

*Double Beta Decay and its potential to explore  
beyond Standard Model physics*

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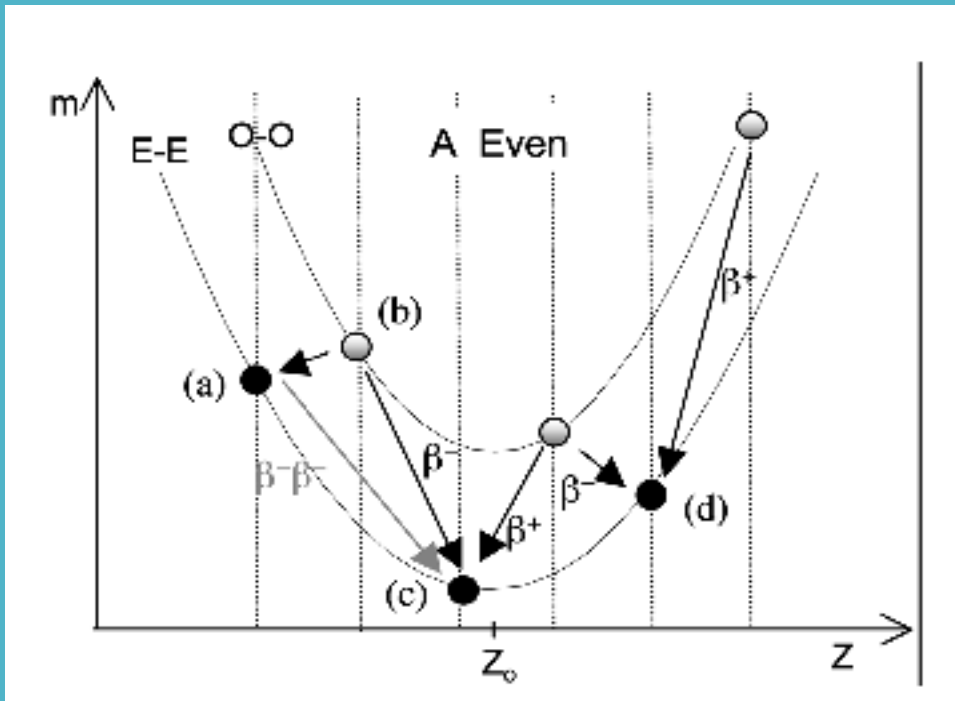




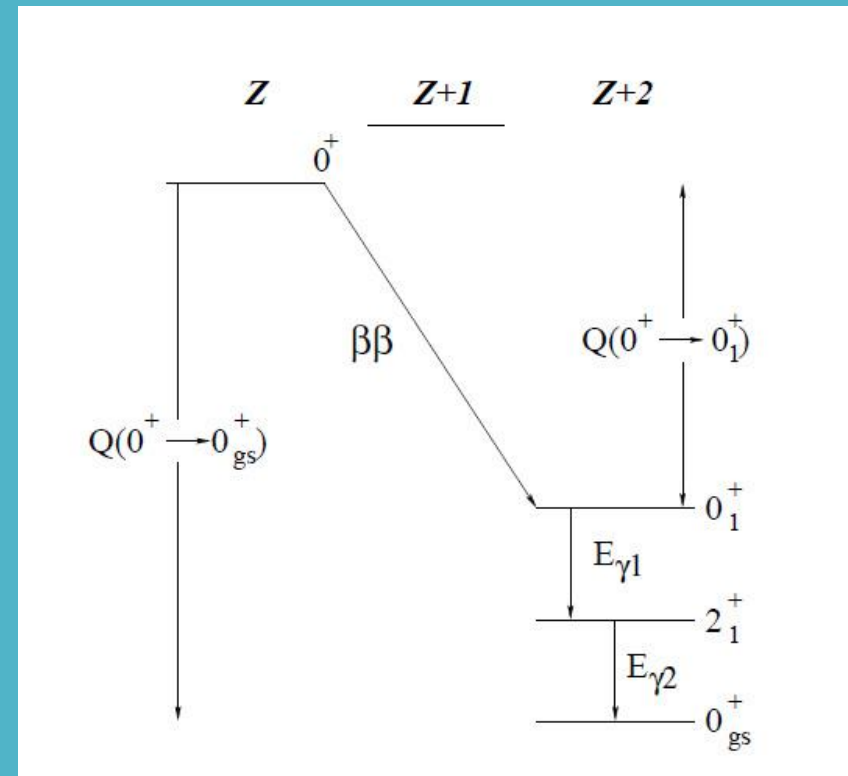
# Double Beta Decay

The rarest spontaneous nuclear decay measured until now, by which an e-e nucleus transforms into another e-e nucleus with the same mass but with its nuclear charge changed by two units.

It occurs whatever single  $\beta$  decay can not occur due to energetical reasons or it is highly forbidden by angular momentum selection rules



(a) and (d) are stable against  $\beta$  decay, but unstable against  $\beta\beta$  decay:  $\beta^-\beta^-$  for (a) and  $\beta^+\beta^+$  for (d)

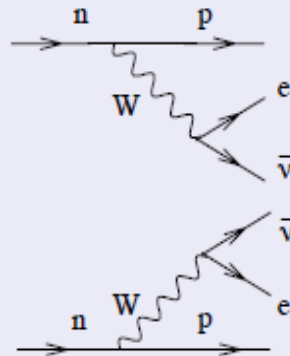


35 isotopes decaying  $\beta\beta^-$  isotopes

# Double Beta Decay processes

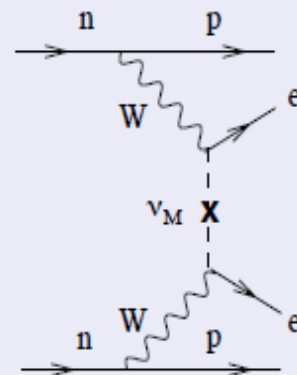
## $2\nu\beta\beta$

- $(Z, A) \rightarrow (Z + 2, A) + 2e^- + 2\bar{\nu}_e$
- $\Delta L = 0$
- $|T_{1/2}^{2\nu}|^{-1} = G^{2\nu}(Q_{\beta\beta}, Z) |M_{2\nu}|^2 \sim |10^{20} \text{ y}|^{-1}$

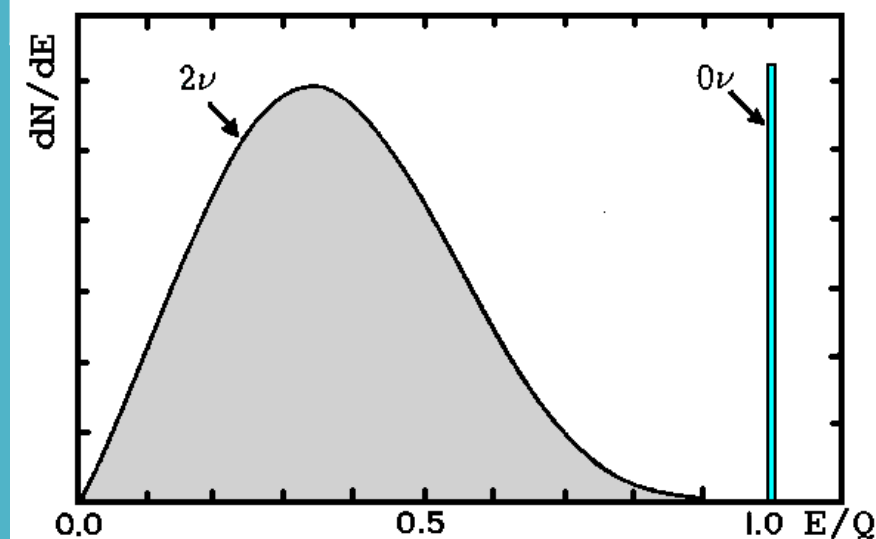


## $0\nu\beta\beta$

- $(Z, A) \rightarrow (Z + 2, A) + 2e^-$
- $\Delta L = 2$
- $|T_{1/2}^{0\nu}|^{-1} = G^{0\nu}(Q_{\beta\beta}, Z) |M_{0\nu}|^2 \langle m_{\beta\beta}^2 \rangle \sim |10^{25} \text{ y}|^{-1}$
- $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = \left| \sum_i U_{ei}^2 m_i \right|$



Isotop e	$Q_{\beta\beta}$ [KeV]	$T_{1/2}$ [yr]
$^{48}\text{Ca}$	4272	$4.40 \cdot 10^{19}$
$^{76}\text{Ge}$	2039	$1.65 \cdot 10^{21}$
$^{82}\text{Se}$	2995	$0.92 \cdot 10^{20}$
$^{96}\text{Zr}$	3350	$2.30 \cdot 10^{19}$
$^{100}\text{Mo}$	3034	$7.10 \cdot 10^{18}$
$^{116}\text{Cd}$	2813	$2.87 \cdot 10^{19}$
$^{128}\text{Te}$	866	$2.0 \cdot 10^{24}$
$^{130}\text{Te}$	2521	$6.90 \cdot 10^{20}$
$^{136}\text{Xe}$	2457	$2.19 \cdot 10^{21}$
$^{150}\text{Nd}$	3371	$8.20 \cdot 10^{18}$



## Importance of the DBD study

### Neutrino properties:

- character Dirac or Majorana?
- mass scale (absolute mass)
- mass hierarchy
- how many flavors? Sterile neutrinos?

### Check of some symmetries:

Lepton number, CP, Lorentz

**Constrain beyond SM parameters:** associated with different mechanisms/scenarios that may contribute to the neutrinoless DBD occurrence

# Positron emission decays

$2\nu\beta^+\beta^+$



$0\nu\beta^+\beta^+$



$2\nu EC\beta^+$



$0\nu EC\beta^+$



$2\nu ECEC$



$0\nu ECEC$



$0\nu\beta\beta$  decay: one of the most investigated process of physics: numerous experiments, in different stages:

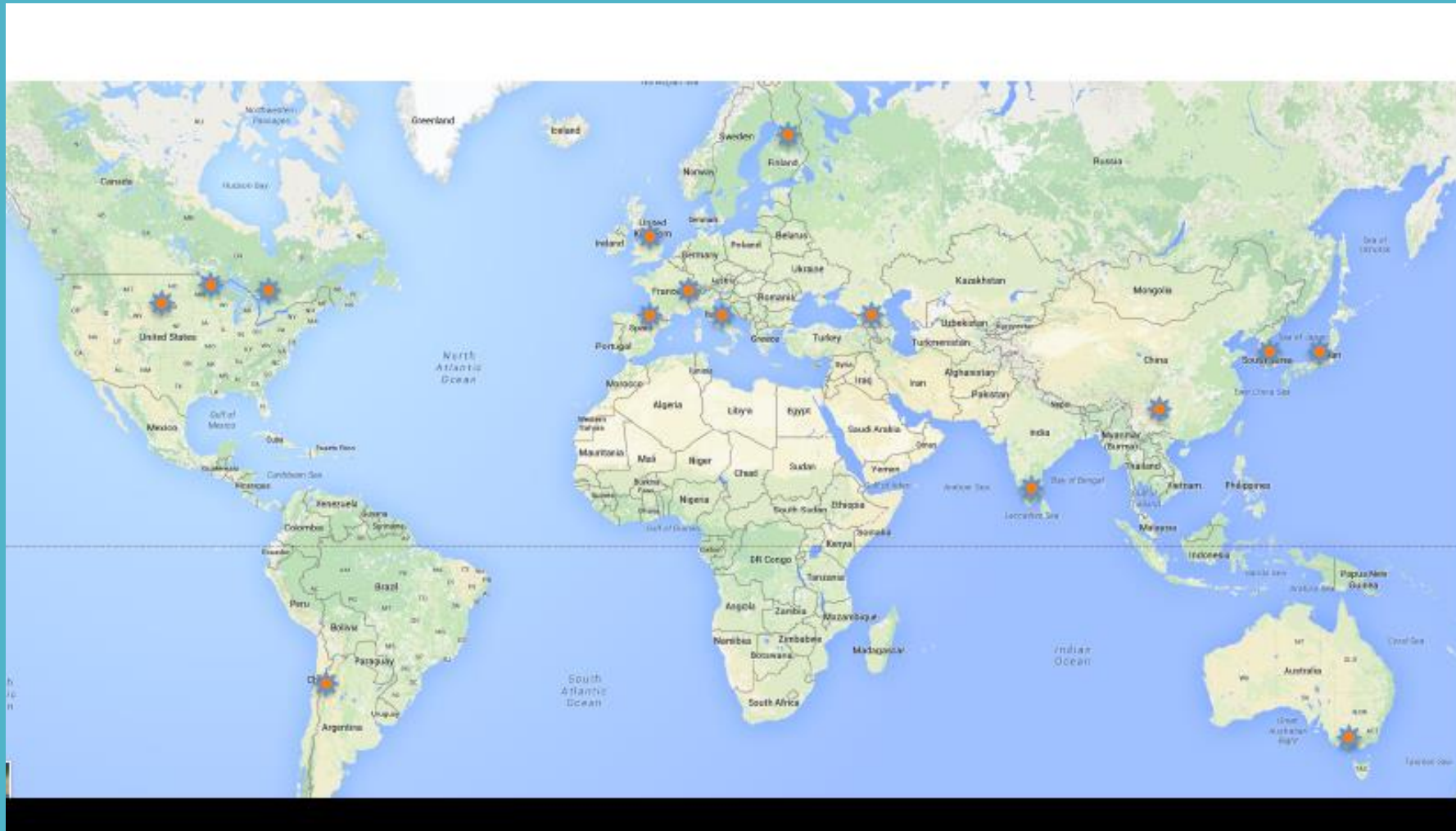
a) completed (Gotthard TPC, Heidelberg-Moscow, IGEX, NEMO1,2,3)

b) taking data (COBRA, CUORICINIO-CUORE, EXO, DCBA, GERDA, KamLAND-Zen, MAJORANA, XMASS)

c) proposed/future(CANDLES, MOON, AMoRE, LUMINEU, NEXT, SNO+, SuperNEMO, TIN.TIN)

They are running in underground laboratories and involve complex set-ups and large investments.

# Underground laboratories





## DBD lifetimes

$2\nu\beta\beta$

$$[T^{2\nu}]^{-1} = G^{2\nu}(E_0, Z) \times g_A^4 \times |m_e c^2 M^{2\nu}|^2$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ [\text{yr}^{-1}] & [\text{yr}^{-1}] & \text{dimensionless} \end{array}$$

$0\nu\beta\beta$

$$[T^{0\nu}]^{-1} = G^{0\nu}(E_0, Z) \times g_A^4 \times \Sigma_1 [ |M^{0\nu}_1|^2 \times \langle \eta_1 \rangle^2 ]$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ [\text{yr}^{-1}] & [\text{yr}^{-1}] & \text{dimensionless} & \text{dimensionless} \end{array}$$

$G^{(2,0)\nu}(E_0, Z)$  phase space factors (PSF)

$$\Sigma_1 = |M^{0\nu}|^2 (\langle m_\nu \rangle / m_e)^2 + |M^{0\nu}_N|^2 \langle m_N \rangle^2 + |M^{0\nu}_\lambda|^2 \langle \eta_\lambda \rangle^2 + |M^{0\nu}_q|^2 \langle \eta_q \rangle^2$$

$M^{(2,0)\nu}$  = nuclear matrix elements (NME)

$$\langle m_\nu \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{m_e^2}{|M^{0\nu}|^2 G^{0\nu}} \left[ T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \left( 0_i^+ \rightarrow 0_f^+ \right) \right]^{-1}}$$

$\langle \eta_1 \rangle$  = BSM parameter depending on the scenario by which  $0\nu\beta\beta$  may occur

$g_A$  = axial-vector constant

## Challenging issues in double beta decay

- 1) **Theoretical :**
  - accurate calculation of the NME (a long standing problem, not yet resolved in spite of much progress) and PSF
  - extraction of the information regarding the  $\nu$  mass, mass hierarchy, etc.
  - models for the  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay mechanisms, constrain BSM parameters
  
- 2) **Experimental:**
  - accurate measurements of  $2\nu\beta\beta$  decay, including transitions to excited states, study of electron spectra, etc.
  - search for  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay: improvements of experimental set-ups and techniques  $\rightarrow$  large isotopically enriched sources; the reducing of background; detectors with high energy resolution, improved techniques of detection, etc.
  
  - determination of the  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay mechanisms

# Calculation of the nuclear matrix elements

$2\nu\beta\beta$

$$M_{GT}^{2\nu} = \sum_j \frac{\langle 0_f^+ | t_- \sigma | 1_j^+ \rangle \langle 1_j^+ | t_- \sigma | 0_i^+ \rangle}{E_j + Q/2 + m_e - E_i}$$

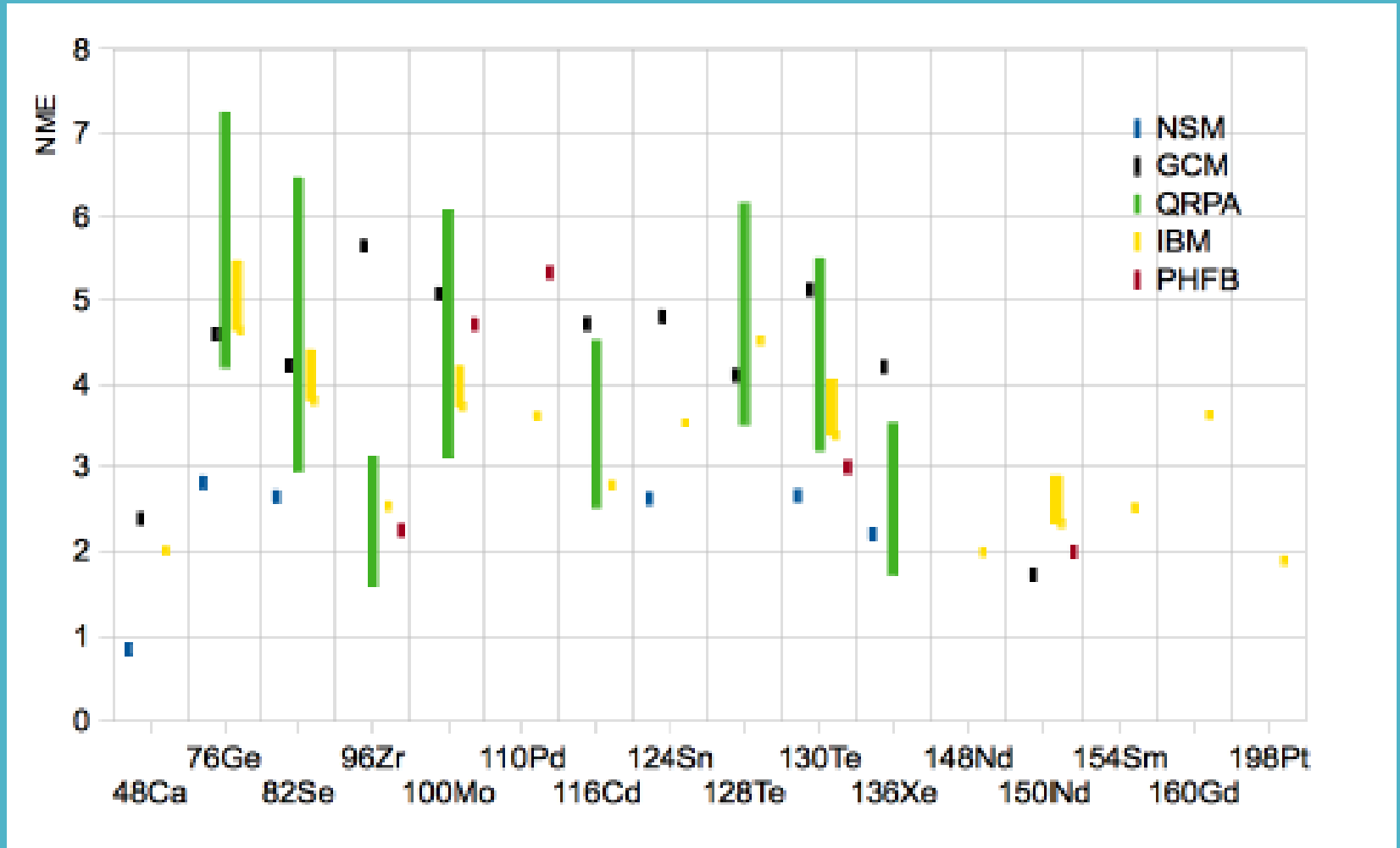
$0\nu\beta\beta$

$$M^{0\nu} = M_{GT}^{0\nu} - \left( \frac{g_V}{g_A} \right)^2 \cdot M_F^{0\nu} - M_T^{0\nu}$$

- a) pnQRPA (different versions)
- b) interacting Shell model (ISM)
- c) IBM-2
- d) Generator coordinate method
- e) Projected HFB

## Origin of differences

- many-body theory (correlations)
- single-particle model space
- effective NN interaction
- Nuclear (input) parameters  $g_A$ ,  $R$ ,  $\langle E \rangle$ , nuclear form factors



## ShM calculations

Fast numerical code for computing the TBME

Horoi, Stoica, PRC81(2010); Neacsu, Stoica, Horoi, PRC 86(2012), Neacsu, Stoica, JPG 41(2014)

$$M_{\alpha}^{0\nu} = \sum_{j_p j_{p'} j_n j_{n'} J_{\pi}} \text{TBTD}(j_p j_{p'}, j_n j_{n'}; J_{\pi}) \langle j_p j_{p'}; J_{\pi} \| \tau_{-1} \tau_{-2} O_{12}^{\alpha} \| j_n j_{n'}; S_{\alpha} J_{\pi} \rangle$$

$$M^{0\nu} = M_{\text{GT}}^{0\nu} - \left( \frac{g_V}{g_A} \right)^2 M_F^{0\nu} + M_T^{0\nu}.$$

The most difficult is the computation of radial part of  $M^{0\nu}$  which contains  $\nu$  potentials

$$\langle nl | H_{\alpha} | n' l' \rangle \quad H_{\alpha}(r) = \frac{2R}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} j_l(qr) \frac{h_{\alpha}(q)}{\omega} \frac{1}{\omega + \langle E \rangle} q^2 dq$$

Ingredients, which may differ from one computation to another:

**SRC**  $\psi_{nl}(r) \rightarrow [1 + f(r)]\psi_{nl}(r)$

$$f(r) = -c \cdot e^{-ar^2} (1 - br^2)$$

**FNS**  $G_A(q^2) = g_A \left( \frac{\Lambda_A^2}{\Lambda_A^2 + q^2} \right)^2$

$$G_V(q^2) = g_V \left( \frac{\Lambda_V^2}{\Lambda_V^2 + q^2} \right)^2$$

$$\langle nl|H_\alpha(r)|n'l'\rangle = \int_0^\infty r^2 dr \psi_{nl}(r) \psi_{n'l'}(r) [1 + f(r)]^2 \times \int_0^\infty q^2 dq V_\alpha(q) j_n(qr)$$

$$\langle nl|H_\alpha(r)|n'l'\rangle = \sum_{s=0}^{n+n'} A_{l+l'+2s}(nl, n'l') \mathcal{K}_\alpha(m)$$

This procedure reduces substantially the CPU time: ~ with a factor of 30 as compared with our older ShM code from ref. PRC81 (2010)

Other ingredients: the effective NN interaction(GXPF1A, KB3, GN28, GN50, etc.)

Input parameters:  $R = r_0 A^{1/3}$  ( $r_0 = 1.1$ , or  $1.2$  fm),  $\langle E_N \rangle =$  closure energy,  $g_A = 1.0, 1.25, 1.264, 1.272$

Table 1 . The NMEs obtained with inclusion of different nuclear effects. "b" denotes the value obtained without any effect included, while "F", "H", "S" and "total" indices denote the  $M^{0\nu}$  values obtained when FNS, HOC, SRC and all effects, are, respectively, included. The set of the three values from the columns with SRC effects included refers to the particular prescriptions: (a)=Jastrow with MS parameterization, (b)=CCM-AV18 and (c)=CCM-CD-Bonn type. The calculations are performed with  $g_A=1.25$ ,  $r_0 = 1.2fm$ ,  $\Lambda_V = 850MeV$ ,  $\Lambda_A = 1086MeV$ .

	$M_b$	$M_{b+F}$	$M_{b+H}$	$M_{b+F+H}$	$M_{b+S}$	$M_{b+S+F}$	$M_{b+S+H}$	$M_{total}^{0\nu}$
$^{48}Ca$					(a)-0.731	-0.680	-0.542	-0.508
	-1.166	-0.959	-0.923	-0.773	(b)-1.023	-0.930	-0.800	-0.733
					(c)-1.153	-1.008	-0.914	-0.809
$^{48}Ca^*$					(a) 0.856	0.798	0.670	0.628
	1.351	1.116	1.102	0.928	(b) 1.188	1.082	0.962	0.884
					(c) 1.337	1.171	1.092	0.969
$^{76}Ge$					(a) 3.025	2.889	2.499	2.378
	4.168	3.615	3.497	3.066	(b) 3.807	3.557	3.187	2.979
					(c) 4.153	3.762	3.489	3.177
$^{82}Se$					(a)-2.779	-2.665	-2.275	-2.176
	-3.779	-3.305	-3.140	-2.780	(b)-3.467	-3.256	-2.876	-2.703
					(c)-3.770	-3.438	-3.137	-2.878

# Study of the effect of different nuclear ingredients on NMEs

- their overall effect is to decrease the NME values
- SRC inclusion: J-MS prescription decreases significantly the NME value as compared with softer CCM prescriptions.
- however, NME values calculated with inclusion of only SRC by J-MS prescription, are close (within 10%) to the values calculated with SRC by CCM prescriptions and with the inclusion of other nuclear ingredients (FNS+HOC) → a kind a compensation effect
- inclusion of HOC is important → correction up to ~ 20%
- tensor component: contribution of (4-9)% (has to be taken with correct sign)
- dependence of NN interactions: up to 17%
- dependence on input nuclear parameters:
  - axial vector coupling constant  $g_A$  quenched/un-quenched – the largest uncertainty
  - nuclear radius;  $R = r_0 A^{1/3}$  ( $r_0=1.1\text{fm}$  or  $1.2\text{fm}$ ) ~ 7%
  - nuclear form factors ( $\Lambda_A, \Lambda_V$ ) ~ 8%;
  - average energy used in closer approx.  $\langle E \rangle$  - negligible



# Calculation of the phase space factors for DBD

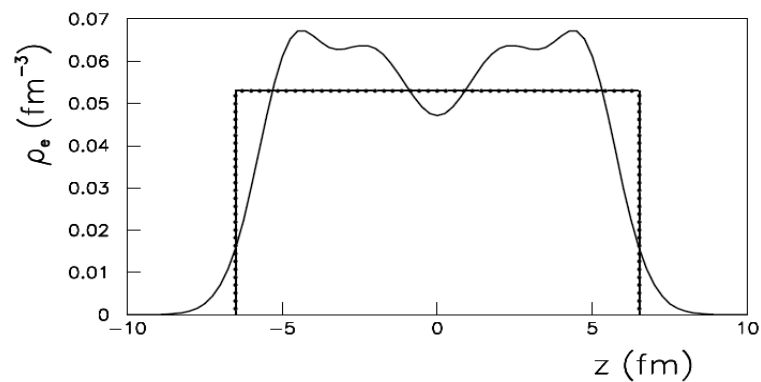
$$G_{2\nu}^{\beta\beta}(0^+ \rightarrow 0^+) = \frac{2\tilde{A}^2}{3 \ln 2 g_A^4 (m_e c^2)^2} \int_{m_e c^2}^{Q^{\beta\beta} + m_e c^2} d\epsilon_1 \int_{m_e c^2}^{Q^{\beta\beta} + 2m_e c^2 - \epsilon_1} d\epsilon_2 \int_0^{Q^{\beta\beta} + 2m_e c^2 - \epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2} d\omega_1 f_{11}^{(0)} w_{2\nu} (\langle K_N \rangle^2 + \langle L_N \rangle^2 + \langle K_N \rangle \langle L_N \rangle)$$

$$G_{0\nu}^{\beta\beta}(0^+ \rightarrow 0^+) = \frac{2}{4g_A^4 R_A^2 \ln 2} \int_{m_e c^2}^{Q^{\beta\beta} + m_e c^2} f_{11}^{(0)} w_{0\nu} d\epsilon_1$$

$$f_{11}^{(0)} = |f^{-1-1}|^2 + |f_{11}|^2 + |f_1^{-1}|^2 + |f_1^{-1}|^2$$

$$f^{-1-1} = g_{-1}(\epsilon_1)g_{-1}(\epsilon_2); f_{11} = f_1(\epsilon_1)f_1(\epsilon_2),$$

$$f_1^{-1} = g_{-1}(\epsilon_1)f_1(\epsilon_2); f_1^{-1} = f_1(\epsilon_1)g_1(\epsilon_2)$$



$$\frac{dg_\kappa(\epsilon, r)}{dr} = -\frac{\kappa}{r}g_\kappa(\epsilon, r) + \frac{\epsilon - V + m_e c^2}{c\hbar}f_\kappa(\epsilon, r)$$

$$\frac{df_\kappa(\epsilon, r)}{dr} = -\frac{\epsilon - V - m_e c^2}{c\hbar}g_\kappa(\epsilon, r) + \frac{\kappa}{r}f_\kappa(\epsilon, r)$$

$$V(Z, r) = \begin{cases} -\frac{Z\alpha\hbar c}{r}, & r \geq R_A \\ -Z(\alpha\hbar c) \left( \frac{3 - (r/R_A)^2}{2R_A} \right), & r < R_A \end{cases}$$

$$V(r) = \alpha\hbar c \int \frac{\rho_e(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d\vec{r}' \quad \rho_e(\vec{r}) = 2 \sum_i v_i^2 |\Psi_i(\vec{r})|^2$$

Table 1: PSF for  $\beta^-\beta^-$  decays to final g.s.

<i>Nucleus</i>	$Q_{g.s.}^{\beta^-\beta^-}$ (MeV)	$G_{2\nu}^{\beta^-\beta^-}$ ( <i>g.s.</i> ) ( $10^{-21}$ yr $^{-1}$ )				$G_{0\nu}^{\beta^-\beta^-}$ ( <i>g.s.</i> ) ( $10^{-15}$ yr $^{-1}$ )			
		This work	[27]	[23, 24]	[26]	This work	[27]	[23, 24]	[26]
$^{48}\text{Ca}$	4.267	15536	15550	16200	16200	24.65	24.81	26.1	26.0
$^{76}\text{Ge}$	2.039	46.47	48.17	53.8	52.6	2.372	2.363	2.62	2.55
$^{82}\text{Se}$	2.996	1573	1596	1830	1740	10.14	10.16	11.4	11.1
$^{96}\text{Zr}$	3.349	6744	6816		7280	20.48	20.58		23.1
$^{100}\text{Mo}$	3.034	3231	3308	3860	3600	15.84	15.92	18.7	45.6
$^{110}\text{Pd}$	2.017	132.5	137.7			4.915	4.815		
$^{116}\text{Cd}$	2.813	2688	2764		2990	16.62	16.70		18.9
$^{128}\text{Te}$	0.8665	0.2149	0.2688	0.35	0.344	0.5783	0.5878	0.748	0.671
$^{130}\text{Te}$	2.528	1442	1529	1970	1940	14.24	14.22	19.4	16.7
$^{136}\text{Xe}$	2.458	1332	1433	2030	1980	14.54	14.58	19.4	17.7
$^{150}\text{Nd}$	3.371	35397	36430	48700	48500	61.94	63.03	85.9	78.4
$^{238}\text{U}$	1.144	98.51	14.57			32.53	33.61		

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- very good agreement with [27] both for  $G^{2\nu}$  and  $G^{0\nu}$  for the majority of nuclei  
exceptions:  $^{128}\text{Te}$ (~20%) and  $^{238}\text{U}$ (factor of 7)
- in comparison with older calculations there are some notable differences

Table 2 Majorana neutrino mass parameters together with the other components of the  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay halftimes: the  $Q_{\beta\beta}$  values, the experimental lifetimes limits, the phase space factors and the nuclear matrix elements.

	$Q_{\beta\beta}[MeV]$	$T_{exp}^{0\nu\beta\beta}[yr]$	$G^{0\nu\beta\beta}[yr^{-1}]$	$M^{0\nu\beta\beta}$	$\langle m_\nu \rangle [eV]$
$^{48}Ca$	4.272	$> 5.8 \cdot 10^{22}$ [52]	2.46E-14	0.81-0.90	$< [15.0 - 16.7]$
$^{76}Ge$	2.039	$> 2.1 \cdot 10^{25}$ [38]	2.37E-15	2.81-6.16	$< [0.37 - 0.82]$
$^{82}Se$	2.995	$> 3.6 \cdot 10^{23}$ [53]	1.01E-14	2.64-4.99	$< [1.70 - 3.21]$
$^{96}Zr$	3.350	$> 9.2 \cdot 10^{21}$ [54]	2.05E-14	2.19-5.65	$< [6.59 - 17.0]$
$^{100}Mo$	3.034	$> 1.1 \cdot 10^{24}$ [53]	1.57E-14	3.93-6.07	$< [0.64 - 0.99]$
$^{116}Cd$	2.814	$> 1.7 \cdot 10^{23}$ [56]	1.66E-14	3.29-4.79	$< [2.00 - 2.92]$
$^{130}Te$	2.527	$> 2.8 \cdot 10^{24}$ [57]	1.41E-14	2.65-5.13	$< [0.50 - 0.97]$
$^{136}Xe$	2.458	$> 1.6 \cdot 10^{25}$ [39]	1.45E-14	2.19-4.20	$< [0.25 - 0.48]$
$^{150}Nd$	3.371	$> 1.8 \cdot 10^{22}$ [55]	6.19E-14	1.71-3.16	$< [4.84 - 8.95]$

$$\langle m_\nu \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{m_e^2}{|M^{0\nu}|^2 G^{0\nu}} \left[ T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \left( 0_i^+ \rightarrow 0_f^+ \right) \right]^{-1}}$$

## Calculation of products PSF $\times$ NME

$$P^{2\nu} = G^{2\nu} \times |m_e c^2 M^{2\nu}|^2$$

$$[T^{2\nu}]^{-1} = (g_{A,eff}^{2\nu})^4 \times P^{2\nu}$$

$$P^{0\nu} = G^{0\nu} \times |M_l^{0\nu}|^2$$

$$[T^{0\nu}]^{-1} = (g_{A,eff}^{0\nu})^4 \times P^{0\nu} \times \langle \eta_l \rangle$$

$$[T^{2\nu}] = [(g_{A,eff}^{2\nu})_m^4 / (g_{A,eff}^{2\nu})_n^4] \times [P_m^{2\nu} / P_n^{2\nu}] \times [T^{2\nu}]_m$$

$$[T^{0\nu}] = [(g_{A,eff}^{0\nu})_m^4 / (g_{A,eff}^{0\nu})_n^4] \times [P_m^{0\nu} / P_n^{0\nu}] \times [T^{0\nu}]_m$$

<i>Nucleus</i>	$T^{2\nu}$ [yr]	$P^{2\nu}$ [yr <sup>-1</sup> ]	$T^{0\nu}$ [yr]	$P_{\nu}^{0\nu}$ [yr <sup>-1</sup> ]
<sup>48</sup> Ca	6.40 x 10 <sup>19</sup> [1]	123.81 x 10 <sup>-21</sup> $g_{A,\text{eff}} = 0.65/0.71\text{th}$ [8]	> 2.0 x 10 <sup>22</sup> [1]	16.13 x 10 <sup>-15</sup>
<sup>76</sup> Ge	1.92 x 10 <sup>21</sup> [2]	5.16 x 10 <sup>-21</sup> $g_{A,\text{eff}} = 0.56/0.60\text{th}$ [7]	> 5.3 x 10 <sup>25</sup> [3]	23.94 x 10 <sup>-15</sup>
<sup>82</sup> Se	0.92 x 10 <sup>20</sup> [2]	186.62 x 10 <sup>-21</sup> $g_{A,\text{eff}} = 0.49/0.60\text{th}$ [7]	> 3.6 x 10 <sup>23</sup> [9]	83.99 x 10 <sup>-15</sup>
<sup>130</sup> Te	8.20 x 10 <sup>20</sup> [4]	25.26 x 10 <sup>-21</sup> $g_{A,\text{eff}} = 0.47/0.57\text{th}$ [7]	> 4.0 x 10 <sup>24</sup> [5]	64.00 x 10 <sup>-15</sup>
<sup>136</sup> Xe	2.16 x 10 <sup>21</sup> [1]	20.30 x 10 <sup>-21</sup> $g_{A,\text{eff}} = 0.45/0.39\text{th}$ [7]	> 1.1 x 10 <sup>25</sup> [6]	44.11 x 10 <sup>-15</sup>

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# *DBD potential to explore BSM physics*

- Check of lepton number conservation (LNC): if  $0\nu\beta\beta$  is discovered  $\rightarrow \Delta L = 2$ ; still the most sensitive process
- Neutrino properties: Dirac or Majorana; still the most sensitive process
  - limits for  $m_{\nu_e}$
  - sterile  $\nu_s \rightarrow$  limits for  $m_N$
  - hints for neutrino mass hierarchy
- Other BSM parameters : Majoron existence, SUSY particles, L-R theories, existence of RH currents in the WI

LNV:  $(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z + 2) + 2 e^- ; \Delta L = 2$

BSM parameters:  $|T^{0\nu}|^{-1} = G^{0\nu}(E_0, Z) \times g_A^4 \times ( |M^{0\nu}|^2 \langle m_\nu \rangle^2 + |M^{0\nu}_N|^2 \langle m_N \rangle^2 + |M^{0\nu}_\lambda|^2 \langle \eta_\lambda \rangle^2 + |M^{0\nu}_q|^2 \langle \eta_q \rangle^2 )$

$0\nu\beta\beta$  provides a broader potential to search for beyond SM physics: any  $\Delta L=2$  process can contribute to  $0\nu\beta\beta$

Diagrams that can contribute to the  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay amplitude

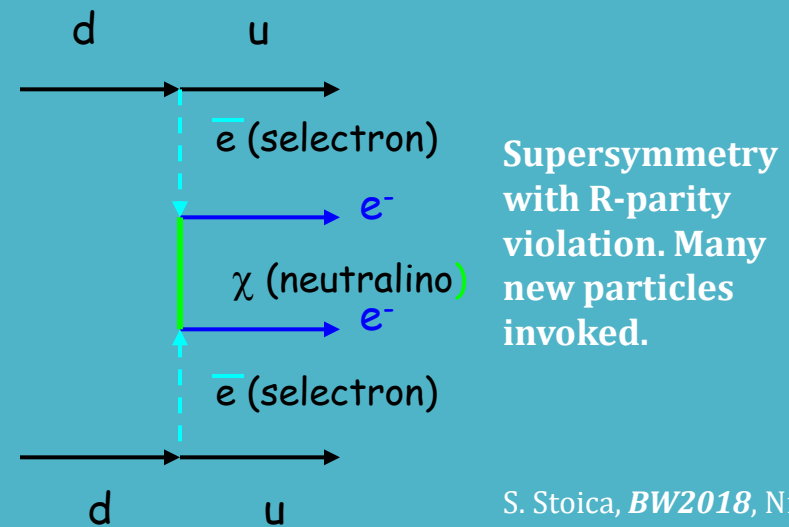
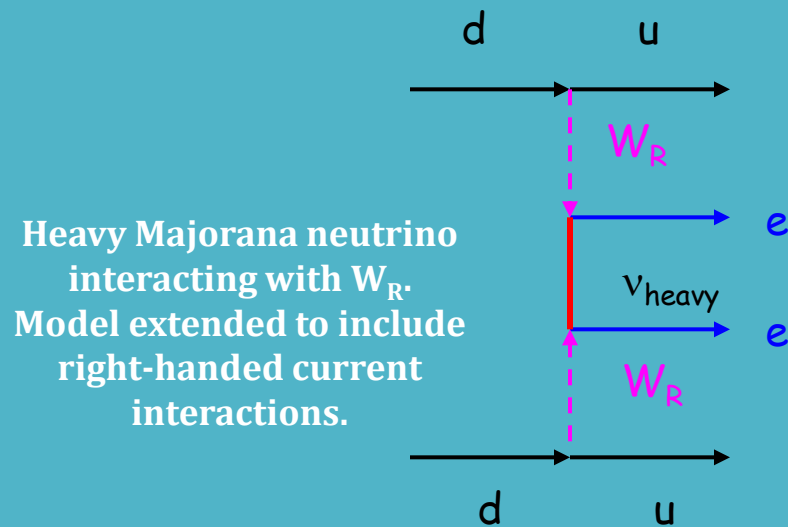
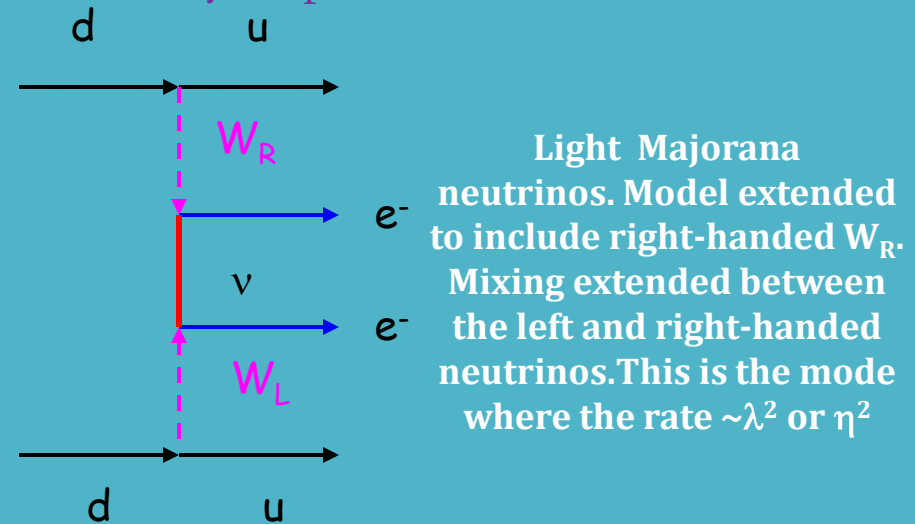
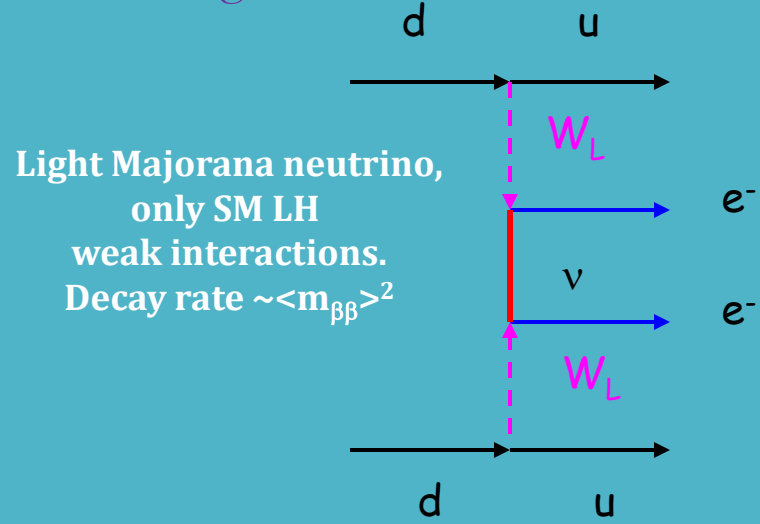


Table 4 Upper limits for Majorana neutrino mass parameters together with the other components of the  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay halftimes: the experimental lifetimes lower limits, the phase space factors and the nuclear matrix elements.

	$T_{exp}^{0\nu}[yr]$	$G^{0\nu}[yr^{-1}]$	$M_N^{0\nu}$	$M_{\lambda'}^{0\nu}$	$M_q^{0\nu}$	$\langle \eta_N \rangle$	$\langle \eta_{\lambda'} \rangle$	$\langle \eta_q \rangle$
$^{48}Ca^*$	$5.8 \cdot 10^{22}[43]$	2.46E-14	70.3	548.2	70	$3.77 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$4.83 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$3.78 \cdot 10^{-7}$
$^{48}Ca^\dagger$	$5.8 \cdot 10^{22}[43]$	2.46E-14	82.8	641.7	78.6	$3.20 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$4.12 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$3.37 \cdot 10^{-7}$
$^{76}Ge$	$2.1 \cdot 10^{25}[44]$	2.37E-15	199.2	1509.4	296.8	$0.22 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$0.30 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$0.15 \cdot 10^{-7}$
$^{82}Se$	$3.6 \cdot 10^{23}[45]$	1.01E-14	184.5	1393.5	268.1	$0.90 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$1.19 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$0.62 \cdot 10^{-7}$

\* denotes GXPF1A [40] effective interaction and  $\dagger$  KB3G [41] effective interaction.



## *Lorentz violation in weak decays*

- LV can also be investigated in  $\beta$  and  $\beta\beta$  decays
- The general framework characterizing LV is the Standard Model Extension (SME)
- In minimal SME (operators dimension  $\leq 4$ ) there are operators that couples to  $\nu_s$  and affect  $\nu$  flavor oscillations,  $\nu$  velocity or  $\nu$  phase spaces ( $\beta$ ,  $\beta\beta$  decays)
- Until now, the most precise tests for LV involving  $\nu_s$  are perform in  $\nu$  oscillation experiments., but now deviations to Lorentz symmetry can be investigated in DBD experiments like EXO and NEMO3.
- There is a q-independent operator (countershaded operator), that doesn't affect  $\nu$  oscillations, and hence can not be detected in LBL neutrino experiments, but can affect the electron energy sum spectrum or the one electron spectra (angular correlation) for experiments with tracking systems that can reconstruct the direction of the two emitted electrons.



## Classification of the LNV processes

- a)  $dd \rightarrow uu W^+W^+ \rightarrow uu e^+e^+$  :  $0\nu\beta\beta$
- b)  $\Sigma^- \rightarrow \Sigma^+ e^-e^-$  ;  $\Xi^- \rightarrow p \mu^- \mu^-$  : **hyperon decays**  
 $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- p \mu^+ \mu^+$  ;  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^- \mu^+ \mu^+$
- c)  $\tau^- \rightarrow l^+ M_1^- M_2^-$   $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\mu^-$  : **tau decays**
- d)  $M_1^\pm \rightarrow l_1^\pm l_2^\pm M_2^{\mp\pm}$  : **rare meson decays (B, D, K,..)**
- e)  $t \rightarrow b l_1^+ l_2^+ W^- W^-$  : **top-quark decay**
- f)  $pp \rightarrow l_1^+ l_2^+ X$  : **same sign dileptonic production**
- g)  $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow l_1^\pm l_2^\pm X$  : **double-charged Higgs decays**

# Conclusions

- There is an extensive theoretical and experimental effort for studying DBD process, particularly the  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay mode.
- The interest comes from the information that this process can provide about fundamental properties of neutrinos, conservation of some symmetries (LNC, CP, LV) and strength of BSM parameters associated with possible scenarios of occurrence of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay mode
- Theoretically the effort is focused to the accurately computation of the NME and PSF, mainly for  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay, and for understanding the mechanism of its occurrence
- The NME and PSF calculations enter now into a precision era and the goal is to provide experimentalists with values of these quantities within 30% errors. A progress could also come from the calculation at once the products NME x PSF.
- DBD study has a large potential to explore BSM physics
- DBD provides complementary information to that from neutrino physics (regarding neutrino properties) and HEP (LNV processes, sterile neutrinos, etc.)