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## Required Exposure and Background Levels in the Searches of Neutrinoless Double- $\beta$ Decay

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Neutrinoless double beta decay  $(0\nu\beta\beta)$  is the most sensitive experimental probe to address the quest that whether neutrinos are Majorana or Dirac particles [1]. The observation of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  would not only establish the Majorana nature of neutrinos but also provide direct information on neutrino masses and probe the neutrino mass hierarchy. The present work [2] would explore the required sensitivity for the upcoming projected  $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiments to probe the inverted mass hierarchy (IH) as well as non-degenerate (ND) normal mass hierarchy (NH). We studied the required exposures of  $0\nu\beta\beta$ -projects as a function of the expected background (following "Discovery Potential at  $3\sigma$  with 50% probability" statistical scheme) before the experiments are performed. This work would address the crucial role of background suppression in the future  $0\nu\beta\beta$  experiments with sensitivity goals of approaching and covering ND-NH.

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