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THE ROLE OF LOW TEMPERATURE DETECTORS IN NEUTRINO PHYSICS



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Neutrinos are...



Mysteries about Neutrinos





- Why are neutrinos so light?
- Are neutrinos their own anti-particles?
- Is there a fourth neutrino type?
- Are there non-standard interactions?



Current knowledge on neutrino properties

Neutrinos have mass and mix

From oscillation experiments:



Capozzi et al., Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 102 (2018) 48

$$\Delta m^2 = (\Delta m_{13}^2 + \Delta m_{23}^2)/2$$

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Neutrino masses



Neutrino mass observables

Tool	Measured quantity	Sensitivit present	ty (eV) future	
Cosmology (CMB only)	$m_{\Sigma} \equiv \sum m_{i}$	0.6	0.06	yes
Ov double beta decay	$m_{etaeta} \equiv \sum m_i U_{ei} ^2 e^{i lpha_i} $	0.1	0.01	yes
Beta decay	$m_{eta} \! \equiv \! (\sum m_{i}^{2} U_{ei} ^{2})^{1/2}$	2	0.2	no
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Neutrinos from Cosmology

Summed mass of active neutrinos have specific effects on Cosmic Microwave Background anysotropies and on Large Scale Structure formation



Double Beta Decay

second order weak decay of **even-even nuclei** in *A* even multiplets ⁴⁸Ca, ⁷⁶Ge, ¹⁰⁰Mo, ¹¹⁶Cd, ¹³⁰Te, ¹³⁶Xe ...





2 $\nu\beta\beta$: (*A*, *Z*) \rightarrow (*A*, *Z*+2) + 2 e^- + 2 $\overline{\nu}_e$ **allowed by the Standard Model observed with** $\tau_{1/2} > 10^{18}$ years



Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay





- The decay occurs only if neutrinos are Majorana particles
- The decay rate depends on the "effective Majorana mass"

 $\mathbf{0}_{\nu\beta\beta} \Leftrightarrow \frac{m_{\nu} \neq \mathbf{0}}{\nu \equiv \overline{\nu}}$

Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay



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Ονββ experimental sensitivity



For bkg = 0:

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$$S^{0\nu}(\tau_{1/2}) \propto \epsilon \cdot \frac{\eta}{A} \sqrt{\frac{M t_{meas}}{\Delta E \cdot bkg}} \qquad bkg \neq 0$$

$$\varepsilon \quad \text{detector efficiency} \quad \Delta E \quad \text{FWHM resolution} \\ \eta \quad 0\nu\beta\beta \text{ isotope abundance} \quad M \quad \text{total active mass} \\ \text{atomic mass} \quad t_{meas} \quad \text{measuring time} \\ \text{bkg background @ ROI in counts/keV/kg/y} \end{cases}$$

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2v rate in ROI

Isotope	$Q_{\beta\beta}$ [keV]	η [%]	$T_{1/2}^{2\nu}$ [y]	$R_{2\nu}(50 \mathrm{keV})$ [c/y/ton_iso]	$R_{0\nu}(m_{\beta\beta} = 50 \mathrm{meV})$ [c/y/ton_iso]	$R_{0\nu}(m_{\beta\beta} = 10 \text{ meV})$ [c/y/ton_iso]
⁴⁸ Ca	4274	0.2	4.4×10^{19}	4.0×10^{-2}	1.4–23.1	0.1–0.9
⁷⁶ Ge	2039	7.6	1.8×10^{21}	2.5×10^{-2}	1.2–12.2	0.05-0.5
⁸² Se	2996	8.7	9.2×10^{19}	6.8×10^{-2}	4.4–38.7	0.2–1.5
⁹⁶ Zr	3348	2.8	2.3×10^{19}	1.3×10^{-1}	3.9-50.7	0.2–2.0
¹⁰⁰ Mo	3034	9.6	7.1×10^{18}	6.8×10^{-1}	8.9–71.3	0.4–2.9
¹¹⁶ Cd	2814	7.5	2.8×10^{19}	2.1×10^{-1}	6.8–23.8	0.3-1.0
¹³⁰ Te	2528	34.2	6.8×10^{20}	1.3×10^{-2}	3.6-24.9	0.1-1.0
¹³⁶ Xe	2458	8.9	2.1×10^{21}	4.8×10^{-3}	2.5-14.0	0.1–0.6
¹⁵⁰ Nd	3368	5.6	8.2×10^{18}	2.3×10^{-1}	9.1-42.7	0.4–1.7

Ονββ detection techniques "MUSTs"

- Negligible radioactive background
- Large detector mass
- High energy resolution
- ✓ Favorable 0vββ candidate (high Q_{BB} , large R_{0v}/R_{2v} in the ROI)



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LTDs for $0\nu\beta\beta$ searches



Example of double read-out (phonons + scintillation photons)

Most common thermometer technologies:

- Neutron Transmutation Doped Ge (NTD)
- Transition Edge Sensors (TES)
- Metallic Magnetic Calorimeters (MMC)
- Microwave Kinetic Inductance Det (MKIDs)

- excellent energy resolution
- ✓ true calorimeters
- ✓ wide material choice
- ✓ low threshold
- ✓ high efficiency
- ✓ large masses
- ✓ radiopure absorbers
- ✓ fully sensitive to recoils
- ✓ segmentation to reduce background
- double-readout detectors with particle identification capabilities (i.e. e/γ - recoil, e/γ - α)
- x slow time responses
- x fully sensitive to surface radioactivity
- *x* difficult to reduce close materials (holders, wires, cryostats,...)
- x not easy to run stable

The CUORE TeO₂ thermal detectors

<u>Cryogenic</u> <u>Underground</u> <u>Observatory</u> for <u>Rare</u> <u>Events</u>

TeO₂ absorbers + Ge-NTD thermistors:

T ~ 10 mK $\Delta T/\Delta E ~ 0.1$ mK/MeV $\Delta V/\Delta E ~ 0.3$ mV/MeV $\tau = C/G ~ 1$ s C ~ 2×10⁻⁹ J/K FWHM ~ 0.2 %



¹³⁰Te as $\beta\beta0\nu$ candidate

* high natural isotopic abundance: 34.2 %
* transition energy: Q = 2527.52 keV

TeO₂ Absorbers

- low specific heat
- large crystals available
- radiopure

Ge-NTD thermistors

- high dynamic range
- ✓ high linearity
- x microphonic
- × slow





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Radiopurity of close materials

→ strict control of the contamination content of Cu, PTFE, Ge-NTDs, Si heaters, PEN wires and TeO₂ crystals themselves

TeO₂ arrays evolution (mass scalability)

CUORE is the latest evolution of a long series of TeO₂ detector arrays



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CUORE first results



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CUORE **U**pgrade with **P**article **ID**entification



CUPID (background abatement)

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Nucleus	A.I.	Q-value	Good materials
	[%]	[keV]	
⁷⁶ Ge	7.8	2039	Ge
¹³⁰ Te	33.8	2527	TeO2
^{116}Cd	7.5	2802	CdWO4 CdMoO4
⁸² Se	9.2	2995	ZnSe
¹⁰⁰ Mo	9.6	3034	PbMoO4 CaMoO4 SrMoO4 CdMoO4 ZnMoO4 Li2MoO4 MgMoO4
⁹⁶ Zr	2.8	3350	ZrO2
¹⁵⁰ Nd	5.6	3367	NONE
⁴⁸ Ca	0.187	4270	CaF2 CaMoO4



CUPID-0: the first array of scintillating LTDs for ⁸²Se 0vββ search

Zn⁸²Se (95% enrich)

- NTD thermistor (phonons)
- Ge-wafer + NTD (light)



ROI bkg: 3.5 × 10⁻³ c/keV/kg/y best ever achieved with LTDs



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CUPID-Mo: 20 Li₂¹⁰⁰MoO₄ (96% enrich) operated in EDELWEISS setup



- NTD thermistor as phonon sensor
- Ge-wafer with SiO coating + NTD as light detector



<u>C</u>UORE <u>Upgrade</u> with <u>Particle</u> <u>ID</u>entification

Goal: explore the entire inverted ordering neutrino mass region down to 10 meV Strategy: merge the CUORE cryogenic infrastracture with CUPID particle ID Option for multiple isotopes with the same technique

Active background rejection to reach almost zero-background condition Expected BI 10⁻⁴ counts/keV/kg/y in the ROI

Baseline: Li₂¹⁰⁰MoO₄ scintillating absorbers (1500 crystals for 250 kg of ¹⁰⁰Mo) NTD-Ge phonon sensors Ge wafer + NTD-Ge light detector

TDR and construction readiness in 2021

CUPID CDR available soon





CUPID: the future



CUPID: the future



AMoRE

Advanced Mo-based Rare process Experiment





⁴⁰Ca¹⁰⁰MoO₄ ~ 5 kg <u>AMoRE-I</u>

X¹⁰⁰MoO₄ 200 kg

AMoRE-II





ckky : counts/ (keV kg year)

	AMoRE-Pilot	AMoRE-I	AMoRE-II
Crystal Mass (kg)	1.5	5	200
Backgrounds(ckky)	$\sim 10^{-2}$	~ 10 ⁻³	10-4
$T_{1/2}$ (year)	1.0×10^{24}	8.2x10 ²⁴	8.2x10 ²⁶
m _{bb} (meV)	380-719	130-250	13-25
Schedule	2017	2018	2020-2023

- MMC as phonon sensor
- Ge-wafer + MMC as light detector



Advanced Mo-based Rare process Experiment



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Ονββ searches: outlook



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Direct neutrino mass measurement



Direct neutrino mass measurement with LTDs

Calorimeters: source ⊆ detector



β calorimeter

ideally measures all the energy *E* released in the decay except for the v_e energy: $E = E_0 - E_v$

Calorimeters measure the entire spectrum at once use low $E_0 \beta$ decaying isotopes to achieve enough statistics close to E_0 e.g. ¹⁸⁷Re: $E_0 = 2.47 \text{ keV} \Rightarrow F(\delta E=10 \text{ eV}) \approx (\delta E/E_0)^3 = 7 \times 10^{-8}$

Drawback:



Pile-up

time unresolved superposition of β decays for a source activity A_{β} , a time resolution τ_{R} and an energy resolution function $R(E_{\beta})$ $N^{exp}(E_{\beta}) \approx (N(E_{\beta}) + \tau_{R}A_{\beta} \cdot N(E_{\beta}) \otimes N(E_{\beta})) \otimes R(E_{\beta})$

Precursor ¹⁸⁷Re experiments



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MS et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. A 520 (2004) 125 34

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Electron capture calorimetric experiments

¹⁶³Ho + $e^- \rightarrow {}^{163}$ Dy* + ν_e

electron capture from shell ≥ M1

A. De Rújula and M. Lusignoli, Phys. Lett. B 118 (1982) 429



Springler et al., Phys. Rev. A 35 (1987) 679



Atomic de-excitation:

- X-ray emission
- Auger electrons
- Coster-Kronig transitions

calorimetric measurement of Dy atomic de-excitations

- Q = 2.83 keV (determined with Penning trap in 2015)
 - end-point rate and v mass sensitivity depend on $Q E_{M1}$
- $\tau_{\frac{1}{2}} \approx 4570$ years $\rightarrow 2 \times 10^{11}$ ¹⁶³Ho nuclei $\leftrightarrow 1Bq$

Effect of the neutrino mass at the end-point of the de-excitation spectrum



Pulse pile-up effect

- calorimetric measurement ↔ detector speed is critical
- accidental coincidences \rightarrow complex pile-up spectrum



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Challenges:

¹⁶³Ho production

¹⁶²Er (n,
$$\gamma$$
) ¹⁶³Er $\sigma_{\text{thermal}} \approx 20b$
¹⁶³Er \rightarrow ¹⁶³Ho + ν_{e} $\tau_{\frac{1}{1/2}}^{EC} \approx 75min$



neutron activation

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- Theoretical shape of the ¹⁶³Ho spectrum



Faessler et al., Phys. Rev. C 91 (2015) 045505 De Rujula et al., JHEP 05 (2016) 015 Brass et al., Phys. Rev. C 97 (2015) 054620



Detector technology



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MES

ECHo

Expected sensitivity of ¹⁶³Ho m_v experiments



... to be compared with KATRIN

current upper limit on anti-neutrino mass from spectometer experiments: 2.2 eV

KATRIN overview: 70 m long beamline





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 $N_{\beta}(E,m_L,m_H,\theta) = \cos^2 \theta N_{\beta}(E,m_L) + \sin^2 \theta N_{\beta}(E,m_H)$



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Additional interactions beyond the SM ones affecting the neutrino sector – Non Standard Interactions (NIS) – may have severe consequences on future experiments.

Pilar et al., Phys. Rev. D 94 (2016) 055005



Scattering experiments are important to constrain this scenario

Coherent elastic v-nucleus scattering (CEvNS)



nuclear recoils

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CevNS with LTDs

Goal: study neutrino physics at low energy with high precision



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NU-CLEUS detector prototype: 0.5 g Al₂O₃ detector



NU-CLEUS 1g demonstrator





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Other ongoing detector developments:

BULLKID I. Colantoni, poster ID 290



Low Temperature Detectors have become mature devices with strong potentialities in neutrino physics experiments.

Ongoing R&Ds will surely confirm the leading role of this technique also for next generation experiments!



