

(One Scientist's Perspectives on)

# Radiopurity Databases for Detector Development

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# The (obvious) Need for Assay Databases

## Published data:

Clearly there is much related published assay data. Some “random” examples:

D. Leonard, et al. (EXO-200 Colab.), Nucl. Inst. Meth. A 591 (2008) 490. **225 measurements**

D. Leonard, et al (EXO-200 Colab.), Nucl. Inst. Meth (2017) in press **91 measurements**

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2017.04.049>

.. And many others (some referenced therein)

But no one paper contains all the world’s copper measurements for example.

## Conceptual Experiment Design:

- Need library of known realistically obtainable materials to design and show proof of principle of initial detector concept.
- Radiopurity.org serves well for surveying the published data to find realistic assumptions about obtainable material. (I look up my own data there often).
- But then must source and measure new items.
- Logs are born from materials or parts received.
  - Multiple samples and/or measurements come later.
  - History naturally fits hierarchical data structure well.
  - Radiopurity.org top level entry is a measurement.
  - Logbooks can link to measurement ID, but it’s not as cohesive and ID’s don’t obtain conversational meaning.

# Some History: Birth of a database

We've all sat in design meetings that went like this:

**Joe:** "What's the background if we use the new aluminum?"

**Sue:** "The new aluminum from last year."

**Joe:** "Yeah"

**Matt:** "40 uBq/kg... converting to ppt, I mean ppb."

**Sue:** "You forgot the branching ratio."

**Jack:** "Wait, wait, that's with *old-new* aluminum, not the *new-new* aluminum."

**Joe:** "Some grad student figure this out for next week."

## Next week

Joe: "What's the background if we use the new aluminum?"

Sue: "The new aluminum from last year...."

Random Post doc (that was me): **"Hey, let's use our e-log and write this stuff down!"**

This costs real time and productivity.

# More than just numbers

A real experiment needs to track complex and in-house information.

- Invoices
- Quoted text from email conversations with suppliers.
- Information on batches, quantities, locations, handling, cleaning.
- Preliminary (not always publishable) analysis results, still under discussion.
- Measurements of “trade secret” parts and materials, sometimes under active development with corporations, even with NDA’s. (non-disclosure agreements).
- How material connects to internal design decisions/applications.

These things sound like experimental log books, not public data summaries.

# The simple solution: PSI E-log

- In EXO-200 we gave a material or part a numbered e-log entry.
- Sub id's like 34.a and 34.b assigned by hand (text). For batches, varieties, etc.
- Extensive notes about dates, batches, handling methods etc.
- Summarized and attached analysis reports.
- Sometimes attached related MC background reports as well.
- Related entries were "linked" simply by writing about them.

## Pros:

- Very easy to setup when it was needed yesterday.
- Encouraged communication with complete thoughts and stories.
  - Real log-booking like scientists should do.
  - Helps avoid tunnel vision, missing details.

## Cons:

- No structured data
- No automated overview of assay results
- Overview summaries were made by hand in excel.
- No revision history or dates => updates to summaries required diligent oversight or reviewing EVERY entry for changes.

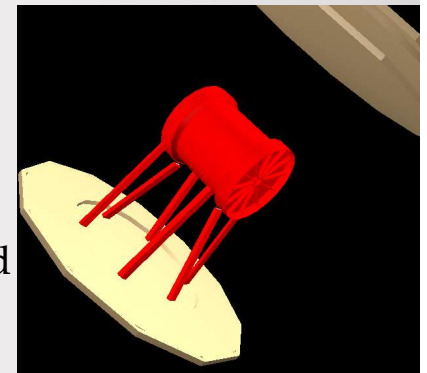
Materials Database elog, Page 12 of 12					Logged in as "All Users"
<a href="#">Find</a>   <a href="#">New</a>   <a href="#">Logout</a>   <a href="#">Config</a>   <a href="#">Help</a>					
<a href="#">Full</a>   <a href="#">Summary</a>   <a href="#">Threaded</a>					
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ID	Date	Author	Subject	Category	Text
19	Wednesday, 23 November 2005, 09:27:14	P.C. Rowson	LED-based liquid level sensors - GEM Inc.	Data	Sensors are an off the shelf item (see weblink below) consisting of a IR transmitter/receiver and I presume a small
18	Wednesday, 23 November 2005, 07:50:37	Carter Hall	TPC field cage resistor paste and conductive paste	Data	WD 18.1 1108 Resistor Paste Made by Dupont,
17	Thursday, 20 October 2005, 14:10:35	D. Leonard	Nordeutsche Affinerie, Copper made May 2002 for EXO	Notes	This is the main entry for the EXO crystal copper.
16	Wednesday, 12 October 2005, 13:15:23	D. Leonard	Original aluminum for Advanced Photonics photo diodes.	Notes	This is the original aluminum stock used for the advanced photonics
15	Thursday, 06 October 2005, 14:04:29	D. Leonard	Doe Run Goslar lead	Notes	Edited 8/17/2007 by AP The Doe Run lead lots used for EXO were consi
14	Monday, 03 October 2005, 16:09:37	Carter Hall	20 mil phosphor bronze wire	Data	20 mil phosphor bronze wire, annealed.
		Carter Hall, Bob	Copper		ENTRY C105F1 SUPPLEMENTED hv

# Beyond logging: Bkgd Estimations

Programmatic spreadsheet to summarize :

- 1) Materials assay (auto-linked to elog)
- 2) Monte Carlo efficiencies.
- 3) Parts. Could create parts on-the-fly (during meetings) to estimate backgrounds
  - Select material
  - Enter mass/quantity
  - Choose closest existing MC (guess) efficiencies.
  - Estimates background impact.
  - For quick decisions, MUCH faster than waiting for a new MC, and often good enough.
- Includes functions to standardize Bayesian limit calculations and prepare latex table for publication, but it wasn't very friendly to most users.

MD Number	Sub MD#	Meas. ID	Description	Mat	Last Change	Hyper Link	Analysis Units	40k	+/-	Th	+/-
<b>Phosphor Bronze</b>											
34		1	Grid wire raw material for MD47	PB	8/8/2007	34 Ge Neuchatel	g	<	369.73684	<	0.1083744
34		2	Grid wire raw material for MD47	PB	8/8/2007	34 ICPMS	g	<	80	<	0.027
35		1	un-etched spiders, 46 is final part	PB	8/8/2007	35 ICPMS	g	<		<	0.0025
14		1	Phosphore bronze wire	PB	2/8/2007	14 GDMS	g	<	23	<	0.02
48		1	3/4 hard phosphor bronze	PB	2/8/2007	48 Neuchatel K+ ICPMS	g	<	284	<	0.04
45		1	1/2 hard P-B for door seal	PB		45 ICPMS	g	<		<	0.05
45		2	1/2 hard P-B for door seal	PB		45 Neuchatel	g	<	248	<	0.083
45		3	1/2 hard P-B for door seal combined measurement	PB	8/8/2006	45 combined Neuchatel	g	<	248	<	0.05
<b>Cold Seals</b>											
57		1	Inconel seals, test material only			57 Neuchatel					
101		1	IndiumJet Seal	PB	10/12/2006	101 Patricia ICPMS Oct 06	g				0.06889
172		1	In-plated P-B test piece (New Jersey Plating) from MD45		2/17/2009	172 ICPMS	g				0.0441
187 a		1	Jetseal: Old Batch A Door rings In plated (SLAC) from MD45		2/17/2009	187 See control, part e					0.0012
187 b		1	Jetseal: New Batch B unilflow rings from MD45		2/17/2009	187 See control, part e					0.0012



Material Description	URL	Sort	Update	Log	/use/location/notes	mat.	MD#	MD#	ID	ID#	(fraction)	Used	Status	Assigned to	items	per item	unit	units	Matchqu
Combined Shiva+INMS unaltered spectator	13	1	10/6/2009		Cryostat		13	2	2	2	1	1	Choose right material		1	5901000	g	g	yes
Flat cable, 25um, kapton layer	1	2	9/1/2006	34	OV feedthrough		1	1-kapt	1	2	1	1	Final: installed		1	20	cm^2	cm^2	yes
Flat cable, 25um, kapton layer	1	3	8/9/2006	13	Used as cover in Vac region		1	1-kapt	1	2	1	1	Final: installed		1	323	cm^2	cm^2	yes
Flat cable, 40um, kapton layer	1	4	8/9/2006	13	Used as cover in Vac region		1	2-kapt	1	2	1	1	Final: installed		1	1084	cm^2	cm^2	yes
APD combined worst case limit	98	5	9/13/2006			170&98	98		3	1	1	1	Final		518	1	APD	APD	yes
Paint for Lead bricks, Doe Run Goslar	29	6	8/8/2006		Lead brick paint		29		1	4	1	1	Final		1	300	g	g	yes
Goslar Lead MD25-28, worst case limits.	25-28	7	8/8/2006		Lead Rear plus main		25-28		1	6	1	1	Final		1	43819000	g	g	yes
SNO Acrylic	59	8	8/26/2006		ring supports??		59		1	1	1	1	needs info, see also MD 180	Pocar	1	1000	g	g	yes
vacuum grease	213	9	8/14/2008		outside OV		213		1	4	1	1	Quantities can't be known		1	5	g	g	yes
Simolex translucent Si crown o-ring, 7mm	165	10	1/22/2007		crown ring		165	1	1	4	1	1	Final		1	233	g	g	yes
Simolex translucent Si door o-ring, 8mm	165	11	1/22/2007		door ring		165	2	1	4	1	1	Final		1	201.6	g	g	yes
Phosphor bronze bolts for IV teflon support	108	12	8/24/2006	18	vacuum region		108		1	2	1	1	nuts&bolts need checking	Pocar	4	80	g	g	yes
Phosphor bronze bolts for IV teflon support	108	13	1/24/2007	18	vacuum region		108		2	2	1	1	nuts&bolts need checking	Pocar	4	80	g	g	yes
5/8"-11 x 2" Si-bronze screws	75	14	8/31/2006		outside OV		75		1	4	1	1	nuts&bolts need checking	Pocar	96	53.6	g	g	yes
5/8" flat washers (copper color)	76	15	8/31/2006		outside OV		76		1	4	1	1	nuts&bolts need checking	Pocar	96	15	g	g	yes
5/8" Si-bronze lock washers	77	16	8/31/2006		outside OV		77		1	4	1	1	nuts&bolts need checking	Pocar	96	11.4	g	g	yes



# Incremental advance: Present CUP Materials Database

- Motivation again dominated by deployment speed (and learning curve/resistance).
- Reimplementation (by me) of e-log in Twiki environment.
- Does about everything E-log does (except maybe threaded replies).
- But with power of Twiki (now FosWiki):relative links, advanced search, formatting, tables, etc.

## Big Advantage: Revision History

- Can sort entries to find recent changes.
- Can show differences and old versions, (mostly meets no-erasure logging requirements).
- Integrated with/auto-linked-from CUP assay request queues.

## Cons:

Still just log entries at its core.

Welcome to the CUP Materials Database (CMD)

[Create New Material Entry](#)

[Click Here to Create an Entry...](#)

Matches are partial; case insensitive; blank fields are ignored; wildcards are \* for any characters and ? for one character

Description:  AND

Material (Generic type):  AND

Author:  AND

Deleted:  ( Yes for deleted entries, \* for all, default: not yes) AND

Body Text 1:  AND

Body Text 2:  AND (

Project 1:  OR

Project 2:  (ex: KIMS or ALL ) )

[Clear Search](#)

[Click on the header of any column to sort](#)

CMD# (Wiki Page Title)	Entry Date	Original Author	Modified Date	Last Editor	Description	Material	Projects
CMD00133	10 May 2017 - 02:49	NamYoungKIM	10 May 2017 - 02:49	NamYoungKIM	PMT Base	other	KIMS-Nal
CMD00132	27 Apr 2017 - 06:37	MooHyunLee	27 Apr 2017 - 06:37	MooHyunLee	Na2Mo2O7 crystal sample 40x40, 2 each (NII) Dec. 2016	other	AMoRE
CMD00131	26 Apr 2017 - 05:53	JukyungSon	26 Apr 2017 - 05:53	JukyungSon	MoO3 raw powder, HPGe, ICP-MS	MoO3	AMoRE
CMD00130	13 Apr 2017 - 09:32	JukyungSon	20 Apr 2017 - 03:18	JunseokChoe	Sublimation MoO3 powder_Mosub-17-4	other	AMoRE
CMD00129	13 Apr 2017 - 09:26	JukyungSon	10 May 2017 - 05:00	JukyungSon	Sublimation MoO3 powder_Mosub-17-3	other	AMoRE
CMD00128	13 Apr 2017 - 09:23	JukyungSon	14 Apr 2017 - 01:52	JukyungSon	LMO crystal_CZ02-L1705_residual crystal	other	AMoRE
CMD00127	13 Apr 2017 - 09:22	JukyungSon	13 Apr 2017 - 09:22	JukyungSon	LMO crystal_CZ02-L1704	other	AMoRE
CMD00126	03 Apr 2017 - 06:03	HyangKyuPark	03 Apr 2017 - 06:03	HyangKyuPark	MoO3 powder after three times sublimation	MoO3	AMoRE
CMD00125	31 Mar 2017 - 00:54	SeYoonPark	28 Mar 2017 - 09:22	SeYoonPark	Goodfellow Ta-disk 00.0531	Ta	CoAssay

# (Brief) Outline of a Gen 2 Database

## 4 Parts of an advanced Database (based on EXO-200 experience, outlined for nEXO)

### 1) “Material” Entries:

- Track materials and/or parts having potential bkgd impacts to experiments.
- Track samples, assays, and **quantitative results**.

### 2) Monte Carlo:

- Database for MC efficiencies in re-normalizable units: ex: **hits per decay in ROI**.
- Better yet, **root file** of full MC output, or both.

### 3) Detector Models,

- Multiple detectors definable for development/hypotheticals
- Consists of parts defined by:
  - Material
  - MC
  - Mass or extent (cm<sup>2</sup> of reflector, cm of cable, ea PMT etc) and count. ...

### 4) Background Impact Estimation

- Estimate backgrounds from detector models and parts.
- Depending on level of detail stored in MC database, can be simple bkgd ROI estimates, or full virtual experiment sensitivity estimations.

**Of course include revision date and history.**

Full design defined efforts and interfaces in detail. Forethought is required.

More detail of original concept provided in backup slides.



# nEXO "Cabinet" Database ("Gen 2" design)

- Programmed by R. Tsang, inspired by concept above.

Summary view:

Click to convert units.

Store MC root files

Material Database

Radioassay | Monte Carlo | Background Spreadsheet | EXO-200 |

Unit: mBq/kg | ppt | ppb

Show: Raw values | Feldman-Cousins limits | Flip-flopping limits

Assay, MC, and Backgrounds.

ID	Measured	PIC	Material	Sample	Measured by	U-238	Th-232	K-40	Co-60	Cs-137	Handler	Date	Location
R-001.1	2015/10/28	Tamar Didberidze			Ge counting at UA, Gell, Oct 2015	-75.3 ± 81.2	192 ± 80.7	-1.74e+3 ± 1.45e+3	26.6 ± 67.3	5.06 ± 44.3			
R-001.1.1	2014-05-21	Razvan Gomea		1	Ge counting, VdA Bern	124 ± 35.2	-1.78 ± 25.3	792 ± 404	-5.91 ± 10.7	-6.54 ± 17.7			
R-028.1.1	2015-03-17	Tamar Didberidze	Twisted Ethernet Cables	1	Ge counting at UA, Gell	-4.90 ± 4.92	7.14 ± 4.28	-160 ± 73.3	-12.5 ± 4.16	-0.367 ± 2.63			
R-001.1.1.1	2006-12-31	Gerda		1	Ge counting, ...	<0.600	<0.800	<1.80	16.8 ± ...				

Raw data or limits?

Sub samples, sub-measurements, sub-analyses.

## Software:

- Couchdb database engine
- Json document format
- Elasticsearch searching

## Cons:

Attachments, formatting, linking etc.. less advanced than Twiki (for now).

# Cabinet Assay Entry

- **Title:** Twisted Ethernet Cables
- **ID:** R-029
- **Material Name:** Cinch cat ethernet cable
- **Original Author:** Tamar Didberidze
- **Intended use:** Cables
- **Actual use:**
- **Real or MC:** Real
- **Descriptions:** Received from Ralph DeVoe at the University of Alabama on ~ 02/24/2015.  
Twisted pair: 2 25 foot lengths of Cinch cat 6 ethernet cable, part # 73-8891-25. Ordered from Mouser.  
Related counting and analysis information on UA Elog: <http://130.160.100.75/Sci/64>.
- **Remarks:** Technical Drawing: [EthernetCabledr-73-8891-25.pdf](#)
- **Tags:**

Remarks fields  
replaces elog text.  
(poor example)

R-029.1  
1

Sample 1

Measurement 1

- **Sample ID:** 1
- **Supplier:** Mouser(Ralph DeVoe)
- **Product:** Cinch cat ethernet cable
- **Part number:** 73-8891-25
- **Lot number:**
- **Normalized by (e.g. mass, area, length):** -
- **Mass/Area/Length (without unit):** 312.1
- **Unit (of mass/area/length):** g
- **Sample descriptions:** Twisted pair: 2 25 foot lengths of Cinch cat 6 ethernet cable, part # 73-8891-25. Ordered from Mouser.
- **Remaining quantity:**
- **Unit (for 'Remaining quantity'):**
- **Location:**
- **Date (yyyy-mm-dd):**
- **Mother sample (leave blank if from vendor):**
- **Sample remarks:**

R-029.1.1  
Ge counting at UA, Gell

- **Label (e.g. 'UA, NAA, 2015-09-01'):** Ge counting at UA, Gell
- **Detector:** Gell at University of Alabama
- **Measured by:** Tamar Didberidze
- **Date of measurement (yyyy-mm-dd):** 2015-03-17
- **Counted from (yyyy-mm-dd):** 2015-02-26
- **Counted to (yyyy-mm-dd):** 2015-03-17
- **Livetime [s]:** 1537398.6
- **Normalized by (e.g. mass, area, length):** -
- **Mass/Area/Length (without unit):** 312.1
- **Unit (of mass/area/length):** g

Analysis 1

R-029.1.1.1  
Tamar Didberidze

- **Analyzer:** Tamar Didberidze
- **Analysis quality:** -
- **Measurement type:** Regular measuremer
- **U-238:**
  - **Specific Activity:** [redacted]
  - **Error type:** Symmetric error (68% C
  - **Error:** 4.92
  - **Alternate limit:**
  - **Systematic error:**
  - **Lower error (for asym. err.):**
  - **Unit of measurement:** mBq/kg
- **Th-232:**
  - **Specific Activity** [redacted]

Attachments



## Attachments

[TwistedCablesIntheGellDetector\\_UA.jpg](#)  
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[GellBackground\\_vs\\_nEXOTwistedCable\\_UniversityofAlabama\\_Gell.pdf](#)  
[EthernetCabledr-73-8891-25.pdf](#)  
[SimulationofTwistedEthernetCables\\_Gell\\_UniversityofAlabama.pdf](#)  
[TwistedEthernetCables\\_UniversityofAlabama\\_Gell\\_Analysis.xlsx](#)  
[TwistedEthernetCable\\_UniversityofAlabama\\_Gell\\_Fits.pdf](#)

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## Revisions

2017/05/18  
14:42:11

2015/03/27  
11:28:24

2015/03/26  
18:36:53

2015/03/26  
18:20:42

2015/03/26  
18:17:40

2015/03/26  
18:17:17

Show  
More

Revisions

# Cabinet Detector Model

- Detector models
- Built from parts.  
(defined by material, MC, etc)
- Generates background spreadsheet.

## Material Database

Welcome dleonard!  
[Logout?](#) [Edit this post.](#)

[Home](#) | [Radioassay](#) | [Monte Carlo](#) | [Background Spreadsheet](#) | [EXO-200](#)  
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- **Title:** Detector (ver. 15a)
- **ID:** D-001
- **Remarks:** v62: Updated cryostat masses to match the HFE tech note. The tech note uses thinner cryostat walls, based on

#	Component	Download Spreadsheet
1	Outer Cryostat	<button>Generate and Download</button>
2	Inner Cryostat	<button>Generate and Download</button>
3	HFE	<button>Generate and Download</button>
4	TPC Vessel	<button>Generate and Download</button>
5	Cathode	<button>Generate and Download</button>

Summary Spreadsheet: Generate and Download

### Attachments

[electronic\\_mass\\_estimate\\_05122016.xlsx](#)

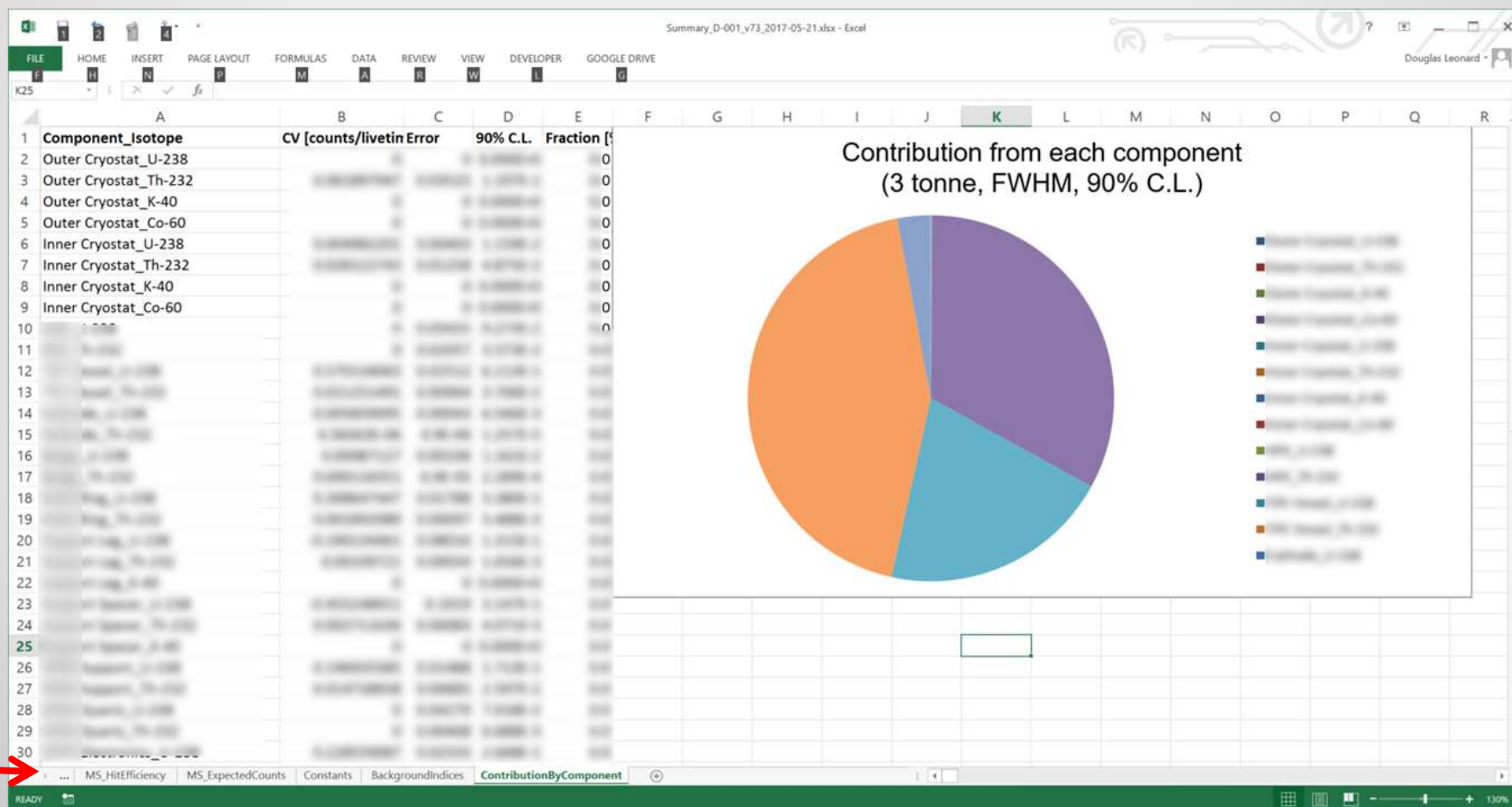
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### Revisions

2016/09/08 12:50:21 (Current)	2016/09/08 12:49:56 (Revision 72)	2016/09/07 09:41:19 (Revision 71)
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# Cabinet Background Summaries

- Many, many, tables and views provided to assess bkgd contributions.
- What-if analysis can be done at spreadsheet level or starting in database.
- Limits using Bayeseian/FC/truncated-gaussian.





# (Some) Other Databases

- Radiopurity.org (previous talk)

J.C Loach, J. Cooley, G.A. Cox, Z. Li, K.D. Nguyen, A.W. P. Poon, Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 839 (2016) 6-11

nEXO database developed independently, but ultimately very similar.

nEXO data structure more hierarchical.

- radiopurity.org one document per measurement, very suitable for published data.

- nEXO document vaguely defines a “material” with many “samples”, “measurements” and “analyses”

- Majoranna : N. Abgrall et. al. Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 779 (2015) 52-62.

- Also couchdb, json, (and I think elasticsearch from discussion with Robert Varner)

- Parts tracking database, NOT an assay database.

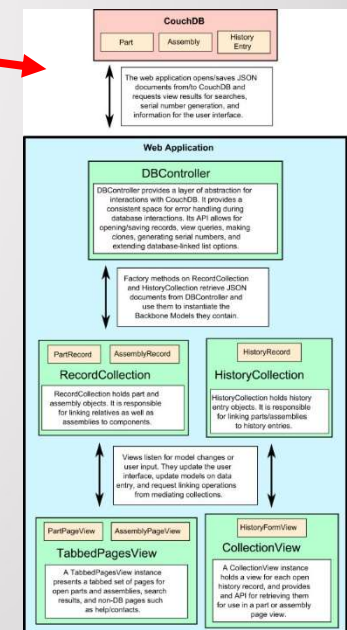
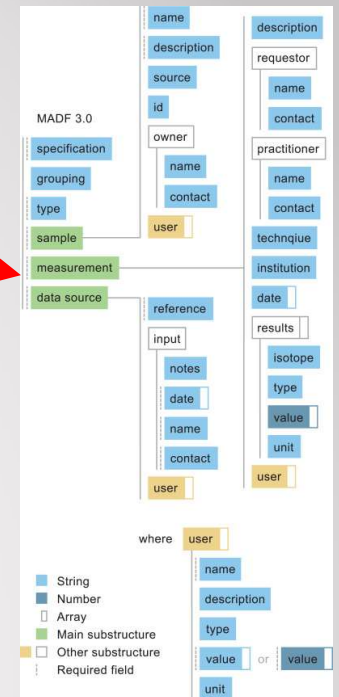
- Three record types: parts, assemblies, histories.

- In my experience, this is important, difficult, and potentially lacking in other solutions.

- But also difficult to structure.


- Paper notes the flexibility of json documents (and difficulty of generic queries).

- Kamioka: Next talk.



# (Some) Other Databases contd..

- LZ:

LZ Information Repository				
				
Database:	Screening	Cleanliness Controls	Analytics	Parts
eLog:	Screening	Cleanliness Controls	Materials	Parts
Tools:	Custom QR generator	Calculators	Geo-location	Apply account
Auxiliary:	WindChill	PMT test@Brown	LZ Twiki	Help

- Maintained by Joseph Hor and Jerry Busenitz. University of Alabama.

Similarly includes tools for:

- Assay measurements
- Cleaning protocols and related docs
- Parts tracking
- Background calculations, with what-if scenarios.
- Uses QR labels to find web entry.
- Based on MongoDB (like couchdb, holds json documents)



- Others? Probably far from exhaustive list.



# Final Thoughts

- Real experiments complicate software and data structure demands.
- Json is flexible (extensible), difficult to query, but unanimous favorite.
- Hierarchy may limit compatibility though.
- Can databases be similar enough to easily transfer data to a world database?  
Probably yes, but will it anyone spend time on automated translation?
- Published data needs review of details anyway.
- Now considering Cabinet (nEXO) database for future of CUP experiments (and elsewhere?)
  - May use professional development support.
  - Other similar efforts ongoing, let's keep in touch when possible.
- Is too much structure bad?
  - Do people still pause to write down what happened?
  - Do they see a logbook?
    - ... Or a computer system with check boxes?
  - Do they just ask (ok, ok, but which boxes do you want me to tick?)
  - Is e-log (or the Twiki replacement) still the best?
  - Can we ever know all the data structure we'll need?
  - Is json flexibility enough to overcome that (does nothing without human work)?
- Fast estimates from existing MC and assay are crucial to efficient design cycle.
- **Decisions** are facilitated by structured databases providing the latest answers and summaries.