



Neutrinoless double beta decay

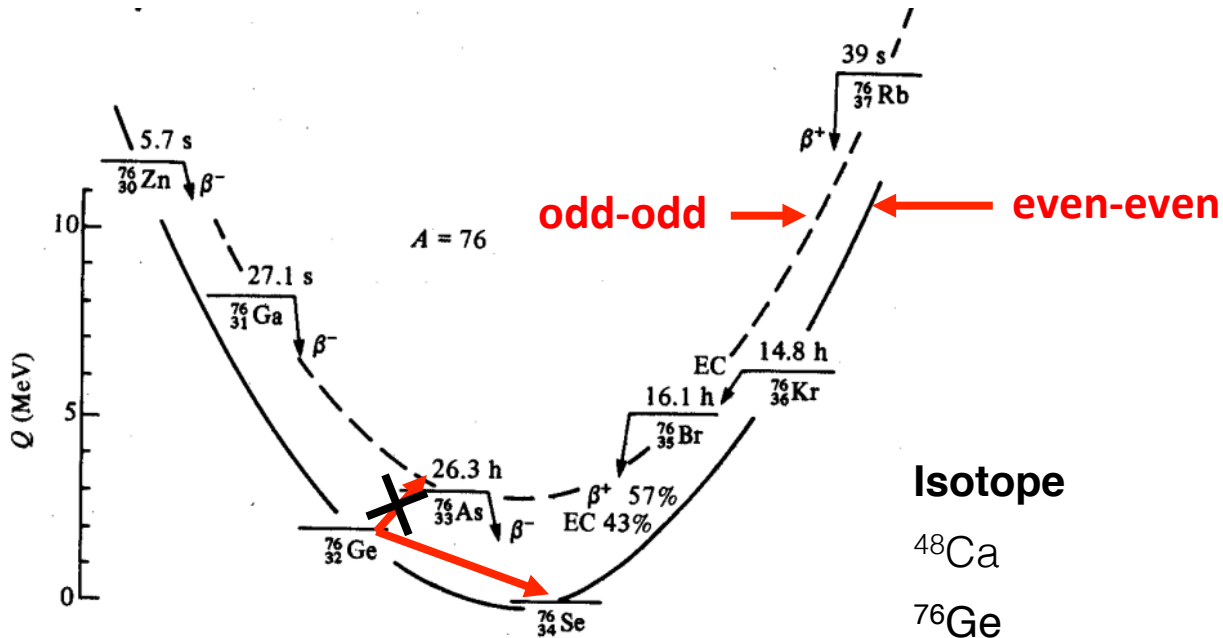
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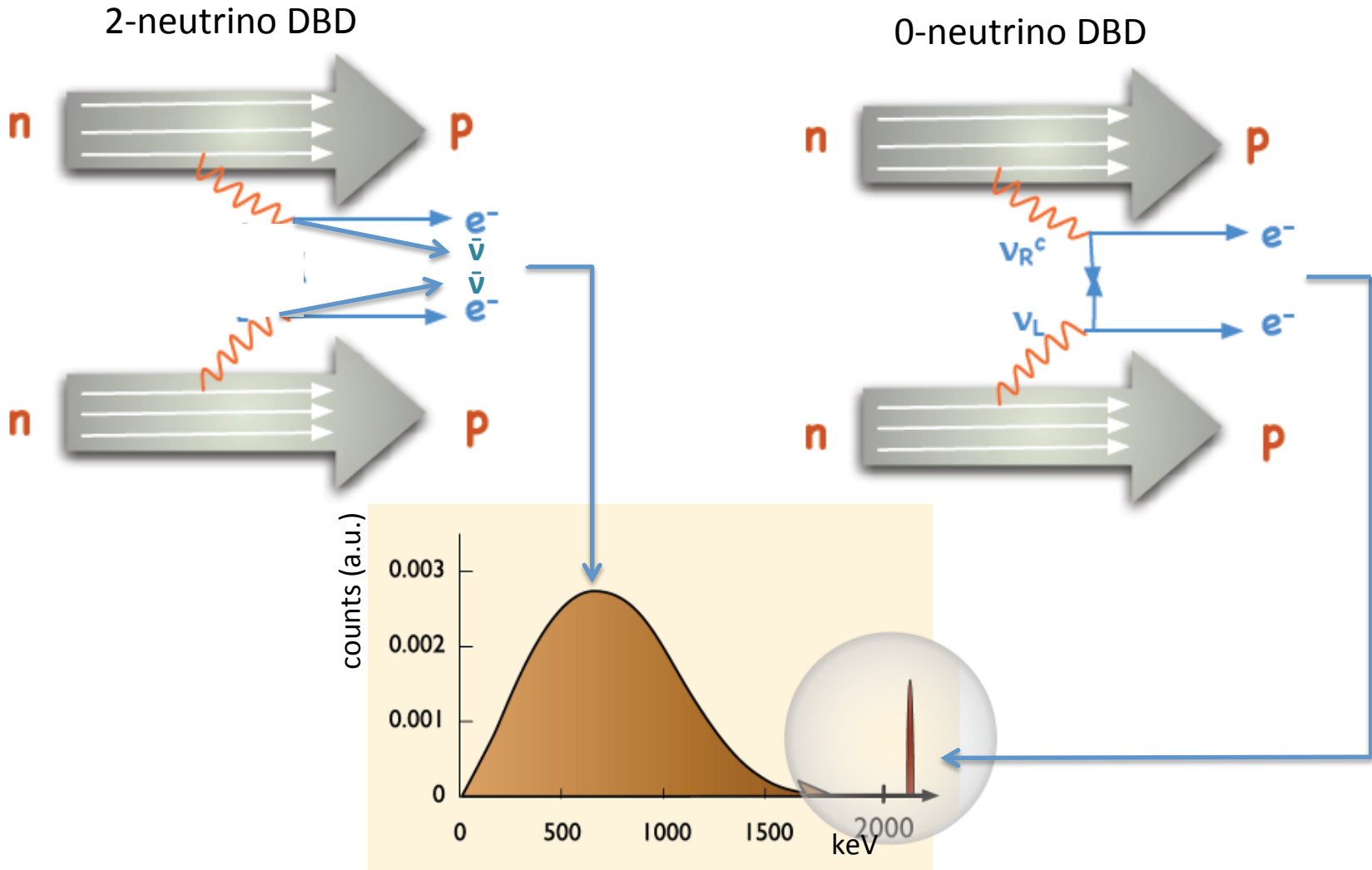


Double beta decay isotopes



Isotope	Nat ab.	$Q_{\beta\beta}$
^{48}Ca	0.19 %	4262.96(84) keV
^{76}Ge	7.6%	2039.04(16) keV
^{82}Se	8.7%	2997.9(3) keV
^{96}Zr	2.8%	3356.097(86) keV
^{100}Mo	9.6%	3034.40(17) keV
^{116}Cd	7.5%	2813.50(13) keV
^{130}Te	34.5%	2526.97(23) keV
^{136}Xe	8.9%	2457.83(37) keV
^{150}Nd	5.6%	3371.38(20) keV

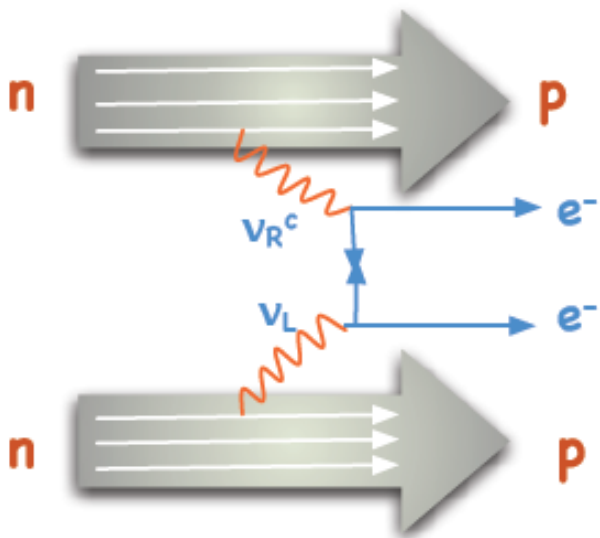
$2\nu\beta\beta$ and $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay



2-electron spectra



$0\nu\beta\beta$ decay and neutrino mass



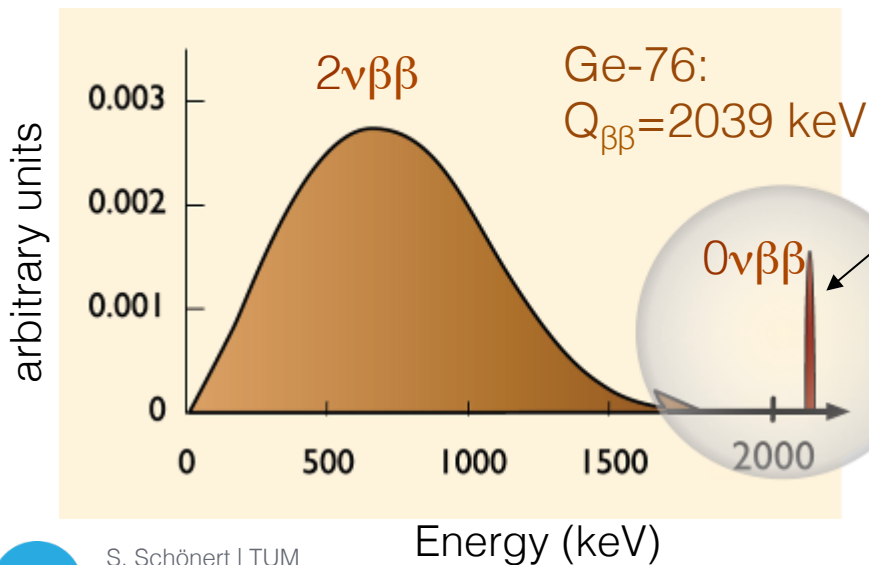
Expected decay rate:

$$(T_{1/2}^{0\nu})^{-1} = G^{0\nu}(Q, Z) |M^{0\nu}|^2 \langle m_{ee} \rangle^2$$

Phase space integral Nuclear matrix element

$$\langle m_{ee} \rangle = \left| \sum_i U_{ei}^2 m_i \right| \quad \text{Effective neutrino mass}$$

U_{ei} Elements of (complex) PMNS mixing matrix



Experimental signatures:

- peak at $Q_{\beta\beta}$
- two electrons from vertex

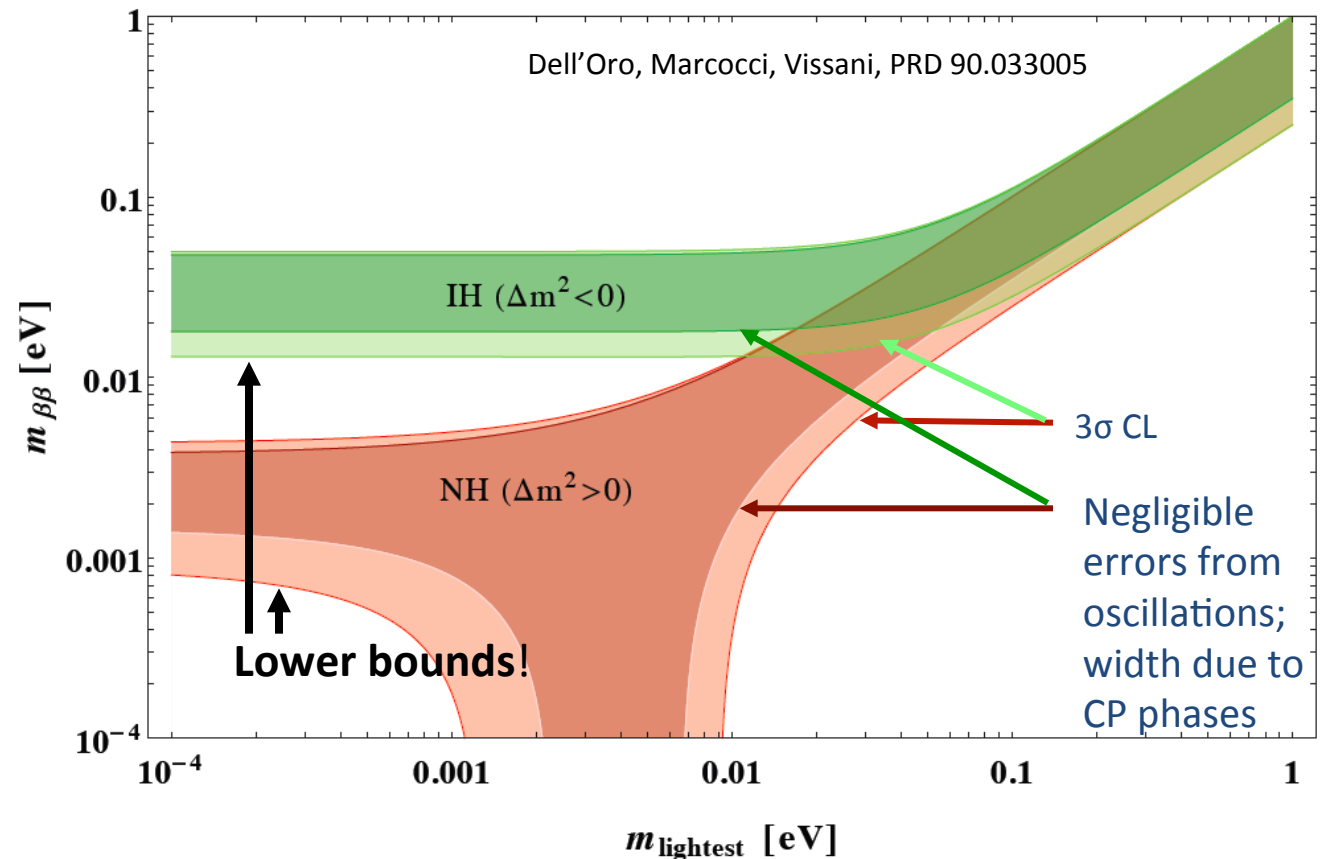
Discovery would imply:

- lepton number violation $\Delta L = 2$
- ν 's have Majorana character
- mass scale
- physics beyond the standard model

$0\nu\beta\beta$: Range of m_{ee} from oscillation experiments

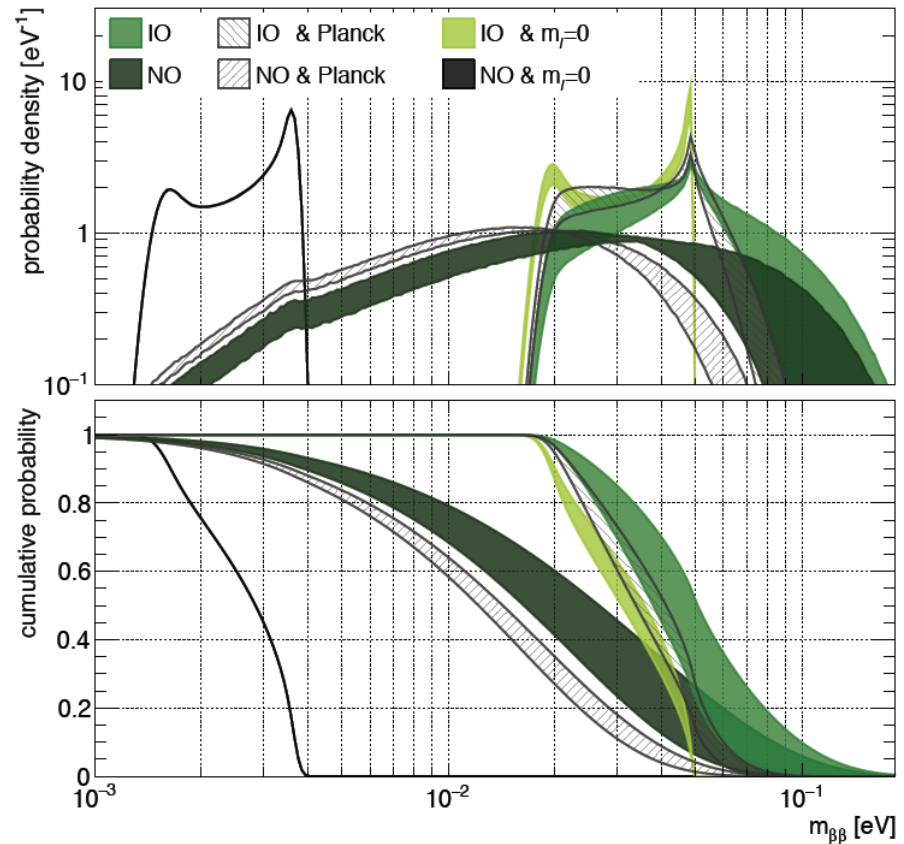
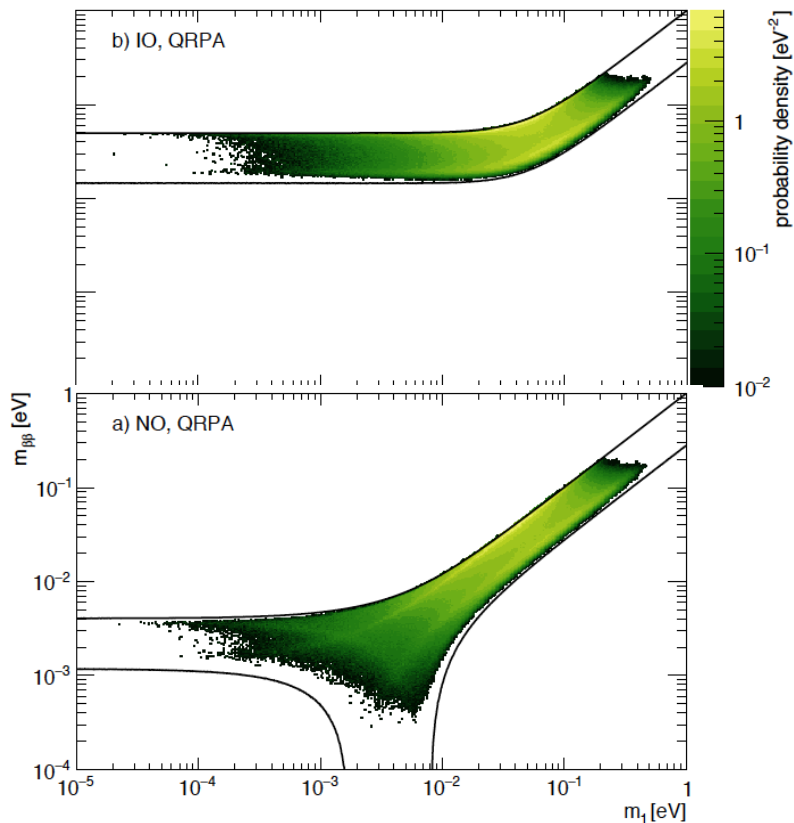
$$m_{ee} = f(m_1, \underbrace{\Delta m_{sol}^2, \Delta m_{atm}^2, \theta_{12}, \theta_{13}}_{\text{from oscillation experiments}}, \alpha-\beta)$$

Goal of next generation experiments: 

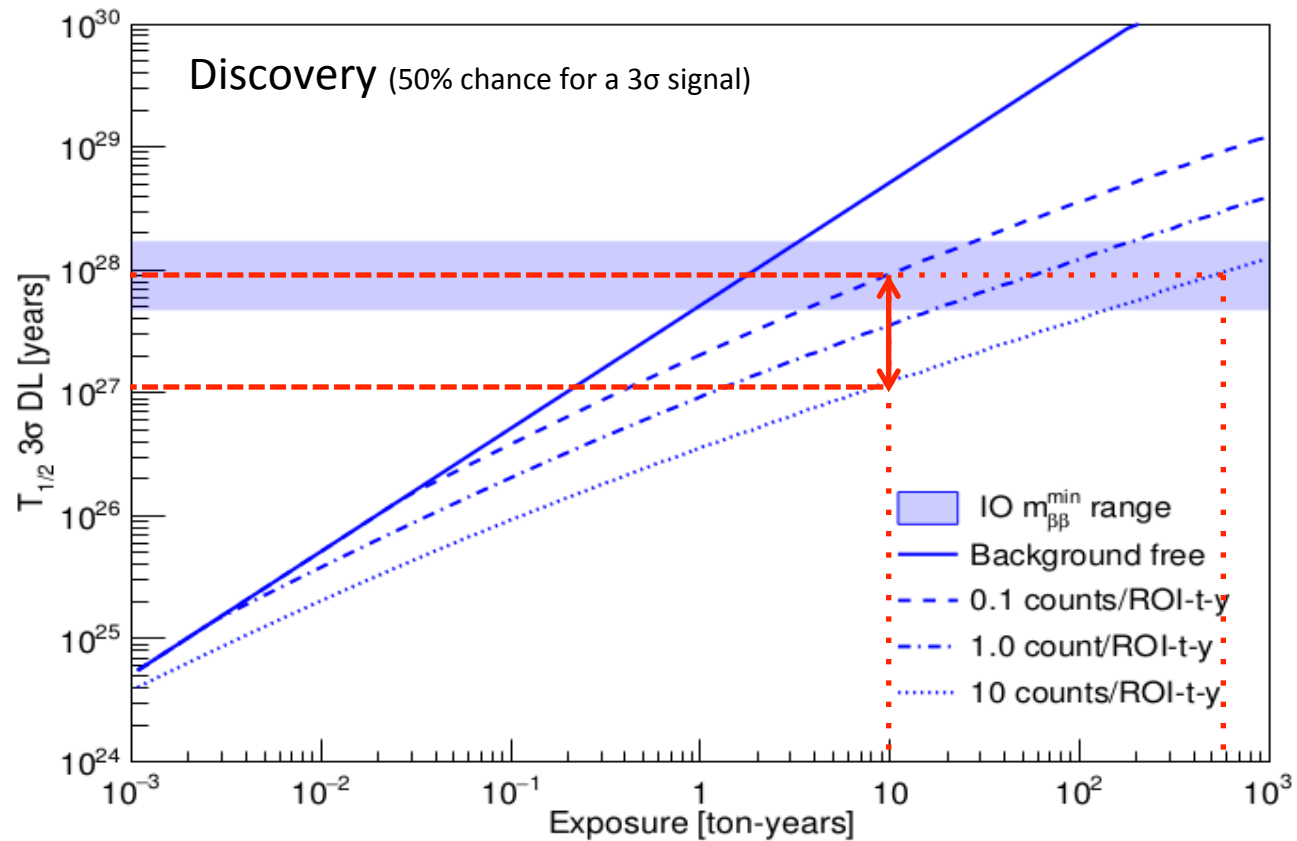


Discovery probabilities

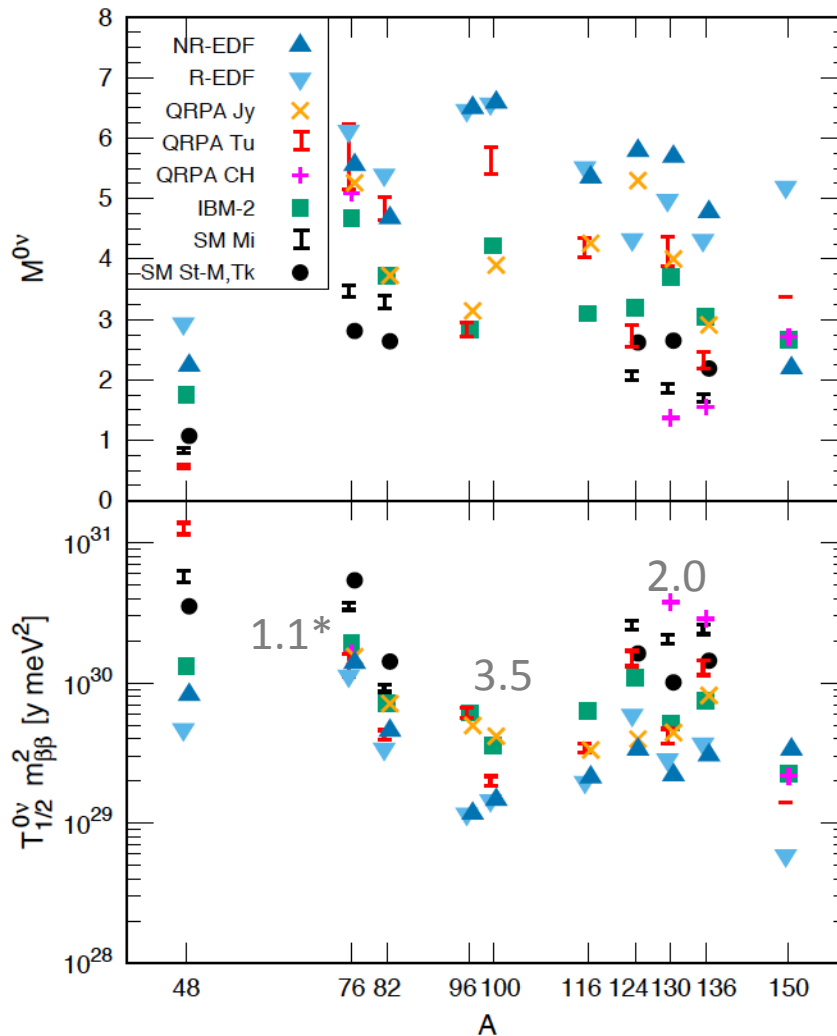
- Global Bayesian analysis including ν -oscillation, m_β , $m_{\beta\beta}$, Σ
- Priors:
 - Majorana phases (flat)
 - m_1 (scale invariant)



Discovery sensitivity vs. background



Nuclear matrix elements



Spread about x2

No isotope significantly preferred when comparing decay rate per mass

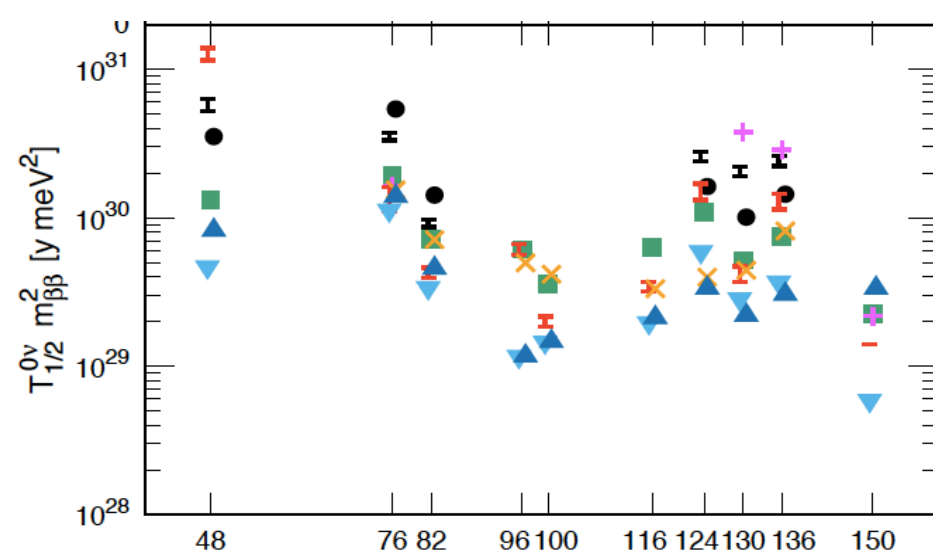
Choice mainly driven by experimental considerations

*number = signal rate per 1000 kg yr exposure & for middle of NME values for $\langle m_{ee} \rangle = 17.5$ meV ('bottom of IH' for $g_A=1.25$, $\sin^2\theta_{12} = 0.318$)

Engel & Menéndez

arXiv:1610.06548v2

Experiments



LXe TPC: EXO-200 / nEXO
 gas-Xe TPC: NEXT, PandaX-III
 Xe-loaded LS: KamLAND-Zen

Te-loaded LS: SNO+
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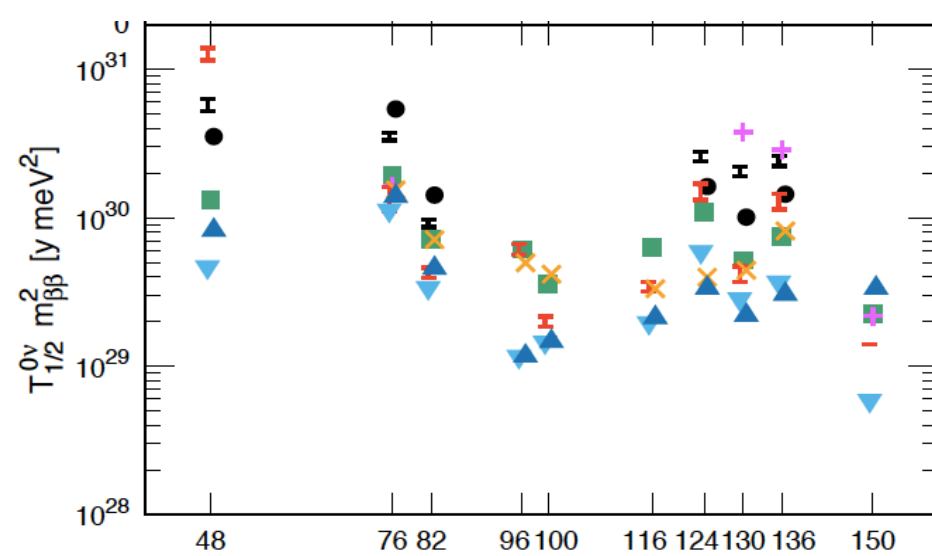
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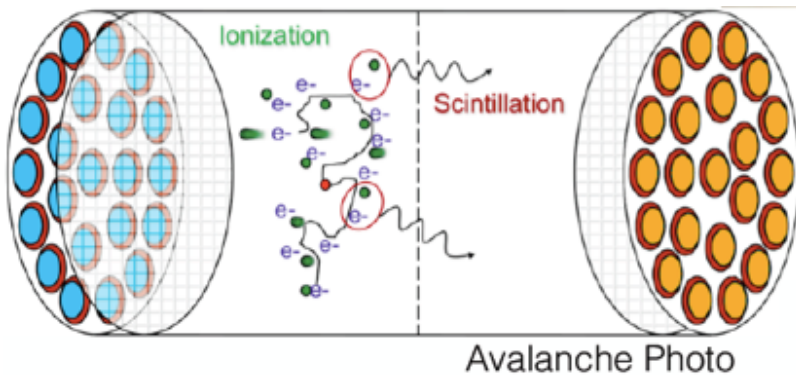
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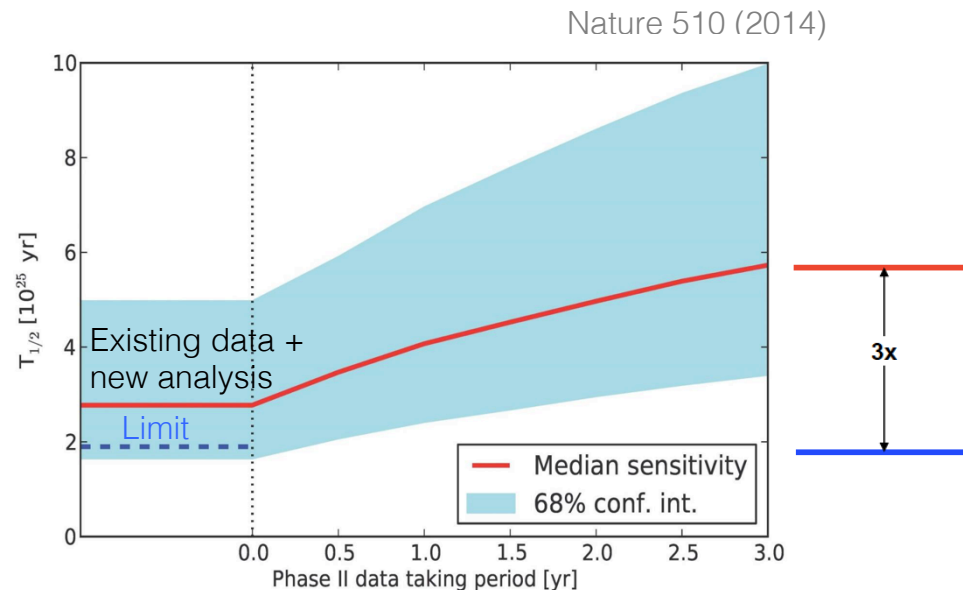
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Xenon Experiments: EXO-200

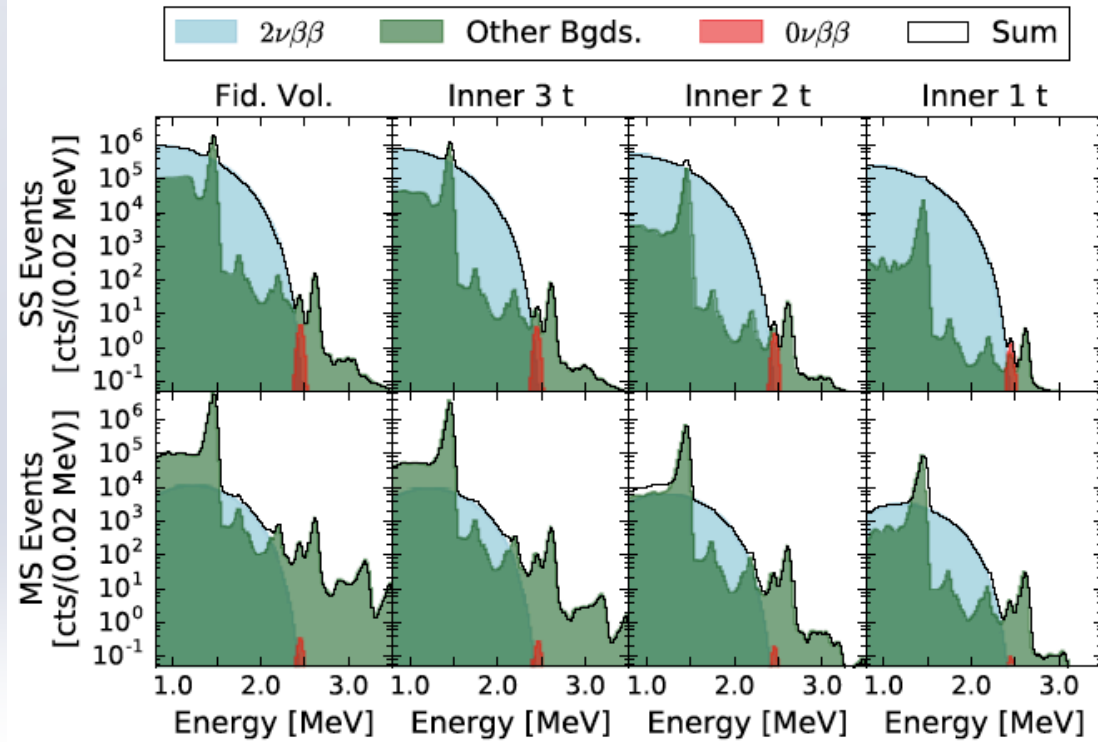
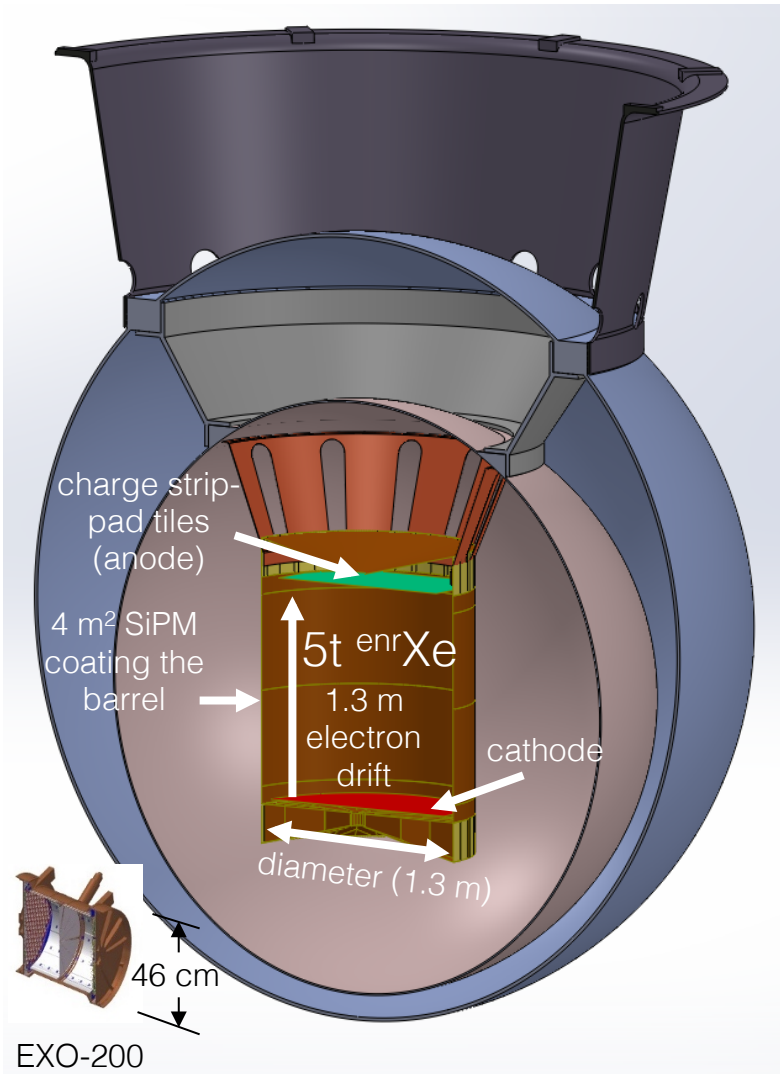


- ^{136}Xe : $Q_{\beta\beta} = 2458 \text{ keV}$
- Liquid Xe TPC (80.6% ^{136}Xe)
- 75 kg ^{136}Xe in FV
- Phase I completed: 122 kg yr
- $T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta} > 1.1 \times 10^{25} \text{ yr}$
- Sensitivity: $1.9 \times 10^{25} \text{ yr}$

- Phase II: Jan 2016 with improved detector performance: e.g. σ/E : 1.6% (Phase I) \Rightarrow 1.3% (Phase II); Rn reduction
- **New results** by Caio Licciardo on Friday



Xenon Experiments: nEXO



Discovery sensitivity (3σ , 50%) after 10 yr

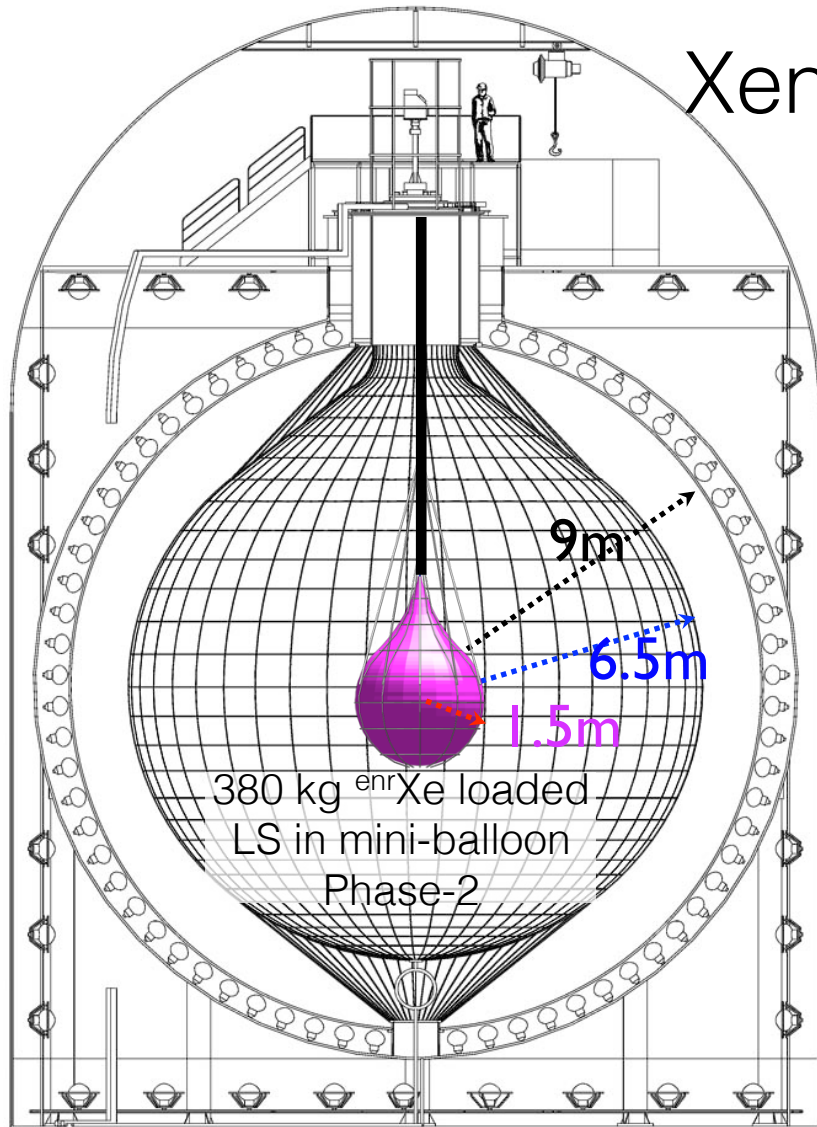
$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta} = 5.5 \times 10^{27} \text{ yr}$$

If ^{136}Ba -tagging can be implemented:

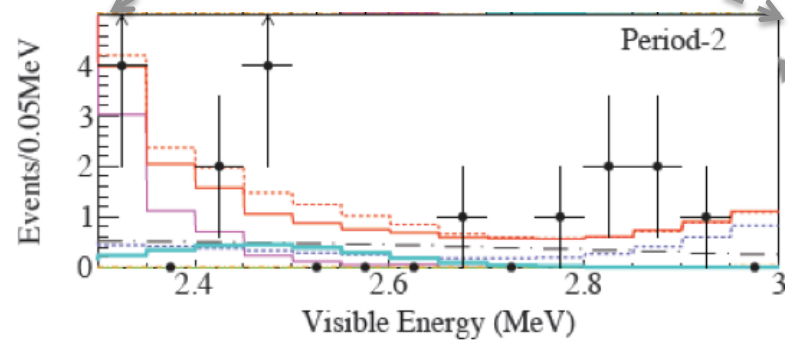
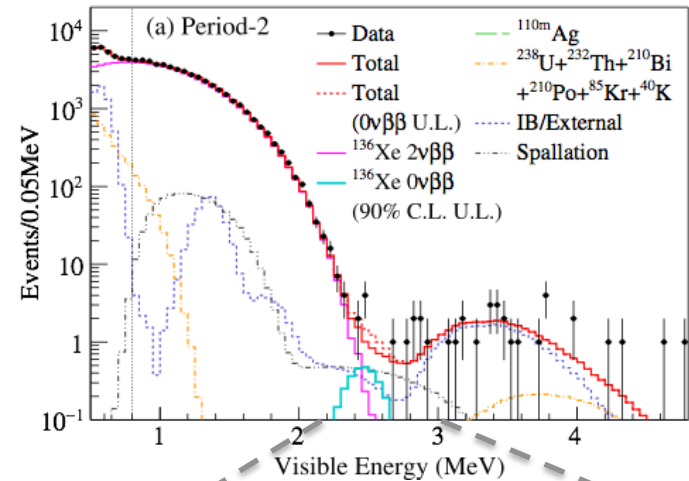
$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta} = 1.6 \times 10^{28} \text{ yr}$$



Xenon Exp's: KamLAND-Zen



Phase-2: 2013/12/11 - 2015/10/27
534.5 days (504 kg-yr)



- Sensitivity: $> 5.6 \cdot 10^{25}$ yr (90% C.L.)
- Unconstraint fit: $> 9.2 \cdot 10^{25}$ yr (90% C.L.)
- Phase I + II: $> 1.07 \cdot 10^{26}$ yr (90% C.L.)
- 2017: data taking with 750 kg ^{enr}Xe (new balloon)
- KamLAND2-Zen with 1000kg+ proposed

Courtesy K. Inoue
PRL117, 082503 (2016)

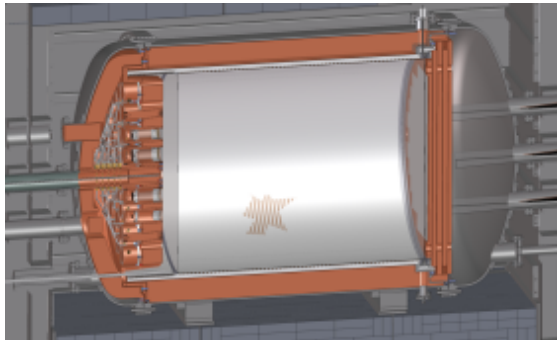
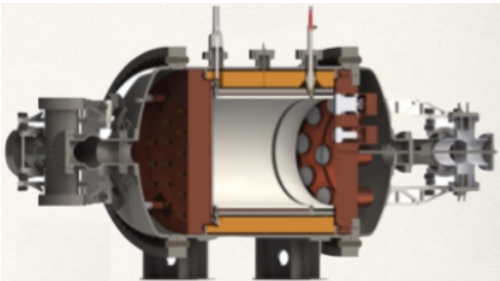
Xenon Experiments: @next

^{136}Xe high-pressure (10-15 bar) TPC

NEXT-NEW (5 kg) 2015-2018

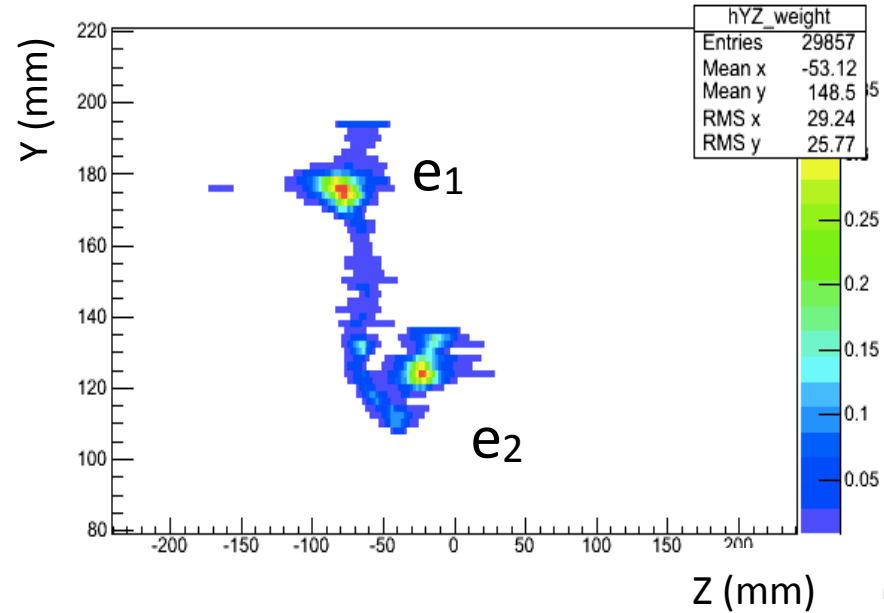
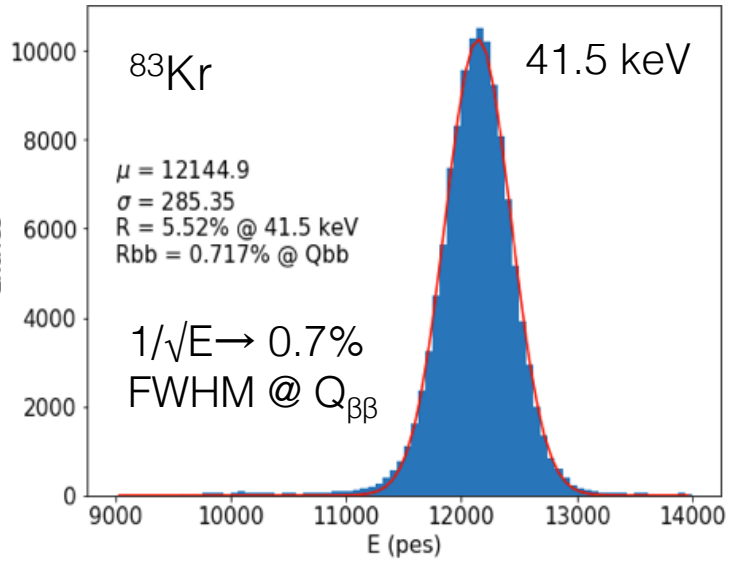
NEXT-100 (100 kg) 2018-2020's

NEXT-ton

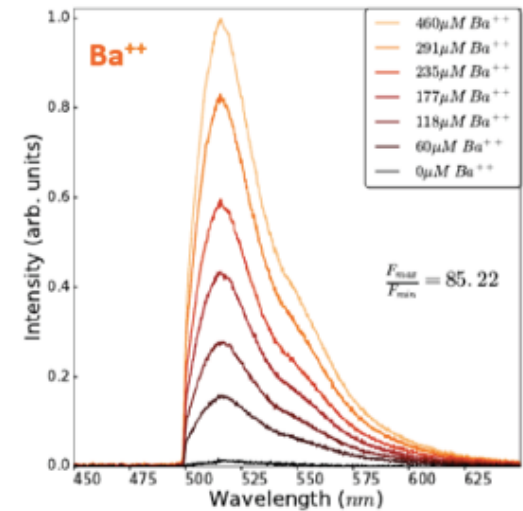
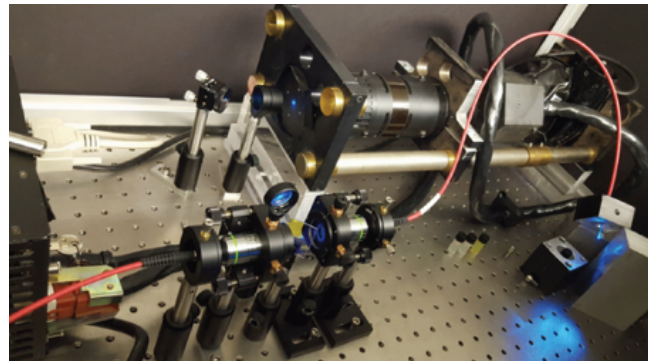
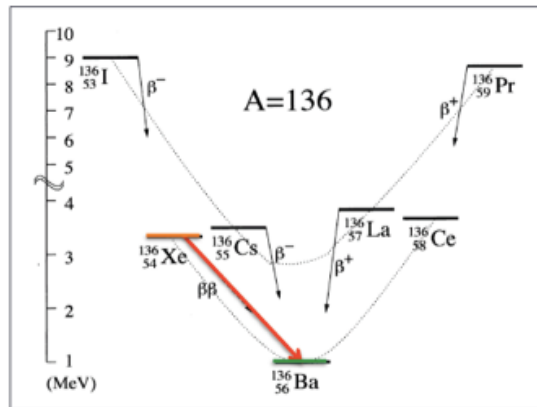
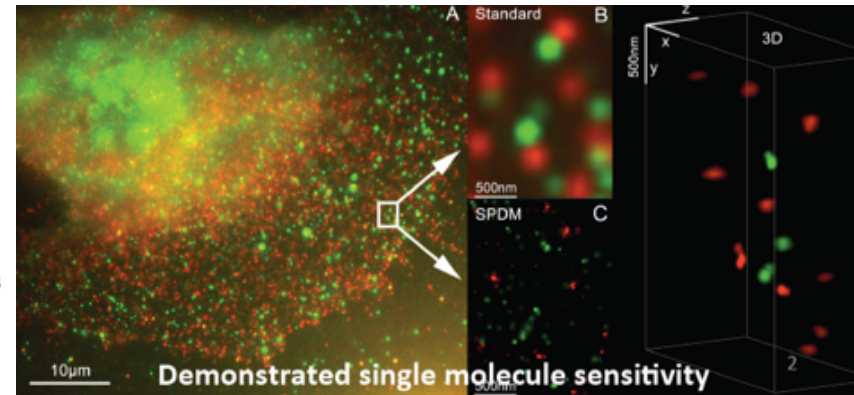
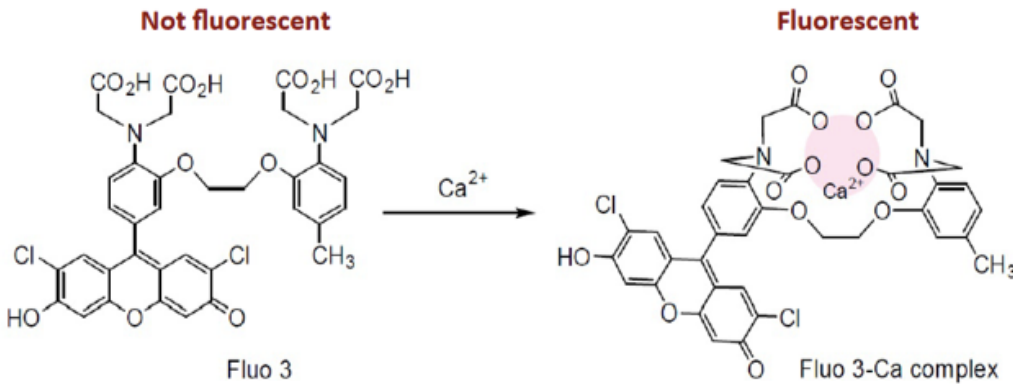


Underground & radio-pure operations, background, $2\nu\beta\beta$

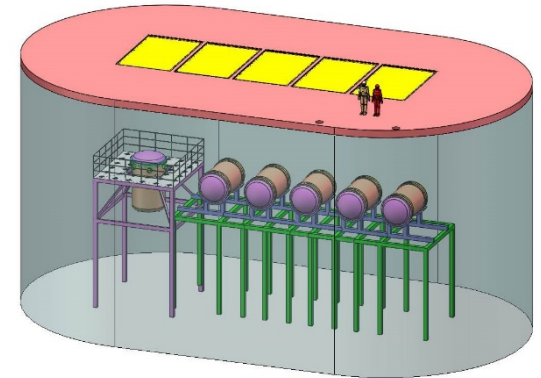
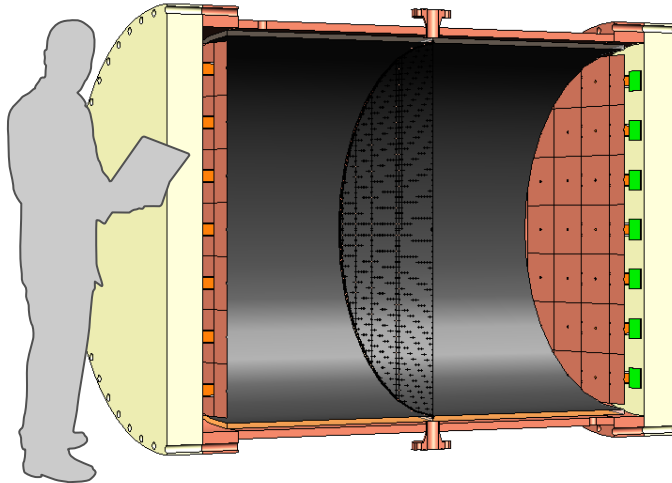
$0\nu\beta\beta$ search



Ba tagging for NEXT

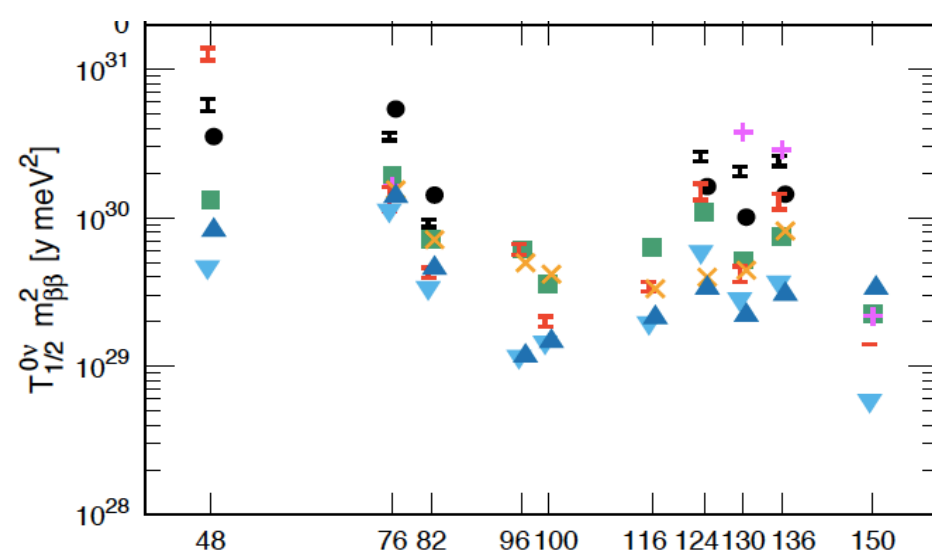


Xenon Experiments: PandaX-III



- First 200-kg module:
 - Microbulk Micromegas for charge readout
 - 3% FWHM, 1×10^{-4} c/keV/kg/y in the ROI
- Ton-scale:
 - Four more modules with upgraded charge readout and better low-background material screening.
 - 1% FWHM, 1×10^{-5} c/keV/kg/y in the ROI

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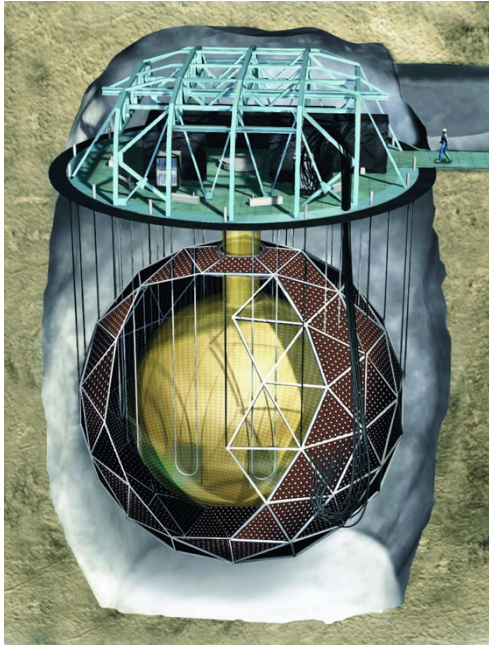
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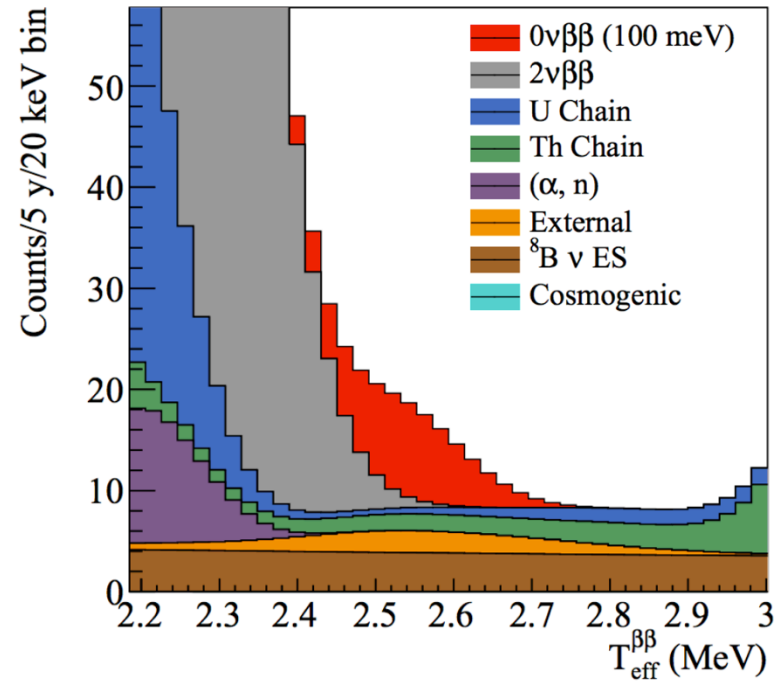
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SNO+



- 3.9 t Te
- 780 t LAB(+PPO+Te-ButaneDiol)
- 0.5% loading \rightarrow 1300 kg ^{130}Te

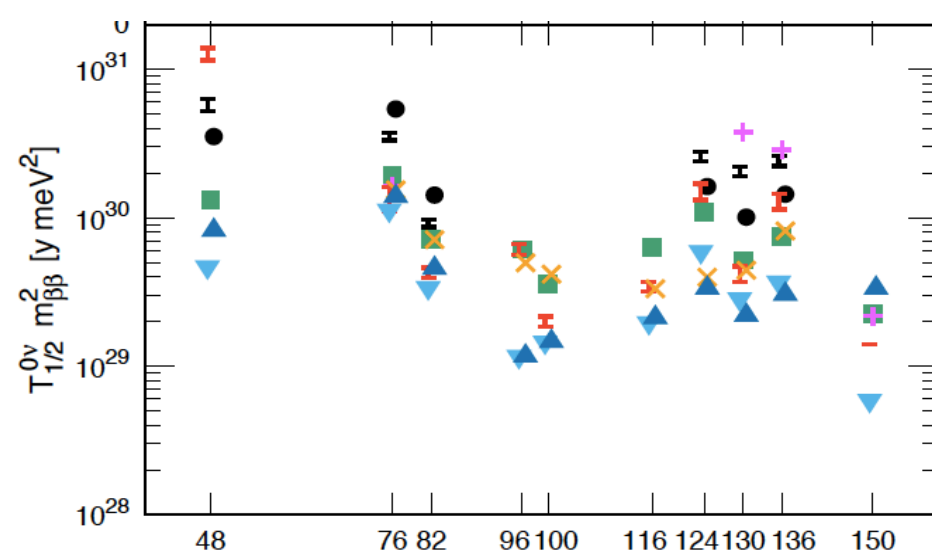


Filling with unloaded liquid scintillator later this year

Sensitivity:
 $5 \text{ yr } T_{1/2} > 2 \times 10^{26} \text{ yr (90\% CL)}$



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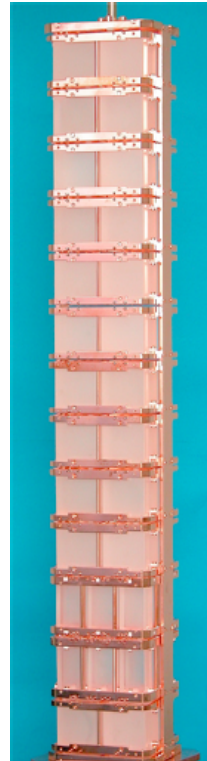
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Cryogenic Detectors: CUORE

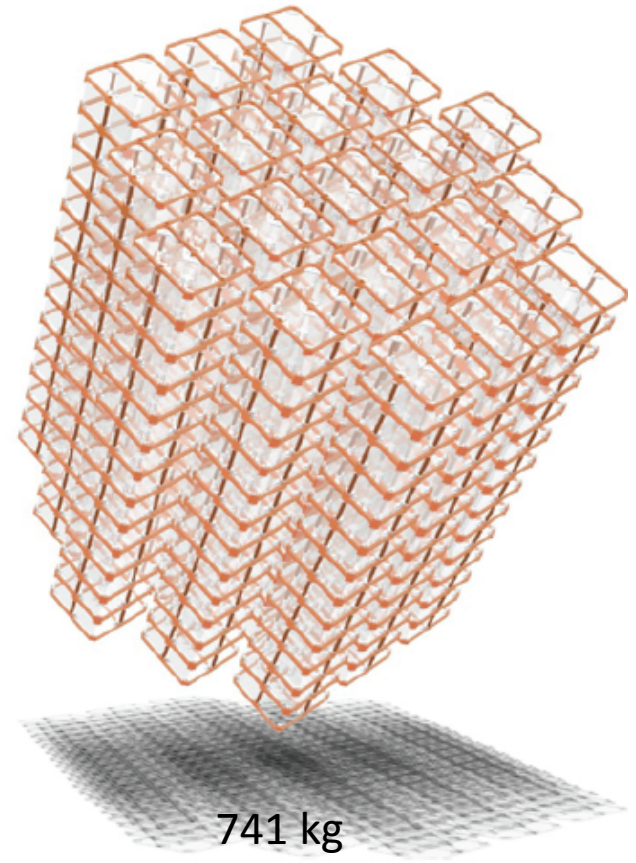
Cuoricino
2003



Cuore-0
2012

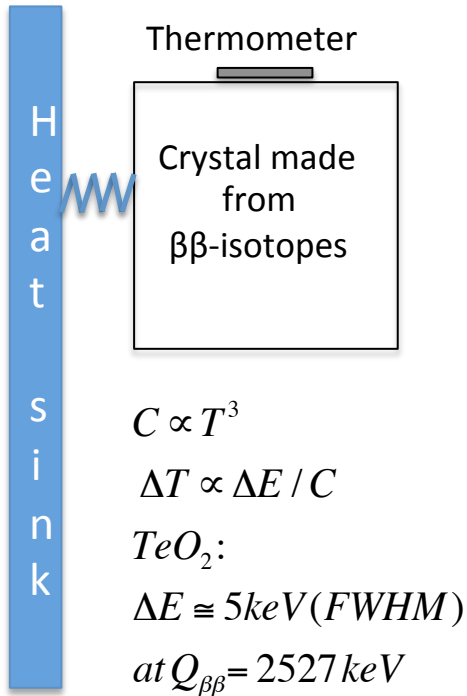


CUORE
2016

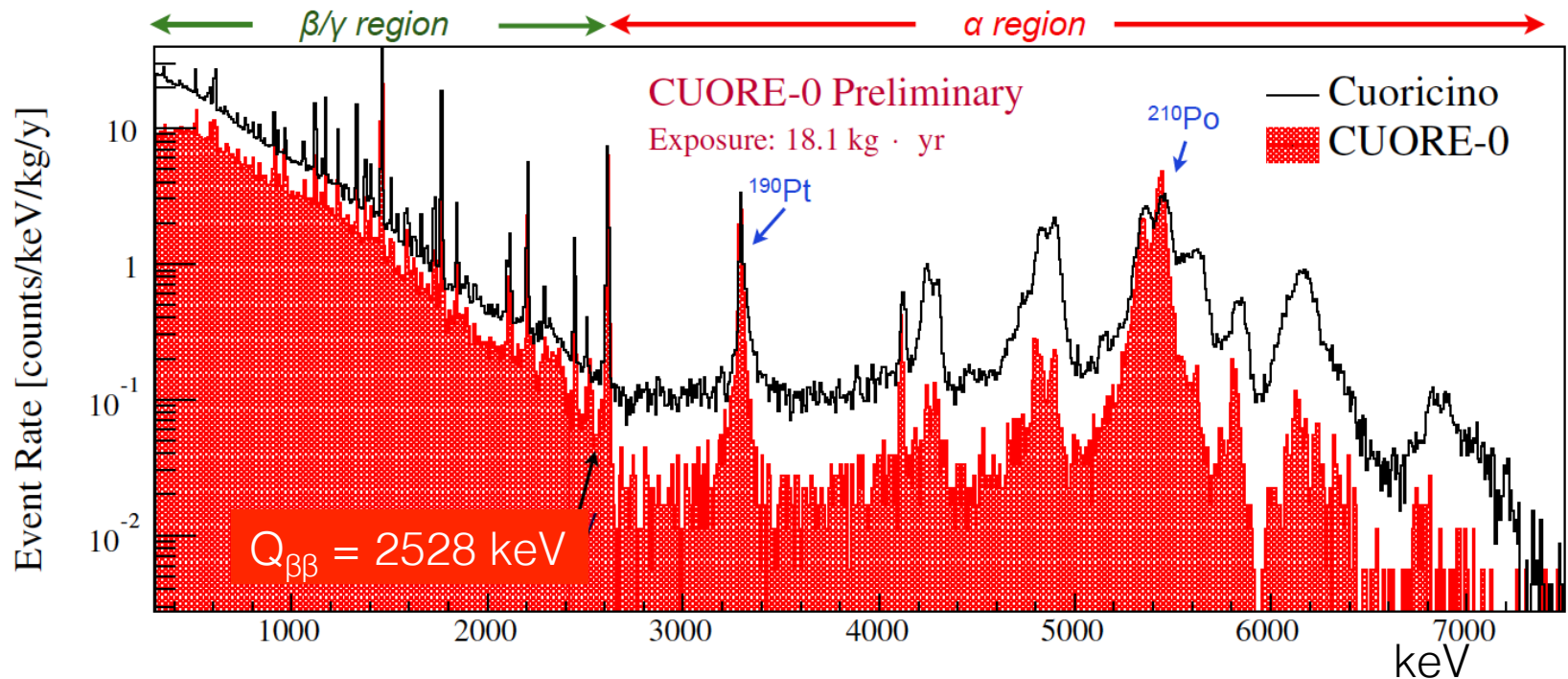


39 kg
(11 kg ^{130}Te)

741 kg
(206 kg ^{130}Te)



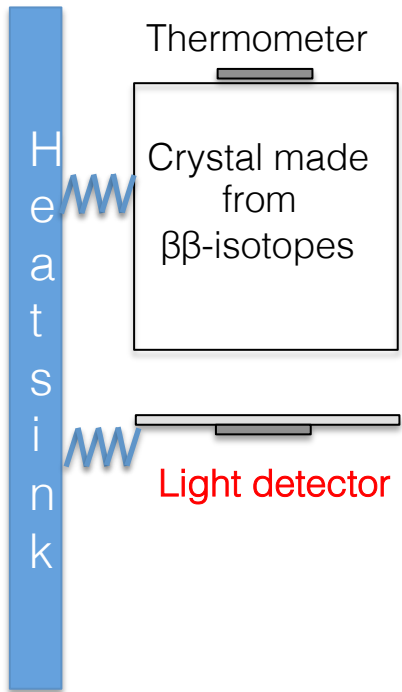
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CUORE-0: 0.06 cts/(keV kg yr) => Cuore expectation ≈ 0.01 cts/(keV kg y)

First CUORE results on Friday by O. Cremonesi

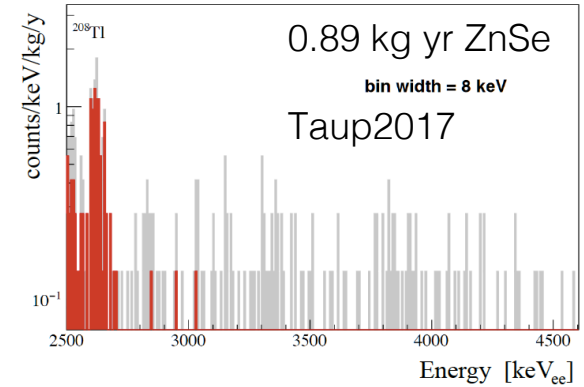
Cryogenic Detectors: CUPID



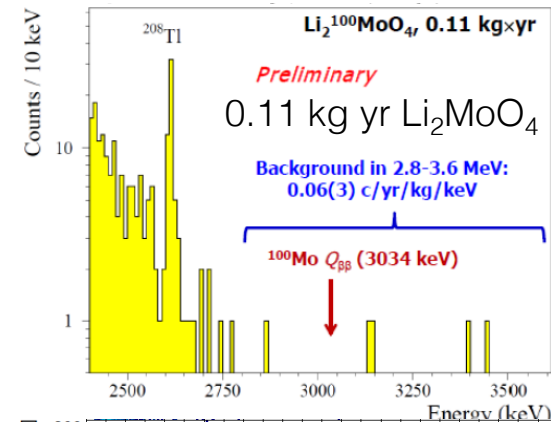
CUPID-0: ZnSe
 (ex Lucifer)
 Demonstrator @ LNGS
 5.2 kg ^{82}Se , 2017

CUPID-Mo: Li_2MoO_4
 (ex Lumineu)
 Demonstrator @ LSM
 2.34 kg ^{100}Mo , 2018

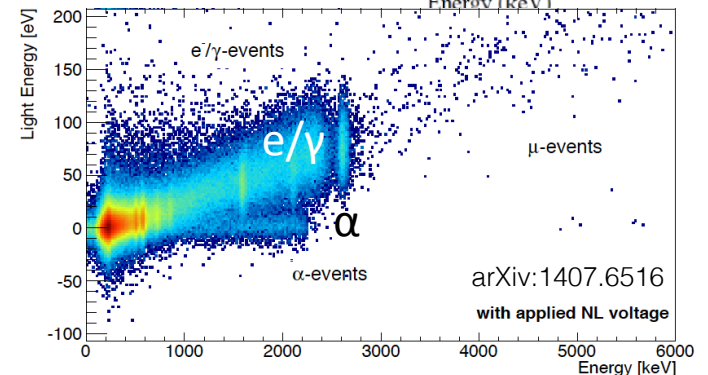
CUPID-Te: TeO_2
 (with Cherenkov)
 Demonstrator @ LNGS



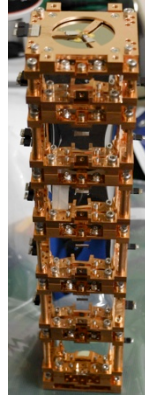
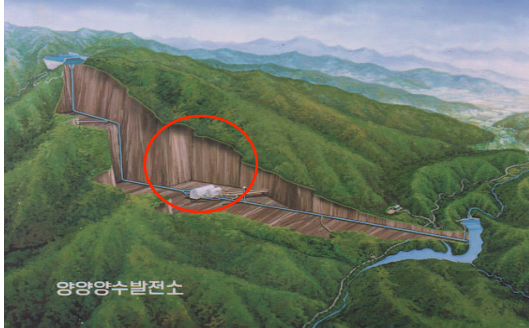
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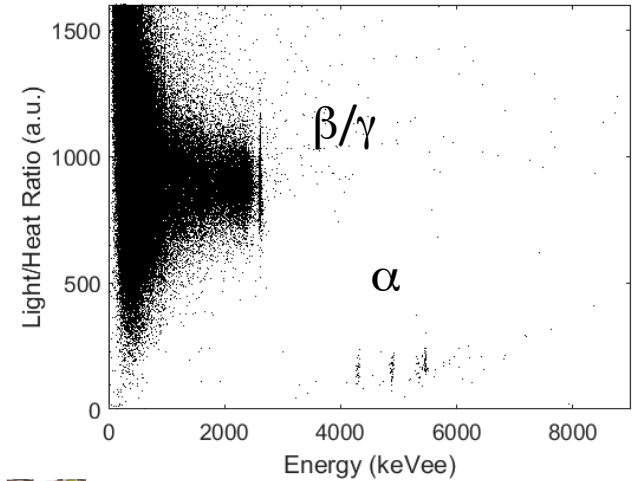
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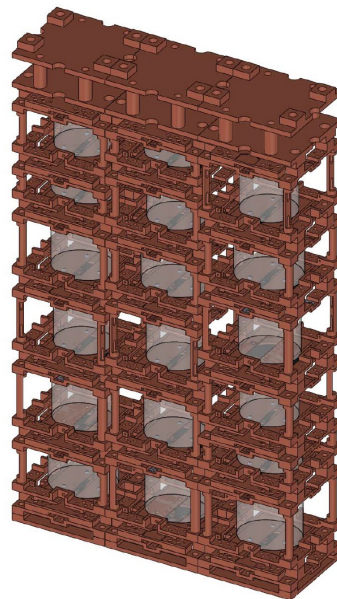


AMoRe-pilot
project @
YangYang
6 crystals
(1.8 kg)
 $^{40}\text{Ca}^{100}\text{MoO}_4$

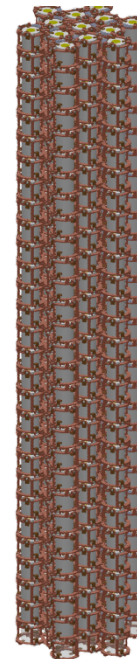


^{100}Mo procurement
ongoing (100 kg)

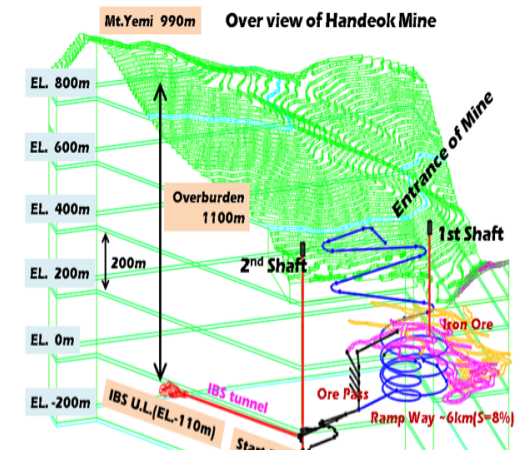
AMoRE-1
5 kg
2018



AMoRE-II
200 kg
2020

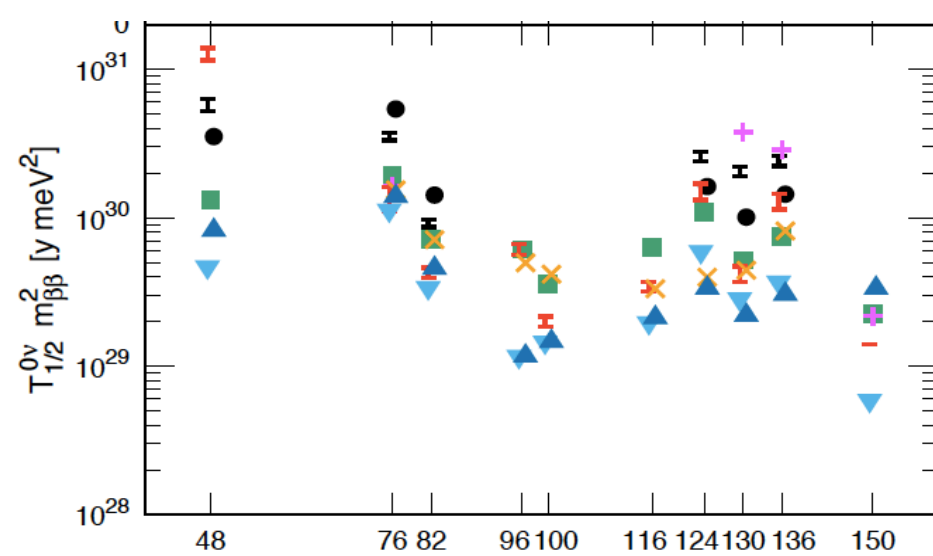


AMoRE @ Handeok ARF



Courtesy Moo-Hyun Lee

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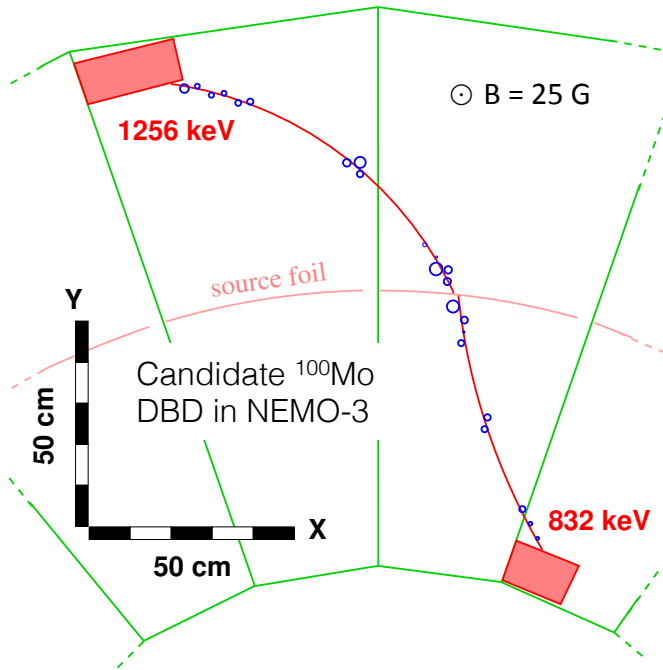
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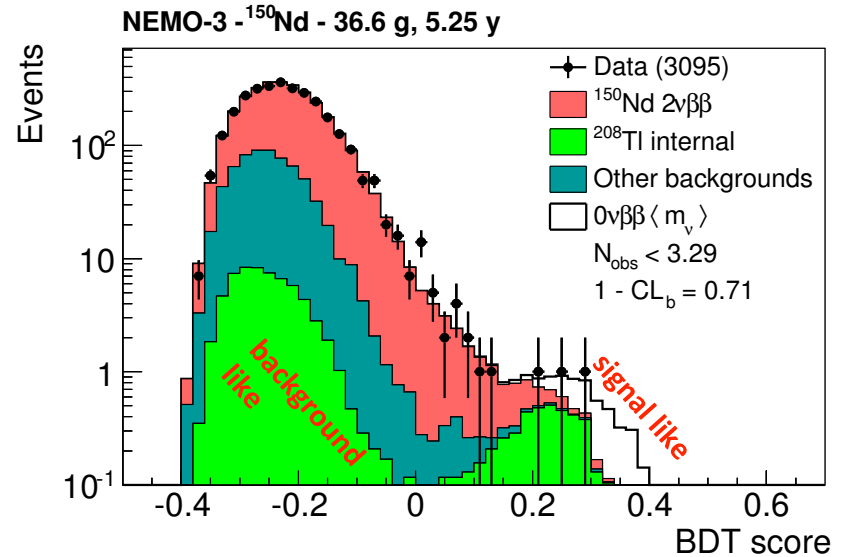
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NEMO-3



Recent results from ^{150}Nd



$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta} > 2.0 \times 10^{22} \text{ yr (90\% C.L.)}$$

PRD 94, 072003 (2016)

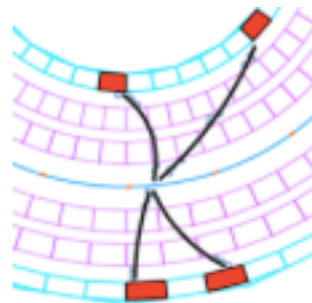
NEMO-3: 2003 – 2011 @ LSM

^{100}Mo (7kg) ; ^{82}Se (1kg)

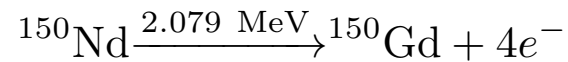
^{150}Nd , ^{96}Zr , ^{130}Te

^{48}Ca : PRD 93, 112008 (2016)

^{116}Cd : PRD 95, 012007 (2017)



Search for $0\nu\beta\beta\beta\beta$ (Quadruple beta decay)

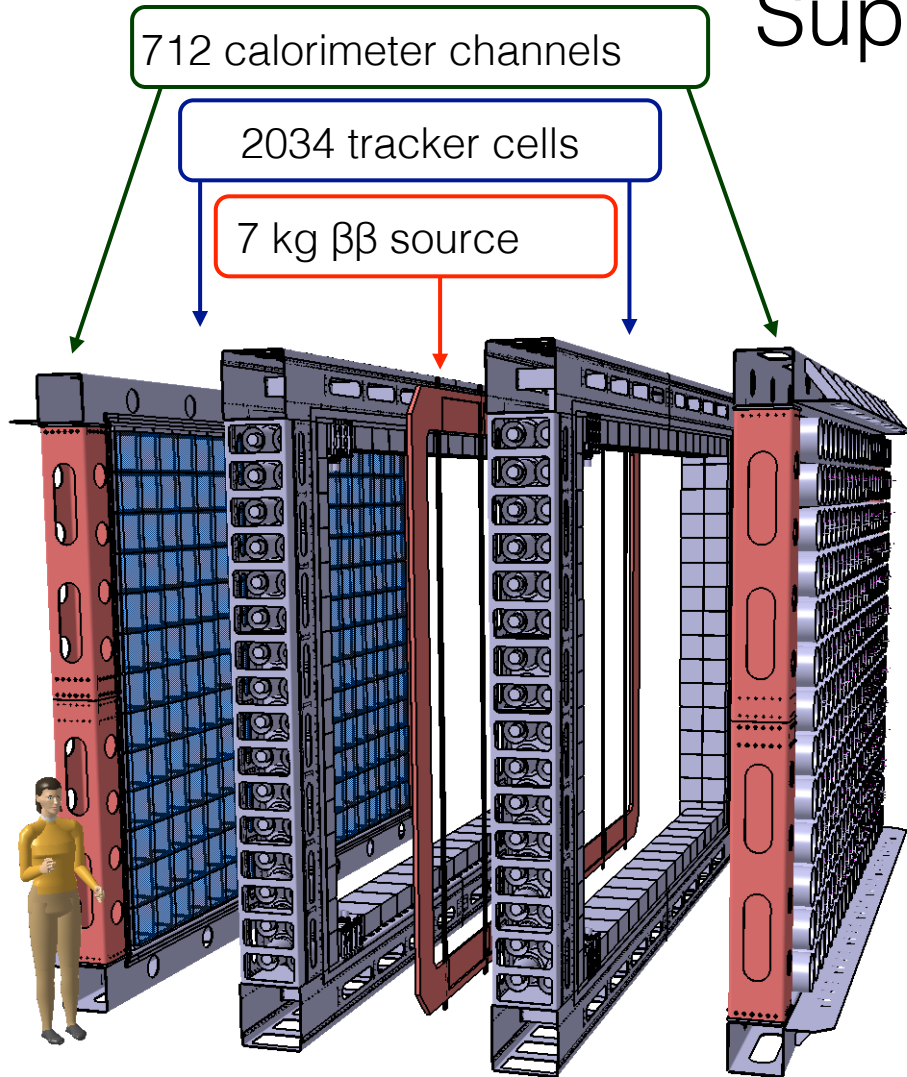


$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu 4\beta} > (1.1 - 3.2) \times 10^{21} \text{ yr (90\% C.L.)}$$

arXiv:1705.08847, PRL 119, 041801 (2017) Editor's suggestion

Courtesy D. Waters

SuperNemo Demonstrator



Demonstrator Module

Status:

All detector parts underground at LSM

Half-detector fully assembled and undergoing testing/commissioning

Source foil fabrication (7kg of ^{82}Se) complete within next few months

SuperNEMO Demonstrator Module fully assembled by end-2017

Physics data-taking starts in 2018

Expected sensitivity:

17.5 kgxyr initial exposure (2.5 yr):

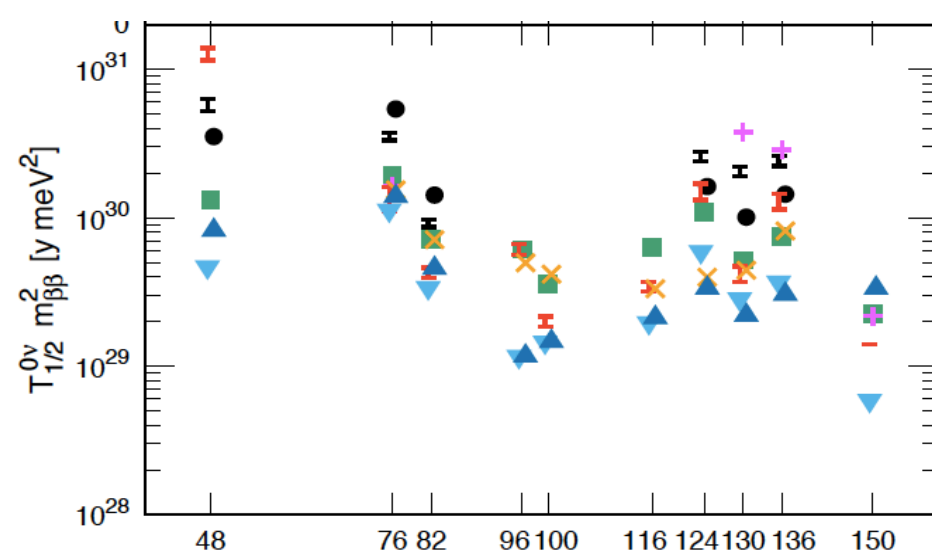
$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 6.5 \times 10^{24} \text{ yr} \quad \langle m_\nu \rangle < 0.20 - 0.40 \text{ eV}$$

SuperNEMO (100 kg ^{82}Se , 20 mod., 500 kgxyr)

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 10^{26} \text{ yr} \quad \langle m_\nu \rangle < 50 - 100 \text{ meV}$$

500 kgxyr :

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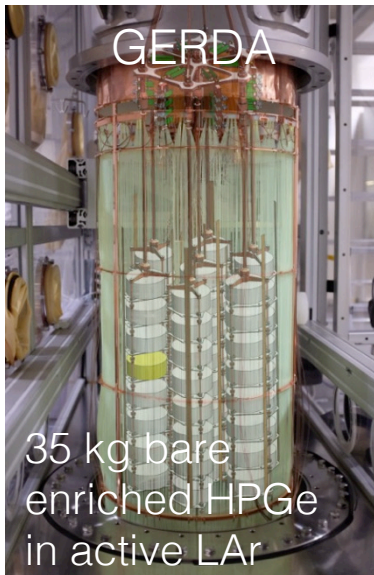
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Ge-Experiments: MJD & GERDA

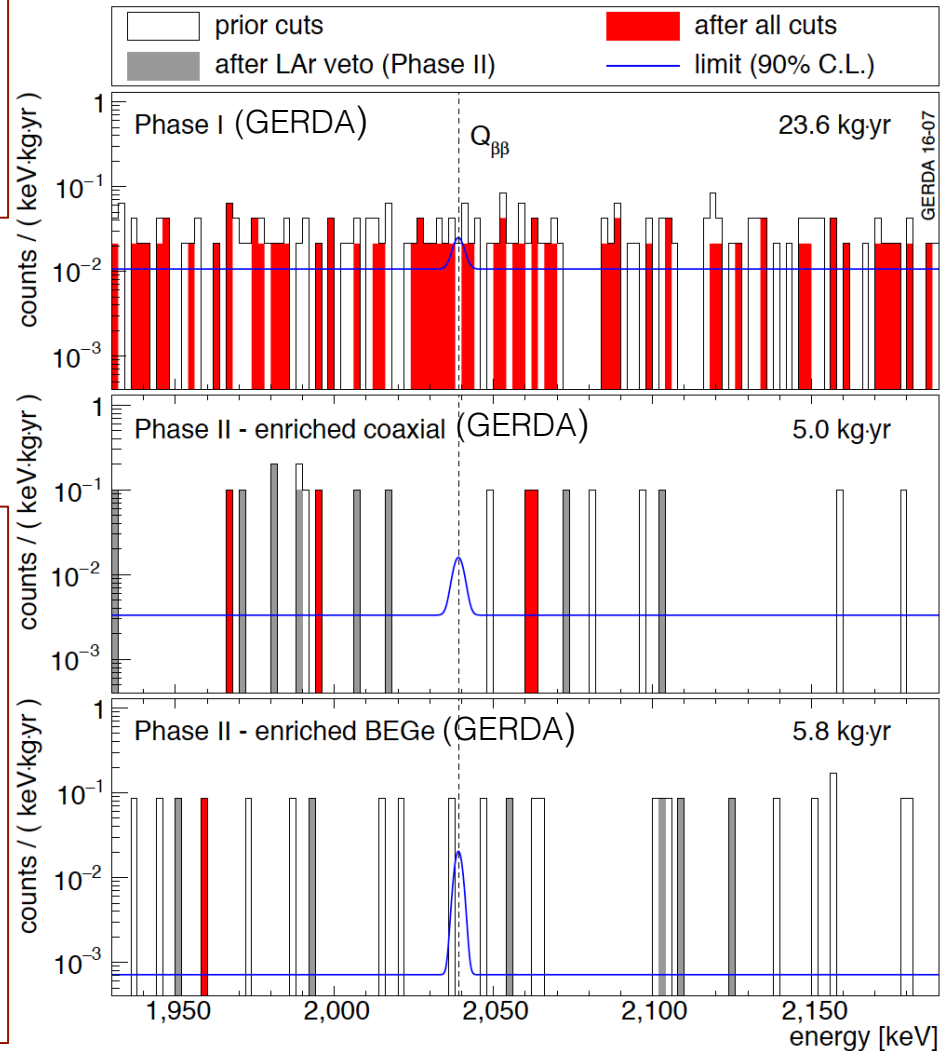


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 cts / (keV kg yr)
 ROI: 2.8 keV



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$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 5.3 \times 10^{25}$ yr
 (90% C.L.)
 Sensitivity:
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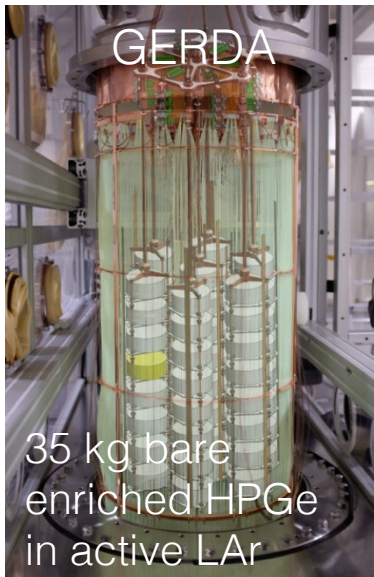


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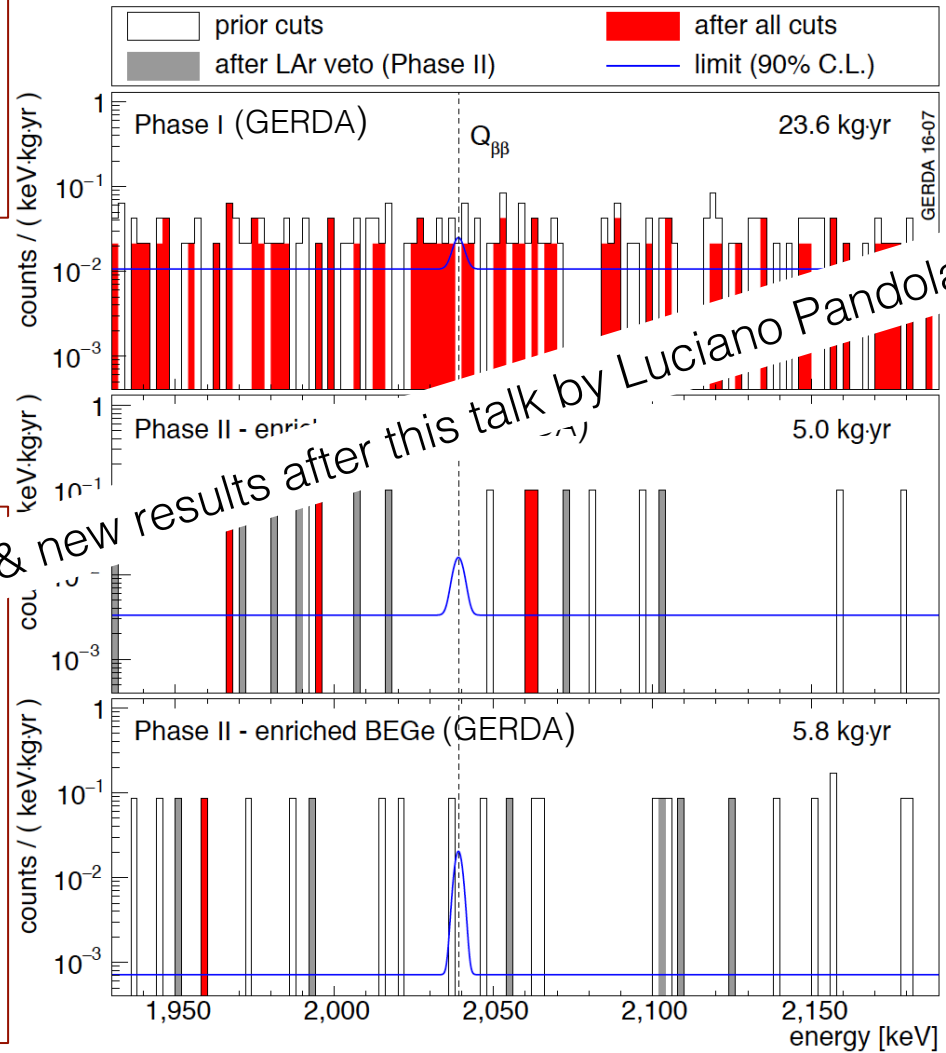
Ge-Experiments: MJD & GERDA



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Ge-Experiments: LEGEND

Large Enriched Germanium Experiment for Neutrinoless $\beta\beta$ Decay

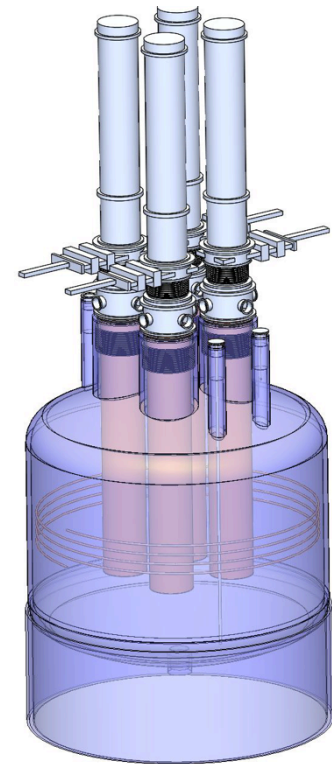
First phase:

- (up to) 200 kg
- modification of existing GERDA infrastructure at LNGS
- BG goal (x5 lower)
0.6 c / (FWHM t y)
- start by 2021

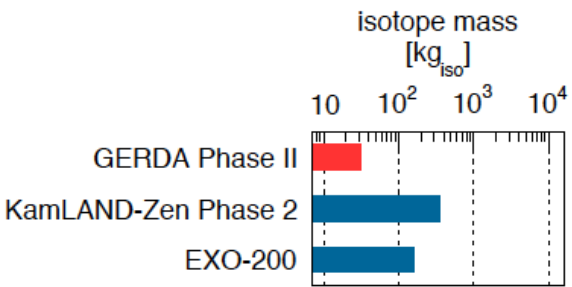


Subsequent stages:

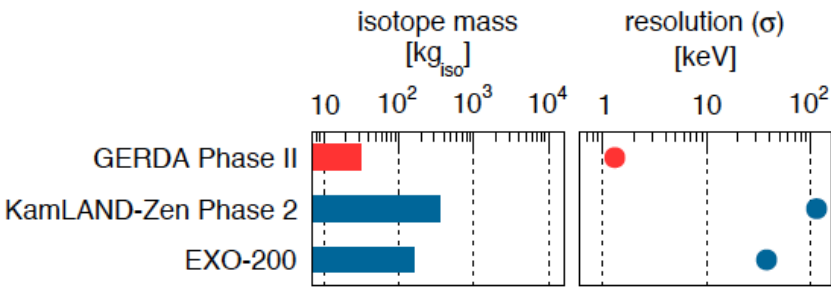
- 1000 kg (staged)
- timeline connected to U.S. DOE down select process
- BG: goal (x30 lower)
0.1 c / (FWHM t y)
- Location: TBD
- Required depth (Ge-77m) under investigation



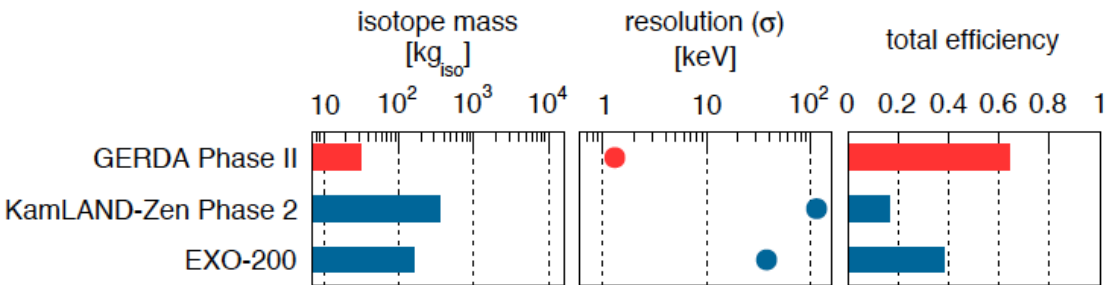
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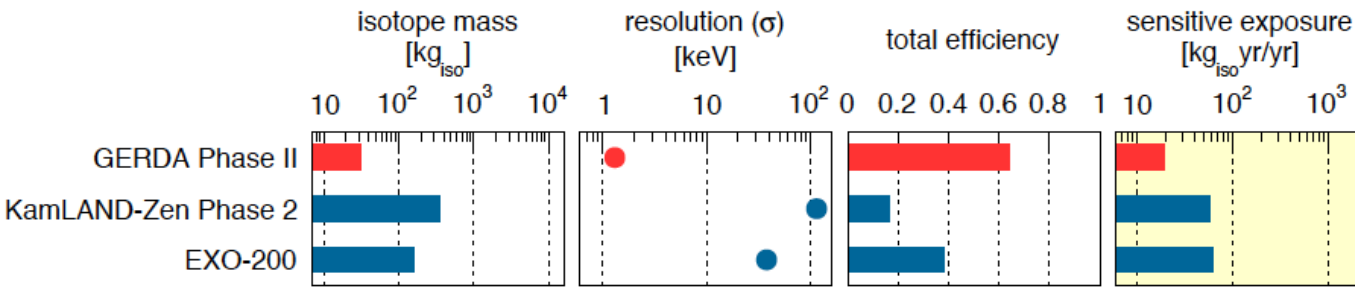
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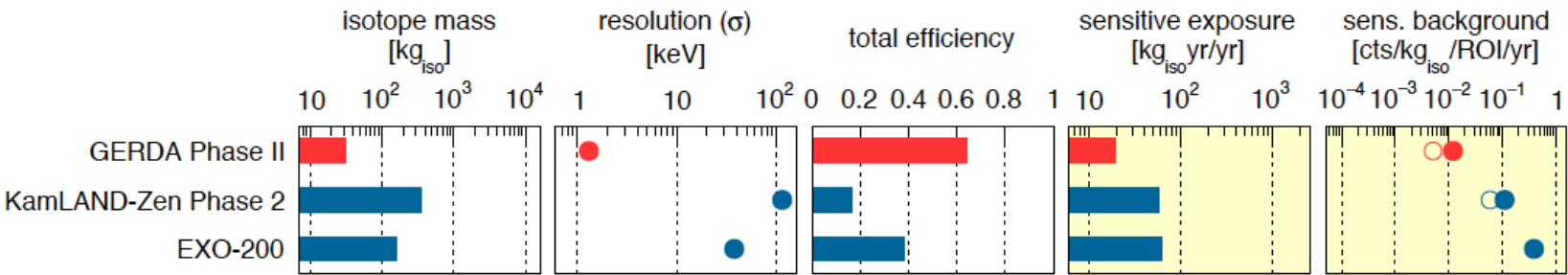


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$$M \cdot \epsilon \cdot \epsilon_{\text{tot}}$$

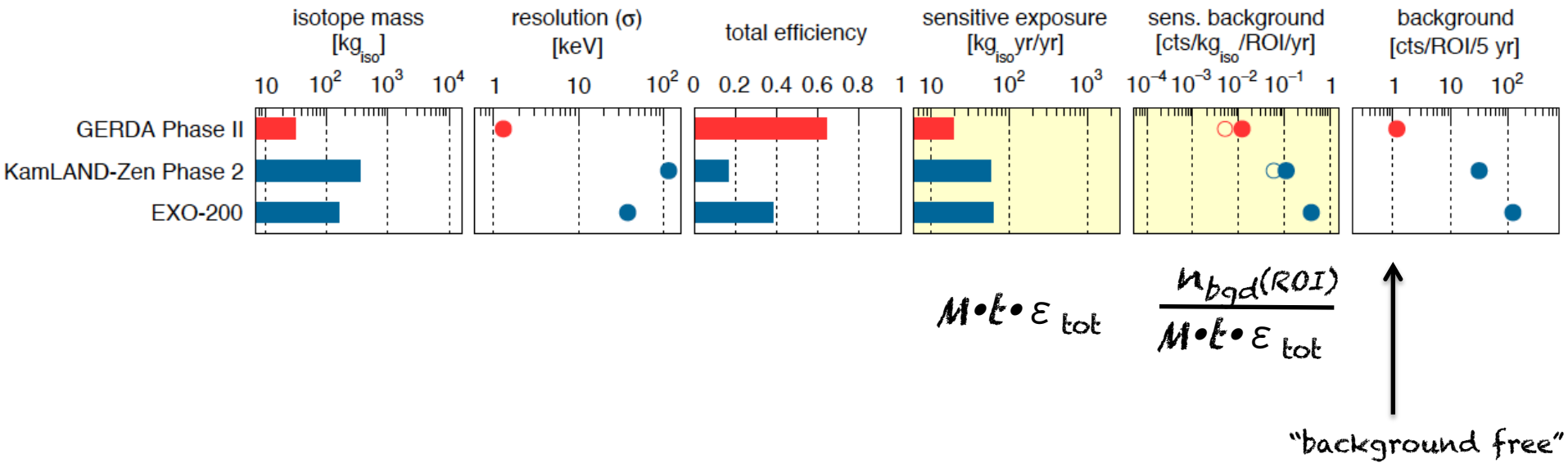
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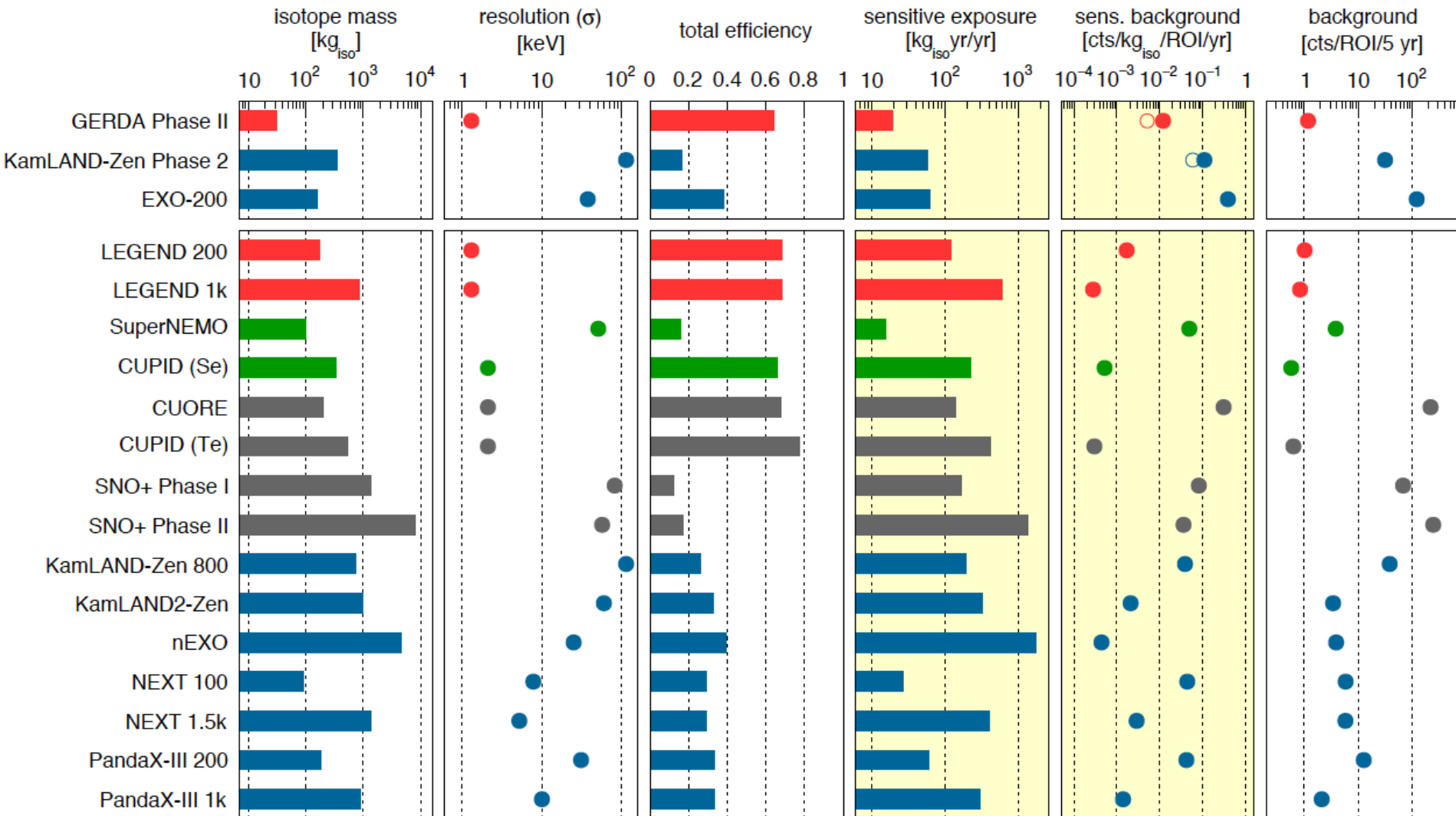
$$M \cdot t \cdot \epsilon_{\text{tot}}$$

$$\frac{N_{\text{bgd}}(\text{ROI})}{M \cdot t \cdot \epsilon_{\text{tot}}}$$

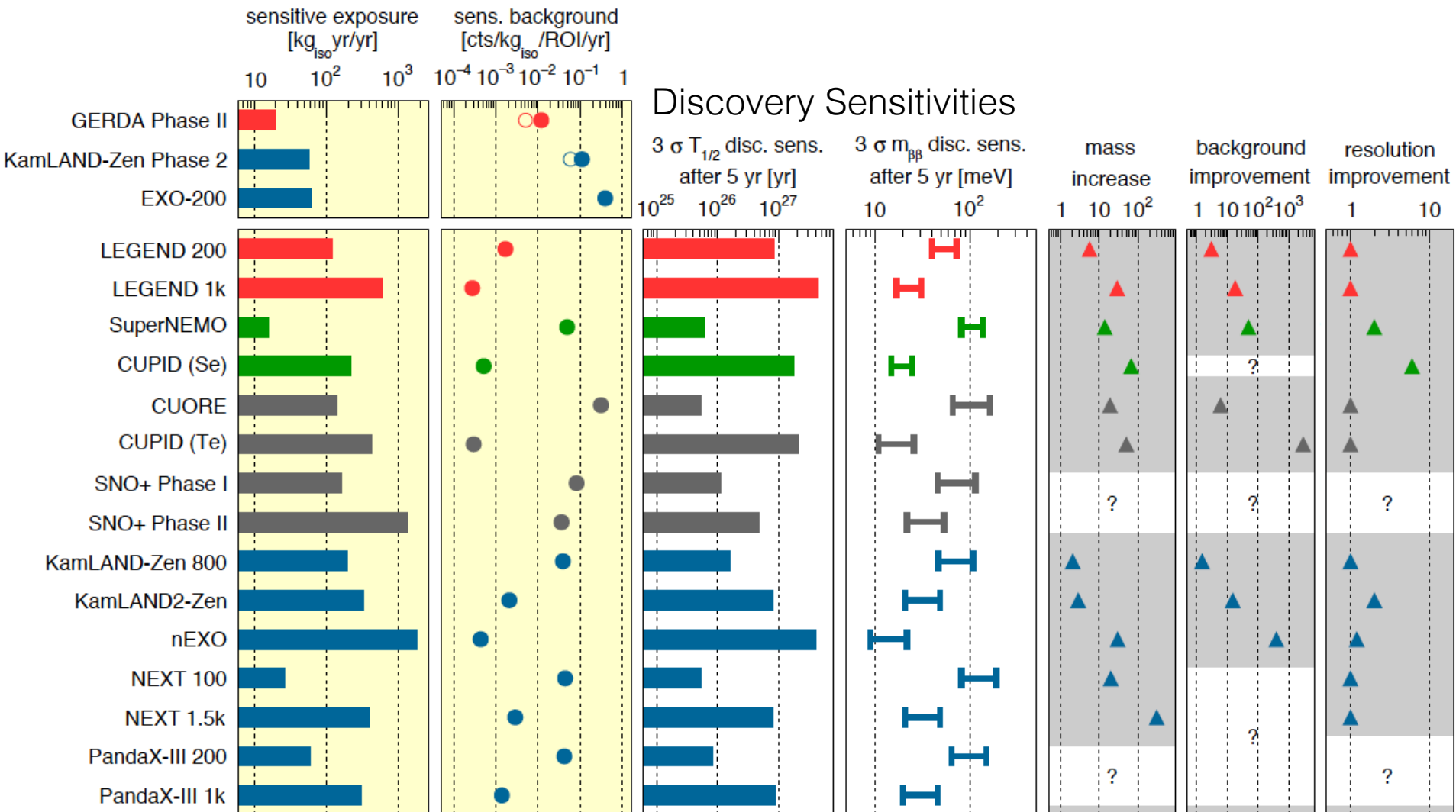
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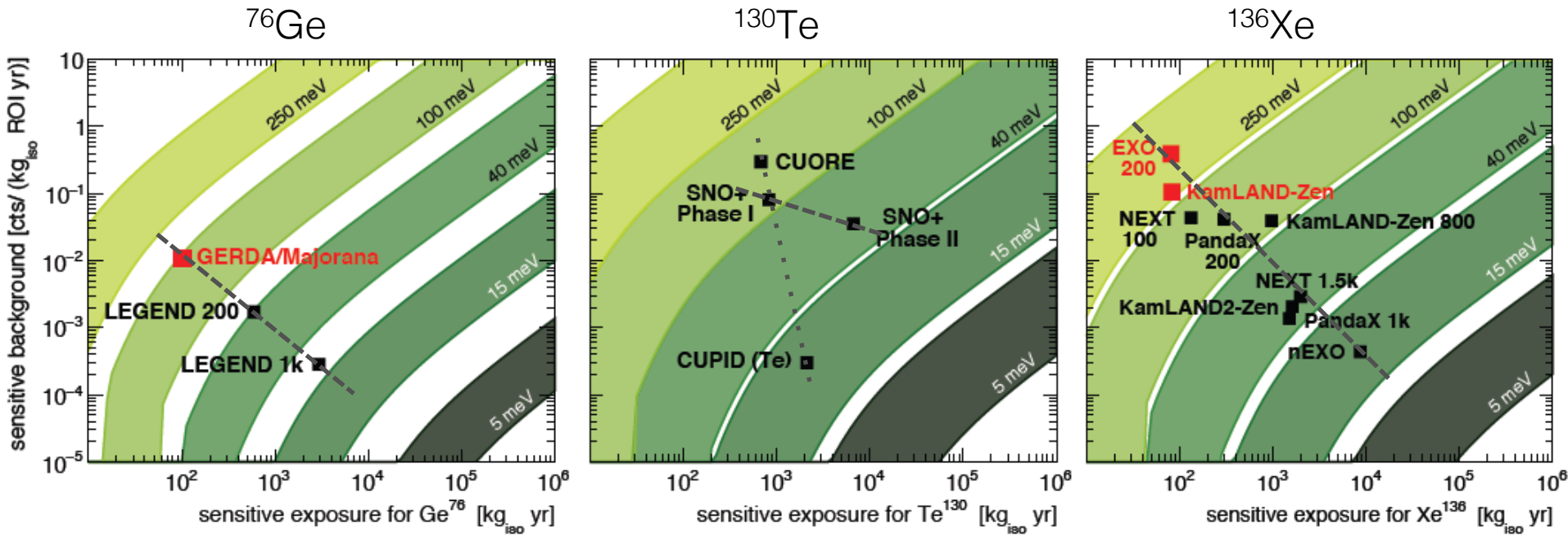


Comparison of Experiments



Discovery sensitivities

(5 yr live time)



Summary & Outlook

- Strong activities world-wide for preparation of **ton-scale** experiments
- **Very high discovery** potential for IO
- **Reasonable high discovery** potential also for NO (assuming absence of mechanism driving $m_{\beta\beta}$ or m_I to zero)
- **Several DBD isotopes** and techniques required, given NME uncertainties and low signal rates
- Formidable **experimental challenges** to acquire ton yr exposure quasi **background free**
- Community now ready to move to **ton-scale experiments** with mostly **reasonable extrapolations** w.r. to detector performance and background reduction
- **Staging** largely adopted to produce physics results & minimize (project) risks
- Experimental design for **discovery** (not limit setting!)
- **Taup 2017:**
 - New results by **GERDA** – after this talk by L. Pandola
 - First results from **CUORE** – Friday by O. Cremonesi
 - New Results by **EXO** – Friday by C. Licciardi



Extra Slides

Experiment	Iso.	Iso. Mass	σ	ROI	ϵ_{FV}	ϵ_{sig}	\mathcal{E}	\mathcal{B}	3 σ disc. sens.		Required Improvement		
		[kg _{iso}]							[keV]	$\hat{T}_{1/2}$	$\hat{m}_{\beta\beta}$	Bkg	σ
				[σ]	[%]	[%]	[$\frac{\text{kg}_{iso} \text{ yr}}{\text{yr}}$]	[$\frac{\text{cts}}{\text{kg}_{iso} \text{ ROI yr}}$]	[yr]	[meV]			
LEGEND 200 [61, 62]	⁷⁶ Ge	175	1.3	[-2, 2]	93	77	119	$1.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$8.4 \cdot 10^{26}$	40–73	3	1	5.7
LEGEND 1k [61, 62]	⁷⁶ Ge	873	1.3	[-2, 2]	93	77	593	$2.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$4.5 \cdot 10^{27}$	17–31	18	1	29
SuperNEMO [68, 69]	⁸² Se	100	51	[-4, 2]	100	16	16.5	$4.9 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$6.1 \cdot 10^{25}$	82–138	49	2	14
CUPID [58, 59, 70]	⁸² Se	336	2.1	[-2, 2]	100	69	221	$5.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.8 \cdot 10^{27}$	15–25	n/a	6	n/a
CUORE [52, 53]	¹³⁰ Te	206	2.1	[-1.4, 1.4]	100	81	141	$3.1 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$5.4 \cdot 10^{25}$	66–164	6	1	19
CUPID [58, 59, 70]	¹³⁰ Te	543	2.1	[-2, 2]	100	81	422	$3.0 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$2.1 \cdot 10^{27}$	11–26	3000	1	50
SNO+ Phase I [66, 71]	¹³⁰ Te	1357	82	[-0.5, 1.5]	20	97	164	$8.2 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{26}$	46–115	n/a	n/a	n/a
SNO+ Phase II [67]	¹³⁰ Te	7960	57	[-0.5, 1.5]	28	97	1326	$3.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$4.8 \cdot 10^{26}$	22–54	n/a	n/a	n/a
KamLAND-Zen 800 [60]	¹³⁶ Xe	750	114	[0, 1.4]	64	97	194	$3.9 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.6 \cdot 10^{26}$	47–108	1.5	1	2.1
KamLAND2-Zen [60]	¹³⁶ Xe	1000	60	[0, 1.4]	80	97	325	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$8.0 \cdot 10^{26}$	21–49	15	2	2.9
nEXO [72]	¹³⁶ Xe	4507	25	[-1.2, 1.2]	60	85	1741	$4.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$4.1 \cdot 10^{27}$	9–22	400	1.2	30
NEXT 100 [64, 73]	¹³⁶ Xe	91	7.8	[-1.3, 2.4]	88	37	26.5	$4.4 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$5.3 \cdot 10^{25}$	82–189	n/a	1	20
NEXT 1.5k [74]	¹³⁶ Xe	1367	5.2	[-1.3, 2.4]	88	37	398	$2.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$7.9 \cdot 10^{26}$	21–49	n/a	1	300
PandaX-III 200 [65]	¹³⁶ Xe	180	31	[-2, 2]	100	35	60.2	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$8.3 \cdot 10^{25}$	65–150	n/a	n/a	n/a
PandaX-III 1k [65]	¹³⁶ Xe	901	10	[-2, 2]	100	35	301	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$9.0 \cdot 10^{26}$	20–46	n/a	n/a	n/a