# **CUPID**: Cuore Upgrade with Particle Dentification

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v oscillations gave us evidence of physics Beyond the Standard Model, now the question is which physics ? what are our expectations for the BSM Theory

we aim at a BSB theory that addresses open questions such as:

- 1. quark & lepton masses (lightness of neutrino mass)
- 2. Matter-Antimatter asymmetry in the Universe
- 3. Dark Matter & Dark Energy

4. ...

meanwhile we expect to fill a knowledge gap:  $\nu \stackrel{\neq}{=} \overline{\nu}$  ? lepton number is conserved ?

a much appreciated extension of the Standard Model:

- assumes that  $\nu = \overline{\nu}$  (we say neutrinos are Majora particles)
- addresses **1+2** (fermion masses + matter dominated Universe)

the best (experimentally sensitive) way to prove neutrino are Majorana particle is to search for a special nuclear decay:

$$0\nu\beta\beta$$
 (A, Z) $\rightarrow$ (A, Z+2) + 2e<sup>-</sup>

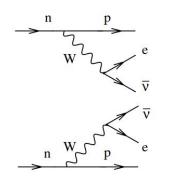
neutrinoless double beta decay

### SM compliant $\beta\beta$ -decay

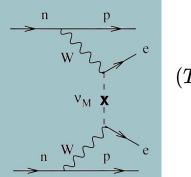
## BSM $\beta\beta$ -decay

 $(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z+2) + 2e^{-} + 2v_{o}$  $2\nu\beta\beta$ 

$$\nu\beta\beta$$
 (A, Z) $\rightarrow$ (A, Z+2) + 2e<sup>-</sup>



- we call this 2*v*-mode
- lepton number is conserved
- extremely rare but observed,  $\tau$ > 10<sup>18</sup> y



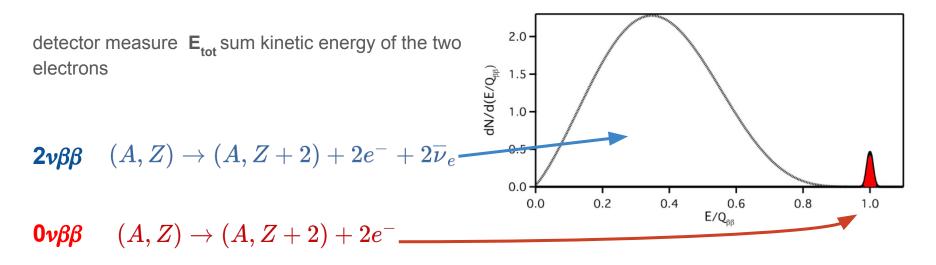
$$(T^{0
u}_{1/2})^{-1} = {G^{0
u}} \cdot |M^{0
u}|^2 \cdot m^2_{ee}$$

- we call this 0*v*-mode
- *A*L=2 process

can proceed with different mechanisms, the dominant is the one where the Fermi description holds but v is a massive Majorana particle that can change its helicity

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• never observed, \tau > 10^{24} y
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### **Experimental signature**

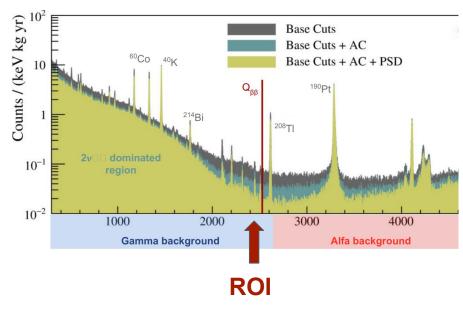


- a peak at  $\mathbf{E}_{tot} = \mathbf{Q}_{\beta\beta}$  typically ~ 1-3 MeV
- MeV electrons have a short range the source needs to be embedded in the detector
- high energy resolution implies an incontrovertible identification of the signal

### **Two experimental approaches**

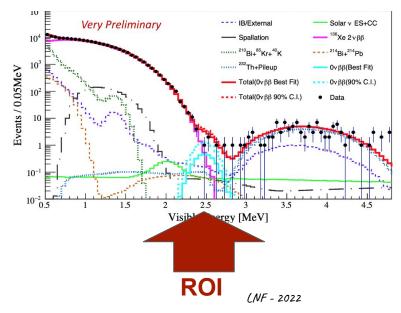
solid state arrays (Ge diodes & bolometers)

### **CUORE**



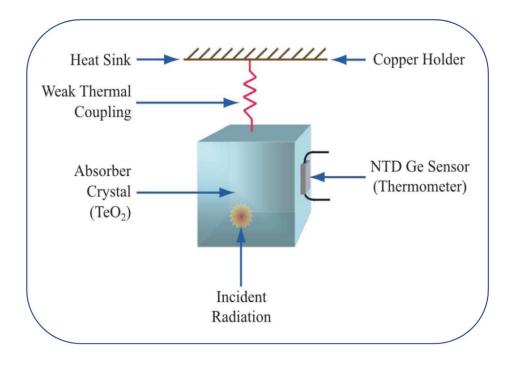
liquid or high pressure gases (scintillators, LXe)

### Kamland-ZEN 800

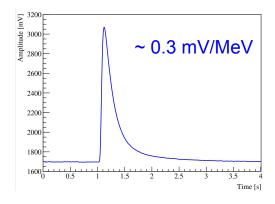


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### **Cryogenic Particle Detectors or Bolometers**

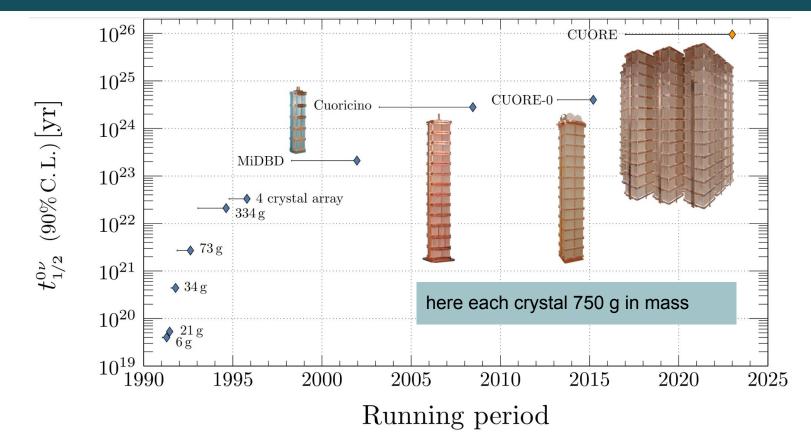


$$R(T)=R_0\cdot e^{(T_0/T)^\gamma}$$

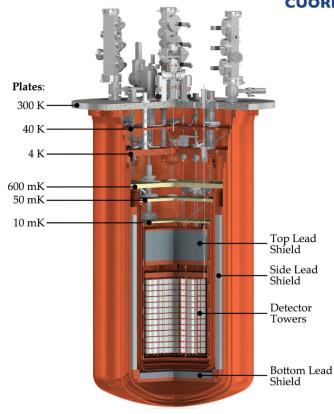


- dielectric crystals ~ 1 kg each
- signal amplitude identical whatever the particle →no particle ID
- FWHM ~ 5 keV at 2.6 MeV

### **CUORE** bolometers



## CUORE



#### CUORE

array of TeO<sub>2</sub> bolometers operated at 10 mK

- $\beta\beta$  candidate embedded in the detector ~ 246 kg <sup>130</sup>Te
- 988 crystals arranged in 19 towers
- FWHM ~ 7 keV
- no sensitivity to particle id
- target 5 yr sensitivity
  - $\circ$  T<sub>1/2</sub> > 9.0 x 10<sup>25</sup> yr
  - m<sub>ββ</sub> < 50-130 meV Ο

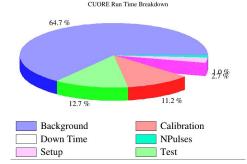
<sup>130</sup>Te:  $Q_{\beta\beta} \sim 2527$  keV  $2\nu\beta\beta \tau_{1/2} \sim 8.2 \ 10^{20} \ y$ 

### **CUORE** successes

#### 1-ton cooled at 10 mK



### ~65% live-time on physics data



exposure > 1 ton \* year

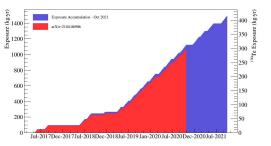
Best fit (global mode)

Fit without 0vBB component

Energy (keV)

----- 90% CI limit on Γ<sub>0</sub>

2490 2500 2510 2520 2530 2540 2550 2560 2570



### $T_{1/2}^{0v}$ > 2.2 x 10<sup>25</sup> yr at 90% C.I.

median exclusion sensitivity:  $T_{1/2}^{\ \ 0v}$  = 2.8 x 10^{25} yr

 $T_{1/2}^{0v} > 2.2 \text{ x } 10^{25} \text{ yr at } 90\% \text{ C.I.}$ 

probability to get a more stringent limit given the current sensitivity: 72%.

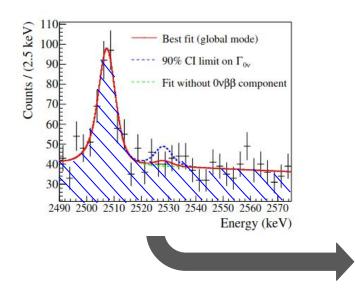
effect of systematics on  $T_{1/2}^{0v} \sim 0.8\%$ .

 $m_{\beta\beta}$  < 90 - 305 meV at 90% C.I.

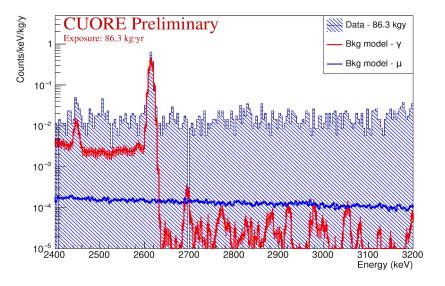
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### CUORE: what is $\alpha$ particles in



advantages in moving ROI above 2.6 MeV new  ${\rm Q}_{_{\beta\beta}}$  !



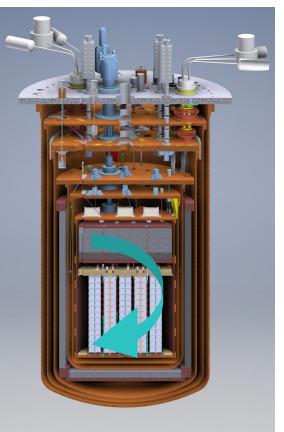
## **CUPID** in a nutshell

→ **replace** the CUORE TeO<sub>2</sub> detector with a new array, based on  $\text{Li}_2\text{MoO}_4$ 

this is enough to take a leap forward in sensitivity because we reduce dramatically the background in the ROI (see next slide)

we put in place two strategies for bkg reduction

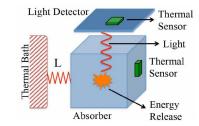
- the new ββ candidate <sup>100</sup>Mo has a higher transition energy than the <sup>130</sup>Te CUORE candidate: less γ-induced background in ROI
- the new detector has a very efficient α particle rejection capability: remove the dominant background source seen in CUORE



## **CUPID** in a nutshell

- **same mass scale** of CUORE: basically we repeat what already done, with improved expertise
- **same cryogenic infrastructure**: quite challenging for CUORE, now an established technology

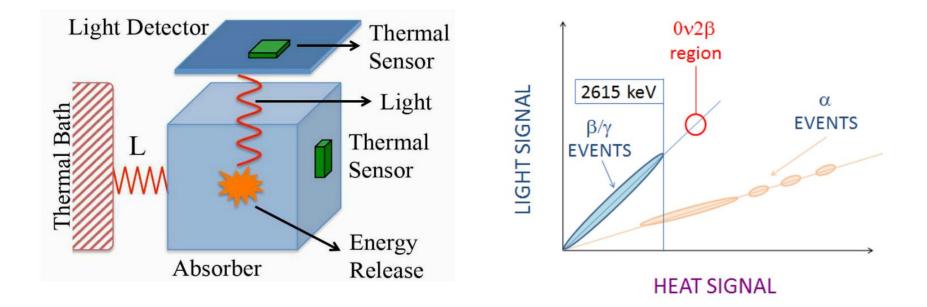
 the major change is an additional functionality in the single element (particle identification through light read-out)





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## **CUPID** scintillating bolometer



we developed this technology for over 10 years

now it is quite mature and demonstrated by CUPID-0 and CUPID-Mo

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## Scintillating bolometer technology

 scintillating crystal (typically undoped to avoid excess heat capacity and the radioactivity of rare earths): CaF<sub>2</sub>, ZnSe, ZnMoO<sub>4</sub>, ... Li<sub>2</sub>MoO<sub>4</sub>

Crystal - Experiment	Relative Light Yield $\beta / \gamma$	Relative Light Yield $\alpha$	
ZnSe - CUPID-0	3 - 5 keV/MeV	9 - 14 keV/MeV	
Li <sub>2</sub> MoO <sub>4</sub> - CUPID-Mo	0.6 keV/MeV	0.1 keV/MeV	

• **light detector** a bolometer with **eV** energy threshold (to be sensitive to optical photons)

Ge wafer (small mass $\rightarrow$ small heat capacity $\rightarrow$  low energy threshold)

to avoid heat (phonon) transmission from the scintillating crystal to the light detector they can't be in touch with each other  $\rightarrow$  **light extracted is very low** 

risetime	signal height	baseline noise RMS
1 ms	1 µV/keV <sub>light</sub>	0.4 µV

#### example

for a 0vbb signal	LMO Heat Signal	LMO Light Signal
signal height	150 µV	1.8 µV/MeV
noise RMS	0.1 µV	0.4 µV

### CUPID-0 and $\alpha$ particle rejection



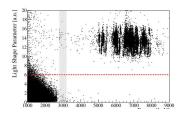
CUPID-0 is the first small scale experiment using scintillating bolometers

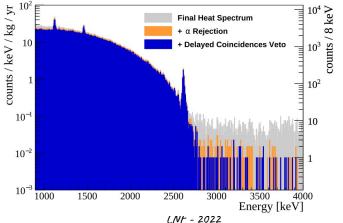
- 25 crystals of Zn<sup>82</sup>Se
- 5.5 kg of <sup>82</sup>Se @LNGS Hall A

optimization of scint. bolometer technique

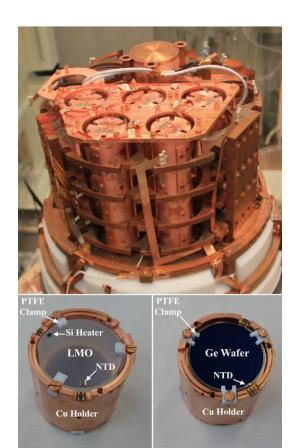
- light detectors
- dual read-out
- analysis
- → first direct prove that flat background is due to alpha particles !

<sup>82</sup>Se:  $Q_{\beta\beta} \sim 3000 \text{ keV}$  $2\nu\beta\beta \tau_{1/2} \sim 8.6 \ 10^{19} \text{ y}$ 





### **CUPID-Mo** and LMO crystals



### **CUPID-0** is the first small scale experiment using Li<sub>2</sub><sup>100</sup>MoO<sub>4</sub>

- crystals Li<sub>2</sub><sup>100</sup>MoO<sub>4</sub> (LMO) 2.264 kg of <sup>100</sup>Mo @ Modane
- demonstrator of LMO performances & evaluation of achievable  $\rightarrow$ LMO radiopurity

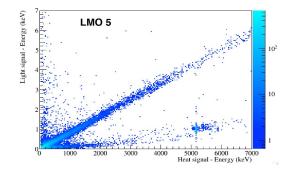


Table 3 Radioactive contamination of Li2<sup>100</sup>MoO<sub>4</sub> crystal scintillators. The limits are quoted at 90% C.L.

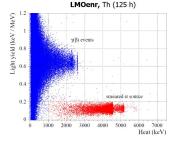
Chain	Radionuclide		Reference
	190Pt	< 0.003	15
<sup>232</sup> Th	<sup>232</sup> Th	= 0.003	15
	$^{228}$ Th	< 0.003	16
235 U	<sup>235</sup> U	< 0.005	15
	<sup>231</sup> Pa	= 0.003	15
	<sup>227</sup> Ac	< 0.005	15
<sup>238</sup> U	<sup>238</sup> U	< 0.005	15
	<sup>226</sup> Ra	= 0.003	16

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## CUPID

#### 1596 cubic LenrMO crystals 45x45x45 mm

- 450 kg LMO
- 240 kg <sup>100</sup>Mo



#### CUORE-like structure

- close packed array: 56 towers, each with 14x2 crystals
- minimum amount of inert material in between crystals
- two light detectors for each crystal

#### Main Detector Requirements

- ★ Heat ch. ~ 5 keV FWHM
- **\star** Light ch. needs to select  $\alpha$ 's with >90% efficiency
- ★ Heat+Light need to reject pile-up events in the ROI

goal: bkg counting rate in the ROI ~ 10<sup>-4</sup> counts/keV/kg/yr





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### **Technical Design and on-going activities**

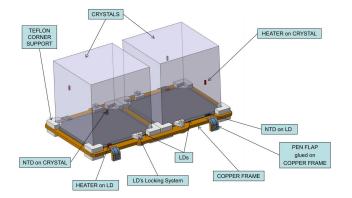
- 1. **isotope & crystal procurement** negotiation will start after full validation of production
- 2. **new design of the detector holder** final validation on a 14x2 crystal tower will start in the next months
- 3. **upgrade of the cryogenic apparatus** R&D on going but upgrade will take place at CUORE end (2016)
- 4. upgrade of external shield system design study
- 5. detector optimization focused on pile-up rejection ongoing

### A new concept for the detector holder

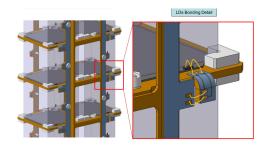
the challenges:

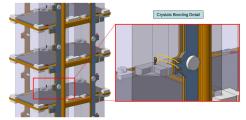
- integrate the Light Detector without adding complexity
- address weaks point in CUORE design (e.g. reduce the time needed for the assembly despite the higher number of detectors)
- respect radioactive constraints

the solution: stacked floors without connecting elements



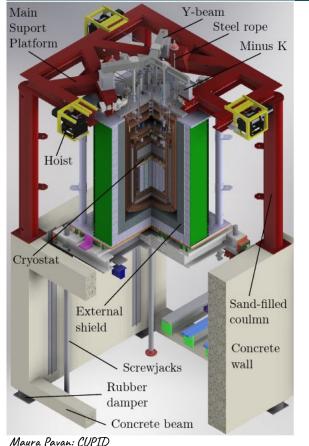
- copper parts have a simpler design
  - easy to produce (laser cut of Cu sheets)
  - easy to clean
  - assembly can be much faster
  - notable relaxation of the tolerances
- better integration of wiring





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### Shields



### CUORE shields

- PE 20 cm (moderator) + 3 cm H<sub>3</sub>BO<sub>3</sub> (absorber)
- Pb 25 cm
- Roman Pb 6 cm
- no muon veto

### muon induced background at LNGS

- mostly prompt events (muon direct interaction and showers)
- both in TeO2 and LMO no delayed events

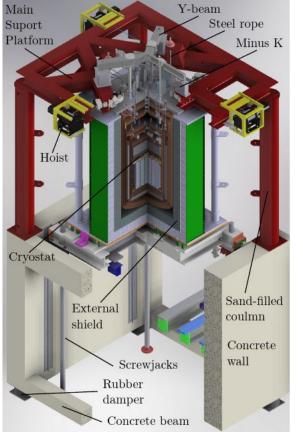
#### in CUORE:

detector anti-coincidence is enough for muon background suppression

#### in CUPID:

we need a further suppression  $\rightarrow a$  veto system

### Shields



### CUPID upgrade

• additional 10-20 cm moderator ?

optimal thickness still under study, main challenge is to validate GEANT simulation

• muon veto with 95-99% tag efficiency

#### work

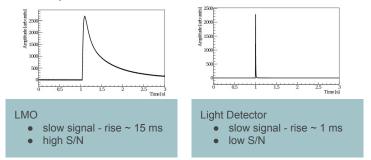
- overall design, not trivial integration in the infrastructure
- integration of muon veto in DAQ and DA

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### **Pile-up**

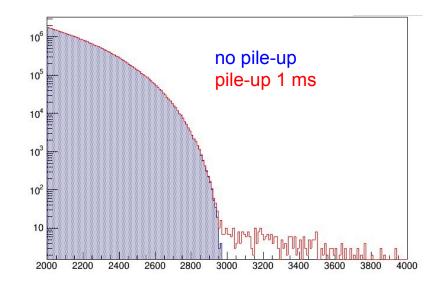
 $2\nu\beta\beta$  decay rate in a single crystal  $\,$  ~ 2.6 mHz  $\,$ 

• improving detector timing and S/N



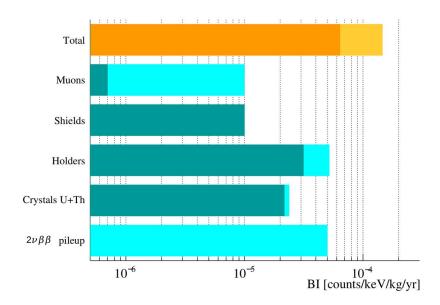
• develop dedicate algorithms to pile-up rejection

<sup>82</sup>Se: 
$$Q_{\beta\beta} \sim 3034$$
 keV  
 $2\nu\beta\beta \tau_{1/2} \sim 7.1 \ 10^{18}$  y



### **Background Model**

background model based on previous experiments:



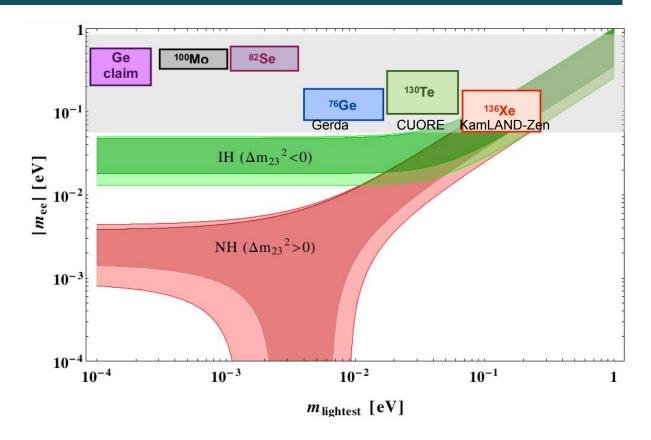
- Shields = cryostat same as in CUORE
- Holders = mainly the surface contamination of Cu
   same as in CUORE
- Crystals = bulk and surface contamination, need to validate on CUPID dedicated production
- $2v\beta\beta$  pile-up = in progress



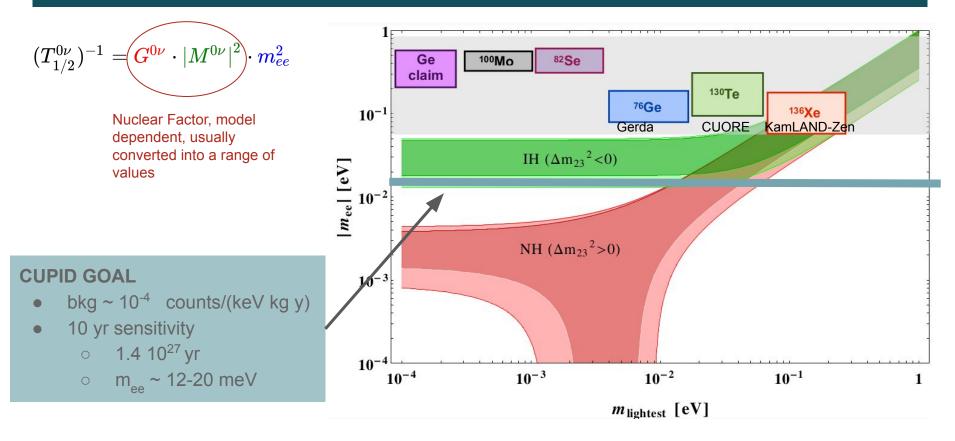
### Majorana mass - present result

$$(T^{0
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Nuclear Factor, model dependent, usually converted into a range of values



### Majorana mass - CUPID sensitivity



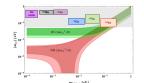
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### Majorana mass - the competitors

Three experiments in the EU-North America area

- CUPID @ LNGS
- LEGEND-100 @ LNGS or SNOLab
- n-EXO @ SNOLab

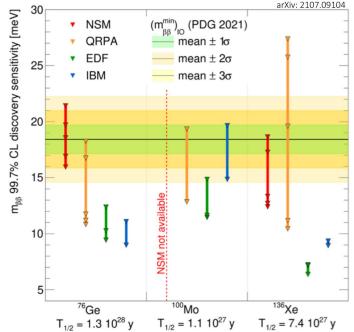
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these 3 experiments were discussed in joint meeting of EU and North America funding agencies in Sept. 2021 at LNGS in order to agree on a coordinate strategy for approval and financing

expected in the near future also KamLAND-Zen @ Kamioka

they all leverage on a long history of successes  $\rightarrow$  highly credible in their plans



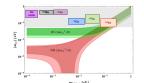
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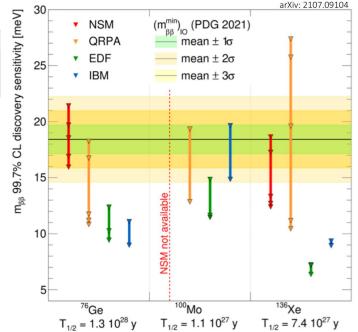
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CUPID has two big advantages: same mass scale as CUORE & same infrastructure !



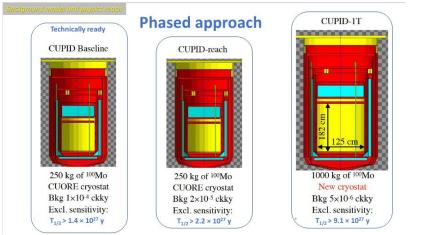
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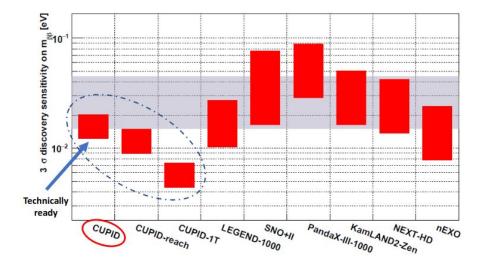
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### Majorana mass - the future and the far future

among other experiments that could become competitors we have Amore, NEXT, SNO+II ...

for CUPID we have already a viable strategy to go beyond the IH !







# thanks for your attention !

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