

# CRYOGENIC EXPERIMENTS FOR DOUBLE BETA DECAY AND DARK MATTER

DBD and DM started together and are going to work together

Origin and development of **thermal detectors**

- **Microcalorimeters:**

  - Single beta decay **and the neutrino mass**

- **Macrocalorimeters:**

  - WIMPS**

  - The second mystery of Ettore Majorana**

- **Expected and unexpected future of cryogenic detectors**

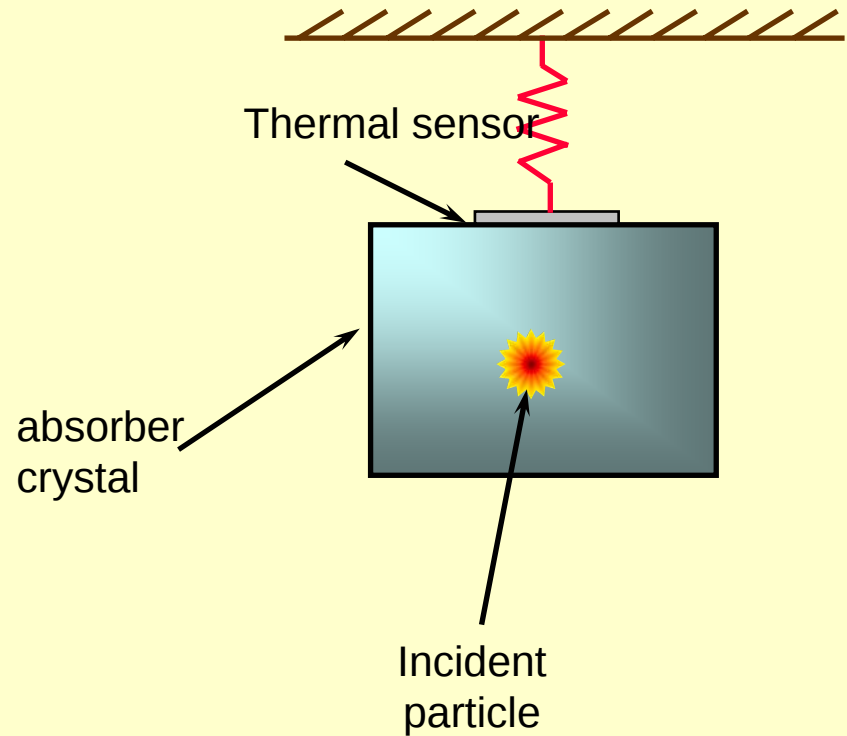
- **Conclusions**

# Thermal detectors

$$\Delta T = \frac{Q}{C_V}$$

$$C_V = 1944 \frac{V}{V_m} \left( \frac{T}{\Theta} \right)^3 \text{ J/K}$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{RMS}} \propto \sqrt{\frac{k_B T_0^2 C_0}{\alpha}}$$



Energy resolution

<1 eV ~ 2eV  
~10 eV ~ keV

@ 6 keV  
@ 2 MeV

## First ideas

**1880** => Langley => resistive bolometers for **infrared** rays from SUN

**1903** => Curie et Laborde => **calorimetric** measurement of **radioactivity**

**1927** => Ellis and Wuster => heat less than expected => **the neutrino**

**1949** => D. Andrews, R. Fowler, M. Williams =>  **$\alpha$  particle** detection

**1983** => T.Niinikoski => observe **pulses in resistors** due to cosmic rays

**1984** => S.H.Moseley et al. LT detectors for **astrophysics** and  $\nu$  mass

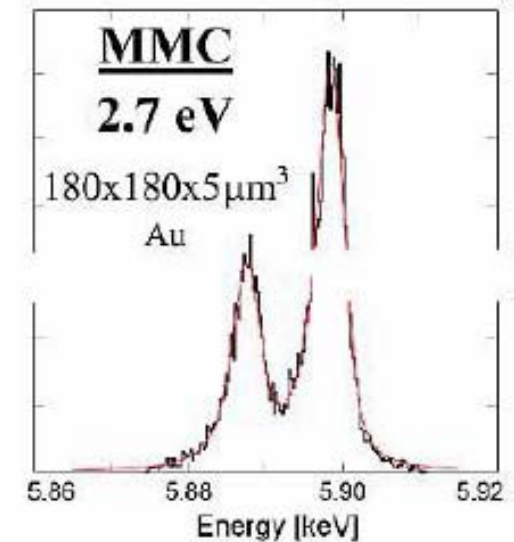
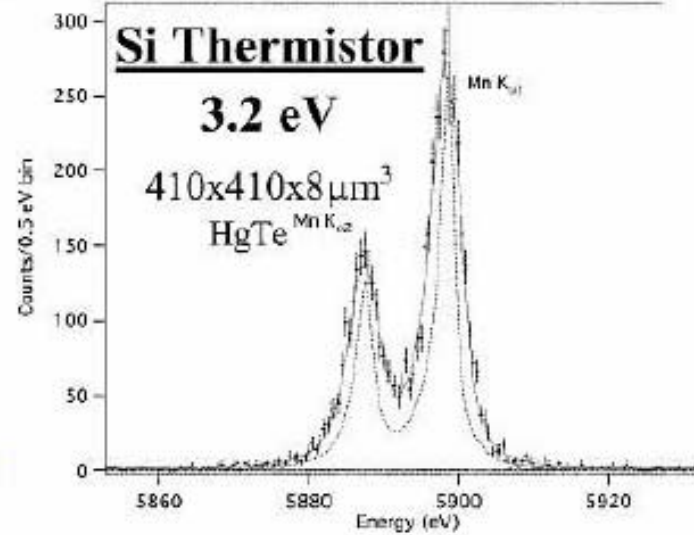
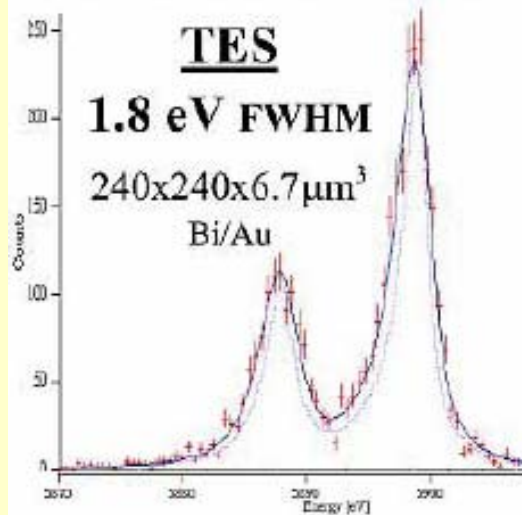
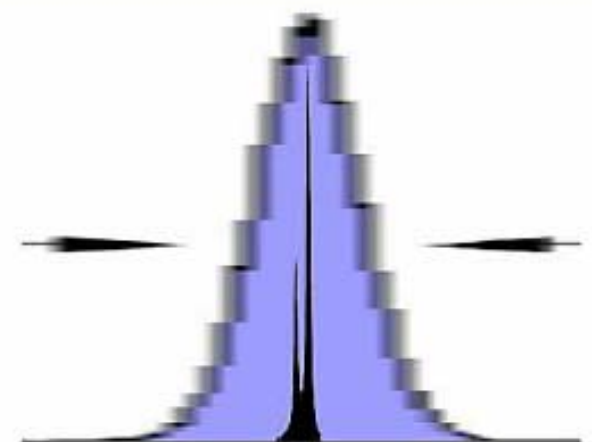
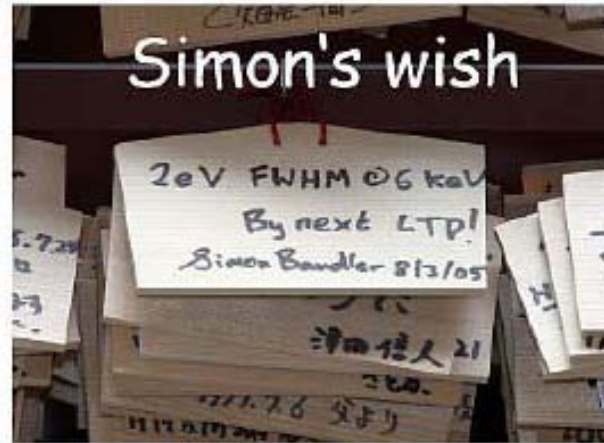
=> Fiorini and Niinikoski Low temperature detectors for **rare events**

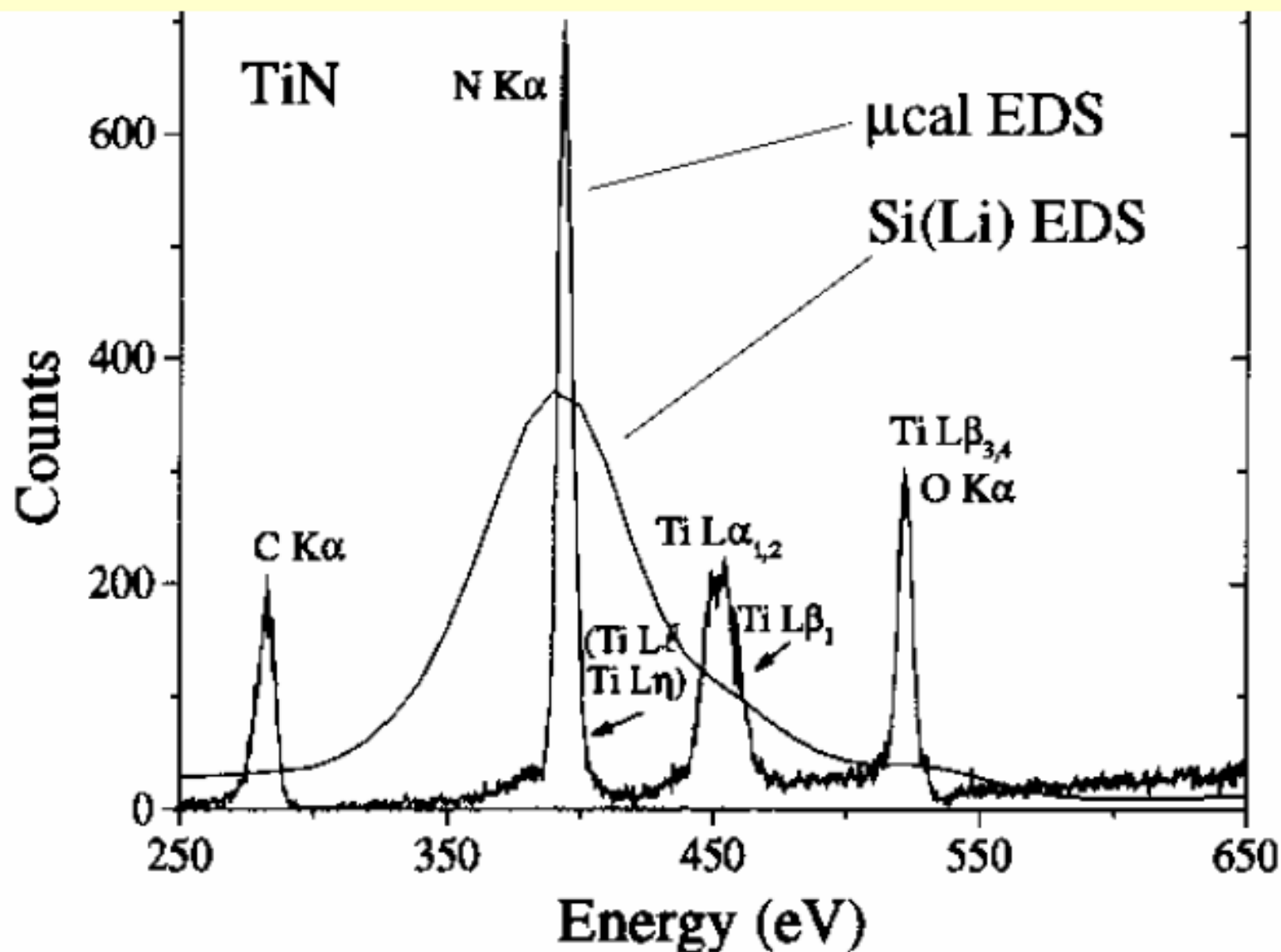
=> A. Drukier, L. Stodolsky, => neutrino physics and astronomy

**The first mini-meeting on thermal detectors  
(Ringberg castle 1986)**



# Applications and results





# Energy resolution of ea crystal of $\text{TeO}_2$ 5x5x5 $\text{cm}^3$ ( $\sim 760$ g )

:

**0.8 keV FWHM @ 46 keV**

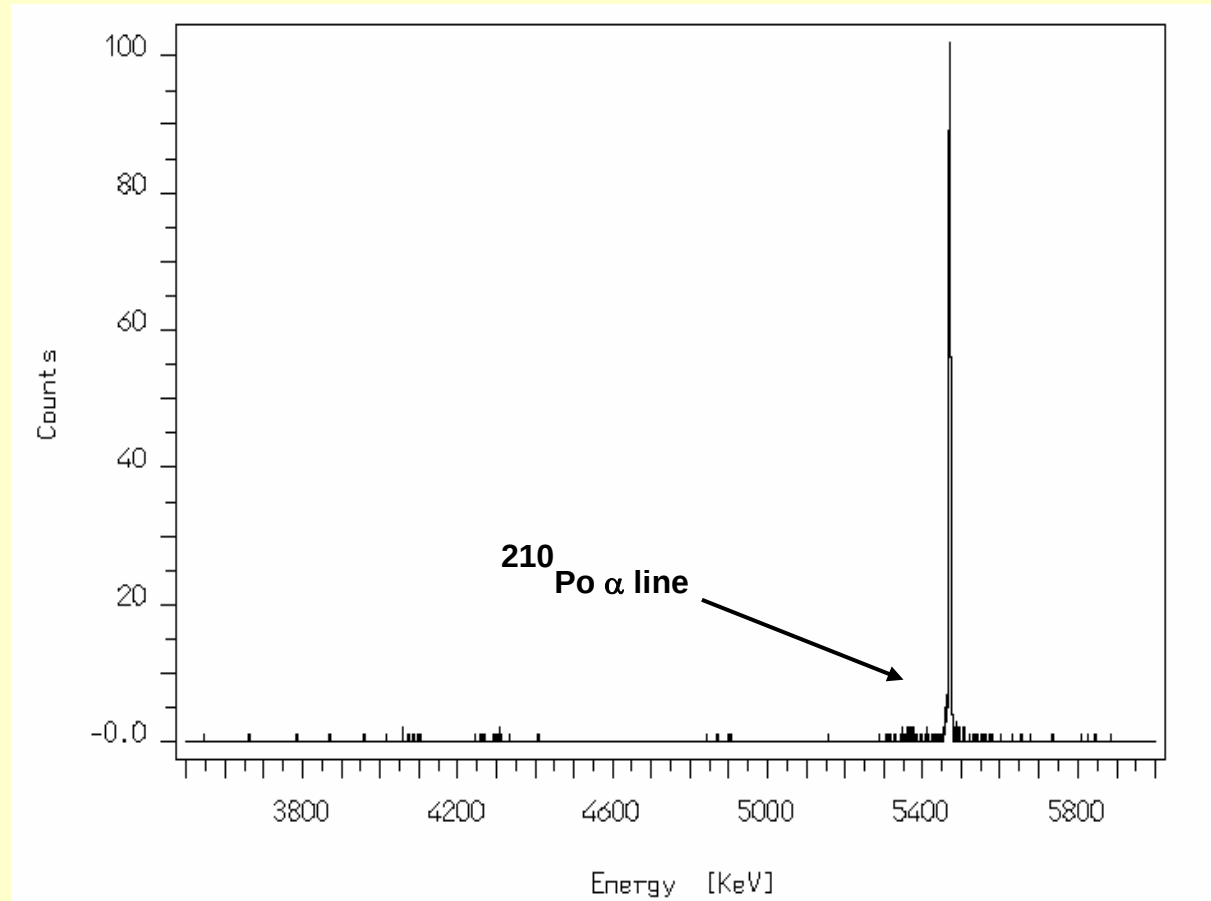
**1.4 keV FWHM @ 0.351 MeV**

**2.1 keV FWHM @ 0.911 MeV**

**2.6 keV FWHM @ 2.615 MeV**

**3.2 keV FWHM @ 5.407 MeV**

(the best  $\alpha$  spectrometer so far)



# Science applications

- **Neutrino mass experiments**
- **Dark matter searches**
- **Double beta decay**
- Alpha & beta spectroscopy, mass spectroscopy, heavy ions, and neutrons
- X-ray & gamma spectroscopy in atomic, nuclear, astrophysics & other fields
- UV to IR single photon detection
- Bolometers in mm / sub-mm wave for astronomy, THz applications
- Others

# Two types of thermal detectors

**-Equilibrium detectors** => a possibly dielectric and diamagnetic crystal in thermal contact with a thermal sensor

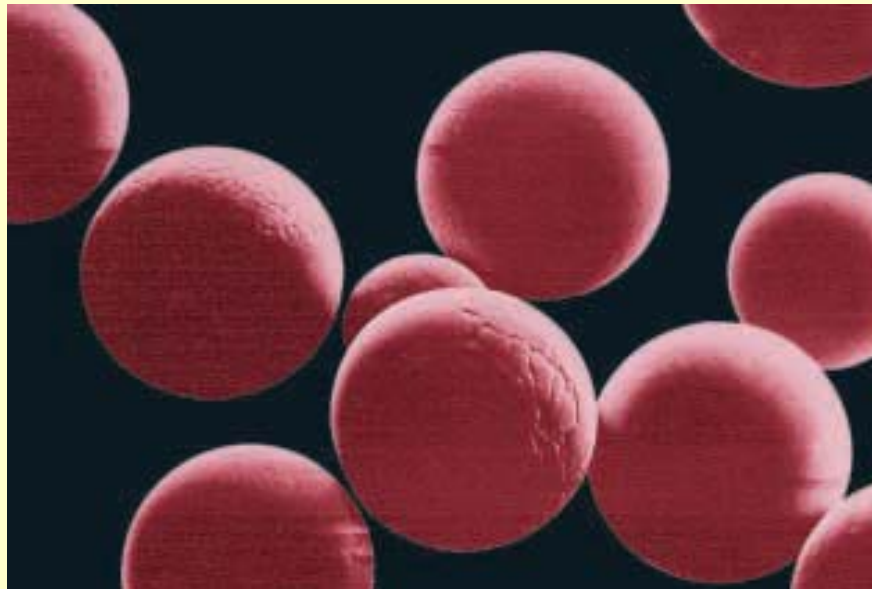
## **-Non equilibrium detectors**

=> kinetic inductance detectors (KIDs) [8]

=> superconducting

=> tunnel junctions (STJs) [9]

=> superheated superconducting granules



## - Various types of thermometers

=> a thermistor

=> a transition edge sensor (TES)

=> an Equilibrium Absorber weakly coupled to a heat bath  
superconducting tunnel junction (STJ) Cooper pair  
breaking

=> a magnetic thermometer . The temperature information is  
obtained from the change of a paramagnetic sensor  
placed in a small magnetic field

**Caveat** => possibility that the heat capacity of the thermometer  
be comparable or larger than the absorber one:

## Three most popular thermometers are used today

=> highly doped semiconductors,

=> superconductors operated at the superconducting to normal transition (TES)

=> metallic paramagnets

# Thermometers

Thermal detectors with NTD Ge sensors

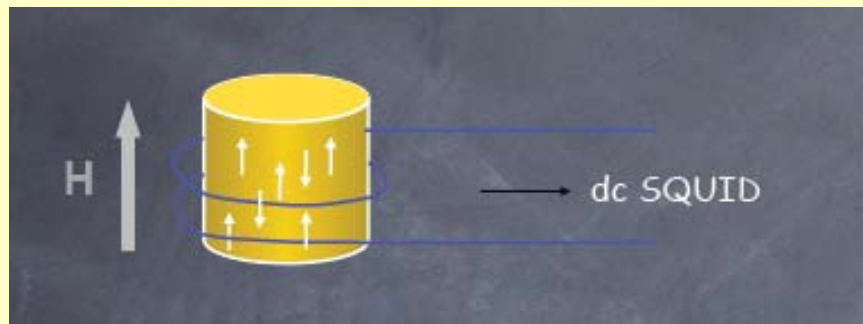
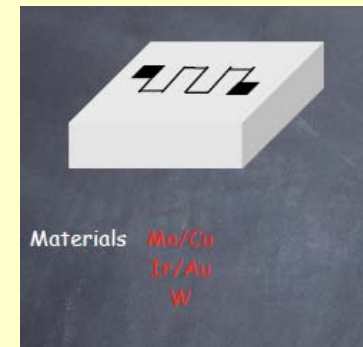
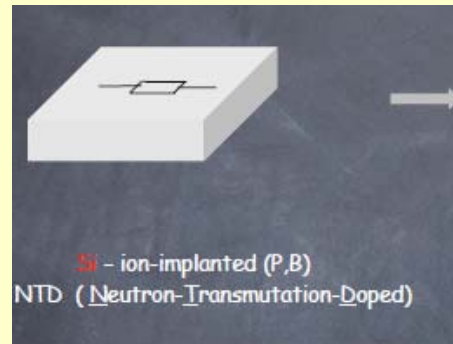
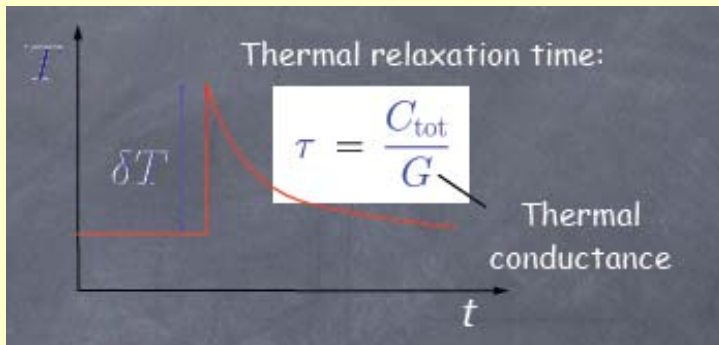
Thermal sensors with doped semiconductors

Superconducting Tunnel Junctions

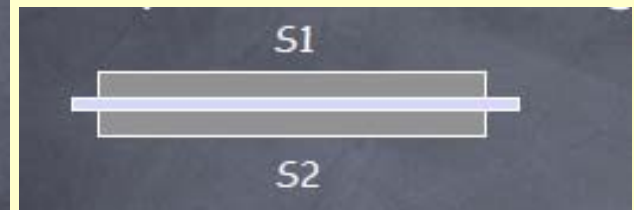
Superconducting Phase Transition sensors

Superconducting Transition Edge Sensors

Superconducting Kinetic Inductance Devices

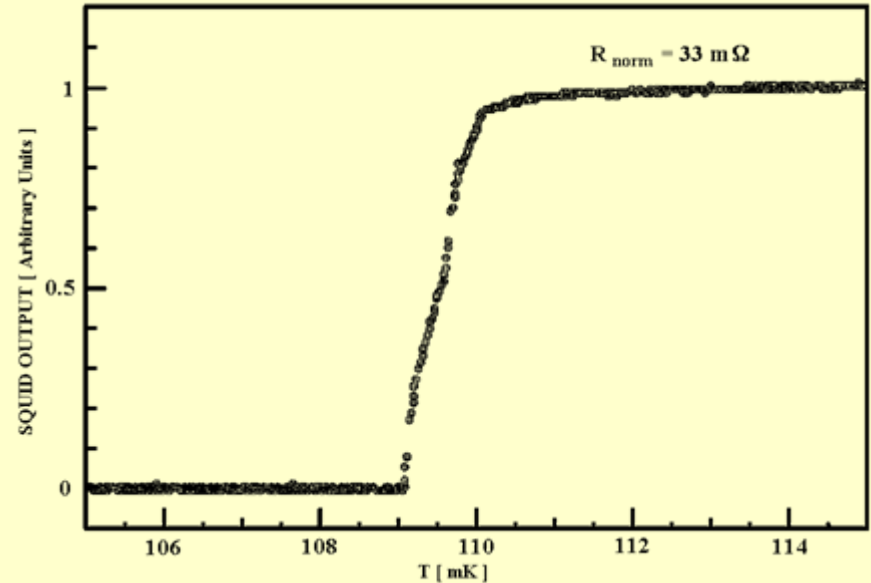
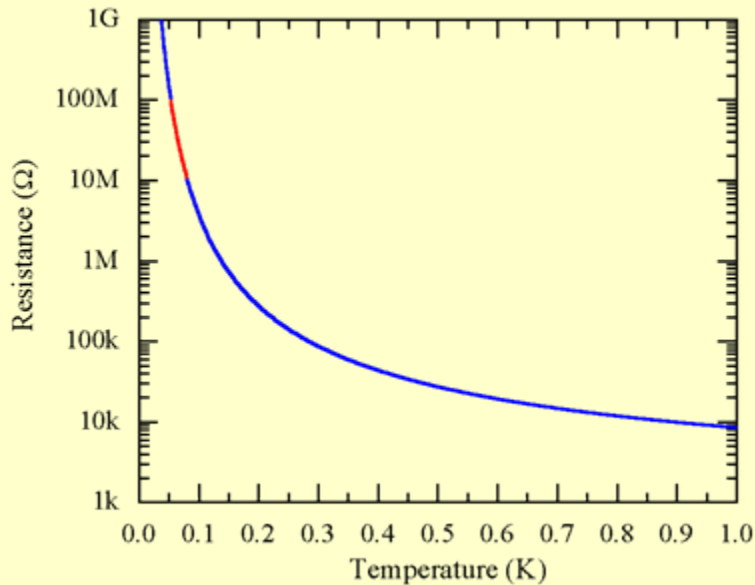


Au:Er  
 Au:Yb  
 Ag:Er  
 $\text{Bi}_2\text{Te}_3$ :Er  
 PbTe:Er  
 $\text{LaB}_6$ :Er



# Transition Edge Sensors (TES)

Superconductors operated at the superconducting to normal transition



## Thermistors

- Very high resistance
- Negative “low” sensitivity
- FET readout

## TES

- Very low Resistance
- Positive “high” sensitivity
- SQUID readout

Temperature => **change of magnetization of a paramagnetic sensor** => e.g. Au:Eu

### Metallic Magnetic Calorimeter

temperature rise upon absorption:

$$\delta T = \frac{E}{C_{\text{tot}}}$$

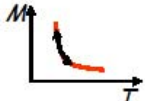
recovery time:

$$\tau = \frac{C_{\text{tot}}}{G}$$

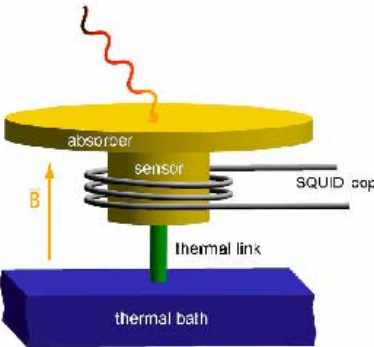
paramagnetic sensor:

Au:Er  
Ag:Er  
Bi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub>:Er, PbTe:Er

signal size:



$$\delta M = \frac{\partial M}{\partial T} \delta T = \frac{\partial M}{\partial T} \frac{E_{\gamma}}{C_{\text{tot}}}$$



operation at low temperatures ( $T < 100\text{mK}$ )

- small heat capacity
- large temperature change
- small thermal noise

main differences to resistive calorimeters

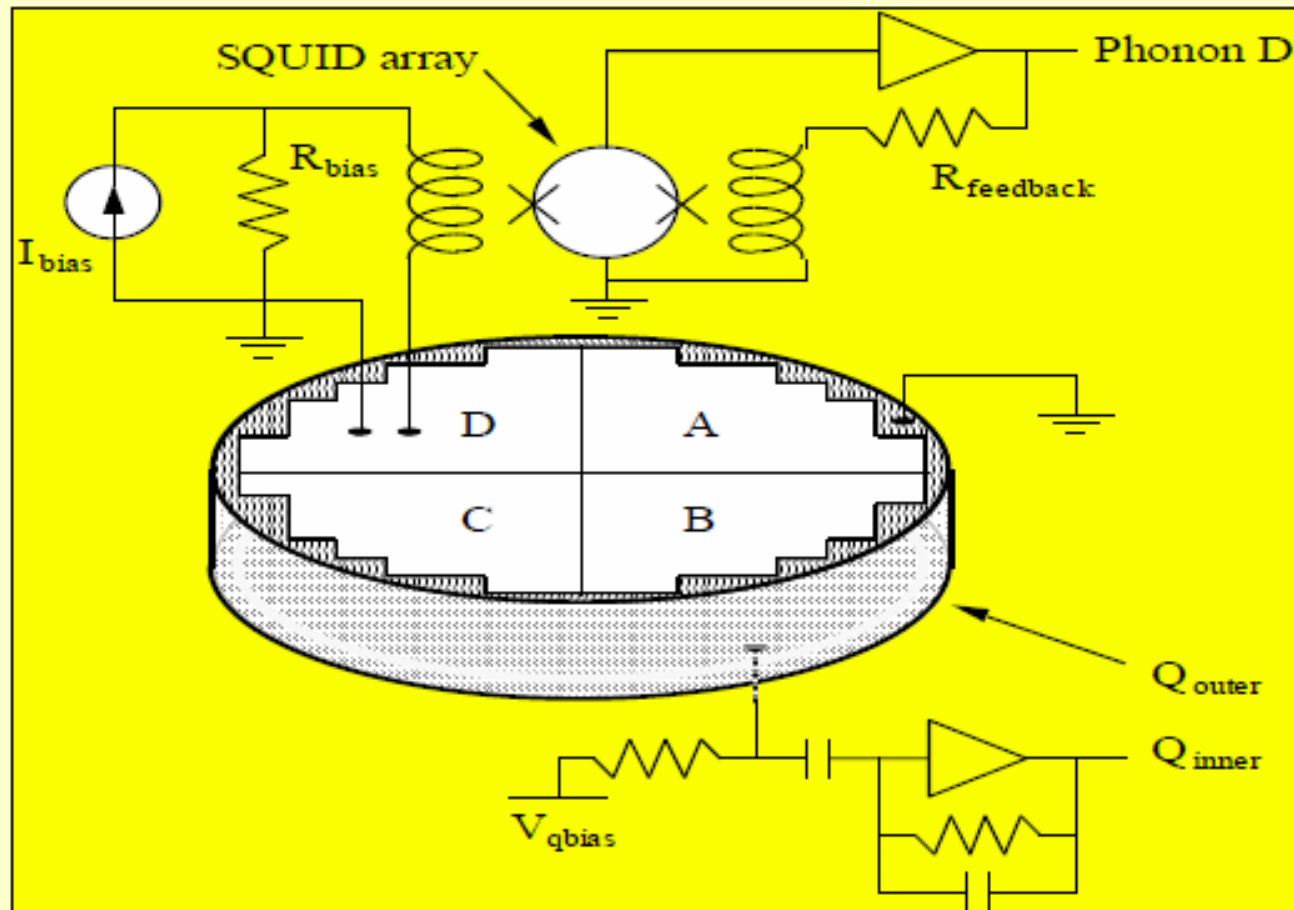
- no dissipation in the sensor
- no galvanic contact to the sensor

LTD-13

MKID a superconducting thin film microwave resonator to detect changes in the surface impedance of the superconducting film by detecting changes in properties of the resonance circuit: the microwave kinetic inductance detector,

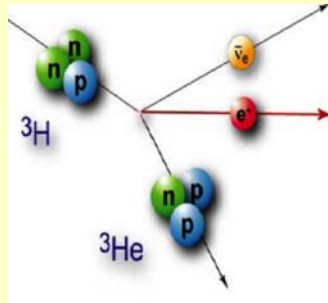
# Hybrid techniques

heat + **ionization** or heat + **scintillation**

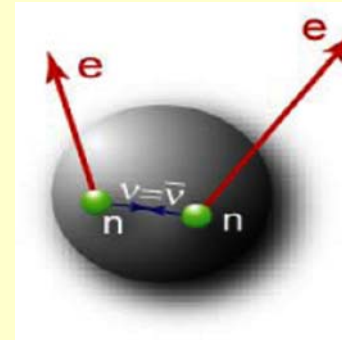


# Direct measurement of the neutrino mass

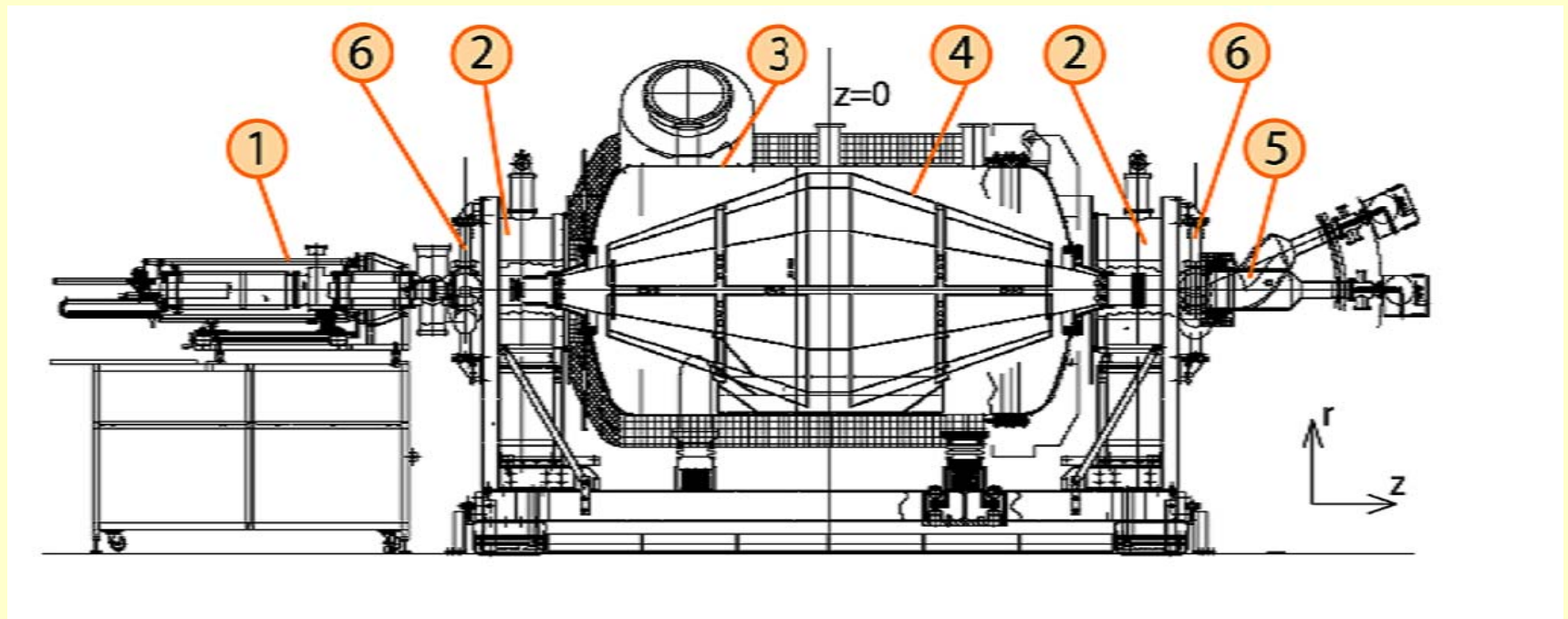
$\beta$  decay



Electron capture

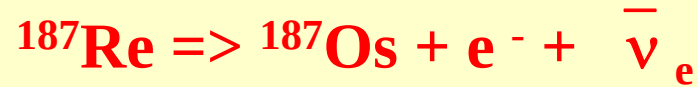


Beta spectrometers  $^3\text{H} \Rightarrow ^3\text{He} + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$  KATRIN  $2 \Rightarrow 0.2 \text{ eV}$



# Thermal detectors for searches on neutrino mass in single $\beta$ decay

## An alternative measurement of the antineutrino mass



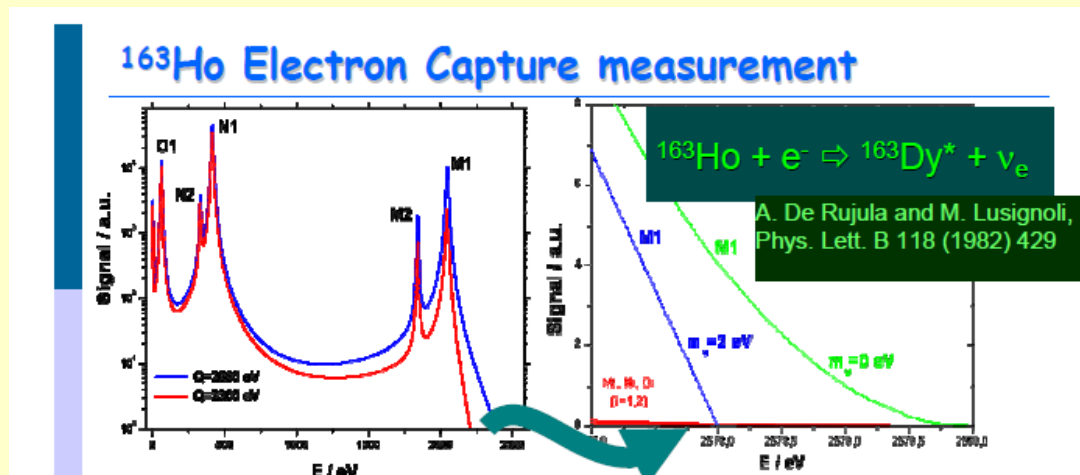
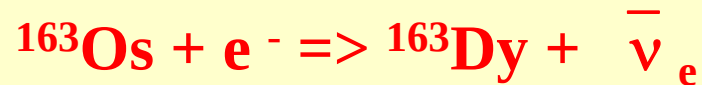
Nucleus with the lowest beta transition energy ( $\sim 2.5$  keV)

Source **inside the detector**  $\Rightarrow$  all energy spent inside the detector is measured

It corresponds to the **entire decay energy** apart the antineutrino one

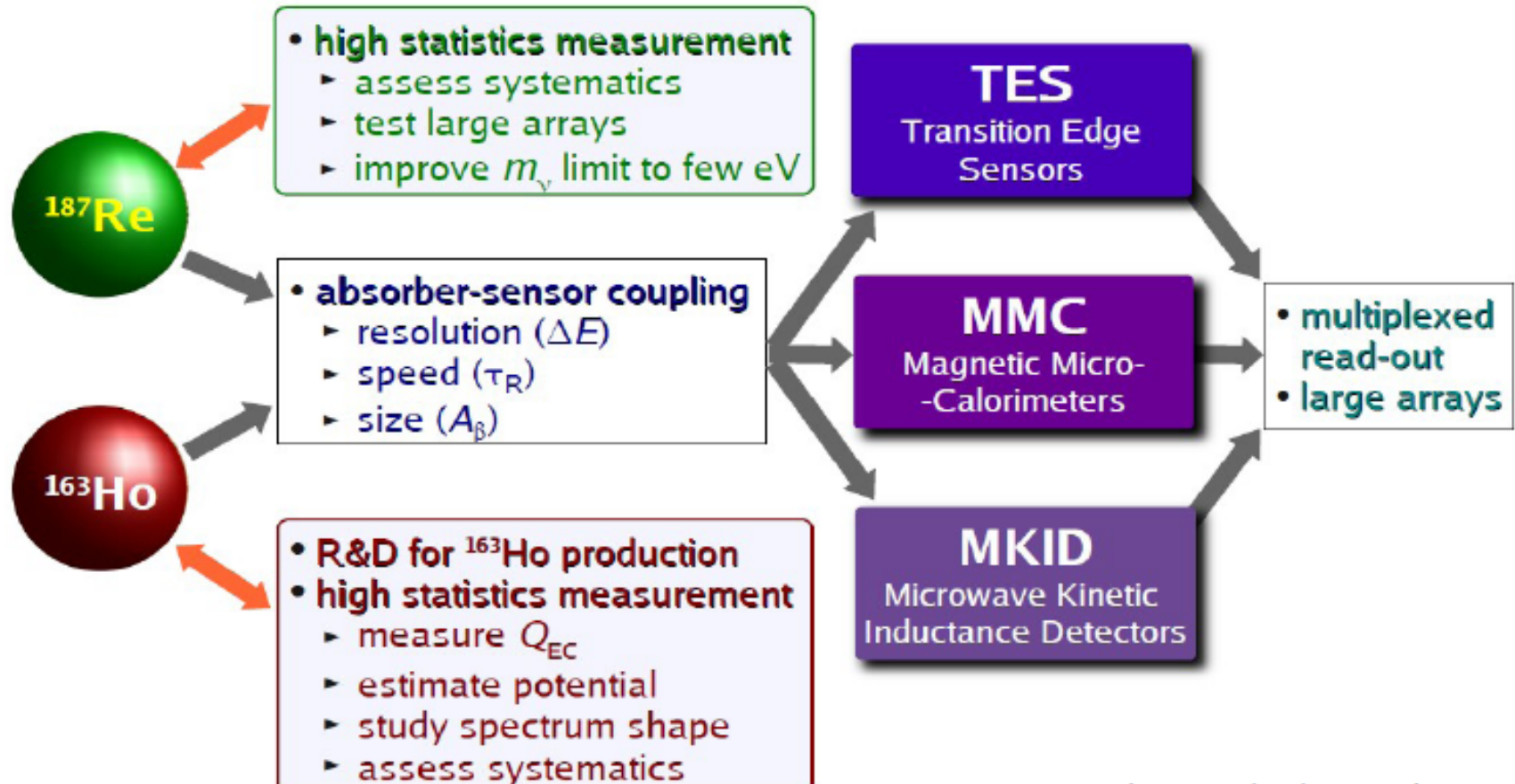
If the beta decay occurs to an excited

state also the **decay of this state is measured**



**MARE-1** : - collection of activities aiming at isotope / technique selection  
- setup of a  $^{187}\text{Re}$  experiment with few eV light  $\nu$  sensitivity

**MARE-2** : - full scale experiment with several  $10^4$  -  $10^5$  detector pixels aiming  
at 0.1 eV - 0.2 eV statistical sensitivity



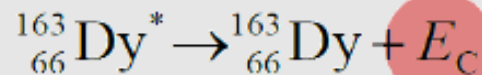
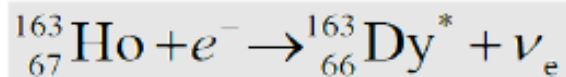
## Electron Capture $^{163}\text{Ho}$ Experiment

(Uni Heidelberg, MPIK Heidelberg, Saha Inst. of Nucl. Phys.,  
ISOLDE CERN, Petersburg Nucl. Phys. Inst.)

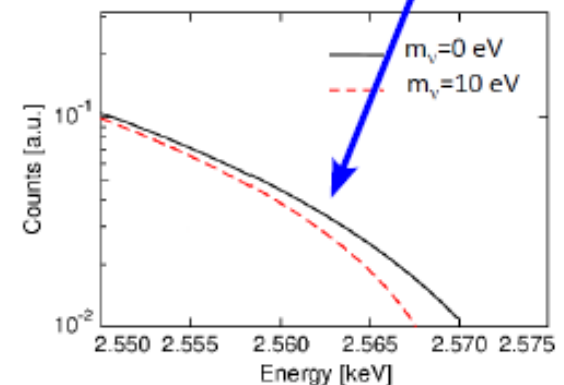
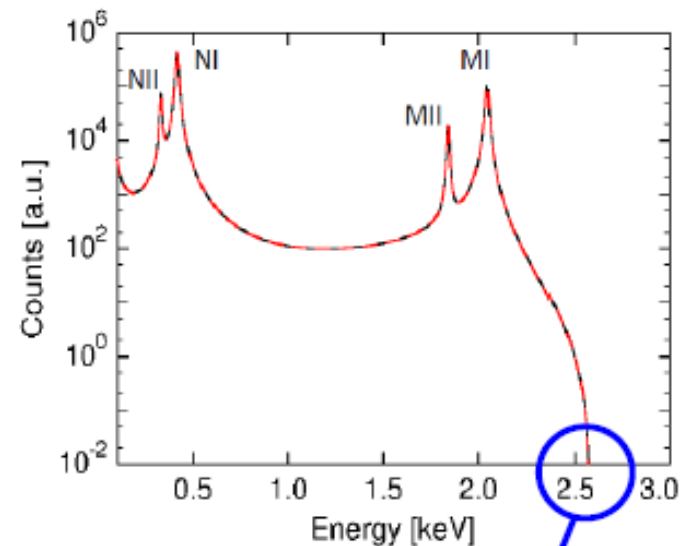
A non-zero neutrino mass affects the de-excitation  
spectrum of electron capture decays

→ calorimetric measurement of the  
de-excitation energy spectrum

Suitable candidate:  $^{163}\text{Ho} \rightarrow Q_{\text{EC}} \approx 2.5 \text{ keV}$   
 $T_{1/2} \approx 4570 \text{ y}$



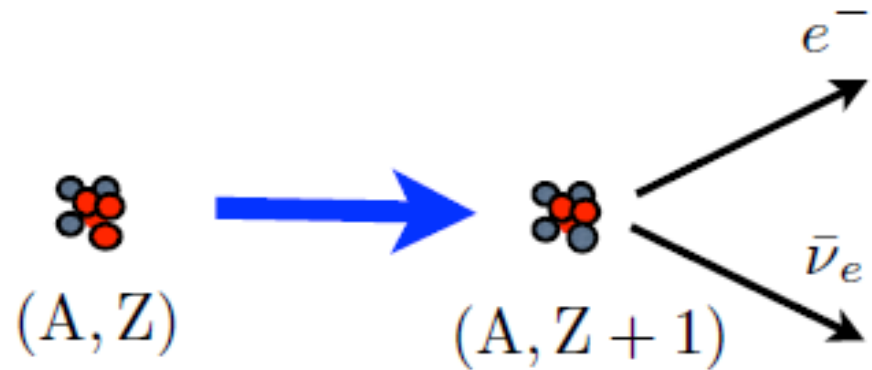
$$\frac{dW}{dE_C} = \Lambda(Q_{\text{EC}} - E_C)^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{m_\nu^2}{(Q_{\text{EC}} - E_C)^2}} \sum_{\text{H}} \varphi_{\text{H}}^2(0) \frac{\Gamma_{\text{H}}}{2\pi} \frac{1}{(E_C - E_{\text{H}})^2 + \frac{\Gamma_{\text{H}}^2}{4}}$$



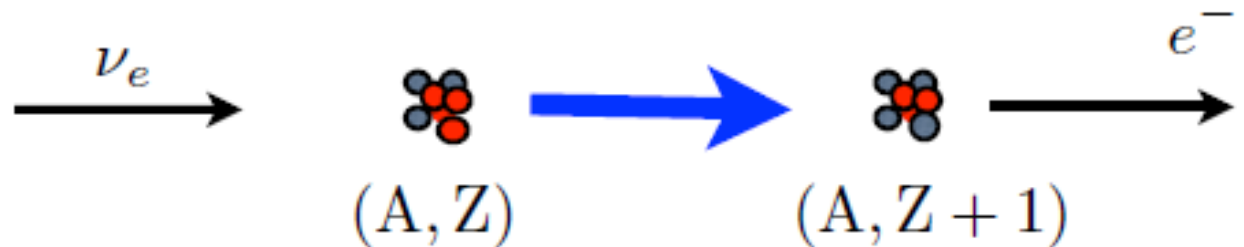
courtesy L. Gastaldo

# A dream => detection of relic neutrinos

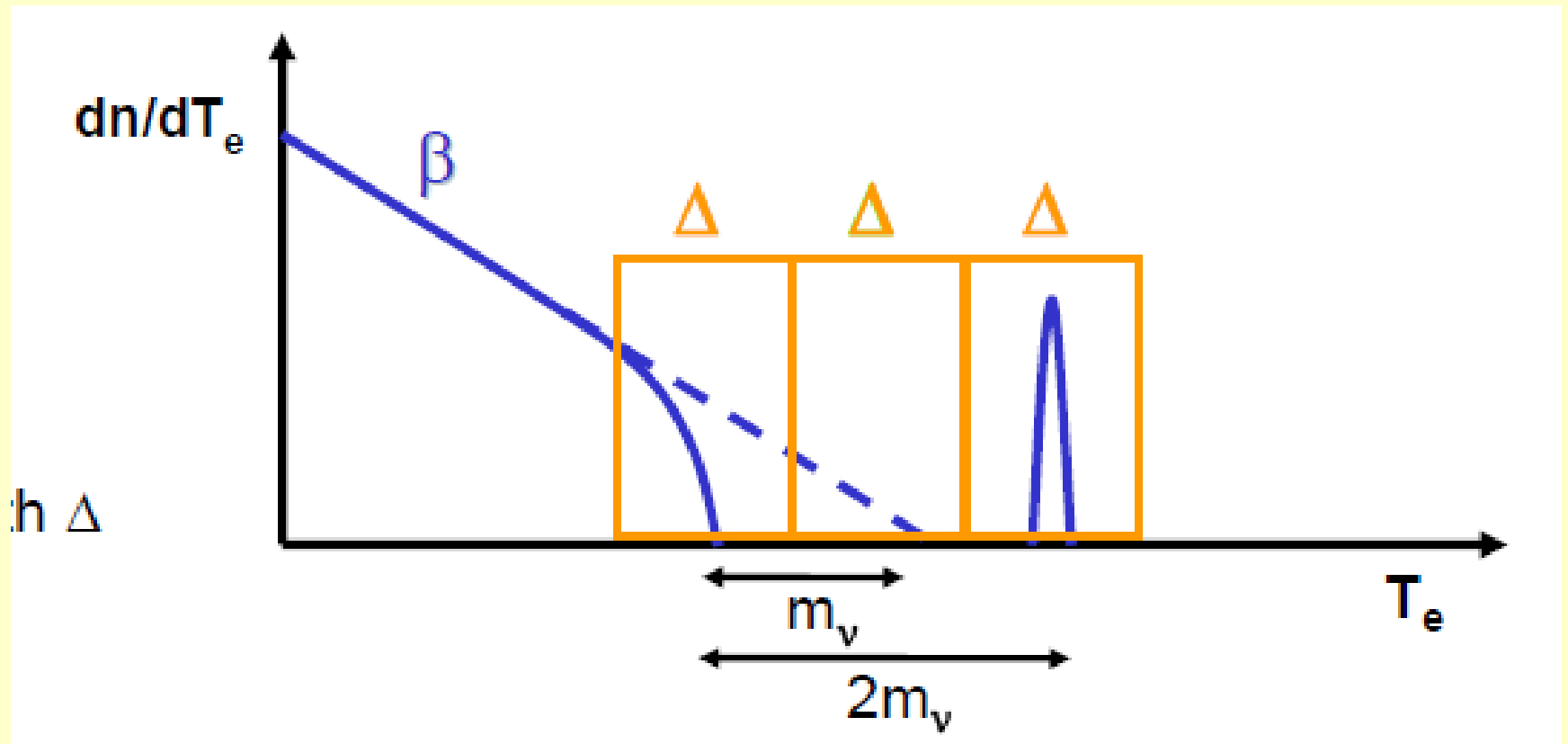
$\beta$  decay

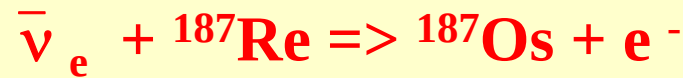
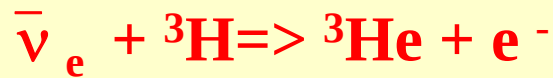


neutrino  
capture



$$\Omega_\nu h^2 = \frac{\Sigma m_\nu}{93.2 \text{ eV}}$$





| Isotope                                                                                              | Decay     | $Q$<br>(keV) | Half-life<br>(sec)      | $\sigma_{\text{NCB}}(v_\nu/c)$<br>( $10^{-41} \text{ cm}^2$ ) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|  ${}^3\text{H}$      | $\beta^-$ | 18.591       | $3.8878 \times 10^8$    | $7.84 \times 10^{-4}$                                         |
| ${}^{63}\text{Ni}$                                                                                   | $\beta^-$ | 66.945       | $3.1588 \times 10^9$    | $1.38 \times 10^{-6}$                                         |
| ${}^{93}\text{Zr}$                                                                                   | $\beta^-$ | 60.63        | $4.952 \times 10^{13}$  | $2.39 \times 10^{-10}$                                        |
| ${}^{106}\text{Ru}$                                                                                  | $\beta^-$ | 39.4         | $3.2278 \times 10^7$    | $5.88 \times 10^{-4}$                                         |
| ${}^{107}\text{Pd}$                                                                                  | $\beta^-$ | 33           | $2.0512 \times 10^{14}$ | $2.58 \times 10^{-10}$                                        |
|  ${}^{187}\text{Re}$ | $\beta^-$ | 2.64         | $1.3727 \times 10^{18}$ | $4.32 \times 10^{-11}$                                        |
| ${}^{11}\text{C}$                                                                                    | $\beta^+$ | 960.2        | $1.226 \times 10^3$     | $4.66 \times 10^{-3}$                                         |
| ${}^{13}\text{N}$                                                                                    | $\beta^+$ | 1198.5       | $5.99 \times 10^2$      | $5.3 \times 10^{-3}$                                          |
| ${}^{15}\text{O}$                                                                                    | $\beta^+$ | 1732         | $1.224 \times 10^2$     | $9.75 \times 10^{-3}$                                         |
| ${}^{18}\text{F}$                                                                                    | $\beta^+$ | 633.5        | $6.809 \times 10^3$     | $2.63 \times 10^{-3}$                                         |
| ${}^{22}\text{Na}$                                                                                   | $\beta^+$ | 545.6        | $9.07 \times 10^7$      | $3.04 \times 10^{-7}$                                         |
| ${}^{45}\text{Ti}$                                                                                   | $\beta^+$ | 1040.4       | $1.307 \times 10^4$     | $3.87 \times 10^{-4}$                                         |

# Dark Matter

Thermal detectors => **100% quenching factor**

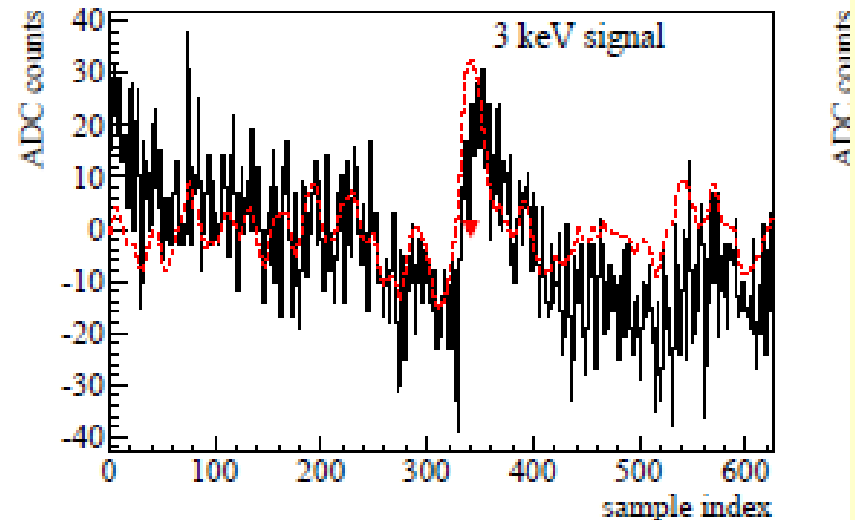
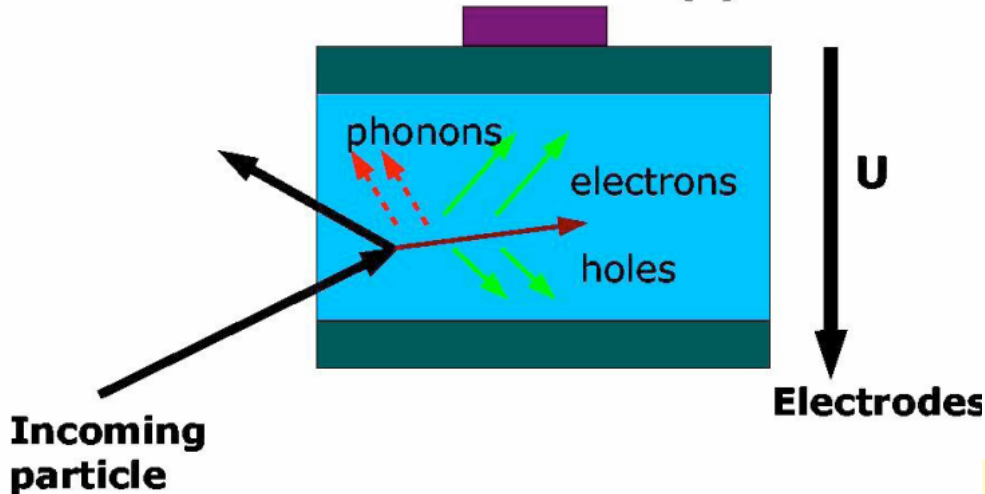
=> **Scintillation** + heat (CRESST and Rosebud)

=> **Ionization** + heat (CDMS II and Edelweiss)

=> **Seasonal modulation** (if a low threshold is reached)

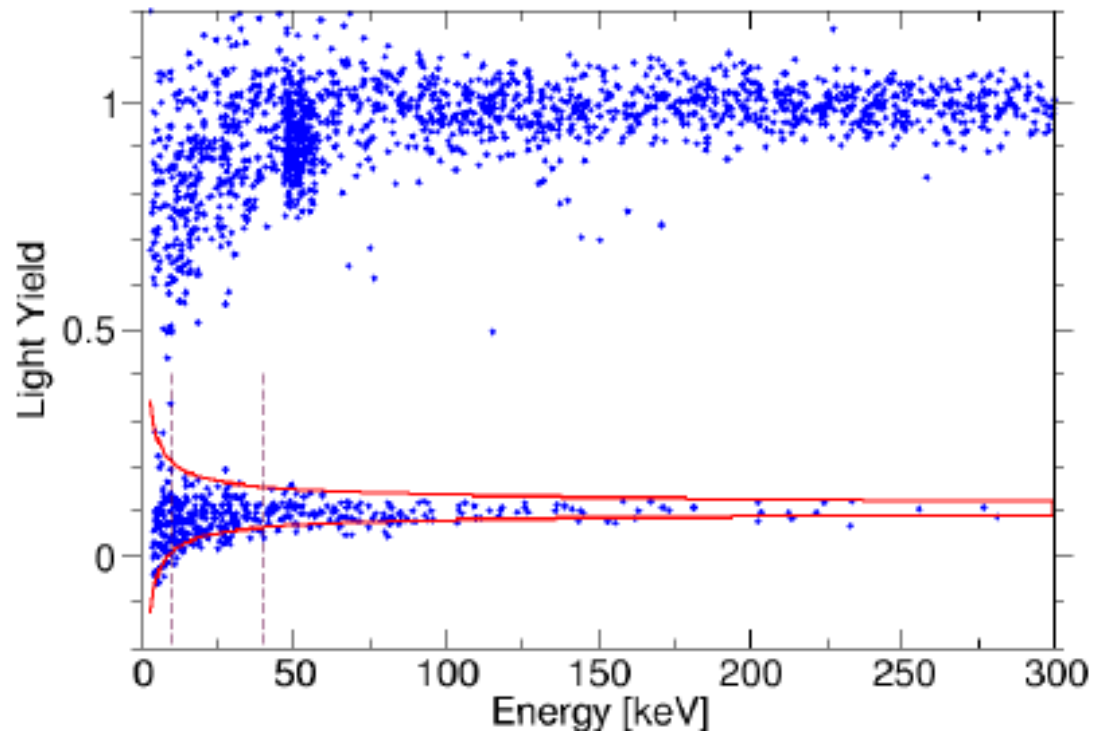
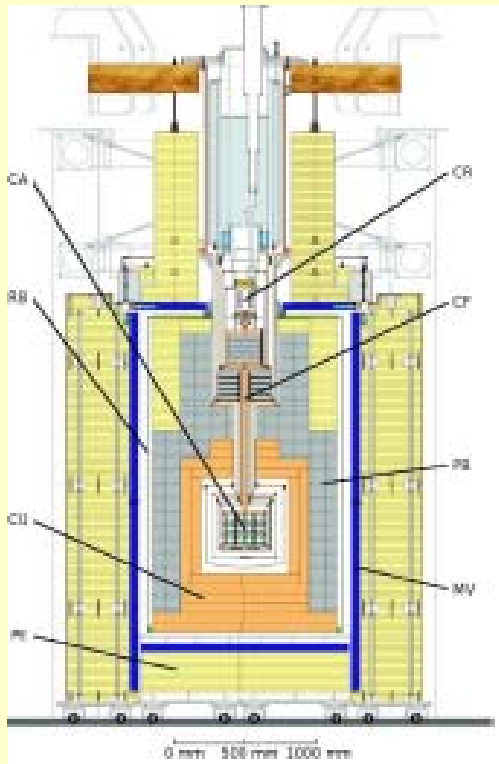
**Ge cryogenic  
detector (17 mK)**

**Thermometer R(T)**



# CRESST

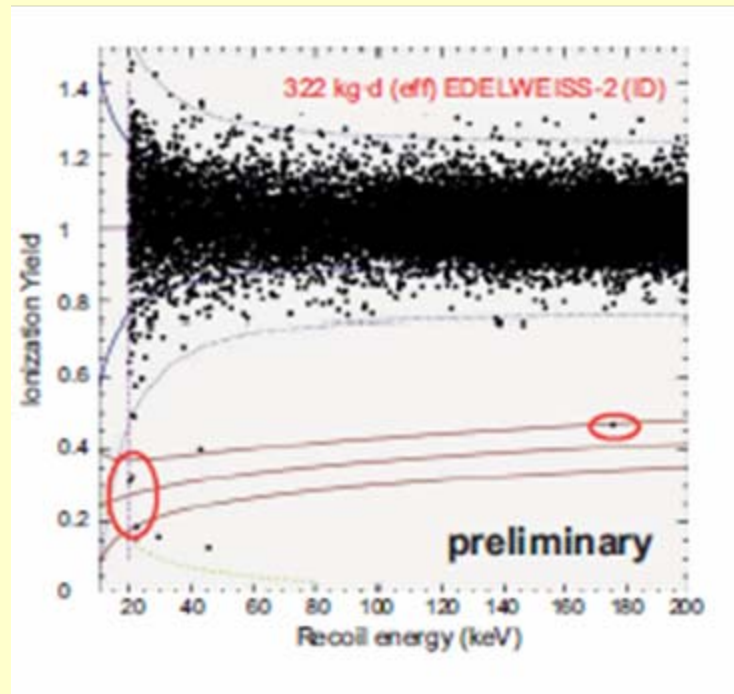
- **CaWO<sub>4</sub>** crystals cooled to **10 mK**
- Heat measured with **W TES** (red with SQUIDS)
- Scintillation light by detectors optimized for **light collection**  
Collected 730 kg x day
- **67 events found** Non compatible with background



# Edelweiss

- **ionization** signal, as second readout channel.
- **Ge crystals** operated below 100 mK.
- **NTD** based Ge thermistors
- **electron-recoil** background events that occurs **near the surface** of the crystals
- EDELWEISS and SuperCDMS have opted for an **interdigitated electrode scheme**
- Events near the surface => ionization signal in **only one** charge readout channel, in the bulk ionization signals in **more than one** charge readout channel

**Joins with CDMSII**



# CDMS and SuperCDMS

CDMS use **athermal phonon readout** => phonons are initially absorbed in **superconducting Al collectors** on the surface of the crystal

=> liberated quasiparticles drift and **trapped in W TES**

=> Non-equilibrium sequence of events maintains **additional position and event-type information** in the phonon readout channel

CDMSII

=> 612 kgxday including CDMS => two events **12.3 and 15.5 keV**  
backgrounds of  **$0.8 \pm 0.2$  and  $0.03 \pm 0.06$**

=> Low threshold analysis lowering the threshold to 2 keV => no event < 10 keV  
**CDMS and EDELWEISS COMBINED**

$$\sigma < 3.3 \cdot 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2 @ 90 \text{ GeV}$$

# Non thermal detectors

## DAMA/LIBRA

1.7 ton x year 13 annual cycles =>  $8.9 \sigma$  Peak at end of may

## KIMS

24524.3 kg x day no event below 8 keV => no recoil on iodine Limit on inelastis because both I and Cs are heavy

## CoGeNT

Seasonal variation at  $2.8 \sigma$

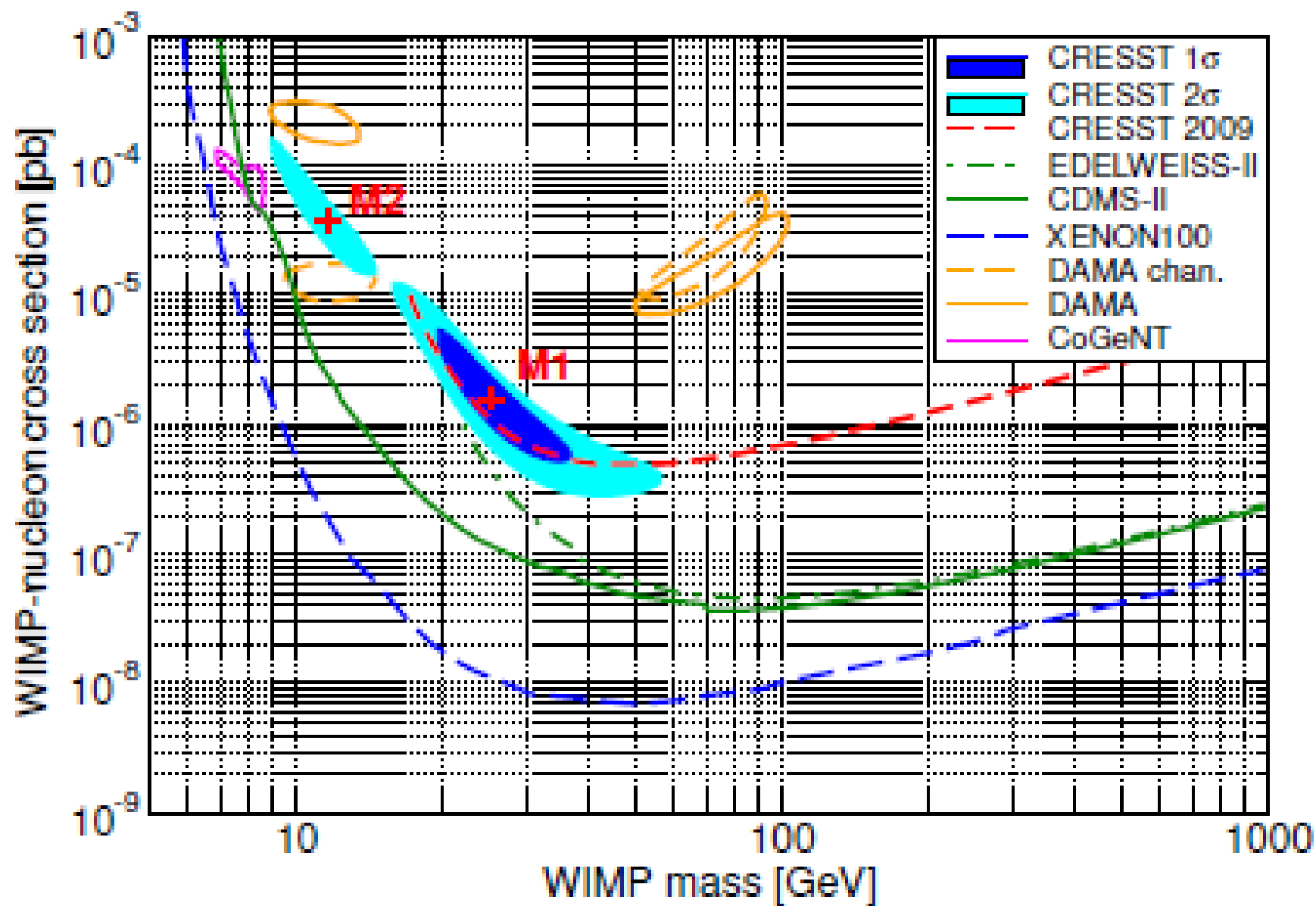
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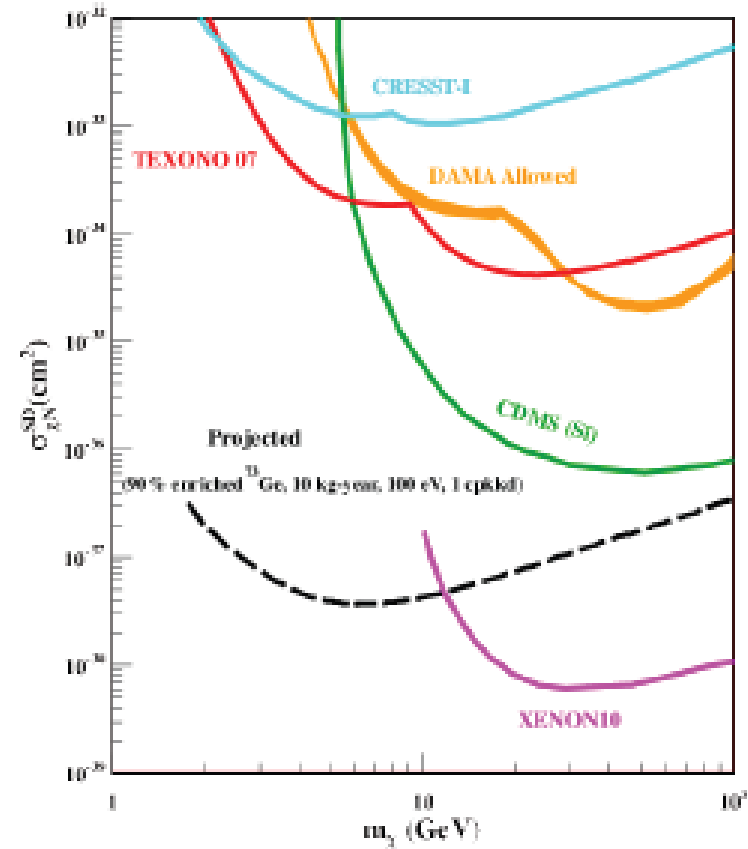
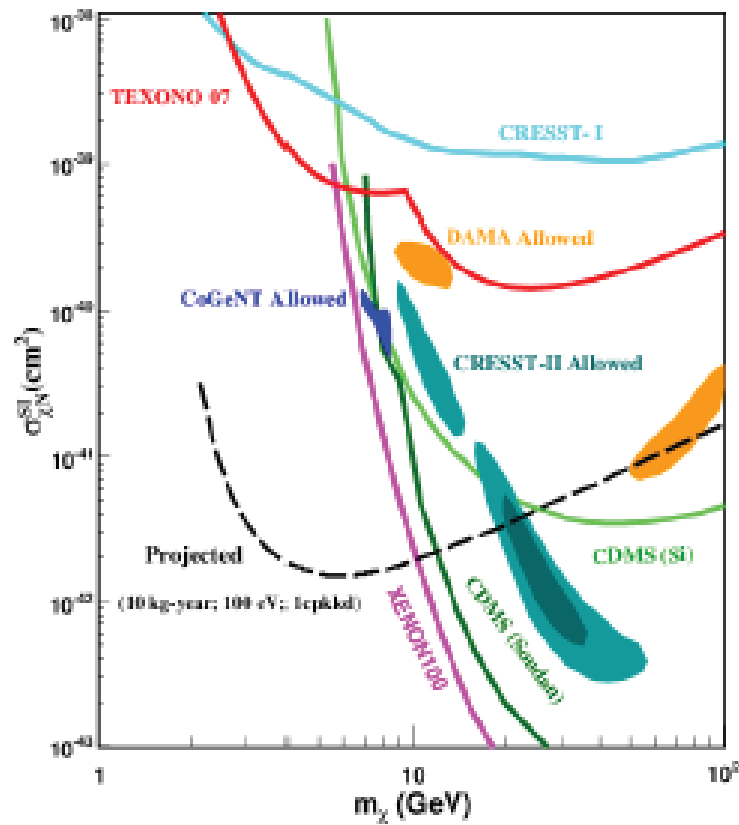
4843 kg day three events with background  $1.8 \pm 0.6$

## PICASSO

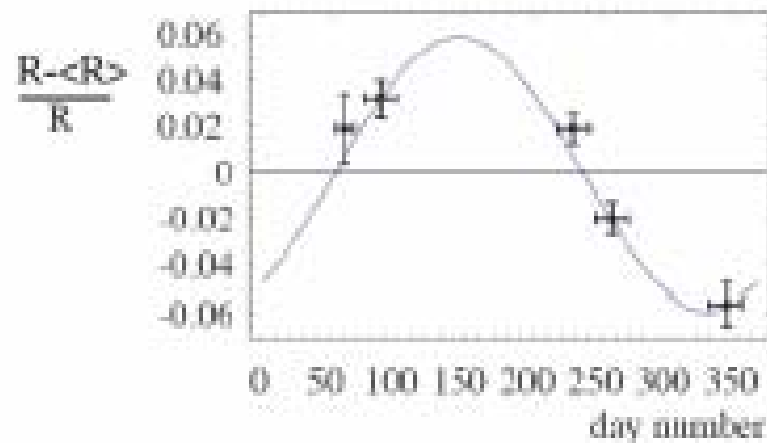
Superheated liquid droplets 0.72 kg  $^{19}\text{F}$  114 kg day

COUPP and Milano-Bococca Bubble chambers





**Figure 2.** Exclusion plots of (a) Left: spin-independent  $\chi N$  and (b) Right: spin-dependent  $\chi N$  cross-sections versus WIMP-mass, displaying the KSNL-ULEGe limits [5] and those defining the current boundaries [4, 6]. The DAMA, CoGeNT and CRESST-II allowed regions [6, 7] are superimposed. Projected reach of experiments at benchmark sensitivities are indicated as dotted lines.

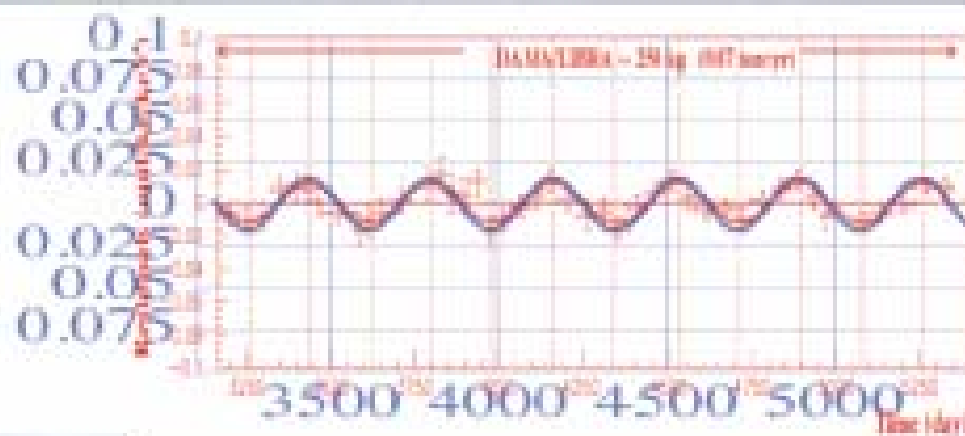


ICARUS  
neutron  
time dependence...

predicts  
DAMA/LIBRA  
time  
dependence...

[arXiv:1006.5255 \[hep-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1006.5255)

curve: icarus phase  
points: Dama/Libra data



# The second mystery of Ettore Majorana

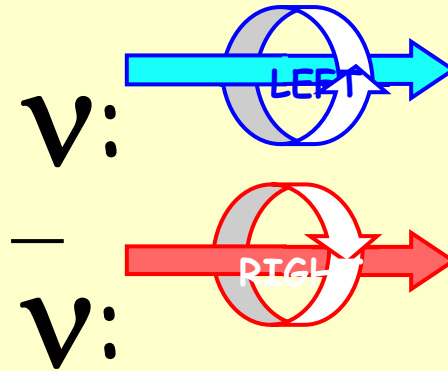
## Teoria simmetrica dell'elettrone e del positrone

NOTA DI ETTORE MAJORANA

“Il Nuovo Cimento”, vol. 14, 1937, pp. 171-184.

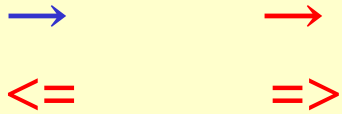
**Sunto.** — Si dimostra la possibilità di pervenire a una piena simmetrizzazione formale della teoria quantistica dell'elettrone e del positrone facendo uso di un nuovo processo di quantizzazione. Il significato delle equazioni di DIRAC ne risulta alquanto modificato e non vi è più luogo a parlare di stati di energia negativa; né a presumere per ogni altro tipo di particelle, particolarmente neutre, l'esistenza di “antiparticelle” corrispondenti ai “vuoti” di energia negativa.

# Neutrinoless double beta decay and Majorana neutrinos



$$\nu \neq \bar{\nu}$$

$$\nu = \bar{\nu}$$



Majorana  
=>1937



Dirac particle



Majorana particle

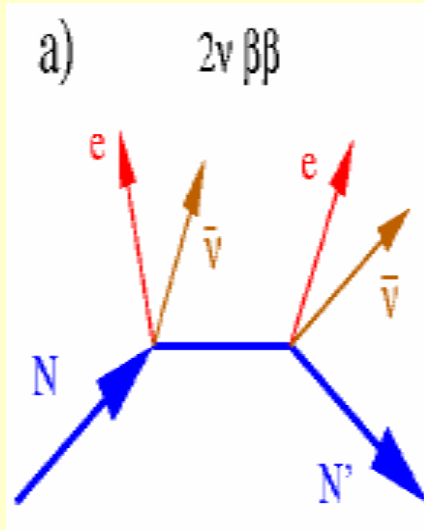
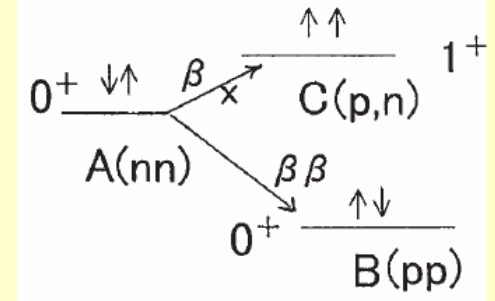


## *Chi l'ha visto ?*



Ettore Majorana, ordinario di fisica teorica all'Università di Napoli, è misteriosamente scomparso dagli ultimi di marzo. Di anni 31, alto metri 1,70, snello, con capelli neri, occhi scuri, una lunga cicatrice sul dorso di una mano. Chi ne sapesse qualcosa è pregato di scrivere al R. P. E. Marianucci, Viale Regina Margherita 66 - Roma.

# Double beta decays



**2nbb SM DL=0**

1935 M.Goeppert-Mayer, P.R. 48 (1935) 512  $T > 10^{20}$

1967:  $^{130}\text{Te}$ , Geochemical

Ogata and Takaoka, Kirsten et

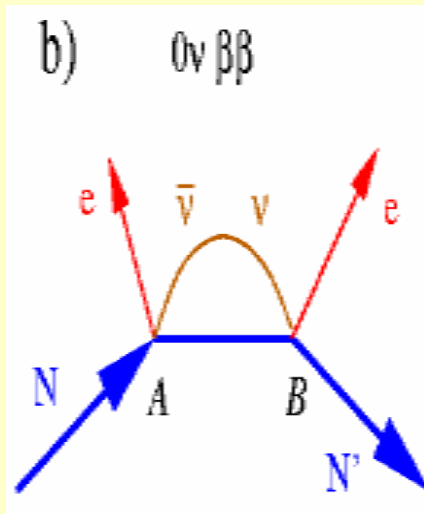
1987:  $^{82}\text{Se}$ , Direct counting Moe et al .

1989 -2008  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{116}\text{Cd}$ ,  $^{76}\text{Ge}$  etc.

ELEGANT V, NEMO, HM-IGEX, etc



**0nbb beyond SM DL=2**



**E. Majorana**, Nuovo Cimento 14 (1937) 171  
**Symmetric** Theory of Electron and Positron

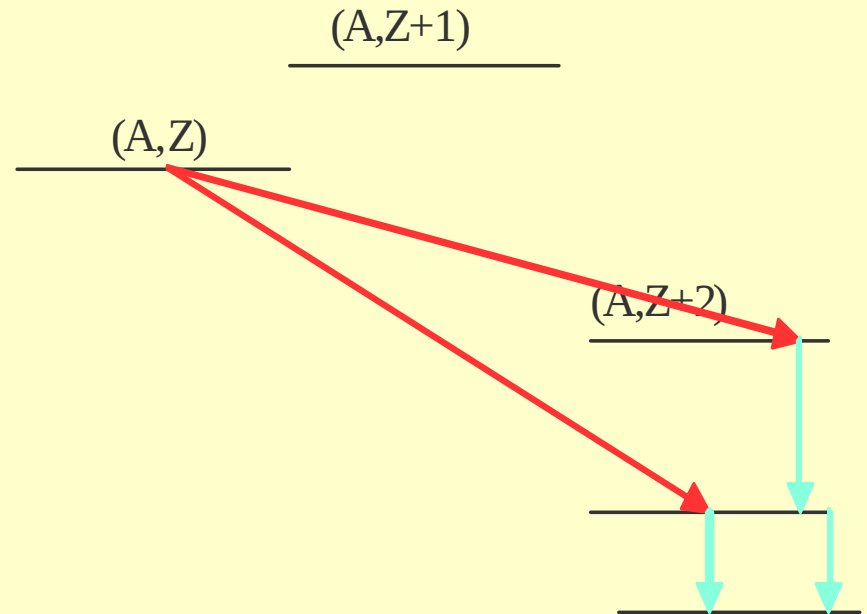
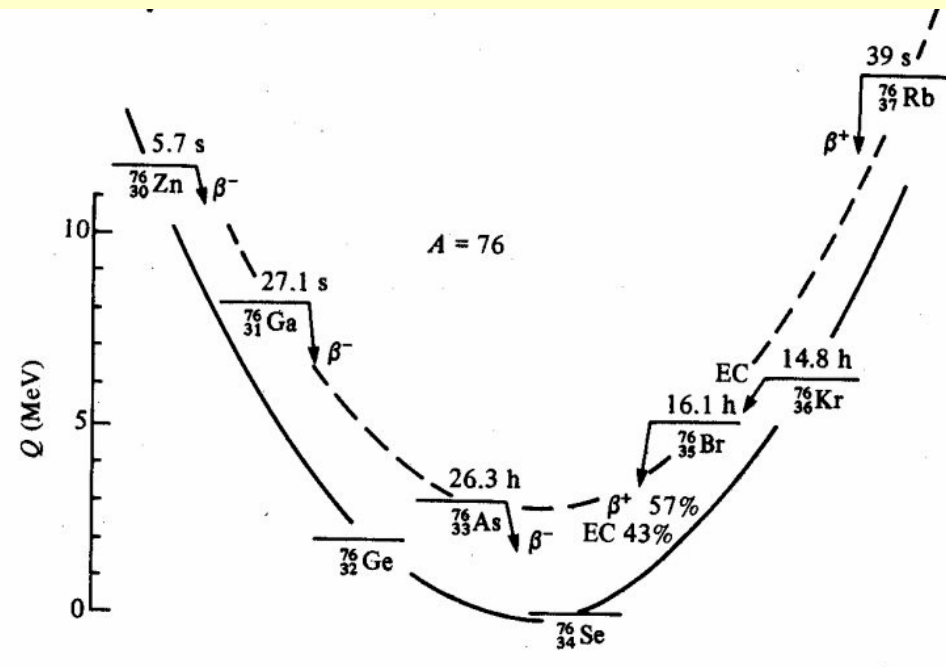


**G. Racah**, Nuovo Cimento 14 (1937) 322  
**0nbb for Majorana**

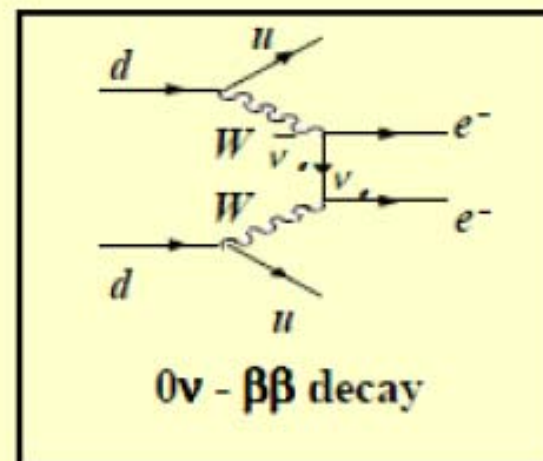
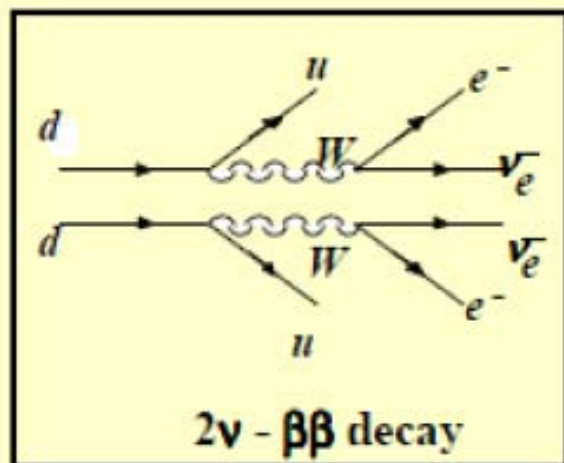
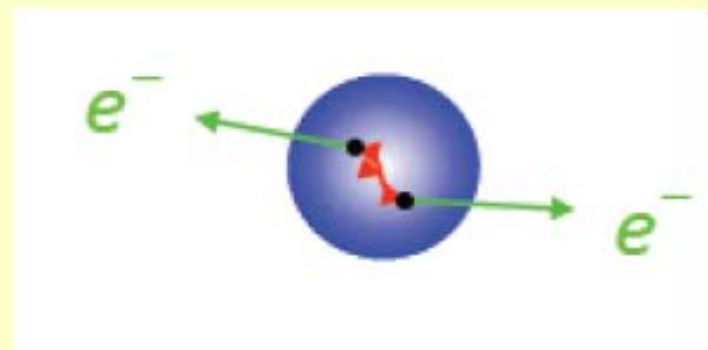
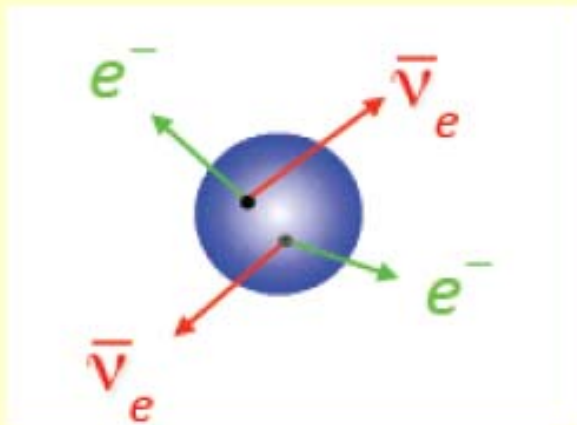


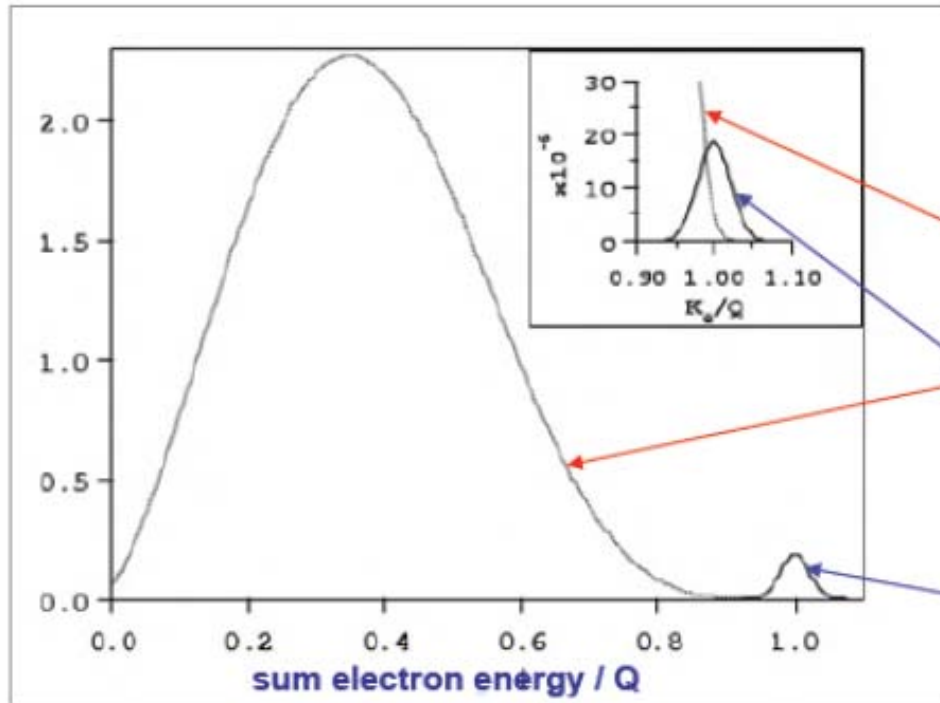


# Double beta decay



# Two neutrino and **neutrinoless** double beta decay





The **shape** of the **two electron sum energy spectrum** enables to distinguish among the most relevant decay modes

**two neutrino DBD**  
continuum with maximum at  $\sim 1/3 Q$

**neutrinoless DBD**  
peak enlarged only by  
the detector energy resolution

**additional signatures:**

- single electron energy distribution
- angular distribution
- topology

# How to search for $\beta\beta$ decay

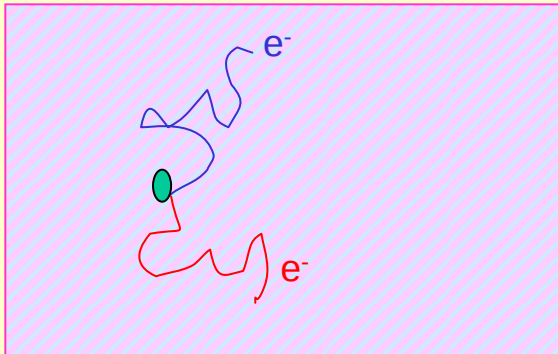
## Geochemical experiments

$^{82}\text{Se} = > ^{82}\text{Kr}$ ,  $^{96}\text{Zr} = > ^{96}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{128}\text{Te} = > ^{128}\text{Xe}$  (non confirmed),  $^{130}\text{Te} = > ^{130}\text{Te}$

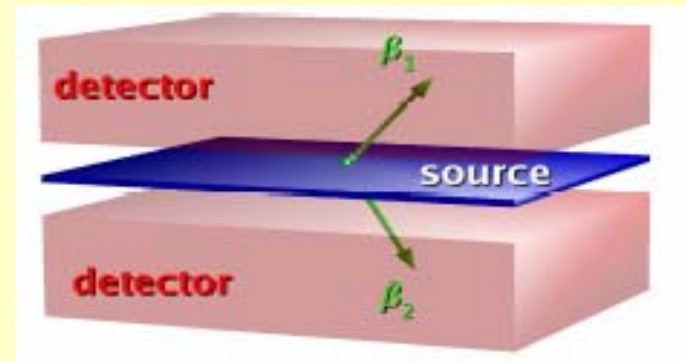
Radiochemical experiments  $^{238}\text{U} = > ^{238}\text{Pu}$  (non confirmed)

## Direct experiments

Source = detector



Source  $\neq$  detectors



$T_{1/2}^{2\nu}$  (compilation of A. Barabash, PRC **81** 2010)

| Isotope           | $T_{1/2}^{2\nu}$ , in $10^{19}$ y |                      |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| $^{48}\text{Ca}$  | $4.4^{+0.6}_{-0.5}$               |                      |
| $^{76}\text{Ge}$  | $150 \pm 10$                      |                      |
| $^{82}\text{Se}$  | $9.2 \pm 0.7$                     |                      |
| $^{96}\text{Zr}$  | $2.3 \pm 0.2$                     |                      |
| $^{100}\text{Mo}$ | $0.71 \pm 0.04$                   |                      |
| $^{116}\text{Cd}$ | $2.8 \pm 0.2$                     |                      |
| $^{128}\text{Te}$ | $(1.9 \pm 0.4) \times 10^5$       |                      |
| $^{130}\text{Te}$ | $68^{+12}_{-11}$                  |                      |
| $^{136}\text{Xe}$ | $211 \pm 25$                      | ← EXO-200, 1108.4193 |
| $^{150}\text{Nd}$ | $0.82 \pm 0.09$                   |                      |
| $^{238}\text{U}$  | $200 \pm 60$                      |                      |

EXO-200 =>  $T_{1/2}^{2\nu}$

$2.11 \pm 0.04(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.21(\text{sys.}) \times 10^{21}$  yr.

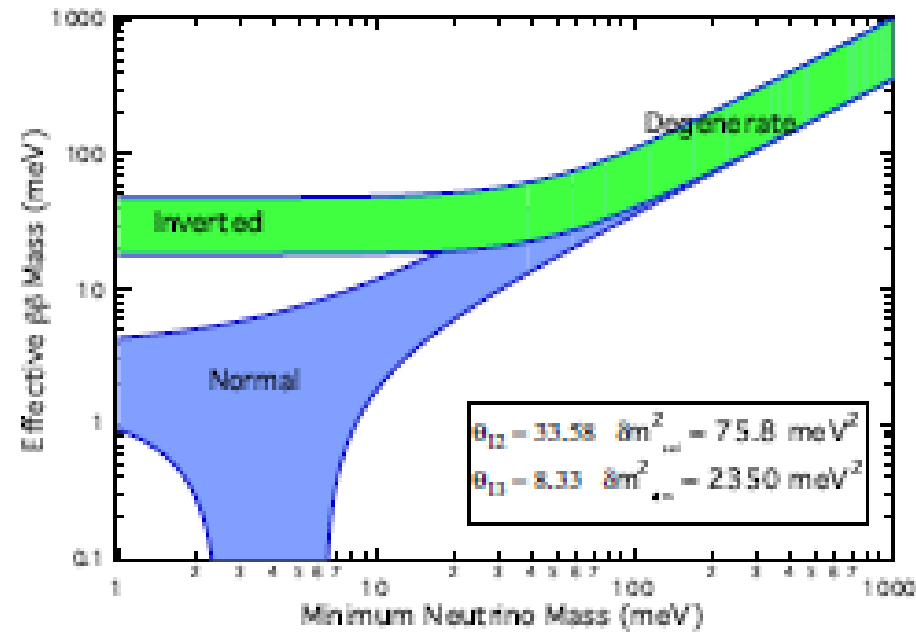
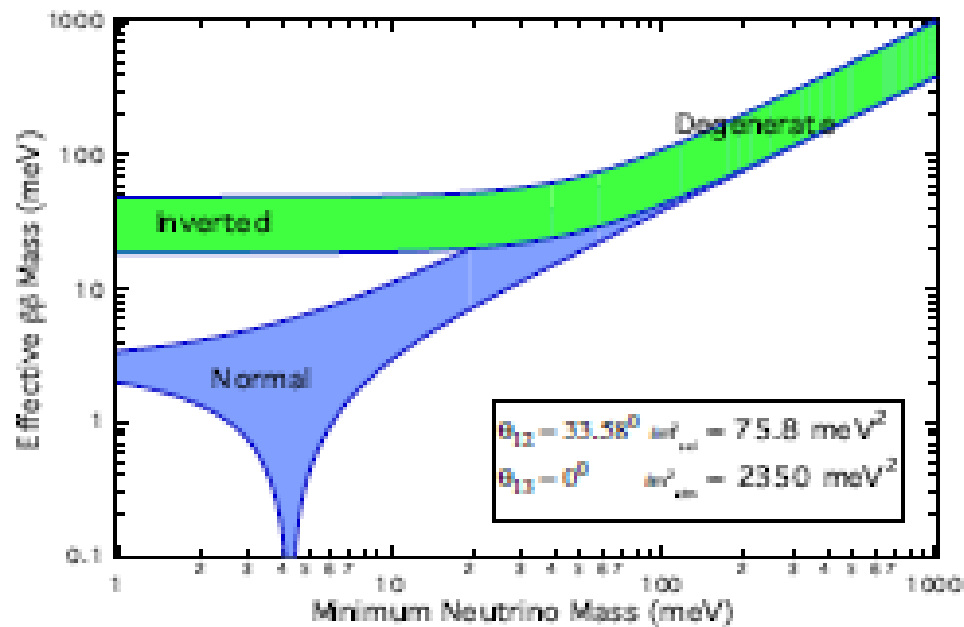
Kamland-Zen

$2.38 \pm 0.02(\text{stat}) \pm 0.14(\text{syst}) \times 10^{21}$  yr

GERDA

$1.88 \pm 0.10(\text{stat}) \times 10^{21}$  yr (preliminary)

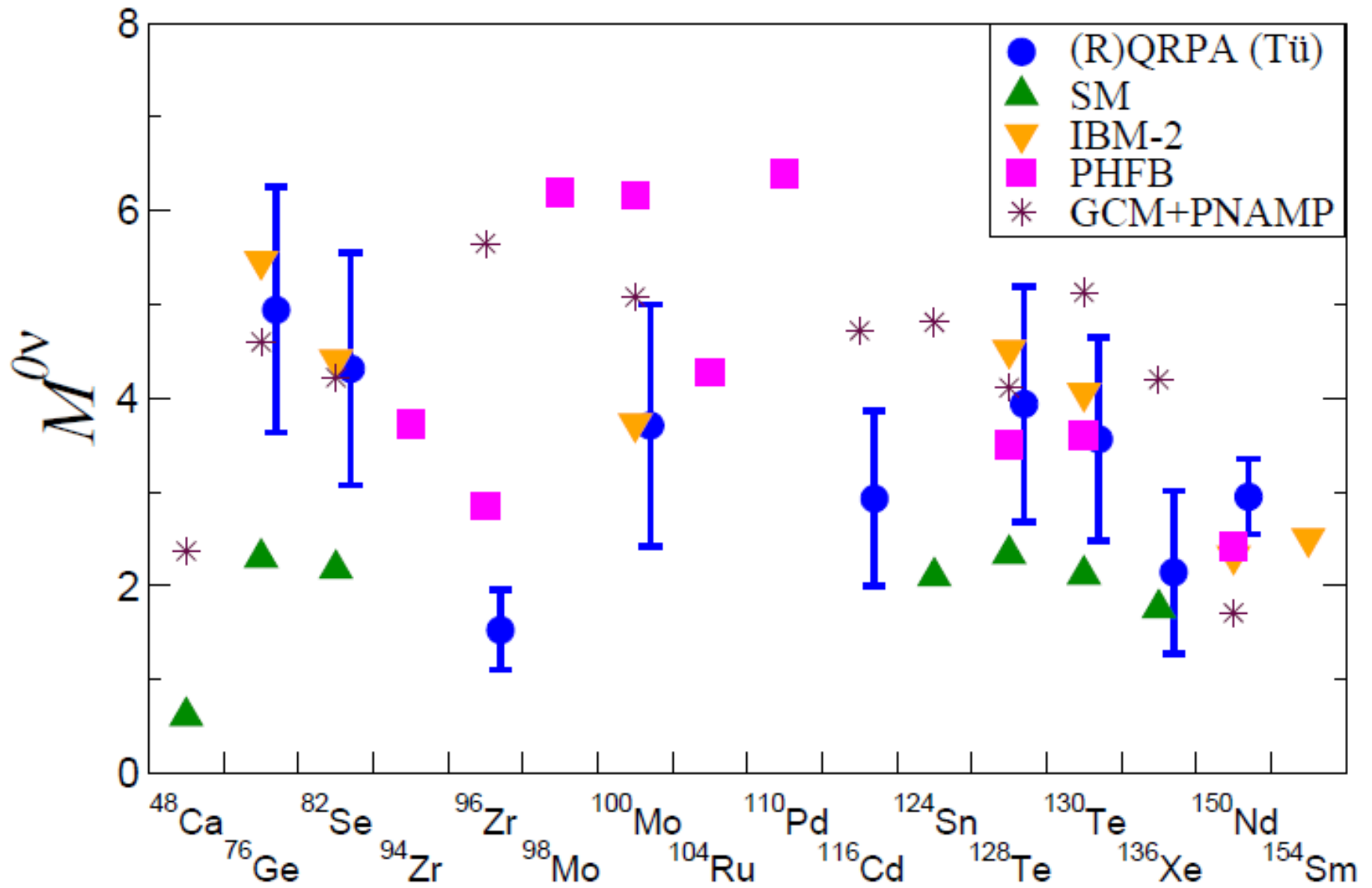
# Predictions from neutrino oscillations



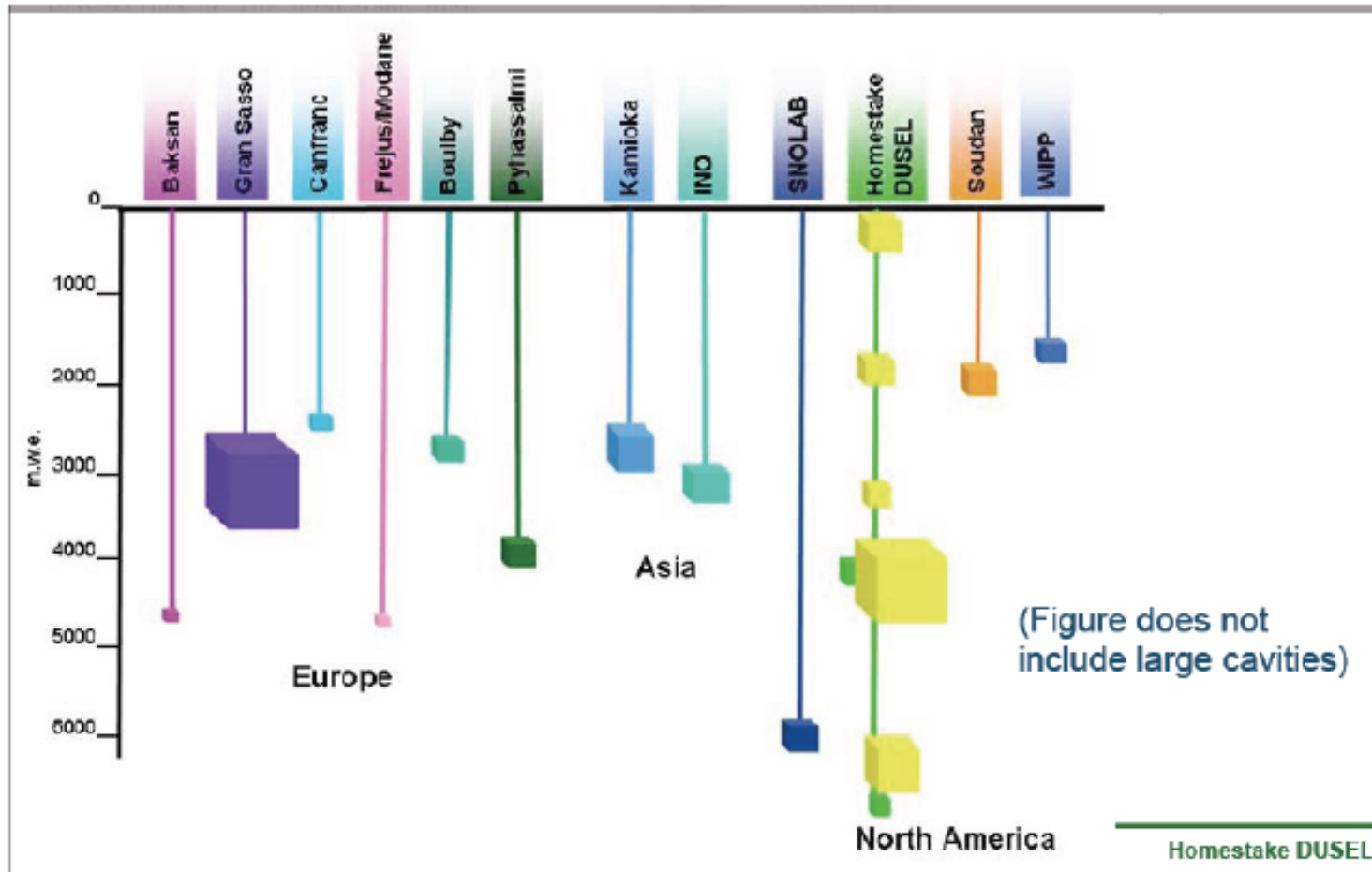
$$\theta_{13} = 0$$

$$\theta_{13} \text{ best}$$

# Nuclear Matrix Elements



# INTERNATIONAL UNDERGROUND LABORATORIES (Present and Planned)



# LNGS

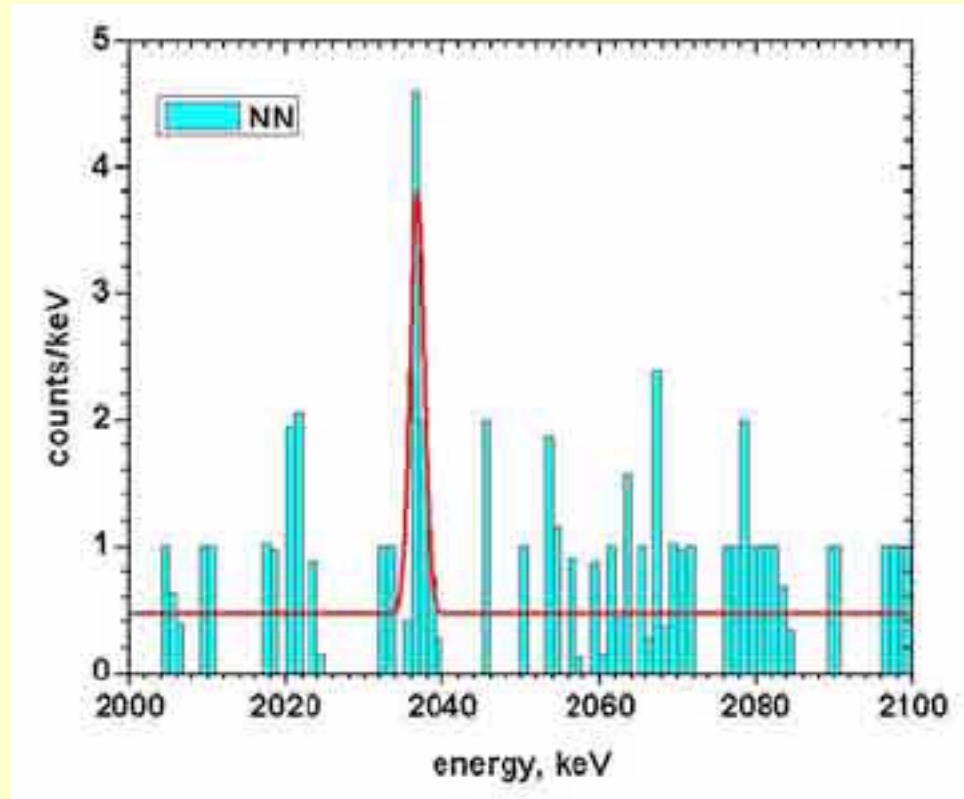


# Possible evidence in $0\nu\beta\beta$ in $^{76}\text{Ge}$

(H.Klapdor et al)

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = (2.23_{-0.31}^{+0.44}) \times 10^{25} \text{ y.}$$

$$\langle m_\nu \rangle \sim 0.34 \text{ eV}$$



Single-site events in detectors 2, 3, 4, 5 (56.6 kg-y).  
H.V. Klapdor-Kleingrothaus, Int. J. Mod. Phys. E17, 505 (2008)

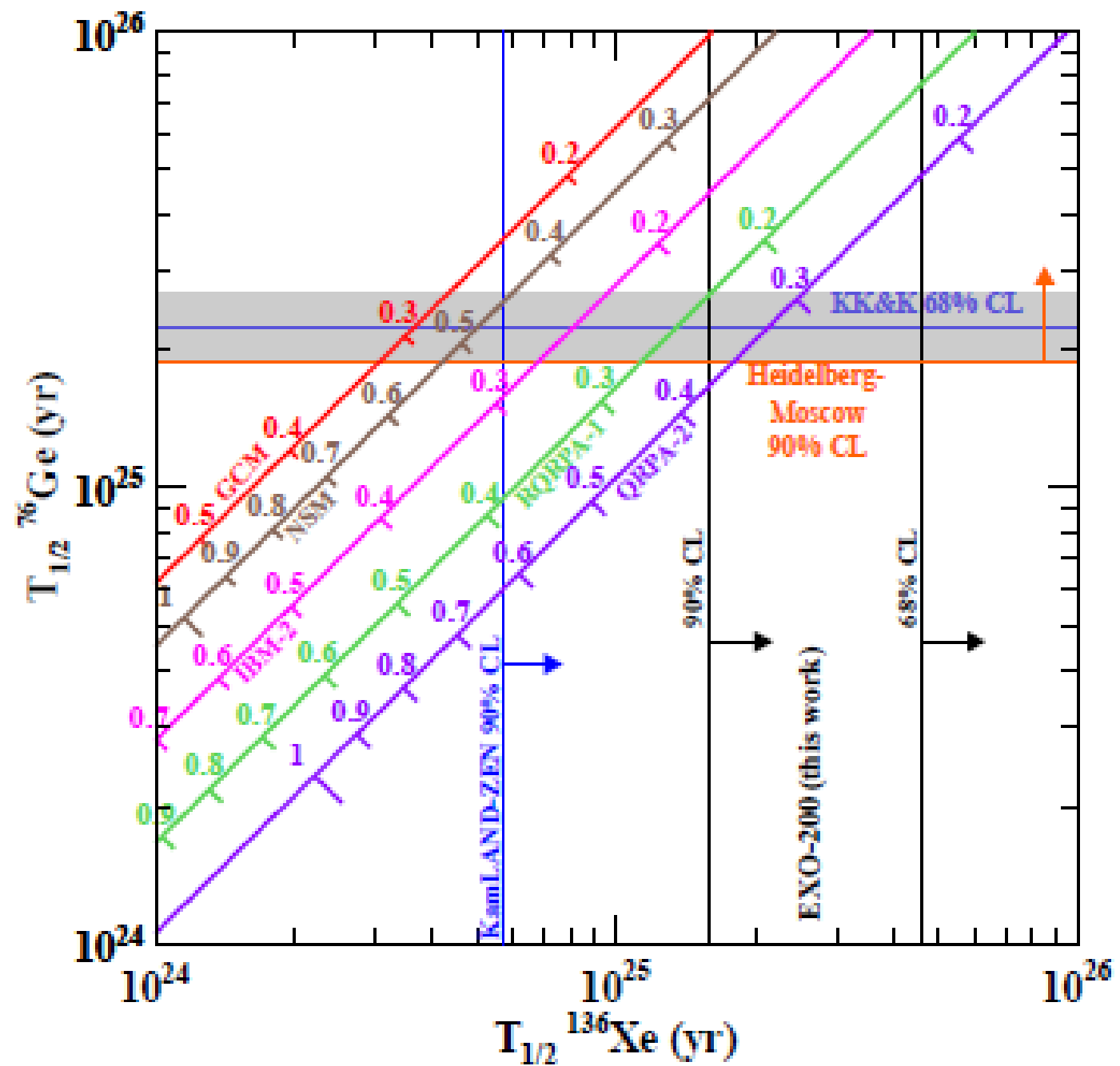
# Present results on neutrinoless DBD

Table I: present results on neutrinoless DBD

| Nucleus | Experiment    | %    | $Q_{\beta\beta}$ | Enrich | Technique    | $T_{0\nu}$ (y)        | $\langle m_\nu \rangle$ |
|---------|---------------|------|------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 48Ca    | Elegant IV    | 0.19 | 4271             |        | scintillator | $>1.4 \times 10^{22}$ | 20-28                   |
| 76Ge    | IGEX          | 7.8  | 2039             | 87     | Ionization   | $>1.6 \times 10^{25}$ | .23 – .64               |
| 76Ge    | Klapdor et al | 7.8  | 2039             | 87     | ionization   | $1.2 \times 10^{25}$  | .29-.81                 |
| 82Se    | NEMO 3        | 9.2  | 2995             | 97     | tracking     | $>1. \times 10^{23}$  | 1.7-4.5                 |
| 100Mo   | NEMO 3        | 9.6  | 3034             | 95-99  | tracking     | $>1 \times 10^{24}$   | .46-1.1                 |
| 116Cd   | Solotvina     | 7.5  | 3034             | 83     | scintillator | $>1.7 \times 10^{23}$ | 1.2 – 2.7               |
| 128Te   | Bernatovitz   | 34   | 2529             |        | geochem      | $>7.7 \times 10^{24}$ | .82-1.9                 |
| 130Te   | Cuoricino     | 33.8 | 2529             |        | bolometric   | $>2.8 \times 10^{24}$ | .3-.7                   |
| 136Xe   | DAMA          | 8.9  | 2476             | 69     | scintillator | $>1.2 \times 10^{24}$ | .64 -1.6                |
| 150Nd   | Irvine        | 5.6  | 3367             | 91     | tracking     | $>1.2 \times 10^{21}$ | 14 - ?                  |

**EXO  $T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$  (136Xe)  $> 1.6 \times 10^{25}$  yr correspond  $\langle m_\nu \rangle$  140–380me**

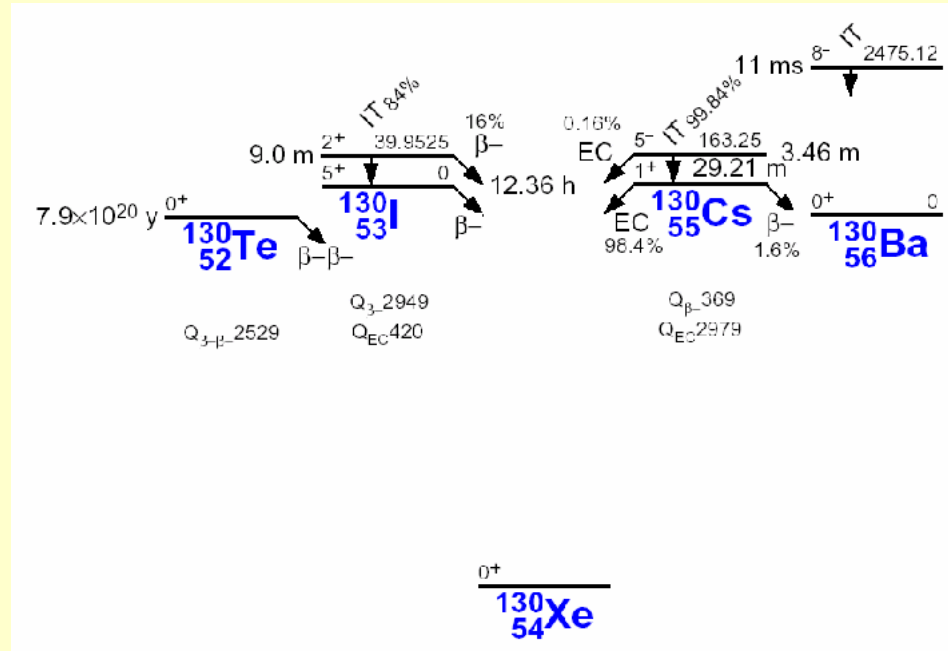
**KAMLAND-ZEN  $> 5.7 \times 10^{24}$  yr 300-600**



# Future experiments on neutrinoless DBD

| Name                                                        | Nucleus                           | Mass      | Method        | Location  | Time    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------|
| Past/Recent experiments                                     |                                   |           |               |           |         |
| Heidelberg-Moscow                                           | $^{76}\text{Ge}$                  | 11        | ionization    | LNGS      | -2003   |
| IGEX                                                        | $^{76}\text{Ge}$                  | 6         | ionization    | Canfranc  | -2000   |
| Cuoricino                                                   | $^{130}\text{Te}$                 | 11        | bolometer     | LNGS      | -2008   |
| NEMO-3                                                      | $^{100}\text{Mo}/^{82}\text{Se}$  | 7/1       | track./calor. | Modane    | -2011   |
| Current experiments (funded, under construction or running) |                                   |           |               |           |         |
| GERDA I/II                                                  | $^{76}\text{Ge}$                  | 15/35     | ionization    | LNGS      | 2011/13 |
| Majorana                                                    | $^{76}\text{Ge}$                  | 30        | ionization    | SUSEL     | 2013    |
| EXO200                                                      | $^{136}\text{Xe}$                 | 200       | liquid TPC    | WIPP      | 2011    |
| Cuore0/Cuore                                                | $^{130}\text{Te}$                 | 10/200    | bolometer     | LNGS      | 2011/14 |
| Kamland-Zen                                                 | $^{136}\text{Xe}$                 | 400       | LS            | Kamioka   | 2011    |
| SNO+                                                        | $^{150}\text{Nd}$                 | 44        | LS            | Sudbury   | 2014    |
| (substantial) R&D funding, proto-typing                     |                                   |           |               |           |         |
| NEXT                                                        | $^{136}\text{Xe}$                 | 100       | gas TPC       | Canfranc  | 2013+   |
| CandlesIII                                                  | $^{48}\text{Ca}$                  | 0.35      | scint crystal | Oto Cosmo | 2011    |
| MOON                                                        | $^{82}\text{Se}, ^{150}\text{Nd}$ |           |               |           |         |
| DCBA                                                        | $^{150}\text{Nd}$                 | 32        | tracking      |           |         |
| Cobra                                                       | $^{116}\text{Cd}$                 |           | solid TPC     | LNGS      |         |
| SuperNEMO                                                   | $^{82}\text{Se}$                  | 7/100-200 | track./calor. | Modane    | 2014/-  |
| XMASS                                                       | $^{136}\text{Xe}$                 |           | liquid SC     | Kamioka   |         |
| Lucifer                                                     | $^{82}\text{Se}$                  |           | bolom+scint   |           |         |

# Searches of $\beta\beta$ decay with thermal detectors

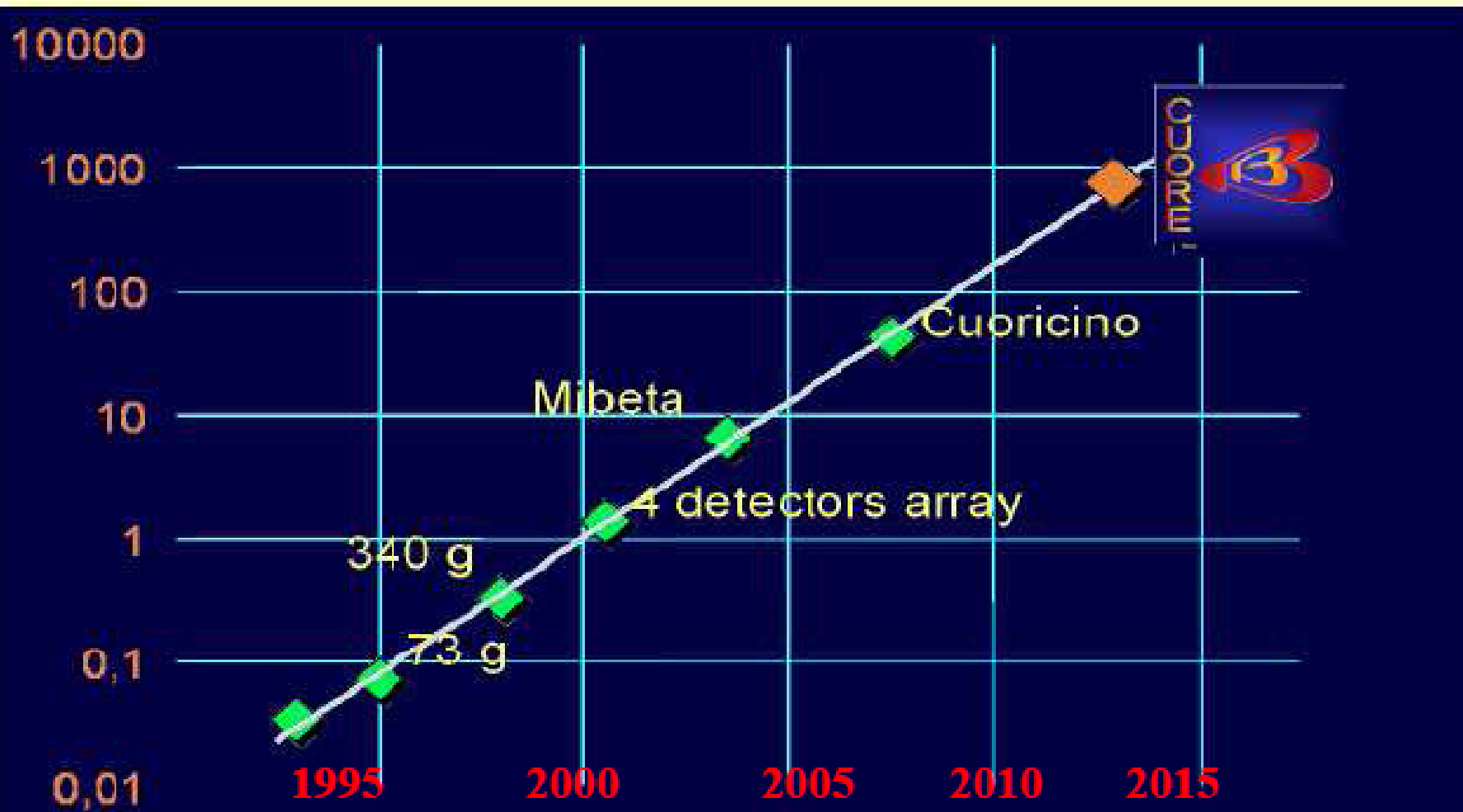


**Mibeta** (Milan) an array of 20 bolometers of  $\text{TeO}_2$  of 320  $\Rightarrow$  **6.8 kg**

**CUORICINO** (CUORICINO Coll.)  $\Rightarrow$  **40.7 kg**

**CUORE** (CUORE coll) 988 crystals of 750 g  $\Rightarrow$  **741 kg** (Orio)

# Progress of thermal detectors



## CUORICINO

2003 - 2008



1 Tower

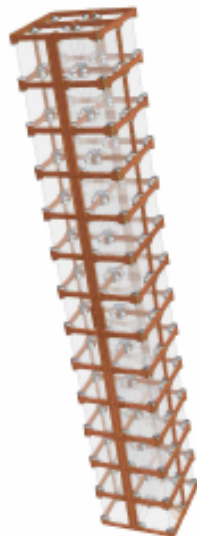
$44 + 18 = 62$  crystals

$\simeq 11$  kg of  $^{130}\text{Te}$

$B = 0.153$  c/keV/kg/y

## CUORE-0

2011 - 2014



1 Tower

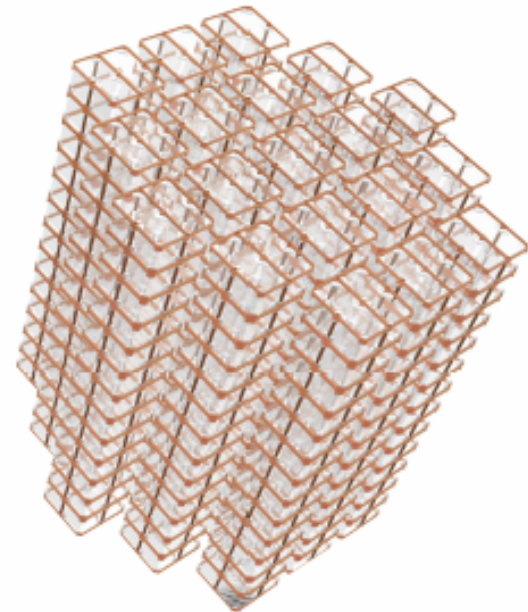
52 crystals

$\simeq 11$  kg of  $^{130}\text{Te}$

$B = (0.05 \div 0.18)$  c/keV/kg/y

## CUORE

2013 - 2018



19 Towers, 52 crystals each

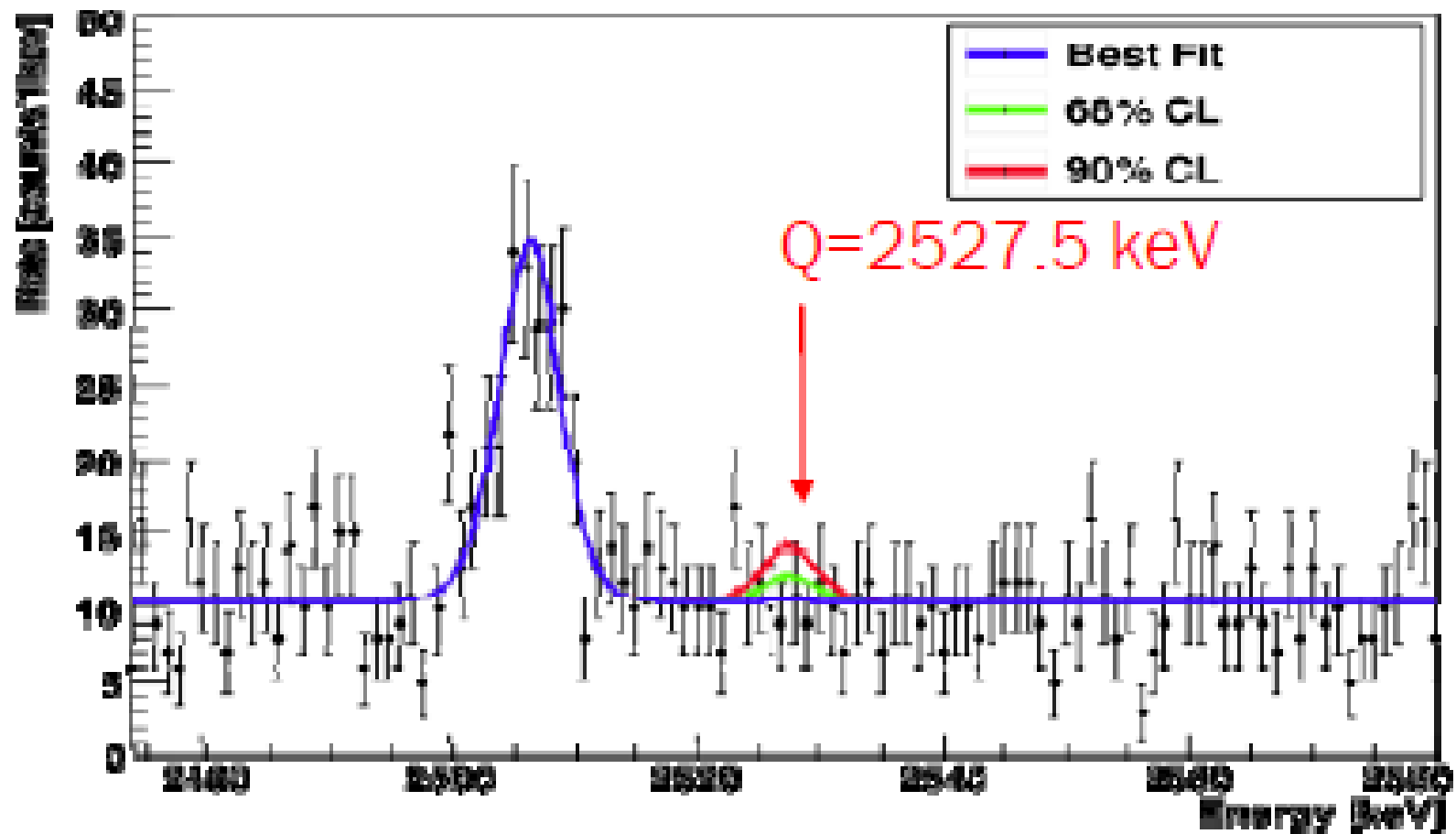
988 crystals

$\simeq 206$  kg of  $^{130}\text{Te}$

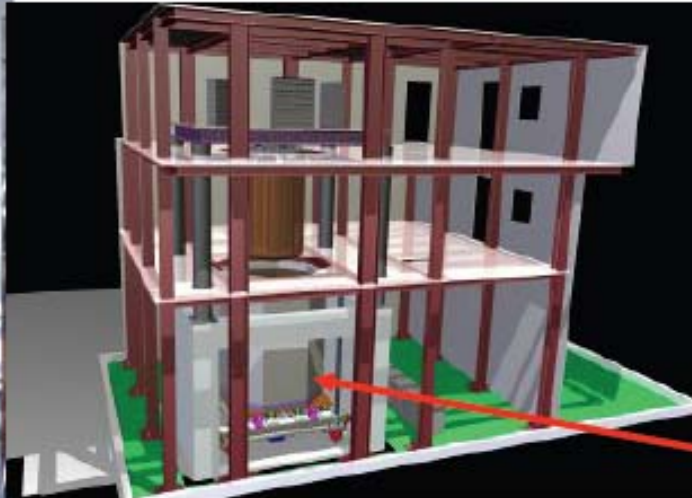
$B = (0.01 \div 0.001)$  c/keV/kg/y

# CUORICINO



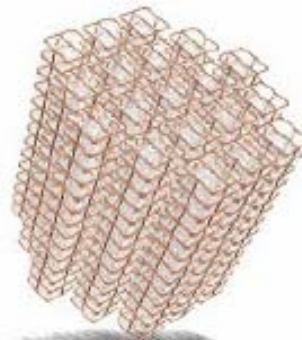


19.75 kg y  $\Rightarrow$  90% limit  $\tau_{1/2} > 2.8 \times 10^{24}$  a  $\Rightarrow$   $\langle m_\nu \rangle$  300-710 meV

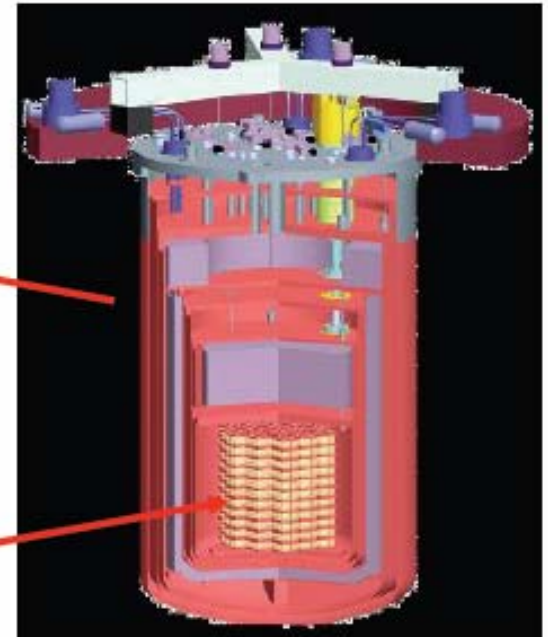


The COURE building in hall A of LNGS

988  $\text{TeO}_2$  5x5x5 cm<sup>3</sup> crystals  
 $\Rightarrow$  741 kg  $\text{TeO}_2 \Rightarrow$  204 kg  $^{130}\text{Te}$



Cryostat order placed





1) Kushan Jincheng Chemical Reagent Co. Ltd

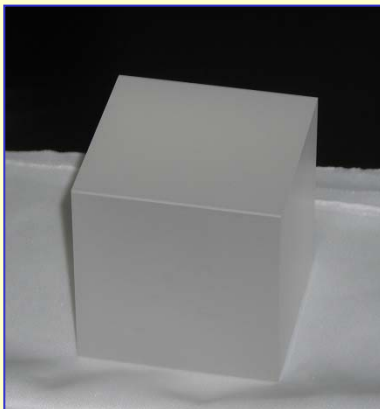
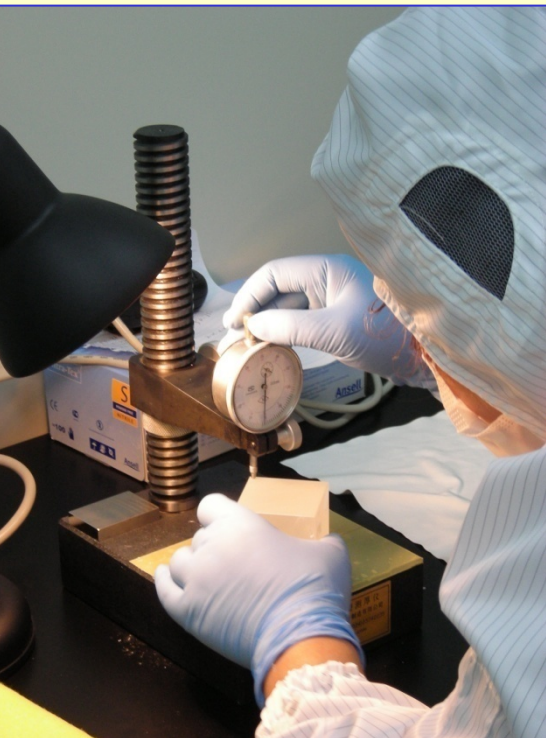
high purity grade  $\text{TeO}_2$  powder production unit



high purity water and reagents production units



# SICCAS/INFN Clean Room



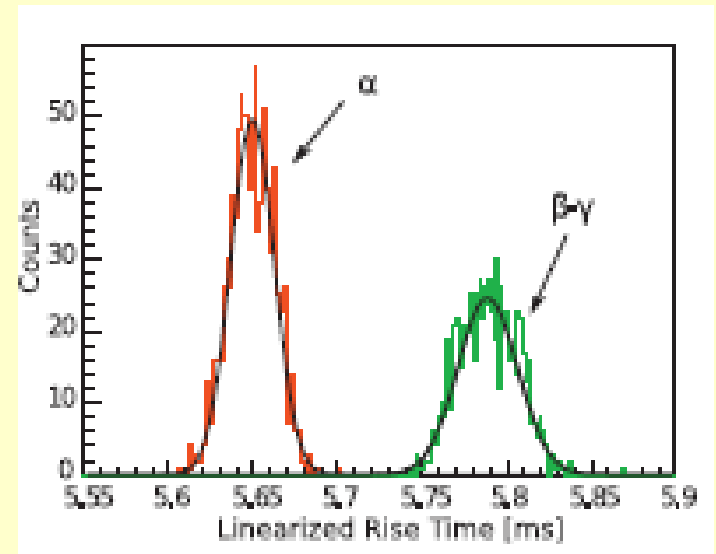
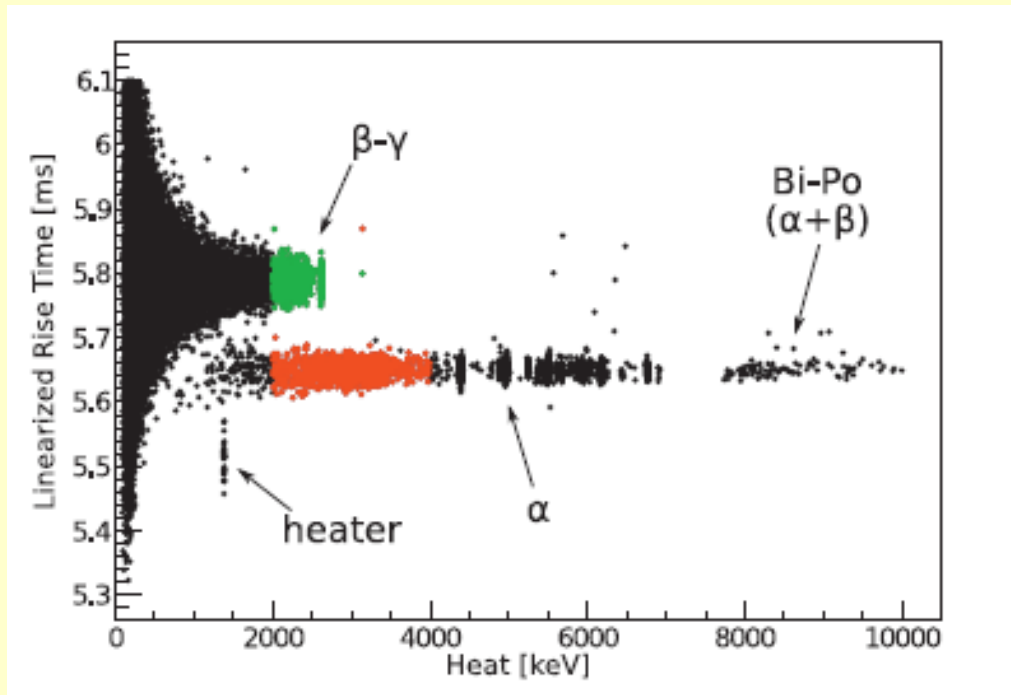
# The future

## Other possible candidates for $\beta\beta$ decay

| Compound                                    | Isotopic abundance | Transition energy |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| $^{48}\text{CaF}_2$                         | .0187 %            | 4272keV           |
| $^{76}\text{Ge}$                            | 7.44 "             | 2038.7 "          |
| $^{100}\text{MoPbO}_4$                      | 9.63 "             | 3034 "            |
| $^{116}\text{CdWO}_4$                       | 7.49 "             | 2804 "            |
| $^{130}\text{TeO}_2$                        | 34 "               | 2528 "            |
| $^{150}\text{NdF}_3$ $^{150}\text{NdGaO}_3$ | 5.64 "             | 3368"             |

## Reduce contribution from surface

- => **Degraded  $\alpha$**  => cover polyethylene or parylene
- => **Surface-sensitive** composite bolometers (eg. thin  $\text{TeO}_2$  slabs or NbSi)
- => **Reflecting film** and light detector
- => **Cherenkov light** at 2.5 MeV 125 photons => 350 eV (in  $\text{TeO}_2$ )
- => **Scintillation + heat and pulse shape discrimination**(for scintillating sources)



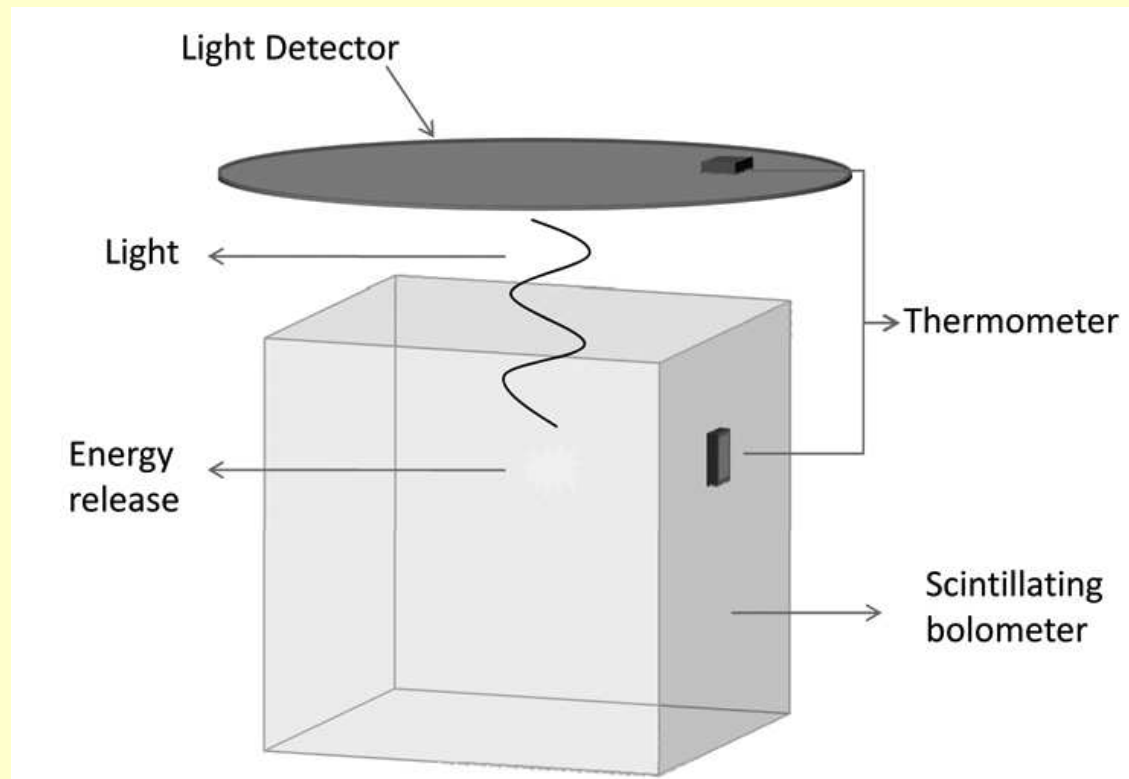
# Hybrid techniques

Ionization + heat

Scintillation + heat

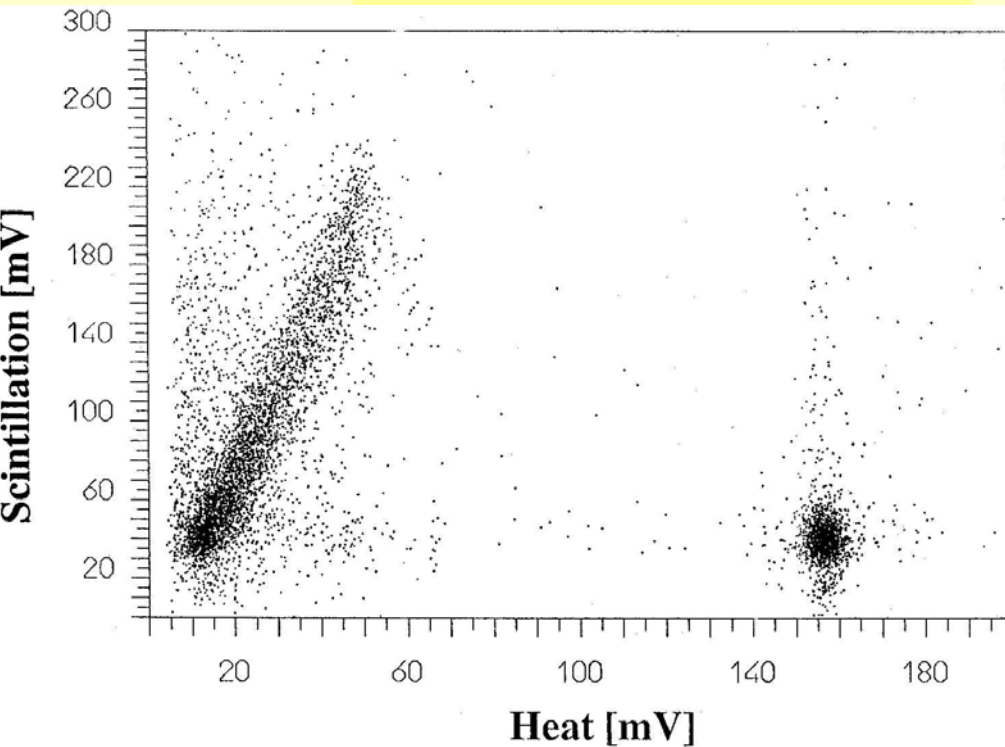
Opposite with respect to DM => back from degraded alpha particles

Coincidence needed



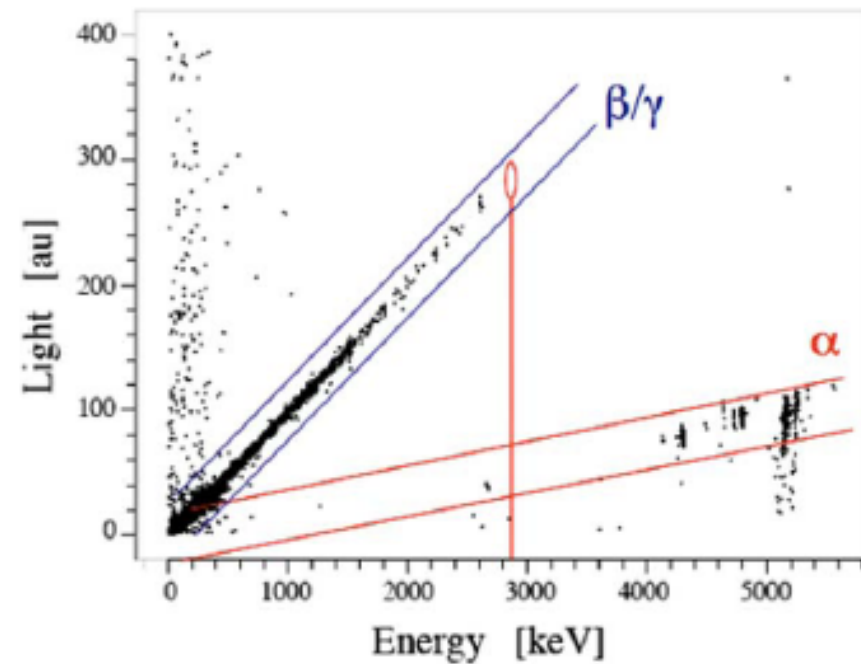
**First scintillating bolometer (1991)**

**$\text{CaF}_2$**



**Now (CUORE&Lucifer)**

**$\text{CdWO}_4$**



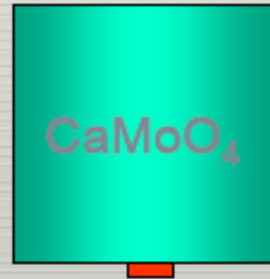
Now a **competitor** AMORE

**A**dvanced **Mo** based **R**are process **E**xperiment

**$^{40}\text{Ca}^{100}\text{MoO}_4$  cryogenic scintillation detector  
as a tool for Mo-100 DBD search**

- “Detector = Source”:  $\varepsilon \sim 80 - 90\%$  efficiency;
- High content of working isotope (Mo) in compound:  
50% (stoichiometry ratio);
  - Good energy resolution and high light yield for  
scintillation mode;
  - High energy resolution for phonon mode (comparable  
with the resolution for HPGe detectors): no  $2\nu\beta\beta$  of  
Mo-100 background;
  - $\alpha/\beta$ - pulse shape discrimination ( $\alpha/\beta$ -ratio = 0,20)
  - Scalability of the experiment (increasing of mass by  
break-in “crystal by crystal”);
  - Chochralsky technology of the production → High  
purity, including radioactive isotopes
  - Mo-100 production at **hundred kg scale**: centrifuges

Si or Ge TES/MMC/NTD

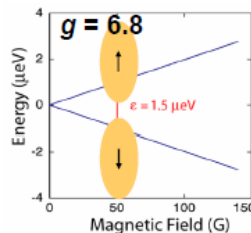
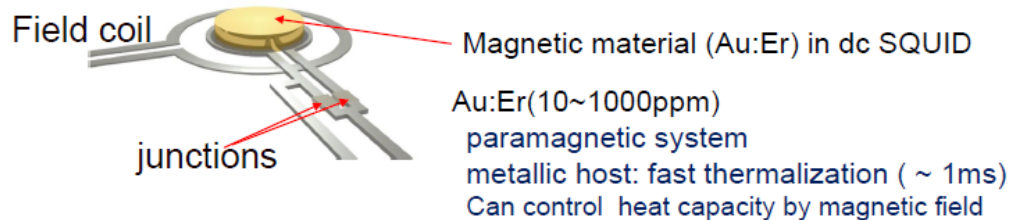


60 cm<sup>3</sup> CMO

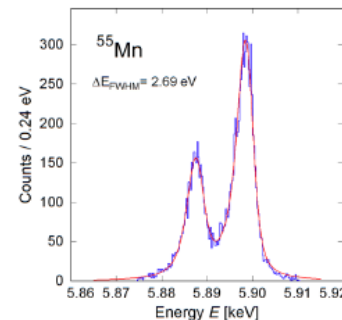
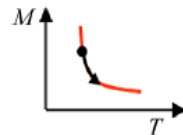
$C = 0.17 \text{ nJ/K at } 10 \text{ mK}$   
 $1.4 \text{ nJ/K at } 20 \text{ mK}$

Phonon sensor (MMC)

## Metallic Magnetic Calorimeter



5 mT  $\rightarrow \Delta\epsilon = 1.5 \mu\text{eV}$   
 1 keV  $\rightarrow 10^9$  spin flips



U. of Heidelberg

- Fast
- Wide working temperature
- Absorber friendly

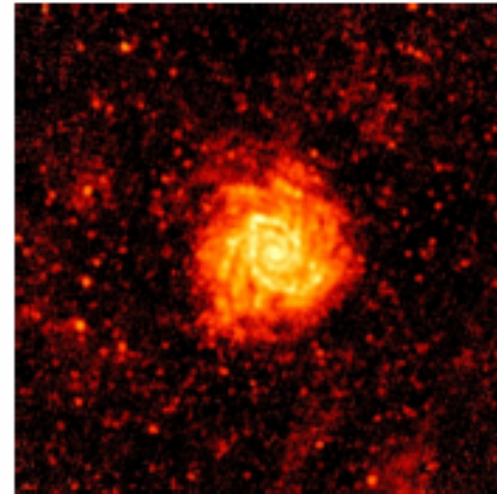
# Other applications

## Astrophysics

### Herschel and Planck

#### Herschel

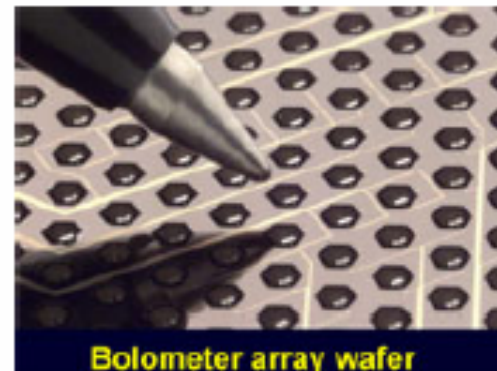
- Sub-mm, study intergalactic space, star forming regions
- Total of ~ 300 NTD-Ge bolometers in 3 bands (520, 360, 250  $\mu\text{m}$ )



Herschel

#### Planck

- High angular resolution measurements of the CMB
- 52 NTD-Ge bolometers 22 receivers



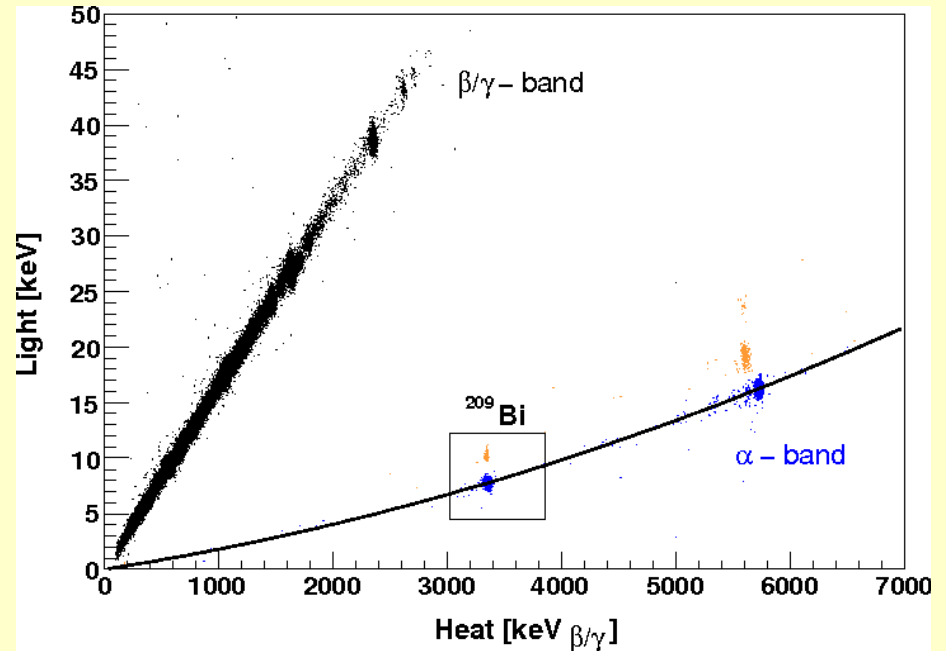
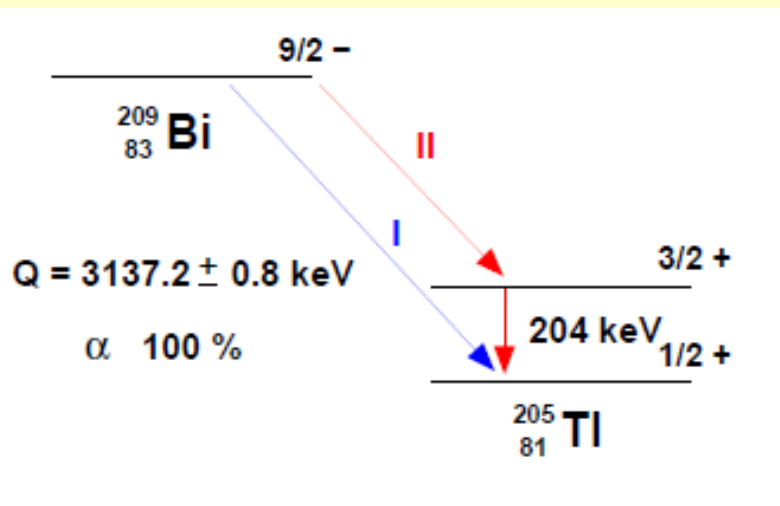
Bolometer array wafer

Bock JPL

# Nuclear physics => the decay of $^{209}\text{Bi}$

$^{209}\text{Bi}$  considered the stable with the higher atomic number => **it is not !**

Paris and Milan with **BGO** crystal



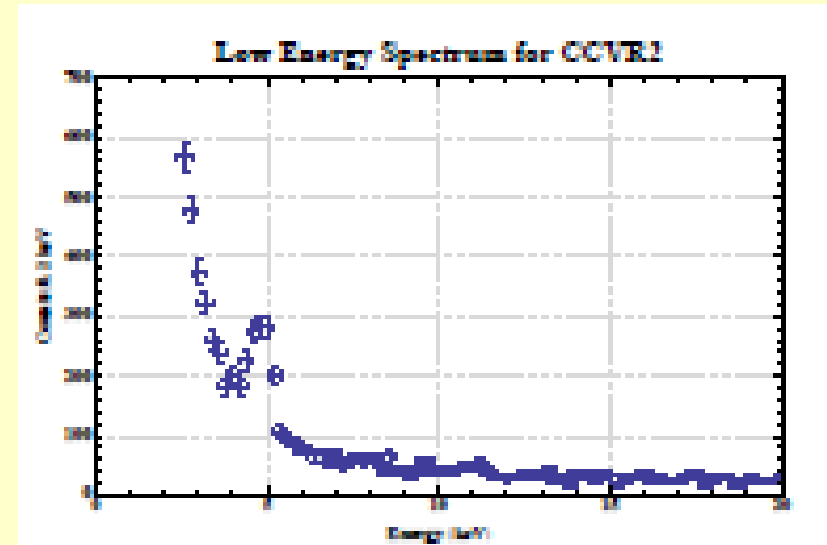
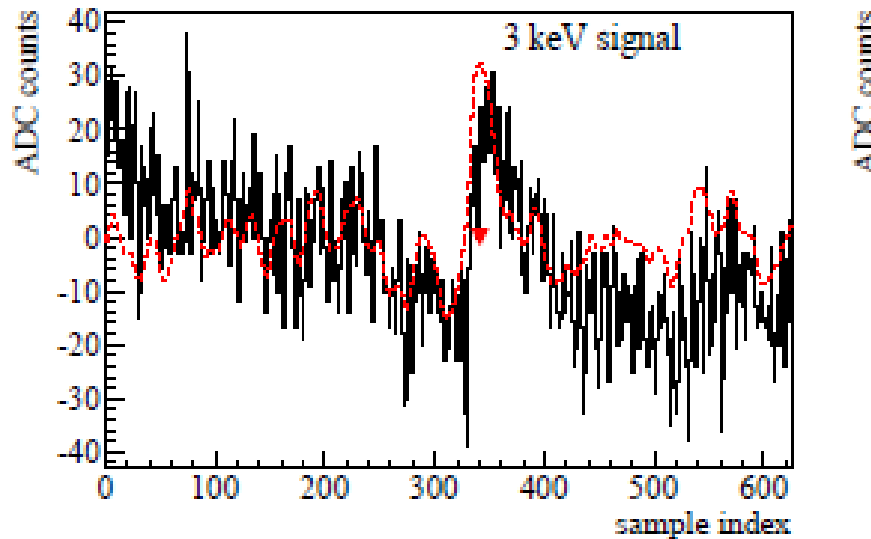
$$\tau_{1/2} = (2.01 \pm 0.08) \cdot 10^{19} \text{ y}$$

BR to the ground-state  $(98.8 \pm 0.3)\%$ .

# Dark Matter

**Quenching factor** (measured for thermal detectors =>  $\sim 100\%$ )

Recent result to **decrease the threshold**



## AXIONS

Requirements **as for Dark Matter**

e.g. => search for **14.4 M1** transition from  $^{57}\text{Fe}$  in the Sun's core.

Axio-electric effects in TeO<sub>2</sub> bolometers

Analysis of 43.65 kg day **in progress**

# Coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering

**Same technique** as for Dark Matter

Not yet found , but **cross section enhanced by coherence**

=> **high intensity  $\pi$  and  $\mu$  decay-at-rest** (DAR) (maximum neutrino energy  $\approx 52$  MeV)

=> Maybe also from **SNS** and **Supernovae**

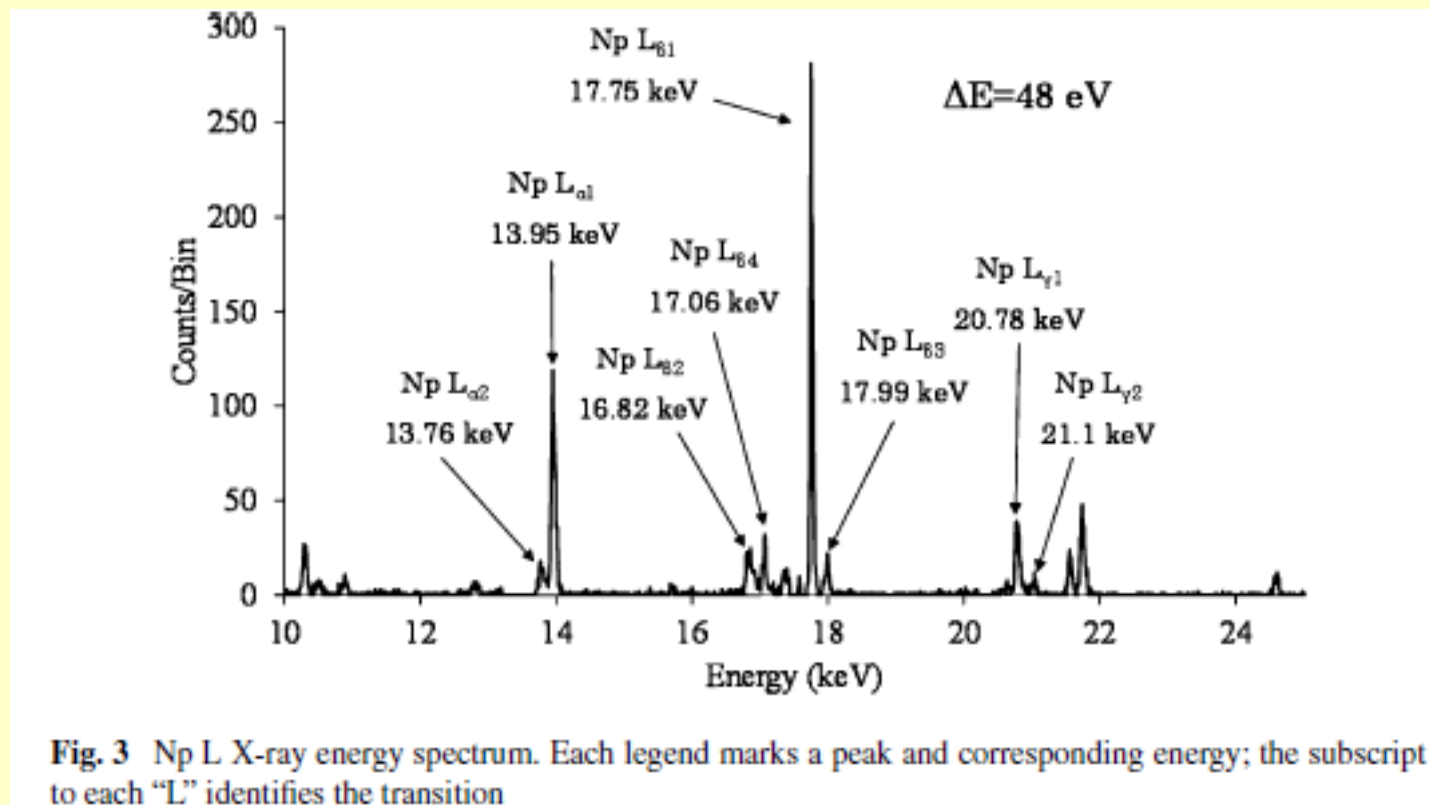
## Polonium monitoring by Alpha Particle Spectrometry with TES

### Spectroscopic Measurement of L X-Rays Emitted by $^{241}\text{Am}$ Source by TES Microcalorimeter

Nondestructive **plutonium monitoring** during reprocessing of nuclear fuel

L X-rays ranging from 10 to 20 keV decay 425  $\mu\text{s}$ , 48 eV FWHM at Np L  $\beta_1$  X-ray of 17.75 keV

# High resolution X Ray spectroscopy



There are **more things** in **Earth** and **Heaven** Polonius that  
can be **dream't** of by **our Philosophy**  
W.Shakespeare

# Archaeometry

## Roman Lead

$^{210}\text{Pb}$  (22.3 y)  $\Rightarrow$   $^{210}\text{Bi}$   $\Rightarrow$   $^{210}\text{Po}$   $\Rightarrow$   $^{206}\text{Pb}$  Thermally  $< 4 \text{ mBq}$



## Isotopic lead geochronology

$^{206}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{207}\text{Pb}$  -  $^{204}\text{Pb}$  (reference)