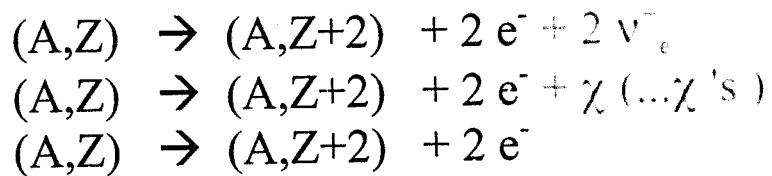
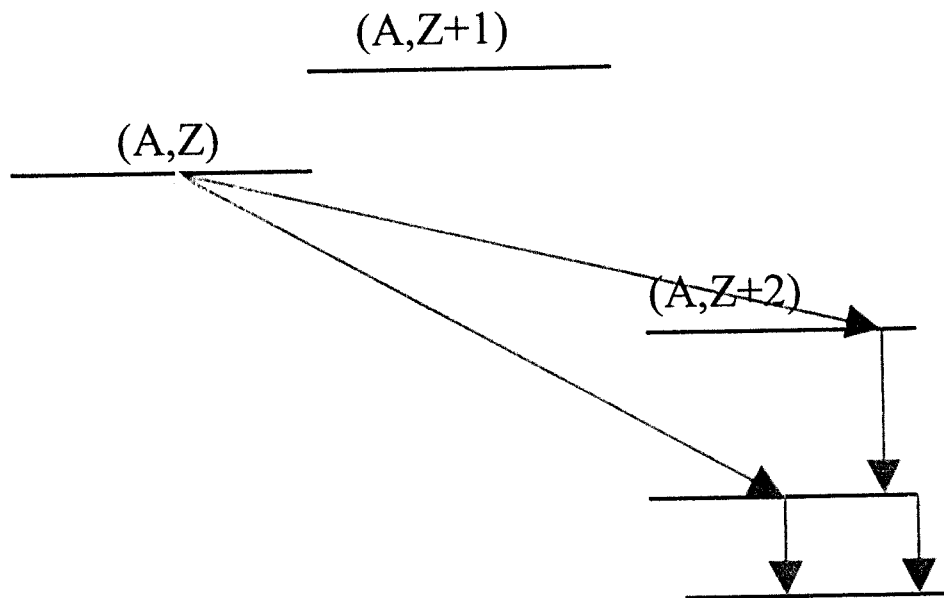


# DOUBLE BETA DECAY AND NEUTRINO MASS

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Varenna, June 12, 2002



also  $\beta^+\beta^+$ ,  $\beta^+EC$ ,  $ECEC$  (recent results by Dama, Barabash etc..)

## EXPERIMENTALLY

- transition rate of neutrinoless DBD proportional to  $\epsilon^5$  instead than to  $\epsilon^{10-11}$  for the two-neutrino channel. Less dependent on transition energy
- a peak should appear in the sum spectrum of the two electron energies

Evidence for two neutrino double beta decay found in

$^{48}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{76}\text{Ge}$ ,  $^{82}\text{Se}$ ,  $^{96}\text{Zr}$ ,  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{116}\text{Cd}$ ,  $^{128}\text{Te}$ ,  $^{130}\text{Te}$ ,  $^{136}\text{Xe}$ ,  
 $^{150}\text{Nd}$ ,  $^{238}\text{U}$

also to excited states of  $^{100}\text{Mo}$

with direct, geochemical and radiochemical experiments

## THEORETICALLY

- lepton number violation
- right handed currents  $\eta$  and  $\lambda$
- non-zero "effective" neutrino mass  $\langle m_\nu \rangle$

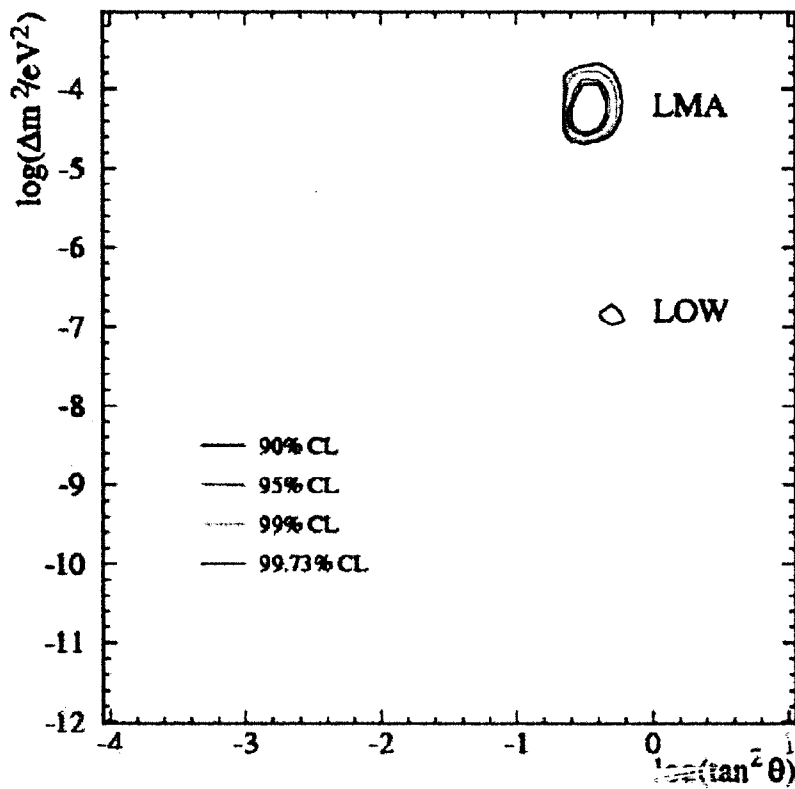
$$[\hat{T}_{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\alpha}}^{0i}]^{-1} = C_{mm} \langle m_\nu \rangle^2 + C_{\lambda\lambda} \langle \lambda \rangle^2 + C_{\eta\eta} \langle \eta \rangle^2 + \\ + C_{m\lambda} \langle m_\nu \rangle \langle \lambda \rangle + C_{m\eta} \langle m_\nu \rangle \langle \eta \rangle + C_{\lambda\eta} \langle \lambda \rangle \langle \eta \rangle$$

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# Global Fit with total SNO spectrum

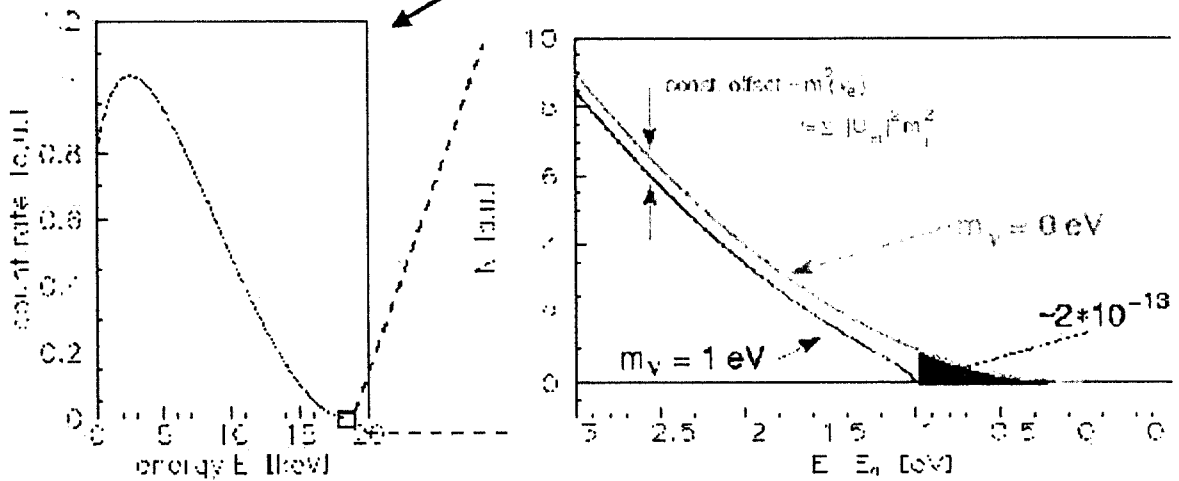


without separate da  
and night spectra

most of the  
MSW model  
constraints  
comes from  
SNO CC/NC!

# Direct measurement of $m(\nu_e)$

Tritium  $\beta$  decay:  ${}^3\text{H} \rightarrow {}^3\text{He}^+ + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$  super-allowed  
 $E_0 = 18.6 \text{ keV}$   
 $t_{1/2} = 12.3 \text{ a}$



Need very high energy resolution & very high signal rate & very low background

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Ch. Weinheimer: Direct Neutrino Mass Experiments: Present and Future (26/29)

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## Technical challenges

- Recirculation and purification of tritium to a large extent (kCi)
- $\approx 30$  superconducting solenoids
- UHV ( $< 10^{-11}$  mbar) in huge volume ( $1000\text{m}^3$ )
- HV calibration and stability on ppm level
- High resolution detectors
- ....

⇒ ideal place: Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe/Germany

Inst. of Nuclear Physics  
(IK)

Inst. of Electronics  
(IPE)



Tritium I  
Karlsruhe

Inst. of  
Physics

Difficulties to calculate Nuclear Matrix Elements ->  
measurements on many candidate nuclei are needed

EXTRAPOLATIONS OF  $\langle m_\nu \rangle$  (and  $m_\beta$  from  
direct measurements - *Katrin*  $\rightarrow$  0.3 eV) FROM  
THE PRESENT RESULTS ON NEUTRINO  
OSCILLATIONS

Various theoretical calculations (Bilenki et al -three  
and four neutrino mixing, Farzan et al, Pas and Weiler,  
Falcone and Tramontano, Klapdor et al, Vogel ...) not  
always in agreement.

Values of  $\langle m_\nu \rangle$  in the region of a few tens of eV  
seem interesting.

## DBD & Neutrino Properties (2)

Neutrino oscillation experiments have given convincing evidences that **neutrinos are massive and mixed**

### Missing informations:

- neutrino absolute mass scale
- nature (Dirac/Majorana)
- CP (Majorana) phases
- exotic processes

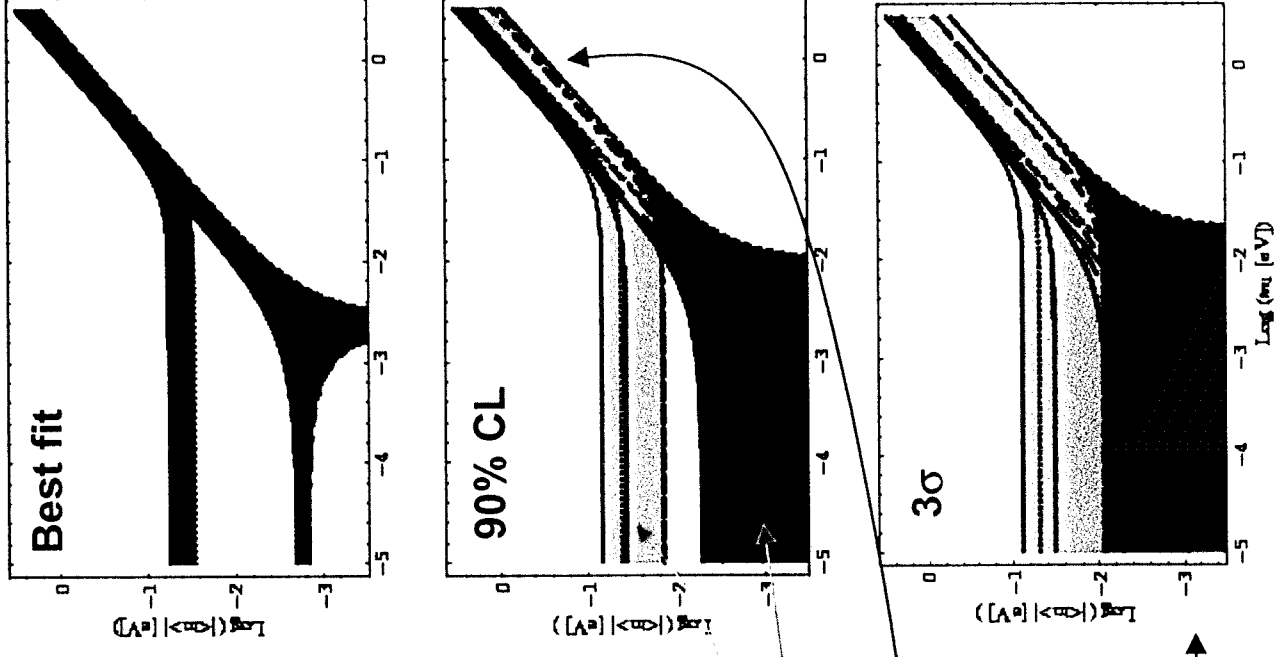
$0\nu 2\beta$  is a powerful tool to identify neutrino mass hierarchy:

- inverse
- direct
- quasi-degenerate

Spread due to Nuclear matrix elements indeterminations

Pascoli S Petcov ST hep-ph/0205022  
 implications from solar  $\nu$  experiments (last SNO results included) in the framework of 3 Majorana  $\nu$  mixing

▲ Not included



# EXPERIMENTAL APPROACHES

## INDIRECT METHODS

(search for an abnormal abundance of (A,Z+2) in a material containing (A,Z+2))

Geochemical

### RESULTS:

$$^{82}\text{Se} \rightarrow ^{82}\text{Kr} * \quad \tau_{1/2} = (1.2 \pm .1) \times 10^{20} - (2.1 \pm .3) \times 10^{20} \text{ a}$$

$$^{96}\text{Kr} \rightarrow ^{96}\text{Mo} * \quad \tau_{1/2} = (3.9 \pm .9) \times 10^{19}$$

$$^{128}\text{Te} \rightarrow ^{128}\text{Xe} \quad \tau_{1/2} = (1.5 \pm .2) \times 10^{24} - (7.7 \pm .4) \times 10^{24} \text{ a}$$

$$^{130}\text{Te} \rightarrow ^{130}\text{Xe} \quad \tau_{1/2} = (7.5 \pm .3) \times 10^{20} - (27 \pm 1) \times 10^{20} \text{ a}$$

\* confirmed by direct experiments

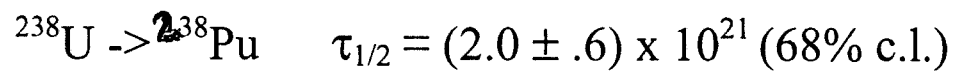
Advantage: long measuring times, good sensitivity

Disadvantages:  $0_{\nu}$  ,  $2_{\nu}$  ,  $\chi'$  and excited states together,  
gas losses (difficult and not large - Milano experiment)

## Radiochemical

Store large masses of (A,Z) underground and search for (A,Z+2)

RESULT:

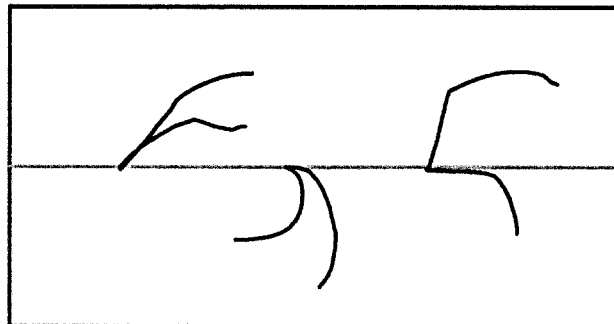


$\Rightarrow \alpha$  decay ( $\tau_{1/2} = 87.7 \text{ a}$ )

problems similar to those above

## DIRECT METHODS

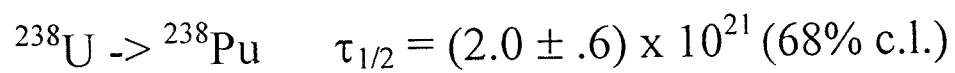
Source  $\neq$  Detector



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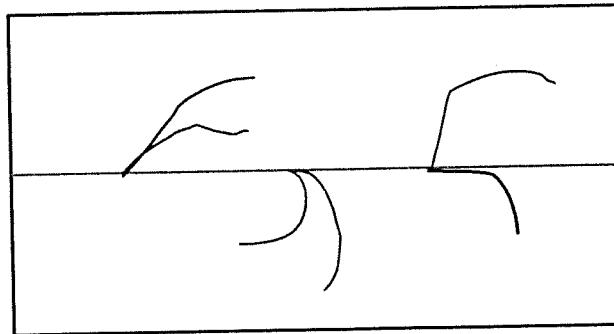


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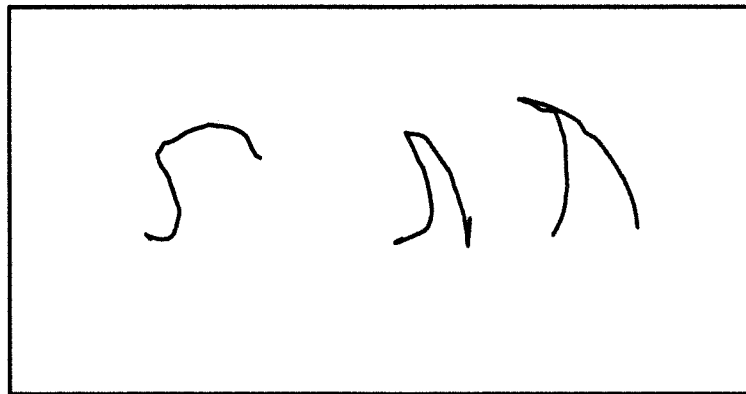


First result of  $2\nu\beta\beta$  decay of  $^{82}\text{Se}$  by Irvine  
Mont Holyoke, Baksam-Moscow, Elegant's,  
Nemo II, NEMO III, Moon etc

Excellent for two neutrino double beta decay.

For neutrinoless double beta decay a good  
resolution is needed. Background from two  
neutrino double beta decay

Source = Detector



G.F. dell' Antonio and E. F.

CaF<sub>2</sub> scintillator Goldhaber, Beijing, Dama

Ge Milano, now Heidelberg-Moscow, IGEX

CdWO<sub>4</sub> Kiev-Florence

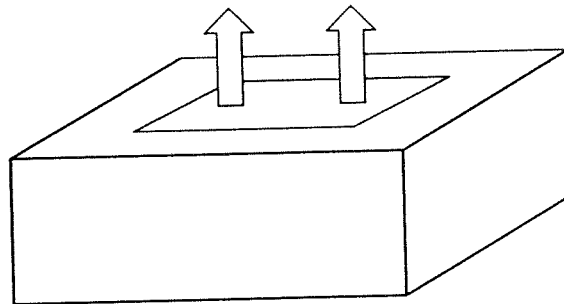
Xenon Proportional Counters, ionization chambers,

TPC, scintillators Gothard, Dama with liquid Xe

## THERMAL DETECTORS

E.F. and T.Niinikosky (1984)

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



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

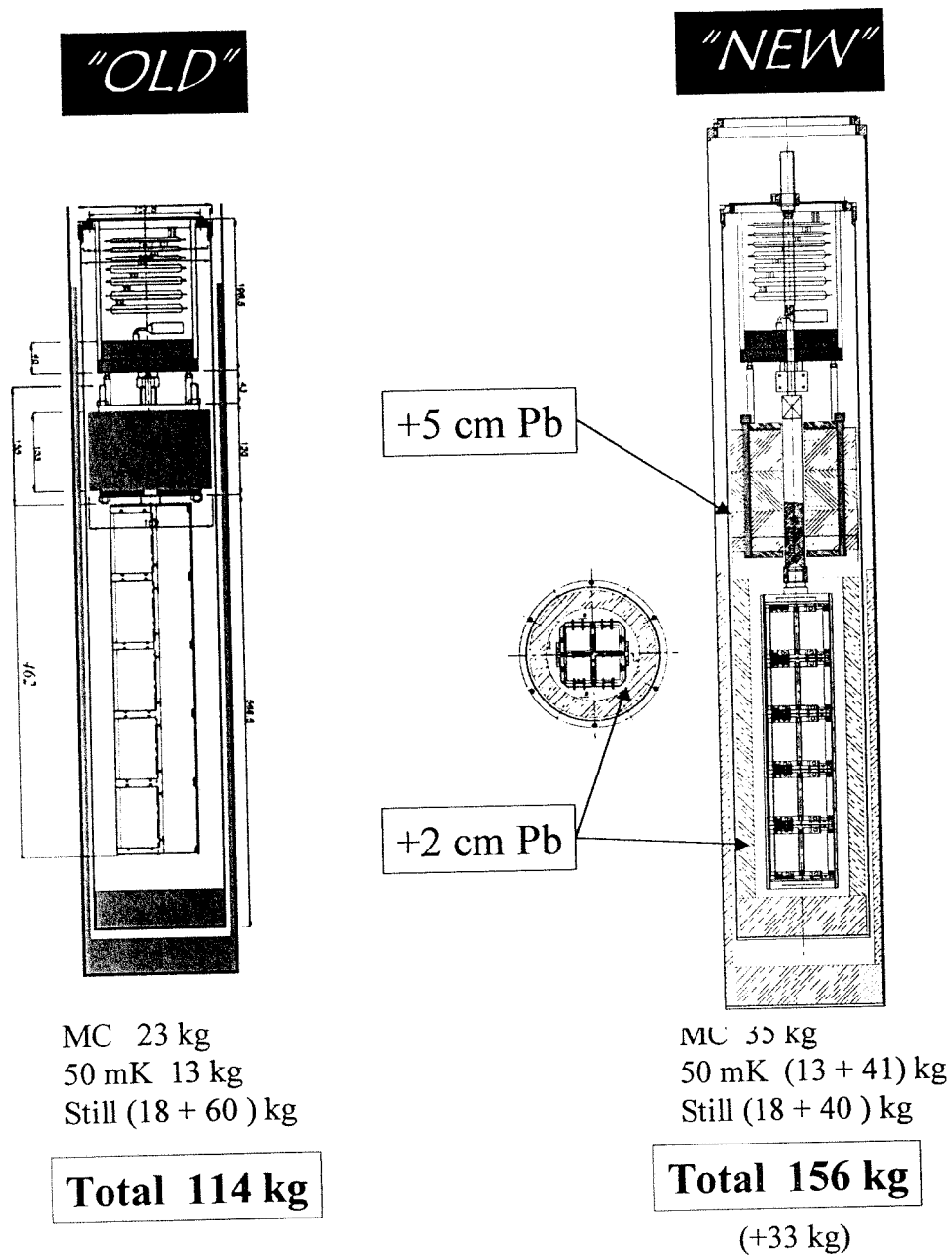
$$\Delta E = \xi \sqrt{k C_V T^2}$$

$\Delta E$  @ 5 keV ~100 mk ~ 1 mg <1 eV ~ 5 eV  
 @ 2 MeV ~10 mk ~ 1 kg <10 eV ~ keV

Compound	Isotopic abundance of the candidate nucleus	Transition energy
<sup>48</sup> CaF <sub>2</sub> a	.0187 %	4272 keV
<sup>76</sup> Ge b	7.44 "	2038.7 "
<sup>100</sup> MoPbO <sub>4</sub> c	9.63 "	3034 "
<sup>116</sup> CdWO <sub>4</sub> c	7.49 "	2804 "
<sup>130</sup> TeO <sub>2</sub> d	34 "	2528 "
<sup>150</sup> NdF <sub>2</sub> e	4.64 "	3368 "

- a. heat+scintillation proved, eliminates background from  $\alpha$  particles
- b. can be as good as Ge diodes
- c. scintillates proved as thermal detectors
- d. large isotopic abundance
- e. difficult to cool

Present results on neutrinoless double beta decay of  $^{130}\text{Te}$   
 $> 2.1 \times 10^{23}$  a at 90% c.l.



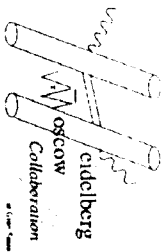
PRESENT RESULTS ON TWO NEUTRINO $\beta\beta$ DECAY		
Nucleus	Transition energy(keV)	Half lifetime (years)
$^{48}\text{Ca}$	4276	$(4.3 \pm^{24}_{.11} \pm .14) \times 10^{19}$
$^{76}\text{Ge}$	2039	$(9.2 \pm^{7}_{.4}) \times 10^{20}$ $(17.7 \pm .1 \pm^{1.3}_{.1}) \times 10^{20}$ $(14.5 \pm^{1.5}) \times 10^{20}$
$^{82}\text{Se}$	2992	$(1.08 \pm^{26}_{.06}) \times 10^{20}$ $(.83 \pm^{1}_{.07}) \times 10^{20}$
$^{96}\text{Zr}$	3351	$(3.9 \pm .9) \times 10^{19}$ $(2.1 \pm^{8}_{.4} \pm .2) \times 10^{19}$
$^{100}\text{Mo}$	3134	$(1.15 \pm^{3}_{.2}) \times 10^{19}$ $(.68 \pm^{38}_{.53} \pm .68) \times 10^{19}$ $(1.16 \pm^{34}_{.08}) \times 10^{19}$ $(.95 \pm .04 \pm .09) \times 10^{19}$
$^{100}\text{Mo}(0^+ - 0^{+*})$	1904	$(6.1 \pm^{1.8}_{1.1}) \times 10^{20}$
$^{116}\text{Cd}$	2804	$(2.6 \pm^{9}_{.5} \pm .35) \times 10^{19}$ $(2.7 \pm^{5}_{.4} \pm^{9}_{.6}) \times 10^{19}$ $(3.75 \pm .35 \pm .21) \times 10^{19}$
$^{128}\text{Te}$	867	$(7.7 \pm .4) \times 10^{24}$ <sup>2</sup>
$^{130}\text{Te}$	2528	$(7 \pm 2) \times 10^{20}$ <sup>2</sup> $(28 \pm 3) \times 10^{20}$ <sup>2</sup> $(7.9 \pm .1) \times 10^{20}$
$^{136}\text{Xe}$	2467	$>7.3 \times 10^{20}, >1.1 \times 10^{22}$
$^{150}\text{Nd}$	3368	$(1.88 \pm^{66}_{.39} \pm .19) \times 10^{19}$
$^{238}\text{U}$	1437	$(2 \pm .6) \times 10^{21}$

PRESENT RESULTS ON MAJORON  
 $\beta\beta$  DECAY

<b>Nucleus</b>	<b><math>\Delta E</math> (keV)</b>	<b><math>\tau_{ov}</math> (years)</b>	<b>Limit on <math>G_{\nu\chi}</math> (<math>\times 10^{-4}</math>)</b>
$^{48}\text{Ca}$	4276		
$^{76}\text{Ge}$	2039	<b><math>7.9 \times 10^{21}</math></b>	<b>2-10</b>
$^{82}\text{Se}$	2992	<b><math>2.4 \times 10^{21}</math></b>	<b>2-7</b>
$^{96}\text{Zr}$	3351	<b><math>6.2 \times 10^{21}</math></b>	<b>18</b>
$^{100}\text{Mo}$	3134	<b><math>5.4 \times 10^{21}</math> (68%)</b>	<b>1-2</b>
$^{116}\text{Cd}$	2804	<b><math>1.2 \times 10^{21}</math></b>	<b>.3-.6</b>
$^{128}\text{Te}$	867	<b>(<math>7.7 \times 10^{24}</math>)</b>	
$^{130}\text{Te}$	2528	<b><math>1 \times 10^{21}</math></b>	<b>2-7</b>
$^{136}\text{Xe}$	2467	<b><math>1.4 \times 10^{22}</math></b>	<b>2-5</b>
$^{150}\text{Nd}$	3368	<b><math>2.8 \times 10^{20}</math></b>	<b>1.4-1.9</b>
$^{238}\text{U}$	1437		

PRESENT RESULTS ON  
NEUTRINOLESS  $\beta\beta$  DECAY

<b>Nucleus</b>	<b><math>\Delta E</math> (keV)</b>	<b><math>\tau_{0\nu}</math> (years)</b>	<b>Limit on <math>\langle m_\nu \rangle</math>(eV)</b>
$^{48}\text{Ca}$	4276	$9.5 \times 10^{19}$ (76%)	15-26
$^{76}\text{Ge}$	2039	$1.9 \times 10^{25}$ $1.6 \times 10^{25}$	.34-1.14 .40-1.35
$^{82}\text{Se}$	2992	$2.7 \times 10^{22}$ (68%)	4.7-14.4
$^{96}\text{Zr}$	3351	$1 \times 10^{21}$	(33)
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$^{116}\text{Cd}$	2804	$2.9 \times 10^{22}$	4.9-5.2
$^{128}\text{Te}$	867	$7.7 \times 10^{24}$	.72-1.5
$^{130}\text{Te}$	2528	$2.1 \times 10^{23}$	.8-2.
$^{136}\text{Xe}$	2467	$4.2 \times 10^{23}$ ( $7 \times 10^{23}$ )	1.8-5.4 (1.4-4.2)
$^{150}\text{Nd}$	3368	$1.2 \times 10^{21}$	5.3-7.1
$^{238}\text{U}$	1437	$8.4 \times 10^{20}$	(17.6-34.5)



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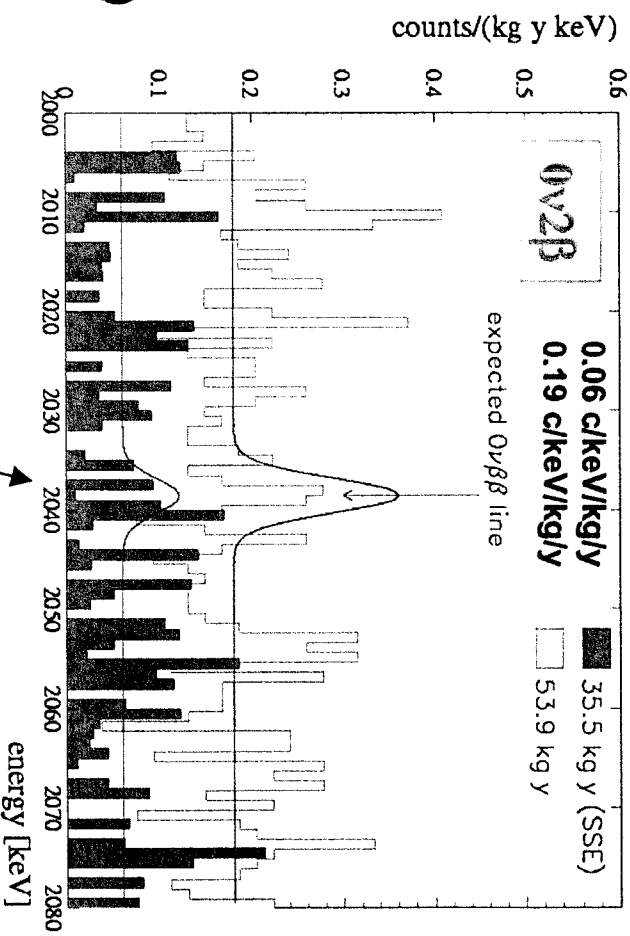
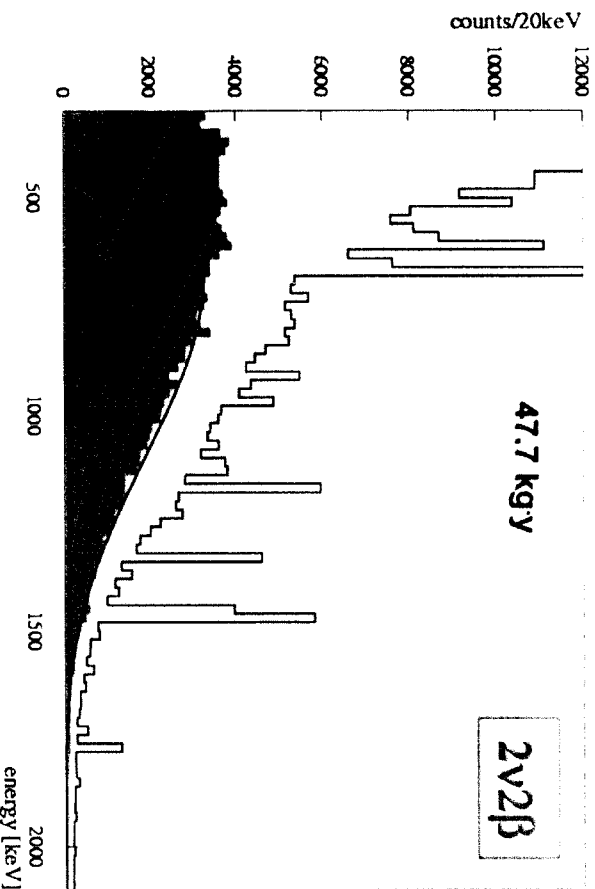
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Gran Sasso underground laboratory

- Five Ge diodes (overall mass 10.9 kg) isotopically enriched (86%) in  $^{76}\text{Ge}$
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- Digital Pulse Shape Analysis (factor 5 reduction)



$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.9 \times 10^{25} \text{ (90 \% C.L.)}$$

$$\langle m_\nu \rangle < 0.35 \text{ (0.3-1.24) eV}$$

Accurate background model:

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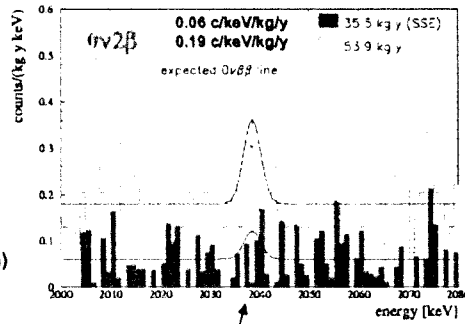
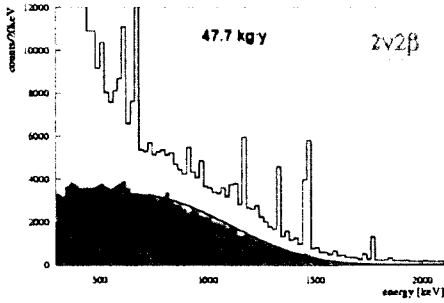
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## Evidence for $0\nu 2\beta$ : KDHK

Klapdor-Kleingrothaus HV et al. hep-ph/0201231  
Klapdor-Kleingrothaus HV and Sarkar U. hep-ph/0201224

### EVIDENCE FOR NEUTRINOLESS DOUBLE BETA DECAY

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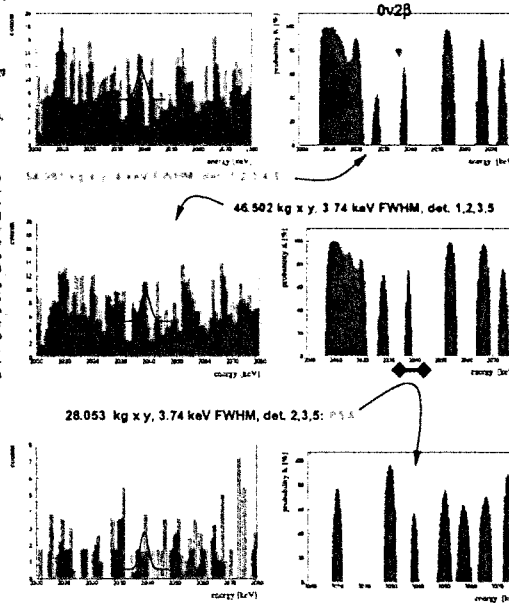
#### 2.2 - 3.1 $\sigma$ effect

The data of the HEIDELBERG-MOSCOW double beta decay experiment for the measuring period August 1990 - May 2000 (34 9813 kg y or 723.44 mc(years)), published recently, are analysed using the potential of the Bayesian method for low counting rates. First evidence for neutrinoless double beta decay is observed giving first evidence for lepton number violation. The evidence for this decay mode is 97% (2.2 $\sigma$ ) with the Bayesian method, and 99.6% c.l. (3.1 $\sigma$ ) with the method recommended by the Particle Data Group. The half-life of the process is found with the Bayesian method to be  $T_{1/2} = (0.8 - 18.5) \times 10^{25}$  y (95% c.l.) with a best value of  $1.3 \times 10^{25}$  y. The deduced value of the effective neutrino mass is, with the nuclear matrix elements from  $\tilde{M}$ ,  $\langle m \rangle = (0.11 - 0.36)$  eV (95% c.l.), with a best value of 0.30 eV. Uncertainties in the nuclear matrix elements may widen the range given for the effective neutrino mass by at most a factor 2. Our observation which at the same time means evidence that the neutrino is a Majorana particle, will be of fundamental importance for neutrino physics. PACS: 14.60.Fg Neutrino mass and mixing - 71.40.Dv Weak-interaction and leptons (including neutrinos) aspects - 23.40.-v Data decay: double beta decay; electron and muon capture.

#### Reanalysis of the 1990-2000 Heidelberg-Moscow data

- Peak Detection Procedure
- Bayesian approach

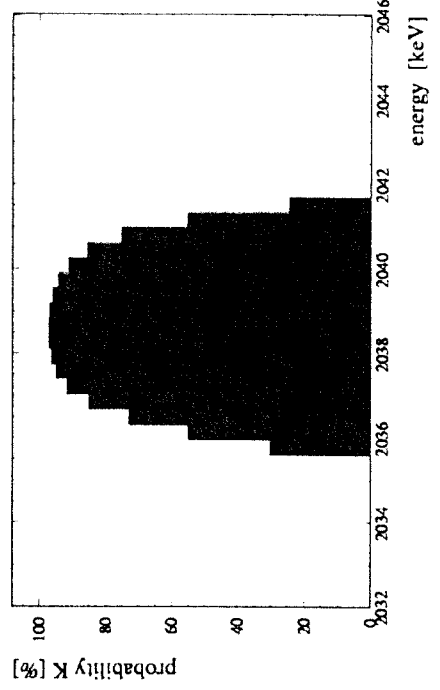
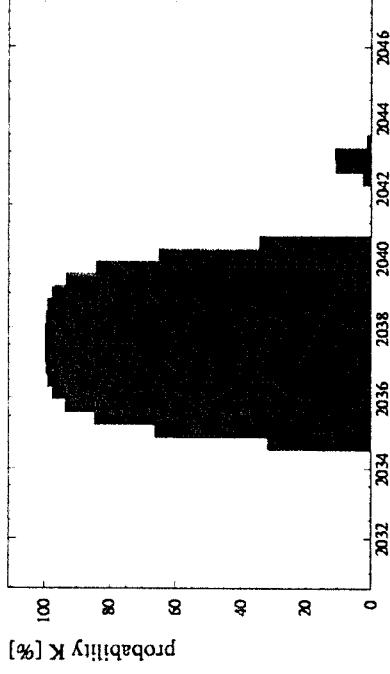
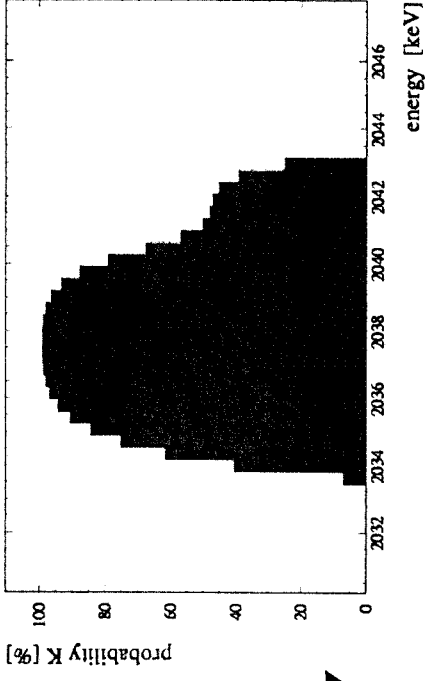
Natural radioactivity lines recognized!  
Select a small Energy interval around E



# Evidence for $0\nu 2\beta$ : KDHK (2)

**Key issue:**  
 since  $^{214}\text{Bi}$  peaks have been identified in the large (2000-2080) interval, use a narrower interval ( $5\sigma$ )

**Result:**  
 a "clear" effect is apparent



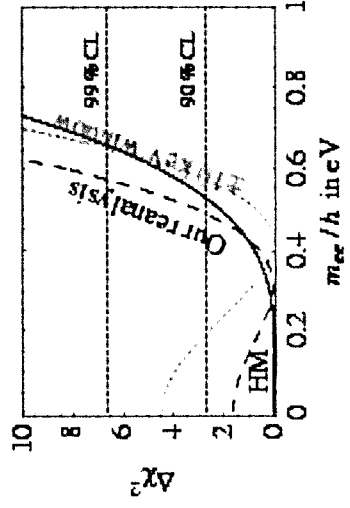
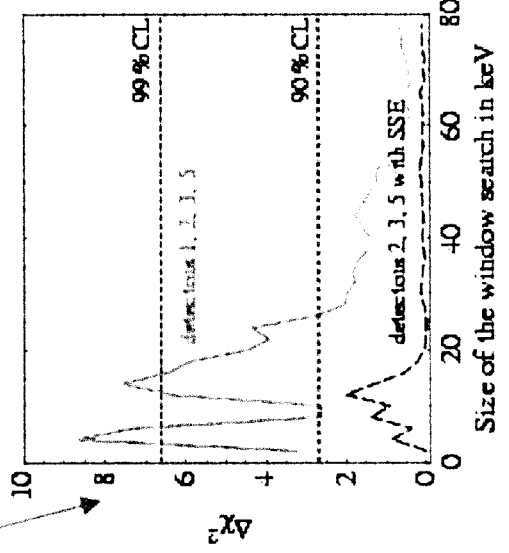
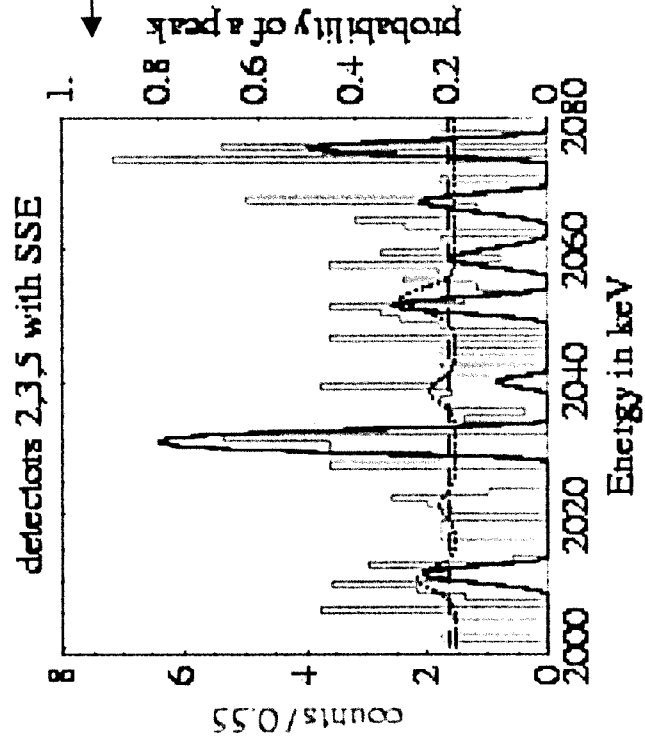
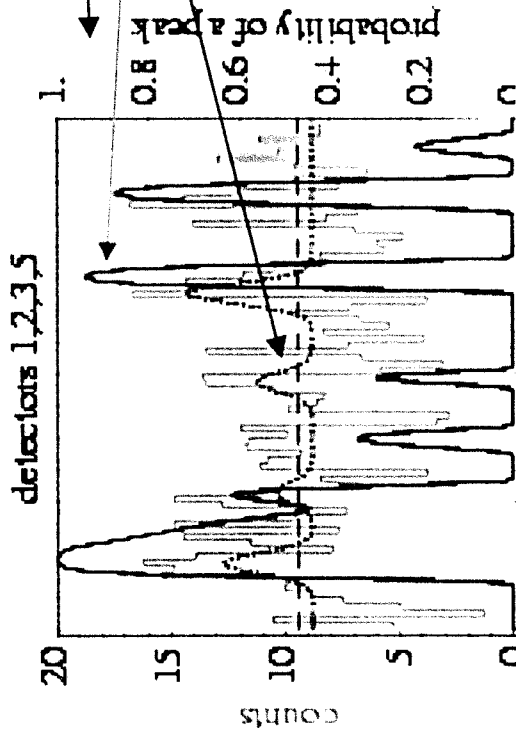
Significance [ $kg y$ ]	Detectors	$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$ y	$\langle m \rangle$ eV	Conf. level
54.9813	1,2,3,4,5	$(0.80 - 35.07) \times 10^{25}$	$(0.08 - 0.54)$	95% c.l.
54.9813	1,2,3,4,5	$(1.04 - 3.46) \times 10^{25}$	$(0.26 - 0.47)$	68% c.l.
54.9813	1,2,3,4,5	$1.61 \times 10^{25}$	0.38	Best Value
46.502	1,2,3,5	$(0.75 - 18.33) \times 10^{25}$	$(0.11 - 0.56)$	95% c.l.
46.502	1,2,3,5	$(0.98 - 3.05) \times 10^{25}$	$(0.28 - 0.49)$	68% c.l.
46.502	1,2,3,5	$1.50 \times 10^{25}$	0.39	Best Value
28.053	2,3,5 SSE	$(0.88 - 22.38) \times 10^{25}$	$(0.10 - 0.51)$	90% c.l.
28.053	2,3,5 SSE	$(1.07 - 3.69) \times 10^{25}$	$(0.25 - 0.47)$	68% c.l.
28.053	2,3,5 SSE	$1.61 \times 10^{25}$	0.38	Best Value

# Possible Evidence for $0\nu 2\beta$ : comments

Feruglio F et al. hep-ph/0201291

## Reanalysis of H-M data sets # 2 and 3

- Peaks detection method: similar results
- **Global fit: much less effect significance ( $1.5-0.7\sigma$ )**
- **Fit with flat bkg:**  
Dependence on the fit interval width  
Bayes/Gauss approach: equivalent
- **Peaks identification ( $^{214}\text{Bi}$ ): inconsistent**  
*criticised ...*
- PSA uniform suppression



# Possible Evidence for $0\nu 2\beta$ : comments

Klapdor-Kleingrothaus HV hep-ph/0205228

21-05-2002

REPLY TO A COMMENT OF ARTICLE  
 "EVIDENCE FOR NEUTRINOLESS DOUBLE BETA DECAY"

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Reply for each item in the "comment"  
 defending original position of KDHK

More "soft" reply of H.L. Harney:  
 "part of the criticism is justified"

in particular:  
 "if the peaks at energies other than  $Q_{\beta\beta}$  cannot be  
 identified by way of the simulation the confidence  
 on the possible structure at  $Q_{\beta\beta}$  will be lower than  
 given in KDHK"

New table (correct) of experimental  
 and expected  $^{214}\text{Bi}$  lines intensities

Still inconsistent!

Energy (keV)	Intensity of Heidelberg- Mes. Exper.		Branching Ratios <sup>†</sup> [%]	Sumul. of Experim. Setup +)	Expect. rate accord. to sim. ** ( $\beta_1 + \beta_2$ ) ***)	Expect. Aal- sect. accord. to sim. ** ( $\beta_1 + \beta_2$ ) ***)
	Mes. Exper.	$\sigma$				
609.312(7)	4389±92	44.8(5)	5715270±2400			
1764.494(1.4)	1301±40	15.36(20)	15588717±12540			
2204.21(4)	319±22	4.86(9)	429673±656			
2010.71(15)	37.8±10.2	3.71	15664±160	12.2±0.6	4.1±0.7	0.64
2016.7(3)	13.0±8.5	1.5(0.0058(10))	20027±170	15.6±0.7	0.5±0.1	0.08
2021.8(3)	16.7±8.8	1.9(0.020(6))	1606±101	1.2±0.1	1.6±0.5	0.25
2052.94(15)	23.2±9.0	2.57(0.078(11))	5981±115	4.7±0.3	6.4±1	0.99
2039.006	12.1±8.3	1.46				

Table 1.  $^{214}\text{Bi}$  is product of the  $^{238}\text{U}$  natural decay chain through  $\beta^-$  decay of  $^{214}\text{Pb}$  and  $\alpha$  decay of  $^{218}\text{At}$ . It decays to  $^{214}\text{Po}$  by  $\beta^-$  decay. Shown in this Table are the measured intensities of  $^{214}\text{Bi}$  lines in the spectrum shown in Fig.1 of Ref. [1] in the energy window 2000 - 2060 keV, our calculation of the intensities expected on the basis of the branching ratios given in Table of isotopes [2], with and without simulation of the experimental setup, and the intensities expected by Aalseth et al. [3], who do not simulate the setup and thus ignore summing of the  $\gamma$  energies.

a) We have considered for comparison the 3 strongest  $^{214}\text{Bi}$  lines, leaving out the line at 1120.287 keV (in the measured spectrum this line is partially overlapped on the 1115.55 keV line of  $^{65}\text{Zn}$ ). The number of counts in each line have been calculated by a maximum-likelihood fit of the line with a gaussian curve plus a constant background.

†) The simulation is performed assuming that the impurity is localized in the copper part of the detector chamber (best agreement with the intensities of the strongest lines in the spectrum). The error of a possible misplacement is not included in the calculation. The number of simulated events is  $10^6$  for each of our five detectors.

\*\* This result is obtained normalizing the simulated spectrum to the experimental one using the 3 strong lines listed in column one. Comparison to the neighboring column on the right shows that the expected rates for the weak lines can change strongly if we take into account the simulation. The reason is that the line at 2010.7 keV can be produced by summing of the 1401.50 keV (1.55%) and 809.31 keV (44.8%) lines, the one at 2016.7 keV by summing of the 1407.98 (2.8%) and 609.31 (44.8%) lines; the other lines at 2021.8 keV and 2052.94 keV do suffer only very weakly from the summing effect because of the different decay schemes.

††) This result is obtained using the number of counts for the three strong lines observed in the experimental spectrum and the branching ratios from [2] without including summing effects. For each of the strong lines the expected number of counts for the weak lines is calculated and then an average of the 3 expectations is taken.

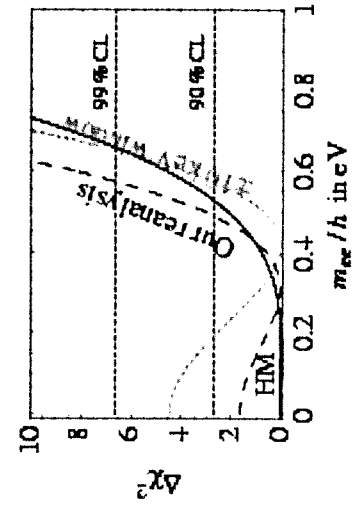
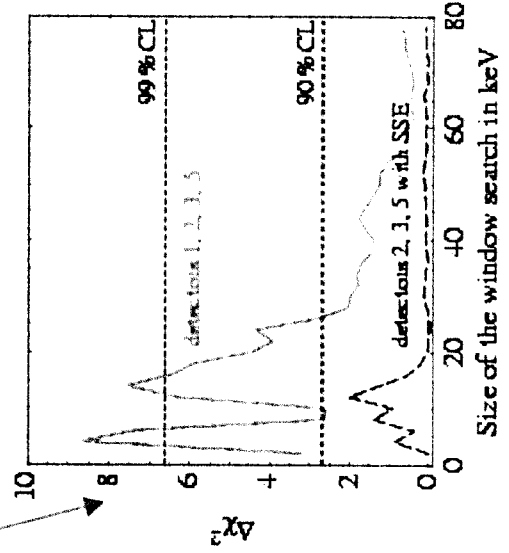
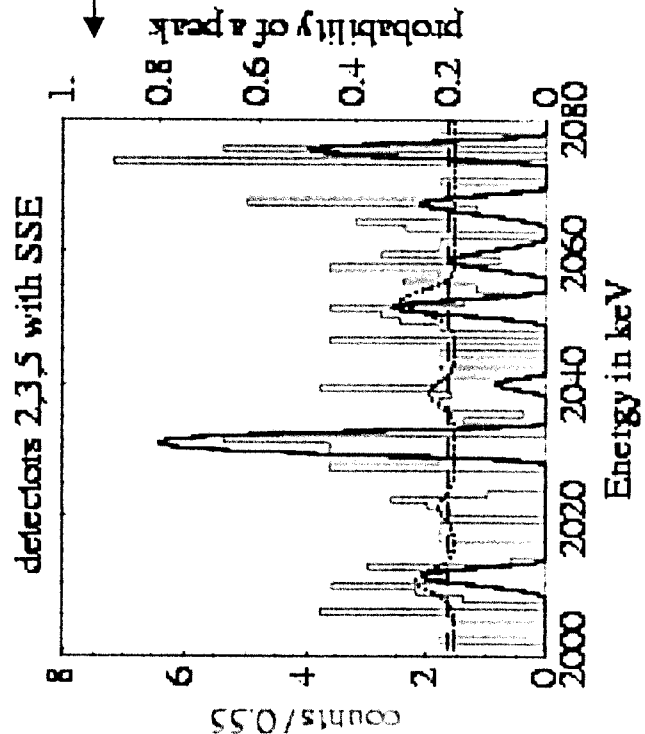
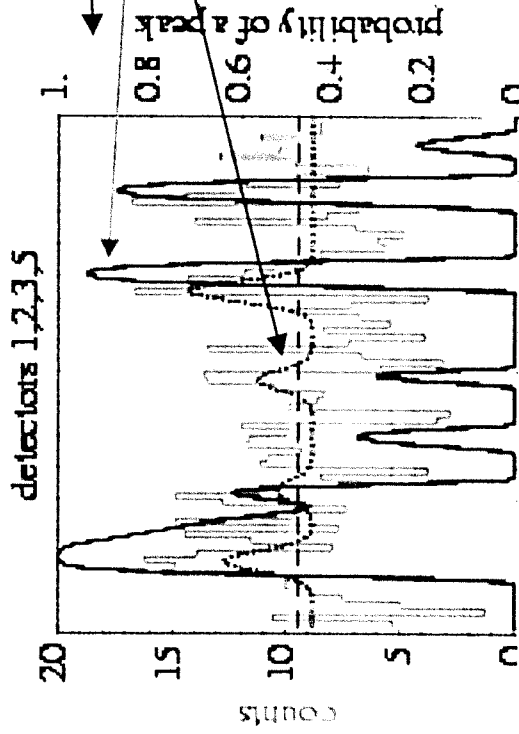
\*\*\*) Without simulation of the experimental setup. The numbers given here are close to those in the neighboring left column, when taking into account that Aalseth et al. refer to a spectrum which contains a normalization error of a factor of 0 (see also point 5).

# Possible Evidence for $0\nu 2\beta$ : comments

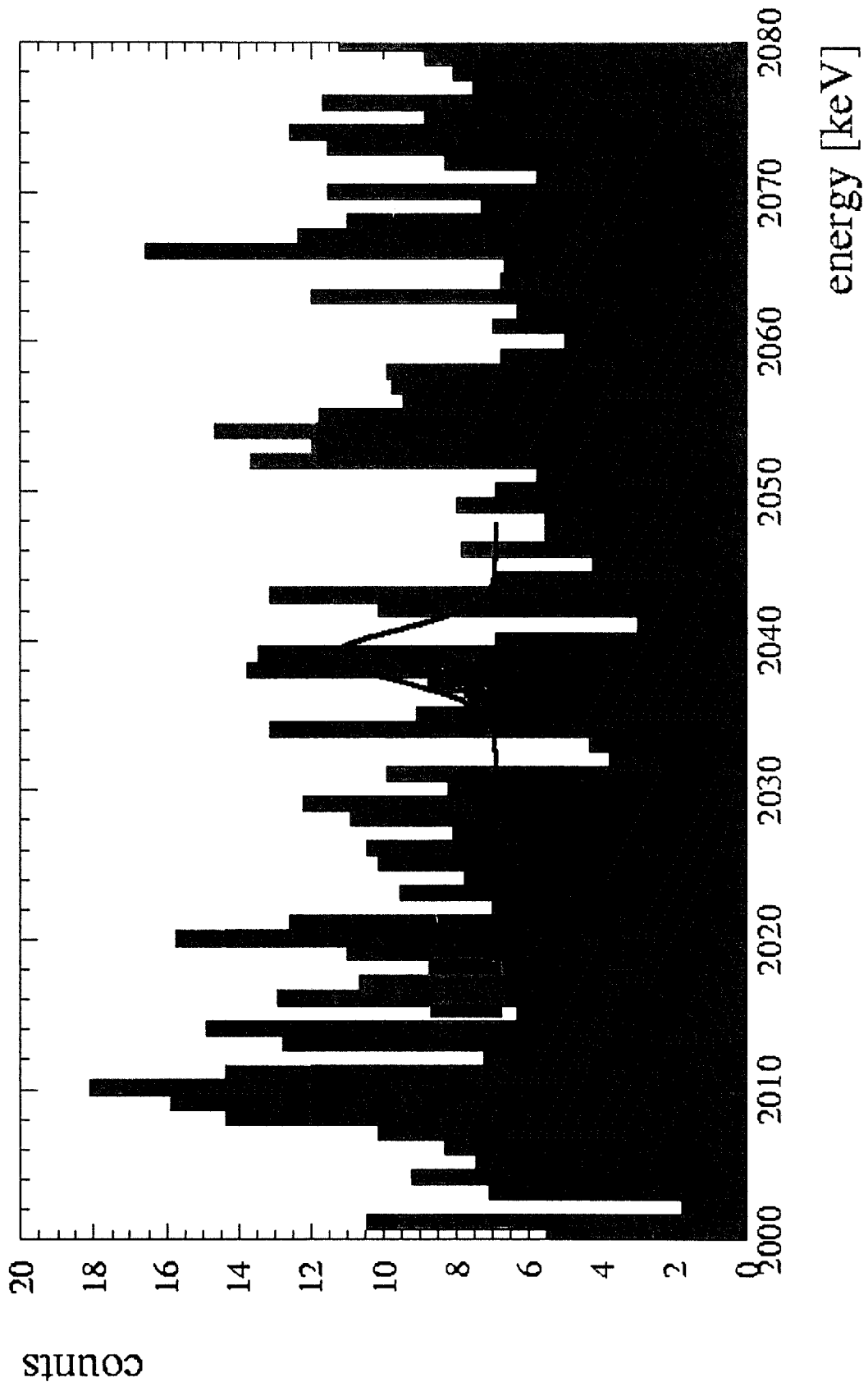
Feruglio F et al. hep-ph/0201291

## Reanalysis of H-M data sets # 2 and 3

- Peaks detection method: similar results
- **Global fit: much less effect significance ( $1.5-0.7\sigma$ )**
- **Fit with flat bkg:**  
Dependence on the fit interval width  
Bayes/Gauss approach: equivalent
- **Peaks identification ( $^{214}\text{Bi}$ ?): inconsistent**  
*criticised ...*
- PSA uniform suppression



# Possible Evidence for $0\nu 2\beta$ : comments



# IGEX

hep-ex:0202026

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University of South Carolina (USC)  
Institute for Theor and Exp Physics (ITEP, Rusia)  
Institute for Nuclear Research (INR, Rusia)  
Yerevan Physical Institute (Armenia)  
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$$T_{1/2}(0\nu, 0^+ \rightarrow 0^+) > 1.57 \times 10^{25} \text{ y (90\%)}$$

$$\langle m_\nu \rangle < 0.33\text{-}1.35 \text{ eV}$$

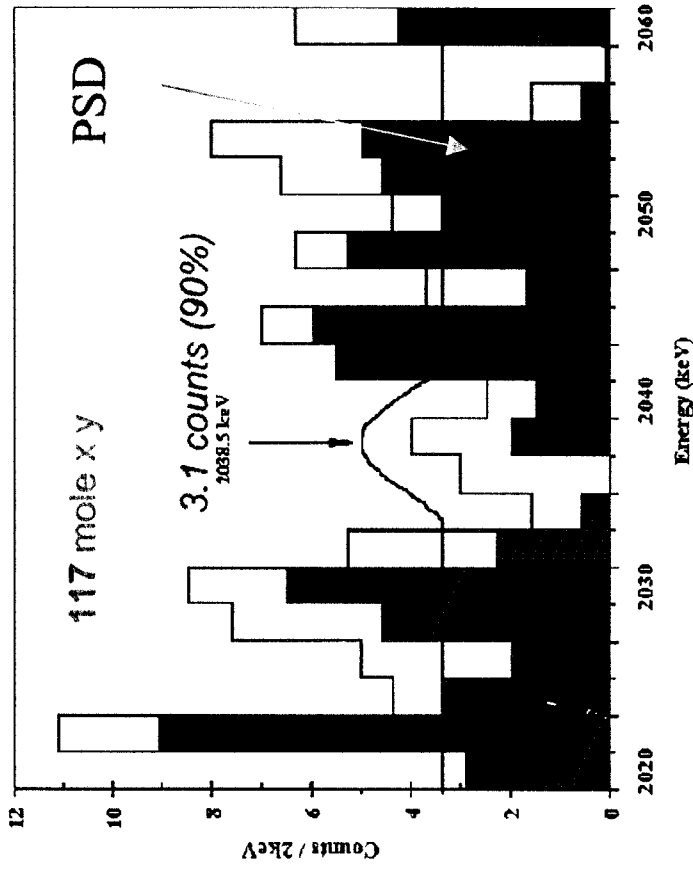
1994-2000

Canfranc underground laboratory  
(Laboratory 3 at 2450 m.w.e.)

Three (2kg) Ge diodes (86%  $^{76}\text{Ge}$ )

FWHM: 4 keV

Effective PSD (SSE): ~ 45% of total statistics



Heavy low activity shield:

- 40 cm of lead
- PVC box flushed with nitrogen
- 2mm of cadmium
- 20 cm of polyethylene
- active veto (plastic scintillators)

## Future projects

Experiment	Author	Isotope	Detector description	$T_{1/2}^{5\sigma}$ (y)	$\langle m_{\nu} \rangle^*$
CUORE	Arnaboldi et al. 2001	$^{130}\text{Te}$	760 kg of $\text{TeO}_2$ bolometers	$7 \times 10^{26}$	0.027
EXO	Danevich et al 2000	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	1 t enriched Xe TPC	$8 \times 10^{26}$	0.052
GEM	Zdesenko et al 2001	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	1 t enriched Ge diodes in liquid nitrogen * water shield	$7 \times 10^{27}$	0.018
GENIUS	Klapdor-Kleingrothaus et al 2001	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	1 t enriched Ge diodes in liquid nitrogen	$1 \times 10^{28}$	0.015
MAJORANA	Auzan et al 2002	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	0.5 t enriched Ge segmented diodes	$4 \times 10^{27}$	0.025
DCBA	Shihara et al 2000	$^{124}\text{Nd}$	20 t enriched Nd layers with tracking	$2 \times 10^{26}$	
CAMEO	Bellini et al 2001	$^{116}\text{Cd}$	1 t $\text{CdWO}_4$ crystals in liquid scintillator	$> 10^{26}$	0.069
CANDLES	Kishimoto et al	$^{48}\text{Ca}$	several tons of $\text{CaF}_2$ crystal in liquid scintillator	$1 \times 10^{26}$	
GSO	Danevich 2001	$^{160}\text{Gd}$	2 t $\text{Gd}_2\text{SiO}_5:\text{Ce}$ crystal scintillator in liquid scintillator	$2 \times 10^{26}$	0.065
MOON	Ejiri et al 2000	$^{100}\text{Mo}$	34 t natural Mo sheets between plastic scintillator	$1 \times 10^{27}$	0.036
Xe	Cacclaniga et al 2001	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	1.56 t of enriched Xe in liquid scintillator	$5 \times 10^{26}$	0.066
XMASS	Moriyama et al 2001	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	10 t of liquid Xe	$3 \times 10^{26}$	0.086

\* Staudt, Muto, Klapdor-Kleingrothaus *Europh. Lett* 13 (1990) 31

FUTURE Sensibility on  $0\nu\beta\beta$  :

$$F_D^{0\nu} = 4.17 \times 10^{26} \times \frac{a}{A} \sqrt{\frac{Mt}{b\Gamma}} \times \varepsilon$$

Exp	Nucl	M Kg	Technique	Lab.	Enr.
NEMO	Vari	10	Scintillators + GM	Frejus	Yes
GENIUS	<sup>76</sup> Ge	1000- 10000	Solid state detector	LNGS or USA	Yes
Majorana	<sup>76</sup> Ge	500	Solid state detector	USA	Yes
Moon	100M o	43000	Sandwich with scintillators	Japan	Not decid
EXO	<sup>136</sup> Xe	1000 10000	TPC + LASER	USA	Yes
CUORE	<sup>130</sup> Te O2 altri	760	Thermal detectors	LNGS	No

Other possibilities: Xenon o CdWo4 and even Ge in Borexino  
CTF, Drift Chamber Beta-ray analyzer, COBRA (CdZnTe) ecc.  
Values of  $\langle m\nu \rangle$  reachable depend on background: Tens  
of meV, **similar with those suggested by oscillations**

# CONVENTIONAL DETECTORS

## NEMO III

Being mounted in the Frejus tunnel Collaboration among 12 groups (Europe, Russia, USA)

10 kg of enriched isotopes Drift chambers "a la Geiger" and scintillators

Magnetic field, iron and neutron shield

$$\tau_{1,2} = 10 \times 10^{24} \text{ a} \cdot m_{\nu} > \sim 0.1 \text{ eV}$$

### Neutrinoless Experiment with Molybdenum III or Neutrino Ettore Majorana Observatory

Large Collaboration: 13 groups from Europe, USA and Japan

Passive source - Spectroscopic approach

$0\nu 2\beta$  sensitivity:  
 $T \sim 10^{24} \text{ y}$   
 $\langle m_{\nu} \rangle \sim 0.1 \text{ eV}$

Detector structure: 20 sectors

1 Source:

up to 10 kg of  $\beta\beta$  isotopes  
(metal film or powder glued to mylar strips)  
cylindrical surface:  $20 \text{ m}^2 \times 40\text{-}60 \text{ mg/cm}^2$

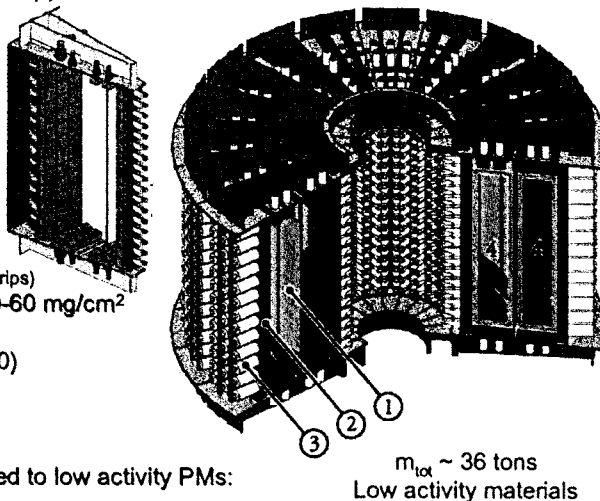
2 Tracking volume:

open octagonal drift cells (6180)  
operated in Geiger mode  
( $\sigma_r = 0.5 \text{ mm}$ ,  $\sigma_z = 1 \text{ cm}$ )

3 Calorimeter:

1940 plastic scintillators coupled to low activity PMs:  
FWHM(1 MeV)  $\sim 11\text{-}14.5 \%$

Magnetic Field (30 G) + Iron Shield (20 cm) + Neutron Shield (30 cm  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )



# GENIUS

Proposed for the LNGS and WIPP

**Conventional technique** , but shield with liquid nitrogen where naked detectors operate

270 enriched Ge detectors ~ 1 ton

## GENIUS

Klapdor-Kleingrothaus HV hep-ph/0103074

Very large mass extension of the active source Ge-diodes approach

### GOAL:

- $\langle m \rangle$  sensitivity  $\sim 10$ - $20$  meV
- test all possible  $m_i$  scenarios allowed by oscillation experiments

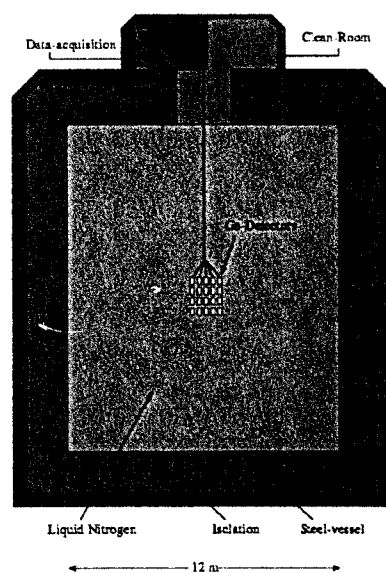
- Reduce Background
- Enlarge mass

### SOLUTION:

large number (400) of naked i.e. (86%) diodes (total mass  $\sim 1$  ton)  $\longrightarrow$  10 tons suspended in a very large container of liquid nitrogen (clean shield)

Gran Sasso or USA underground laboratory

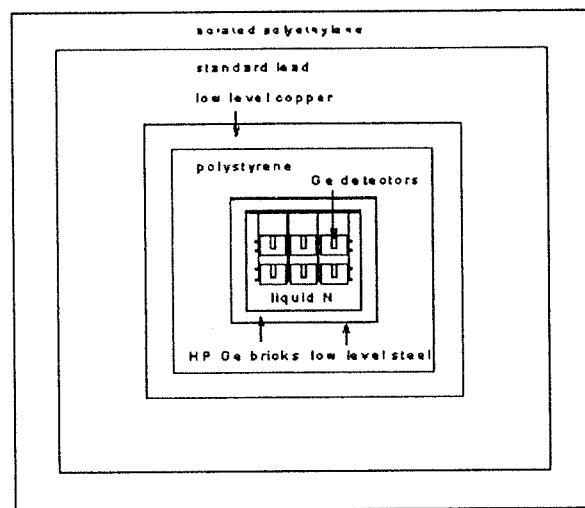
DM & Solar Neutrinos



# GENIUS-TF

14 crystals of natural Ge to test background

approved



# MAJORANA

0.5 tons of enriched Ge

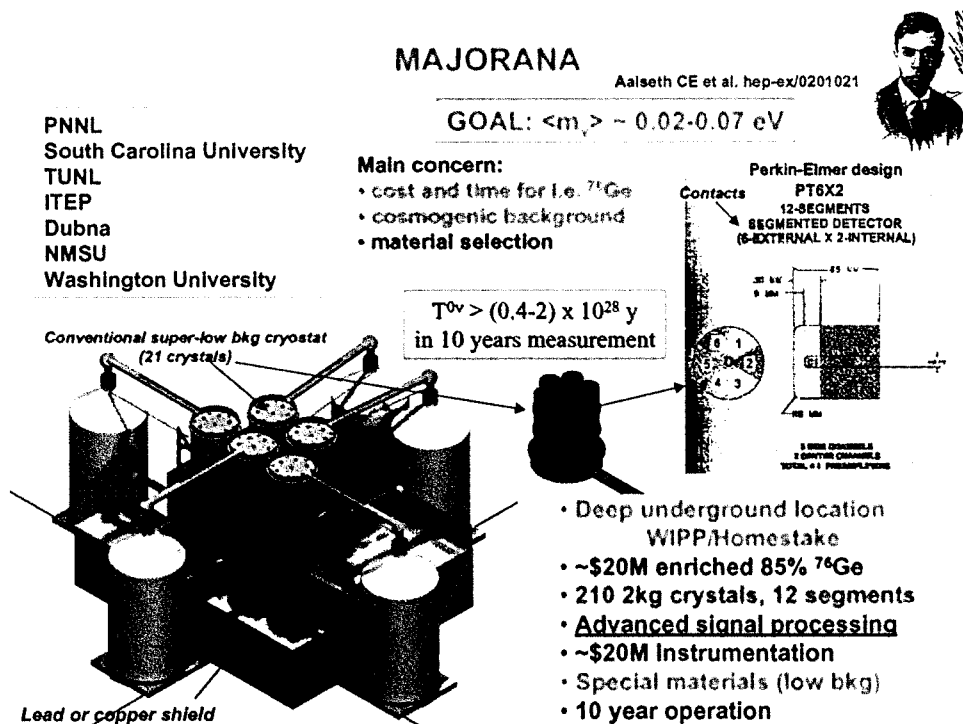
Segmented detectors

Pulse shape discrimination

To be installed in the USA underground laboratory

They have complete previous test with a single Ge detector, and are now mounting 12 enriched crystals.

Majorana will be made by 210 diodes





## CUORE and CUORICINO

CUORE : an array of 1000 natural crystals of  $\text{TeO}_2$  of  $5 \times 5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^3 \rightarrow 760 \text{ kg}$  to study double beta decay of  $^{130}\text{Te}$ . They have been already tested

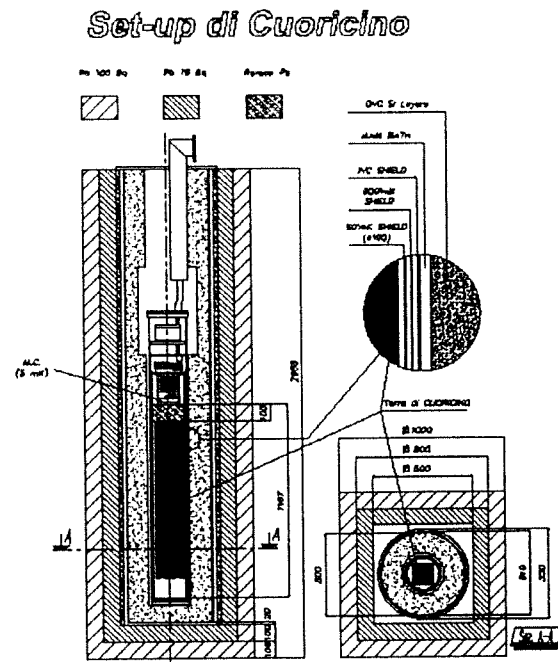
$$\Delta E = 4.6 \text{ keV @ } 46 \text{ keV and } 3.2 \text{ keV @ } 5.4 \text{ keV}$$

CUORICINO has been approved :

44 crystals of  $5 \times 5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^3$  + 14

crystals  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  of natural  $\text{TeO}_2$  + 2 crystals of

$^{128}\text{TeO}_2$  + 2 crystals of  $^{130}\text{TeO}_2$  TOTAL MASS  $\approx 40 \text{ kg}$





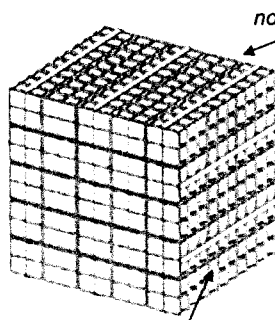
## The CUORE set-up

### Cryogenic Underground Observatory for Rare Events

LBL - U. Como - U. Firenze - Legnaro (LNL)  
LNGS - U. Milano - USC - U. Zaragoza

CUORE = closely packed array of 1000 detectors  
25 towers - 10 modules/tower - 4 detector/module

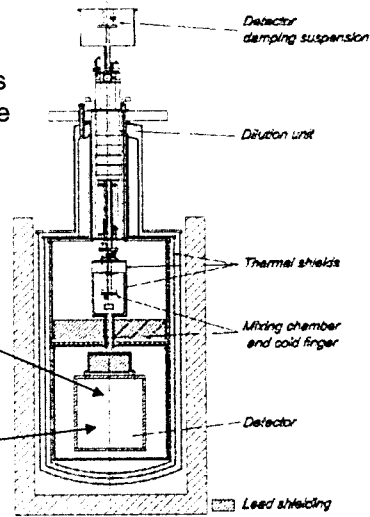
↳ Cubic structure, ideal for active shielding



no more inert Cu plates facing crystals

M = 760 kg

Each tower is a CUORICINO-like detector



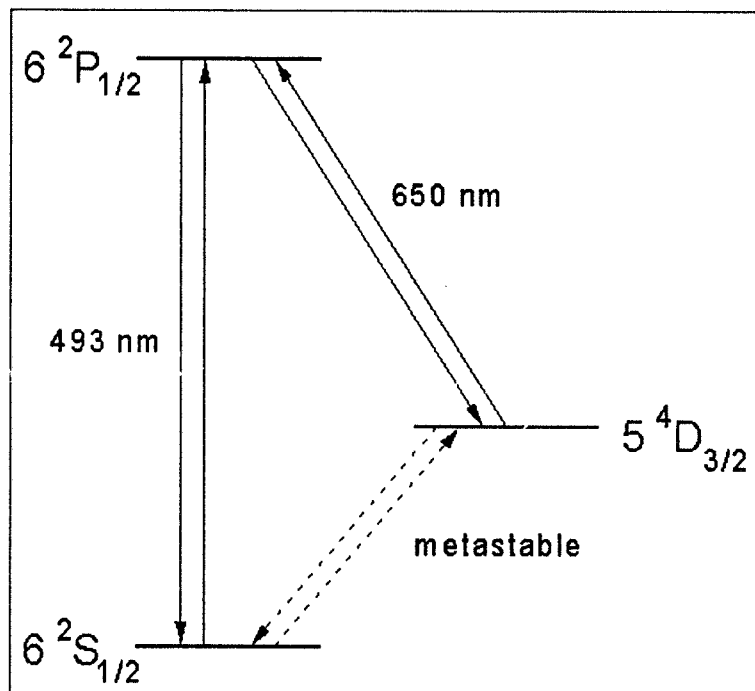
Special dilution refrigerator

## EXO

To study  $^{136}\text{Xe} \rightarrow ^{136}\text{Ba}^{++}$  in gas xenon Possibility to look to  $\text{Ba}^{++} - \text{Ba}^+$  individually detected by LASER induced fluorescence

493 nm -  $6^2\text{P}_{1/2} \rightarrow 5^4\text{D}_{3/2} \rightarrow 650 \text{ nm} \rightarrow 6^2\text{P}_{1/2}$  (blu)

**Simpler approach** : electrical collection of Ba atoms





# CONCLUSIONS

- SENSITIVITY DEPENDS, FOR A GIVEN ENRICHMENT ON ENERGY RESOLUTION, BACKGROUND, MASS, TIME
- BACKGROUND CAN BE EVALUATED WITH MONTE CARLO, BUT....
- TESTS WITH REDUCED MASS ARE ESSENTIAL
- STILL LARGE UNCERTAINTIES ON NUCLEAR MATRIX ELEMENTS EXIST AND CONSEQUENTLY ON  $\langle m_\nu \rangle$
- SEARCHES ON  $\beta\beta$  DECAY INVOLVE DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES: LOW RADIOACTIVITY, NUCLEAR DETECTORS, CHEMISTRY, MATERIAL SCIENCES, CRYOGENICS, GEOCHRONOLOGY
- SECOND GENERATION EXPERIMENTS ARE COMPETITIVE AND SEARCH ON DIFFERENT NUCLEI
- IMPORTANT SUBPRODUCTS (e.g. DARK MATTER,  $e^-$  stability etc.)
- PRESENT RESULTS ON  $\gamma$  OSCILLATION INDICATE AIMS REACHABLE IN THE INVERSE HIERARCHY SCHEME AND PERHAPS IN THE NORMAL HIERARCHY ONE