



Latest results from CUORE

Searching for $0\nu\beta\beta$ with a tonne-scale bolometric array

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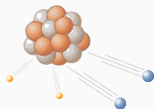
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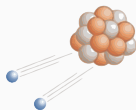
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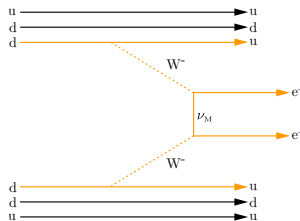
$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z+2) + 2e^- + 2\bar{\nu}_e \quad (2\nu\beta\beta)$$

$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z+2) + 2e^- \quad (0\nu\beta\beta)$$



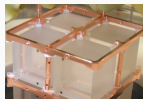
- **L-violation:** creation of a pair of electrons
 - discovery of $0\nu\beta\beta$
 - \Rightarrow L is not a symmetry of the universe
 - \Rightarrow link to baryon asymmetry in Universe (?)
- assuming the ν mass mechanism
 - \rightarrow **$0\nu\beta\beta$ key tool for studying neutrinos**
 - Majorana or Dirac nature
 - mass scale and ordering

A possible diagram



A powerful search aims to optimize **isotope + detector technique** combination

- bolometers detect the **phonon** contribution of the energy release
 - large fraction of the total energy
 - ionization/excitation $\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$ phonons
 - measured via **temperature variation**



- $\Delta T = \Delta E / C$

- **low C**: $C \downarrow \Rightarrow \Delta T \uparrow$

- **very low T**

- Debye law: $C \propto (T/\Theta_D)^3$

- thermal fluctuations $\propto \sqrt{T^2 C}$

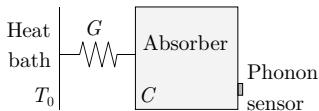
- temporal evolution: $\tau = C/G$

- Neutron Transmutation Doped Ge thermistor

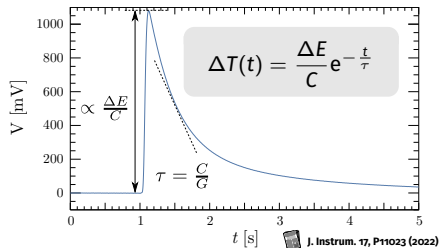
- $R = R_* \exp(T_*/T)^{1/2}$



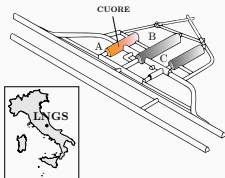
Simplified thermal model



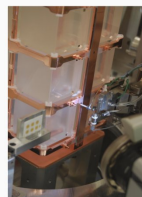
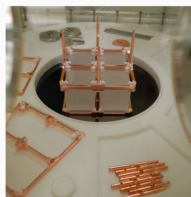
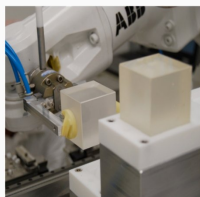
- an absorber with heat capacity C
- (connected to) a heat bath @ constant T_0
- (through) a thermal conductance G



- search for $\nu\beta\beta$ of ^{130}Te
- largest bolometric detector ever built
 - 19 towers \times 13 floors \times 4 crystals = 988 bolometers
 - 1 tonne detector mass: 327 kg Cu + 742 kg TeO_2
→ 206 kg of ^{130}Te
- at the Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso
 - ~ 3600 m w. e. ($\mu: 3 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)
 - 30-year-long history of measurements

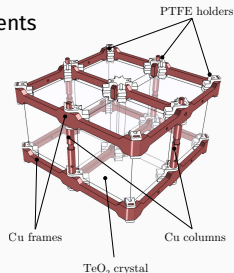


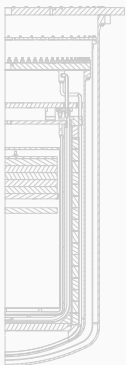
CUORE required a **dedicated protocol** for the detector construction
+ design of custom **cryogenic system** for its operation



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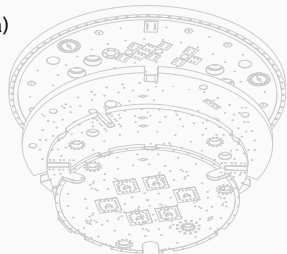
- strict **material selection**
- high-standard **surface cleaning protocols** for detector components
 - crystal etching + lapping @ SICCAS (China)
 - magnetron plasma cleaning for Cu frames @ LNL of INFN
- semi-automatic system for sensor gluing
 - highly-reproducible
- contact-less approach in tower assembly & bonding
- **Rn exposure minimized** → avoid surface re-contamination
 - all operations performed in N₂ sealed glove boxes





- the design of the CUORE cryostat had to satisfy very tight requirements
 - large **experimental volume** for detector + shielding of $\sim 1 \text{ m}^3$
 - **base temperature** for optimal operation of NTDs, i. e. down to about 10 mK
 - **low radioactive background** from the cryogenic apparatus, compatible with goal of $0.01 \text{ c keV}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ at $Q_{\beta\beta}$
 - **high system reliability** to guarantee long-term operation
 - **response to seismic events**
(LNGS are located in a seismic sensitive area)

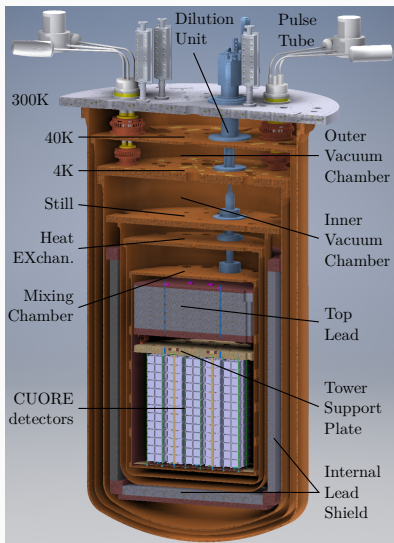
- custom cryogen-free cryostat
- only a few construction materials acceptable
 - use of Cu OFE/Cu NOSV for plates and vessels
 - more than 6.5t of lead shielding integrated in the structure



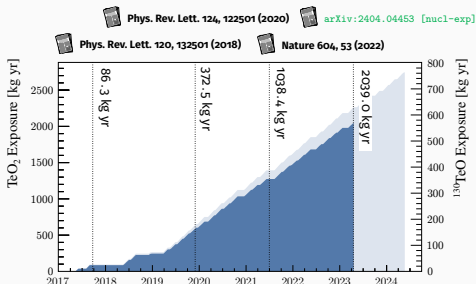
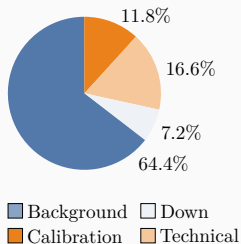
- 6+1 thermal stages
 - 300 K @ ambient temperature
 - 40 K @ PT first stage temperature
 - 4 K @ PT second stage temperature
 - Still @ 800 mK
 - HEX @ 50 mK
 - MC @ base $T < 10$ mK
 - TSP @ stabilized working T
- 2 vacuum chambers
- Fast Cooling System +
5 Pulse Tubes + custom Dilution Unit
- 2 internal lead shields
 - use of ancient **Roman lead**
 - Spanish ingots from I century BCE
 - ^{210}Pb activity $< 715 \text{ uBq kg}^{-1}$



Cryogenics 102, 9 (2019)



- start of data-taking in April 2017
 - initial detector optimization
- *full-speed* data collection since 2019
 - exposure rate ~ 50 kg yr per month
- accumulated **2.74 t yr** of TeO_2 to date
- goal is to reach 1 t yr of ^{130}Te
- beyond: upgrade cryogenic system



Operational performance

- operating $T = 11 - 15$ mK
 - year-long **cryogenic stability**
- uptime **>90%**
- 99.5% of channels active (984/988)
- resolution at $Q_{\beta\beta}$ of **7.3 keV FWHM**

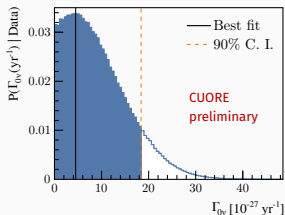
- **no peak** found at $Q_{\beta\beta}$ of ^{130}Te
 - 2039.0 kg yr of TeO_2 / 567.0 kg yr of ^{130}Te

- **bkg index** (BI) in line with expectations:
 $(1.42 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-2} \text{ c keV}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

- **limit** on decay half-life:

$$\Gamma_{0\nu}^{\text{best}} = 4.5_{-4.5}^{+6.9} \times 10^{-27} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 3.8 \times 10^{25} \text{ yr @ 90\% C. I.}$$

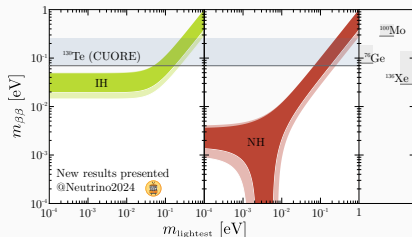
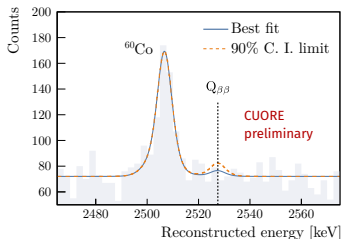


- **bound** on effective Majorana mass:

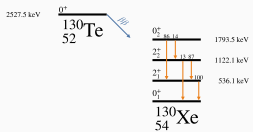
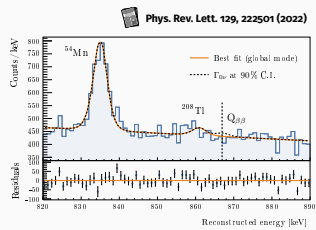
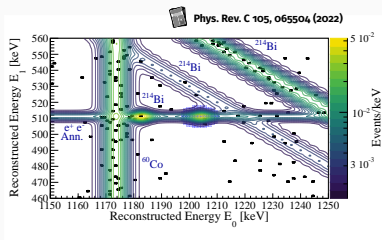
$$m_{\beta\beta} < (70 - 240) \text{ meV}$$

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ROI spectrum

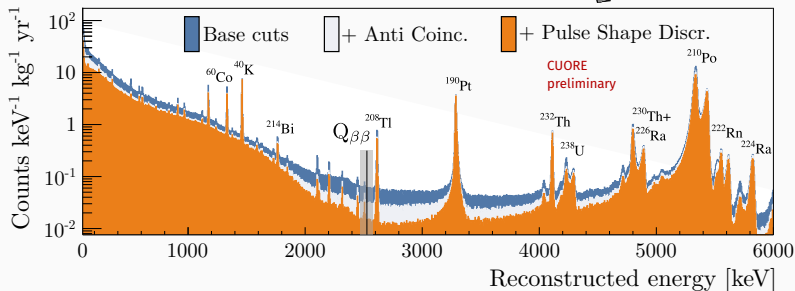


- $\nu\beta^+\text{EC}$ of ^{120}Te ($Q_{\beta\beta} = 1714.8$ keV)
 - $^{120}\text{Te} + e_b^- \rightarrow ^{120}\text{Sn}^* + \beta^+$
 $\rightarrow ^{120}\text{Sn} + X + \beta^+$
 $\rightarrow ^{120}\text{Sn} + X + 2 \gamma_{511}$
 - multiple signatures in M1, M2 and M3
 - limit: $t_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 2.9 \times 10^{22}$ yr @ 90% C. I.
 - 0.2405 kg yr of ^{120}Te ($^{120}\text{Te}/^{\text{nat}}\text{Te} = 0.09\%$)
- $\nu\beta\beta$ of ^{128}Te ($Q_{\beta\beta} = 866.7$ keV)
 - limit: $t_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 3.6 \times 10^{24}$ yr @ 90% C. I.
- $\beta\beta$ excited states of ^{130}Te to excited states of ^{130}Xe
 - search for de-excitation γ 's
 - limits: $(t_{1/2})_{0_2^+}^{0\nu} > 5.9 \times 10^{24}$ yr @ 90% C. I.
 - $(t_{1/2})_{0_2^+}^{2\nu} > 1.3 \times 10^{24}$ yr @ 90% C. I.



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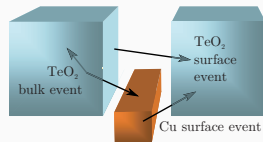




- different contributions in different regions of the energy spectrum

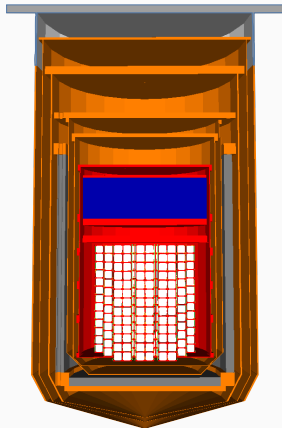
- γ continuum + peaks up to 2.7 MeV
- degraded α 's in (2.7 – 3.9) MeV
- α region from 4 MeV

- construction of an extensive **background model**

- large effort ongoing since predecessors of CUORE
- ultimate **validation by CUORE data**

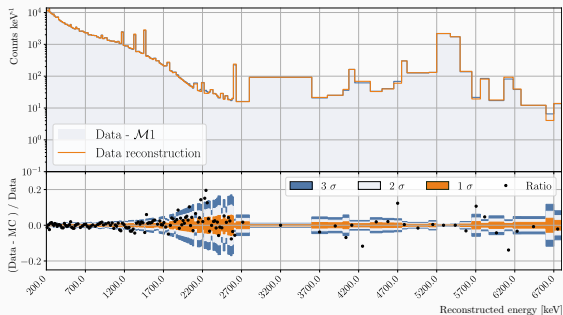


- Geant4 simulation of contamination from different cryostat components
 - background sources identified/ascribed to different locations in experimental setup
 - **data-driven** Monte Carlo → inputs from
 - radio-assay measurements (HPGe, NAA, α spectroscopy)
 - modeling of CUORE-o detector (single tower)  Eur. Phys. J. C 77, 13 (2017)
 - CUORE data: α & γ peaks, time coincidences, event topologies
 - multiplicities (\mathcal{M}): exploit detector granularity
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- raw Monte Carlo converted into CUORE-like data
 - include resolution, efficiencies, ...



- validation dataset: 1038.4 kg yr of TeO₂
- simultaneous **Bayesian fit** to $\mathcal{M}1$, $\mathcal{M}2$ energy spectra
 - **~ 80 parameters** to describe contamination sources
 - bulk and surface (different depths)
 - Gaussian / exponential prior distributions from input values / limits
 - energy range from 200 keV to 6.8 MeV

See poster by S. Ghislandi

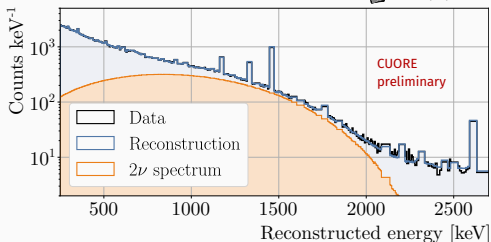


Sensitivity down to
10 nBq kg⁻¹ and
0.1 nBq cm⁻²
 for bulk and surface
 contamination level

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Measurement of the ^{130}Te $2\nu\beta\beta$ decay

work in preparation

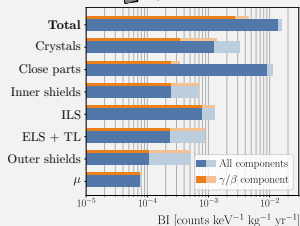


- $2\nu\beta\beta$ component isolated from total spectrum
- most precise measurement to date
 - $t_{1/2}^{2\nu} = 9.323^{+0.052}_{-0.037} \text{ (stat.)} \times 10^{20} \text{ yr}$
(systematics $\sim 1\%$ under finalization)
- test of different nuclear models


See talk by P. Loaiza

Source decomposition

Phys. Rev. D 110, 052003 (2024)



- reconstruction of BI
- benchmark for CUORE
- projections for CUPID
 - CUORE Upgrade with Particle IDentification
 - next-gen. $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiment

- continue data collection for $0\nu\beta\beta$ search
- extend field of investigations
 - DM, axions, other rare decays
- lower the E threshold
 - noise investigation & mitigation  Eur. Phys. J. C 84, 243 (2024)
 - spcific channel+run selection
 - dedicated analysis

See talk by A. Ressa



CUORE run-II

- new pulse tubes & thermalizations
 - lower vibrational noise
- benchmark improvements + extend sensitivity to low- E studies
- ...preparation in view of CUPID

- CUORE represents a milestone for bolometric experiments searching for rare events
- CUORE has been collecting data since 2017
 - the current limit on the $0\nu\beta\beta$ of ^{130}Te is: $t_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 3.8 \times 10^{25}$ yr @ 90% C.I.
 - the goal is to collect 1 t yr of ^{130}Te
- a complete description of the CUORE background has been constructed and validated
- multiple analyses are ongoing → a large effort is devoted to lowering the E threshold

Looking ahead...

- CUORE run-II will extend the sensitivity thanks to an improved cryogenic system
- CUORE is paving the way to the next-generation $0\nu\beta\beta$ bolometric experiment
 - CUPID = CUORE Upgrade with Particle IDentification



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Volume	Contaminant	Prior [Bq kg ⁻¹]	Mode/Limit [Bq kg ⁻¹]	Systematic	
<u>Crystals</u>					
	¹³⁰ Te 2νββ		$(3.03 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-5}$	+0.11 -0.17	
	²³² Th	$< 1.2 \times 10^{-7}$	CUORE-o	$(2.75 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-7}$	+0.85 -1.47
	²²⁸ Ra → ²⁰⁸ Pb	$< 7.5 \times 10^{-8}$	CUORE-o	$(1.19 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-7}$	+0.2 -1.16
	²³⁸ U → ²³⁰ Th	$< 3.6 \times 10^{-8}$	CUORE-o	$< 6.36 \times 10^{-10}$	
	²³⁰ Th	$(2.8 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-7}$	CUORE-o	$(3.85 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-7}$	+0.26 -1.3
	²²⁶ Ra → ²¹⁰ Pb	$< 2.2 \times 10^{-8}$	CUORE-o	$< 4.63 \times 10^{-10}$	
	²¹⁰ Pb	$(1.37 \pm 0.83) \times 10^{-6}$	CUORE-o	$(1.55 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-6}$	+0.44 -1.48
	²³⁵ U → ²³¹ Pa			$< 2.92 \times 10^{-11}$	
	²³¹ Pa → ²⁰⁷ Pb			$< 9.06 \times 10^{-10}$	
	¹⁹⁰ Pt	$(1.95 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-6}$	CUORE-o	$(1.93 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-6}$	+0.29 -0.3
	¹⁴⁷ Sm			$(1.09 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-8}$	+0.67 -0.58
	¹²⁵ Sb			$(2.93 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-6}$	+2.42 -1.44
	^{110m} Ag			$(9.06 \pm 2.44) \times 10^{-8}$	+62.58 -2.45
	^{108m} Ag			$(6.02 \pm 1.08) \times 10^{-8}$	+2.61 -2.66
	⁶⁰ Co	$(3.0 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-7}$	CUORE-o	$(1.86 \pm 1.22) \times 10^{-8}$	+4.21
	⁴⁰ K (no Tower 12)	$< 8.2 \times 10^{-6}$	CUORE-o	$(4.30 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-6}$	+2.62 -1.11
	⁴⁰ K (Tower 12)			$(2.45 \pm 0.68) \times 10^{-5}$	+1.49 -0.63
<u>Close parts</u>					
	²³² Th	$< 2.1 \times 10^{-6}$	CUORE-o	$< 3.88 \times 10^{-7}$	
	²³⁸ U	$< 2.2 \times 10^{-5}$	CUORE-o	$< 4.73 \times 10^{-7}$	
	²³⁵ U			$< 2.17 \times 10^{-8}$	
	¹³⁷ Cs	$< 2.2 \times 10^{-5}$	HPGe	$(1.25 \pm 0.24) \times 10^{-6}$	-0.71
	⁶⁰ Co	$< 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$	HPGe	$(2.04 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-5}$	+0.32 -0.39
	⁵⁴ Mn	$< 3.1 \times 10^{-5}$	HPGe	$(2.29 \pm 0.33) \times 10^{-6}$	+2.63 -1.93
	⁴⁰ K			$(4.42 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-4}$	-1.06

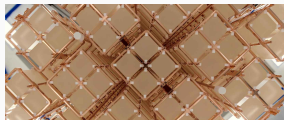
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<i>Inner shields</i>					
	²³² Th	$< 6.4 \times 10^{-5}$	HPGe	$(4.10 \pm 0.39) \times 10^{-5}$	+1.92 -2.54
	²³⁸ U	$< 5.4 \times 10^{-5}$	HPGe	$(7.71 \pm 5.03) \times 10^{-6}$	+16.51
	¹³⁷ Cs			$< 1.92 \times 10^{-6}$	
	⁶⁰ Co	$< 2.4 \times 10^{-5}$	HPGe	$(1.46 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-5}$	+4.89 -1.44
	⁵⁴ Mn			$< 3.71 \times 10^{-6}$	
	⁴⁰ K	$< 6.7 \times 10^{-4}$	HPGe	$< 3.48 \times 10^{-5}$	
<i>Outer shields</i>					
	²³² Th			$< 2.45 \times 10^{-5}$	
	²³⁸ U			$< 4.02 \times 10^{-5}$	
	¹³⁷ Cs			$< 7.33 \times 10^{-4}$	
	⁶⁰ Co			$(1.45 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-3}$	+0.29 -0.87
	⁵⁴ Mn			$< 2.14 \times 10^{-4}$	
	⁴⁰ K			$< 8.61 \times 10^{-4}$	
<i>ILS</i>					
	²³² Th	$(3.9 \pm 2.2) \times 10^{-5}$	CUORE-o	$(1.70 \pm 0.22) \times 10^{-5}$	+0.62 -0.8
	²³⁸ U	$(2.7 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-5}$	CUORE-o	$< 1.61 \times 10^{-6}$	< 11.44
	^{108m} Ag			$(7.99 \pm 0.78) \times 10^{-6}$	+2.62 -3.72
	⁴⁰ K			$< 3.87 \times 10^{-5}$	< 18.58
<i>TL</i>					
	²³² Th			$(3.06 \pm 1.47) \times 10^{-4}$	+22.95 -2.74
	²³⁸ U	$< 1.1 \times 10^{-3}$	HPGe	$(3.45 \pm 0.36) \times 10^{-3}$	-3.44 +0.51
	²¹⁰ Bi → ²⁰⁶ Pb			$(1.61 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{+2}$	-0.41 +7.49
	⁴⁰ K	$< 7.6 \times 10^{-3}$	HPGe	$(3.74 \pm 2.64) \times 10^{-3}$	-3.01
<i>ELS</i>					
	²¹⁰ Bi			$(3.31 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{+2}$	+1.35 -1.86
	²⁰⁷ Bi			$(2.29 \pm 0.20) \times 10^{-3}$	+1.21 -1.47

Volume	Contaminant	Depth [μm]	Mode/Limit [Bq cm^{-2}]	Systematic	
<i>Crystals</i>					
	^{210}Pb	0	.001	$(7.32 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-8}$	+4.98 -3.23
	^{232}Th	0	.01	$(3.10 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-10}$	+0.2 -2.98
	$^{228}\text{Ra} \rightarrow ^{208}\text{Pb}$	0	.01	$(1.10 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-9}$	+0.69 -0.19
	$^{238}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{230}\text{Th}$	0	.01	$(1.90 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-9}$	-1.08 +13.51
	^{230}Th	0	.01	$(8.22 \pm 0.32) \times 10^{-10}$	-0.4 +1.52
	$^{226}\text{Ra} \rightarrow ^{210}\text{Pb}$	0	.01	$(2.56 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-9}$	-1.12 -0.50
	$^{235}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{231}\text{Pa}$	0	.01	$(8.74 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-10}$	+1.07 -0.66
	$^{231}\text{Pa} \rightarrow ^{207}\text{Pb}$	0	.01	$(1.05 \pm 0.34) \times 10^{-10}$	+3.21
	^{232}Th	0	.1	$(3.21 \pm 1.52) \times 10^{-11}$	-5.27 +36.50
	$^{228}\text{Ra} \rightarrow ^{208}\text{Pb}$	0	.1	$(5.34 \pm 0.34) \times 10^{-10}$	-8.35 +7.75
	$^{238}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{230}\text{Th}$	0	.1	$(9.15 \pm 2.65) \times 10^{-11}$	-3.98 +1.31
	^{230}Th	0	.1	$(8.64 \pm 2.56) \times 10^{-11}$	-8.71 +0.29
	$^{226}\text{Ra} \rightarrow ^{210}\text{Pb}$	0	.1	$(9.10 \pm 0.40) \times 10^{-10}$	-0.17 +16.78
	^{210}Pb	0	.1	$(1.31 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-8}$	-3.84
	$^{235}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{231}\text{Pa}$	0	.1	$(4.21 \pm 1.22) \times 10^{-12}$	
	$^{231}\text{Pa} \rightarrow ^{207}\text{Pb}$	0	.1	$< 6.06 \times 10^{-11}$	
	^{232}Th	1		$(7.77 \pm 1.74) \times 10^{-11}$	-3.81 +10.17
	$^{228}\text{Ra} \rightarrow ^{208}\text{Pb}$	1		$(1.86 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-10}$	-1.06 +0.51
	$^{238}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{230}\text{Th}$	1		$(2.84 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-10}$	-1.11 +18.73
	^{230}Th	1		$(9.32 \pm 1.84) \times 10^{-11}$	-5.25 +1.41
	$^{226}\text{Ra} \rightarrow ^{210}\text{Pb}$	1		$(3.08 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-10}$	-2.58 +0.7
	^{210}Pb	1		$(5.15 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-9}$	-0.94

Volume	Contaminant	Depth [μm]	Mode/Limit [Bq cm^{-2}]	Systematic
<i>Crystals</i>				
	$^{235}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{231}\text{Pa}$	1	$(1.31 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-11}$	+0.23 -0.51
	$^{231}\text{Pa} \rightarrow ^{207}\text{Pb}$	1	$< 2.23 \times 10^{-11}$	
	^{232}Th	10	$(1.18 \pm 0.28) \times 10^{-10}$	+7.12
	$^{228}\text{Ra} \rightarrow ^{208}\text{Pb}$	10	$(3.29 \pm 1.27) \times 10^{-11}$	+61.54
	$^{238}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{230}\text{Th}$	10	$< 1.99 \times 10^{-11}$	
	^{230}Th	10	$(2.17 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{-10}$	+5.95 -0.78
	$^{226}\text{Ra} \rightarrow ^{210}\text{Pb}$	10	$(1.82 \pm 0.86) \times 10^{-11}$	+10.24 -1.46
	^{210}Pb	10	$(2.23 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-9}$	+2.48 -2.18
	$^{235}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{231}\text{Pa}$	10	$< 9.15 \times 10^{-12}$	
	$^{231}\text{Pa} \rightarrow ^{207}\text{Pb}$	10	$< 1.37 \times 10^{-11}$	
<i>Close parts</i>				
	^{232}Th	0 .01	$(1.35 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-9}$	+0.51 -0.51
	^{238}U	0 .01	$(1.24 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-9}$	+0.44 -0.68
	^{210}Pb	0 .01	$(3.40 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-7}$	+1.22 -0.96
	^{210}Pb	0 .1	$(6.48 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{-8}$	-3.55 +0.20
	^{235}U	0 .01	$(5.71 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-10}$	-0.31 +3.15
	^{210}Pb	1	$(5.23 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-8}$	+0.69 -0.64
	^{232}Th	10	$(1.15 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-8}$	
	^{238}U	10	$(8.35 \pm 0.68) \times 10^{-9}$	
	^{210}Pb	10	$(6.85 \pm 0.69) \times 10^{-8}$	-3.96 +4.88 -4.23
	^{235}U	10	$(3.84 \pm 0.31) \times 10^{-10}$	-1.82

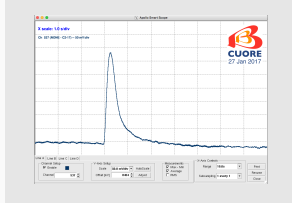
Volume	Contaminant	Depth [μm]	Mode/Limit [Bq cm^{-2}]	Systematic
<u>MC</u>	^{232}Th	0 .01	$< 4.36 \times 10^{-9}$	
	^{238}U	0 .01	$(6.79 \pm 1.32) \times 10^{-8}$	-6.42
	^{210}Pb	0 .01	$< 2.05 \times 10^{-5}$	< 17.11
	^{235}U	0 .01	$(3.12 \pm 0.61) \times 10^{-9}$	-2.95
<u>HEX</u>	^{210}Pb		$(8.23 \pm 0.20) \times 10^{-4}$	+6.43 -6.43

- tower assembly (Sep 2012 – Jul 2014)
- cryostat commissioning
(Aug 2012 – Mar 2016)
- **detector installation** (Jul – Aug 2016)



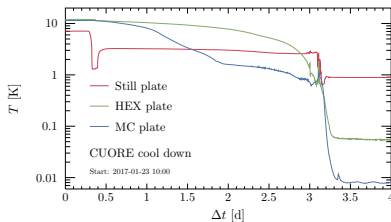
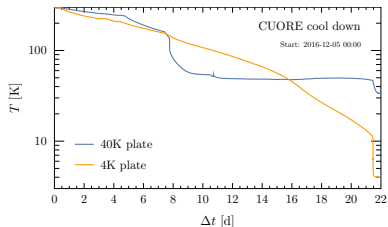
- cool down: $T_{MC} = 6.8$ mK

First events @ Jan 2017



CUORE cool down

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Some pictures from the CUORE cryostat

Plates + Top Lead



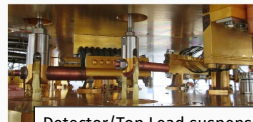
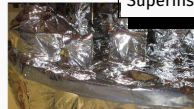
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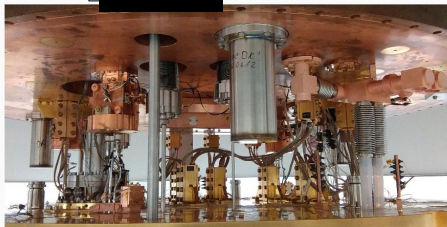


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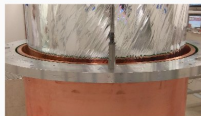


Detector/Top Lead suspensions

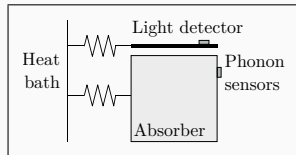
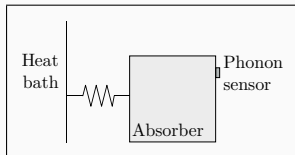
Inside the IVC



Vessels



- experimental search for $\nu\bar{\nu}\beta\beta$: $t_{1/2}^{0\nu} \propto \sqrt{MT/B\Delta}$
- when $MTB\Delta = \mathcal{O}(1)$, i. e. no event expected in ROI: $t_{1/2}^{0\nu} \propto MT$
→ crucial to achieve **zero background**, so that sensitivity scales linearly with exposure



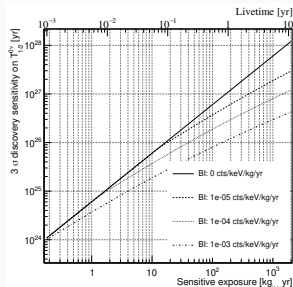
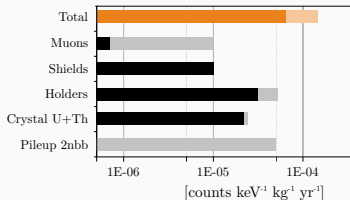
CUORE

- ^{130}Te ($Q_{\beta\beta} = 2527.5$ keV)
 - below ^{208}Tl @2615 keV
- only heat channel
 - pure thermal detector
 - no particle identification

Next generation

- ^{100}Mo ($Q_{\beta\beta} = 3034.4$ keV)
 - reduced γ contribution
- **heat + light**
 - scintillating bolometer
 - α vs. β/γ discrimination

- mass: 450 kg, i. e. ~ 240 kg of ^{100}Mo
 - 1596 $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ crystals
 - 57 towers of 14 floors of 2 crystals
 - each $45 \times 45 \times 45 \text{ mm}^3$, with a mass of 280 g
- live time: 10 yr
- resolution: 5 keV at $Q_{\beta\beta}$
- bkg: $10^{-4} \text{ c keV}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ in ROI
- sensitivity on $0\nu\beta\beta$: $t_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 10^{27} \text{ yr}$
 - $m_{\beta\beta} < (15 - 20) \text{ meV}$
 - full coverage of **Inverted-Hierarchy** region
- other searches
 - rare decays: $2\nu\beta\beta$, excited states
 - spectral-shape study: CPT-violation, Majorons
 - low-E searches: DM, axions, $\text{CE}\nu\text{NS}$



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