



# Project #3: GANDALF

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**Germanium NaI silicoN Dark  
matter And  $0\nu\beta\beta$  Less Fun**

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# Cosmogenic Backgrounds

- Muons can interact with material in the detector producing n,p, radioactive isotopes

- Materials above ground experience higher activation rates

- Source material
- During construction
- In transit



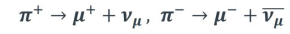
Isotopes produced with short (<1year) half-lives can be mitigated by allowing materials to 'cool' underground

- In-situ cosmogenic production

- Can veto short-lived isotopes with time-cut after muon

# Underground laboratories

- High energy protons hit <sup>nat</sup>N and <sup>nat</sup>O in upper atmosphere
  - Spallation leads to production of neutron, proton, pions Kaons
  - K's and π's decay further into muons via weak force e.g.

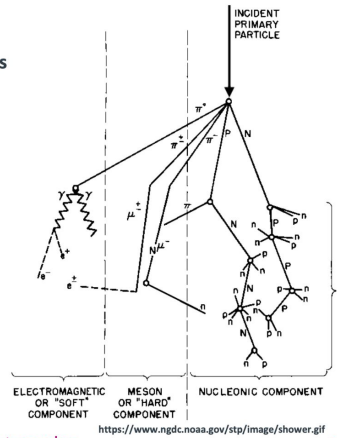


- Rate at sea level is about  $R_\mu \approx 0.01 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sr}^{-1}$

\*([sr] = steradian, unit of solid angle, full sphere is 4 pi )

➡ About 1 μ/min/cm<sup>2</sup> ➡ 1 m<sup>2</sup> detector about 170 μ/s

- Typical energy scale of Muon's GeV



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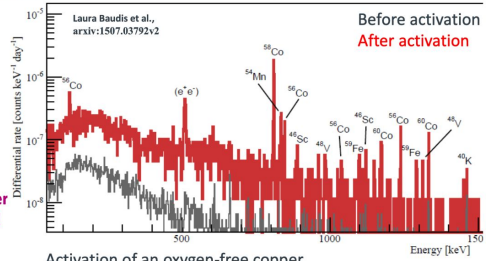
Low backgrounds for rare event searches

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- Binding energy nucleons ~8 MeV per nucleon

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Activation of an oxygen-free copper sample after 345 days in 3470 m height.

- Activation of detector materials lead to a whole range of different isotopes:

- <sup>3</sup>H, <sup>39</sup>Ar, <sup>42</sup>Ar, <sup>60</sup>Co, <sup>68</sup>Ge, <sup>127</sup>Xe, PTFE (C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub>)  
(<sup>19</sup>F -> <sup>17</sup>N -> <sup>17</sup>O + β -> <sup>16</sup>O + n)

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57Cu	58Cu	59Cu	60Cu	61Cu	62Cu	63Cu	64Cu	65Cu	66Cu
56Ni	57Ni	58Ni	59Ni	60Ni	61Ni	62Ni	63Ni	64Ni	65Ni
55Co	56Co	57Co	58Co	59Co	60Co	61Co	62Co	63Co	64Co
54Fe	55Fe	56Fe	57Fe	58Fe	59Fe	60Fe	61Fe	62Fe	63Fe

Image of nudat database nuclide chart <https://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nudat3/>

Which isotopes due to you expect to be harmful in case of copper? Do you know any of these isotopes from your lab courses?

# Why do we care?

DM and  $0\nu\beta\beta$  experiments try to minimise backgrounds (intrinsic and extrinsic).

- Produces intrinsic background within our target.
  - Can't be physically separated (ie, via shielding) or removed from material
- Result in increased rate:
  - Puts more strain on the DAQ system
  - Events may lie within our ROI (region of interest)
    - Typically  $\sim\text{keV}$  for DM ( $\sim\text{MeV}$   $0\nu\beta\beta$ )
- Long lived. (Months - Years)
- Limits transportation, characterization methods.

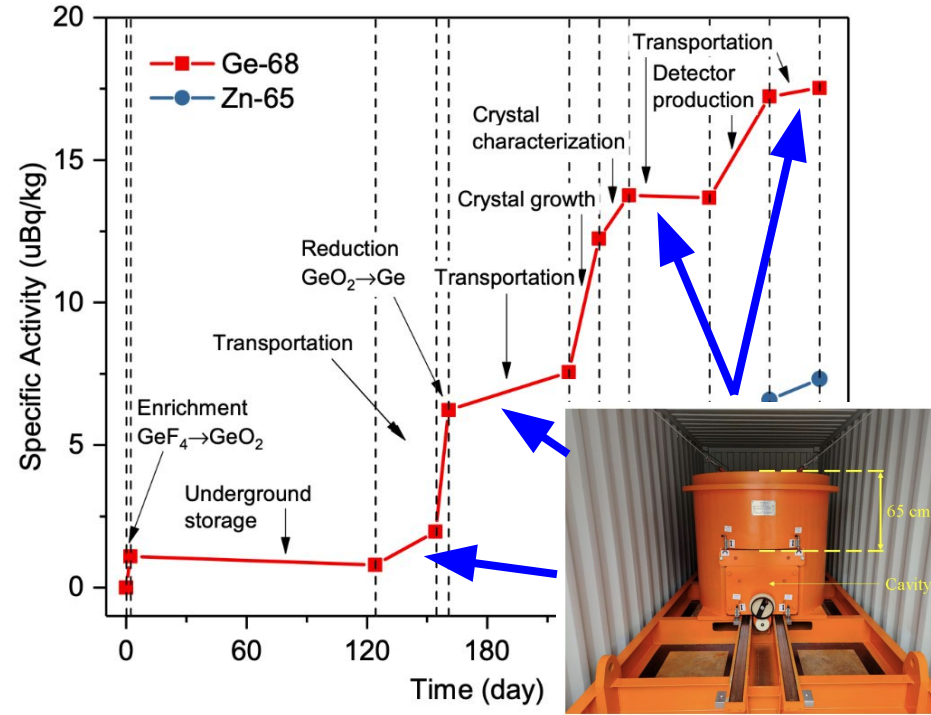


Figure 2: The transportation shield inside a shipping container.

Figure 3: The specific activities of cosmogenic radionuclides in germanium at different stages of the fabrication and transportation processes.

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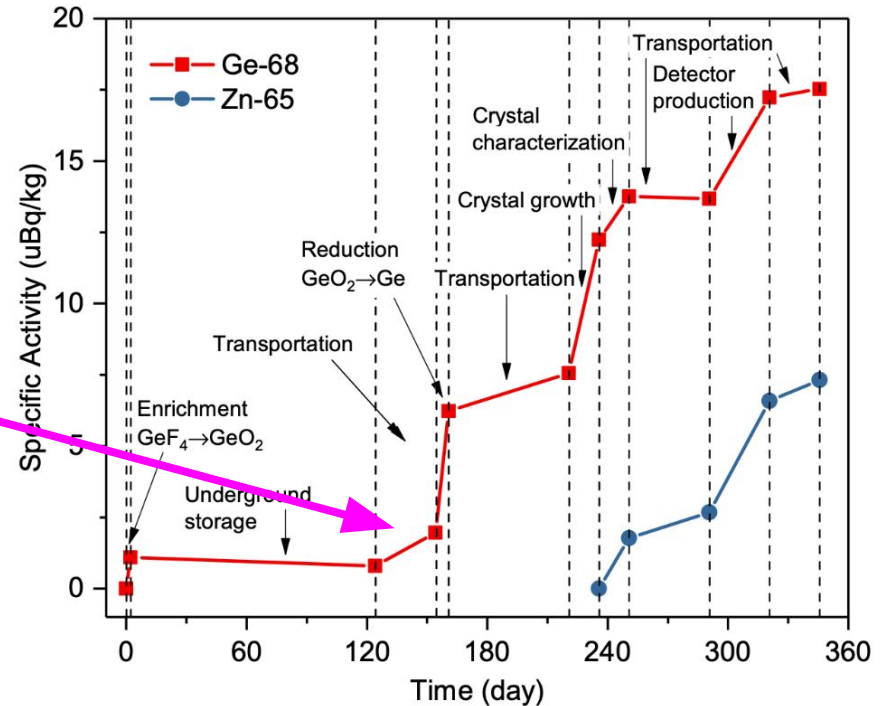
**TABLE 1** Representative ICP-MS results of raw and purified powders vs. Astro-grade powder's purity. Uncertainties are given at 90% C.L, and upper limits are given at 95% C.L.

Description	K	Fe	Sr	Ba	Pb	Th	U
	ppb	ppb	ppb	ppb	ppb	ppt	ppt
Astro grade	$5 \pm 3$	$110 \pm 20$	$0.3 \pm 0.1$	$0.6 \pm 0.1$	$0.8 \pm 0.5$	<6	<6
Merck-raw powder	$250 \pm 90$	$33 \pm 6$	$19 \pm 1$	$3.0 \pm 0.4$	$40 \pm 2$	<6	<6
Purified powder (20–5)	$11 \pm 1$	<10	$0.3 \pm 0.1$	$0.9 \pm 0.1$	$0.5 \pm 0.1$	<6	<6
Mother solution (20–5)	$550 \pm 120$	<200	$38 \pm 2$	$9 \pm 1$	$60 \pm 4$	<6	<6

[Purification of NaI powder for COSINE-200, Keon-Ah Shin](#)  
[Mass production of ultra-pure NaI powder for COSINE-200](#)

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## Silicon

Isotope	Half-life [yrs]	Decay mode	Q-value [keV]
<sup>3</sup> H	12.32 ± 0.02	β-	18.591 ± 0.003
<sup>7</sup> Be	0.1457 ± 0.0020	EC	861.82 ± 0.02
<sup>10</sup> Be	(1.51 ± 0.06) × 10 <sup>6</sup>	β-	556.0 ± 0.6
<sup>14</sup> C	5700 ± 30	β-	156.475 ± 0.004
<sup>22</sup> Na	2.6018 ± 0.0022	β+	2842.2 ± 0.2
<sup>26</sup> Al	(7.17 ± 0.24) × 10 <sup>5</sup>	EC	4004.14 ± 6.00

## NaI

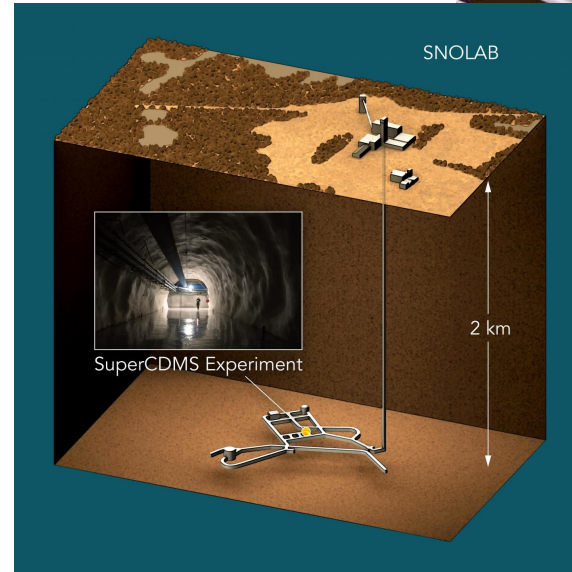
Isotope	Half-Life [d]	Decay Mode	Q-value [keV]	γ-radiation [keV] (branching ratio)	Q-value [keV]	
<sup>3</sup> H	4500 ± 7	β-	18.591 ± 0.003			
<sup>22</sup> Na	950.4 ± 0.7	β+	2842.2 ± 0.2			
<sup>109</sup> Cd	461.9 ± 0.4	EC	215.1 ± 0.0			
<sup>109m</sup> Ag	(4.60	Isotope	Half life	Decay Type(s) + BR [%]	γ-radiation [keV]	Q-value
<sup>113</sup> Sn	11			EC (GS) EC (ES) β+ β-	(branching ratio)	[keV]
<sup>113m</sup> In	(6.908	<sup>71</sup> Ge	11.4 d	100		232.6
<sup>121m</sup> Te	1	<sup>68</sup> Ge	270.3 d	100		107.2
<sup>121</sup> Te	19	<sup>68</sup> Ga	68 m	8.9 2.2 88.9	511 (176%), 800 (0.4%), 1078 (3.5%)	2921
<sup>123m</sup> Te	1	<sup>65</sup> Zn	244.3 d	49 49 1.7	1116 (51%)	1352
<sup>125m</sup> Te	1	<sup>60</sup> Co	5.3 y		1173 (99.85%), 1333 (99.98%)	2823
<sup>127m</sup> Te	1	<sup>57</sup> Co	271.9 d		14 (9.54%), 122 (85.6%), 136 (10.6%), 692 (0.02%)	836.3
<sup>127</sup> Te	0.1	<sup>55</sup> Fe	2.73 y	100		231.1
<sup>125</sup> I	59	<sup>54</sup> Mn	312 d		835 (100%)	1377
		<sup>49</sup> V	330 d	100		601.9
		<sup>44</sup> Ti	51.9 y		67.9 (93.0%), 78.3 (96.4%), 146.2 (0.092%)	267.4
		<sup>45</sup> Ca	162 d			259.7
		<sup>22</sup> Na	2.6 y	10 90	511 (180%), 1275 (100%)	2843
		<sup>3</sup> H	12.32 y			18.59

## Ge



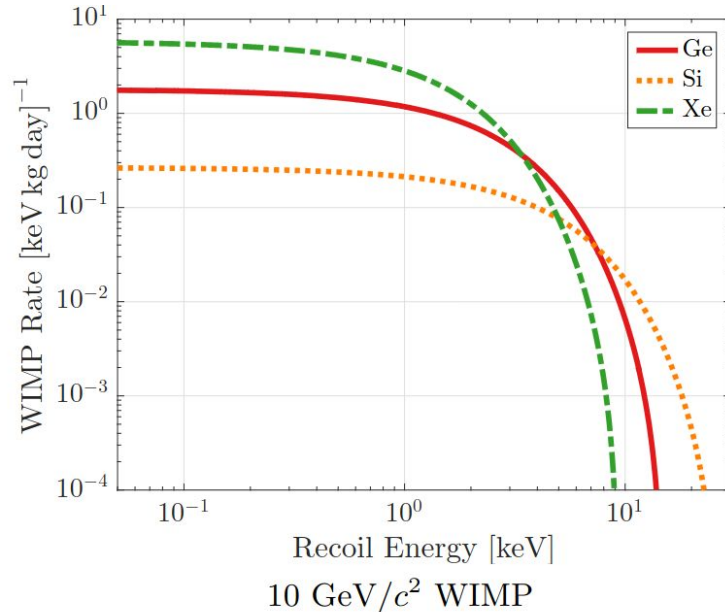
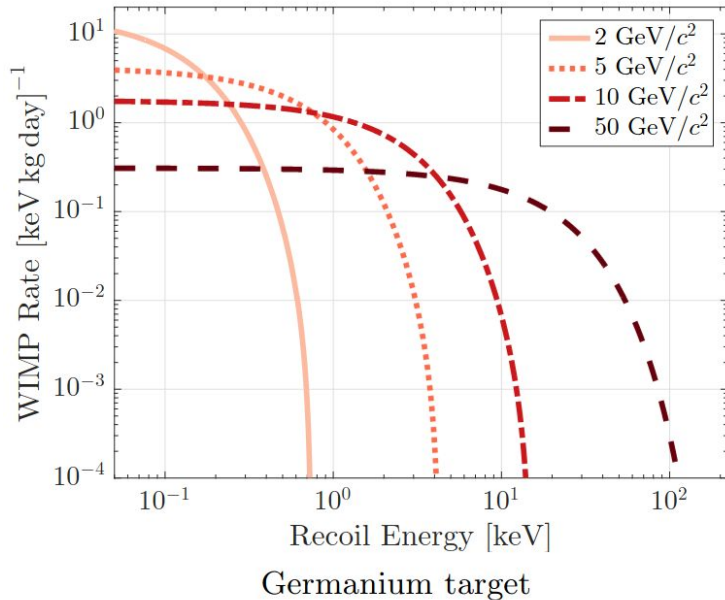
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# Impact on Dark Matter (based only in energy)

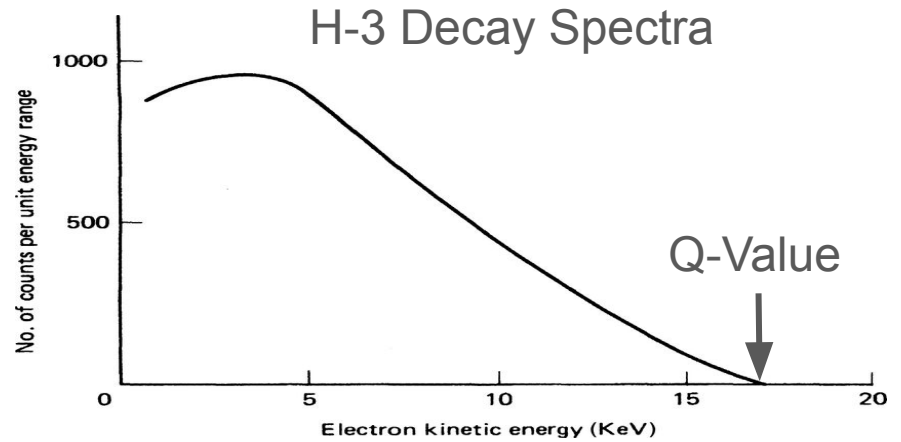
- Nuclear recoil energy
  - $\sim 1\text{-}100$  keV



# Impact on DM searches

~ 1-100 keV

- Si



Isotope	Half-Life [years]	Decay Mechanism	Q-value [keV]
H-3	12.3	$\beta^-$	18.6
Be-7	0.146	EC	861
Be-10	$1.51 \cdot 10^6$	$\beta^-$	556
C-14	5700	$\beta^-$	156
Na-22	2.602	$\beta^+$	2840
Al-26	$7.17 \cdot 10^5$	EC	4000

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- NaI

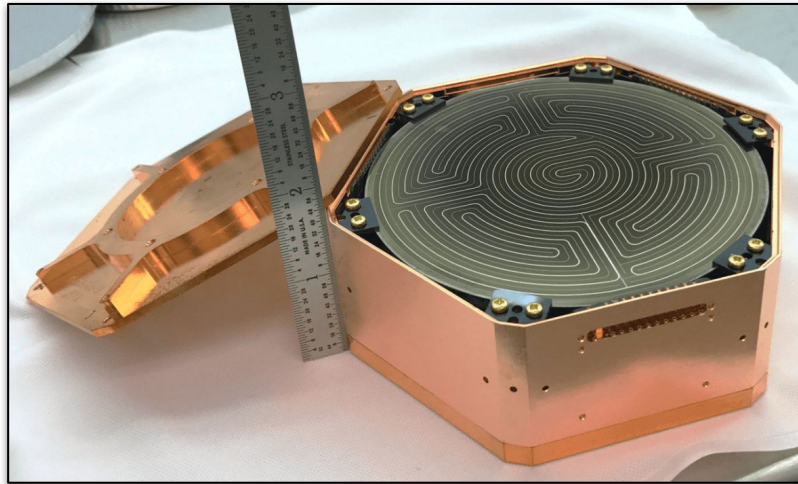


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Sn-113	0.31	EC	1040
Te-121m	0.45	IT	294
Te-123m	0.33	IT	247
I-125	0.16	EC	186
Sb-125	2.75856	$\beta^-$	2360
Te-125m	0.157	IT	145
Te-127m	0.289	$\beta^-$	703

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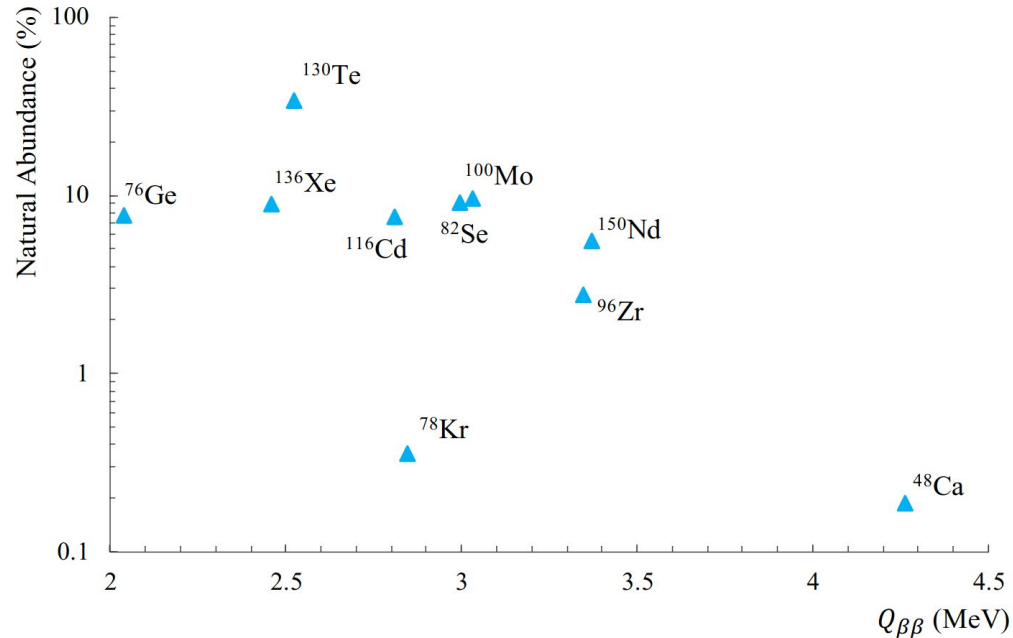
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# Impact on $0\nu\beta\beta$ searches

Ge-76 can undergo  $\beta\beta$  decay



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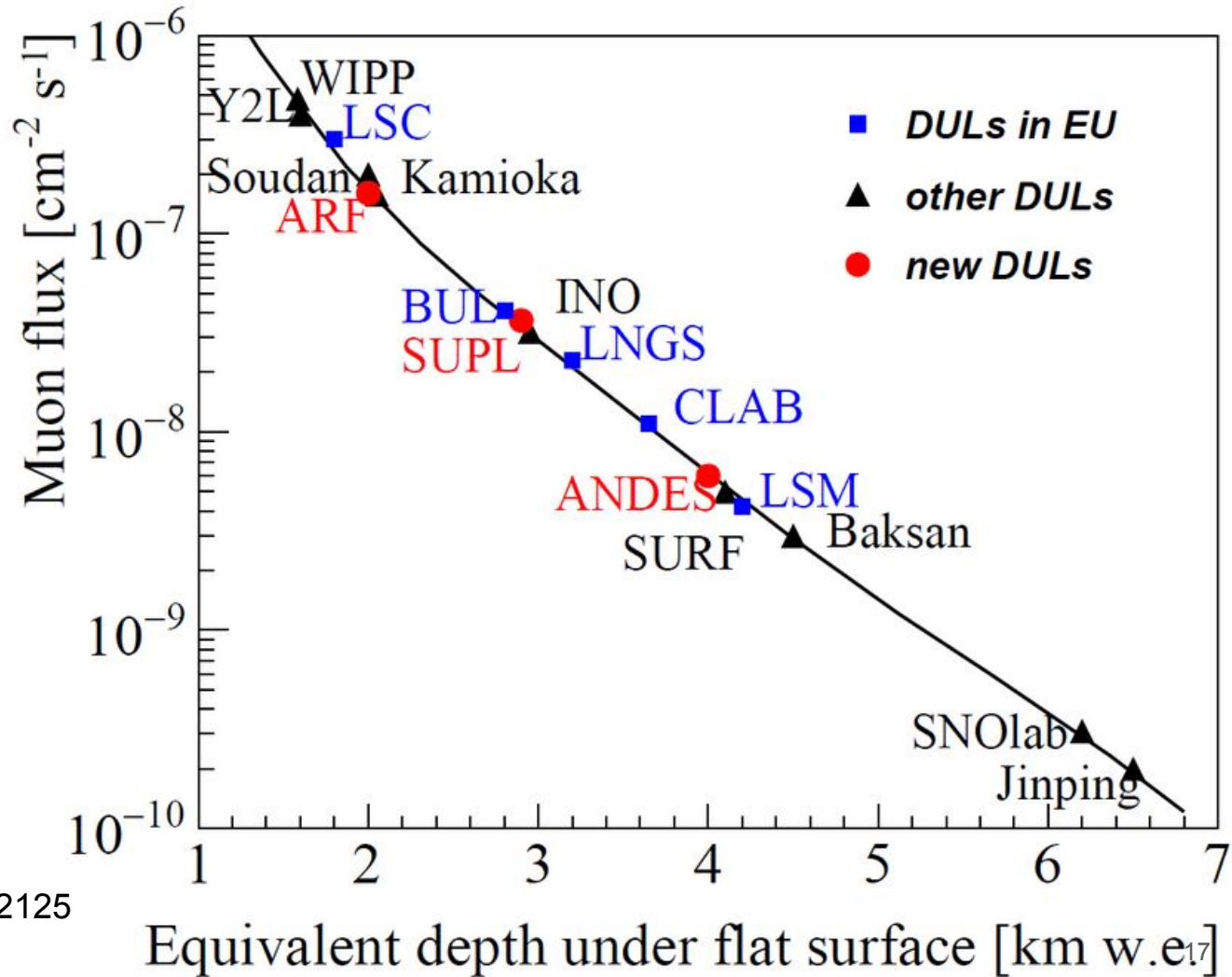


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Co-60	1924.0 (~5 y)	$\beta^-$	2820
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# Cosmic Ray Flux

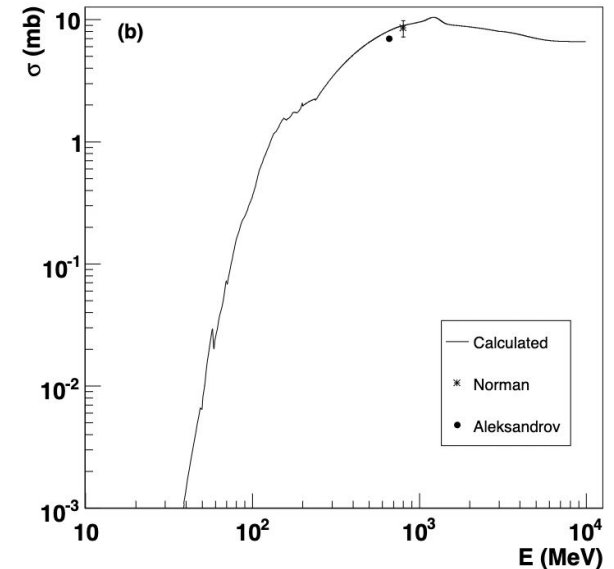
- We approximate all cosmic ray flux as muon flux
- Modeled overburden flux as an exponential function



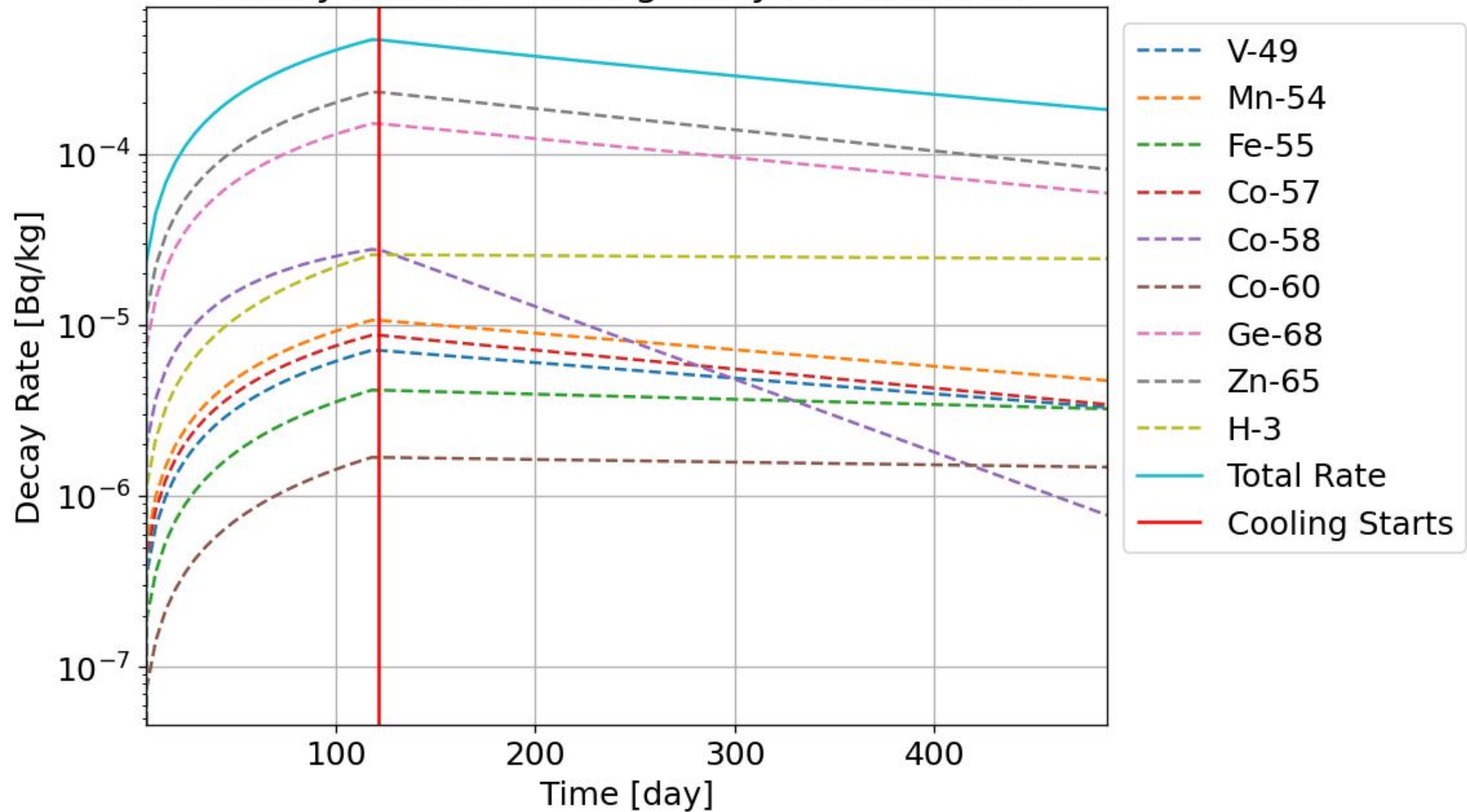
# Modeling Cosmogenic Activation

- Activation rate:  $R(E, x) = \int \sigma(E) \frac{d\phi(E, x)}{dE} dE$
- Approximate a constant cross section for large energies  $\rightarrow R \propto \phi$
- Benchmarking assumptions:
  1. Detector crystal is grown/assembled, transported, and tested for 120 day ( $\frac{1}{3}$  yr) - activation time
  2. Cooldown time occurs for 1 yr at 6 km w.e. (SNOLAB depth)

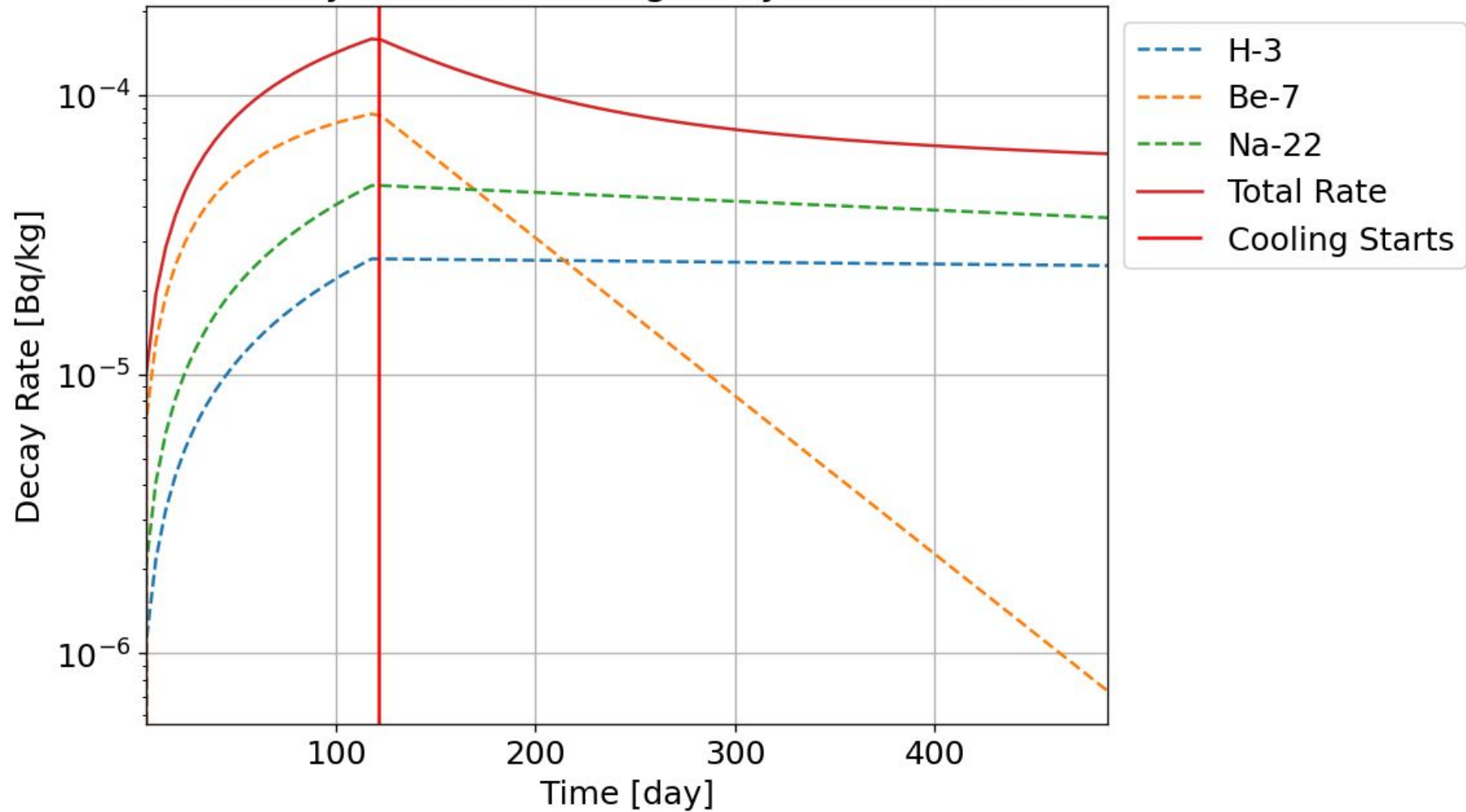
Proton production of Co-60 in nat. Ge



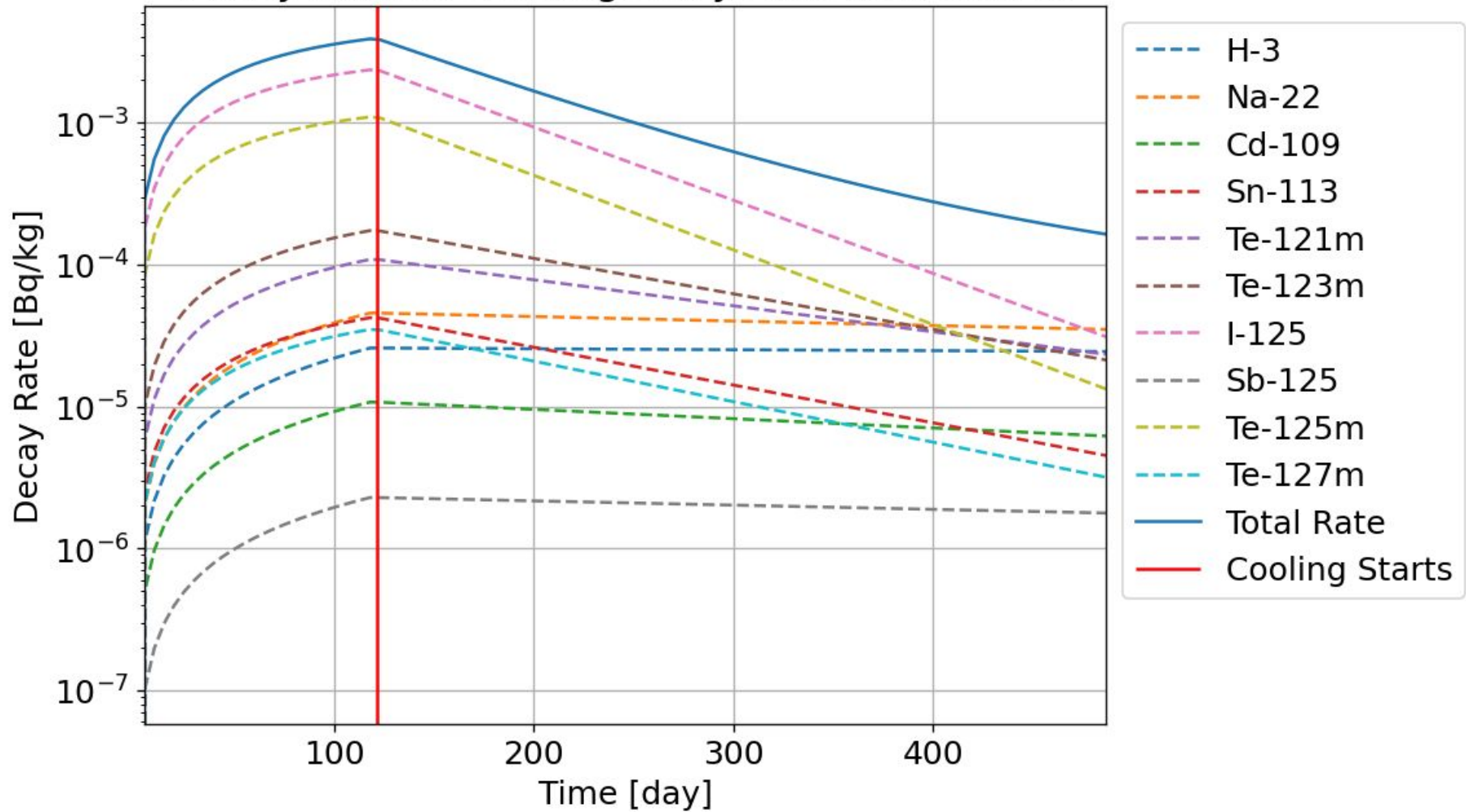
# Decay Rate of Cosmogenically Activated Ge



# Decay Rate of Cosmogenically Activated Si



# Decay Rate of Cosmogenically Activated NaI(Tl)



# Comparing Results to Detector Rates

Overburden [km w.e.]	Si [dru]	Ge [dru]	NaI(Tl) [dru]
0	0.14(3)	0.19(3)	0.20(12)
1	0.056(5)	0.072(12)	0.07(4)
3	0.030(6)	0.038(6)	0.039(16)
6	0.029(6)	0.036(6)	0.037(14)

- dru = events/kg/keV/day
- Across various experiments (SuperCDMS, EDELWEISS, COSINE, SABRE) cosmogenic activation contributes  $O(0.1)$  dru
- Total backgrounds  $O(1)$  dru
- Cosmogenic background reduction is limited by travel

Simulated cosmogenic activities at various overburden during assembly. (120 days of assembly, 30 days travel at sea level, 365 day cool down at 6 km w.e.)

# Code of Conduct

## Purpose

- This policy aims to foster a community based on the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusivity to best support the scientific research carried out by the Collaboration

## Key points:

- Professional Conduct
  - Discrimination
  - Inappropriate behaviour
- Ombudsperson

# Code of Conduct

## Professional Conduct

- All individuals are expected to treat each other with respect and professionalism
- Collaborators are expected to refrain from behaviours and actions that may lead to discrimination, harassment, or retaliation:
  - Ability status
  - Age
  - Educational background
  - Gender, gender identity, or gender expression
  - Political affiliation
  - Race, nationality, or ethnicity
  - Religious or philosophical beliefs
  - Sexual orientation or marital status



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## Ombudsperson

- The Ombudsperson(s) serves as a confidential point of contact for informal exploration of complaints and possible unofficial resolution of any issues
- 2 spokespersons, one early career (graduate student or postdoctoral researcher), and one faculty equivalent member. Efforts should be taken to vary the institution and gender identity of the candidates.
- The Ombudsperson(s) can either advise the complainant to address the situation by attempting to facilitate a conversation between those involved (with the permission of the complainant), provide information, or refer the complainant to appropriate resources to escalate the situation.

# Summary

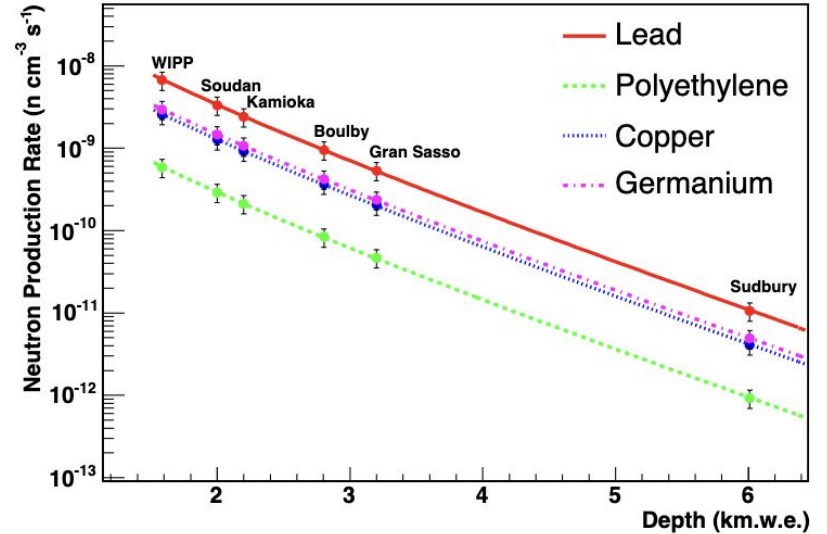
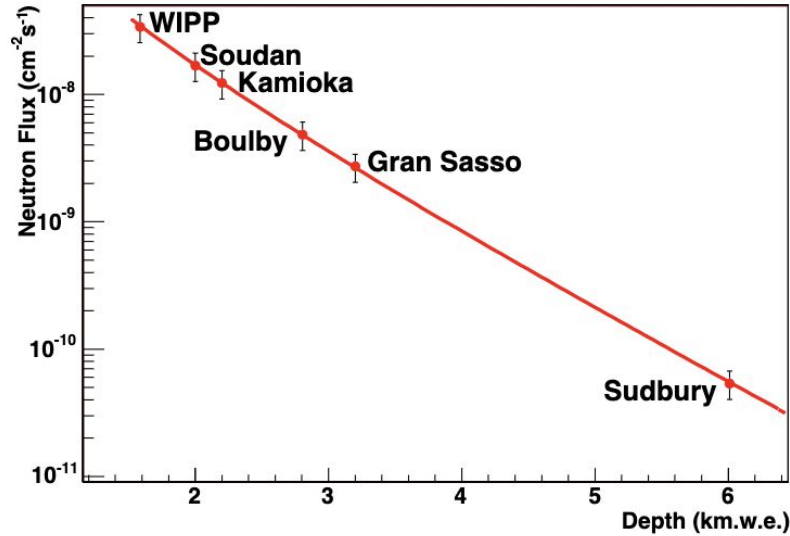
- Cosmogenic Backgrounds in 0vBB in Ge searches are dominated by Co-60
- Main cosmogenic backgrounds in
  - Ge are H-3, Co-60, Ge-68
  - Si are H-3, Na-22
  - NaI(Tl) are H-3, Na-22, Cd-109 (after cool time > 1yr)
- Constructing detector with overburden can reduce decay rate by an order of magnitude
- Future calculations should be done using ACTIVIA and GEANT4 to improve exposure accuracy.

# Bonus Slides

# Cosmogenic Activation Systematics

	$^3\text{H}$	$^{49}\text{V}$	$^{54}\text{Mn}$	$^{55}\text{Fe}$	$^{57}\text{Co}$	$^{58}\text{Co}$	$^{60}\text{Co}$	$^{65}\text{Zn}$	$^{68}\text{Ge}$
Half-life [27,90]	12.312(25)	330 d	312.19(3)	2.747(8)	271.81(4)	70.85(3)	5.2711(8)	244.01(9)	270.95(26)
units	y	d	y	d	d	y	d	d	
Measurement [91]			3.3±0.8		2.9±0.4	3.5±0.9		38±6	30±7
Meas. (EDELWEISS) [99]	82±21	2.8±0.6		4.6±0.7				106±13	>71
Meas. (CDMSlite) [100]	74±9			1.5±0.7				17±5	30±18
Monte Carlo [91]	210		2.7		4.4	5.3		34.4	29.6
Monte Carlo [92]					0.5	4.4	4.8	30.0	26.5
Sigma [94]			9.1	8.4	10.2	16.1	6.6	79.0	58.4
SHIELD [42]							2.9		81.6
TALYS [93]	27.7		2.7	8.6	13.5		2.0	37.1	41.3
TALYS+INCL++-ABLA [100]	95			5.6				51	49
MENDL+YIELDX [41]			5.2	6.0	7.6	10.9	3.9	63	60
TENDL+HEAD[28]	75±26								
ACTIVIA [34]			2.7	3.4	6.7	8.5	2.8	29.0	45.8
ACTIVIA [99]	46	1.9		3.5				38.7	23.1
ACTIVIA (MENDL-2P) [99]	43.5	1.9		4.0				65.8	45.0
ACTIVIA [43]	52.4		2.8	4.1	8.9	11.4	4.1	44.2	24.7
ACTIVIA [98]	30		3		6		3	20	10
GEANT4 [43]	47.4		2.0	7.9	7.4	5.7	2.9	75.9	182.8
GEANT4+CRY [89]	23.7	1.4	0.94	4.2	4.7		1.5	40.5	83.1
GEANT4+CRY [97]	21.6			2.9			0.9	27.7	63.6
CONUS [98]	50		5		7		4	60	66

# Neutron Flux

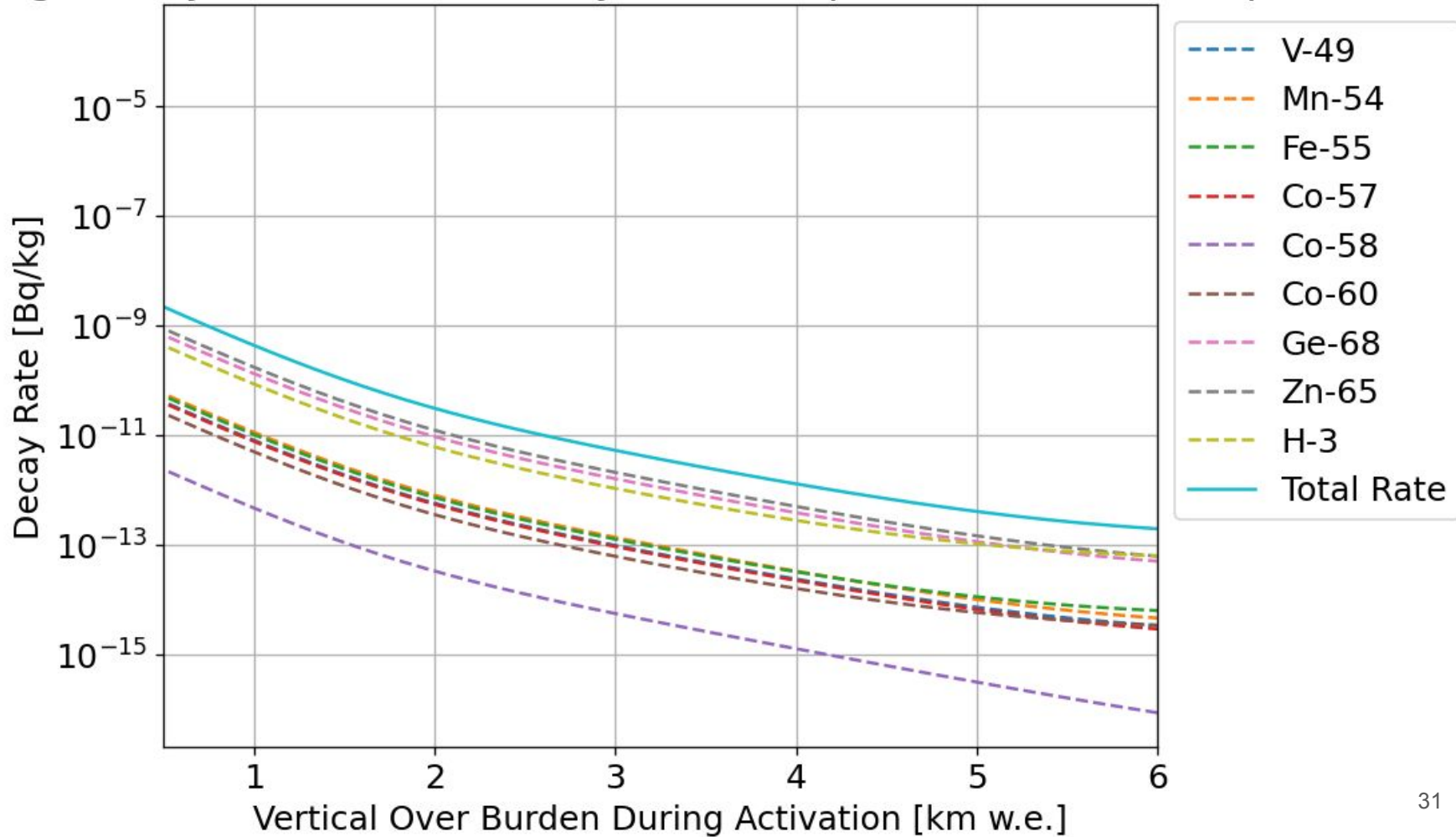


# Cosmic Ray Production Breakup

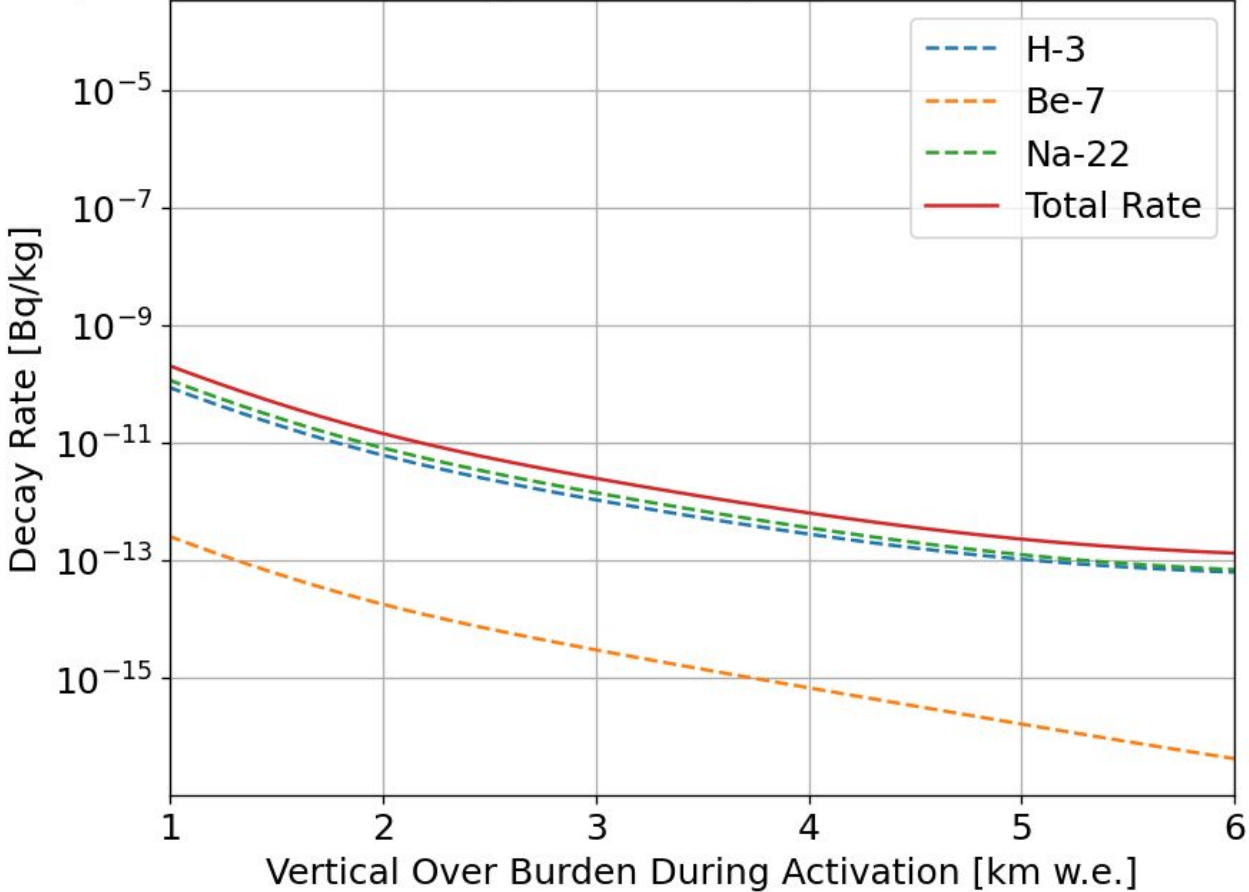
Source	$^3\text{H}$ production rate [atoms/(kg day)]	$^7\text{Be}$ production rate [atoms/(kg day)]	$^{22}\text{Na}$ production rate [atoms/(kg day)]
Neutrons	$112 \pm 24$	$8.1 \pm 1.9$	$43.0 \pm 7.2$
Protons	$10.0 \pm 4.5$	$1.14 \pm 0.14$	$3.96 \pm 0.89$
Gamma Rays	$0.73 \pm 0.51$	$0.118 \pm 0.083$	$2.2 \pm 1.5$
Muon Capture	$1.57 \pm 0.92$	$0.09 \pm 0.09$	$0.48 \pm 0.11$
Total	$124 \pm 25$	$9.4 \pm 2.0$	$49.6 \pm 7.4$

TABLE X. Final estimates of the radioisotope production rates in silicon exposed to cosmogenic particles at sea level.

# Cosmogenically Activated Ge Decay Rate Component at Start of Experiment

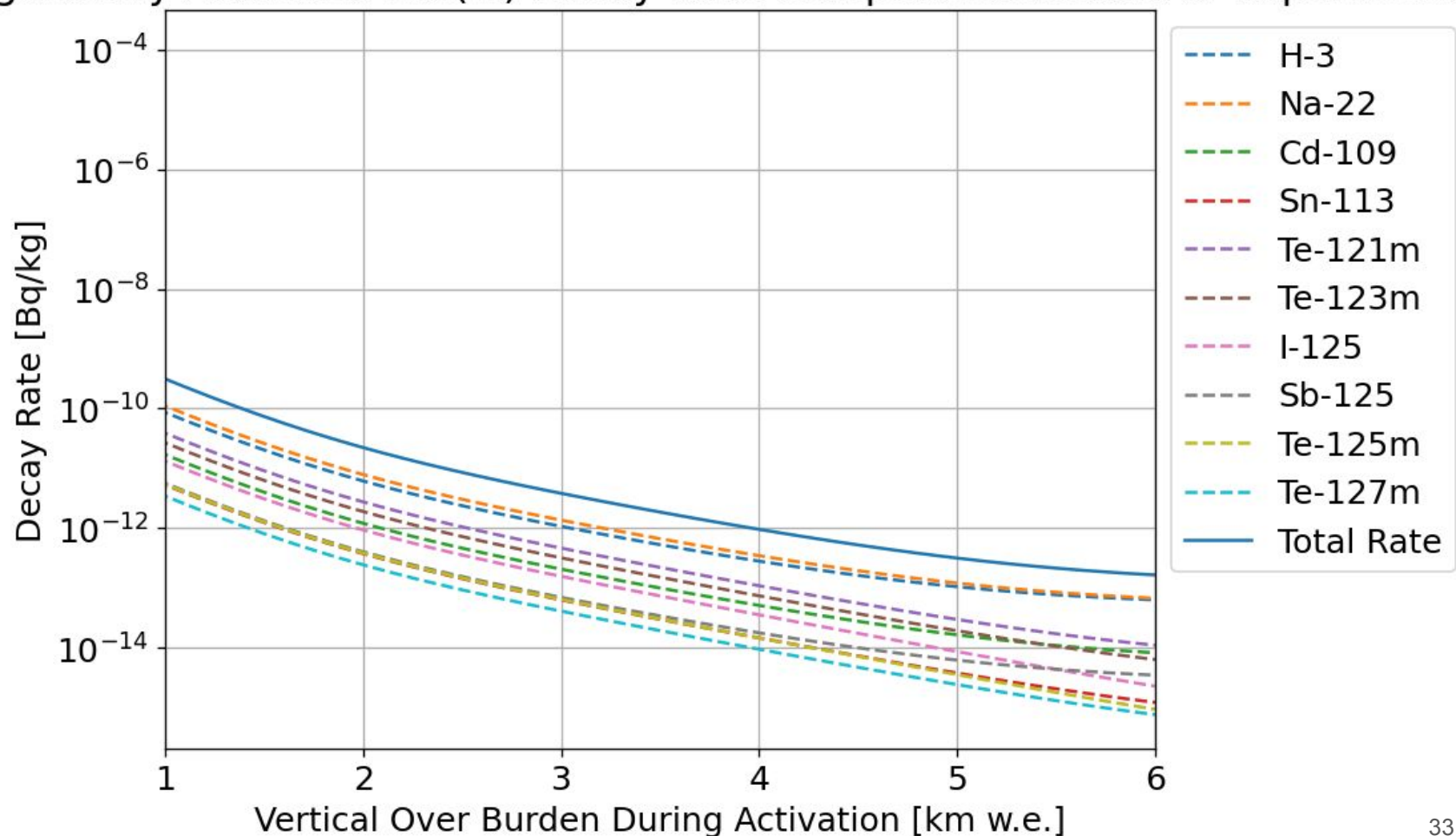


# Cosmogenically Activated Si Decay Rate Component Decay Rate at Start of Experiment





# Cosmogenically Activated NaI(Tl) Decay Rate Component at Start of Experiment



# Cosmogenic Backgrounds

- Muons can interact with material in the detector producing n,p, radioactive isotopes
- Materials above ground experience higher activation rates
  - Source material
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  - In transit



As was seen earlier in the week

Isotopes produced with short (<1year) half-lives can be mitigated by allowing materials to 'cool' underground

- In-situ cosmogenic production
  - Can veto short-lived isotopes with time-cut after muon

# Why the Search for Dark Matter Depends on Ancient Shipwrecks

Errant particles from everyday radioactive materials are a major obstacle for particle physicists. The solution? Lead from the bottom of the sea.

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## Particle Physics Experiment Will Use Ancient Lead From a Roman Shipwreck

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## Ancient Lead Can Help Experimental Physics



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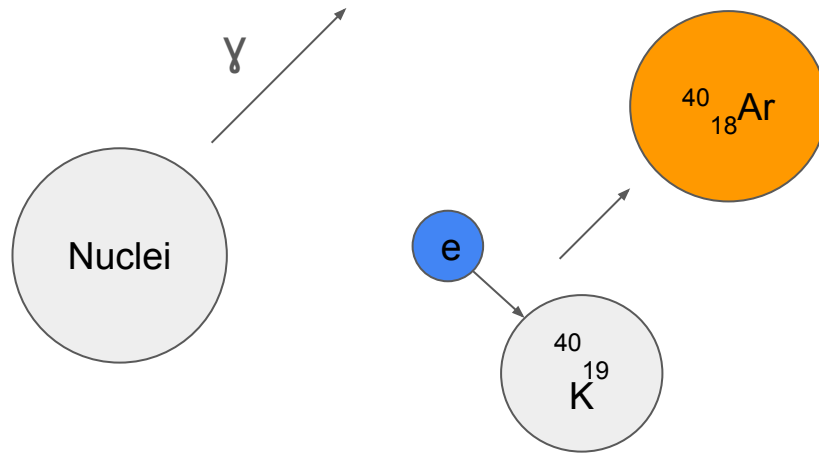
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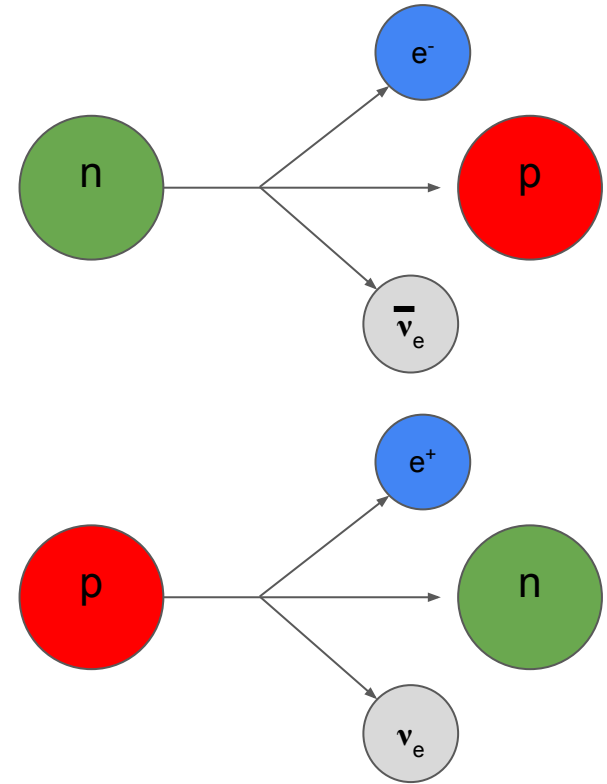
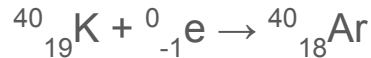


# Radiogenic processes



Isometric Transition:  
Decay from excited state  
 $X^m \rightarrow X + \gamma$

Electron Capture:  
Energy release by absorption



Beta decay:  
Results in production of  
electron/positron

# Production process

Cosmic rays, largely result in the production of muons, neutrons and protons (amongst others).

Neutrons and Protons:

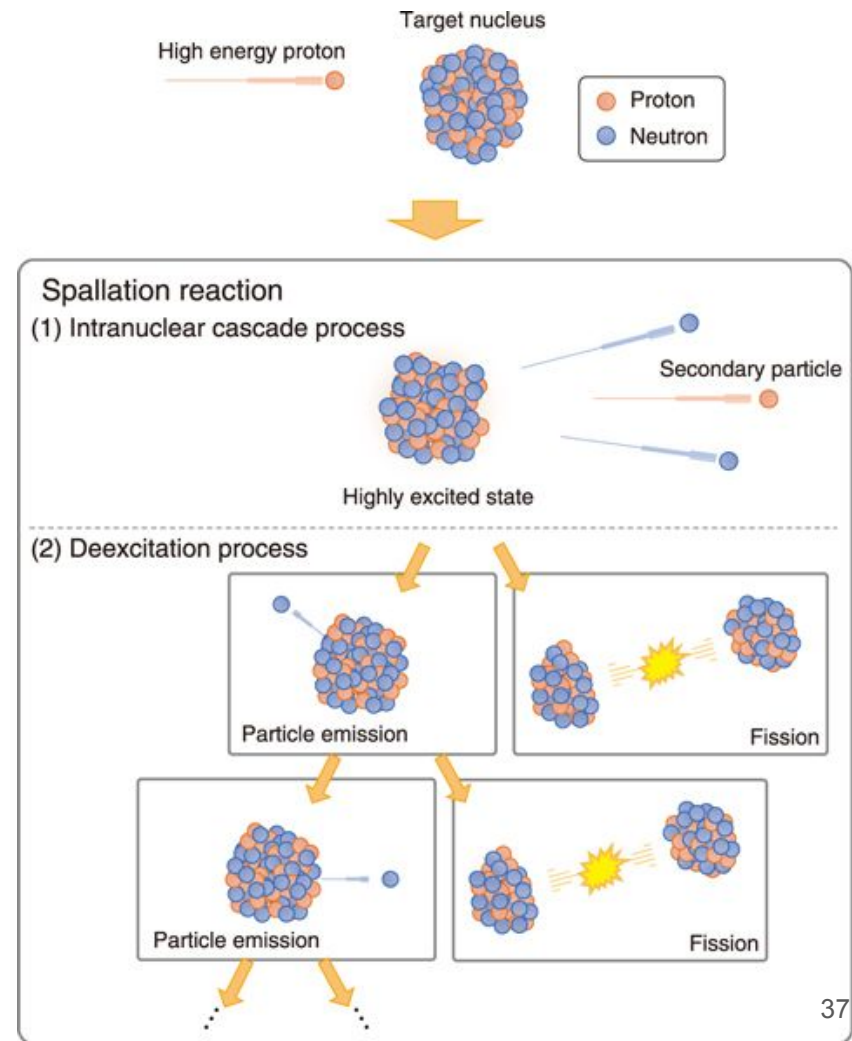
- Produces spallation within nucleons

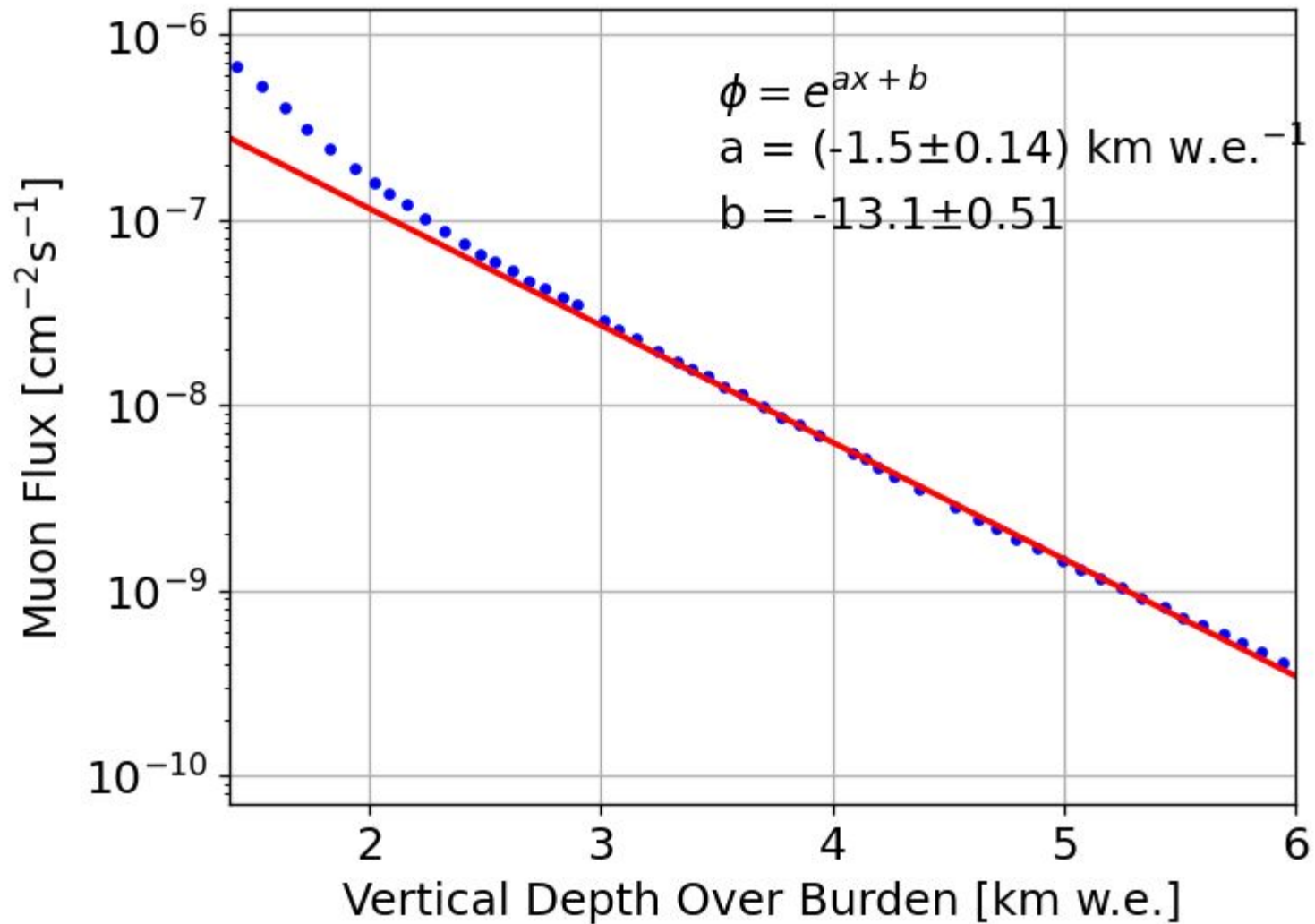
Muons:

- Can directly produce spallation or Induce spallation

Results in radiogenic particles.

$^3\text{H}$ ,  $^{14}\text{C}$ ,  $^{36}\text{Cl}$ ,  $^{32}\text{Si}$ ,  $^{10}\text{Be}$  and  $^7\text{Be}$





# COSINE Background

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1804.05167>

		Crystal-1	Crystal-2	Crystal-3	Crystal-4	Crystal-6	Crystal-7
Internal	$^{40}\text{K}$	$0.10 \pm 0.02$	$0.20 \pm 0.02$	$0.10 \pm 0.01$	$0.10 \pm 0.01$	$0.05 \pm 0.01$	$0.05 \pm 0.01$
	$^{210}\text{Pb}$	$2.50 \pm 0.10$	$1.69 \pm 0.09$	$0.57 \pm 0.05$	$0.71 \pm 0.05$	$1.46 \pm 0.07$	$1.50 \pm 0.07$
	Other ( $\times 10^{-4}$ )	$7.0 \pm 0.1$	$15 \pm 1$	$7.3 \pm 0.1$	$7.7 \pm 0.1$	$14 \pm 1$	$14 \pm 1$
Cosmogenic	$^3\text{H}$	$2.35 \pm 0.90$	$0.81 \pm 0.40$	$1.54 \pm 0.77$	$1.97 \pm 0.66$	$0.69 \pm 0.67$	$0.58 \pm 0.54$
	$^{109}\text{Cd}$	$0.05 \pm 0.04$	$0.009 \pm 0.009$	$0.13 \pm 0.06$	$0.29 \pm 0.15$	$0.08 \pm 0.08$	$0.09 \pm 0.09$
	Other	-	-	$0.02 \pm 0.01$	$0.09 \pm 0.04$	$0.06 \pm 0.03$	$0.05 \pm 0.03$
Surface	$^{210}\text{Pb}$	$0.64 \pm 0.64$	$0.51 \pm 0.51$	$1.16 \pm 0.51$	$0.22 \pm 0.16$	$0.34 \pm 0.20$	$0.38 \pm 0.21$
External		$0.03 \pm 0.02$	$0.05 \pm 0.04$	$0.03 \pm 0.02$	$0.03 \pm 0.02$	$0.04 \pm 0.03$	$0.03 \pm 0.02$
Total simulation		$5.68 \pm 1.04$	$3.28 \pm 0.67$	$3.57 \pm 0.76$	$3.41 \pm 0.75$	$2.74 \pm 0.61$	$2.70 \pm 0.51$
Data		$5.64 \pm 0.10$	$3.27 \pm 0.07$	$3.35 \pm 0.07$	$3.19 \pm 0.05$	$2.62 \pm 0.05$	$2.64 \pm 0.05$

# SuperCDMS Background

“Singles” Background Rates (counts/kg/keV/year)	Electron Recoil				Nuclear Recoil ( $\times 10^{-6}$ )	
	Ge HV	Si HV	Ge iZIP	Si iZIP	Ge iZIP	Si iZIP
Coherent Neutrinos					2300.	1600.
Detector-Bulk Contamination	21.	290.	8.5	260.		
Material Activation	1.0	2.5	1.9	15.		
Non-Line-of-Sight Surfaces	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.07	–	–
Bulk Material Contamination	5.4	14.	12.	88.	440.	660.
Cavern Environment	–	–	–	–	510.	530.
Cosmogenic Neutrons					73.	77.
Total	27.	300.	22.	370.	3300.	2900.



# Comparing Results to Detector Rates

Overburden [km w.e.]	Si [dru]	Ge [dru]	NaI(Tl) [dru]
0	0.12(2)	0.15(2)	0.16(11)
1	2.7(5)E-2	3.5(0.6)E-2	3.8(2.5)E-2
3	1.5(3)E-3	2.0(0.3)E-3	2.2(1.4)E-3
6	9.2(1.8)E-5	1.1(0.2)E-4	1.1(3)E-4

- dru = events/kg/keV/day
- Across various experiments (SuperCDMS, EDELWEISS, COSINE, SABRE) cosmogenic activation contributes O(0.1) dru
- Total backgrounds O(1) dru

Simulated cosmogenic activities at various overburden during assembly. Travel is not considered

# Equations used to simulate decay rate

Activation rate:

$$R = Ae^{-\alpha x}, R(0) = R_0 = A$$

Decay rate:

$$R/R_0 = e^{-\alpha x_a}(1 - e^{-t_a/\tau})e^{-(t-t_a)/\tau} + e^{-\alpha x_t}(1 - e^{-t_t/\tau})e^{-(t-t_t)/\tau} + e^{-\alpha x_c}(1 - e^{-t_c/\tau})e^{-(t-t_c)/\tau}$$

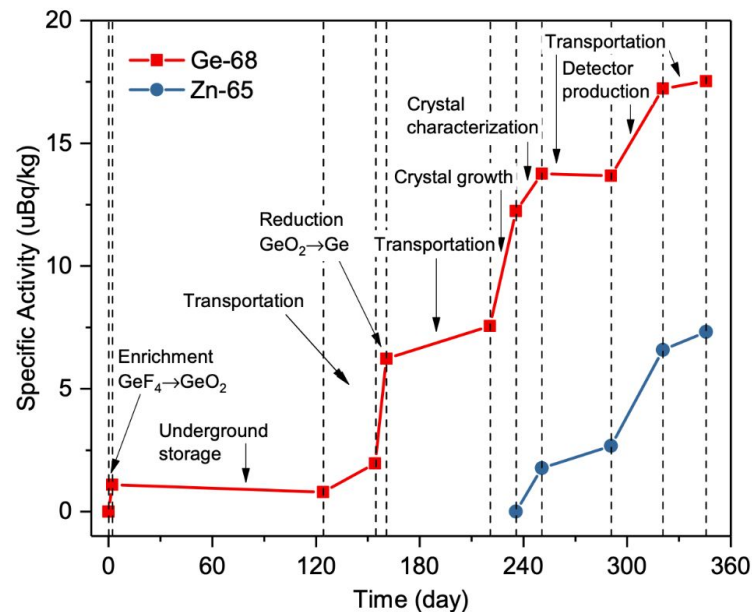
**Table 1:** Fabrication and transportation processes of germanium materials and detectors.

Event	Site or Transportation	Latitude	Altitude (m)	Duration (d)	Shielding condition
$^{76}\text{Ge}$ enrichment	Zelenogorsk	56°N	300	2.2	none
$\text{GeO}_2$ powder storage	Zelenogorsk	56°N	300	122	underground storage
$\text{GeO}_2$ shipped to Kunming	Zelenogorsk→Kunming	26°N~56°N	0~2000	30	transportation shield
$\text{GeO}_2$ converted to Ge metal	Kunming	26°N	1500	6.5	none
$\text{GeO}_2$ shipped to Oak Ridge	Kunming→Oak Ridge	26°N~52°N	0~2000	60	transportation shield
Crystal growth	Oak Ridge	36°N	300	15	none
Crystal characterization	Oak Ridge	36°N	300	15	temporary underground storage
Crystal shipped to Strasbourg	Oak Ridge→Strasbourg	36°N~48°N	0~400	40	transportation shield
HPGe detector production	Strasbourg	48°N	150	30	temporary underground storage
HPGe detector shipped to CJPL	Strasbourg→CJPL	28°N~52°N	0~2000	25	transportation shield

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2312.06127>



**Figure 2:** The transportation shield inside a shipping container.



**Project #3:**  
 **$0\nu\beta\beta$  And Light Recoils**  
**Observations w/ Ge, Si, NaI**  
Cosmogenic Activation in Si, Ge and NaI

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