

CUPID

Status and prospects

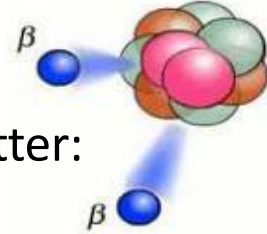
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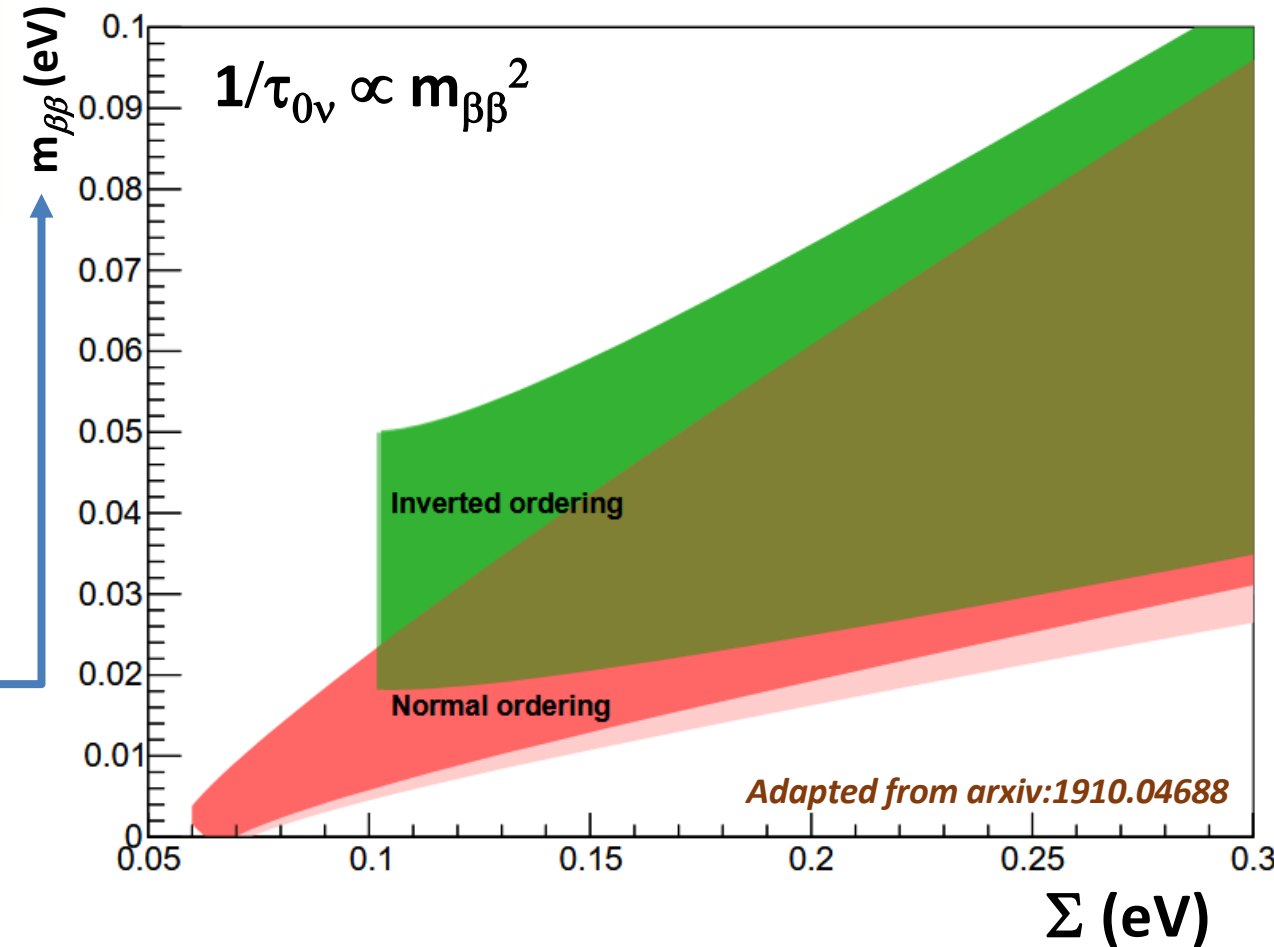


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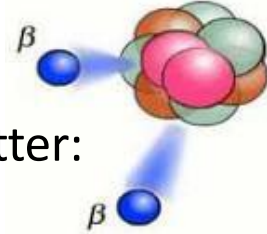


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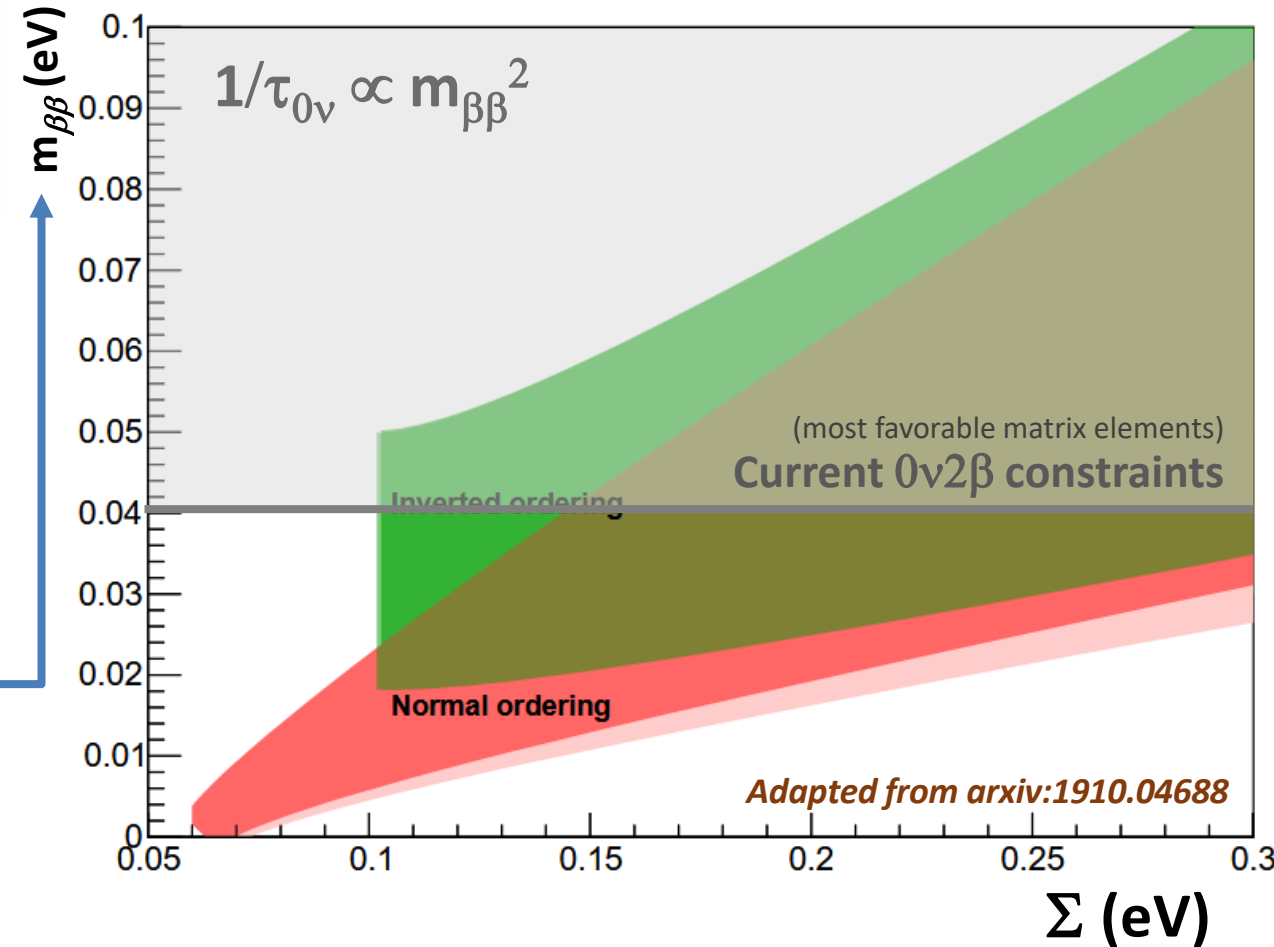


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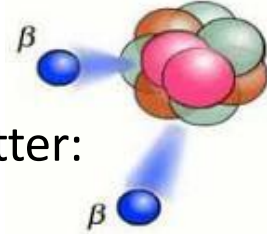
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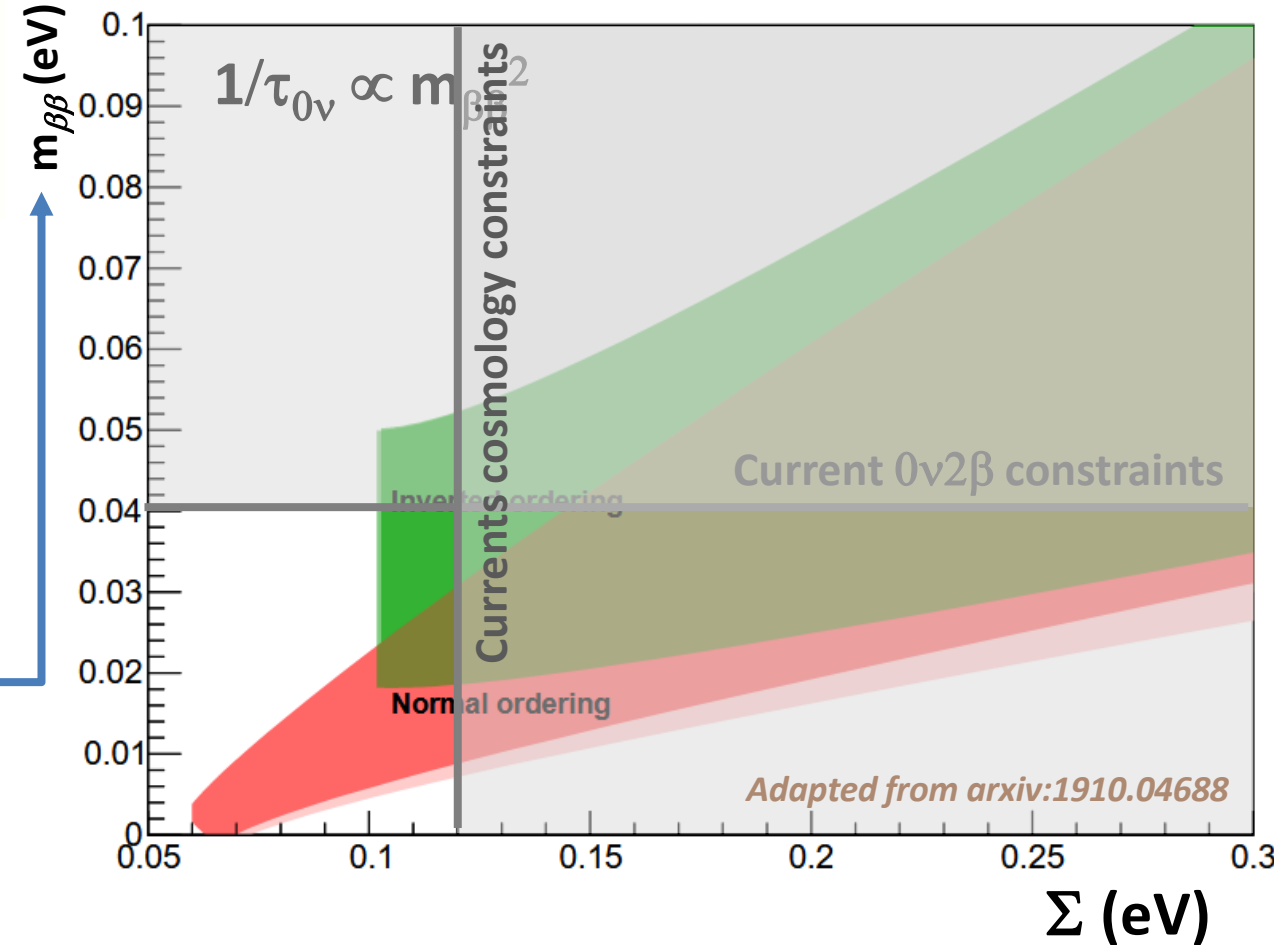


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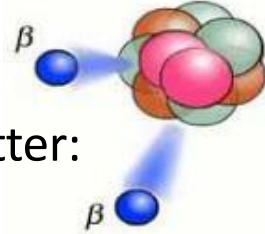
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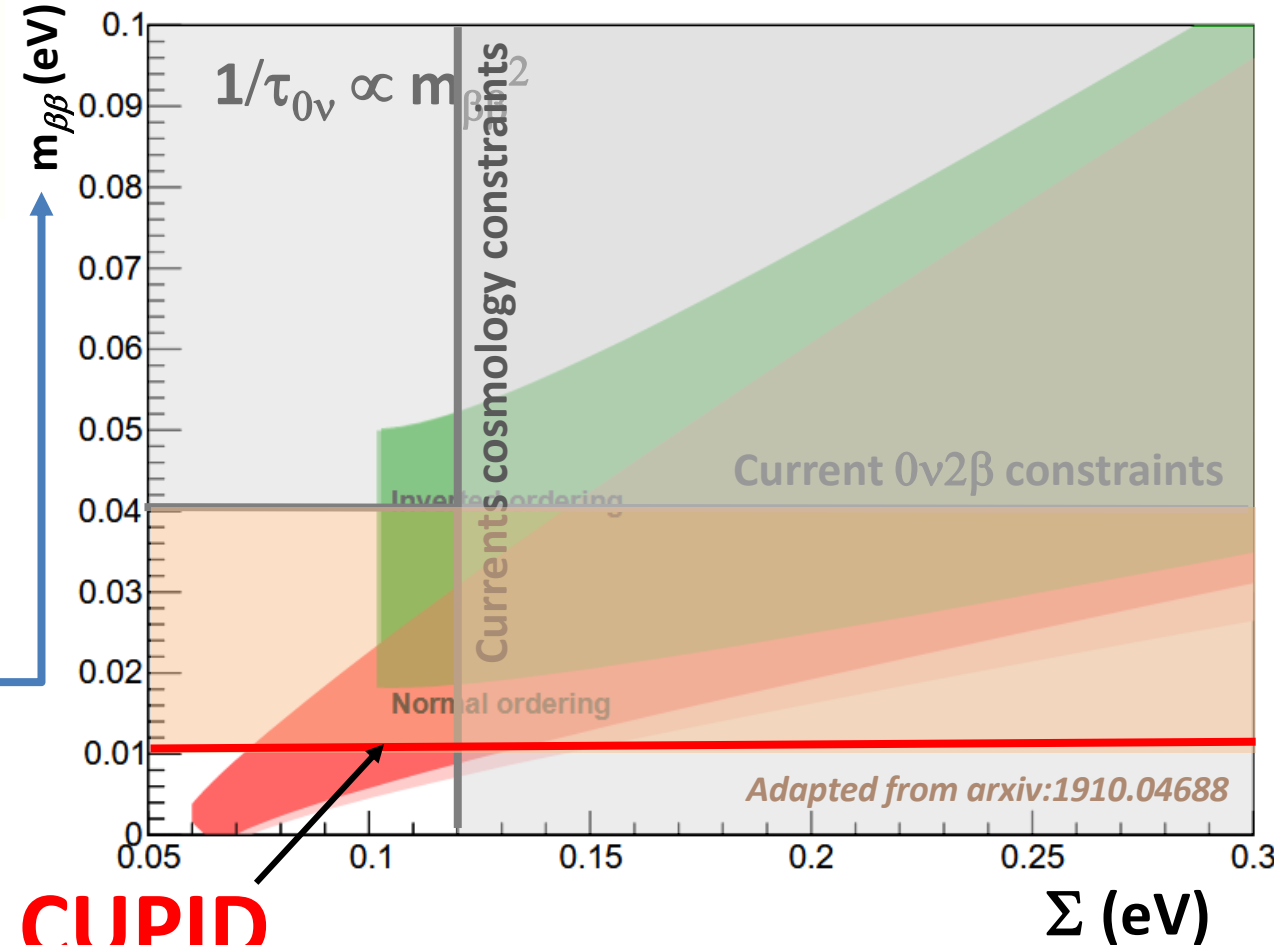


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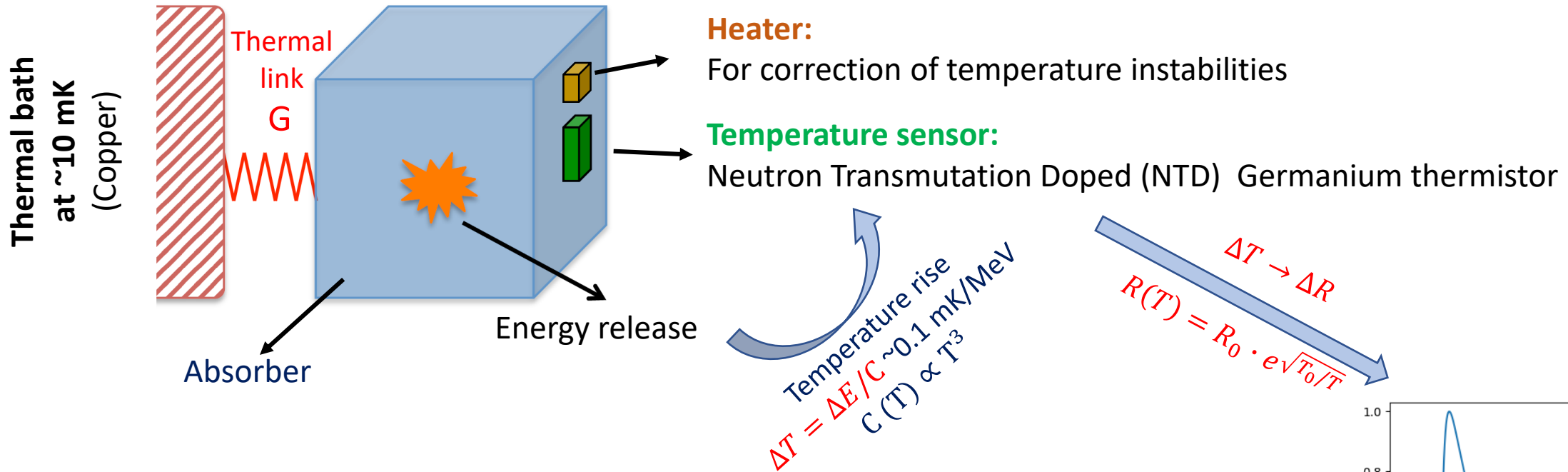


CUPID

and other next-generation experiments (nEXO, LEGEND, NEXT)
 (most favorable matrix elements)

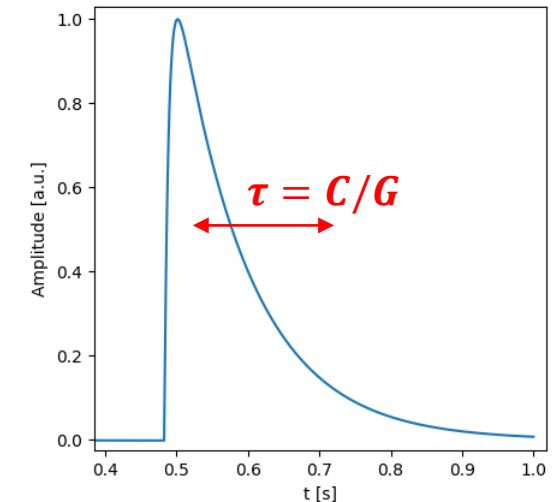
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Bolometric technique



Bolometric detector properties match well the required features for $0\nu 2\beta$ search

- Good energy resolution $\sim 5\text{-}10 \text{ keV}$ at 2.5 MeV
- Large flexibility in material choice
- Source = detector: high efficiency

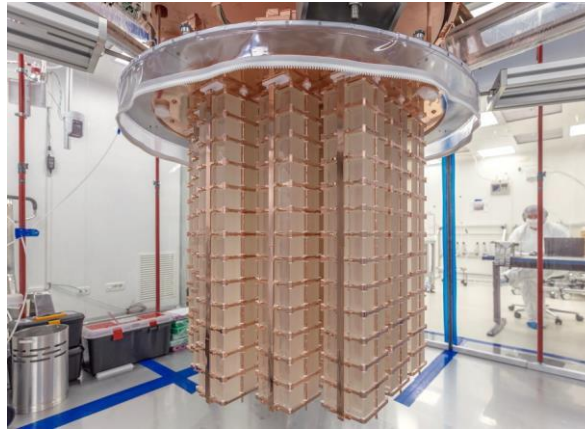
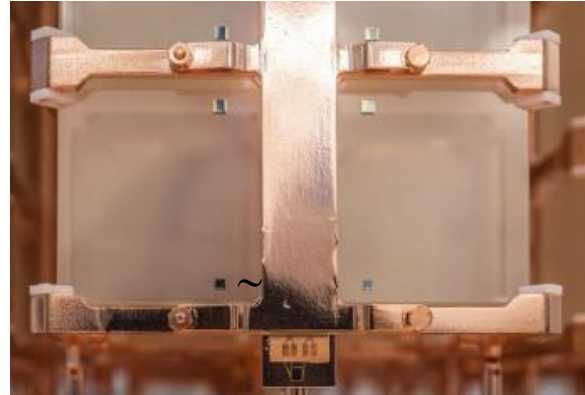


CUORE in a nutshell

CUORE is an array of **TeO₂ bolometers** searching for $0\nu 2\beta$ decay of the **isotope ¹³⁰Te** and taking data in LNGS (Italy) at **~12-15 mK**

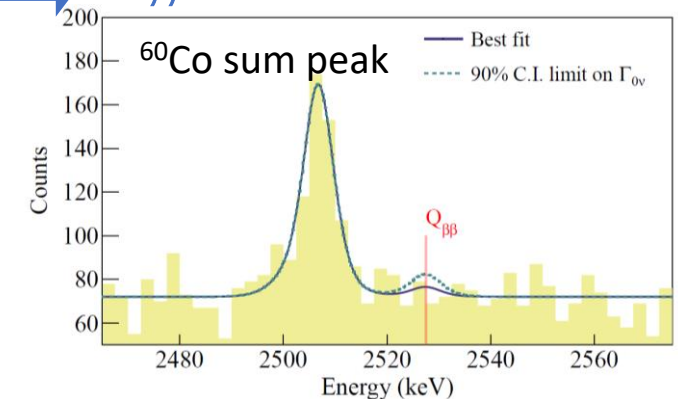
The largest bolometric experiment ever

- 988 crystals 5x5x5 cm, closely packed arranged in 19 towers of 13 floors each
- 742 kg (**206 kg of ¹³⁰Te**)
- Background according to expectations
- **$1.49(4) \times 10^{-2}$ counts/(keV·kg·y)**
- Energy resolution (at 2615 keV) close to expectations: **7.78(3) keV FWHM**



One of the most sensitive $0\nu 2\beta$ experiments of the current generation

- Analyzed exposure: **2039.0 kg·y** (567.0 kg·y ¹³⁰Te)
 - Current limit (¹³⁰Te $T_{1/2}^{0\nu 2\beta}$) : **$> 3.8 \times 10^{25}$ y**
- $m_{\beta\beta} < 70 - 240$ meV**



CUORE is not background free

→ ~50 counts/y in the ROI, dominated by surface alpha background

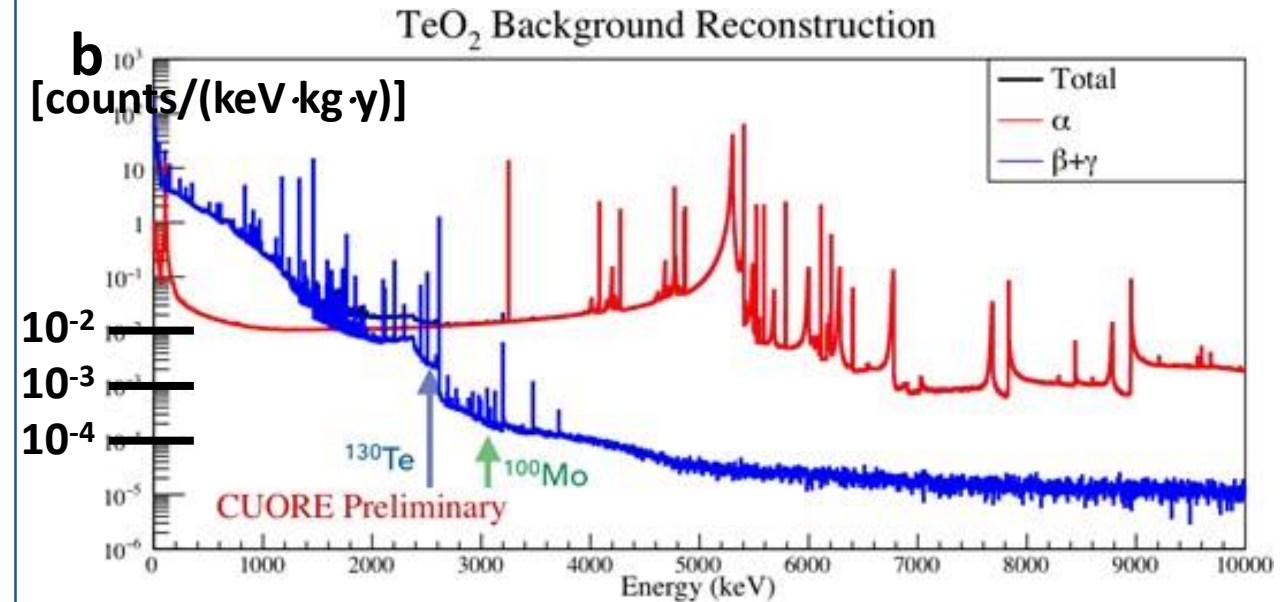
CUORE → CUPID

Three important messages from CUORE

1. A tonne-scale bolometric detector is technically feasible
2. Analysis of ~1000 individual bolometers is handable
3. An infrastructure to host a bolometric **next-generation $0\nu 2\beta$ experiment** exists and will be available at the end of the CUORE physics program (~2024)

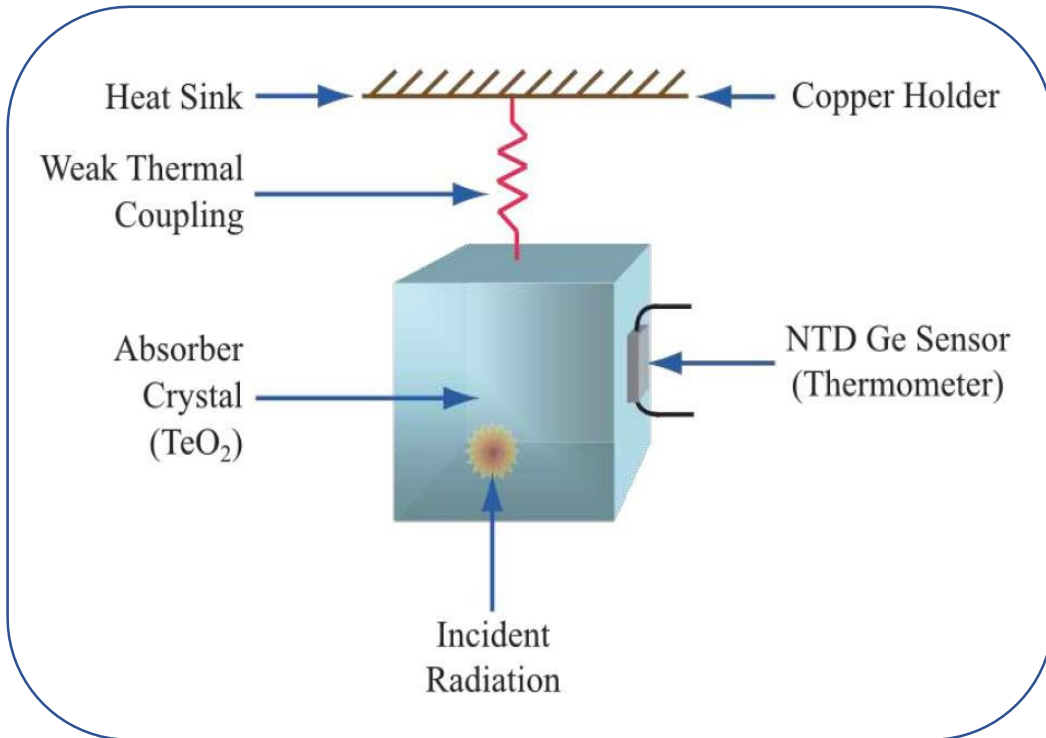
CUPID (CUORE Upgrade with Particle ID) is a proposed $0\nu 2\beta$ bolometric experiment exploiting the **CUORE infrastructure** and with a **background 100 times lower at the ROI**

CUORE background model



- Reject α background with **scintillating bolometers**
- Mitigate γ background by **moving to ^{100}Mo**
- ↳ $Q_{2\beta}$: 2527 keV (^{130}Te) → 3034 keV (^{100}Mo)
- Increase isotope mass by **enrichment** (natural isotopic abundance: 9.7%)

CUORE ^{130}Te
pure thermal detector
(**bolometer**)

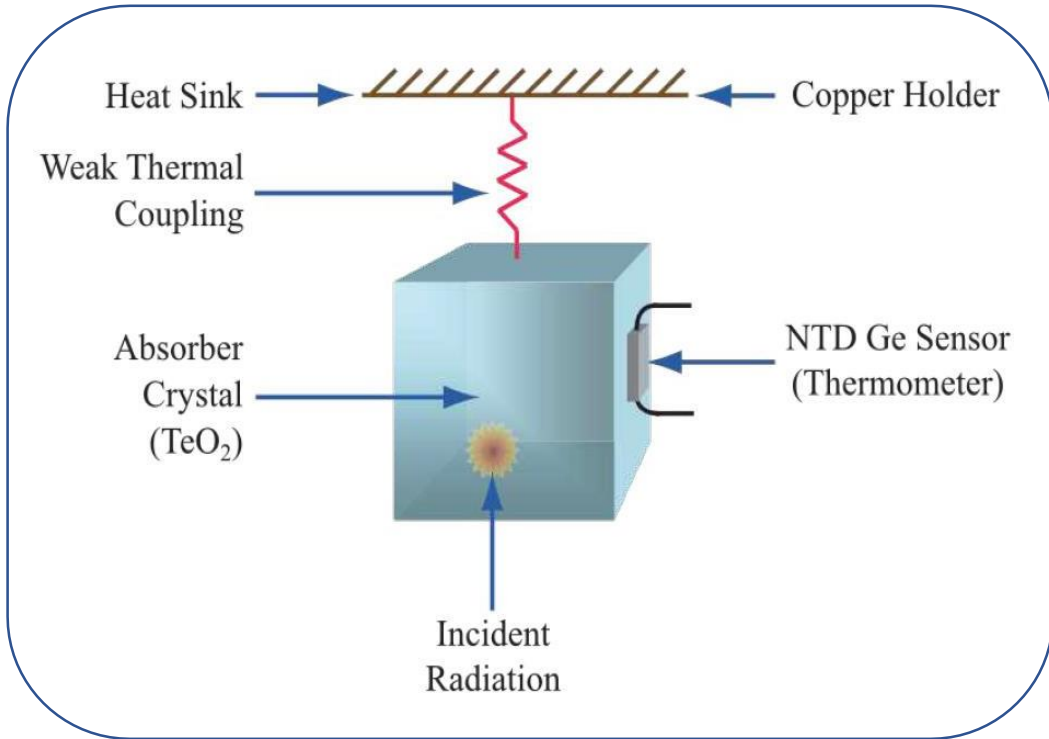


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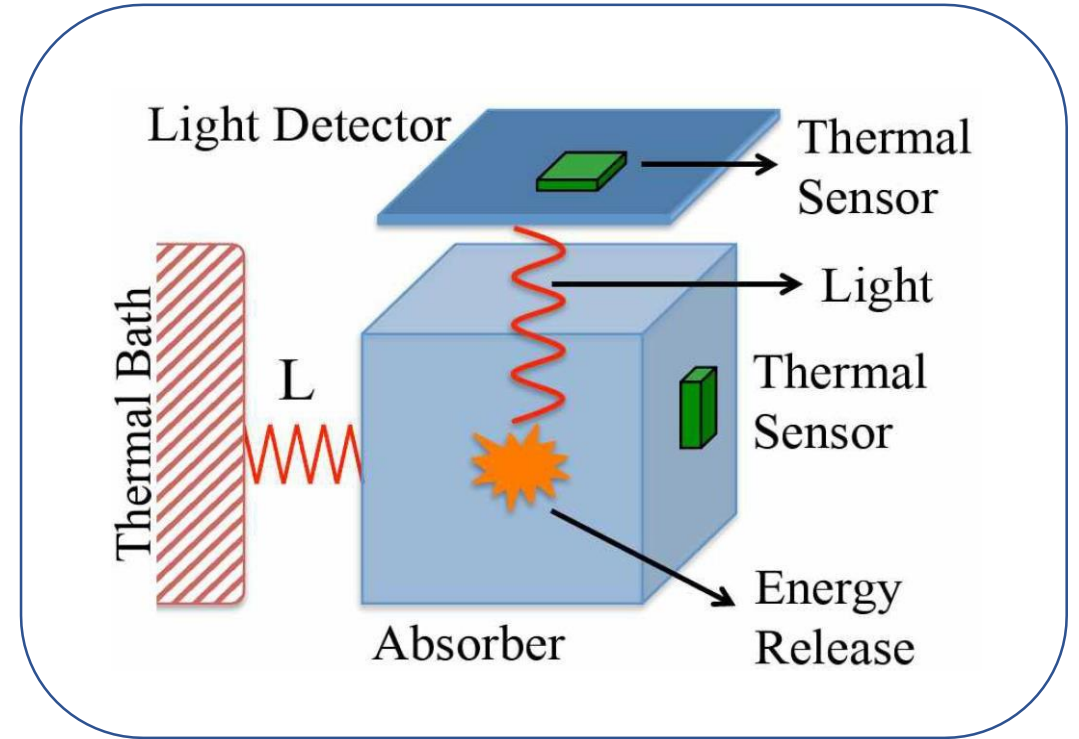
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CUPID ^{100}Mo
 heat + light
 (scintillating bolometer)

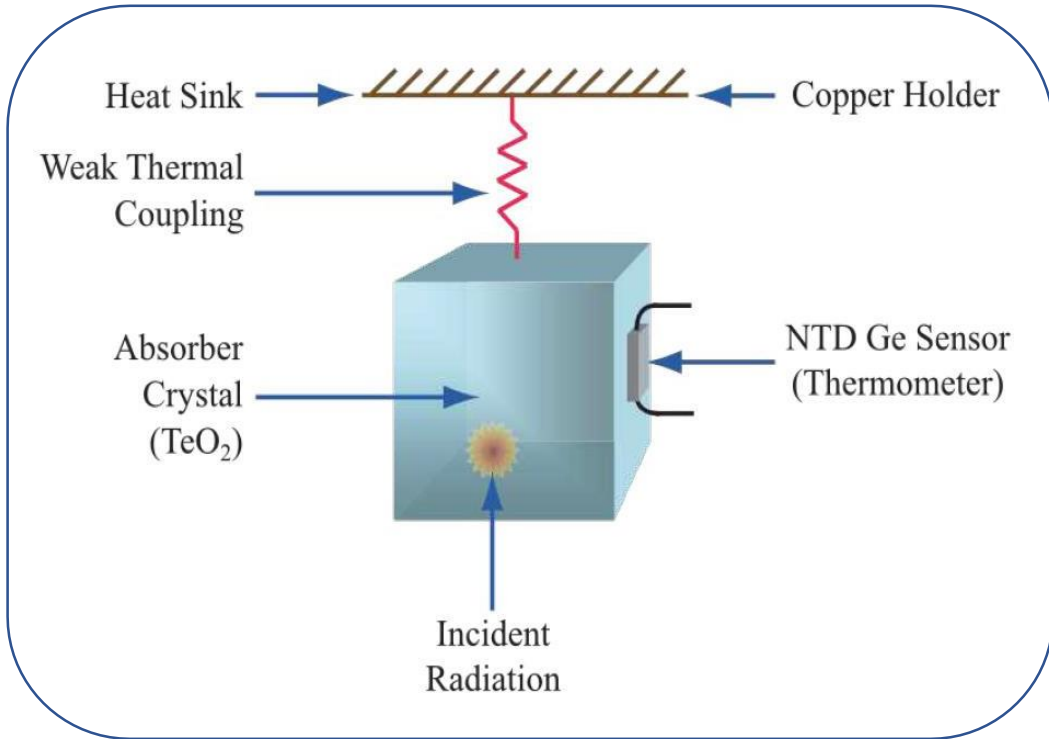


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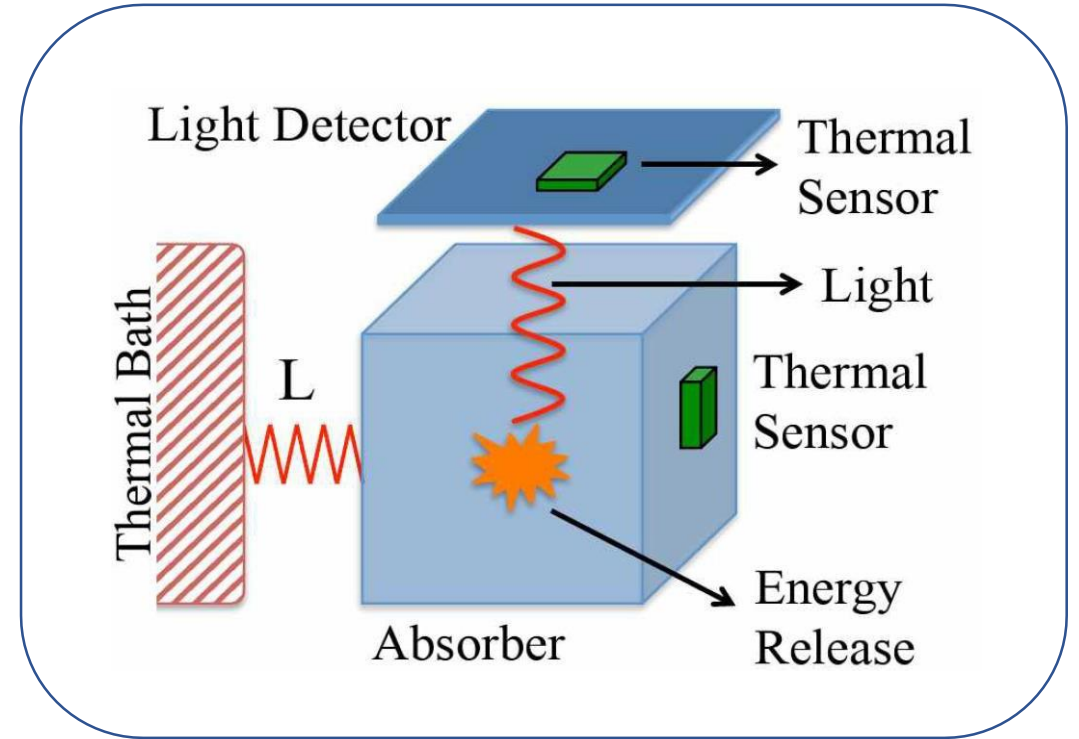
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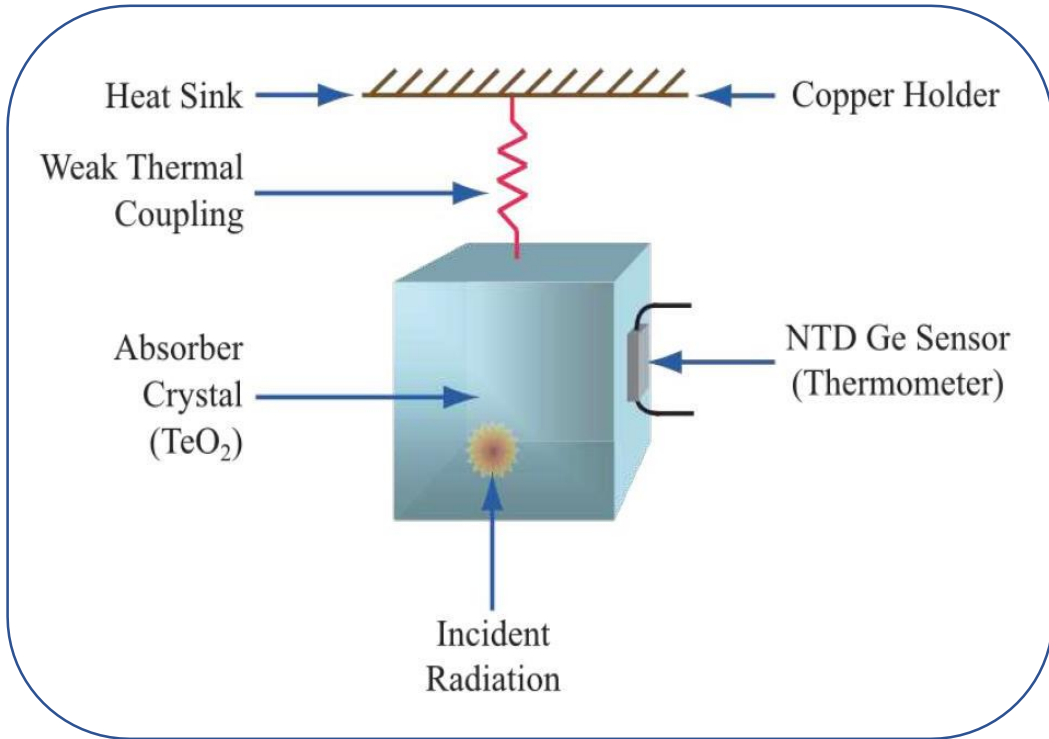
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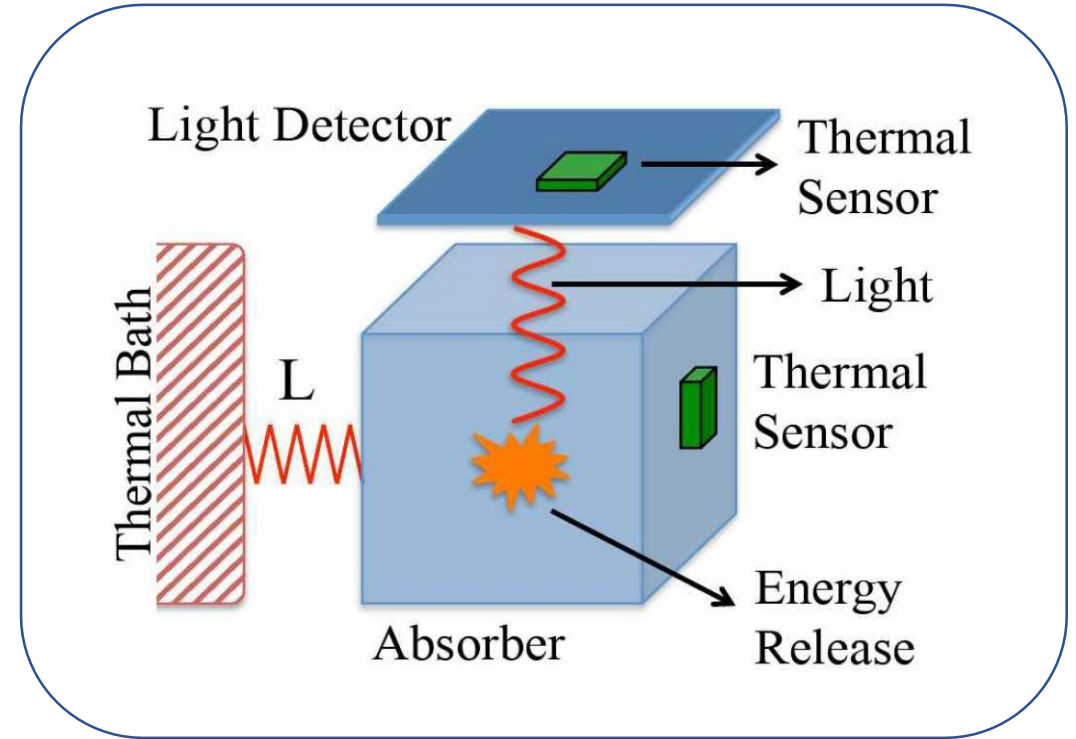
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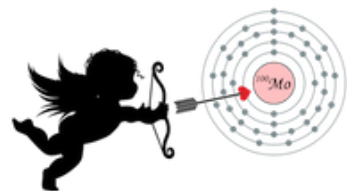


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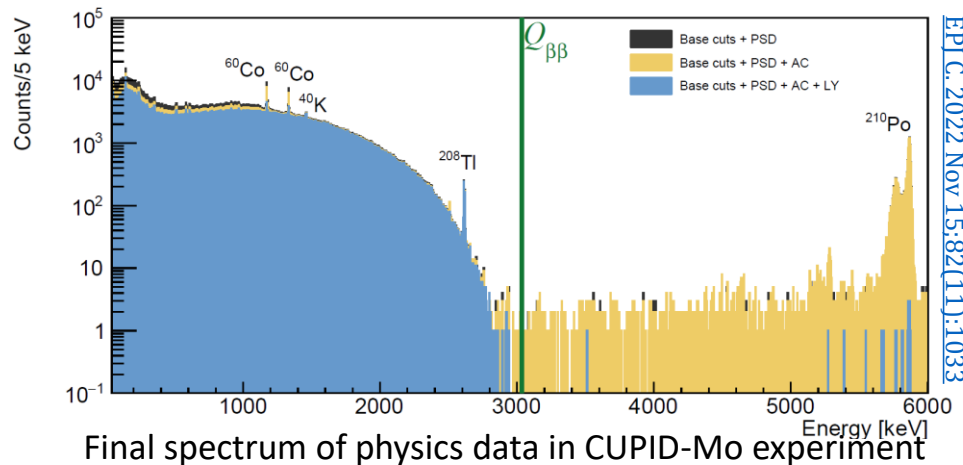
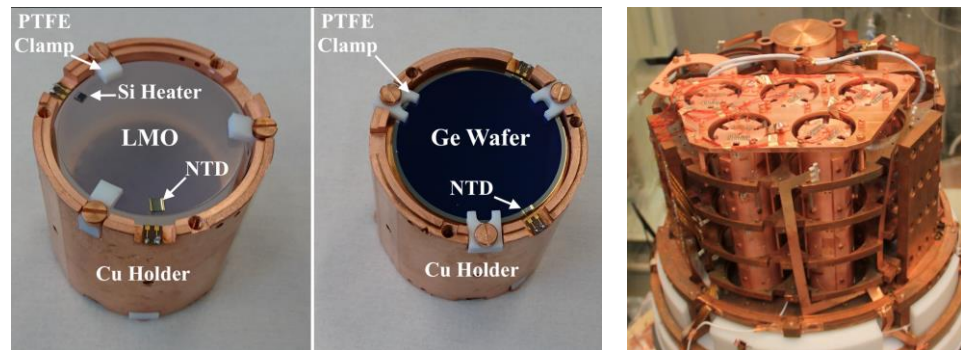
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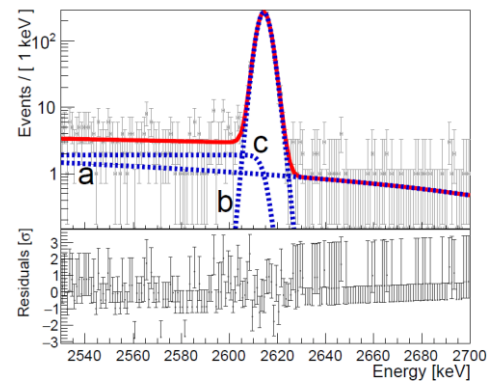
CUPID-Mo

CUPID-Mo experiment

- 20 scintillating bolometers arranged in 5 towers
- each scintillating bolometer consists of $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ enriched crystal (~97% enrichment level) and Germanium light detector
- total mass of crystals is 4.16 kg corresponding to 2.26 kg of ^{100}Mo
- ~1.5 years of data taking
- located in the Laboratoire Souterrain de Modane (France) ~4800 m.w.e.



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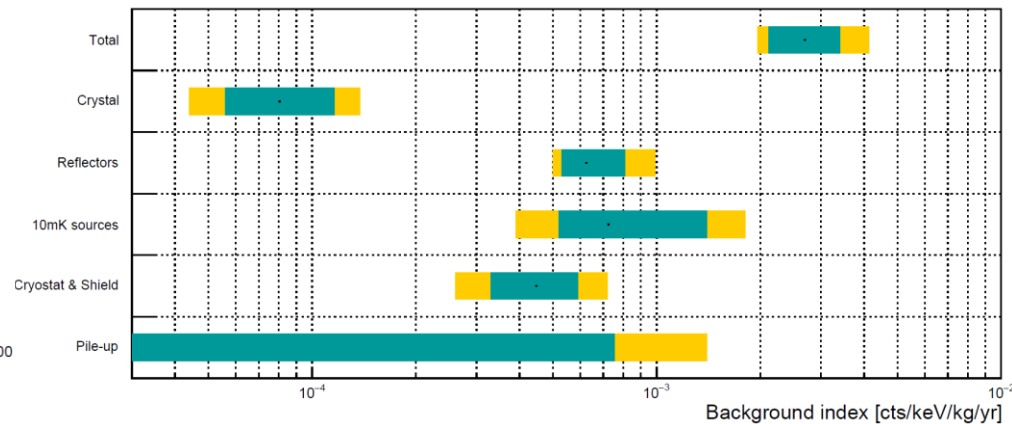


Fit of Tl peak at 2615 keV

Energy resolution (FWHM)

6.6 ± 0.1 keV @ 2615 keV

7.4 ± 0.4 keV @ $Q_{\beta\beta}$ (3034 keV)



Contribution of the different sources to the BI

Total BI:

$2.7^{+0.7}_{-0.6}(\text{stat})^{+1.1}_{-0.5}(\text{syst}) \times 10^{-3}$ counts/keV/kg/yr

$0\nu\beta\beta$ decay $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.8 \cdot 10^{24}$ yr (90% C. I.)
limits $m_{\beta\beta} < (0.28 - 0.49)$ eV

$\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ scintillating bolometers adopted as CUPID technology

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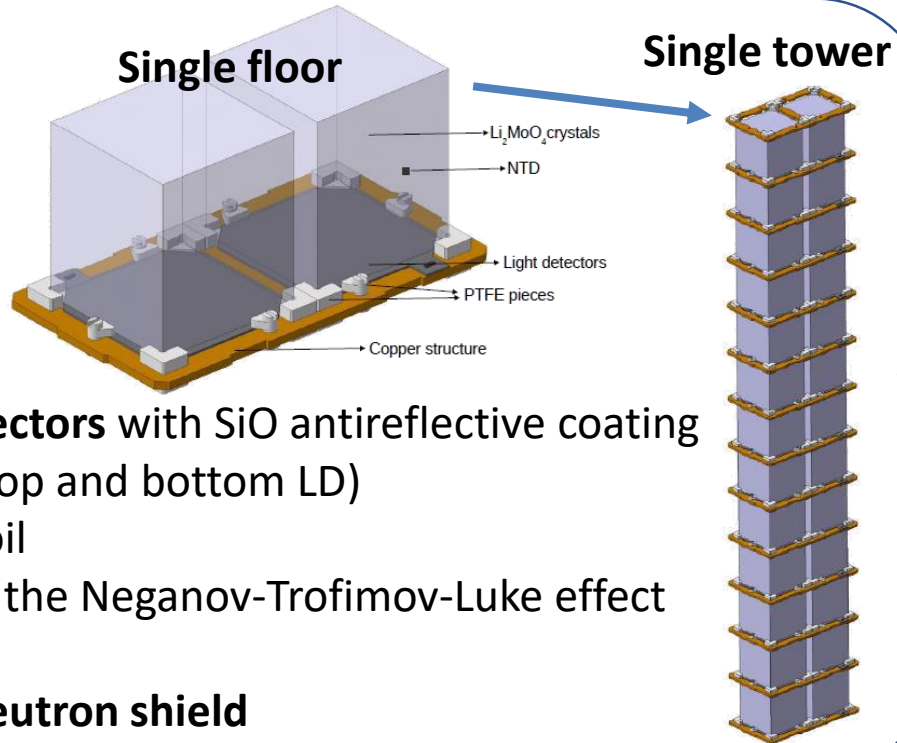
CUPID structure

CUPID pre-CDR *arXiv:1907.09376*

- Single crystal module: $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ **45x45x45 mm** – **~ 280 g**
- 57 towers of 14 floors with 2 crystals each - **1596 crystals**
- **~ 240 kg of ^{100}Mo** with >95% enrichment
- **~ 1.6×10^{27} ^{100}Mo atoms**

Baseline design

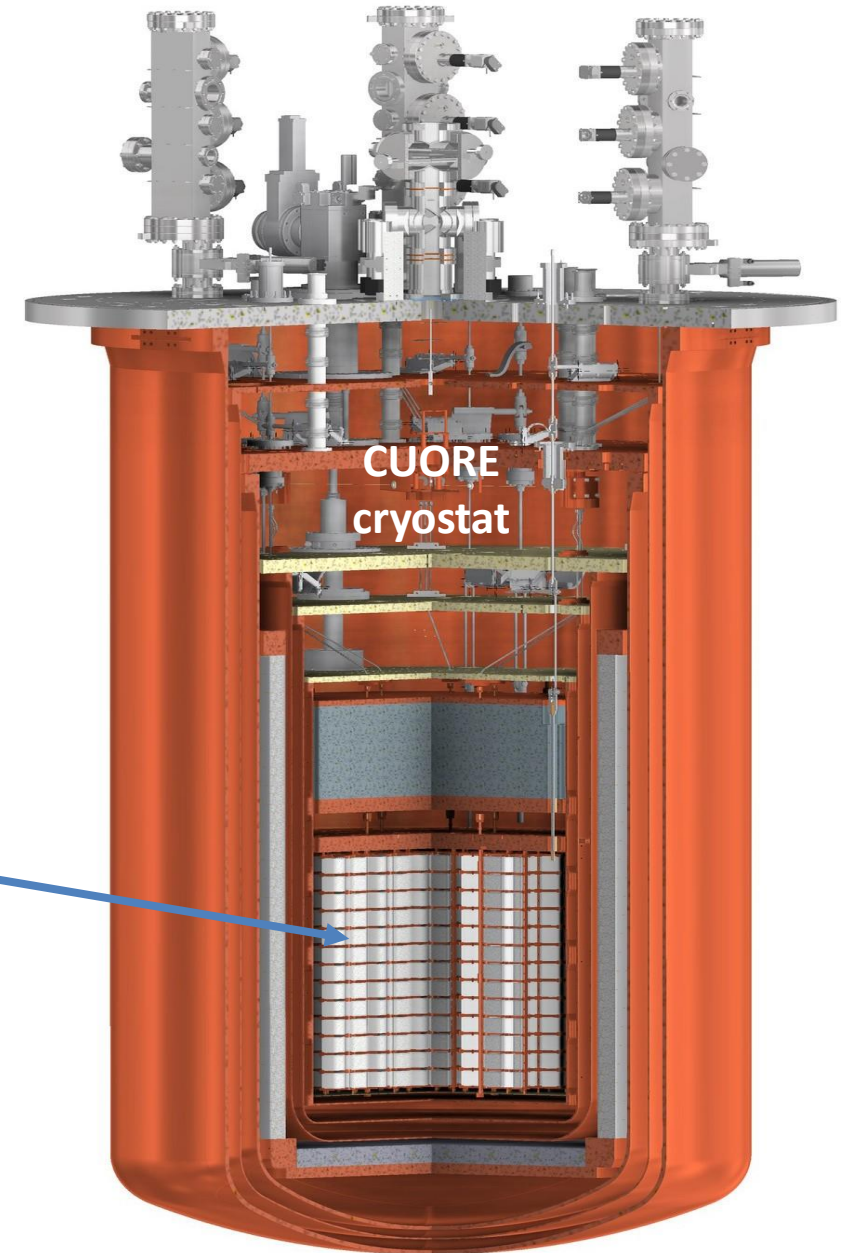
Gravity stacked structure



1710 Ge light detectors with SiO antireflective coating (each crystal has top and bottom LD)

- No reflective foil
- Exploitation of the Neganov-Trofimov-Luke effect

Muon veto and neutron shield



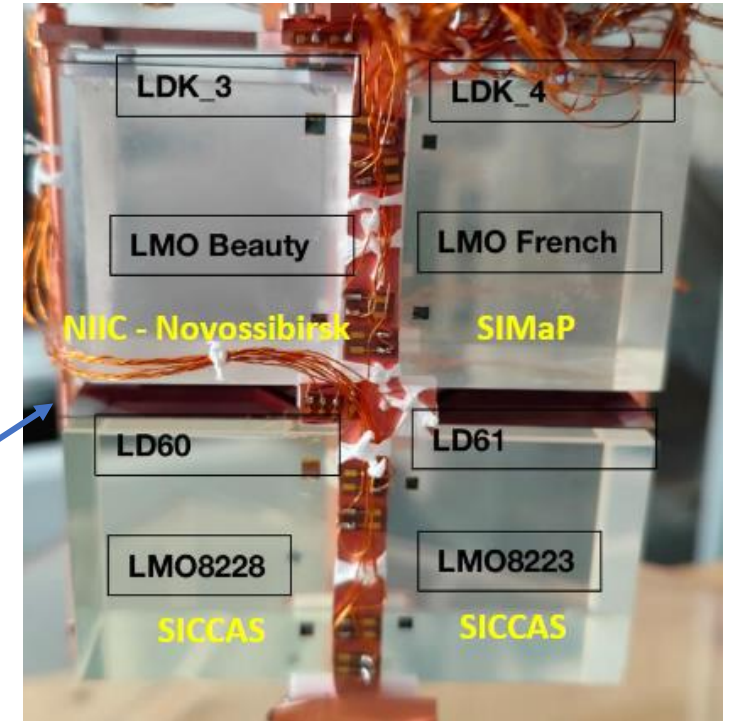
Status of crystal procurement

Because of the war against Ukraine the procurement of enriched crystals from Russia is impossible

Possible alternative suppliers:

Baseline candidate: SICCAS (Shanghai, China)

- Already produced 988 TeO_2 crystals for CUORE
- It is ready to produce 1596 $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ crystals with 95 % enrichment
- The first sample of isotope, measured by ICP-MS at LNGS, fully matches radiopurity requirements
- Pre-production is ongoing:
 - set of several natural crystals was tested in cryogenic facility in LNGS and in Orsay
 - we are expecting to receive 6 enriched crystals within the end of 2024 in Orsay
 - additional enriched crystals are being purchased by INFN



Investigating opportunities for production in France:

- We received a first natural Li_2MoO_4 crystal from Matias Velázquez (Univ. Grenoble Alpes, CNRS, Grenoble INP, SIMaP, France) and performed the first tests in Orsay cryogenic facility
- The first Li_2MoO_4 crystals from Luxium Solutions were grown, we will receive them within the end of 2024

Neganov-Trofimov-Luke light detectors

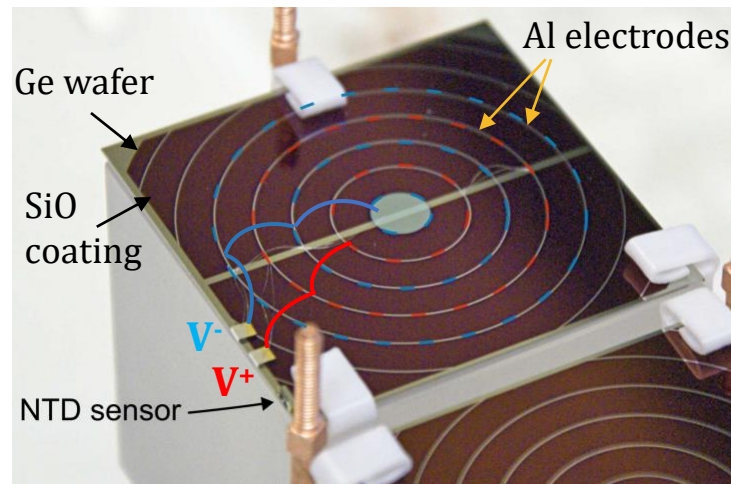
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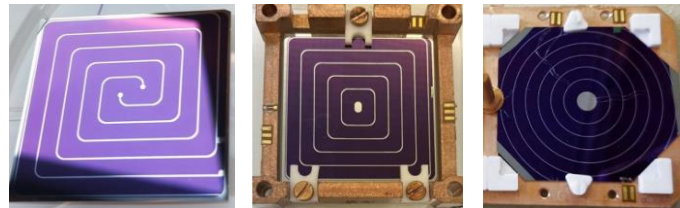
Typical parameters

Results from recent tests in Canfranc

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- $SNR \sim 90$ ($V_{bias} = 80$ V) @ $\beta\beta$ energy
- rise-time: 0.4 – 0.7 ms range
- Leakage current: 8/9 NTL LD were able to stand > 90V

Work in progress

- optimization of light detectors and electrode geometry



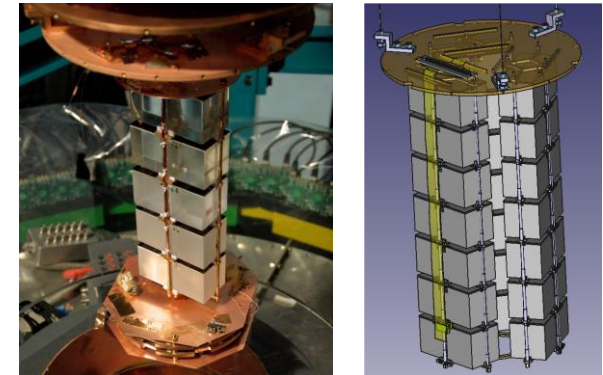
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Tests of NTL LDs

Orsay cryostat:

small experimental volume, suitable for quick tests

LSC, Canfranc, Spain



CROSS demonstrator

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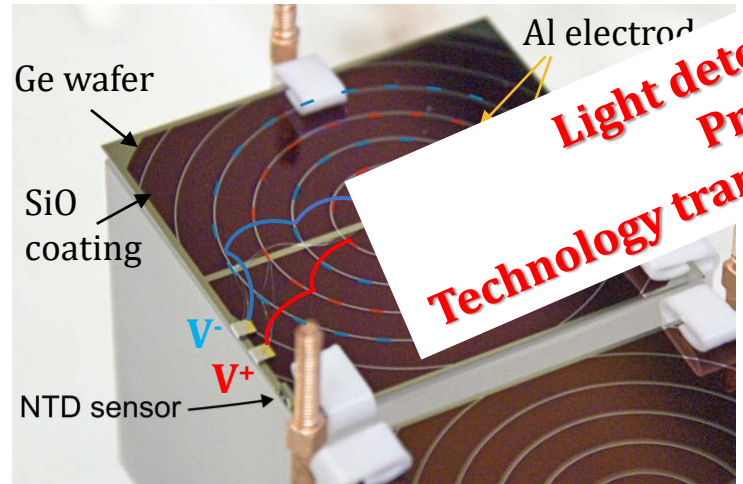
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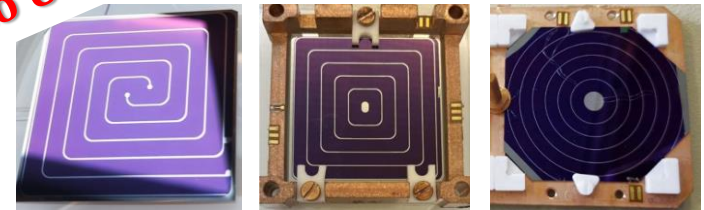
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Production of half of light detectors is a French scope
Technology transfer to US (Argonne, Berkeley) for the production of the other half

Light detectors and geometry



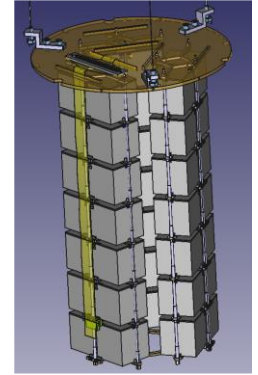
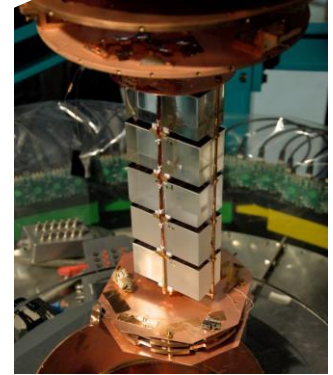
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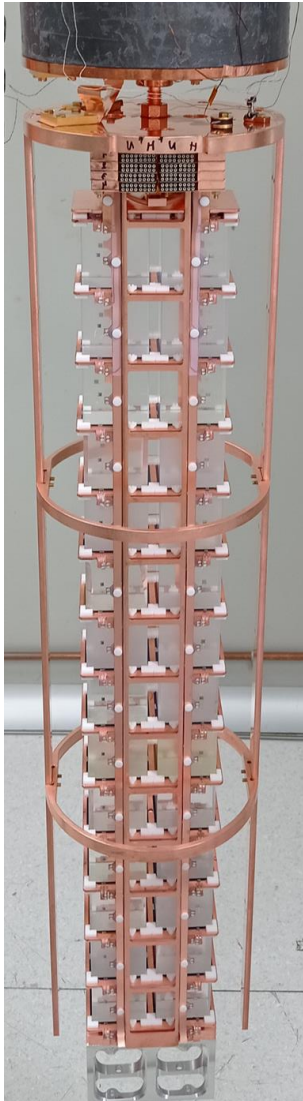
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Test of CUPID towers at LNGS



BDPT

(baseline design prototype tower)

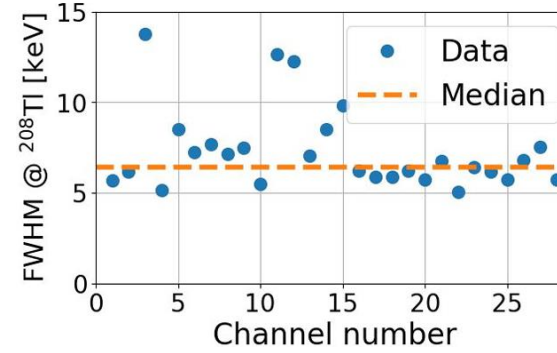
- 28 LMOs
- 30 Ge light detectors **without NTL effect**
- Tested at LNGS, Italy in July-October, 2022

Results:

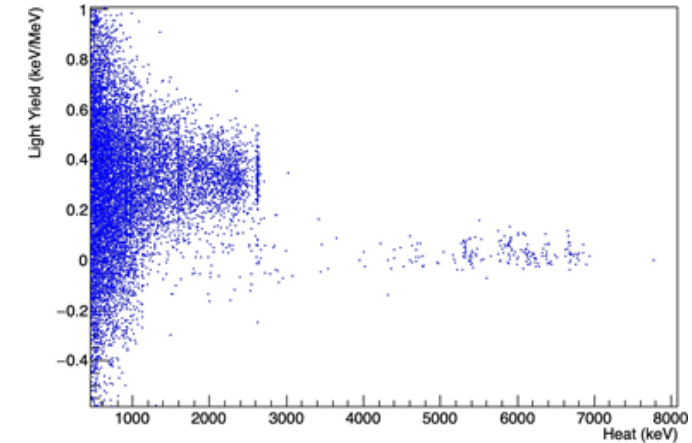
- Detectors successfully reached baseline temperature ~ 15 mK
- Baseline stable over the time
- LMO performance:
median $\text{FWHM}_{2615 \text{ keV}} = 6.2$ keV
- median light yield: 0.34 keV/MeV
- α vs β, γ discrimination capability:

$$DP = \frac{|LY_{\beta, \gamma} - LY_{\alpha}|}{\sqrt{\sigma_{\beta, \gamma}^2 + \sigma_{\alpha}^2}} = 3.21$$

- some excess noise on the LD \rightarrow changes to the LD assembly structure for the next test



Example of α/β separation in a low noise channel



Next test: VSTT (Vertical Slice Test Tower)

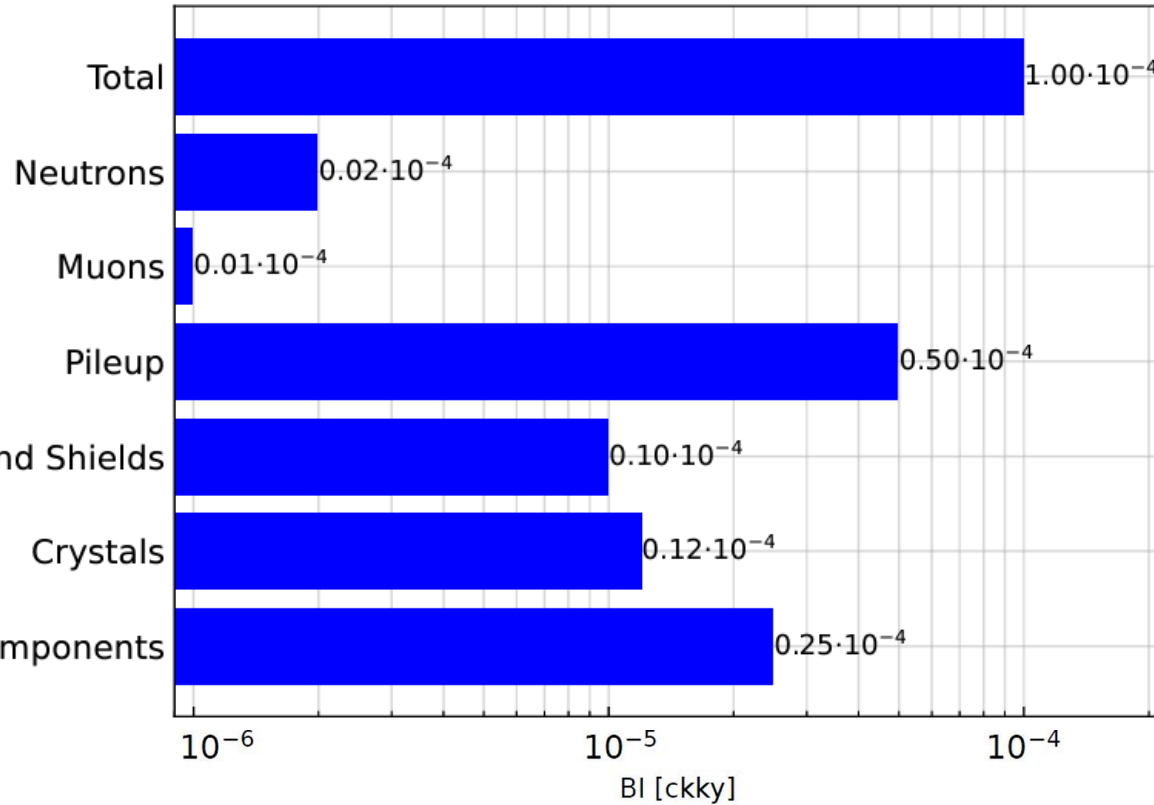
- Preparation for the new test are currently ongoing

What's new?

- Light detectors with NTL amplification
- Changes to the LD holding system to mitigate the noise



CUPID background budget



CUPID background goal:
BI = 10^{-4} counts/keV/kg/year

Dominant contribution: pile-up events
(random coincidences of ordinary $2\nu\beta\beta$ events)

Data driven: based on CUORE and CUPID-Mo background models

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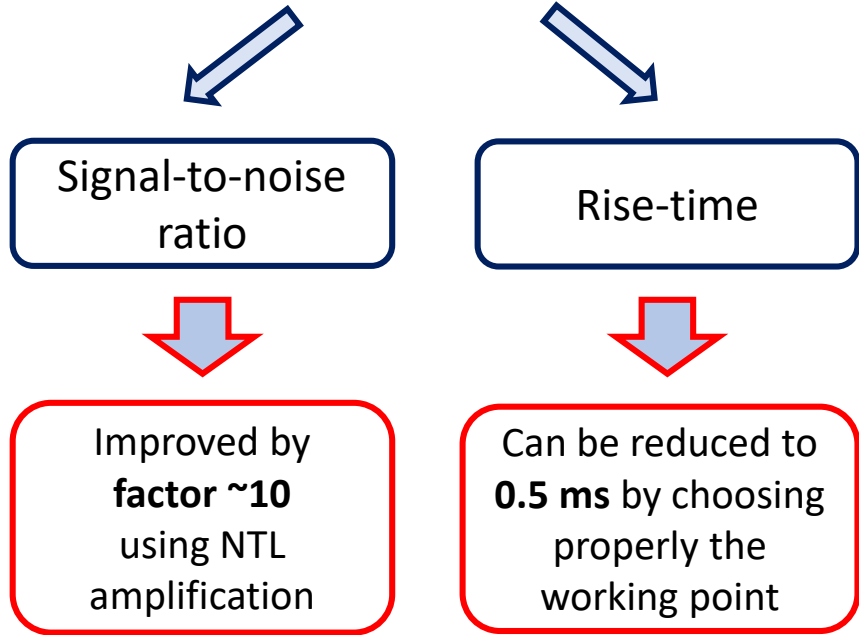
Pile-up rejection

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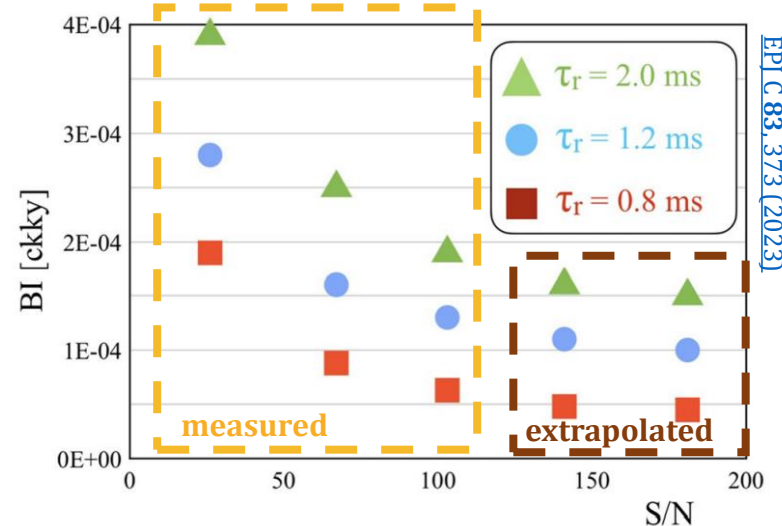
$$T_{1/2}^{2\nu\beta\beta}(^{100}\text{Mo}) = 7.1 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ years} \implies$$

assuming time resolving capability **1 ms** BI due to random coincidence:
 $3.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$ counts/(keV kg y) -> resolving time must be decreased to **0.17 ms** to meet CUPID background target

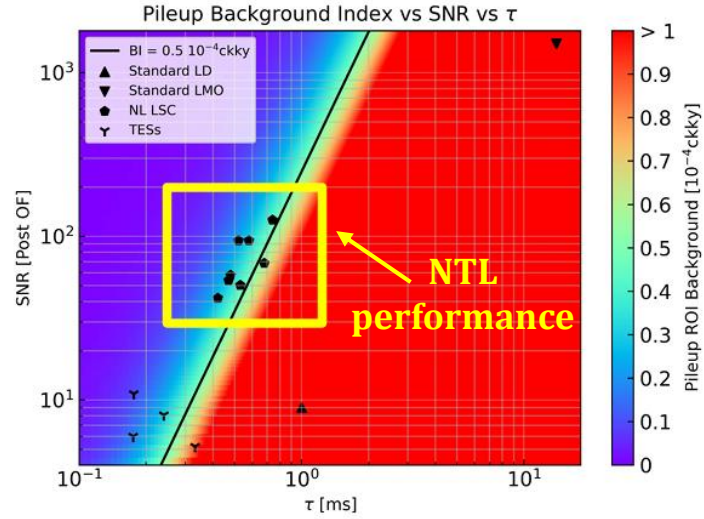
Crucial parameters for pile-up events rejection



Work at IJCLab is ongoing to study the rejection capability of the pile-up events



BI as a function of S/N ratio for different rise-times (from simulations based on real data from 1 NTL LD)



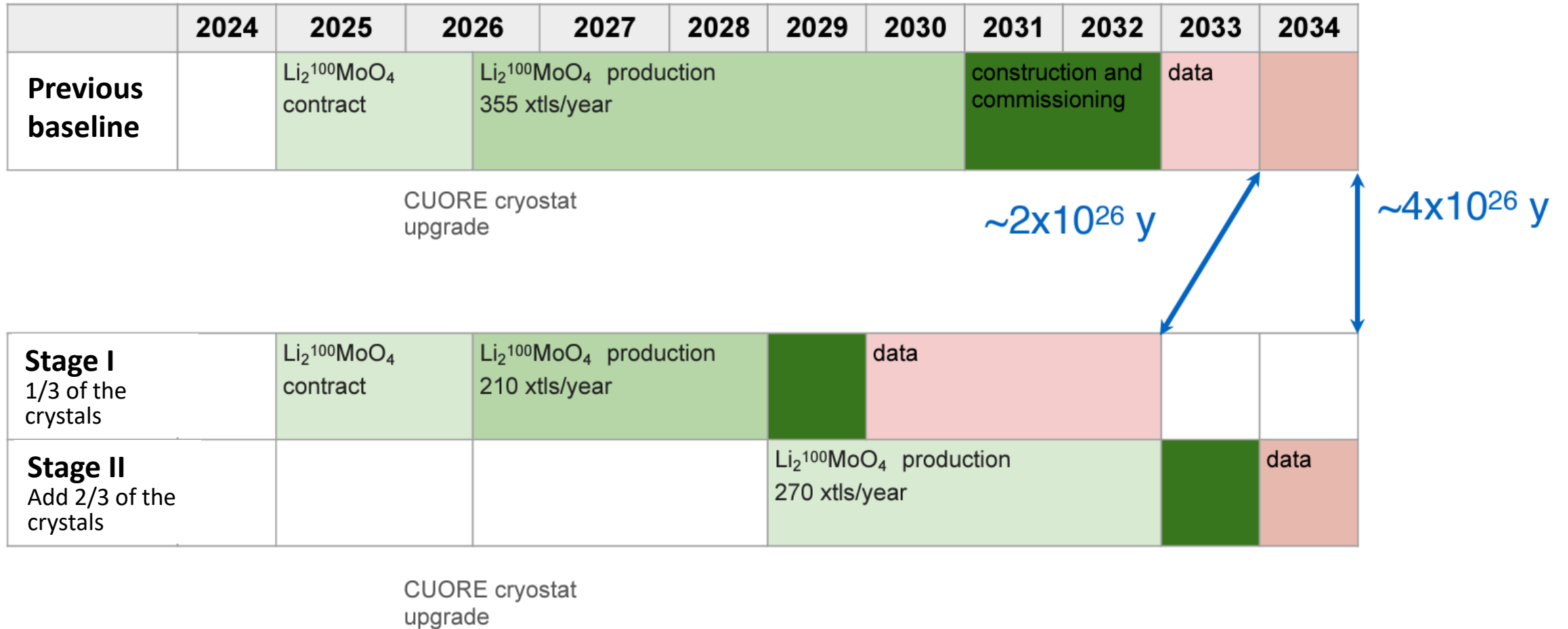
NTL performance obtained from recent tests projected on the BI plot

On average **$< 0.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$ counts/(keV kg y)**

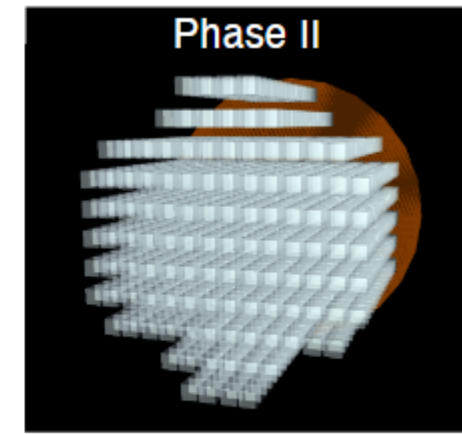
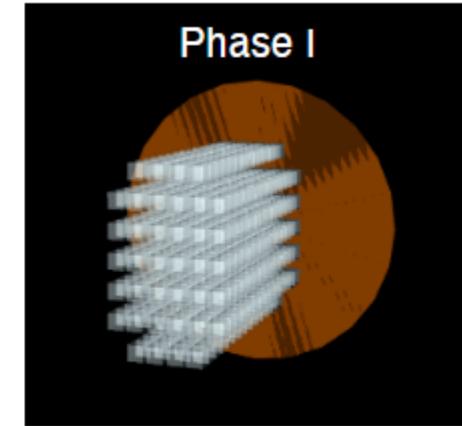
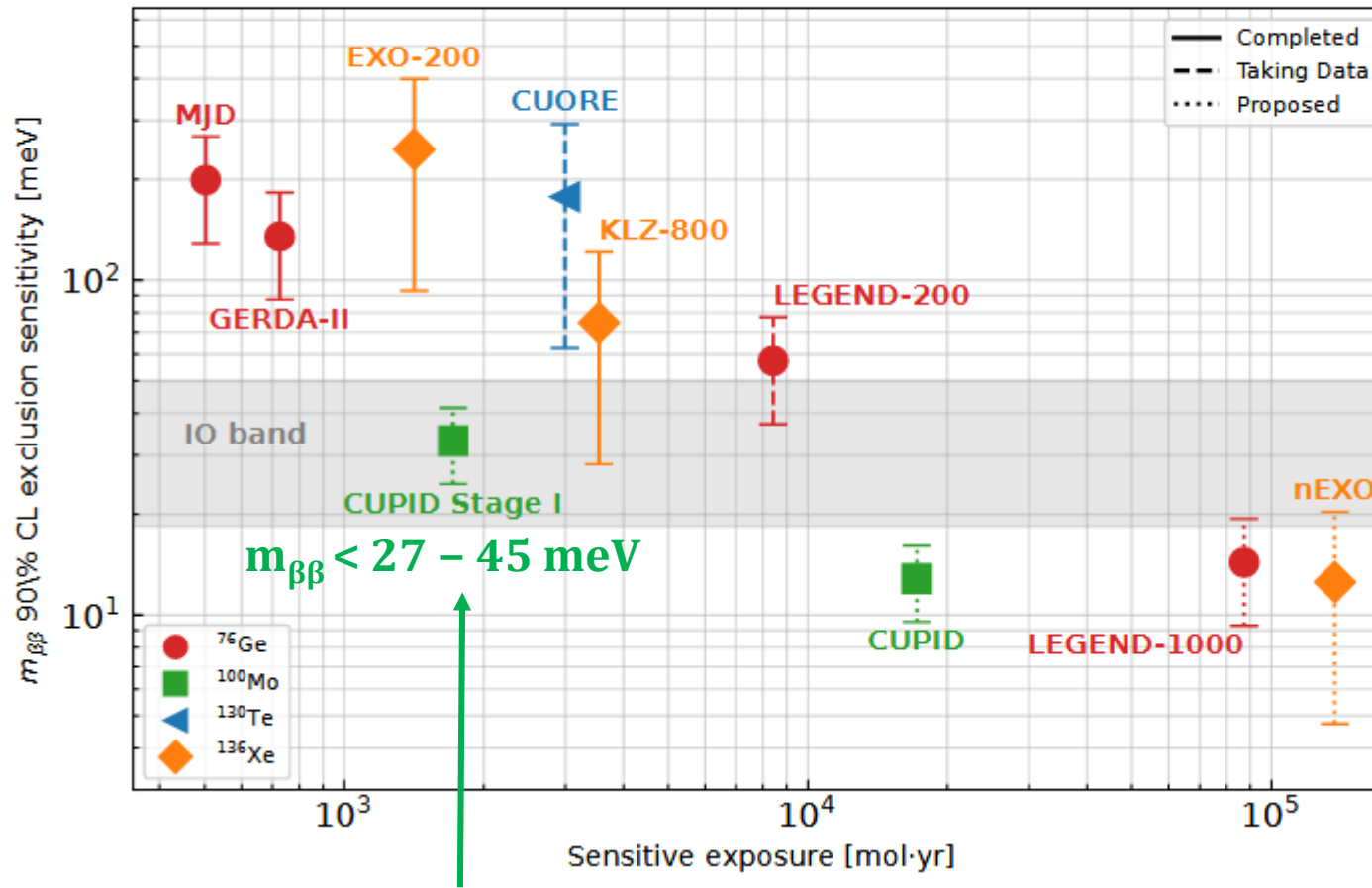
Staged deployment



The collaboration decided to move to a **staged deployment** for CUPID implementation

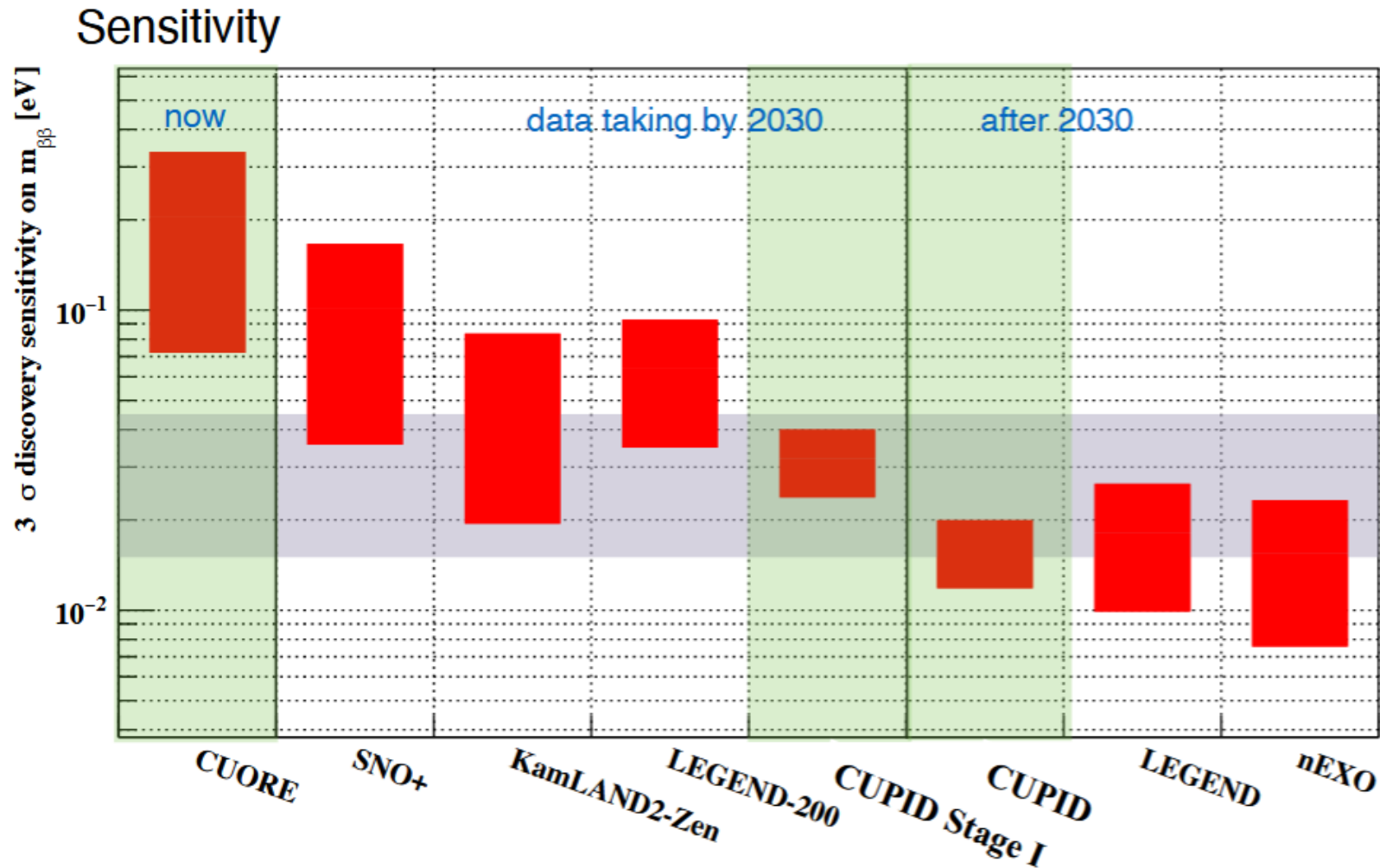


Staged deployment



The most sensitive experiment worldwide
at the beginning of the next decade

CUPID discovery sensitivity



CUPID is critical to the discovery program at LNGS.

Staged deployment enables first science data by 2030 with CUPID Stage I

Ton-scale experiment with competitive sensitivity



Summary and final considerations

- The **infrastructure for CUPID** already **exists** (**CUORE** cryostat, **LNGS**, Italy)
- **Basic technology** demonstrated in **CUPID-Mo** (EDELWEISS cryostat, **Modane**, France)
- The **performance** of the single module and of the basic tower are under test with promising results
- **Crystallization** and **enrichment** at large scale are **possible** (new producers)
- **Data-driven background model** indicates **$b \sim 10^{-4}$ counts/(keV·kg·y)**
- **Neganov-Trofimov-Luke light detector** can mitigate the most challenging background
- **Fully explore the inverted ordering region**
down to $m_{\beta\beta} = 10$ meV for the most favorable nuclear model
- **Staged deployment: CUPID Stage-I** can take data at the end of this decade and has **world leading science reach**
- On a longer time scale, **mass scaling** and potential **multi-isotope approach**

Collaboration

