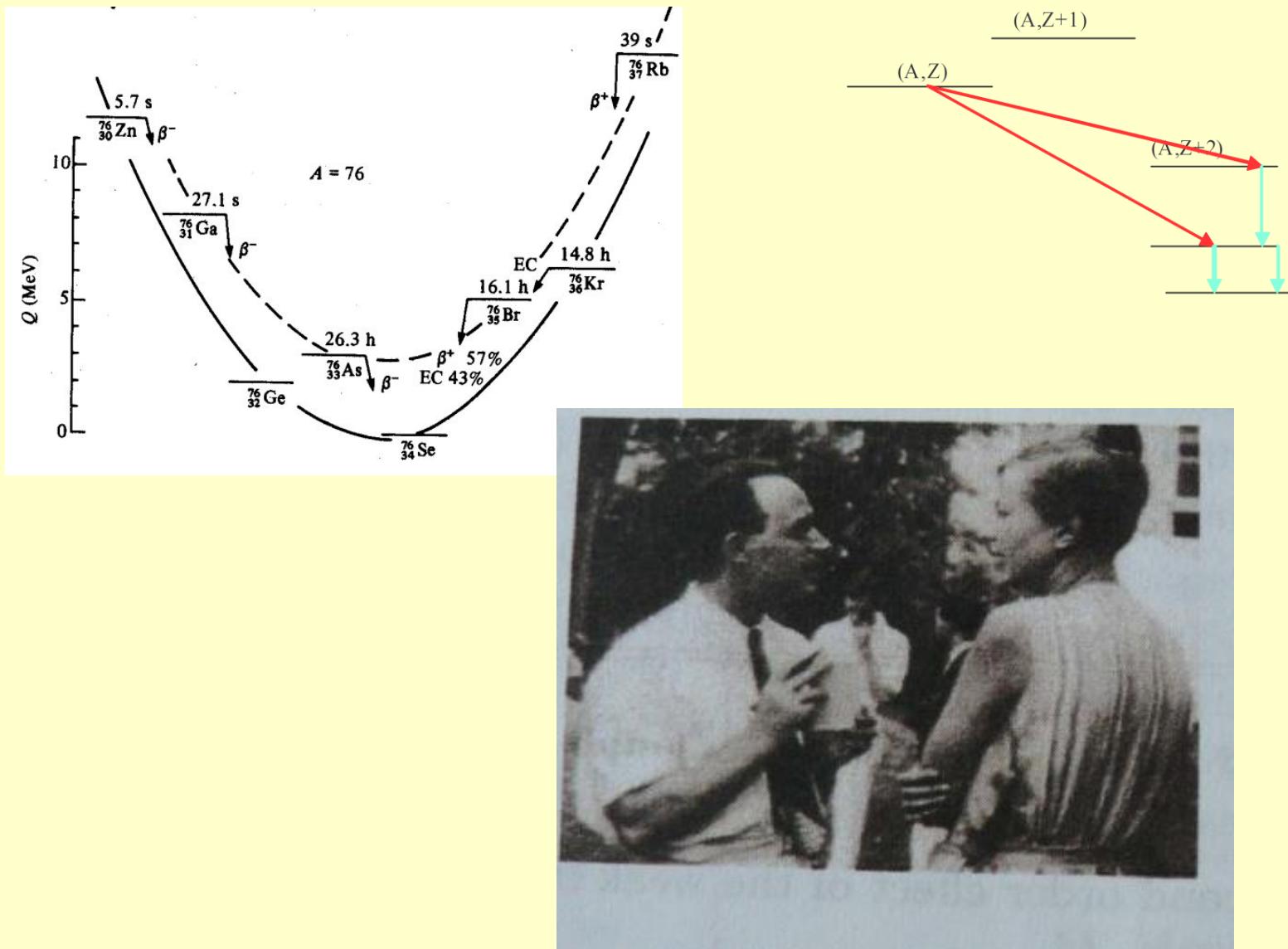
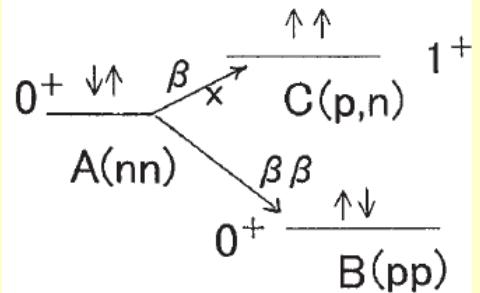


# Double beta decay, neutrino and Majorana theory

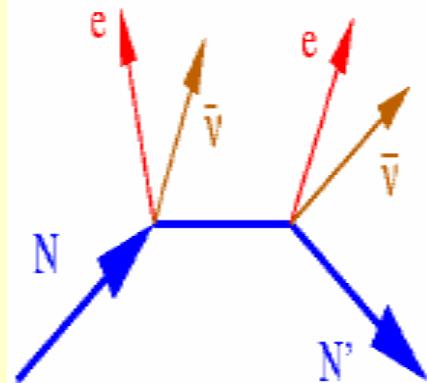
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8. *Majorana theory in solid states*
10. *Conclusions*



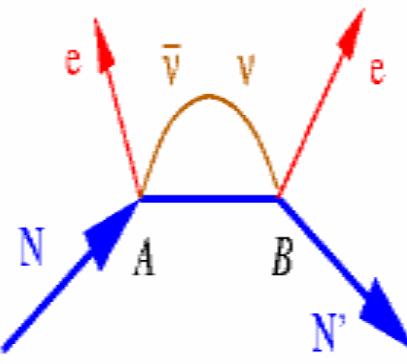
# Double beta decays



a)  $2\nu\beta\beta$



b)  $0\nu\beta\beta$



1935 M.Goeppert-Mayer, P.R. 48 (1935) 512 T> $10^{20}$

**Majorana, Nuovo Cimento 14 (1937) 171**  
**Symmetric Theory of Electron and Positron**



G. Racah, Nuovo Cimento 14 (1937) 322

W.H. Furry Lepton number nonconservation



1967:  $^{130}\text{Te}$ , Geochemical Ogata and Takaoka, Kirsten et



1987:  $^{82}\text{Se}$ , Direct counting Moe et al

.

1987 : Source=detector  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{76}\text{Ge}$





Two neutrino double beta decay Allowed by the standard model  
Found in eleven nuclei to ground state and in two to excited state



Emission of a massless Goldstone boson named Majoron (Gelmini and Roncadelli)

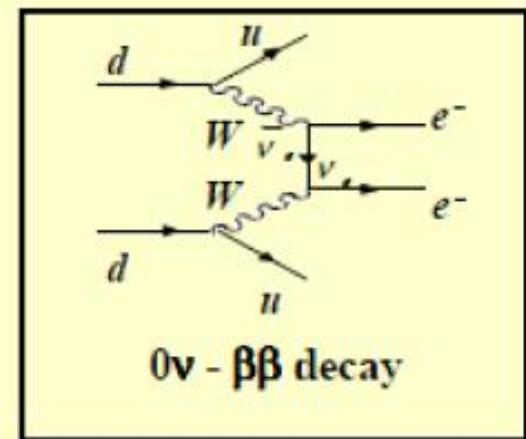
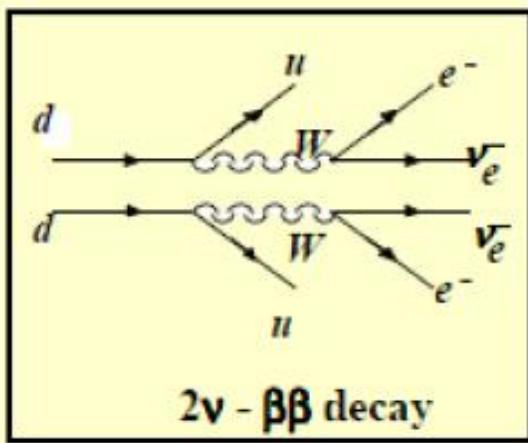
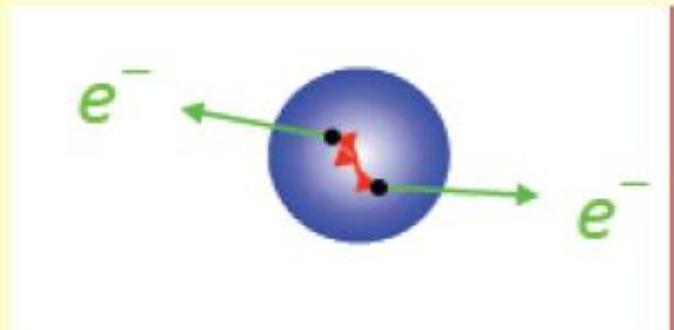
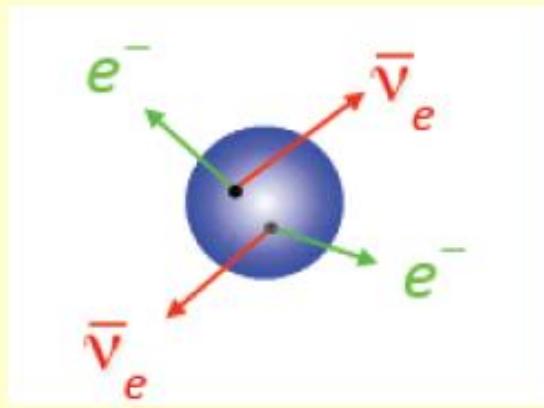


Neutrinoless double beta decay. The two electrons share the total transition energy  $E_1 + E_2 \Rightarrow \Delta E \Rightarrow$  a peak should appear in the sum spectrum of the two electrons

### Other possible “ $\Delta L=2$ ” decays

- Double positron decay  $\Rightarrow \beta^+ \beta^+$
- Positron decay + Electron Capture  $\Rightarrow EC - \beta^+$
- Double electron capture  $\Rightarrow EC - EC$

# Two neutrino and **neutrinoless** double beta decay



Measurement of the **CP phase** in the  $0\nu \beta\beta$ -decay

$$[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}]^{-1} = G^{0\nu} |M^{0\nu}|^2 |\langle m_\nu \rangle|^2 / m_e^2$$

## Experimental challenges

### Many types of detectors

- Cloud chambers
- Emulsions?
- Bubble chambers (yes for Dark Matter)
- Scintillators
- Double state liquids
- Time projection chambers
- Imaging devices
- Single atom counters  ${}^{136}\text{Xe} \Rightarrow {}^{136}\text{Ba}$
- Bolometers
- Hybrid devices

# How to search for $\beta\beta$ decay

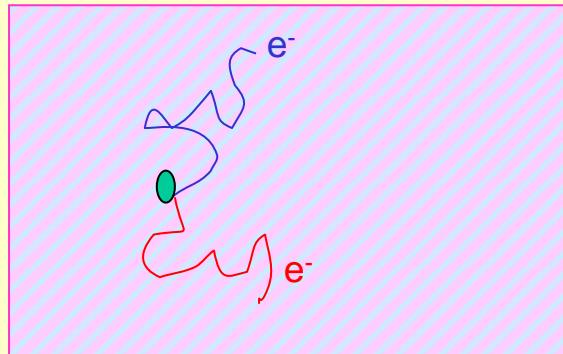
## Geochemical experiments

$^{82}\text{Se} = > ^{82}\text{Kr}$ ,  $^{96}\text{Zr} = > ^{96}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{128}\text{Te} = > ^{128}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{130}\text{Te} = > ^{130}\text{Te}$

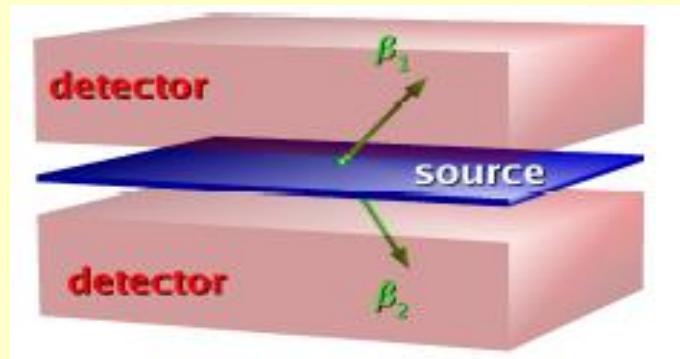
Radiochemical experiments  $^{238}\text{U} = > ^{238}\text{Pu}$  (non confirmed)

## Direct experiments

Source = detector



Source  $\neq$  detectors

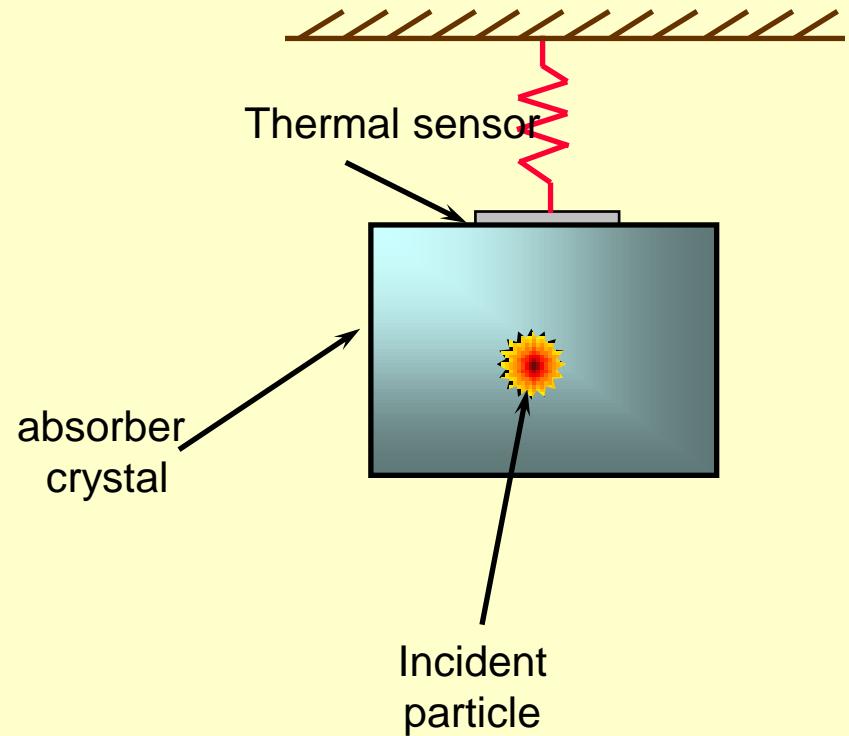


# Thermal detectors

$$\Delta T = \frac{Q}{C_V}$$

$$C_V = 1944 \frac{V}{V_m} \left(\frac{T}{\Theta}\right)^3 \text{ J/K}$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{RMS}} \propto \sqrt{\frac{k_B T_0^2 C_0}{\alpha}}$$

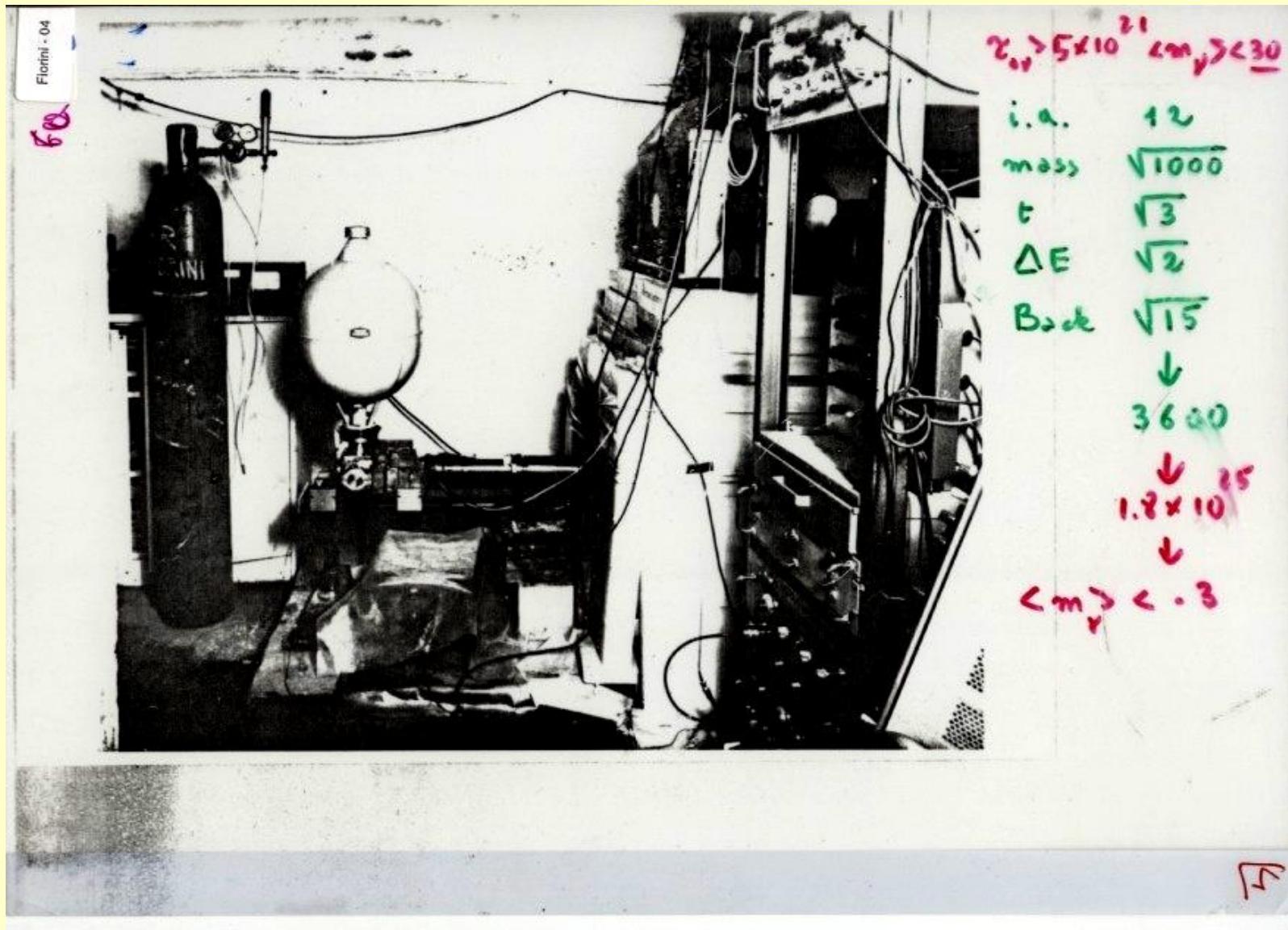


Energy resolution

<1 eV   ~1eV  
~10 eV   ~keV

@ 6 keV  
@ 2 MeV

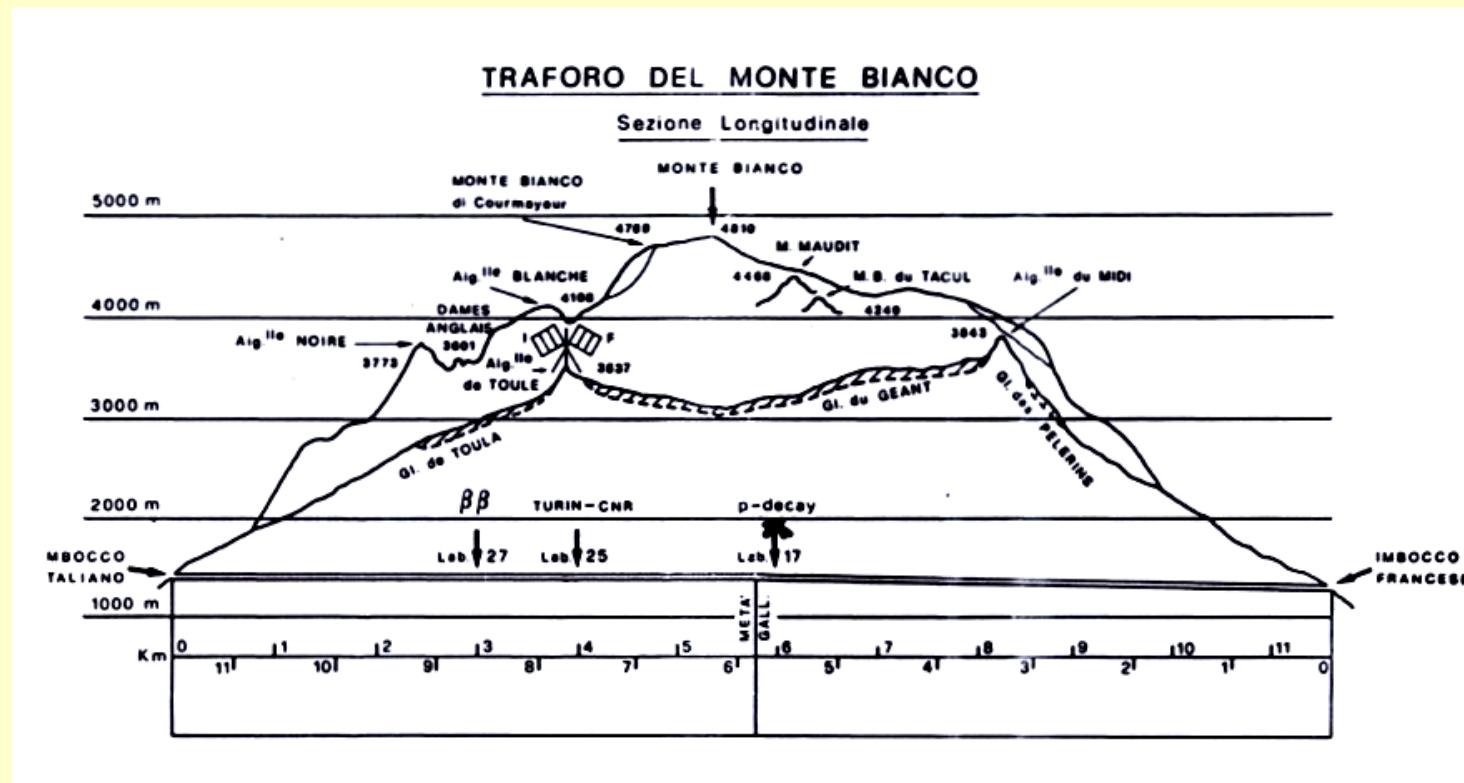
# A first $\beta\beta$ experiment



# RARE events

One of the main problem => **background**

**Cosmic rays** => underground physics

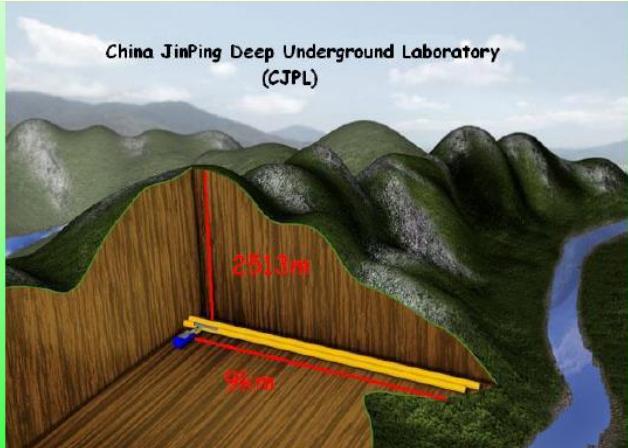




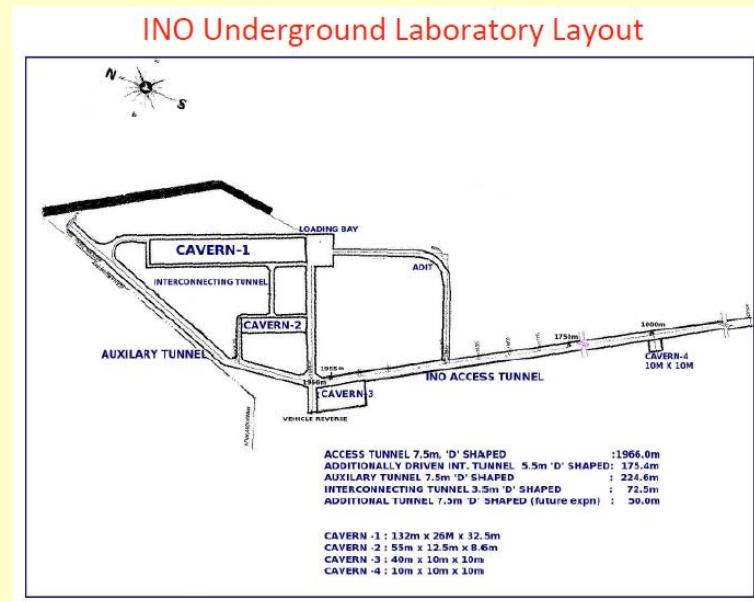
# The Jin Ping Laboratory

## (700 m.w.e)

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- Jinping Mountain Peak: 4193m
- Maximum rock overburden: ~2500m
- Length of Jinping transportation tunnel: 17.5km
- Rock cover larger than 1500m:>70%

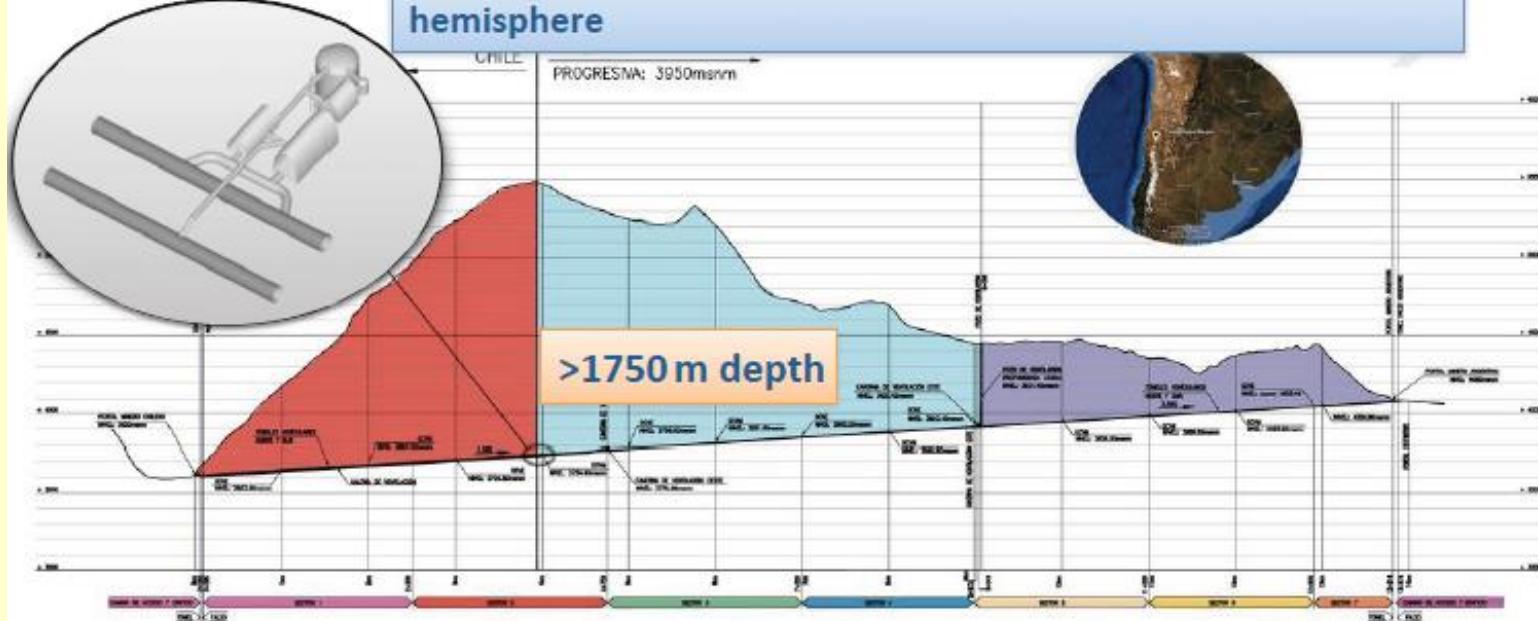


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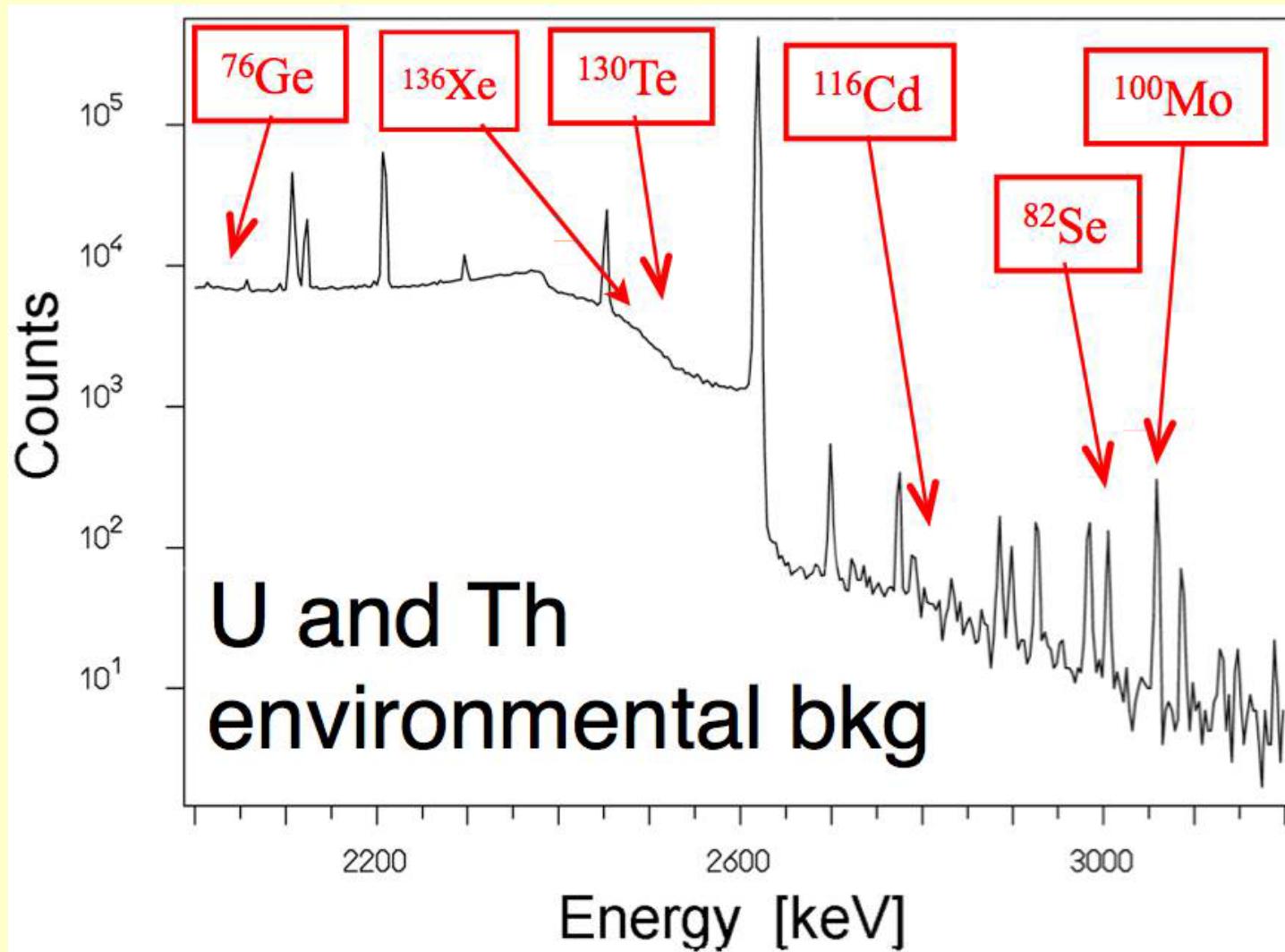
## The Agua Negra deep underground laboratory

- Agua Negra tunnel between Argentina and Chile, linking MERCOSUR to Asia
- Possible laboratory location as deep (or deeper) than Modane
- Construction planned 2012-2018 (tunnel opening)
- Horizontal access, size of ~4 000 m<sup>2</sup> and ~65 000 m<sup>3</sup> in 5 halls and pits

Only deep underground laboratory in the southern hemisphere



# Radioactivity



# CUORICINO



Ettore Fiorini

Brussel May 29 2015

# The second mystery of Ettore Majorana

## Teoria simmetrica dell'elettrone e del positrone

NOTA DI ETTORE MAJORANA

“Il Nuovo Cimento”, vol. 14, 1937, pp. 171-184.

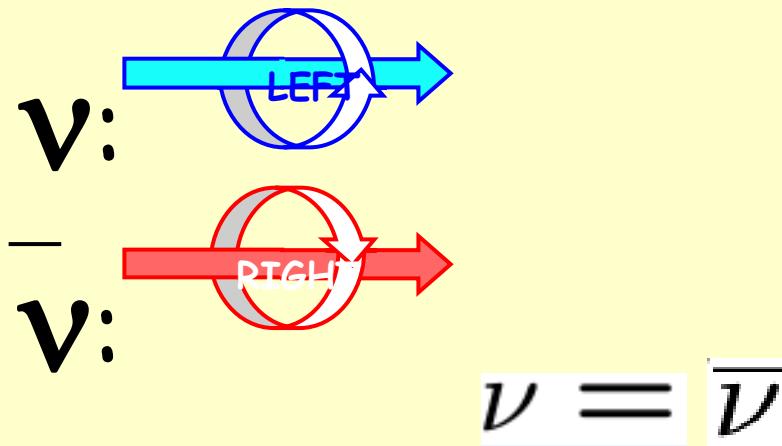
**Sunto.** — Si dimostra la possibilità di pervenire a una piena simmetrizzazione formale della teoria quantistica dell'elettrone e del positrone facendo uso di un nuovo processo di quantizzazione. Il significato delle equazioni di DIRAC ne risulta alquanto modificato e non vi è più luogo a parlare di stati di energia negativa; né a presumere per ogni altro tipo di particelle, particolarmente neutre, l'esistenza di “antiparticelle” corrispondenti ai “vuoti” di energia negativa.

In 1937, Majorana theoretically showed that the conclusions of the theory of  $\beta$  decay remain unchanged under the assumption of the existence of only one type of the neutrino having no antiparticle (i.e.,  $v \equiv -v$ ).

# Dirac or Majorana neutrino?

$$\nu \neq \bar{\nu}$$

$\rightarrow$   
 $\Leftarrow$        $\rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow$



Majorana  
=>1937



Dirac particle



Majorana particle



# *Chi l'ha visto?*

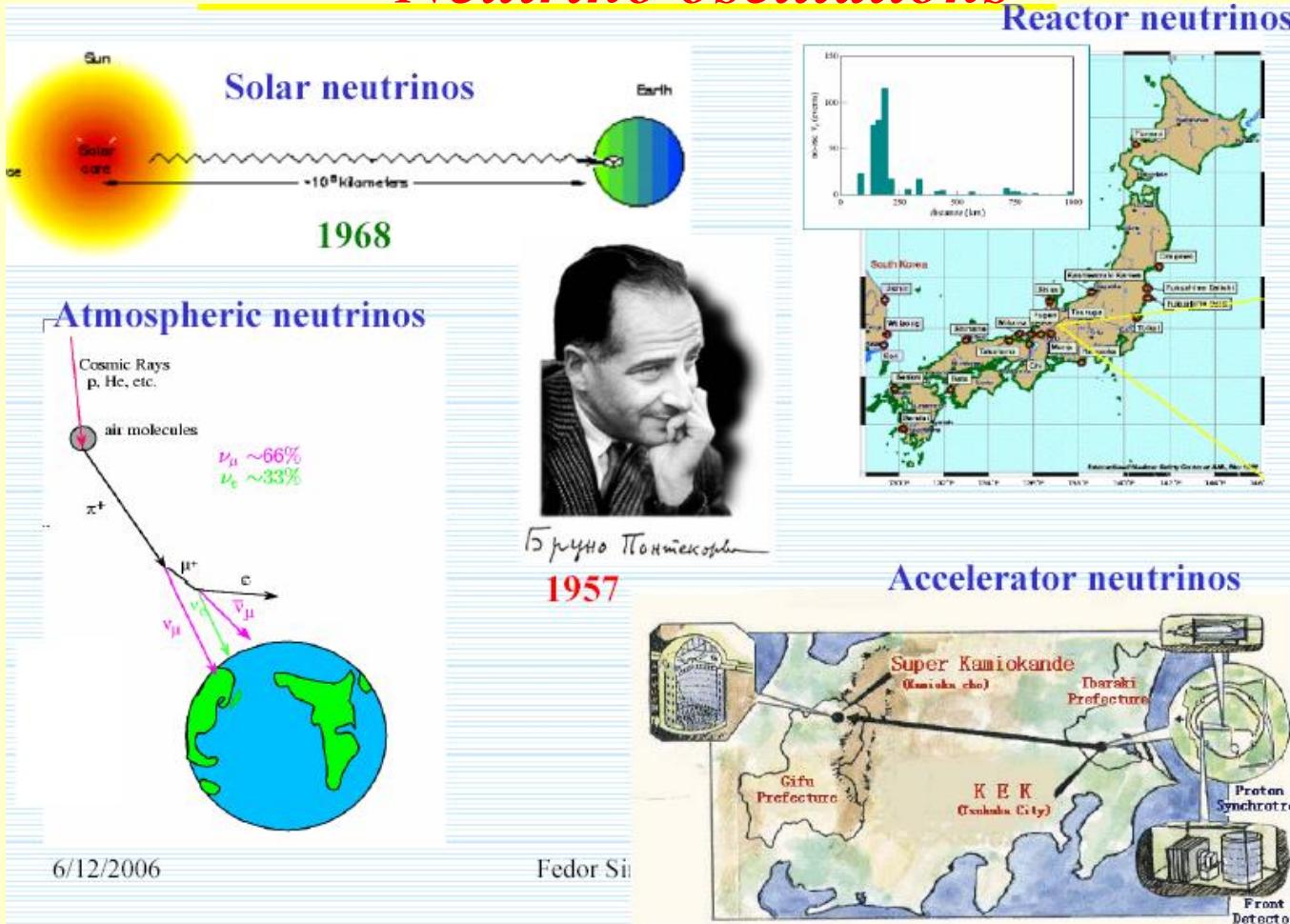


Ettore Majorana, ordinario di fisica teorica all'Università di Napoli, è misteriosamente scomparso dagli ultimi di marzo. Di anni 31, alto metri 1,70, snello, con capelli neri, occhi scuri, una lunga cicatrice sul dorso di una mano. Chi ne sapesse qualcosa è pregato di scrivere al R. P. E. Maria-

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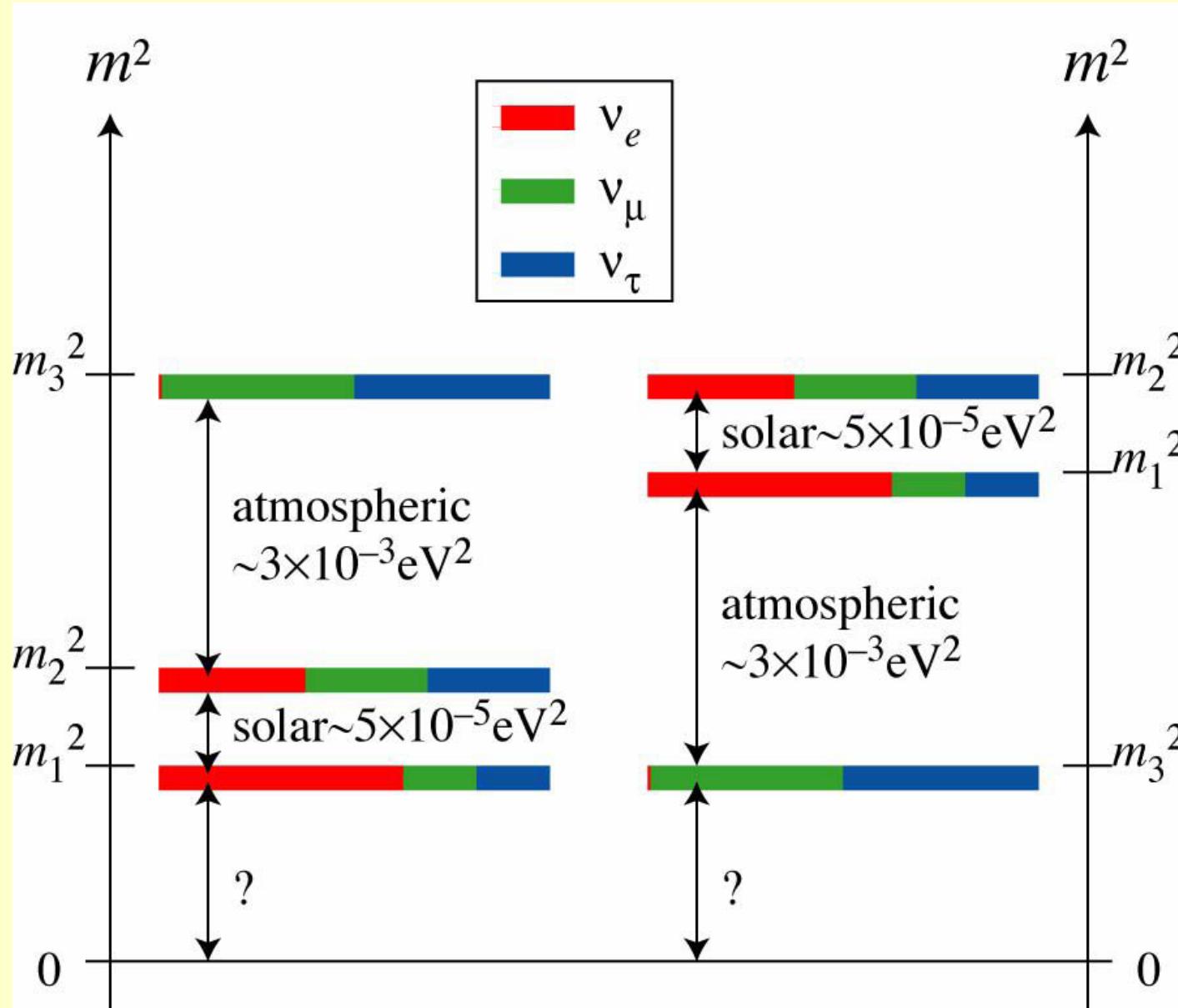
# Neutrino oscillations

Reactor neutrinos



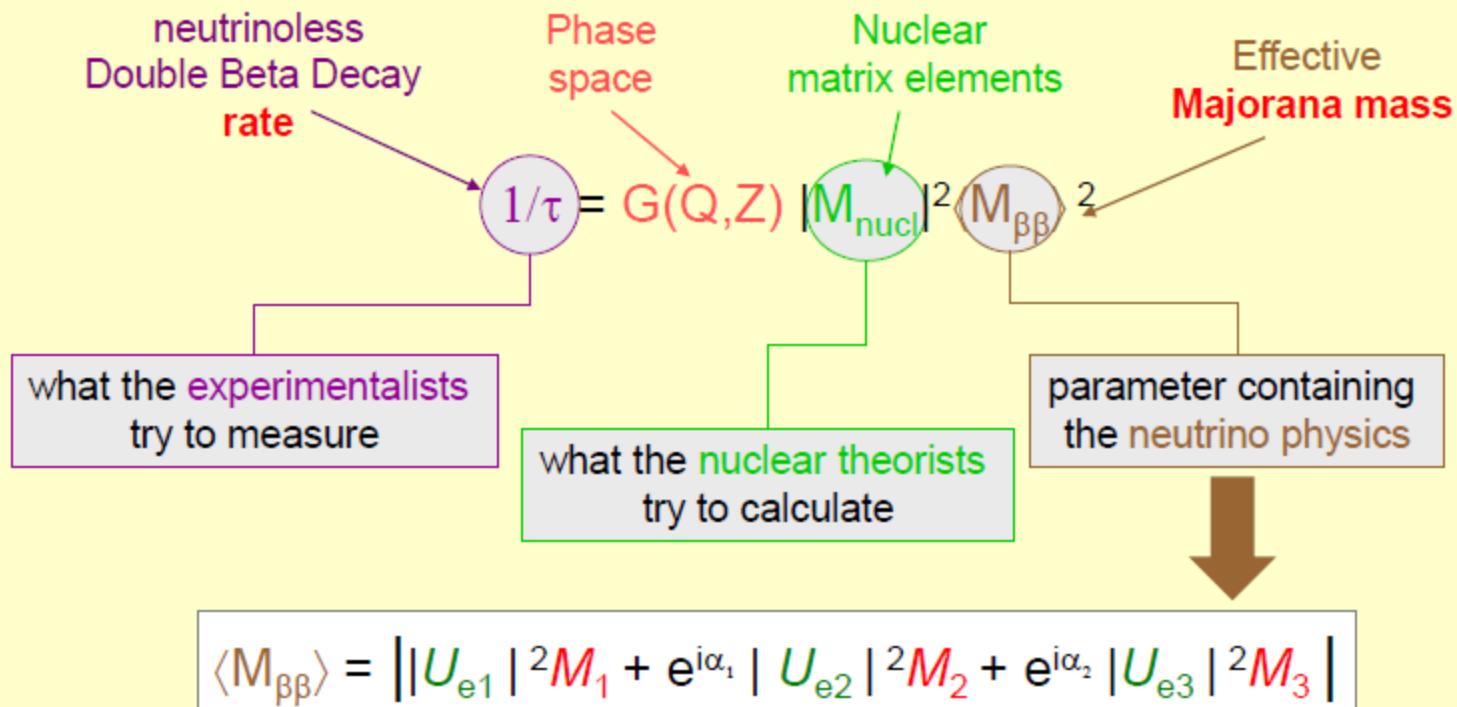
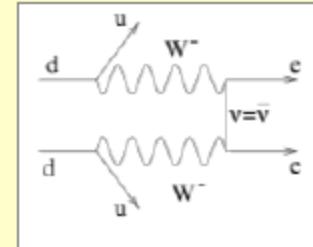
## Sterile neutrinos

LSND,Miniboon, Gallex, reactors)



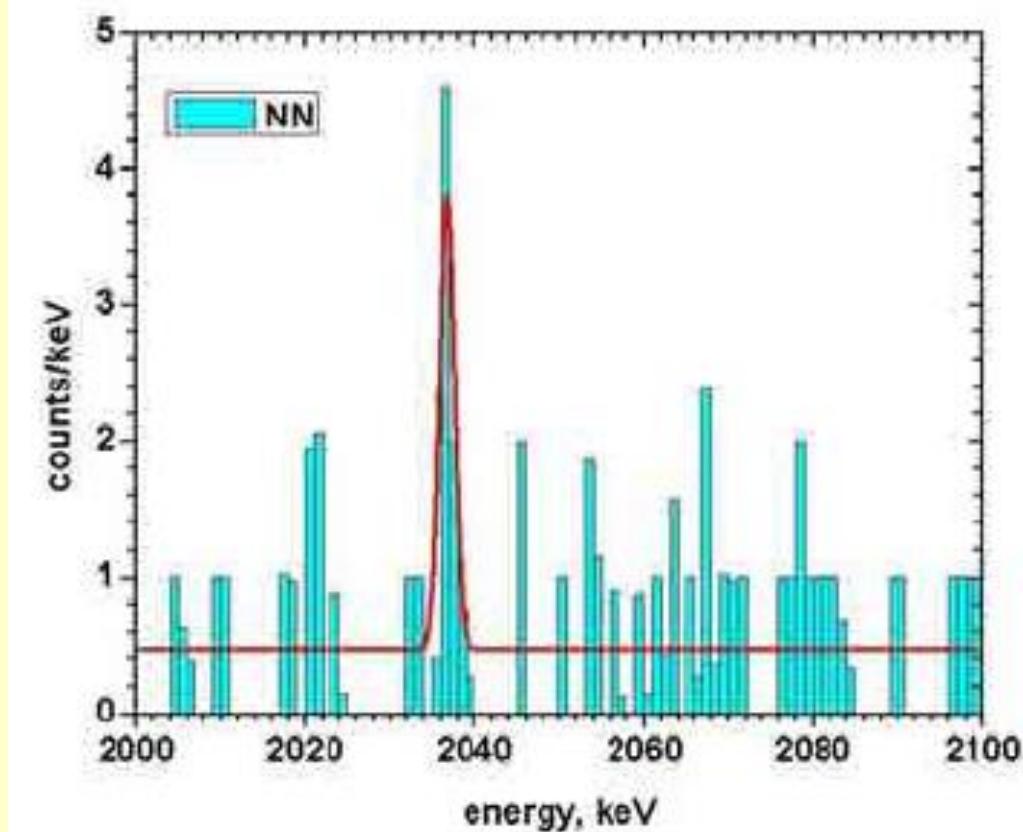
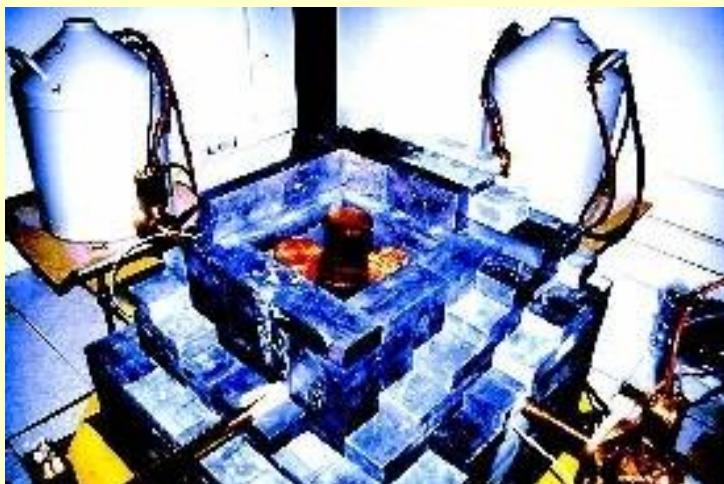
## 0ν-DBD and neutrino physics

how  $0\nu$ -DBD is connected to neutrino mixing matrix and masses in case of process induced by mass mechanism



# Bracking news => $0\nu\beta\beta$ in $^{76}\text{Ge}$

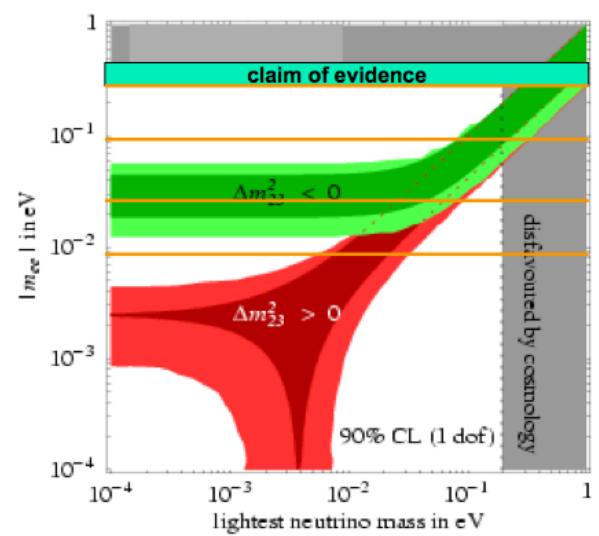
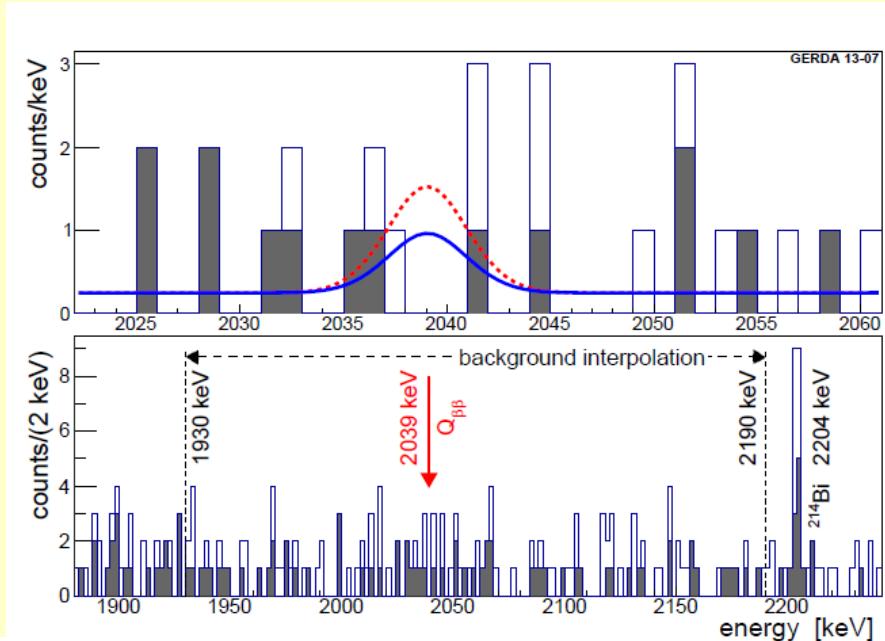
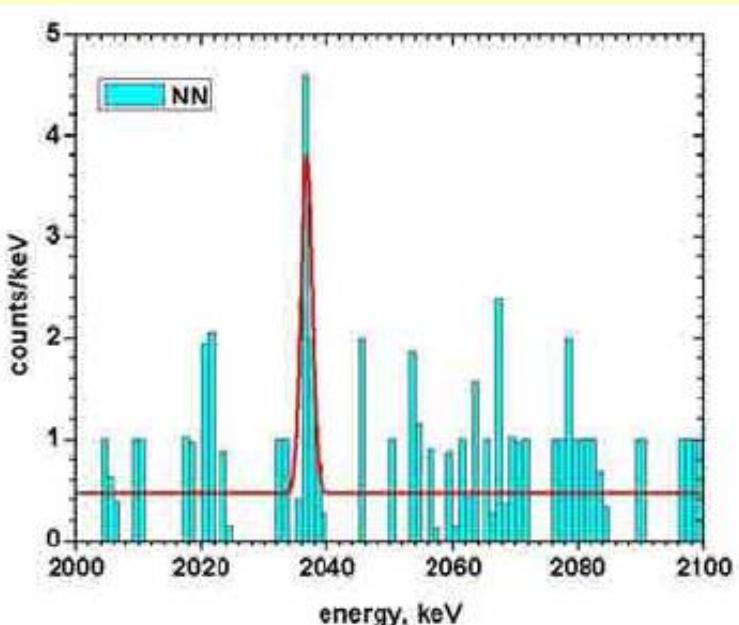
$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = (2.23^{+0.44}_{-0.31}) \times 10^{-25} \text{ y.} \quad \langle m_\nu \rangle \sim 0.34 \text{ eV}$$



# Present results on neutrinoless DBD

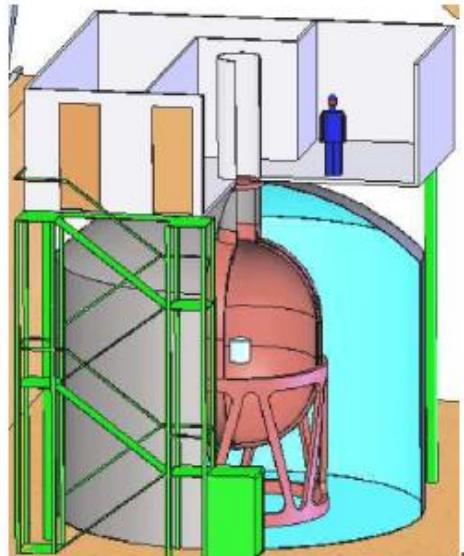
Isotope	Technique	$\tau_{\text{half-life}}$	$<\!m_{\nu} \!>$ eV	NEW
$^{40}\text{Ca}$	$\text{CaF}_2$ scint	$>1.4 \times 10^{24}$	$<1.45$	$28 \pm 180$
$^{76}\text{Ge} (\text{HM})$	Ge diode	$>1.9 \times 10^{24}$	$<(0.3-1.27)$	$1.4 \pm 6$
$^{76}\text{Ge} (\text{IGEX})$	Ge diode	$>1.6 \times 10^{24}$	$<(0.53-1.55)$	$1.6 \pm 6.3$
$^{76}\text{Ge} (\text{Klapdor 2004})$	Ge diode	$1.2 \times 10^{24}$	.38	.38
$^{76}\text{Ge} (\text{Klapdor 2006})$	Ge diode	$2.2 \times 10^{24}$	.28	.28
$^{76}\text{Ge} (\text{GERDA I})$	Ge diode	$>2.1 \times 10^{24}$	$<(2.9-1.1)$	$1.4 \pm 6.7$
$^{76}\text{Ge} (\text{GERDA+HM+IGEX})$	Ge diode	$>3 \times 10^{24}$	$<(2.5-9.8)$	$1.3 \pm 4.3$
$^{82}\text{Se}$	Foil&track	$>.6 \times 10^{24}$	$<(0.89-2.)$	$5 \pm 10$
$^{82}\text{Zr}$	Foil&track	$>9.2 \times 10^{24}$	$<(7.2-19.5)$	$37 \pm 100$
$^{90}\text{Mo}$	Foil&track	$>1.1 \times 10^{24}$	$<(0.31-7.9)$	$1.6 \pm 4.2$
$^{108}\text{Cd}$	Scintillator	$>1.7 \times 10^{24}$	$<1.7$	9.1
$^{130}\text{Te}$	Geochem	$>7.7 \times 10^{24}$	$<(1.1-1.35)$	$6.9 \pm 77$
$^{130}\text{Te}$	Bolometer	$>2.8 \times 10^{24}$	$<(0.3-7)$	$1.7 \pm 4$
$^{136}\text{Xe}$	EXO	$>1.6 \times 10^{24}$	$<140-380$	$\pm 180$
$^{136}\text{Xe}$	Kamland Zen	$>1.9 \times 10^{24}$	$<128-349$	$.84 \pm 2.3$
$^{136}\text{Xe}$	EXO+Kamzen			$.72 \pm 2.1$
$^{150}\text{Nd}$	Foil TPC	$>1.8 \times 10^{24}$		$.71 \pm 1.5$

# BUT => GERDA

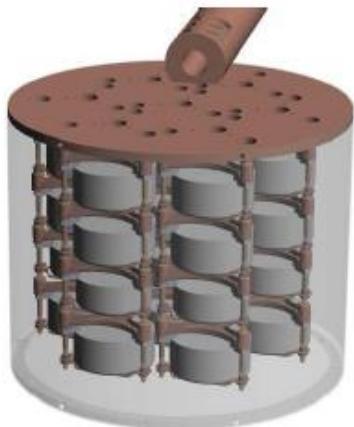


# Future experiments on DBD

Experiment	Isotope	Mass	Technique	Present Status	Location
AMoRE <sup>89,90</sup>	<sup>100</sup> Mo	50 kg	CaMoO <sub>4</sub> scint. bolometer crystals	Development	Yangyang
CANDLES <sup>91</sup>	<sup>48</sup> Ca	0.35 kg	CaF <sub>2</sub> scint. crystals	Prototype	Kamioka
CARVEL <sup>92</sup>	<sup>48</sup> Ca	1 ton	CaF <sub>2</sub> scint. crystals	Development	Solotvina
COBRA <sup>93</sup>	<sup>116</sup> Cd	183 kg	<sup>enr</sup> Cd CZT semicond. det.	Prototype	Gran Sasso
CUORE-0 <sup>69</sup>	<sup>130</sup> Te	11 kg	TeO <sub>2</sub> bolometers	Construction - 2012	Gran Sasso
CUORE <sup>69</sup>	<sup>130</sup> Te	203 kg	TeO <sub>2</sub> bolometers	Construction - 2013	Gran Sasso
DCBA <sup>94</sup>	<sup>150</sup> Ne	20 kg	<sup>enr</sup> Nd foils and tracking	Development	Kamioka
EXO-200 <sup>57</sup>	<sup>136</sup> Xe	160 kg	Liq. <sup>enr</sup> Xe TPC/scint.	Operating - 2011	WIPP
EXO <sup>70</sup>	<sup>136</sup> Xe	1-10 t	Liq. <sup>enr</sup> Xe TPC/scint.	Proposal	SURF
GERDA <sup>71</sup>	<sup>76</sup> Ge	≈35 kg	<sup>enr</sup> Ge semicond. det.	Operating - 2011	Gran Sasso
GSO <sup>95</sup>	<sup>160</sup> Gd	2 ton	Gd <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>5</sub> :Ce crys. scint. in liq. scint.	Development	
KamLAND-Zen <sup>96</sup>	<sup>136</sup> Xe	400 kg	<sup>enr</sup> Xe dissolved in liq. scint.	Operating - 2011	Kamioka
LUCIFER <sup>97,98</sup>	<sup>82</sup> Se	18 kg	ZnSe scint. bolometer crystals	Development	Gran Sasso
MAJORANA <sup>77,78,79</sup>	<sup>76</sup> Ge	26 kg	<sup>enr</sup> Ge semicond. det.	Construction - 2013	SURF
MOON <sup>99</sup>	<sup>100</sup> Mo	1 t	<sup>enr</sup> Mo foils/scint.	Development	
SuperNEMO-Dem <sup>87</sup>	<sup>82</sup> Se	7 kg	<sup>enr</sup> Se foils/tracking	Construction - 2014	Fréjus
SuperNEMO <sup>87</sup>	<sup>82</sup> Se	100 kg	<sup>enr</sup> Se foils/tracking	Proposal - 2019	Fréjus
NEXT <sup>82,83</sup>	<sup>136</sup> Xe	100 kg	gas TPC	Development - 2014	Canfranc
SNO+ <sup>84,85</sup>	<sup>150</sup> Nd	55 kg	Nd loaded liq. scint.	Construction - 2013	SNOLab



**GERDA**



**Majorana**

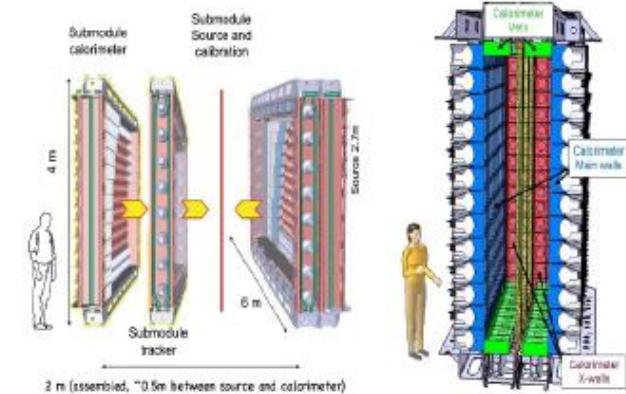
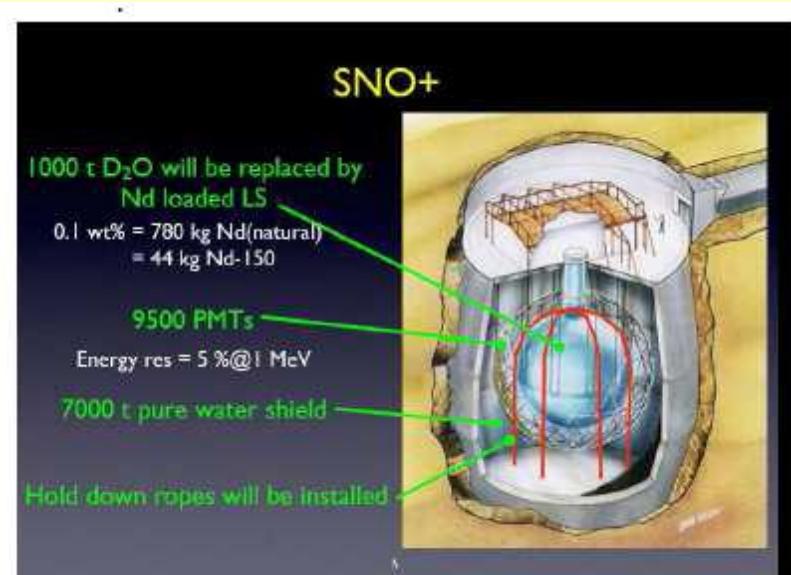


Figure 9: The SuperNEMO single module (picture from X. Sarazin, arXiv:1210.7666v1)

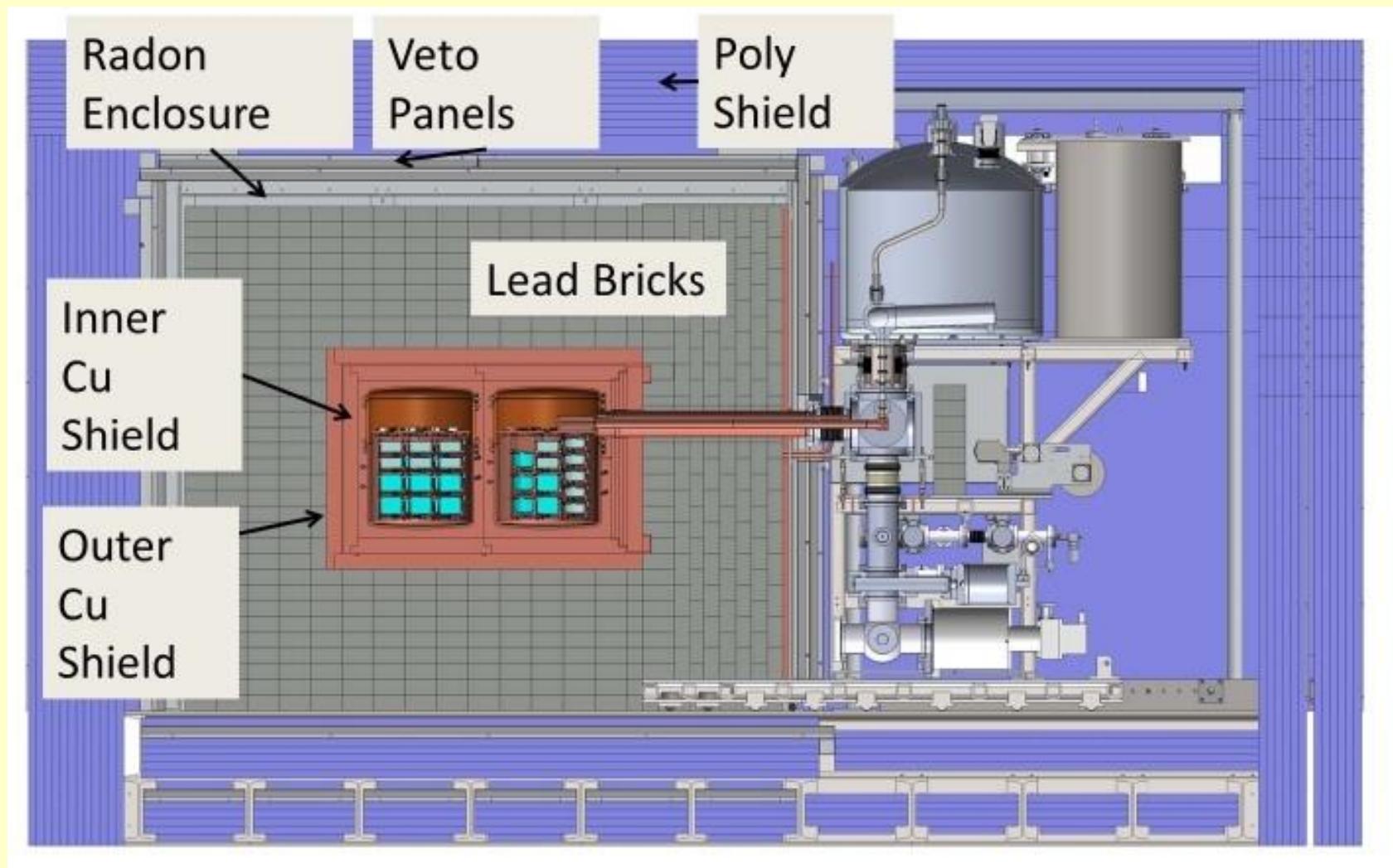


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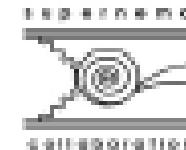
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**Supernemo**



# SuperNEMO demonstrator ( $^{82}\text{Se}$ , or $^{150}\text{Nd}$ , or $^{48}\text{Ca}$ )



- Tracking detector: technology demonstrated in NEMO3
- SuperNEMO: 100 kg of  $^{82}\text{Se}$  in 20 modules at LSM
- First, a "demonstrator", 1 module, 7 kg of  $^{82}\text{Se}$ 
  - Construction at LSM from end 2013 (commissioning: 2014)

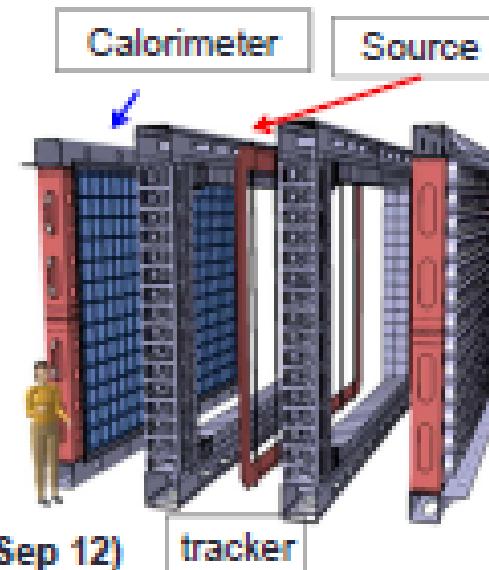
➤ Modular detector with 3 main components :

- Central source foil frame : 7 kg of isotope
- Tracking : 2 000 drift chambers
- Calorimeter : 712 scintillators+ PMTs

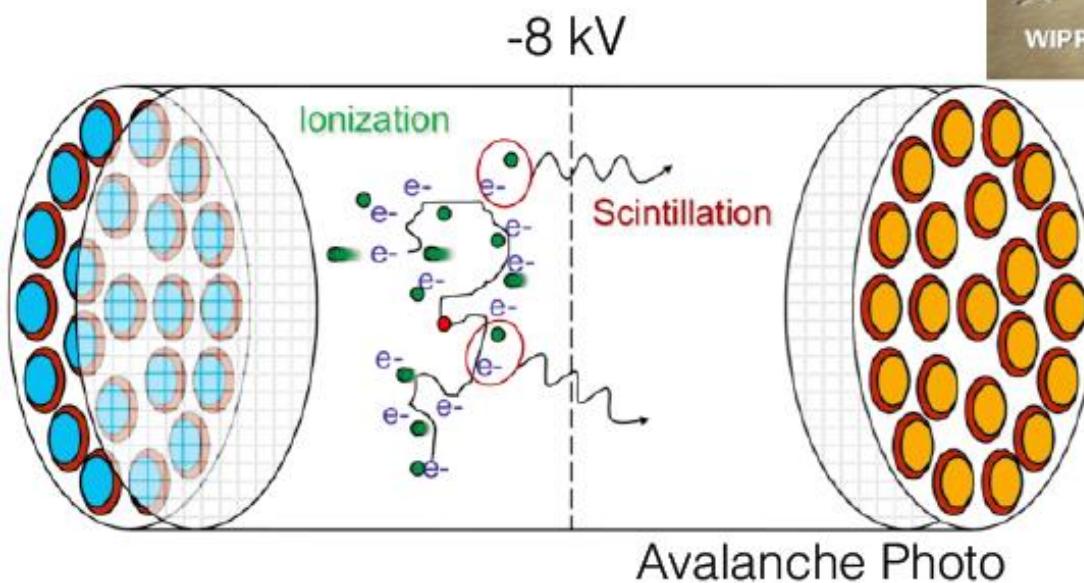
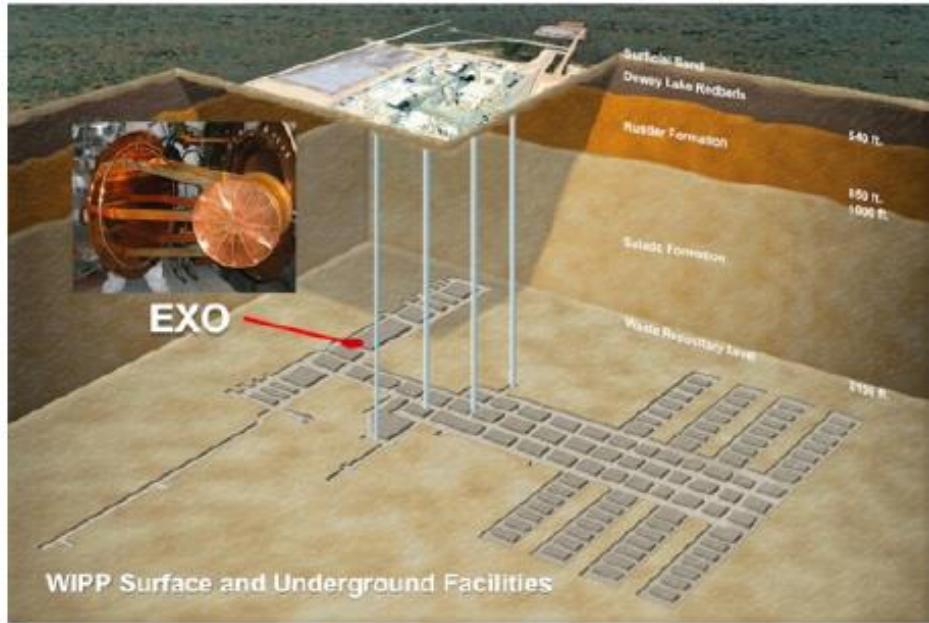
➤ Shielded by iron (300 tons) and water

- Very stringent requirements for  $^{208}\text{Tl}$ ,  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  and  $^{214}\text{Bi}$  contaminations
- Resolution: 4% @ 3 MeV FWHM
- Expected to be background-free for 7 kg of  $^{82}\text{Se}$  and 2 years of data taking

See talk by M. Bongrand (Sep 12)



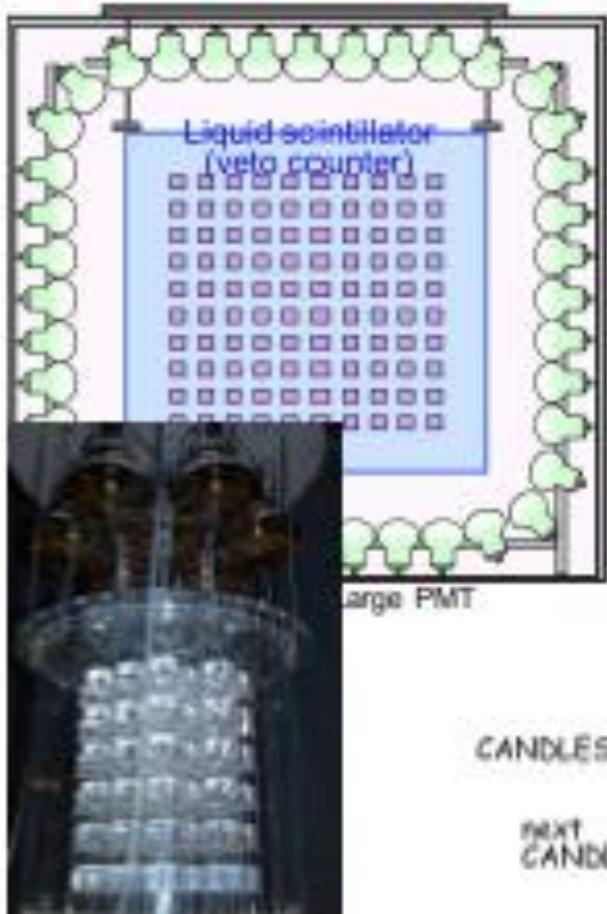
- Liquid Xe Time Projection Chamber (TPC)
- Enriched  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  to 80.6%
- Q-value 2458 keV



- Located at Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in Carlsbad, NM, USA
- 1585 meters water equivalent



## CANDLES ( $^{48}\text{Ca}$ )



- CANDLES System

- For  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  ( $Q_{\beta\beta} = 4.3\text{ MeV}$ , but 0.187%)
- $\text{CaF}_2$  detector and  $4\pi$  active shield
- Enriched  $^{48}\text{Ca}$

- CANDLES III at Kamioka Lab.

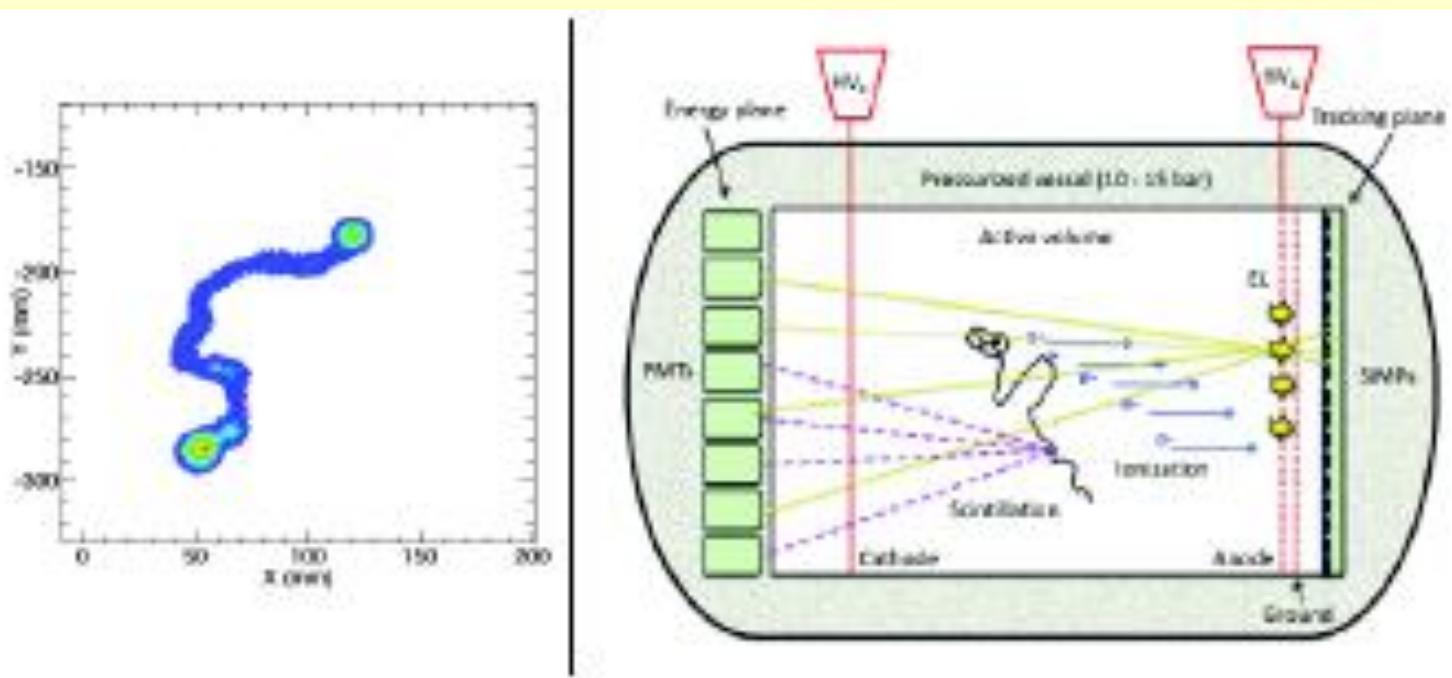
- 96  $\text{CaF}_2$  (305 kg, 0.187%  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ ) + liquid scintillator
- Data taking and background studies from Spring 2013
- Sensitivity of 0.5 eV
- R&D for  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  enrichment
- CANDLES IV & V
- Not funded yet

2013      2014      2015

Test of cooling system

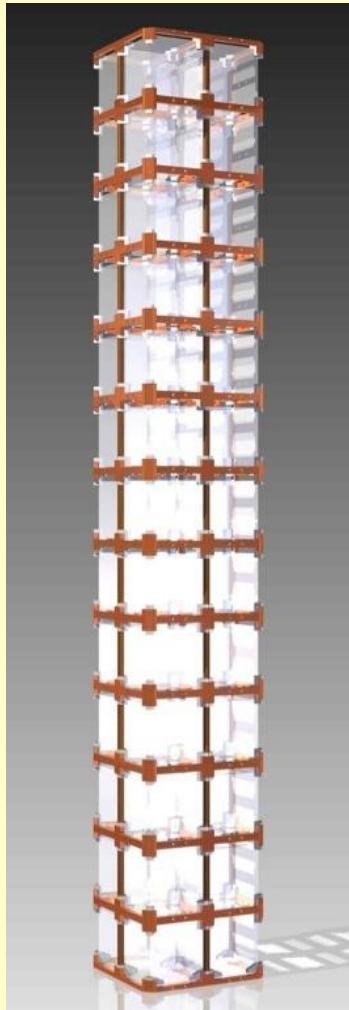
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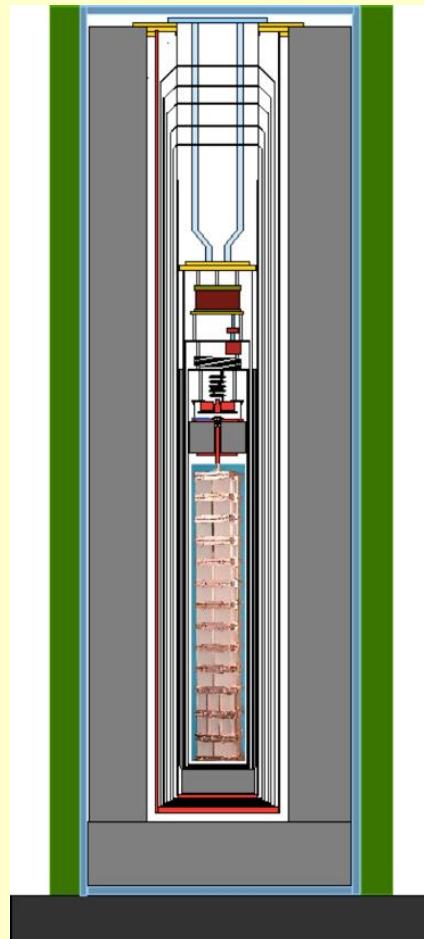


<b>FWHM</b>	12.5 keV
<b>MASS</b>	90 kg of $^{136}\text{Xe}$ (100 kg of enriched Xe)
<b>BKG rejection</b>	event topology (predicted background rejection ratios are of $\sim 2 \times 10^{-7}$ , detection efficiency of 26%)
<b>goal</b>	$8 \times 10^{-4}$ counts/(keV·kg·yr) (evaluation done on the basis of the background budget and rejection factors)
<b><math>P_{\text{excl.}}^{\text{tr}}</math></b>	$1.6 \times 10^{28}$ yr in 5 years

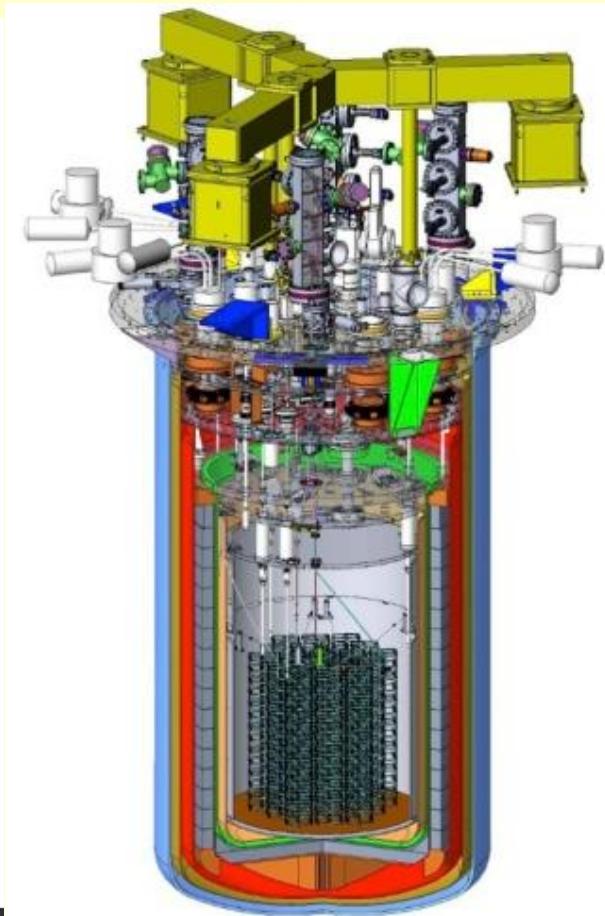
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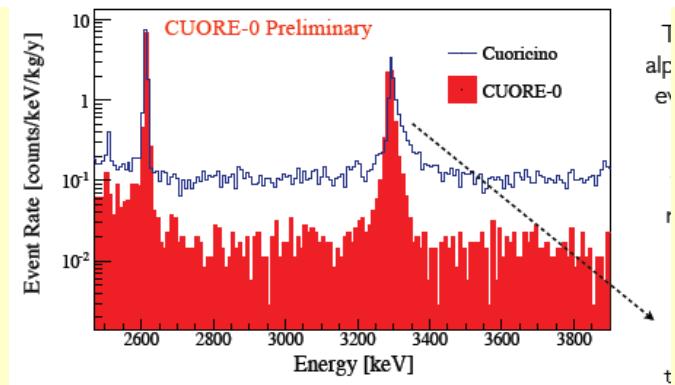
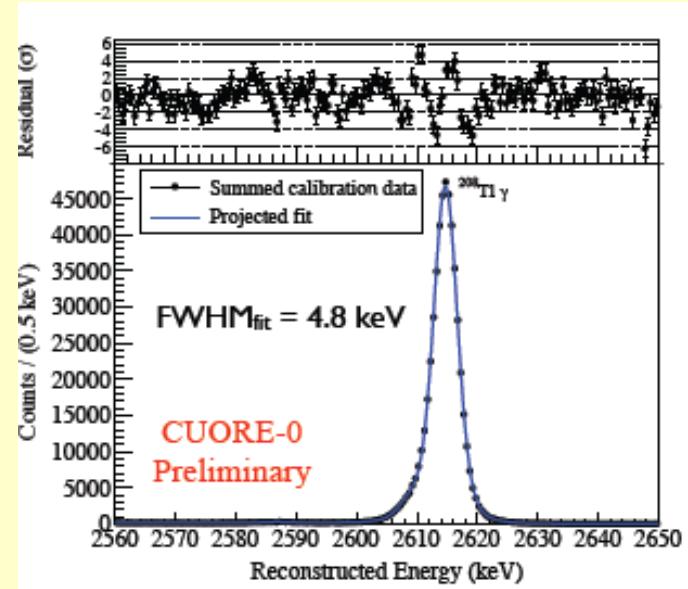
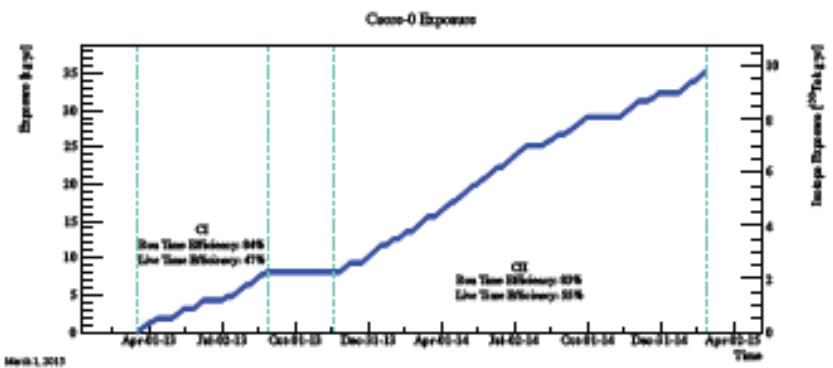


**CUORE**



52 TeO<sub>2</sub> crystals, total mass = 39 kg TeO<sub>2</sub> = 10.9 kg  $^{130}\text{Te}$

# New

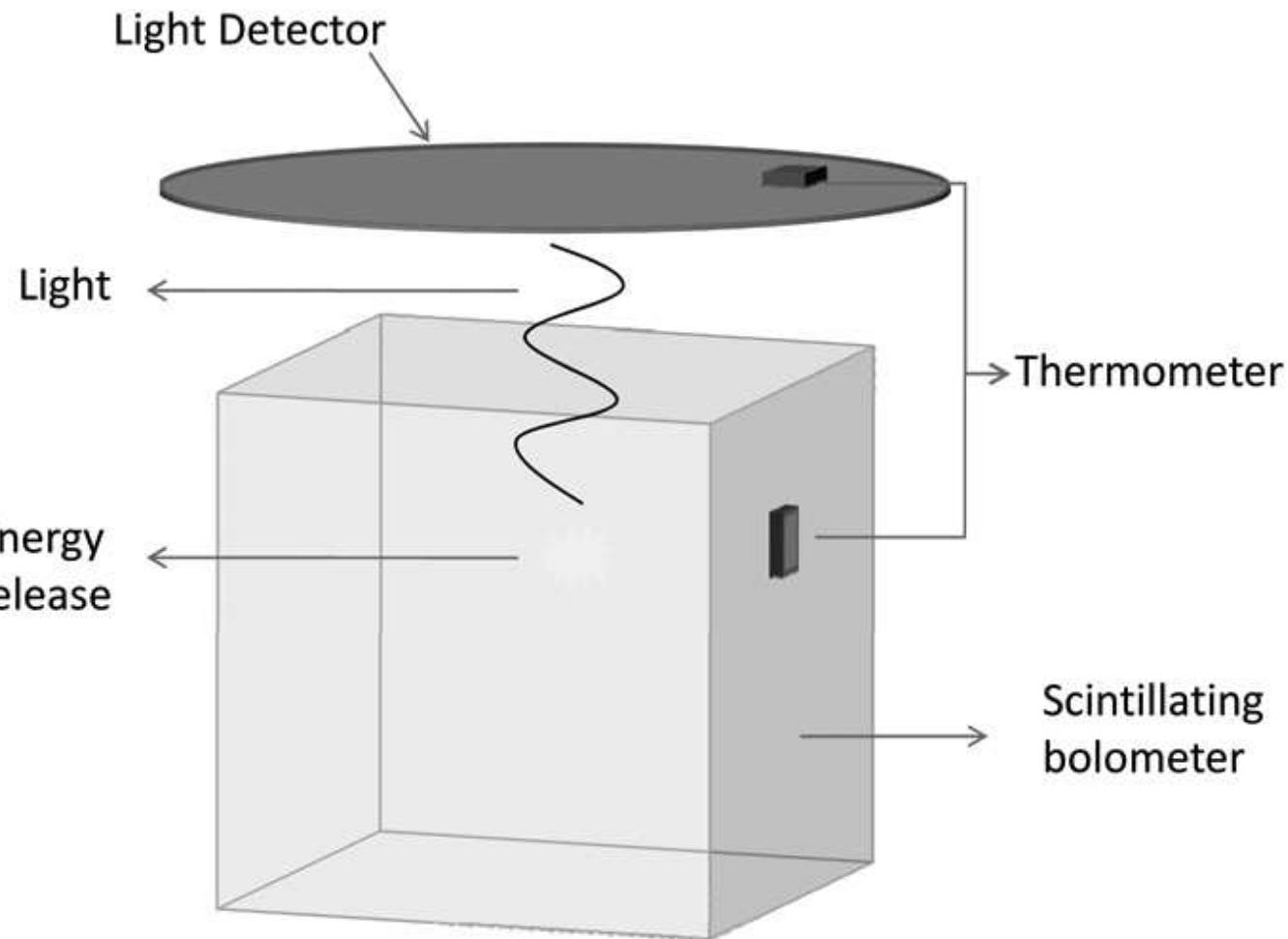


	2.7-3.9 MeV	eff [%]
CUORE-0	$0.016 \pm 0.001$	$81 \pm 1$
Cuoricino	$0.110 \pm 0.001$	$83 \pm 1$

CUORE0  $\Rightarrow T_{\text{ov}}^{1/2} > 2.7 \times 10^{24} \text{ 90\% c.l.}$

CUORE+CUORICINO  $\Rightarrow T_{\text{on}}^{1/2} > 4 \times 10^{24} \text{ 90\% c.l.}$

# The future => Hybrid techniques



# Now a competitor AMORE

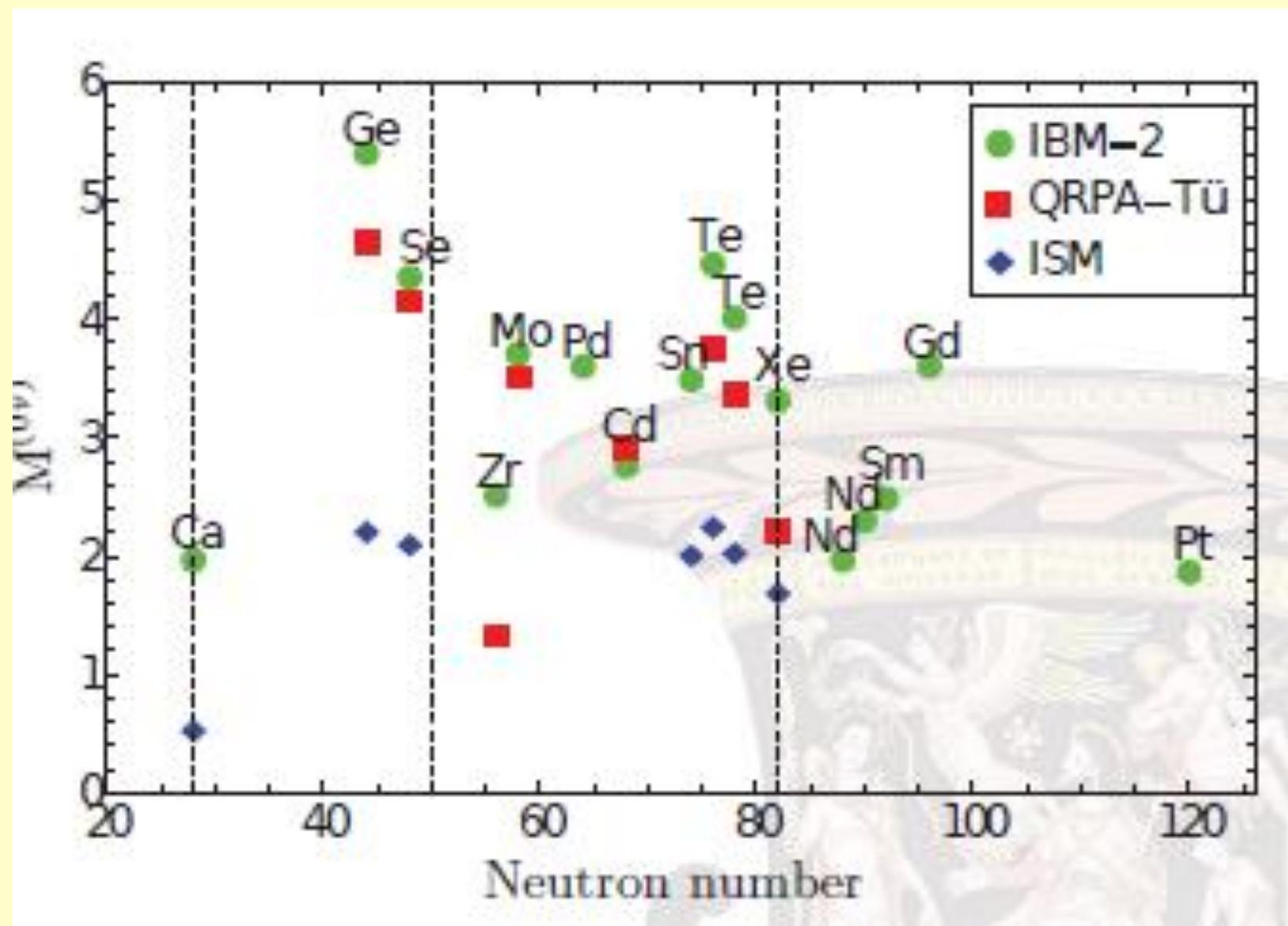
## Advanced Mo based Rare process Experiment

### **$^{40}\text{Ca}^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ cryogenic scintillation detector as a tool for Mo-100 DBD search**

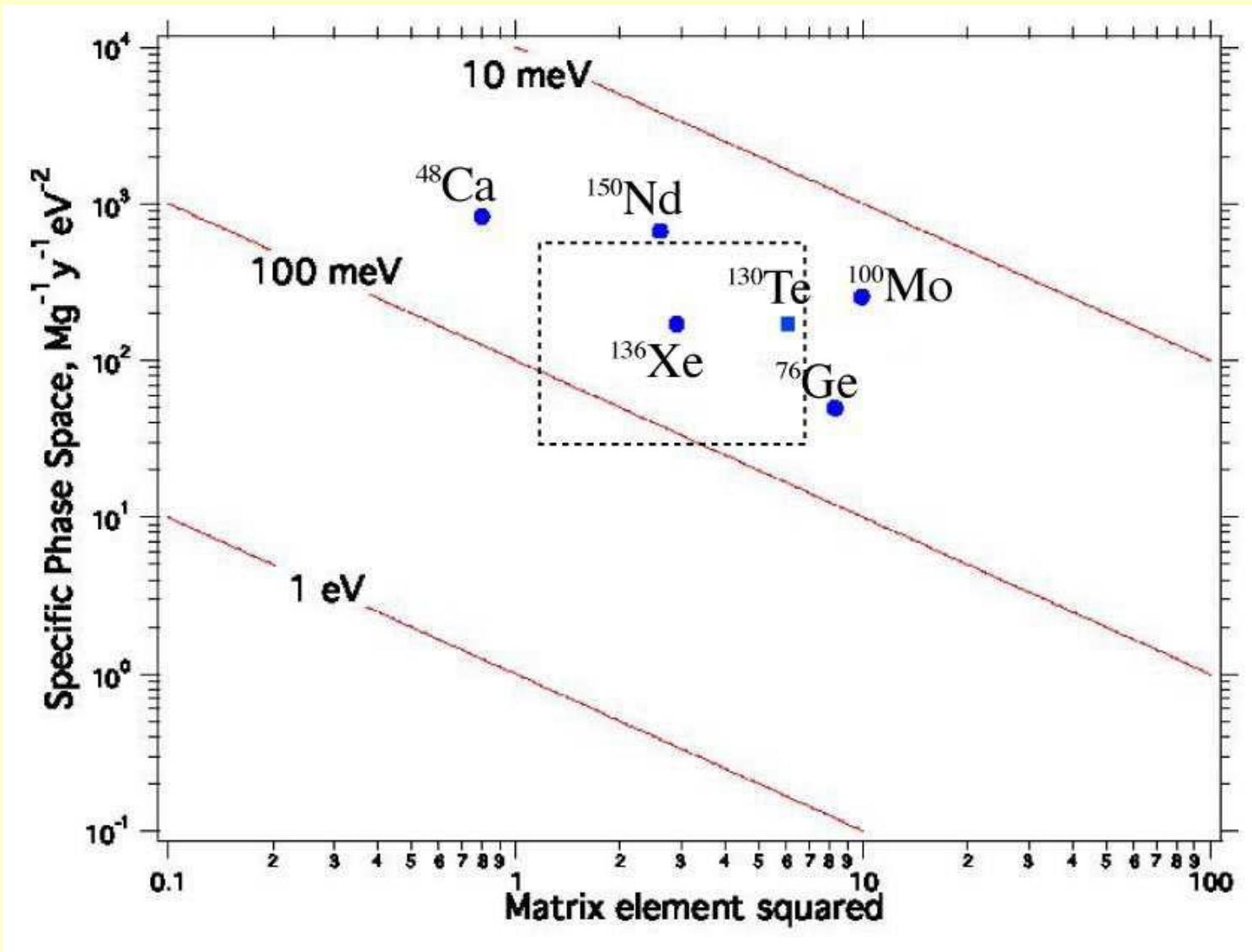
“Detector = Source”:       $\varepsilon \sim 80 - 90\%$  efficiency;

- High content of working isotope (Mo) in compound: 50% (stoichiometry ratio);
- Good energy resolution and high light yield for scintillation mode;
- High energy resolution for phonon mode (comparable with the resolution for HPGe detectors): no  $2\nu\beta\beta$  of Mo-100 background;
- $\alpha/\beta$ - pulse shape discrimination ( $\alpha/\beta$ -ratio = 0,20)
- Scalability of the experiment (increasing of mass by break-in “crystal by crystal”);
- Chochralsky technology of the production → High purity, including radioactive isotopes
- Mo-100 production at **hundred kg scale**: centrifuges

# The past



# Robertson



# Bracking news unpleasant

F.Iachello => S.Dell'Oro and F.Vissani

A.Faessler et al. J.Phys. G35 (2008) 075104

## Quenching $g_A$ from $2\nu\beta\beta$ decay and one $\nu\beta$ decay

$$t_i^{1/2} \sim \mathcal{M}_i^{-2} = g_A^{-4} \mathcal{M}_{0\nu,i}^{-2}$$

A conservative treatment of the uncertainties should consider at least three cases: \*

$$g_A = \begin{cases} g_{\text{nucleon}} & = 1.269 \\ g_{\text{quark}} & = 1 \\ g_{\text{phen.}} & = 1.269 \cdot A^{-0.18} \end{cases}$$

# The first strike by Brutus

Experiment	Isotope	$t^{1/2}$ (90% C. L.) [ $10^{25}$ yr]	Lower bound for $m_{\beta\beta}$ [eV]		
			$g_{\text{nucleon}}$	$g_{\text{quark}}$	$g_{\text{phen.}}$
IGEX, [9]	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	1.57	$0.31 \pm 0.03$	$0.49 \pm 0.05$	$1.44 \pm 0.16$
HEIDELBERG-MOSCOW, [10]	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	1.9	$0.28 \pm 0.03$	$0.44 \pm 0.05$	$1.31 \pm 0.14$
GERDA-I, [11]	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	2.1	$0.26 \pm 0.03$	$0.42 \pm 0.05$	$1.25 \pm 0.14$
KamLAND-Zen-I, [12]	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	1.9	$0.18 \pm 0.02$	$0.29 \pm 0.03$	$1.06 \pm 0.12$
KamLAND-Zen-II, [13]	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	1.3	$0.22 \pm 0.02$	$0.35 \pm 0.04$	$1.28 \pm 0.14$
EXO-200, [14]	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	1.1	$0.24 \pm 0.03$	$0.38 \pm 0.04$	$1.39 \pm 0.15$
Combined Ge, [11]	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	3.0	$0.22 \pm 0.02$	$0.35 \pm 0.04$	$1.05 \pm 0.11$
Combined Xe	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	2.6	$0.15 \pm 0.02$	$0.25 \pm 0.03$	$0.91 \pm 0.10$
Combined Ge+Xe	$^{76}\text{Ge}/^{136}\text{Xe}$		$0.15 \pm 0.01$	$0.24 \pm 0.02$	$0.81 \pm 0.07$
CUORE, [15]	$^{130}\text{Te}$	9.5	$0.07 \pm 0.01$	$0.11 \pm 0.01$	$0.39 \pm 0.04$
GERDA-II, [16]	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	15	$0.10 \pm 0.01$	$0.16 \pm 0.02$	$0.47 \pm 0.05$
SuperNEMO, [17]	$^{82}\text{Se}$	10	$0.07 \pm 0.01$	$0.12 \pm 0.01$	$0.36 \pm 0.04$

# The final strike by Brutus

## The contribution of light Majorana neutrinos to neutrinoless double beta decay and cosmology

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(Dated: May 12, 2015)

- Impressive progress by **cosmology** on neutrino mass.
- Recent data by **Planck**
- A detailed analysis of cosmological results possibly favoring the direct hierarchy (Palanque Delabrouille)  $\Sigma m_\nu < 0.17 \text{ eV}$  or

$$\Sigma < 84 \text{ meV} \quad (1\sigma \text{ C.L.})$$

$$\Sigma < 146 \text{ meV} \quad (2\sigma \text{ C.L.})$$

$$\Sigma < 208 \text{ meV} \quad (3\sigma \text{ C.L.})$$

**Amicus Plato, sed magis amica veritas**  
Platus is a friend.but truth even more

# Majorana returns

Frank Wilczek

In his short career, Ettore Majorana made several profound contributions. One of them, his concept of 'Majorana fermions' — particles that are their own antiparticle — is finding ever wider relevance in modern physics.

**Majorana => can a  $\frac{1}{2}$  spin particle be its own antiparticle?**

So far application to neutrino

Conventional Cooper excitons are bosons and not Majorana particles

In superconductors Cooper pairs, being boson like particle, form condensates respecting Pauli principle

How to produce excitons which are Majorana particles

Cooper pairs can be added to holes producing spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  exitons.

Superconductors can contain magnetic wires acting as quasiparticles

Form magnetic flux tubes ( vortices)

## Experimental Detection of a Majorana Mode in the core of a Magnetic Vortex inside a Topological Insulator-Superconductor $\text{Bi}_2\text{Te}_3/\text{NbSe}_2$ Heterostructure

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**$\text{Bi}_2\text{Te}_3$  on a superconductor  $\text{NbSe}_2$  In normal superconductors  
Scanning with a tunneling microscope and sepctroope one can  
find explicity a single Majorana mode.**

Common opinion:

Majorana theory can be as impoortnt in solid state like it is  
In elementary particle physics

# Conclusions

Massive detectors (now expensive) of unique sophistication

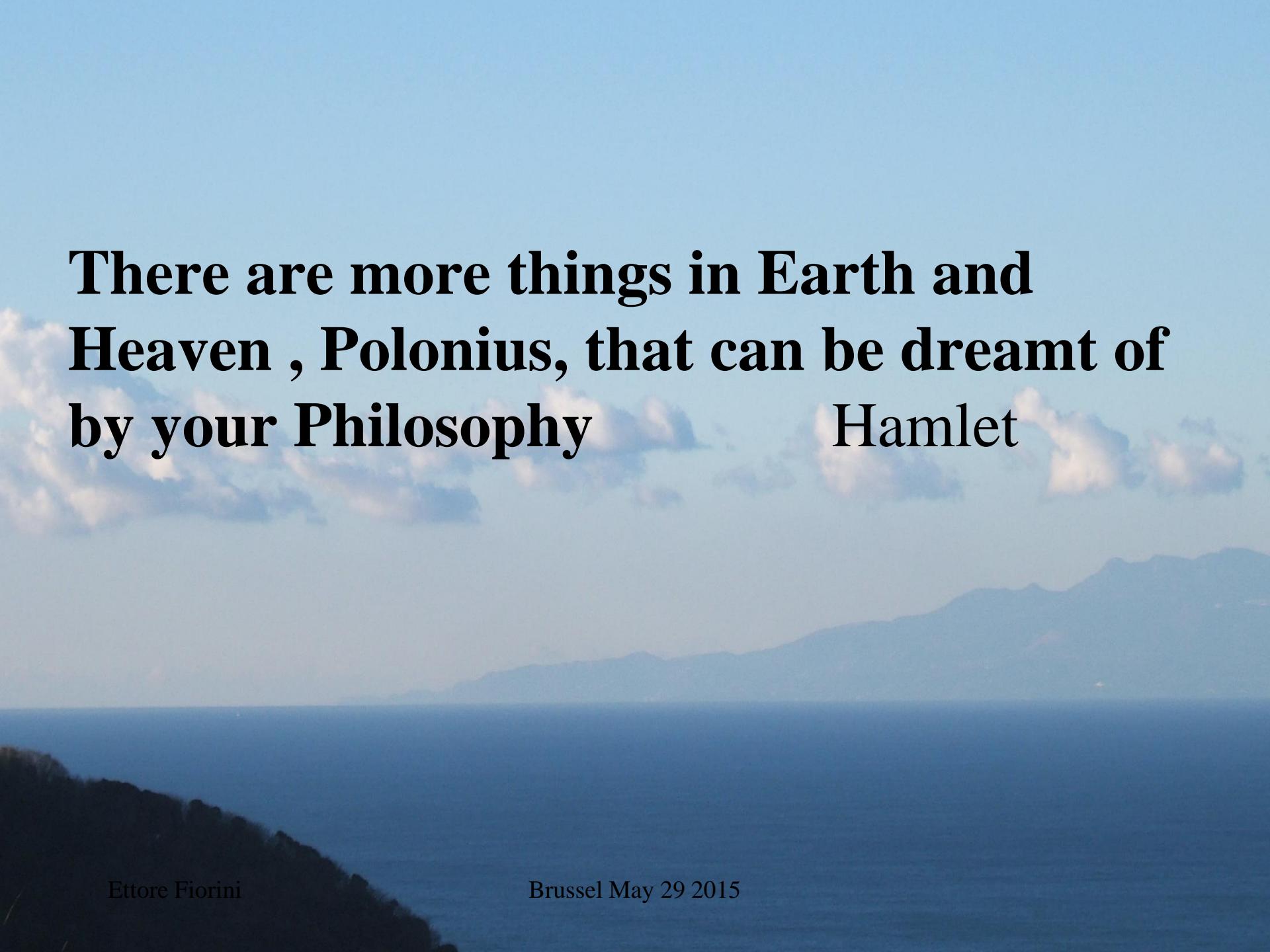
Reduction of background which could hide neutrinoless  $\beta\beta$  events has reached an unprecedented sensitivity

The quenching of  $g_A$  reduces the matrix would reduce sensitivity on neutrino mass limit by a factor 4 to 5. If so no present hope to reach the inverse hierarchy region

The validity to extend to neutrinoless DBD the  $g_A$  obtained from two neutrino and single beta decay should be justified

The sophistication reached and to be reached in searches for DBD could have applications in other fields of science

Application to solid state physics of the Majorana theory could bring to results as important as in solid state physics

The background of the slide features a wide-angle photograph of a natural landscape. In the foreground, dark, silhouetted hills are visible on the left. The middle ground is dominated by a vast, calm blue body of water that stretches to the horizon. In the distance, a range of mountains is visible, their peaks obscured by a light, hazy atmosphere. The sky above is a clear, pale blue, dotted with several large, white, puffy clouds.

**There are more things in Earth and  
Heaven , Polonius, that can be dreamt of  
by your Philosophy**

Hamlet