



# CUPID

## CUORE Upgrade with Particle IDentification



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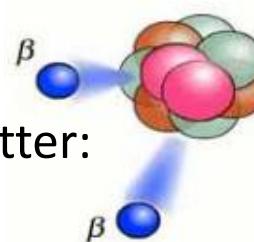


*On behalf of the CUPID collaboration*

# Searching for $0\nu2\beta$

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$0\nu2\beta$  is an inclusive test for the « creation of leptons »:



This test is implemented in the nuclear matter:



Very rare ( $> 10^{26}$  yr) - Energetically possible for **35 nuclei**

Experimentally relevant:  $^{82}\text{Se}$ ,  $^{76}\text{Ge}$ ,  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{130}\text{Te}$ ,  $^{136}\text{Xe}$

Enrichement is mandatory, with the exception of  $^{130}\text{Te}$

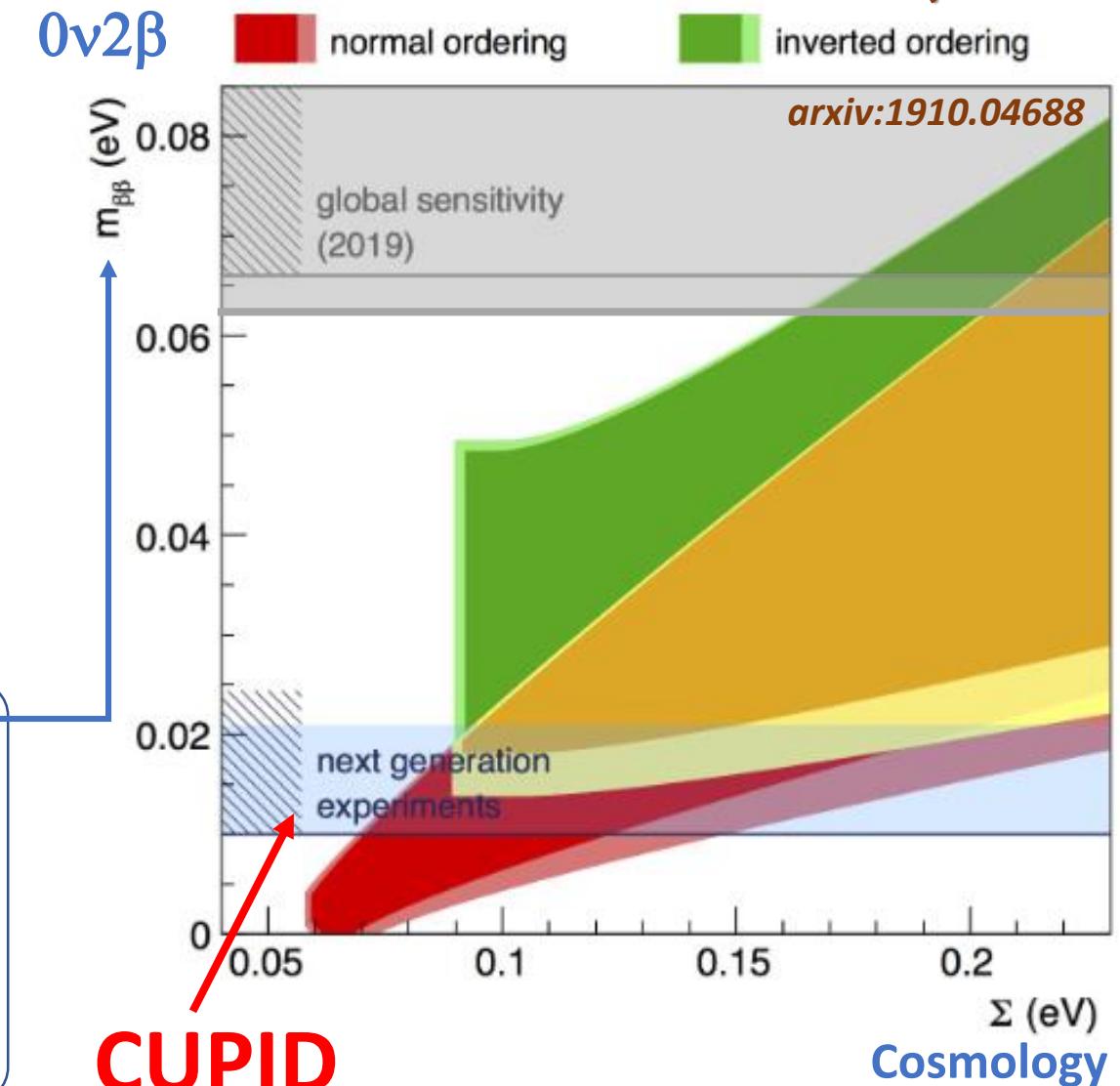
Signal: a peak in the sum-energy spectrum of  $2e^-$  at  $Q_{2\beta}$

$0\nu2\beta$

Standard mechanism: neutrino physics

$0\nu2\beta$  is mediated by  
**light massive Majorana neutrinos**  
(exactly those which oscillate)

BSM non-standard mechanisms  
Not necessarily neutrino physics



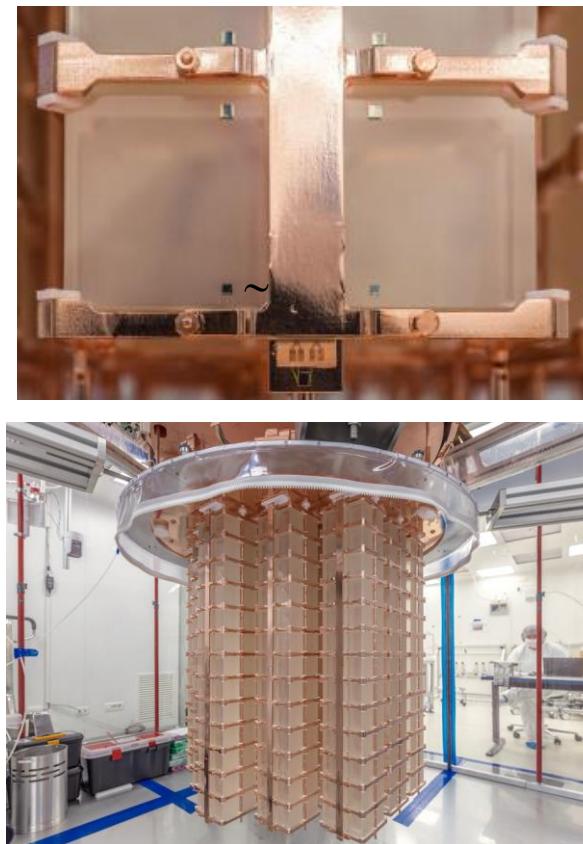
# CUORE in a nutshell

**CUORE** is an array of **TeO<sub>2</sub> bolometers** searching for 0ν2β decay of the isotope <sup>130</sup>Te and taking data in LNGS (Italy) at ~ 12-15 mK

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The largest bolometric experiment ever

- 988 crystals 5x5x5 cm, closely packed
- Arranged in 19 towers of 13 floors each
- 742 kg (206 kg of <sup>130</sup>Te)
- Background according to expectations: **1.38(7)×10<sup>-2</sup> counts/(keV·kg·yr)**
- Energy resolution close to expectations: **7.0(4) keV FWHM**
- → margins for improvement



One of the most sensitive 0ν2β experiments of the current generation

- Exposure for the current limit: **373 kg·y** (collected > **1 tonne·y**)
- Current limit (<sup>130</sup>Te  $T_{1/2}^{0\nu2\beta}$ ): >  **$3.2 \times 10^{25}$  y**
  - **$m_{\beta\beta} < 75 - 350$  meV**
- 5 y projected  $T_{1/2}$  sensitivity: ~  **$9 \times 10^{25}$  y**
  - **$m_{\beta\beta} < 60 - 280$  meV**

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## CUORE is not background free

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

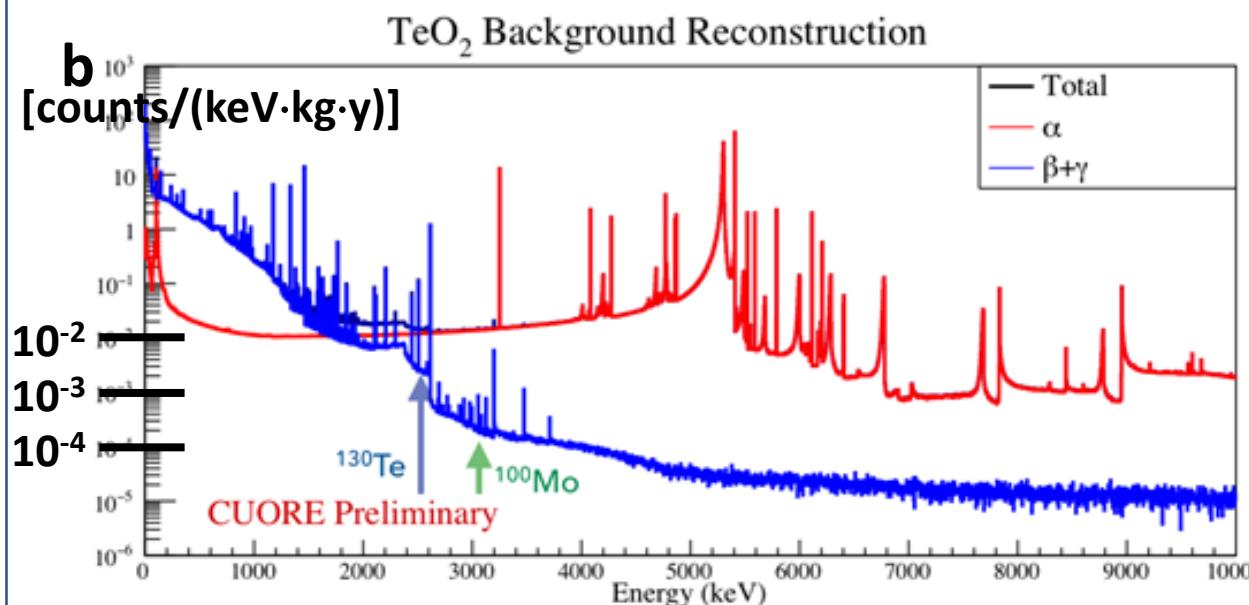
# CUORE → CUPID

## Three important messages from CUORE

1. A tonne-scale bolometric detector is technically feasible
2. Analysis of ~1000 individual bolometers is handable
3. An infrastructure to host a bolometric next-generation  $0\nu2\beta$  experiment exists and will be available at the end of the CUORE physics program (~2023-2024)

**CUPID** (CUORE Upgrade with Particle ID) is a proposed  $0\nu2\beta$  bolometric experiment exploiting the **CUORE infrastructure** and with a **background 100 times lower at the ROI**

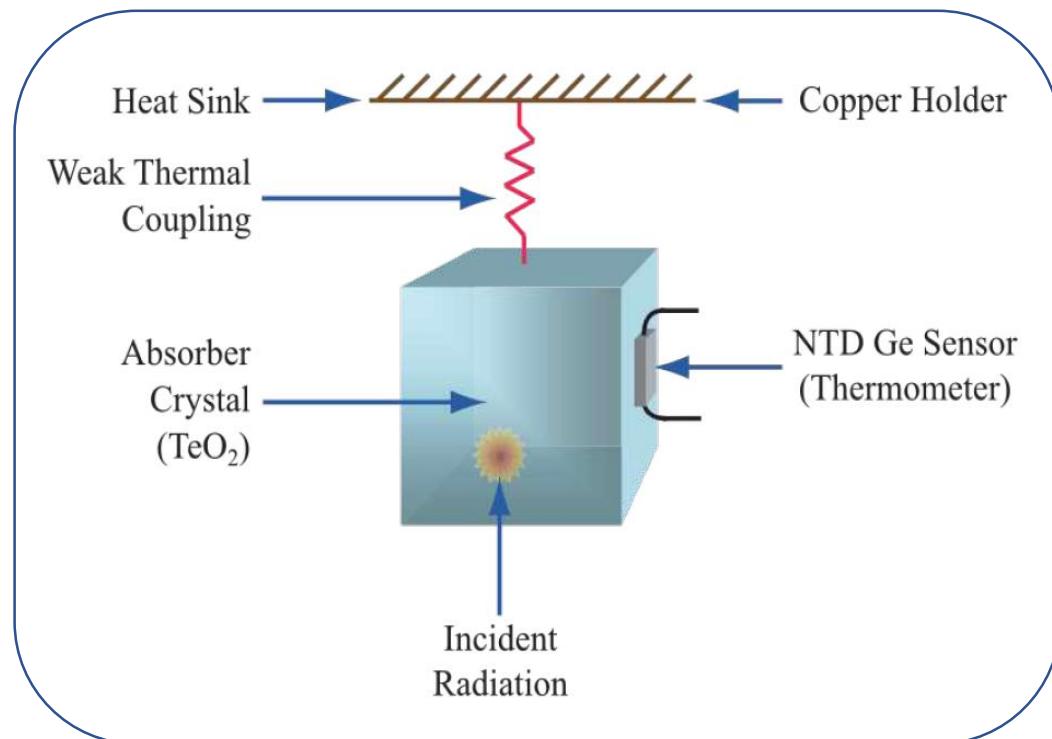
## CUORE background model



- Reject  $\alpha$  background with **scintillating bolometers**
- Mitigate  $\gamma$  background by **moving to <sup>100</sup>Mo**
  - $Q_{2\beta}: 2527 \text{ keV} (^{130}\text{Te}) \rightarrow 3034 \text{ keV} (^{100}\text{Mo})$
- Increase isotope mass by **enrichment** (natural isotopic abundance: 9.7%)

# CUPID rationale

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

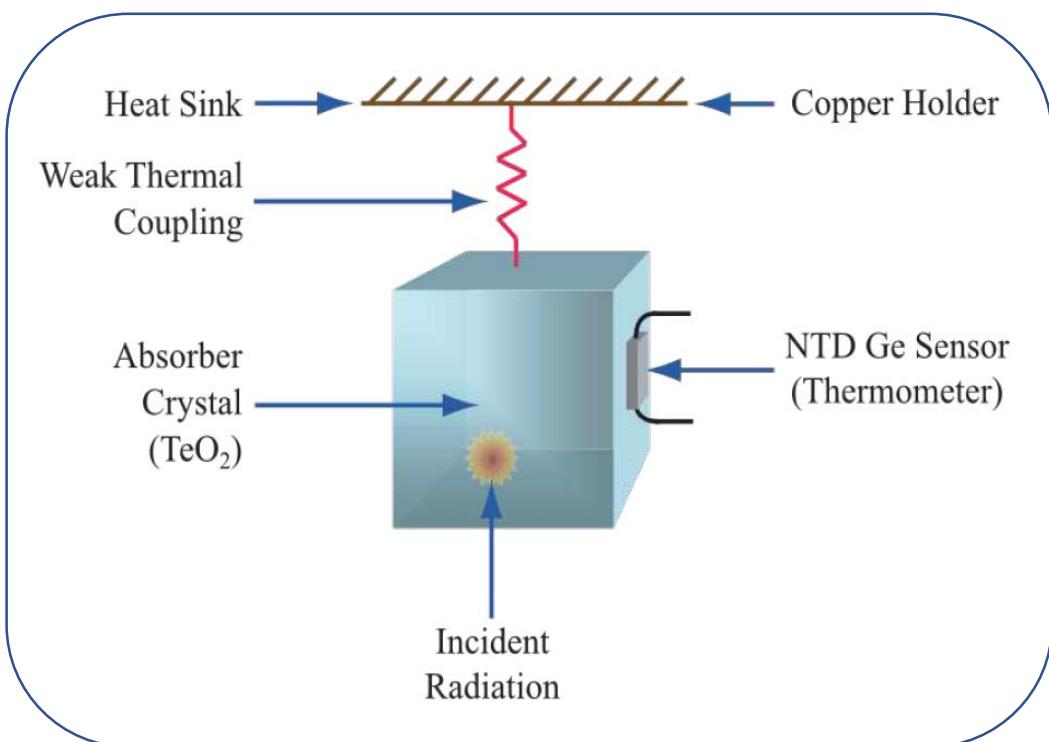


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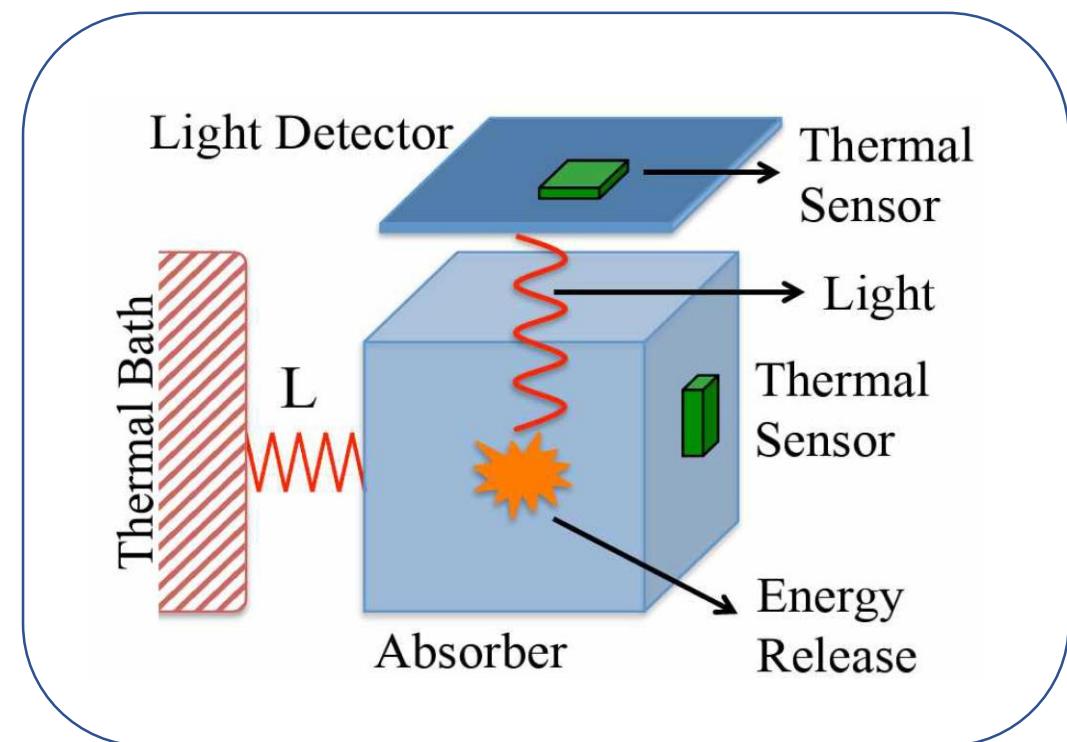
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**CUPID**  $^{100}\text{Mo}$   
heat + light  
**(scintillating bolometer)**



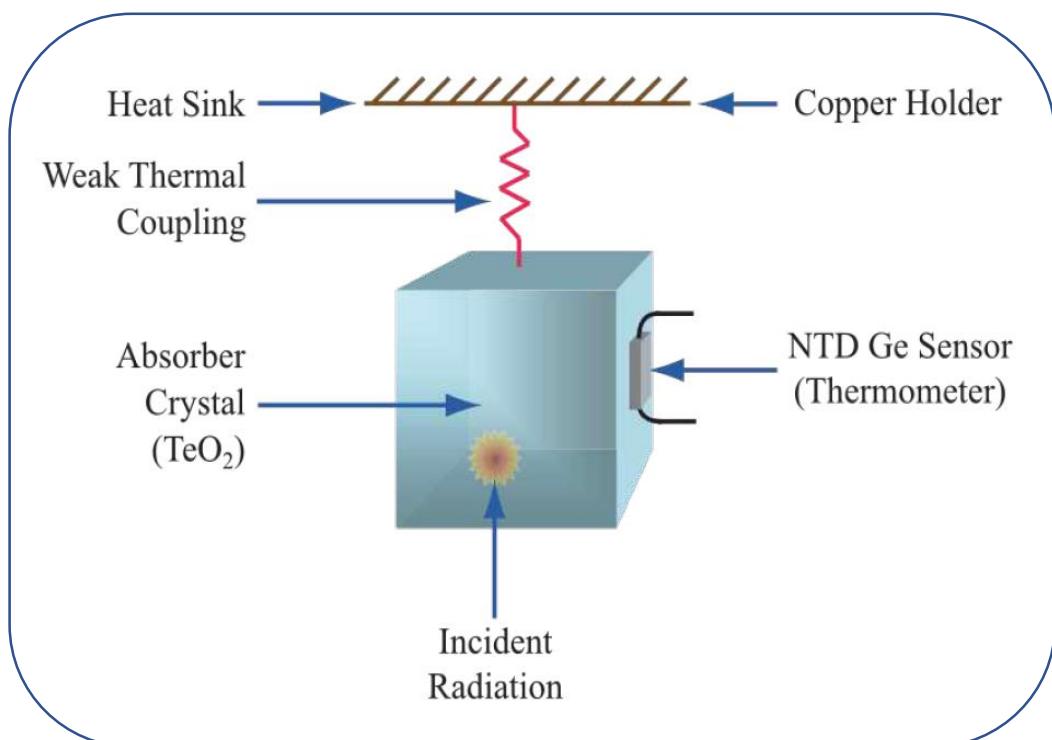
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 $\gamma$  background

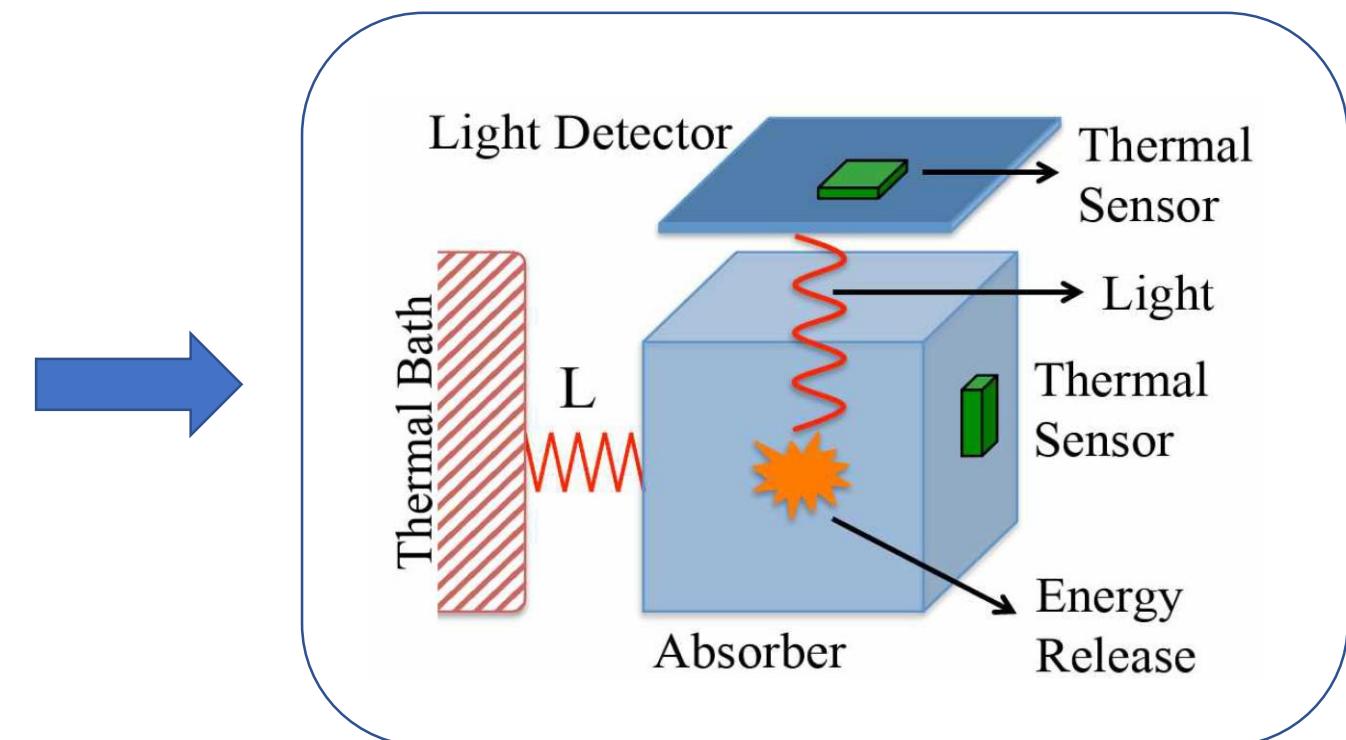
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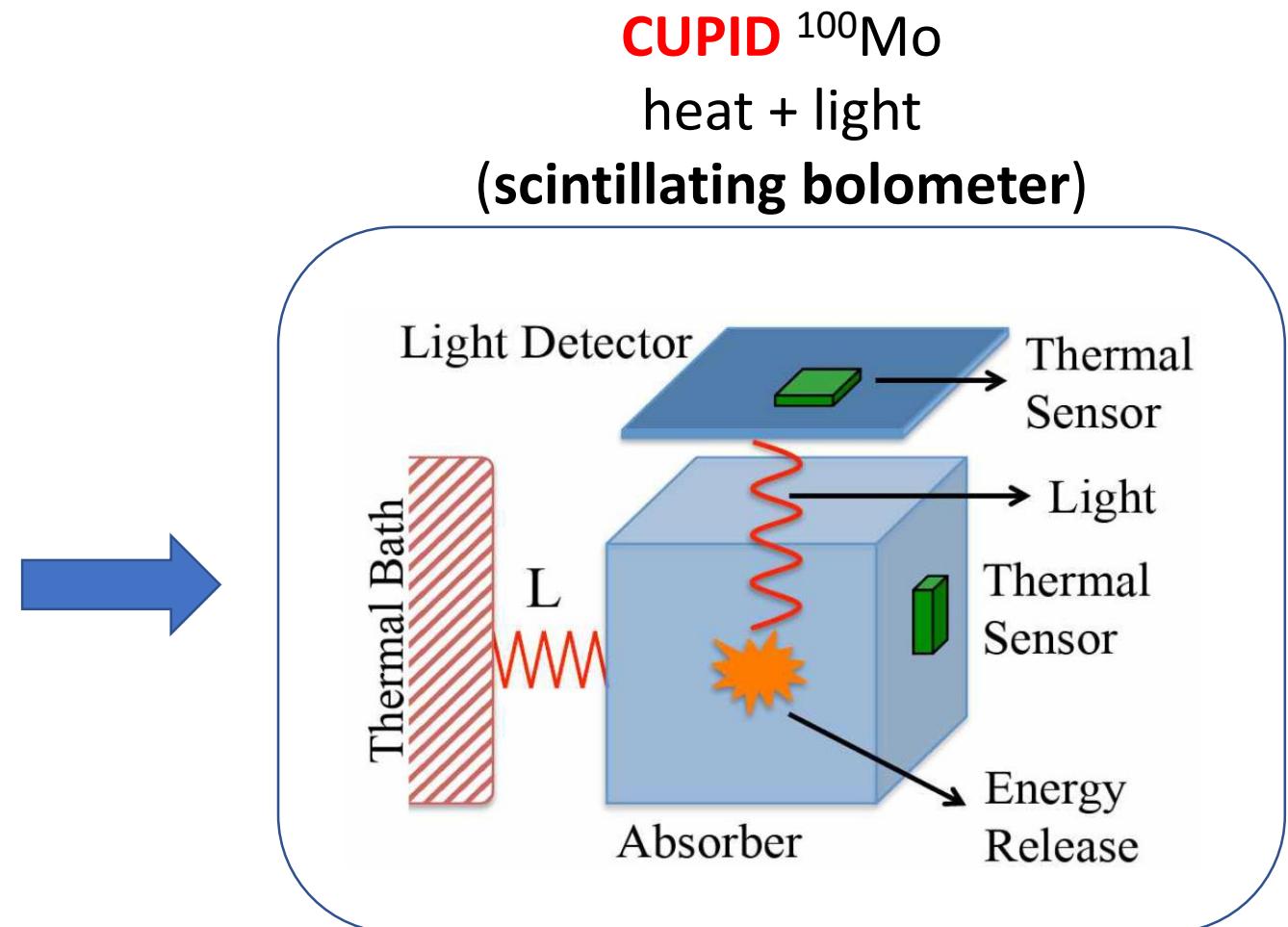
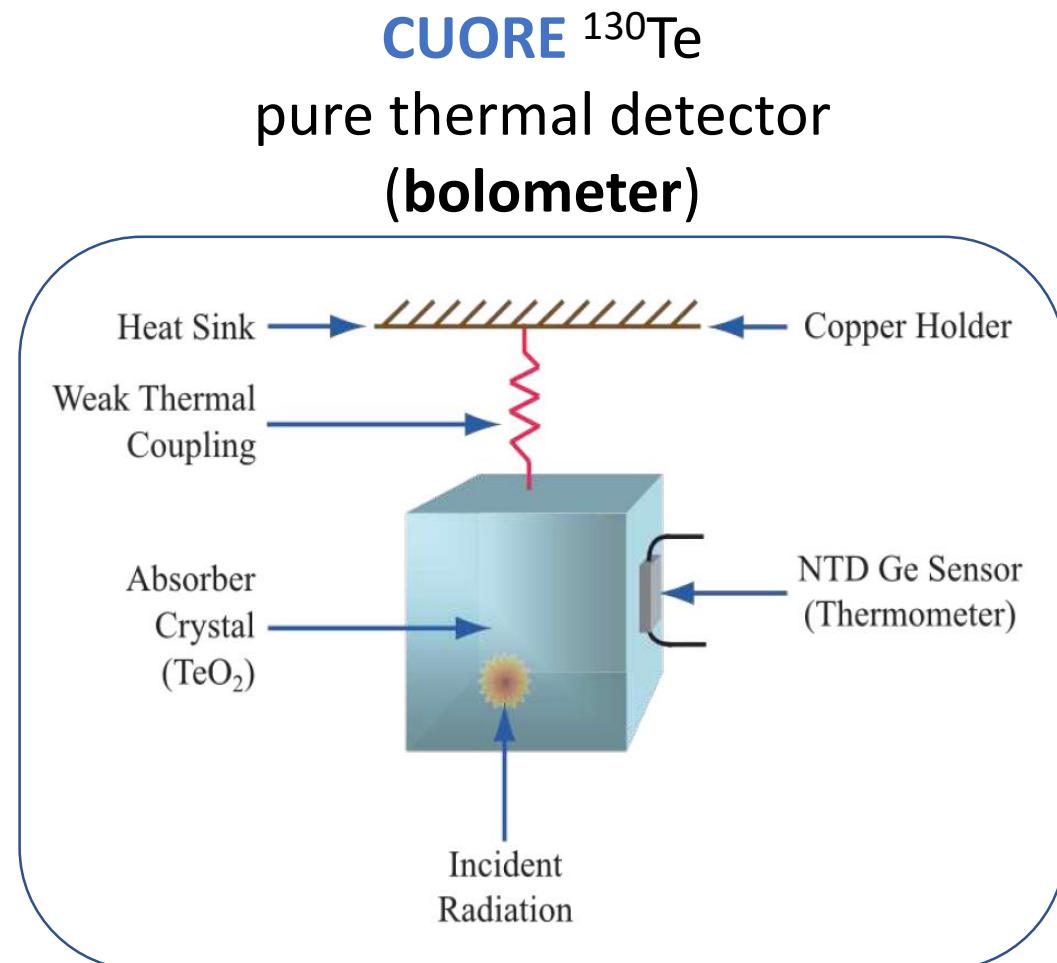
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~~$\alpha$  background~~ ← **PID**  
 ~~$\gamma$  background~~

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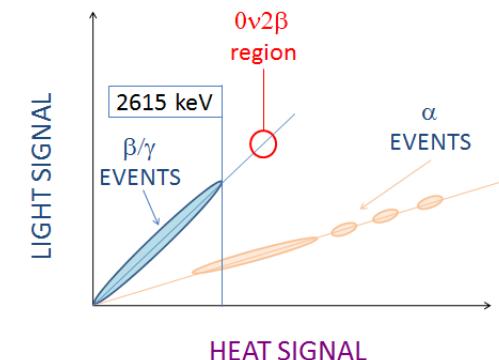
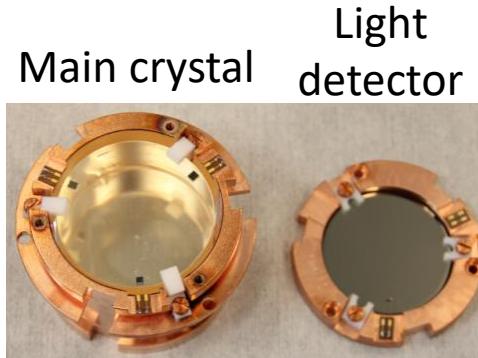
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# Choice of the isotope and compound

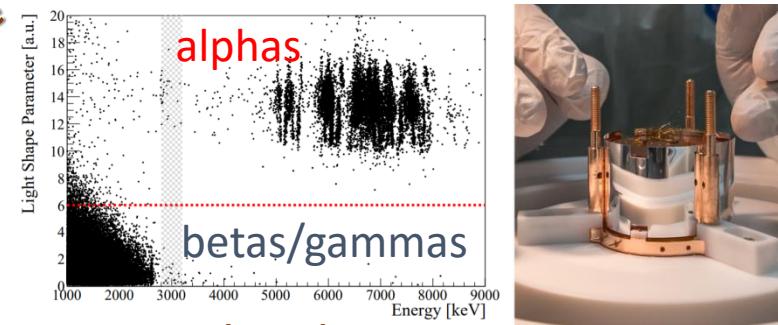
Scintillating bolometers



**α particle rejection**



CUPID-0 – Zn<sup>82</sup>Se     $Q_{2\beta} = 2998$  keV  
 (evolution of LUCIFER    erc )    E. Celi  
 First running demonstrator    This conference  
 24 crystals (enriched in <sup>82</sup>Se) – 5.28 kg <sup>82</sup>Se  
 Best limit on <sup>82</sup>Se:  $T_{1/2} > 3.5 \times 10^{24}$  y  
 Energy resolution: ~23 keV FWHM



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 counts/(keV·kg·yr)  
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 (evolution of LUMINEU    ANR )

Physics data taking: April 2019 – June 2020

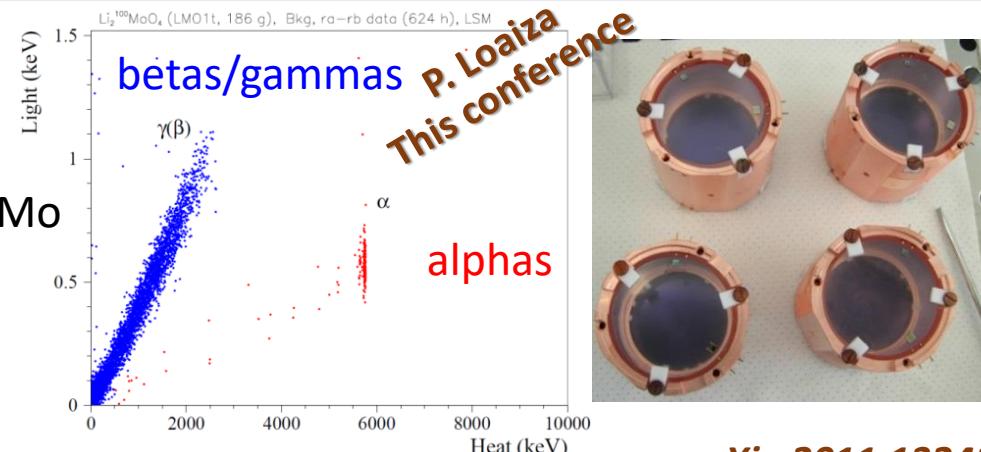
20 crystals (enriched in <sup>100</sup>Mo) – 2.34 kg <sup>100</sup>Mo

Energy resolution: ~5-7 keV FWHM

Best limit on <sup>100</sup>Mo:  $T_{1/2} > 1.5 \times 10^{24}$  y

Full α rejection

Radiopure crystals: U/Th ≤ 1 μBq/kg



LSM – France

Zero background  
 experiment at LSM

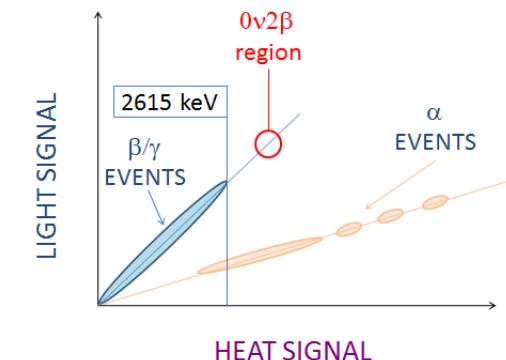
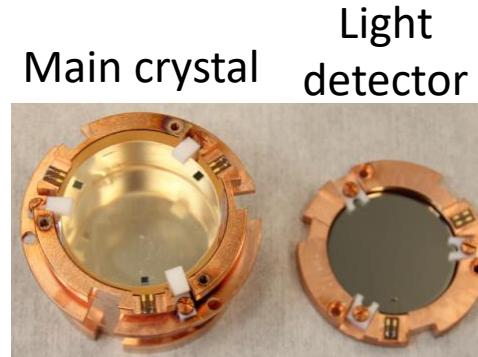
CUPID  
 requirements met

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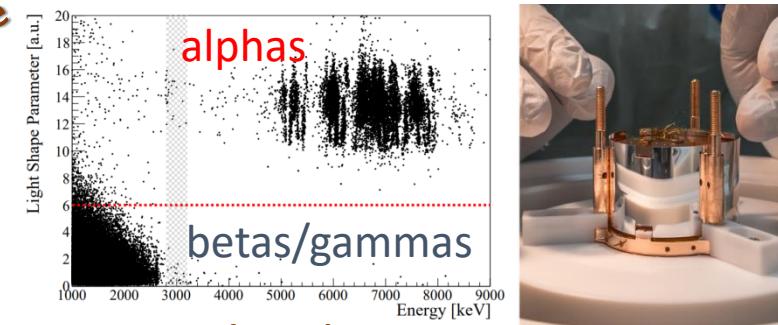
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Energy resolution: ~5-7 keV FWHM

Best limit on <sup>100</sup>Mo:  $T_{1/2} > 1.5 \times 10^{24}$  y

Full  $\alpha$  rejection

Radiopure crystals: U/Th  $\leq 1$   $\mu$ Bq/kg



LSM – France

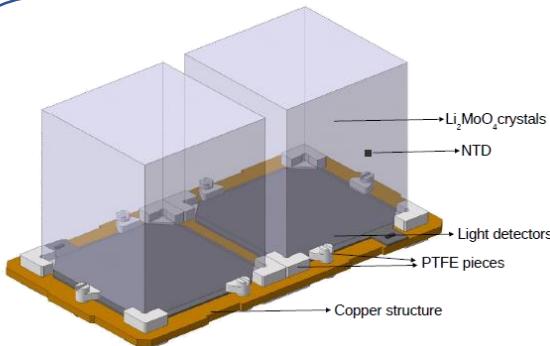
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CUPID  
requirements met

# CUPID structure

CUPID pre-CDR [arXiv:1907.09376](https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.09376) upgrade to CDR ongoing

- Single module:  $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$  **45x45x45 mm** –  $\sim 280 \text{ g}$
- 57 towers of 14 floors with 2 crystals each - **1596 crystals**
- **~240 kg of  $^{100}\text{Mo}$**  with >95% enrichment
- $\sim 1.6 \times 10^{27} \text{ }^{100}\text{Mo}$  atoms
- No reflecting foil
- Ge light detector as in CUPID-Mo, CUPID-0

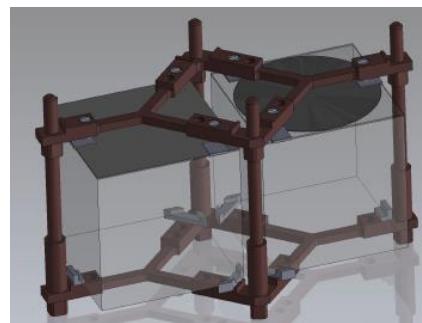


## Baseline design

Gravity stacked  
structure

Crystals thermally  
interconnected

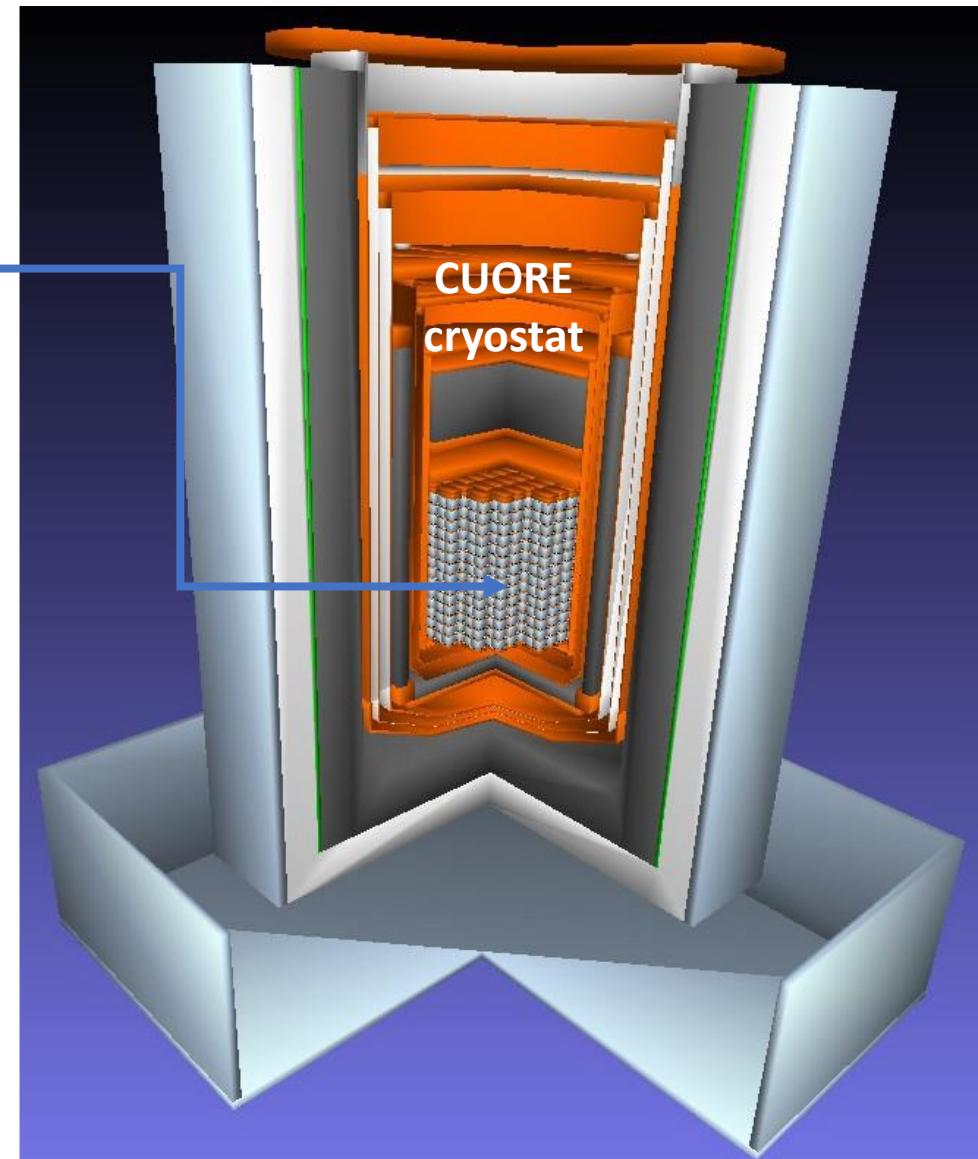
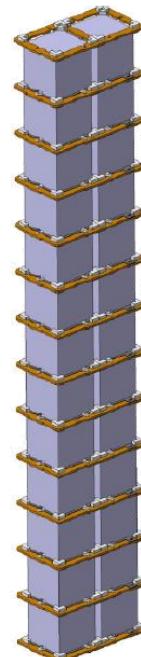
*Tests ongoing*



## Alternative design

Crystals thermally  
independent

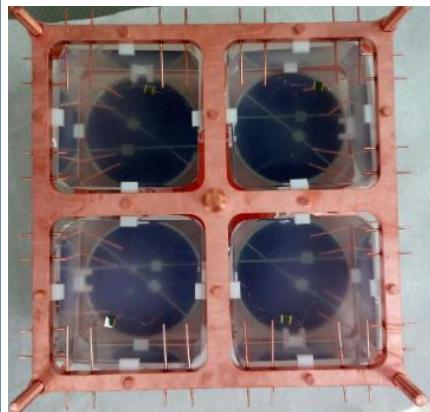
No Cu holder for  
light detectors



# CUPID tests on cubic crystals

Satisfactory results on **cubic crystals with final CUPID size**, grown from enriched molybdenum, have been obtained

## LNGS test – Hall C facility



**8 crystal array (4 without reflective foil)**

**12 round light detectors  $\varnothing 44$  mm (as CUPID-Mo)**

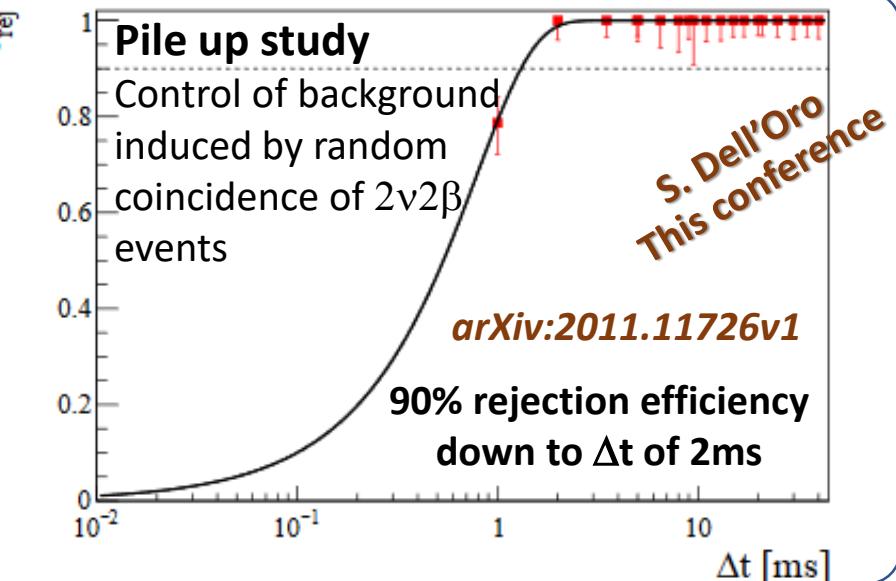
- with reflective foil  $\rightarrow \alpha/\beta$  separation at  $8-10\sigma$
- without reflective foil  $\rightarrow \alpha/\beta$  separation  $> 4\sigma$

Extrapolated energy resolution at  $Q_{2\beta}$

**6.7(6) keV FWHM**

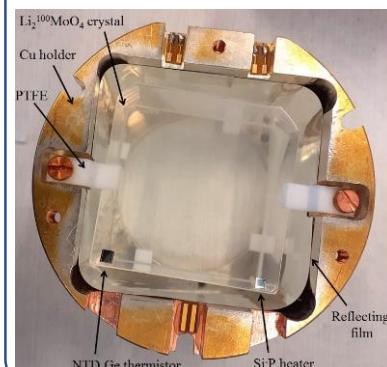
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## Canfranc test – CROSSerc facility

Run 1



**1 crystal + 1 round light detector**

- with reflective foil  
 $\rightarrow \alpha/\beta$  separation at  $8\sigma$

Extrapolated energy resolution at  $Q_{2\beta}$

**6.0(5) keV FWHM**

Confirmed CUPID-Mo crystal radiopurity

Accepted by JINST  
arXiv:2011.13806v1

Run 2



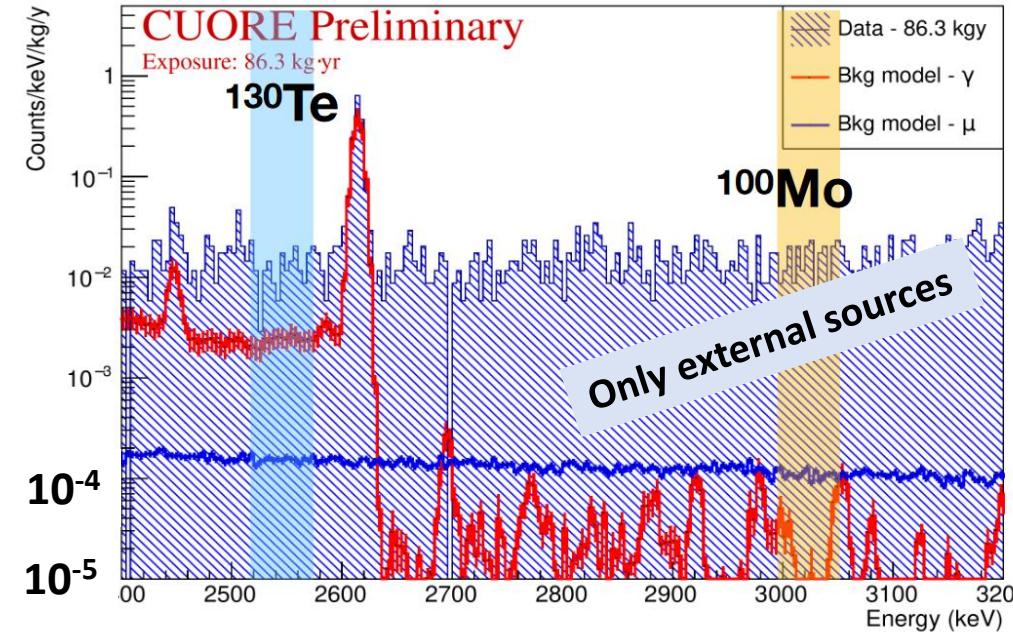
**12 crystal array  
16 light detectors**

- Comparison of light collections with different approaches
- Confirmation of previous performance for configurations with/without reflector
- **First validation of square (45x45 mm) light detectors**  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow \sim 20\%$  light collection

# CUPID background

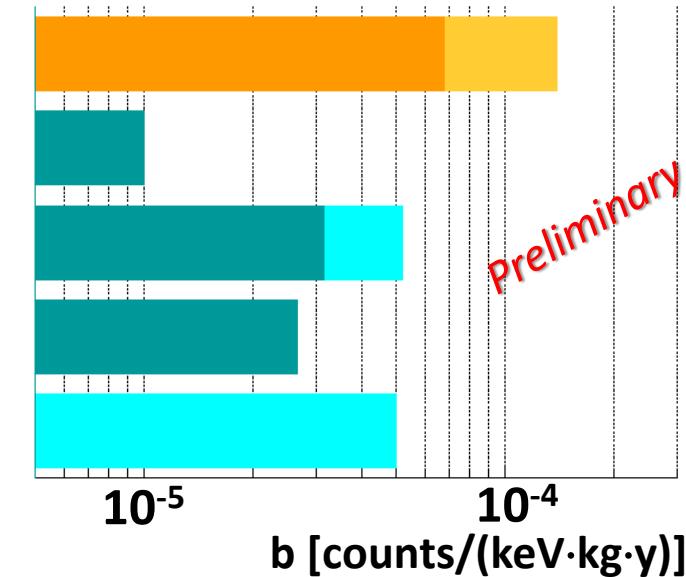
CUORE + CUPID-0 + CUPID-Mo

CUPID background model



Dedicated simulation for CUPID assuming the current baseline structure

Total  
Shields  
Holder  
Crystal – U/Th  
Crystal 2v2 $\beta$



Neutron background:  $< 1 \times 10^{-5}$  counts/(keV kg y)

Muon-induced background:  $\sim 1 \times 10^{-4}$  counts/(keV kg y) in the current configuration – suppressed by a factor 10 with veto

## Random coincidence of 2v2 $\beta$ events

( $T^{2v2\beta} = 7.1 \times 10^{18}$  yr  $\rightarrow$  3 mHz in a CUPID crystal)

Pulse shape discrimination to reject pile-up

Improvement of background rejection by a factor  $\sim 4$  with respect to the current state of the art

- Improve noise level in the heat channel
  - Widen electronics bandwidth and increase sampling rate
  - Investigate machine learning techniques
  - **Exploit light signal** improving S/N and/or speed of light detectors  
 → promising technological solutions: Neganov-Luke or TES
- Work in progress

# CUPID sensitivity

Energy resolution

5 keV FWHM

Background index

$1 \times 10^{-4}$  counts/(keV·kg·y)

Livetime

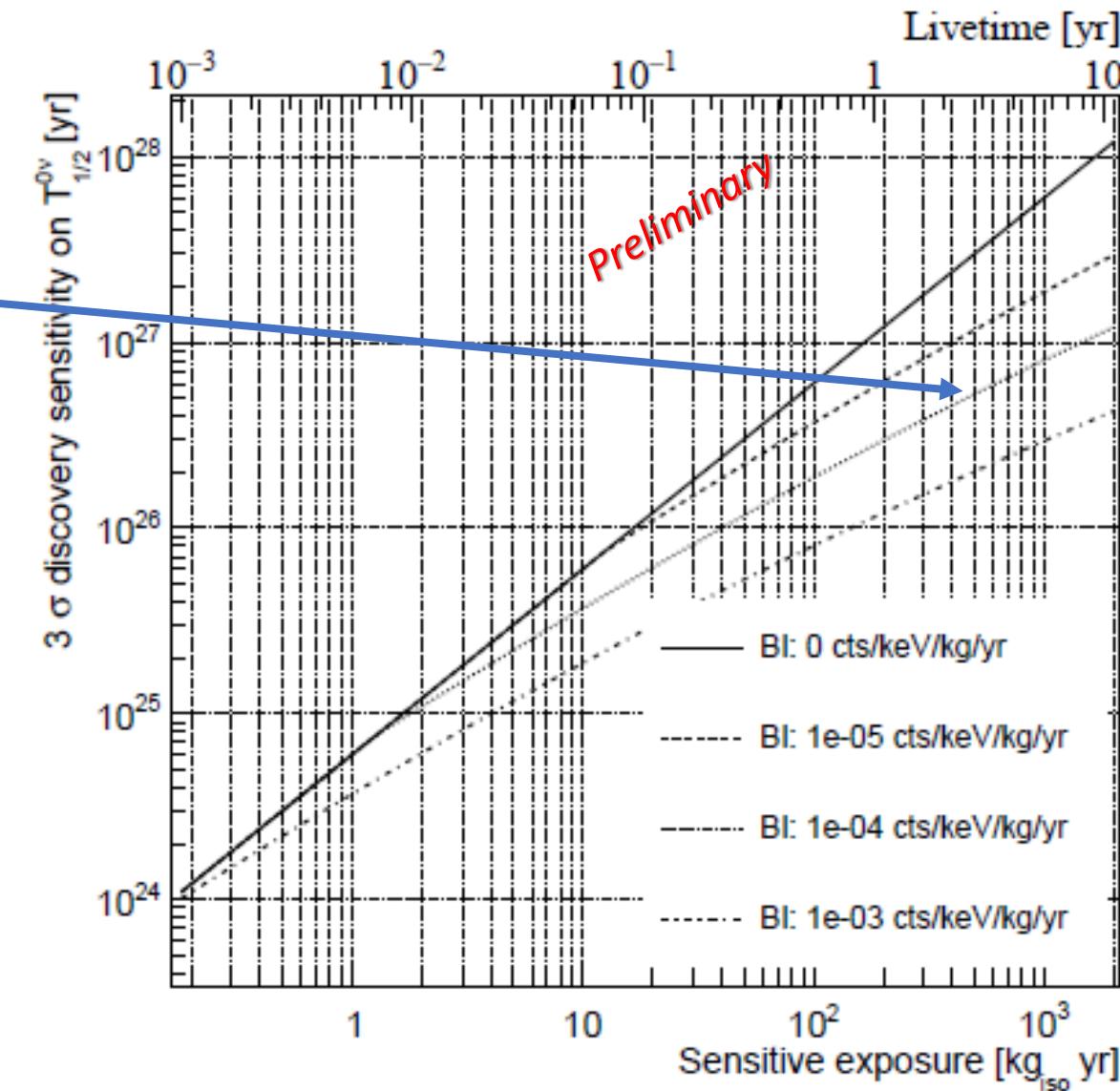
10 y

Half-life exclusion sensitivity

$1.4 \times 10^{27} \text{ y} - m_{\beta\beta} < 10-17 \text{ meV}$

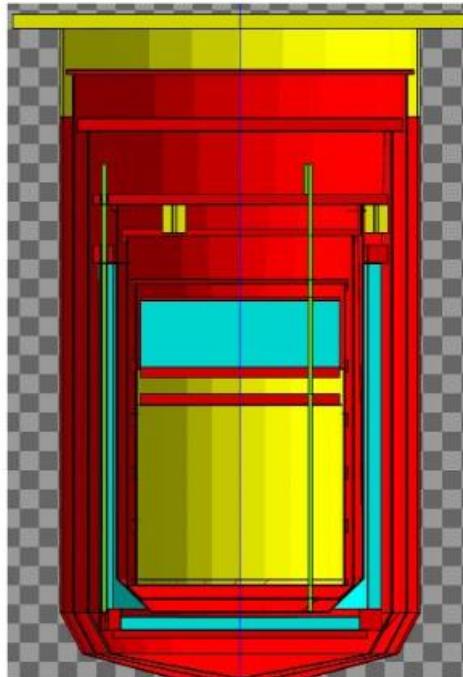
Half-life 3 $\sigma$  discovery sensitivity

$1 \times 10^{27} \text{ y} - m_{\beta\beta} < 12-20 \text{ meV}$



Technically ready

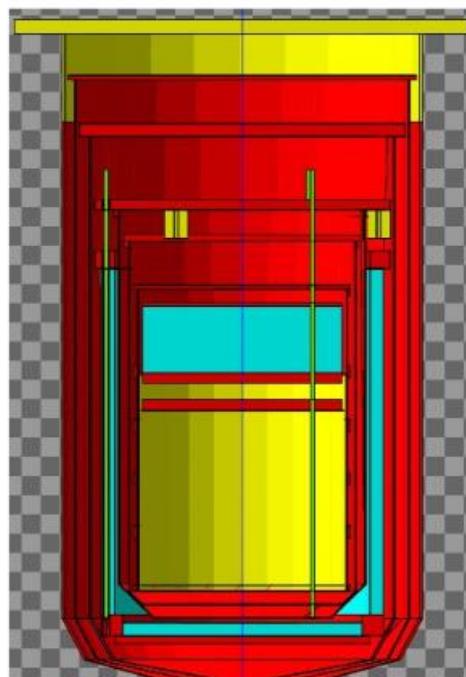
CUPID Baseline



250 kg of  $^{100}\text{Mo}$   
CUORE cryostat  
Bkg  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  cky  
Excl. sensitivity:  
 $T_{1/2} > 1.4 \times 10^{27}$  y

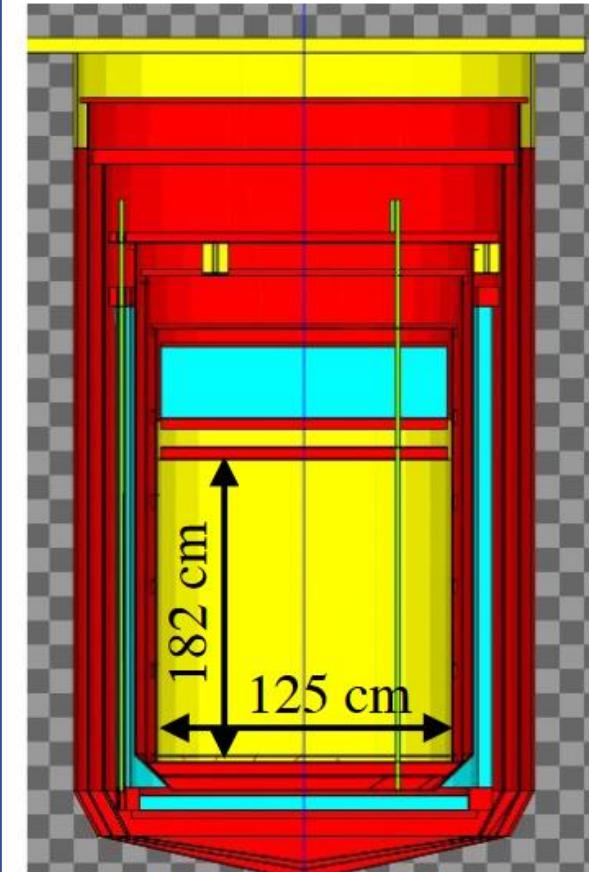
## Phased approach

CUPID-reach



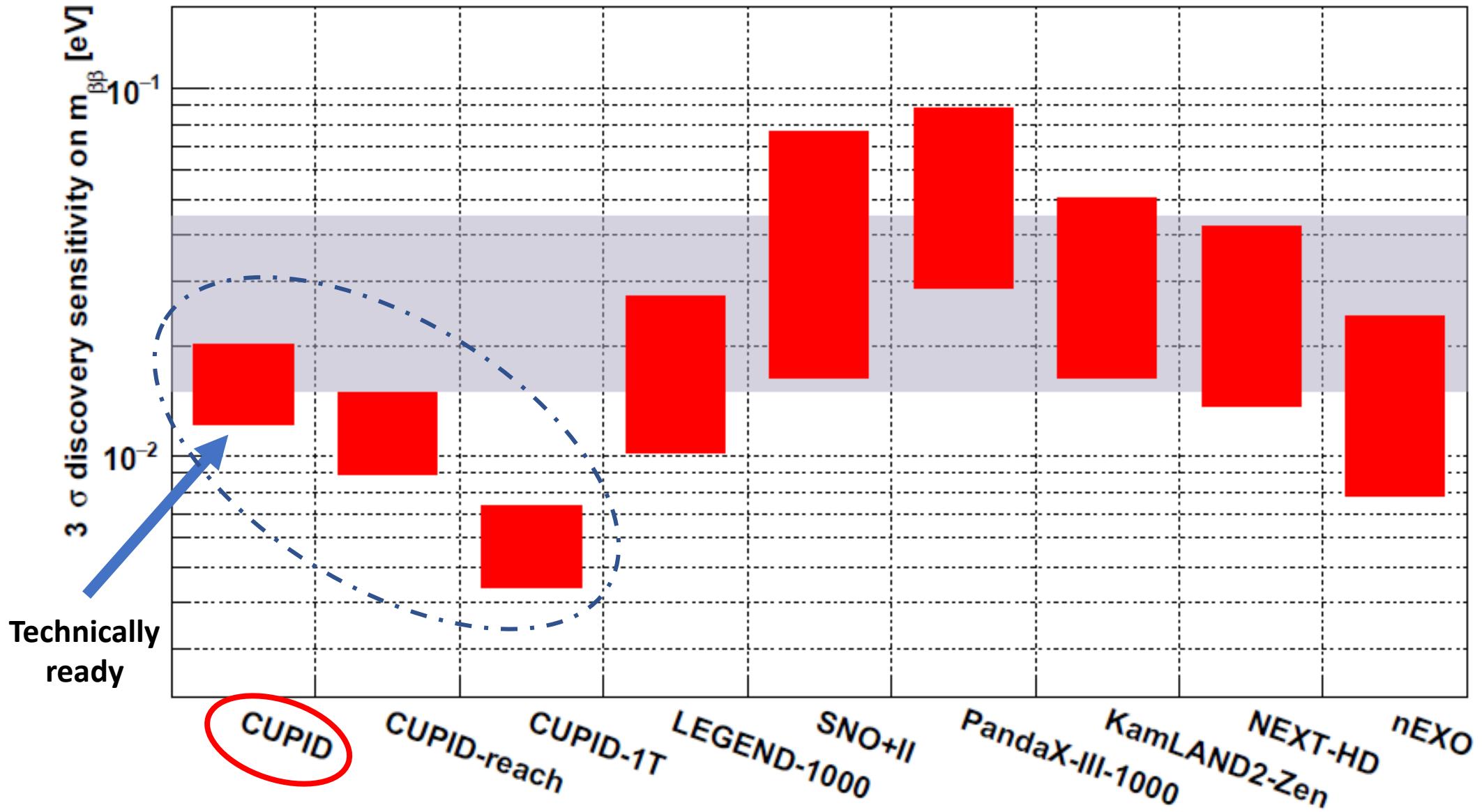
250 kg of  $^{100}\text{Mo}$   
CUORE cryostat  
Bkg  $2 \times 10^{-5}$  cky  
Excl. sensitivity:  
 $T_{1/2} > 2.2 \times 10^{27}$  y

CUPID-1T



1000 kg of  $^{100}\text{Mo}$   
New cryostat  
Bkg  $5 \times 10^{-6}$  cky  
Excl. sensitivity:  
 $T_{1/2} > 9.1 \times 10^{27}$  y

# CUPID in the international landscape



# CUPID collaboration



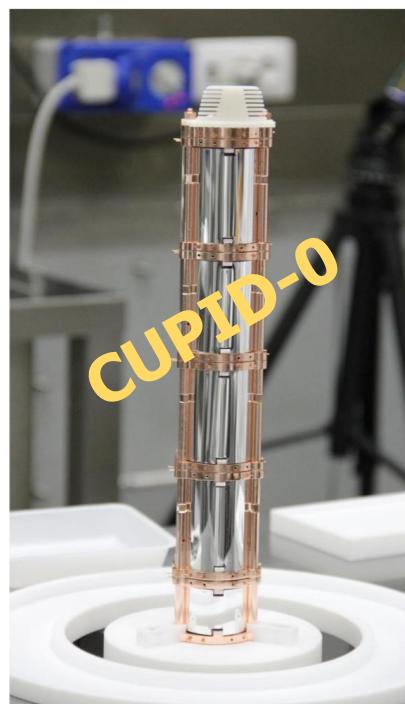
CUORE

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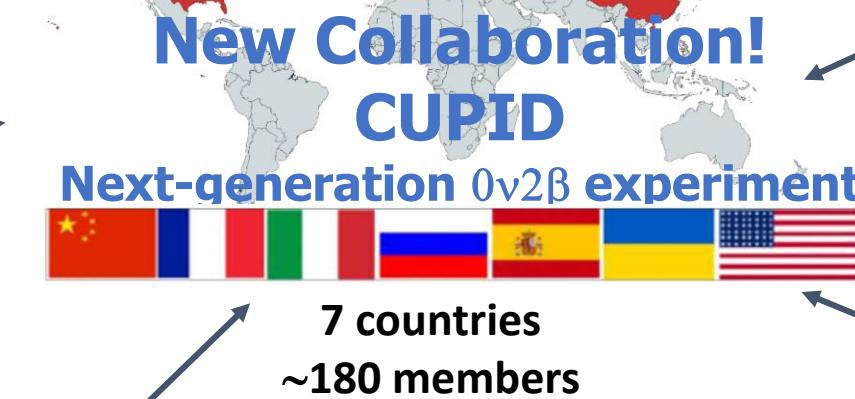
CUPID-Mo

Best world limit on  $^{100}\text{Mo}$   
 $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.5 \times 10^{24} \text{ y} @ 90\% \text{ CI}$



CUPID-O

Best world limit on  $^{82}\text{Se}$   
 $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 3.5 \times 10^{24} \text{ y} @ 90\% \text{ CI}$



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FORCES!

# Summary and final considerations

## Advantages of CUPID

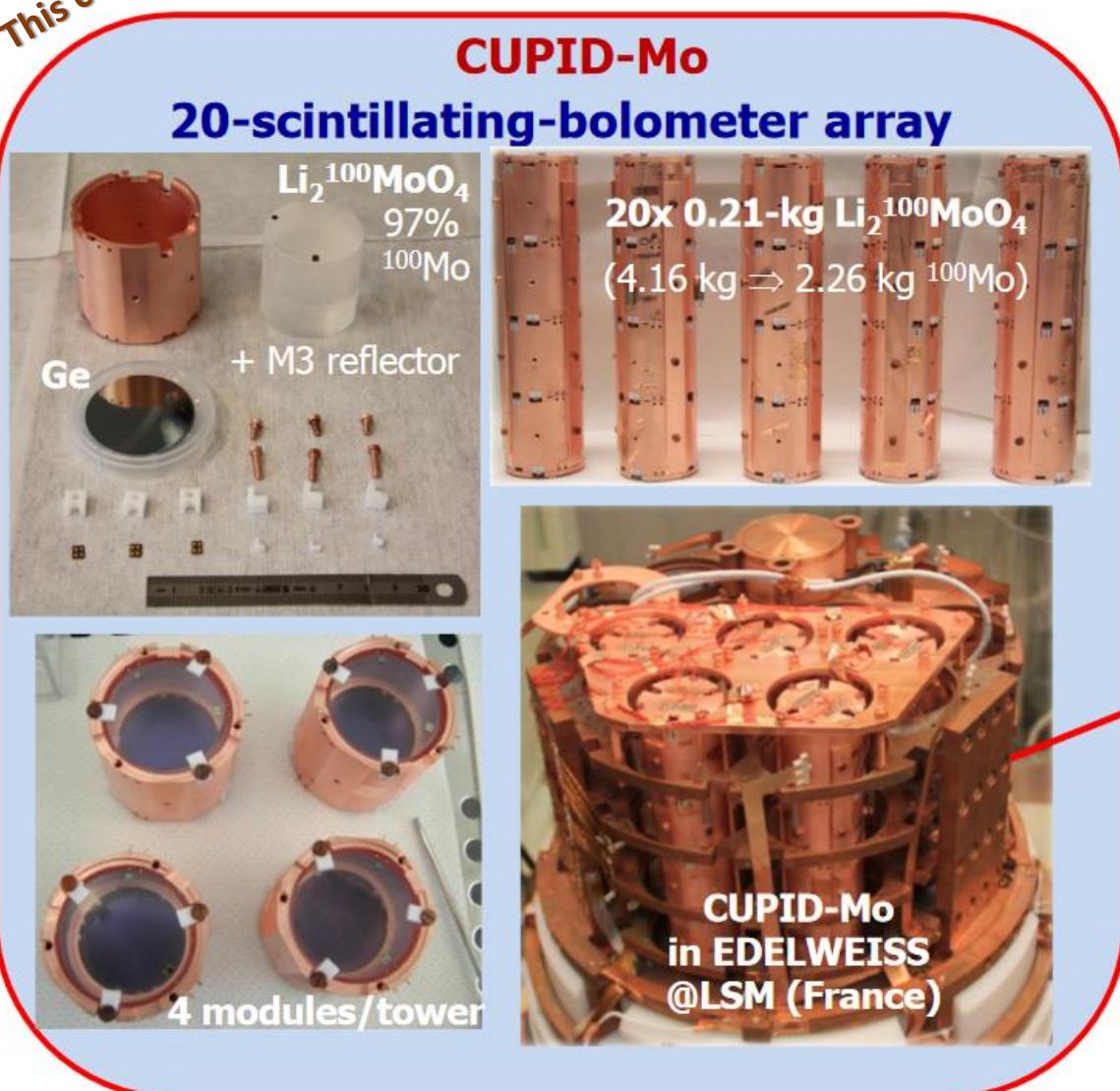
- The **infrastructure** already **exists** (**CUORE** cryostat, **LNGS**, Italy)
- The **required performance** of the single module is demonstrated
  - The objectives are achieved in terms of
    - Internal radiopurity
    - Alpha rejection factor
    - Energy resolution
- **Crystallization and enrichment** at large scale are **possible and demonstrated**
- **Data-driven background model** indicates  $b \sim 10^{-4}$  counts/(keV·kg·y)
- **Fully explore the inverted ordering region**
  - down to  $m_{\beta\beta} = 10$  meV for the most favorable nuclear model
- **Cost effective**

Uniquely favorable position when compared to  
other next-generation  $0\nu2\beta$  searches

# BACK UP

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# CUPID-Mo in a nutshell



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