

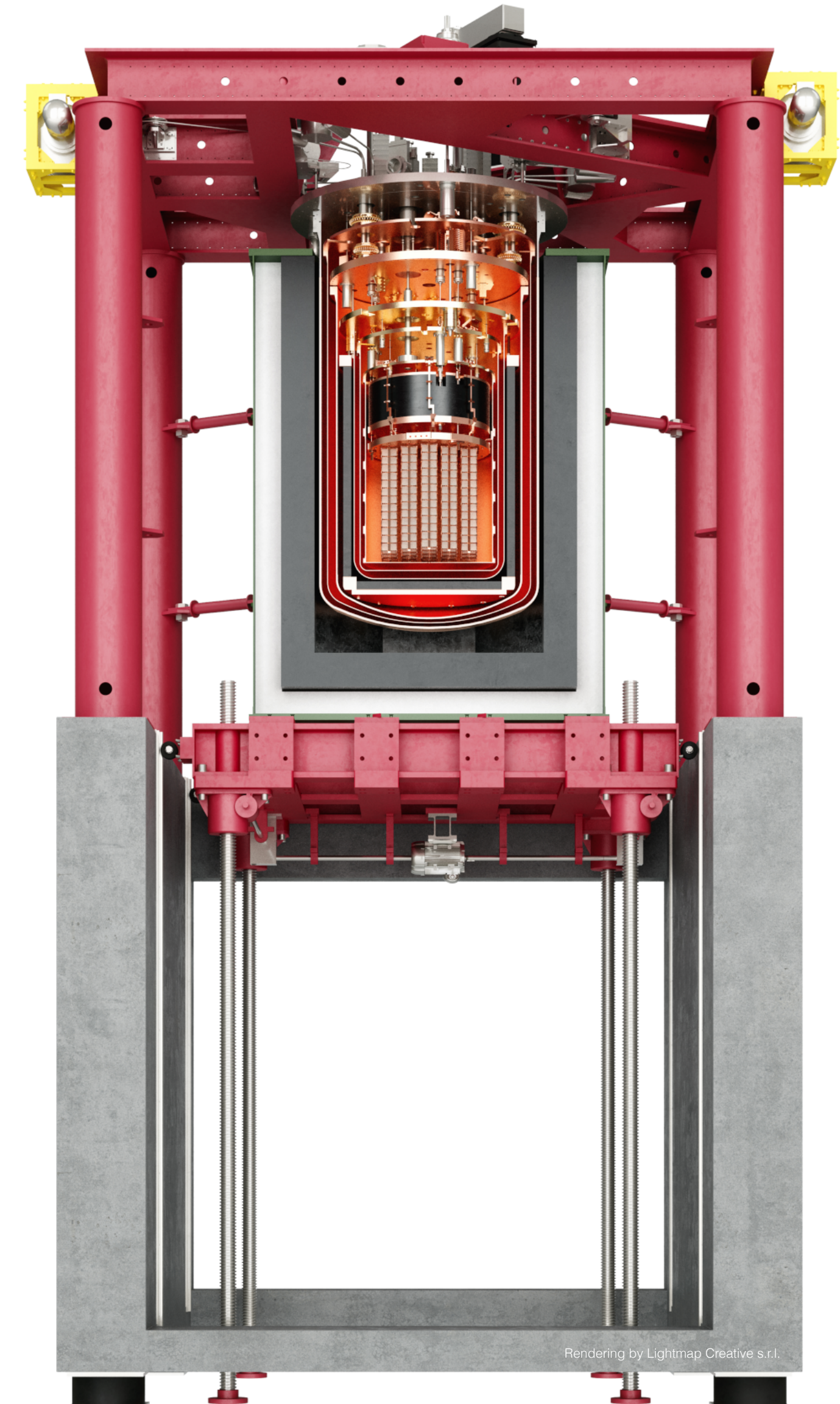
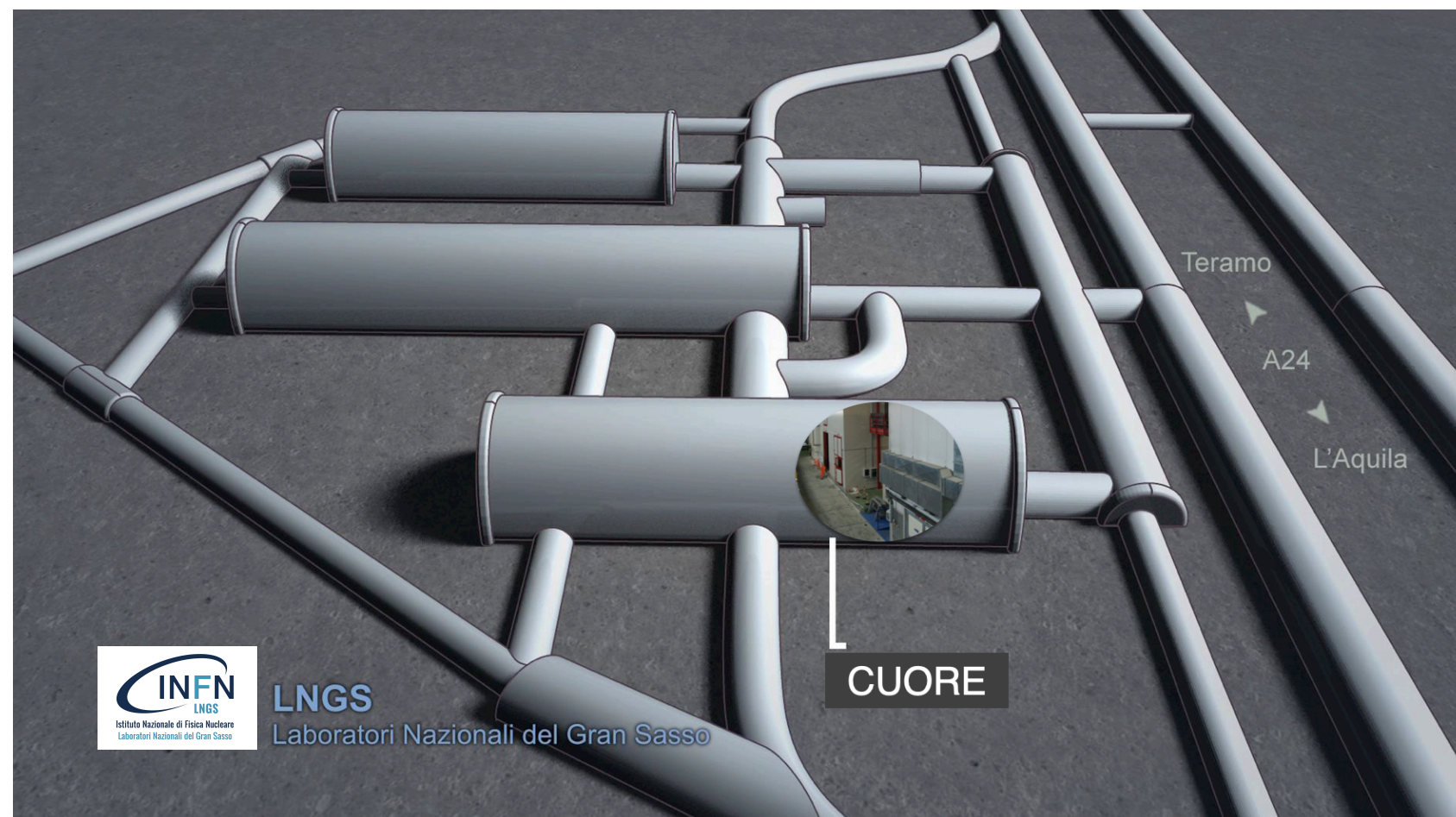
CUORE latest results and prospects

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Cryogenic U nderground O bservatory for R are E vents

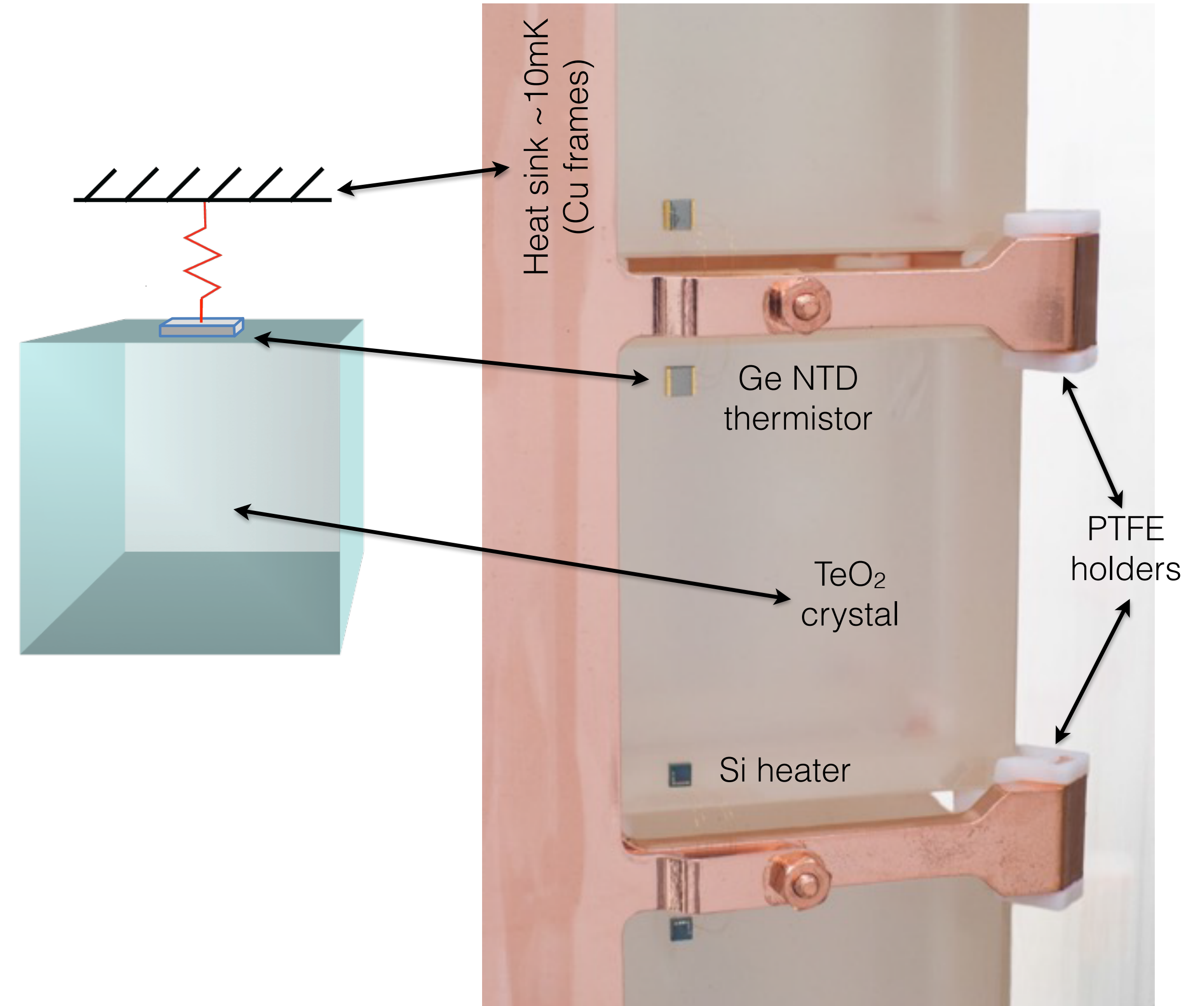
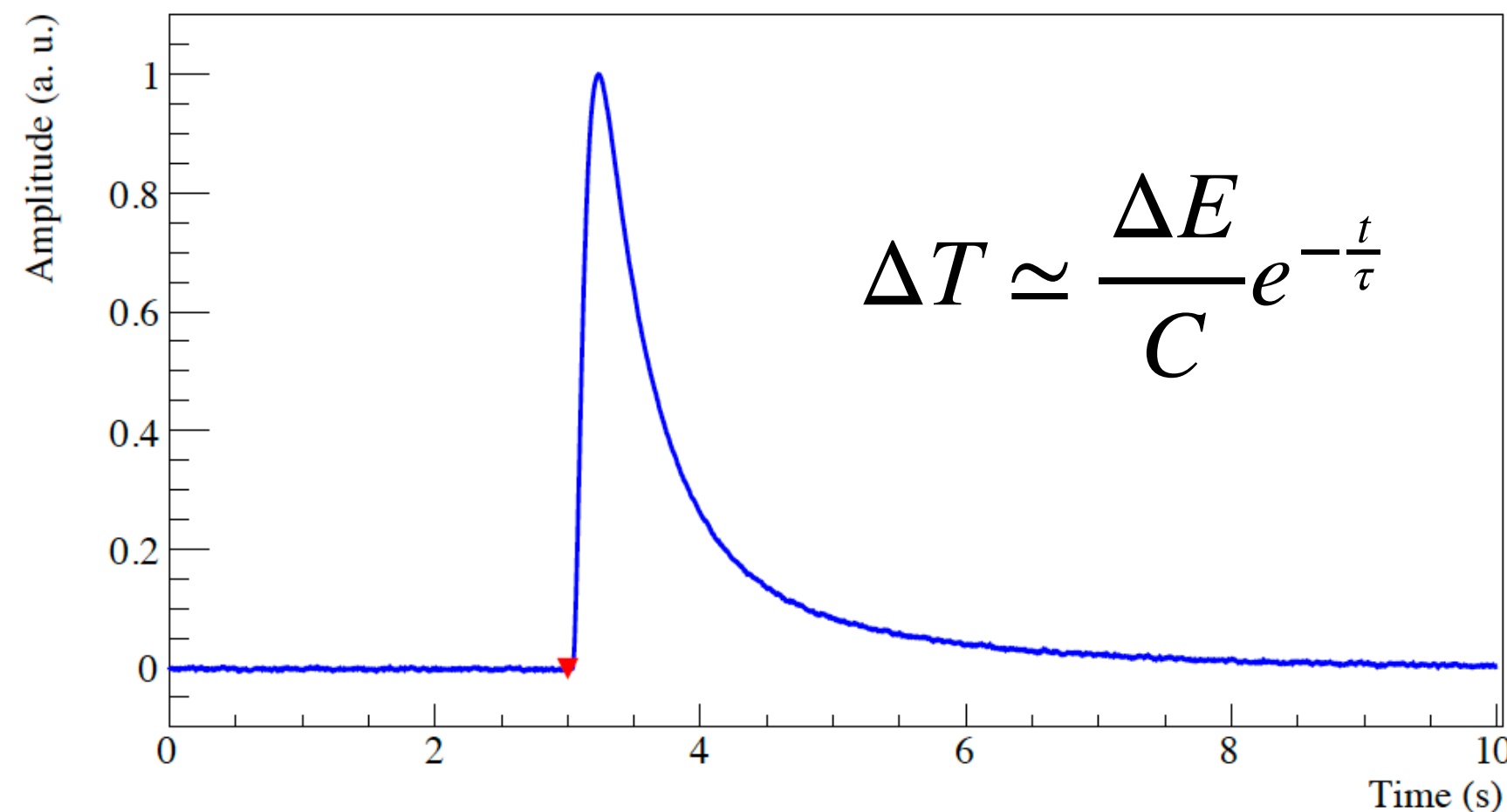
- Closely packed array of 988 TeO₂ crystals (750 g each) working as cryogenic calorimeters
- Total mass of TeO₂: 742 kg (~206 kg of ¹³⁰Te)
- Operating temperature: ~10 mK
- Main goal: assess the Majorana nature of neutrinos by searching for $0\nu\beta\beta$ in ¹³⁰Te



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The absorbed energy is converted into a variation of the crystal temperature, measured by a thermistor

- Ample choice of detector materials
 - low heat capacity @ T_{work}
- excellent energy resolution ($\sim 0.3\%$ FWHM)
 - huge number of energy carriers (phonons)
- equal detector response for different particles
 - true calorimeters
- slow

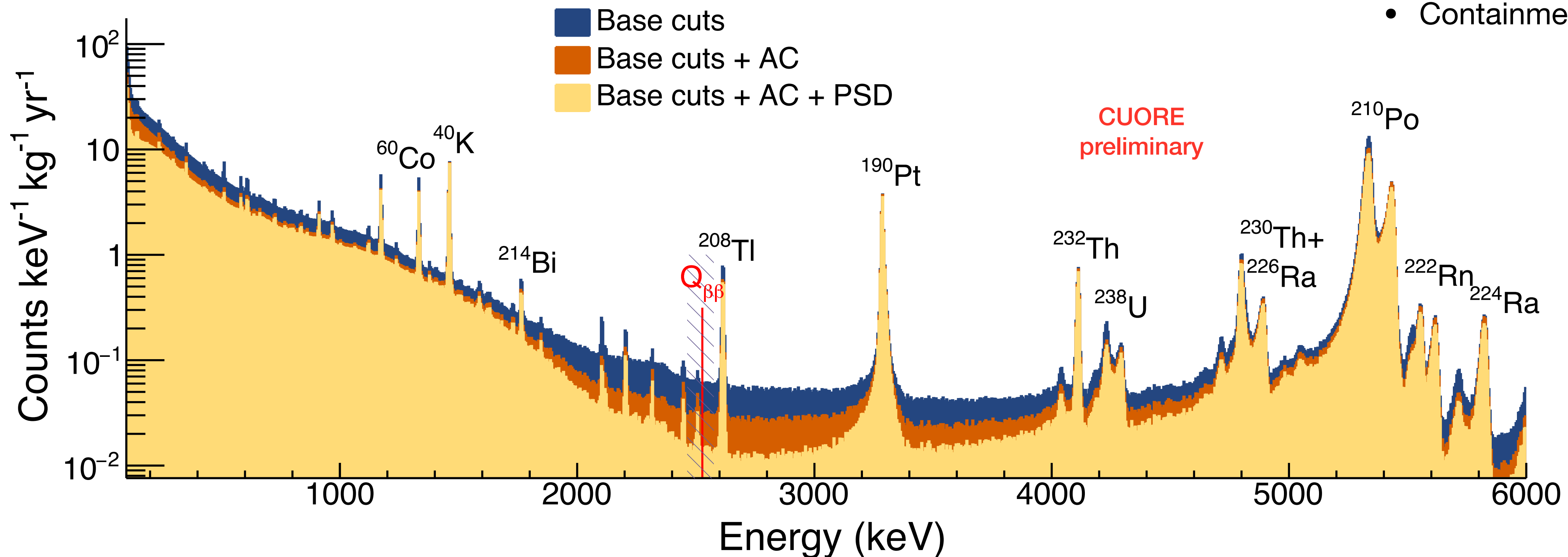


Latest results on the ^{130}Te $0\nu\beta\beta$ search

- 28 datasets analyzed from May 2017 to April 2023
- Total analysed exposure: 2039.0 kg·yr TeO_2 (567.0 kg·yr ^{130}Te)

Efficiencies

- Total analysis efficiency 93.4 %
 - Reconstruction: 95.6 %
 - Anti-coincidence (M1): 99.8 %
 - PSD: 97.9 %
- Containment efficiency: 88.4 %



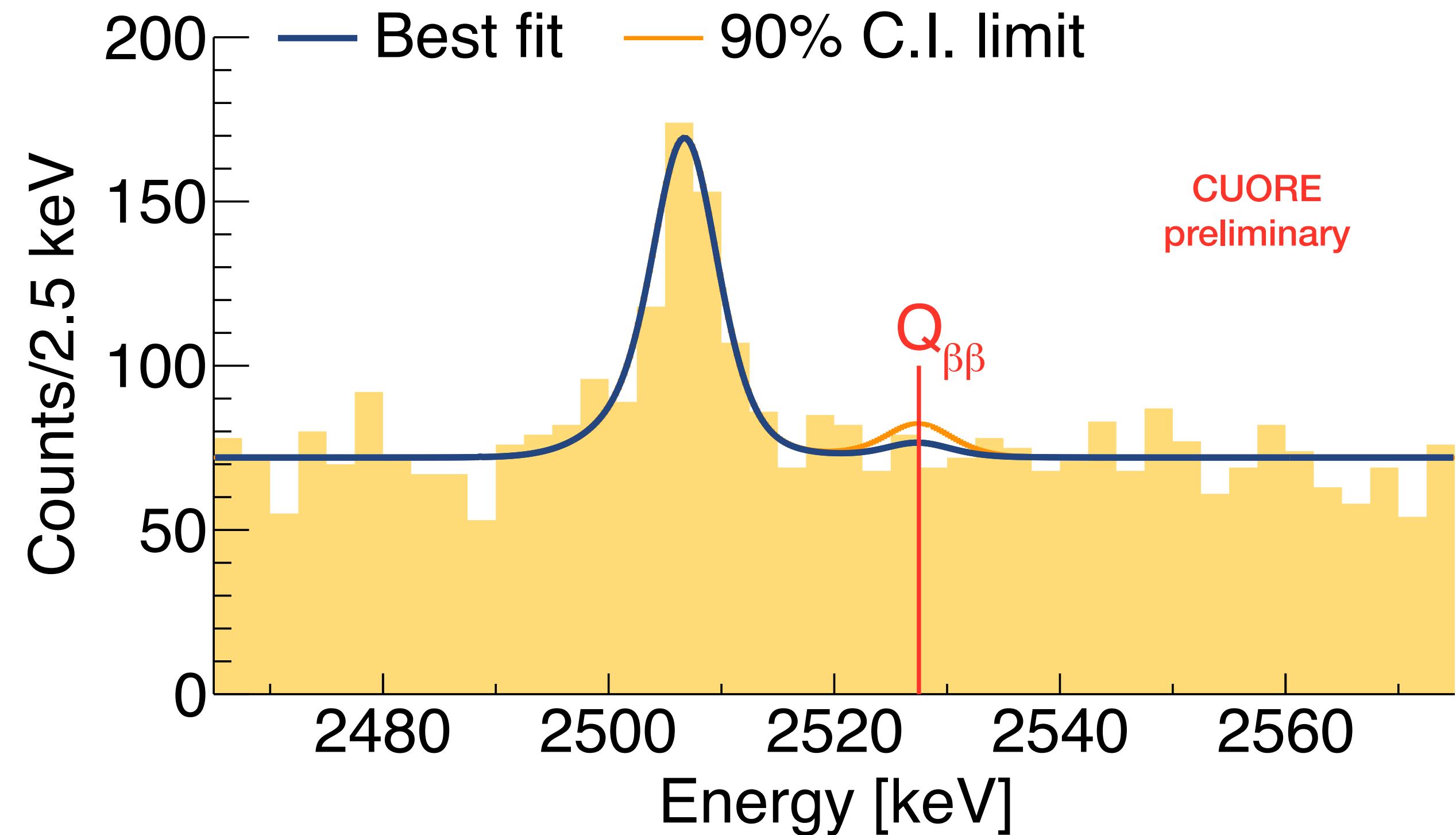


^{130}Te $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay search



Bayesian and Frequentist Analysis

- Unbinned fit in ROI: [2465, 2575] keV
- Flat-background dataset-dependent
- $0\nu\beta\beta$ posited peak
- time-dependent ^{60}Co -sum peak
- Energy resolution channel and dataset dependent



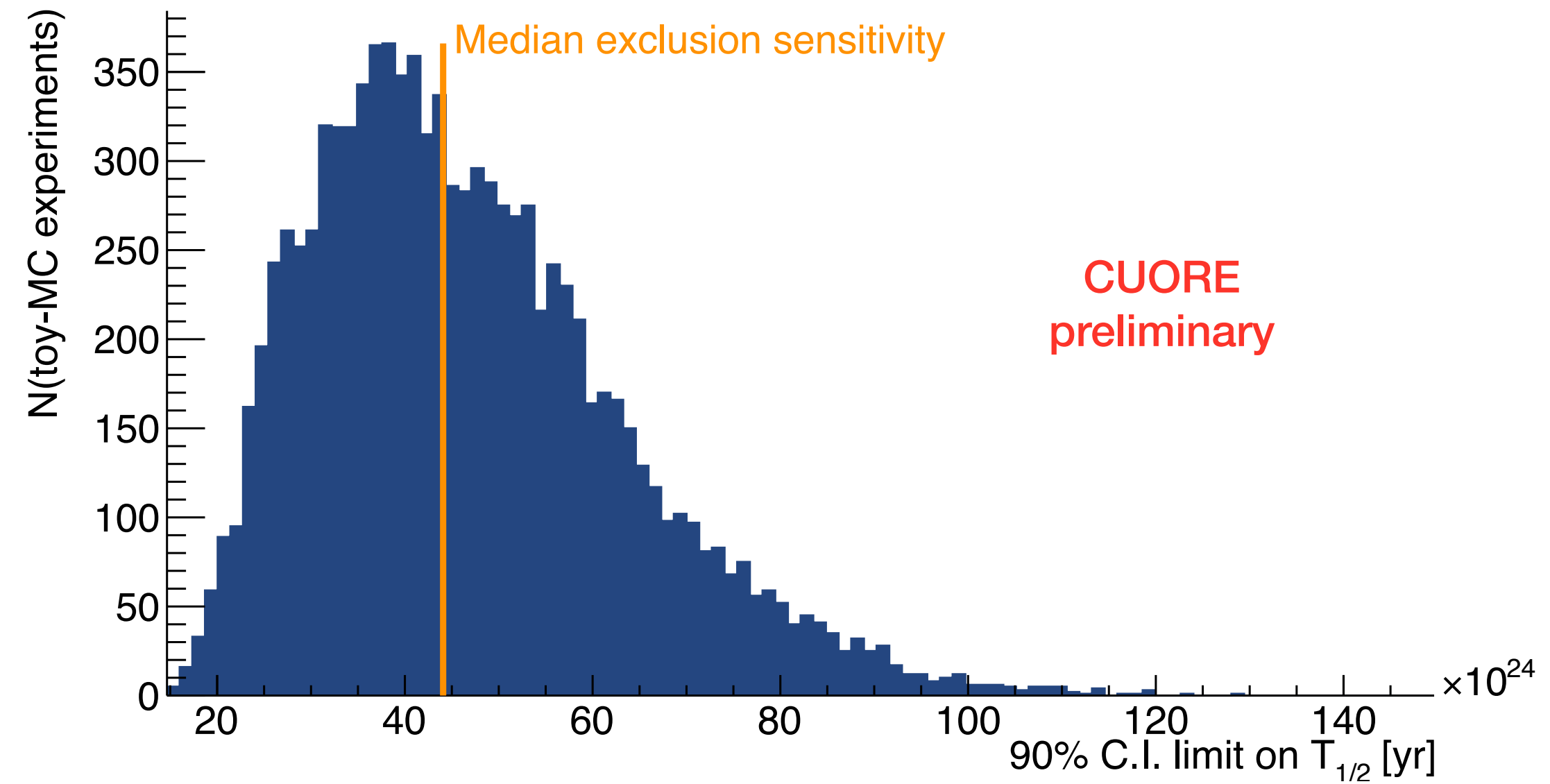
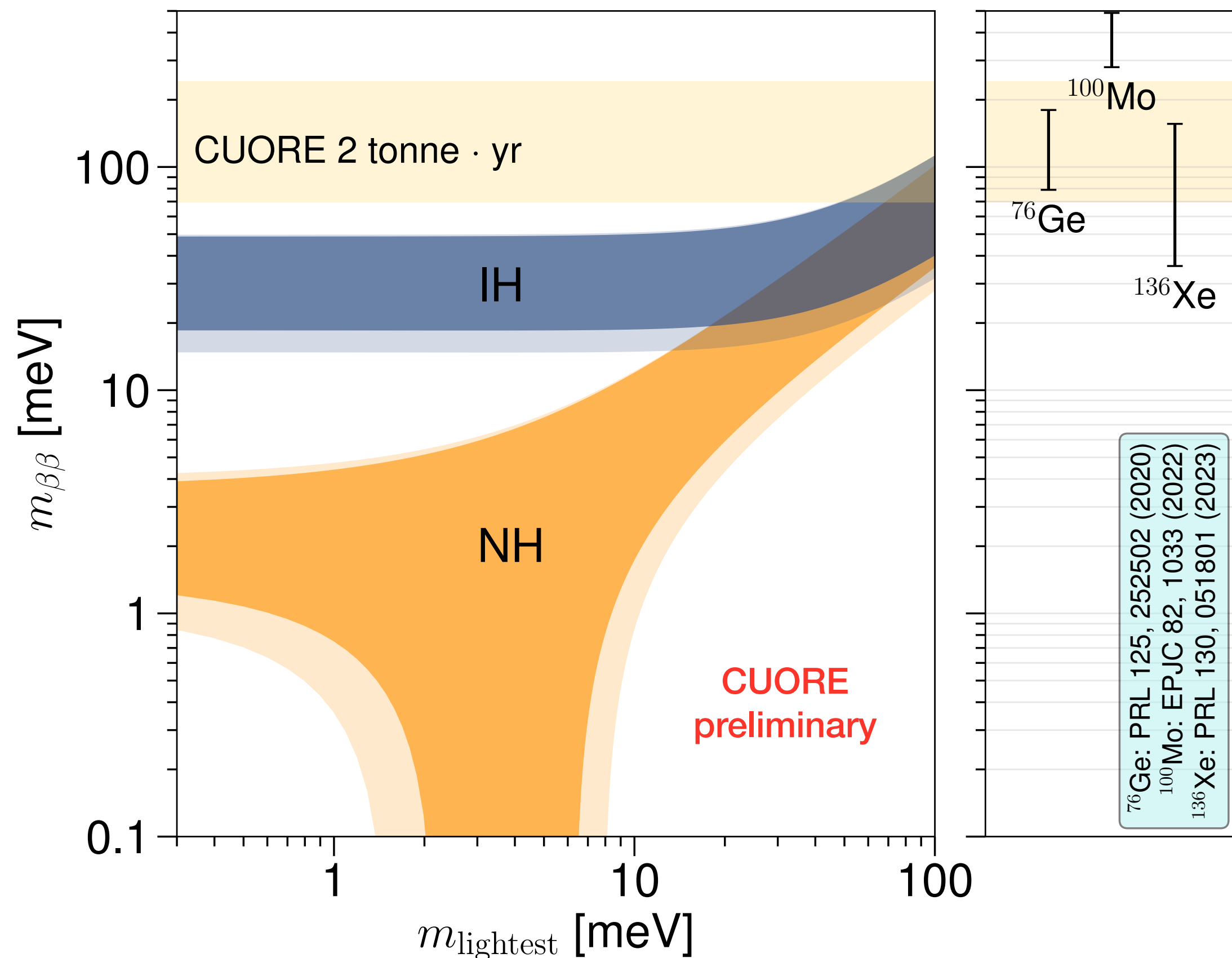
Average background index: $1.42(2) \times 10^{-2}$ count/ keV kg yr

Half-life limit: $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 3.8 \times 10^{25}$ yr (90% C.I.)

Frequentist limit: $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 3.7 \times 10^{25}$ yr (90% C.L.)

Median exclusion sensitivity: 4.4×10^{25} yr (90% C.I.)

- ▶ 67% probability to get a more stringent limit given the current sensitivity



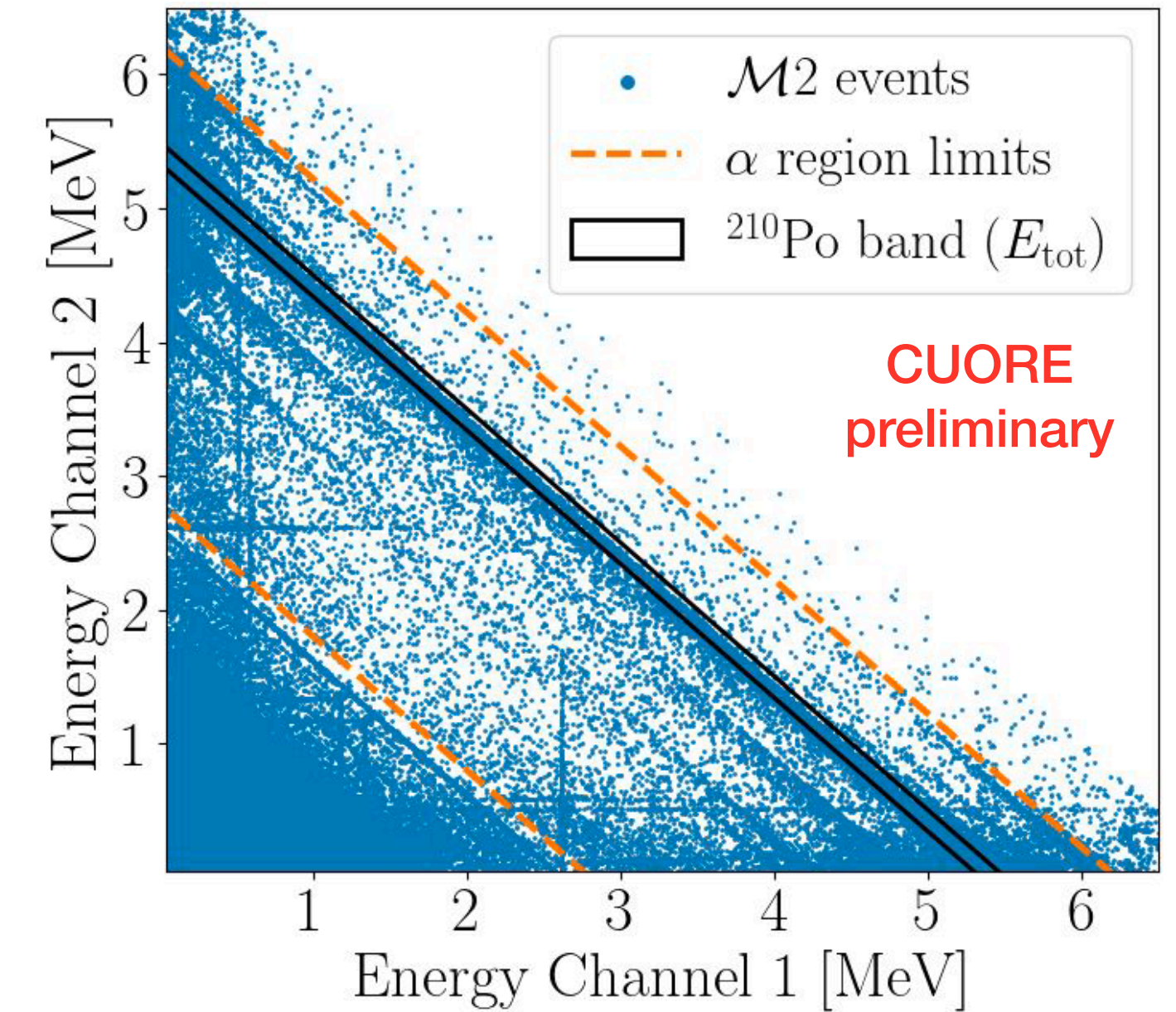
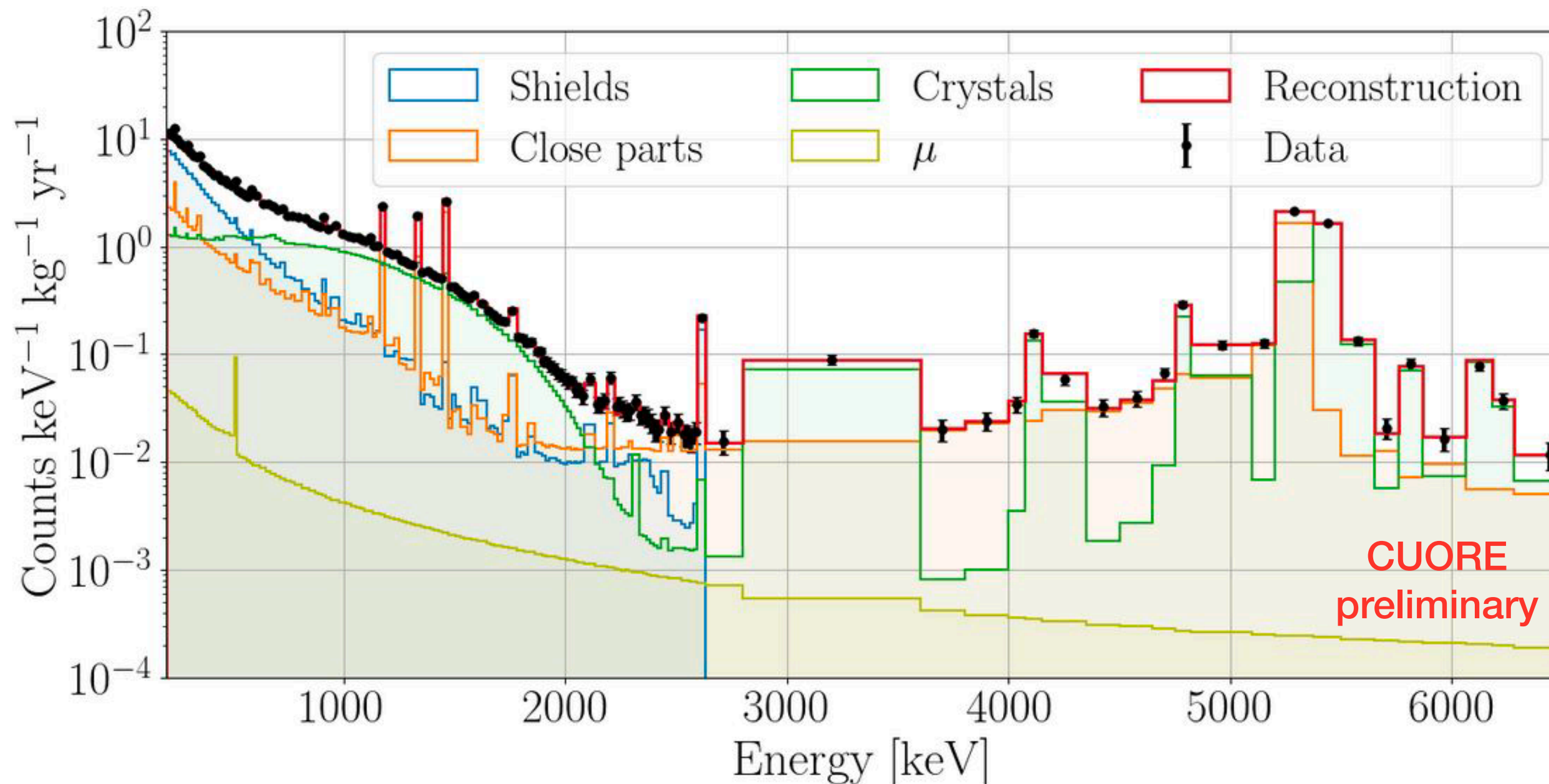
Limit on the effective Majorana mass
(assuming light Majorana neutrino exchange)

$$m_{\beta\beta} < 70 - 240 \text{ meV}$$

[ArXiv:2404.04453](https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.04453)

Accurate Geant4-based background model

- Detailed geometry
- Simulation of ~80 different sources
- Takes advantage of the high granularity of the detector
- Bayesian simultaneous fit of M1 and M2 spectra with a linear combination of the background sources
- Priors given by radioassays and previous experiments



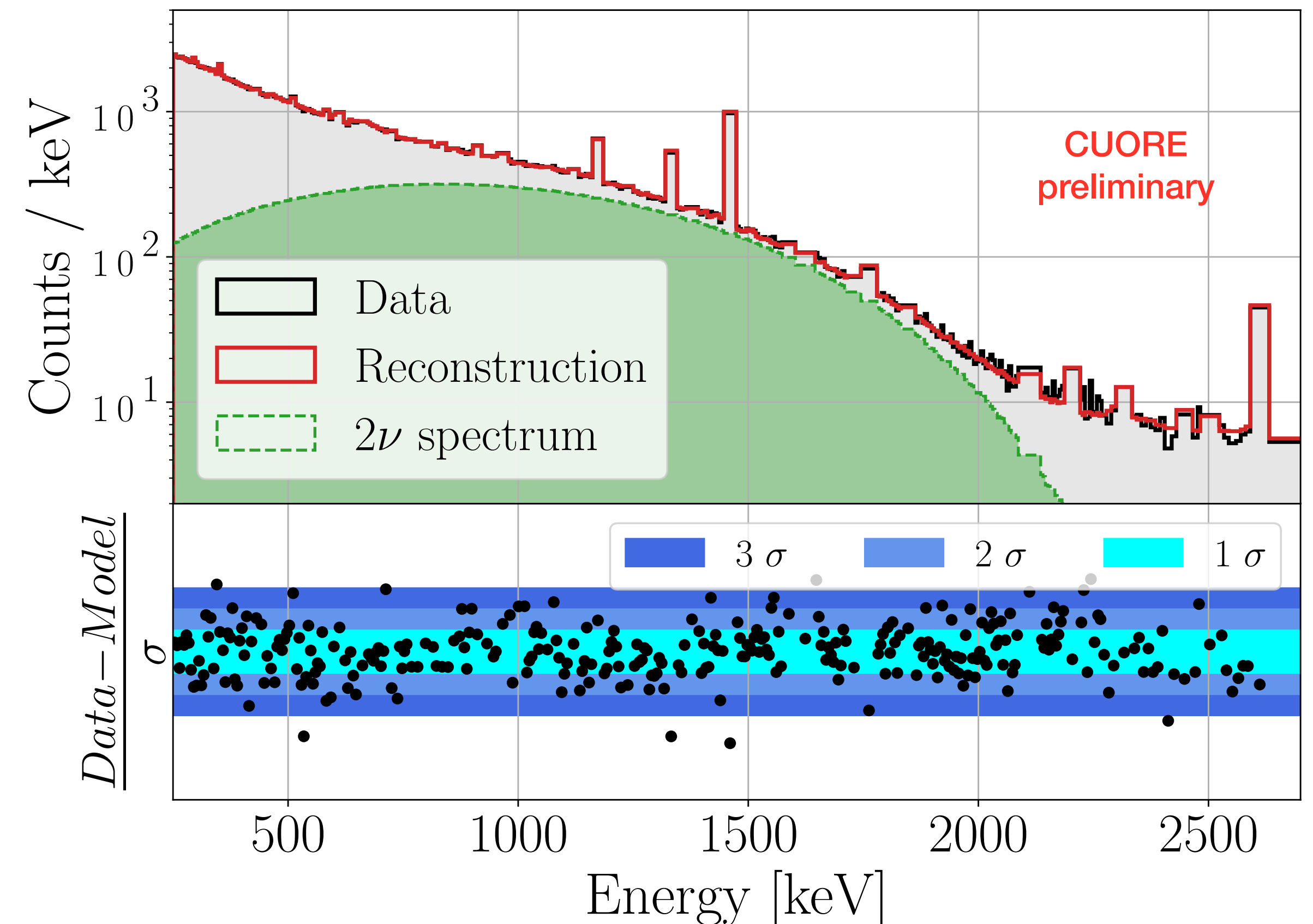
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Our background reconstruction allows for precise measurement of the ^{130}Te $2\nu\beta\beta$ half-life

- Subset of channels with lower background (innermost towers)
- Optimisation of fit energy range and binning
- SSD model assumed
- Improved accuracy respect to the previous result

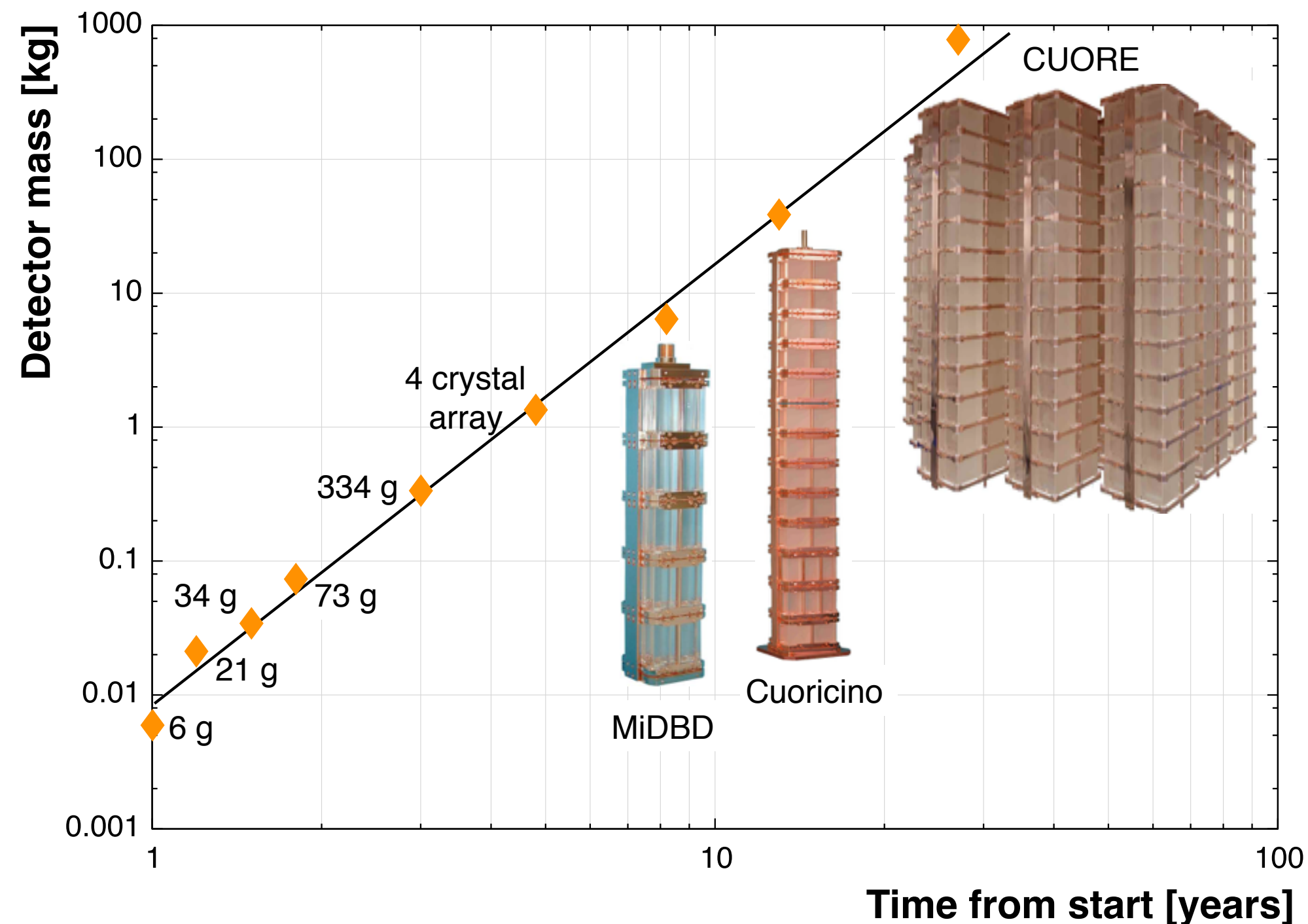
$$T_{1/2}^{2\nu} = 9.323^{+0.052}_{-0.037} \text{ (stat.)} \times 10^{20} \text{ yr}$$

- Systematics under finalisation ($\sim 1\%$)



CUORE would not have been possible without the vision, determination, and enthusiasm of Ettore

- In about 30 years from the original paper of E. Fiorini and T. Niinikoski cryogenic detectors moved from a smart idea to a ton-scale project.



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LOW-TEMPERATURE CALORIMETRY FOR RARE DECAYS

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The recent developments in underground low-counting experiments give limits to rare decays which are hard to improve since scaling the size and the resolution of the combined source–detector is difficult with the existing techniques. We explore here the possibility of low-temperature calorimetry to improve the limits on processes such as neutrinoless double-beta decay and electron decay.



Build a cryogenic system with an experimental volume of $\sim 1 \text{ m}^3$ in which to operate for several years a huge Low Temperature Detector array in a low-radioactivity and low-vibrations environment

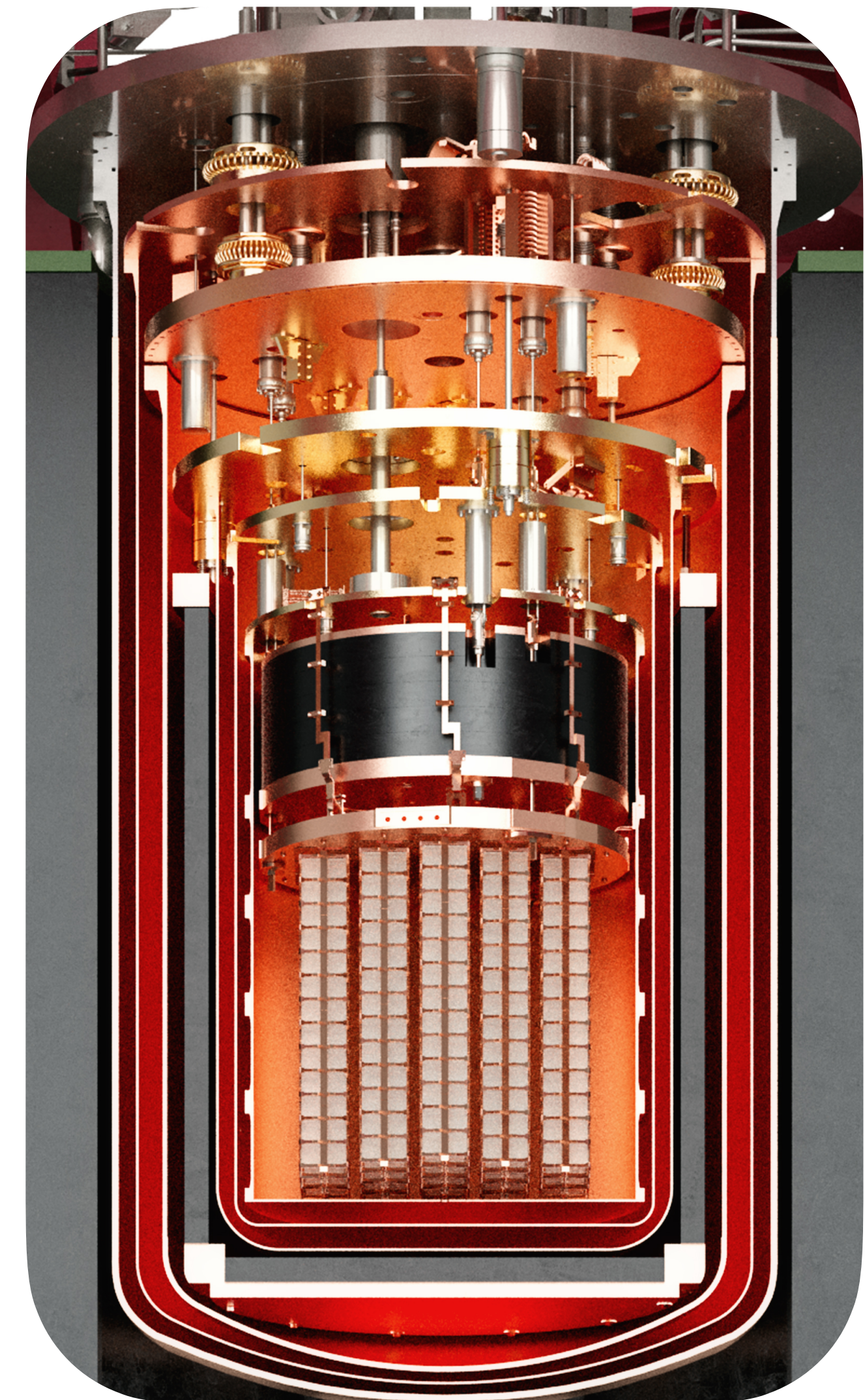
- Cryogenics

- ▶ Mass cooled below 4K : ~ 15 tons
- ▶ Mass cooled below 50 mK : ~ 3 tons
- ▶ Lowest operating temperature: 7 mK
- ▶ Continuously operating at mK temperature: > 5 years

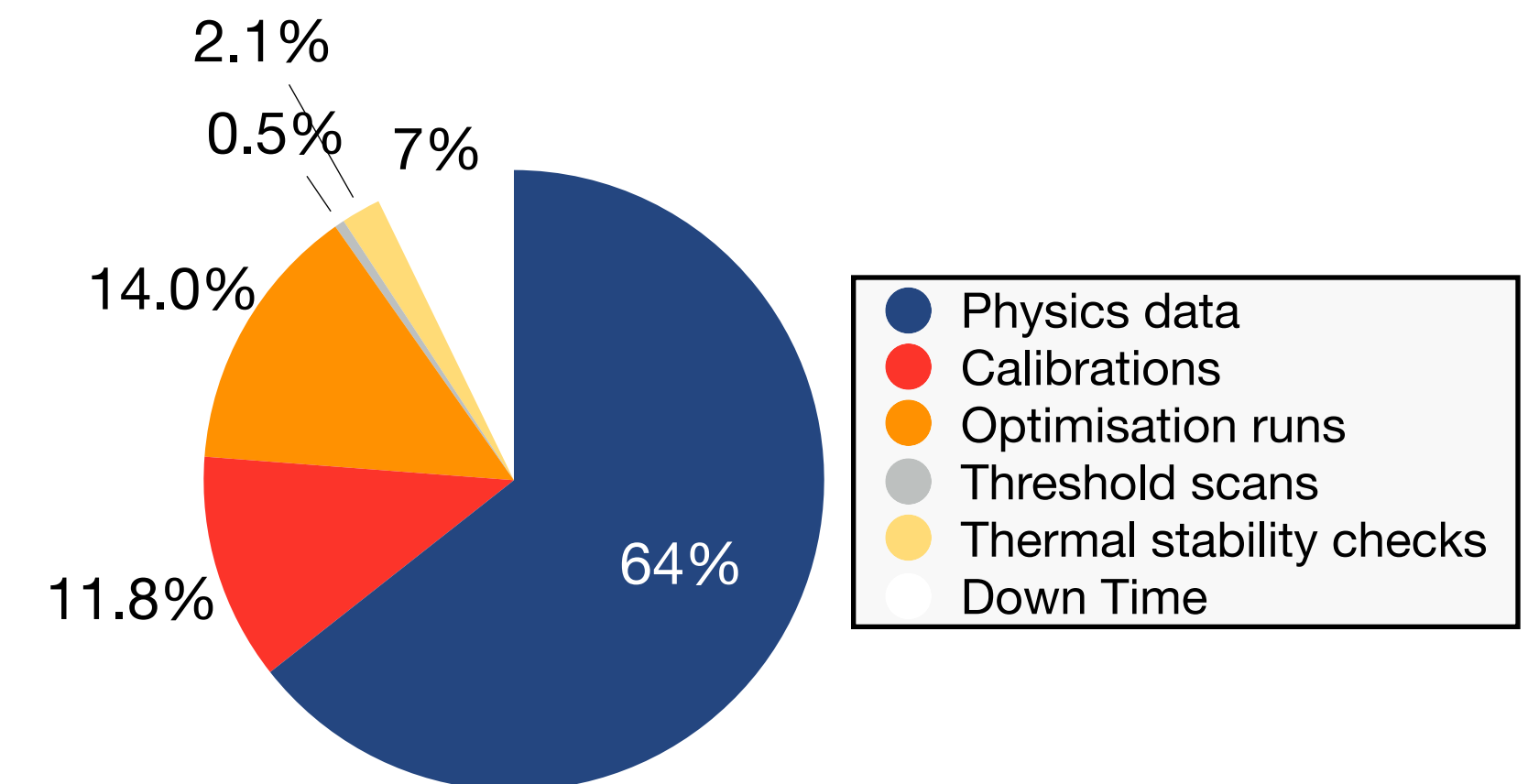
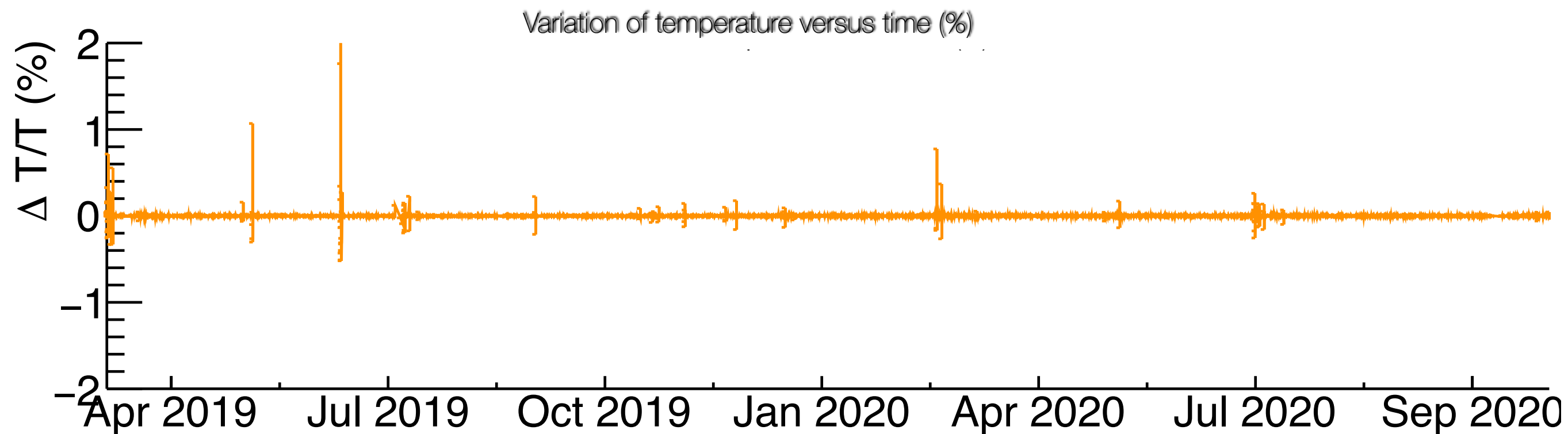
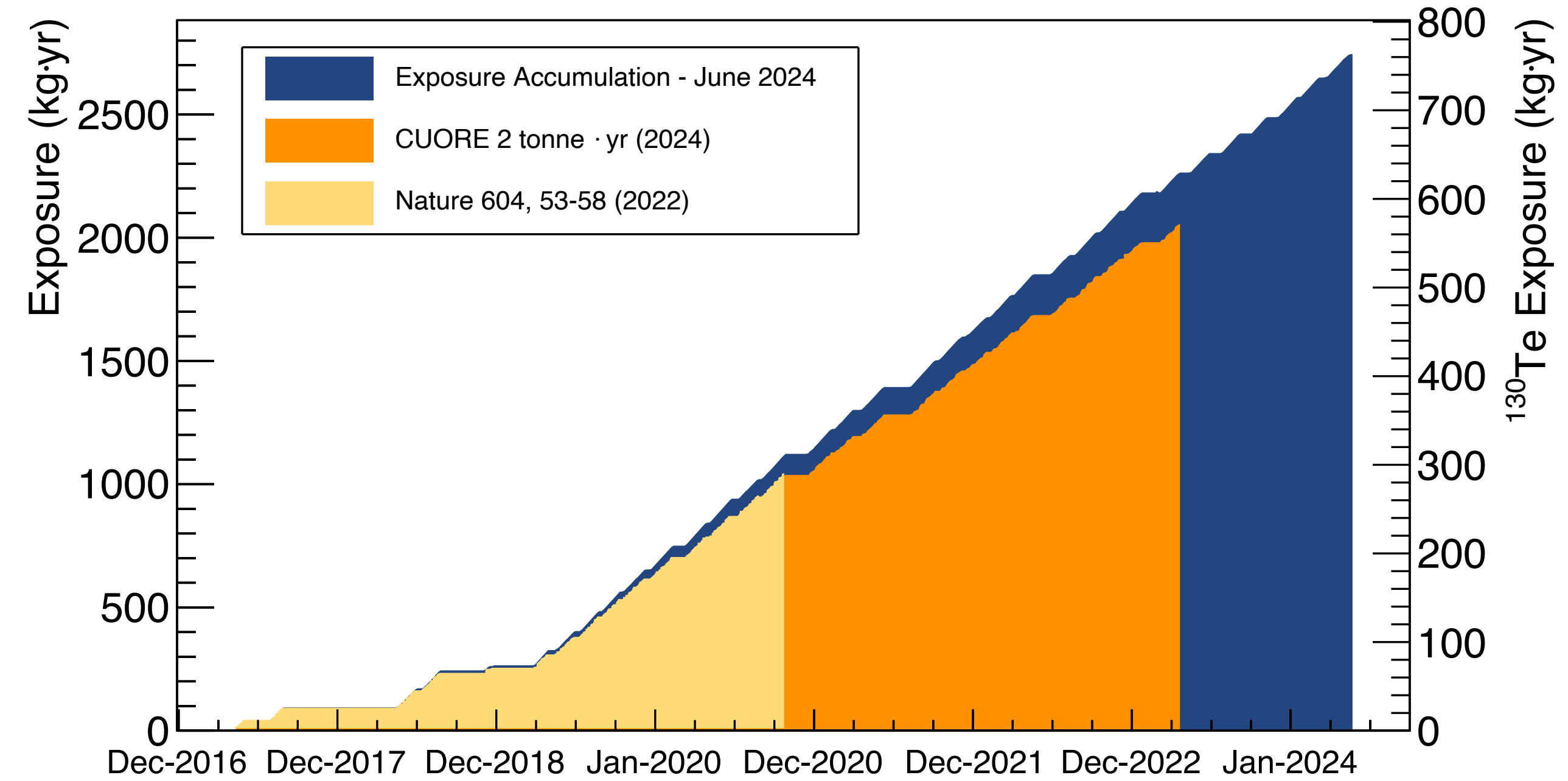
- Low-background

- ▶ Deep underground location
- ▶ Strict radio-purity controls on materials and assembly
- ▶ Passive shields outside and inside the cryostat

Ancient roman lead



- Data taking started in Spring 2017
 - ▶ In the first two years we learned how to operate the cryogenic system at its best and optimised the performances
 - ▶ Datasets (~ 2 months long) interleaved by routine maintenances
- Continuous physics data taking at mK temperature since March 2019
 - ▶ Uptime > 90%
 - ▶ Data taking rate ~ 50 kg·yr/month

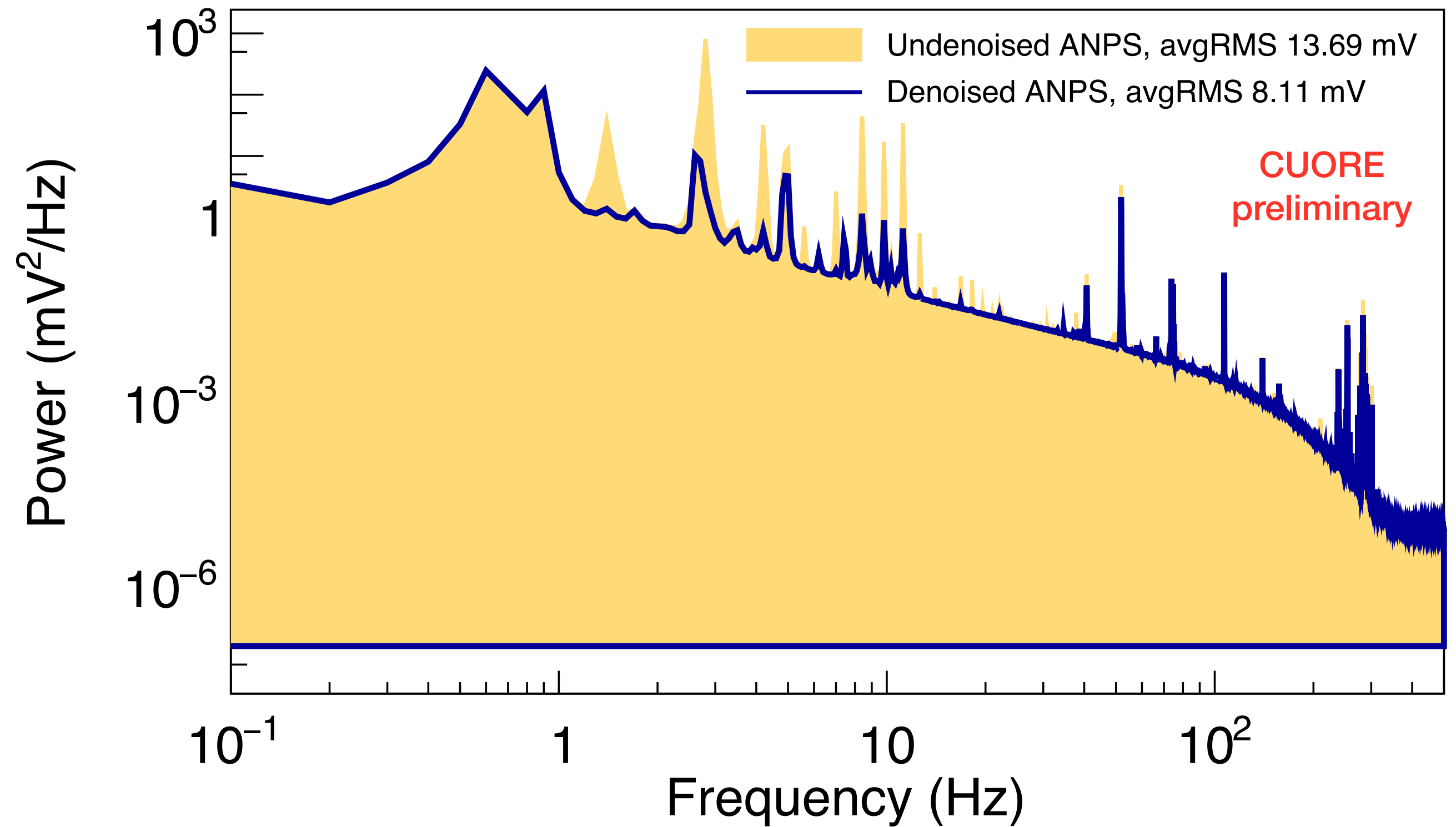
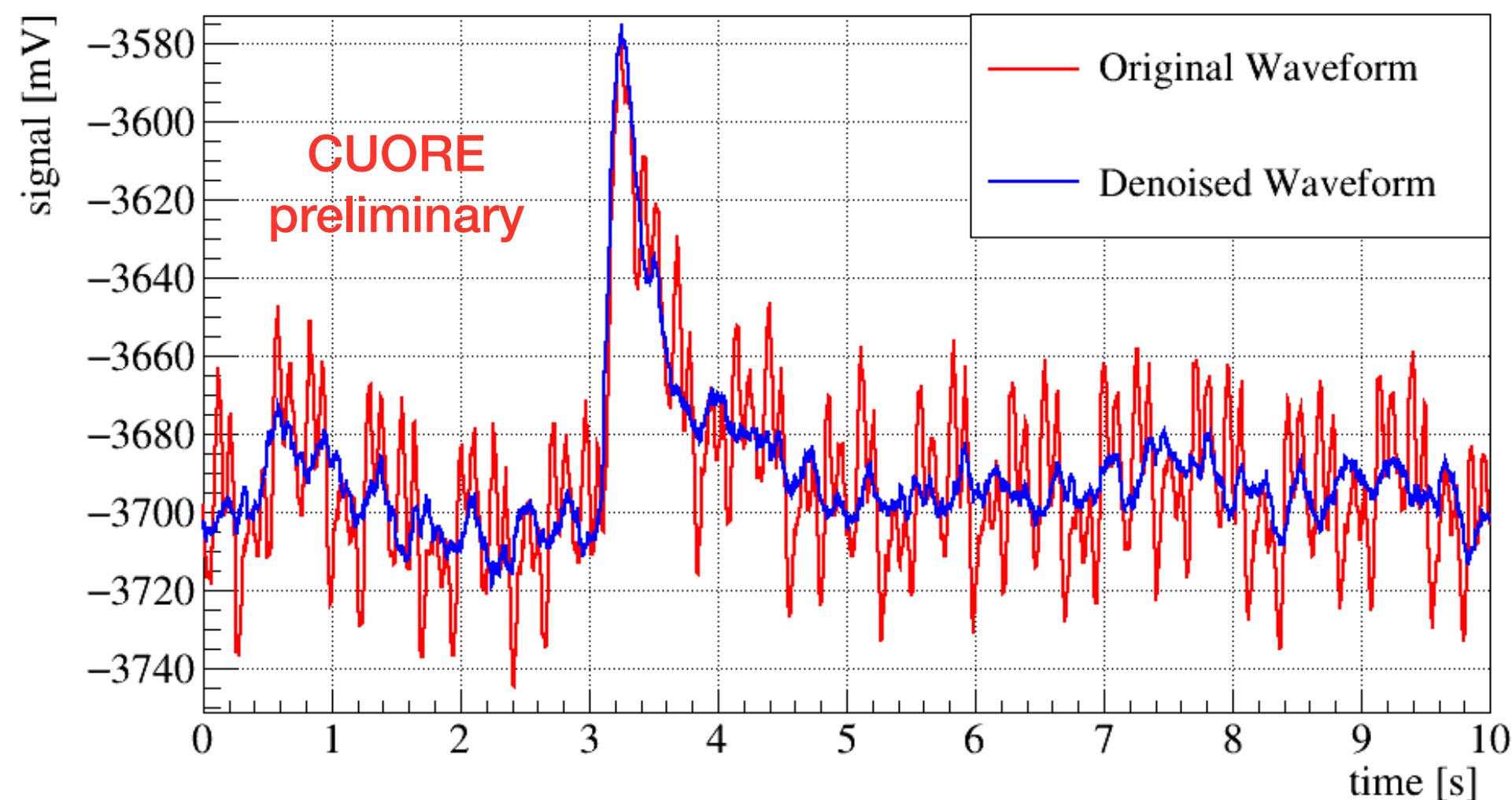


We developed noise decorrelation algorithms utilizing auxiliary devices to enhance the quality of CUORE data

Auxiliary devices:

- Microphones
- Accelerometers
- Seismometers
- Antennas

A CUORE Pulse Before and After Denoising



- The total RMS noise of the CUORE detector is reduced by ~ 40%

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Quite unexpectedly we discovered that CUORE is sensitive to the faint microseismic activity induced by the sea waves

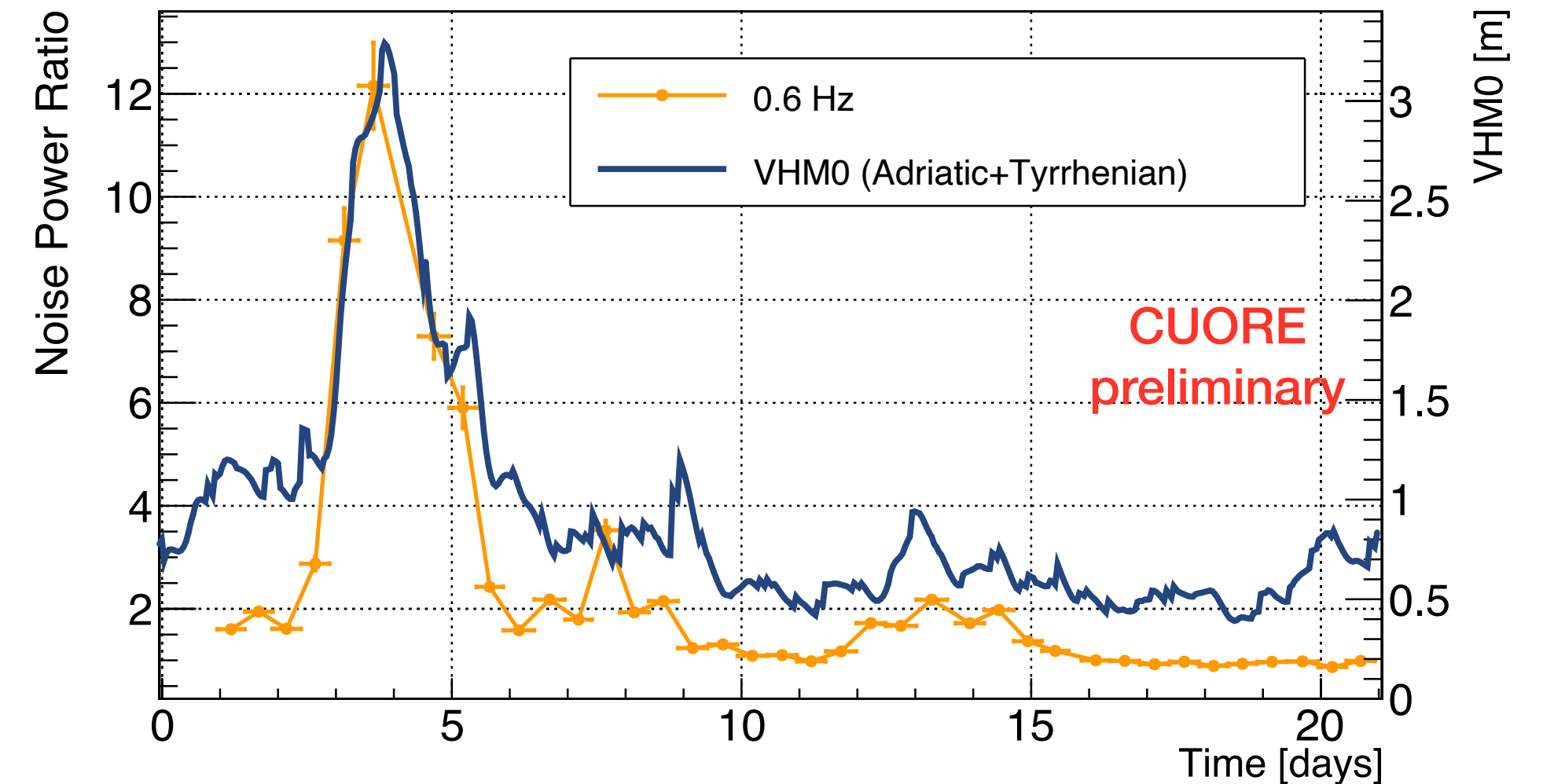
- Strong correlation between storms and low frequency noise in CUORE
- Sea waves characteristic frequency: 0.2 - 0.3 Hz
- Resonance frequency in the cryogenic apparatus



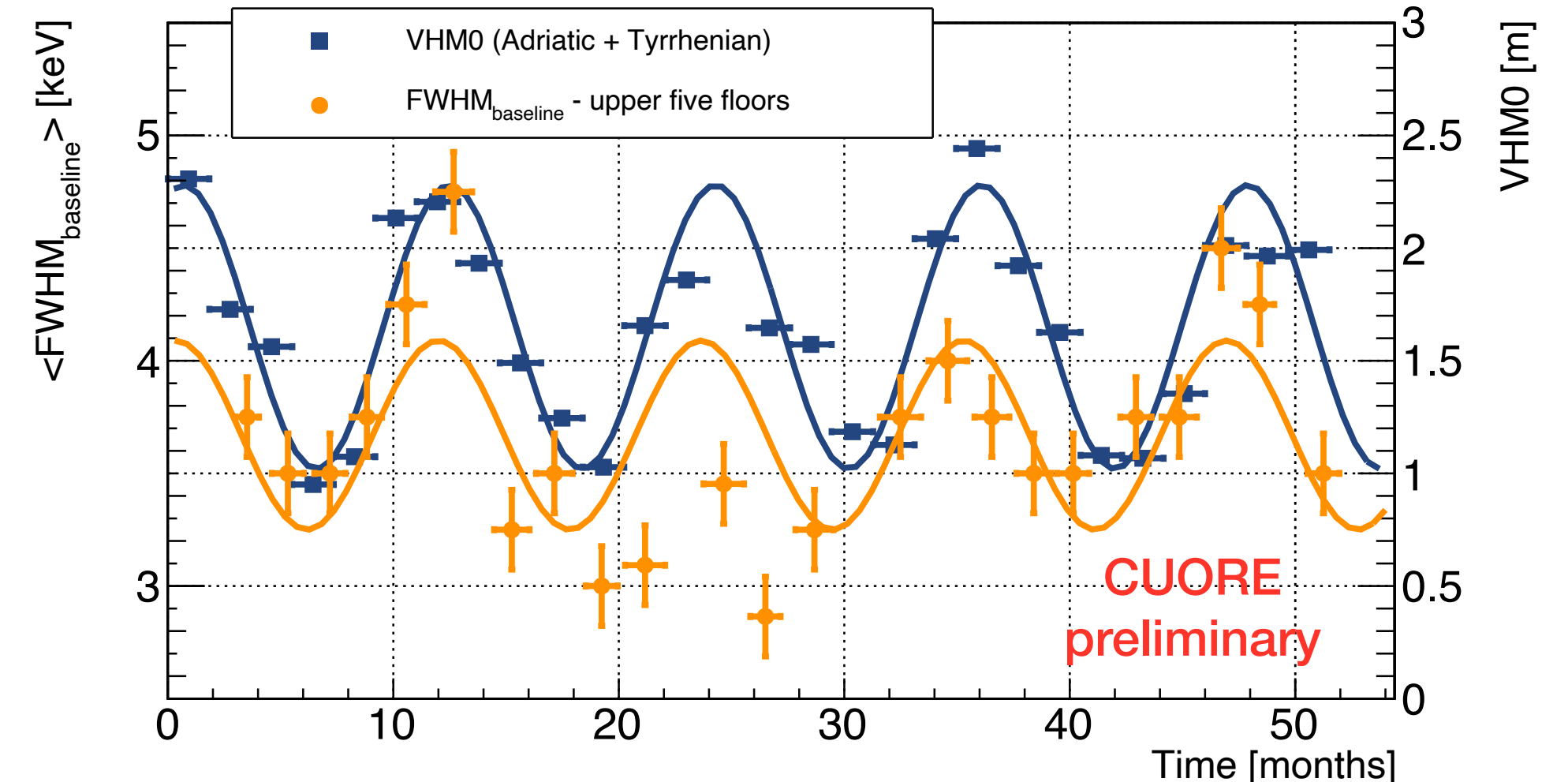
- Seasonal modulation of detectors energy resolution
- Solutions under study to improve cryostat seismic decoupling

[ArXiv:2404.13602](https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.13602)

5th - 25th July 2022: Noise over Time - upper five floors



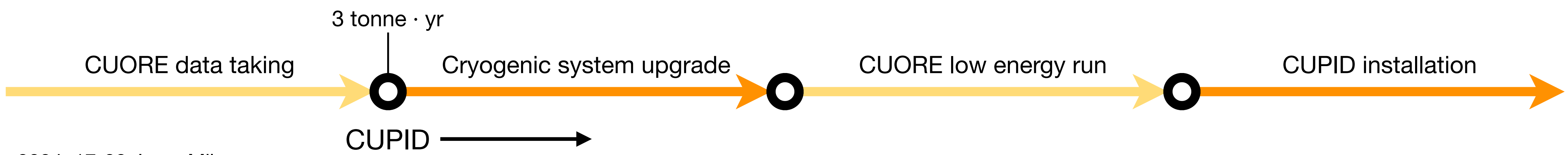
1st Jan. 2019 - 31st May 2023: Seasonal modulation



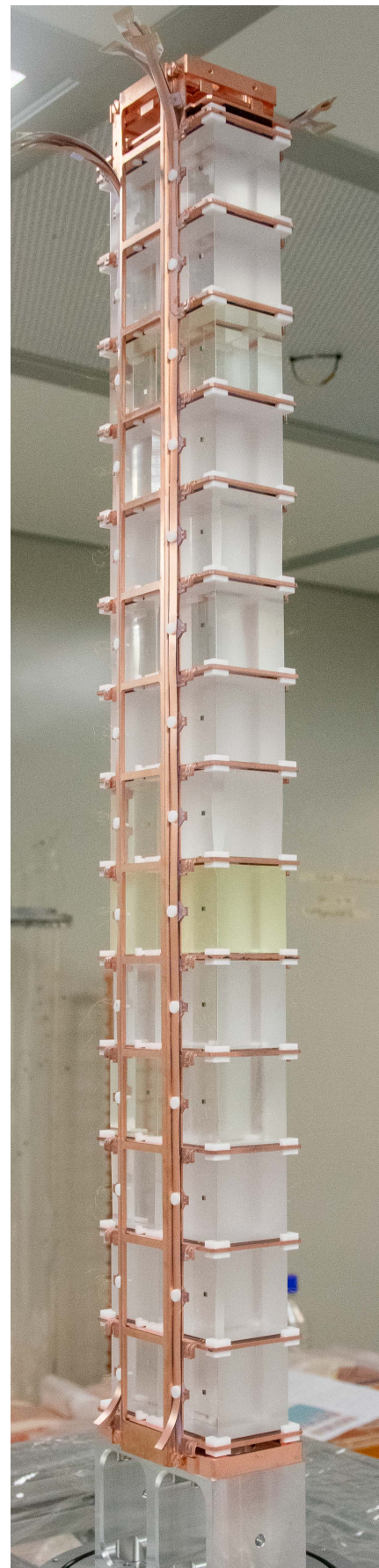
We will continue collecting data until reaching 3 tonne·yr of analysed TeO₂ exposure (around end of 2025) after which we will proceed toward CUPID

Upgrade of the cryogenic system in view of CUPID

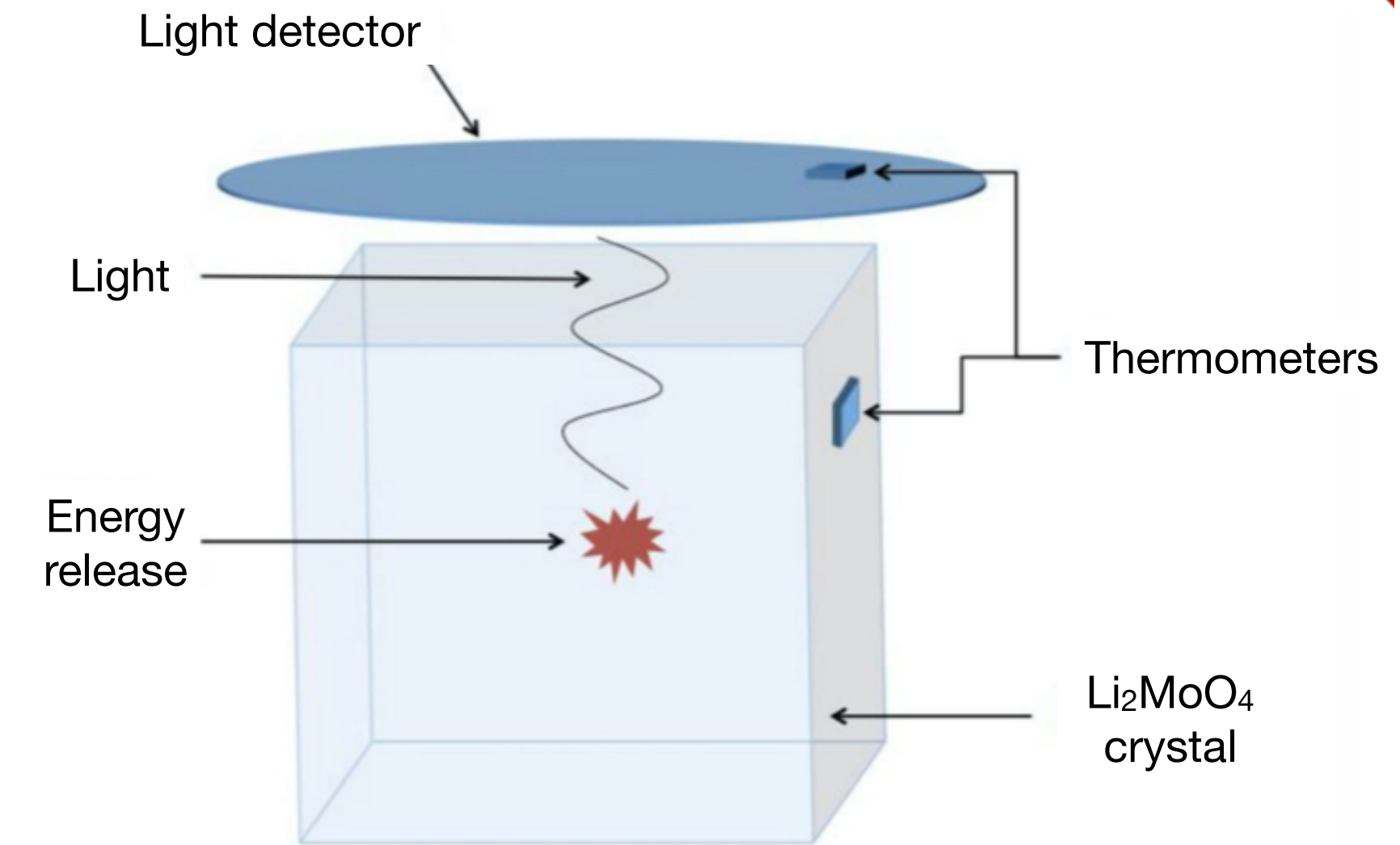
- The CUORE cryogenic system is working spectacularly well
- It is capable of cooling detector payload (~1 ton) down to 7 mK
- The only needed upgrade regards the Pulse Tubes and their coupling to the cryostat
 - ▶ Substantial decrease of the vibrational induced noise on the detectors
- The effectiveness of the cryogenic upgrade will be tested with the CUORE detector
 - ▶ 2nd CUORE run with improved vibrational noise ➡ lower threshold ➡ low energy studies
 - ▶ Axions, WIMPs, etc.



CUPID (CUORE Upgrade with Particle Identification) is conceived to overcome the CUORE limitations



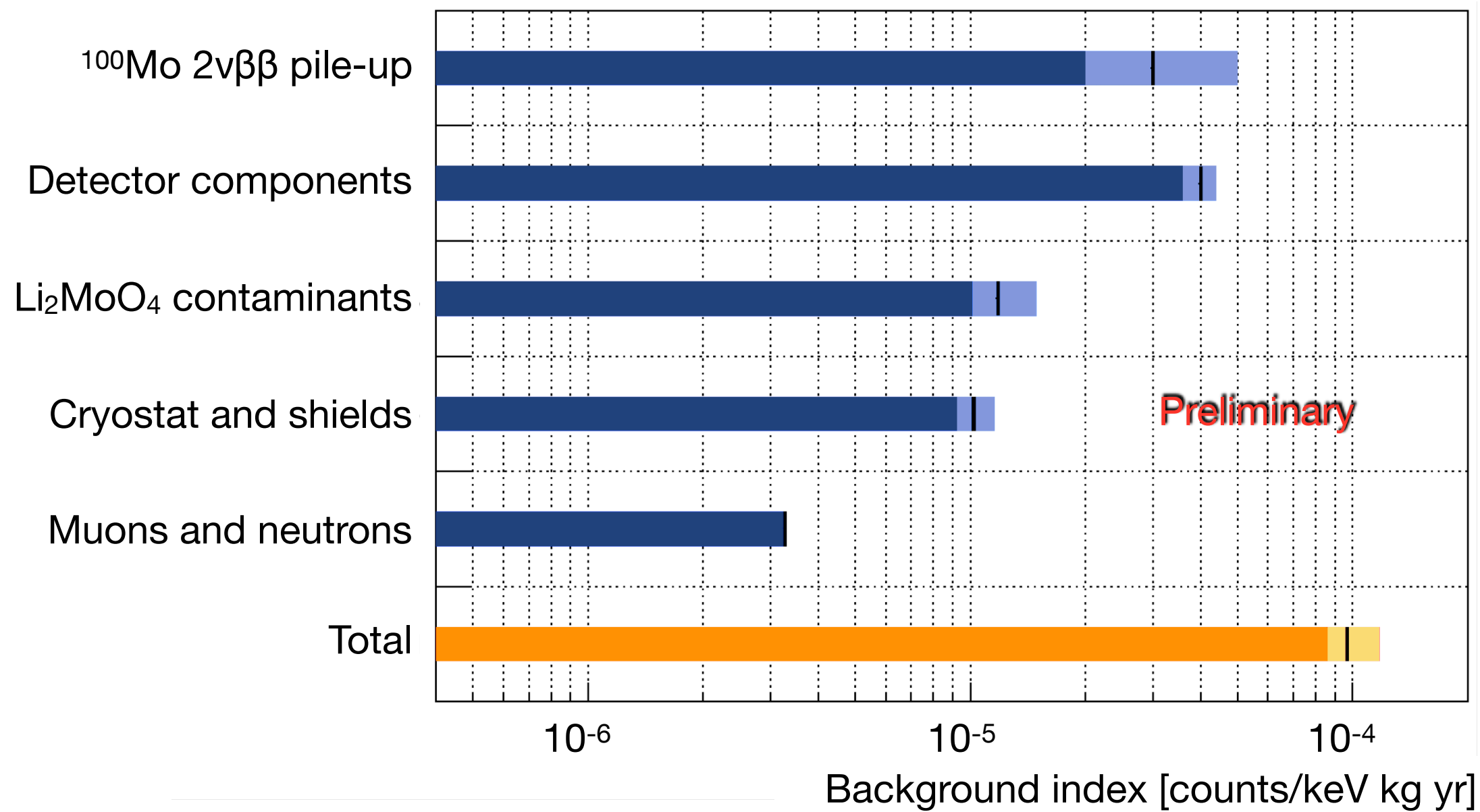
- $\text{TeO}_2 \rightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{MoO}_4$: double readout for particle identification
 - ▶ 1596 Li_2MoO_4 crystals arranged in 57 towers
 - ▶ Each crystal has top and bottom Ge light detectors with Neganov-Luke amplification
- $^{130}\text{Te} \rightarrow ^{100}\text{Mo}$: higher $Q_{\beta\beta}$ for reduced γ/β backgrounds
 - ▶ 95% enrichment in ^{100}Mo
 - ▶ 450 kg total mass: 240 kg of ^{100}Mo
- Muon veto



Thanks to those characteristics CUPID aims at a background level of 10^{-4} count/keV kg yr

Improve sensitivity to $m_{\beta\beta}$ by factor of ~ 5 relative to CUORE

Solid CUPID background estimates based on CUORE and R&Ds

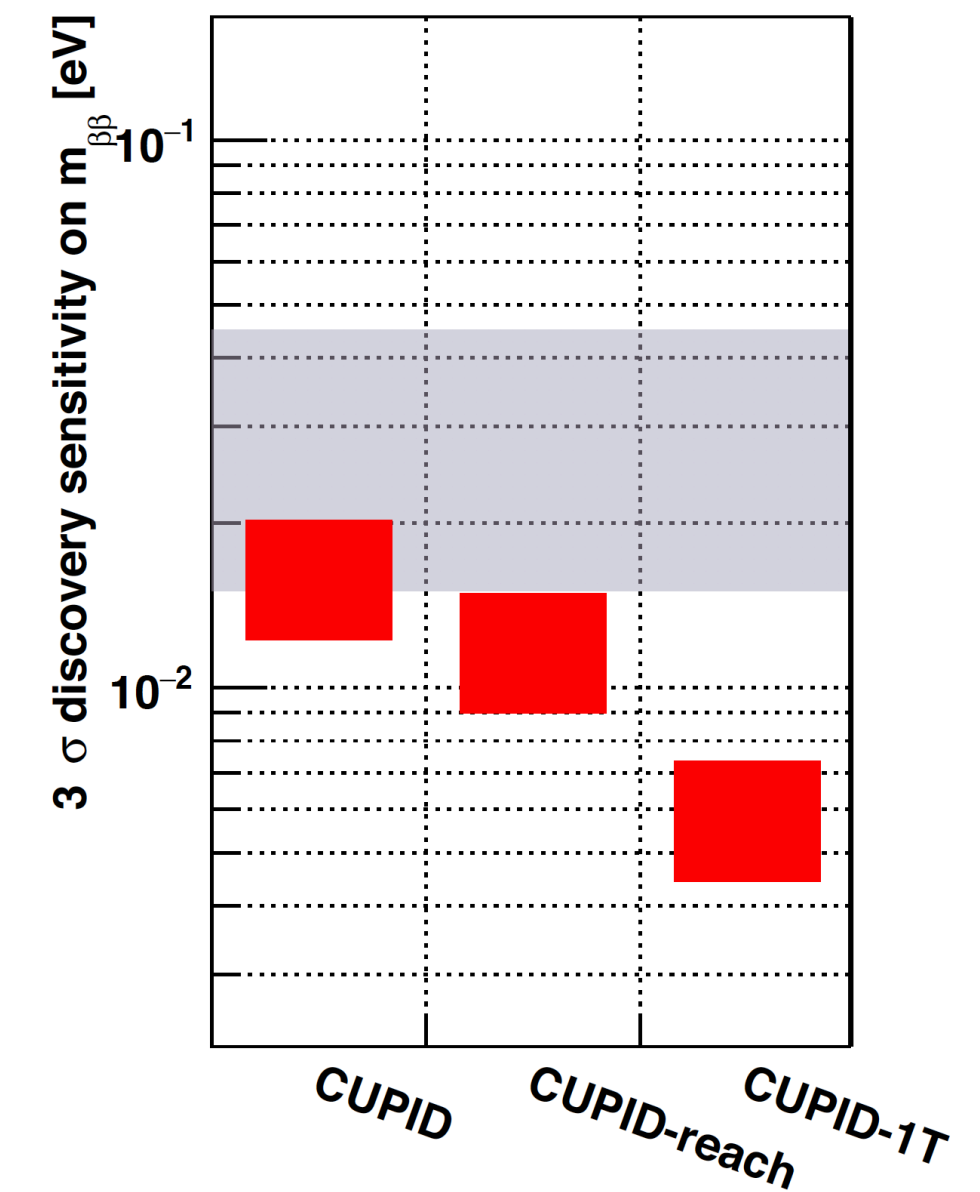


CUPID has established a supply chain for producing all the Li_2MoO_4 crystals grown with ~95% enriched ^{100}Mo

- SICCAS (Shanghai, China) has the capability to produce the enriched Li_2MoO_4 crystals, procuring the isotope from a Chinese manufacturer.
- SICCAS is the same company that produced all the CUORE TeO_2 crystals with radiopurity similar to CUPID requirements for Li_2MoO_4
- Pre-production is on-going

CUPID pros

- Existing infrastructure
- Known background
- Cost effective project
- Scalable





CUORE/CUPID Posters



Wide spectrum of physics results and developments

 K. Alfonso - CUORE analysis framework for 988 cryogenic calorimeters: Searching for $0\nu\beta\beta$ of ^{130}Te

 S. Ghislandi - Background decomposition of the CUORE experiment and measurement of the $2\nu\beta\beta$ half-life of ^{130}Te

 D. Mayer - Search for Fractionally-Charged Particles with CUORE

 S. Pagan - Low Energy Analyses with CUORE and a Search for Solar Axions


 S. Quitadamo - Exploring the impact of the Mediterranean Sea activity on the performance of CUORE mK-calorimetric experiment

 J. Torres - Reconstruction of muon events with the CUORE experiment

 K. J. Vetter - Enhancing CUORE Data Quality with Denoising Techniques

 S. Wagaarachchi - $0\nu\beta\beta$ search using CUORE dual-Site events

 A. ArmatoI - Development of NTL light detectors for the CUPID $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiment

 A. ArmatoI - Multiplexed TES Based Light Detectors using transition edge sensors for CUPID and beyond

 V. Berest - The CUPID $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiment


 M. Buchynska - The CROSS demonstrator: structure, performance and physics reach


 D. Cintas Gonzales - Background simulations for CROSS experiment

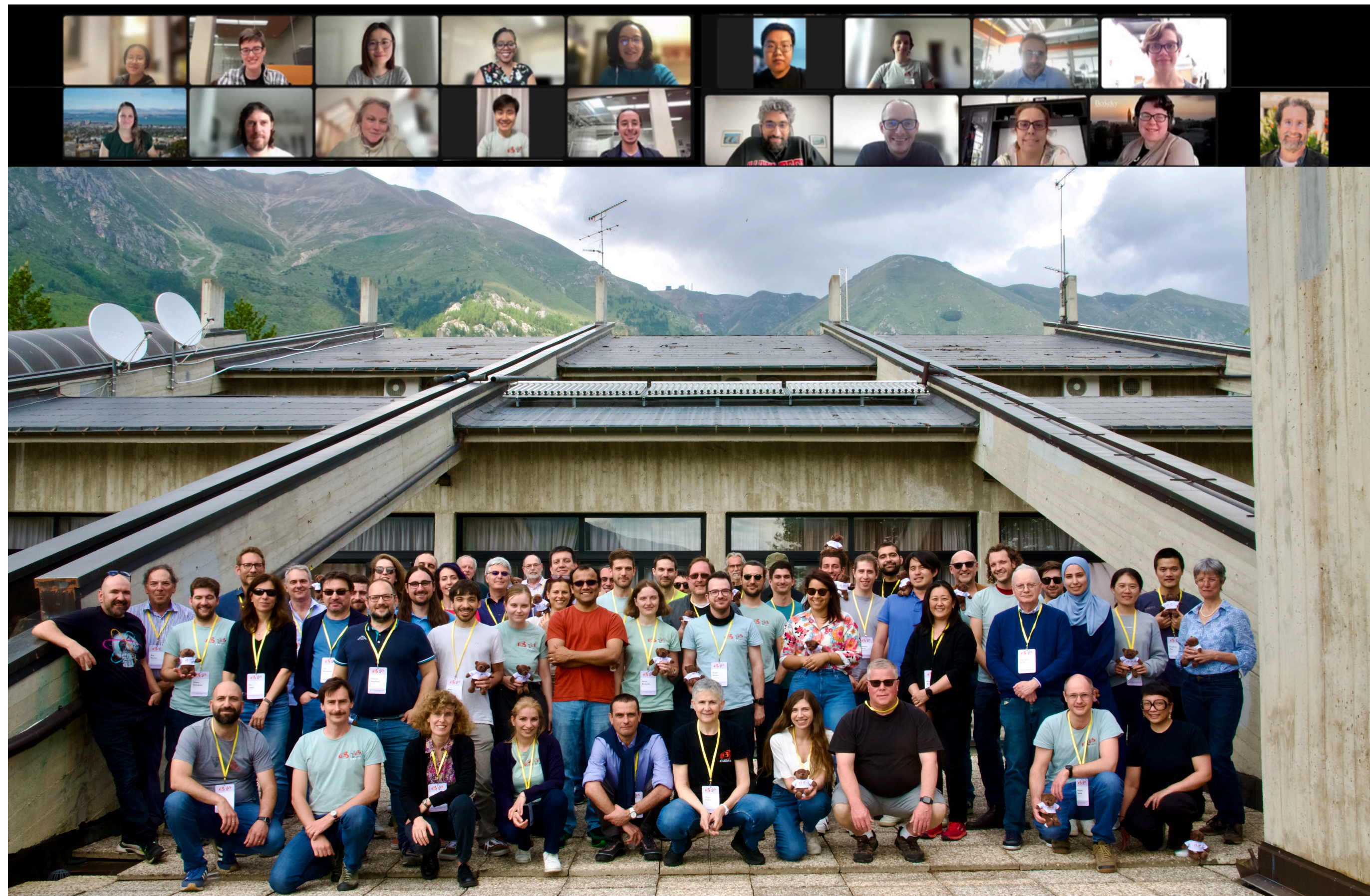
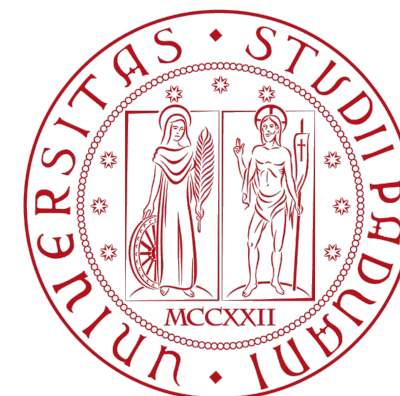
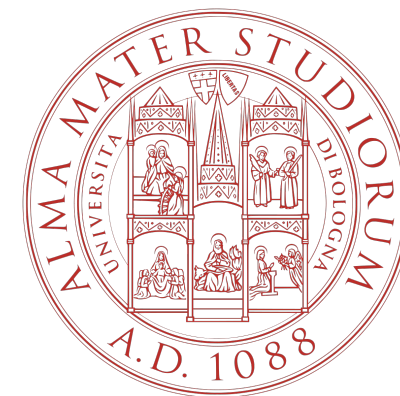
 S. Ghislandi, S. Quitadamo - Evaluation of the CUPID First Tower Prototype performance

 P. Loaiza - Backgrounds of the CUPID experiment

 P. Loaiza - Results from the CUPID-Mo Experiment

 B. Schmidt - BINGO: Investigation of the Majorana nature of neutrinos at the few meV level of the neutrino mass scale

 A. Zolotarova - TINY experiment: search for $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay with ^{96}Zr and ^{150}Nd





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