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ETTORE MAJORANA AND HIS SOLUTION FOR THE THOMAS- FERMI EQUATION

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Abstract: 5 August 2006 marked the centennial of Ettore Majorana 's birth, an extremely gifted Italian physicist of all times, one of the greatest theoretical physicists of the 20-th century. Before mysteriously disappearing in March 1938, he was a member of Enrico Fermi's famous group in Rome (among others, colleague with, F Rasetti, G.C. Wick ,G. Racah, U. Fano, B. Ferretti, P. Caldirola, E. Segré, E. Amaldi, B. Pontecorvo, E. Fubini). In this paper, based on informations that can be found in some (old or recent) published contributions, we briefly sketch a few biographical details about Ettore Majorana and we report, for the romanian reader, on an original method, due to Majorana, leading to a semi-analytical series solution of Thomas-Fermi equation.