



Majorana Neutrinos , Neutrinoless Double Beta Decays & Opportunities at CJPL

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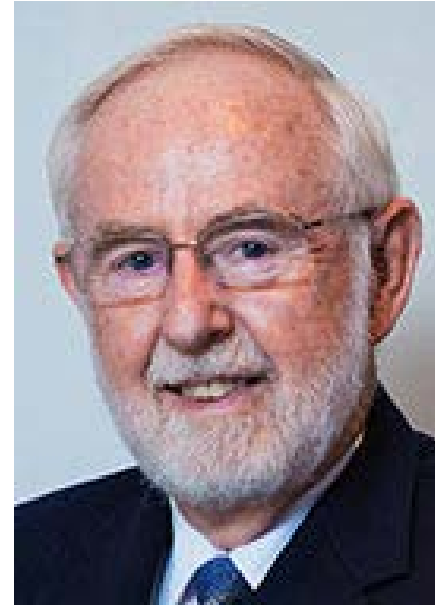
Outline

- 1) **Majorana Neutrinos and Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay (0vbb)**
- 2) **CUORE (Cryogenic Underground Observatory for Rare Events) Results**
- 3) **CUPID-China Collaboration and Crystal Bolometer Development in China**

Nobel Prize in Physics 2015



Takaaki Kajita



Arthur B. McDonald

“For the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass”

2016 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics

Kam-Biu Luk, Yifang Wang, and the Daya Bay Collaboration

Koichiro Nishikawa and the K2K and T2K Collaboration

Atsuto Suzuki and the KamLAND Collaboration

Arthur B. McDonald and the SNO Collaboration

Takaaki Kajita, Yoichiro Suzuki and the SuperK Collaboration

For the fundamental discovery and exploration of neutrino oscillations, revealing a new frontier beyond, and possibly far beyond, the standard model of particle physics.

Neutrino oscillation \leftarrow flavor states are not the mass eigenstates !

Dirac or Majorana Particles

Dirac Particles → particle and anti-particle different

- electron ($q=-1$) and positron ($q = +1$)
- quarks (q) and anti-quarks ($-q$)

Majorana Particles → particle and anti-particle same

- neutral particle, fermion
- beyond Standard Model (lepton # violation)

Neutrino Physics Program

Critical Questions for Future Neutrino Physics Program

- 1) Are neutrinos their own anti-particles?
Dirac or Majorana neutrinos
Majorana – lepton violation, masses
- 2) What are the scale of neutrino masses and the hierarchy of the neutrino mass ordering?
- 3) Do neutrinos violate the CP symmetry and contribute to the matter-antimatter asymmetry?
- 4) Are there sterile neutrinos?

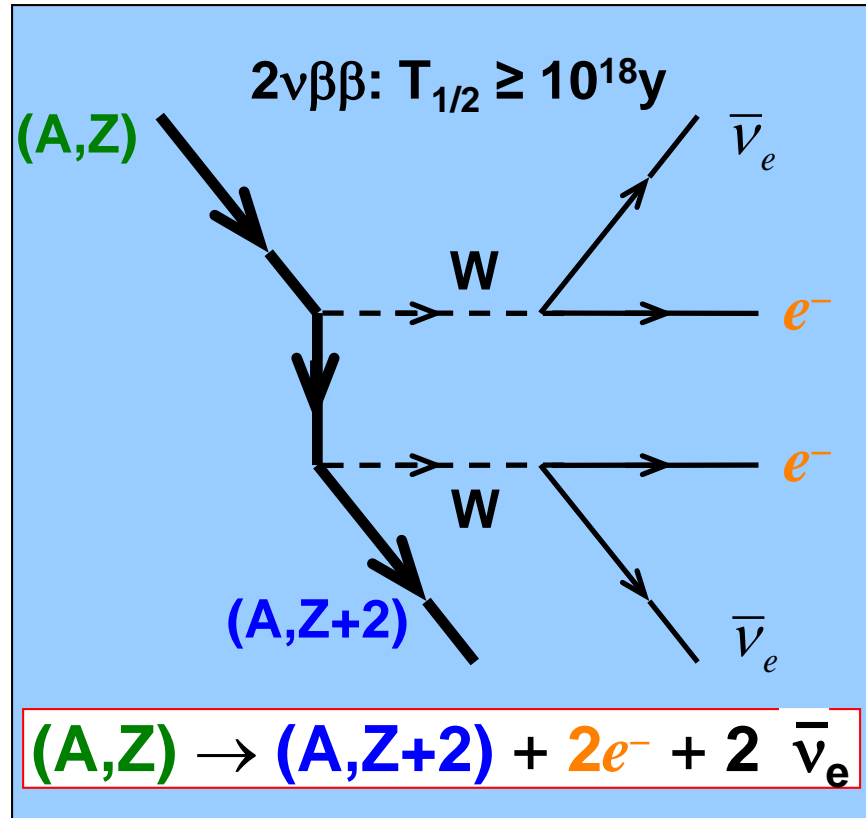
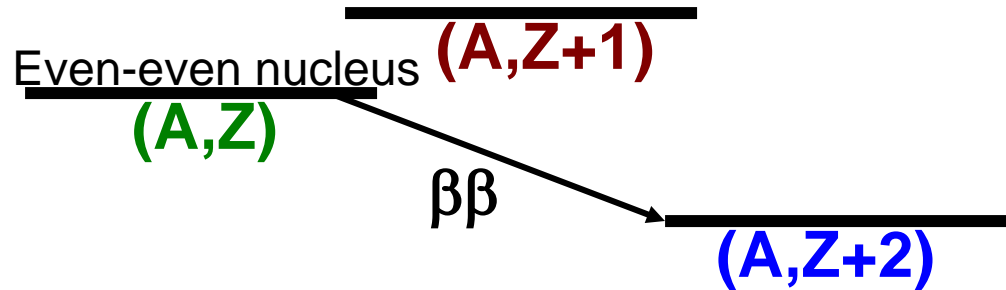
Double Beta Decay

$2\nu\beta\beta$

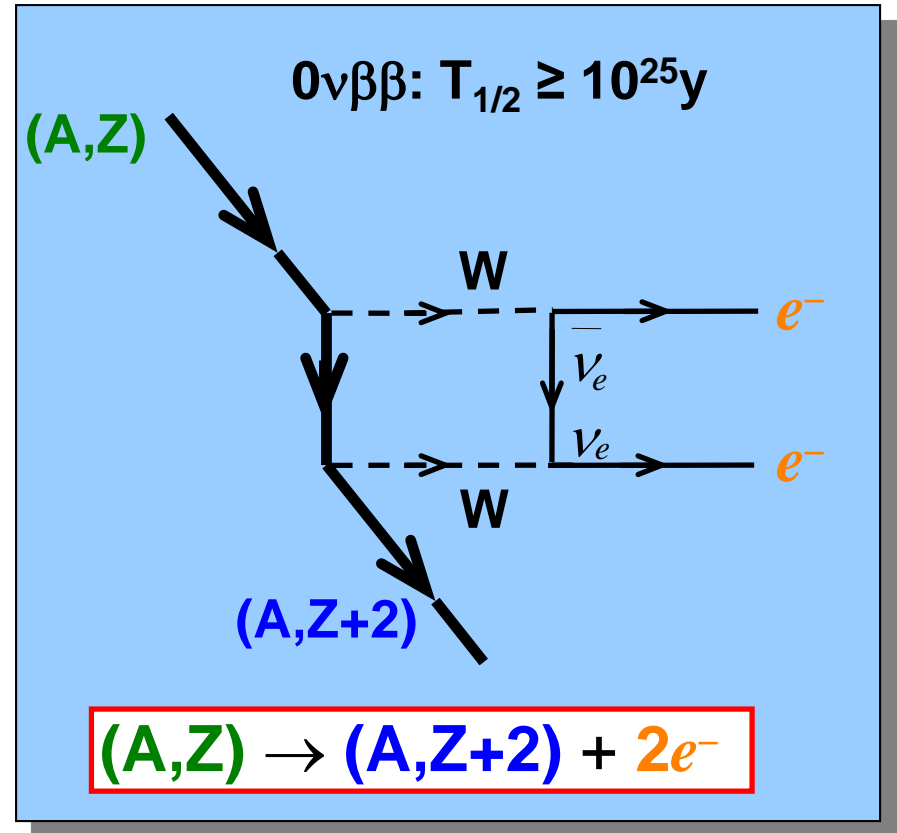
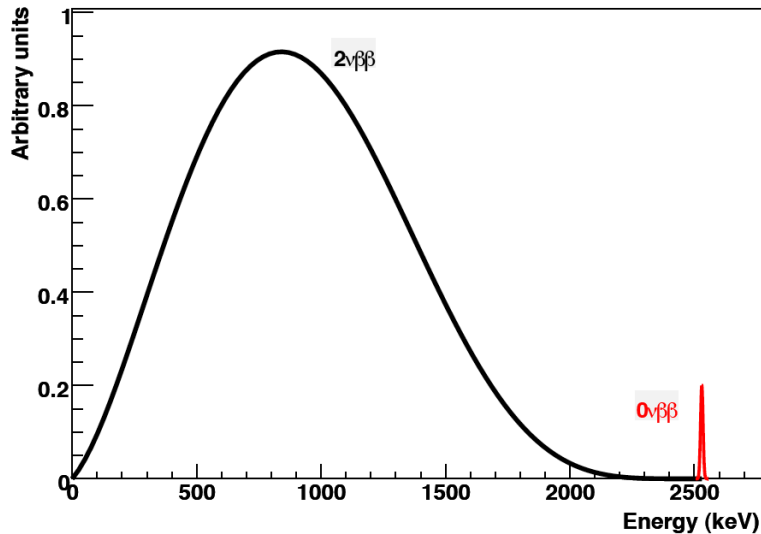


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M. Goeppert-Mayer

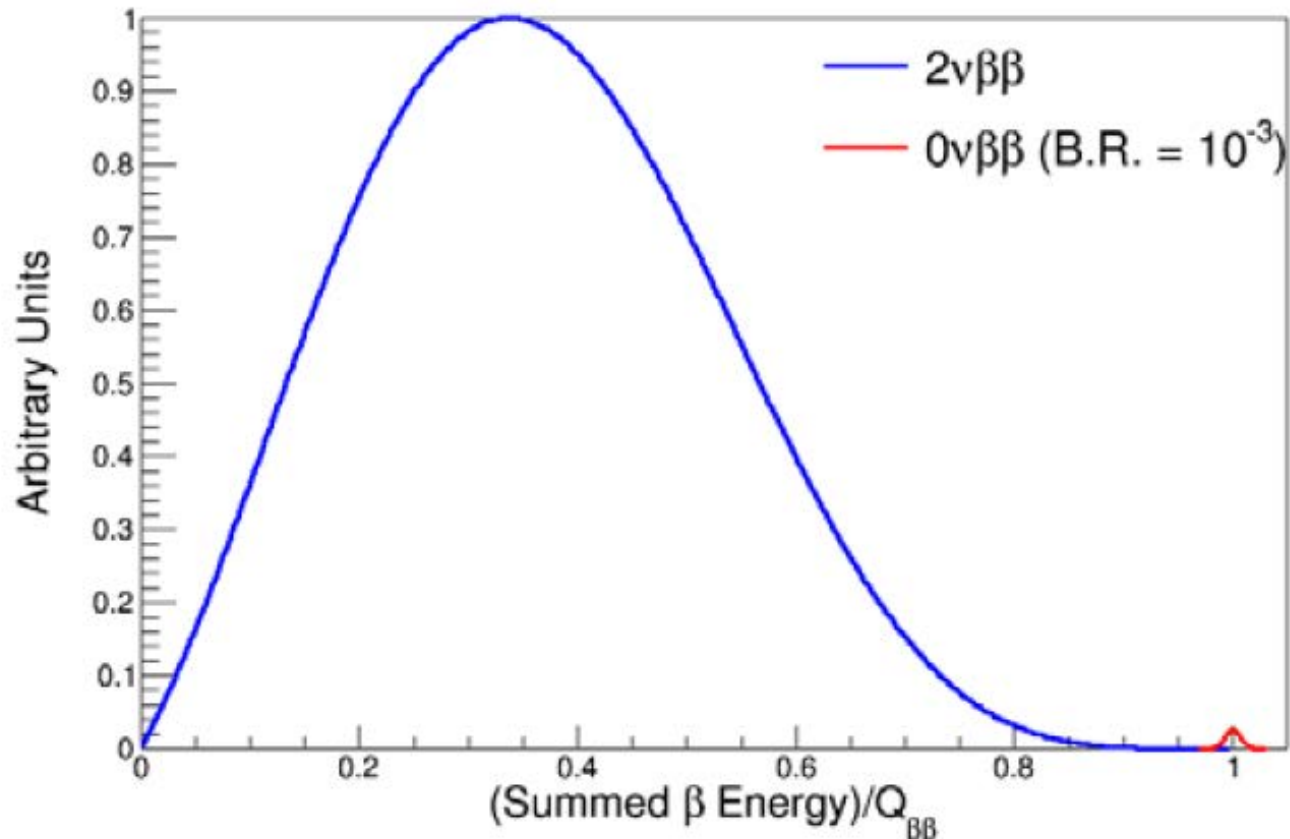


Majorana Neutrinos?



Majorana \rightarrow neutrino = anti-neutrino
Lepton Number violation !

Experimental Search for $0\nu\beta\beta$



**$2\nu\beta\beta$ decays are irreducible background !
We do not know the relative rate!**



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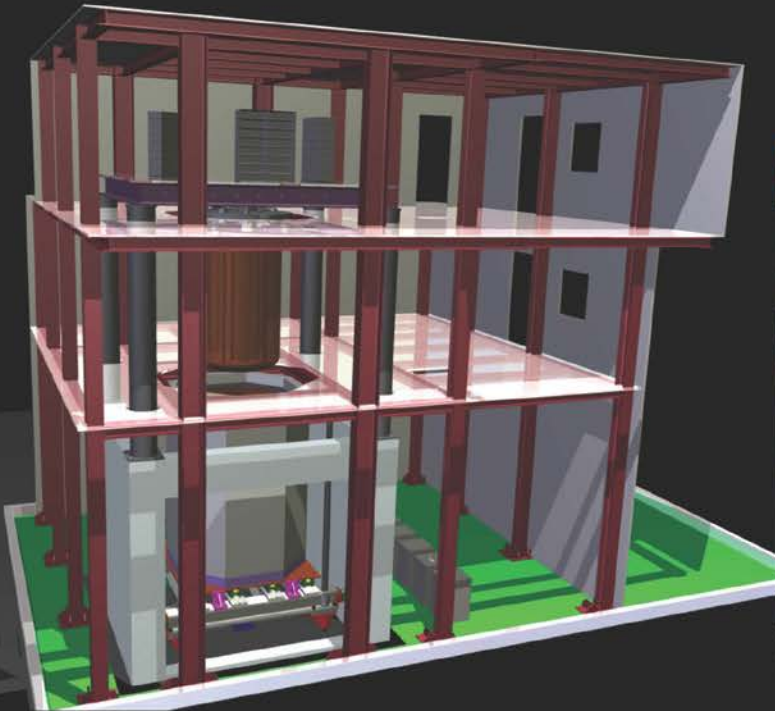
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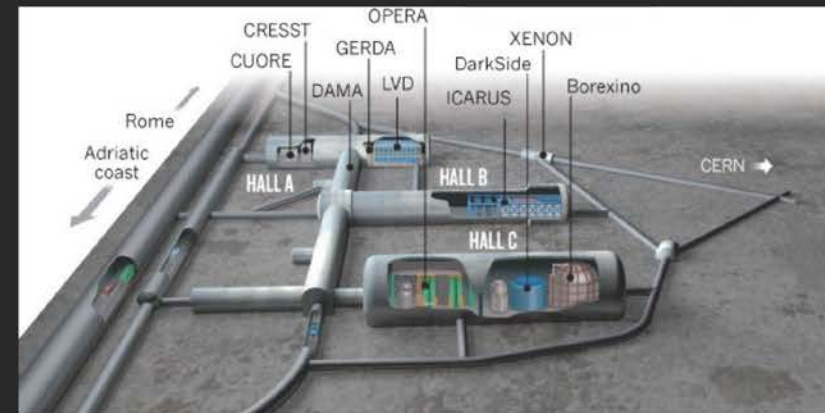
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Three story building

- Ground floor: pumps, compressors & shielding
- First floor: clean room (Gluing, Assembly & Cryostat)
- Second floor: service area, front-end & DAQ



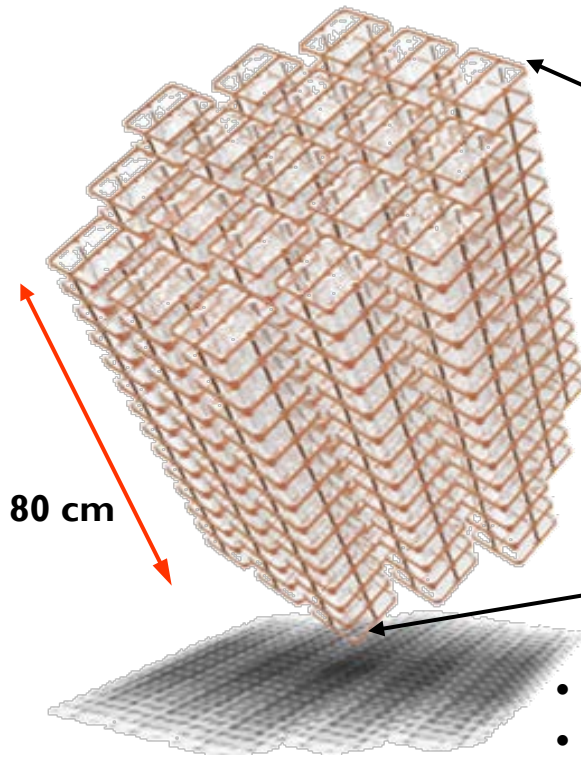
CUORE

CUORE: Cryogenic Underground

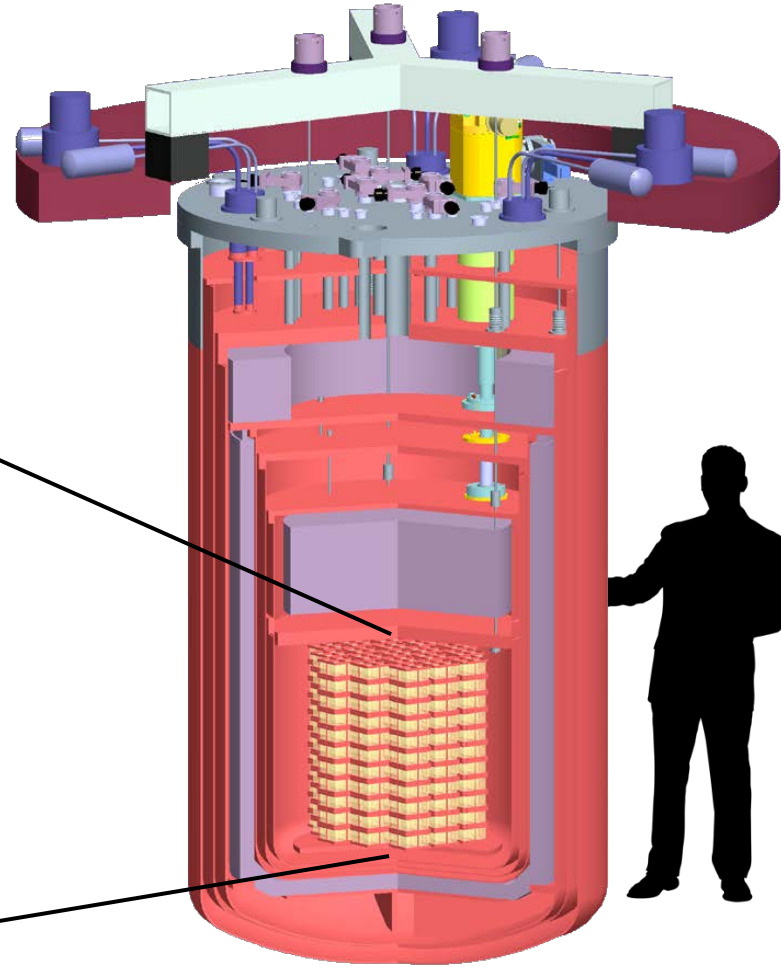
Observatory for Rare Events will be a tightly packed array of **988 Bolometers** - **M ~ 200 kg** of ^{130}Te



19 CUORICINO-
like towers with 13
planes of 4 crystals
each

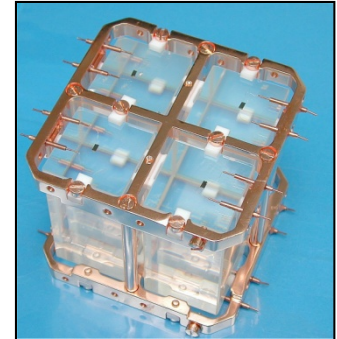


80 cm



- Operated at Gran Sasso laboratory
- Special cryostat built w/ selected materials
- Cryogen-free dilution refrigerator
- Shielded by several lead shields

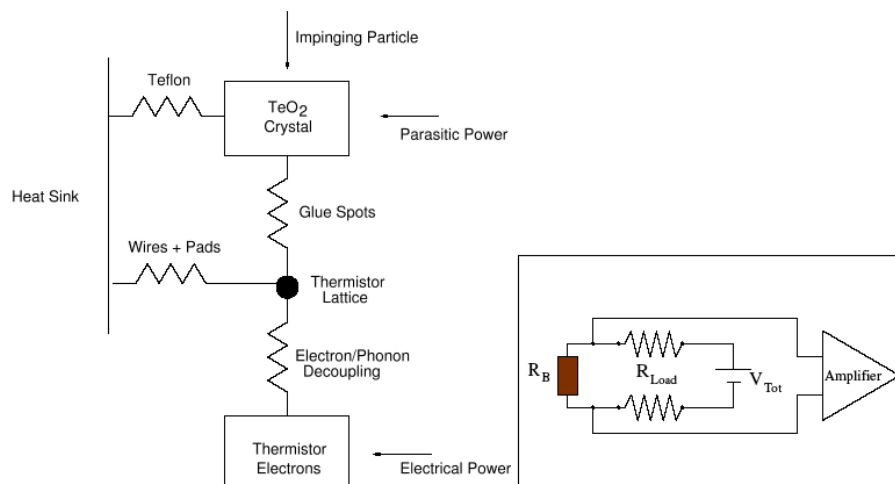
Bolometer



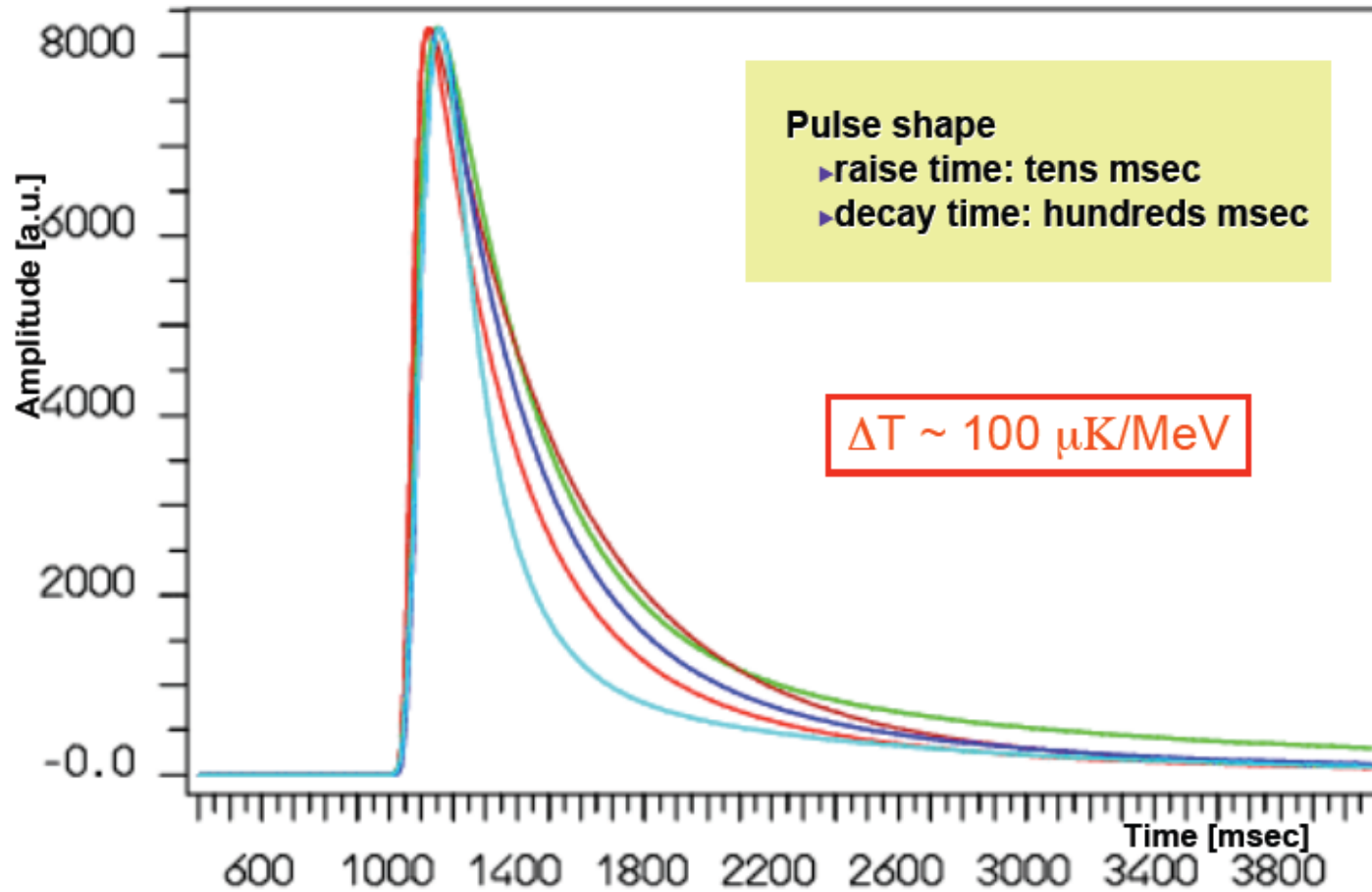
TeO₂ Bolometer: Source = Detector

Heat sink: ~8-10 mK
Thermal coupling: Teflon
Thermometer: NTD Ge thermistor
Absorber: TeO₂ crystal

CUORE Crystals from SICCAS!

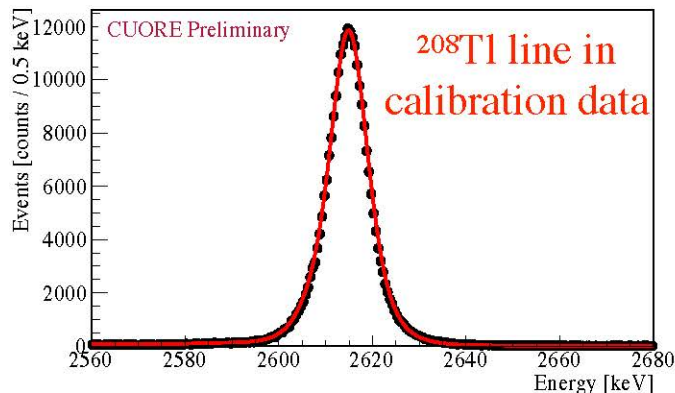
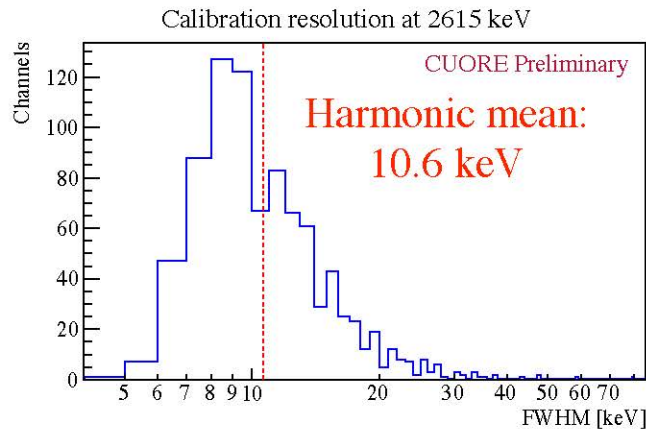


Signal from NTD Ge Thermistor

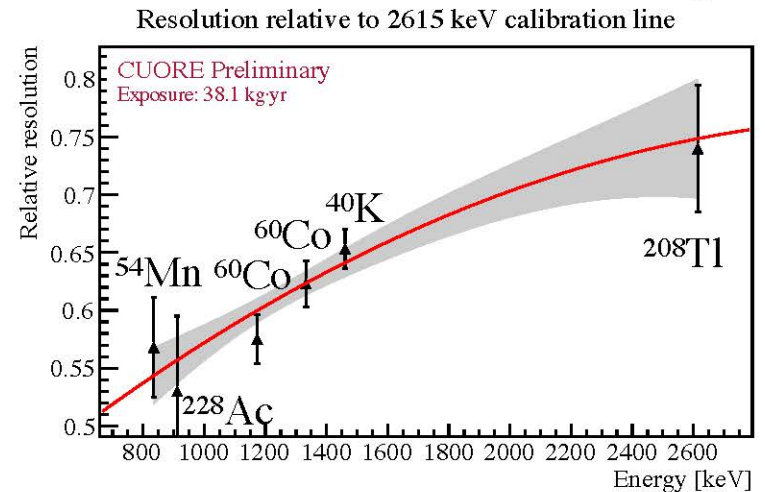
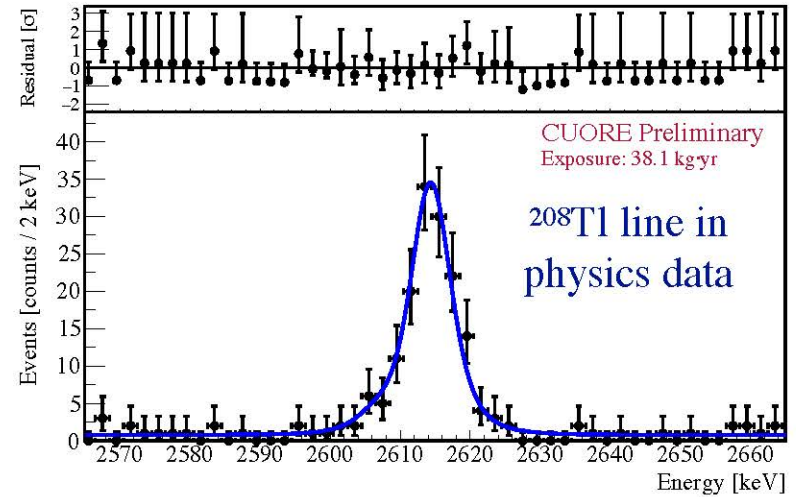


Energy resolution

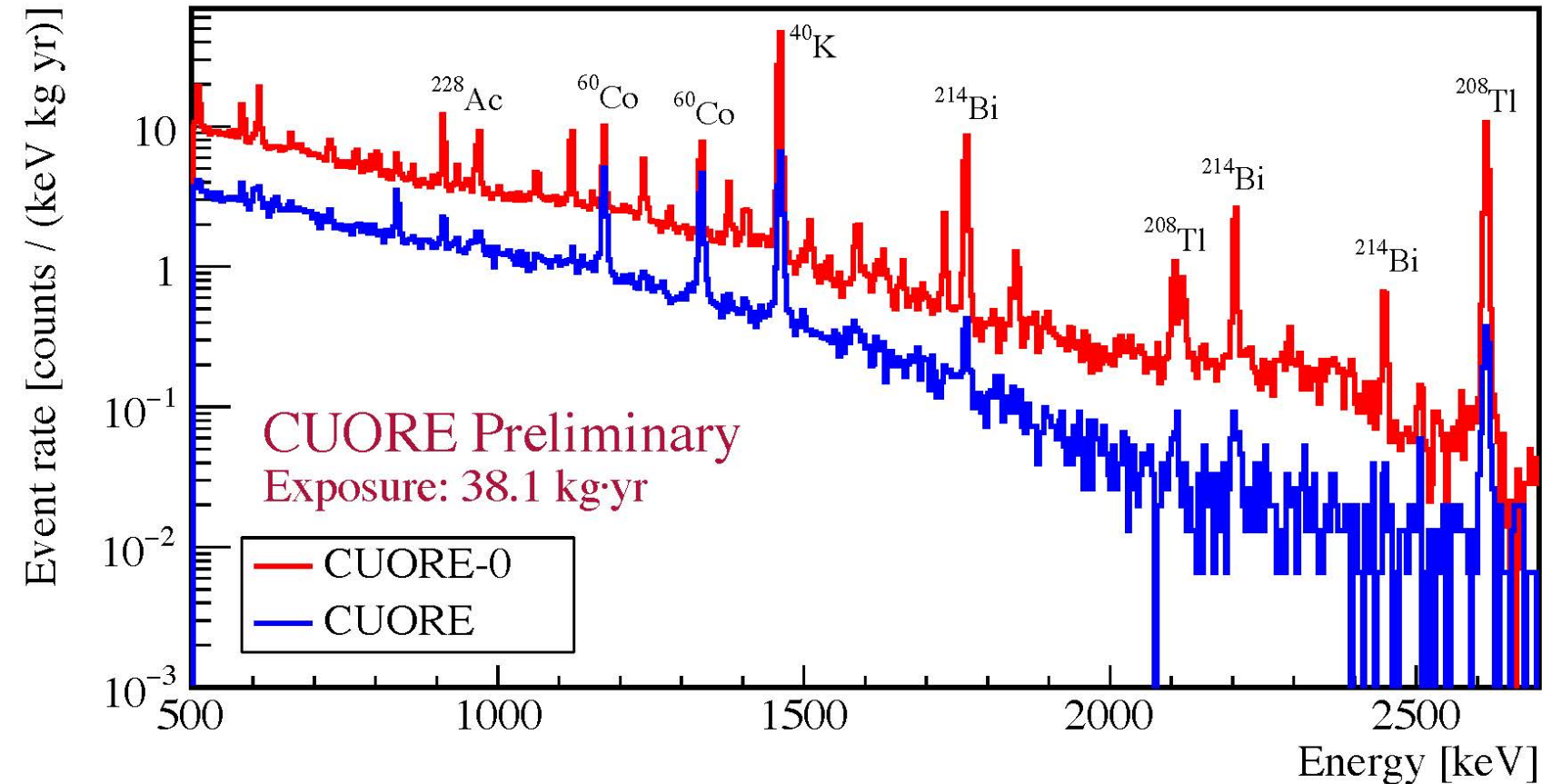
- Selected 899 (90%) “golden” channels:
 - Channels discarded due to high noise or PSA issues
 - could be recovered in the future
- Average energy resolution in calibration runs: 10.6 keV FWHM



Significantly better performance in physics data:
(7.9 ± 0.6) keV FWHM

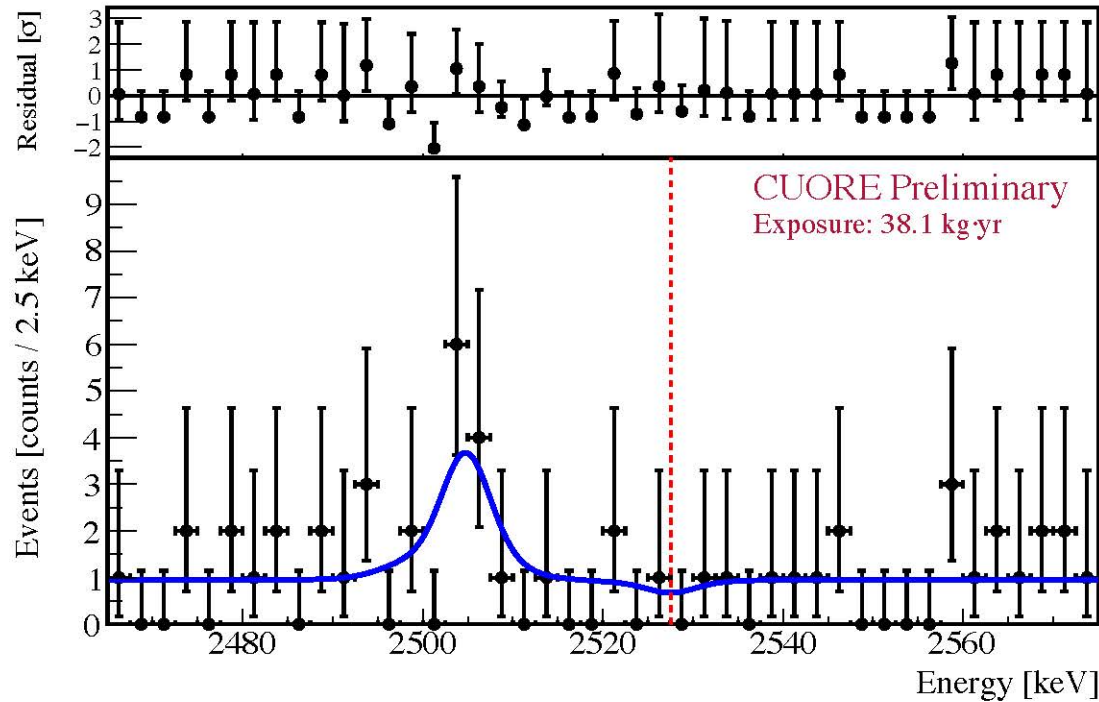


CUORE Background Spectrum



- Significant reduction in the γ region with respect to CUORE-0 (as expected)
- Spectrum is consistent with the background expectations

$0\nu\beta\beta$ Fit

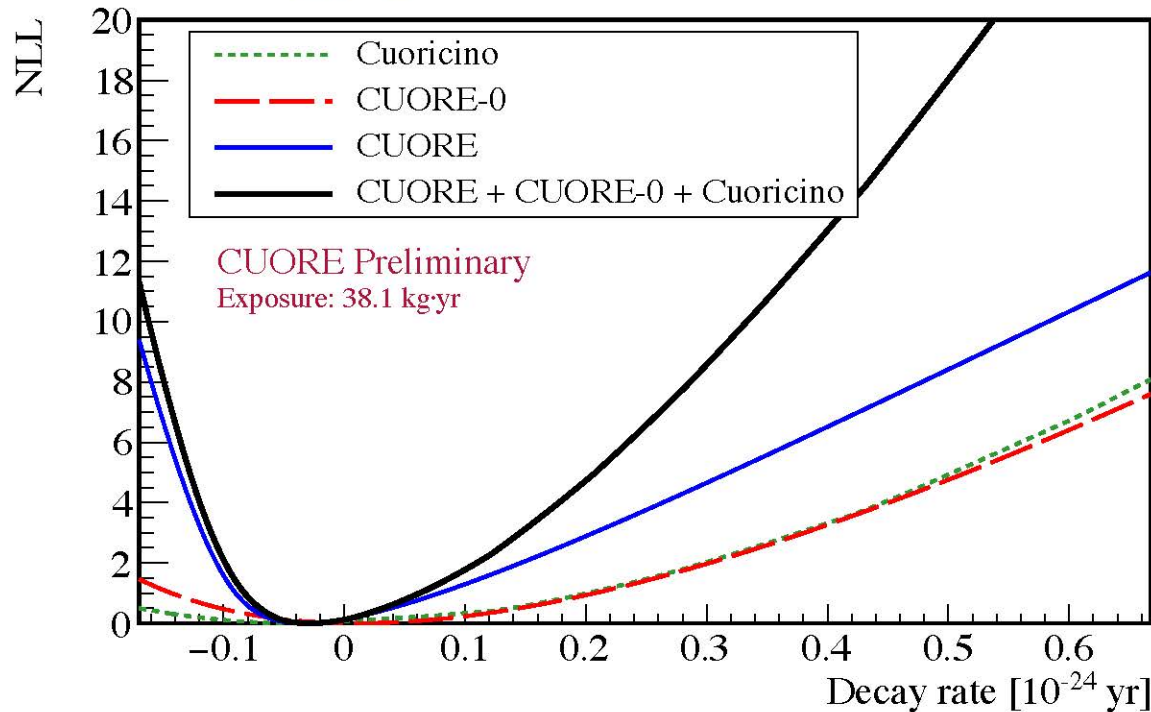


Region of interest	[2565..2575] keV
Overall efficiency	$(55.3 \pm 3.0)\%$
Events in the ROI	50
Best fit for ^{60}Co mean	(2504.8 ± 1.2) keV
ROI background index	$(9.8_{-1.5}^{+1.7}) \times 10^{-3}$ counts/(keV·kg·yr)
Best fit decay rate	$[-0.03_{-0.04}^{+0.07}$ (stat.) ± 0.01 (syst.)] $\times 10^{-24}$ yr $^{-1}$

Combination with Previous Results

We combine the CUORE result with the existing ^{130}Te data:

- Cuoricino: 19.8 kg·yr [Phys.Rev. **C78**, 035502 (2008)]
- CUORE-0: 9.8 kg·yr [Phys.Rev.Lett. **115**, 102502 (2015)]



Bayesian limit @ 90% c.i. (flat prior for $\Gamma_{\beta\beta} > 0$): $T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta} > 6.6 \times 10^{24}$ years

Profile likelihood (“frequentist”) limit @ 90% CL: $T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta} > 8.1 \times 10^{24}$ years

Scaling CUORE and Beyond

$$F_N \propto \varepsilon \frac{a}{A} \left[\frac{MT}{B\Gamma} \right]^{1/2}$$

Figure of Merit F_N is defined as $[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}]^{-1} = \frac{\langle m_\nu \rangle^2}{m_e^2} F_N$.

The scaling equation shows the dependence of F_N on various parameters:

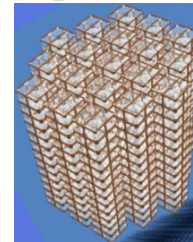
- Isotopic fraction** (a)
- Detector efficiency** (ε)
- Atomic mass** (A)
- Background** (B)
- Detector resolution** (Γ)
- Running time** (T)
- Detector Mass** (M)



CUORICINO → CUORE

Numerator up by ~20

Denominator down by ~20



Candidate for Double beta Decays

$E_{\gamma}^{\text{bk}} = 2.615 \text{ MeV}$

Q (MeV) Abund.(%)

$^{48}\text{Ca} \rightarrow ^{48}\text{Ti}$	4.271	0.187
$^{76}\text{Ge} \rightarrow ^{76}\text{Se}$	2.040	7.8
$^{82}\text{Se} \rightarrow ^{82}\text{Kr}$	2.995	9.2
$^{96}\text{Zr} \rightarrow ^{96}\text{Mo}$	3.350	2.8
$^{100}\text{Mo} \rightarrow ^{100}\text{Ru}$	3.034	9.6
$^{110}\text{Pd} \rightarrow ^{110}\text{Cd}$	2.013	11.8
$^{116}\text{Cd} \rightarrow ^{116}\text{Sn}$	2.802	7.5
$^{124}\text{Sn} \rightarrow ^{124}\text{Te}$	2.228	5.64
$^{130}\text{Te} \rightarrow ^{130}\text{Xe}$	2.528	34.5
$^{136}\text{Xe} \rightarrow ^{136}\text{Ba}$	2.479	8.9
$^{150}\text{Nd} \rightarrow ^{150}\text{Sm}$	3.367	5.6

Comments on Isotopes

Enrichment Challenges

Te ^{128}Te -- 31.7%
 ^{130}Te -- 34.1%

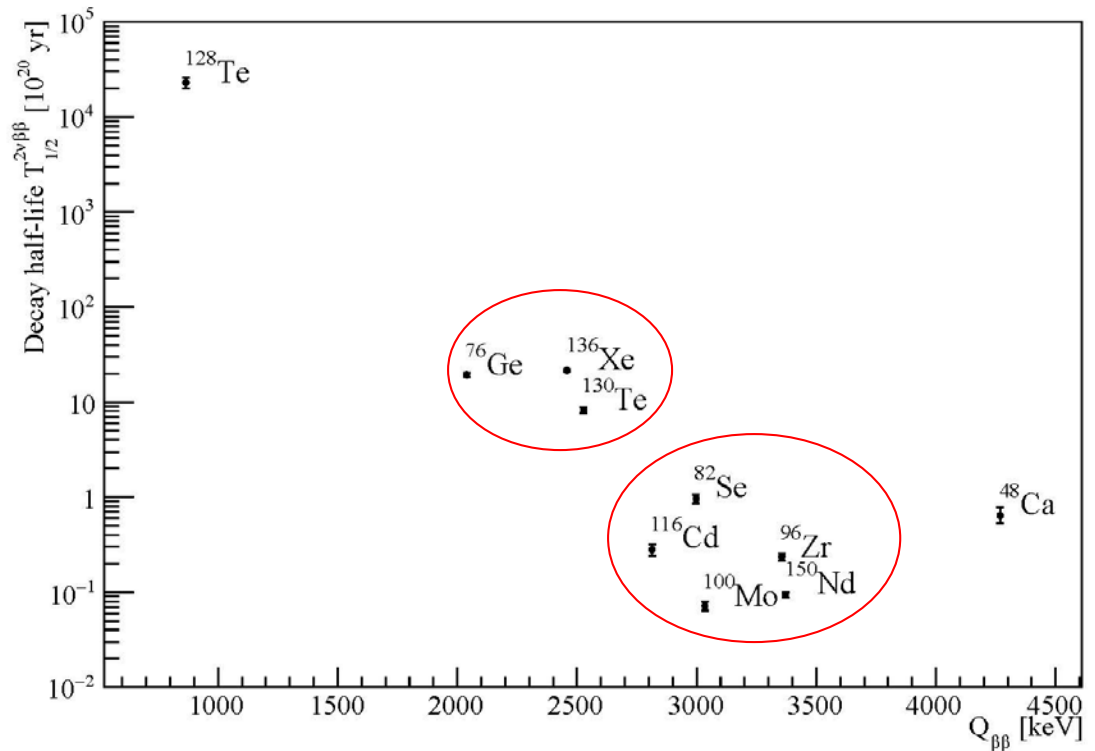
Xe ^{134}Xe -- 10.4%
 ^{136}Xe -- 8.9%

Mo ^{98}Mo -- 24.3%
 ^{100}Mo -- 9.7%

Se ^{80}Se -- 49.8%
 ^{82}Se -- 8.8%

Ge ^{74}Ge -- 36.5%
 ^{76}Ge -- 7.8%

Decay Half-lives vs Q-values of $2\nu\beta\beta$ Decay Isotopes



Te, Xe and Mo relatively less expensive to enrich
Bolometer technology can work with Te/Mo well

CUPID-China Collaboration

CUPID – CUORE Upgrade with Particle IDentification
---- Develop Low Temperature Bolometer Technology
for next generation of 0vbb experiment with
> 1 ton effective 0vbb isotope

International Collaboration:

CUPID – Italy

CUPID – US

CUPID – France

CUPID – China

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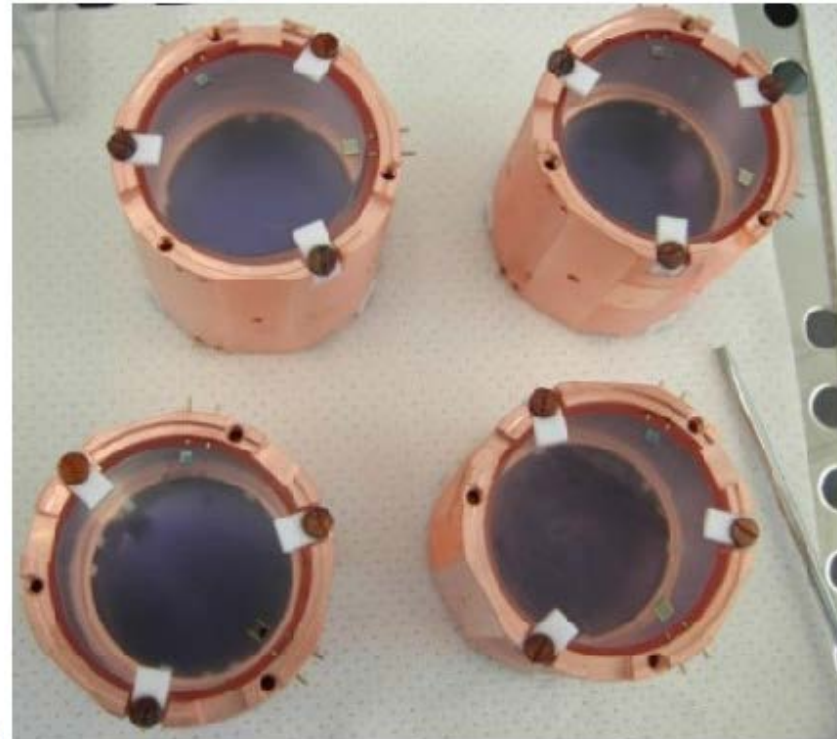
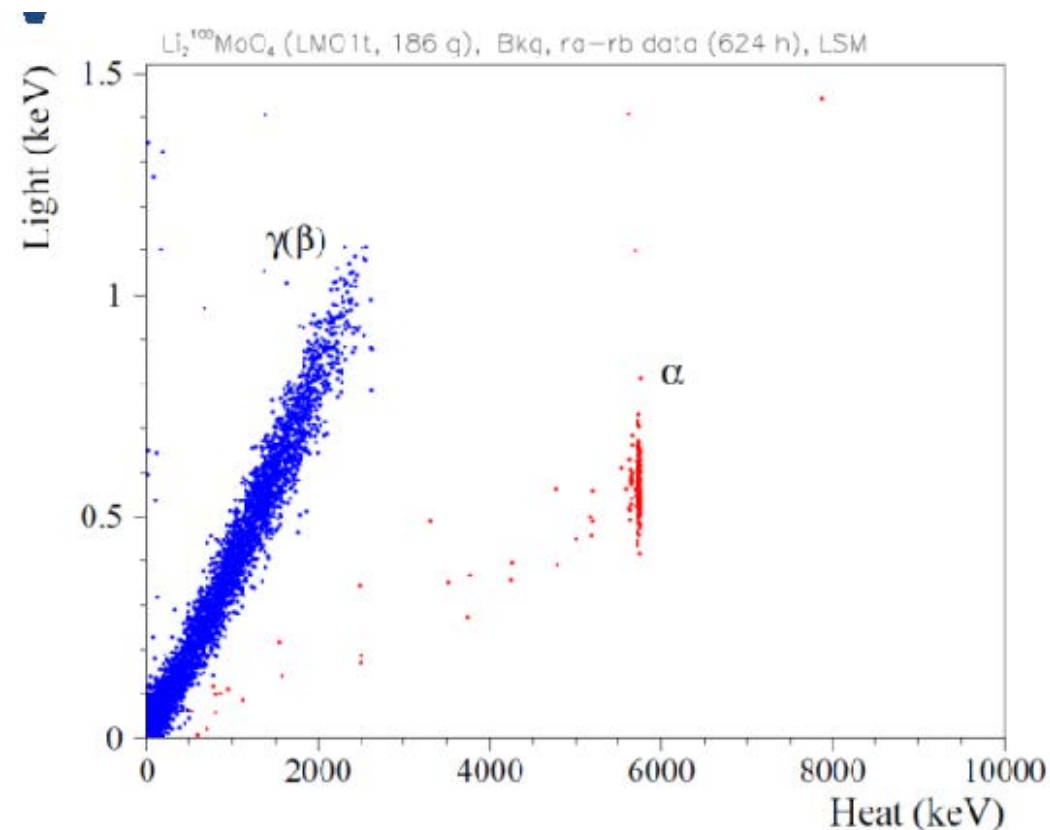
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3-5 年 - 掌握和研发最先进低温晶体量热器技术，达到
新一代吨级探测器的本底要求 1c/keV/ton/year

5-10年 - 建造和运行新一代0vbb探测器 (TeO_2 和 Li_2MoO_4)

Support and/or Join CUPID-China Project !! ²²

CUPID-Mo R&D Effort



Li₂MoO₄ (LMO) – Very Promising Technology
Ningbo University/SICCAS can grow Radiopure LMO
Set up Cryogenic Testing Lab at CJPL for a Demonstrator

Multiple Approaches Preferred

CUORE-- $^{130}\text{Te}/^{130}\text{Mo}$

- Excellent Energy Resolution (FWHM 0.2%)
- Cost Effective
- Background Elimination ($Q > 2615$ keV)
- Particle ID Technique

GERDA/MAJORANA -- ^{76}Ge

- Low Background Possible With Active LAr
- Detector Segmentation and Pulse Shape Analysis Possible
- Very Costly !

EXO/HPXe -- ^{136}Xe

- Scale Up
- Ba^+ Tagging Challenging / FWHM ~1%
- Tracking Could Be Powerful

Measure different isotopes to establish $0\nu\beta\beta$ process !

Future Perspective

Neutrinos can lead to new frontiers

1) Neutrinos and the New Paradigm

- neutrino masses, Dirac/Majorana and CP violation beyond the Standard Model

2) Neutrinos and the Unexpected

- Many discoveries in recent years, what surprises and extraordinary properties ahead?

3) Neutrinos and Cosmos

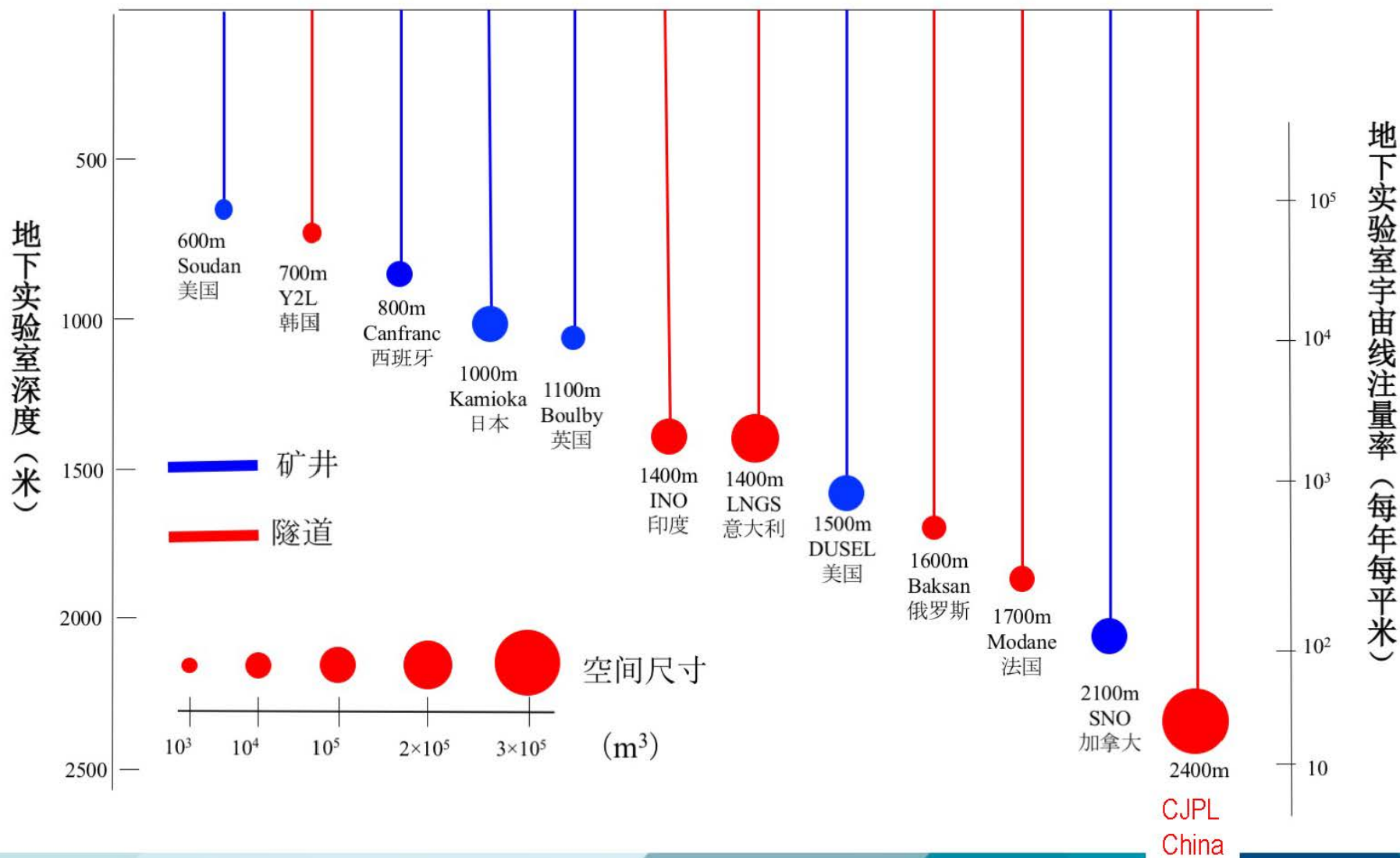
- # of neutrinos, neutrino masses – large structures
CP violation – matter/anti-matter asymmetry

Recent technology development → verge of next generation of $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiment

A unique opportunity for Chinese Nuclear Physics

Need to demonstrate viable technology in a few years

Best Underground Laboratory in the World !



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