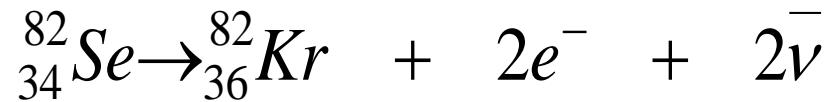


# Differential intensities of two-neutrino double beta-decay of selenium-82

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# Evidence of Single State Dominance in the Two-Neutrino Double- $\beta$ Decay of $^{82}\text{Se}$ with CUPID-0

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We report on the measurement of the two-neutrino double- $\beta$  decay of  $^{82}\text{Se}$  performed for the first time

- with cryogenic calorimeters, in the framework of the CUPID-0 experiment. With an exposure of  $9.95 \text{ kg yr}$  of  $\text{Zn}^{82}\text{Se}$ , we determine the two-neutrino double- $\beta$  decay half-life of  $^{82}\text{Se}$  with an unprecedented precision level,  $T_{1/2}^{2\nu} = [8.60 \pm 0.03(\text{stat})^{+0.19}_{-0.13}(\text{syst})] \times 10^{19} \text{ yr}$ . The very high signal-to-background ratio, along with the detailed reconstruction of the background sources allowed us to identify the single state dominance as the underlying mechanism of such a rare and long-lasting nuclear decay.

or the tracks originated from foils from enrichment run 1 or 2. Multiple isotopes listed on the same line indicates the assumption of secular equilibrium

		$2.6 \text{ MeV} < E_{tot} < 3.2 \text{ MeV}$	
% of Total		Expected events	% of Total
Run 1	Run 2	Run 1 & Run 2	Run 1 & Run 2
2.4	1.9	$4.1 \pm 0.1$	34
1.3	1.4	$3.1 \pm 0.1$	25
7.9	23.0	< 0.1	
3.5	2.8	< 0.1	
2.0	1.6	$3.0 \pm 0.1$	25
3.1	2.7	$0.1 \pm 0.1$	1
20.1	33.4	$10.3 \pm 0.1$	84
79.9	66.6	$1.9 \pm 0.1$	16
100.0	100.0	$12.2 \pm 0.2$	100
N/A	N/A	15	N/A

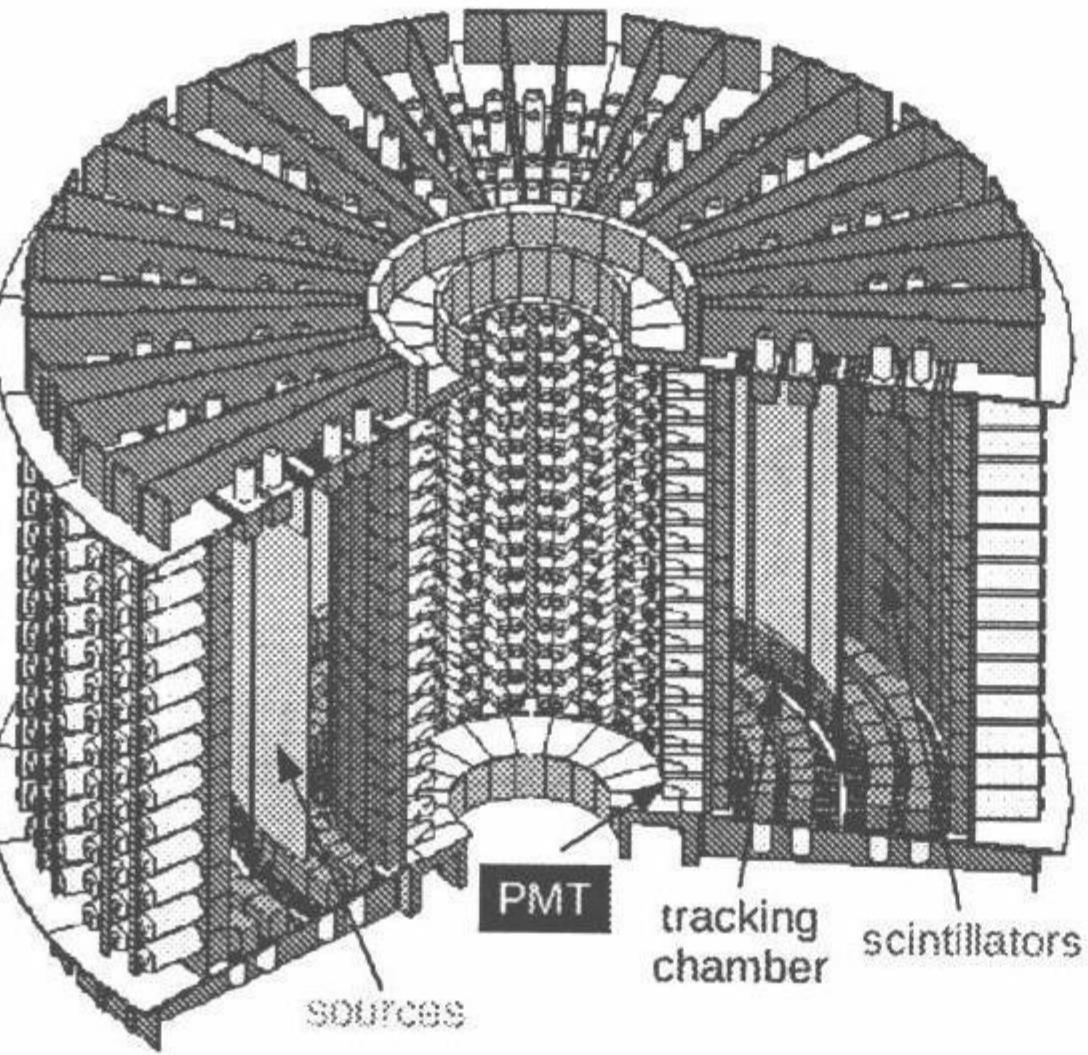
### 5.1 Higher-state vs single-state dominated transitions

For the purpose of the nuclear matrix element calculation, the decay of  $^{82}\text{Se}$  to  $^{82}\text{Kr}$  is modelled as two virtual  $\beta$  transitions: one between the ground state of  $^{82}\text{Se}$  and the  $1^+$  states of the intermediate nucleus of  $^{82}\text{Br}$ , and one between the  $1^+$  states of  $^{82}\text{Br}$  and the ground state of  $^{82}\text{Kr}$ . If one single intermediate  $1^+$  state dominates the transition, then the process is said to be single-state dominated (SSD). Alternatively, if the process proceeds through many higher intermediate excited states, it is said to be higher-state dominated (HSD). Previously it has been assumed that  $^{82}\text{Se}$

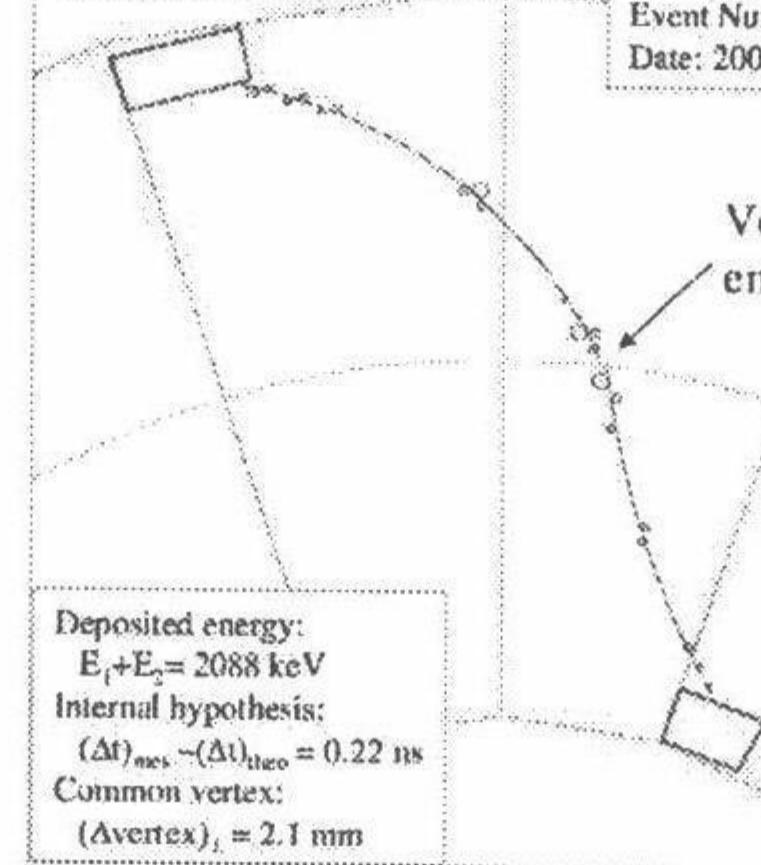
# Single State Dominance mechanism

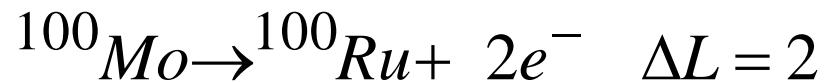
## Investigation on the base of differential intensities measurement

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Transverse view





$^{100}\text{Mo}, 0^+$  \_\_\_\_\_ -----

$^{100}\text{Tc}, 1^+$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\Delta_1 = 341 \text{ кэВ}$

$^{100}\text{Ru}, 0^+$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\Delta_2 = 4054 \text{ кэВ}$

$$\left[ T_{1/2}^{2\nu 2\beta} \left( 0_i^+ \rightarrow 0_f^+ \right) \right]^{-1} = \frac{G_\beta^4 g_A^4}{32\pi^7 \ln 2} \frac{T + m_e}{m_e} \frac{T + 2m_e - \varepsilon_1}{m_e} \frac{T + 2m_e - \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2}{0} \times$$

$$\times F(Z_f, \varepsilon_1) F(Z_f, \varepsilon_2) p_1 \varepsilon_1 p_2 \varepsilon_2 \omega_1^2 \omega_2^2 A_{0_f^+}$$

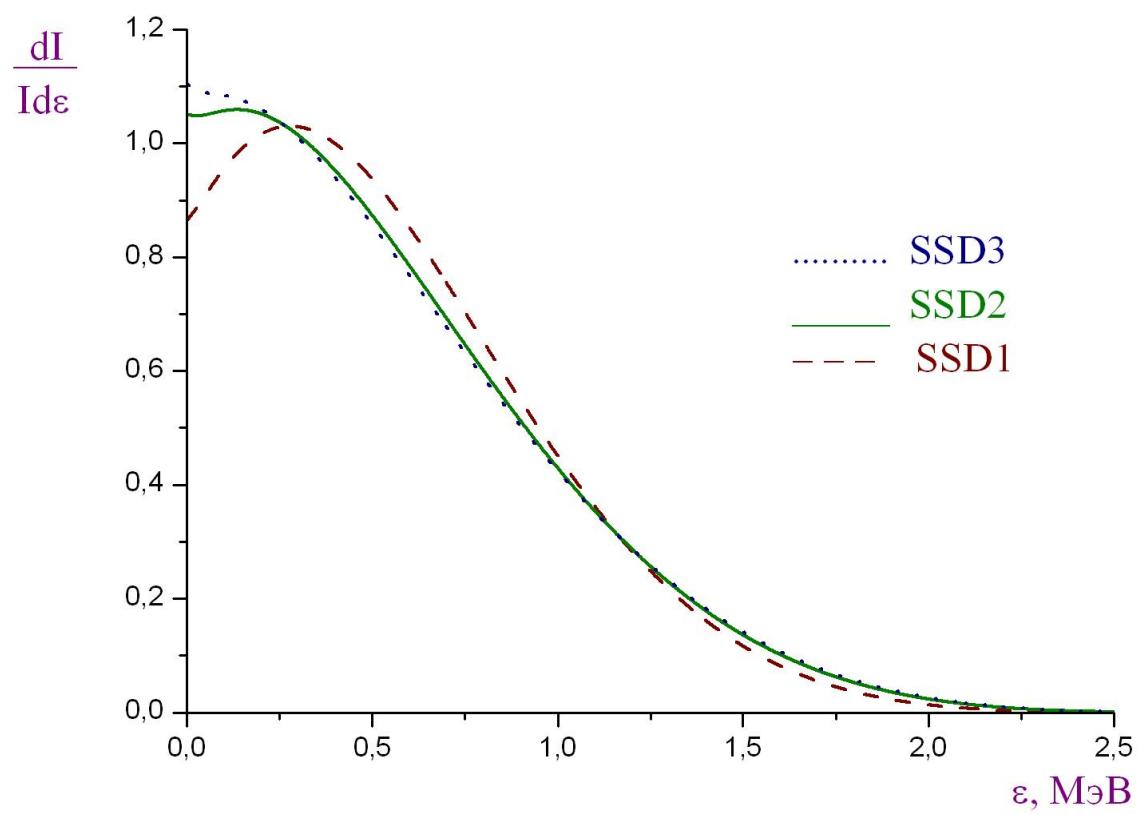
$$4A_{0_f^+} = \left| \sum_N \left\langle 0_f^+ \left\| \hat{\beta}^- \right\| 1_N^+ \right\rangle \left\langle 1_N^+ \left\| \hat{\beta}^- \right\| 0_i^+ \right\rangle (K_N + L_N) \right|^2 + \frac{1}{3} \left| \sum_N \left\langle 0_f^+ \left\| \hat{\beta}^- \right\| 1_N^+ \right\rangle \left\langle 1_N^+ \left\| \hat{\beta}^- \right\| 0_i^+ \right\rangle (K_N - L_N) \right|^2 \quad (2)$$

Nuclear matrix elements,corresponding to  
the g.s. of intermediate nucleus  $^{100}\text{Tc}$

$$M_1^I = \left\langle 1_{g.s.}^+ \middle\| \hat{\beta}^- \middle\| 0_i^+ \right\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad M_1^F = \left\langle 0_f^+ \middle\| \hat{\beta}^- \middle\| 1_{g.s.}^+ \right\rangle$$

can be found from log  $ft$  values of electron  
capture and single beta decay

$$M^I_1=\frac{1}{g_A}\sqrt{\frac{3D}{ft_{EC}}},\qquad M^F_1=\frac{1}{g_A}\sqrt{\frac{3D}{ft}}\beta^{-} \\ T^{(2\nu)}_{1/2}({\rm O}^{+}\rightarrow {\rm O}^{+})=2.997\cdot 10^{14}\;yr\frac{^{10}\log ft_{EC}+\log ft}{H(T,0_f^{+})}\beta^{-}$$





$$T_{1/2}^{2\nu} = [7.1 \pm 0.37(stat) \pm 0.66(syst)] \cdot 10^{18} \text{ лет}$$

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$^{82}\text{Se}, 0^+$  \_\_\_\_\_

$^{82}\text{Br}$      $5^-$  \_\_\_\_\_

$1^+ \cdots E_x = 75 \text{ keV}, \Delta_1 = 348 \text{ keV}$

$\Delta_{\text{gs}} = 423 \text{ keV}$

$^{82}\text{Kr}, 0^+$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\Delta_{\text{tot}} = 4027 \text{ keV}$

## Charge exchange reactions for determination of nuclear matrix elements



SSD I = |M<sup>I</sup>·M<sup>F</sup>|<sup>2</sup>·Phase factor

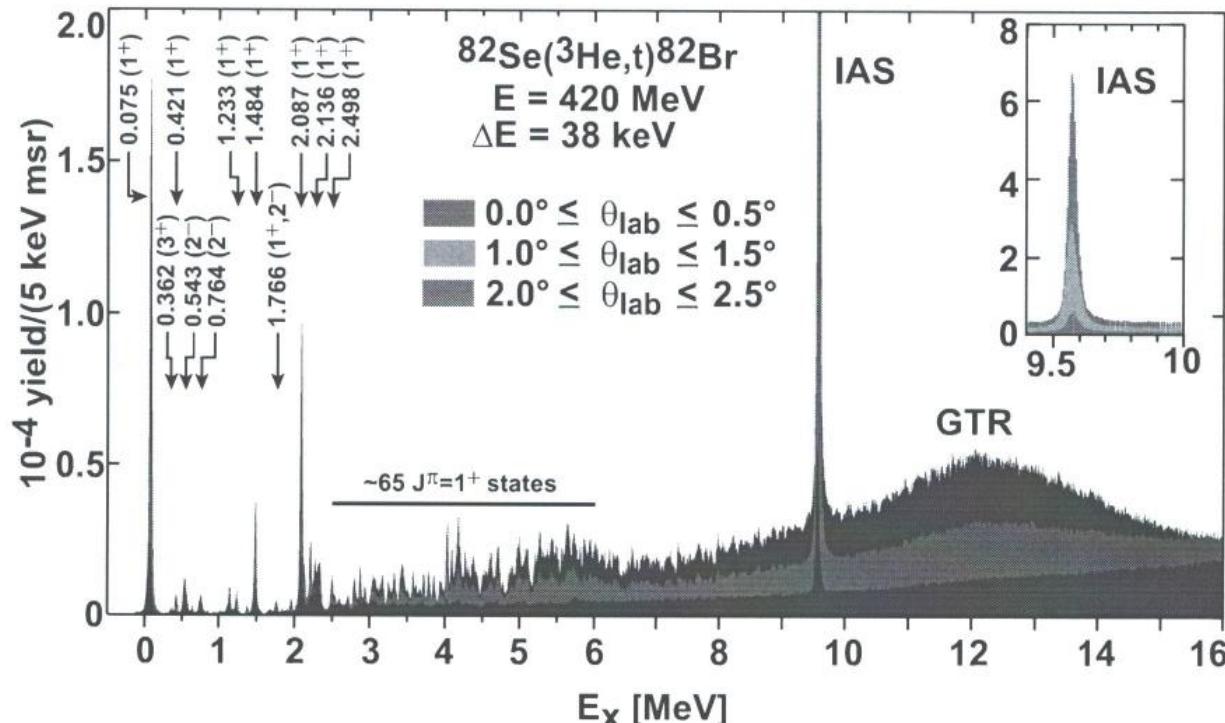


FIG. 2. Excitation-energy spectra of the  $^{82}\text{Se}(^3\text{He},t)^{82}\text{Br}$  reaction. The spectra were generated from three different angle cuts (indicated by colors) and overlaid to show the effect of the angular dependence.  $\Delta L = 0$  transitions (GT and IAS) are forward-peaked and prominently appear in the spectrum at  $0.0^\circ \leq \theta_{\text{lab}} \leq 0.5^\circ$ . Note, the energy scale is modified above 6 MeV. The inset magnifies the IAS region.

### A. Distorted wave calculations

The angular distributions are shown in Fig. 3 for different isolated transitions. Distorted-wave (DW) calculations were performed to describe the cross-section angular distributions. They were performed in the same way as, for instance, described in Refs. [15,22] using the code FOLD [39] and the Love-Franey nucleon-nucleon interactions [18].

Optical-model parameters were interpolated from Ref. [40] for the case of a  $^{82}\text{Se}$  target and a  $^3\text{He}$  projectile. In the outgoing channel the triton potential depths were reduced by 15% according to the prescription in Ref. [41]. The relevant optical-model parameters are given in Table I. Single-particle

note that for  $J^\pi = 1^+$  transitions there seems to be a tendency of increasing  $\Delta L = 2$  contributions with increased target mass. This has been observed for  $^{96}\text{Zr}$ ,  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{128}\text{Te}$ ,  $^{130}\text{Te}$ , and  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  [23–26] and attributed to an increasing number of matching open orbits near the Fermi surface [23], as  $(N - Z)$  increases from  $(N - Z) = 14$  ( $^{82}\text{Se}$ ) to  $(N - Z) = 28$  ( $^{136}\text{Xe}$ ).

### B. Determination of Gamow-Teller strength

The key relation for extracting the GT strength from the  $(^3\text{He},t)$  charge-exchange reaction cross sections extrapolated to  $q = 0$  is given by

TABLE II. Excitation energies, cross sections,  $B(\text{GT})$  values for low-lying states populated through the  $^{82}\text{Se}({}^3\text{He},t)^{82}\text{Br}$  reaction (two tables, left and right). In column one, excitation energies from Ref. [31] (spins quoted if known, errors if significant) are compared with those from the  $({}^3\text{He},t)$  reaction in column three (errors  $\pm 2$  keV) (not in right table), followed by cross sections at  $q = 0$ , their GT fraction and the extracted  $B(\text{GT})$  values. Cross-section errors are statistical ones only. Errors for  $B(\text{GT})$  values include an extra 50% contribution from the non-GT part of the cross section at  $q = 0$ . Spin assignments in square brackets indicate the presence of closely spaced and unresolved states with different spins. Dividing lines are between full MeV values.

$^{82}\text{Br}$ (Ref. [31])		$^{82}\text{Br}$		$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(q = 0)$	GT	$B(\text{GT})$	$^{82}\text{Br}$		$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(q = 0)$	GT	$B(\text{GT})$
$E_x$ [keV]	$J^\pi$	$E_x$ [keV]	$J^\pi$	[mb/sr]	%		$E_x$ [keV]	$J^\pi$	[mb/sr]	%	
75.06	$1^+$	75	$1^+$	3.009(52)	82	0.338(31)	4033	$1^+$	0.35(7)	94	0.046(9)
362.80	$(1^+)$	362	$3^+$	—	—	—	4099	$1^+$	0.250(6)	91	0.032(2)
420.07	$(2)$	421	$1^+$	0.116(15)	86	0.014(2)	4170	$1^+$	0.373(8)	94	0.049(2)
540.99	$(2^+, 3^+)$	543	$2^-$	—	—	—	4209	$1^+$	0.267(6)	98	0.037(1)
641.16	$(3^+)$	642	$3^+$	—	—	—	4272	$1^+$	0.230(5)	92	0.030(1)
763.71	$(1)^+$	764	$2^-$	—	—	—	4317	$1^+$	0.131(3)	99	0.018(1)
849.69	$(1^+, 2, 3^+)$	848	$1^+$	0.030(1)	14	0.0010(5)	4365	$1^+$	0.112(3)	94	0.015(1)
1139.93		1142	$1^+$	0.173(4)	28	0.007(3)	4391	$1^+$	0.120(3)	100	0.017(1)
1232.57(3)		1233	$1^+$	0.140(4)	68	0.013(2)	4433	$1^+$	0.110(3)	88	0.013(1)
1386(8)	$(+)$	1378	$1^+$	0.055(1)	87	0.0070(4)	4511	$1^+$	0.086(3)	99	0.012(1)
(1489)		1484	$1^+$	0.567(9)	46	0.036(10)	4554	$[1^+, 2^-]$	0.101(2)	96	0.014(1)
1678		1680	$2^-$	—	—	—	4601	$1^+$	0.141(4)	92	0.018(1)
(1774)		1766	$[1^+, 2^-]$	0.106(2)	75	0.011(1)	4632	$1^+$	0.157(4)	88	0.019(1)
1955(4)		1958	$1^+$	0.100(2)	74	0.010(1)	4689	$[1^+, 2^-]$	0.106(3)	93	0.014(1)
		2087	$1^+$	1.366(4)	77	0.149(17)	4772	$1^+$	0.243(6)	98	0.033(1)
		2136	$1^+$	0.258(6)	72	0.026(4)	4779	$2^-$	—	—	—
		2213	$[1^+, 2^-]$	0.403(9)	90	0.051(3)	4869	$1^+$	0.088(2)	85	0.010(1)
		2272	$1^+$	0.315(9)	55	0.024(5)	4910	$1^+$	0.136(4)	93	0.018(1)
		2317	$1^+$	0.247(7)	21	0.007(3)	4971	$1^+$	0.206(5)	92	0.026(1)
		2351	$1^+$	0.227(4)	67	0.021(4)	5008	$1^+$	0.235(6)	97	0.032(1)
		2498	$1^+$	0.162(3)	73	0.017(2)	5066	$1^+$	0.176(4)	88	0.022(1)
		2543	$3^+$	—	—	—	5110	$1^+$	0.224(8)	98	0.031(1)
		2712	$1^+$	0.068(1)	58	0.006(1)	5211	$1^+$	0.129(3)	91	0.016(1)

Nuclear matrix element       $M_1^I = \langle 1_1^+ \parallel \hat{\beta}^- \parallel 0_i^+ \rangle$   
is obtained from  $B(GT)$ ,  
D. Frekers et al, Phys. Rev. C 94, 014614  
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High energy-resolution measurement of the  
 $\text{Se82}(\text{He3},\text{t})\text{Br82}$  reaction for double- $\beta$  decay and  
for solar neutrinos

$$|M(GT)|^2 = B(GT) \quad M_1^I = 0.581.$$

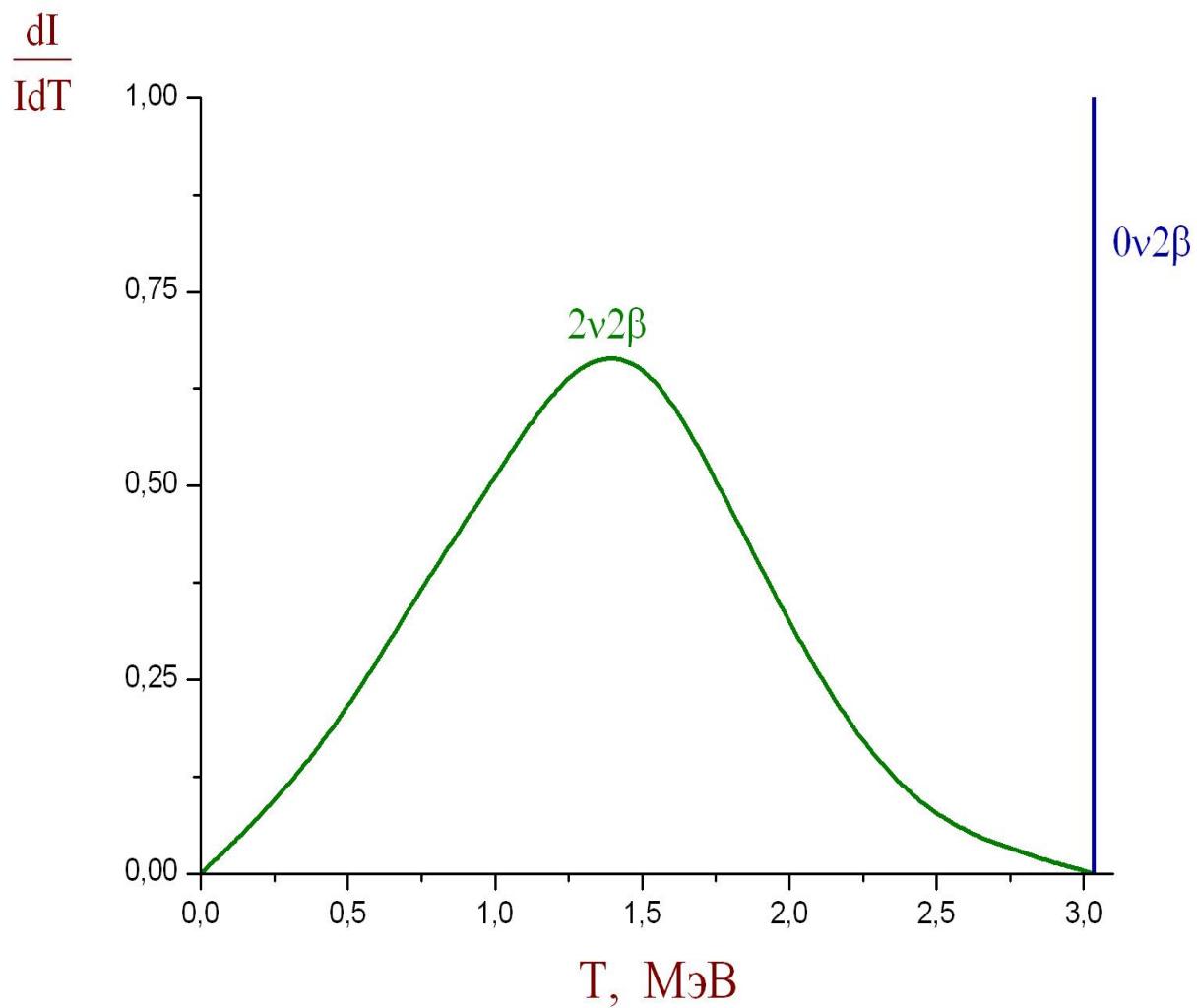
$^{82}\text{Kr}(\text{d},^2\text{He})^{82}\text{Br}$  is to be investigated

$$M_1^F = \left\langle 0_f^+ \middle\| \bar{\beta}^- \middle\| 1_1^+ \right\rangle \quad \text{can be derived from} \quad T_{1/2}^{2\nu 2\beta}$$

SSD mechanism of  $2\nu 2\beta$ -decay

$$\text{NEMO-3 } T_{1/2}^{2\nu 2\beta} = 9.39 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ yrs}$$

$$M_1^F = 0.23, \quad B(GT^+) = 0.0529$$



# Conclusion

Charge exchange reaction investigations give information on nuclear matrix elements values for  $2\nu 2\beta$ -decay

SSD hypothesis gives the possibility to determine NME  $M_1^F$  from  $T_{1/2}^{2\nu 2\beta}$  value

Spectrum of total electron energy in two-neutrino double beta decay of  $^{82}\text{Se}$  is calculated

Thank you