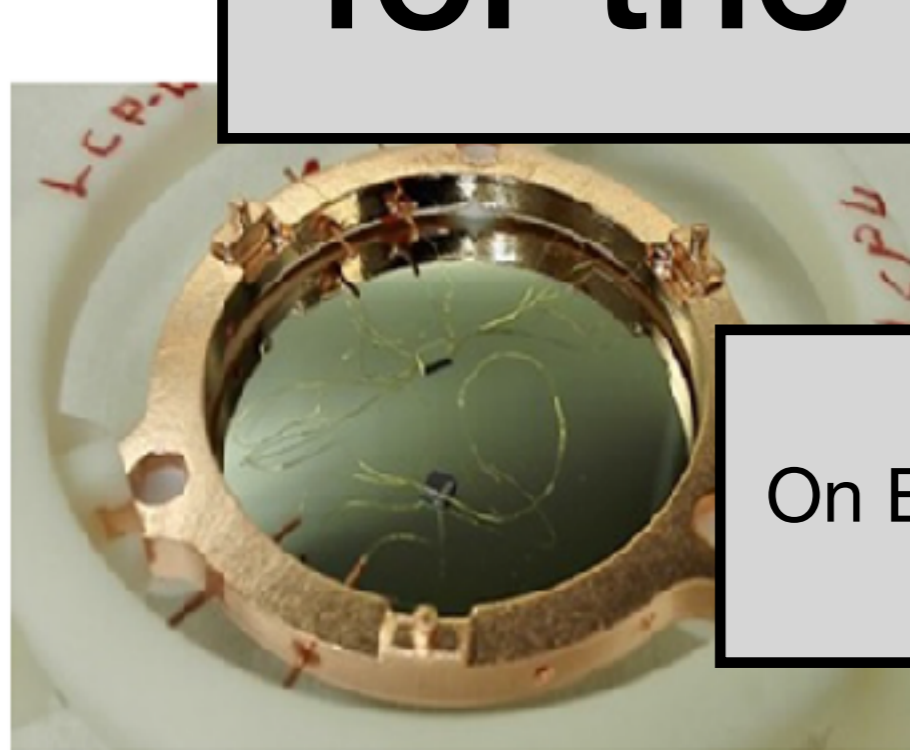


Projected Backgrounds and Mitigation Techniques for the CUPID Experiment



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CUORE and CUPID Talks at DNP2020

CUORE Talks

FG.00004: Studying CUORE Pulses with Principal Component Analysis Roger Huang (University of California, Berkeley)

FG.00006: Analysis Techniques for Background Reduction and Event Identification in the Search for Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay with CUORE Pranava Teja Surukuchi (Yale University)

KG.00005: Searching for Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay in CUORE using Multi-Site events Sachintha Wagaarachchi (University of California, Berkeley)

KM.00001: Neutrinoless double beta decay and the search for neutrino mass Erin Hansen (Department of Physics, UC Berkeley)

SK.00009: Noise Correlation with Acoustic Signals in CUORE Kenneth Vetter (University of California, Berkeley)

CUPID Talks

FG.00003: Mock data production for pileup rejection studies in CUPID Mattia Beretta

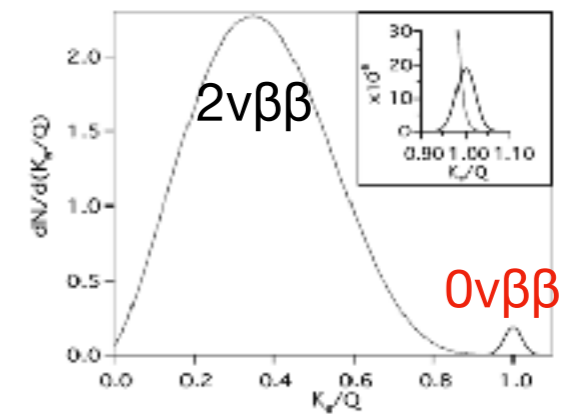
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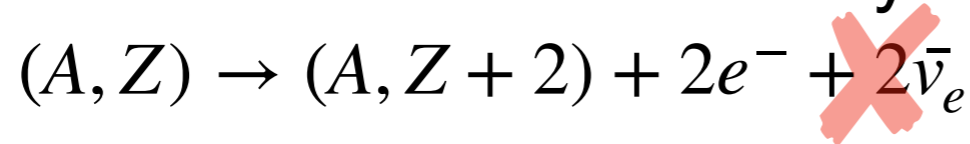
LM.00003: New Results in the search for $0 \nu \beta \beta$ decay in ^{100}Mo from CUPID-Mo Bradford Welliver (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory)

CUORE to CUPID



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Neutrinoless double beta decay searches



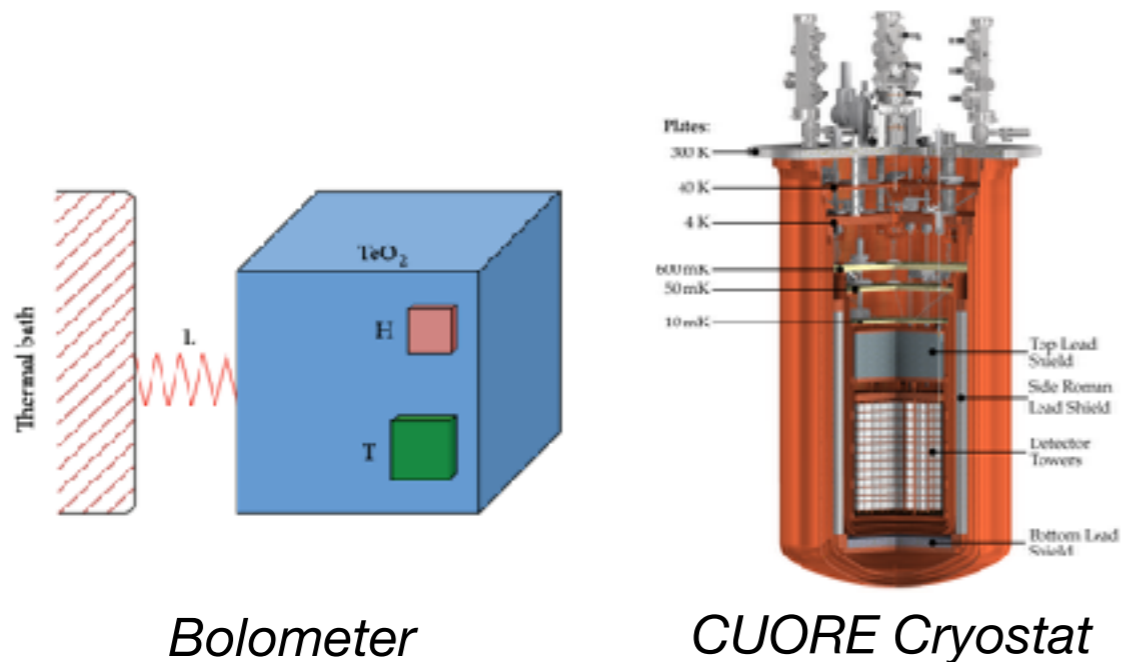
CUORE: The Cryogenic Underground Observatory for Rare Events

Source/detector material: ^{130}Te

Signal: Peak at 2528 keV

Bolometers: Low temperature Calorimeters

CUORE Cryostat operating at $\sim 10\text{mK}$



CUPID: CUORE Upgrade with Particle IDentification

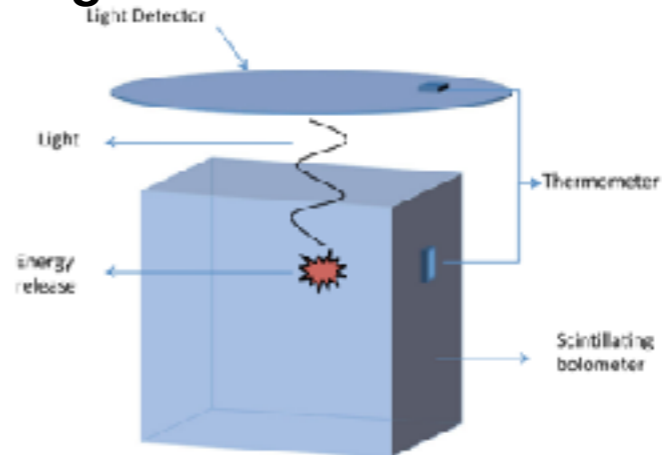
Source/Detector Material Proposed: ^{100}Mo , and other possible sources

Signal: Peak at 3035 KeV for ^{100}Mo

Scintillating Bolometers

CUORE Cryostat operating at $\sim 10\text{mK}$

Light detector



Scintillating bolometer



CUPID Cryostat

Other demonstrators: Cuoricino, CUORE-0, CUPID-0, CUPID-Mo

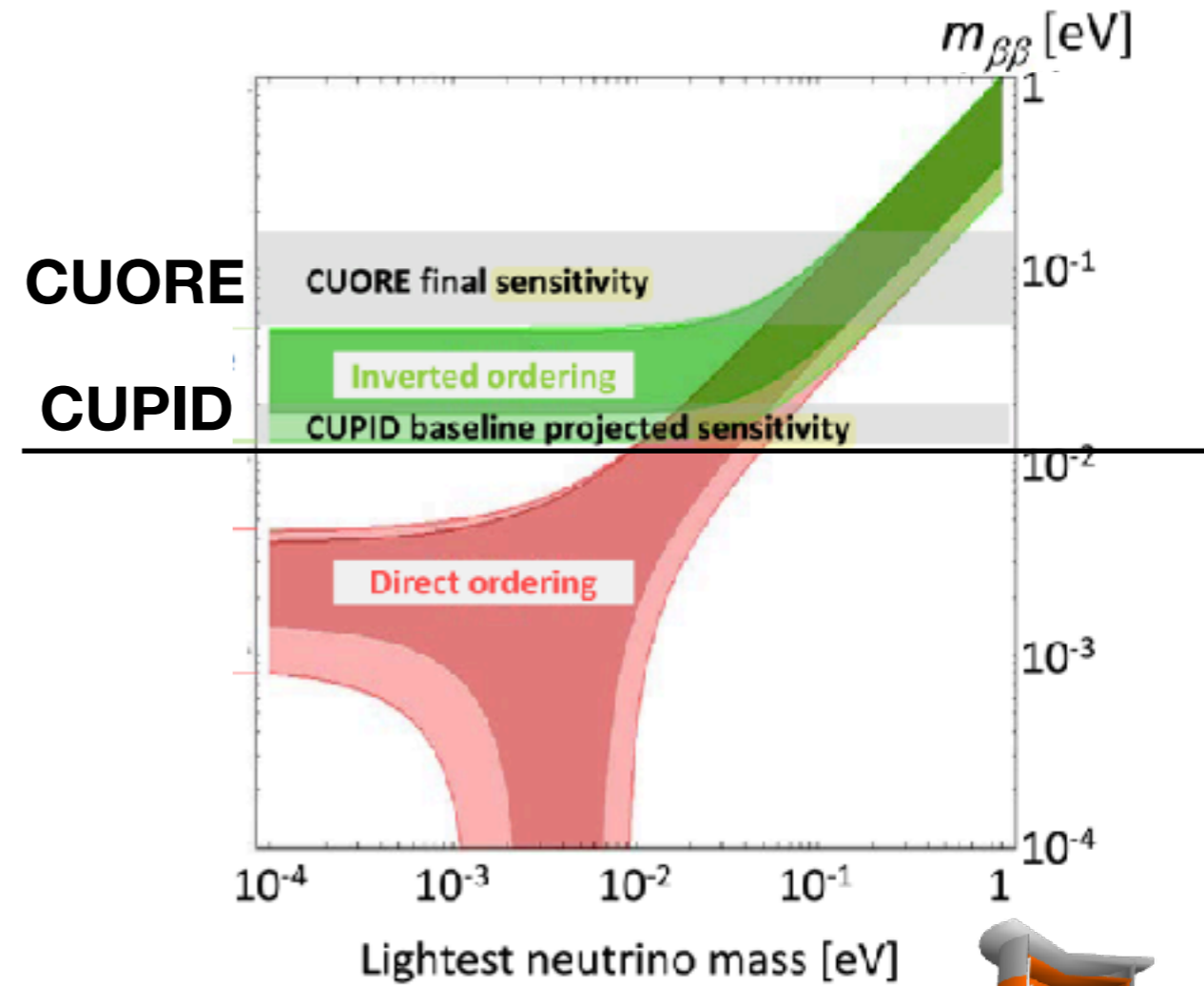
Sensitivity from CUORE to CUPID

Current CUORE Sensitivity: $m_{\beta\beta}$ of **75-350 MeV**
[arXiv:1912.10966]

CUORE Background: 10^{-2} counts/keV/kg/yr

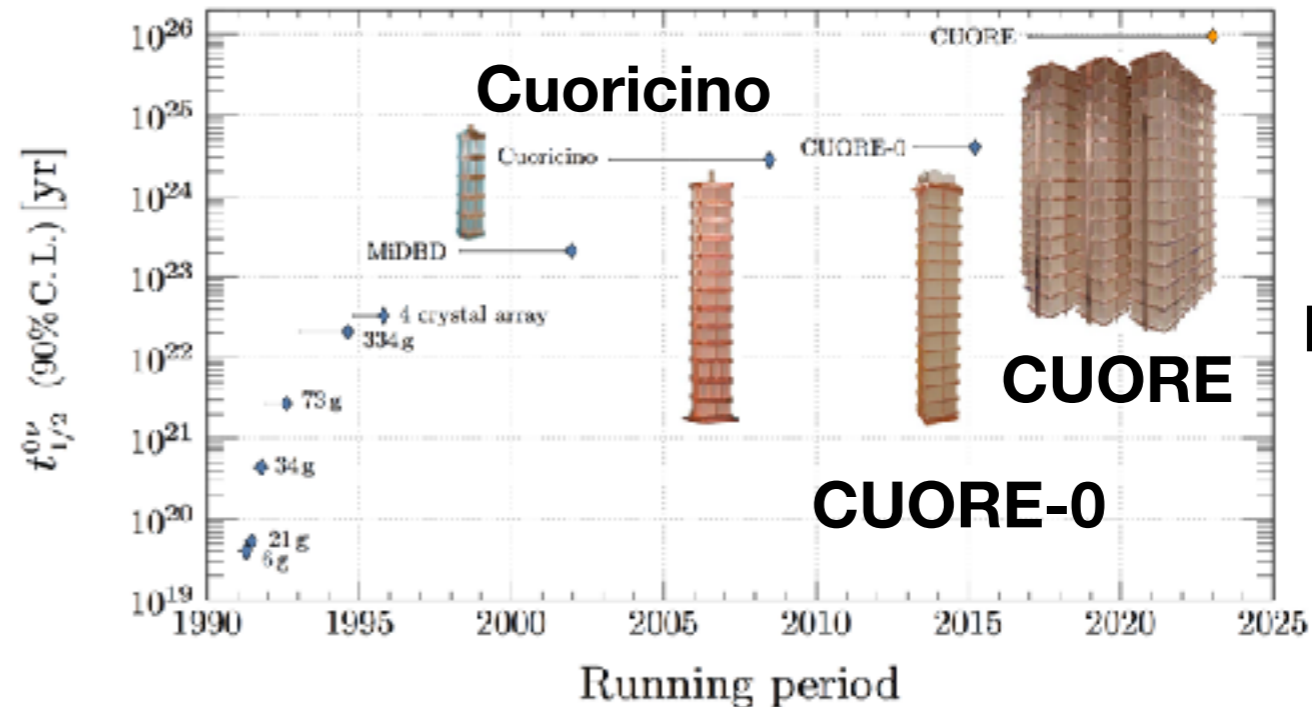
CUPID Baseline Sensitivity Prediction : $m_{\beta\beta}$ of **10-17 MeV**

CUPID Baseline Background: 10^{-4} cts/keV/kg/yr



$$S \propto a_I \sqrt{\frac{mt}{B\Delta E}}$$

mass \rightarrow m
time \rightarrow t
Isotopic abundance \rightarrow a_I
Energy Resolution \rightarrow $B\Delta E$
Backgrounds \rightarrow B



CUPID Baseline
250 kg of ^{100}Mo

Predicted CUPID Backgrounds

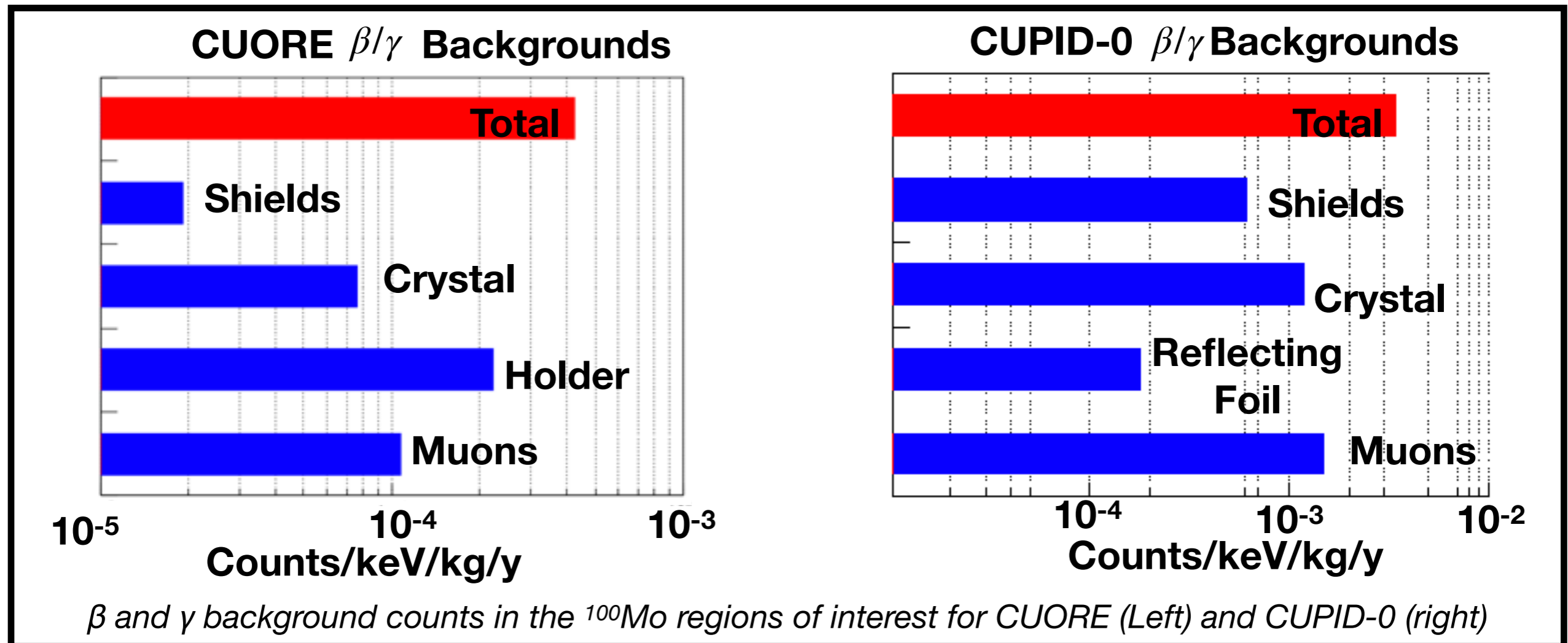
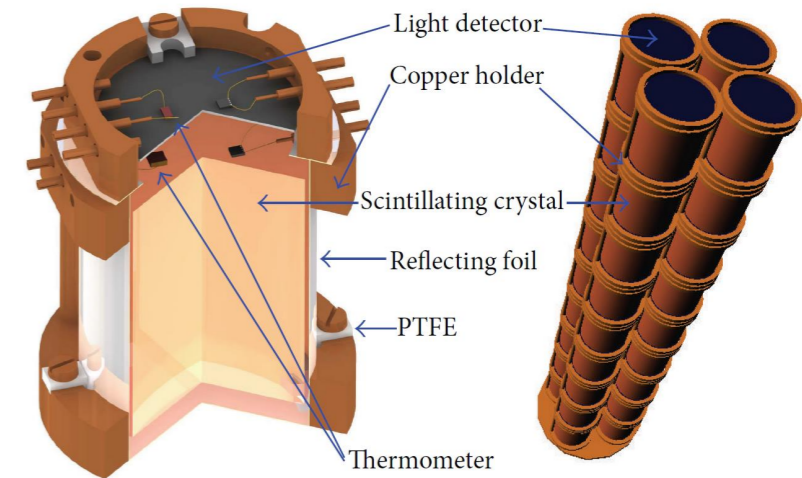
Near sources: Crystals, copper holders, reflecting foil

$2\nu\beta\beta$, crystal impurities, decays in ^{238}U and ^{232}Th chains

Far Sources: Shields, Cryostat

Decays in ^{238}U and ^{232}Th chains

Externals Sources: Environmental muons, γ s, and neutrons



Background Model for CUPID-0

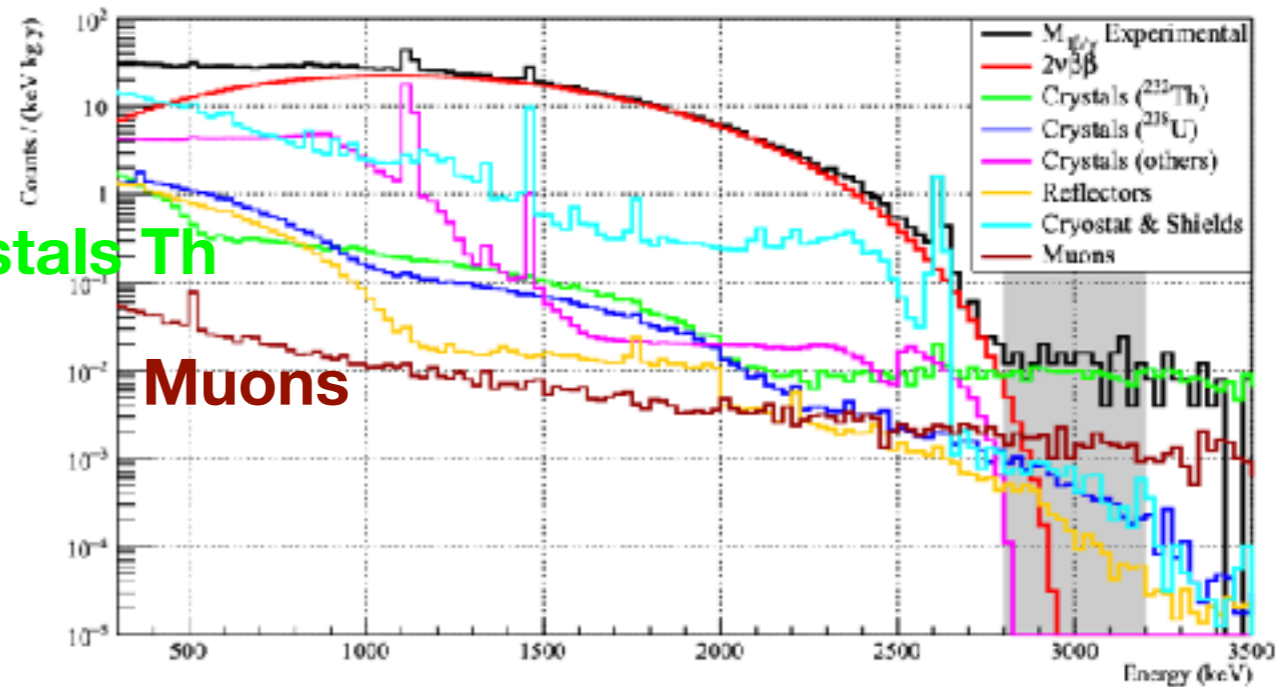
In operations since June 2017

9.95 kg years

Zn⁸²Se scintillating calorimeters,
 Q value ⁸²Se Q-value 2997 keV
 compared to 3035 of ¹⁰⁰Mo

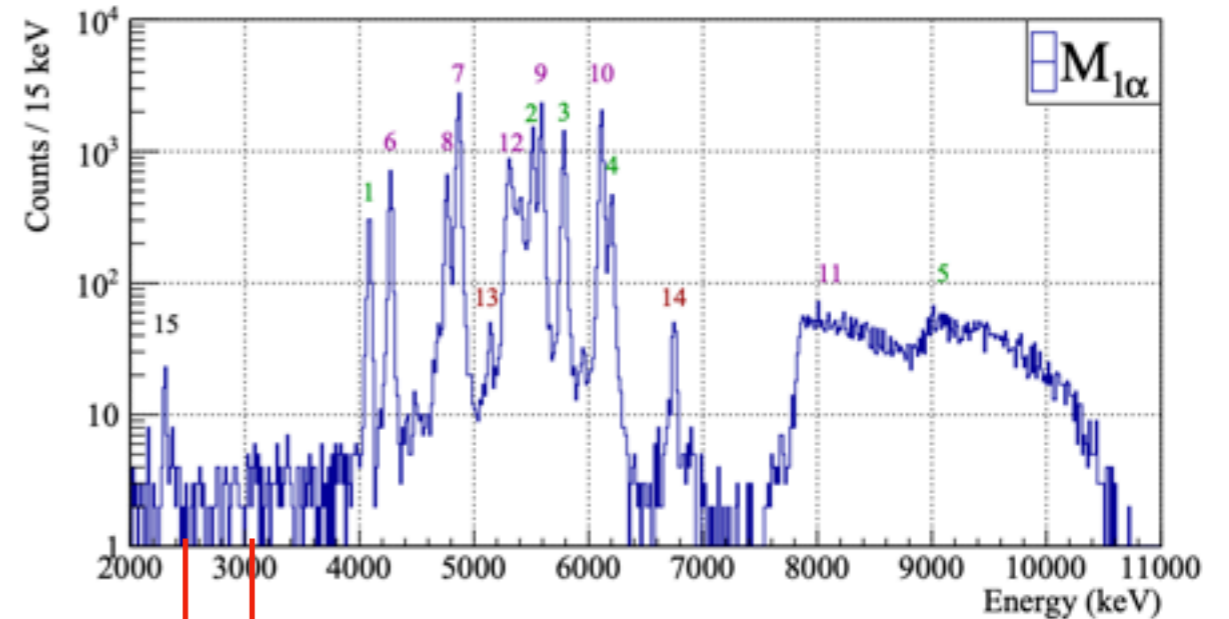
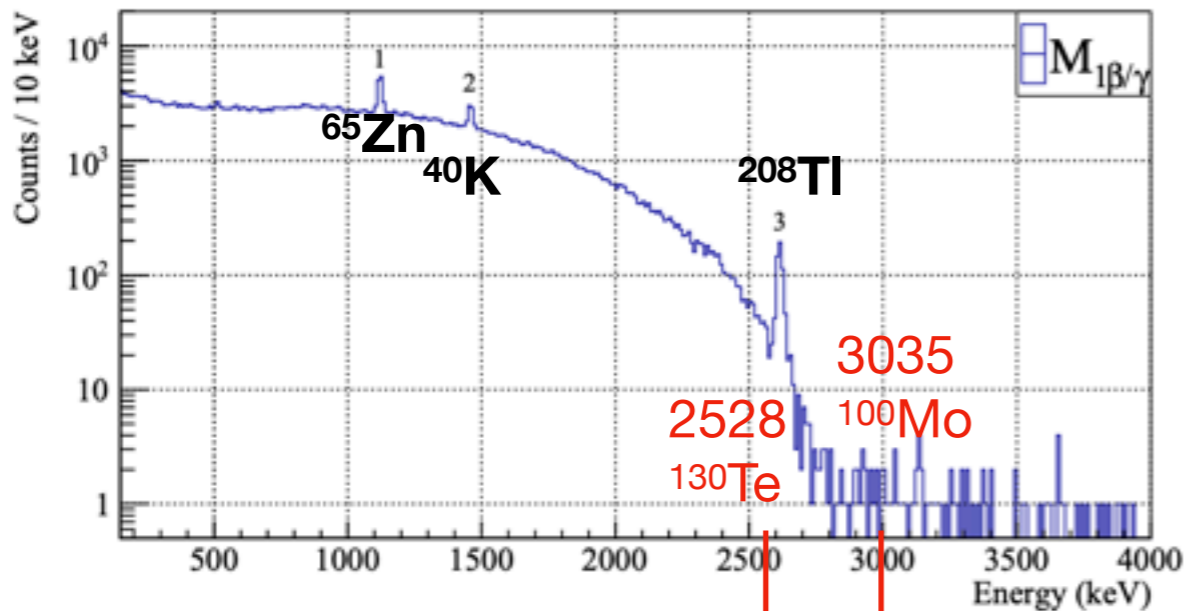
Crystals Th

Muons



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CUPID-0 2019 Spectrum [arxiv:1904.10397]



- (1) ²³²Th, (2) ²²⁸Th, (3) ²²⁴Ra, (4) ²¹²Bi, (5) ²¹²Bi + ²¹²Po, (6) ²³⁸U, (7) ²³⁴U + ²²⁶Ra, (8) ²³⁰Th, (9) ²²²Rn, (10) ²¹⁸Po, (11) ²¹⁴Bi + ²¹⁴Po, (12) ²¹⁰Po, (13) ²³¹Pa, (14) ²¹¹Bi, (15) ¹⁴⁷Sm

KG.00003: A detailed background model for the CUPID-Mo (Toby Dixon)

Background spectrum of Multiplicity 1 events

Background Mitigation Techniques

Passive Techniques

Shielding

Reducing radioactivity of materials

Creating a low radioactivity environment

Active Techniques

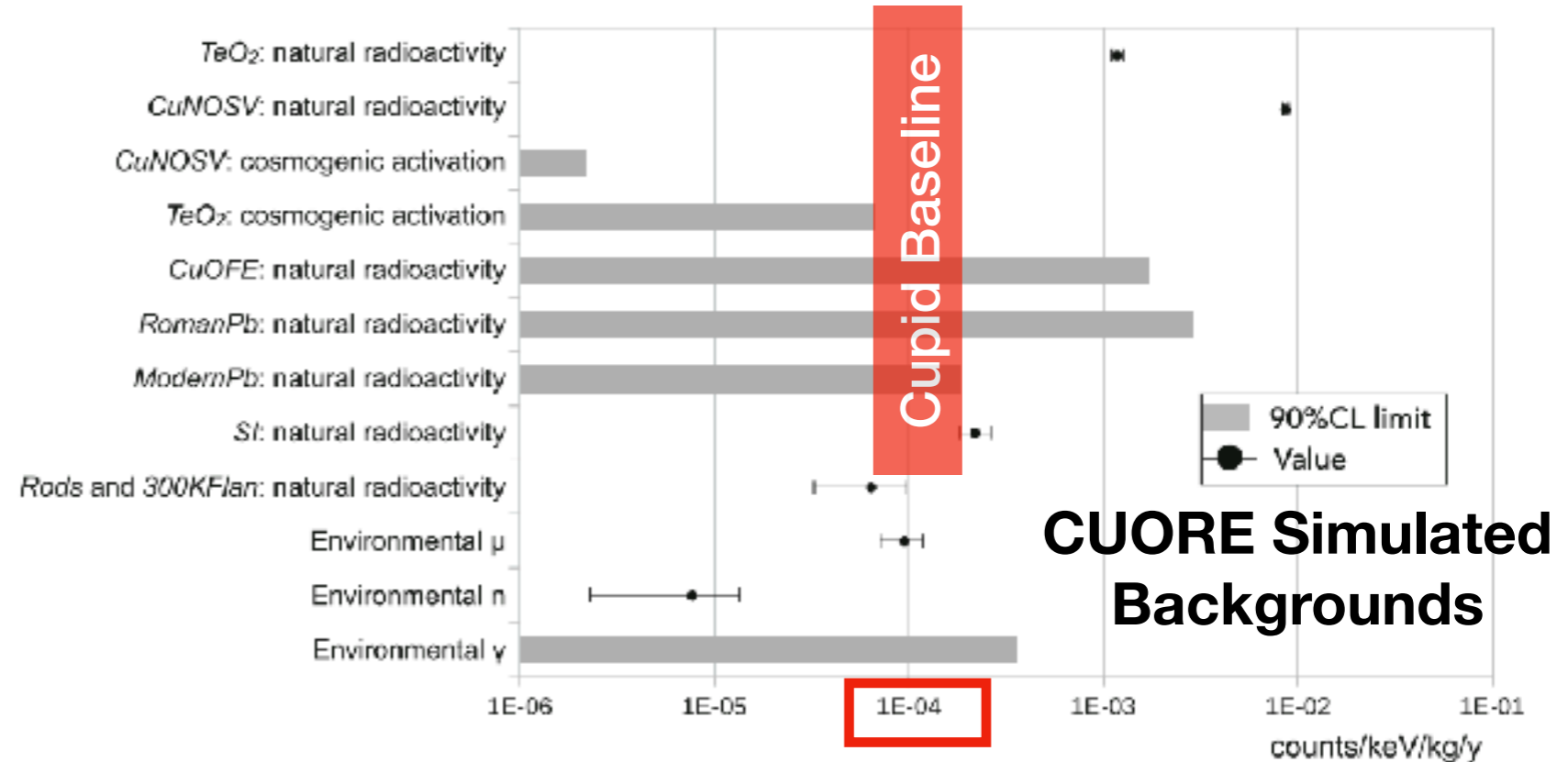
Particle ID: Scintillating Bolometers → Readout heat and light signals

Discriminate between α and β/γ events by pulse shape analysis

Time Veto and data analysis

Discrimination of $2\nu\beta\beta$ background, β/γ decays by their signature

Muon tagger, identification of muons tracks in data



FG.00003: Mock data production for pileup rejection studies in CUPID (M. Beretta)

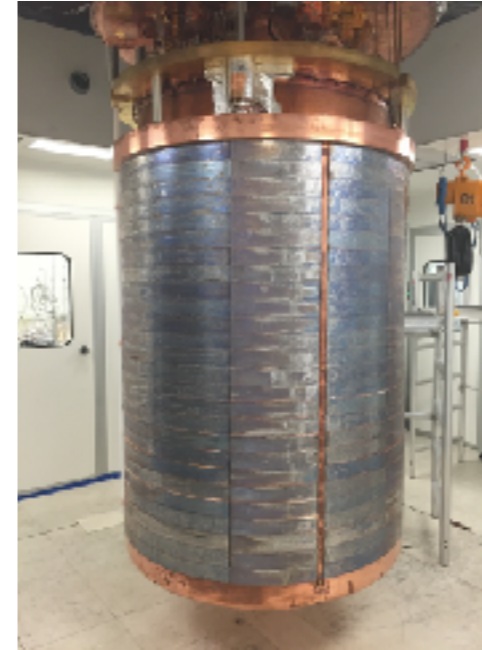
Passive Background Mitigation Techniques

Shielding

~1300 m rock overburden at LNGS

Ancient lead shielding around crystal

Copper shielding



Lead Shielding: Photograph courtesy of the CUORE collaboration

Radio Purity of Materials and the Environment

Crystal fabrication and purification techniques

Surface cleaning

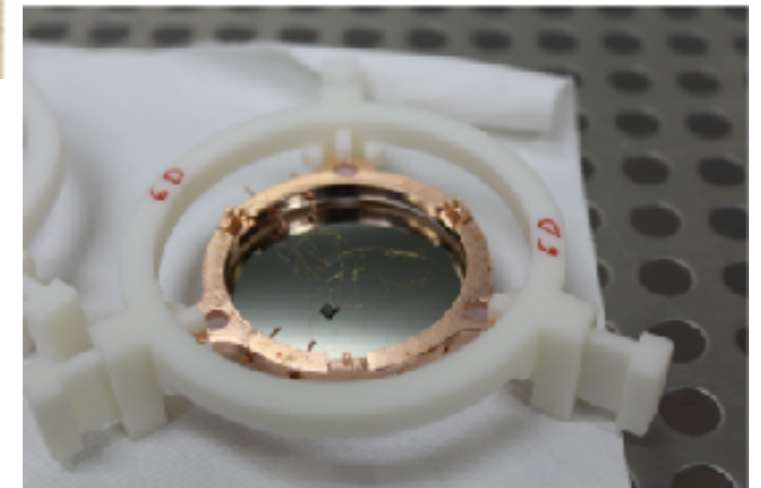
Underground storage of materials to avoid cosmogenic activation

Radon Abatement

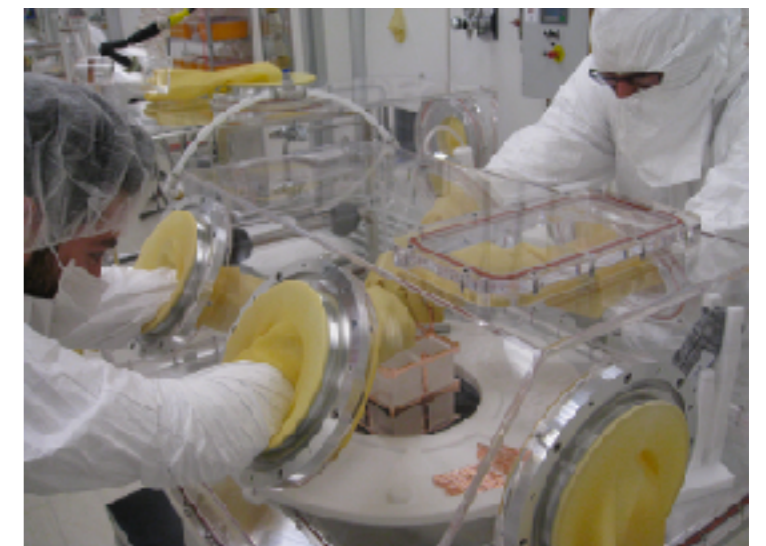
Radio-purity Assessments

Clean Rooms, nitrogen filled gloveboxes

CUPID-0 Light Detector



Construction of a CUORE tower in a Glovebox



Active Mitigation Techniques: Particle Identification Scintillating Bolometers

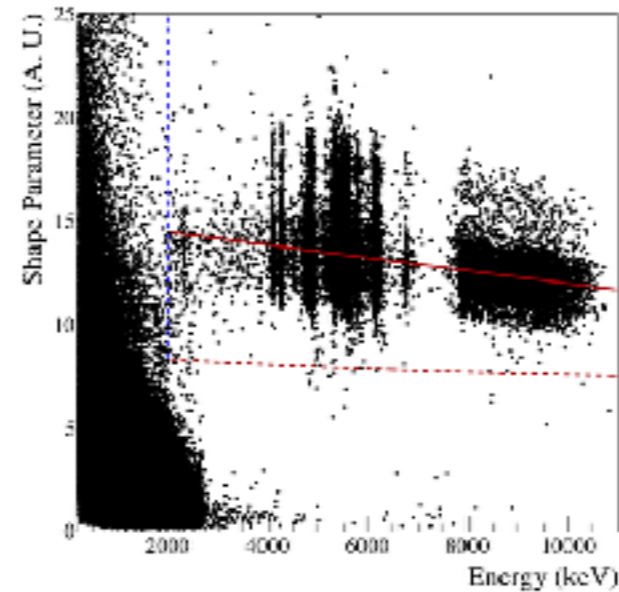
Scintillating Calorimeters give both a **heat and light signal**

CUPID-0 has demonstrated this technique for discriminating between α and β/γ events based on the pulse shape analysis

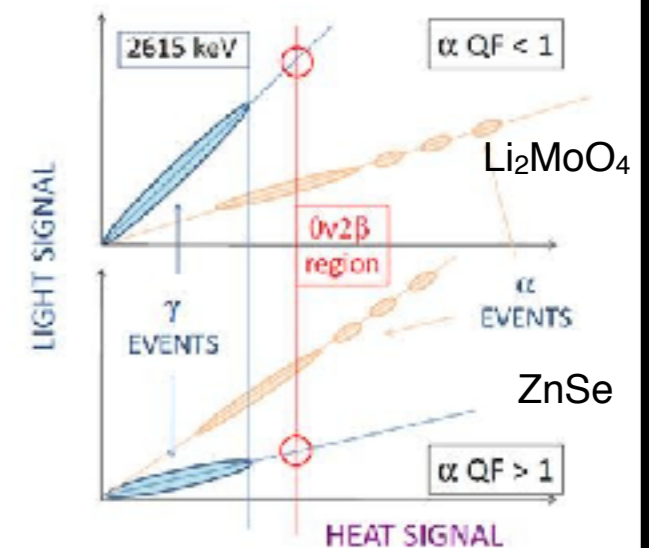
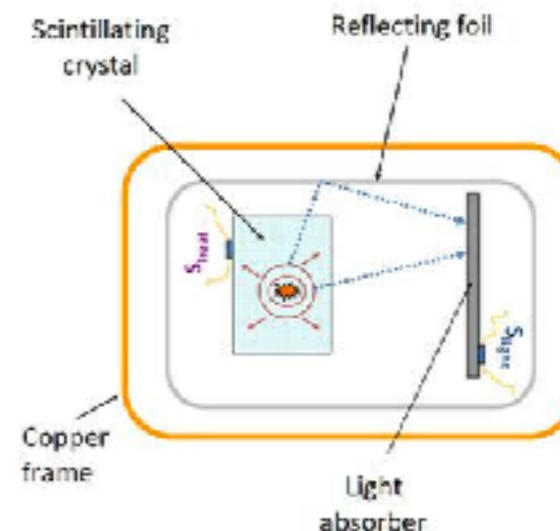
α Rejection rate of 99.9% in CUPID-Mo

Heat and light signal could also help discriminate between $2\nu\beta\beta$ signal

KN.00007: Performance and optimization of transition-edge sensor based photon detectors for CUPID (V. Singh)



Shape parameters of light pulses in CUPID-0 data to distinguish α and β/γ event



Particle Identification using the heat and light signals from a scintillating bolometer

Active Mitigation Techniques: Muon Tagging

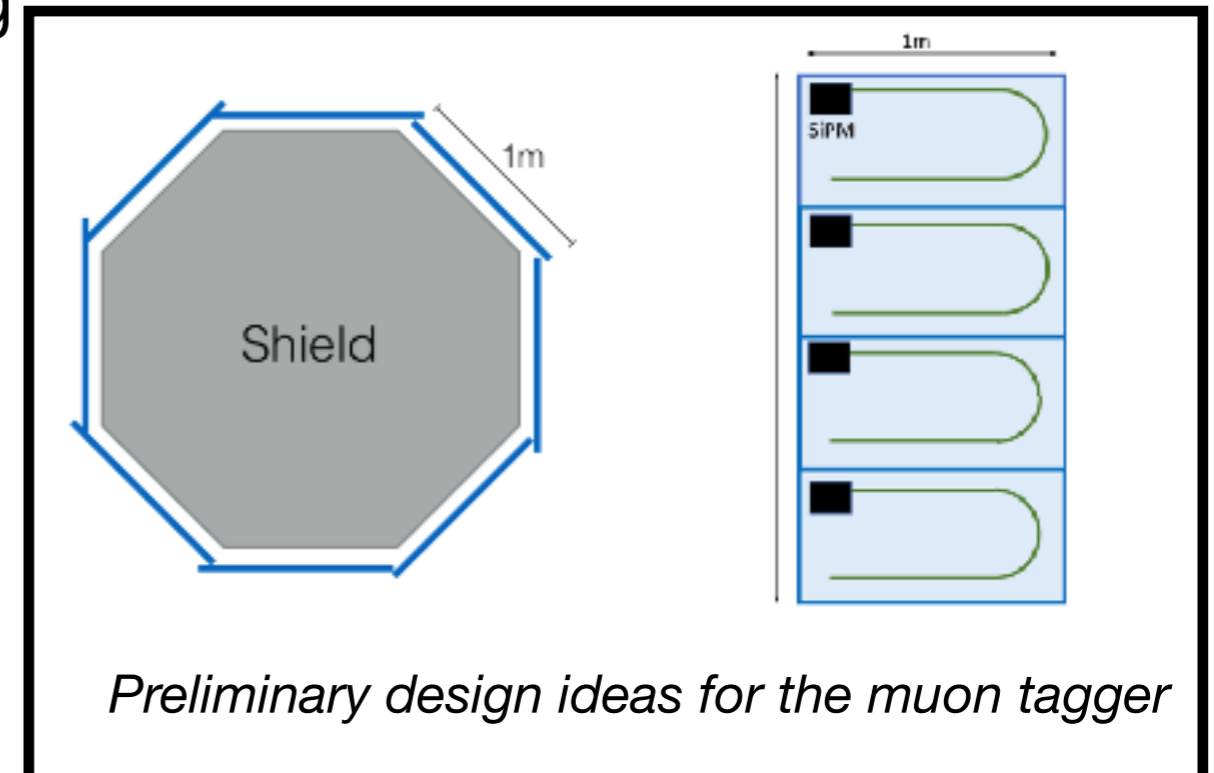
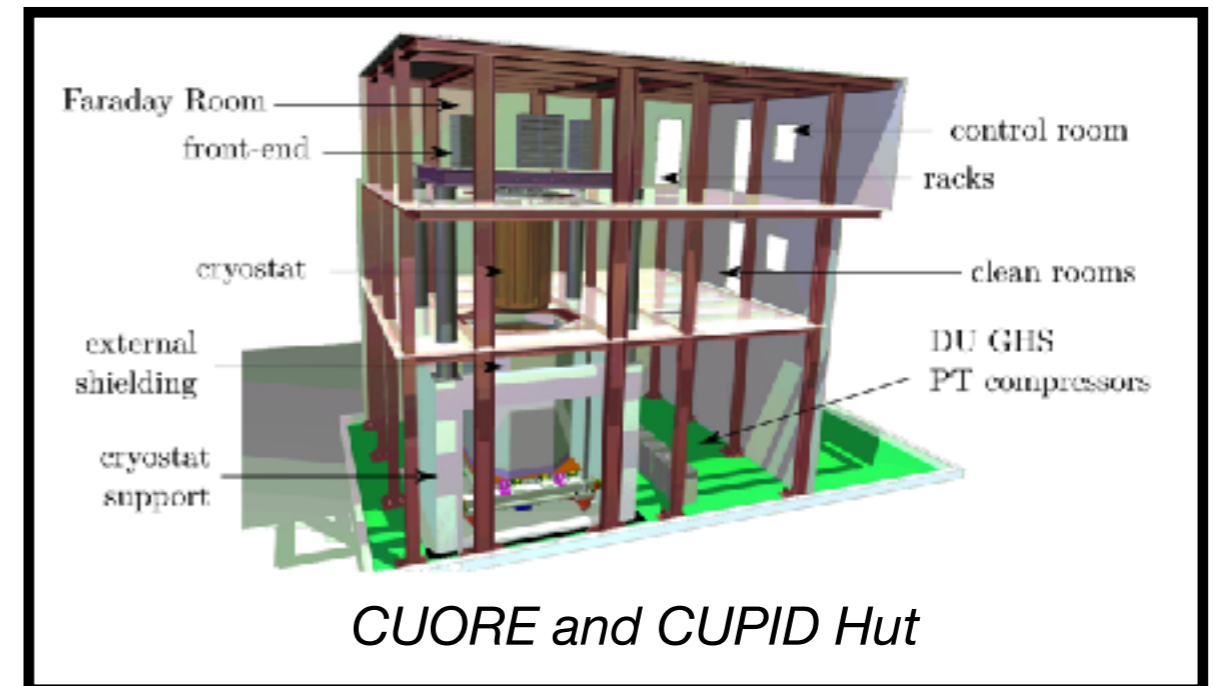
Cosmogenic muons become CUPID's **most significant background** after upgrades

Predicted Muon Rate: is $\sim 10^{-4}$ counts/(keV·kg·yr), which is **~ 1.8 muon/hours in the CUPID crystals, 7 muons/hour in lead shield**

Limited space between external shielding and the surrounding environment

Goal: 99% Efficiency

Exploring modular designs of plastic scintillator panels with wavelength shifting fibers, and Silicon Photomultipliers (SiPMs) as detectors



Muon Veto Simulations and Prototyping

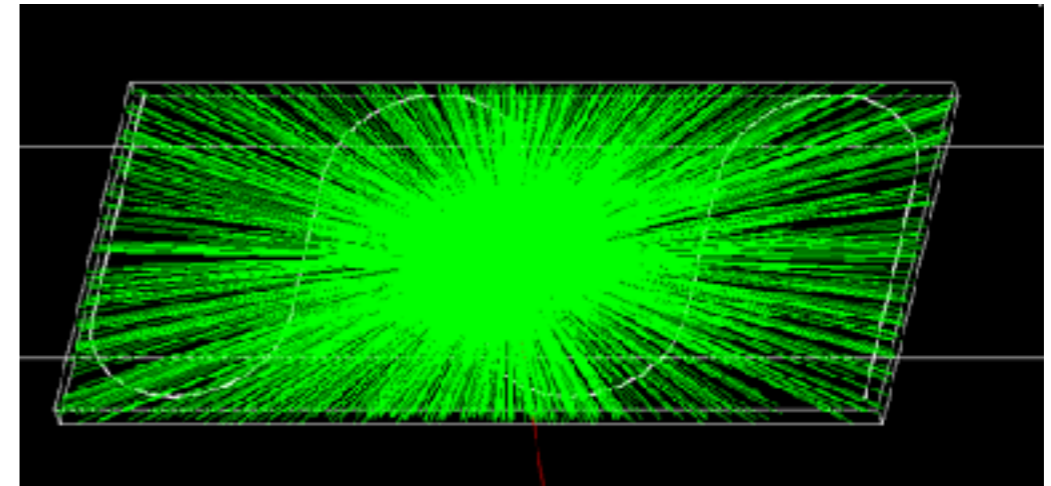
Monte Carlo simulations in Geant4 of various panels designs and geometry

Panel width, wavelength shifting fiber coverage and design, reflective material

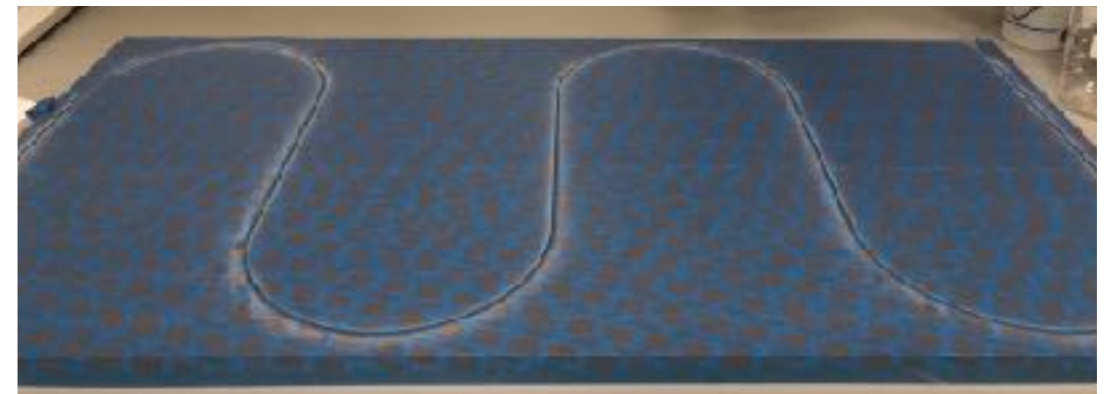
Studies of overall light yield, uniformity, efficiency

Discrimination between cosmogenic muon and radioactive backgrounds

Concurrent prototyping and testing efforts



Geant4 simulation of a muon hitting a muon veto panel

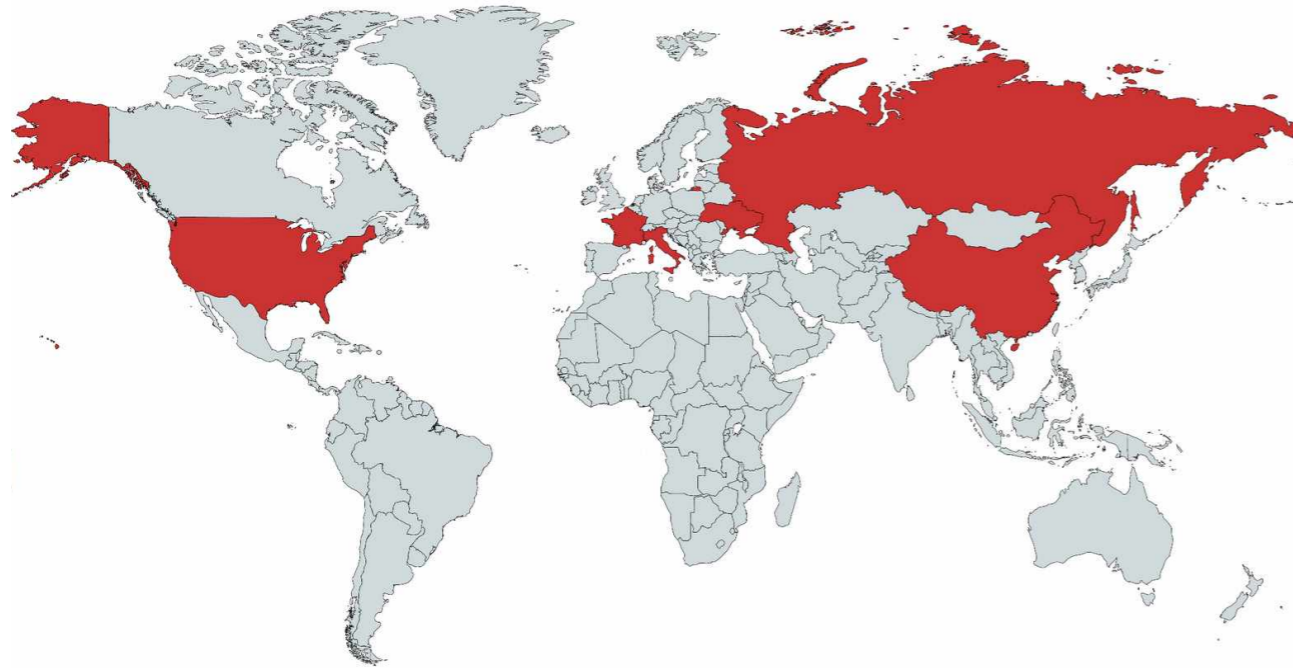


Prototype of a muon veto panel

Summary

- Reaching new sensitivity regions from CUORE to CUPID requires background mitigation
- Detailed modeling of expected backgrounds developed from observations in CUORE, CUPID-0, and CUPID-Mo
- Mitigation of major sources of backgrounds are being implemented

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