

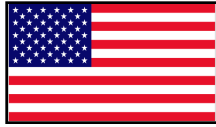
# EXO 200 Archive

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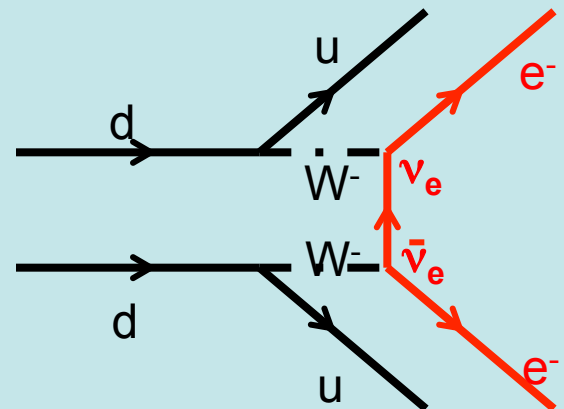
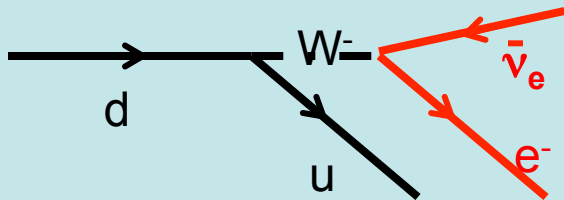
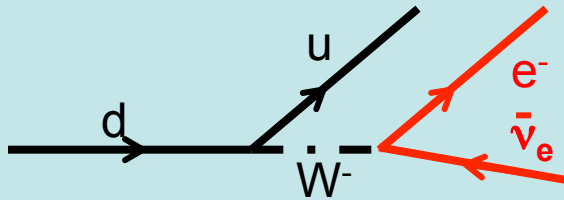
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# What is the Mass of Neutrinos?

- 1) Tritium Beta Decay
- 2) Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

# Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay



$$\left[ T_{0\nu}^{1/2} \right]^{-1} = G_{0\nu} |M_{0\nu}|^2 \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2$$

**G** = phase space factors (easy)  
**|M|** = nuclear matrix elements (hard)

$$m_{\beta\beta} = \left| \sum_i U_{ei}^2 m_i \right|$$

are neutrinos **Majorana particles** ?

$\Delta L=2$  **lepton number violation**?

neutrino **mass scale**

neutrino **mass hierarchy**



# Double Beta Decay Isotopes

<b>Isotope</b>	<b>Natural Abundance (%)</b>	<b>Q-value (MeV)</b>
<b>Ca 48</b>	0.19	4.27
<b>Ge 76</b>	7.8	2.04
<b>Se 82</b>	9.2	3.00
<b>Zr 96</b>	2.8	3.35
<b>Mo 100</b>	9.6	3.03
<b>Pd 110</b>	11.8	2.01
<b>Cd 116</b>	7.5	2.80
<b>Sn 124</b>	5.6	2.29
<b>Te 130</b>	35.	2.53
<b>Nd 150</b>	5.6	3.37
<b>Xe 136</b>	8.9	2.48

# Year 2000: 'Start' of the Program

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## Detection of very small neutrino masses in double-beta decay using laser tagging

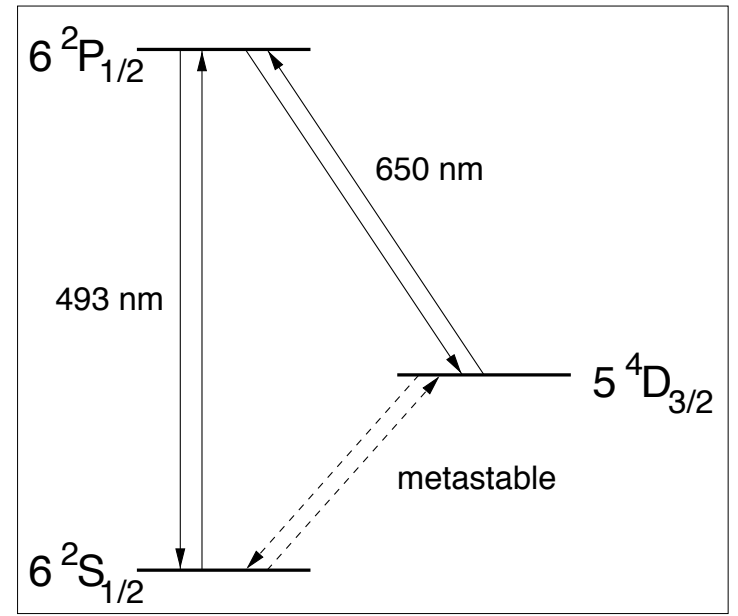
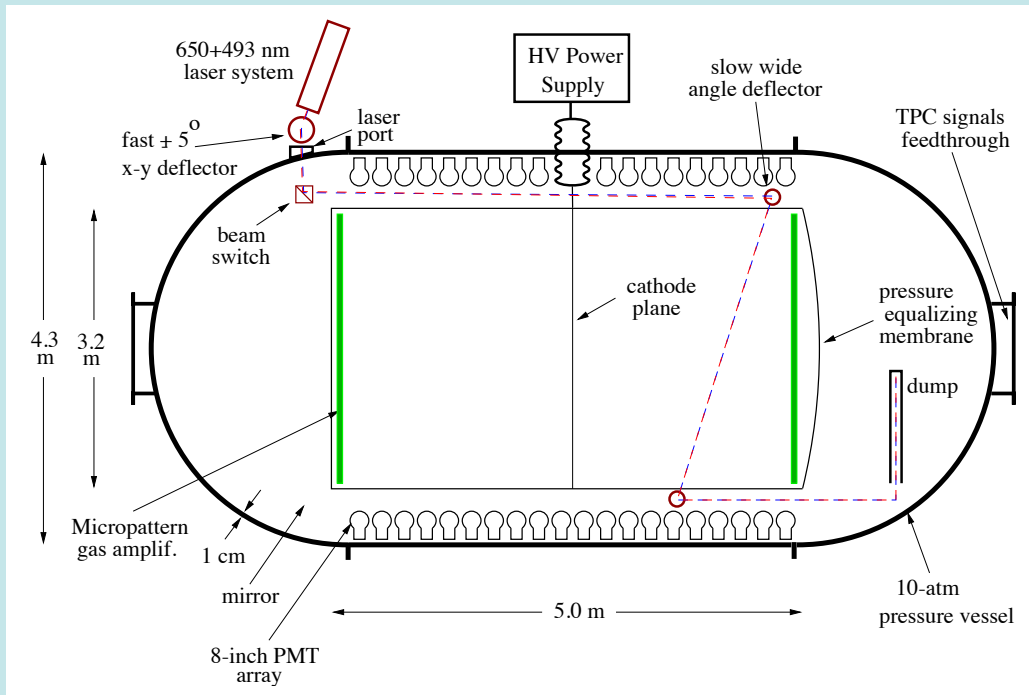
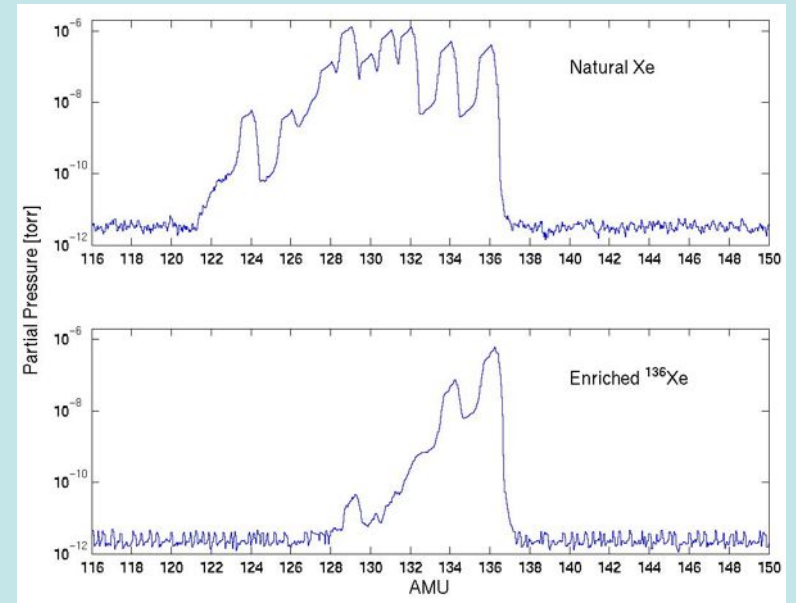


Fig. 1. Atomic level scheme for Ba<sup>+</sup> ions.

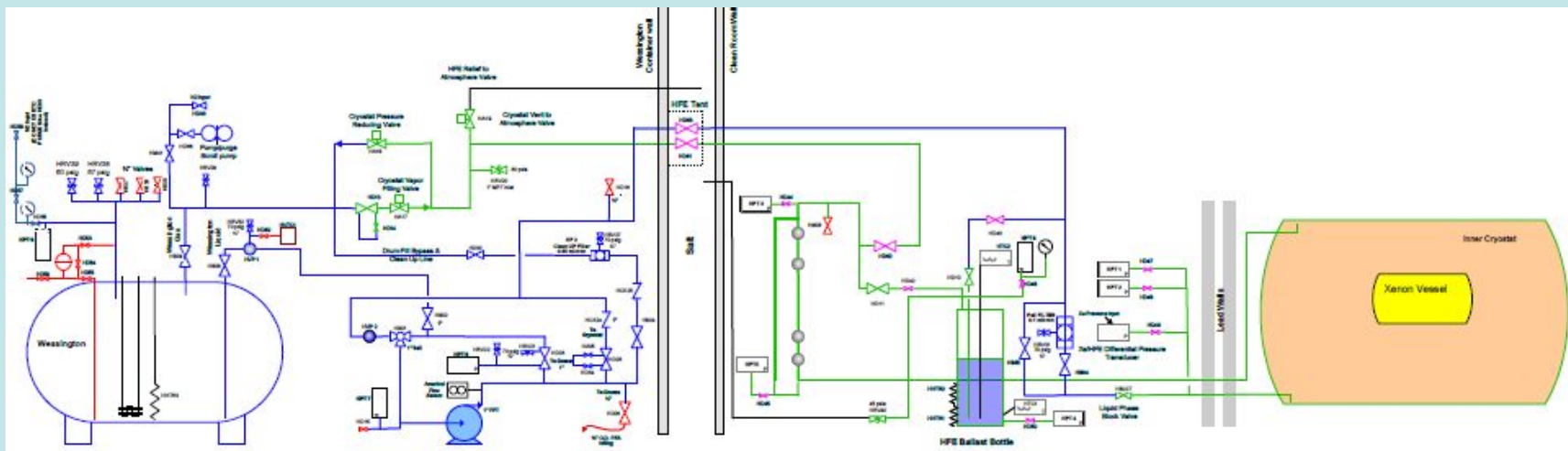
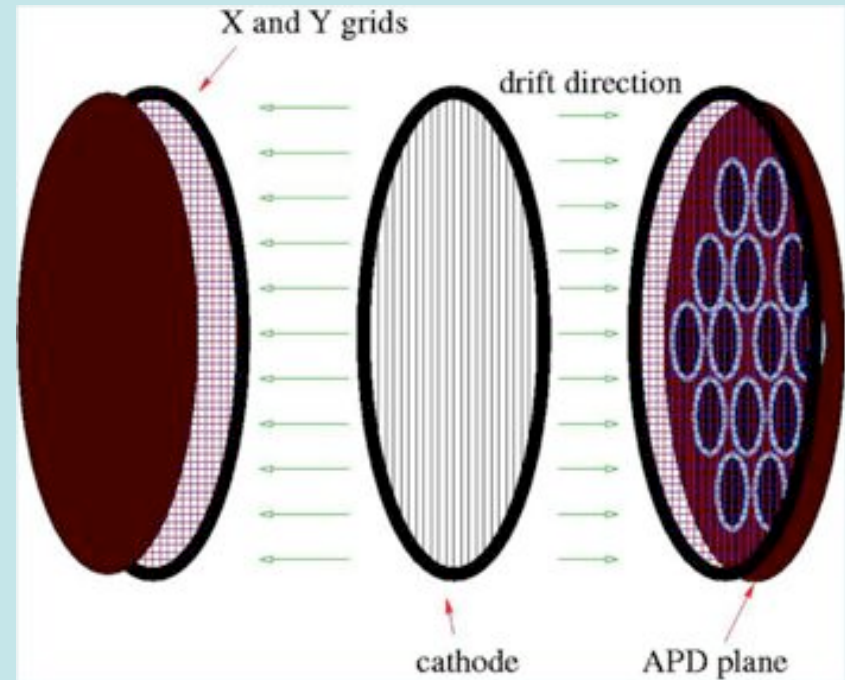
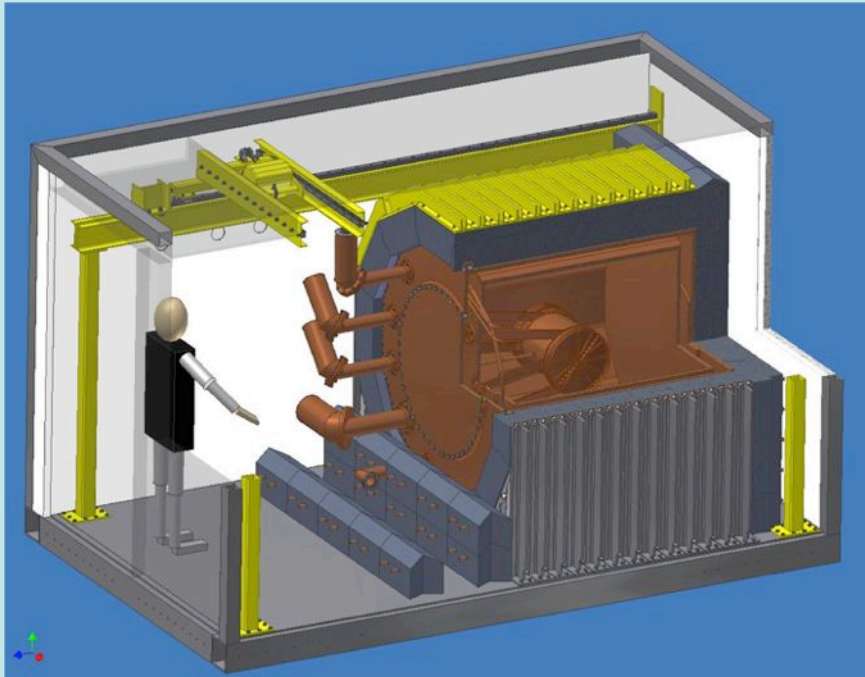
Funding commences ~2001

# $^{136}\text{Xe}$ Procurement

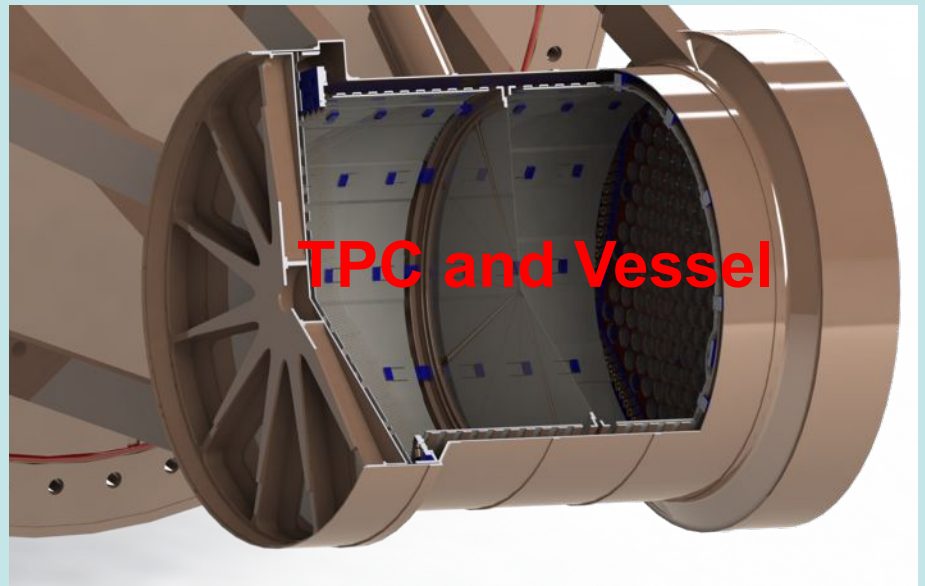
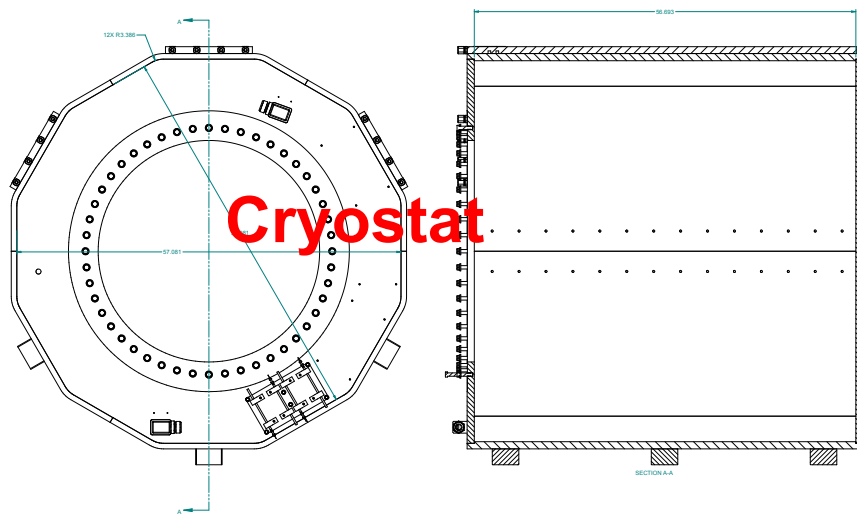
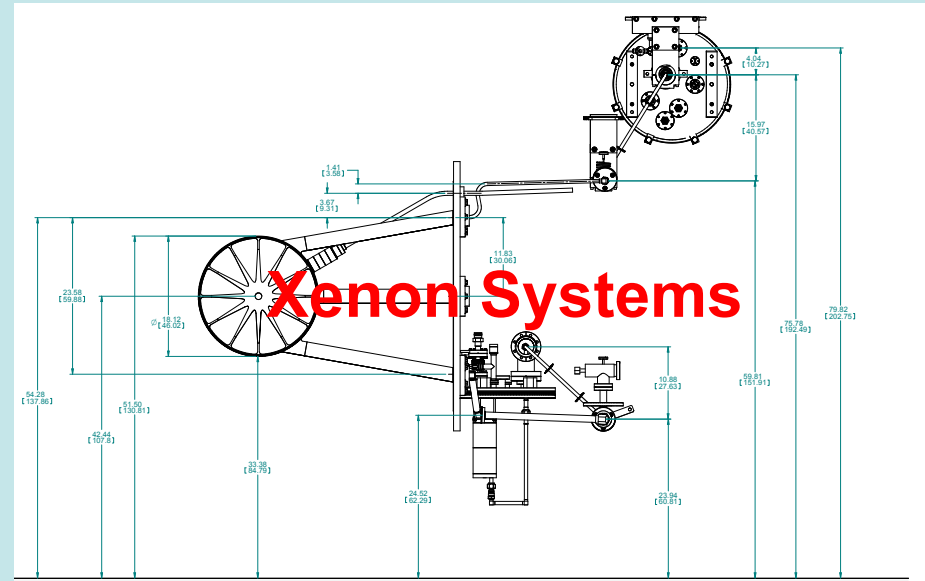
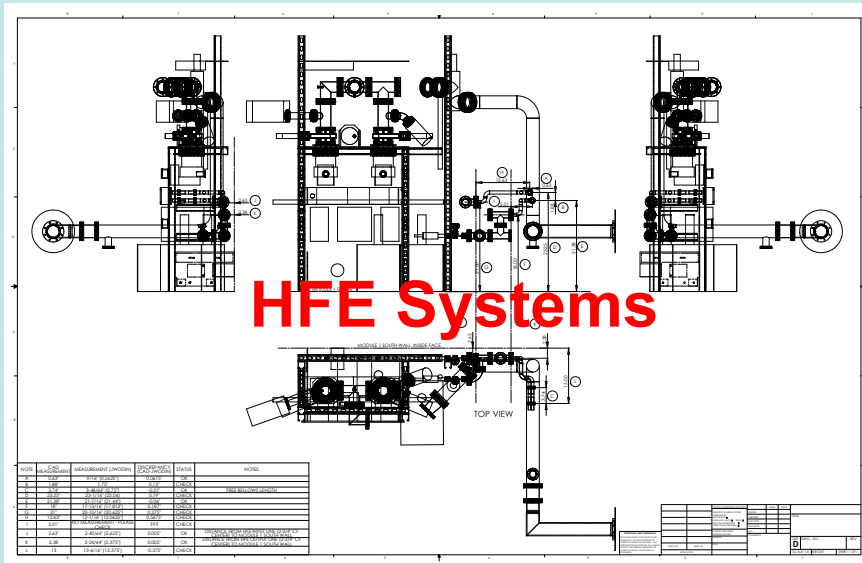
- order placed **Oct 8, 2001**
- enriched xenon delivered **summer 2002 (2003)**



# Detector Design



# Year 2005: Design Finalized



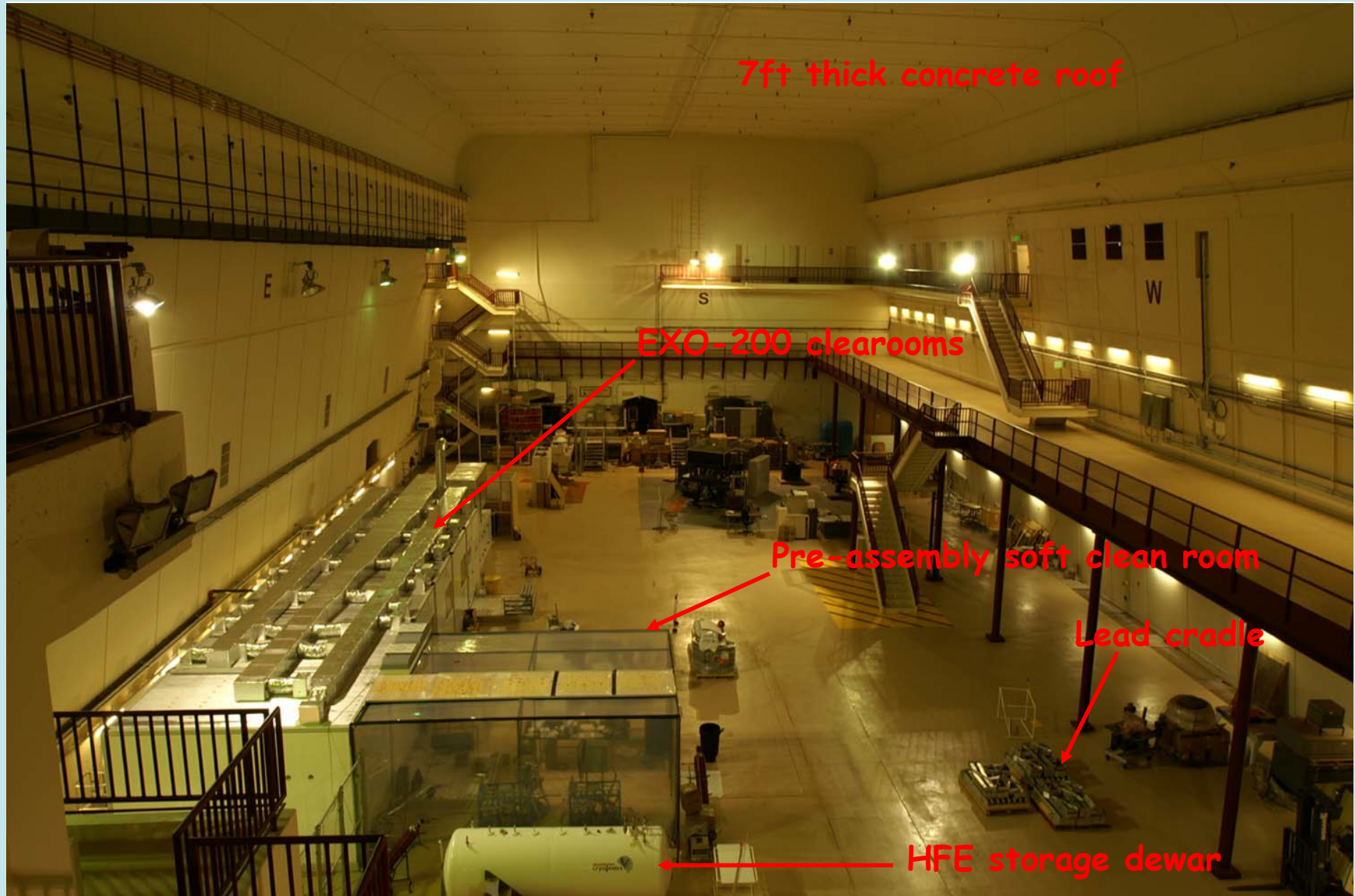


# Schedule Revisions

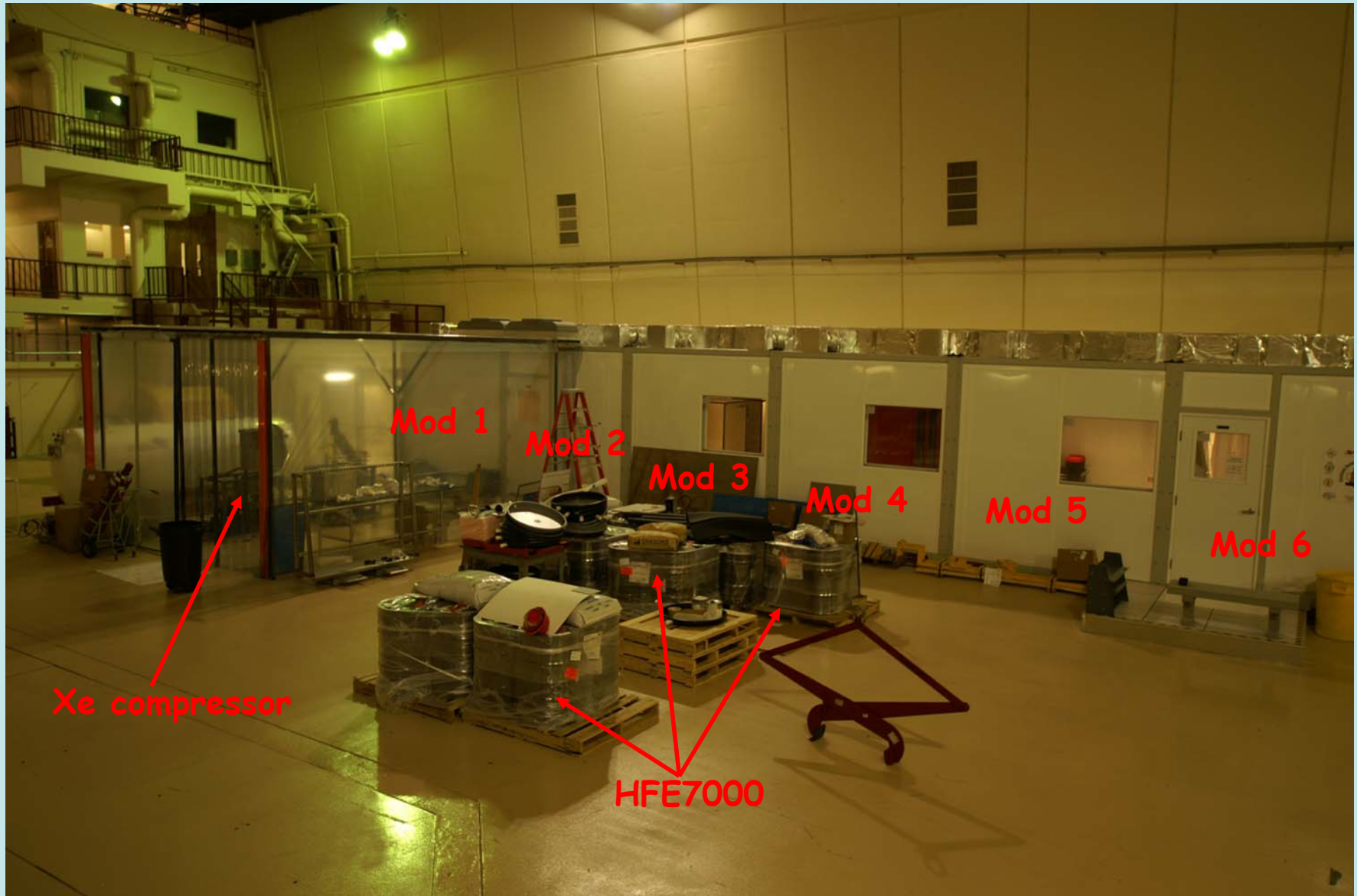




# Year 2004: Cleanrooms Received at Stanford



# Year 2004: Cleanrooms at Stanford

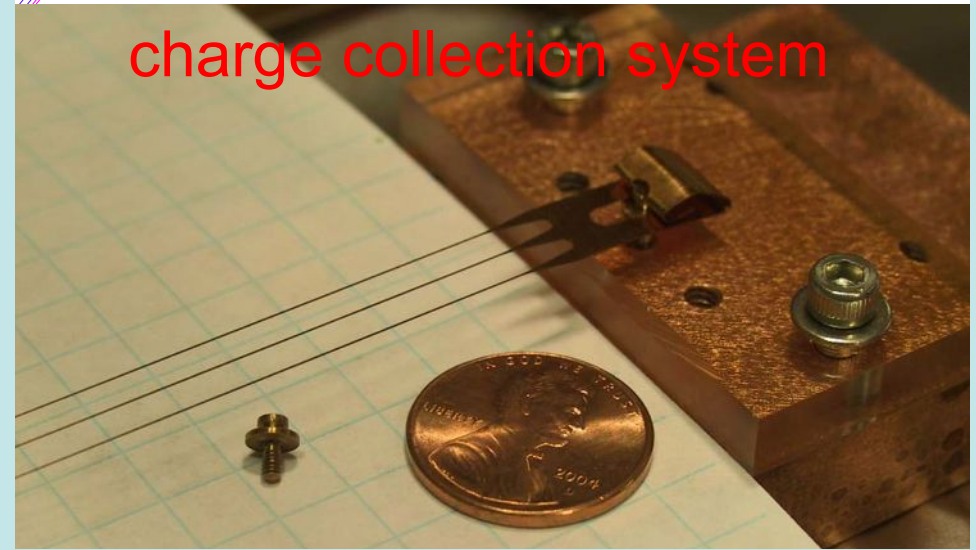




# Years 2004-2006: Testing and Building



light collection system



charge collection system



xenon handling system

# Component Assays

## Systematic study of trace radioactive impurities in candidate construction materials for EXO-200 Nucl.Instrum.Meth. A591 (2008) 490-509

Table 3: Measurement results for K, Th, and U concentrations in a variety of materials. Manufacturer production lot numbers or arbitrary identifiers are indicated for materials where multiple lots were studied. Uncertainties are quoted at 68% C.L. and limits are 95% C.L. Results which are less than than  $3\text{-}\sigma$  above zero (not including systematic scaling uncertainties) are reported as upper limits. GD-MS measurements have a factor of two uncertainty. In the “method” column, “A.G. Ge” refers to above ground germanium counting. Measurements with methods of “Balazs Analytical Services” or “Shiva Inc.” were performed by the commercial services of the respective companies. Entries 31 and 38 list data taken from Refs. [18] and [19] respectively as indicated. Where available, germanium counting results for  $^{60}\text{Co}$  and  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  activities are given within the sample descriptions.

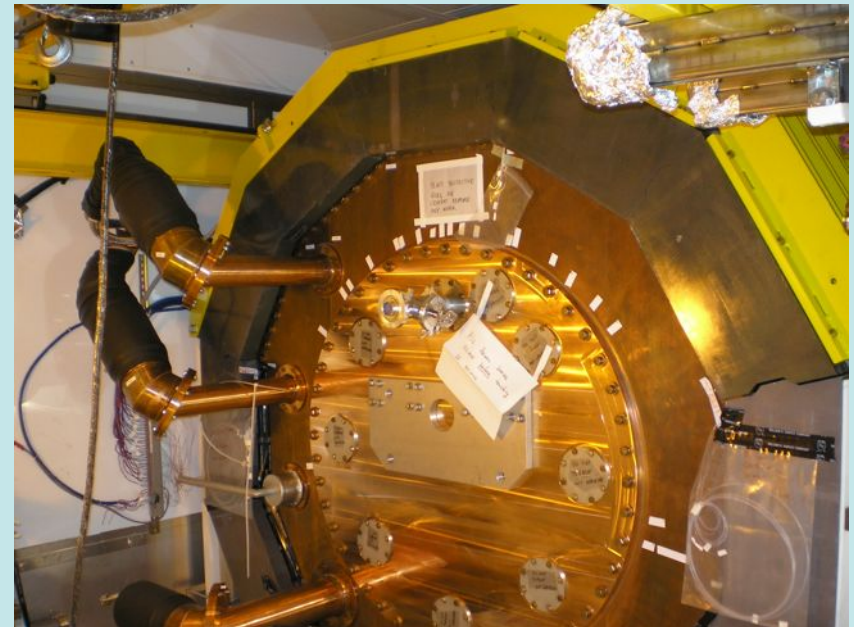
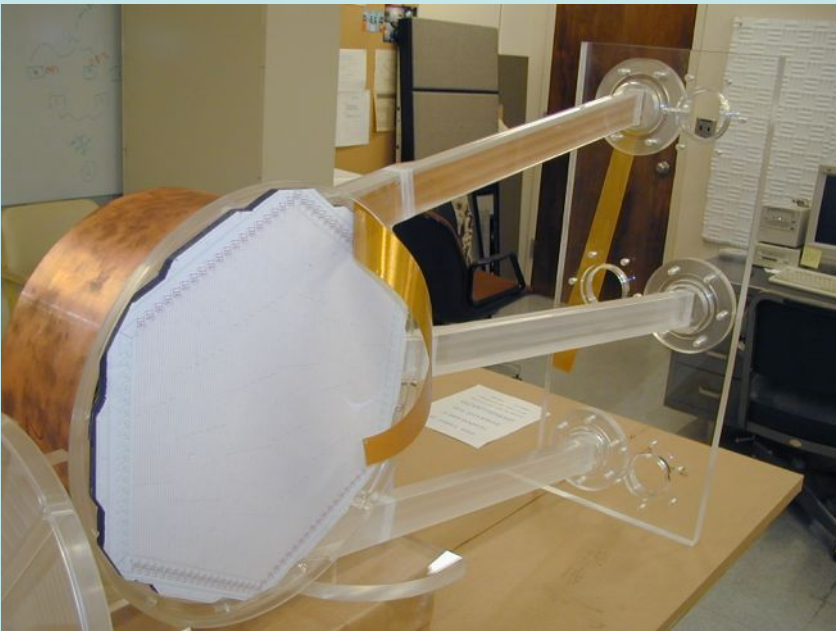
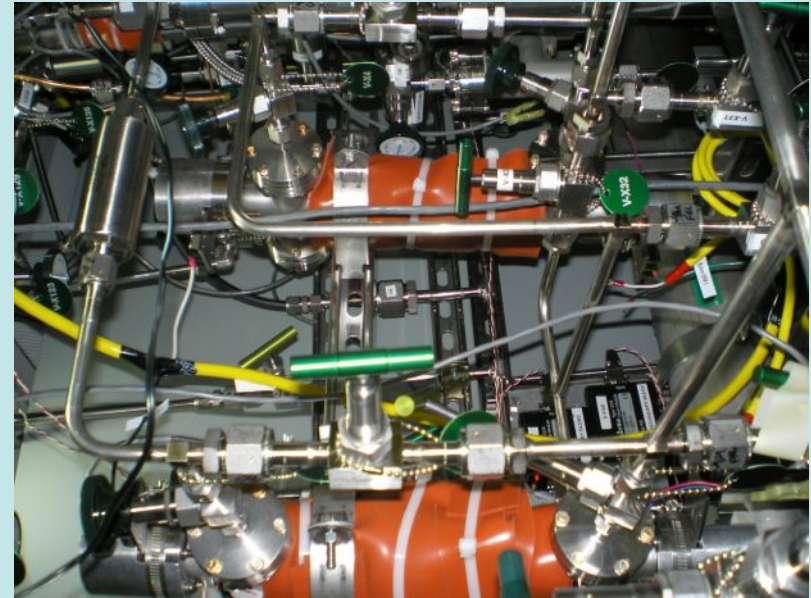
\* Indicated NAA results may be affected by a neutron flux calibration discrepancy described in Sec. 5. The tabulated results do not include systematic uncertainties arising from this discrepancy.

#	Material	Method	K conc. [ $10^{-9}\text{g/g}$ ]	Th conc. [ $10^{-12}\text{g/g}$ ]	U conc. [ $10^{-12}\text{g/g}$ ]
<b>Bulk Copper</b>					
1	Norddeutsche Affinerie, NOSV copper made May 2002.	Shiva Inc. GD-MS	0.4	<5	<5
2	Norddeutsche Affinerie, NOSV copper made May 2002.	Ge	<120	<35	<63
3	Norddeutsche Affinerie OFRP copper made May 2006, batch E263/2E1.	ICP-MS	<55	<2.4	<2.9
4	Norddeutsche Affinerie OFRP copper made May 2006 batch E262/3E1.	ICP-MS	<50	<2.4	<2.9
5	Rolled Norddeutsche Affinerie OFRP copper, May 2006 production. Rolled by Carl-Schreiber GmbH.	ICP-MS	-	<3.1	<3.8
6	TIG welded Norddeutsche Affinerie OFRP copper made May 2002. No cleaning after welding. Result are normalized to length of weld.	ICP-MS	-	<9.8 pg/cm	10.2±3.4 pg/cm
7	Valcool VNT 700 metal working lubricant, concentrate.	A.G. Ge	38000±11000	<10000	<3700
8	Water alcohol mixture, lubricant for machining of Cu parts.	A.G. Ge	<44000	<18000	<3800
<b>Lead</b>					
9	JL Goslar cutting oil. Used for cutting 98% distilled water, 2% cutting oil. $^{60}\text{Co}$ : <1.8 mBq/kg, $^{137}\text{Cs}$ : <12 mBq/kg.	Ge	93500±1000	<790	3650±510
10	Paint for lead bricks, JL Goslar, type: Glasurit MS-Klarlack. Proportions: 2 paint, 1 hardener, 0.1 solvent.	Ge	720±170	<170	790±90
11	EXO Pb, JL Goslar smelting lot 3-706.	ICP-MS	-	<1	<1
12	EXO Pb, JL Goslar smelting lot 3-706.	GD-MS	<15	<6	<6

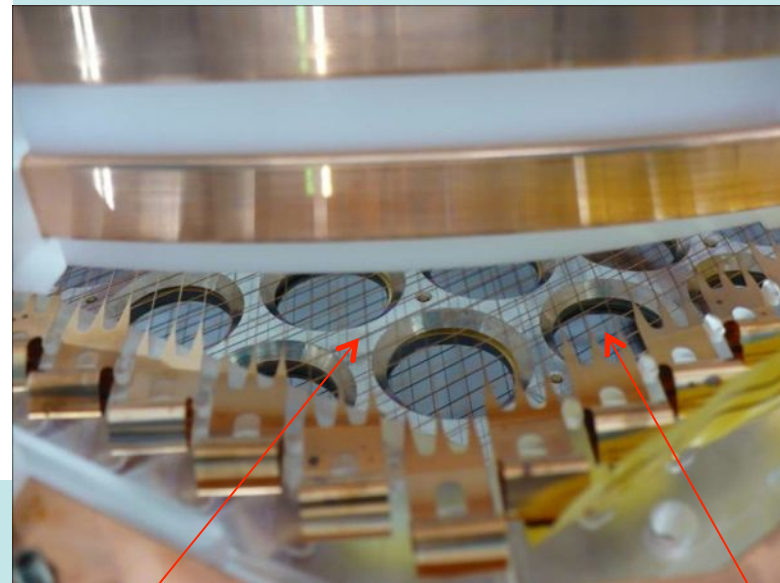
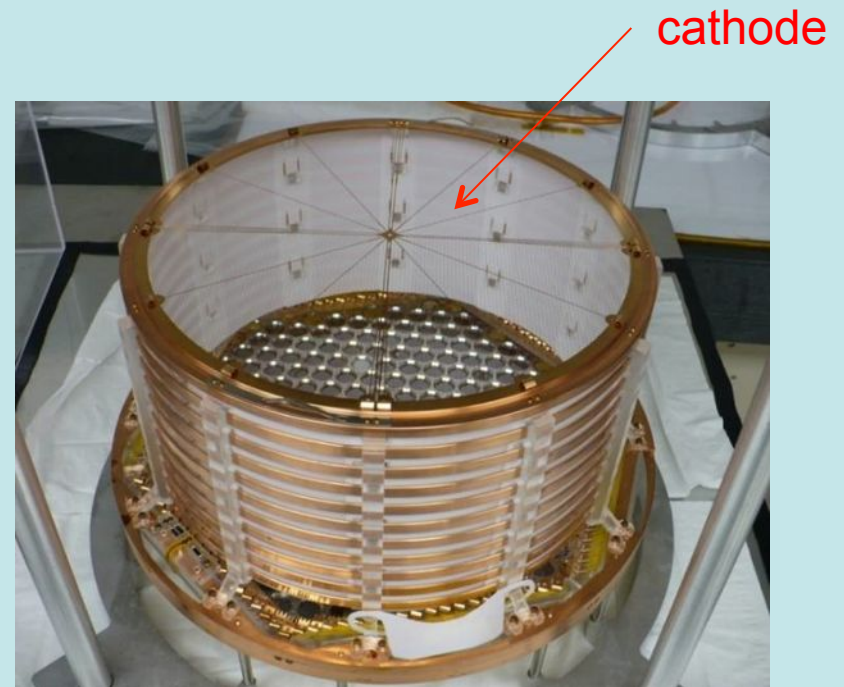
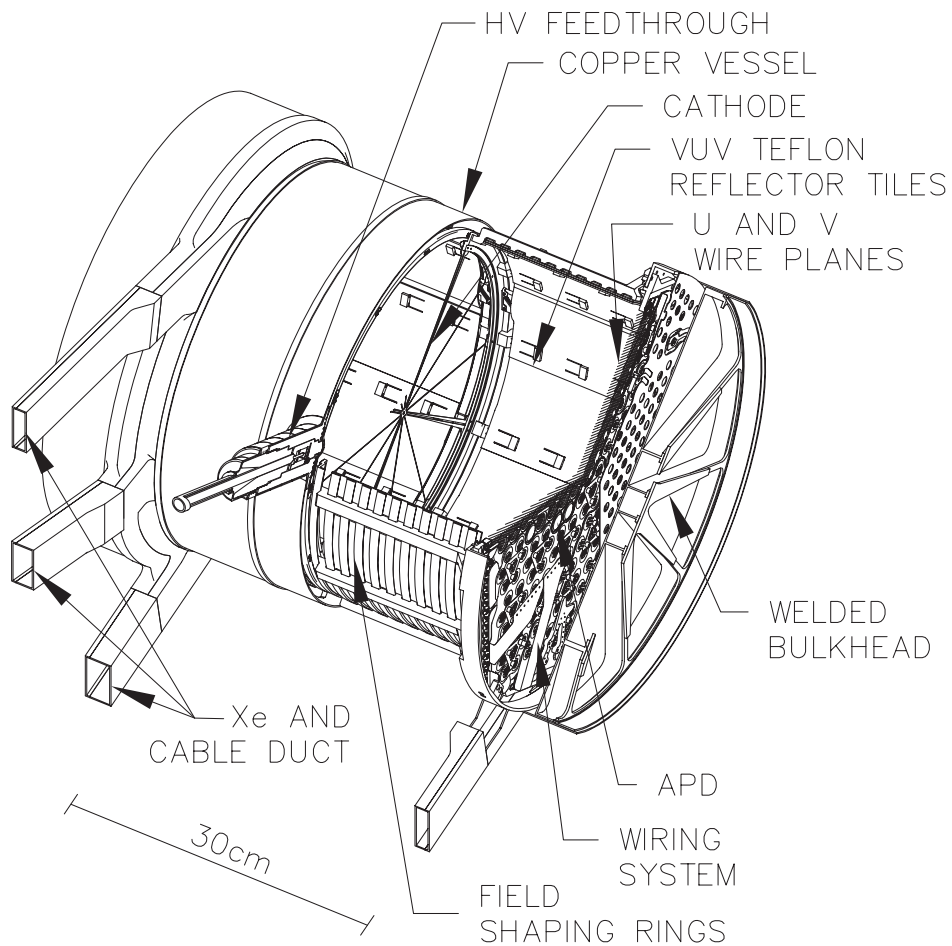
>300 components tested (also update JINST paper)



# Detector Construction



# Detector Construction



charge collection

APDs



# Year 2006: Cleanrooms installed at WIPP

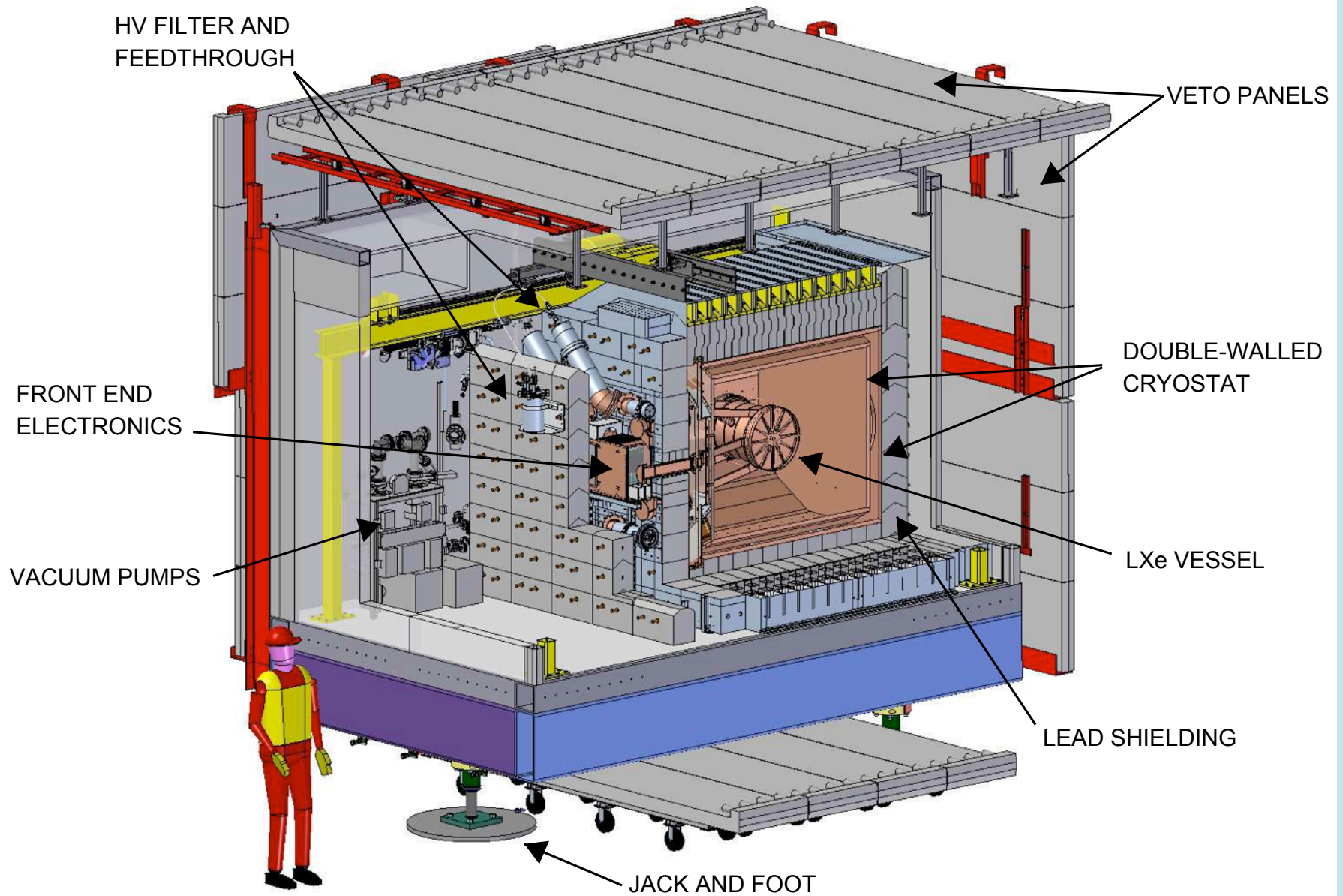


NExA at the WIPP

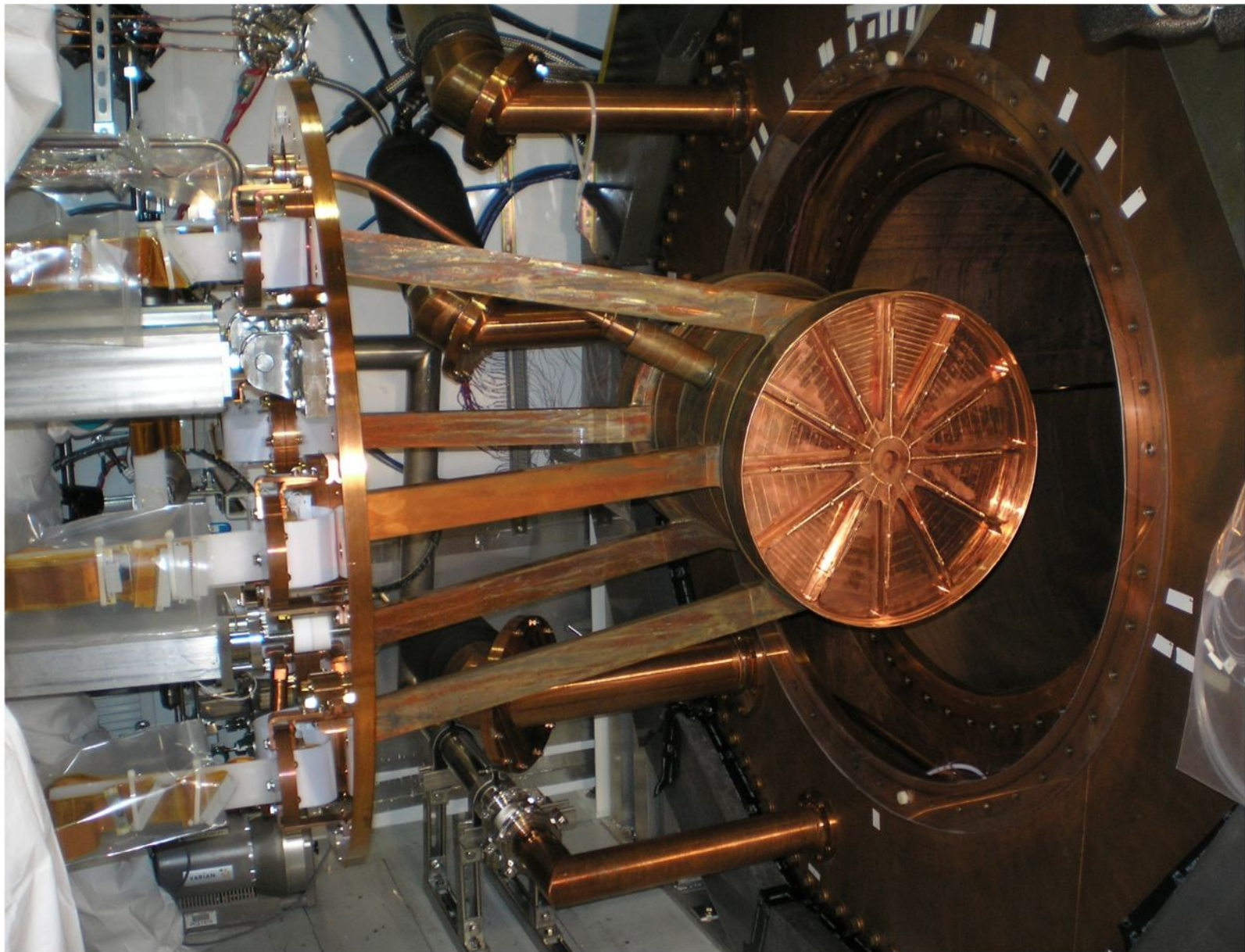
Depth of 655m (1650m.w.e.)



# EXO-200 Detector

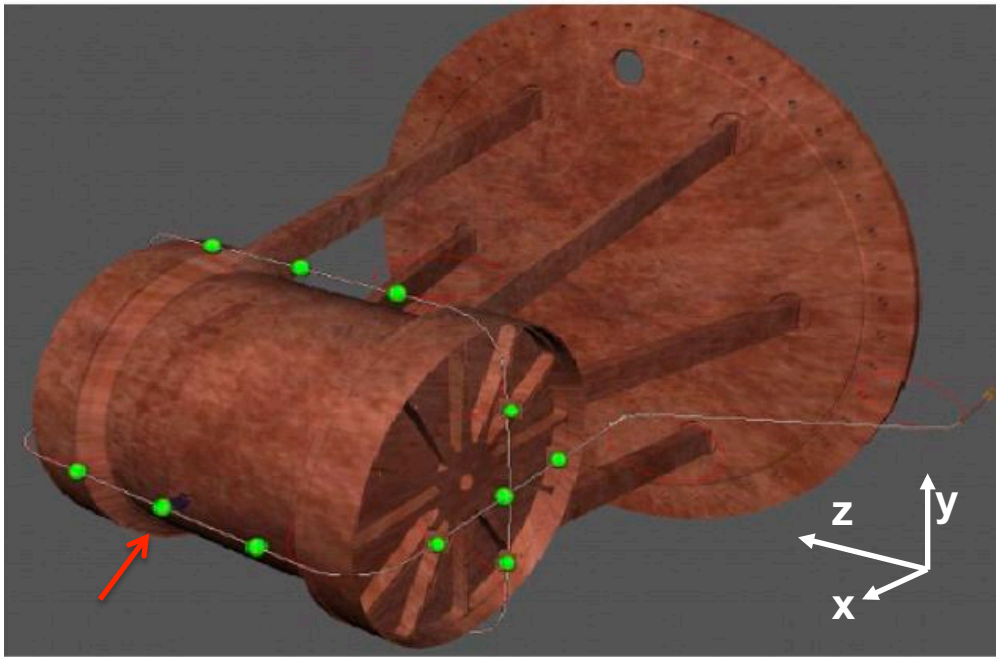


# Year 2010: TPC Deployment





# Calibration System

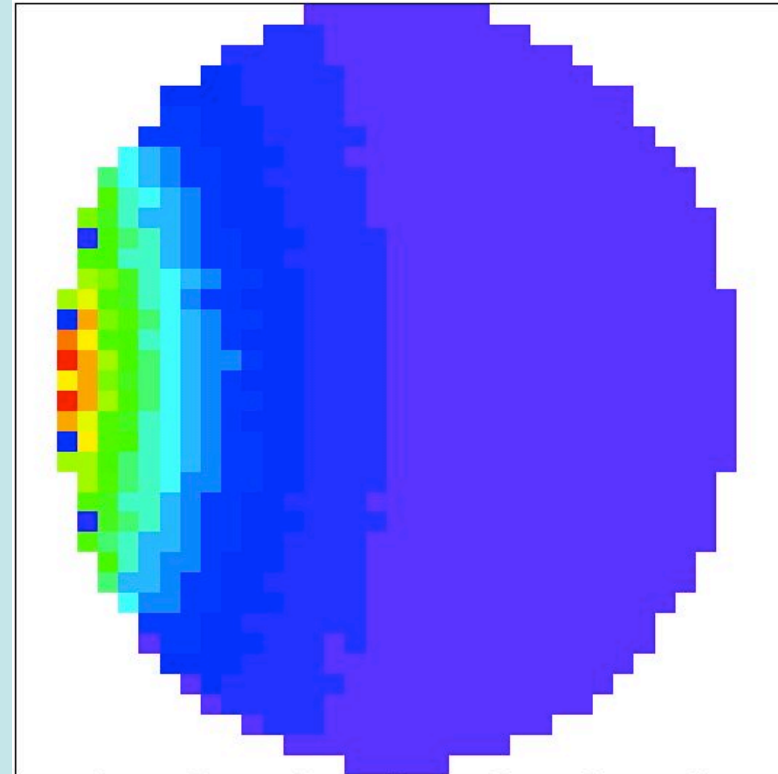


Calibration source locations

## Sources:

$^{137}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{60}\text{Co}$ ,  $^{228}\text{Th}$

Custom designed,  
miniature source



X - Axis

Y - Axis

x-y distribution of events

# Detector Operation

- initial operation solely from WIPP/Carlsbad
- now each group has a remote control station

## UMass



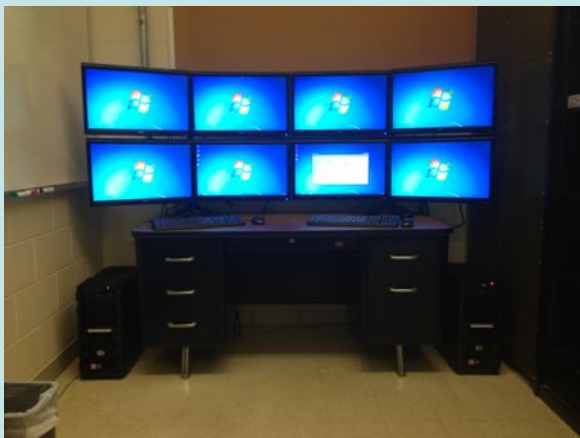
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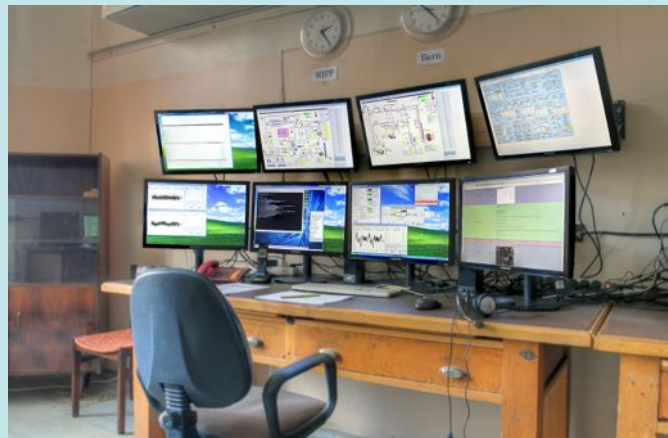
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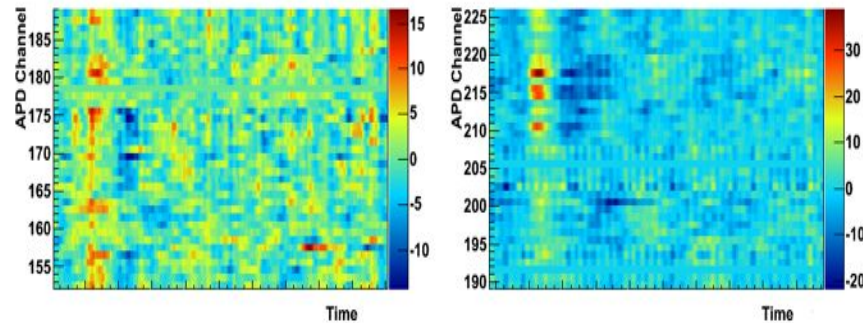
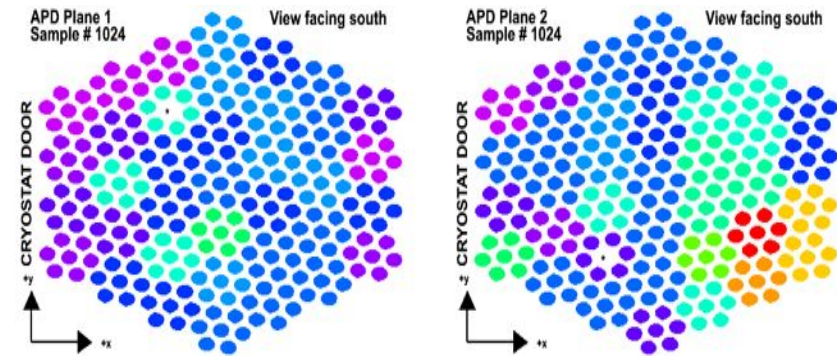
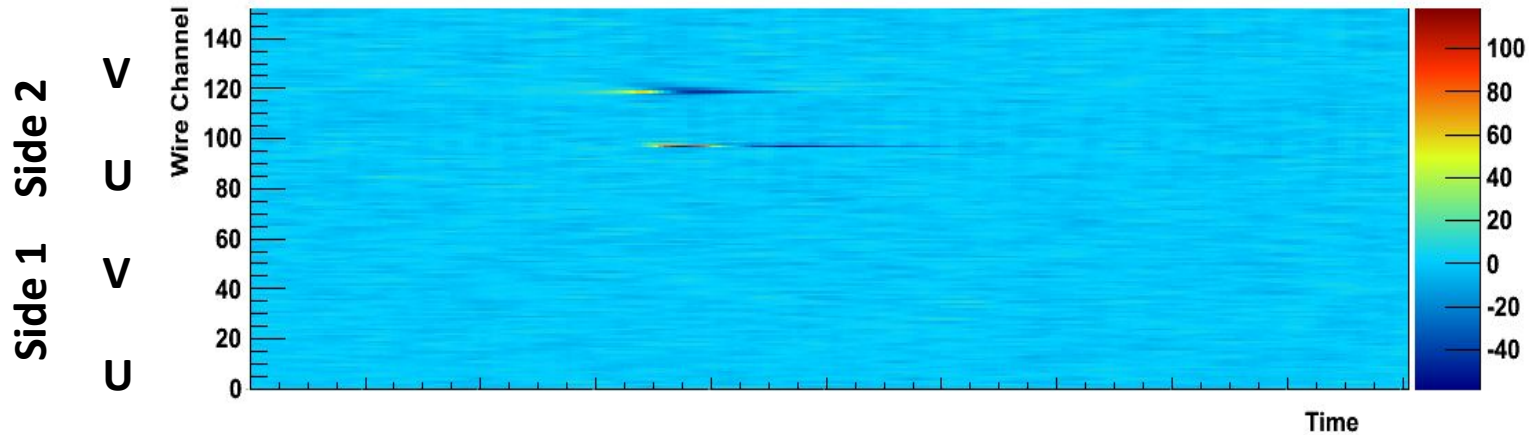


## BERN





# Year 2010: Commissioning - Single Site Event in EXO-200



Top display is charge readout (V are induction wires and U are collection wires).

Left display is light readout. APD map refers to the sample with max signal.

Scintillation light is seen from both sides, although more intense and localized on side 2, where the event occurred.

Small depositions produce induction signals on more than one V wires but are collected by a single U wire. V signal always comes before U.

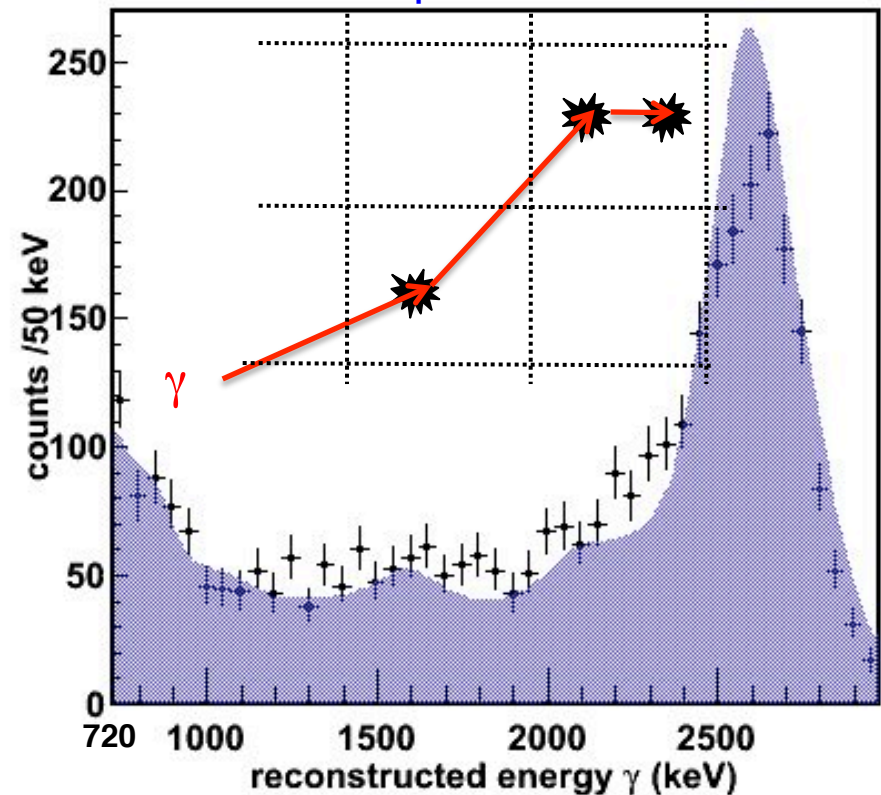
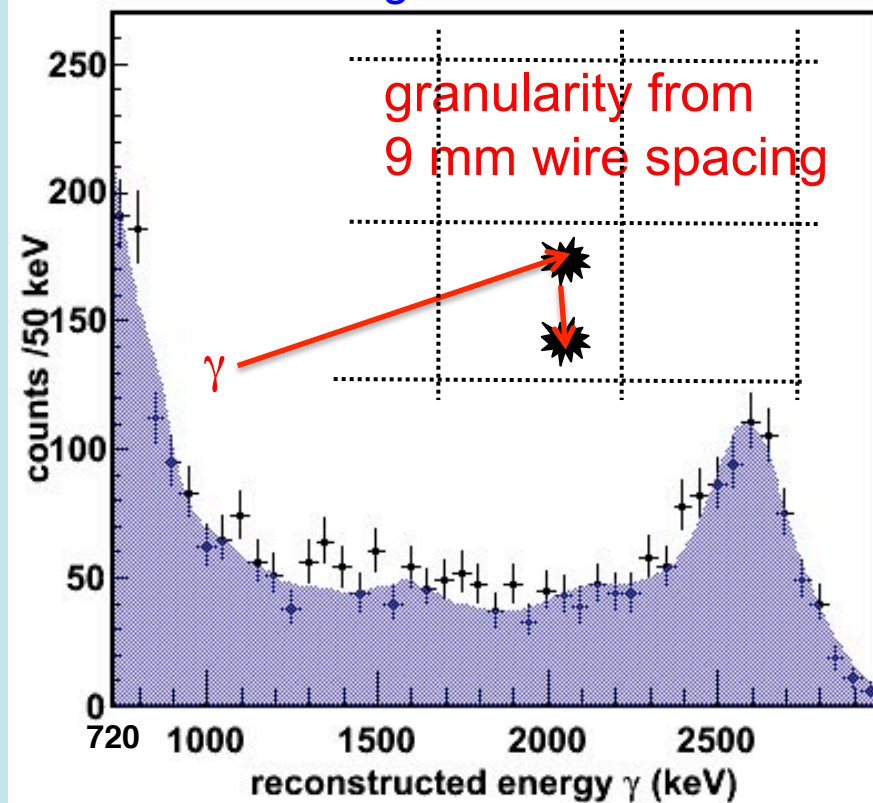
Light signals precede in time the charge ones

# Year 2011: June 1 start of physics

## $^{228}\text{Th}$ Calibration

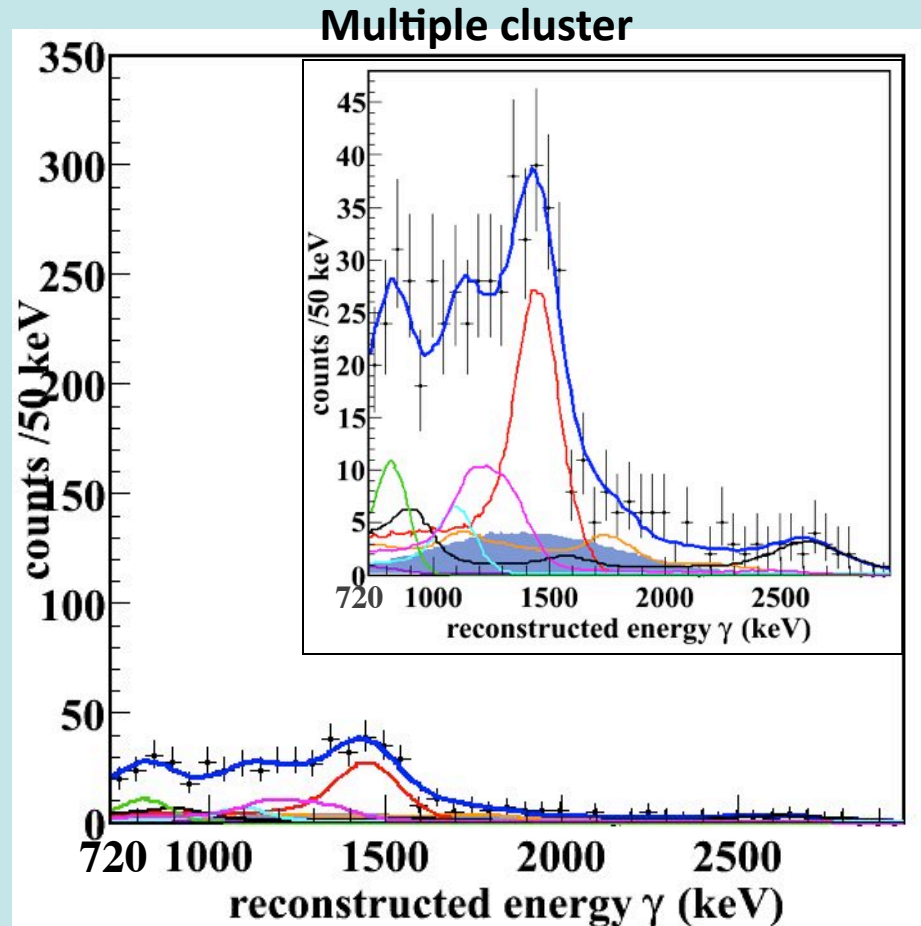
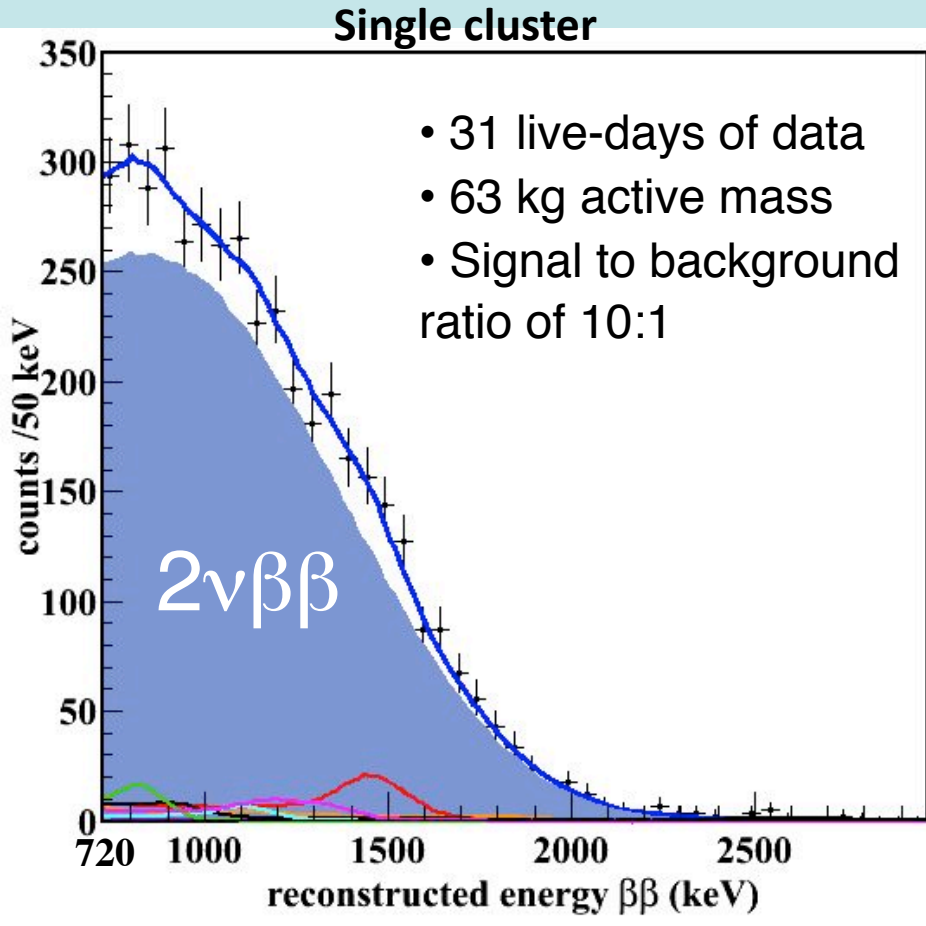
single - cluster

multiple - cluster



**spatial calibration:** separate single-site signal from multi-site gammas  
**energy calibration:** narrow energy window for 0nbb search

# Year 2011, August: $2\nu\beta\beta$ observation



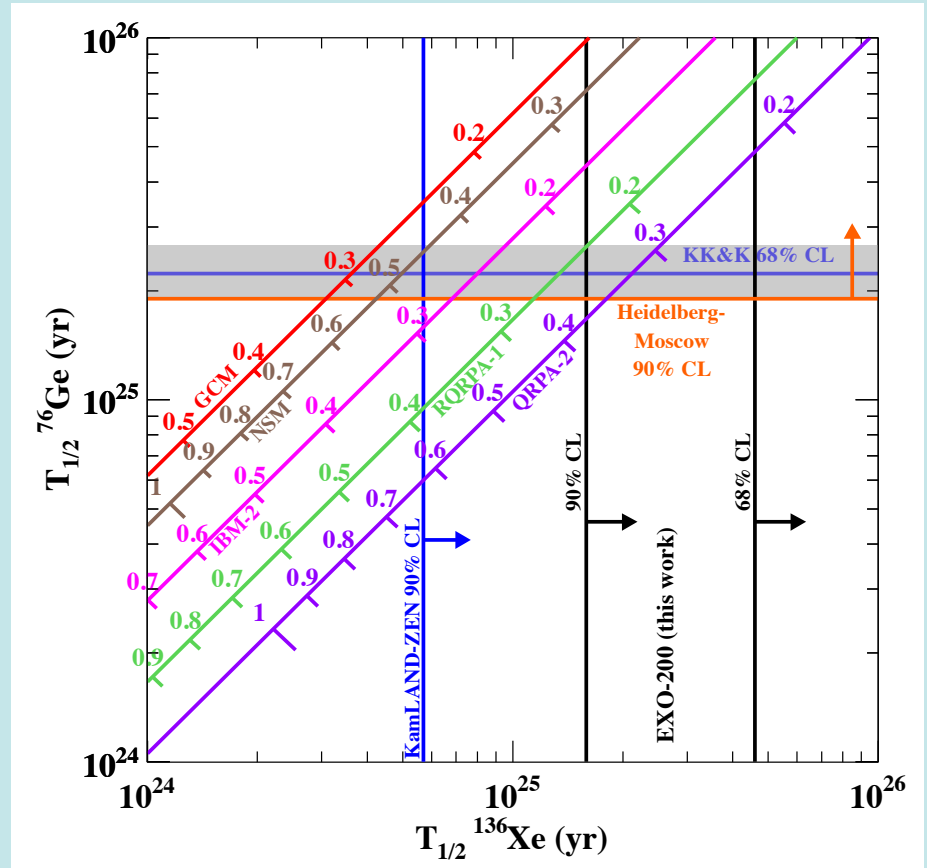
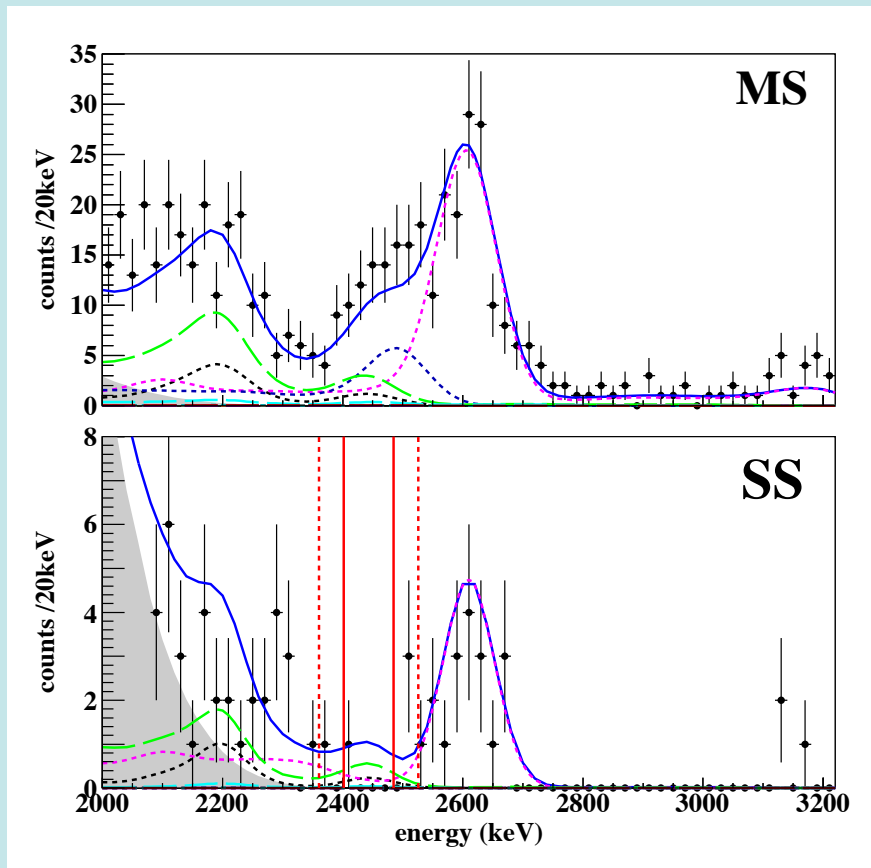
Observation of two-neutrino double-beta decay in Xe-136 with EXO-200  
[Phys. Rev. Lett. 107 \(2011\) 212501](#)

$$2\nu\beta\beta \quad T_{1/2} = (2.11 \pm 0.04 \text{ stat} \pm 0.21 \text{ sys}) \times 10^{21} \text{ yr}$$



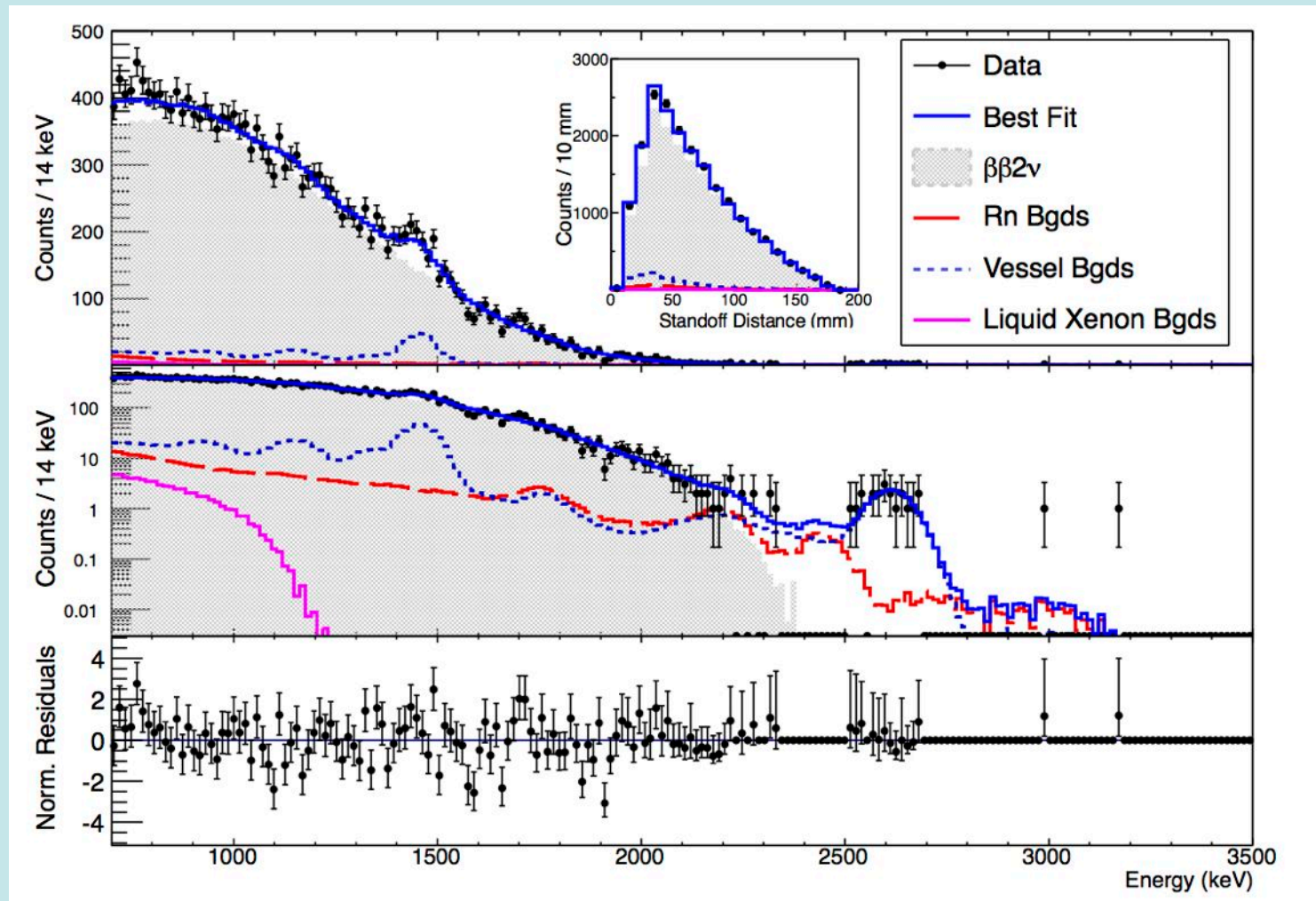
# Year 2012: First $0\nu\beta\beta$ Search Paper

- $T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta}(^{136}\text{Xe}) > 1.6 \times 10^{25}$  yr (90% C.L.),
- effective Majorana masses of less than 140–380 meV,



# Year 2013: $2\nu\beta\beta$ Update Paper

$$2\nu\beta\beta \quad T_{1/2} = (2.172 \pm 0.017 \text{ stat} \pm 0.06 \text{ sys}) \times 10^{21} \text{ yr}$$



# Publications

- An improved measurement of the 2 half-life of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  with EXO-200, submitted to PRC
- Search for Neutrinoless Double-Beta Decay in  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  with EXO-200  
[Phys. Rev. Lett. 109 \(2012\) 032505](#)
- The EXO-200 detector, part I: Detector design and construction [JINST 7 \(2012\) P05010](#)
- Xenon purity analysis for EXO-200 via mass spectrometry [Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A675 \(2012\) 40-46](#)
- Observation of two-neutrino double-beta decay in Xe-136 with EXO-20 [Phys. Rev. Lett. 107 \(2011\) 212501](#)
- A xenon gas purity monitor for EXO [Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A659 \(2011\) 215-228](#)
- A magnetically-driven piston pump for ultra-clean applications [Rev. Sci. Instrum. 82 \(2011\) 105114](#)
- A simple radionuclide-driven single-ion source [Rev. Sci. Instrum. 81 113301 \(2010\)](#)
- Characterization of large area APDs for the EXO-200 detector [Nucl.Instrum.Meth.A608 \(2009\)](#)
- A microfabricated sensor for thin dielectric layers [Rev. Sci. Instrum. 79, 045101 \(2008\)](#)
- Systematic study of trace radioactive impurities in candidate construction materials for EXO-200  
[Nucl.Instrum.Meth.A591 \(2008\)](#)
- A liquid xenon ionization chamber in an all-fluoropolymer vessel [Nucl.Instrum.Meth.A578 \(2007\)](#)
- A linear RFQ ion trap for the Enriched Xenon Observatory [Nucl.Instrum.Meth.A578 \(2007\)](#)
- Observation of single collisionally cooled trapped ions in a buffer gas. [Phys. Rev. A 76, 023404 \(2007\)](#)
- Mobility of thorium ions in liquid xenon [Nucl.Instrum.Meth.A555 \(2005\)](#)
- Correlated Fluctuations between Luminescence and Ionization in Liquid Xenon [Phys. Rev. B 68 \(2003\)](#)
- Detection of very small Neutrino Masses in double-beta decay using laser tagging  
[Phys. Lett. B 480, 12 \(2000\)](#)

# Summary

- EXO200, from inception to operation, has (mostly) gone smoothly
- many challenges were overcome (including site logistics)
- now in 'steady state' operating mode with remote control
- first measurement of  $2\nu\beta\beta$  for  $^{136}\text{Xe}$
- $0\nu\beta\beta$  results competing with world's best
- updated  $2\nu\beta\beta$  submitted for publication
- new  $0\nu\beta\beta$  result with latest exposure very soon
- will continue to optimize analysis for further improvements
- additional physics might be pursued
- potential upgrades to detector being considered
- physics running until ~2015
- additional R&D operation for nEXO possible beyond that