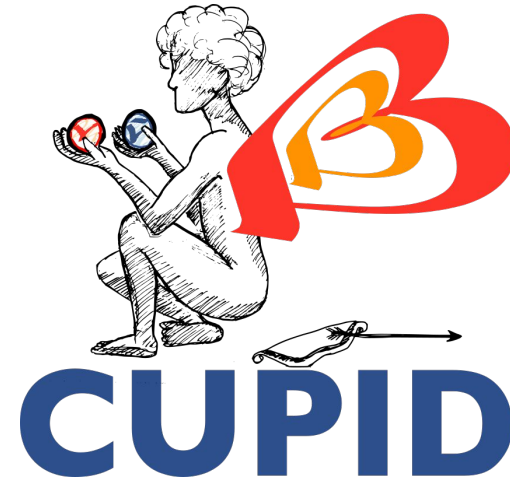


# Neutrinoless double beta decay with



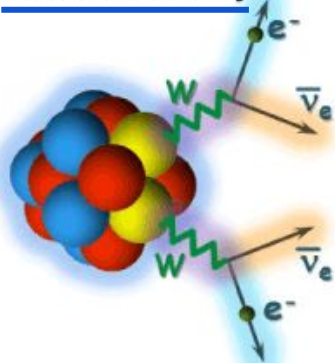
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# Dirac, or Majorana that is the question:

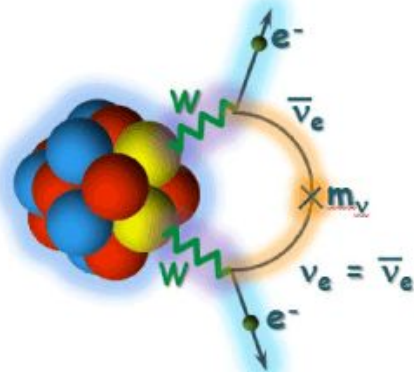
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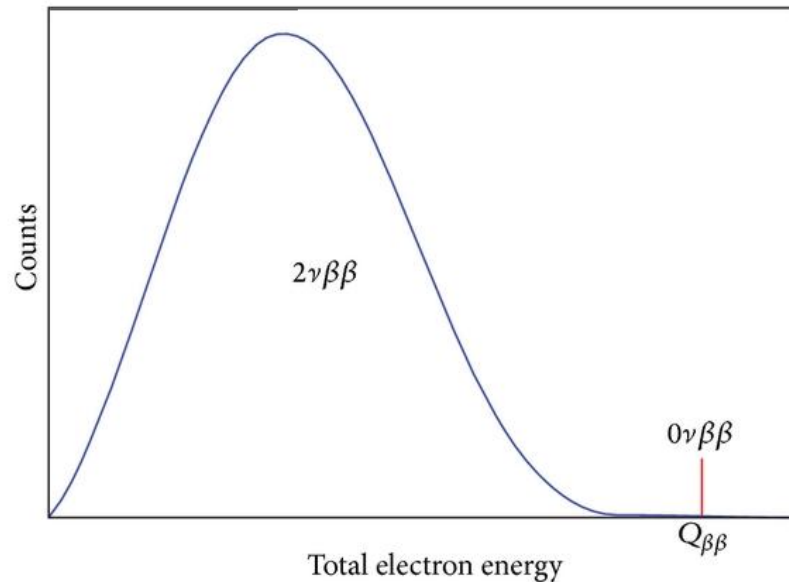
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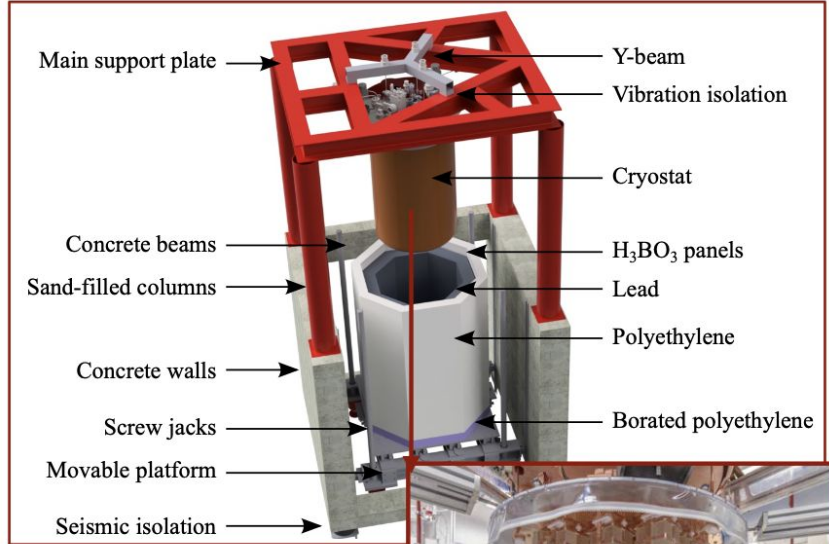
Double beta decay  
which emits anti-neutrinos



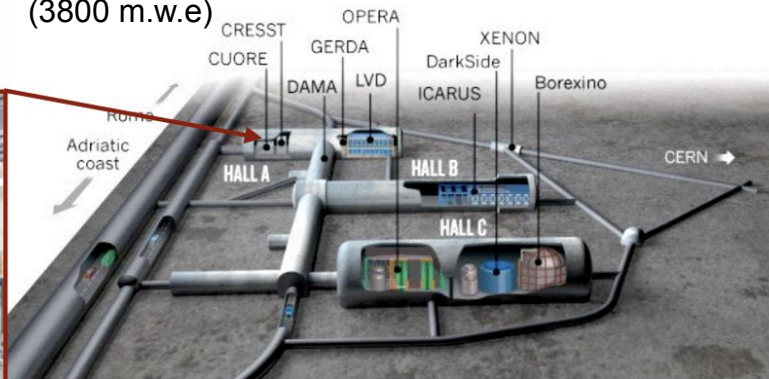
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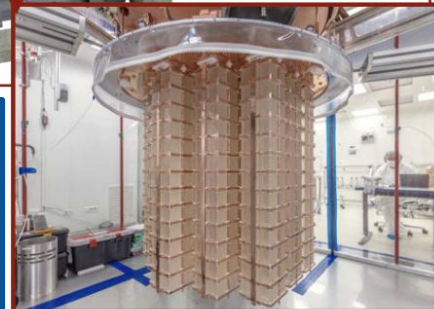
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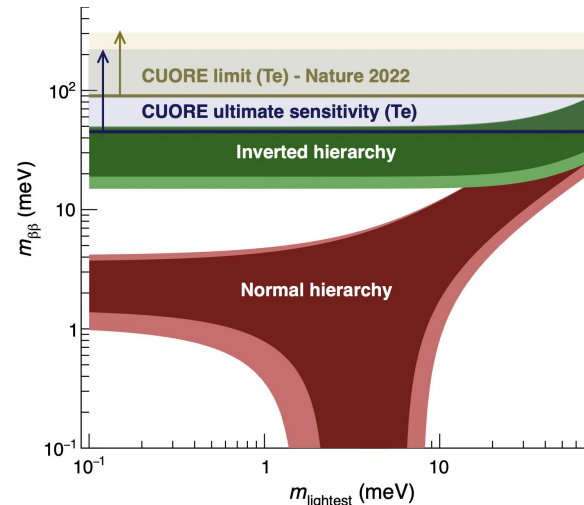
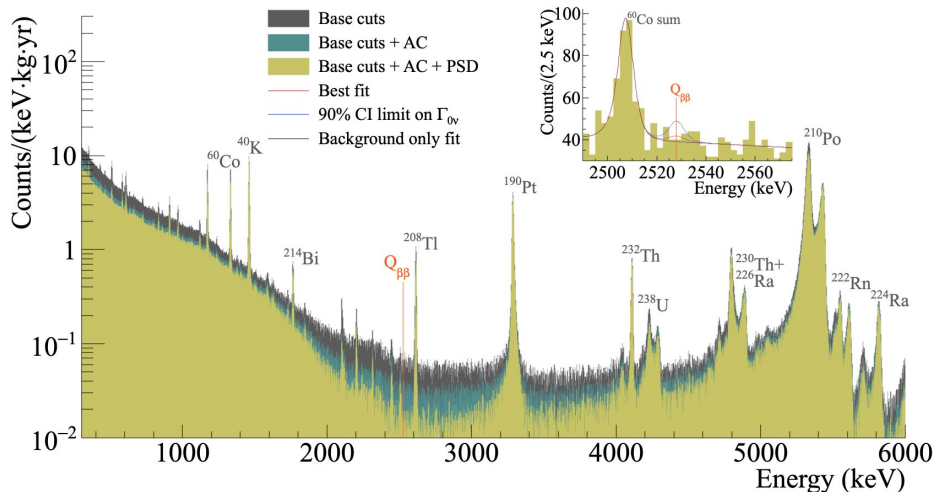
LNGS: Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso  
(3800 m.w.e)



Tonne-scale experiment composed of  $(nat)TeO_2$  thermal detectors at 10 mK



# CUORE's lesson

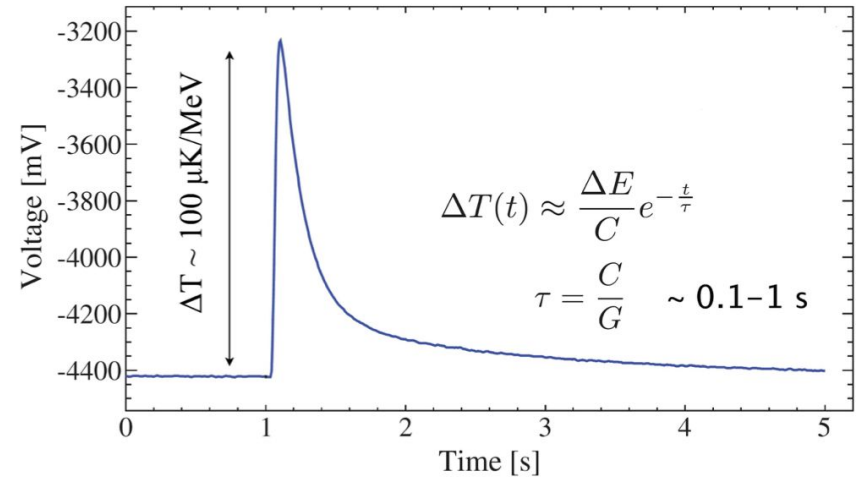
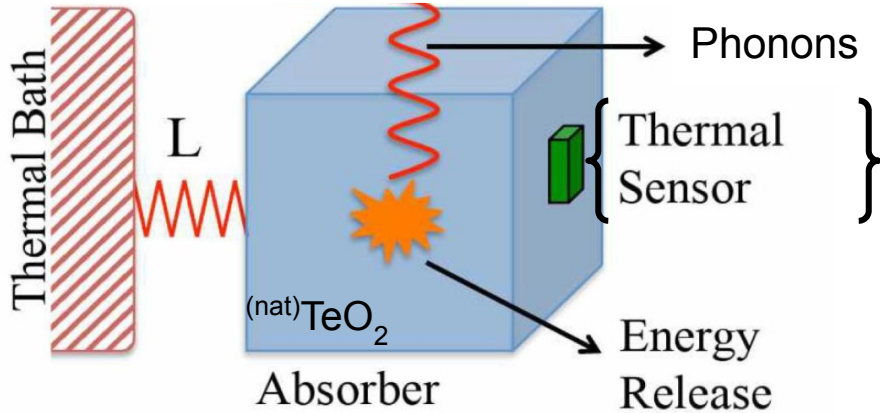


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Limiting factor: background coming from radioactive surface contamination  
(90%  $\alpha$ -particles, 10%  $\beta/\gamma$ -particles, <1% muons)

# The CUORE technique

## Bolometer

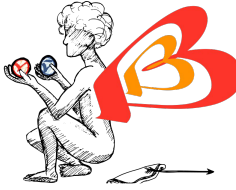


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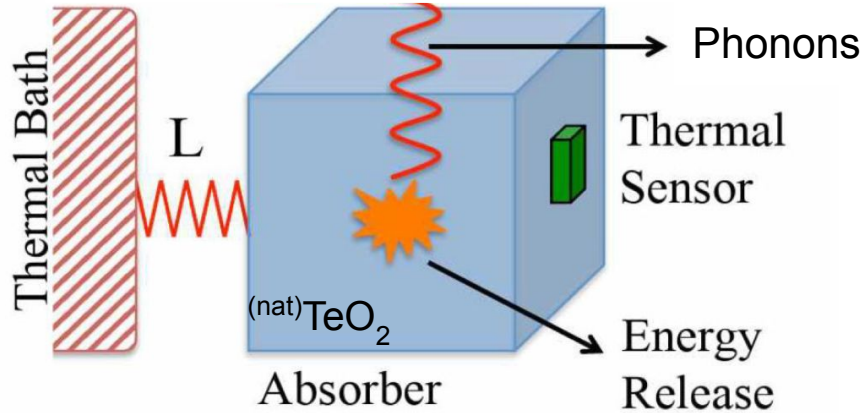


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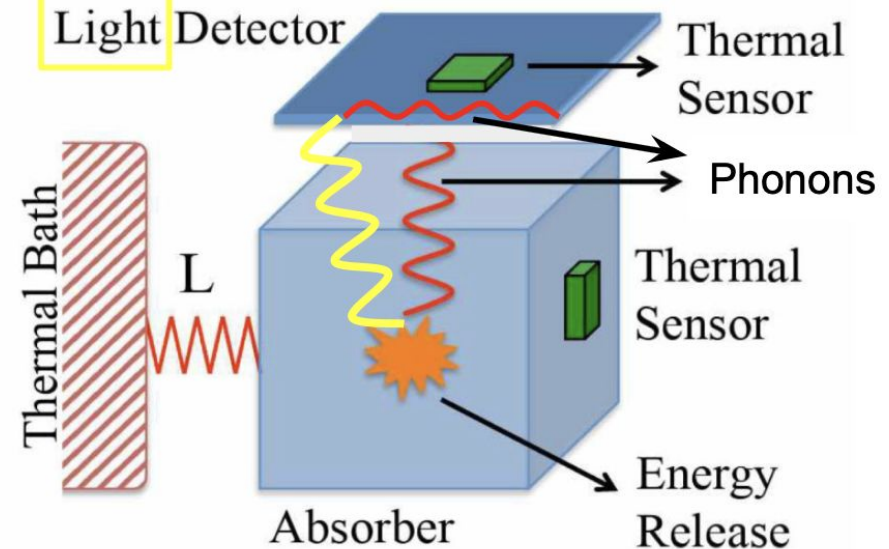
# CUPID technique



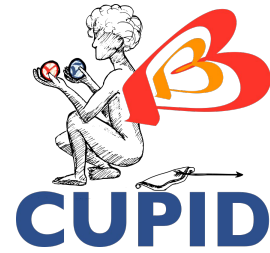
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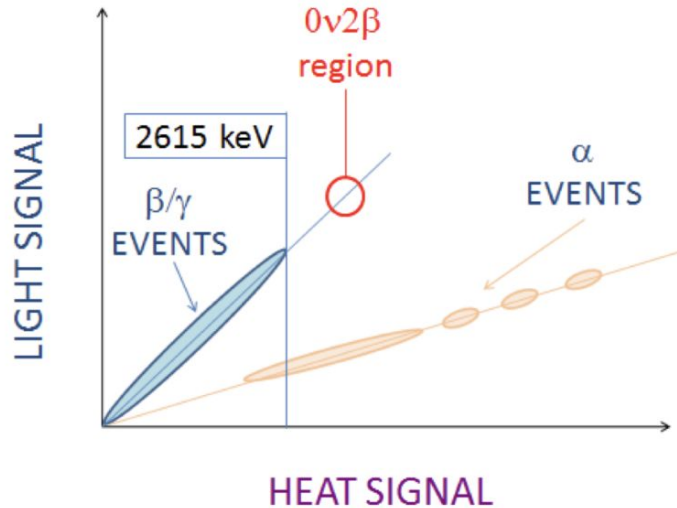
## Scintillating Bolometer



# CUORE Upgrade with Particle Identification



## Particle Identification



- Distinguish between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta/\gamma$ -particles
- 100% rejection of  $\alpha$ -particles at  $Q_{\beta\beta}$
- Reduction of 90% of background compared to CUORE



# Picking the double beta decay isotope: $^{100}\text{Mo}$

## Constraints:

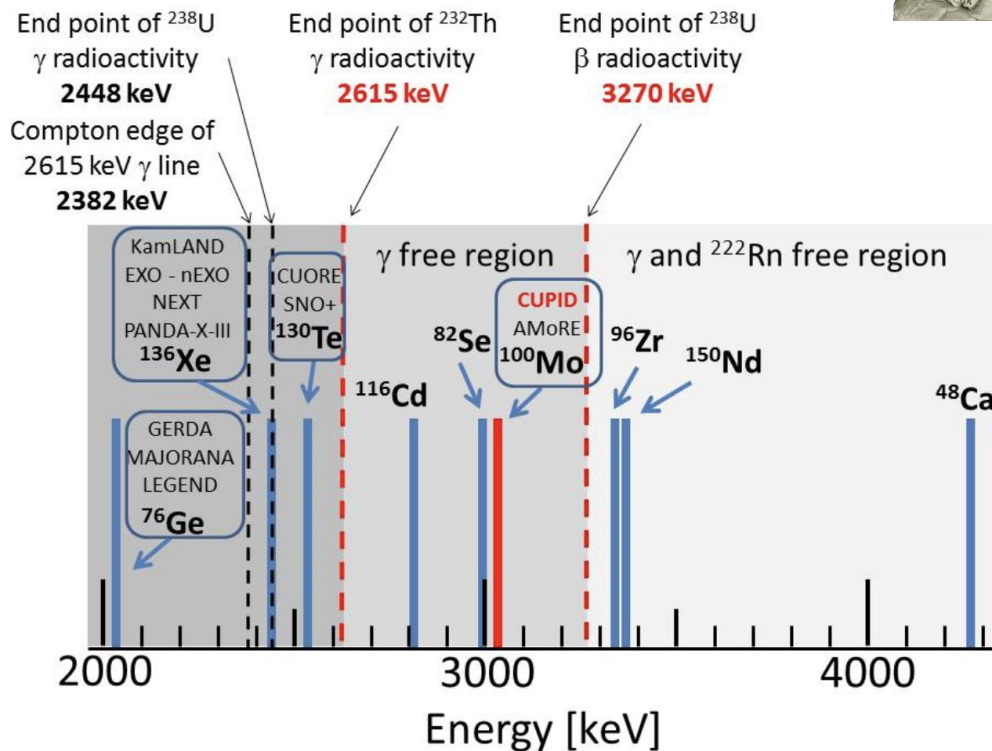
isotopic abundance,  
scintillating compound,  
possibility of mass-scale enrichment

## Higher $Q_{\beta\beta}$ than $^{130}\text{Te}$ :

removes  $\gamma$ -background,  
increases decay rate of  $0\nu\beta\beta$

$$\frac{1}{T_{1/2}^{0\nu}} = G_{0\nu}(Q, Z) |M_{0\nu}|^2 \frac{|\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle|^2}{m_e^2}$$

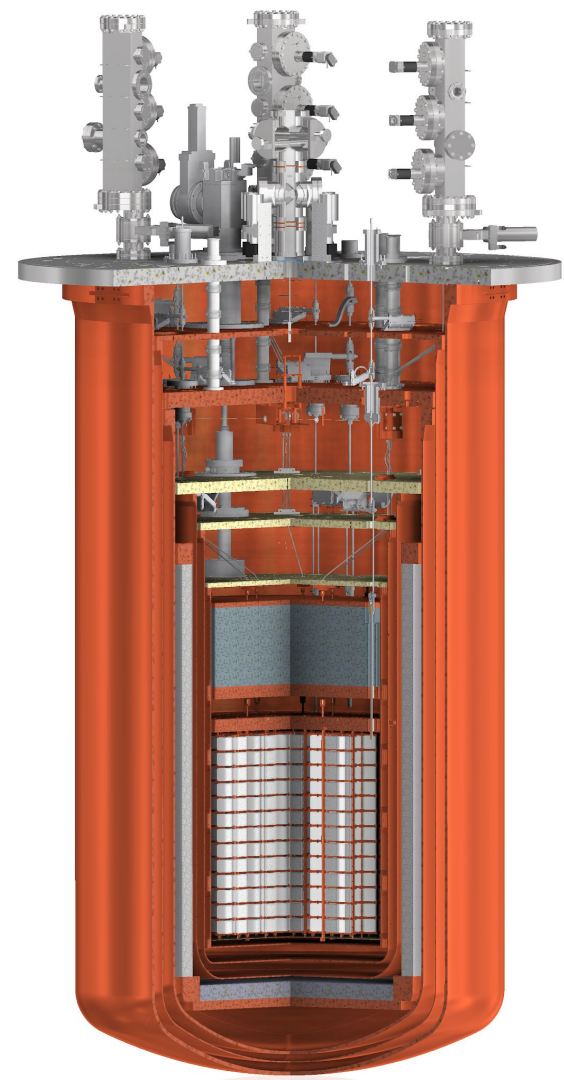
- Cupid-Mo ( $^{100}\text{Mo}$ )
- Cupid-0 ( $^{82}\text{Se}$ )



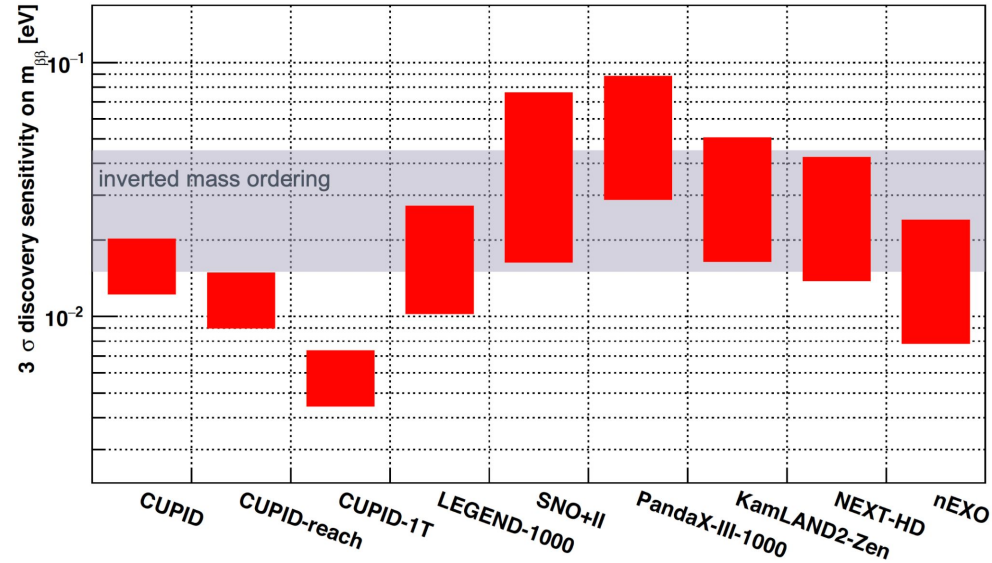
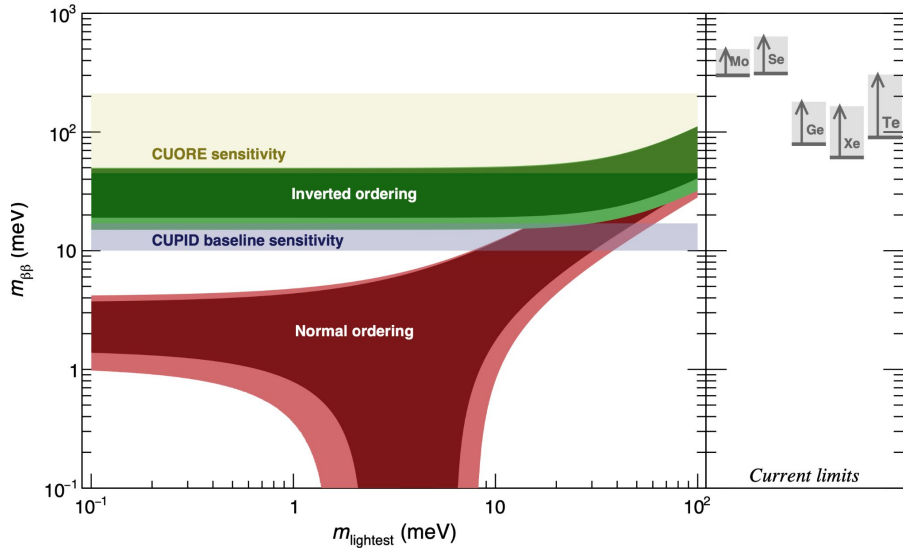


# CUPID baseline

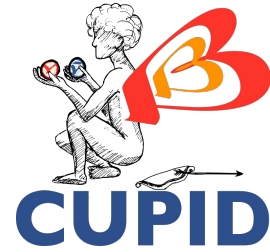
- $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$  scintillating bolometers
- Enrichment >95%
- 1596 crystals: 450 kg (240 kg) of  $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$  ( $^{100}\text{Mo}$ )
- 1710 Ge light detectors with SiO anti-reflective coating
- Energy resolution: 5 keV FWHM at  $Q_{\beta\beta}$  (3034 keV)
- Background:  $10^{-4}$  cts/keV.kg.yr
- Same mass scale as CUORE, same cryostat, ~10 mK
- 10 yr runtime



# Discovery potential



# Take home message



- CUPID is CUORE's upgrade:
  - reusing the **CUORE cryostat** + muon veto
  - using **scintillating  $\text{Li}_2\text{MoO}_4$  bolometers** and Ge light detectors with SiO anti-reflective coating
- Fully **probes the Inverted Ordering** region
- **Baseline design targets 90% C.L. half-life sensitivity of  $2.1 \times 10^{27}$  yr**



On behalf of the **CUPID** collaboration,  
thank you!

