Search for double beta decay of ^{106}Cd with the TGV-2 spectrometer

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SEARCH FOR DOUBLE BETA DECAY

- At present $2\nu2\beta^-$ decay was detected in 11 nuclei:

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

"Positive" results in search for 2νEC/EC decay

- **2νEC/EC** in ^{130}Ba was detected in geochemical experiment (A.P.Meshik et al.. Phys. Rev. C **64**, 2001, 035205).
- **2νEC/EC** in ^{78}Kr (indication) (Yu.M.Gavrilyuk et al., Phys. Rev. C **87**, 2013, 035501).

DOUBLE BETA DECAY OF ^{106}Cd

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

Experimental signature : **2KXPd** (+ γ for e.s.)

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

Experimental signature : **KXPd + 2γ 511** (+ γ for e.s.)

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

Experimental signature : **4γ 511** (+ γ for e.s.)

0νEC/EC DECAY to the ground state

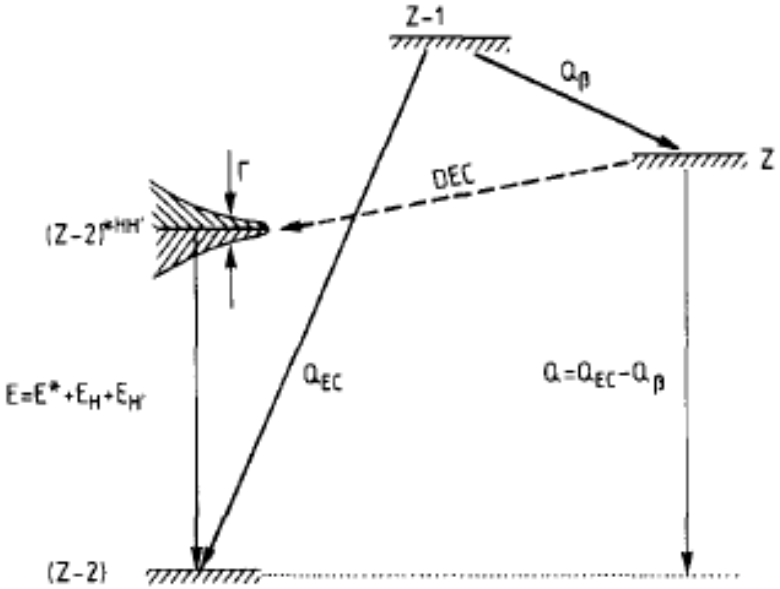
$2e_b^- + (A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z-2) + 2X + (\gamma_{brem}, 2\gamma, e^+e^-, e^-_{int})$

$E\gamma,.. = \Delta M - \varepsilon_{e1} - \varepsilon_{e2}$

Suppression factor is ~ 10^4 (in comparison with ECβ+(0ν)) –

M. Doi and T. Kotani, Prog. Theor. Phys. 89 (1993)139.

0νEC/EC Resonance Transitions (A,Z)→(A,Z-2)$^{*HH'}$



Atom mixing amplitude

ΔM

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

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

Decay rate

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

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 $|Q-Q'_{res}| < 1$ keV

Z. Sujkowski, S. Wycech,Phys. Rev. C 70 (2004) 052501.

Experiment TGV-2

Telescope Germanium Vertical

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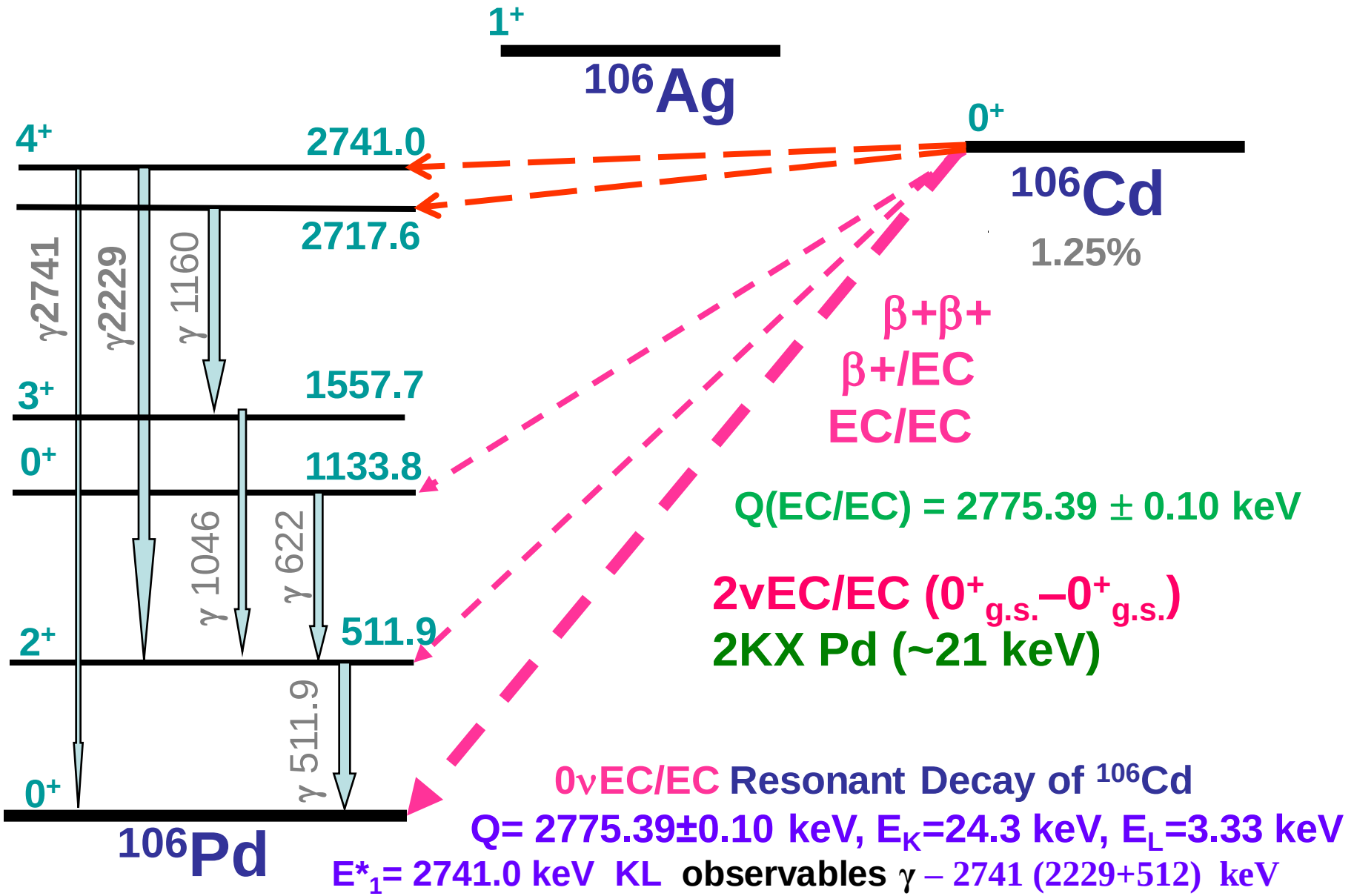
Phase I ~ 10g (12 samples) of ^{106}Cd (75%), ~ 3.2 g (4 samples) of Cd-nat. (~ 4.25 x 10^{22} atoms of ^{106}Cd) T= 8687h
(Feb.2005 – Feb.2006)

Phase II ~ 13.6 g (16 samples) of ^{106}Cd (75%)
(~ 5.8 x 10^{22} atoms of ^{106}Cd) T = 12900h
(Dec.2007 – July 2009)

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

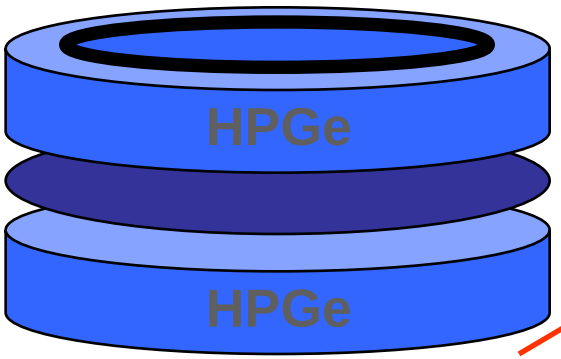
Background II 16 samples of Cd.-nat (April 2010 -Nov.2013)

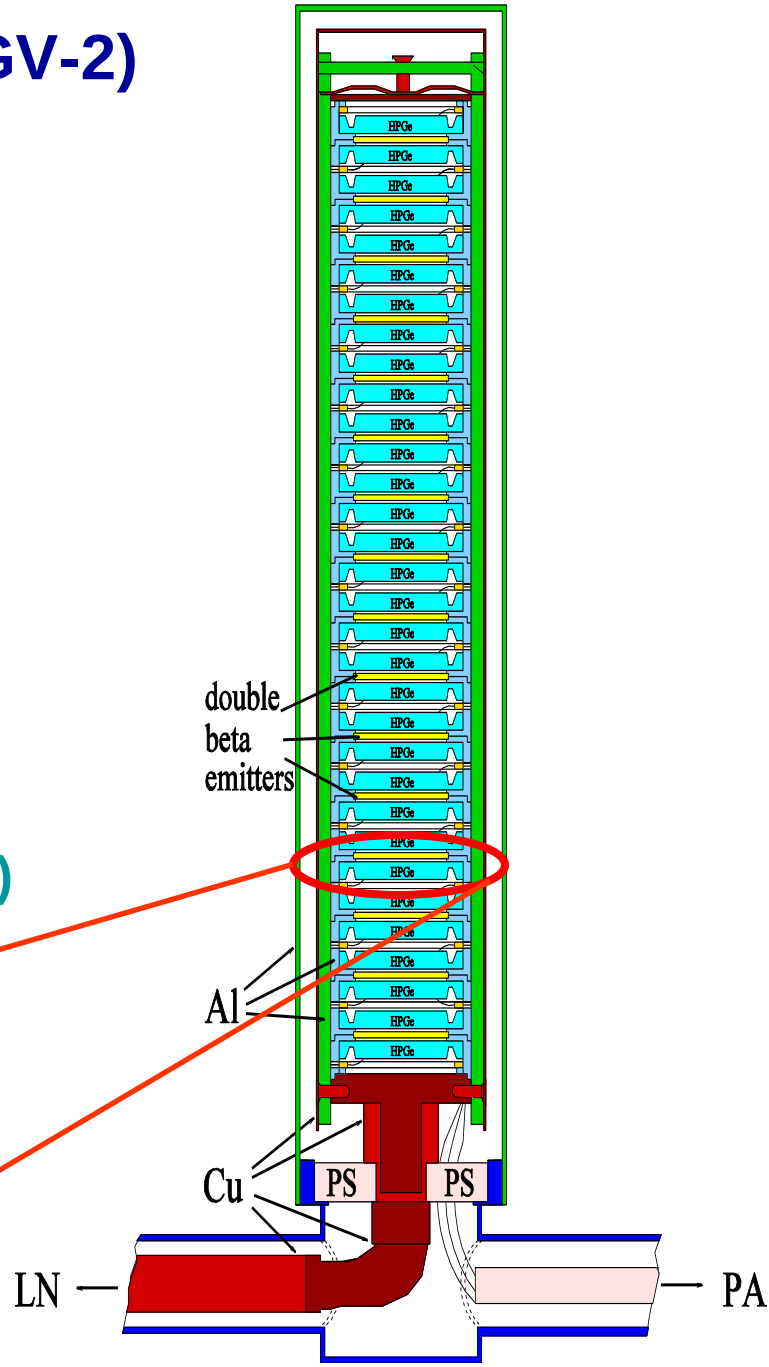
Phase III ~ 23.2 g (16 samples) of ^{106}Cd (99.57%)
(~ 1.3 x 10^{23} atoms of ^{106}Cd) T = 11000h +…
(Feb.2014 – …..) in progress


1+
106Ag
0+
106Cd
1.25%
4+
2741.0
2717.6
γ2741
γ2229
γ 1160
3+
1557.7
0+
1133.8
γ 1046
γ 622
2+
511.9
γ 511.9
0+
106Pd
β+β+
β+/EC
EC/EC
Q(EC/EC) = 2775.39 ± 0.10 keV
2νEC/EC (0+g.s.–0+g.s.)
2KX Pd (~21 keV)
0νEC/EC Resonant Decay of 106Cd
Q= 2775.39±0.10 keV, EK=24.3 keV, EL=3.33 keV
E*1= 2741.0 keV KL observables γ – 2741 (2229+512) keV
E*2= 2717.6 keV KK observables γ – (1160 + 1046 + 512) keV
E*3= 2737 keV (?) KL observables γ – ?
Phase III - Search for 0νEC/EC decay of 106Cd → Obelix det.

Telescope Germanium Vertical (TGV-2)

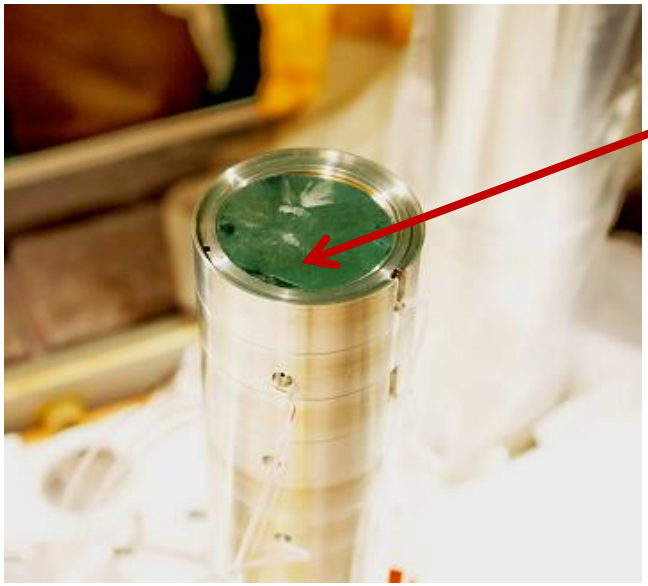
32 HPGe planar detectors ∅60 mm x 6 mm
with sensitive volume: 20.4 cm^2 x 6 mm
Total sensitive volume: ~400 cm^3
Total mass of detectors: ~3 kg
Total area of samples : 330 cm^2
Total mass of sample(s) : 10 ÷ 25 g
Total efficiency : 50 ÷ 70 %
E-resolution : 3 ÷ 4 keV @ ^{60}Co
LE-threshold : 5 ÷ 6 keV
Double beta emitters:
16 samples (~70μm) of ^{106}Cd (enrich.99.57%)
~23.2 g (~ 1.3 x 10^{23} atoms) of ^{106}Cd

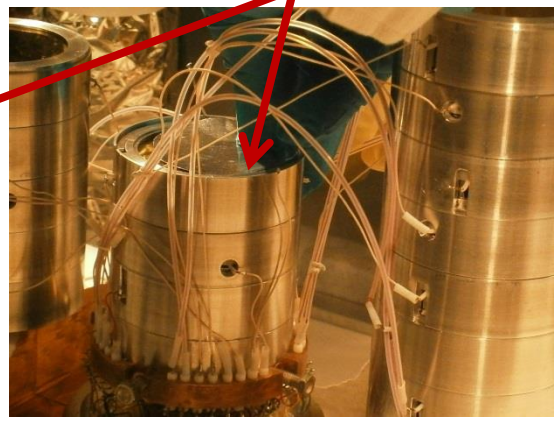


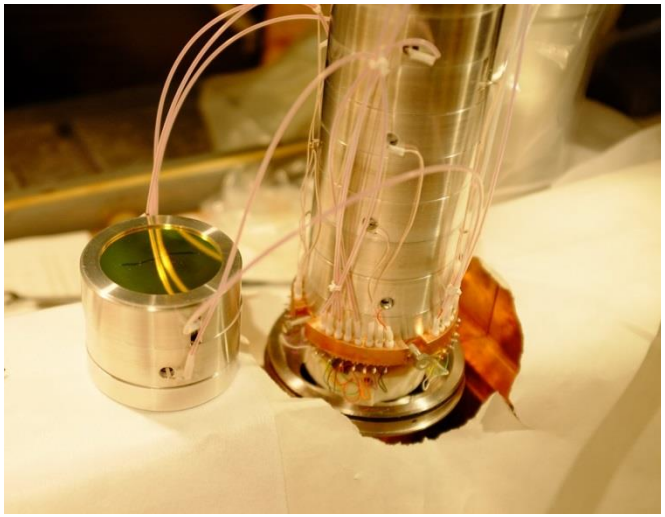


Detectors and foils of TGV-2

^{106}Cd

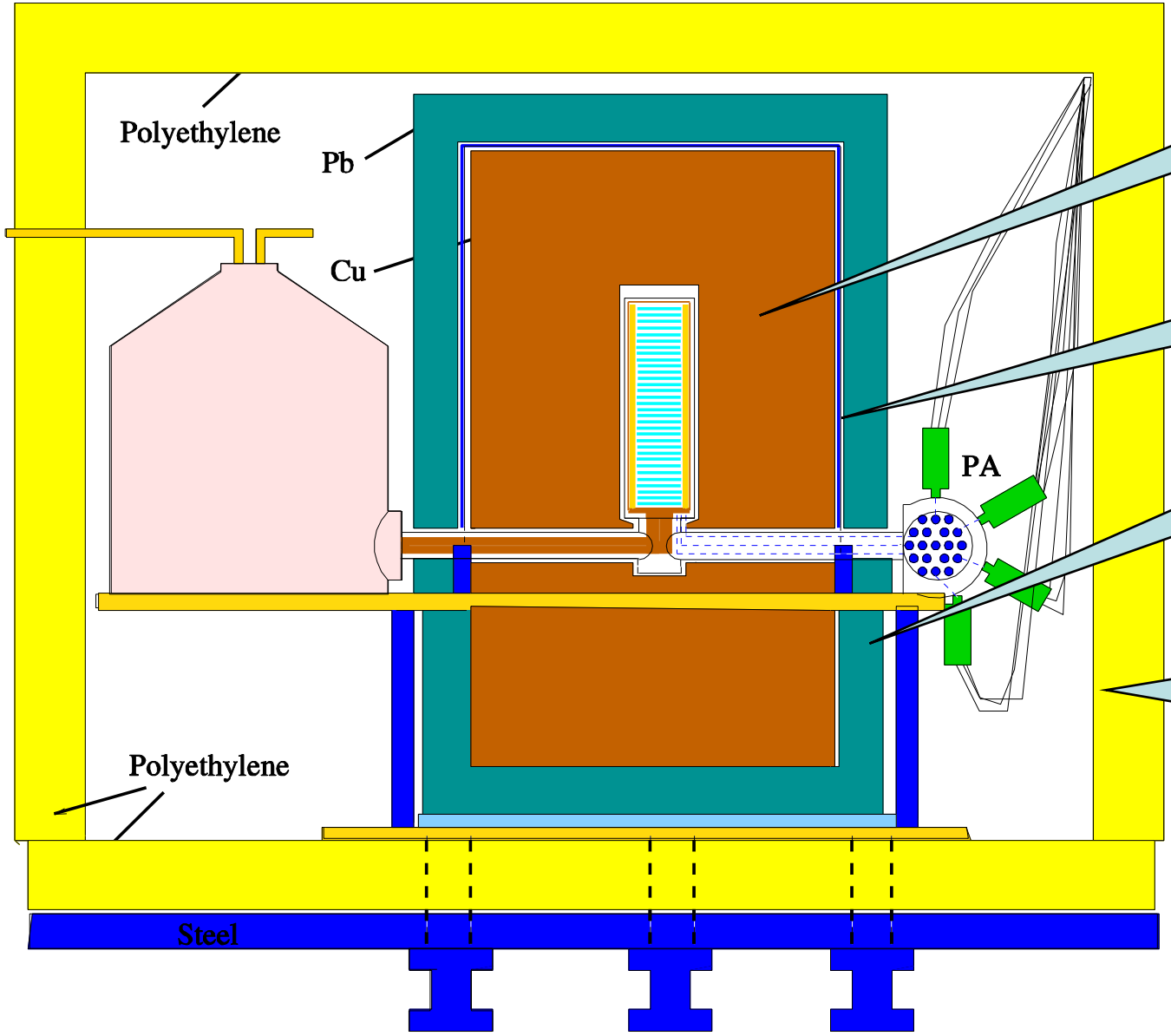






16 circle foils:
thickness = 70±10 mg/cm^2
diameter = 52 mm
mass = 23.166 g
enrichment= 99.57%.

PASSIVE SHIELDING



Copper
> 20 cm

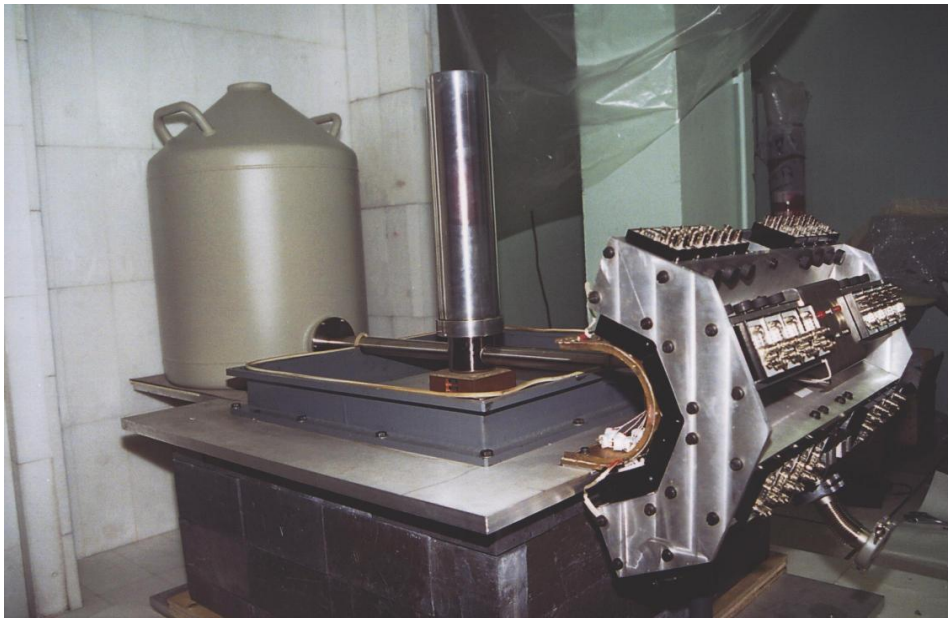
Airtight
box

Lead
> 10 cm

Polyethylene
filled with
boron 16 cm

Modane Underground
Laboratory, France
(4800 m w.e.)
4 muons /day / m^2

Detector part of TGV-2



Tube for calibration source

Airtight box

Lead shielding

Tube for calibration source

Copper shielding

Neutron shielding

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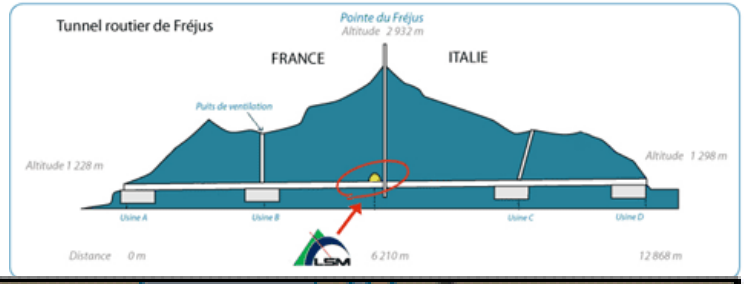


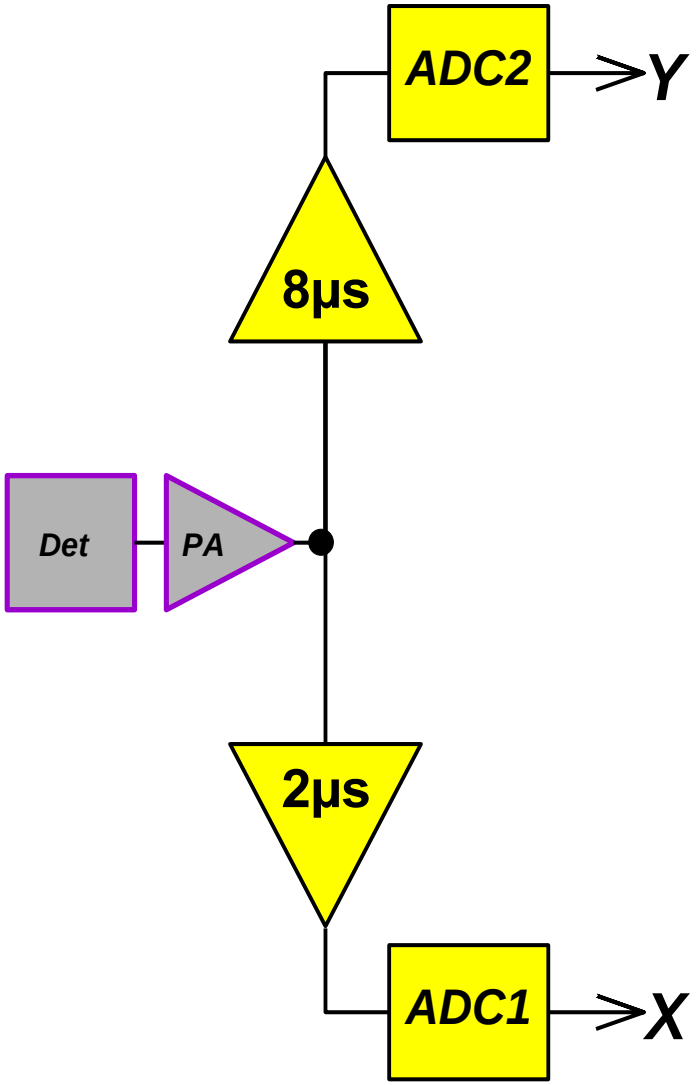
Fréjus Tunnel at the French-Italian border

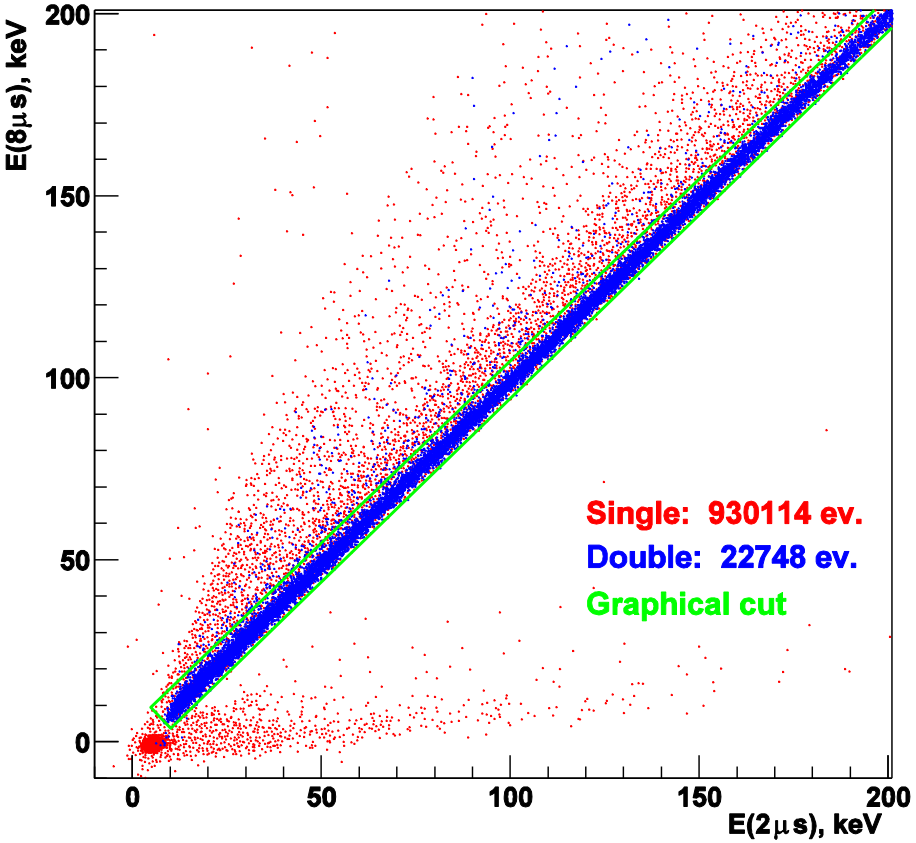
Depth - 1800 m of rock (4800 mwe)

Muons flux - 4 muons / m^2 x day^{-1} ($2x10^6$ reduction factor)

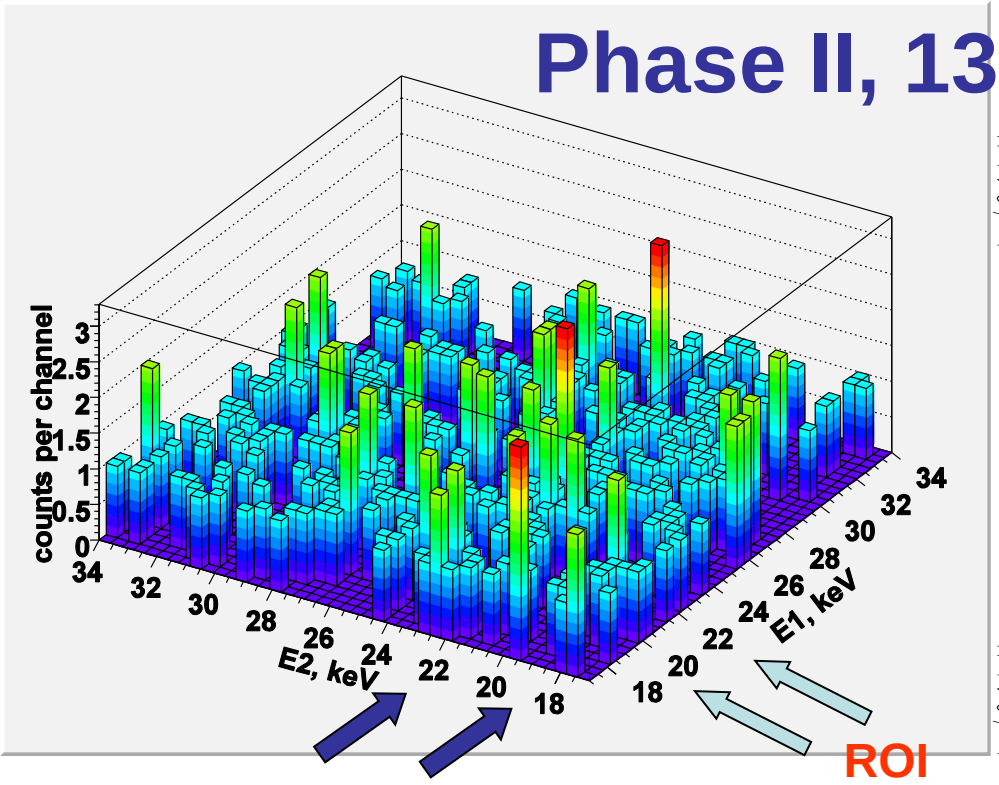
Neutrons flux - 3000 fast neutrons (>1MeV) per m^2 and per day (1000 reduction factor)

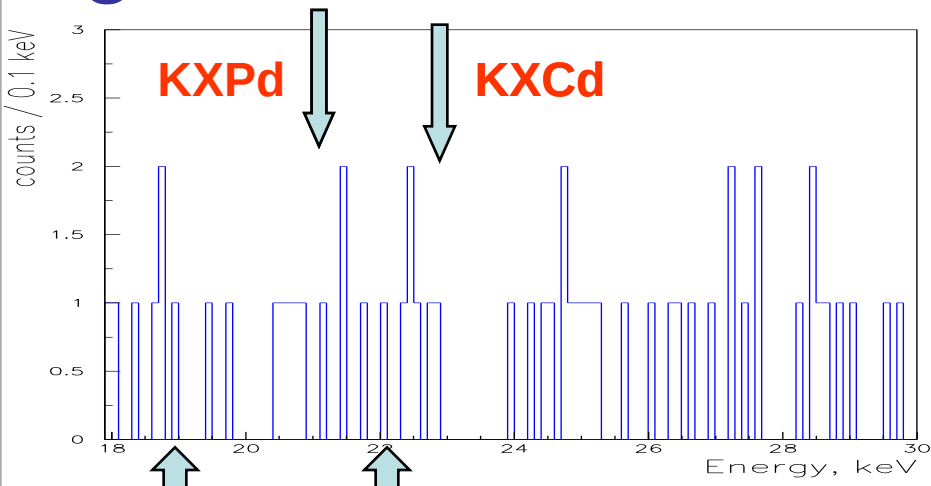
Suppression of microphonic noise

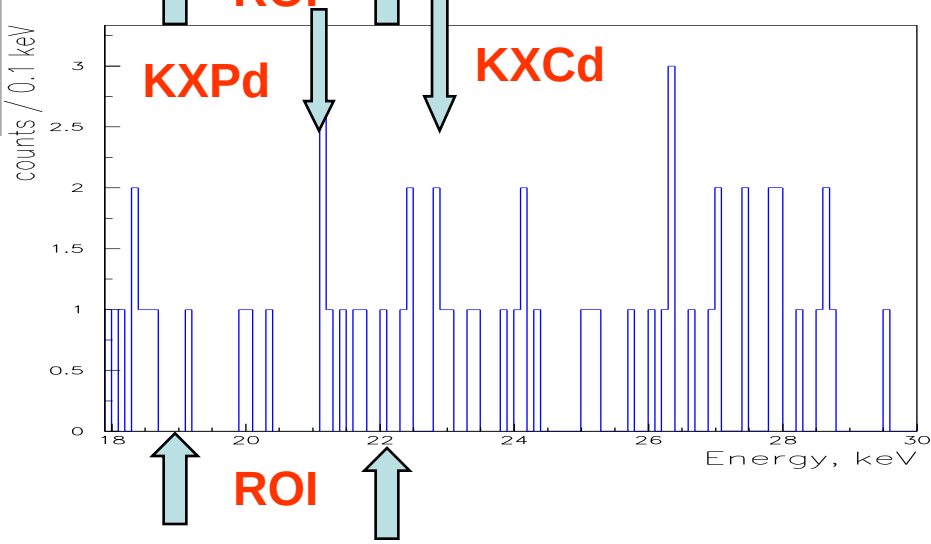


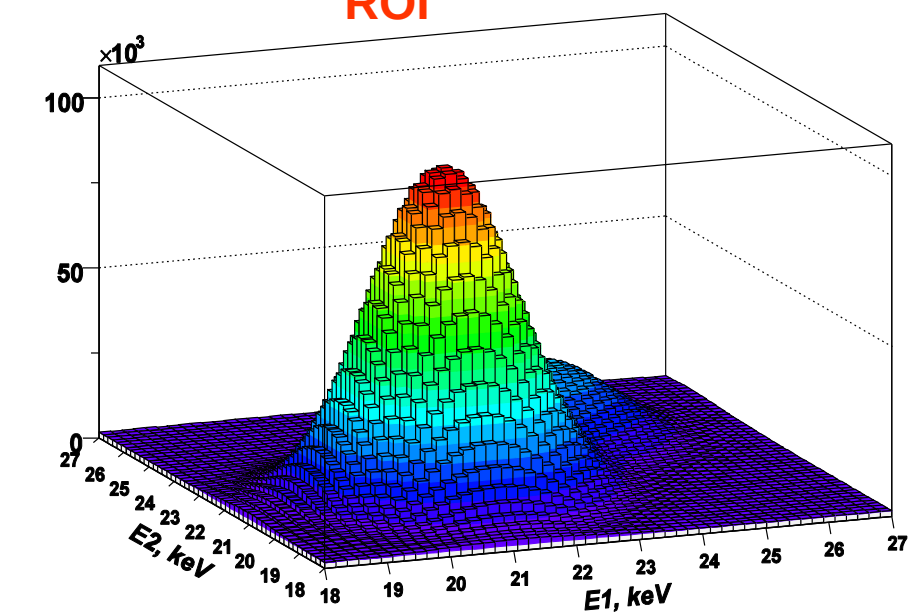


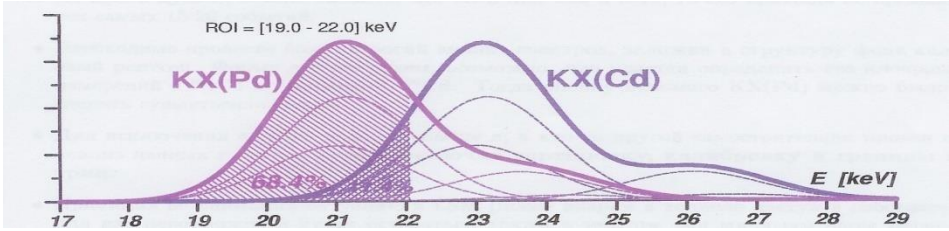
Phase II, 13.6g of ^{106}Cd, T=12900h







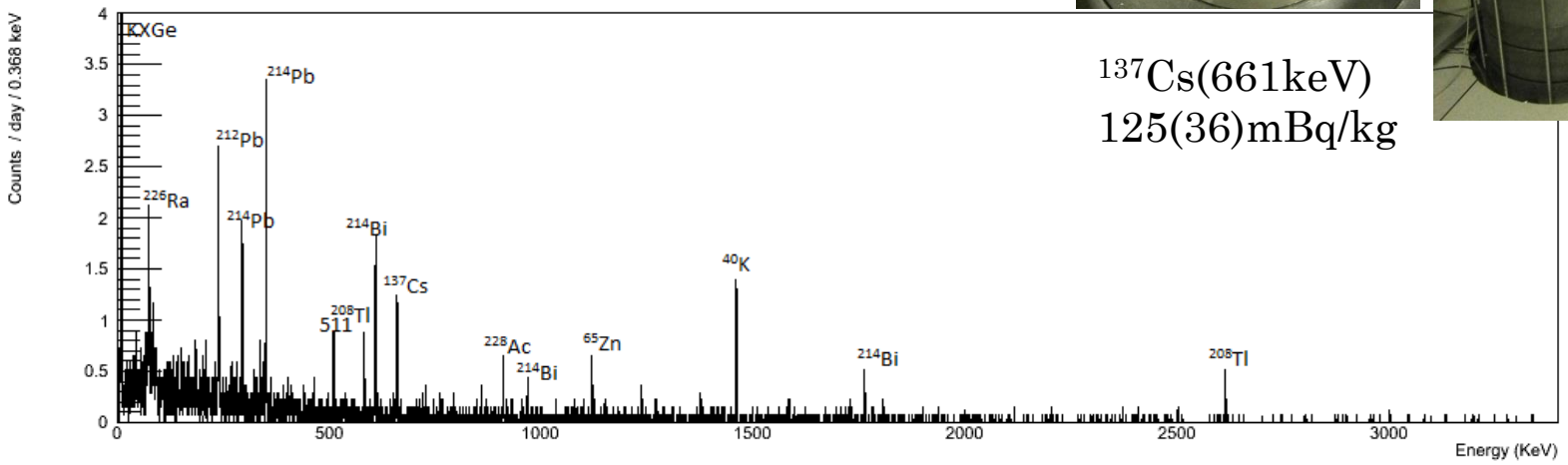




Measurement of ^{106}Cd with 600 cm^3 HPGe detector Obelix, November 2013, T=395 h

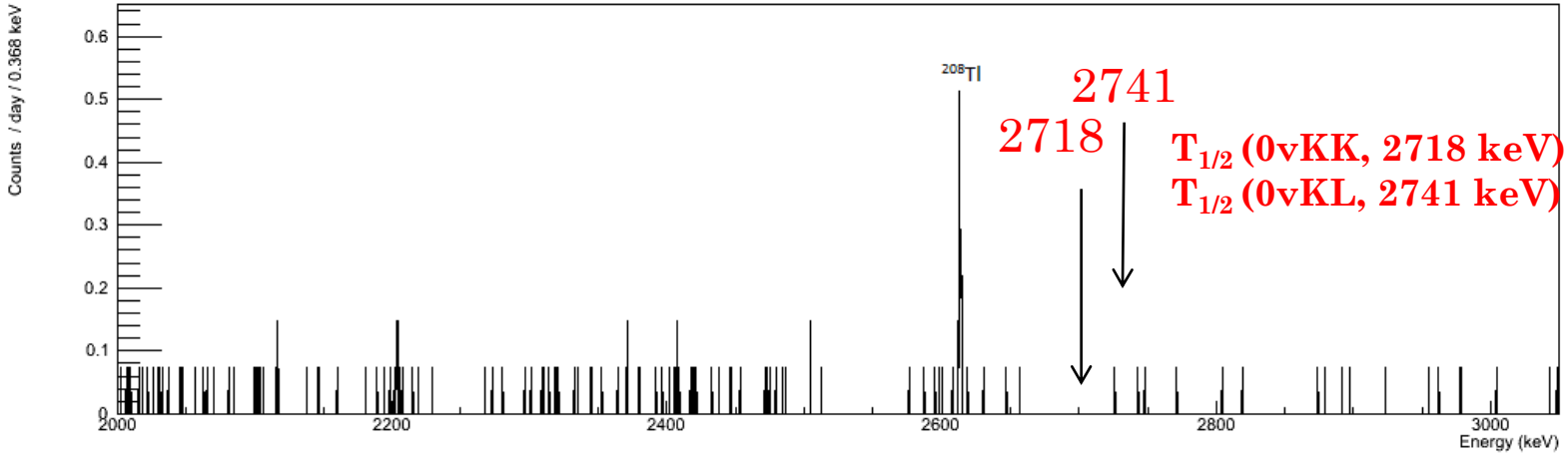
16 circle foils of ^{106}Cd
with enrich. 99.57%
Ø = 52 mm
thick. 70(10) mg/cm^2
mass = 23.166 g

Measurement 106Cd 2013



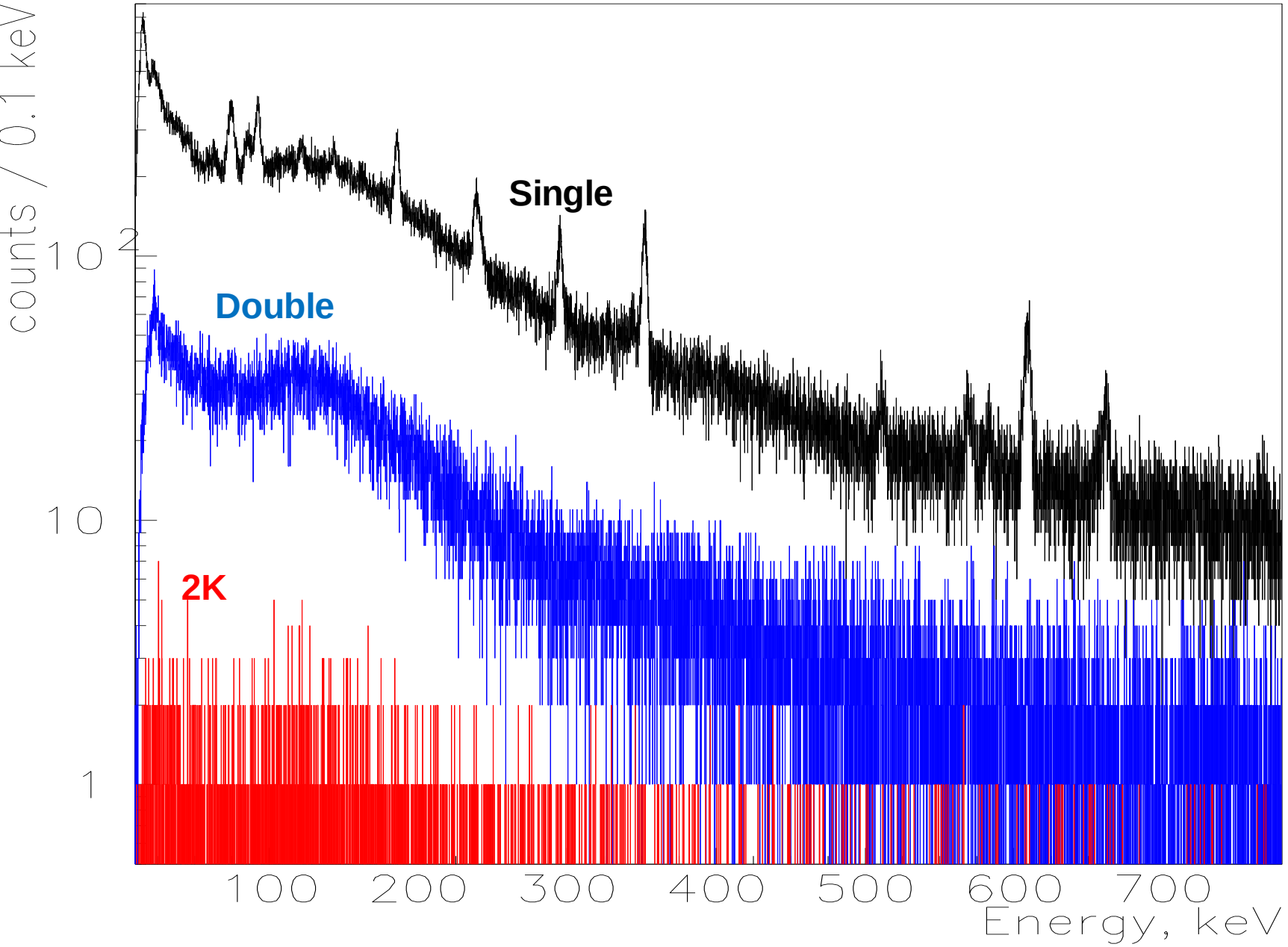
^{137}Cs(661keV)
125(36)mBq/kg

Region of interest 106Cd



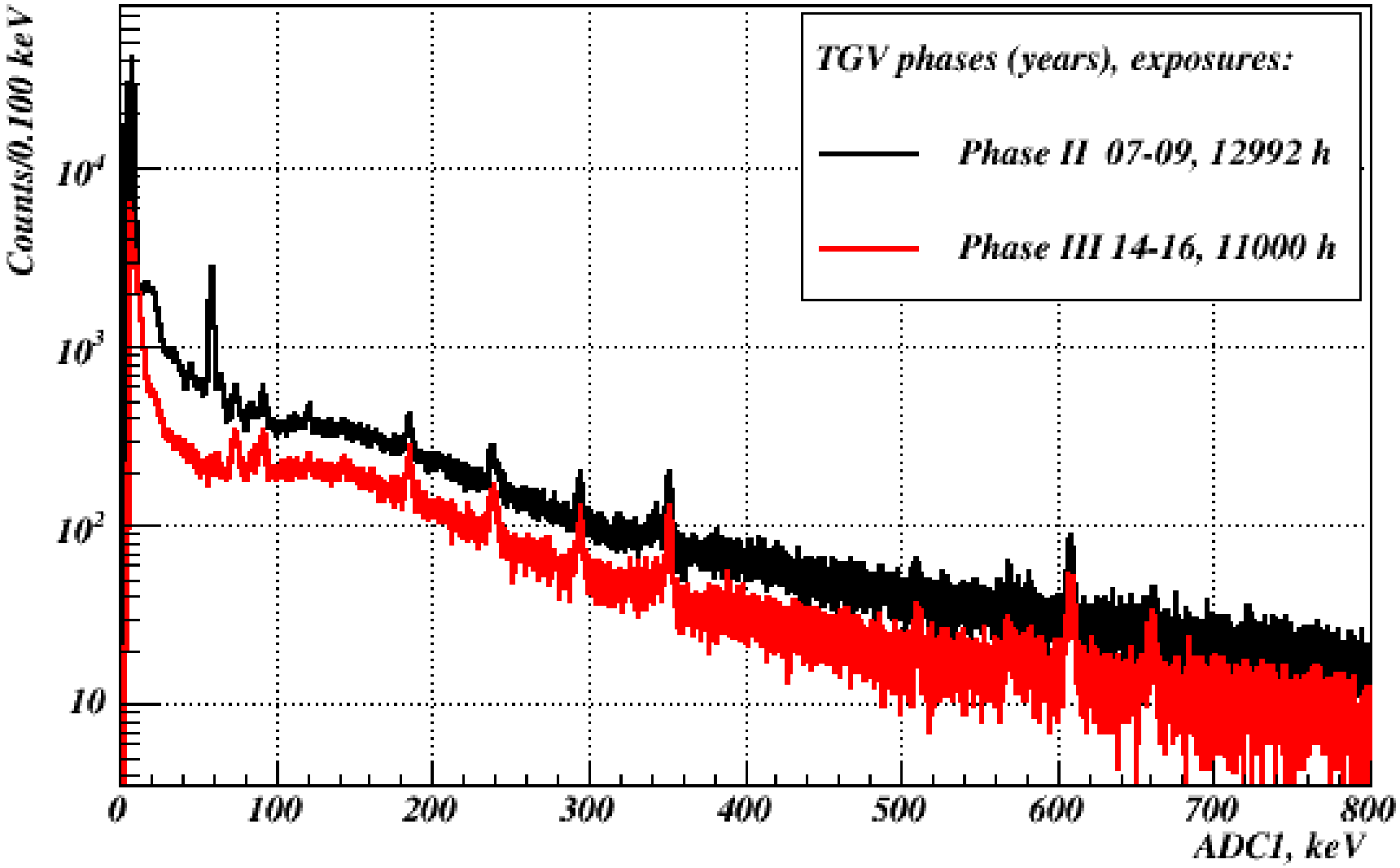
$T_{1/2}$ (0vKK, 2718 keV) > 1.4×10^{20} y,
$T_{1/2}$ (0vKL, 2741 keV) > 0.9×10^{20} y

T=11000 h


counts / 0.1 keV
10 2
10
1
Single
Double
2K
100
200
300
400
500
600
700
Energy, keV

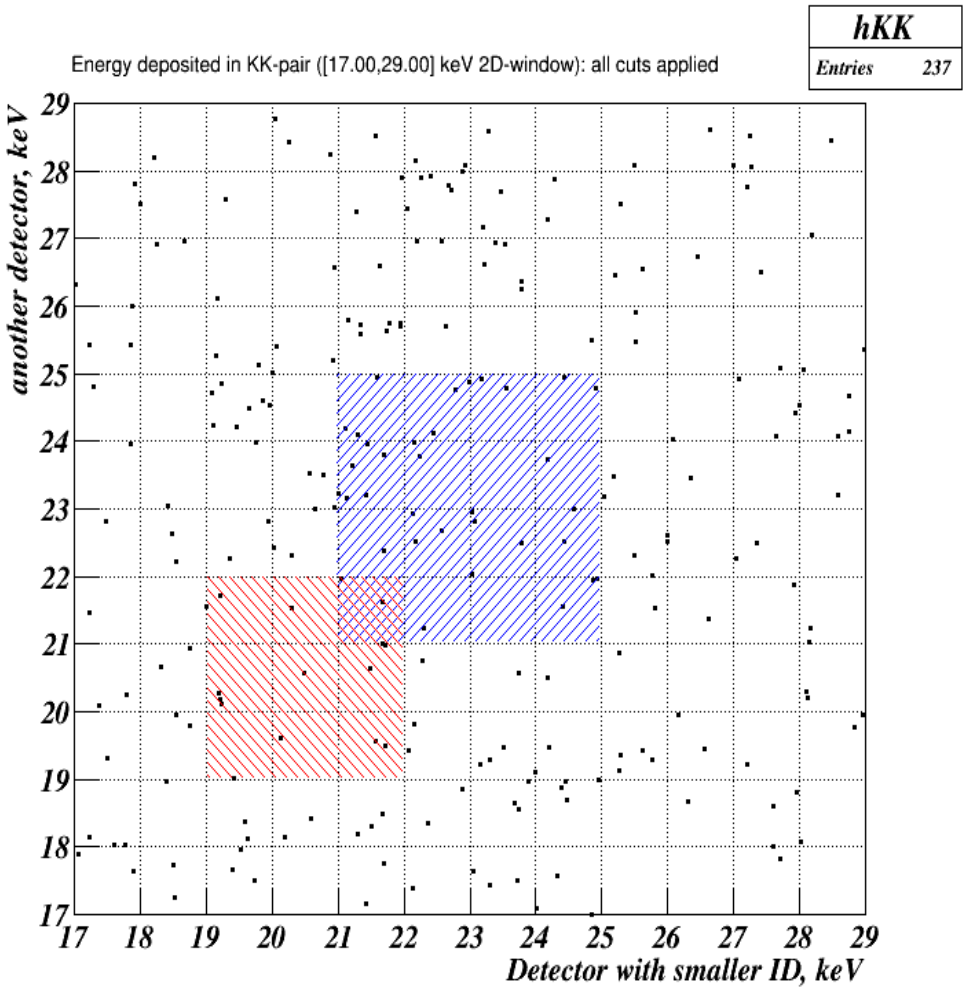
Single events

Total energy deposited in event with multiplicity=1

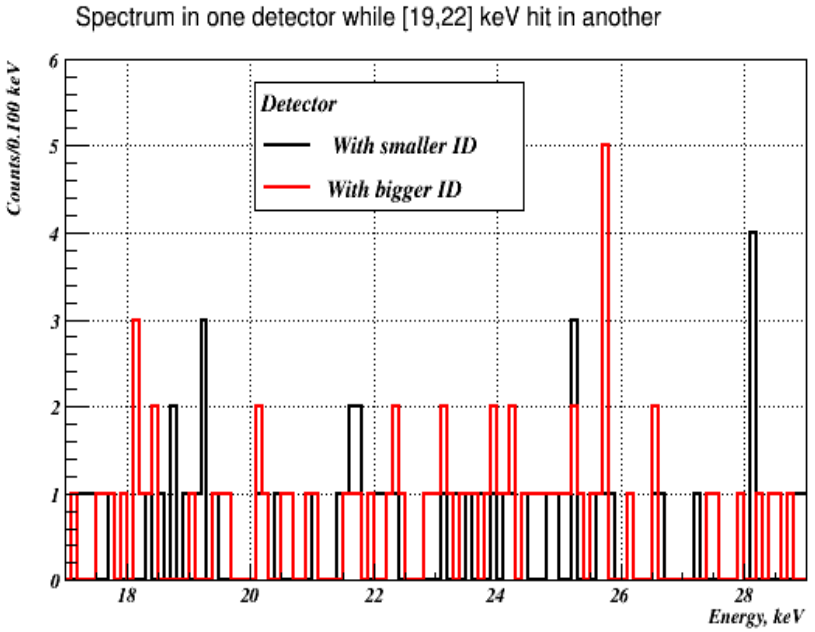


KK-spectra in the ROI (19-22 keV)

2D method

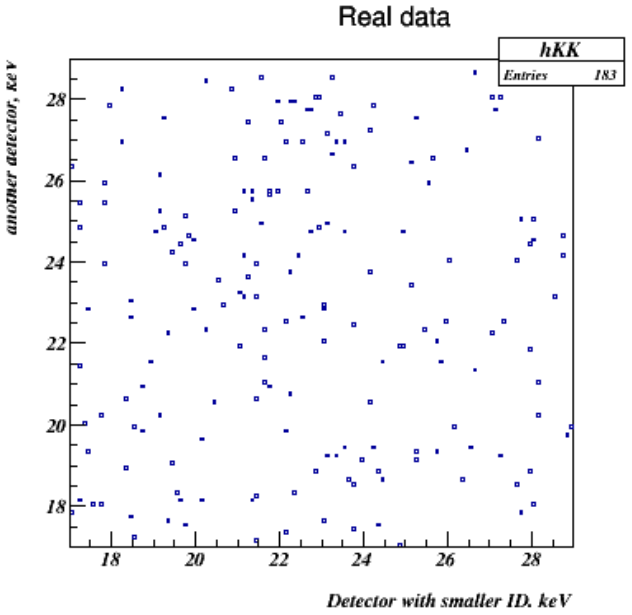


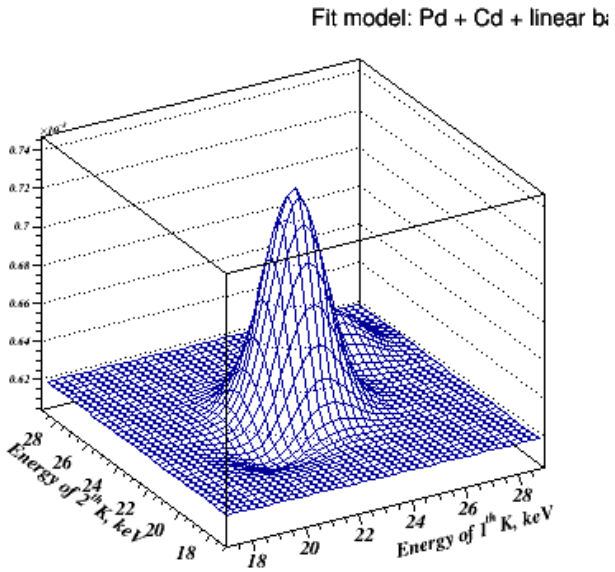
1D method

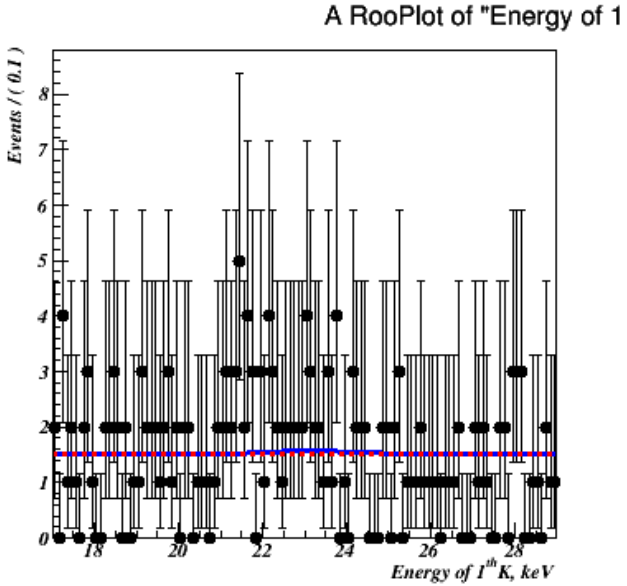


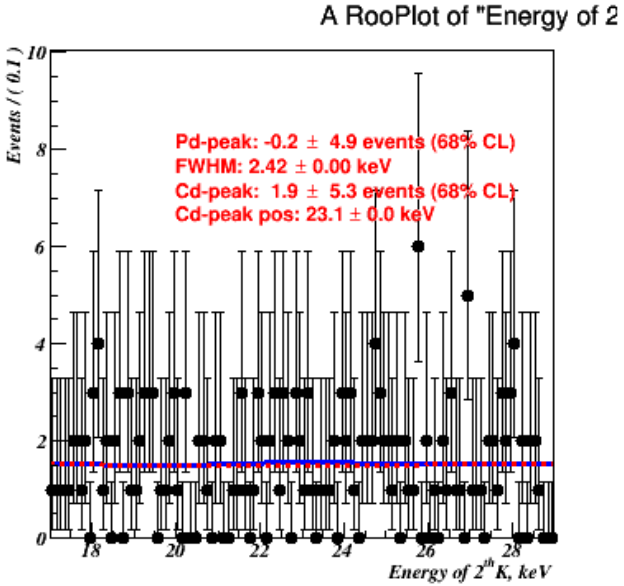
$T_{1/2}(2\nu KK) > 4.7 \times 10^{20}$ y (90%CL)

KK analysis in 2D-method









TGV-2 limits on double beta decay of Cd-106 (at 90% CL)

	Phase II	Phase III (prelim.)
• **0νEC/EC**		
2717.6 keV	$>1.6 \times 10^{20}$	$>1.4 \times 10^{20}$ y (395 h)
2741 keV	$>1.8 \times 10^{20}$	$>0.9 \times 10^{20}$ y (395 h)
• **2νEC/EC**		
$(0^+ \rightarrow 0^+, g.s.)$	$T_{1/2} \geq 4.2 \times 10^{20}$ y	4.7×10^{20} y
$(0^+ \rightarrow 2^+_1, 512)$	$T_{1/2} \geq 1.2 \times 10^{20}$ y	8.5×10^{19} y
$(0^+ \rightarrow 0^+_1, 1334)$	$T_{1/2} \geq 1.0 \times 10^{20}$ y	6.0×10^{19} y
• **2νβ⁺/EC**		
$(0^+ \rightarrow 0^+, g.s.)$	$T_{1/2} \geq 1.1 \times 10^{20}$ y	1.7×10^{20} y
$(0^+ \rightarrow 2^+_1, 512)$	$T_{1/2} \geq 1.1 \times 10^{20}$ y	1.3×10^{20} y
$(0^+ \rightarrow 0^+_1, 1334)$	$T_{1/2} \geq 1.6 \times 10^{20}$ y	1.9×10^{20} y
• **2νβ⁺ β⁺**		
$(0^+ \rightarrow 0^+, g.s.)$	$T_{1/2} \geq 1.4 \times 10^{20}$ y	1.6×10^{20} y
$(0^+ \rightarrow 2^+_1, 512)$	$T_{1/2} \geq 1.7 \times 10^{20}$ y	1.9×10^{20} y

Thank you for attention