

Description of Neutrinoless double beta decay in  
deformed nuclei with realistic forces

---calculation method for nuclear matrix element

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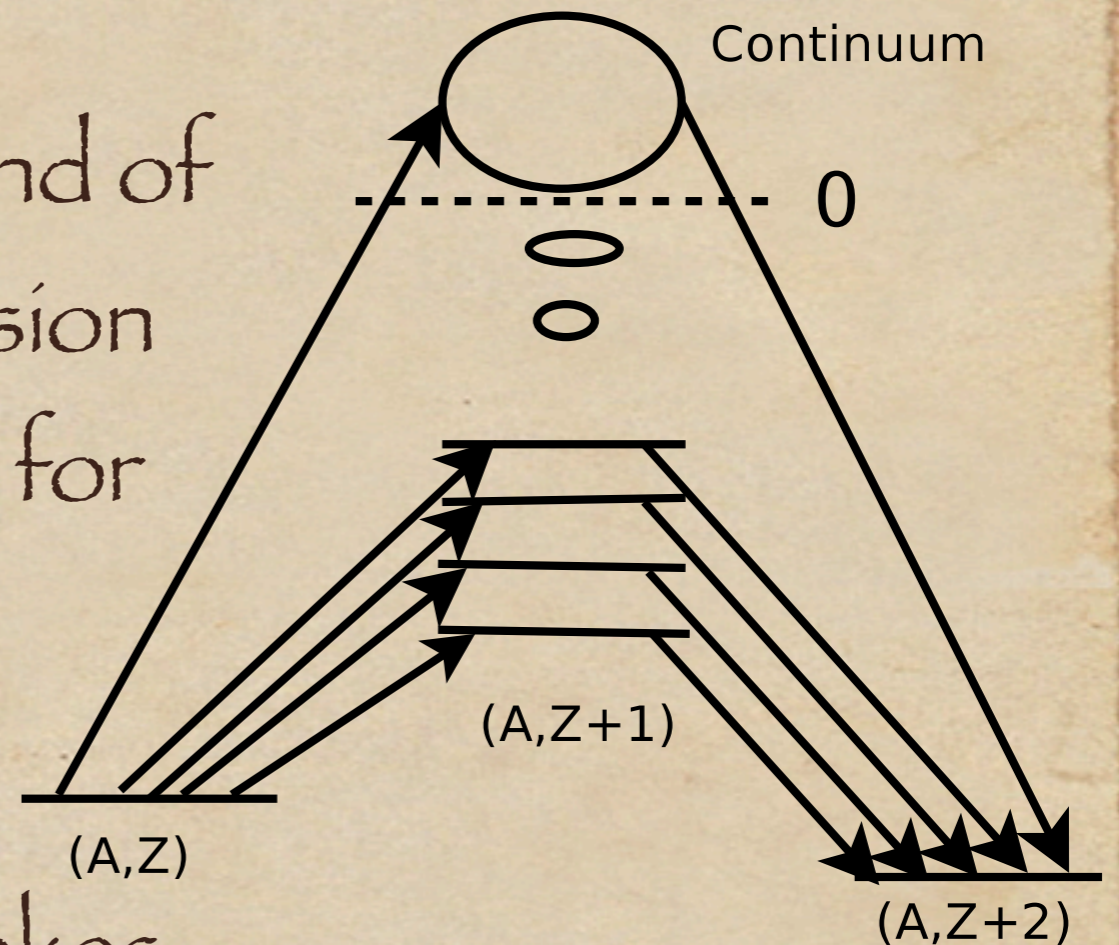
- ◆ What is double-beta-decay and neutrinoless-double-beta-decay?
- ◆ Why we are interested in neutrinoless-double-beta-decay?
- ◆ How we simulate this process?

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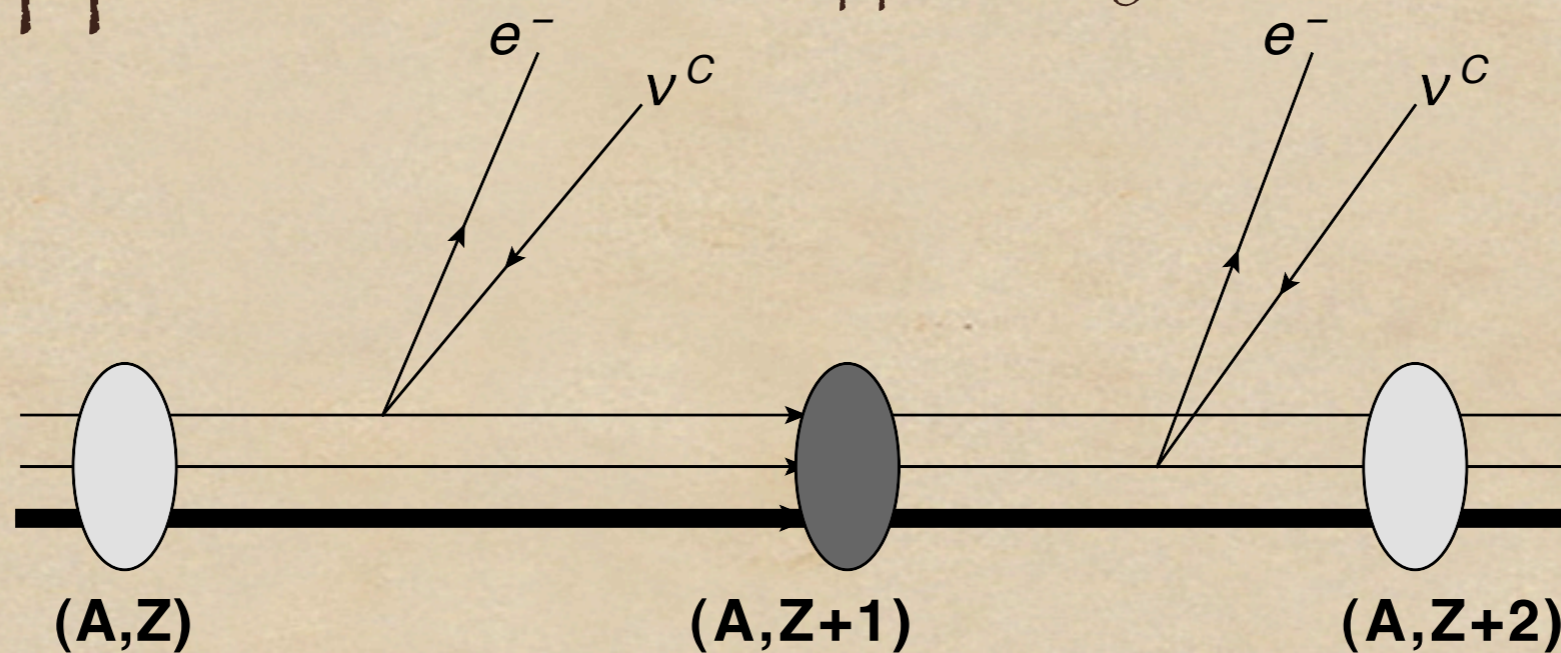
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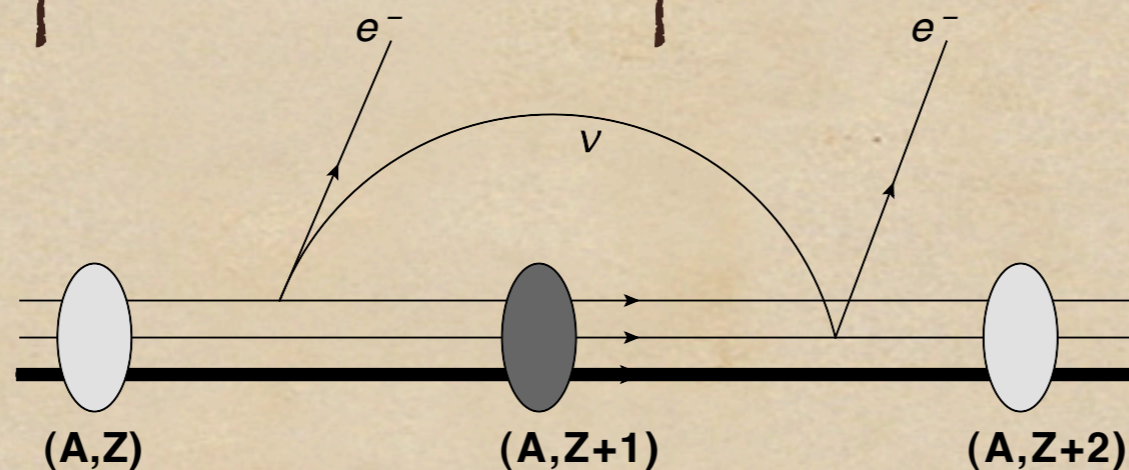
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- ◆ Instead of two successive  $\beta$  decay

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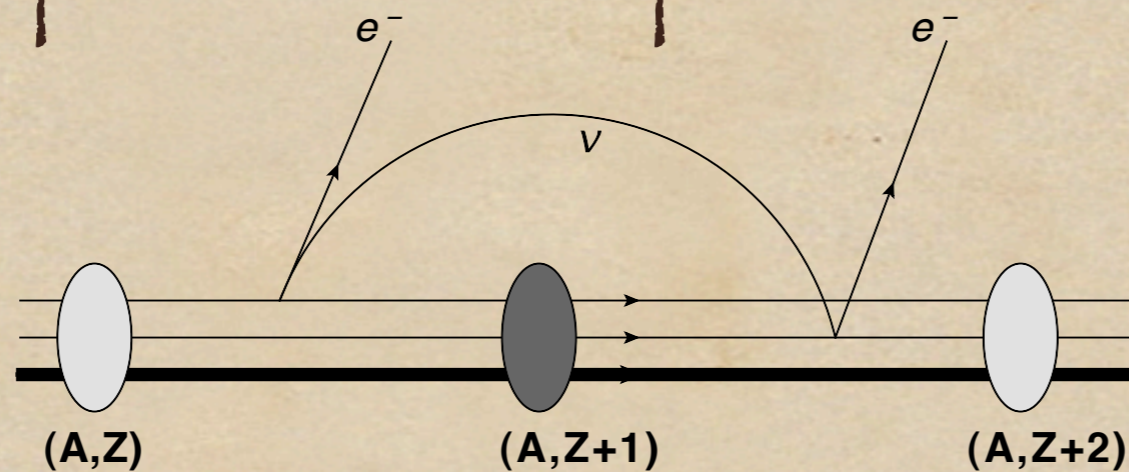
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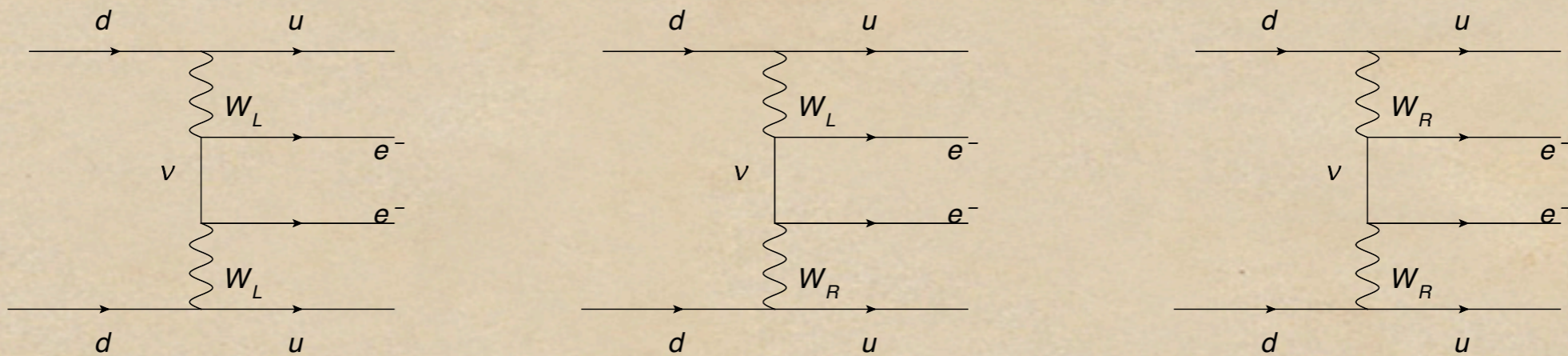


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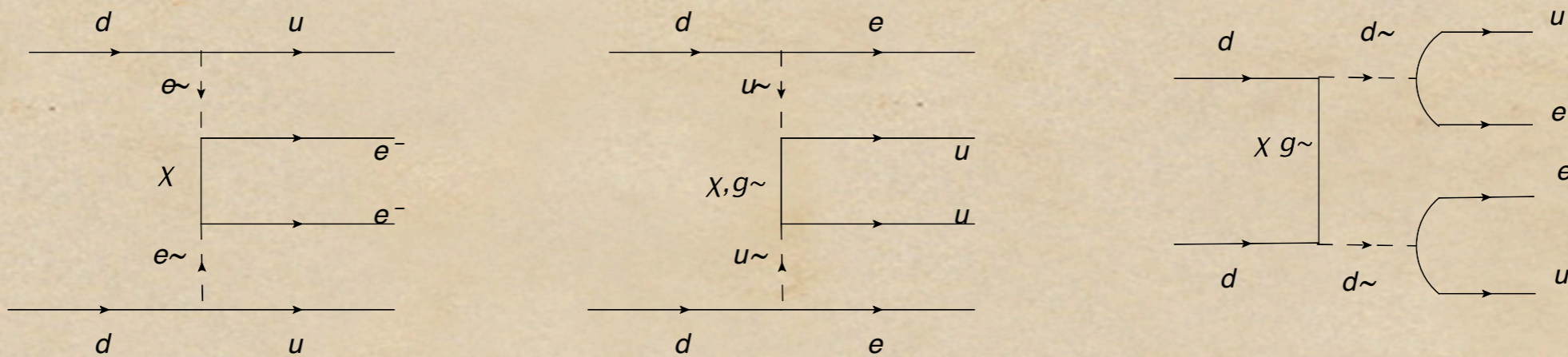
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- ◆ Examples for non-supersymmetric models; J. Phys. G. 24;2139



- ◆ Example for R-parity violated supersymmetric models; Phys. Lett. B352,1



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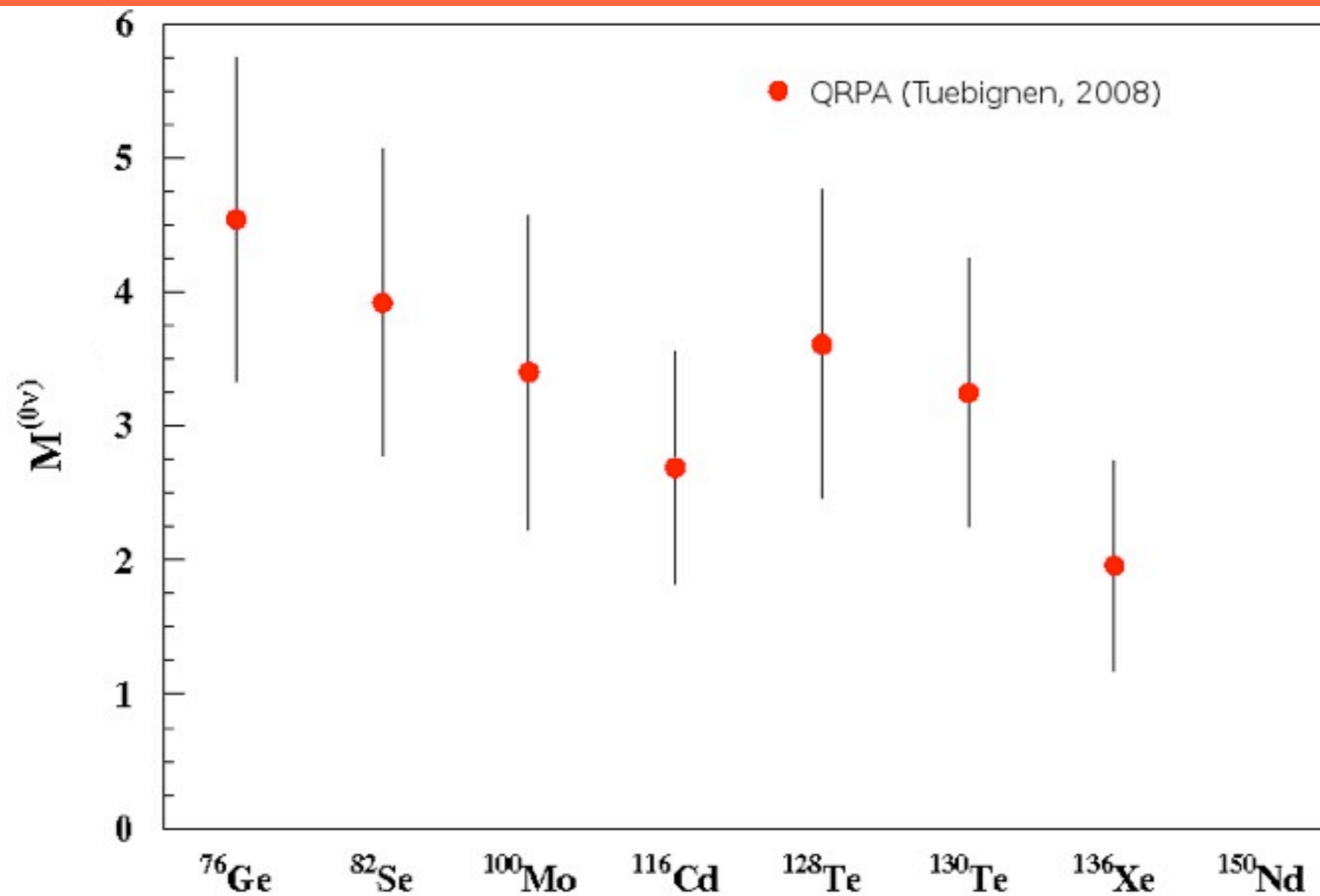
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$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |T|^2 \rho_f \leq 4.4 \times 10^{-33} [\text{sec}^{-1}]^{128} \text{Te}$$

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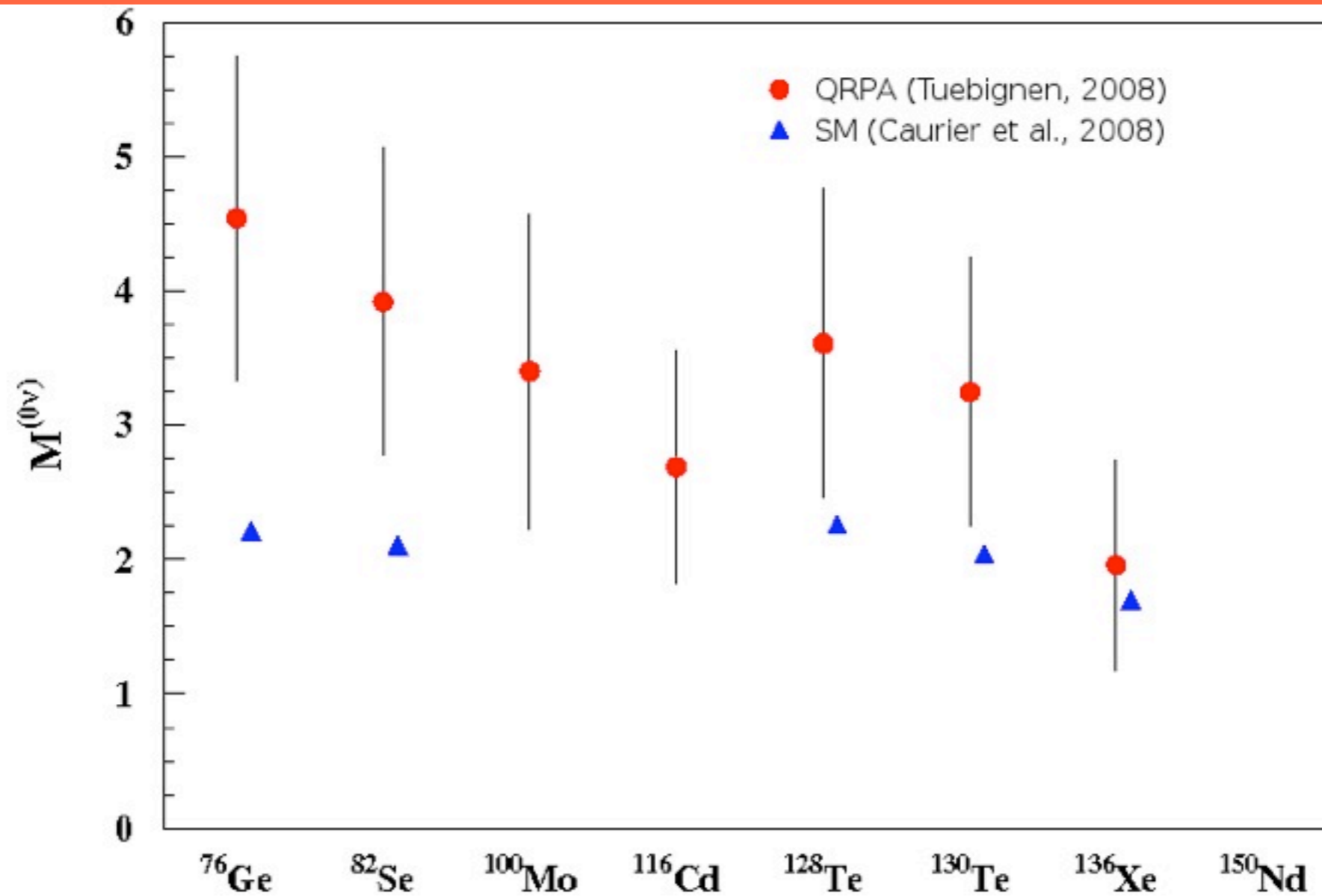
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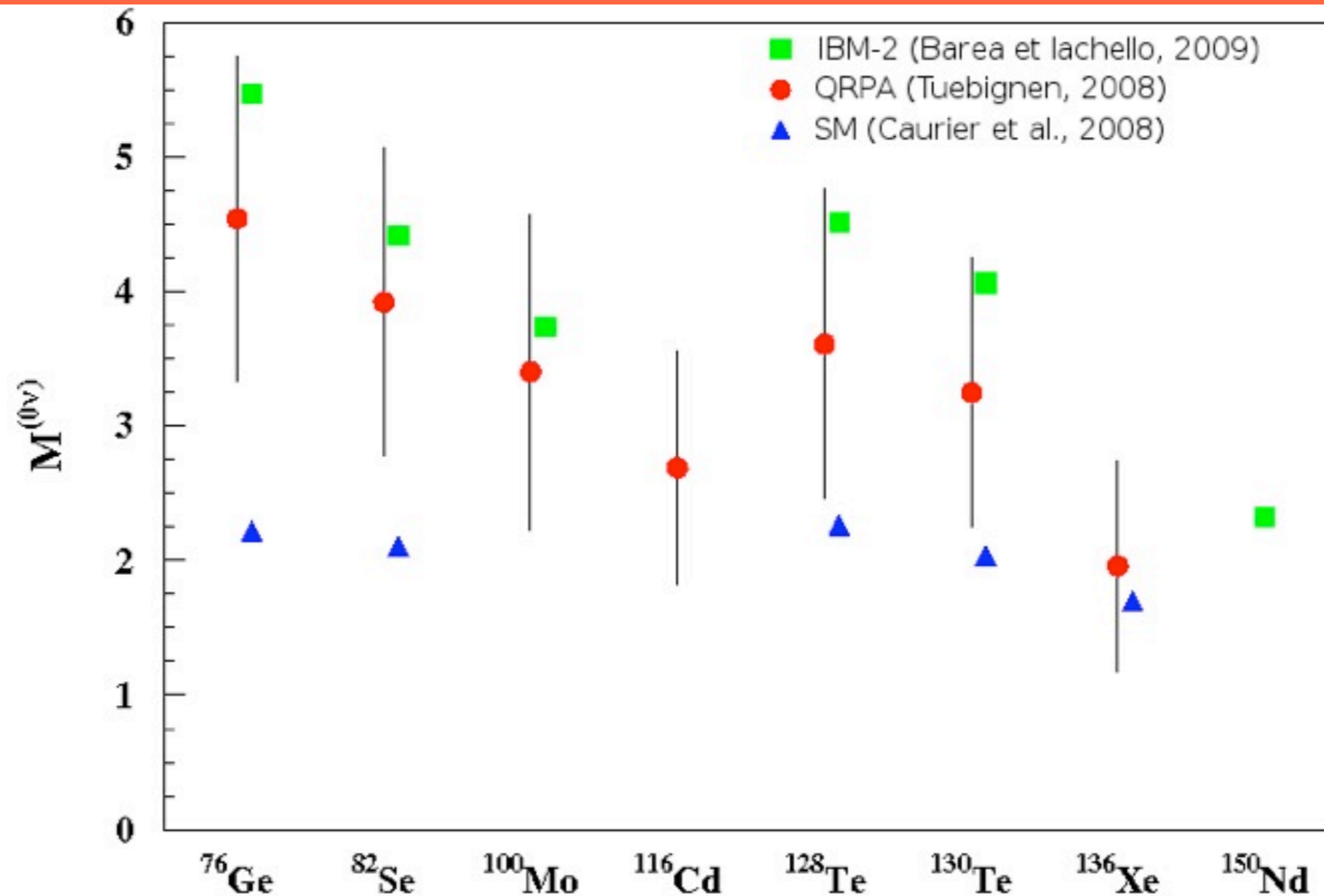
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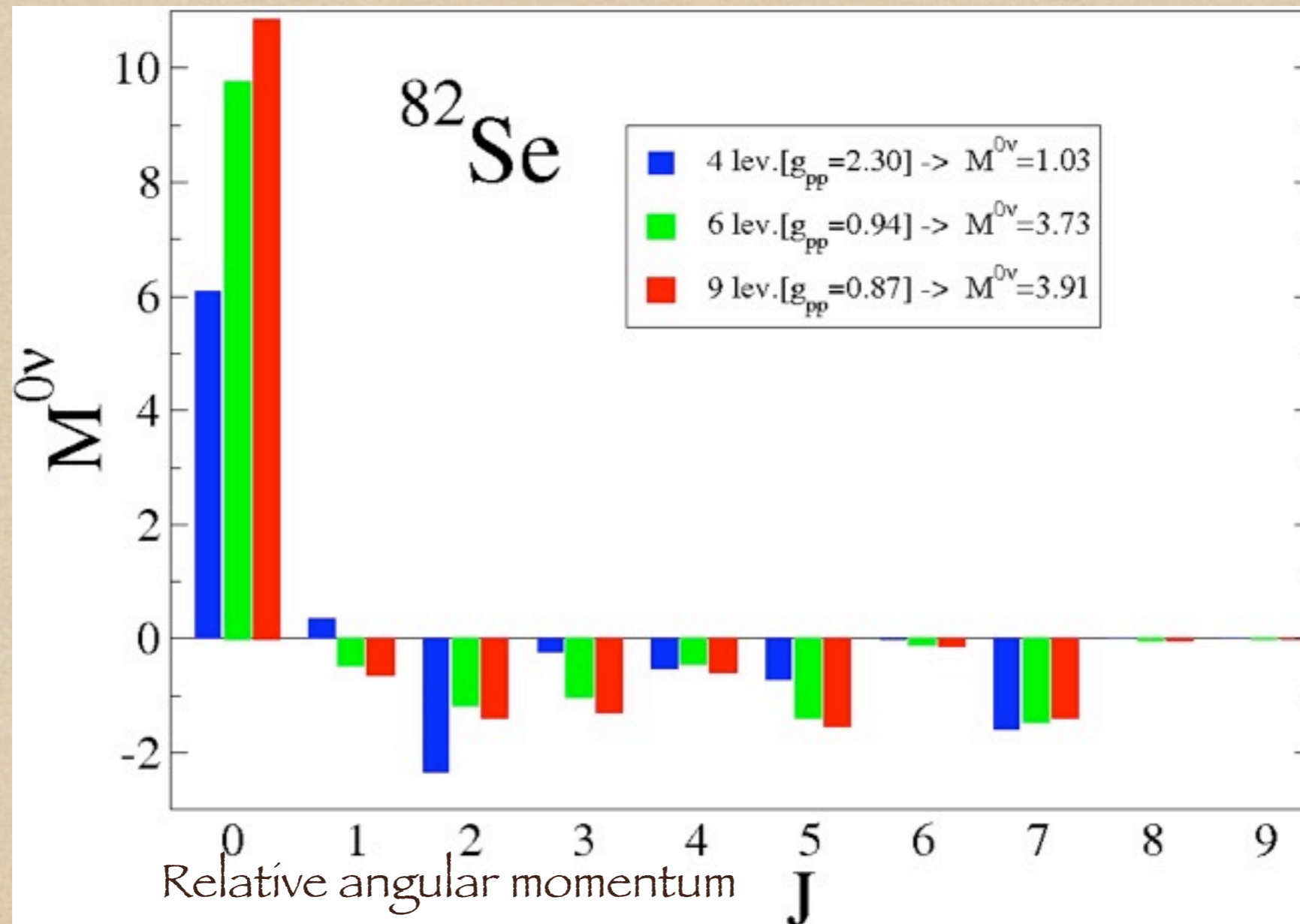
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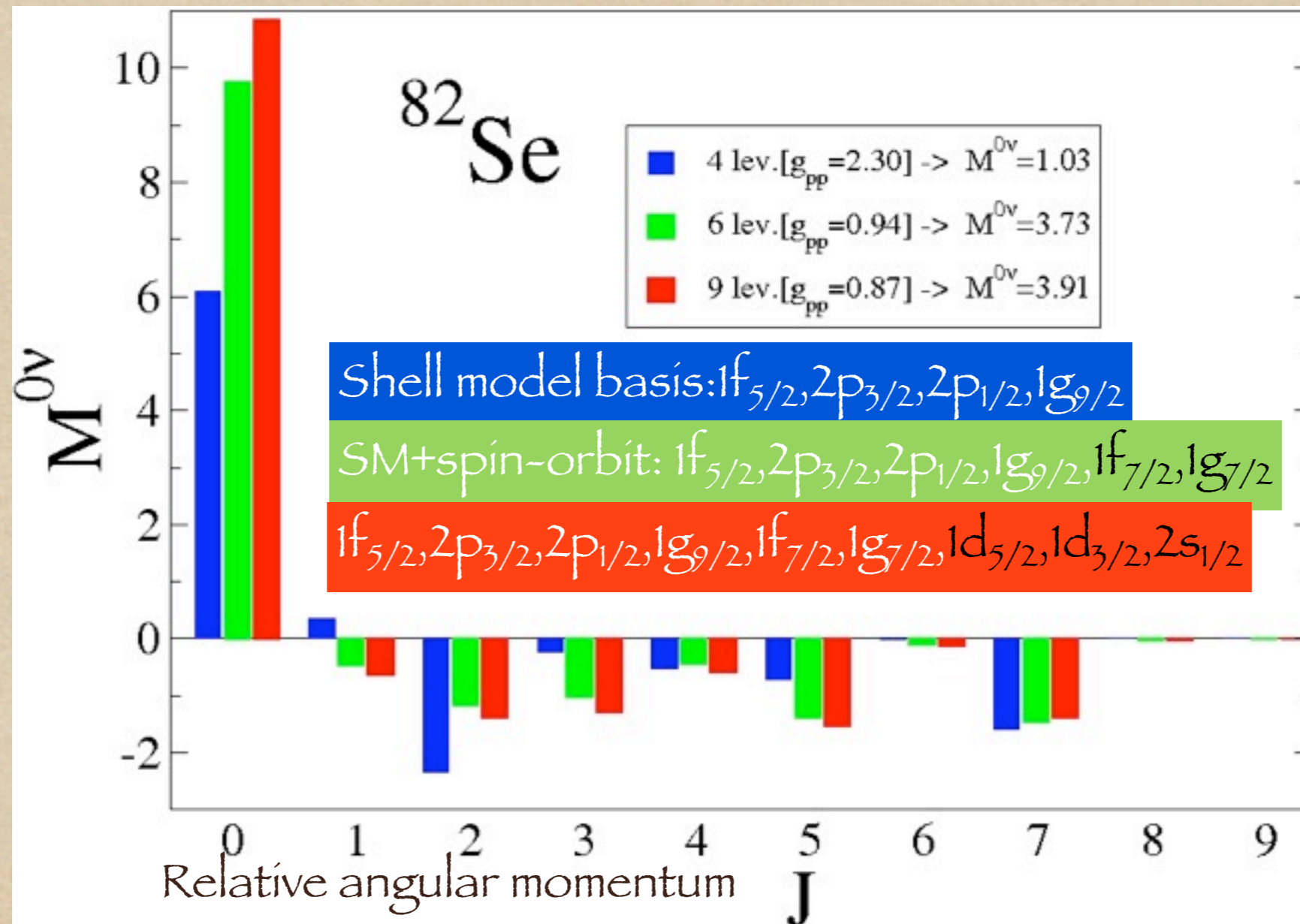
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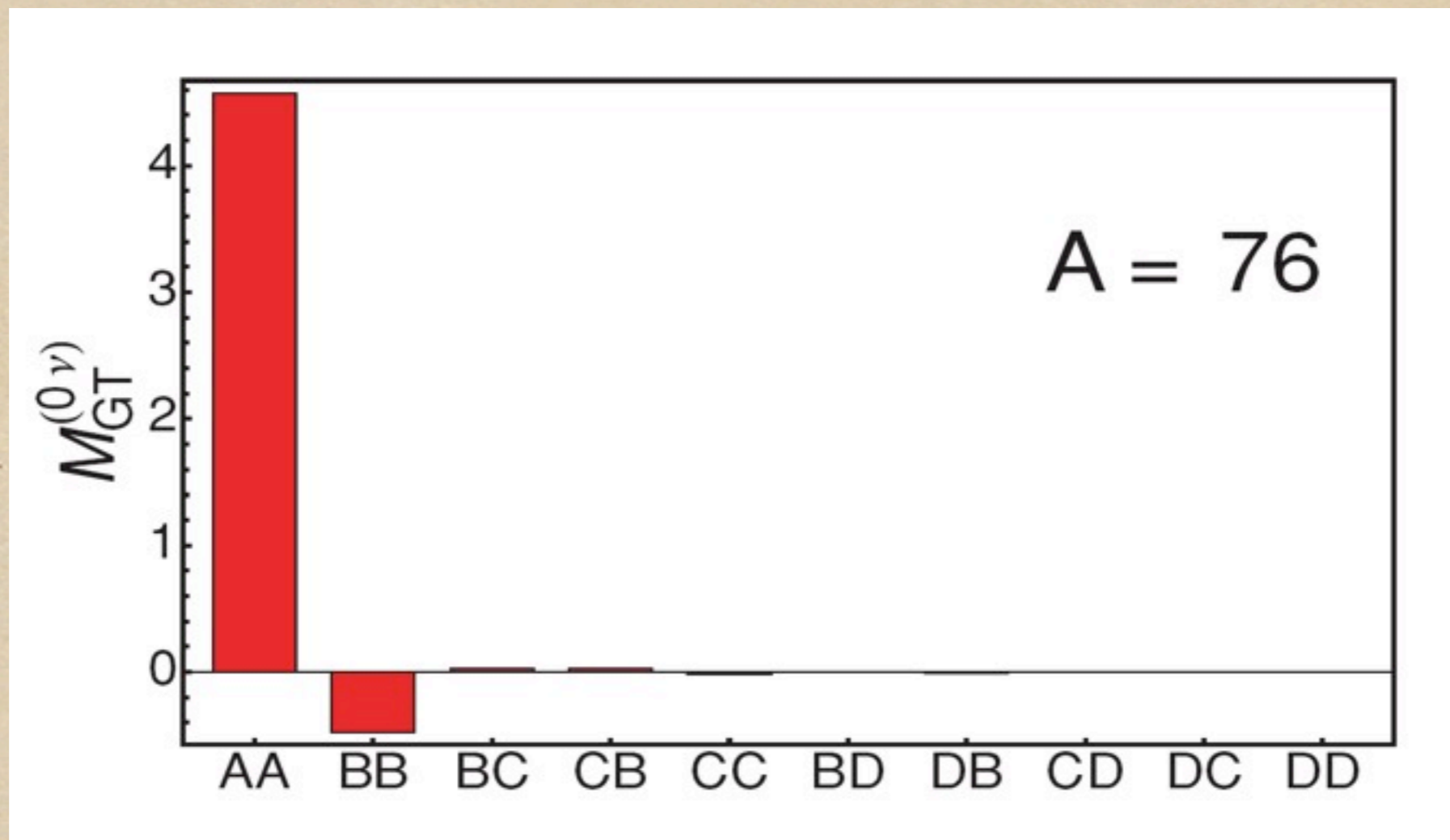




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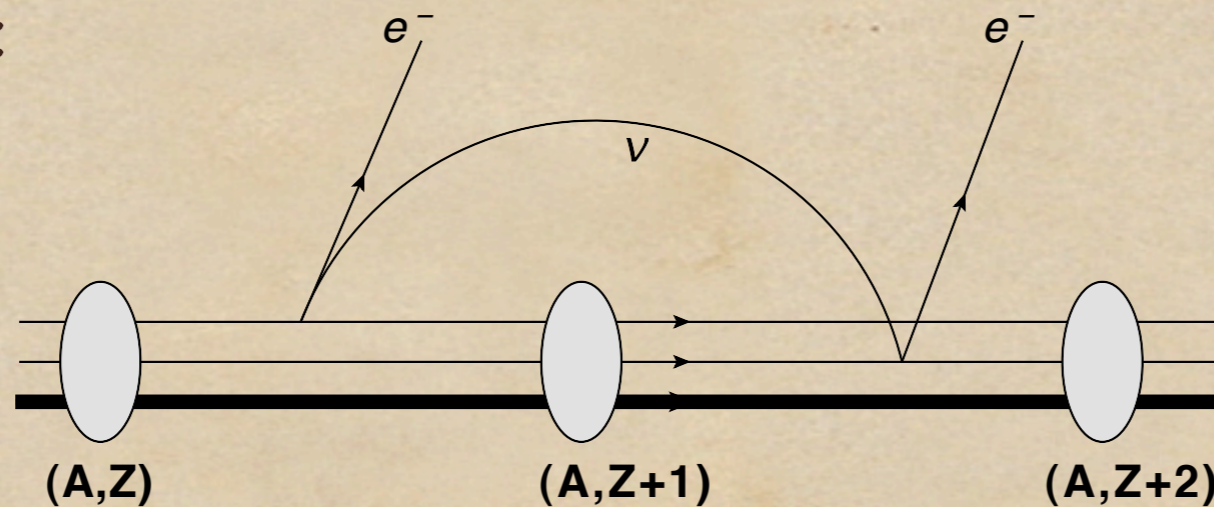
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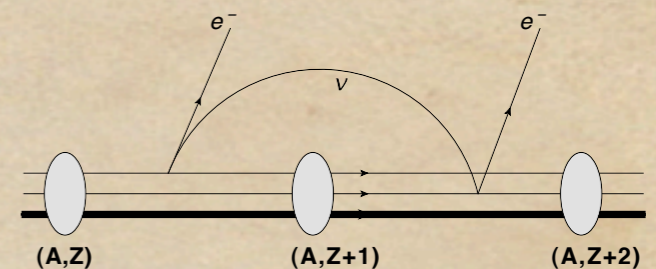
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$$\times \int \frac{d\vec{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \langle f | J_i^{\nu+}(y) | M \rangle \langle M | J_i^{\mu+}(x) | i \rangle [1 - P(e_1, e_2)]$$

$$\times \frac{\bar{e}_{p_2 s'_2}(\vec{y}) \gamma_\nu (1 - \gamma_5) N_{iks}(\vec{y}) \bar{e}_{p_1 s'_1}(\vec{x}) \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) N_{iks}(\vec{x})}{\varepsilon_1 + \omega + E_M - E_I}$$



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$H(r_{12})$ --loop integration over neutrino momentum  
as a function of distance between two nucleon

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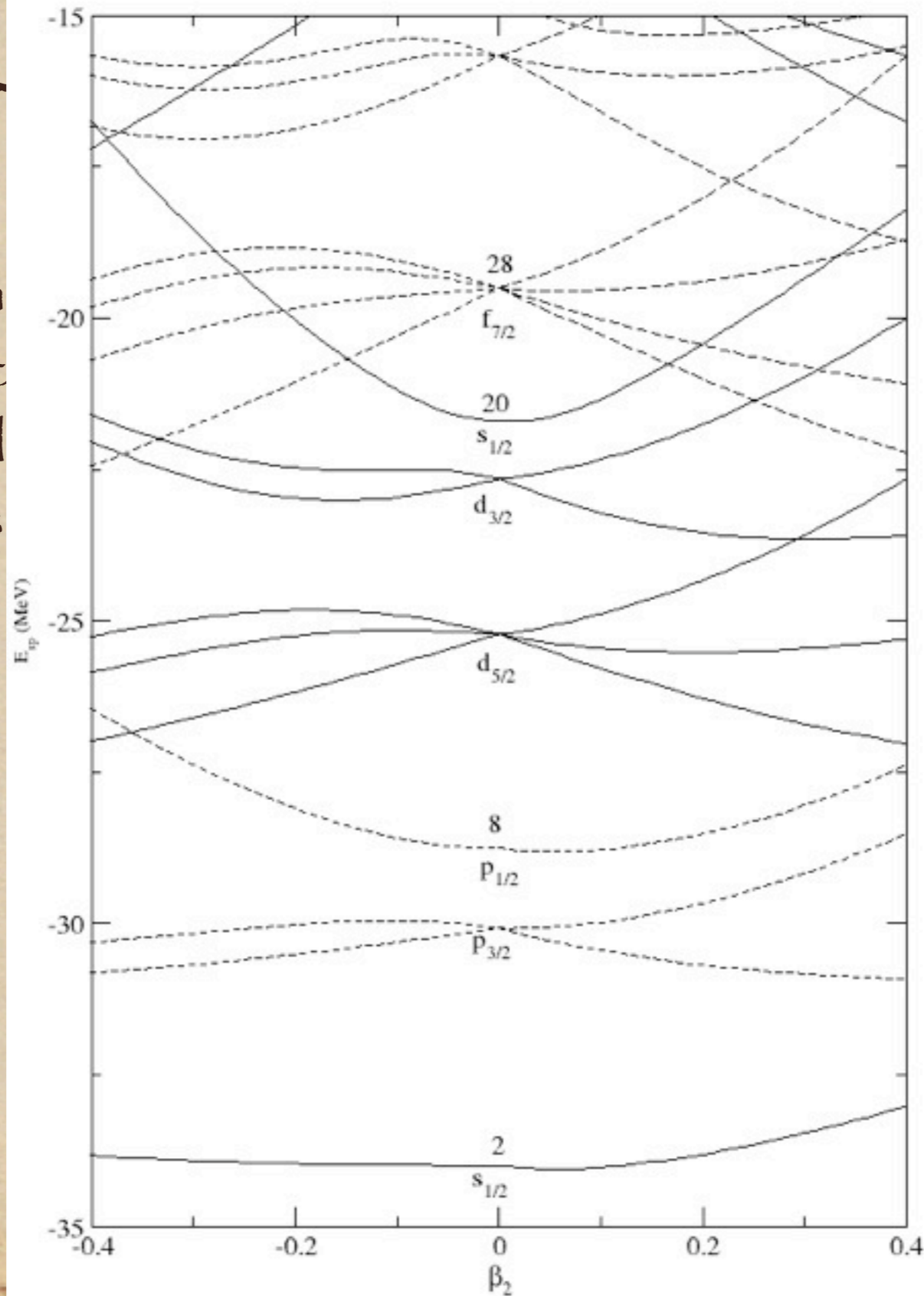
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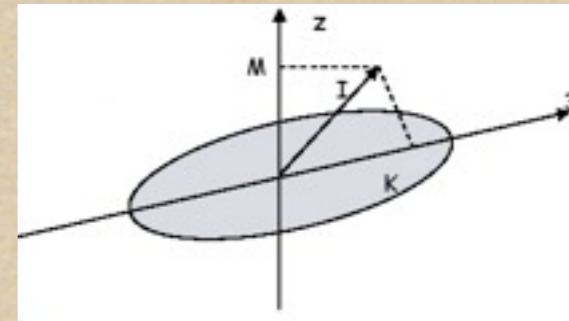
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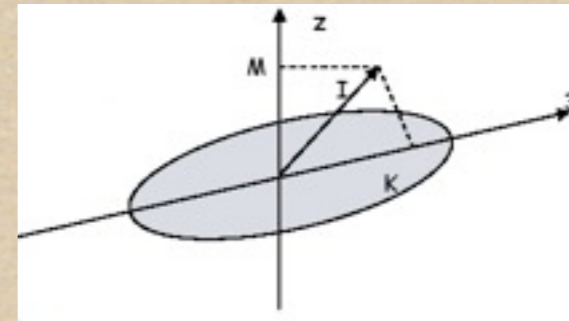
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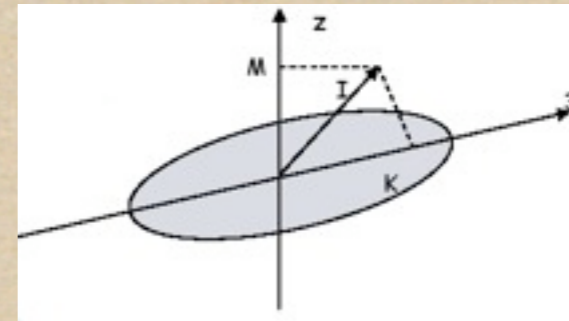
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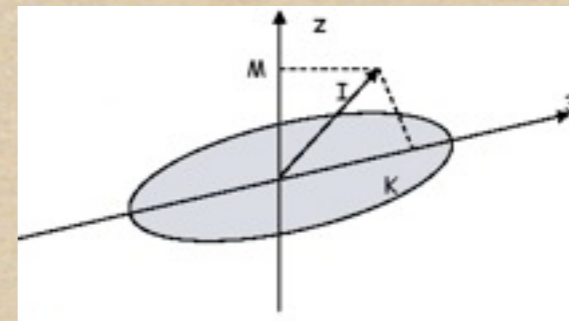
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Expansion Coefficient

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- ◆ As we all know, nuclear pairing plays important role in nuclei, so the initial and final ground states can be described as:

$$|0\rangle = \prod_{\rho\tau} \alpha_{\rho\tau} |vacuum\rangle$$

- ◆ Quasi-particle operator is defined as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{\rho\tau}^\dagger \\ \tilde{\alpha}_{\rho\tau} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_{\rho\tau} & v_{\rho\tau} \\ -v_{\rho\tau} & u_{\rho\tau} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{\rho\tau}^\dagger \\ \tilde{c}_{\rho\tau} \end{pmatrix}$$

- ◆  $u$  and  $v$  are BCS coefficients which can be derived from the BCS equation, these coefficients determine the structure of the initial and final ground states

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$$|JM(K), m\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi^2}} D_{MK}^J(\varphi, \theta, \psi) Q_K^{m\dagger} |RPA\rangle (K = 0)$$



# QRPA Formalism

- ◆ Using variational method we can get the QRPA (Quasi-particle Random Phase Approximation) equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} A(K) & B(K) \\ -B(K) & -A(K) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_K^m \\ Y_K^m \end{pmatrix} = \omega_K^m \begin{pmatrix} X_K^m \\ Y_K^m \end{pmatrix}$$

- ◆ With

$$A_{ij}(K) = \langle RPA | [A_i, [H, A_j^\dagger]] | RPA \rangle$$

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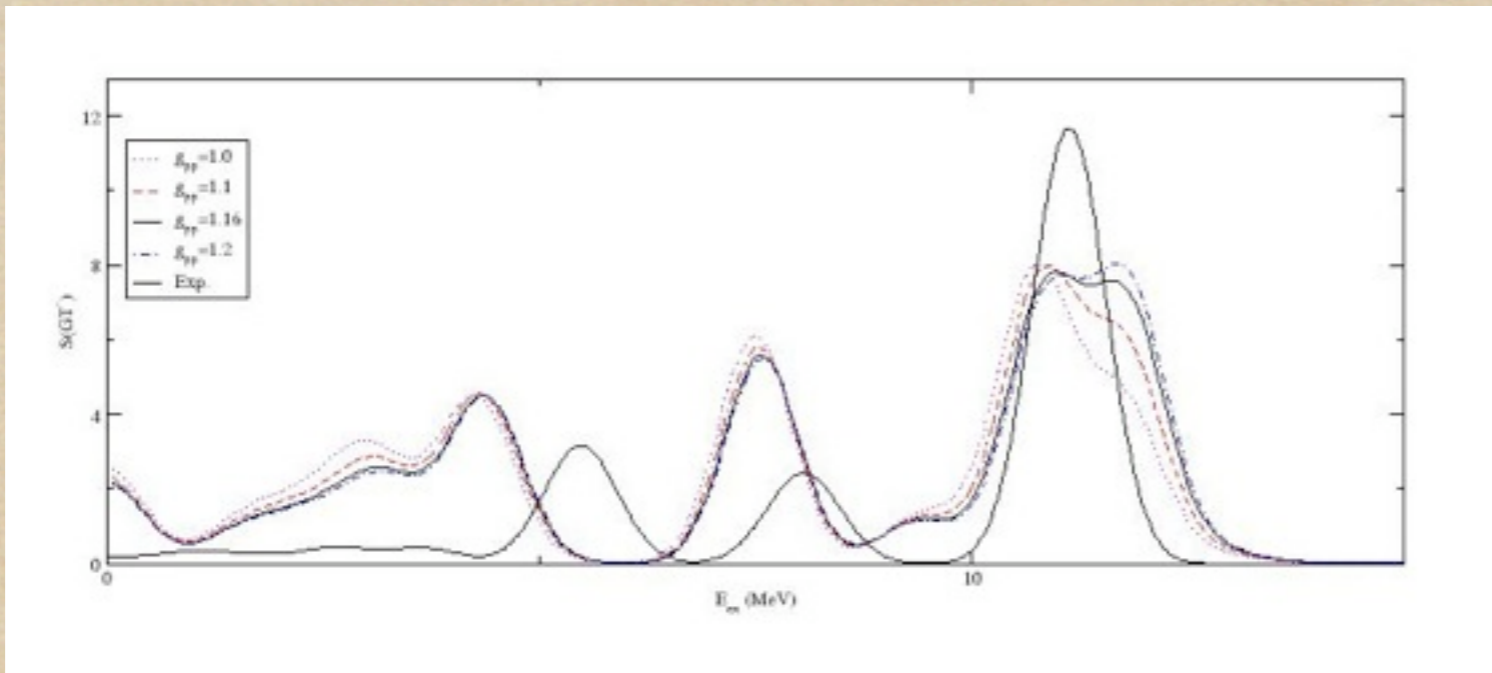
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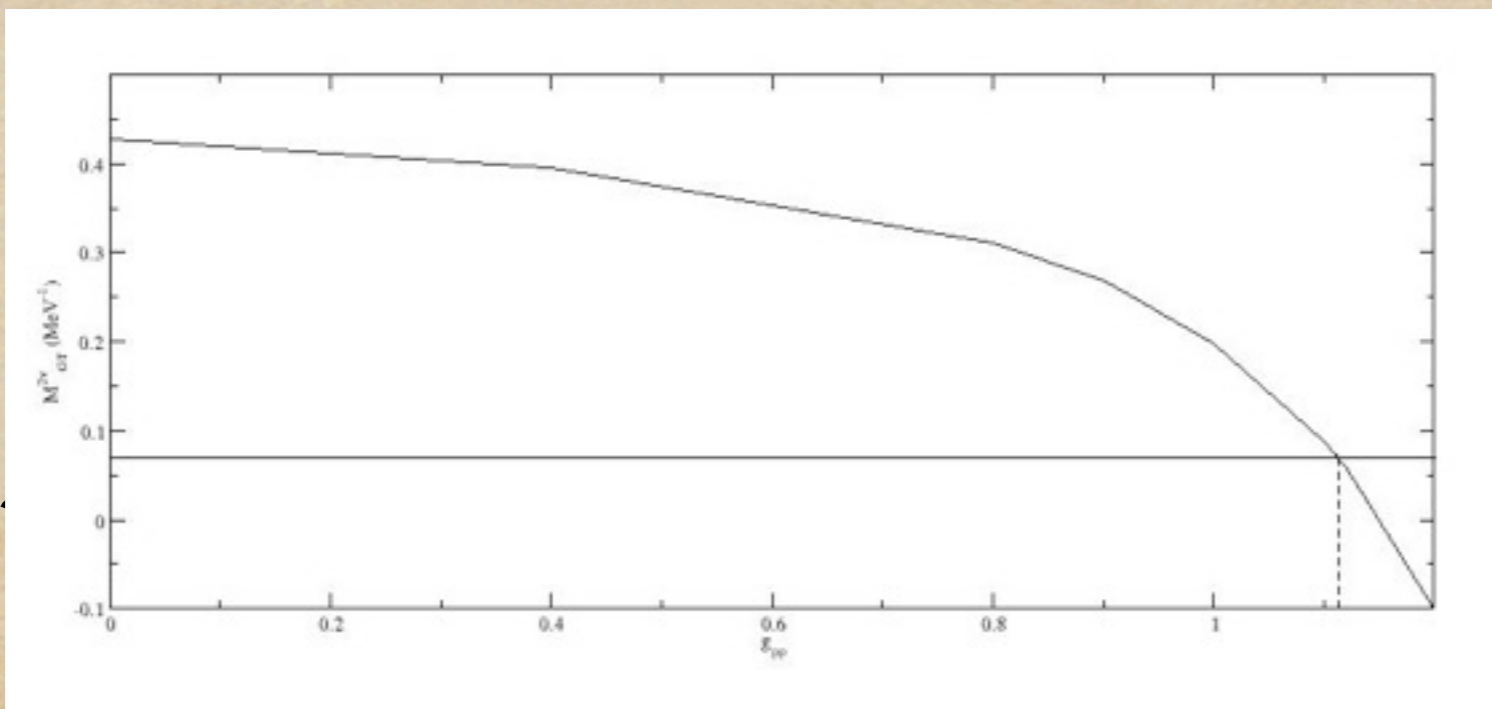
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# Choice of Parameters



Particle-hole  
strength ( $g_{ph}=1.16$ )



particle-particle  
strength ( $g_{pp}=1.11$ )

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# Conclusion & Outlook

- ◆ The determination of the nuclear matrix element of double beta decay is as important as the measurement of the half lives to get the mass scale of the neutrino
- ◆ We have developed the pn-QRPA method which is suitable for the calculation of NME and extended it to the deformed case with the realistic residual interaction. We now have the QRPA solution in hand.
- ◆ The last step left is to transform available result from the spherical case to the deformed one and get more accurate value for heavy nuclei

Thank you!