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# NEUTRINOLESS DBD EXPERIMENTS

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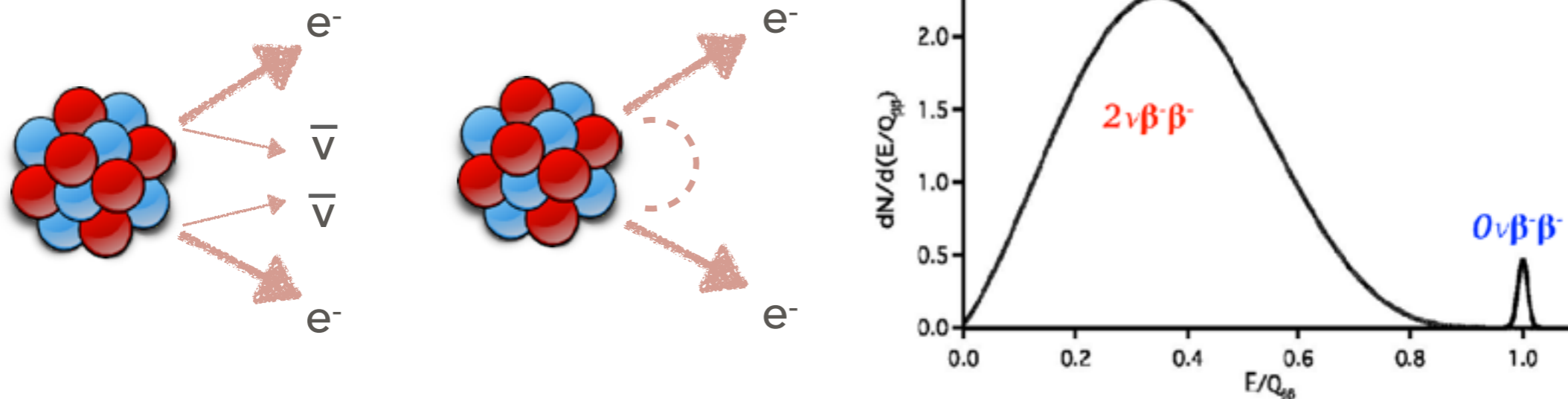
# Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay Experiments

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## A VERY UNUSUAL REVIEW...

- Short Intro with best Physics Results
- Open Questions
- Controversial Issues
- Impact or Input on/from other fields

# Neutrino-less Double Beta Decay: a short intro...



To date,  $0\nu\beta\beta$  is the only viable option to show that neutrinos are Majorana particles ( $\bar{\nu} = \nu$ )

## Experimental observation of neutrino-less double beta decay will...

Establish the **violation of lepton number** in particle physics

Shed light on the **mass generation mechanisms** and the smallness of neutrino masses

Open a window to understand **matter dominance** in the universe

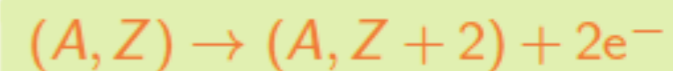
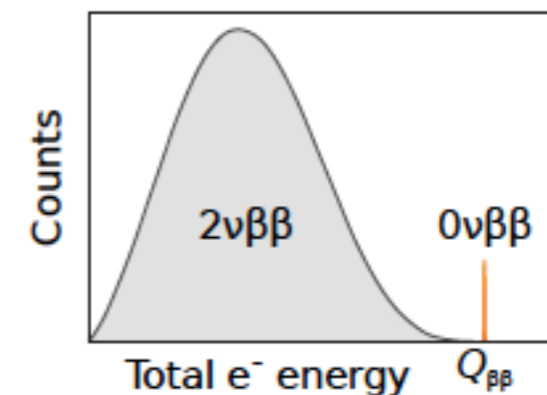
Provide information on the **size and pattern** of neutrino masses

**Caveat** In order to extract the information on the neutrino **mass**, it is necessary to pass through **atomic** and **nuclear** physics

$$(t_{1/2}^{0\nu})^{-1} = G_{0\nu} \cdot |M_{0\nu}|^2 \cdot \left| \frac{m_{\beta\beta}}{m_e} \right|^2$$

## Experimental search for $0\nu\beta\beta$

- **detection:** energy (track) of the 2 emitted  $e^-$ 
  - monochromatic peak at  $Q_{\beta\beta}$
  - smearing due to finite energy resolution
- **observable:** decay half-life of the isotope,  $t_{1/2}^{0\nu}$ 
  - in the case of a peak in the energy spectrum



$$t_{1/2}^{0\nu} = \ln 2 \cdot T \cdot \varepsilon \cdot \frac{N_{\beta\beta}}{N_{\text{peak}}} \quad \left( \frac{\delta t_{1/2}^{0\nu}}{t_{1/2}^{0\nu}} = \frac{\delta N_{\text{peak}}}{N_{\text{peak}}} \right)$$

- if no peak is detected, the **sensitivity** corresponds to the maximum signal that can be hidden by the background fluctuations  $n_B = \sqrt{M T B \Delta}$

$$S_{1/2}^{0\nu} = \ln 2 \cdot T \cdot \varepsilon \cdot \frac{n_{\beta\beta}}{n_\sigma \cdot n_B} = \ln 2 \cdot \varepsilon \cdot \frac{1}{n_\sigma} \cdot \frac{x \eta N_A}{\mathcal{M}_A} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{M T}{B \Delta}}$$

( $M$  = detector mass     $T$  = measuring time     $B$  = background level     $\Delta$  = energy resolution)

# Detector requirements

- good energy resolution

- only protection against  $2\nu\beta\beta$  spectrum tail

- $R_{0\nu/2\nu} \propto \left(\frac{Q_{\beta\beta}}{\Delta}\right)^6 \frac{t_{1/2}^{2\nu}}{t_{1/2}^{0\nu}}$

- very low background

- underground location + shielding

- radio-pure materials for detector and surrounding parts

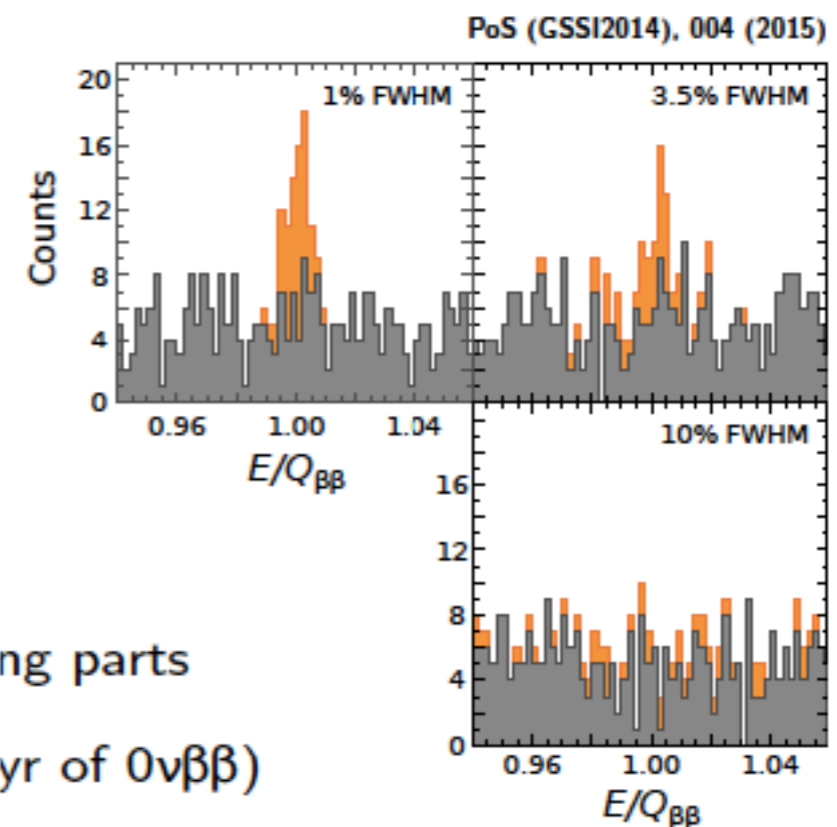
(( $10^9 - 10^{10}$ ) yr from natural chains vs.  $> 10^{25}$  yr of  $0\nu\beta\beta$ )

- analysis rejection techniques

- large isotope mass

- present: some tens up to hundreds of kg

- tonnes required to cover the IH region

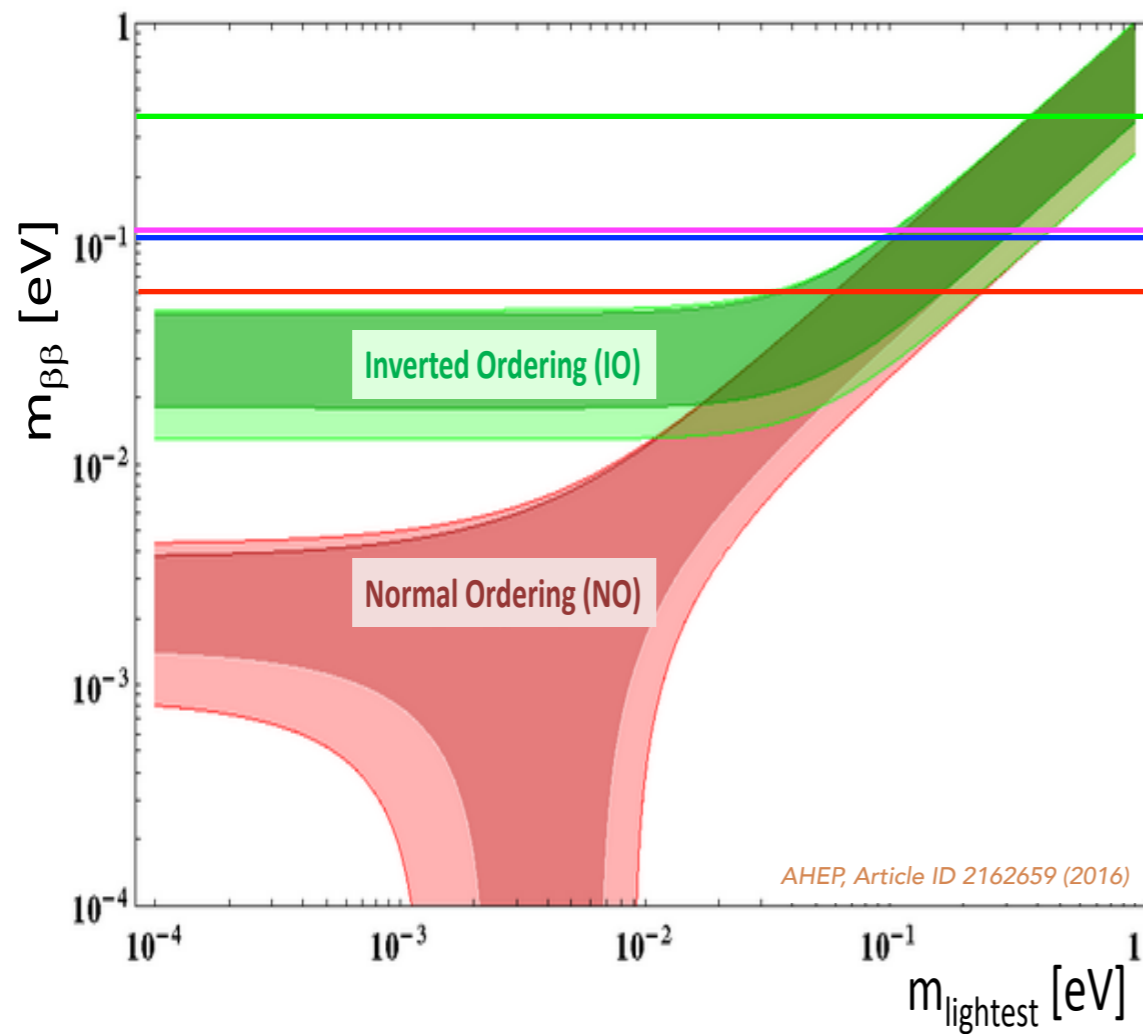


It is up to the experimentalists to choose **which aspect to privilege** in order to get the best sensitivity

# Present sensitivity

Effective Majorana mass

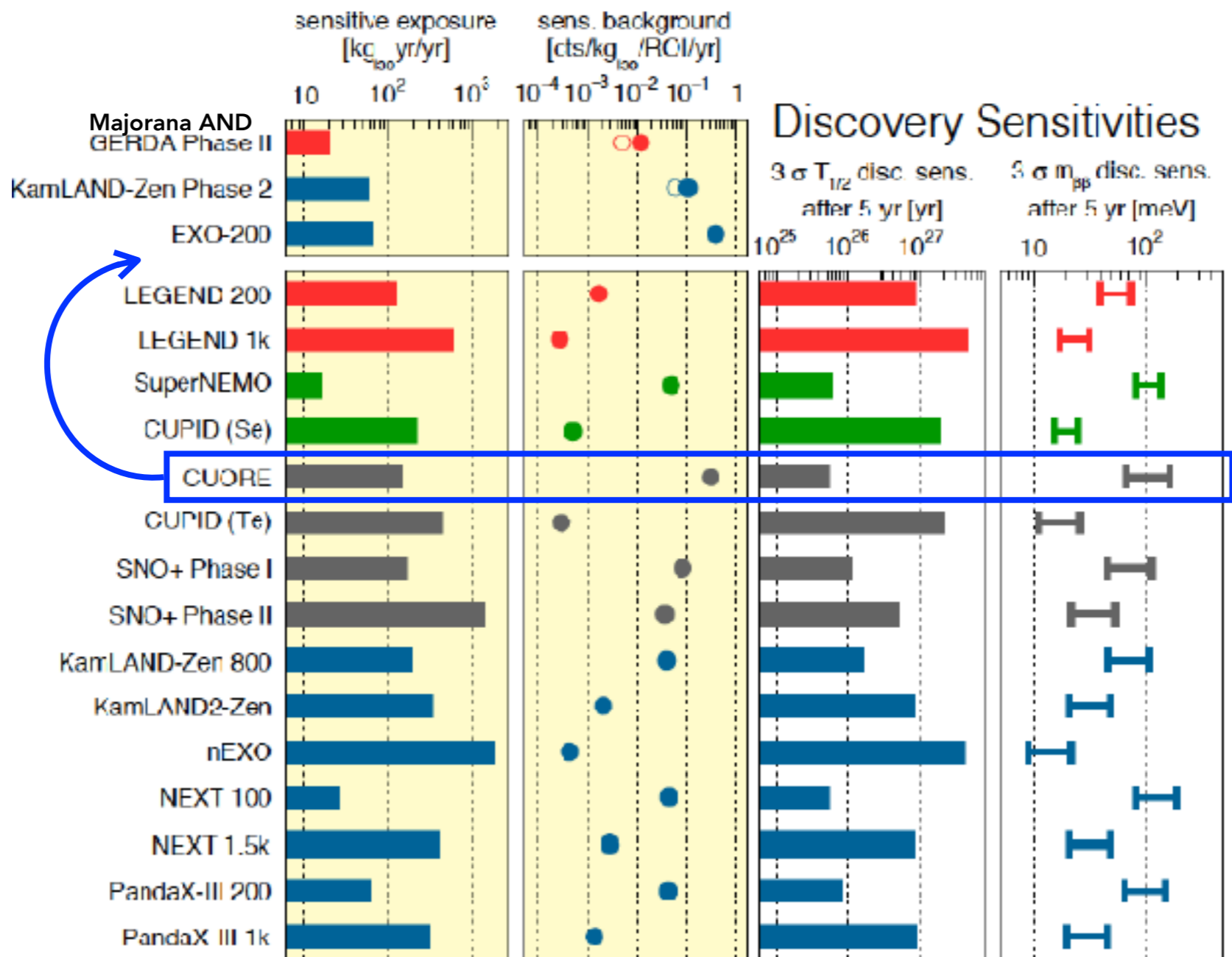
$$m_{\beta\beta} \equiv \left| \sum_i U_{ei}^2 m_i \right| = \left| e^{i\xi_1} \cos^2 \theta_{12} \cos^2 \theta_{13} m_1 + e^{i\xi_2} \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{12} m_2 + \sin^2 \theta_{13} m_3 \right|$$



$$m_{\beta\beta} \leq \frac{m_e}{\mathcal{M}_{0\nu} \sqrt{G_{0\nu} t_{1/2}^{0\nu}}}$$

Isotope	$t_{1/2}^{0\nu}$ (90% C. L.) [yr]	$m_{\beta\beta}^{\min}$ [eV]
$^{82}\text{Se}$	$2.4 \cdot 10^{24}$	0.38 <span style="color: green;">■</span>
$^{130}\text{Te}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{25}$	0.11 <span style="color: blue;">■</span>
$^{76}\text{Ge}$	$8.0 \cdot 10^{25}$	0.12 <span style="color: magenta;">■</span>
$^{136}\text{Xe}$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{26}$	0.06 <span style="color: red;">■</span>

# Comparison of the (future) experiments



## A crucial issue: background suppression

- recall:  $S_{1/2}^{0\nu} = \ln 2 \cdot T \cdot \varepsilon \cdot \frac{n_{\beta\beta}}{n_{\sigma} \cdot n_B} = \ln 2 \cdot \varepsilon \cdot \frac{1}{n_{\sigma}} \cdot \frac{x \eta N_A}{\mathcal{M}_A} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{M T}{B \Delta}}$
- when  $B$  is sufficiently low  $\rightarrow$  **zero background condition**
  - transition region in between:  $M T B \Delta = \mathcal{O}(1)$  (no expected events in the ROI)
- $S_{1/2,0B}^{0\nu} = \ln 2 \cdot \varepsilon \cdot \frac{x \eta N_A}{\mathcal{M}_A} \cdot \frac{M T}{N_S}$ 
  - the sensitivities scales linearly with the exposure!

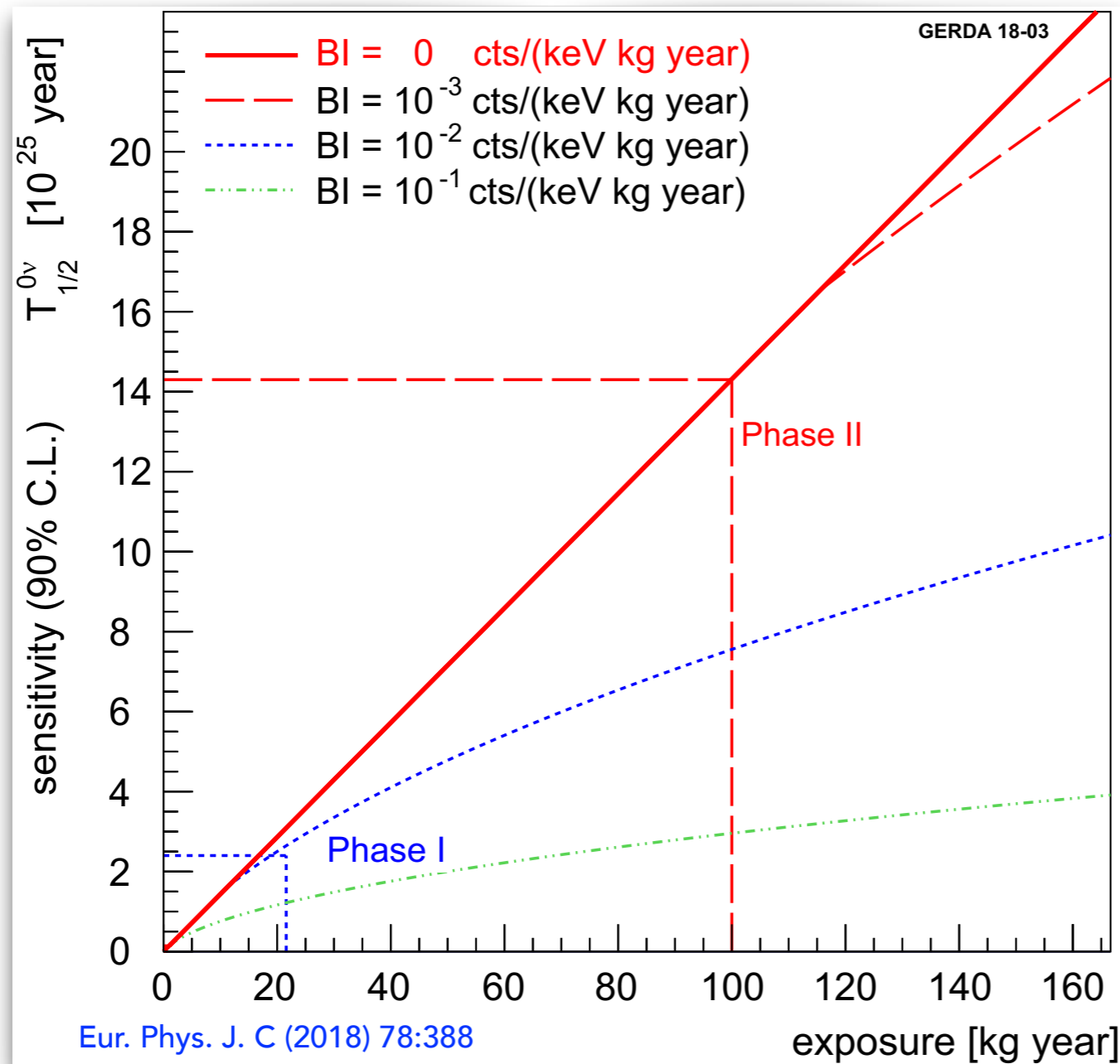
max n. of counts compatible with 0 bkg

The zero bkg condition depends on  $M$ : **the larger the detector mass, the more strict the request on the background**

- the same bkg level can suffice for a kg-size experiment, but not for a tonne-size one



# Zero Background Condition? The GERDA case



An efficient upgrade needs to increase exposure together with improving the BI towards the "zero-bkg regime"

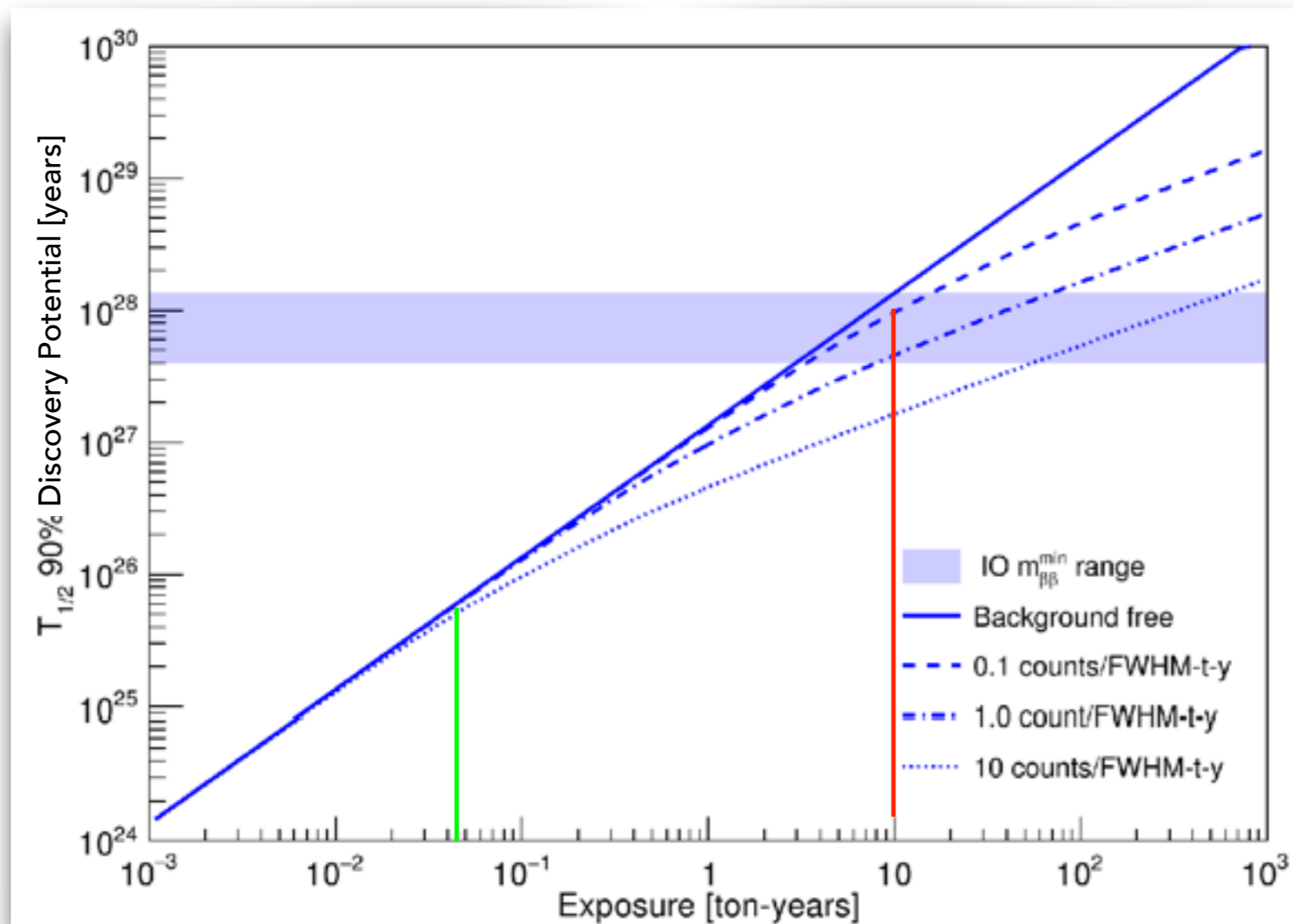
GERDA Phase 1:

BI =  $10^{-2}$  cts/(keV kg y) enough

GERDA Phase 2:

BI =  $10^{-3}$  cts/(keV kg y) needed (and reached...)

# Sensitivity or Discovery Potential? The GERDA - LEGEND case



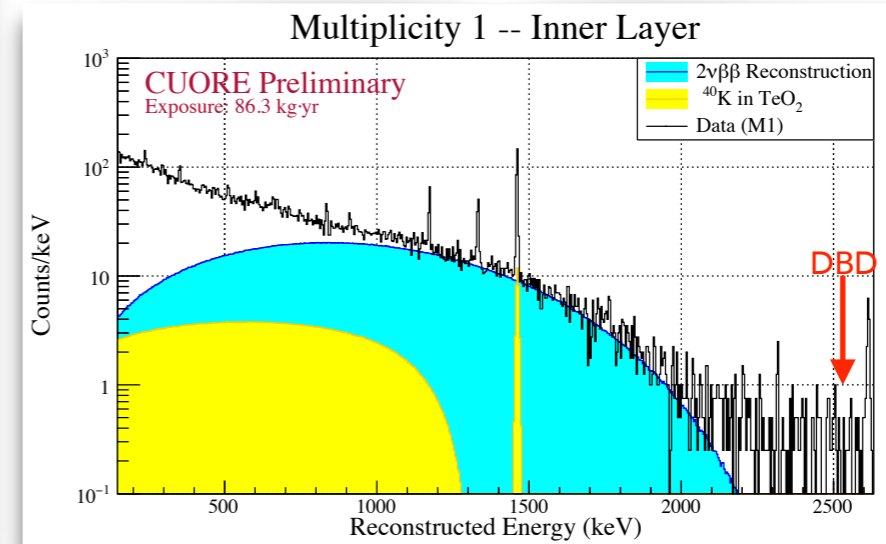
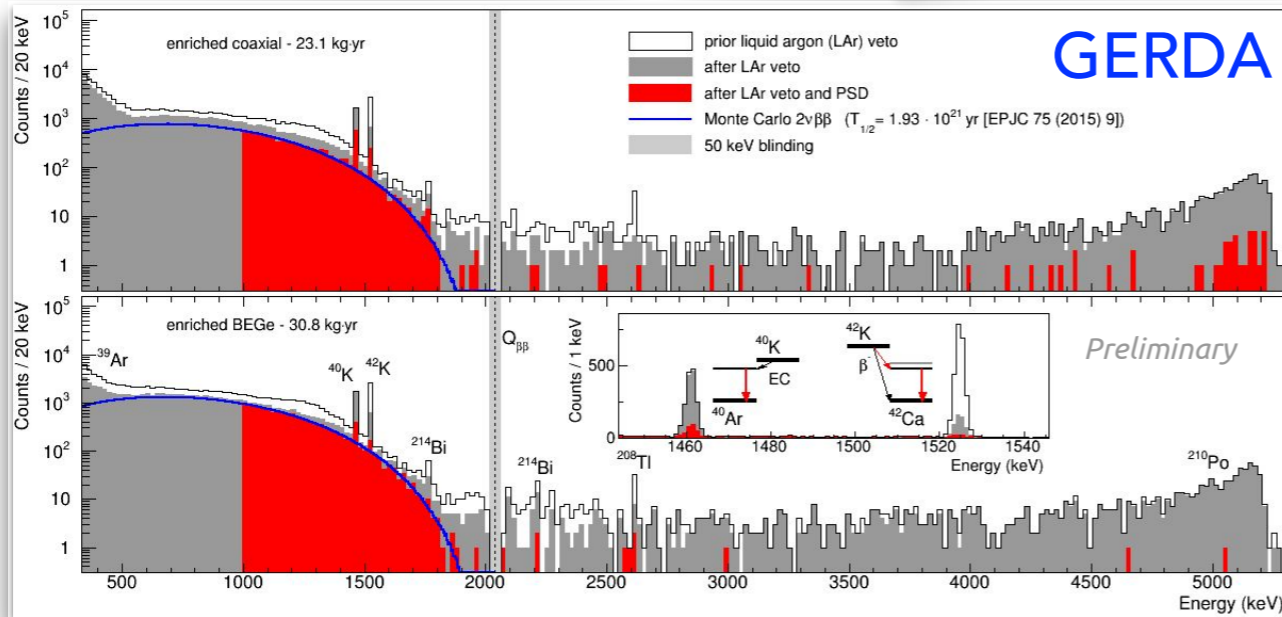
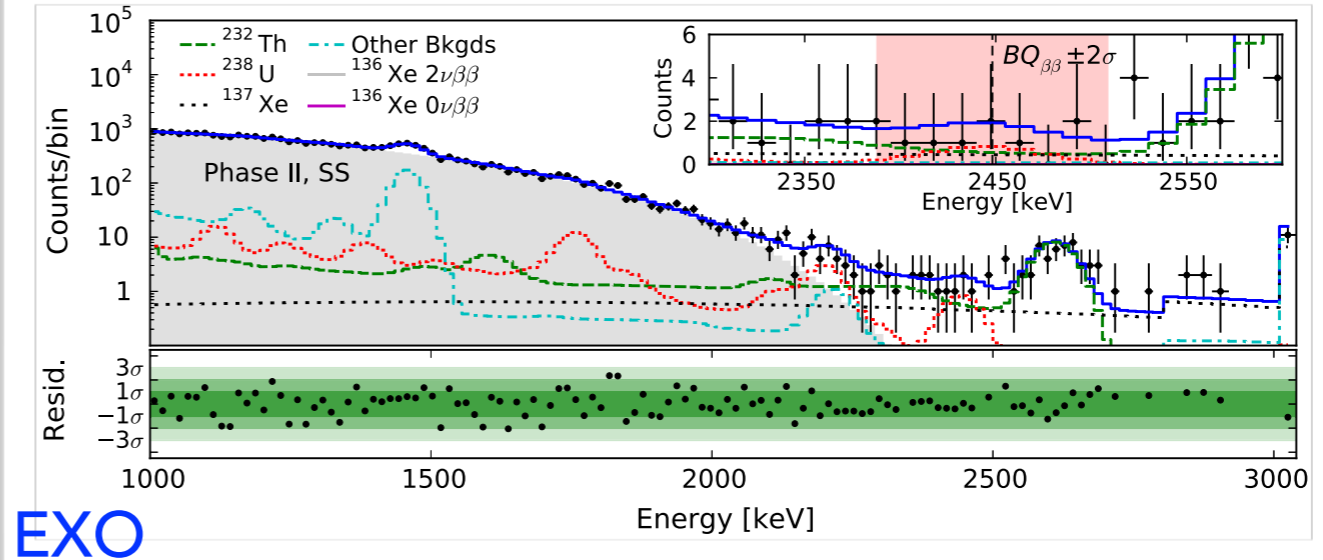
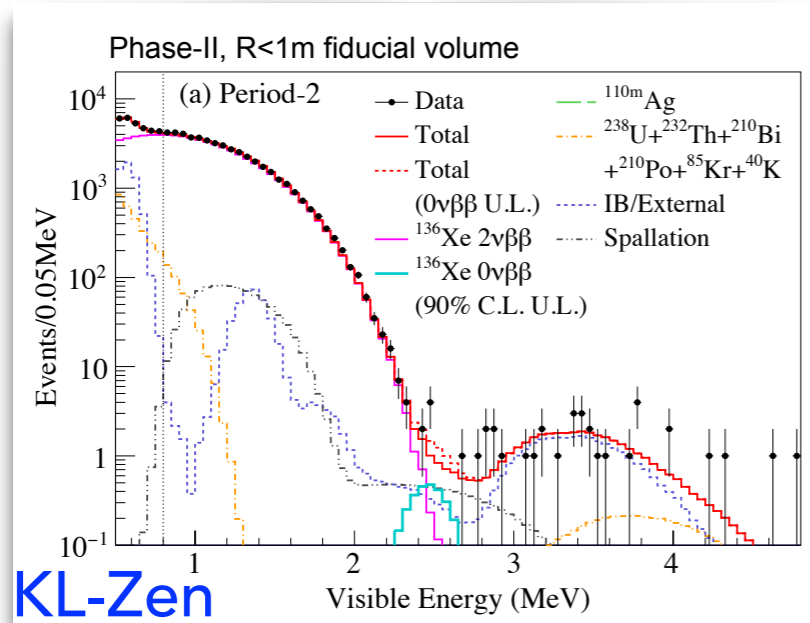
Courtesy of J. Detwiler

In THIS case  
GERDA Phase 2  
has already left the  
“zero bkg regime”

LEGEND bkg goal:  
BI = 0.1 cts/(FWHM t y)  
to ALMOST cover  
the IO  $m_{\beta\beta}$  range in 10 t y

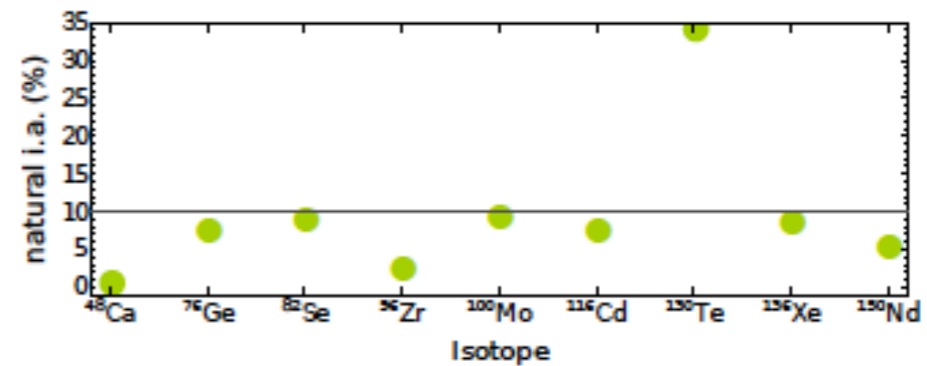
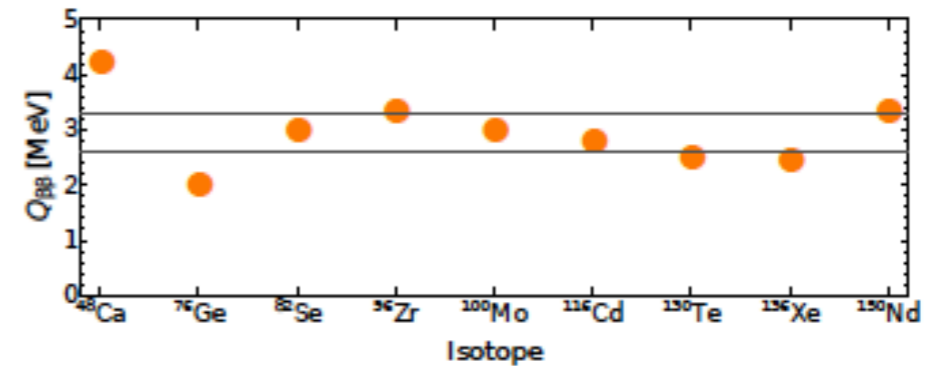
# $2\nu\beta\beta$ : a (searched) signal, a MC test, a (major?) bkg

From Nu2018



# Choice of the isotope

- $Q_{\beta\beta} \rightarrow$  influences the bkg
  - 2.6 (3.3) MeV end-point of main  $\gamma$ s ( $\beta$ s)
  - avoid radioactivity peak position  
*obs.* suitability depends on detector features
- high isotopic abundance
  - ease of material enrichment  
(technologically + economically)
- availability of the isotope
  - tonnes required for future  $0\nu\beta\beta$  experiments  
 $\rightarrow$  high cost + large procurement time
- compatibility with a detection technique

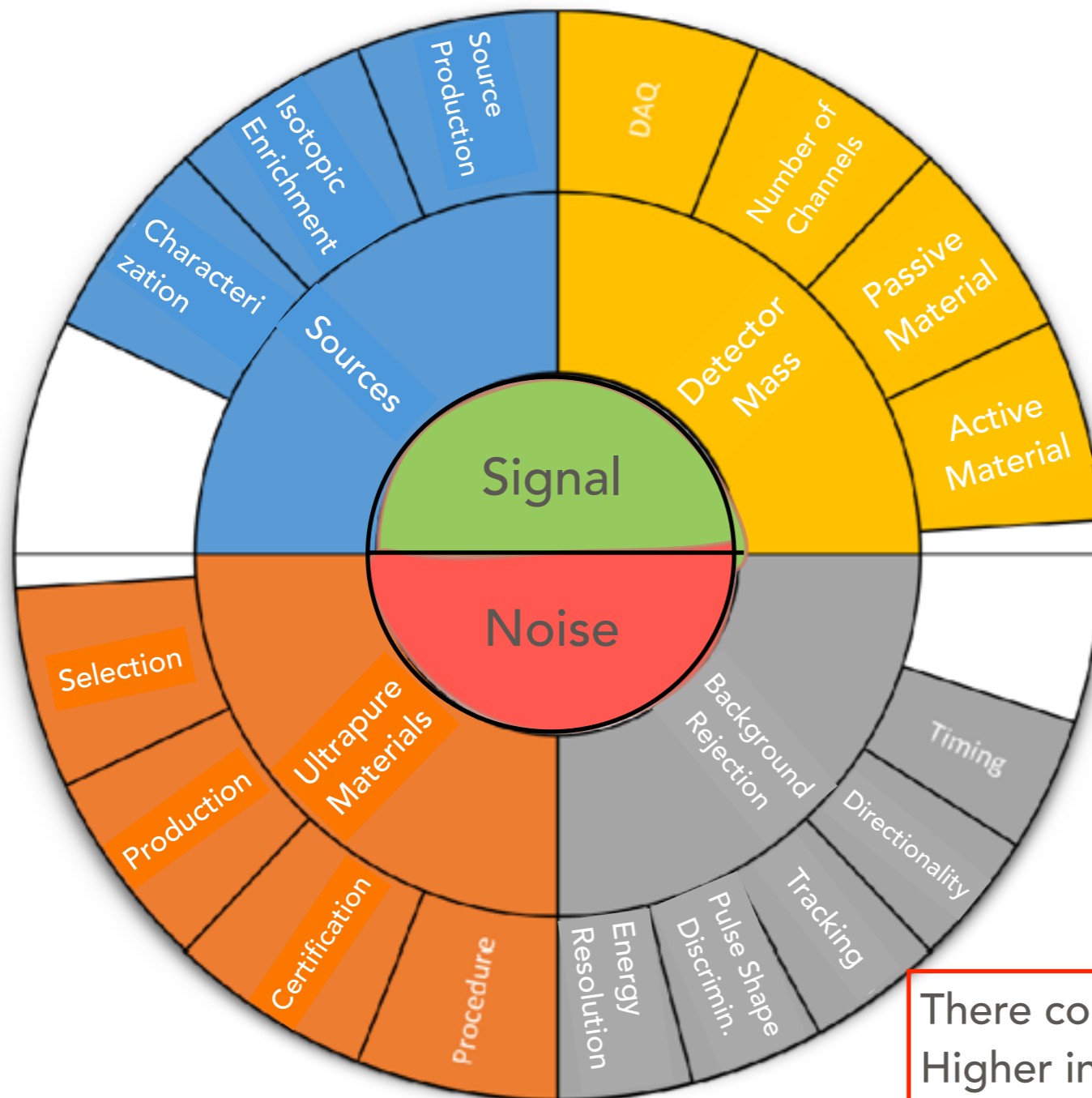


## Promising isotopes

$^{48}\text{Ca}$      $^{76}\text{Ge}$      $^{82}\text{Se}$   
 $^{96}\text{Zr}$      $^{100}\text{Mo}$      $^{116}\text{Cd}$   
 $^{130}\text{Te}$      $^{136}\text{Xe}$      $^{150}\text{Nd}$

Most suitable **isotope + detector** combination

# Technological Requirements



All detector parameters have to be more and more optimised



Increase of:

- Complexity
- Costs
- Development time

Many aspects are in common to different experimental searches



There could (should?) be common developments  
Higher integration among different communities  
Identification of common strategies

# An example: ultrapure materials

What has been learned in a field/experiment is utilized in other applications

Scintillator: From BOREXINO to JUNO

$^{40}\text{K}$	$<10^{-16}$ g/g ( $10^{-8}$ Bq/kg)
$^{232}\text{Th}$	$<10^{-15}$ g/g ( $4 \cdot 10^{-9}$ Bq/kg)
$^{238}\text{U}$	$<10^{-15}$ g/g ( $10^{-8}$ Bq/kg)

Cu: from HD-M to GERDA and CUORE

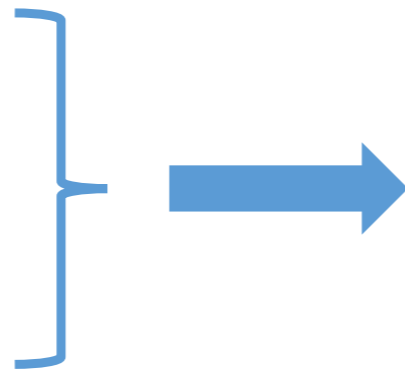
$^{40}\text{K}$	$<10^{-12}$ g/g ( $10^{-4}$ Bq/kg)
$^{232}\text{Th}$	$<10^{-13}$ g/g ( $4 \cdot 10^{-7}$ Bq/kg)
$^{238}\text{U}$	$<10^{-13}$ g/g ( $10^{-6}$ Bq/kg)

and more: KamLAND --> KamLAND-Zen      SNO --> SNO+      ...



Production but also certification are important

ICP-MS  
HPGe gamma spectr.  
radio-chemistry  
...



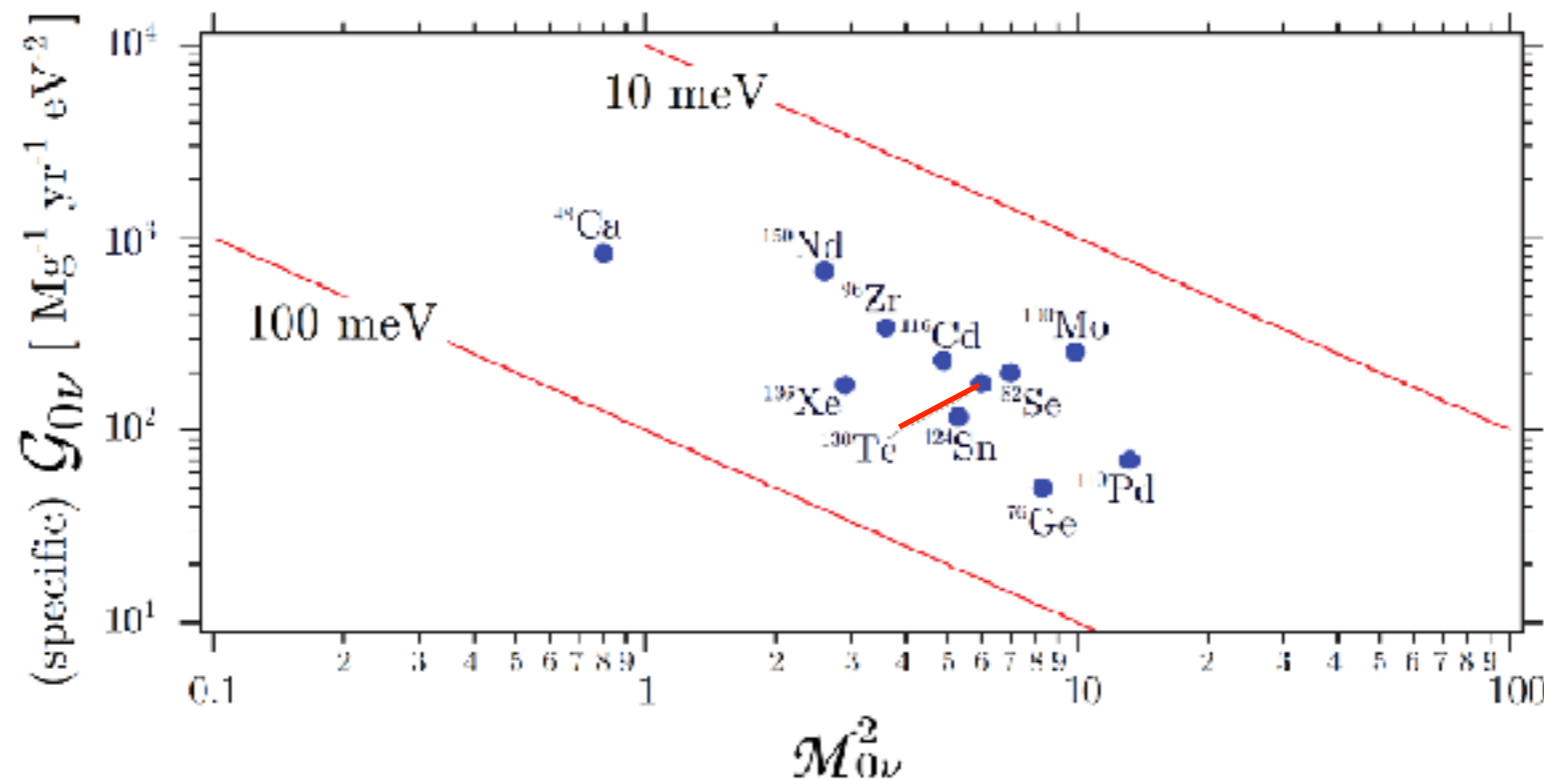
In the future the today-det. will be the screening instrument for the future exp.

## Choice of the isotope: theoretical side

In principle, isotopes with the best Nuclear Factor of Merit ( $G_{0\nu} \cdot |M_{0\nu}|^2$ ) should be favoured

A surprising inverse correlation has been observed between (specific) phase space and the square of the nuclear matrix element.

R. Robertson, Mod. Phys. Lett. A, Vol. 28, No. 8 (2013) 1350021

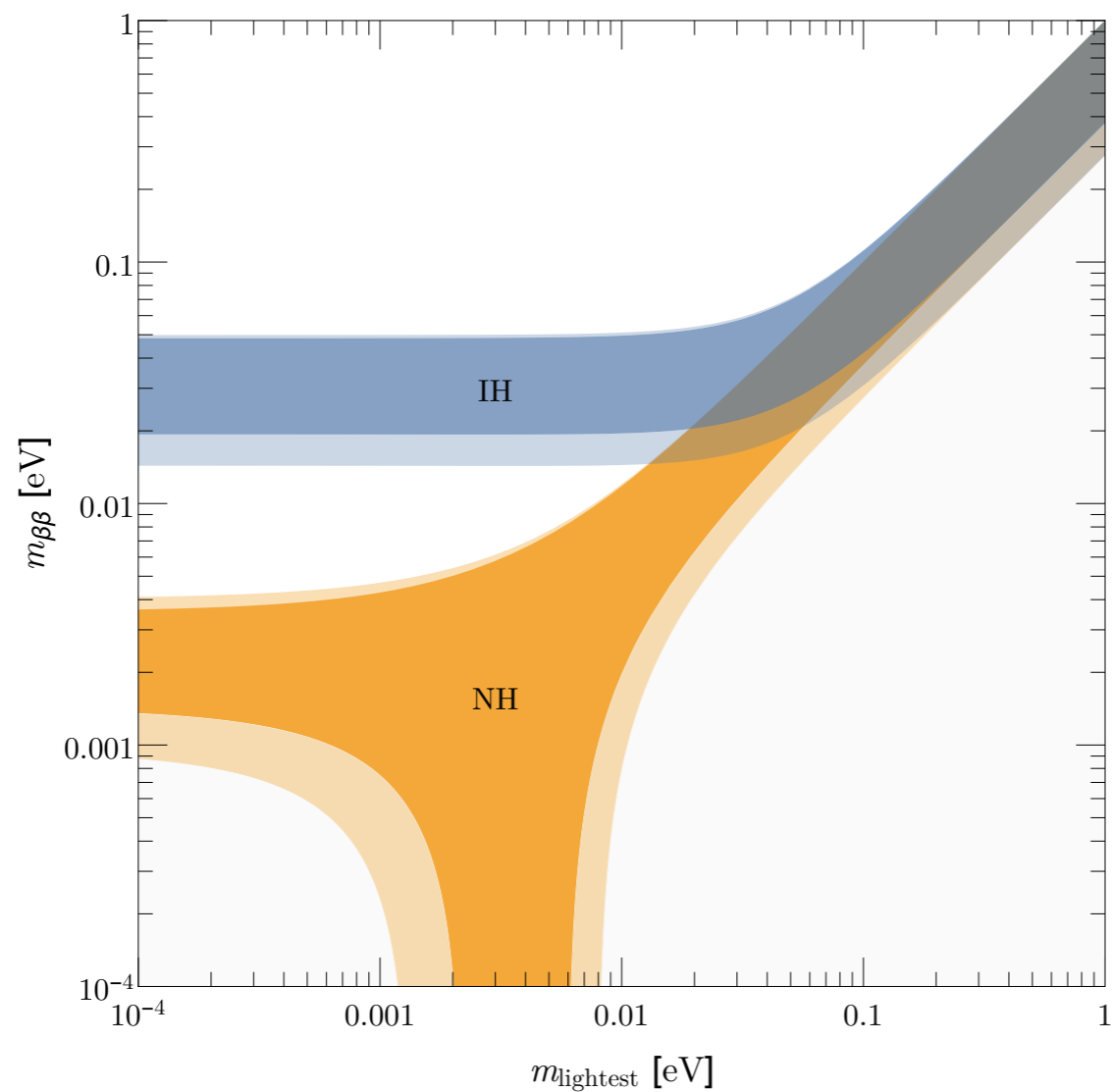


**No preferred isotope ... within a factor 2-3**

## Constraints from oscillations: $m_{\beta\beta}$ vs $m_{\text{lightest}}$

Since  $(t_{1/2}^{0\nu})^{-1} = G_{0\nu} \cdot |M_{0\nu}|^2 \cdot \left| \frac{m_{\beta\beta}}{m_e} \right|^2$

you can put constraints on the half-life through constraints on  $m_{\beta\beta}$



- it is possible to put a first series of constraints on  $m_{\beta\beta}$

- $m_{\beta\beta}^{\text{max}} = \sum_{i=1}^3 |U_{ci}^2| m_i$

- $m_{\beta\beta}^{\text{min}} = \max\{2|U_{ci}^2| m_i - m_{\beta\beta}^{\text{max}}, 0\}$

$$i = 1, 2, 3$$

- $\xi_{1,2}$  are left free

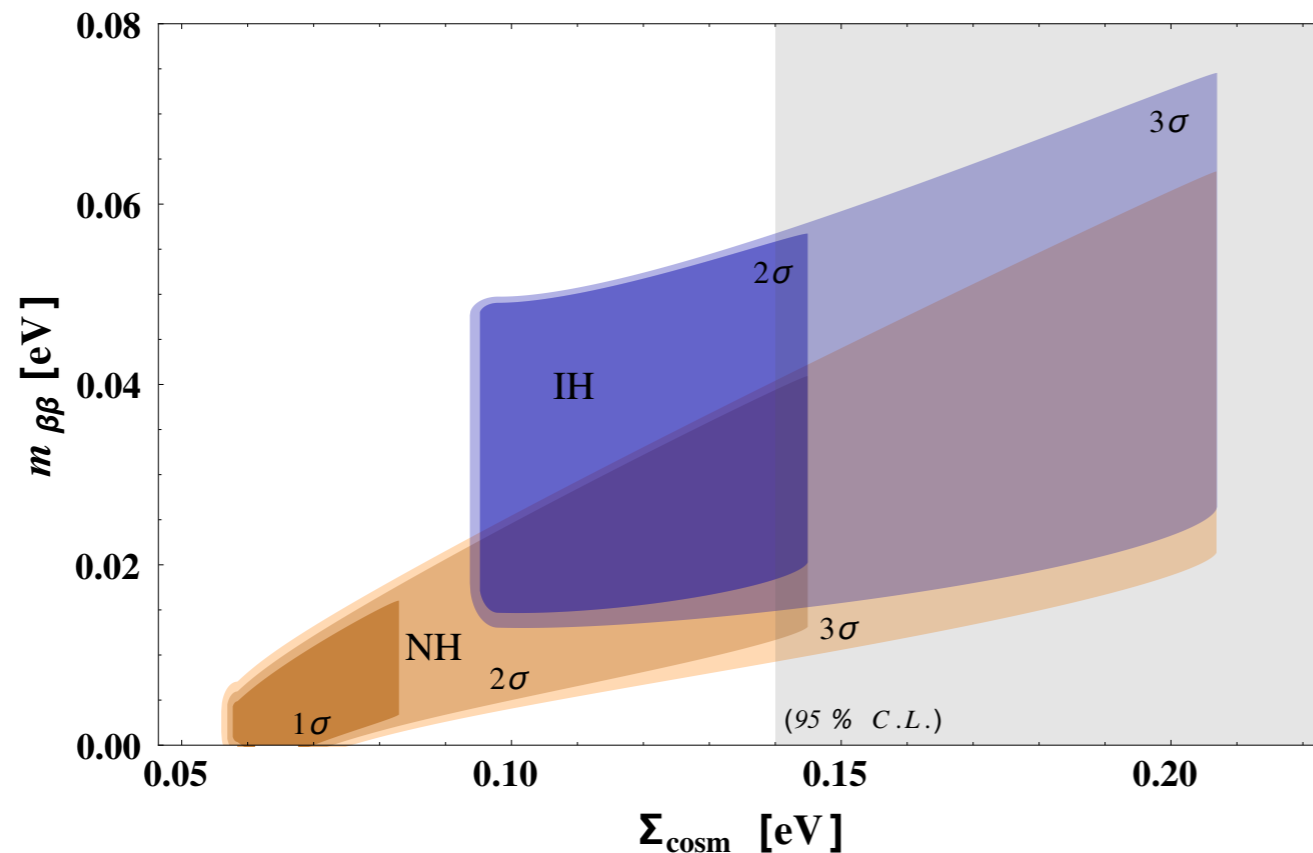


## Constraints from cosmology: $m_{\beta\beta}$ vs $\Sigma$

- $\Sigma < 140$  meV (95% C.L.) by combining:

Ly $\alpha$ -forest from BOSS + CMB data from Planck + BAO data from BOSS  
(limits within the  $\Lambda$ CDM model)

S. Dell'Oro, S.Marcocci, M. Viel, F. Vissani, J. Cosm. Astropart. Phys. 1512, 023 (2015)



$\Sigma < 84$  meV (1 $\sigma$  C.L.)

$\Sigma < 146$  meV (2 $\sigma$  C.L.)

$\Sigma < 208$  meV (3 $\sigma$  C.L.)

From oscillation data:

$\Sigma$  min  $\sim 60$  meV (NO)

$\sim 100$  meV (IO)

At the 1 $\sigma$  level, the IO is excluded, as (recently) claimed also from oscillations

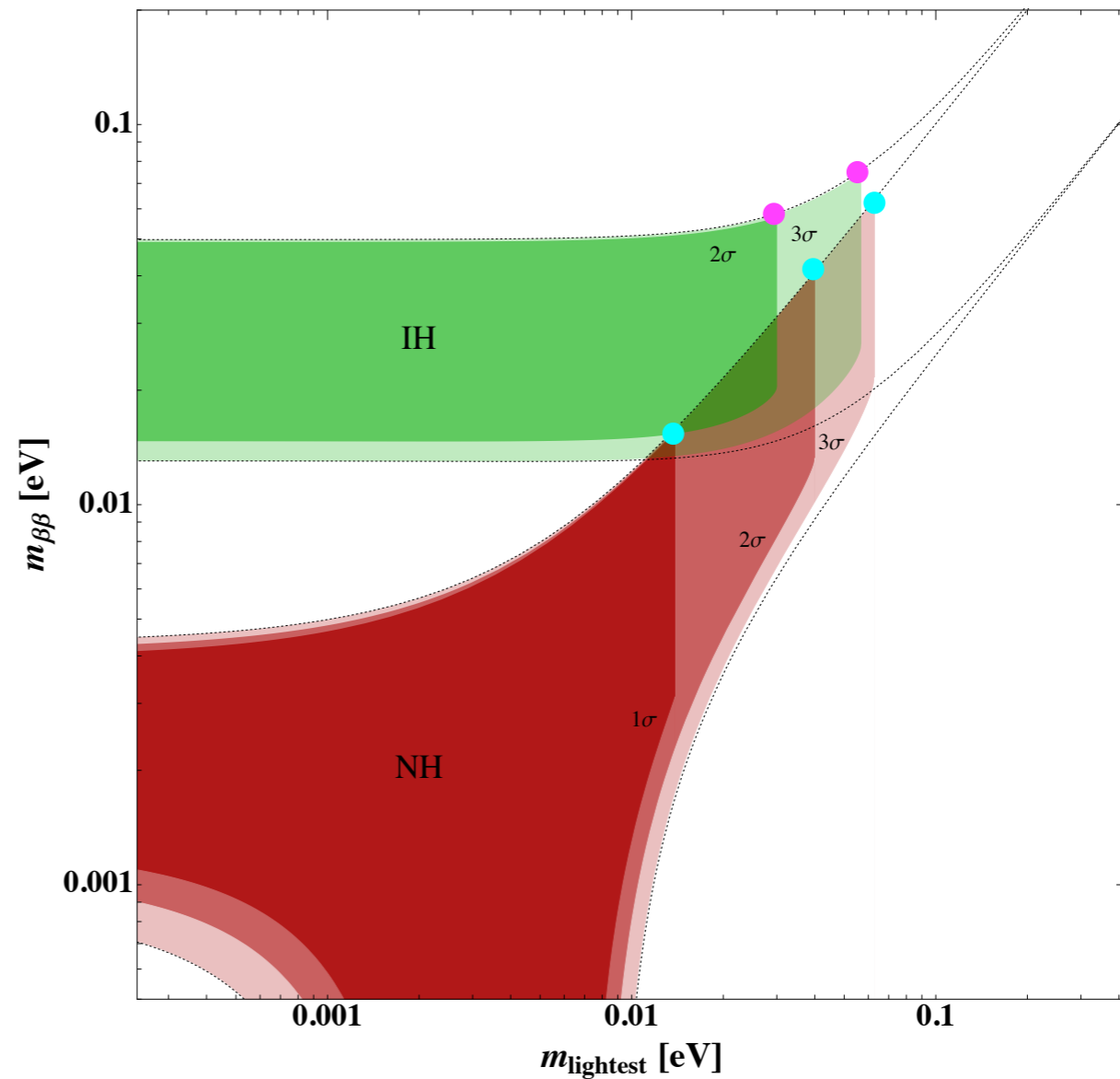
# Implications for the $0\nu\beta\beta$ search

Depending on the ordering and on the C.L. we want to consider,  $m_{\beta\beta}$  can at most have the following values:


Mass spectrum	Max $m_{\beta\beta}$ [meV] (C.L. on $\Sigma$ )		
	$1\sigma$	$2\sigma$	$3\sigma$
NO	16	41	64
IO	-	57	75

Except for the  $1\sigma$  C.L. they are still at the level reachable by the present experiments

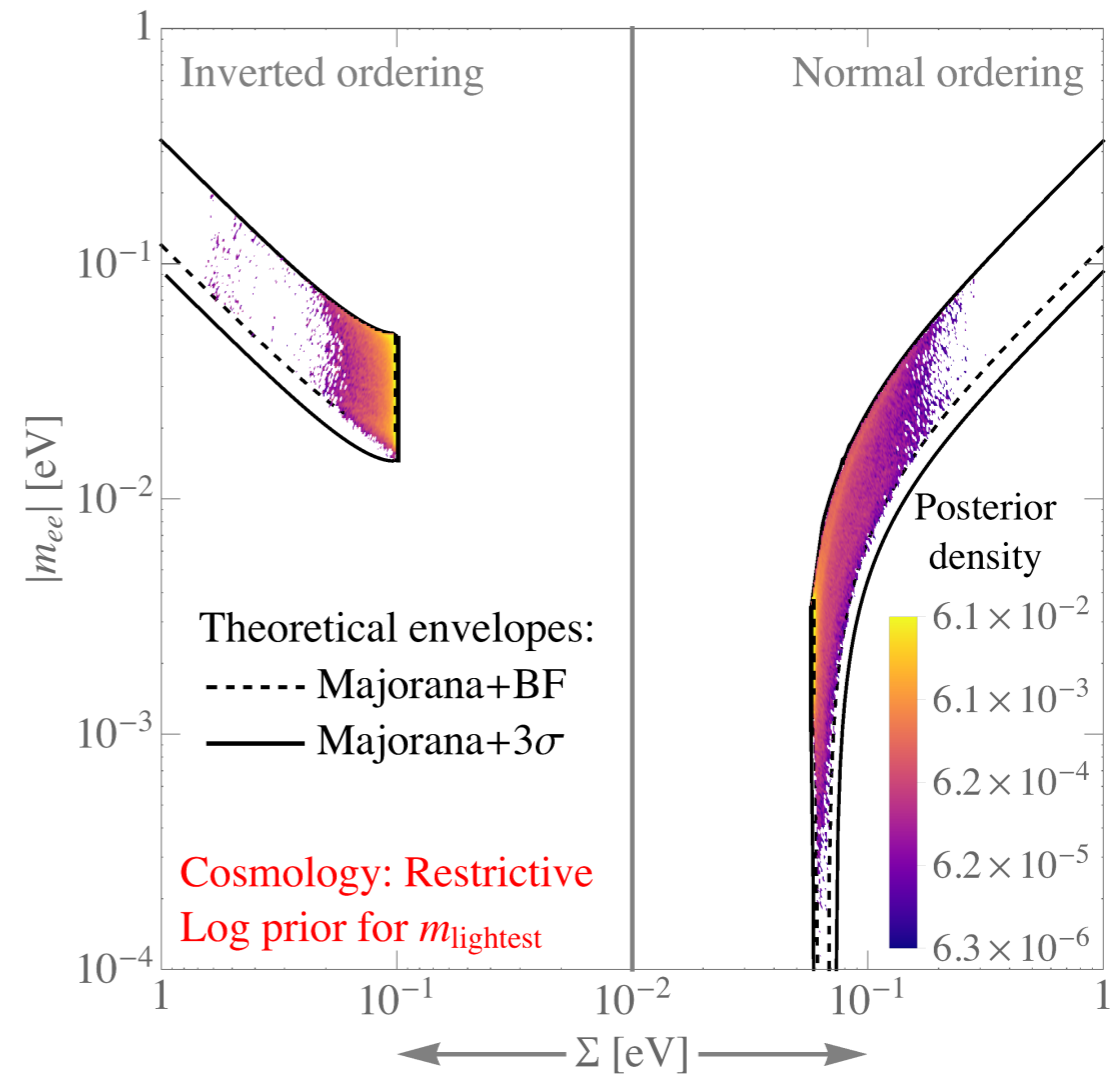
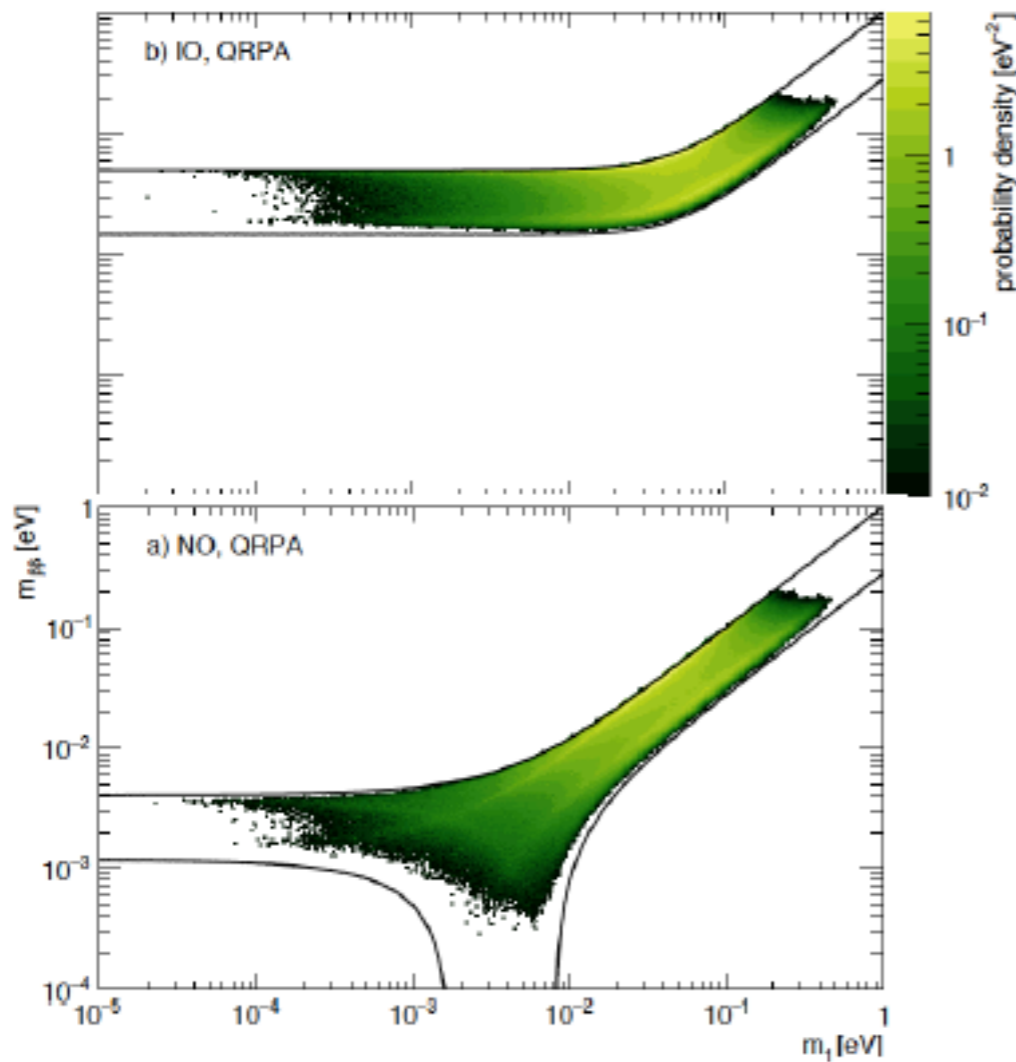
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# Discovery probabilities: a shot in the arm?

- Global Bayesian analysis including  $\nu$ -oscillation,  $m_\beta$ ,  $m_{\beta\beta}$ ,  $\Sigma$
- Priors:
  - Majorana phases (flat)
  - $m_1$  (scale invariant) 

2 different approaches: lin prior or log prior 



M. Agostini, G. Benato and J. A. Detwiler, Phys. Rev. D **96** (2017) 053001

A. Caldwell et al., Phys. Rev. D **96**, 073001

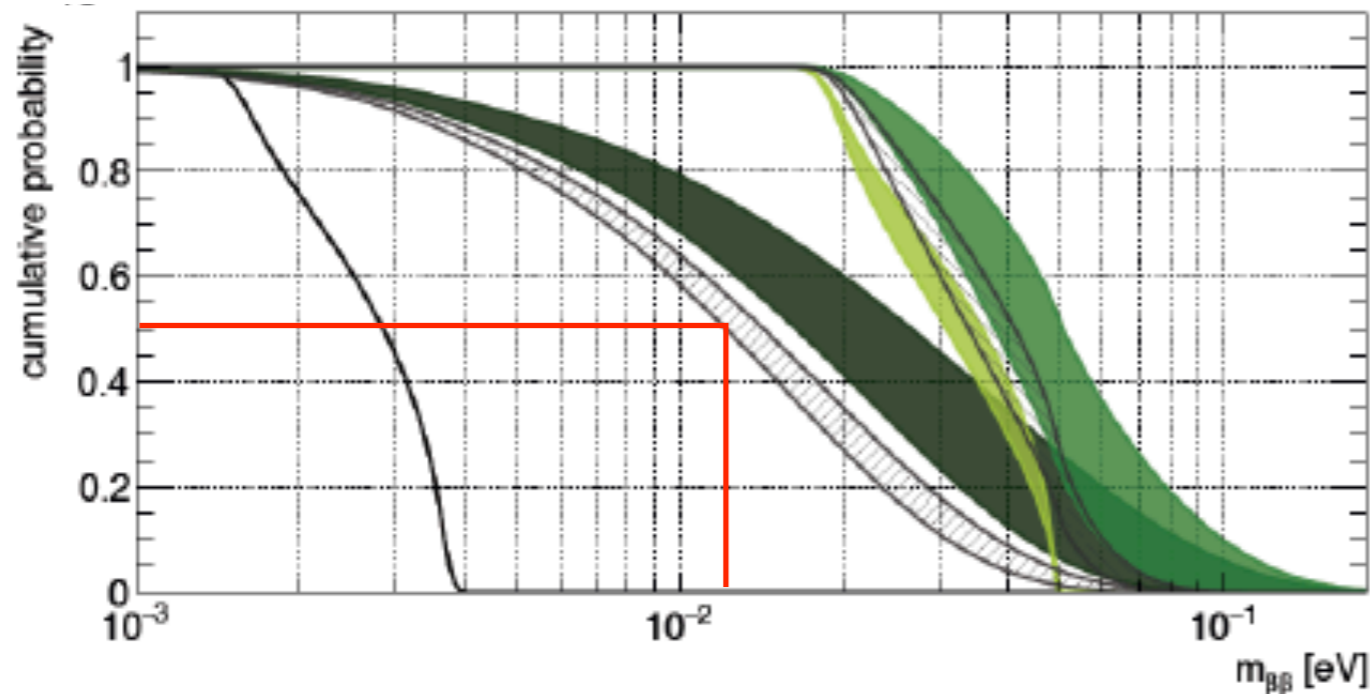
# Discovery probabilities: controversial, but still interesting

Apart presenting data in a different way, the 2 groups reach quite different results

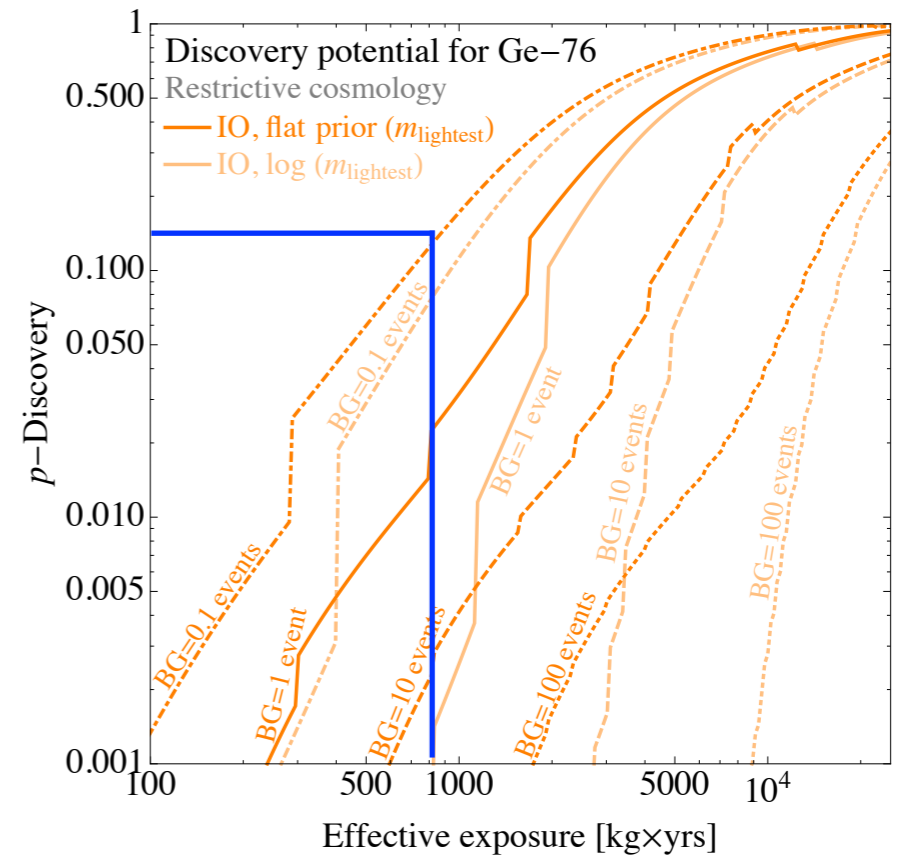
Is it a mere philosophical problem?

Will we have in a short time a hint on how to disentangle the issue?

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## A big Challenge for $0\nu\beta\beta$ Discovery

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- a convenient parametric description of the NME can be:

$$\mathcal{M} \equiv g_A^2 \mathcal{M}_{0\nu} = g_A^2 \left( \mathcal{M}_{GT}^{(0\nu)} - \left( \frac{g_V}{g_A} \right)^2 \mathcal{M}_F^{(0\nu)} + \mathcal{M}_T^{(0\nu)} \right)$$

- $\mathcal{M}_{0\nu}$  depends only mildly on  $g_A$
- relatively small intrinsic error of  $\sim 20\%$
- fix the  $g_A$  renormalization to account for the differences between calculations and rates for processes “similar” to  $0\nu\beta\beta$  ( $\beta$ , EC,  $2\nu\beta\beta$ )
- important effect of  $g_A$ 
  - any uncertainty on its values  $\Rightarrow$  a larger uncertainty factor on  $\mathcal{M}$

## Size of $g_A$

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- $g_A \simeq 1.27$  in weak interactions and decays of nucleons (measured)
- *renormalization* in nuclear medium, value appropriate for quarks
- *strong quenching*:  $g_A < 1$ 
  - limited model space of the calculation
  - contribution of non-nucleonic degrees of freedom
  - renormalization of the GT operator due to two-body currents
- still unknown if the quenching in  $0\nu\beta\beta$  and  $2\nu\beta\beta$  is the same

$$g_A^{\text{quark}} = 1$$

$$g_A^{\text{nucleon}} = 1.27$$

$$g_A^{2\nu\beta\beta} = 1.27 \cdot A^{-0.18}$$

$$g_A^{0\nu\beta\beta} = ??$$

**BUT WHY SHOULD IT BE THE SAME?**

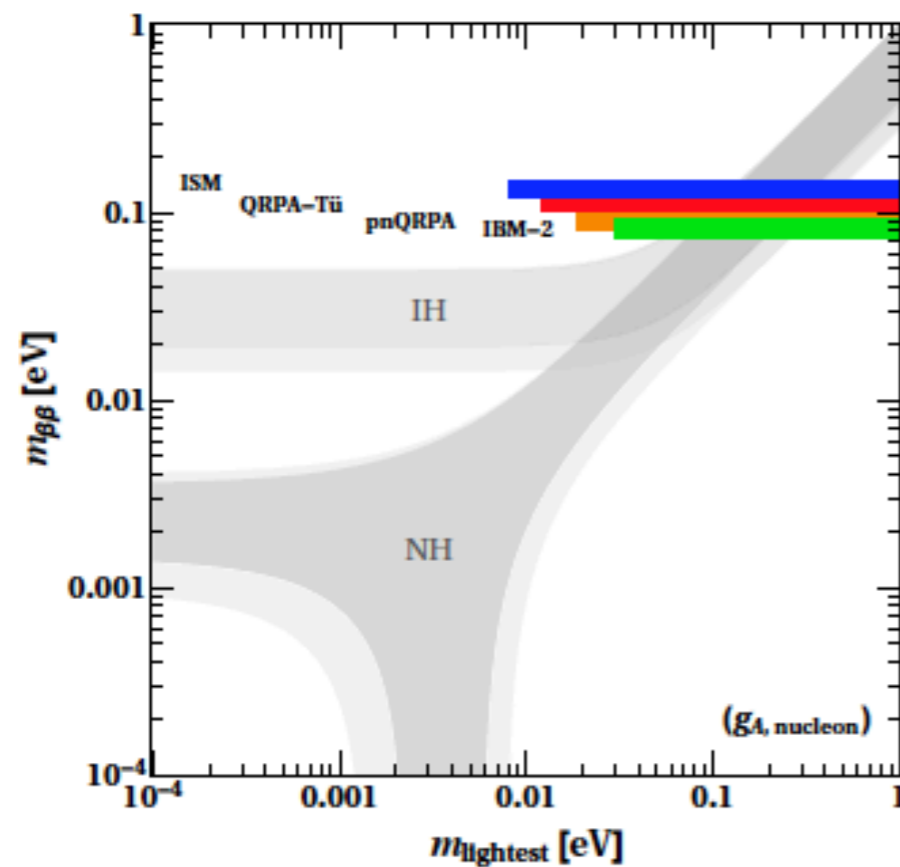
$0\nu\beta\beta$  decay is a high-momentum transfer process  
( $q \sim 100$  MeV)  $\Rightarrow$  less quenching

(J. Menéndez, D. Gazit, A. Schwenk, PRL 107 (2011) 062501)

# Effect of the nuclear uncertainties: Xe case

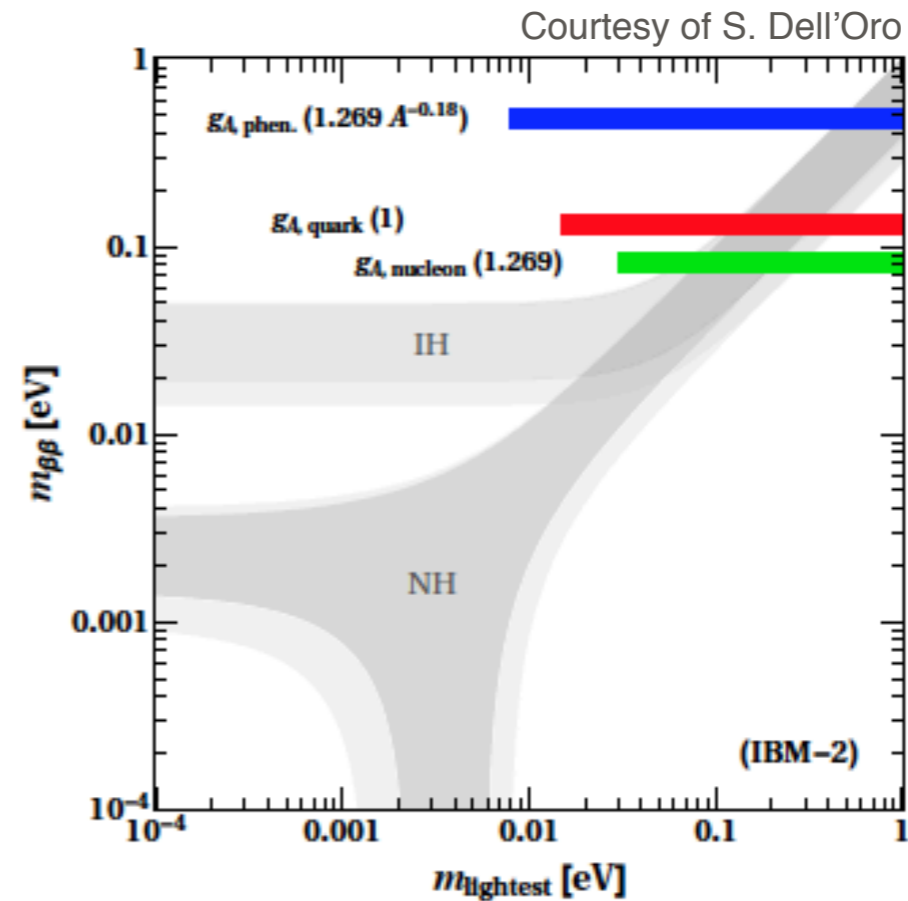
- different NMEs / fixed  $g_A$

◦  $74 \text{ meV} < m_{\beta\beta} < 149 \text{ meV}$



- different  $g_A$  / fixed NMEs

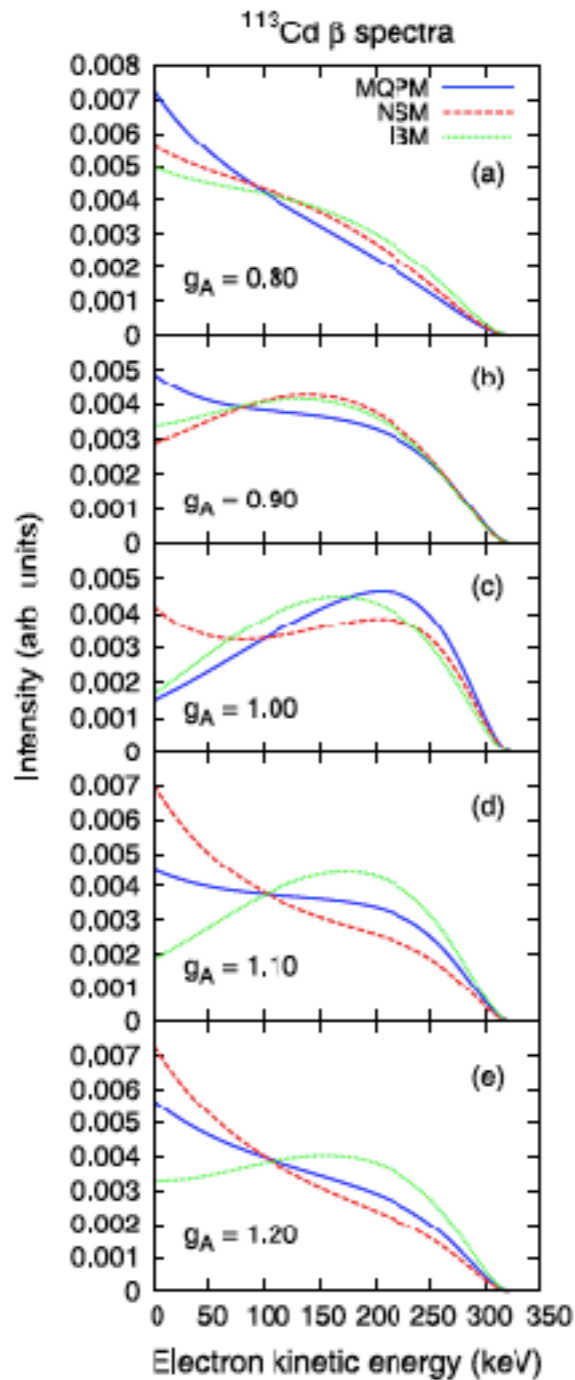
◦  $74 \text{ meV} < m_{\beta\beta} < (149) 542 \text{ meV}$



$$t_{0\nu}^{1/2} \propto g_A^{-4} M_{0\nu}^{-2}$$

the main uncertainty consists in the determination of the *true value* of  $g_A$

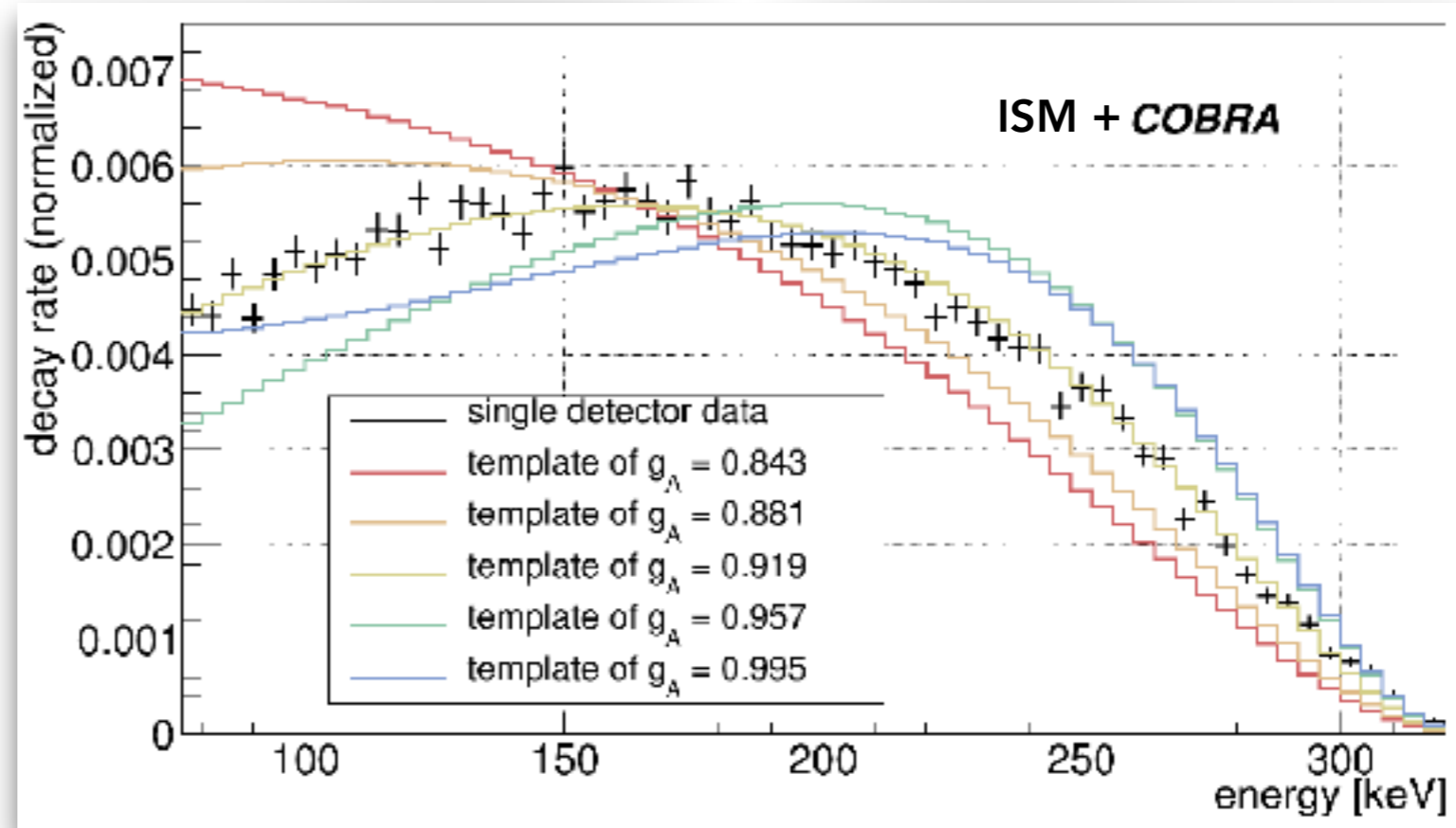
# How can the experimentalists help?



Suhonen: extract  $g_A$  for forbidden  $\beta$  decays looking at the shape spectra

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{g}_A(\text{ISM}) &= 0.915 \pm 0.021, \\ g_A(\text{MQPM}) &= 0.911 \pm 0.009, \\ g_A(\text{IBFM-2}) &= 0.943 \pm 0.090. \end{aligned}$$

arXiv:1806.02254v1



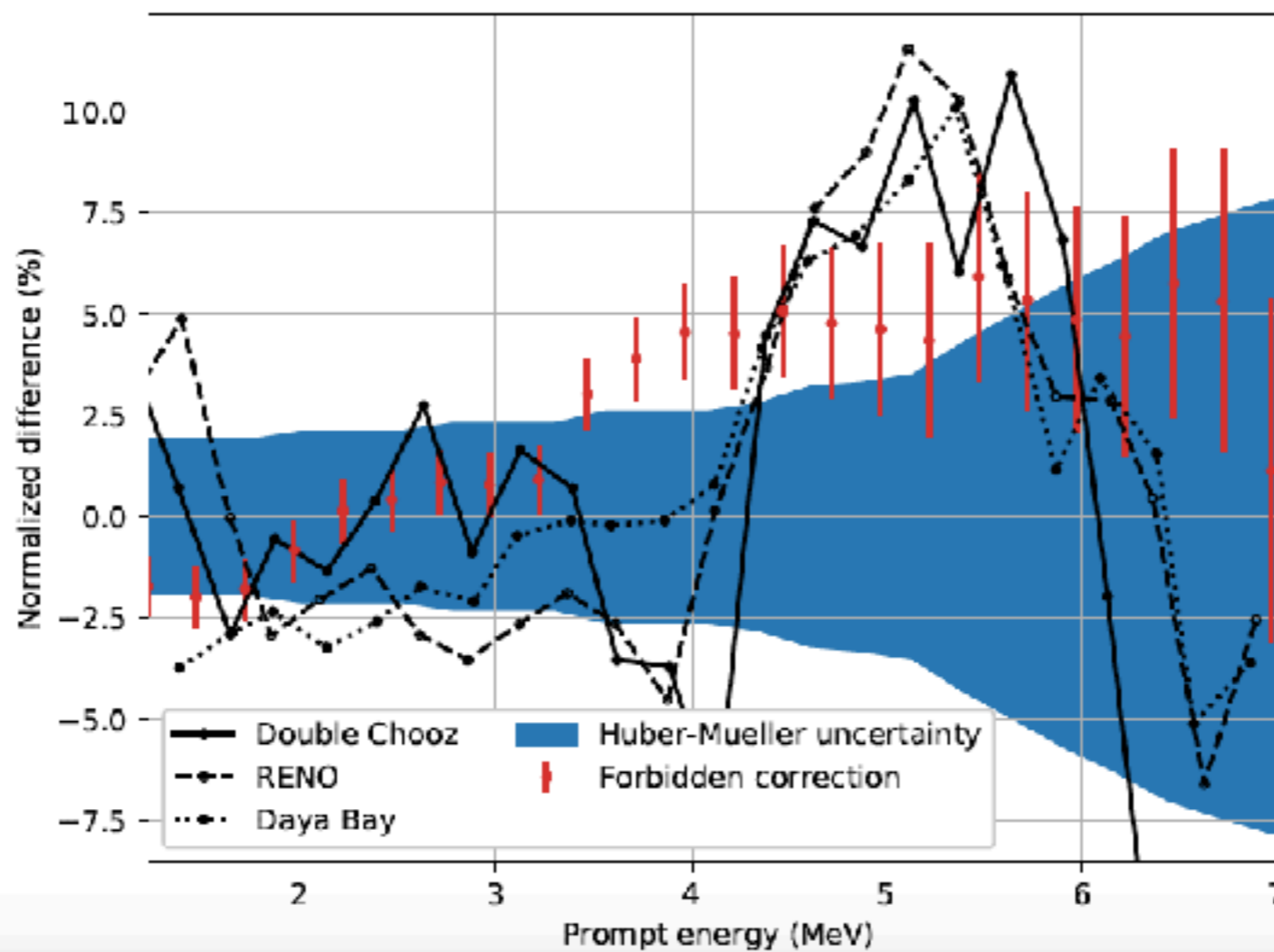
More shape spectra to be measured to extract a "general law"

Will not give the quenching of  $g_A$  for  $0\nu\beta\beta$ , but...

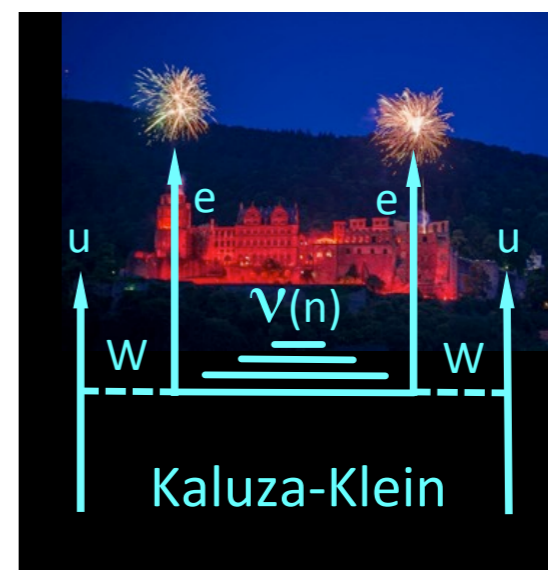
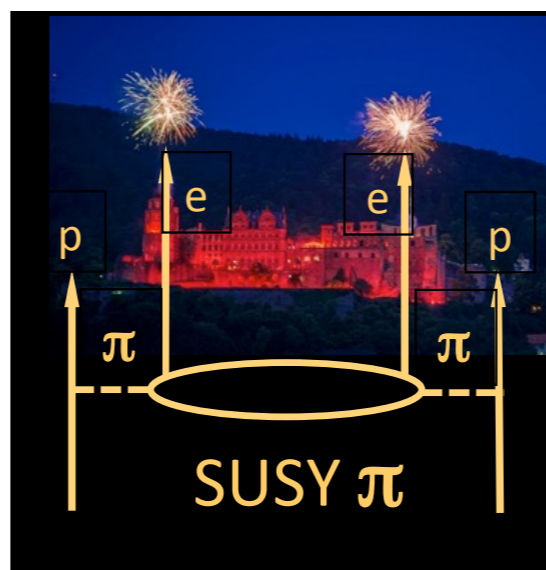
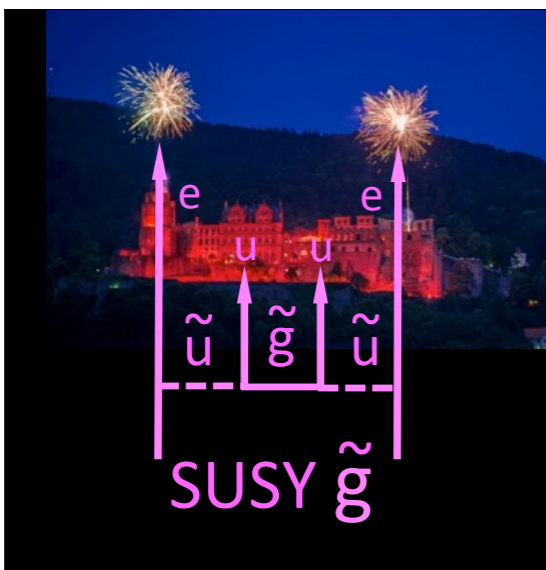
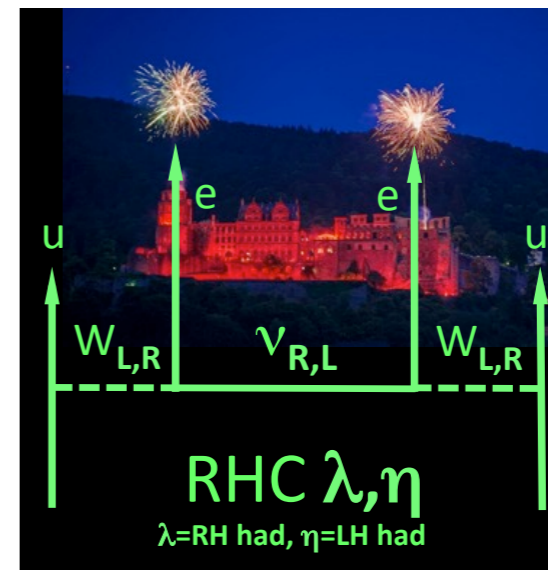
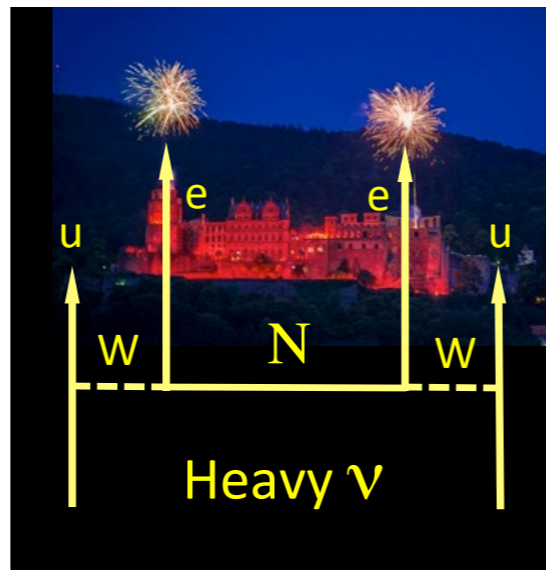
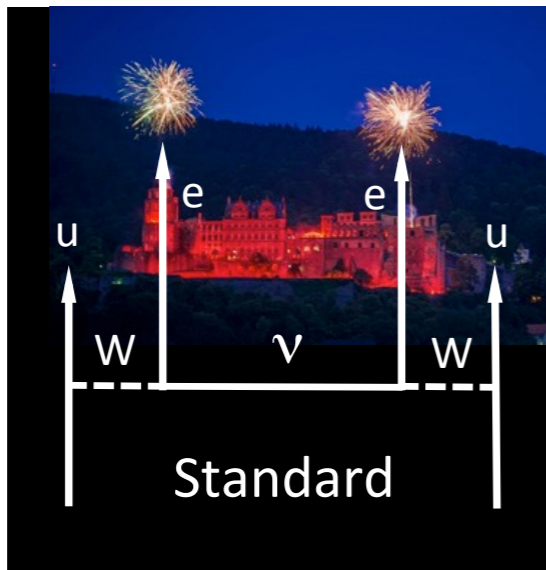


## A by-product from forbidden $\beta$ decays studies for $g_A$

Studying the forbidden unique and non unique  $\beta$  decays is extremely important also for the Reactor Anomaly



Warning: **don't stick to  $m_{\beta\beta}$  metric, just go on with  $T_{1/2}$ !** Variety of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  mechanisms:



$0\nu\beta\beta$  from any mechanism  $\rightarrow$  **Majorana nature of  $\nu$  would be established anyway**

From: E.Lisi, Nu2018

BACKUP SLIDES

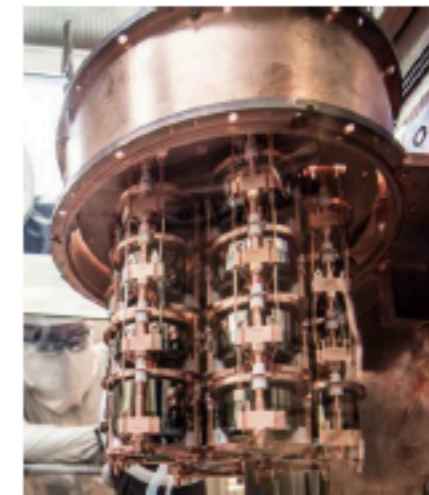
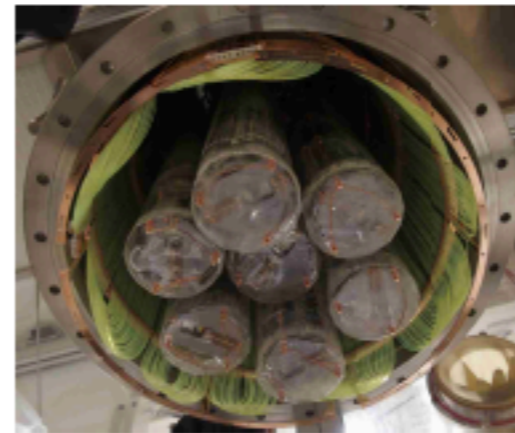
# Experimental techniques (I)

## ■ Ge-diodes

- high-purity enriched crystals
- high energy resolution ( $\lesssim 0.2\%$  @  $Q_{\beta\beta}$ )
- bkg rejection by pulse shape analysis

Heidelberg-Moscow IGEX

GERDA MAJORANA Demonstrator

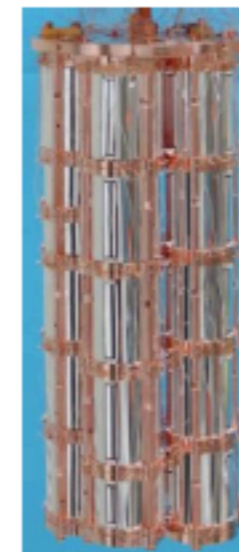


## ■ bolometers

- high energy resolution (close to Ge-diodes)
- many compounds with  $0\nu\beta\beta$  emitters
- large source masses
- complex cryogenic infrastructure

Cuoricino CUORE-0

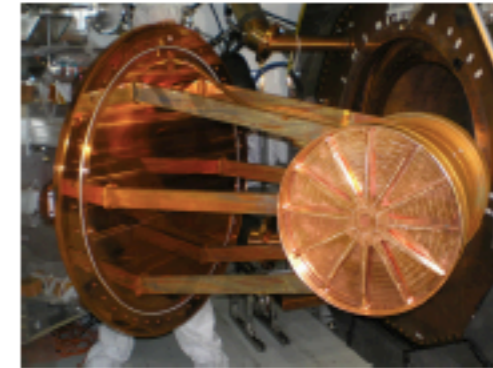
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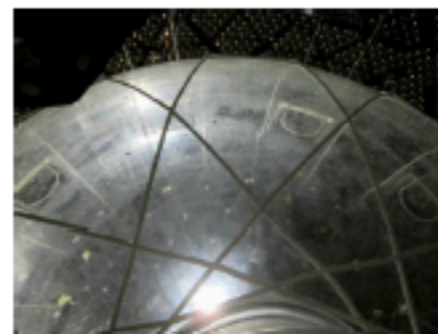
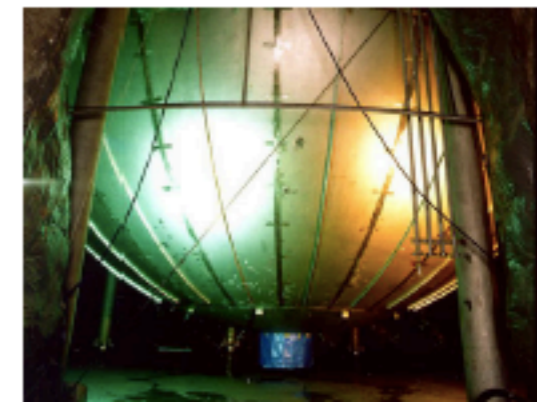
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- Xe liquid ...
  - Xe easily enrichable
  - event topology reconstruction
  - low energy resolution ( $\sim 3\%$ )
- ... and gaseous TPCs
  - higher energy resolution
  - lower signal efficiency ( $\sim 30\%$ )



EXO-200 NEXT

- liquid scintillators loaded with  $0\nu\beta\beta$  isotope
  - poor energy resolution ( $\sim 10\%$ )
  - huge amount of material
  - very low background



KamLAND-Zen SNO+

# Experimental techniques (III)

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- tracker + calorimeter

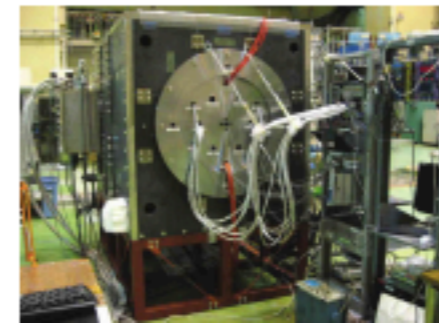
- almost no limitations in the choice of the isotope
- large isotope masses hardly achievable
- low energy resolution
- event topology reconstruction



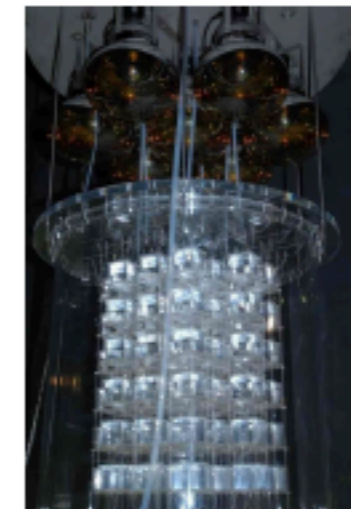
NEMO-3    SUPERNEMO

- others

- variations on the previous, or new techniques
- numerous running prototypes and R&D projects



CANDLES    COBRA    ZICOS  
DCBA/MTD    FLARES    ...



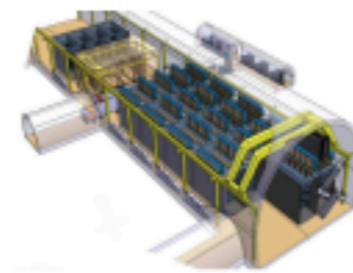
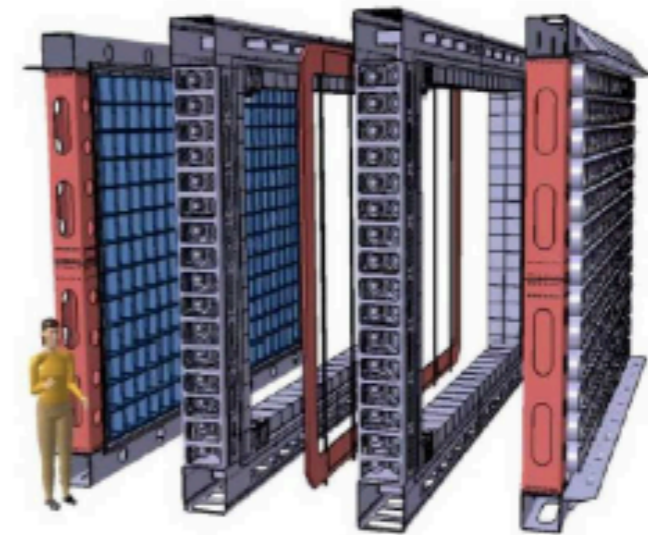
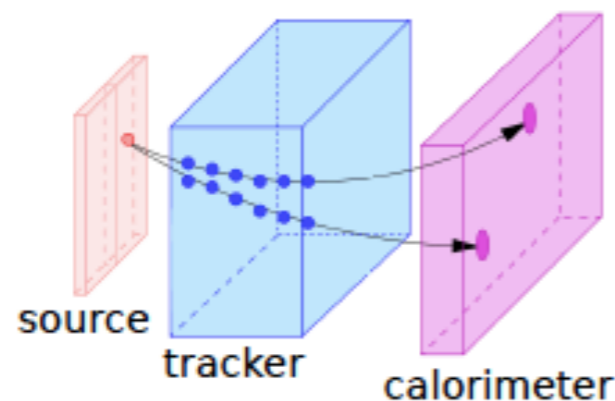
# Future players: SuperNEMO

## ■ SuperNEMO

- tracker + calorimeter with 100 kg of  $^{82}\text{Se}$   $\beta\beta$  source
- background in ROI:  $5 \text{ c keV}^{-1} \text{ t}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- energy resolution: 120 keV FWHM @  $Q_{\beta\beta}$
- sensitivity goal on  $0\nu\beta\beta$  half-life:  $10^{26} \text{ yr}$

## ■ from the experience of NEMO-3

- improved detector design + modularity
- increased detector radio-purity
- increased source radio-purity



## superNEMO demonstrator

- first produced module (1 of 20)
- 7 kg of isotope mass
- expected sensitivity:  $6 \cdot 10^{24} \text{ yr}$

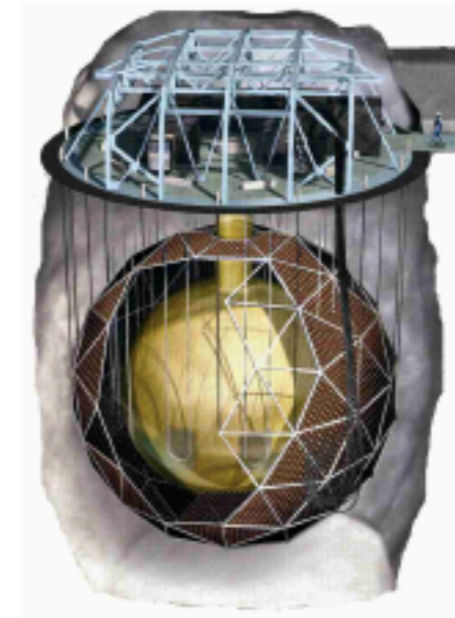
## Future players: SNO+

### ■ Sudbury Neutrino Observatory +

- 3.9 t of tellurium dissolved in LS
- background in ROI:  $0.1 \text{ c keV}^{-1} \text{ t}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- energy resolution: 270 keV FWHM @  $Q_{\beta\beta}$
- sensitivity goal on  $0\nu\beta\beta$  half-life:  $2 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ yr}$

### ■ commissioning ongoing

- tellurium stored underground
- purification system under construction
- calibration system ready
- loading of LS forthcoming



### SNO+ $0\nu\beta\beta$ programme

- Te concentration in LS: 0.5% → 5%
- 13.3 t of isotope mass
- expected sensitivity:  $> 10^{27} \text{ yr}$



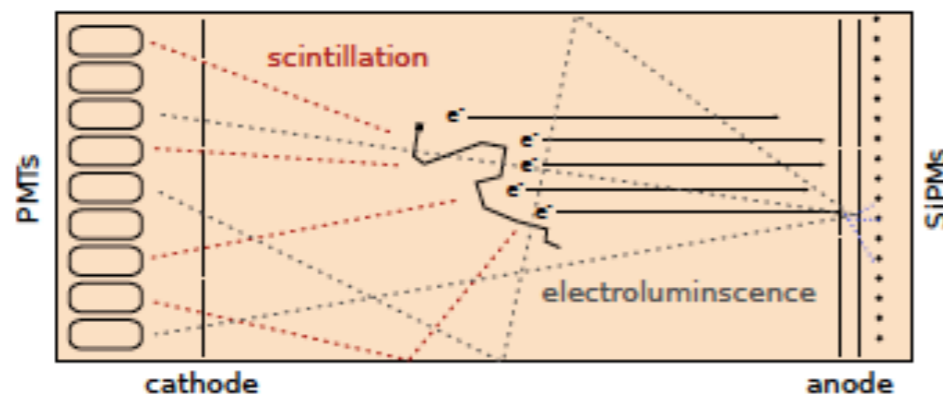
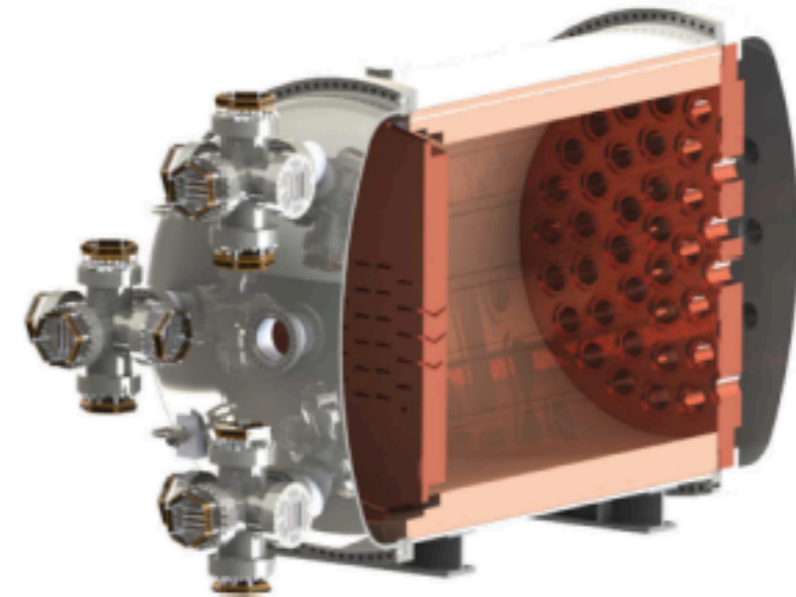
# Future players: NEXT-100

## ■ Neutrino Experiment with a Xenon TPC

- gas TPC with 100 kg of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  enriched xenon
- background in ROI:  $0.1 \text{ c keV}^{-1} \text{ t}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- energy resolution: 15 keV FWHM @  $Q_{\beta\beta}$
- sensitivity goal on  $0\nu\beta\beta$  half-life:  $5 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ yr}$

## ■ result of a strong R&D programme

- NEXT-WHITE: final validation prototype
- signal amplification by electroluminescence
- tracking plane (SiPMs) + energy plane (PMTs)

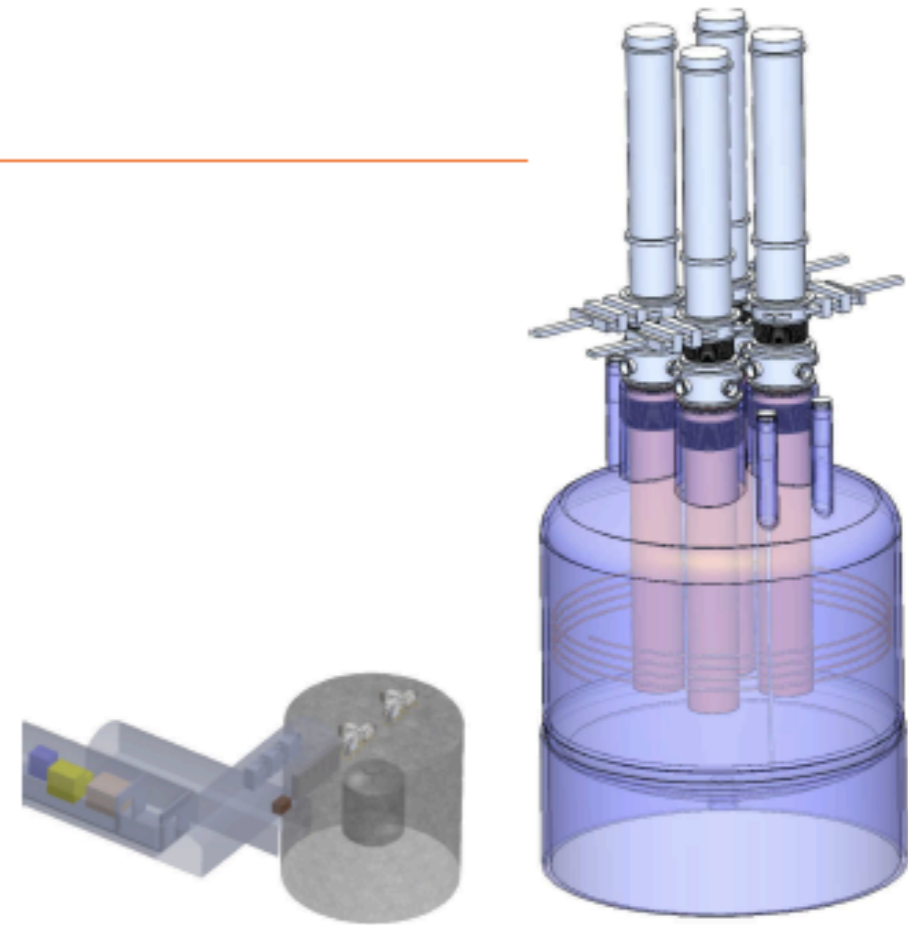
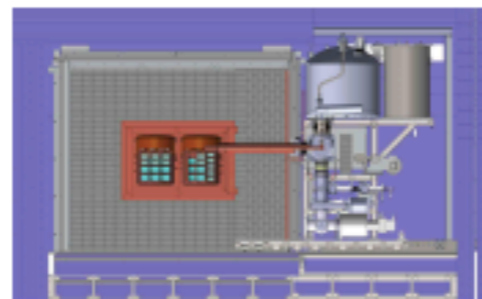


### The NEXT program

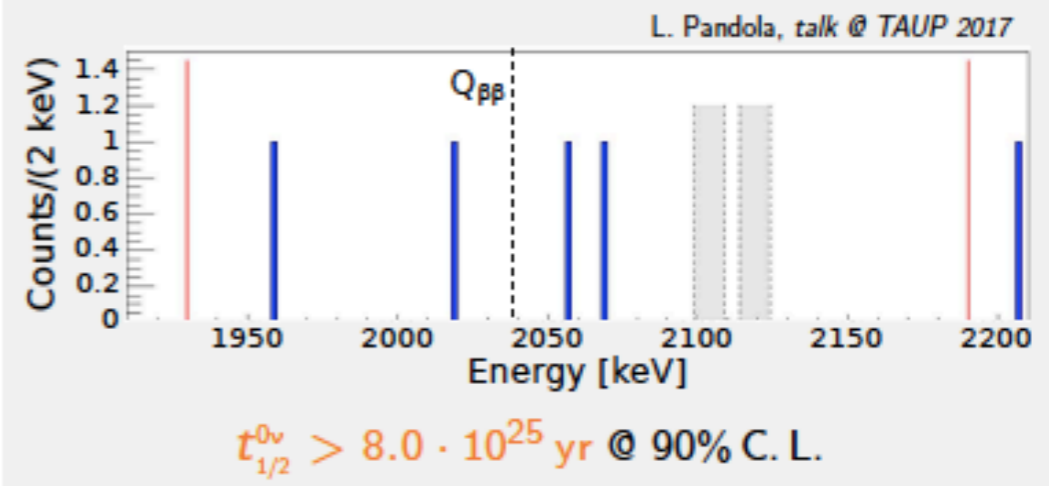
- NEXT-100 → NEXT-250 → NEXT-ton
- background estimate:  $0.05 \text{ c keV}^{-1} \text{ t}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- final expected sensitivity:  $10^{27} \text{ yr}$

## Future players: LEGEND

- Large Enriched Germanium Experiment for Neutrinoless  $\beta\beta$  Decay
  - 200 kg  $\rightarrow$  1 t of  $^{76}\text{Ge}$  enriched HPGe-diodes
  - background in ROI:  $0.1 \text{ c keV}^{-1} \text{ t}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
  - energy resolution: 2.5 keV FWHM @  $Q_{\beta\beta}$
  - sensitivity goal on  $0\nu\beta\beta$  half-life:  $10^{28} \text{ yr}$
- best of GERDA & MJD
  - water + LAr for low-A shielding (G)
  - LAr active veto (G)
  - radio-pure material, especially Cu (M)
  - low-noise electronics (M)



### GERDA-II new results (Jul 2017)



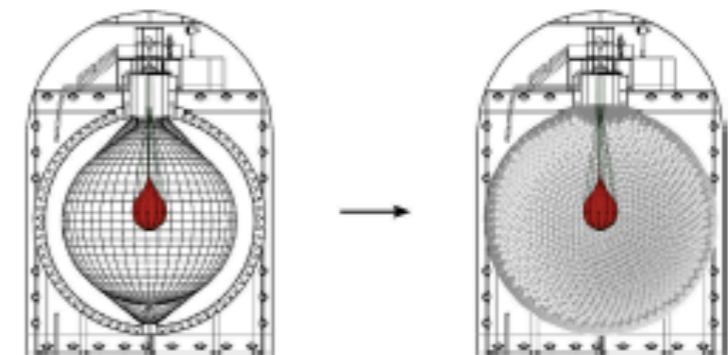
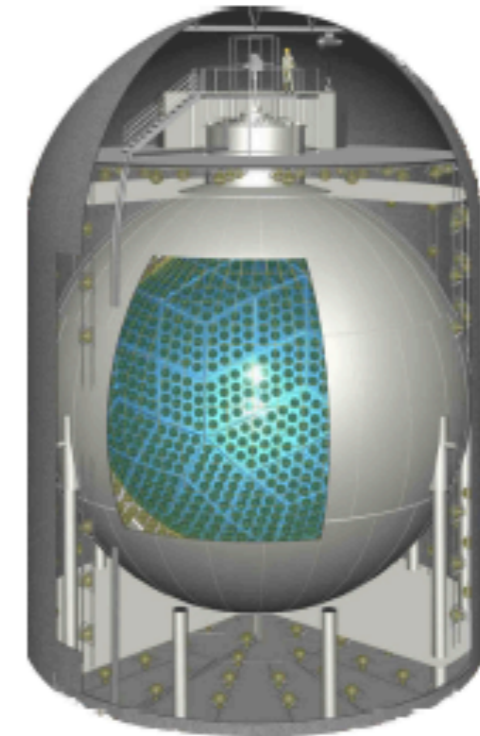
# Future players: KamLAND2-Zen

- **Kamioka Liquid scintillator Anti-Neutrino Detector 2 - Zero neutrino**

- 1 t of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  enriched xenon dissolved in LS
- background in ROI:  $0.01 \text{ c keV}^{-1} \text{ t}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- energy resolution: 50 keV FWHM @  $Q_{\beta\beta}$
- sensitivity goal on  $0\nu\beta\beta$  half-life:  $10^{27} \text{ yr}$

- from the experience of KamLAND-Zen

- improved light collection (new LS & PMTs + collectors)
- scintillating balloon ( $^{214}\text{Bi}$  tagging)
- new method for LS purification
- pressurized Xe-LS



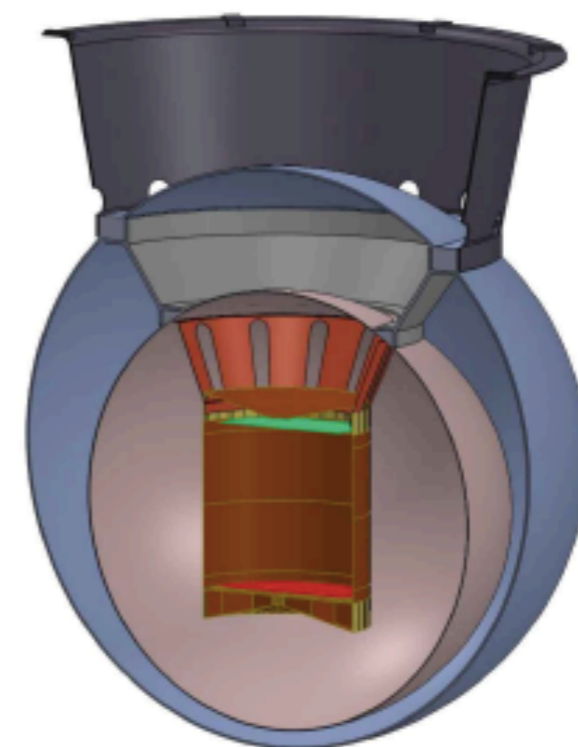
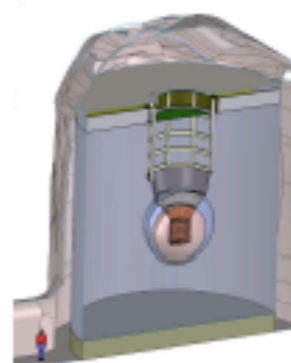
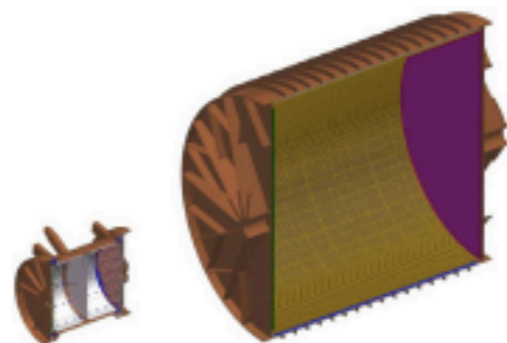
# Future players: nEXO

## ■ next Enriched Xenon Observatory

- liquid TPC with 4.7 t of active  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  enriched xenon
- background in ROI:  $0.01 \text{ c keV}^{-1} \text{ t}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- energy resolution: 60 keV FWHM @  $Q_{\beta\beta}$
- sensitivity goal on  $0\nu\beta\beta$  half-life:  $9 \cdot 10^{27} \text{ yr}$

## ■ from the experience of EXO-200

- 3x larger size  $\Rightarrow$  30x mass/volume
- improved design & components
- increased light collection  
(larger coverage + APDs  $\rightarrow$  SiPMs)



### A major challenge: Ba tagging

- $^{136}\text{Xe} \rightarrow ^{136}\text{Ba}^{++} + 2e^{-}$
- complete background elimination
- 40x in expected sensitivity:  $4 \cdot 10^{28} \text{ yr}$

# Future players: CUPID

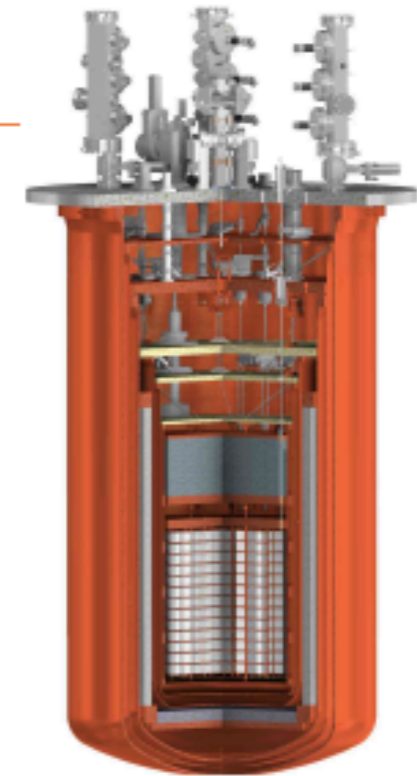
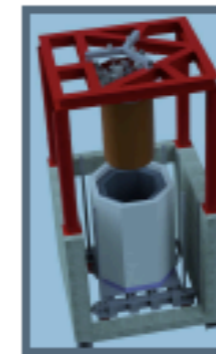
## ■ CUORE Upgrade with Particle IDentification (Cryogenic Underground Observatory for Rare Events)

- 750 kg bolometric array of enriched crystals
- $\text{TeO}_2$  or Mo/Se compounds
- background in ROI:  $0.1 \text{ c keV}^{-1} \text{ t}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- energy resolution: 5 keV FWHM @  $Q_{\beta\beta}$
- sensitivity goal on  $0\nu\beta\beta$  half-life:

$$5 \cdot 10^{27} \text{ yr}$$

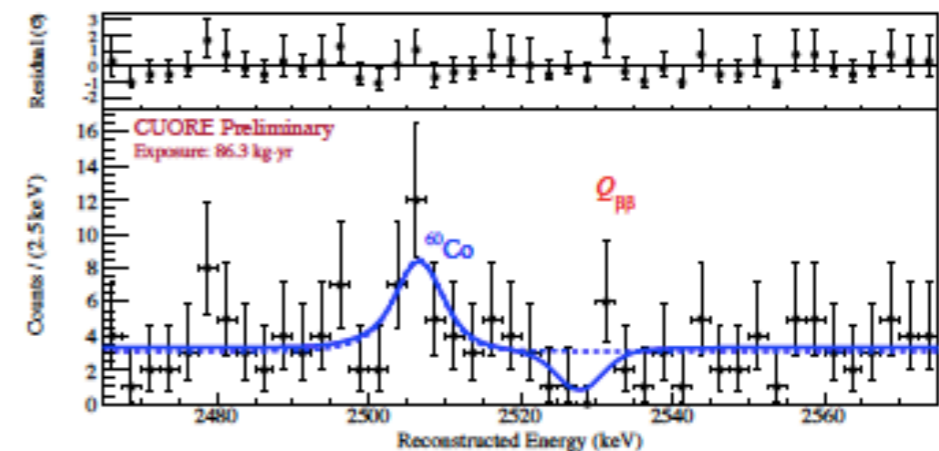
## ■ from the experience of CUORE

- use CUORE cryogenic infrastructure
  - light collection (Čerenkov / scintillation)
- $\alpha$  vs.  $\beta/\gamma$  separation  $\Rightarrow$  bkg reduction



## CUORE first results (Oct 2017)

arXiv:1710.07988 [nucl-ex]



$$t_{1/2}^{0\nu}({}^{130}\text{Te}) > 1.5 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ yr @ 90\% C. L.}$$

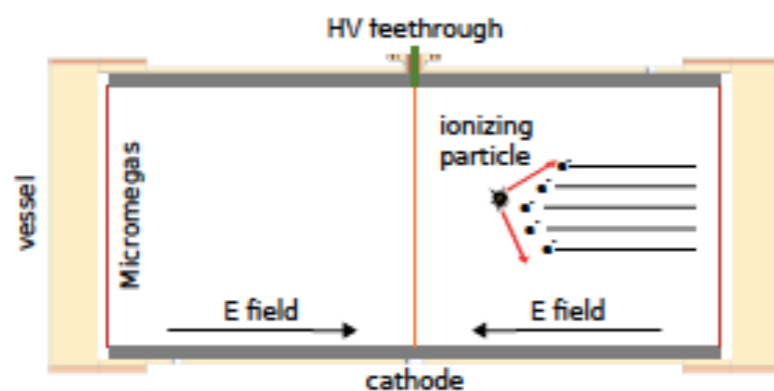
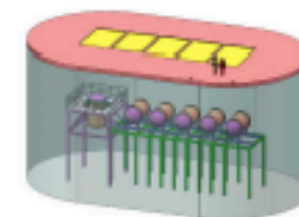
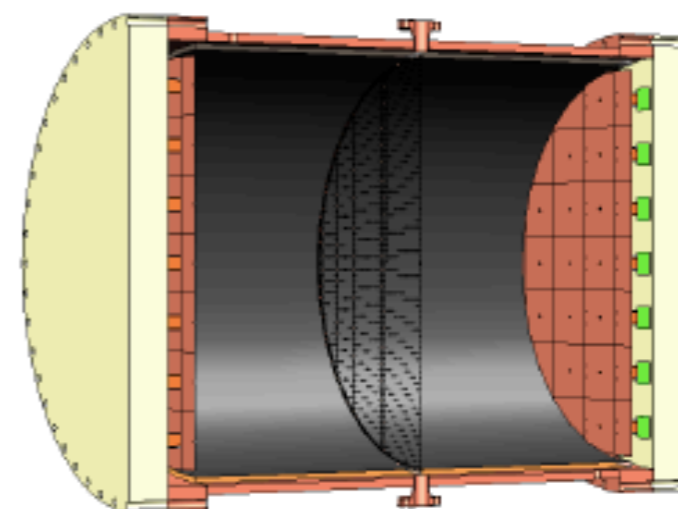
# Future players: PandaX-III

## ■ Particle and astrophysical Xenon Detector - III

- 5 gas TPCs with 200 kg of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  enriched xenon
- background in ROI:  $0.01 \text{ c keV}^{-1} \text{ t}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- energy resolution: 75 keV FWHM @  $Q_{\beta\beta}$
- sensitivity goal on  $0\nu\beta\beta$  half-life:  $10^{27} \text{ yr}$

## ■ $0\nu\beta\beta$ search with the PandaX programme

- symmetric TPC instrumented with Microbulk MicroMegas
- extensive material screening campaign
- commissioning of prototype TPC (10 kg Xe) ongoing



### First 200 kg module

- energy resolution: 225 keV FWHM @  $Q_{\beta\beta}$
- background in ROI:  $0.1 \text{ c keV}^{-1} \text{ t}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- expected sensitivity:  $10^{26} \text{ yr}$

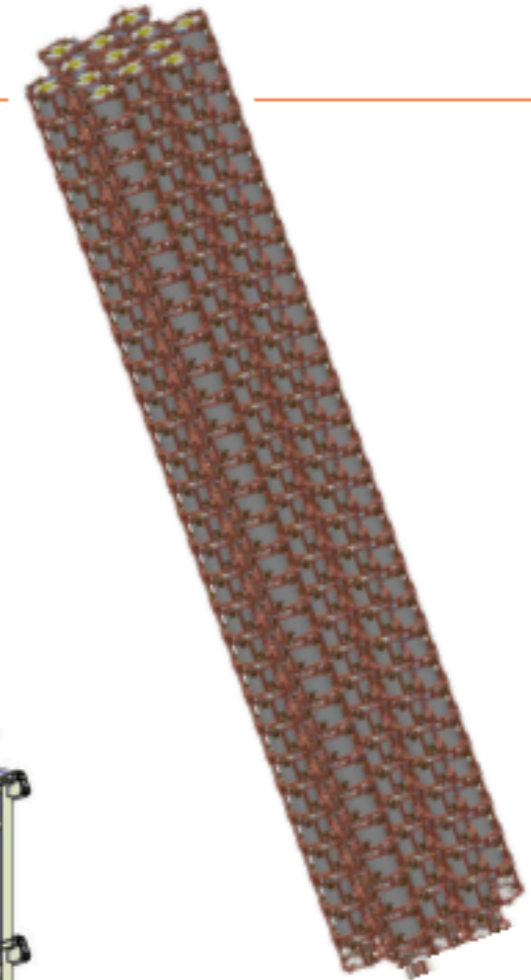
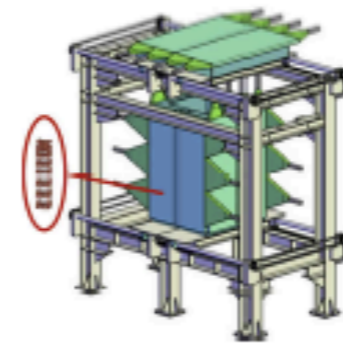
# Future players: AMoRE-II

## ■ Advanced Mo-based Rare process Experiment - II

- 200 kg bolometric array of  $^{enr}\text{Mo}$ -based crystals
- background in ROI:  $0.1 \text{ c keV}^{-1} \text{ t}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- energy resolution: 10 keV FWHM @  $Q_{\beta\beta}$
- sensitivity goal on  $0\nu\beta\beta$  half-life:  $5 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ yr}$

## ■ result of the AMoRE programme

- new underground laboratory: ARF  
@ Handedok Iron Mine (1100 m overburden)
- new cryogenic infrastructure
- improved detector performance



### AMoRE pilot

- 6 crystals of  $^{40}\text{Ca}^{100}\text{MoO}_4$  ( $\sim 1.8 \text{ kg}$ )
- several upgrades in detector/system design
- FWHM @  $^{208}\text{Tl}$ : 43 keV  $\rightarrow$  10 keV