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Status of the SuperNEMO Demonstrator and First Physics Data

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SuperNEMO is a double-beta-decay experiment, whose isotope-agnostic tracker-calorimeter architecture has the unique ability to track trajectories and energies of individual particles. If the hypothesised lepton-number-violating process, neutrinoless double-beta decay (0v $\beta\beta$), is discovered, this full topological event reconstruction will be the only way to determine the mechanism. The detector serves as proof of concept for many novel developments in tracker-calorimeter technology, which could be used in a scaled-up version with neutrino-mass sensitivity comparable to next-generation experiments. In addition, the Demonstrator is uniquely positioned to make detailed studies of the Standard Model double-beta decay process (2v $\beta\beta$). Precise kinematic measurements of these events can place important constraints on nuclear models and the axial coupling constant, gA. Additionally, the Demonstrator can probe beyond-the-Standard-Model phenomena, including exotic 0v $\beta\beta$ modes, Lorentz-violating decays, and bosonic neutrino processes. The SuperNEMO Demonstrator, located at LSM, France, is currently collecting double-beta-decay data from a 6.11kg Se-82 $\beta\beta$ source. First physics data and physics objectives will be presented.

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