



Results from GERDA Phase I

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Outline

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- The Gerda experiment
- Data taking and data processing
- Background models and $2\nu\beta\beta$ analysis
- Background reduction methods
- $0\nu\beta\beta$ results
- Outlooks

Postulation of the neutrino - single beta decay

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Offener Brief an die Gruppe der Radioaktiven bei der Gauvereins-Tagung zu Tübingen.

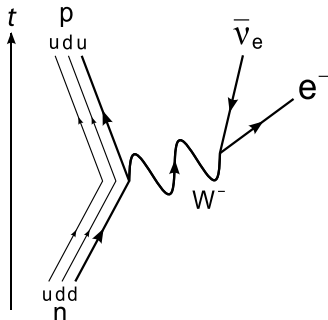
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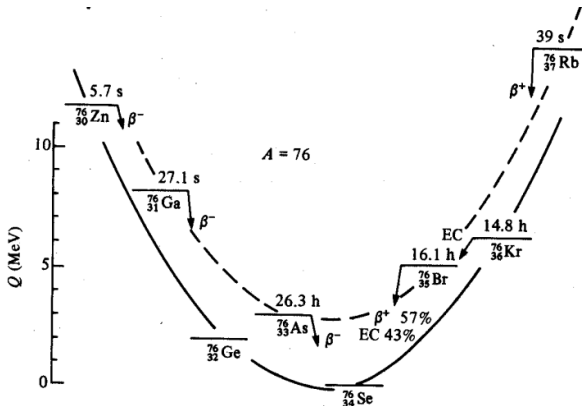
Liebe Radioaktive Damen und Herren,

Wie der Ueberbringer dieser Zeilen, den ich huldvollst anhören bitte, Ihnen das näheren auseinandersetzen wird, bin ich angesichts der "falschen" Statistik der M - und $Li-6$ Kerne, sowie des kontinuierlichen beta-Spektrums auf einen verweifelten Ausweg verfallen um den "Wechselgats" (1) der Statistik und den Energiesatz zu retten. Nämlich die Möglichkeit, es könnten elektrisch neutrale Teilchen, die ich Neutronen nennen will, in den Kernen existieren, welche den Spin $1/2$ haben und das Ausschliessungsprinzip befolgen und sich von Lichtquanten ausserdem noch dadurch unterscheiden, dass sie nicht mit Lichtgeschwindigkeit laufen. Die Masse der Neutronen müsste von derselben Grössenordnung wie die Elektronenmasse sein und jedenfalls nicht grösser als $0,01$ Protonenmasse. Das kontinuierliche beta-Spektrum wäre dann verständlich unter der Annahme, dass beim beta-Zerfall mit dem Elektron jeweils noch ein Neutron emittiert wird, dertart, dass die Summe der Energien von Neutron und Elektron konstant ist.



Neutrinoless double beta decay

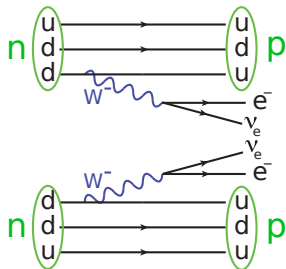
Mass parabolas of odd-odd, even-even nuclei



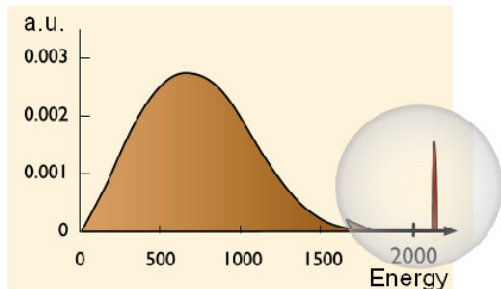
- Even-even nuclides are more stable (smaller binding energy)
- Beta decay transforms even-even nuclides into odd-odd nuclides
- For a few isotopes the next odd-odd nuclide can have higher binding energy
 - ⇒ In such a case single beta decay is forbidden:
 - ⇒ Double beta decay is allowed $2n \rightarrow 2p + 2e^- + 2\bar{\nu}_e$

Neutrinoless double beta decay

Double beta decay spectrum

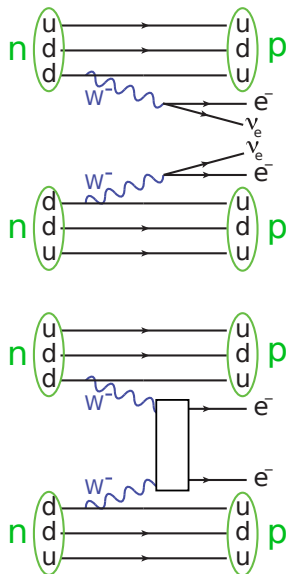


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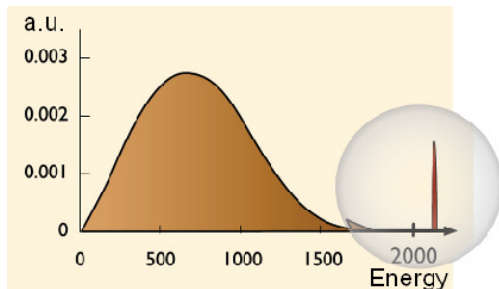


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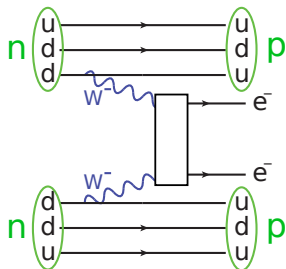


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- Neutrinoless double beta decay:
 - Emission of only two electrons
 - Peak at $Q_{\beta\beta} = 2039\text{keV}$ (for ^{76}Ge)



Neutrinoless double beta decay

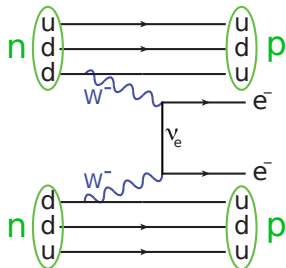
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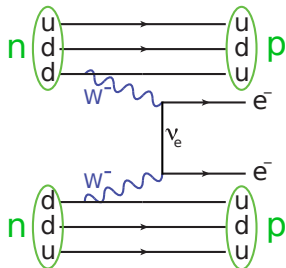
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- Any $\Delta L = 2$ process possible
- Higgs triplet, SUSY,...: Important connections to high energy particle physics
- sub eV Majorana mass $\leftrightarrow$ TeV scale physics

Neutrinoless double beta decay

Neutrino mass formula

$$(T_{1/2}^{0\nu})^{-1} = G_{0\nu}(Q_{\beta\beta}, Z) |M_{0\nu}|^2 m_{\beta\beta}^2$$

- $(T_{1/2}^{0\nu})^{-1}$: Half life of isotope, measured
- $G_{0\nu}(Q_{\beta\beta}, Z)$ phase space
- $M_{0\nu}$: nuclear matrix element, calculated
- $m_{\beta\beta}$: effective Majorana mass:
 $m_{\beta\beta} = |\sum_{i=0}^3 U_{ei}^2 m_i|$
- U : PMNS matrix (measured in neutrino oscillation experiments)
- m_i : mass eigenvalue

Sensitivity of an experiment:

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}(n_\sigma) = \frac{4.16 \times 10^{26} \text{ yr}}{n_\sigma} \left(\frac{\epsilon a}{W} \right) \sqrt{\frac{Mt}{b\Delta(E)}}$$

- ϵ detection efficiency
- a abundance of isotope

Experimental limits

Isotope	$Q_{\beta\beta}$, keV	$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$, yr	$m_{\beta\beta}$, eV
⁴⁸ Ca	4272	$> 5.8 \times 10^{22}$	< 14
⁷⁶ Ge	2039.0	$> 1.9 \times 10^{25}$	$< 0.2 - 0.7$
⁸² Se	2996	$> 3.6 \times 10^{23}$	$< 0.8 - 2.4$
⁹⁶ Zr	3350	$> 9.2 \times 10^{21}$	$< 3.9 - 13.7$
¹⁰⁰ Mo	3034.4	$> 1.1 \times 10^{24}$	$< 0.3 - 0.7$
¹¹⁶ Cd	2813.5	$> 1.7 \times 10^{23}$	$< 1.2 - 2.2$
¹²⁸ Te	867	$> 1.5 \times 10^{24}$	$< 1.8 - 4.2$
¹³⁰ Te	2527.5	$> 2.8 \times 10^{24}$	$< 0.4 - 0.8$
¹³⁶ Xe	2458.7	$> 1.6 \times 10^{25}$	$< 0.1 - 0.4$
¹⁵⁰ Nd	3371.4	$> 1.8 \times 10^{22}$	$< 2.2 - 7.5$

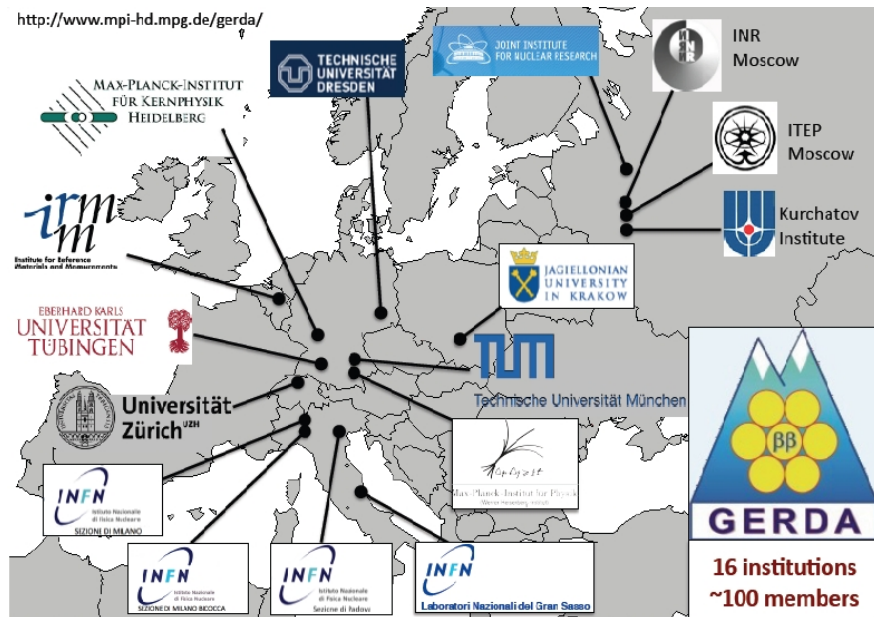
A. S. Barabash, <http://arxiv.org/abs/1209.4241>

Claim of observation: KKDC: 71.7 kg · yr: $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = 1.2(0.7-4.2) \cdot 10^{25}$ yr (Phys Lett B586 (2004) 198)

- W molecular weight of source
- Mt exposure [kg yr]
- b background index (BI)
- $\Delta(E)$ instrumental spectral width

The GERDA experiment - collaboration

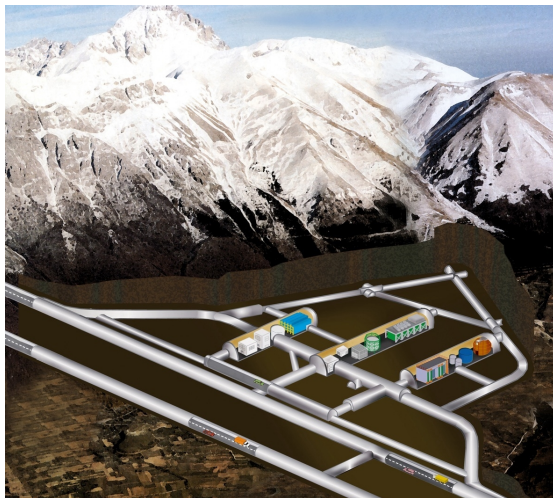
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The GERDA experiment - milestones and location

GErmanium Detector Array

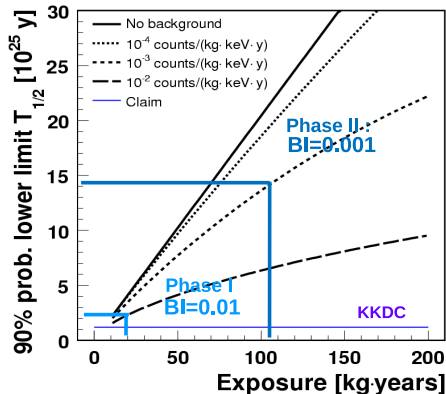
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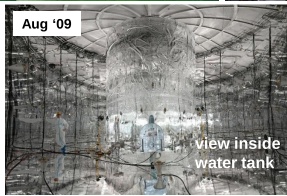
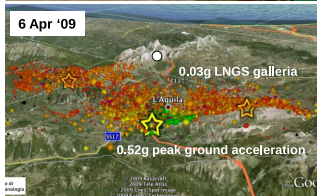
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- Nov. 2011 - May 2013: data taking Phase I data
- Change to Phase II presently ongoing



The GERDA experiment - construction



Cryostat filled since
December 2009

The GERDA experiment - setup

Water tank

- 590 m³ ultra-pure water
- neutron moderator/absorber
- muon Cherenkov veto

Large Cryostat

- 64 m³ LAr
- cooling medium
- passive shielding

Ge detector array

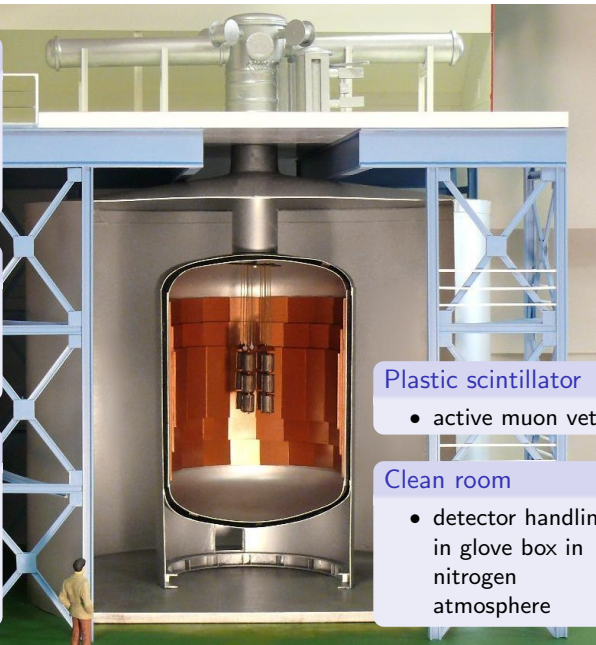
- 3-string arm with 9 coaxial detectors, 1-string arm with 5 BEGs
- bare germanium detectors on low mass holders

Plastic scintillator

- active muon veto

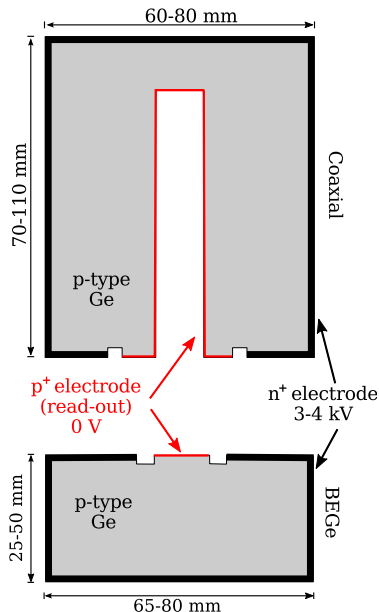
Clean room

- detector handling in glove box in nitrogen atmosphere

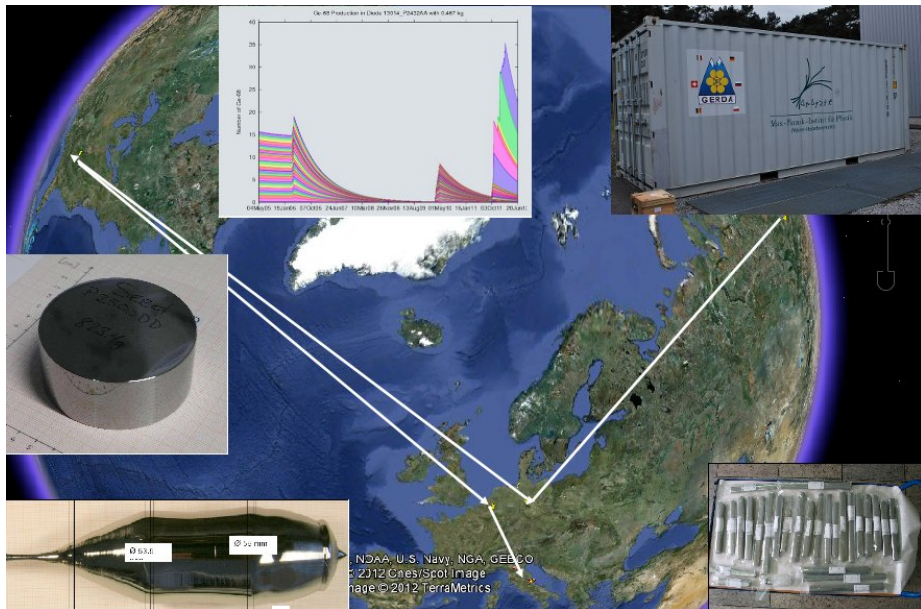


The GERDA experiment - detectors

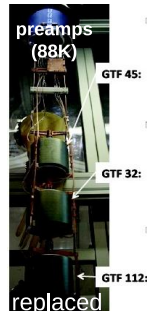
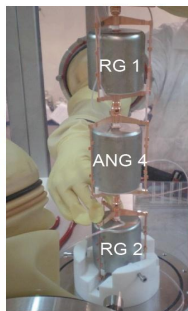
- Why germanium?
 - Solid even at room temperature
 - Very good energy resolution
 - Detector material = source material
- Deployed detectors:
 - Refurbished semi-coaxial detectors from HdM and IGEX experiments
 - n⁺ conductive Li layer, separated by a groove from the boron implanted p⁺ contact
 - Phase II detector type, already used: BEGe - broad energy Ge detector
 - Semi-coaxial detectors: 2 - 2.8kg, BEGe ~0.7kg



The GERDA experiment - production of new diodes



The GERDA experiment - strings

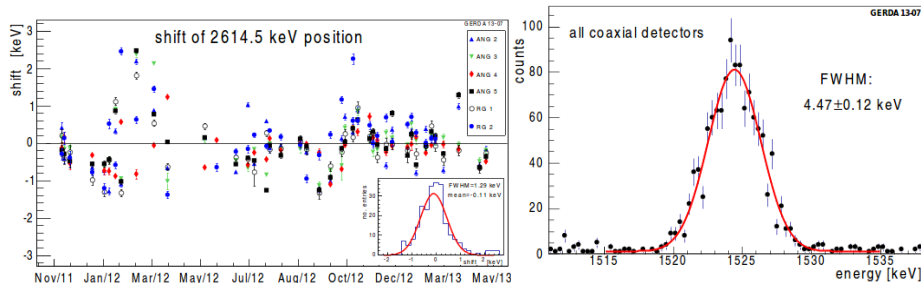


- Used in this analysis:

since Nov. 11:	6 enriched semi-coaxial : ANG2,3,4,5, RG1,2	14.63kg
	1 natural semi-coaxial: GTF112	2.96kg
since Jul. 12:	4 enriched BEGe : GD32B,C,D, GD35B	3.00kg

- Enrichment of ^{76}Ge : 86-87%

The GERDA experiment - calibration and data processing



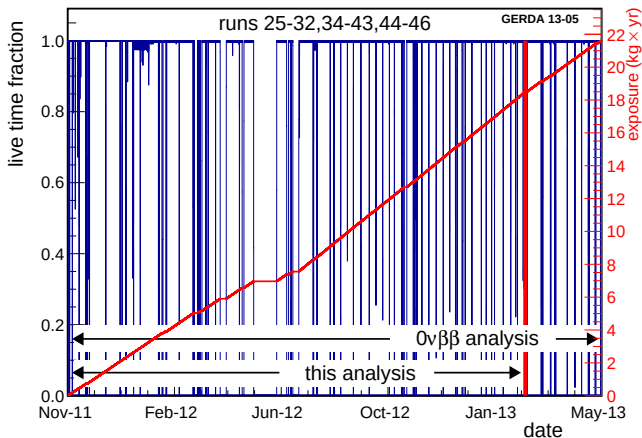
Analysis

- Processing: diode $\rightarrow$ amplifier $\rightarrow$ FADC $\rightarrow$ digital filter $\rightarrow$ energy/pulse shape/etc
- Selection: anti-coincidence muon / 2nd Ge ($\sim 20\%$ rejected at $Q_{\beta\beta}$), quality cuts ($\sim 9\%$ rej.), pulse shape discrimination ($\sim 50\%$ rej.)
- Calibration: ^{228}Th (bi)weekly and pulser every 20 seconds for short term drifts

Results

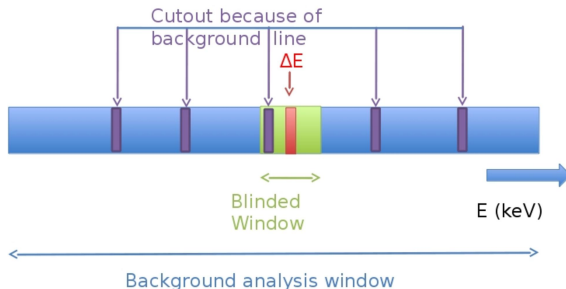
- shifts are small compared to FWHM $\sim 0.2\% Q_{\beta\beta}$
- peak pos. within 0.3keV at correct position (here for ^{42}K)
- FWHM $\sim 4\%$ larger than expected from calibration data

The GERDA experiment - data taking



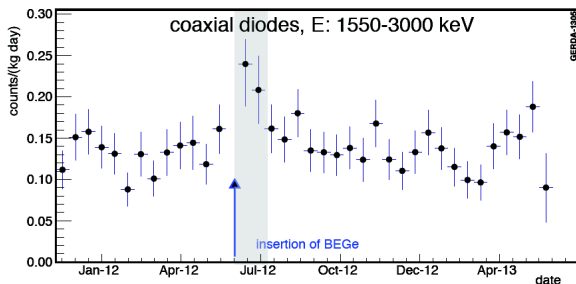
- Stable data taking during most of the time (492 d, duty cycle 88%)
- total exposure: 21.6 kg·yr
- Blue spikes indicate calibration measurements
- Break during deployment of BEGe detectors

The GERDA experiment - data blinding



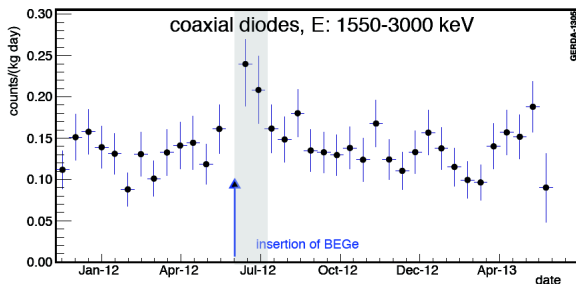
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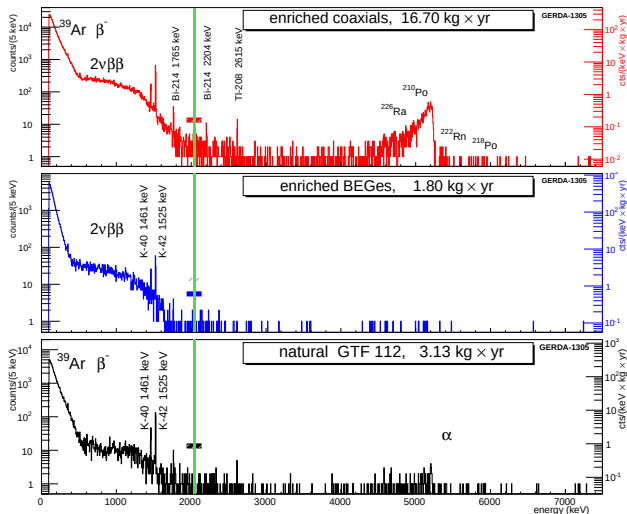
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 - analysis method: three data sets
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The GERDA experiment - spectrum

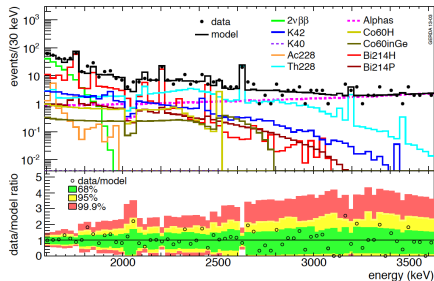
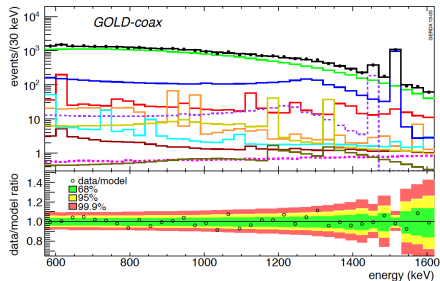


Visible backgrounds:

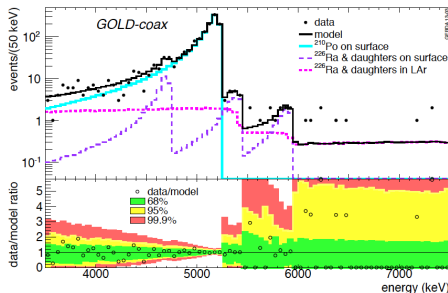
- Double beta decay of ^{76}Ge
- β decay of cosmogenic ^{39}Ar
- Alphas (decay on p+ surface, ^{226}Ra , ^{222}Rn ^{210}Po)
- Decay of ^{42}K on the surface or close to the detector from ^{42}Ar (mini shroud was deployed to reduce this background)

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The GERDA experiment - background model

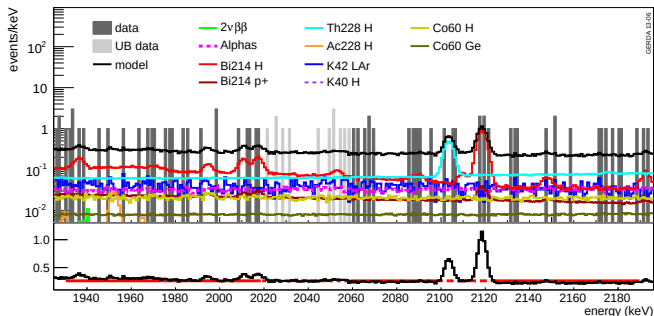


- Fit of combination of MC spectra to data between 570 keV and 7500 keV
- Good fits, however not unique (different models possible)
- Close background sources dominate: ^{42}Ar , ^{228}Th , ^{226}Ra in holders, α particles on detector surfaces.



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The GERDA experiment - background model



- Background flat between 1930 keV - 2190 keV w/o 2104 keV and 2119 keV peaks
- No line expected in the blinded window
- Linear fit with flat background excluding 2104 ± 5 keV and 2119 ± 5 keV peak regions
- For $0\nu\beta\beta$ analysis a flat background around $Q_{\beta\beta}$ can be used

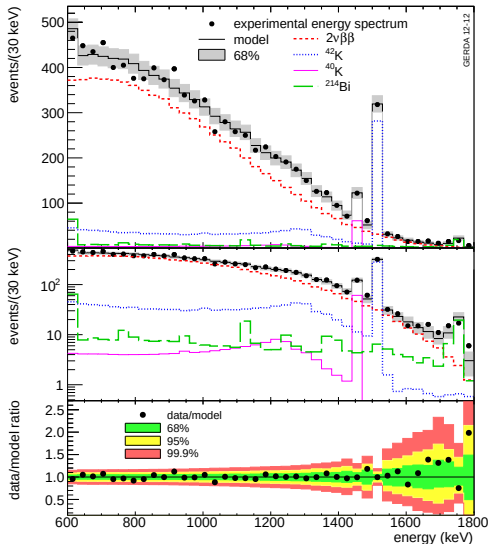
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The GERDA experiment - $2\nu\beta\beta$

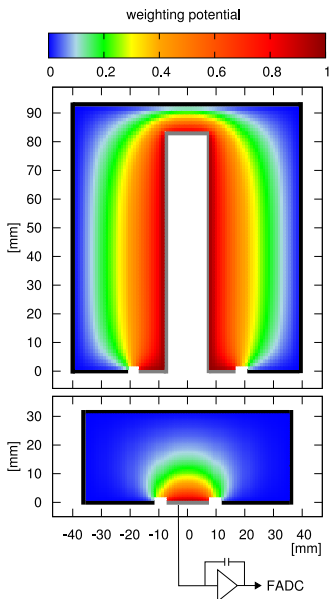
- Region between 600 keV and 1400 keV dominated by $2\nu\beta\beta$ decay
- Global fit of background model contains this distribution
- It is possible to extract $2\nu\beta\beta$ half-life

$$T_{1/2}^{2\nu} = (1.84 \pm 0.14) \cdot 10^{21} \text{ yr}$$

- This is the best current limit for this decay



The GERDA experiment - pulse shape discrimination



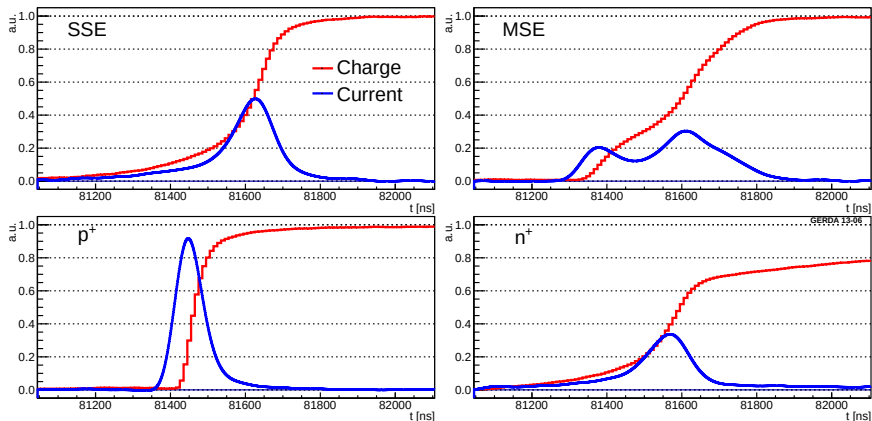
- Exploit different pulse structure of
 - single-site events (SSE)
 - multi-site events (MSE).
- $0\nu\beta\beta$ events are SSE: (1 MeV electron has range of $\sim 1\text{mm}$)
- Compton scattered MeV γ 's more than $10\times$ larger range $\Rightarrow$ MSE
- Surface events: only electrons or holes drift $\Rightarrow$ characteristic pulse shape
- Coaxial and BEGe diodes have very different E-fields $\Rightarrow$ different PSD properties and algorithms
- PSD developed with calibration and physics data: ^{228}Th spectrum, certain features used as proxies for signal-like (DEP, Compton Edge, $2\beta\beta$) and background-like events (FEP).

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BEGe detectors:

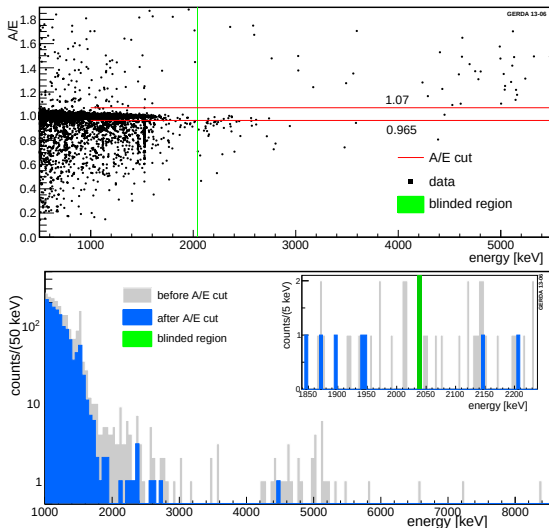
- A = Amplitude of current pulse
- E = energy reconstructed with shaping filter
- A / E is a robust, simple and well understood cut parameter



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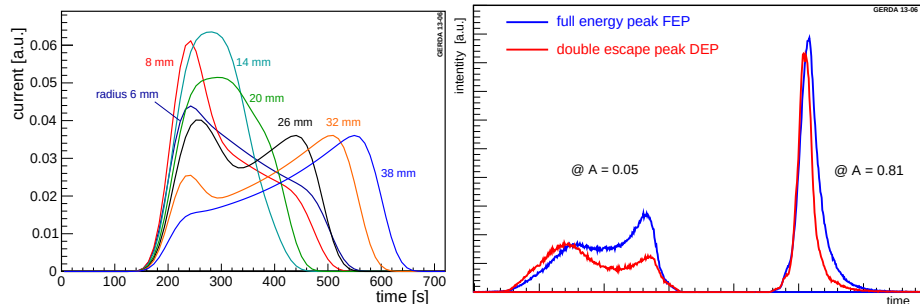


- SSE accepted for $0.965 < A/E < 1.07$
- $0\nu\beta\beta$ efficiency = $(92 \pm 2) \%$ (from DEP efficiency and simulation)
- $2\nu\beta\beta$ efficiency = $(91 \pm 5) \%$ (good agreement with DEP eff.)
- 80% of background events rejected around $Q_{\beta\beta}$

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Coaxial detectors:

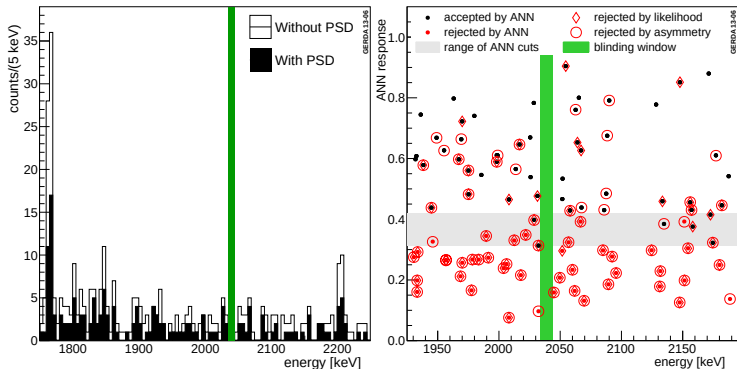


- Artificial neural network (ANN) : TMlpANN implemented in TMVA (ROOT)
- Input: time when charge signal reaches 1%, 3%, ..., 99% of maximum amplitude
- $0\nu\beta\beta$ efficiency (from DEP and simulation): $(90 \pm 0.05/-0.09) \%$
- About 45% events rejected around $Q_{\beta\beta}$
- Cross checks:
 - $2\nu\beta\beta$ eff = $(85 \pm 2) \%$
 - 2.6 MeV γ Compton edge eff. = 85 - 94 %
 - Co-56 DEP (1576 and 2231 keV) eff. = 83 - 93 %
 - Simulations

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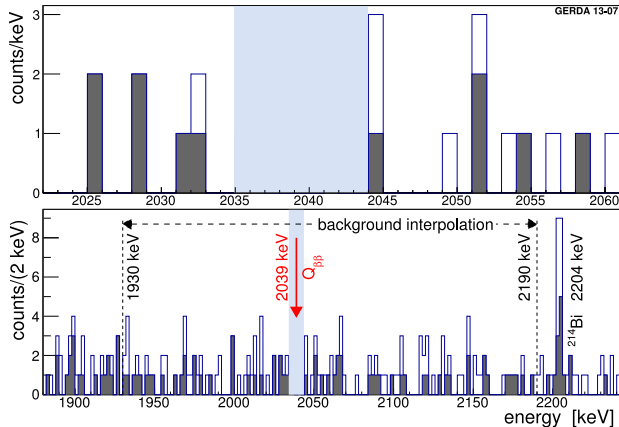


Cross check ANN classification with 2 other methods:

- Projective likelihood trained with Compton edge events
- Current pulse asymmetry $\times$ A/E
- 90% of ANN rejected events also rejected by both, 3% only rejected by ANN
⇒ Classification of background like events meaningful

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$0\nu\beta\beta$ analysis - unblinding



open box = w/o PSD
grey box = with PSD

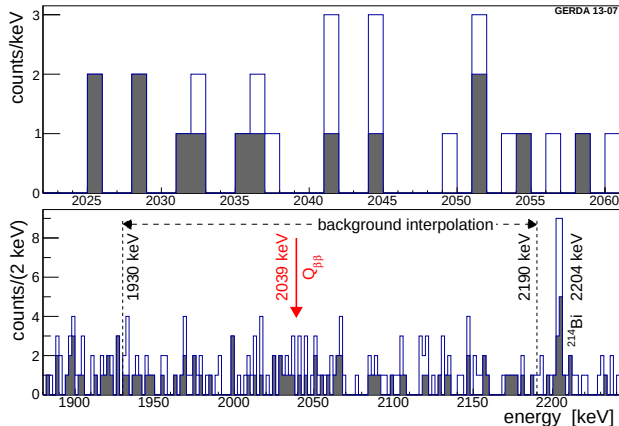
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$0\nu\beta\beta$ analysis - unblinding



open box = w/o PSD
grey box = with PSD

Expected background from interpolation:

5.1 events w/o PSD

2.5 events with PSD

observed:

7 events w/o PSD

3 events with PSD

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$0\nu\beta\beta$ analysis - calculating the half life

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = \frac{\ln 2 \cdot N_A}{m_{enr} \cdot N^{0\nu}} \cdot \mathcal{E} \cdot \varepsilon,$$

$$\varepsilon = f_{76} \cdot f_{av} \cdot \varepsilon_{fep} \cdot \varepsilon_{psd}$$

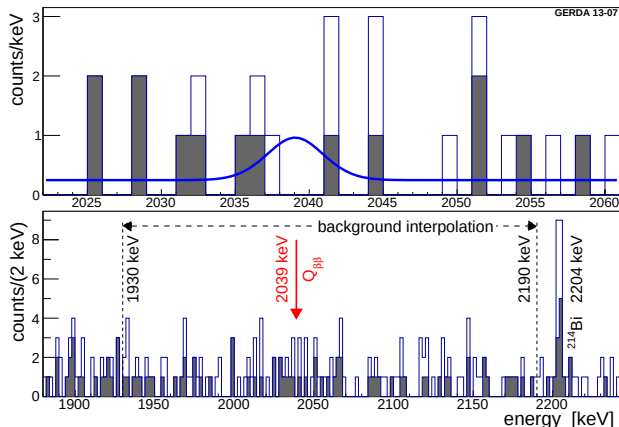
N_A Avogadro number,
 m_{enr} molar mass of enriched Ge,
 $N^{0\nu}$ signal counts/limit,
 $\mathcal{E}$ total exposure,
 ε exposure averaged efficiency
 f_{76} enrichment fraction,
 f_{av} fraction of active detector volume,
 ε_{fep} full energy peak efficiency for $0\nu\beta\beta$,
 ε_{psd} signal acceptance

Data set	Exposure (kg·yr)
Golden-coax	17.9
Silver-coax	1.3
BEGe	2.4

	$\langle f_{76} \rangle$	$\langle f_{av} \rangle$	$\langle \varepsilon_{fep} \rangle$	$\langle \varepsilon_{psd} \rangle$	$\langle \varepsilon \rangle$
Coax	0.86	0.87	0.92	$0.90^{+0.05}_{-0.09}$	$0.619^{+0.044}_{-0.070}$
BEGe	0.88	0.92	0.90	0.92 ± 0.02	0.663 ± 0.022

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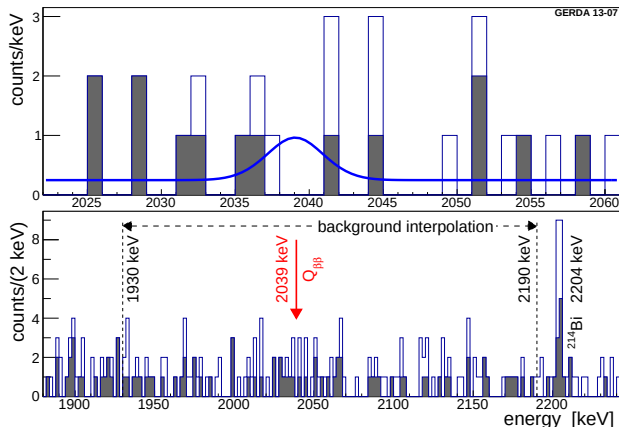


open box = w/o PSD
grey box = with PSD

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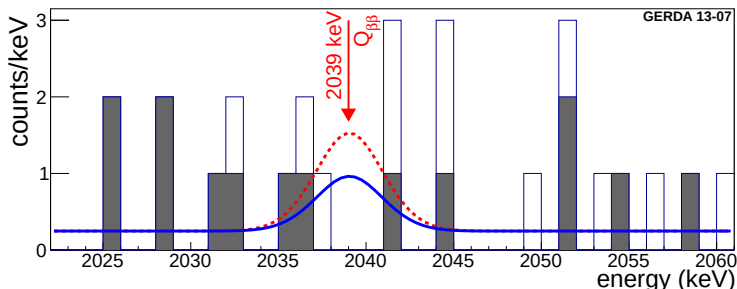
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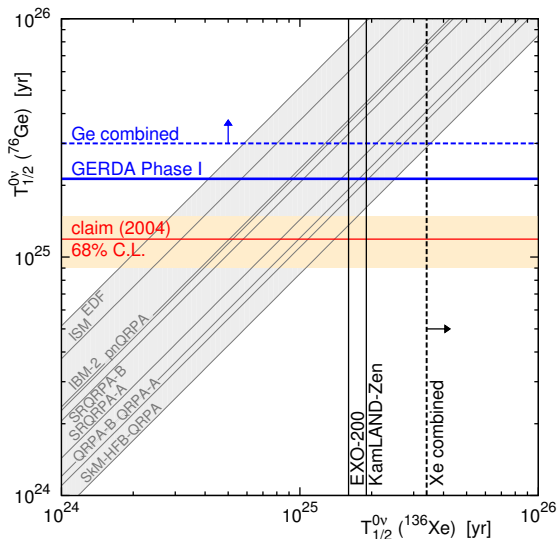
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- KK claim (observation with $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = 1.2 \cdot 10^{25} \text{yr}$) strongly disfavoured
- Assuming the KK claimed signal, GERDA should see 5.9 ± 1.4 $0\nu\beta\beta$ events in $\pm 2\sigma$ interval above $\text{bkg} = 2.0 \pm 0.3$
- probability $p(N_{0\nu} = 0 | H1 = \text{signal} + \text{bkg}) = 1\%$, claim ruled out at 99%
- Bayes factor $H1(= \text{signal} + \text{bkg})/H0(= \text{bkg only}) = 0.024$

$0\nu\beta\beta$ analysis - limit from ^{136}Xe

Coaxial detectors:



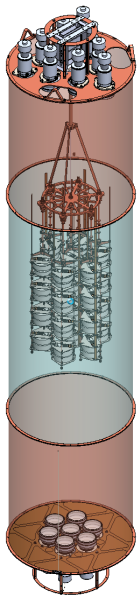
Bayes factors:

- EXO 0.23
- KamLAND-Zen 0.40
- GERDA
- 0.024
- All combined 0.002

HdM claim even stronger disfavoured

⇒ the quest for $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay is open again!

Outlook - Gerda Phase II



sensitivity $T_{1/2}^{0\nu}(^{76}\text{Ge}) \sim 1.4 \cdot 10^{26}$ yr at 100 kg·yr

- Reduce BI by another order of magnitude to 0.001 cts/(keV·kg·yr)
- more BEGe detectors with better PSD and resolution
- instrumentation of LAr to veto specific backgrounds
- less and cleaner material in detector holders, cables, ..
- double detector mass (15 kg coaxial + 20 kg BEGe)
- new readout electronics, radio-purer + better resolution
- get exposure of ~ 100 kg·yr within 3 years

Outlook - The next generation of $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiments

Experiments	Isotope	Mass of Isotope (kg)	Sensitivity of $T_{1/2}$ (years)	Sensitivity of $m_{\beta\beta}$ (meV)
CUORE (2013)	^{130}Te	200	6.5×10^{26}	20 - 50
			2.1×10^{26}	35 - 90
GERDA (2011)	^{76}Ge	40	2×10^{26}	70 - 300
		1000	6×10^{27}	10 - 40
MAJORANA (2013)	^{76}Ge	30-60	$1 - 2 \times 10^{26}$	70 - 300
		1000	6×10^{27}	10 - 40
EXO (2011)	^{136}Xe	200	6.4×10^{25}	95 - 220
		1000	8×10^{26}	27 - 63
SuperNEMO (Proposal)	^{82}Se	100-200	$1 - 2 \times 10^{26}$	40 - 100

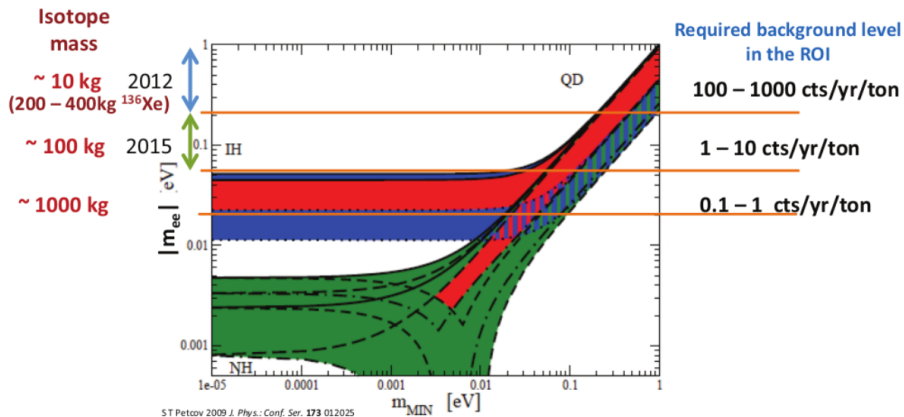
(A.S.Barabash [arXiv:0807.2948](#))

(S.R.Elliott [arXiv:1203.1070](#))

All sensitivities beyond 10^{26} yr !

Outlook - Aims of $0\nu\beta\beta$ research

$$(T_{1/2}^{0\nu})^{-1} = G_{0\nu}(Q_{\beta\beta}, Z)|M_{0\nu}|^2 m_{\beta\beta}^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad m_{\beta\beta} < 0.2\text{--}0.4\text{eV}$$



- 1T scale experiments are required

GERDA Phase I results:

- unprecedented BI of 0.011 ± 0.002 cts/(keV · kg · yr) with PSD
- no indication of peak at 2039 keV
- half life limit for $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay of Ge-76:

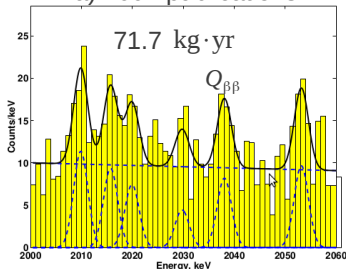
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$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 3.0 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ yr (90\% C.L.) with HdM + IGEX}$$

- The HdM claim is strongly disfavoured
- The quest for $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay is open again!
- The next years will see a variety of experiments searching for $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay of ^{76}Ge , ^{130}Te and ^{136}Xe with largely improved sensitivities.

Backup

What HdM value to compare with?

a) 2004 publications: NIM A522 371 & PL B586 198



entire data set: 71.7 kg·yr (active mass)

28.75 ± 6.86 signal events

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = (1.19^{+0.37}_{-0.23}) \cdot 10^{25} \text{ yr}$$

data for PSD analysis: 51.4 kg·yr

19.58 $\pm$ 5.41 signal events

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = (1.25^{+0.49}_{-0.27}) \cdot 10^{25} \text{ yr}$$

with PSD applied:

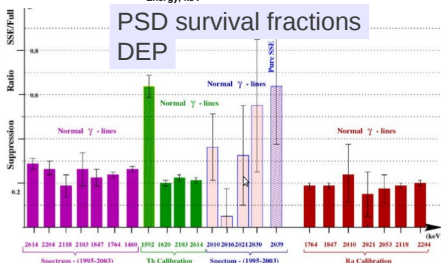
 12.36 ± 3.72 events

DEP survival fraction ~ 62%

$$\rightarrow T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = 1.23 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ yr}$$

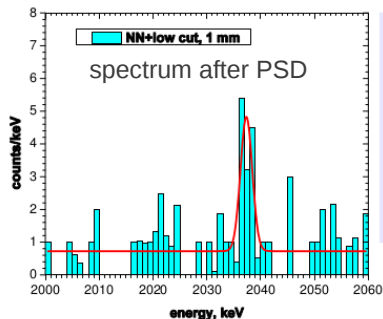
Without efficiency correction:

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = 1.98 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ yr}$$



No efficiency correction is applied in any publication!

b) 2006 publication: Mod Phys Lett A21 p. 1547-1566



fit gives 11.32 ± 1.75 signal events

$$\rightarrow T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = (2.23^{+0.44}_{-0.31}) \cdot 10^{25} \text{ yr}$$

error on signal count not correct
since smaller than Poisson error

PSD based on 3 previous methods
(2 neural networks + pulse boardness)
& library of SSE pulses:
Event accepted IF pulse in library OR
found by neural network of Ref. 16 but
not by the other two neural networks

NO event overlap between the 2 sets!?

statement of publication:

- “multi site events are suppressed by 100%”,
- $0\nu\beta\beta$ efficiency = 1 used for $T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$

efficiency factor not considered

→ calculation of $T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$ not correct

→ GERDA does not use this result

