

Nuclear structure constraints for double-beta decay nuclear matrix elements

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The Nobel Prize in Physics 2015



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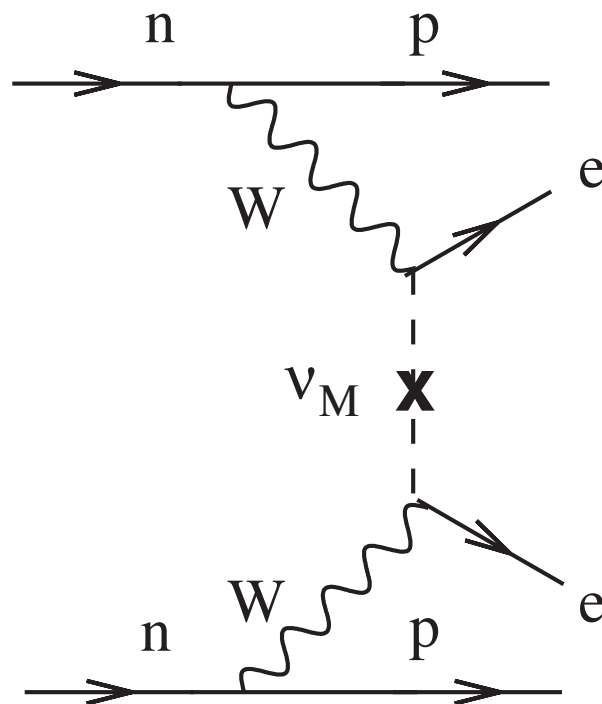
The Nobel Prize in Physics 2015 was awarded jointly to Takaaki Kajita and Arthur B. McDonald *"for the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass"*

We learned that neutrinos have mass, but we don't know how to extend the Standard Model!

Nobel prize 2025: Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay?

Probably the best chance of the low-energy nuclear physics community to get another Nobel prize!

Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

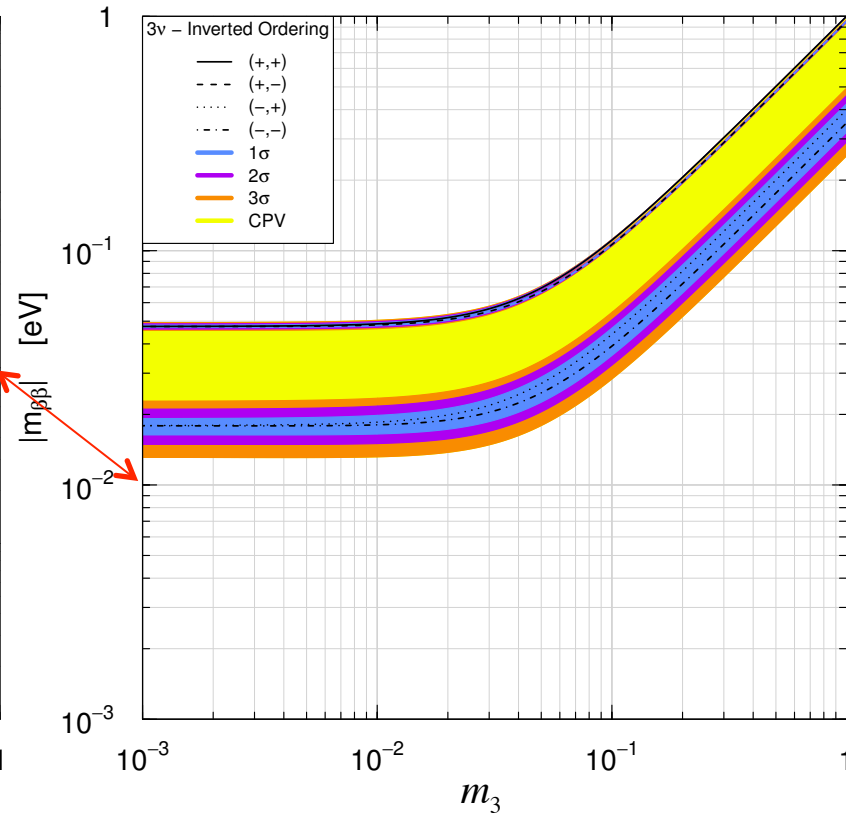
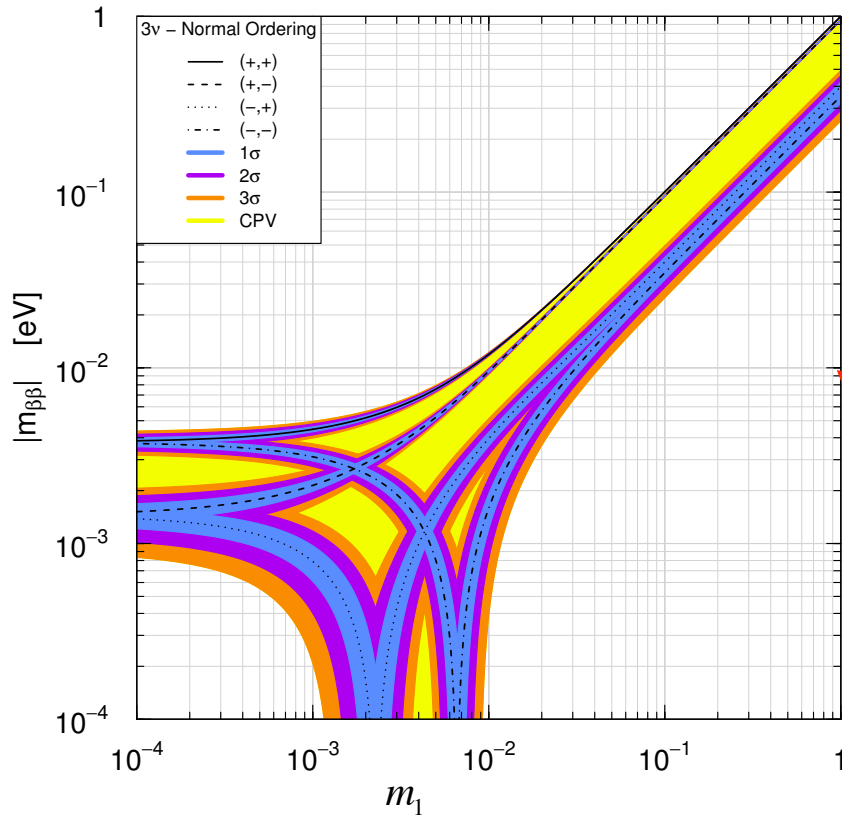


$$T_{1/2}^{-1}(0\nu) = G^{0\nu} (Q_{\beta\beta}) [M^{0\nu}(0^+)]^2 \left(\frac{\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle}{m_e} \right)^2$$

$$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = \left| \sum_k m_k U_{ek}^2 \right|$$

Neutrino $\beta\beta$ effective mass

arxiv:1507.08204



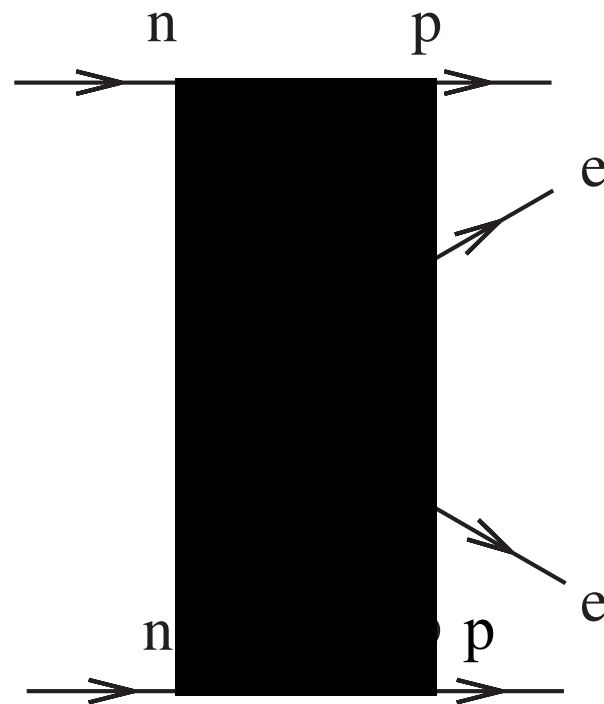
$$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = \left| \sum_{k=1}^3 m_k U_{ek}^2 \right| = \left| c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 m_1 + c_{13}^2 s_{12}^2 m_2 e^{i\phi_2} + s_{13}^2 m_3 e^{i\phi_3} \right| \Leftrightarrow T_{1/2}^{-1}(0\nu) = G^{0\nu}(Q_{\beta\beta}) [M^{0\nu}(0^+)]^2 \left(\frac{\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle}{m_e} \right)^2$$

$$\phi_2 = \alpha_2 - \alpha_1 \quad \phi_3 = -\alpha_1 - 2\delta$$

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Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay Black Box



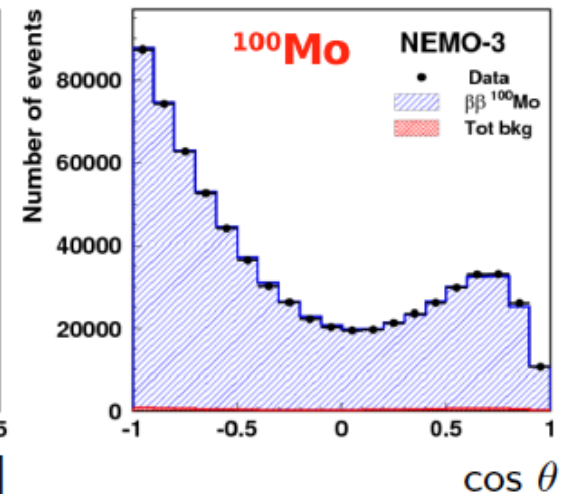
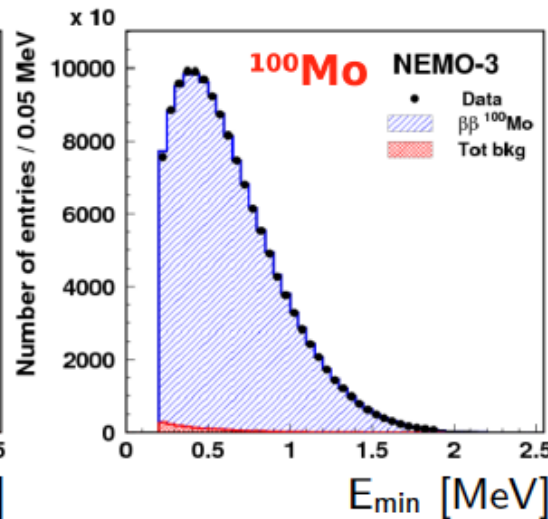
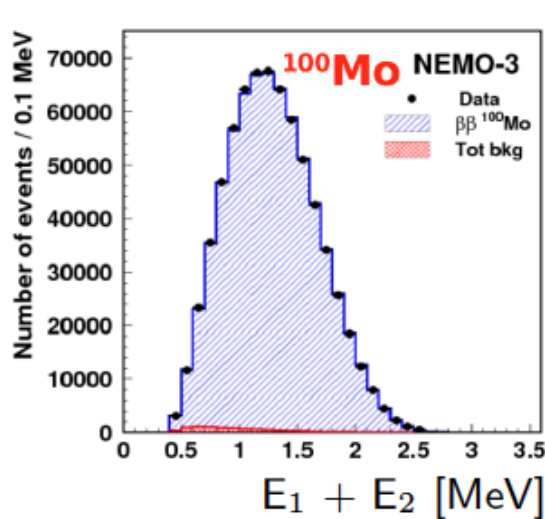
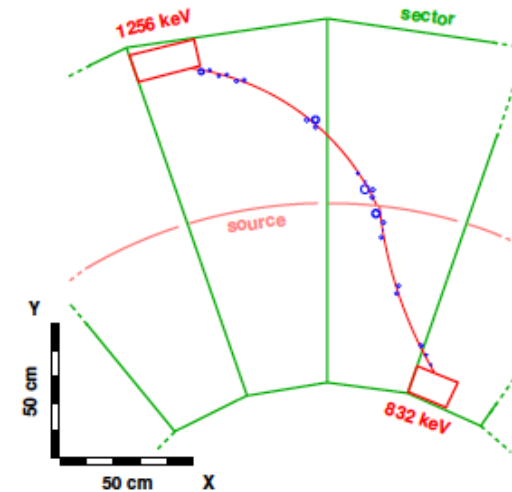
$$[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}]^{-1} = G^{0\nu} \left| \sum_j M_j \eta_j \right|^2 = G^{0\nu} \left| M^{(0\nu)} \eta_{NL} + M^{(0N)} (\eta_{NL} + \eta_{NR}) + \tilde{X}_\lambda \langle \lambda \rangle + \tilde{X}_\eta \langle \eta \rangle + M^{(0\lambda')} \eta_{\lambda'} + M^{(0\tilde{q})} \eta_{\tilde{q}} + \dots \right|^2$$

NEMO-3 $2\nu 2\beta$ of ^{100}Mo Measurement

- ▶ 6.9 kg of ^{100}Mo
- ▶ $\sim 700\,000$ $2\nu 2\beta$ events collected
- ▶ Efficiency $\mathcal{E}_{2\nu} = 4.3\%$
- ▶ Signal to background ratio $S/B = 76$
- ▶ Preliminary half-life:

$$T_{1/2}^{2\nu} = 7.16 \pm 0.01 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.54 \text{ (syst)} 10^{18} \text{ y}$$

compatible with previously published [Phys. Rev. Lett. 95, 182302 (2005)]



- ▶ 0.7 % systematical uncertainty on the $2\nu 2\beta$ efficiency above 2 MeV

Models, $\beta\beta$, and LHC

◆ Left-right (LR) symmetric model(s):

- Restore LR symmetry (at some scale), needs new iso-triplet Higgs, W_R , new $\beta\beta$ -decay contributions

◆ Super-Symmetric (SUSY) model(s):

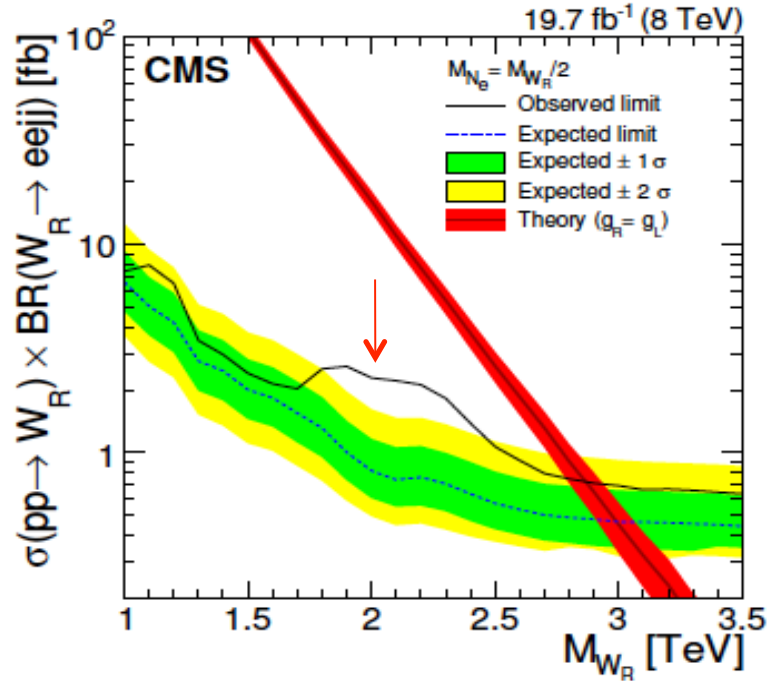
- Restore fermion-boson symmetry, double the # of particles, may contribute to $\beta\beta$ -decay (R-parity)

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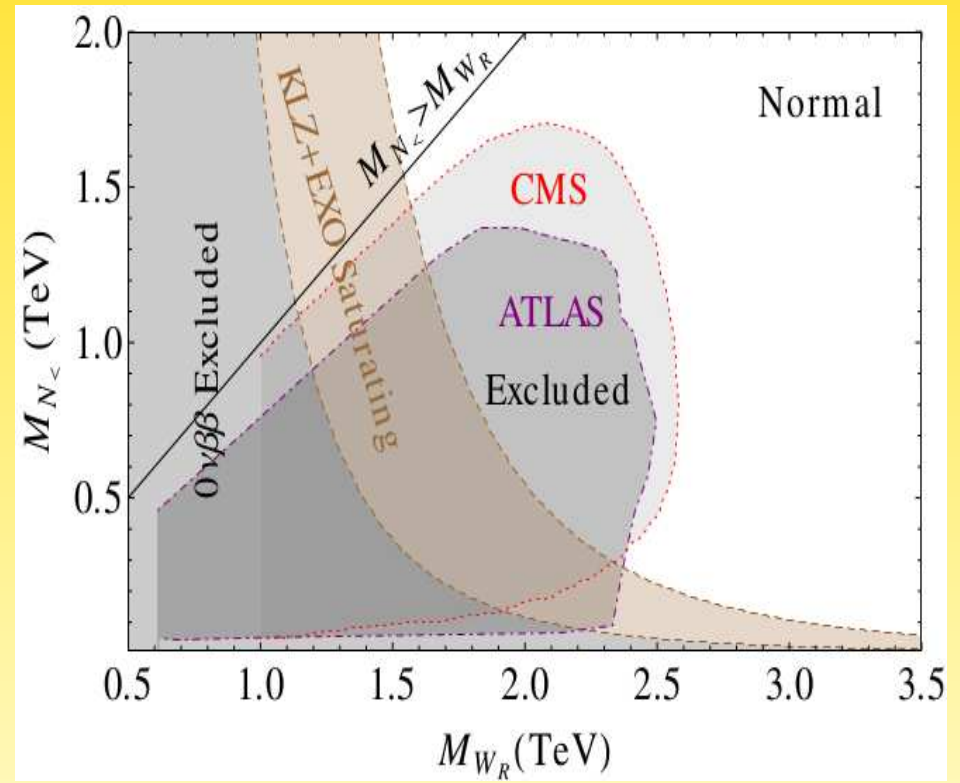
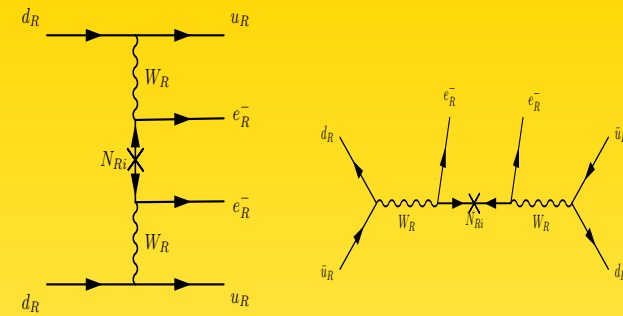
- Restore LR symmetric Higgs, W_R , new $\beta\beta$ -

W_R search at CMS arXiv: 1407.3683



SUSY
t-boson
contribution

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Low-energy LR contributions to $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

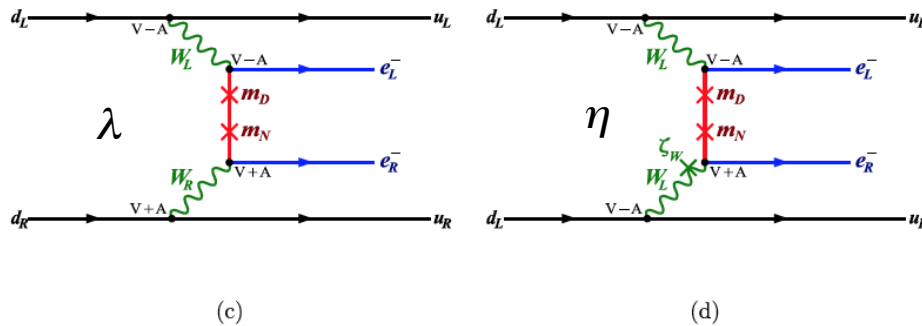
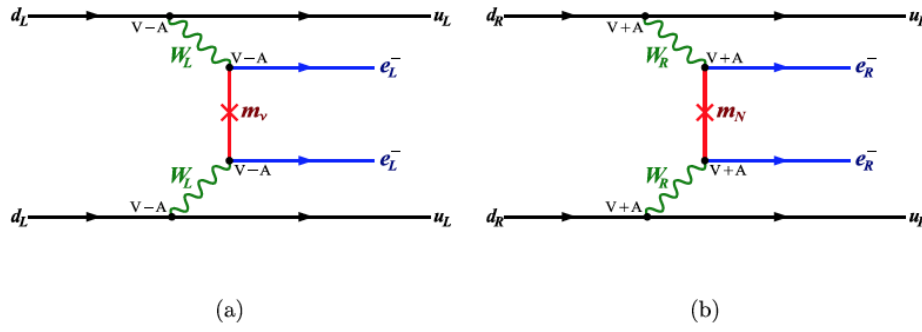
DAS et al.

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Low-energy effective Hamiltonian

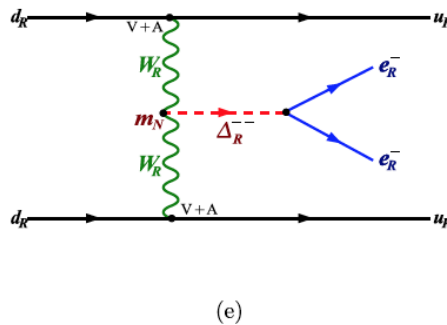
$$\mathcal{H}_W = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} j_L^\mu J_{L\mu}^+ + h.c.$$

$$j_{L/R}^\mu = \bar{e} \gamma^\mu (1 \mp \gamma^5) \nu_e$$



$$\mathcal{H}_W = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[j_L^\mu (J_{L\mu}^+ + \kappa J_{R\mu}^+) + j_R^\mu (\eta J_{L\mu}^+ + \lambda J_{R\mu}^+) \right] + h.c.$$

Left - right symmetric model



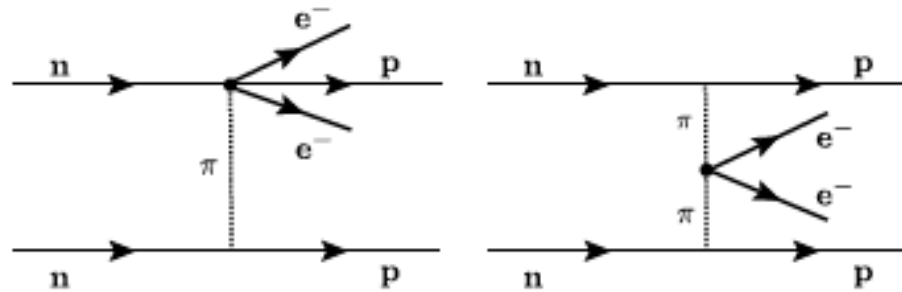
$$-\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{2} h_{\alpha\beta}^T \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\nu}_{\beta L} & \bar{e}_{\alpha L} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^- & -\Delta^0 \\ \Delta^{--} & \Delta^- \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e_R^c \\ -\nu_R^c \end{pmatrix} + hc$$

No neutrino exchange

More long-range contributions?

SUSY / w R – parity violation : e.g. Rep.Prog.Phys. 75, 106301(2012)

Hadronization /w R-parity v. and heavy neutrino



$$[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}]^{-1} = G^{0\nu} \left| \sum_j M_j \eta_j \right|^2 = G^{0\nu} \left| M^{(0\nu)} \eta_{NL} + M^{(0N)} (\eta_{NL} + \eta_{NR}) + \tilde{X}_\lambda \langle \lambda \rangle + \tilde{X}_\eta \langle \eta \rangle + M^{(0\lambda')} \eta_{\lambda'} + M^{(0\tilde{q})} \eta_{\tilde{q}} + \dots \right|^2$$

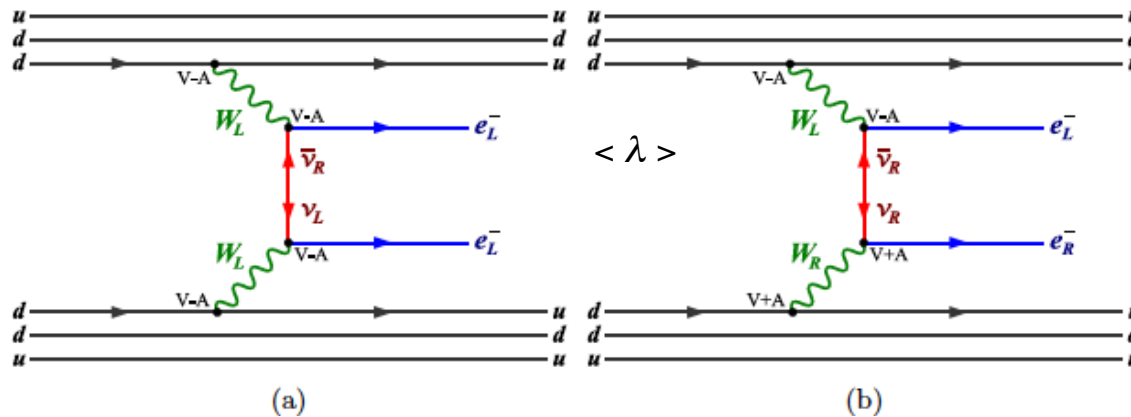
(i) η_{NL} negligible in most models; (ii) $\langle \eta \rangle$ & $\langle \lambda \rangle$ ruled in/out by energy or angular distributions

$$[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}]^{-1} \cong G^{0\nu} \left| M^{(0\nu)} \eta_{NL} + M^{(0N)} \eta_{NR} \right|^2 \approx G^{0\nu} \left[|M^{(0\nu)}|^2 |\eta_{NL}|^2 + |M^{(0N)}|^2 |\eta_{NR}|^2 \right] \quad \text{No interference terms!}$$

DBD signals from different mechanisms

R. Arnold et al.: Probing New Physics Models of Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay with SuperNEMO

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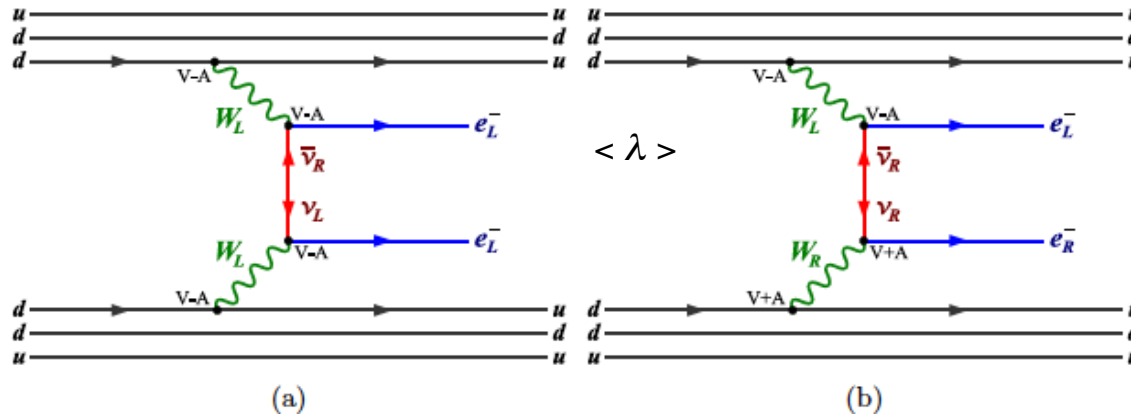


$$\begin{aligned} \left[T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \right]^{-1} &= \left| M_{GT}^{(0\nu)} \right|^2 \left\{ C_{\nu^2} + C_{\nu\lambda} \cos\phi_1 + C_{\nu\eta} \cos\phi_2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + C_{\lambda^2} + C_{\eta^2} + C_{\lambda\eta} \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{d^2 W_{0^+ \rightarrow 0^+}^{0\nu}}{d\epsilon_1 d\cos\theta_{12}} = \frac{a_{0\nu} \omega_{0\nu}(\epsilon_1)}{2(m_e R)^2} [A(\epsilon_1) + B(\epsilon_1) \cos\theta_{12}]$$

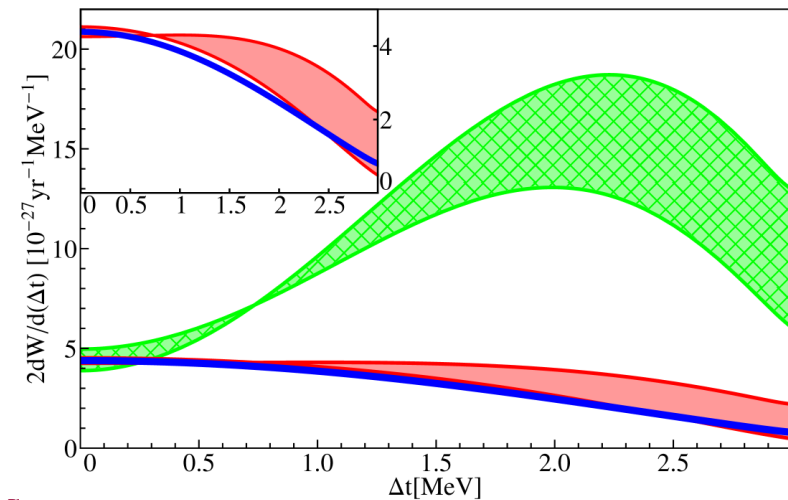
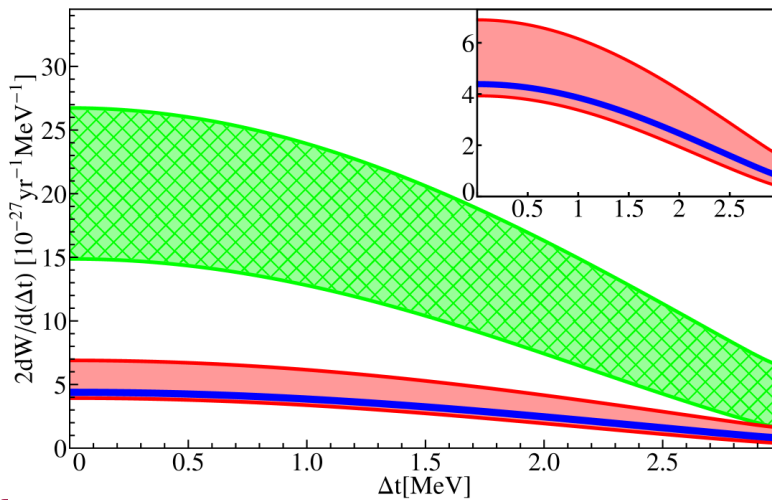
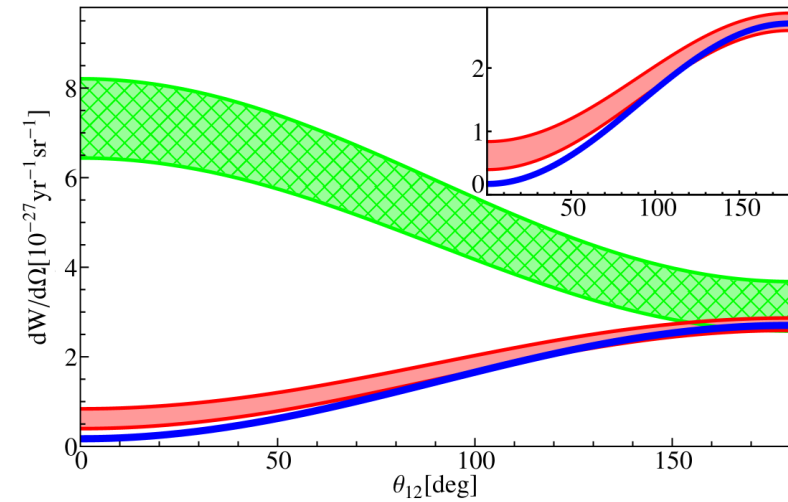
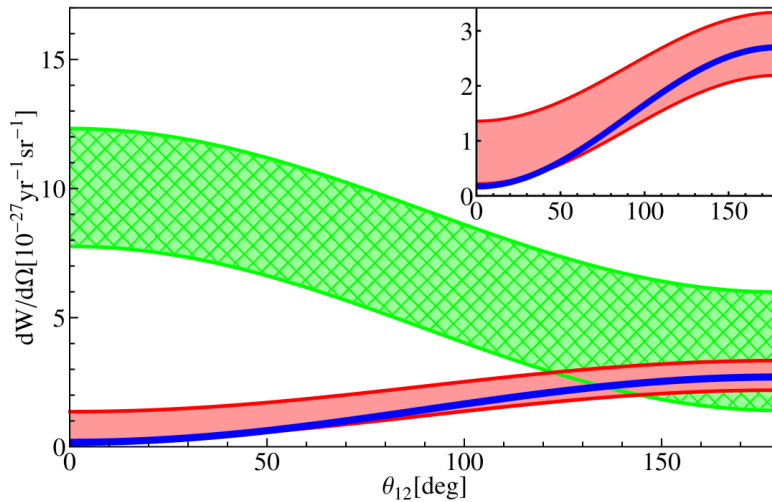
$$\frac{2dW_{0^+ \rightarrow 0^+}^{0\nu}}{d(\Delta t)} = \frac{2a_{0\nu}}{(m_e R)^2} \frac{\omega_{0\nu}(\Delta t)}{m_e c^2} A(\Delta t)$$

$$t = \epsilon_{e1} - \epsilon_{e2}$$

λ and η mechanisms (^{82}Se): look for green

$\langle \lambda \rangle$ dominates

$\langle \eta \rangle$ dominates



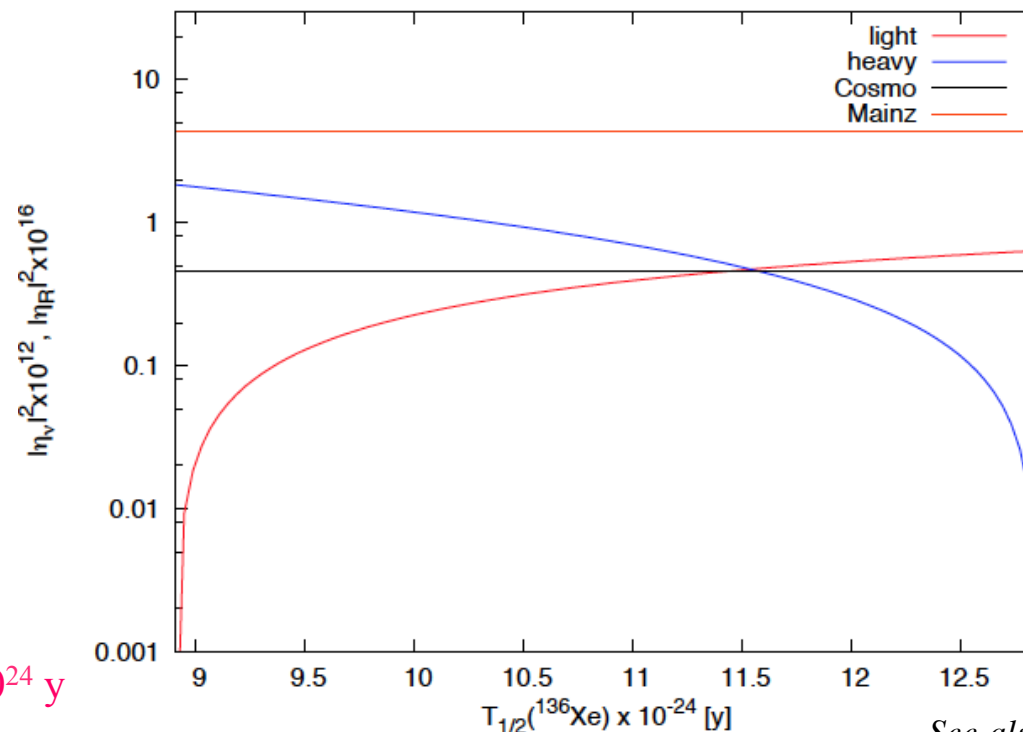
Two Non-Interfering Mechanisms

$$[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}]^{-1} \approx G^{0\nu} \left[|M^{(0\nu)}|^2 |\eta_{\nu L}|^2 + |M^{(0N)}|^2 |\eta_{NR}|^2 \right] \quad \text{No interference terms!}$$

$$|\eta_{\nu}|, |\eta_{NR}| \Leftarrow \begin{cases} [G_{Ge}^{0\nu} T_{1/2 Ge}^{0\nu}]^{-1} = |M_{Ge}^{(0\nu)}|^2 |\eta_{\nu}|^2 + |M_{Ge}^{(0N)}|^2 |\eta_{NR}|^2 \\ [G_{Xe}^{0\nu} T_{1/2 Xe}^{0\nu}]^{-1} = |M_{Xe}^{(0\nu)}|^2 |\eta_{\nu}|^2 + |M_{Xe}^{(0N)}|^2 |\eta_{NR}|^2 \end{cases}$$

$$|\eta_{\nu}| = \frac{\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle}{m_e} \approx 10^{-6}$$

$$|\eta_{NR}| = \left(\frac{M_{WL}}{M_{WR}} \right)^4 \sum_k^{heavy} V_{ek}^2 \frac{m_p}{M_k} \approx 10^{-8}$$



Assume $T_{1/2}(^{76}\text{Ge})=22.3 \times 10^{24}$ y

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See also PRD 83, 113003 (2011)

Two Non-Interfering Mechanisms

$$r(\nu/N) \equiv T_{1/2}^{\nu/N}(1)/T_{1/2}^{\nu/N}(2) = \frac{G_{01}^{0\nu}(2) |M^{0\nu/N}(2)|^2}{G_{01}^{0\nu}(1) |M^{0\nu/N}(1)|^2}$$

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	Ge/Se		Ge/Te		Ge/Xe		Se/Te		Se/Xe		Te/Xe	
	Ge	Se	Ge	Te	Ge	Xe	Se	Te	Se	Xe	Te	Xe
$G_{01}^{0\nu} \times 10^{14}$	0.237	1.018	0.237	1.425	0.237	1.462	1.018	1.425	1.018	1.462	1.425	1.462
$M^{0\nu}(1/2)$	3.57	3.39	3.57	1.93	3.57	1.76	3.39	1.93	3.39	1.76	1.93	1.76
$M^{0N}(1/2)$	202	187	202	136	202	143	187	136	187	143	136	143
$T_{1/2}^{\nu}(1)/T_{1/2}^{\nu}(2)$	3.87		1.76		1.50		0.45		0.39		0.85	
$T_{1/2}^N(1)/T_{1/2}^N(2)$	3.68		2.73		3.09		0.74		0.84		1.13	
$R(N/\nu)$ present	0.95		1.55		2.06		1.63		2.17		1.33	
$R(N/\nu)$ [45]	1.02		1.39		1.42		1.36		1.39		1.03	

$$R(N/\nu) = r(\tilde{N})/r(\nu)$$

Summary of $0\nu\text{DBD}$ mechanisms

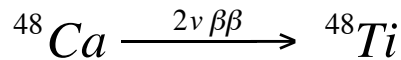


- The mass mechanism (a.k.a. light-neutrino exchange) is likely, and the simplest BSM scenario.
- Right-handed heavy neutrino-exchange is possible, and requires knowledge of **half-lives for more isotopes**.
- η - and λ - mechanisms are possible, but could be ruled in/out by **energy and angular distributions**.
- Left-right symmetric model may be also (un)validated at LHC/colliders.
- SUSY/R-parity, KK, GUT, etc, scenarios need to be checked, but validated by additional means.

2ν Double Beta Decay (DBD) of ⁴⁸Ca

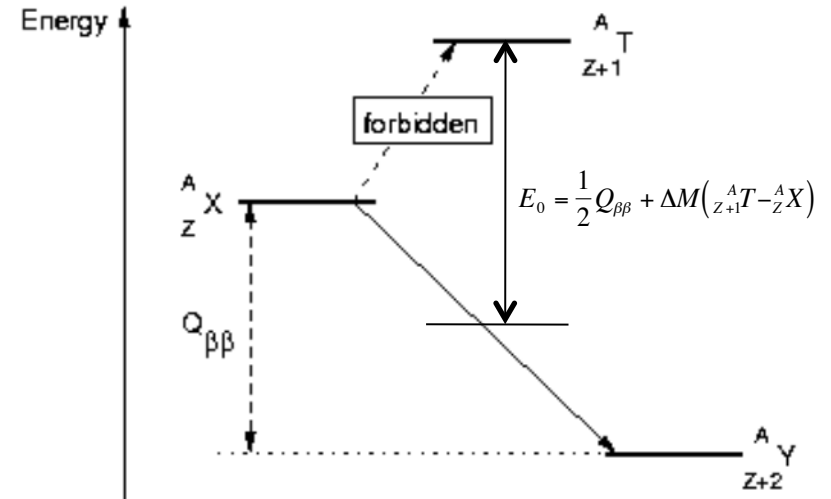
$$T_{1/2}^{-1} = G_{2\nu}(Q_{\beta\beta}) [M_{GT}^{2\nu}(0^+)]^2$$

$$M_{GT}^{2\nu}(0^+) = \sum_k \frac{\langle 0_f \| \sigma \tau^- \| 1_k^+ \rangle \langle 1_k^+ \| \sigma \tau^- \| 0_i \rangle}{E_k + E_0}$$



The choice of valence space is important!

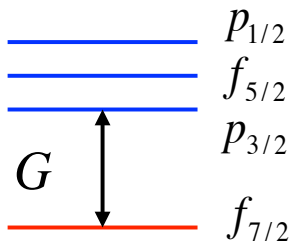
$$B(GT) = \frac{|\langle f \| \sigma \cdot \tau \| i \rangle|^2}{(2J_i + 1)}$$



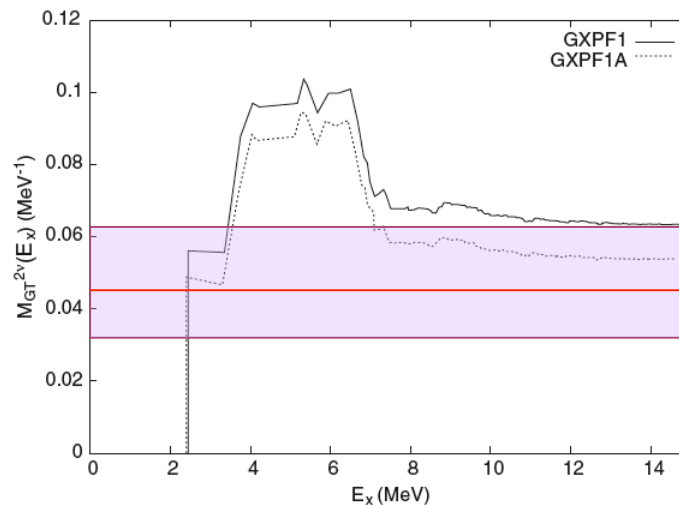
ISR	⁴⁸ Ca	⁴⁸ Ti
pf	24.0	12.0
f7 p3	10.3	5.2

$$\text{Ikeda sum rule (ISR)} = \sum B(GT; Z \rightarrow Z+1) - \sum B(GT; Z \rightarrow Z-1) = 3(N-Z)$$

Ikeda satisfied in pf!



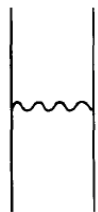
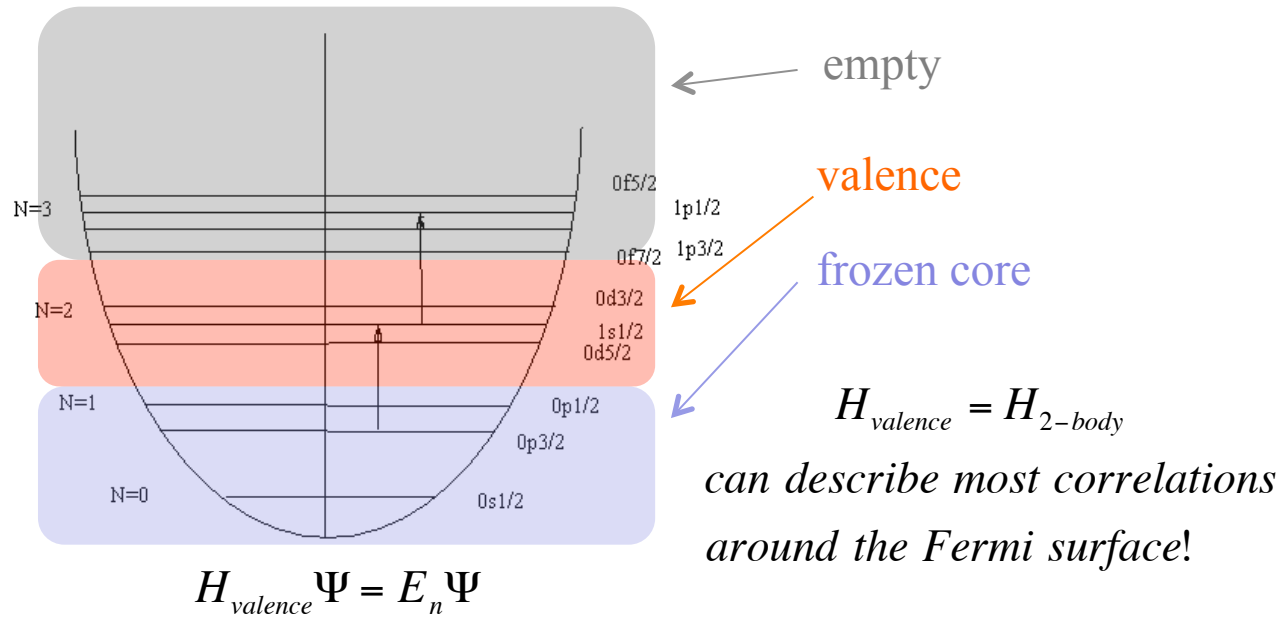
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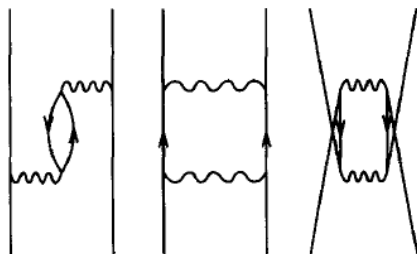
$$g_A \sigma \tau \xrightarrow{\text{quenched}} 0.74 g_A \sigma \tau$$

Horoi, Stoica, Brown,
PRC 75, 034303 (2007)

Shell Model GT Quenching



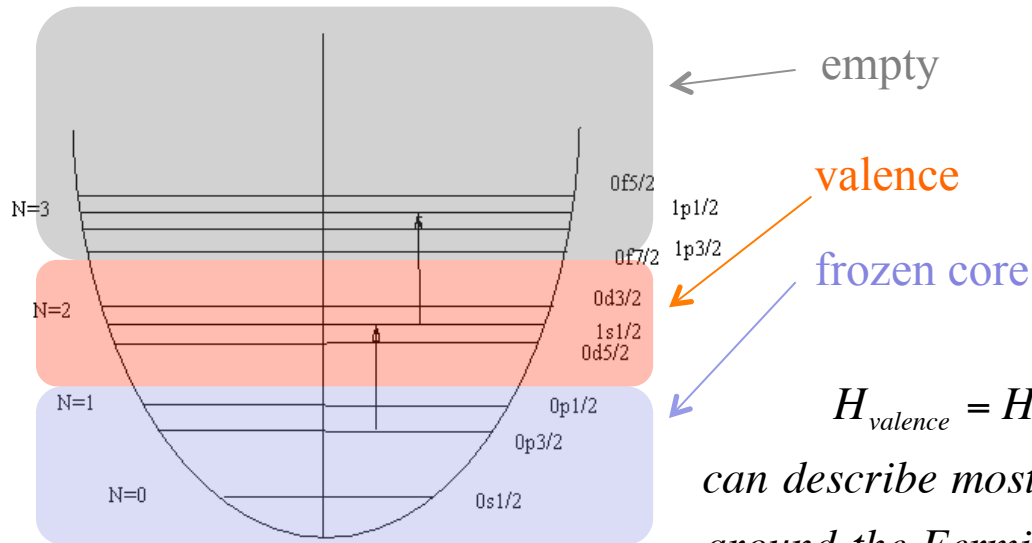
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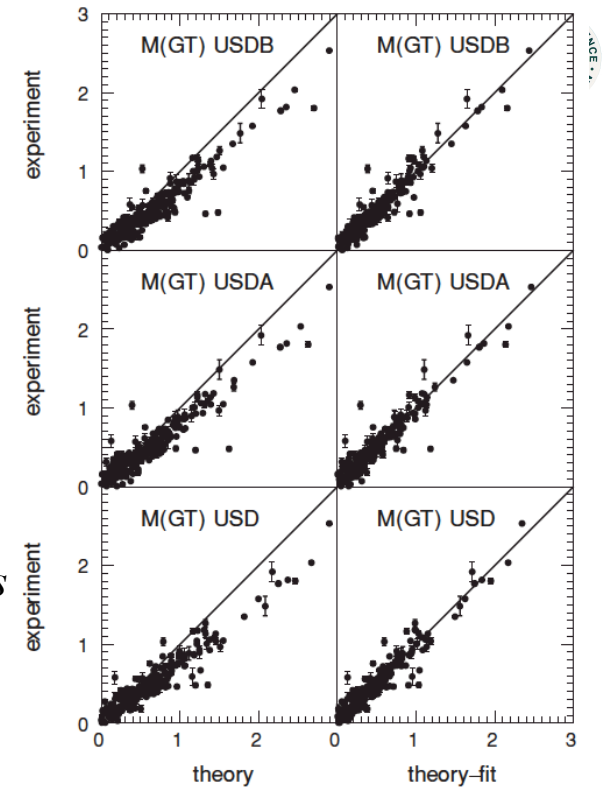
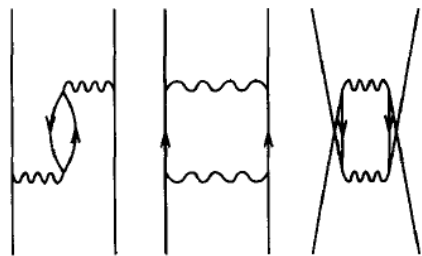


$$H_{valence} \Psi = E_n \Psi$$

$H_{valence} = H_{2-body}$
can describe most correlations around the Fermi surface!

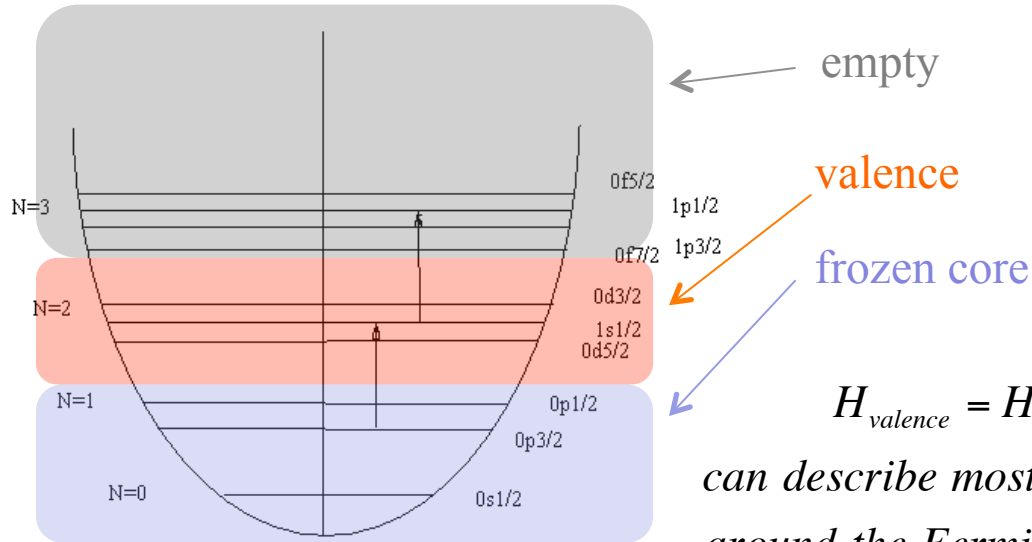


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$$\sigma\tau \xrightarrow{\text{quenched}} 0.77\sigma\tau$$

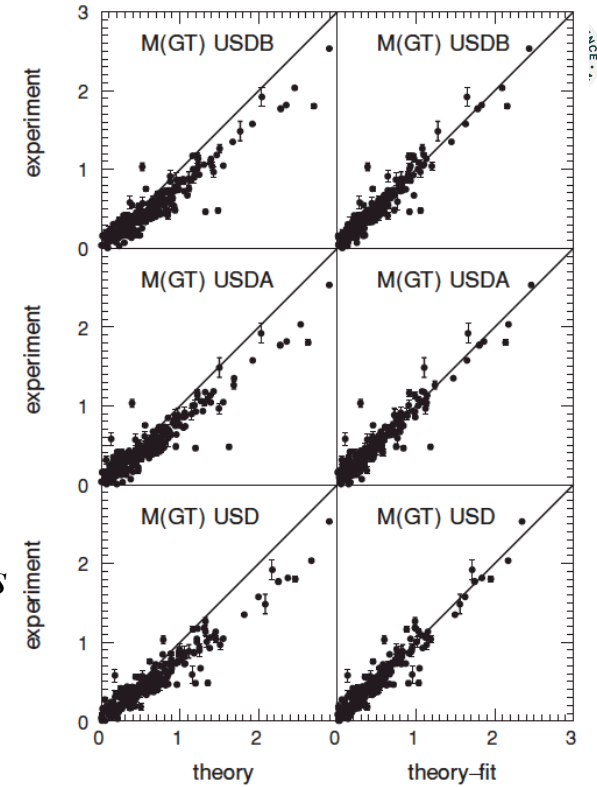
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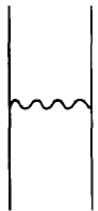
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$$g_A \xrightarrow{\text{quenched}} 0.77g_A$$



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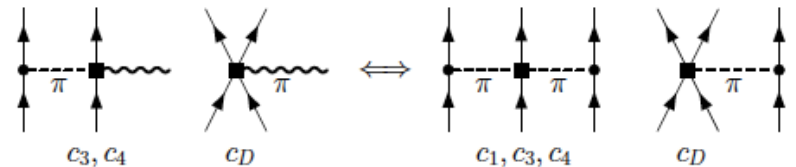
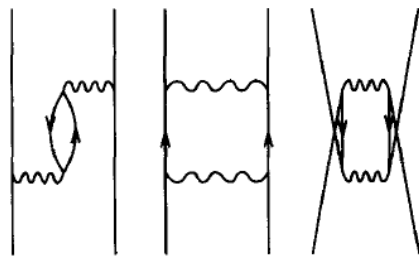


FIG. 1: Chiral 2b currents and 3N force contributions.

J. Menendez, D. Gazit and A. Schwenk, arXiv:1103.3622, PRL

Closure Approximation and Beyond in Shell Model

$$M_S^{0v} = \sum_{\substack{j, p < p' \\ n < n' \\ p < n}} (\Gamma) \left\langle 0_f^+ \left| \left[(a_p^+ a_{p'}^+)^j (\tilde{a}_n, \tilde{a}_n)^j \right]^0 \right| 0_i^+ \right\rangle \left\langle p p'; j \left| \int q^2 dq \left[\hat{S} \frac{h(q) j_k(qr) G_{FS}^2 f_{SRC}^2}{q(q + \langle E \rangle)} \tau_1 \tau_2 \right] \right| n n'; j \right\rangle - \text{closure}$$

$$M_S^{0v} = \sum_{\substack{pp'nn' \\ Jkj}} (\tilde{\Gamma}) \left\langle 0_f^+ \left| (a_p^+ \tilde{a}_n)^j \right| \right\rangle \left\langle J_k \left| (a_{p'}^+ \tilde{a}_n)^j \right| 0_i^+ \right\rangle \left\langle p p'; j \left| \int q^2 dq \left[\hat{S} \frac{h(q) j_k(qr) G_{FS}^2 f_{SRC}^2}{q(q + E_k^J)} \tau_1 \tau_2 \right] \right| n n'; j \right\rangle - \text{beyond}$$

Challenge: there are about 100,000 J_k states in the sum for 48Ca

Much more intermediate states for heavier nuclei, such as ^{76}Ge !!!

No-closure may need states out of the model space (not considered).

Minimal model spaces

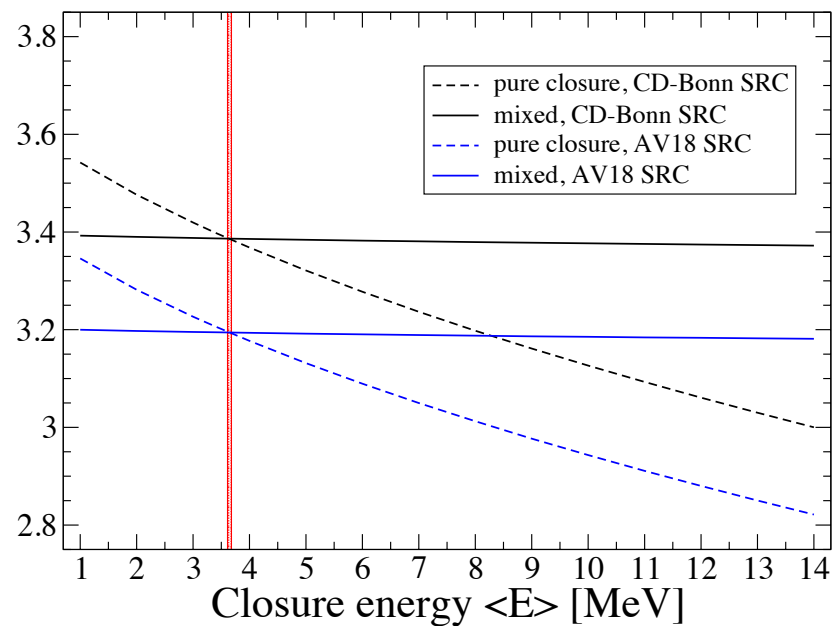
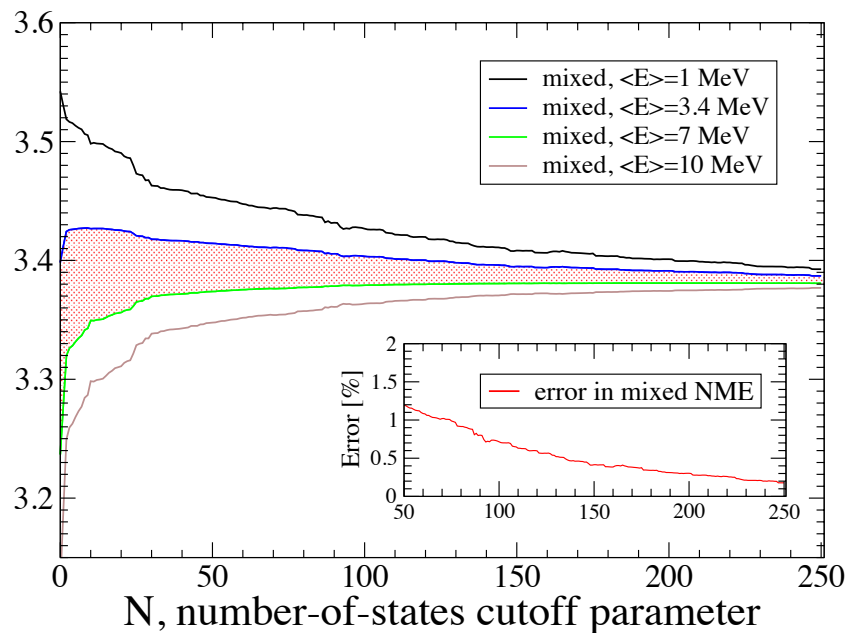
^{82}Se : 10M states

^{130}Te : 22M states

^{76}Ge : 150M states

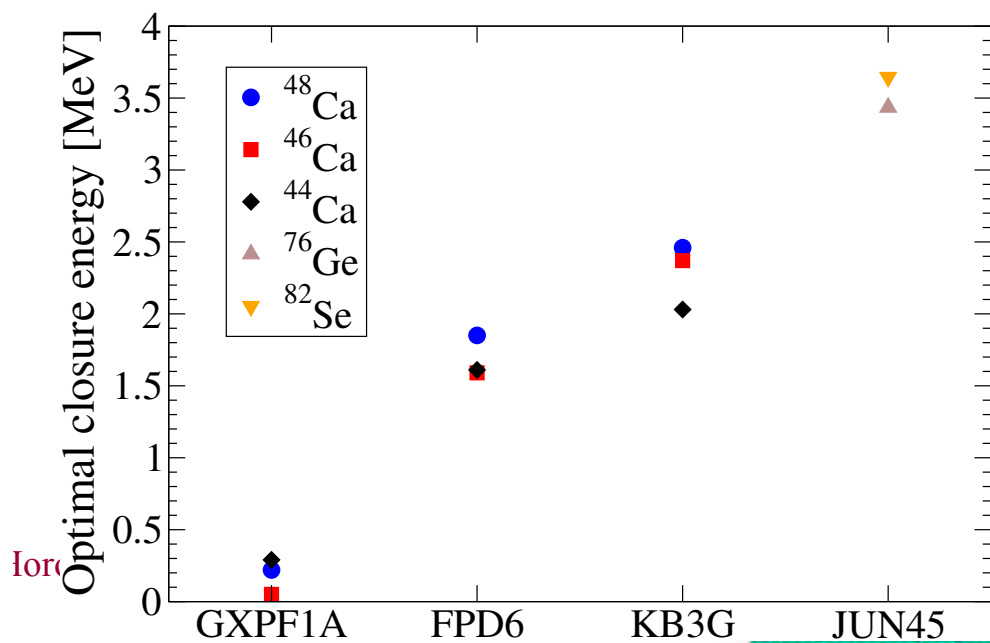
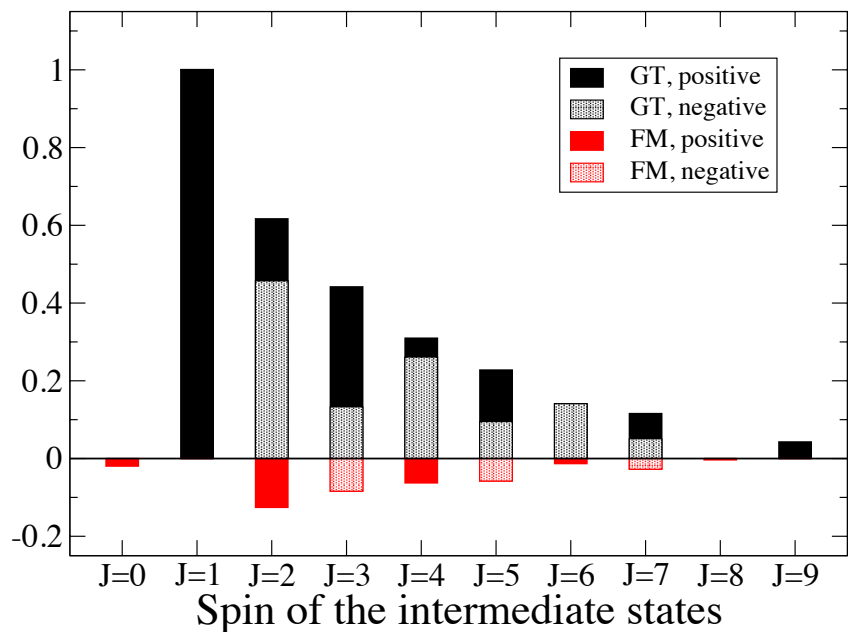
$$M^{0v} = M_{GT}^{0v} - (g_V / g_A)^2 M_F^{0v} + M_T^{0v}$$

$$\hat{S} = \begin{cases} \sigma_1 \tau_1 \sigma_2 \tau_2 & \text{Gamow - Teller (GT)} \\ \tau_1 \tau_2 & \text{Fermi (F)} \\ [3(\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \hat{n})(\vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \hat{n}) - (\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2)] \tau_1 \tau_2 & \text{Tensor (T)} \end{cases}$$



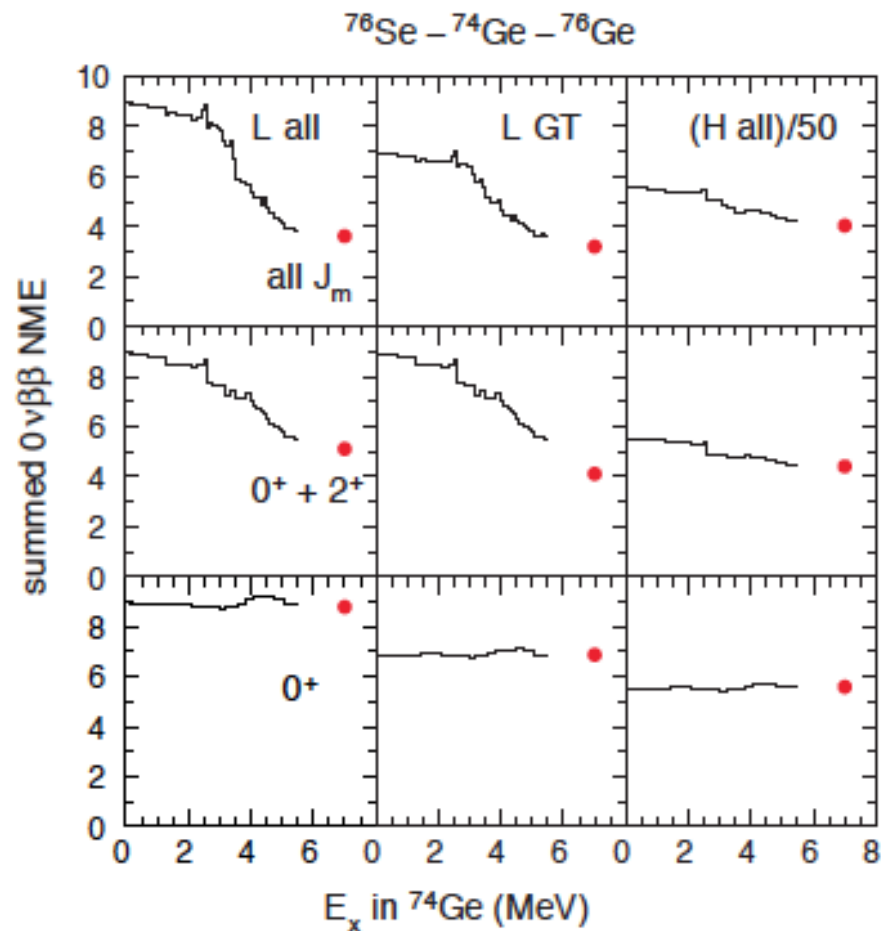
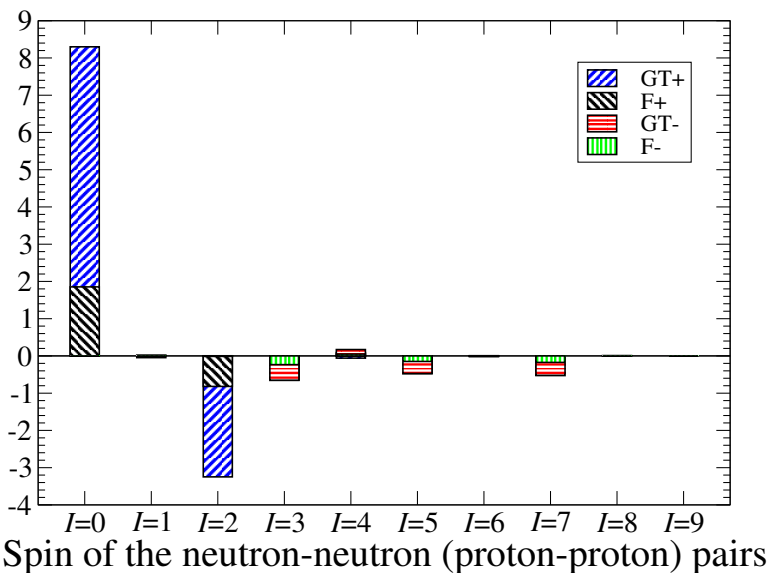
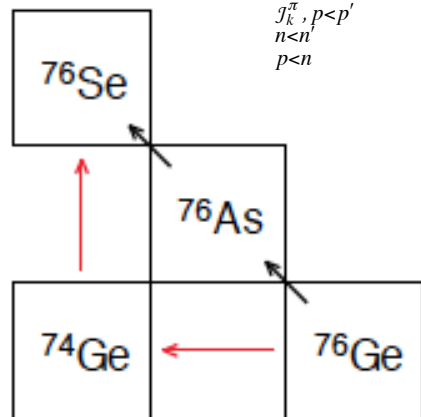
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$$M_{mixed}(N) = M_{no-closure}(N) + [M_{closure}(N = \infty) - M_{closure}(N)]$$



New Approach for NME: Novel Tests of Nuclear Structure

$$M_S^{0\nu} = \sum_{\substack{j_k^\pi, p < p' \\ n < n' \\ p < n}} (\Gamma) \left\langle 0_f^+ \left[\left(a_p^+ a_{p'}^+ \right)^j \left| j_k^\pi \right\rangle \left\langle j_k^\pi \right| \left(\tilde{a}_n \tilde{a}_n \right)^j \right] \right| 0_i^+ \left. \right\rangle \left\langle p p'; j \left| \int q^2 dq \left[\hat{S} \frac{h(q) j_\kappa(qr) G_{FS}^2 f_{SRC}^2}{q(q + \langle E \rangle)} \tau_{1-} \tau_{2-} \right] \right| n n'; j \right\rangle_{as}$$



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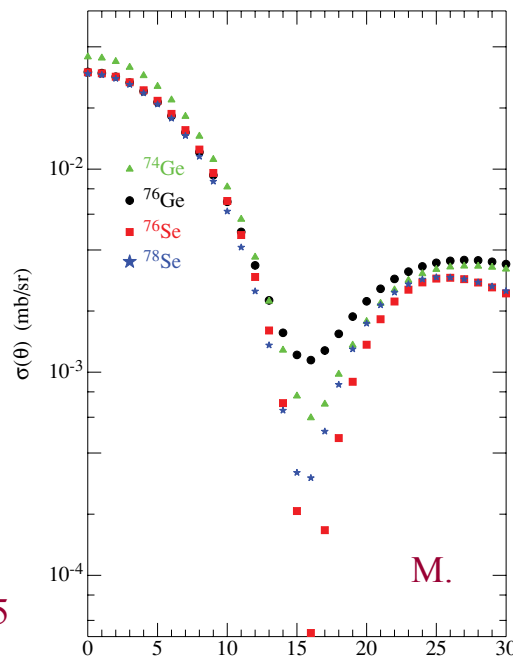
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Pair correlations in nuclei involved in neutrinoless double β decay: ^{76}Ge and ^{76}Se

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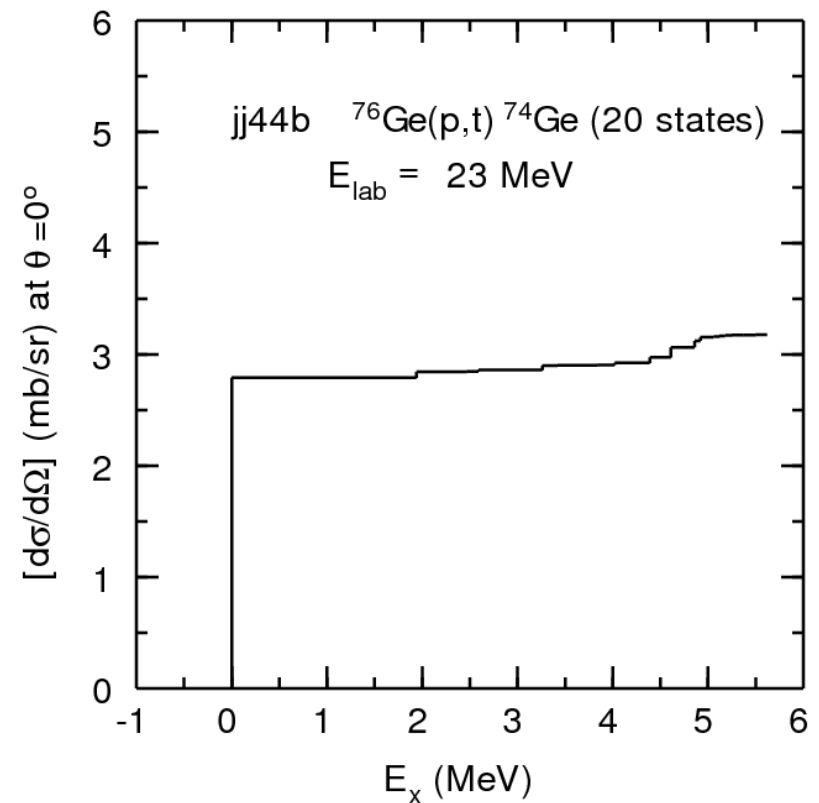
TABLE II. 3° laboratory cross sections and ratios to DWBA. Cross sections are for the ground-state to ground-state transitions.

Target	σ_{exp} (lab) (mb/sr)	σ_{DWBA} (mb/sr)	$\sigma_{\text{exp}}/\sigma_{\text{DWBA}}$
^{74}Ge	6.4	0.0438	147
^{76}Ge	6.7	0.0499	135
^{76}Se	6.0	0.0437	137
^{78}Se	7.1	0.0431	164



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What Experimental Searches Do Exist?



S. Vigdor talk at LRP Town Meeting, Chicago, Sep 28-29, 2014

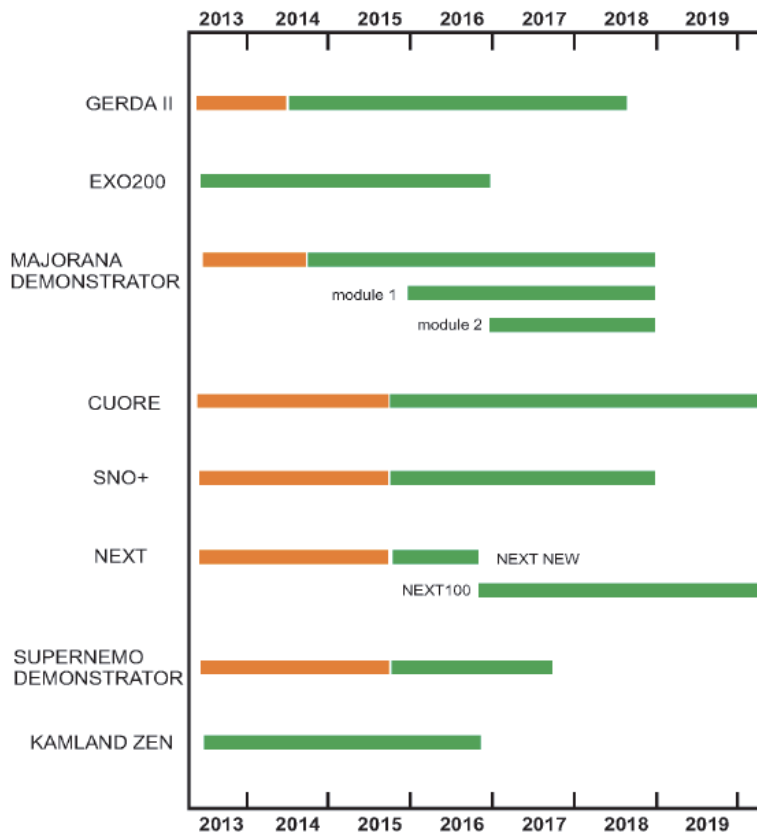
Current Project	Isotope	Isotope Mass (kg fiducial)	Currently Achieved Lower Limit (10^{26} yr)
CUORE	^{130}Te	206	>0.028
MAJORANA	^{76}Ge	24.7	
GERDA	^{76}Ge	18-20	>0.21
EXO200	^{136}Xe	79	>0.11
NEXT-100	^{136}Xe	61	
SuperNEMO	$^{82}\text{Se}+$	7	
KamLAND-Zen	^{136}Xe	434	
SNO+	^{130}Te	160	
LUCIFER	^{82}Se	8.9	

Goals (DNP14 DBD workshop):

$T_{1/2} > 1 \times 10^{26}$ y, after ? years

$T_{1/2} > 2.4 \times 10^{26}$ y, after 3 years

$T_{1/2} > 6 \times 10^{27}$ y, after 5 years! (nEXO)



Construction

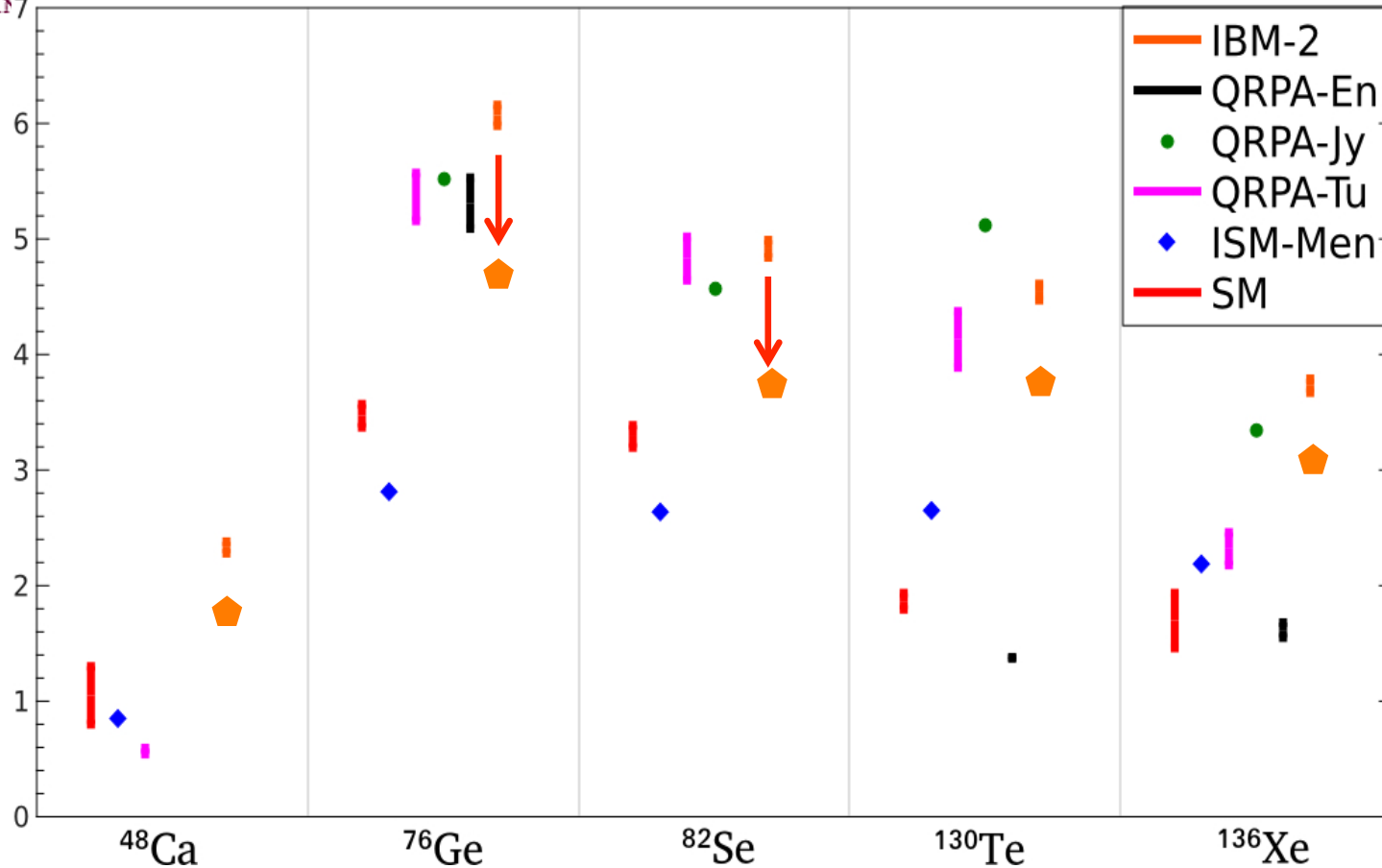
Operation

Able to assess future prospects of different techniques better 2-3 years from now, allowing more intelligent discussion of down-selection.

R&D on new techniques with promise to reduce backgrounds dramatically should also be pursued!

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NME for the light-neutrino exchange mechanism



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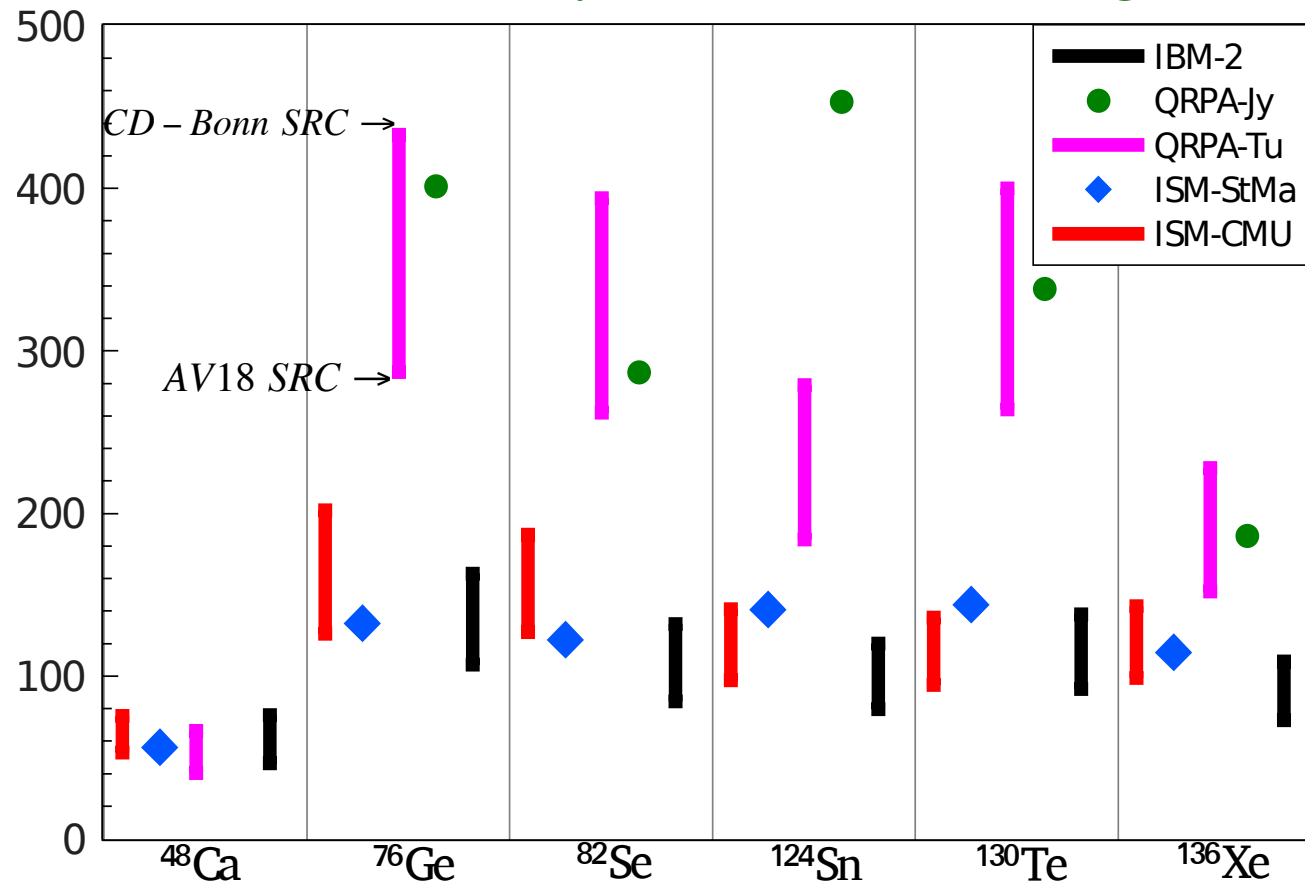
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Heavy neutrino-exchange NME



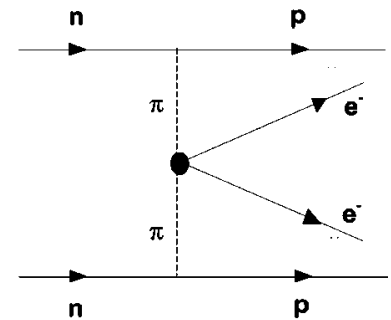
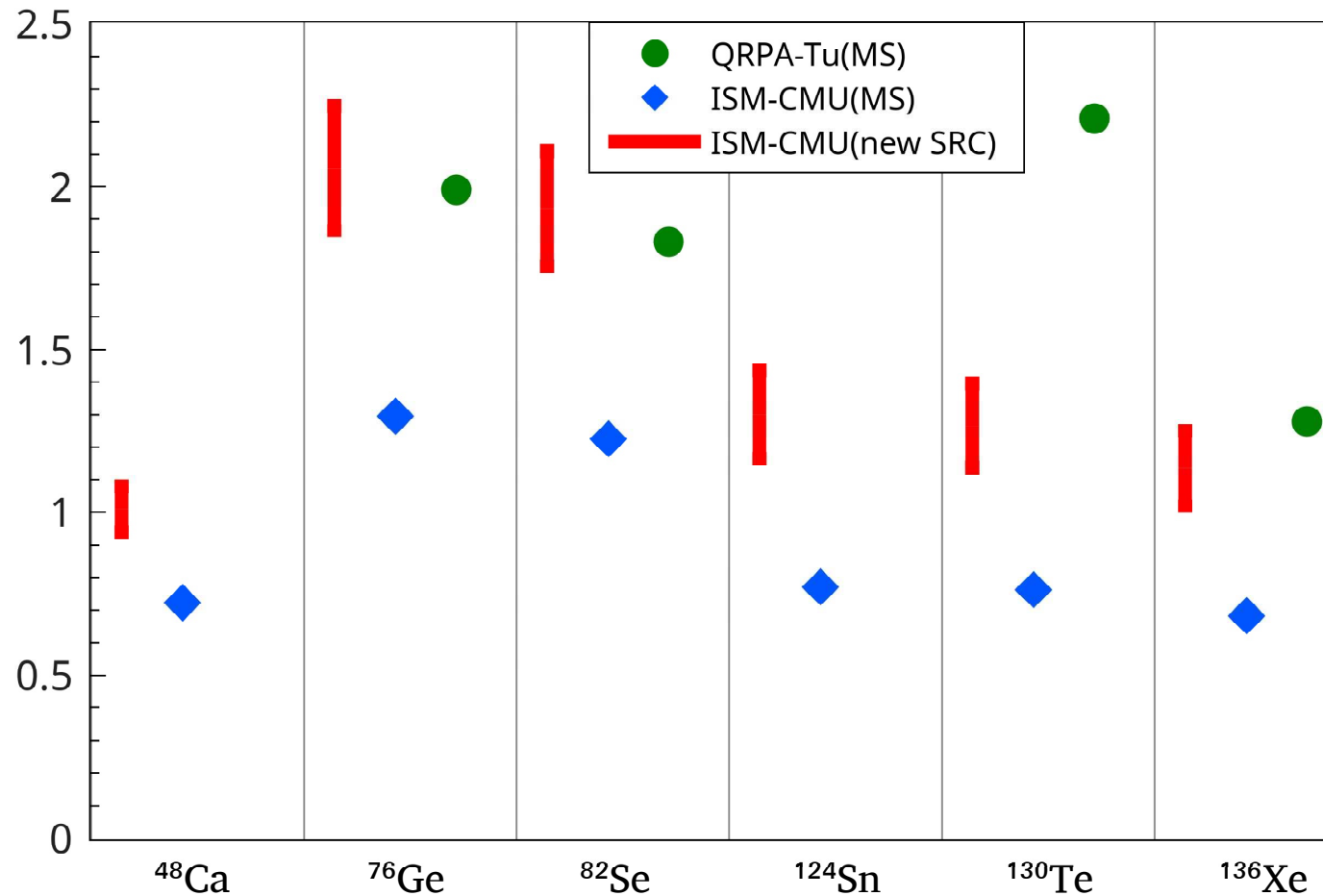
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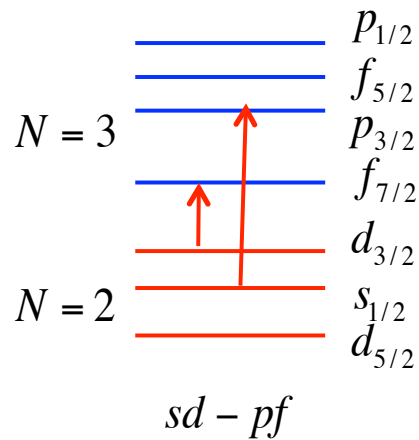
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The effect of larger model spaces for ^{48}Ca

$M(0\nu)$	SDPFU	SDPFMUP
$0 \hbar\omega$	0.941	0.623
$0+2 \hbar\omega$	1.182 (26%)	1.004 (61%)

SDPFU: PRC 79, 014310 (2009)

SDPFMUP: PRC 86, 051301(R) (2012)

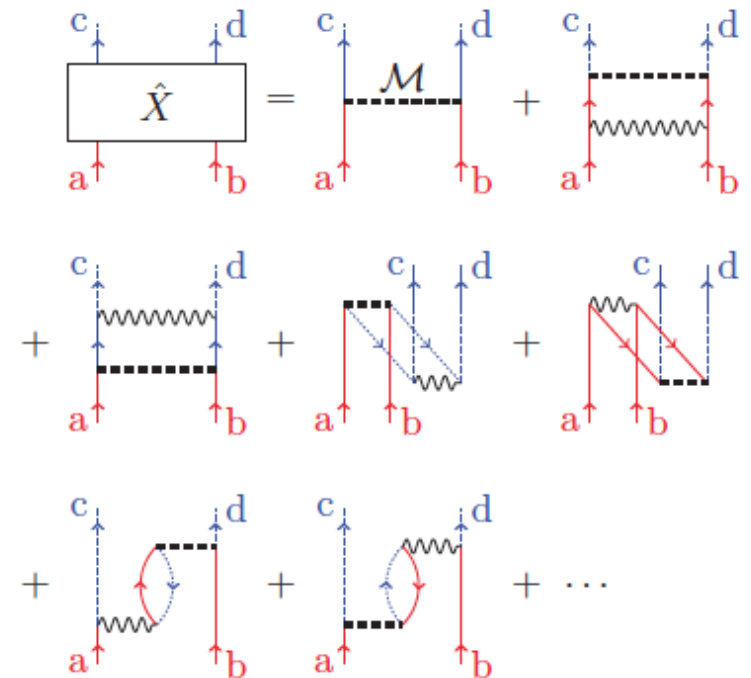


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	$M(0\nu)$
$0 \hbar\omega / \text{GXPF1A}$	0.733
$0 \hbar\omega + 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ ord.} / \text{GXPF1A}$	1.301 (77%)

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Experimental info needed

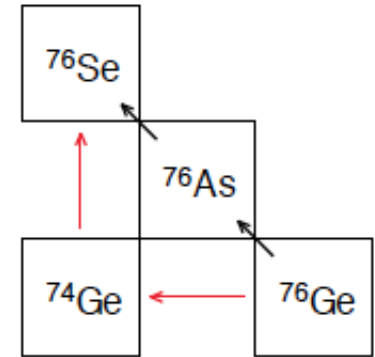
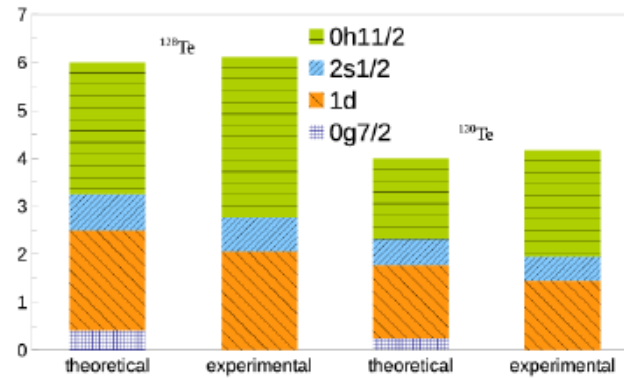
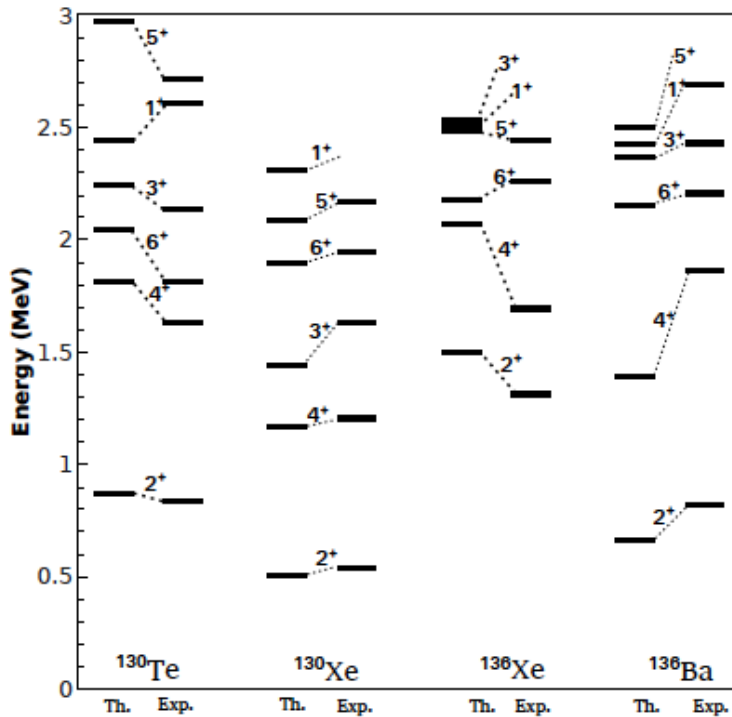
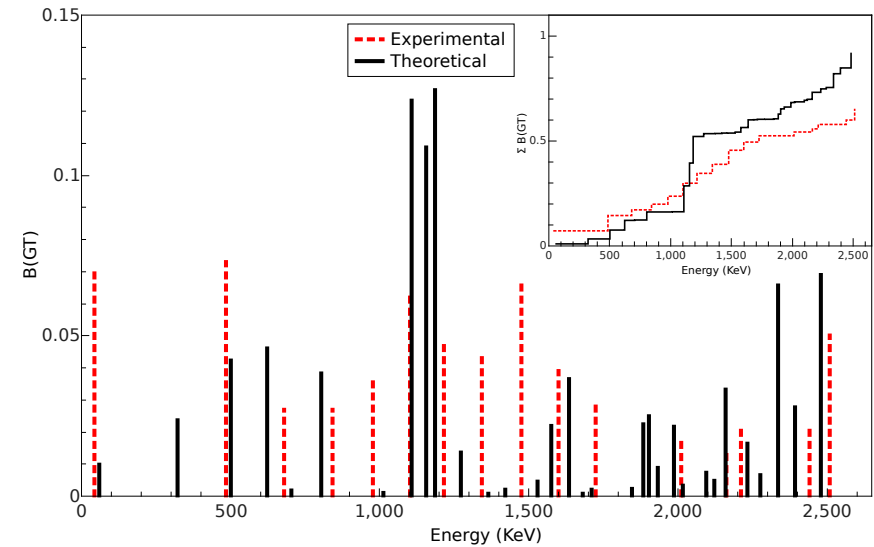


FIG. 2. (Color on-line) Theoretical and experimental [58] neutron shell vacancies for ^{128}Te and ^{130}Te .

TABLE I. The calculated $B(E2) \uparrow$ values on the first line compared to the adopted ones on the second line.

	^{128}Te	^{130}Te	^{132}Te	^{130}Xe	^{132}Xe	^{136}Xe	^{136}Ba
$B(E2) \uparrow_{th.}$	0.202	0.153	0.085	0.502	0.390	0.215	0.479
$B(E2) \uparrow_{ad.}$	0.380	0.297	0.207	0.634	0.468	0.217	0.413

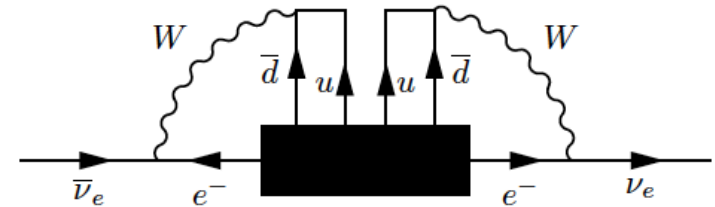


Take-Away Points



Observation of $0\nu\beta\beta$ will signal **New Physics Beyond the Standard Model.**

Black box theorem (all flavors + oscillations)



$0\nu\beta\beta$ observed \Leftrightarrow
at some level

- (i) Neutrinos are Majorana fermions.
- (ii) Lepton number conservation is violated by 2 units

$$(iii) \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = \left| \sum_{k=1}^3 m_k U_{ek}^2 \right| = \left| c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 m_1 + c_{13}^2 s_{12}^2 m_2 e^{i\phi_2} + s_{13}^2 m_3 e^{i\phi_3} \right| > 0$$

Regardless of the dominant $0\nu\beta\beta$ mechanism!

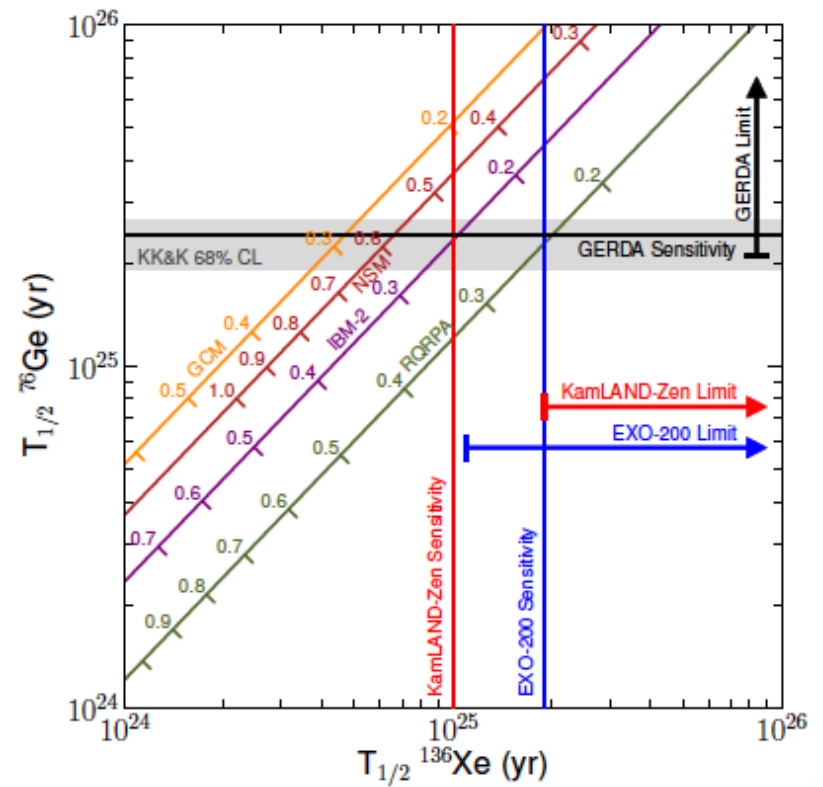
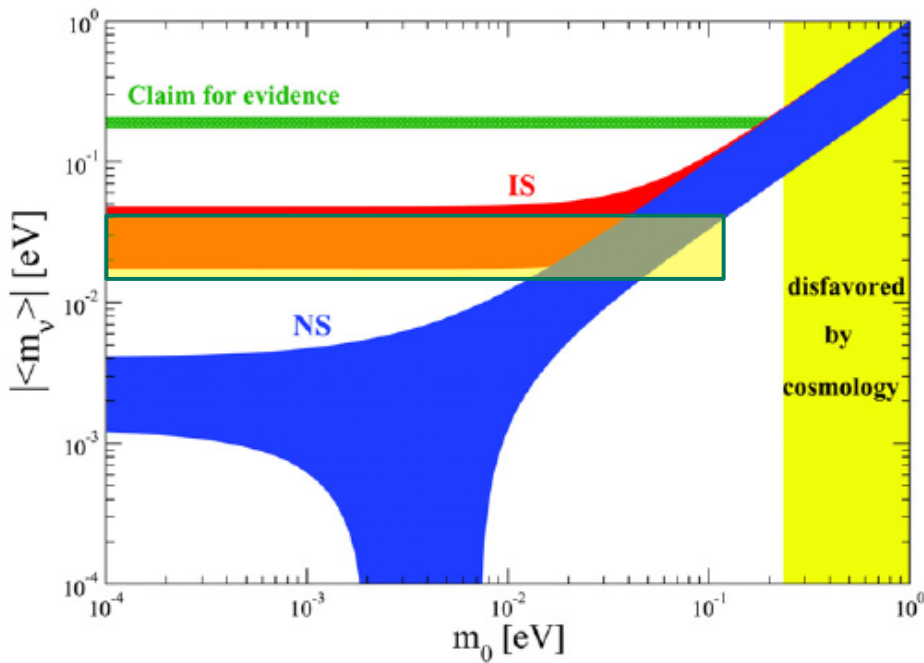
Take-Away Points

The analysis and guidance of the experimental efforts need **accurate Nuclear Matrix Elements**.

$$T_{1/2}^{-1}(0\nu) = G^{0\nu}(Q_{\beta\beta}) \left[M^{0\nu}(0^+) \right]^2 \left(\frac{\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle}{m_e} \right)^2$$

$$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle \equiv \langle m_\nu \rangle = \left| c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 m_1 + c_{13}^2 s_{12}^2 m_2 e^{i\phi_2} + s_{13}^2 m_3 e^{i\phi_3} \right|$$

$$\phi_2 = \alpha_2 - \alpha_1 \quad \phi_3 = -\alpha_1 - 2\delta$$



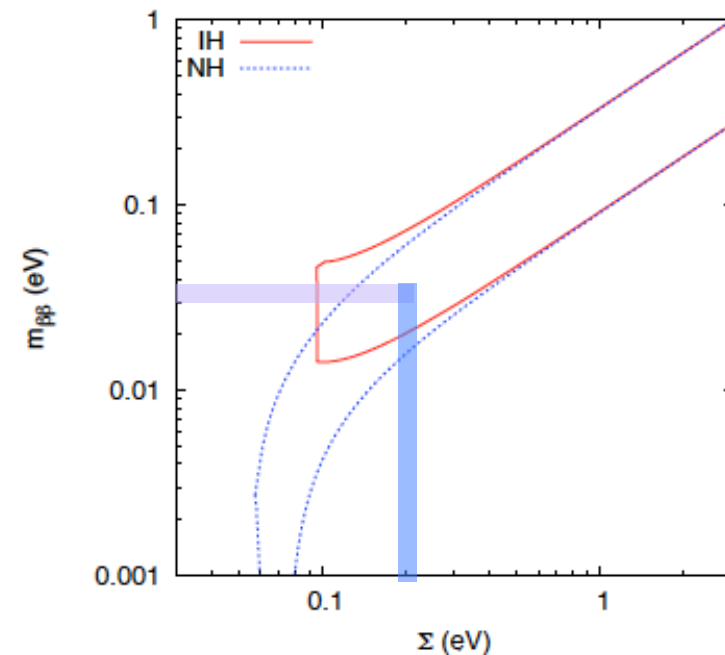
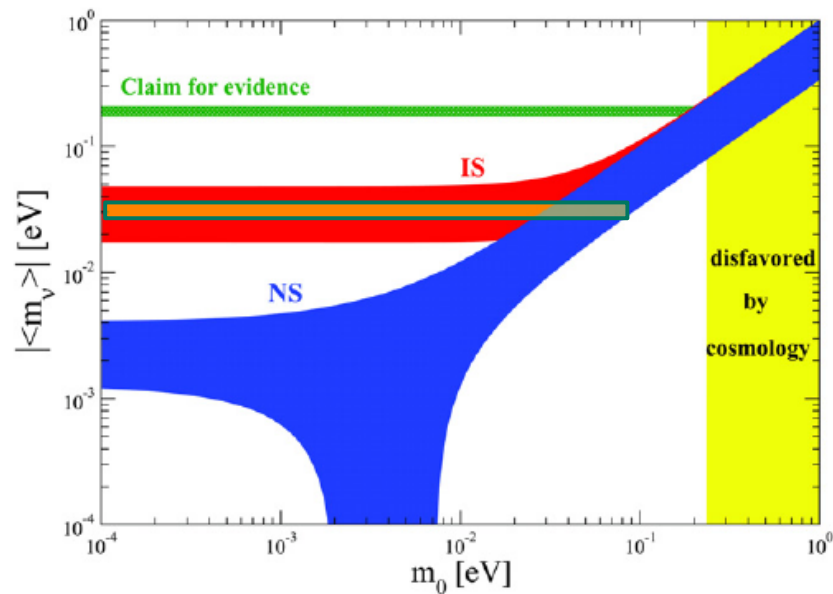
Take-Away Points

Extracting information about Majorana CP-violation phases may require the mass hierarchy from LBNE(DUNE), cosmology, etc, but also **accurate Nuclear Matrix Elements**.

$$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = \left| c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 m_1 + c_{13}^2 s_{12}^2 m_2 e^{i\phi_2} + s_{13}^2 m_3 e^{i\phi_3} \right|$$

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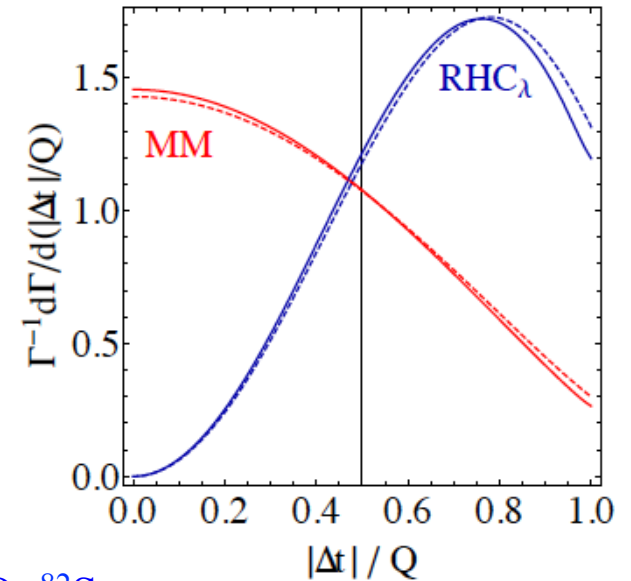
$$\Sigma = m_1 + m_2 + m_3 \text{ from cosmology}$$



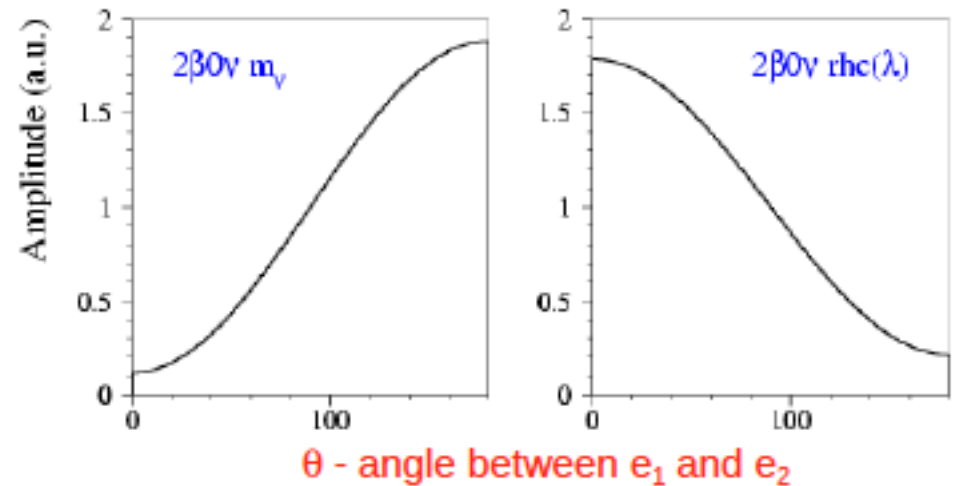
Take-Away Points

Alternative mechanisms to $0\nu\beta\beta$ need to be carefully tested: many isotopes, energy and angular correlations.

These analyses also require **accurate Nuclear Matrix Elements**.



SuperNEMO; ^{82}Se



$$|\eta_\nu|, |\eta_{NR}| \Leftarrow \begin{cases} \left[G_{Ge}^{0\nu} T_{1/2 Ge}^{0\nu} \right]^{-1} = |M_{Ge}^{(0\nu)}|^2 |\eta_\nu|^2 + |M_{Ge}^{(0N)}|^2 |\eta_{NR}|^2 \\ \left[G_{Xe}^{0\nu} T_{1/2 Xe}^{0\nu} \right]^{-1} = |M_{Xe}^{(0\nu)}|^2 |\eta_\nu|^2 + |M_{Xe}^{(0N)}|^2 |\eta_{NR}|^2 \end{cases}$$

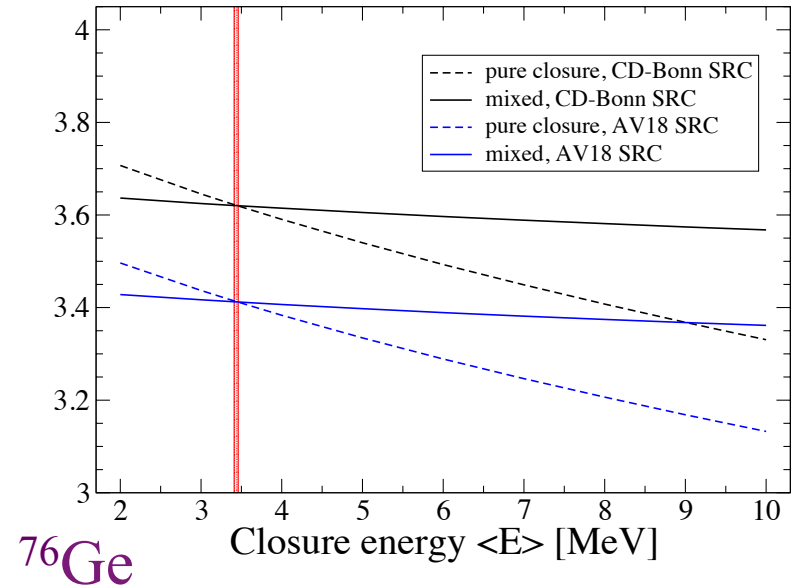
$$\left[T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \right]^{-1} = G^{0\nu} \left| \sum_j M_j \eta_j \right|^2 = G^{0\nu} \left| M^{(0\nu)} \eta_{NL} + M^{(0N)} (\eta_{NL} + \eta_{NR}) + \tilde{X}_\lambda \langle \lambda \rangle + \tilde{X}_\eta \langle \eta \rangle + M^{(0\lambda')} \eta_{\lambda'} + M^{(0\tilde{q})} \eta_{\tilde{q}} + \dots \right|^2$$

Take-Away Points

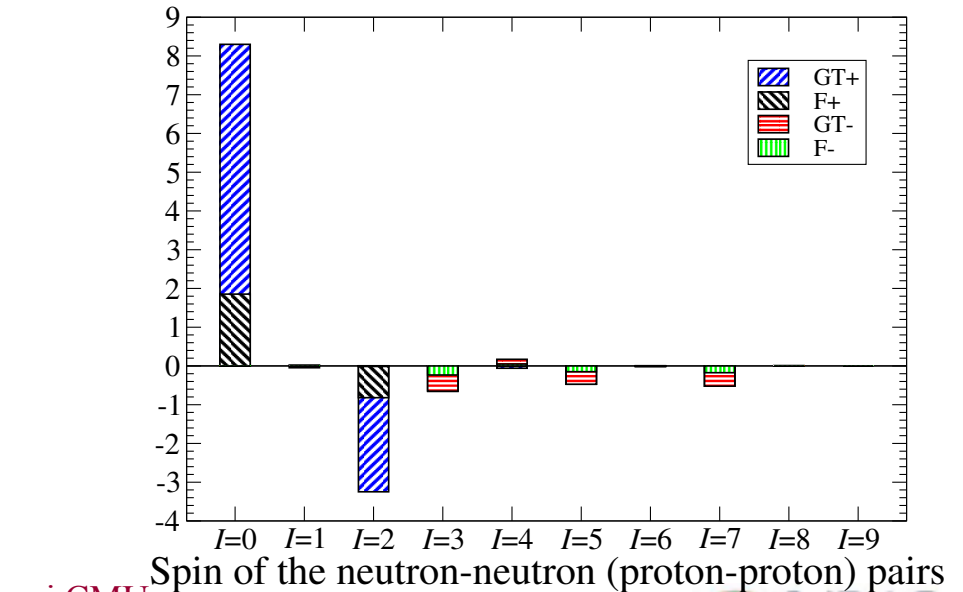
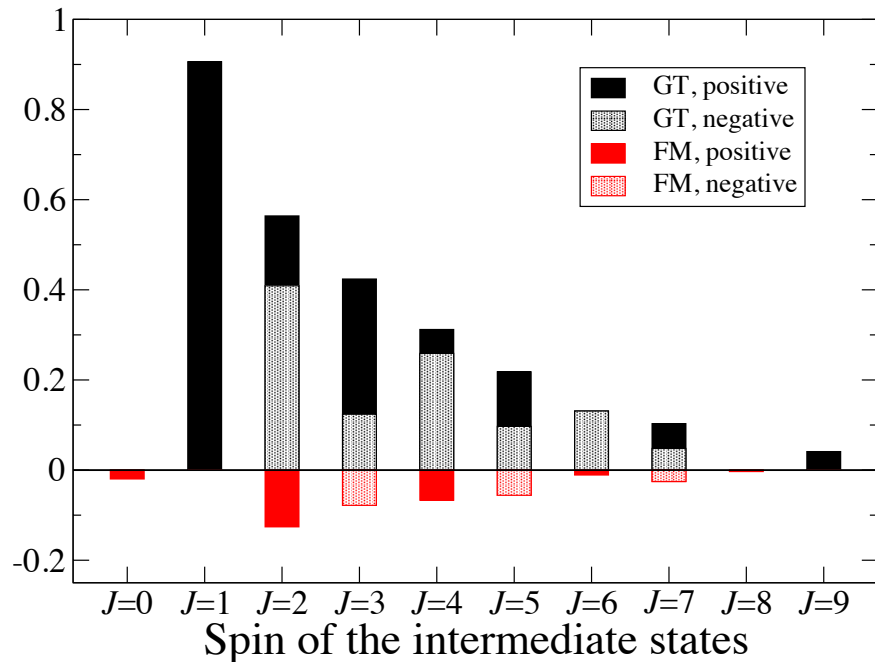
Accurate shell model NME for **different decay mechanisms** were recently calculated.

The method provides **optimal closure energies** for the mass mechanism.

Decomposition of the matrix elements can be used for **selective quenching** of classes of states, and for testing nuclear structure.



$$M_{mixed}(N) = M_{no-closure}(N) + [M_{closure}(N = \infty) - M_{closure}(N)]$$



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