

# *Status of CUORE Experiment and Latest Results from CUORE-0*



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# What we know about neutrinos

- neutrinos are massive fermions
- there are 3 active neutrino flavors ( $\nu_\alpha$ )
- neutrino flavor states are mixtures of mass states ( $\nu_k$ )

$$|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_k U_{\alpha k} |\nu_k\rangle$$

Pontecorvo–Maki–Nakagawa–Sakata matrix

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13} e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13} e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Atmospheric / Accelerator                    Reactor / Accelerator                    Solar / Reactor

Measurements of neutrino parameters from:

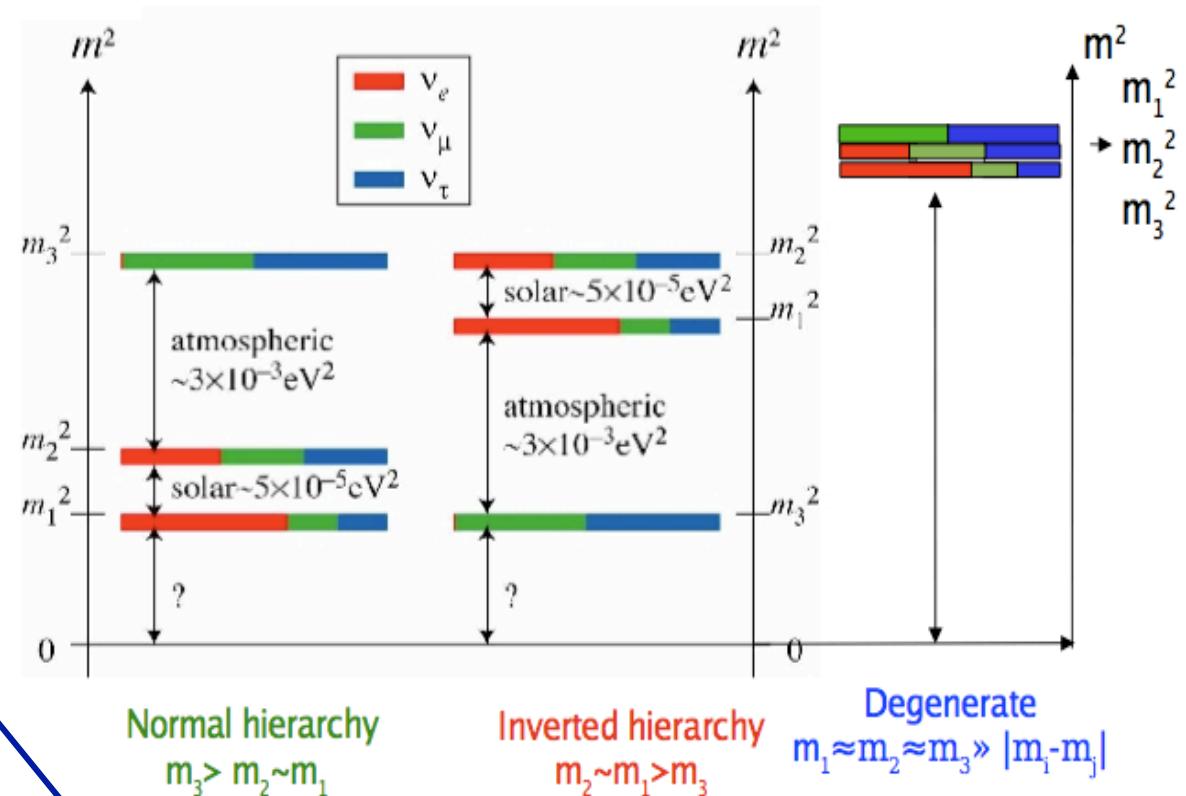
- neutrino oscillations
- single beta decay
- cosmology
- neutrinoless double beta decay

# Physics Motivations

Neutrino oscillation experiments proved that neutrinos are **Mixed** and **Massive**

## Open questions:

- Absolute mass scale and the hierarchy pattern
- Type of fermion: Dirac or a Majorana ?
- $\theta_{13}$  and values of the CP phases



*Motivations for  $0\nu 2\beta$  searches*

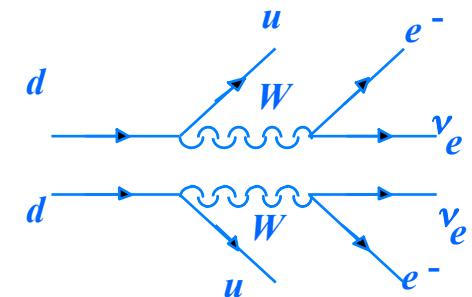
# Double Beta Decays

- Double Beta Decay

$$(N, Z) \rightarrow (N - 2, Z + 2) + 2e^- + 2\bar{\nu}_e$$

- 2<sup>nd</sup> order SM weak process
- already observed with lifetimes  $\tau \sim 10^{19}\text{-}10^{21}$  y

## 2n2b Decay

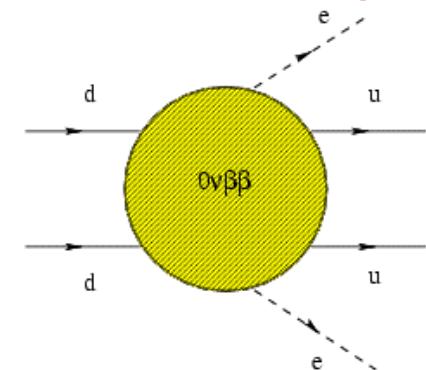


- Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

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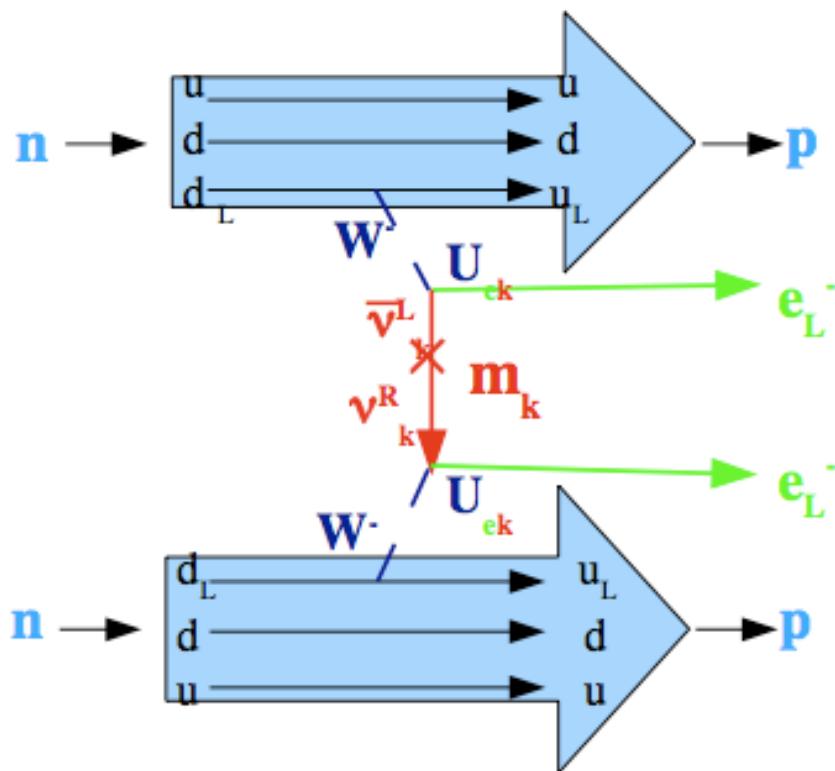
- Not allowed by SM (L-Violation)
- Claim of observation in  ${}^{76}\text{Ge}$ :  $t = 2.23 \times 10^{25}$  y  
Mod.Phys.Lett.A21:1547-1566,2006
- Neglecting the claim:  $\tau({}^{76}\text{Ge}) > 1.9 \times 10^{25}$  y  
Phys. Rev. D 63 073005
- Possible only if neutrinos are Majorana particles  
Schettler, Valle Phys. Rev. D25 2951 1982

## 0n2b Decay



# $0\nu2\beta$ Decay and the Effective Mass

In the (standard) hypothesis that the process is mediated by the exchange of a light Majorana  $\nu$  the **half-life** for  $0\nu2\beta$  is:



$$\left(\tau_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta}\right)^{-1} = G(Q, Z) \left|M_{nucl}\right|^2 |m_{\beta\beta}|^2$$

Phase space factor,  $\sim Q^5$ , can be computed exactly

$$m_{\beta\beta} = \left| \sum_k m_{\nu_k} U_{ek}^2 \right|$$

Nuclear matrix element, main source of uncertainty when deriving  $m_{\beta\beta}$  from  $\tau$

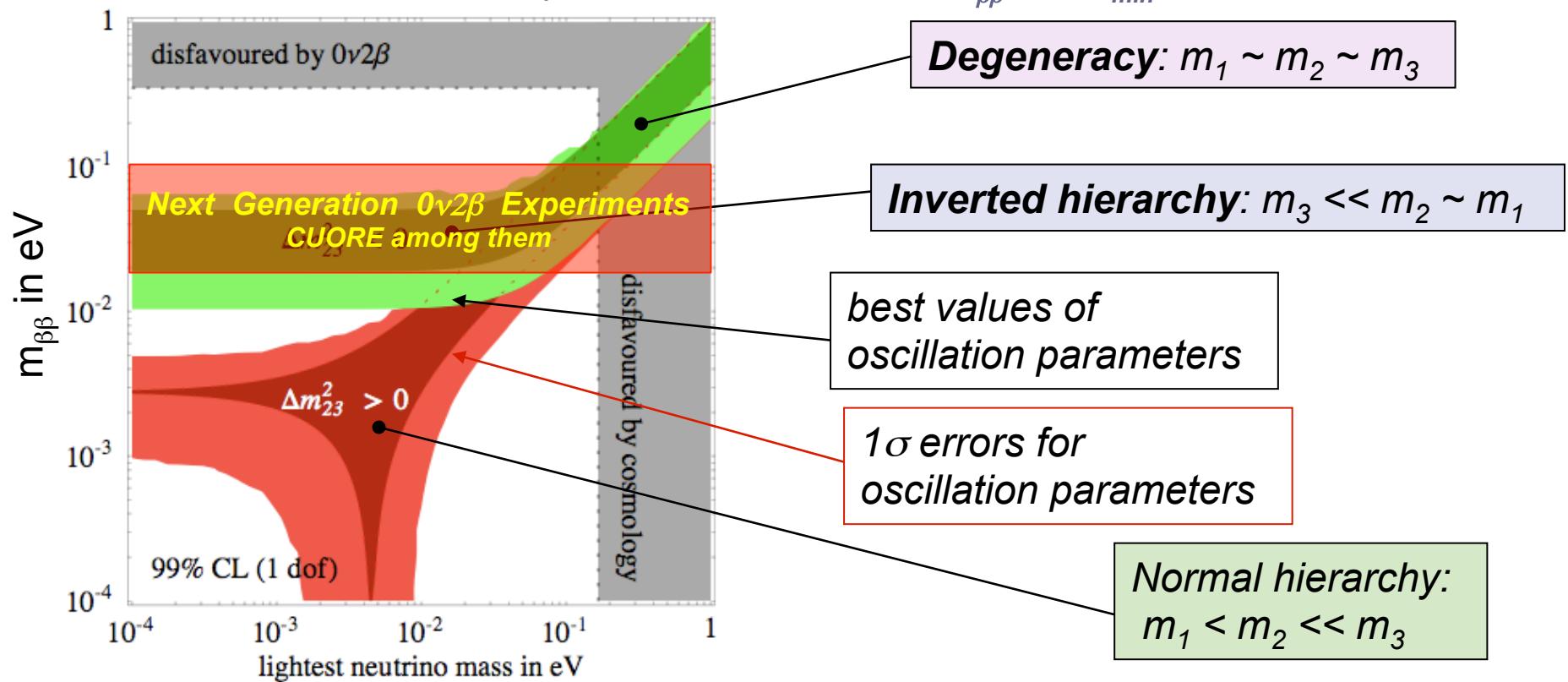
From the measurement of  $m_{\beta\beta}$  constraints on the  $\nu$  Mass Hierarchy can be set

# $0\nu2\beta$ and Mass Hierarchy Patterns

We can express the effective neutrino mass in terms of the measured oscillation parameters and of the unknown lightest neutrino mass:

$$m_{\beta\beta} = f(U_{ek}, m_{lightest}, \Delta m_{12}, \Delta m_{13})$$

and therefore use the oscillation parameters to constraint  $m_{\beta\beta}$  and  $m_{min}$



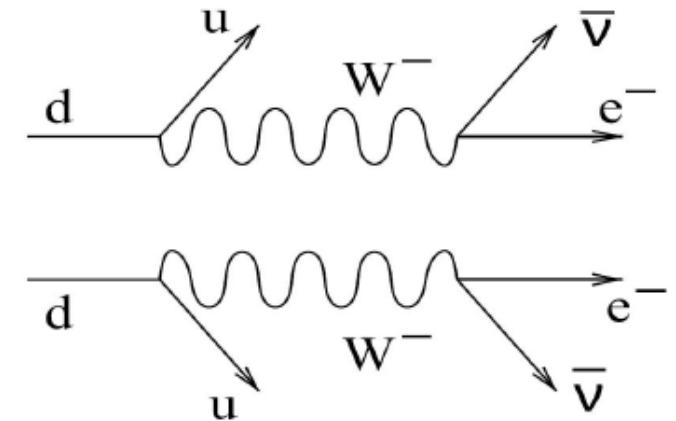
A. Strumia, F. Vissani, arXiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0606054

# $2\nu 2\beta$ vs $0\nu 2\beta$ Decay

## Double Beta Decay:

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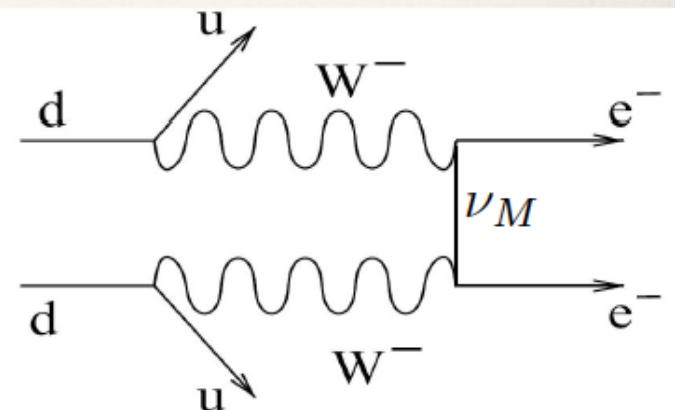
- Second order SM weak process
- Observed with lifetimes  $T_{1/2} \sim 10^{19} - 10^{21}$  y



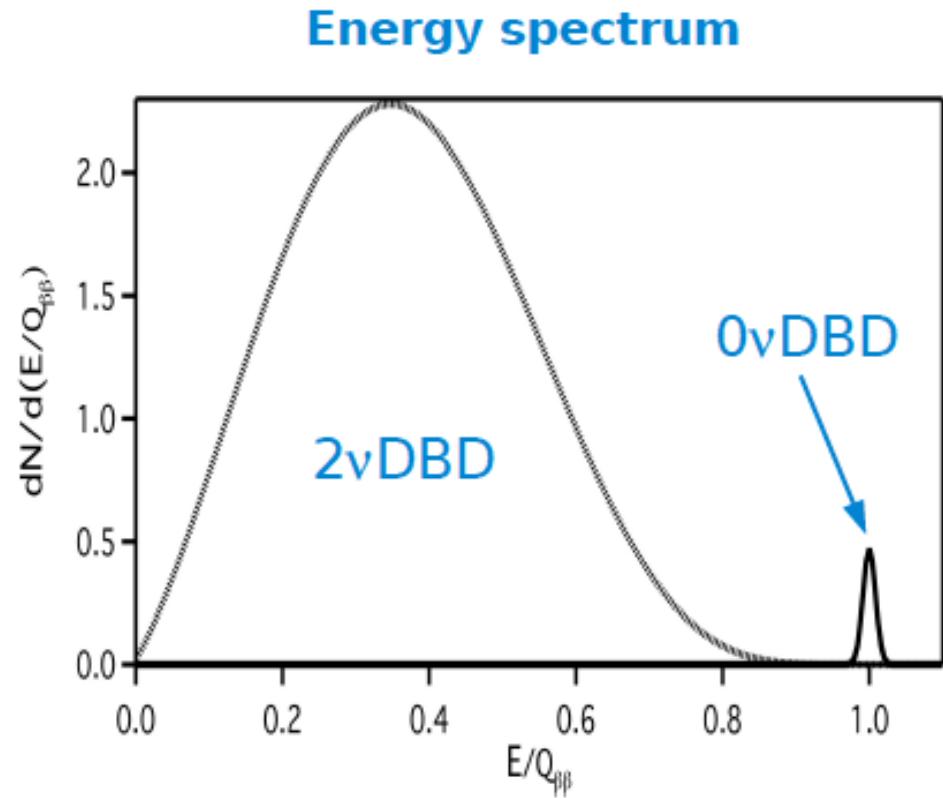
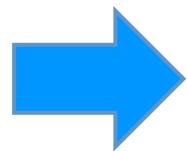
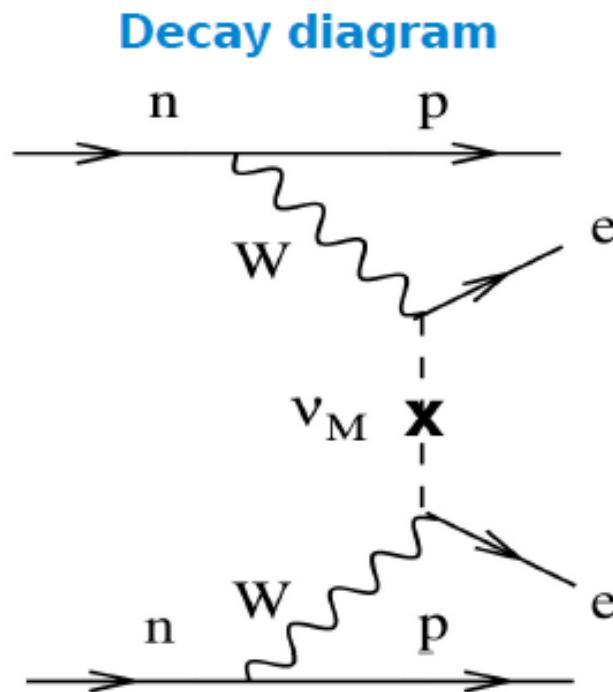
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- Not allowed by the Standard Model ( $\Delta L=2$ )
- Possible only if neutrinos are Majorana particles



# $0\nu2\beta$ Decay Signature



# Experimental Sensitivity ( $0\nu2\beta$ )

$$\langle m_\nu \rangle \propto M^{1/4}$$

$$\tau_{1/2}^{0\nu}(y) \propto \frac{\epsilon}{A} \sqrt{\frac{M \cdot t}{N_{Bckg} \cdot \Delta E}}$$

M: mass (g)  
 ε : efficiency  
 K<sub>C.L.</sub>: Confidence level  
 N: Avogadro number

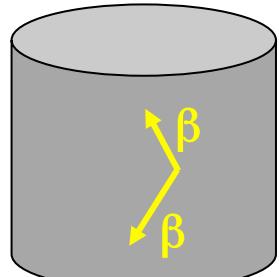
t: time (y)  
 N<sub>Bckg</sub>: Background events (keV<sup>-1</sup>.g<sup>-1</sup>.y<sup>-1</sup>)  
 ΔE: energy resolution (keV)

## Calorimeter

## Semi-conductors

## Bolometers

**Source = Detector**

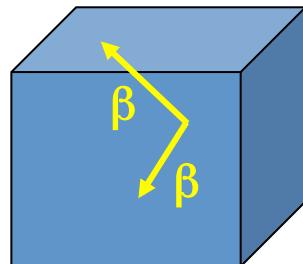


ε, ΔE

## Calorimeter

## (Loaded) Scintillator

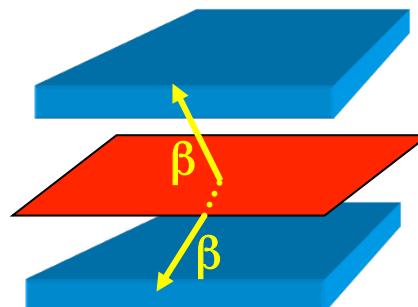
**Source = Detector**



ε, M

## Track-calorimeter

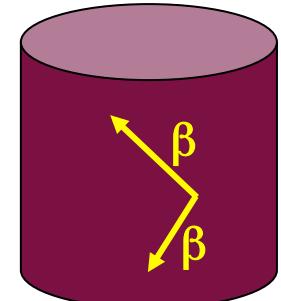
**Source ≠ Detector**



N<sub>Bckg</sub>, isotope choice

## Xe TPC

**Source = Detector**



ε, M, (N<sub>Bckg</sub>)

# A lot of detector ideas!





***Determining the Nature of Neutrino  
using  
Bolometric Techniques***

# The Bolometric Technique

- Crystals, **cooled to  $\sim 10$  mK** inside a **Dilution-Refrigerator Cryostat**, have small heat capacities: single particle interactions produce measurable rises in temperature.

## Good Features:

- Excellent energy resolution
- Wide choice of detector materials
- Large source mass
- High Efficiency
- Real Calorimeter

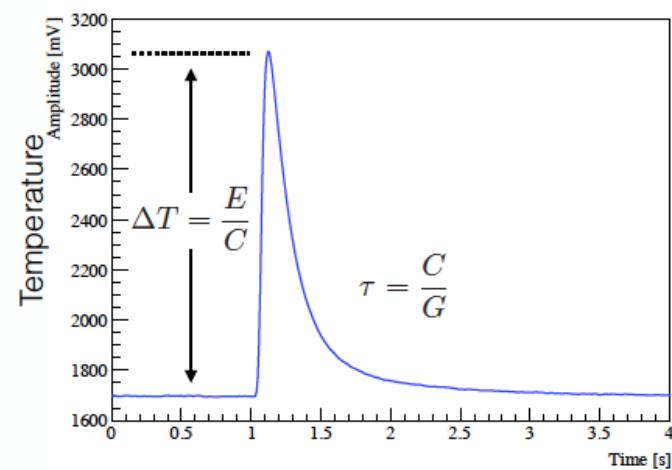
## Bad Features:

- Speed
- Very Low Operating Temperatures (5-10 mK)

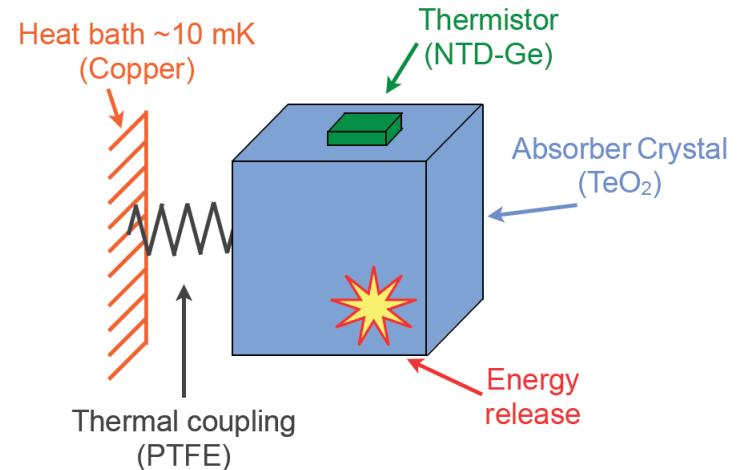
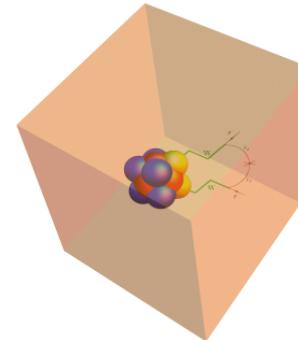
$$\Delta T(t) \approx \frac{\Delta E}{C} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

$$\tau = C / G$$

*C= Heat Capacity  
G= Thermal conduct.*



Source = Detector



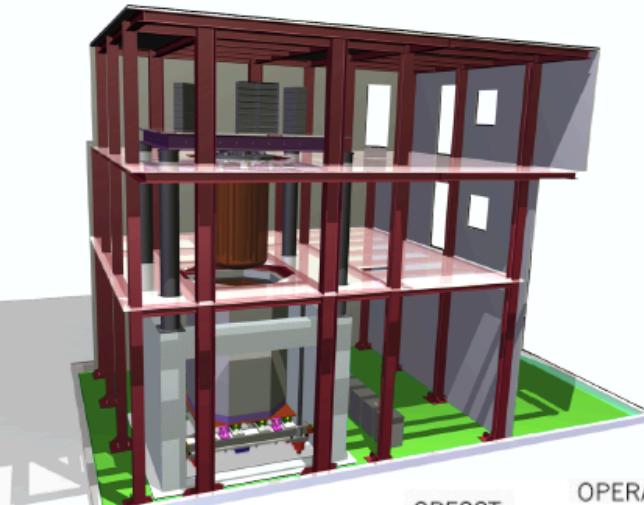


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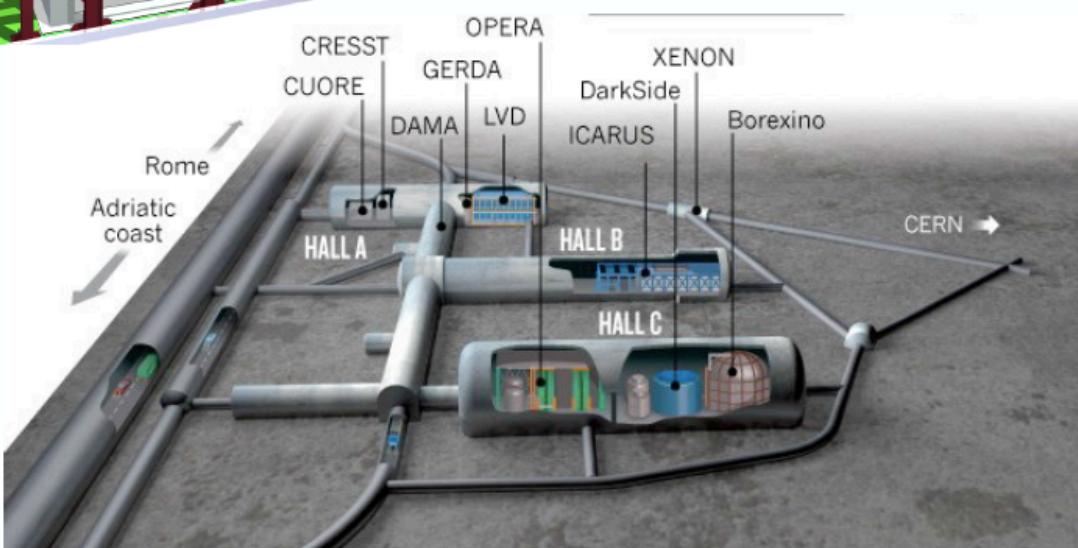




# ***CUORE: Cryogenic Underground Observatory for Rare Events***



- 1400 m of Rock coverage
- 3650 m Water equivalent deep
- Underground Area 18000 m<sup>2</sup>
- Cosmic  $\mu$  reduction  $10^{-6}$
- $\mu$  Flux =  $2.6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- g Flux =  $0.73 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- n Flux =  $2.6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$



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***CUORE*** in Italian stands for Hearth

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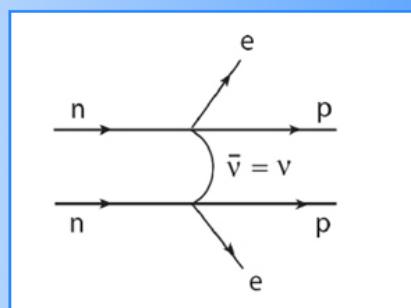
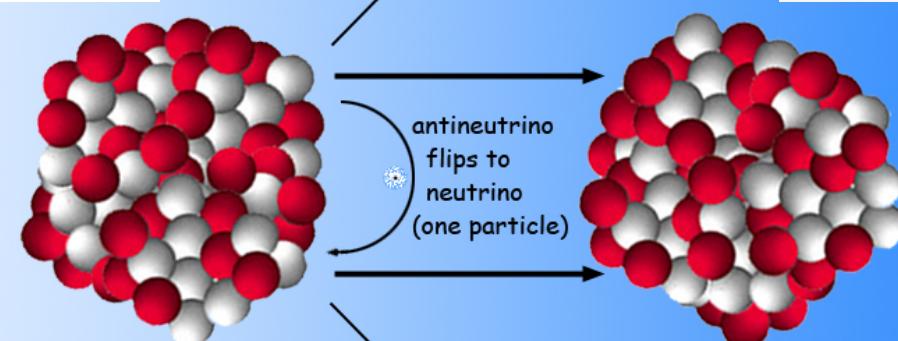
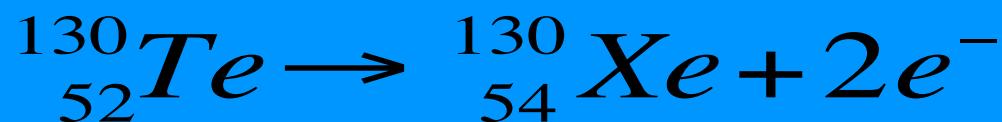


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- n Flux=  $2.6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ;
  
- Underground Area **18000 m<sup>2</sup>**;
- External Facilities;
- Very Easy access (highway);
- **800 Scientist** from >24 Countries.





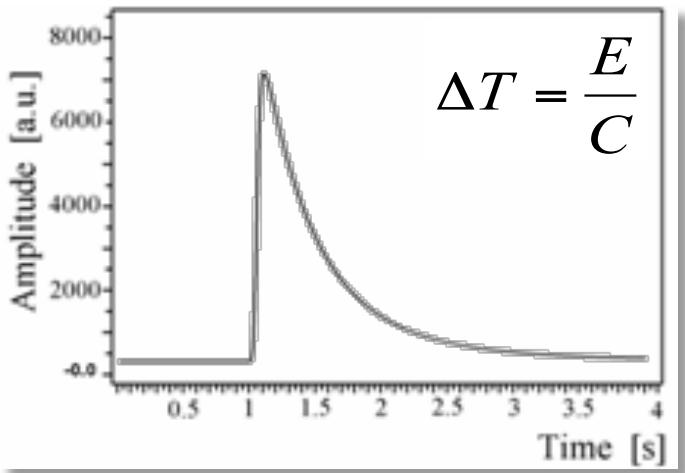
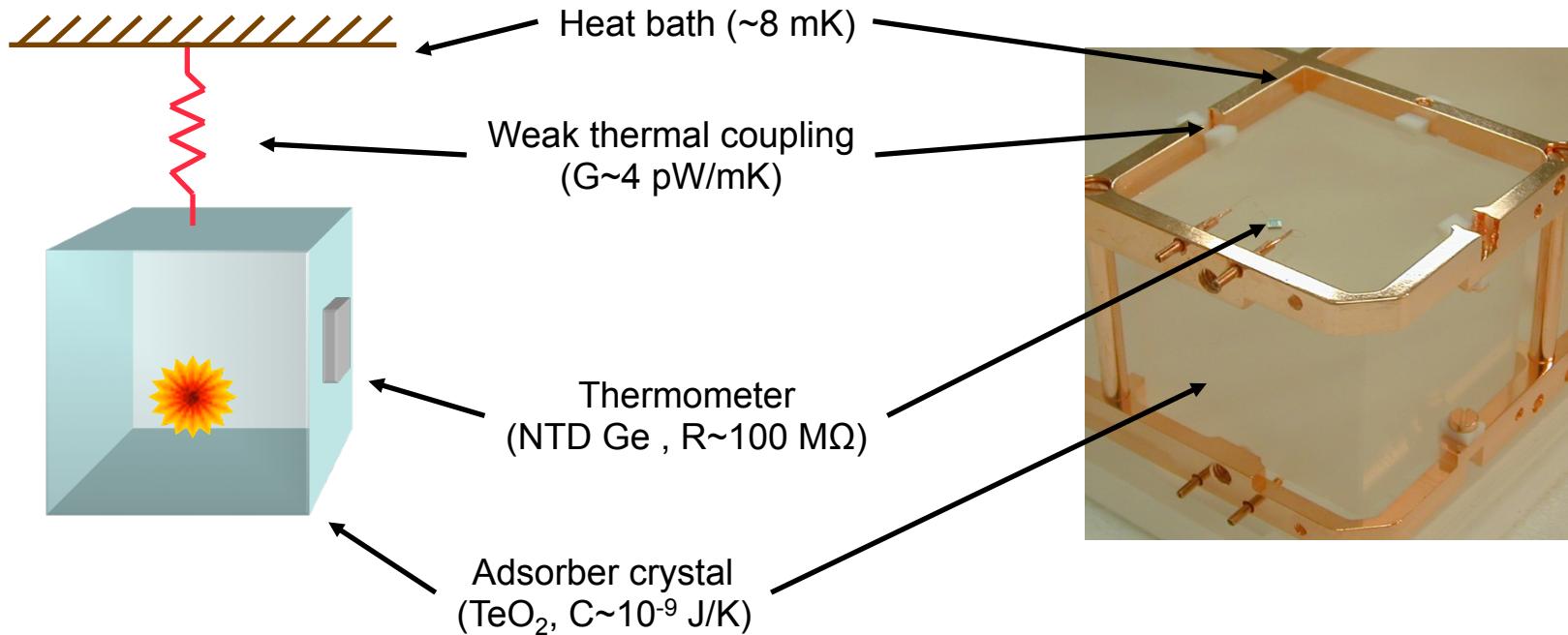
# $^{130}\text{Te}$ Double Beta Decay



14	IVA	15	VA	16	VIA	17	VIIA
6	12.011	7	14.007	8	15.999	9	18.998
<b>C</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Ne</b>			HELIUM
CARBON	NITROGEN	OXYGEN	FLUORINE	NEON			
14 28.086	15 30.974	16 32.065	17 35.453	18 39.948			
<b>Si</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Cl</b>	<b>Ar</b>			
SILICON	PHOSPHORUS	SULPHUR	CHLORINE	ARGON			
32 72.64	33 74.922	34 78.96	35 79.904	36 83.80			
<b>Ge</b>	<b>As</b>	<b>Se</b>	<b>Br</b>	<b>Kr</b>			
GERMANIUM	ARSENIC	SELENIUM	BROMINE	KRYPTON			
50 118.71	51 121.76	52 127.60	53 126.90	54 131.29			
<b>Sn</b>	<b>Sb</b>	<b>Te</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>Xe</b>			
TIN	ANTIMONY	TELLURIUM	IODINE	XENON			
82 207.2	83 208.96	84 (209)	85 (210)	86 (222)			
<b>Pb</b>	<b>Bi</b>	<b>Po</b>	<b>At</b>	<b>Rn</b>			
LEAD	BISMUTH	POLONIUM	ASTATINE	RADON			
114 (289)	Uuoq						
	UNUNQUADRIUM						



# CUORE Bolometers



## CRYSTAL

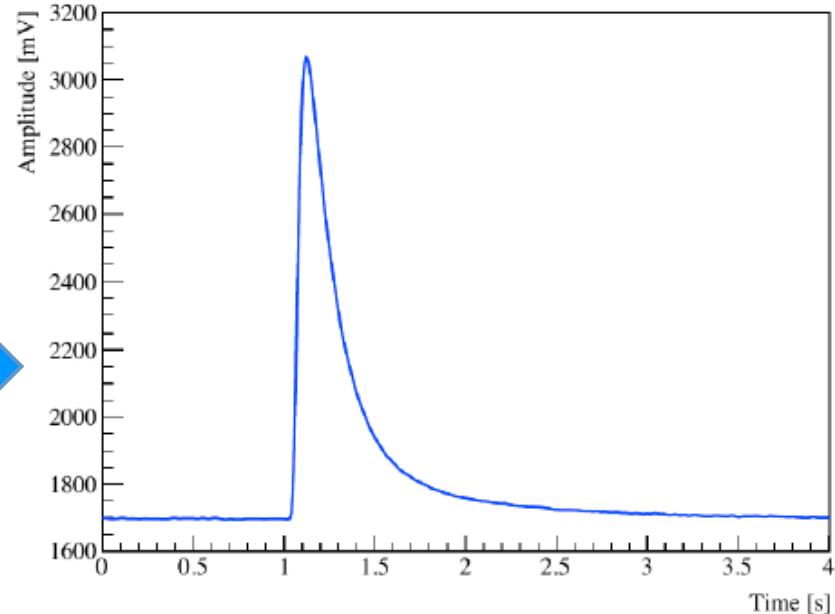
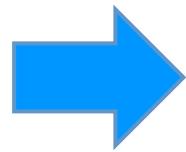
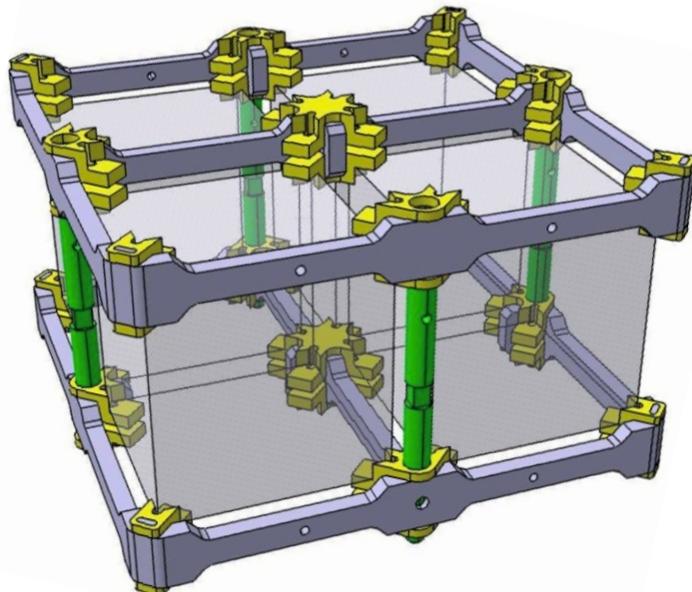
- $\text{TeO}_2$ , Sizes:  $5 \times 5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^3$ ; Mass= 0.75 kg
- Heat Capacity=  $10^{-9} \text{ J/K}$
- $\Delta T / \Delta E = 100 \mu\text{K}/\text{MeV}$

## SENSOR

- Joule heaters for calibration purposes
- Transmutation Doped (NTD) Ge thermistors
- $R = 100 \text{ M}\Omega$
- $\Delta R / \Delta E = 3 \text{ M}\Omega/\text{MeV}$



# CUORE Cryogenic Bolometers



**Absorber:**  $E \rightarrow \Delta T \sim E/C(T)$

$\text{TeO}_2$  crystals  $\sim 750$  g

Low heat capacity

High radio-purity

At  $T=10$  mK, energy deposited inside a  $\text{TeO}_2$  crystal by radiation produces a measurable rise in its temperature

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**Temperature sensor**  $\Delta T \rightarrow \Delta V$

NTD Ge thermistor

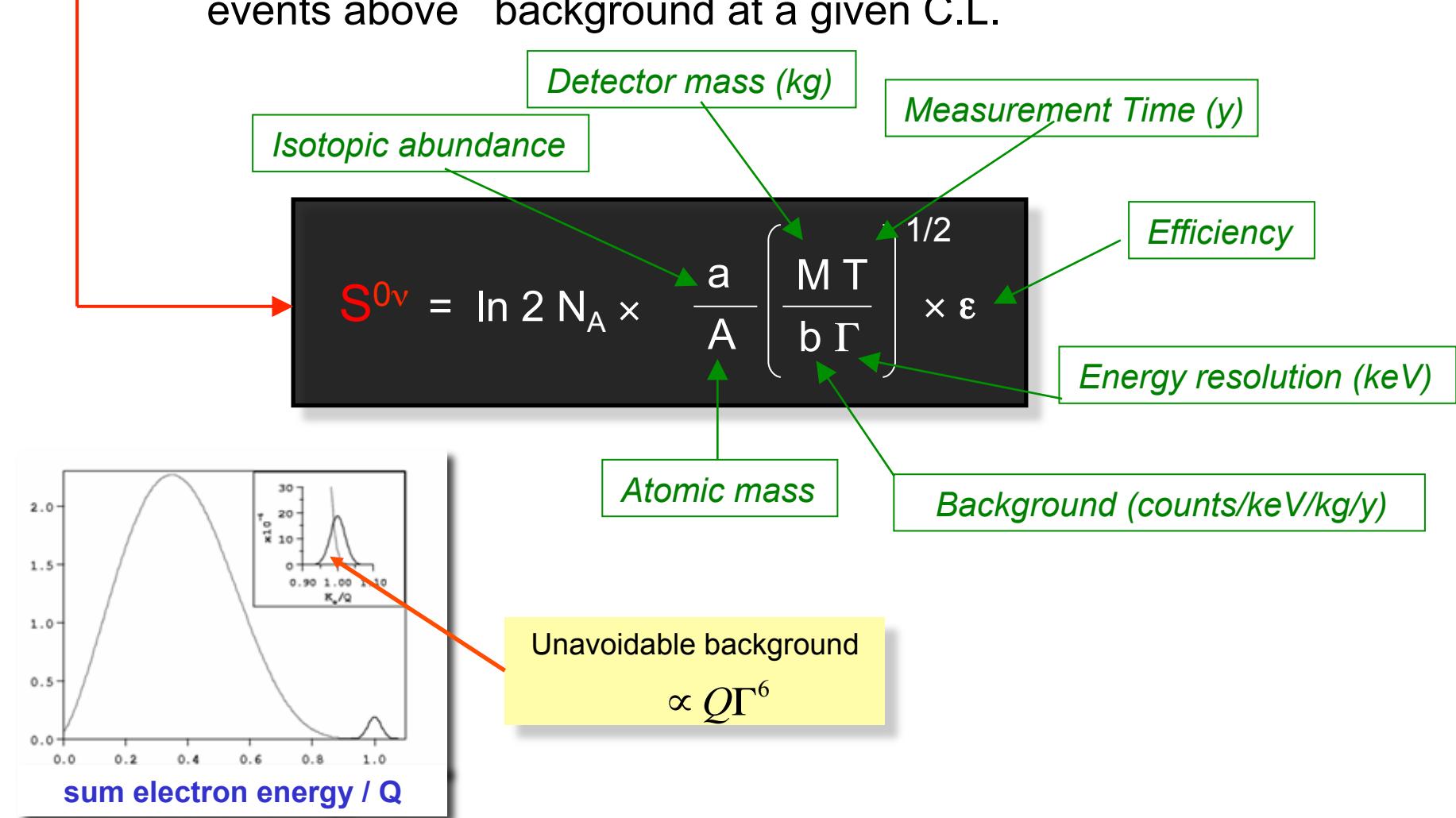
$R = R_0 \exp(T/T_0)^\gamma \rightarrow$  high sensitivity

Amplitude of temperature pulse is proportional to deposited energy

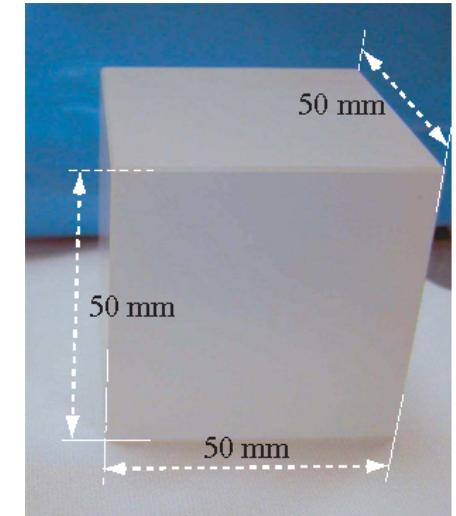
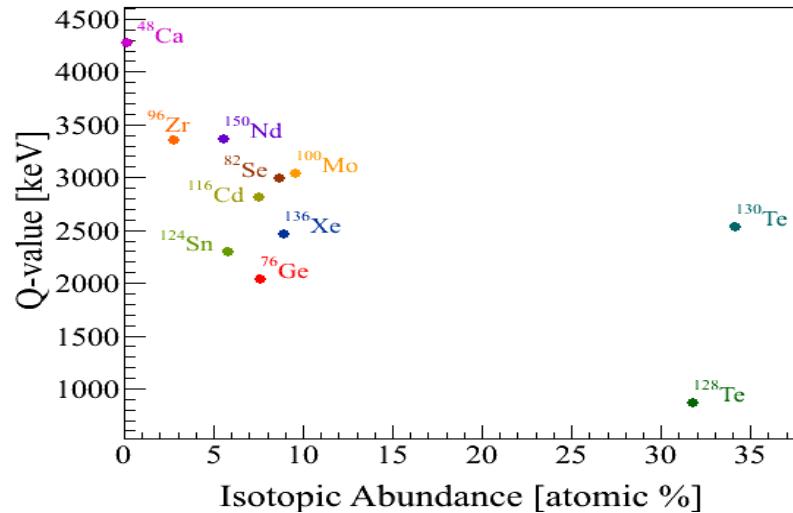
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# $0\nu2\beta$ Sensitivity

**Sensitivity:** Lifetime corresponding to the minimum number of detectable events above background at a given C.L.



# Why $^{130}\text{TeO}_2$ Crystals ?



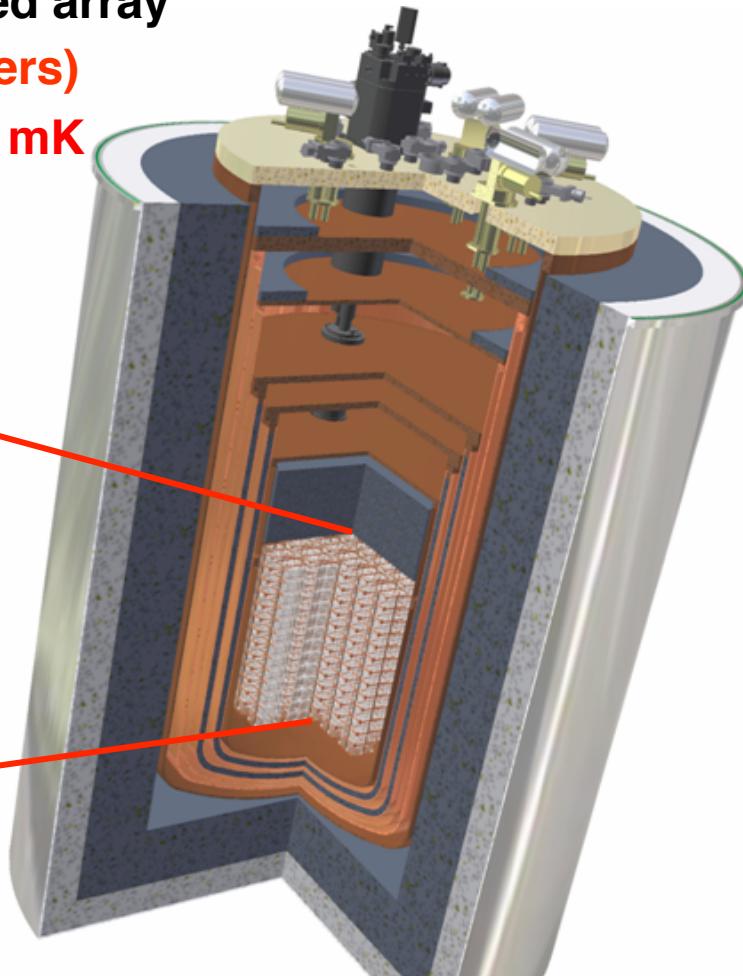
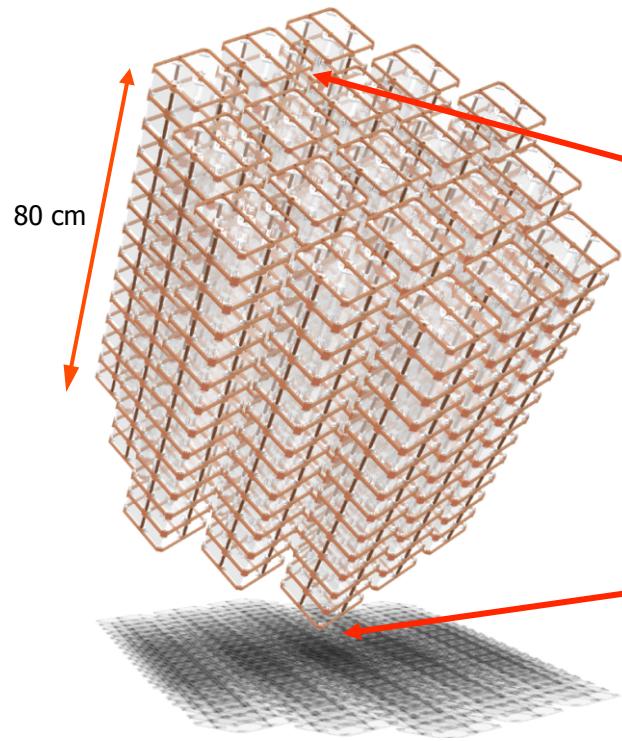
- There are 38 known nuclear isomers of tellurium ( $_{52}\text{Te}$ ), with atomic masses that range from 105 to 142;
- Naturally occurring Tellurium has eight isotopes. Five of those isotopes,  $^{122}\text{Te}$ ,  $^{123}\text{Te}$ ,  $^{124}\text{Te}$ ,  $^{125}\text{Te}$  and  $^{126}\text{Te}$ , are stable. The other three,  $^{120}\text{Te}$ ,  $^{128}\text{Te}$  and  $^{130}\text{Te}$ , have been observed to be radioactive;
- High natural abundance (i.a.  $^{130}\text{Te} \sim 34\%$ ): **no need for enrichment**;
- **Q-value  $\sim 2528$  keV** is above the energy range of most naturally occurring  $\gamma$  rays.

## Good Features:

- Favorable characteristics of these crystals if compared with Te.
- Higher Debye temperature;
- Rather **good mechanical properties** and it is **possible to grow large crystals**;
- **Good intrinsic radio-purity** (< 1 pg/g in  $^{232}\text{Th}$  and  $^{238}\text{U}$ ).



**CUORE** will be a closely packed array  
of 988 detectors (Bolometers)  
 $M = 741 \text{ kg}$  of  $\text{TeO}_2$  at 5-10 mK



### Detector

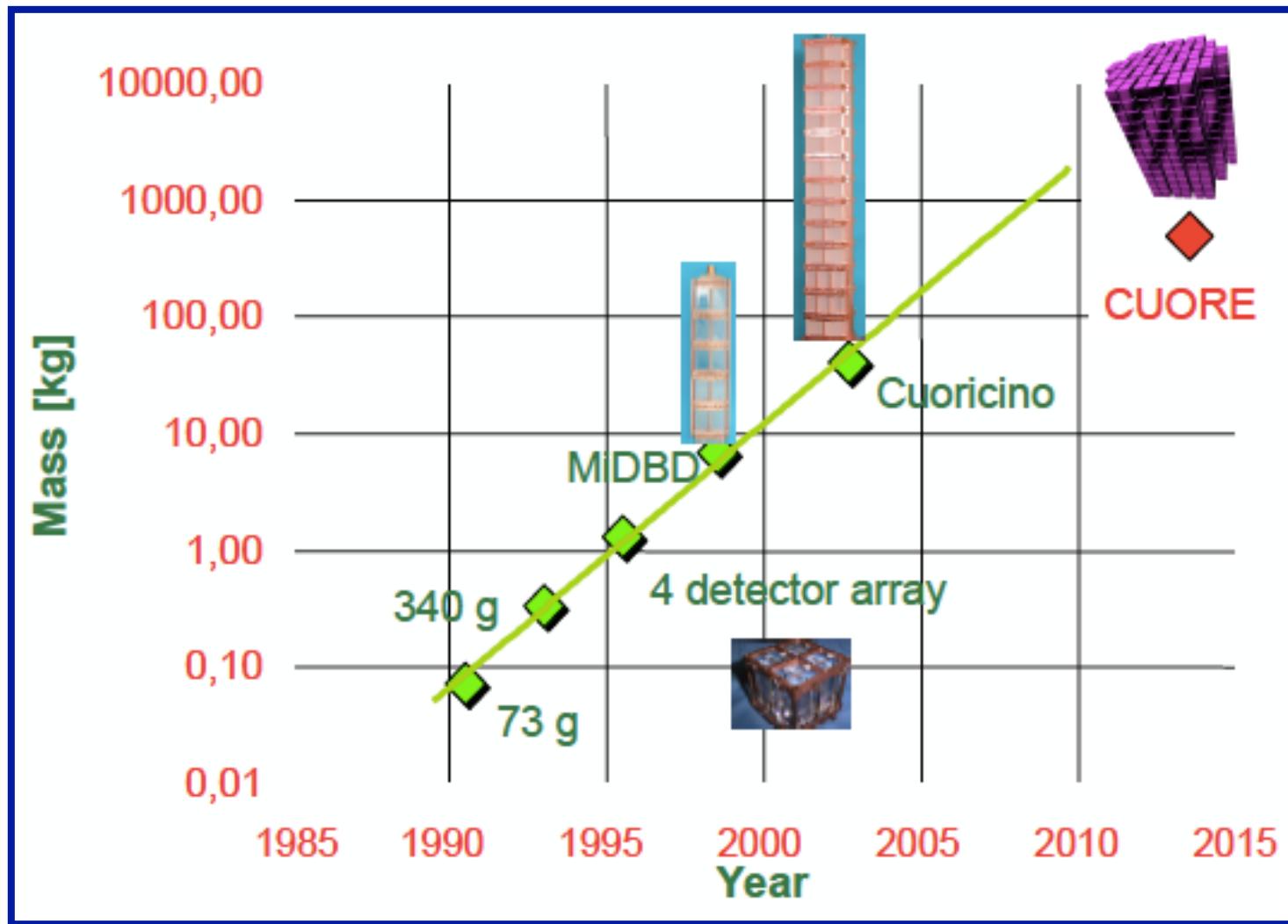
- $^{130}\text{Te}$  mass: 206 kg ( $\sim 10^{27}$  nuclei)
- $\text{TeO}_2$  mass: 741 kg
- 988  $\text{TeO}_2$  bolometers arranged in 19 towers
- Single crystal:  $5 \times 5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^3$  (0.75 kg)

### Goals

- Resolution: 5 keV FWHM at 2.5 MeV
- Bkg: 0.01 counts/(keV kg y)
- Half life sensitivity:  $1.6 \times 10^{26} \text{ y}$  ( $1\sigma$ )
- Majorana mass sensitivity: 39 – 102 meV ( $1\sigma$ )

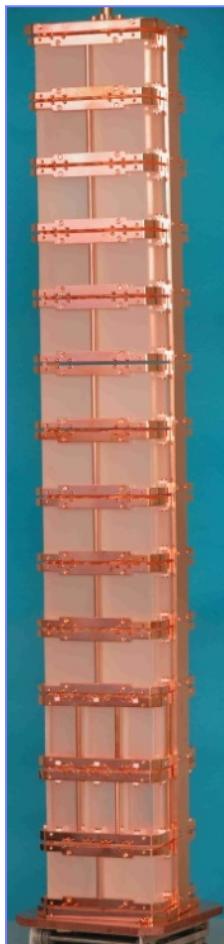


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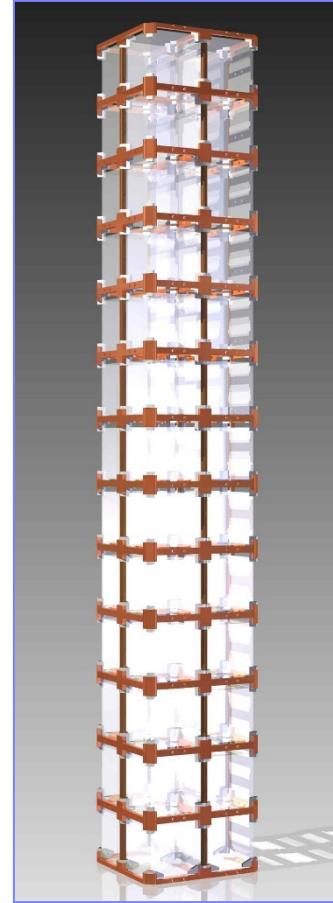


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2003 - 2008

11.3 kg  $^{130}\text{Te}$

(62 TeO<sub>2</sub> – 41 Kg)

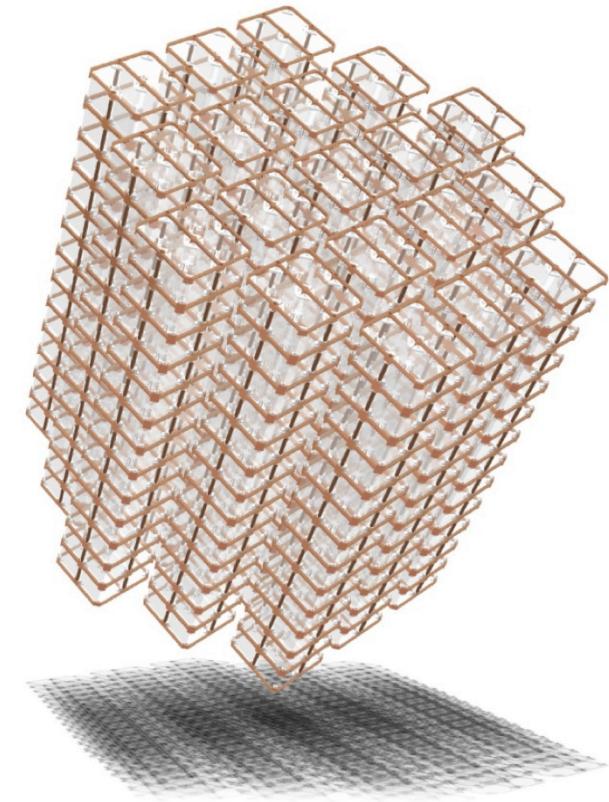


**CUORE0**

2013 - 2015

11.3 kg  $^{130}\text{Te}$

(59 TeO<sub>2</sub> – 39 Kg)



**CUORE**

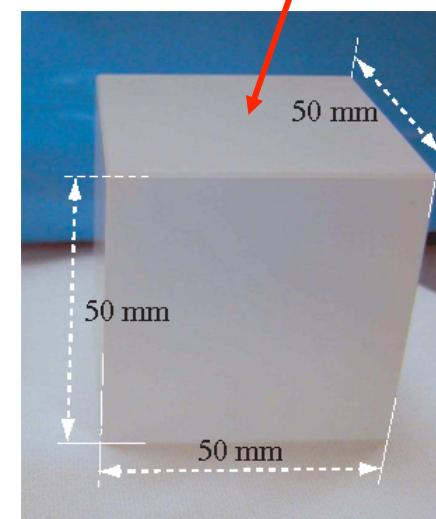
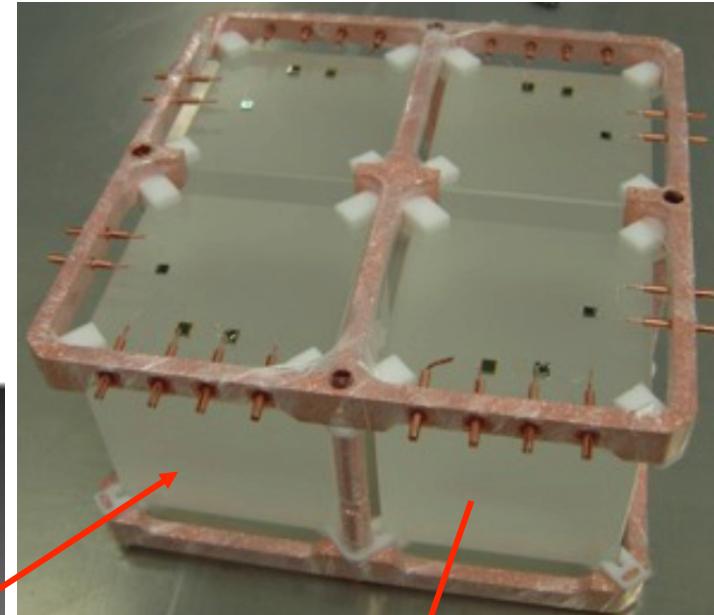
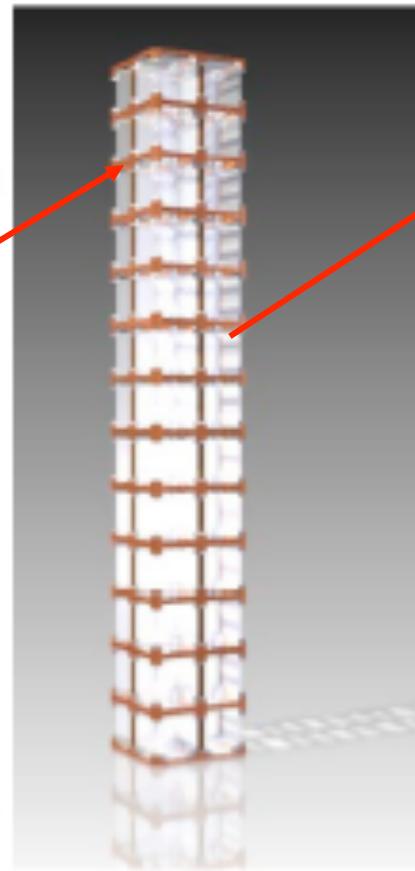
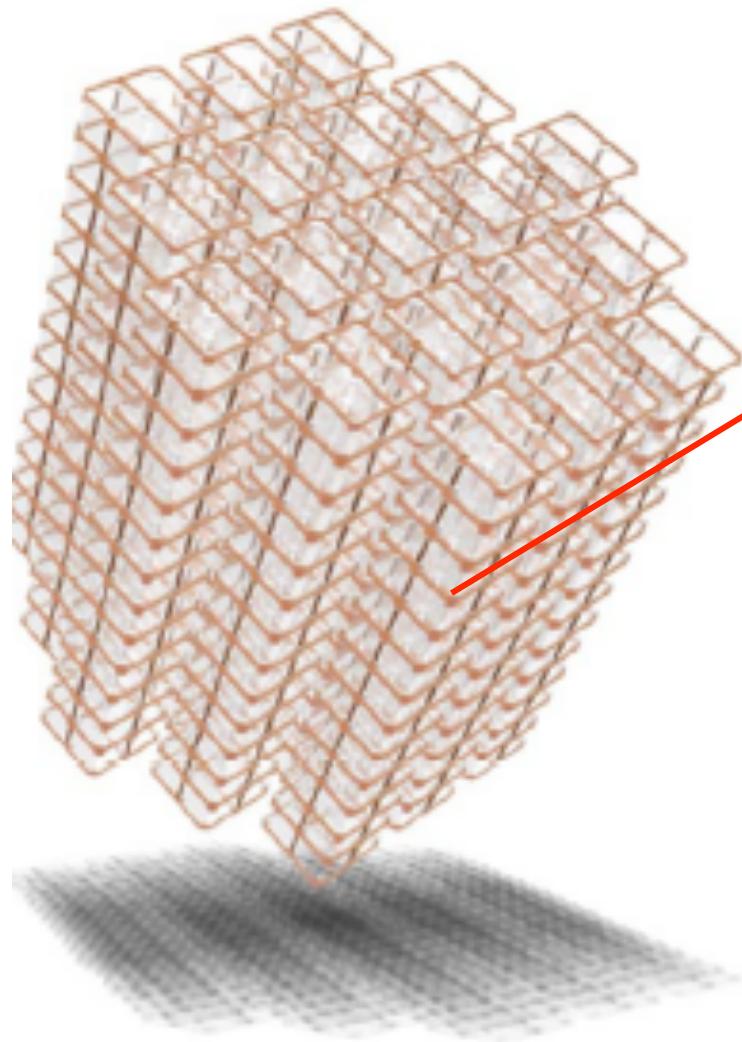
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206 kg  $^{130}\text{Te}$

(988 TeO<sub>2</sub> – 741 Kg)

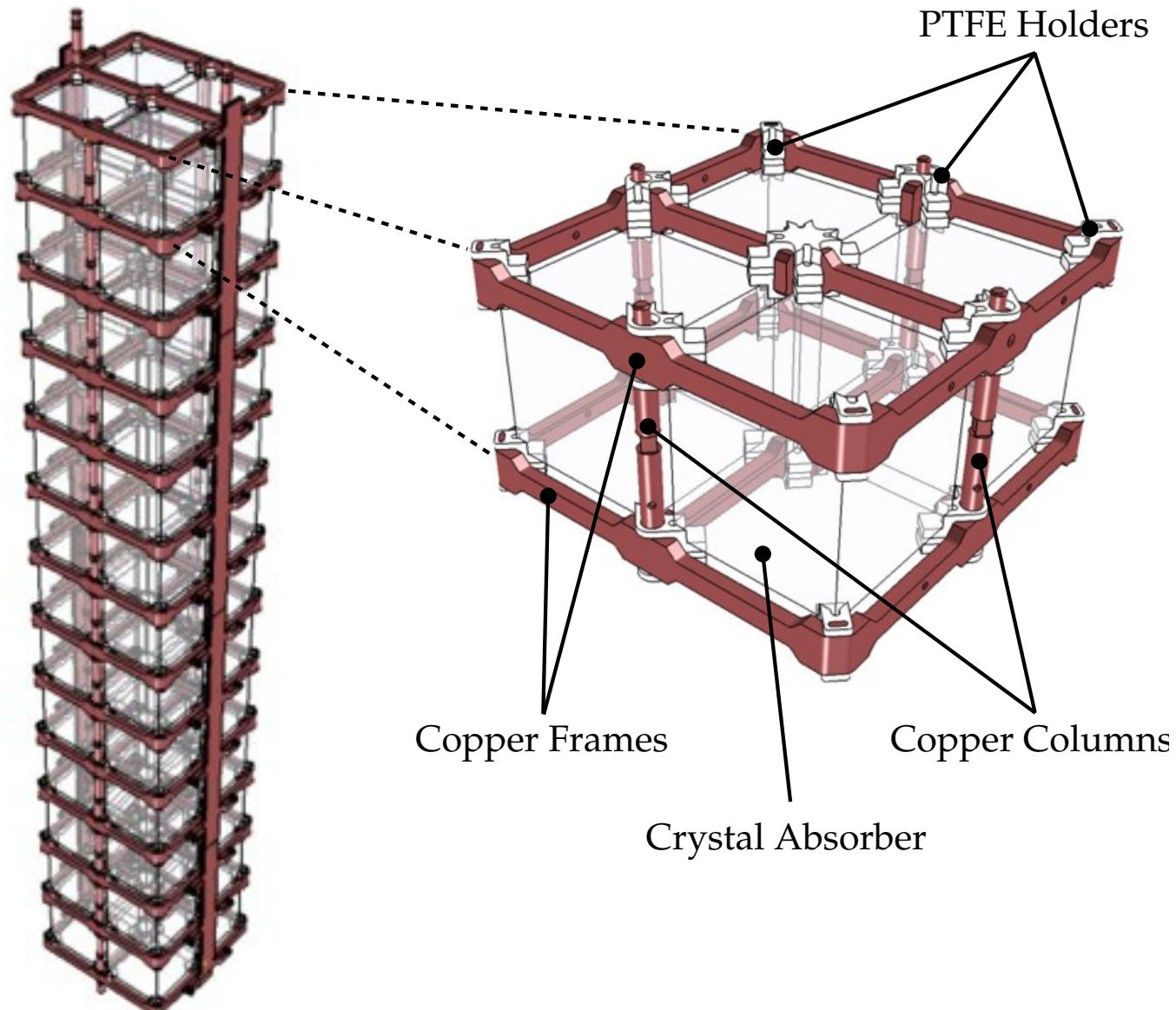


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# CUORE Bolometric Towers



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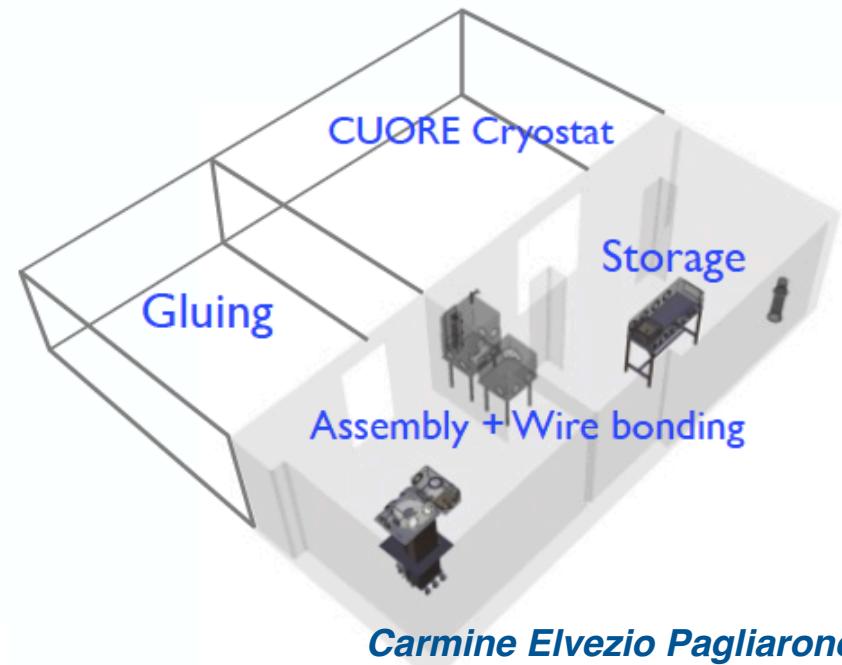
# CUORE Assembling Line



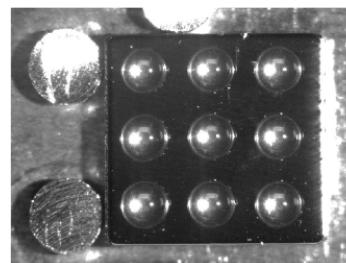
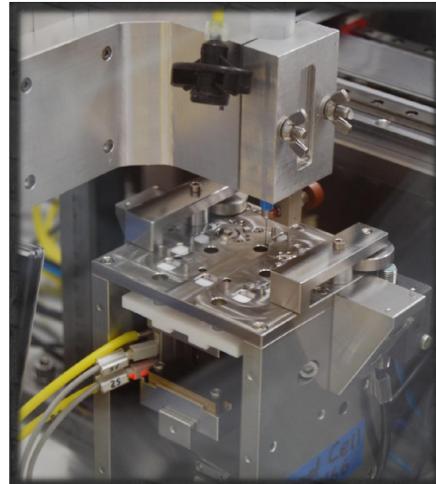
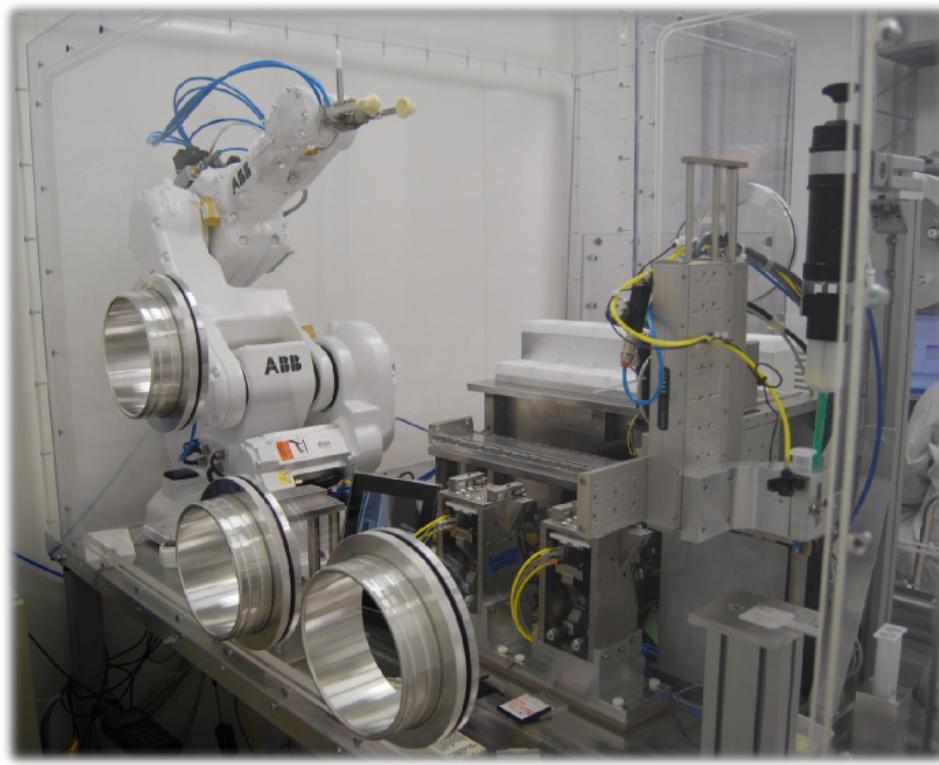
Class 1000 Clean Room for Detector Assembly and Storage



- All parts cleaned/screened according to CUORE protocol
- Stored underground at LNGS
- Assembly in underground clean room in N<sub>2</sub> flushed glove boxes



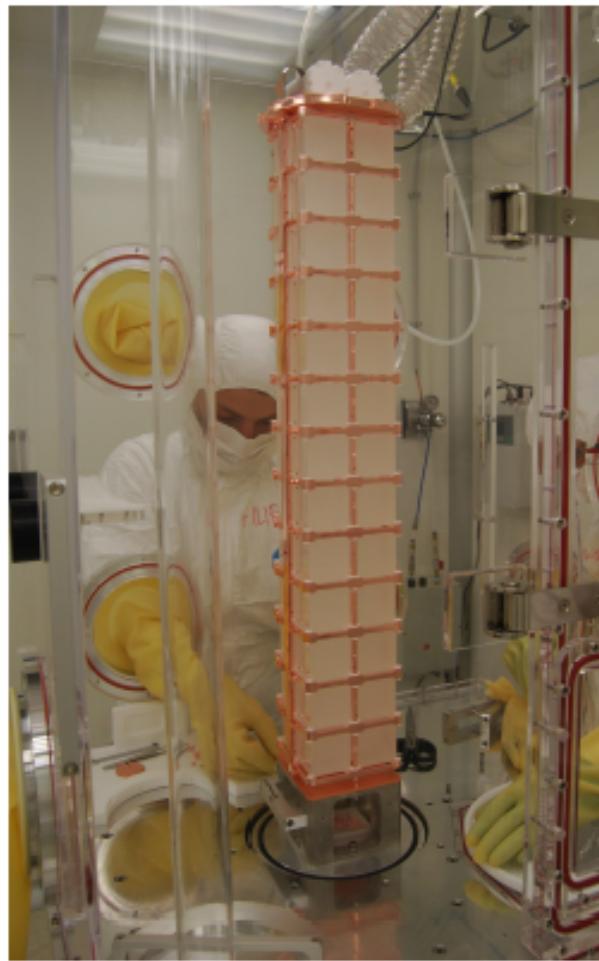
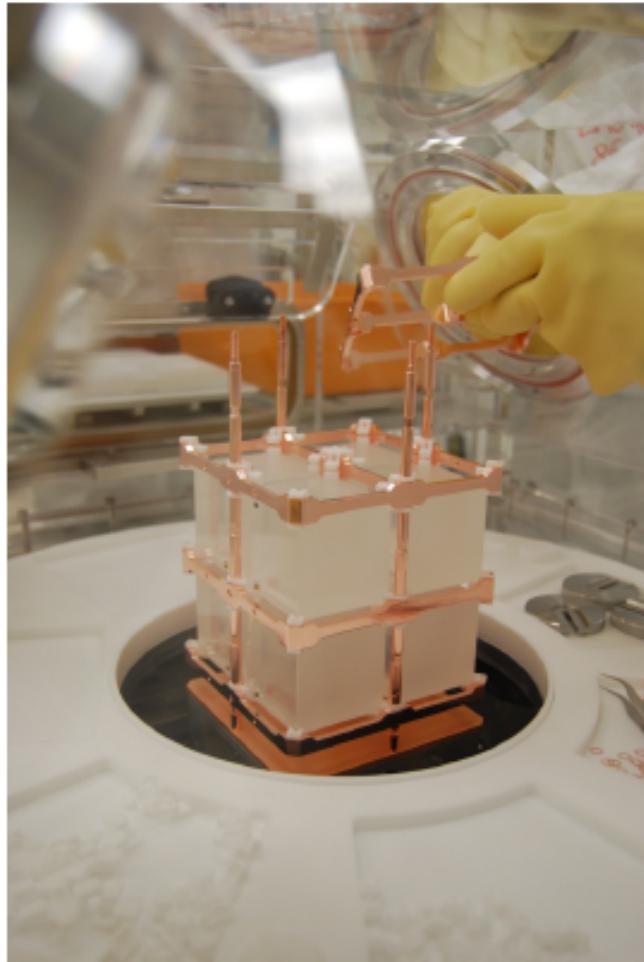
# *Gluing of Thermistors to TeO<sub>2</sub> crystals*



- Semiautomatic Gluing System (Clean Room @1° floor);
- Joule heaters for calibration purposes;
- Transmutation Doped (NTD) Germanium thermistor sensors.



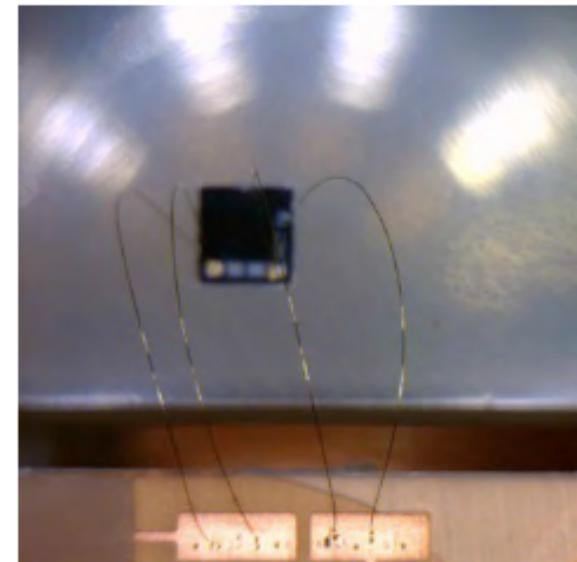
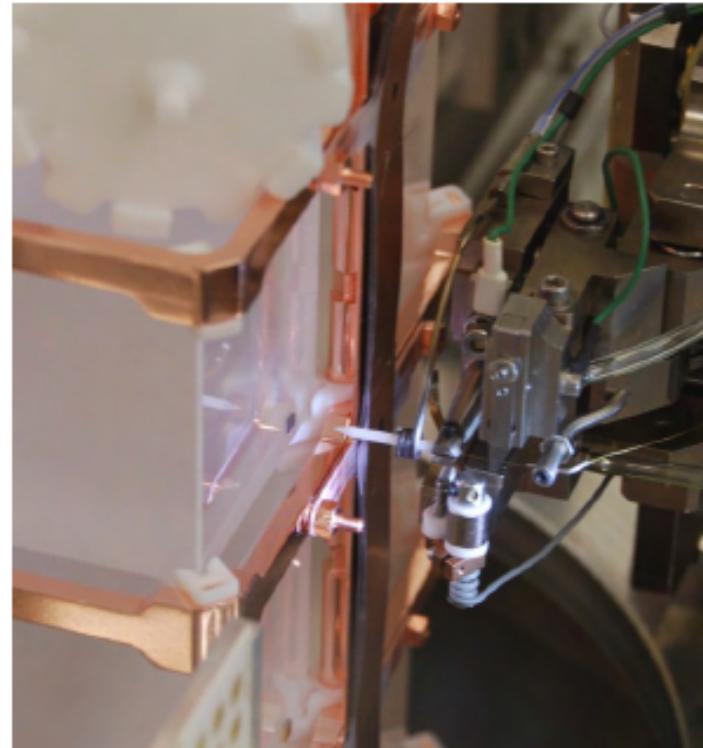
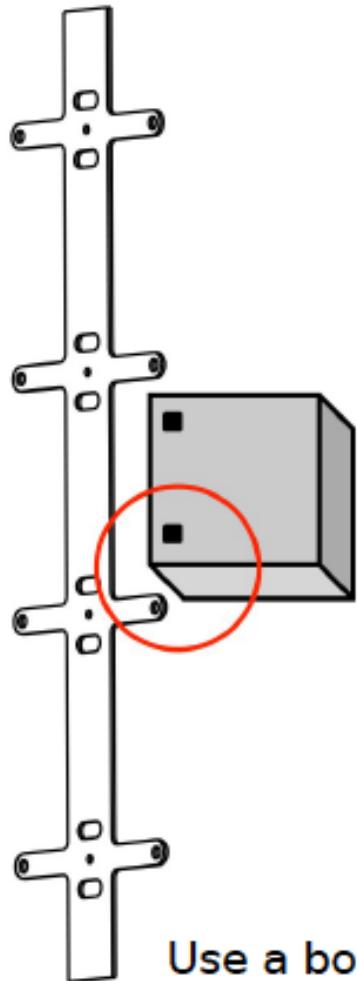
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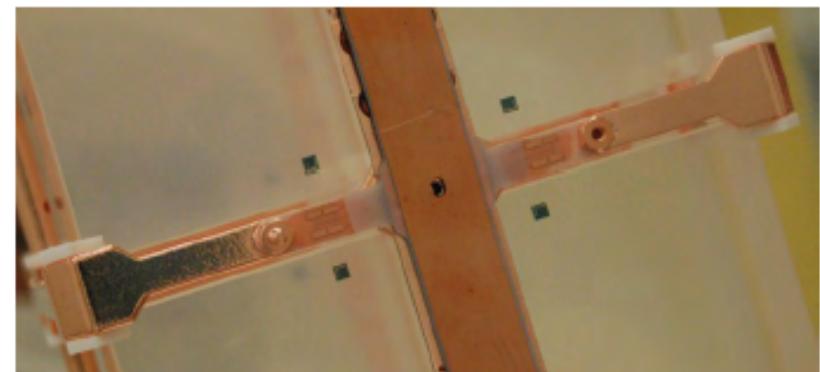
- Copper support structure
- Teflon supports
- Crystals
- Wire trays



# NTD Sensors Bonding

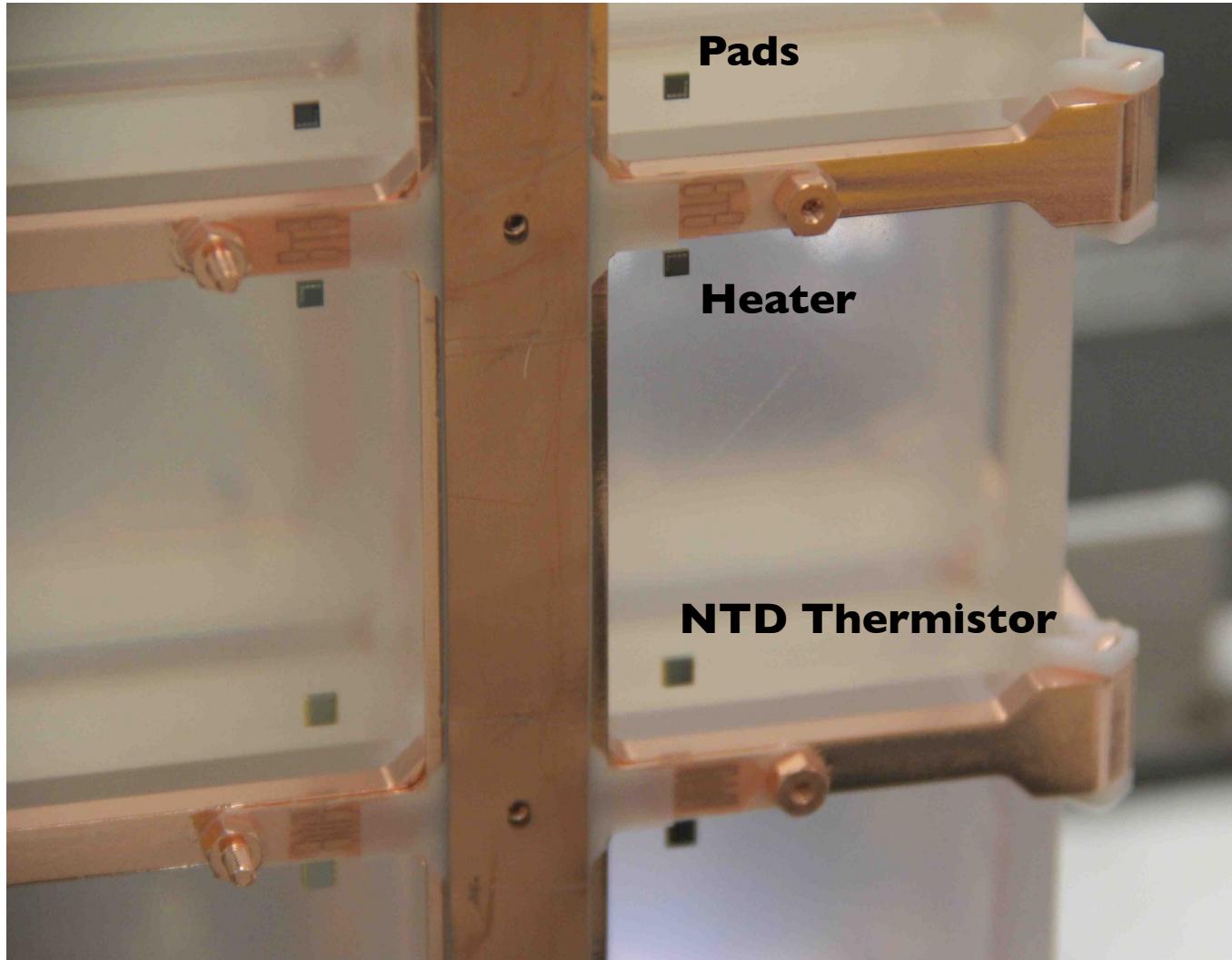


Use a bonding machine to connect the sensors and the heaters to the wire tray pads with gold wires



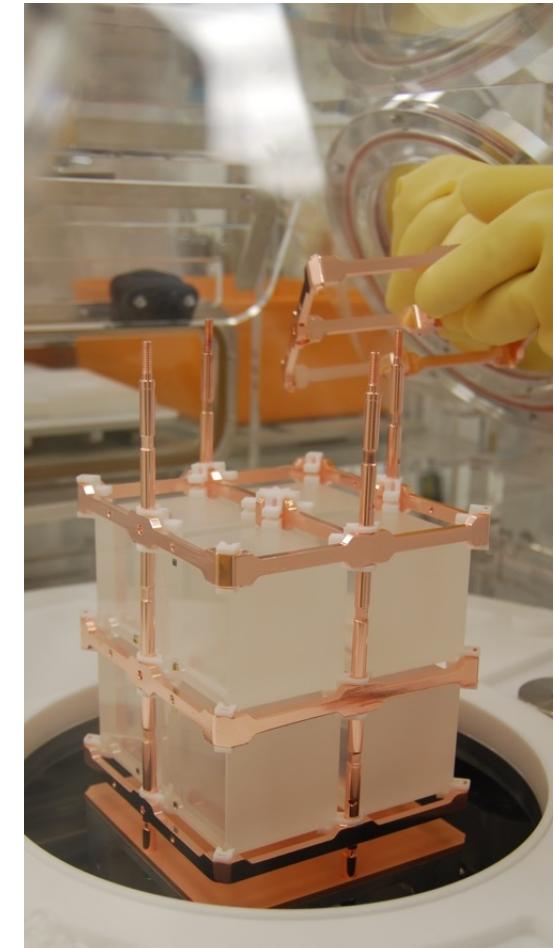


# *Close-up of Sensors and Readout traces*





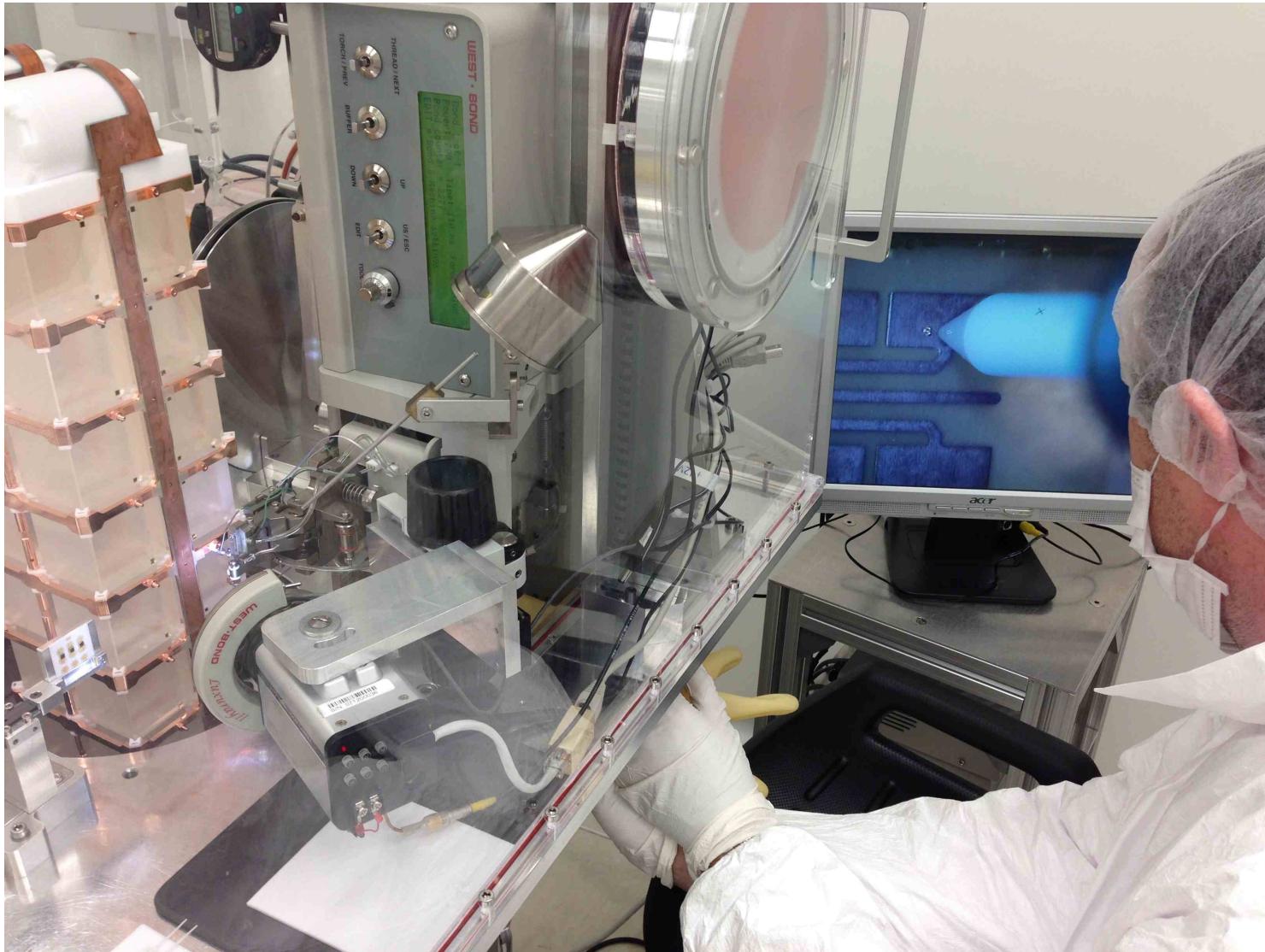
# Tower Assembly Line



Step 1: Physical Assembly of a Tower



# Tower Assembly Line



Step 2: Tower Wire Bonding

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# Tower Assembly Line



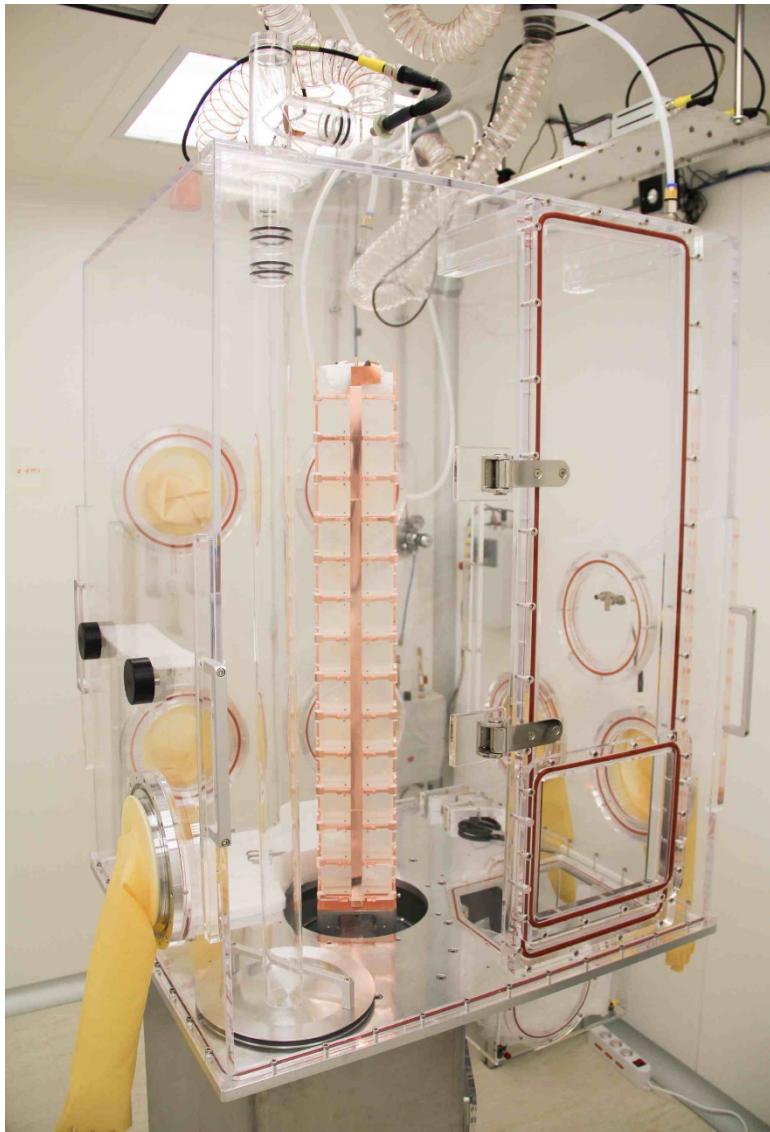
Assembled tower in the garage

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# Tower Assembly Line



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Final steps



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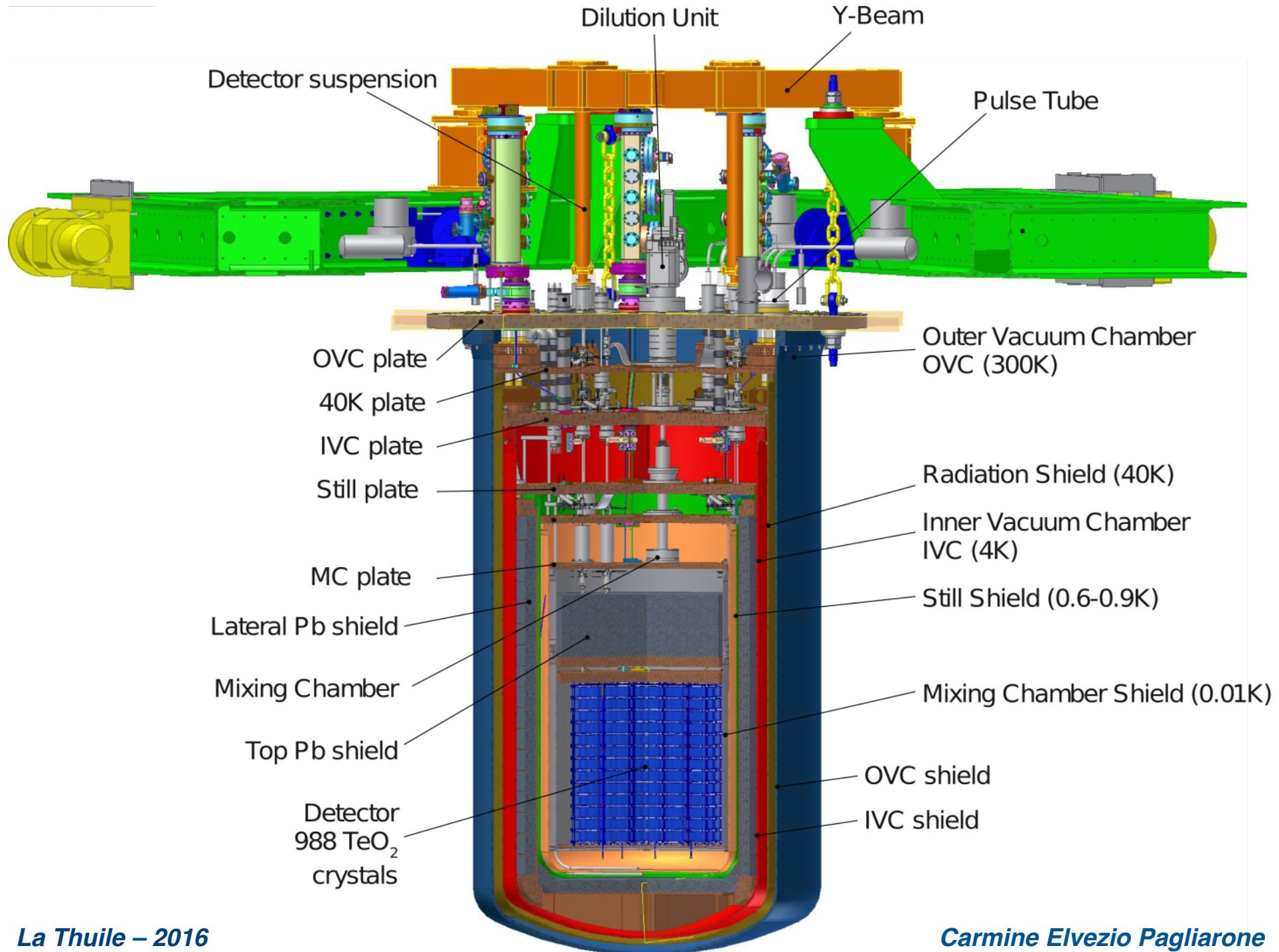
# All the 19 assembled CUORE Towers



Sitting in N<sub>2</sub>-fluxed storage  
Ready to be installed

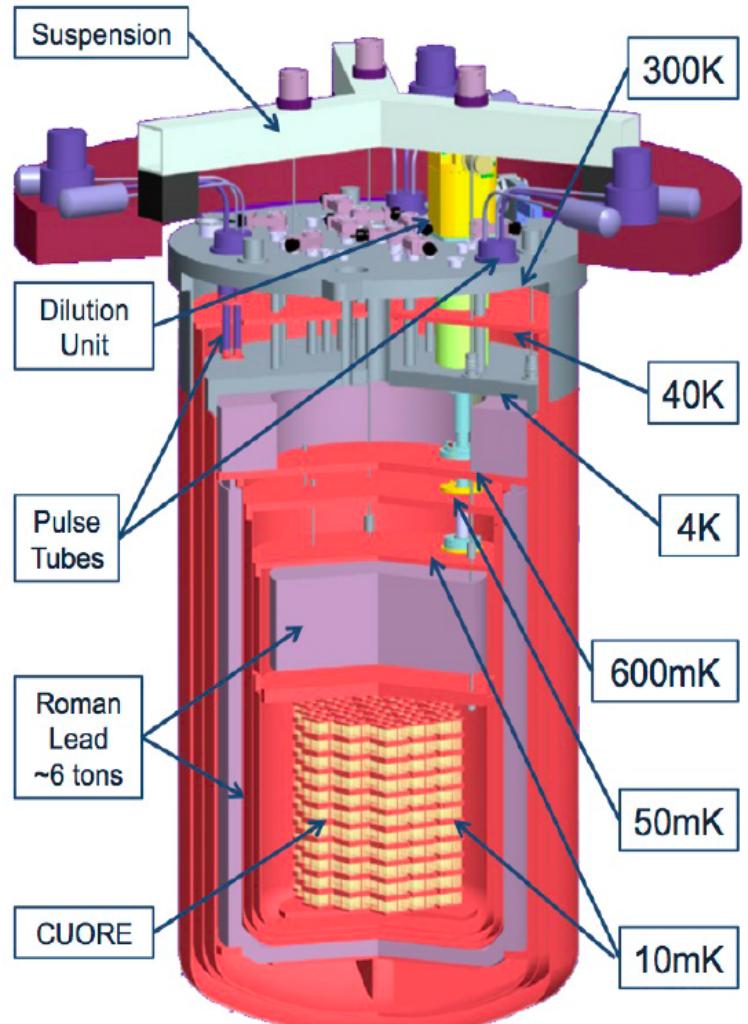


# ***CUORE Cryostat & Cryogenic Systems***

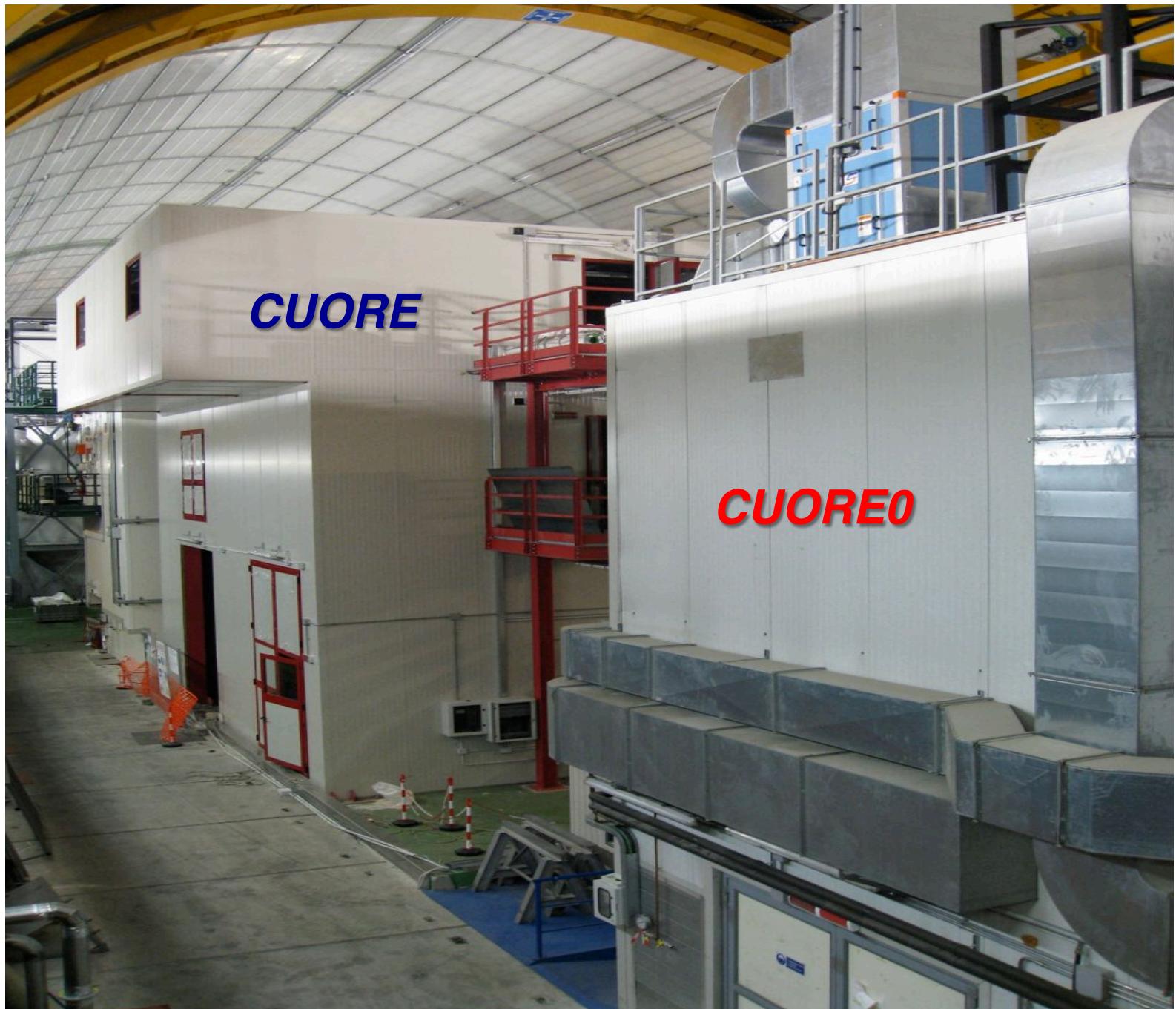




# CUORE Cryostat Complex

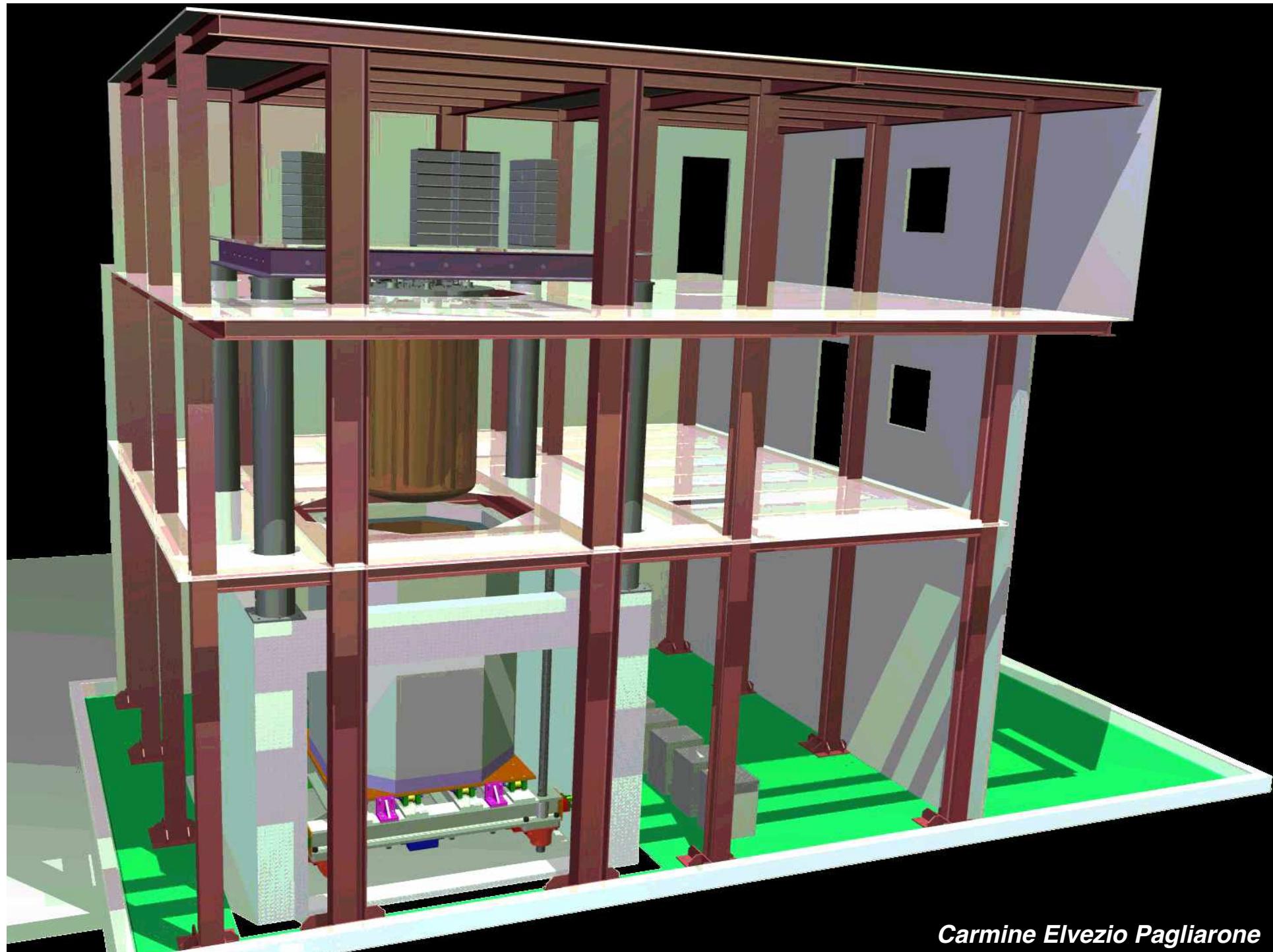


- The Cryostat consists of **Six Nested Vessels**.
- **Two** of them are **Vacuum Chambers**:
  - the Outer Vacuum Chamber (**OVC**), at room temperature,
  - the Inner Vacuum Chamber (**IVC**), at ~4 K.
- Between them there is a thermal radiation shield at 40 – 50 K covered with 30 layers of Multilayer Insulation (**MLI**).
- **5 Pulse Tubes (PT)** mounted on the OVC top flange provide the cooling for the 40 K radiation shield (PT first stages) and the IVC (PT second stages)
- Cooling to mK range is achieved by a high-power **Dilution Unit (DU)**.
- Inside the IVC, three radiation shields are thermally linked to the DU: the Still shield (600 – 900 mK), the Cold Plate shield (50 – 100 mK), and the Mixing Chamber (MC) shield (< 10 mK) that surrounds the experimental space.

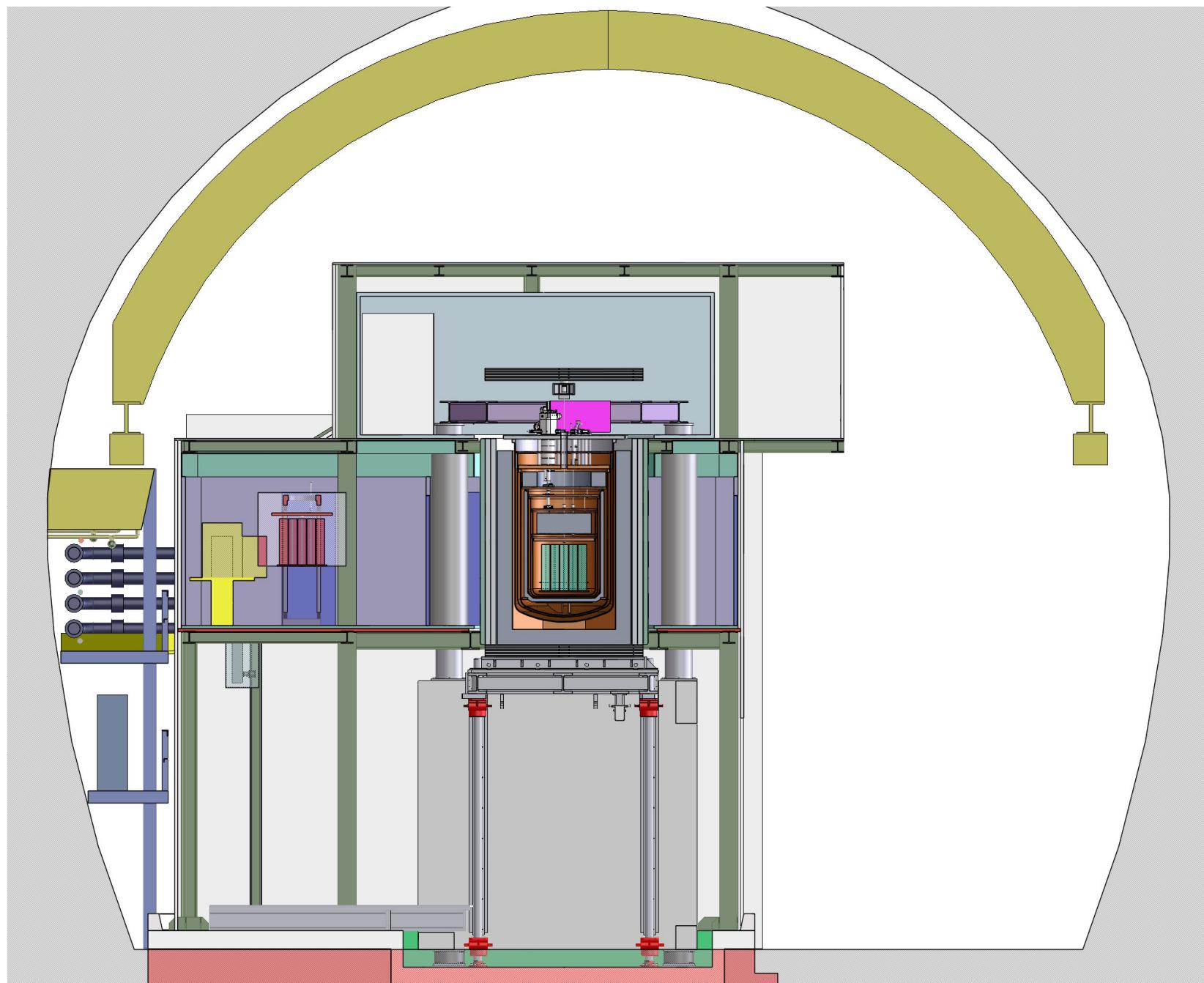


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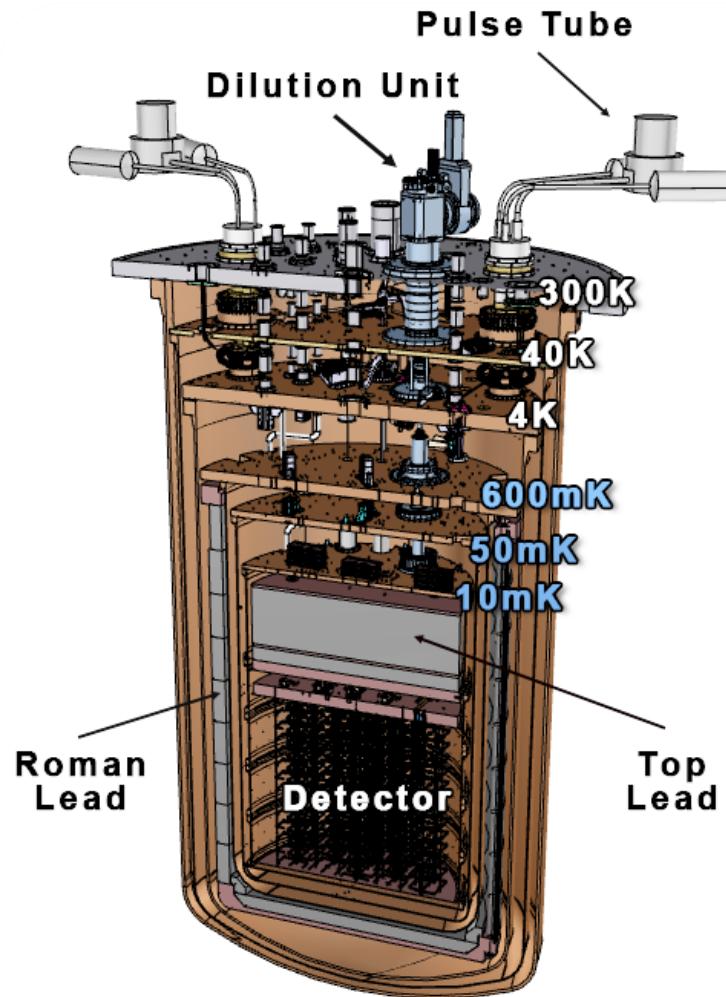


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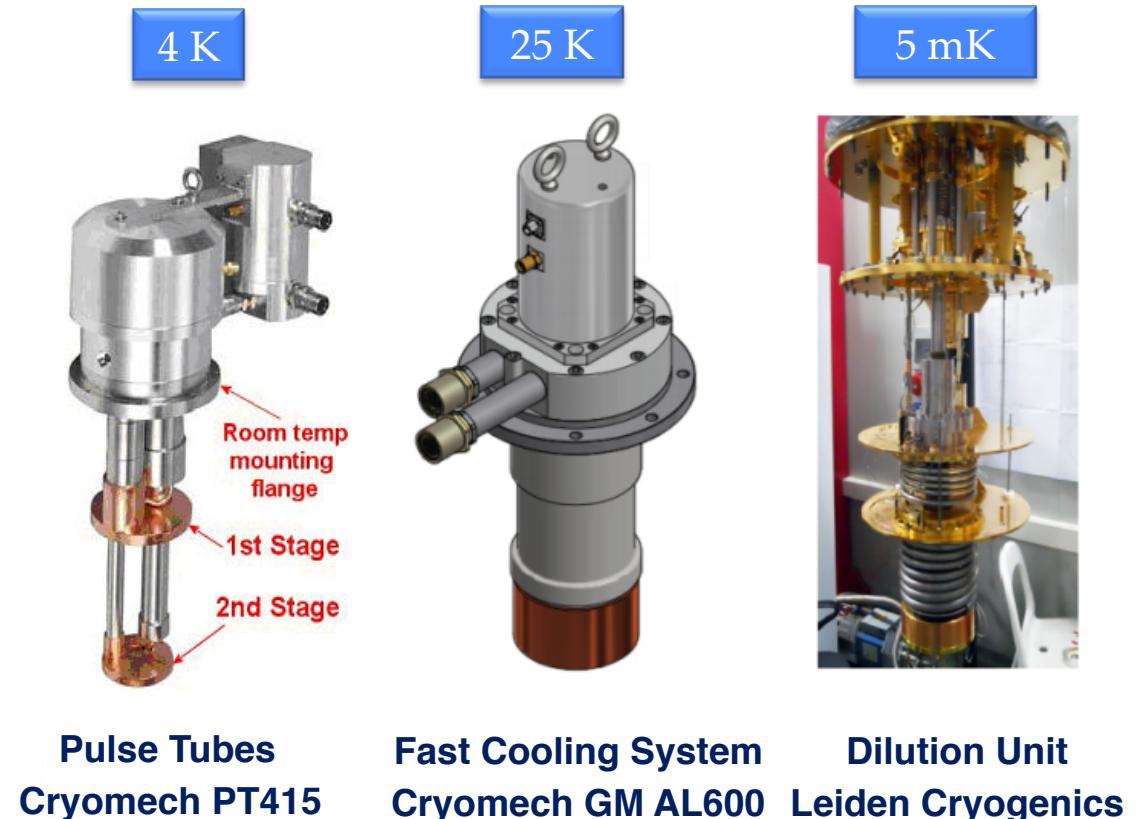


# CUORE Cryogenic Systems



OVC – Outer Vacuum Chamber  
IVC – Inner Vacuum Chamber

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# CUORE Cryogenic Systems

## PULSE TUBES (PTs)

- The commercial PT cryocoolers that will be used are **5** two-stage **Cryomech PT415**, chosen for their high cooling power.
- To reduce vibrations transmitted to the cryostat the rotatory valve is detached from the cold head.
- The pulsed He flow is transmitted by a ~ 35 cm long tube from the valve to the cold head and by two 20 m long flexible lines to the compressor.

## DILUTION UNIT (DU)

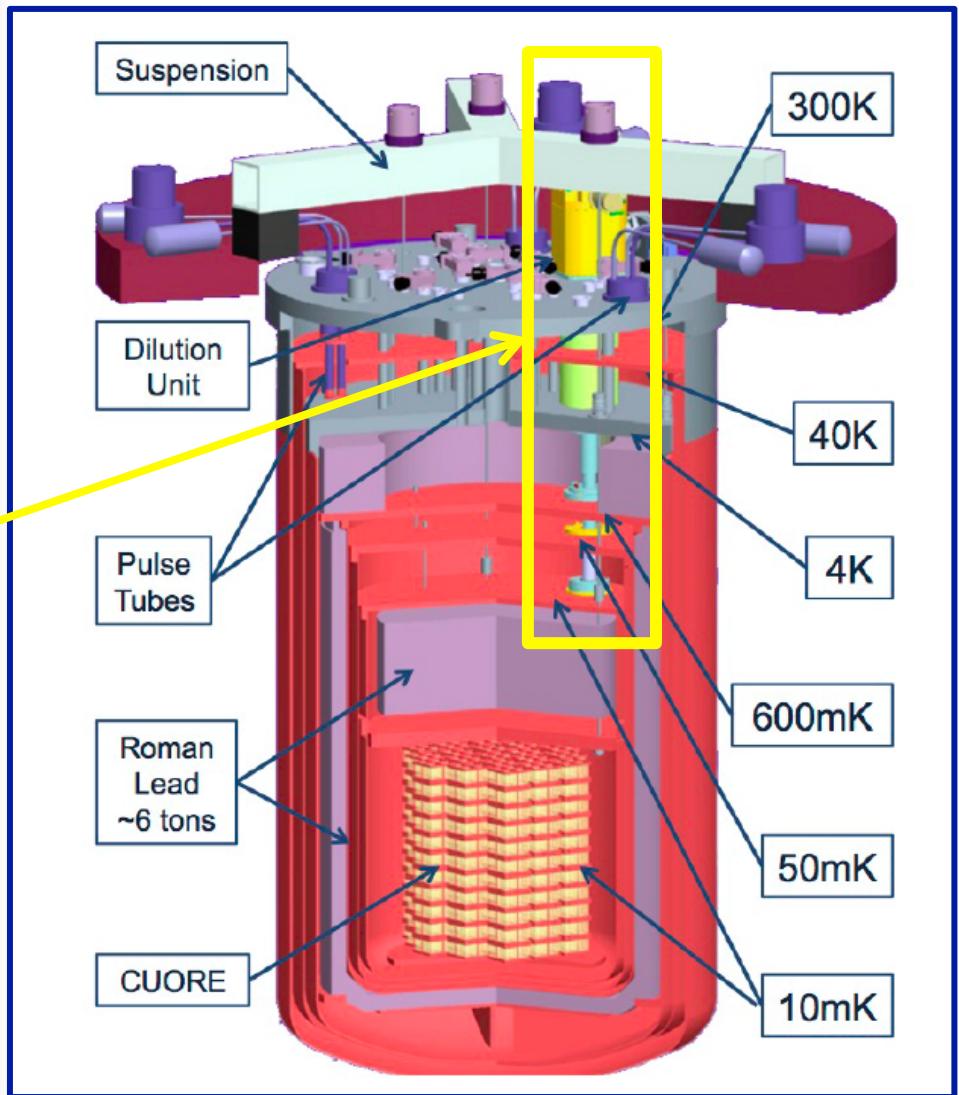
- The inner thermal shields will be cooled by the thermal stages of a  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  Dilution Cryorefrigerator as well as the detector.

## FAST COOLING System (FCS)

- As the **5 PTs alone cannot cool down the IVC to 4 K in an acceptable time**, in addition to the 5 PTs, a **Fast Cooling System (FCS)** is being designed for a quick pre-cooling of the IVC from **300 K to less than 30-50 K in about a week**.
- A root pump will circulate the He gas cooled by **3 Gifford McMahon AL600 Cryomech Cryocooler** (600 W @ 77 K) inside the IVC vessel.
- **Below 4 K it takes several hours to cool down CUORE to the baseline temperature.**

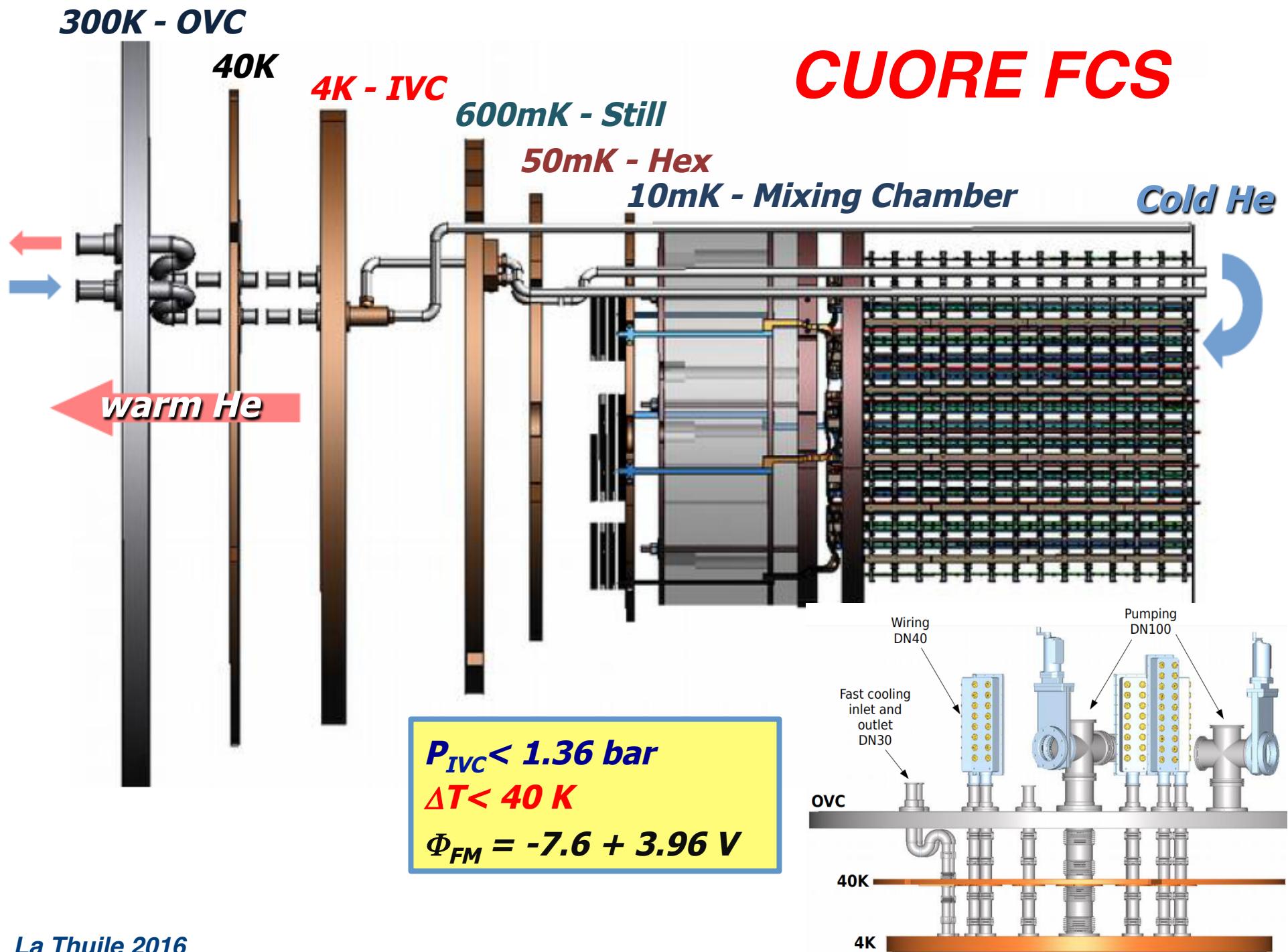


# CUORE DU



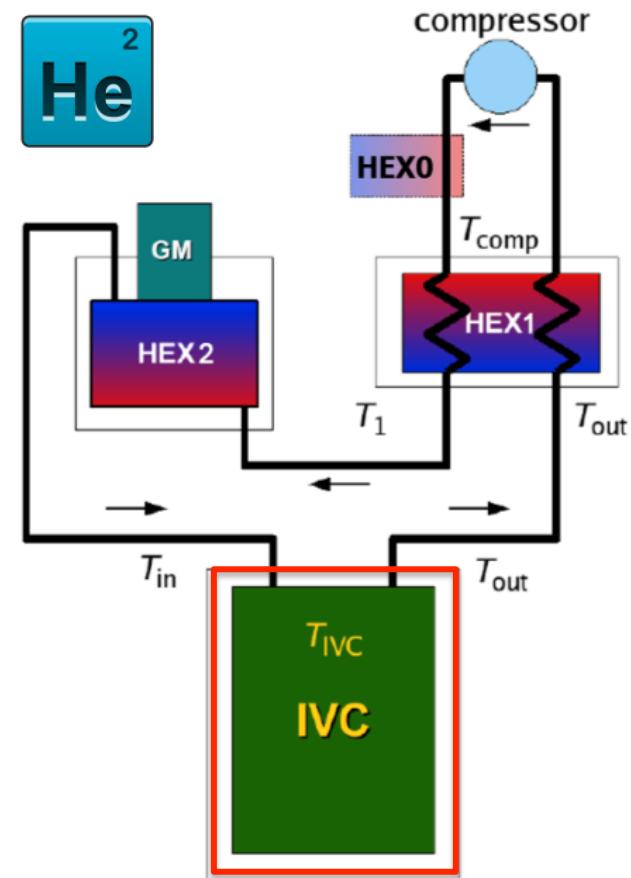
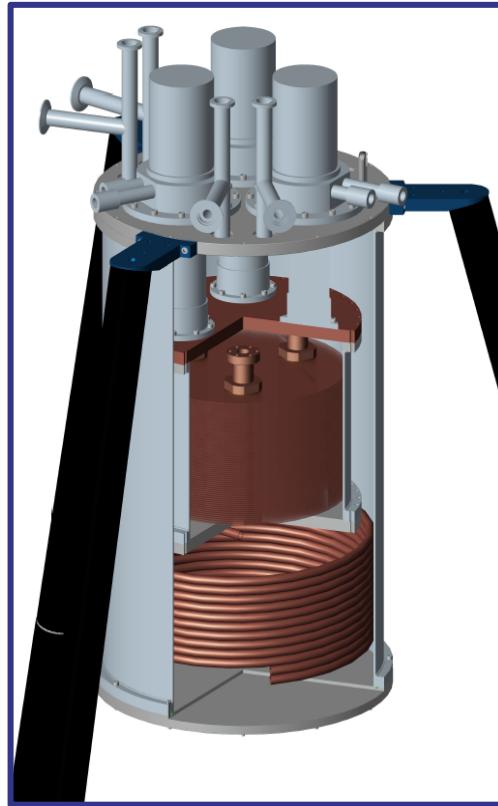
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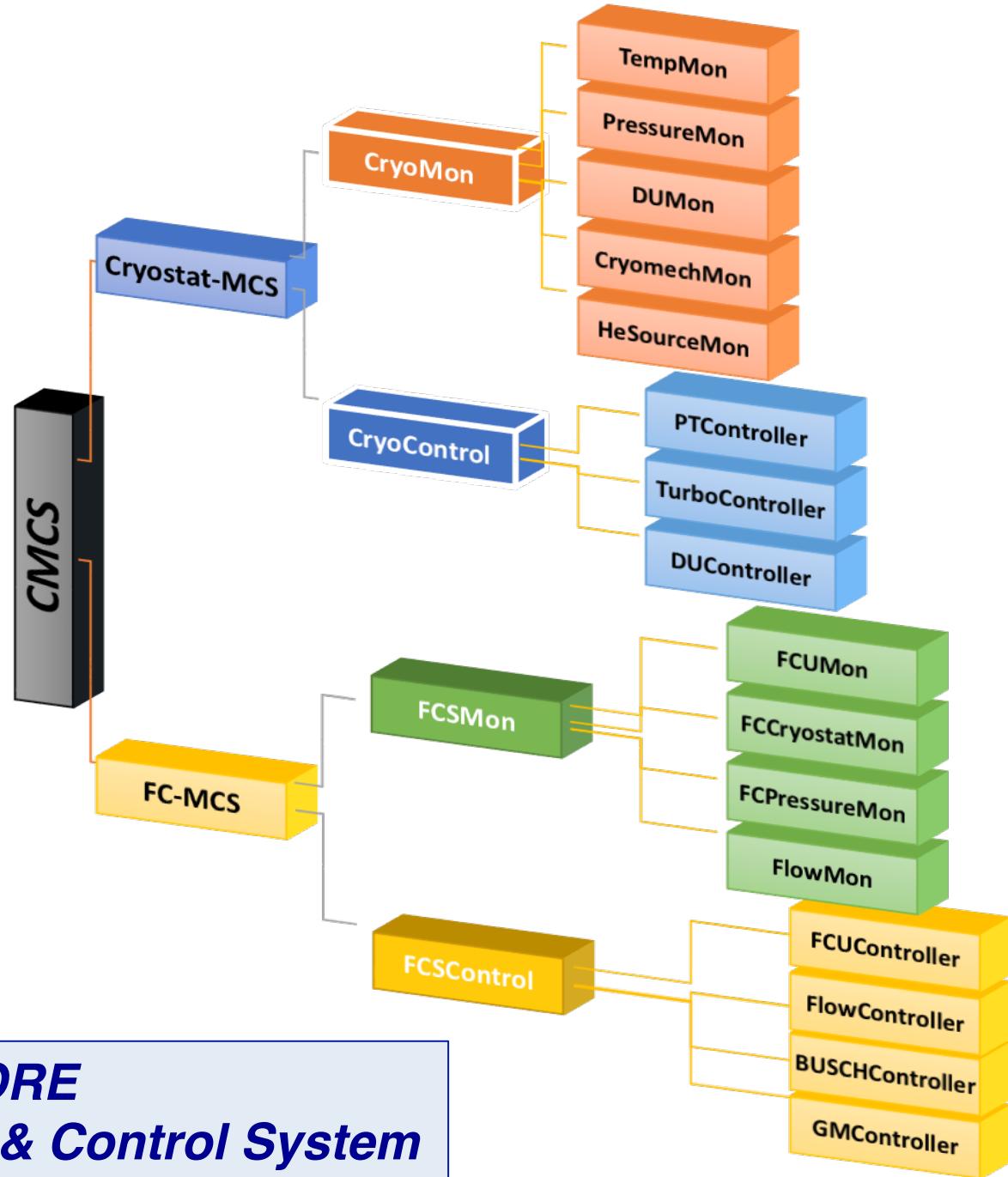




# CUORE Fast Cooling System



- Speeds up the cooling procedure flowing He into CUORE;
- 3 Heat Exchangers: 2 Counter flow bellows + 1 Copper HEX;
- 3 Cryomech Gifford-McMahon (GM) Cryocoolers;
- Cooling power: 600 W @ 77K (each);



## CUORE Cryogeny Monitor & Control System

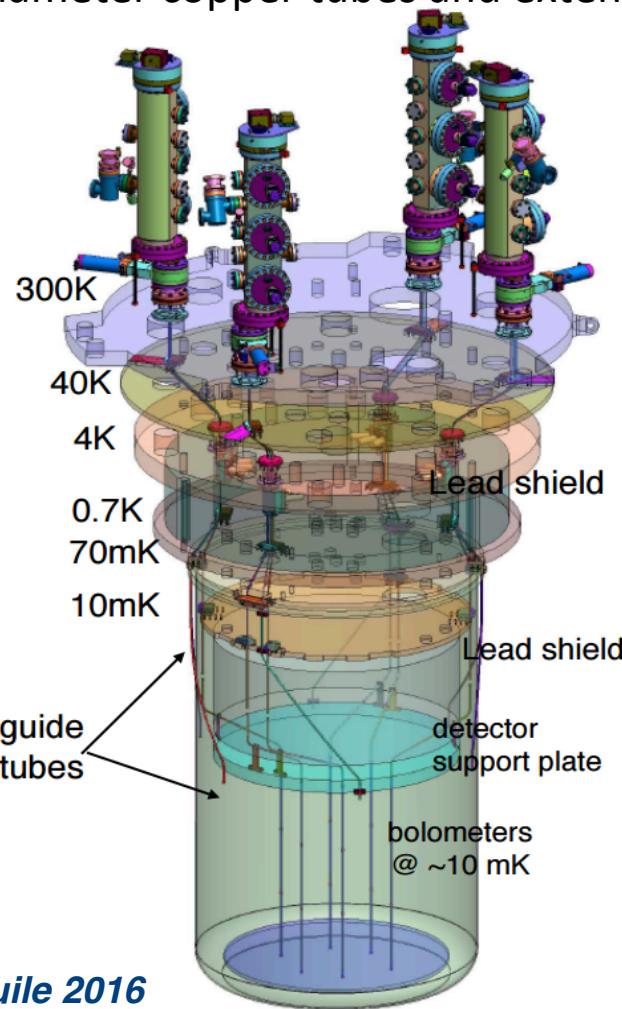
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# CUORE Detector Calibration System

- DCS is needed to lower and raise, to known positions under independent control, 12 strings of 29 weakly radioactive calibration sources through bent guide tubes;
- The strings are Kevlar or Vectran thread just 0.35mm (0.014") in diameter, on which 1.8mm diameter copper tubes and extend up to 4 meters in overall length;



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## I. Gain Stabilization

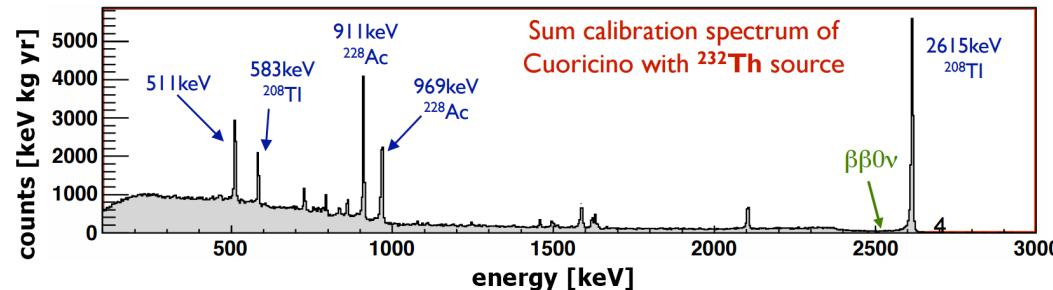
For each bolometer an energy pulse generated by a Si resistor is used to correct pulse amplitudes for gain instabilities ( $\rightarrow$  every 5 min).

## II. Calibration of individual bolometer

- calibrate with  $\gamma$ -sources
- need 5+ lines visible in calibration spectrum
- energy accuracy goal: < 0.05 keV

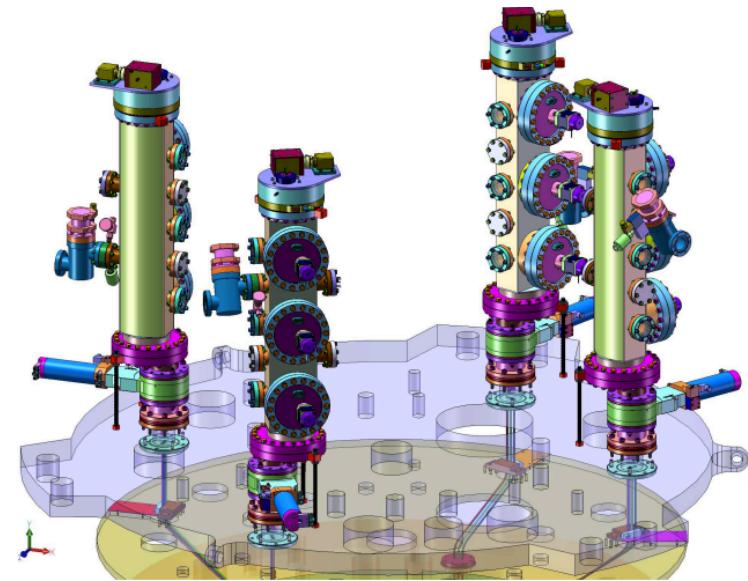
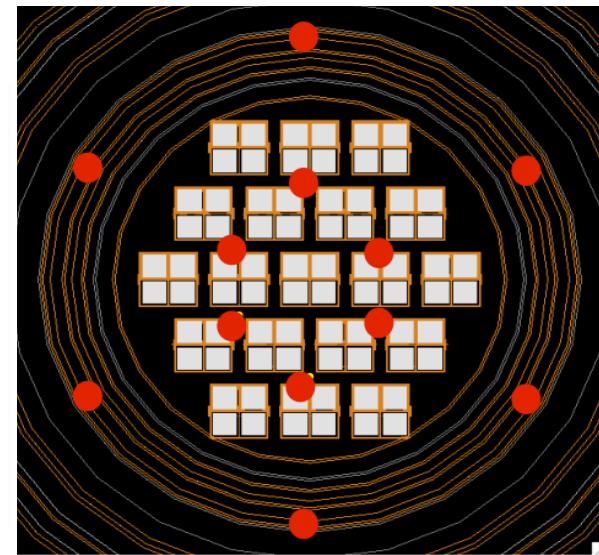
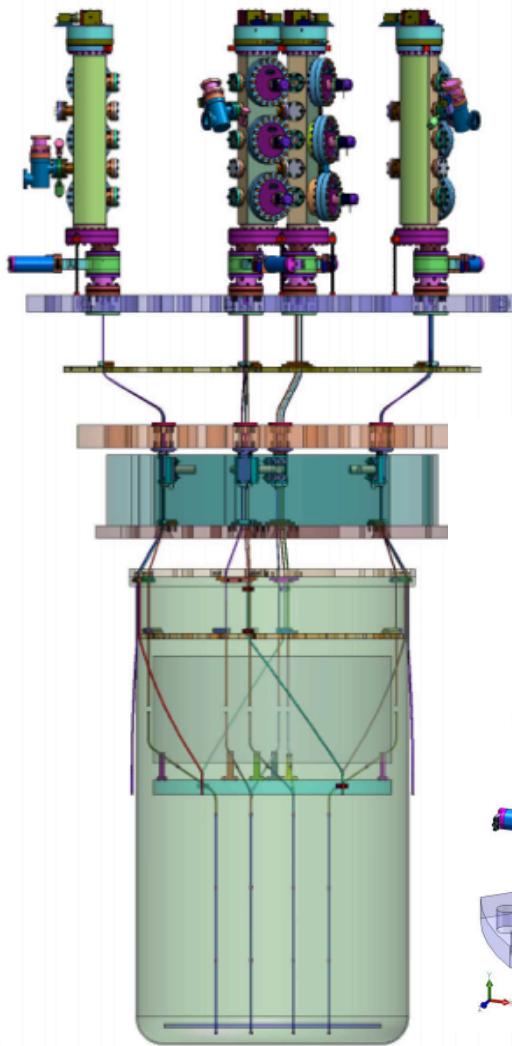
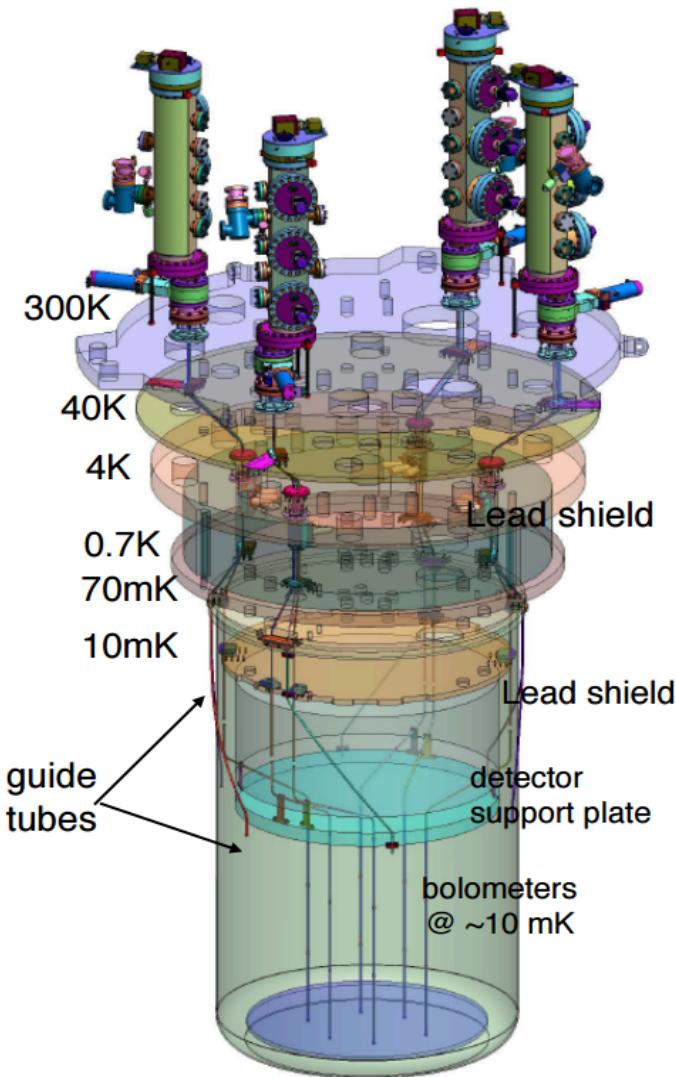
## III. Voltage-Energy Conversion

Fit of a calibration measurement with a gamma source (e.g.  $^{232}\text{Th}$ ) of known energy. Energy calibration performed regularly. (~ monthly).



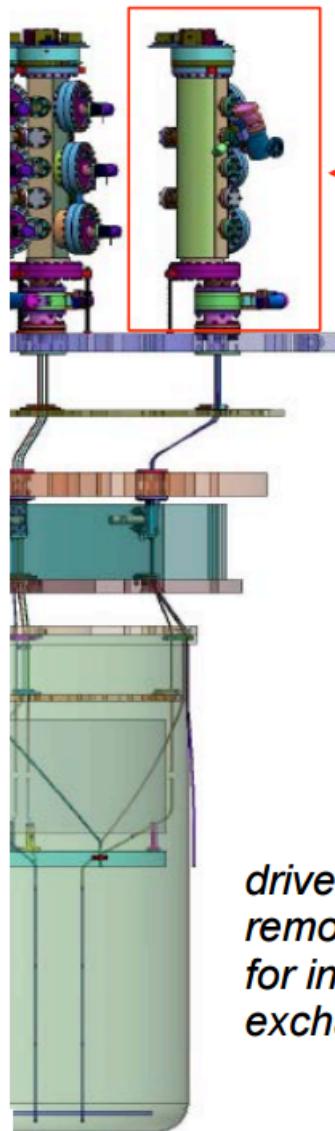


# CUORE Detector Calibration System

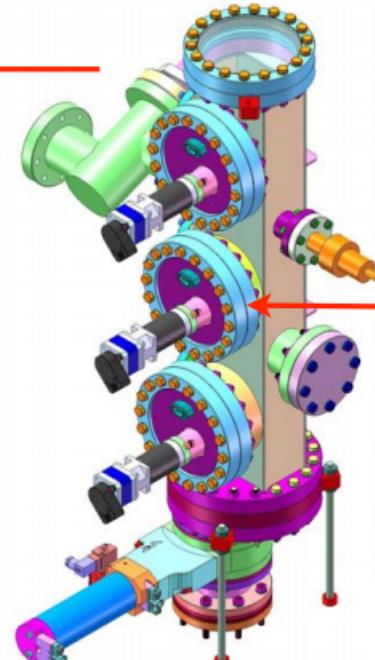




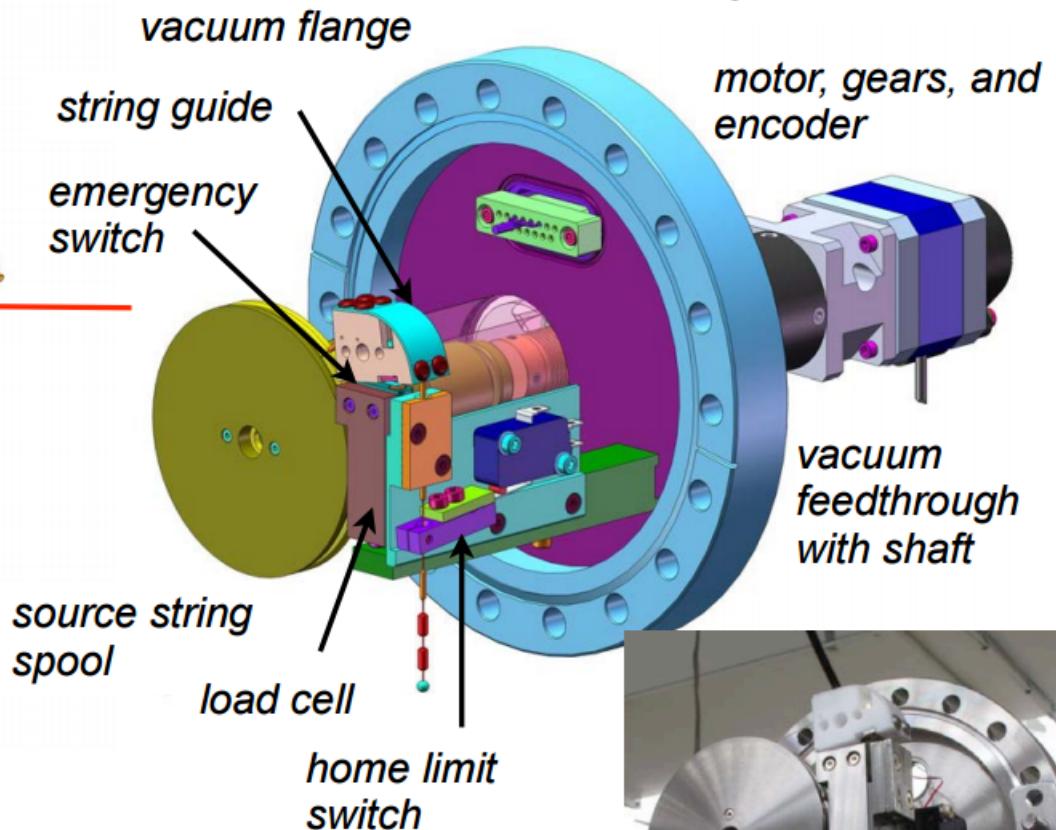
# Calibration Motion System



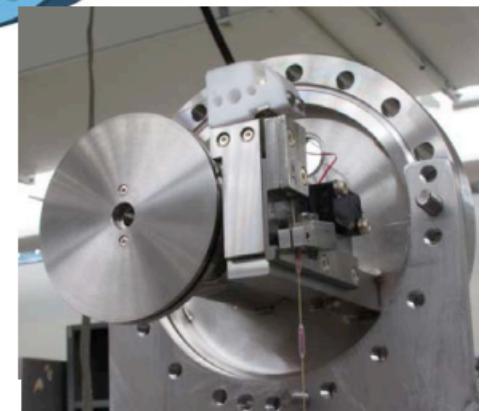
*Motion Box*



*Drive Spool*

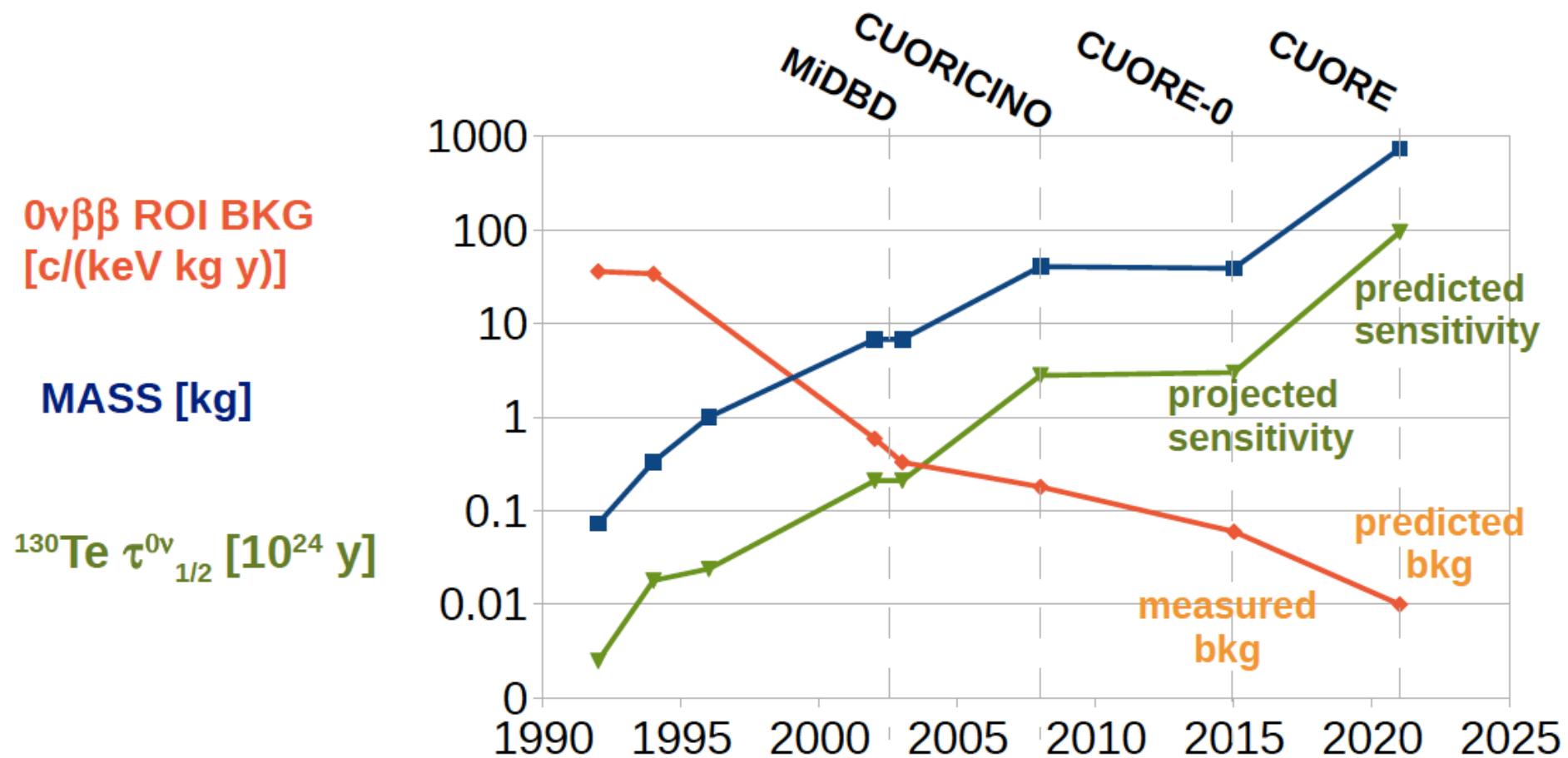


*drive spools can be removed with clean bag for individual source exchange*





# CUORE Expected Sensitivity





# ***CUORE Run 4***

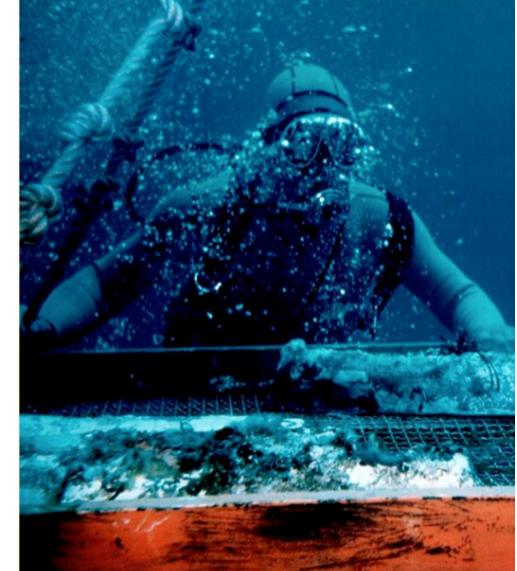
## ***Status & Preliminary Results***

- Installation of the Roman Lead;***
- Performances of the Cryogenic Systems;***
- Tests with a first Tower of 8 TeO<sub>2</sub> Crystals (MiniTower);***



# CUORE Roman Lead Shield

- ▶ Ancient Roman lead bricks for low-activity shielding;
- ▶ Recovered in late '80s from shipwreck off Sardinian Coast;
- ▶ Obtained through an agreement between INFN and Soprintenza ai beni archeologici (Italian Historical Society);
- ▶ 270 bricks, 33 kg each = 7 tons (after inscriptions removed)



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## *Construction and Installation of the Roman Pb Shield*



~ 5 tonnes of Pb shielding was added for Run 4. This is in addition to 2 tonnes of top Pb that was already installed previously.



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# CUORE Roman Lead Shield

*Top Pb ~ 2 tonnes*



*Side Pb ~ 5 tonnes*



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# *Performances of CUORE Cryogenic Systems*

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# The Coldest m<sup>3</sup> "in the Universe"

Interactions NewsWire #71-14  
21 October 2014 <http://www.interactions.org>

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Content: Press Release  
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**21/10/2014**

**5.9 mK**



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+ Più...

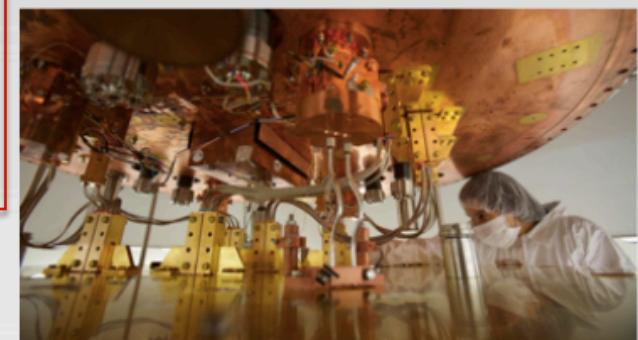
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## CUORE: The Coldest Heart in the Known Universe

The CUORE collaboration at the INFN Gran Sasso National Laboratory has set a world record by cooling a copper vessel with the volume of a cubic meter to a temperature of 6 milliKelvins: it is the first experiment ever to cool a mass and a volume of this size to a temperature this close to absolute zero (0 Kelvin). The cooled copper mass, weighing approx. 400 kg, was the coldest cubic meter in the universe for over 15 days.

CUORE is an international collaboration involving some 130 scientists mainly from Italy, USA, China, Spain, and France. CUORE is supported by the Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare (INFN) in Italy; the Department of Energy Office of Science (Office of Nuclear Physics), the National Science Foundation, and Alfred P. Sloan Foundation in the United States.



**No Top-Pb and Roman-Pb Shields at that time**

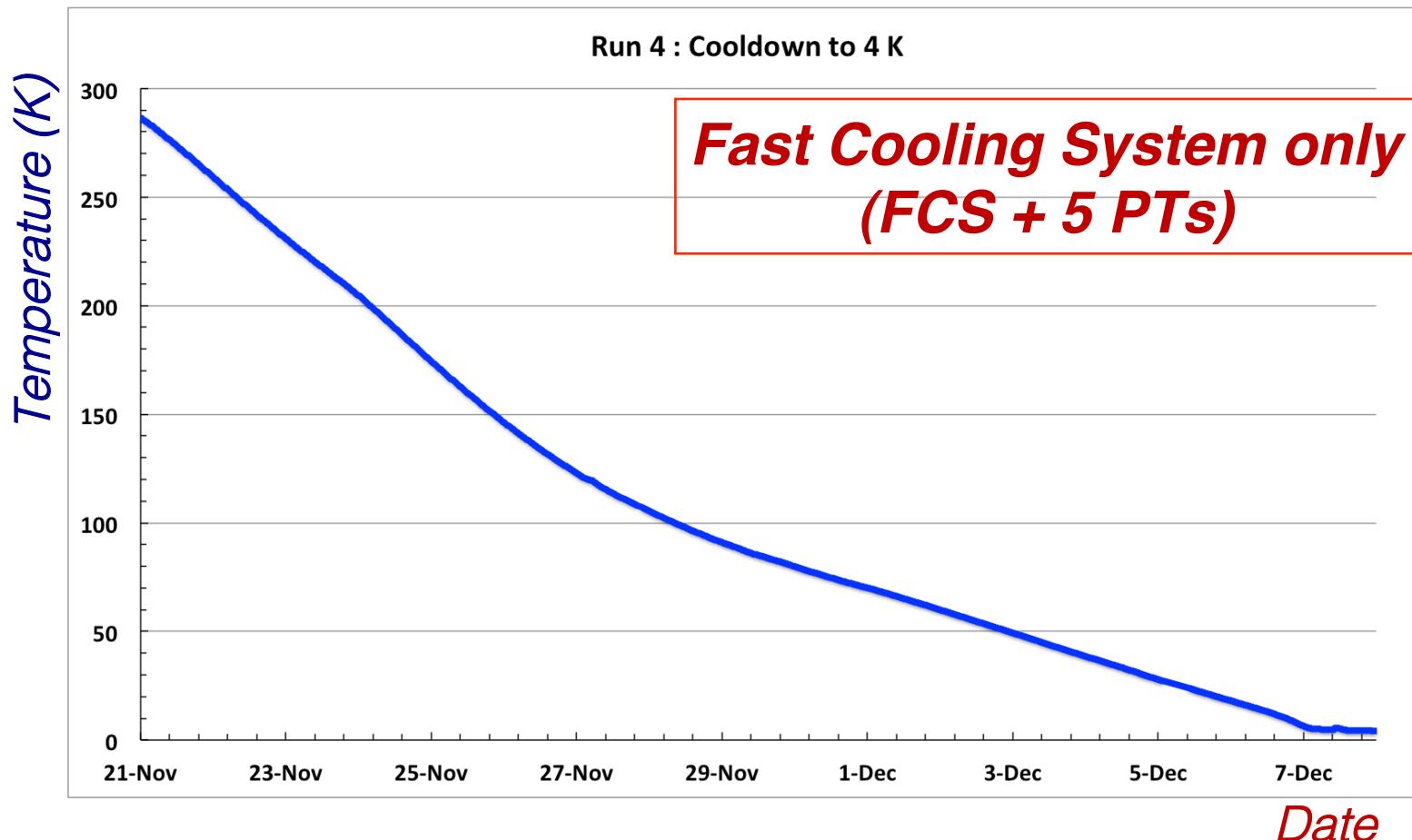
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# Performances of CUORE Cryogenic Systems

## CUORE Run 4 Preliminary



We cooled down **~ 14 tonnes** (Pb shielding + Cryostat copper flanges and vessels)  
to **4K in ~16 days**



# *Performances of CUORE Cryogenic Systems*

## *(CUORE Run 4 Preliminary)*

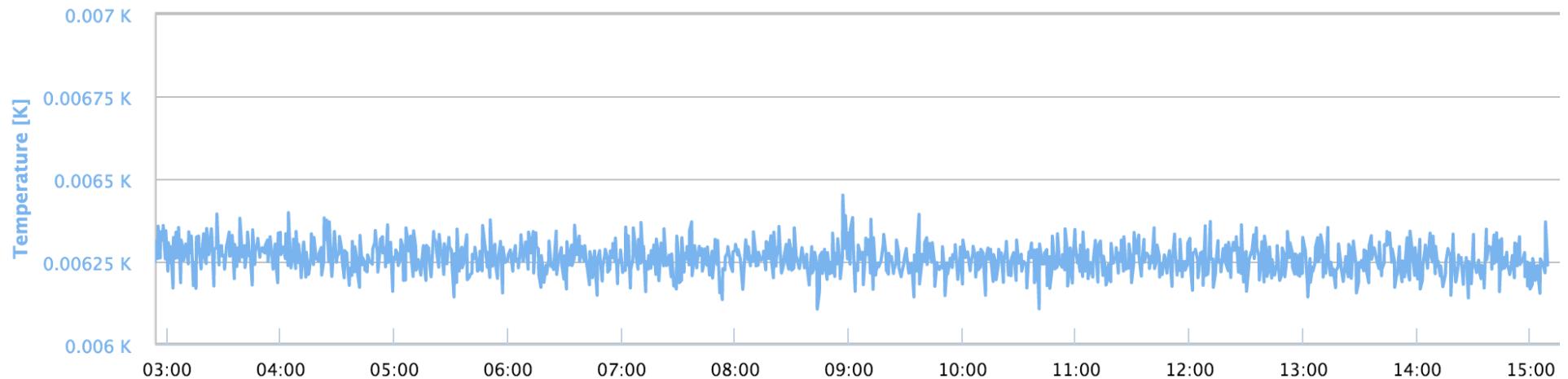
- ✓ *From 4 K to Base Temperature in  $\sim 1$  day;*
- ✓ *The I Base Temperature reached have been:  $\sim 11$  mK;*
- ✓ *After some adjustment we reached the II Base Temperature of  $\sim 6.3$  mK;*
- ✓ *The II Base Temperature of 6.3 mK has been kept stably along all Run 4 Tests for more than 2 months.*



# Performances of CUORE Cryogenic Systems

## (CUORE Run 4 Preliminary)

Minimum Temperature reached: **( $6.3 \pm 0.2$ ) mK - ( $M_T \approx 410$  kg)**



*We have proved that:*

- ✓ We are able to reach the Base Temperature with Roman-Pb Shields;
- ✓ The base temperature is Reproducible and Stable;
- ✓ The operating conditions can be sustained over a long period of time.



# *Mini-Tower Installation & Tests*

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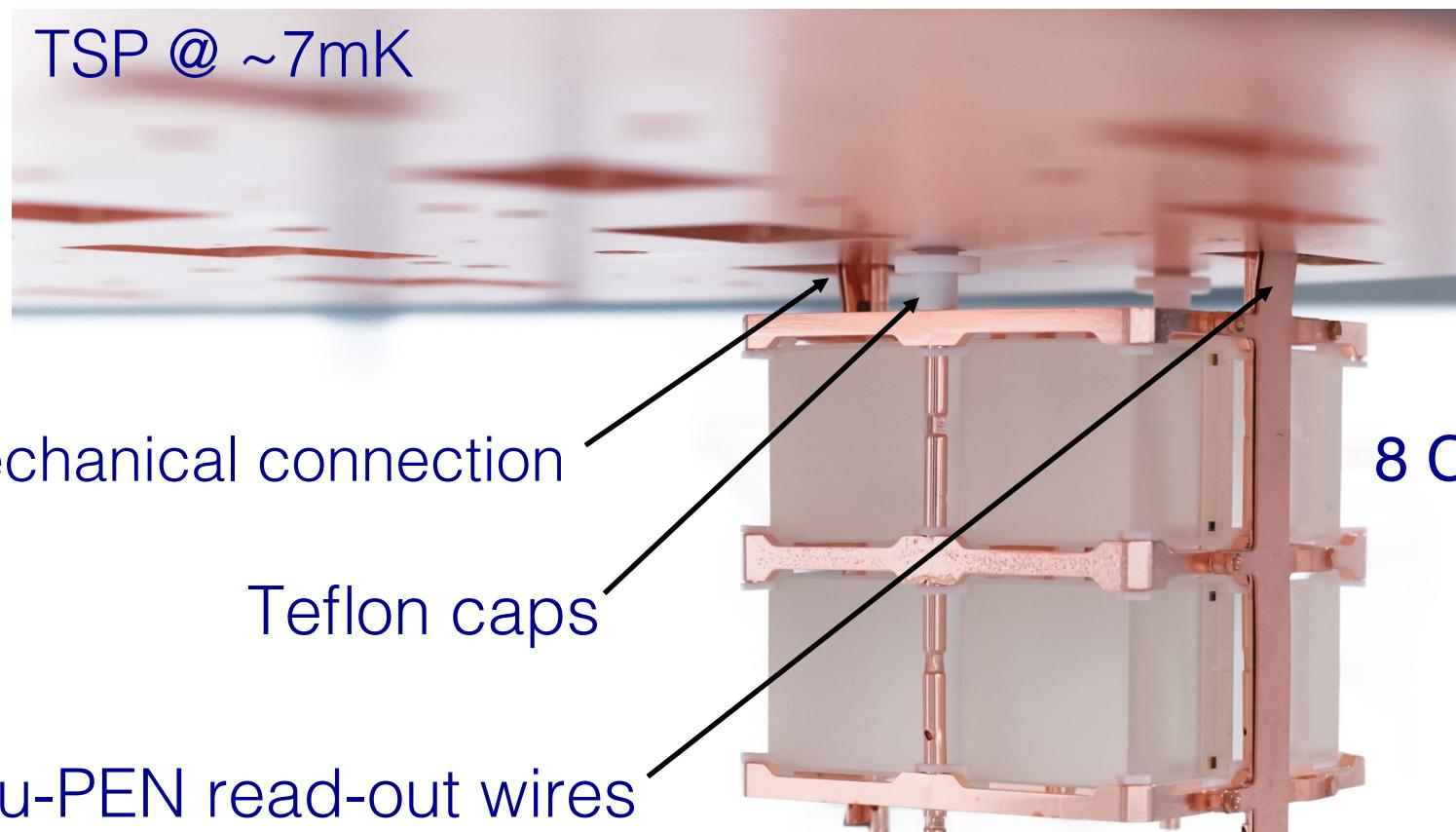


# Run 4 Mini-Tower Setup

## Goals:

- demonstrate detector performance
- study vibrational and thermal noise
- check detectors base temperature
- check background

Need a detector as similar as possible to CUORE

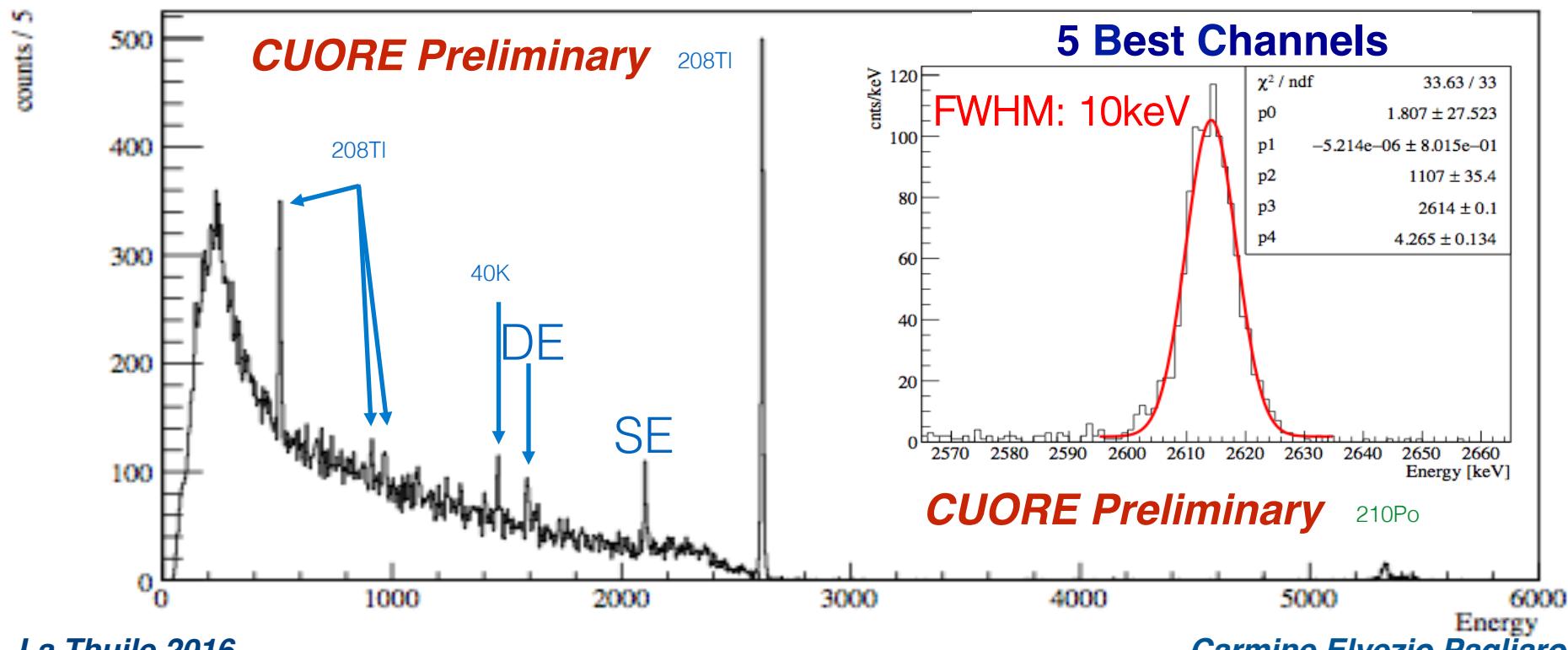




# Run 4 Mini-Tower Results

Total calibration spectrum with pulse shape cuts:

- Cryostat at Base Temperature;
- Minus-K suspensions active;
- Th source outside 300 K Vessel;
- $\sim 45$  h livetime;
- 8 out of 8 channels operational;
- 5 out of 8 channels have  **$\sim 10$  keV FWHM Resolution.**





# ***CUORE Future Plans***

- ✓ ***Assembling of Faraday Cage: ~ March-April 2016***
- ✓ ***DAQ & Electronics: ~ March-May 2016***
- ✓ ***CR6 (CUORE Tower Assembling Clean Room): ~ May 2016***
- ✓ ***New FCS (Cleaning and Assembling): ~ March-May 2016***
- ✓ ***Detector Installation: ~ May-June 2016***
- ✓ ***Run I Cool-down: ~ July-August 2016***
- ✓ ***Tests & Optimization: ~ September 2016***
- ✓ ***Data Taking (1<sup>th</sup> CUORE Physics Run): by the end of 2016***



# *Latest Results from CUORE-0*

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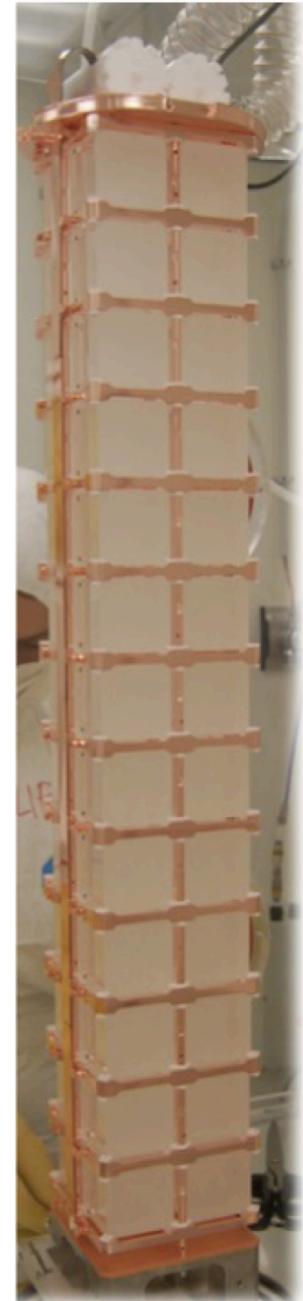
# CUORE-0

CUORE-0 is the **first tower** produced out of the CUORE assembly line.

- 52  $\text{TeO}_2$   $5 \times 5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^3$  crystals ( $\sim 750 \text{ g}$  each)
- 13 floors of 4 crystals each
- total detector mass: 39 kg  $\text{TeO}_2$  (10.9 kg of  $^{130}\text{Te}$ )

CUORE-0 has been taking data since March 2013 in the 25 year old Cuoricino cryostat.

- **Proof of concept** of CUORE detector in all stages
- Test and debug of the CUORE tower assembly line
- Test of the CUORE **DAQ and analysis framework**
- Extend the physics reach beyond Cuoricino while CUORE is being assembled

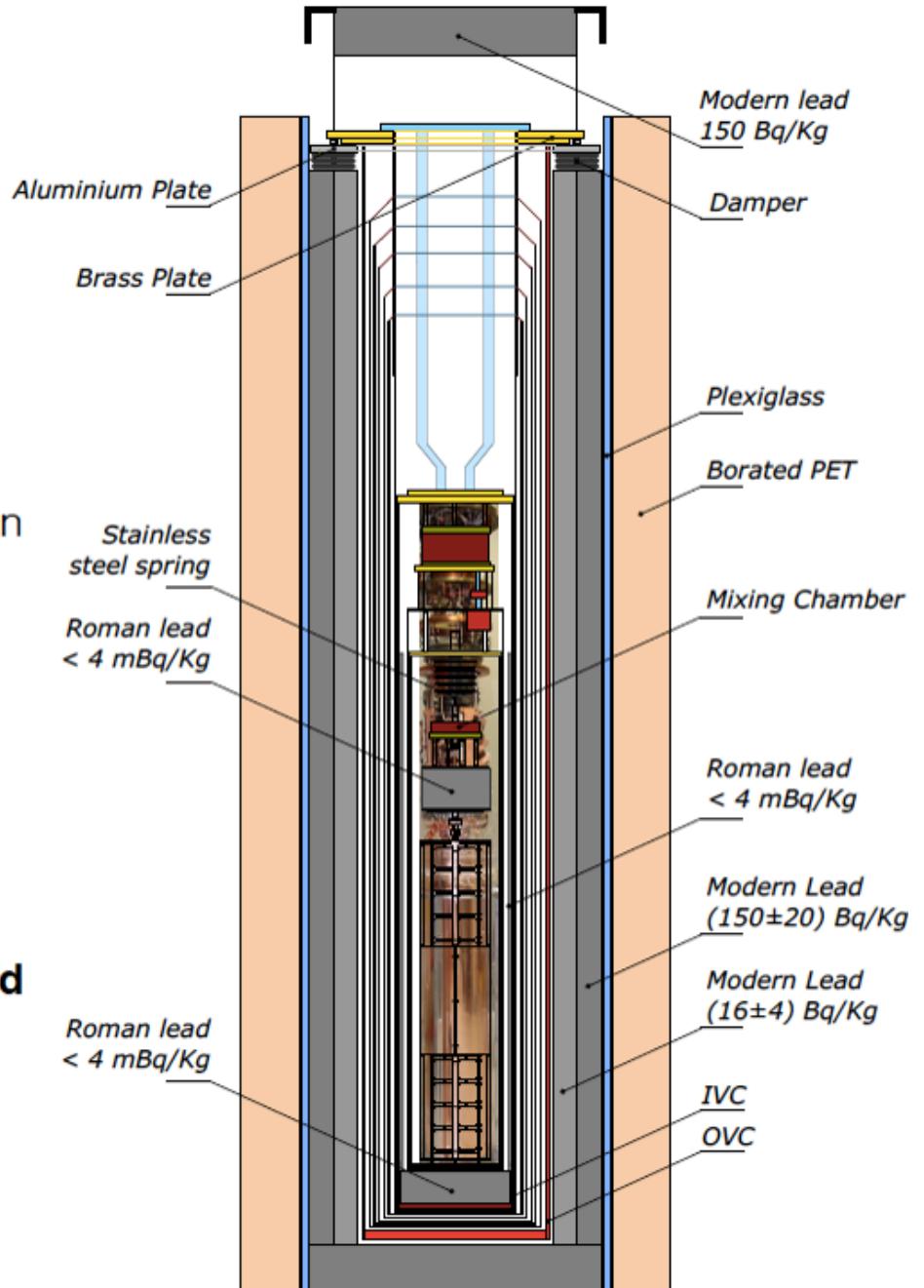




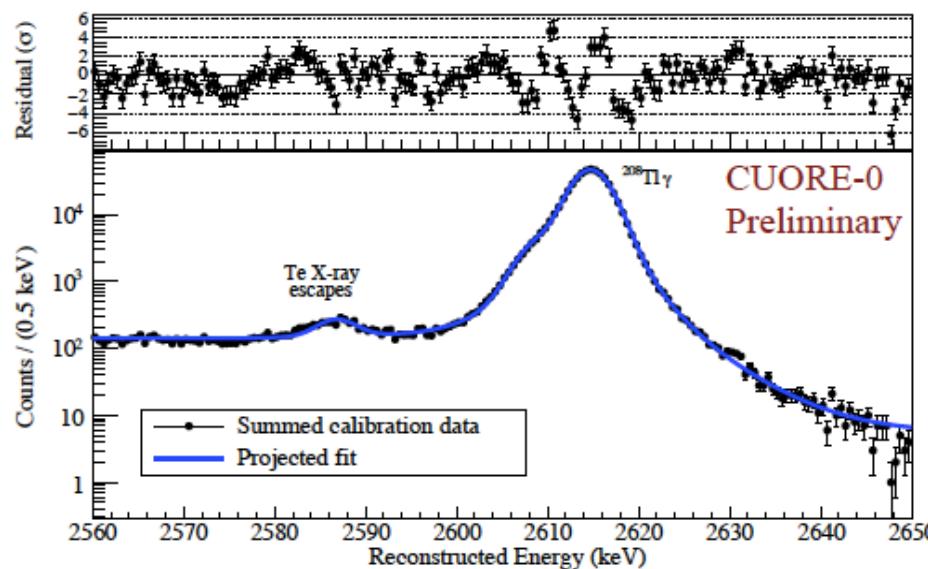
# Experimental Setup



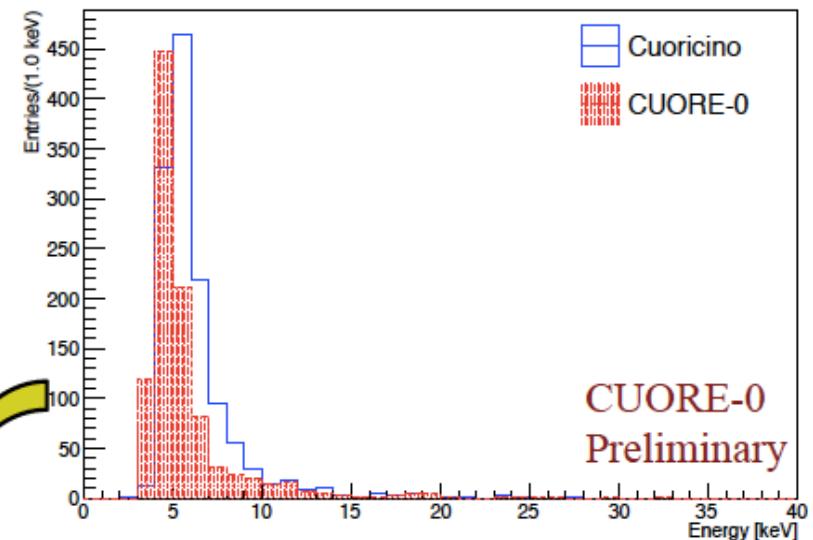
- Same cryostat as Cuoricino:
  - inner shield: 1 cm of Roman Lead ( $A < 4 \text{ mBq/kg}$ ).
  - External shield: 20 cm of Modern Lead.
  - nitrogen flushing
- **gamma background from cryostat shields not expected to change** (test of alpha background)



# Energy Resolution



Bolometer-dataset FWHMs @ 2615 keV

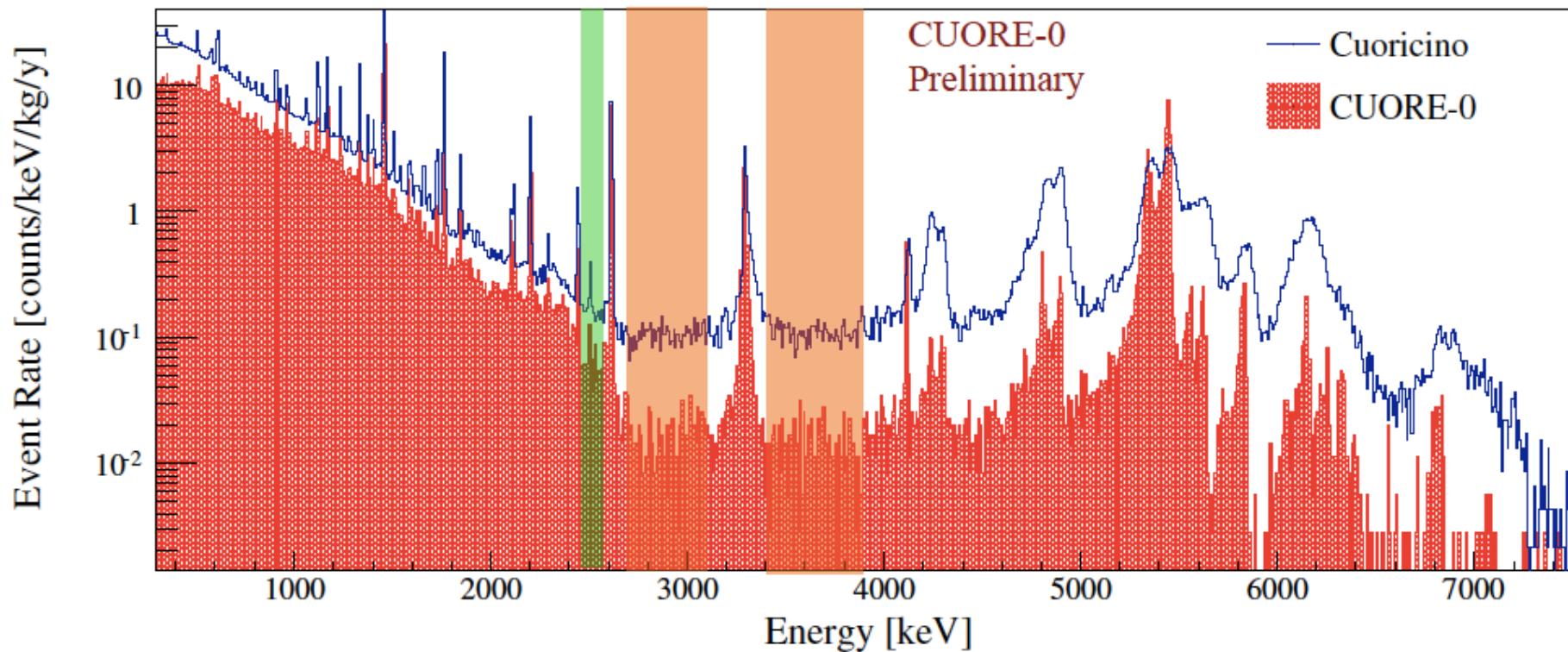


Weight FWHMs  
by corresponding  
physics exposure

	FWHM harmonic mean (keV)	FWHM dist RMS (keV)
Cuoricino	5.8	2.1
CUORE-0	4.9	2.9

- We evaluate the energy resolution for each bolometer and dataset by fitting the  $^{208}\text{Tl}$  photopeak in the calibration data
- We achieved the 5 keV resolution goal of CUORE!

# Background Reduction

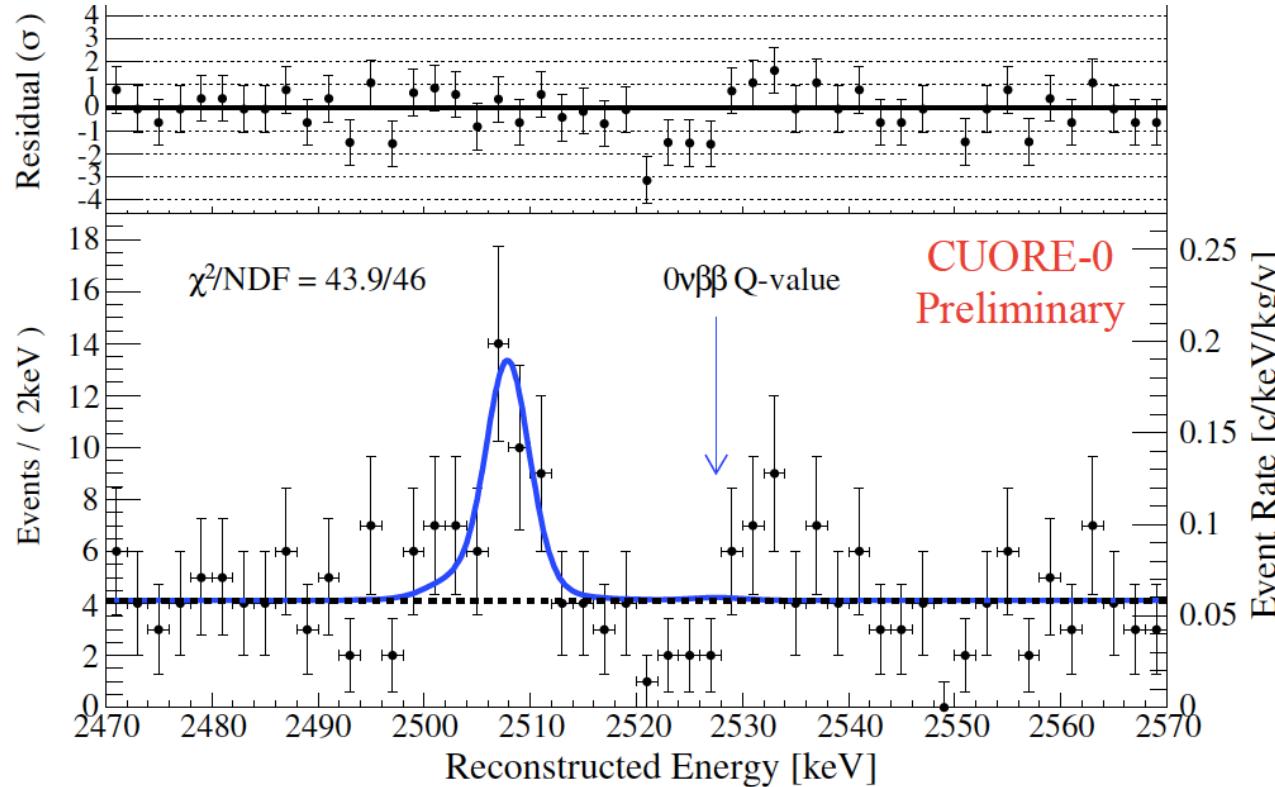


Experiment	Background rate (counts/keV/kg/y)	
	0νββ decay region	Alpha region (excl. peak)
Cuoricino	$0.169 \pm 0.006$	$0.110 \pm 0.001$
CUORE-0	$0.058 \pm 0.004$	$0.016 \pm 0.001$



# Results from CUORE-0

Fitted background:  $0.058 \pm 0.004$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.002$  (syst.) counts/keV/kg/yr  
Best-fit decay rate:  $\Gamma^{0\nu\beta\beta}(^{130}\text{Te}) = 0.007 \pm 0.123$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.012$  (syst.)  $\times 10^{-24} \text{ yr}^{-1}$



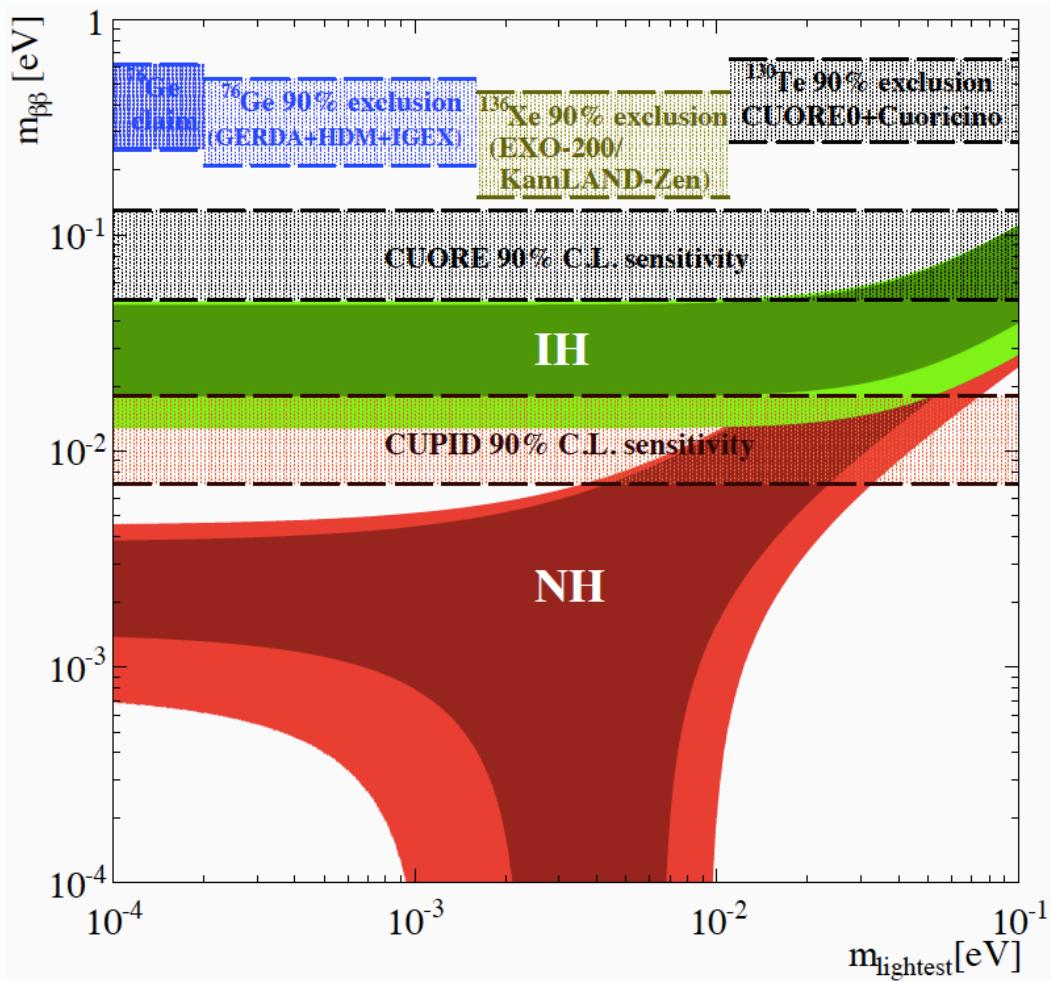
CUORE-0 90% C.L. lower limit from profile likelihood:

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 2.7 \cdot 10^{24} \text{ yr}$$

CUORE-0 results combined with the existing 19.75 kg·yr of  $^{130}\text{Te}$  exposure from Cuoricino

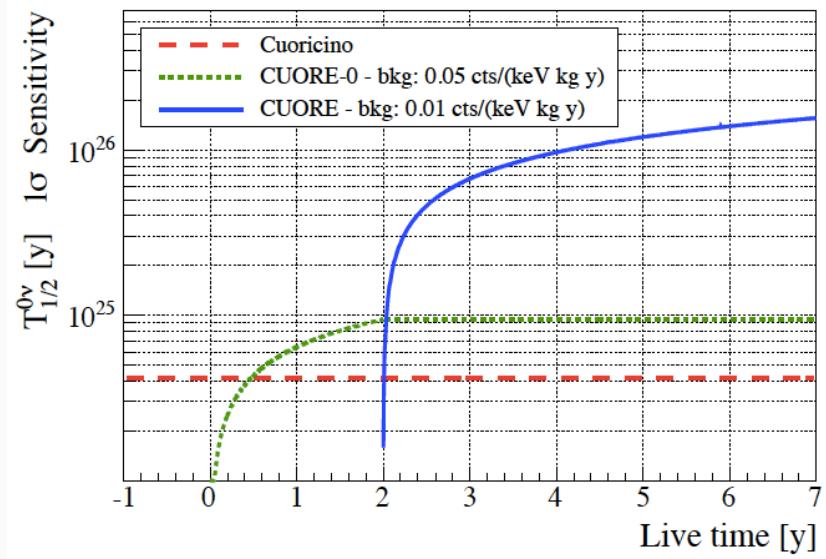
$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 4.0 \cdot 10^{24} \text{ yr}$$

# CUORE Expected Sensitivity



## 5-year Sensitivity:

$T_{1/2}(^{130}\text{Te}) > 9.5 \times 10^{25}$  years;  
 $M_{\beta\beta} < 52-120$  MeV



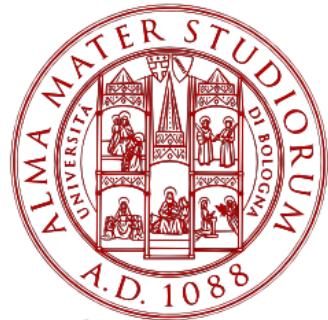


# *Status of CUORE Experiment and Latest Results from CUORE-0*

- ✓ We released the first CUORE-0 results, which are very encouraging in view of CUORE:
  - Characteristic energy resolution: 4.9 keV
  - $\alpha$  background 7 times smaller than CUORICINO
- ✓ CUORE-0 provides the best world limit on neutrino-less double beta decay in  $^{130}\text{Te}$ 
  - $T_{0\nu} > 2.7 \times 10^{24} \text{ y}$  (standalone)
  - $T_{0\nu} > 4.0 \times 10^{24} \text{ y}$  (combined CUORE-0+CUORICINO)
- ✓ The construction of CUORE is close to the end:
  - All 19 detector towers built and ready to be installed
  - Cryostat reached 6 mK in commissioning runs
  - Full integration runs are ongoing

✓ **1<sup>th</sup> CUORE Data Taking (Physics) Run *by the end of 2016***

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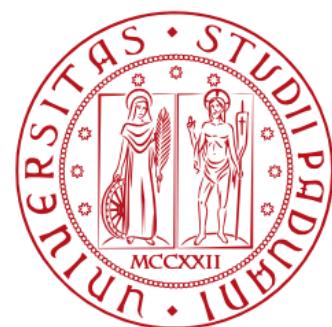


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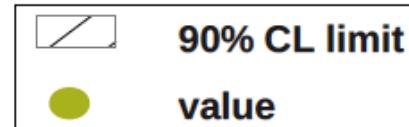
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# CUORE background budget

Based on

- Cuoricino & CUORE-0 data
- HPGe, NAA and ICPMS measurements
- Montecarlo



Bkg GOAL:  
0.01 c/keV/kg/y

Near Surfaces : TeO<sub>2</sub>

Near Surfaces: Cu NOSV or PTFE

Near Bulk: TeO<sub>2</sub>

Near Bulk: Cu NOSV

Cosm. Activ. : TeO<sub>2</sub>

Cosm Activ : Cu NOSV

Near Bulk : small parts

Far Bulk: COMETA Pb top

Far Bulk: Inner Roman Pb

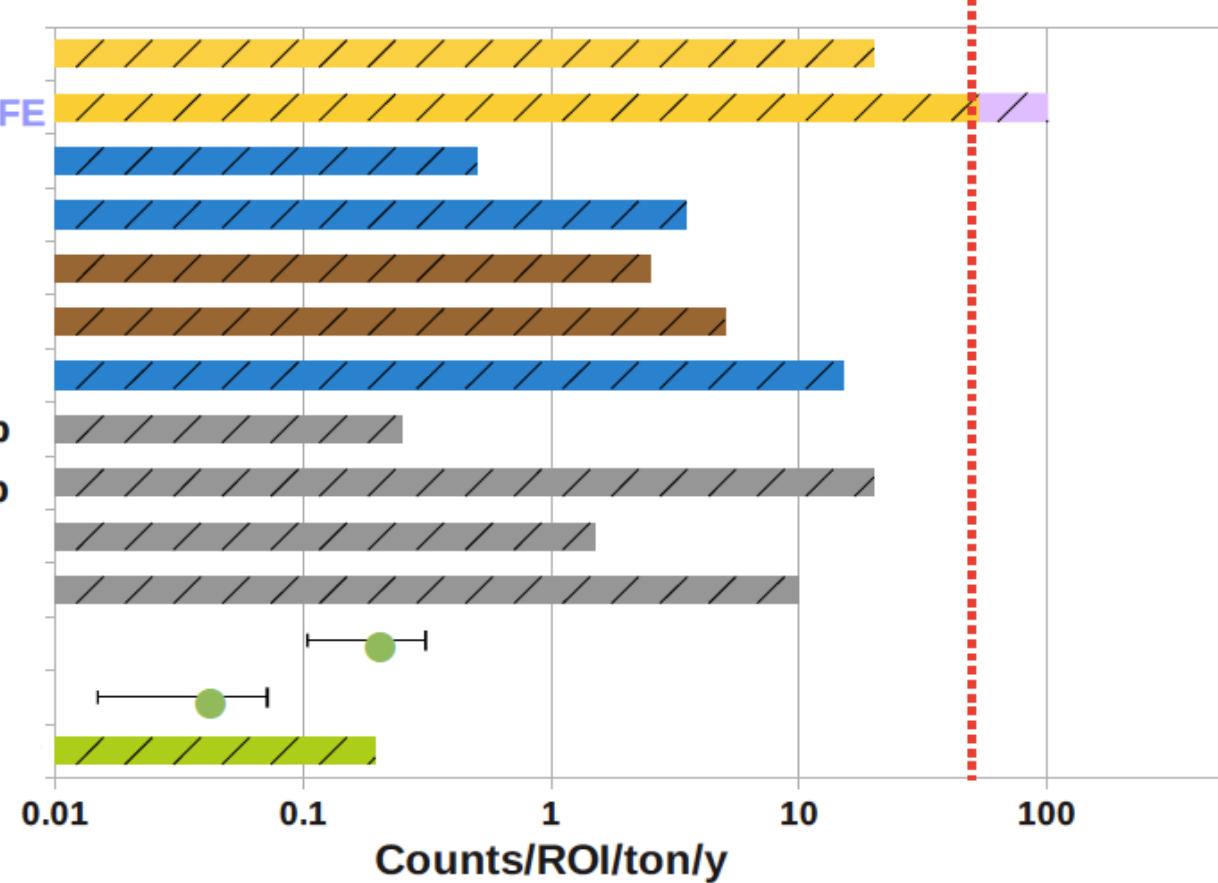
Far Bulk: Steel parts

Far Bulk: Cu OFE

Environmental: muons

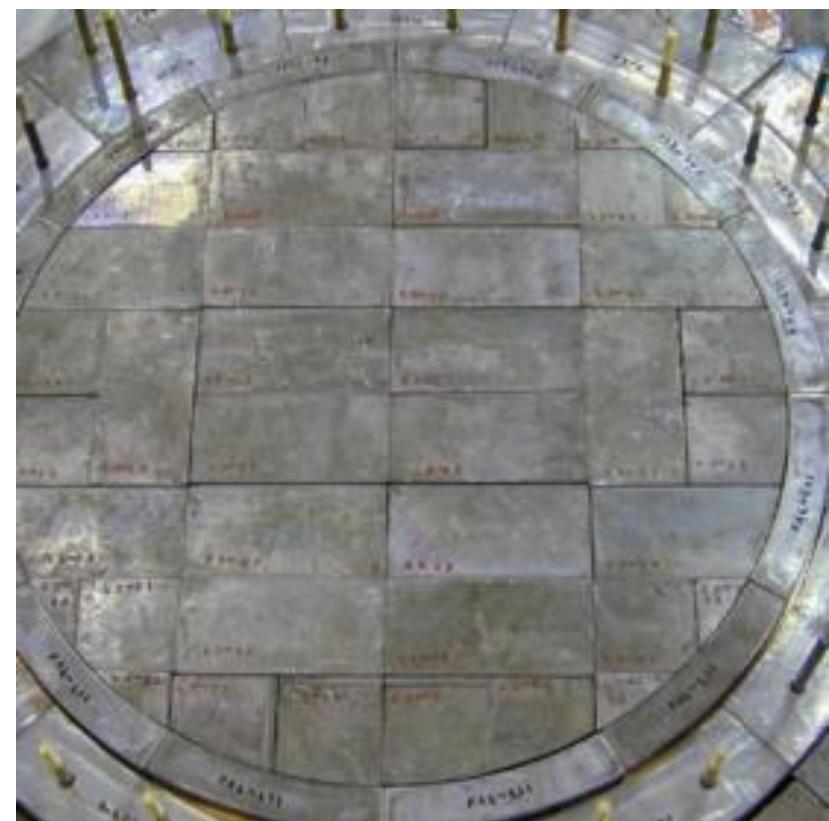
Environmental: neutrons

Environmental: gammas





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