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## *Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay Theory*

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# OUTLINE

## I. Introduction

(Majorana  $\nu$ 's)

## II. The $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay scenarios due neutrinos exchange

(simplest, sterile  $\nu$ , LR-symmetric model)

## III. DBD NMEs – Current status

(deformation, scaling relation?, exp. support, ab initio... )

## IV. Quenching of $g_A$

(Ikeda sum rule,  $2\nu\beta\beta$ -calc., novel approach for effective  $g_A$  )

## V. Looking for a signal of lepton number violation

(LHC study, resonant  $0\nu ECEC$  ...)

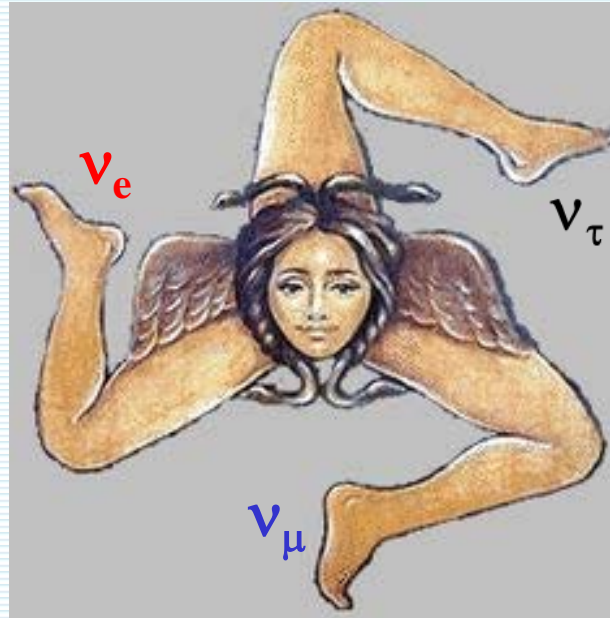
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After 89/63 years  
we know

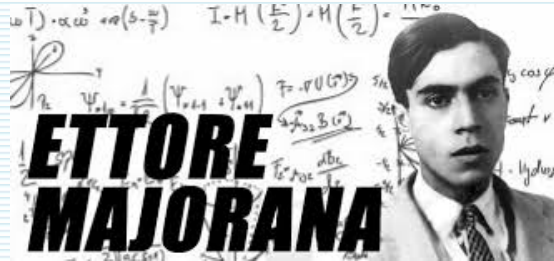
## Fundamental $\nu$ properties

No answer yet

- 3 families of light (V-A) neutrinos:  
 $\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$
- $\nu$  are massive:  
we know mass squared differences
- relation between flavor states and mass states (neutrino mixing)

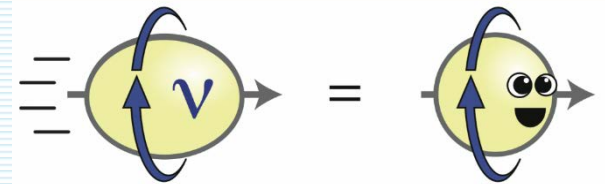


- Are  $\nu$  Dirac or Majorana?
- Is there a CP violation in  $\nu$  sector?
- Are neutrinos stable?
- What is the magnetic moment of  $\nu$ ?
- **Sterile neutrinos?**
- Statistical properties of  $\nu$ ? Fermionic or partly bosonic?



Currently main issue

*Nature, Mass hierarchy, CP-properties, sterile  $\nu$*



The observation of neutrino oscillations has opened a new excited era in neutrino physics and represents a big step forward in our knowledge of neutrino properties

# Majorana fermion



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Ettore\\_Majorana.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Ettore_Majorana.jpg)



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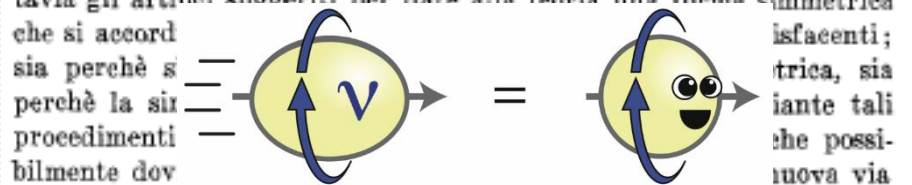
## TEORIA SIMMETRICA DELL'ELETTRONE E DEL POSITRONE

Nota di ETTORE MAJORANA

### Symmetric Theory of Electron and Positron Nuovo Cim. 14 (1937) 171

**Sunto.** - Si dimostra la possibilità di pervenire a una piena simmetrizzazione formale della teoria quantistica dell'elettrone e del positrone facendo uso di un nuovo processo di quantizzazione. Il significato delle equazioni di DIRAC ne risulta alquanto modificato e non vi è più luogo a parlare di stati di energia negativa; nè a presumere per ogni altro tipo di particelle, particolarmente neutre, l'esistenza di « antiparticelle » corrispondenti ai « vuoti » di energia negativa.

L'interpretazione dei cosiddetti « stati di energia negativa » proposta da DIRAC <sup>(1)</sup> conduce, come è ben noto, a una descrizione sostanzialmente simmetrica degli elettroni e dei positroni. La sostanziale simmetria del formalismo consiste precisamente in questo, che fin dove è possibile applicare la teoria girando le difficoltà di convergenza, essa fornisce realmente risultati del tutto simmetrici. Tuttavia gli artifici suggeriti per dare alla teoria una forma simmetrica che si accorda sia perchè sia perchè la sir procedimenti bilmente dov che conduce più direttamente alla meta.



Per quanto riguarda gli elettroni e i positroni, da essa si può veramente attendere soltanto un progresso formale; ma ci sembra importante, per le possibili estensioni analogiche, che venga a cadere la nozione stessa di stato di energia negativa. Vedremo infatti che è perfettamente possibile costruire, nella maniera più naturale, una teoria delle particelle neutre elementari senza stati negativi.

<sup>(1)</sup> P. A. M. DIRAC, « Proc. Camb. Phil. Soc. », **30**, 150, 1924. V. anche W. HEISENBERG, « ZS. f. Phys. », **90**, 209, 1934.



*MESONIUM AND ANTIMESONIUM*

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*INVERSE BETA PROCESSES AND NONCONSERVATION OF LEPTON CHARGE*

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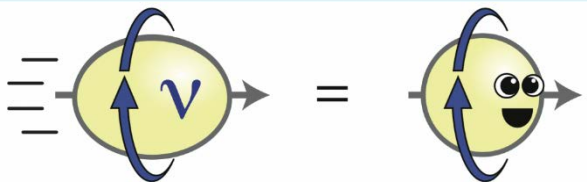
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$\nu \leftrightarrow \bar{\nu}$  oscillation

(neutrinos are Majorana particles)



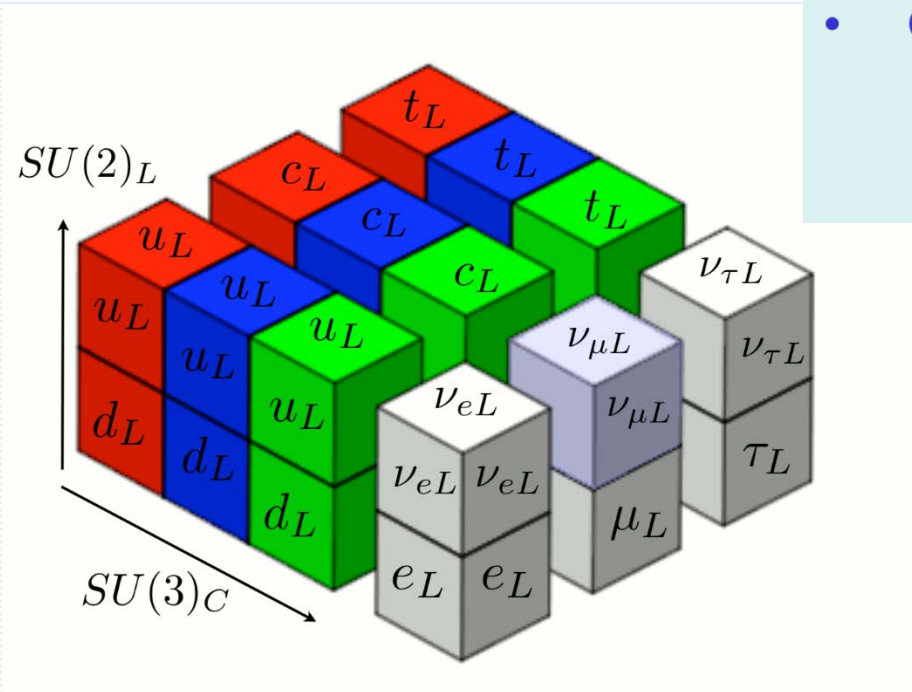
It follows from the above assumptions that in vacuum a neutrino can be transformed into an antineutrino and vice versa. This means that the neutrino and antineutrino are “mixed” particles, i.e., a symmetric and antisymmetric combination of two truly neutral Majorana particles  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_2$  of different combined parity.<sup>5</sup>

1968 **Gribov, Pontecorvo** [PLB 28(1969) 493]  
 oscillations of neutrinos - a solution  
 of deficit of solar neutrinos in Homestake exp.



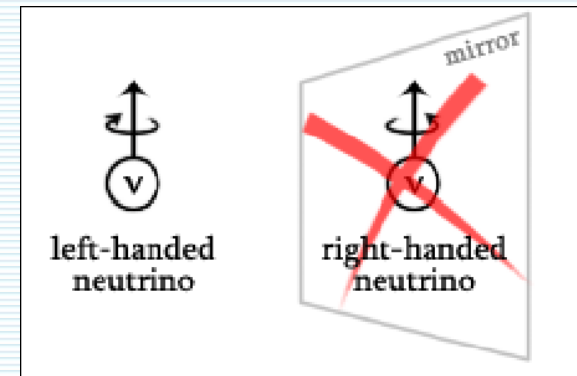
# Standard Model

(an astonishing successful theory, based on few principles)



## Neutrino is a special particle in SM:

- It is the only fermion that does not carry electric charge (like bosons  $\gamma, g, H^0$ ) !
- In the SM, the only left-handed neutrinos  $\nu_L$  appears in the theory.
- One cannot obtain a mass for  $\nu_L$  with any renormalizable coupling with the Higgs fields through SSB.



However, we know that  $\nu$ 's do have mass from the  $\nu$ -oscillation experiments!

=> Thus the neutrino mass indicates that there is something new = **BSM physics!**

# Majorana $\nu$ -mass $\Rightarrow$ Lepton number violation



The **absence of the RH  $\nu$  fields** in the SM is the simplest, most economical scenario. The  $\nu$ -masses and mixing are generated by the **L-number violating Majorana mass term** coming from **dimension-5 effective Weinberg operator**:

$$\mathbf{L} = \frac{\lambda(\mathbf{LH})(\mathbf{LH})}{\Lambda} + \text{h. c.}$$

(LH) is a SM singlet,  $\Lambda$  - mass scale,  $\lambda$  - dimensionless coupling. After SSB

$$\mathbf{L} = \frac{\lambda v^2}{2\Lambda} (\nu_L \nu_L + \text{h. c.})$$

The Majorana  $\nu$ -mass term violates total lepton number

Make  $\nu_L \rightarrow e^{i\phi} \nu_L$ ,  $\mathbf{L}$  changes by  $e^{2i\phi}$

## Majorana Neutrinos

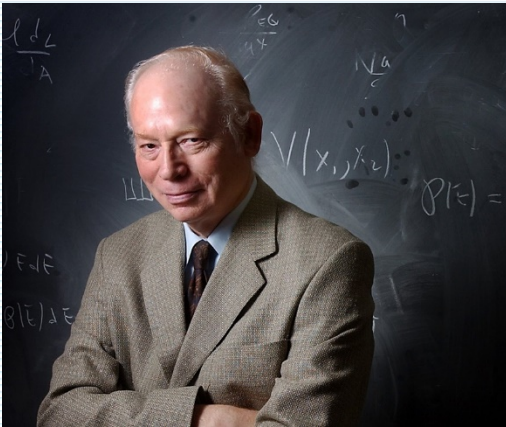
- LN violating
- $\nu = \nu^c$
- $\nu = \nu_L + (\nu_L)^c$

In the SM, The term like  $\nu_L \nu_L$  is not allowed by  $SU(2) \times U(1) \Rightarrow$  there is no natural Majorana mass term for the LH  $\nu$ . However, dim-5 L-number non-conserving operator is allowed leading to a **Majorana mass**

$$m_M = \frac{\lambda v^2}{\Lambda}$$

This is a seesaw formula, in the sense that small  $\nu$ -mass can be understood when  $\Lambda$  is large. To get **meV mass**, we need

$$\Lambda = 10^{16} \text{ GeV (GUT scale)}$$

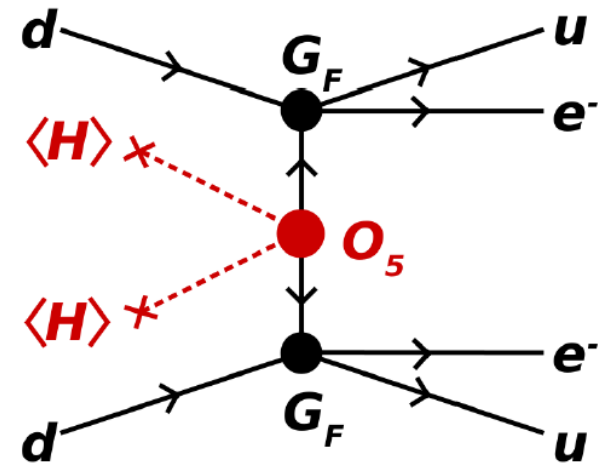


Weinberg, 1979:  $d=5$

$$\mathcal{O}_W \propto \frac{c_{ij}}{\Lambda} (L_i H)(L_j H)$$

Weinberg does not take credit for predicting neutrino masses, but he thinks it's the right interpretation. What's more, he says, the non-renormalisable interaction that produces the neutrino masses is probably also accompanied with non-renormalisable interactions that produce proton decay and other things that haven't been observed, such as violation of baryon-number conservations. "We don't know anything about the details of those terms, but I'll swear they are there."

$0\nu\beta\beta$  decay:

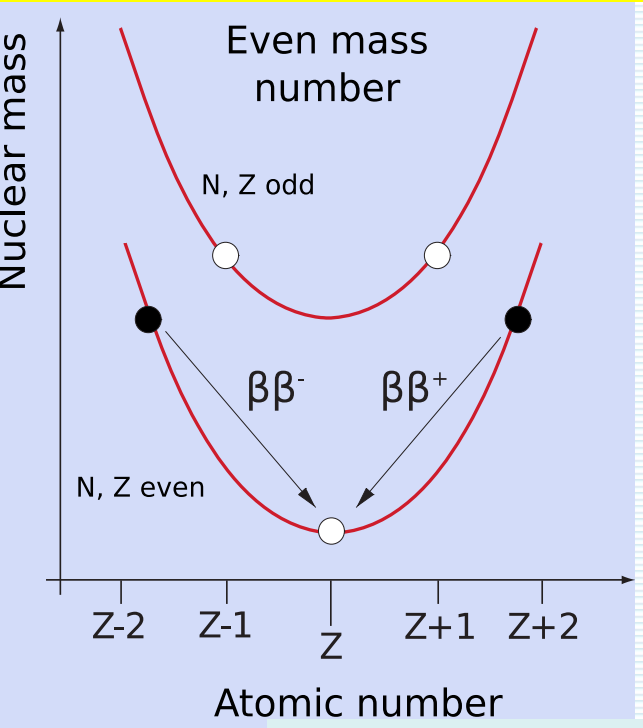




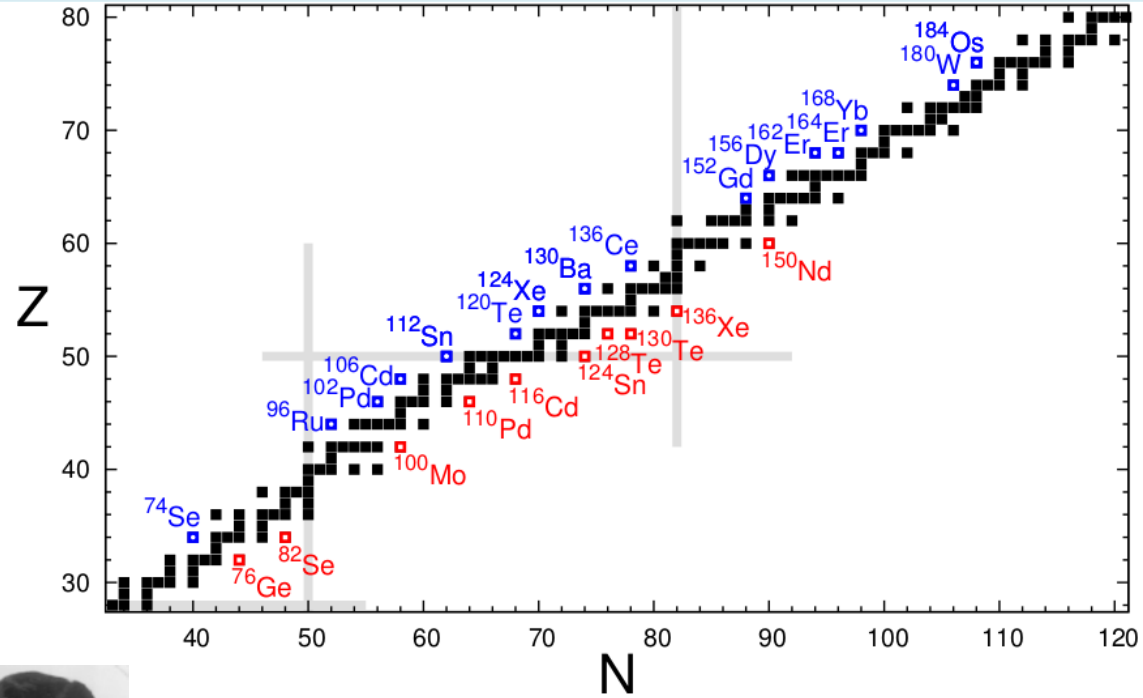
## *II. The $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay scenarios*

# Nuclear double- $\beta$ decay

(even-even nuclei, pairing int.)



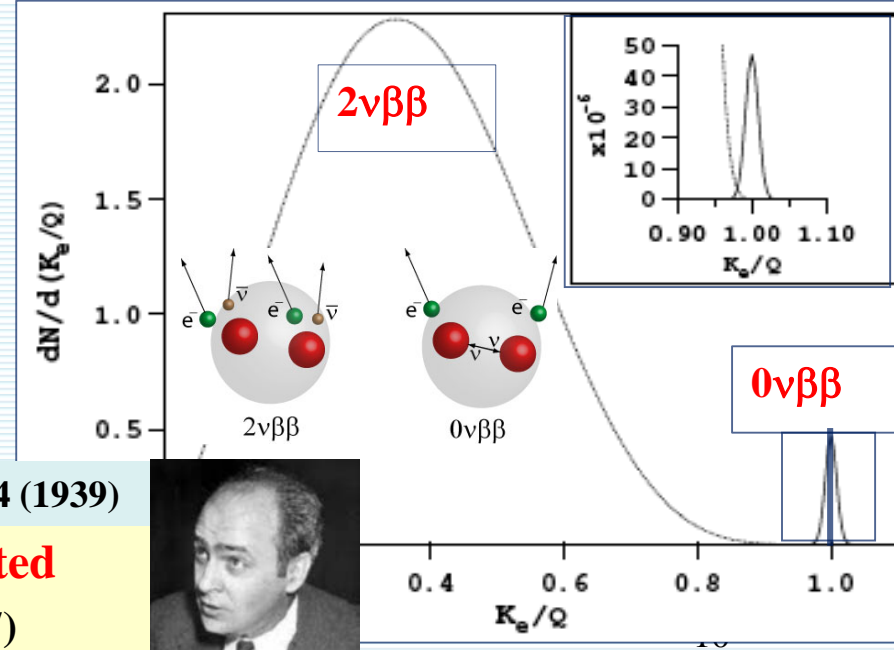
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## Two-neutrino double- $\beta$ decay – LN conserved

$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z+2) + e^- + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e + \nu_e$$

Goepert-Mayer – 1935. 1<sup>st</sup> observation in 1987



Nuovo Cim. 14, 322 (1937)

Phys. Rev. 56, 1184 (1939)

## Neutrinoless double- $\beta$ decay – LN violated

$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z+2) + e^- + e^- \text{ (Furry 1937)}$$

Not observed yet. Requires massive Majorana  $\nu$ 's



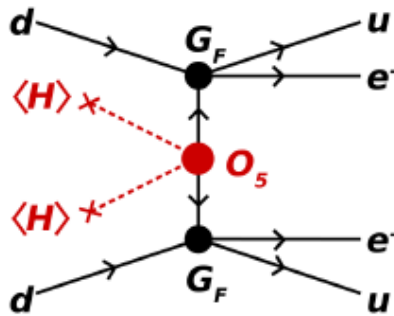
Collaboration	Isotope	Technique	mass (0 $\nu\beta\beta$ isotope)	Status
CANDLES	Ca-48	305 kg CaF <sub>2</sub> crystals - liq. scint	0.3 kg	Construction
CARVEL	Ca-48	<sup>48</sup> CaWO <sub>4</sub> crystal scint.	~ ton	R&D
GERDA I	Ge-76	Ge diodes in LAr	15 kg	Complete
GERDA II	Ge-76	Point contact Ge in LAr	31	Operating
MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR	Ge-76	Point contact Ge	25 kg	Operating
<b>LEGEND</b>	Ge-76	Point contact with active veto	~ ton	R&D
NEMO3	Mo-100 Se-82	Foils with tracking	6.9 kg 0.9 kg	Complete
SuperNEMO Demonstrator	Se-82	Foils with tracking	7 kg	Construction
SuperNEMO	Se-82	Foils with tracking	100 kg	R&D
LUCIFER (CUPID)	Se-82	ZnSe scint. bolometer	18 kg	R&D
AMoRE	Mo-100	CaMoO <sub>4</sub> scint. bolometer	1.5 - 200 kg	R&D
LUMINEU (CUPID)	Mo-100	ZnMoO <sub>4</sub> / Li <sub>2</sub> MoO <sub>4</sub> scint. bolometer	1.5 - 5 kg	R&D
COBRA	Cd-114,116	CdZnTe detectors	10 kg	R&D
CUORICINO, CUORE-0	Te-130	TeO <sub>2</sub> Bolometer	10 kg, 11 kg	Complete
<b>CUORE</b>	Te-130	TeO <sub>2</sub> Bolometer	<b>206 kg</b>	Operating
<b>CUPID</b>	Te-130	TeO <sub>2</sub> Bolometer & scint.	~ ton	R&D
<b>SNO+</b>	Te-130	0.3% <sup>nat</sup> Te suspended in Scint	<b>160 kg</b>	Construction
EXO200	Xe-136	Xe liquid TPC	79 kg	Operating
<b>nEXO</b>	Xe-136	Xe liquid TPC	~ ton	R&D
<b>KamLAND-Zen (I, II)</b>	Xe-136	2.7% in liquid scint.	<b>380 kg</b>	Complete
<b>KamLAND2-Zen</b>	Xe-136	2.7% in liquid scint.	<b>750 kg</b>	Upgrade
NEXT-NEW	Xe-136	High pressure Xe TPC	5 kg	Operating
<b>NEXT-100</b>	Xe-136	High pressure Xe TPC	100 kg - ton	R&D
<b>PandaX - III</b>	Xe-136	High pressure Xe TPC	~ ton	R&D
DCBA	Nd-150	Nd foils & tracking chambers	20 kg	R&D

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM}^{(4)} + \frac{1}{\Lambda} \sum_i c_i^{(5)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(5)} + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_i c_i^{(6)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + O\left(\frac{1}{\Lambda^3}\right)$$

## Beyond the SM physics

**Amplitude for**  
 **$(A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z+2) + 2e^-$**   
**can be divided into:**

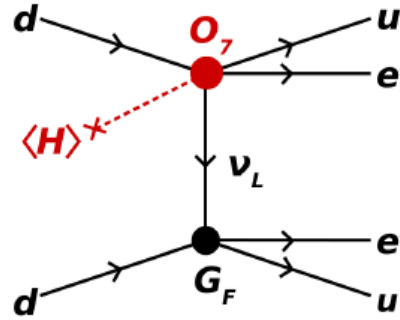
**mass mechanism:  $d=5$**



$$\mathcal{O}_W \propto \frac{c_{ij}}{\Lambda} (L_i H)(L_j H)$$

Weinberg, 1979

**long range:  $d=7$**



$$\mathcal{O}_2 \propto LLLe^c H$$

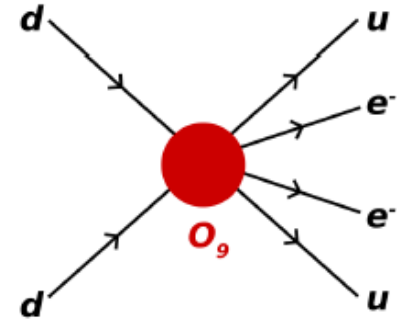
$$\mathcal{O}_3 \propto LLQd^c H$$

$$\mathcal{O}_4 \propto LL\bar{Q}\bar{u}^c H$$

$$\mathcal{O}_8 \propto L\bar{e}^c \bar{u}^c d^c H$$

Babu, Leung: 2001  
 de Gouvea, Jenkins: 2007

**short range:  $d=9$  ( $d=11$ )**



$$\mathcal{O}_5 \propto LLQd^c HHH^\dagger$$

$$\mathcal{O}_6 \propto LL\bar{Q}\bar{u}^c HHH^\dagger H$$

$$\mathcal{O}_7 \propto LQ\bar{e}^c \bar{Q}HHH^\dagger$$

$$\mathcal{O}_9 \propto LLLe^c Le^c$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{10} \propto LLLe^c Qd^c$$

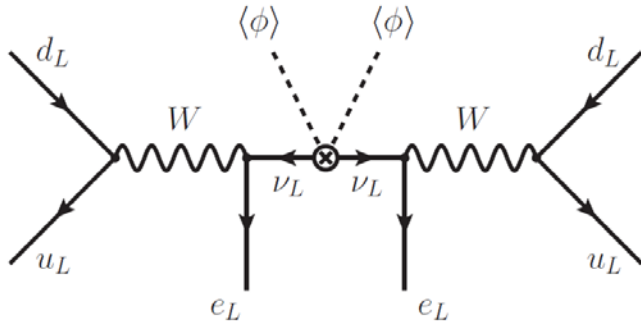
$$\mathcal{O}_{11} \propto LLQd^c Qd^c$$

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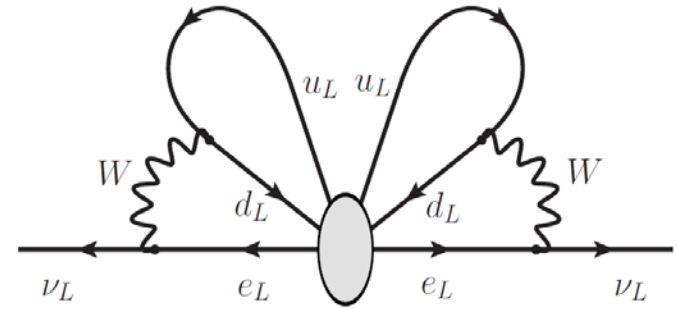
Valle

If  $0\nu\beta\beta$  is observed the  $\nu$  is  
a Majorana particle

Majorana  $m_\nu \implies 0\nu\beta\beta$



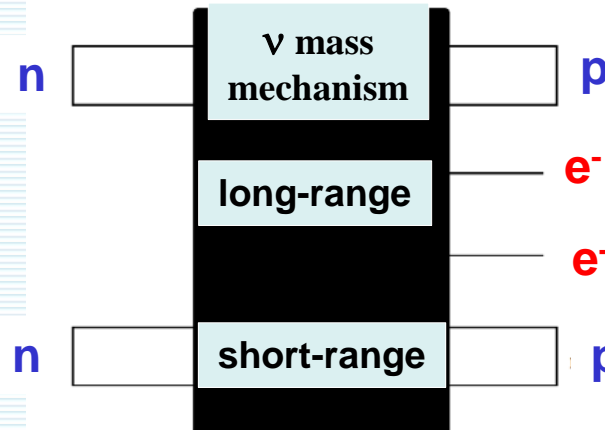
$0\nu\beta\beta \implies$  Majorana  $m_\nu$



Schechter, Valle: PRD 1982

## Different $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay scenarios

Can we say  
something about  
content  
of the black box?



Considering

- i. Sterile  $\nu$
- ii. Different LNV scales
- iii. Right-handed currents
- iv. Non-standard  $\nu$ -interactions
- v. ....

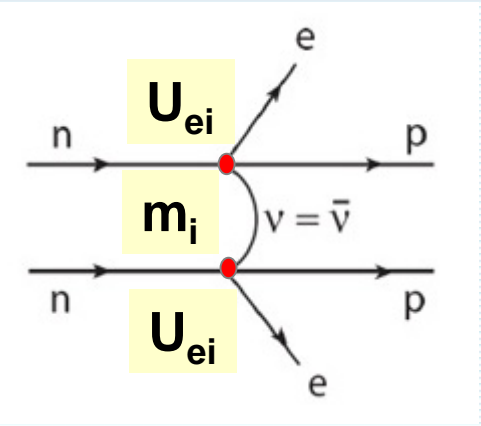
$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z+2) + e^- + e^-$$

# $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay ( $V-A$ SM int., light $\nu$ -exchange)

$$(T_{1/2}^{0\nu})^{-1} = \left| \frac{m_{\beta\beta}}{m_e} \right|^2 g_A^4 |M_\nu^{0\nu}|^2 G^{0\nu}$$

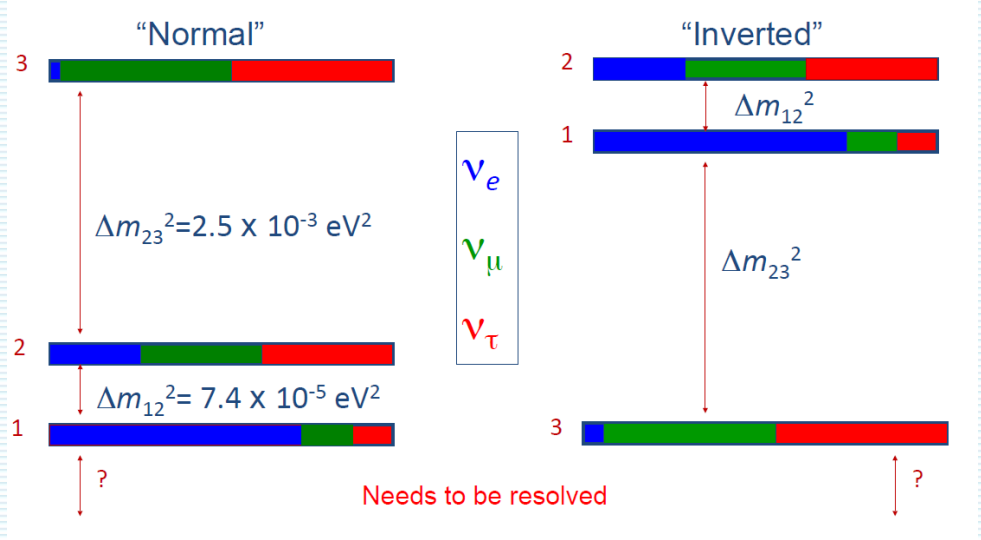
Phase factor well understood

NME must be evaluated using tools of nuclear theory



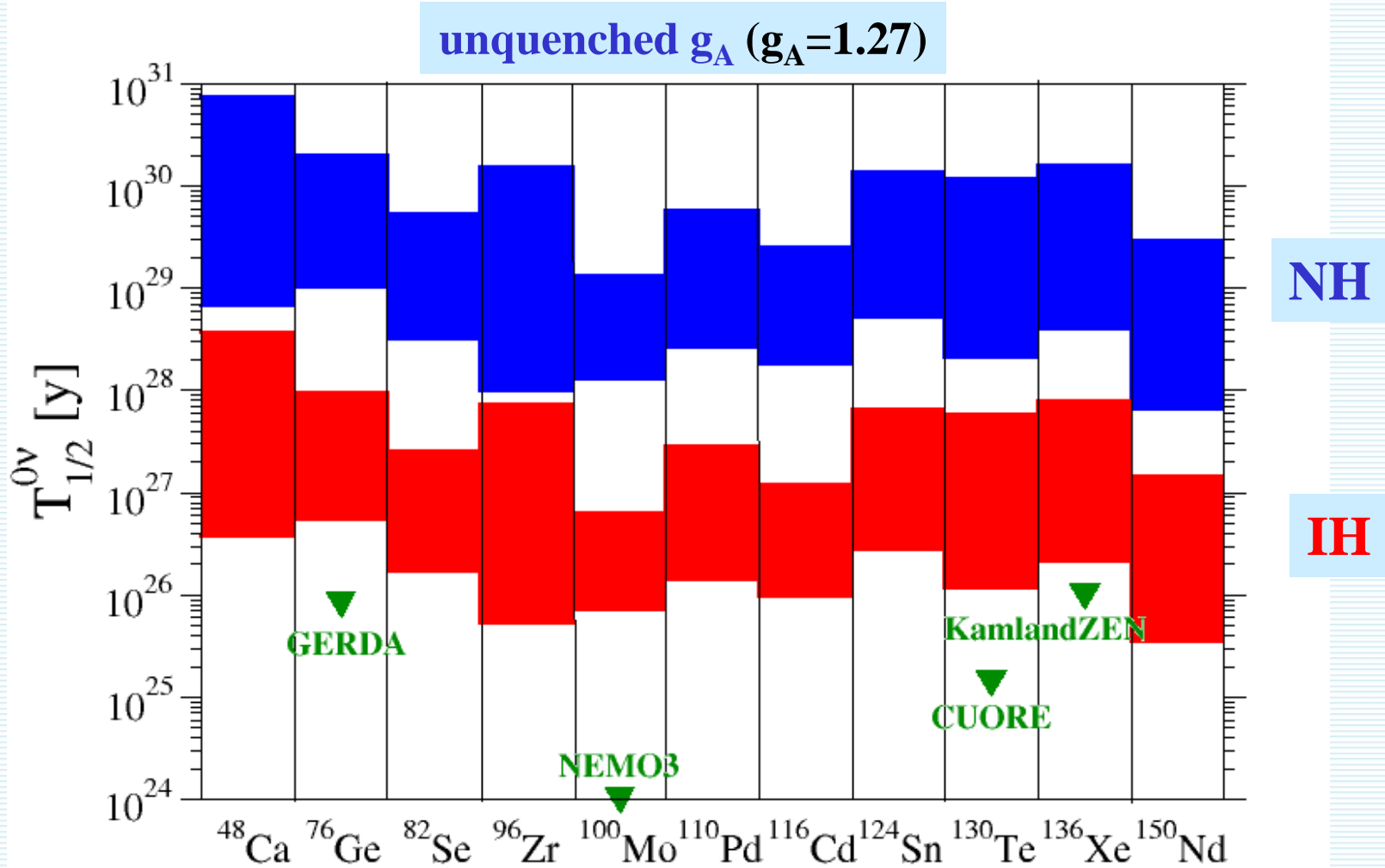
$$m_{\beta\beta} = \left| c_{13}^2 c_{12}^2 e^{i\alpha_1} m_1 + c_{13}^2 s_{12}^2 e^{i\alpha_2} m_2 + s_{13}^2 m_3 \right|$$

**Effective Majorana mass can be evaluated. It depends on  $m_1, m_2, m_3, \theta_{12}, \theta_{13}, \alpha_1, \alpha_2$**   
 (3 unknown parameters:  $m_1/m_3, \alpha_1, \alpha_2$ )



$$U^{PMNS} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & c_{13}s_{12} & e^{-i\delta}s_{13} \\ -c_{23}s_{12} - e^{i\delta}c_{12}s_{13}s_{23} & c_{12}c_{23} - e^{i\delta}s_{12}s_{13}s_{23} & c_{13}s_{23} \\ s_{12}s_{23} - e^{i\delta}c_{12}c_{23}s_{13} & -e^{i\delta}c_{23}s_{12}s_{13} - c_{12}s_{23} & c_{13}c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha_1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha_2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# 0νββ –half lives for NH and IH with included uncertainties in NMEs



**NH:**  $m_1 \ll m_2 \ll m_3 \quad m_3 \simeq \sqrt{\Delta m^2}$

**IH:**  $m_3 \ll m_1 < m_2 \quad m_1 \simeq m_2 \simeq \sqrt{\Delta m^2}$

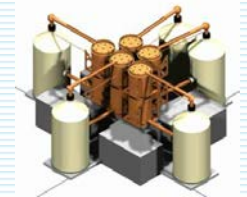
$m_1 \ll \sqrt{\delta m^2}, \quad m_2 \simeq \sqrt{\delta m^2}$

$m_3 \ll \sqrt{\Delta m^2}$

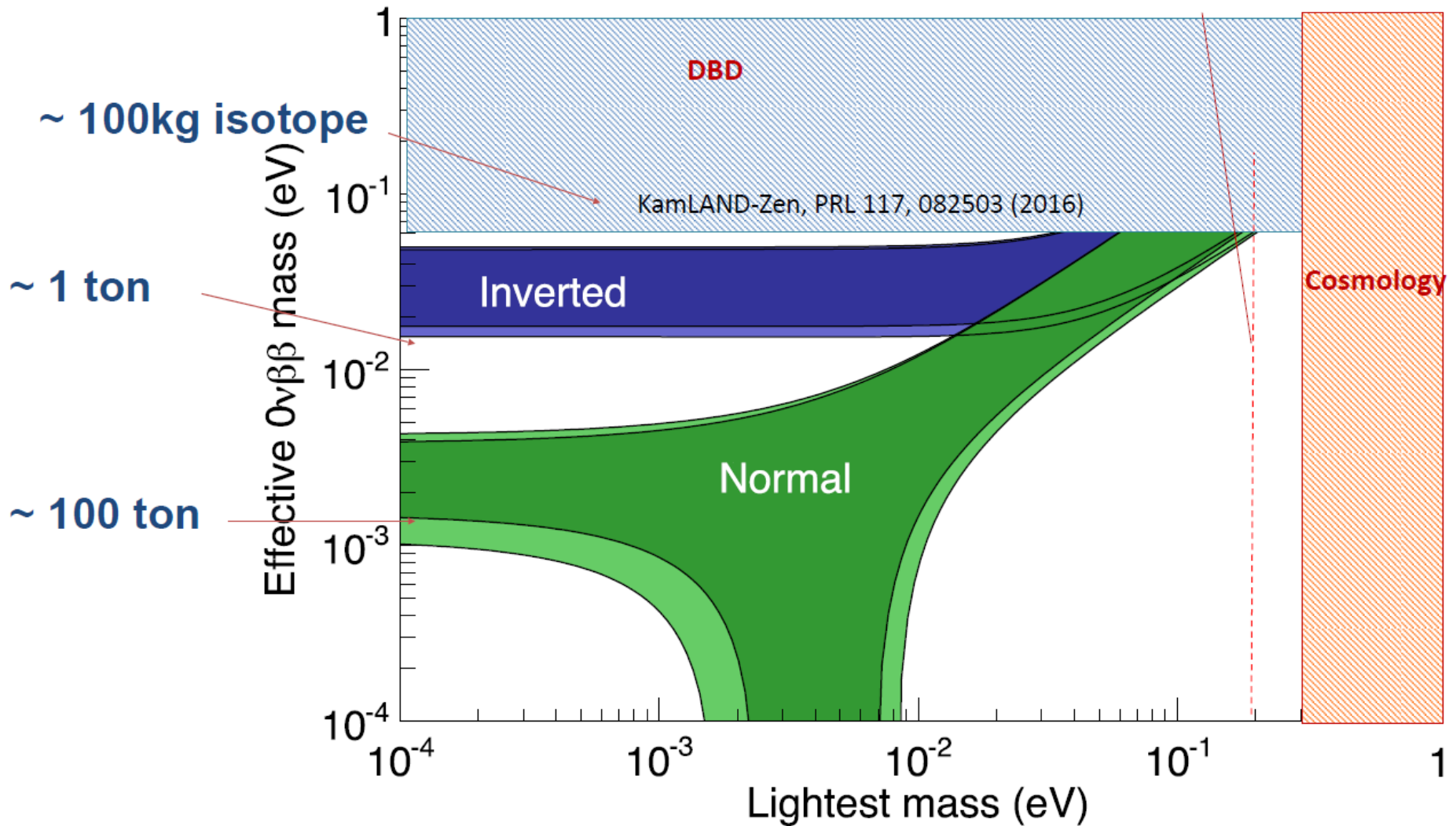
$1.4 \text{ meV} \leq m_{\beta\beta} \leq 3.6 \text{ meV}$

**Lightest ν-mass equal to zero**

$20 \text{ meV} \leq m_{\beta\beta} \leq 49 \text{ meV}$



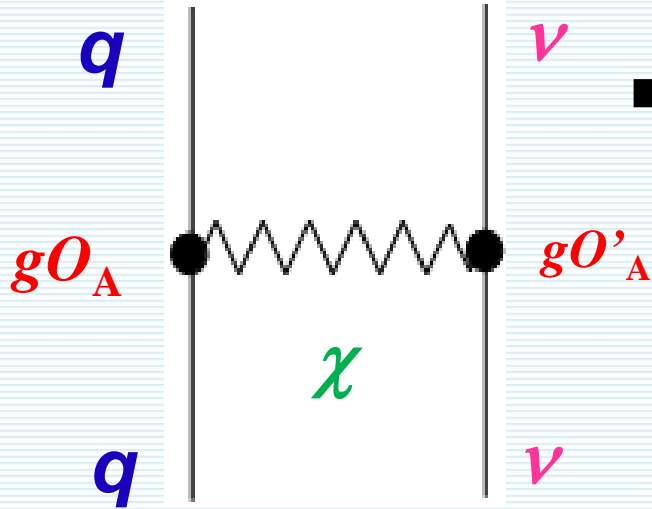
## Estimated KATRIN Sensitivity





# II.b Nuclear medium effect on the light neutrino mass exchange mechanism of the $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay

S.G. Kovalenko, M.I. Krivoruchenko, F. Š., Phys. Rev. Lett. 112 (2014) 142503



*Low energy 4-fermion  $\Delta L \neq 0$  Lagrangian*

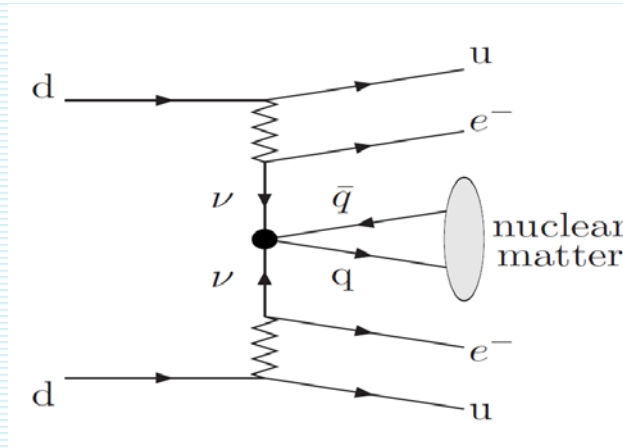
$$L_{\text{eff}} = \frac{g^2}{m_\chi^2} \sum_A (\bar{q} O_A q) (\bar{\nu} O'_A \nu),$$

$$m_\chi \gtrsim M_W.$$

*oscillation experiments,  
tritium  $\beta$ -decay*

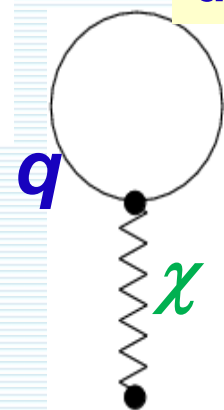
*cosmology*

$$\sum_\nu^{\text{vac}} = \times, \text{---}$$



*$0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay*

$$\sum_\nu^{\text{medium}} = -\times - +$$

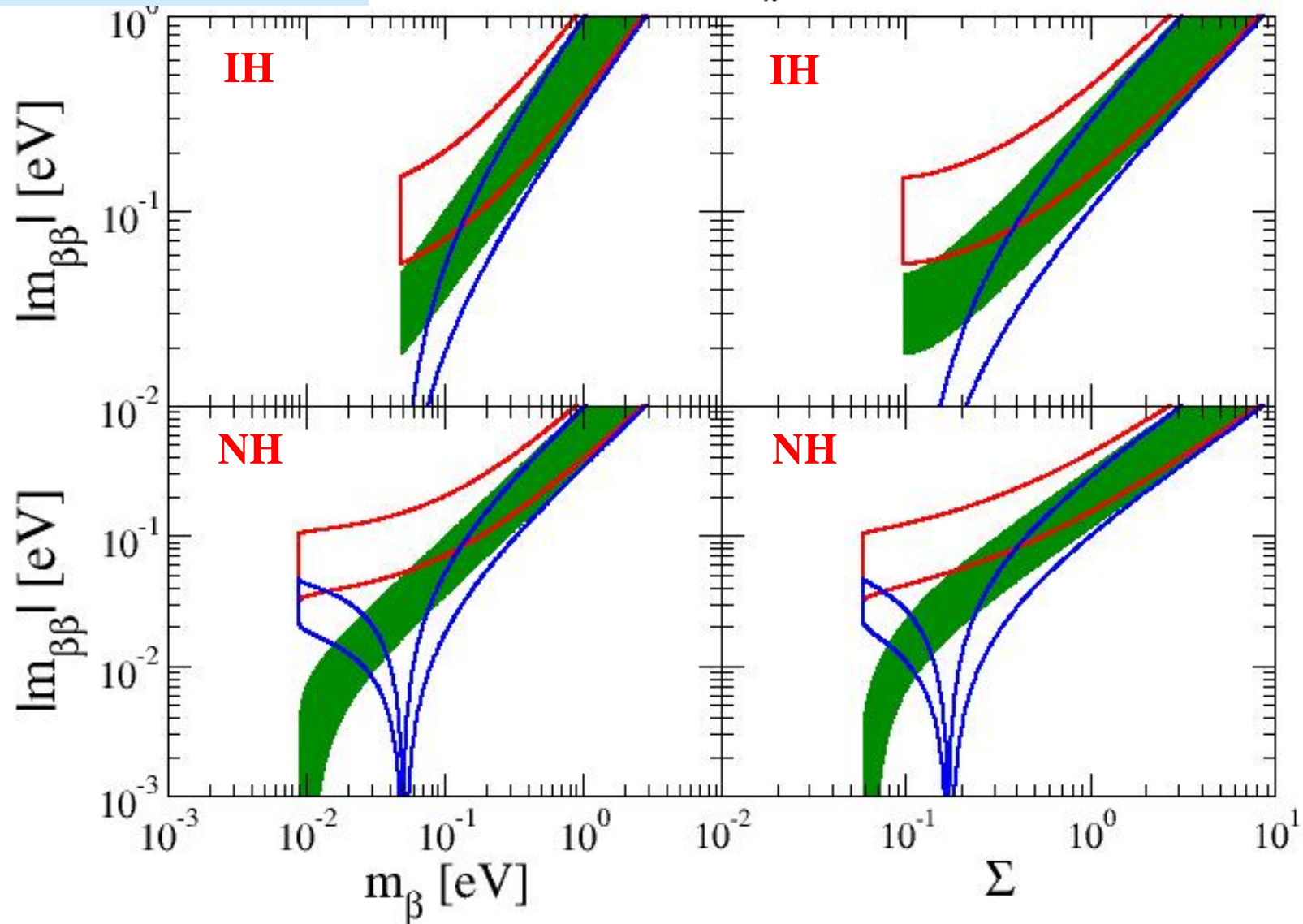


**density**

Area	$\langle \chi \rangle g_1$ [eV]
blue	-0.05
green	0
red	1

$$\langle \chi \rangle g_{ij}^a = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \bar{q}q \rangle \varepsilon_{ij}^a \approx -25 \varepsilon_{ij}^a \text{ eV}$$

$$\langle \chi \rangle = -\frac{g_\chi}{m_\chi^2} \langle \bar{q}q \rangle \quad g_{ij}^a = \delta_{ij} g_a \quad \varepsilon_{ij}^a = \delta_{ij} \varepsilon_a$$



Complementarity between  $\beta$ -decay,  $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay and cosmological measurements might be spoiled

## II.c. *The sterile $\nu$ mechanism of the $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay* *(D-M mass term, V-A, SM int.)*

### *Interpolating formula*

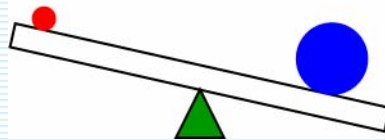
Dirac-Majorana  
mass term

$$N = \sum_{\alpha=s,e,\mu,\tau} U_{N\alpha} \nu_{\alpha}$$

Mixing of  
active-sterile  
neutrinos

small  $\nu$  masses due to see-saw mechanism

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D & m_{LNV} \end{pmatrix}$$



Light  $\nu$  mass  $\approx (m_D/m_{LNV}) m_D$   
 Heavy  $\nu$  mass  $\approx m_{LNV}$

Neutrinos masses offer a great opportunity to jump  
beyond the EW framework via see-saw ...

**Different motivations for the LNV scale  $\Lambda$**

**eV**  
light sterile  $\nu$   
 $10^{-6}$  GeV

**keV**  
hot DM  
 $10^{-6}$  GeV

**Fermi**  
 $10^{-6}$  GeV or Si

**TeV**  
LHC  
 $10^3$  GeV

**GUT**  
 $10^{16}$  GeV

**Planck**  
 $10^{19}$  GeV

# Left-handed neutrinos: Majorana neutrino mass eigenstate $N$ with arbitrary mass $m_N$

Faessler, Gonzales, Kovalenko, F. Š., PRD 90 (2014) 096010]

$$[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}]^{-1} = G^{0\nu} g_A^4 \left| \sum_N (U_{eN}^2 m_N) m_p M'^{0\nu}(m_N, g_A^{\text{eff}}) \right|^2$$

## General case

$$M'^{0\nu}(m_N, g_A^{\text{eff}}) = \frac{1}{m_p m_e} \frac{R}{2\pi^2 g_A^2} \sum_n \int d^3x d^3y d^3p \times e^{ip \cdot (x-y)} \frac{\langle 0_F^+ | J^{\mu\dagger}(\mathbf{x}) | n \rangle \langle n | J_\mu^\dagger(\mathbf{y}) | 0_I^+ \rangle}{\sqrt{p^2 + m_N^2} (\sqrt{p^2 + m_N^2} + E_n - \frac{E_I - E_F}{2})} M'^{0\nu}(m_N \rightarrow 0, g_A^{\text{eff}}) = \frac{1}{m_p m_e} M_\nu'^{0\nu}(g_A^{\text{eff}})$$

$$M'^{0\nu}(m_N \rightarrow \infty, g_A^{\text{eff}}) = \frac{1}{m_N^2} M_N'^{0\nu}(g_A^{\text{eff}})$$

## light $\nu$ exchange

## heavy $\nu$ exchange

## Particular cases

$$[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}]^{-1} = G^{0\nu} g_A^4 \times \begin{cases} \left| \frac{\langle m_\nu \rangle}{m_e} \right|^2 \left| M_\nu'^{0\nu}(g_A^{\text{eff}}) \right|^2 & \text{for } m_N \ll p_F \\ \left| \langle \frac{1}{m_N} \rangle m_p \right|^2 \left| M_N'^{0\nu}(g_A^{\text{eff}}) \right|^2 & \text{for } m_N \gg p_F \end{cases}$$

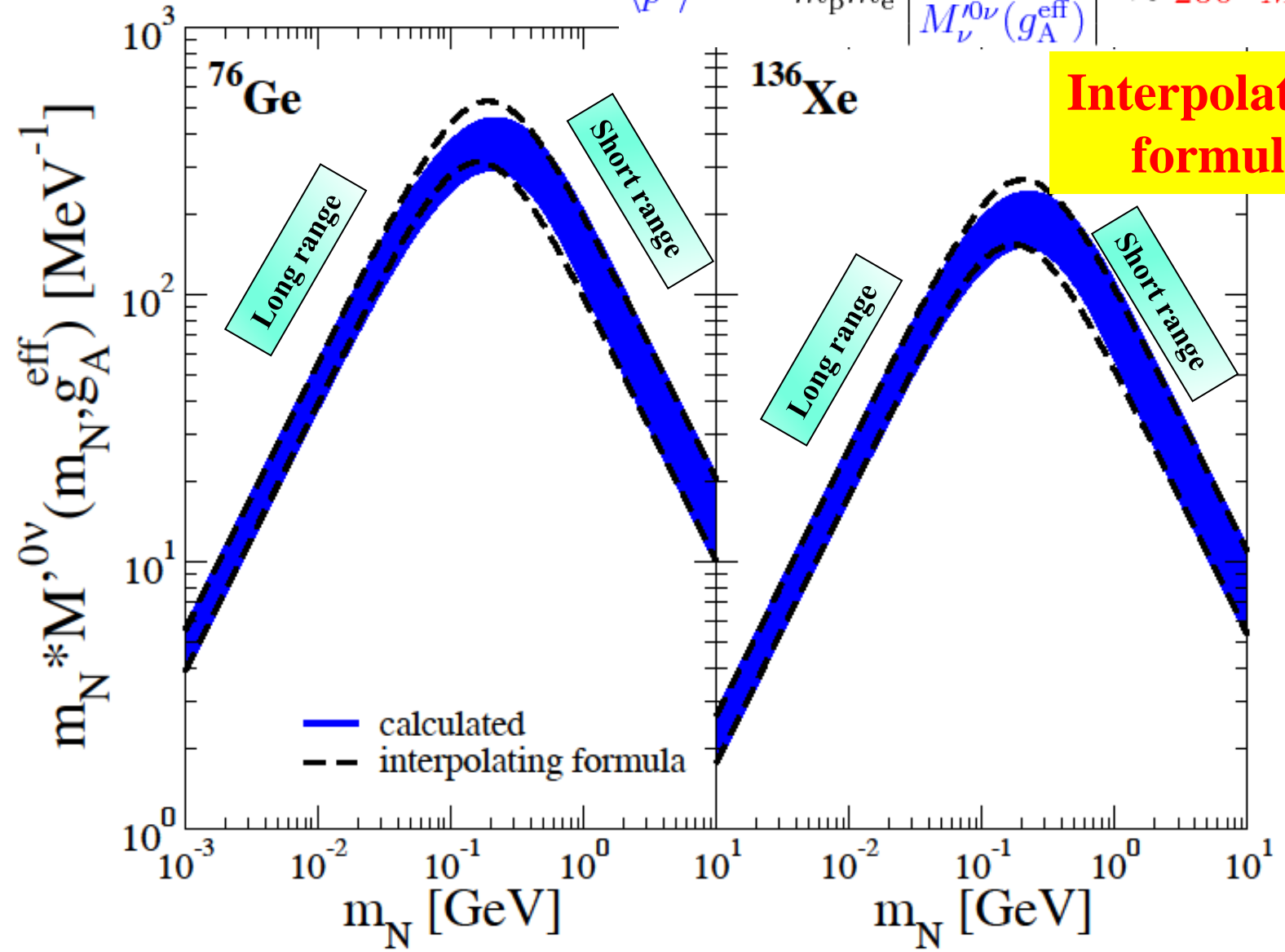
$$\langle m_\nu \rangle = \sum_N U_{eN}^2 m_N$$

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{m_N} \right\rangle = \sum_N \frac{U_{eN}^2}{m_N}$$

$$[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}]^{-1} = \mathcal{A} \cdot \left| m_p \sum_N U_{eN}^2 \frac{m_N}{\langle p^2 \rangle + m_N^2} \right|^2,$$

$$\mathcal{A} = G^{0\nu} g_A^4 \left| M_N^{0\nu}(g_A^{\text{eff}}) \right|^2,$$

$$\langle p^2 \rangle = m_p m_e \left| \frac{M_N^{0\nu}(g_A^{\text{eff}})}{M_\nu^{0\nu}(g_A^{\text{eff}})} \right| \approx 200 \text{ MeV}$$

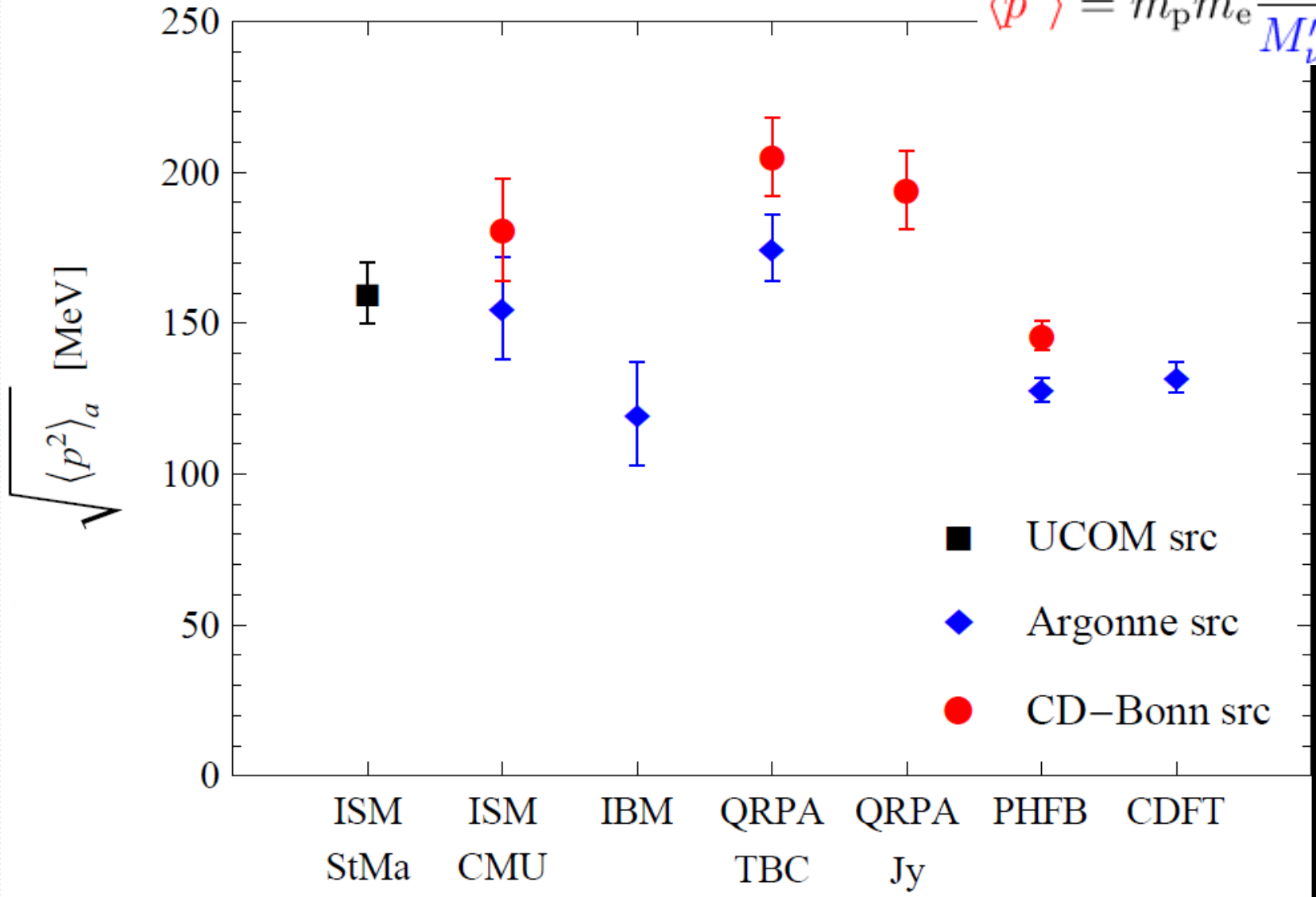


**Interpolating formula is justified  
by practically no dependence  $\langle p^2 \rangle$  on  $A$**

$$[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}]^{-1} = \mathcal{A} \cdot \left| m_p \sum_N U_{eN}^2 \frac{m_N}{\langle p^2 \rangle + m_N^2} \right|^2,$$

A. Babič, S. Kovalenko, M.I. Krivoruchenko, F.Š., PRD 98, 015003 (2018)

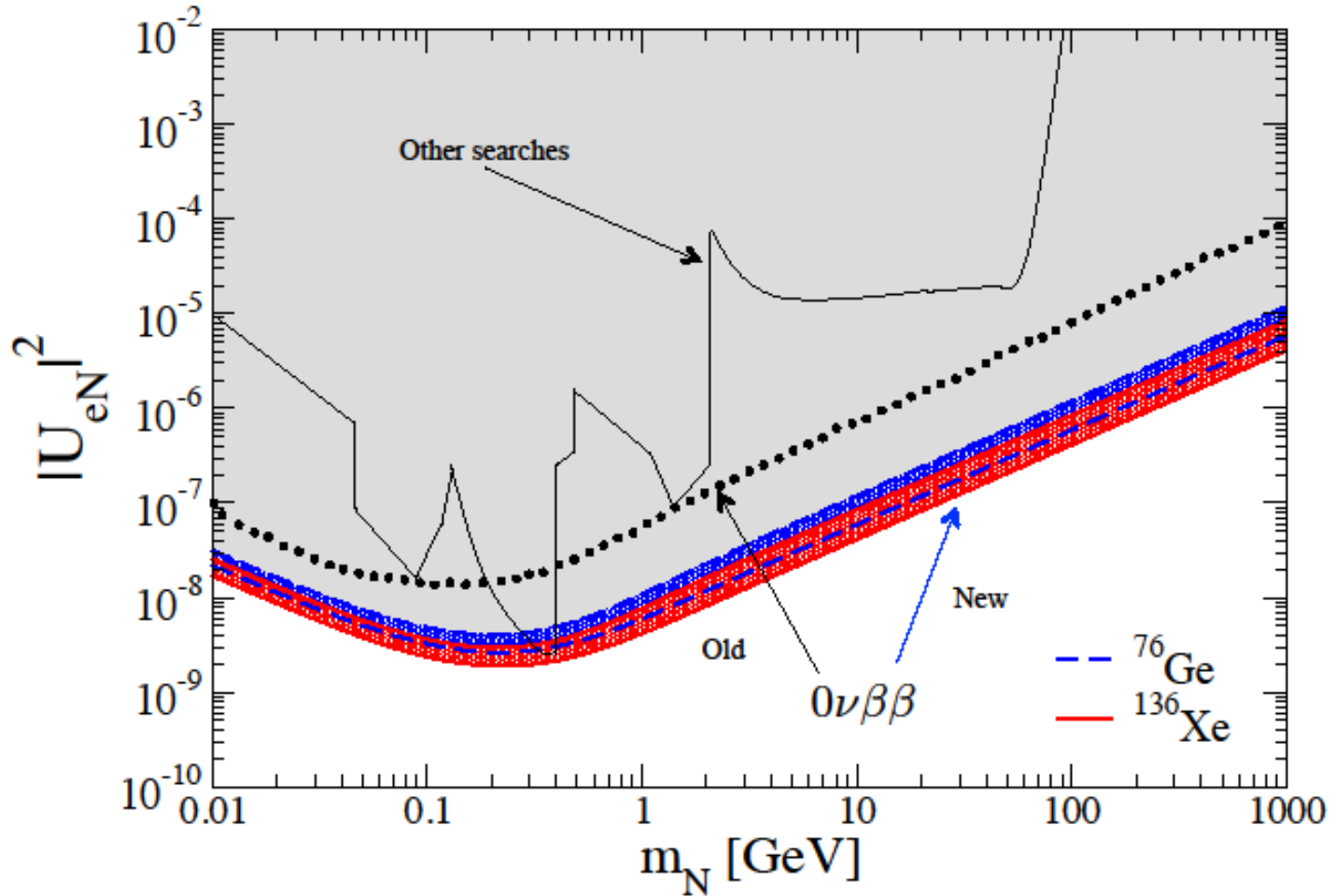
$$\langle p^2 \rangle = m_p m_e \frac{M_N'^{0\nu}}{M_\nu'^{0\nu}}$$



**Exclusion plot  
in  $|U_{eN}|^2 - m_N$  plane**

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}({}^{76}\text{Ge}) \geq 3.0 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ yr} \Rightarrow 0.9 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ yr}$$

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}({}^{136}\text{Xe}) \geq 3.4 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ yr} \Rightarrow 1.1 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ yr}$$



**QRPA** (constrained Hamiltonian by  $2\nu\beta\beta$  half-life, self-consistent treatment of src, restoration of isospin symmetry ...)

## *II.d. The $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay within L-R symmetric theories (interpolating formula)*

*(D-M mass term, see-saw, V-A and V+A int., exchange of heavy neutrinos)*

A. Babič, S. Kovalenko, M.I. Krivoruchenko, F.Š., PRD 98, 015003 (2018)

$$[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}]^{-1} = \eta_{\nu N}^2 C_{\nu N}$$

$$C_{\nu N} = g_A^4 \left| M_{\nu}^{\prime 0\nu} \right|^2 G^{0\nu}$$

Mixing of light and heavy neutrinos

$$\mathcal{U} = \begin{pmatrix} U & S \\ T & V \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nu_{eL} = \sum_{j=1}^3 \left( U_{ej} \nu_{jL} + S_{ej} (N_{jR})^C \right),$$

$$\nu_{eR} = \sum_{j=1}^3 \left( T_{ej}^* (\nu_{jL})^C + V_{ej}^* N_{jR} \right)$$

Effective LNV parameter within LRS model **(due interpolating formula)**

$$\eta_{\nu N}^2 = \left| \sum_{j=1}^3 \left( U_{ej}^2 \frac{m_j}{m_e} + S_{ej}^2 \frac{\langle p^2 \rangle_a}{\langle p^2 \rangle_a + M_j^2} \frac{M_j}{m_e} \right) \right|^2$$

$$+ \lambda^2 \left| \sum_{j=1}^3 \left( T_{ej}^2 \frac{m_j}{m_e} + V_{ej}^2 \frac{\langle p^2 \rangle_a}{\langle p^2 \rangle_a + M_j^2} \frac{M_j}{m_e} \right) \right|^2$$

$$\langle p^2 \rangle = m_p m_e \frac{M_N^{\prime 0\nu}}{M_{\nu}^{\prime 0\nu}}$$



# 6x6 PMNS see-saw $\nu$ -mixing matrix (the most economical one, prediction for mixing of heavy neutral leptons)

6x6 neutrino mass matrix

$$\mathcal{U} = \begin{pmatrix} U & S \\ T & V \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Basis} \quad (\nu_L, (N_R)^c)^T \quad \mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} M_L & M_D \\ M_D & M_R \end{pmatrix}$$

**6x6 matrix:** 15 angles, 10+5 CP phases  
**3x3 matrix:** 3 angles, 1+2 CP phases

3x3 block matrices **U, S, T, V** are generalization of **PMNS** matrix

## Assumptions:

- i) the see-saw structure
- ii) mixing between different generations is neglected

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{\text{PMNS}} & \zeta \mathbf{1} \\ -\zeta \mathbf{1} & U_{\text{PMNS}}^\dagger \end{pmatrix} \quad U_{\text{PMNS}} U_{\text{PMNS}}^\dagger = U_{\text{PMNS}}^\dagger U_{\text{PMNS}} = \mathbf{1}$$

see-saw  
parameter

$$\zeta = \frac{m_D}{m_{\text{LNV}}}$$

**6x6 matrix:** 3 angles, 1+2 CP phases, 1 see-saw par.

# 6x6 PMNS see-saw $\nu$ -mixing matrix (the most economical one)

$$\mathcal{U} = \begin{pmatrix} U_0 & \zeta \mathbf{1} \\ -\zeta \mathbf{1} & V_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U_0 = U_{\text{PMNS}}$$

A. Babič, S. Kovalenko, M.I. Krivoruchenko, F.Š., PRD 98, 015003 (2018)

$$V_0 = U_{\text{PMNS}}^\dagger =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_{12} c_{13} e^{-i\alpha_1} & \left( -s_{12} c_{23} - c_{12} s_{13} s_{23} e^{-i\delta} \right) e^{-i\alpha_1} & \left( s_{12} s_{23} - c_{12} s_{13} c_{23} e^{-i\delta} \right) e^{-i\alpha_1} \\ s_{12} c_{13} e^{-i\alpha_2} & \left( c_{12} c_{23} - s_{12} s_{13} s_{23} e^{-i\delta} \right) e^{-i\alpha_2} & \left( -c_{12} s_{23} - s_{12} s_{13} c_{23} e^{-i\delta} \right) e^{-i\alpha_2} \\ s_{13} e^{i\delta} & c_{13} s_{23} & c_{13} c_{23} \end{pmatrix}$$

Assumption about heavy neutrino masses  $M_i$  (by assuming see-saw)

Inverse  
proportional

$$m_i M_i \simeq m_D^2$$

$$M_{\beta\beta}^{\text{R}} = \lambda \frac{\langle p^2 \rangle_a}{m_D^2} \left| \sum_{j=1}^3 (U_0^\dagger)_{ej}^2 m_j \right|$$

$$m_i \simeq \zeta^2 M_i$$

$$M_{\beta\beta}^{\text{R}} = \lambda \zeta^2 \left| \sum_{j=1}^3 (U_0^\dagger)_{ej}^2 \frac{\langle p^2 \rangle_a}{m_j} \right|$$

Proportional

$M_{\beta\beta}^{\text{R}}$  depends on  
“Dirac” CP phase  $\delta$   
unlike “Majorana”  
CP phases  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$

Heavy Majorana mass  $M_{\beta\beta}^{\text{R}}$  depends on the “Dirac” CP violating phase  $\delta$  6

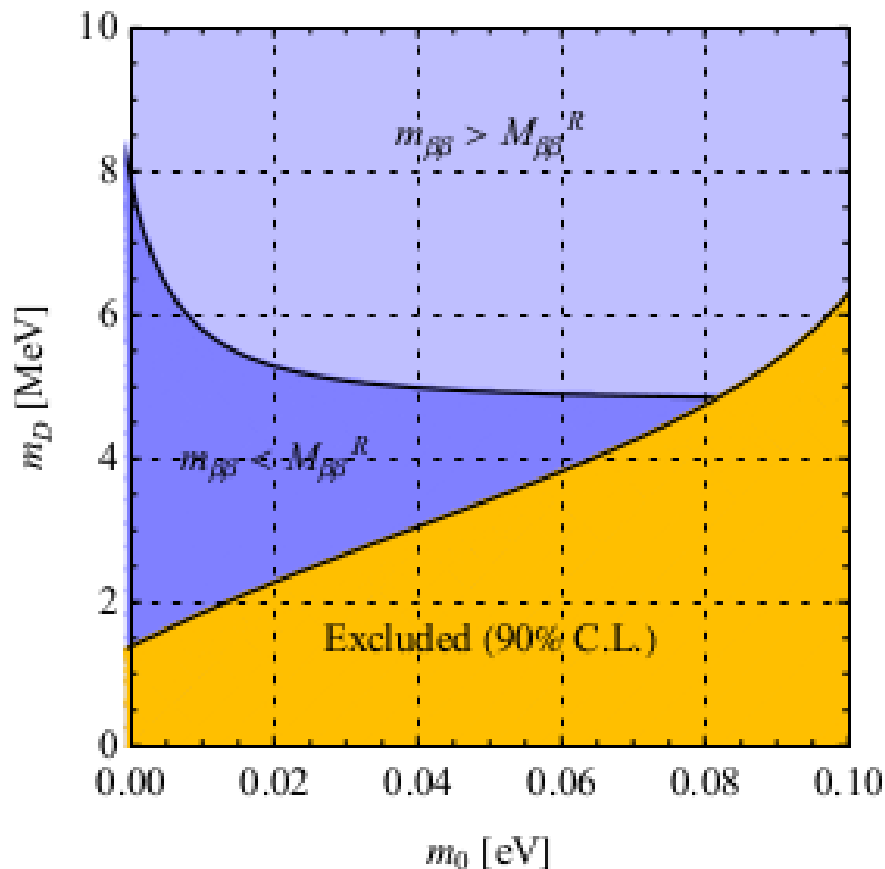
# See-saw scenario

$$m_i M_i \simeq m_D^2$$

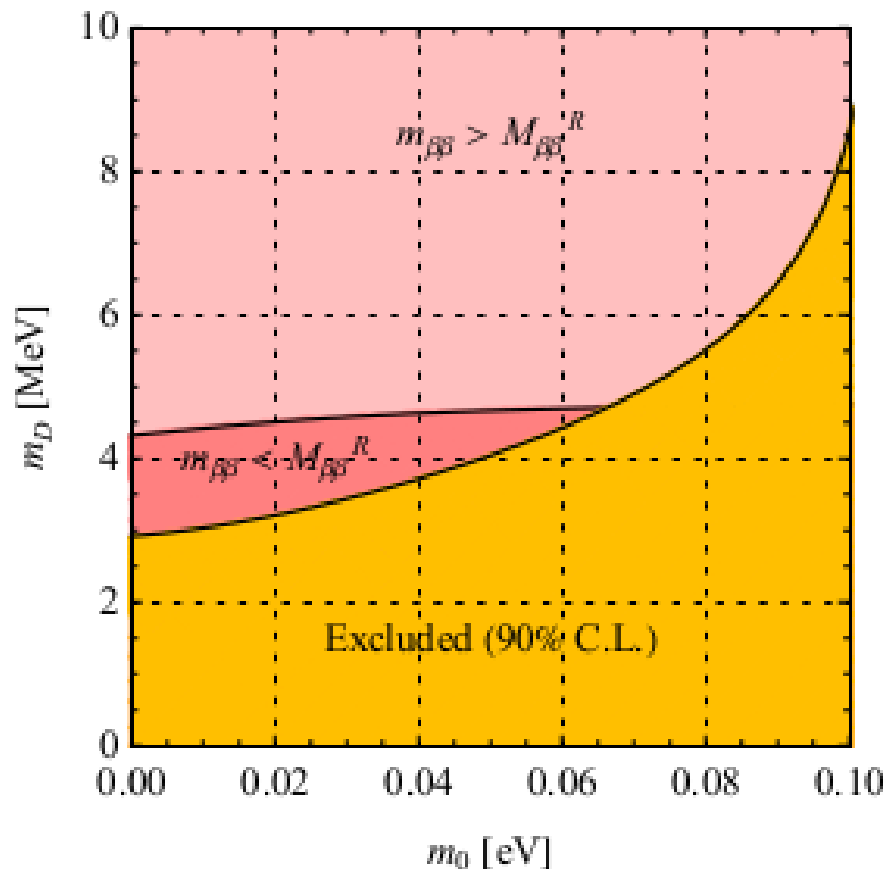
$$M_{\beta\beta}^R = \lambda \frac{\langle p^2 \rangle_a}{m_D^2} \left| \sum_{j=1}^3 (U_0^\dagger)_{ej}^2 m_j \right|$$

$$\eta_{\nu N}^2 = \frac{1}{m_e^2} \left( m_{\beta\beta}^2 + (M_{\beta\beta}^R)^2 \right)$$

## Normal spectrum



## Inverted spectrum



### III. $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay NMEs

**2004 (factor 10)**

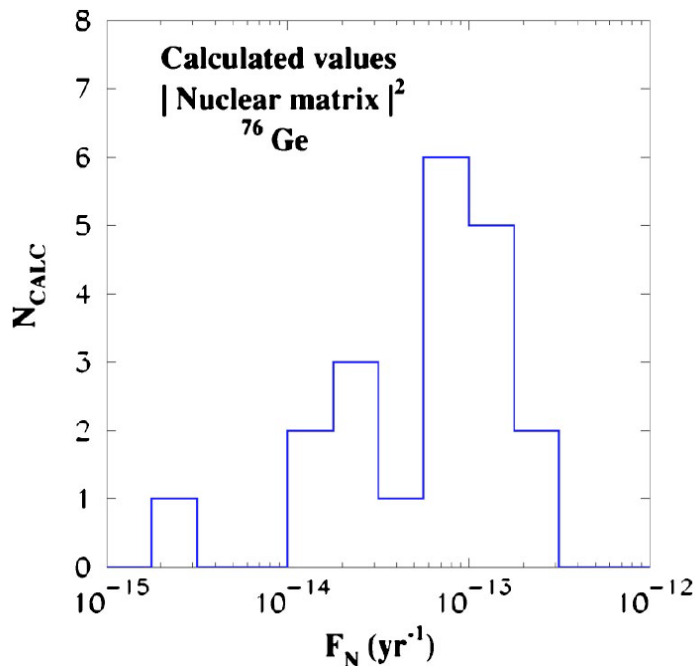
few groups, 2 nuclear structure methods:

**Nuclear Shell Model, QRPA**

**2019 (factor 2-3)**

many groups, many nuclear structure methods:

**Nuclear Shell Model, QRPA, Interacting Boson Model, Energy Density Functional**



**Attempts (light nuclear systems):**

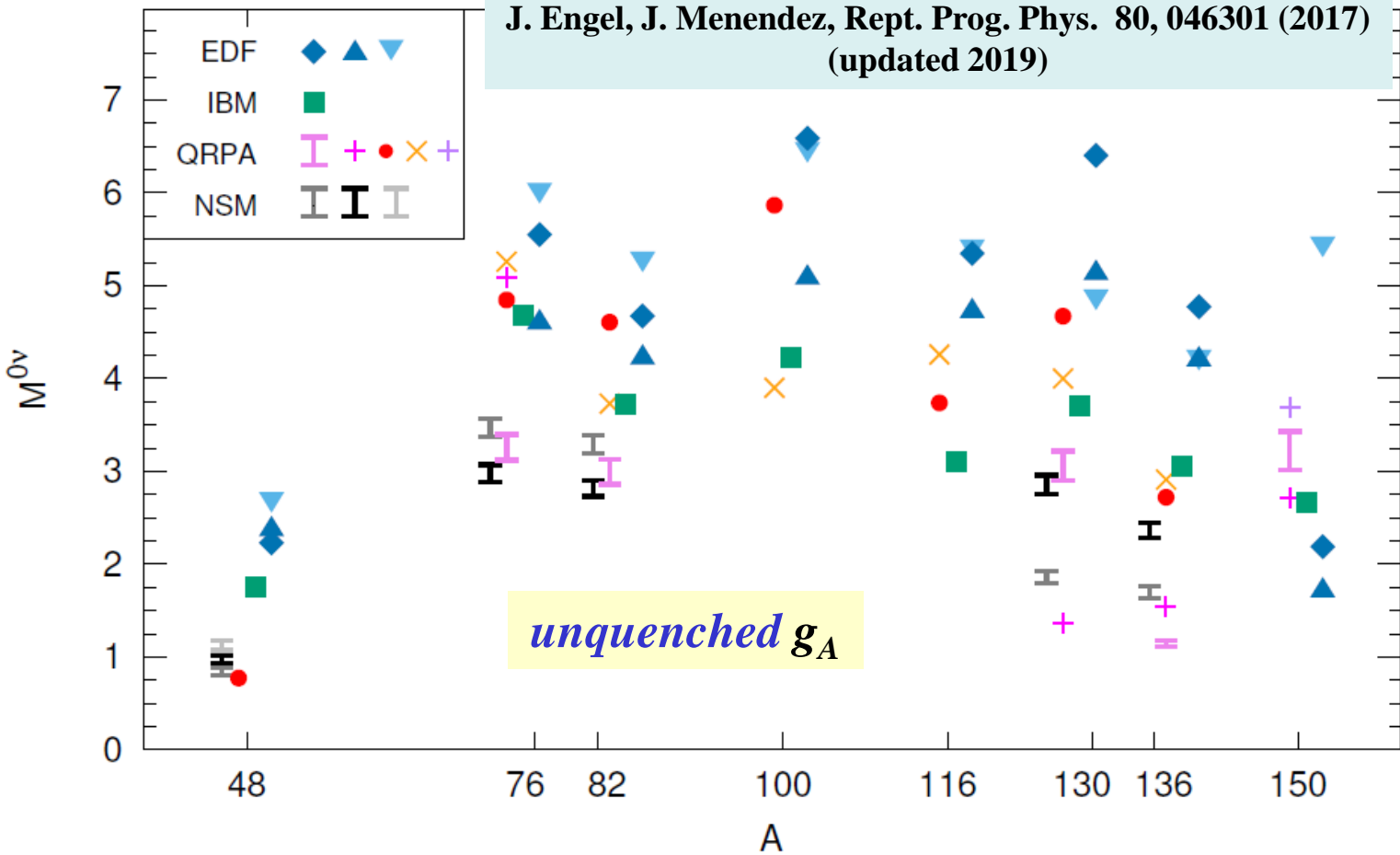
**Ab initio calculations by different approaches – No Core Shell Model, Green’s Function Monte Carlo, Coupled Cluster Method, Lattice QCD**

Bahcall, Maruyama, Pena-Garay,

PRC 70, 033012 (2004)

J. Engel, J. Menendez, Rept. Prog. Phys. 80, 046301 (2017)  
(updated 2019)

**$0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay  
NME  
status 2019**



*All  
models  
missing  
essential  
physics*

*Impossible  
to assign  
rigorous  
uncertainties*

***Nuclear Shell Model*** (Madrid-Strasbourg, Michigan, Tokyo): **Relatively small model space (1 shell), all correlations included, solved by direct diagonalization**

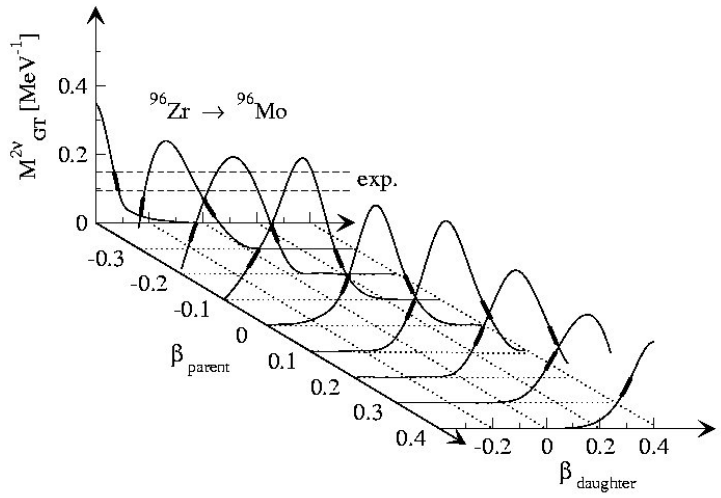
***QRPA*** (Tuebingen-Bratislava-Calltech, Jyvaskyla, Chapel Hill, Lanzhou, Prague): **Several Shells, only simple correlations included**

***Interacting Boson Method*** (Yale-Concepcion): **Small space, important proton-neutron Pairing correlations missing**

***Energy Density Functional theory*** (Madrid, Beijing): **>10 shells, important proton-neutron pairing missing**

**Suppression of the  $\beta\beta$ -decay NMEs due to different deformation of initial and final nuclei**

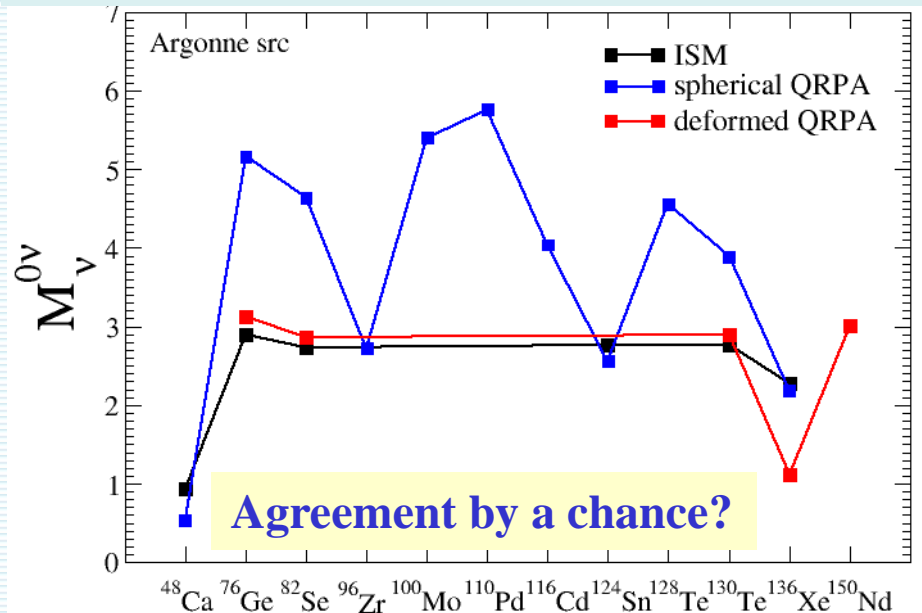
$$\beta = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{5}} \frac{Q_p}{Zr_c^2}$$



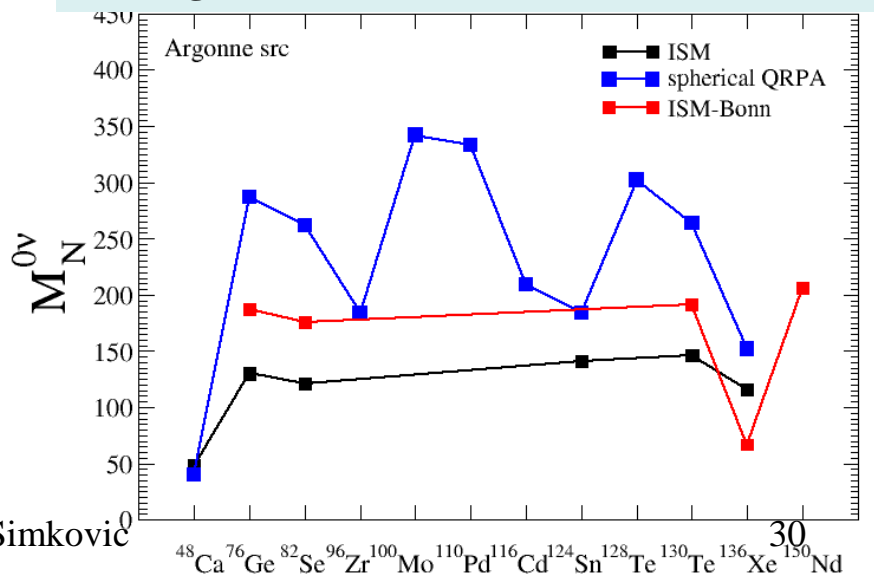
**Systematic study of the deformation effect on the  $2\nu\beta\beta$ -decay NME Within deformed QRPA**

F.Š., Pacearescu, Faessler, NPA 733 (2004) 321

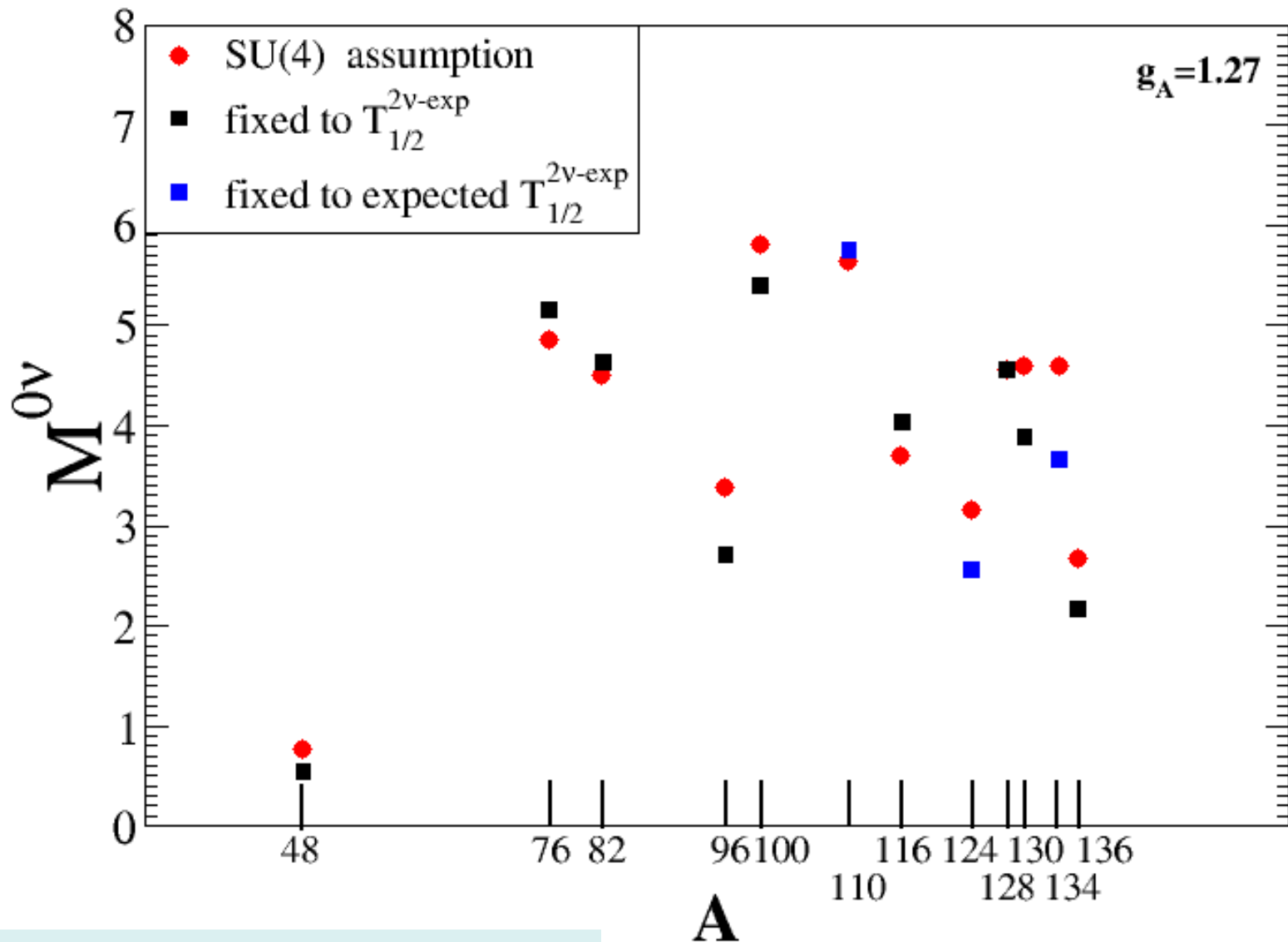
*$0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay NMEs within deformed QRPA with partial restoration of isospin symmetry*



D. Fang, A. Faessler, F.Š., PRC 97, 045503 (2018)



# New QRPA calculations based on restoration of the SU(4) symmetry ( $M^{2\nu}_{GT-cl}=0$ )



# Ab Initio Nuclear Structure

(Often starts with chiral effective-field theory)

*Nucleons, pions. Sufficient below chiral symmetry breaking scale. Expansion of operators in power of  $Q/\Lambda_\chi$ ,  $Q=m_\pi$  or typical nucleon momentum.*

Physics of Hadrons

Degrees of Freedom



quarks, gluons

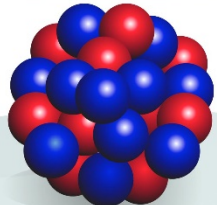


constituent quarks



baryons, mesons

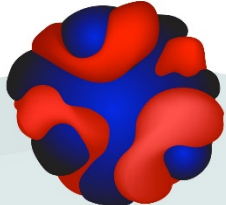
ab initio



protons, neutrons

Physics of Nuclei

DFT



nucleonic densities and currents

collective models



collective coordinates

Energy (MeV)

940  
neutron mass

$Q^0$   
LO

2N Force

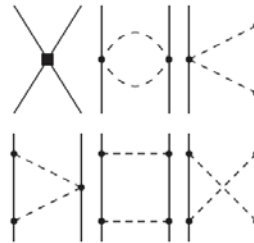


3N Force

4N Force

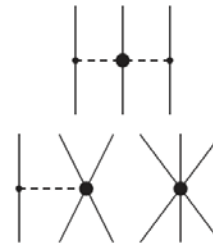
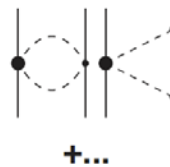
140  
pion mass

$Q^2$   
NLO



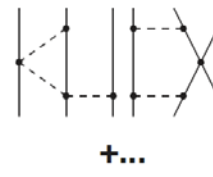
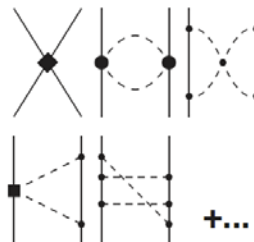
8  
proton separation energy in lead

$Q^3$   
NNLO



1.12  
vibrational state in tin

$Q^4$   
 $N^3LO$



0.043  
rotational state in uranium

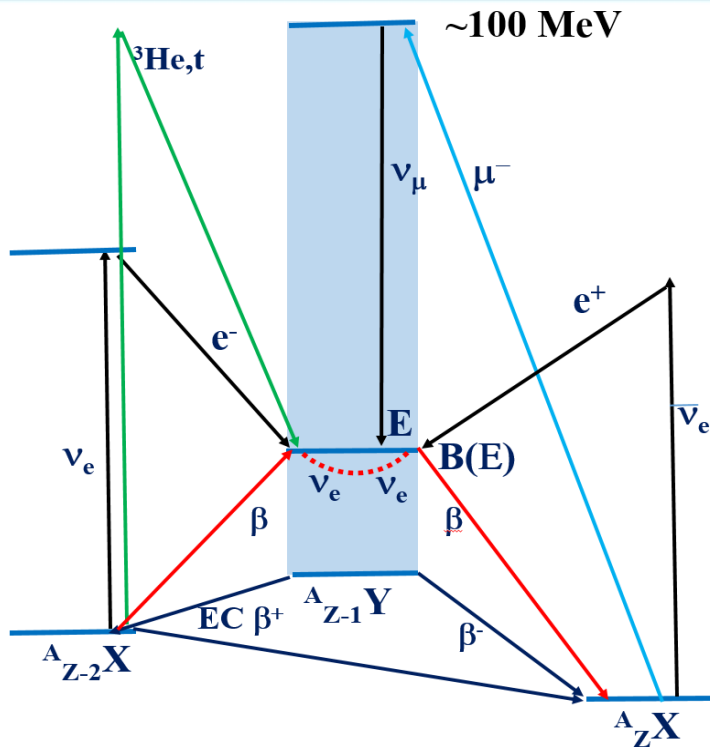
Calculation for the hypothetical  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay:  
 $^{10}\text{He} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{Be} + e^- + e^-$   
masses, spectra

A. Schwenk,  
P. Navratil,  
J. Engel,  
J. Menendez

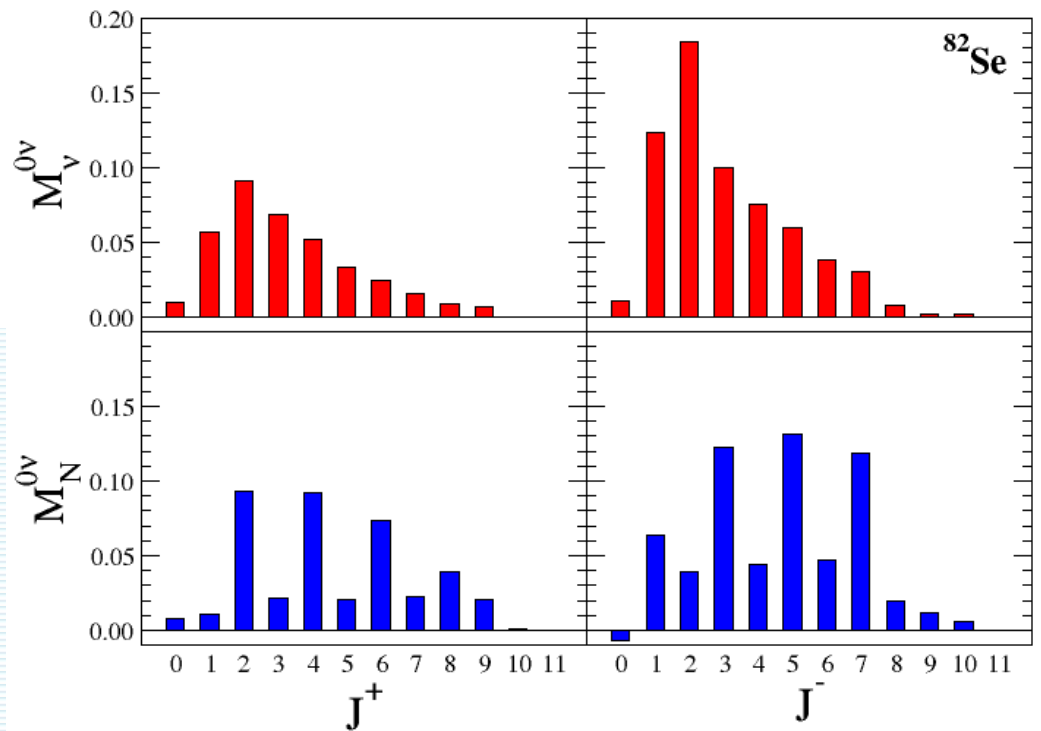
Moore's law: exponential growth in computing power



# Exploiting charge-exchange reactions ( ${}^3\text{He,t}$ ) and $\mu$ -capture to constrain $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay NMEs (presentation by Hiro Ejiri)



*Multipole decomposition of light and heavy  $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay NMEs normalized to unity*

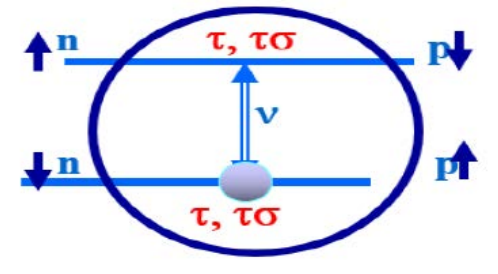


*Higher multipoles are populated mostly due large  $\nu$ -momenta transfer*

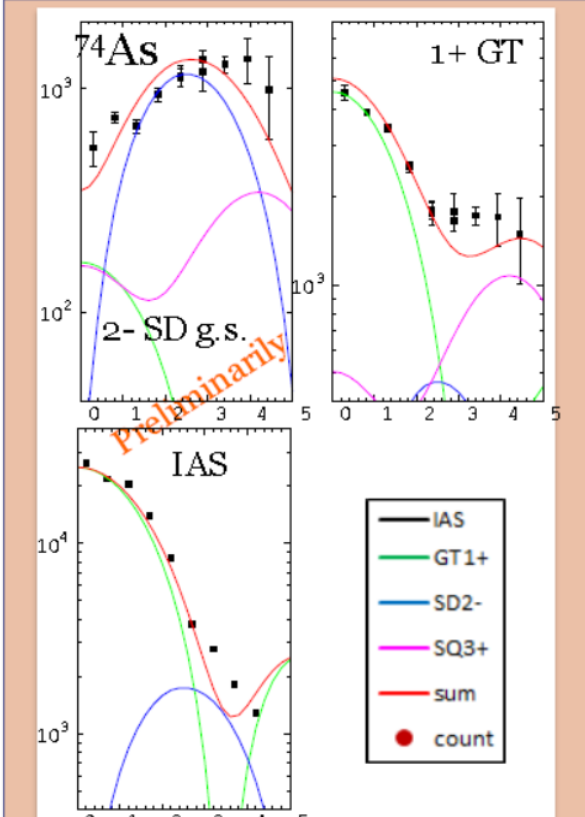
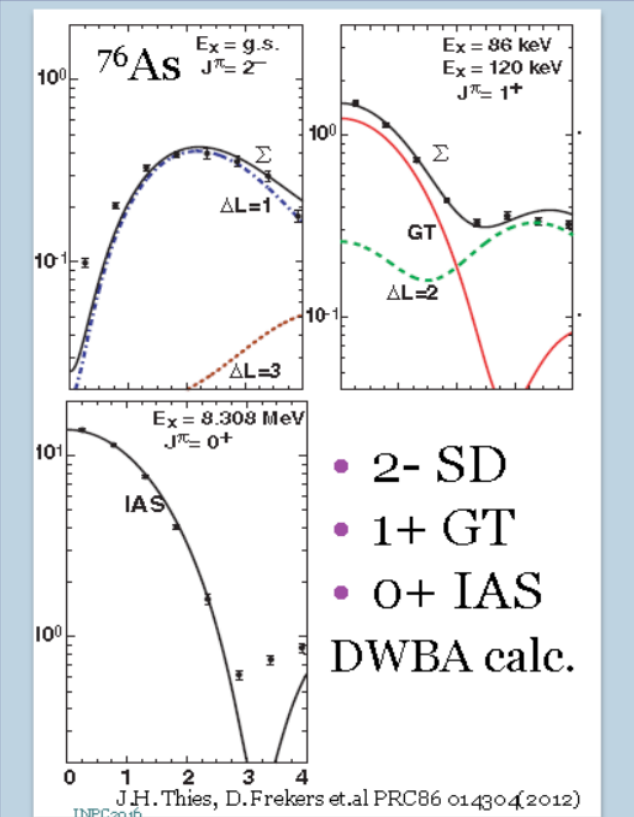


**Measuring of GT-like ( $2^-, 3^+$ ) strengths distribution for  $^{74,76}\text{Ge} \rightarrow ^{74,76}\text{As}$  with ( $^3\text{He},t$ ) reactions**

H. Akimune, H. Ejiri, RCNP, Catania, KVI, Munster



$^{74,76}\text{Ge} (^3\text{He},t) ^{74,76}\text{As}$  Angular distribution

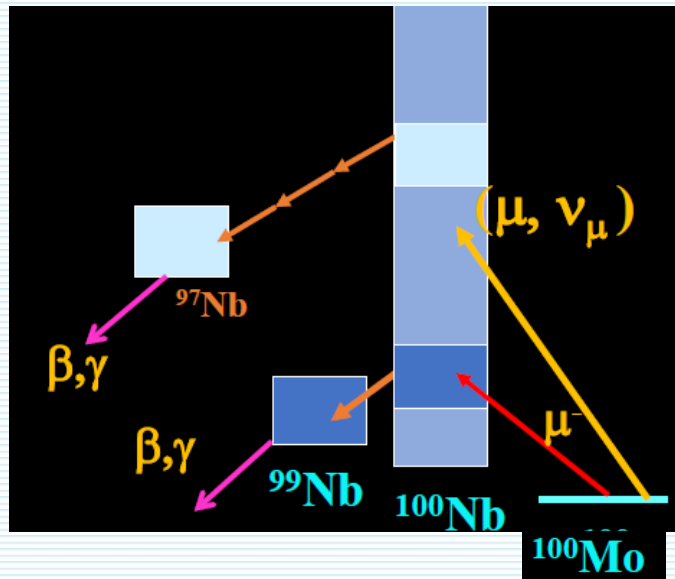


# Measurement of GT strength via $\mu$ -capture

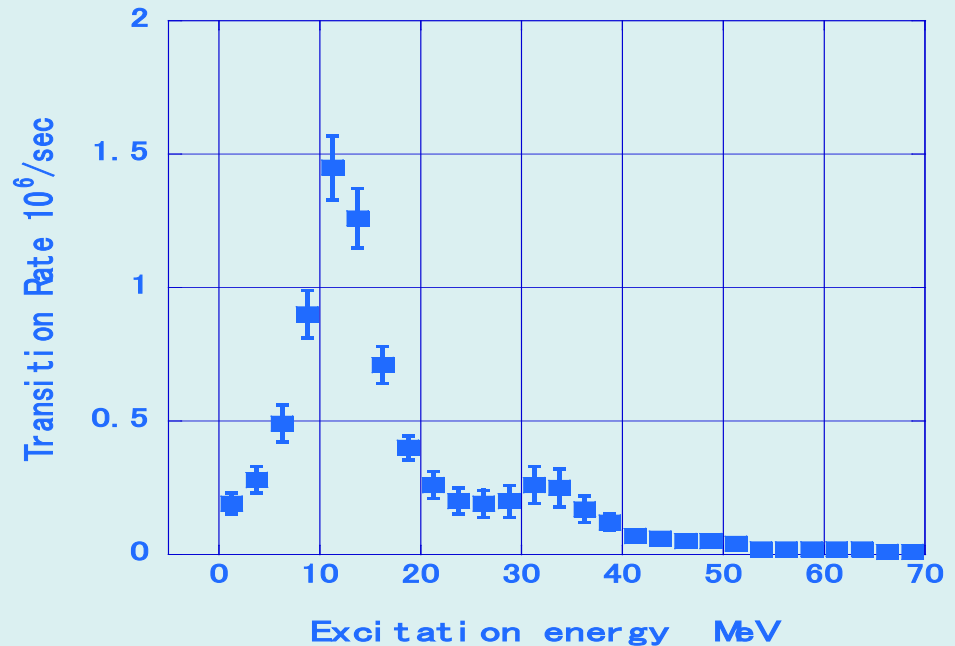
$$\mu^-_b + (A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z-1) + \nu_\mu$$

CER ( $\mu, \nu_\mu, \text{xn } \gamma$ )  $\nu$ - $\beta^+$   
Responses  $q \sim 80$  MeV  
2- 3+ multipoles

J-PARC 3-50 GeV  $p, \nu, \mu$



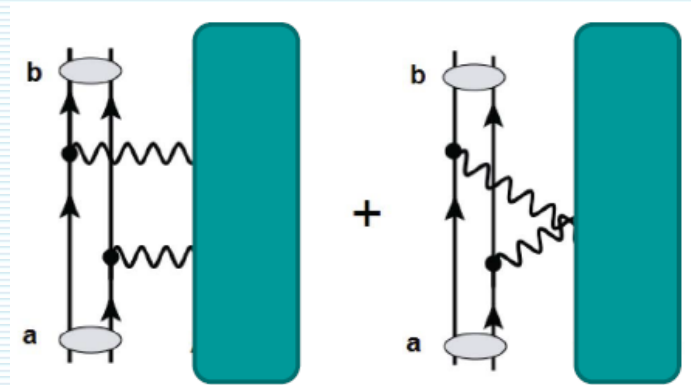
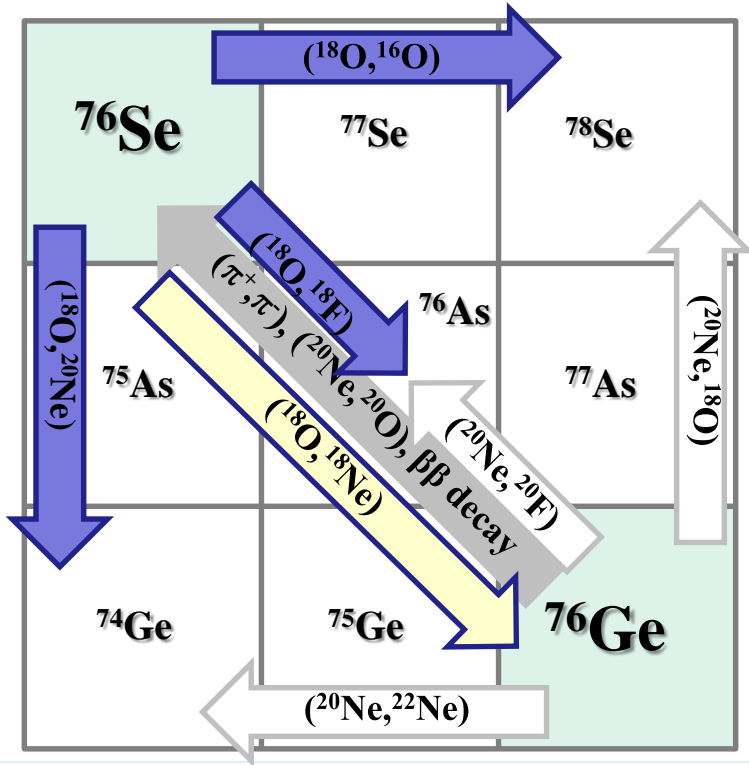
I. Hashim H. Ejiri, MXG16, PR C 97 2018



$\Rightarrow$  Small basis nuclear structure calculations (NSM, IBM) are disfavored.  $\Rightarrow$

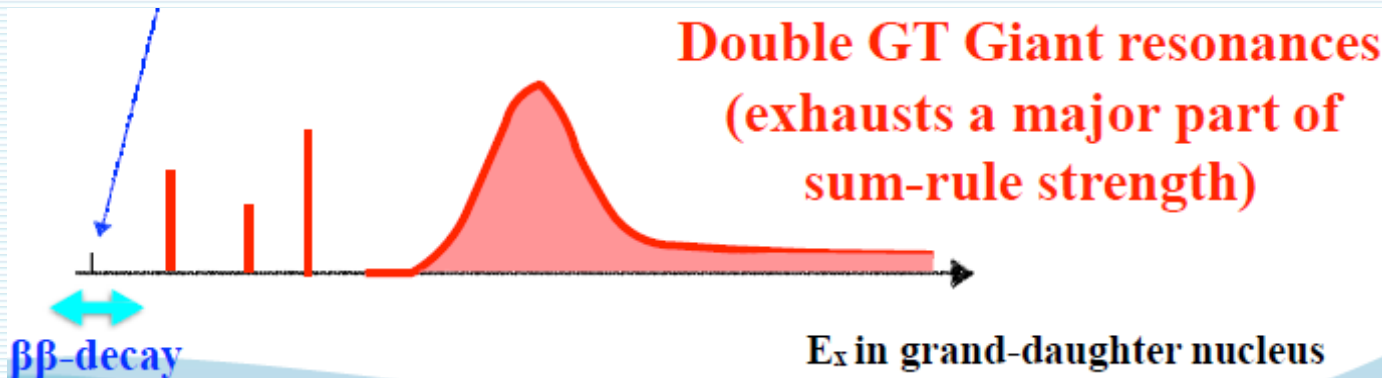
# Supporting nuclear physics experiments

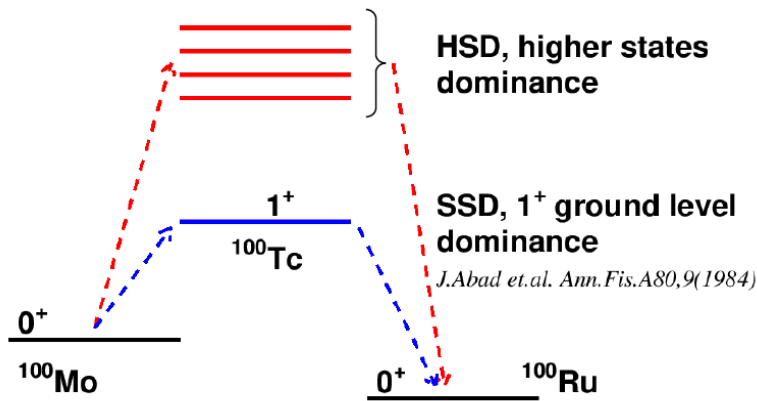
( $2\nu\beta\beta$ -decay,  $\mu$ -capture ChER, pion and heavy ion DCX, nucleon transfer reactions etc)



*H. Lenske group*  
*Theory of heavy ion DCX and connection to DBD NMEs*

Heavy ion DCX: **NUMEN** (LNC-INFN), **HIDCX** (RCNP/RIKEN)

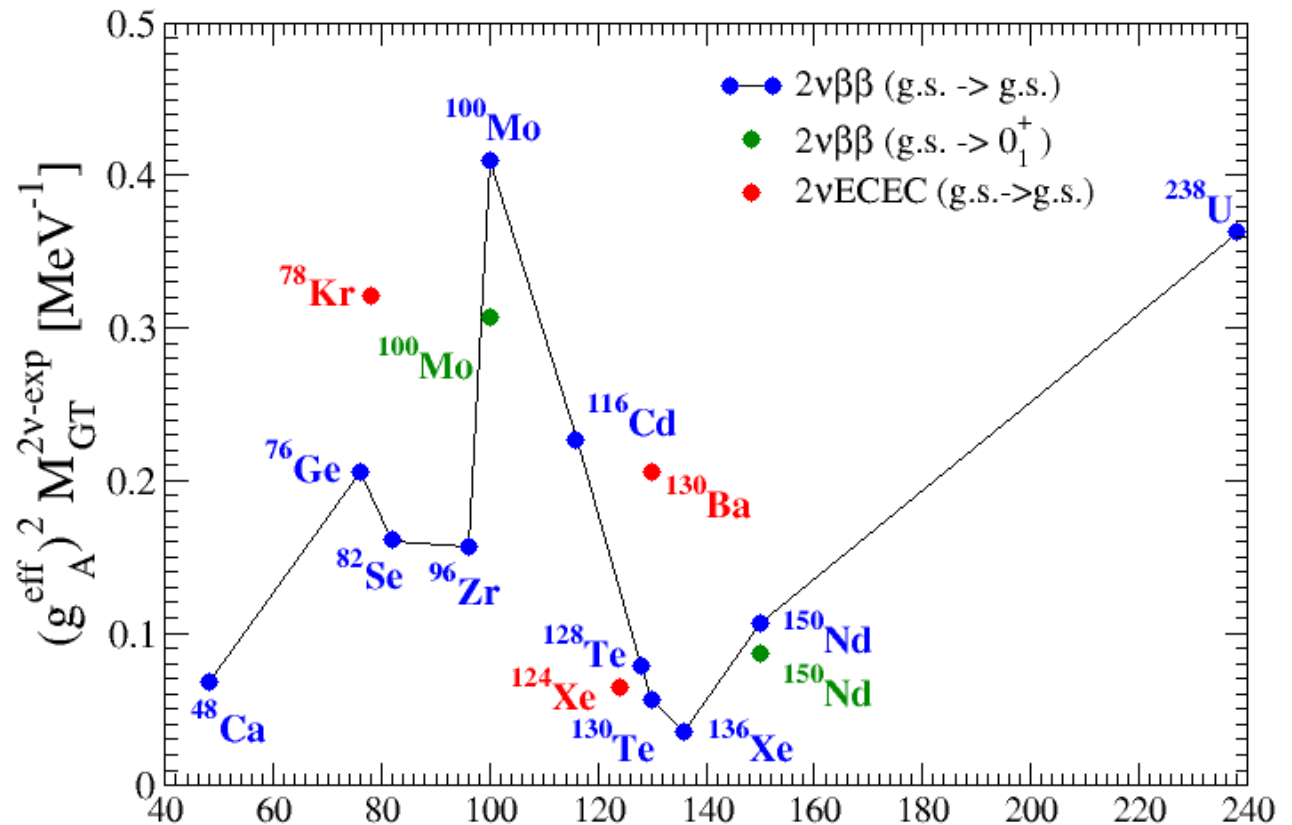




*Understanding of the  $2\nu\beta\beta$ -decay NMEs is of crucial importance for correct evaluation of the  $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay NMEs*

$$M_{GT}^{2\nu} = \sum_m \frac{\langle 0_f^+ || \tau^+ \sigma || 1_m^+ \rangle \langle 1_m^+ || \tau^+ \sigma || 0_i^+ \rangle}{E_m - E_i + \Delta}$$

**There is no reliable calculation of the  $2\nu\beta\beta$ -decay NMEs yet**



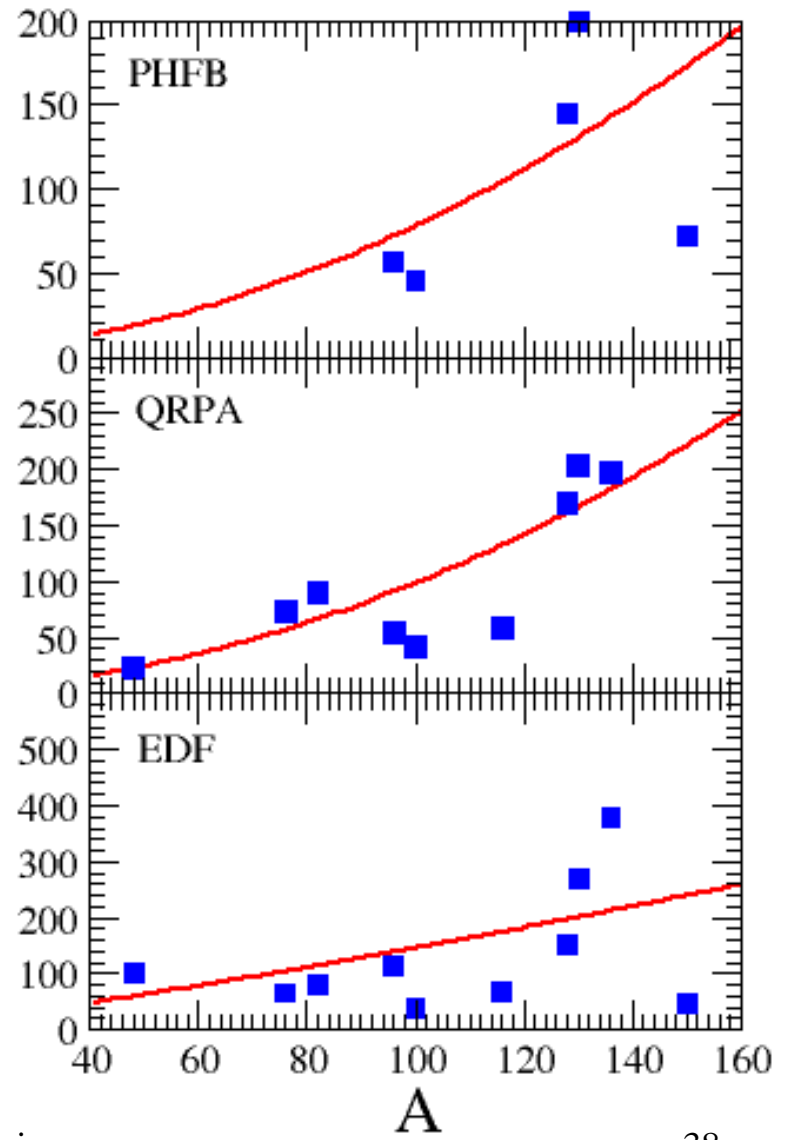
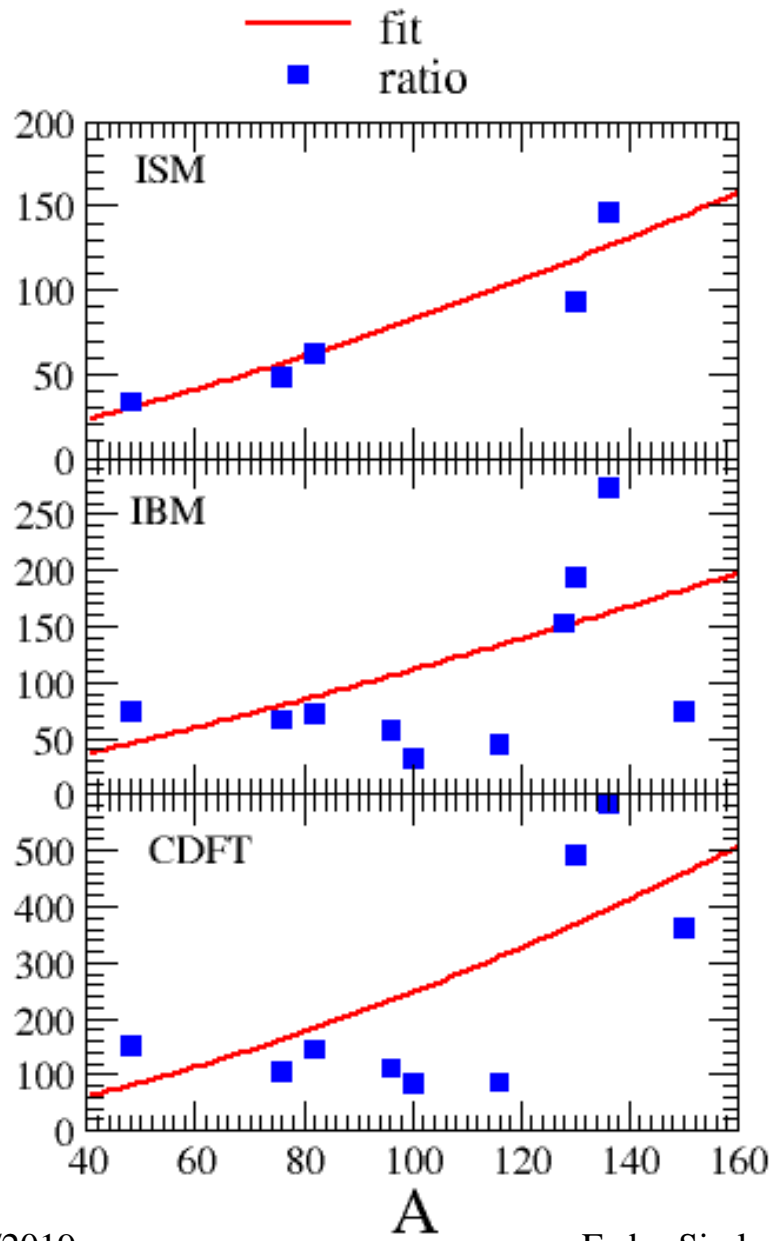
*Both  $2\nu\beta\beta$  and  $0\nu\beta\beta$  operators connect the same states. Both change two neutrons into two protons. Explaining  $2\nu\beta\beta$ -decay is necessary but not sufficient*

# Is there a proportionality between $0\nu\beta\beta$ - and $2\nu\beta\beta$ -decay NMEs?

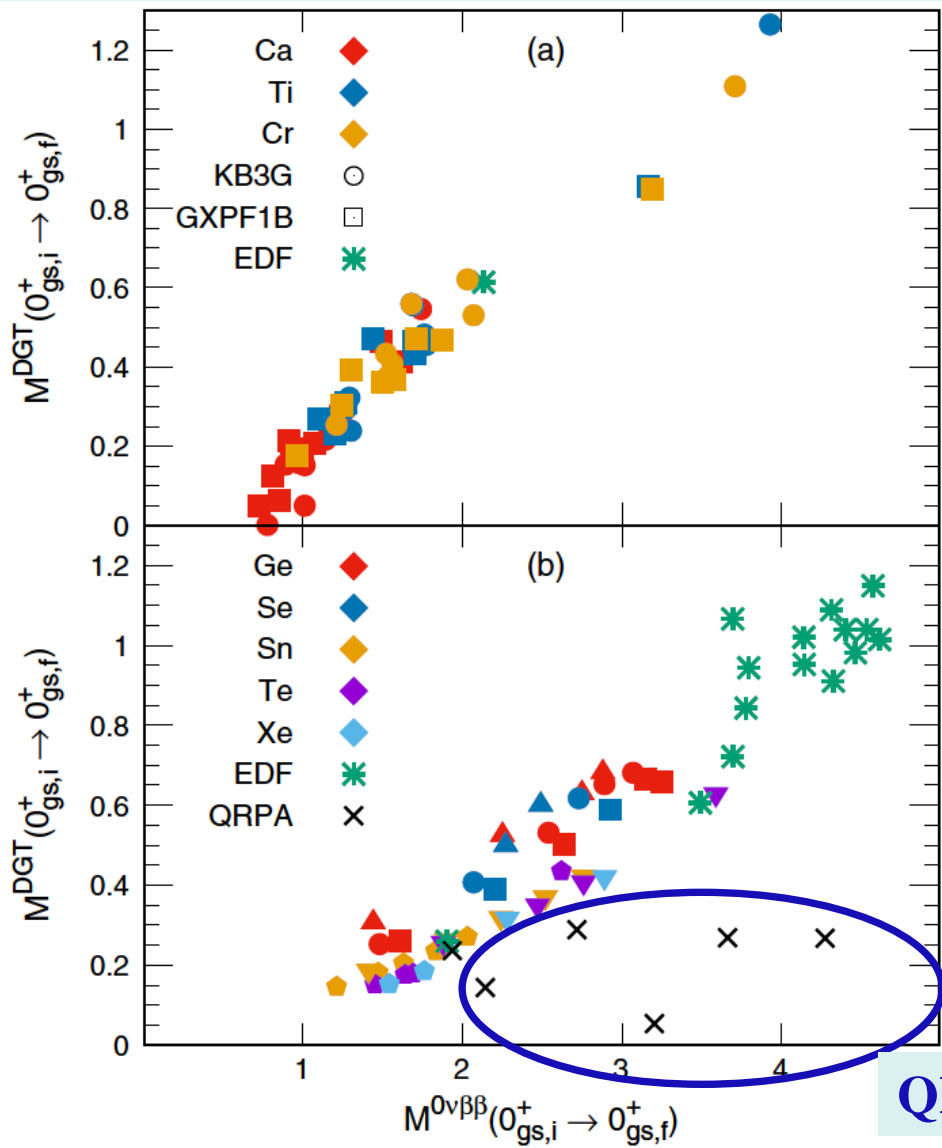
Known  
from  
measured  
 $2\nu\beta\beta$ -  
decay  
half-life

$$M_V^{0\nu} / (m_e M^{2\nu\text{-exp}})$$

Calc.  
within  
nuclear  
model



$$M^{0\nu} \propto M^{2\nu}_{GT-cl} : \text{ISM, EDF}$$



QRPA?

$$M^{DGT} = M^{2\nu}_{GT}$$

SSD ChER

$^{48}\text{Ca}$		0.22
$^{76}\text{Ge}$		0.52
$^{96}\text{Zr}$		0.22
$^{100}\text{Mo}$	0.35	
$^{116}\text{Cd}$	0.35	0.30
$^{128}\text{Te}$	0.41	

**EDF:** 0.6  $\rightarrow$  1.2

**ISM:** 0.1  $\rightarrow$  0.7

**IBM:** 1.6  $\rightarrow$  4.4

**QRPA:** |0.1|  $\rightarrow$  |0.7|

**IBM:** J. Barea, J. Kotila, F. Iachello,  
PRC 91, 034304 (2015)

**QRPA:** F.Š., R. Hodák, A. Faessler, P. Vogel,  
PRC 83, 015502 (2011)

**ISM:** N. Shimizu, J. Menendez, K. Yako,  
PRL 120, 142502 (2018)

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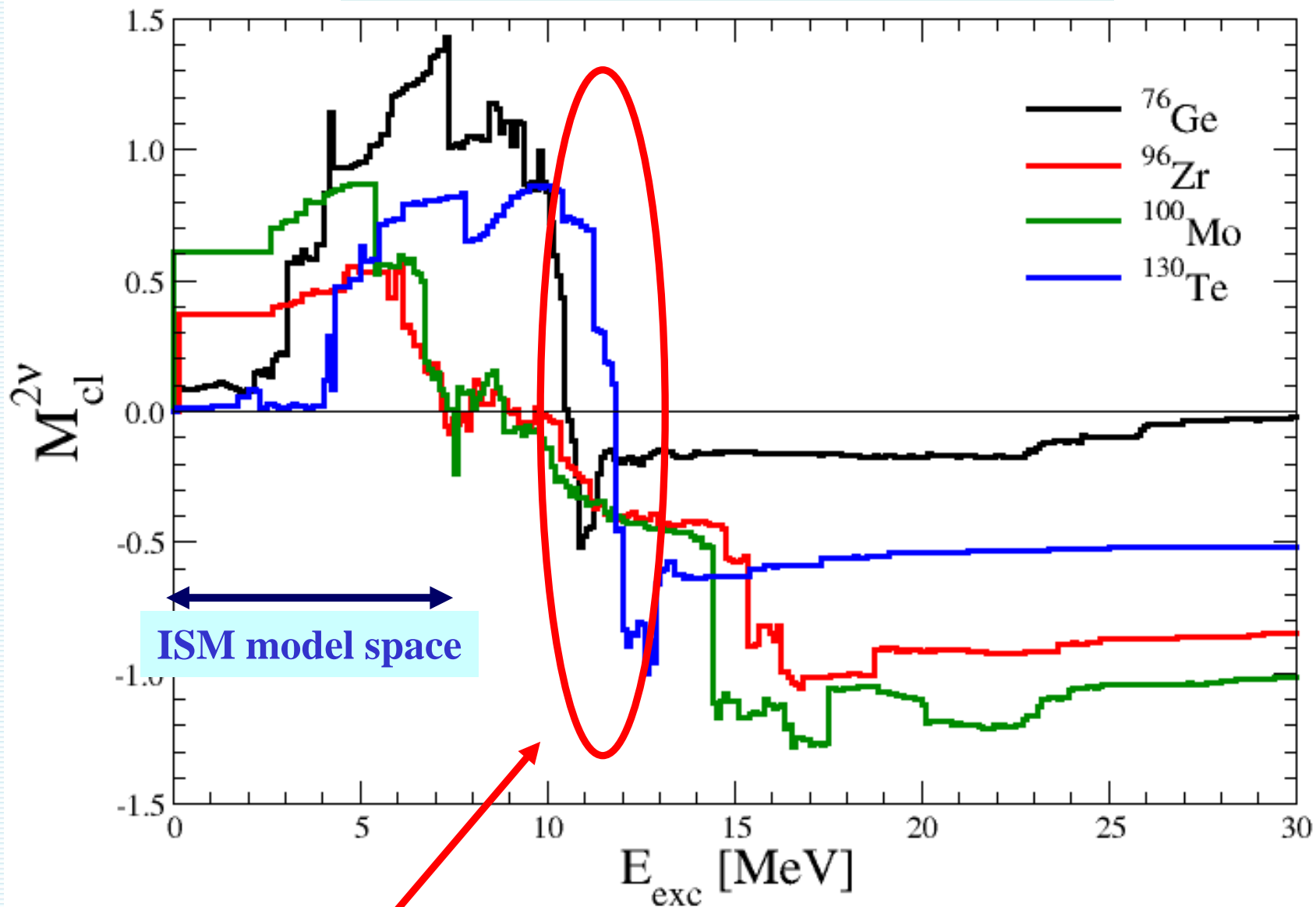
$M^{DGT}$  – only  $1^+$

$M^{0\nu}$  - contribution

from many  $J^\pi$  (!)

# QRPA: There is no proportionality between $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay and $2\nu\beta\beta$ -decay NMEs

F.Š., R. Hodák, A. Faessler, P. Vogel, PRC 83, 015502 (2011)



Region of GT resonance



# A connection between *closure* $2\nu\beta\beta$ and $0\nu\beta\beta$ GT NMEs

F.Š., R. Hodák, A. Faessler, P. Vogel, PRC 83, 015502 (2011)

F. Š., A. Smetana, P. Vogel, PRC 98, 064325 (2018)

Going to relative coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{\nu, N-I}^{0\nu} &= \int_0^\infty P_{I-src}^{\nu, N}(r) C_{I-cl}^{2\nu}(r) dr \\
 &= \int_0^\infty f_{src}^2(r) P_I^{\nu, N}(r) C_{I-cl}^{2\nu}(r) dr \\
 & \quad I = F, GT \text{ and } T
 \end{aligned}$$

*r*- relative distance of two decaying nucleons

$$M_{GT-cl}^{2\nu} = \int_0^\infty C_{GT-cl}^{2\nu}(r) dr$$

$$M_{GT-cl}^{2\nu} =$$

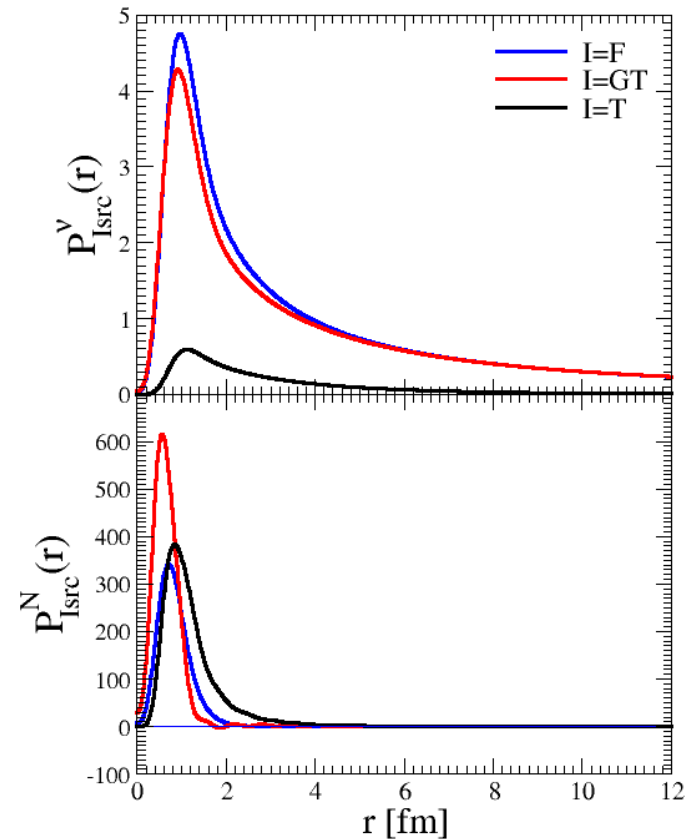
$$\sum_{J^\pi, m} \langle 0_f^+ | \tau^+ \vec{\sigma} | J^\pi, m \rangle \cdot \langle J^\pi, m | \tau^+ \vec{\sigma} | 0_i^+ \rangle$$

$$\sum_m \langle 0_f^+ | \tau^+ \vec{\sigma} | 1^+, m \rangle \cdot \langle 1^+, m | \tau^+ \vec{\sigma} | 0_i^+ \rangle$$

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Neutrino potential prefers short distances

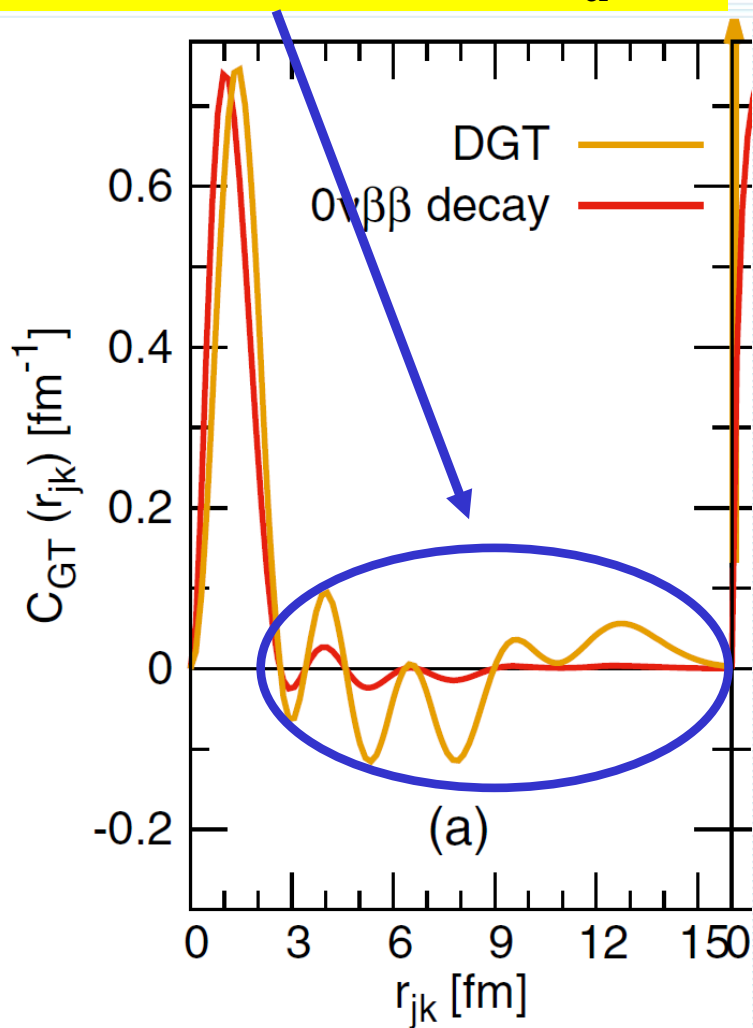
*v*- and *N*- exchange potential ( $\propto f_{src}^2(r)$ )



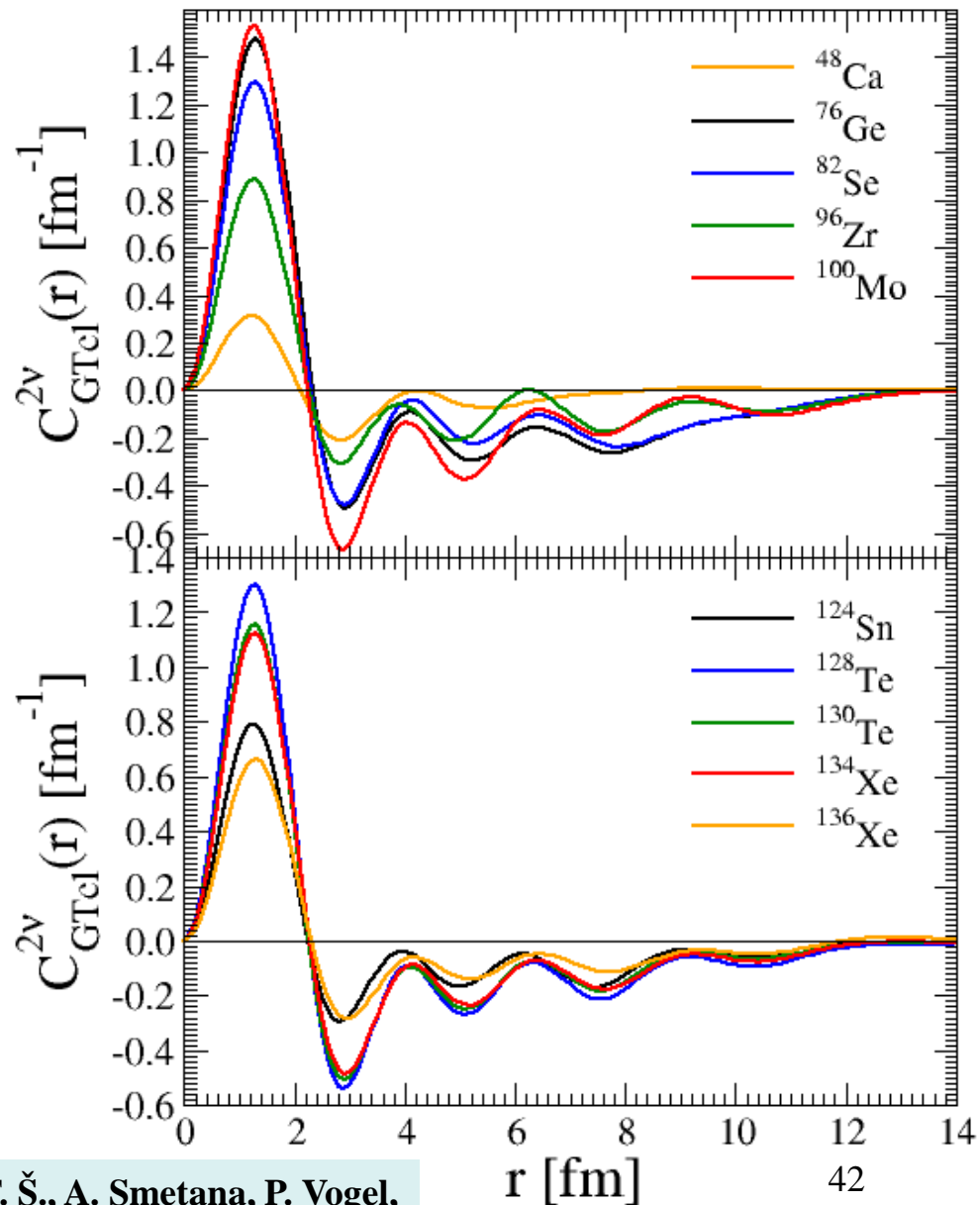
**QRPA: Bump  $\approx$  - Tail  $\Rightarrow M^{2\nu}_{cl} \approx 0$**

**Close to restoration of the SU(4) symmetry  
of residual Hamiltonian**

**ISM: Tail  $\approx 0$  (!)  $\Rightarrow M^{2\nu}_{cl} \gg 0$**



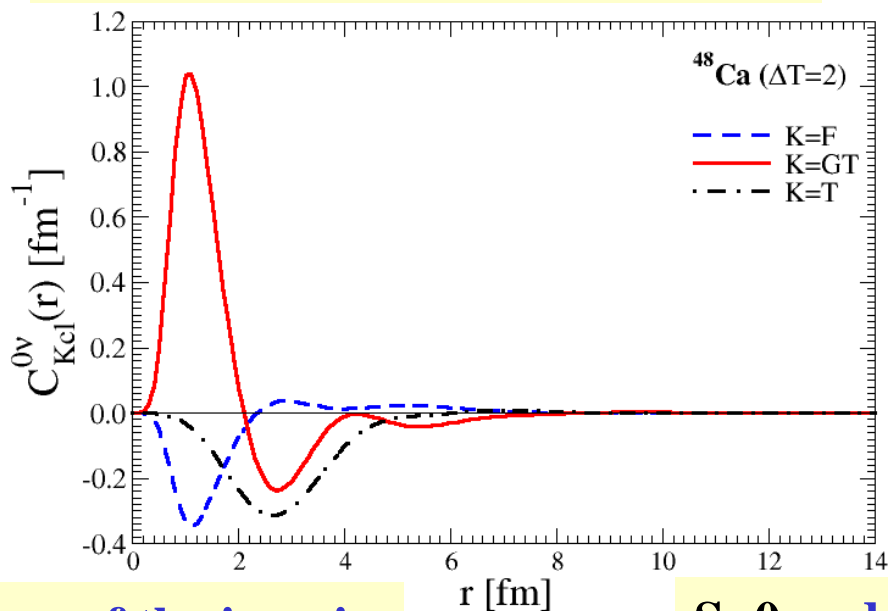
N. Shimizu, J. Menendez, K. Yako,  
PRL 120, 142502 (2018)



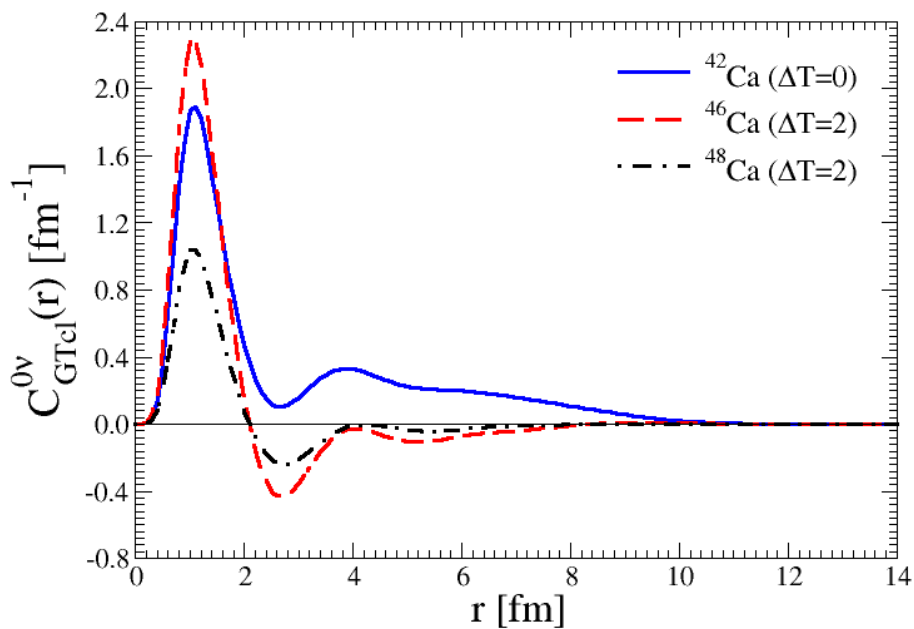
F. Š., A. Smetana, P. Vogel,  
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# QRPA

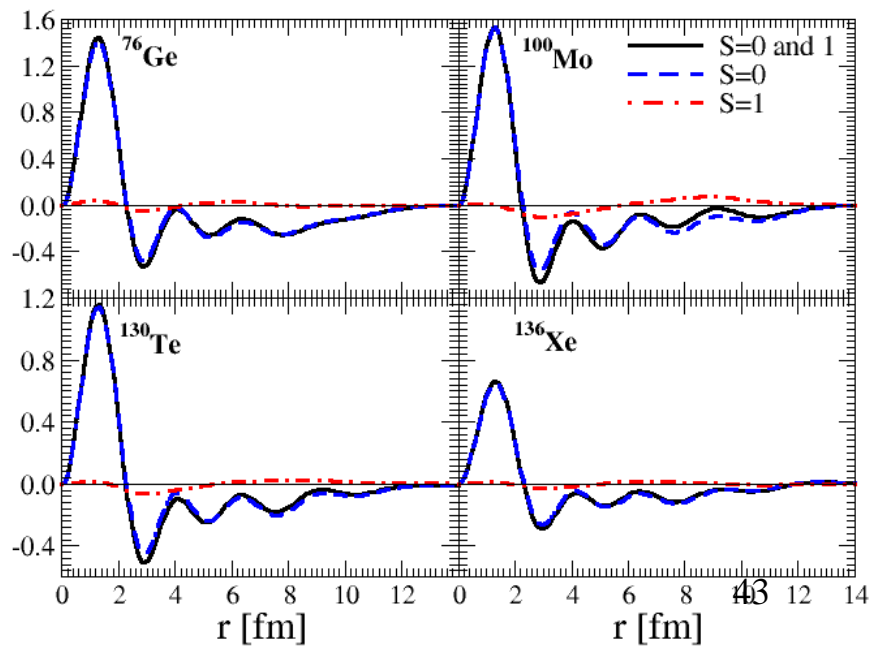
## Fermi, Gamow-Teller and tensor



## Role of the change of the isospin



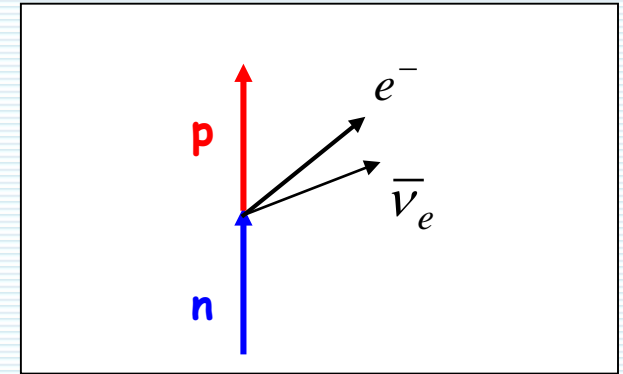
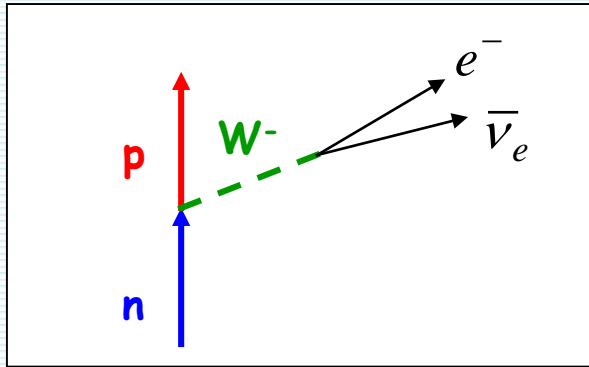
## S=0 and S=1 contributions



## V. *Quenching of $g_A$ ( $q = g_A^{\text{eff}} / g_A^{\text{free}}$ )*

**Should  $g_A$  be quenched in medium?  
Missing wave-function correlations  
Renormalized operator?  
Neglected two-body currents?  
Model-space truncations?**

# Quenching in nuclear matter: $g_A^{\text{eff}} = q g_A^{\text{free}}$



$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{G_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} [\bar{u}\gamma^\alpha(1-\gamma^5)d] [\bar{e}\gamma^\alpha(1-\gamma^5)\nu_e]$$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{G_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} [\bar{p}\gamma^\alpha(g_V - g_A\gamma^5)n] [\bar{e}\gamma^\alpha(1-\gamma^5)\nu_e]$$

## *CVC hypothesis*

$g_V = 1$  at the quark level

$g_V = 1$  at the nucleon level

$g_V = 1$  inside nuclei

## *Quenching of $g_A$*

$g_A = 1$  at the quark level

$g_A^{\text{free}} = 1.27$  at the nucleon level

$g_A^{\text{eff}} = ?$  inside nuclei

**ISM:**  $(g_A^{\text{eff}})^4 \simeq 0.66$  ( $^{48}\text{Ca}$ ),  $0.66$  ( $^{76}\text{Ge}$ ),  $0.30$  ( $^{76}\text{Se}$ ),  $0.20$  ( $^{130}\text{Te}$ ) and  $0.11$  ( $^{136}\text{Xe}$ )

**QRPA:**  $(g_A^{\text{eff}})^4 = 0.30$  and  $0.50$  for  $^{100}\text{Mo}$  and  $^{116}\text{Cd}$

**IBM:**  $(g_A^{\text{eff}})^4 \simeq (1.269 A^{-0.18})^4 = 0.063$

Faessler, Fogli, Lisi, Rodin, Rotunno, F. Š,  
J. Phys. G 35, 075104 (2008).

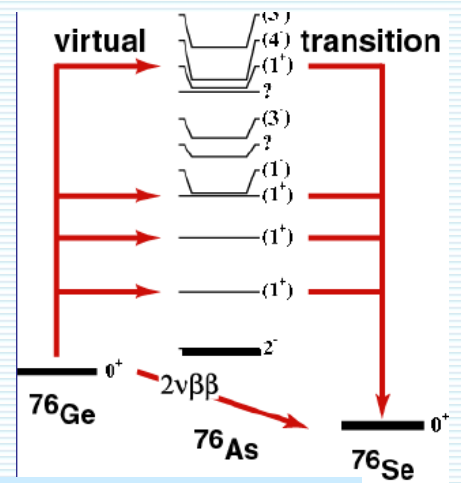
$g_A^4 = (1.269)^4 = 2.6$  **Quenching of  $g_A$  (from exp.:  $T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$  up 2.5 x larger)**

$(g_A^{\text{eff}})^4 = 1.0$

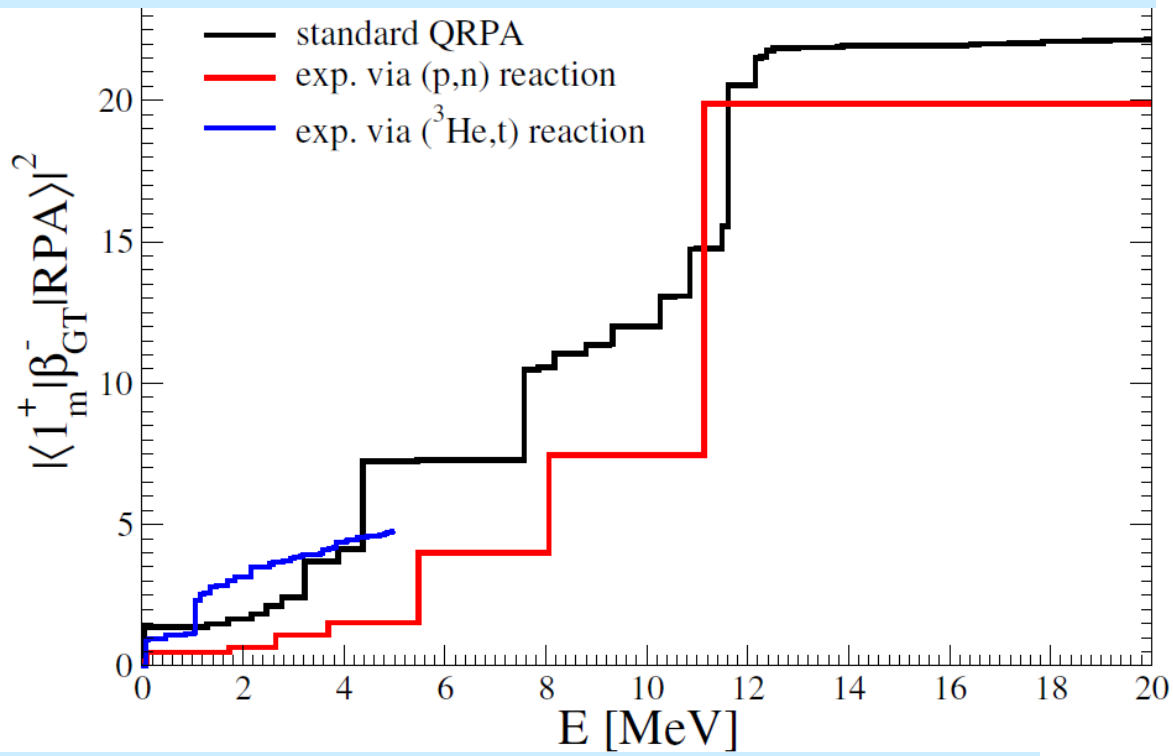
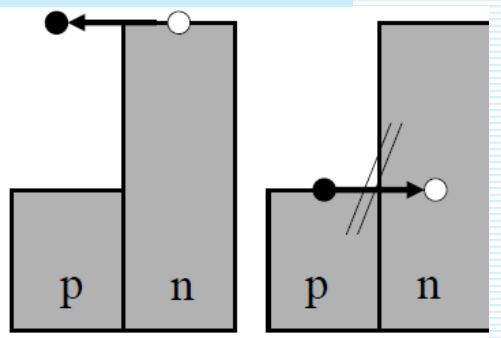
Strength of GT trans. (approx. given by **Ikeda sum rule** =  $3(N-Z)$ ) has to be quenched to reproduce experiment.

Using  $g_A^{\text{eff}} \approx 0.77 \times g_A^{\text{free}}$  agrees with data

$^{76}_{32}\text{Ge}_{44} \Rightarrow$   
 $S_{\beta^-} - S_{\beta^+} = 3(N-Z) = 36$



**Pauli blocking**



**Cross-section for charge exchange reaction:**

$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right] = \left[ \frac{\mu}{\pi\hbar} \right]^2 \frac{k_f}{k_i} N_d |v_{\sigma\tau}|^2 |\langle f | \sigma\tau | i \rangle|^2$$

$q = 0!!$

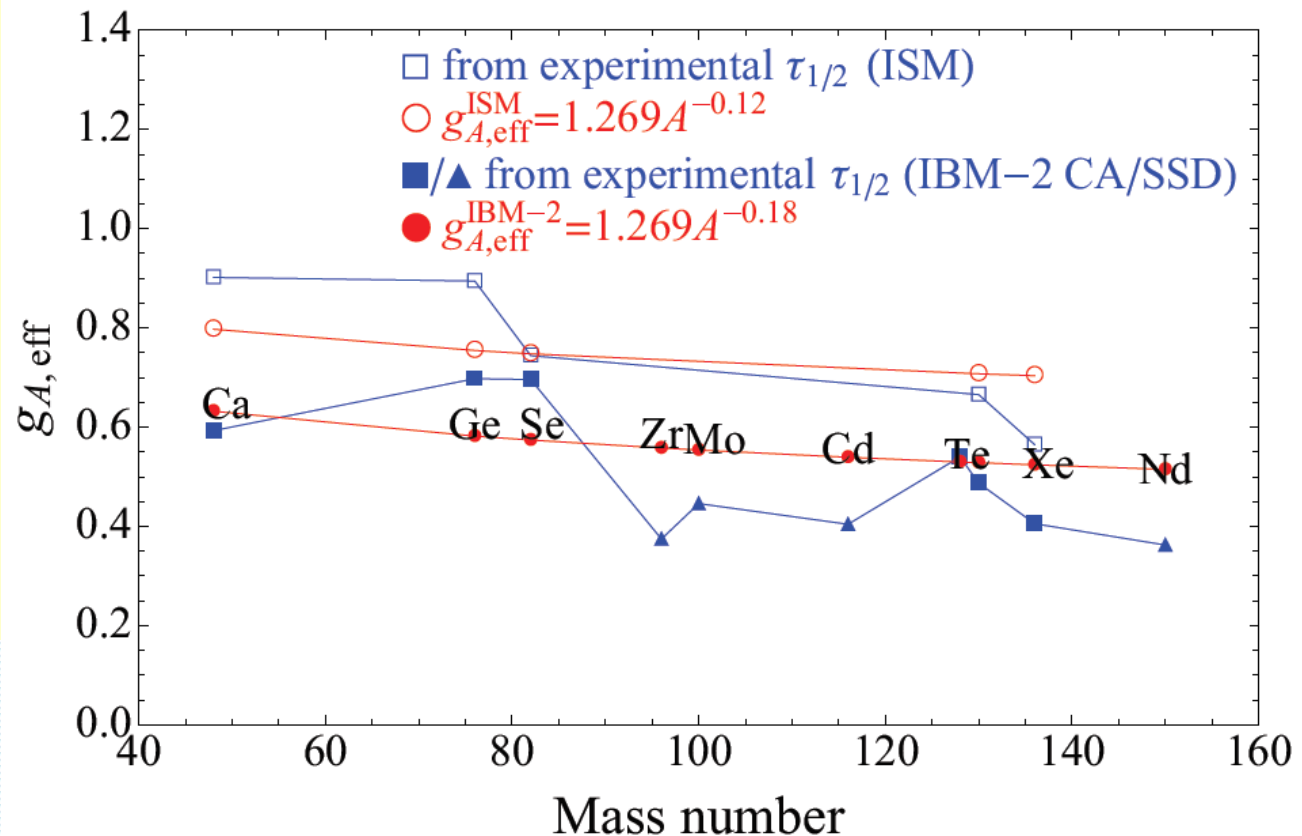
**largest at 100 - 200 MeV/A**

# Quenching of $g_A$ -IBM ( $T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$ suppressed up to factor 50)

$(g_A^{\text{eff}})^4 \simeq (1.269 A^{-0.18})^4 = 0.063$  (The Interacting Boson Model). This is an incredible result. The quenching of the axial-vector coupling within the IBM-2 is more like 60%.

It has been determined by theoretical prediction for the  $2\nu\beta\beta$ -decay half-lives, which were based on within closure approximation calculated Corresponding NMEs, with the measured half-lives.

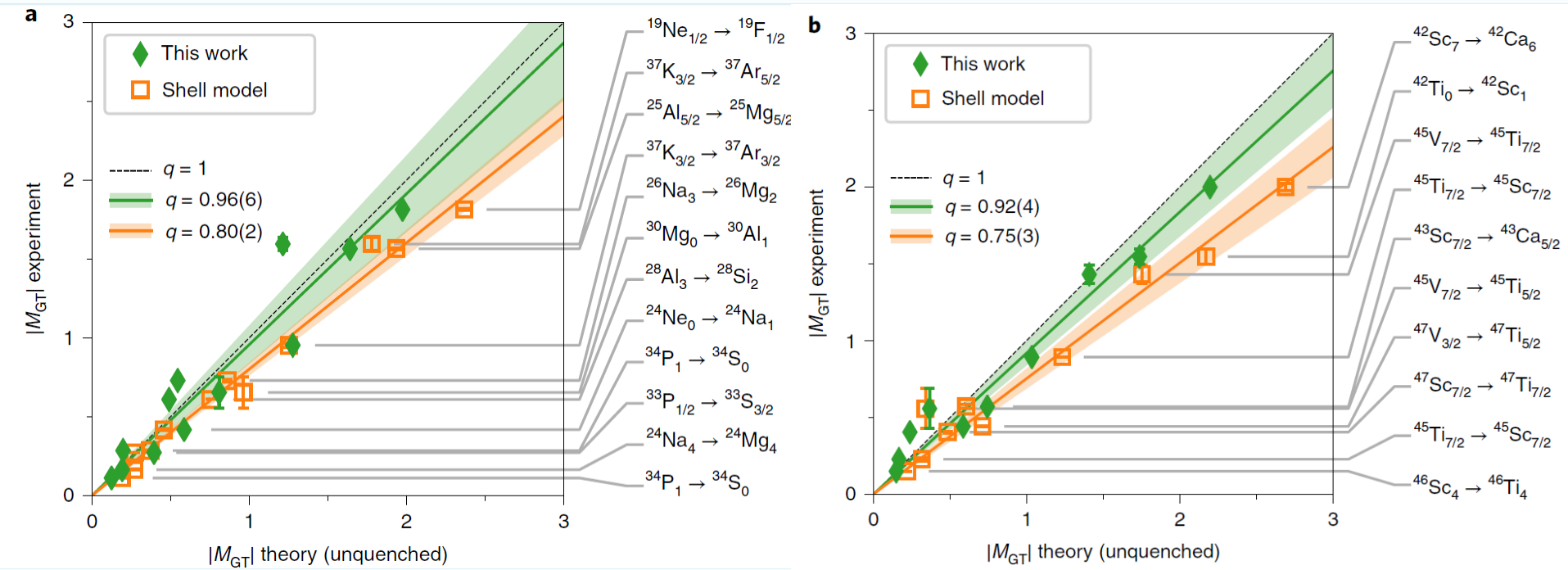
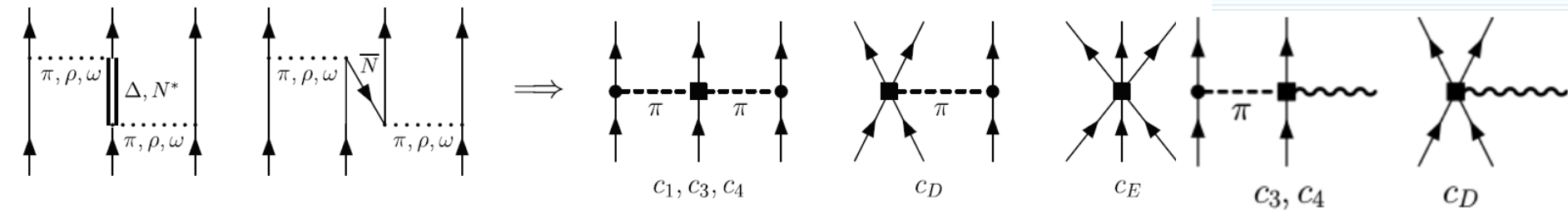
From F. Iachello



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**Ab initio calculations  
(light nuclear systems)  
including meson-  
exchange  
currents do not need  
any “quenching”**

# Discrepancy between experimental and theoretical $\beta$ -decay rates resolved from first principles



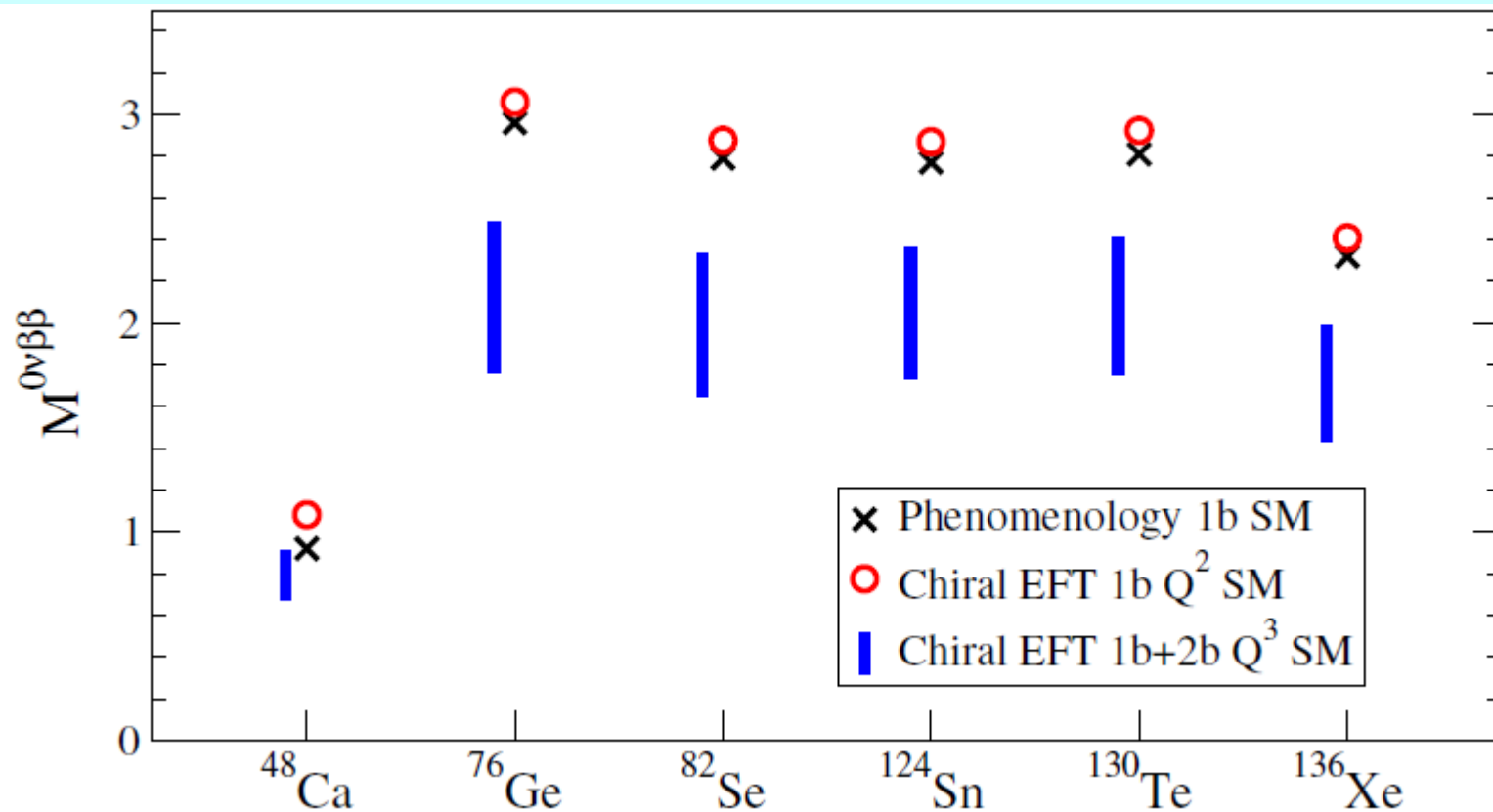


# Quenching of $g_A$ and two-body currents

Menendez, Gazit, Schwenk, PRL 107 (2011) 062501; MEDEX13 contribution

$$\mathbf{J}_{i,2b}^{\text{eff}} = -g_A \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \tau_i^- \frac{\rho}{F_\pi^2} \left[ \frac{2}{3} c_3 \frac{p^2}{4m_\pi^2 + p^2} + I(\rho, P) \left( \frac{1}{3} (2c_4 - c_3) + \frac{1}{6m} \right) \right] = -g_A \delta(p) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \tau_i^-$$

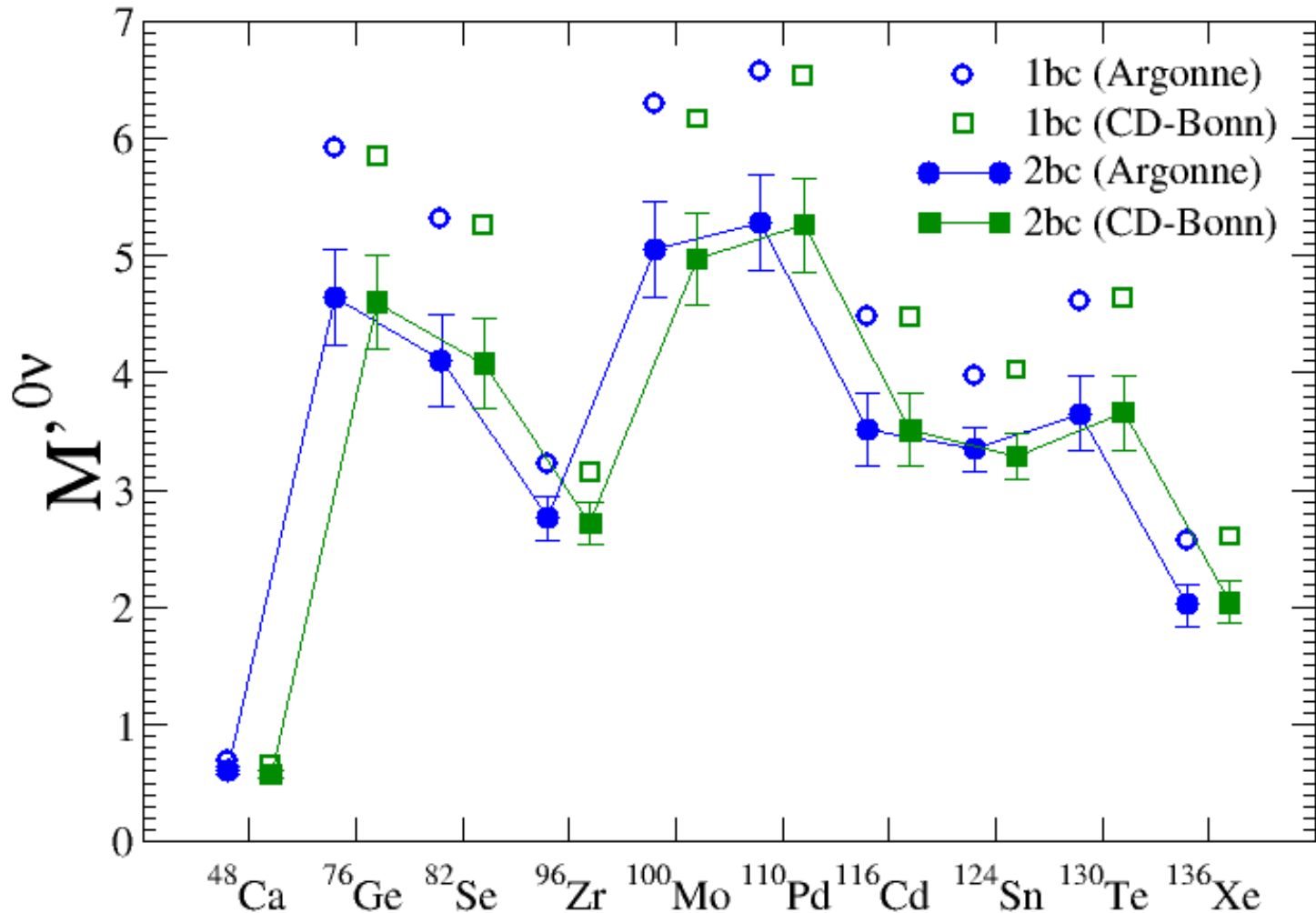
The  $0\nu\beta\beta$  operator calculated within effective field theory. Corrections appear as 2-body current predicted by EFT. The 2-body current contributions are related to the quenching of Gamow-Teller transitions found in nuclear structure calc.



# Quenching of $g_A$ , two-body currents and QRPA

(Suppression of the  $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay NME of about 20%)

Engel, Vogel, Faessler, F.Š., PRC 89 (2014) 064308



But, a strong suppression of  $2\nu\beta\beta$ -decay half-life, ( $g_A^{\text{eff}} = g_A \delta(p=0) = 0.7-1.0$ )

# Improved description of the $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay rate (and novel approach of fixing $g_A^{\text{eff}}$ )

F. Š, R. Dvornický, D. Štefánik, A. Faessler, PRC 97, 034315 (2018).

Let perform  
Taylor expansion

$$M_{GT}^{K,L} = m_e \sum_n M_n \frac{E_n - (E_i + E_f)/2}{[E_n - (E_i + E_f)/2]^2 - \epsilon_{K,L}^2}$$

$$\frac{\epsilon_{K,L}}{E_n - (E_i + E_f)/2}$$

$$\epsilon_K = (E_{e_2} + E_{\nu_2} - E_{e_1} - E_{\nu_1})/2$$

$$\epsilon_L = (E_{e_1} + E_{\nu_2} - E_{e_2} - E_{\nu_1})/2$$

$$\epsilon_{K,L} \in \left(-\frac{Q}{2}, \frac{Q}{2}\right)$$

We get

$$\left[T_{1/2}^{2\nu\beta\beta}\right]^{-1} \simeq \left(g_A^{\text{eff}}\right)^4 \left|M_{GT-3}^{2\nu}\right|^2 \frac{1}{|\xi_{13}^{2\nu}|^2} \left(G_0^{2\nu} + \xi_{13}^{2\nu} G_2^{2\nu}\right)$$

$$M_{GT-1}^{2\nu} = \sum_n M_n \frac{1}{(E_n - (E_i + E_f)/2)}$$

$$M_{GT-3}^{2\nu} = \sum_n M_n \frac{4 m_e^3}{(E_n - (E_i + E_f)/2)^3}$$

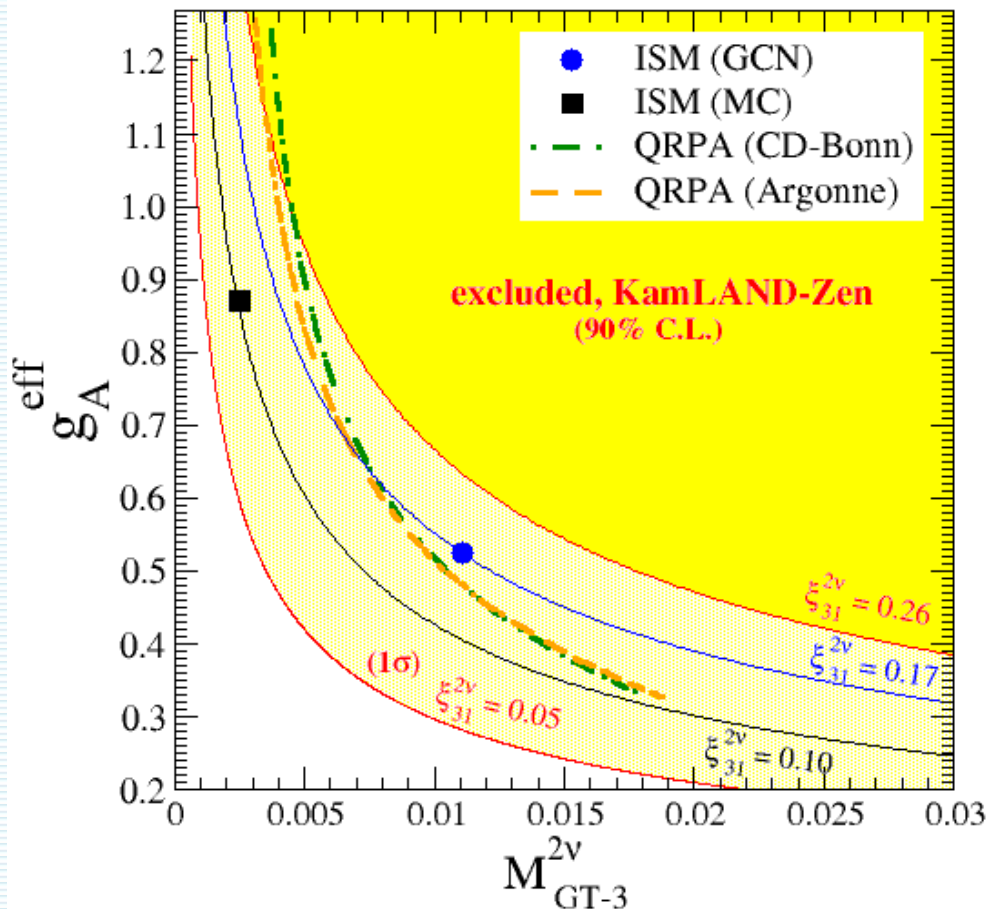
$$\xi_{13}^{2\nu} = \frac{M_{GT-3}^{2\nu}}{M_{GT-1}^{2\nu}}$$

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The  $g_A^{\text{eff}}$  can be determined with measured half-life and ratio of NMEs  $\xi_{31}^{2\nu}$  and calculated NME dominated by transitions through low lying states of the intermediate nucleus.

$M_{GT-3}$  have to be calculated by nuclear theory - ISM

$$(g_A^{\text{eff}})^2 = \frac{1}{|M_{GT-3}^{2\nu}|} \frac{|\xi_{13}^{2\nu}|}{\sqrt{T_{1/2}^{2\nu-\text{exp}} (G_0^{2\nu} + \xi_{13}^{2\nu} G_2^{2\nu})}}$$



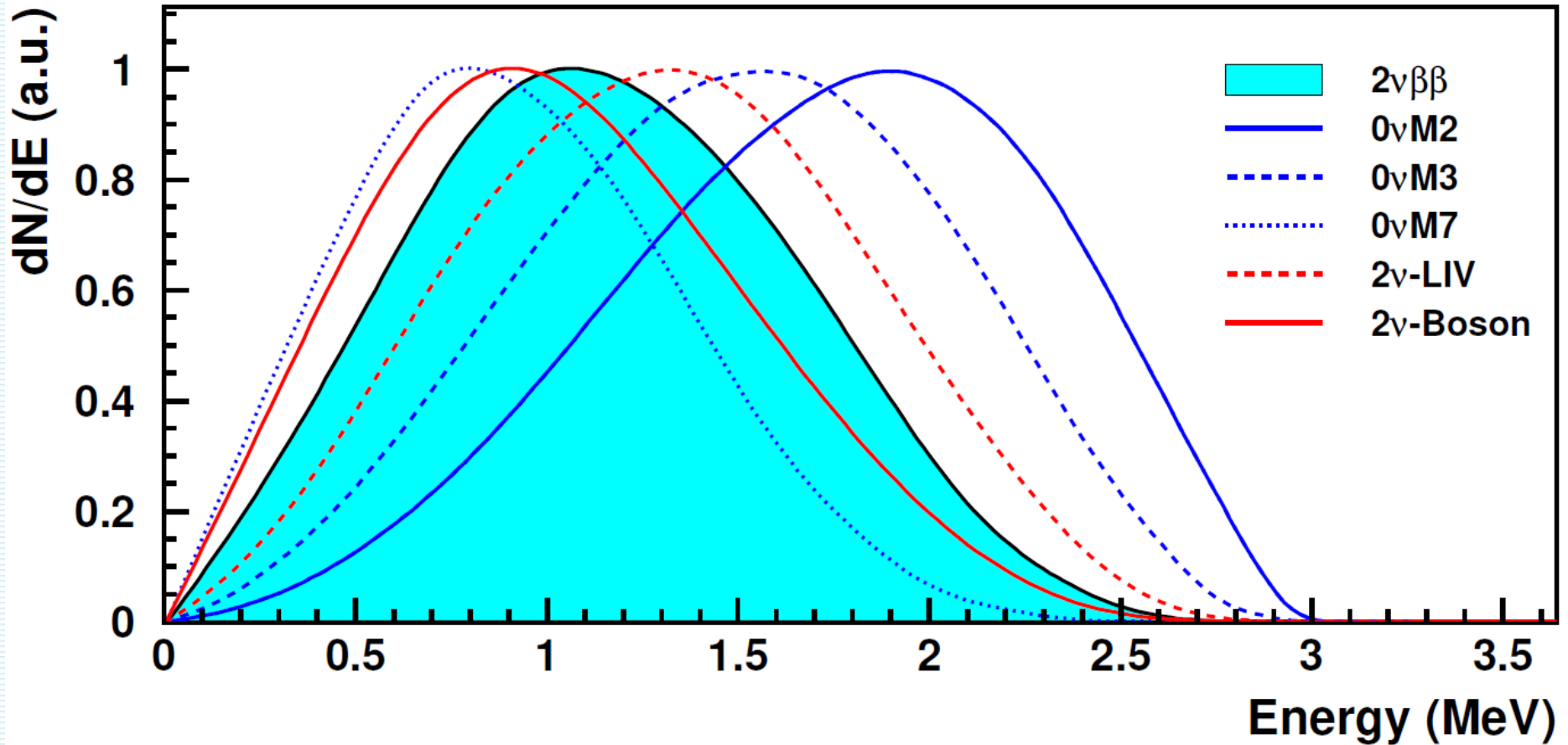
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KamLAND-Zen Coll. (+J. Menendez, F.Š.),  
Phys.Rev.Lett. 122, 192501 (2019)

# Looking for a new physics with differential characteristics



## Spectral index $n$

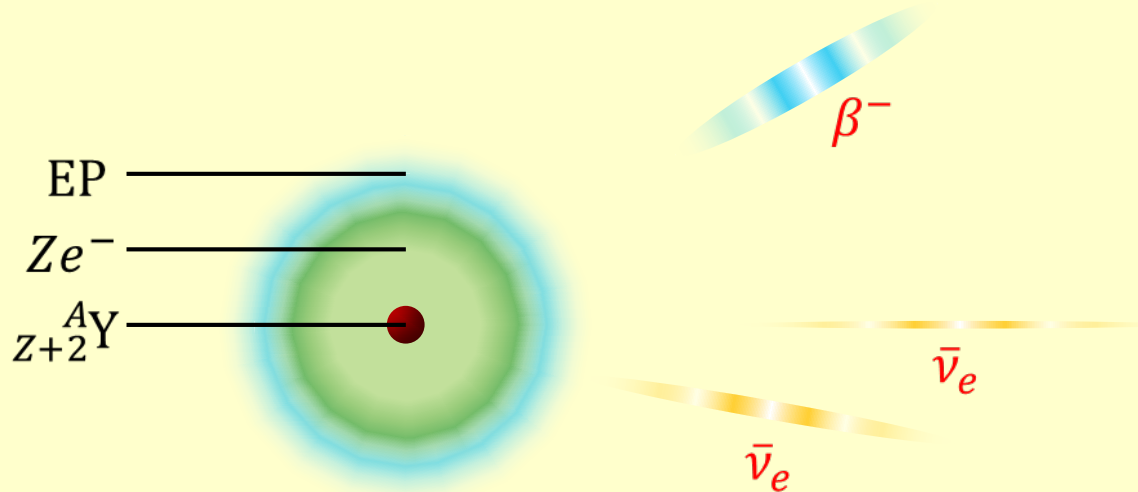
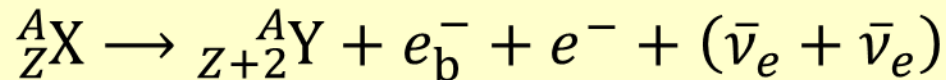
$$\frac{d\Gamma}{d\varepsilon_1 d\varepsilon_2} = C(Q - \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)^n [p_1 \varepsilon_1 F(\varepsilon_1)] [p_2 \varepsilon_2 F(\varepsilon_2)]$$

# Double Beta Decay with emission of a single electron

A. Babič, M.I. Krivoruchenko, F.Š., PRC 98, 065501 (2018)

[Jung *et al.* (GSI), 1992] observed beta decay of  $^{163}_{66}\text{Dy}^{66+}$  ions with Electron Production (EP) in K or L shells:  $T_{1/2}^{\text{EP}} = 47$  d

Bound-state double-beta decay  $0\nu\text{EP}\beta^-$  ( $2\nu\text{EP}\beta^-$ ) with EP in available  $s_{1/2}$  or  $p_{1/2}$  subshell of daughter  $2+$  ion:



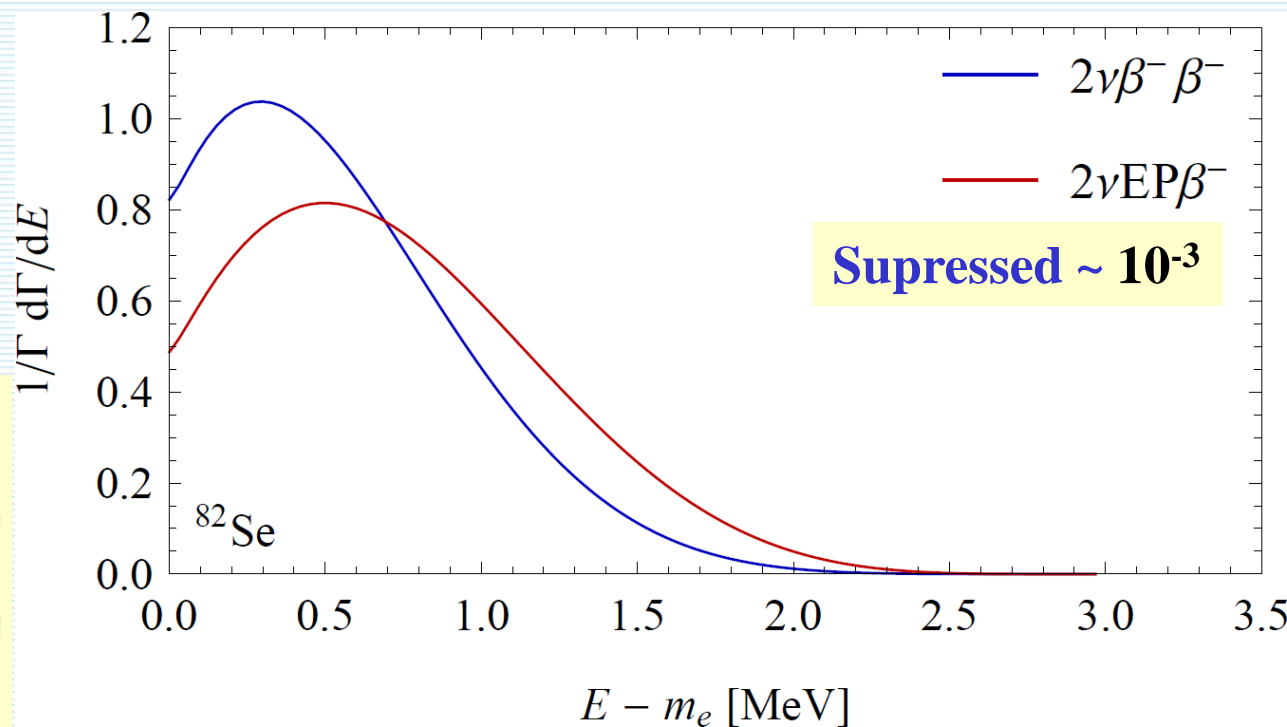
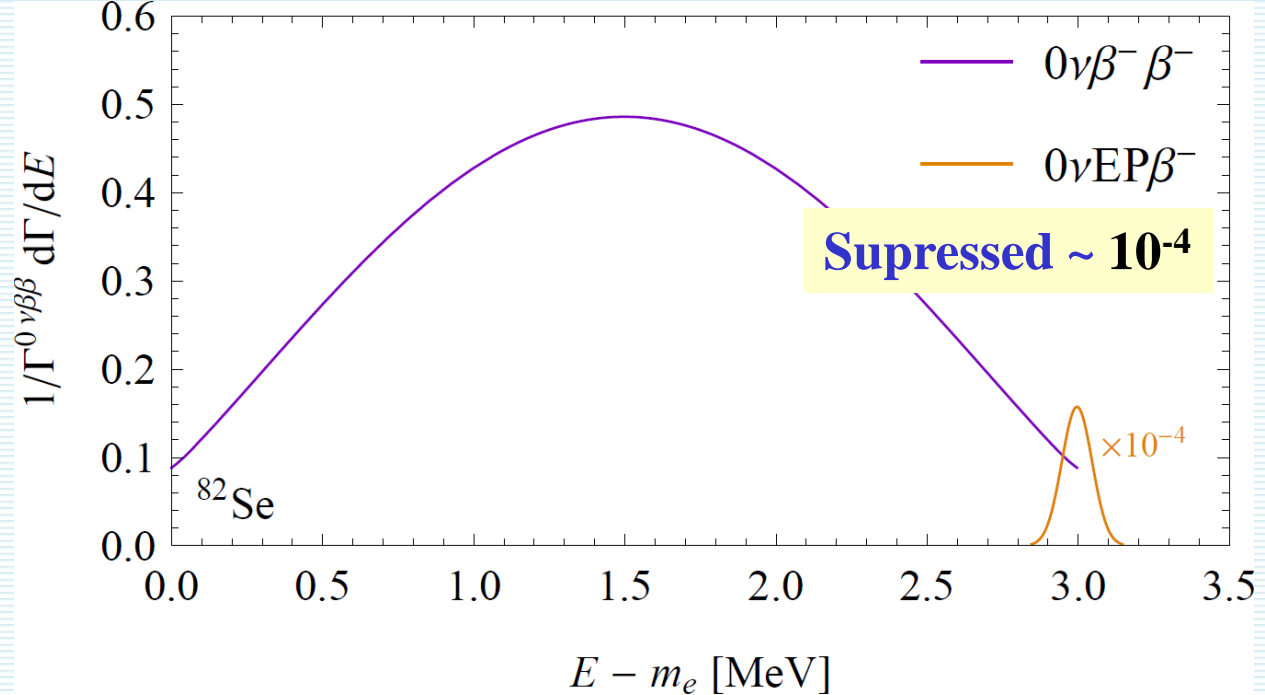
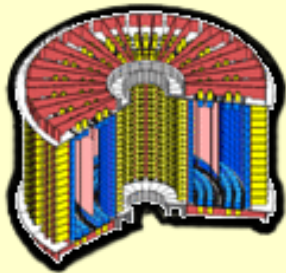
Search for possible manifestation in single-electron spectra...

# Energy distribution of a single electron

$0\nu EP\beta\beta$  strongly suppressed

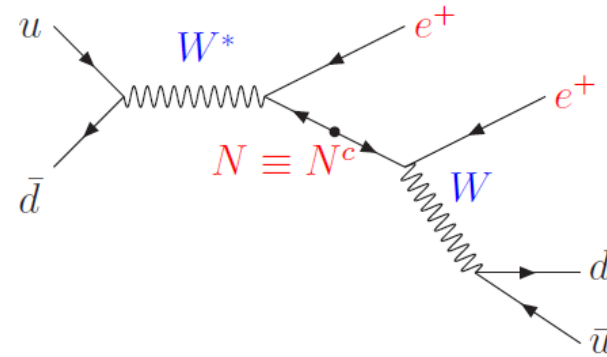
$2\nu EP\beta\beta$  could be detected  
Half-life predictions independent  
of  $g_A$  and value of  $2\nu\text{bb}$  NME

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# V. On the search for the signal of the total LNV

*a resonance  
production of heavy  $N$*



*$0\nu\beta\beta$   
Avogadro number  
is large ...*



*restrictions for future:  
Solar neutrinos,  
 $2\nu\beta\beta$  background*

$\Rightarrow$

*Solution?  
resonant  
neutrinoless  
double  
electron  
capture*

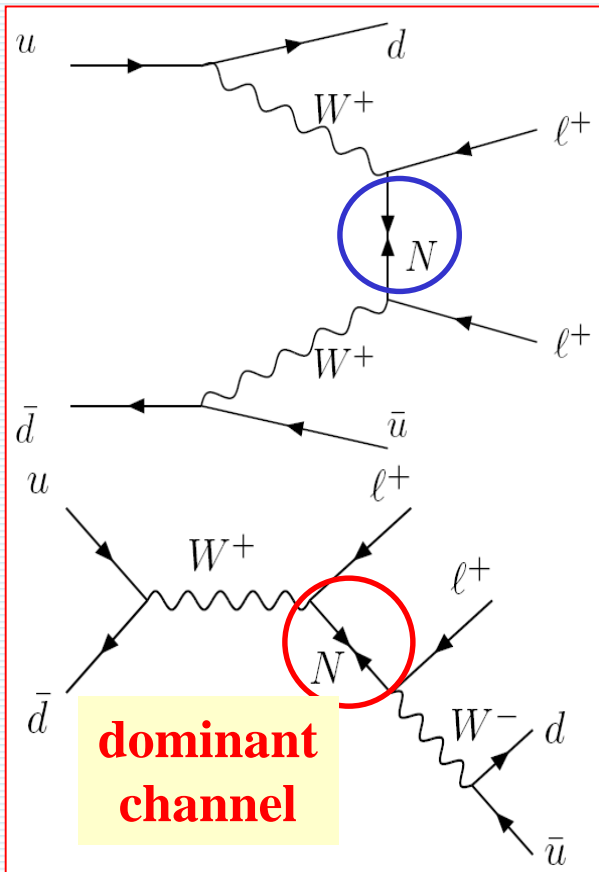
*Collider:  $pp \rightarrow l^+l^+ + jj$   
 $\mu^- + (A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z-2) + e^+$   
 $\mu^- + (A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z-2) + \mu^+$   
Mesons decays  
... many others*



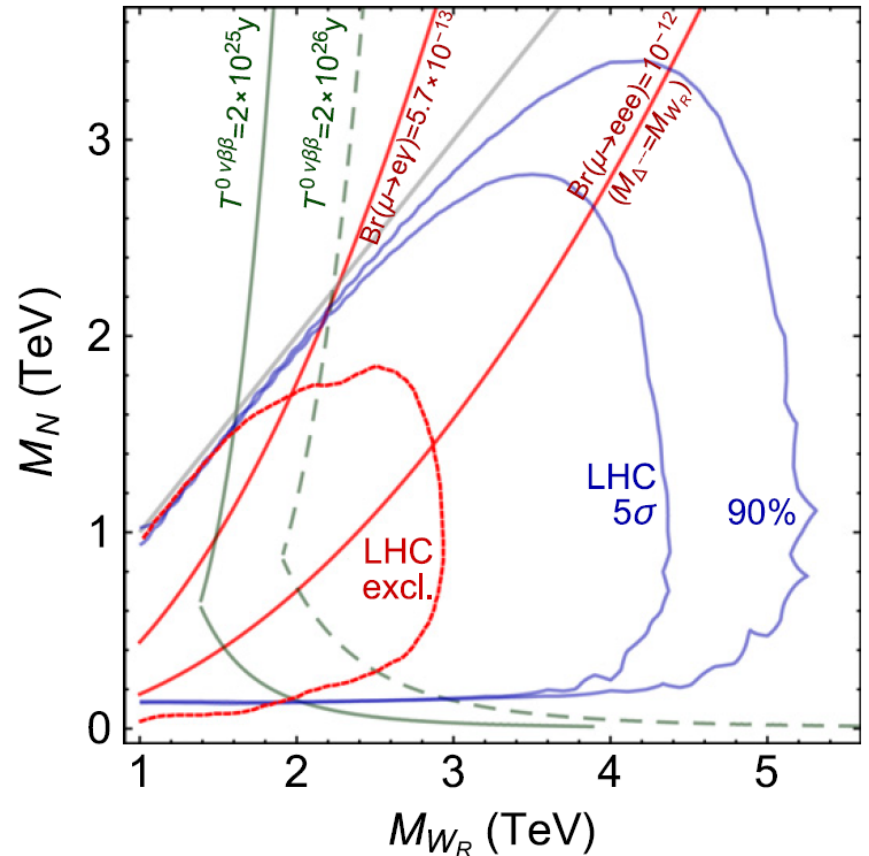
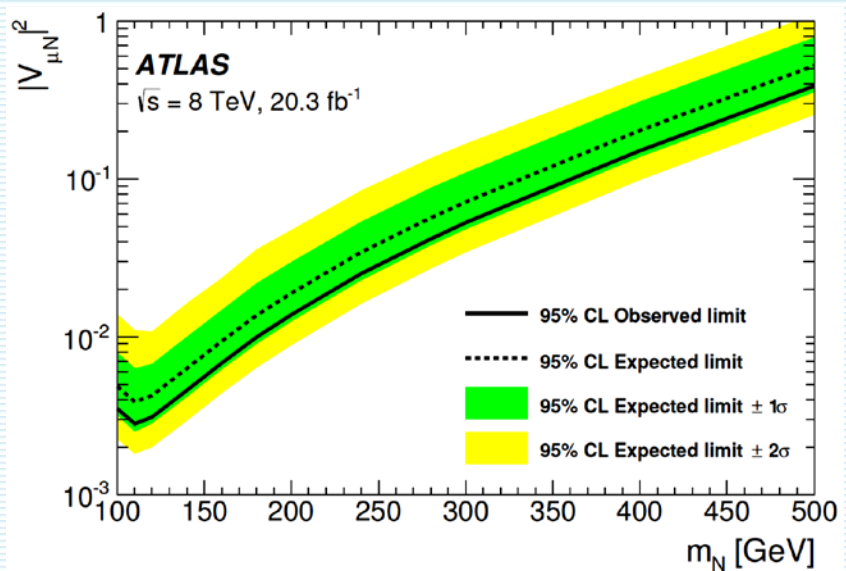
# Direct searches for heavy $\nu$ 's at LHC => TeV mass limit

$$pp \rightarrow l^+ l^+ + jj$$

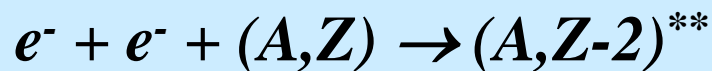
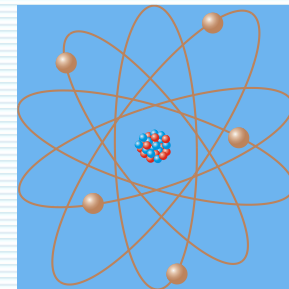
collider analogue to  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay



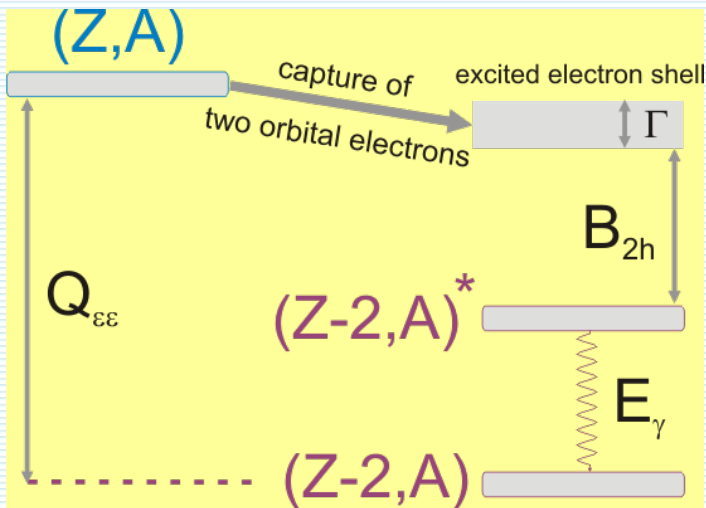
$N$  can be produced on resonance



# Resonant neutrinoless double-electron capture

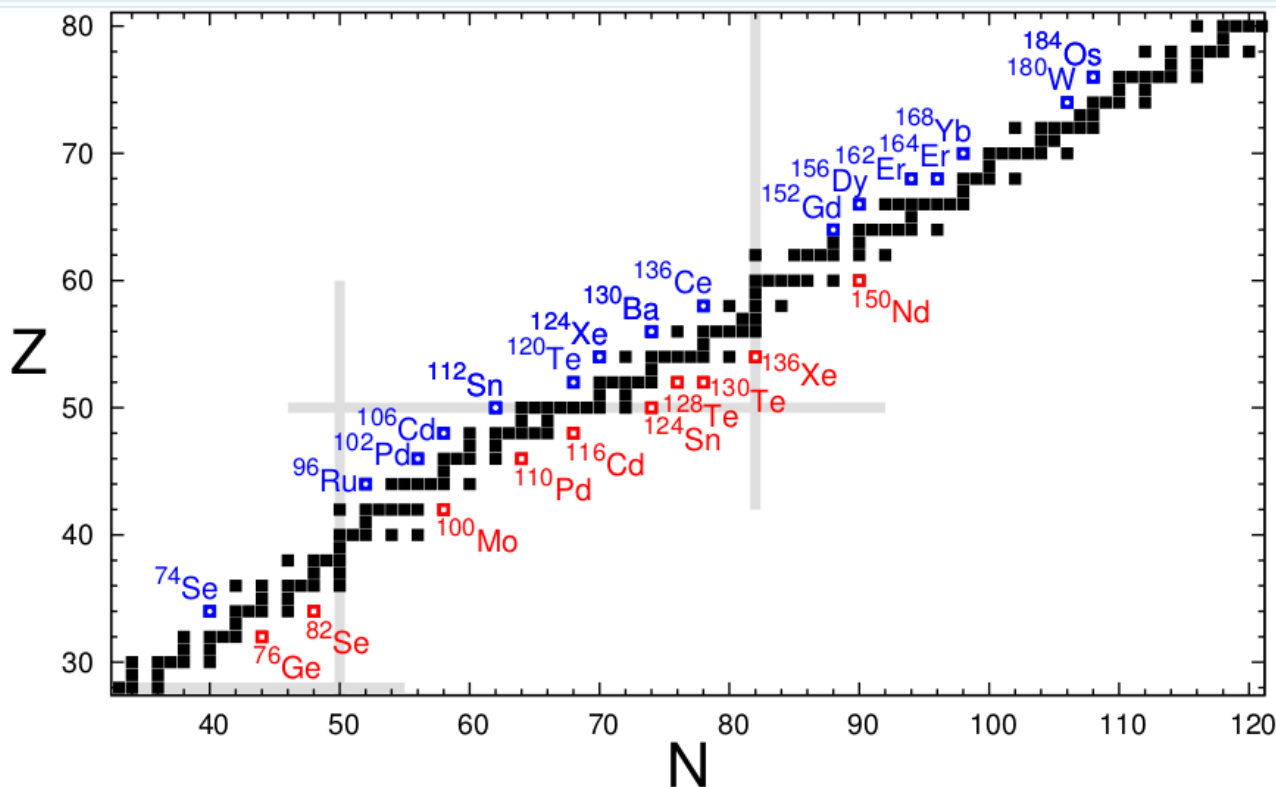
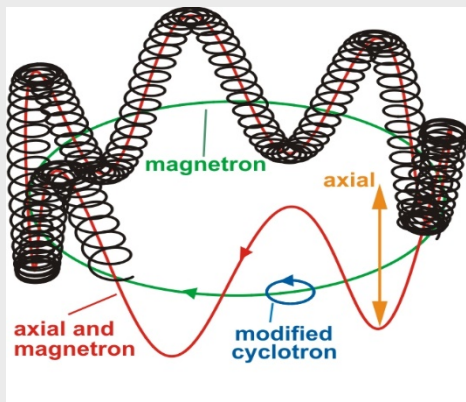


$$\frac{1}{T_{1/2}} = A \cdot |\psi_{1e}|^2 \cdot |\psi_{2e}|^2 \cdot \frac{\Gamma}{(Q - B_{2h} - E_\gamma)^2 + \frac{1}{4}\Gamma^2}$$



$^{152}\text{Gd}^+$ :  $\Delta M = 100 \text{ eV}$

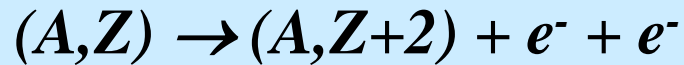
## Penning Trap



# A comparison

*Resonance enhancement of neutrinoless double electron capture*

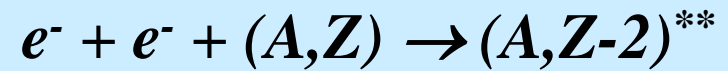
M.I. Krivoruchenko, F. Š., D. Frekers, and A. Faessler,  
Nucl. Phys. A 859, 140-171 (2011)



**Perturbation theory**

$$\frac{1}{T_{1/2}^{0\nu}} = \left| \frac{m_{\beta\beta}}{m_e} \right|^2 G^{01}(E_0, Z) |M^{0\nu}|^2$$

- $2\nu\beta\beta$ -decay background and solar  $\nu$ 's can be a problem
- $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+, 2^+$  transitions
- Large Q-value
- $^{76}\text{Ge}$ ,  $^{82}\text{Se}$ ,  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{130}\text{Te}$ ,  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  ...
- Many exp. in construction, potential for observation in the case of inverted hierarchy (2022)



**Breit-Wigner form**

$$\Gamma^{0\nu ECEC}(J^\pi) = \frac{|V_{\alpha\beta}(J^\pi)|^2}{(M_i - M_f)^2 + \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^2/4} \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}$$

- $2\nu\varepsilon\varepsilon$ -decay strongly suppressed
- No background from solar  $\nu$ 's
- $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+, 0^-, 1^+, 1^-$  transitions
- Small Q-value
- Q-value measured with below 1 keV accuracy
- $^{152}\text{Gd} \rightarrow ^{152}\text{Sm}$  (sensitivity to  $m_{\beta\beta}$  by factor  $\sim 10$  worse as by  $0\nu\beta\beta$ )
- small experiments yet
- Can we manipulate atomic structure ....

# Conclusions and Outlook



$$\frac{1}{\Lambda} \sum_i c_i^{(5)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(5)}$$

$0 \nu \beta \beta$

$\nu$ 's, the  
Standard  
Model  
misfits



*WE are at  
the beginning  
of the **Beyond  
Standard Model  
Road...***

*people often **overestimate** what will happen in the next **two years**  
and **underestimate** what will happen **in ten** (Bill Gates)*