

# **CUORE Upgrade with Particle IDentification**

**a next generation bolometric  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay experiment**

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# Overview

- Particle IDentification
- $T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$  sensitivity
- Demonstrators
- Detector design
- Relevant backgrounds
- Next-next generation



CUORE Upgrade with  
Particle IDentification

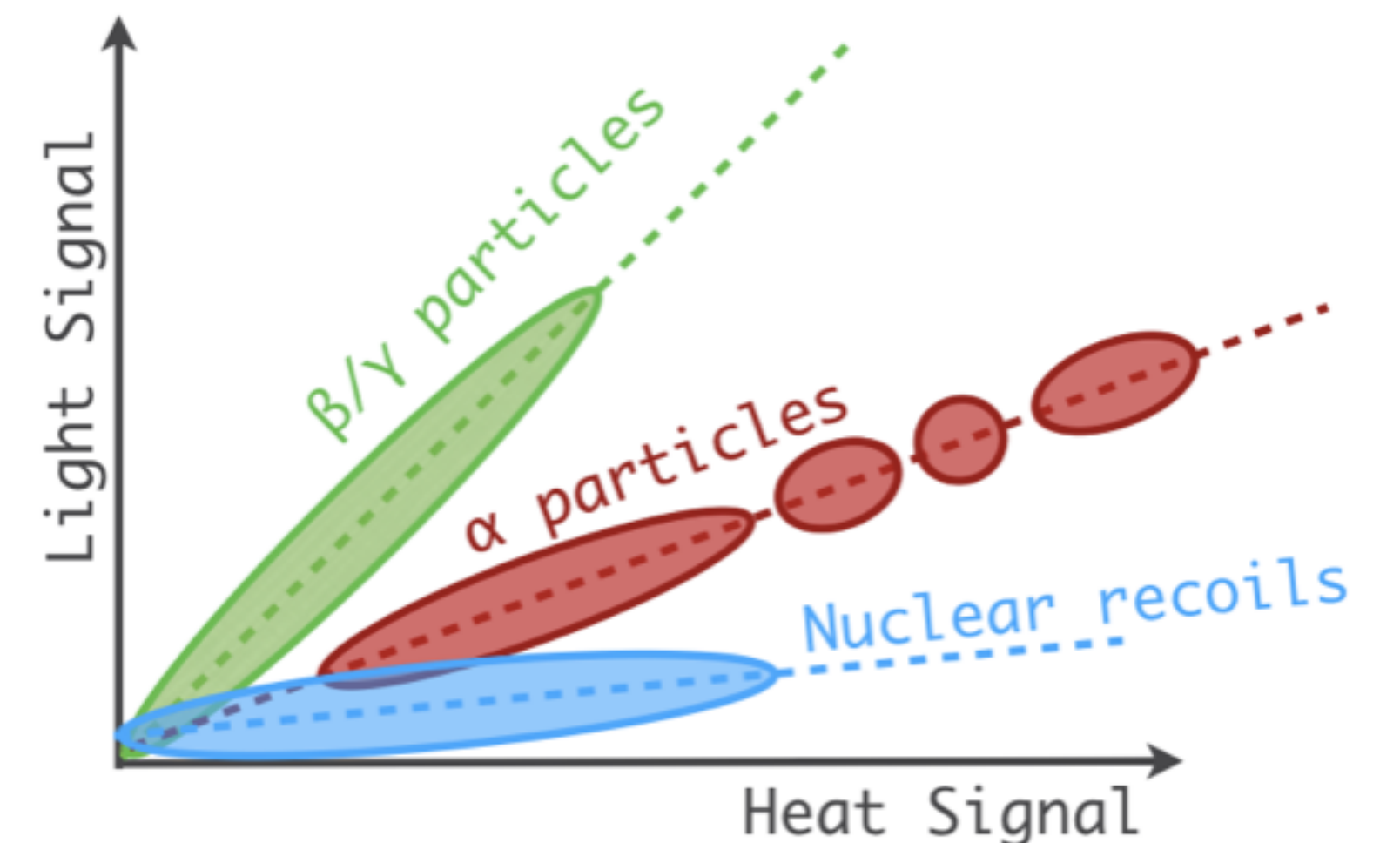
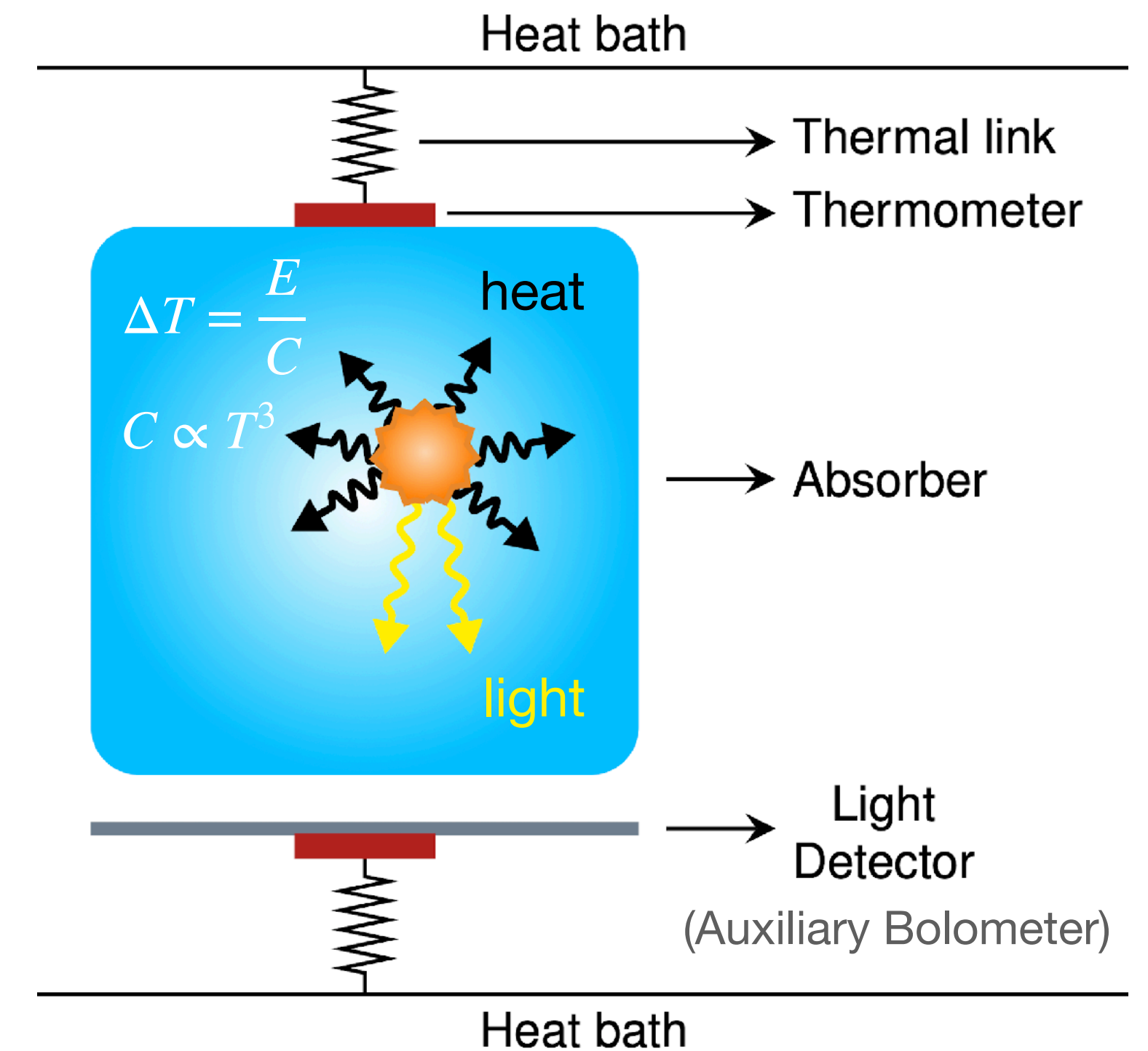
# Particle IDentification (PID)

## CUORE

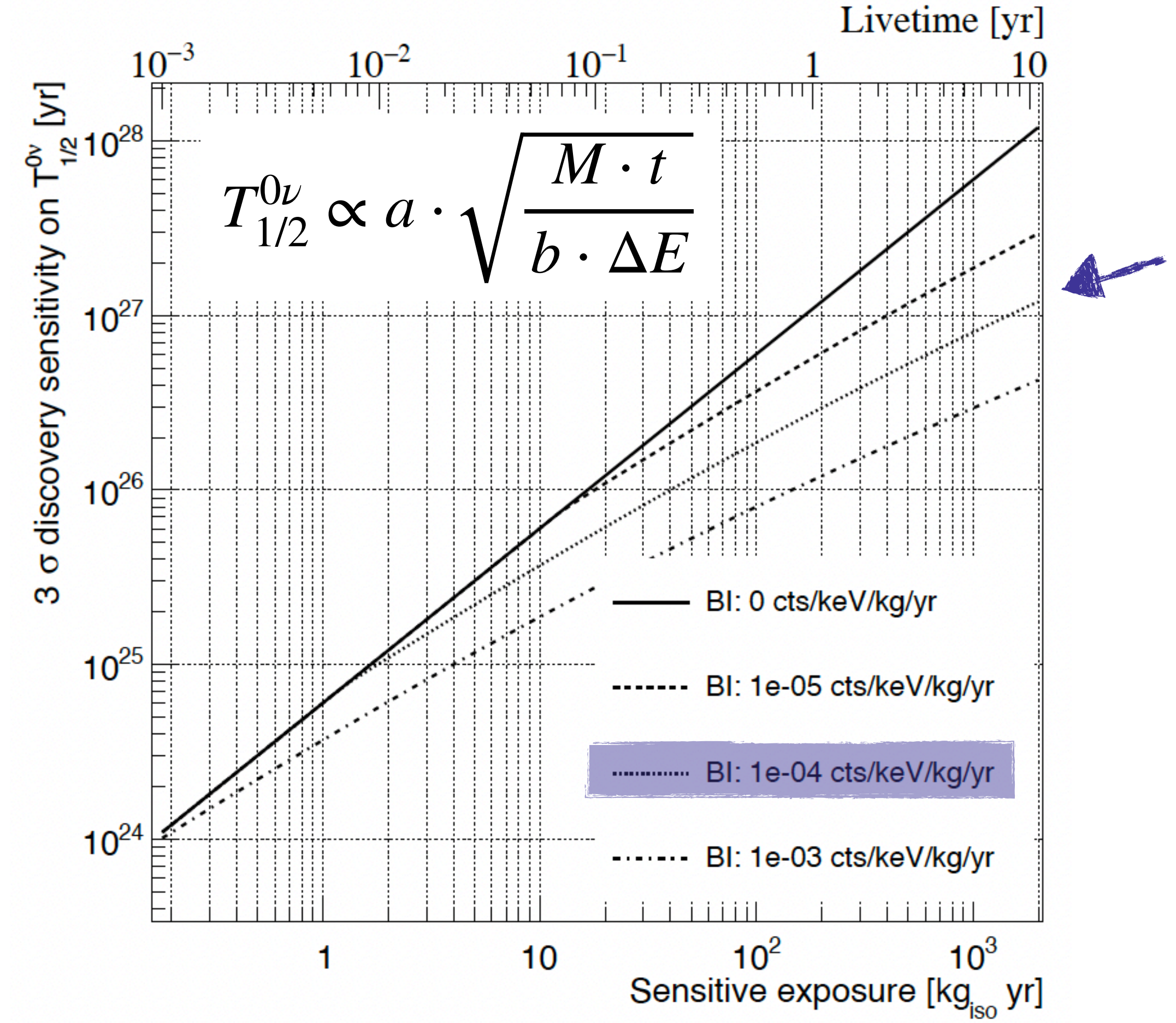
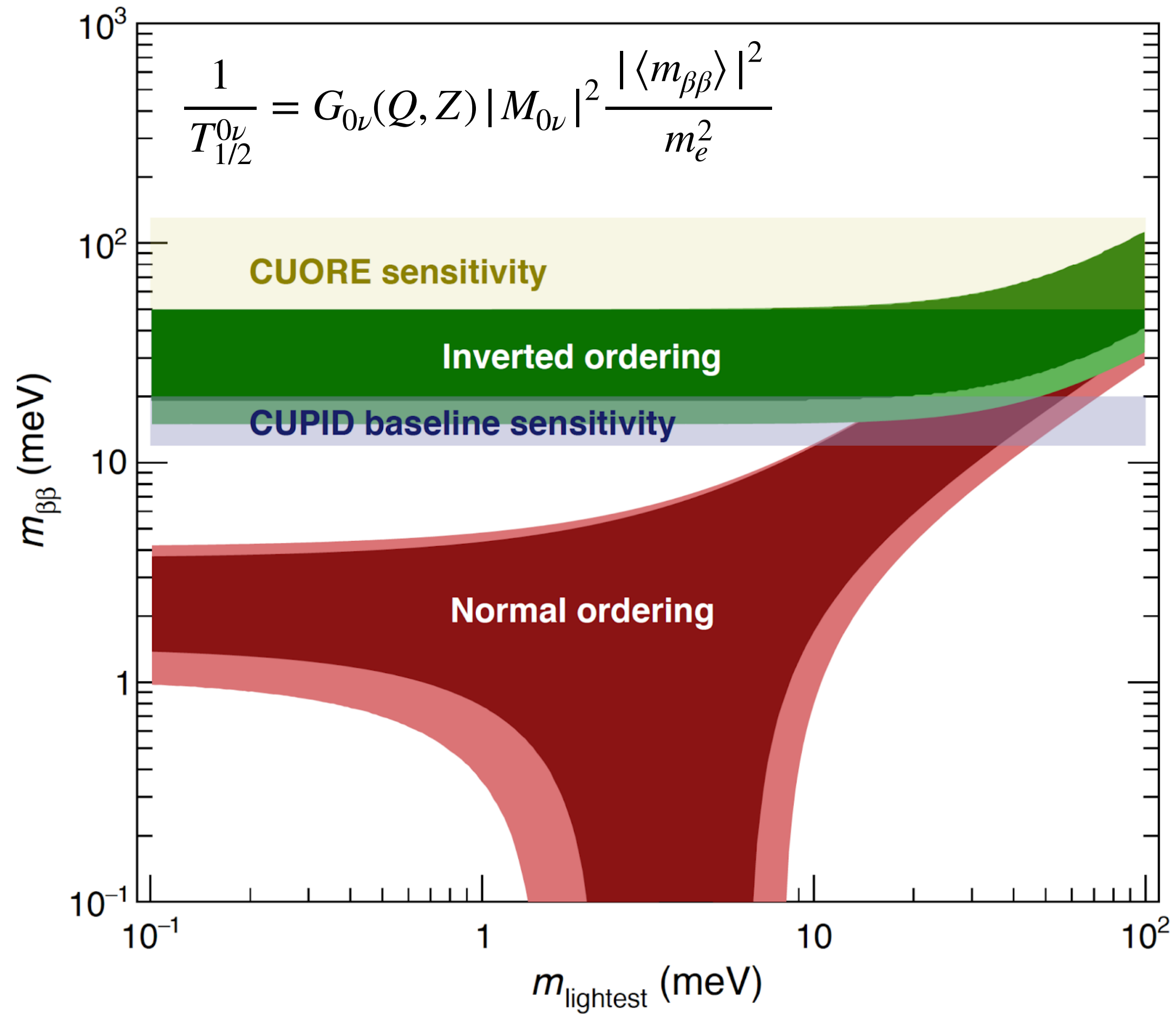
- background index:  $\sim 10^{-2}$  counts/(keV·kg·yr)
- $\sim 90\%$  of the background comes from degraded alphas

## CUPID

- scintillating crystal absorbers with particle-dependent light response
- auxiliary light detectors to measure light signal
- dual readout to compare heat/light signals — enable particle identification (alpha rejection)

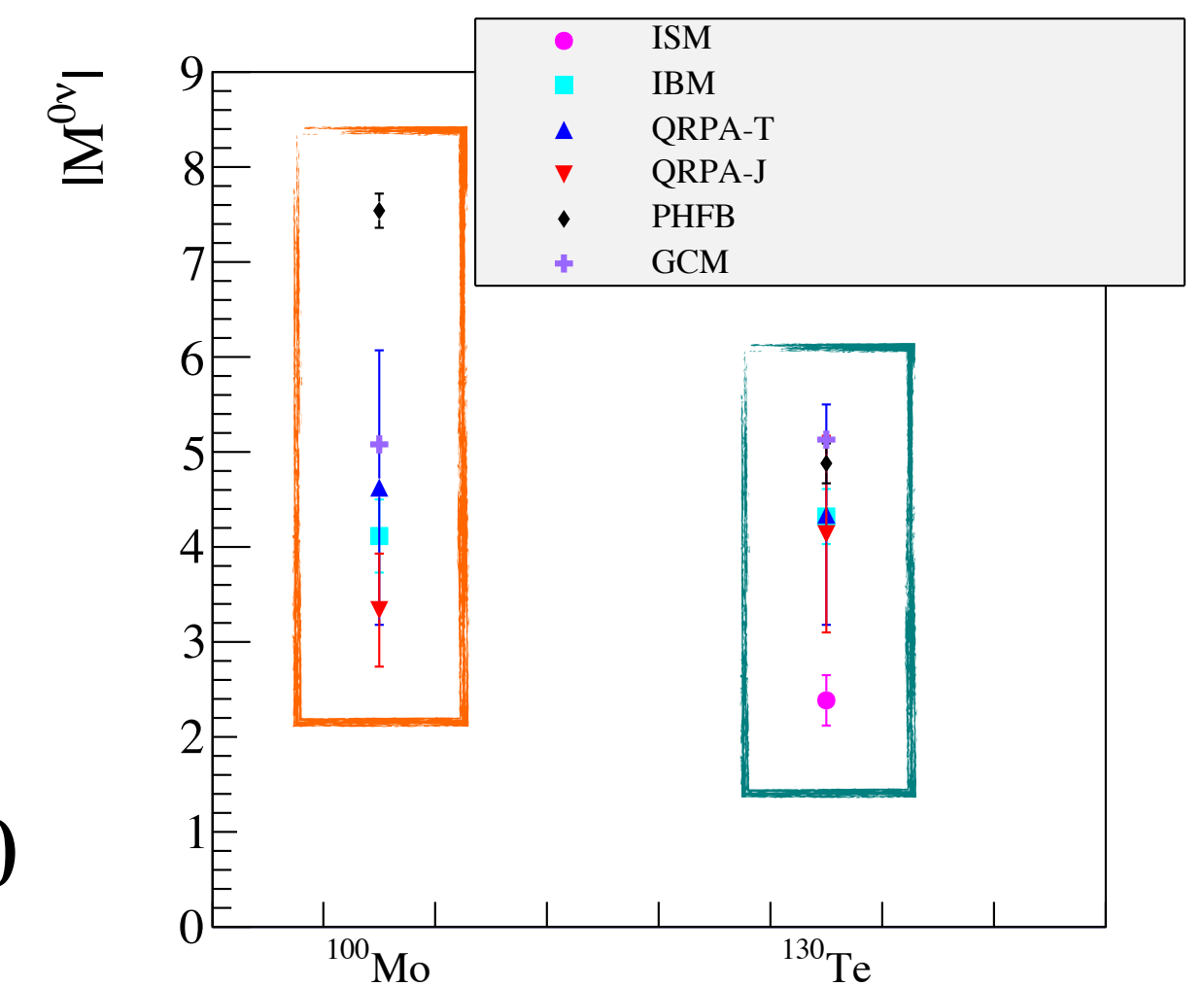
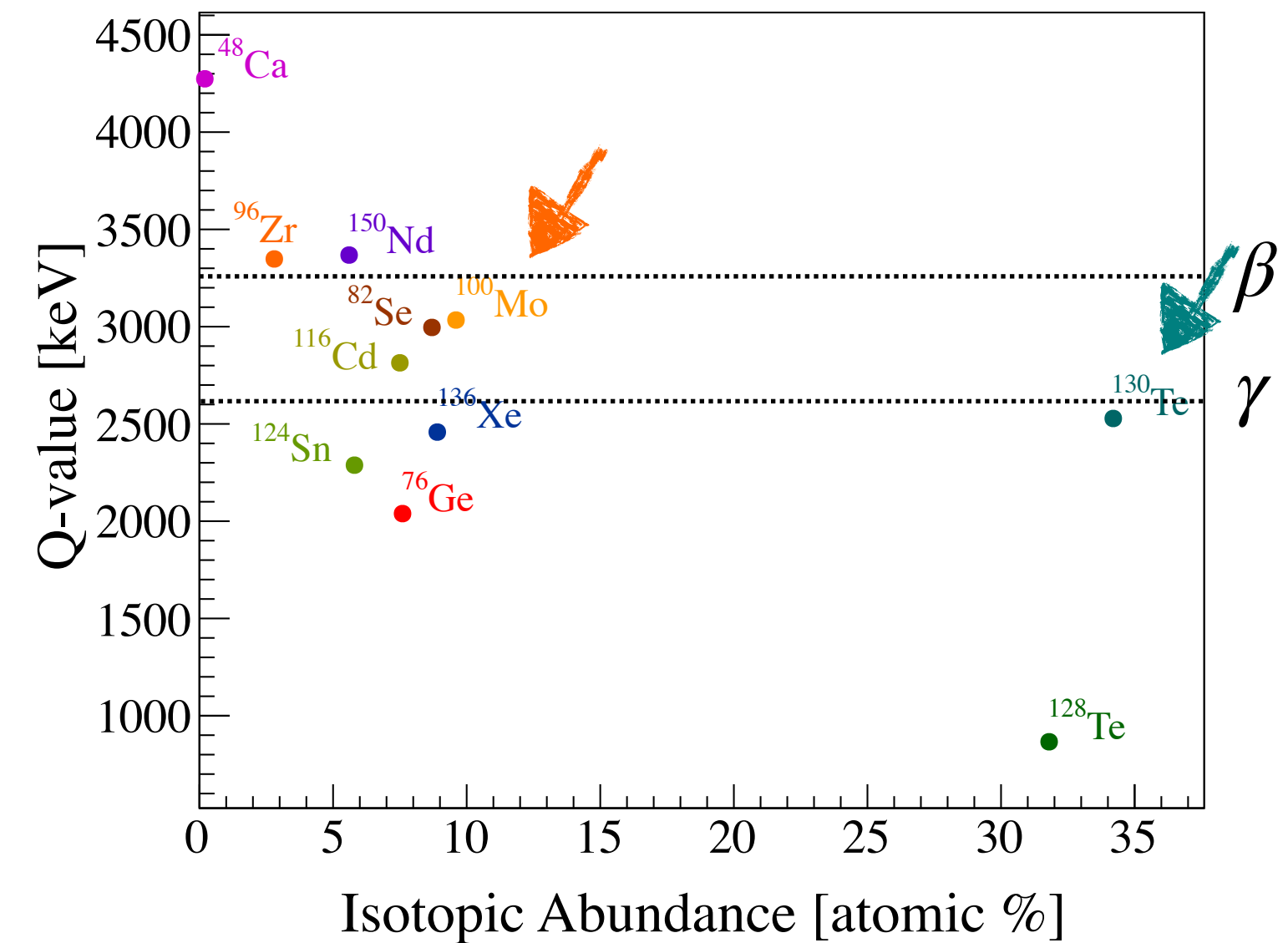
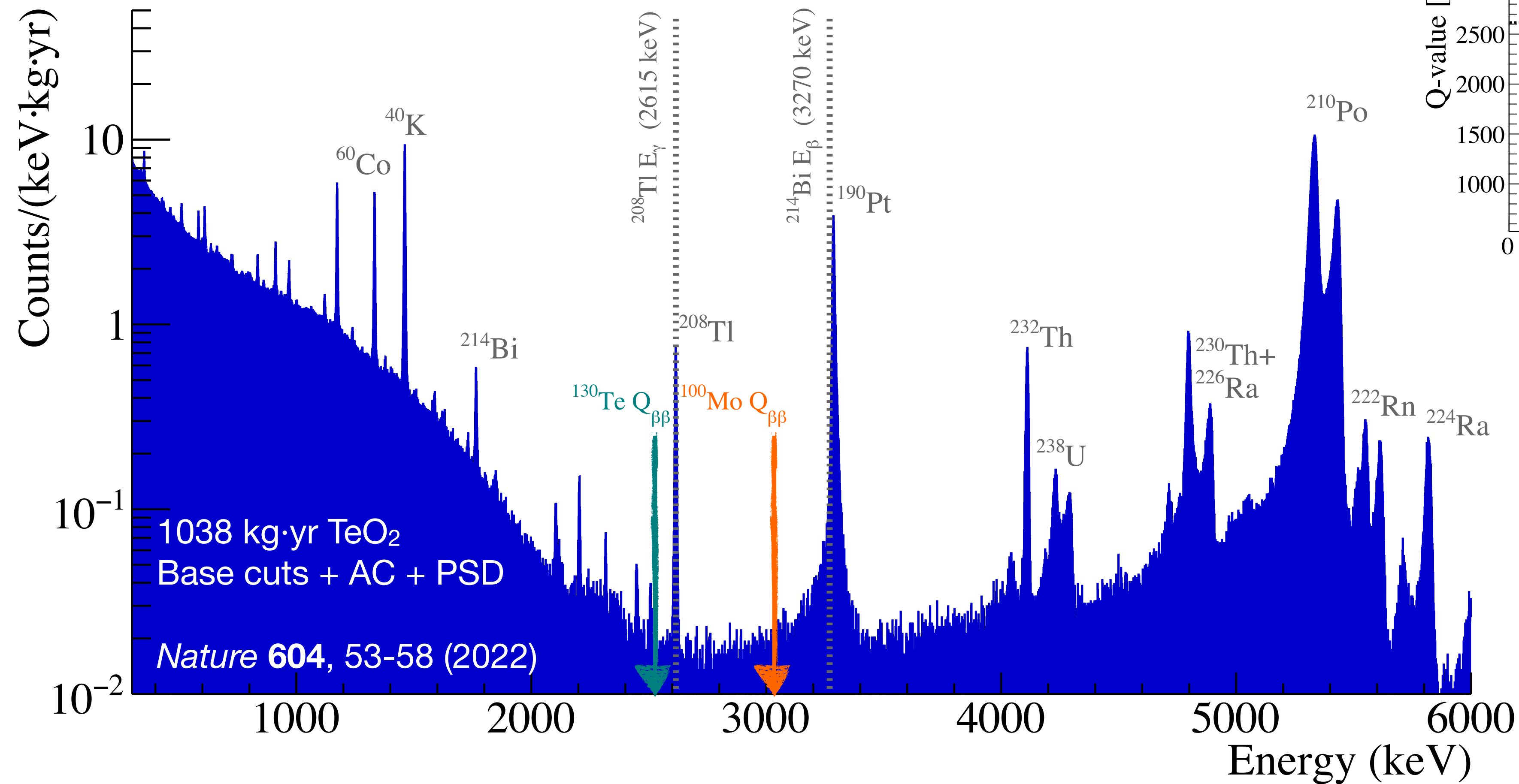


# Sensitivity



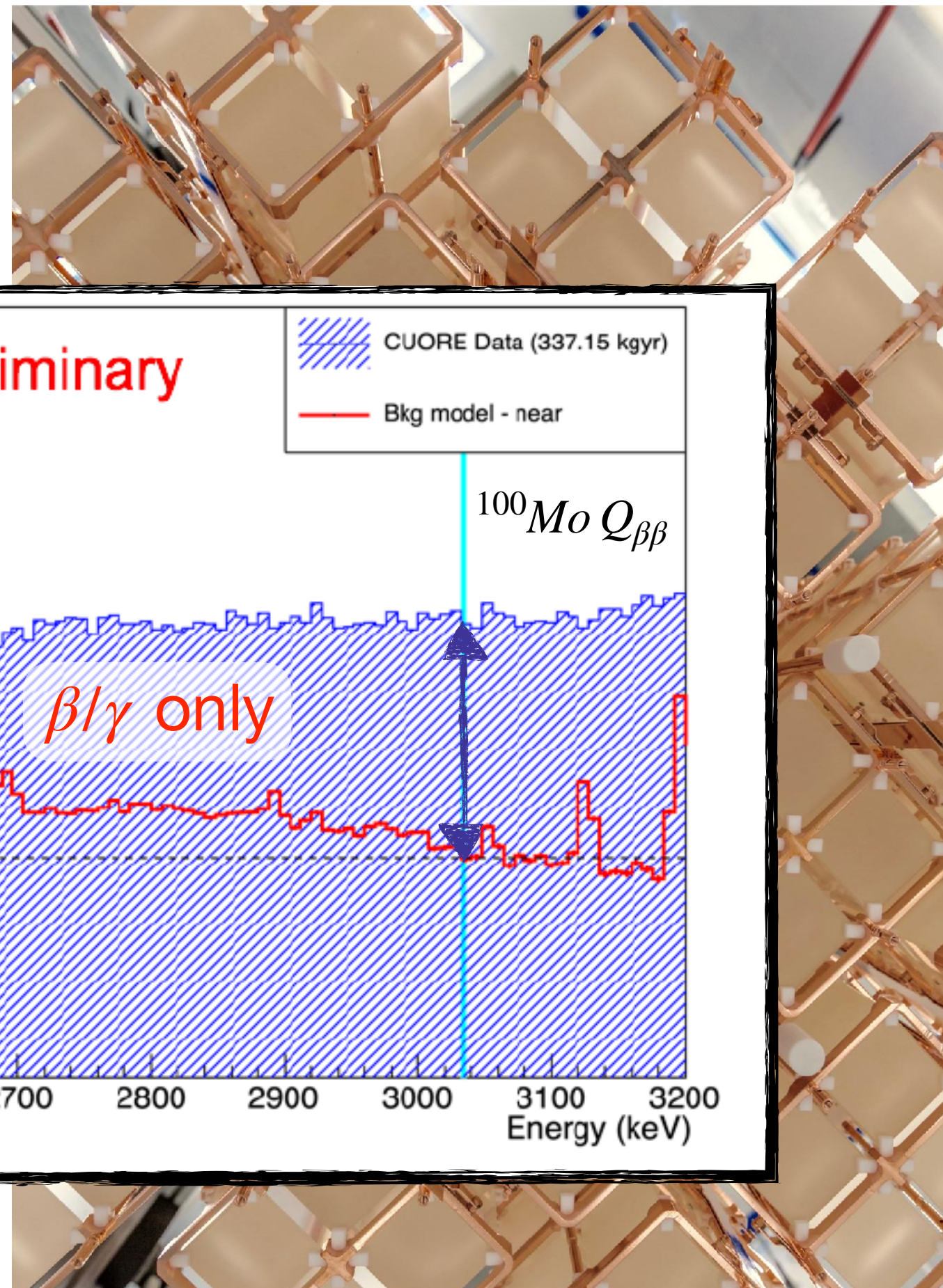
**Goal: Fully probe the “Inverted Hierarchy” region**

# Isotope selection

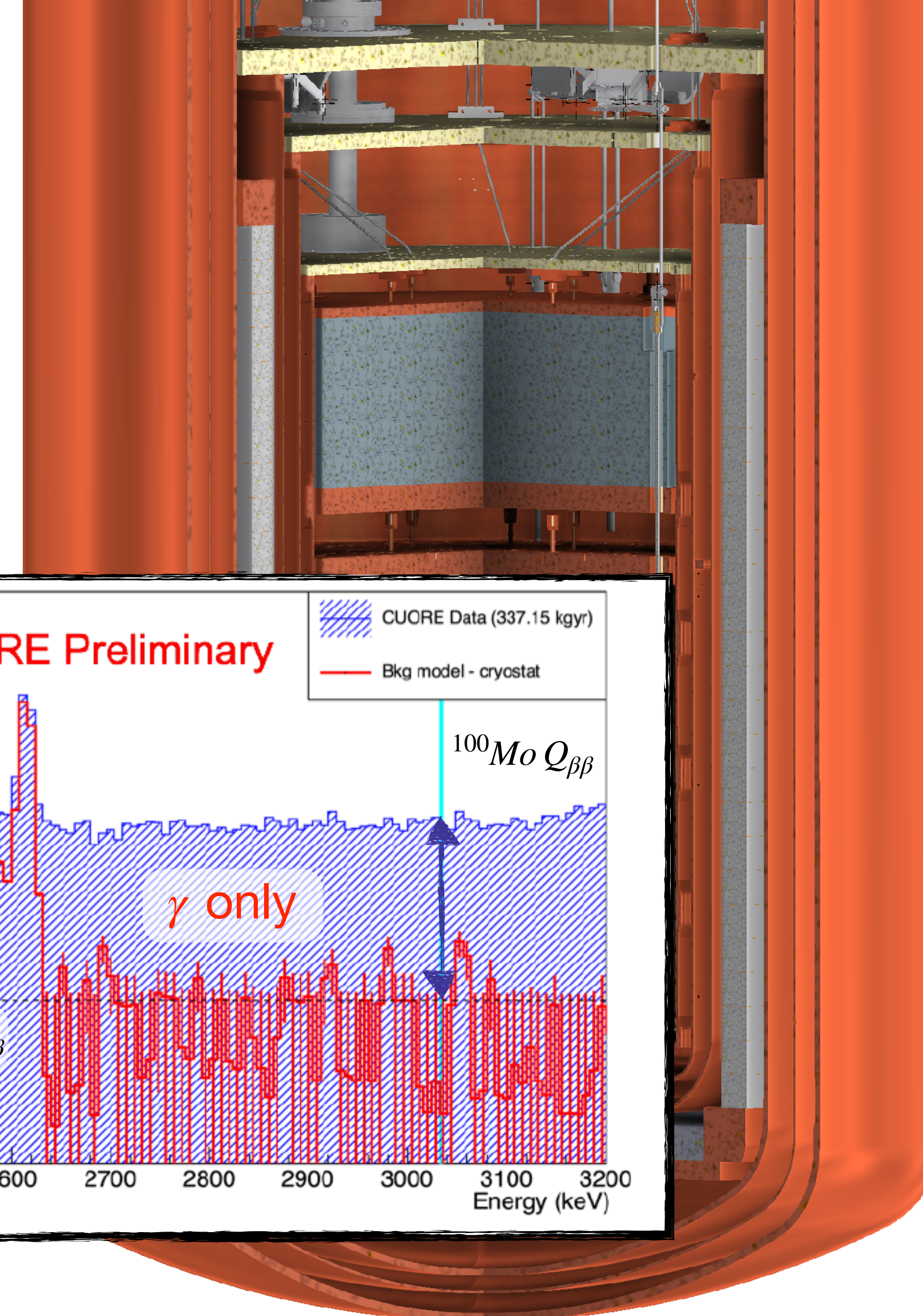
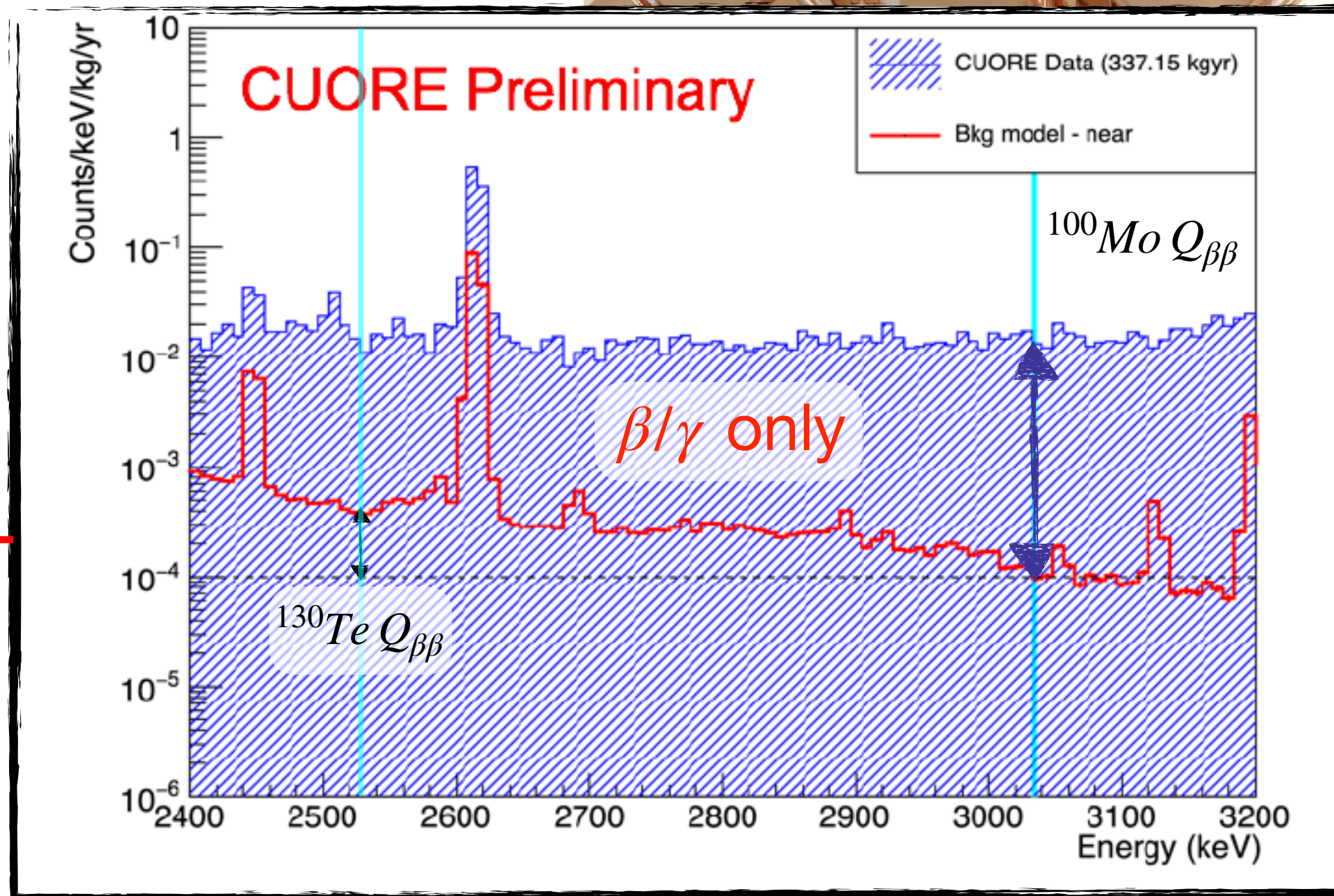


- <sup>130</sup>Te Q-value: 2527 keV — below 2615 keV  $\gamma$ ; below 3270 keV  $\beta$ ; isotopic abundance ~34%
- <sup>100</sup>Mo Q-value: 3034 keV — above 2615 keV  $\gamma$ ; below 3270 keV  $\beta$ ; isotopic abundance ~10%

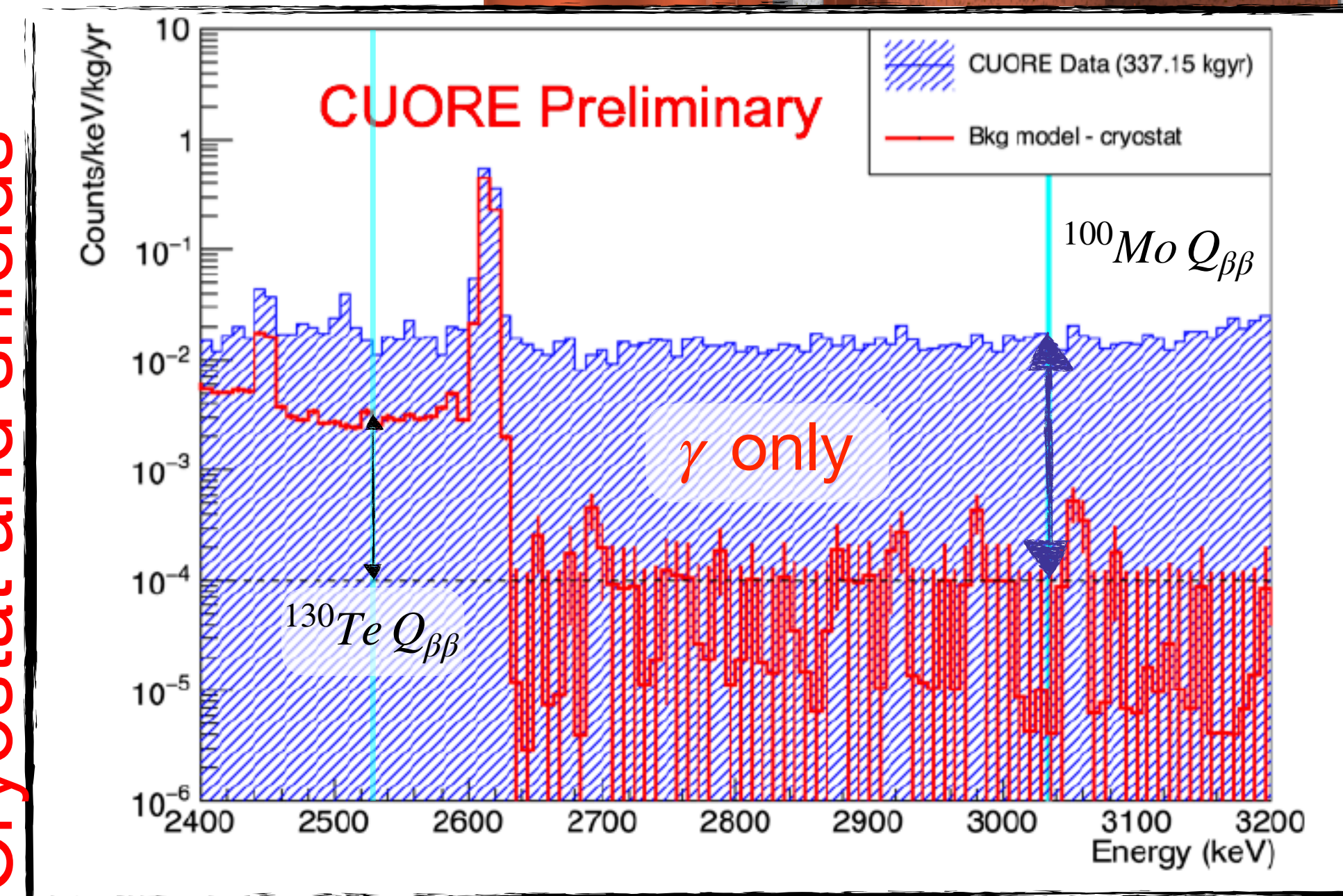
# PID + isotope selection



Detector parts



Cryostat and shields



Background reduced by a factor of 100 — in conformance with CUPID goal

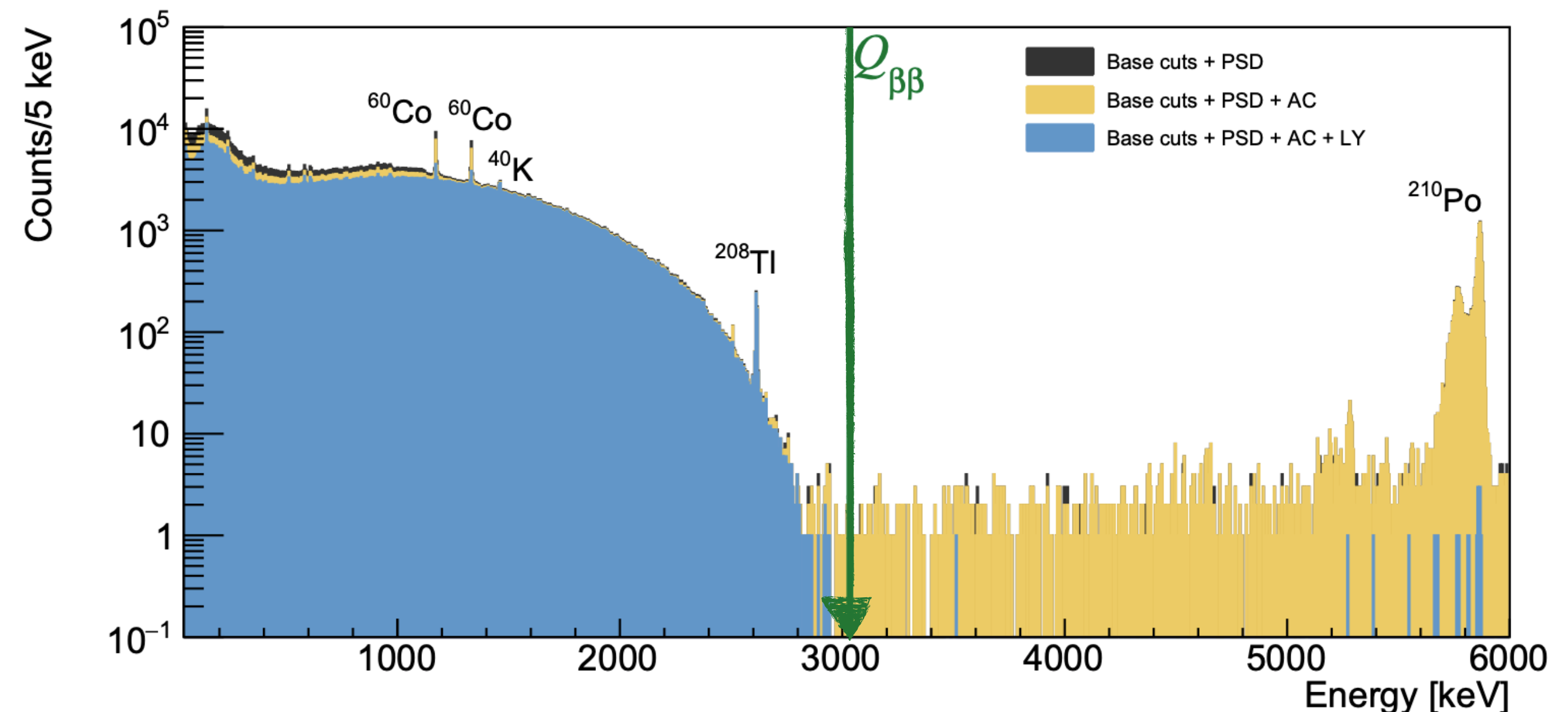
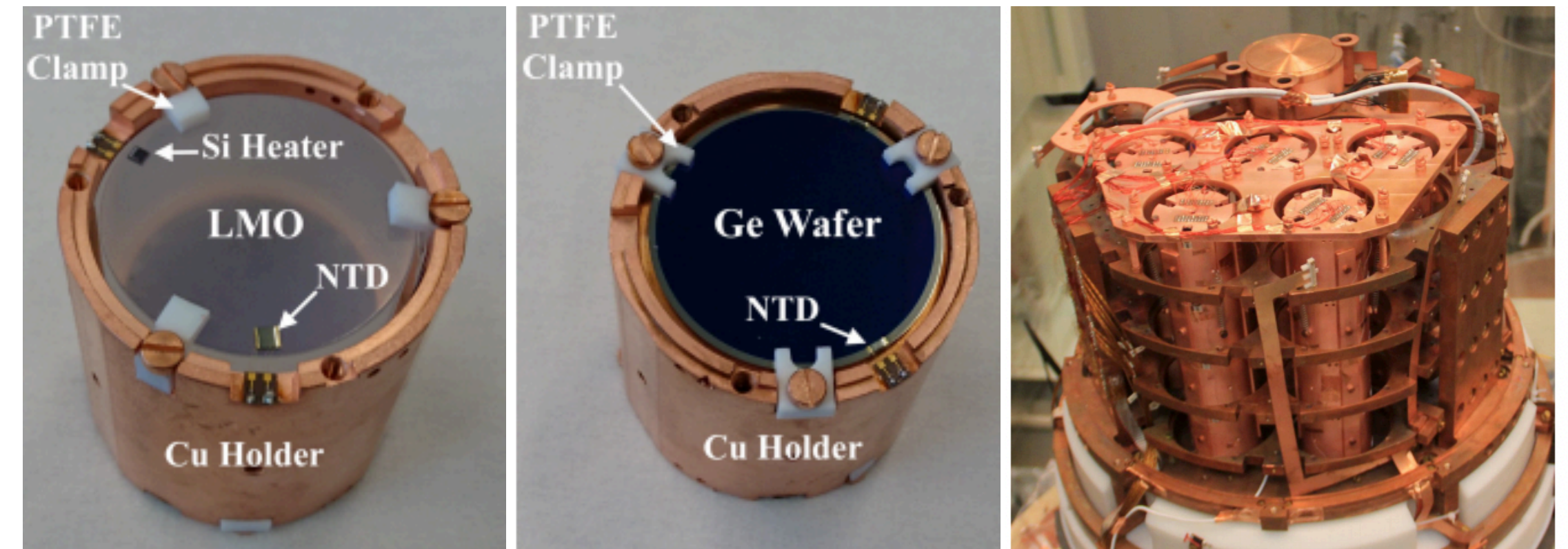
# CUPID-Mo (2019 – 2020)

## Configuration

- 20  $\text{Li}_2\text{MoO}_4$  crystal bolometers with reflective foil
  - enriched in  $^{100}\text{Mo}$  to  $\sim 97\%$
  - cylindrical ( $\sim \varnothing 44 \times 45$  mm)
  - $\sim 210$  g
- 20 Ge light detectors with SiO antireflective coating
  - round ( $\varnothing 44.5$  mm)
- cryogen-free cryostat (EDELWEISS)
  - Modane Underground Laboratory (LSM) in France (4800 mwe)
  - $\sim 20$  mK
- muon veto system
  - 46 plastic scintillator modules

## PID Performance

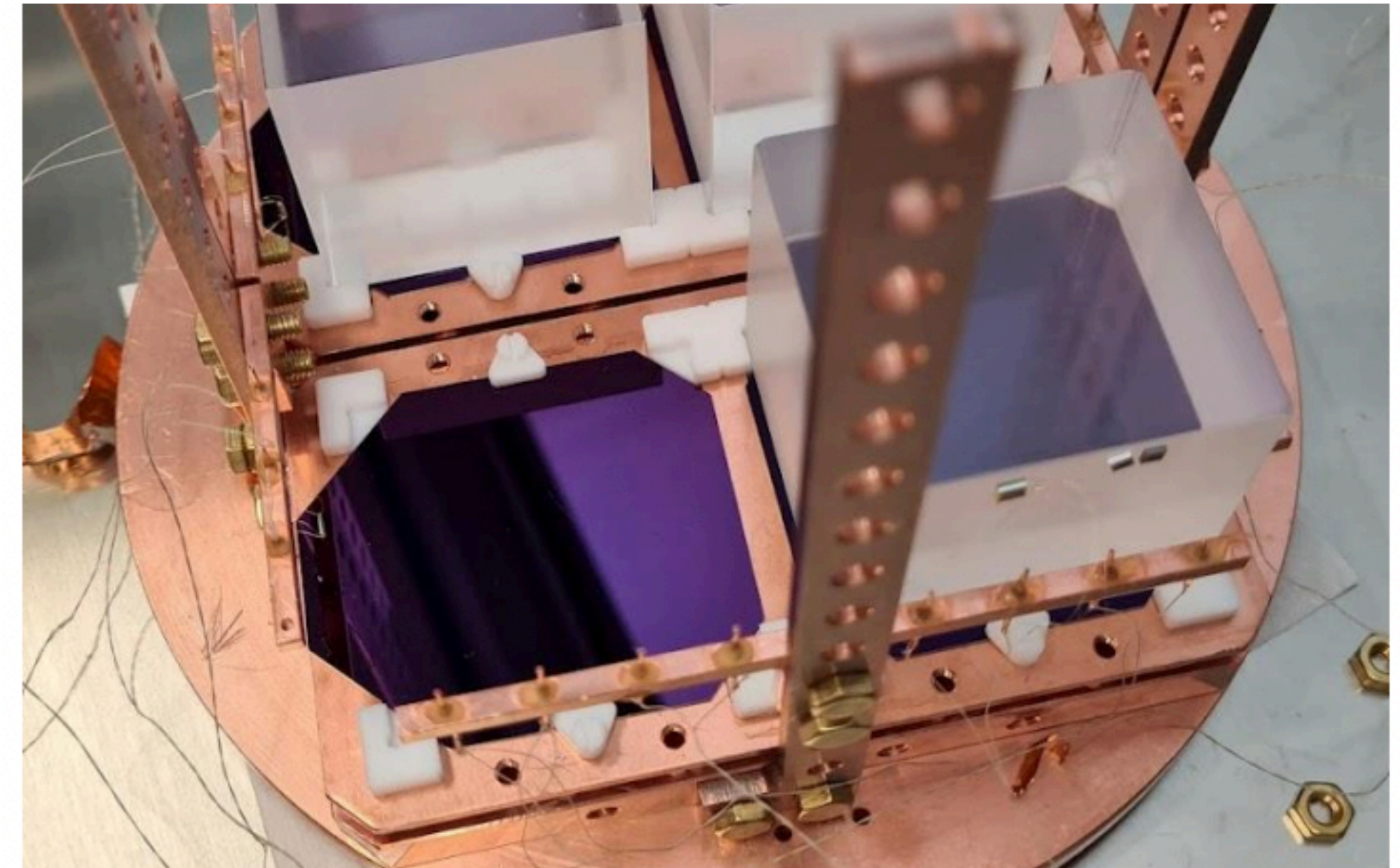
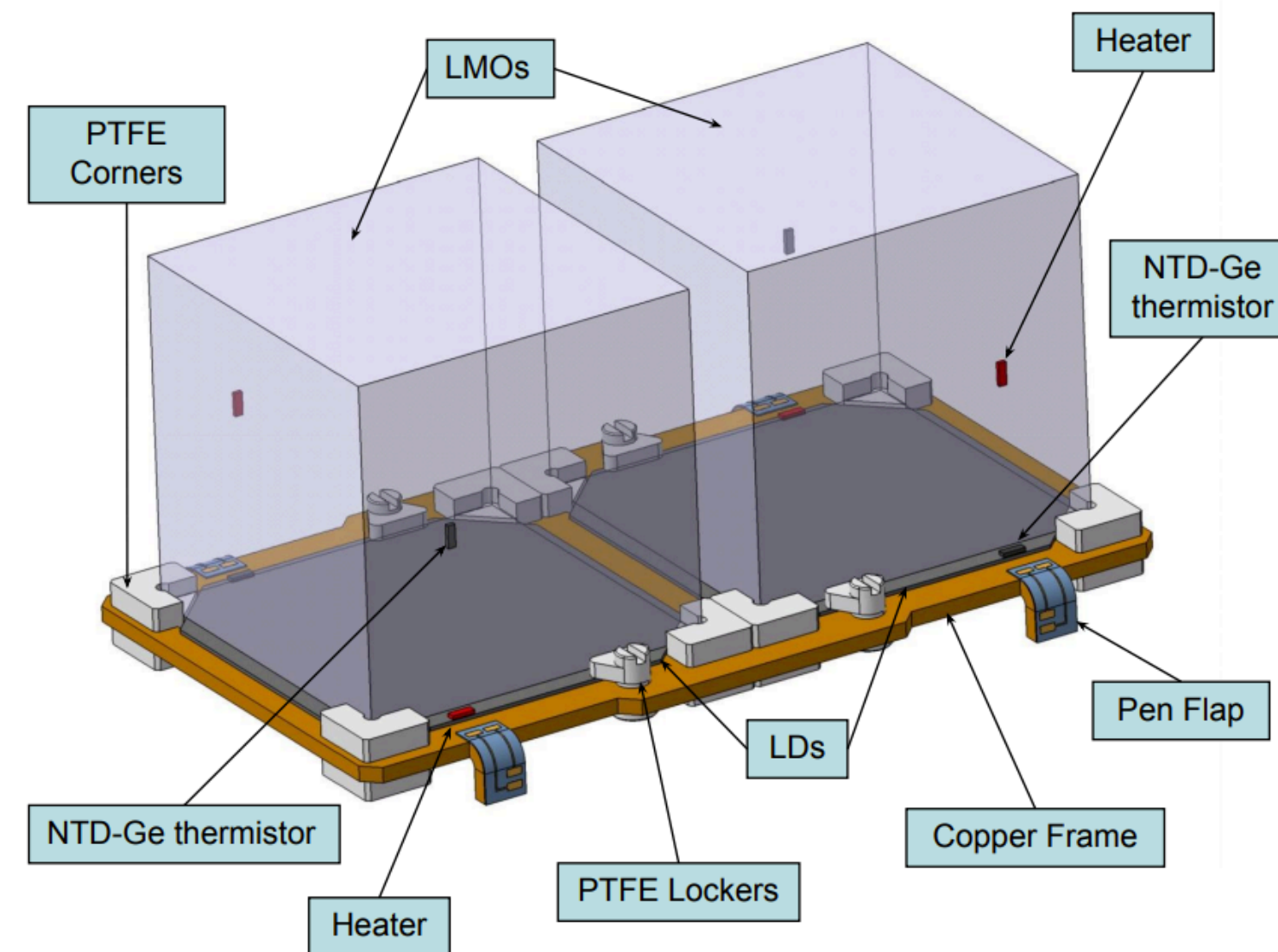
- $> 99.9\%$   $\alpha$  rejection
- $> 99.9\%$   $\beta/\gamma$  acceptance
- background index:  $O(10^{-3})$  counts/(keV·kg·yr)



# CUPID mini-towers (2021)

## Configuration

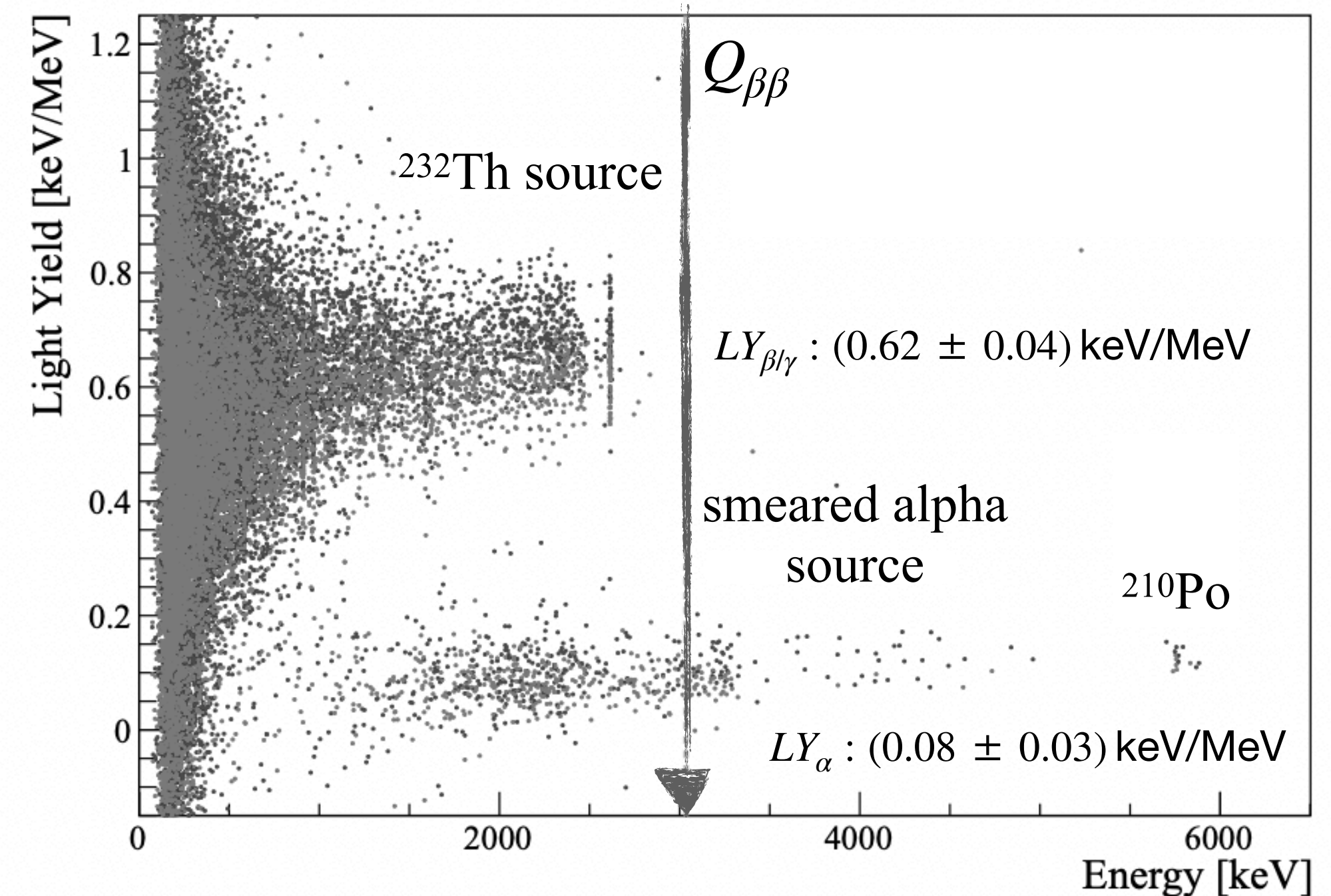
- 2 mini-towers
  - 2 floors with 2 crystals on each floor
- 8  $\text{Li}_2\text{MoO}_4$  crystal bolometers
  - natural Mo
  - cubic ( $45 \times 45 \times 45 \text{ mm}^3$ )
  - 280 g
- 12 Ge light detectors
  - SiO antireflective coating
  - quasi-square
- cryostat (Hall C)
  - LNGS in Italy
  - $\sim 15 \text{ mK}$



## PID Performance

- Discrimination Power (DP)
  - DP (2 LD): 7.3 - 8.2
  - DP (1 LD): 3.9 - 6.2
- $> 99.9\%$   $\alpha$  rejection ( $\text{DP} > 3.1$ )

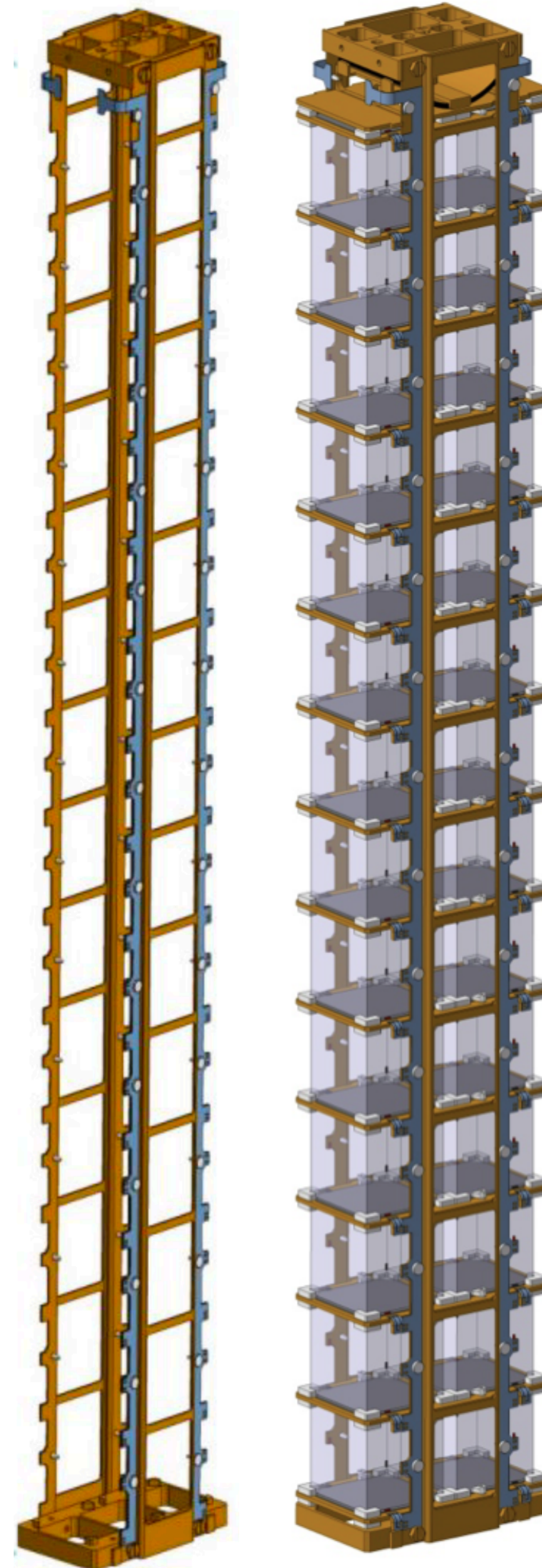
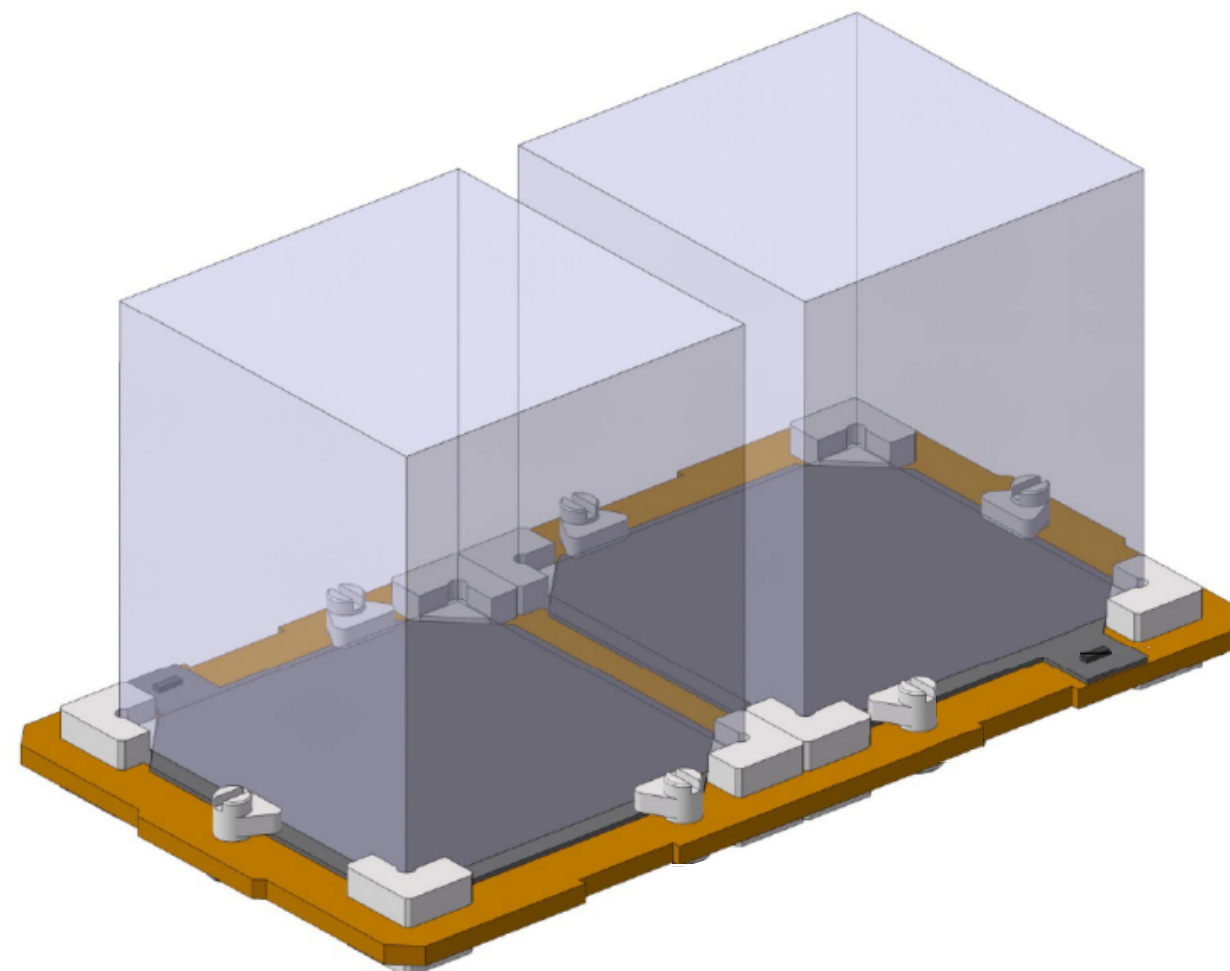
$$DP \equiv \frac{|LY_{\beta/\gamma} - LY_{\alpha}|}{\sqrt{\sigma_{\beta/\gamma}^2 + \sigma_{\alpha}^2}}$$



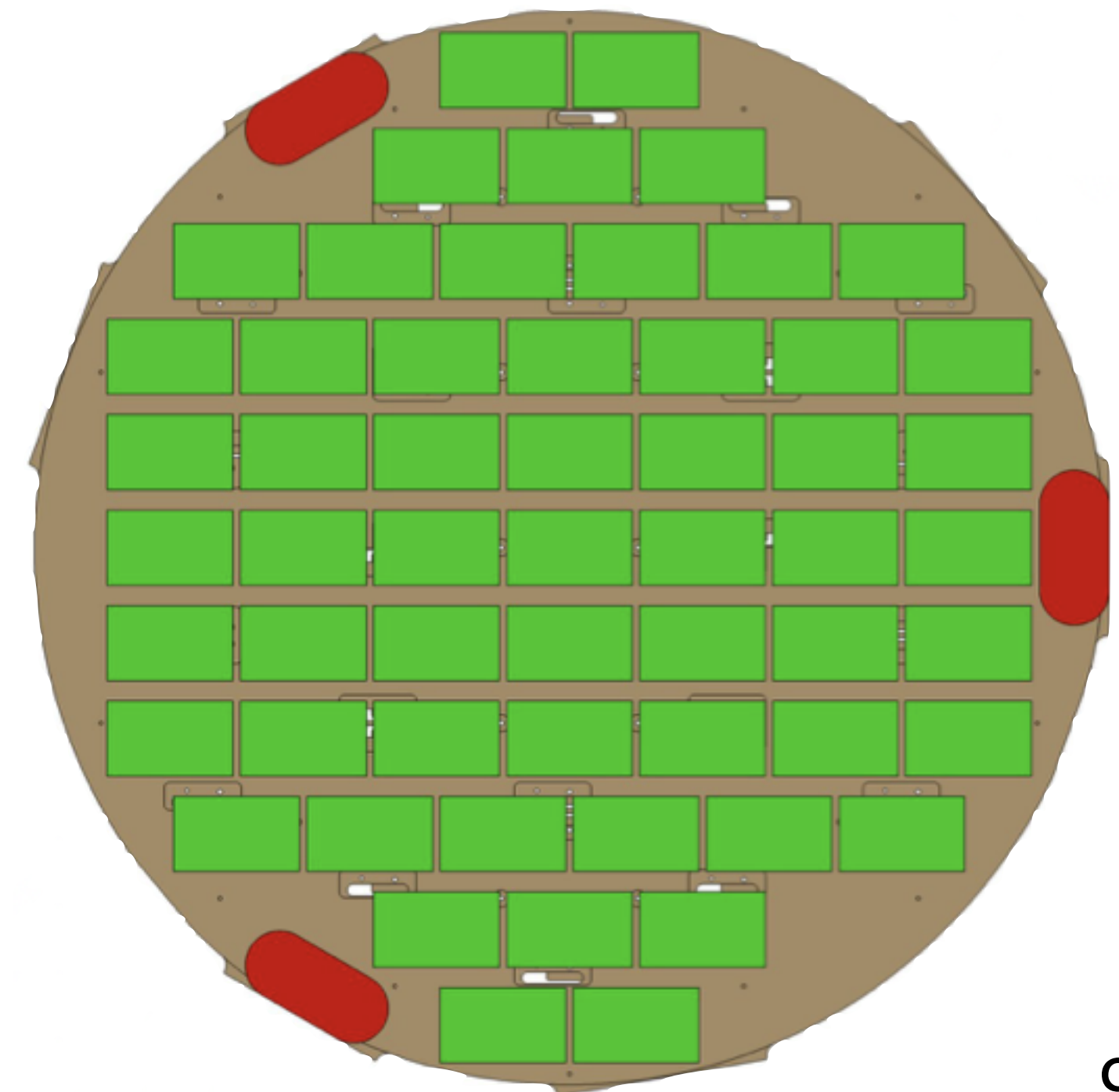
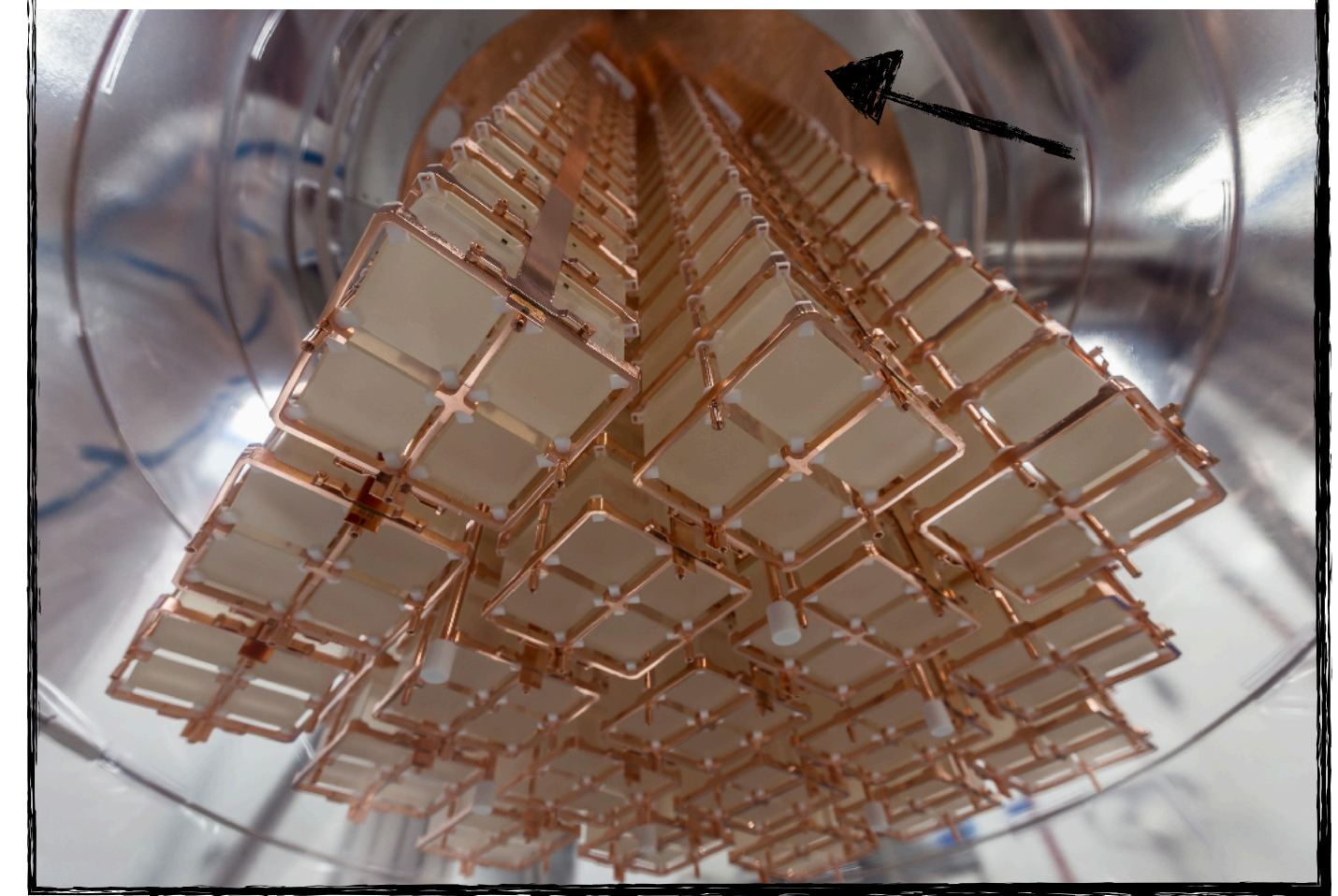


# CUPID detector

- 57 towers
  - 14 floors with 2 crystals on each floor
- 1596  $\text{Li}_2\text{MoO}_4$  crystal bolometers
  - enriched in  $^{100}\text{Mo}$  to  $\sim 95\%$
  - cubic ( $45 \times 45 \times 45 \text{ mm}^3$ )
  - 280 g (450 kg  $\text{Li}_2\text{MoO}_4$ , **240 kg  $^{100}\text{Mo}$** )
- 1710 Ge light detectors with  $\text{SiO}$ 
  - quasi-square
- 3306 sensors
  - Ge-NTD
- cryostat (CUORE)
  - $\sim 10 \text{ mK}$



CUORE: 988 crystals arranged in 19 towers with 13 floors of 2x2 crystal array



# Relevant backgrounds

## External (cosmic rays)

- muons

## Infrastructure (gammas from $^{238}\text{U}/^{232}\text{Th}$ )

- $^{214}\text{Bi}$ :  $E_\gamma > 3034$  keV
- $^{208}\text{Tl}$ : 2615 keV/583 keV cascade decay

## HOLDERS (alphas/gammas/betas from $^{238}\text{U}/^{232}\text{Th}$ )

- surface:  $^{214}\text{Bi}$  and  $^{208}\text{Tl}$   $\beta$  decays

## Crystals

- surface:  $^{214}\text{Bi}$  and  $^{208}\text{Tl}$   $\beta$  decays from  $^{238}\text{U}/^{232}\text{Th}$
- $^{100}\text{Mo}$   $2\nu\beta\beta$  decay pile-up ( $T_{1/2} = 7.1 \times 10^{18}$  years)

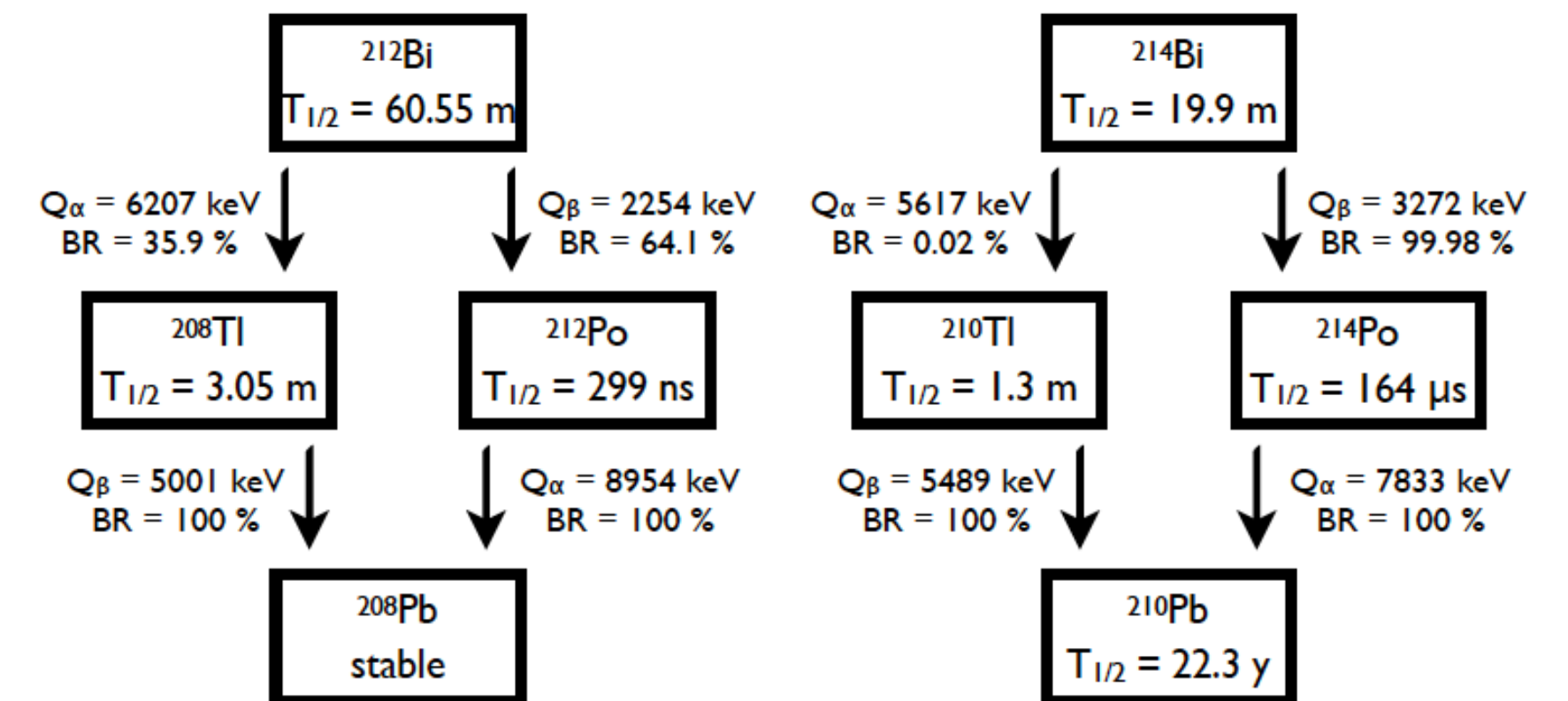
# Mitigation strategies

## Muons

- muon veto: plastic scintillator panels with SiPMs around and below external shielding ( $\approx 99\%$  tagging efficiency)

## $^{214}\text{Bi}$ and $^{208}\text{Tl}$ $\beta$ decays from $^{238}\text{U}/^{232}\text{Th}$

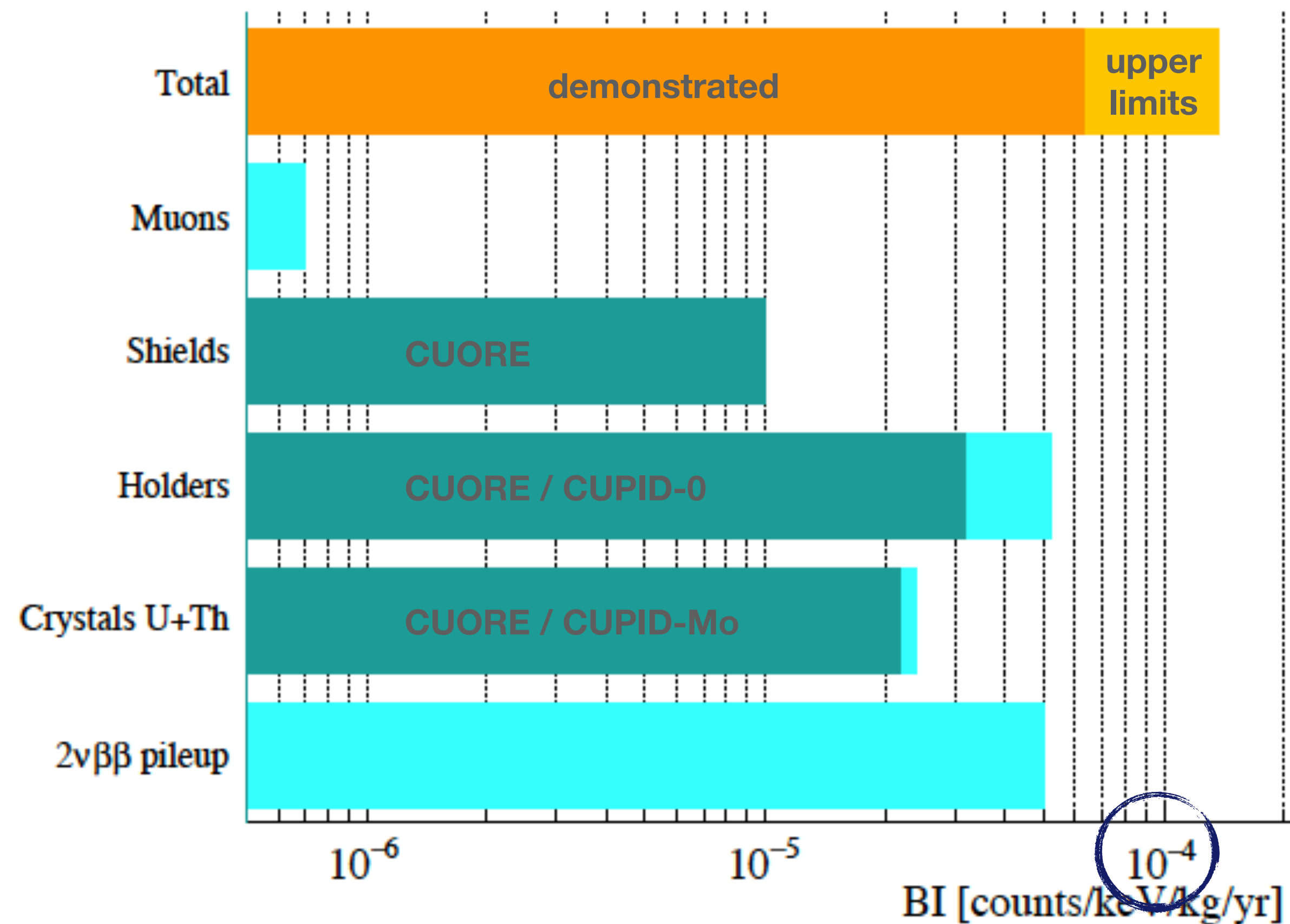
- delayed coincidence cut:



## $2\nu\beta\beta$ decay pile-up

- improve timing resolution: decrease rise time and/or increase SNR
- smaller LD NTDs (lower heat capacity)

# Projected background index



Informed by data-driven background models of CUPID demonstrators and CUORE:

## Shields

- CUORE cryostat

## Holders

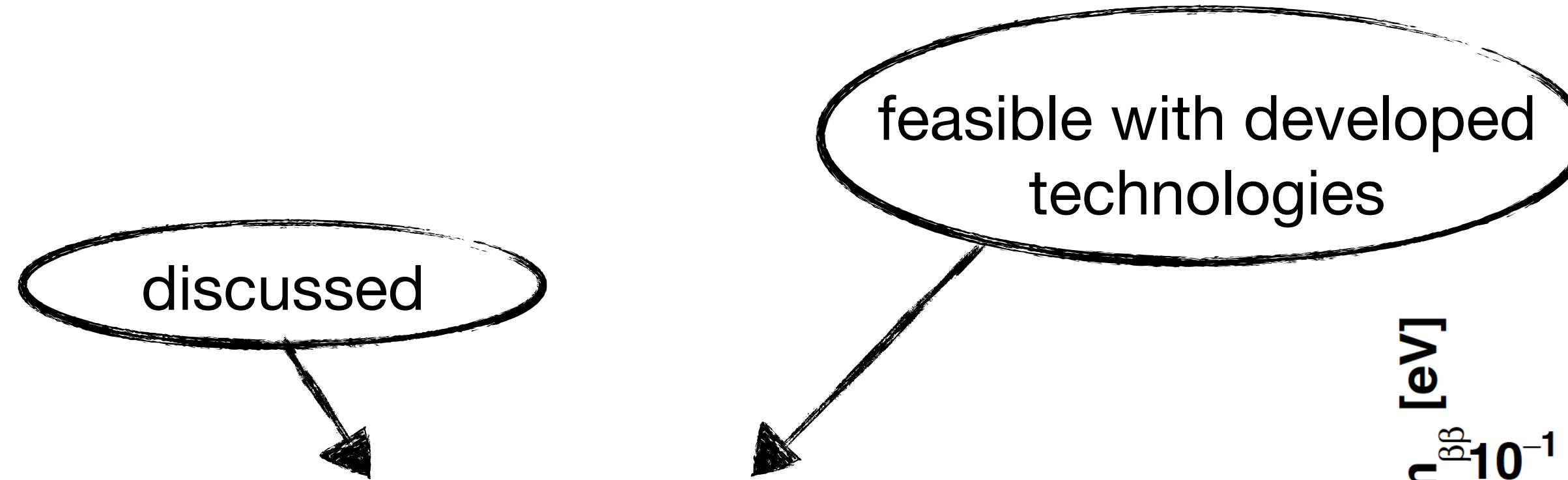
- CUORE/CUPID-0 Cu and PTFE material and surface treatment

## Crystals

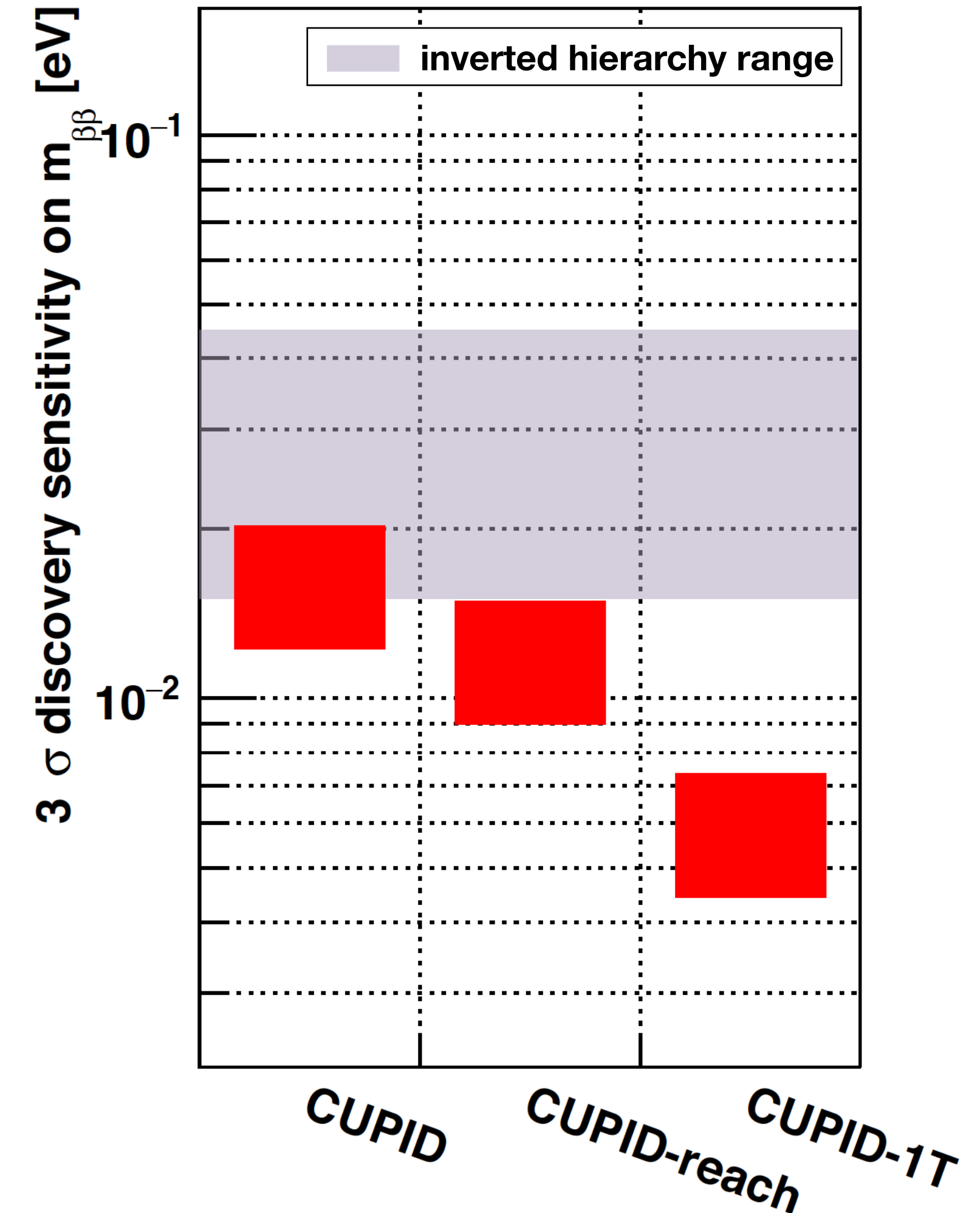
- surface: CUORE (surface treatment)
- bulk: CUPID-Mo (crystal production)

Conservative: Does not account for planned improvements that are expected to reduce the BI

# CUPID-1T



Parameter	CUPID baseline	CUPID-reach	CUPID-1T
Crystal	$\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$	$\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$	$\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$
Detector mass (kg)	450	450	1871
$^{100}\text{Mo}$ mass (kg)	240	240	1000
Energy resolution FWHM (keV)	5	5	5
Background index (counts/(keV·kg·yr))	$10^{-4}$	$2 \times 10^{-5}$	$5 \times 10^{-6}$
Containment efficiency	78%	78%	78%
Selection efficiency	90%	90%	90%
Livetime (years)	10	10	10
Half-life exclusion sensitivity (90% C.L.)	$1.4 \times 10^{27}$ y	$2.2 \times 10^{27}$ y	$9.1 \times 10^{27}$ y
Half-life discovery sensitivity ( $3\sigma$ )	$1 \times 10^{27}$ y	$2 \times 10^{27}$ y	$8 \times 10^{27}$ y
$m_{\beta\beta}$ exclusion sensitivity (90% C.L.)	10–17 meV	8.4–14 meV	4.1–6.8 MeV
$m_{\beta\beta}$ discovery sensitivity ( $3\sigma$ )	12–20 meV	9–15 meV	4.4–7.3 meV



## CUPID-1T

- 4x scale up — larger or multiple cryostat(s)
- ambitious, but feasible within the next decade with emerging technologies
- could also be used to explore other multiple isotopes in parallel

# Summary

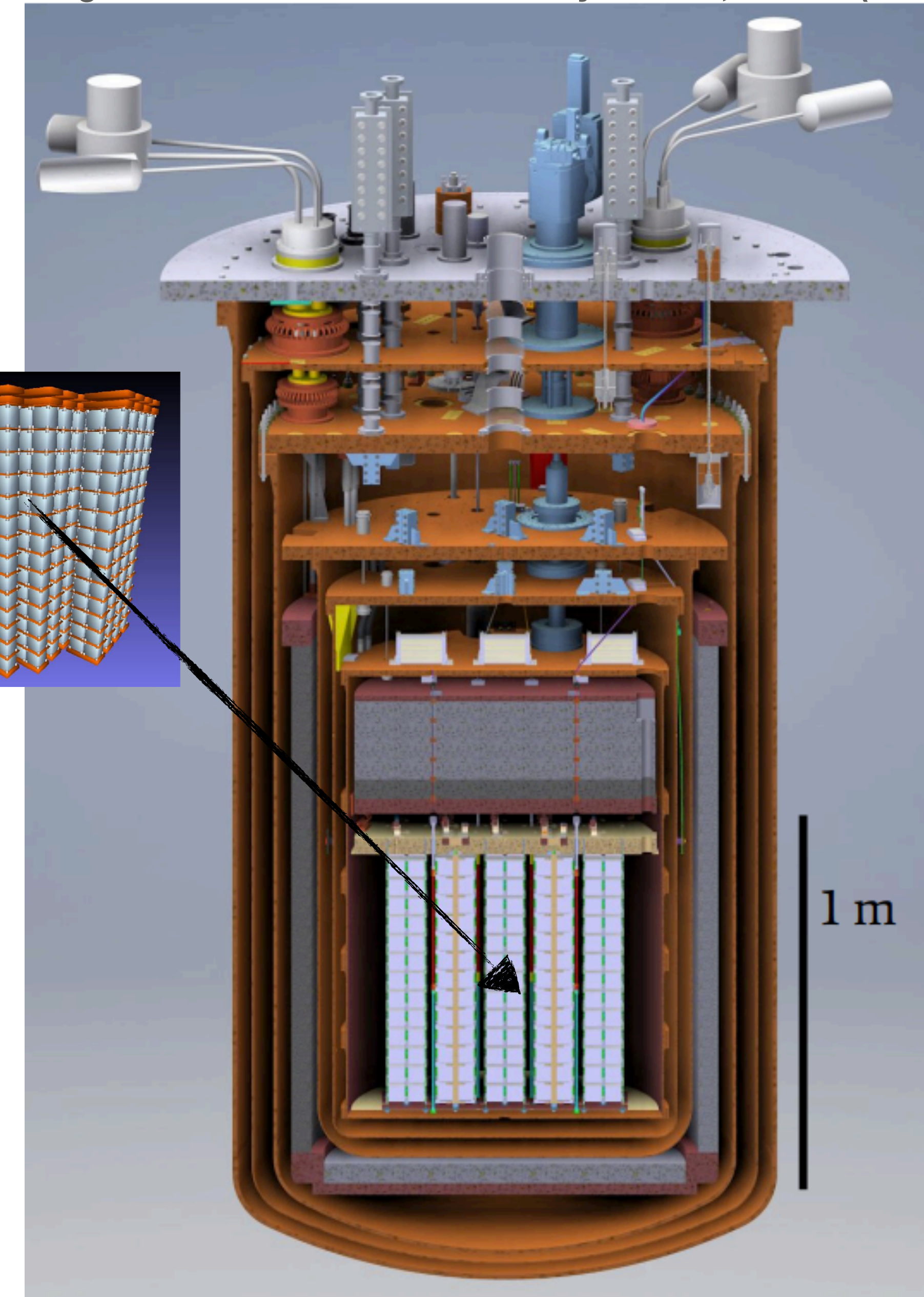
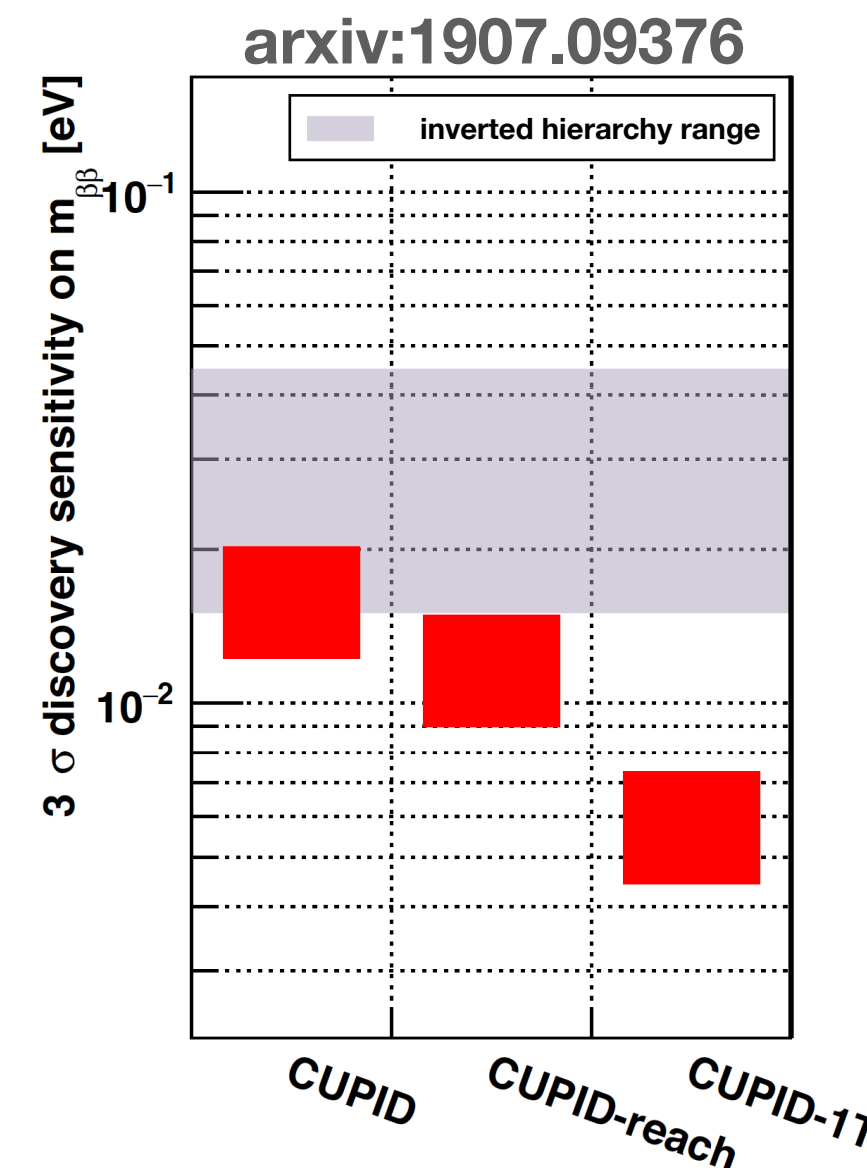
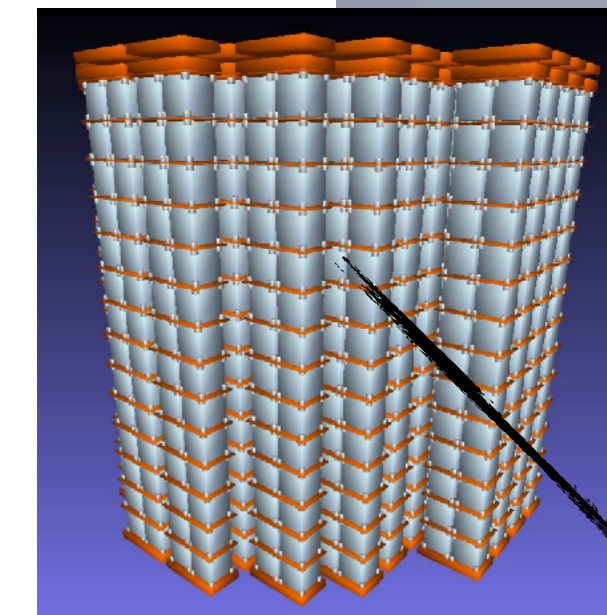
- CUPID baseline sensitivity ( $3\sigma$ ):

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} : 10^{27} \text{ yr}, \quad m_{\beta\beta} : 12 - 20 \text{ meV}$$

- CUPID can achieve this with existing detector technology and infrastructure

- CUPID-1T concept:

- inverted hierarchy precision measurement device across multiple isotopes (discovery)
- probe into the normal hierarchy range (exclusion)



# CUPID Collaboration





# CUORE

- 19 towers
  - 13 floors with 4 crystals on each floor
- 988 TeO<sub>2</sub> crystal bolometers
  - <sup>130</sup>Te isotopic abundance ~34%
  - 280 g (742 kg TeO<sub>2</sub>, 206 kg <sup>130</sup>Te)
  - cubic (5x5x5 cm<sup>3</sup>)
- cryostat (CUORE)
  - ~10 mK

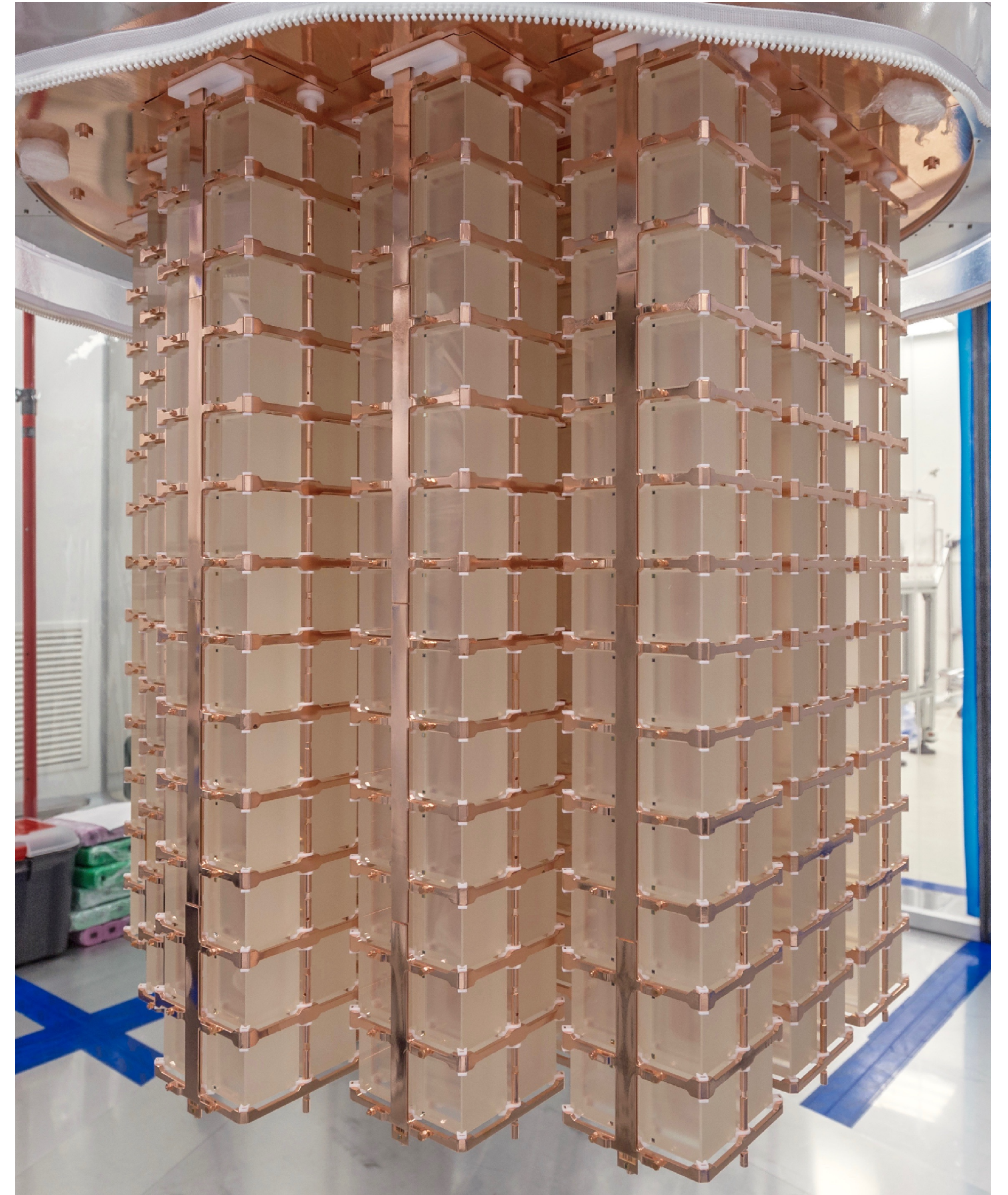
exposure: 1038.4 kg·yr TeO<sub>2</sub> (288.8 kg·yr <sup>130</sup>Te)

BI: 1.49 x 10<sup>-2</sup> counts/(keV·kg·yr)

resolution: 7.8 keV (FWHM)

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 2.2 \times 10^{25} \text{ years (90\% C.I.)}$$

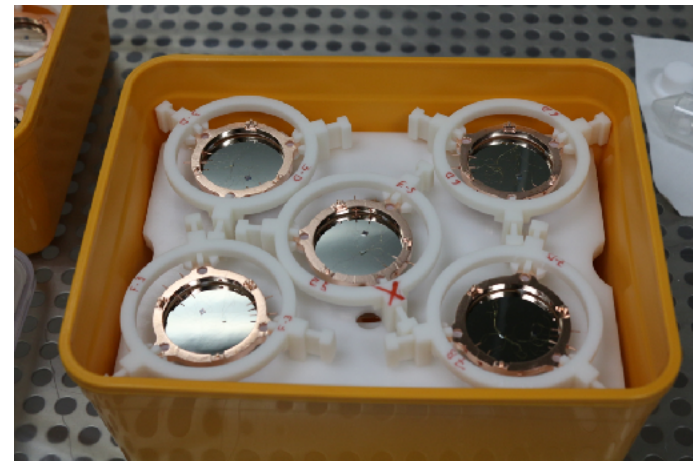
$$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle < 90 - 305 \text{ meV}$$





# Scintillating bolometers R&D

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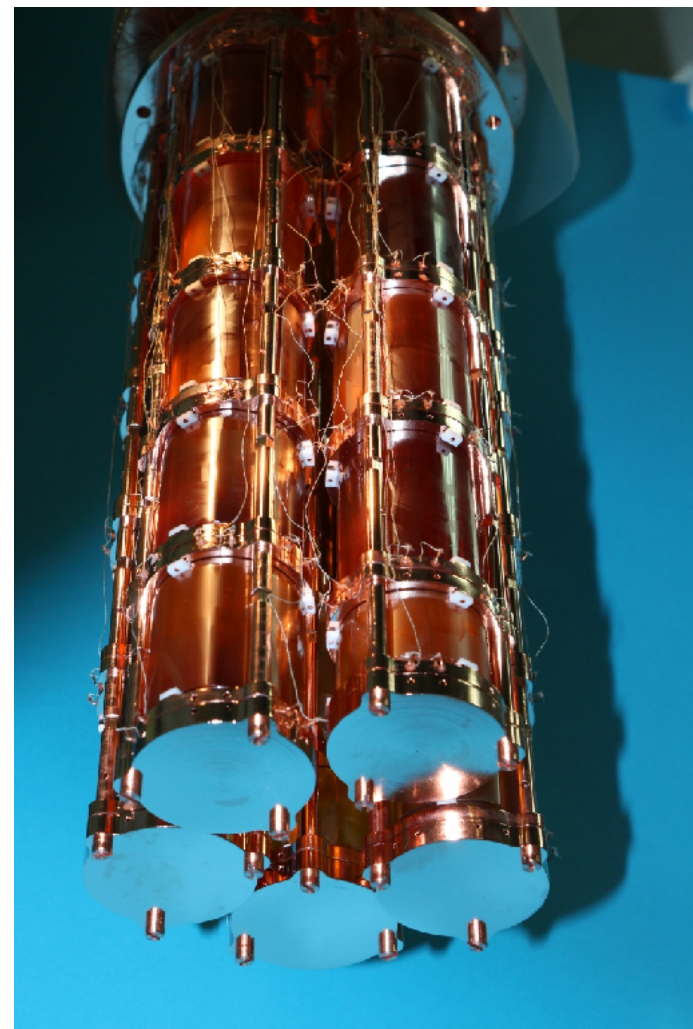
The first array of enriched scintillating bolometers for  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay investigations

**CUPID-0 (2017-18, 2019-20):  $\text{Zn}^{82}\text{Se}$**

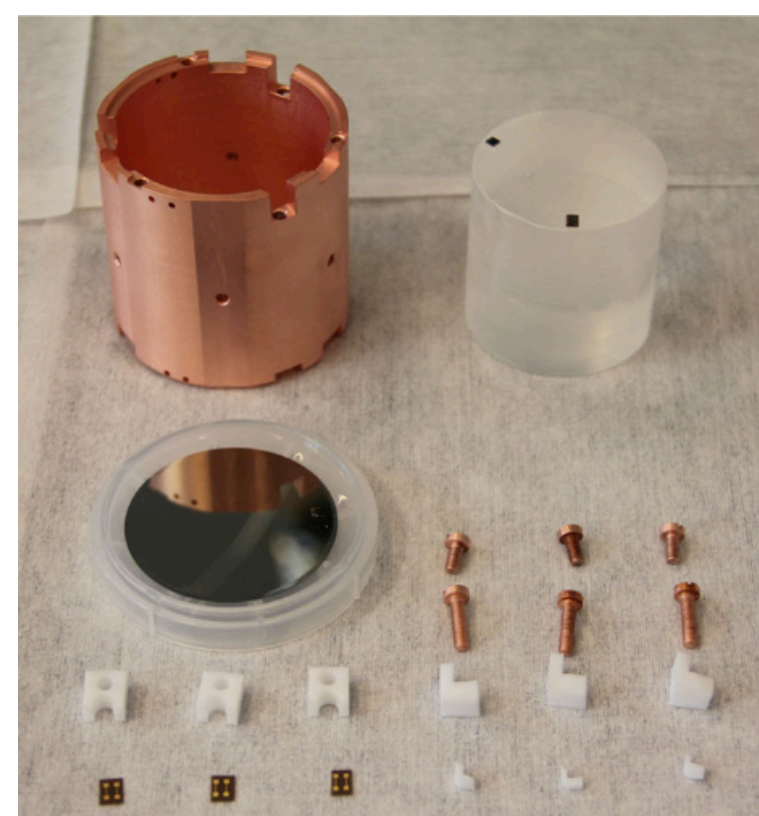
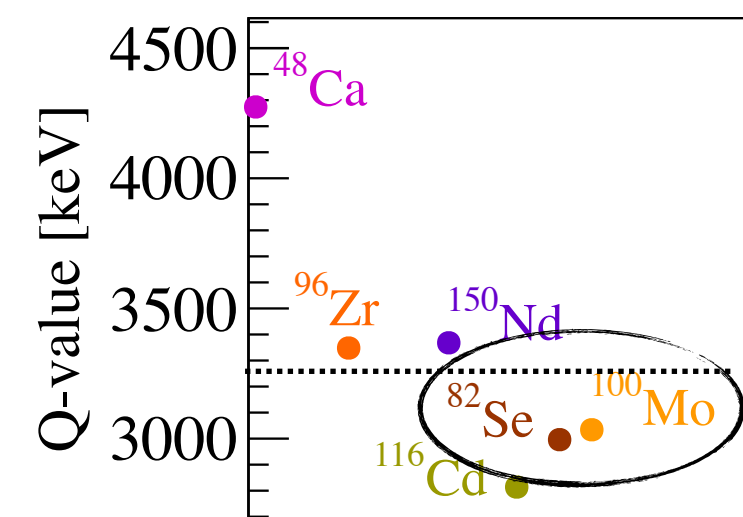
- LUCIFER:  $\text{ZnSe} / \text{ZnMoO}_4$
- Mass: 10.5 kg (5.17 kg  $^{82}\text{Se}$ )
- Exposure: 16.59 kg·yr (8.82 kg·yr  $^{82}\text{Se}$ )
- BI:  $\text{O}(10^{-3})$  counts/(keV·kg·yr)
- Resolution: 21.8 keV (FWHM)

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 4.6 \times 10^{24} \text{ yr (90\% C.I.)}$$

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



- $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$  (enriched in  $^{100}\text{Mo}$  to ~95%)
  - high reproducibility
  - high optical quality
  - good energy resolution
  - negligible bulk contamination
- cubic crystal geometry
  - close-packed array
  - higher anti-coincidence efficiency
- no reflective foil
- quasi-square light detector
  - more light yield compared to round
- holders (copper frame + PTFE)
  - less complicated with less passive material

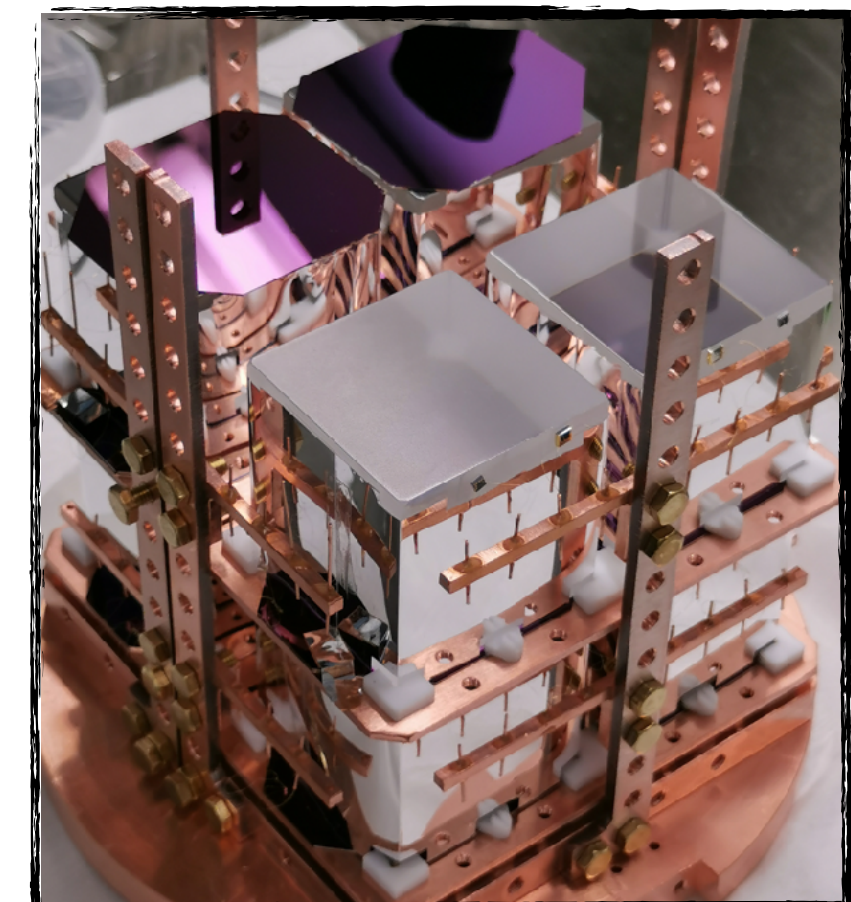
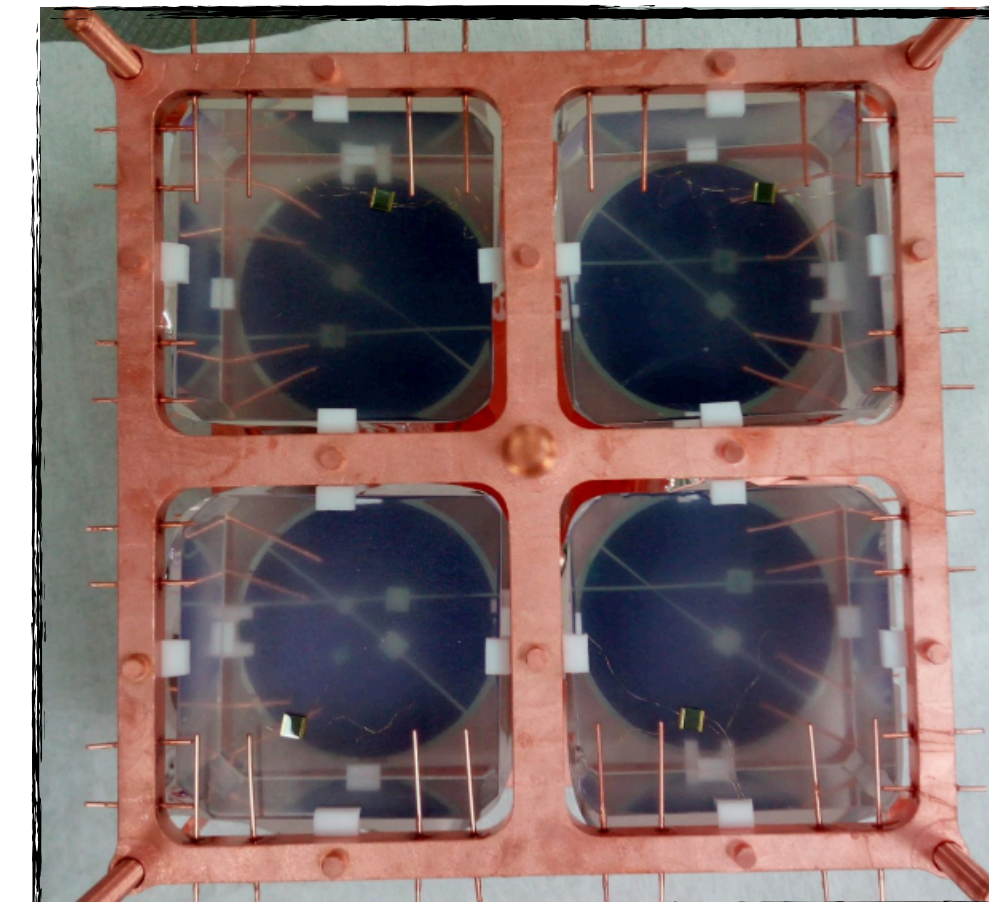


**CUPID-Mo (2019 – 2020):  $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$**

- LUMINEU:  $\text{Li}_2\text{MoO}_4 / \text{ZnMoO}_4$
- Mass: 4.16 kg (2.26 kg  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ )
- Exposure: 2.71 kg·yr (1.47 kg·yr  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ )
- BI:  $\text{O}(10^{-3})$  counts/(keV·kg·yr)
- Resolution: 7.4 keV (FWHM)

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.8 \times 10^{24} \text{ yr (90\% C.I.)}$$

$$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle < 0.28 - 0.49 \text{ eV}$$



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# Isotope Procurement / Crystal Production

- We are working with several potential vendors to explore isotope production for CUPID. Some of the discussions are covered by non-disclosure agreements (NDA).
- This includes established vendors and new production facilities.
- We are considering all options that are viable for Italy and the US.
- The collaboration has experience with crystal production from CUORE, CUPID-0, and CUPID-Mo.
- We are testing crystals from multiple vendors and expect to have baseline and alternative vendors defined by DOE CD-1 review in late 2023.