

CUPID-Mo: new results on ^{100}Mo $0\nu/2\nu$ 2β

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Double-beta decay: $(A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z+2) + \dots$

Two-neutrino mode: $2\nu 2\beta$

- **Allowed for 35 nuclides**

1% nuclides from Table of Isotope
Decay energy $Q_{\beta\beta}$ up to few MeV

- **Second order weak process**

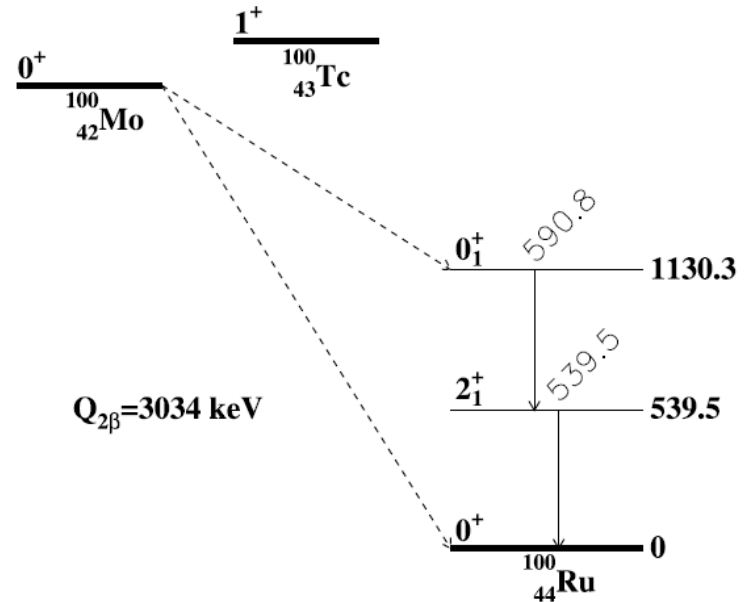
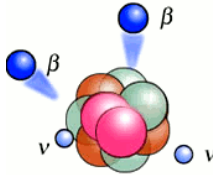
extremely long half-life, $T_{1/2} > 10^{17}$ yr [1935]

- **Test of theoretical description**

$$[T_{1/2}]^{-1} = G_{2\nu} \cdot |M_{2\nu}|^2$$

Observed for 11 nuclides

$$T_{1/2} \sim 10^{18} - 10^{24} \text{ yr}$$



Neutrinoless mode: $0\nu 2\beta$

- ❑ **Beyond the Standard Model**

- ❑ **Lepton number violation**

- ❑ **Massive Majorana neutrino**

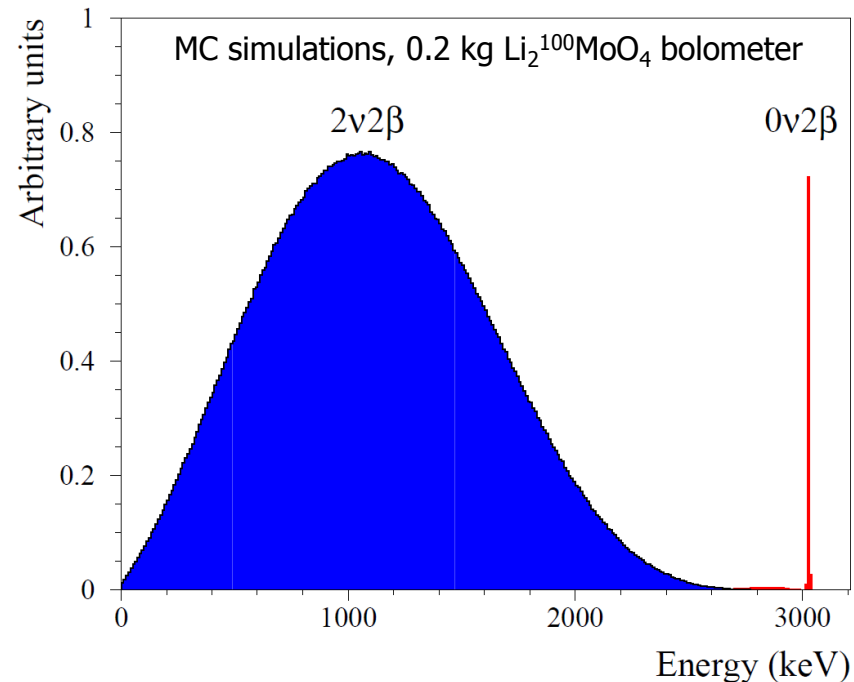
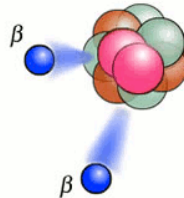
- ❑ **Neutrino mass scale**

effective Majorana neutrino mass $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2 = |\sum U_{ei}^2 \cdot m_i|^2$

$$[T_{1/2}]^{-1} = G_{0\nu} \cdot |M_{0\nu}|^2 \cdot \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2$$

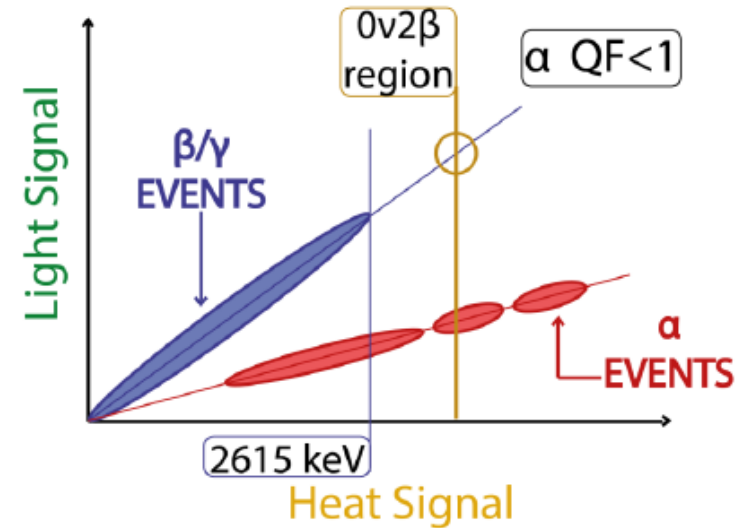
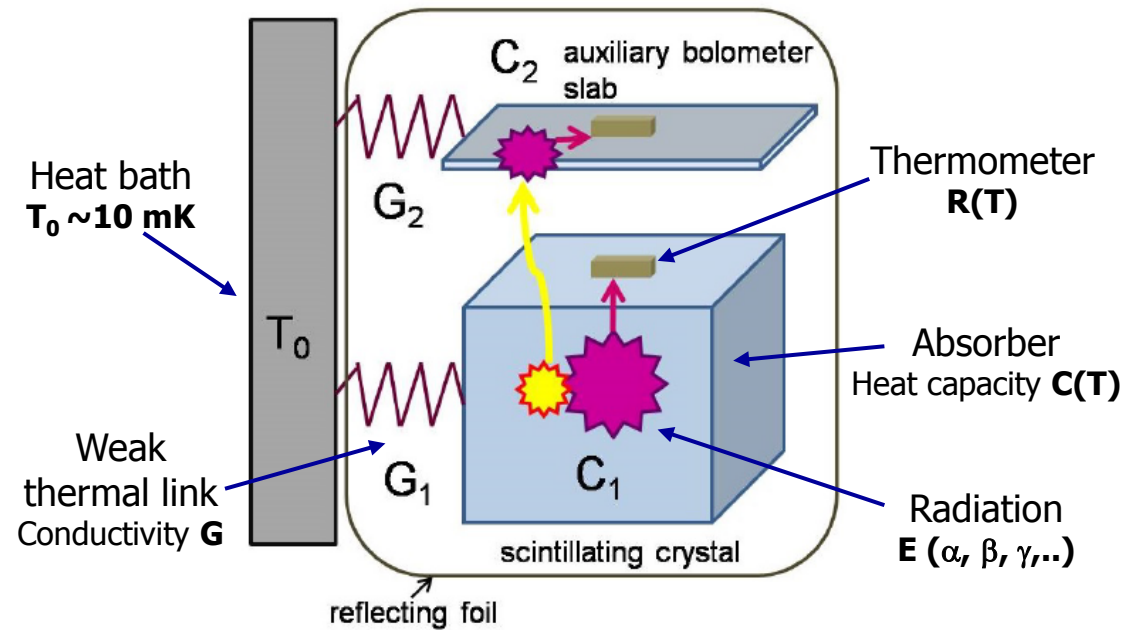
Not yet observed

Best $T_{1/2} > 10^{24} - 10^{26}$ yr, $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle < 0.06 - 0.6$ eV

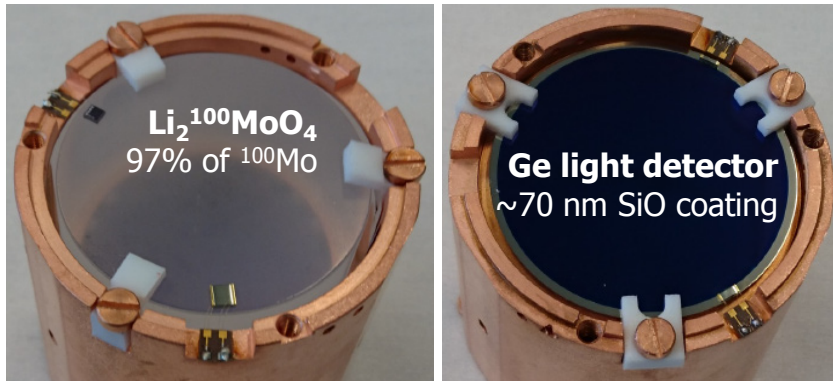


^{100}Mo $0\nu 2\beta$ decay search

Scintillating bolometers for $0\nu 2\beta$ search



Technology of ^{100}Mo -enriched scintillating bolometers



- ✓ **High crystal quality & radiopurity**
 $\Rightarrow ^{100}\text{Mo}$ -enriched lithium molybdate ($\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$)
- ✓ **High performance of $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ bolometers**
 $\Rightarrow$ High energy resolution
 $\Rightarrow$ Low energy threshold
 $\Rightarrow$ High detection efficiency (2β source = detector)
- ✓ **Efficient scintillation-based particle ID**
 $\Rightarrow$ Active background rejection
- ✓ **Used in LUMINEU & CUPID-Mo 2β experiments**

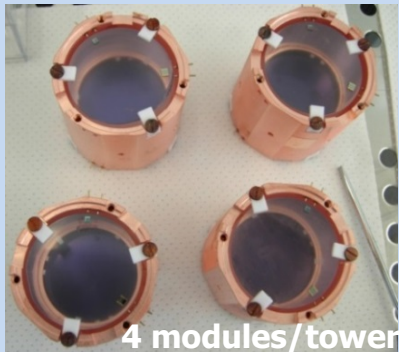
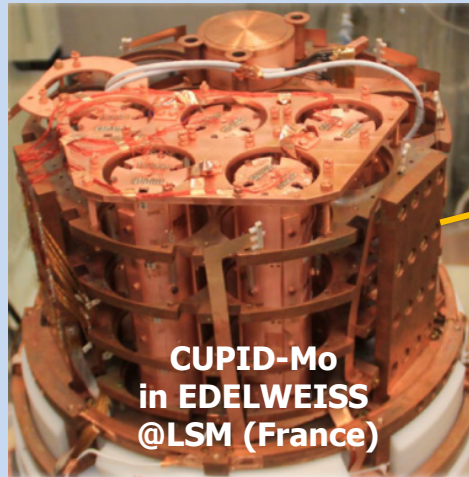
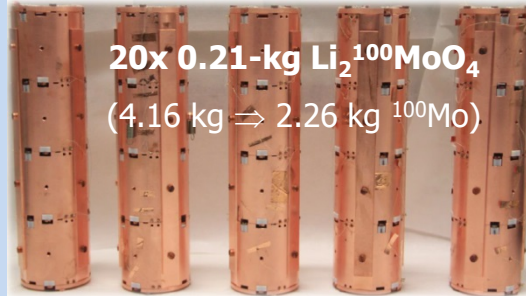
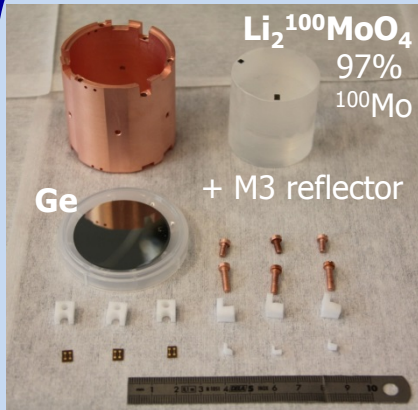
LUMINEU project (ANR funds) related developments

JINST 9, P06004 (2014); EPJC 77, 785 (2017);
 JMSEB 7, 63 (2017); AIP Conf. Proc. 1894, 020017 (2017)

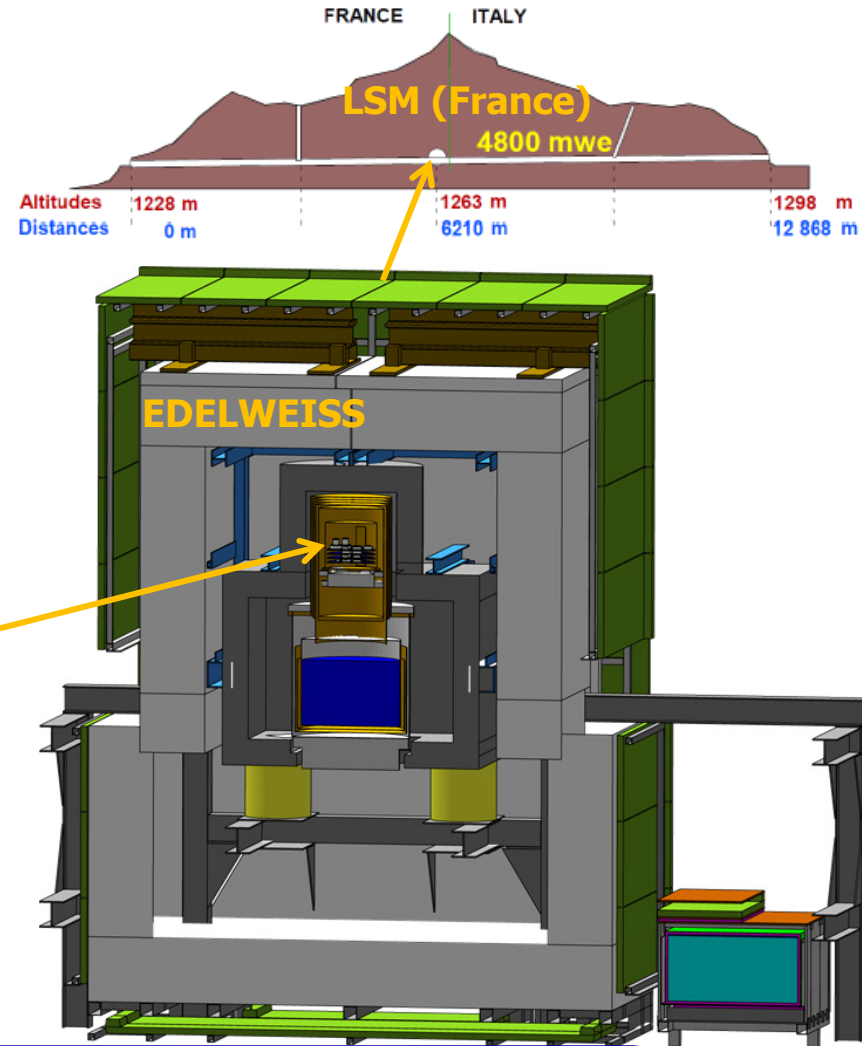
CUPID-Mo experiment

CUPID-Mo

20-scintillating-bolometer array



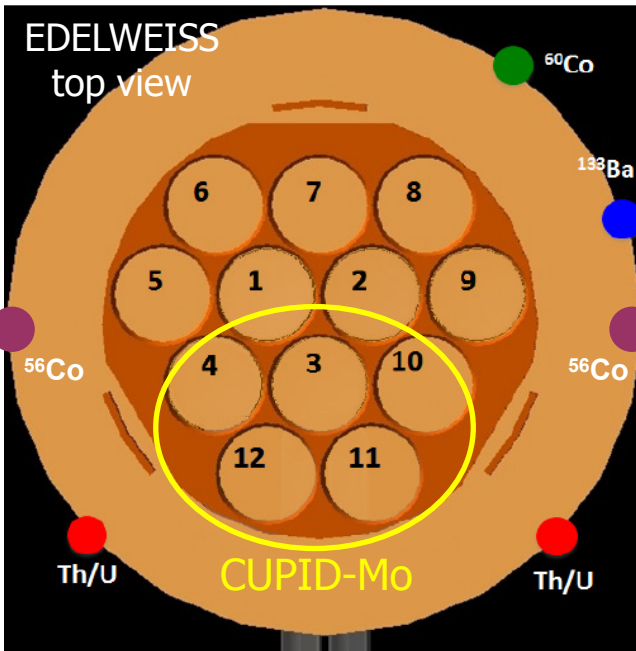
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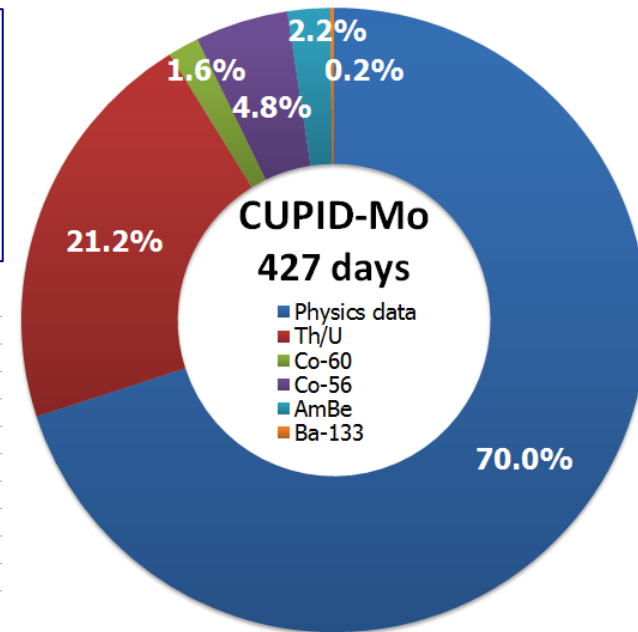
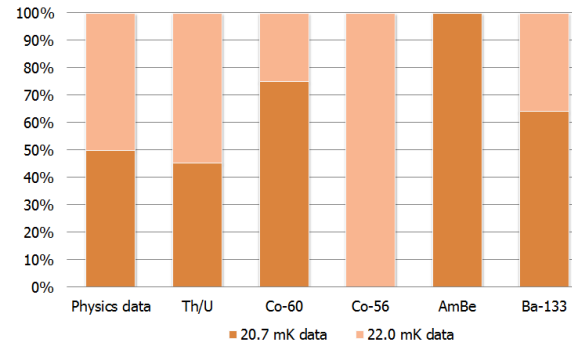
EDELWEISS cryogenic facility

- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ "wet" cryostat in a clean room (ISO Class 4) with a **deradonized** air supply
- **Shield: external** (20 cm of Pb + 50 cm of PE) & **internal @1K** (14 cm of Pb + 10 cm of PE)
- **Muon veto** (98.5% covering)
- **Radon monitoring**
- **Low noise cold electronics**

CUPID-Mo data



Data taking
 (23/03/19 – 15/07/20; 481 d)
Duty cycle: 89%
Calibration: 30%
Physics data: 70%



➤ Physics data taking

@ **20.7 mK** (Mar. 2019 – Oct. 2019)
 @ **22.0 mK** (Nov. 2019 – Jun. 2020)

➤ Calibration

regular: Th/U (every ~10 days)
special: AmBe, ^{56}Co , ^{133}Ba , ^{60}Co

➤ Notable interruptions

LHe refills (every ~10 days)
partial warm-ups (Mar., Oct., Dec. 2019)

➤ Data release

0.12 kg×yr [EPJC 80, 44 (2020)]
 [@ GDR Neutrino, 25/06/2019]

0.51 kg×yr @ TAUP 2019
 [JPCS 1468, 012129 (2020)]

⇒ **Blinding:** Jun. **2019**

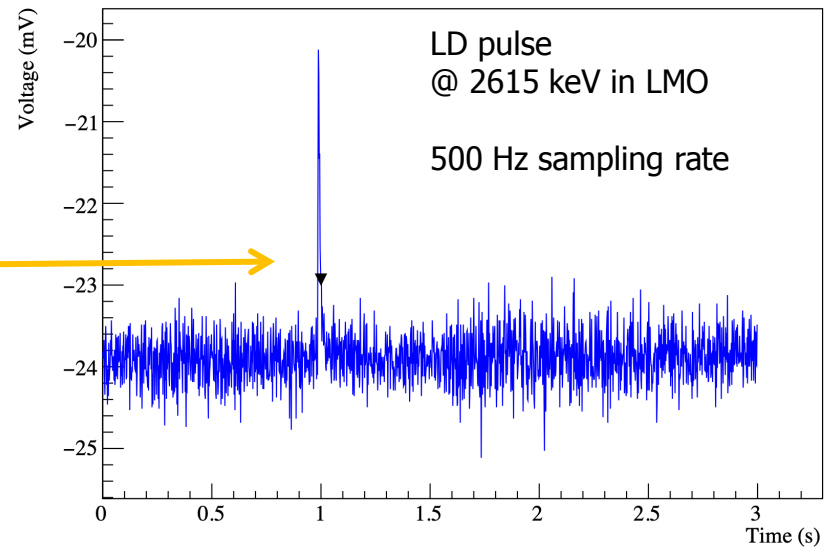
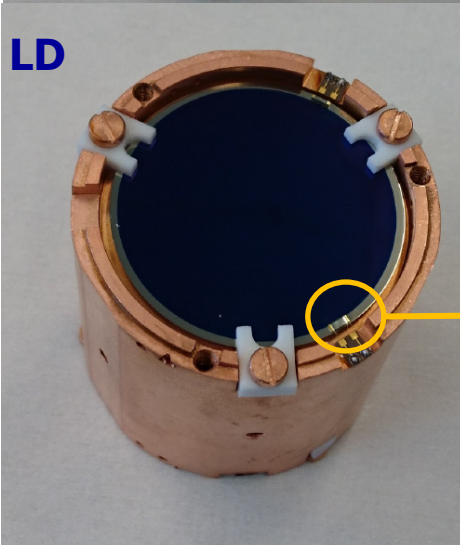
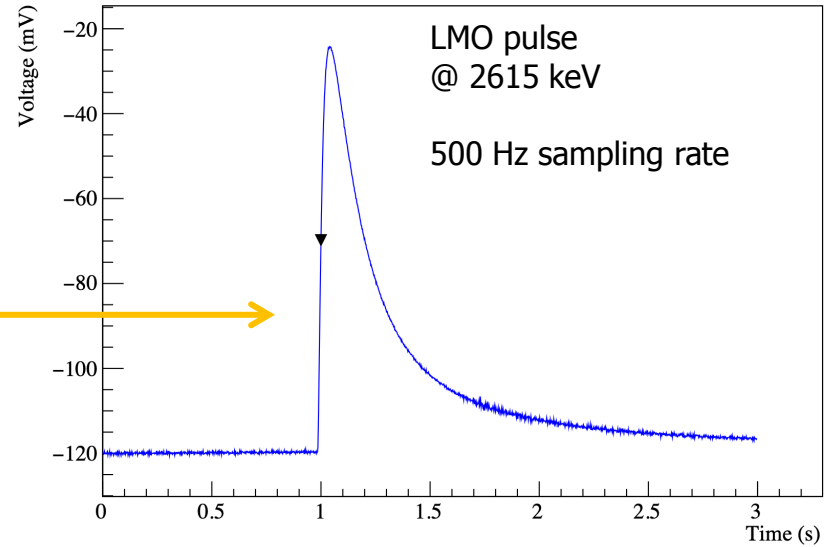
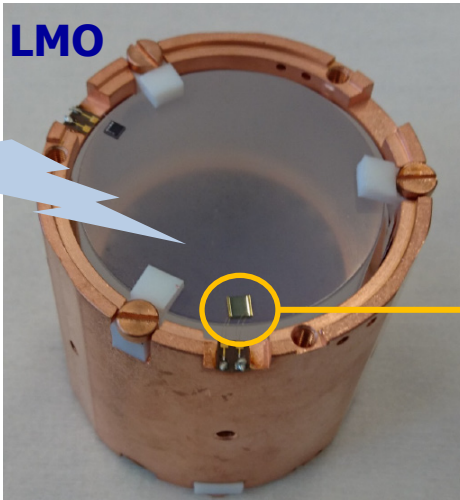
⇒ **Unblinding:** Jun. **2020**

2.17 kg×yr @ Neutrino 2020
 [Posters # 382, 404, 418, 419, 448]

Full data (~2.8 kg×yr) analysis is ongoing

Detector response

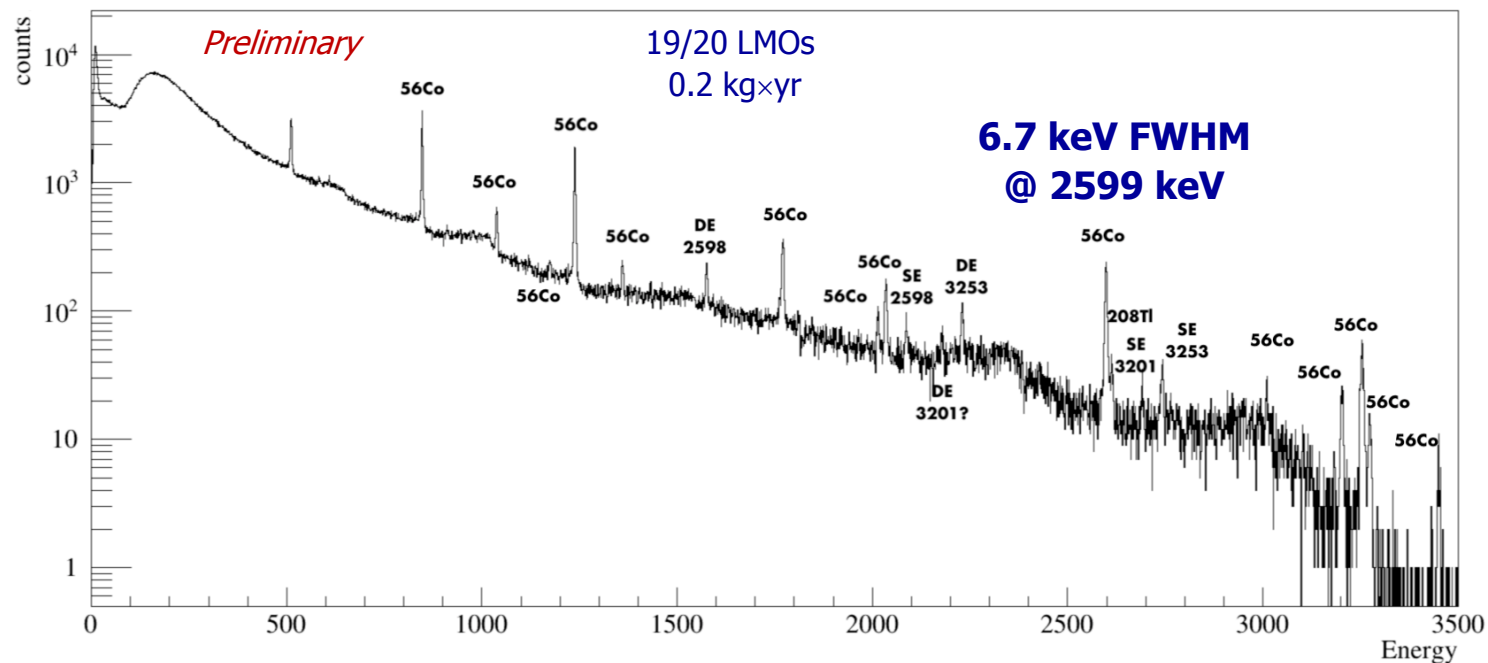
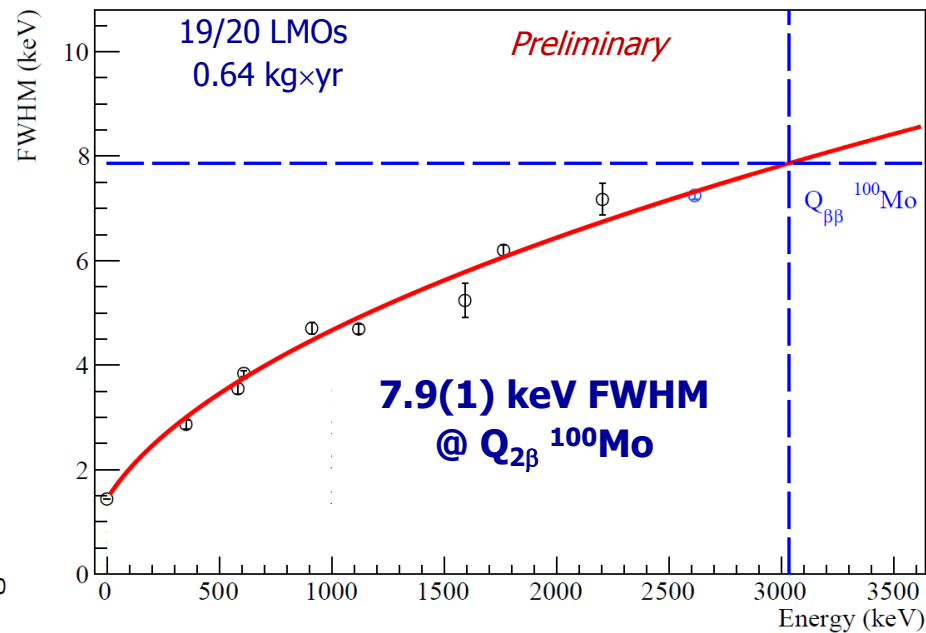
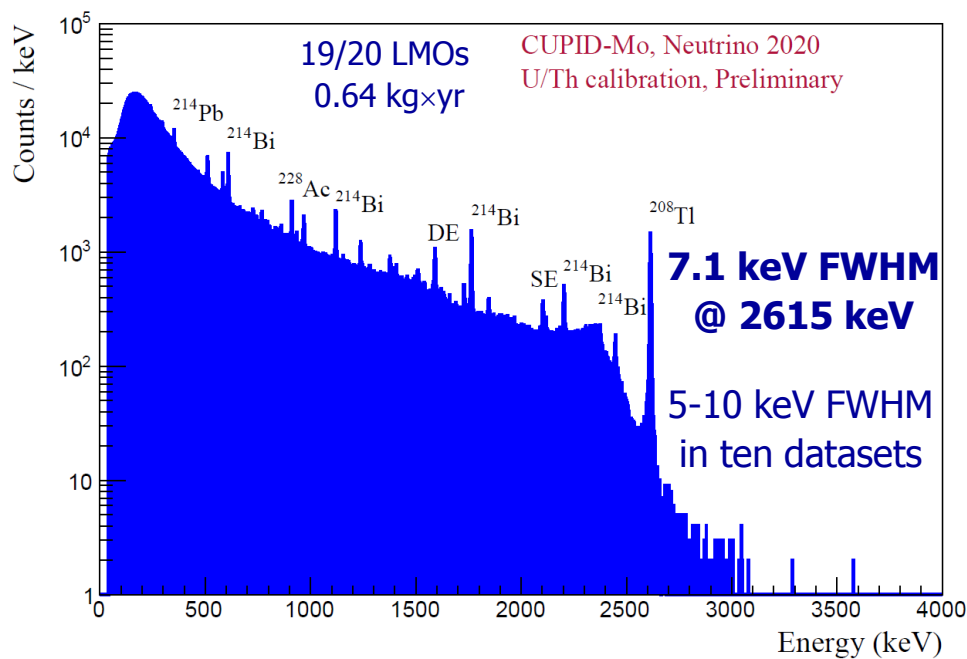
γ , 2615 keV



Detector		20/20 LMOs	19/20 LDs
Rise time	10%-90% of $A_{\max}$ [ms]	24	4
Decay time	90%-30% of $A_{\max}$ [ms]	300	9

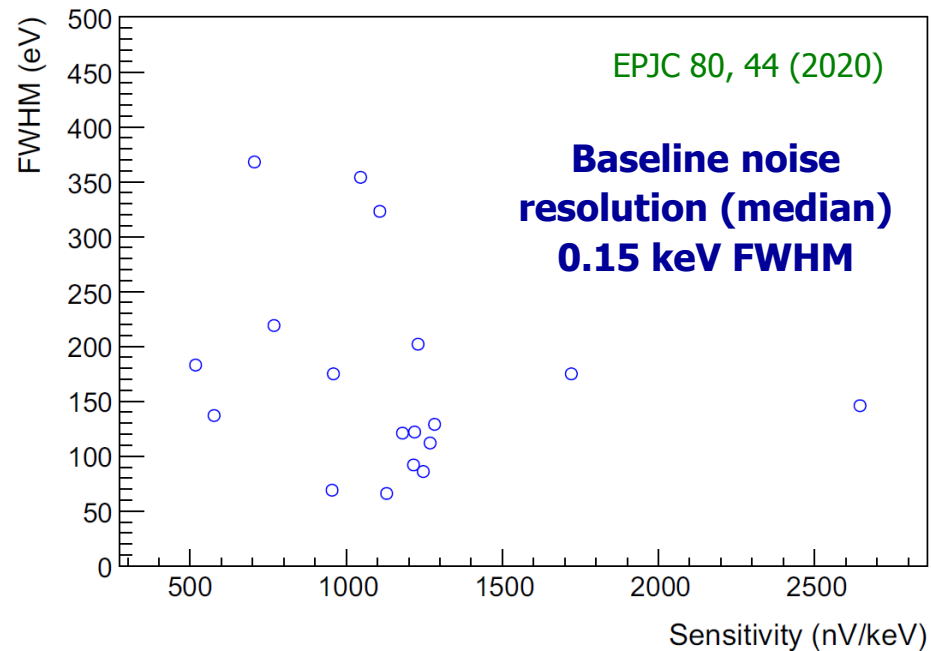
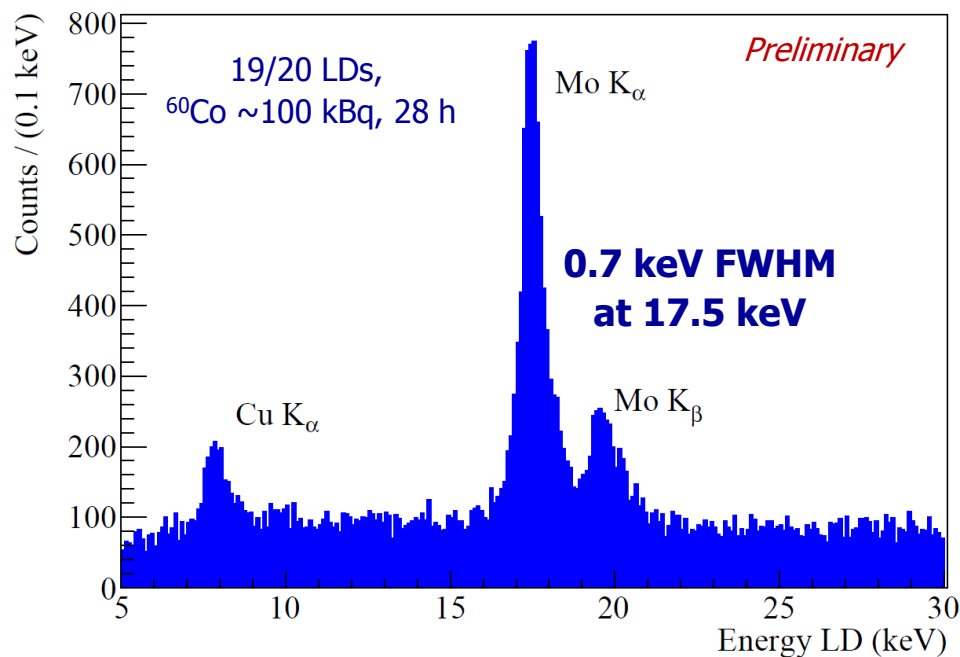
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LMO calibration



LD calibration

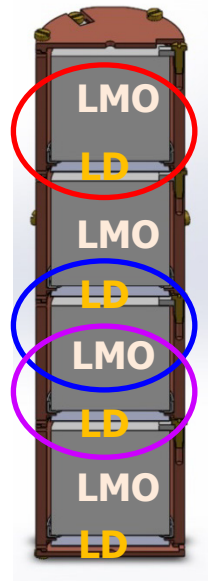
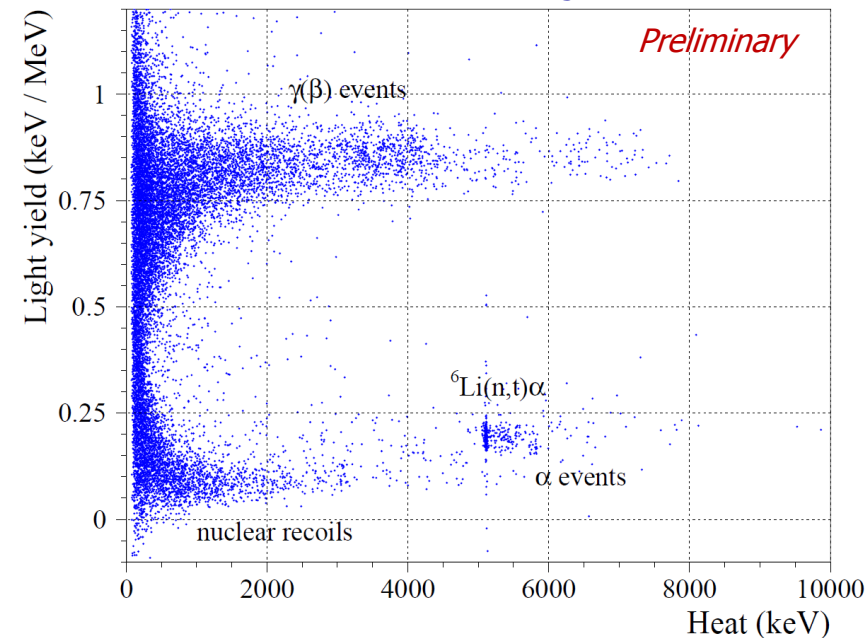
- LD calibration is not mandatory for scintillation-based particle identification, but it provides valuable information about LD performance and LMO scintillation
- Low energy calibration sources are potentially dangerous for the EDELWEISS dark matter search
- High intensity γ irradiation, used in the EDELWEISS to neutralize heat-ionization Ge bolometers, can be exploited to induce X-ray fluorescence to be detected by LDs



Particle identification

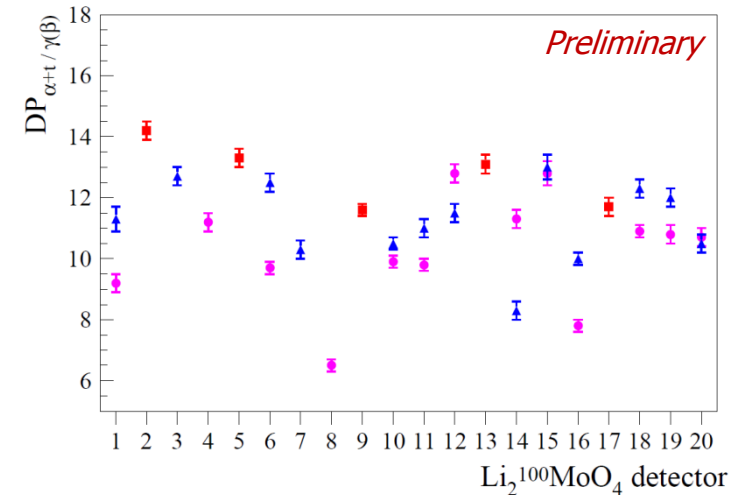
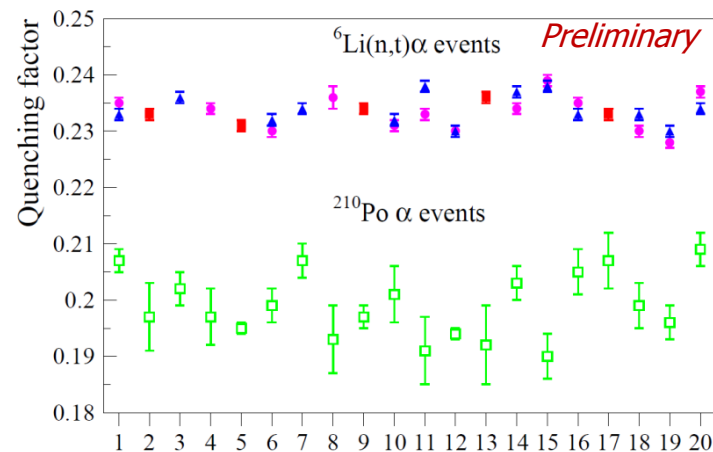
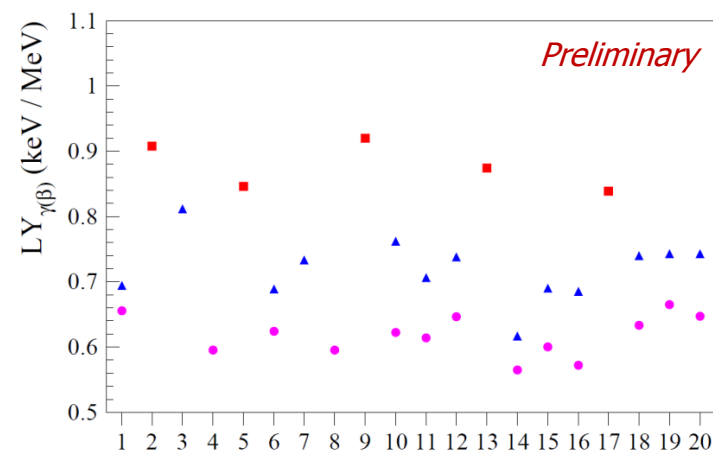
AmBe, LMO-5, 1.0 kg×d

Preliminary



Light detector	Single	Top	Bottom
Light yield for $\gamma(\beta)$'s [keV/MeV]	0.87	0.73	0.62
Light yield quenching: $\alpha+t$ α	23% 20%		
Discrimination $\alpha+t$ vs. $\gamma(\beta)$	13 σ	11 σ	11 σ

Similar light yield for $\gamma(\beta)$'s & quenching factor for α 's are evaluated from the CUPID-Mo first dataset [EPJC 80, 44 (2020)]



Particle identification

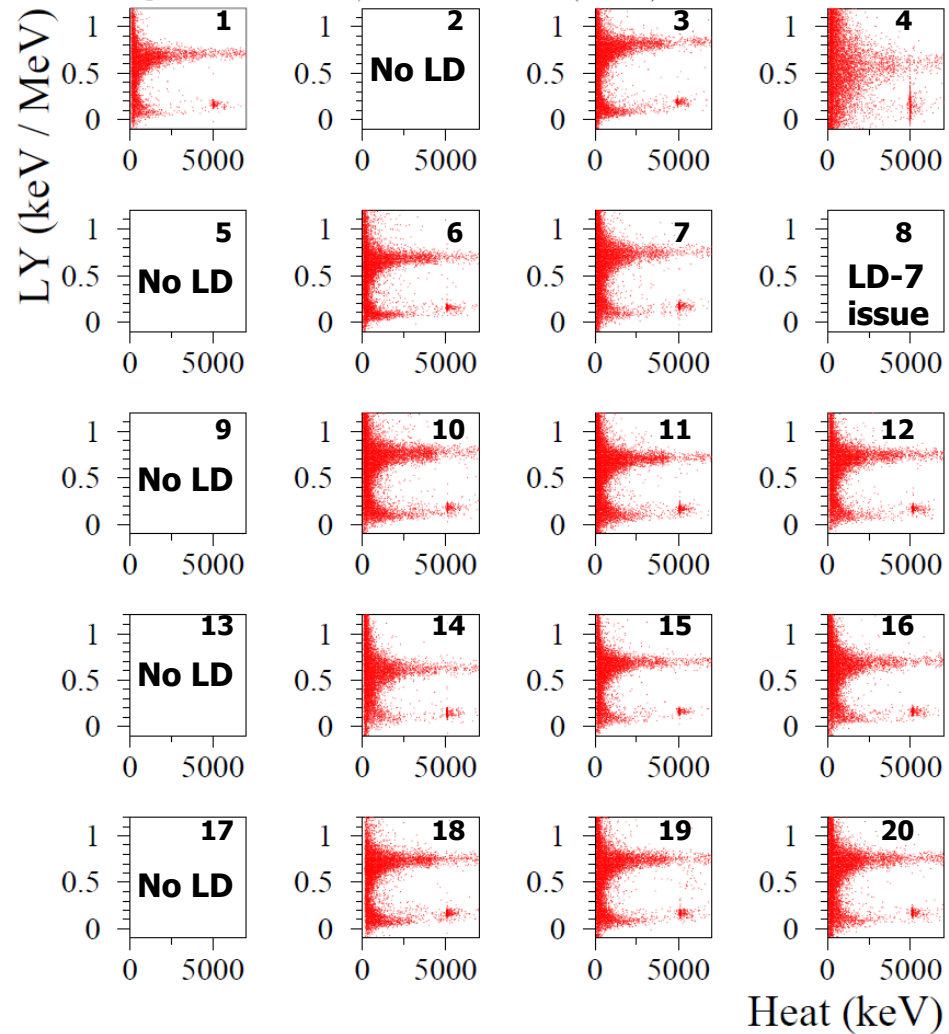
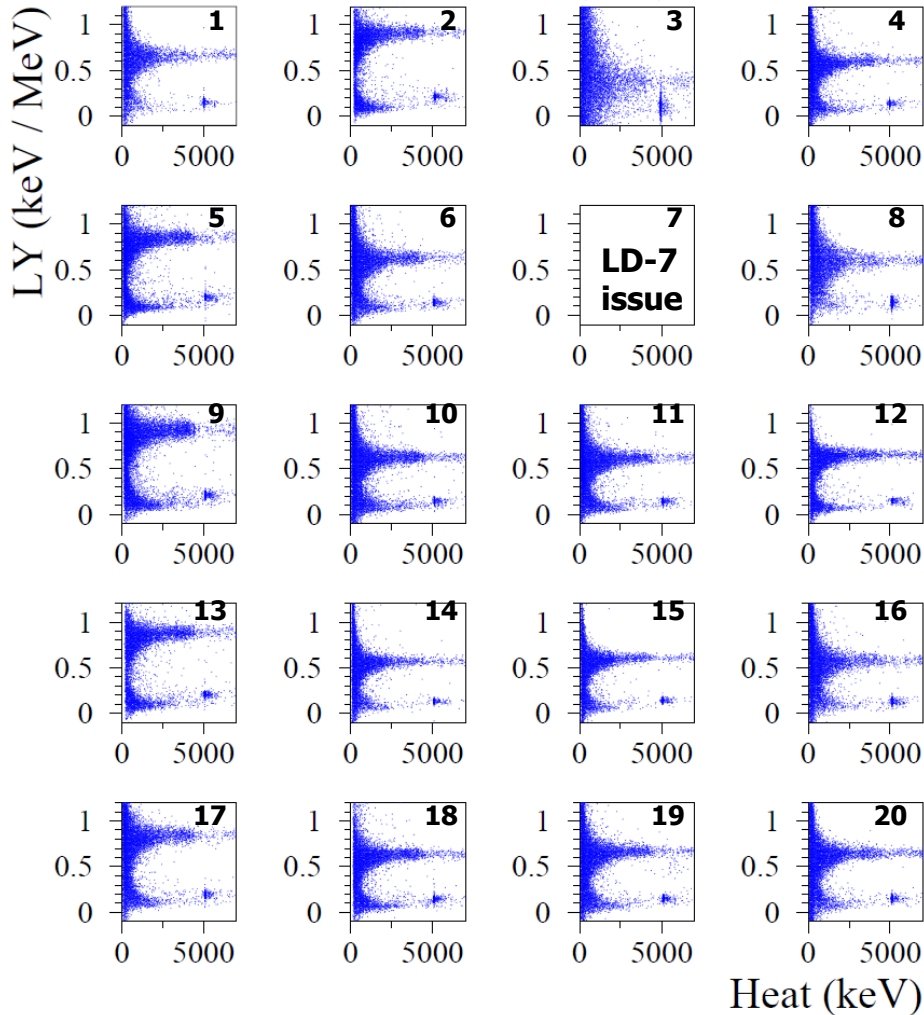
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LMO + LD bottom

LMO + LD top

$\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ and LD bottom, AmBe, tf-data (110 h), Run317, LSM

$\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ and LD top, AmBe, tf-data (110 h), Run317, LSM



CUPID-Mo physics data for $0\nu2\beta$ analysis

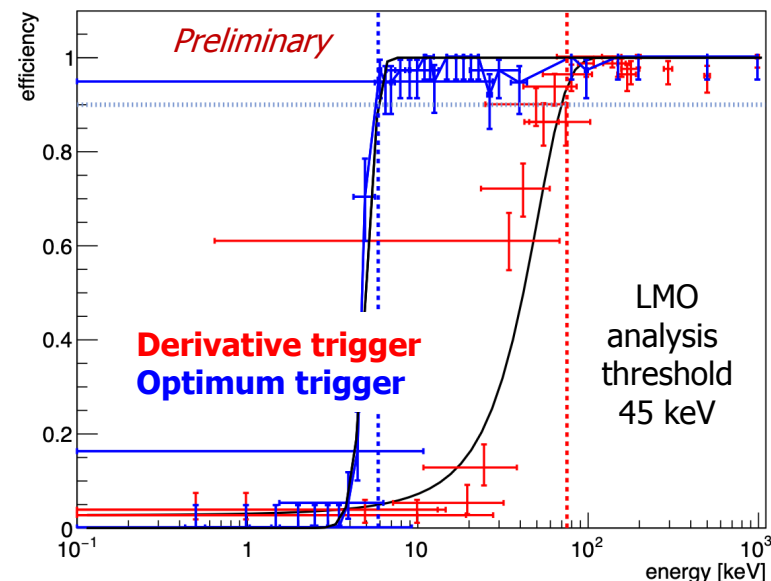
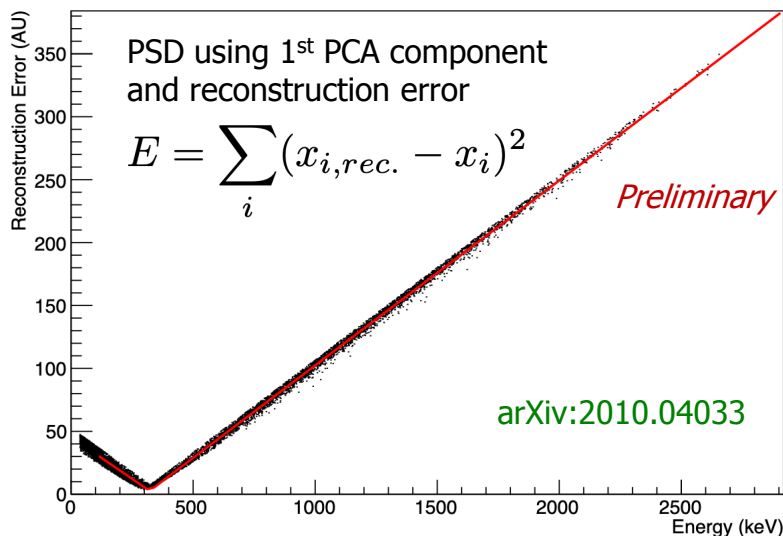
Physics data selection

- ✓ **23 March 2019 – 09 April 2020**
⇒ 240 days (10 datasets)
- ✓ **At least two Th/U calibrations in a dataset**
⇒ 224 days (7 datasets)
- ✓ **No temperature instability / excessive noise**
⇒ 200 days

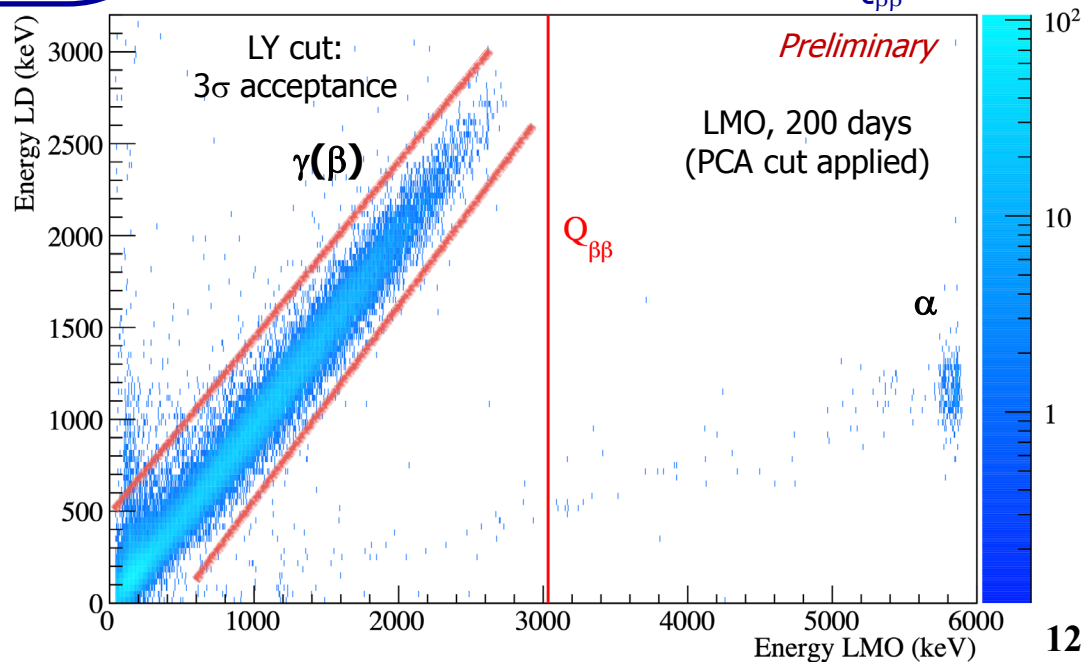
Events selection (blinded $0\nu2\beta$ ROI)

- **Base cuts** (single trigger, baseline slope)
- **Multiplicity cuts** (single crystal, muon veto)
- **Principal Component Analysis (PCA)**
- **Light yield cut**

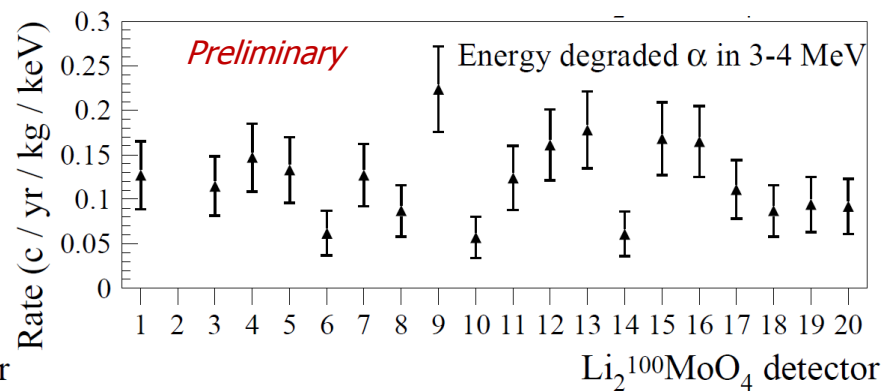
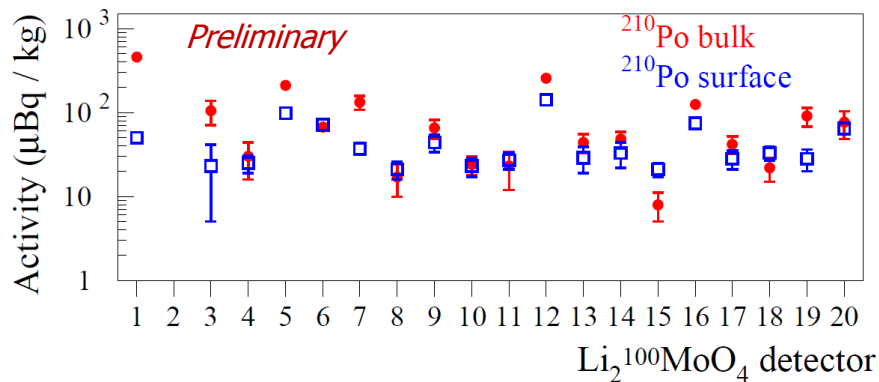
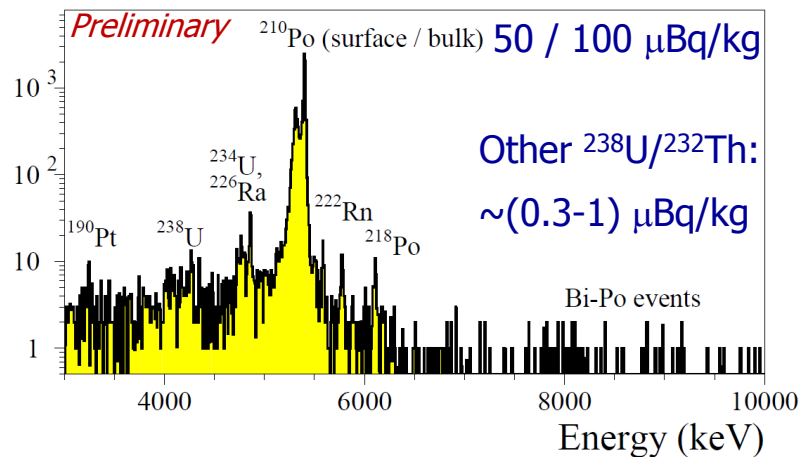
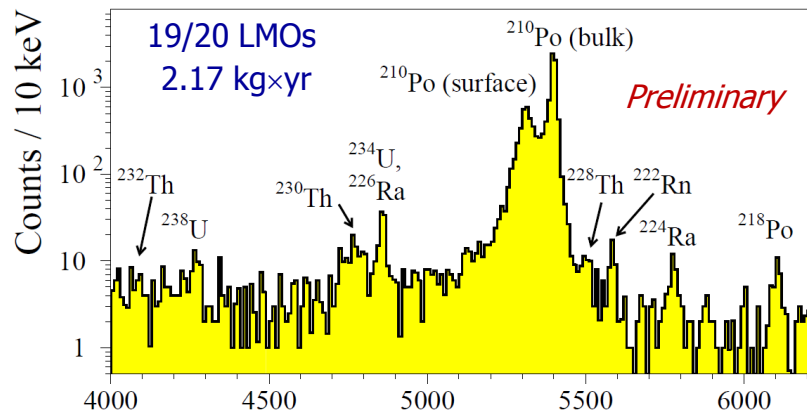
$$\epsilon = (90.5 \pm 0.4 \text{ (stat.) } {}^{+0.8}_{-0.2} \text{ (syst.)})\%$$



Blinded data: 100 keV centered at $Q_{\beta\beta}$



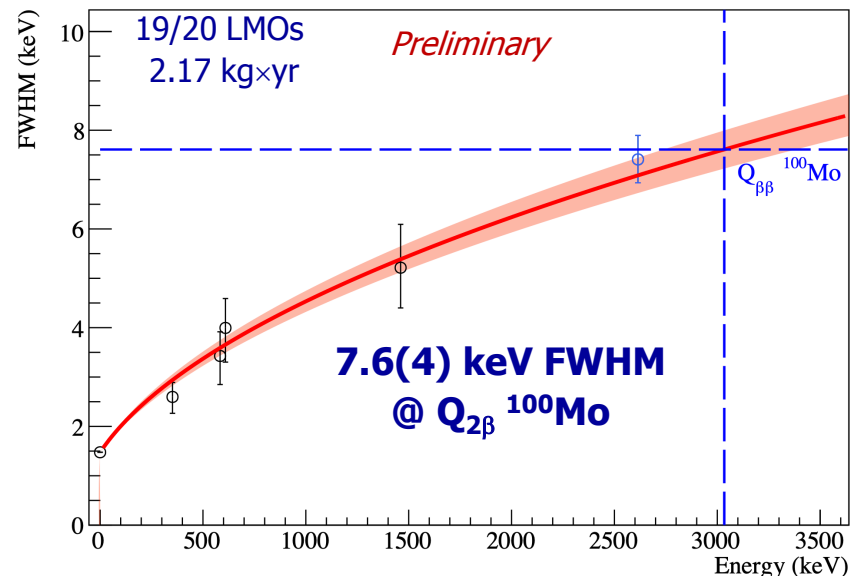
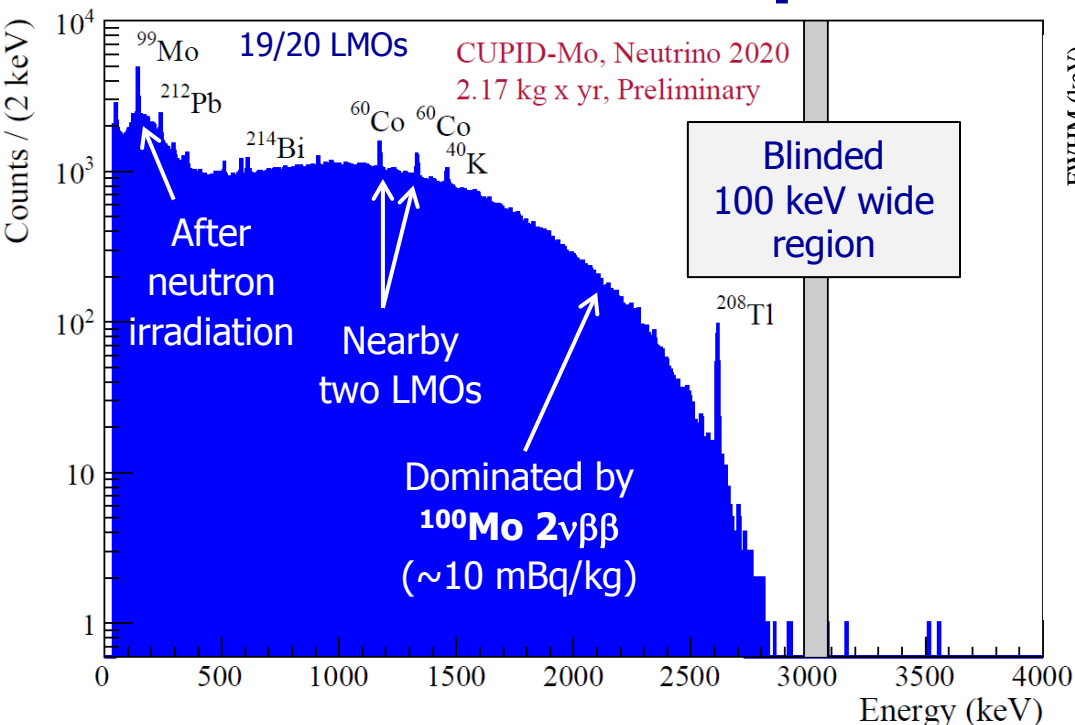
Combined spectrum of α events



Chain	Nuclide	Activity in LMO [$\mu\text{Bq/kg}$]
^{232}Th	^{232}Th	0.22(9)
	^{228}Th	0.38(9)
	^{224}Ra	0.34(9)
	^{212}Bi	0.22(7)
^{238}U	^{238}U	0.35(10)
	$^{234}\text{U} + ^{226}\text{Ra}$	1.22(17)
	^{230}Th	0.48(12)
	^{222}Rn	0.47(10)
	^{218}Po	0.35(9)
	^{210}Po	95(6)
	^{190}Pt	0.19(8)

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Combined spectrum of $\gamma(\beta)$ events



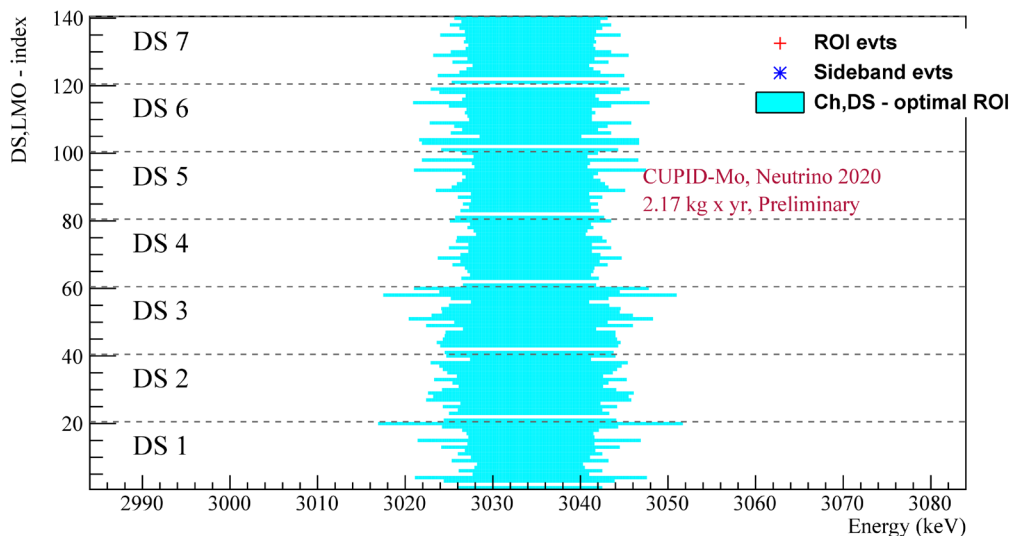
ROI optimization prior unblinding

- **Detector & dataset based resolutions**
7.7(7) keV FWHM at ^{100}Mo $Q_{2\nu\beta\beta}$ (3034 keV)
- **Background estimate around ROI**
 5×10^{-3} counts/yr/kg/keV (ckky)
- **Expected full exposure** 2.8 kg x yr
- **Maximization of the $T_{1/2}$ sensitivity**

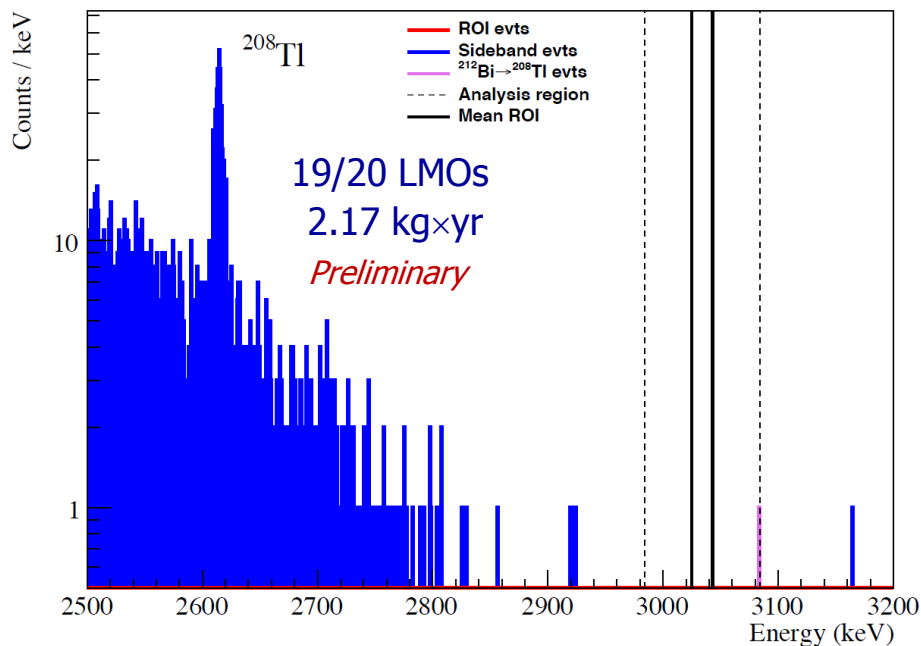


Mean ROI is 18 keV wide ($Q_{2\nu\beta\beta} \pm 2.7\sigma$)

⇒ Mean $0\nu 2\beta$ containment is 75.7%



CUPID-Mo search for ^{100}Mo $0\nu 2\beta$ decay



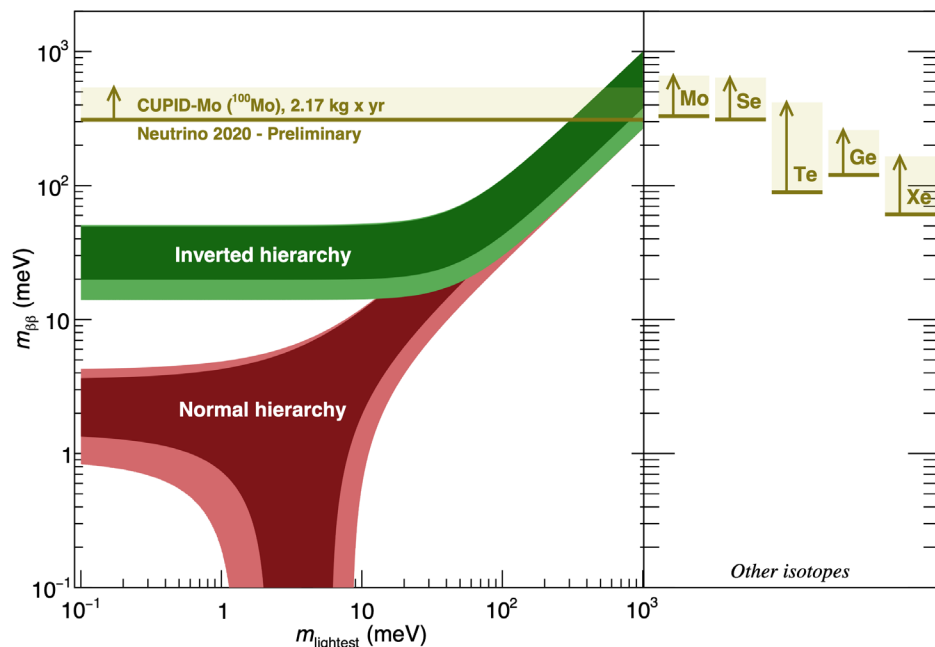
^{100}Mo $0\nu 2\beta$ search

- **Unblinding of 100 keV wide region**
 - ⇒ no event in the ROI
 - ⇒ a single event at the sideband
- **Use of Bayesian Analysis Toolkit (BAT)**
 - ⇒ an upper limit is 2.4 counts @ 90% C.I.
 - ⇒ posterior Bkg is $3^{+7}_{-3} \times 10^{-3}$ ckky
- **Refined analysis adding the ^{212}Bi - ^{208}Tl cut** (using ^{212}Bi α 's to veto $10 \times T_{1/2}$ of ^{208}Tl [183 s])
 - ⇒ 0.02% reduced live-time
 - ⇒ rejected sideband event (^{212}Bi - ^{208}Tl $\Delta t = 113$ s)
 - ⇒ posterior Bkg = 0 ($< 1.1 \times 10^{-2}$ ckky @ 90% C.I.)
 - ⇒ 1.3% stronger ^{100}Mo $0\nu 2\beta$ half-life limit

$$T_{1/2} \geq 1.5 \times 10^{24} \text{ yr @ 90\% C.I.}$$

$$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle \leq 0.3\text{--}0.5 \text{ eV}$$

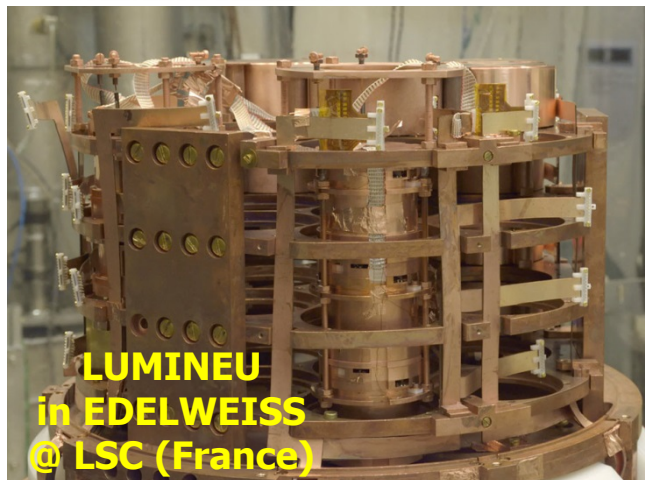
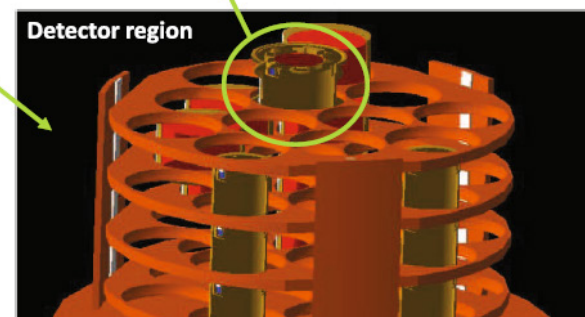
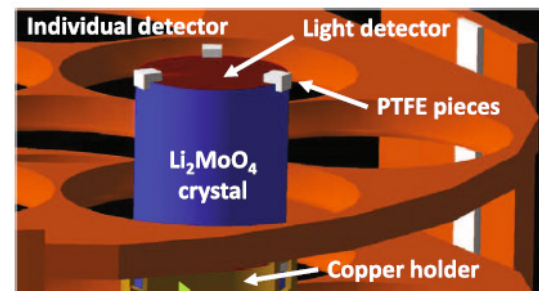
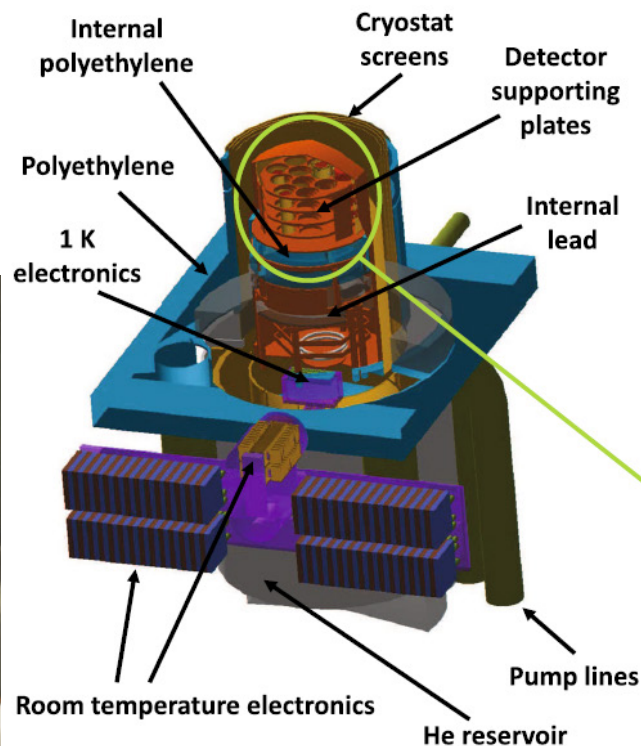
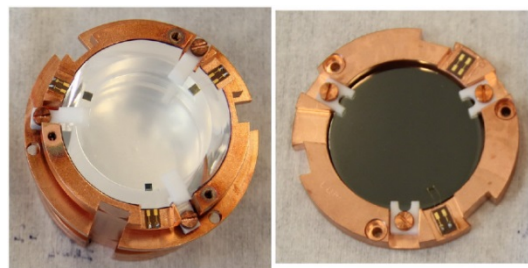
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lim $T_{1/2}$ [yr]	^{100}Mo kg x yr	Experi-ment	Ref.
1.1×10^{24}	34.3	NEMO-3	PRD 92, 072011 (2015)
1.5×10^{24}	1.19	CUPID-Mo	Submitted to PRL (2020)

^{100}Mo $2\nu 2\beta$ decay investigation

CUPID-Mo predecessor: LUMINEU experiment



**LUMINEU
in EDELWEISS
@ LSC (France)**

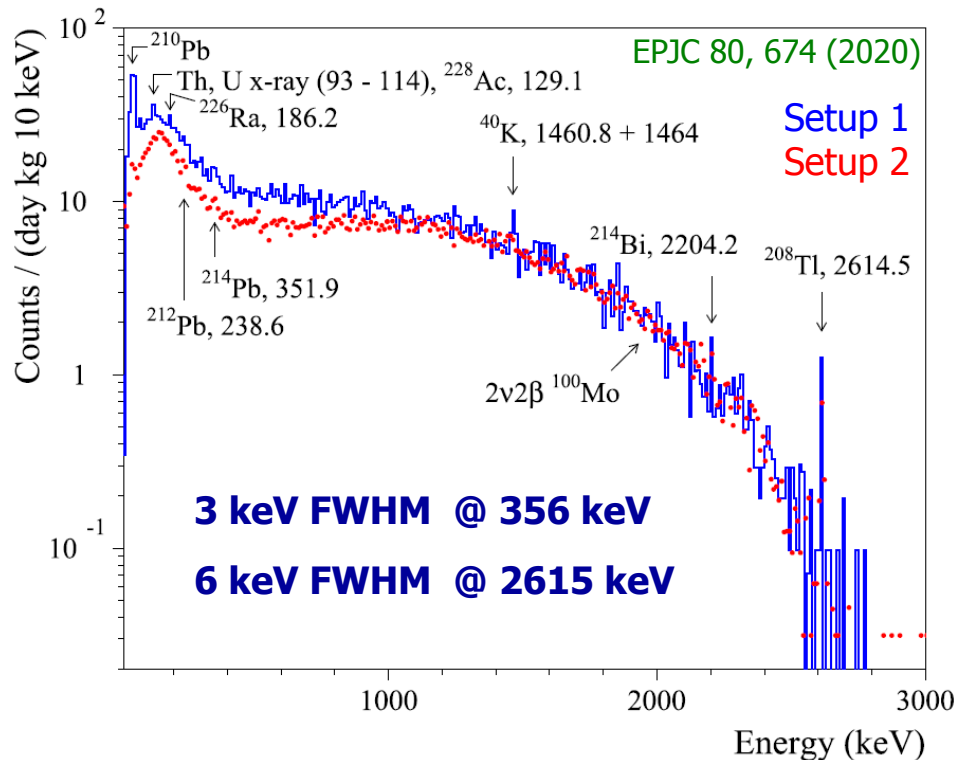
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EPJC 80, 674 (2020)

$\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ mass [g]	^{100}Mo enrichment [%]	Setup 1 [h]	Setup 2 [h]
186	96.93(7)	1331	1001
204	96.93(7)		998
213	96.89(12)		1038
207	96.89(12)		757

Total $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ exposure = 0.12 kg×yr (0.06 kg×yr of ^{100}Mo)

Experimental data and background components



Chain	Nuclide	Activity [$\mu\text{Bq/kg}$] in the LMO bulk
^{232}Th	^{232}Th	≤ 3
	^{228}Th	≤ 3
^{235}U	^{235}U	≤ 5
	^{231}Pa	≤ 3
	^{227}Ac	≤ 5
^{238}U	^{238}U	≤ 5
	^{226}Ra	≤ 3
	^{210}Po	200(10)
	^{190}Pt	≤ 3
	^{100}Mo	$\sim 10,000$

External sources

- ☐ ^{40}K
- ☐ ^{137}Cs
- ☐ ^{228}Ac
- ☐ ^{212}Pb , ^{212}Bi , ^{208}Tl
- ☐ ^{214}Pb , ^{214}Bi

Nearby sources

- ☐ ^{210}Pb , ^{210}Bi
- ☐ ^{208}Tl

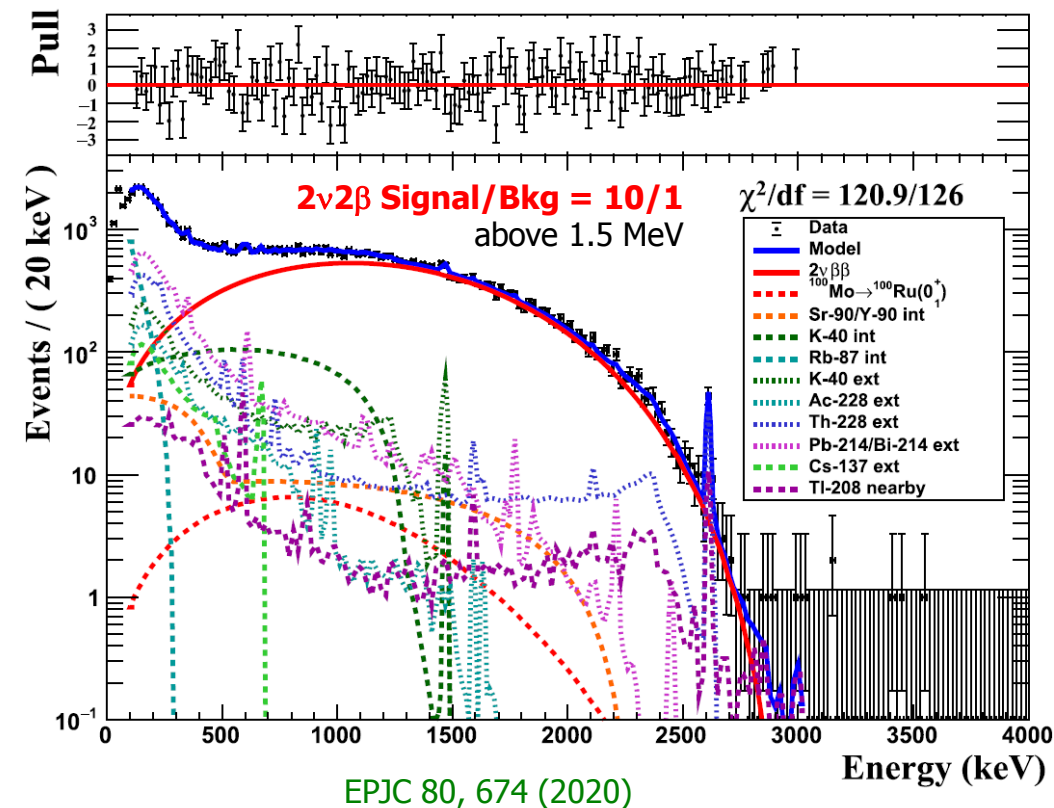
Internal sources

- ☐ ^{40}K
- ☐ ^{87}Rb
- ☐ ^{90}Sr , ^{90}Y
- ☐ ^{210}Pb , ^{210}Bi
- ☐ ^{100}Mo $2\nu 2\beta$ (g.s. $\rightarrow$ g.s.), to be investigated here
- ☐ ^{100}Mo $2\nu 2\beta$ (g.s. $\rightarrow 0_1^+$), $T_{1/2} = (7.5 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{20}$ yr

Monte Carlo model is tuned
to reproduce γ peaks intensities

According to the crystals radiopurity,
and chemical affinity of Li with K & Rb

Measurement of the ^{100}Mo $2\nu 2\beta$ decay half-life



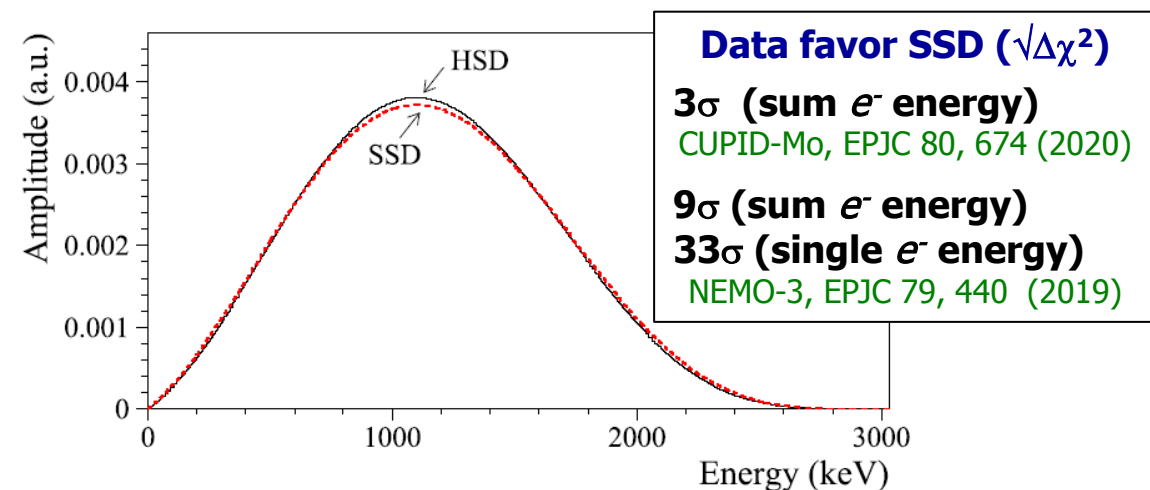
Analysis of ^{100}Mo $2\nu 2\beta$ decay

- **Fit in 1500-3000 keV** (23.5% of $2\nu 2\beta$)
 $\Rightarrow$ Signal = $8370^{+162}_{-214}(\text{stat.})$ events
 $\Rightarrow$ Signal/Background = 10:1
- **Exposure** $3.798(9) \times 10^{23}$ ^{100}Mo nuclei $\times$ yr
- **Selection efficiency** 96.5(6)%



$$T_{1/2} = [7.12^{+0.18}_{-0.14}(\text{stat.})] \times 10^{18} \text{ yr}$$

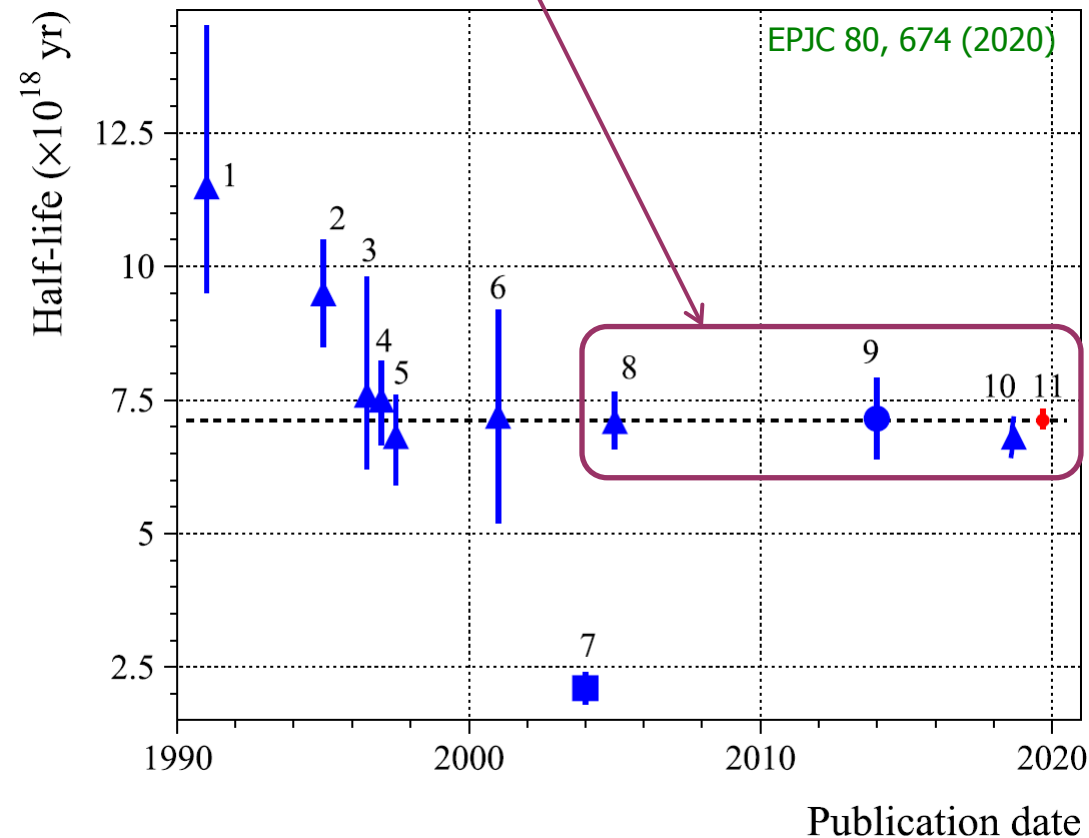
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Systematic error	[%]
Energy spectrum binning	0.8
Localization of sources	0.8
Selection efficiency	0.6
$2\nu 2\beta$ shape (SSD vs. HSD)	0.4
Monte Carlo statistics	0.4
Background composition	0.2
^{100}Mo exposure	0.2
Energy scale	0.2
^{100}Mo $2\nu 2\beta \rightarrow ^{100}\text{Ru}(0_1^+)$	0.1
Total	1.4

^{100}Mo $2\nu 2\beta$ decay half-life

Most precise ^{100}Mo $2\nu 2\beta$ half-life value [10^{18} yr]	Uncertainty [%]	Exposure [^{100}Mo kg $\times$ yr]	Experiment	Ref.
7.11 ± 0.02 (stat.) ± 0.54 (syst.)	± 7.6	7.37	NEMO-3	PRL 95, 182302 (2005)
7.15 ± 0.37 (stat.) ± 0.66 (syst.)	± 10.6	0.01	LUCIFER R&D	JPG 41, 075204 (2014)
6.81 ± 0.01 (stat.) $^{+0.38}_{-0.40}$ (syst.)	+5.6 / -5.9	34.3	NEMO-3	EPJC 79, 440 (2019)
7.12 $^{+0.18}_{-0.14}$ (stat.) ± 0.10 (syst.)	+2.9 / -2.4	0.06	LUMINEU / CUPID-Mo	EPJC 80, 674 (2020)



$2\nu 2\beta$	Half-life uncertainty [%]	Bolometric experiments
^{82}Se	+2.2 / -1.6	
^{100}Mo	+2.9 / -2.4	
^{130}Te	± 2.8	
^{136}Xe	± 2.8	
^{76}Ge	± 4.9	
^{116}Cd	± 5.3	
^{150}Nd	± 7.1	
^{96}Zr	± 8.9	
^{40}Ca , ^{128}Te , ^{238}U	$\approx 10\text{-}30$	

Prospects of $2\nu 2\beta$ study in CUPID-Mo

$^{100}\text{Mo } 2\nu 2\beta \rightarrow ^{100}\text{Ru (g.s.)}$

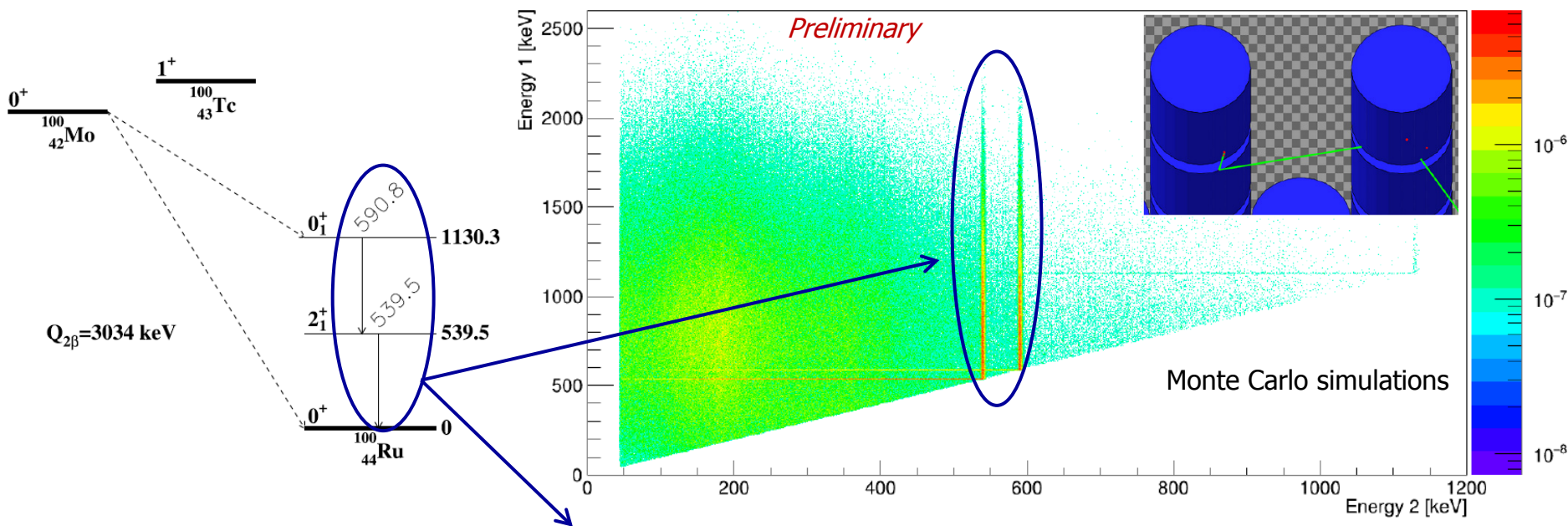
- ✓ About 20x LUMINEU exposure
- ✓ Improved background rejection (M2 & muon veto cuts)
- ✓ Advanced background model (based on M1 & M2 data)

⇒ Reduced stat. and syst. errors
⇒ Improved sensitivity to "SSD vs. HSD"

$^{100}\text{Mo } 2\nu 2\beta \rightarrow ^{100}\text{Ru (}0_1^+)$

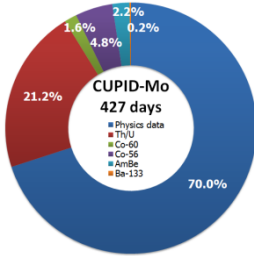
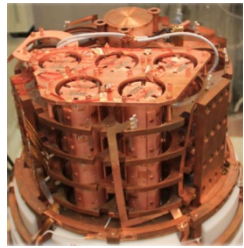
- ✓ Segmented detector
- ✓ Detection of coincidences (de-excitation γ 's) with a high energy resolution
- ✓ Reasonably large exposure in low background environment

⇒ Detection with the statistical significance $>5\sigma$

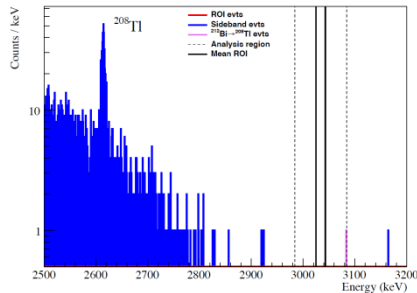


$^{100}\text{Mo } 2\nu 2\beta$	E1 [keV]	E2 [keV]	Eff. [%]	BI [ckky]	ΔE [keV]	$S/\sqrt{(S+B)}$
$\text{g.s.} \rightarrow 0_1^+$	535–2494	540	0.7	10	3.6	4.6
$\text{g.s.} \rightarrow 0_1^+$	586–2443	591	0.5	10	3.7	3.5

Summary

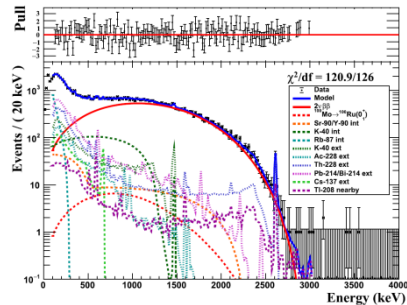


- **CUPID-Mo acquired 427 days of data** in the EDELWEISS set-up (with 89% duty cycle) at Modane underground laboratory in France



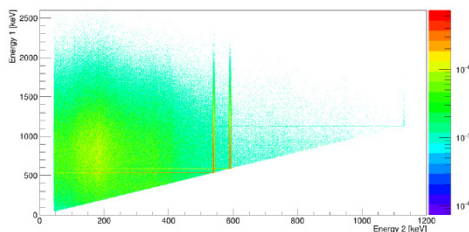
- **We set the most stringent limit on the ^{100}Mo $0\nu 2\beta$ half-life**
 $T_{1/2} (0\nu 2\beta) > 1.5 \times 10^{24} \text{ yr @ 90\% C.I.}$

It corresponds to the 4th world wide stringent limit on
the effective Majorana ν mass $\langle m_\nu \rangle \leq 0.3\text{--}0.5 \text{ eV @ 90\% C.I.}$



- **We measured the most precise ^{100}Mo $2\nu 2\beta$ half-life**
 $T_{1/2} (2\nu 2\beta) = [7.11^{+0.18}_{-0.14}(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.10(\text{syst.})] \times 10^{18} \text{ yr}$

It is the 2nd world wide precise $T_{1/2}$ among all 2β isotopes



- **^{100}Mo $2\nu 2\beta$ transition to the 0_1 level of ^{100}Ru will be detected**

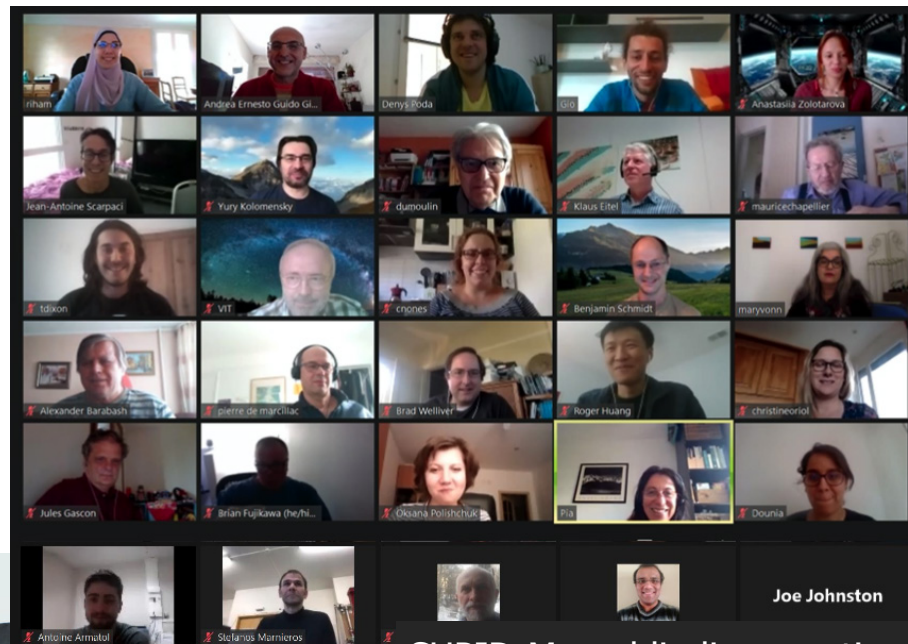
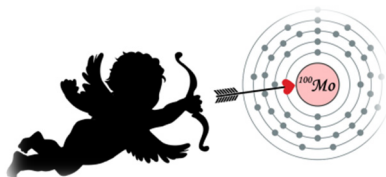
Stay tuned !

CUPID-Mo Collaboration

<http://cupid-mo.mit.edu>



7 countries, 15 institutions, ~110 collaborators



CUPID-Mo unblinding meeting,
via Zoom, 9 June 2020



CUPID-Mo kick-off meeting, CSNSM, Orsay, France, 29-30 March 2018