

GERDA & GeDet Project Review 2009

- Neutrinoless double-beta decay ($0\nu\beta\beta$)
- $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiment with HPGe detectors
- GERDA experiment
- GeDet group: segmented HPGe detectors
- GERDA group: cleanroom, matrix & cables, commissioning lock, final lock
- Summary



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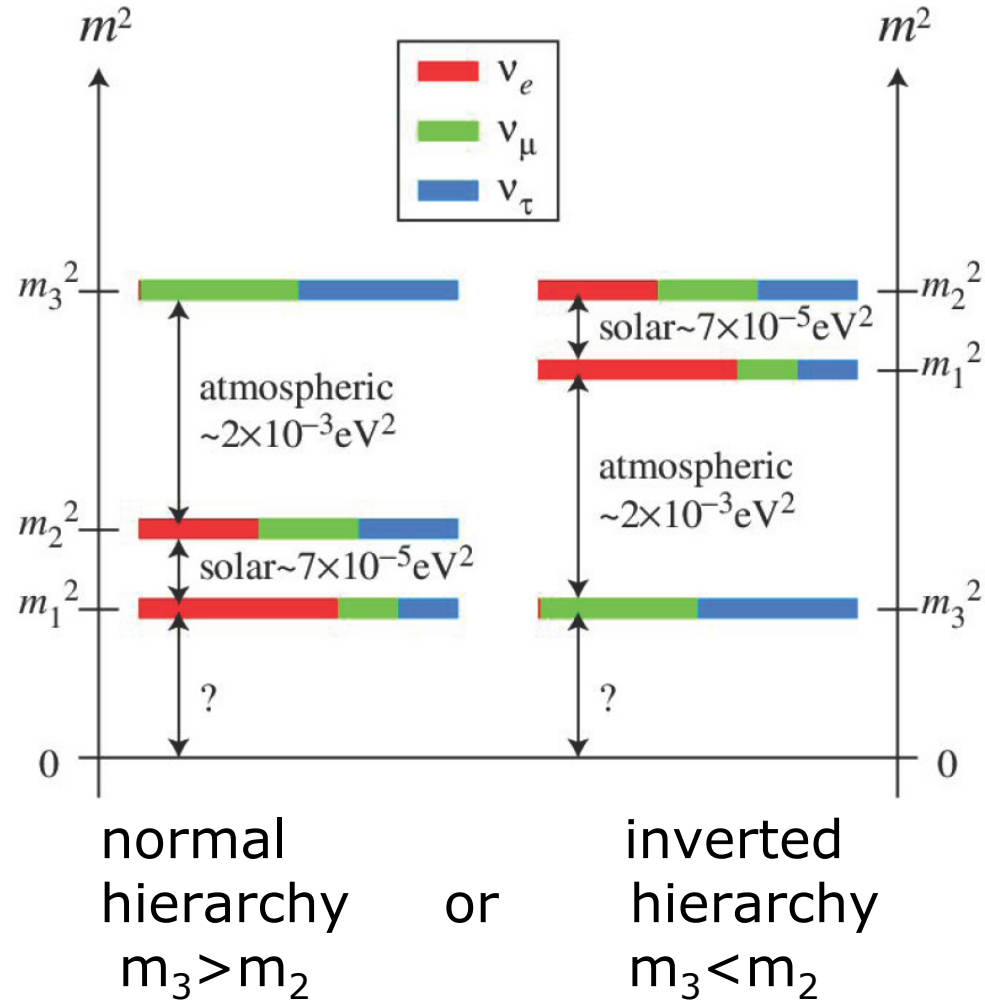
Neutrino properties

ν oscillation observed $\rightarrow m_\nu > 0$
 one of beyond-SM signals

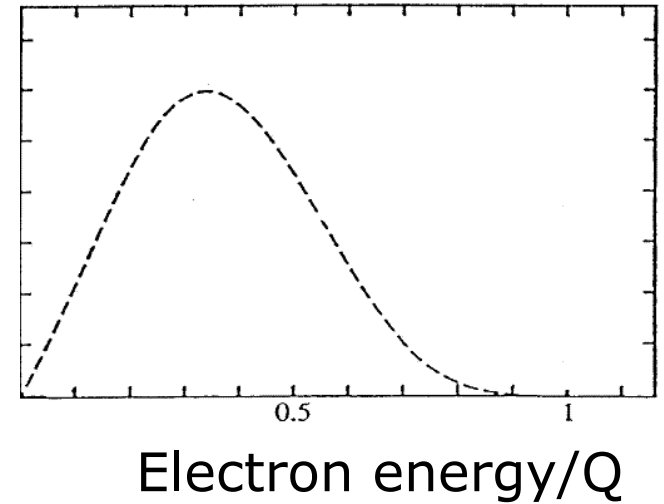
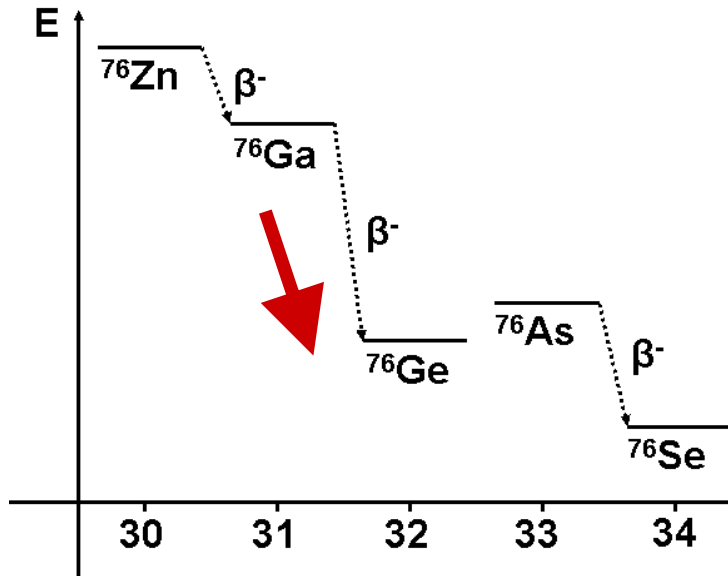
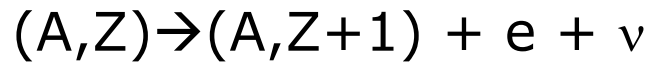
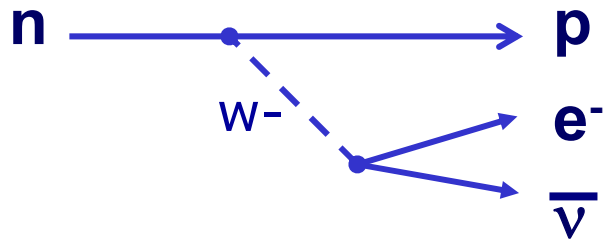
Still many questions:

1. $m_\nu = ?$
2. normal or inverted mass hierarchy?
 ($m_3 > m_2$ or not)
3. $\nu = \bar{\nu} ?$
4. Mixing angle $\theta_{13} = ?$
5. CP-violation phase?
- ...

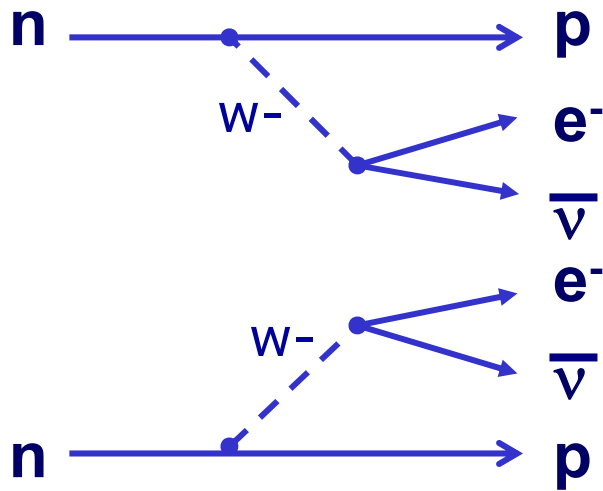
\rightarrow neutrinoless double-beta decay ($0\nu\beta\beta$)
 can address first 3 questions.



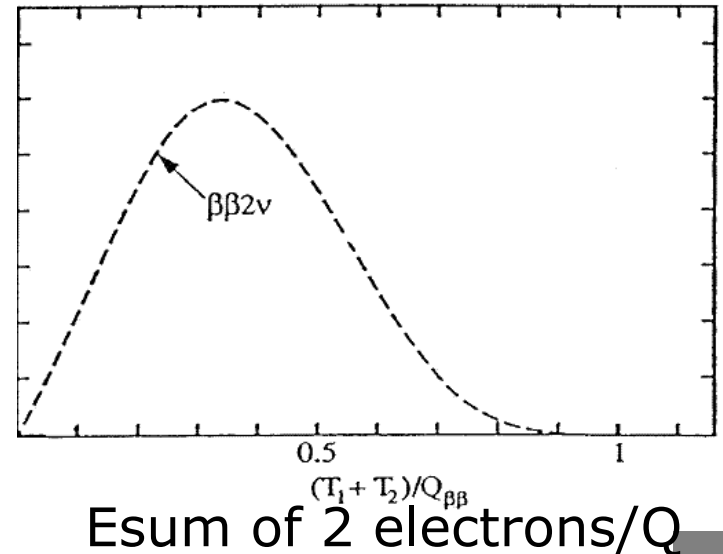
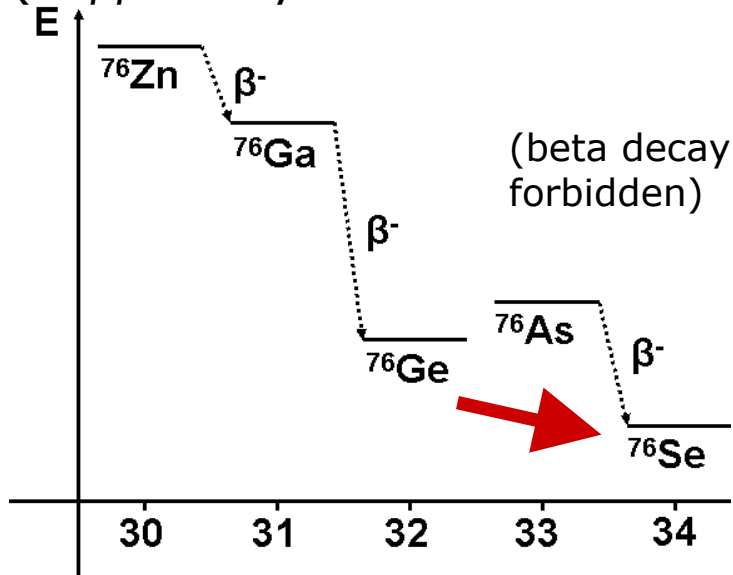
Normal beta decay



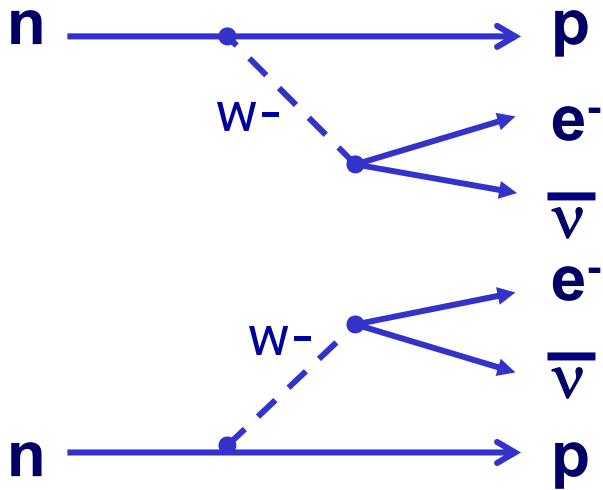
Neutrino-accompanied double-beta decay ($2\nu\beta\beta$)



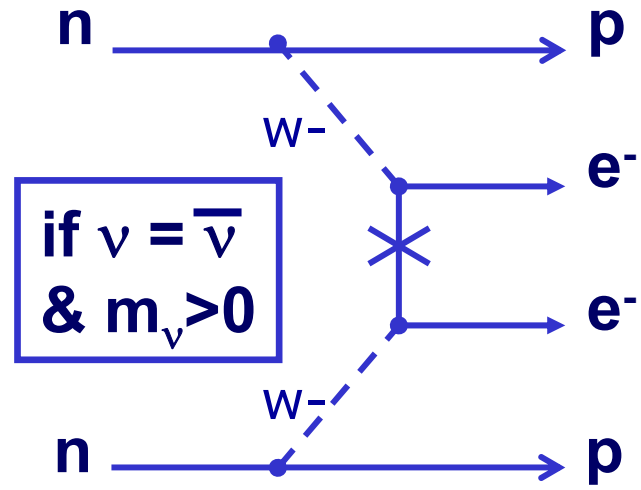
$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z+2) + 2e + 2\nu$
 ($2\nu\beta\beta$ decay observable in 35 isotopes)



Neutrinoless double-beta decay ($0\nu\beta\beta$)

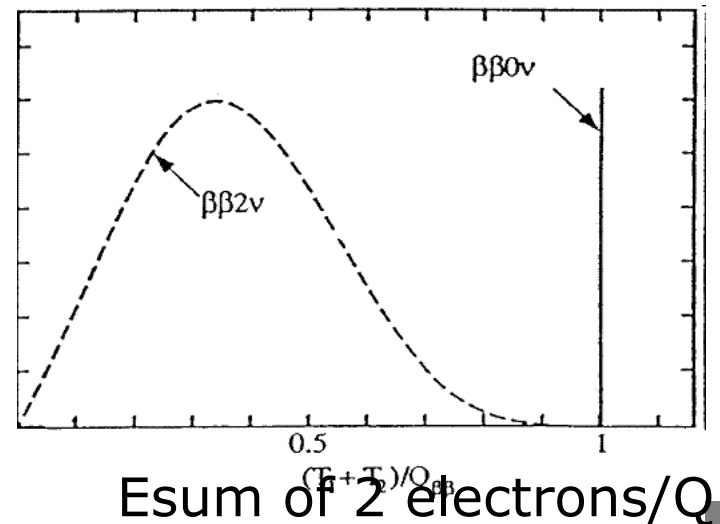
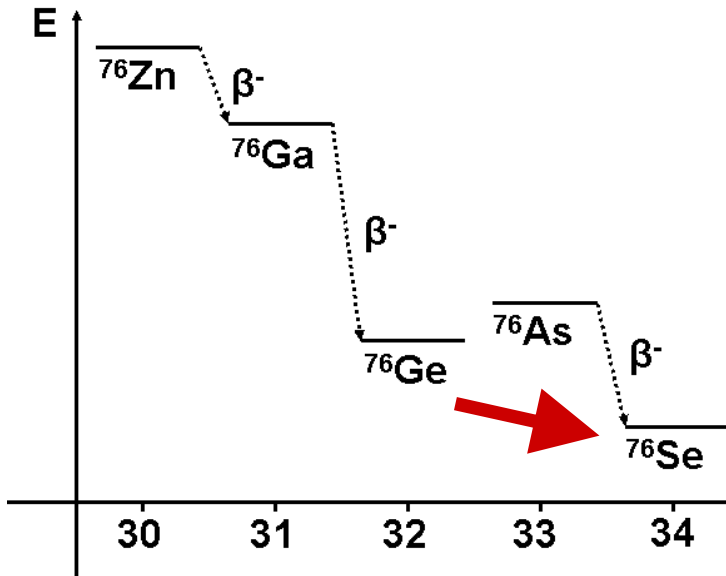


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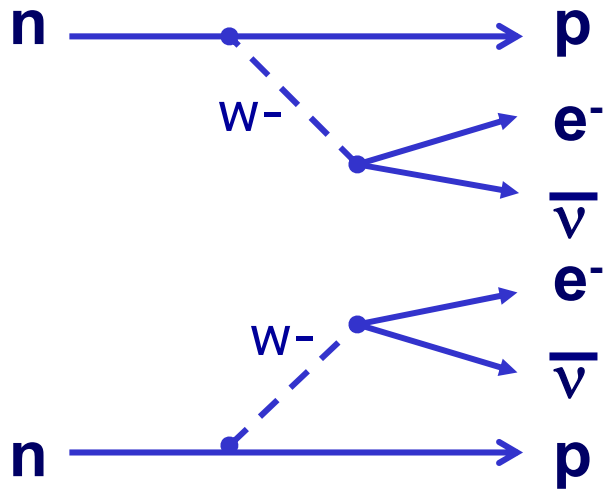


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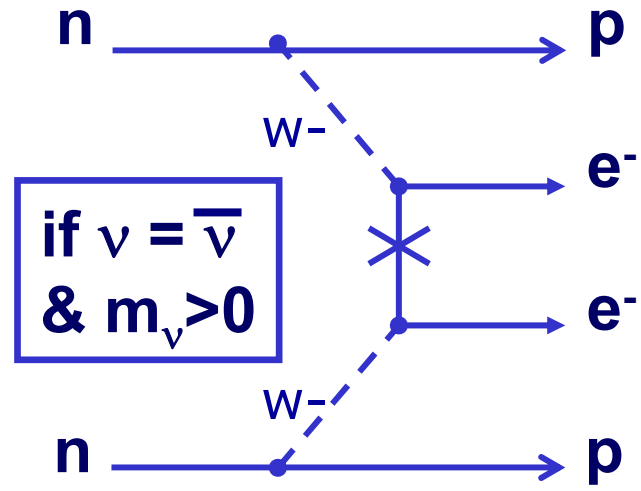
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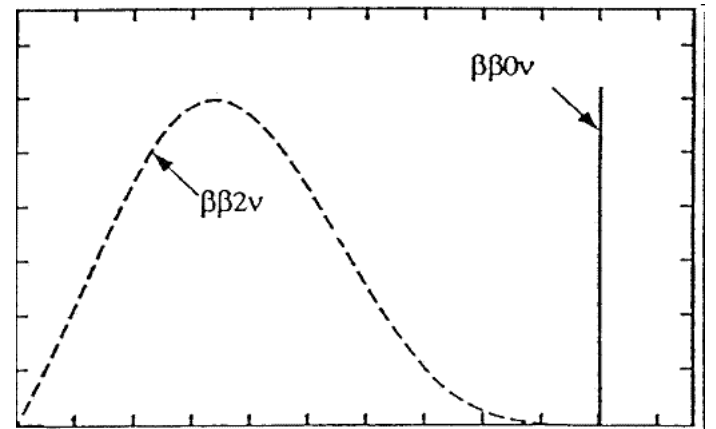


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search energy peak
at Q value $\rightarrow T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta}$
(Ge76: 2039keV)

$T_{1/2}^{2\nu\beta\beta} \sim 10^{11}$ · age of universe
 $T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta} > 10^{15}$ · age of universe



Esum of 2 electrons/Q

30 31 32 33 34

Why Germanium

$$\text{sensitivity on } T_{1/2} \propto \epsilon \cdot \sqrt{\frac{MT}{B}}$$

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design focus

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large target mass &
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design focus	Ge76 advantage
high signal efficiency ϵ	source=detector, $\sim 95\%$ ϵ
large target mass & long exposure $M \cdot T$	existing IGEX & HdMo detectors
extremely low level background B	ultrapure material (HPGe) excellent energy resolution →FWHM $\sim 3\text{keV}$ at 2MeV, small search window →reduce background, including $2\nu\beta\beta$ new development →segmentation, Broad-Energy HPGe etc...

☹️ need enrichment ($A=7.6\%$, most bg scale with target mass)

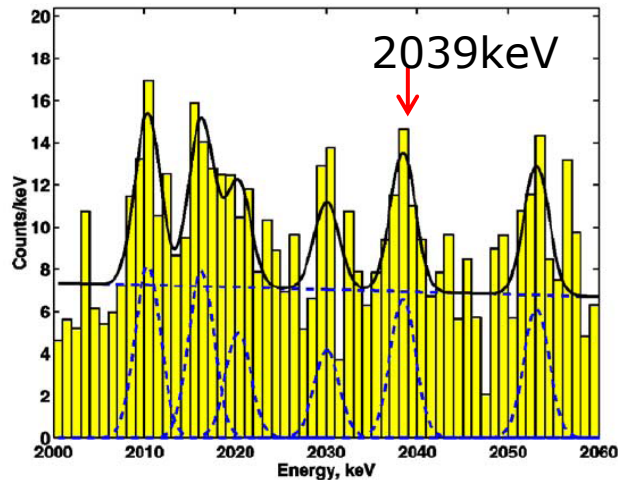
☹️ $Q_{\beta\beta} = 2039\text{keV}$ ($< 2614\text{keV}$)

Heidelberg-Moscow experiment

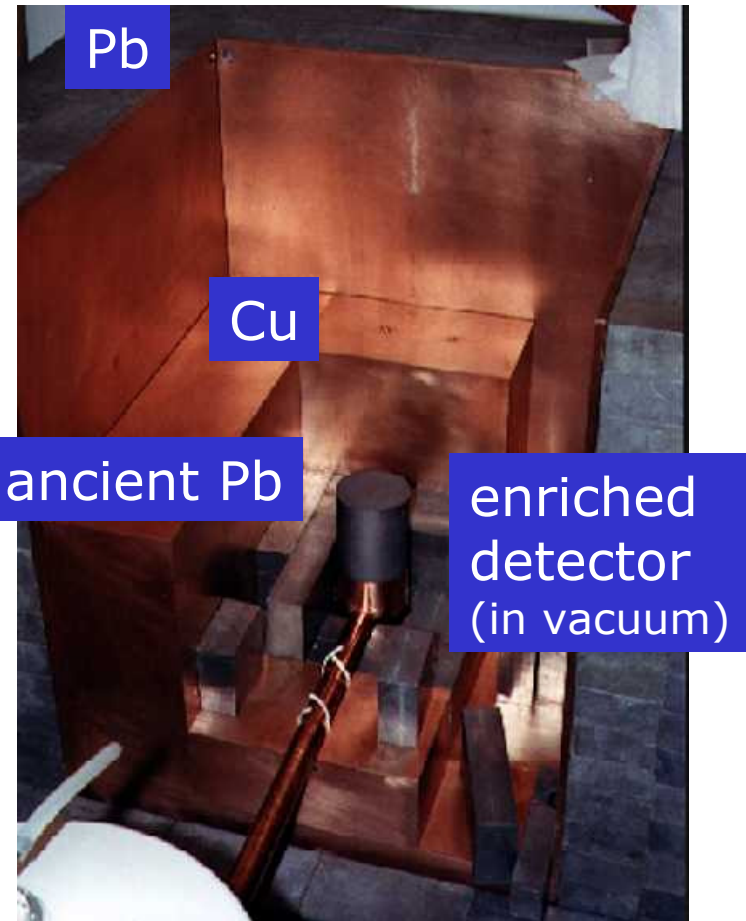
5 p-type Ge76-enriched detectors

exposure[kg·y]	71.1
B [counts/kg·keV·y]	0.11

kg: Ge mass
keV: energy window
year:exposure time



$$0.11 \cdot 71.1 \cdot 10 \text{keV} = \sim 70 \text{ bg events}$$



conventional shielding

H.V.Klapdor-Kleingrothaus, et al.,
Phys. Lett. B 586 (2004) 198-212

GERDA goal

phase	I	II	“III”
detector [kg]	17.9 existing	~20 more	ton-scale
exposure[kg·year]	30	100	>1000
bg [counts/(keV·kg·year)]	10^{-2}	10^{-3}	10^{-4}
limit on $T_{1/2}$ [10^{25} year](90%C.L.)	2	15	>280
limit on $m_{\beta\beta}$ [eV]*	0.27	0.13	<0.03

Phase-I

Claim of evidence

signal: 28.75 ± 6.86 events

bg level: 0.11 counts/ keV·kg·year

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If claim true, phase-I will see:

signal: 13 events

bg: 3 events

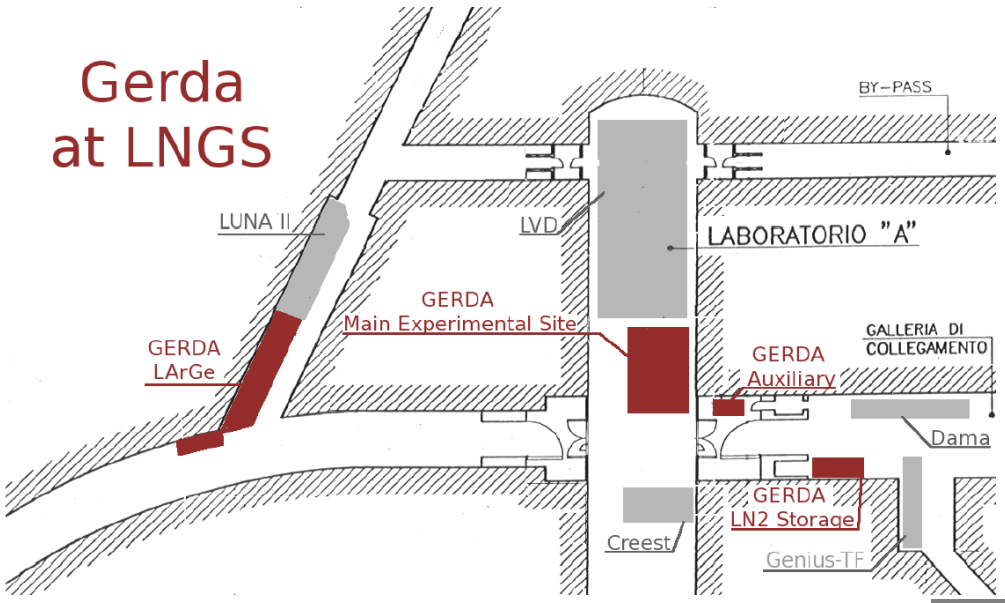
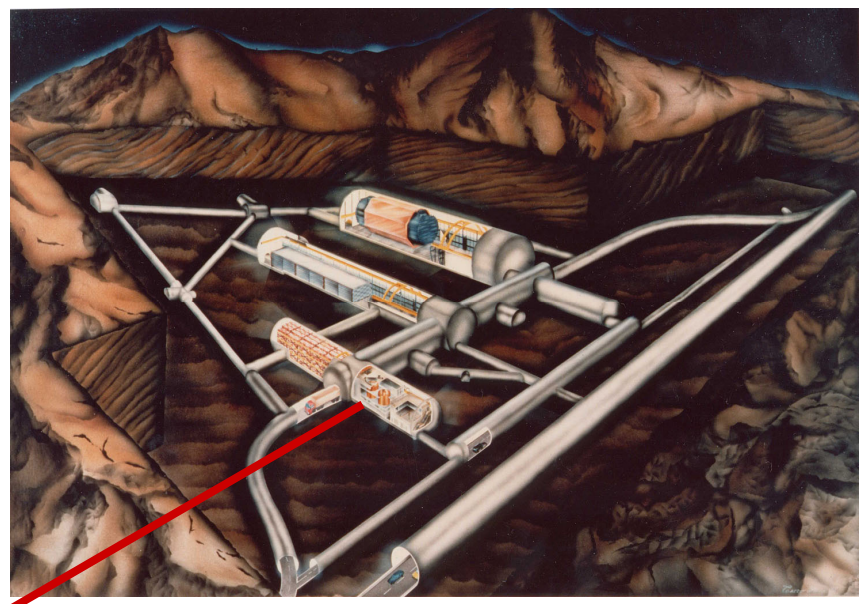
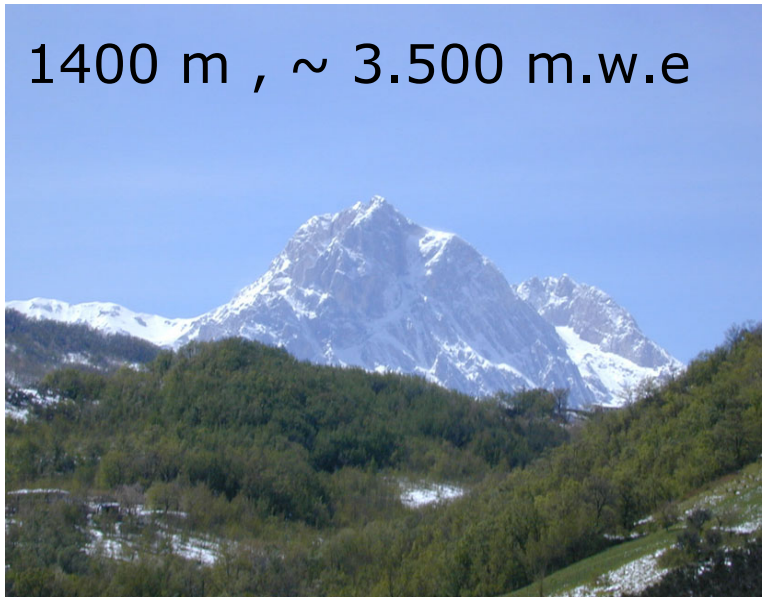
in 10keV window at 2MeV

assume 4keV FWHM at 2MeV

*Assuming $\langle M^{0\nu} \rangle = 3.92$
(Erratum: Nucl. Phys.
A766 (2006) 107)

GERDA experiment at LNGS

1400 m , ~ 3.500 m.w.e



GERDA design concept

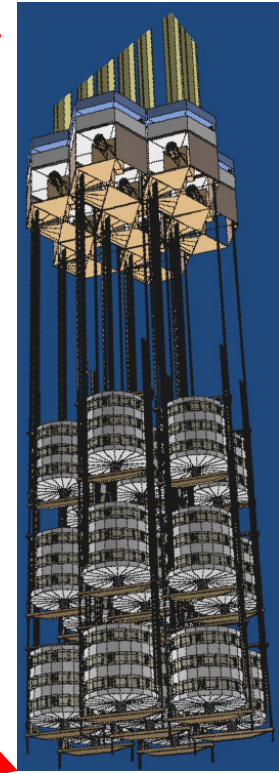
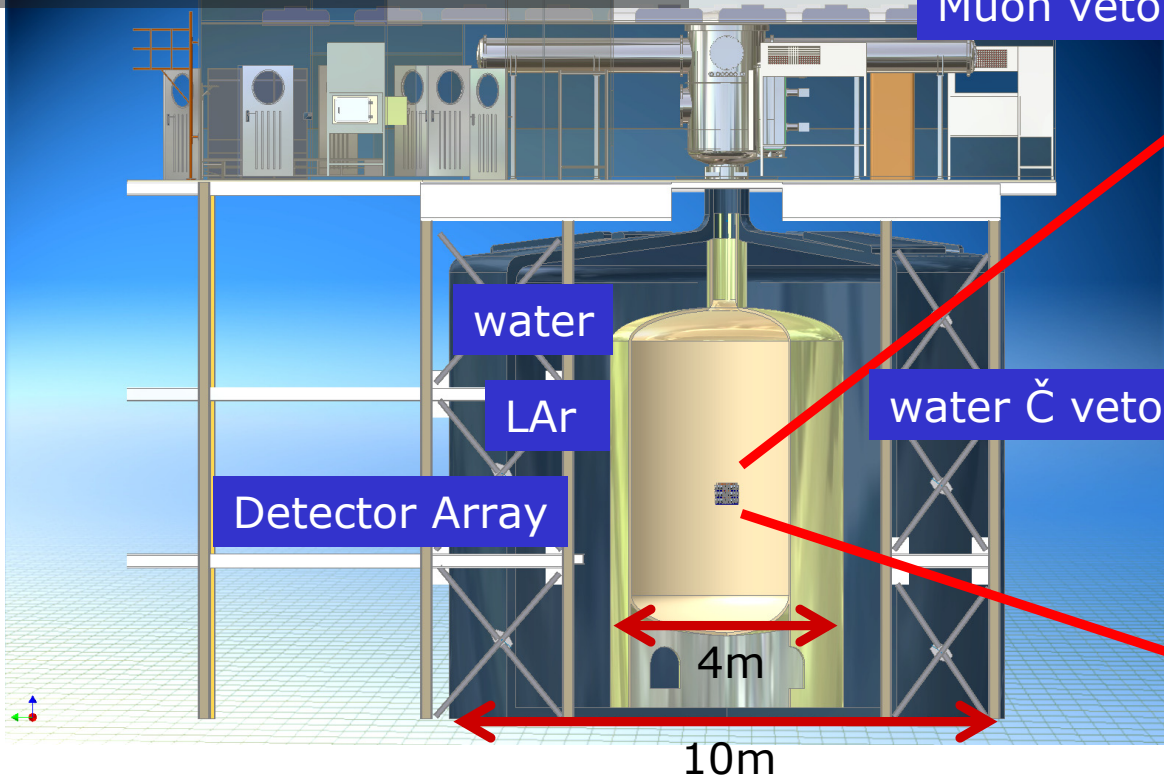
Ge detectors immersed in liquid argon

LAr as cooling and shielding*
LAr $>10^4$ purer than Cu Pb
(Th & U in LAr $<7 \cdot 10^{-4} \mu\text{Bq/kg}$)

phased approach with existing and new detectors


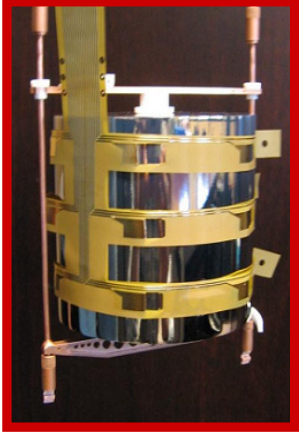
new bg-reduction techniques

lock & suspension in cleanroom


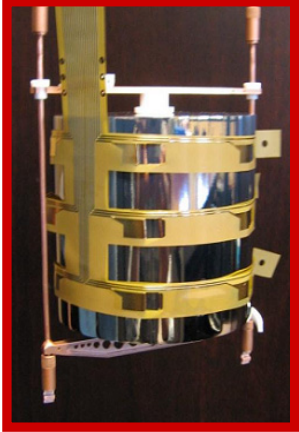


* G. Heusser, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 45 (1995) 543.

GERDA detectors

phase	I	II
detectors	5 Hd-Mo & 3 IGEX detectors, 17.9 kg 	~20kg, 18-fold seg. or BEGe 
	ready	prototypes tested
exposure[kg·y]	30	100
bg [counts/kg·keV·y]	10E-2	10E-3

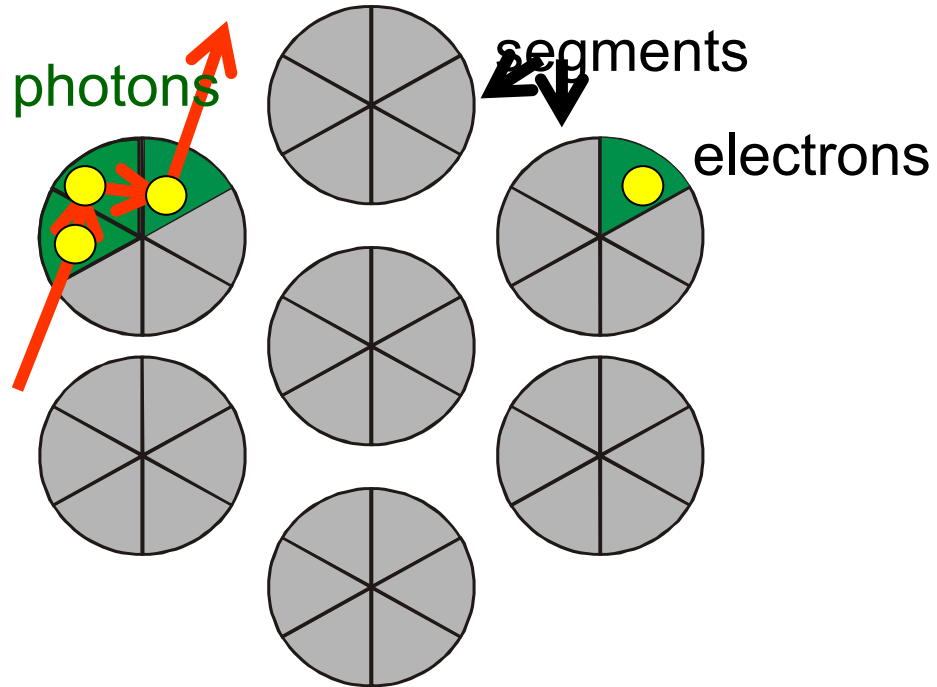
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commissioning phase: first half of 2010
 immerse 6 enriched detectors into LAr

Remove background

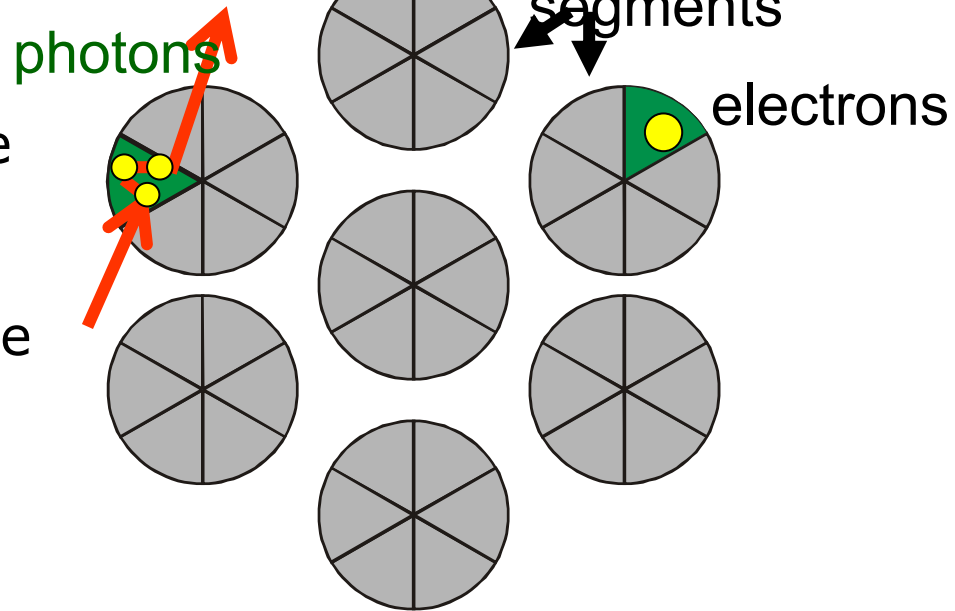
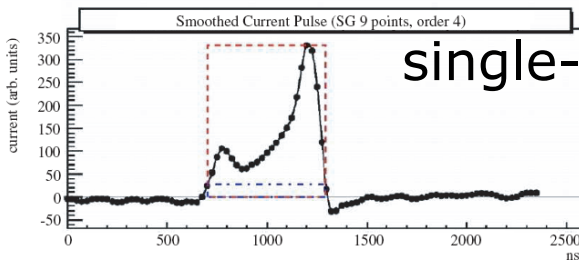
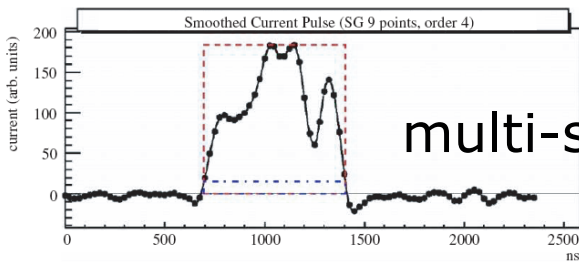
1. underground, shielding, energy window cut,
2. single detector & single segment cut,
3. pulse shape analysis.



Signal (2 electrons): single-segment event
Photon background: multi-segment event

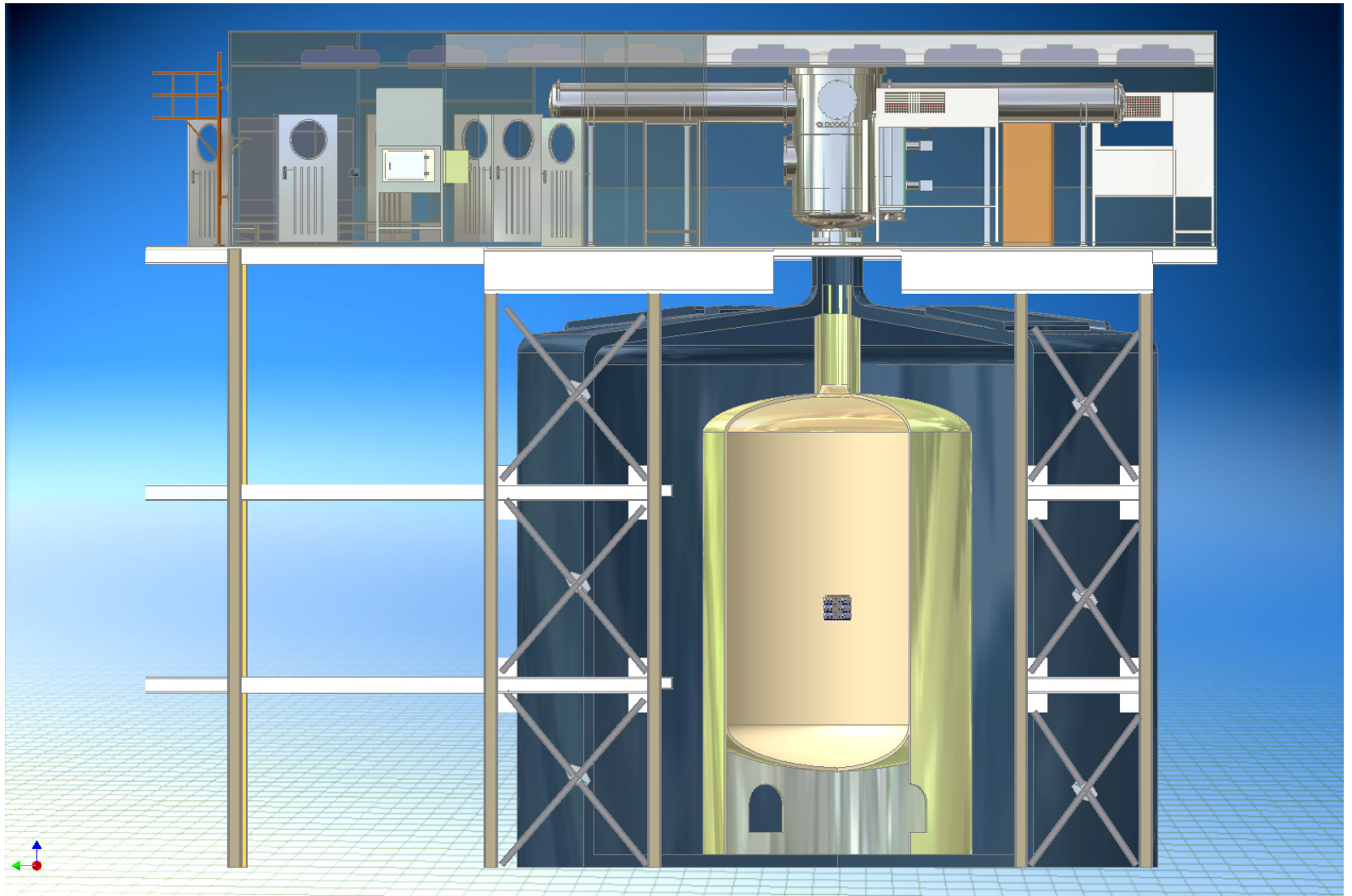
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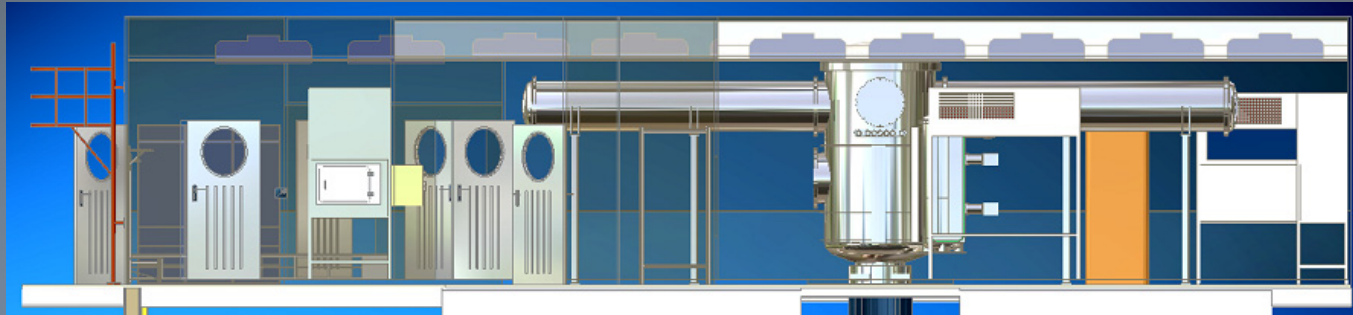


Signal (2 electron): single-site event
Photon background: multi-sit event

GERDA MPI Munich responsibilities



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Infrastructure

- ✓ clean room
- ✓ commissioning & final lock
- ✓ suspension strings & cables
- ✓ controller

Monte Carlo

- ✓ geometry implementation
- ✓ background simulation & estimation
- ✓ pulse shape simulation

Analysis

Phase-II detectors

- ✓ production
- ✓ transportation
- ✓ storage
- ✓ commissioning

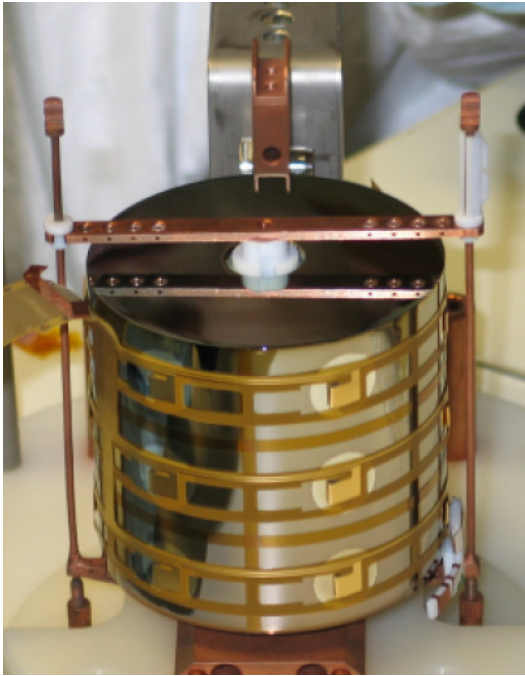
Phase-II n-type segmented detector fabrication

- 37.5 kg Ge with 88% enrichment, stored underground.
- 50kg ^{dep}GeO₂ delivered, purified to >6N Ge metal successfully at PPM Pure Metals.
- n-type ^{dep}Ge crystals pulled with dedicated Czochralski puller at Institut für Kristallzüchtung (IKZ), Berlin.
- Net charge carrier density: 10¹¹ cm⁻³ to 10¹³ cm⁻³ (required: 10¹⁰ cm⁻³)
- Puller components electropolished, restart soon.



- P-type crystal pulled at Canberra Oak Ridge.

GeDet: Ge detector development



true coaxial,
inner Φ 10mm,
outer Φ 75mm,
1.58kg,
18 segments,
3-fold along z
6-fold along ϕ

„Characterization of the true coaxial 18-fold segmented n-type detector“ NIM A 577 (2007) 574

„Identification of photons in double beta-decay experiments using segmented detector – studies with a GERDA Phase II prototype detector“ NIM A 583 (2007) 332-340

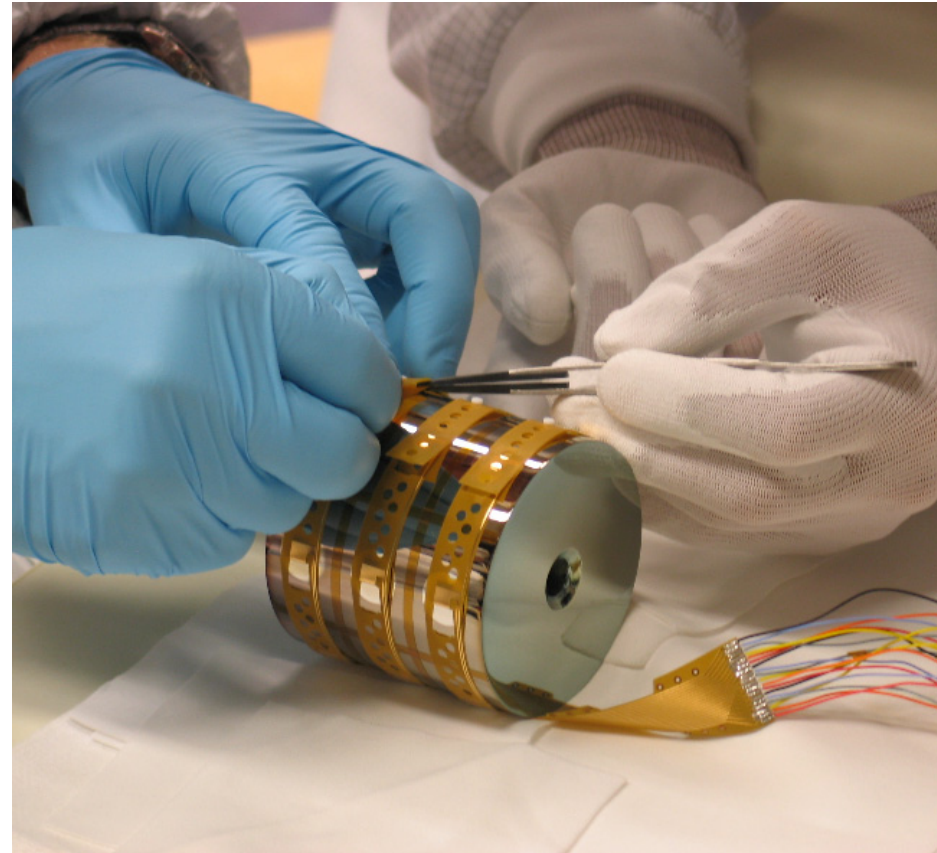
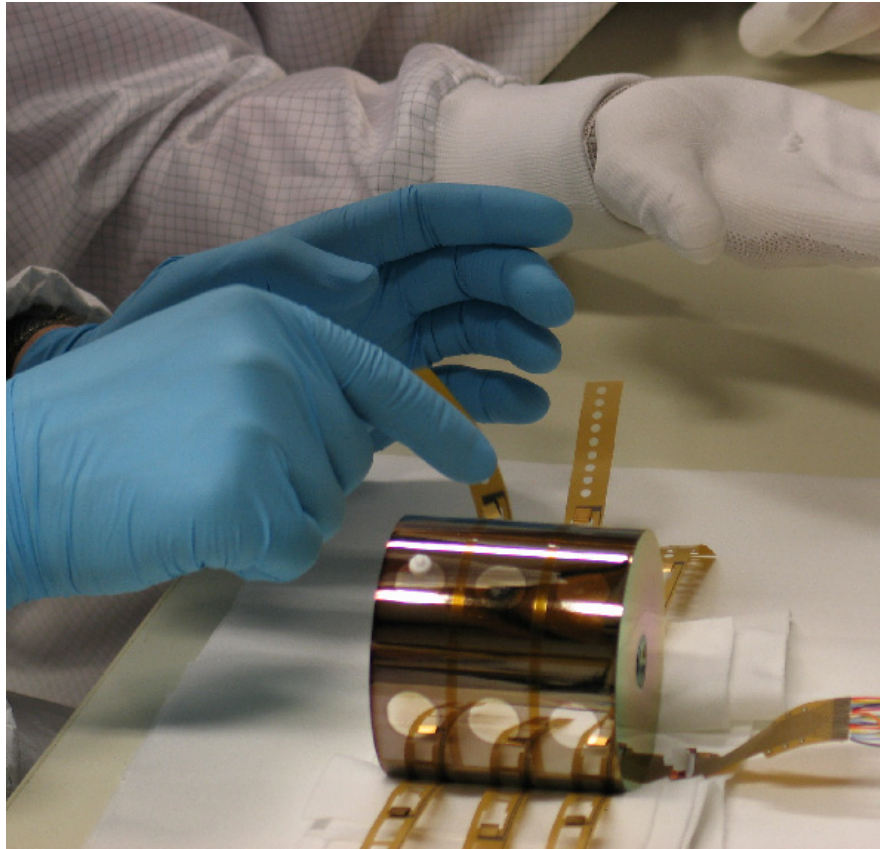
„Pulse shapes from electron and photon induced events in segmented high-purity germanium detectors“ Eur. Phys. J. C 52, 19-27 (2007)

„Test of pulse shape analysis using single Compton scattering events“ Eur. Phys. J. C 54 425-433 (2008)

„Neutron interactions as seen by a segmented Ge detector“ Eur. Phys. J. A 36, 139-149 (2008)

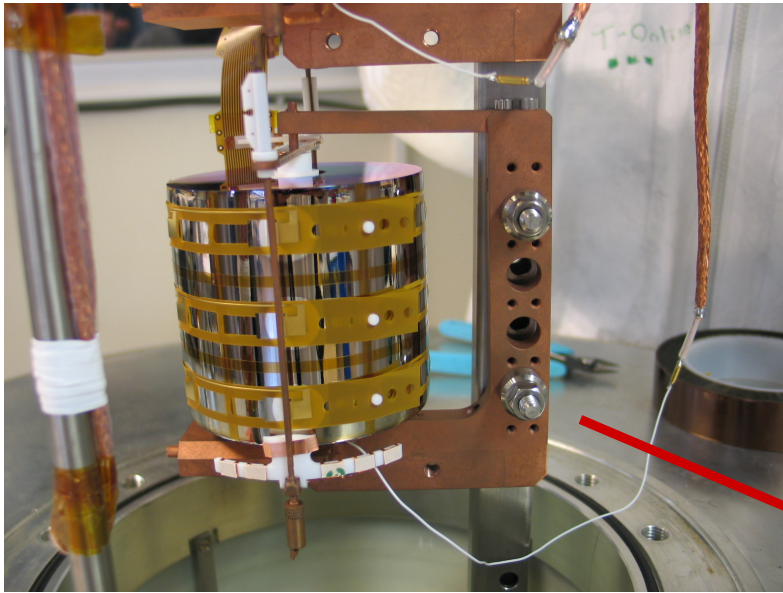
„Operation of an 18-fold segmented N-type HPGe detector in LN2“ 2009 JINST 4 P11008

GeDet: Ge detector development

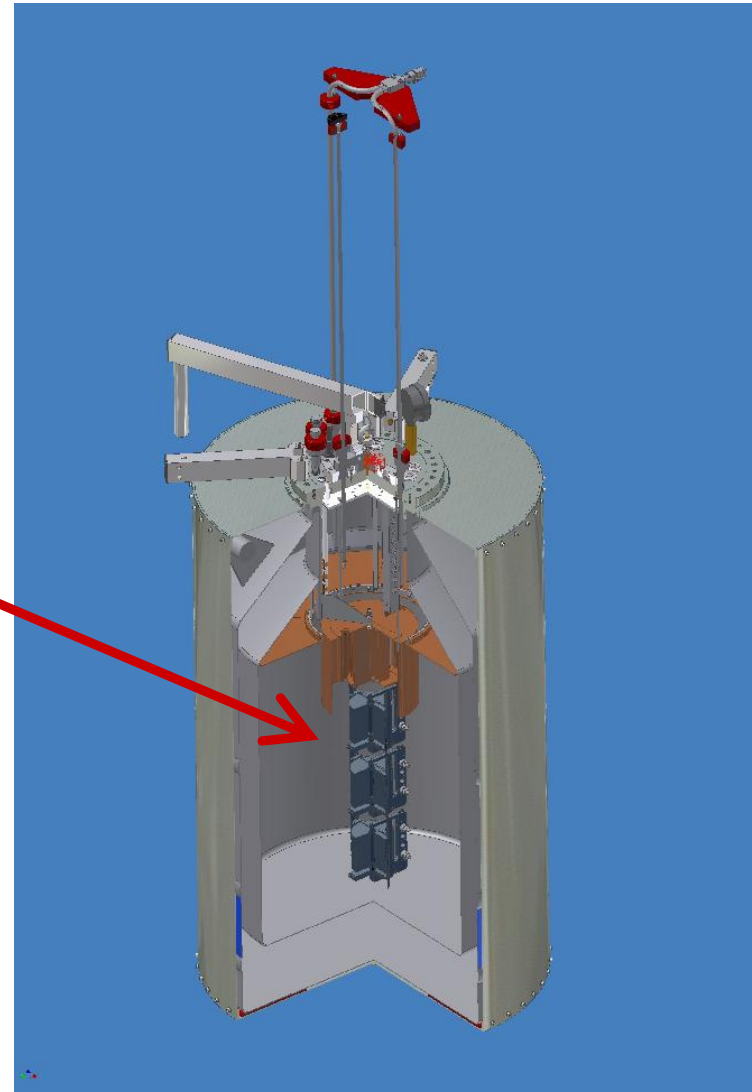


Replacing kapton cable,
able to operate detector with confidence.

GeDet: segmented detectors operated in LN₂ or LAr



test stand able to handle
3 segmented HPGe in LN₂ or LAr



GeDet: segmented detectors in LN₂

FWHM at 1332keV:

core 4.1keV

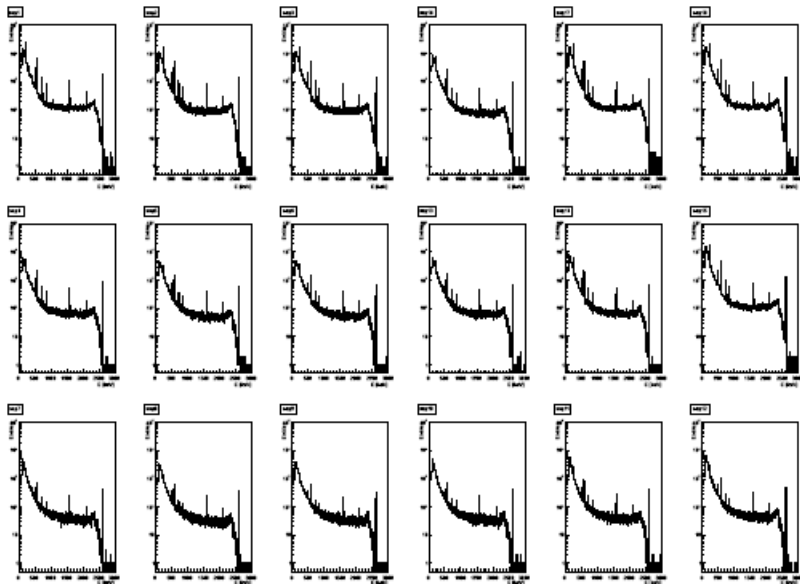
segs 3.6-5.7keV

(all with warm FETs)

leakage current

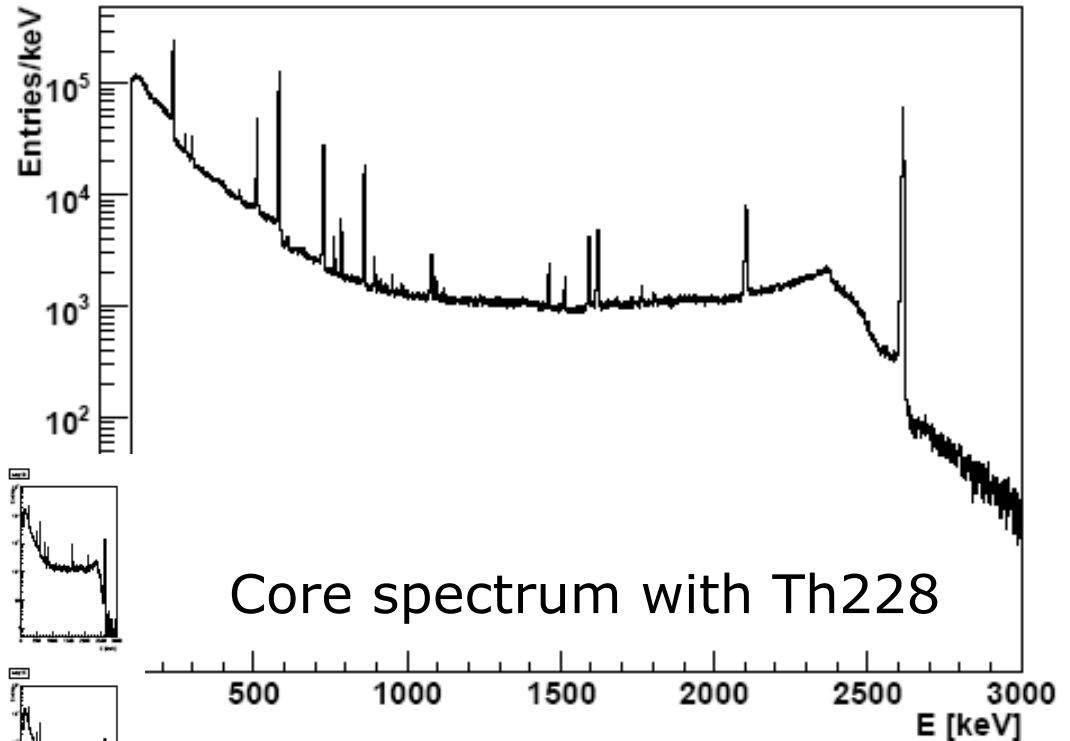
35 ± 5 pA

stable for 5 months



18 segment spectra

core

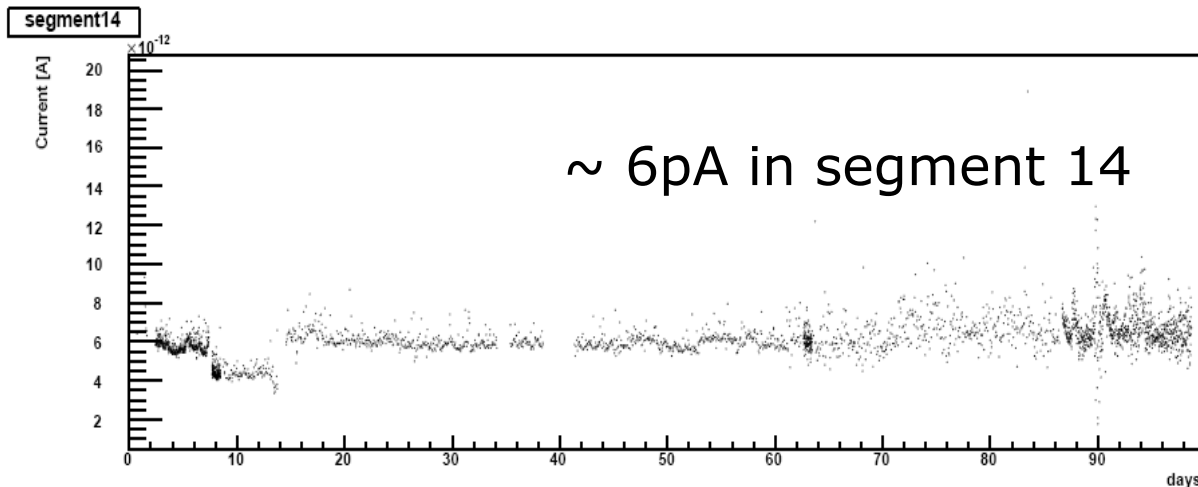
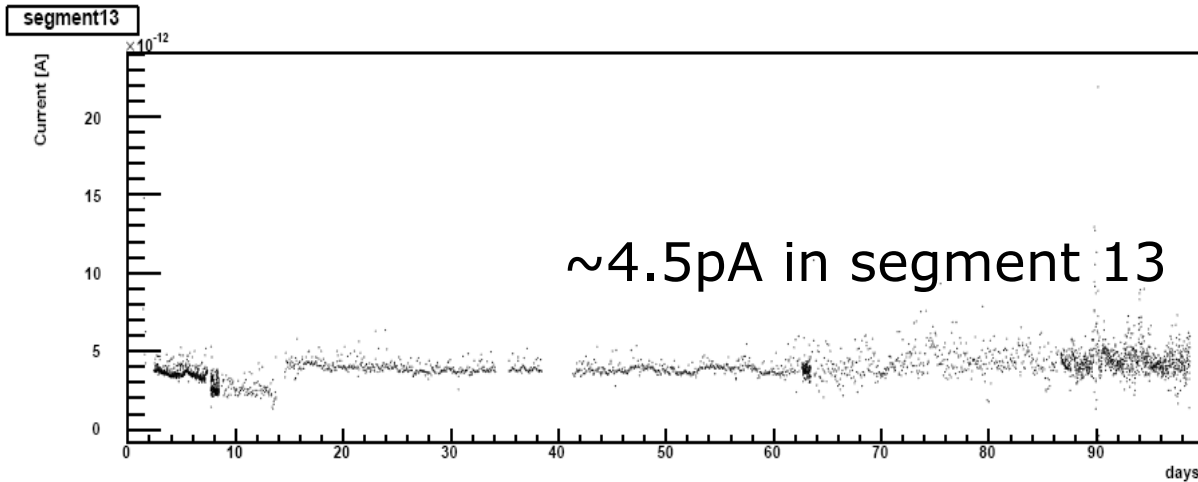


Core spectrum with Th228

operation of an 18-fold segmented n-type HPGe detector in liquid nitrogen

I Abt *et al* 2009 JINST 4 P11008

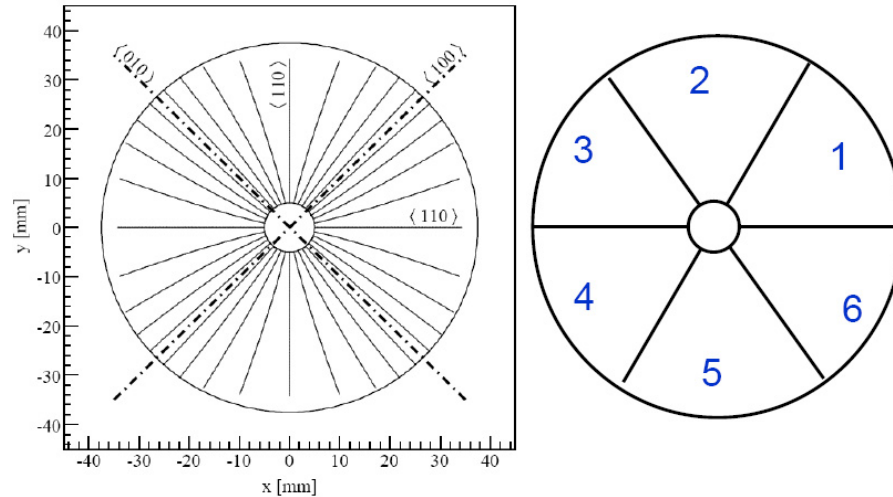
GeDet: segmented detectors in LAr



98 days in LAr with stable leakage current
(increase of LC observed with p-type, due to passivation layer).

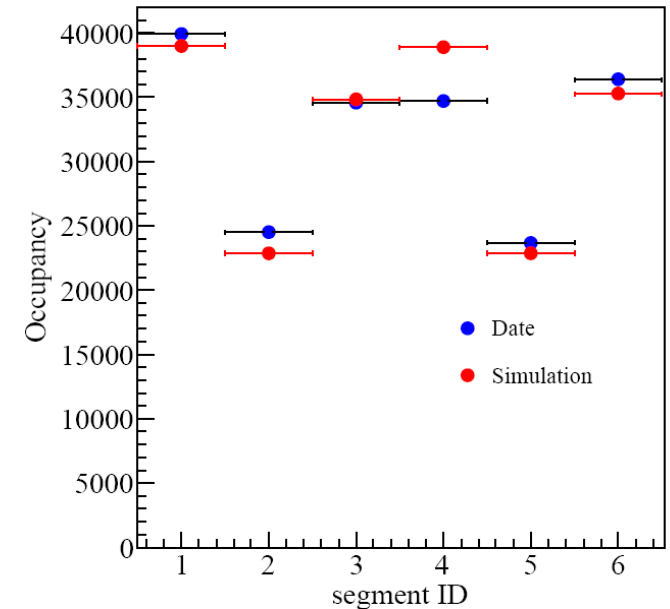
GeDet: study electron/hole drift in segmented detectors

hole drift trajectory bended



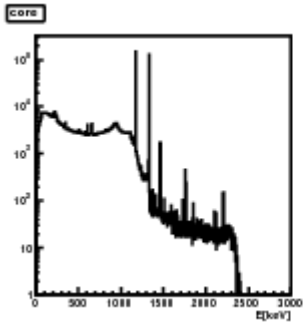
assuming impurity $10^{10}/\text{cm}^3$
and 110 axis at $\phi=0$

crystal anisotropy
→ different numbers of events
in segments with the same size.

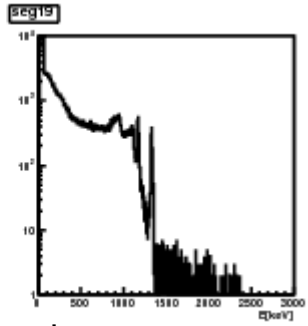


occupancy can be used to
→ locate crystal axis,
→ estimate impurity density.

GeDet: 19-fold segmented detector



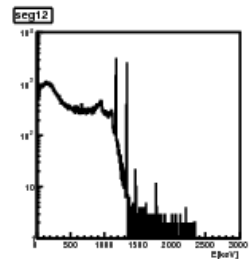
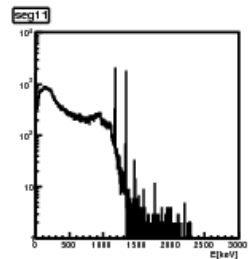
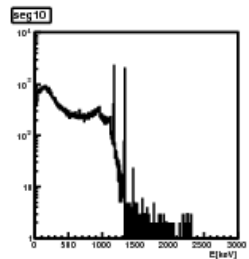
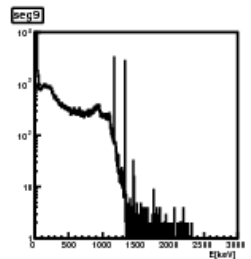
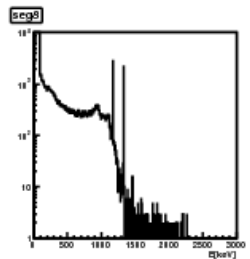
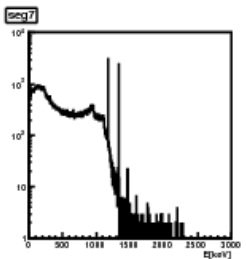
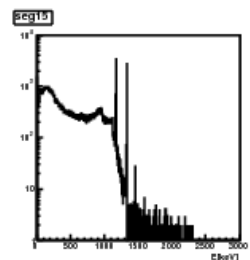
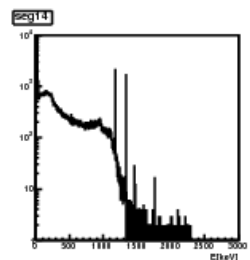
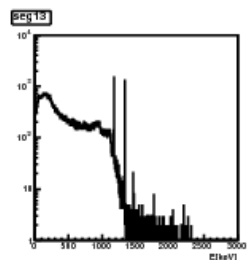
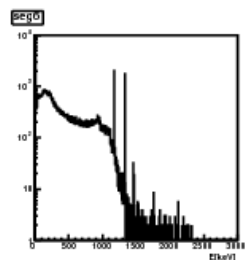
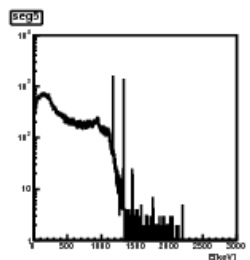
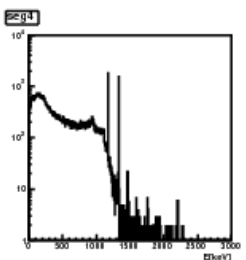
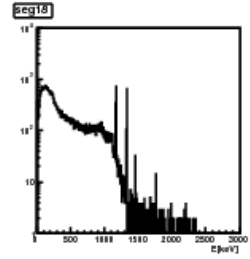
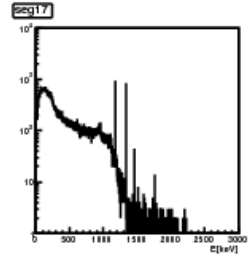
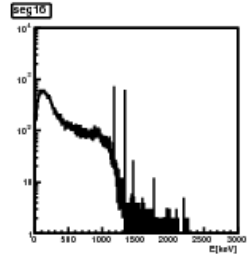
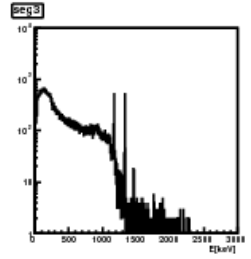
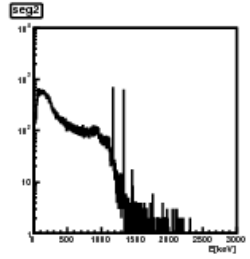
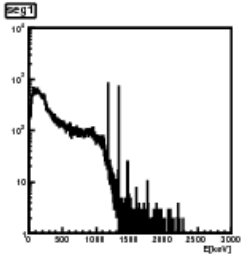
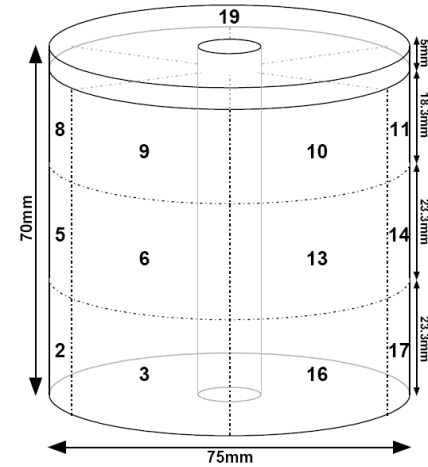
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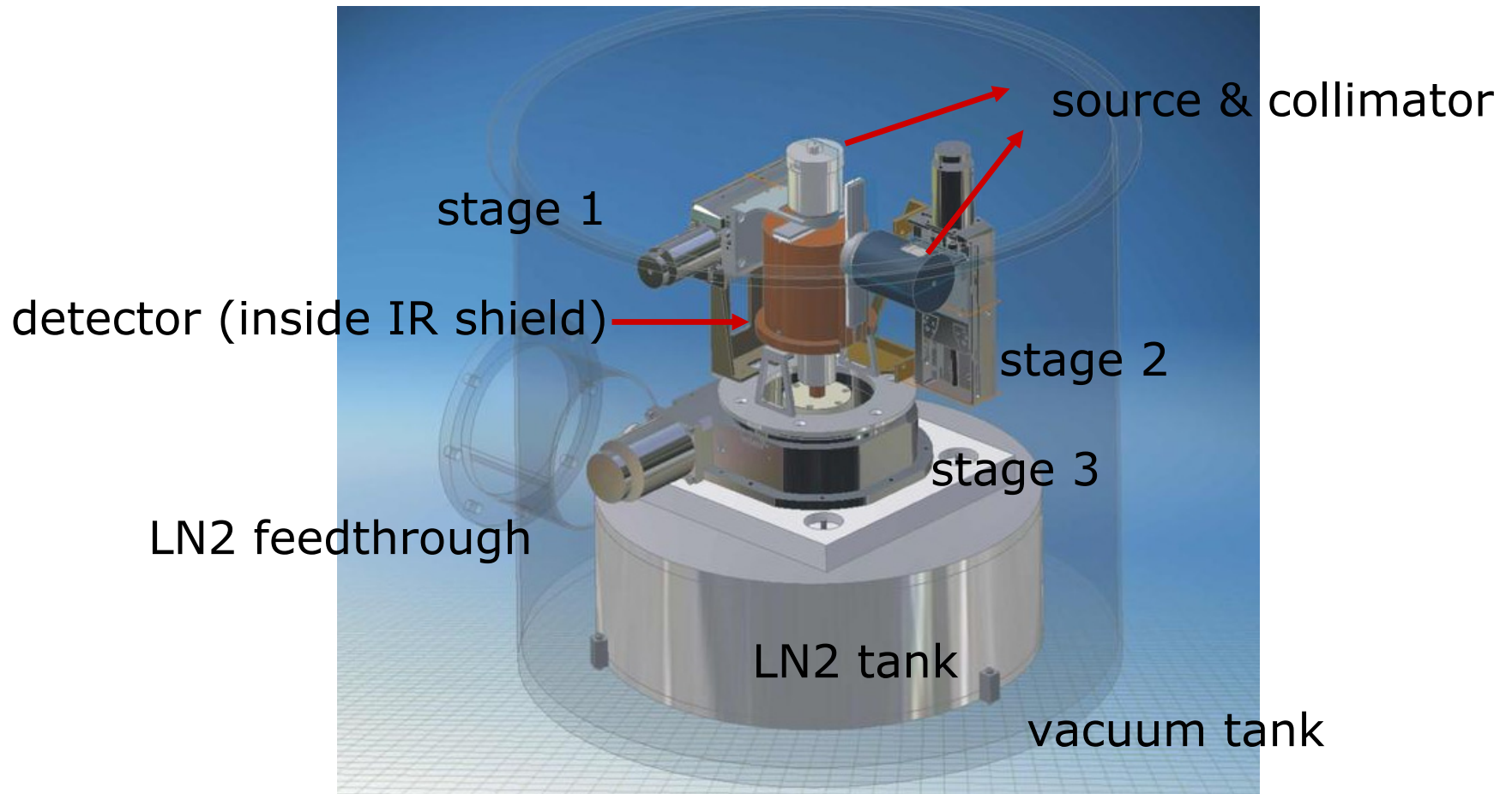
19th segment

detector operated in vacuum
FWHM at 1332keV:

core 2.7 keV
segments 1-18: 2.4-2.9 keV
19th segment: 7.9 keV

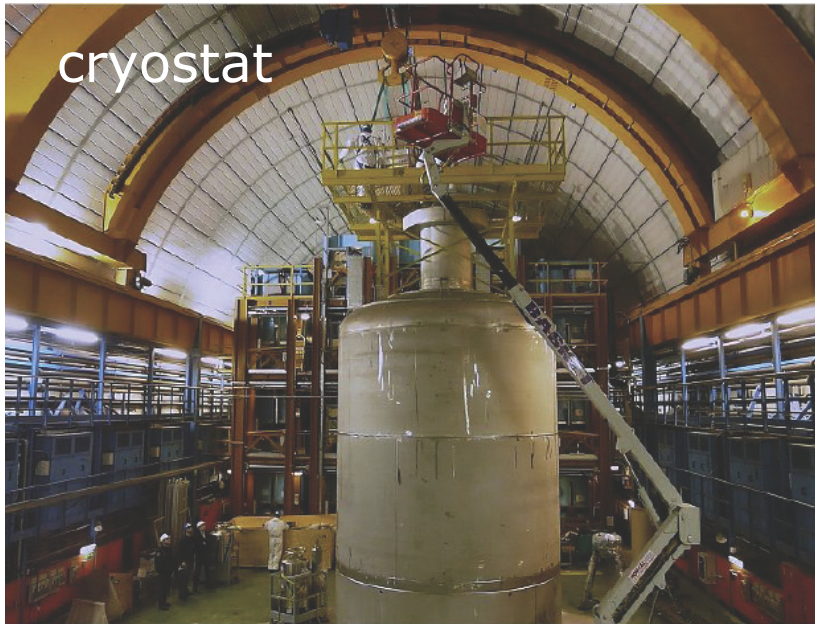


GeDet: one more new test stand under construction



3D scan with γ , α and laser.

GERDA status: cryostat & watertank



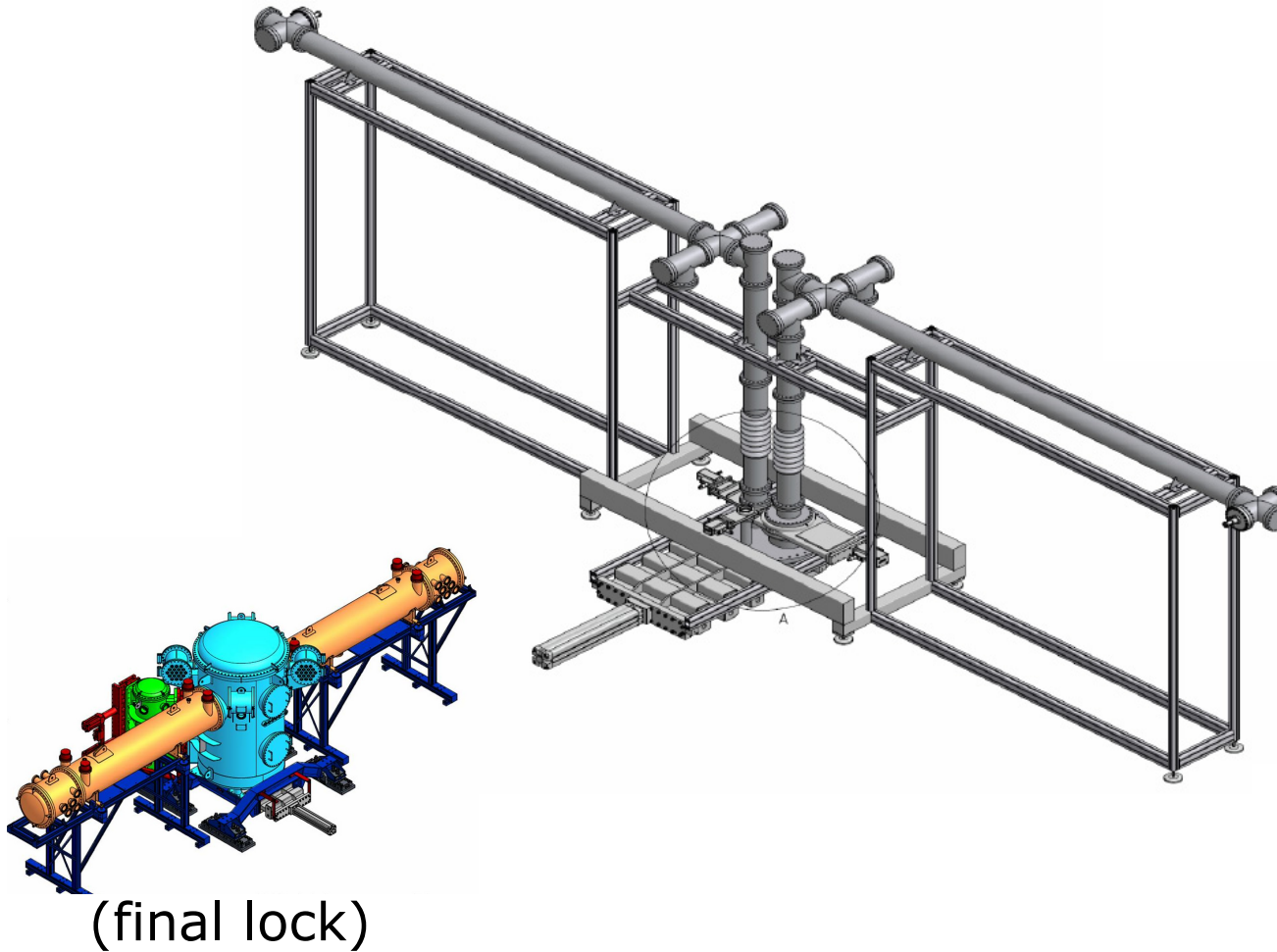
end 2008

GERDA status: cleanroom



May 2009

GERDA status: commissioning lock



- can handle 2 strings with 6 detectors.
- goal: test whole GERDA setup, including detector operation.

Commissioning locked tested aboveground at LNGS

glove box

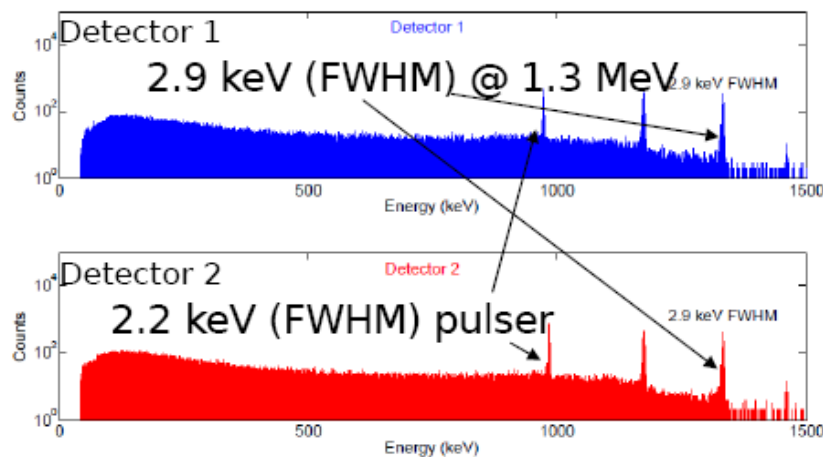


mechanical shortfalls identified,
partially redesigned, new lock under construction,
will be delivered to LNGS early 2010.

Commissioning locked tested together with matrix & cables



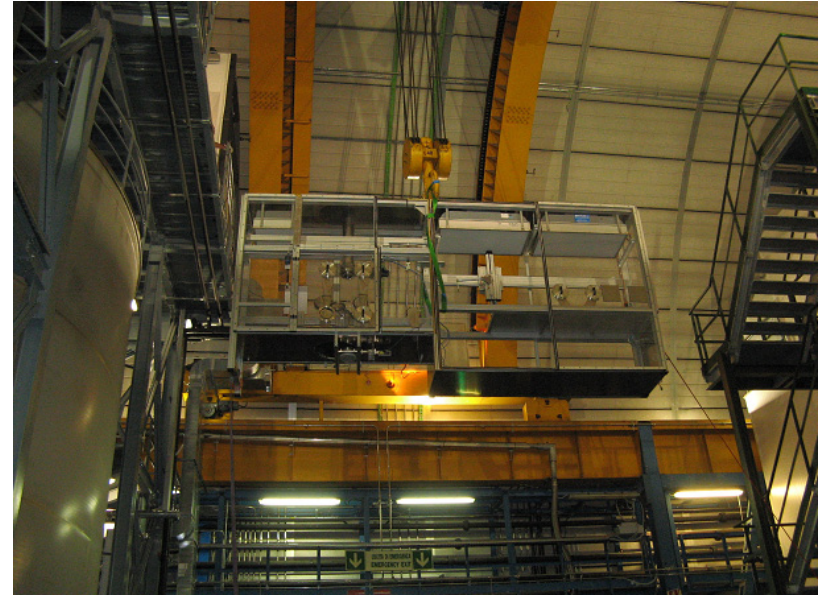
matrix and
cables



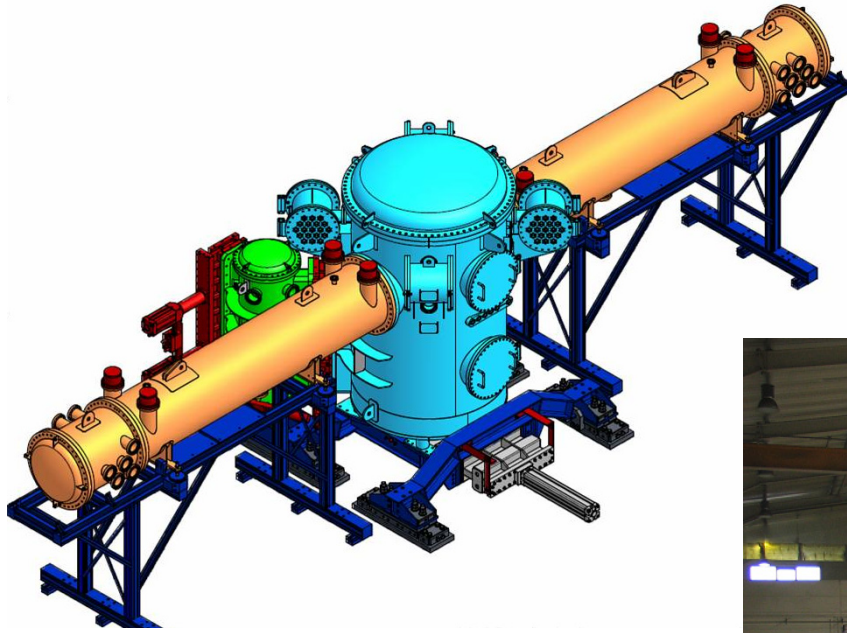
Signal transmission line
satisfies requirement.

Best resolution achieved in setup: 2.7 keV (FWHM)

Glovebox transported to cleanroom underground



Final lock status

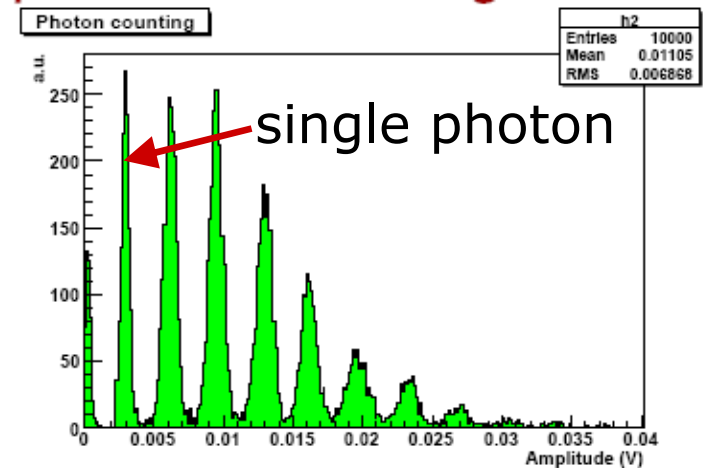
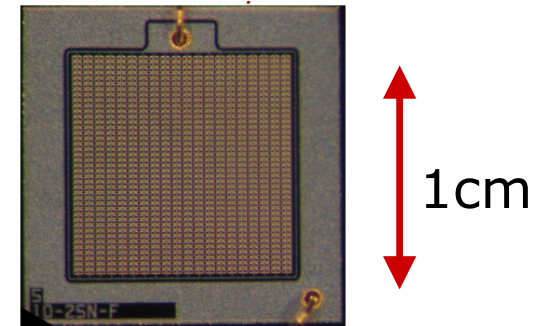
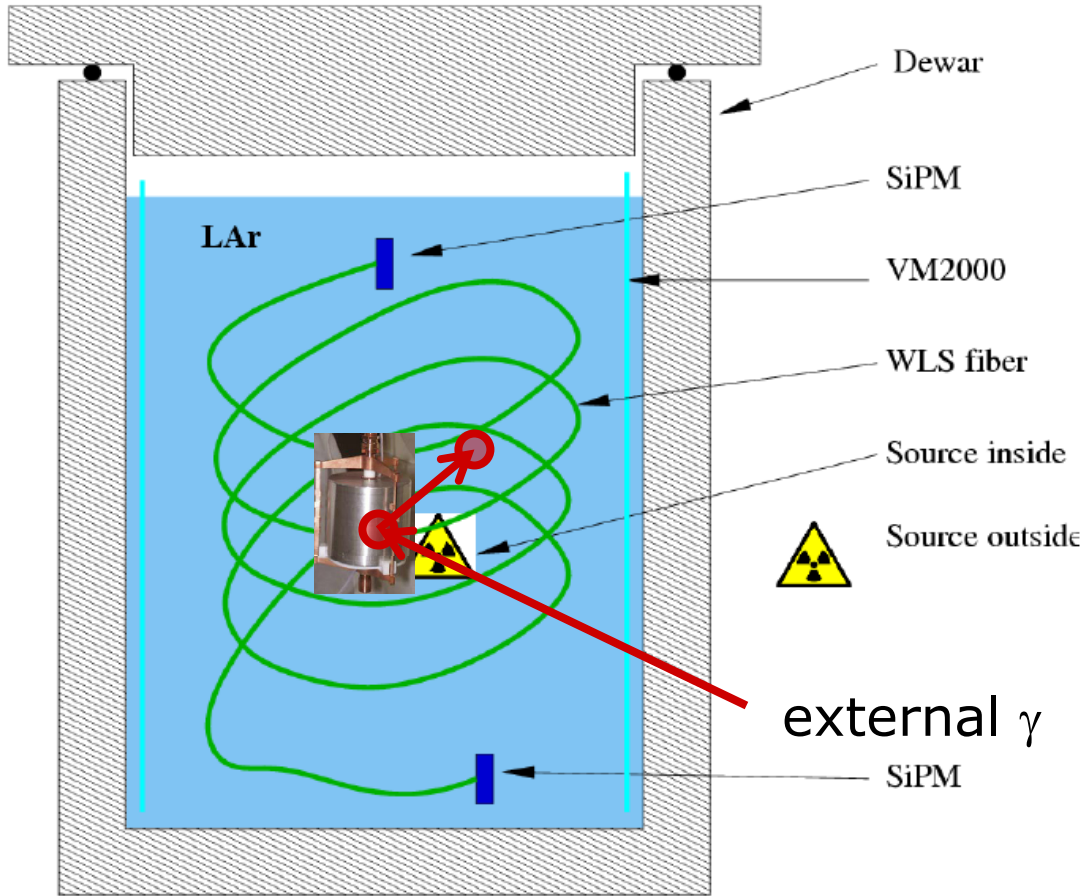


- to operate all Phase-I & -II detectors,
- design finished, under construction, installation at MPI early 2010.

Bg reduction R&D: use liquid argon scintillation as veto

veto background by tagging extra energy in LAr

SiPM: array of Geiger-mode APD, dark rate reduced by 10^6 in LAr

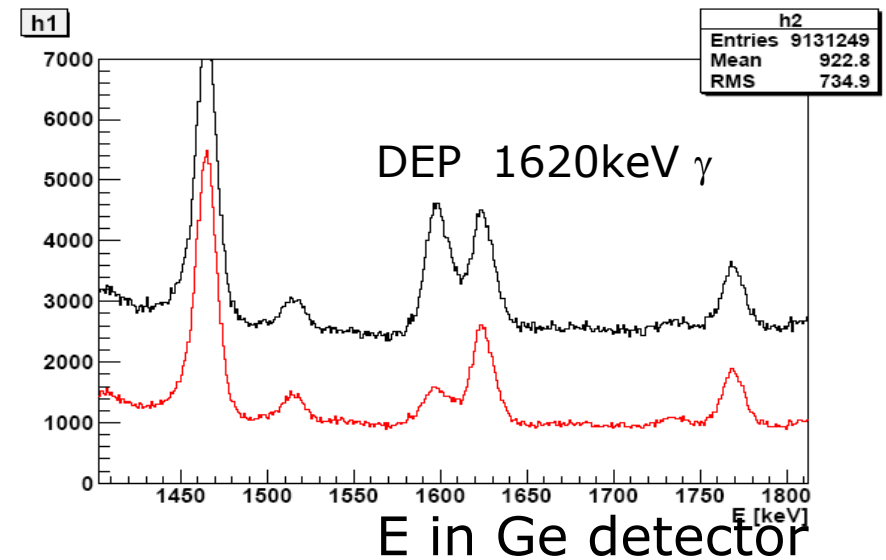
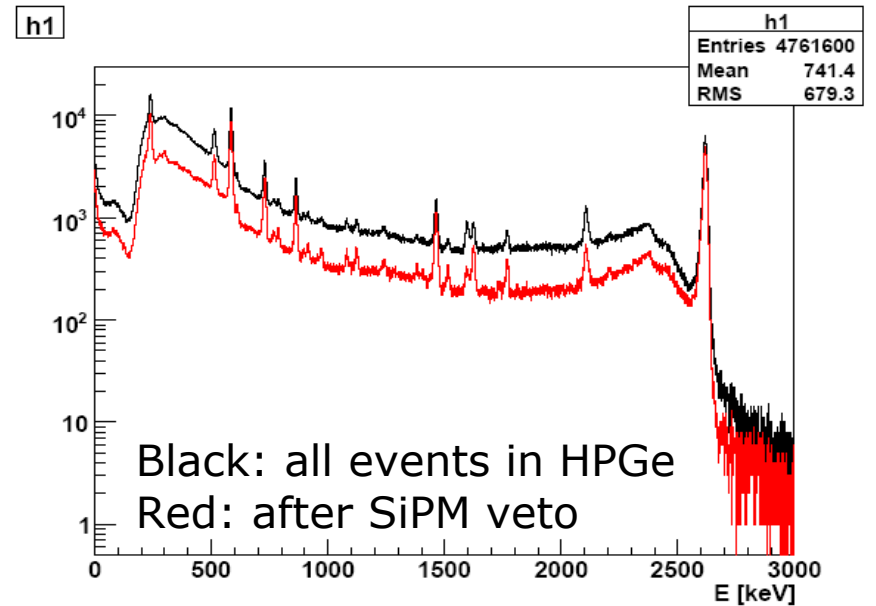


energy in liquid argon \rightarrow 128nm scintillation light
 \rightarrow shift to \sim 400nm by VM2000 & WLS-fiber \rightarrow detected by SiPM

Detect liquid argon scintillating light with SiPM



- operate SiPM together with HPGe,
- suppression factor 2 at 2MeV,
- next: focus on scintillation light collection efficiency



Current GERDA status at 8:30am today

Gerda Cryostat - Mozilla Firefox

http://ge-gate.lngs.infn.it/cryo/~gerda/cryo-s7.cgi?form=map&group=Temperature

GERDA cryostat Temperature

Status date: 2009-12-14 08:37:06
Select group: [Water Temperature](#) [Level Pressure Vacuum Safety](#)
[Help about Temperature](#)

Overview
Status tables

Protected mode
S7 status

Help

Manuals

General PID

Experts

HS330 key
enable

Module Temperature
inactive

Mode
Automatic

FT 13 flow 0 slm valve opening 0 %
FT 12 flow 2 slm valve opening 0 %
read back: -2 %
LN2
FCV001
read back: -0 %
FCV002

TT 166-1 -150.0 C
TT 166-2 -150.0 C
TT 167-1 -150.0 C
TT 167-2 -150.0 C
TT 160-1 -150.0 C
TT 160-2 -150.0 C
TT 161-1 -151.7 C
TT 161-2 -151.7 C
TT 162-1 -176.3 C
TT 162-2 -176.3 C
TT 163-1 -184.1 C
TT 163-2 -184.0 C

neck exchanger OUT
cryostat exch. OUT
neck TOP
neck BOTTOM
cryostat exch. IN
neck TOP
neck BOTTOM
cryostat TOP
exch. BOTTOM

TT 164-1 -150.0 C
TT 164-2 -150.0 C
TT 165-1 -150.0 C
TT 165-2 -150.0 C
TT 169-1 -150.0 C
TT 169-2 -150.0 C
TT 170 -163.8 C
TT 171-1 -176.1 C
TT 171-2 -176.3 C
TT 168-1 -180.6 C
TT 168-2 -180.4 C

at -990mm
at -1190mm
at -2120mm
at -6800mm

start | Device Manager | bela_pic | Network Connections | Microsoft PowerPoi... | untitled - Paint | IMG_4536.jpg - Paint | Gerda Cryostat - M... | 8:37 AM

filling liquid argon now,
will fill to full before Christmas.

GERDA well progressing

- cleanroom ready,
- commissioning lock tested,
- filling LAr,
- install modified commissioning lock at LNGS Mar. 2010,
- start commissioning phase,

- Phase-II detector: segmented or BEGe ?

GeDet with many studies

- 18-fold segmented stable operation in LN2/LAr,
- 19-fold segmented studied,
- pulse shape simulation on the way,
- "super" test stand under construction.
- SiPM for LAr scintillation promising.

stay tuned

GERDA collaboration



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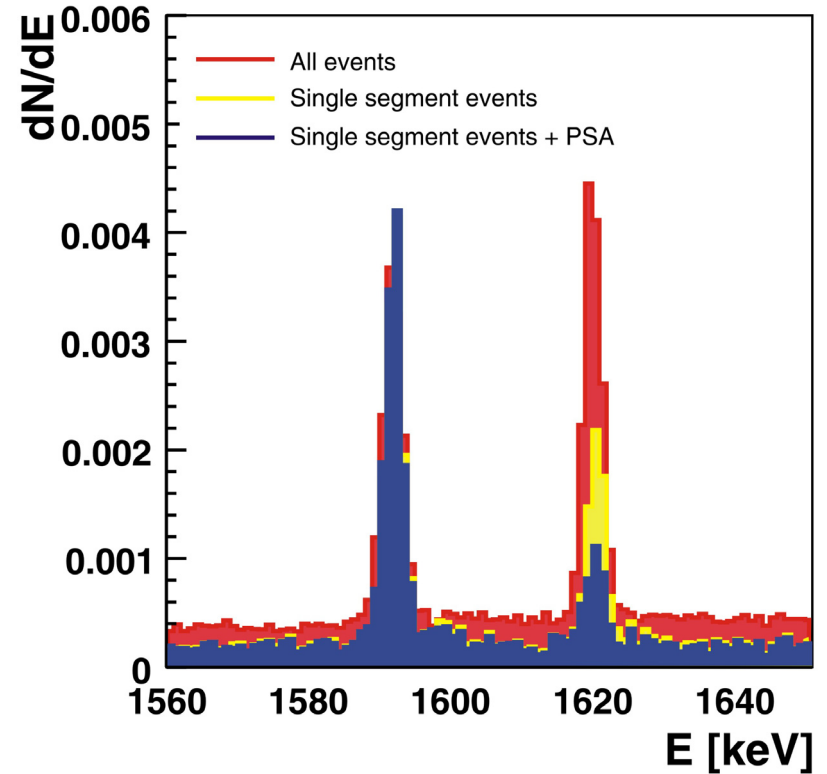
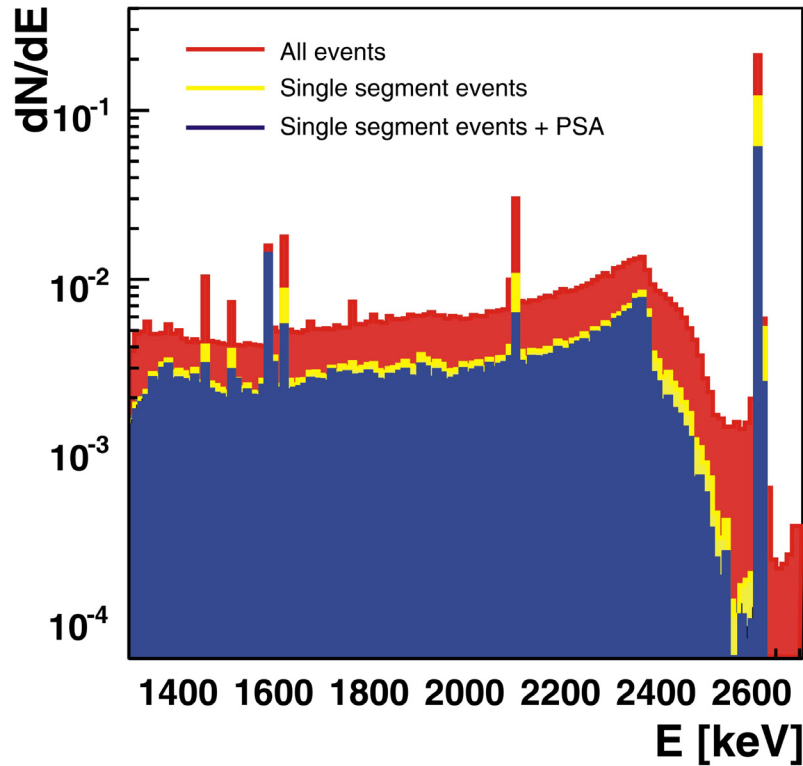
University Zurich, Switzerland

~97 scientists.



GeDet: photon background reduction with segmented detector

Detector in vacuum exposed to Th228 source



segment reduction factor in RoI

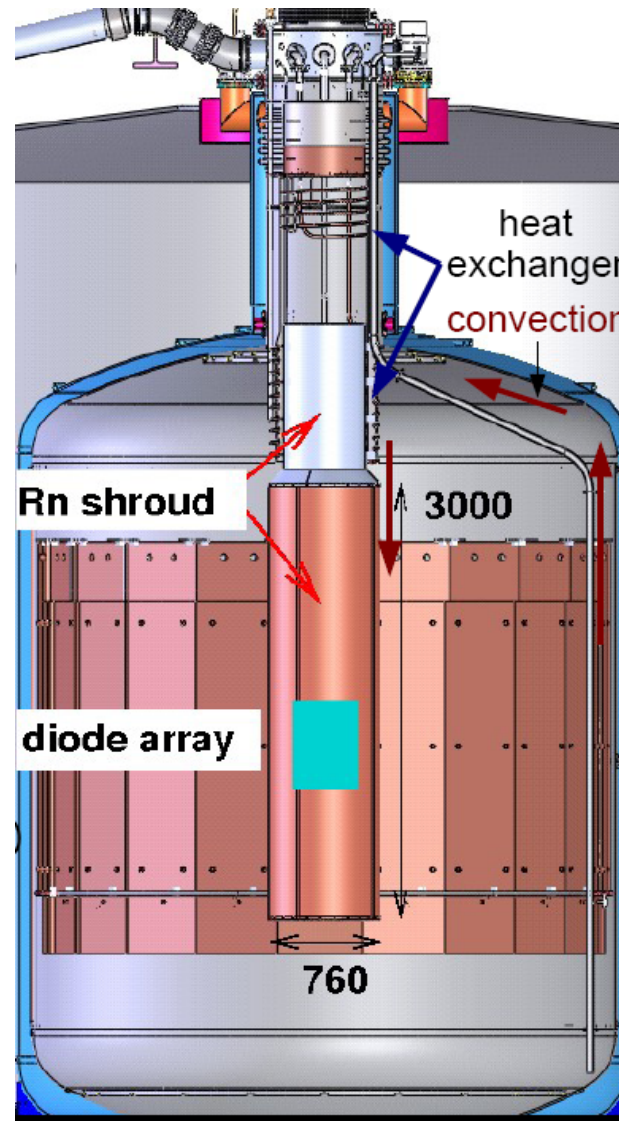
sample	data	MC
Co60	14.2 ± 2.1	12.5 ± 2.1
Th228	1.68 ± 0.02	1.66 ± 0.05

(depend on source position)

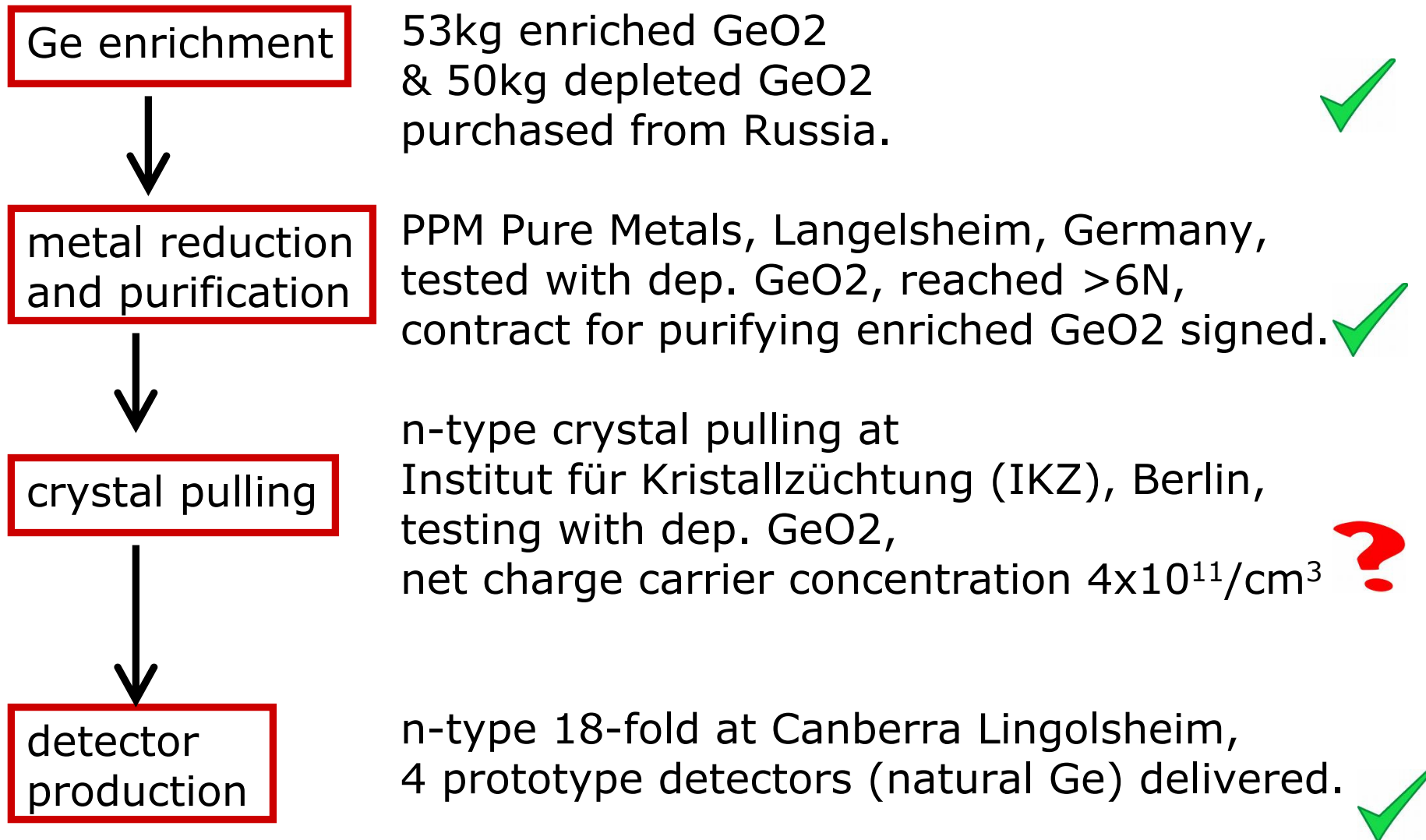
Double-escape peak
(single-site dominant)

1620keV Bi212
(multi-site dominant)

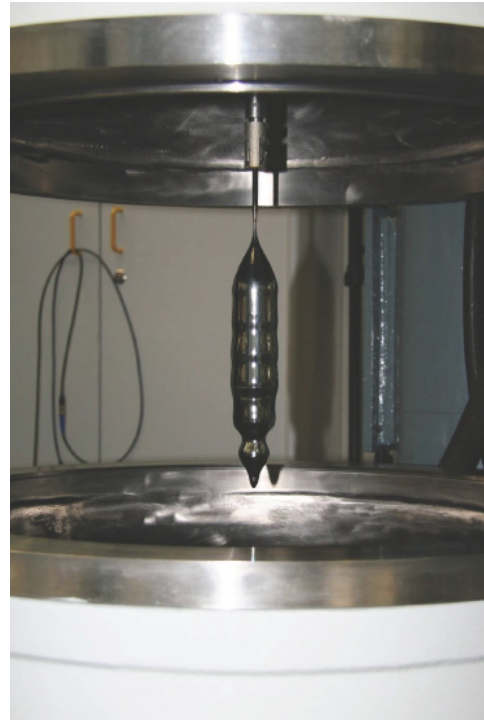
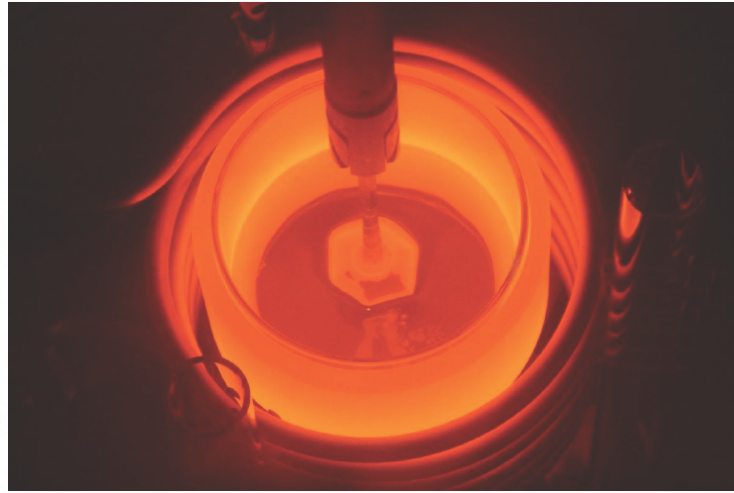
GERDA status: shroud to avoid convection & Rn contamination



Phase-II segmented detector production

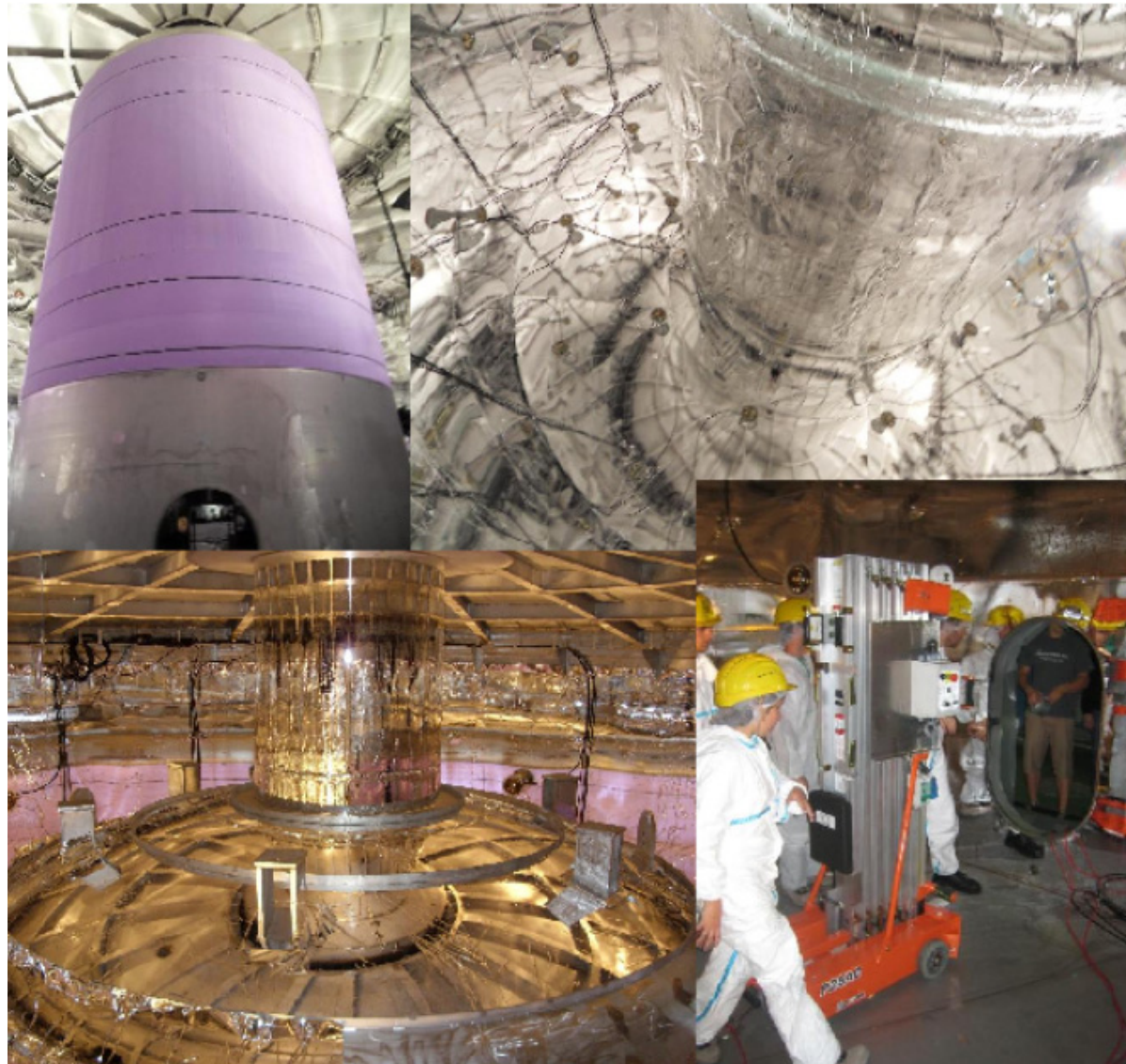


Phase-II segmented detector fabrication



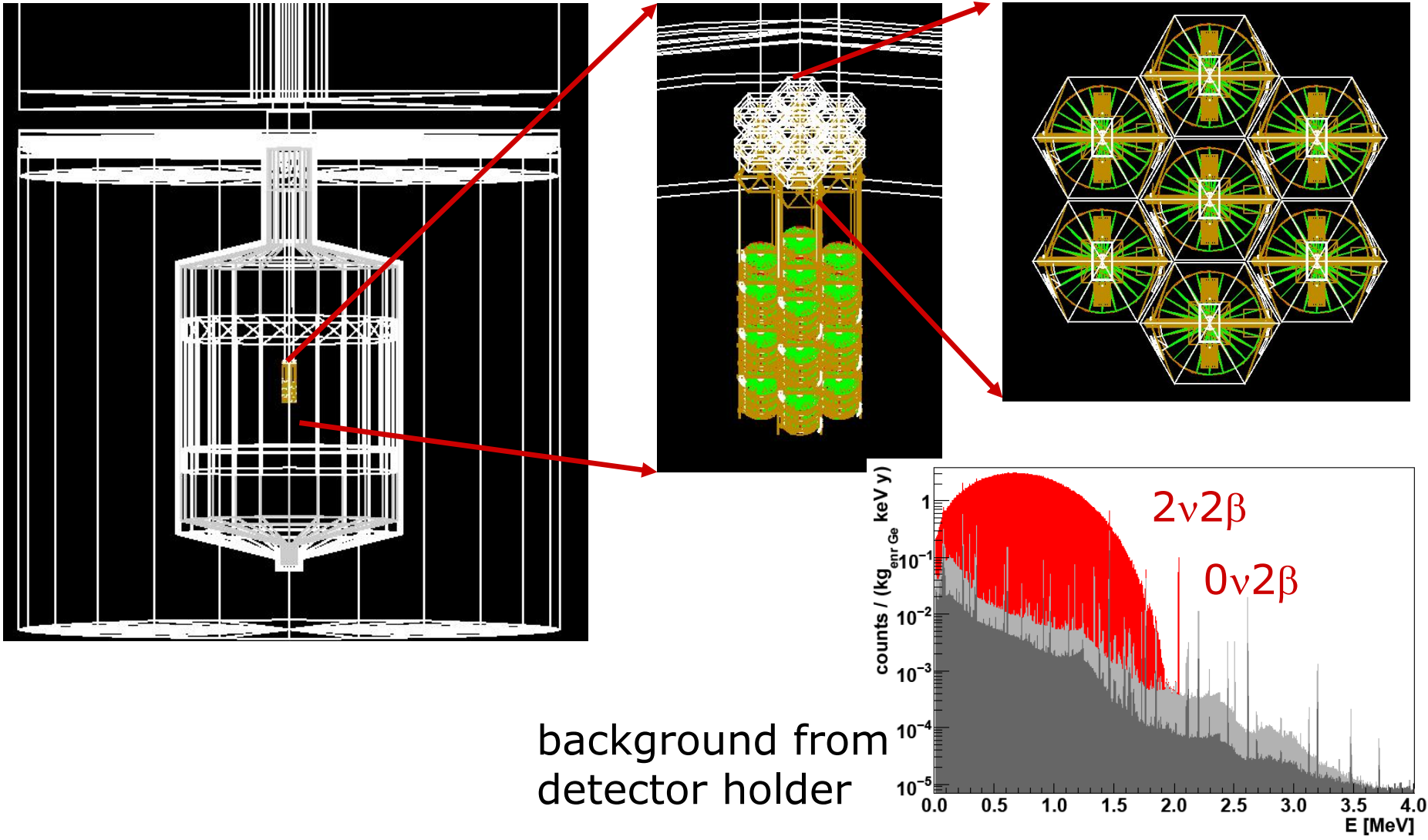
- 30kg dep. Ge from PPM.
- best net impurities $4 \times 10^{11}/\text{cm}^3$, Arsenic dominate, from puller itself
- puller dismantled, electropolished, seals replaced, reassembled, restart pulling end of 2009.

GERDA status: muon veto inside water tank



Simulation campaign with Monte Carlo package MaGe

- Geant4-based, developed together with Majorana.
- optimized for low energy & low bg.
- code sharing & physics verification.



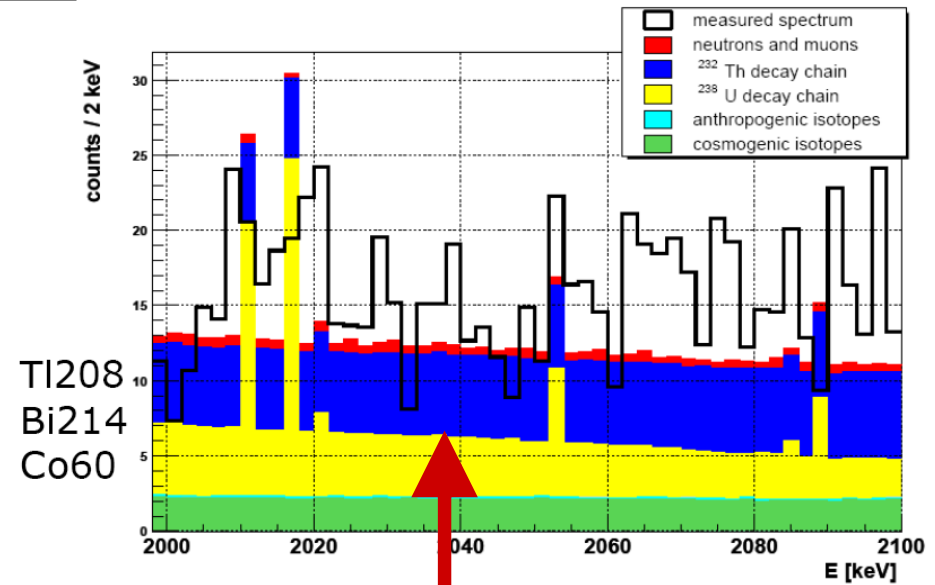
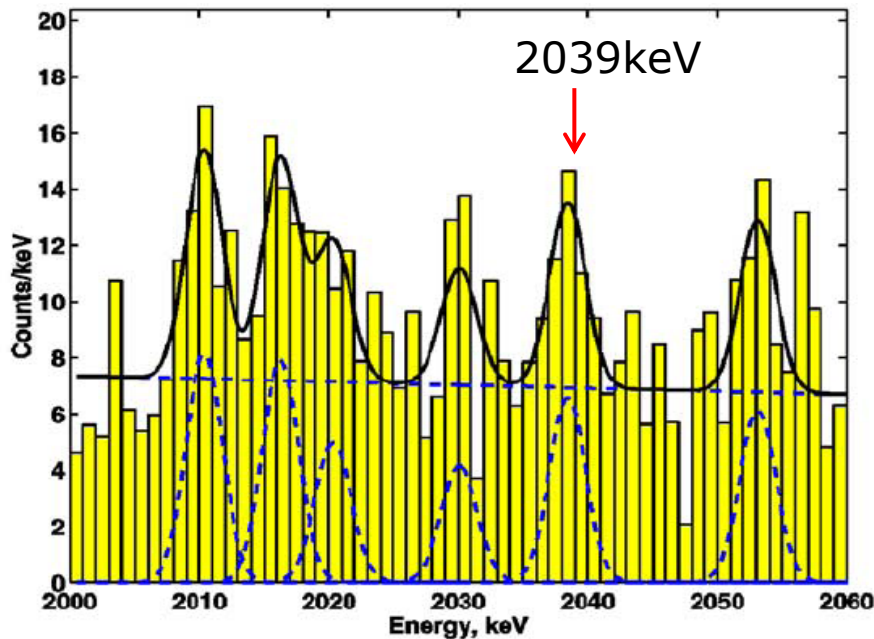
Heidelberg-Moscow experiment

exposure[kg·y]	71.1
B [counts/kg·keV·y]	0.11
$T_{1/2}$ limit (90%CL)[y]	$1.9 \cdot 10^{25}$
“Evidence for $0\nu\beta\beta$ ”	$1.2 \cdot 10^{25}$
H.V.Klapdor-Kleingrothaus, etc., (0.69-4.18 3σ) Phys. Lett. B 586 (2004) 198-212	

Background index B:
counts/kg·keV·y

kg: Ge mass
keV: energy window
year: exposure time

$$0.1 \cdot 10 \text{keV} \cdot 71.1 = \sim 70 \text{ bg}$$



background, dominated
by γ from shielding

Effective majorana neutrino mass by $0\nu\beta\beta$

half life

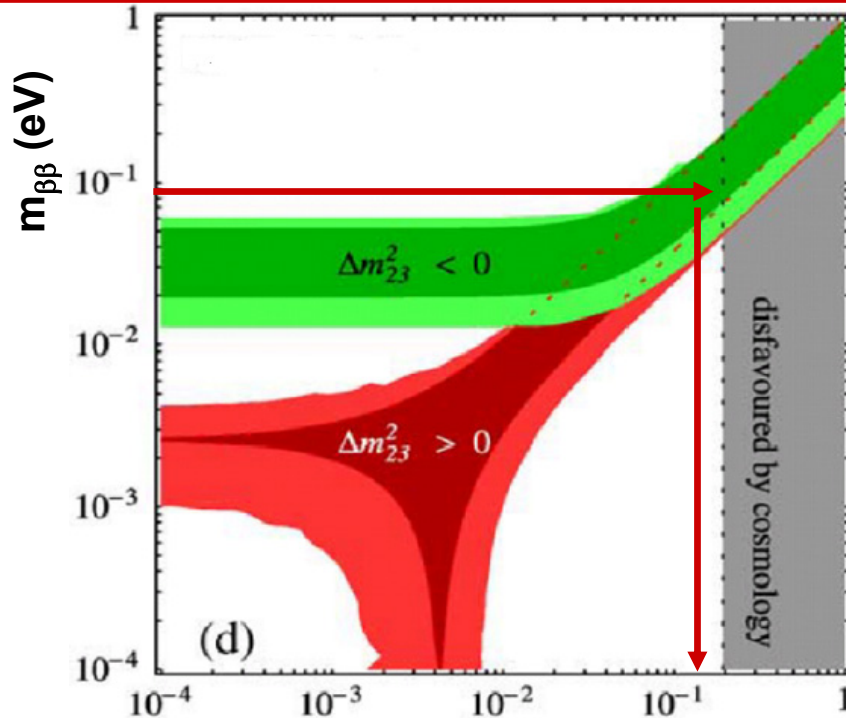
$$[T_{1/2}]^{-1} = G(^2Q, Z) \cdot M^{\text{GT}} - \frac{g_V^2}{g_A^2} M^{\text{F}} \cdot \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2$$

Phase space

nuclear matrix element

effective mass $m_{\beta\beta}$

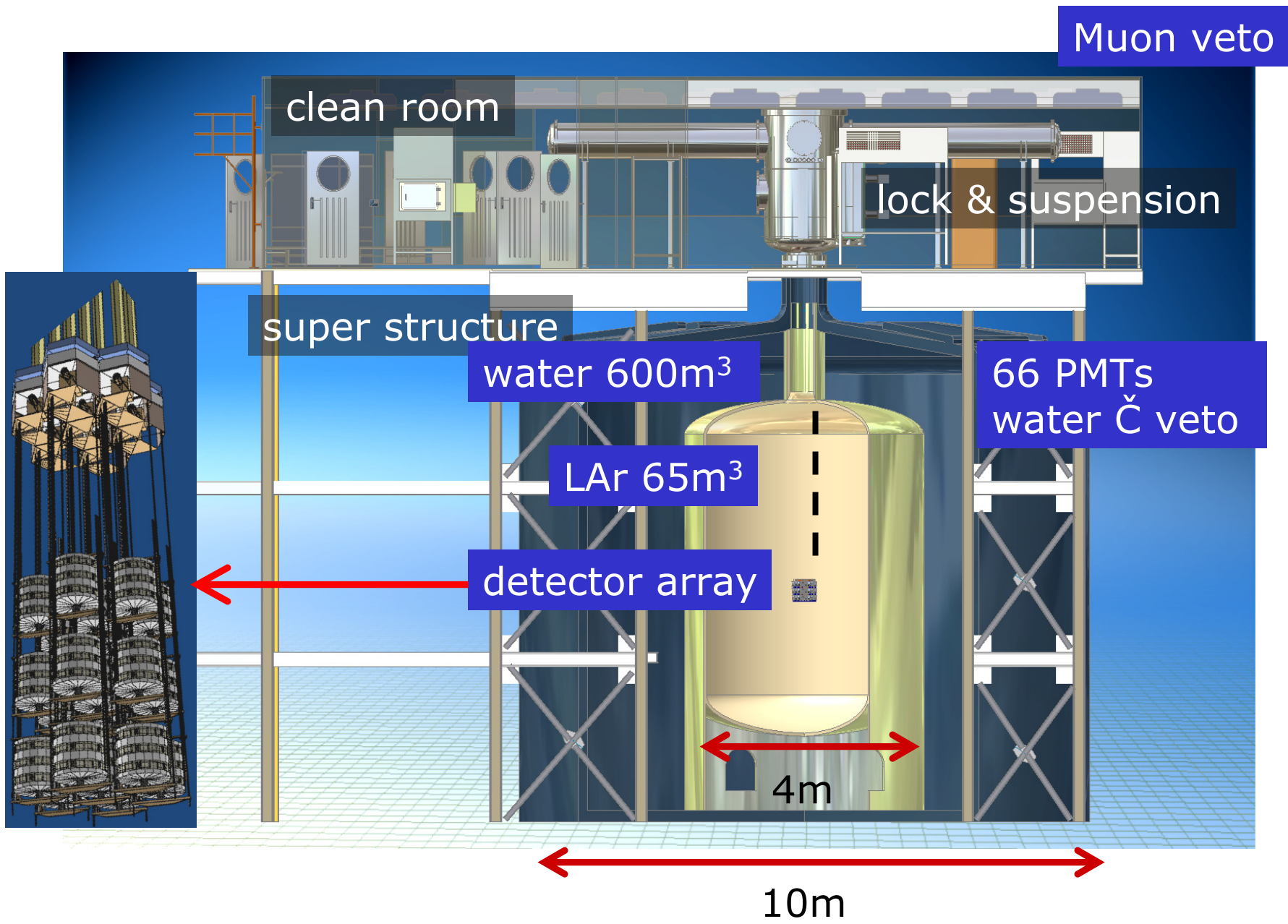
$$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = \left| \sum_j m_j U_{ej}^2 \right| = \left| m_1 \cdot |U_{e1}|^2 + m_2 \cdot |U_{e2}|^2 e^{i(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)} + m_3 \cdot |U_{e3}|^2 e^{i(-\alpha_1 - 2\delta)} \right|$$



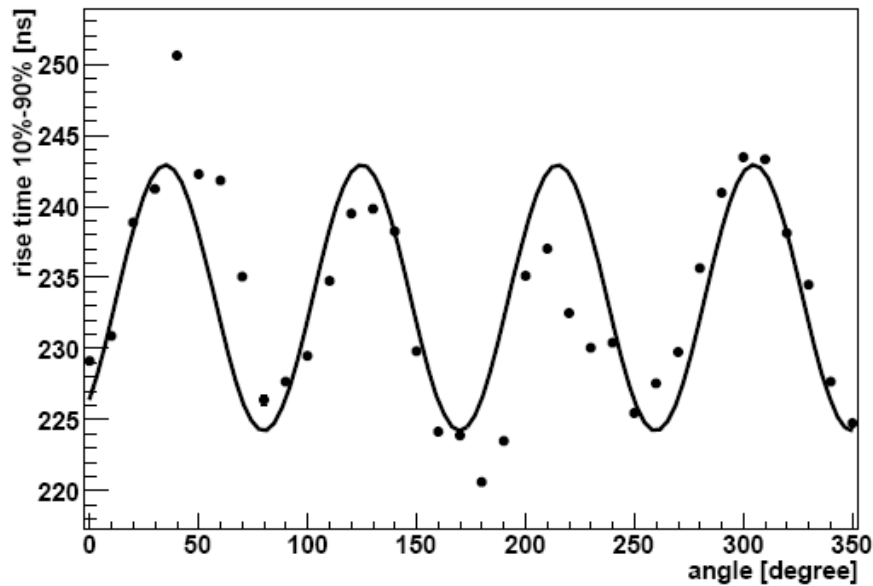
Lightest neutrino mass (eV)

$0\nu\beta\beta T_{1/2} > 10^{15}$ x age of Universe

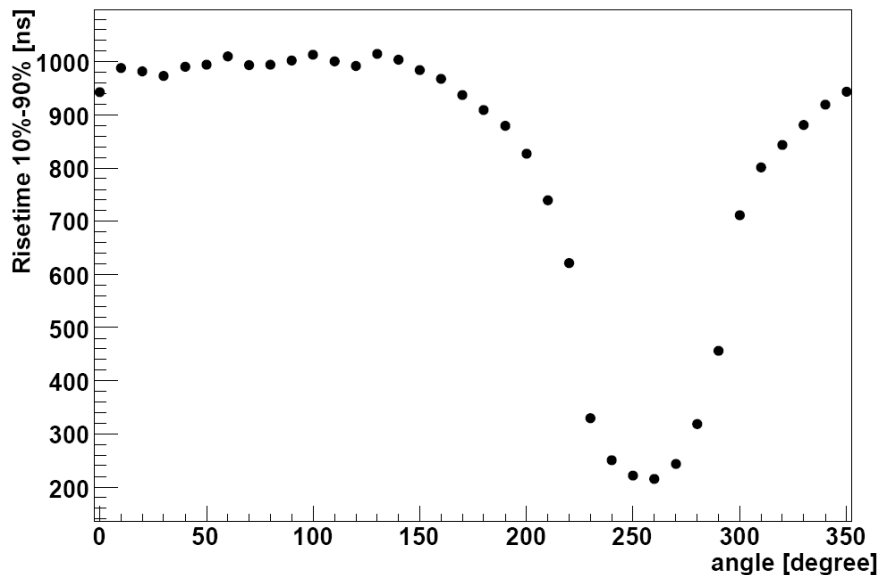
GERDA design



GeDet: 19-fold segmented detector



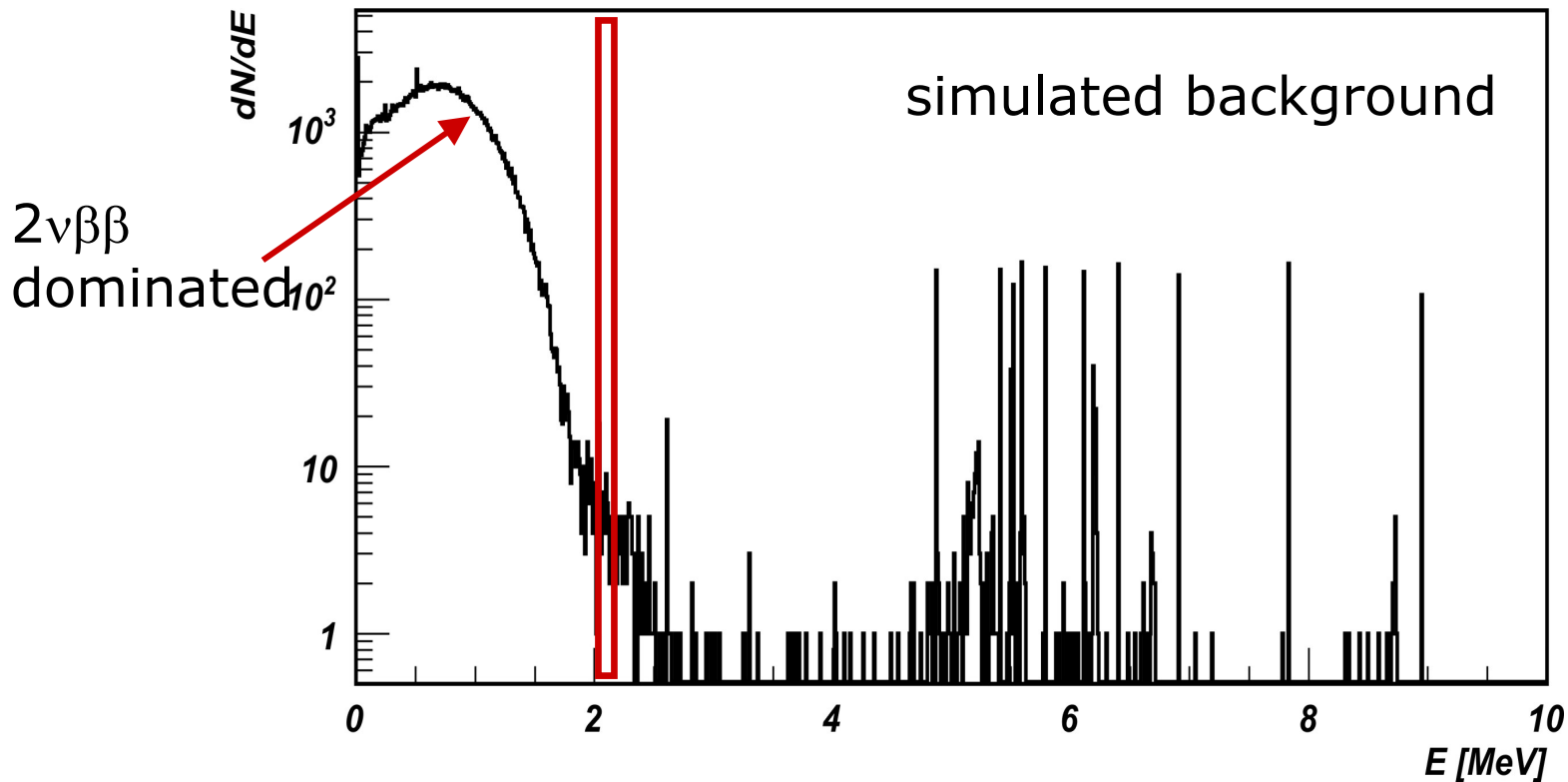
Rise time along ϕ in middle seg,
oscillation due to crystal axis,



Rise time along ϕ in segment 19,
possible electric field distortion?

Remove background

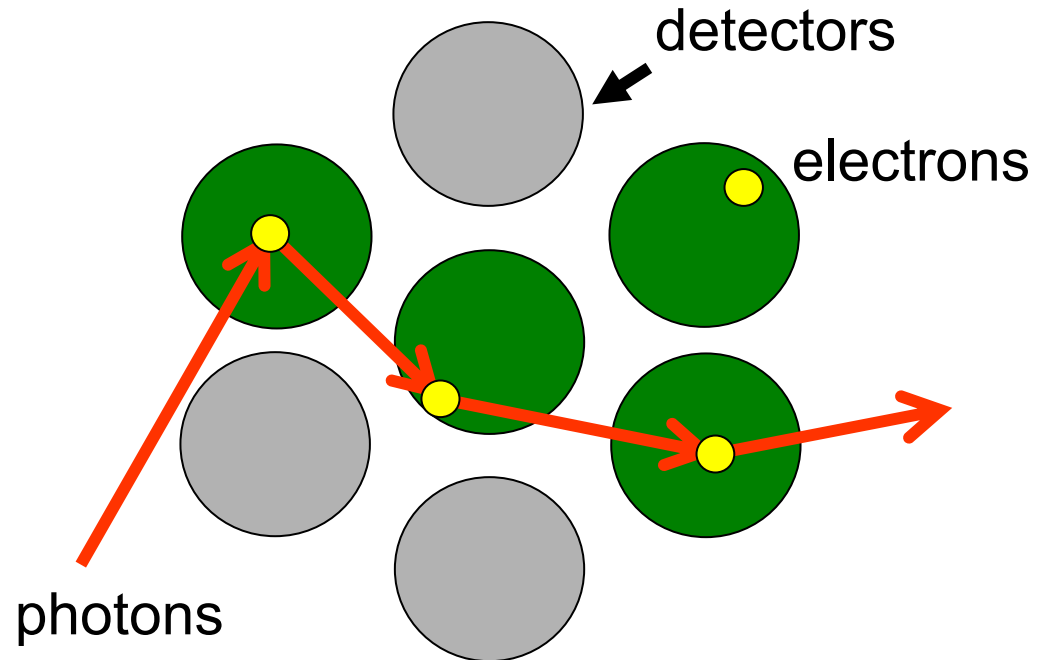
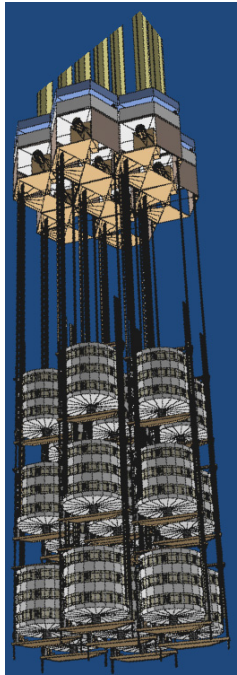
1. underground, shielding, energy window cut,
2. single detector cut, 3. single segment cut,
4. pulse shape analysis.



$0\nu\beta\beta$ signal search window: $2039 \pm 5\text{keV}$

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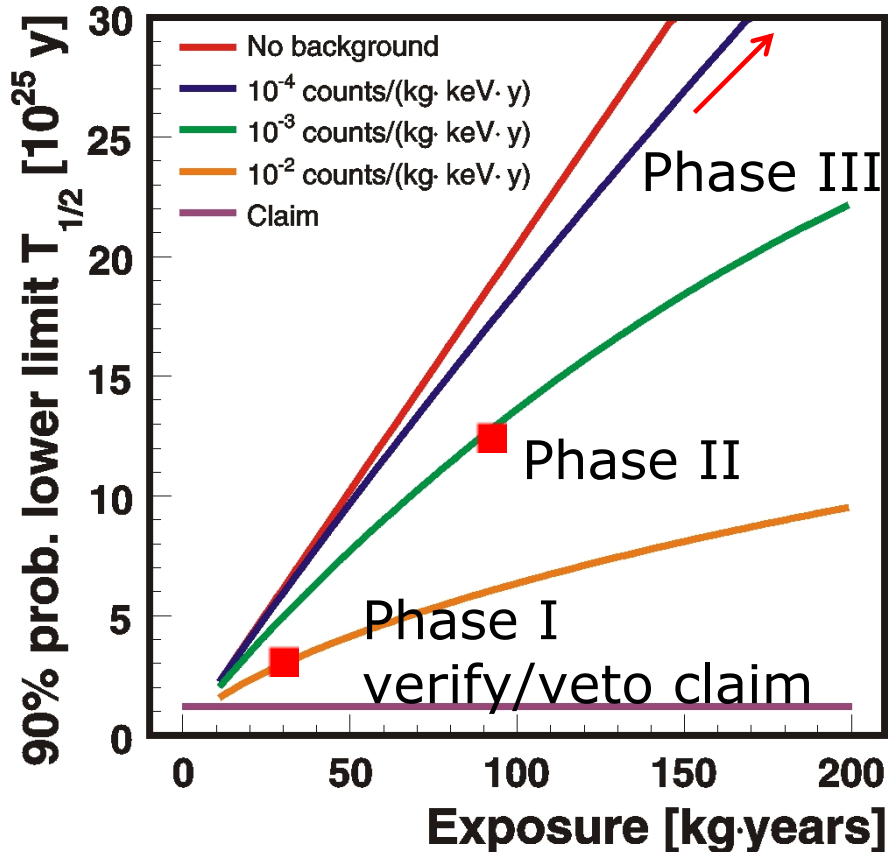
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2 electrons : energy deposit range in germanium $< 1\text{mm}$
2MeV photon: several Compton scattering, $> \text{cm}$ range

GERDA physics goal

phase	I	II	III
exposure[kg·y]	30	100	>1000
bg [counts/(kg·keV·y)]	10^{-2}	10^{-3}	10^{-4}
Limit on $T_{1/2}$ [10^{25} y]	2	15	>280
Limit on $m_{\beta\beta}$ [eV]	0.27	0.13	<0.03



Claim of evidence

signal: 28.75 ± 6.86 events

bg level: 0.11 cts/ kg·keV·y

H.V.Klapdor-Kleingrothaus, etc.,
Phys. Lett. B 586 (2004) 198-212

If claim true, phase-I will see:

signal: ~ 13 events

bg: 3 events in 10keV
window at 2MeV

(assume 4keV FWHM at 2MeV)

Phase-II p-type BEGe detector fabrication

- 34kg ^{dep}GeO₂ purified.
 - 4 p-type ^{dep}Ge crystals pulled at Canberra Oak Ridge.
 - net charge carrier density: $\sim 4 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.
 - will cut to slices and make BEGe detectors.
- Purification at PPM successful.

