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# Neutrino-less double beta decay -- $^{48}\text{Ca}$ and CANDLES--

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# Baryon density in our Universe



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$$\rho_B \sim 5 \times 10^{-10} \rho_\gamma$$

- Big bang nucleosynthesis
  - $^4\text{He}$ , D,  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $^7\text{Li}$
  - Baryon density

Early universe  $\rho(B) = \rho(\bar{B}) \sim \rho(\gamma)$

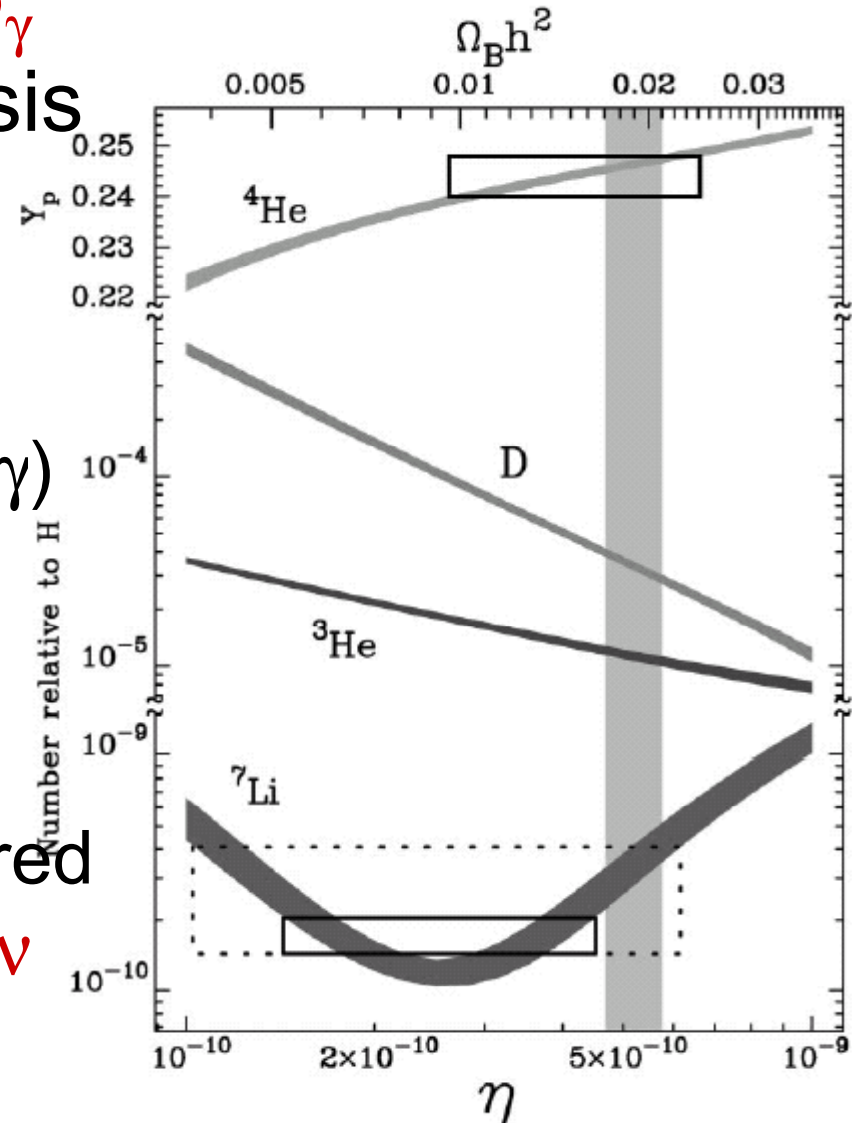
Particle:  $10^{10} + 5$

Anti-particle:  $10^{10} + 0$

How anti-particles disappeared

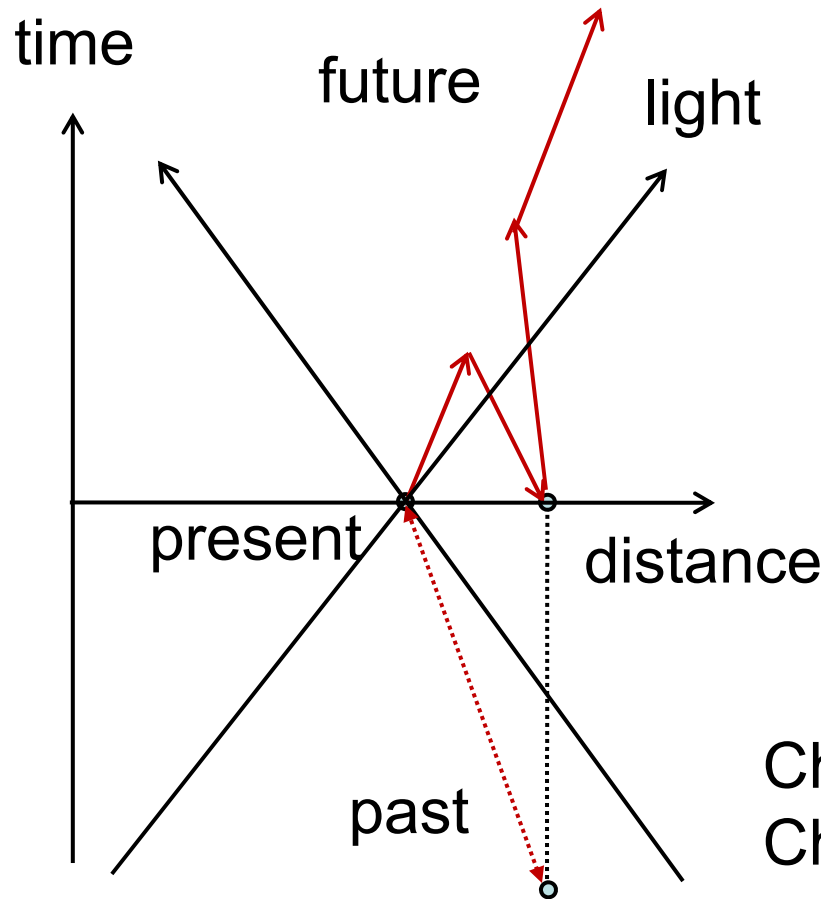
→ CP + Majorana mass of  $\nu$

Double Beta decay



# Relativity + uncertainty

## → anti-particle



- no information is faster than speed of light
- interact with any space-time

→ particle that travels backward in time  
 → antiparticle

Carries inverse quantity (charge, spin(chirality))

Dirac equation

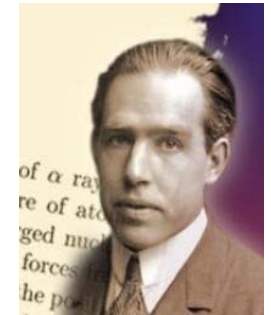
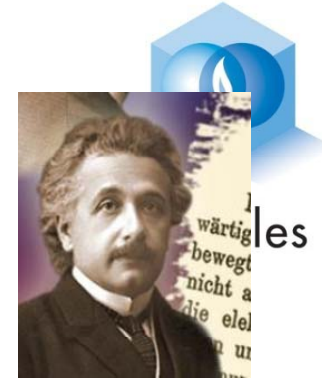
Feynman

Charge: conserved

Chirality: **violated by mass**

particle    antiparticle

Majorana particle



# Neutrino mass

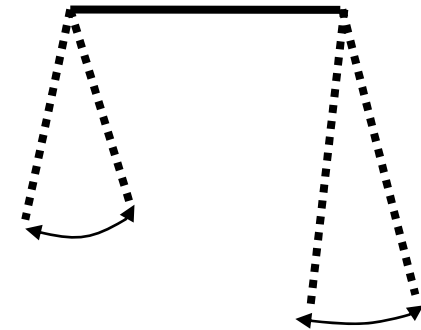


- Neutrino oscillation is established

- $\Delta m^2_{12}, \Delta m^2_{23}, \theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, (\theta_{13})$

- SK, GALLEX-SAGE, SNO, KamLAND

- T2K, Nova, Double Chooze, Dya Bay, ...



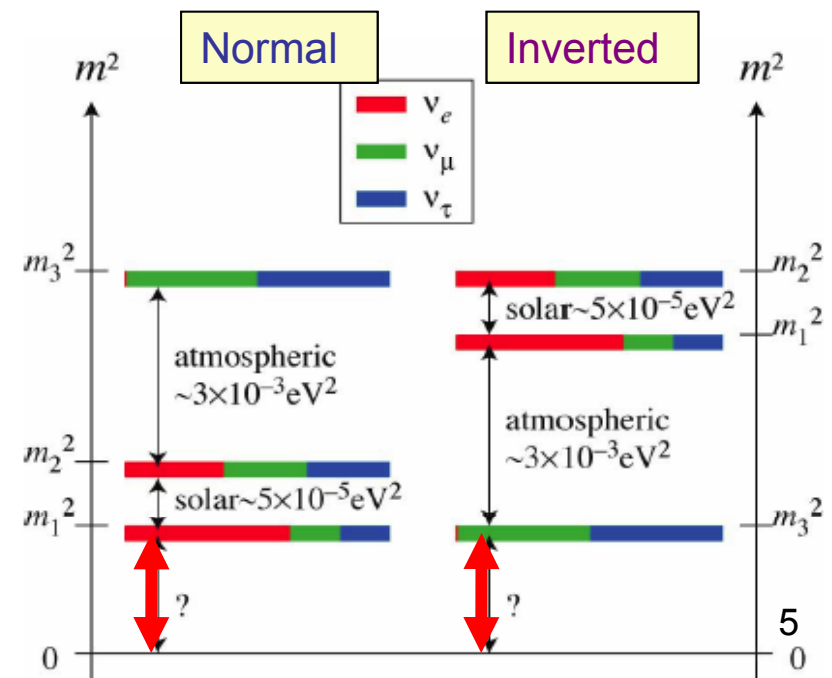
- Neutrinos have mass

- Absolute mass?

- Majorana particle?

$$\Delta m \sim 50 \text{meV}$$

$$\Delta m \sim 7 \text{meV}$$



# Direct measurement of $m_\nu$



IAP

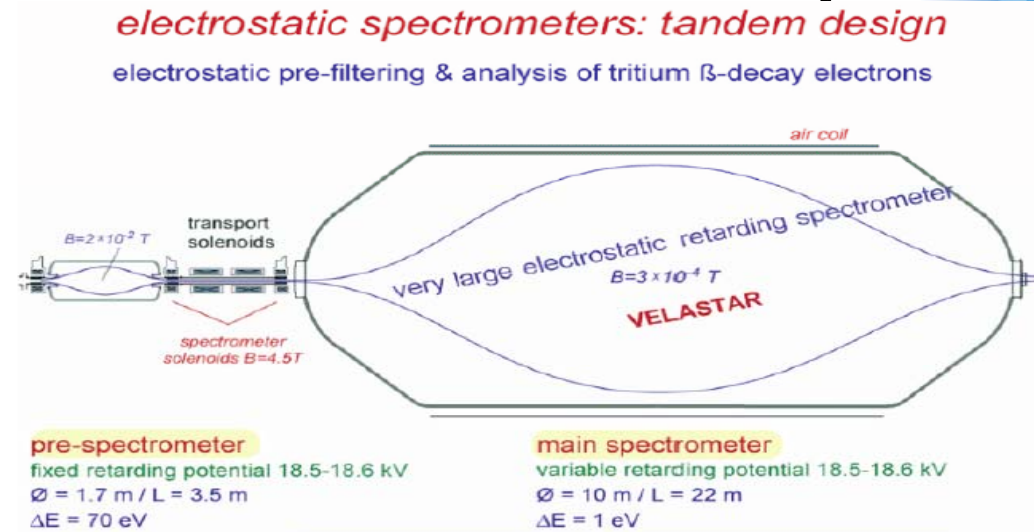
KATRIN =>  
 $m_\nu \sim 0.2 \text{ eV}$

- $^3\text{H}$   $\beta$  – decay  
( $Q_\beta$ : 18.7keV)

- $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay

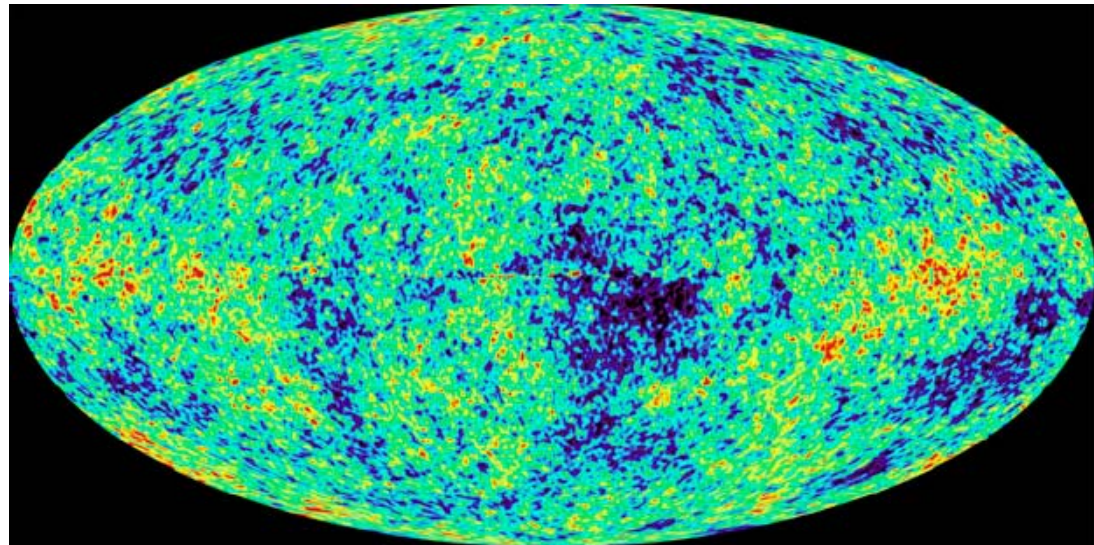
- CMBR
  - WMAP + SDSS + ...

$m_\nu < \sim 0.6 \text{ eV}$



**XHV conditions  $p < 10^{-11}$  mbar : main challenge**

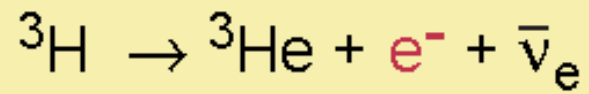
Figure: Pre-Spectrometer and Main Spectrometer





# KATRIN Exp.

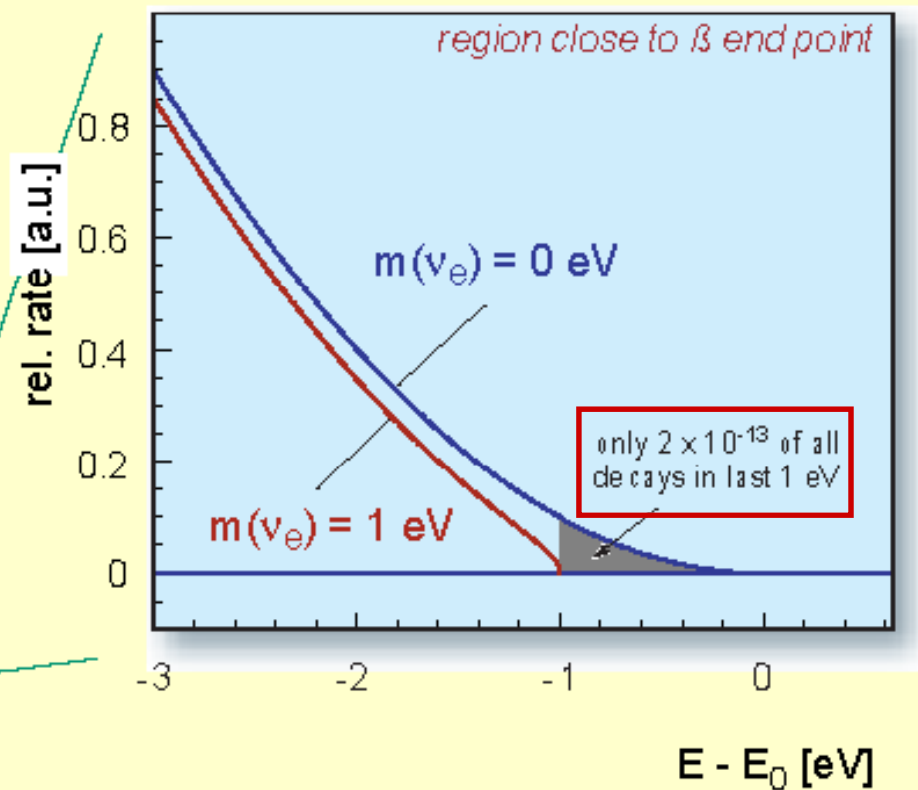
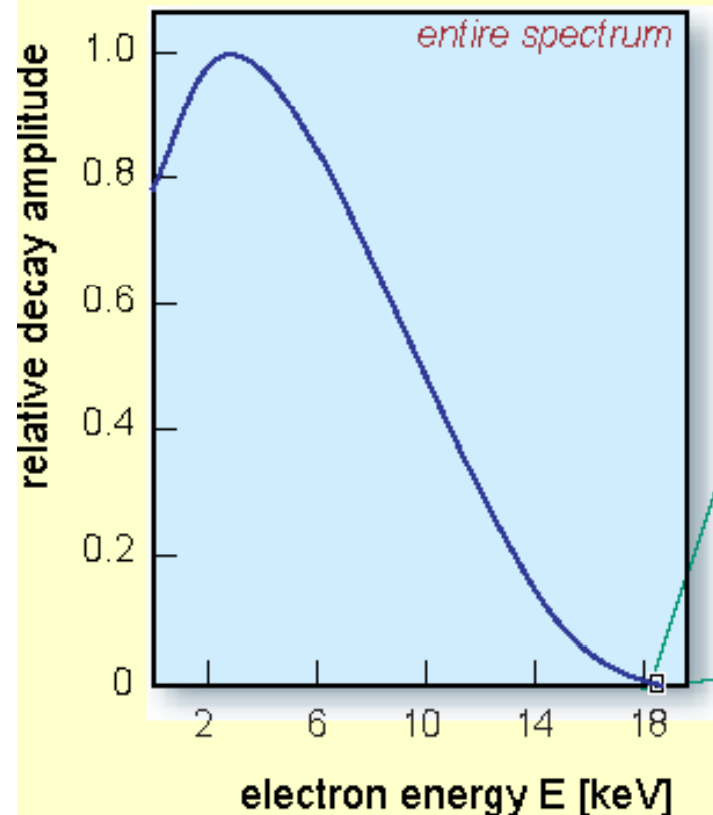
## tritium $\beta$ -decay and the neutrino rest mass



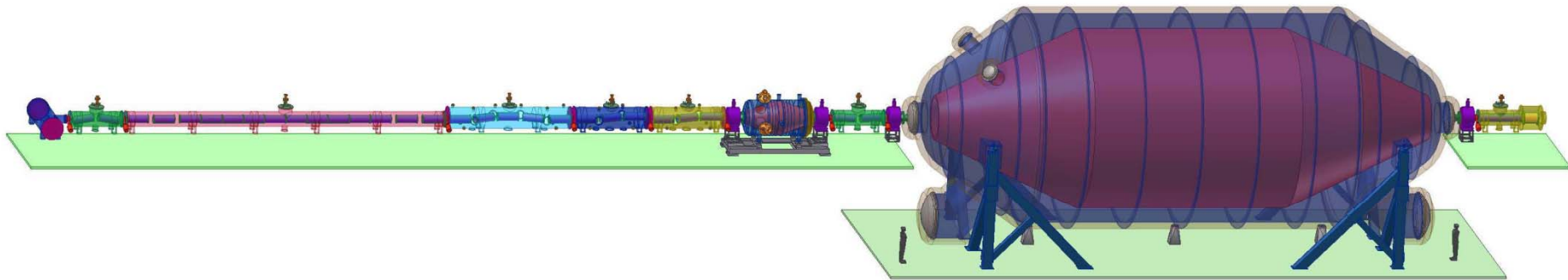
superallowed

half life :  $t_{1/2} = 12.32 \text{ a}$

$\beta$  end point energy :  $E_0 = 18.57 \text{ keV}$

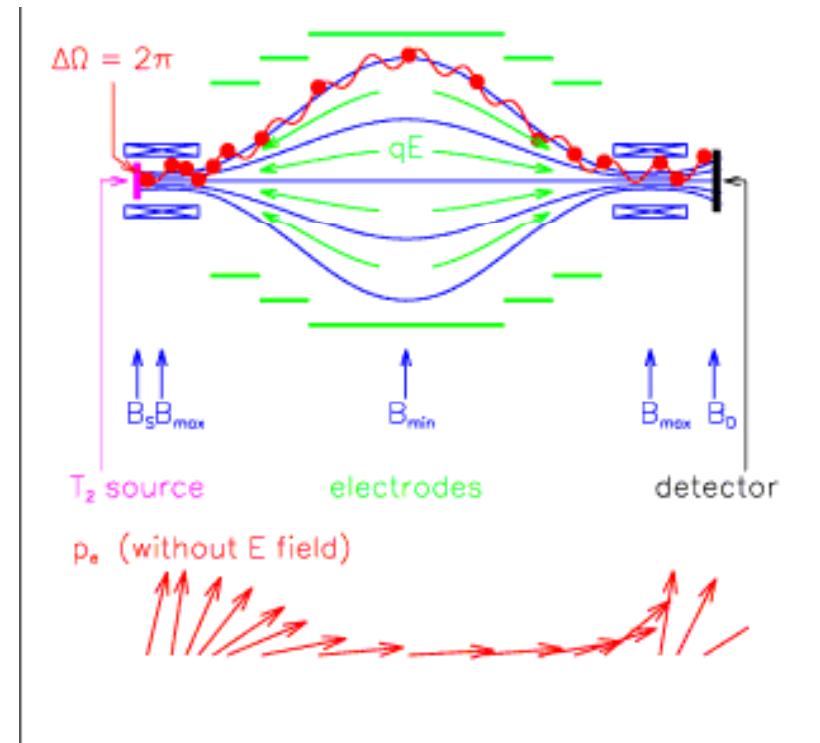


# KATRIN Exp.



MAC-E filter  
Magnetic Adiabatic Collimation  
(MAC)

Solid angle  $2\pi$





# Neutrino type



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- type
- components
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Dirac

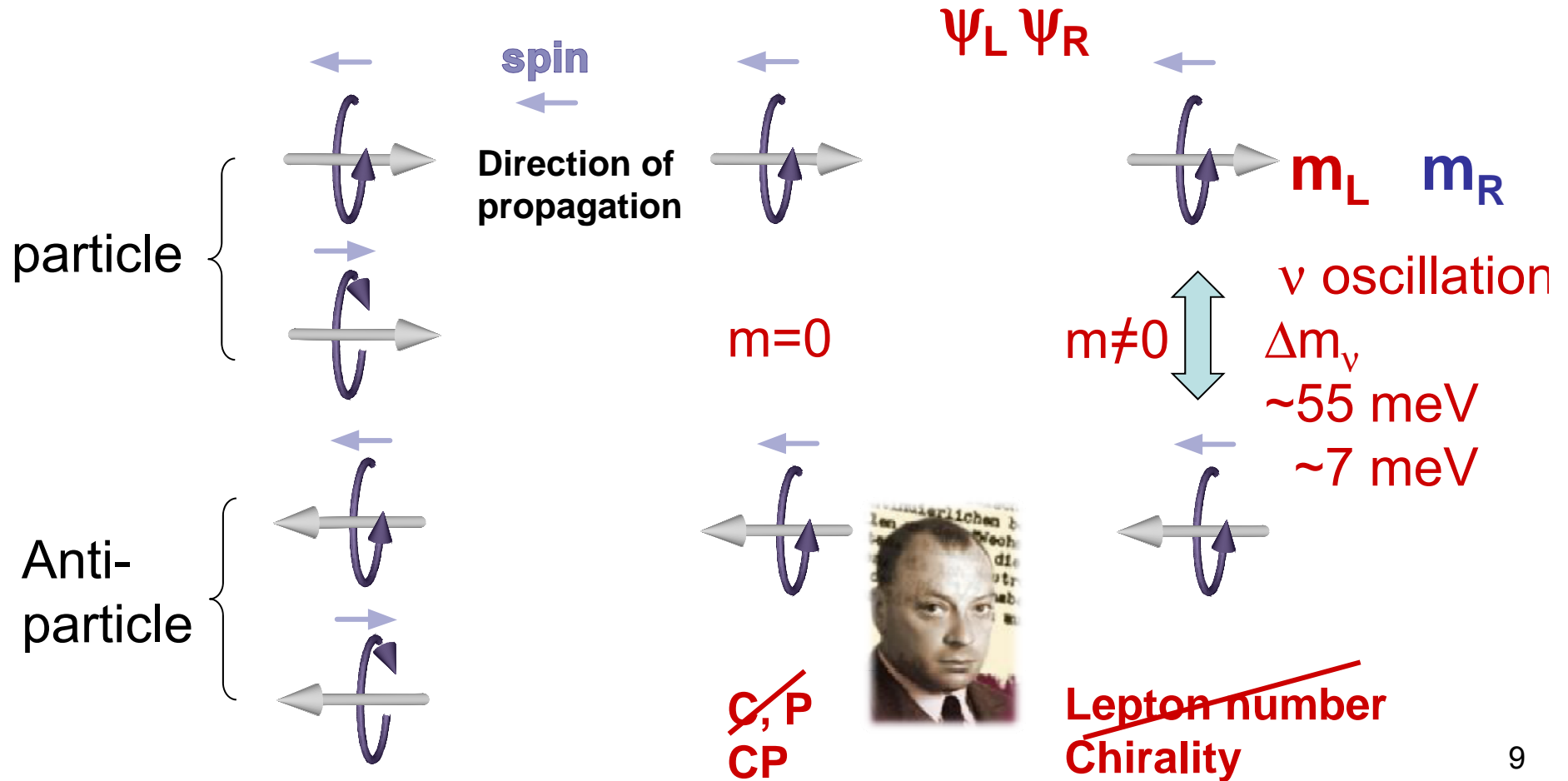
Weyl

Majorana

4

2

2 x 2



# $\nu$ has to be a Majorana particle



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- Mass term (Dirac)

$$\mathcal{L}_D = -m_D \overline{\nu_R^0} \nu_L^0 + \text{h. c.}$$

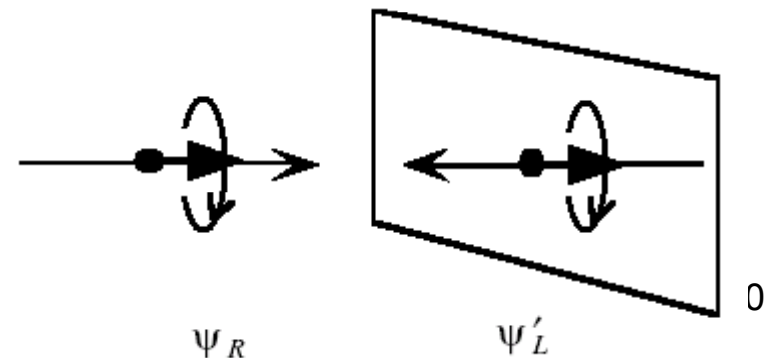
- Mass term (Majorana)

- Only Left (right) handed mass term can be made
- Left and right can have different mass
- We know only left-handed neutrino
- Heavy right-handed  $\nu$
- see-saw: (Yanagida, Gell-Mann...)
- Violates lepton number

$$\mathcal{L}_{m_L} = -\frac{m_L}{2} \overline{(\nu_L^0)^c} \nu_L^0 + \text{h. c.}$$

Chirality flip (relativity)

Left handed  $\rightarrow$  right handed (anti-particle)

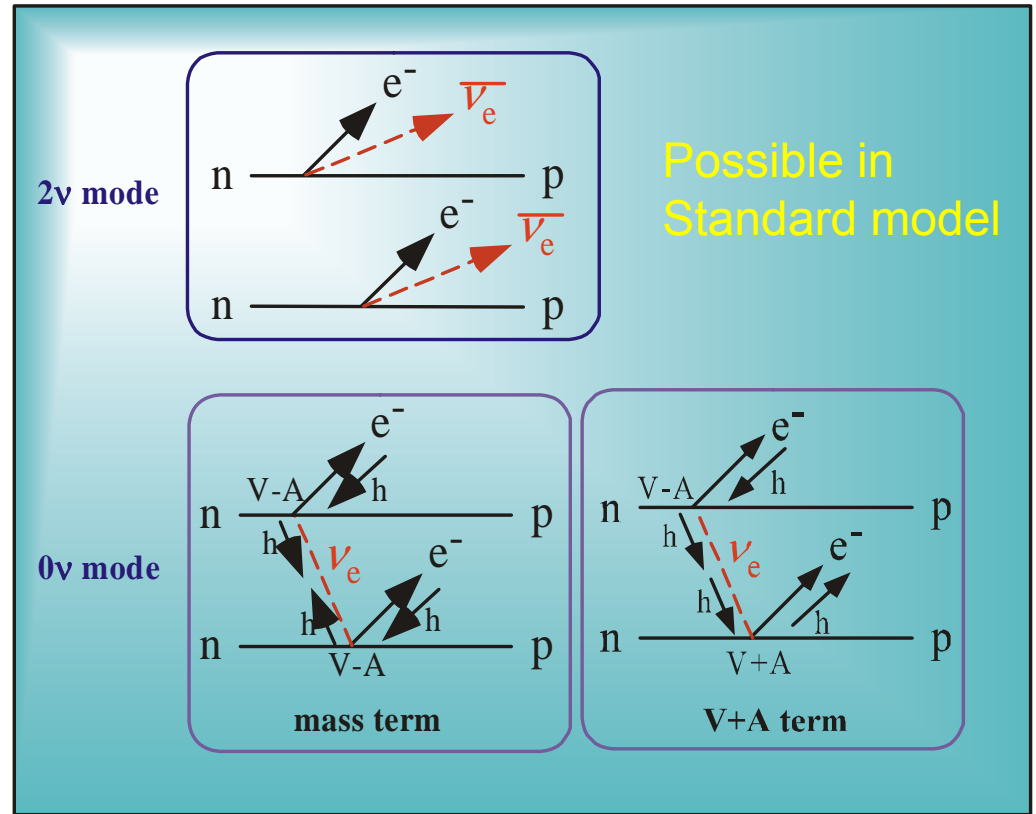
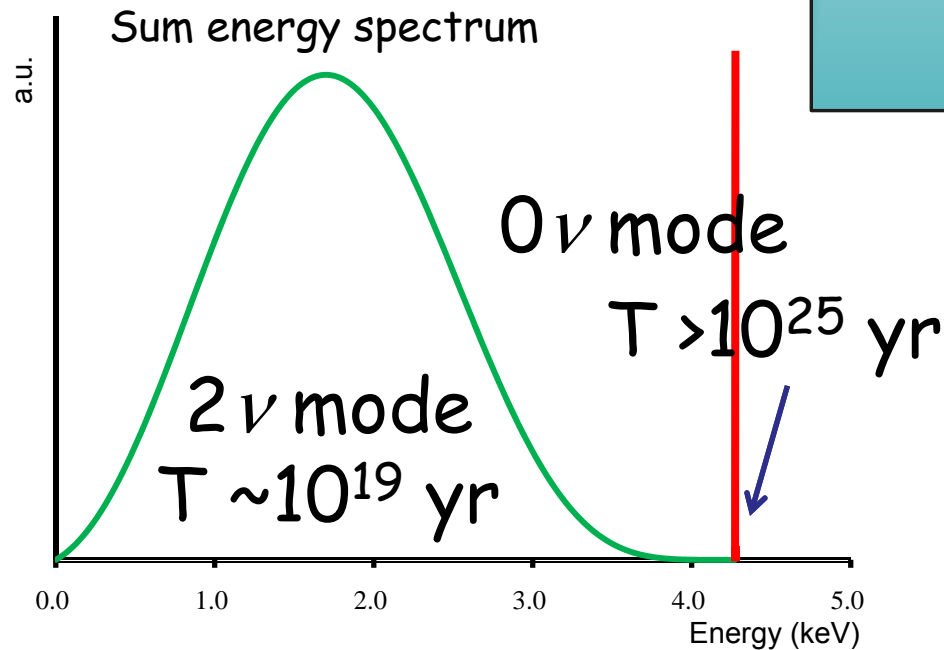


# $0\nu 2\beta$ decay

Majorana particle

particle anti-particle

- possible only for  $\nu$
- matter dominated universe



$$|T_{1/2}^{0\nu}(0^+ \rightarrow 0^+)|^{-1}$$

$$= G^{0\nu} |M_{NM}^{0\nu}|^2 \langle m_\nu \rangle^2 + \dots$$

Phase volume    Nuclear matrix element    Effective mass

# If $0\nu 2\beta$ decay is observed



- Lepton number conservation is violated
  - Particle  $\leftrightarrow$  anti-particle
- Neutrinos are Majorana particles
  - Only neutrinos can be Majorana particles
    - Others (quarks and charged leptons): Charge Dirac particles
  - Neutrino mass can be given
- **Leptogenesis**: Fukugita, Yanagida '86
  - Generates baryon number in our universe

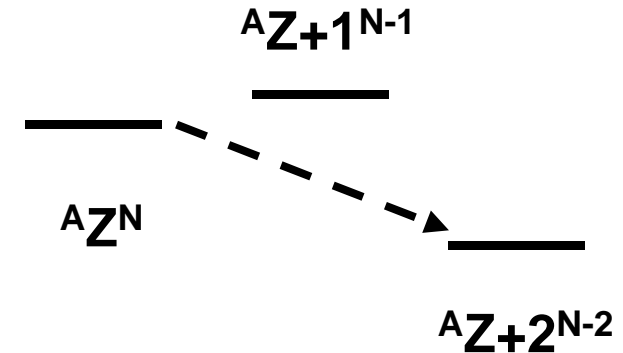
# Double beta decay nuclei



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- Nuclei

- $^{48}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{76}\text{Ge}$ ,  $^{82}\text{Se}$ ,  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ ,
- $^{128}\text{Te}$ ,  $^{130}\text{Te}$ ,  $^{136}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{150}\text{Nd}$
- Positron emitter



- Ultra rare process

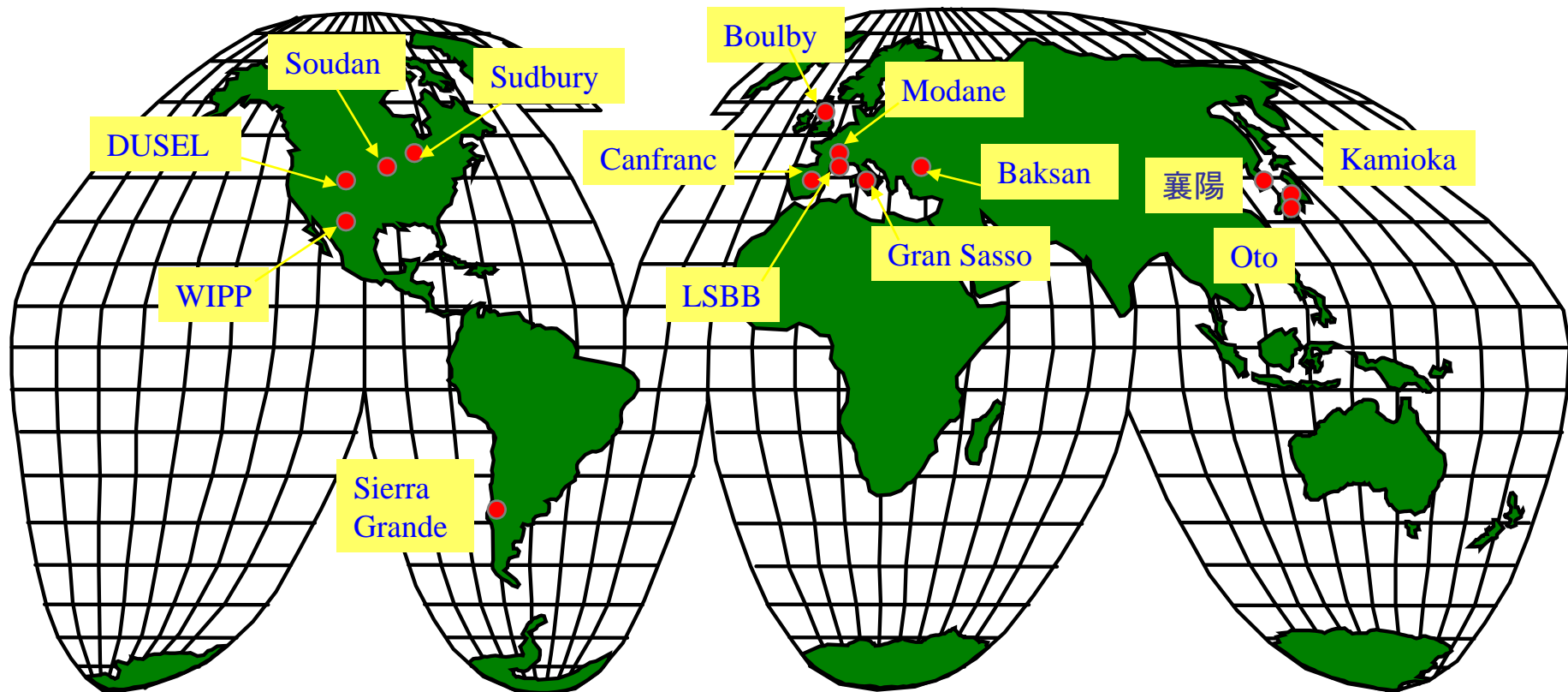
- $10^{20\sim 25}$  yr

- Huge natural background sources

- High sensitive detector
- Low background circumstance **Underground lab.**

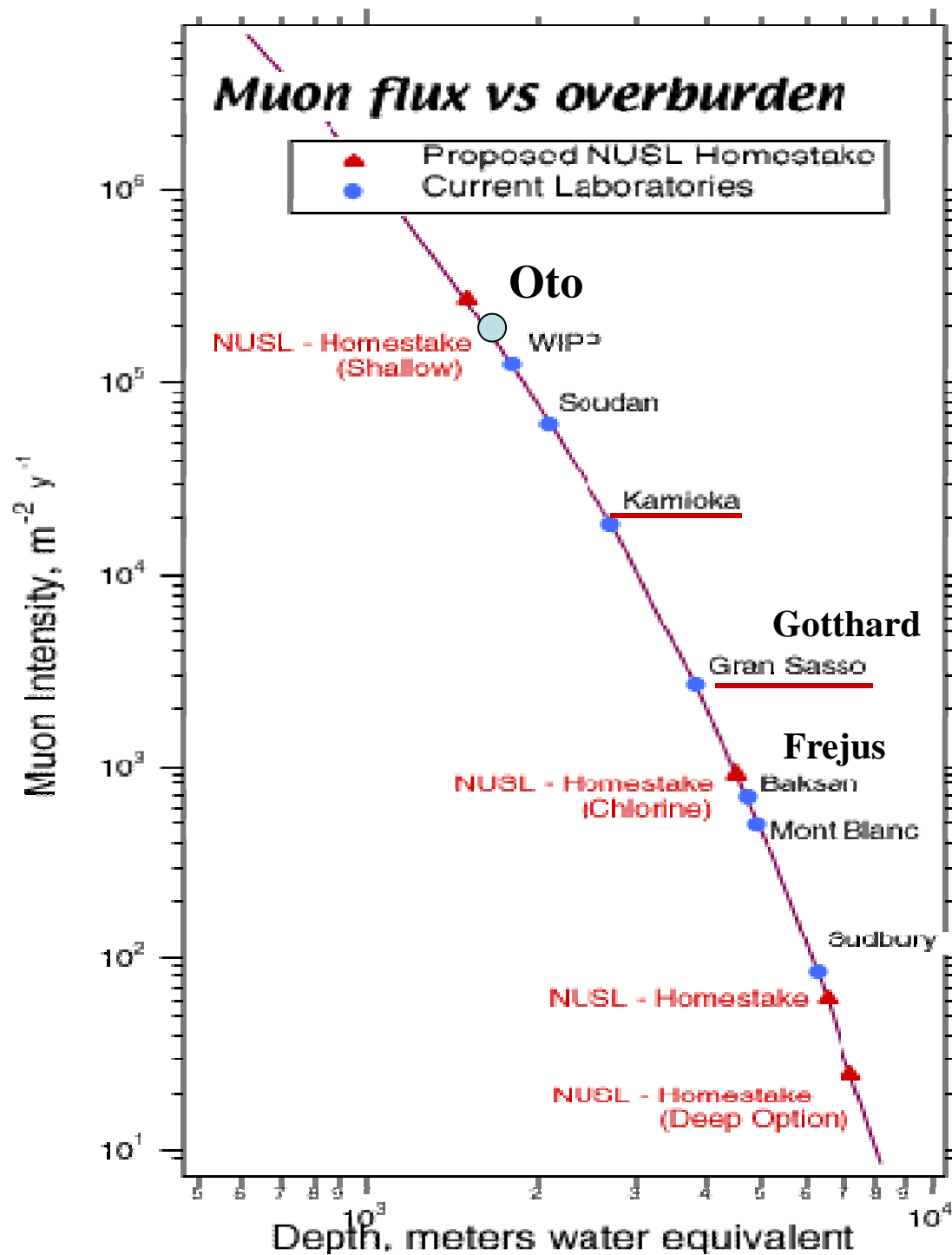
# Underground laboratory in the world

Double beta decay  
Dark matters





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# Detector type

- Source = detector

$\bigcirc \Delta E$  Semiconductor

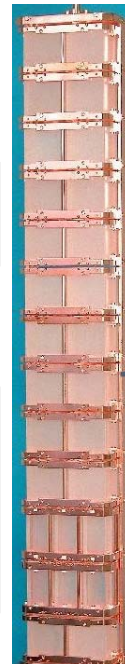
COBRA  
Majorana  
GERDA HDM

$\bigcirc \Delta E$  Bolometer

CUORE/CUORICINO

Scintillator

CANDLES  
KamLAND  
SNO+

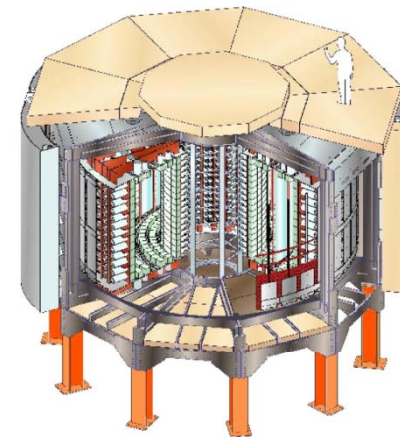


- Source  $\neq$  detector

Time Projection, tracking & Drift Chambers

NEMO/Super-NEMO  
DCBA  
EXO

$\bigcirc b$   
 $\times \epsilon$





# NEMO3 : Neutrino Ettore Majorana Observatory

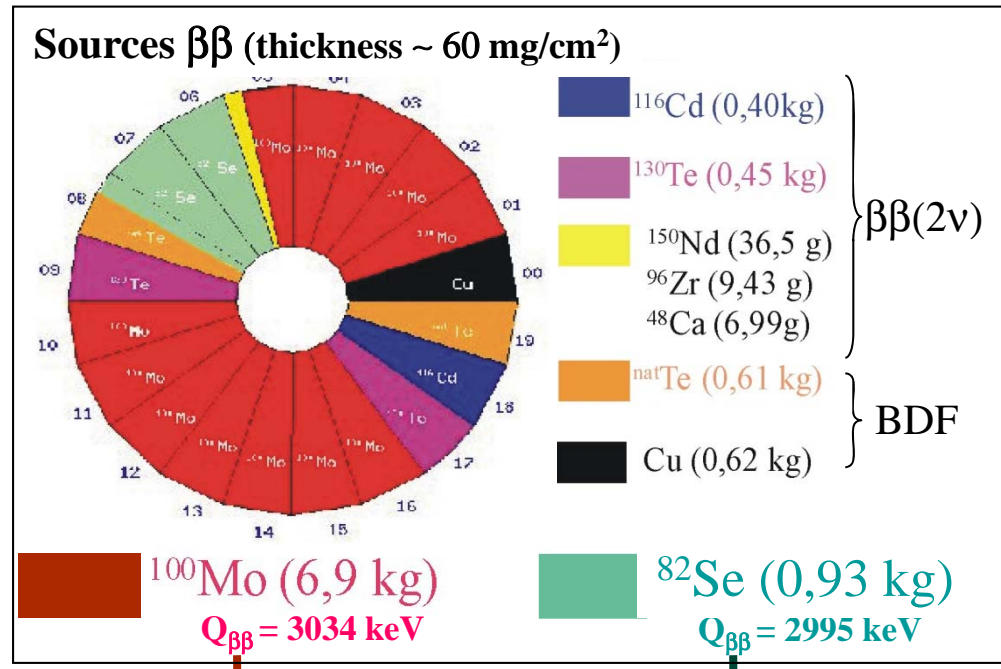
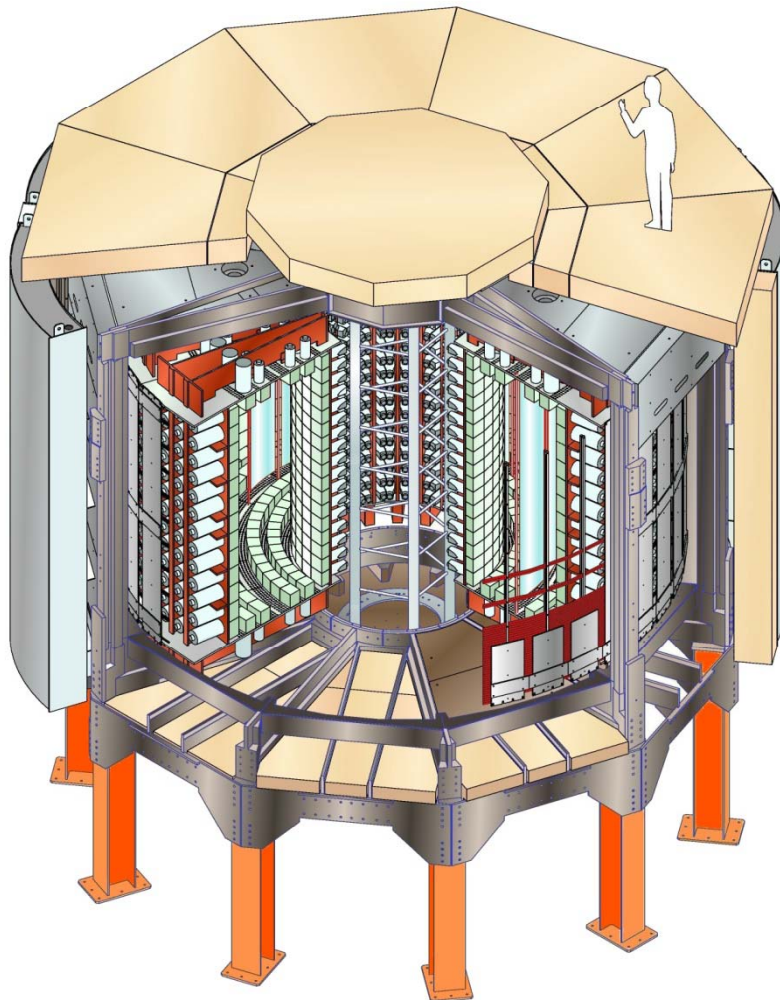
France, United-States, England, Japan, Tcheck Rep., Russia

Started taking data : Feb. 2003, duration : 5 years, Laboratoire Souterrain de Modane (4800 m.w.e)



**Tracking detector** (6180 Geiger cells in He+alcohol): Vertex  $\sigma_t = 5$  mm,  $\sigma_z = 1$  cm  
**Calorimeter** (1940 plastic scintillators – PMTs low radioactivity) FWHM=14% (1 MeV)  
**Bkg:** gamma + neutrons shield, **magnetic field**, materials low radioactivity

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$N_{\text{Bkg}} = 0,2$  evts y<sup>-1</sup> kg<sup>-1</sup>

$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 8 \cdot 10^{24}$  y

$\langle m_\nu \rangle < 0,1 - 0,3$  eV (90% C.L.)

$N_{\text{Bkg}} = 0,02$  evts y<sup>-1</sup> kg<sup>-1</sup>

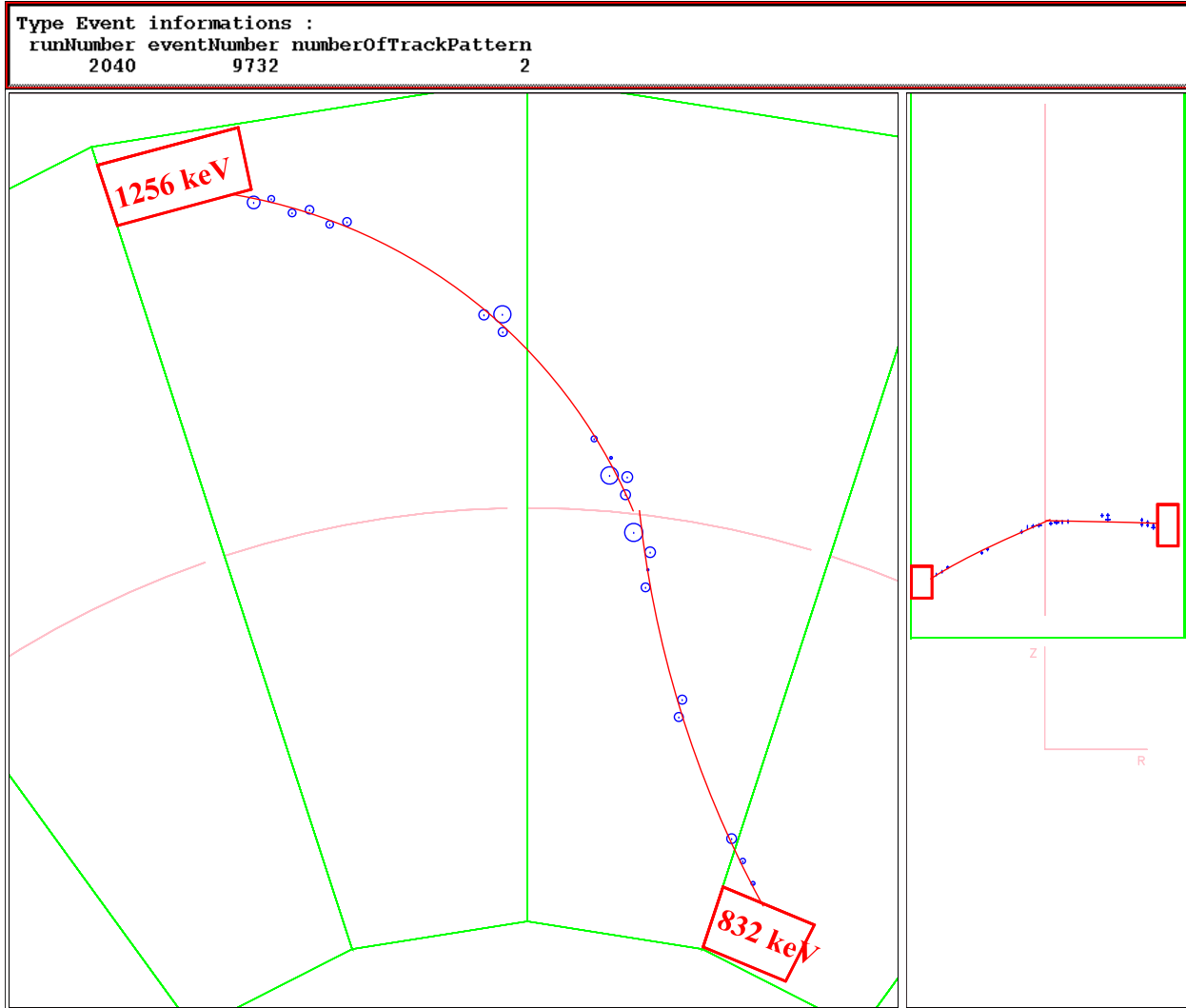
$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1,5 \cdot 10^{24}$  y

$\langle m_\nu \rangle < 0,45 - 1,2$  eV (90% C.L.)

# $\beta\beta$ EVENT OBSERVED BY NEMO-3...



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$$E_1 + E_2 = 2088 \text{ keV}$$

$$(\Delta t)_{\text{mes}} - (\Delta t)_{\text{theo}} = 0.22 \text{ ns}$$

$$(\Delta \text{vertex})_{\perp} = 2.1 \text{ mm}$$

$$(\Delta \text{vertex})_{\parallel} = 5.7 \text{ mm}$$

$\beta\beta_{2\nu}$  event



# NEMO 3

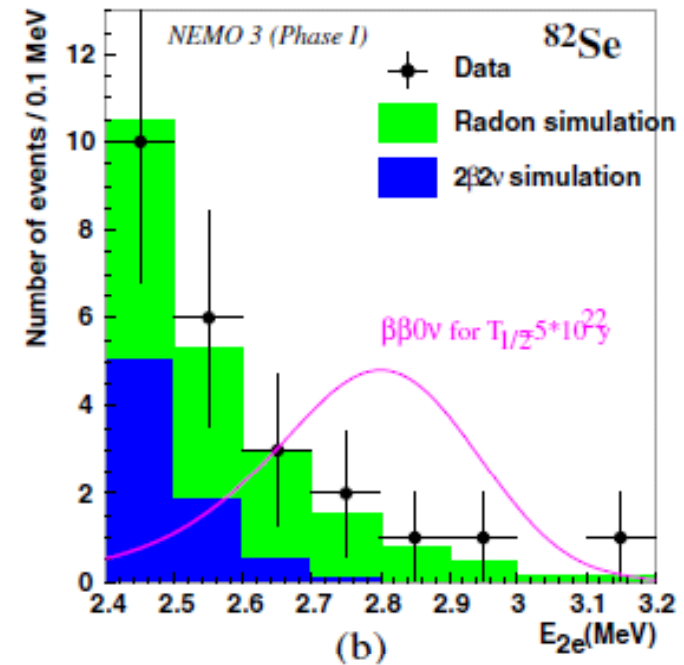
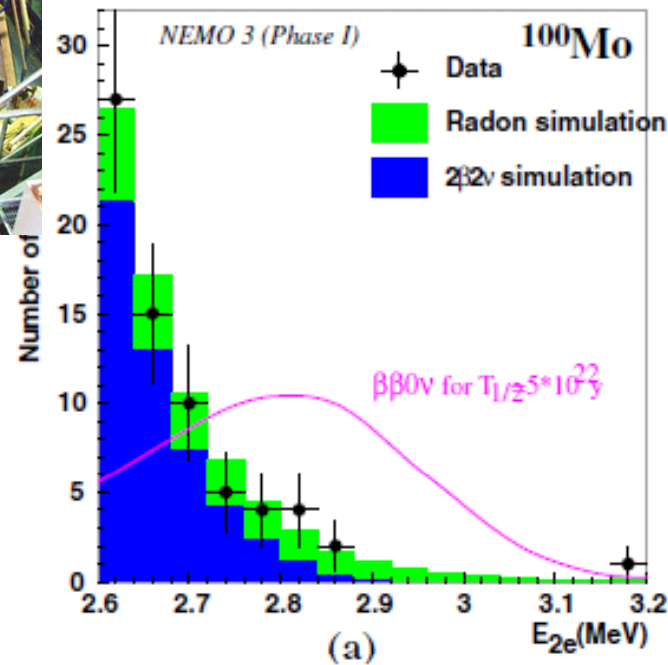


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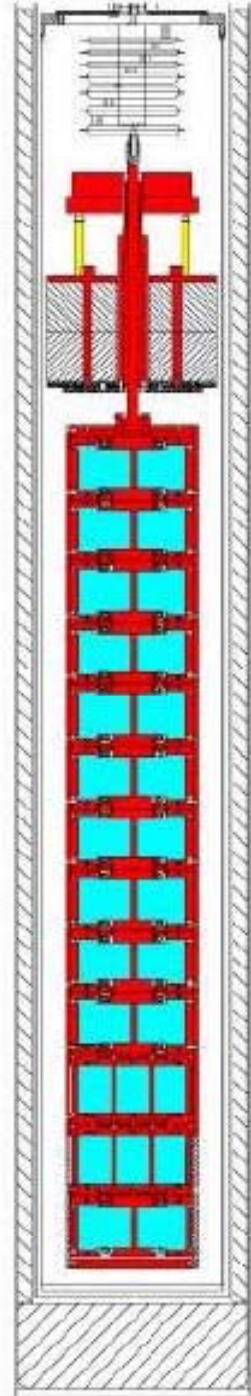
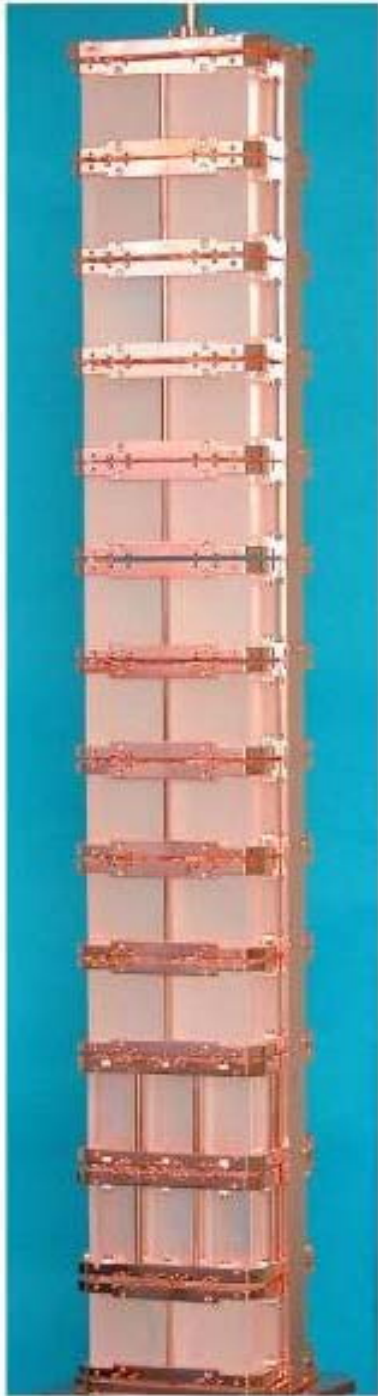
PRL 95, 182302 (2005)

$> 4.6 \times 10^{23}$  yr

$> 1.0 \times 10^{23}$  yr

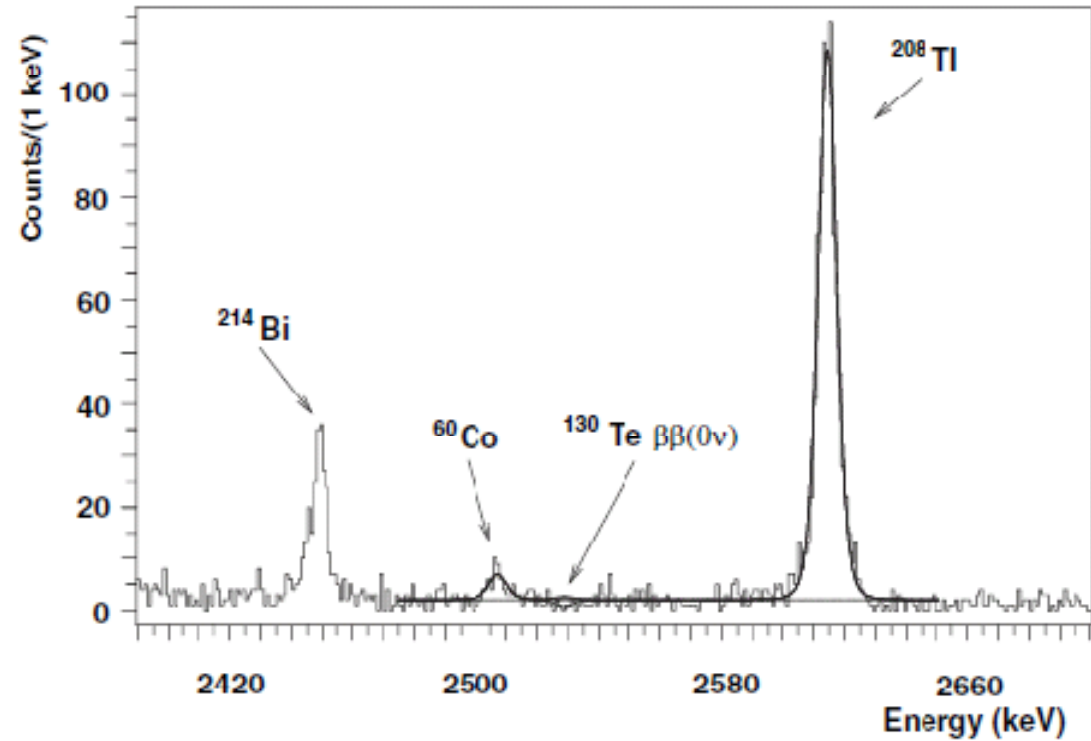


Nuclear matrix elements	$^{100}\text{Mo}$	$^{82}\text{Se}$
Shell model	Caurier 1996 [15]	$< 4.9$
QRPA	Rodin 2005 [16]	$< 2.7-2.8$
QRPA	Simkovic 1999 [17]	$< 1.0$
QRPA	Suhonen 2003 [18,19]	$< 2.8-4.2$
QRPA	Stoica 2001 [20]	$< 0.7-1.1$



# CUORICINO

PRL **95**, 142501 (2005) Candles



$m_{\nu} < 0.2 - 1.05 \text{ eV}$

$m_{\nu} < 0.21 - 0.70 \text{ eV}$

TAUP 2009

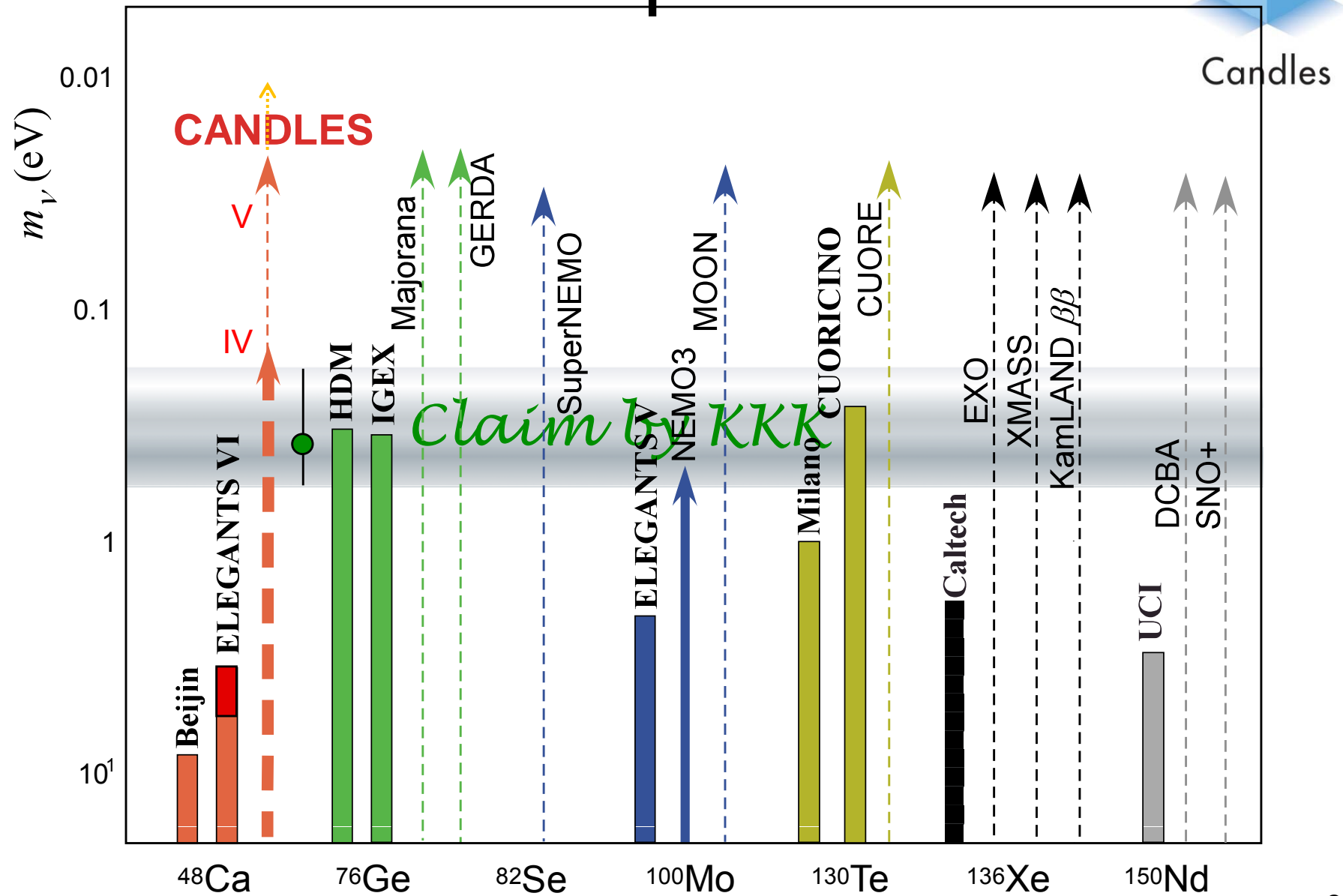
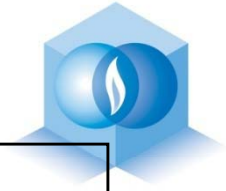
Bolometer  $\text{TeO}_2$

# Overview of Experiments

Name	Nucleus	Mass*	Method	Location	Time line
<b>Operational &amp; recently completed experiments</b>					
CUORICINO	Te-130	11 kg	bolometric	LNGS	2003-2008
NEMO-3	Mo-100/Se-82	6.9/0.9 kg	tracko-calo	LSM	until 2010
<b>Construction funding</b>					
CUORE	Te-130	200 kg	bolometric	LNGS	2012
EXO-200	Xe-136	160 kg	liquid TPC	WIPP	2009 (comiss.)
GERDA I/II	Ge-76	35 kg	ionization	LNGS	2009 (comiss.)
SNO+	Nd-150	56 kg	scintillation	SNOlab	2011
<b>Substantial R&amp;D funding / prototyping</b>					
CANDLES	Ca-48	0.35 kg	scintillation	Kamioka	2009
Majorana	Ge-76	26 kg	ionization	SUSL	2012
NEXT	Xe-136	80 kg	gas TPC	Canfranc	2013
SuperNEMO	Se-82 or Nd-150	100 kg	tracko-calo	LSM	2012 (first mod.)
<b>R&amp;D and/or conceptual design</b>					
CARVEL	Ca-48	tbd	scintillation	Solotvina	
COBRA	Cd-116, Te-130	tbd	ionization	LNGS	
DCBA	Nd-150	tbd	drift chamber	Kamioka	
EXO gas	Xe-136	tbd	gas TPC	SNOlab	
MOON	Mo-100	tbd	tracking	Oto	
<b>Other decay modes</b>					
TGV	Cd-106		ionization	LSM	operational

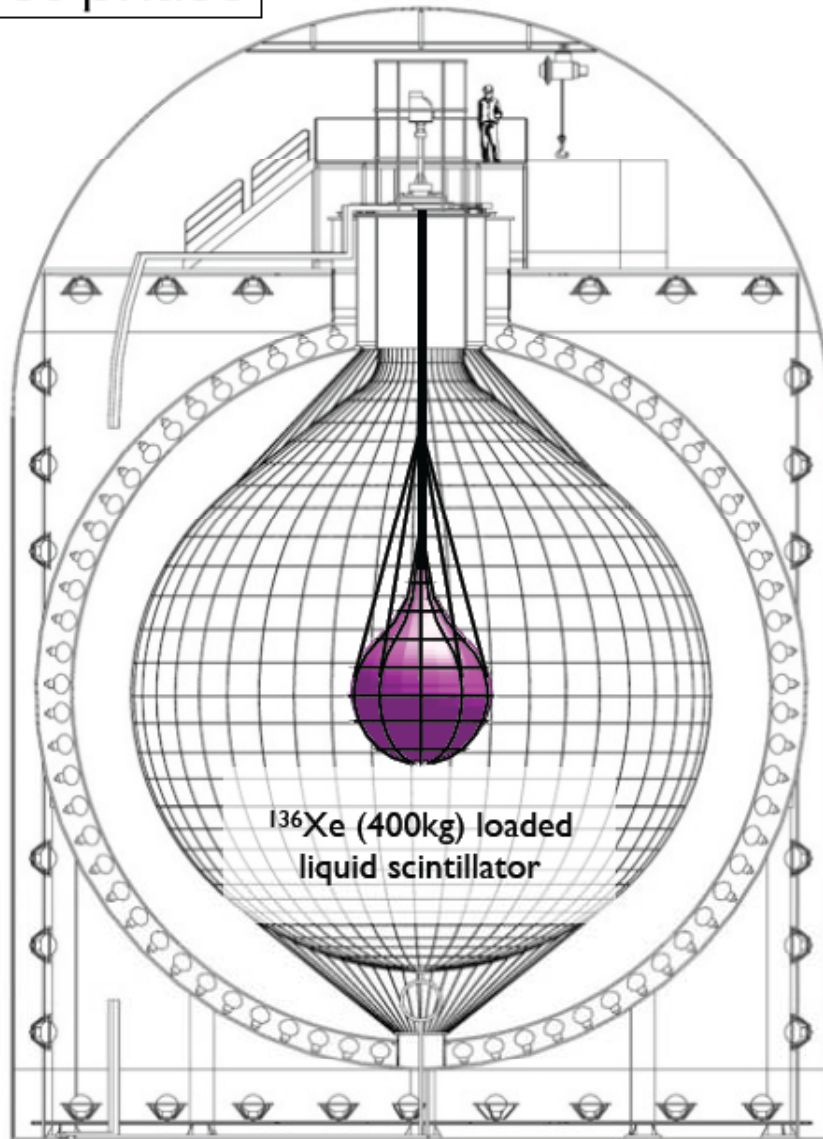
\*: mass of DBD-isotopes; detector & analysis inefficiencies NOT included! Range: 18% to ~90%

# World Experiments



# KamLAND with $^{136}\text{Xe}$

1st phase



starts in FY2011.

# KamLAND-ZEN

Merit of using Xe

- isotopic enrichment, purification established
- soluble to LS more than 3 wt%, easily extracted
- slow  $2\nu 2\beta$  ( $T_{1/2} > 10^{22}$  years) requires modest energy resolution

Merit of using KamLAND

- ultra low radioactivity environment based on ultra pure LS and 9m radius active shield

$$U: <3.5 \times 10^{-18} \text{ g/g}$$

$$\text{Th}: <5.2 \times 10^{-17} \text{ g/g}$$

- no modification to the detector is necessary to accommodate DBD nuclei
- high sensitivity with low cost (1st phase budget secured, 190 kg in hand, 230kg purchase going on)
- reactor and geo- antineutrino observations continue
- high scalability  
capable to contain 10 ton of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$

# Studies at Osaka Univ.



- ELEGANTS III  $^{76}\text{Ge}$  (source = det.)
  - Solid state detector
- ELEGANTS V  $^{100}\text{Mo}$  (source  $\neq$  det.)
  - Plastic scint. + chamber
  - MOON
- ELEGANTS VI  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  (source = det.)
  - $\text{CaF}_2(\text{Eu})$  scintillator
- CANDLES  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  ( $\text{CaF}_2$  in Liquid scintillator)



# Why $^{48}\text{Ca}$



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- Highest Q value (4.27 MeV,  $^{150}\text{Nd}$ : 3.3 MeV)
  - Large PV, Little BG ( $\gamma$ : 2.6 MeV,  $\beta$ : 3.3 MeV)
- Small natural abundance: 0.187%
  - Isotope separation  $\rightarrow$  expensive (no Gas)
- Next generation
  - $m_\nu \sim T^{-1/2} \sim (\text{Det. Mass})^{-2}$  (no BG)
  - $\sim (\text{Det. Mass})^{-4}$  (BG limited)
  - $^{48}\text{Ca}$  (no BG so far)
- Nuclear matrix element  $\langle m_\nu \rangle$
- If we want to sense normal hierarchy region, only  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  + enrichment have a chance.

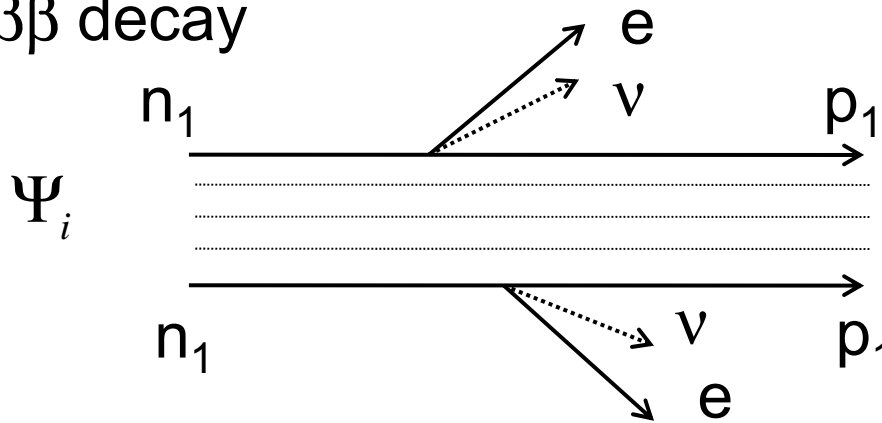
$$\left( \frac{\Delta EB}{Mt} \right)^{1/4}$$

# Nuclear matrix element



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$2\nu\beta\beta$  decay



$$q_1 \sim 0$$

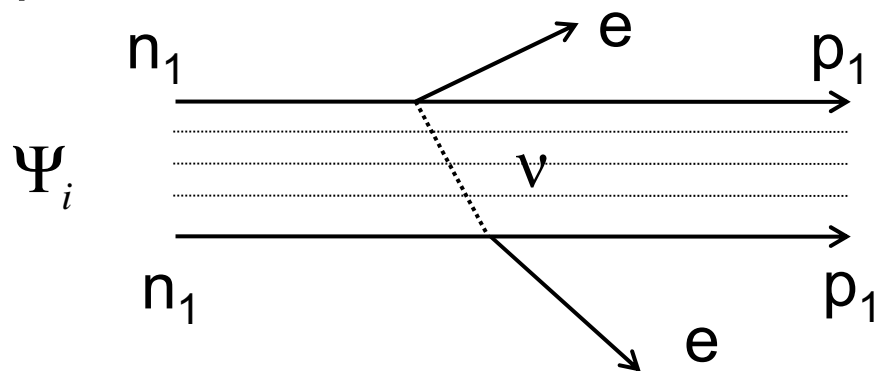
$$q_2 \sim 0$$

Exp.

$$\Psi_f \int dr \overline{\Psi}_f \Psi_i$$

$$F_{2N}(q=0)$$

$0\nu\beta\beta$  decay



$$q_2 + q_1 \sim 0$$

$$q_2 - q_1 \sim p_F$$

$$F_{2N}(q)$$

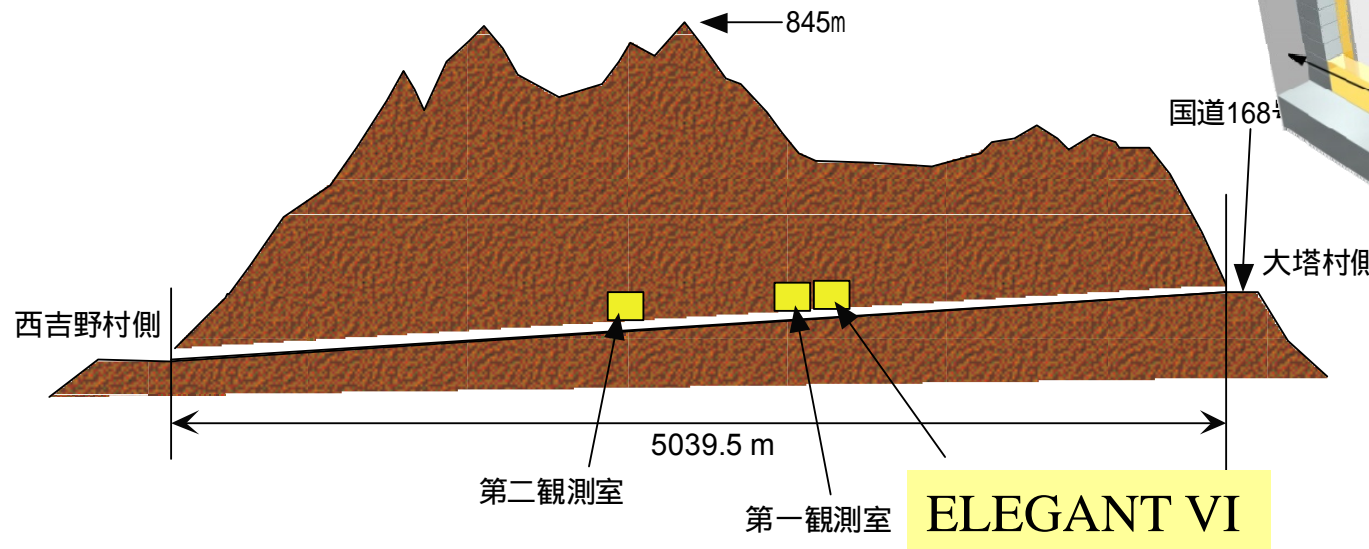
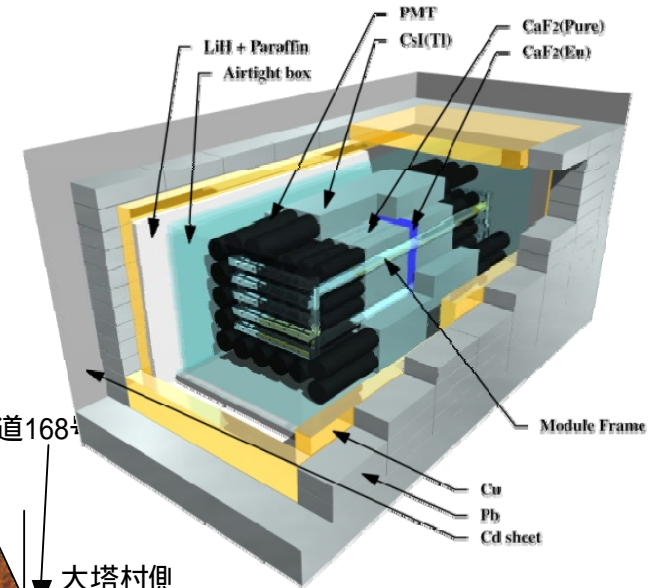
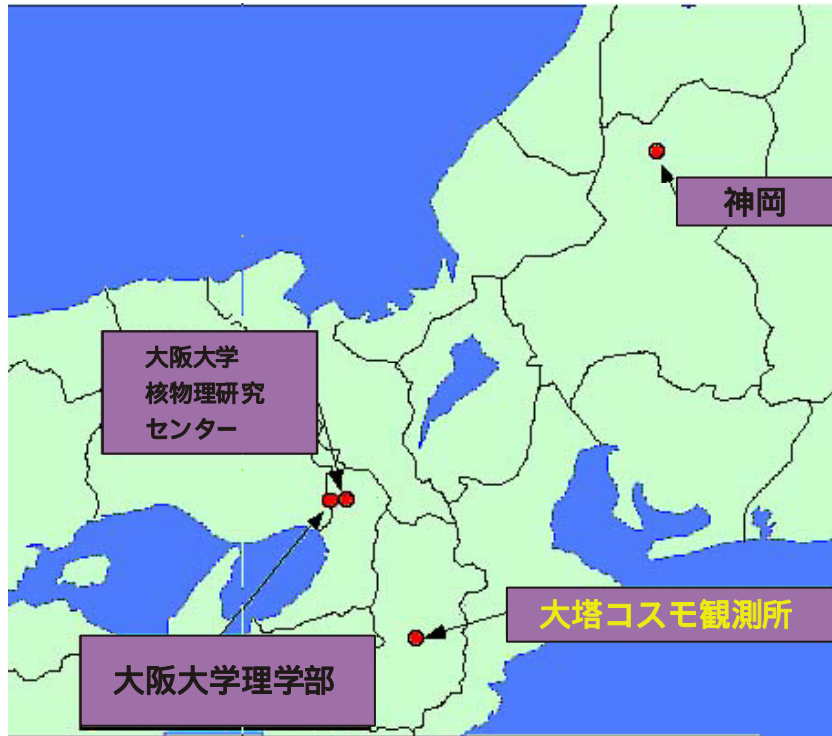
$$\Psi_f \int dre^{i(q_1 - q_2)(r_1 - r_2)} \overline{\Psi}_f \Psi_i$$

Neutrino potential  $1/r \sim A^{-1/3}$   
2 nucleon correlation

# Oto Cosmo Observatory

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A tunnel constructed for a railroad but never used. It is 60km south from Osaka



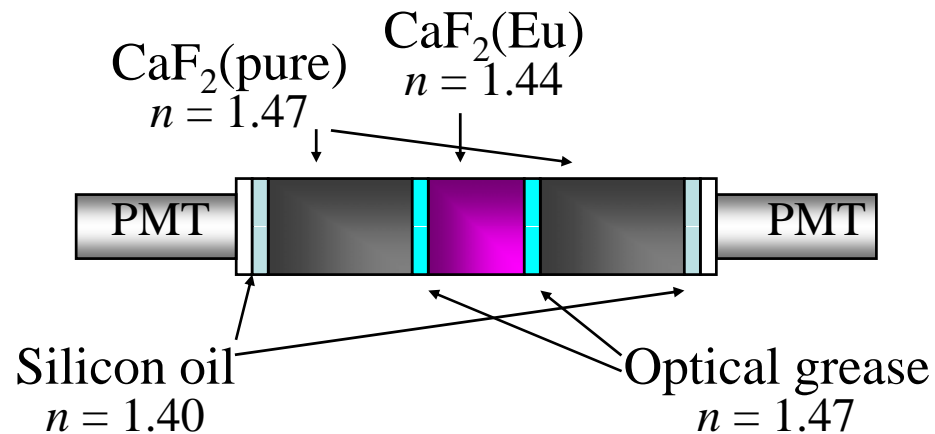
# CaF<sub>2</sub>(Eu)



CaF<sub>2</sub>(pure) as { light guide  
active shield for **PMT side**

CaF<sub>2</sub>(Eu) is **not** transparent for U.V. light

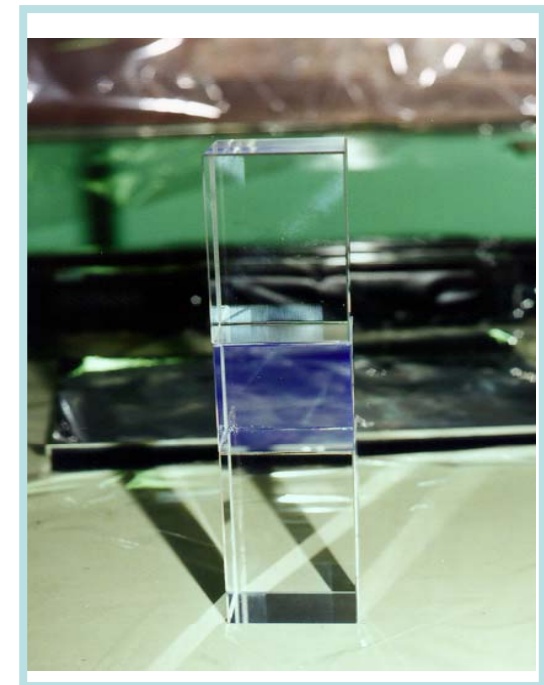
Left - right ratio selects  
signals from central region



CaF<sub>2</sub>(pure)

CaF<sub>2</sub>(Eu)

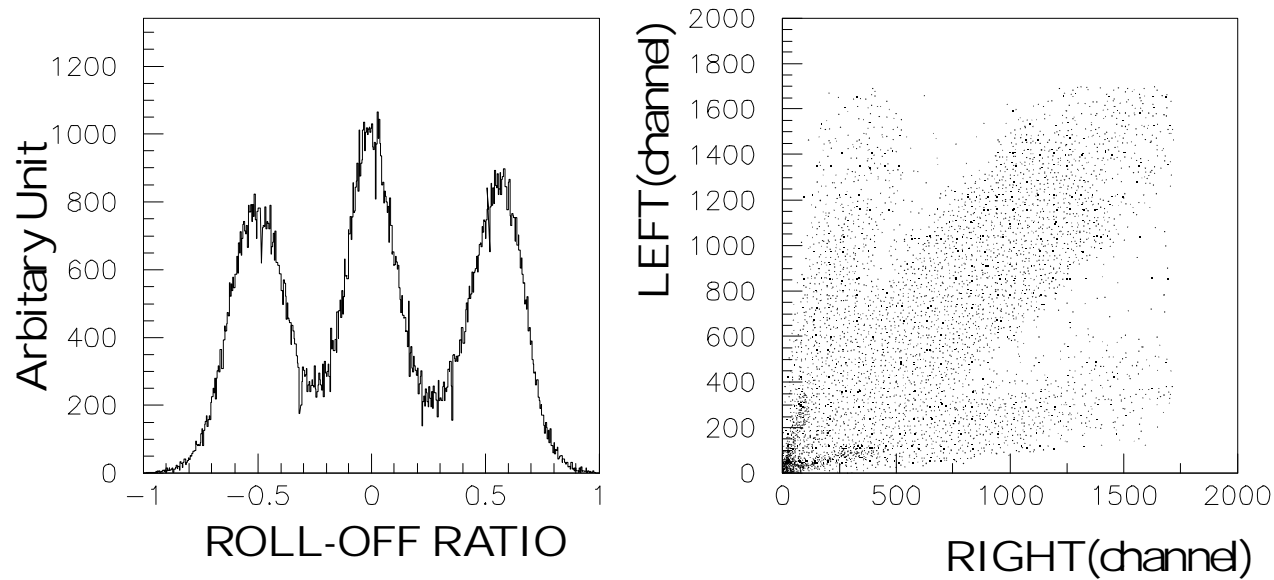
CaF<sub>2</sub>(pure)





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# Roll-off ratio



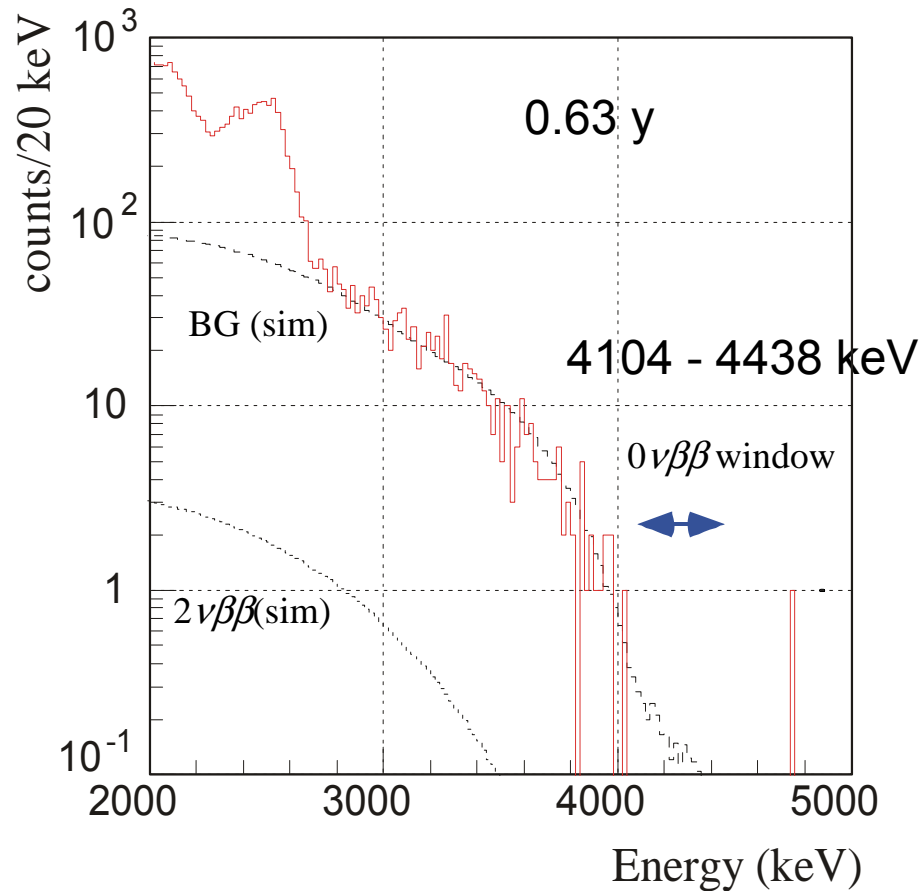
$$R = \frac{V_L - V_R}{V_L + V_R}$$

PH(CaF<sub>2</sub>(Eu))=  
~3 times PH(CaF<sub>2</sub>)

# $^{48}\text{Ca}$ double beta decay by ELEGANT VI



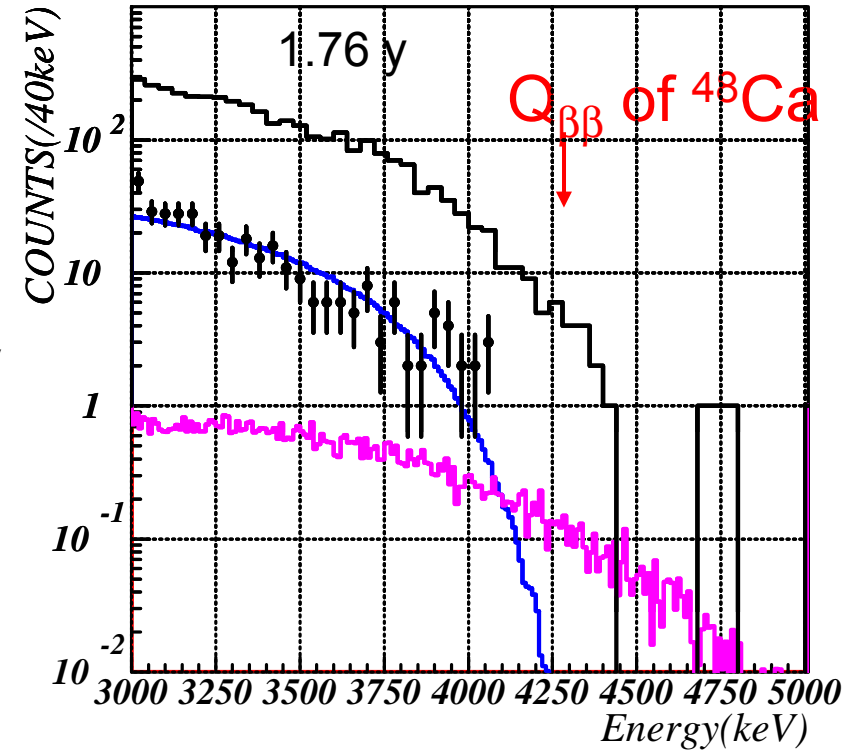
PRC78 058501('08) Candles



$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta} > 1.4 \times 10^{22} \text{ year (90\% C.L.)}$$

$$\langle m_\nu \rangle < 7.2 \sim 44.7 \text{ eV (90\% C.L.)}$$

NPA 730 '04, 215



$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta} > 5.8 \times 10^{22} \text{ year (90\% C.L.)}$$

$$\langle m_\nu \rangle < 3.5 \sim 22 \text{ eV (90\% C.L.)}$$

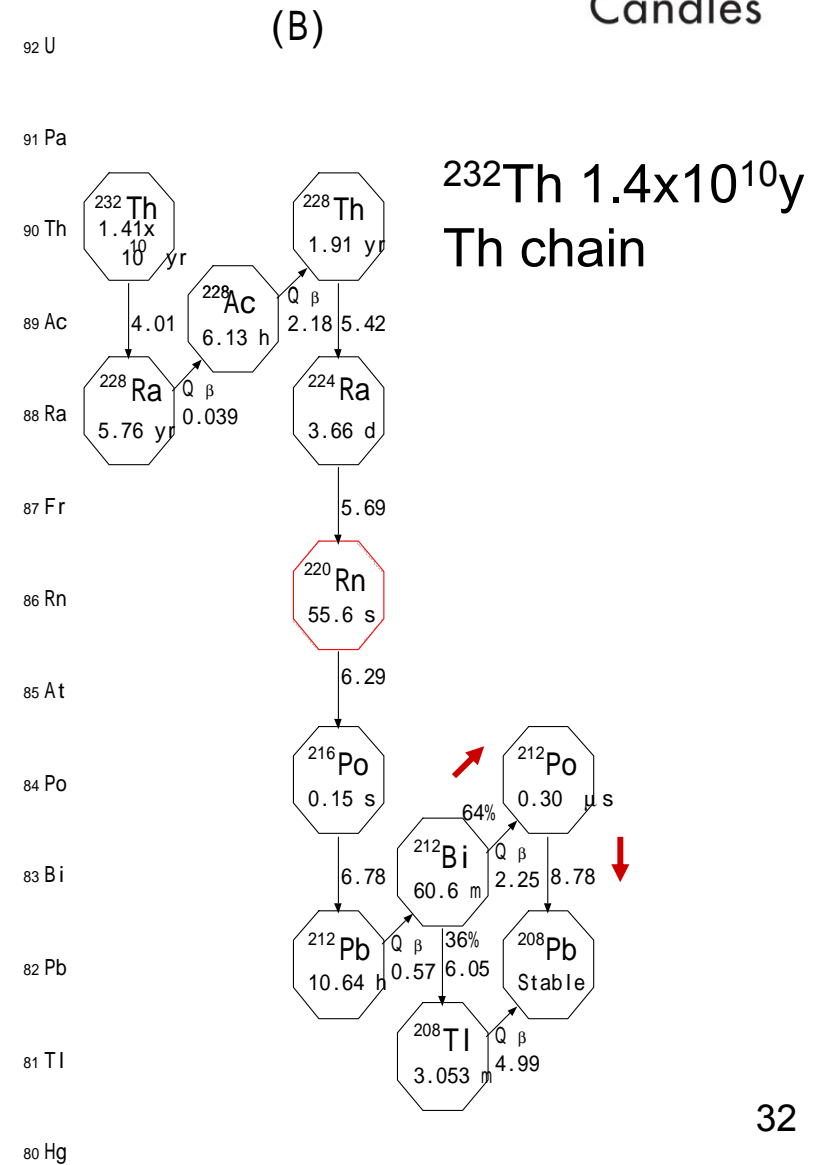
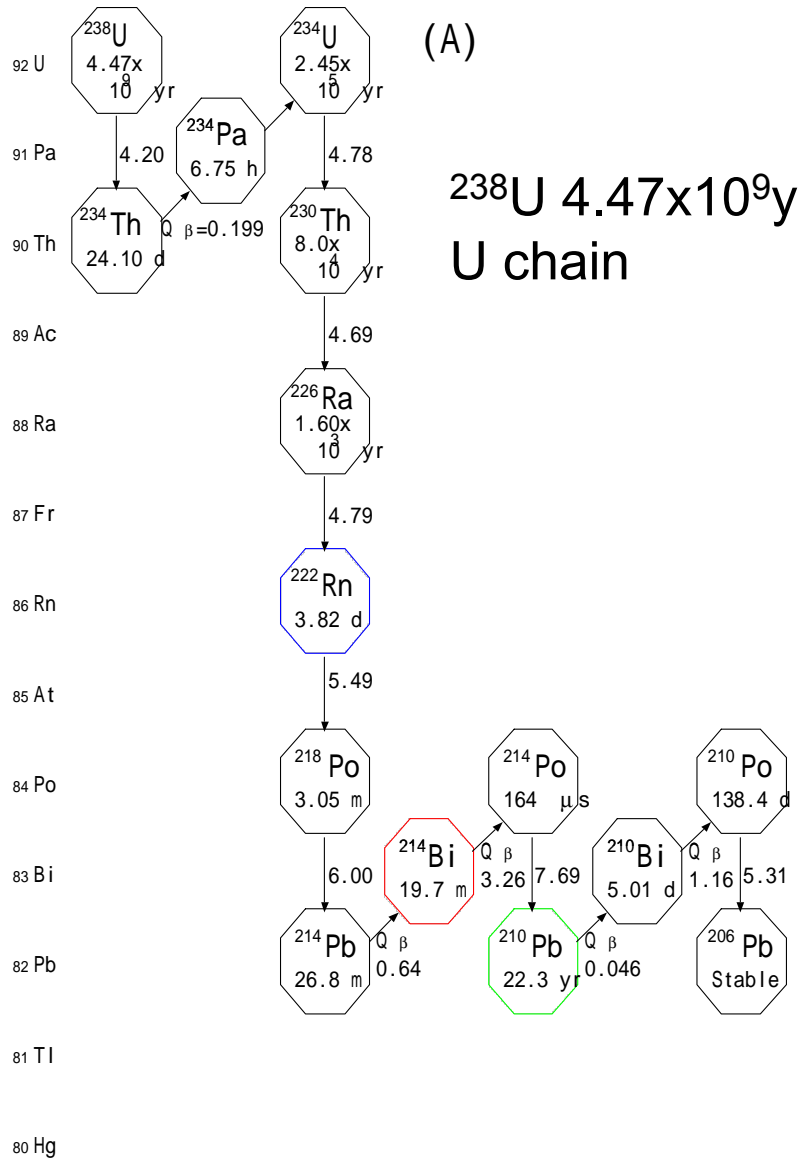
**Not limited by backgrounds**

But only 6.4g of  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  31

# Radioactive Backgrounds



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# How to sense $m_\nu = 1 \sim 10^{-2} \text{eV}$



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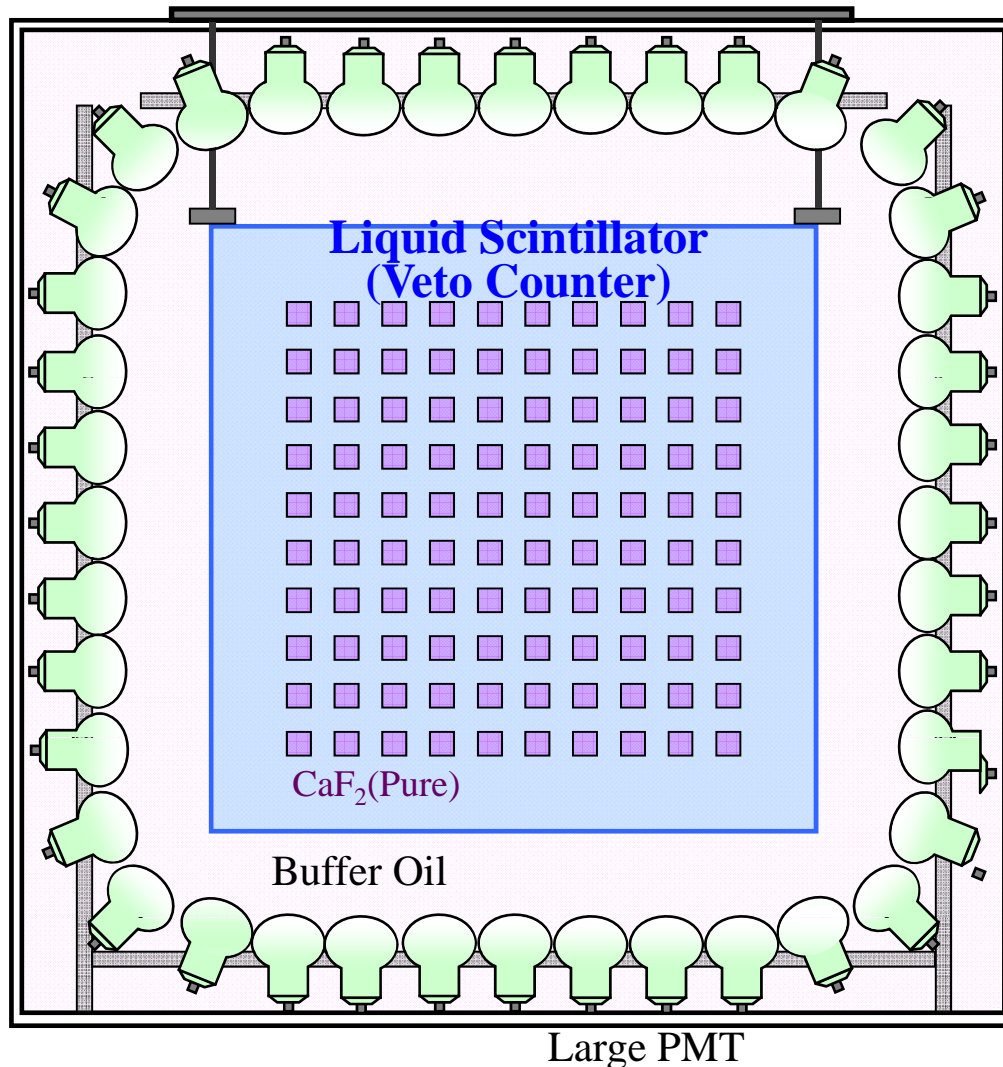
- Big detector
  - Huge amount of materials
- Low radioactive background
  - Active shield
  - Passive shield
  - Low background material
  - BG rejection by signal processing
- High resolution
  - Backgrounds from  $2\nu\beta\beta$  decay
- **CANDLES** is our solution



# CANDLES



Calcium fluoride for studies of Neutrino and Dark matters  
by Low Energy Spectrometer



- ✦ **CaF<sub>2</sub>(Pure)**  
**200kg, 300kg, 2t, ..**  
**enrichment**  
**<sup>48</sup>Ca (Q<sub>ββ</sub>=4.27MeV)**
- ✦ **Liquid Scintillator**  
Wave Length Shifter  
**4 π Active Shield**  
**Passive shield**
- ✦ **Photomultiplier**  
energy resolution

# Big detector

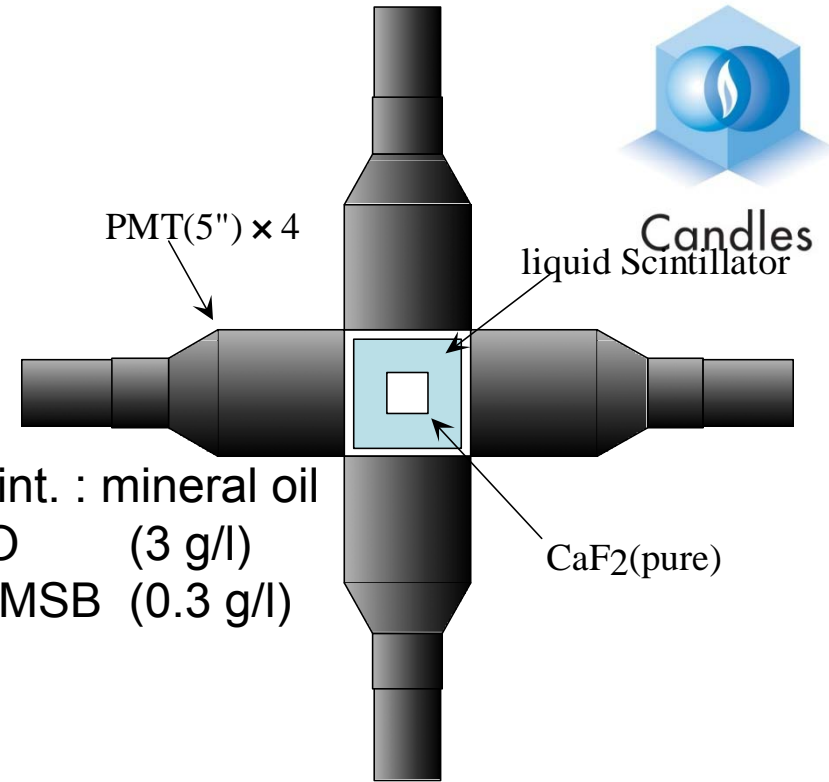


- $\text{CaF}_2$  crystal
  - Best optical lens
  - Long attenuation length
    - 10m (catalog value for visible light)
    - >1m (our measurement for scintillation light)
- Large volume detector
  - $10 \times 10 \times 10 \text{ cm}^3 \times 600$  (2t) (CANDLES IV)
  - Increase the number of nuclei ( $^{48}\text{Ca}$ )
    - 6.4 g (ELE VI)      ~2.5(kg)
  - Enrichment: further increase

# CANDLES I

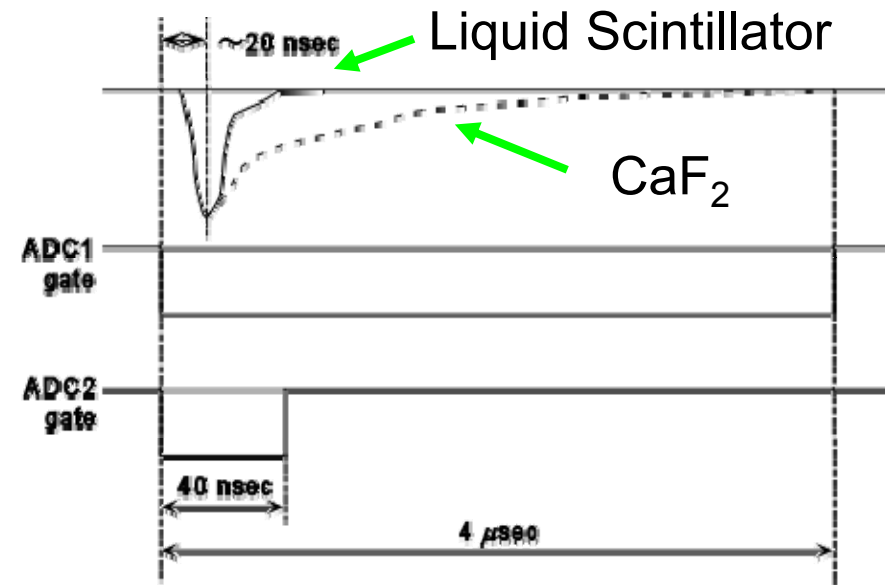
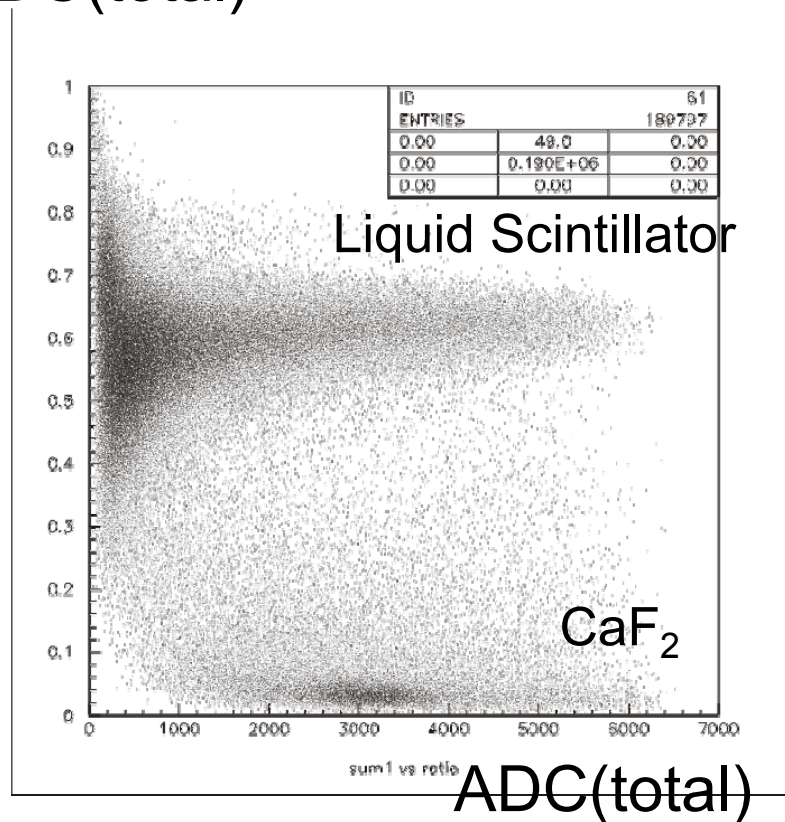
## Background rejection

### POP(Proof of Principle)



liq. scint. : mineral oil  
 + DPO (3 g/l)  
 + Bis-MSB (0.3 g/l)

$\frac{\text{ADC}(\text{fast})}{\text{ADC}(\text{total})}$



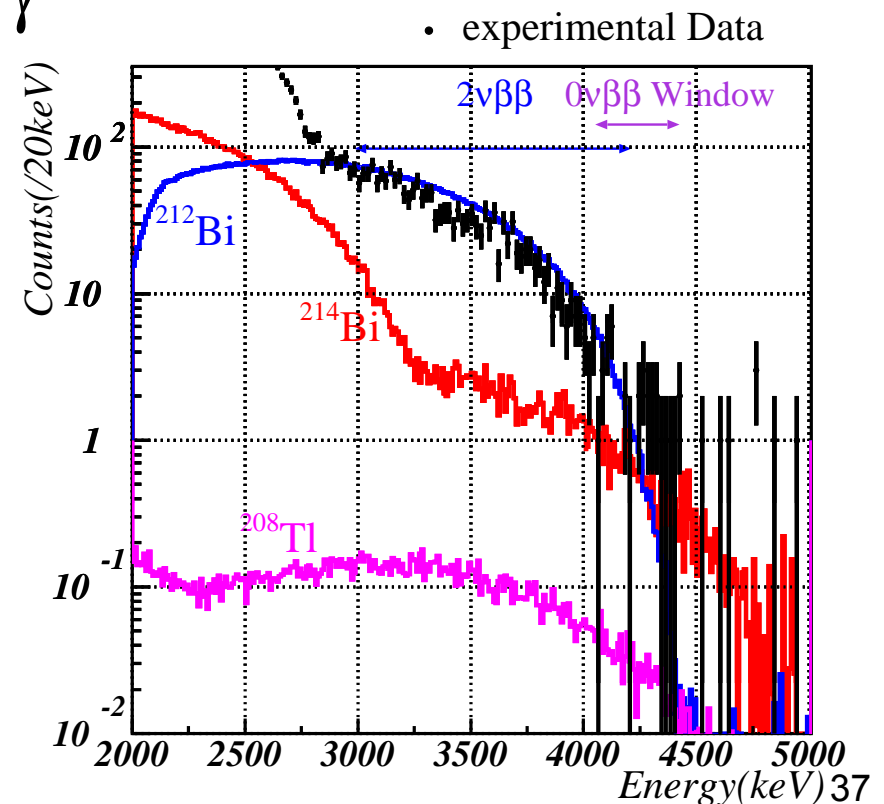
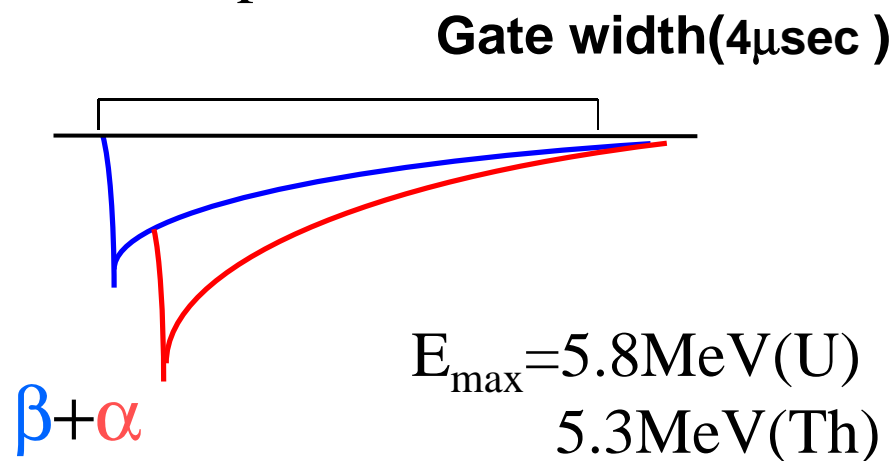
# Background @ Q value region



Candles

- No natural BG @4.3 MeV
  - Maximum energy
    - $\gamma \sim 2.6$  MeV,  $\beta \sim 3.3$  MeV,  $\alpha(\text{max}) \sim 2.5$  MeV(quench)
  - Successive decay of  $\alpha \beta \gamma$ 
    - $\sim 1 \mu\text{sec}$  decay time

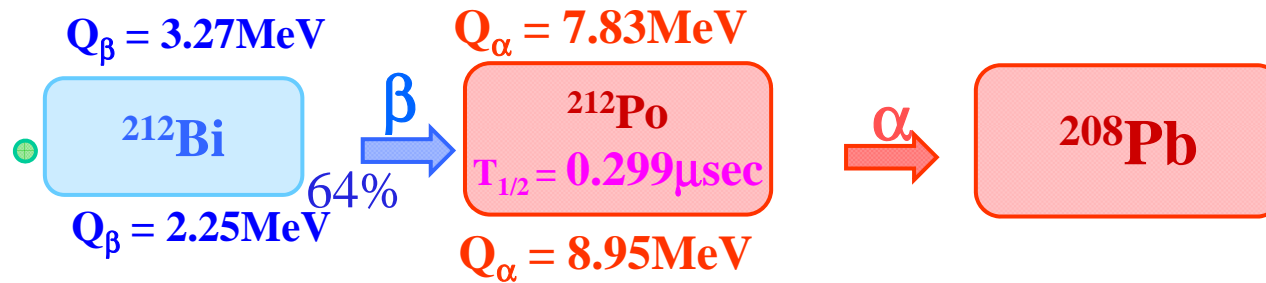
Pulse shape



# Rejection of Double Pulse

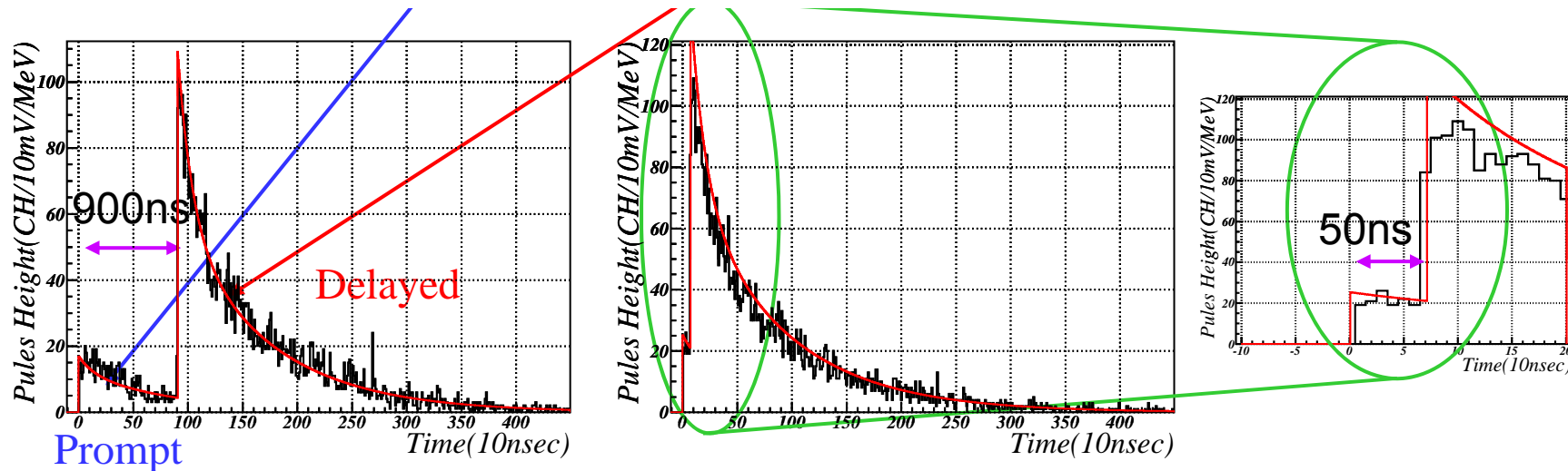


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Th chain

Typical Pulse Shape(100MHz FADC)



## Reduction

100MHz FADC  $\Delta T > 30\text{ns}(3\text{ch})$  ;  $\sim 3\%$

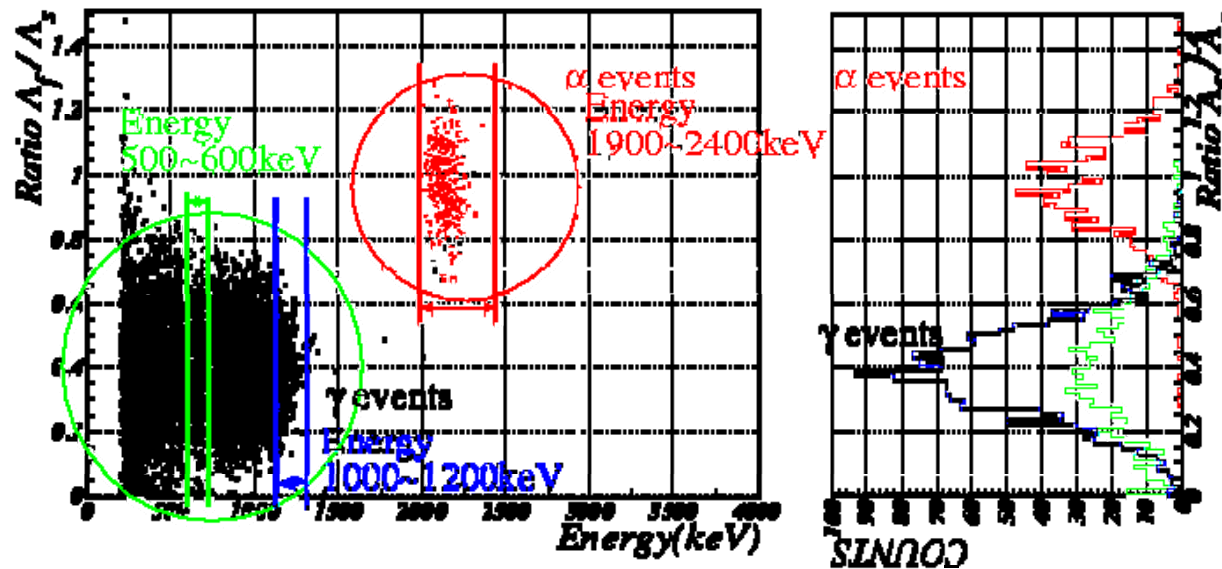
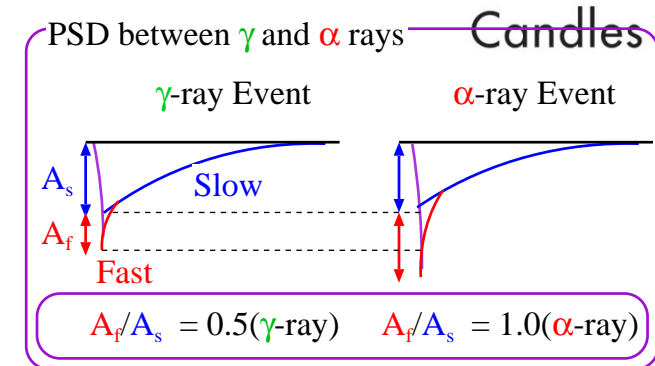
500MHz FADC (under preparation) ...  $\Delta T > 5\text{ns}$  ;  $\sim 1\%$

# Pulse Shape Discrimination



Difference in decay time  
between  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  rays

- **PSD (Event by Event)**
  - FADC (100MHz)
  - $A_{fast}/A_{slow}$  (Fast and slow component)



**Discrimination between  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma(\beta)$  Events**  
Background Reduction  $\sim 0.3\%$

# Development of Low Background $\text{CaF}_2$ Crystals

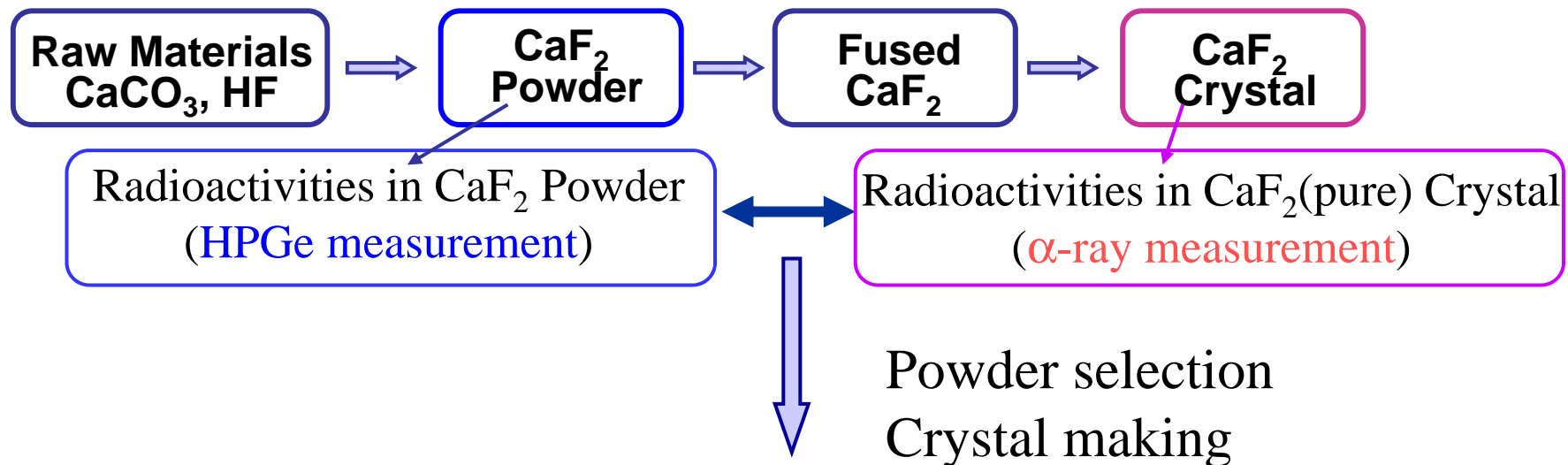


$\text{CaF}_2(\text{Eu})$  in ELEGANT VI

U-chain( $^{214}\text{Bi}$ ) :  $1100\mu\text{Bq/kg}$

Th-chain( $^{220}\text{Rn}$ ) :  $98\mu\text{Bq/kg}$

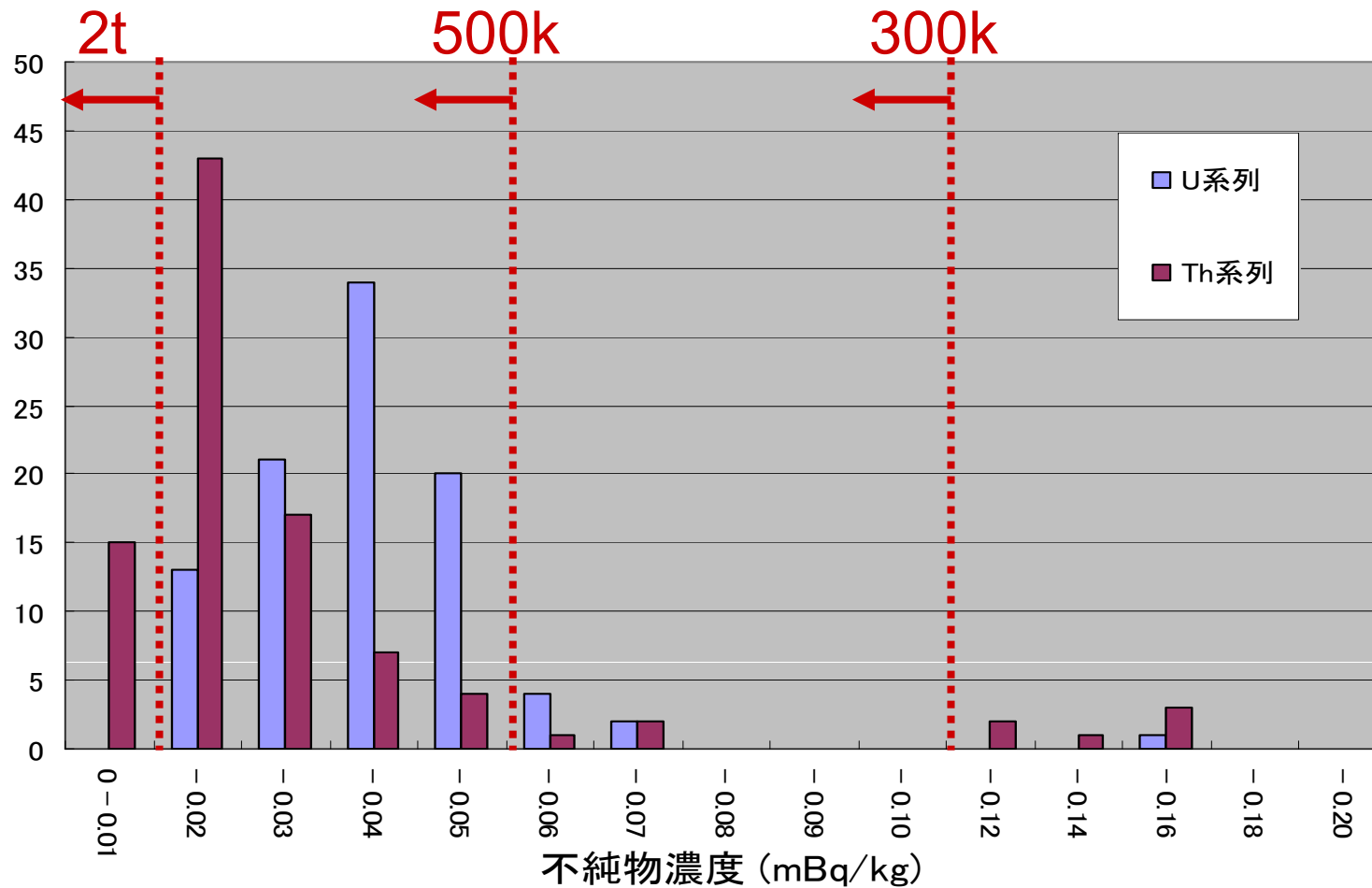
Where is the crystals contaminated?



U-chain( $^{214}\text{Bi}$ ) ~  $41\mu\text{Bq/kg}$  . . . 1/25 of Previous Crystals

Th-chain( $^{220}\text{Rn}$ ) ~  $21\mu\text{Bq/kg}$  . . . 1/5 of Previous Crystals

# Radioactive impurities





# High resolution $\text{CaF}_2$ crystal



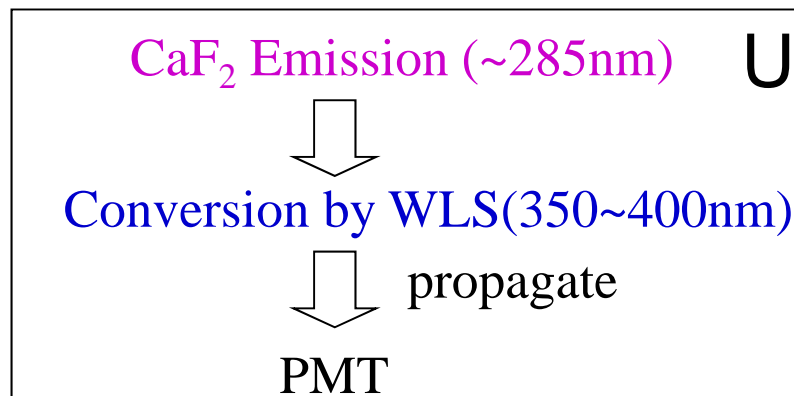
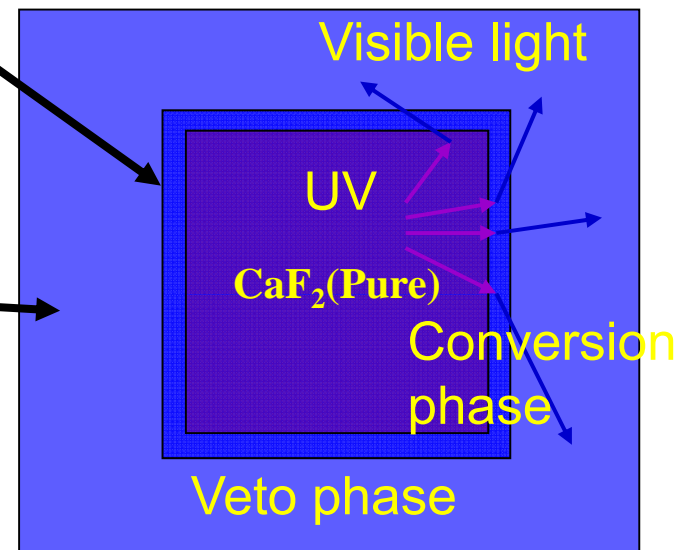
- Resolution  $\Delta E \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_p}}$
- Scintillation light
  - $\sim 1/3$  of  $\text{CaF}_2(\text{Eu})$  (quart window PMT)
  - peak emission U.V. (285 nm)
- Increase # of photons
  - Wavelength shifter
  - UV  $\longrightarrow$  visible light

# Two Phase System



Candles

- **Conversion Phase**
  - M.O(100%)+PPO(0.3g/L)
  - Large conversion eff.
  - good transparency for UV
- **Veto Phase**
  - Large light output with aromatic solvent (absorb UV)

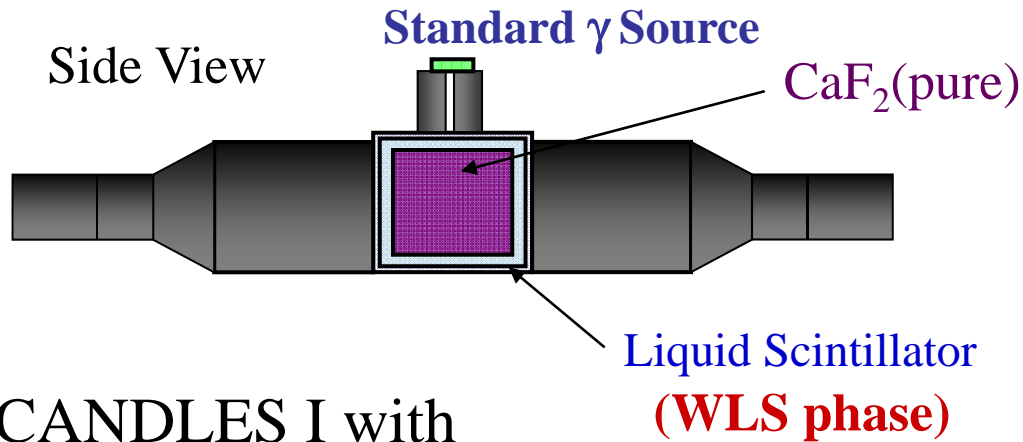


UV light

Visible light

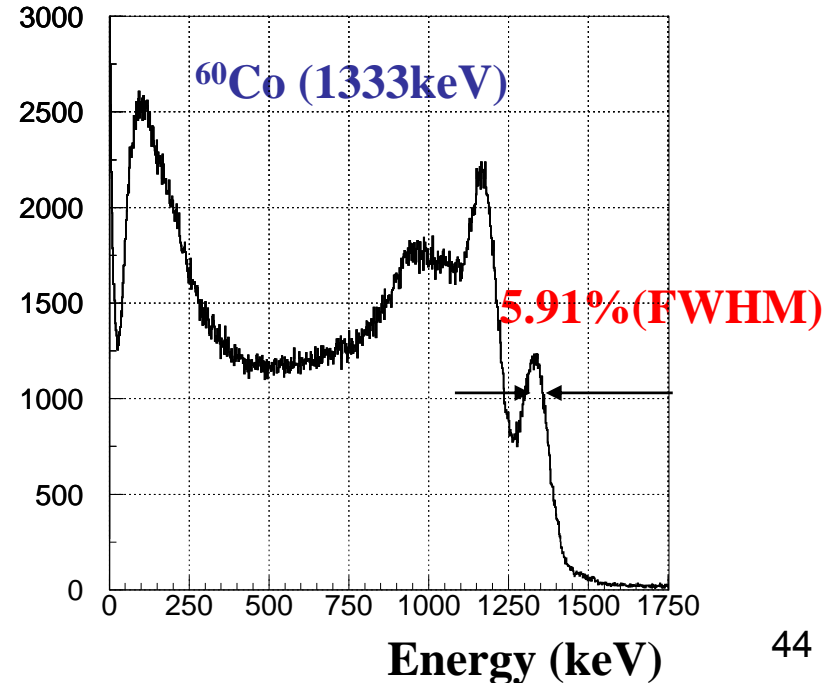
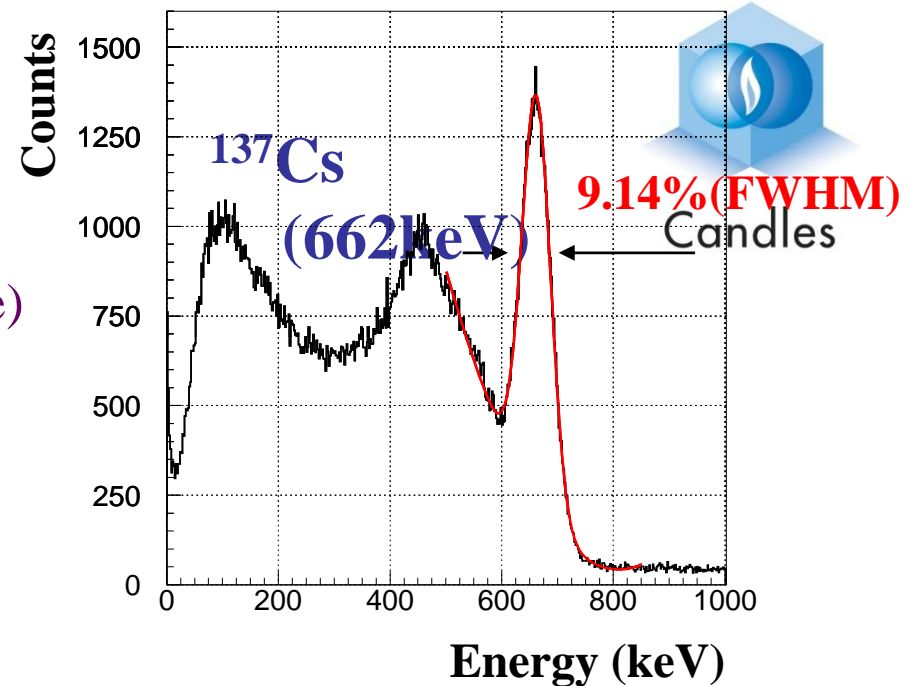
High resolution and  
High veto efficiency

# Energy resolution



CANDLES I with  
10 cm<sup>3</sup> CaF<sub>2</sub>(pure)

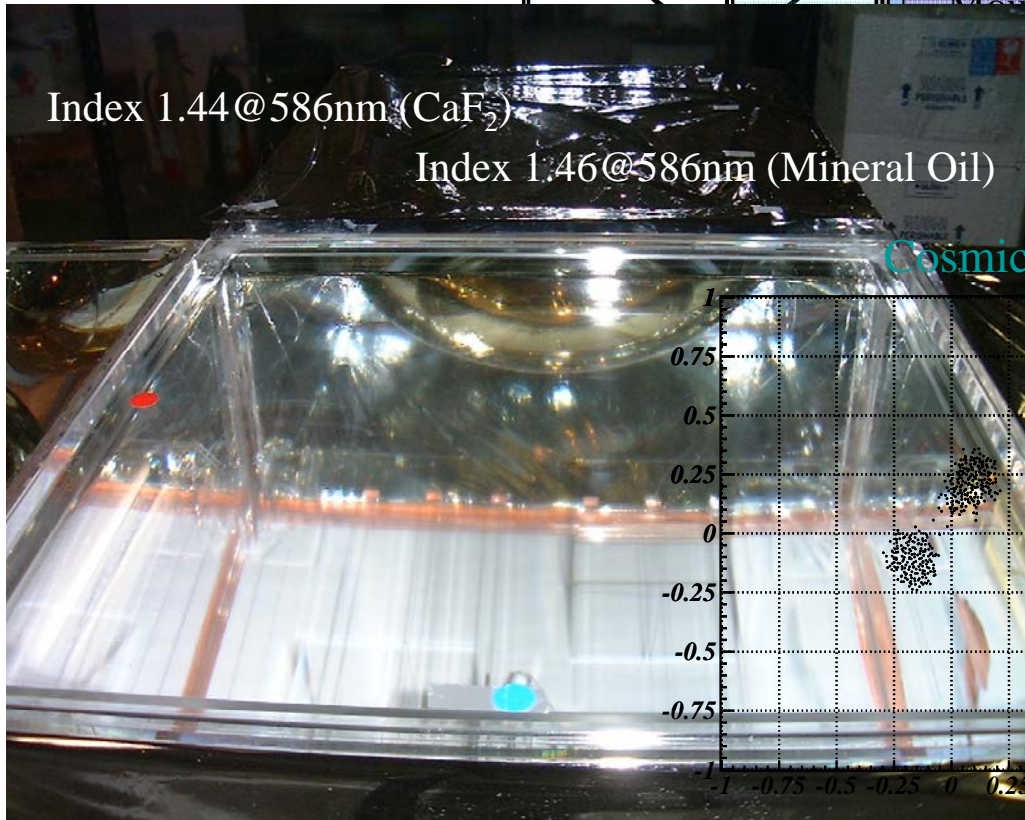
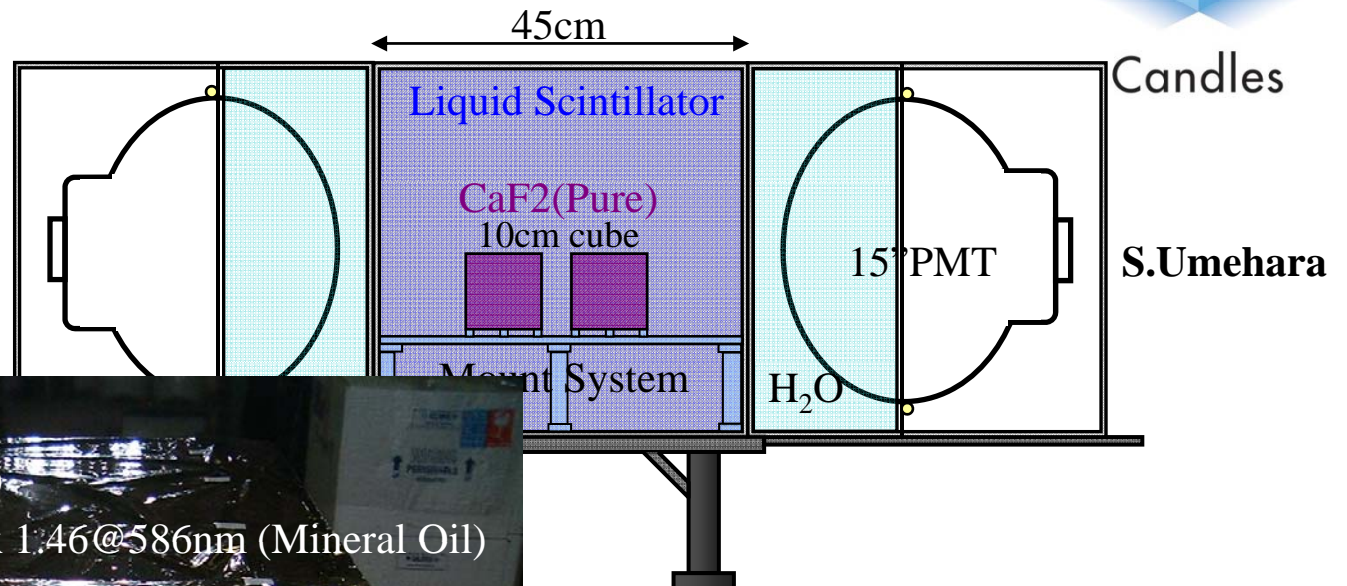
Energy Resolution:  
9.1% (FWHM) at 662keV  
= 3.4% (FWHM) at 4.27MeV  
Req. for CANDLES III ; 4.0%



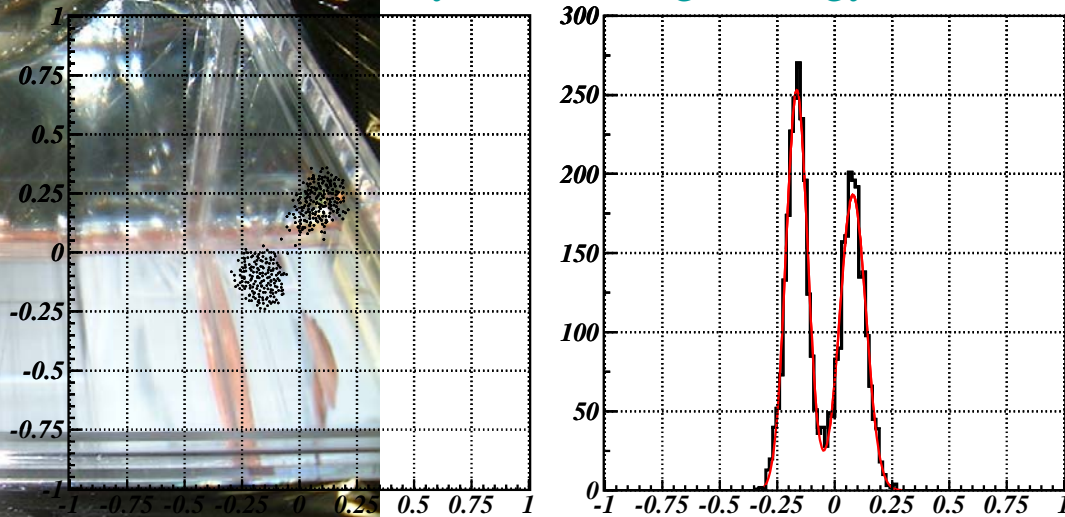
# CANDLES-II



- Prototype



Cosmic-ray Events (High Energy)



# CANDLES III



Candles

- Construction almost completed @ Osaka Univ.

- **CaF<sub>2</sub>(pure)**

- $60 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^3$  ; 191 kg

- **Liquid scintillator**

- $\phi 1\text{m} \times h 1\text{m}$  acrylic container

- **Purification system**

- **H<sub>2</sub>O Buffer: passive shield**

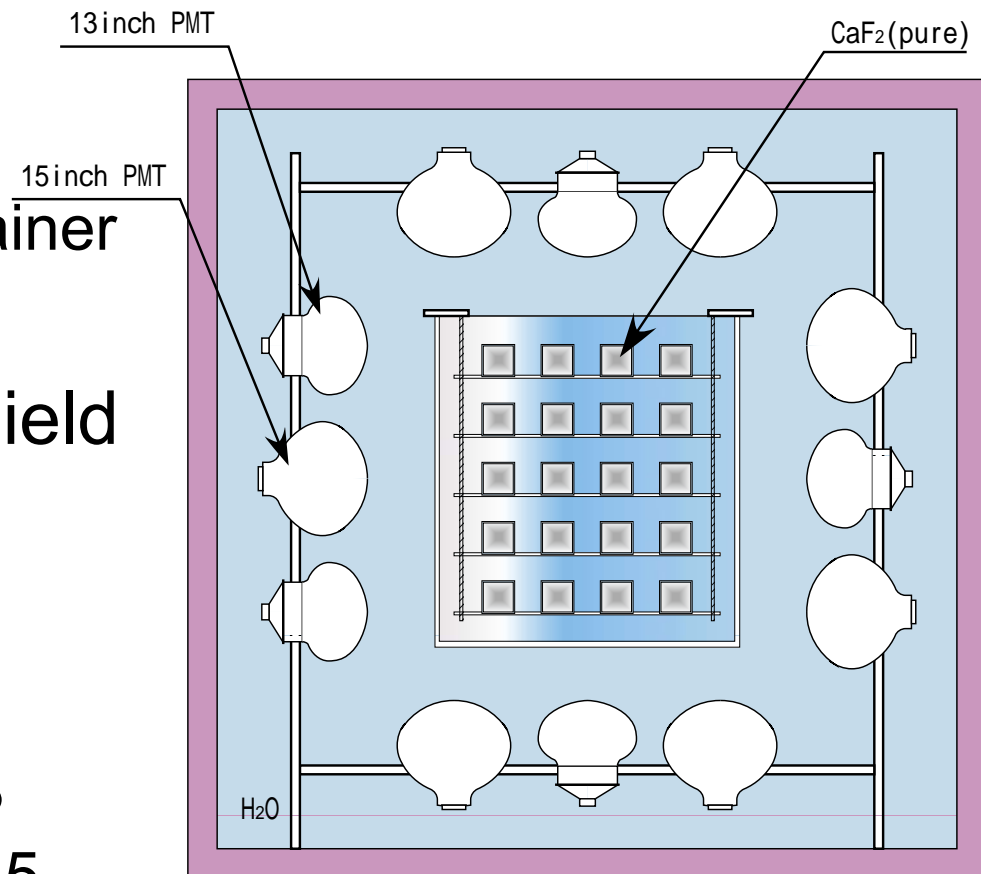
- $\phi 2800 \times h 2600$

- safety regulation

- **PMTs**

- 15" PMT ( × 8 ) : R2018

- 13" PMT ( × 32 ) : R8055



# CANDLES III

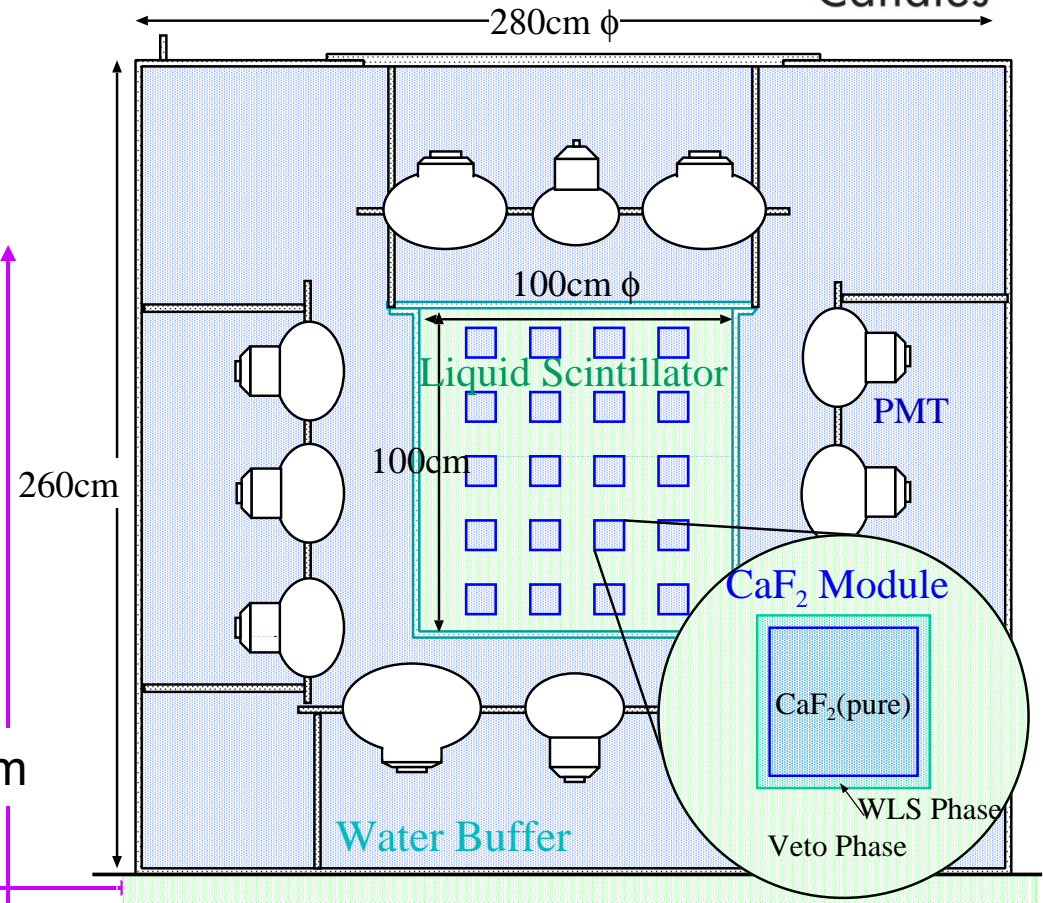


Candles

## Outside View



Water Tank for CANDLES III



$\text{CaF}_2(\text{pure}) : 10 \times 10 \times 10 \text{cm}^3$   
60 Crystals (191kg)

# CANDLES III@Osaka

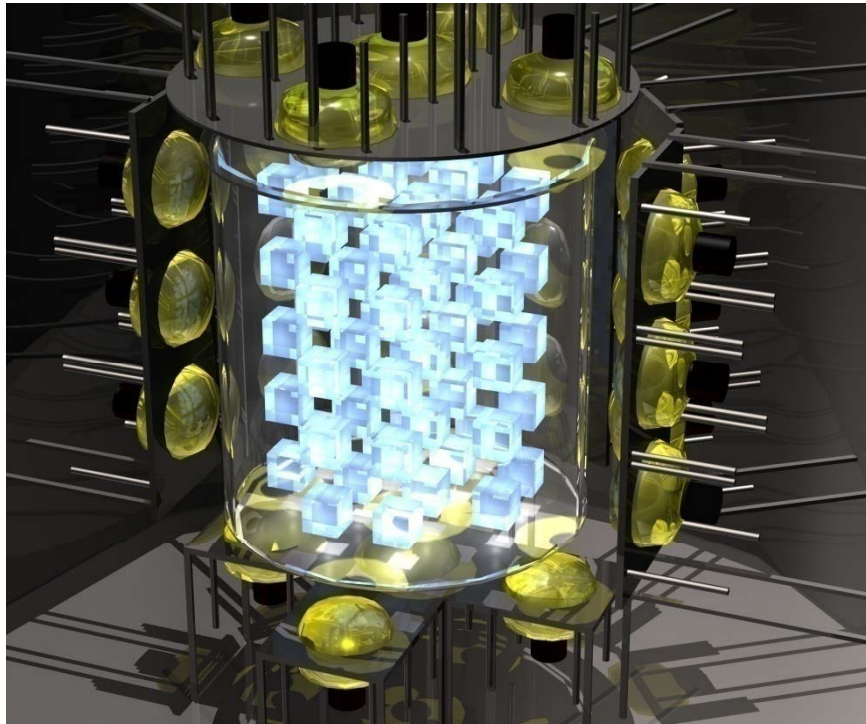


Candles

PMT:

13" × 32

15" × 8

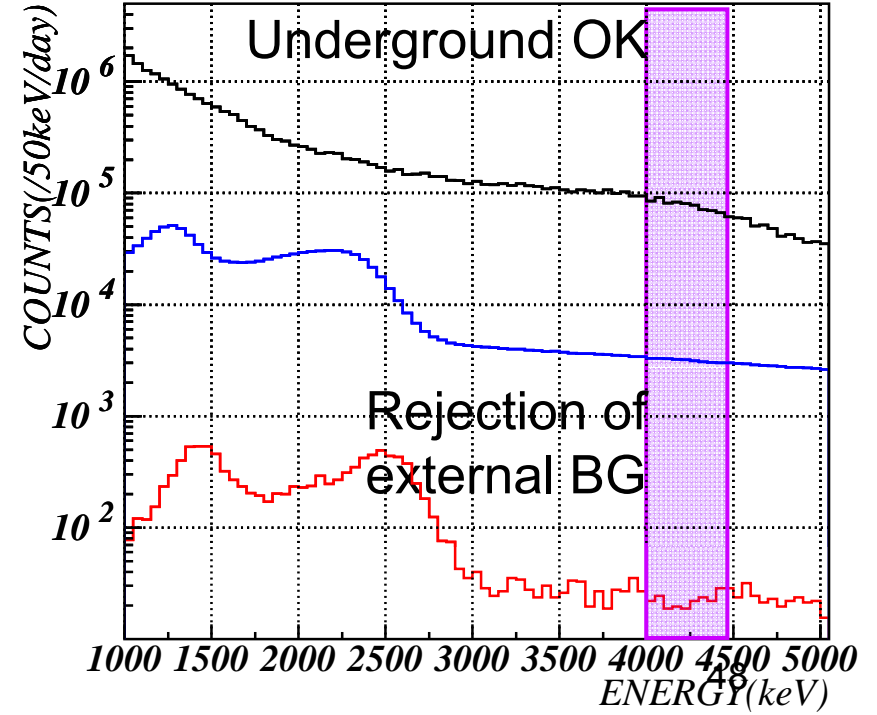


Tank:  $\phi 2.8 \times h 2.6$  m

CaF<sub>2</sub>: 191 kg  
10<sup>3</sup> cm<sup>3</sup> × 60

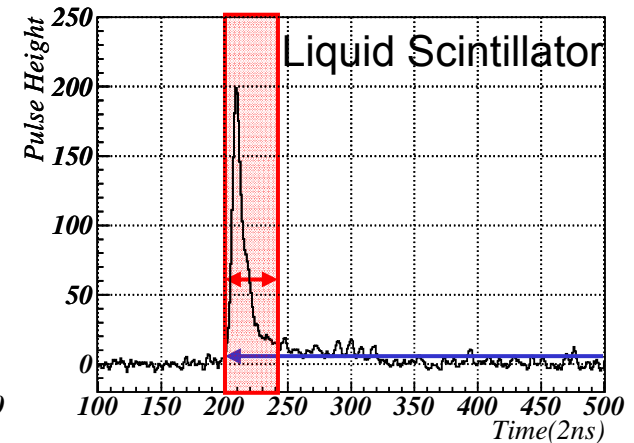
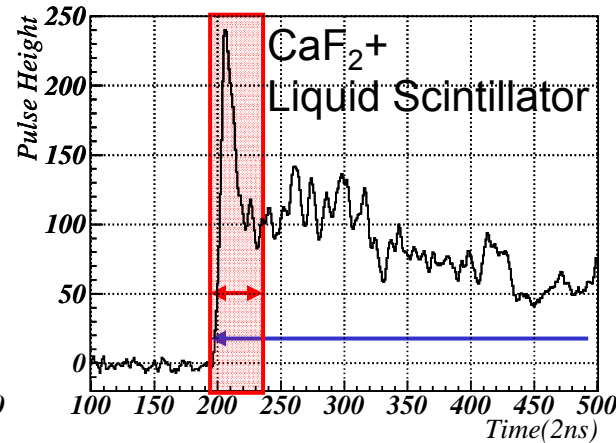
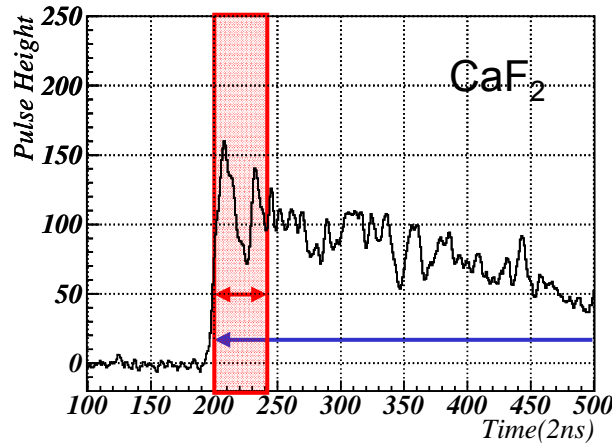


Observation at sea level



# Rejection of LS Events

- Rejection by using Pulse shape information
  - Typical Pulse Shapes



$$\text{Charge Ratio} = \frac{\text{charge in partial gate}}{\text{charge in full gate}}$$



# CANDLES III(UG)



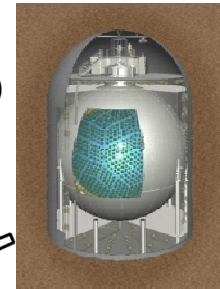
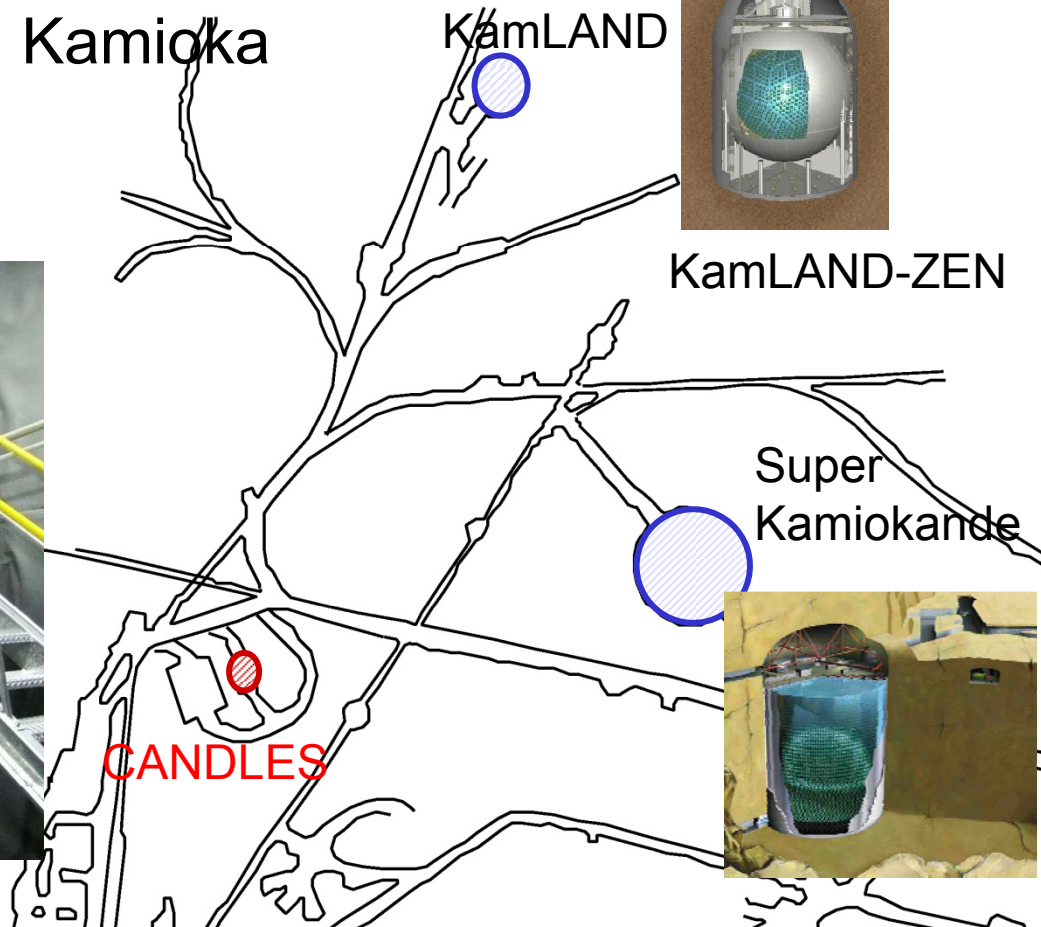
❖ Kamioka Experimental hall D

❖ CANDLES III(UG)

❖ 3m  $\phi$   $\times$  4m h

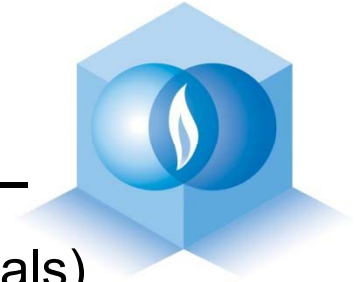


CANDLES III(UG)



# CANDLES III(UG)

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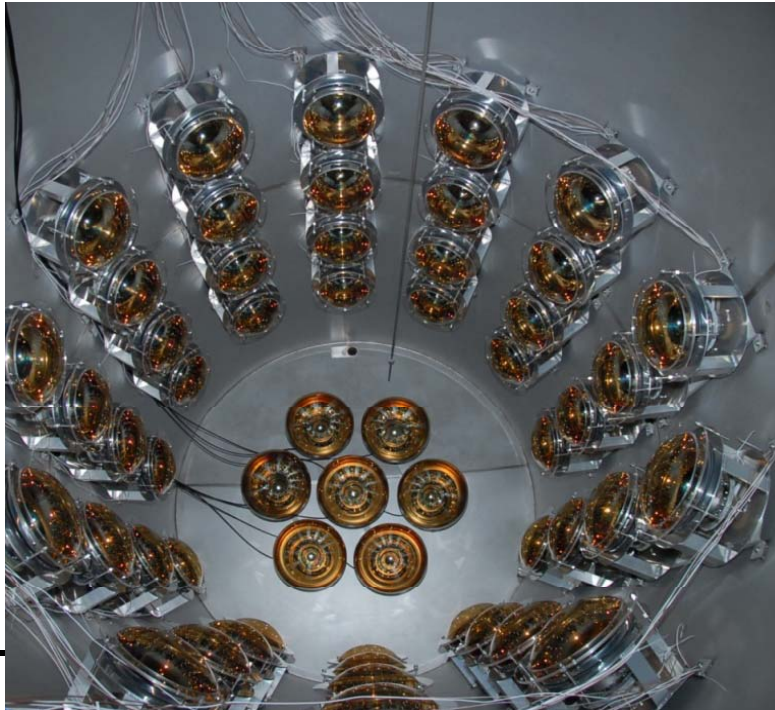
## ✦ CANDLES III(UG)

✦ 62 PMT's

✦ 96 CaF<sub>2</sub>(305 kg) crystals:

Almost completed

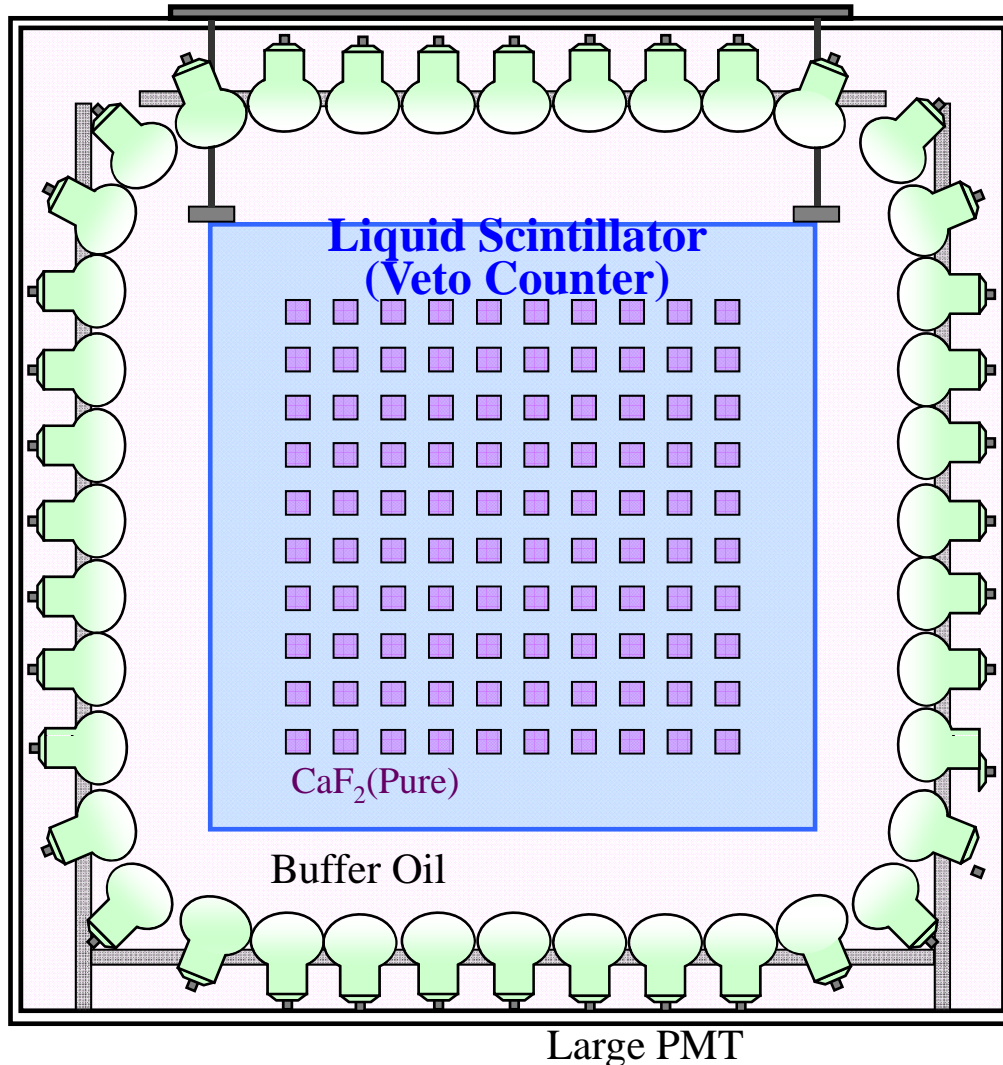
(CaF<sub>2</sub> crystals)



# CANDLES IV



Candles



$10 \times 10 \times 10 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ CaF}_2$   
(600 cubes) 2 t  
liquid scintillator Vessel  
( $^{48}\text{Ca}$ ) 2.5 kg  
enrichment

1. BG
  1. BG free  $\text{CaF}_2$  crystal
2. Energy resolution
  1. More PMT & gain control

# Characteristic of CANDLES



- BG rate (events/weight)
  - So far the best
    - 2~3 orders
- Scale up:
  - CANDESL IV, V
- Enrichment
  - increase  $\beta\beta$  nuclei
  - BG reduction

Target	Project	Abund. (%)	Background rate (counts/kg/year)
$^{48}\text{Ca}$	ELEGANT VI	0.187	0 (measured) 0.075 (expected)
	CANDLES III	0.187	$5 \times 10^{-4}$
	CANDLES IV	0.187	$5 \times 10^{-5}$
$^{76}\text{Ge}$	HDM	~86	0.61
$^{130}\text{Te}$	CUORICINO	33.9	2.4
	CUORE	33.9	0.8 (CUORE-0) $10^{-2} \sim 10^{-3}$ (Goal)
$^{136}\text{Xe}$	EXO-200	~80	0.1

# Mile stone



- ELEGANTS VI
    - Best  $^{48}\text{Ca}$   $0\nu\beta\beta$  limit
  - CANDLES I, II
  - CANDLES III+ III(U.G.)
    - $100 \times 10\text{cm}^3$   $\text{CaF}_2$  ( $\sim 30 \mu\text{Bq/kg}$ )  $\sim 0.5$  eV
    - Start running in Nov.-Dec.
- 
- CANDLES IV
    - $600 \times 10\text{cm}^3$   $^{48}\text{Ca}$  2.5kg  $\sim 0.2$  eV
    - Enrichment 0.2 2%  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  (90meV 50meV)
    - further enrichment  $\sim 10\text{meV}$
- achieved

# Enrichment of $^{48}\text{Ca}$



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- Issues in a new detector
  - Increase DBD nuclei
  - Reduce BG
- Enrichment
  - Increase DBD = Reduce BG
    - Only established method
  - Most effective  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  : 0.19%
    - Up to 500 times improvement
- How?

Nucleus	abundance(%)
$^{48}\text{Ca} \rightarrow ^{48}\text{Ti}$	0.19
$^{76}\text{Ge} \rightarrow ^{76}\text{Se}$	7.8
$^{82}\text{Se} \rightarrow ^{82}\text{Kr}$	9.2
$^{96}\text{Zr} \rightarrow ^{96}\text{Mo}$	2.8
$^{100}\text{Mo} \rightarrow ^{100}\text{Ru}$	9.6
$^{116}\text{Cd} \rightarrow ^{116}\text{Sn}$	7.5
$^{128}\text{Te} \rightarrow ^{128}\text{Xe}$	31.7
$^{130}\text{Te} \rightarrow ^{130}\text{Xe}$	34.5
$^{136}\text{Xe} \rightarrow ^{136}\text{Ba}$	8.9
$^{150}\text{Nd} \rightarrow ^{150}\text{Sm}$	5.6

# Methods of Enrichment



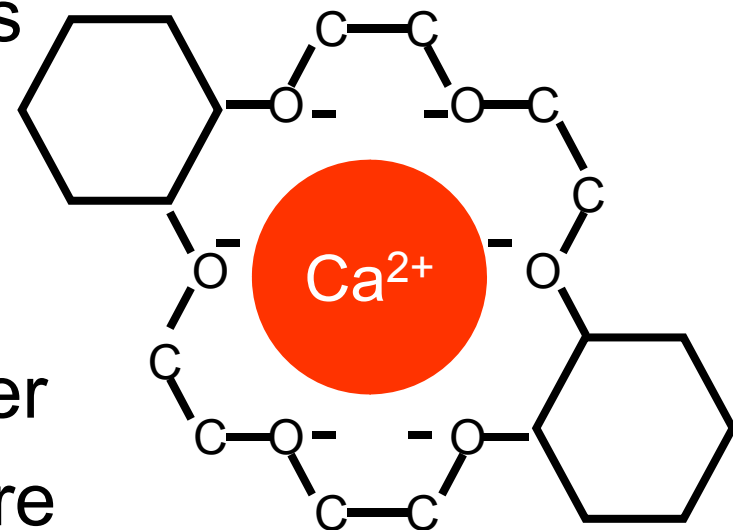
- Centrifuge
  - Gas:  $UF_6$ , but no gas for Ca and Nd
- Mass spectrometer
  - Sure but Electricity  $\frac{0.00187}{1.9 \times 10^{-19} \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}} = 1.9 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mol/sec}$ 
    - $10\text{kV} \times 1\text{A} = 10\text{kW}$ ; \$0.1/1kWh    15MWh/mol
    - $\sim 1.5\text{M}\$/\text{mol}$  (48g):  $\sim 10\text{g}/1\text{M}\$$     (0.6mol/year)
  - Ionize, accelerate, bend (magnet), ...
- Laser: selective ionization
  - Less acceleration
- Other cost effective methods?

# Enrichment of $^{48}\text{Ca}$ by Crown Ether



Candles

- Crown ether
  - Cyclic chemical compounds that consist of a ring containing several ether groups.
  - Absorbs Ca ion at the center
  - absorbs lighter Ca ions more
  - Separation coefficient
    - $\epsilon \sim (3.5 \sim 6) \times 10^{-3}$  for 18C6

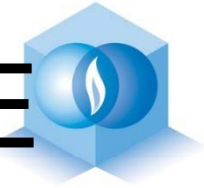


Dicyclohexano  
18-crown-6

DC18C6



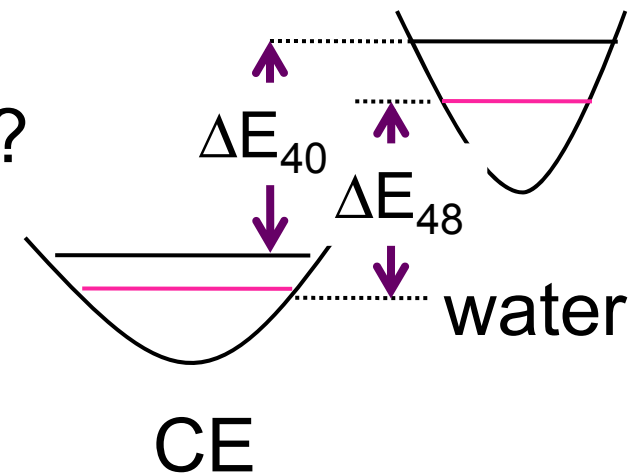
# Physics of Enrichment by CE



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- Chemistry: Phenomenological
  - Mechanism of the enrichment?
  - How much can we expect?
- Energy levels
  - Why CE absorbs lighter isotope?
    - Harmonic oscillator
  - Water: (pH:  $10^{-14}$  mol/l)
    - H<sub>2</sub>O: polar molecule: **HO pot.**
  - Energy difference ( $\Delta E$ ) between **water and CE**
  - Partition function

$$E_n = \hbar\omega\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$



# Partition function



Candles

- Sum up all states in CE and H<sub>2</sub>O with  $\text{Exp}(-E/kT)$ : <sup>40</sup>Ca

$$Z^{40} = \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \text{Exp} \left( -\frac{\hbar \omega_{CE}^{40} (i+1/2)}{kT} \right) \right)^3 + \frac{\alpha}{n_W} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \text{Exp} \left( -\frac{\hbar \omega_W^{40} (i+1/2) + \Delta E}{kT} \right) \right)^3$$

- States in H<sub>2</sub>O are normalized by  $\alpha/n$ , where  $\alpha$  is arbitrary constant and  $n$  is **concentration**.

- Concentration

$$\rho_{CE}^{48} = \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha}{n_W} \text{Exp} \left( -\frac{3\hbar(\omega_{CE}^{48} - \omega_W^{48})}{2kT} \right) \right)^{-1} = \frac{n_W}{n_W + A}$$

- agrees with exp.



# Harmonic oscillator parameter

- Potential depth:  $U = \alpha \cdot 344 \text{ eV}$ ,  $\alpha$ : reduction factor

- $\hbar\omega$  
$$\frac{U}{2} \left( \frac{\delta r}{R} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} M (\omega \delta r)^2 \quad \hbar\omega = \alpha 0.19 \text{ eV}$$

- $\Delta\hbar\omega$  
$$\Delta\hbar\omega_{mass} = \hbar\omega \frac{\sqrt{k/M_{40}} - \sqrt{k/M_{48}}}{\sqrt{k/M_{40}}} = \hbar\omega \times 0.087$$

$$\Delta\hbar\omega_{tot} = \Delta\hbar\omega_{mass} \left( \frac{R_W - R_{CE}}{R_W} \right)$$

- Radius 4.7(H<sub>2</sub>O), 5(15C5), 6(18C6), 7(21C7)
- 1.1meV, 4.6meV, 8.1meV
- $\alpha \sim 0.011$      $\epsilon$     0.00075, 0.0031, 0.0055

# Experiment by CE resin

- **Chromatographic method (migration)**

## 2. Ca solution

0.09M  $\text{CaCl}_2 + 9\text{M HCl}$   
0.34ml/min

5. measure abundance

4. measure concentration

## 1. put resin

column  
8mm $\Phi$   
100cm height

3. Fraction collector

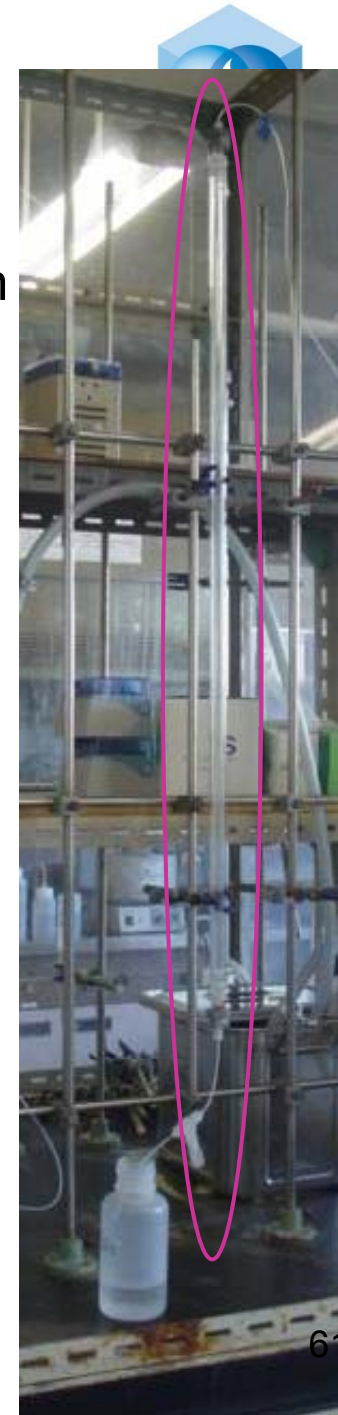
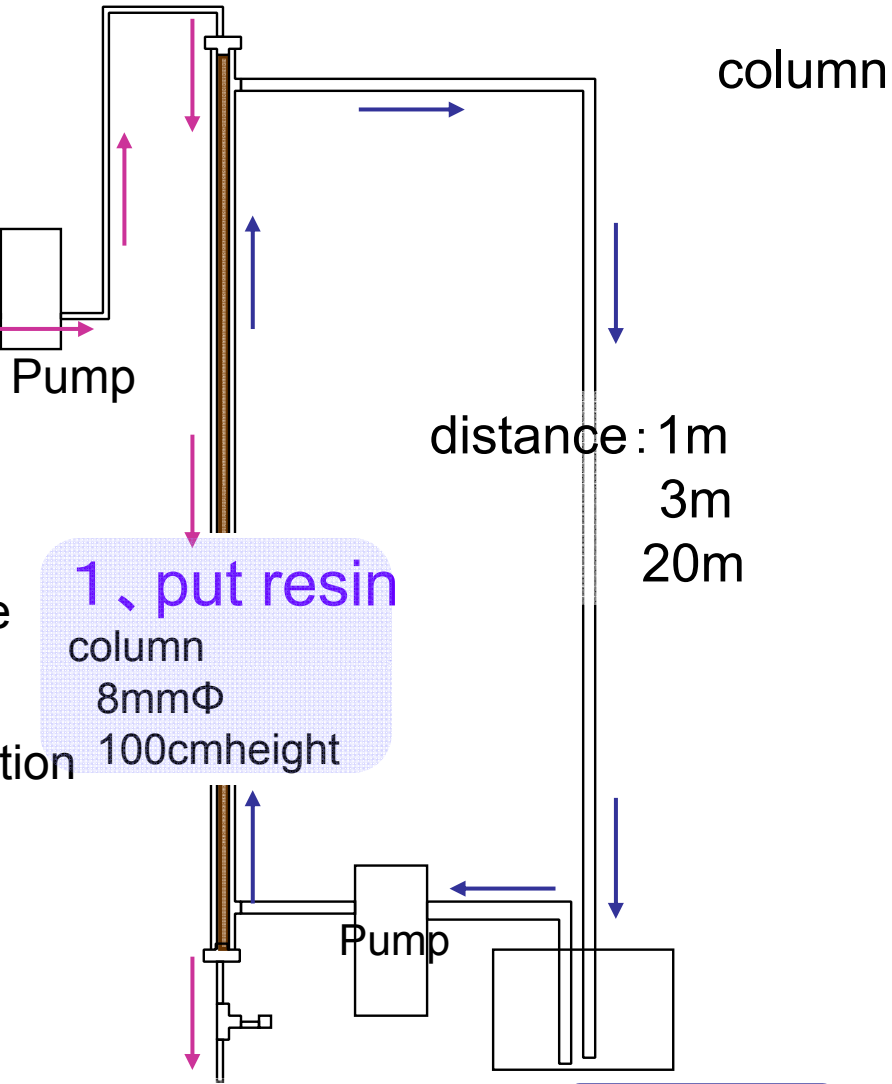
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distance: 1m

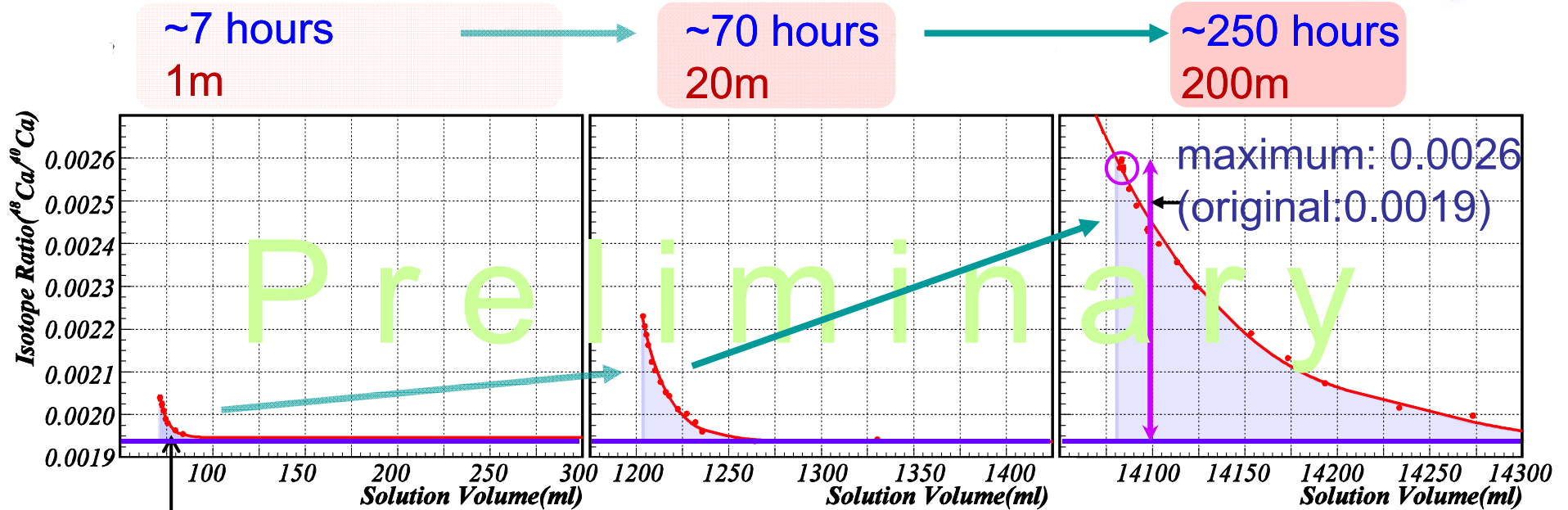
3m

20m

Pump



# Enrichment for long migration



■ Enrichment due to crown ether

- long migration length
- higher enrichment and larger amount  
~7hours(1m) → ~250 hours (200m)  
amount: × 17, enrichment: × 8

# Enrichment by CE



- Separation coefficient
  - $\epsilon=0.003\sim0.006$  (18C6)
  - CE size dependence
    - 15C5:  $\epsilon=0.00075$ , 18C6  $\epsilon=0.003\sim0.006$
    - 21C7:  $\epsilon: \sim 0.01$  (need exp.)
- Current condition: scalable
  - 1m, 3m, 20m, 200m km
  - 8mm $\phi$  tube:  $10^4$  (80cm) CE 3t
    - 2%(10x0.19%) and 100 kg:1 year migration
- Further improvement: more enrichment

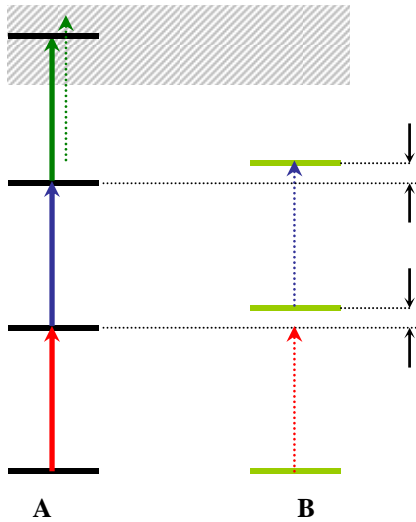
# Other methods



- Laser enrichment
  - Plant was once built for U but terminated.
  - Efficiency of laser was improved substantially.
  - Ca is easier than U in principle.
  - KAERI had agreement with NEMO group
    - enrichment of kg order  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ .
- Electro-migration
  - Essentially easy method.
  - Increase of electric field without increase of power loss.

general (U etc.)

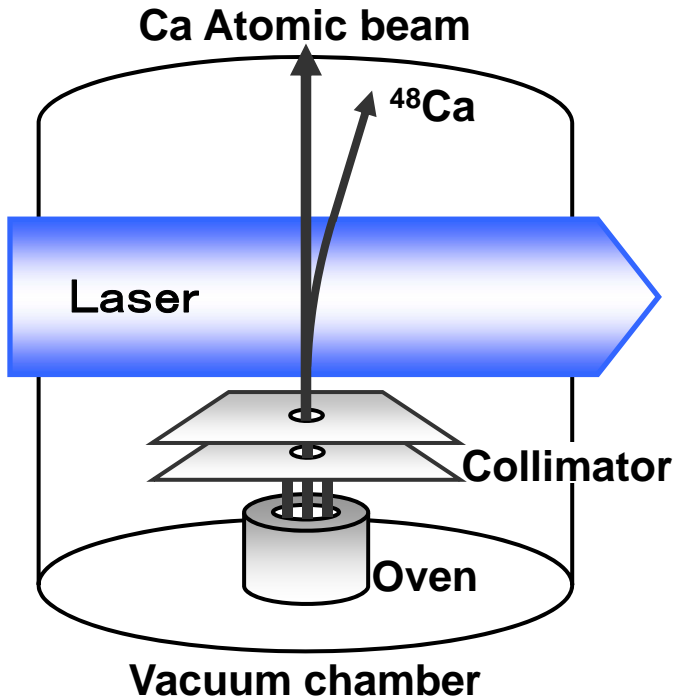
Autoionization



<3-step photoionization>

Laser separation by  
Radiation pressure  
Niki (Fukui U.)

# Laser enrichment

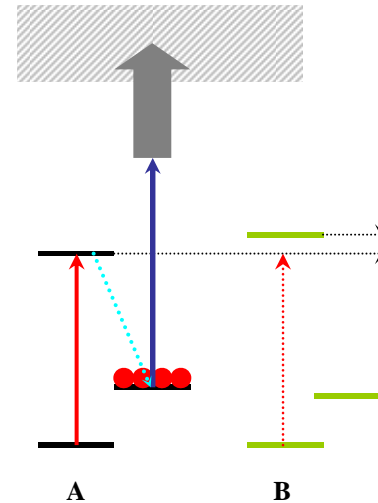


KAERI



Autoionization (or to continuum)

Candles



<ISOP followed by photoionization>

R&D agreement  
with NEMO



# CANLDES



- CANDLES IV
  - 2t: 2.5 kg  $^{48}\text{Ca}$
- Enrichment (CE resin) Current parameter
  - 2% 100kg( $\text{CaF}_2$ )/year    1.3( $^{48}\text{Ca}$ )kg /year
  - Further study of parameters
    - Enrichment of 5% or more
  - Other methods (Laser, electro-migration) (2 years)
- $\langle m_\nu \rangle \sim 90\text{meV}$ , 50 meV(improvement),
- 10 meV (energy resolution: bolometer) but  $\text{CaF}_2$  is necessary