

Journal Club- session: 3. Feb. 2020

Read the following publications about the neutrinoless double beta ($0\nu\beta\beta$) decay search experiment GERDA

RESEARCH

PARTICLE PHYSICS

Probing Majorana neutrinos with double- β decay

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Regular Article - Experimental Physics

The GERDA experiment for the search of $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay in ^{76}Ge

- What are prerequisites for BAU (Baryon Asymmetry in the Universe)? Skharov criteria?
- How does the existence of $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay help to explain BAU?
- Which implications can be made for the neutrino mass-hierarchy with the current limits on the half-life of the $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay in ^{76}Ge ? What would change if the half-life is found to be $\sim 1\text{e}29$ yr?
- What are the main advantages of using germanium detectors? How do these help to tackle the main background components?