

# Исследование двойного бета распада на спектрометрах TGV-2 и Obelix

**TGV-2**



**Obelix**



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# Double beta decay

- two-neutrinos double beta decay ( $2\nu\beta\beta$ )**

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

$$(2\nu\beta^- \beta^-)$$

observables:  $2 e^-$

$$(Z+2, A) \rightarrow (Z, A) + 2e^+ + 2\nu_e$$

$$(2\nu\beta^+ \beta^+)$$

observables:  $2 e^+$ ,  $4 \times 511 \text{ keV } \gamma$

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

$$(2\nu\beta^+/EC)$$

observables:  $1 e^+$ ,  $2 \times 511 \text{ keV } \gamma$ , X-ray

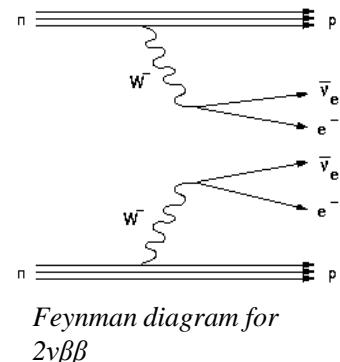
$$2e^- + (Z+2, A) \rightarrow (Z, A) + 2\nu_e + 2X$$

$$(2\nu EC/EC)$$

observables: 2 X-rays

$$(T_{1/2}^{2\nu})^{-1} = G^{2\nu}(Q, Z) |M^{2\nu}|^2$$

$$T_{1/2}^{2\nu} \approx 10^{19} - 10^{24} \text{ years}$$



- neutrinoless double beta decay ( $0\nu\beta\beta$ )**

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

$$(0\nu\beta^- \beta^-)$$

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

$$(0\nu\beta^+ \beta^+)$$

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

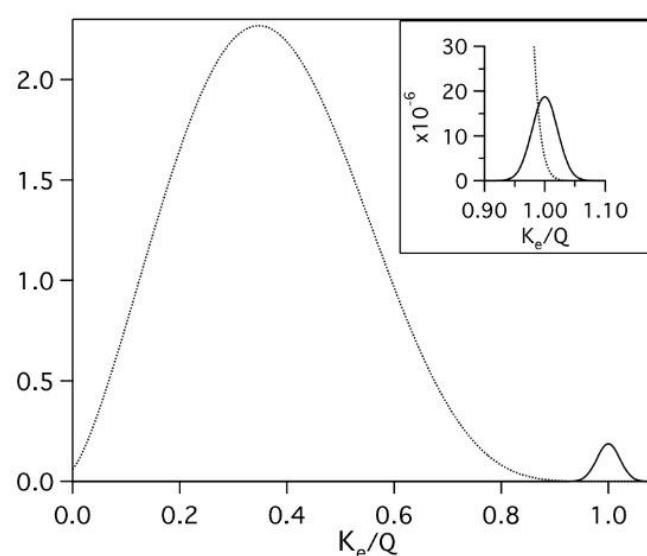
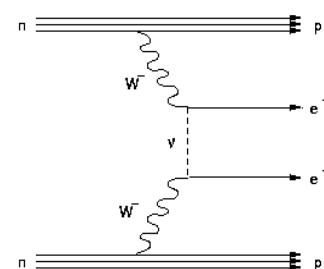
$$(0\nu\beta^+/EC)$$

$$2e^- + (Z+2, A) \rightarrow (Z, A)^* \rightarrow (Z-2, A) + (\gamma) + 2X$$

$$(0\nu EC/EC)$$

$$(T_{1/2}^{0\nu})^{-1} = G^{0\nu}(Q, Z) |M^{0\nu}|^2 |m_{\beta\beta}|^2$$

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \gtrsim 10^{24} \text{ years}$$



Feynman diagram for  $0\nu\beta\beta$

# SEARCH FOR DOUBLE BETA DECAY

At present  $2\nu 2\beta^-$  decay was detected in 11 nuclei:

$^{48}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{76}\text{Ge}$ ,  $^{82}\text{Se}$ ,  $^{96}\text{Zr}$ ,  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{116}\text{Cd}$ ,  $^{128}\text{Te}$ ,  $^{130}\text{Te}$ ,  $^{136}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{150}\text{Nd}$ ,  $^{238}\text{U}$

$2\nu\text{EC/EC}$  in  $^{130}\text{Ba}$  was detected in geochemical experiment (A.P.Meshik et al.. Phys. Rev. C **64**, 2001, 035205) and there is the indication on  $2\nu\text{EC/EC}$  in  $^{78}\text{Kr}$  (Yu.M.Gavrilyuk et al., Phys. Rev. C **87**, 2013, 035501).

**Double beta decay to excited states** of daughter nuclei are accompanied by emission of  $\gamma$ -quanta in de-excitation of excited states. These  $\gamma$ -quanta may be detected by low background HPGe detectors with high efficiency and good energy resolution.

$2\nu 2\beta^-$  decay to excited states was detected in

$^{100}\text{Mo} - ^{100}\text{Ru}$  ( $0^+_1$ , 1130.3 keV) and  $^{150}\text{Nd} - ^{150}\text{Sm}$  ( $0^+_1$ , 740.4 keV).

## DOUBLE BETA DECAY OF $^{106}\text{Cd}$

## Experimental signature (TGV-2)

**EC/EC**  $2e_b^- + ^{106}\text{Cd} \rightarrow ^{106}\text{Pd} + (2\nu_e) + (\gamma)$

**2KXPd** (+ $\gamma$  for e.s.)

**$\beta^+/\text{EC}$**   $e_b^- + ^{106}\text{Cd} \rightarrow ^{106}\text{Pd} + e^+ + (2\nu_e) + (\gamma)$

**KXPd + 2 $\gamma$  511** (+  $\gamma$  for e.s.)

**$\beta^+\beta^+$**   $^{106}\text{Cd} \rightarrow ^{106}\text{Pd} + e^+ + e^+ + (2\nu_e) + (\gamma)$

**4 $\gamma$  511** (+  $\gamma$  for e.s.)

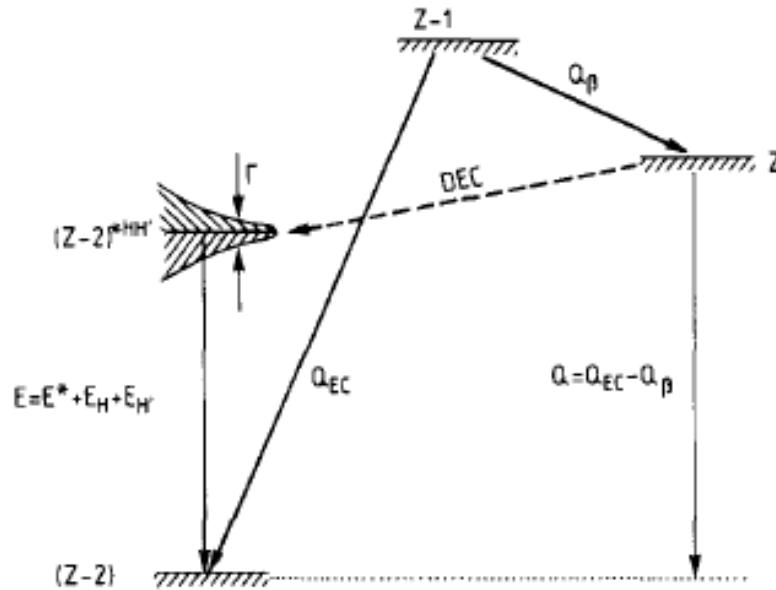
## 0 $\nu$ EC/EC DECAY to the ground state



$$E_{\gamma,\dots} = \Delta M - \varepsilon_{e1} - \varepsilon_{e2}$$

Suppression factor is  $\sim 10^4$  (in comparison with EC $\beta+$ (0 $\nu$ ) –  
 M. Doi and T. Kotani, Prog. Theor. Phys. 89 (1993)139.

## 0 $\nu$ EC/EC Resonance Transitions $(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z-2)^{*HH'}$



Atom mixing amplitude  
 $\Delta M$

$$E \approx E^* + E_H + E_{H'},$$

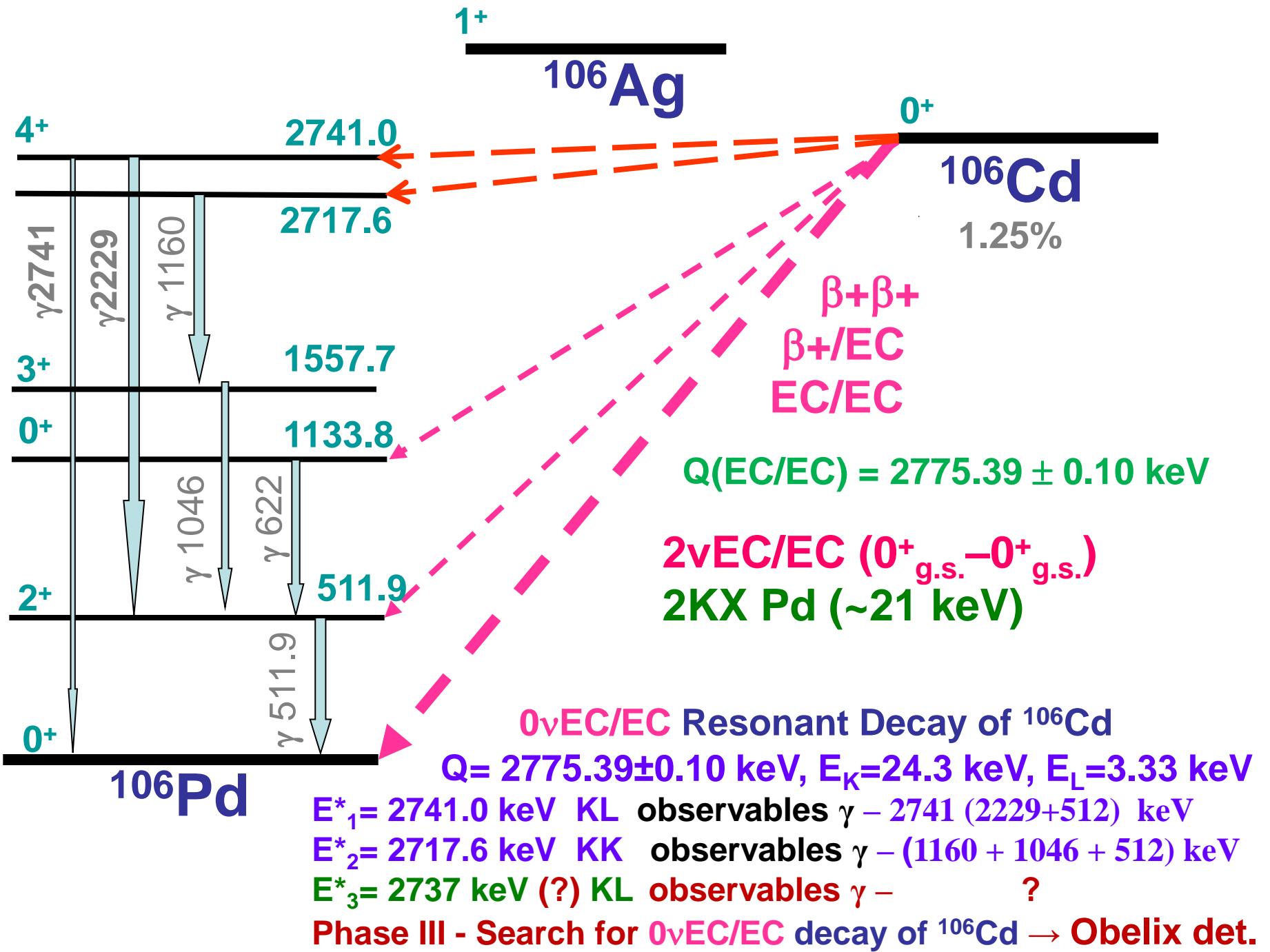
$$\Gamma \approx \Gamma^* + \Gamma_H + \Gamma_{H'}.$$

Decay rate

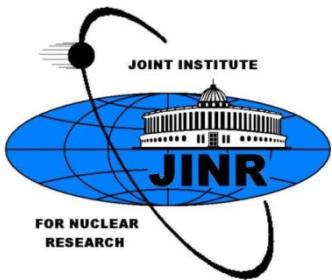
$$\frac{1}{\tau} \approx \frac{(\Delta M)^2}{(Q - E)^2 + \frac{1}{4}\Gamma^2} \Gamma,$$

J. Bernabeu, A. DeRujula, C. Jarlskog, Nucl. Phys. B 223, 15 (1983)

Enhancement factor on the level of  $10^4$ - $10^6$  may be obtained for  $|Q-Q'\text{res}| < 1$  keV  
 Z. Sujkowski, S. Wycech, Phys. Rev. C 70 (2004) 052501.



# Experiment TGV-2 (DOUBLE BETA DECAY OF $^{106}\text{Cd}$ )



JINR Dubna, Russia,  
IEAP, CTU Prague, Czech Republic,  
CU Bratislava, Slovakia,  
CSNSM Orsay, France  
LSM Modane, France



## Laboratoire Souterrain de Modane, France

**Phase I** ~10g (12 samples) of  $^{106}\text{Cd}$  (75%) and ~3.2 g (4 samples) of Cd-nat.  
**T= 8687h** (Feb.2005 – Feb.2006)

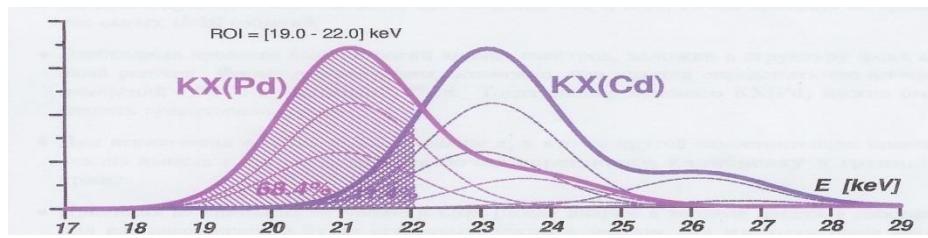
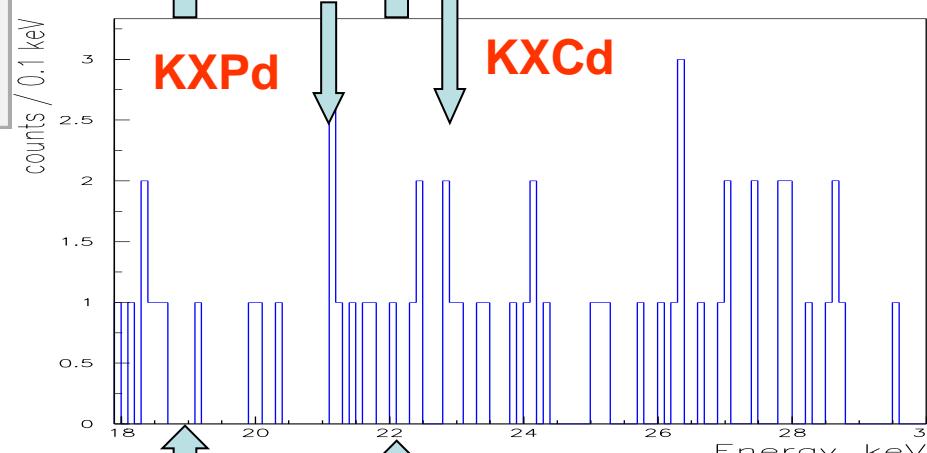
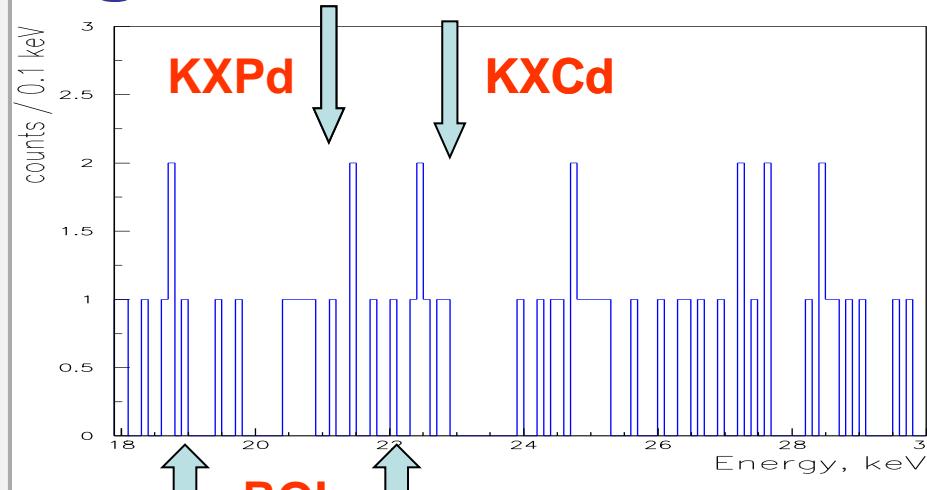
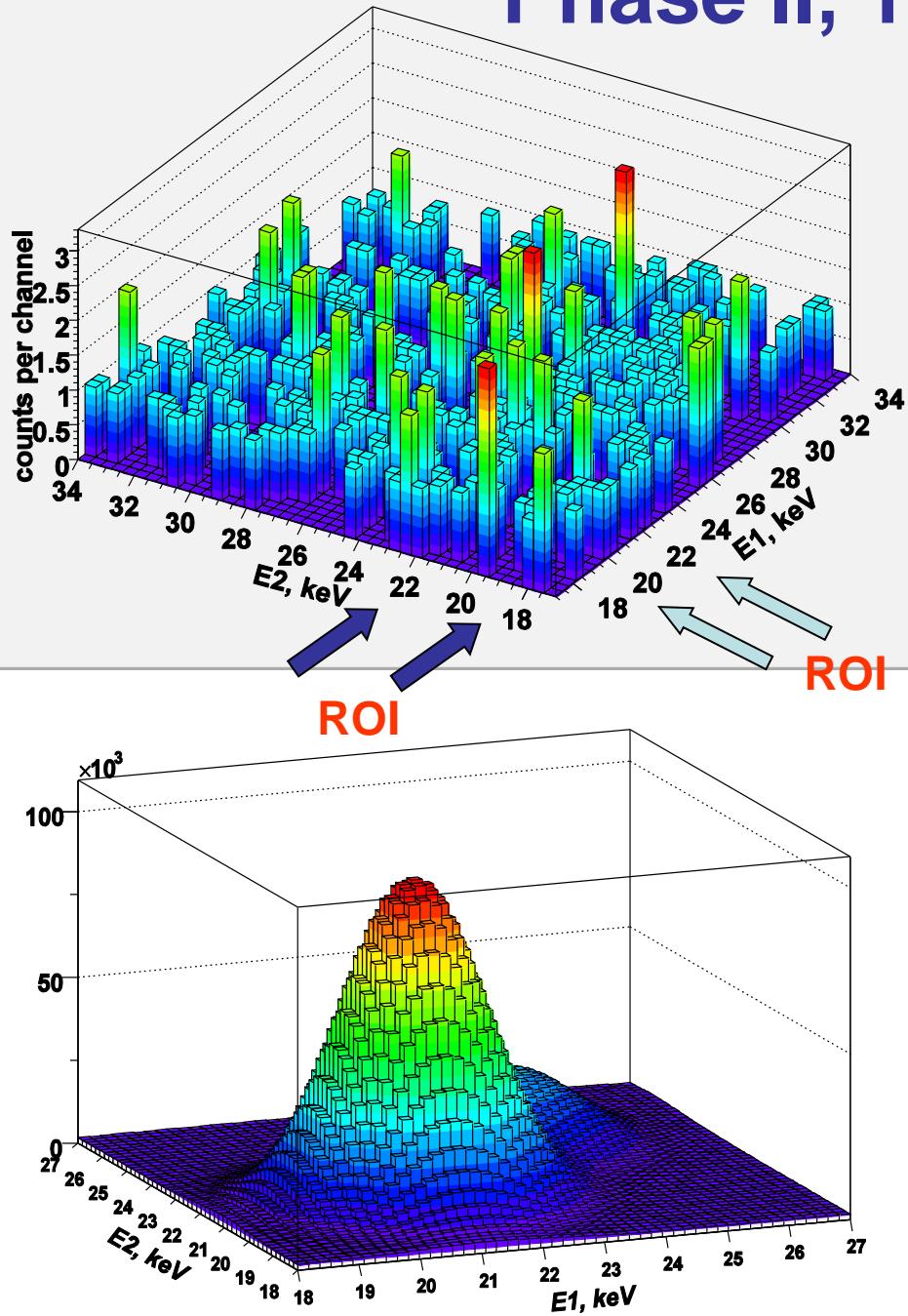
**Phase II** ~ 13.6 g (16 samples) of  $^{106}\text{Cd}$  (75%)  
**T = 12900h** (Dec.2007 – July 2009)

**Background I** no samples (Aug.2009 – Mar.2010)

**Background II** 16 samples of Cd.-nat (April 2010 – Nov. 2013)

**Phase III** ~ 23.2 g (16 samples) of  $^{106}\text{Cd}$  (99.57%)  
(Feb.2014 – Sep.2015, Apr.2016 – ....) **T>25000h**

# Phase II, 13.6g of $^{106}\text{Cd}$ , T=12900h



# Telescope Germanium Vertical (TGV-2)

32 HPGe planar detectors Ø60 mm x 6 mm

with sensitive volume: 20.4 cm<sup>2</sup> x 6 mm

Total sensitive volume: ~400 cm<sup>3</sup>

Total mass of detectors: ~3 kg

Total area of samples : 330 cm<sup>2</sup>

Total mass of sample(s) : 10 ÷ 25 g

Total efficiency : 50 ÷ 70 %

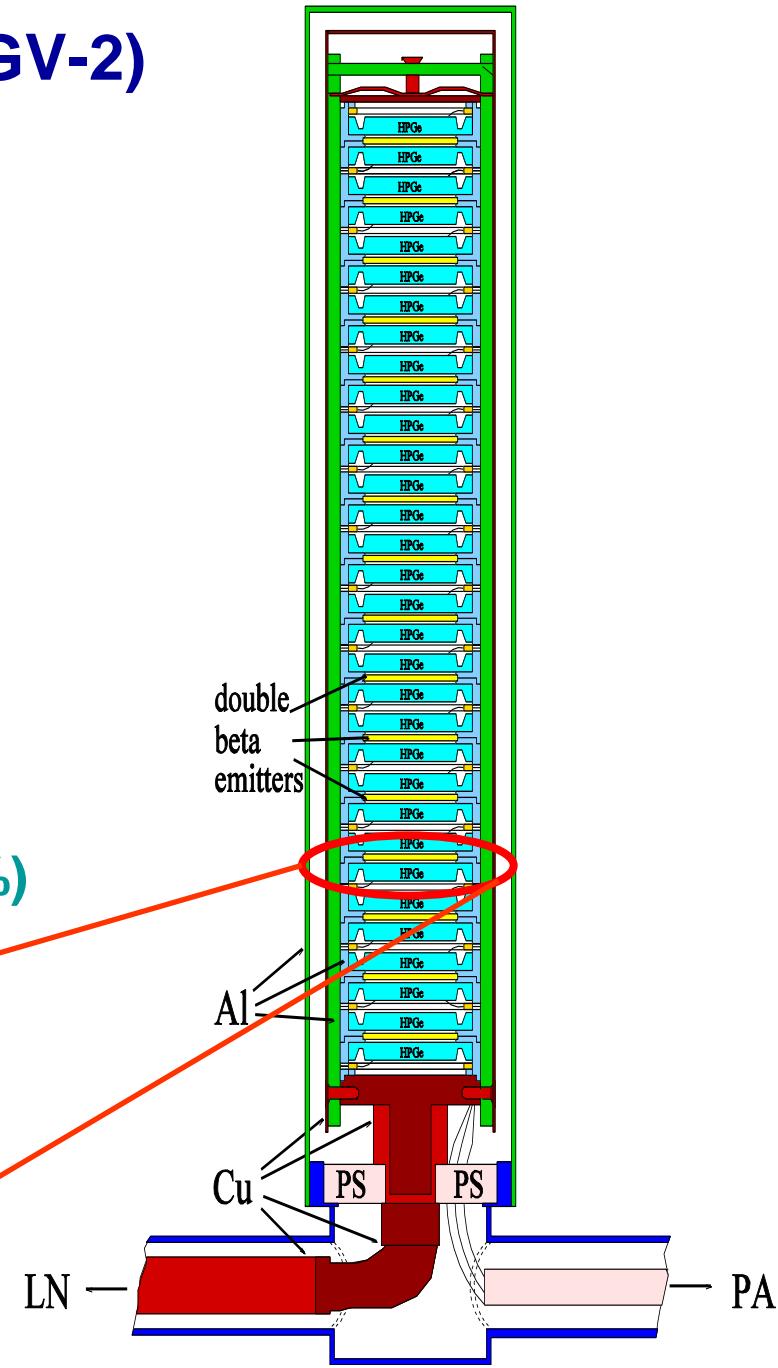
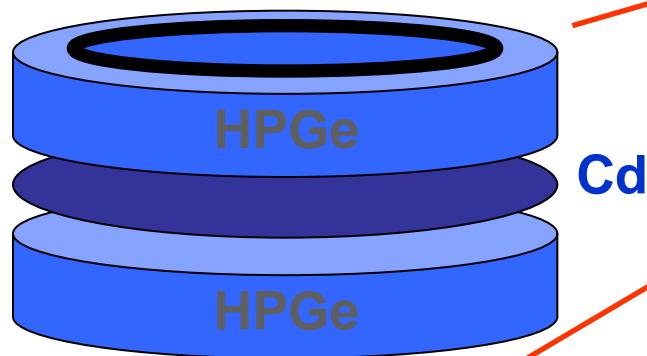
E-resolution : 3 ÷ 4 keV @ <sup>60</sup>Co

LE-threshold : 5 ÷ 6 keV

Double beta emitters:

16 samples (~70µm) of <sup>106</sup>Cd (enrich.99.57%)

~23.2 g (~ 1.3 x 10<sup>23</sup> atoms) of <sup>106</sup>Cd



# Background suppression

- **Passive shielding**

- Modane Underground Laboratory
- Pb + Cu
- airtight box against radon
- anti-neutron shielding (borated polyethylene)

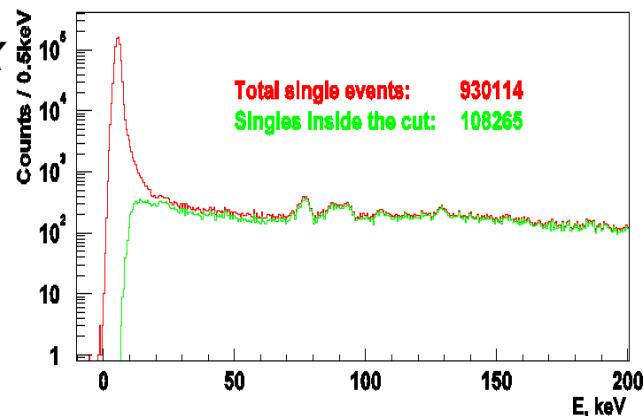
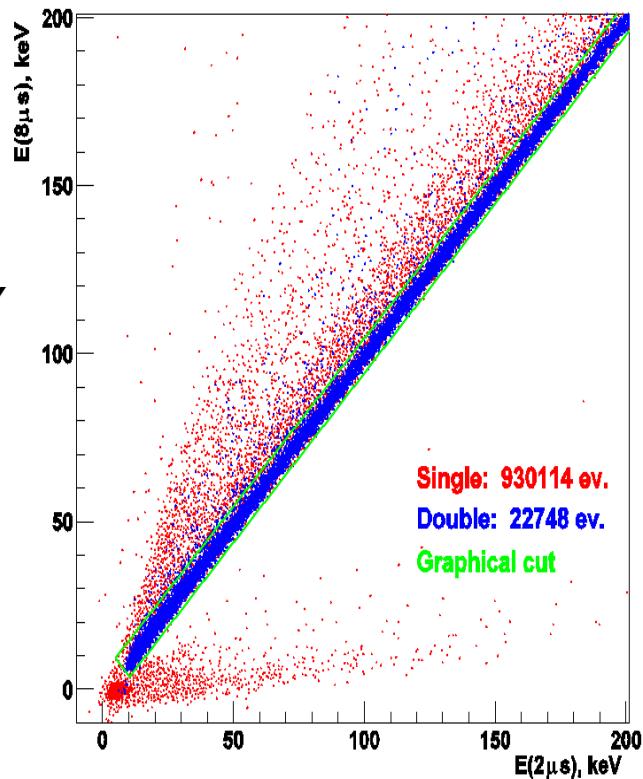
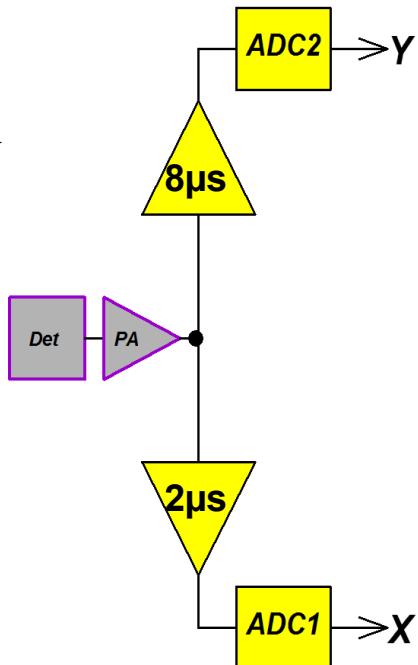
- **Construction**

- Radiopure materials
- Minimization of amount of construction materials

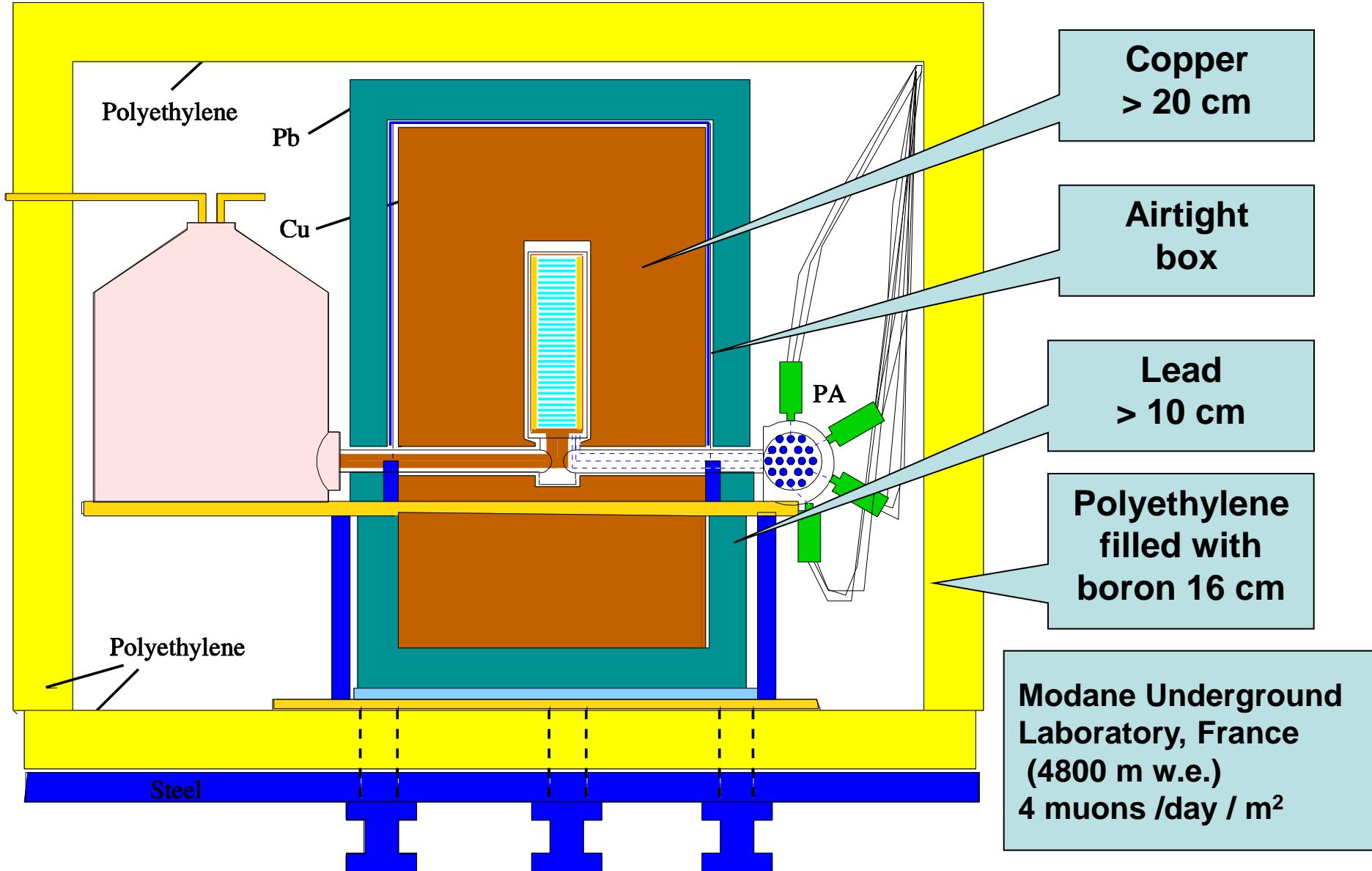
- **Electronics**

- telescopic construction (double coincidences from neighboring detectors)
- double-shaping selection of low energy events

## Suppression of microphonic noise



# PASSIVE SHIELDING





Copper  
shielding



Airtight  
box

Lead  
shielding



Tube for  
calibration  
source

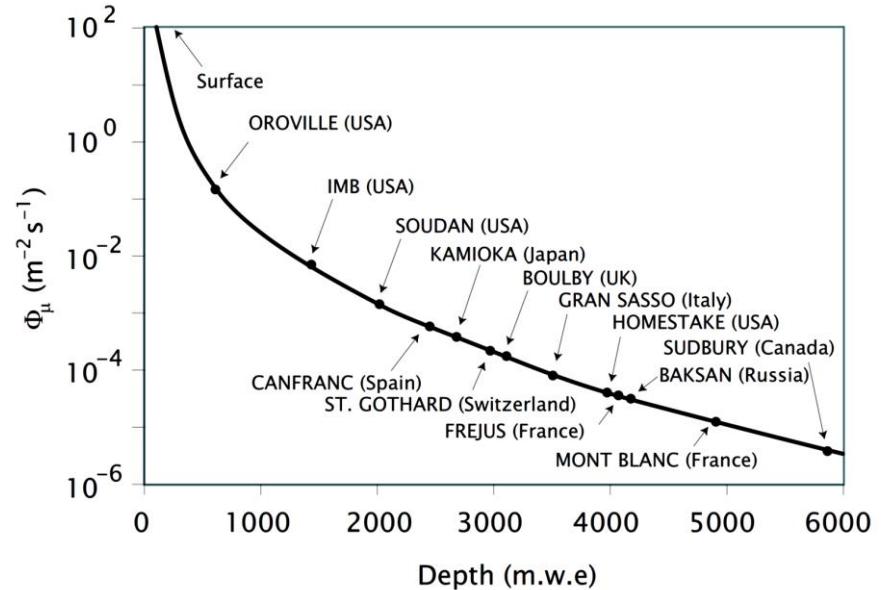
Lead  
shielding



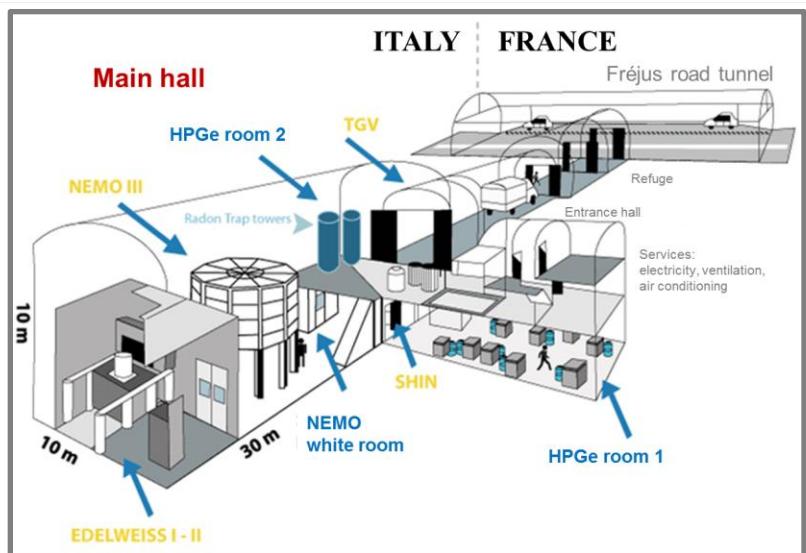
Neutron  
shielding

# Laboratoire Souterrain de Modane

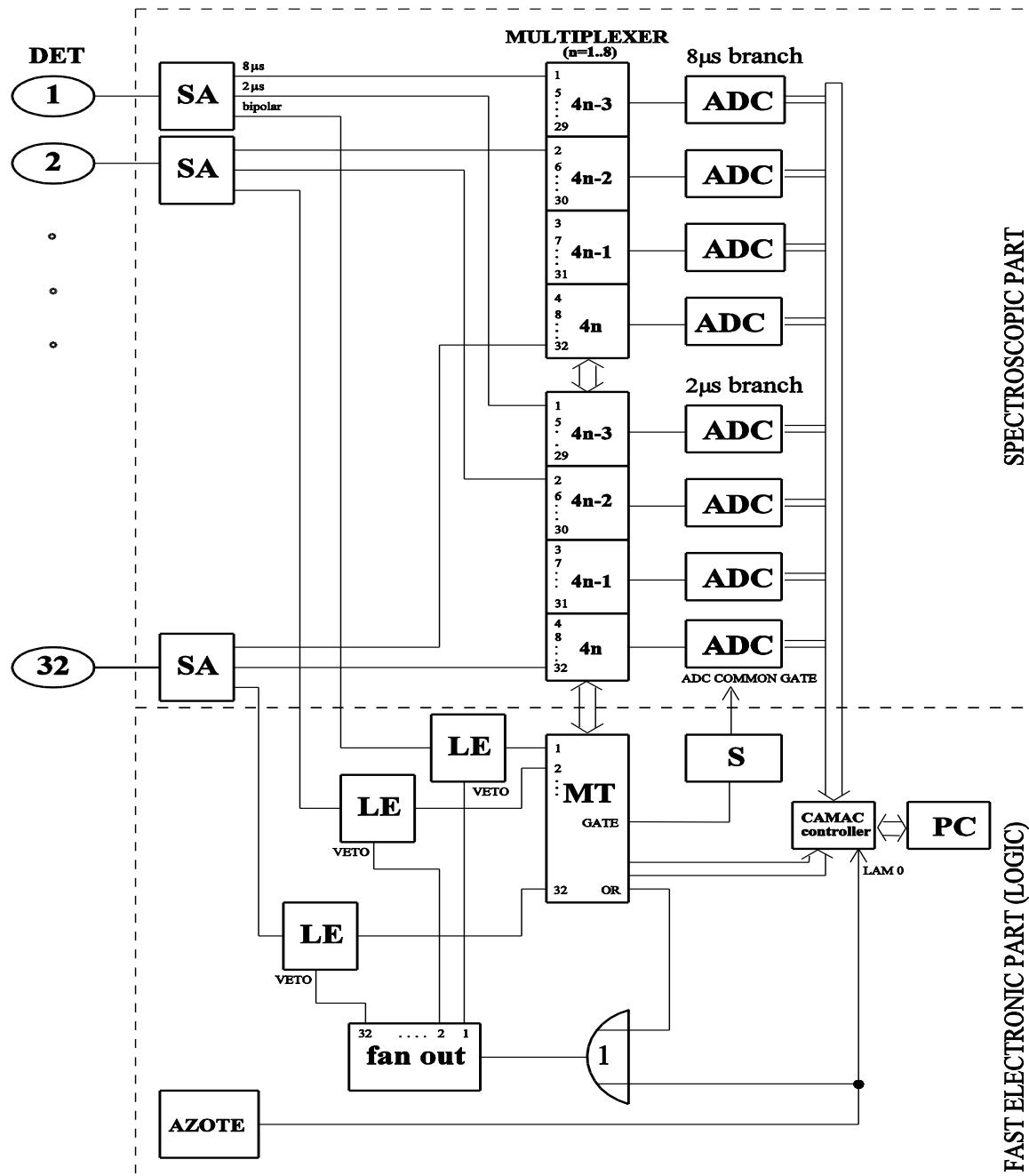
Fréjus Tunnel at the French-Italian border  
Depth - 1800 m of rock (4800 mwe)



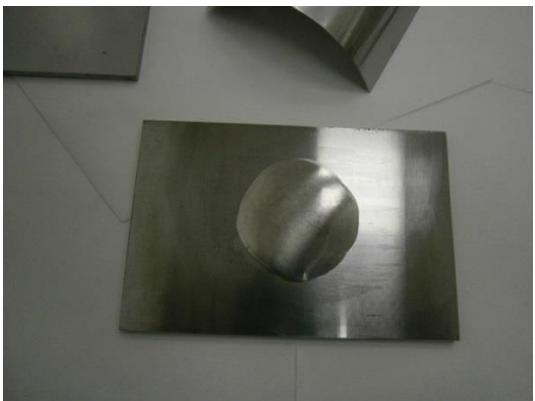
**Muons flux** - 4 muons /  $m^2 \times day^{-1}$  (2x10<sup>6</sup> reduction factor)  
**Neutrons flux** - 3000 neutrons(fast) /  $m^2 \times day^{-1}$  (1000 reduction factor)



# Блок-схема электронной части TGV-2



# Preparation of $^{106}\text{Cd}$ foiles (Dubna, October 2013)

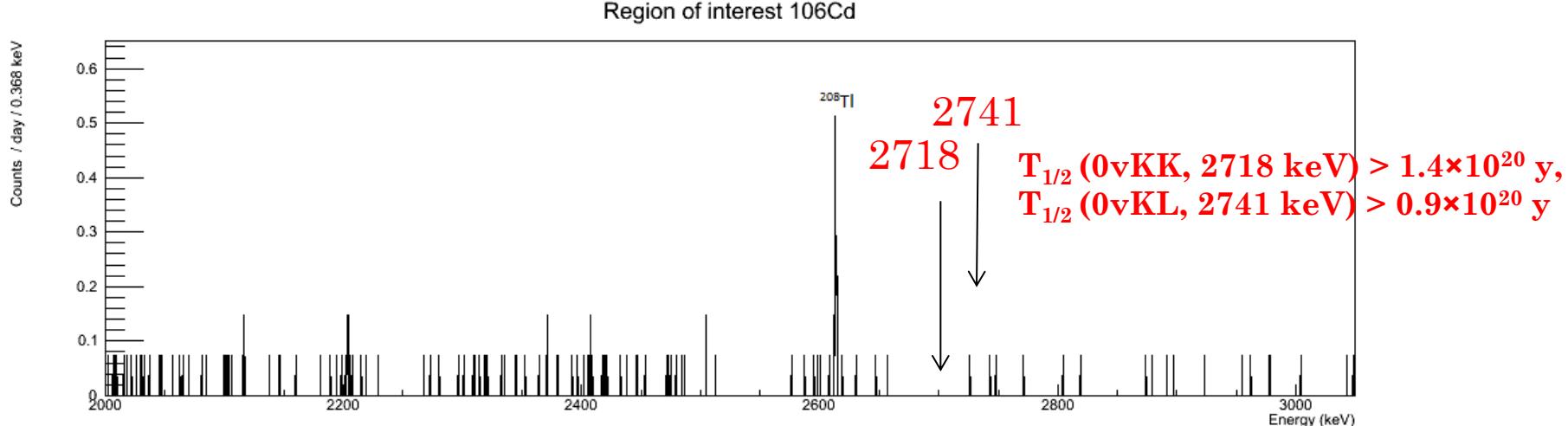
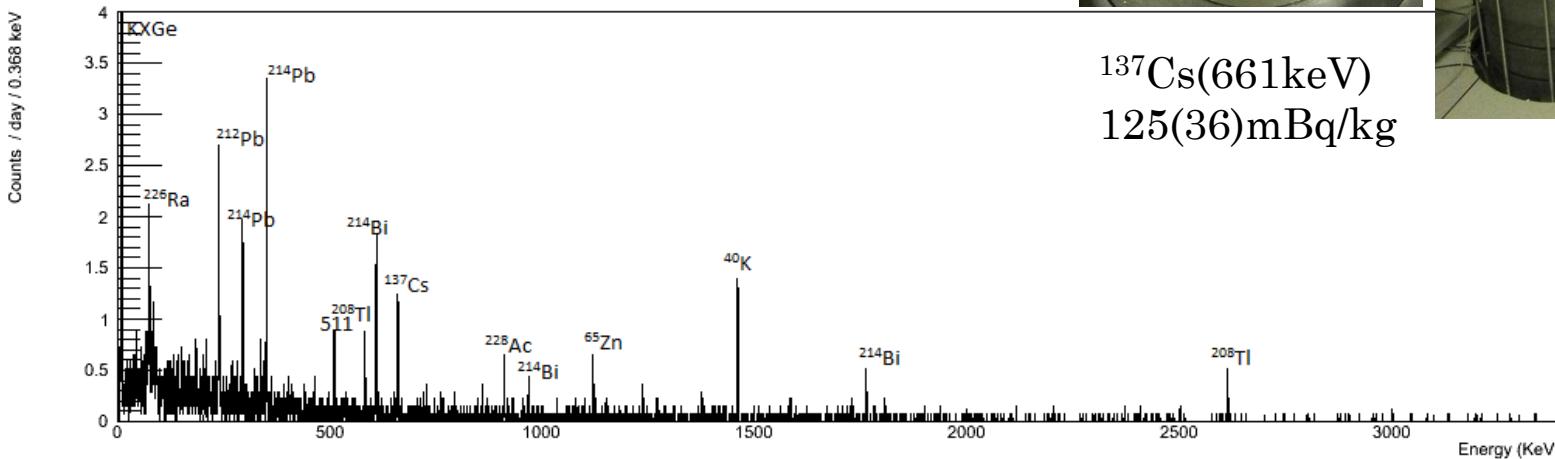


16 circle foils:  
thickness =  $70\pm10 \text{ mg/cm}^2$   
diameter = 52 mm  
mass = 23.166 g  
enrichment= 99.57%.

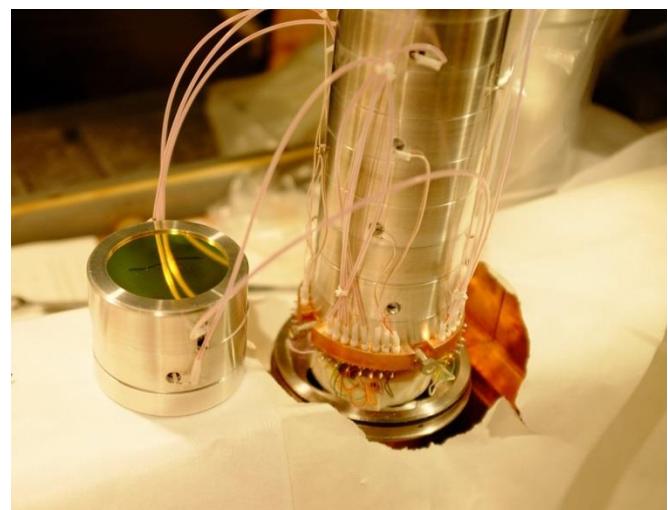
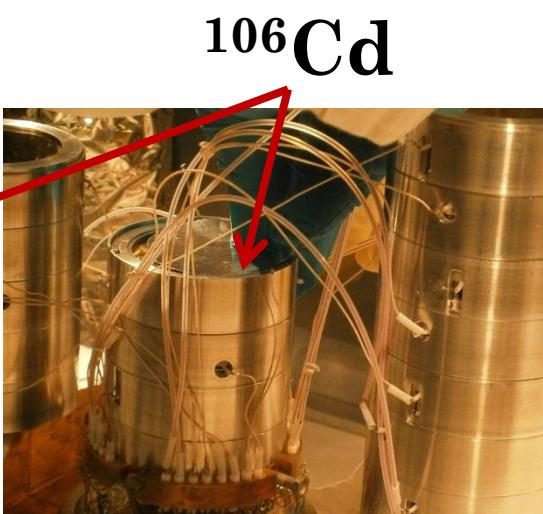
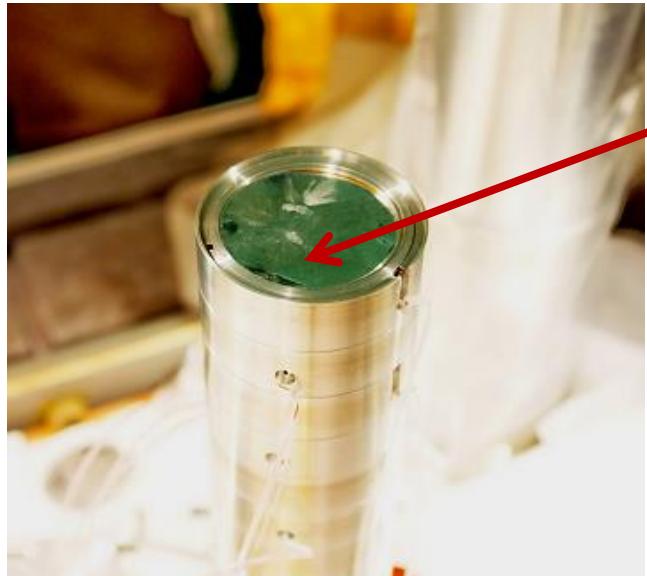
# Measurement of $^{106}\text{Cd}$ with $600 \text{ cm}^3$ HPGe detector Obelix, November 2013, T=395 h

16 circle foils of  $^{106}\text{Cd}$   
with enrich. 99.57%  
 $\varnothing = 52 \text{ mm}$   
thick. 70(10)  $\text{mg/cm}^2$   
mass = 23.166 g

Measurement 106Cd 2013



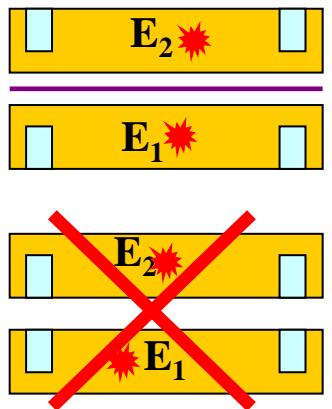
# Detectors and foils of TGV-2



16 circle foils:  
thickness =  $70\pm10 \text{ mg/cm}^2$   
diameter = 52 mm  
mass = 23.166 g  
enrichment= 99.57%.

# KK TGV signal patterns $\beta^+\beta^+$

**KK-pair**



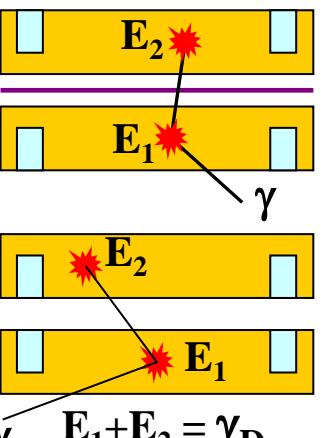
$$E_1 = E_2 = K_{\text{Pd}}$$

**$\gamma_D$ -single**

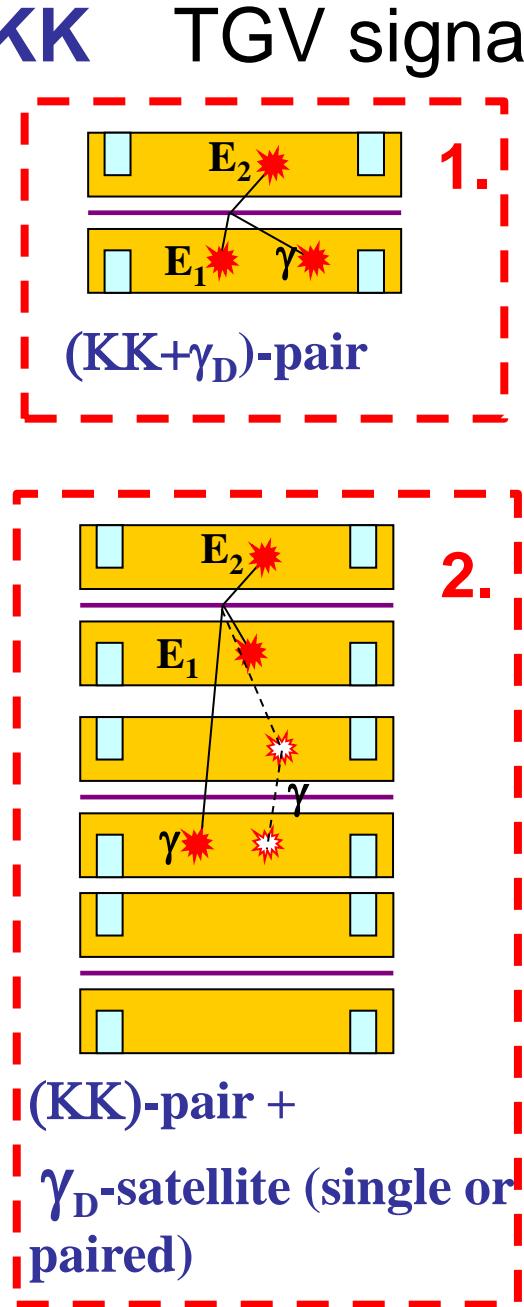


$$E_1 = \gamma_D$$

**$\gamma_D$ -paired**



$$\gamma \quad E_1 + E_2 = \gamma_D$$



$$E_1 + E_2 \neq 511 \text{ keV}$$

$$E_1 < 511 \text{ keV}$$

**$\gamma_{511}$ -fired**

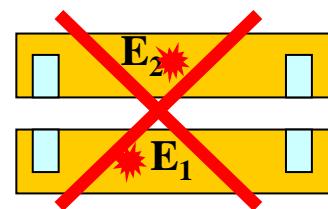
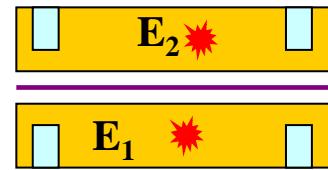
$$E_1 = 511 \text{ keV}$$

**$\gamma_{511}$ -single**

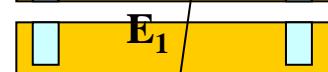
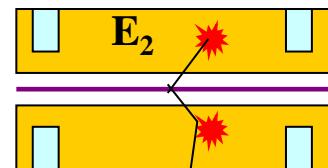
$$E_1 + E_2 = 511 \text{ keV}$$



**$\gamma \gamma_{511}$ -paired**

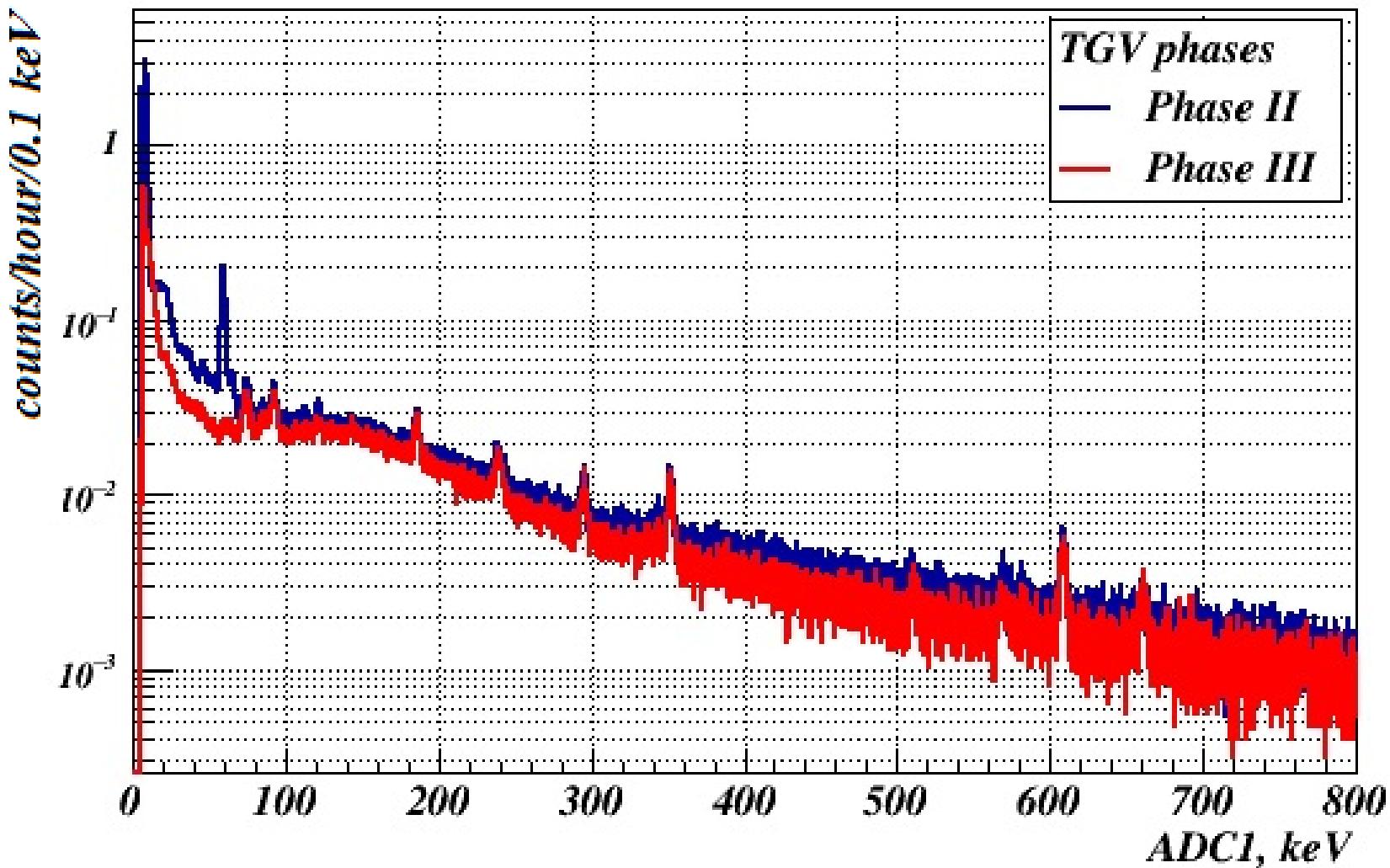


**$\beta\beta$ -pair candidate**

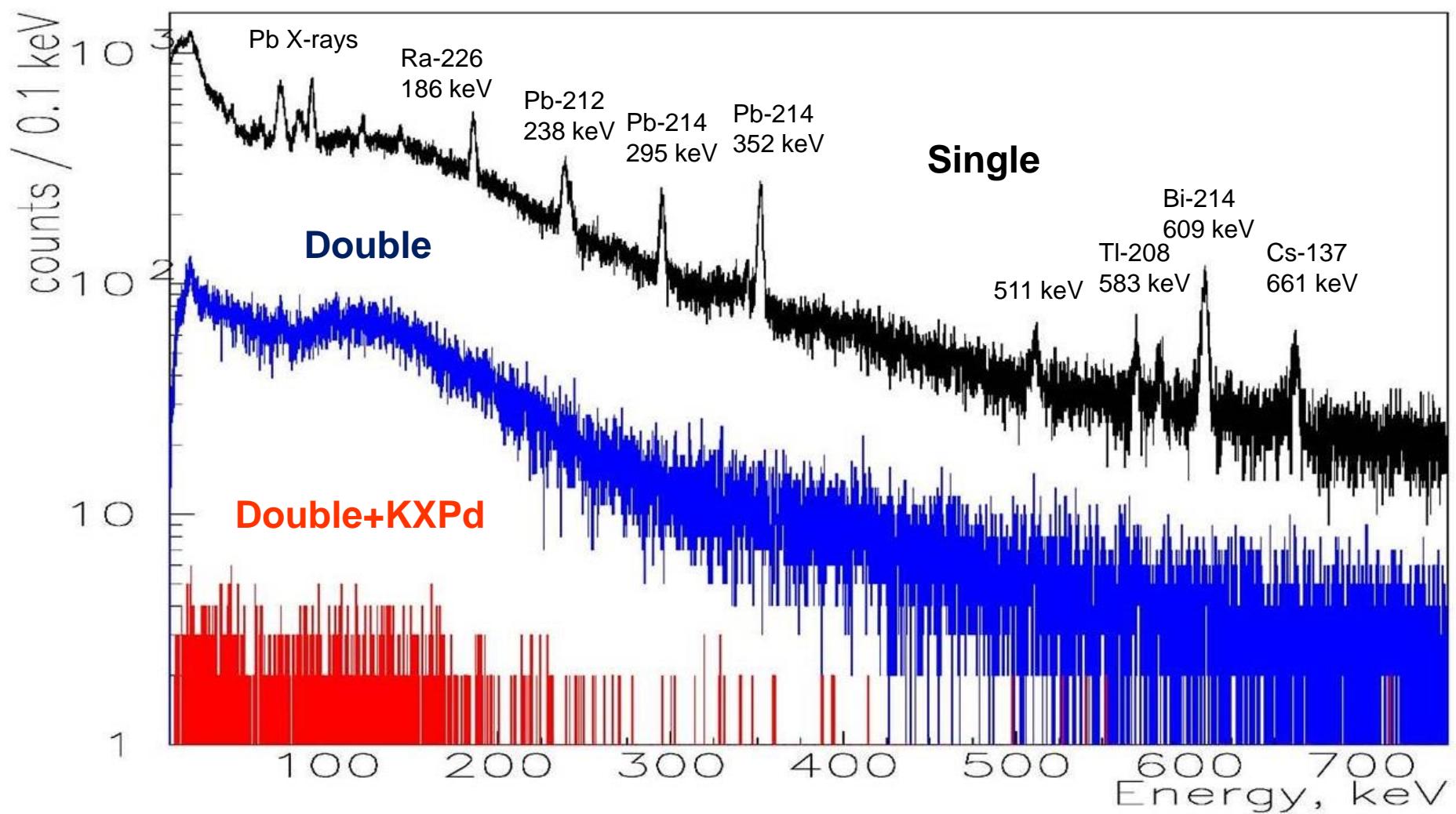


**$\beta\beta$ -pair +  $\gamma$ -satellite (single, paired, or fired)**

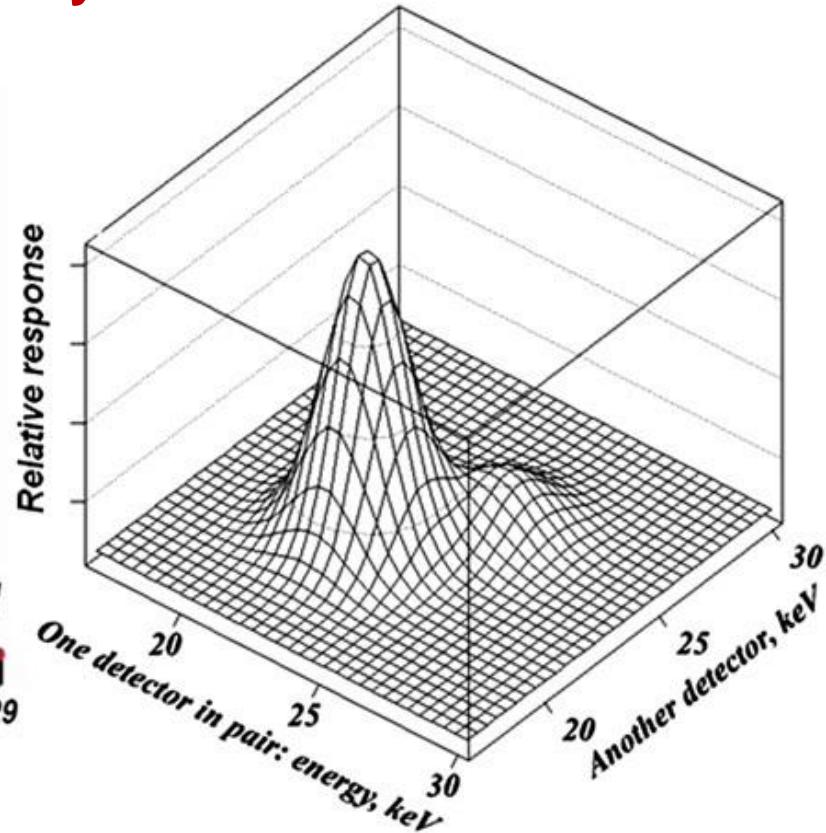
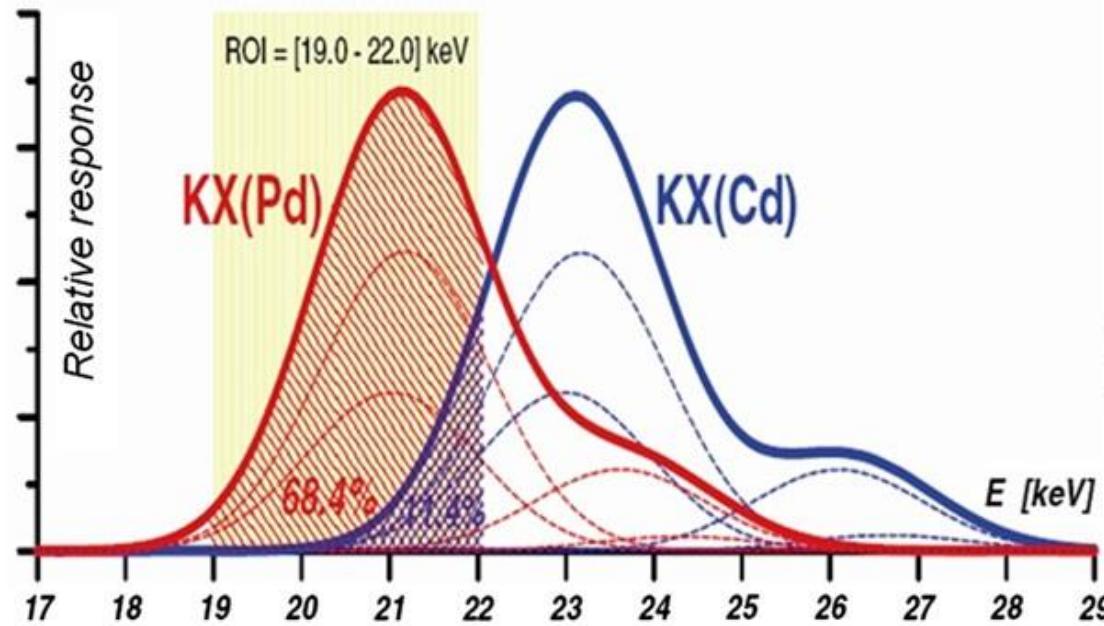
# Одиночные события в фазе 2 и фазе 3



# Single, Double and Double+KXPd energy spectra of TGV-2



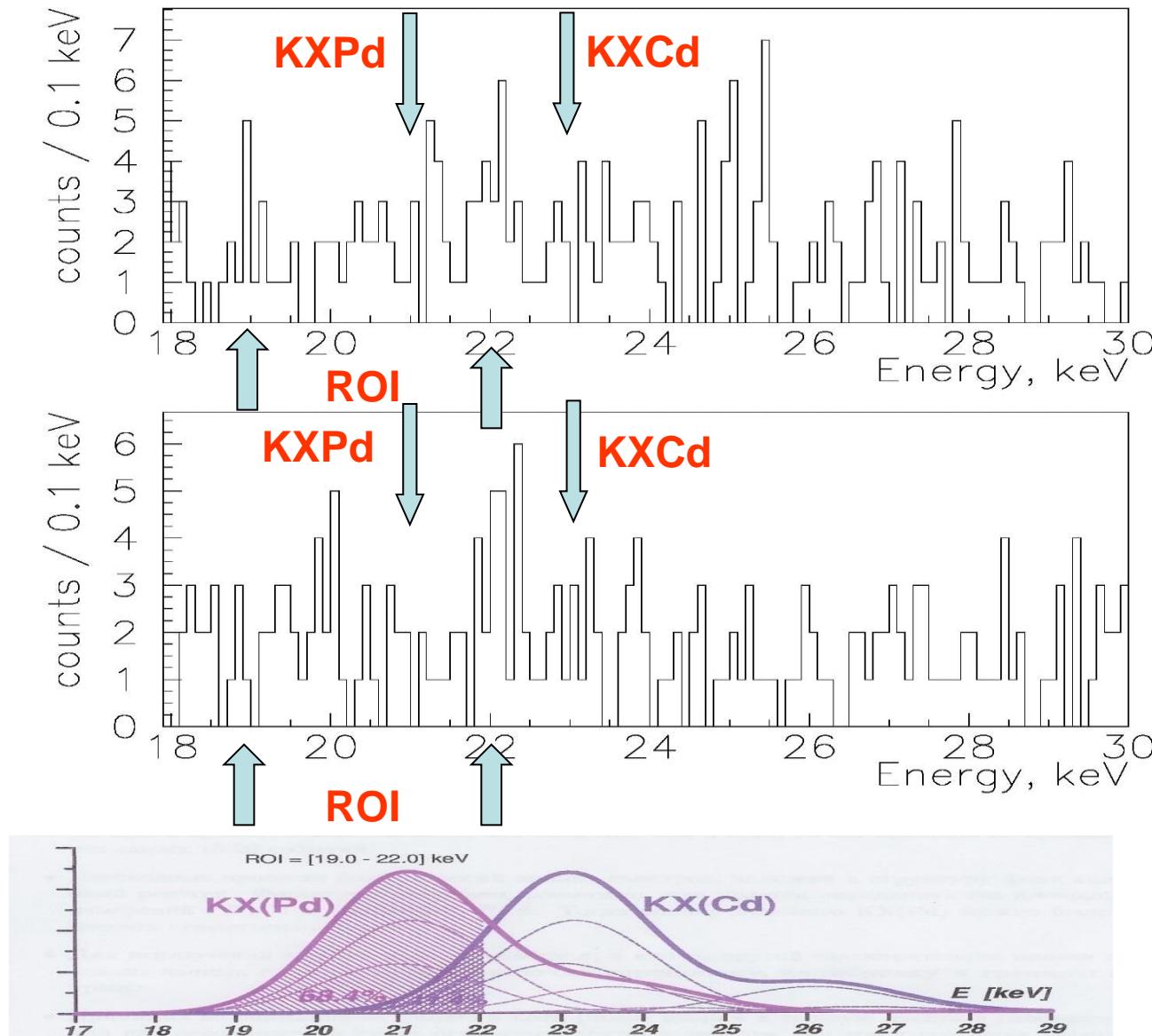
## 1D (left) and 2D (right) TGV-2 analysis methods



**In 1D fit approach**, a signal in the 19–22 keV energy window was required in one detector, while a signal from another face-to-face neighbor detector was collected in a 1D-histogram. The final accumulated spectrum was fitted with a 1D-model which included the KXPd multiplet as signal, and the Cadmium KX-ray (KXCd) multiplet with linear underlay as background. The energy window boundaries, 19 and 22 keV, were selected as a compromise between signal efficiency and background reduction of KXCd-rays generated by any charged particle crossing the source foils.

**In 2D fit approach**, the double coincidence events from neighboring face-to-face detectors, both in the 16–30 keV energy range, were collected in a 2Dhistogram. The final 2D-spectrum was fitted by a 2D-model consisting of the 2D-Gaussian KXPd multiplet as signal, and the KXCd 2D-Gaussian multiplet together with the 2D-background slope as background.

# 2νEC/EC decay of $^{106}\text{Cd}$



Preliminary:  $2.0 \times 10^{20} \text{ y} < T_{1/2} (\text{2vEC/EC}) > 3.5 \times 10^{21} \text{ y}$

# Last TGV-2 results on double beta decay of $^{106}\text{Cd}$

Decay mode	Final level of $^{106}\text{Pd}$	$T_{1/2}, \text{y} \ (90\%\text{CL})$ Phase II*	$T_{1/2}, \text{y} \ (90\%\text{CL})$ Phase III
$2\nu EC/EC$	$0^+ \text{g.s.}$	$4.2 \times 10^{20}$	$2.0 \times 10^{20} < T_{1/2} > 3.5 \times 10^{21}$ preliminary
	$2^+, 511.9 \text{ keV}$	$1.2 \times 10^{20}$	$1.7 \times 10^{20}$
	$0^+_1, 1134 \text{ keV}$	$1.0 \times 10^{20}$	$1.5 \times 10^{20}$
$0\nu EC/EC$	$2717.6 \text{ keV}$	$1.6 \times 10^{20}$	$1.4 \times 10^{20}$
$0\nu EC/EC$	$4^+, 2741 \text{ keV}$	$1.8 \times 10^{20}$	$0.9 \times 10^{20}$
$2\nu \beta^+/EC$	$0^+ \text{g.s.}$	$1.1 \times 10^{20}$	$3.0 \times 10^{20}$
	$2^+, 511.9 \text{ keV}$	$1.1 \times 10^{20}$	$3.0 \times 10^{20}$
	$0^+_1, 1134 \text{ keV}$	$1.6 \times 10^{20}$	$4.5 \times 10^{20}$
$2\nu \beta^+\beta^+$	$0^+ \text{g.s.}$	$1.4 \times 10^{20}$	$3.9 \times 10^{20}$
	$2^+, 511.9 \text{ keV}$	$1.7 \times 10^{20}$	$4.7 \times 10^{20}$

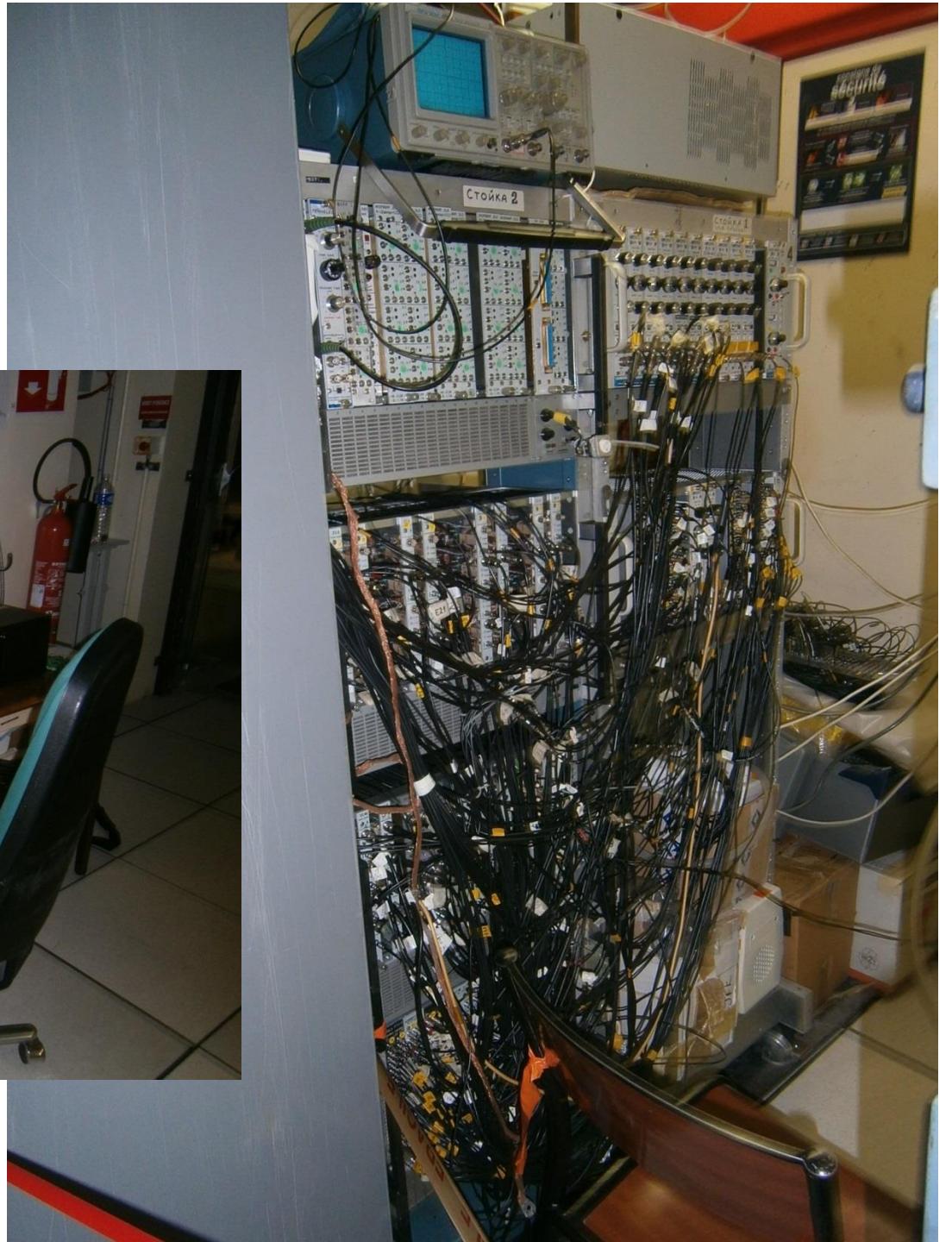
$$T_{1/2} \text{theor. } (2\nu EC/EC) \sim 10^{20} - 10^{22}$$

\*N.I.Rukhadze et al., *Journal of Physics: Conference Series* 375 (2012) 042020

## TGV-2 on the new place



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# Detector Obelix\*

P type coaxial HPGe detector Canberra  
in U-type ultra low background cryostat  
located at LSM, France (4800 m w.e.)

*Sensitive volume*      600 cm<sup>3</sup>

*Efficiency*                ~160%

*Peak / Compton*          83

*Energy resolution*        ~1.2 keV at 122 keV (<sup>57</sup>Co),  
                                  ~2 keV at 1332 keV (<sup>60</sup>Co)

*Distance from cap*      4 mm

*Entrance window*        Al, 1.6 mm



~12 cm  
arch. Pb

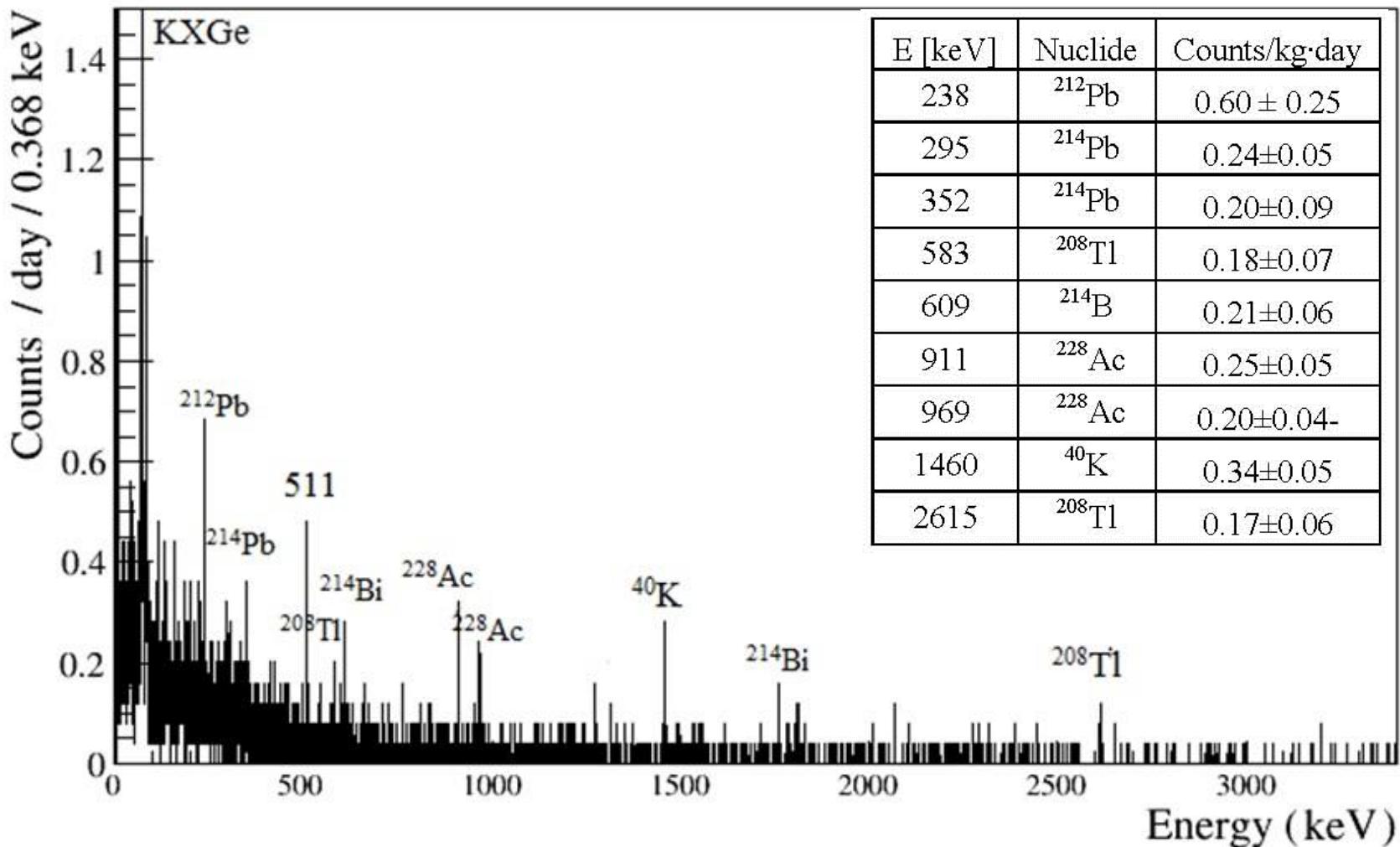
~20 cm low  
active Pb

Radon free  
air

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LSM Modane, France



# Background of the Obelix spectrometer



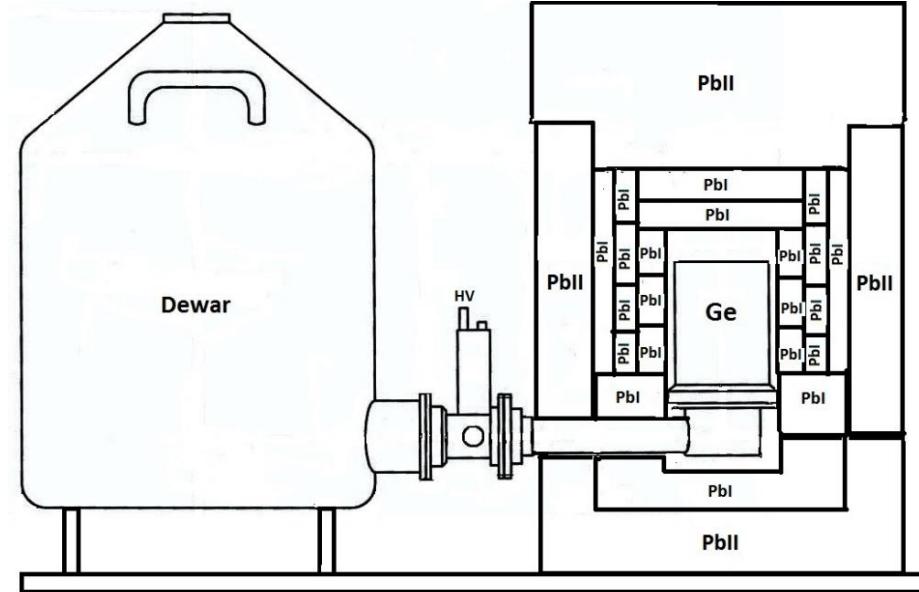
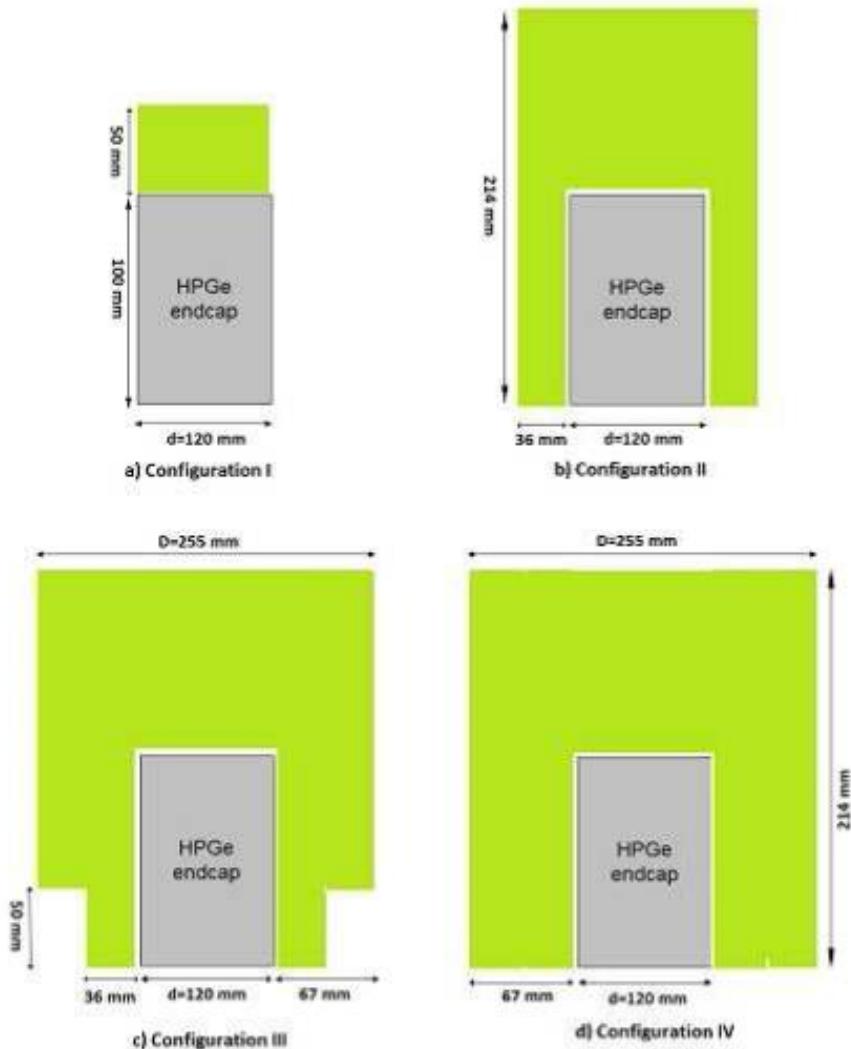
Integral count rate [30-3000 keV]:

2011 – **173 counts/kg · d**

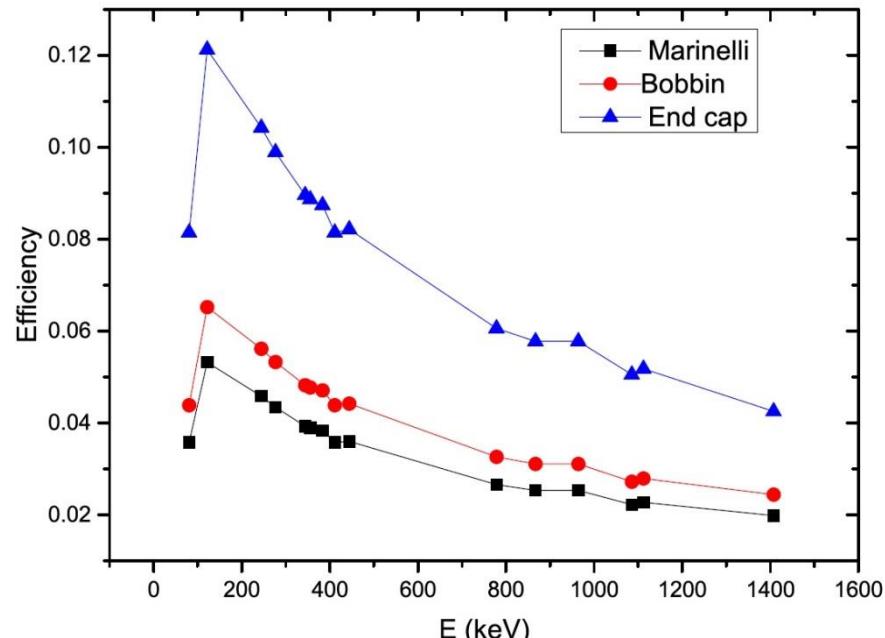
2014 – **73 counts/kg · d**

2017 - **95 counts/ kg·d** (after the detector was repaired by Canberra)

# Configurations of the Obelix passive shielding



Efficiencies of the Obelix for some geometries



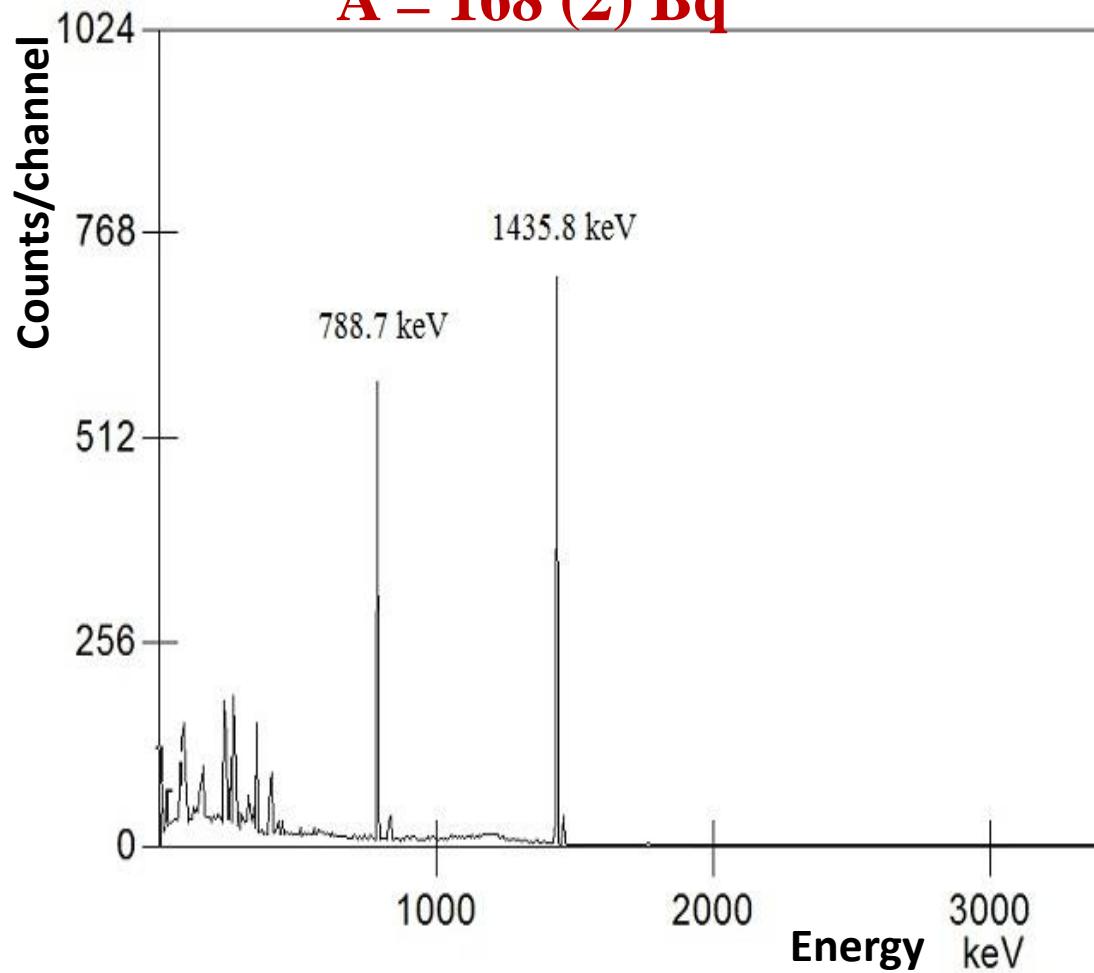
PbI ~ 12 cm of archeological lead (activity of < 60 mBq/kg) (~7 cm can be removed)  
PbII ~ 20 cm of low-active lead (activity of 5 - 20 Bq/kg)

# Measurement of La source in Marinelli bobbin

$\text{La}_2\text{O}_3(238\text{g}) + \text{flour}(954\text{g}), T=1800\text{s}$

$\sim 0.09\% \ ^{138}\text{La} (T_{1/2} \sim 1 \times 10^{11} \text{y})$

$A = 168(2) \text{ Bq}$



$$S(788\text{keV}) = 3488 \pm 60$$

$$S(1435\text{keV}) = 4821 \pm 70$$

$$\varepsilon = 3.4\%$$

$$\varepsilon = 2.3\%$$

# Double beta decay to the excited states

## Motivations:

- Nuclear spectroscopy (to know decay scheme of nuclei)
- NME problem -  $\text{NME(g.s.)} \approx \text{NME}(0_1^+)$
- $2\nu\beta\beta(0^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)$  decay (one has a very nice signature for the decay)

## Experimental search can be distinguish by 2 approaches:

- With gamma spectroscopy using HPGe detector (observations of  $^{100}\text{Mo}$  and  $^{150}\text{Nd}$  have been accomplished)
- Secondary analysis in large scale  $\beta\beta$  decay experiments ( $^{100}\text{Mo}$  in NEMO-3)

$^{100}\text{Mo} - ^{100}\text{Ru}(0_1^+, 1130.3 \text{ keV})$  decay was detected in several experiments, including measurements performed at LSM, Modane with the **Obelix** HPGe spectrometer

(**R. Arnold et al. Nucl. Phys. A 925 (2014) 25**)

Present "positive" results on  $2\nu\beta\beta$  decay of  $^{100}\text{Mo}$  to the  $0_1^+$  excited state of  $^{100}\text{Ru}$ .

$T_{1/2} [y]$	N	S/B	Year	Method
$6.1^{+1.8}_{-1.1}(\text{stat.}) \times 10^{20}$	133 <sup>(a)</sup>	~1/7	1995	HPGe
$9.3^{+2.8}_{-1.7}(\text{stat.}) \pm 1.4(\text{sys.}) \times 10^{20}$	153 <sup>(a)</sup>	~1/4	1999	HPGe
$6.0^{+1.9}_{-1.1}(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.6(\text{sys.}) \times 10^{20}$	19.5	8/1	2001	2×HPGe
$5.7^{+1.3}_{-0.9}(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.8(\text{sys.}) \times 10^{20}$	37.5	3/1	2007	NEMO-3
$5.5^{+1.2}_{-0.8}(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.7(\text{sys.}) \times 10^{20}$	35.5	8/1	2009	2×HPGe
$6.9^{+1.0}_{-0.8}(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.7(\text{sys.}) \times 10^{20}$	597 <sup>(a)</sup>	1/10	2010	4×HPGe
$7.5 \pm 0.6(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.6(\text{sys.}) \times 10^{20}$	239 <sup>(a)</sup>	2/1	2013	OBELIX

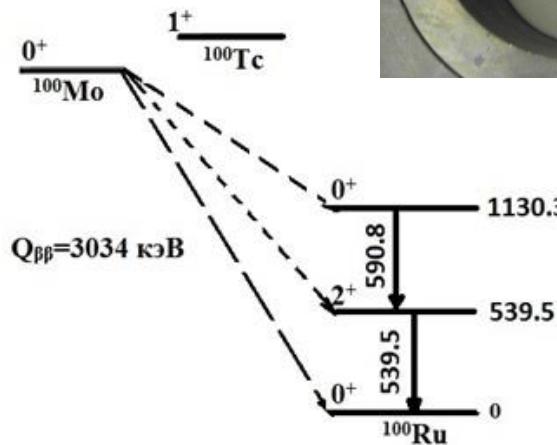
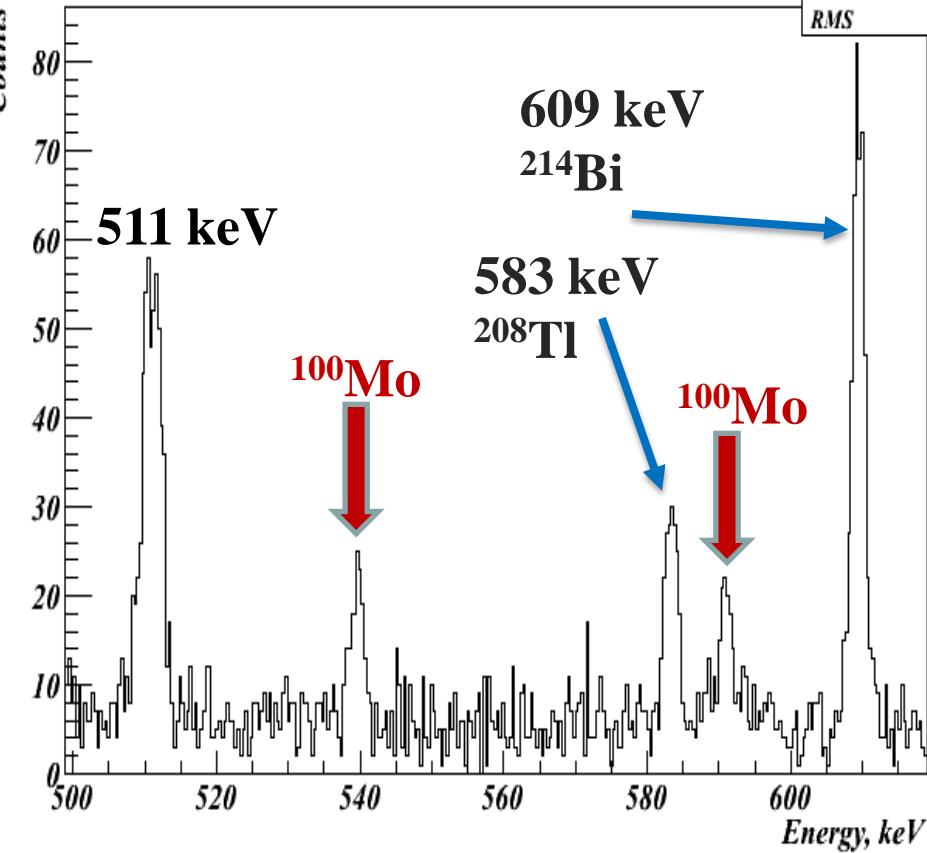
a) Sum of two peaks

N is the number of useful events;  
S/B is the signal-to-background ratio.

# Investigation of $2\nu\beta\beta$ decay of $^{100}\text{Mo}$ - $^{100}\text{Ru}$ to excited states

HPGE spectrum, exposition=4140022 sec

hESpkC1b	
Entries	32768
Mean	558.8
RMS	38.69



Metallic foil of enriched  $^{100}\text{Mo}$  with a total mass of 2 505 g was measured in Marinelli bobbin with the Obelix spectrometer for 2 288 hours.

$^{100}\text{Mo} \rightarrow 0^+, 1130 \text{ keV } ^{100}\text{Ru}^*$  observable  $\gamma 590.8 + \gamma 539.5 \text{ keV}$

$^{100}\text{Mo} \rightarrow 2^+, 540 \text{ keV } ^{100}\text{Ru}$  observable  $\gamma 539.5 \text{ keV}$

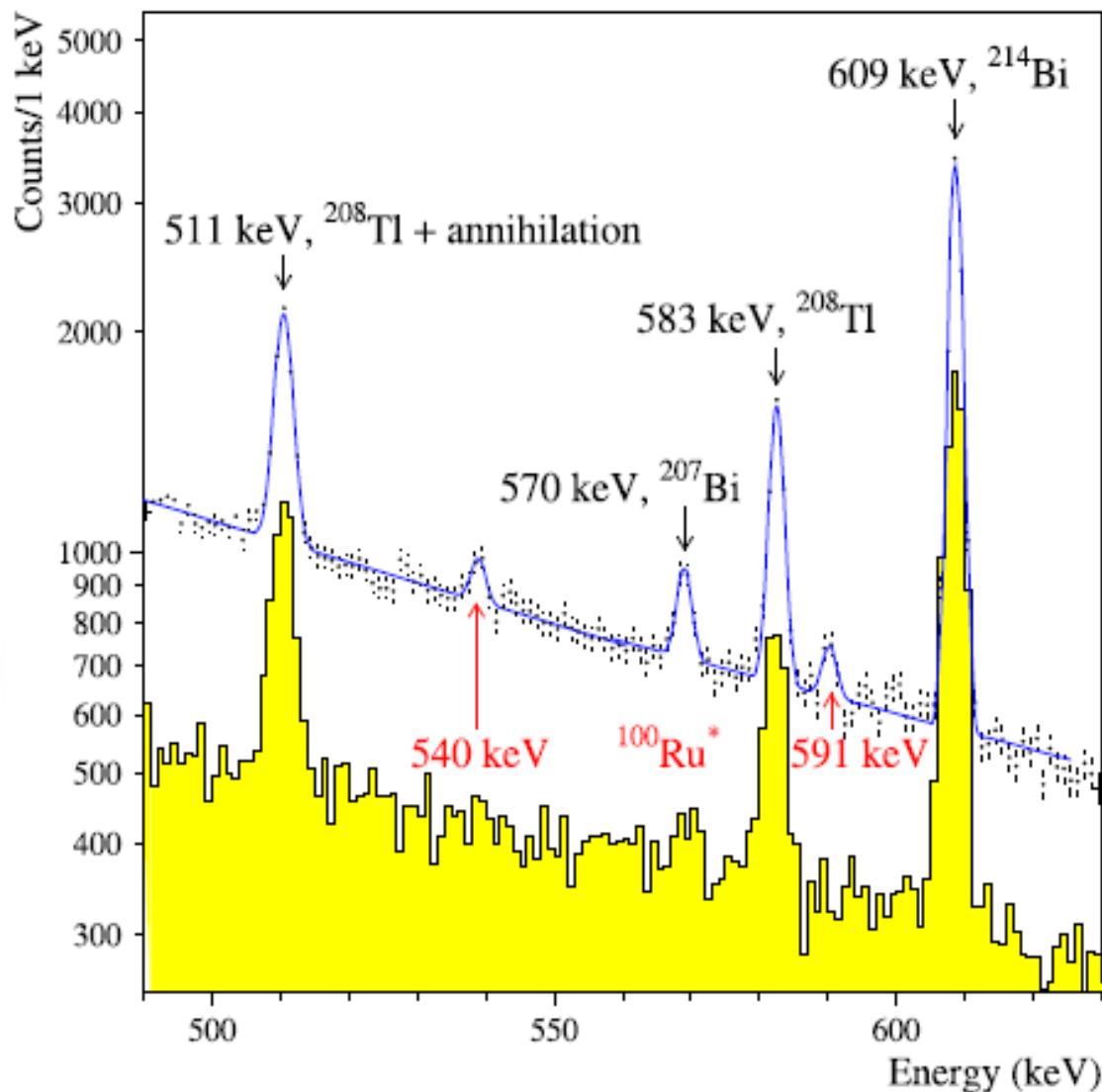
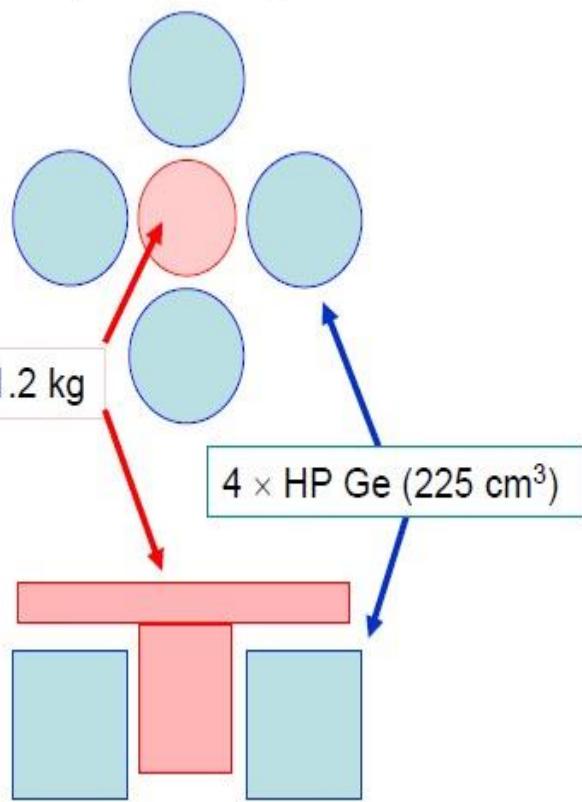
$$T_{1/2}(0^+_1, 1130.3 \text{ keV}) = [7.5 \pm 0.6(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.6(\text{sys.})] \times 10^{20} \text{ yr (90 \% CL)}$$

R. Arnold *et al.*, Nuclear Physics A925 (2014) 25

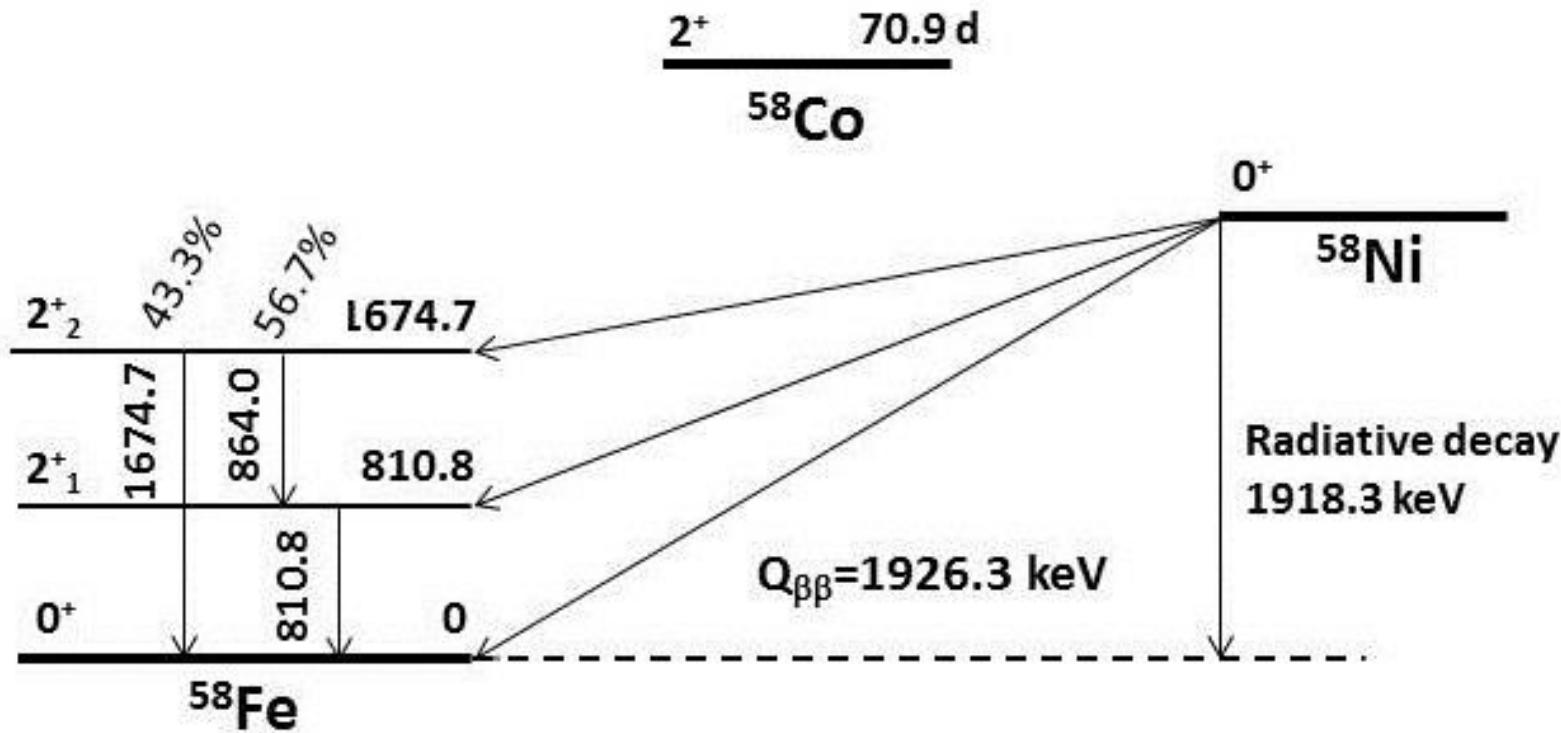
# Measurement of $^{100}\text{Mo}$ at ARMONIA experiment

18120 h

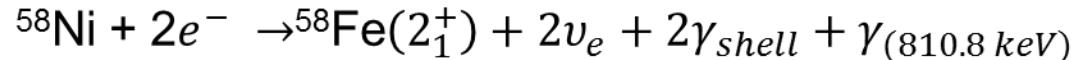
1.2 kg of  $^{100}\text{MoO}_3$  99.5%  
HP Ge ( $225 \text{ cm}^3 \times 4$ ) at LNGS



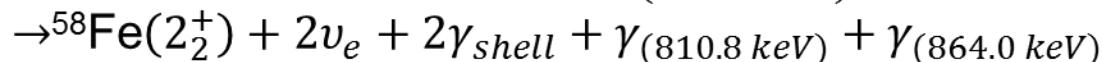
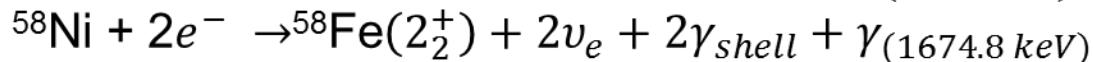
# Double beta decay of $^{58}\text{Ni}$



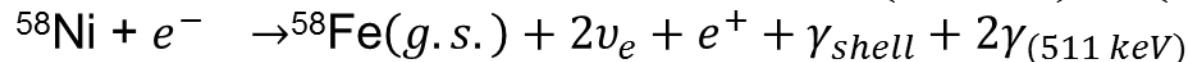
$2\nu EC/EC:$



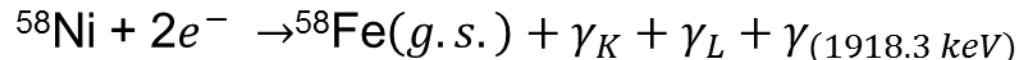
$2\nu EC/EC:$



$2\nu\beta^+ EC:$



$0\nu EC/EC:$



# Measurement of $^{58}\text{Ni}$

Sample of natural nickel with a mass of ~21.7 kg, containing ~68% of  $^{58}\text{Ni}$

Run 1 - 2014

15.10.2014-11.11.2014

$T_1 = 652.4 \text{ h}$

14.11.2014- 08.12.2014

$T_2 = 488.5 \text{ h}$

$\mathbf{T} = 1141 \text{ h} = 47.5 \text{ d}$

Run 2 - 2015

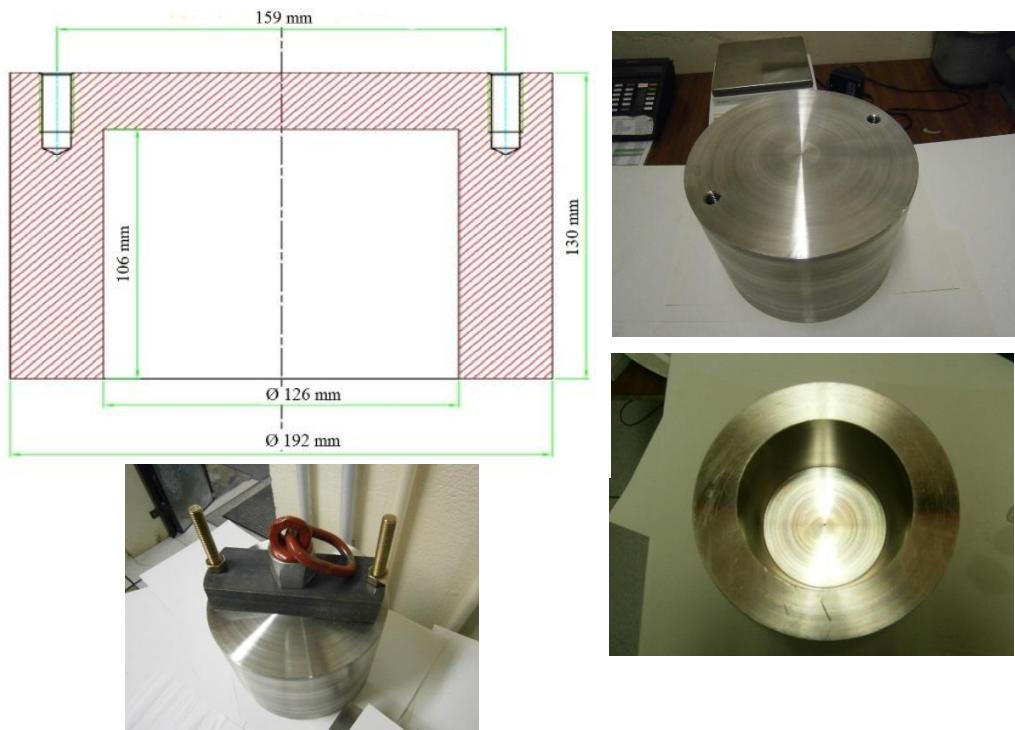
28.08.2015 – 17.09.2015

$\mathbf{T} = 456 \text{ h} = 19 \text{ d}$

Run 3 - 2017

07.04.2017 – 12.10.2017

$\mathbf{T} = 3452 \text{ h} = 143.8 \text{ d}$



Theoretical prediction:

$$T_{1/2}(2\nu\beta^+EC, 0^+\rightarrow 0^+) = 8.6\times 10^{25} \text{ y}$$

$$T_{1/2}(2\nuEC/EC, 0^+\rightarrow 0^+) = 6.1\times 10^{24} \text{ y}$$

$$T_{1/2}(0\nuEC/EC \text{ radiative}) = 2\times 10^{35} - 3\times 10^{36} \text{ y}$$

Existing experimental limits:

$$T_{1/2}(2\nu\beta^+EC, 0^+\rightarrow 0^+) > 7.0\times 10^{20} \text{ y} \text{ (68\% CL)}$$

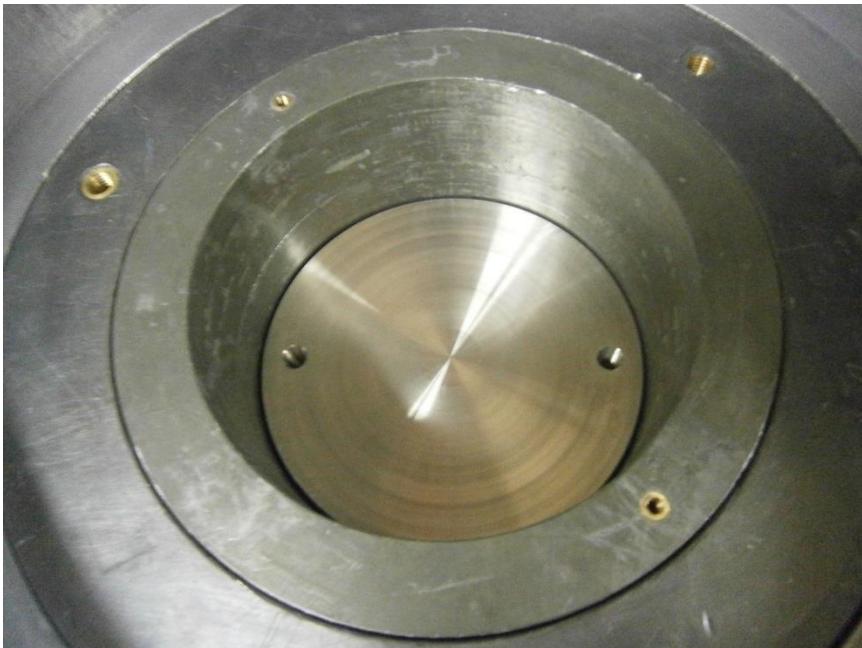
$$T_{1/2}(2\nu\beta^+EC, 0^+\rightarrow 2_1^+) > 4.0\times 10^{20} \text{ y} \text{ (68\% CL)}$$

$$T_{1/2}(2\nuEC/EC, 0^+\rightarrow 2_1^+) > 4.0\times 10^{19} \text{ y} \text{ (90\% CL)}$$

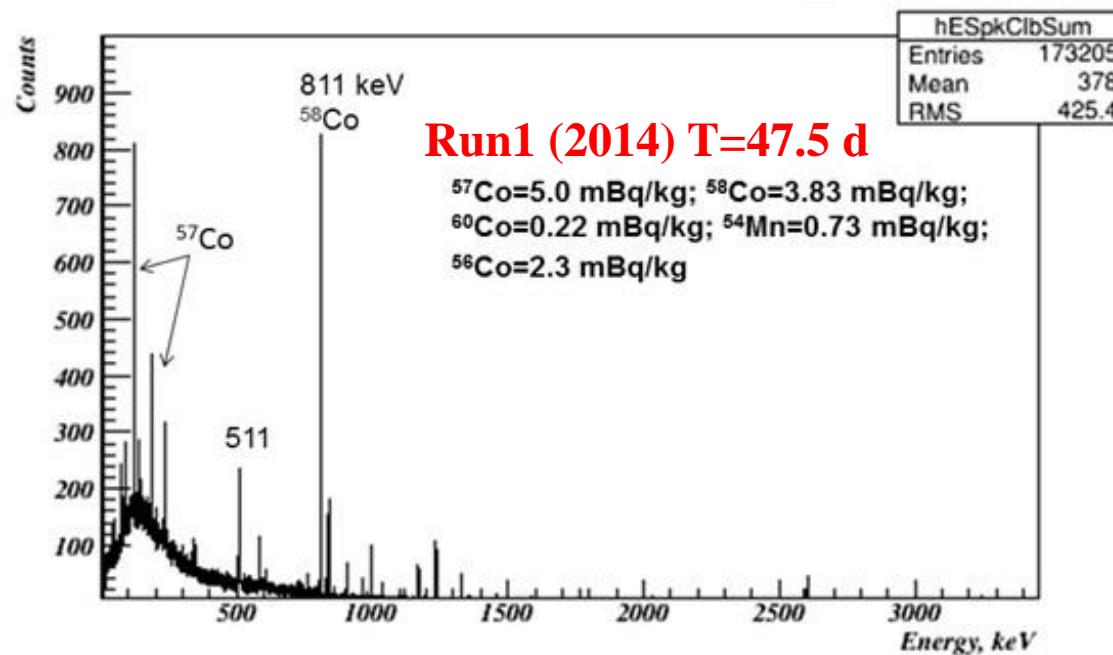
$$T_{1/2}(2\nuEC/EC, 0^+\rightarrow 2_2^+) > 4.0\times 10^{19} \text{ y} \text{ (90\% CL)}$$

$$T_{1/2}(0\nuEC/EC \text{ radiative}) > 2.1\times 10^{21} \text{ y} \text{ (90\% CL)}$$

# Measurement of $^{58}\text{Ni}$



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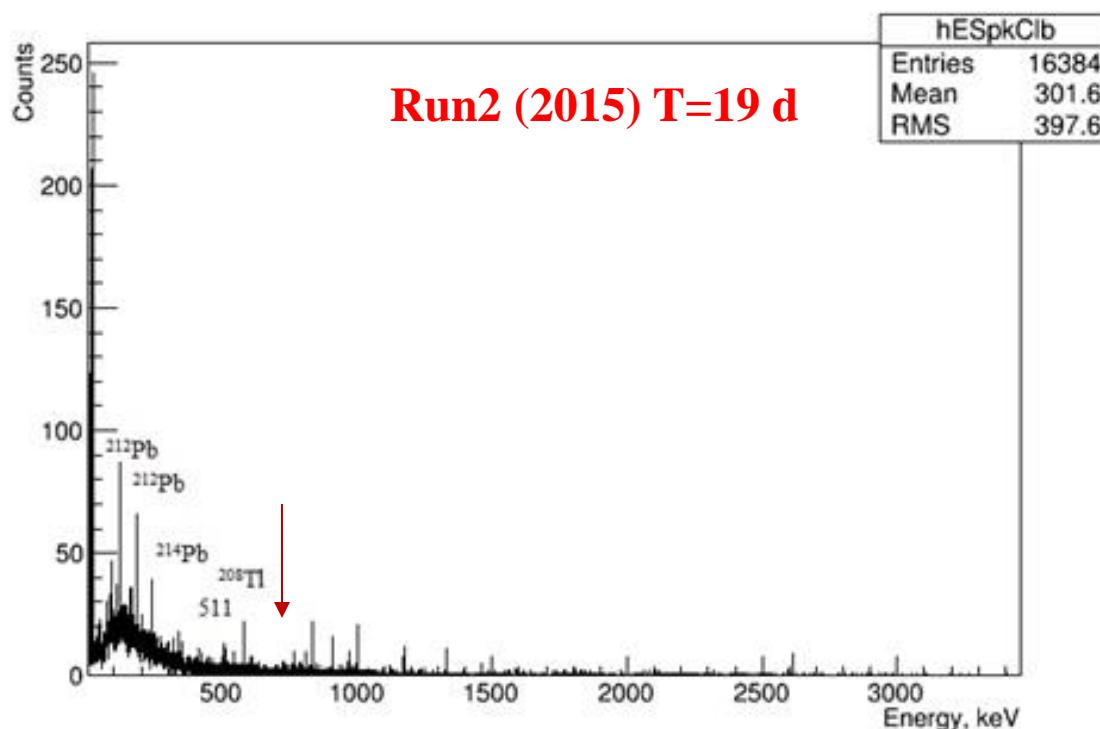


Sample: natural Ni (~68% of  $^{58}\text{Ni}$ )

Total mass: ~21.7 kg

The investigations of double beta decay ( $\beta^+\text{EC}$ , EC/EC)

Regions of interest: 511 keV, 811 keV, 864 keV, 1675 keV, 1918 keV



$^{56}\text{Co}$  ( $T_{1/2} = 77.3 \text{ d}$ )

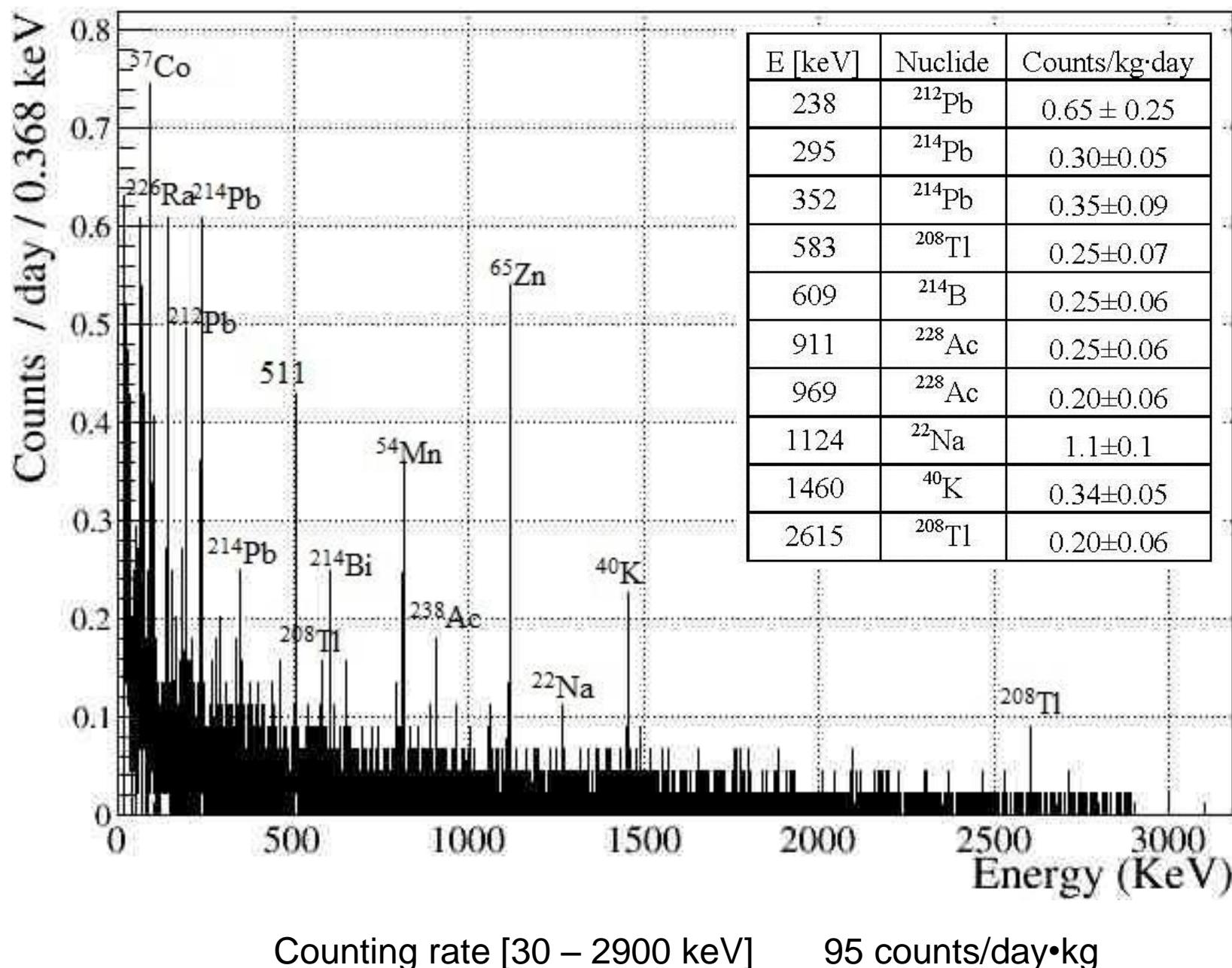
$^{57}\text{Co}$  ( $T_{1/2} = 271.8 \text{ d}$ )

$^{58}\text{Co}$  ( $T_{1/2} = 70.9 \text{ d}$ )

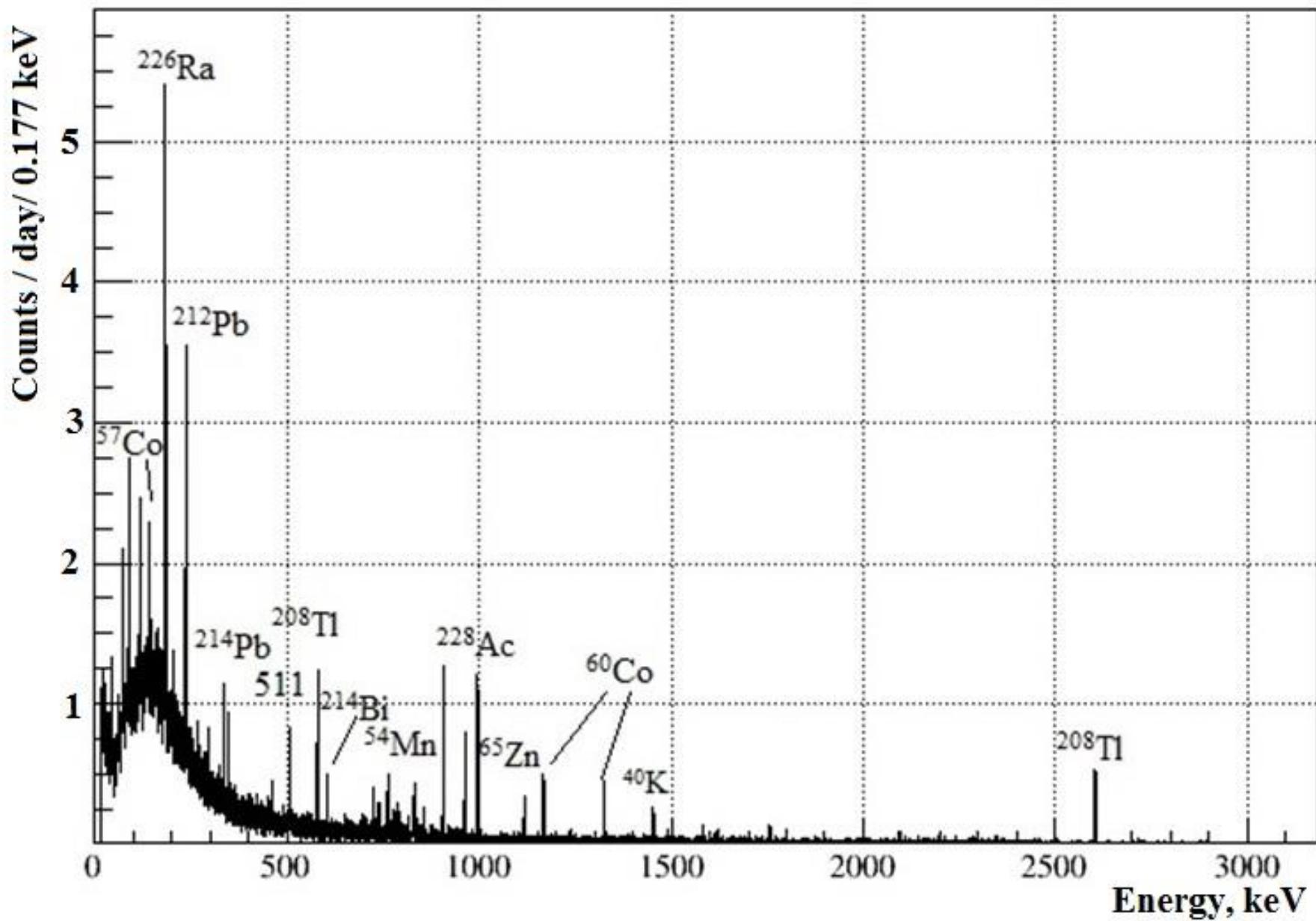
$^{54}\text{Mn}$  ( $T_{1/2} = 312.3\text{d}$ )

# Background measurement with Obelix in 2017

T=44d

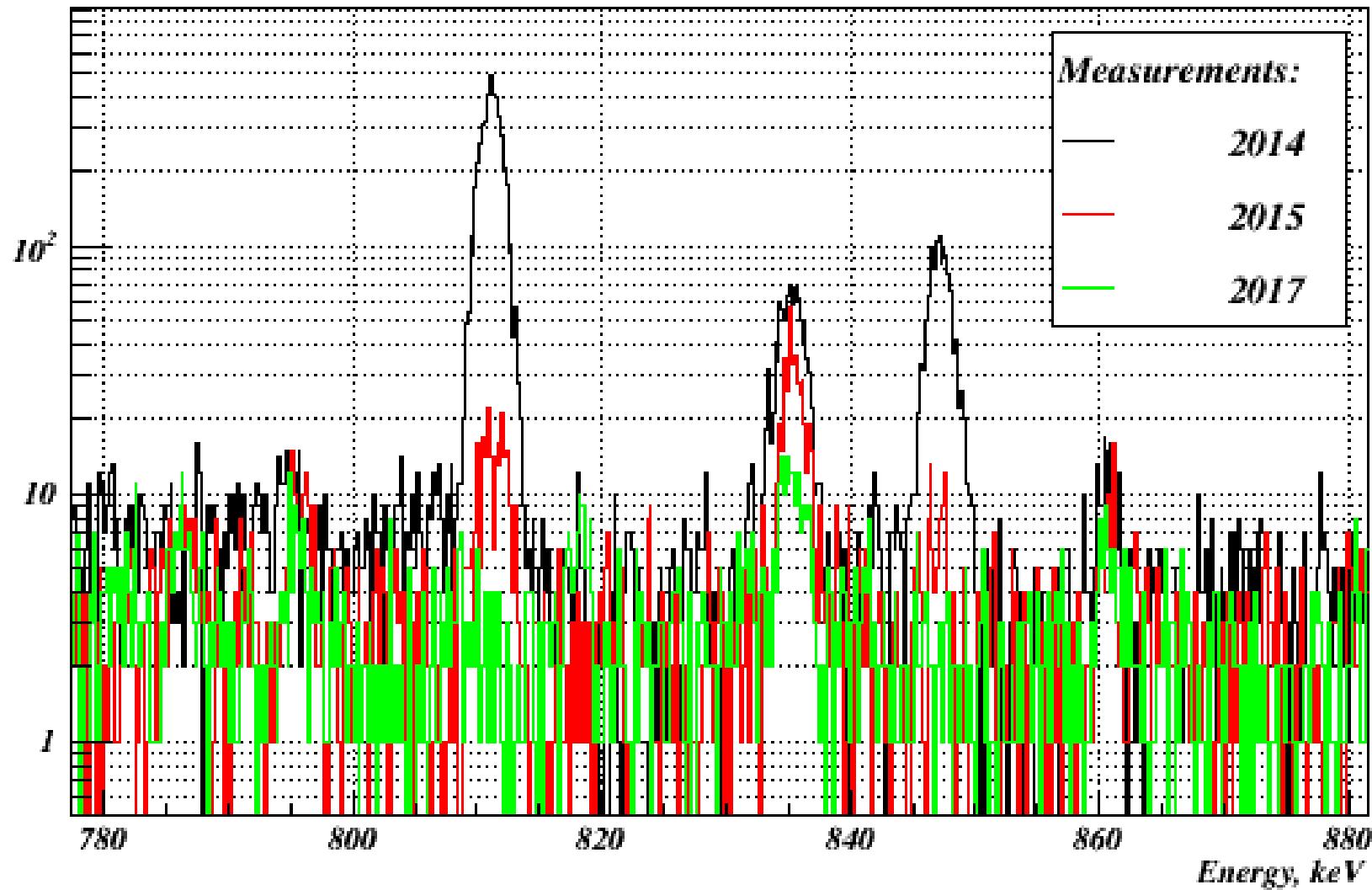


# Measurement of $^{58}\text{Ni}$ at 2017 (third run)



# OBELIX: $^{58}\text{Ni}$ : 2014 vs 2017 measurements

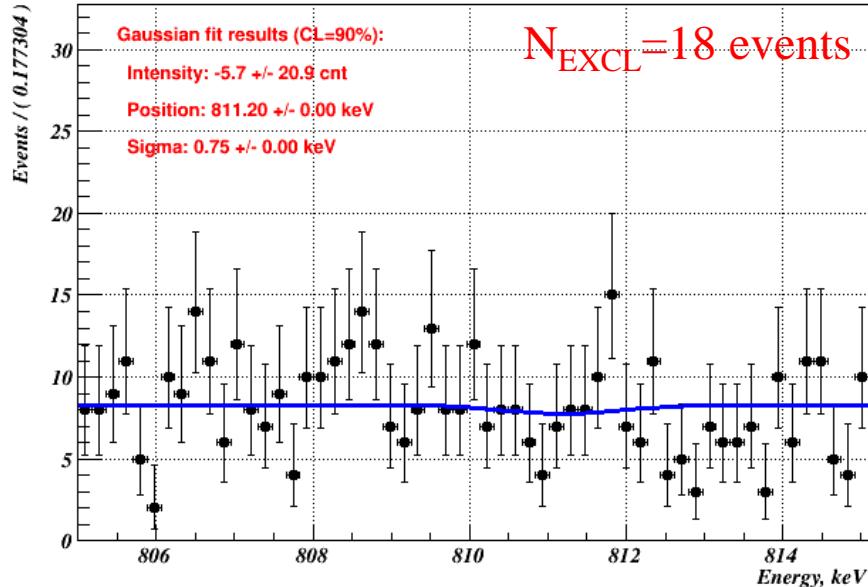
Counts



# Fitting peaks

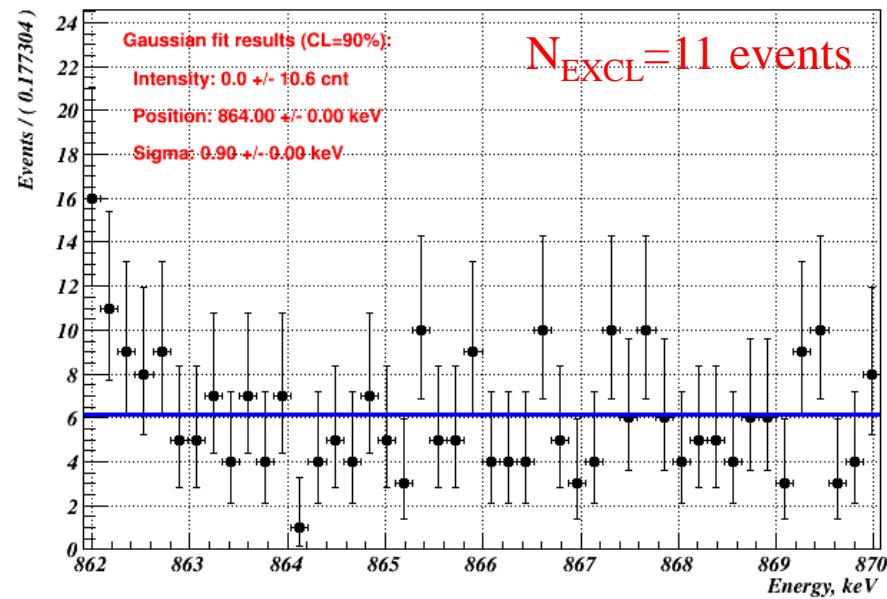
HPGe spectrum: fit

811 keV



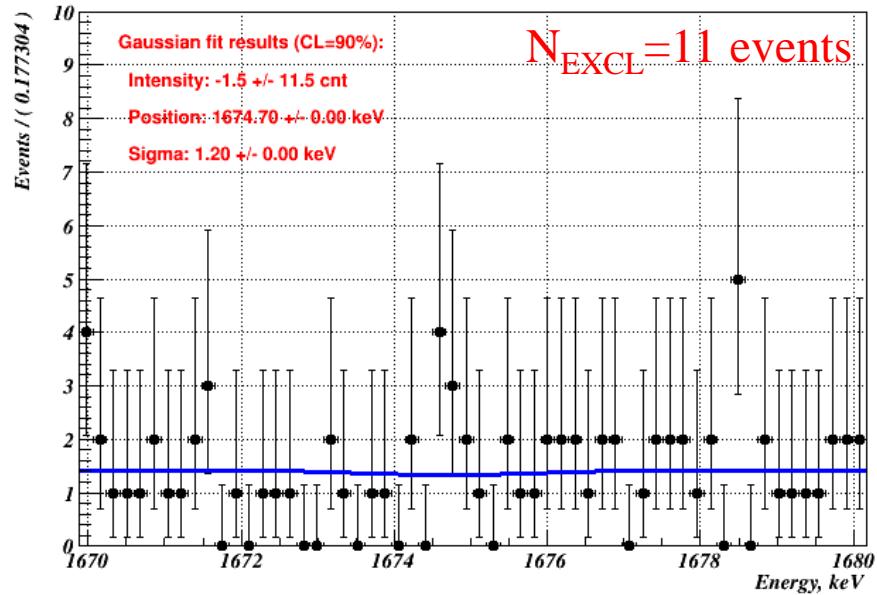
HPGe spectrum: fit

864 keV



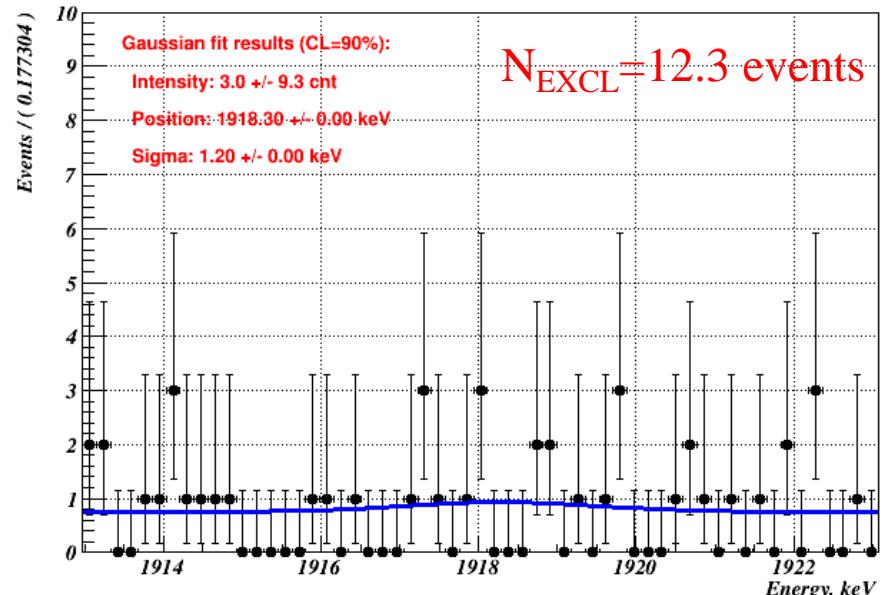
HPGe spectrum: fit 1675 keV

$N_{EXCL} = 11$  events



HPGe spectrum: fit

1918 keV



# Results for double beta decay of $^{58}\text{Ni}$ obtained with the Obelix detector

Decay mode	Final state or Decay transition	$T_{1/2}$ , (90% CL)	Previous limits, $T_{1/2}$
$\beta^+\text{EC}$	g.s.	$1.7 \times 10^{22} \text{ y}$	$7.0 \times 10^{20} \text{ y (68\%CL)*}$
$\beta^+\text{EC}$	811 keV	$2.3 \times 10^{22} \text{ y}$	$4.0 \times 10^{20} \text{ y (68\%CL)*}$
EC/EC	811 keV	$3.3 \times 10^{22} \text{ y}$	$4.0 \times 10^{19} \text{ y (90\%CL)**}$
EC/EC	1675 keV	$3.4 \times 10^{22} \text{ y}$	$4.0 \times 10^{19} \text{ y (90\%CL)**}$
0vEC/EC resonant	Radiative 1918 keV	$4.1 \times 10^{22} \text{ y}$	$2.1 \times 10^{21} \text{ y (90\%CL)***}$

\*S.I. Vasil'ev et al., JETP Lett. 57 (1993) 631.

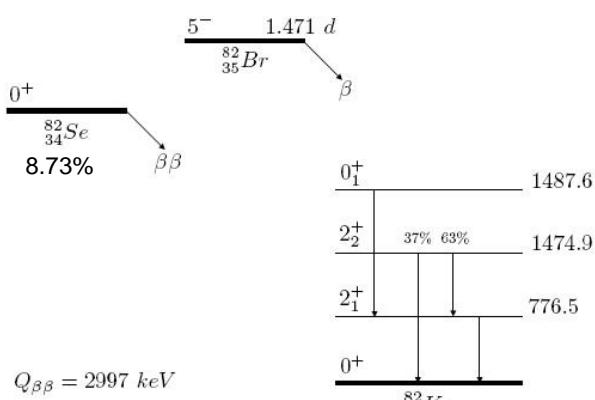
\*\*E. Bellotti et al., Lett. Nuovo Cim. 33 (1982) 273.

\*\*\*B. Lehnert et al., J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 43 (2016) 065201

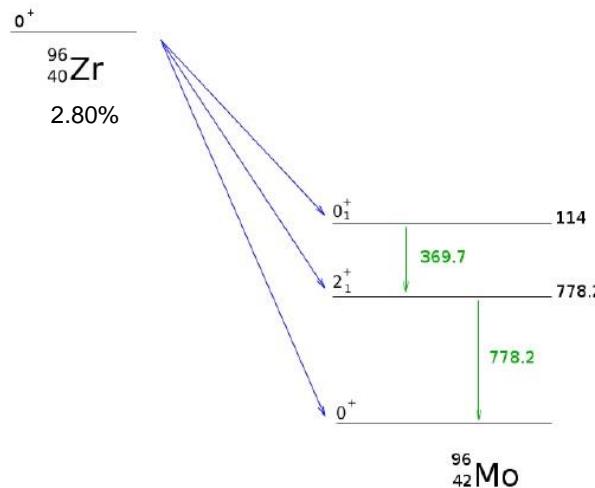
# Future plans of measurements with Obelix

Investigations of double beta decay of  $^{74}\text{Se}$ ,  $^{82}\text{Se}$ ,  $^{96}\text{Zr}$  and  $^{150}\text{Nd}$  to excited states of daughter nucleon will be performed with detectors Obelix and Idefix (new P type coaxial ultra low-background HPGe detector similar to Obelix). Idefix was produced by company of Mirion (Canberra) in 2017.

## $^{82}\text{Se}$ decay scheme

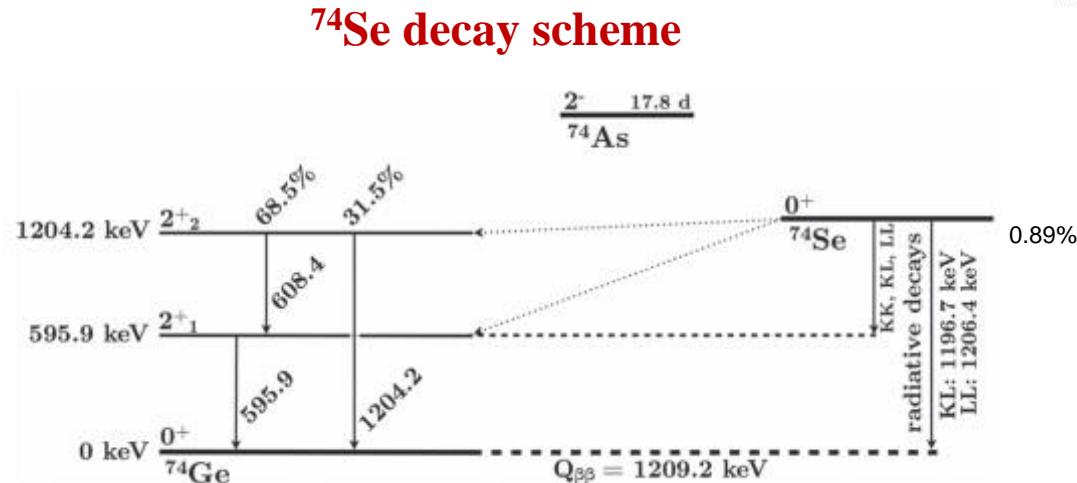


## $^{96}\text{Zr}$ decay scheme

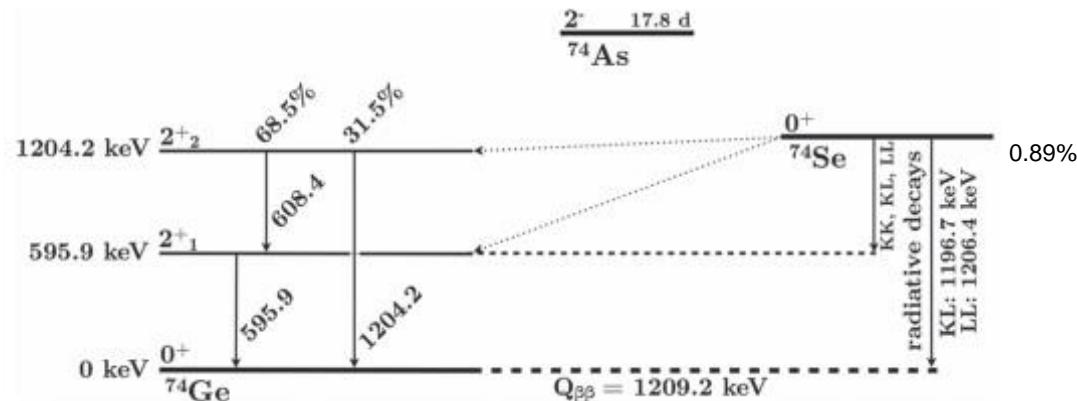


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## $^{150}\text{Nd}$ decay scheme



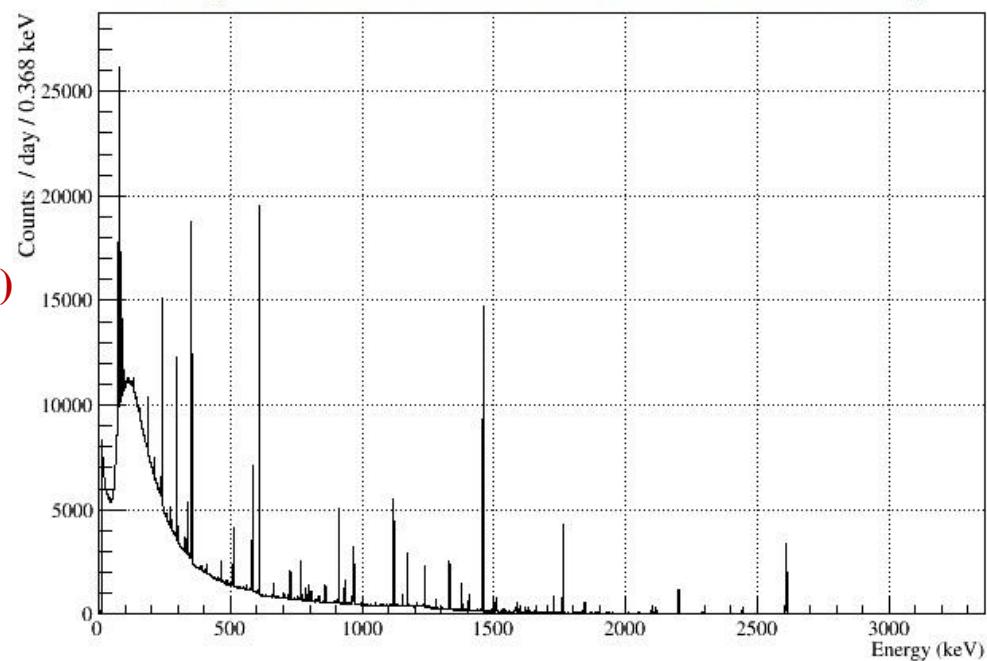
## $^{74}\text{Se}$ decay scheme



# Idefix – new HPGe detector at Modane Underground Laboratory (LSM)



Background of the Idefix detector without shielding



22.11.2017 Idefix detector was delivered in LSM

*Sensitive volume*      **606 cm<sup>3</sup>**

*Peak / Compton*      **102**

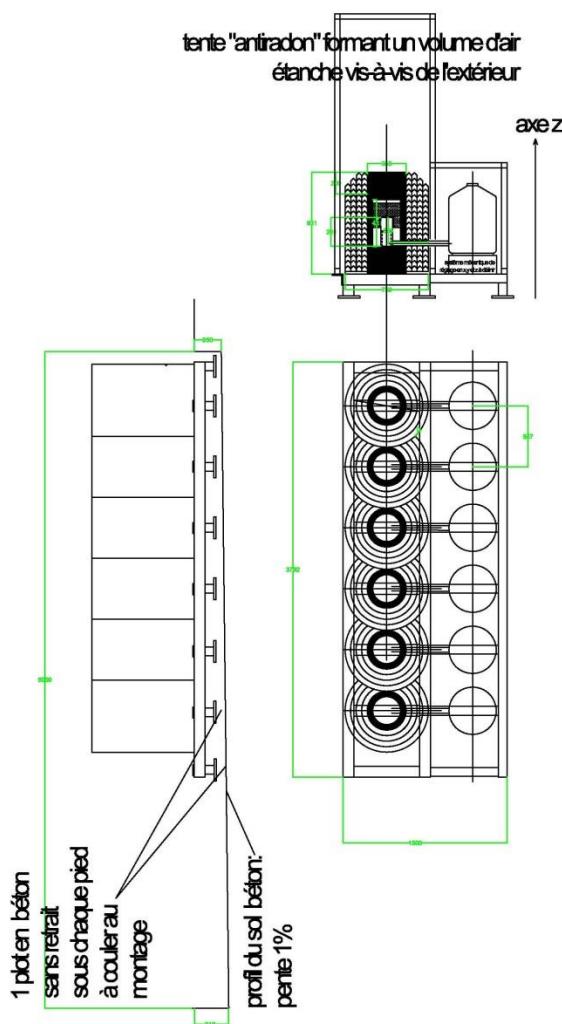
*Energy resolution*    ~ 0.95 keV at 122 keV (<sup>57</sup>Co),  
                                ~ 2.05 keV at 1 332 keV (<sup>60</sup>Co)

*Distance from cap*      **6 mm**

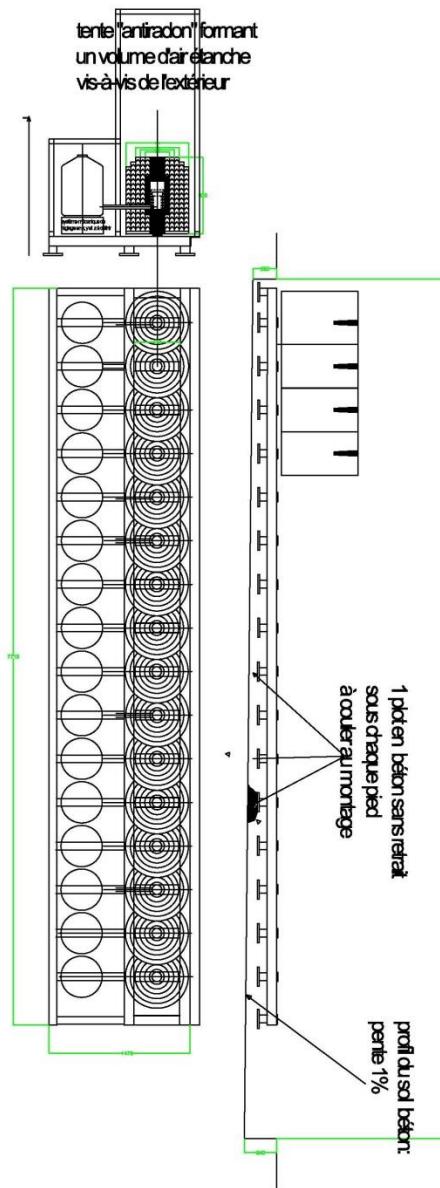
*Entrance window*      **Al, 1.6 mm**

*Relative efficiency*      **165%**

*Passive shielding for Idefix detector will be produced in 2018*



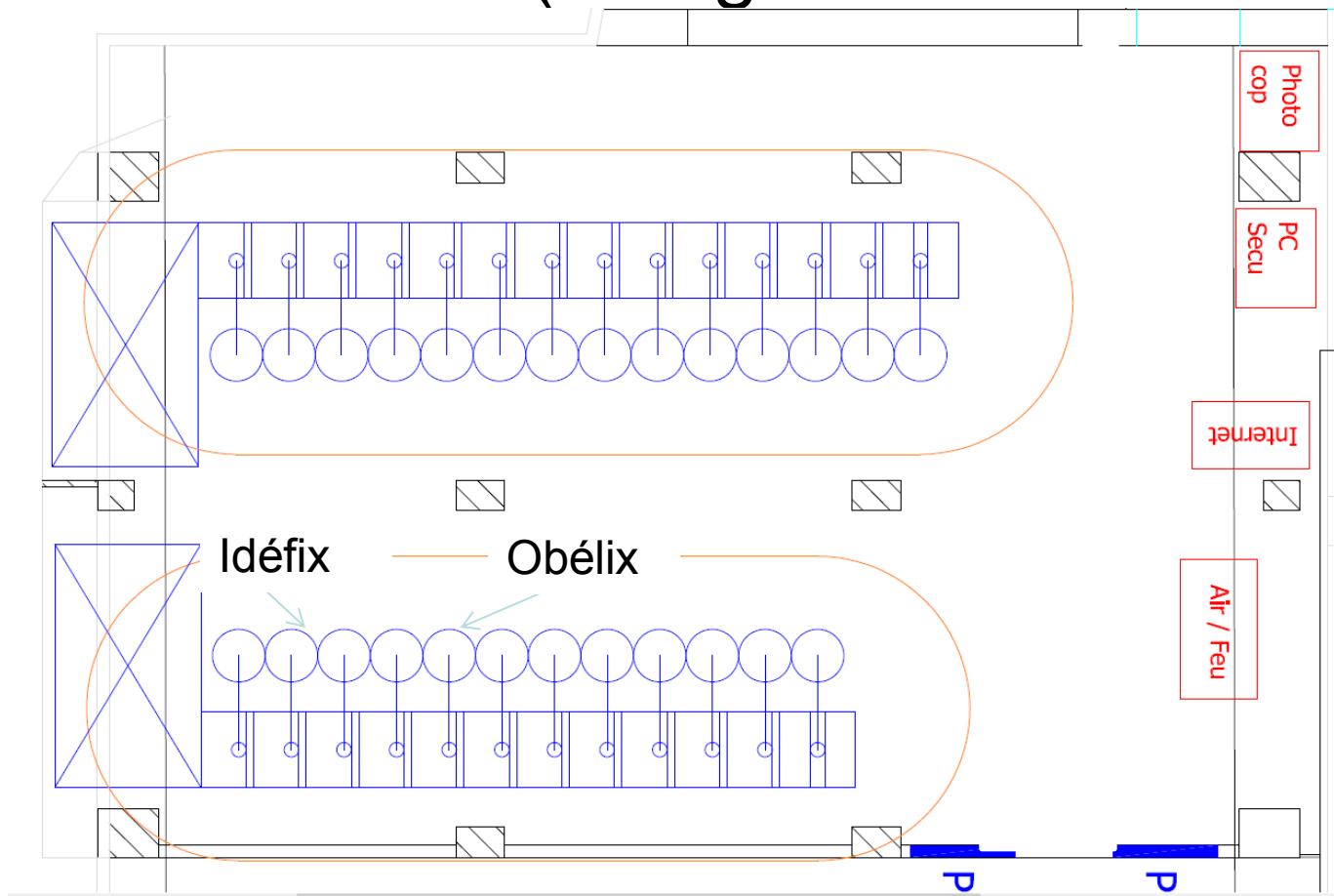
## Montage d'un ensemble de 6 détecteurs physique



## Montage d'un ensemble de 16 détecteurs "environnement"

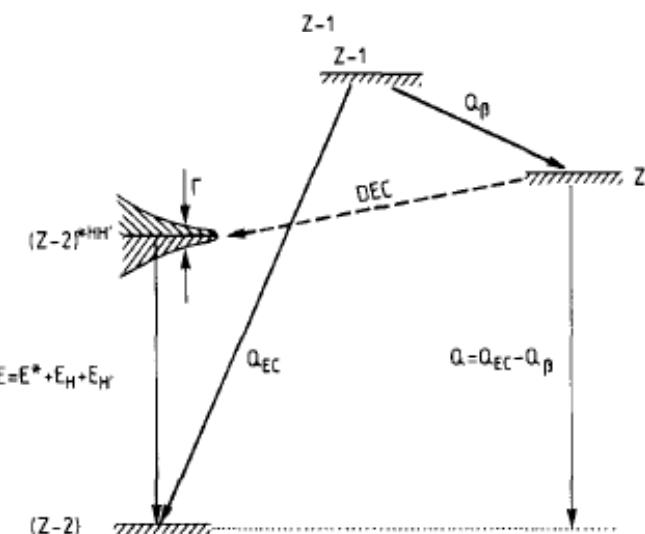
# Location in the lab

- At the place of tgv room and germanium small room ( imagine circles instead of



**Thank you for attention**

# Additional slides



# Neutrinoless double electron capture (resonance transitions)

$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z-2)^{*HH'}$

J. Bernabeu, A. DeRujula, C. Jarlskog,  
Nucl. Phys. B 223, 15 (1983)

transitions, abundance, daughter nuclear excitation, atomic vacancies  
and figure of merit of some isotopes [10]

$Z \rightarrow Z - 2$	Z-natural abundance in %	Nuclear excitation $E^*$ (in MeV), $J^P$	Atomic vacancies H, H'	Figure of merit $Q - E$ (in keV)
$^{74}_{34}\text{Se} \rightarrow ^{74}_{32}\text{Ge}$	0.87	1.204 ( $2^+$ )	2S(P), 2S(P)	$2 \pm 3$
$^{78}_{36}\text{Kr} \rightarrow ^{78}_{34}\text{Se}$	0.36	2.839 ( $2^+$ ) 2.864 (?)	1S, 1S	$^{19}_{-6} \pm 10$
$^{102}_{46}\text{Pd} \rightarrow ^{102}_{44}\text{Ru}$	1	1.103 ( $2^+$ ) 1.107 ( $4^+$ )	1S, 1S	$^{29}_{-25} \pm 9$
$^{106}_{48}\text{Cd} \rightarrow ^{106}_{46}\text{Pd}$	1.25	2.741 (?)	1S, 1S	$-8 \pm 10$
$^{112}_{50}\text{Sn} \rightarrow ^{112}_{48}\text{Cd}$	1.01	1.871 ( $0^+$ )	1S, 1S	$-3 \pm 10$
$^{130}_{56}\text{Ba} \rightarrow ^{130}_{54}\text{Xe}$	0.11	2.502 (?) 2.544 (?)	1S, 1S 1S, 2S(P)	$^{8}_{-6} \pm 13$
$^{152}_{64}\text{Gd} \rightarrow ^{152}_{62}\text{Sm}$	0.20	0 ( $0^+$ )	1S, 2S	$4 \pm 4$
$^{162}_{68}\text{Er} \rightarrow ^{162}_{66}\text{Dy}$	0.14	1.783 ( $2^+$ )	1S, 2S	$1 \pm 6$
$^{164}_{68}\text{Er} \rightarrow ^{164}_{66}\text{Dy}$	1.56	0 ( $0^+$ )	2S, 2S	$9 \pm 5$
$^{168}_{70}\text{Yb} \rightarrow ^{168}_{68}\text{Er}$	0.14	1.355 ( $1^-$ ) 1.393 (?)	1S, 2S 2S, 2S	$^{-4}_{+8} \pm 4$
$^{180}_{74}\text{W} \rightarrow ^{180}_{72}\text{Hf}$	0.13	0 ( $0^+$ ) 0.093 ( $2^+$ )	1S, 1S 1S, 3S	$^{26}_{-4} \pm 17$
$^{196}_{80}\text{Hg} \rightarrow ^{186}_{78}\text{Pt}$	0.15	0.689 ( $2^+$ )	1S, 2S	$26 \pm 9$

## Atom mixing amplitude

$$\Delta M$$

$$E \approx E^* + E_H + E_{H'},$$

$$\Gamma \approx \Gamma^* + \Gamma_H + \Gamma_{H'}.$$

## Decay rate

$$\frac{1}{\tau} \approx \frac{(\Delta M)^2}{(Q - E)^2 + \frac{1}{4}\Gamma^2} \Gamma,$$

2vECEC-background  
depends strongly  
on Q-value

# $^{106}\text{Pd}$ levels before 2008

Table of Isotopes, Eighth Edition,  
Ed. Richard B. Firestone

$E_{\text{level}}(\text{keV})$	$J\pi$	$E\gamma(\text{keV})$
2748.2(4)	2,3-	$\gamma 2236.3 \rightarrow \gamma 511.85$
2746(5)	4+	?
2741.0(5)	(1,2+)	$\gamma 2741 \text{ (} 2229.5 + 511.85 \text{)}$
2717.56(21)	?	$\gamma 1159.9 \rightarrow \gamma 1557.7$

# $^{106}\text{Pd}$ levels from 2008

Nuclear Data Sheets 109 (2008) 943  
D. De Frenne and A. Negret

$E_{\text{level}}(\text{keV})$	$J\pi$	$E\gamma(\text{keV})$
2748.2(4)	2,3-	$\gamma 2236.3 \rightarrow \gamma 511.85$
2741.0(5)	4+	$\gamma 2741 \text{ (} 2229.5 + 511.85 \text{)}$
2737	?	?
2717.56(21)	?	$\gamma 1159.9 \rightarrow \gamma 1557.7$

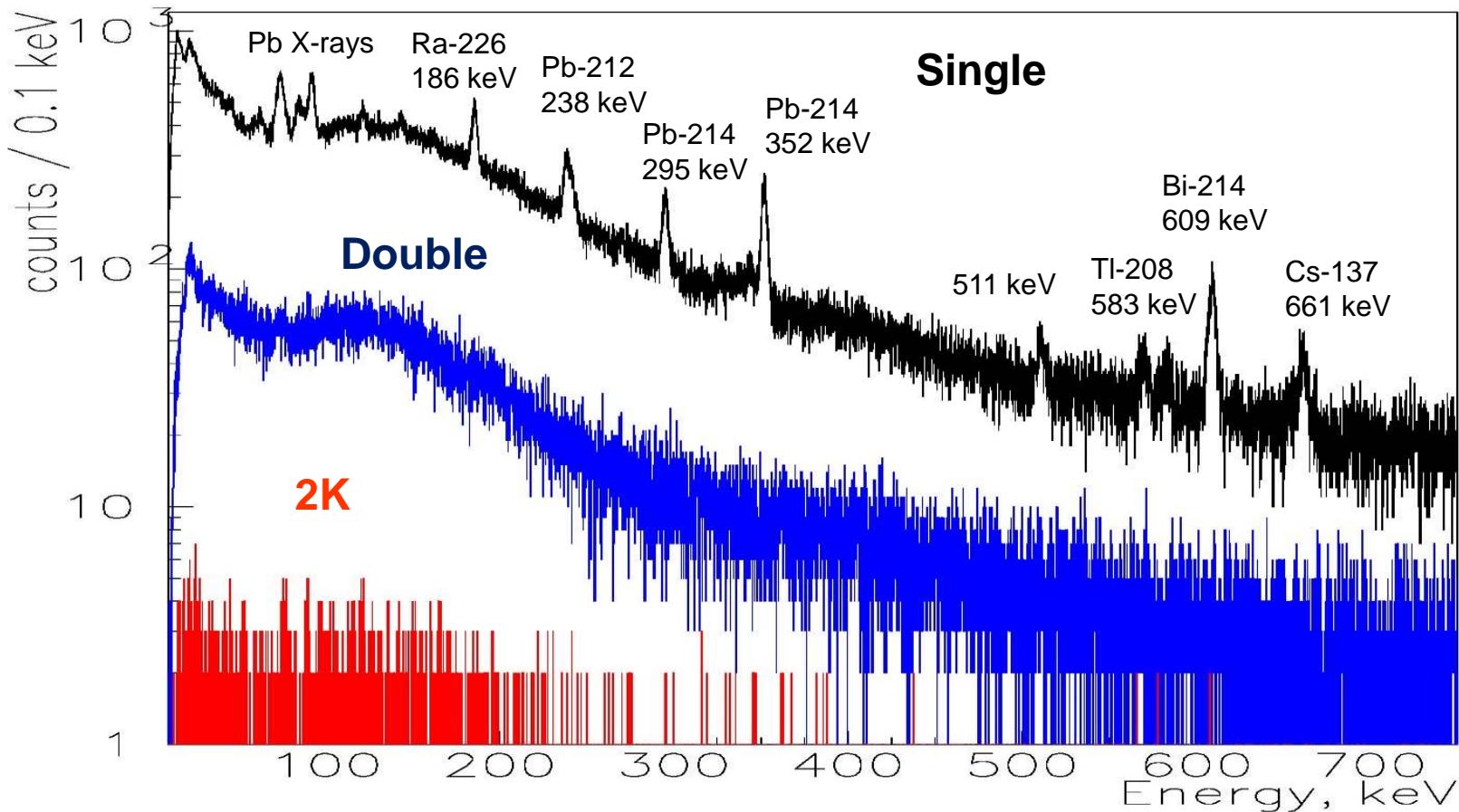
## 0 $\nu$ EC/EC Resonant Decay of $^{106}\text{Cd}$

$Q = 2775.39 \pm 0.10 \text{ keV, } E_K = 24.3 \text{ keV, } E_L = 3.33 \text{ keV}$

$E^*_1 = 2741.0 \text{ keV }$  KL observables  $\gamma - 2741 \text{ (} 2229 + 512 \text{) keV}$   
 $E^*_2 = 2717.6 \text{ keV }$  KK observables  $\gamma - (1160 + 1046 + 512) \text{ keV}$   
 $E^*_3 = 2737 \text{ keV (?) }$  KL observables  $\gamma - ?$

Phase III - Search for 0 $\nu$ EC/EC decay of  $^{106}\text{Cd} \rightarrow$  Obelix det.

**T=19333 h**



# Calculation of the limit for $^{58}\text{Ni}$

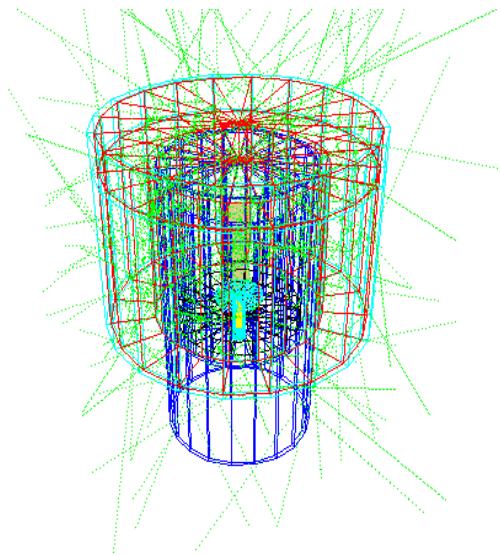
$$T_{1/2}^{\text{LIM}} > \ln(2) \times \varepsilon \times M_{\text{TOT}} \times O(^{58}\text{Ni}) \times T_{\text{EXP}} \times N_A / A / N_{\text{EXCL}}$$

- $\varepsilon$  – detection efficiency,
- $O$  – enrichment of isotop
- $M_{\text{TOT}}$  – mass of sample(s),
- $T_{\text{EXP}}$  -time of measurement
- $N_{\text{EXCL}}$  - the number of excluded signal events

Использованные в расчетах параметры	
Параметр	Величина
$N_A / 10^{20}$	<b>6022.142</b>
$M_{\text{TOT}}, \text{г}$	<b>21754</b>
$O(^{58}\text{Ni})$	<b>68.27%</b>
$A$	<b>58</b>

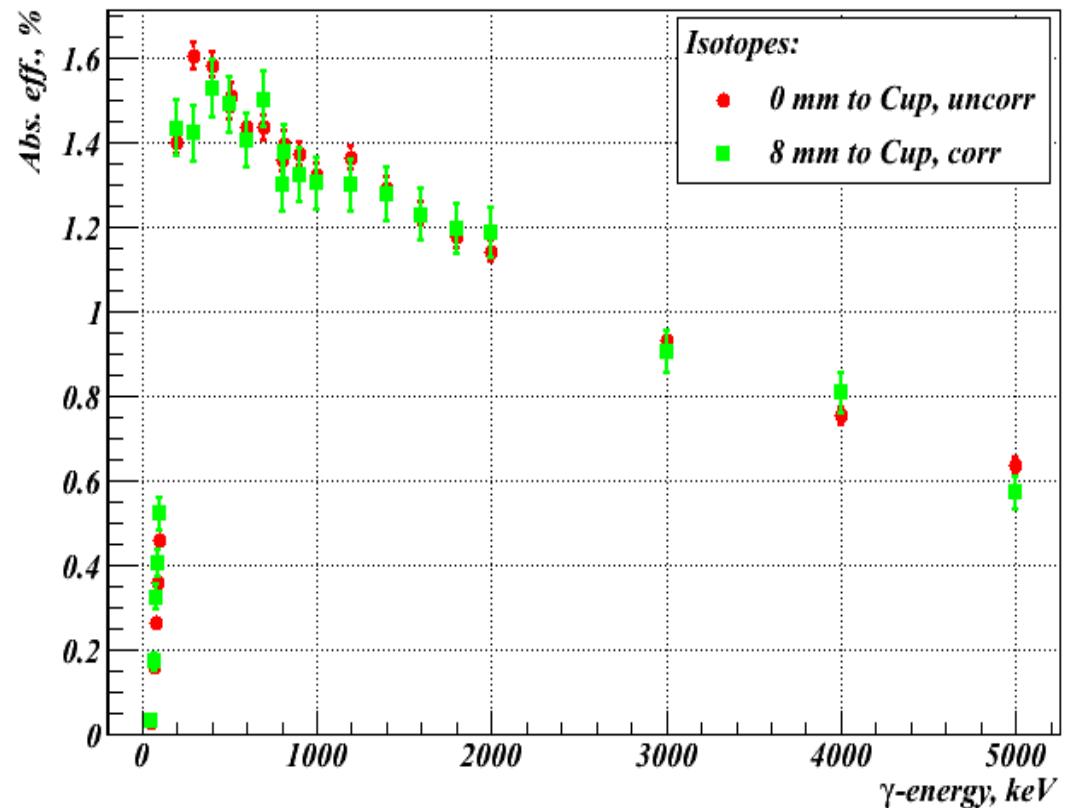
K.Zuber

[http://wwwarchive.ph.ed.ac.uk/suspp61/lectures/05\\_Zuber\\_NeutrinolessDoubleBetaDecay/StAndrews\\_2006\\_lect2\\_orig.ppt](http://wwwarchive.ph.ed.ac.uk/suspp61/lectures/05_Zuber_NeutrinolessDoubleBetaDecay/StAndrews_2006_lect2_orig.ppt)



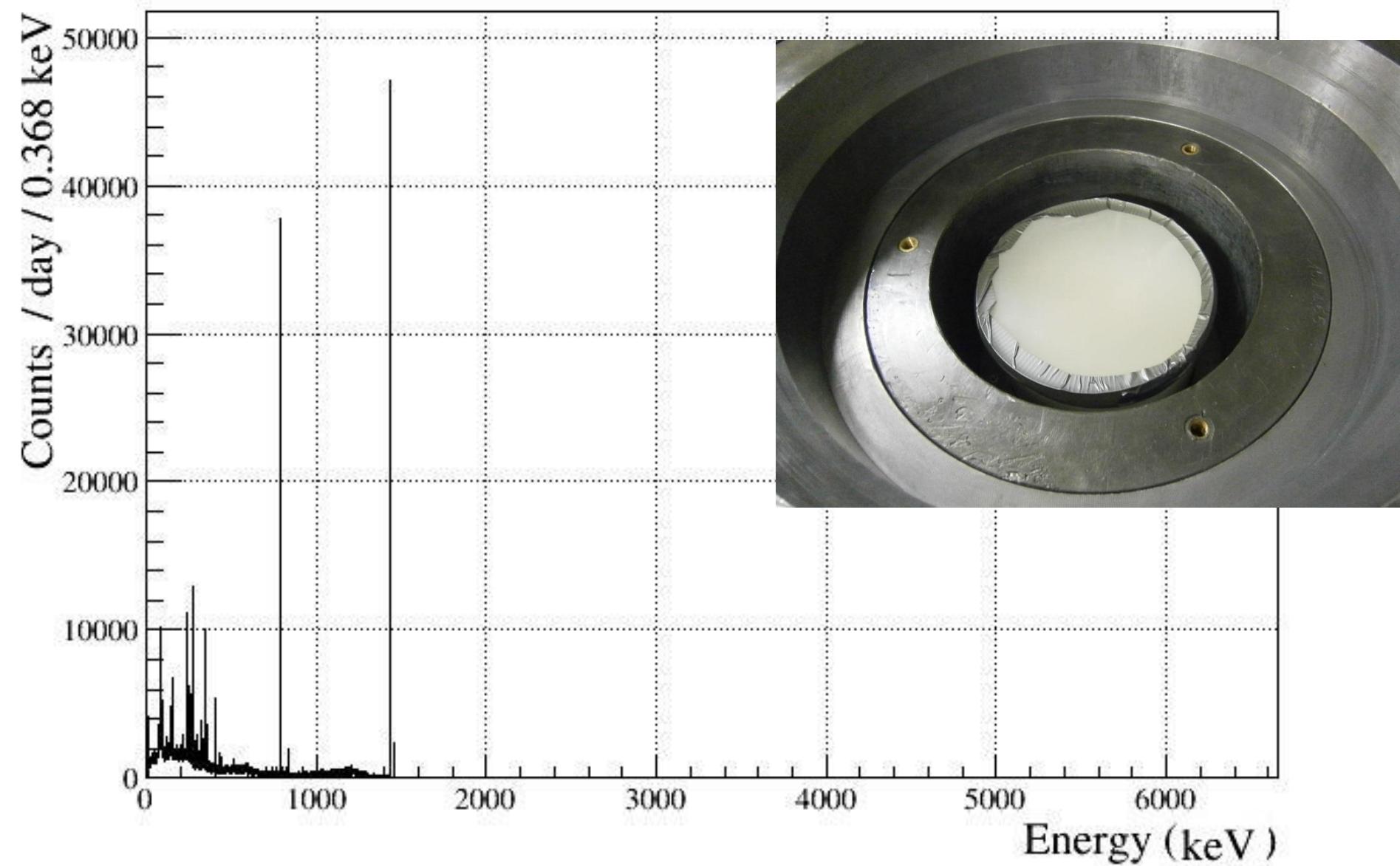
# Calculated efficiency

DPGe: efficiency of Nickel source

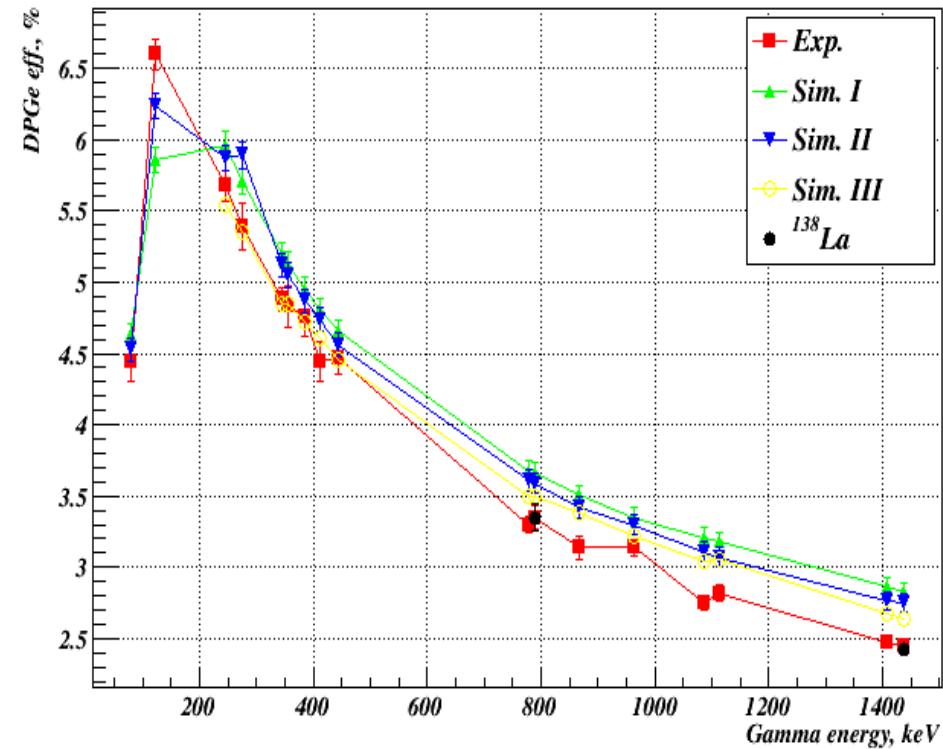
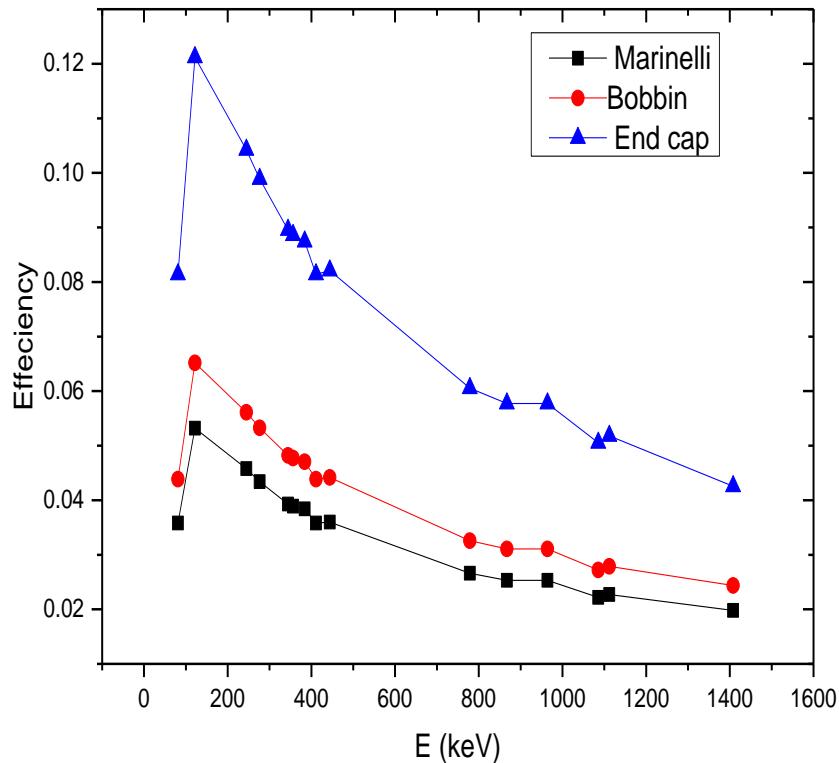


Simulation was performed using  
ROOT-VMC-GEANT4 DPGE  
package in the energy region of  
0.05- 5 MeV.

# Measurement of La powder at Marinelli backer



# Efficiencies of OBELIX detector for some „standard“ geometries of measurement



To obtain the detector efficiency an original method using special low-active samples with known mass and activity was developed. Based on results obtained in measurements of  $\text{La}_2\text{O}_3$  and standard sources of  $^{152}\text{Eu}$  and  $^{133}\text{Ba}$ , efficiency curves for measurements of double beta emitters in several “standard” geometries were obtained.

Obtained efficiencies are in a good agreement with MC simulations (for example the measurement with bobbin). Measured sample was specially prepared in the same geometry like investigated sample of  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ .

# Preliminary results

Energy	Efficiency	Nexcl	$T_{1/2}$ , (90% CL)	Previous limits
<b>Kb+ (811 keV)</b>				
<b>811 keV</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b><math>2.3 \times 10^{22}</math> y</b>	<b><math>4.0 \times 10^{20}</math> y (68%CL)*</b>
<b>Kb+ (g.s.)</b>				
<b>511 keV</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b><math>1.7 \times 10^{22}</math> y</b>	<b><math>7.0 \times 10^{20}</math> y (68%CL)*</b>
<b>KK (811 keV)</b>				
<b>811 keV</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b><math>3.3 \times 10^{22}</math> y</b>	<b><math>4.0 \times 10^{19}</math> y (90%CL)**</b>
<b>0vKK-resonant (1918 keV)</b>				
<b>1918 keV</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b><math>5.1 \times 10^{22}</math> y</b>	<b><math>2.1 \times 10^{21}</math> y (90%CL)***</b>
<b>KK (1675 keV)</b>				
<b>864 keV</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b><math>2.2 \times 10^{22}</math> y</b>	
<b>1675 keV</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b><math>3.4 \times 10^{22}</math> y</b>	<b><math>4.0 \times 10^{19}</math> y (90%CL)**</b>

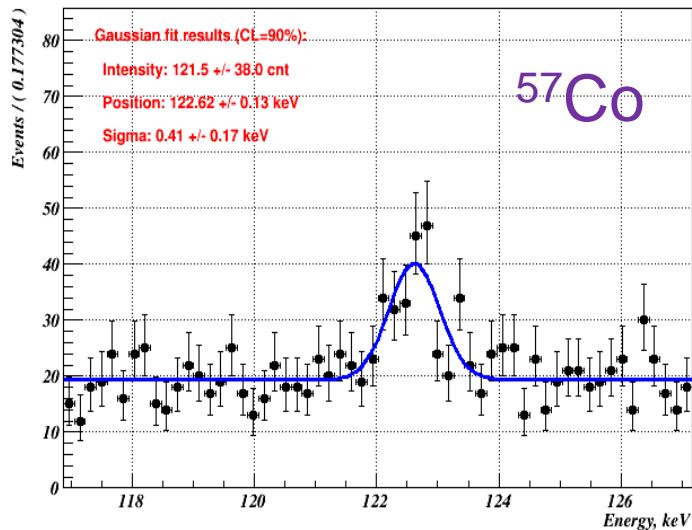
\*S.I. Vasil'ev et al., JETP Lett. 57 (1993) 631.

\*\*E. Bellotti et al., Lett. Nuovo Cim. 33 (1982) 273.

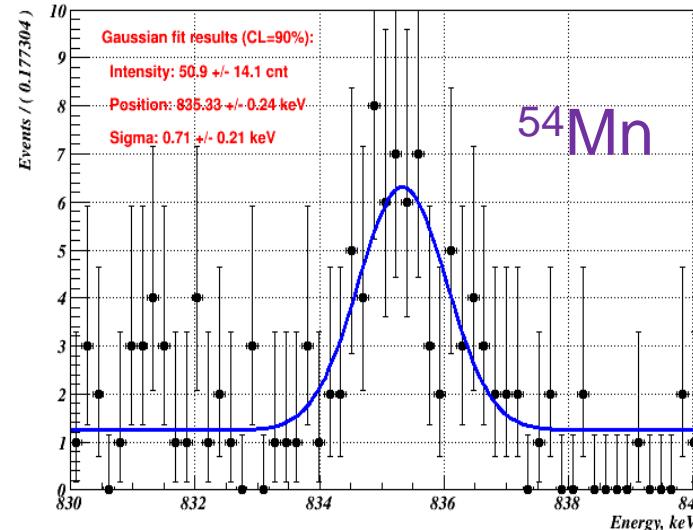
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# Cosmogenic isotopes in 2017

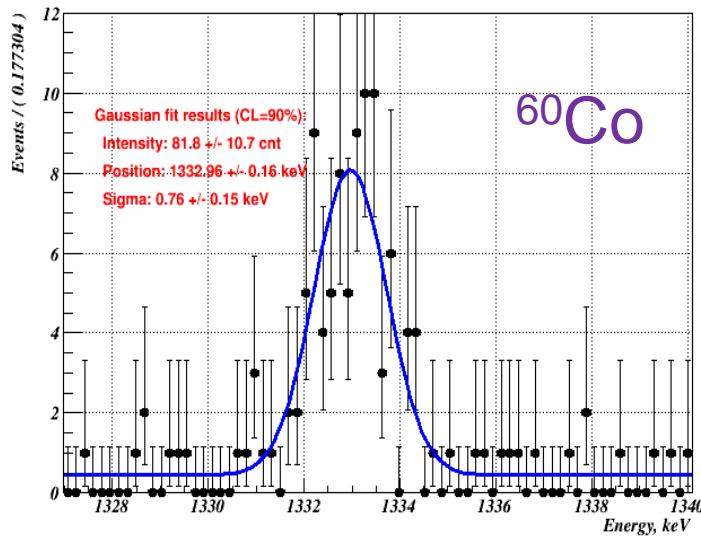
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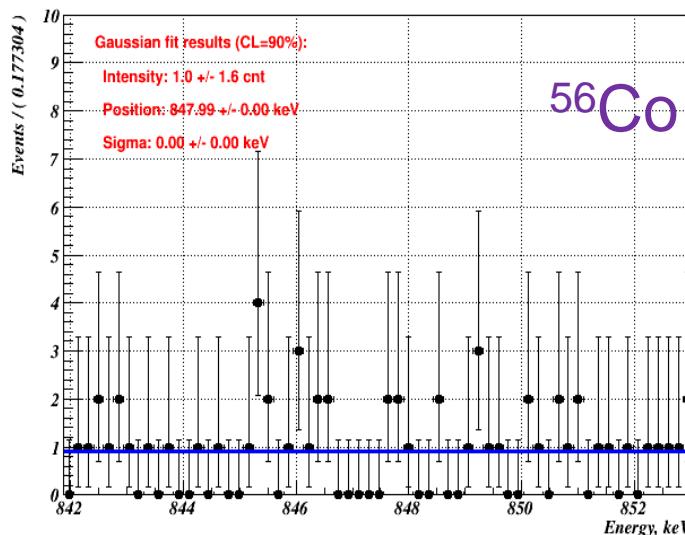
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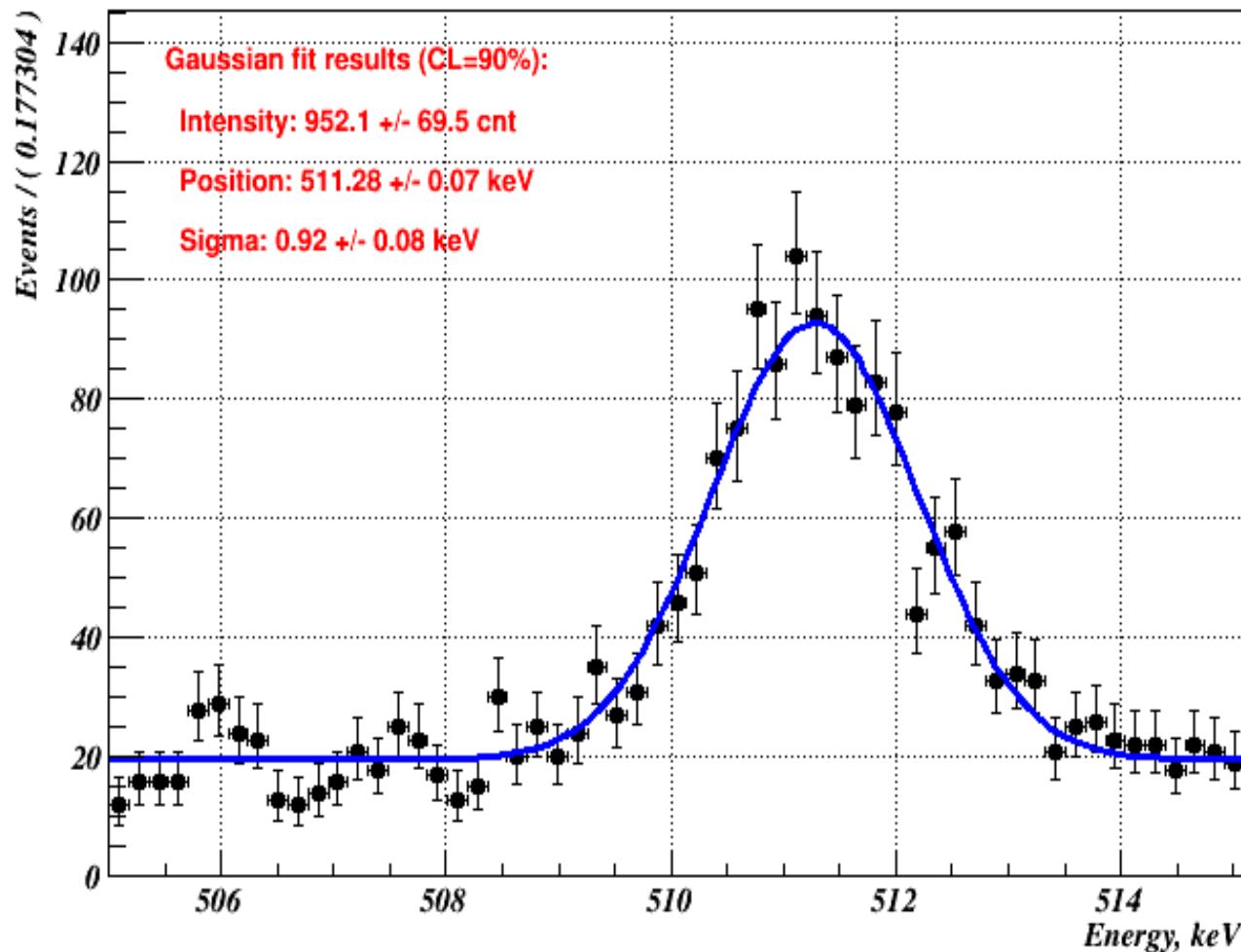


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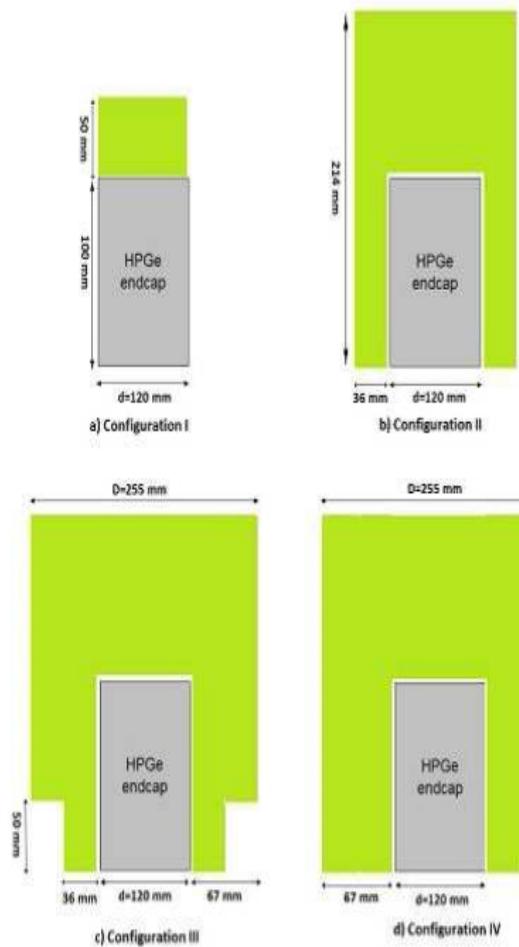
# 511 keV (2017)

## HPGe spectrum: fit



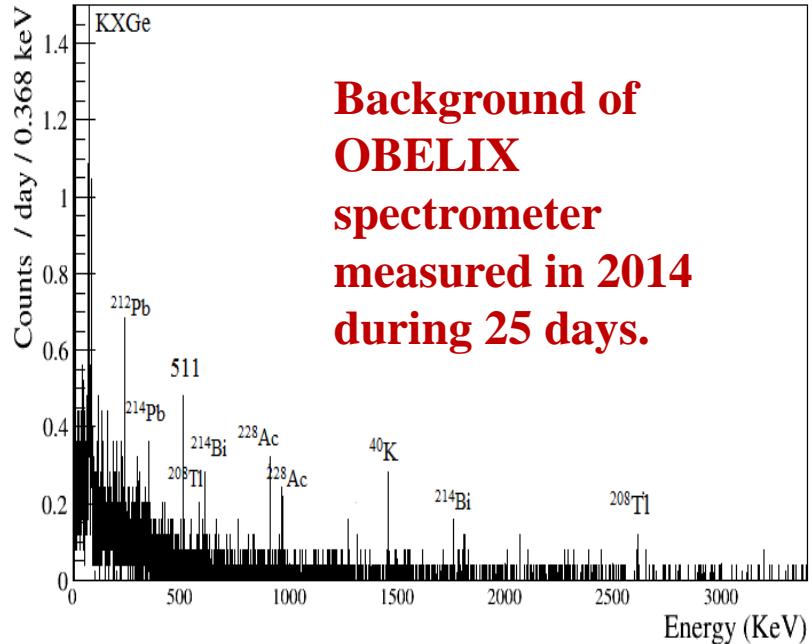
$N_{\text{EXCL}} = 69.5$  events

# Background studies



Integral count rate [30-3000 keV]:  
 2011 – **173**  
**counts/kg · d**  
 2014 – **73**  
**counts/kg · d**  
 To compare  
 background,  
 HPGe in LSM:  
**108 counts/kg · d**

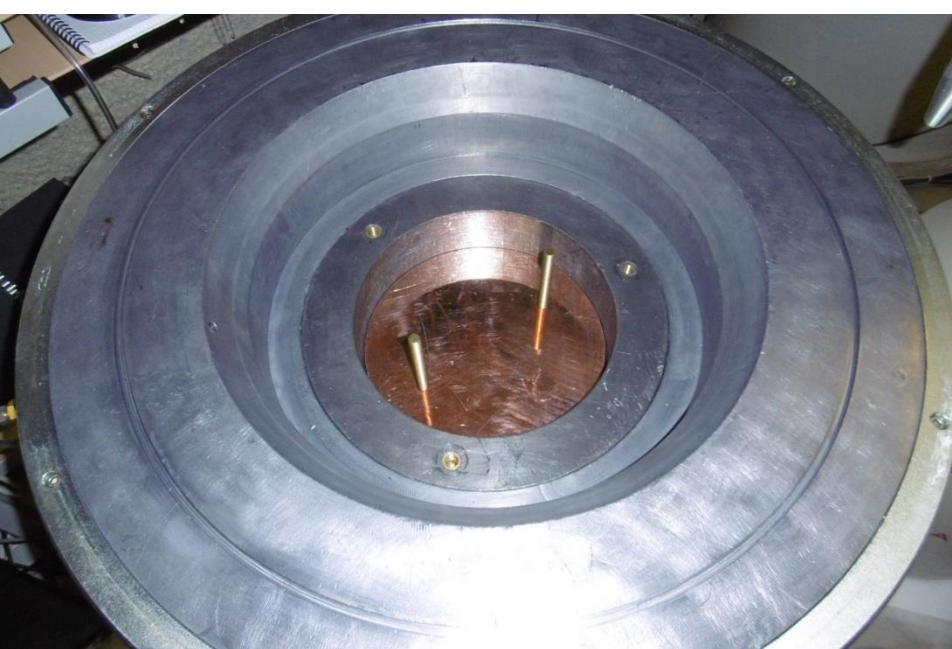
Possible measurement configurations with OBELIX



E [keV]	Nuclide	Counts/kg·day
238	$^{212}\text{Pb}$ (Th chain)	$0.60 \pm 0.25$
295	$^{214}\text{Pb}$ (U chain)	$0.24 \pm 0.05$
352	$^{214}\text{Pb}$ (U chain)	$0.20 \pm 0.09$
583	$^{208}\text{Tl}$ (Th chain)	$0.18 \pm 0.07$
609	$^{214}\text{B}$ (U chain)	$0.21 \pm 0.06$
911	$^{228}\text{Ac}$ (Th chain)	$0.25 \pm 0.05$
969	$^{228}\text{Ac}$ (Th chain)	$0.20 \pm 0.04$
1460	$^{40}\text{K}$	$0.34 \pm 0.05$
2615	$^{208}\text{Tl}$ (Th chain)	$0.17 \pm 0.06$

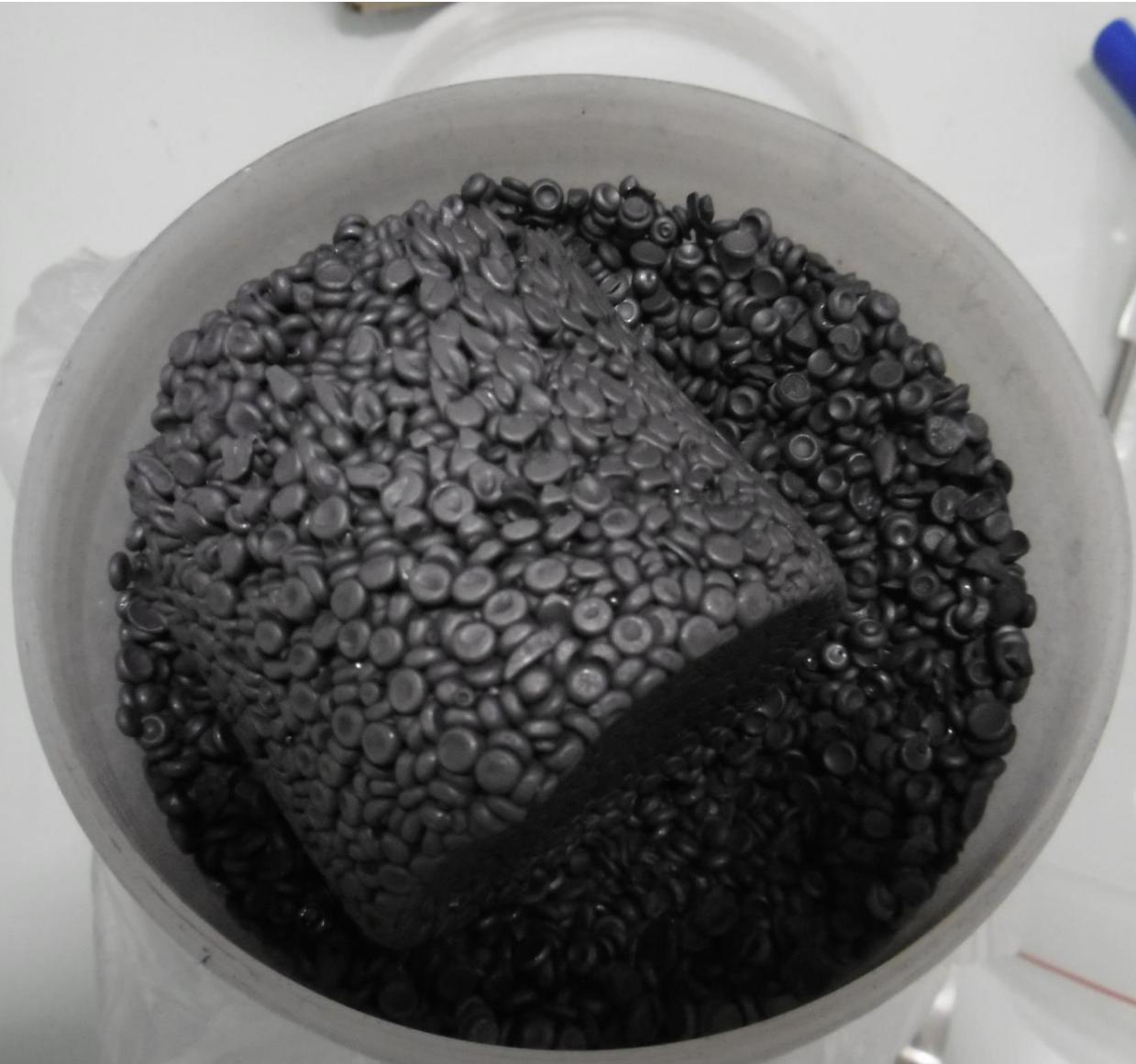
## Minimal Detectable Activities (in Bq/unit, 7 days, 3 l Marinelli):

E [keV]	46.5	186	352	511	609	1173
100% det	6.2e-2	2.4e-2	2.9e-2	2.2e-2	2.5e-2	1.5e-2
OBELIX	4.9e-4	5.6e-4	4.5e-4	4.5e-4	4.7e-4	2.5e-4



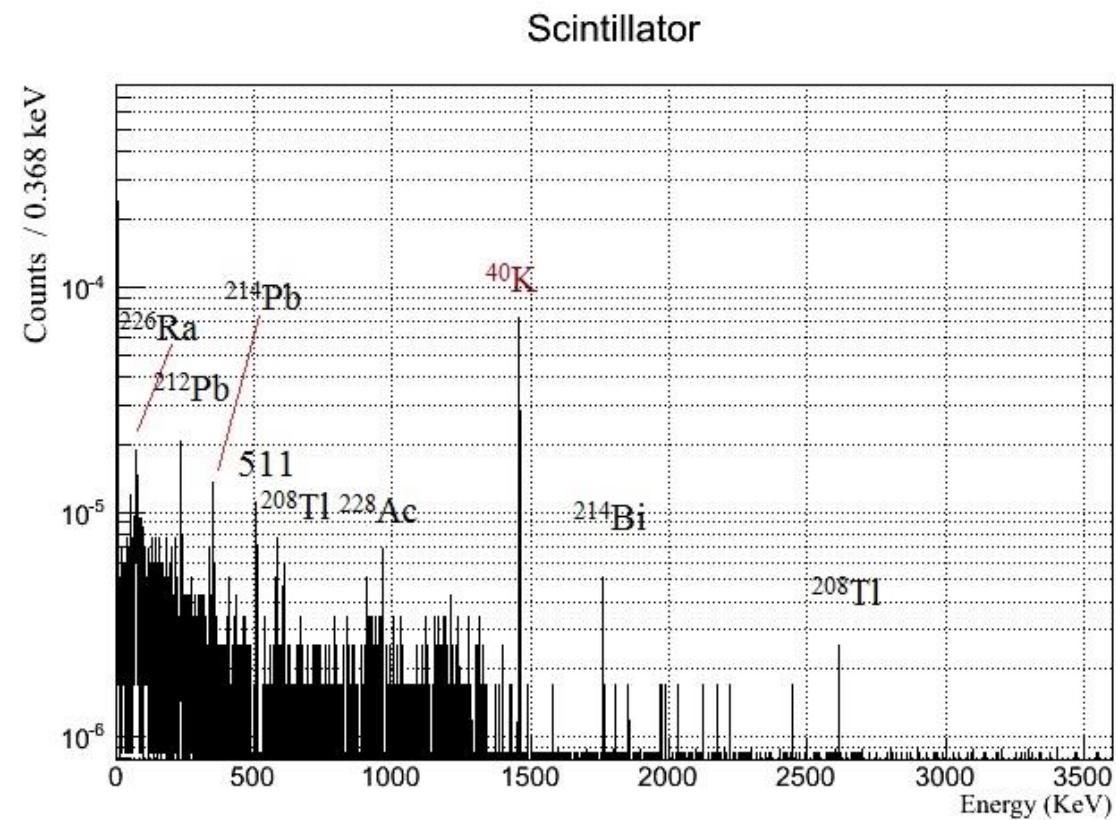
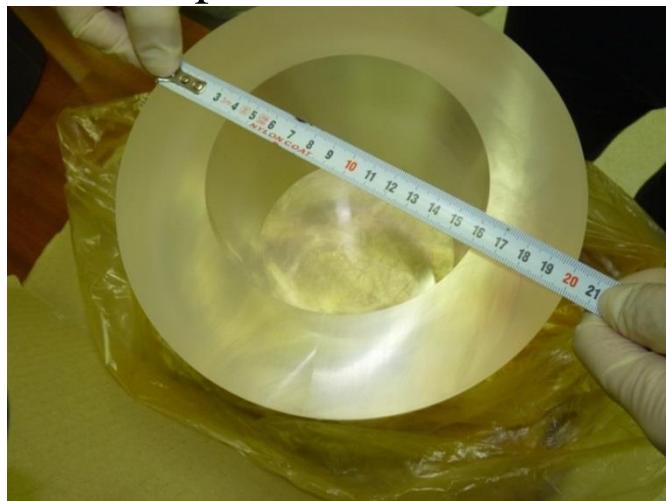
Copper sample  
22.3+35.4 kg

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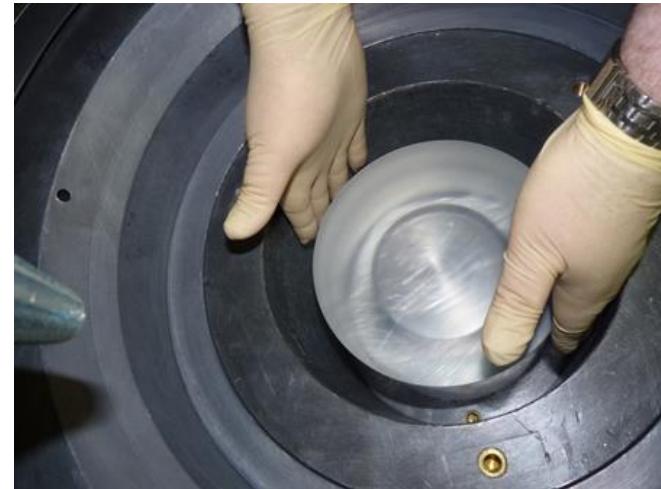


# Measurement of scintillator for SuperNEMO

- Scintillator was produced by ENVINET for NRPI and IEAP
- The sample was prepared by the request of NRPI in the form of 3L Marinelli with the mass of 4500 g
- The scintillator was measured in May 2014 with the OBELIX spectrometer



# Results (in comparison with the similar scintillator measured by Bordeaux group)



HPGe ( LSM)	Sample	Mass g	Time h	40K mBq/kg	238U mBq/kg	214Bi mBq/kg	208TI mBq/kg
OBELIX (IEAP)	Scintillator in the shape of Marinelli	4500	325	20.6	1.8	< 0.14	< 0.09
IRIS (Bordeaux)	Scintillator In the shape of Marinelli	3300	742	<3.4	3.5	< 0.45	< 0.15

# Ge detectors at LSM

Detector	Type	Volume	Total and peak background rate (counts/day)			
			40-2700 keV	352 keV	583 keV	1461 keV
MONDEUSE	well	220 cc	770	4.2	2.7	5
ROUSSETTE	well	430 cc	692	4.1	2.9	7.2
ABYMES	well	980 cc	828	5.6	5.6	5.6
XXL	well	844 cc	821	6.8	<1.8	11.6
HERMINE	N	197 cc	313	1.2	1.5	2.3
HELLAZ	P	204 cc	515	4.5	0.5	1.4
JASMIN	P	380 cc	529	2.0	1.41	1.71
GENTIANE	N	215 cc	178	<0.21	0.38	0.65
IRIS	P	400 cc	282	1.02	1.46	3.01

**TABLE 1.** Half-lives (in years) of  $2\nu EC/EC(0^+ \rightarrow 0^+, g.s.)$  of  $^{106}\text{Cd}$  calculated using different values of axial coupling ( $g_A$ ) and nuclear models: special unitary group (SU); standard, renormalized (R), and selfconsistent (S, with small (s.b.) and large (l.b.) basis of single particle states) quasiparticle random phase approaches (QRPA) with standard and adjusted (A) Woods Saxon single particle energies (WS); projected Hartre-Fock-Bogoliubov model (PHFB); single state dominance hypothesis (SSDH).

Theory			Method
$T_{1/2}^{2\nu EC/EC}$		Ref.	
$g_A = 1.0$	$g_A = 1.25$		
$4.2 \cdot 10^{21}$	$1.7 \cdot 10^{21}$	SU(4)	[11]
$2.5 \cdot 10^{22}$	$9.7 \cdot 10^{21}$	PHFB	[7]
$2.2 \cdot 10^{21}$	$8.7 \cdot 10^{20}$	QRPA	[12]
$1.5 \cdot 10^{20}$	$6.1 \cdot 10^{19}$	QRPA	[13]
$2.3 \cdot 10^{20}$	$9.0 \cdot 10^{19}$	QRPA (WS)	[14]
$2.6 \cdot 10^{20}$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{20}$	QRPA (AWS)	
$5.5 \cdot 10^{21}$	$2.3 \cdot 10^{21}$	QRPA (WS)	[15]
$3.0 \cdot 10^{20}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{20}$	QRPA (AWS)	
$5.3 \cdot 10^{20}$	$2.1 \cdot 10^{20}$	RQRPA (WS)	[16]
$5.1 \cdot 10^{20}$	$2.0 \cdot 10^{20}$	RQRPA (AWS)	
$5.0 \cdot 10^{20}$	$2.0 \cdot 10^{20}$	SQRPA (s.b.)	[17]
$6.6 \cdot 10^{20}$	$2.6 \cdot 10^{20}$	SQRPA (l.b.)	

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# $^{150}\text{Nd}$ . Transition to the $0^+$ excited state

$33^{+0.36}_{-0.23}(\text{stat})^{+0.27}_{-0.13}(\text{syst}) \cdot 10^{20} \text{ yr}$

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I.  $T_{1/2} = 1.$

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$07^{+0.45}_{-0.25}(\text{stat})^{+0.07}_{-0.07}(\text{syst}) \cdot 10^{20} \text{ yr}$

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II.  $T_{1/2} = 1.$

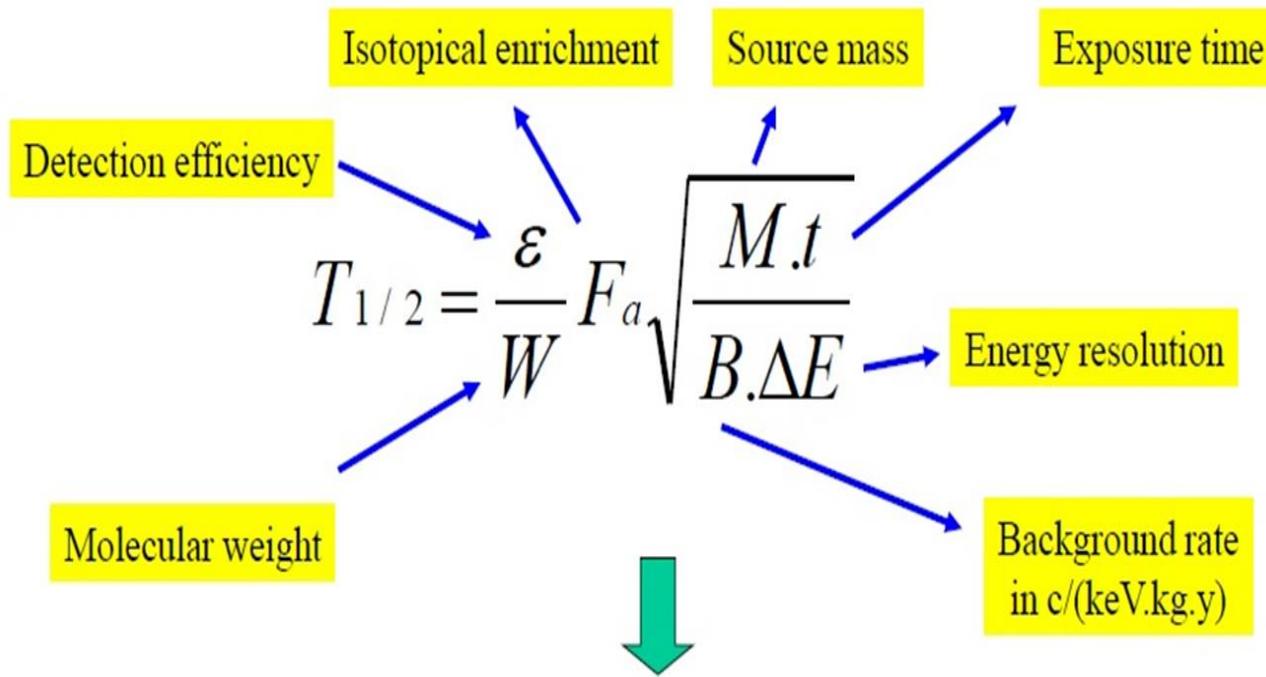
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Average value:  $1.2^{+0.3}_{-0.2} \cdot 10^{20} \text{ yr}$

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\* From presentation of A.Barabash (MEDEX'17)

## Half-life for $0\nu\beta\beta$ :



- source = enriched material ( $F_a$ )
- big mass of the source (M)
- long time of measurement (t)
- “best” energy resolution of the detector ( $\Delta E$ )
- background as low as possible (B)