

# Latest Results from CUORE

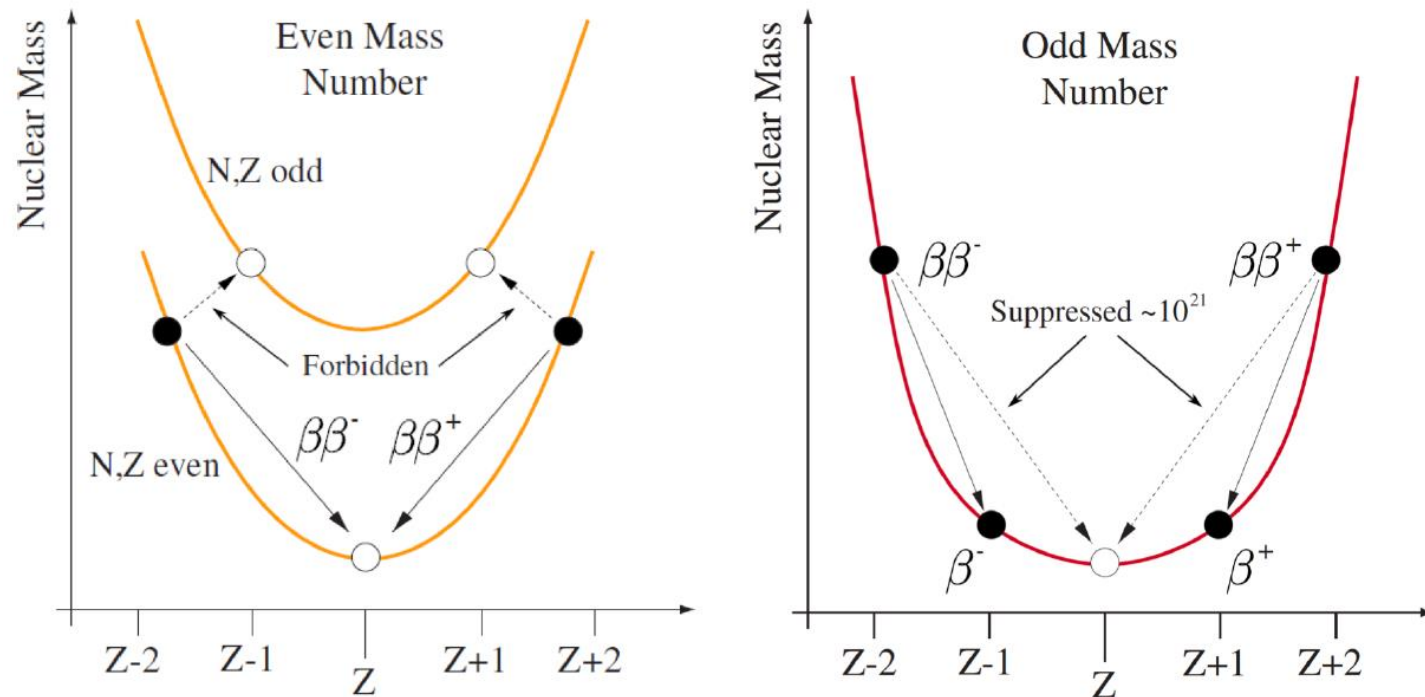
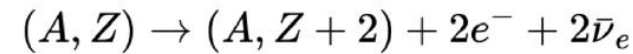
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# 2ν DOUBLE BETA DECAY

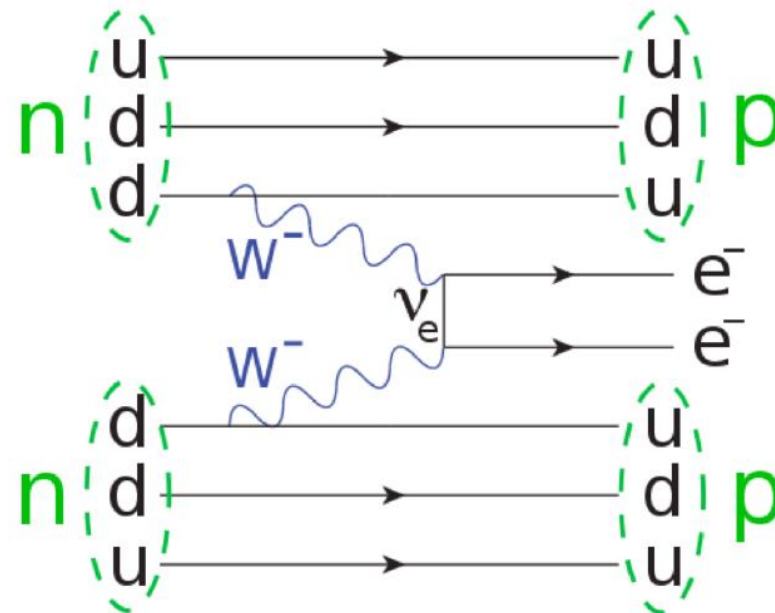
- Standard model 2<sup>nd</sup> order weak transition, extremely rare (half-life of 10<sup>19</sup>-10<sup>22</sup> yr)
- Observable when beta decay is kinematically forbidden



# NEUTRINOLESS DOUBLE BETA DECAY

- Beyond Standard Model phenomenon, can occur if neutrinos are Majorana particles
- Lepton number violating process
- Potentially impact understanding of origins of matter/anti-matter asymmetry
- Constrains neutrino mass hierarchy, scale (model dependent)

$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z + 2) + 2e^{-}$$



Light neutrino exchange model

# NEUTRINOLESS DOUBLE BETA DECAY

- Experimental observable is **decay rate**
  - Depends on effective Majorana mass ( $m_{\beta\beta}$ )
  - Directly related to absolute neutrino mass scale
- Additional dependency on various nuclear and atomic effects.
- Limit on ( $m_{\beta\beta}$ ) can help rule out Inverted Hierarchy (model dependent)

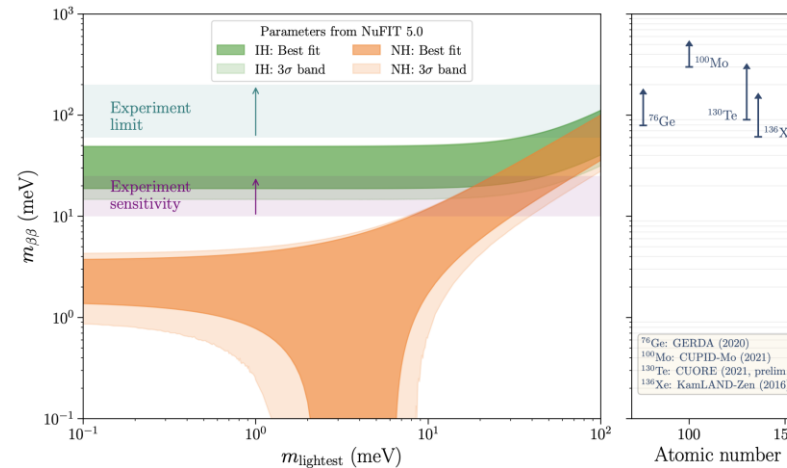
$$\frac{1}{T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta}} = G_{0\nu}(Q_{\beta\beta}, Z) |M_{0\nu}|^2 \frac{\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2}{m_e^2}$$

Phase space factor
Nuclear Matrix Elements

$$m_{\beta\beta} = \left| \sum_{i=1}^3 |U_{ei}|^2 m_i e^{i\alpha_i} \right|$$

Effective Majorana mass
Majorana phases

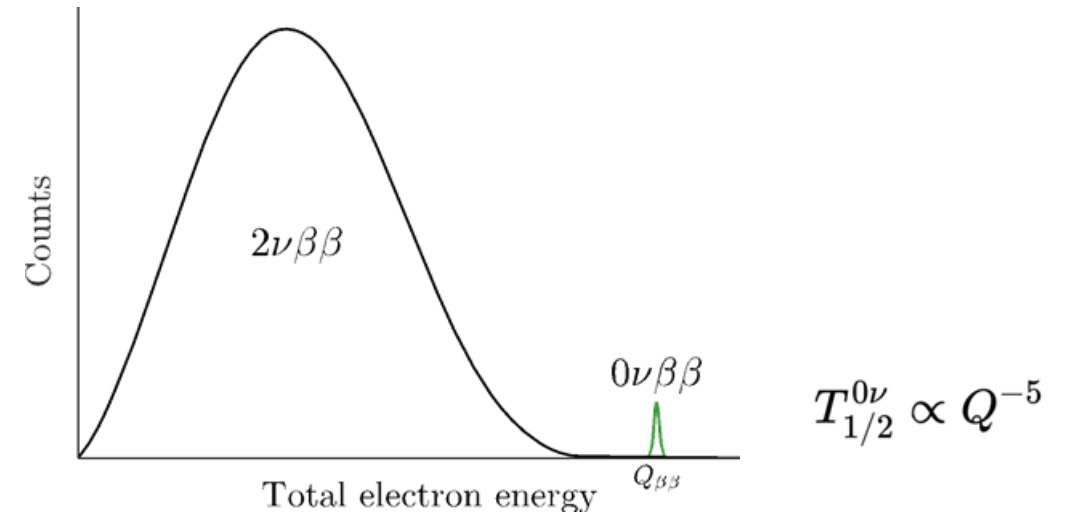
PMNS matrix
Individual neutrino masses



<https://github.com/toej93/LobsterPlot>

# DETECTION CHALLENGES

- $0\nu\beta\beta$  signal is the summed electron energy at Q-value
  - **Exceptional resolution** essential to differentiate between the  $0\nu\beta\beta$  and  $2\nu\beta\beta$  spectra
  - **High Q-value** for practically observable half-life and avoiding gamma-ray backgrounds
- **Low background** required for a detectable signal, going underground is necessary to avoid cosmic ray bkg
- **Exposure** needs to be maximized
  - Large detector mass
  - Efficient duty cycle to lengthen livetime
- **Choice of isotope** should be compatible with detector technique

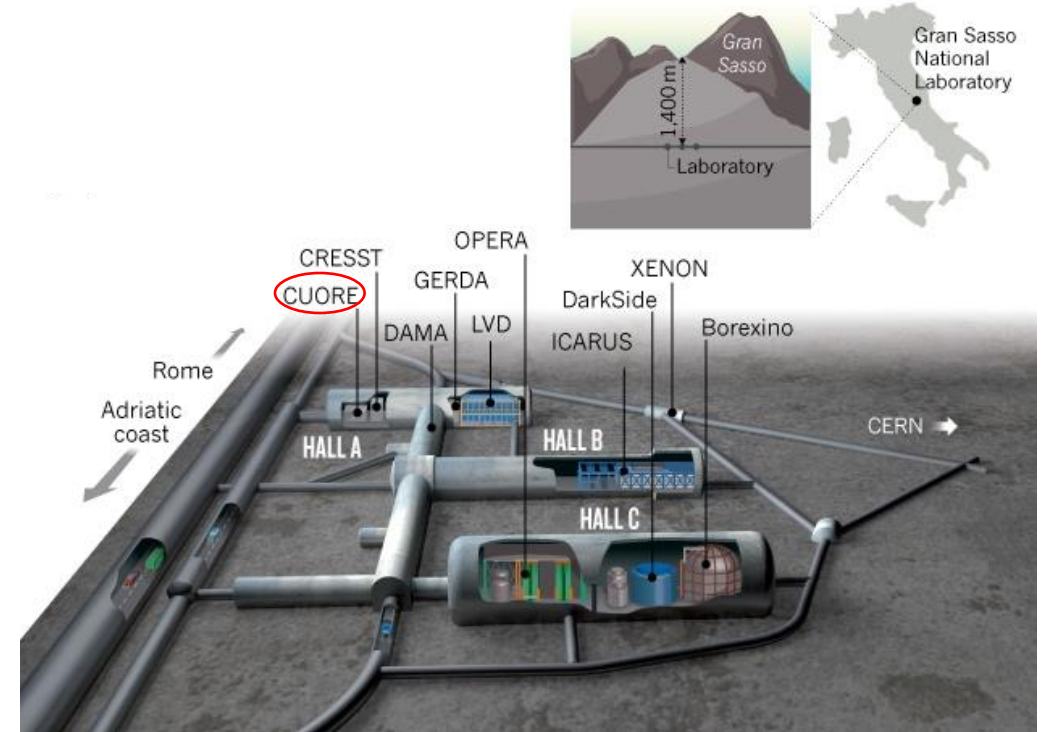


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Diagram illustrating the components of the  $1\sigma$  sensitivity equation for  $0\nu\beta\beta$  detection:

- $a$ : Isotopic abundance
- $\epsilon$ : Efficiency
- $N_A$ : Avogadro's number
- $\eta$ : 1-sigma sensitivity
- $W$ : Detector mass
- $m$ : Detector mass
- $t$ : Livetime
- $b$ : Bkg rate/energy/mass
- $\Delta E$ : Energy Resolution

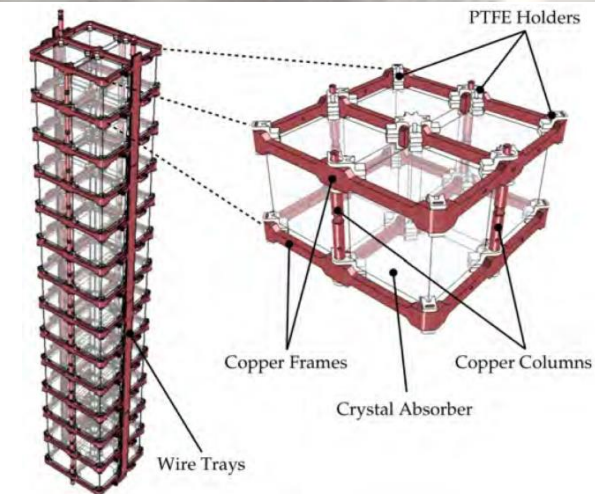
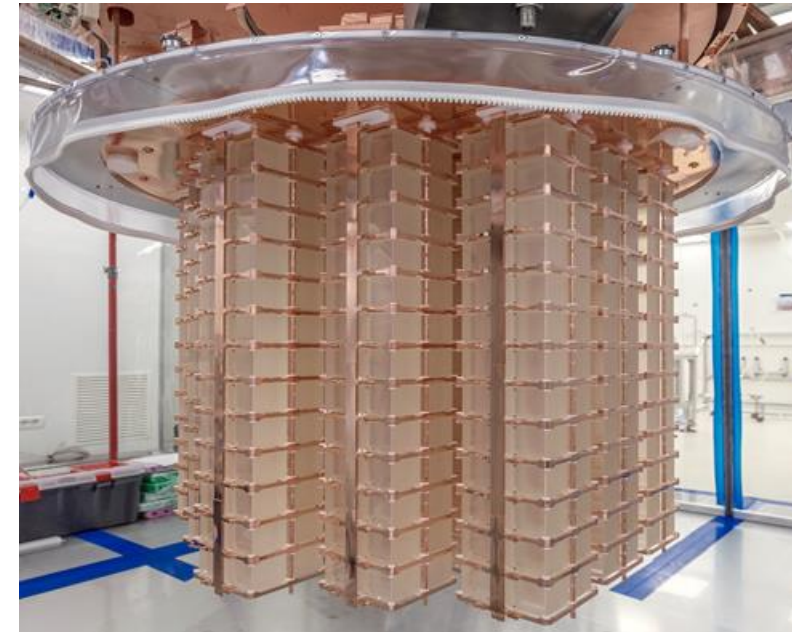
- **Cryogenic U**nderground **O**bservatory for **R**are **E**vents
- Located at Hall A of Gran Sasso National Laboratory
- **3600 m.w.e** of overburden, muon rate 6 orders of magnitude less than surface, extensive shielding
- $^{130}\text{Te}$  has a  $\beta\beta$  Q-value of 2527.5 keV
- 742 kg  $\text{TeO}_2$ , 206 kg  $^{130}\text{Te}$  (34% natural abundance)



Images courtesy of LNGS: <https://www.lngs.infn.it/en>

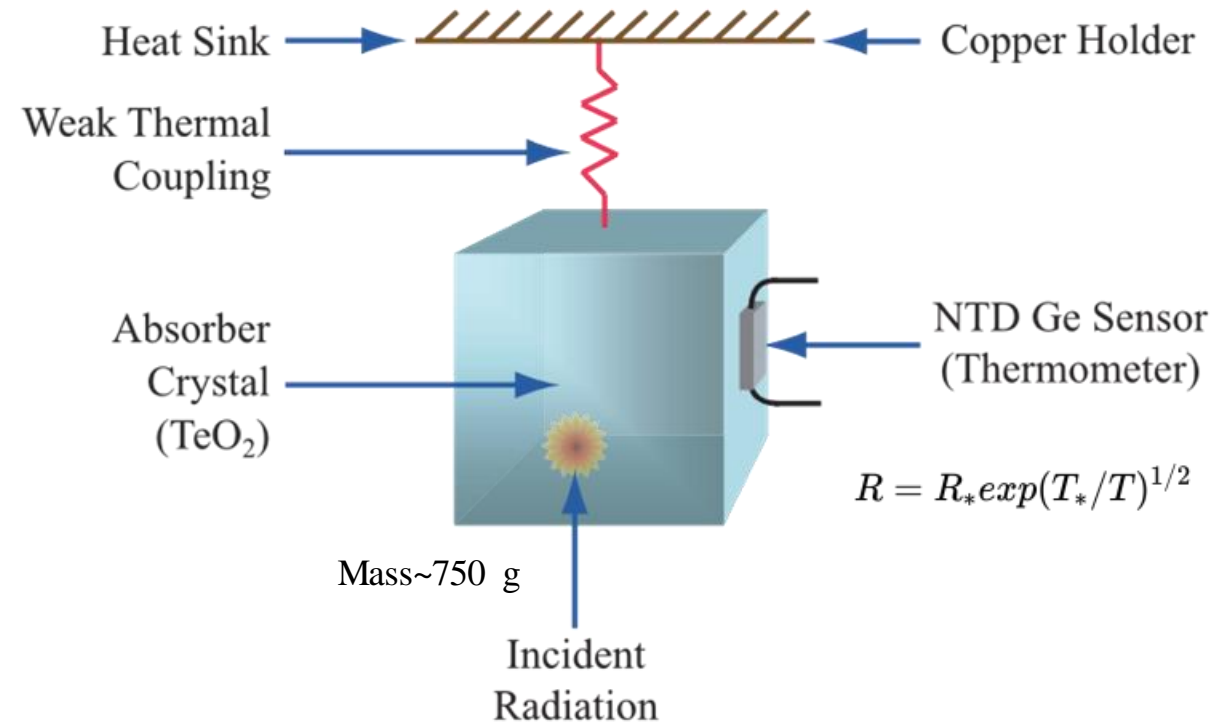
# DETECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE

- 988 natural  $\text{TeO}_2$  crystals
  - Total mass: 742 kg
  - $^{130}\text{Te}$  mass: 206 kg
  - $5 \times 5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^3$ , arranged in 19 towers
- Housed in copper frame and held in place by PTFE spacers
  - Copper linked to thermal bath
  - PTFE spacers are also weak thermal links and contract more at low temperatures
- Tightly spaced crystals allow for coincidences to be exploited for background reduction



# DETECTION PRINCIPLE

- 988 TeO<sub>2</sub> crystals operated as bolometers; energy deposited is registered as temperature change
  - Read out by a NTD (**N**eutron **T**ransmutation **D**oped) Ge thermometer
- Signal strength and detector resolution depend strongly on temperature (Debye's Law)
  - $C \propto T^3$
  - Detector operated at **~11 mK**
- In CUORE, we observe an average resolution of **~8 keV FWHM at 2615 keV<sup>†</sup>**



Schematic of a CUORE bolometer.  
(cuore-lngs.infn.it)

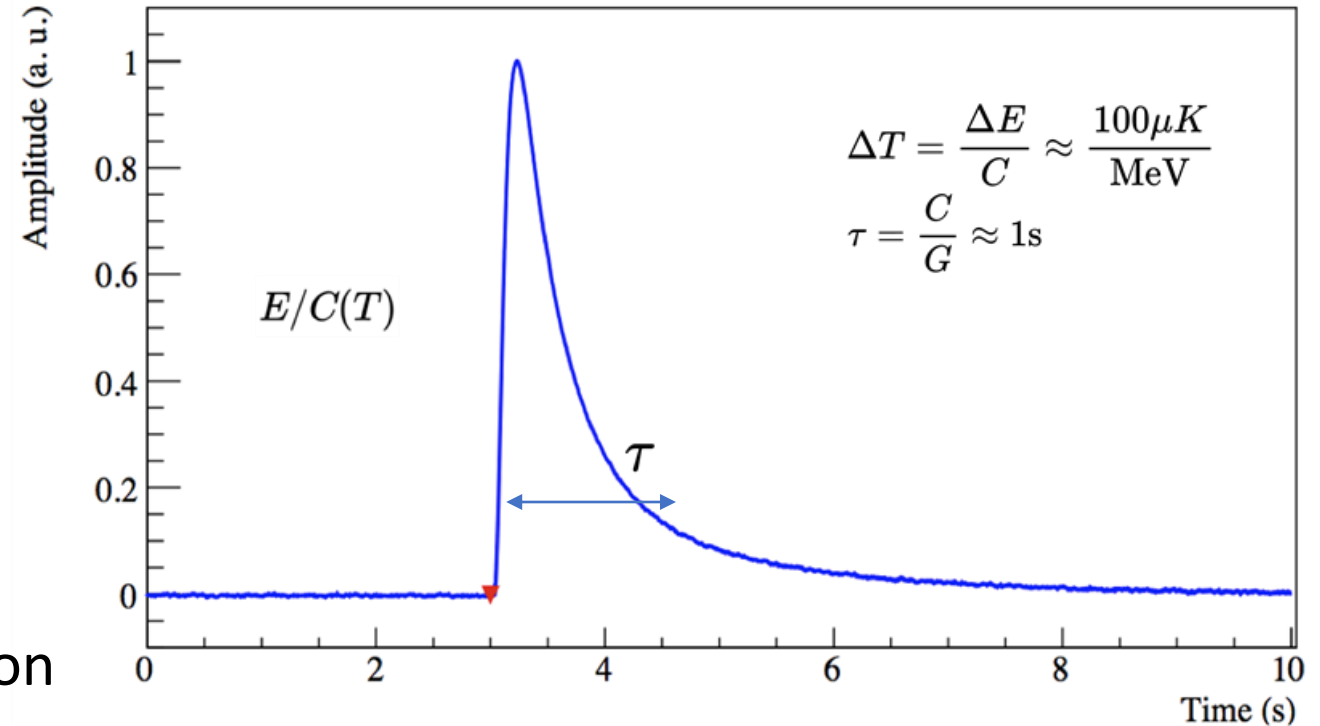
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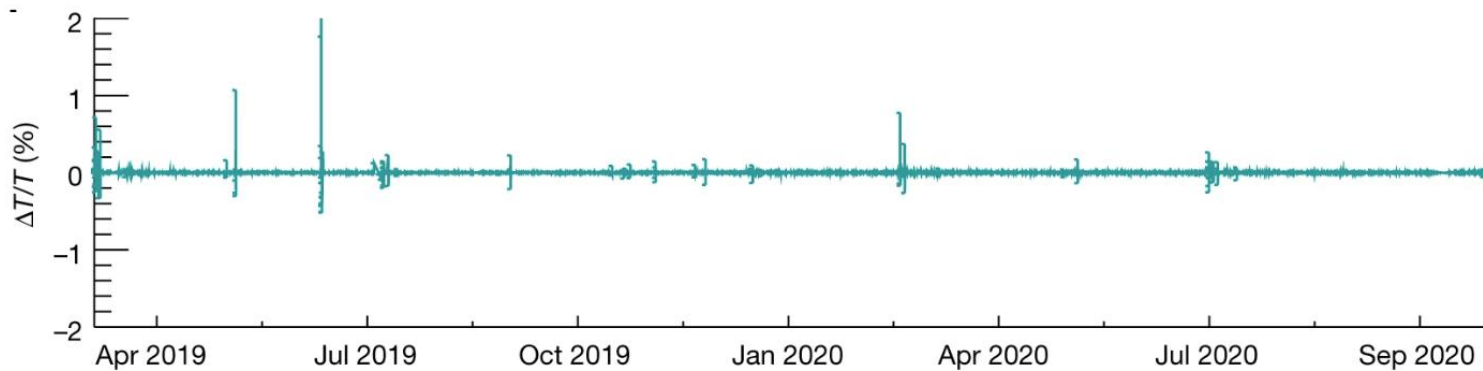


Example of a signal pulse

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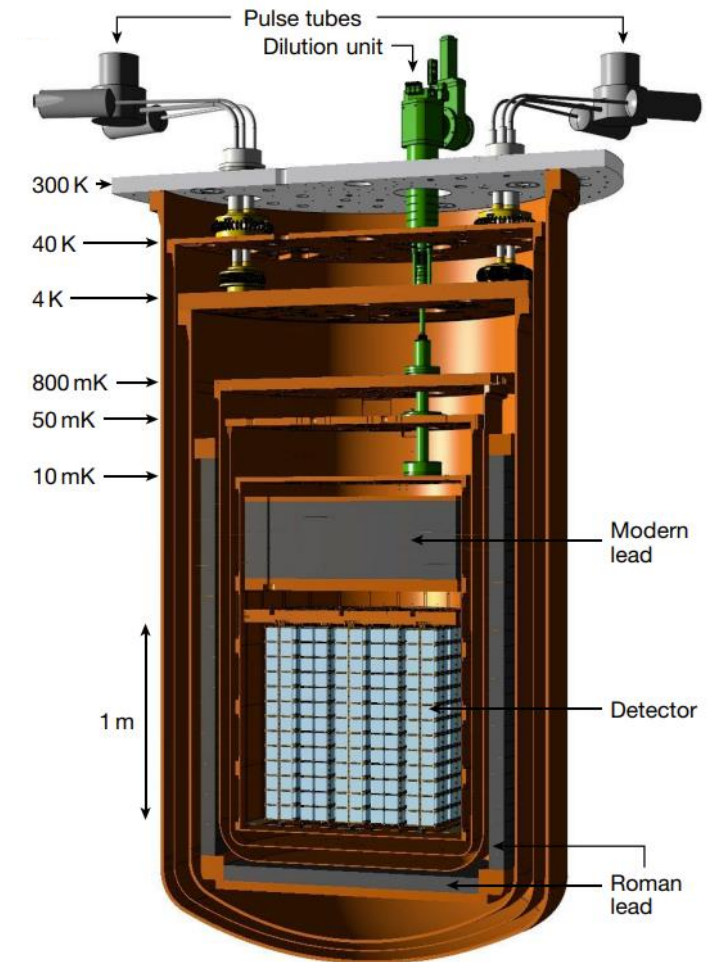
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- Operating temperature of 15 mK is achieved via multistage cryogen-free dilution refrigerator
  - Pre-cooling performed by pulse tube cryocoolers
  - Multistage design shields from thermal radiation
- Cooling power of  $\sim 5 \mu\text{W}$  at 15 mK
  - Experimental volume of  $1 \text{ m}^3$  and payload of 1.5 tonne
  - Demonstrated stability over years of data taking



CUORE relative temperature  
fluctuation over time\*

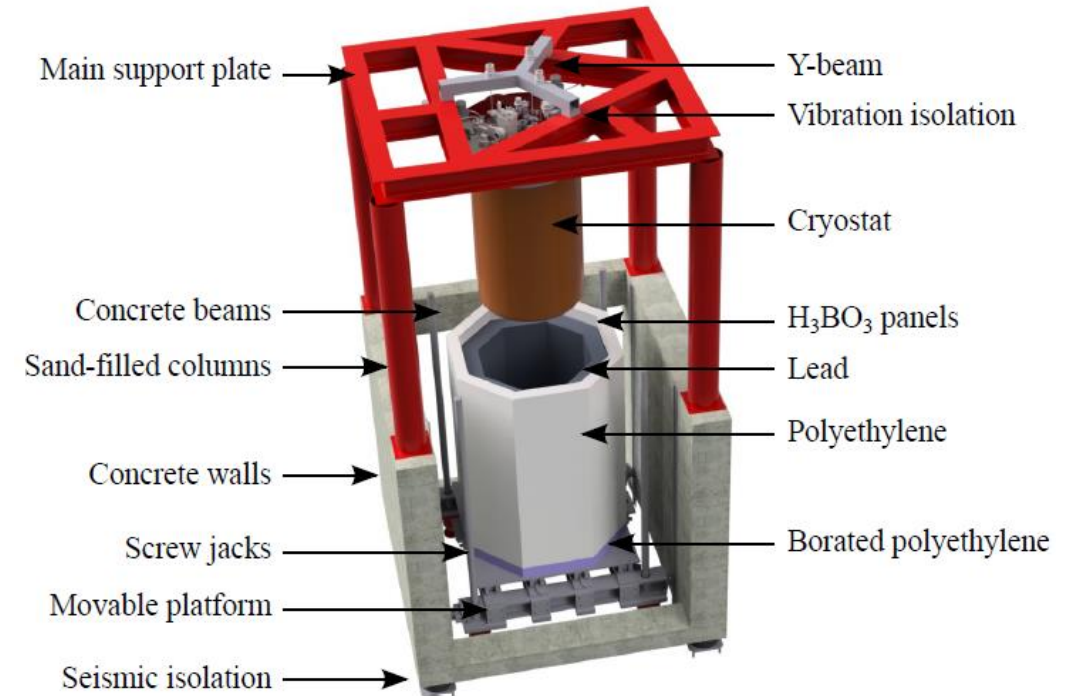
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**The CUORE cryostat\***

# SHIELDING

- Experimental setup shielded from radiation by multiple layers
- Neutron background:
  - Lateral 18 cm polyethylene layer with 2 cm thick  $\text{H}_3\text{BO}_3$  panels
  - 20 cm thick borated polyethylene at the bottom
- Gamma background:
  - 30 cm lead shield above the detector volume
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External structure of CUORE

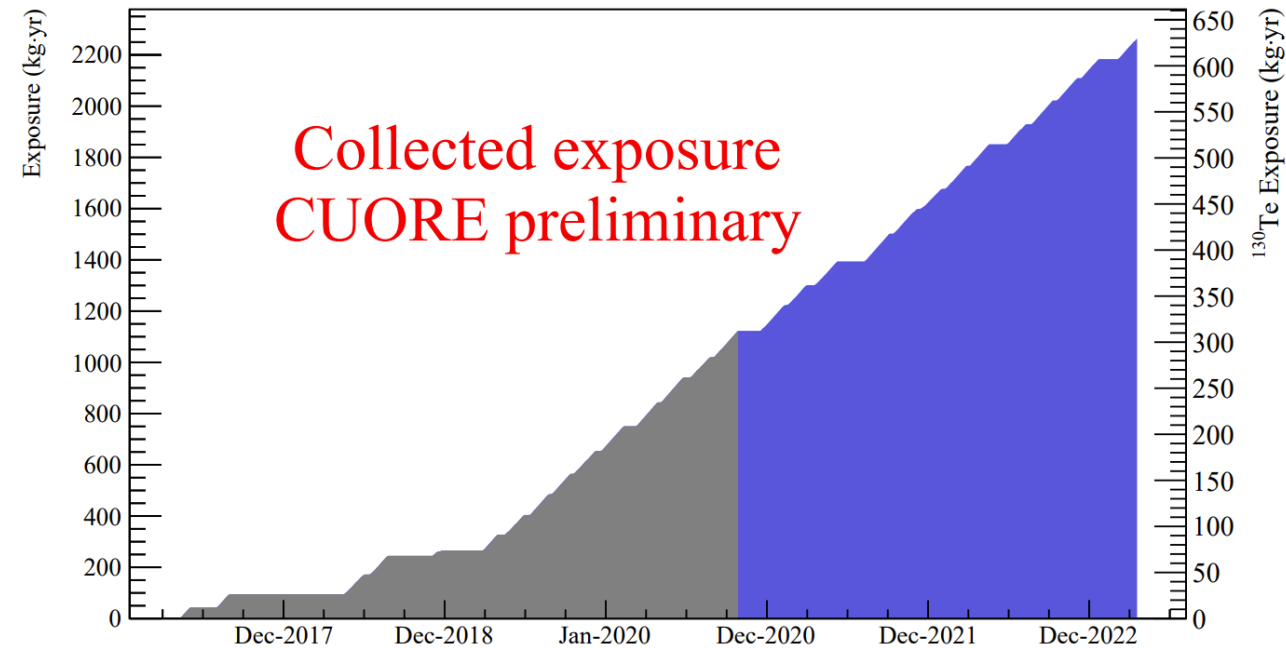
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Image credit: Il Nuovo Saggiatore/Società Italiana di Fisica di Bologna and INFN.

# CUORE DATA TAKING

- Data taking began in 2017
  - Software and hardware optimizations since have improved stability of data taking
- Steady data taking since 2019 with 90% uptime
- Smooth transition to remote detector monitoring after pandemic lockdown
- $0\nu\beta\beta$  results for 1038 kg.yr exposure reported in Nature\*



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Isotopic abundance


Detector mass

1-sigma sensitivity

- Active Mass: 742 kg TeO<sub>2</sub>
- Isotopic abundance: 34%, 206 kg <sup>130</sup>Te

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Livetime



1-sigma sensitivity

- Greater than 90% duty cycle
- Cryogen-free cryostat (No regular downtime for invasive cryogenic maintenance)

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1-sigma sensitivity

Bkg rate

- Radiopurity controls on materials and assembly
  - 3600 m.w.e overburden
    - Extensive shielding
  - BI:  $10^{-2}$  counts  $\text{keV}^{-1} \text{kg}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$



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Energy  
Resolution

- Crystals operated at 15 mK
  - Denoising techniques
- $Q_{\beta\beta}$  relative energy resolution: 0.3%

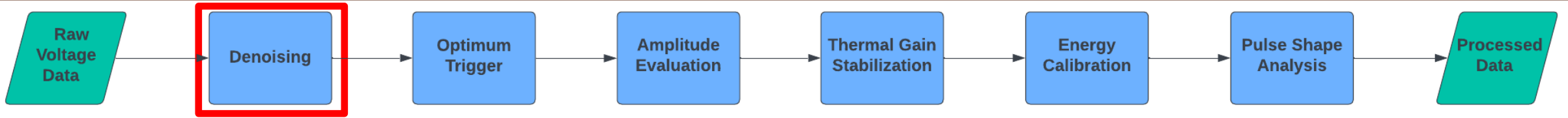
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Efficiency

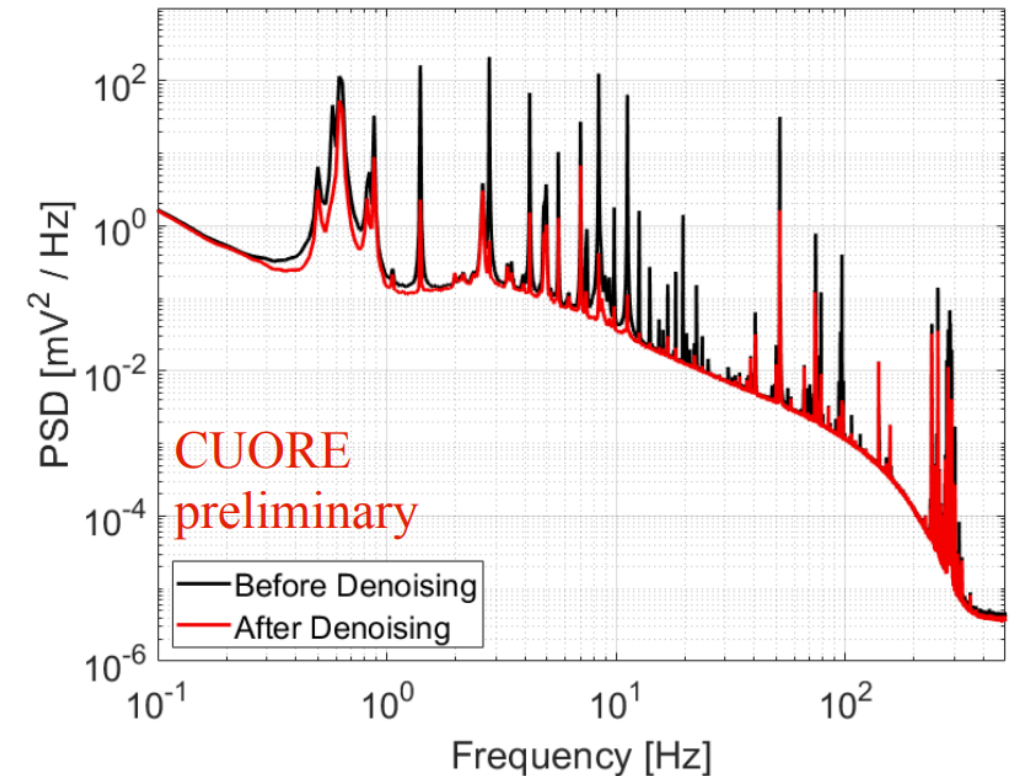
- Source = Detector
- Closely packed array of channels
  - 88% containment efficiency
  - 96% data quality cut efficiency

# DATA PROCESSING



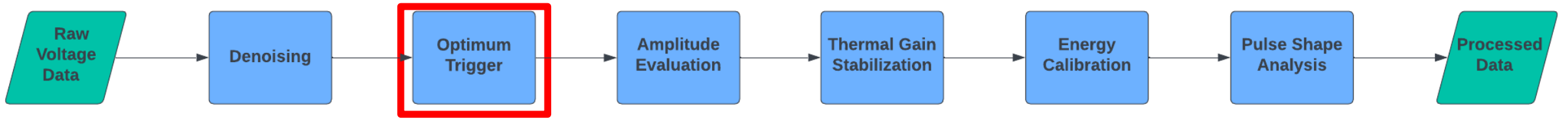
## ■ Denoising

- Multivariate noise cancelling algorithm to improve detector performance\*
- Uses data from auxiliary devices: Microphones, accelerometers, seismometers

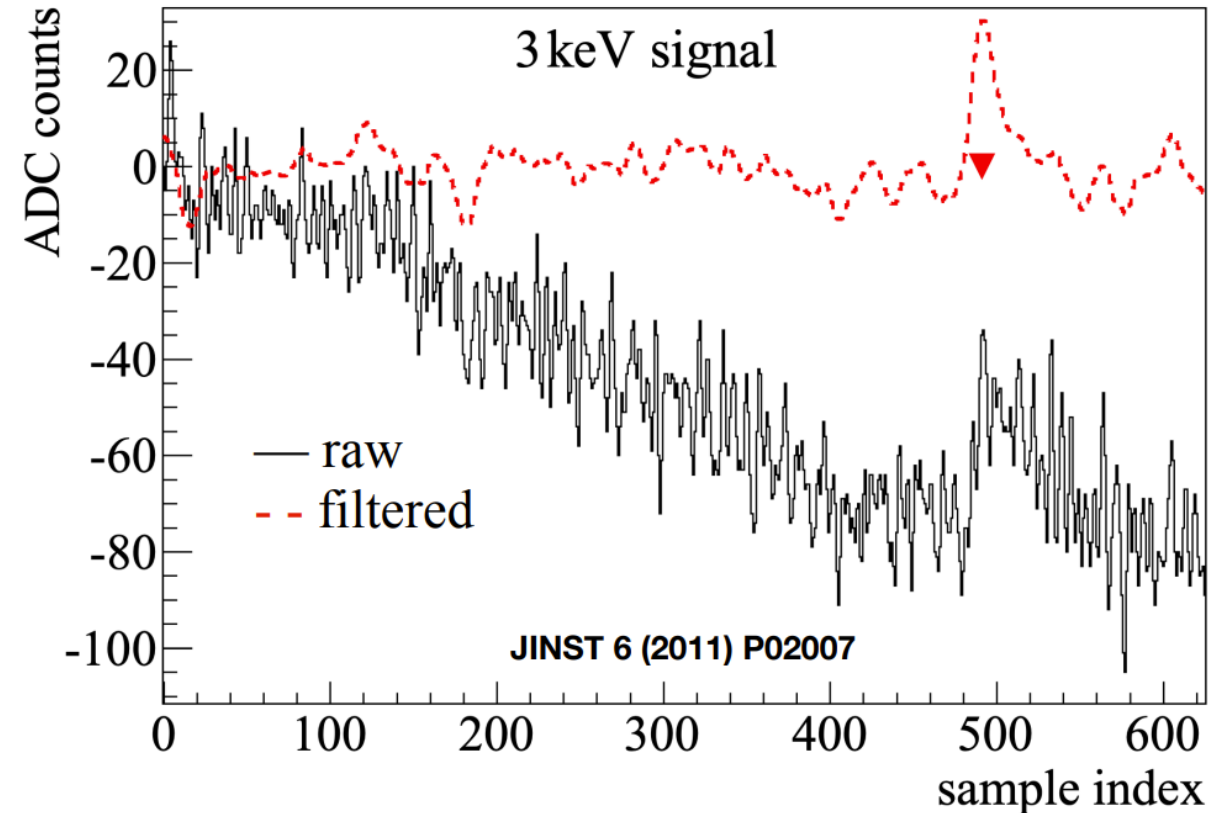


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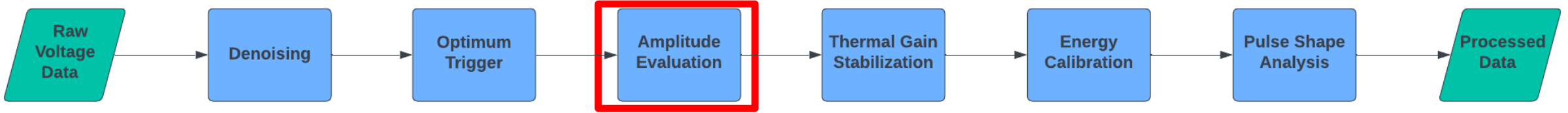
# DATA PROCESSING - TRIGGER



- Optimum Trigger
  - Matched filter to maximize signal to noise
  - Adjusts for baseline drifts and noise
  - Lowers energy detection thresholds



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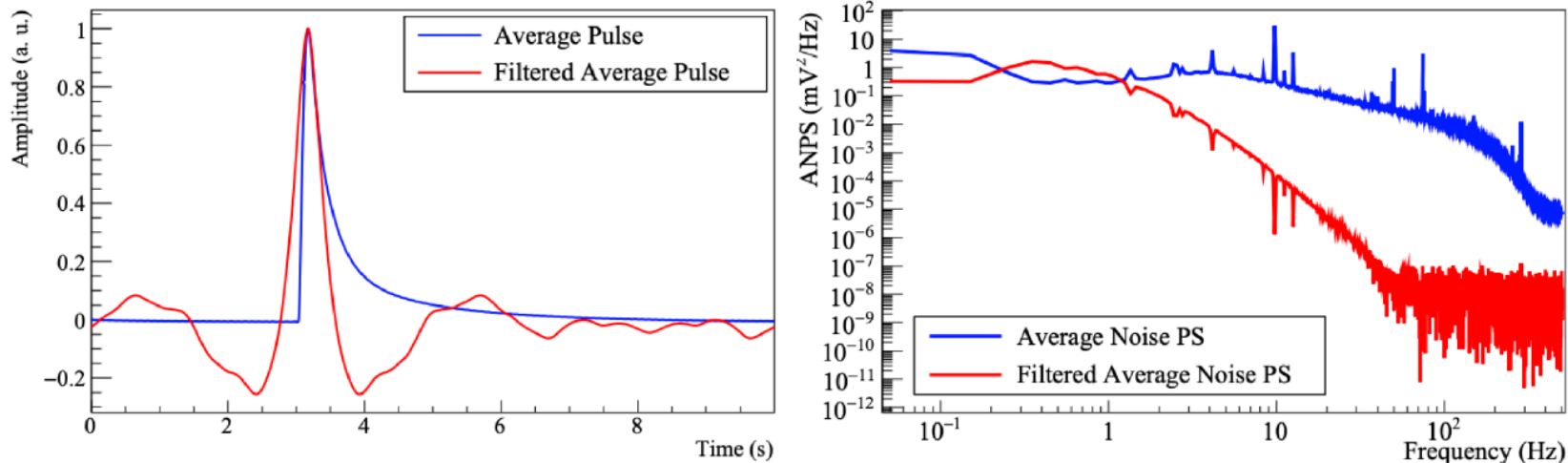


## Amplitude Evaluation

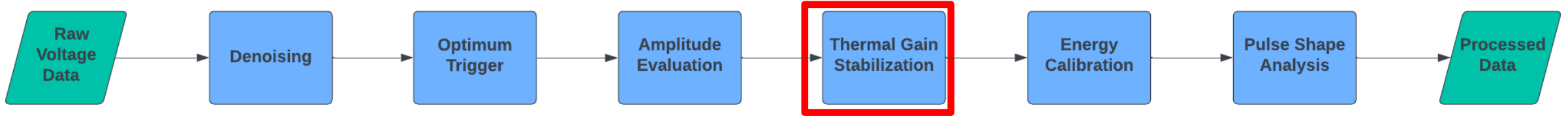
- Using Optimum waveform filter to estimate amplitude of pulses
- Transfer function of each channel evaluated using average pulse and average noise power spectrum

$$H(\omega_k) = h \frac{s^*(\omega_k)}{N(\omega_k)} e^{-J\omega_k i_M}$$

Average Pulse (pointing to  $s^*(\omega_k)$ )  
Average Noise (pointing to  $N(\omega_k)$ )

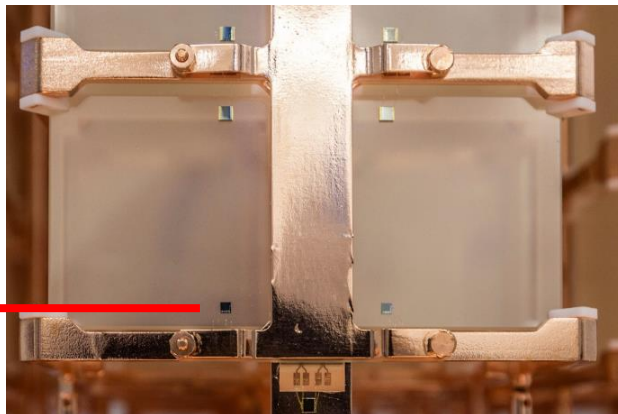


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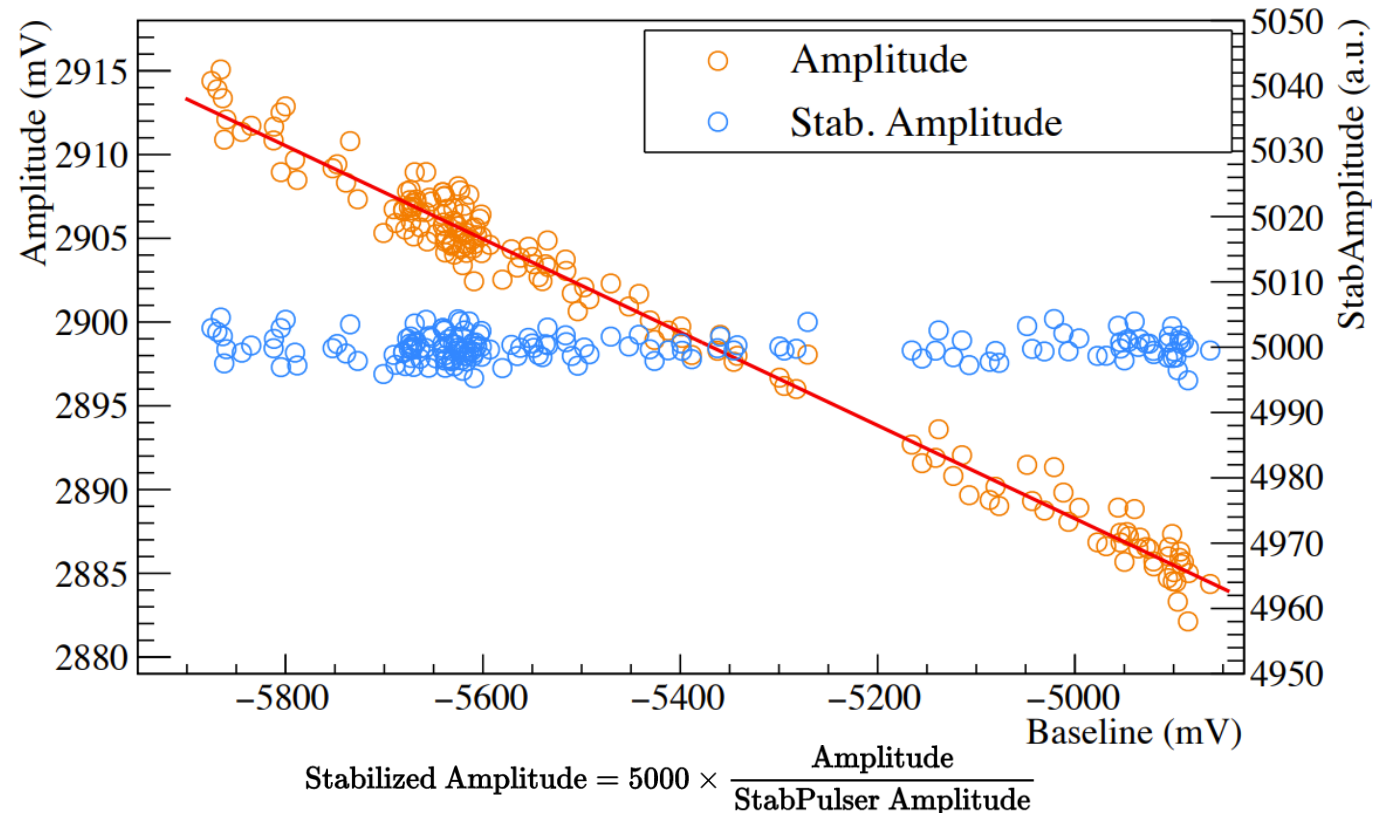


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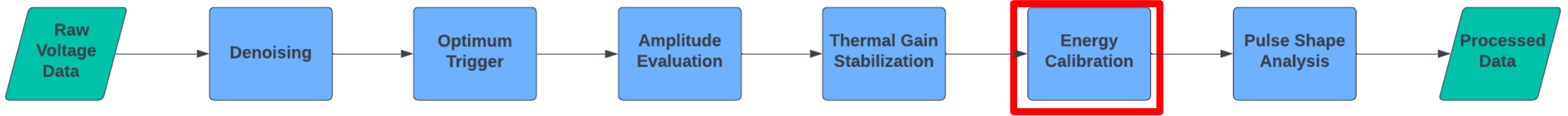
- Eliminating gain dependence on temperature using periodically injected pulses



Si  
Heater

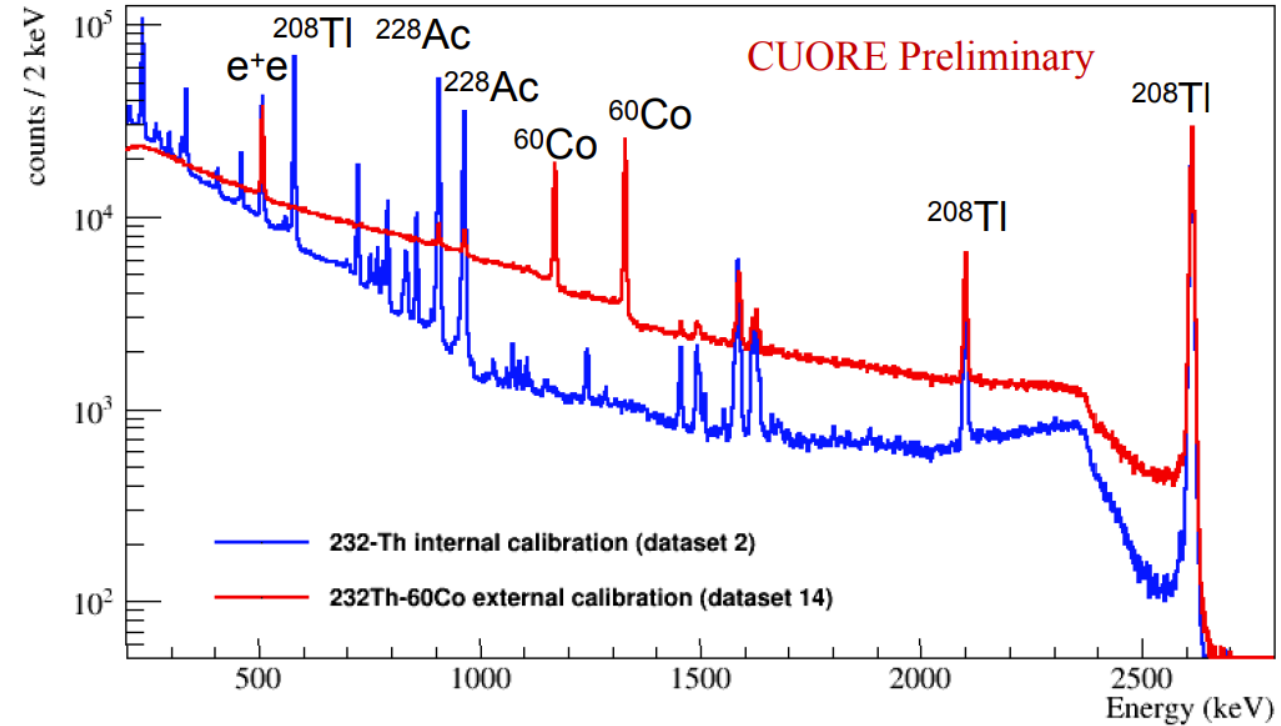


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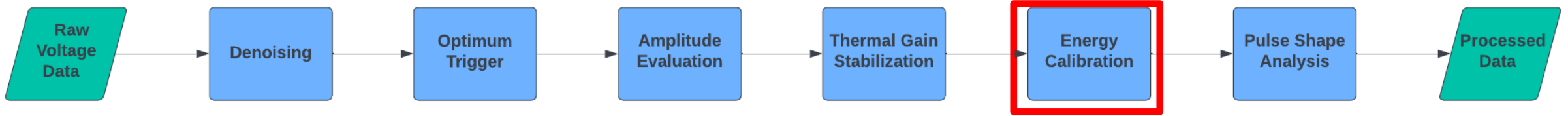


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- Iterative calibration algorithm
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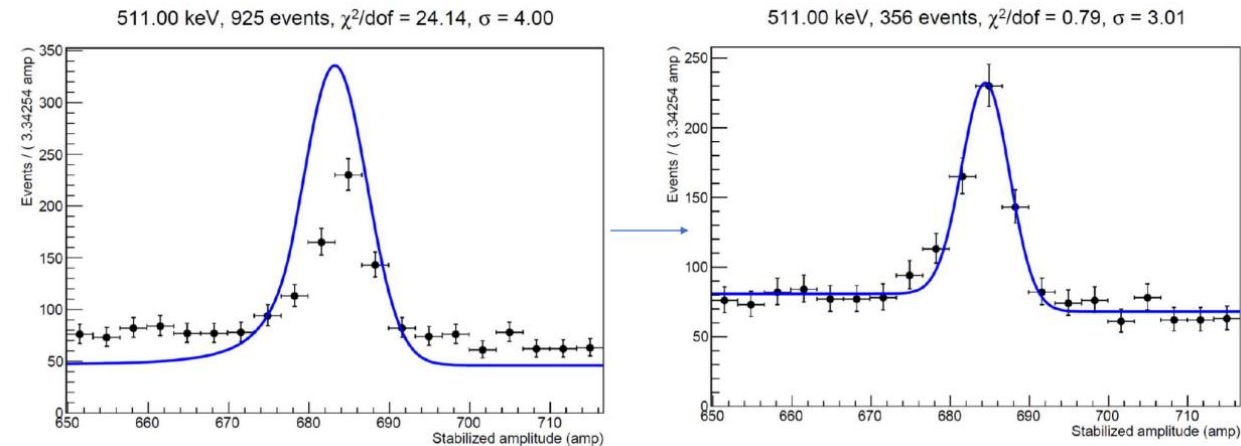


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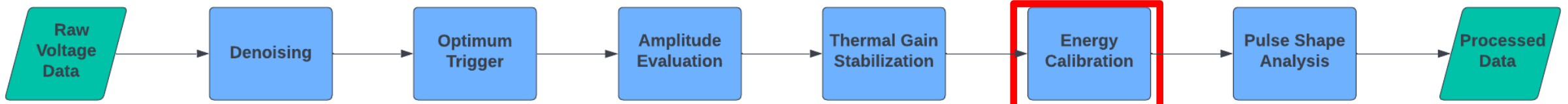
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**A calibration peak fit with default seeds (left), and fit with iterative algorithm (right)**

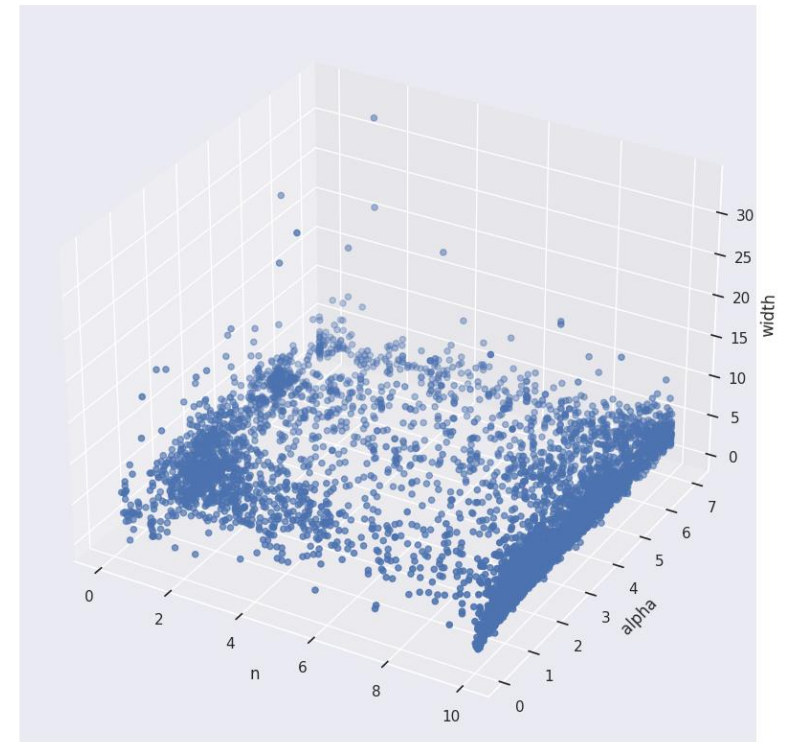


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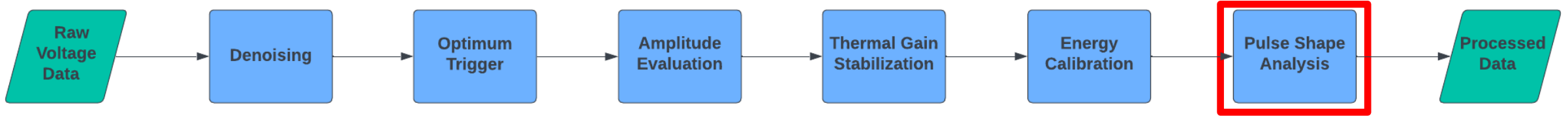
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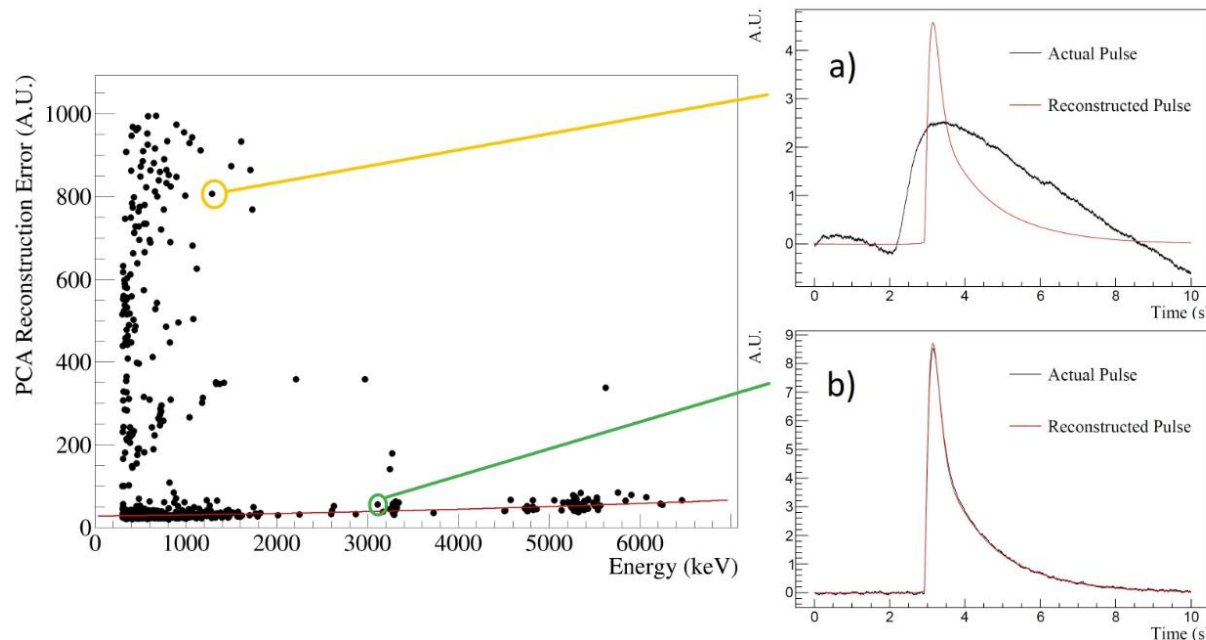
**Distribution of fit parameters for a dataset**

# DATA PROCESSING



## ■ Pulse Shape Discrimination

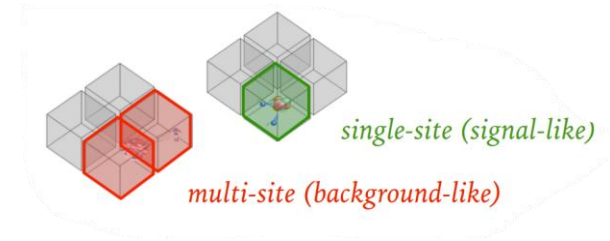
- Using PCA (Principal Component Analysis) to eliminate pulses with a non-physical shape
- Extract salient features of pulses to calculate reconstruction error for pulse shape discrimination



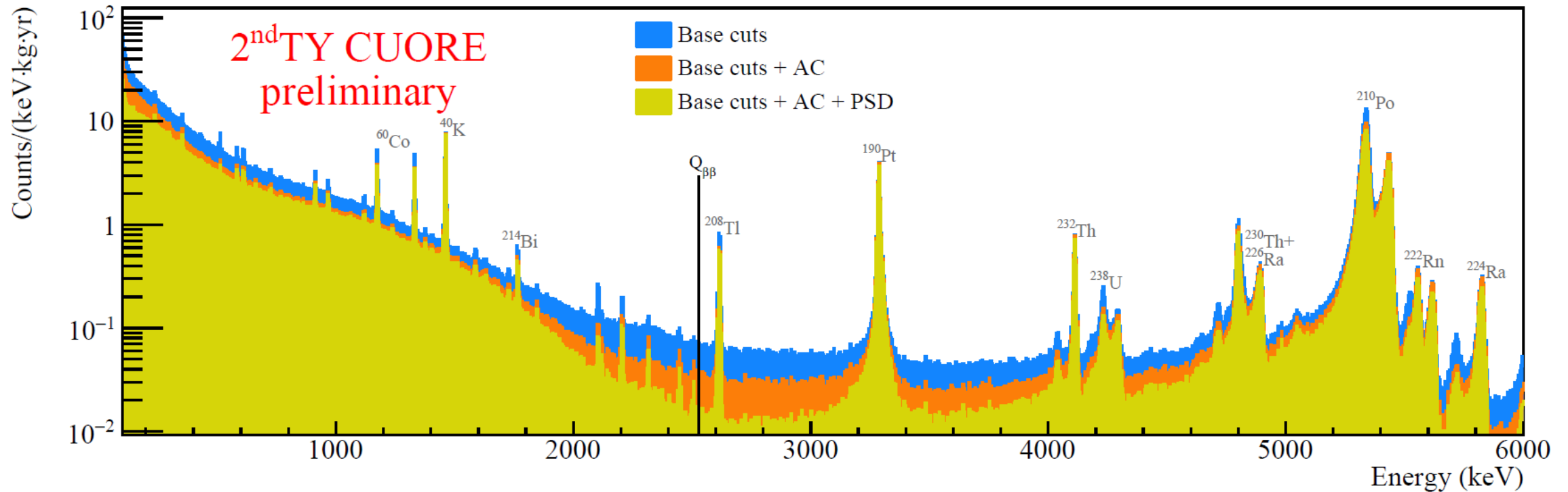
# 2 TONNE-YR SPECTRUM

## Blinded analysis to prevent bias

- ROI (2465, 2575) keV salted with  $^{208}\text{Tl}$  2615 keV peak
- Fit ROI events with:  $^{130}\text{Te}$   $0\nu\beta\beta$  peak,  $^{60}\text{Co}$  peak, linear background
- Finalize model parameters before unblinding



88% of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  events occur in a single crystal

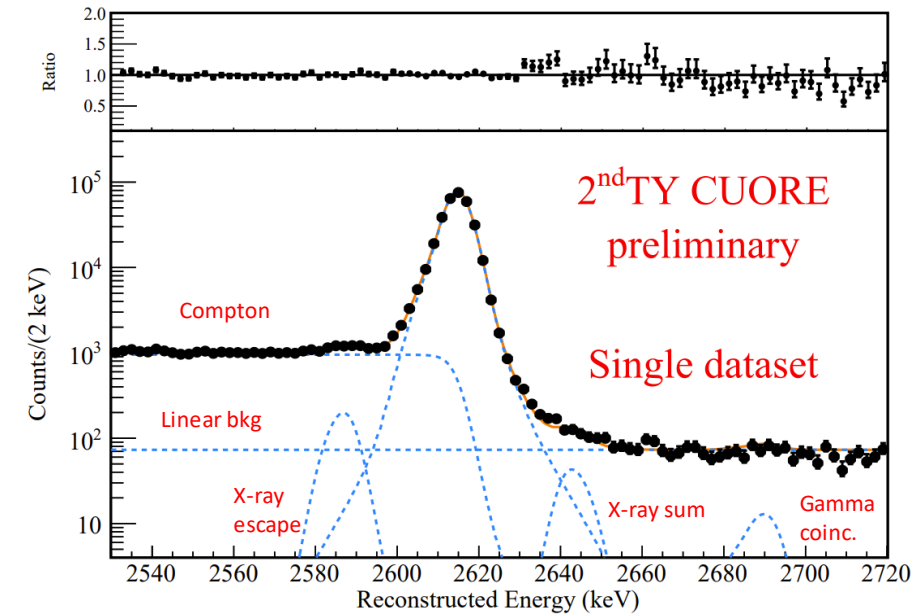


# CUORE DETECTOR RESPONSE

- Fit 2615 keV calibration peak for each channel
  - 3-Gaussian signal peak + background structures

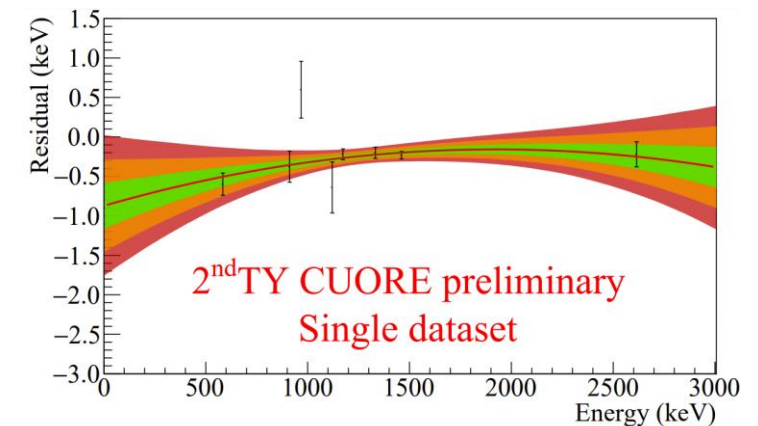
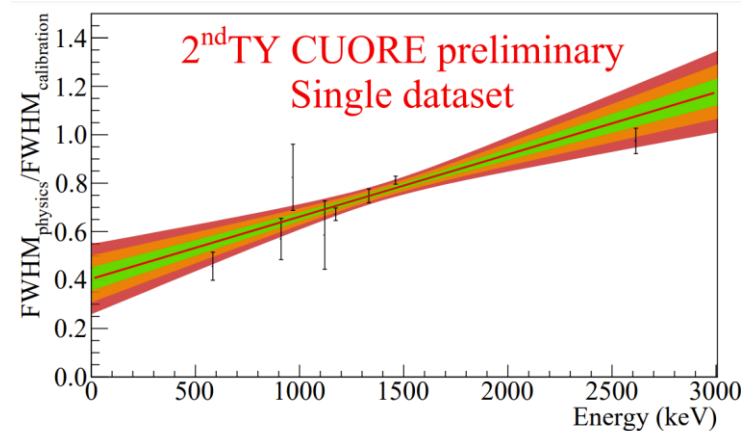
$$\Delta E_{2615keV} = 7.43 \pm 0.37 \text{ keV}$$

- Scale detector response from 2615 keV calibration fit to peaks in physics data
  - Calculate resolution scaling and reconstruction bias at  $Q_{\beta\beta}$

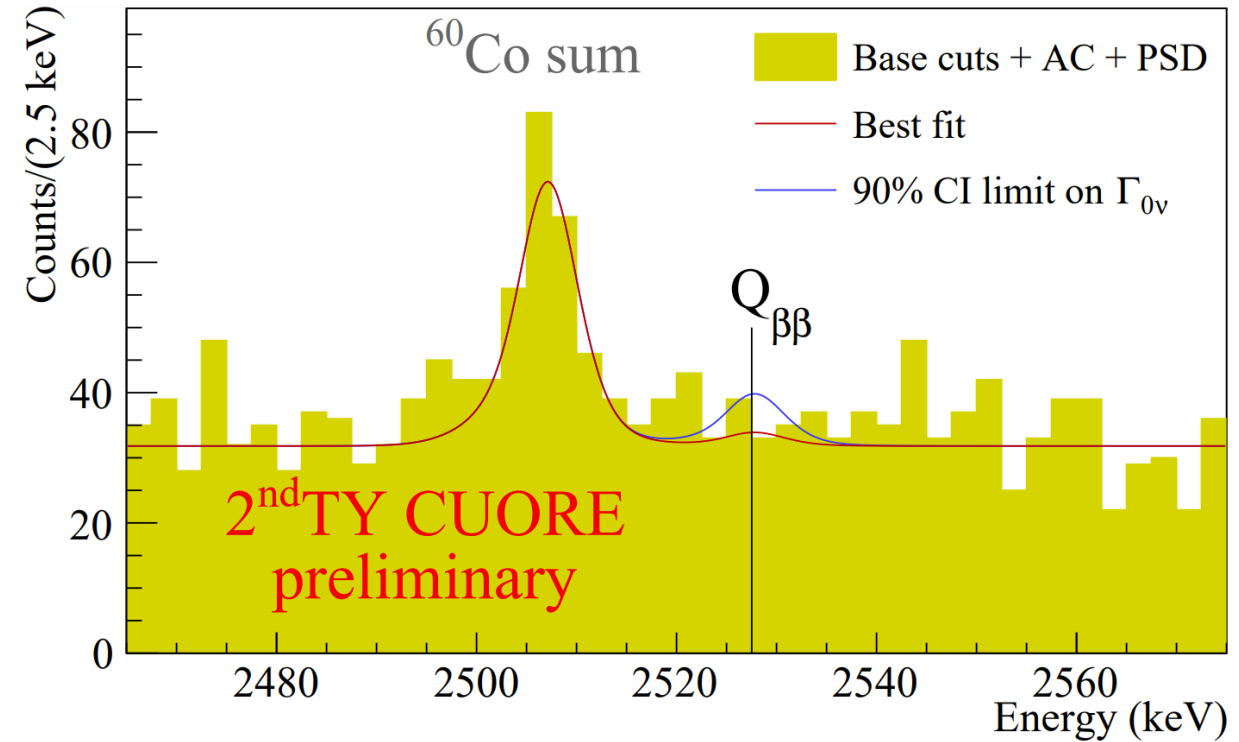
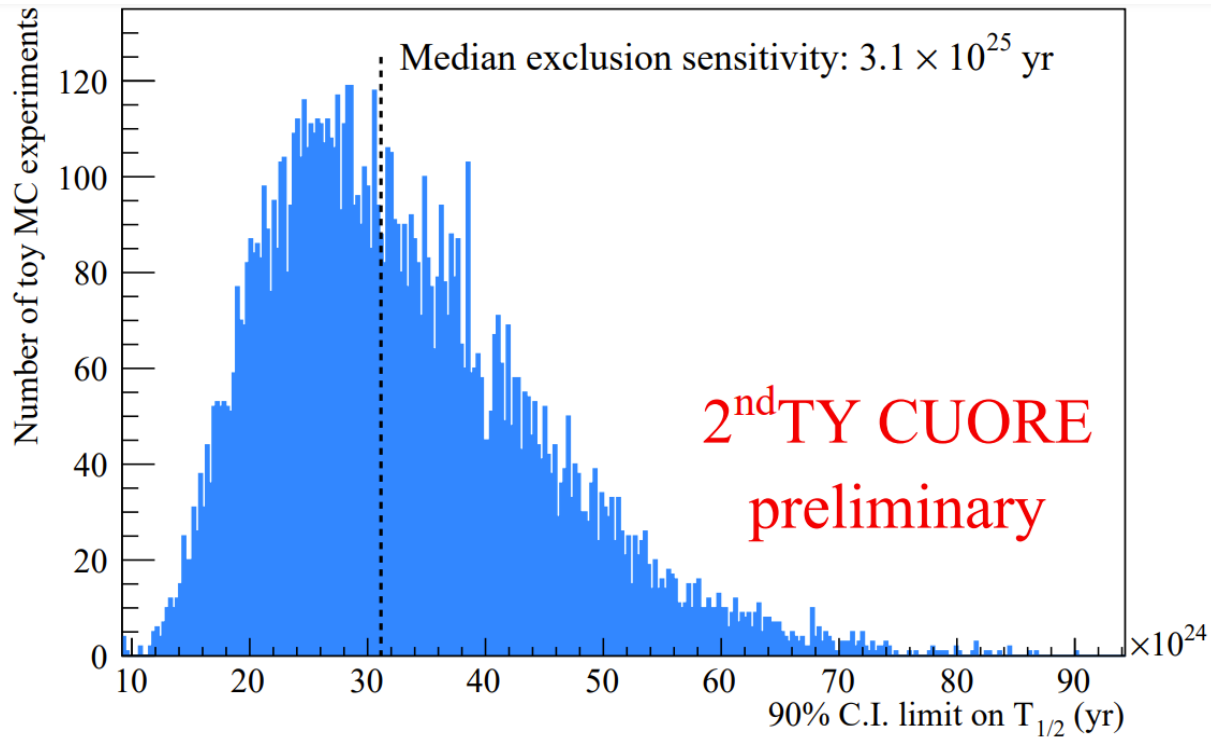


$$\Delta E_{Q_{\beta\beta}} = 7.26^{+0.43}_{-0.47} \text{ keV}$$

$$\Delta E_{bias} = -0.11^{+0.19}_{-0.25} \text{ keV}$$



# 2nd Ton Year Results



- Fit in ROI in BAT (Bayesian Analysis Toolkit) including systematics
  - Average background index:  $1.3 \times 10^{-2}$  counts/(keV.kg.year)
  - Decay Rate limit:  $\Gamma_{0\nu} < 2.5 \times 10^{-26}$  yr $^{-1}$  (90% C.I.)
  - Half-life limit:  $T_{1/2} > 2.7 \times 10^{25}$  yr (90% C.I.)
- Median exclusion sensitivity:  $3.1 \times 10^{25}$  yr (90% C.I.) with MC  $10^4$  experiments

**No evidence of neutrinoless double beta decay**

# Combined Results

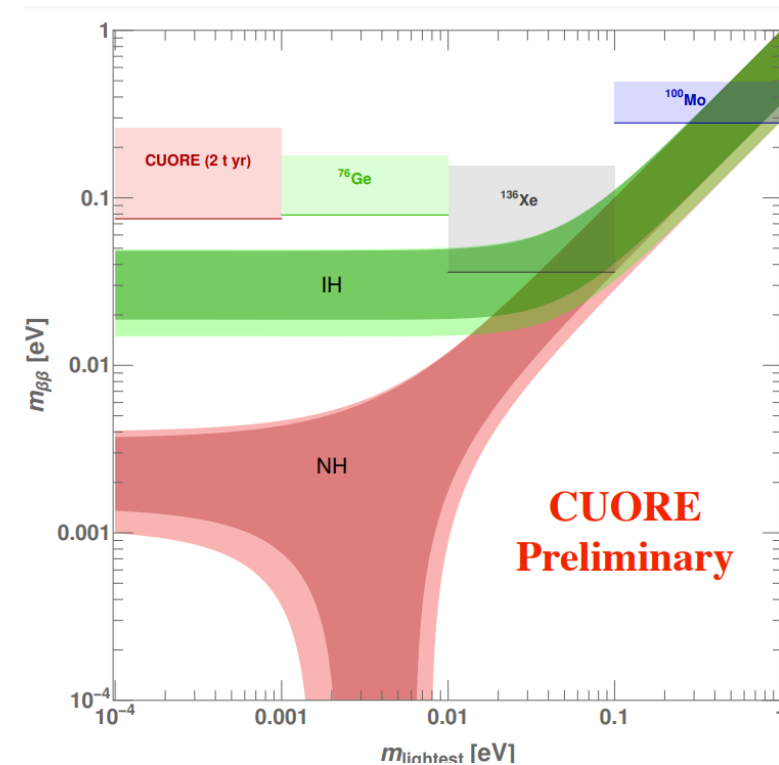
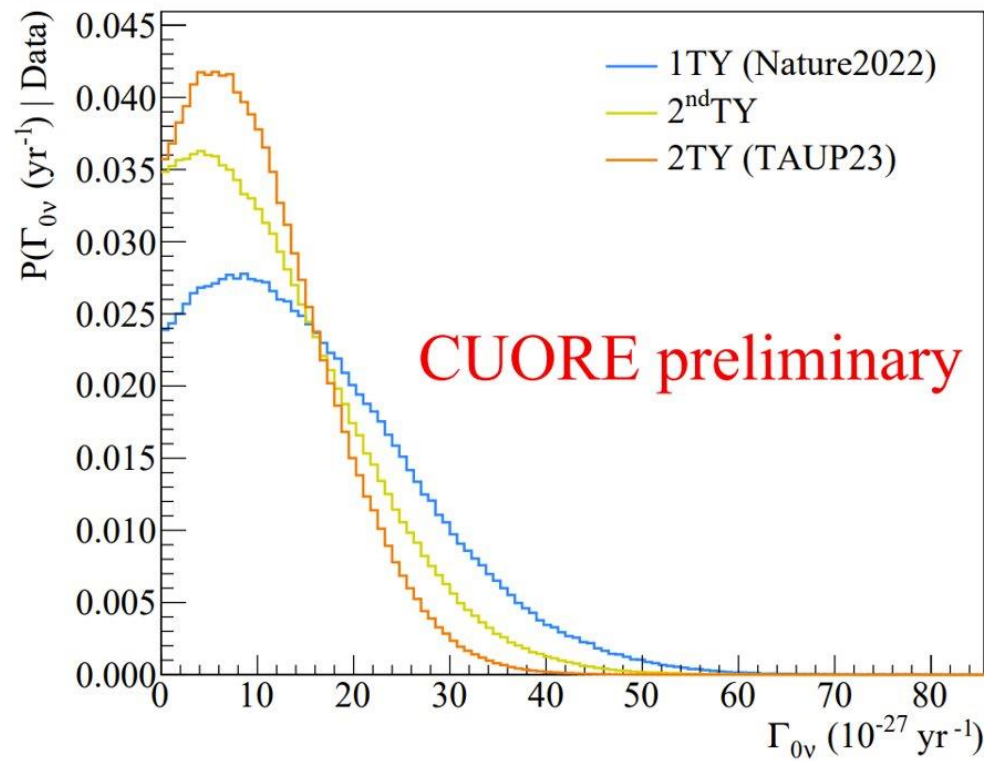
- Combining 2nd ton.yr results with 1 ton.yr results
  - Analyzed exposure: 2023 kg.yr
  - Half-life limit:  $T_{1/2} > 3.3 \times 10^{25}$  yr (90% C.I.)
- $m_{\beta\beta} < 75 - 255$  meV
  - Light Majorana neutrino exchange model
  - Range depends on nuclear matrix elements

### Limits on other isotopes:

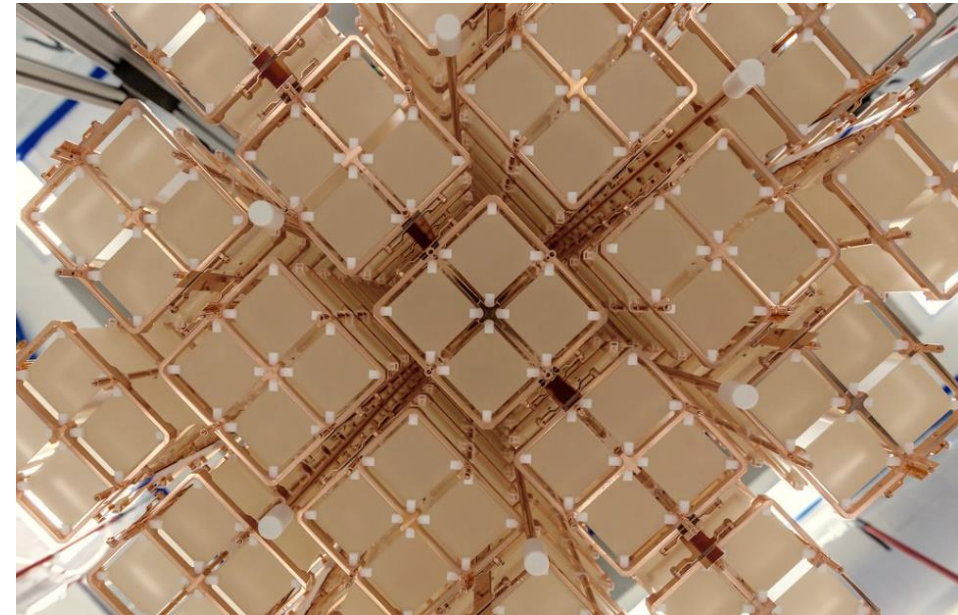
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### Oscillation parameters:

Esteban, I. et al., J. High En. Phys. 2020 (178) [https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP09\(2020\)178](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP09(2020)178)



- CUORE has achieved 2 tonne year of exposure and continues stable data taking
- No evidence of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay with 2023 kg.yr of data
  - Half-life limit:  $T_{1/2} > 3.3 \times 10^{25}$  yr (90% C.I.)
  - Effective Majorana mass upper limit: 75-255 meV
- Other avenues of research:
  - Dark matter
  - Fractionally charged particles
  - Baryon number violation



# THANK YOU!

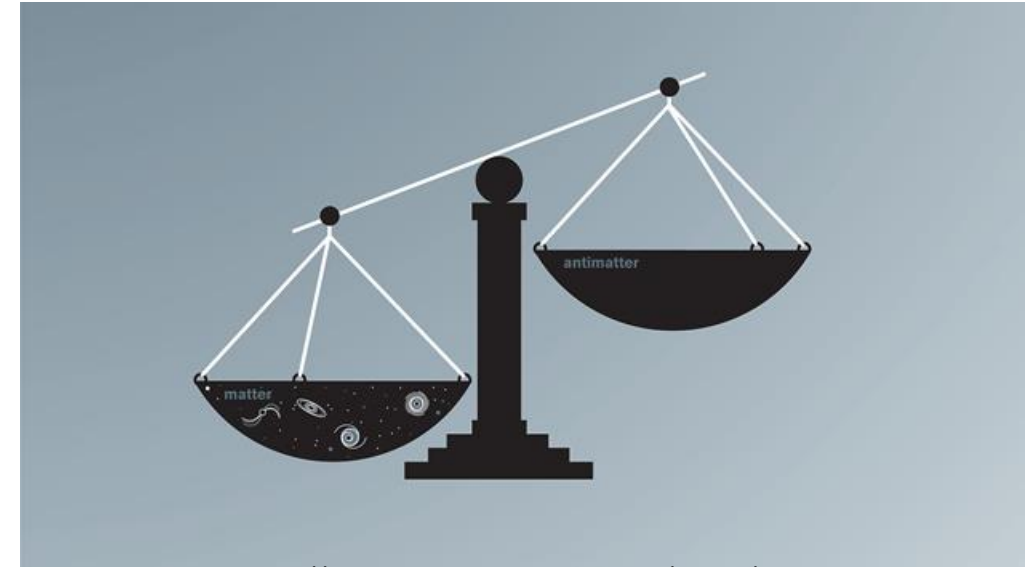




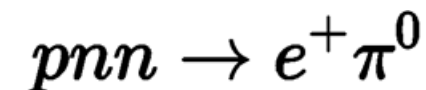
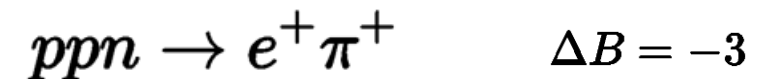
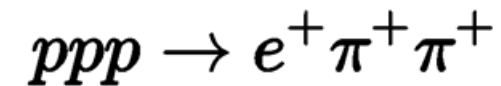
# EXTRA SLIDES

# Baryon Number Conservation

- Conservation of baryon number is not guaranteed by any fundamental symmetry
  - Proposed to explain the stability of matter
- Violation of baryon number conservation essential to explain matter anti-matter asymmetry (Sakharov Conditions)
- Nucleon decay modes and neutron-antineutron oscillation are two promising ways search for baryon number violation
- This work concerns tri-nucleon decay, with  $\Delta B = -3$



<https://www.symmetrymagazine.org/article/october-2005/explain-it-in-60-seconds> CP Violation



## Violation of $CP$ invariance, $C$ asymmetry, and baryon asymmetry of the universe

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Мне предложили С. Окубо  
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 для Вселенной сделать шубу  
 по ее кривой фигуре

Literal translation: Out of S. Okubo's effect  
 At high temperature  
 A fur coat is sewed for the Universe  
 Shaped for its crooked figure.

\*K.S. Babu et al.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1311.5285v1>

- Model proposed by K.S. Babu\* utilizes anomaly free  $Z_6$  discrete symmetry in the SM lagrangian as gauged baryon parity with the inclusion of right-handed neutrinos
- The  $Z_6$  symmetry has a natural embedding in the following U(1) gauge symmetry:

$$I_R^3 + L_i + L_j - 2L_k$$

$$I_R^3 = Y - (B - L)/2$$

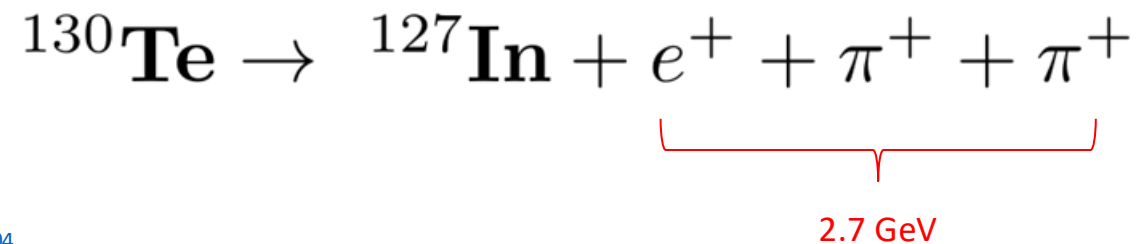
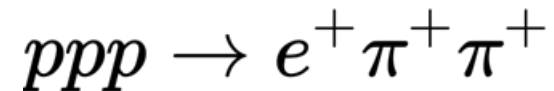
$L_i$  :  $i^{th}$  family lepton number,  $i \neq j \neq k$

- Forbids  $\Delta B=1$  and  $\Delta B=2$  nucleon decay processes
- $\Delta B=3$  allowed with d=15 operators
- Double nucleon decay rates calculated within this framework and found to be consistent with other evaluations

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# Tri-proton decay in CUORE

- Tri-proton decay in  $^{130}\text{Te}$  produces  $^{127}\text{In}$ , and charged particles carrying **2.7 GeV**
- One can search for this process in two ways:
  - Direct search: Look for decay energy deposited in the detector
  - Indirect search: Look for decay signatures of  $^{127}\text{In}$
- Indirect search previously implemented by MAJORANA collaboration<sup>1</sup> and EXO-200<sup>2</sup>



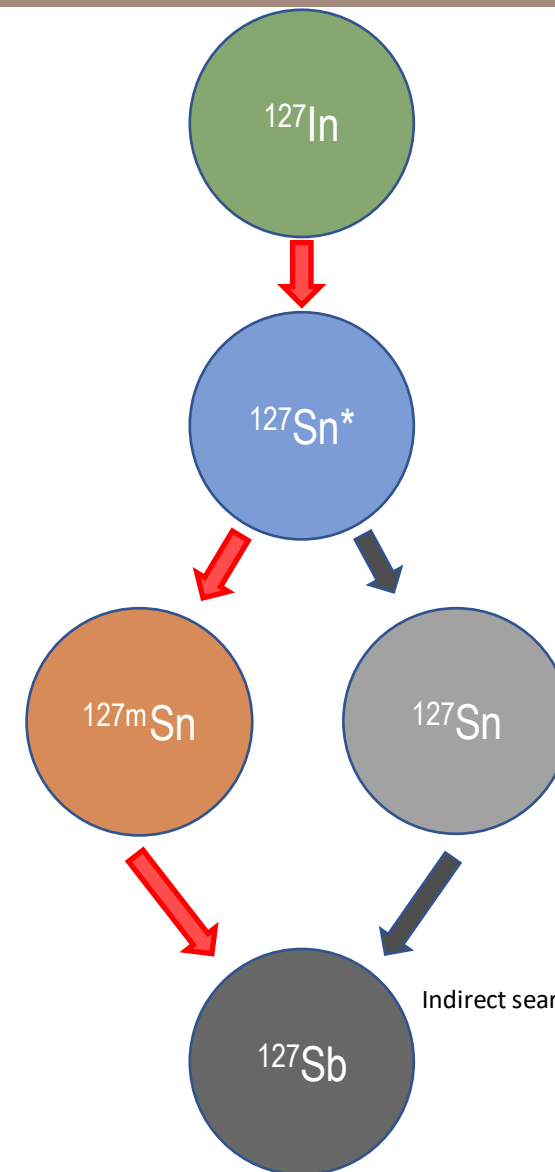
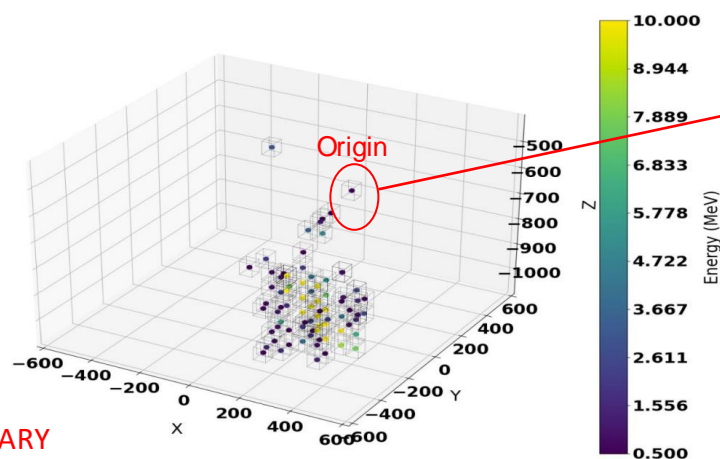
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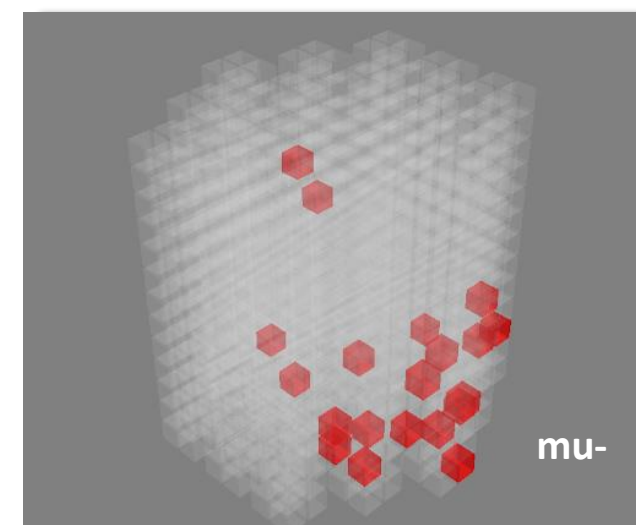
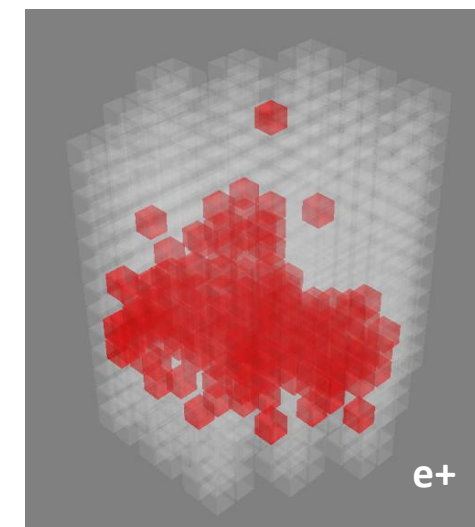
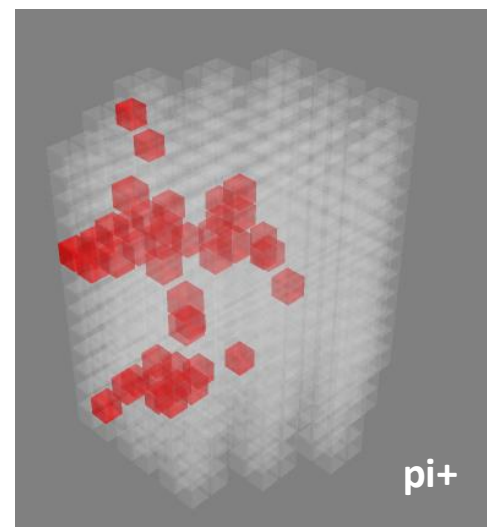
- Direct search looks for energy deposition in multiple crystals throughout the detector
  - CNN based analysis to classify these with muon events as background
- Indirect search looks for decay signatures of daughter nuclei at the origin of the tri-proton decay



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Indirect search of tri-proton decay via  $^{127}\text{In}$

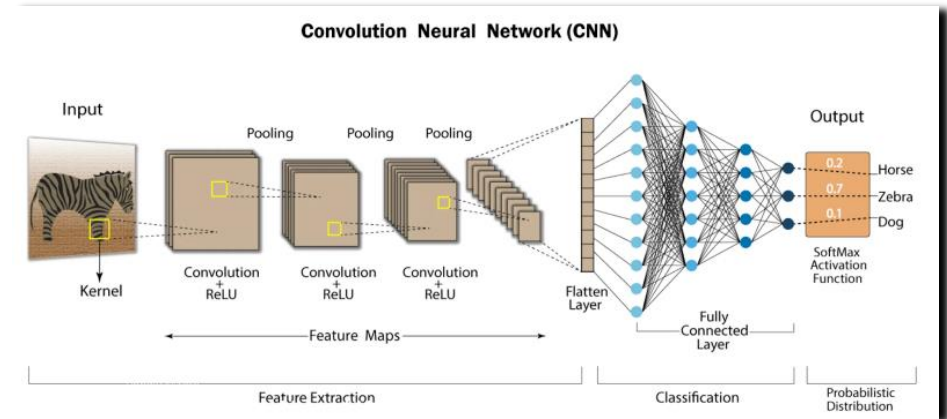
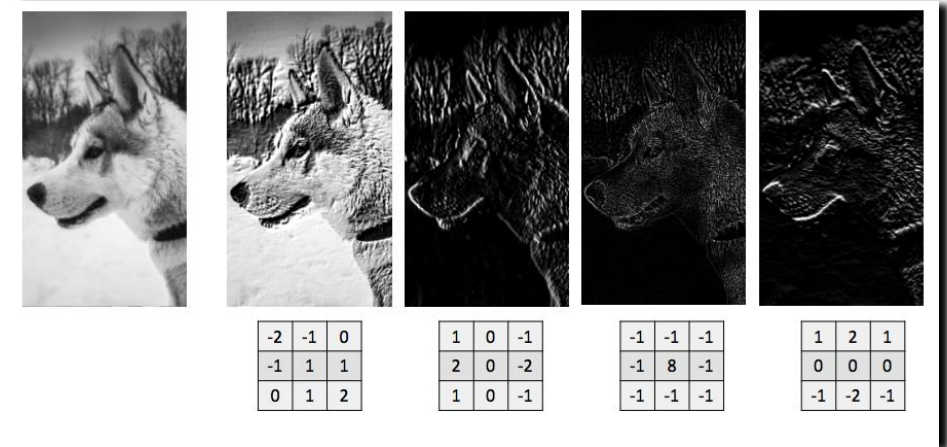
- PPP decay events characterized by diffuse showers
  - High multiplicity, high energy events
- Muon events show tracks with relatively lower multiplicity secondary events
- Potential to discriminate between events based on energy distribution and event topology
- Convolutional Neural Network good candidate for classification algorithm
  - Excellent at extracting spatial information with translational invariance



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# Convolutional Neural Networks

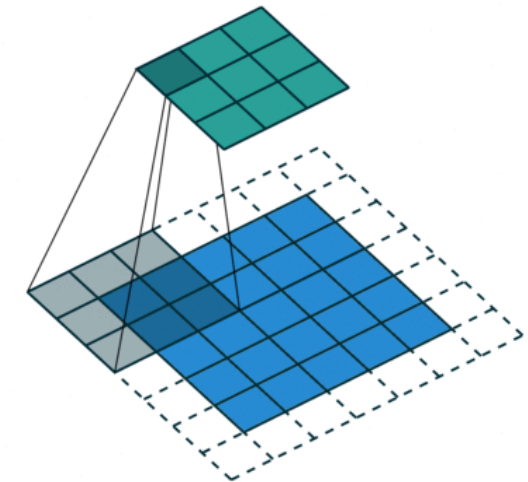
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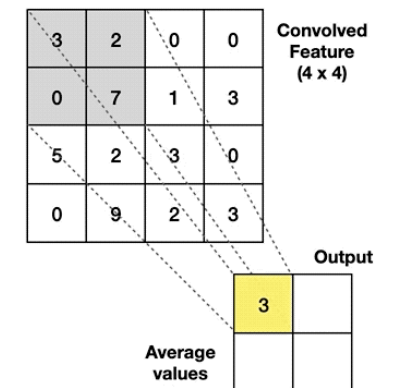
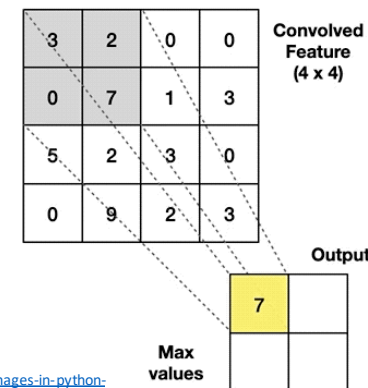
**Max Pooling**

Take the **highest** value from the area covered by the kernel

**Average Pooling**

Calculate the **average** value from the area covered by the kernel

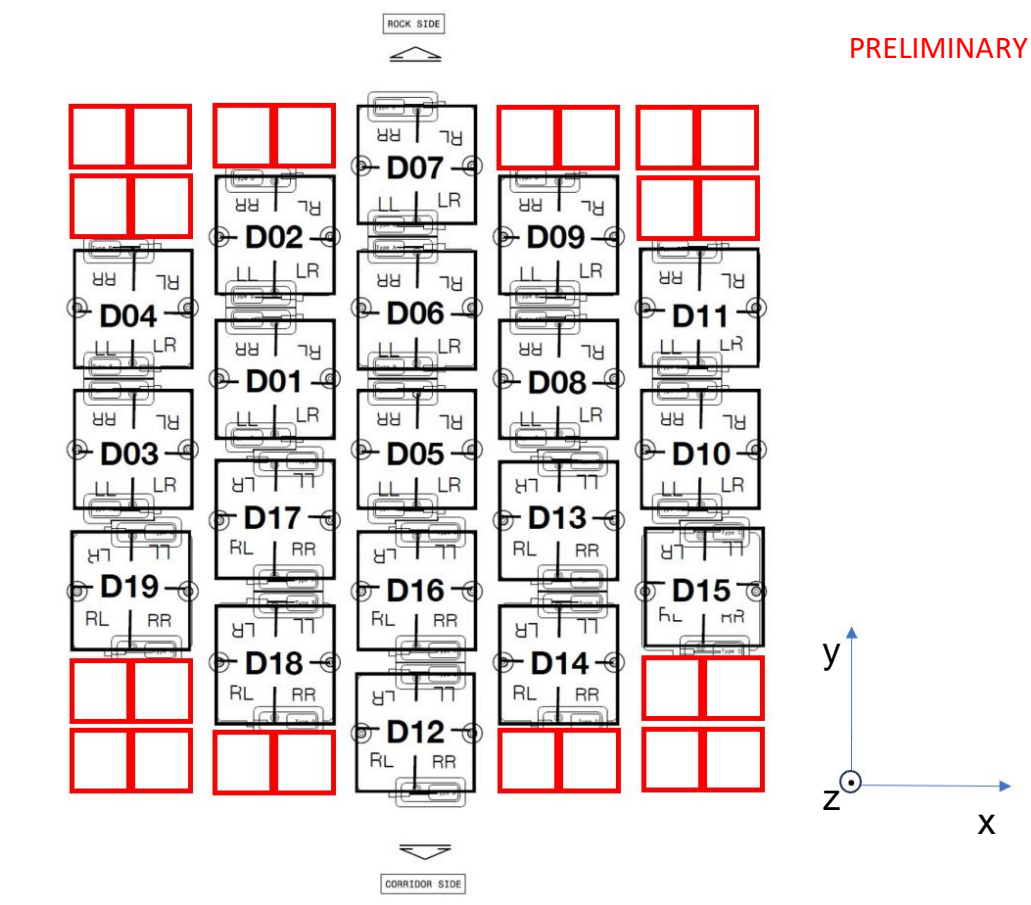
Example: Kernel of size 2 x 2; stride=(2,2)



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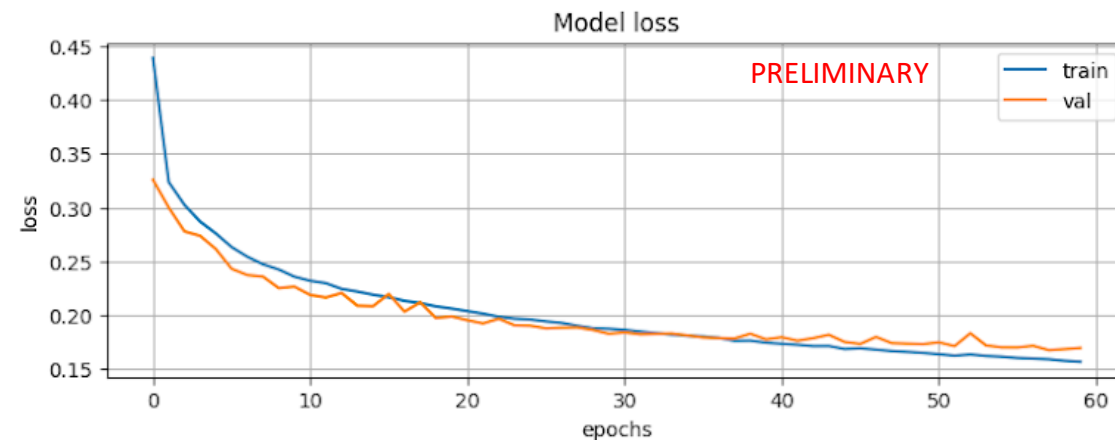
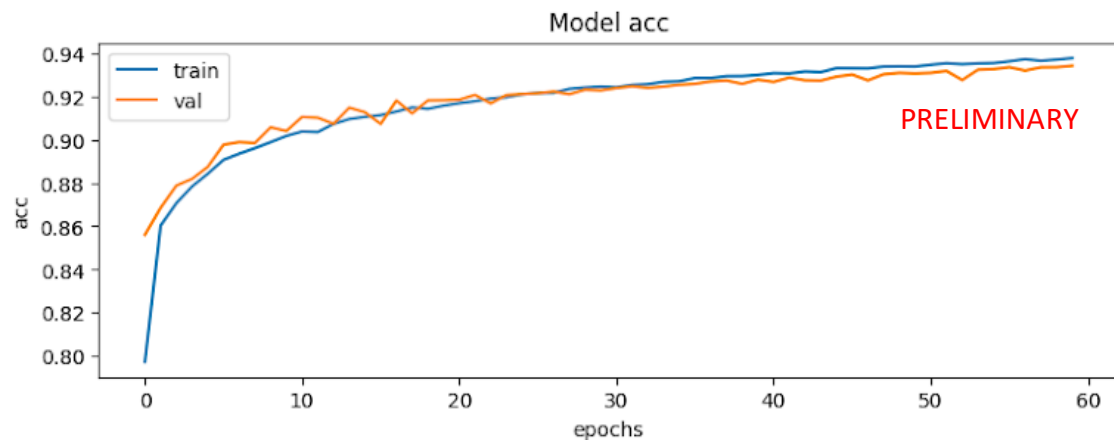


- Simulated ppp decays and muon events in CUORE geometry
  - Randomly split 2.7 GeV among the decay products
  - Processed events with CUORE detector response
- Mapped events to 3D arrays (10x10x13)
- Pre-processing
  - Energies capped to 12 MeV to simulate saturation
  - Individual energy threshold: 350 keV
  - Events with number of depositions > 10
  - Energies scaled to [0,1] range to facilitate efficient backpropagation
  - Accounted for data quality cuts (~96% efficiency)

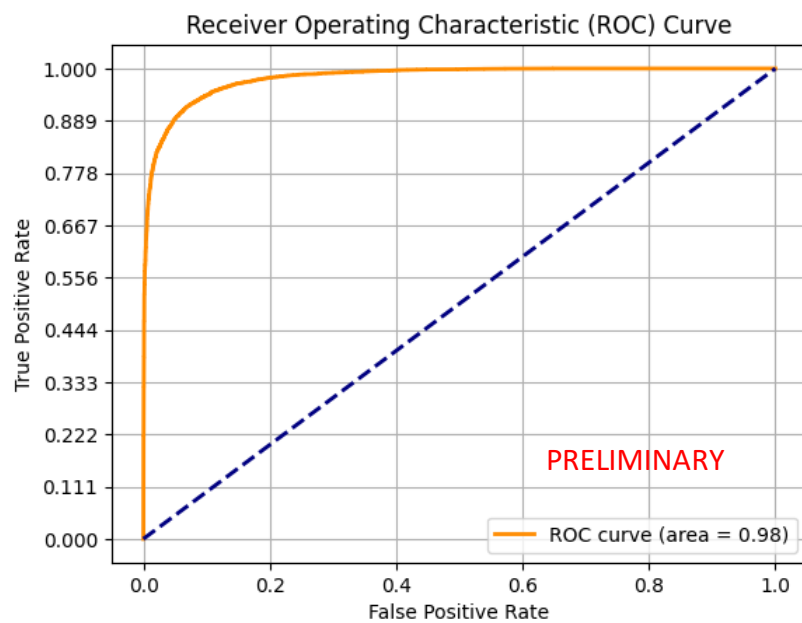


- 2 blocks of Conv3D + MaxPool3D
  - 1st block: 16 filters, kernel size: 3x3x3
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> block: 32 filters, kernel size: 3x3x3
  - MaxPool kernel size: 2x2x2
- 2 layers of FC layers
  - Dropout: 0.3
  - ReLU activation
- Output Layer: Sigmoid
- Loss function: Binary cross entropy
- Optimizer: Adam
- Early stopping, validation accuracy as monitor

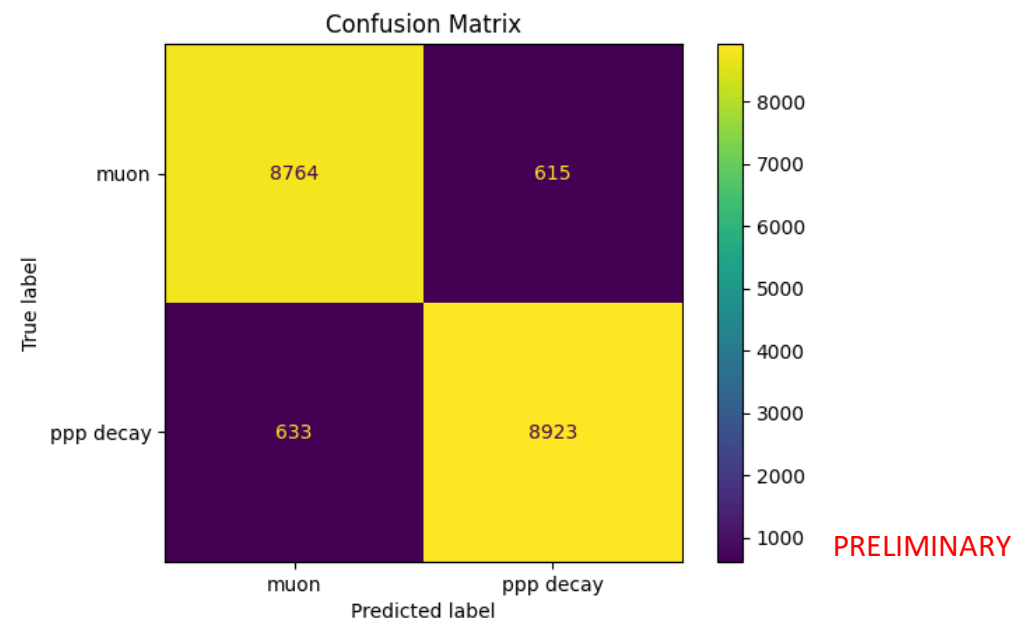
Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
input_1 (InputLayer)	[(None, 10, 10, 13, 1)]	0
conv3d (Conv3D)	(None, 10, 10, 13, 16)	448
conv3d_1 (Conv3D)	(None, 10, 10, 13, 16)	6928
max_pooling3d (MaxPooling3D)	(None, 5, 5, 6, 16)	0
conv3d_2 (Conv3D)	(None, 5, 5, 6, 32)	13856
conv3d_3 (Conv3D)	(None, 5, 5, 6, 32)	27680
max_pooling3d_1 (MaxPooling3D)	(None, 2, 2, 3, 32)	0
global_average_pooling3d (GlobalAveragePooling3D)	(None, 32)	0
dense (Dense)	(None, 32)	1056
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 32)	0
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 16)	528
dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 1)	17
Total params: 50,513		
Trainable params: 50,513		
Non-trainable params: 0		



80%-20% split for training  
and validation data

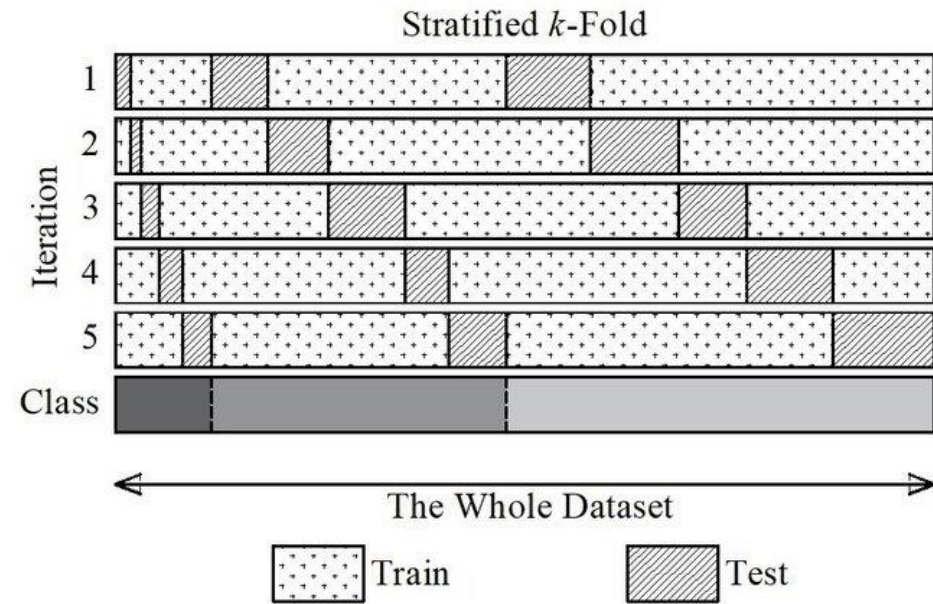


Signal efficiency: 93.3%  
Bkg efficiency: 93.4%



# Stratified Kfold Cross Validation

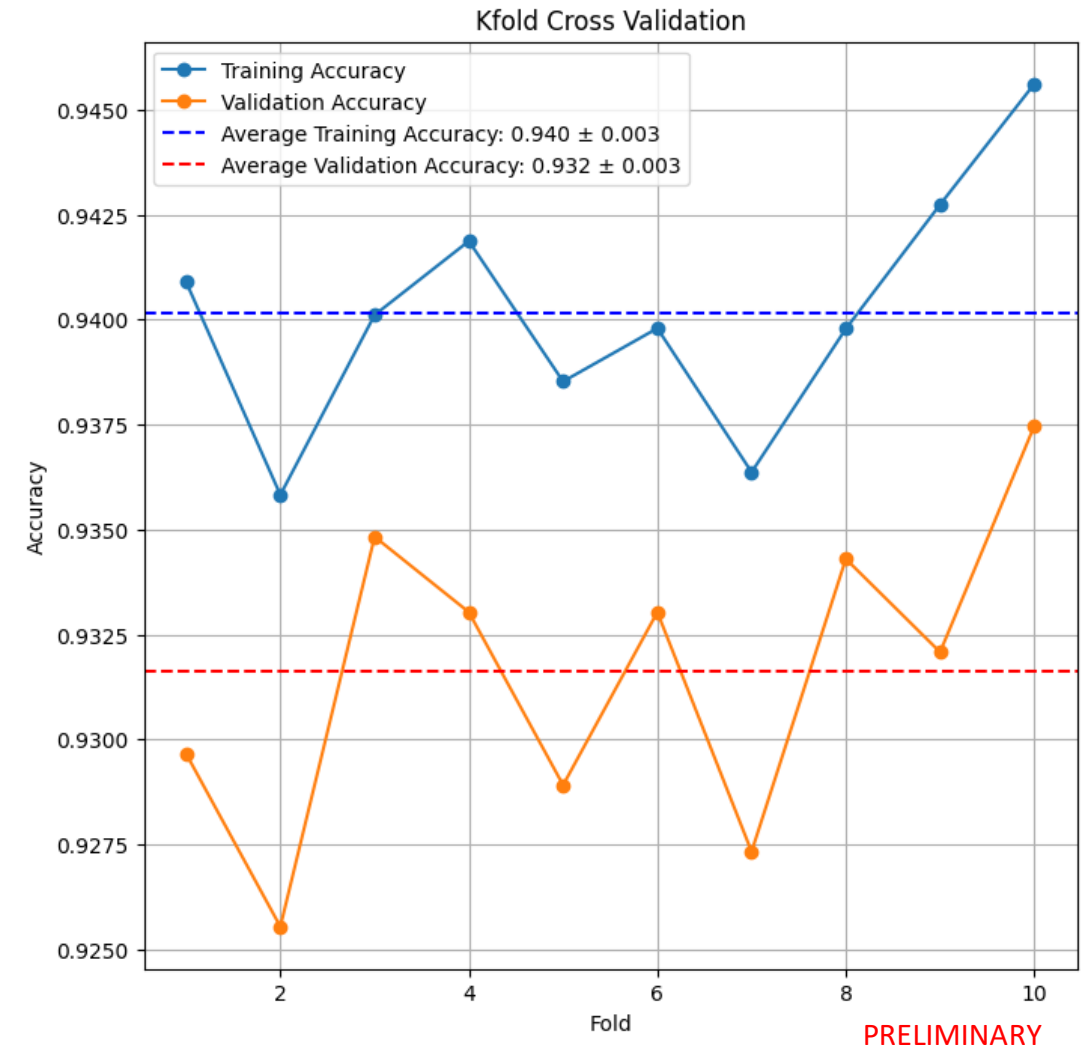
- Splits the dataset into  $k$  subsets, or folds, while maintaining the same proportion of classes in each fold as the original dataset.
- Each fold serves as a validation set while the remaining  $k-1$  folds are used for training.
  - This process is repeated  $k$  times, allowing every data point to be part of the validation set exactly once.
- Final evaluation is an average of the results obtained from all  $k$  folds, helping to detect potential overfitting.
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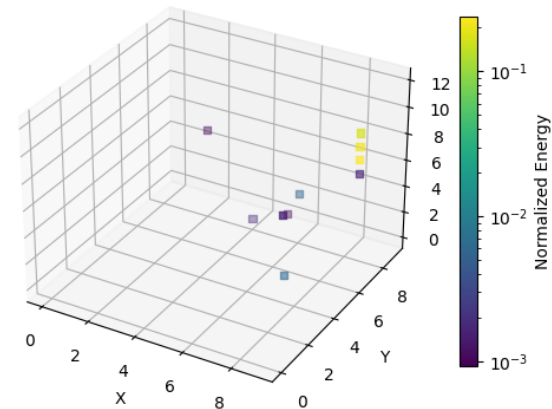
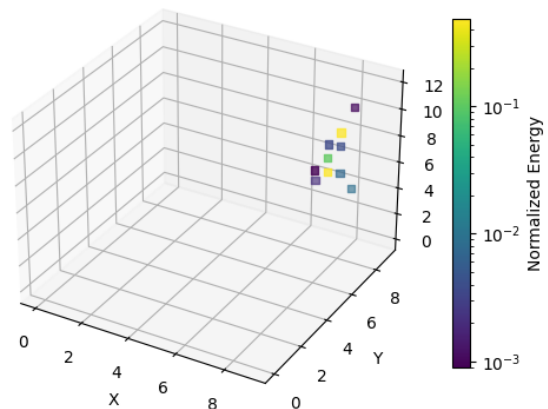
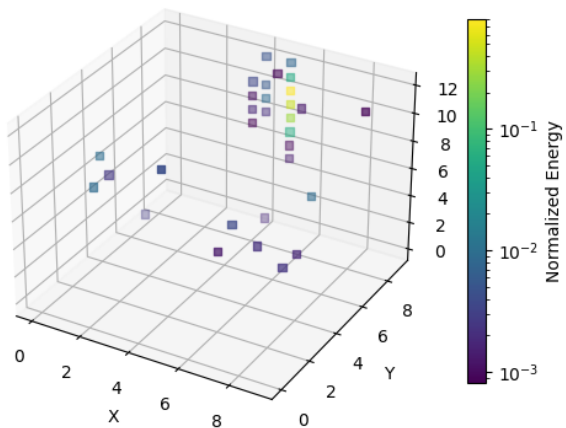
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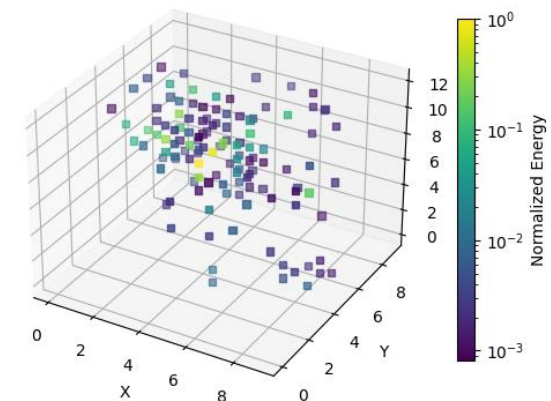
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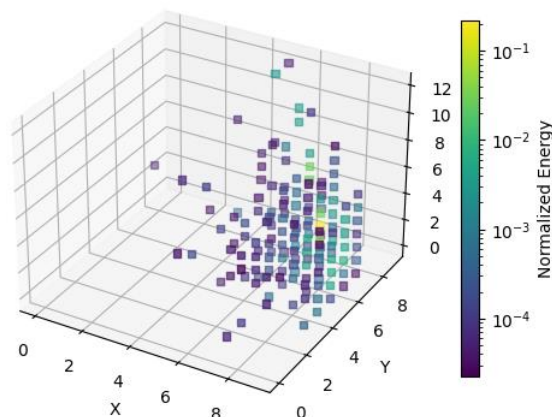
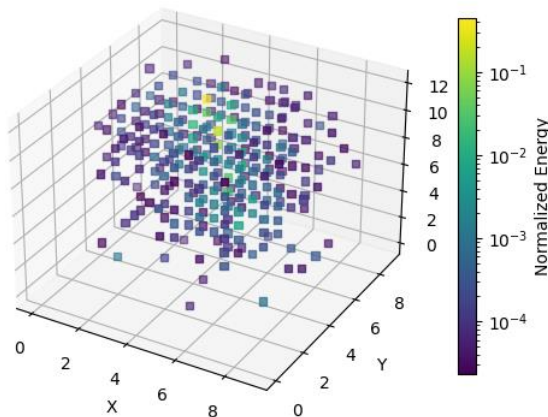
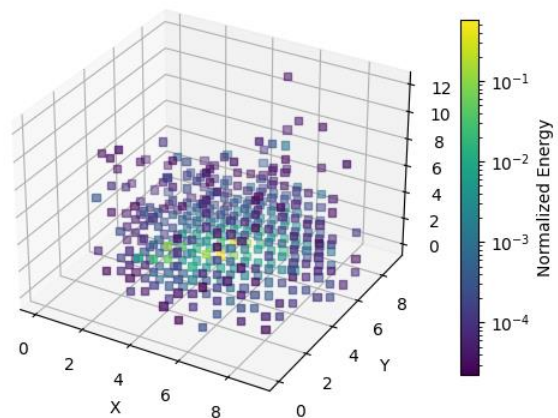


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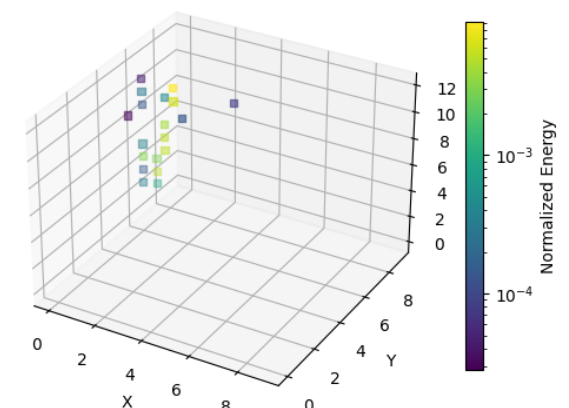


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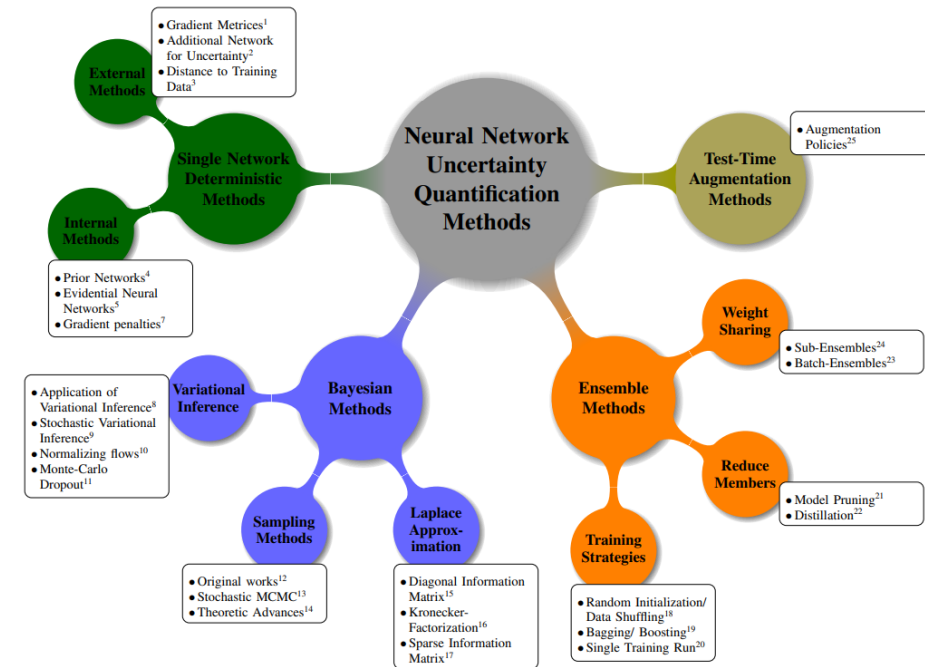


True negatives



# CNN Uncertainty estimation

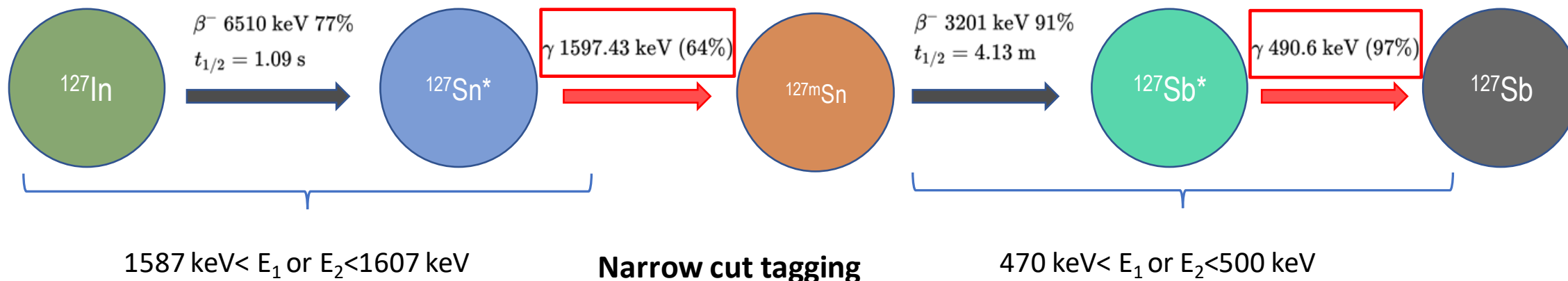
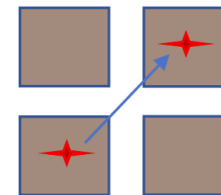
- Monte Carlo dropout
  - Employ dropout for both training and inference
  - Generate distribution of accuracies
- Bootstrap aggregation and boosting
  - Extension of kfold cross validation
  - Average performance of multiple independent



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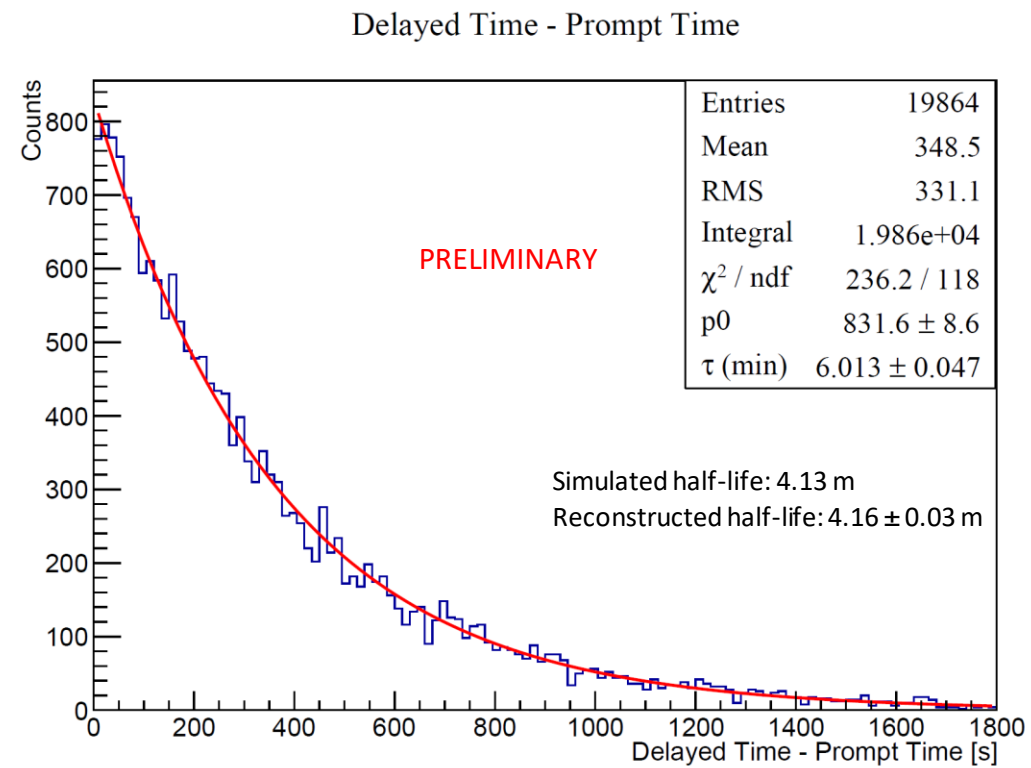
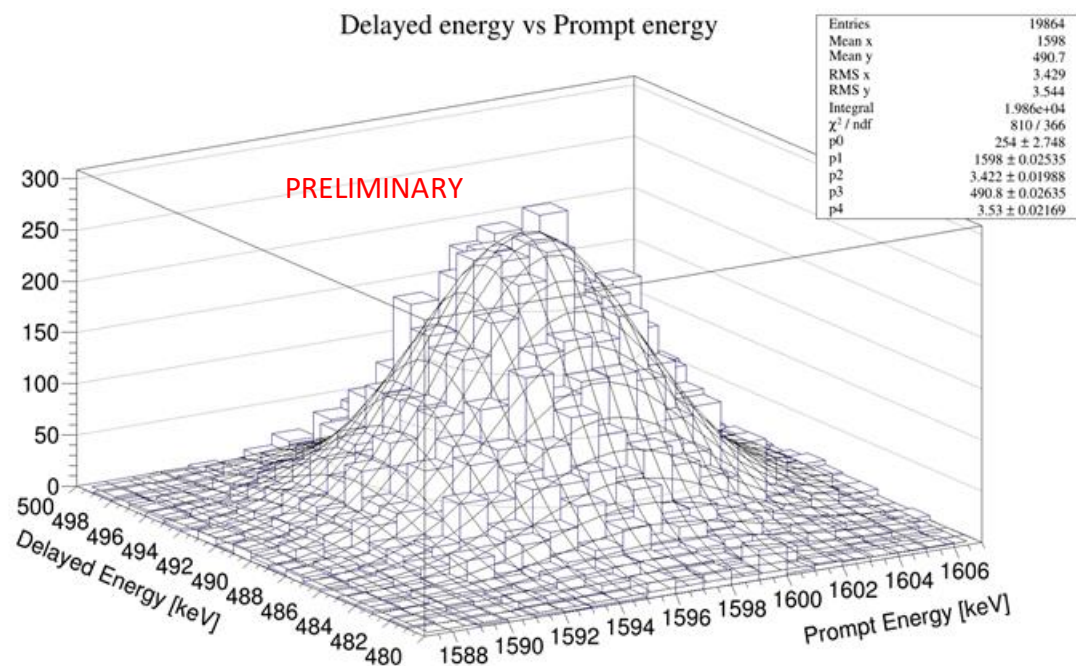
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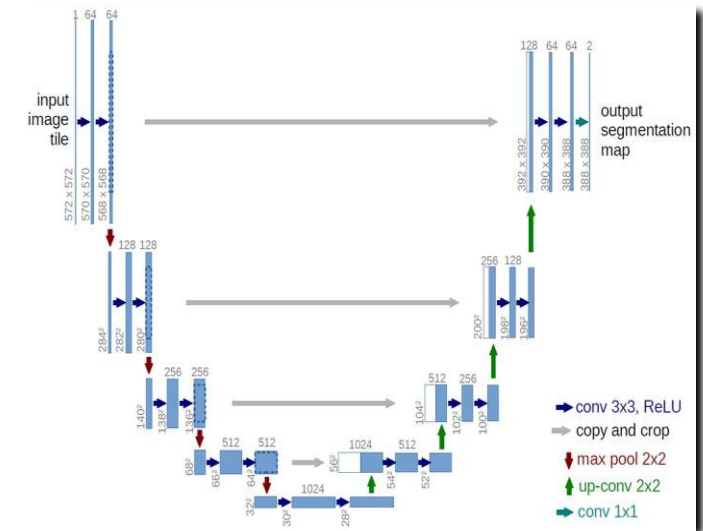
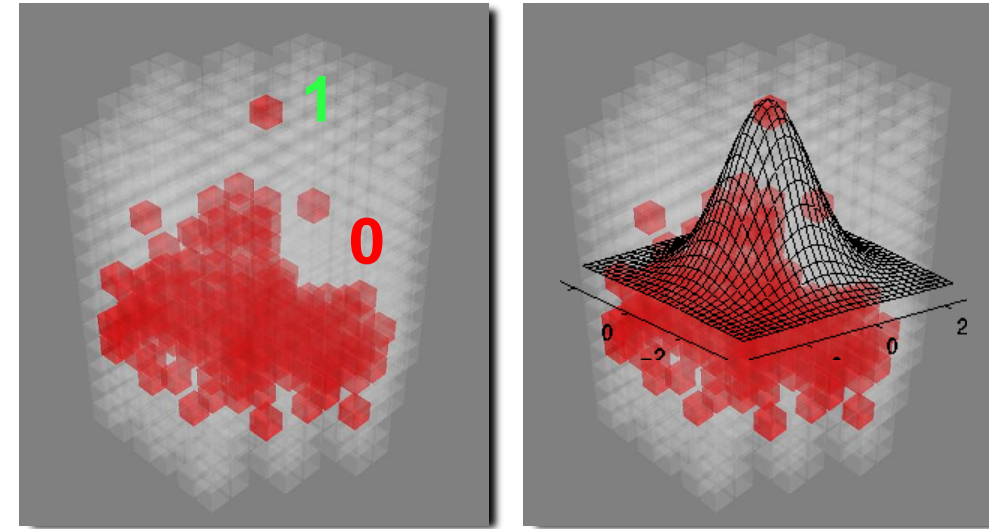
- Prompt-Delayed energy and time distribution consistent with literature input



$$\text{Time}_{\text{delayed}} - \text{Time}_{\text{prompt}} < 7 * t_{(1/2)}$$

# Integration with delayed signal

- Once candidate ppp decays are tagged, important to identify decay origin to minimize background
  - High multiplicity -> More channels to search -> Higher background
- Model can help narrow down candidate origin channels for  $^{127}\text{In}$  decay tagging
  - Pixel(Crystal) level classification
  - Currently testing UNet-like architectures to perform semantic segmentation
    - Classification with discrete labels
    - Regression with Gaussian scoring

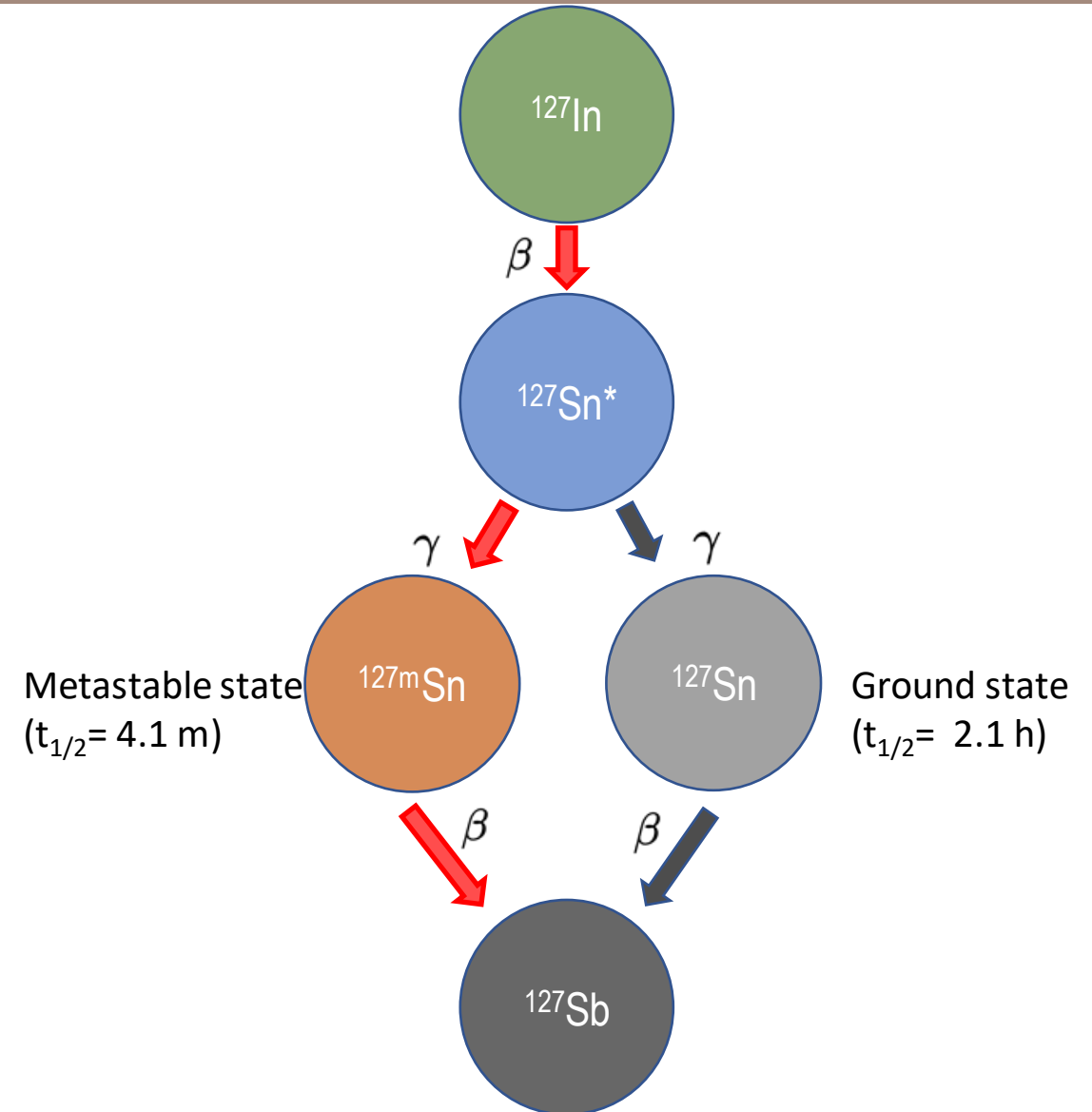


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- Currently developing Bayesian framework to calculate MC limit with preliminary systematics on muon rate and CNN classification accuracies
- Final round of CNN tuning
  - Larger training dataset
  - Training data augmentation by rotations of muon and ppp events about the vertical axis
  - Developed tools to perform error analysis more efficiently
  - Hidden layer analysis
- Testing segmentation models to control delayed coincidence backgrounds
- Investigating systematics
  - MC physics list
  - Data event extraction
  - Muon rate

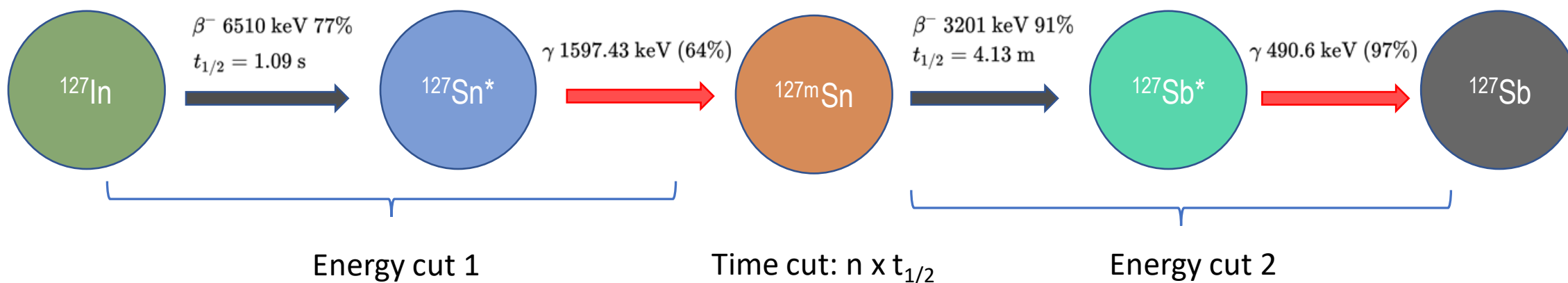
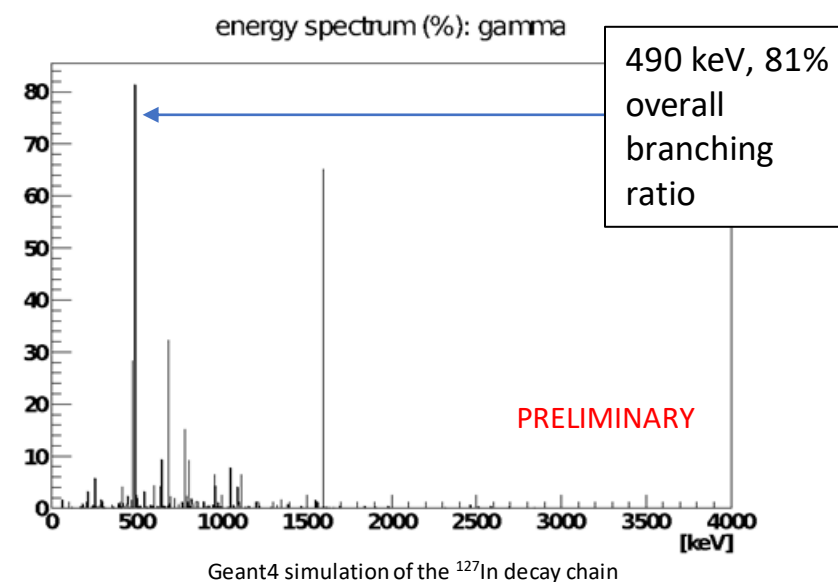
# $^{127}\text{In}$ decay chain

- $^{127}\text{In}$  is a short-lived nuclei ( $t_{1/2} = 1.1$  s)
- Decays to an excited state of  $^{127}\text{Sn}$  which decays to  $^{127}\text{Sb}$  via two decay pathways
  - One of them involves a metastable state which decays with a half-life of 4.1 m
- The metastable route is well suited for a delayed coincidence search
  - Half-life short enough to control accidental backgrounds, and long enough to work with CUORE timing resolution



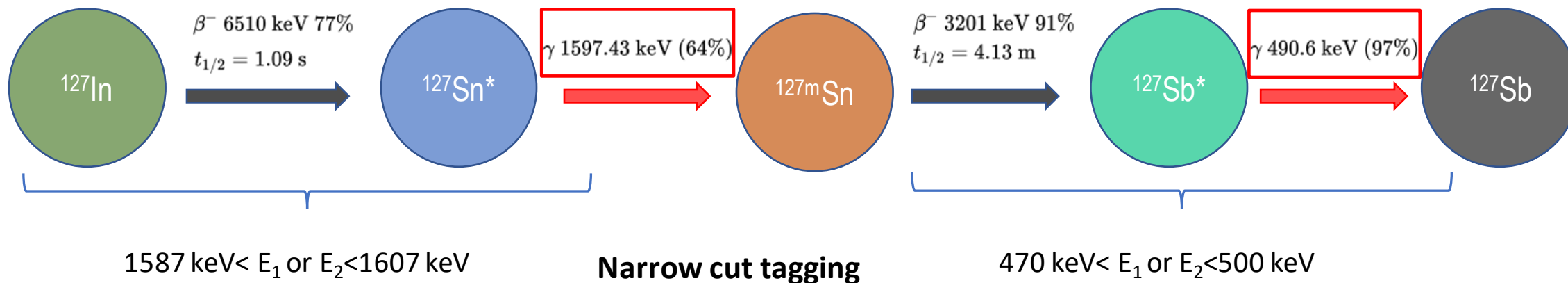
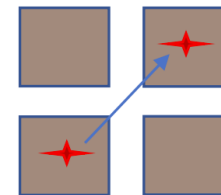
# Delayed coincidence search

- Probability of occupying metastable state 81% as calculated in a Geant4 simulation
- The primary signal for this search would be a time coincidence between the prompt and delayed events with energy cuts



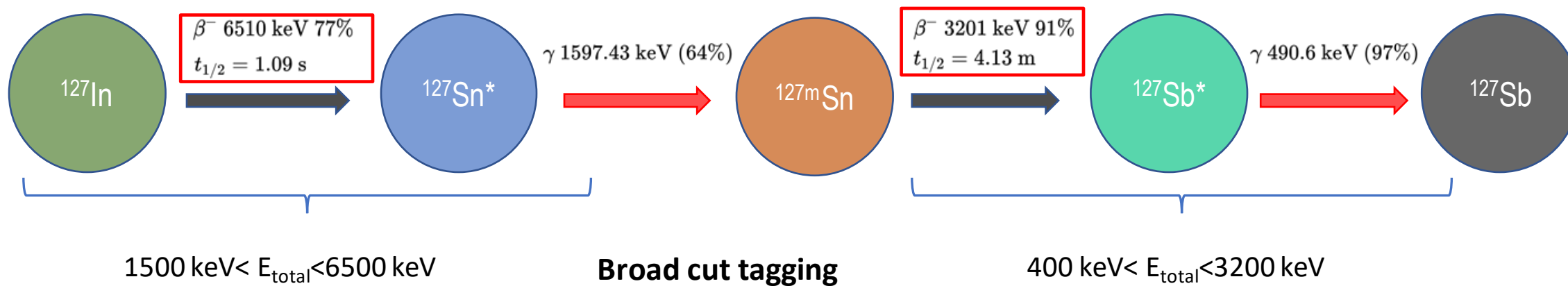
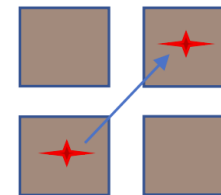
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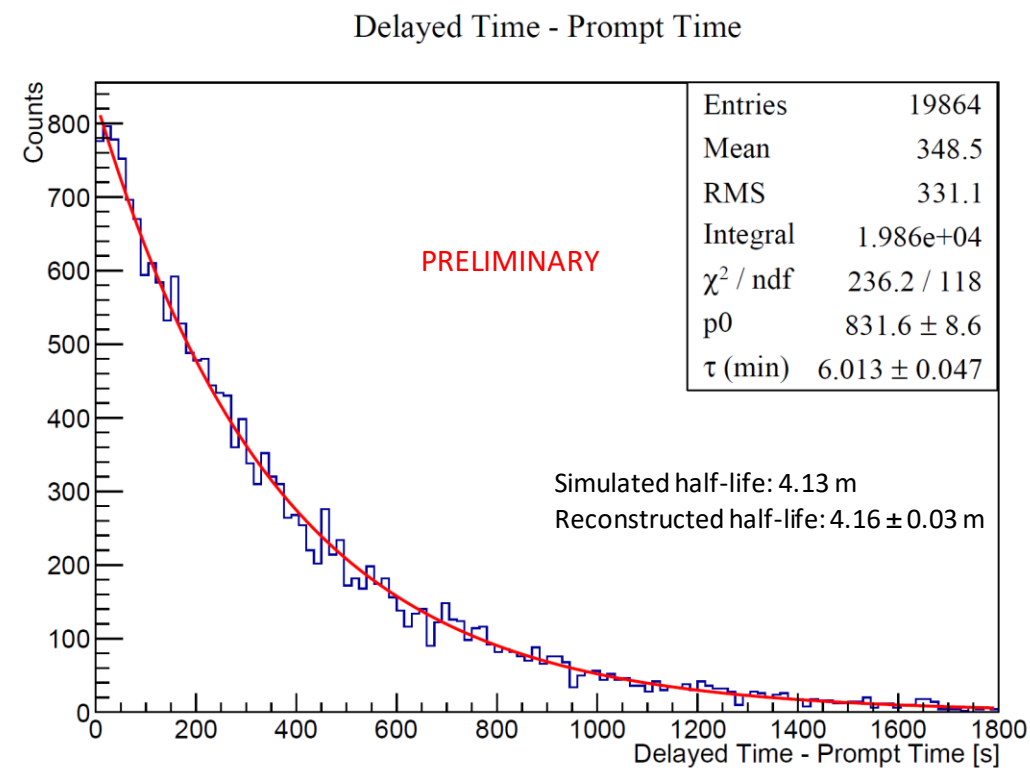
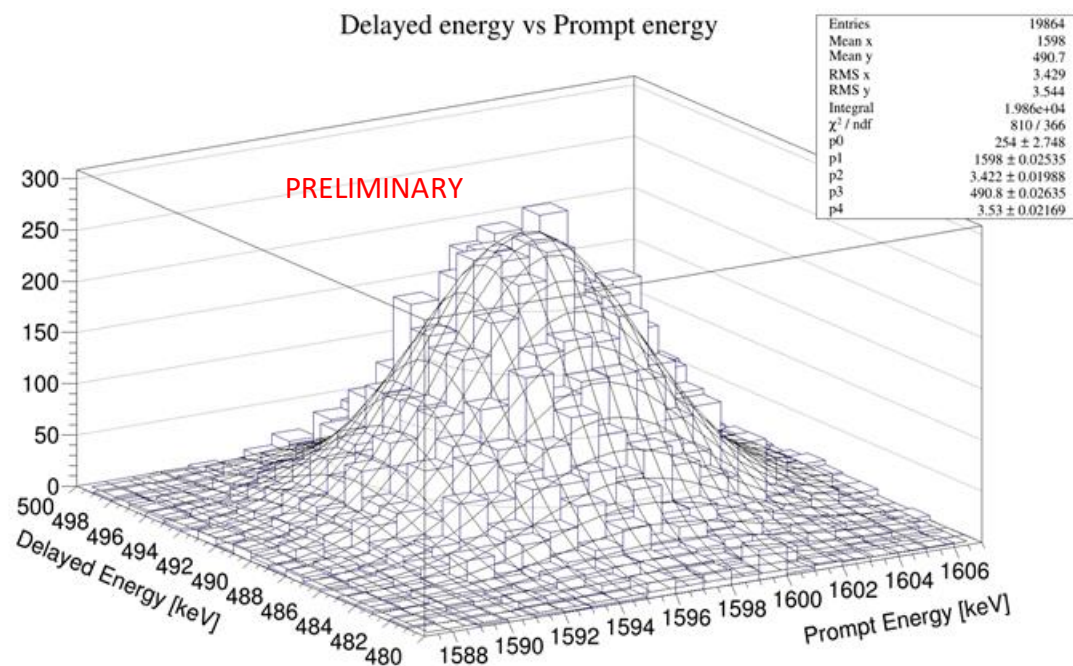
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# Signal Efficiency in CUORE (Narrow cut)

- Tagged 2% of  $^{127}\text{In}$  primaries ( $10^6$ ) in CUORE geometry
- Sanity Checks:
  - Prompt-Delayed energy and time distribution consistent with literature input

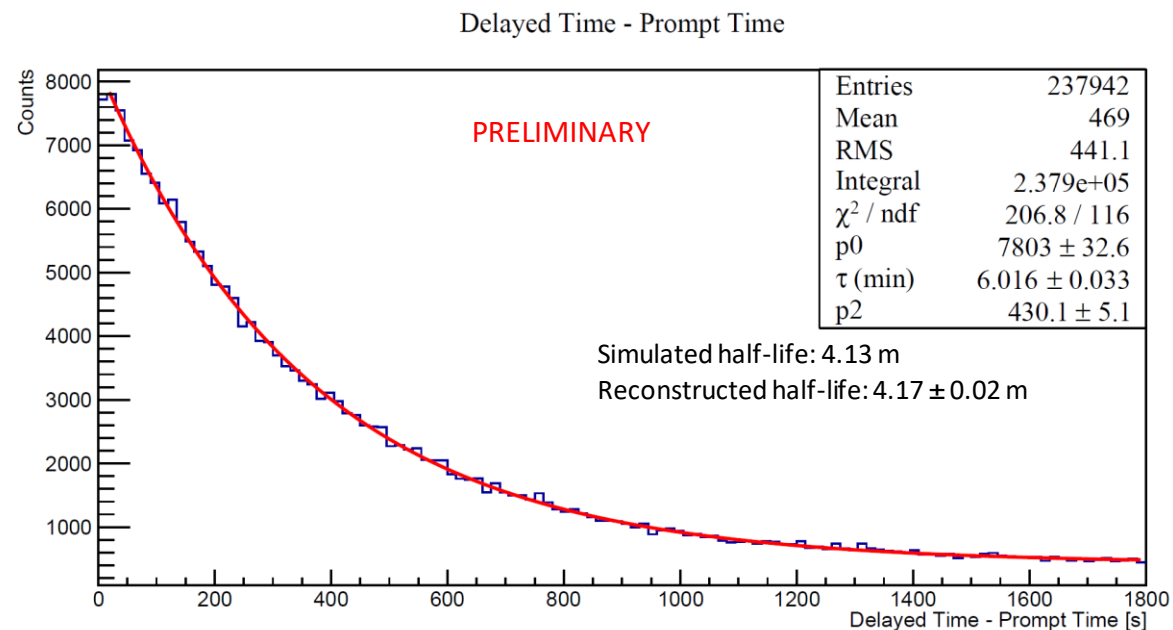
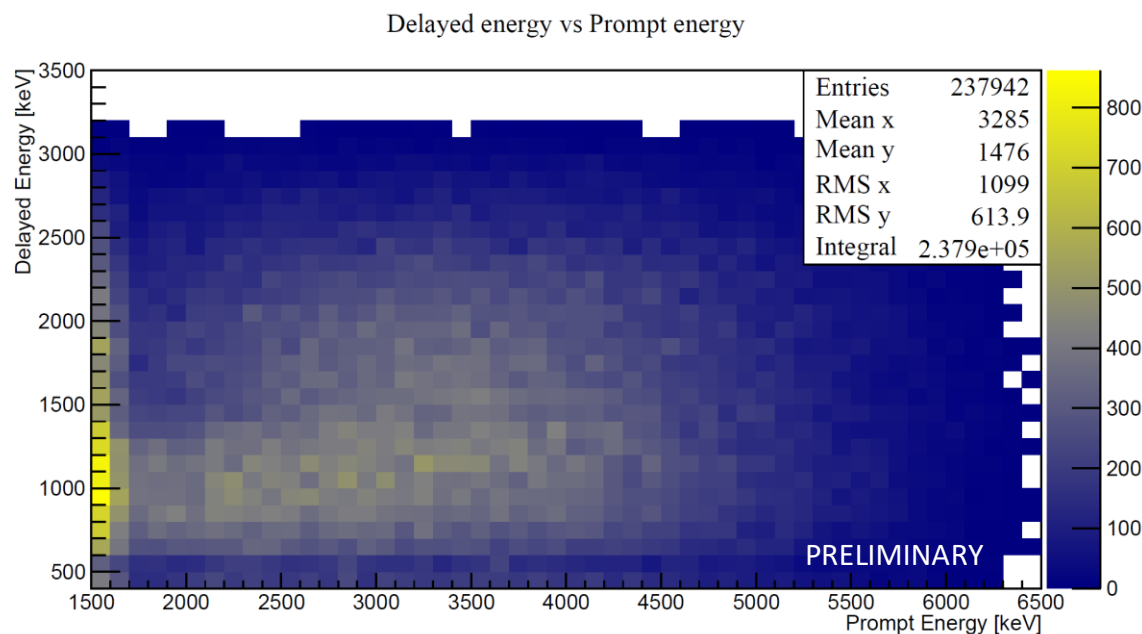


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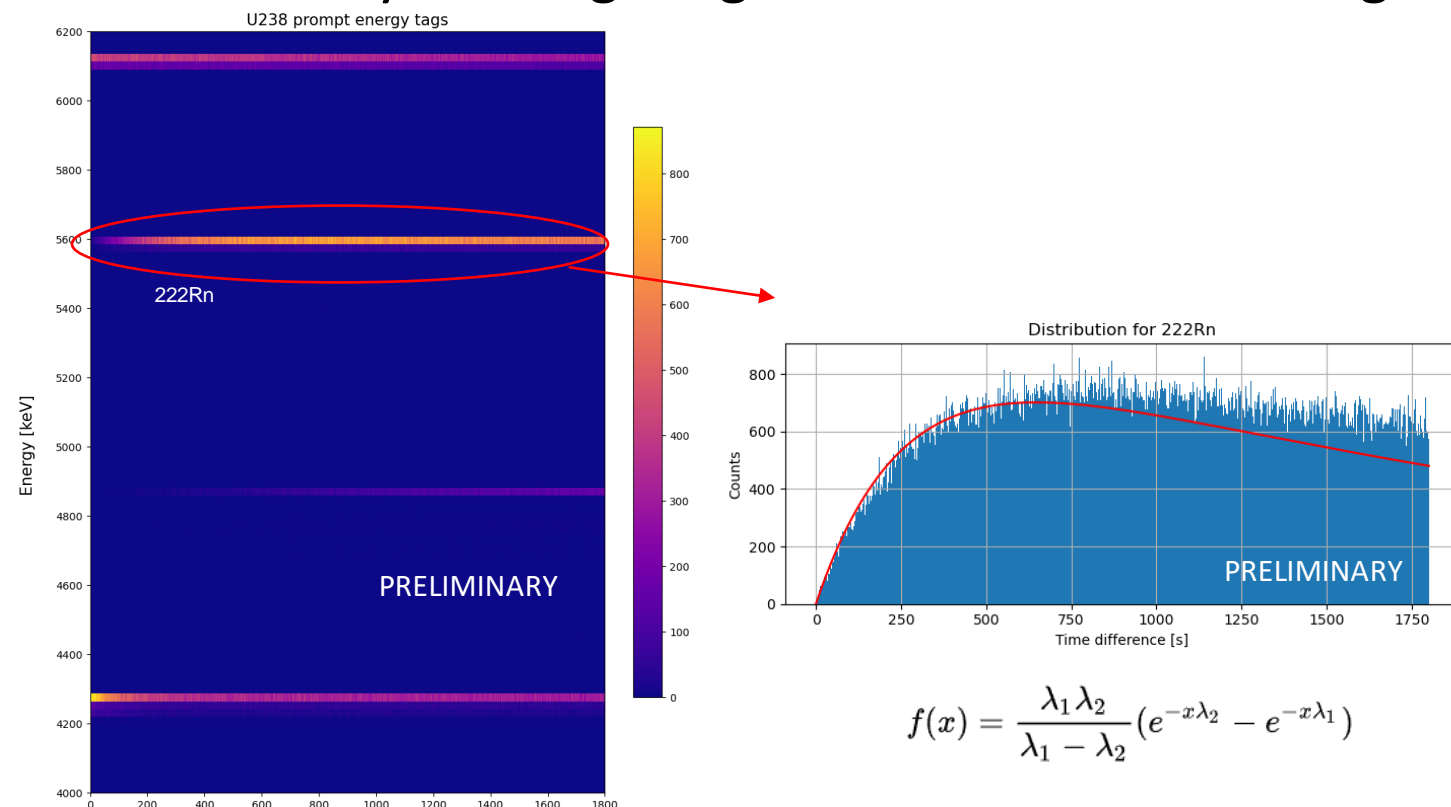


# Signal Efficiency in CUORE (Broad cut)

- Tagging efficiency increases significantly (18%), but backgrounds increase as well
- This approach lets us leverage prompt/delayed energy distributions for a likelihood analysis to optimize sensitivity

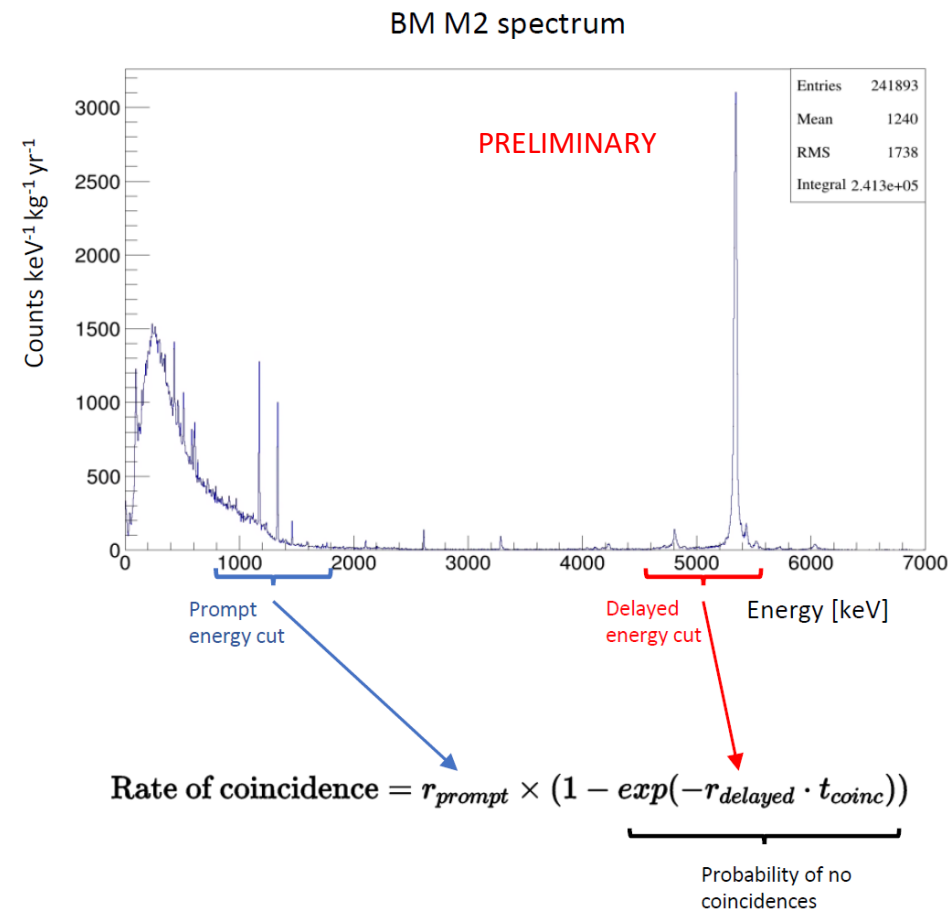


- Removing tags associated with known decays significantly reduces background
  - Negligible effect on signal efficiency (2%)
- Currently investigating distribution of these tags to better understand background



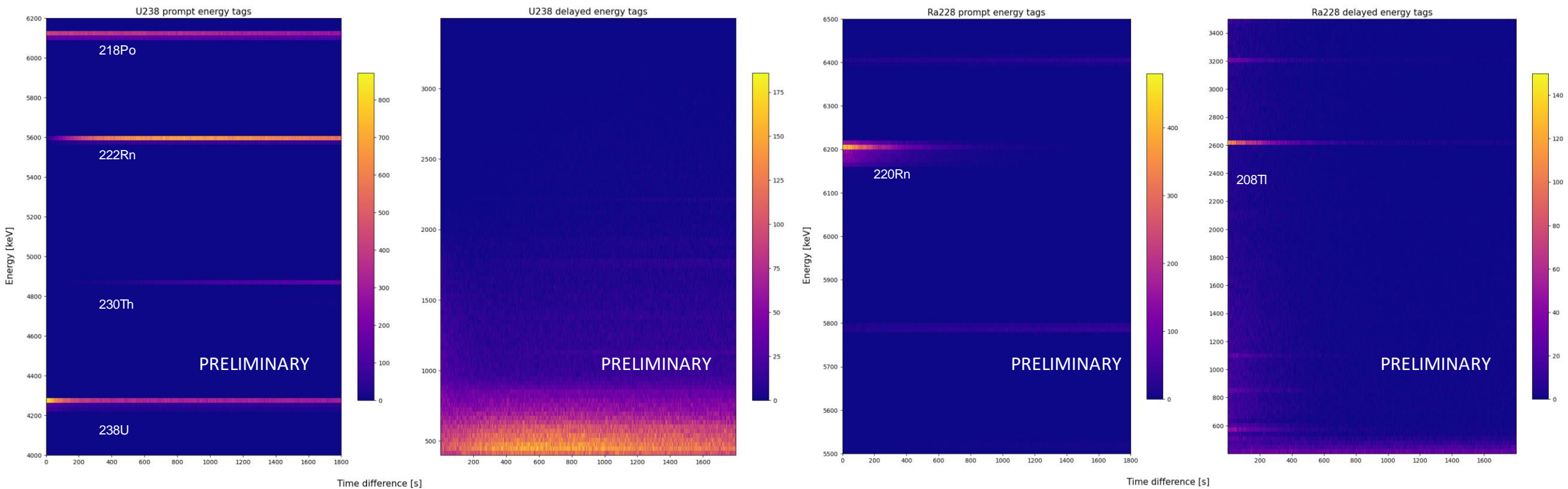
Background type	Narrow cut	Broad Cut	Broad cut (with additional cuts)	Broad cut reduction
238U-Bulk	22	13381	4018	70%
232Th-Bulk	0	22985	3568	85%
238U-Surface	39	4623267	237043	95%
232Th-Surface	0	716266	254029	65%

- Potential backgrounds comprise of:
  - Accidental coincidences
  - Coincidences correlated in time from major background sources
  
- Uncorrelated background can be estimated from the CUORE background model\*
  - Probability of coincidence calculated assuming prompt and delayed events are independent
  - With an exposure of 1038.4 kg.yr:
    - Narrow cut accidental bkg events: 55
    - Broad cut accidental bkg events:  $56 \times 10^3$



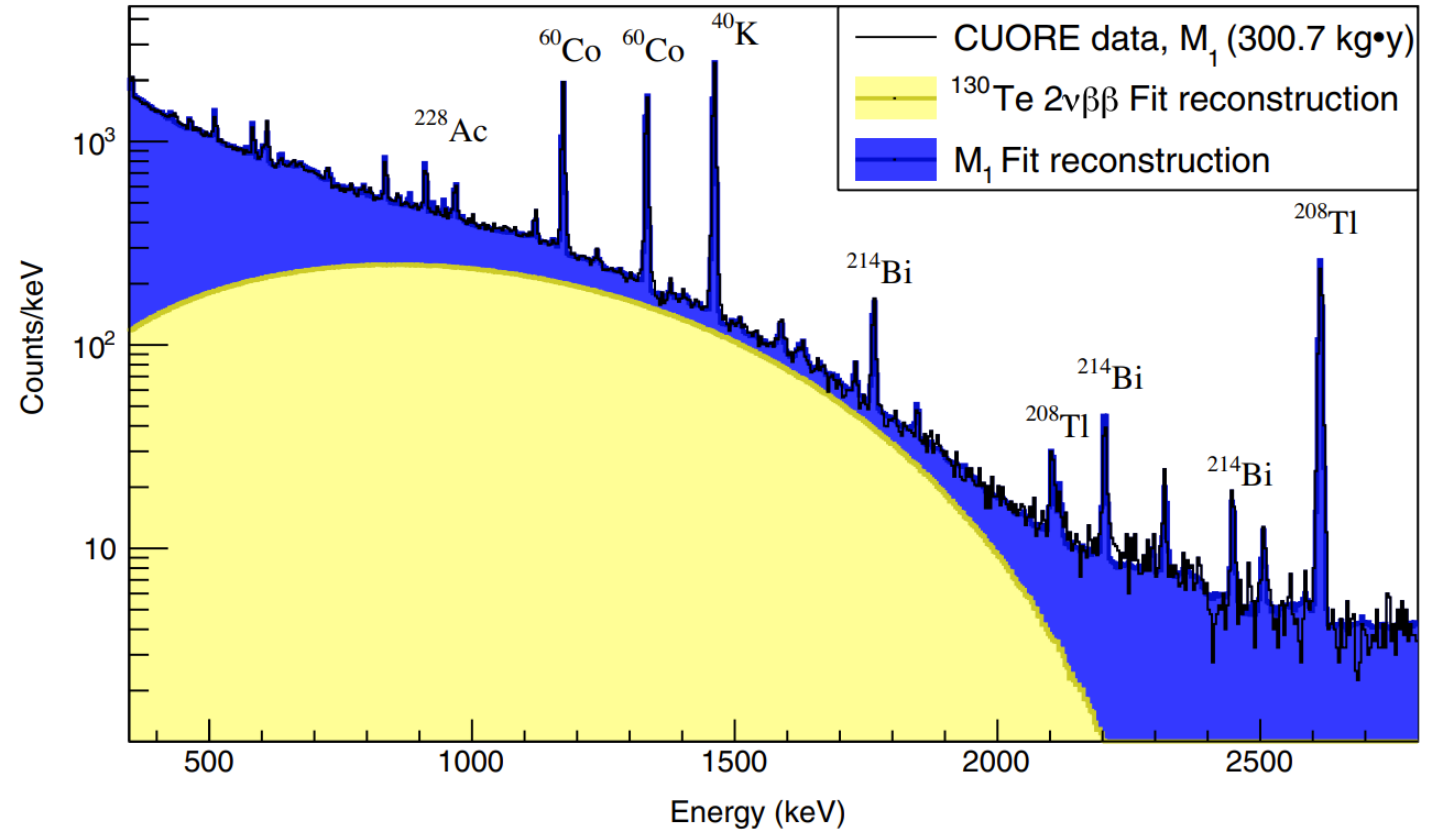
\*D. Q. Adams et al. <https://journals.aps.org/prl/pdf/10.1103/PhysRevLett.126.171801>

- Correlated backgrounds are estimated by tagging on background model output with same energy and time cuts



# DOUBLE BETA DECAY RESULTS

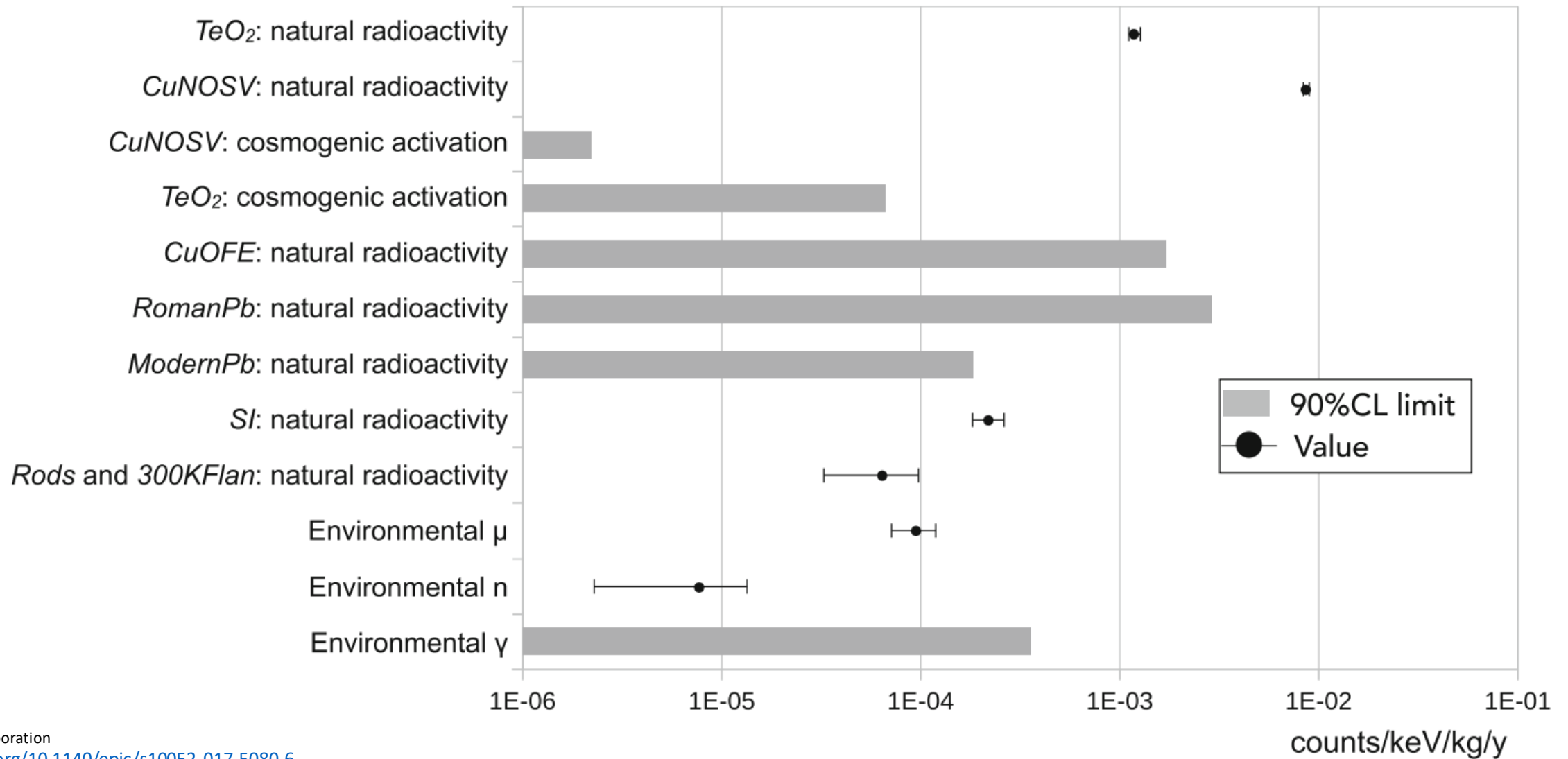
- Double beta decay simulated in Geant4 with CUORE geometry and detector response
- Spectrum reconstructed by simultaneous fit of data with 62 MC simulated sources ( $2\nu\beta\beta$  + surface and bulk contaminations + muons)
  - MCMC Bayesian approach
  - Uniform prior for sources except muons
- For 900-2000 keV, more than 50% counts are  $2\nu\beta\beta$  events



$$T_{1/2}^{2\nu} = 7.71^{+0.08}_{-0.06}(\text{stat.})^{+0.12}_{-0.15}(\text{syst.}) \times 10^{20} \text{ yr}$$



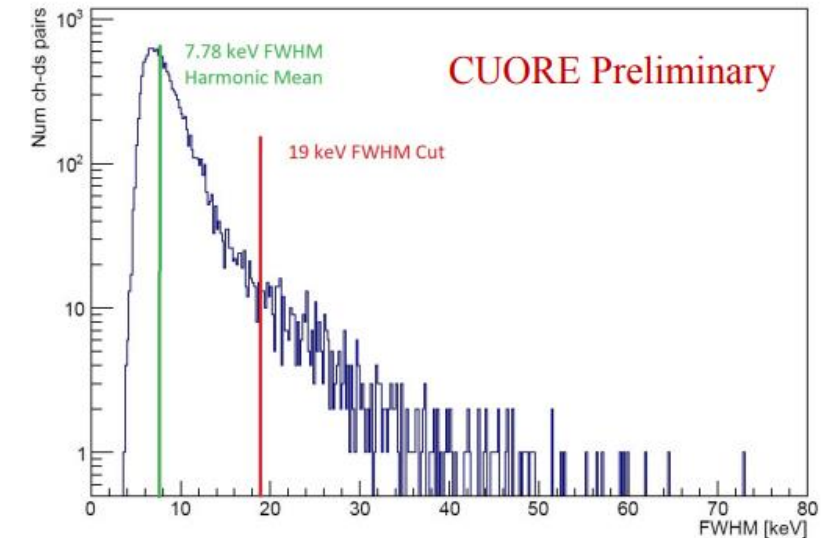
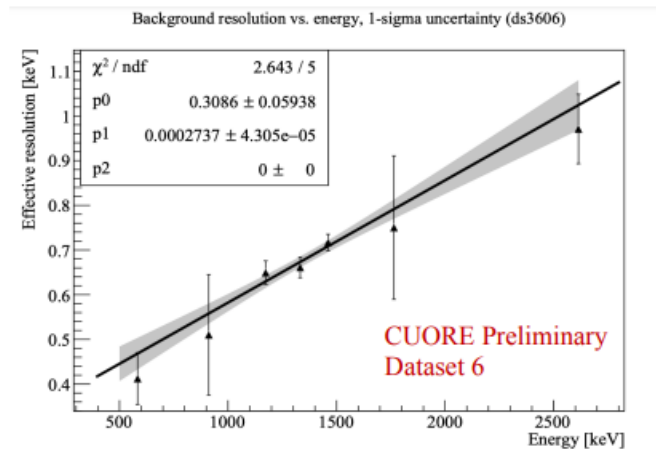
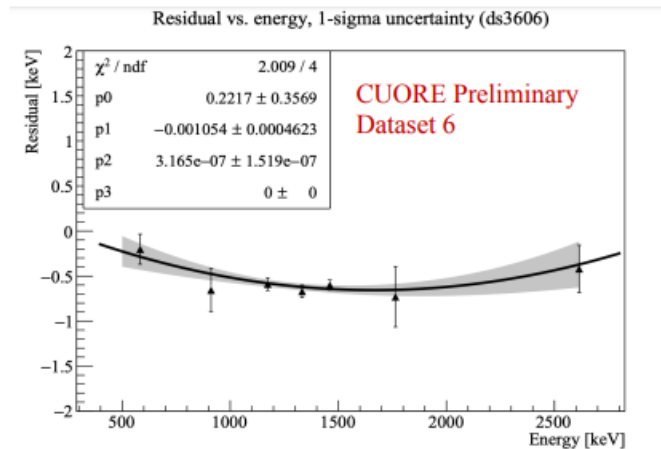
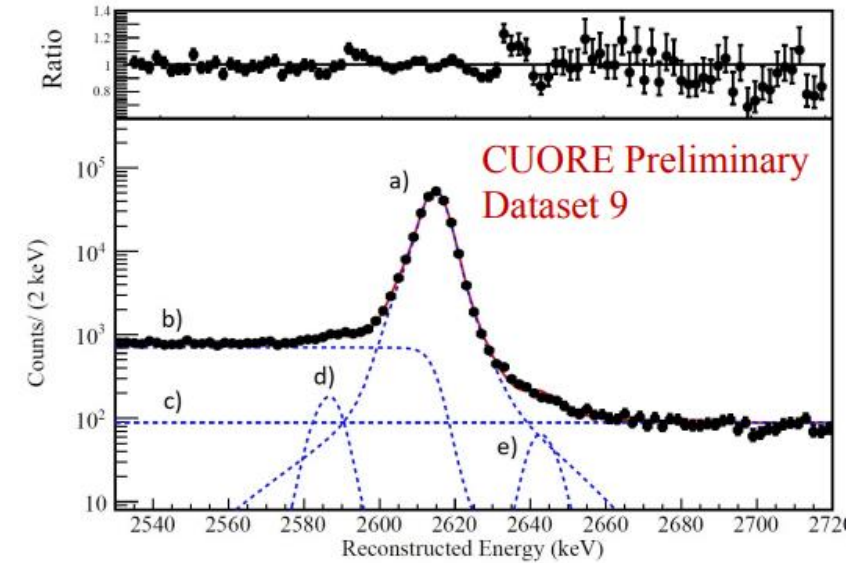
# BACKGROUND BUDGET



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# DETECTOR RESPONSE

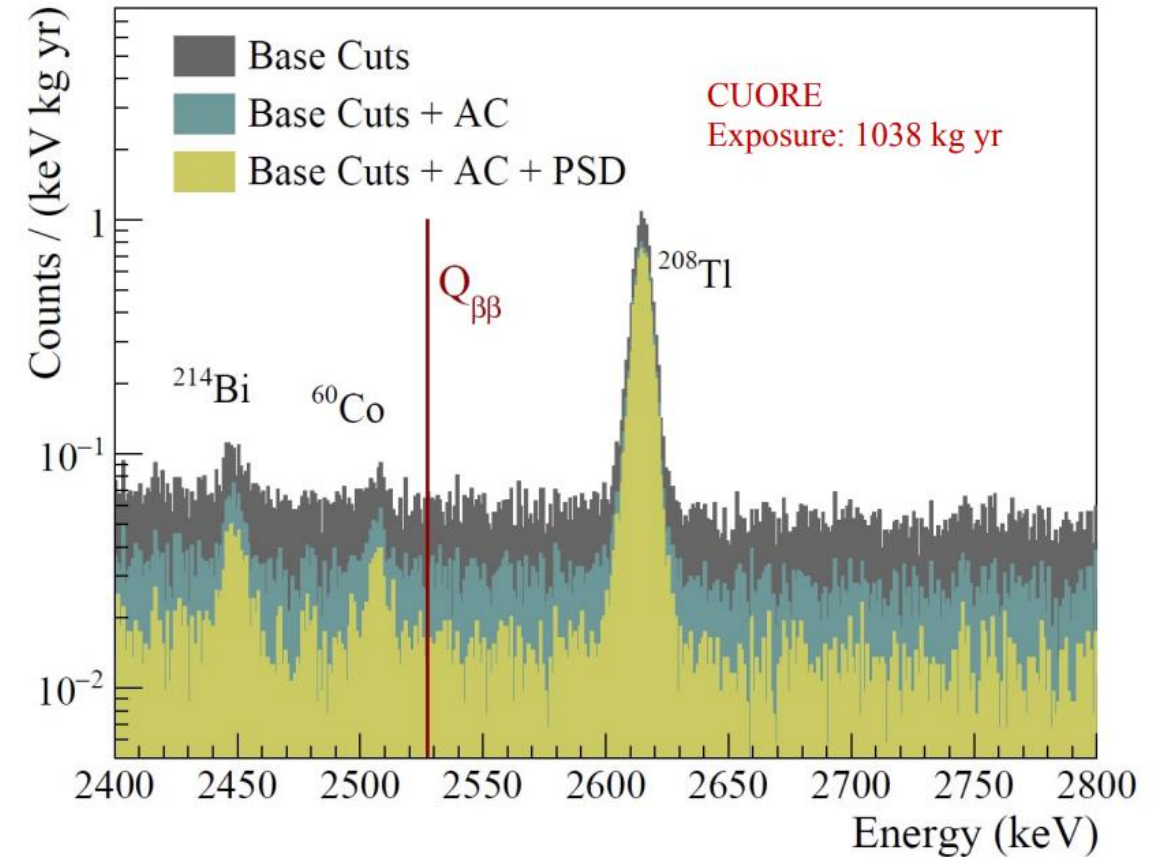
- Fit 2615 keV calibration peak for each channel
  - 3-Gaussian signal peak
  - Compton background
  - Flat background
  - 30 keV X-ray escape peak
  - 30 keV X-ray sum peak
- Scale detector response from 2615 keV calibration fit to peaks in physics data





# BACKGROUND IN ROI

- Alpha region:
  - Flat background in [2650, 3100] keV
  - $1.40(2) \times 10^{-2}$  counts/(keV kg yr)\*
- $Q_{\beta\beta}$  region
  - Flat background +  $^{60}\text{Co}$  peak in [2490, 2575] keV
  - $1.49(4) \times 10^{-2}$  counts/(keV kg yr)\*
- Background dominated by degraded alpha energy depositions (90%)

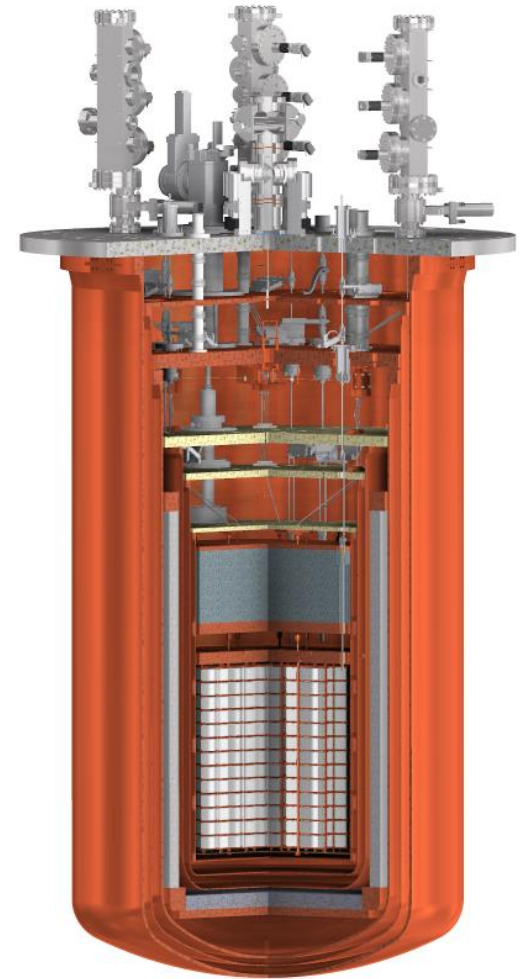


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<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-022-04497-4.pdf>

# CUORE UPGRADE WITH PARTICLE IDENTIFICATION



- Next generation  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay search.
  - Scintillating bolometer technology.
  - Extremely good energy resolution, flexible choice of isotope.
- CUPID builds on CUORE, the largest bolometric array ever built.
  - Established and well understood infrastructure and environment.
  - CUORE has demonstrated stable and reliable operation over multiple years of exposure.
- Particle identification with scintillating  $\text{Li}_2\text{MoO}_4$  bolometers has been demonstrated in the CUPID-Mo pilot experiment.\*
  - Isotopic enrichment and crystals growth has been demonstrated and can be done at scale.\*
- Background index goal of  $<10^{-4}$  counts/(keV·kg·yr).
  - Data driven based on CUORE, CUPID-0, and CUPID-Mo experiments.\*
- Probe the full Inverted Hierarchy region down to  $m_{\beta\beta} < 12$  meV ( $3\sigma$ , favorable NME).
  - Using only 240 kg of  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ .
- Next-next generation CUPID-1T capable of probing into Normal Hierarchy, or multiple isotope precision measurements in Inverted Hierarchy.



\*[https://cupid.lngs.infn.it/doku.php?id=cupid\\_pub:start](https://cupid.lngs.infn.it/doku.php?id=cupid_pub:start), arXiv:1907.09376

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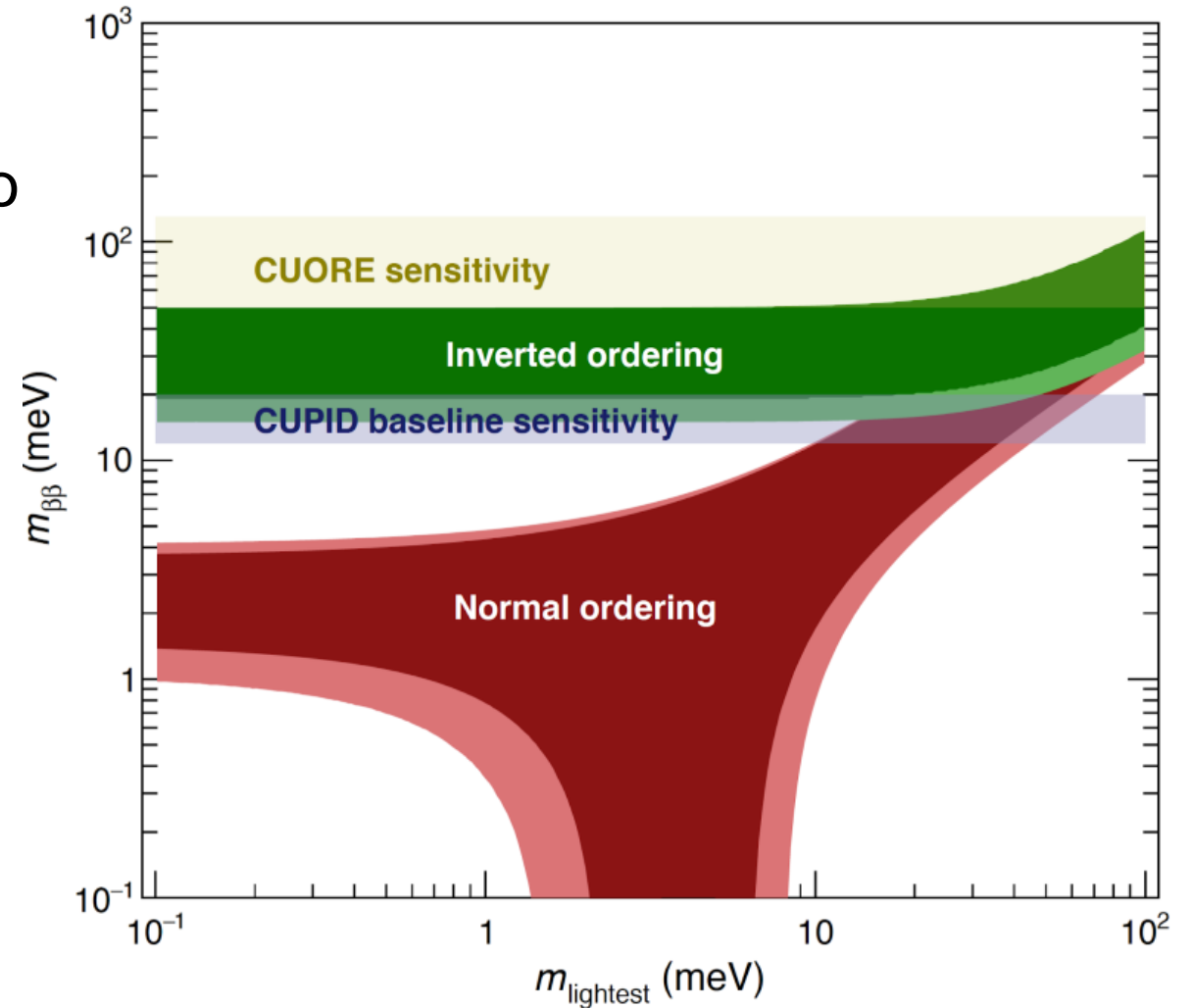


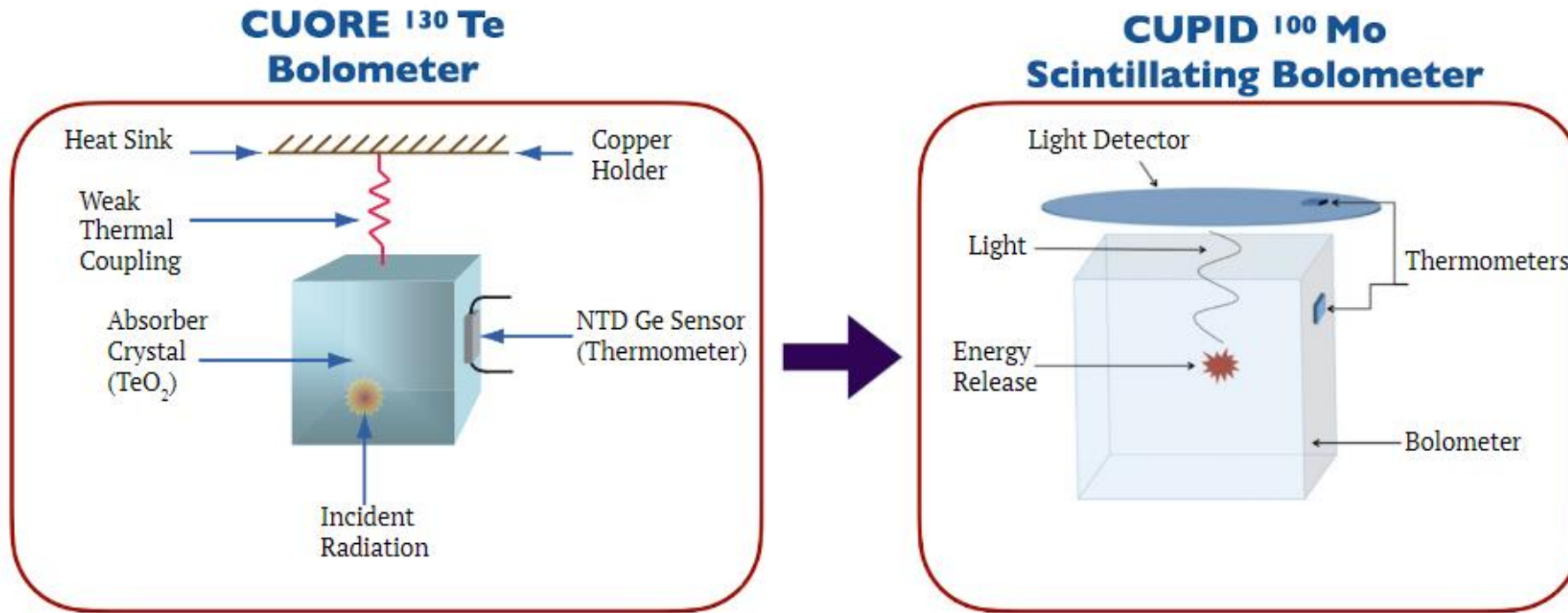
- Will operate in the same cryostat that currently houses CUORE
- **Goal:** Fully probe the “Inverted Hierarchy” region. Improve sensitivity to  $m_{\beta\beta}$  by factor of  $\sim 5$  relative to CUORE

## Improved Sensitivity from Background Reduction

### Particle identification

- Muon veto
- Increased Q value for reduced  $\gamma/\beta$  backgrounds





- $Q_{\beta\beta} = 2527 \text{ keV} < 2615 \text{ keV peak}$
- Measure only heat
- No particle ID

- $Q_{\beta\beta} = 3034 \text{ keV}$ : Most  $\beta/\gamma$  backgrounds reduced
- Measure both heat + light
- Particle ID to actively discriminate  $\alpha$  particles