

# Rare Multi-Nucleon Decays in MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR (MJD)

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# Introduction

- Understanding baryon number violation is fundamental for explaining the stability of matter and possible new physics beyond the Standard Model.
- **MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR:**  
An ultra-low-background experiment designed to search for neutrinoless double-beta decay ( $0\nu\beta\beta$ ) and rare multi-nucleon decay modes in high-purity germanium ( $^{76}\text{Ge}$ ) detectors, located deep underground at the Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF).
- Present results from the full dataset: the most stringent limits to date for rare multi-nucleon decay processes in germanium isotopes, probing lifetimes up to  $10^{26}$  years.

# History of the Universe

Dark Matter?

Inflation

BIG BANG

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FNAL-Tevatron  
BNL-RHIC  
CERN-LEP  
SLAC-SLC  
high-energy cosmic rays

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	$10^{-10}$ s	$10^{-5}$ s	$10^2$ s	$3 \times 10^5$ y	$10^9$ y	Today
	$10^{15}$	$10^{12}$	$10^9$	3000	15	$12 \times 10^9$ y (sec, yrs)
	$10^2$	$10^{-1}$	$10^{-4}$	$3 \times 10^{-10}$	$10^{-12}$	2.7 (Kelvin)
						$2.3 \times 10^{-13}$ (GeV)

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g gluon	baryon	galaxy
e electron	ion	black hole
m muon	atom	
t tau		
n neutrino		

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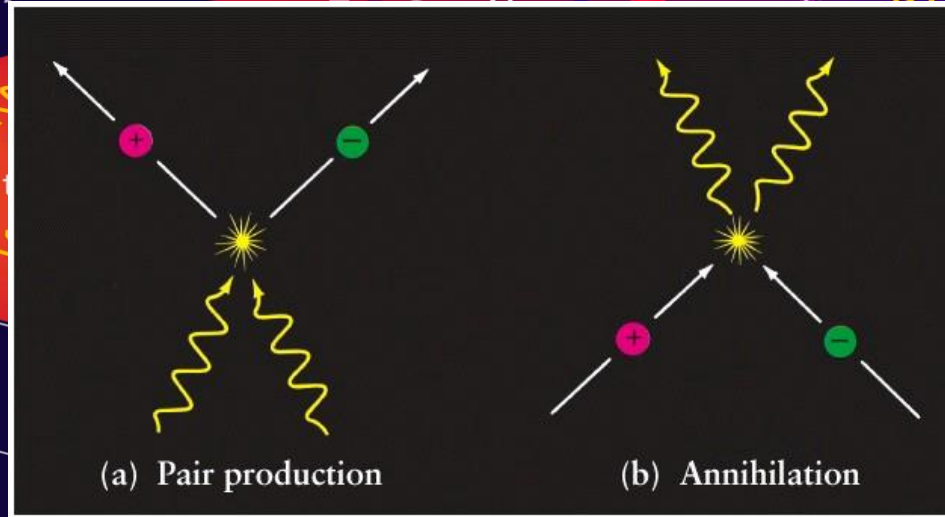
- Pair production and annihilation
- Thermal equilibrium

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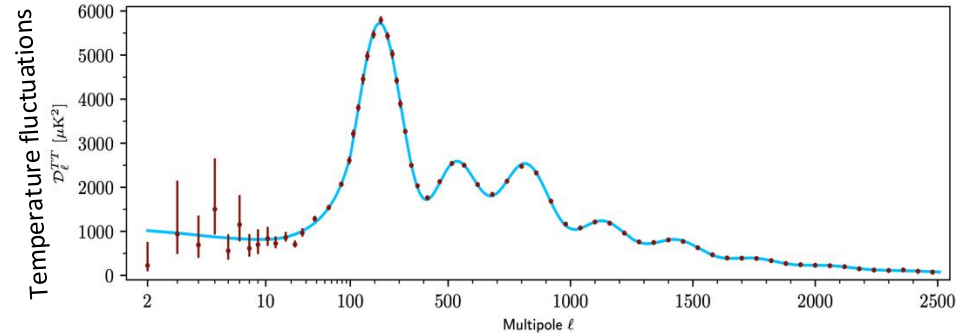
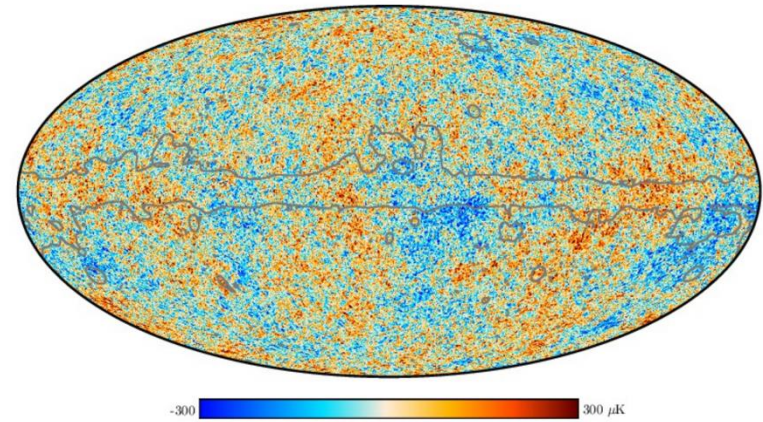
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- Matter-antimatter asymmetry
- No thermal equilibrium

# Matter-Antimatter Asymmetry

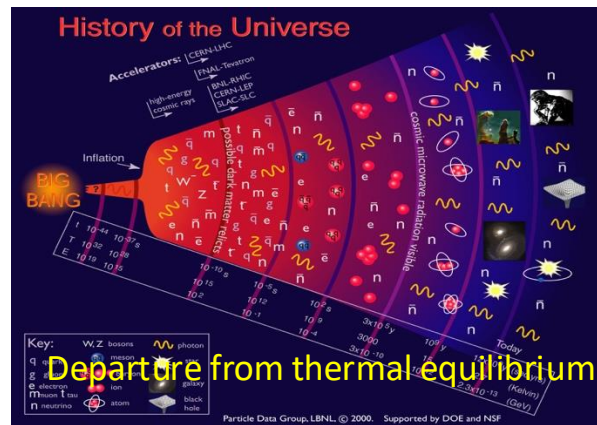
- Baryon asymmetry of Universe
  - Baryon/photon  $\sim 6 \times 10^{-10}$  (Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation; Nobel Prize 2006)



Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation  
(Planck, 2018, [arxiv:1807.06205](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.06205))

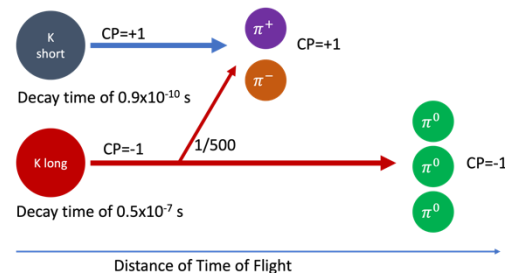
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- Sakharov (Nobel Peace Prize 1975) conditions
  - Departure from thermal equilibrium
  - Charge-parity(CP) violation
  - Baryon number nonconservation
- The Universe cooled now.
- CP violation only observed in kaon (Nobel Prize 1980) and B meson decays
  - Kobayashi-Maskawa mechanism in Standard Model (CKM Matrix) (Nobel Prize 2008)
  - Baryon/photon  $\sim 10^{-18}$
- No evidence for baryon number violation!
  - $0\beta\nu\nu$  (MJD, **PRL130.062501**)
  - Tri-nucleon Decay (MJD, **PRC112. L022501**)



## Kaon decay

## CP Violation

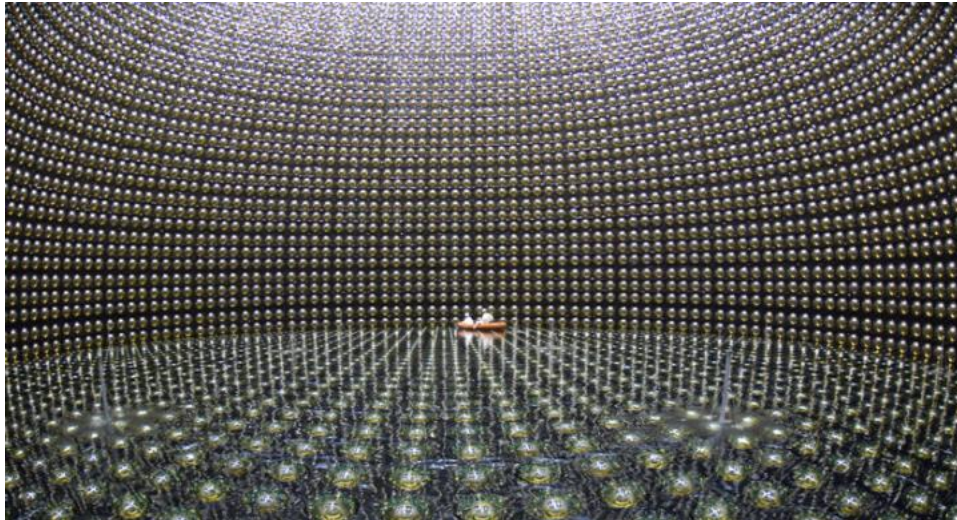
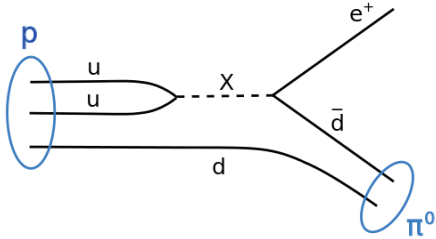


## CKM Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} d' \\ s' \\ b' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Origins and Early Theory of Baryon Decays

- The concept emerged in the context of **grand unified theories** (GUTs).
  - Predict proton decays
- The current limit is  $\tau/B(p \rightarrow e^+\pi^0) > 2.4 \times 10^{34}$  yr (Super-Kamiokande, PRD 102.112011 (2020))





# Experimental Efforts

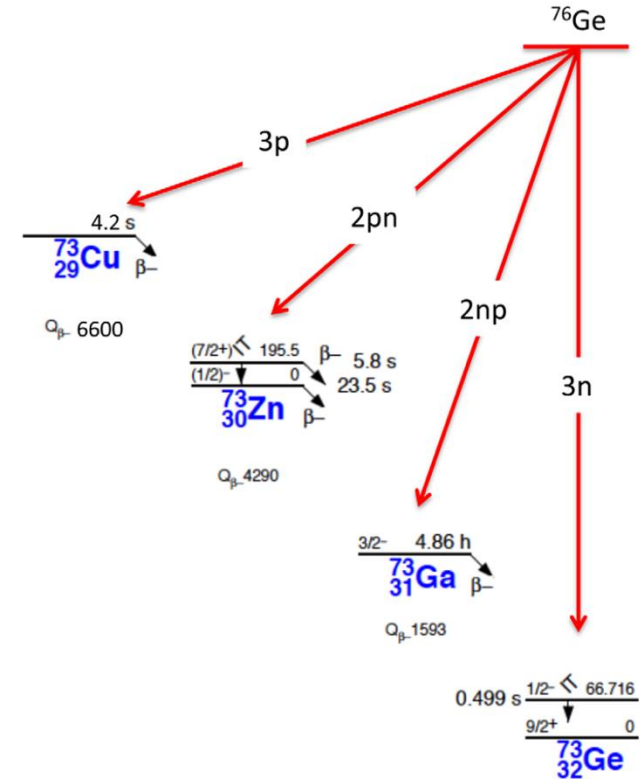
- **Proton and Nucleon Decay Searches (underground experiments)**
  - Kamiokande / Super-Kamiokande, Soudan, SNO, etc
  - $p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$ ,  $p \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^0$ ,  $p \rightarrow \bar{\nu} K^+$ ,  $p \rightarrow e^+ K^0$ ,  $p \rightarrow \mu^+ K^0$
- **Collider-Based Baryon Decay Studies**
  - LHC, Belle, etc
  - $t \rightarrow l^+ jj$  (where  $l = e$  or  $\mu$ ) ,  $\tau^- \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$
- **Neutron–Antineutron Oscillation**
  - European Spallation Source, SNO, Super-Kamiokande
  - $n \rightarrow \bar{n}$

# Multi-nucleon Decays

- Extension of Higgs sector or GUT-inspired models allow  $\Delta B = 2$ 
  - Best limit is  $> 4.04 \times 10^{32}$  yr (Super-K)
- The  $Z_6$  model is the Standard Model extended by an additional discrete symmetry ( $Z_2 \times Z_3$ ), i.e., the centers of  $SU(2)$  and  $SU(3)$ .
  - Include the right-handed neutrinos to cancel anomalies.
  - K. S. Babu, I. Gogoladze, and K. Wang, Gauged baryon parity and nucleon stability, Phys. Lett. B 570, 32 (2003).
- This forbids all operators with  $\Delta B = 1$  or  $\Delta B = 2$ , such as single proton decay or neutron–antineutron oscillations. Only  $\Delta B = 3$  (such as triple nucleon decay) is permitted, but only via extremely high-dimension (dimension 15) operators.

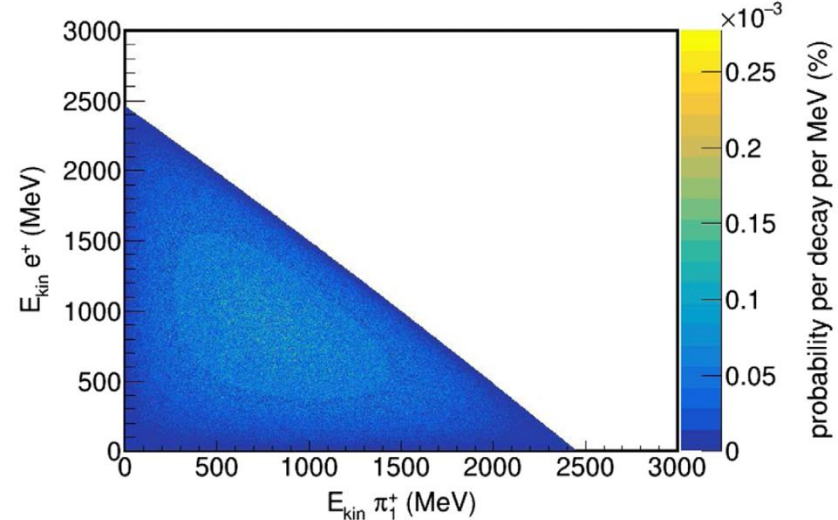
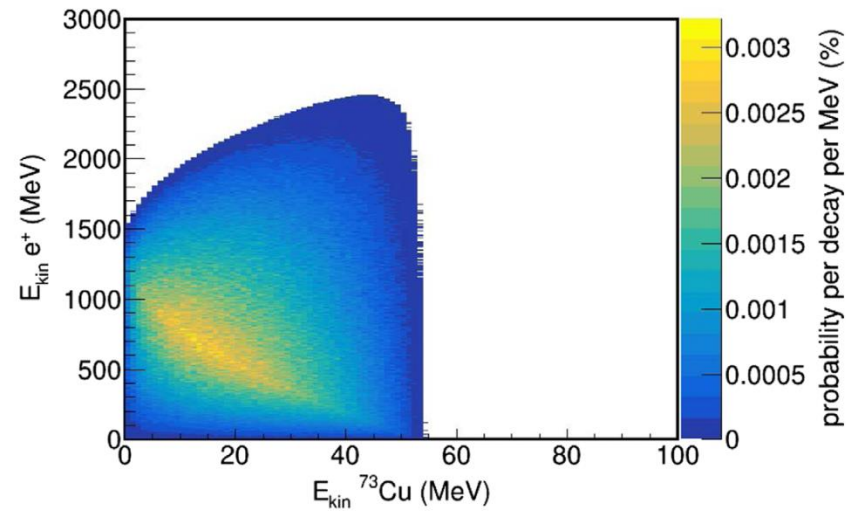
# Three-nucleon Decays in MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR

- Semi-inclusive visible modes
  - $ppp \rightarrow e^+ \pi^+ \pi^+, ppn \rightarrow e^+ \pi^+, pnn \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0, nnn \rightarrow \bar{\nu} \pi^0$
  - Deposit large energy in the detectors
  - Cannot distinguish positrons or pions in MJD
  - The excited daughter can emit gammas (multiple detectors)
  - Search for emission of enormous energy and the following daughter isotope decay
- Fully inclusive modes
  - $^{76}\text{Ge}(ppp) \rightarrow ^{73}\text{Cu} + X, ^{76}\text{Ge}(ppn) \rightarrow ^{73}\text{Zn} + X,$
  - $^{76}\text{Ge}(pnn) \rightarrow ^{73}\text{Ga} + X, ^{76}\text{Ge}(nnn) \rightarrow ^{73}\text{Ge} + X$
  - $X$  can deposit energy in detectors (visible) or escape from detectors (invisible)
  - Search for the daughter isotope decays and the grand-daughter isotope decays
- Don't consider the proton or neutron emission (excited daughter isotopes). Calculate partial lifetime.



# Semi-inclusive Visible Modes : Event Selection 1

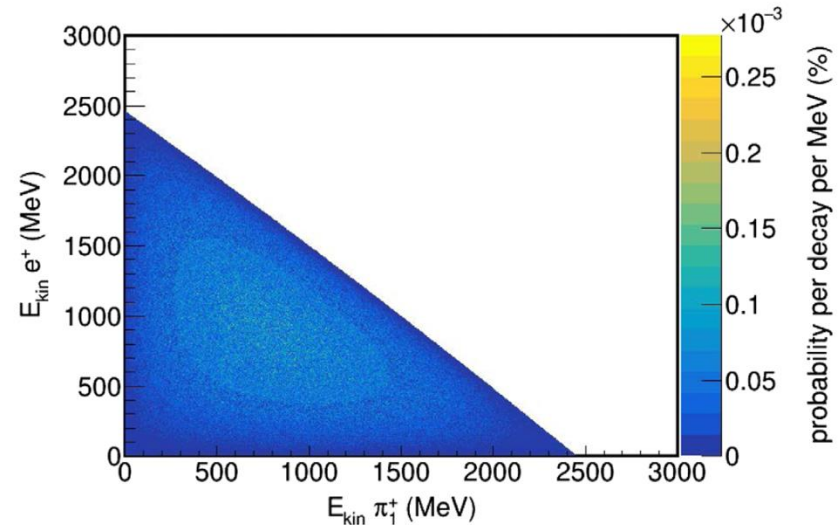
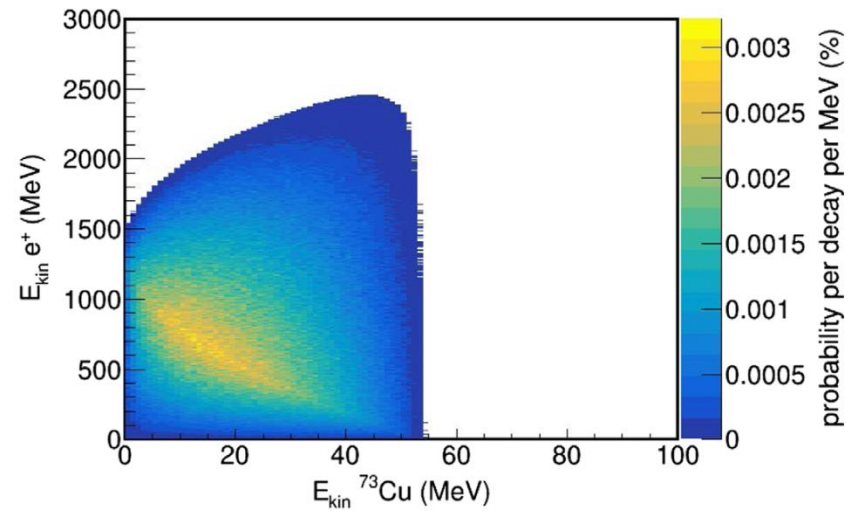
- $ppp \rightarrow e^+ \pi^+ \pi^+, ppn \rightarrow e^+ \pi^+, pnn \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0, nnn \rightarrow \bar{\nu} \pi^0$
- Visible particles (e.g., positrons, pions) deposit large amounts of energy *in* germanium detectors (three-nucleon mass  $\approx 3$  GeV).
- Event selection (Step 1): identify high-energy deposits ( $>10$  MeV) — saturated events not tagged as muons (Ge detector energy threshold  $\sim 10$ – $11$  MeV).





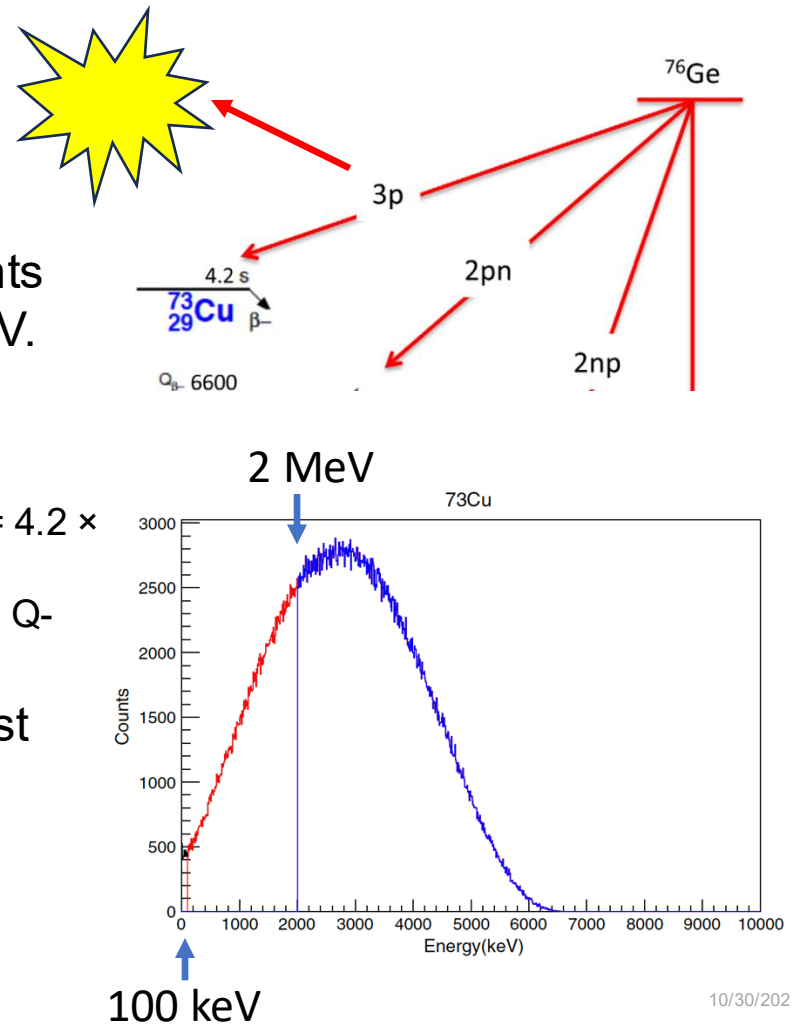
# Semi-inclusive Visible Modes : Event Selection 1

- Selection efficiency: ~99%.  
Calculated using GEANT4 simulations.
  - Simulate energy release from 3-nucleon decays
  - Track daughter particles (isotopes, positrons, pions, etc.)
  - Propagate particles within germanium detectors
  - Calculate fraction of events depositing >10 MeV ( $\epsilon_0$ )



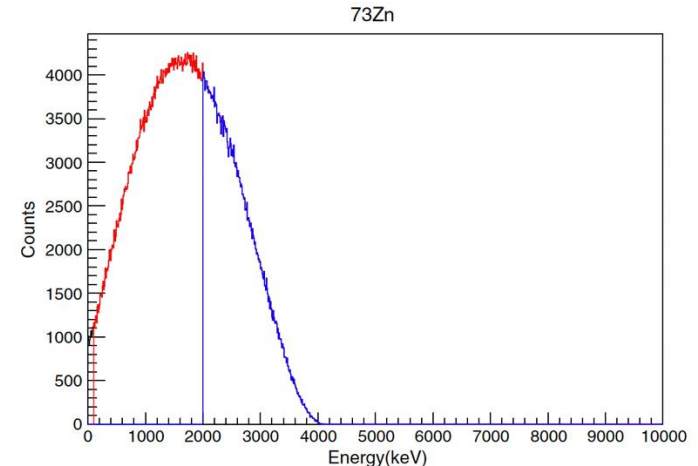
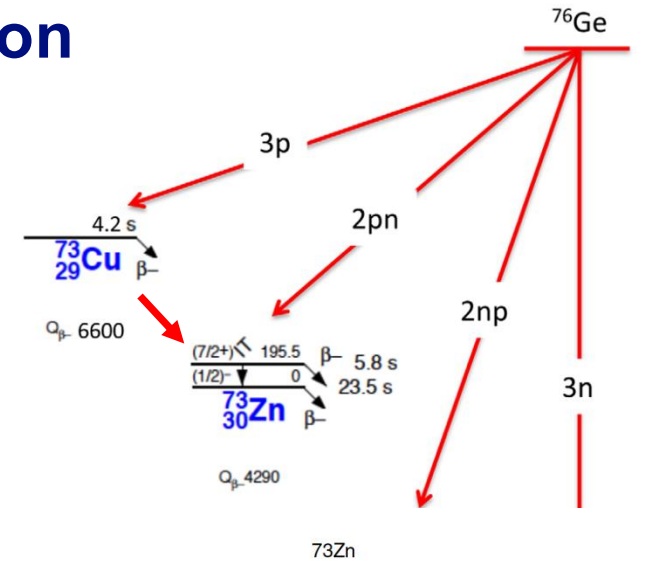
# Semi-inclusive Visible Modes : Event Selection 2

- Daughter isotopes are unstable.
- After the first saturated event, select events within  $5 \times$  half-life where energy  $> 100$  keV.
  - The  $5 \times T_{1/2}$  window corresponds roughly to a  $5\sigma$  coverage ( $\epsilon_{\tau_1}$ ). Must account for run gaps due to calibrations, detector downtime, or power outages.
  - Example: for  $^{73}\text{Cu}$ ,  $T_{1/2} = 4.2$  s  $\rightarrow$  search window =  $4.2 \times 5 = 21$  s.
  - Calculate the energy efficiency from 100 keV up to Q-value for each decay channel. ( $\epsilon_{E_1}$ )
- This approach is possible because the first events are very rare (thanks to the highly efficient muon tagging), and the MJD background is extremely low.



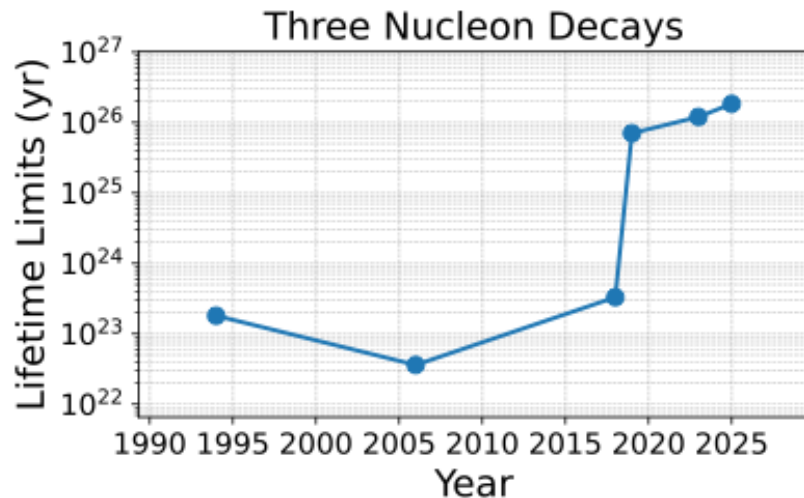
# Fully Inclusive Modes: Event Selection

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- $X$  can deposit energy in detectors (visible) or escape from detectors (invisible)
- We don't consider  $X$  but the decays of the daughter isotopes and the following grand-daughter isotopes.
- For example,  $^{73}\text{Cu}$  can decay to  $^{73}\text{Zn}$  and  $^{73}\text{Zn}$  can decay to  $^{73}\text{Ga}$ .
- Select the first event of energy  $> 2$  MeV. There are more low energy backgrounds. ( $\epsilon_{E_1}$ )
- After the  $5 \times T_{1/2}$  window of the grand-daughter isotope ( $\epsilon_{\tau_2}$ ), search for the second event of energy  $> 2$  MeV. ( $\epsilon_{E_2}$ )
- Calculate the energy efficiency from 2 MeV up to Q-value for each decay channel. Exclude the multi-site events because of the multi-site cuts.



# Experimental Efforts for Three-nucleon Decays

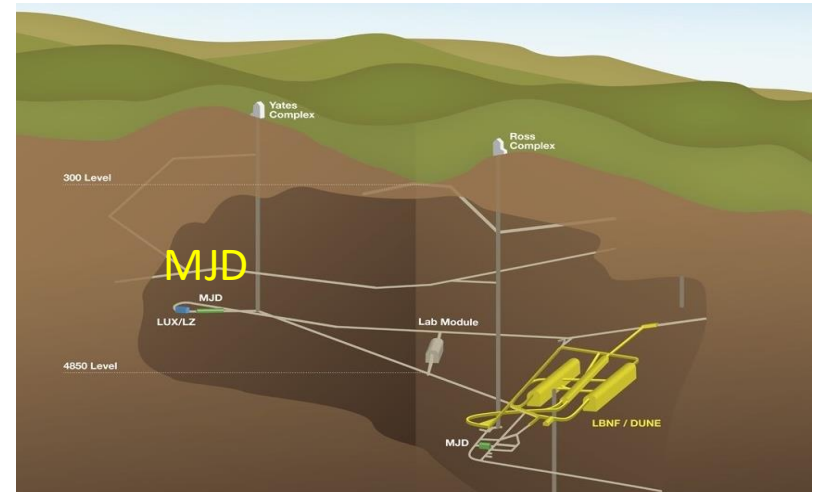
Experiment	Isotope	Channels	Lifetime Limits ( $10^{23}$ yr)	Year
NaI(Tl)	$^{127}\text{I}$	nnn (invisible)	1.8	(1994)
DAMA/ LXe	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	pnn (invisible)	0.14	(2006)
		ppn (invisible)	0.27	
		ppp (invisible)	0.36	
EXO-200	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	ppn (invisible)	1.9	(2018)
		ppp (invisible)	3.3	
MJD	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	ppn ( $e^+\pi^+$ )	703	(2019)
		ppp ( $e^+\pi^+\pi^+$ )	678	
GERDA	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	ppp, ppn, pnn (All inclusive)	1200	(2023)
MJD	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	ppn ( $e^+\pi^+$ )	1827	(2025)
		ppp ( $e^+\pi^+\pi^+$ )	1836	





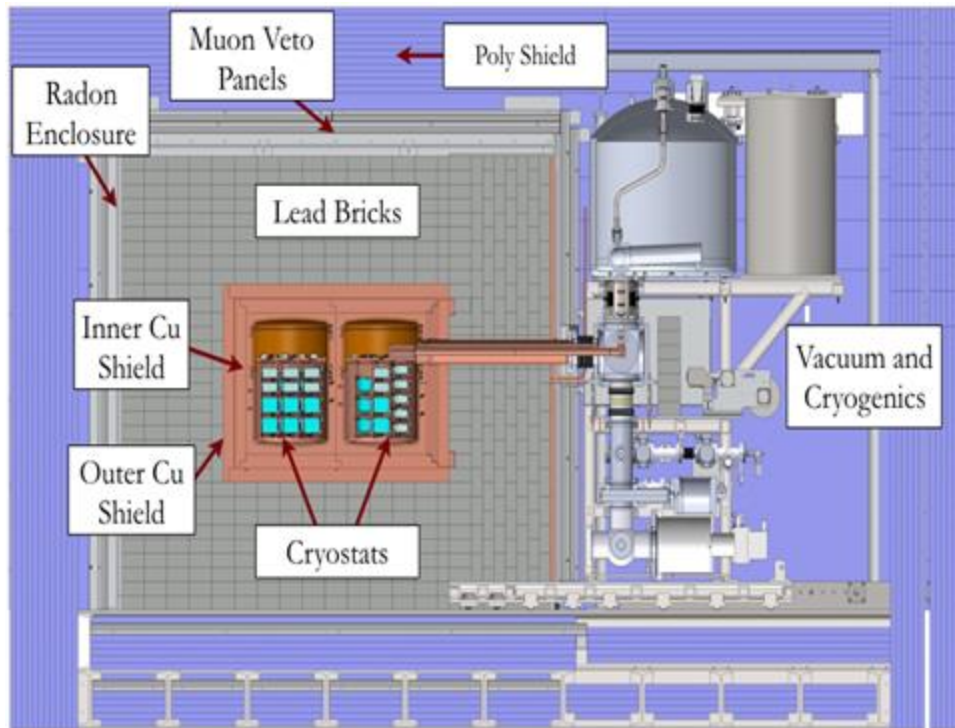
# Location

- **Earth shielding blocks cosmic rays**
- Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF): Located in Lead, SD, at a depth of 1480 m
- Equivalent to  $\sim 4300$  m water overburden (m.w.e.)
- Muon flux reduced from  $\sim 10^{-2}$  /cm<sup>2</sup>/s (surface) to  $\sim 5 \times 10^{-9}$  /cm<sup>2</sup>/s (underground)
- **Site of the historic Homestake experiment** — Ray Davis's pioneering solar neutrino detection (Nobel Prize 2002)



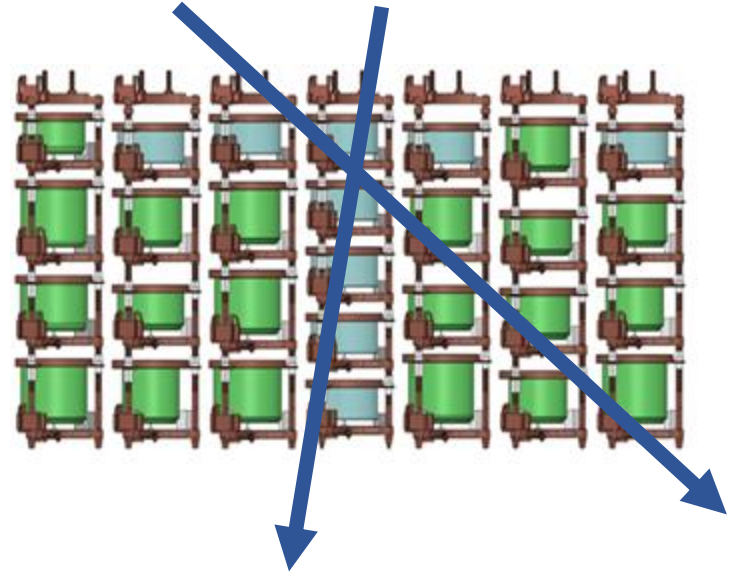
# Low Background

- **Active veto:** muon detection panels
- **Passive shielding:** polyethylene, underground lead, commercial + electroform copper layers
- **Radon suppression:** continuous nitrogen purge



# Big Detector Arrays

- Sensitive to events of strange patterns



# Detectors

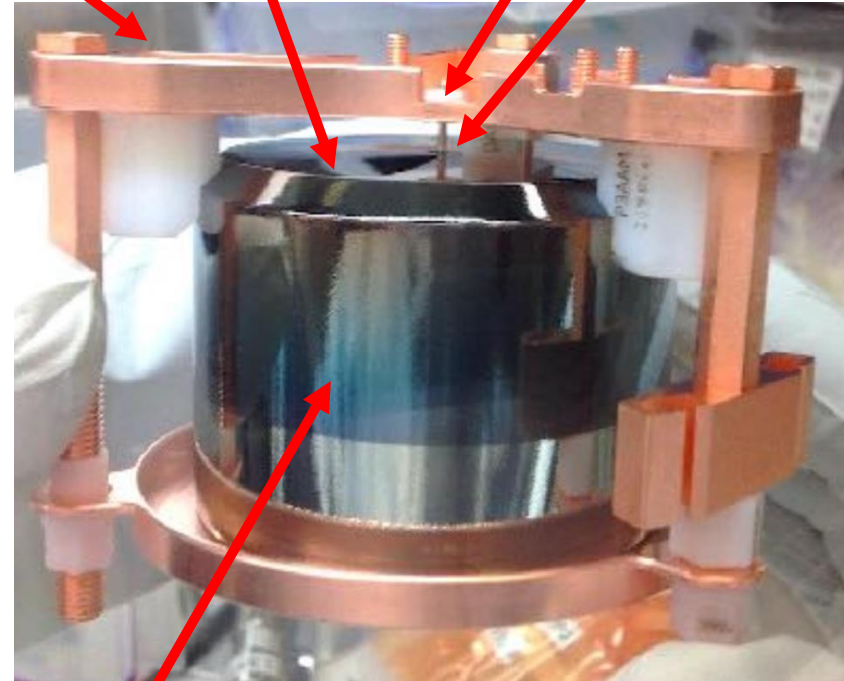
- Enriched Germanium ( $^{76}\text{Ge}$ ) detector ~ 88%  $^{76}\text{Ge}$  enrichment
- Excellent resolution: peak width/energy ~ 0.1%
- Low threshold ~ 1 keV
- High-purity semiconductor: Ge bandgap ~ 0.8 eV

Electroform copper

Passivated surface.

Point contact (p+)

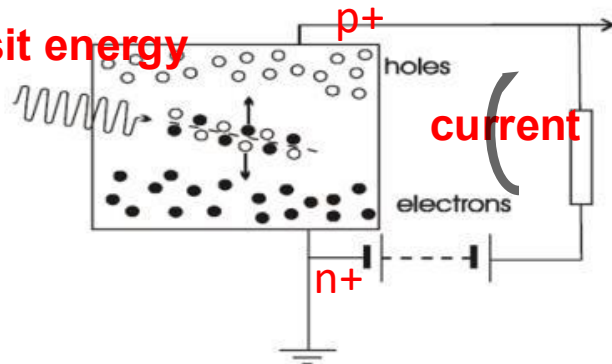
Low mass JFET



lithium-diffused surface (n+)

Bias voltage

Deposit energy



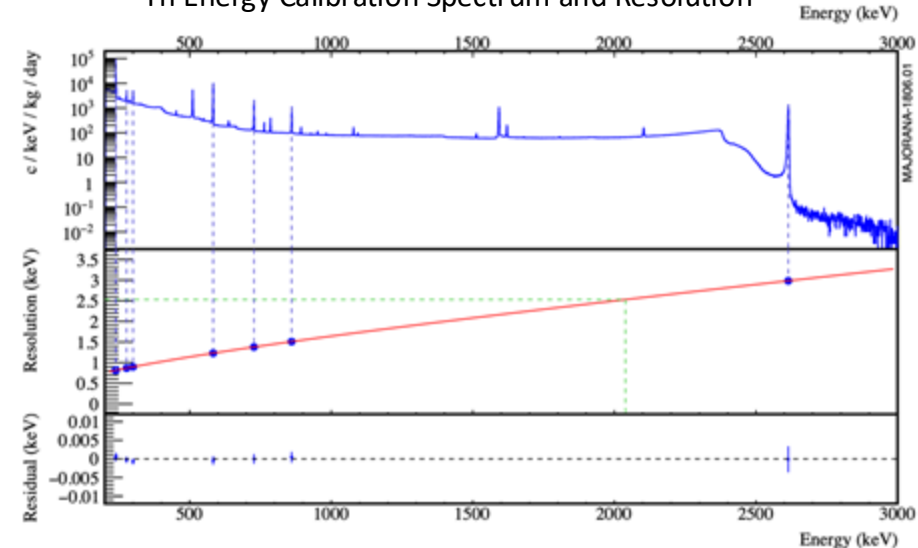


# Energy Reconstruction

- Calibrated on weekly  $^{228}\text{Th}$  calibration data, retuned on full data set
- Energy estimated via optimized trapezoidal filter of ADC-nonlinearity-corrected traces with charge-trapping correction
- Energy resolution (2.5 keV FWHM @ 2039 keV) and linearity ( $< 0.2$  keV up to 3 MeV) a record for neutrinoless double-beta decay searches
- Charge trapping correction improves resolution at 2039 keV from 4 keV to 2.5 keV FWHM

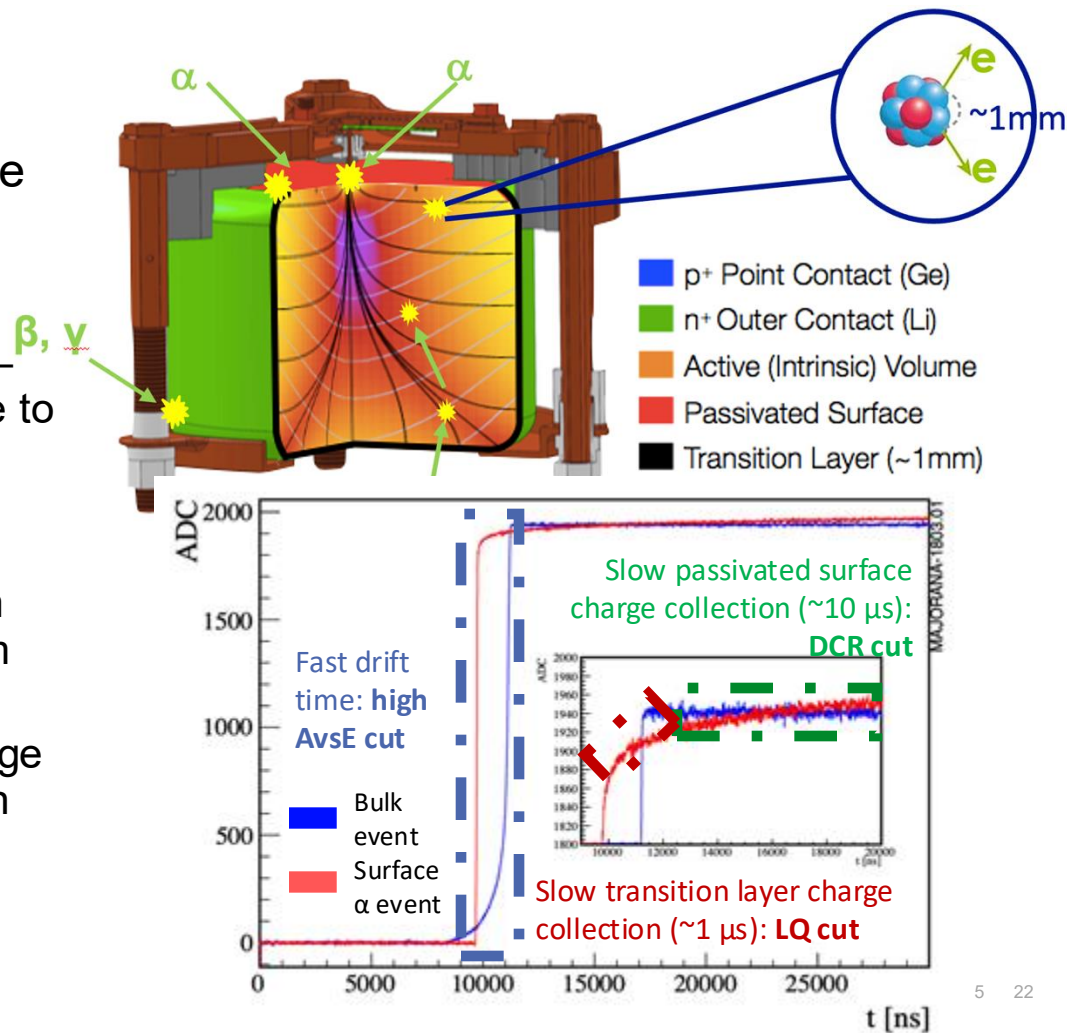


$^{228}\text{Th}$  Energy Calibration Spectrum and Resolution



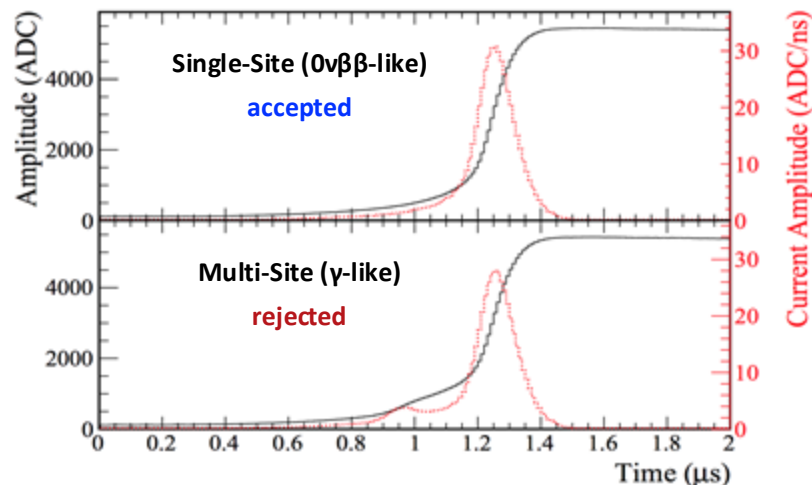
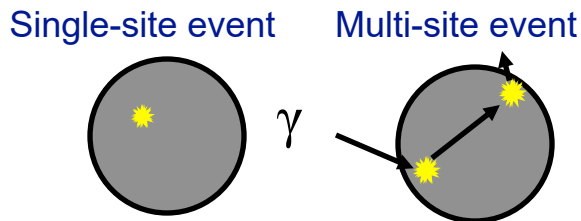
# Background Rejection

- **Point-contact HPGe detectors** are essential for background rejection.
- **Pulse-shape analysis (PSD):**
  - **AvsE:** multiple-site event rejection — compares maximum waveform slope to energy, primarily rejects external  $\gamma$  events.
  - **DCR (Delayed Charge Recovery):** identifies slow charge collection from surface  $\alpha$  contamination (mainly from radon decay chain).
  - **LQ (Late Charge):** flags partial charge collection in the transition layer, often from  $\beta$  or  $\gamma$  interactions.

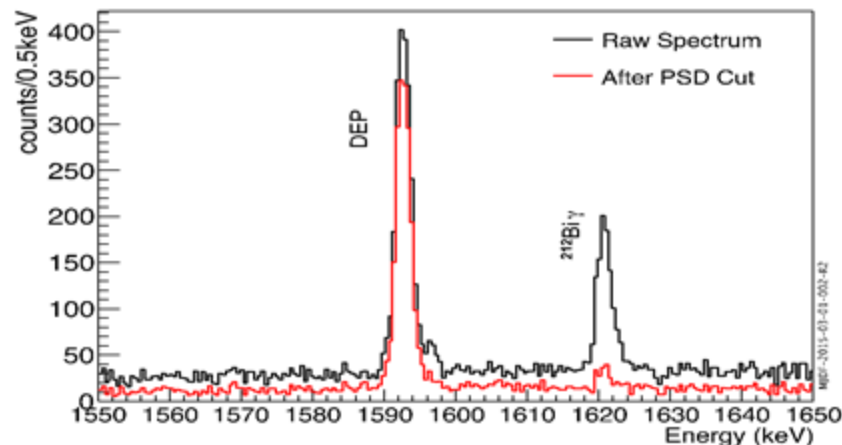


# Multi-Site Events Cut (AvsE)

- Amplitude of current pulse is suppressed for a multi-site event compared to a single-site event of the same event Energy (AvsE)
- Tuned on  $^{228}\text{Th}$  calibration data to accept 90% of single-site DEP events. Rejects >50% of the Compton continuum near  $Q_{\beta\beta}$

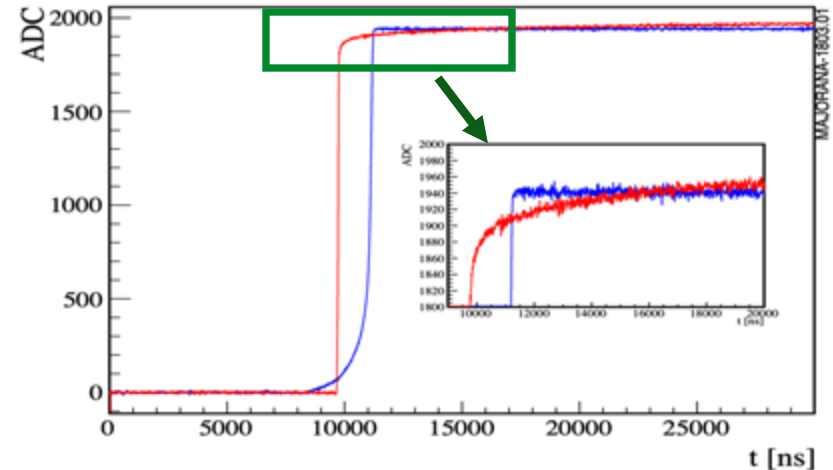
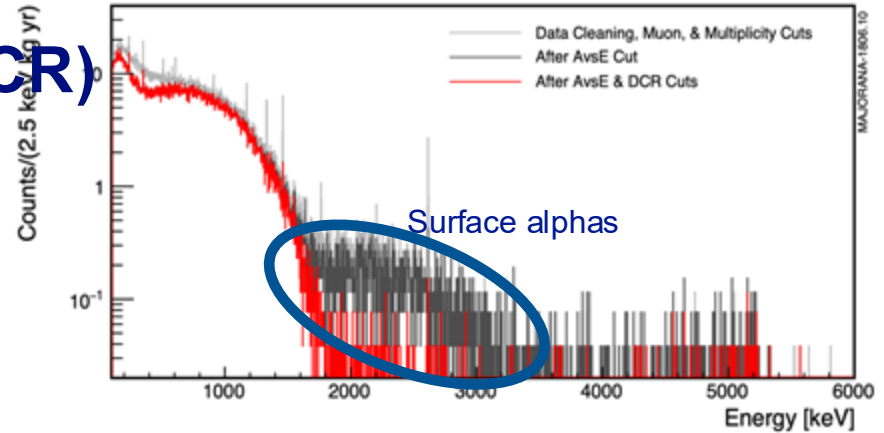
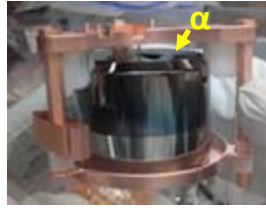


$^{228}\text{Th}$  calibration data



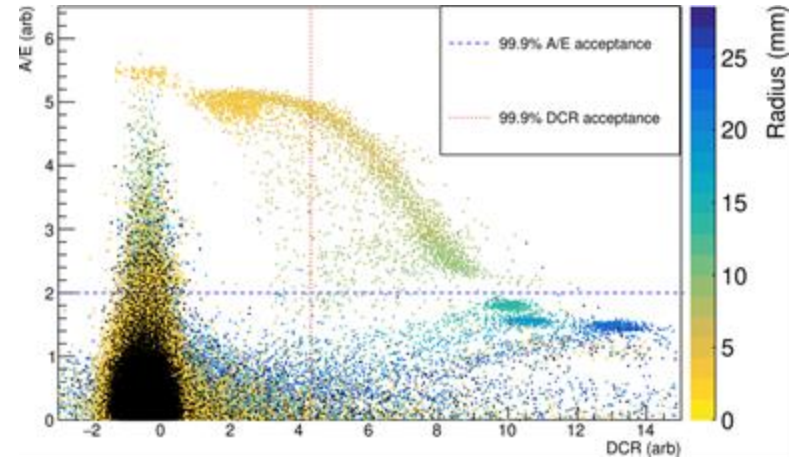
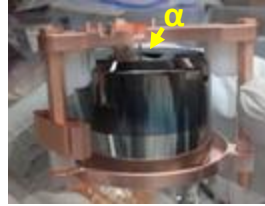
# Passivated Surface Events (DCR)

- Alpha particles incident on the passivated surfaces have a degraded energy reconstruction and can fall near  $Q_{\beta\beta}$ .
- Charge trapped at passivated surface is slowly rereleased ( $\sim 10$ s of  $\mu$ s): Delayed Charge Recovery (DCR)
  - Cut using slope of tail after rising edge
  - Tuned to keep 99% of bulk events
- Suspect  $\alpha$  contamination near passivated surface  $^{210}\text{Po}$  from  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  exposure

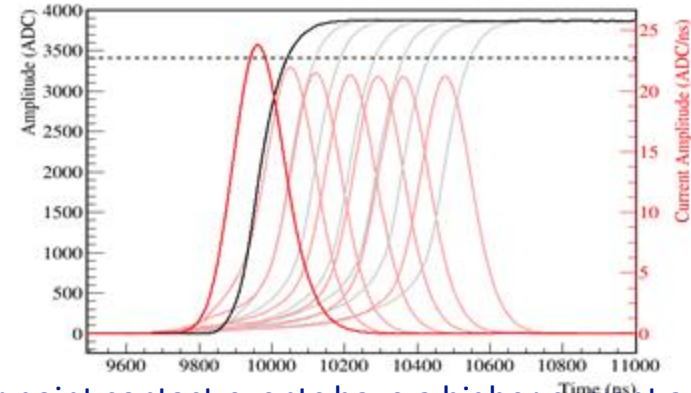


# Surface Cuts: Point-Contact Events (AvsE)

- Alphas incident on the point contacts release less delayed charge and evade the DCR cut.
- But they have steeper rising edges, so the higher current amplitude events can be removed using the AvsE cut.



Joint A/E-DCR spectrum from TUBE scanner, with an  $\alpha$ -source scanning across the passivated surface of a PPC detector



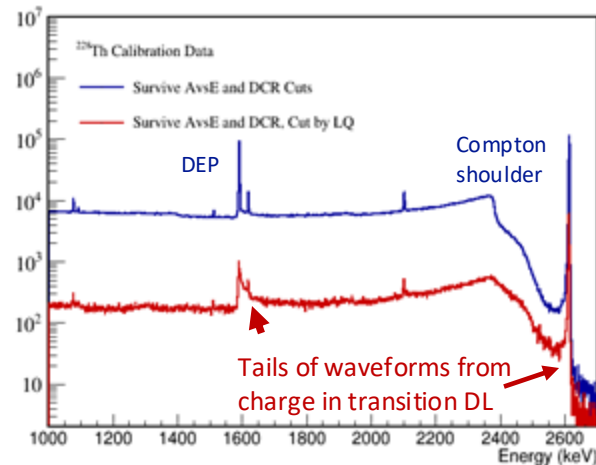
Near point contact events have a higher current amplitude



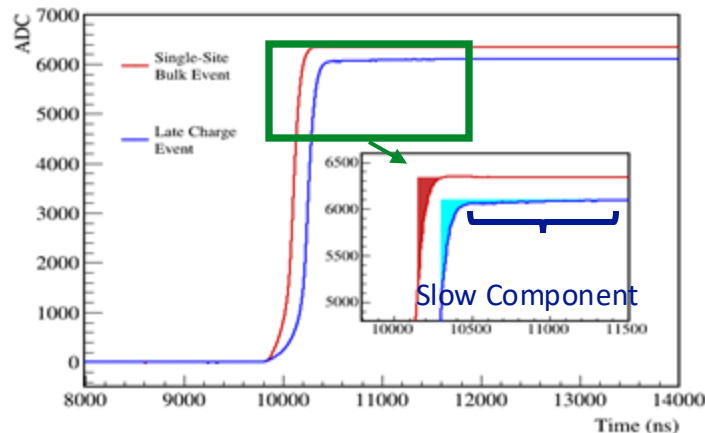
# Surface Cuts:

## Transition Dead-Layer Events (LQ)

- Events in lithiated n-plus surfaces experience severe energy degradation and slow ( $\sim 1\text{-}2\ \mu\text{s}$ ) rerelease of charge. Events with a partial charge deposit in this transition layer are potential backgrounds!
- Cut waveforms with a slow component using “Late Charge” (LQ): area above rising edge of waveform after 80% of charge is collected
- Tune to keep  $>99\%$  of single-site bulk events using  $^{208}\text{Tl}$  double escape events

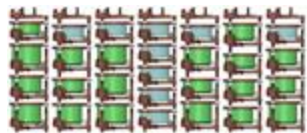


LQ cut leaves bulk single-site structures in  $^{228}\text{Th}$  calibration data intact



# Run Configuration and Timeline

## Module 1



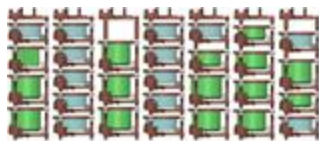
Deploy Module 1 in shield

16.8 kg (20) <sup>enr</sup>Ge  
5.6 kg (9) <sup>nat</sup>Ge

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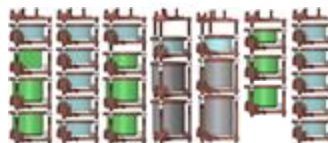
Stopped <sup>enr</sup>Ge Operation  
Removed all <sup>enr</sup>Ge for  
LEGEND-200

## Module 2



Deploy Module 2 in shield

12.9 kg (15) <sup>enr</sup>Ge  
8.8 kg (14) <sup>nat</sup>Ge



6.7 kg (4) as ICPC

Cable/Connector Upgrade of Module 2  
Removed 5 PPC detectors for LEGEND Testing  
Installed 4 LEGEND ICPC Detectors

14.3 kg (23) <sup>nat</sup>Ge



Operation of Module 2.  
with natural Ge detectors.  
Now with <sup>180m</sup>Ta

Mirion/Canberra

BEGe  
<sup>nat</sup>Ge



~0.6 kg

Ortec

PPC  
<sup>enr</sup>Ge



0.6 -1.2 kg

Ortec ICPC

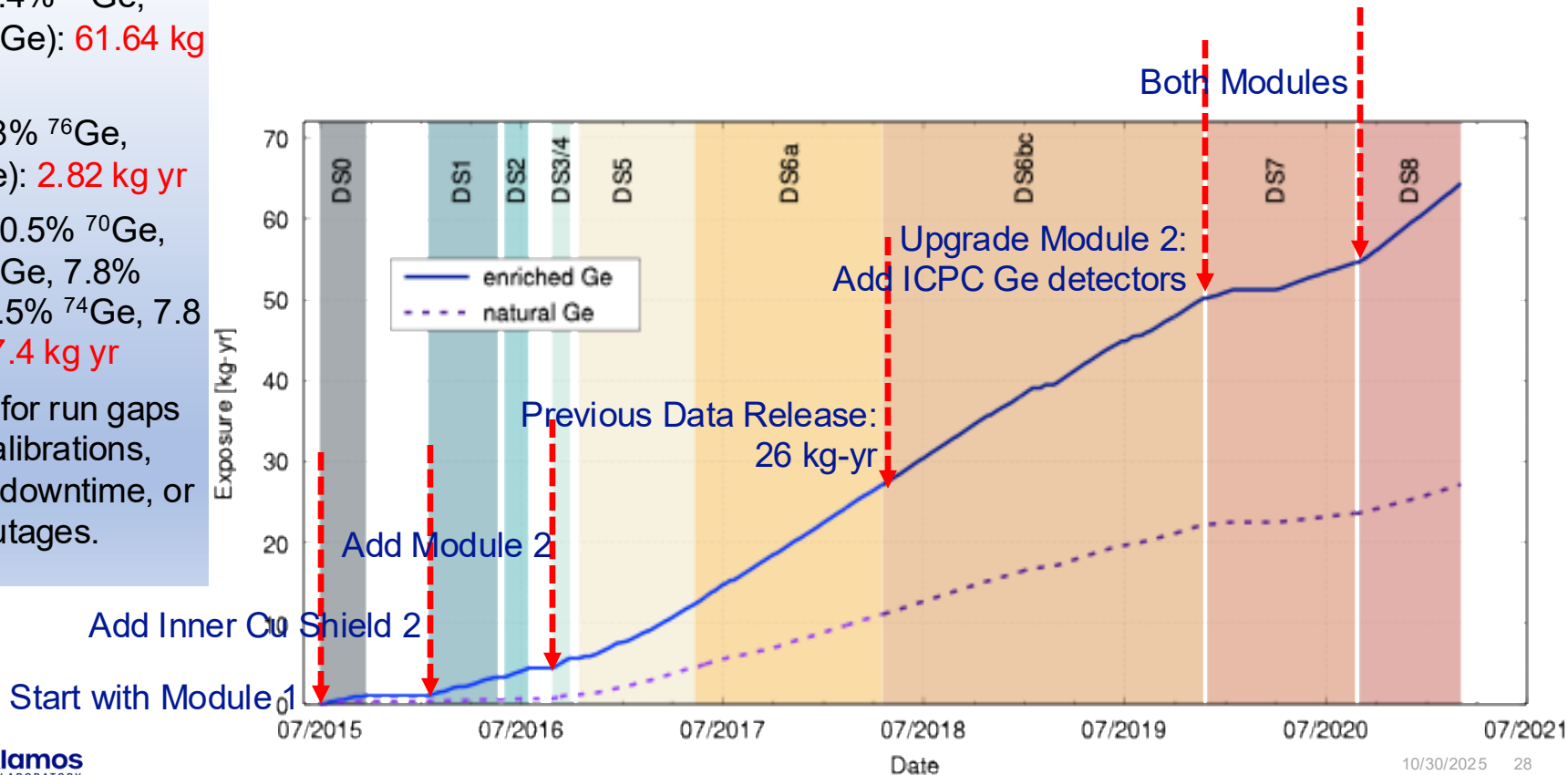
<sup>enr</sup>Ge



1.3 -2.1 kg

# Exposure

- PPC (87.4%  $^{76}\text{Ge}$ , 12.6%  $^{74}\text{Ge}$ ): **61.64 kg yr**
- ICPC (88%  $^{76}\text{Ge}$ , 12%  $^{74}\text{Ge}$ ): **2.82 kg yr**
- BEGe (20.5%  $^{70}\text{Ge}$ , 27.4%  $^{72}\text{Ge}$ , 7.8%  $^{73}\text{Ge}$ , 36.5%  $^{74}\text{Ge}$ , 7.8%  $^{76}\text{Ge}$ ): **27.4 kg yr**
- Account for run gaps due to calibrations, detector downtime, or power outages.



# Search Candidates for Semi-inclusive Visible

- The longest  $T_{1/2}$  is 1268.4 s so  $5 \times T_{1/2}$  is 6342 s.
- One potential event for semi-inclusive visible mode
  - Energy of first event  $> 11558$  keV
  - Energy of second event: 147 keV
  - Time difference between first and second events: 1712 s
  - Satisfy
    - ${}^{76}\text{Ge}(\text{pn}) \rightarrow {}^{74}\text{Ga} + \pi^0 + \pi^+$
    - ${}^{73}\text{Ge}(\text{pnn}) \rightarrow {}^{70}\text{Ga} + e^+ + \pi^0$
    - ${}^{72}\text{Ge}(\text{pn}) \rightarrow {}^{70}\text{Ga} + \pi^0 + \pi^+$
    - ${}^{70}\text{Ge}(\text{nnn}) \rightarrow {}^{67}\text{Ge} + \bar{\nu} + \pi^0$

Isotope	$T_{1/2}$ (s)	Q (MeV)
${}^{73}\text{Cu}$	4.2	6.6
${}^{73}\text{Zn}$	24.5	4.1
${}^{74}\text{Zn}$	95.6	2.3
${}^{74}\text{Ga}$	487.2	5.4
${}^{71}\text{Cu}$	19.4	4.6
${}^{71}\text{Zn}$	147	2.8
${}^{70}\text{Cu}$	44.5	6.6
${}^{70}\text{Ga}$	1268.4	1.7
${}^{69}\text{Cu}$	171	2.7
${}^{67}\text{Ge}$	1134	4.2

# Search Candidates for Fully Inclusive

- One potential event for fully inclusive mode
  - Energy of first event: 2294 keV
  - Energy of second event: 2614 keV
  - Time difference between first and second events: 1657 s
  - Satisfy no channels

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# The Partial Lifetime Limit

- The partial lifetime limit is calculated as
  - $\tau > \frac{NT\epsilon_{tot}}{S}$
  - NT is exposure,  $\epsilon$  is the efficiency and S is the signal upper limit corresponding to Feldman-Cousins 90% confidence level.
- In this study, we considered all detectors including enriched and natural detectors; need to calculate PPC, ICPC, BEGe separately (And each has its own efficiency study).
- The data cleaning cuts discard nonphysical waveforms, pileup waveforms, pulser events.
- The Pulse-shape analysis (PSD) cuts, including AvsE, DCR, and LQ, discard background events.

I	PPC	ICPC	BEGe
$NT_i$	61.64 kg yr	2.82 kg yr	27.383 kg yr
$\epsilon_{DC,i}$	99.1%	99.9%	99.9%
$\epsilon_{PSD,i}$	86.1%	81.0%	86.1%

# Final Results for Semi-inclusive Visible Mode

- $NT\epsilon_{Tot} = (\sum_i^{PPC, ICPC, BEGe} NT_i \epsilon_{DC,i}) \epsilon_0 \epsilon_{\tau_1} \epsilon_{E_1}$

For semi-inclusive visible mode, we only consider the data cleaning cuts to the daughter isotope decay (>100 keV events).

Decay Mode	$\epsilon_0$	$\epsilon_{\tau_1}$	$\epsilon_{E_1}$	$\epsilon_{\tau_2}$	$\epsilon_{E_2}$	$\sum_i NT_i \epsilon_i$ ( $10^{24}$ atom yr)	$NT\epsilon_{Tot}$ ( $10^{24}$ atom yr)	Total candidates Observed	S (counts)	$\tau$ ( $10^{24}$ yr)
Semi-inclusive Visible										
$^{76}\text{Ge}(ppp) \rightarrow ^{73}\text{Cu } e^+ \pi^+ \pi^+$	0.998	0.969	0.996	N.A.	N.A.	465.1	448.0	0	2.44	>183.6
$^{76}\text{Ge}(ppn) \rightarrow ^{73}\text{Zn } e^+ \pi^+$	0.999	0.969	0.990	N.A.	N.A.	465.1	445.8	0	2.44	>182.7
$^{76}\text{Ge}(pp) \rightarrow ^{74}\text{Zn } \pi^+ \pi^+$	0.994	0.968	0.972	N.A.	N.A.	465.1	435.0	0	2.44	>178.3
$^{76}\text{Ge}(pn) \rightarrow ^{74}\text{Ga } \pi^0 \pi^+$	0.979	0.964	0.991	N.A.	N.A.	465.1	435.0	1	4.36	>99.8
$^{74}\text{Ge}(ppp) \rightarrow ^{71}\text{Cu } e^+ \pi^+ \pi^+$	0.998	0.969	0.993	N.A.	N.A.	147.2	141.3	0	2.44	>57.9
$^{74}\text{Ge}(ppn) \rightarrow ^{71}\text{Zn } e^+ \pi^+$	0.999	0.967	0.982	N.A.	N.A.	147.2	139.6	0	2.44	>57.2
$^{73}\text{Ge}(ppp) \rightarrow ^{70}\text{Cu } e^+ \pi^+ \pi^+$	0.998	0.968	0.996	N.A.	N.A.	17.6	16.9	0	2.44	>6.9
$^{73}\text{Ge}(pnn) \rightarrow ^{70}\text{Ga } e^+ \pi^0$	0.999	0.958	0.867	N.A.	N.A.	17.6	14.6	1	4.36	>3.3
$^{73}\text{Ge}(pp) \rightarrow ^{71}\text{Zn } \pi^+ \pi^+$	0.994	0.967	0.982	N.A.	N.A.	17.6	16.6	0	2.44	>6.8
$^{72}\text{Ge}(ppp) \rightarrow ^{69}\text{Cu } e^+ \pi^+ \pi^+$	0.998	0.967	0.973	N.A.	N.A.	62.1	58.4	0	2.44	>23.9
$^{72}\text{Ge}(pn) \rightarrow ^{70}\text{Ga } \pi^0 \pi^+$	0.979	0.958	0.867	N.A.	N.A.	62.1	50.5	1	4.36	>11.6
$^{70}\text{Ge}(nnn) \rightarrow ^{67}\text{Ge } \bar{\nu} \pi^0$	0.952	0.959	0.972	N.A.	N.A.	46.5	41.3	1	4.36	>9.5

# Final Results for Fully Inclusive Mode

- $$NT\epsilon_{Tot} = (\sum_i^{PPC,ICPC,BEGe} NT_i \epsilon_{PSD,i}^2) \epsilon_{E_1} \epsilon_{\tau_2} \epsilon_{E_2}$$

For fully inclusive mode, we consider all pulse-shape analysis for the daughter isotopes and the grand-daughter isotopes decays.

Decay Mode	$\epsilon_0$	$\epsilon_{\tau_1}$	$\epsilon_{E_1}$	$\epsilon_{\tau_2}$	$\epsilon_{E_2}$	$\sum_i NT_i \epsilon_i$ ( $10^{24}$ atom yr)	$NT\epsilon_{Tot}$ ( $10^{24}$ atom yr)	Total candidates Observed	S (counts)	$\tau$ ( $10^{24}$ yr)
$^{76}\text{Ge}(ppp) \rightarrow ^{73}\text{Cu} + X$	N.A.	N.A.	0.445	0.969	0.350	343.5	51.84	0	2.44	>21.2
$^{74}\text{Ge}(ppp) \rightarrow ^{71}\text{Cu} + X$	N.A.	N.A.	0.114	0.969	0.050	109.0	0.60	0	2.44	>0.2

# Background: Semi-Inclusive Visible Mode

- **Main Background Sources:**

- Muon-induced saturated events not tagged by the veto system.
- Random time coincidences with unrelated events.

- **Random Coincidence Rate:**

- Event rate ( $>100$  keV)  $\approx 10^{-4}$  Hz in the MJD.
- Expected random events after saturation:  $\approx 0.6$  ( $6342 \times 10^{-4}$ ).
- Must occur in the **same detector** as the saturated event ( $0.6/35$ )  $\approx 0.017$  counts across  $\sim 35$  detectors.

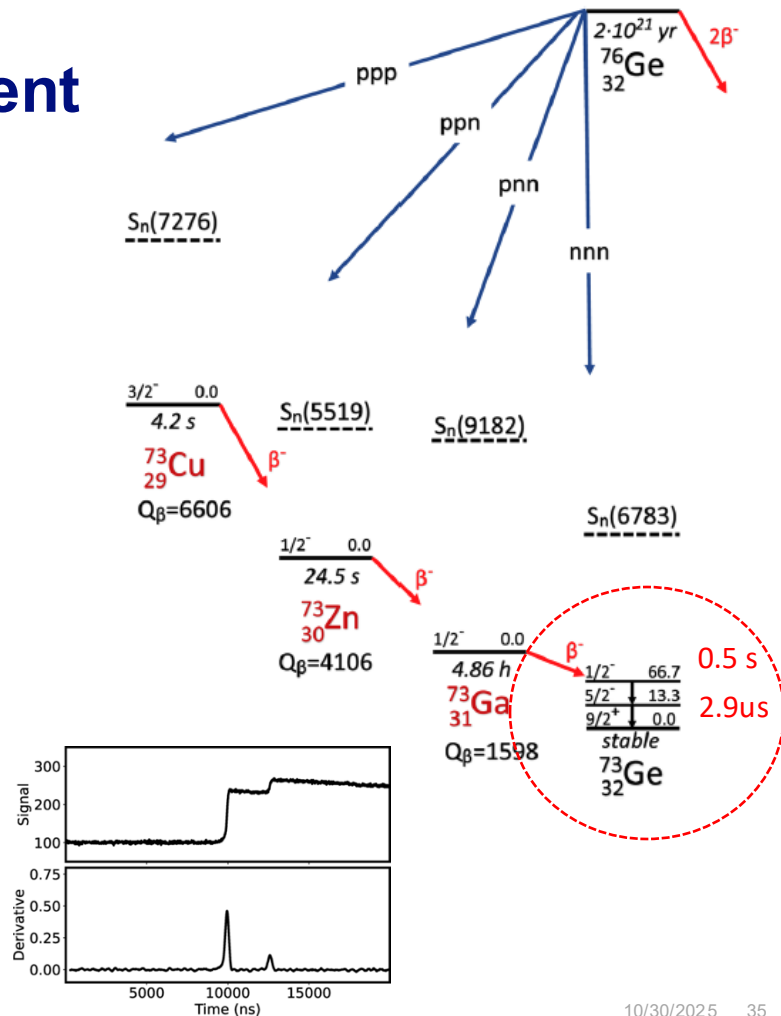
- **Muon Veto System:**

- High efficiency with near- $4\pi$  coverage.

- **6 out of 492** saturated events not tagged; 2 likely due to electrical issues (electrical breakdown), 3 lack of the corresponding daughter events.
- **One non-muon-veto saturated event** meets all analysis criteria.
- If more such events match the  **$\beta$ -decay half-life** of daughter isotopes, it would **strengthen rare decay signal evidence**.

# Comparison with GERDA Experiment

- Set a **partial lifetime limit** of  $\sim 1.2 \times 10^{26}$  **years** for **fully inclusive tri-nucleon decays** of  $^{76}\text{Ge}$ . Used an exposure of **61.89 kg·yr**.
- All tri-nucleon decays will end with  $^{73}\text{mGe}$  decay.
- Developed an algorithm to detect **two-step waveforms** from  $^{73}\text{mGe}$  decay.
- **No events** observed matching  $^{73}\text{mGe}$  decay signature.
- **MJD observed several events** consistent with  $^{73}\text{mGe}$  decay detected, likely stem from **cosmogenic  $^{73}\text{As}$  decay**. Phys. Rev. C **105**, 014617 (2022)





# Summary

- Using a full dataset with a total exposure of **MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR**, the experiment set the one of the **most stringent limits to date** for rare multinucleon decay processes.
- New partial lifetime limits were established, including a record
  - **$1.836 \times 10^{26}$  yr** for the  $^{76}\text{Ge}(\text{ppp}) \rightarrow ^{73}\text{Cu} \text{ e}^+ \pi^+ \pi^+$  decay mode,
  - **$1.827 \times 10^{26}$  yr** for the  $^{76}\text{Ge}(\text{ppn}) \rightarrow ^{73}\text{Zn} \text{ e}^+ \pi^+$  decay mode.
- These new limits significantly advance the search for physics beyond the Standard Model and highlight the potential of the HPGe detector technology for future experiments such as LEGEND-1000.

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# Inverted Coaxial Point Contact Detectors



- Inverted coaxial point contact (ICPC) detectors are larger (>3 kg) than PPC detectors (up to 1.2 kg). MAJORANA operated 4 ICPCs from Aug. 2020 to Mar 2021

- Beneficial for background reduction in LEGEND
- Larger range of drift times requires more refined analysis techniques
- MAJORANA has demonstrated comparable performance with ICPCs and PPCs. Best energy resolution for ICPCs to date!

