

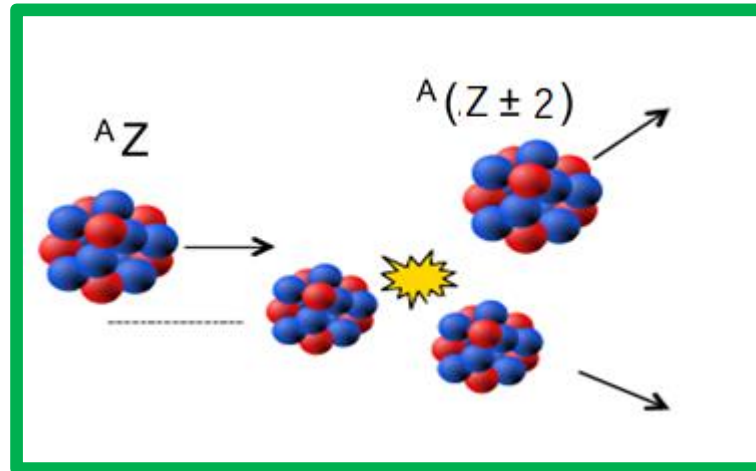
# Formal Theory of Heavy Ion Double Charge Exchange Reactions

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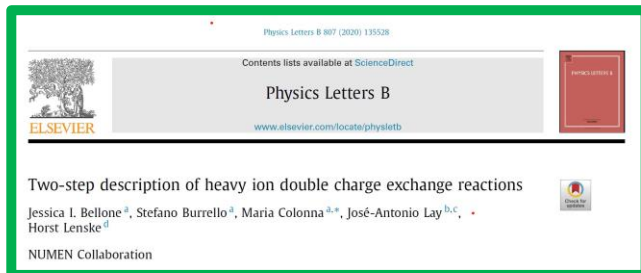
# The Topic: Double Charge Exchange Reactions



# Agenda:

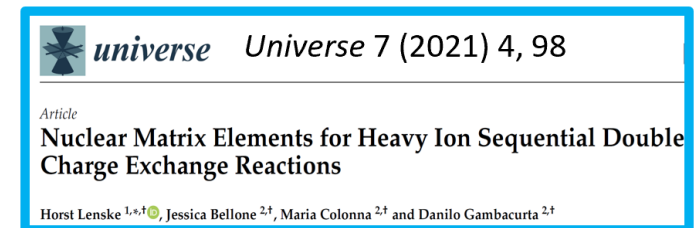
## Charged current physics with LOW ENERGY heavy ion beams

- DCE Theory Overview
- Direct DCE: Mesonic „Majorana“ (MDCE) Double Charge Exchange
- MDCE Pion-Nucleon Box Diagrams
- Exploratory Investigations
- Outlook



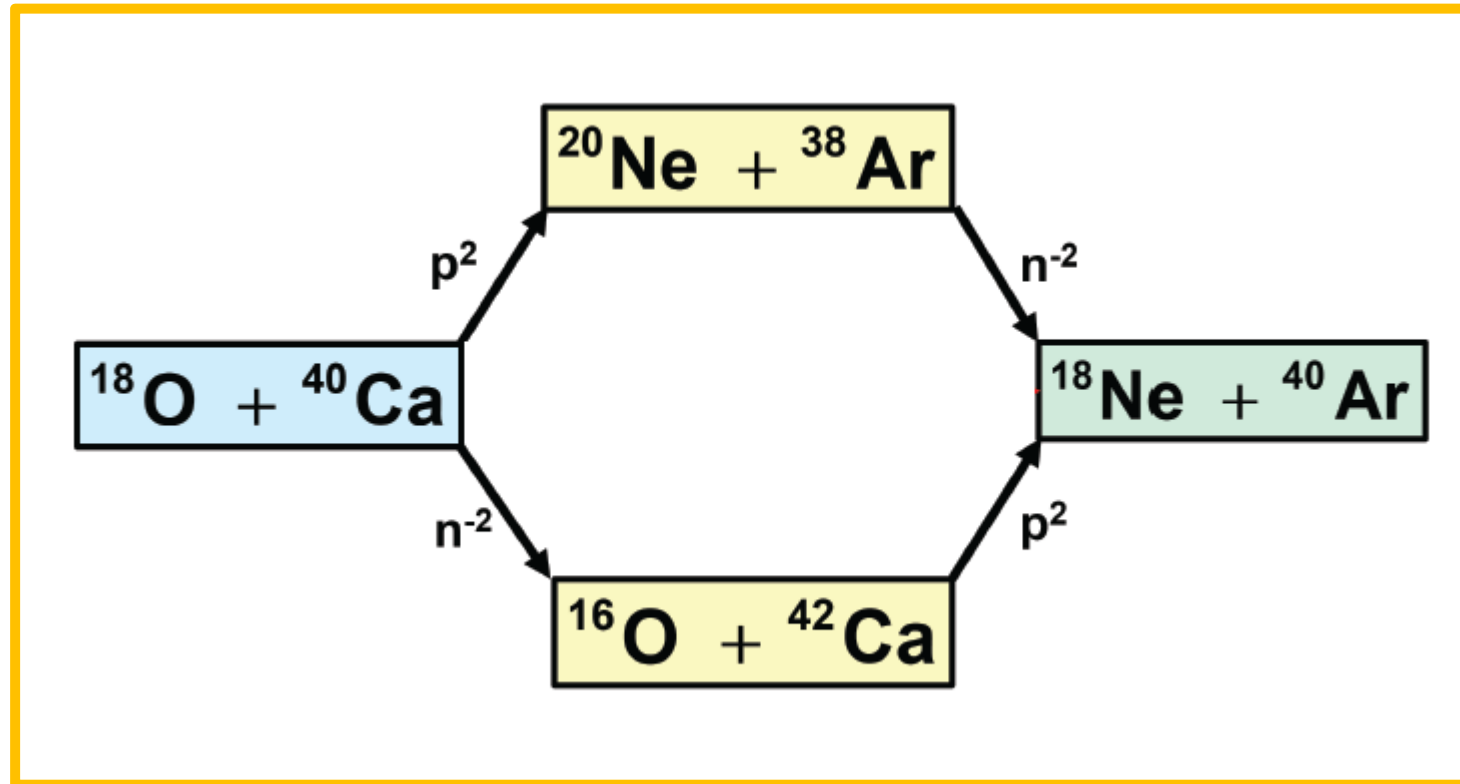
Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics  
Shedding light on nuclear aspects of neutrinoless double beta decay by heavy-ion double charge exchange reactions

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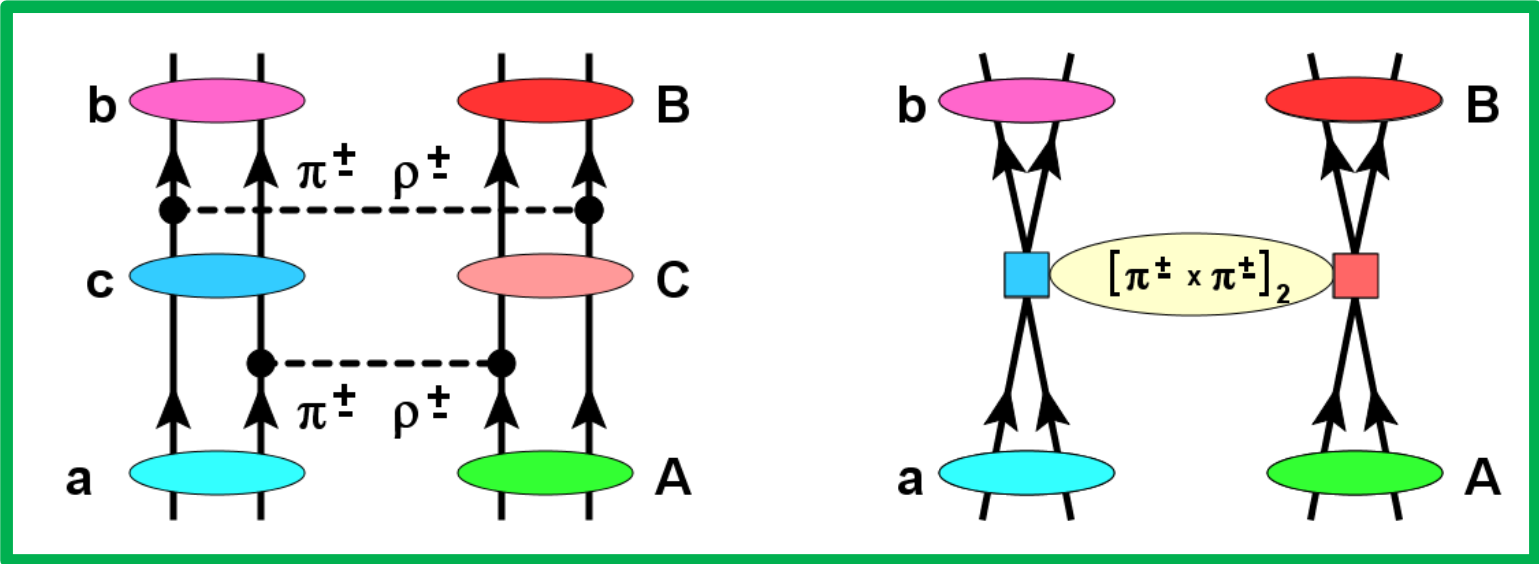


# Heavy Ion DCE Reaction Mechanism

The Complete Picture: from Transfer DCE to Mesonic „Majorana“ DCE



# Nuclear Double Charge Exchange (DCE) Reactions



**DSCE (talk by Maria Colonna)**

$\rightarrow 2\nu 2\beta$

**MDCE**

$\rightarrow 0\nu 2\beta$

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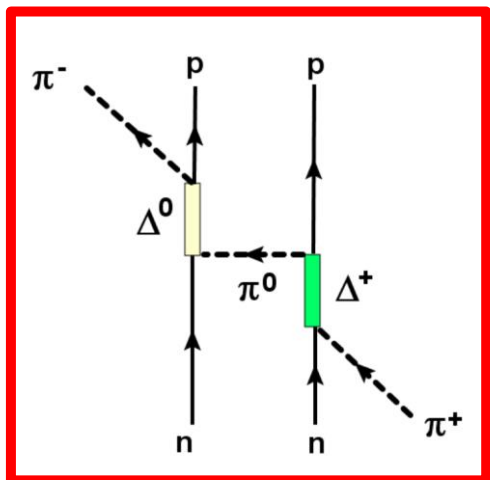
Two-step description of heavy ion double charge exchange reactions  
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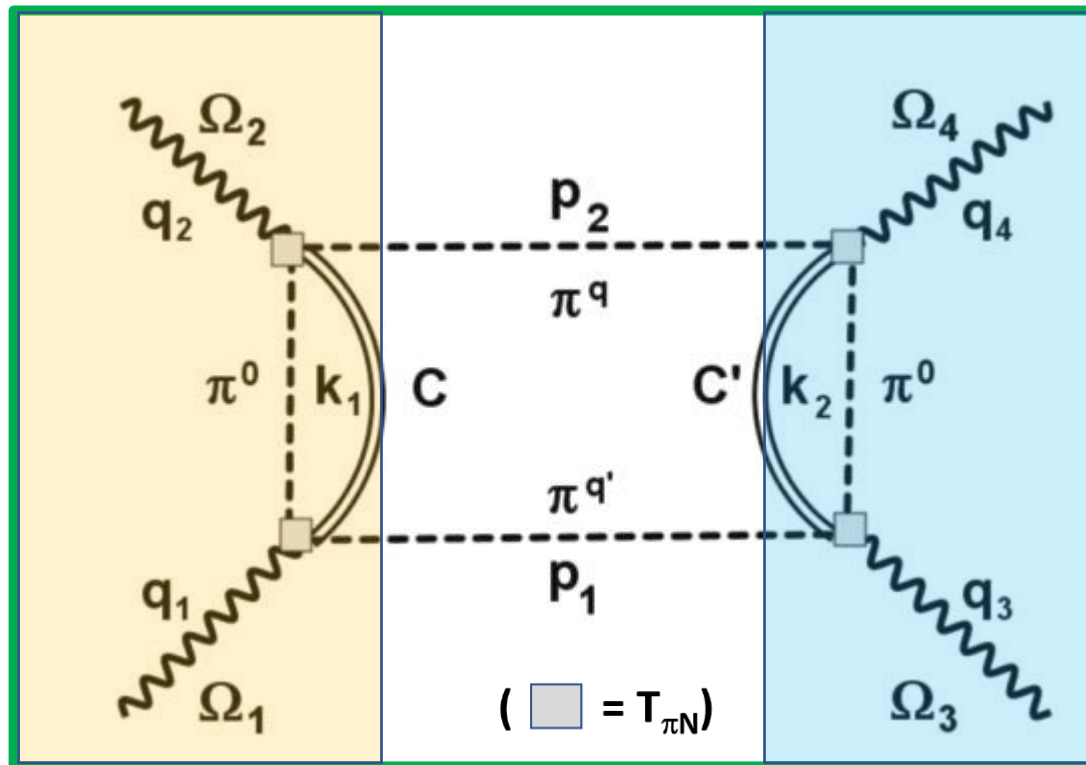
Article  
**Nuclear Matrix Elements for Heavy Ion Sequential Double Charge Exchange Reactions**  
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# DCE Reactions via 2-Nucleon Processes

# DCE by Double Meson Exchange and Pair-Correlation Interaction by $\pi N$ T-matrix, **not NN T-matrix**



On-shell counterpart:  
 $(\pi^+, \pi^-)$  and  $(\pi^-, \pi^+)$   
 DCE reactions



**MDCE  
 Box Diagrams**

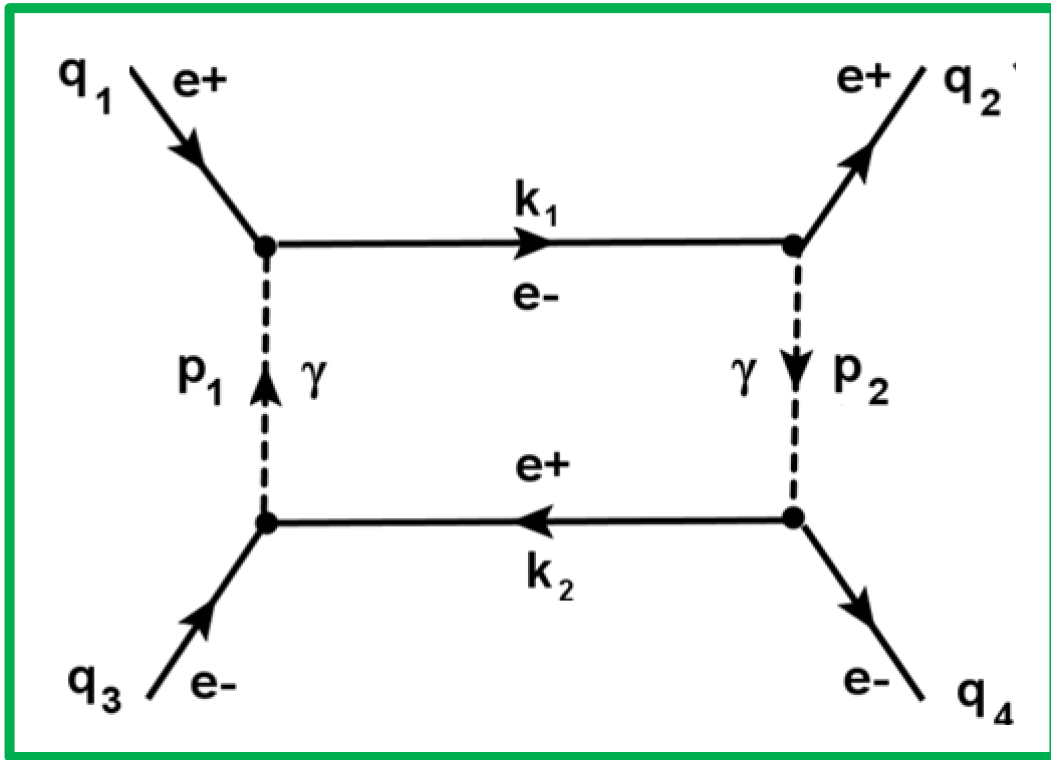
$\Omega_{1,2} \approx (pn^{-1}) \leftrightarrow \Omega_{3,4} \approx (np^{-1})$

## Two-Nucleon $nn \leftrightarrow pp$ Process

- Final states are **2p2h-configurations** w.r.t. the parent nuclei

**DCE by dynamically generated rank-2 Isotensor Interaction!**

# The MDCE Box Diagrams

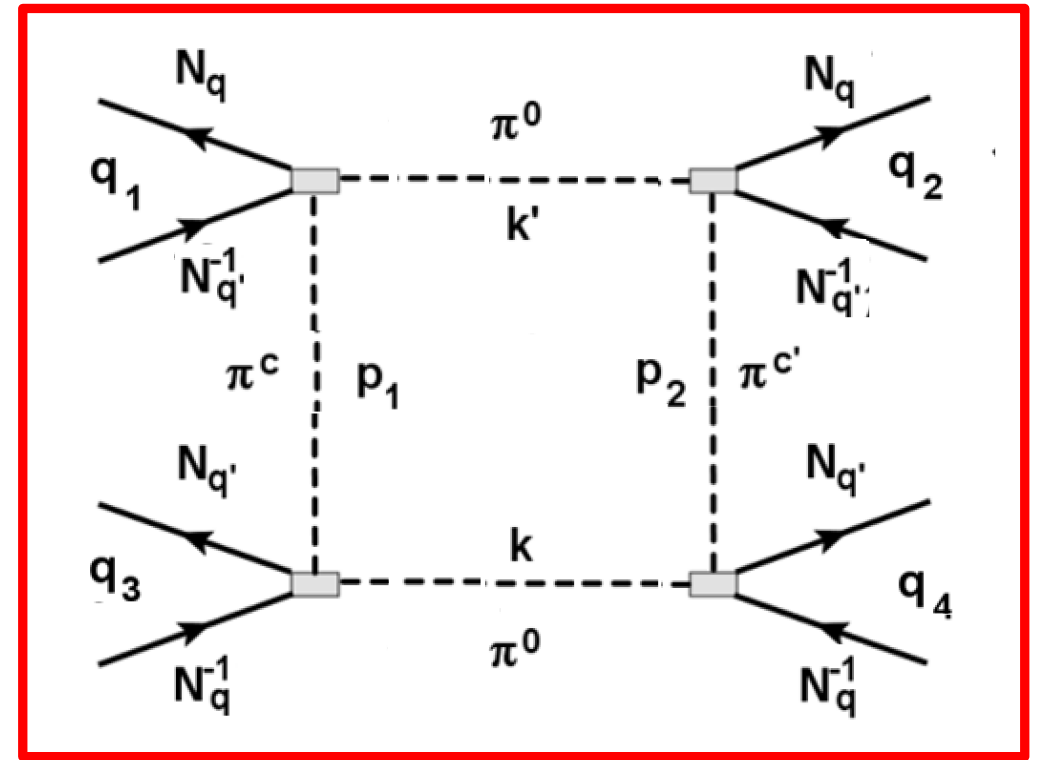


$e^+e^-$  Bhabha Scattering **QED** Box

One independent momentum variable  $k$  or  $p$

Integral over product of 2 lepton and 2 photon Propagators

Closed form by Mellin-Barnes Integrals



MDCE Isotensor **Hadronic** Box

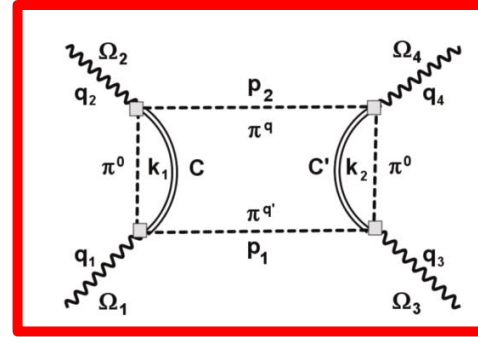
$N^{-1}N$  momenta are fixed by  $k, k'$  and  $p_{1,2}$

Meson Potentials and Nuclear Vertices

Numerical Evaluation



# MDCE **Isotensor** Transition Kernel



$$\mathcal{U}_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) = \mathcal{W}_{12}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) D_{\pi^q \pi^{q'}}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) \mathcal{W}_{34}(\mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_1),$$

$$\mathcal{W}_{ij}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}') = \sum_n \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} F_{jn}(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{k}) D_{\pi^0}(k^2, \omega_n) F_{ni}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}).$$

$$F_{dc}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) = \langle d | e^{\pm i\mathbf{q}_d \cdot \mathbf{r}} \tilde{T}_{\pi N}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) | c \rangle \quad (\mathbf{q}_d = \mathbf{p} \pm \mathbf{k})$$

MDCE-NME in projectile and target: two SCE-vertices connected by  $\pi^0$  exchange  
**2-Nucleon Mechanism fostered by 2-body correlations**

## MDCE Vertices in Closure Approximation

$$D_{\pi^0 C}(k^2) \sim -\frac{1}{k^2 + m_{\pi^0}^2} \left( 1 + \frac{(\omega_A - \omega_C)^2}{m_{\pi^0}^2} + \dots \right)$$

Pion Mass  $\rightarrow$  NATURAL SEPARATION SCALE!  $\rightarrow$  keep the 1st term only  $\rightarrow$  Closure

## MDCE Transition Potential in Closure Approximation

$$\mathcal{W}_{FD}^{(c)}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) = -\int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \langle F | V_{\pi N}^{\pm}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}_2) \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{12}}}{k^2 + m_{\pi^0}^2} V_{\pi N}^{\pm}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}_1) | D \rangle$$

## The MDCE Nuclear Transition Amplitude

$$W_{AB}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) = -\langle B | e^{-i\mathbf{p}_2 \cdot \mathbf{r}_2} \mathcal{U}_\pi(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{r}_1} \mathcal{T}_{2\pm 2} | A \rangle,$$

### Rank-2 Isotensor Operator

$$\mathcal{T}_{2\pm 2} = [\boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \otimes \boldsymbol{\tau}_2]_{2\pm 2}$$

### Pion-Potential

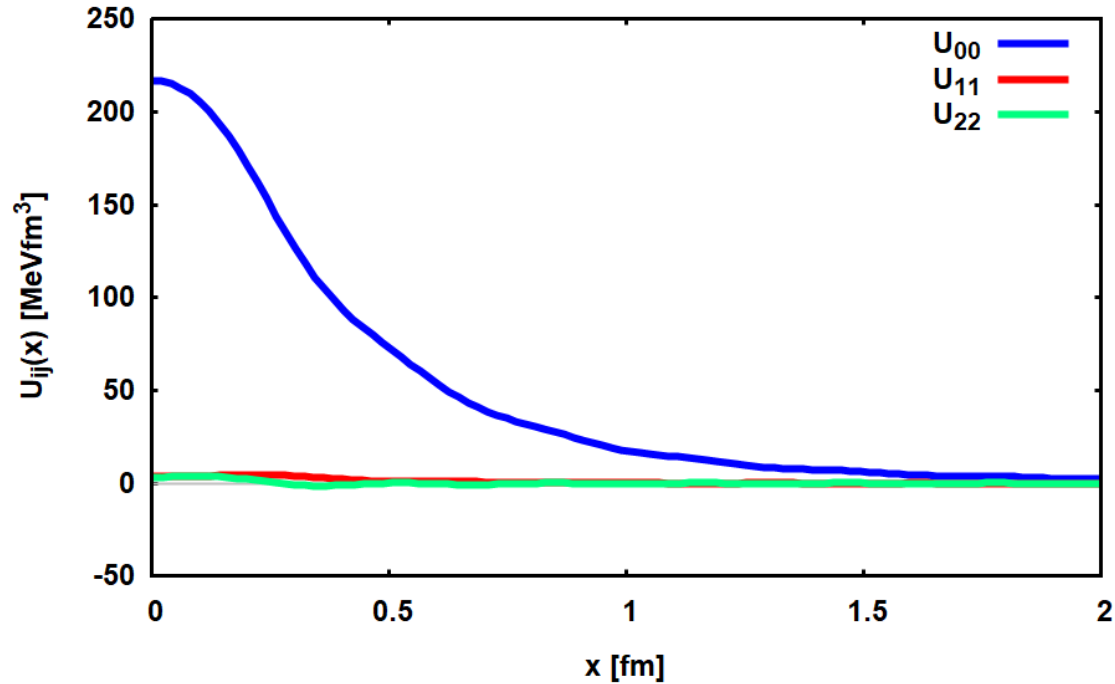
$$\mathcal{U}_\pi(\mathbf{x}) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} T_{\pi N}(\mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{k}) \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}}}{k^2 + m_{\pi^0}^2} T_{\pi N}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{k}).$$

$$T_{\pi N}(\mathbf{p}_j, \mathbf{k}) = T_0(w) + \frac{1}{m_\pi^2} \left( T_1(w) \mathbf{p}_j \cdot \mathbf{k} + iT_2(w) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \cdot (\mathbf{p}_j \times \mathbf{k}) \right)$$

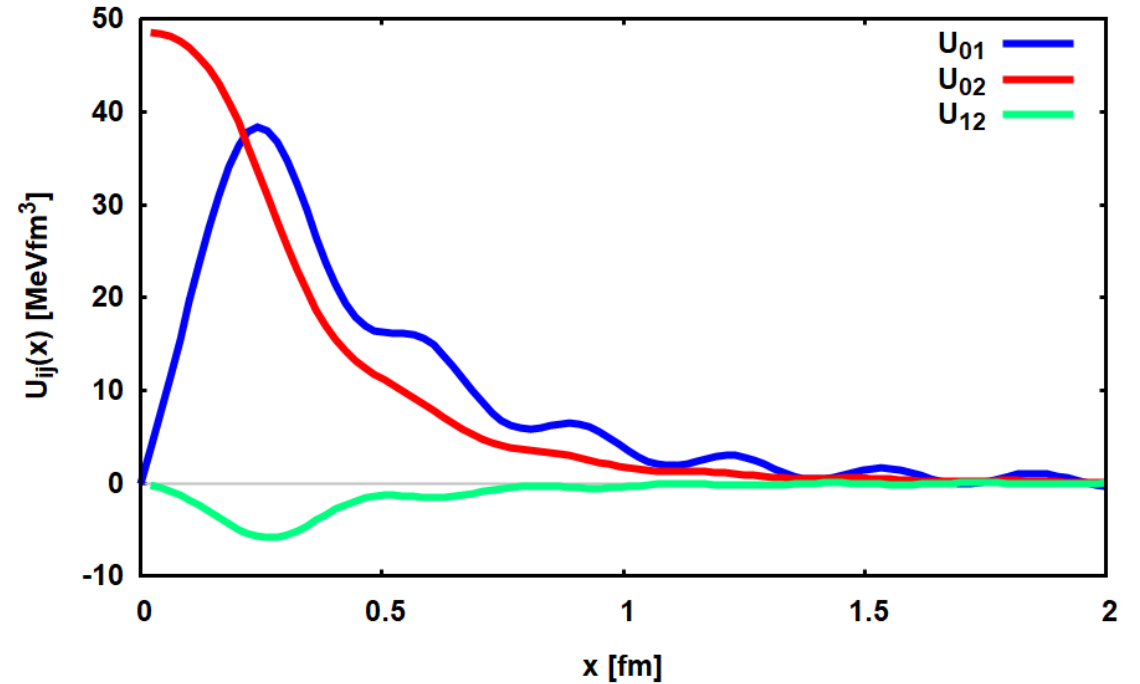
→ 6 potentials:  $U_{00}(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $U_{11}(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $U_{22}(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $U_{01}(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $U_{02}(\mathbf{x})$  and  $U_{12}(\mathbf{x})$

# Pion Potentials at low Momentum Transfer

$p_1=p_2=30 \text{ MeV}/c$



Diagonal  $U_{ii}(x)$



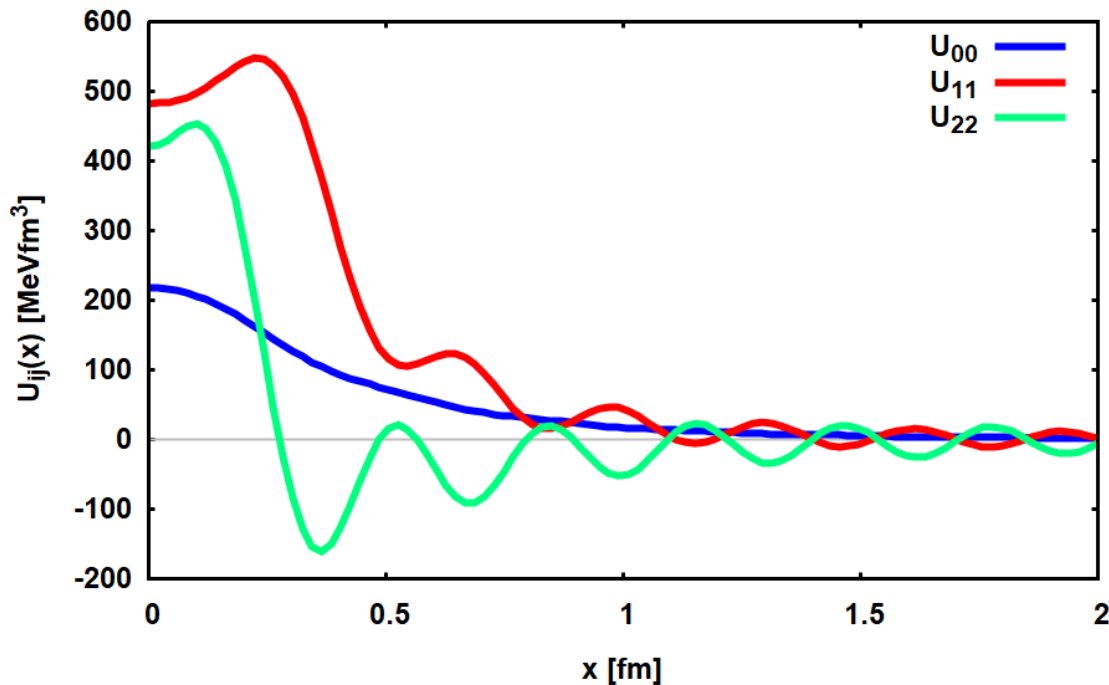
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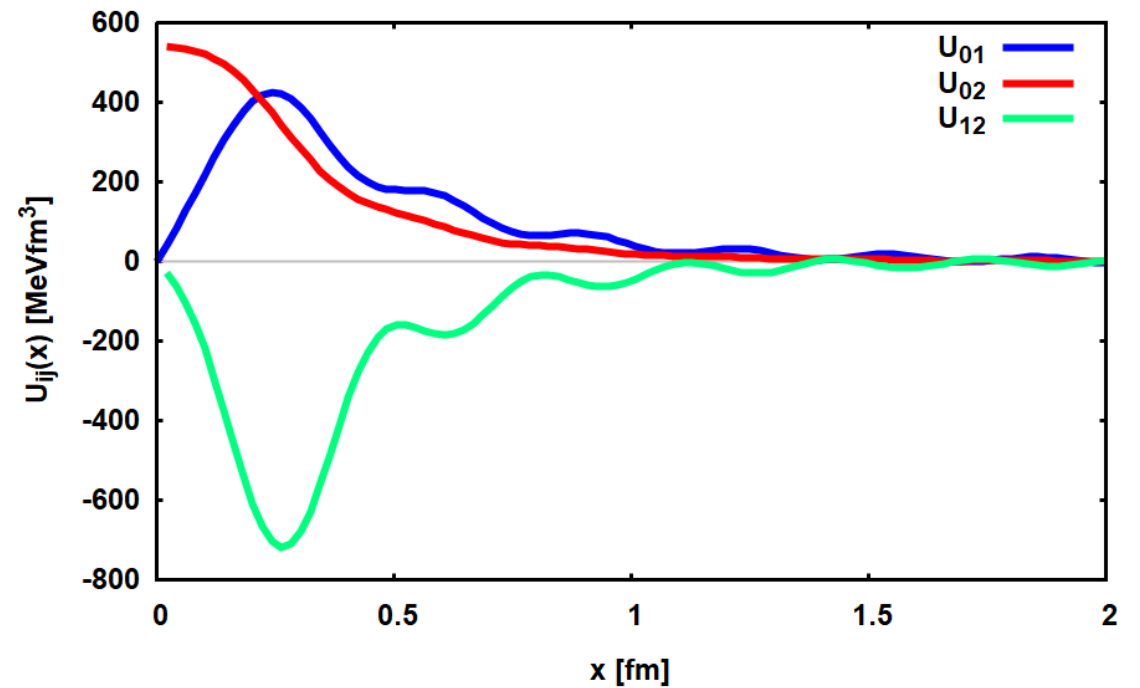
# Pion Potentials at high Momentum Transfer

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General Feature:  
Short-Range NN-Correlation –  $x_{NN} \sim 0.5 \text{ fm}$



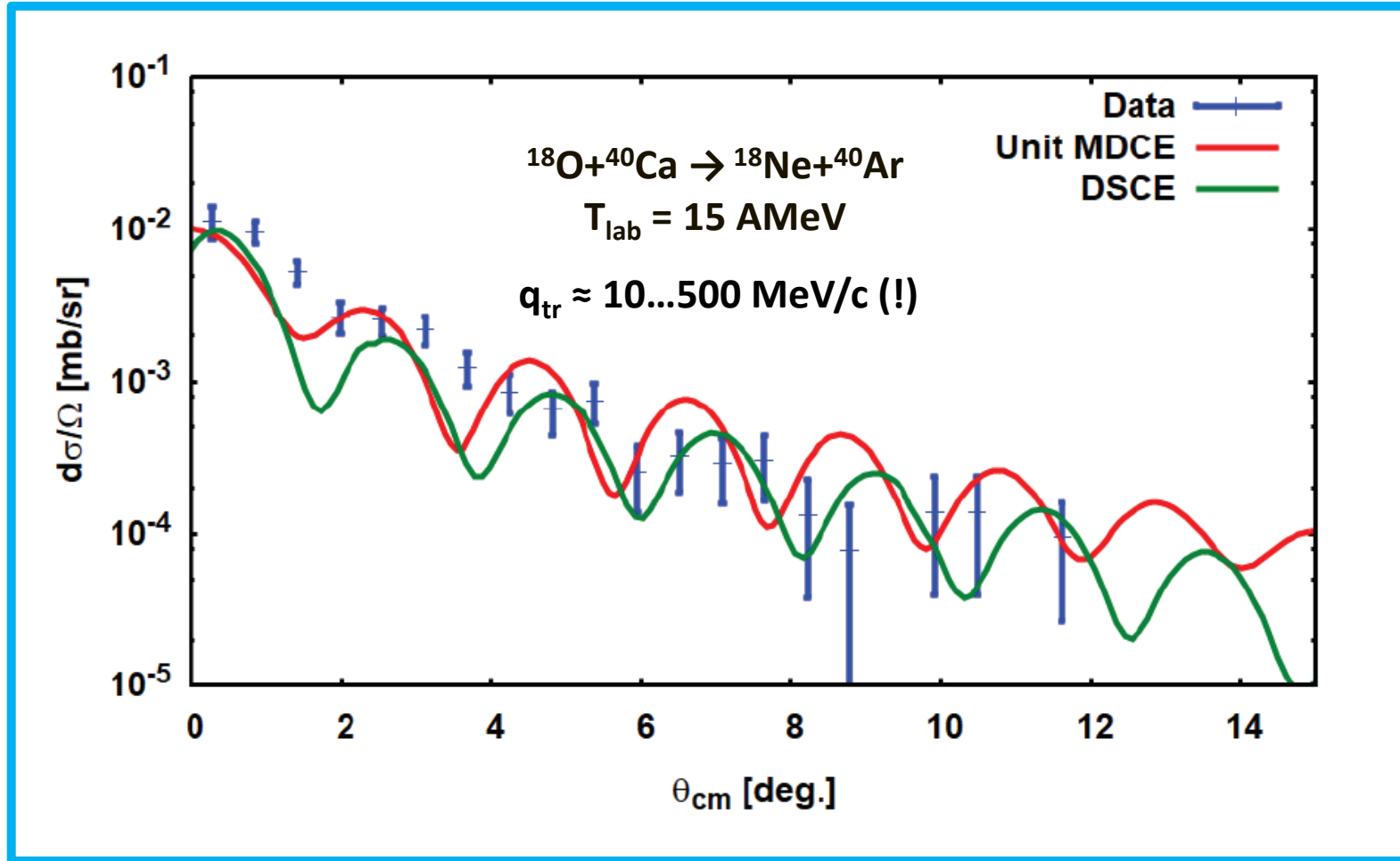
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# Heavy Ion DCE Reactions



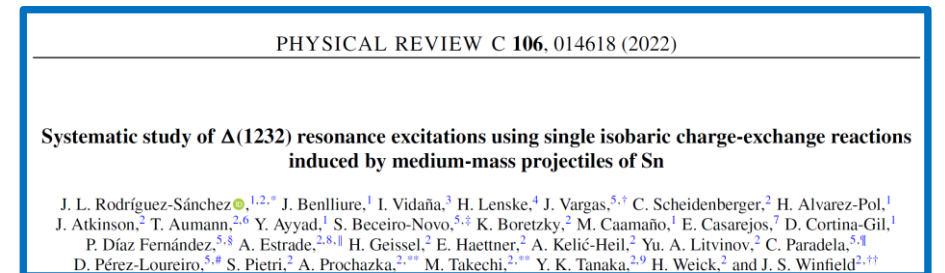
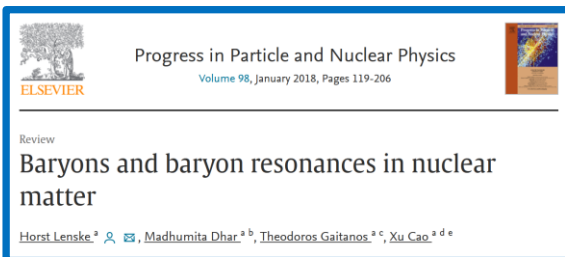
2-step DSCE: intermediate states with  $J^\pi \leq 5^\pm$   
 1-step MDCE:  $^{40}\text{Ca}(0^+) \rightarrow ^{40}\text{Ar}([n^{-2}p^2]0^+)$ :  $J=0^+$  with  $L=S=0$  &  $[L=2 \times S=2]_{0^+}$

Data: F. Cappuzzello et al., EPJ A51 (2015)

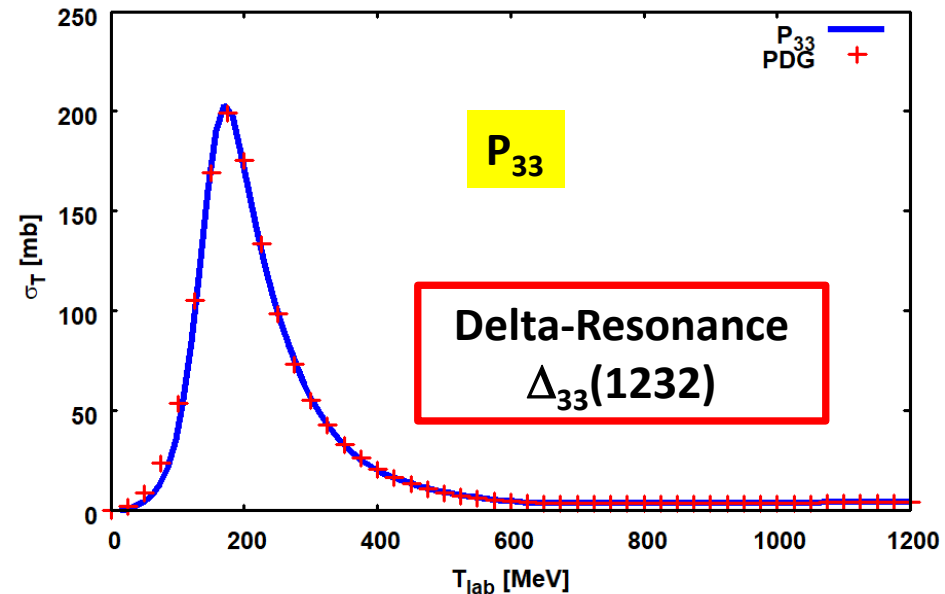
**MDCE Preliminary!**

# Pion-Nucleon Interactions

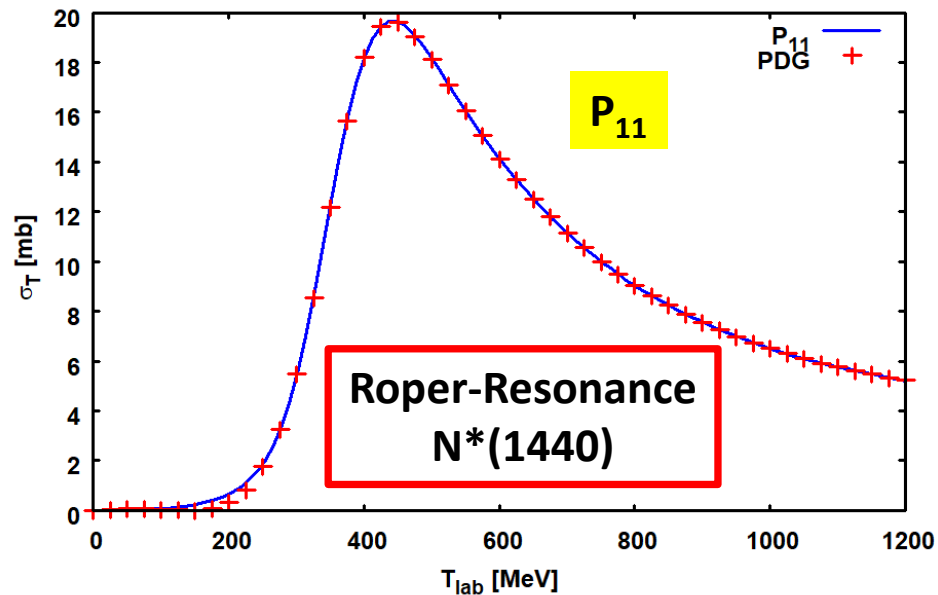
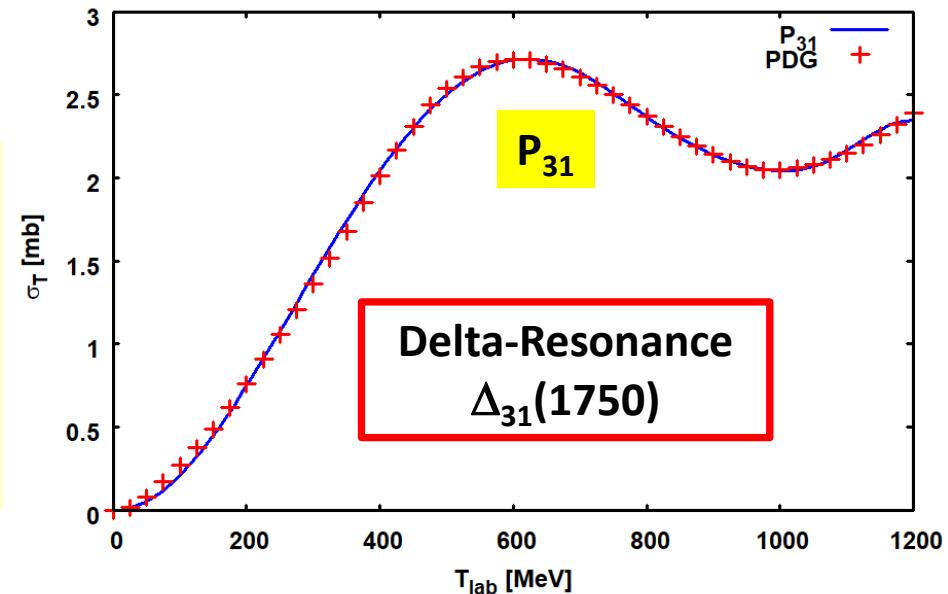
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# $\pi$ N total Cross Sections



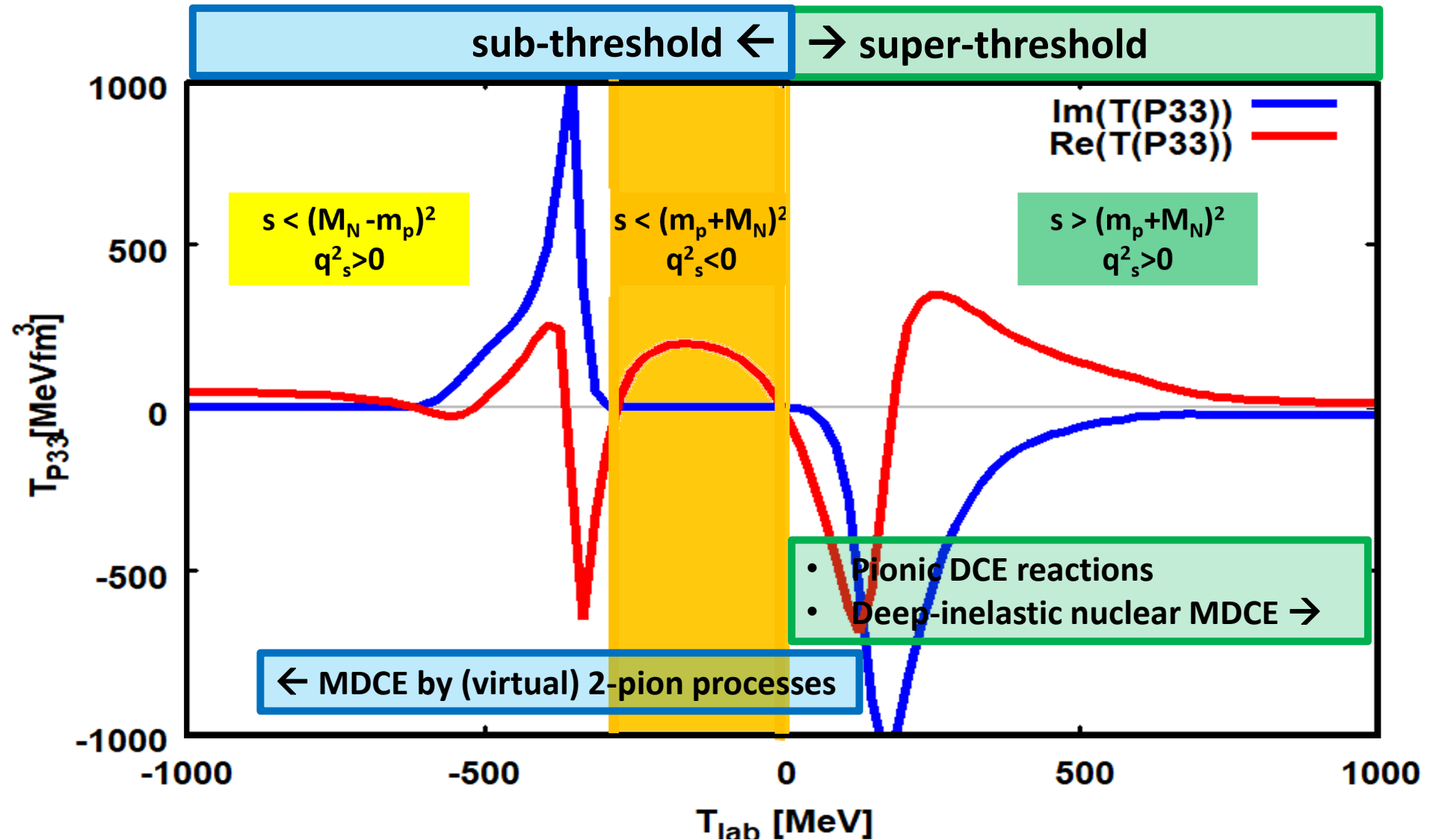
Relevant partial waves:  
 $P_{33}, P_{11}, P_{31}, S_{11}, S_{31}$   
 (Notation:  $L_{212J}$ )  
 $T_0 \sim \{S_{11}, S_{31}\}$   
 $T_{1,2} \sim \{P_{11}, P_{31}, P_{31}\}$



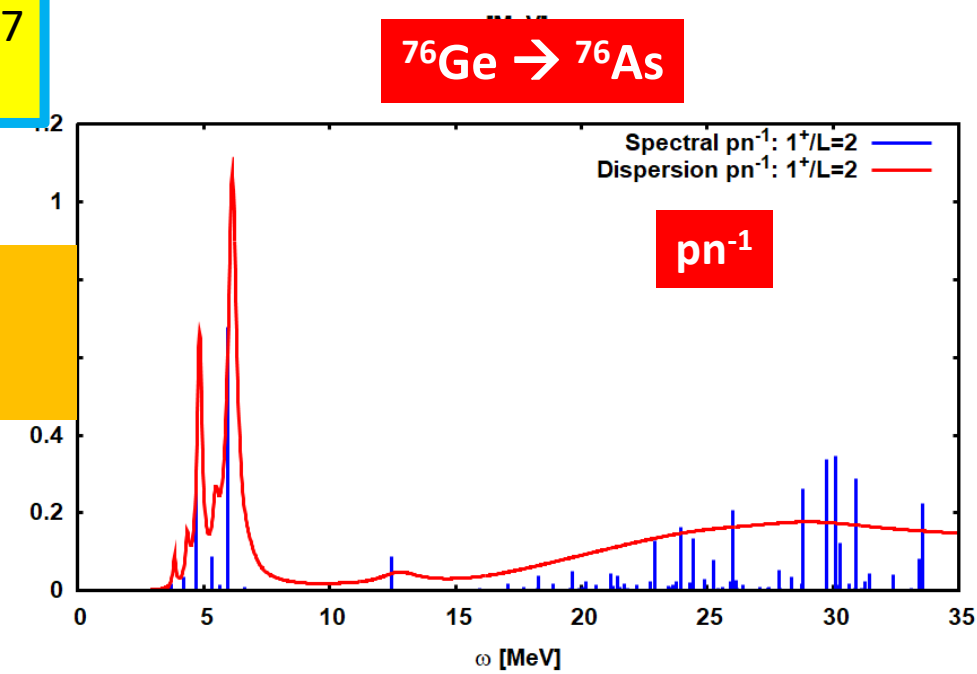
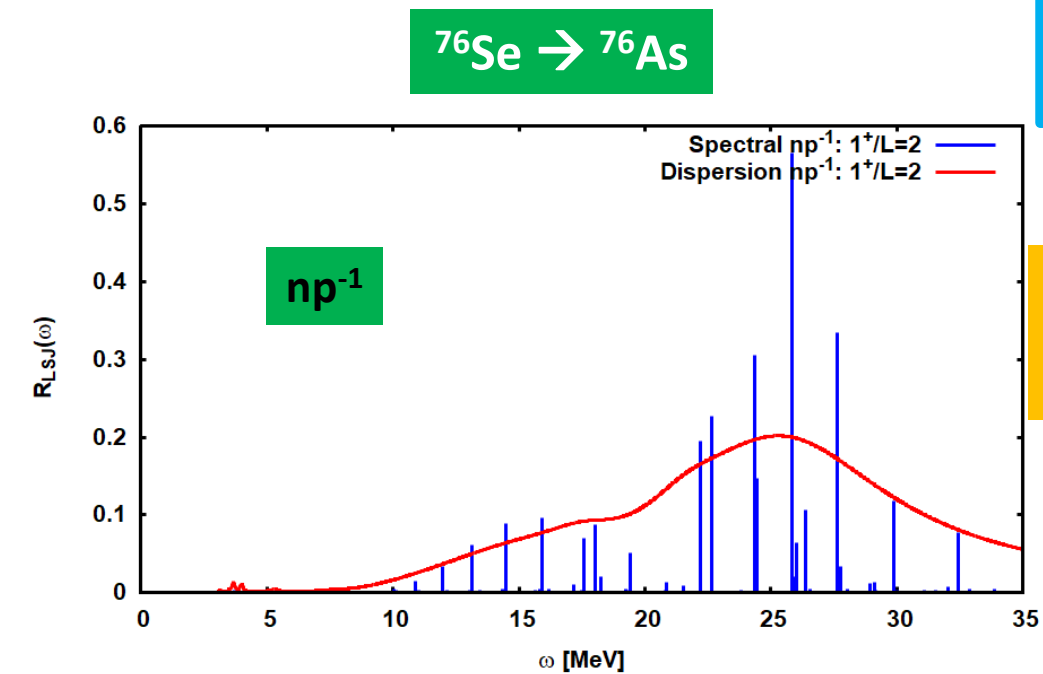
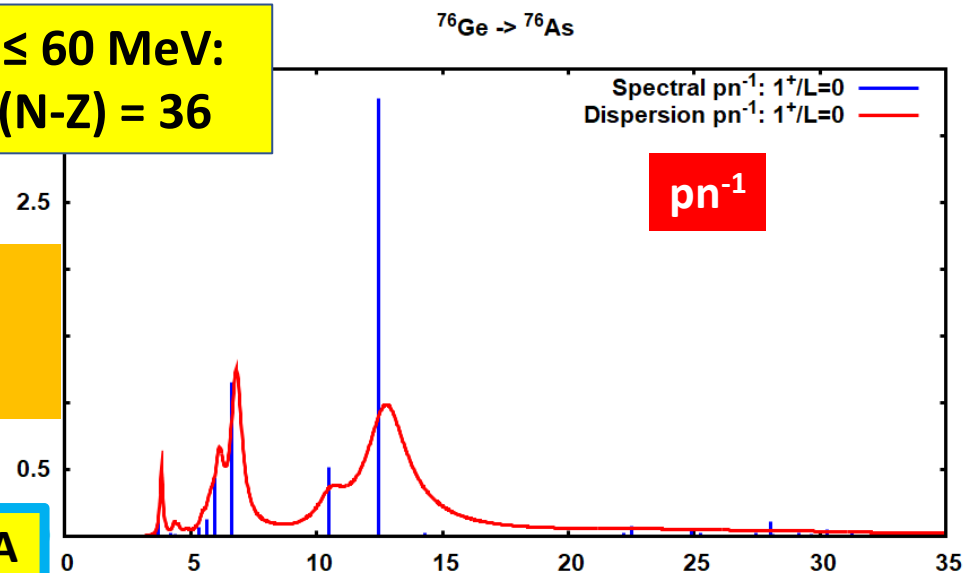
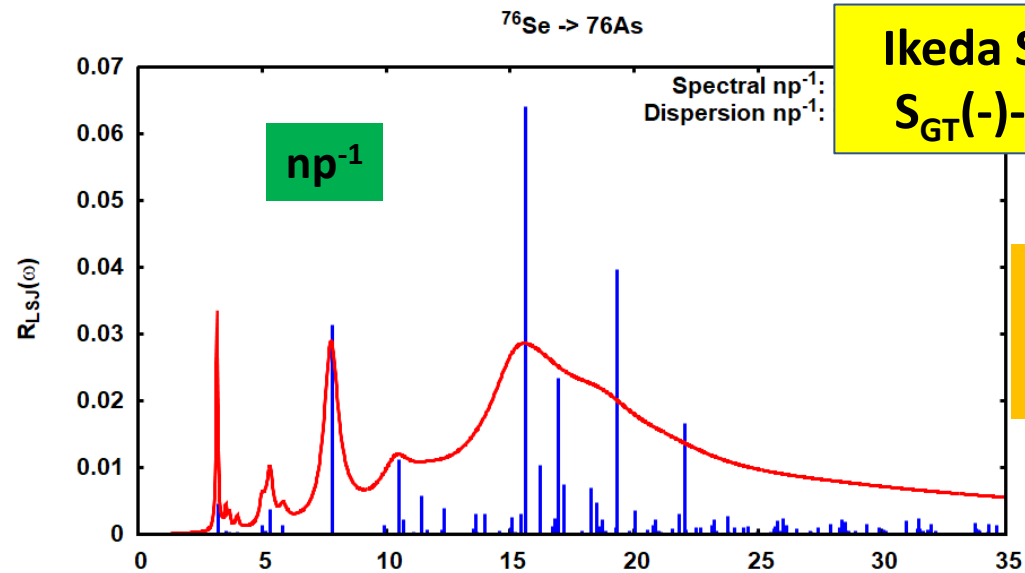
Review on the Giessen  $\pi$ +N  
 CC approach:  
 H.L. et al., PPNP 98 (2018) 119



# Kinematical Regions of Importance for Hadronic DCE Reactions

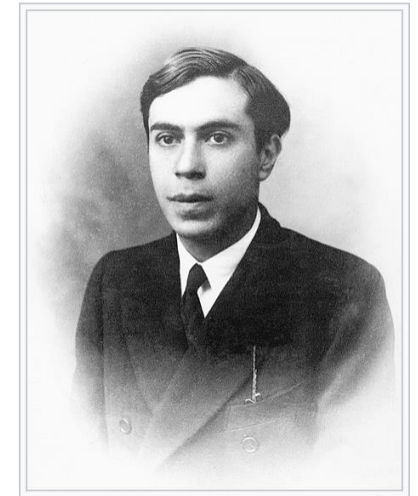
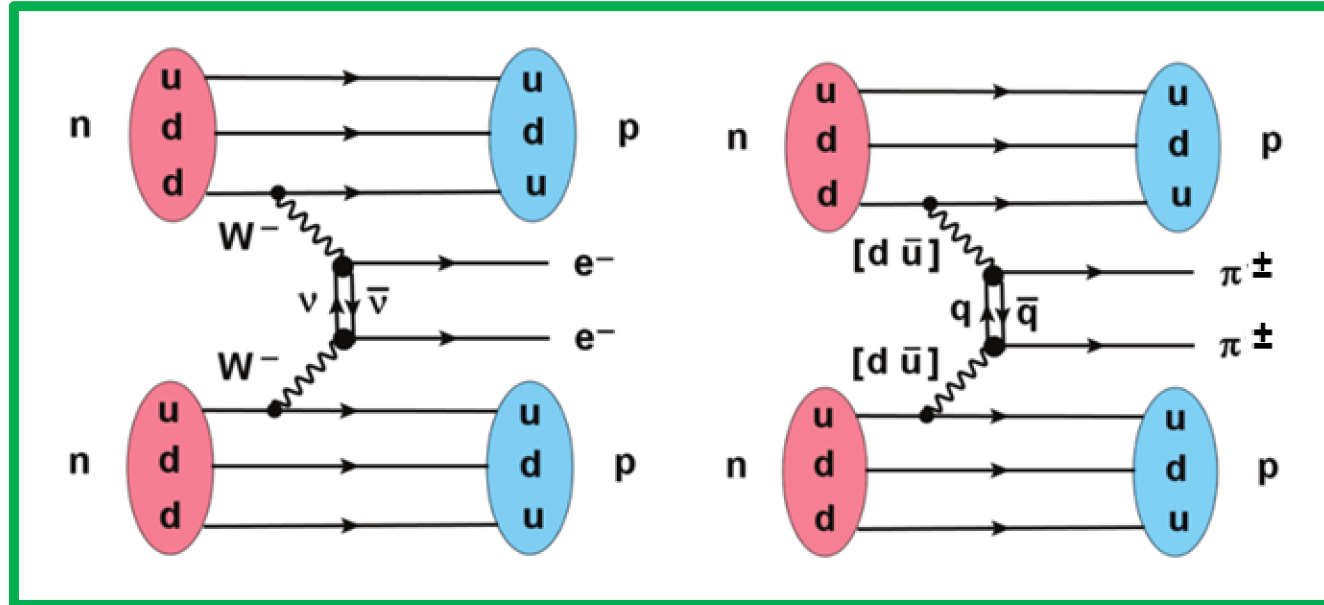


# **Nuclear Structure Aspects of DCE Physics**



# MDCE and $0\nu 2\beta$ Double Beta-Decay

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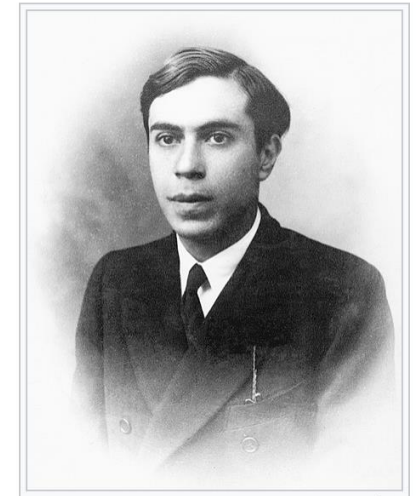
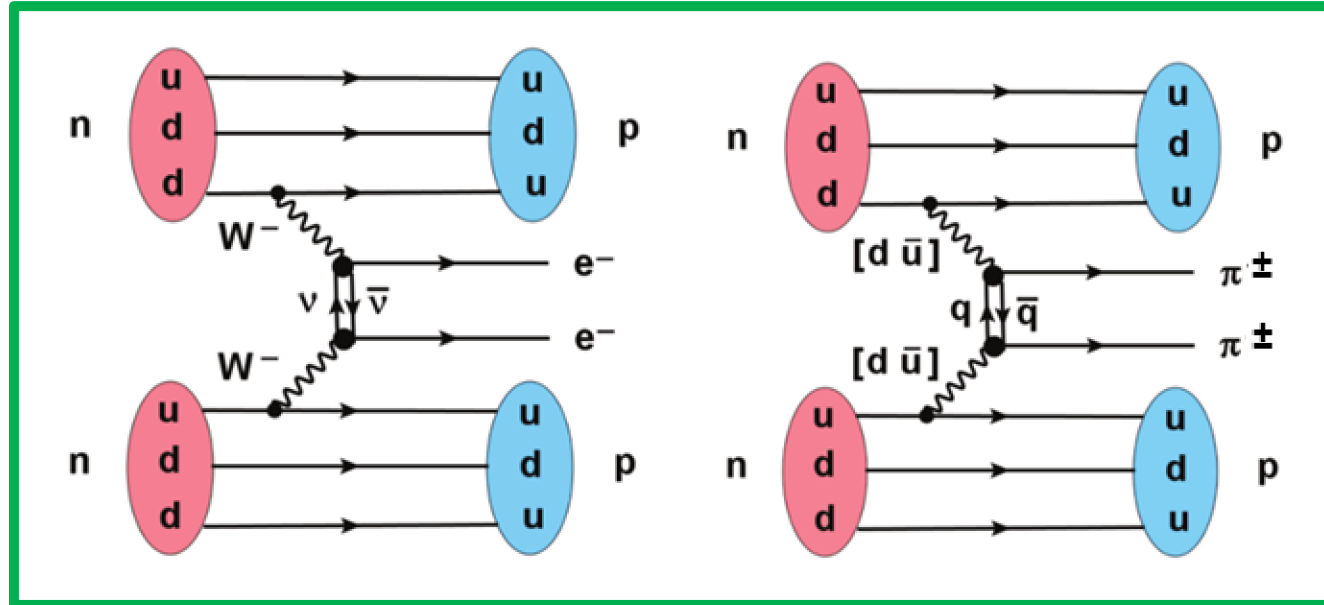


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## Summary and Outlook

- DSCE reactions  $\leftrightarrow$  analogue of  $2\nu 2\beta$  – decay
- MDCE reactions  $\leftrightarrow$  analogue of  $0\nu 2\beta$  – decay
- Induced rank-2 **IsoTensor** interaction  $\leftrightarrow$  generic for heavy ion DCE reactions
- MDCE box diagrams and pion potentials
- Pion-nucleon scattering and MDCE interactions
- Nuclear structure aspects of DCE physics – „Multi-Methods“ Approach

**Precision Spectroscopy with heavy ion beams**

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# Backup

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plus  
pion off-shell 4-momentum  $p_\pi = (\omega, \mathbf{p})$

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