

# The neutrinoless double beta-decay: a brief overview

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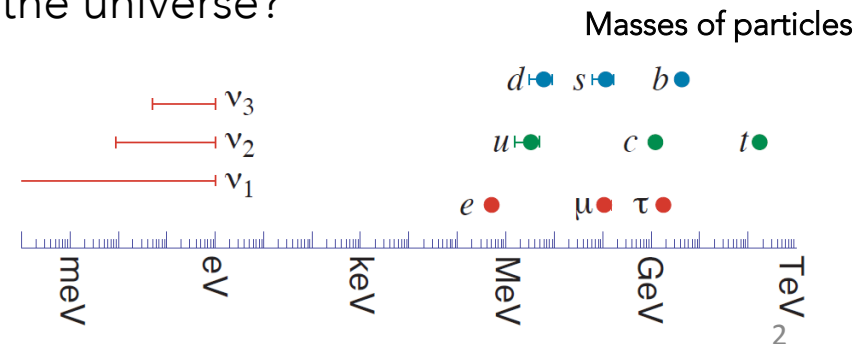
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# "The Most Tiny Quantity of Reality ..."

F. Reines, ca. 1956

- ... is the **most abundant** matter particle in the universe
- ...plays important roles in :
  - Cosmology : BBN, CMB anisotropies & structure formation
  - Astrophysics : 99% of energy released in supernovae carried by neutrinos
- ...has a small but **non-zero** mass,  
very different in scale from the other fermions :  $\frac{m_\nu}{m_e} \sim 10^{-7}$
- Could the **very** small neutrino mass be related to physics at extremely **high** energy scales ? → "See-saw" mechanism ???
- Is there CP violation in the lepton sector and could this be related to the observed matter-antimatter asymmetry in the universe?



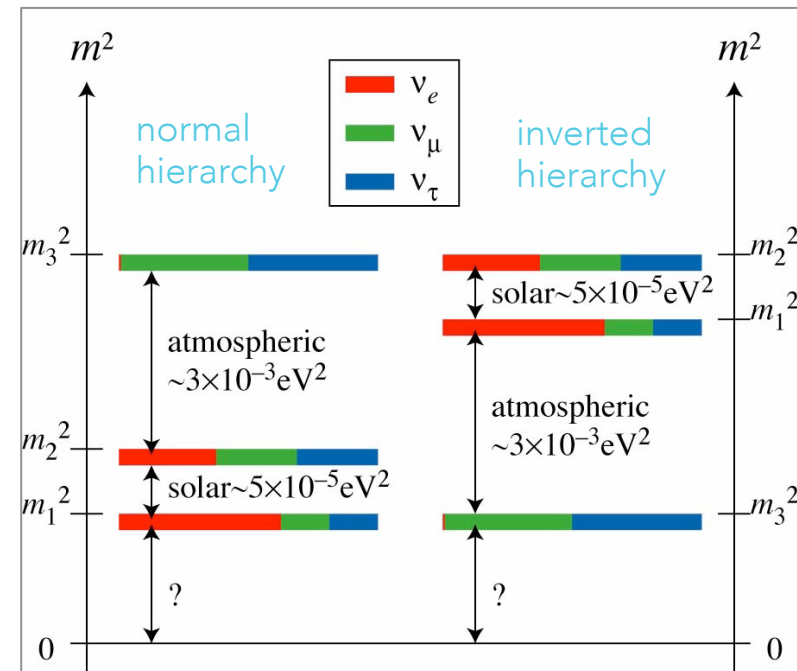
# What we can learn from $0\nu\beta\beta$ ?

- neutrinos have mass and they mix
- precision measurements of mixing angles and  $\Delta m^2$
- nature of neutrinos :  
Dirac ( $\nu \neq \bar{\nu}$ ) or Majorana ( $\nu = \bar{\nu}$ )
- absolute neutrino mass scale :  
Only limits so far :
  - $m_{\nu_e} < 2.2$  eV (Tritium end-point)
  - $\sum m_{\nu_i} < 0.3$  eV (Cosmology)
- neutrino mass-hierarchy :
  - normal :  $m_1 < m_2 < m_3$
  - inverted :  $m_3 < m_1 < m_2$
- CP-violation in neutrino sector :
  - Dirac phase :  $\delta \neq 0, \pi$
  - Majorana phases :  $\alpha_{21}, \alpha_{31} \neq 0, \pi$

PMNS mixing matrix :

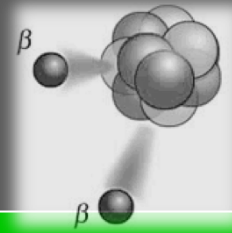
$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha_{21}/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\alpha_{31}/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Majorana Phases



Graphics taken from DOE Nuclear Science Advisory Committee report on  $0\nu\beta\beta$  (24 April 2014)

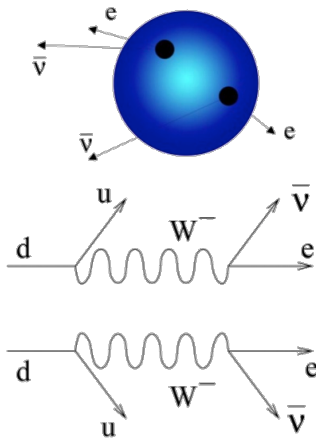
# Double Beta Decay



## 2-neutrino double beta decay

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

[Maria Goeppert-Meyer in 1935]

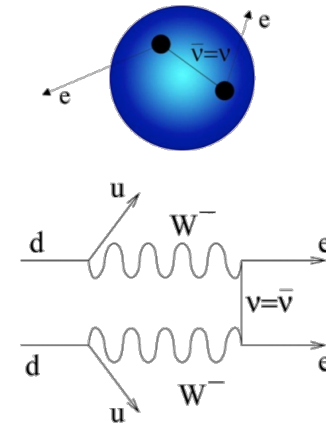


- 2<sup>nd</sup> order process allowed within SM
- first observed in 1987 (Elliott et al.)
- today measured in several isotopes

## 0-neutrino double beta decay

$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z + 2) + 2e^{-}$$

[Furry in 1939]



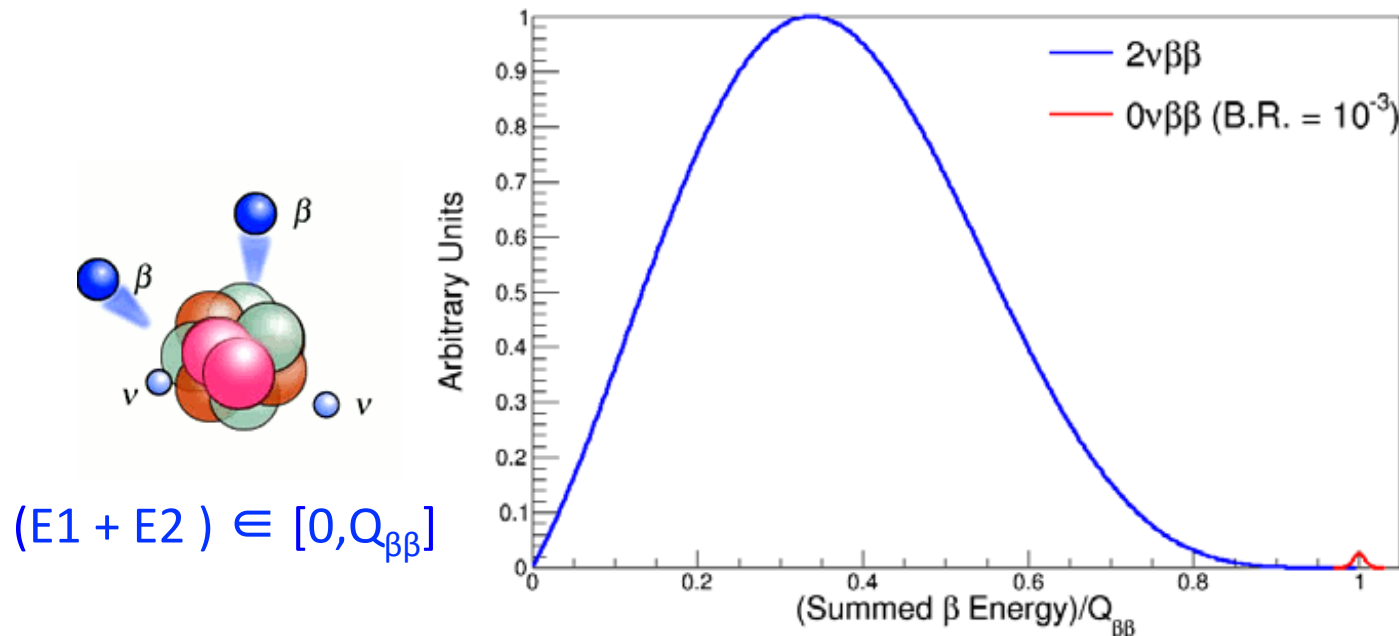
- Lepton number violating process  $\Delta L=2$
- forbidden in SM  $\rightarrow$  new physics !!!
- rate  $(0\nu\beta\beta) \ll$  rate  $(2\nu\beta\beta)$
- no positive detection so far, with the exception of Klapdor-Kleingrothaus *et al.*, however result been disproved.



# Experimental signature

Experiments measure the sum of the kinetic energies of the two emitted  $\beta$  s

**Signature:** monochromatic line at the Q-value of the decay



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$(E_1 + E_2) / Q_{\beta\beta} \approx 1$

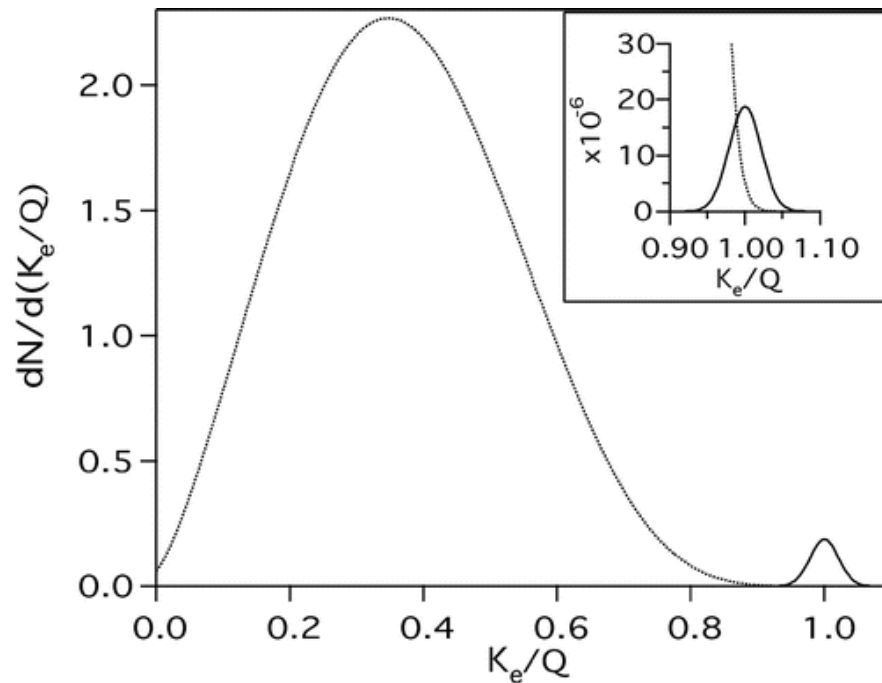
**Energy resolution!!**

# Irreducible background

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$2\nu\beta\beta$  irreducible background:



good energy  
resolution  $\Delta E$   
necessary!

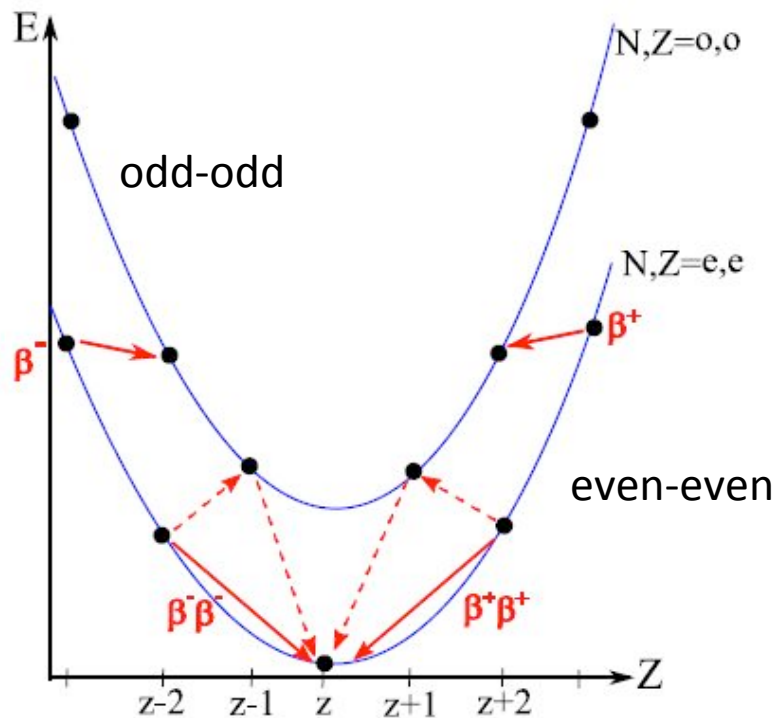
# Who can do $0\nu\beta\beta$ ?

35 isotopes available, interesting for  $0\nu\beta\beta$  searches only 11:

A periodic table diagram with 11 isotopes highlighted in blue boxes. The highlighted isotopes are:  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{96}\text{Zr}$ ,  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{110}\text{Pd}$ ,  $^{116}\text{Cd}$ ,  $^{124}\text{Sn}$ ,  $^{130}\text{Te}$ ,  $^{136}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{76}\text{Ge}$ ,  $^{82}\text{Se}$ , and  $^{150}\text{Nd}$ .

# Isotopes of choice

only even-even nuclei can undergo a double beta decay



Candidate Isotope	Q-value [MeV]	Natural abundance [%]
$^{48}\text{Ca}$	4.272	0.187
$^{76}\text{Ge}$	2.039	7.8
$^{82}\text{Se}$	2.996	9.2
$^{96}\text{Zr}$	3.350	2.8
$^{100}\text{Mo}$	3.034	9.6
$^{110}\text{Pd}$	2.004	11.8
$^{116}\text{Cd}$	2.814	7.6
$^{124}\text{Sn}$	2.530	5.6
$^{130}\text{Te}$	2.530	34.5
$^{136}\text{Xe}$	2.459	8.9
$^{150}\text{Nd}$	3.371	5.6

higher Q-value  
→ less background !!

Enrichment possible  
but always expensive !!

# Effective Neutrino Mass (light $\nu$ exchange)

REMEMBER: If neutrino has a non-zero mass, mass eigenstates ( $\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3$ ) and weak interactions eigenstates ( $\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$ ) do not necessarily have to coincide!

$$\nu_l = \sum_i U_{li} \nu_i$$

- $\beta$ -decay: incoherent sum  
real neutrino
- cosmology: simple sum  
pure kinematic effect
- $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay: coherent sum  
virtual neutrino  
Majorana phases

$$\langle m_\beta \rangle \equiv \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 m_i^2 |U_{li}|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\Sigma \equiv \sum_{i=1}^3 m_i$$

$$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle \equiv \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 m_i |U_{li}|^2 e^{i\alpha_i} \right)^{1/2}$$

$\alpha_i =$  Majorana phases

  $0\nu\text{DBD}$  experiments are sensitive to an **effective** neutrino mass!

# Half-life of the decay

The decay half-life  $T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$  is the **measurable quantity**. It depends on the effective Majorana mass  $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2$  of the neutrino exchanged between the two electron vertexes

Depending on  $g_A$   
half-lives can vary by a  
factor of 4-16

axial vector  
coupling constant

effective  
Majorana mass  
particle physics

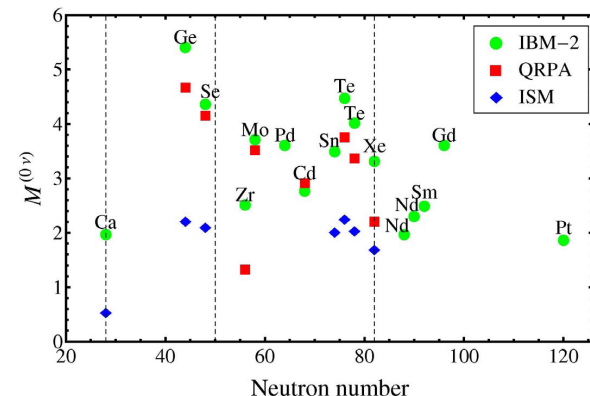
$$\frac{1}{T_{1/2}^{0\nu}} = g_A^4 G_{0\nu} |M_{0\nu}|^2 \left| \frac{\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle}{m_e} \right|^2$$

half-life

phase space  
integral  $\sim Q^5$   
atomic physics

nuclear matrix  
element (NME)  
nuclear physics

Several methods have been used to evaluate  $M_{0\nu}$  :  
QRPA (Quasiparticle Random Phase Approximation)  
ISM (Shell Model)  
IBM-2 (Interacting Boson Model)  
EDF (Density Functional Theory)



$$m_{\beta\beta} = f(\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, \Delta m_{12}, \pm \Delta m_{13}, \Sigma_{cosm}, e^{i\alpha}, e^{i\beta})$$

# Experimental sensitivity

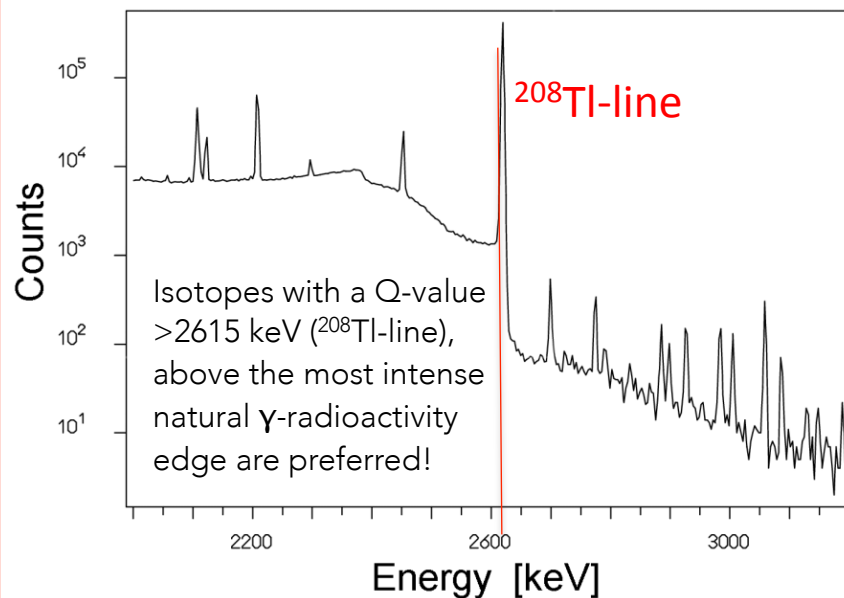
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## STRATEGY

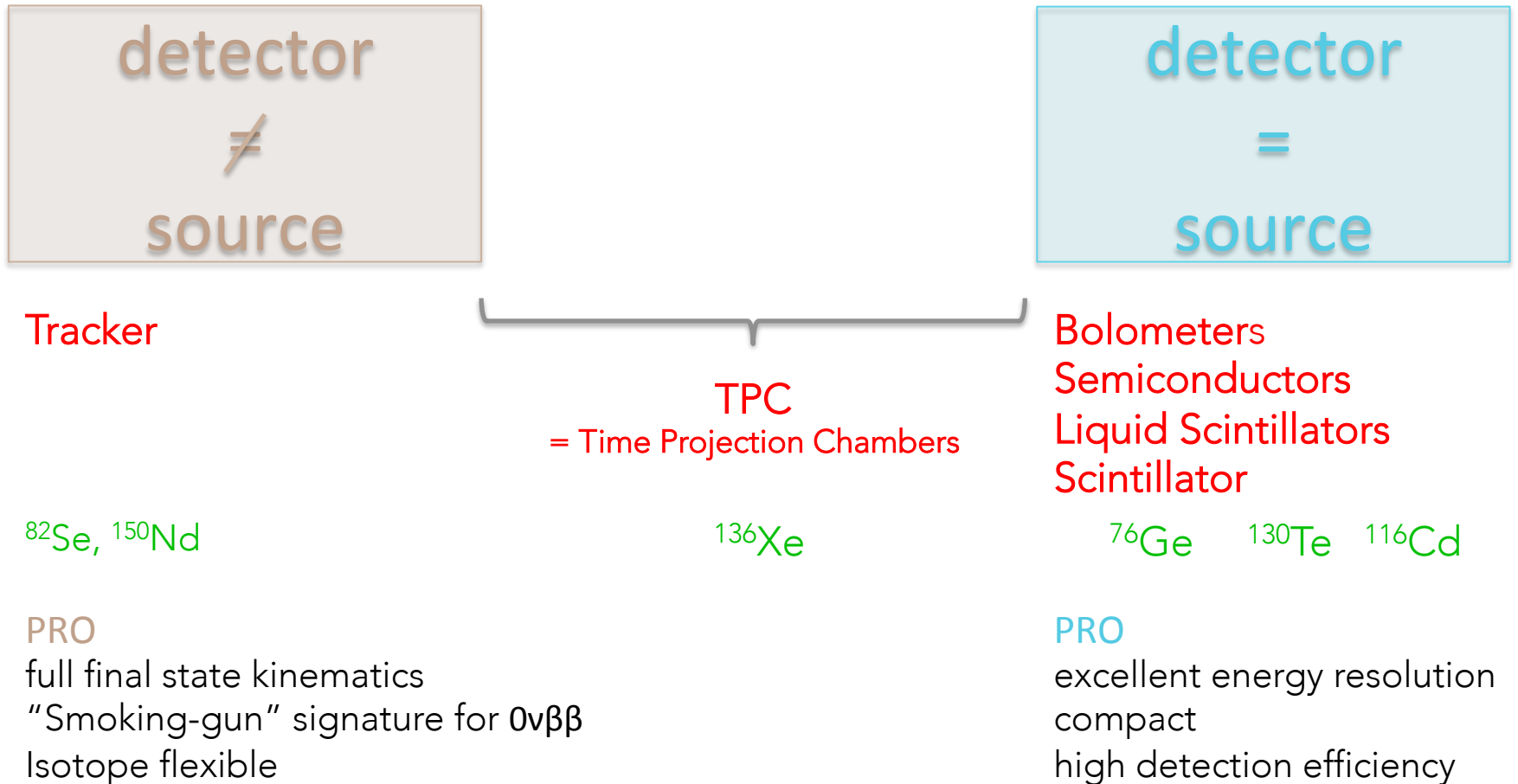
- low background
  - underground experiment
  - material selection, purification
- high Q-value
  - reject most of natural radioactivity
- high number of DBD nuclei
  - enrichment:  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  easy,  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  difficult
  - $^{130}\text{Te}$  natural high abundance
- excellent energy resolution to limit effect from  $2\nu\beta\beta$

- M = detector mass [kg]
- T = live time [y]
- B = background in ROI [counts keV<sup>-1</sup> kg<sup>-1</sup> y<sup>-1</sup>]
- W = molecular weight
- $\eta$  = isotopic abundance
- $N_A$  = Avogadro number
- $\epsilon$  = detector efficiency
- $\Delta E$  = energy resolution at Q-value

Environmental "underground" HPGE bck:  
 $^{238}\text{U}$  and  $^{232}\text{Th}$  trace contaminations

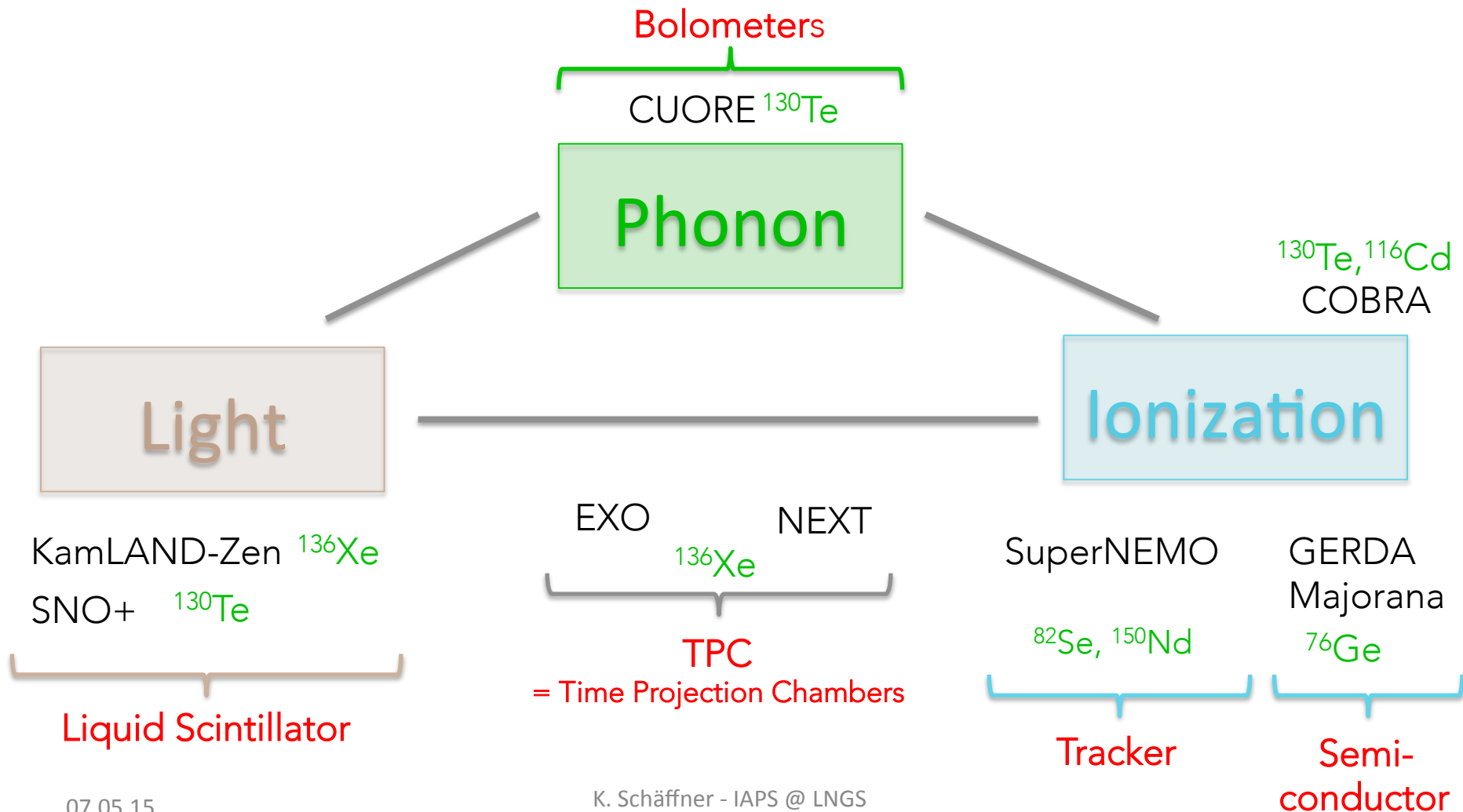


# How to build a $0\nu\beta\beta$ detector?





# Present detection technologies

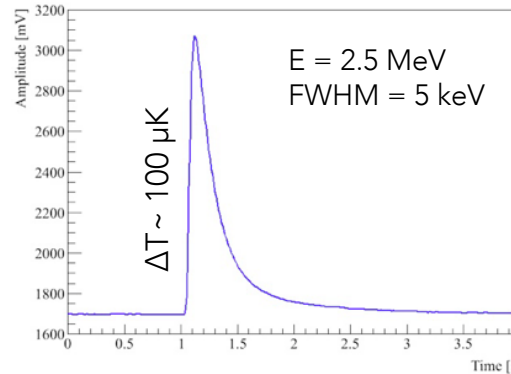
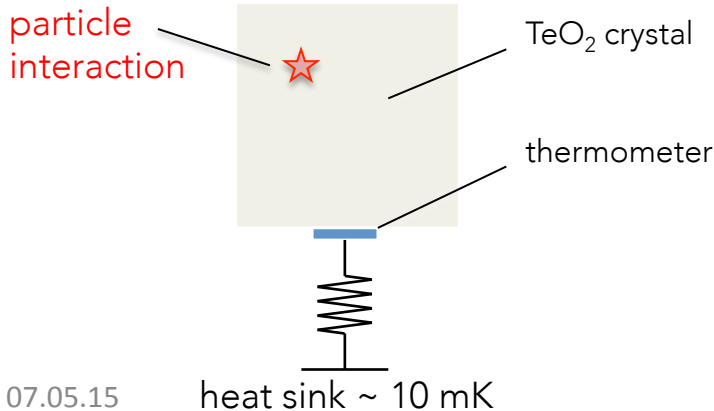
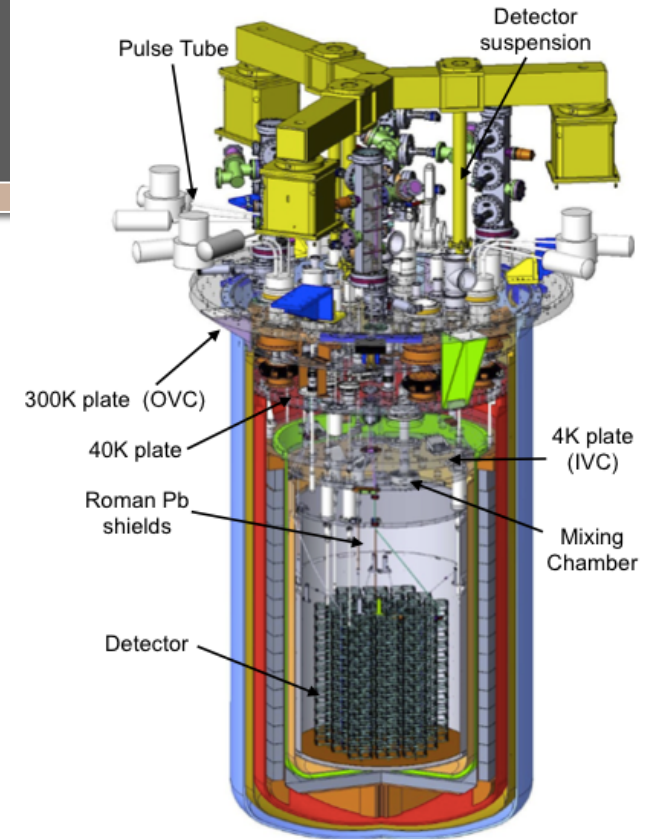


# CUORE

- located at LNGS in Italy, start within 2015
- cryogenic bolometer experiment @ 10mK
- target: 988 crystals of  $\text{TeO}_2$
- 206 kg fiducial mass of  $^{130}\text{Te}$
- Q-value: 2527 keV
- $\Delta E \sim 5\text{keV}$  in ROI

## GOAL

- background  $< 10$  counts / (keV ton y)
- 5 years sensitivity:  $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 9.5 \times 10^{25}$  y  
 $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle < 50 - 130$  meV

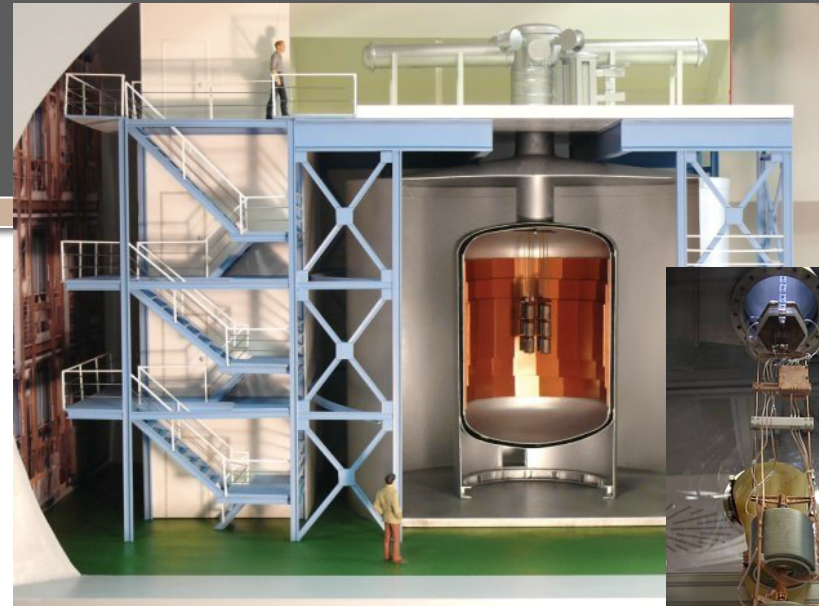


## Advantages of bolometers:

- excellent energy resolution
- large mass array
- low background in ROI
- wide choice of target material

# GERDA phase II

- located at LNGS in Italy
- Ge diodes enriched to 86% with  $^{76}\text{Ge}$
- Q-value: 2039 keV
- $\Delta E \sim 3 \text{ keV}$  in ROI
- GERDA phase I completed (2011-2013):  
 $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 2.1 \times 10^{25} \text{ y}$  (90% C.L.)  
excluded claim from Heidelberg-Moscow experiment
- GERDA phase II:
  - increase target mass 18kg + 20 kg
  - PSD to distinguish multi-site events from single-site events
  - Compton veto using scintillation light detection from LAr



## GOAL

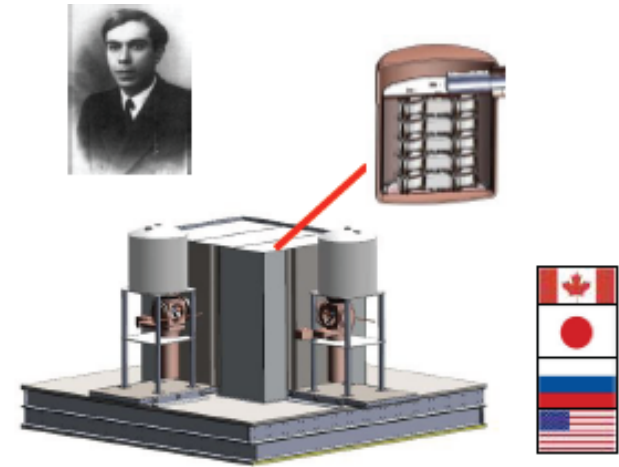
- background  $< 0.001 \text{ counts / (keV kg y)}$
- sensitivity after 4 years:  $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.5 \times 10^{26} \text{ y}$   
 $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle < 80 - 190 \text{ meV}$

### Advantages of Ge-detectors:

- known technology  
(enrichment + diode production)
- best energy resolution
- low bck in ROI
- flat background at Q-value

# Majorana Demonstrator

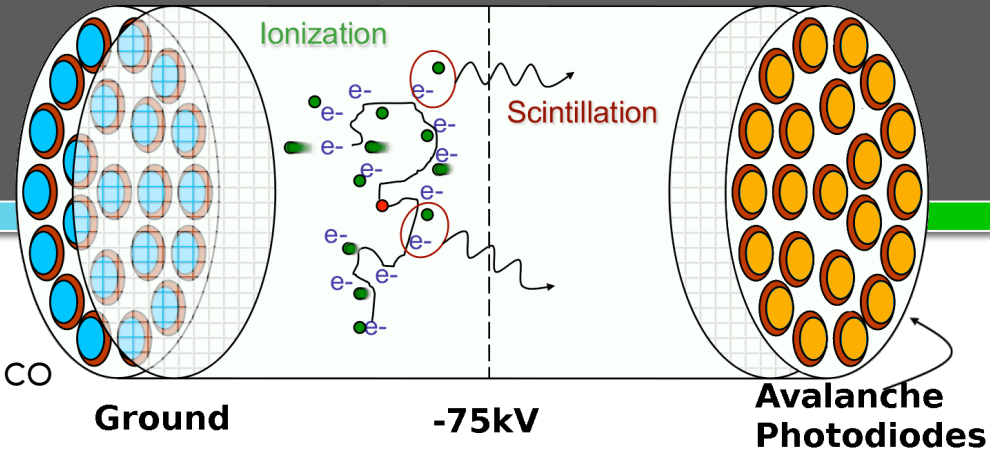
- located at Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF), South Dakota
- modular instrument composed of two cryostats
- cryostat built from ultra-pure electroformed copper
- p-type point contact Ge diodes:
  - 10 kg natural Ge
  - 30 kg enriched to 87% with  $^{76}\text{Ge}$
- Q-value: 2039 keV
- $\Delta E \sim 3 \text{ keV}$  in ROI (4keV wide window)



## GOAL

- background  $\sim 3$  counts / (ROI t y)
- collaborations aims to establish scalability to 1-tonne detector

# EXO-200



- located at Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad New Mexico
- liquid filled TPC:  
200 kg of enriched Xe (80.7% of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$ )  
of which 110 kg ( **79 kg fiducial isotope mass**) are active in the detector
- discrimination of multi-scattering events from single-scatters
- Q-value: 2457.8 keV
- $\Delta E \sim 88.5$  keV in ROI
- EXO-200 (since 2011 in operation):  
 $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.1 \times 10^{25}$  y (90% C.L.)

## GOAL

- reduce background from  $^{214}\text{Bi}$  (Q=2447.8 keV) and  $^{208}\text{Tl}$  (Q=2614.5 keV)
- reduce fiducial volume uncertainty
- improve energy resolution to about 56 keV
- aimed sensitivity after 3 years:  $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \sim 10^{26}$  y

### Advantages of TPCs:

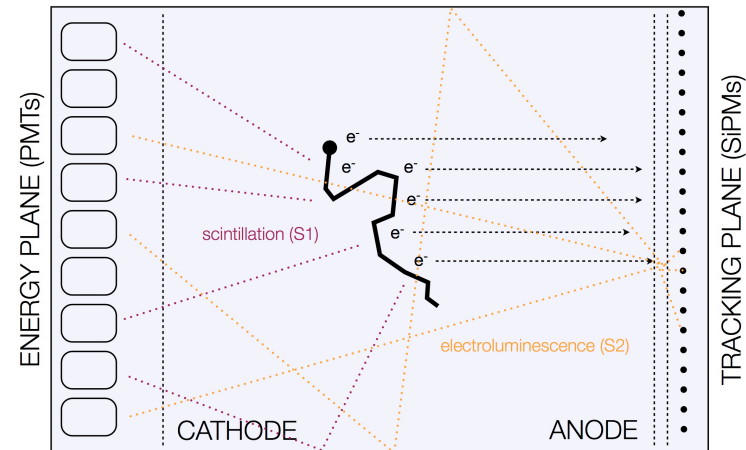
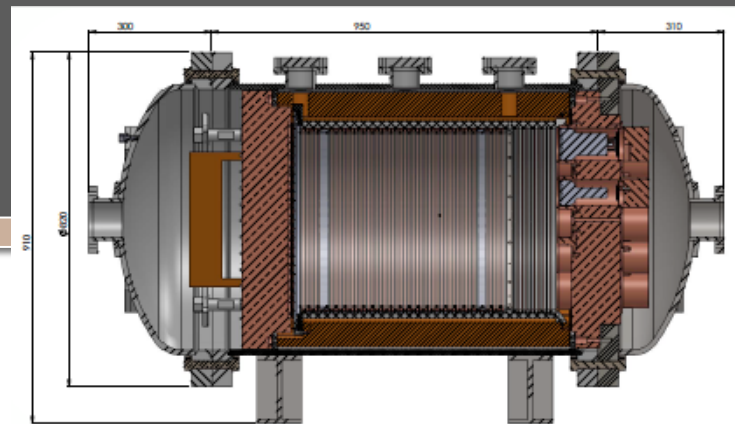
- easy to scale
- good self shielding if large

# NEXT

- will be installed at Canfranc Underground Laboratory in Spain
- NEXT phase I presently in construction
- gaseous TPC (15 bar):
  - 10 kg of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  for phase I
  - 100 kg for NEXT-100 (scheduled for 2016)
- Q-value: 2457.8 keV
- tracking: silicon photomultipliers
- calorimetry: PMTs
- $\Delta E \sim 18$  keV in NEXT R&D

## GOAL

- demonstrate that  $\Delta E \sim 18$  keV are reachable
- increase fully tagged reconstruction efficiency (presently  $\sim 30\%$ )



### Advantages of high pressure TPCs:

- easy to scale
- measure and image the final state kinematics of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  event

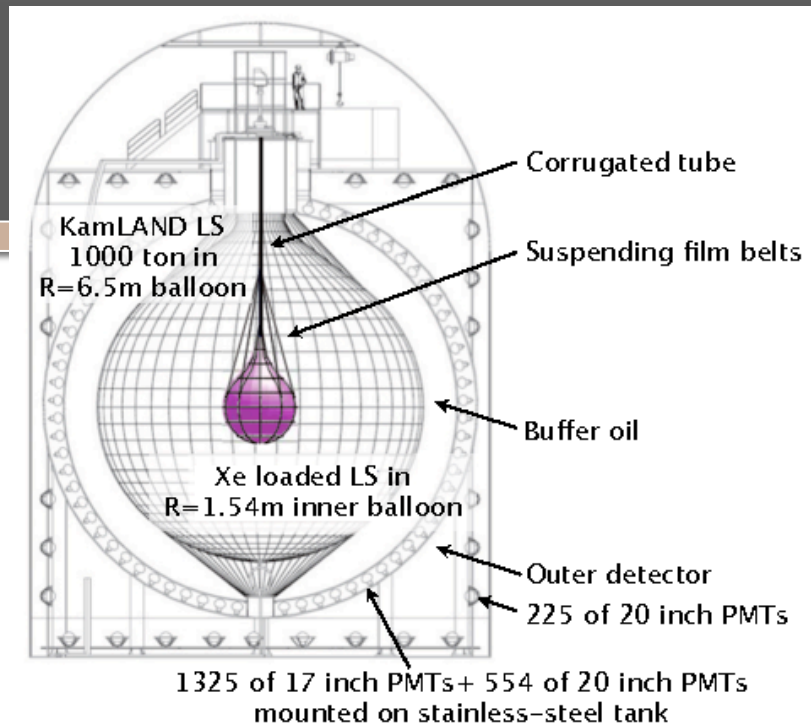


# KamLAND-Zen

- housed in the Kamioka mine in Japan
- mini-balloon filled with liquid scintillator loaded with enriched  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  (90%)
- Q-value: 2457.8 keV
- $\Delta E \sim 250$  keV in ROI
- Phase I
  - 320 kg of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  (90%), background from  $^{110\text{m}}\text{Ag}$
  - $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.9 \times 10^{25}$  y (90% C.L.)
- Phase II (from Dec 2013)
  - 383 kg of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  (90%); LS purification;  $^{110\text{m}}\text{Ag}$  reduced by a factor of 10
  - $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.3 \times 10^{25}$  y (90% C.L.)

## GOAL

- Purification of liquid scintillator
- Increase mini-balloon volume to 600 kg
- sensitivity after 2 years:  $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 2.0 \times 10^{26}$  y  
 $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle \sim 50$  meV



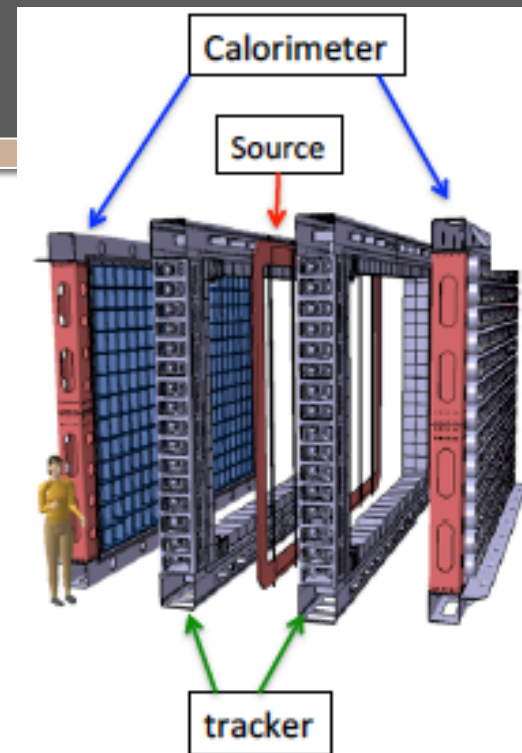
→ combined results:  $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 2.6 \times 10^{25}$  y (90% C.L.)  
 $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle < (140-280)$ meV

## Advantages of Liquid Scintillators

- easy to scale
- possibility of loading LS with other isotopes

# SuperNEMO

- located at the Modane Underground Laboratory at Fréjus
- the first “**Demonstrator**” module (7kg of  $^{82}\text{Se}$  and/or  $^{150}\text{Nd}$ ) in commissioning and will run from 2015-2017
- 100-kg full SuperNEMO planned to start from 2017
- Tracking-and-calorimetry approach:
  - Central source frame: isotope on thin foils
  - Tracking: 2000 drift chambers
  - Segmented calorimetric elements (plastic scintillator) for measurement of the  $\beta^-$  energy and time-of-flight
- $\Delta E \sim 250 \text{ keV @ } 1\text{MeV}$



## GOAL

- No background expected in ROI for 2 years of data
- sensitivity after 2 years:  $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 6.6 \times 10^{24} \text{ y}$  for  $^{82}\text{Se}$   
 $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle \sim 160\text{-}440 \text{ meV}$

### Advantages:

- allows to measure full kinematics of  $\beta^-$  products (angular distribution)
- scaling possible
- choose not mainstream isotopes:  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{150}\text{Nd}$ ,  $^{82}\text{Se}$  (large PSF and low bck)



# Timeline of present projects

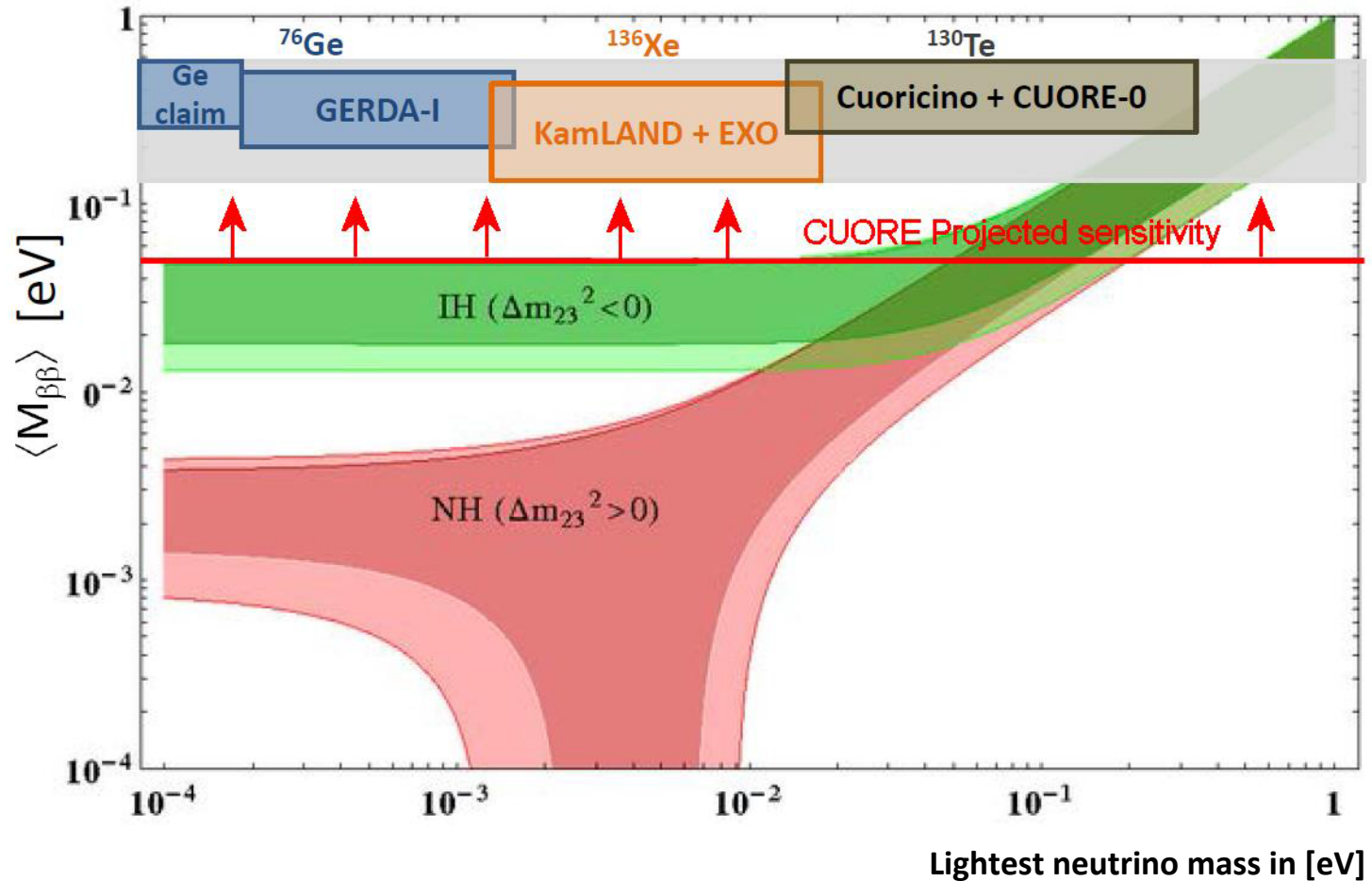
construction time

actual and intended running time

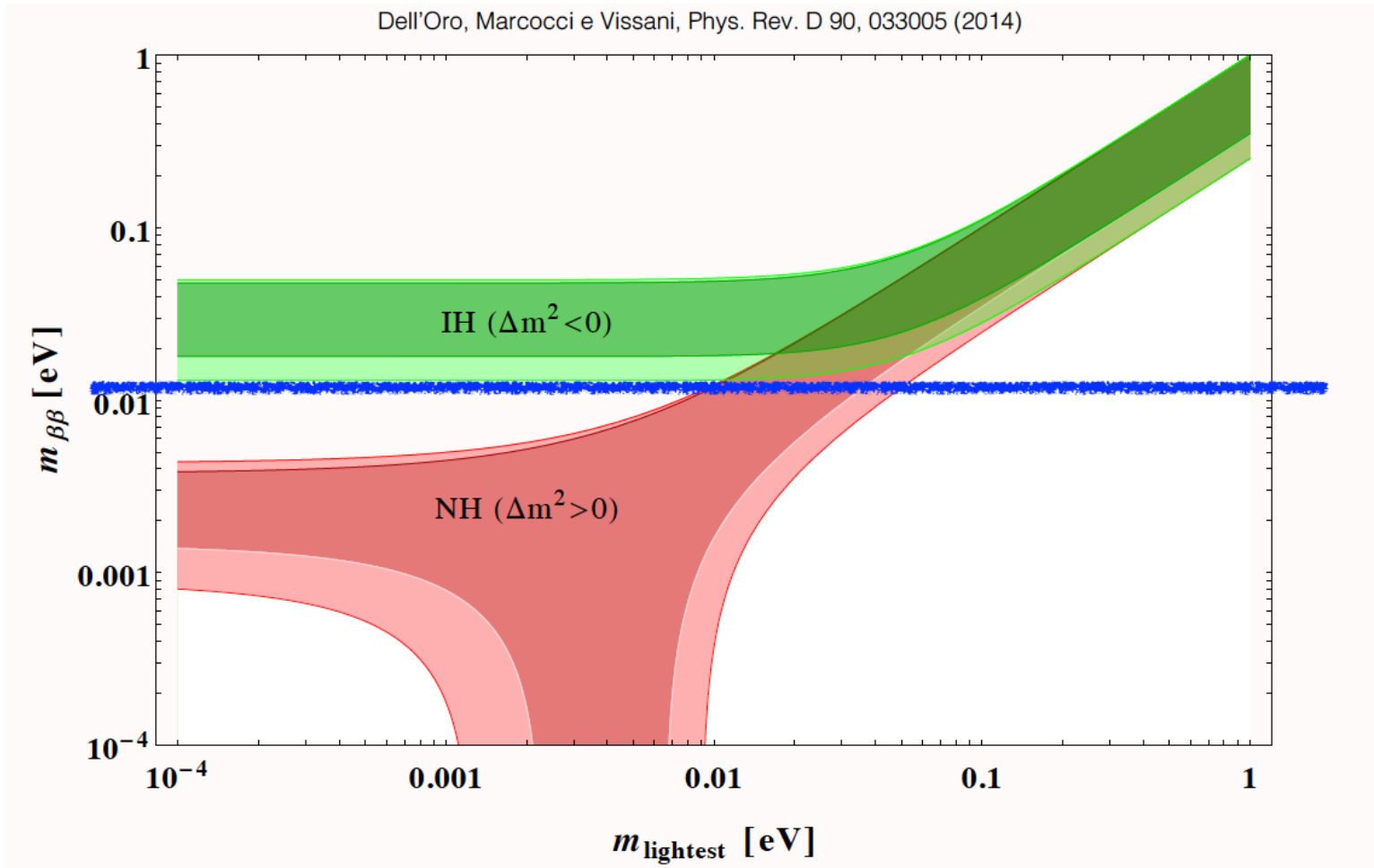


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# State of the art



# What next ??



# What is the ultimate strategy?

$$S_{0\nu} = \ln(2) N_A \frac{\eta \cdot \epsilon}{W} \sqrt{\frac{M \cdot T}{\Delta E \cdot B}}$$

Time  $T$  : not much to do other than wait

Increase in energy resolution  $\Delta E$ :

- translates in an increase of the sensitivity of the experiments
- allows to better identify and account for background contributions from natural decay chains ( $^{214}\text{Bi}$  for  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  experiments)
- allows to minimize the contribution from the irreducible contribution of the  $2\nu\beta\beta$  decay

**BUT**: Ge-diodes and bolometers already show very good energy resolutions and liquid scintillator experiments are limited by light production and consequent light detection (R&D needed)

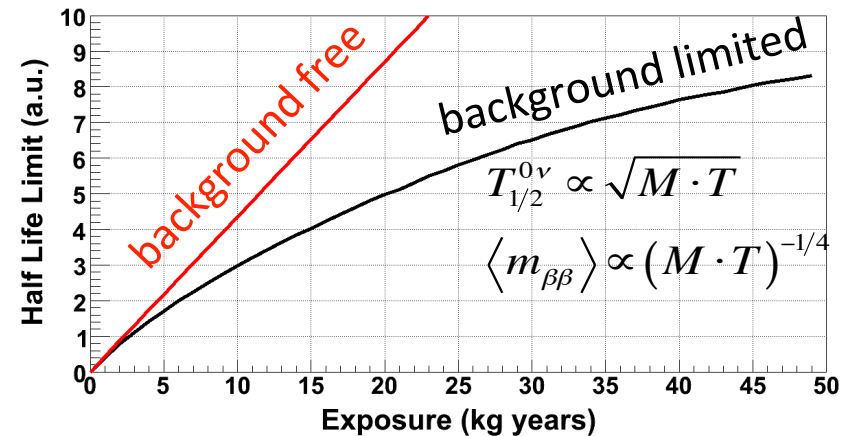
# The ultimate experiment ...

.... is all about background!!

## (1) ZERO BACKGROUND FRAMEWORK

$$S_{0\nu} = \ln(2) N_A \frac{\eta \cdot \epsilon}{W} \boxed{M \cdot T}$$

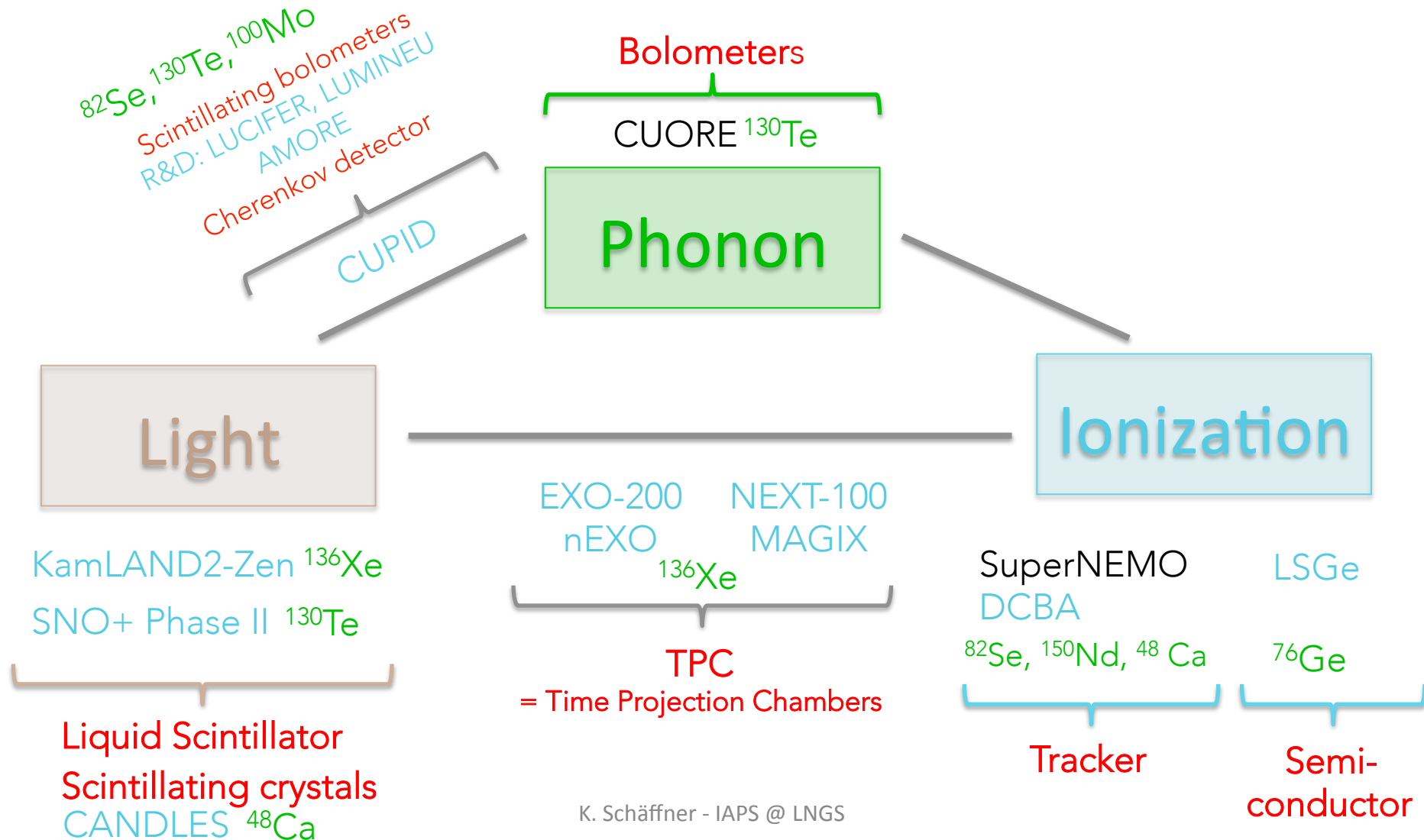
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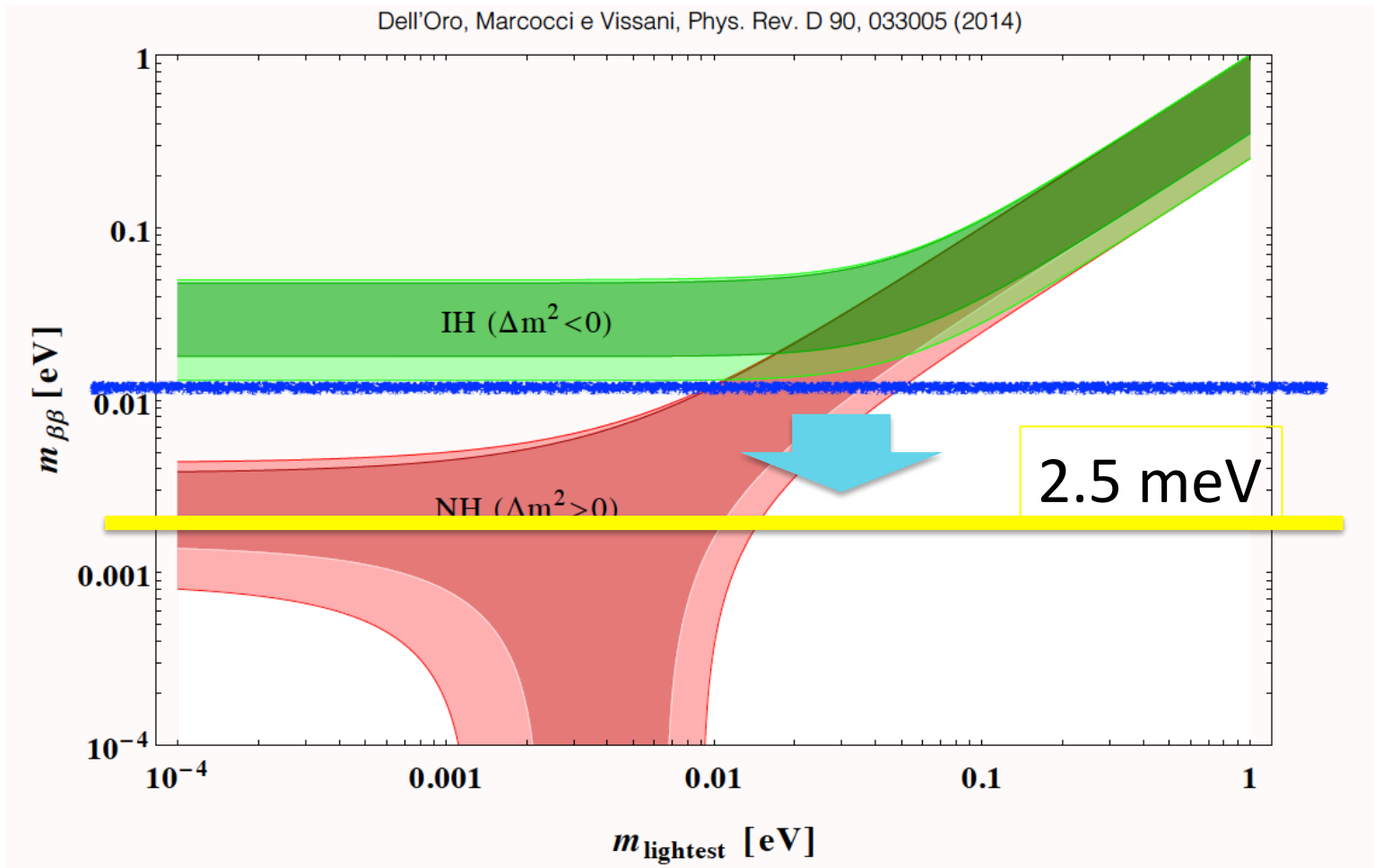
## (2) increase the number of active DBD nuclei

**BUT:** translates to a huge necessary budget for enrichment !

# Future generation experiments



# far future... assume



# Isotope costs -normal hierarchy region

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TABLE I. Properties of candidate  $0\nu\beta\beta$  isotopes.

Isotope	Q (MeV)	Percent natural abund.	Element cost [5] (\$/kg)	$G^{0\nu}$ ( $10^{-14}$ /yr) [6]	$M^{0\nu}$ (avg) [7]	$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$ for 2.5 meV ( $10^{29}$ yrs)	Tons of isotope for 1 ev/yr	Equivalent natural tons	Annual world production [5] (tons)	Natural element cost (\$M)	Enriched at \$20/g (\$M)	$0\nu/2\nu$ rate [2,8] ( $10^{-8}$ )
$^{48}\text{Ca}$	4.27	0.19	0.16	6.06	1.6	2.70	31.1	16380	$2.4 \times 10^8$	2.6	622	0.016
$^{76}\text{Ge}$	2.04	7.8	1650	0.57	4.8	3.18	58.2	746	118	1221	1164	0.55
$^{82}\text{Se}$	3.00	9.2	174	2.48	4.0	1.05	20.8	225	2000	39	416	0.092
$^{96}\text{Zr}$	3.35	2.8	36	5.02	3.0	0.93	21.4	763	$1.4 \times 10^6$	27	427	0.025
$^{100}\text{Mo}$	3.04	9.6	35	3.89	4.6	0.51	12.2	127	$2.5 \times 10^5$	4.4	244	0.014
$^{110}\text{Pd}$	2.00	11.8	23000	1.18	6.0	0.98	26.0	221	207	5078	521	0.16
$^{116}\text{Cd}$	2.81	7.6	2.8	4.08	3.6	0.79	22.1	290	$2.2 \times 10^4$	0.81	441	0.035
$^{124}\text{Sn}$	2.29	5.6	30	2.21	3.7	1.38	41.2	736	$2.5 \times 10^5$	22	825	0.072
$^{130}\text{Te}$	2.53	34.5	360	3.47	4.0	0.75	23.6	68	$\sim 150$	24	471	0.92
$^{136}\text{Xe}$	2.46	8.9	1000	3.56	2.9	1.40	45.7	513	50	513	914	1.51
$^{150}\text{Nd}$	3.37	5.6	42	15.4	2.7	0.37	13.4	240	$\sim 10^4$	11	269	0.024

approximate quantities and costs of material that would be required to achieve **a rate of one  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay per year** for an effective Majorana neutrino mass of 2.5 meV.

(center of the normal hierarchy phase space as the eigenvalue of the smallest neutrino mass eigenstate approaches zero).



# My Conclusions

- the search for the neutrinoless DBD addresses **urgent questions** of present day physics
- half-lives are unknown and a discovery might be around the corner
- many different detection technologies were developed within the last decade
- The results from the second generation of present experiments will allow us to:
  - start to scratch the inverted hierarchy region
  - check the discovery potential of the techniques for future generation experiments able to probe the complete inverted hierarchy region
- future generation experiments
  - target mass of **DBD nuclei** ~ 1 tonne
  - increase energy resolution
  - high costs for enrichment and isotope O(100 M Euro) -> **few exp. in the world**
  - in direction of **zero background** experiments (**the hardest task**)
- a **single experiment however will not be enough** for a discovery!!!
- investment in economic enrichment techniques for isotopes of interest ???
- **hope** for a small  $g_A$ , otherwise half-lives can change by a factor of 4-16 and a detection becomes very challenging
- a lot hands and brains needed 😊

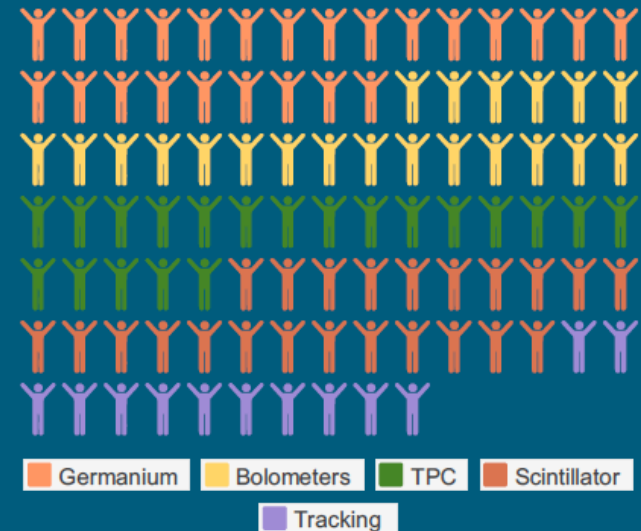
# Double Beta Community

## A Worldwide Effort



Underground labs  
around the world

about 840  
physicists worldwide



Graphics adopted from L. Winslow: talk @ Neutrino 2014

Thank you for your attention



# Additional material



# Axial vector coupling constant $g_A$

The question of whether or not  $g_A$  in  $0\nu\beta\beta$  is renormalized as much as in  $2\nu\beta\beta$  is of much debate. In  $2\nu\beta\beta$  only the  $1_+$  (GT) multipole contributes. In  $0\nu\beta\beta$  all multipoles  $1_+$ ,  $0_+$ ,  $2_-$ ,  $1_-$  ... contribute.

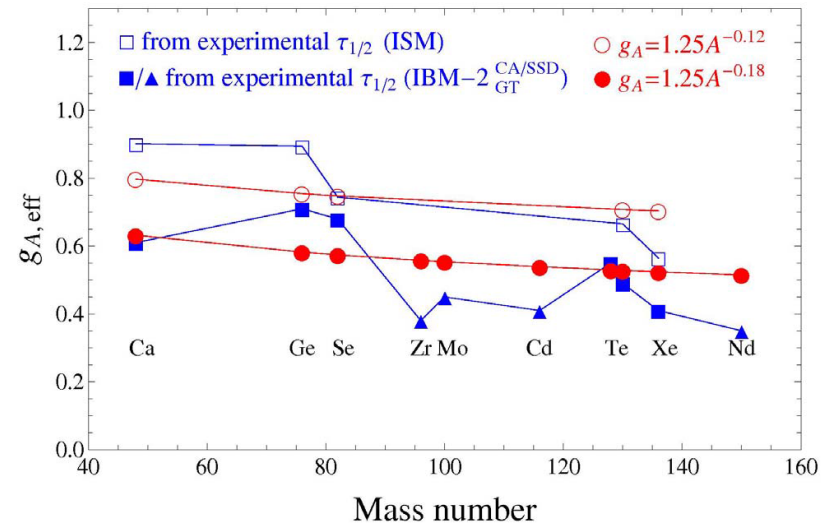
Some of these could be unquenched. However, even in  $0\nu\beta\beta$ ,  $1_+$  intermediate states dominate. Hence, our current understanding is that  $g_A$  is renormalized in  $0\nu\beta\beta$  as much as in  $2\nu\beta\beta$ .

This problem is currently being addressed from various sides. Experimentally by measuring the matrix elements to and from the intermediate odd-odd nucleus in  $2\nu\beta\beta$  decay [1]. Theoretically, by using effective field theory (EFT) to estimate the effect of non-nucleonic degrees of freedom (two-body currents) [2].

[1] P. Puppe et al., Phys. Rev. C 86, 044603 (2012).

[2] J. Menendez, D. Gazit, and A. Schwenk, Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 062501 (2011).

J. Barea, J. Kotila and F. Iachello, Phys. Rev. C 87, 014315 (2013).



# Effective Neutrino Mass

The average light neutrino mass can be written as

$$\langle m_\nu \rangle = \left| c_{13}^2 c_{12}^2 m_1 + c_{13}^2 s_{12}^2 m_2 e^{i\varphi_2} + s_{13}^2 m_3 e^{i\varphi_3} \right|$$

$$c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}, s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}, \varphi_{2,3} = [0, 2\pi]$$

$$(m_1^2, m_2^2, m_3^2) = \frac{m_1^2 + m_2^2}{2} + \left( -\frac{\delta m^2}{2}, +\frac{\delta m^2}{2}, \pm \Delta m^2 \right)$$

A fit to oscillation experiments gives §

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.312, \sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.016, \sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.466$$

$$\delta m^2 = 7.67 \times 10^{-5} eV^2, \Delta m^2 = 2.39 \times 10^{-3} eV^2$$

§ G.L. Fogli *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D75, 053001(2007); D78, 033010 (2008).

[A recent result from Daya Bay, Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 171803 (2012) gives  $\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.024 \pm 0.005$ , which slightly modifies the fit.]

PMNS mixing matrix :

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha_{21}/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\alpha_{31}/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Majorana Phases**

$$\langle m_\nu \rangle = \left| \sum U_{ei}^2 m_i \right| = \left| U_{e1}^2 m_1 + U_{e2}^2 m_2 e^{i\alpha_{21}} + U_{e3}^2 m_3 e^{i\alpha_{31}} \right|$$

# Why Ge?

## Current experiments

		mass [kg]* (total/FV)	FWHM [keV]	background& [cnt/mol yr FWHM]	$T_{1/2}$ limit [ $10^{25}$ yr] after 4 yr	$\langle m_{ee} \rangle$ limit [meV]	date
Gerda II	Ge	35/27	3	0.0004	15	80-190	-2019
MajoranaD	Ge	30/24	3	0.0004	15	80-190	-2019
EXO-200	Xe	170/80	88	0.03	6	80-220	-2019
Kamland-Zen	Xe	383/88 (600/?)	250	0.03	20	44-120	-2018
NEXT	Xe	100/80	17	0.0036	6	100-200	-2020
Cuore	Te	600/206	5	0.02	9	50-200	-2019
SNO+	Te	2340/160	270	0.02	9	50-200	-2020

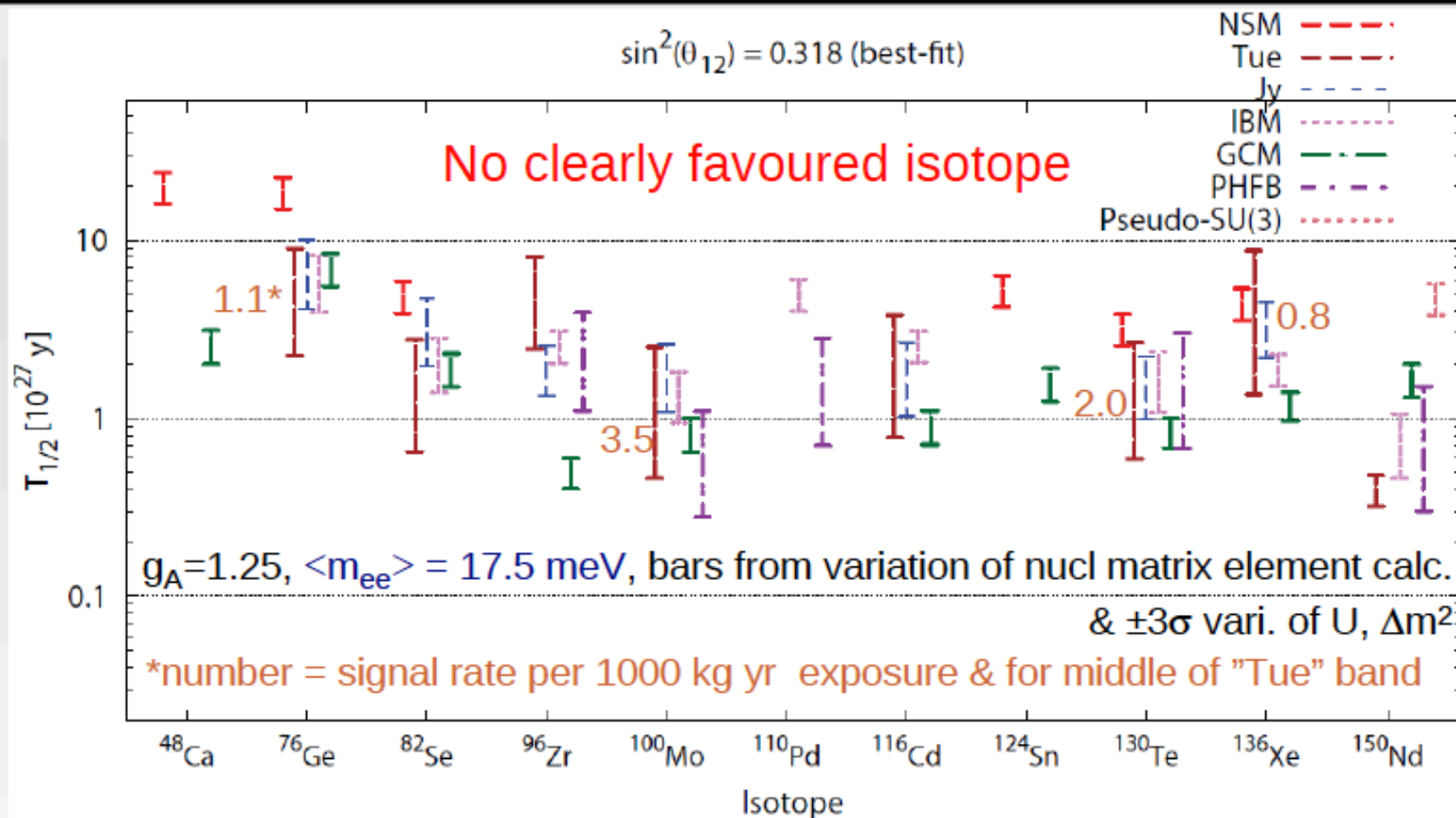
\* total= element mass, FV=  $0\nu\beta\beta$  isotope mass in fiducial volume (incl enrichment fraction)

& mol of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  isotope in active volume and divided by  $0\nu\beta\beta$  efficiency

Note: values are design numbers except for EXO-200 and Kamland-Zen

Ge experiments have lowest background → similar sensitivity despite small mass

# Expected $T_{1/2}$ for different matrix elements

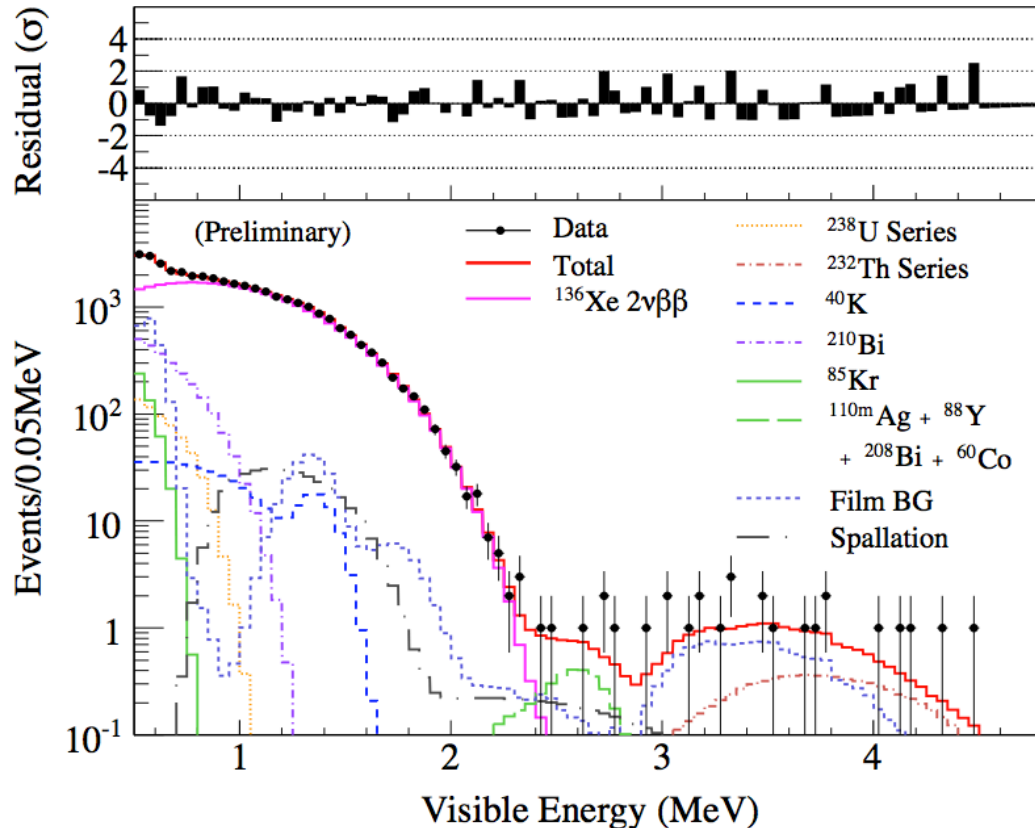


taken from DOE Nuclear Science Advisory Committee report on  $0\nu\beta\beta$  (24 April 2014)  
 adopted from A. Dueck, W. Rodejohann and K. Zuber, Phys. Rev. D83 (2011) 113010

warning from theory colleague: unclear whether light Majorana neutrino exchange is dominating  
 & other  $\nu$  properties unknown  $\rightarrow$  motivation to cover inverted mass hierarchy is artificial



# Spectrum of KamLAND-Zen



**FIGURE 3.** Preliminary energy spectrum of selected  $\beta\beta$  candidates within 1.0 m fiducial radius is shown together with the best-fit backgrounds, with the  $2\nu\beta\beta$  decay fit. The residuals from the best-fit are shown in the upper panel.

# $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = 12 \text{ meV}$ and zero bck

- Objective:  $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = 12 \text{ meV}$
- sensitivity of 1 sigma
- Nuclear matrix elements from IBM-2
- zero background condition (i.e.  $M \cdot T \cdot B \cdot \Delta E \lesssim 1$ )
- measuring time  $T = 5 \text{ y}$
- enrichment level 90%
- actual costs for enrichment
- detector efficiency (fiducial volume) as present
- energy resolution as present
- $g_A = 1.269$

	T1/2 0v [anni]	Massa isotopo [ton]	Efficienza (volume fiduciale)	Massa totale rivelatore [ton]	a.i. [%]	Costo isotopo/kg [k€]	Costo isotopo [M€]	B*ΔE [c/kg/y]	ΔE FWHM [keV]	Fondo [c/keV/kg/y]	Q value [keV]	T1/2 2v [anni]	Rapporto eventi 0v/2v
<sup>76</sup> Ge GERDA	1,0E+28	0,365	0,82	0,49	7,8	70,00	34,64	5,5E-04	3	1,8E-04	2039	1,8E+21	6,3E+08
<sup>82</sup> Se Lucifer	3,7E+27	0,145	0,80	0,36	9,2	70,00	14,11	1,4E-03	10	1,4E-04	2996	9,2E+19	4,4E+05
<sup>100</sup> Mo (ZnMO <sub>4</sub> )	3,2E+27	0,151	0,80	0,48	7,6	100,00	20,97	1,3E-03	9	1,5E-04	3034	7,1E+18	8,0E+04
<sup>116</sup> Cd (CdWO <sub>4</sub> )	5,4E+27	0,301	0,80	1,31	9,6	150,00	62,64	6,7E-04	6	1,1E-04	2814	2,8E+19	1,4E+06
<sup>130</sup> Te CUORE	3,0E+27	0,189	0,87	0,30	34,2	13,00	3,14	1,1E-03	5	2,1E-04	2527	6,8E+20	1,1E+08
<sup>130</sup> Te SNO+	3,0E+27	0,189	0,20	350,61	34,2	13,00	13,67	1,1E-03	270	3,9E-06	2527	6,8E+20	4,3E-03
<sup>136</sup> Xe EXO	4,3E+27	0,281	0,50	0,63	8,9	8,00	5,00	7,1E-04	58	1,2E-05	2458	2,1E+21	8,4E+01
<sup>136</sup> Xe Kam-Zen	4,3E+27	0,281	0,30	42,72	8,9	8,00	8,34	7,1E-04	250	2,8E-06	2458	2,1E+21	1,3E-02
<sup>136</sup> Xe NEXT	4,3E+27	0,281	0,30	1,04	8,9	8,00	8,34	7,1E-04	15	4,7E-05	2458	2,1E+21	2,8E+05