



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}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?

BIG BANG

Inflation

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    Accelerators[Accelerators:] --> CERNLHC[CERN-LHC]
    Accelerators --> FNALTev[FNAL-Tevatron]
    Accelerators --> BNLRHIC[BNL-RHIC]
    Accelerators --> CERNLEP[CERN-LEP]
    Accelerators --> SLACSLC[SLAC-SLC]
    CERNLHC --> HighEnergyCosmicRays[high-energy cosmic rays]
  
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$$\begin{array}{ccc} t & 10^{-44} & 10^{-37} s \\ T & 10^{32} & \\ E & 10^{19} & 10^{28} \\ & & 10^{15} \end{array}$$

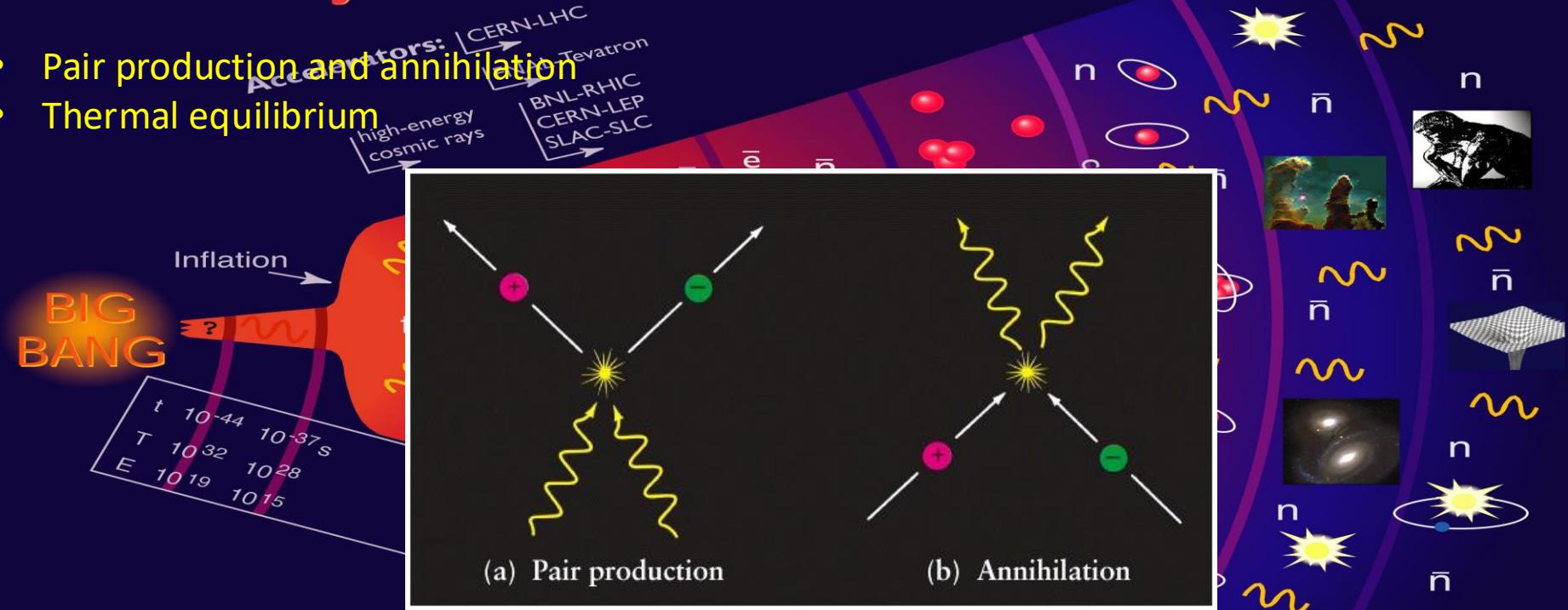
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Key:	W, Z	bosons		photon
q	quark		meson	
g	gluon		baryon	
e	electron		ion	
m	muon			galaxy
t	tau		atom	
n	neutrino			black hole

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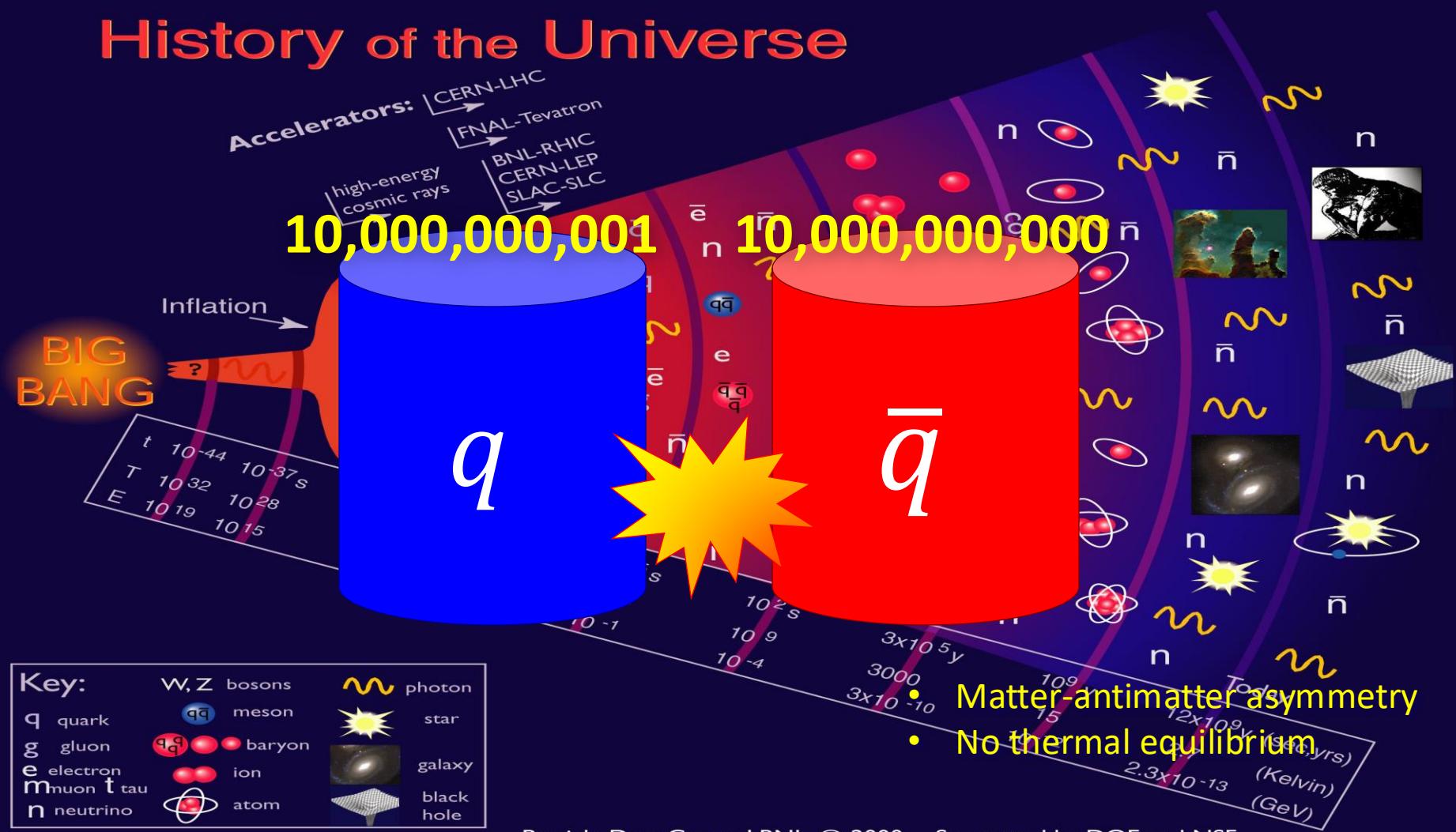
History of the Universe

- Pair production and annihilation
- Thermal equilibrium



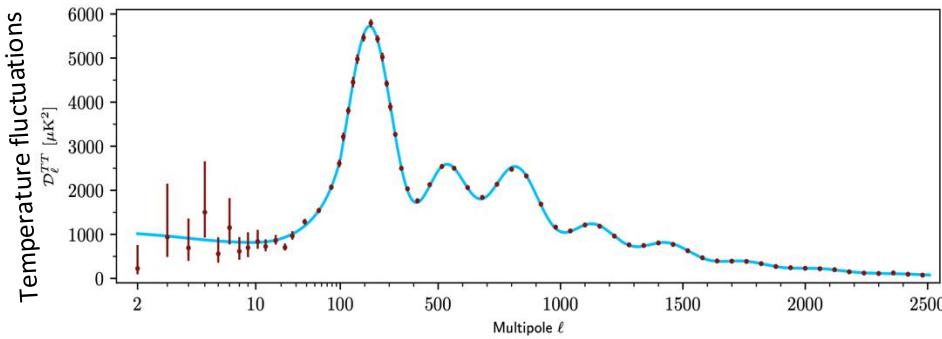
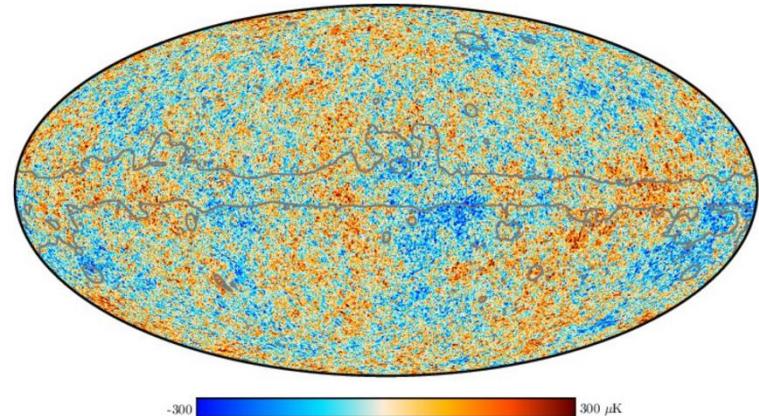
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\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{Z}	bosons
q quark	$q\bar{q}$ meson
g gluon	$q\bar{q}g$ baryon
e electron	e^+e^- ion
m muon	$m\bar{m}$ atom
n neutrino	

History of the Universe



Matter-Antimatter Asymmetry

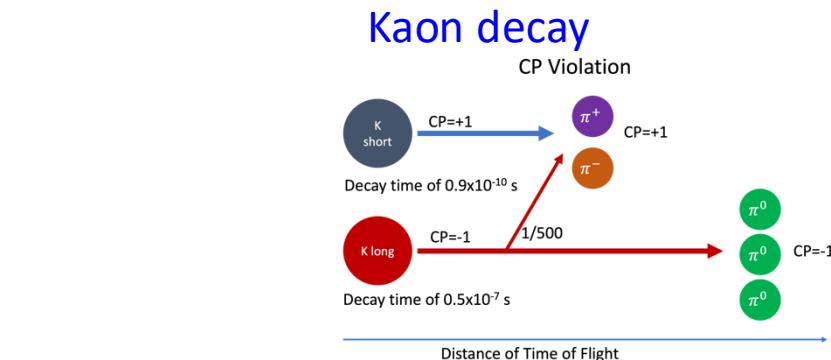
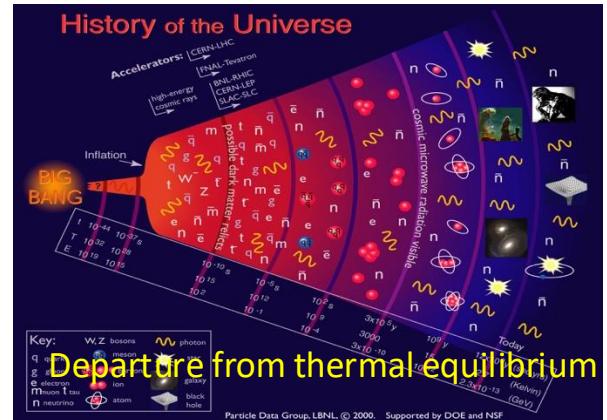
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 - Baryon/photon $\sim 6 \times 10^{-10}$ (Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation; Nobel Prize 2006)



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

Matter-Antimatter Asymmetry

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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](#))

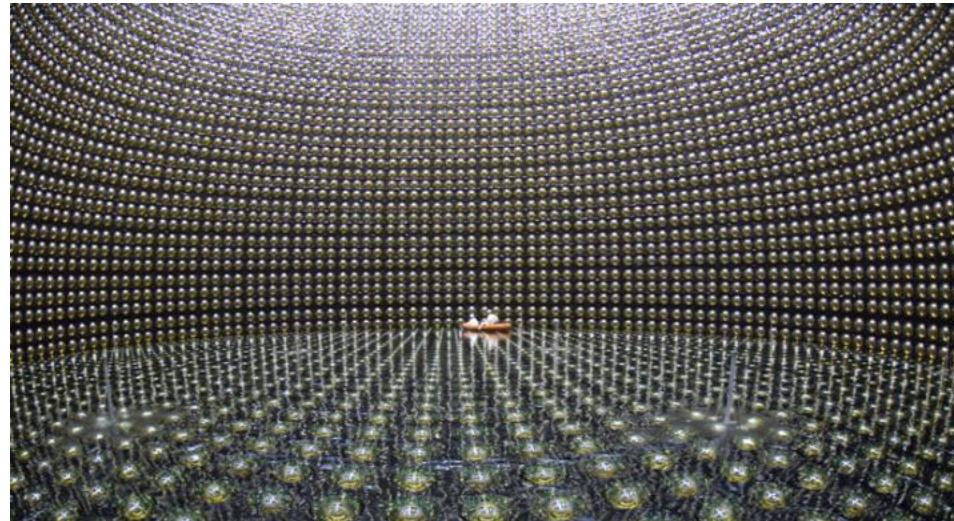
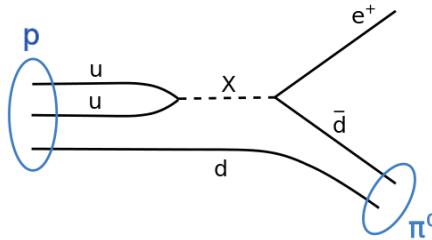


CKM Matrix

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

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

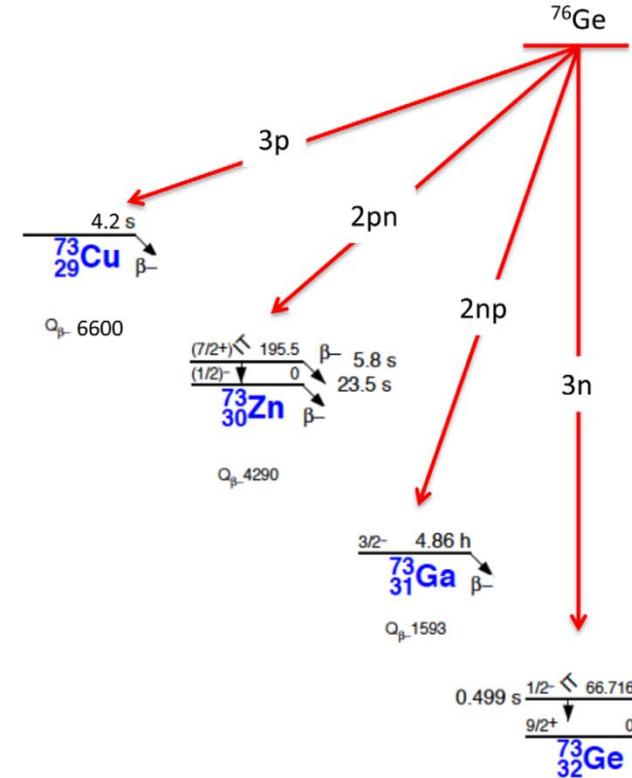
- **Proton and Nucleon Decay Searches (underground experiments)**
 - Kamiokande / Super-Kamiokande, Soudan, SNO, etc
 - $p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0, p \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^0, p \rightarrow \bar{\nu} K^+, p \rightarrow e^+ K^0, p \rightarrow \mu^+ K^0$
- **Collider-Based Baryon Decay Studies**
 - LHC, Belle,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

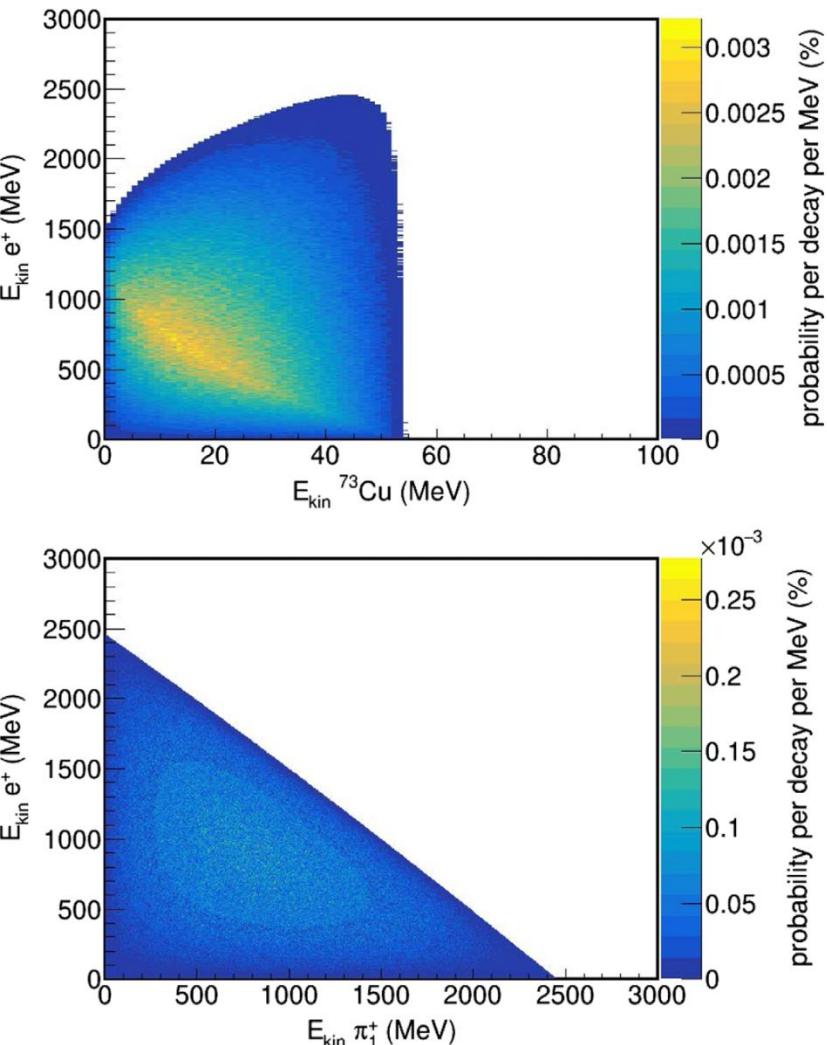
- Semi-inclusive visible modes
 - $ppp \rightarrow e^+ \pi^+ \pi^+$, $ppn \rightarrow e^+ \pi^+$, $pnn \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$, $nnn \rightarrow \bar{\nu} \pi^0$
 - Deposit large energy in the detectors
 - Cannot distinguish positrons or pions in MJD
 - The excited daughter can emit gammas (multiple detectors)
 - 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

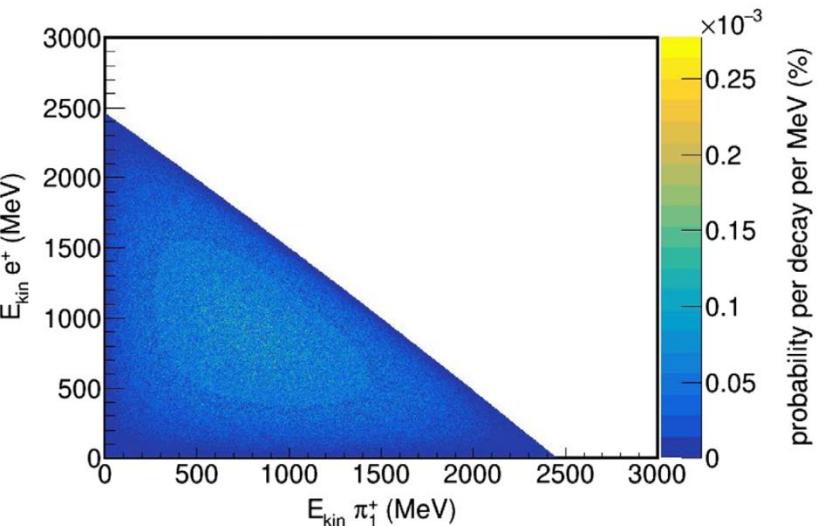
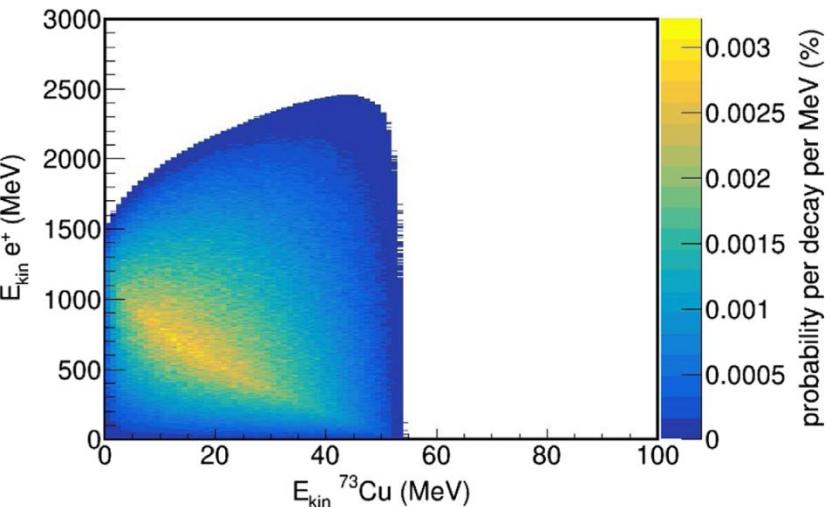
- $ppp \rightarrow e^+ \pi^+ \pi^+$, $ppn \rightarrow e^+ \pi^+$, $pnn \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$, $nnn \rightarrow \bar{\nu} \pi^0$
- Visible particles (e.g., positrons, pions) deposit large amounts of energy *in* germanium detectors (three-nucleon mass ≈ 3 GeV).
- Event selection (Step 1): identify high-energy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



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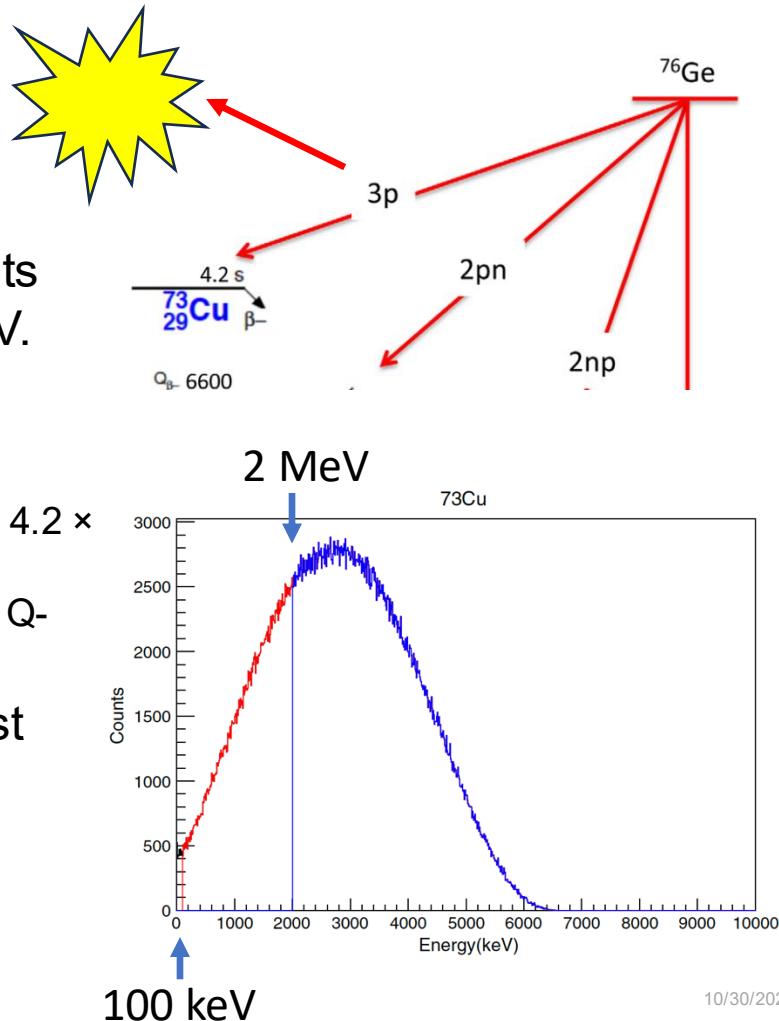
- Selection efficiency: ~99%. Calculated using GEANT4 simulations.
 - Simulate energy release from 3-nucleon decays
 - Track daughter particles (isotopes, positrons, pions, etc.)
 - Propagate particles within germanium detectors
 - Calculate fraction of events depositing >10 MeV (ϵ_0)



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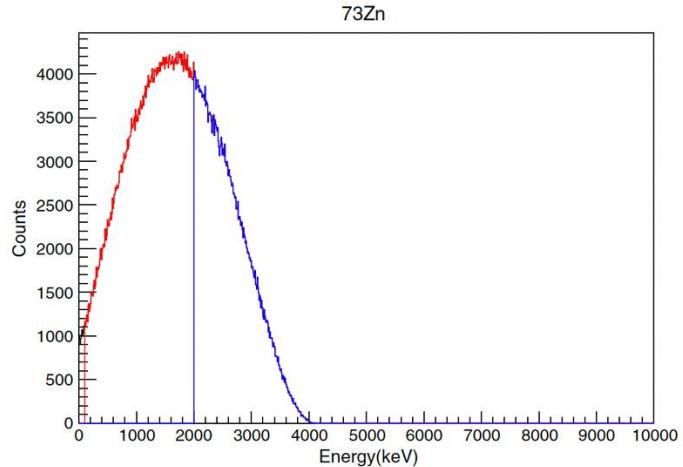
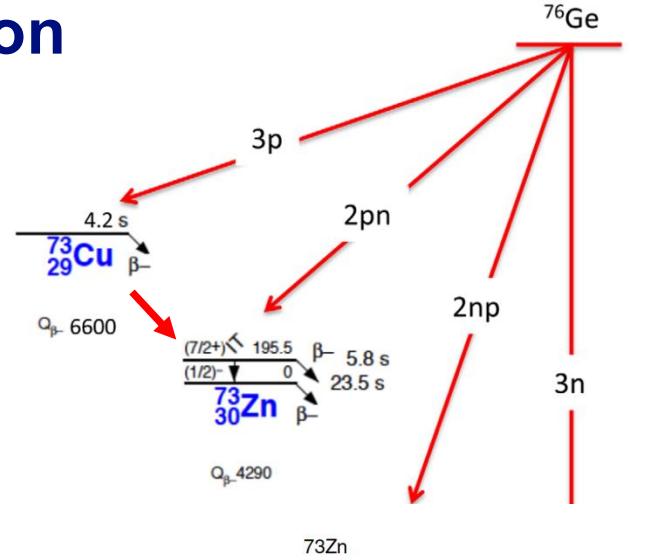
: Event Selection 2

- 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 5σ coverage (ϵ_{τ_1}). Must account for run gaps due to calibrations, detector downtime, or power outages.
 - Example: for ^{73}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. (ϵ_{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.



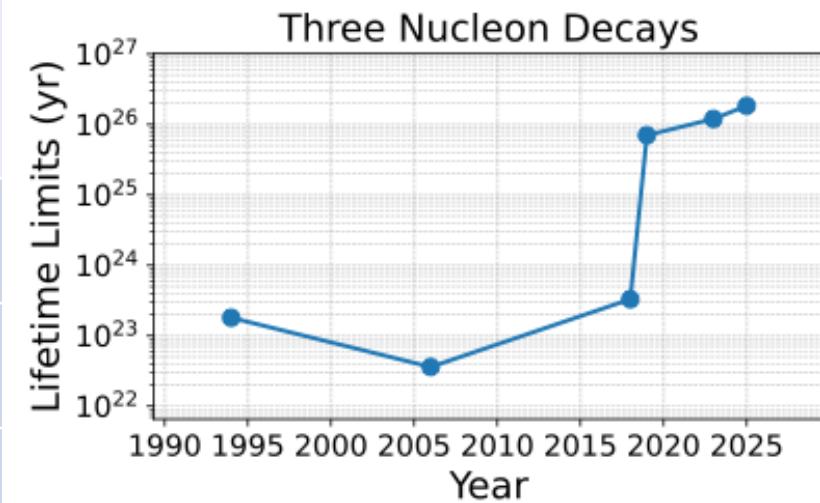
Fully Inclusive Modes: Event Selection

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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}Cu can decay to ^{73}Zn and ^{73}Zn can decay to ^{73}Ga .
- Select the first event of energy > 2 MeV. There are more low energy backgrounds. (ϵ_{E_1})
- After the $5 \times T_{1/2}$ window of the grand-daughter isotope (ϵ_{τ_2}), search for the second event of energy > 2 MeV. (ϵ_{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.



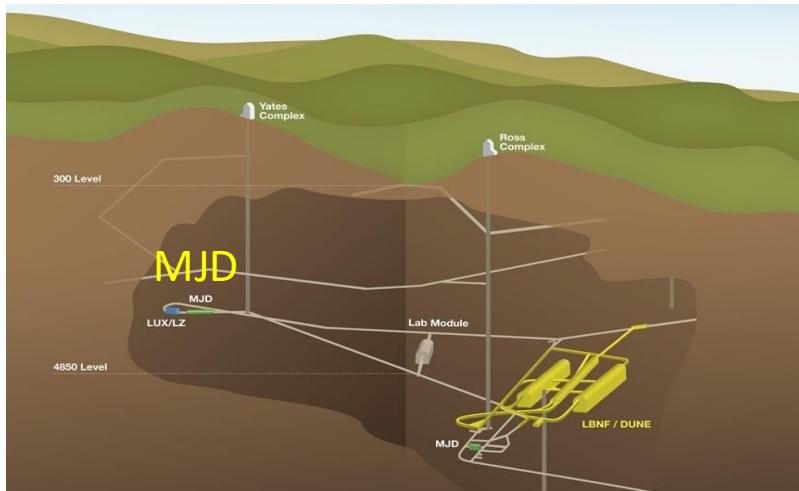
Experimental Efforts for Three-nucleon Decays

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



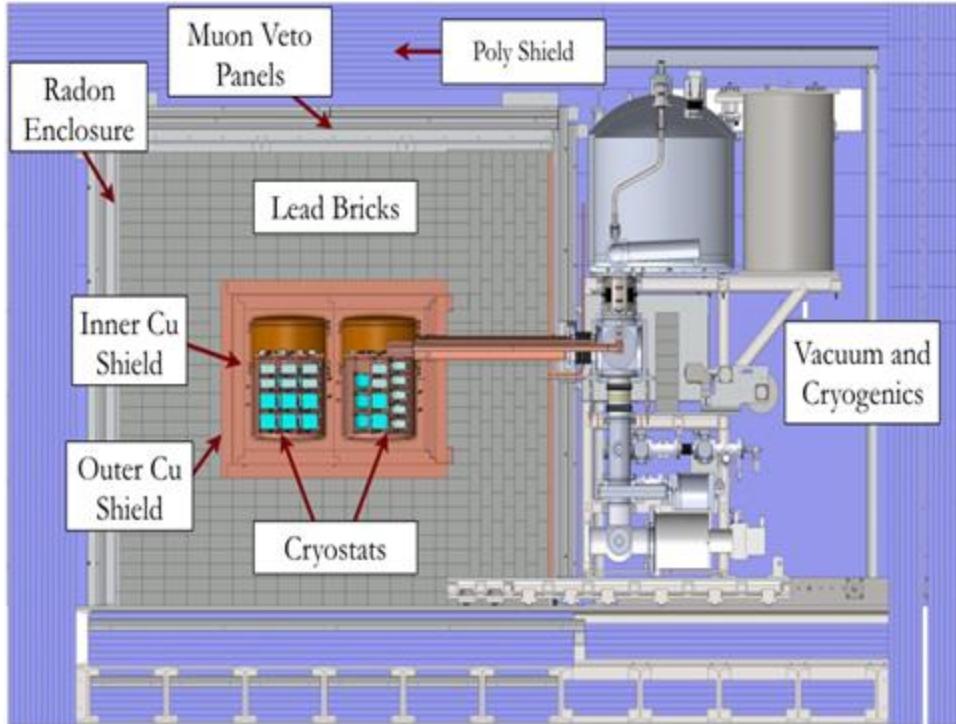
Location

- **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 /cm²/s (surface) to \sim 5 \times 10⁻⁹ /cm²/s (underground)
- **Site of the historic Homestake experiment** — Ray Davis's pioneering solar neutrino detection (Nobel Prize 2002)



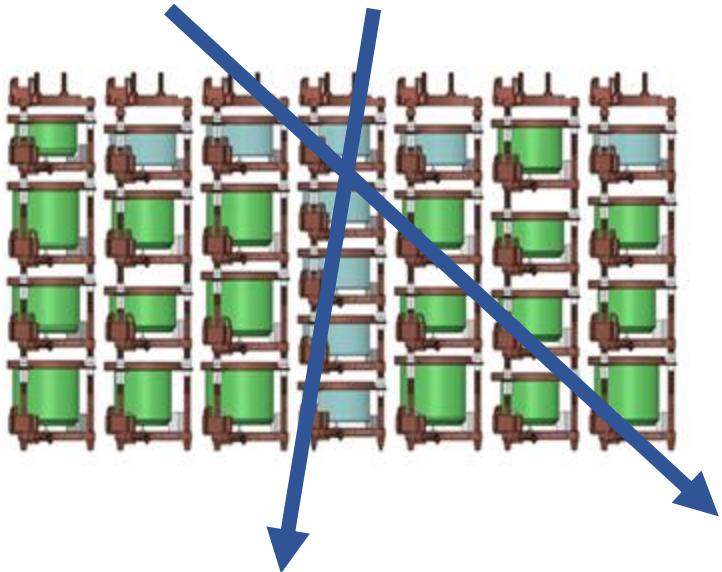
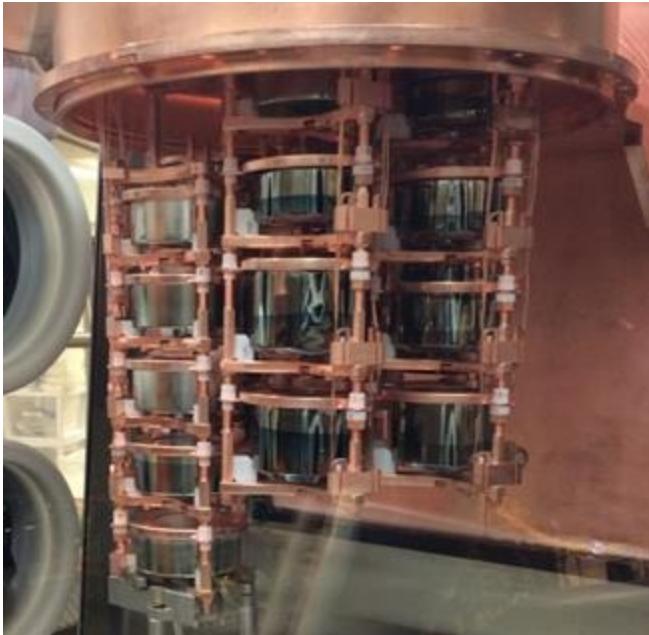
Low Background

- **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

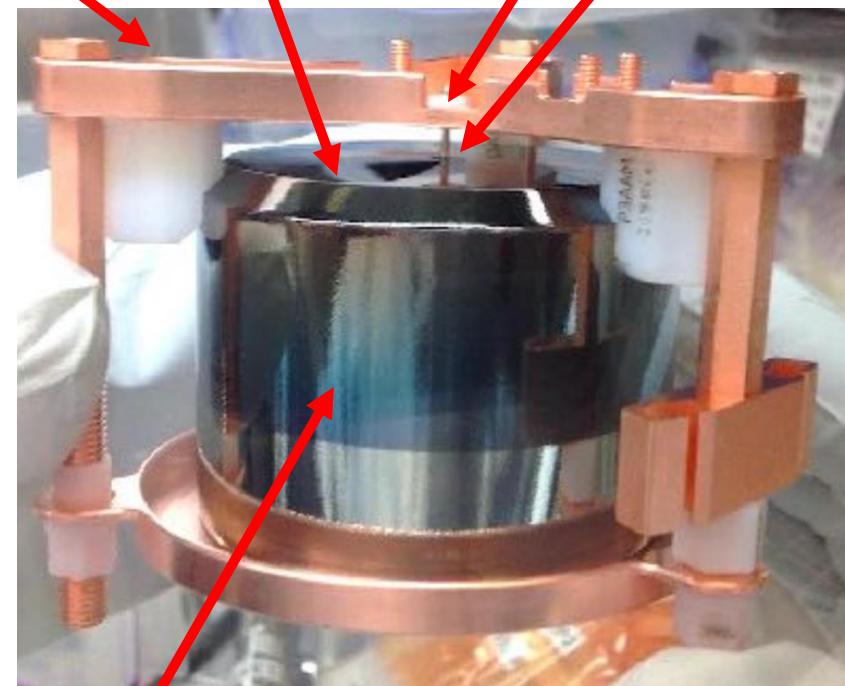
- Enriched Germanium (^{76}Ge) detector ~ 88% ^{76}Ge enrichment
- Excellent resolution: peak width/energy ~ 0.1%
- Low threshold ~ 1 keV
- High-purity semiconductor: Ge bandgap ~ 0.8 eV

Electroform copper

Passivated surface.

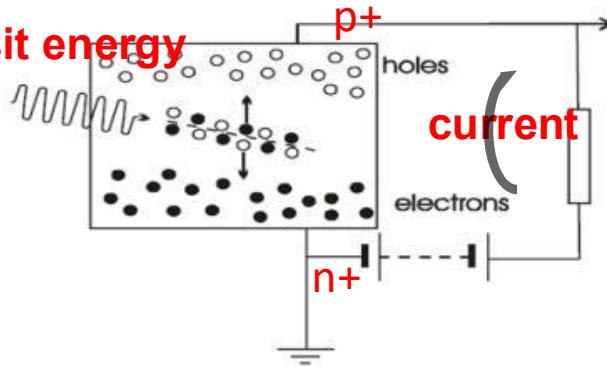
Low mass JFET

Point contact (p+)



Bias voltage

Deposit energy



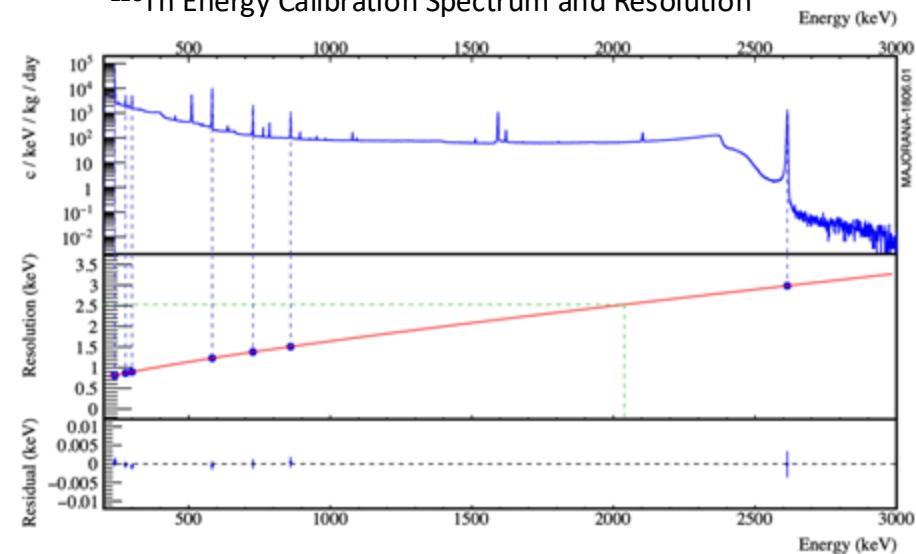
lithium-diffused surface (n+)

Energy Reconstruction

- Calibrated on weekly ^{228}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

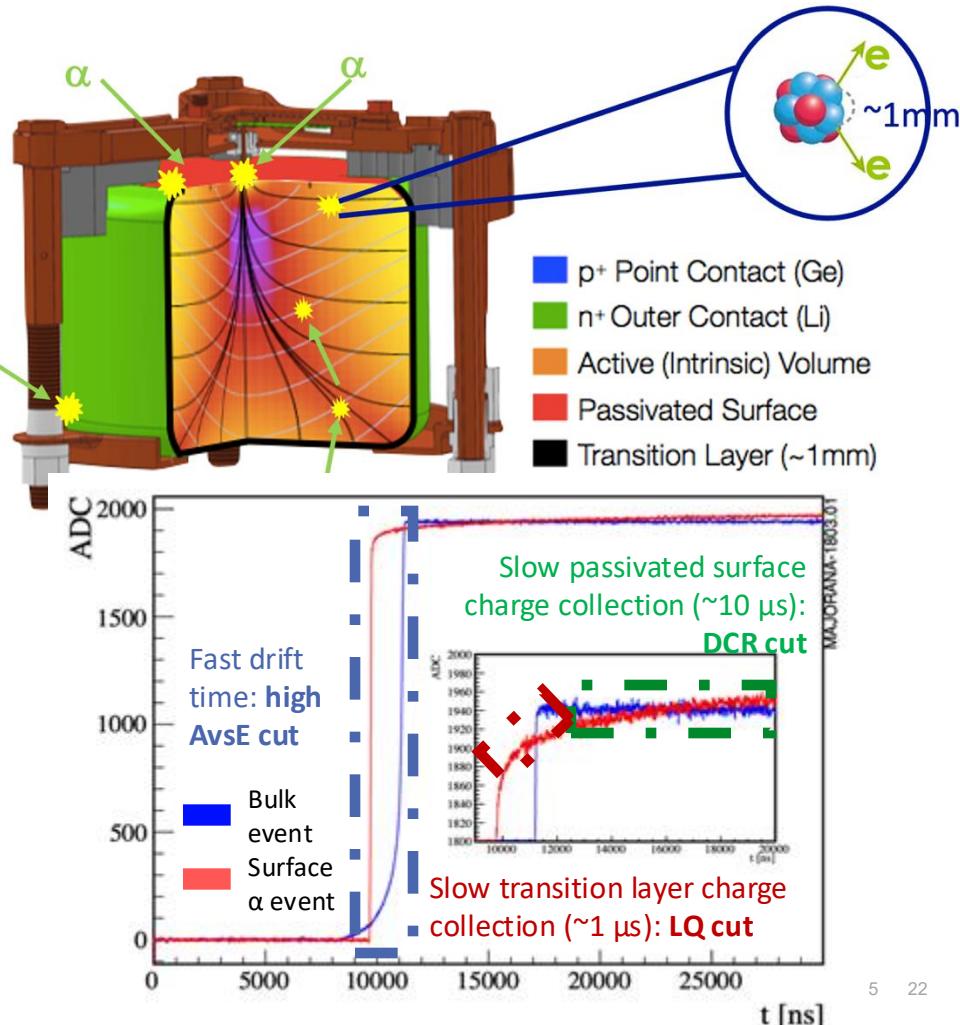


^{228}Th Energy Calibration Spectrum and Resolution



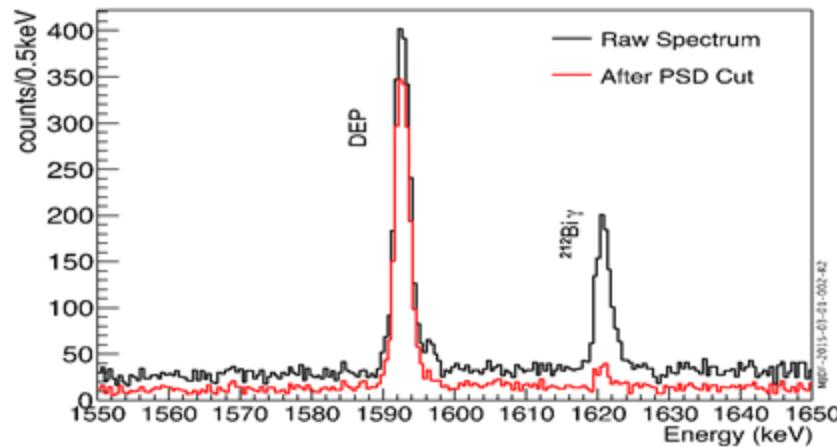
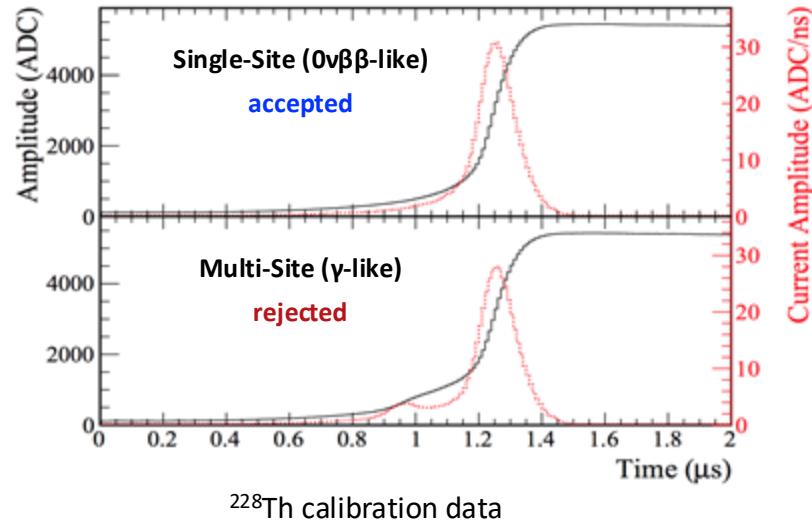
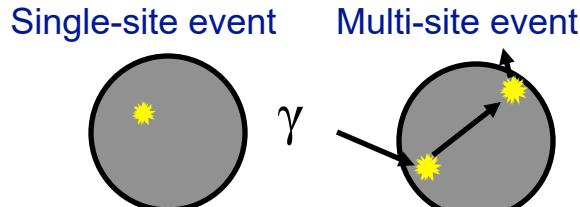
Background Rejection

- 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 γ events.
 - **DCR (Delayed Charge Recovery)**: identifies slow charge collection from surface α contamination (mainly from radon decay chain).
 - **LQ (Late Charge)**: flags partial charge collection in the transition layer, often from β or γ interactions.



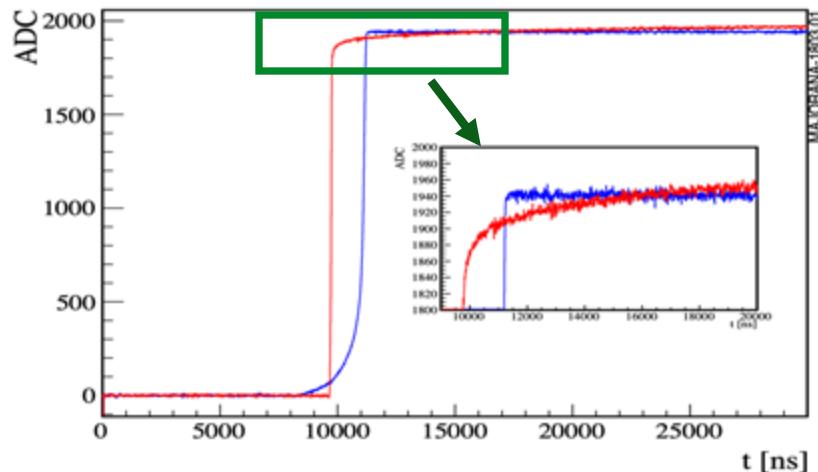
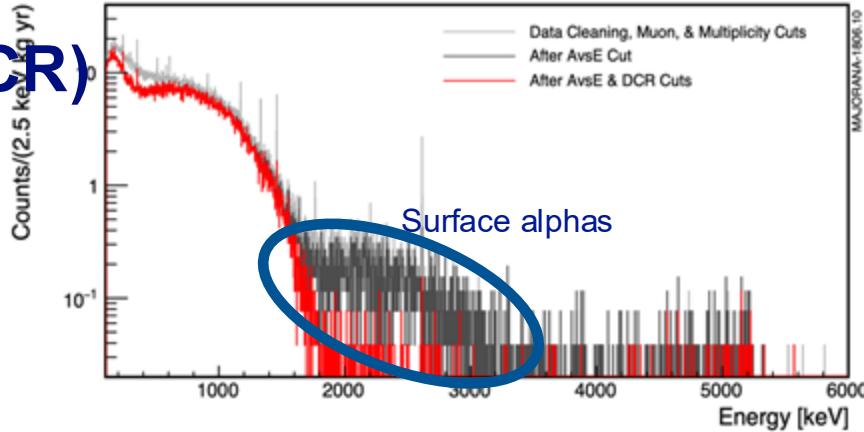
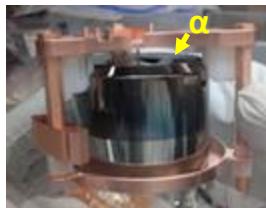
Multi-Site Events Cut (AvsE)

- 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}Th calibration data to accept 90% of single-site DEP events. Rejects >50% of the Compton continuum near $Q_{\beta\beta}$



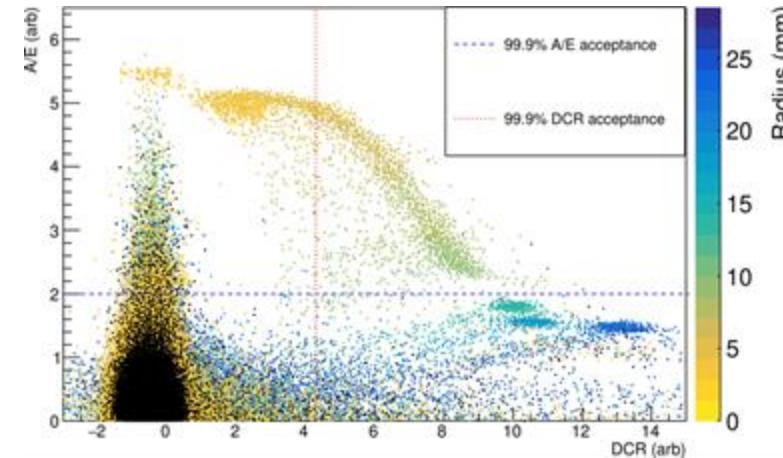
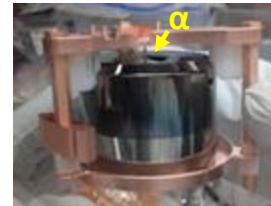
Passivated Surface Events (DCR)

- 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 (~ 10 s of μ s): Delayed Charge Recovery (DCR)
 - Cut using slope of tail after rising edge
 - Tuned to keep 99% of bulk events
- Suspect α contamination near passivated surface ^{210}Po from ^{222}Rn exposure

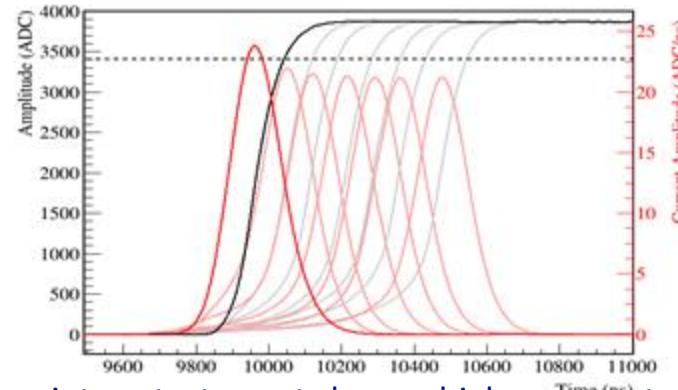


Surface Cuts: Point-Contact Events (AvsE)

- 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.



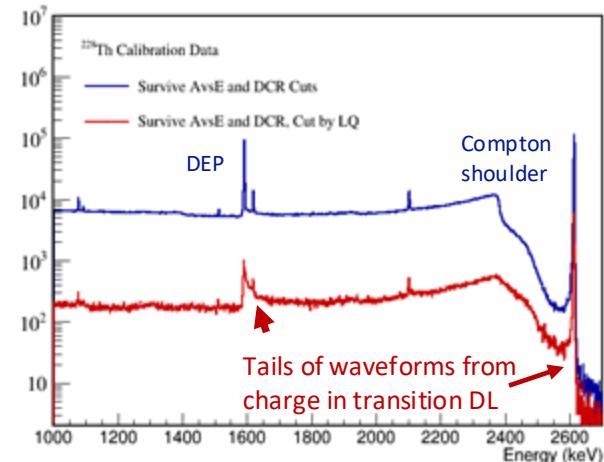
Joint A/E-DCR spectrum from TUBE scanner, with an α -source scanning across the passivated surface of a PPC detector



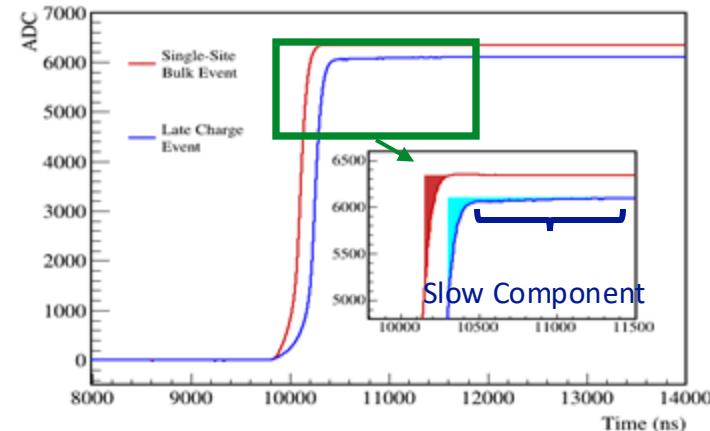
Near point contact events have a higher current amplitude

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}TI double escape events

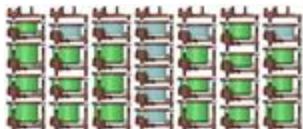


LQ cut leaves bulk single-site structures in ^{228}Th calibration data intact



Run Configuration and Timeline

Module 1



Deploy Module 1 in shield

16.8 kg (20) ^{enr}Ge
5.6 kg (9) ^{nat}Ge

Mar. 2021:

Stopped ^{enr}Ge Operation
Removed all ^{enr}Ge for
LEGEND-200

2015

2016

2017

2018

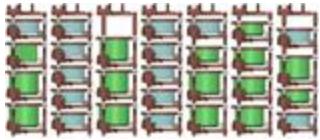
2019

2020

2021

2022

Module 2



Deploy Module 2 in shield

Mirion/Canberra

BEGe
^{nat}Ge



~0.6 kg

Ortec

PPC
^{enr}Ge



0.6 - 1.2 kg

Ortec ICPC

^{enr}Ge



1.3 - 2.1 kg

12.9 kg (15) ^{enr}Ge
8.8 kg (14) ^{nat}Ge

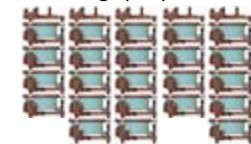
14.1 kg (13) ^{enr}Ge
8.8 kg (14) ^{nat}Ge

6.7 kg (4) as ICPC

Cable/Connector Upgrade of Module 2

Removed 5 PPC detectors for LEGEND Testing
Installed 4 LEGEND ICPC Detectors

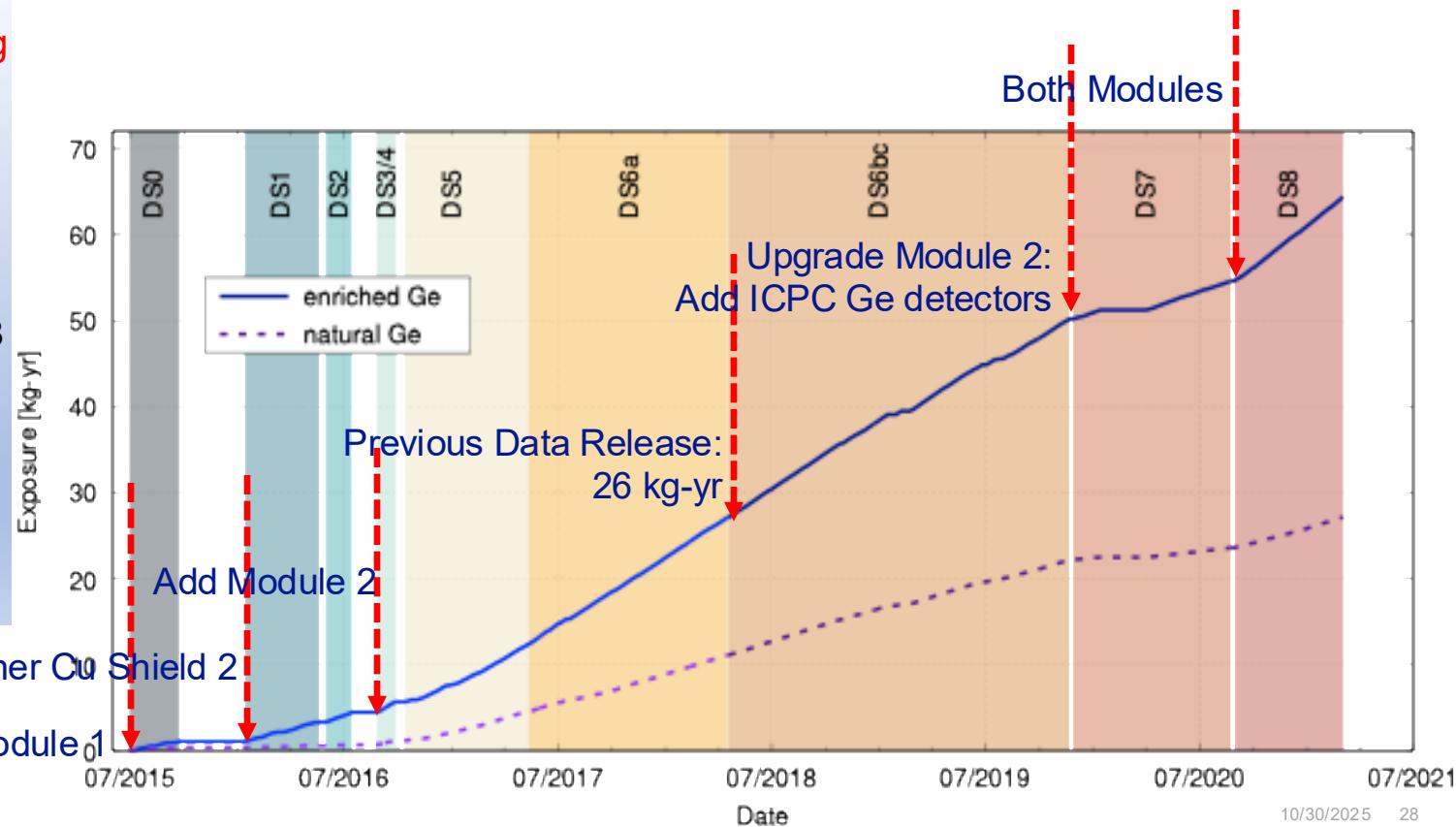
14.3 kg (23) ^{nat}Ge



Operation of Module 2.
with natural Ge detectors.
Now with ^{180m}Ta

Exposure

- PPC (87.4% ^{76}Ge , 12.6% ^{74}Ge): **61.64 kg yr**
- ICPC (88% ^{76}Ge , 12% ^{74}Ge): **2.82 kg yr**
- BEGe (20.5% ^{70}Ge , 27.4% ^{72}Ge , 7.8% ^{73}Ge , 36.5% ^{74}Ge , 7.8% ^{76}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}Cu	4.2	6.6
^{73}Zn	24.5	4.1
^{74}Zn	95.6	2.3
^{74}Ga	487.2	5.4
^{71}Cu	19.4	4.6
^{71}Zn	147	2.8
^{70}Cu	44.5	6.6
^{70}Ga	1268.4	1.7
^{69}Cu	171	2.7
^{67}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

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

The Partial Lifetime Limit

- The partial lifetime limit is calculated as
 - $\tau > \frac{NT\epsilon_{tot}}{S}$
 - NT is exposure, ϵ 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	ϵ_0	ϵ_{τ_1}	ϵ_{E_1}	ϵ_{τ_2}	ϵ_{E_2}	$\sum_i NT_i \epsilon_i$ (10^{24} atom yr)	$NT\epsilon_{Tot}$ (10^{24} atom yr)	Total candidates	S (counts)	τ (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.

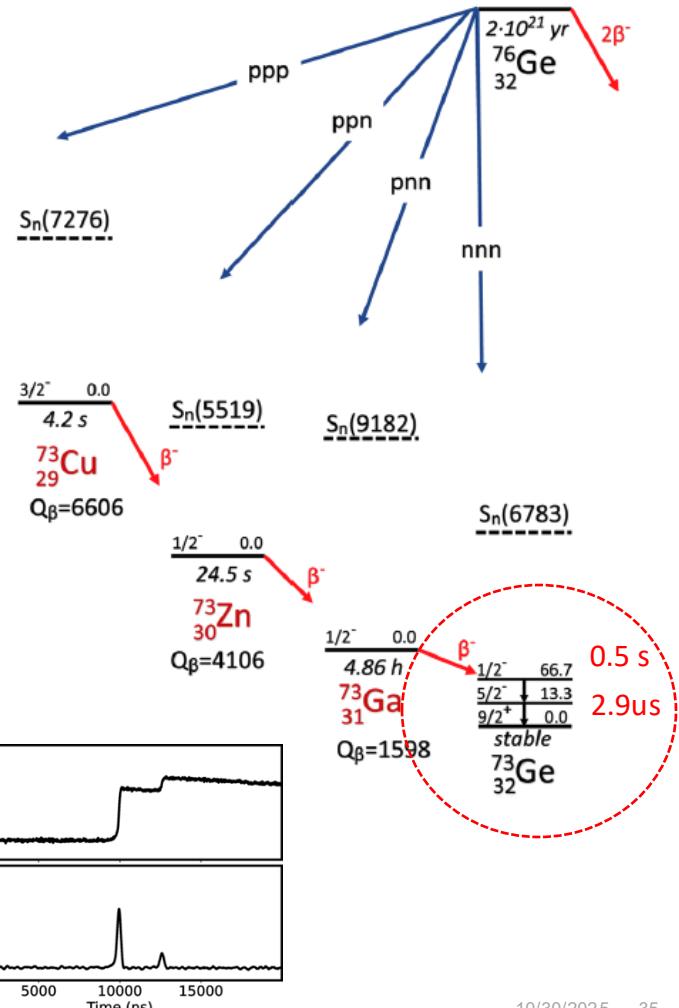
Decay Mode	ϵ_0	ϵ_{τ_1}	ϵ_{E_1}	ϵ_{τ_2}	ϵ_{E_2}	$\sum_i NT_i \epsilon_i$ (10^{24} atom yr)	$NT\epsilon_{Tot}$ (10^{24} atom yr)	Total candidates Observed	S (counts)	τ (10^{24} yr)
$^{76}\text{Ge}(ppp) \rightarrow ^{73}\text{Cu} + X$	N.A.	N.A.	0.445	0.969	0.350	343.5	51.84	0	2.44	>21.2
$^{74}\text{Ge}(ppp) \rightarrow ^{71}\text{Cu} + X$	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: ≈ 0.6 (6342×10^{-4}).
 - Must occur in the **same detector** as the saturated event ($0.6/35 \approx 0.017$ **counts** across ~ 35 detectors).
- **Muon Veto System:**
 - High efficiency with near- 4π 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 **β -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 ${}^{73\text{m}}\text{Ge}$ decay.
- Developed an algorithm to detect **two-step waveforms** from ${}^{73\text{m}}\text{Ge}$ decay.
- **No events** observed matching ${}^{73\text{m}}\text{Ge}$ decay signature.
- **MJD observed several events** consistent with ${}^{73\text{m}}\text{Ge}$ 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
 - 1.836×10^{26} yr for the ${}^{76}\text{Ge}(\text{ppp}) \rightarrow {}^{73}\text{Cu} \text{ e}^+ \pi^+ \pi^+$ decay mode,
 - 1.827×10^{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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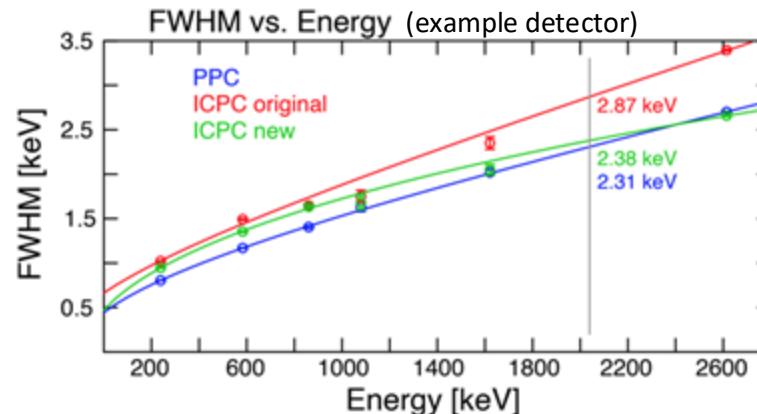
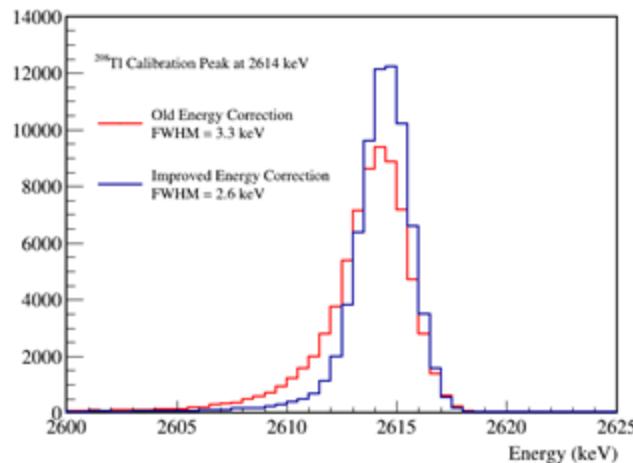
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Inverted Coaxial Point Contact Detectors



- 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!



New charge trapping correction improves combined energy resolution of ICPC detectors