Bq/kg}$

Internal contaminations
in the source foils in ^{208}Tl and ^{214}Bi

$^{214}\text{Bi} < 10 \mu\text{Bq/kg}$
 $^{208}\text{Tl} < 2 \mu\text{Bq/kg}$

$\beta\beta 2\nu \sim 2 \text{ cts} / 7 \text{ kg} / \text{y}$
 $(^{208}\text{Tl}, ^{214}\text{Bi}) \sim 0.5 \text{ cts} / 7 \text{ kg} / \text{y}$

Background

$\beta\beta 2\nu + (^{208}\text{Tl}, ^{214}\text{Bi})$
 $\leq 1 \text{ cts} / 100 \text{ kg} / \text{y}$

Planning

- ✓ 2005 – 2007 : R&D program
- ✓ 2008: construction of the first SuperNEMO module with 5 kg ^{82}Se
- ✓ 2009-2011: construction and installation of the 20 modules \Rightarrow 100 kg of ^{82}Se
start tacking data with delivered modules
- ✓ 2012: full SuperNEMO running with 100 kg of ^{82}Se

