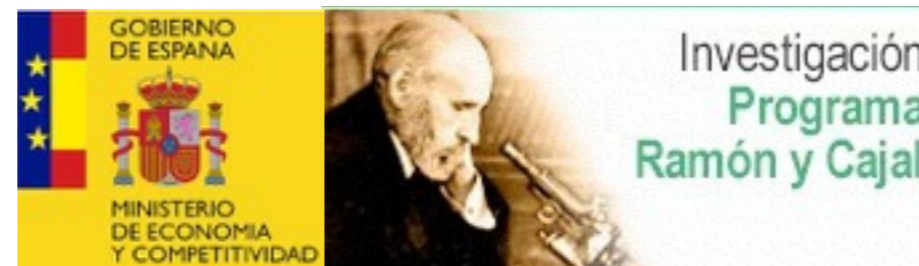


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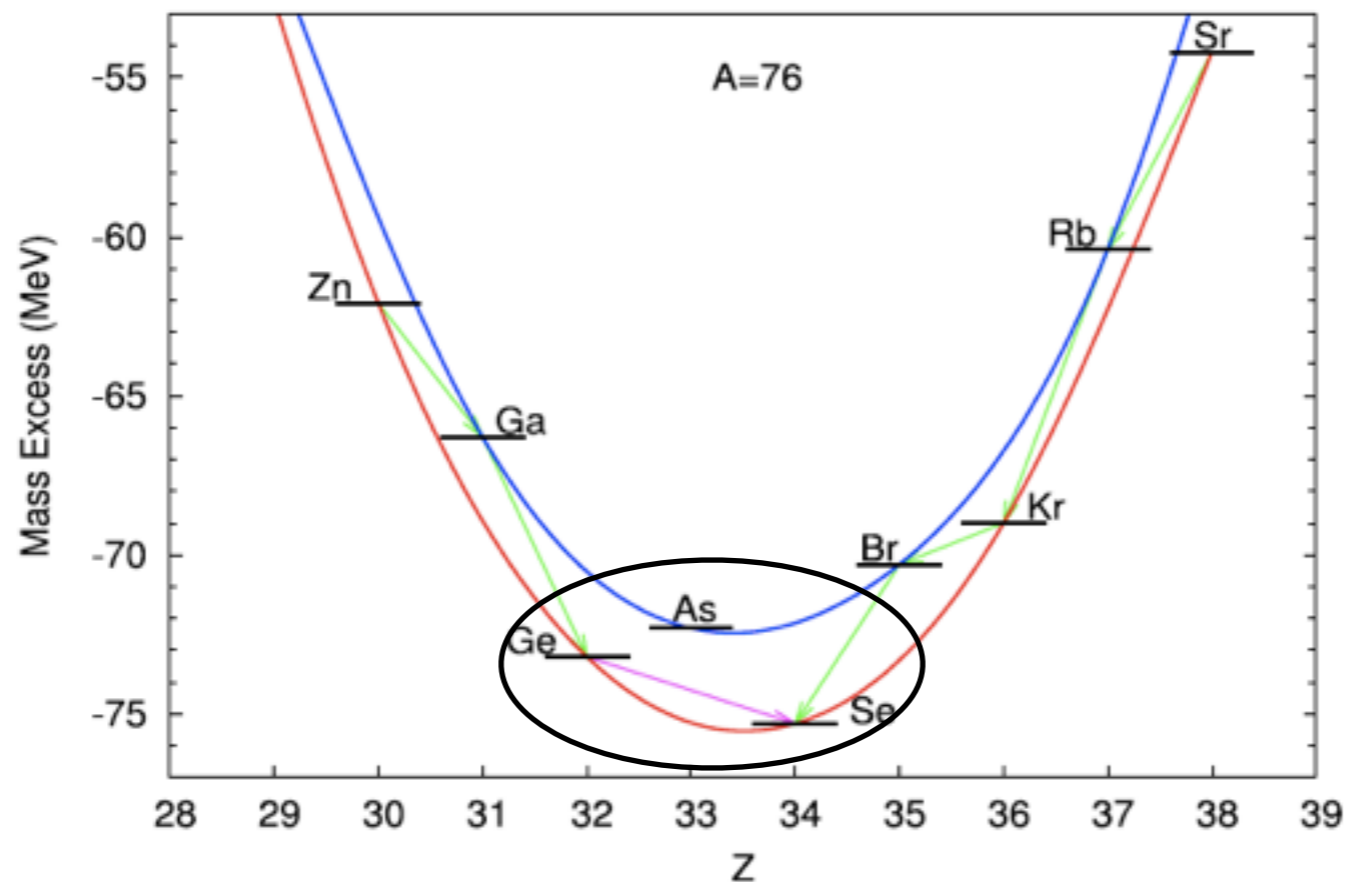


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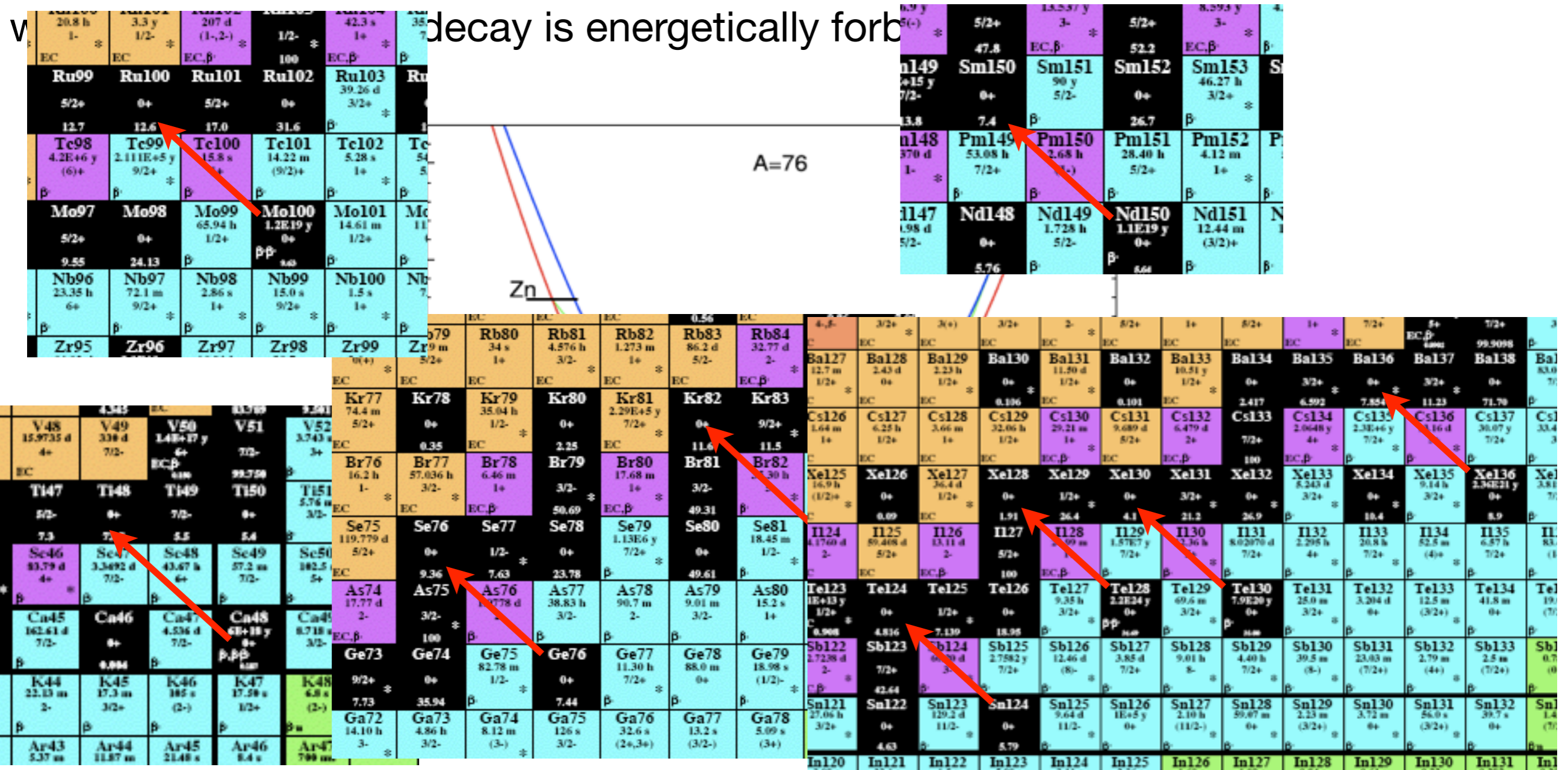
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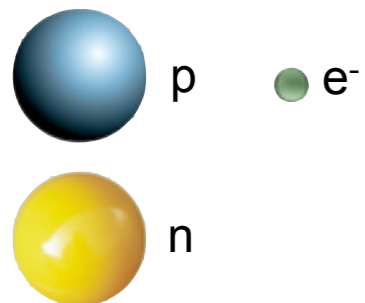
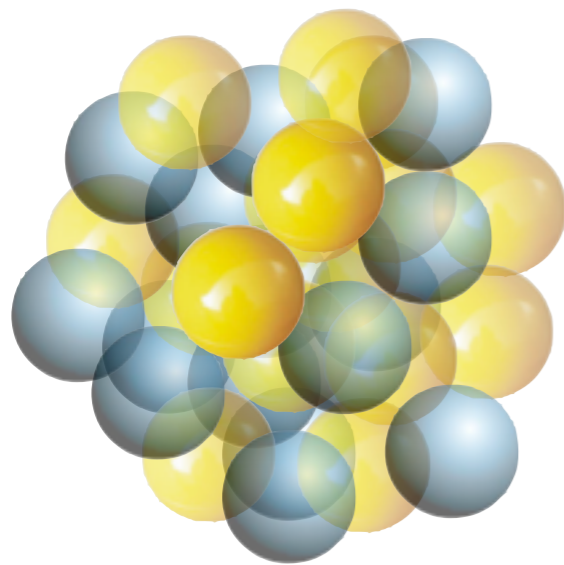
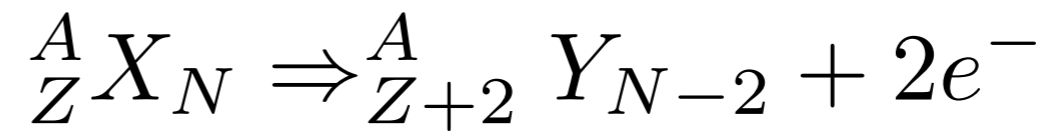
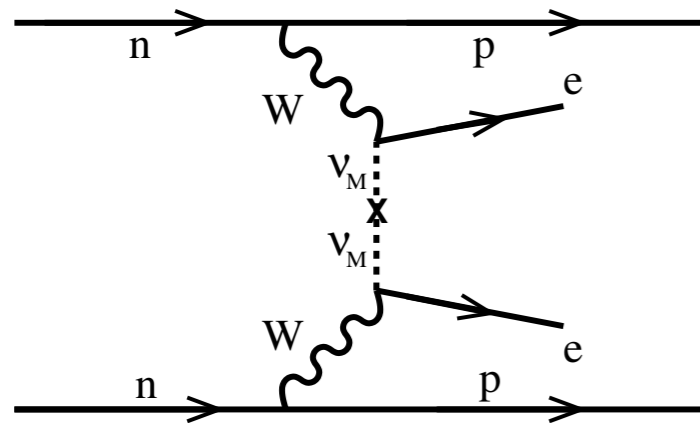
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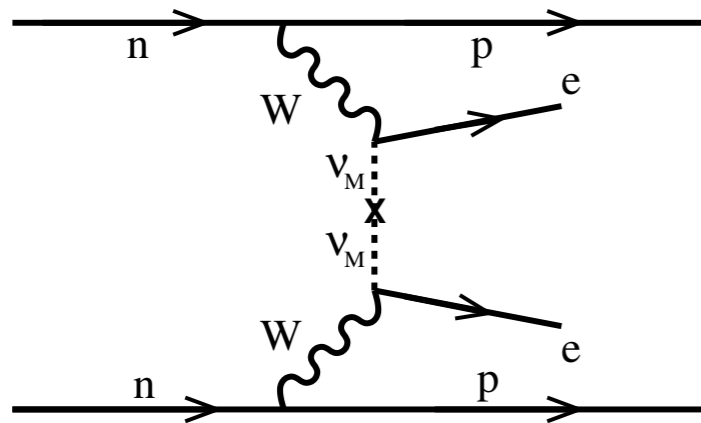
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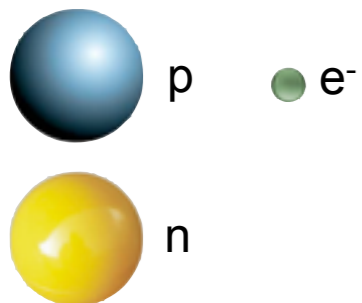
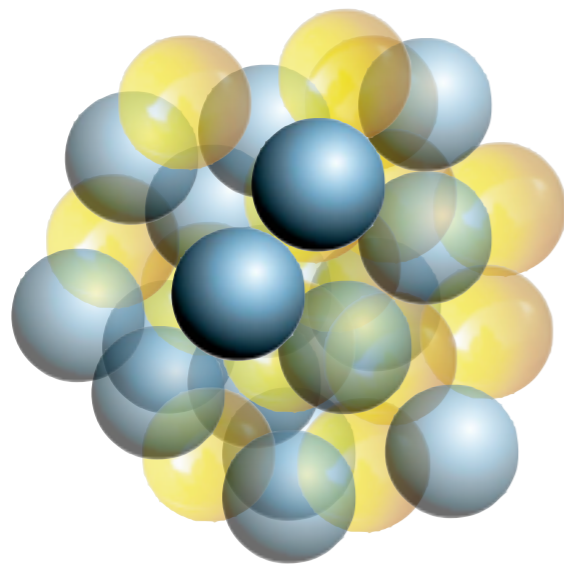
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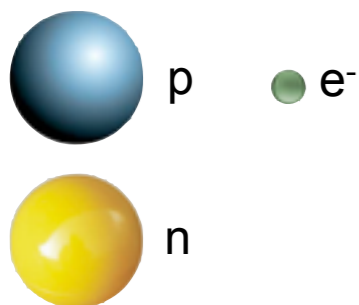
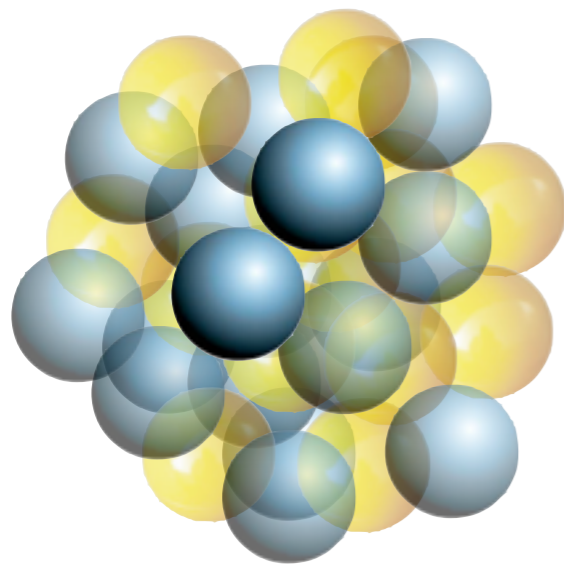
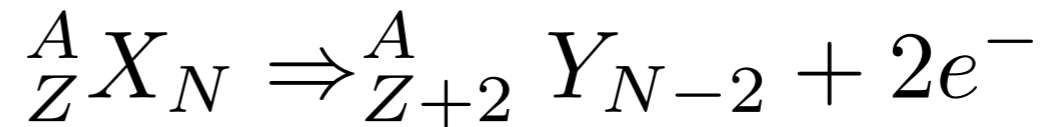
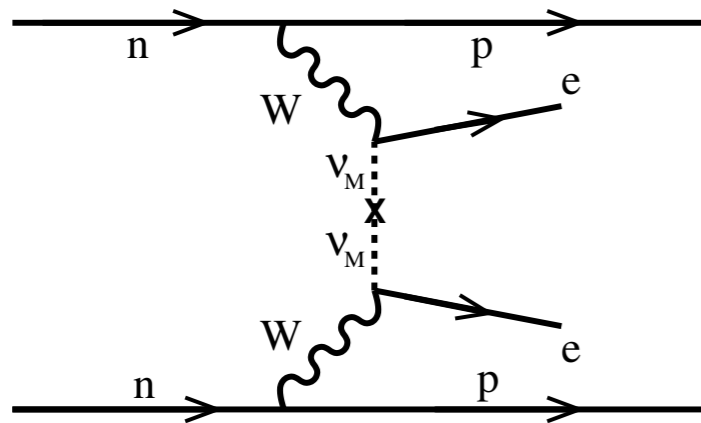
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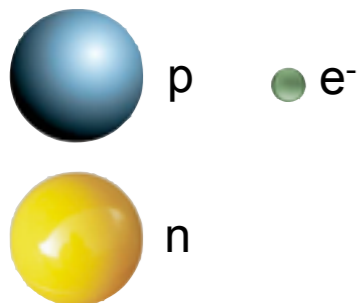
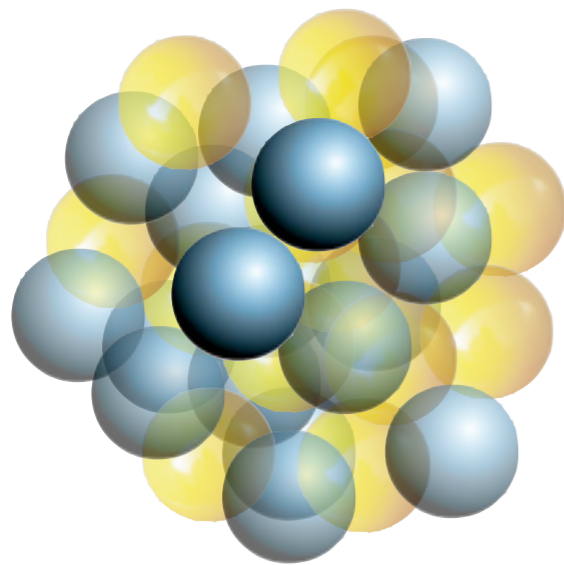
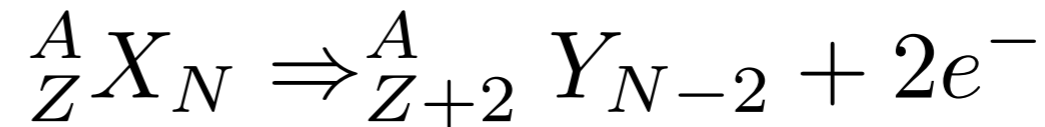
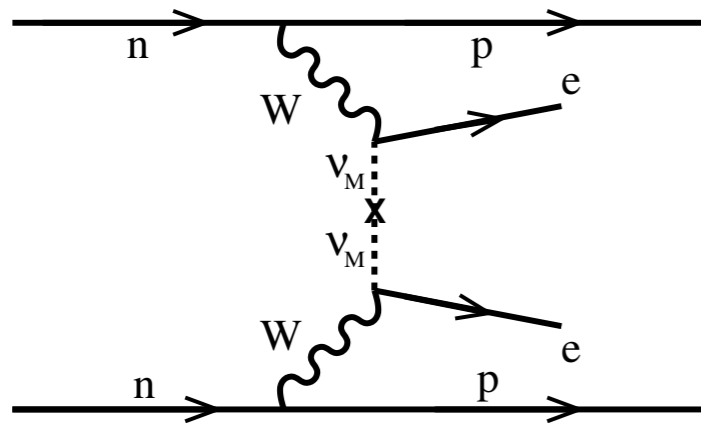
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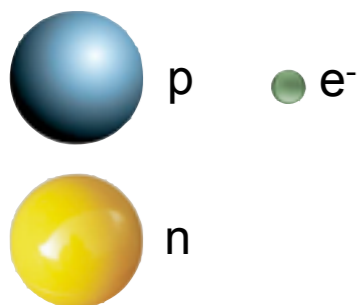
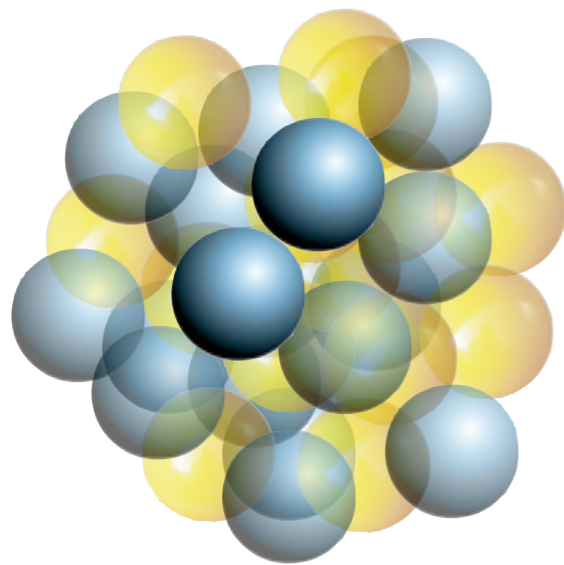
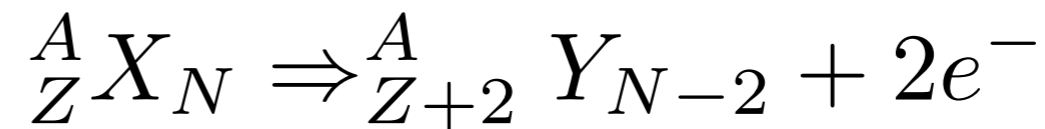
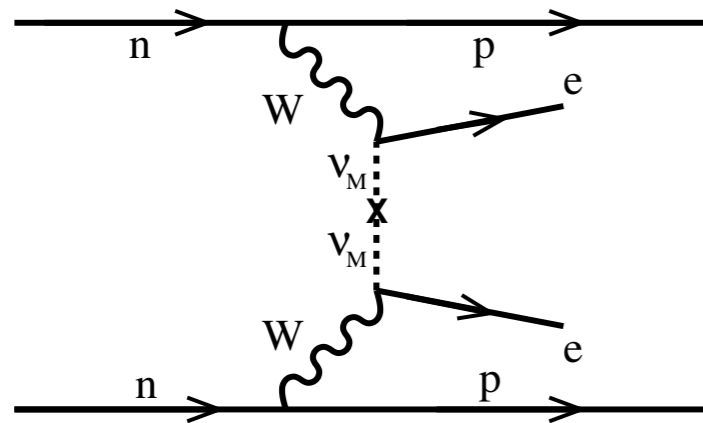
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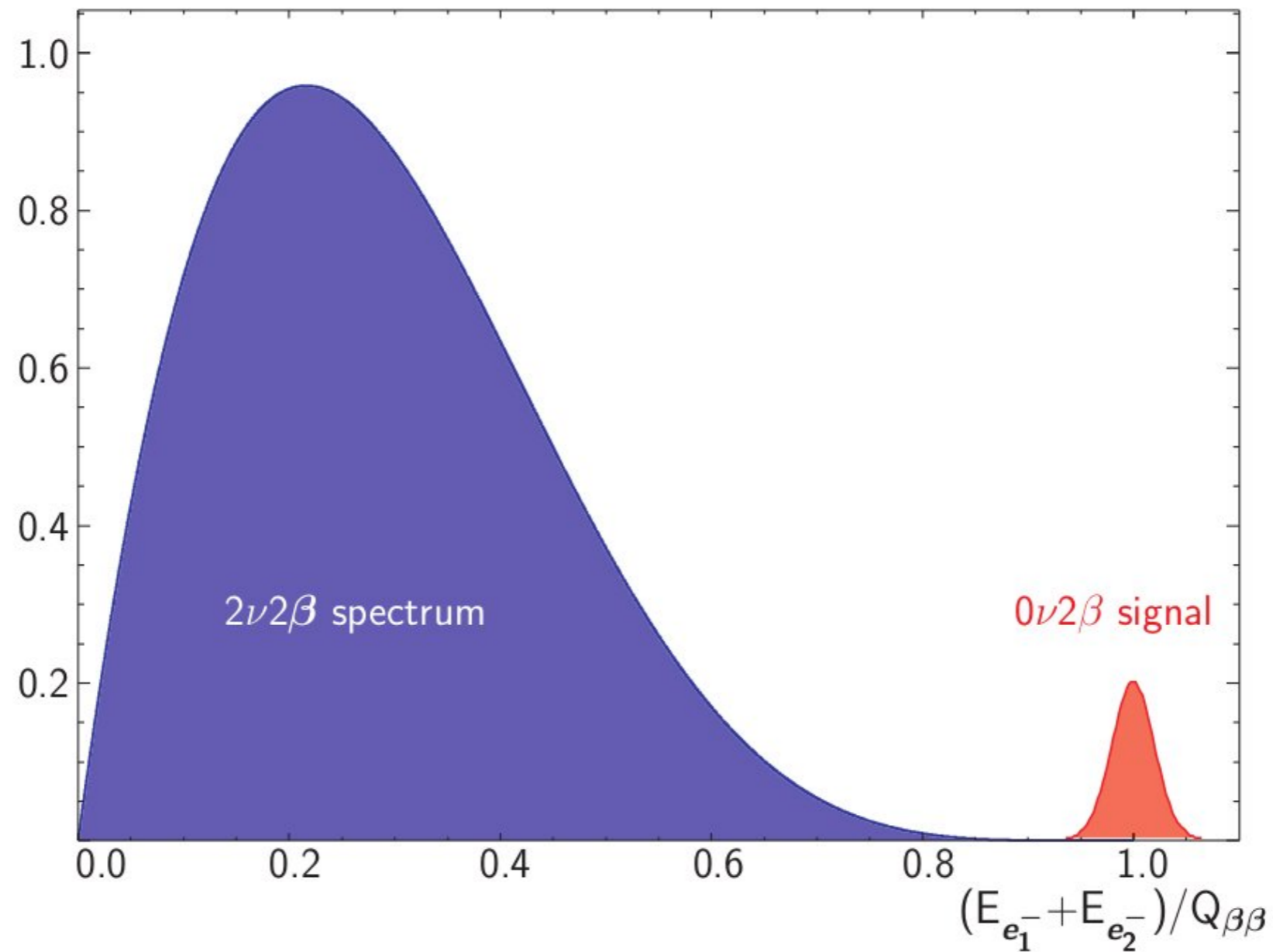
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Only lower limits to the half-lives have been measured so far

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Experiment	Decay	Present limit $T_{1/2}$	Forecast limit $T_{1/2}$	Ref.
GERDA	^{76}Ge	$> 2.1 \times 10^{25}$ yr	$\sim 2 \times 10^{26}$ yr	PRL. 111, 122503 (2013)
Majorana	^{76}Ge	— —	$\sim 4 \times 10^{27}$ yr	arXiv:nucl-ex/ 0311013
EXO-200	^{136}Xe	$> 1.1 \times 10^{25}$ yr	$\sim 1.3 \times 10^{28}$ yr	Nature 510, 229 (2014)
KamLAND-Zen	^{136}Xe	$> 1.9 \times 10^{25}$ yr	$\sim 4 \times 10^{26}$ yr	PRL 110, 062502 (2013)
NEXT	^{136}Xe	— —	$\sim 10^{26}$ yr	JINST 7, C11007 (2012)
(Super)NEMO3	^{82}Se	$> 3.6 \times 10^{23}$ yr	$\sim 1.2 \times 10^{26}$ yr	PRL 95, 182302 (2005)
CUORICINO (CUORE)	^{130}Te	$> 3 \times 10^{24}$ yr	$\sim 2 \times 10^{26}$ yr	PRC 78, 035502 (2008)
(Super)NEMO3	^{150}Nd	$> 1.8 \times 10^{22}$ yr	$\sim 5 \times 10^{25}$ yr	PRC 80, 032501 (2009)
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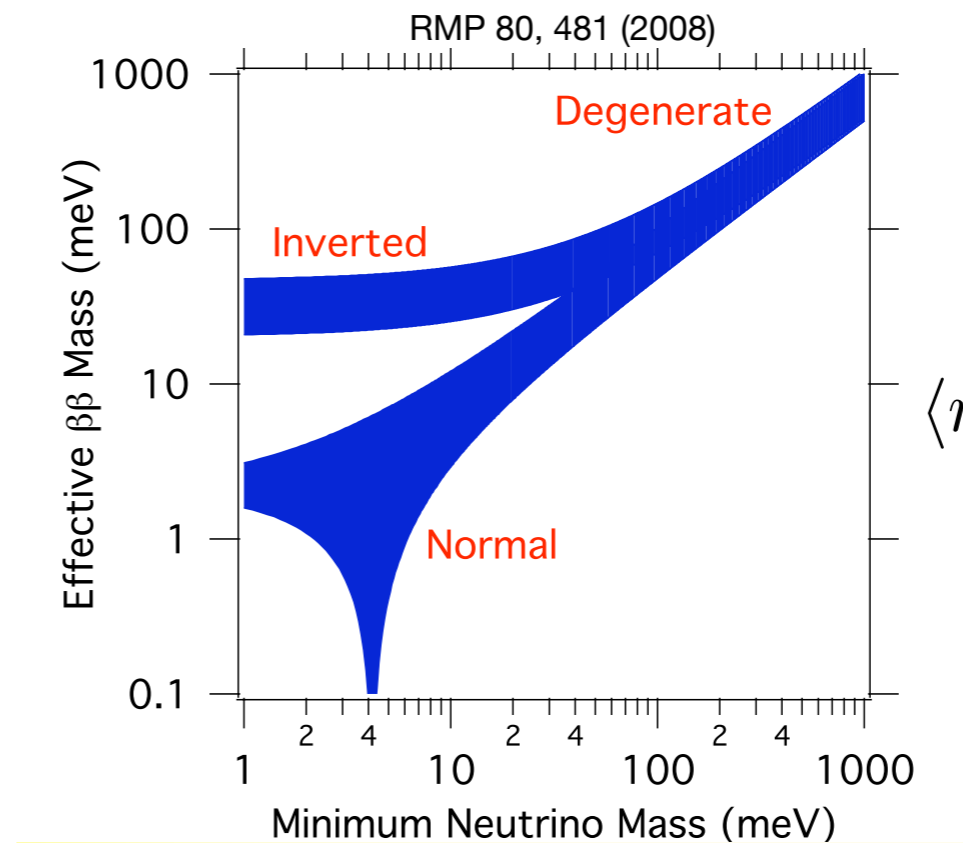
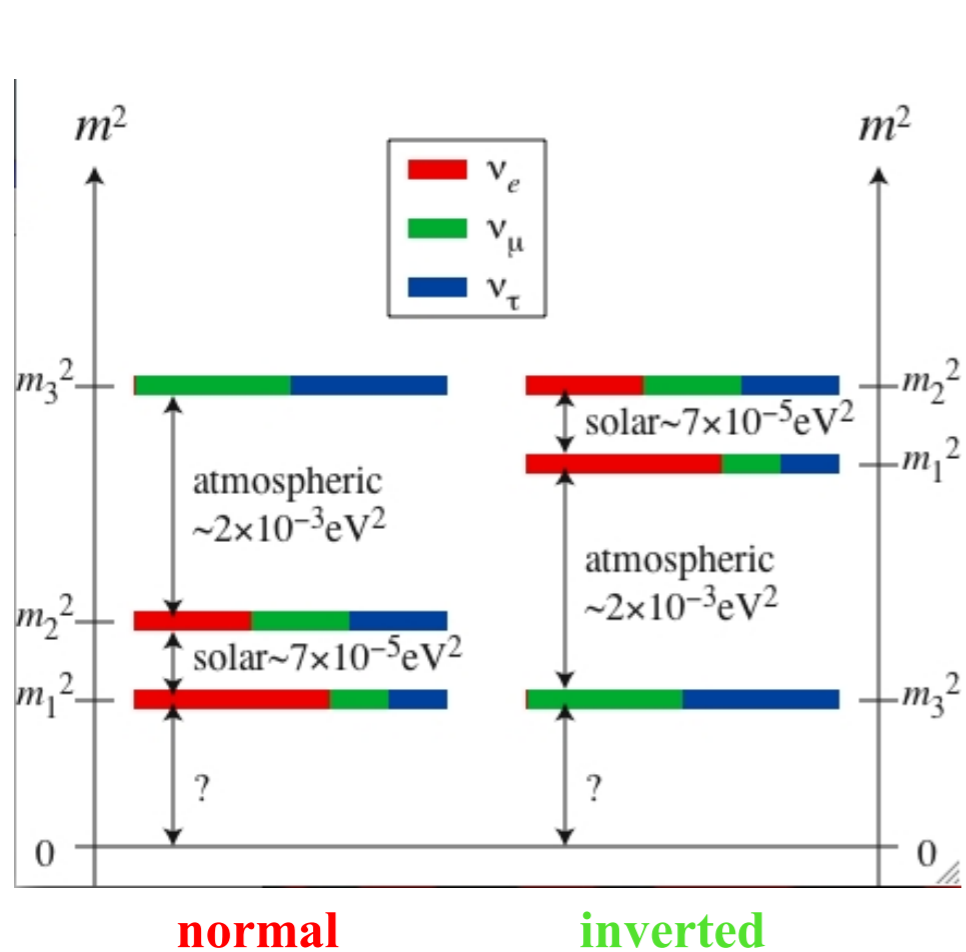
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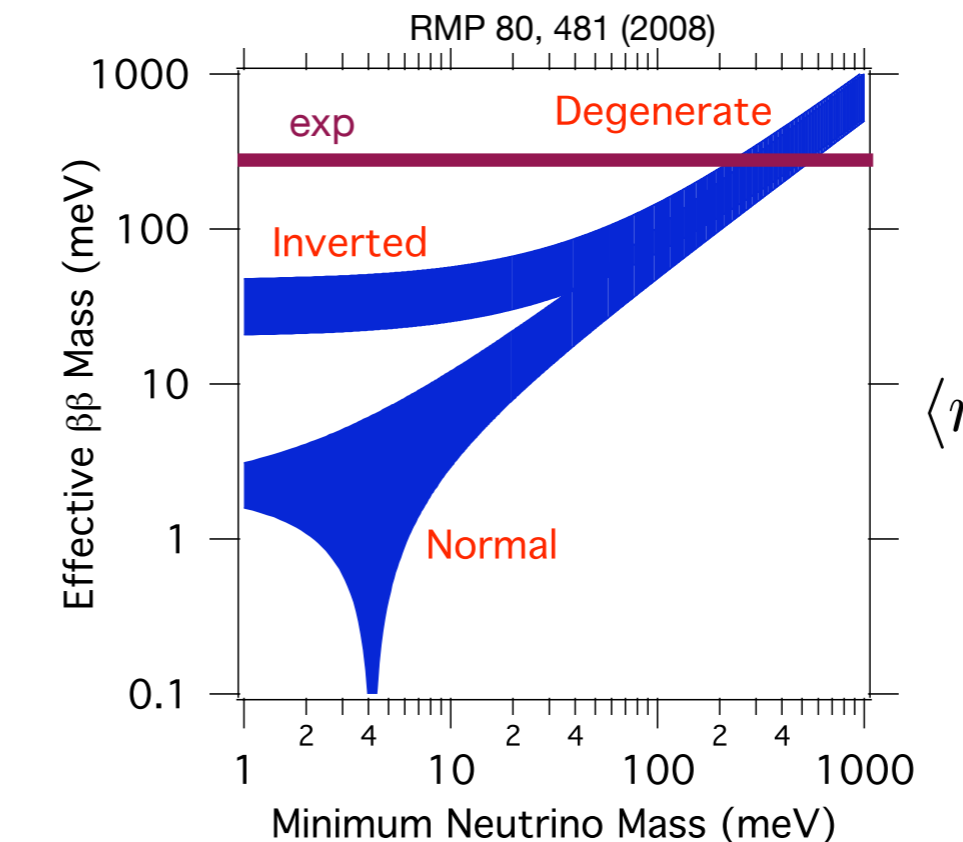
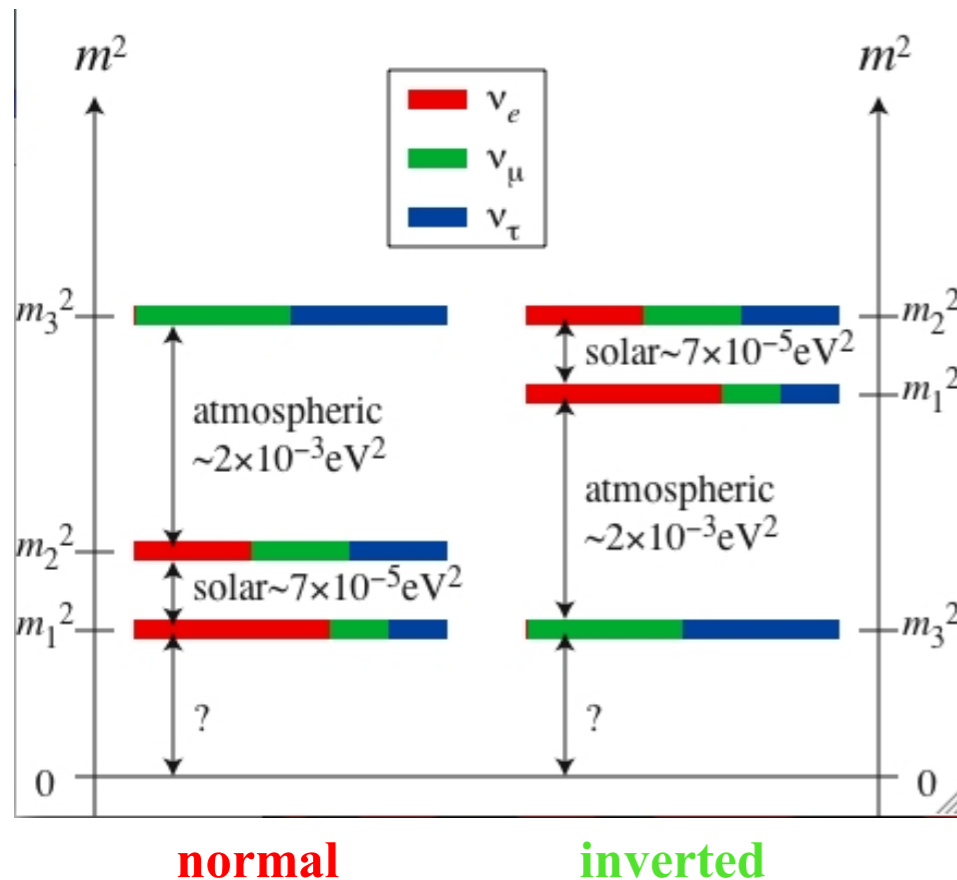
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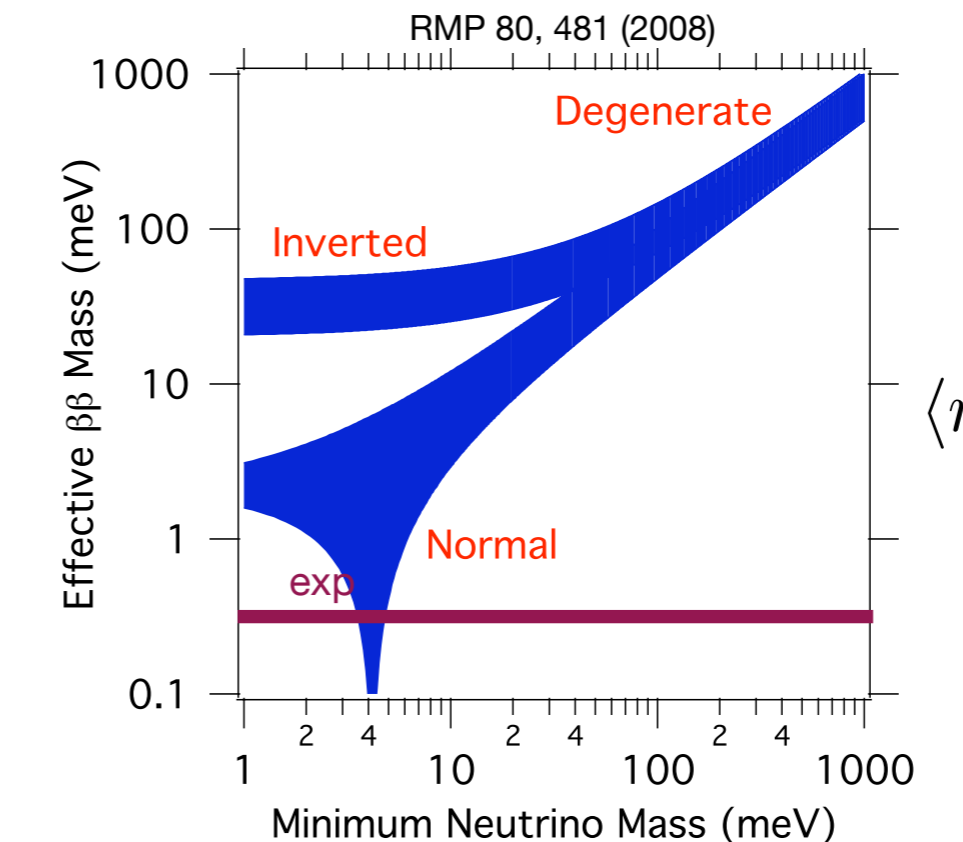
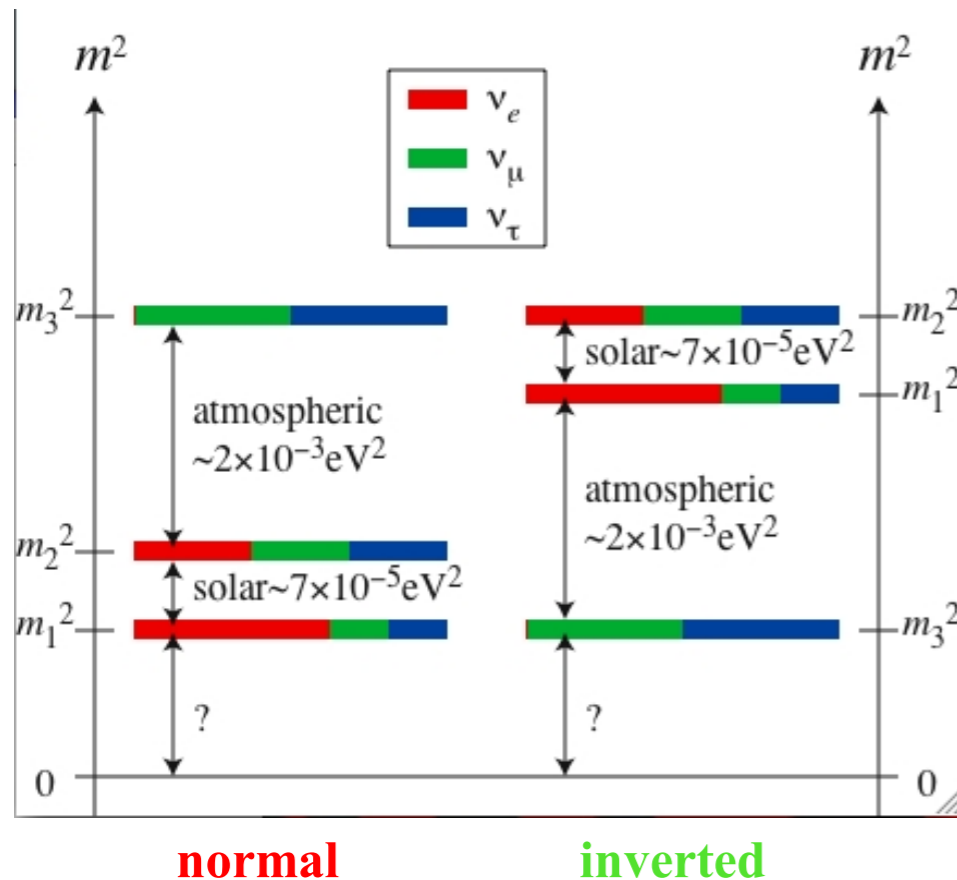
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- **Leading lepton number violating process contributing to $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay**
 - **Exchange of light Majorana neutrino.**
 - Exchange of heavy Majorana neutrino.
 - Leptoquarks.
 - Supersymmetric particles.
 - ...
- **Transition operator connecting initial and final states**
 - Relativistic/Non-relativistic.
 - Nucleon size effects.
 - Two-body weak currents.
 - Form factors.
 - Short-range correlations.
 - Closure approximation.
 - ...
- **Nuclear structure method (fully consistent or not with the operator) for calculating these NME.**
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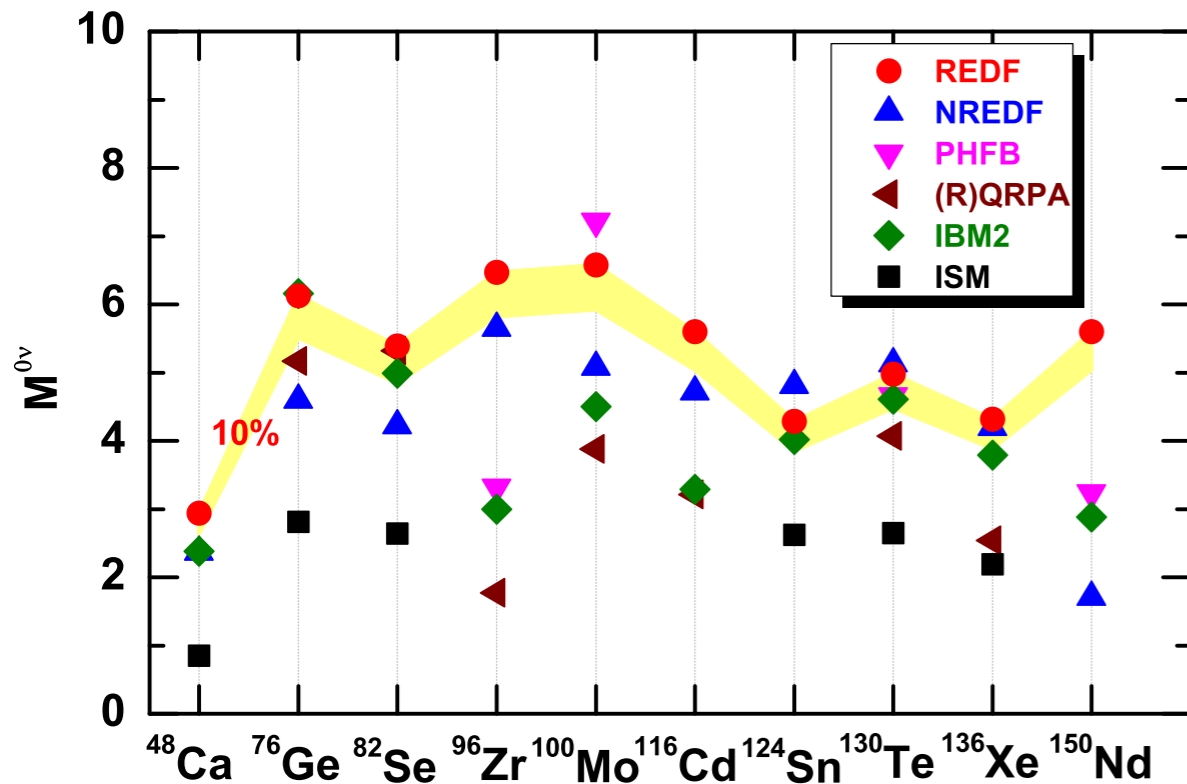
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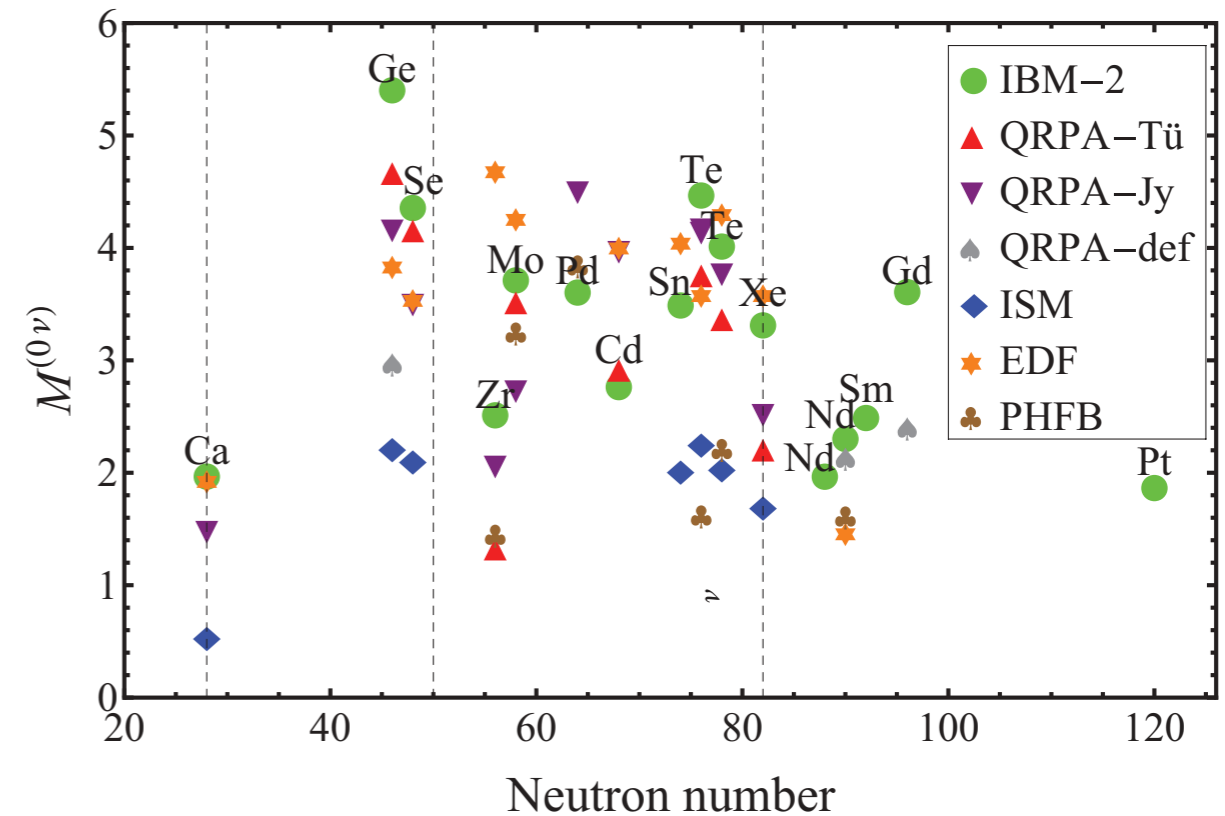
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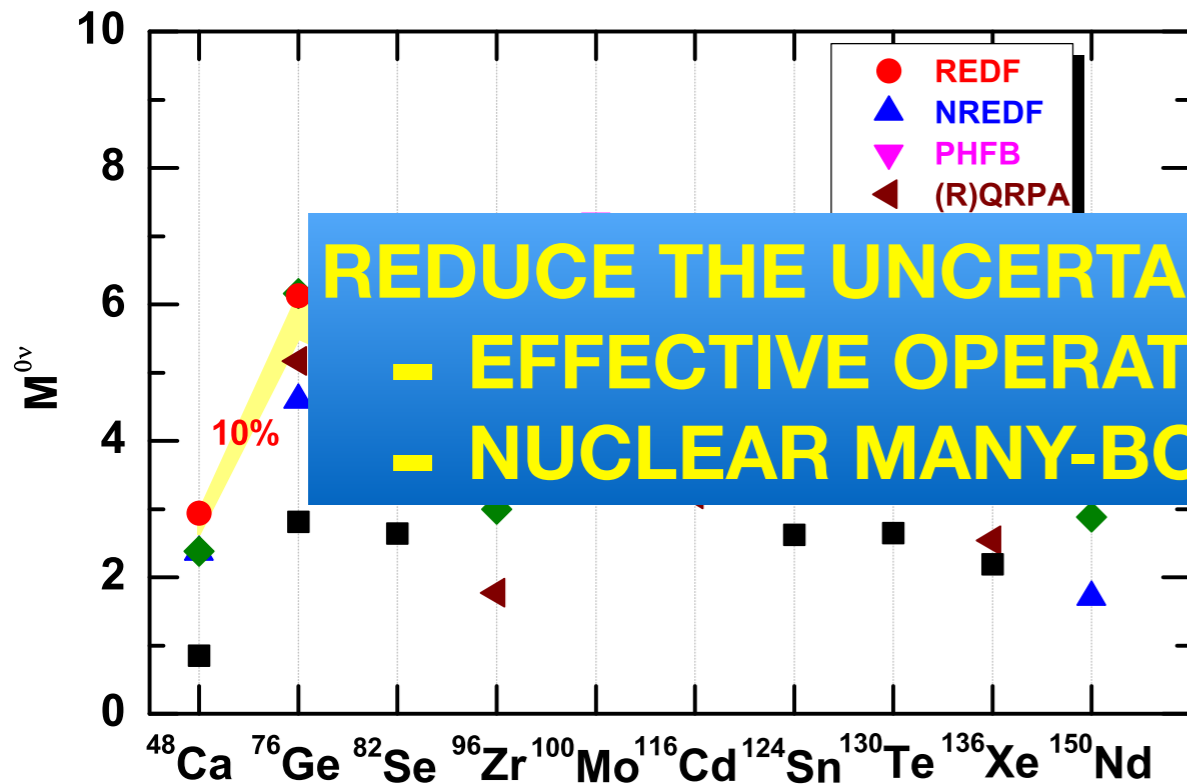
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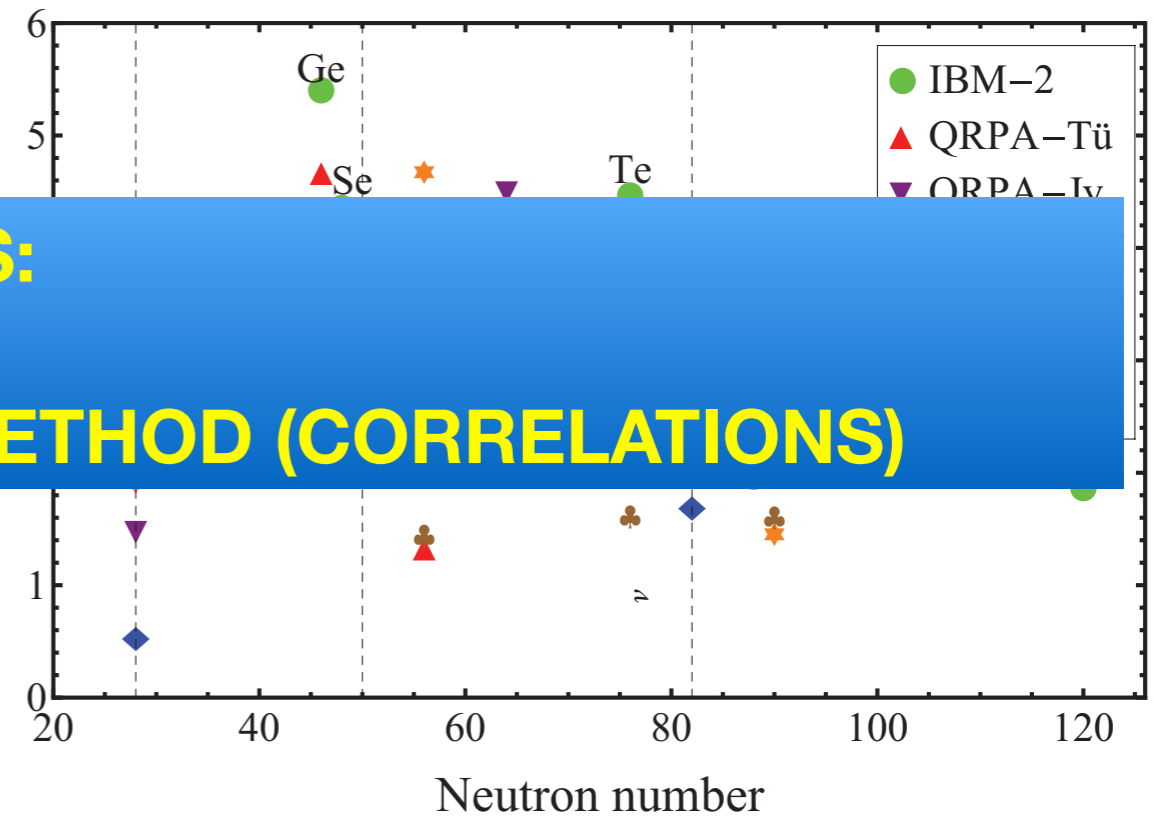
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$$j^\mu(x) = \bar{e}(x) \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_e(x).$$

$$\mathcal{J}_\mu^\dagger(x) = \bar{\psi}(x) \left[g_V(q^2) \gamma_\mu + i g_M(q^2) \frac{\sigma_{\mu\nu}}{2m_p} q^\nu - g_A(q^2) \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 - g_P(q^2) q_\mu \gamma_5 \right] \tau_- \psi(x),$$

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Fully relativistic treatment:

L. S. Song et al., arXiv:1407.1368

J. M. Yao et al., arXiv:1410.6326

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The non-relativistic “two-current” operator $[\mathcal{J}_\mu^\dagger \mathcal{J}^{\mu\dagger}]_{\text{NR}}$ can be decomposed, as in other non-relativistic calculations, into the Fermi, the Gamow-Teller, and the tensor parts:

$$[-h_F(\mathbf{q}^2) + h_{\text{GT}}(\mathbf{q}^2)\sigma_{12} + h_T(\mathbf{q}^2)S_{12}^q] \tau_-^{(1)} \tau_-^{(2)}, \quad (34)$$

with the tensor operator $S_{12}^q = 3(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(1)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}})(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(2)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}}) - \sigma_{12}$ and $\sigma_{12} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(1)} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(2)}$. Each channel (K : F, GT, T) of Eq. (34) can be labeled by the terms of the hadronic current from which it originates, as

$$h_K(\mathbf{q}^2) = \sum_i h_{K-i}(\mathbf{q}^2), \quad (i = VV, AA, AP, PP, MM)$$

with

$$h_{F-VV}(\mathbf{q}^2) = -g_V^2(\mathbf{q}^2), \quad (35a)$$

$$h_{\text{GT-AA}}(\mathbf{q}^2) = -g_A^2(\mathbf{q}^2), \quad (35b)$$

$$h_{\text{GT-AP}}(\mathbf{q}^2) = \frac{2}{3}g_A(\mathbf{q}^2)g_P(\mathbf{q}^2)\frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{2m_p}, \quad (35c)$$

$$h_{\text{GT-PP}}(\mathbf{q}^2) = -\frac{1}{3}g_P^2(\mathbf{q}^2)\frac{\mathbf{q}^4}{4m_p^2}, \quad (35d)$$

$$h_{\text{GT-MM}}(\mathbf{q}^2) = -\frac{2}{3}g_M^2(\mathbf{q}^2)\frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{4m_p^2}, \quad (35e)$$

$$h_{T-AP}(\mathbf{q}^2) = h_{\text{GT-AP}}(\mathbf{q}^2), \quad (35f)$$

$$h_{T-PP}(\mathbf{q}^2) = h_{\text{GT-PP}}(\mathbf{q}^2), \quad (35g)$$

$$h_{T-MM}(\mathbf{q}^2) = -\frac{1}{2}h_{\text{GT-MM}}(\mathbf{q}^2). \quad (35h)$$

F. Simkovic et. al, PRC 60, 055502 (1999)

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Transition operator

• Non-relativistic

$$M^{0\nu}(0_I^+ \rightarrow 0_F^+)$$

$$\hat{O}^{0\nu} = \sum_i \hat{O}_i^{0\nu}, \quad (i)$$

$$\hat{O}_i^{0\nu} = \frac{4\pi R}{g_A^2} \int d^3x_1 d^3x_2$$

Table 1: The normalized NME $\tilde{M}^{0\nu}$ for the $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay obtained with the particle number projected spherical mean-field configuration ($\beta_I = \beta_F = 0$) by the PC-PK1 force using both the relativistic and non-relativistic reduced (first-order of q/m_p in the one-body current) transition operators. The ratio of the AA term to the total NME, $R_{AA} \equiv \tilde{M}_{AA}^{0\nu}/\tilde{M}^{0\nu}$, the relativistic effect $\Delta_{\text{Rel.}} \equiv (\tilde{M}^{0\nu} - \tilde{M}_{\text{NR}}^{0\nu})/\tilde{M}^{0\nu}$ and the ratio of the tensor part to the total NME, $R_T \equiv \tilde{M}_{\text{NR,T}}^{0\nu}/\tilde{M}_{\text{NR}}^{0\nu}$, are also presented.

Sph+PNP (PC-PK1)	$\tilde{M}^{0\nu}$	R_{AA}	$\tilde{M}_{\text{NR}}^{0\nu}$	$\Delta_{\text{Rel.}}$	R_T
$^{48}\text{Ca} \rightarrow ^{48}\text{Ti}$	3.66	81%	3.74	-2.1%	-2.4%
$^{76}\text{Ge} \rightarrow ^{76}\text{Se}$	7.59	94%	7.71	-1.6%	3.5%
$^{82}\text{Se} \rightarrow ^{82}\text{Kr}$	7.58	93%	7.68	-1.4%	2.9%
$^{96}\text{Zr} \rightarrow ^{96}\text{Mo}$	5.64	95%	5.63	0.2%	3.6%
$^{100}\text{Mo} \rightarrow ^{100}\text{Ru}$	10.92	95%	10.91	0.1%	3.5%
$^{116}\text{Cd} \rightarrow ^{116}\text{Sn}$	6.18	94%	6.13	0.7%	1.9%
$^{124}\text{Sn} \rightarrow ^{124}\text{Te}$	6.66	94%	6.78	-1.8%	4.9%
$^{130}\text{Te} \rightarrow ^{130}\text{Xe}$	9.50	94%	9.64	-1.4%	4.3%
$^{136}\text{Xe} \rightarrow ^{136}\text{Ba}$	6.59	94%	6.70	-1.7%	4.1%
$^{150}\text{Nd} \rightarrow ^{150}\text{Sm}$	13.25	95%	13.08	1.3%	2.5%

J. M. Yao et al., Phys. Rev. C 90, 054309 (2014)

$$h_{\text{T-MM}}(q^2) = -\frac{1}{2}h_{\text{GT-MM}}(q^2). \quad (35h)$$

Transition operator

• Non-relativistic reduction

- Neglect the tensor term.
- Closure approximation
(10% error at most, from QRPA and ISM calculations)

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

$$M_F^{0\nu\beta\beta} = \left(\frac{g_A(0)}{g_V(0)} \right)^2 \langle 0_f^+ | \hat{V}_F(1, 2) \hat{\tau}_-^{(1)} \hat{\tau}_-^{(2)} | 0_i^+ \rangle$$

$$M_{GT}^{0\nu\beta\beta} = \langle 0_f^+ | \hat{V}_{GT}(1, 2) \hat{\tau}_-^{(1)} \hat{\tau}_-^{(2)} | 0_i^+ \rangle$$

$$\langle \vec{r}_1 \vec{r}_2 | \hat{V}_F(1, 2) | \vec{r}'_1 \vec{r}'_2 \rangle = v_F (|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|) \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}'_1) \delta(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}'_2)$$

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Neutrino potentials

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Starting from the weak Lagrangian that describes the process some approximations are made:

1. Non-relativistic approach in the hadronic part.
2. Closure approximation in the virtual intermediate state
3. Nucleon form factors taken in the dipolar approximation.
4. Tensor contribution is neglected.
5. High order currents are included (HOC).
6. Short range correlations are included with an UCOM correlator.

- Find the initial and final 0^+ (and, in the no closure approximation, the intermediate) states
- Evaluate the transition operators between these states

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- The 'bare' operator should be transformed into an 'effective' operator defined in the valence space

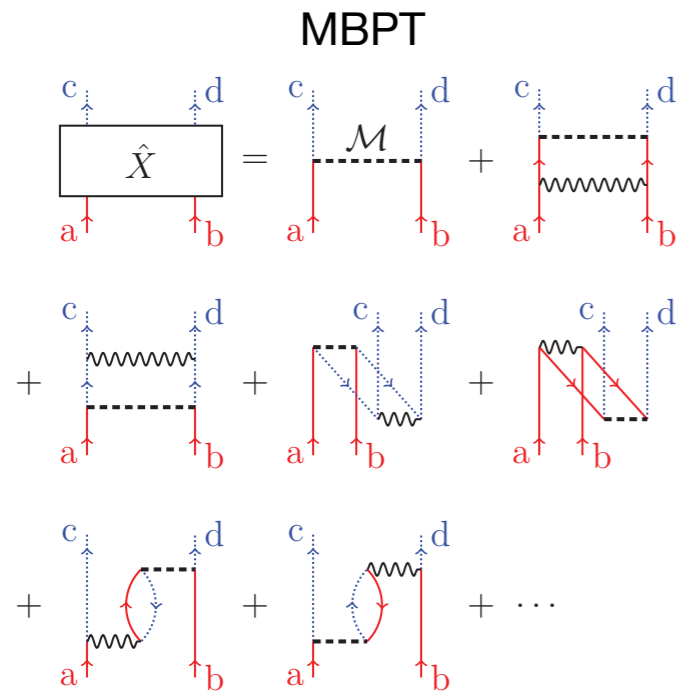


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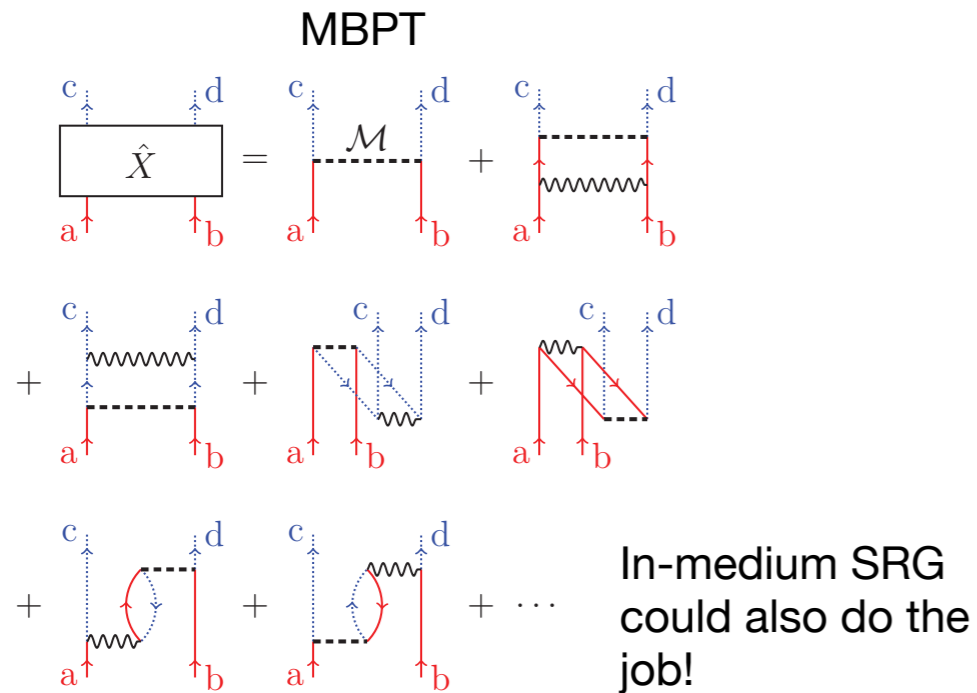


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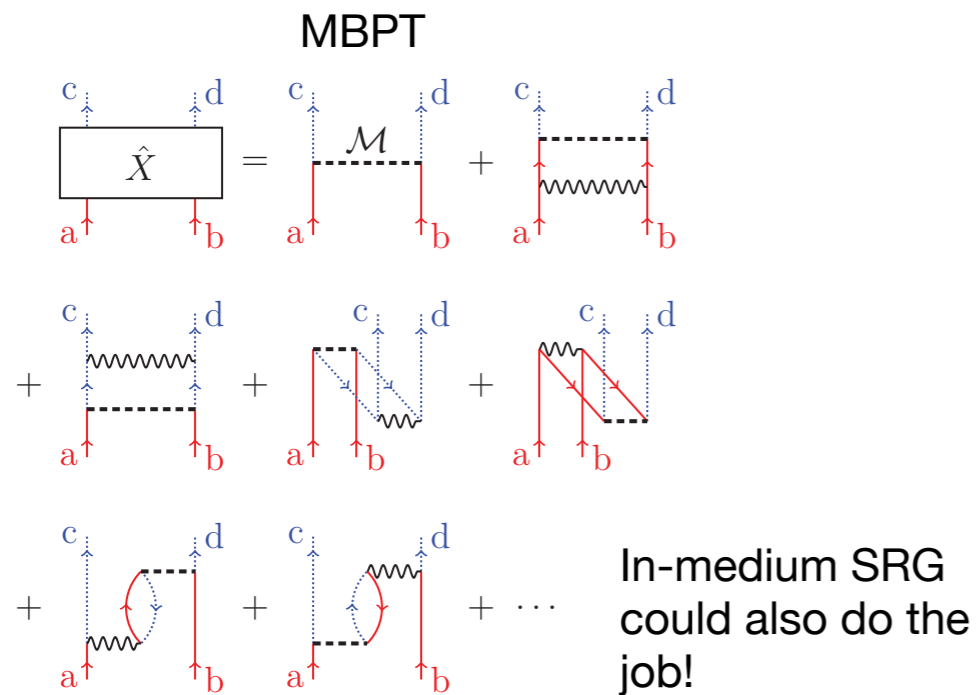


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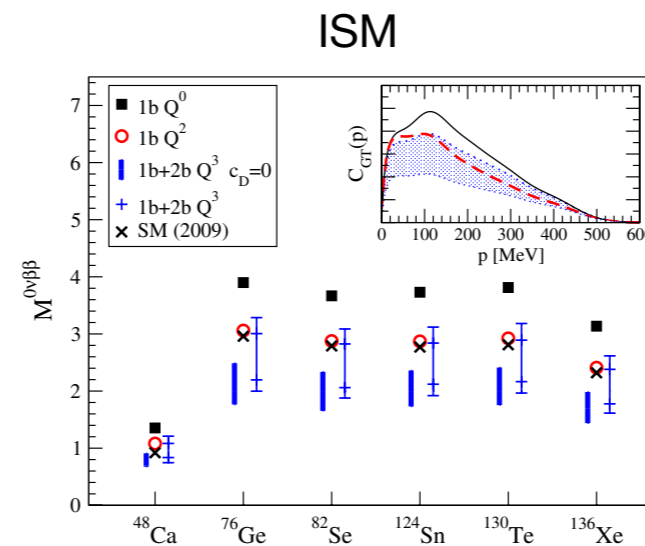


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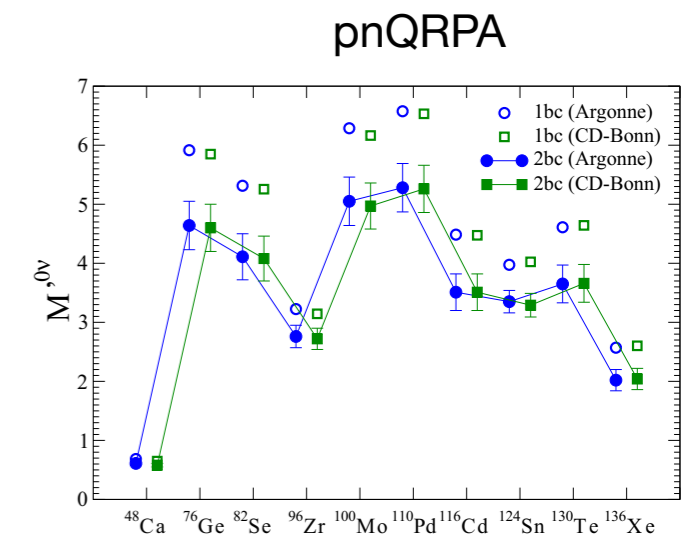


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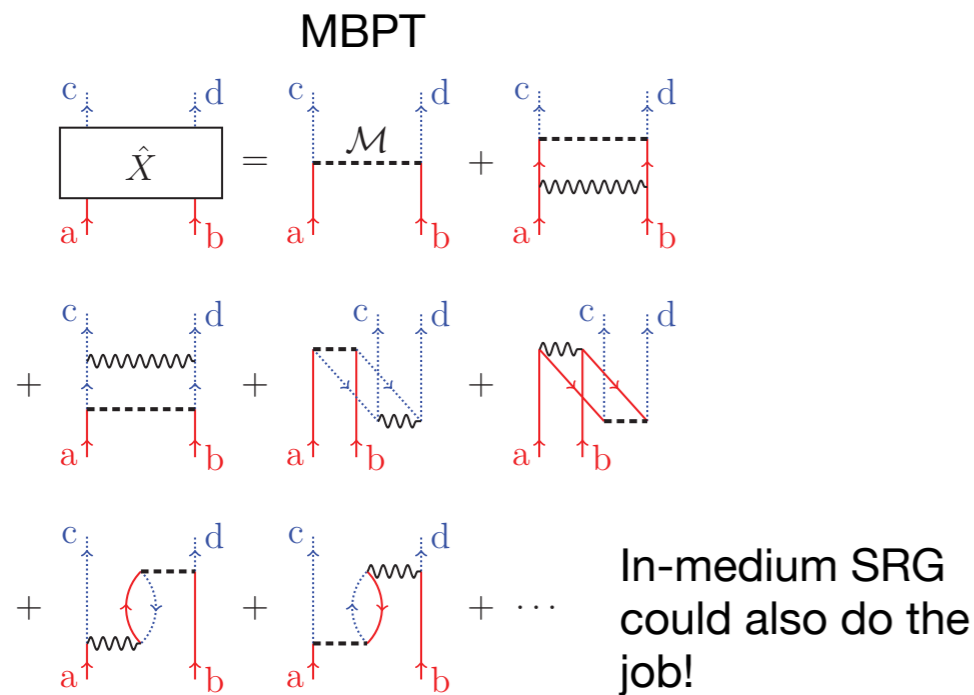


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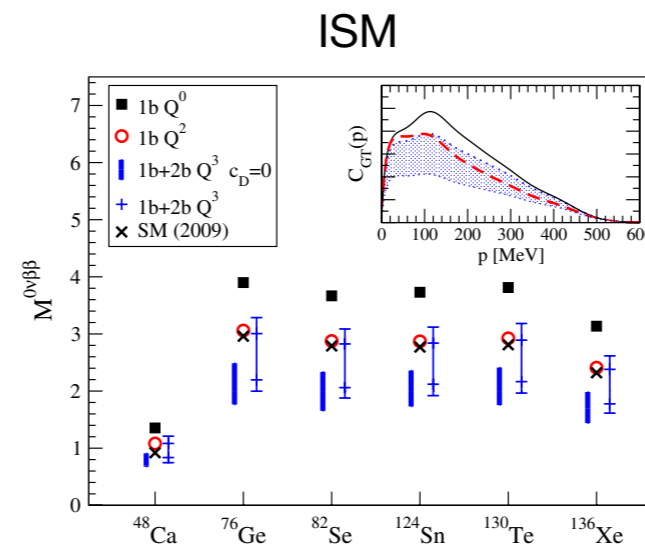


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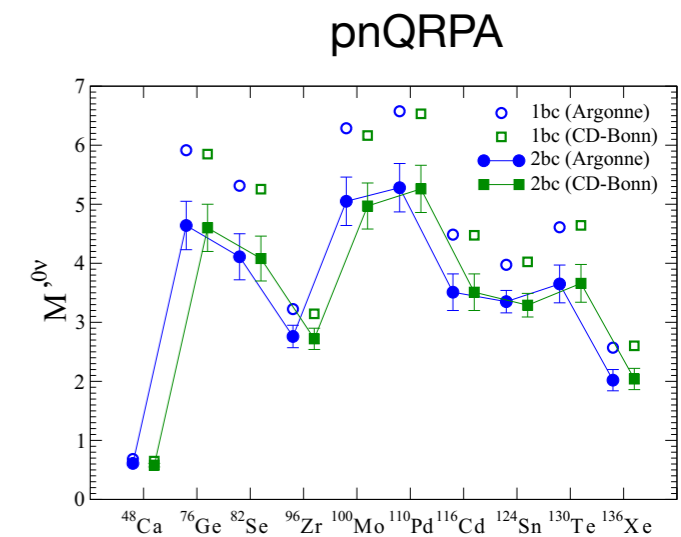


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➡ these are problems closely related to the quenching of Gamow-Teller strength

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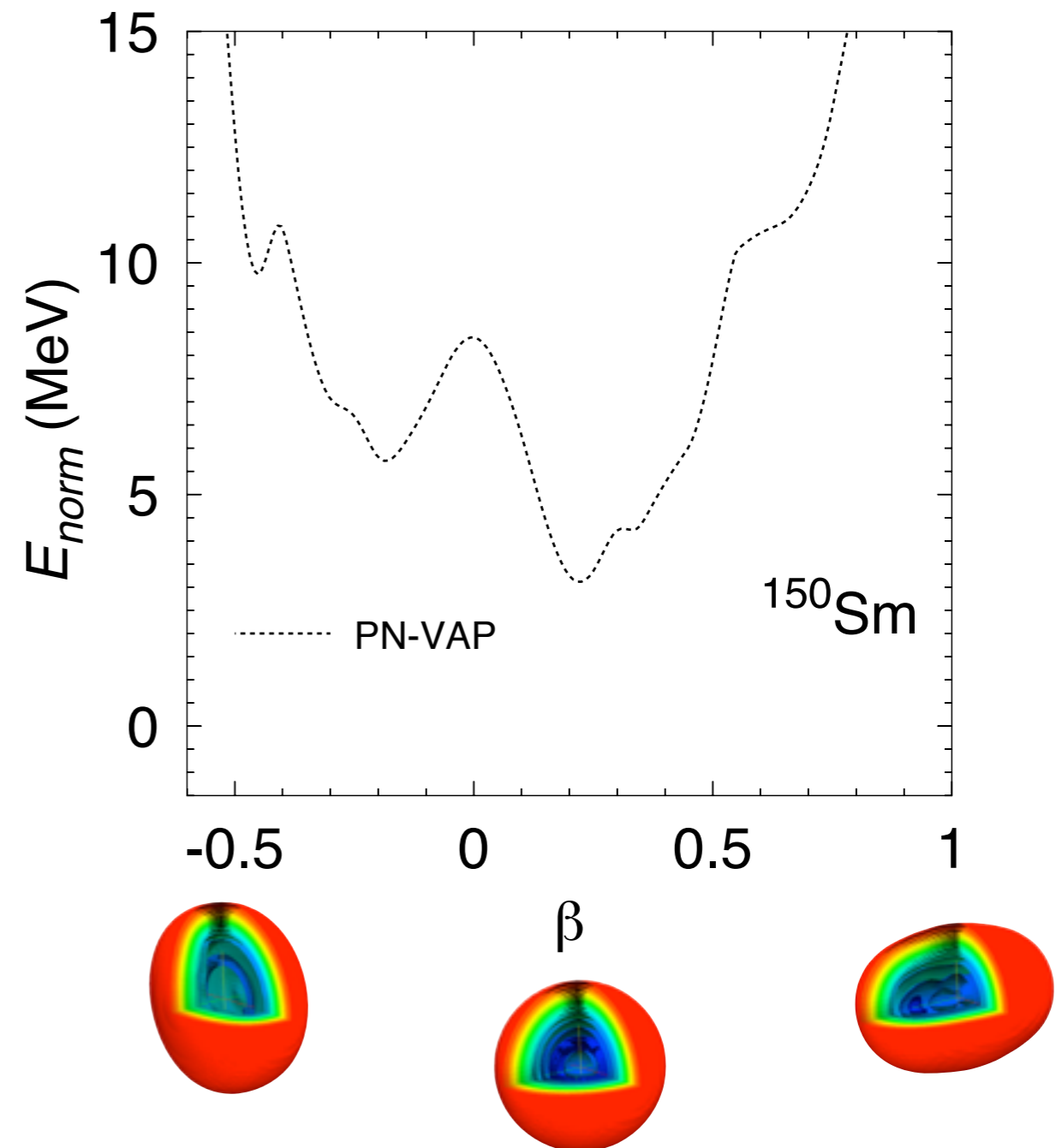
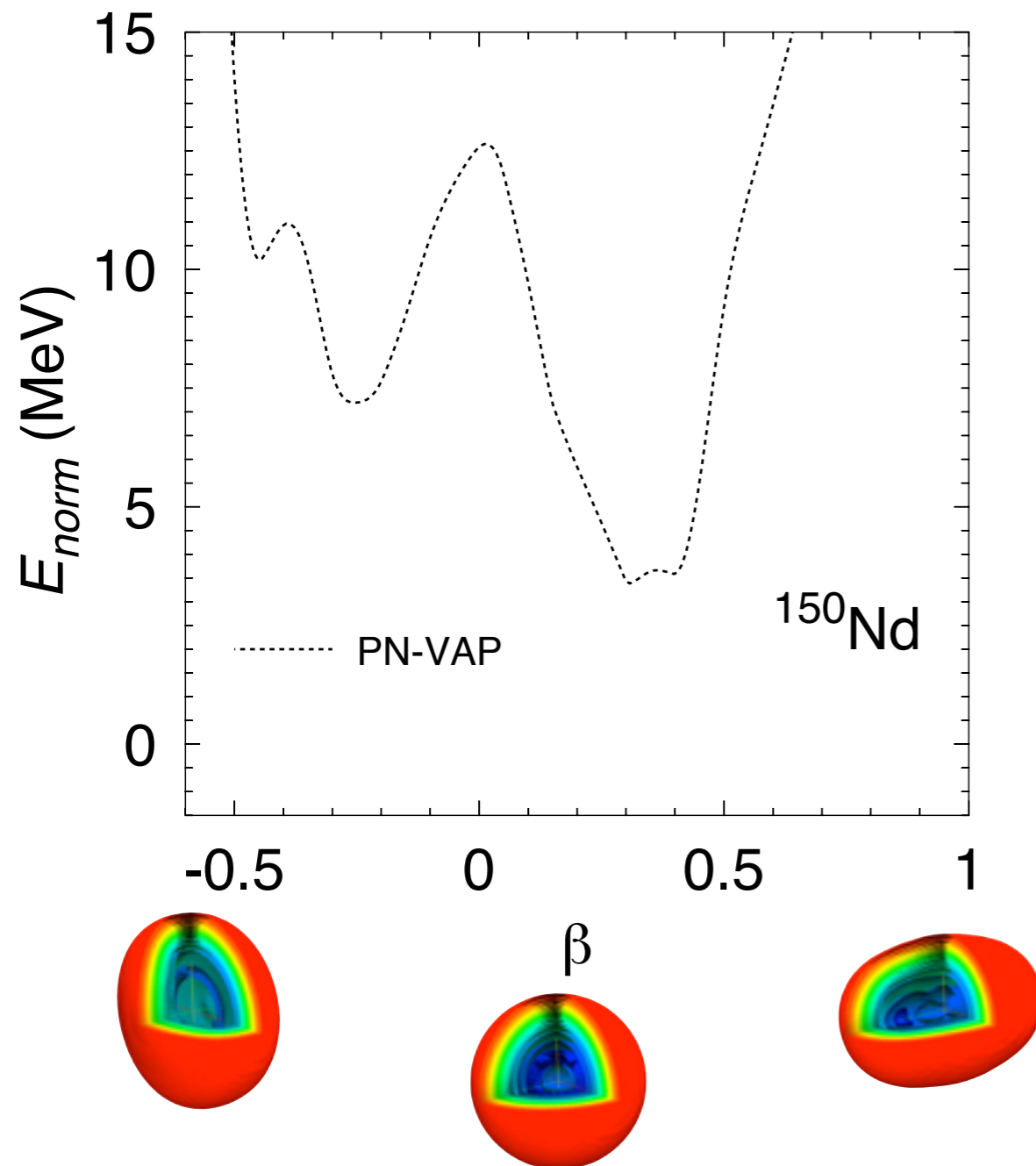
We want to study the role of

- Deformation and shape mixing.
- Pairing pp/nn/pn correlations.
- Shell effects.
- Isospin conservation.
- Pair breaking (seniority).
- Occupation numbers.
- Size of the valence space.

in the nuclear matrix elements using a standard prescription for the transition operator.

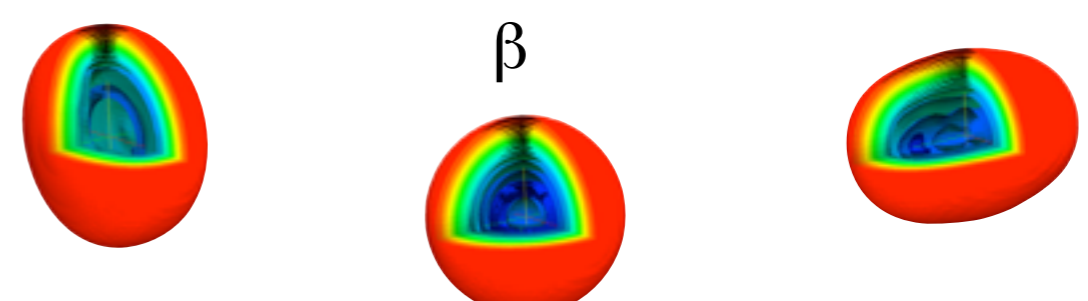
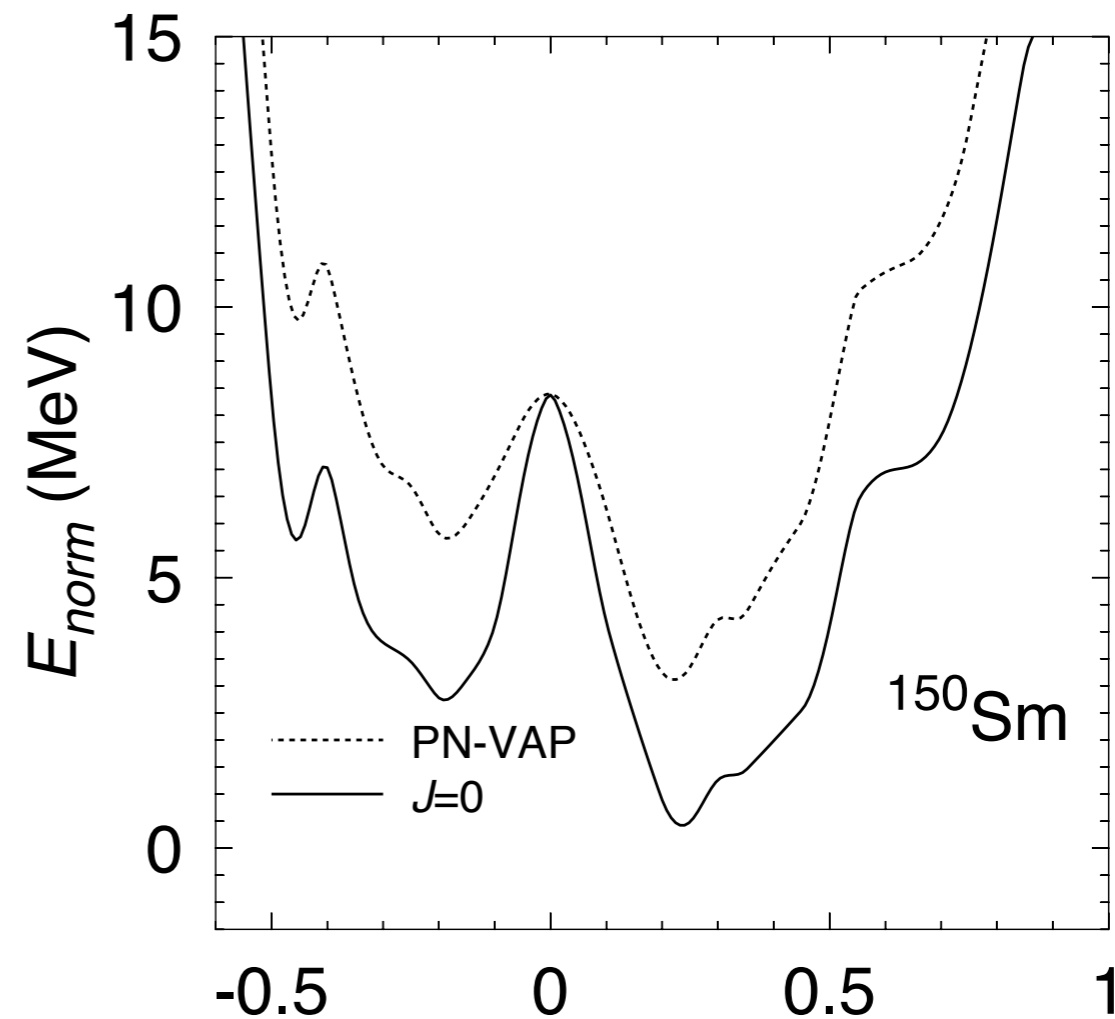
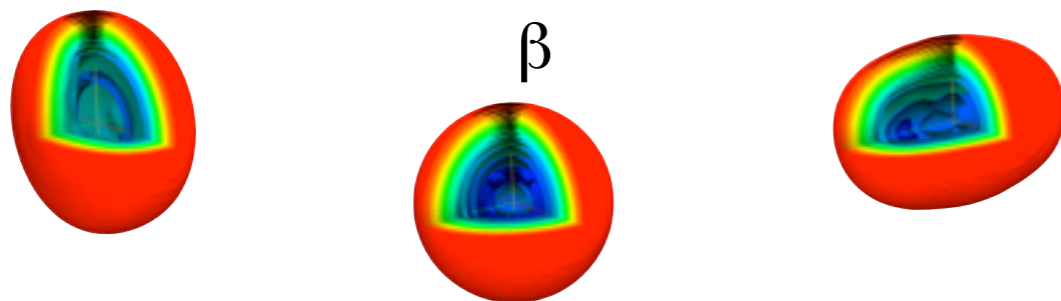
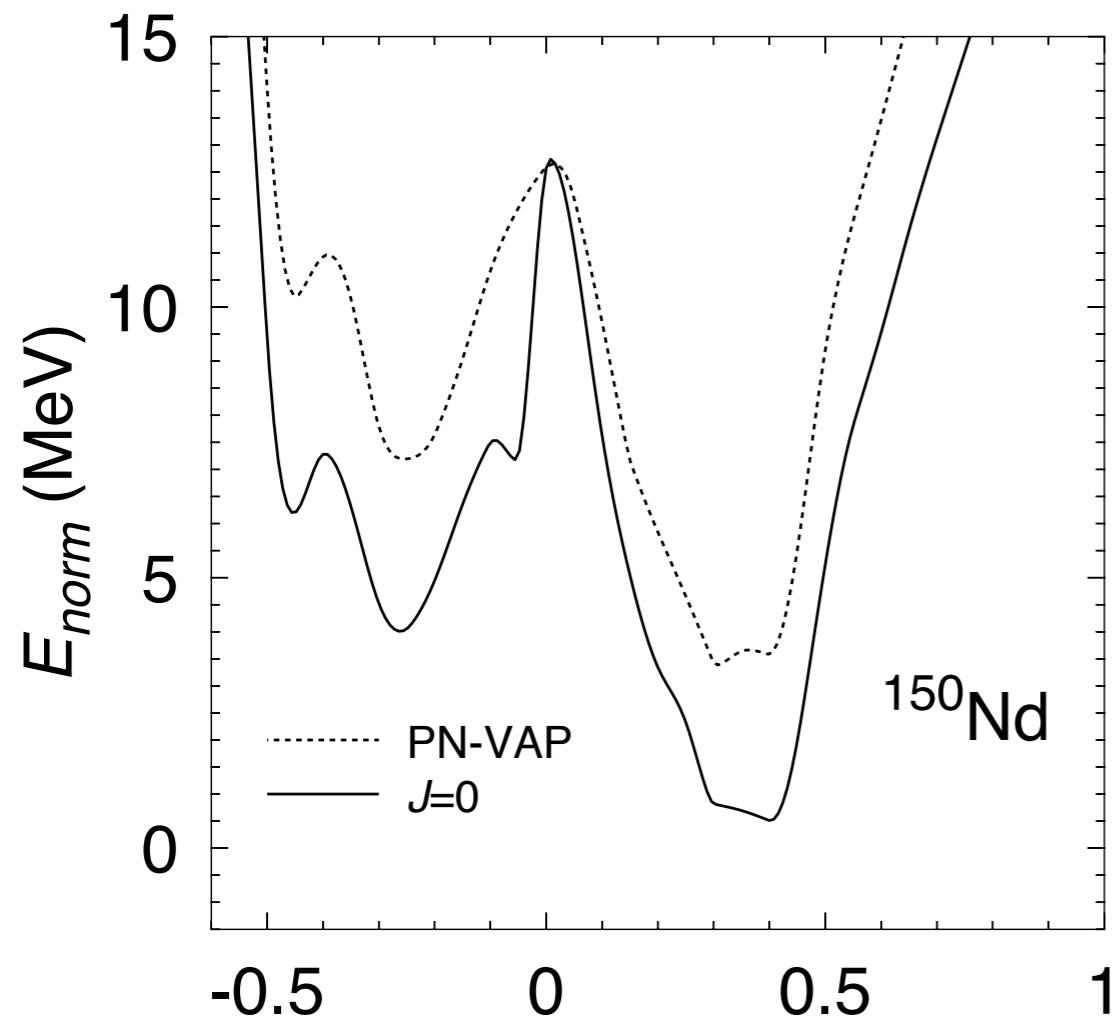
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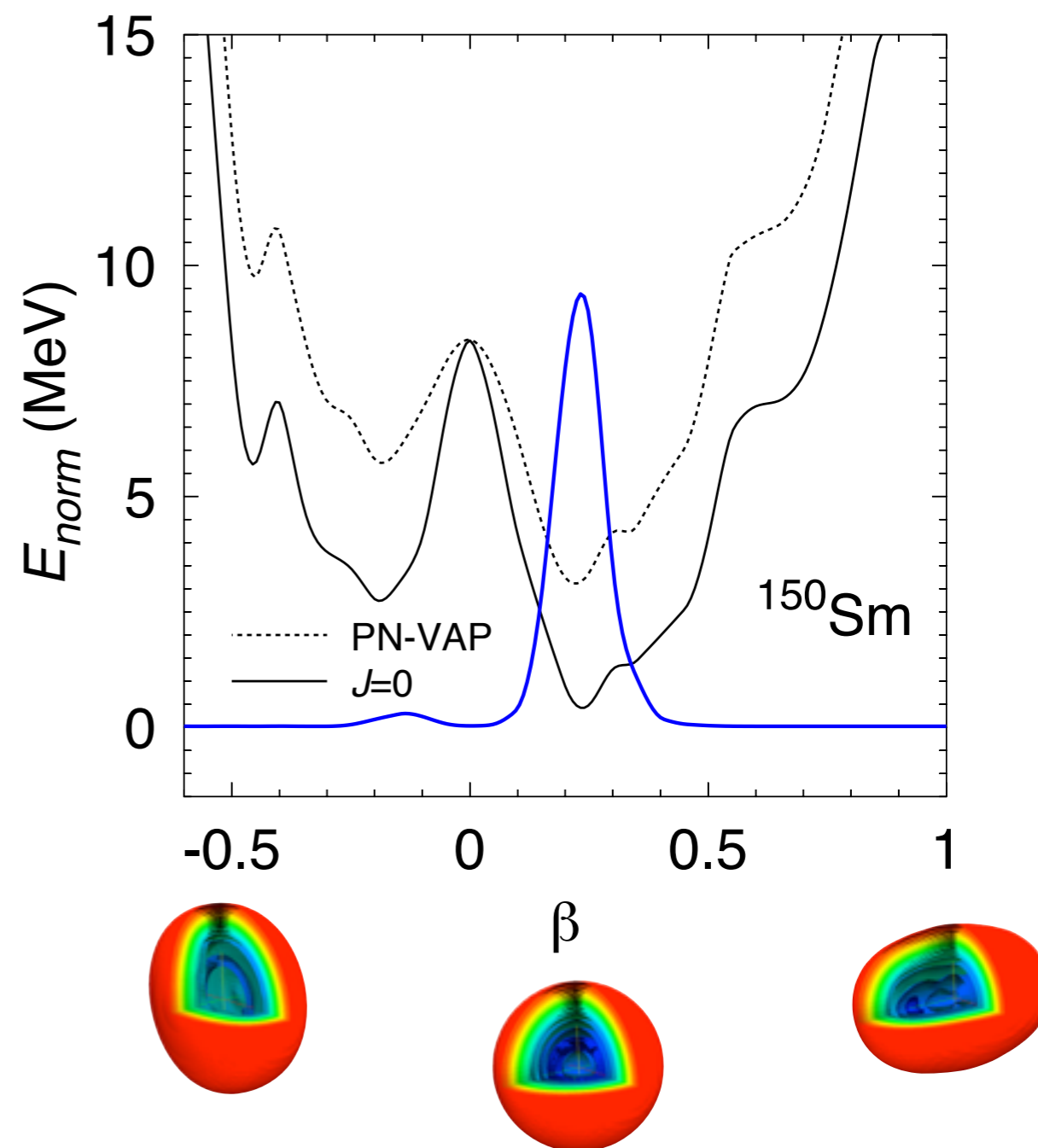
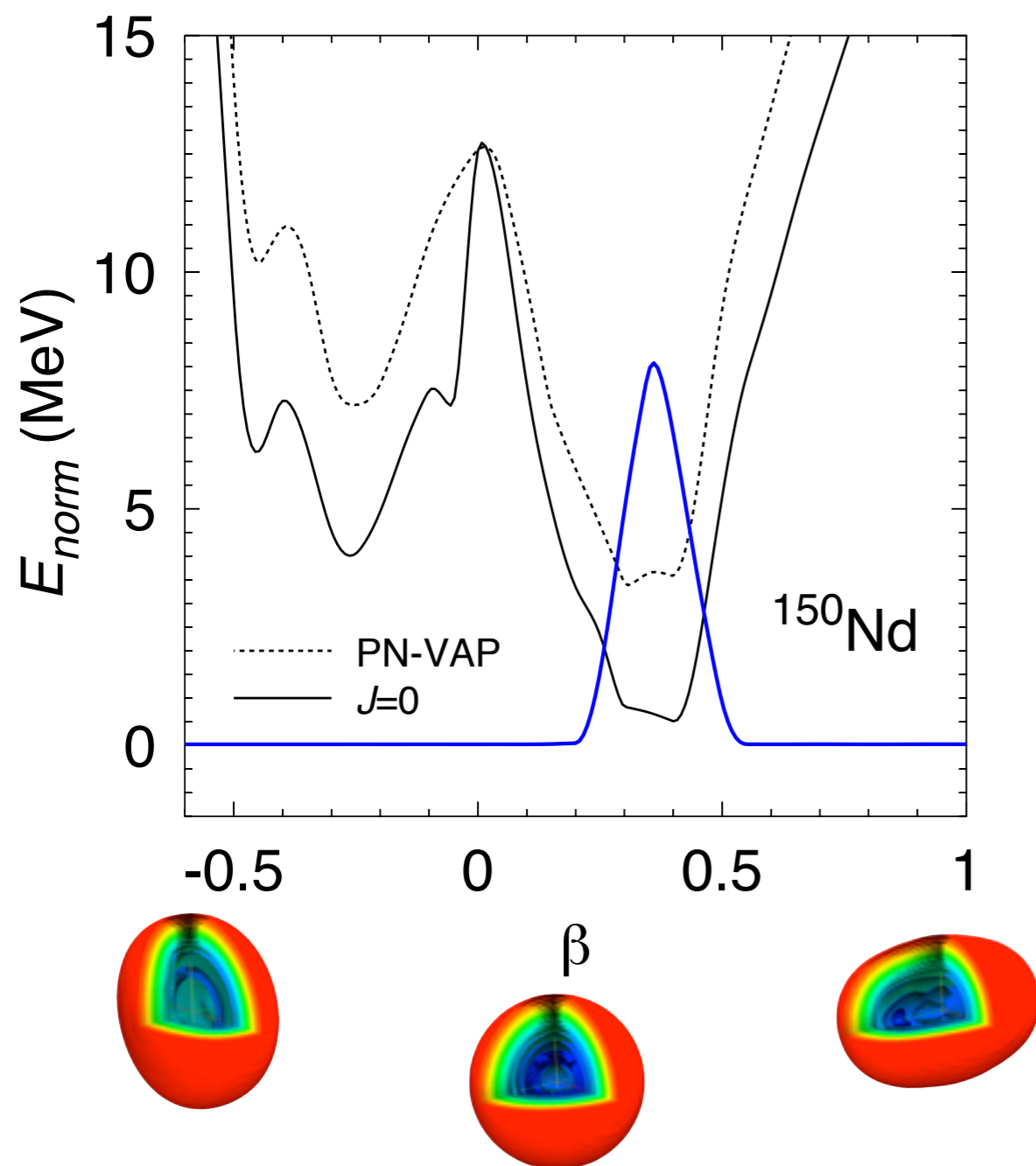
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Configuration (shape) mixing

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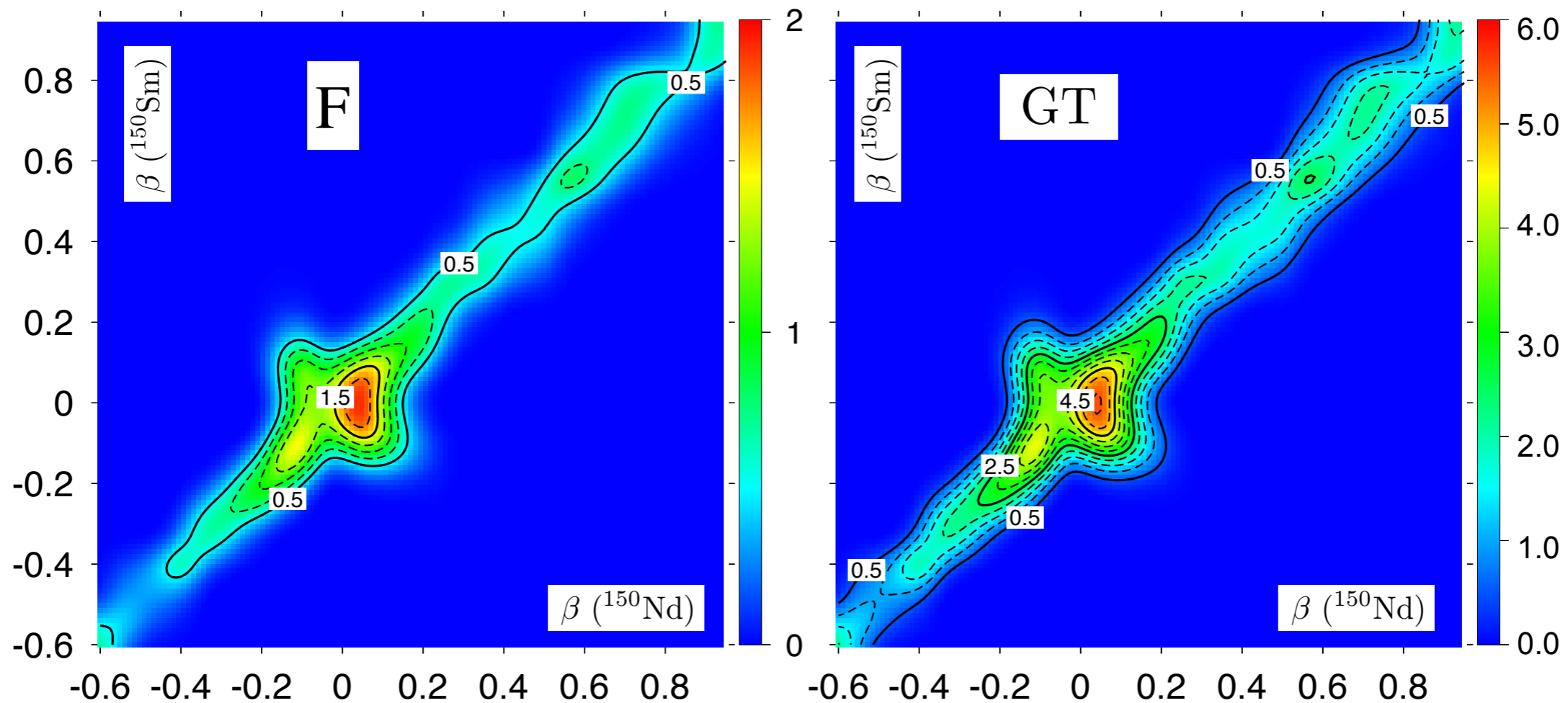
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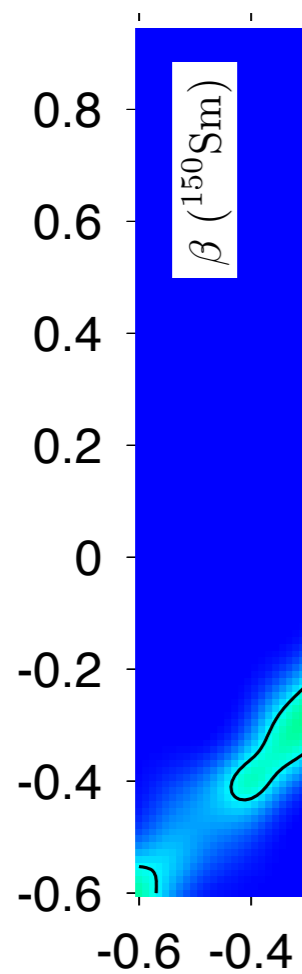
- GT strength greater than Fermi.
- Similar deformation between mother and granddaughter is favored by the transition operators
- Maxima are found close to sphericity although some other local maxima are found

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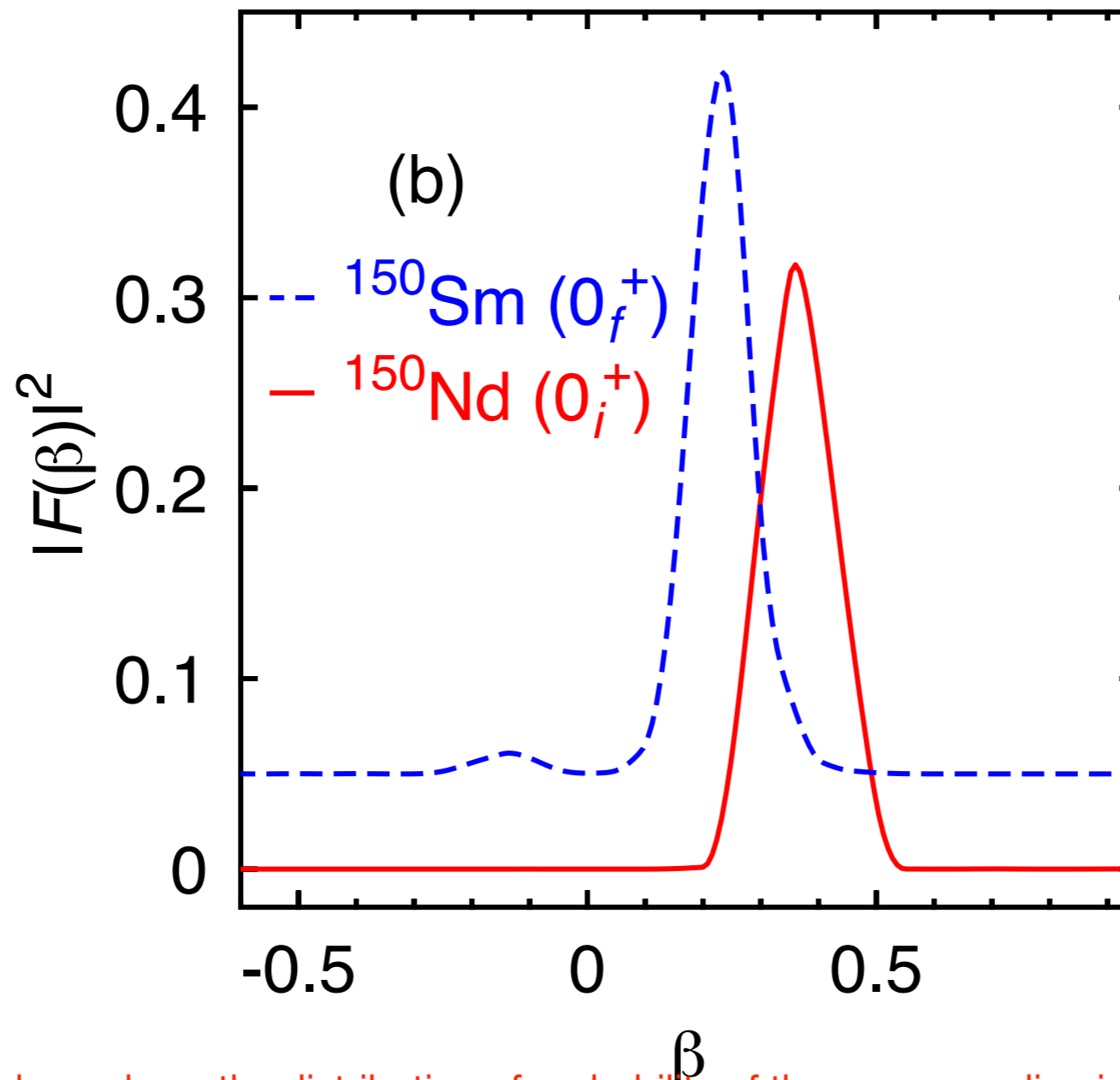
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- GT strength
- Similar de
- Maxima a



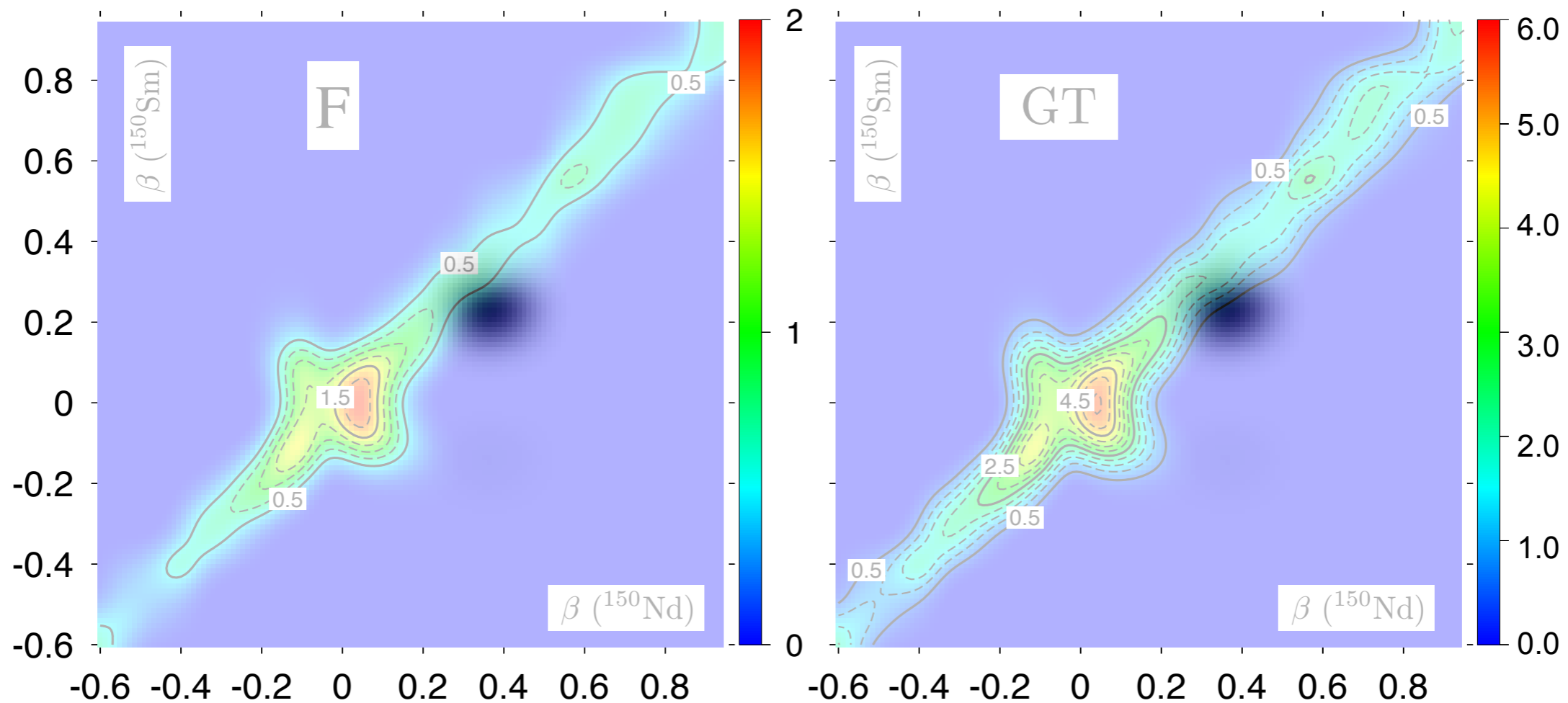
- Final result depends on the distribution of probability of the corresponding initial and final collective states within this plot

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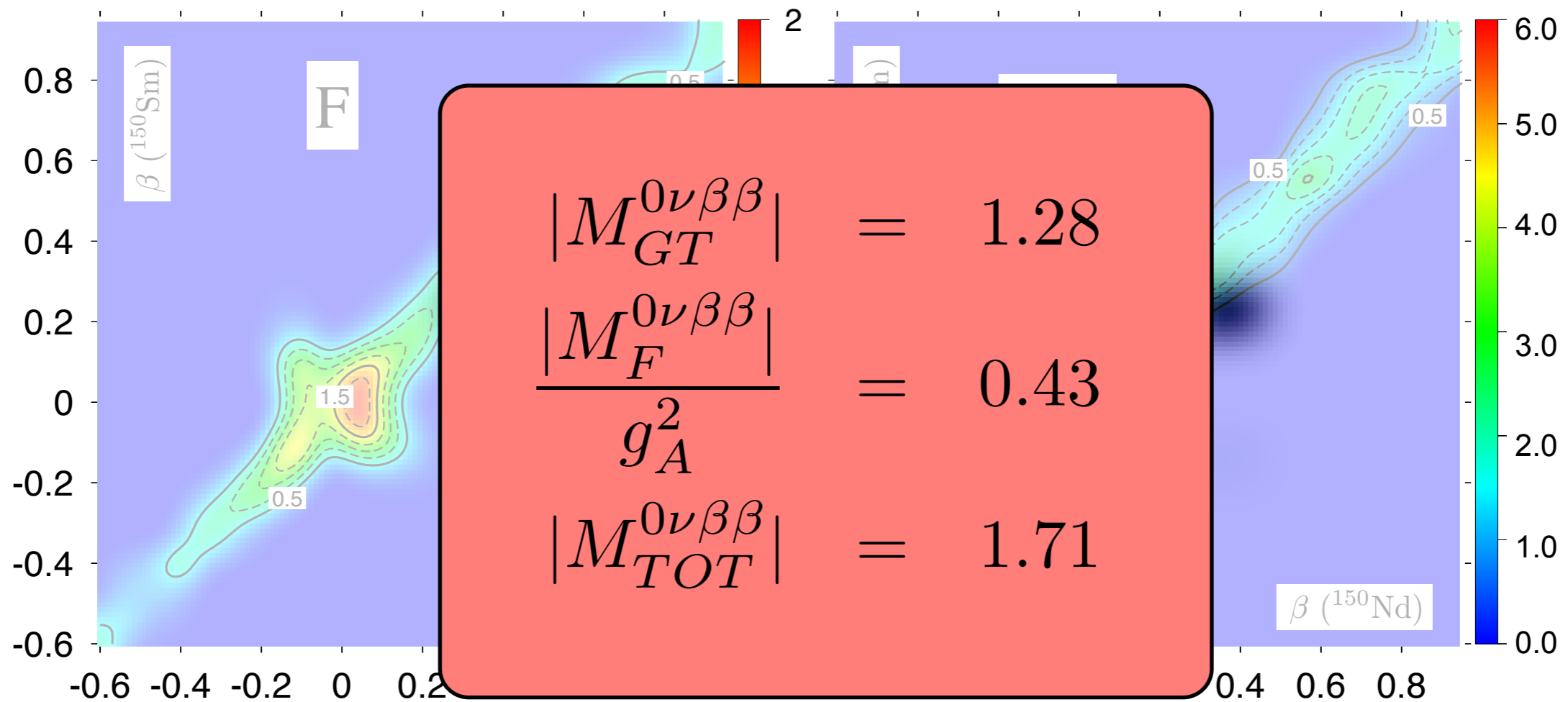
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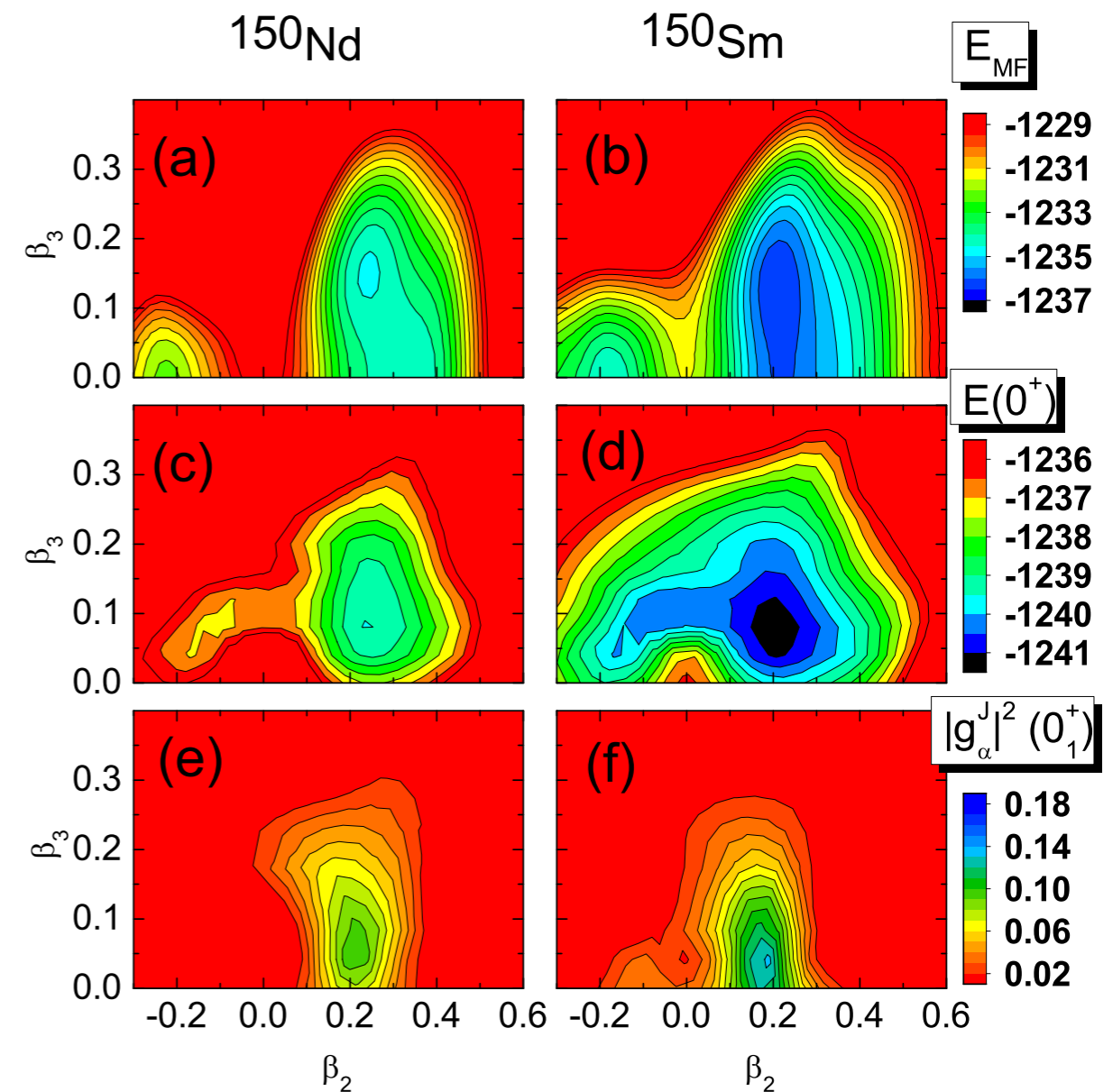
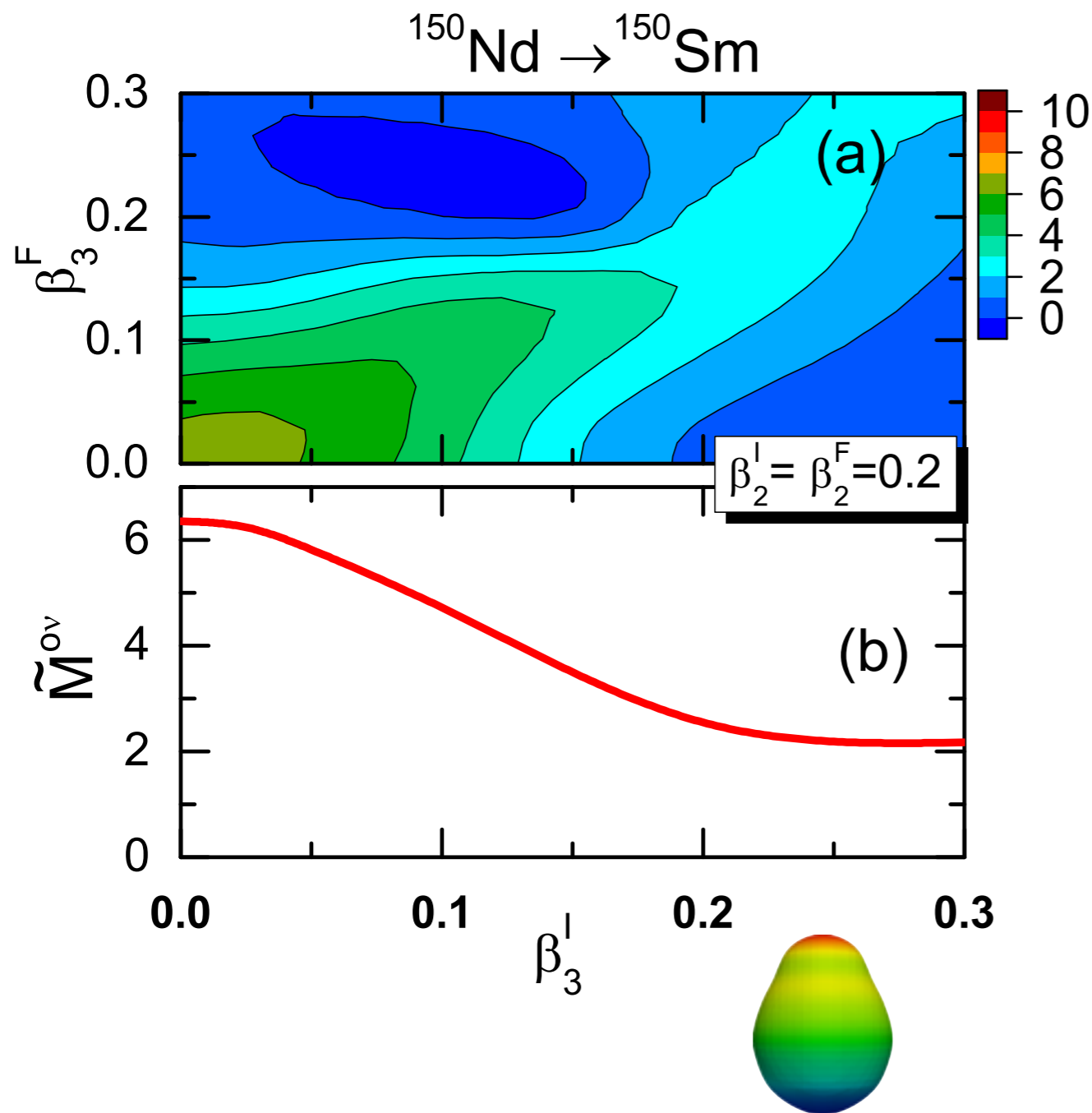
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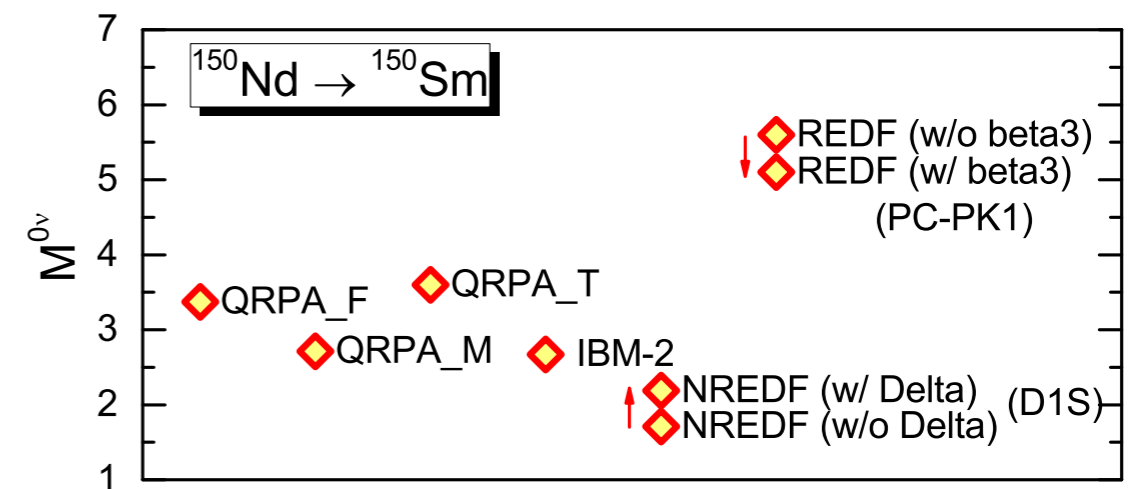
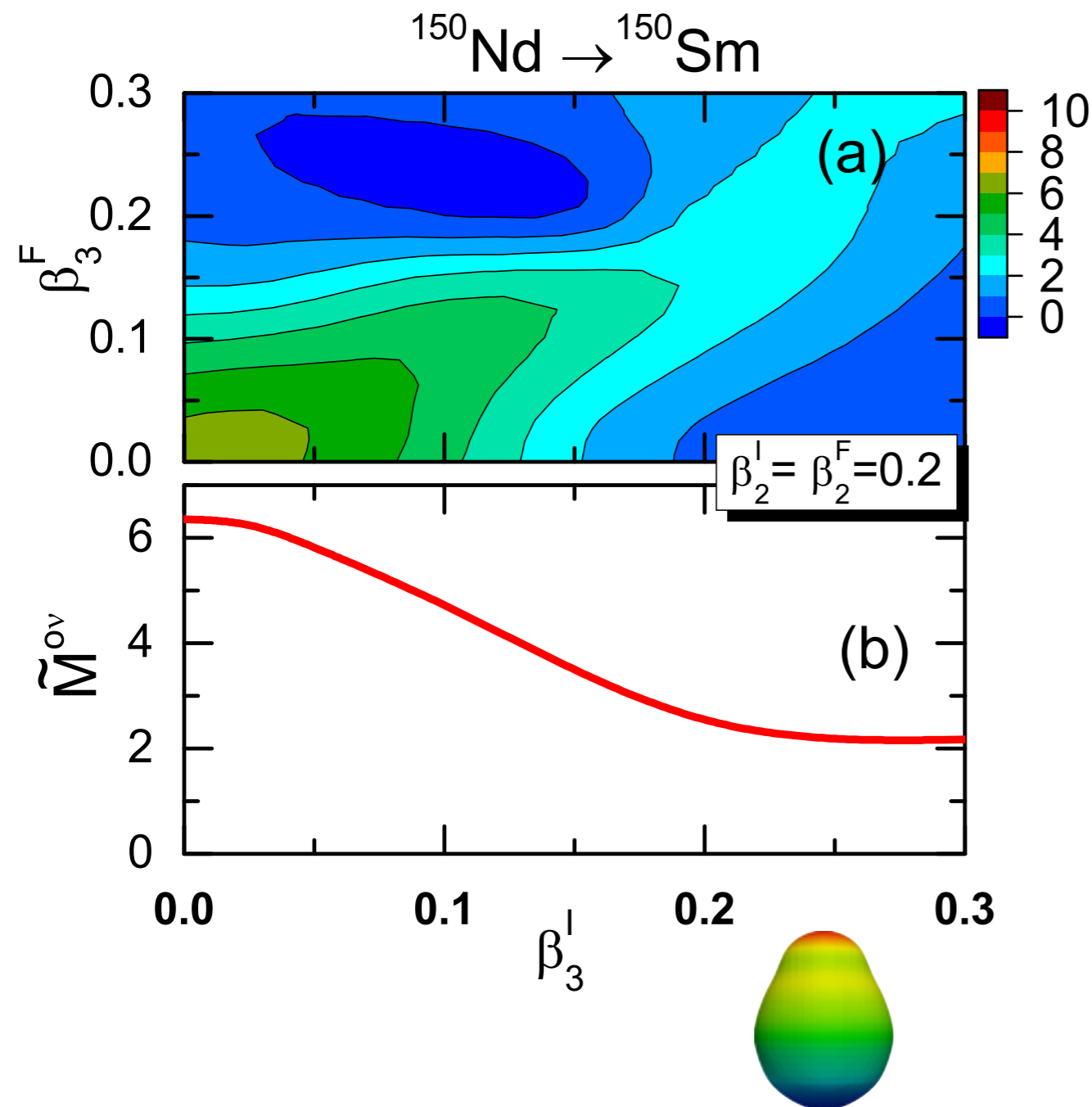


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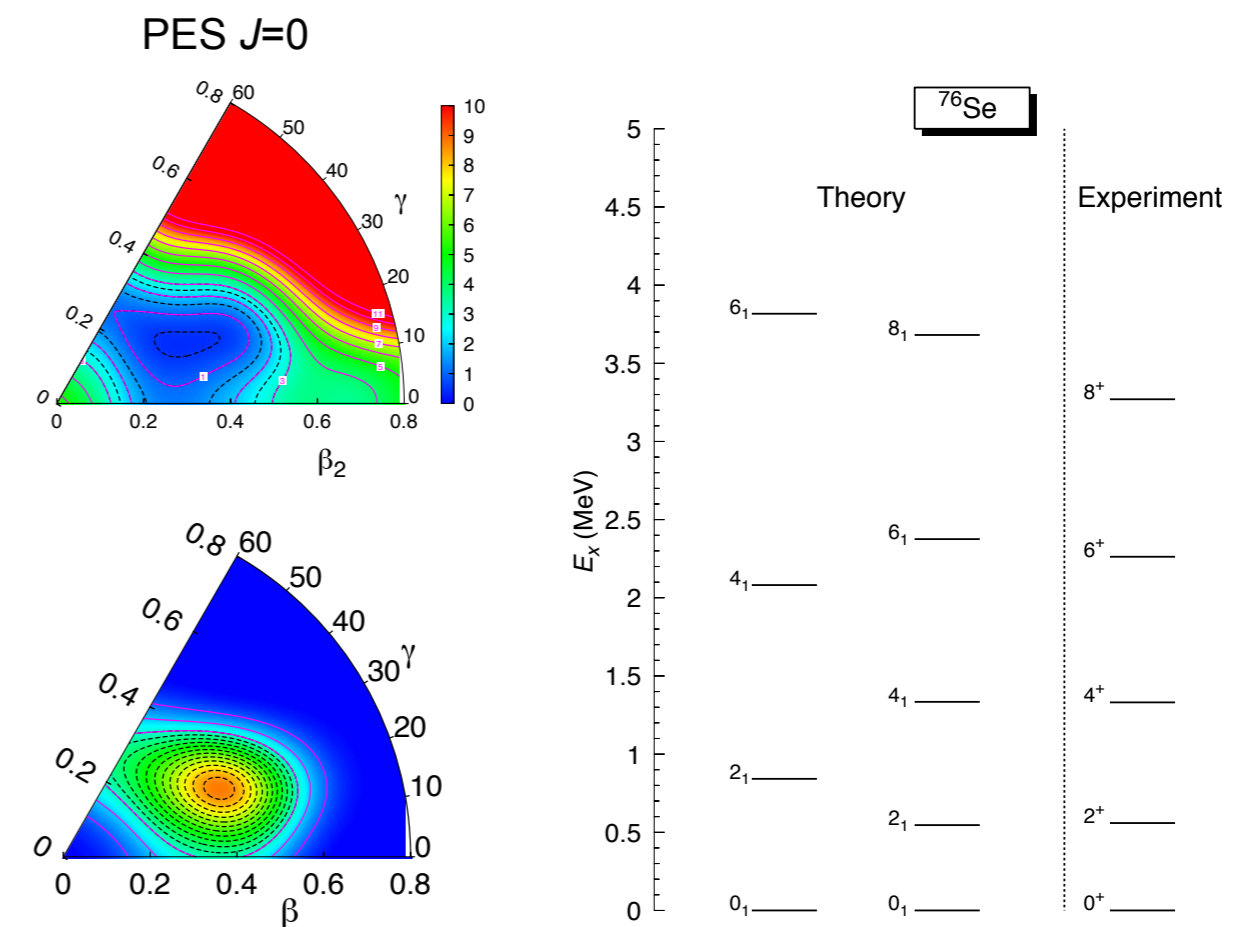
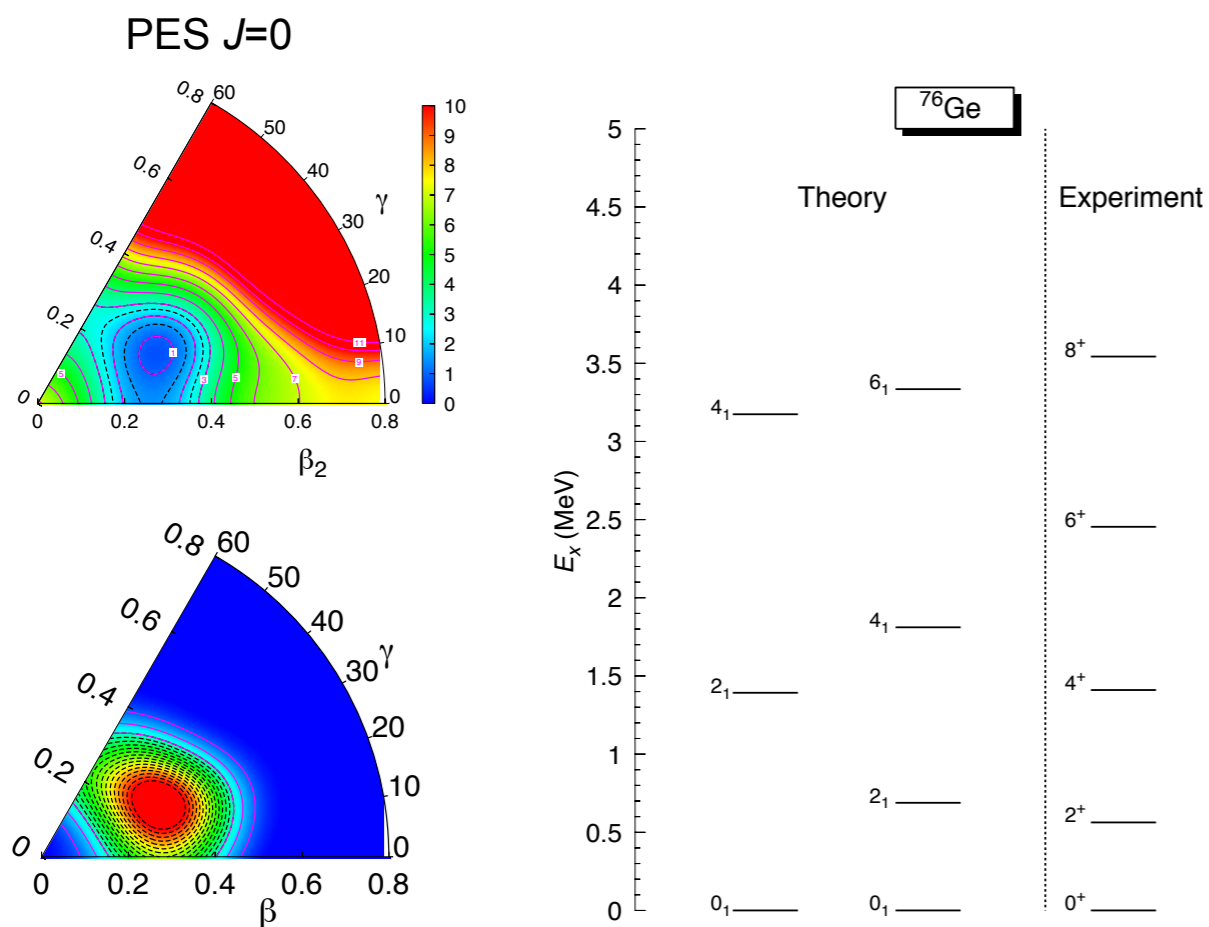
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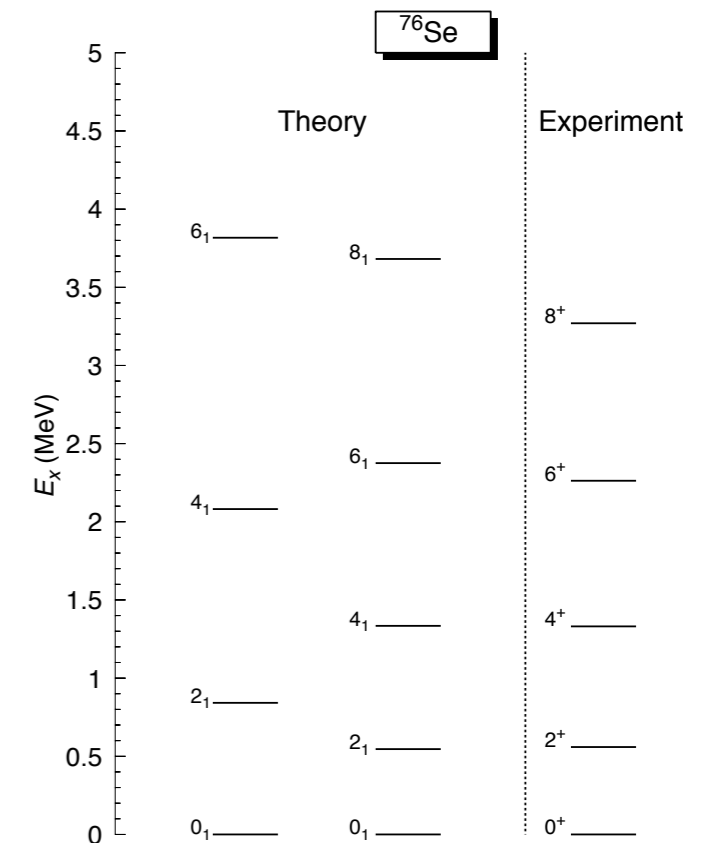
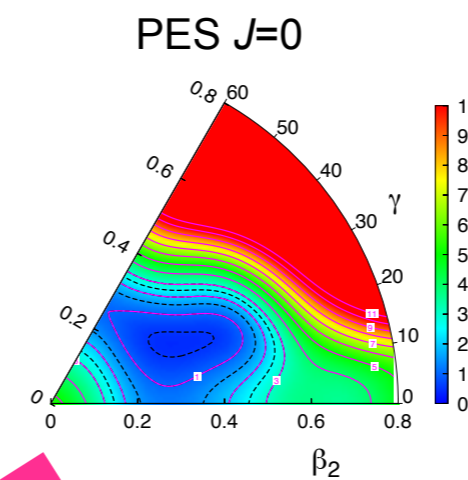
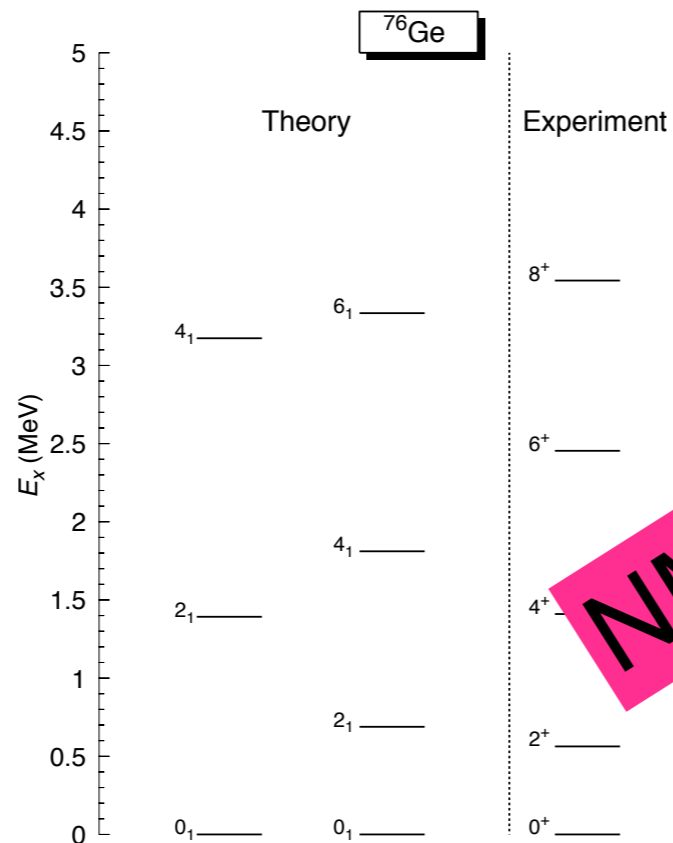
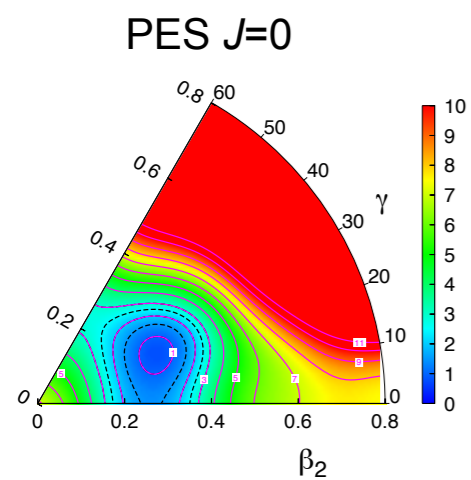
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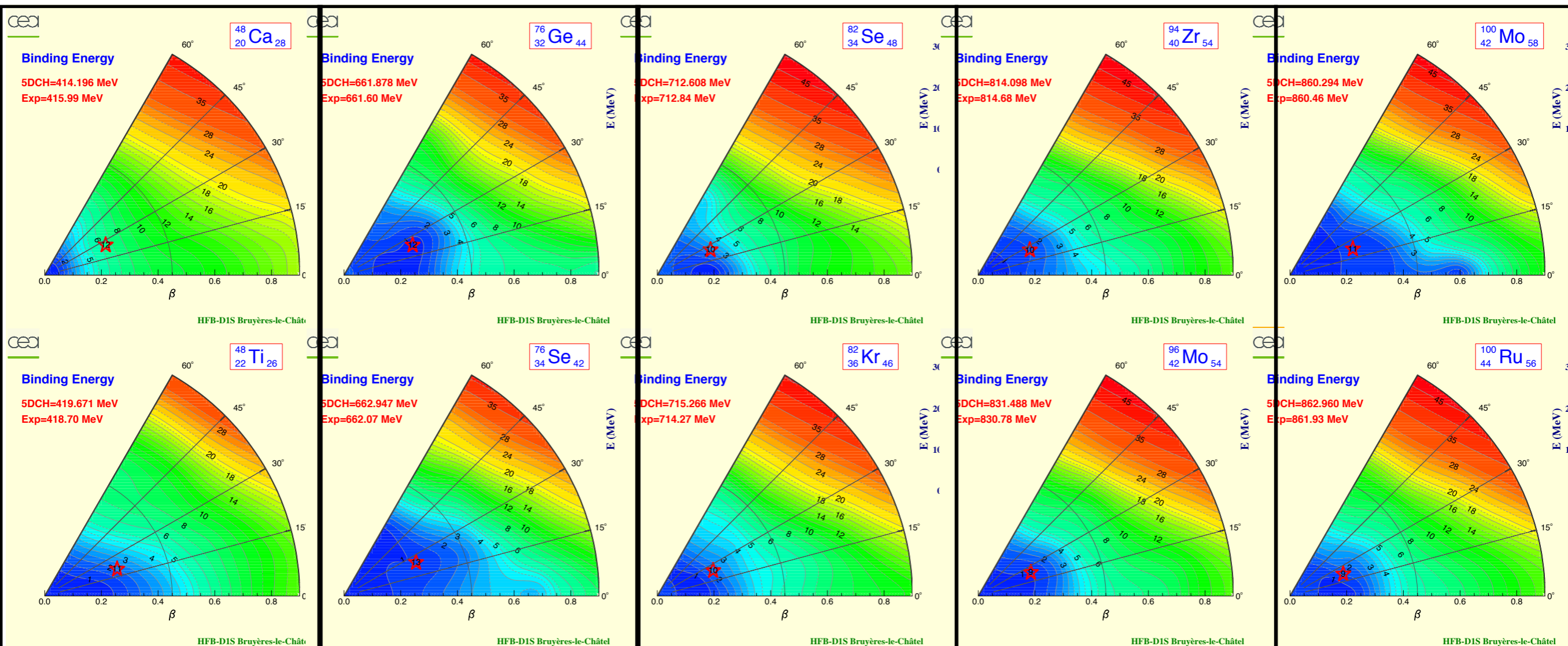
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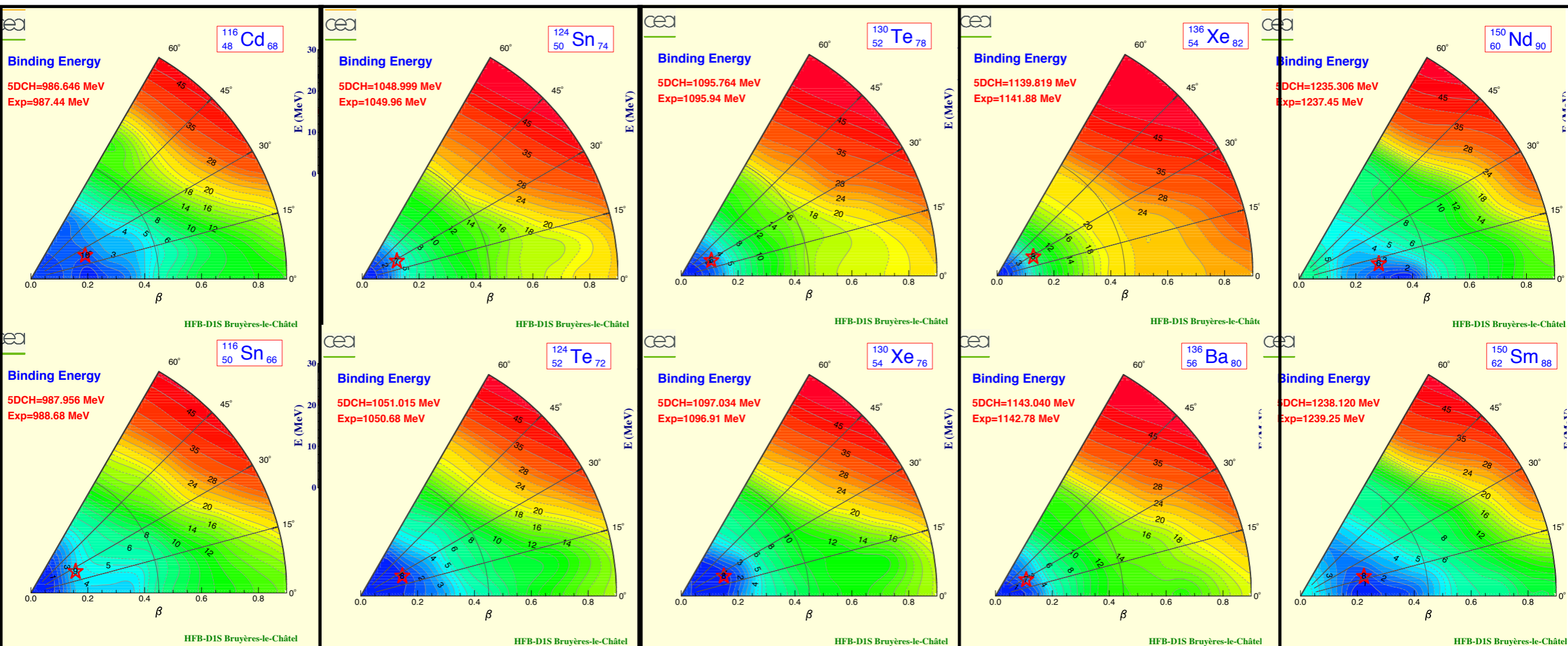
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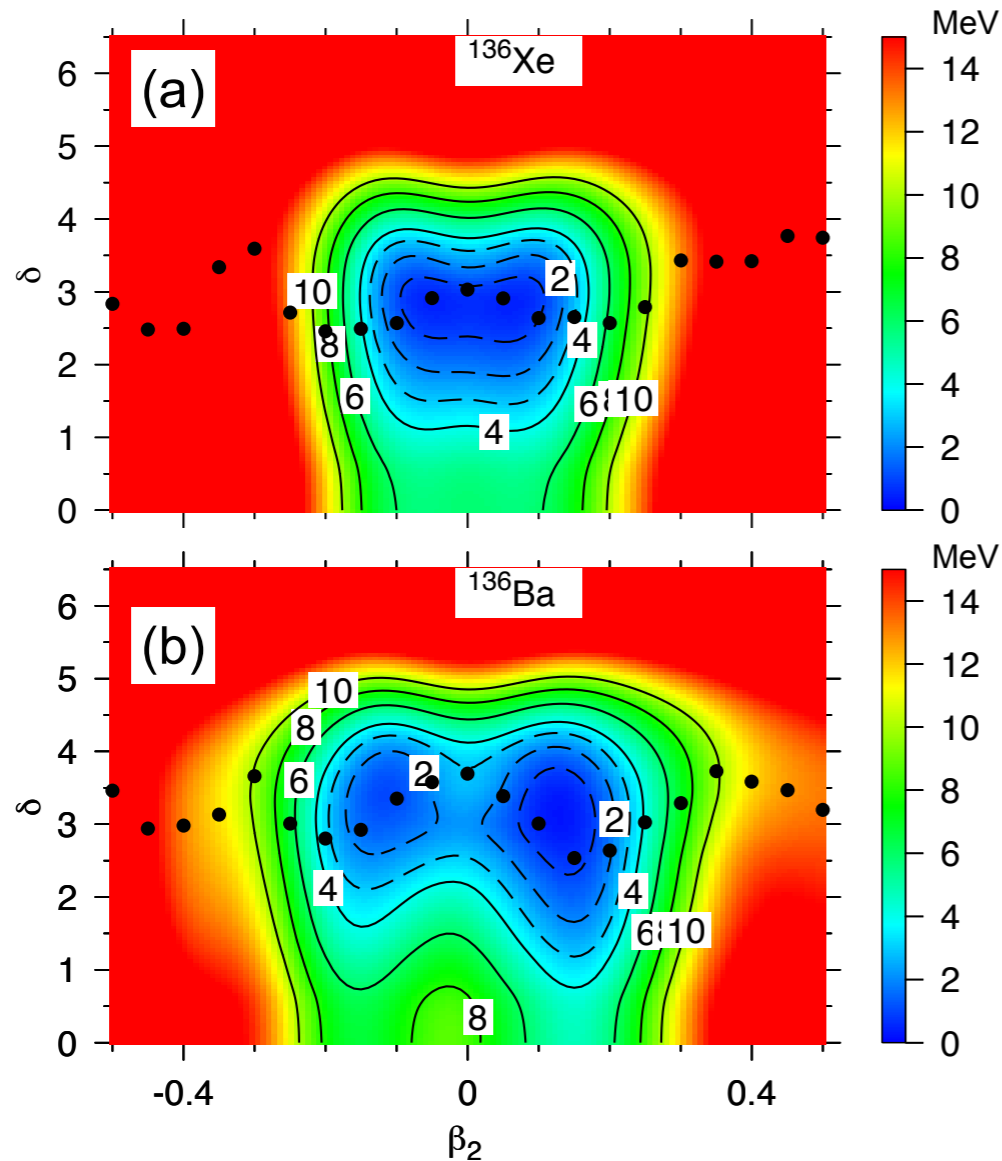
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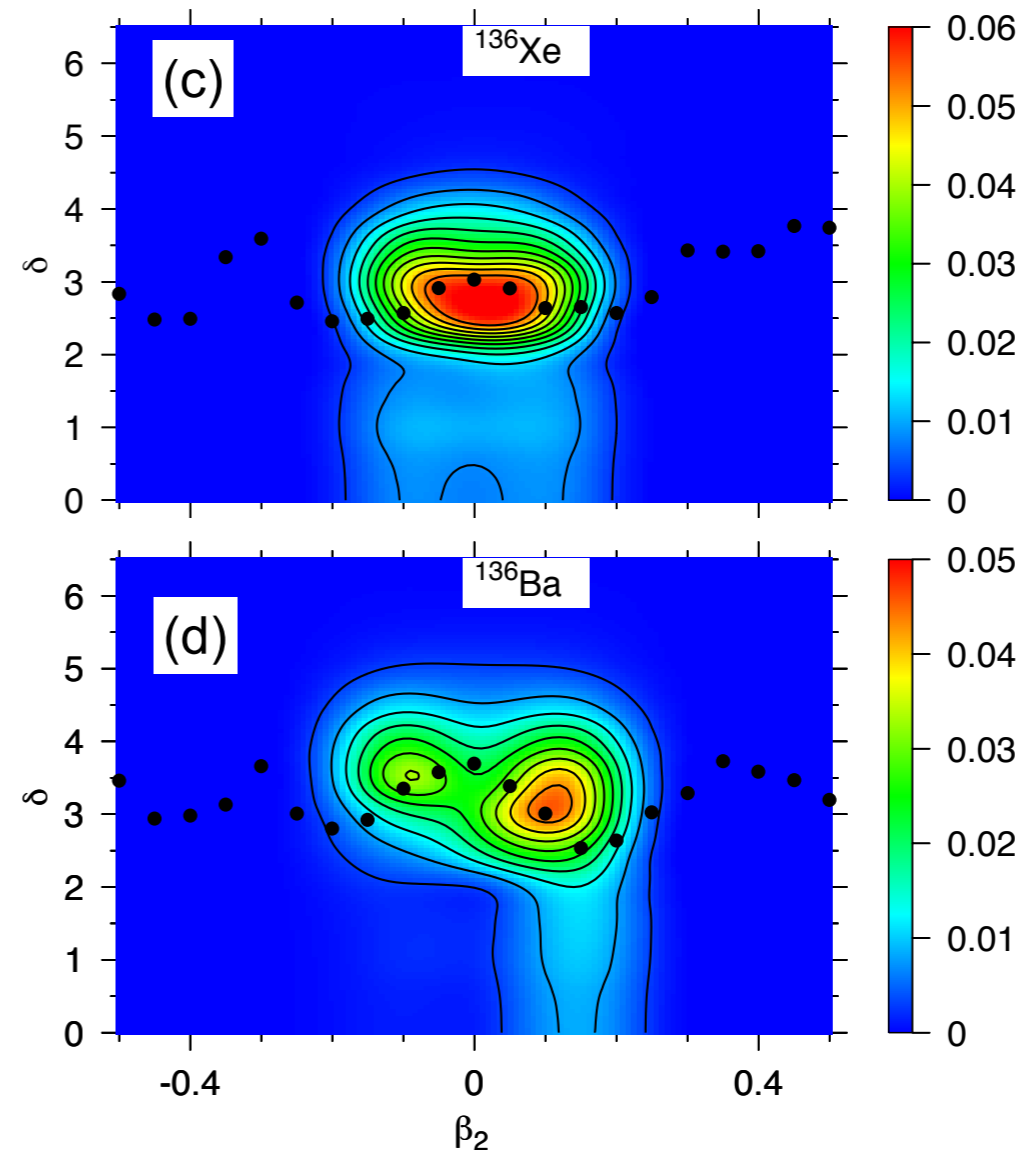
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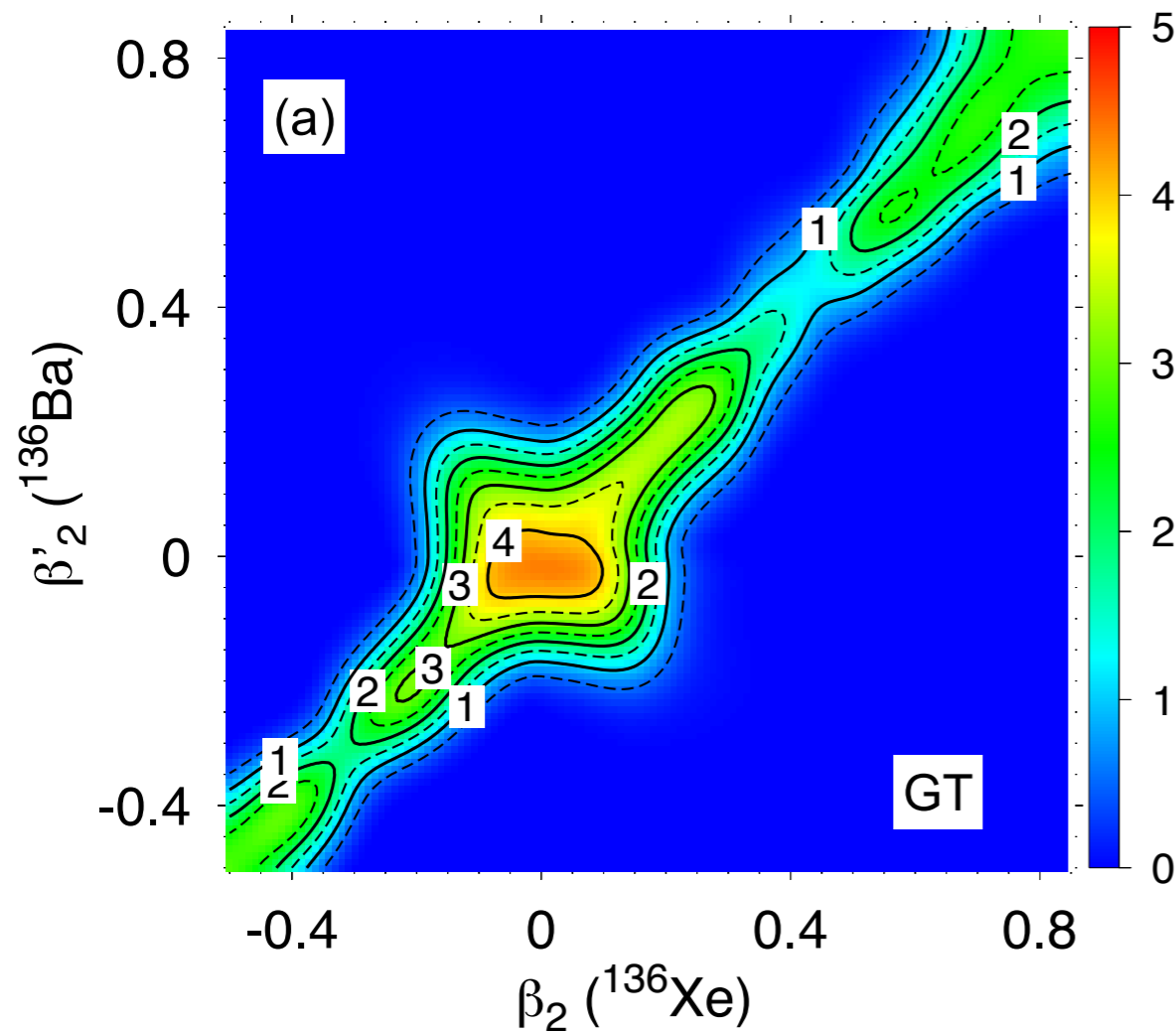
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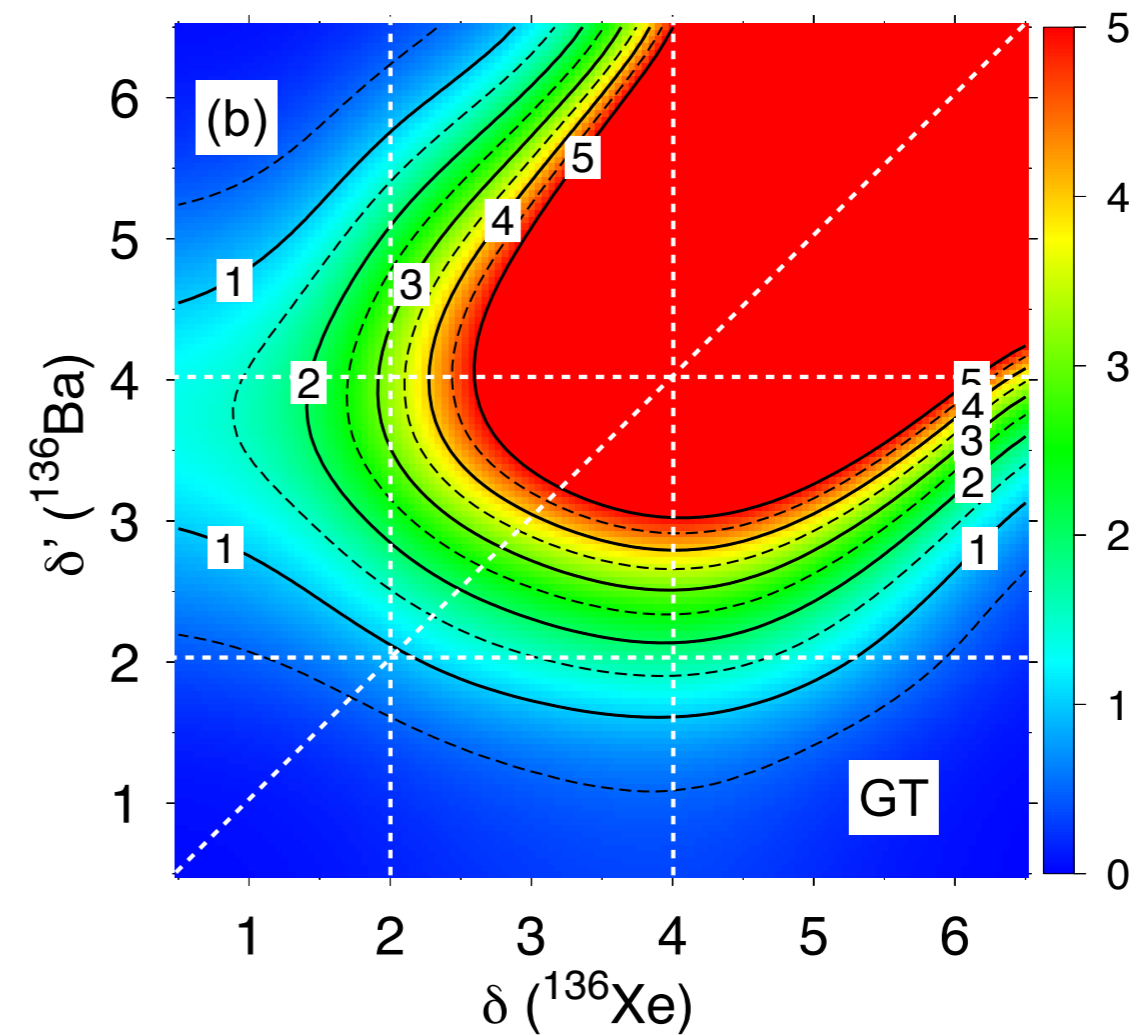
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^{48}Ca	0.265	0.131	$2.370^{1.914}_{0.456}$	$2.229^{1.797}_{0.431}$	-6	1.13
^{76}Ge	0.271	0.190	$4.601^{3.715}_{0.886}$	$5.551^{4.470}_{1.082}$	21	0.69
^{82}Se	-0.366	-0.246	$4.218^{3.381}_{0.837}$	$4.674^{3.743}_{0.931}$	11	0.81
^{96}Zr	2.580	2.628	$5.650^{4.618}_{1.032}$	$6.498^{5.296}_{1.202}$	15	0.76
^{100}Mo	1.879	1.757	$5.084^{4.149}_{0.935}$	$6.588^{5.361}_{1.227}$	30	0.60
^{116}Cd	1.365	1.337	$4.795^{3.931}_{0.864}$	$5.348^{4.372}_{0.976}$	12	0.80
^{124}Sn	-0.830	-0.687	$4.808^{3.893}_{0.916}$	$5.787^{4.680}_{1.107}$	20	0.69
^{128}Te	-0.564	-0.594	$4.107^{3.079}_{1.027}$	$5.687^{4.255}_{1.432}$	38	0.52
^{130}Te	-0.348	-0.628	$5.130^{4.141}_{0.989}$	$6.405^{5.161}_{1.244}$	25	0.64
^{136}Xe	-1.027	-0.787	$4.199^{3.673}_{0.526}$	$4.773^{4.170}_{0.604}$	14	0.77
^{150}Nd	-0.380	-0.282	$1.707^{1.278}_{0.429}$	$2.190^{1.639}_{0.551}$	29	0.61

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where h_0 contains spherical single particle energies, Q_{2K} are the components of a quadrupole operator defined in Ref. [15], and

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$$F_{\nu}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sigma_i^{\mu} \tau_i^{\nu} = \sum_l \hat{l} [c_l^{\dagger} \bar{c}_l]_{0\mu\nu}^{011}. \quad (3)$$

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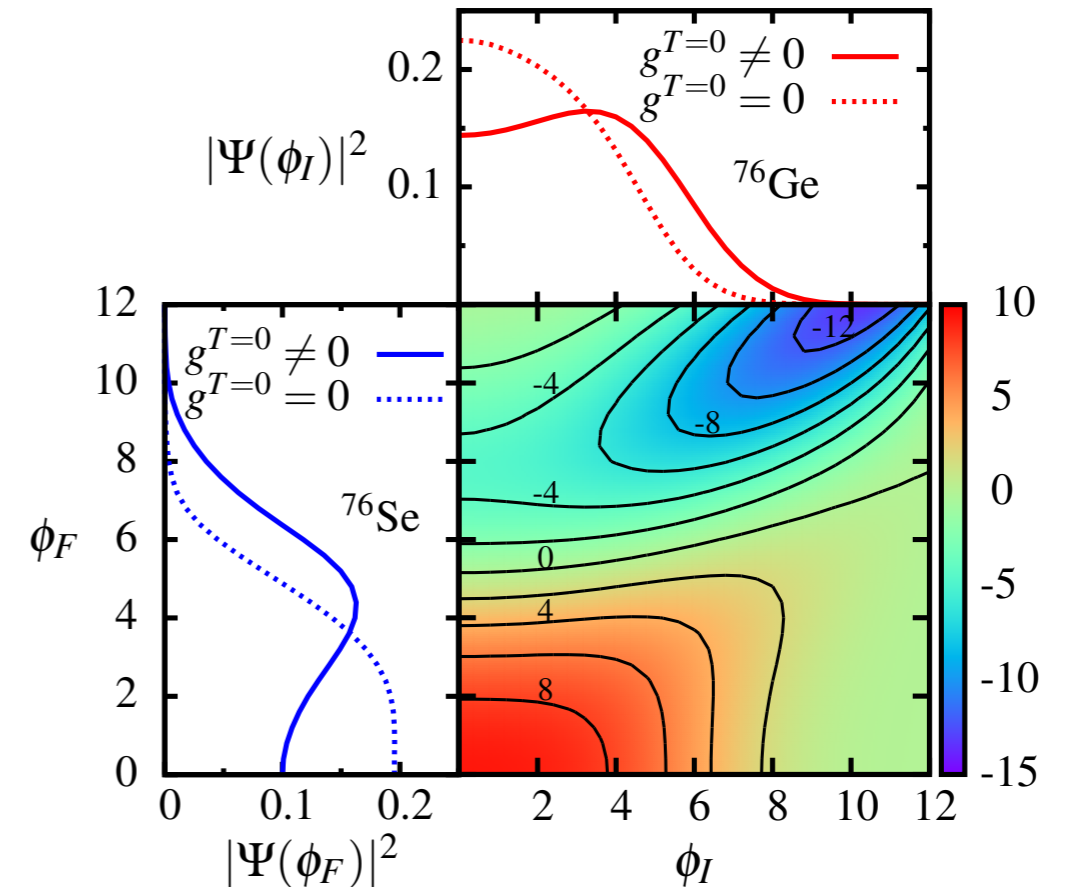


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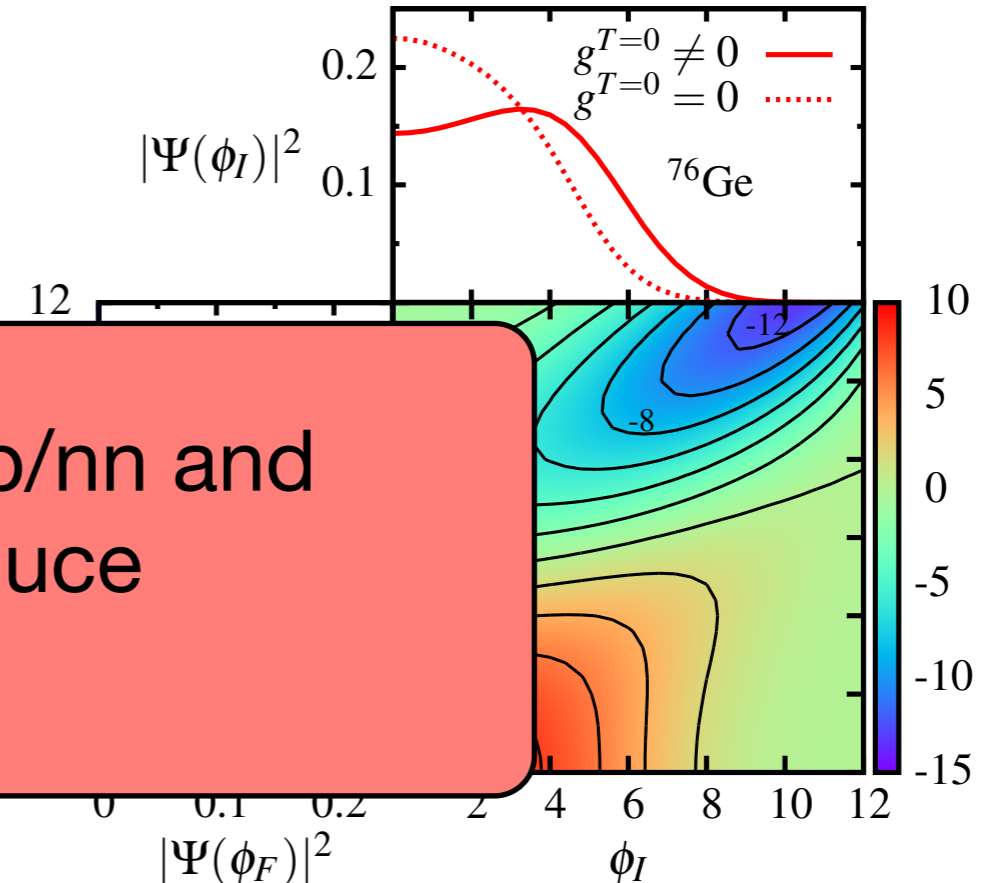
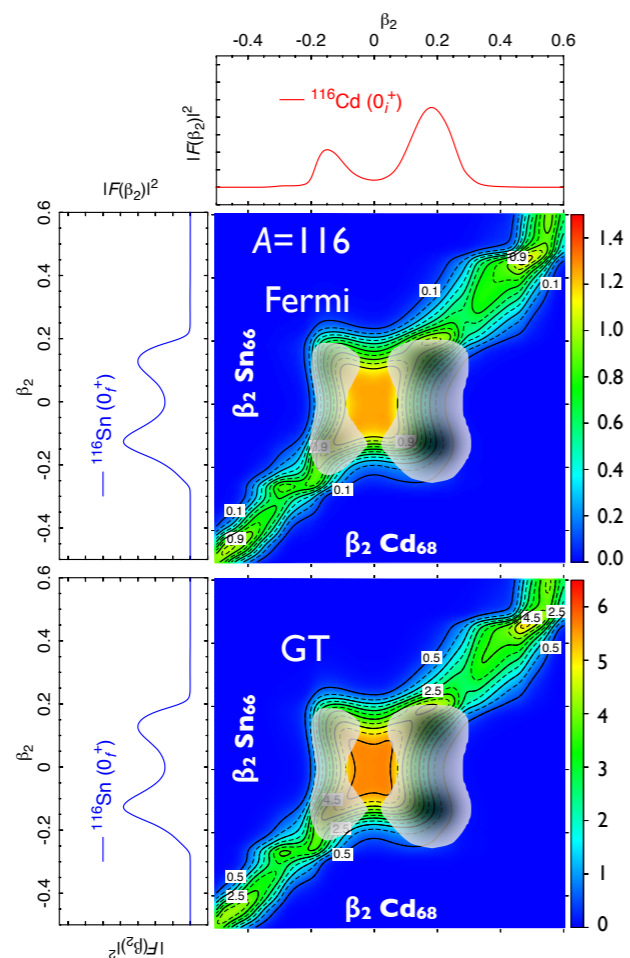


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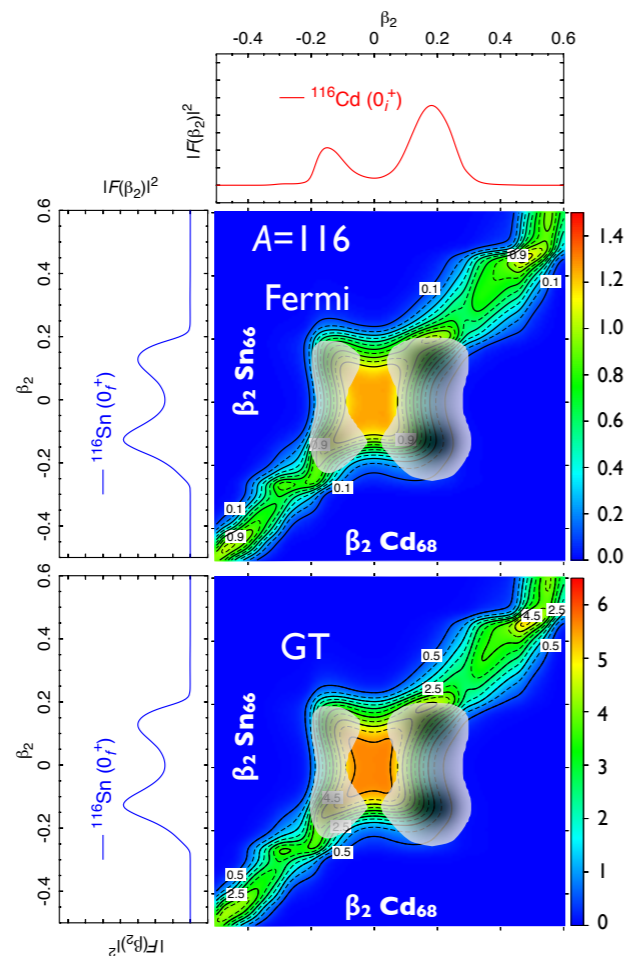
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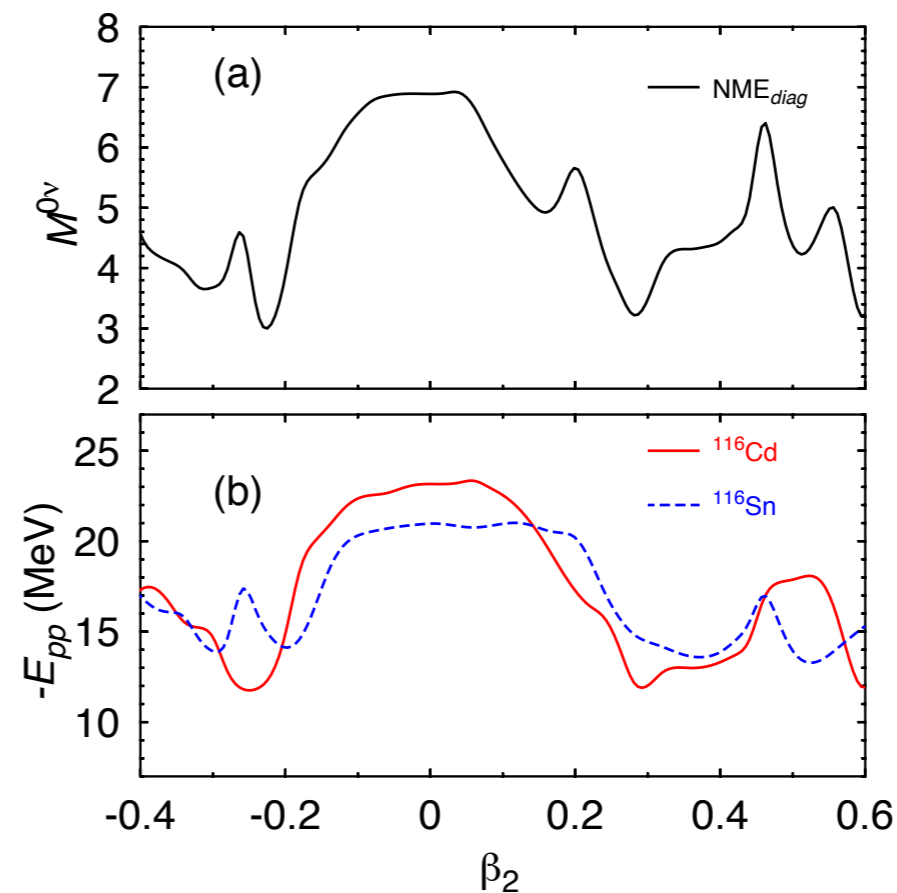
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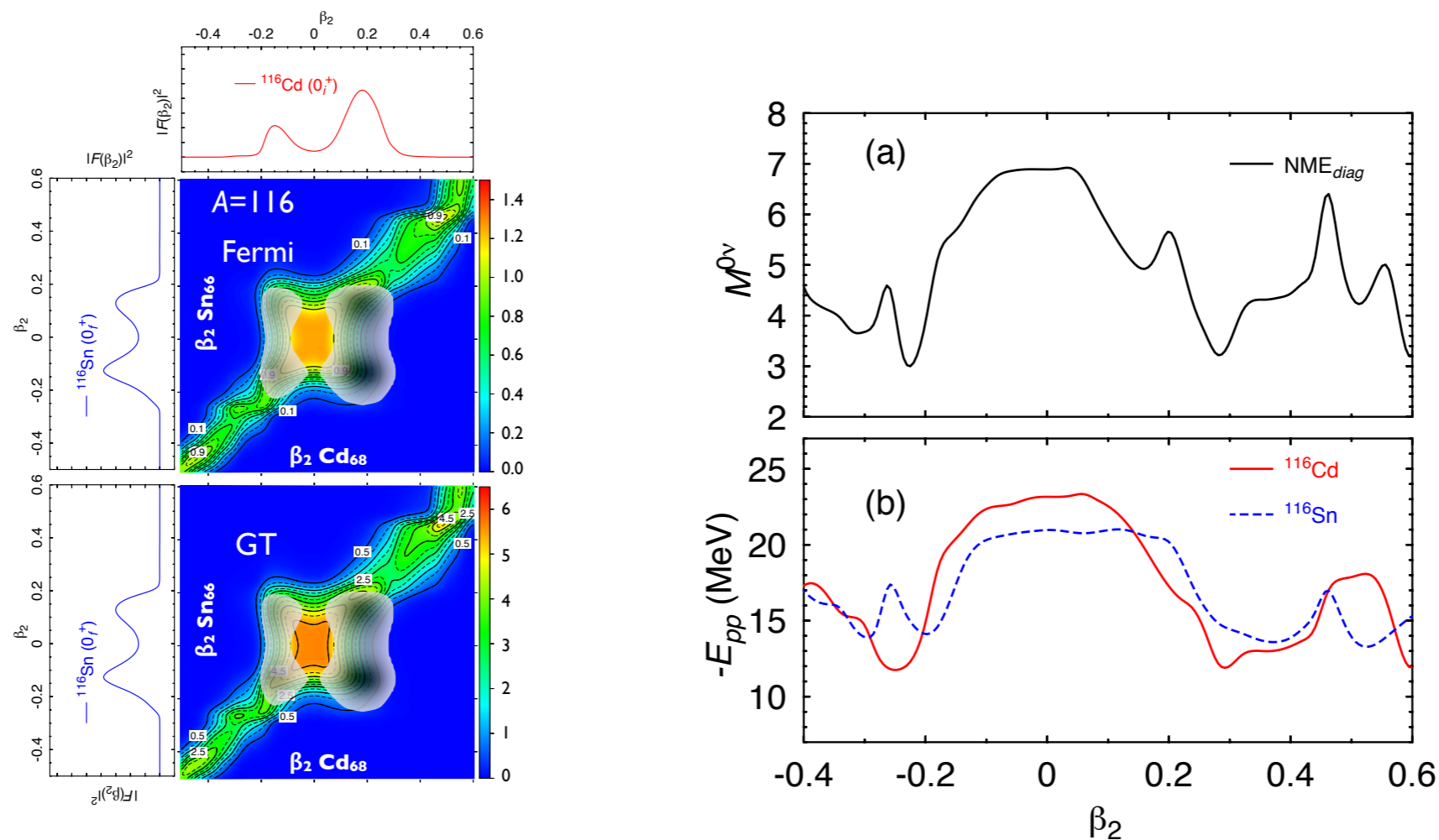
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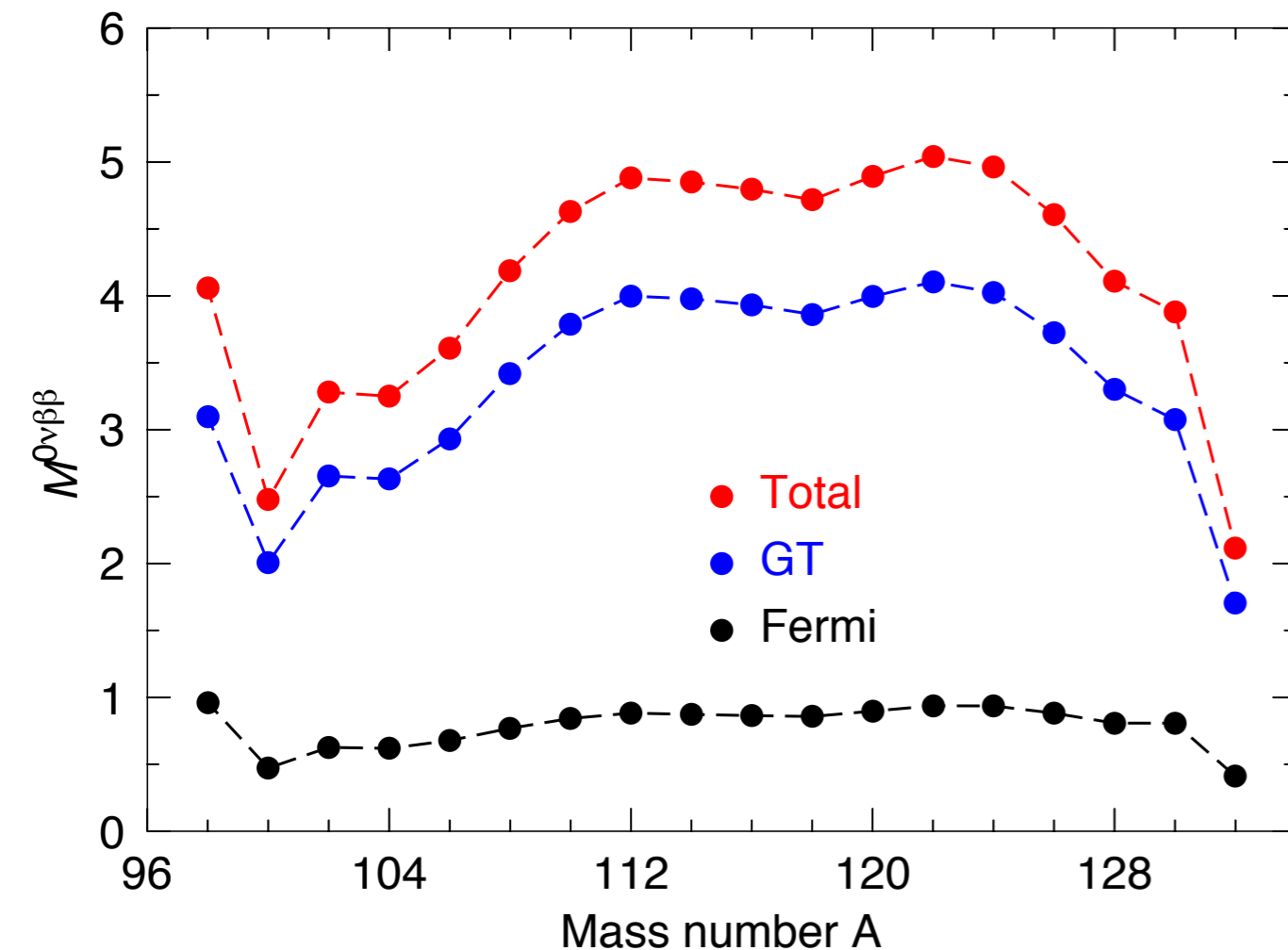
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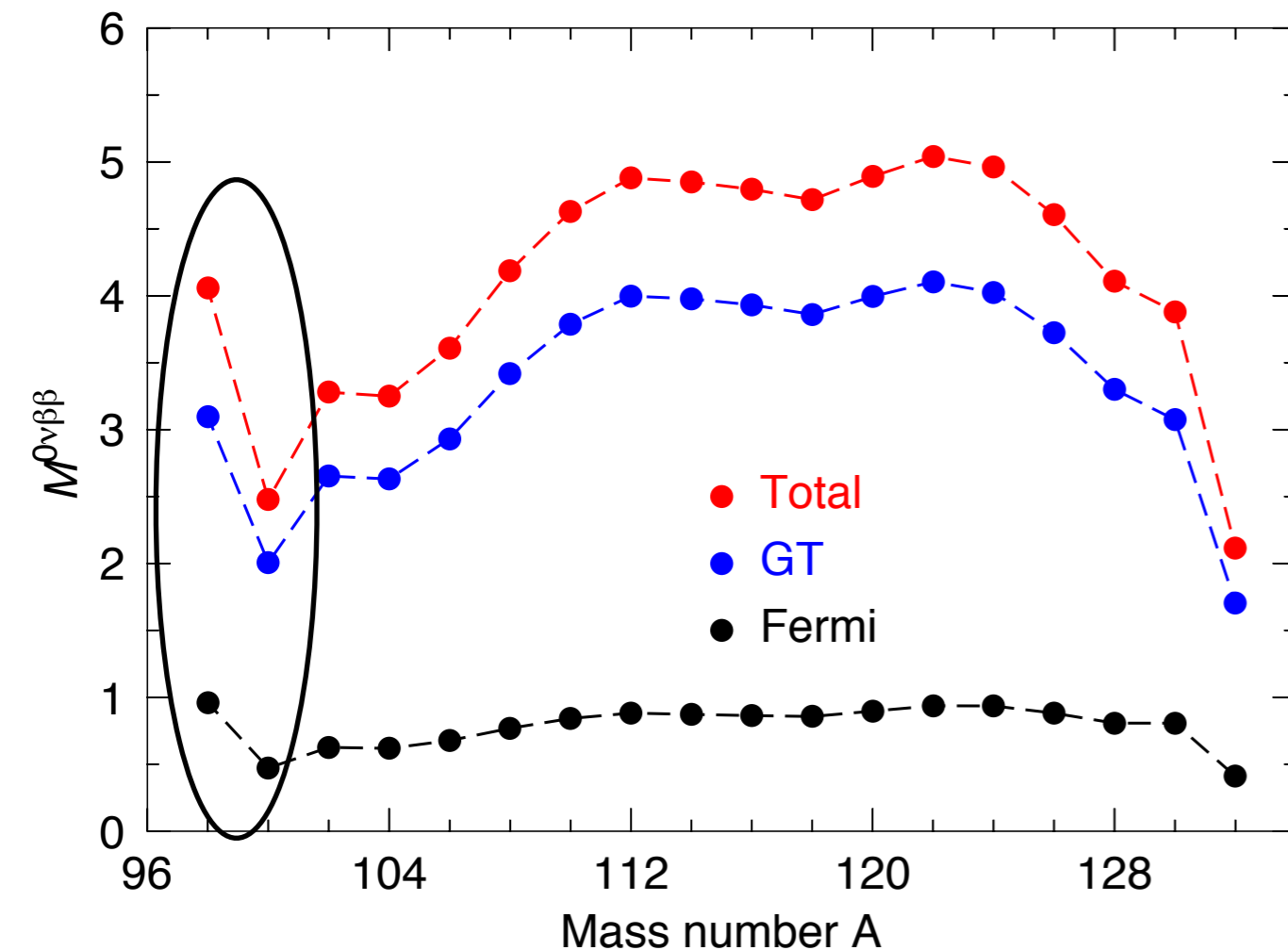
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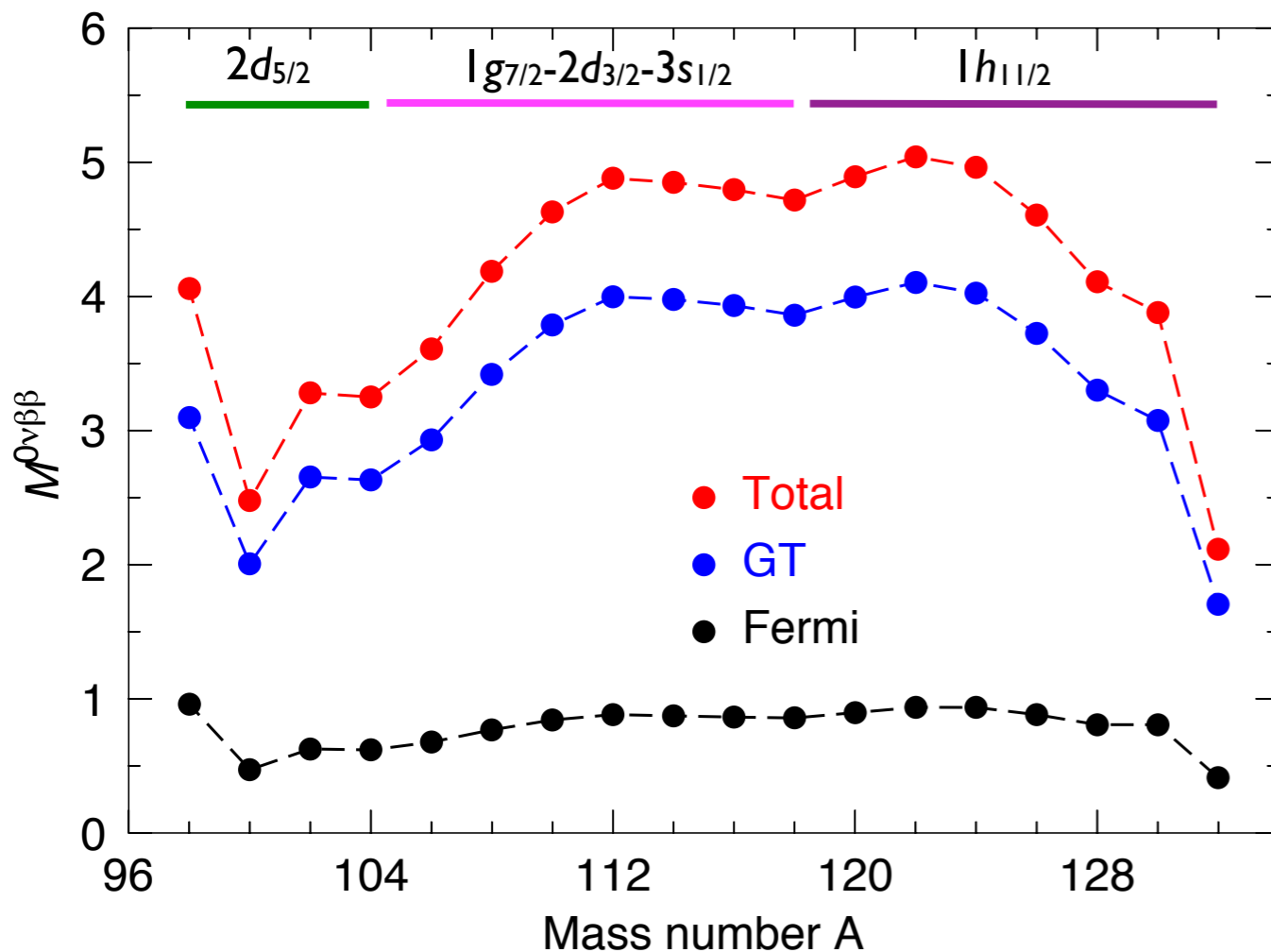
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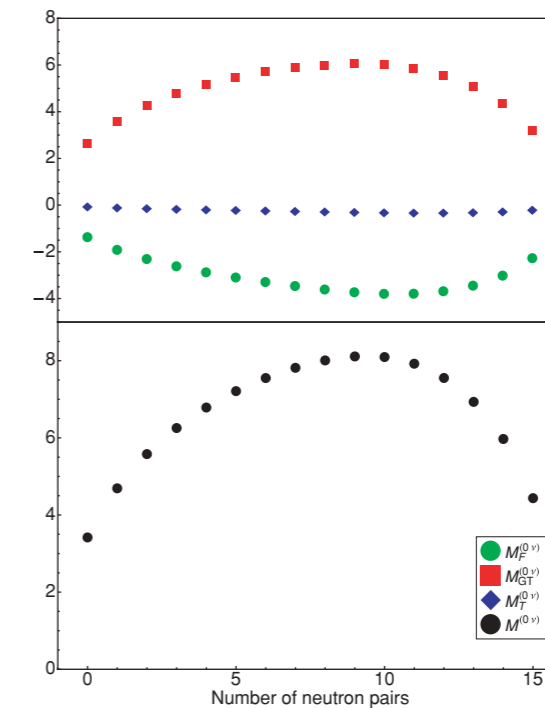
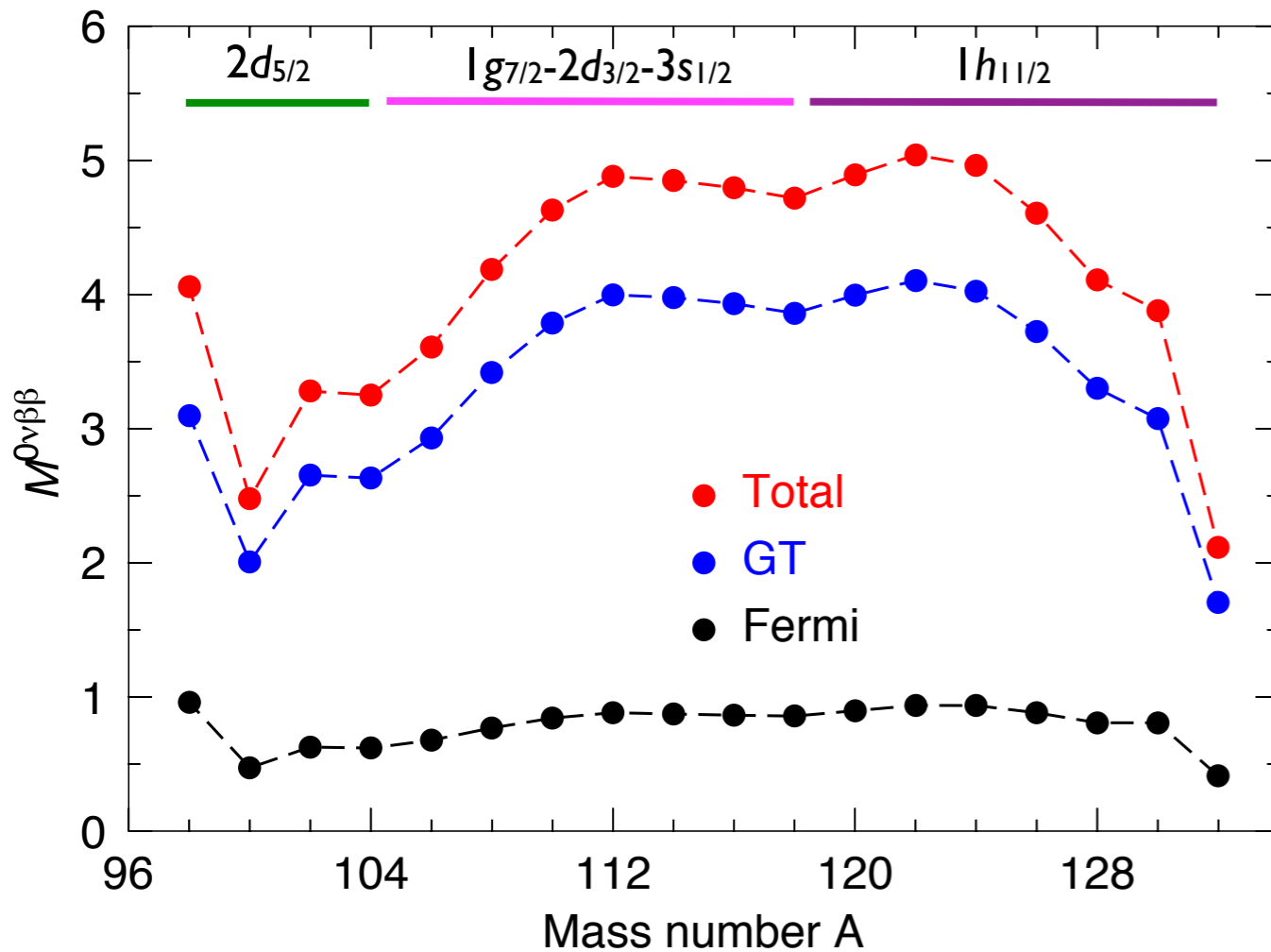
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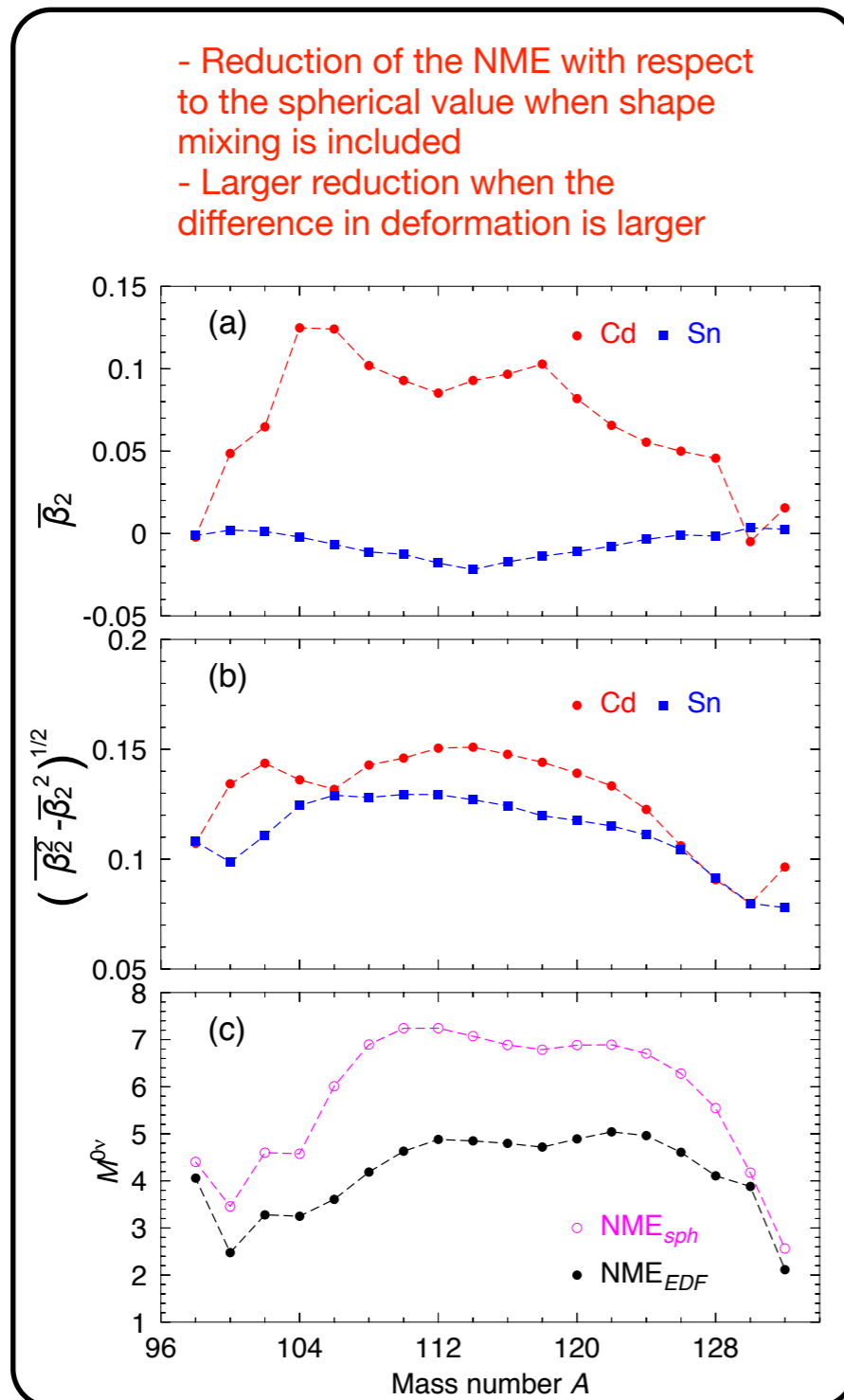
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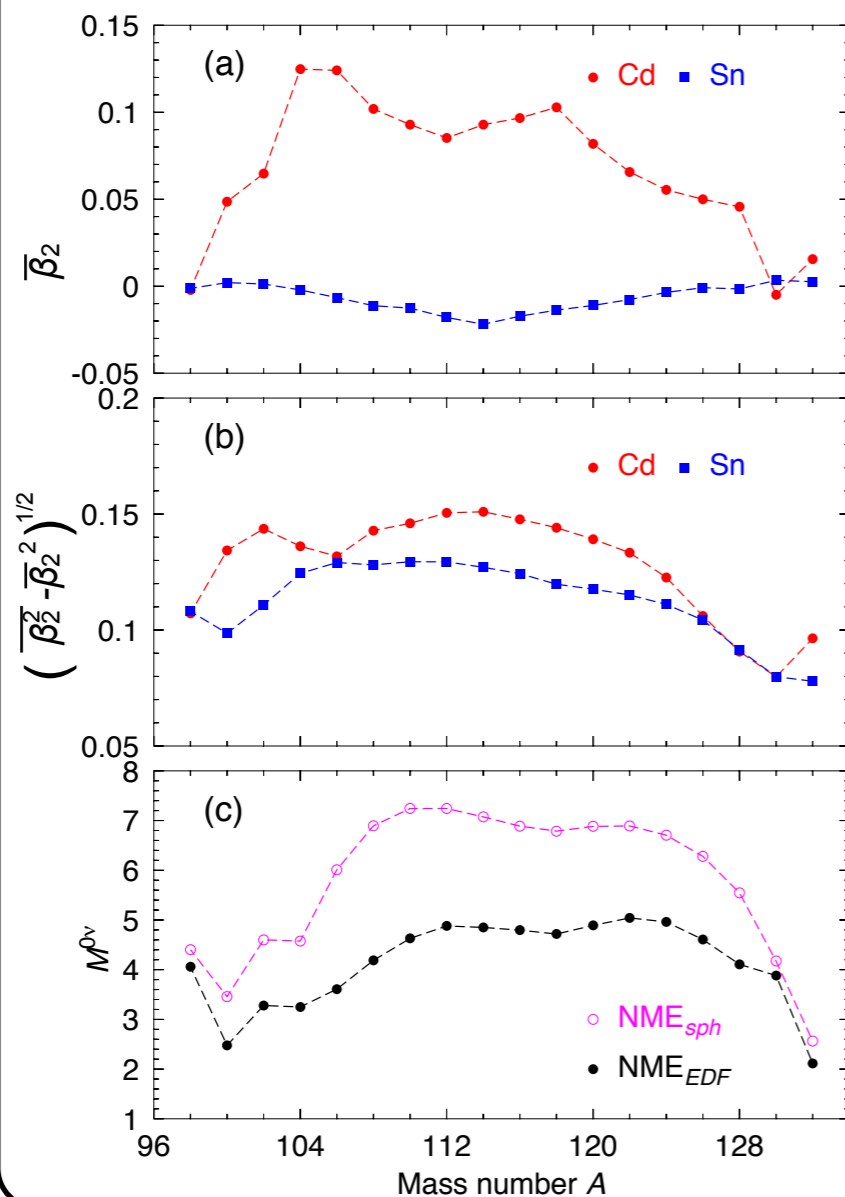
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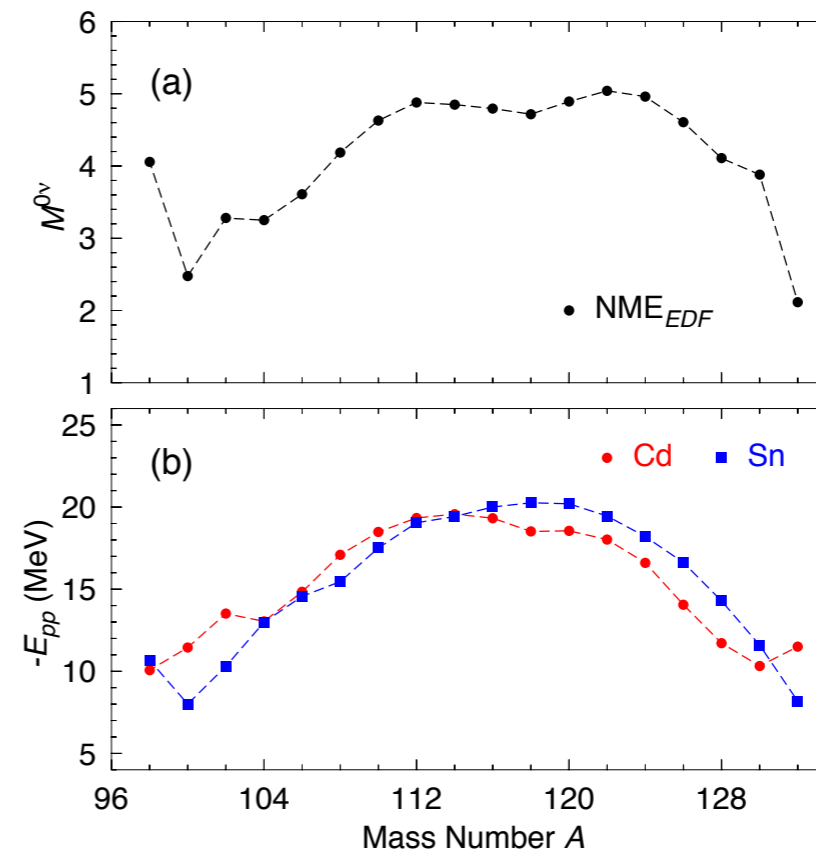
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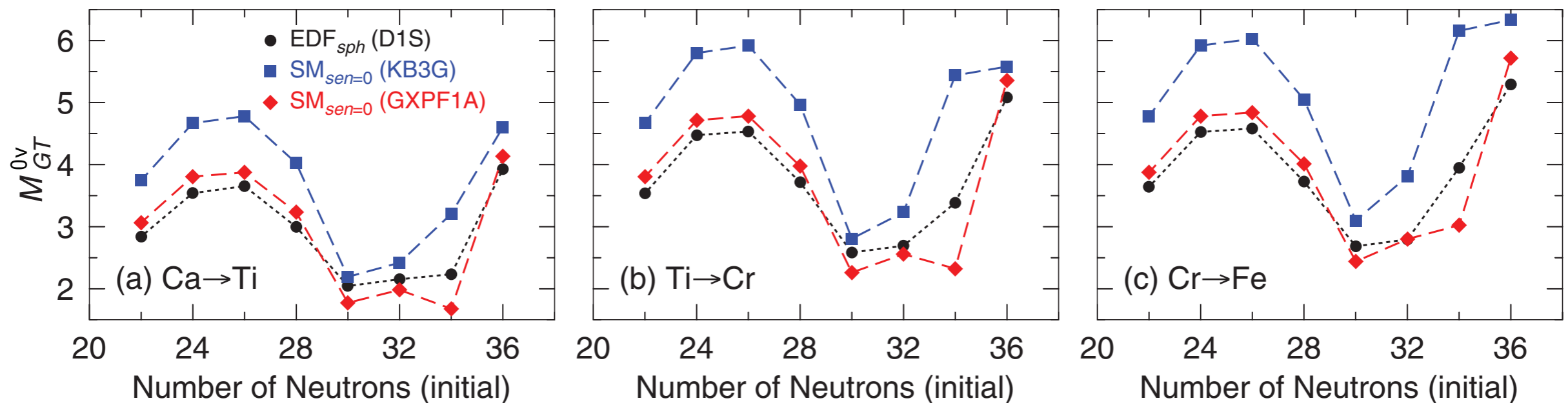
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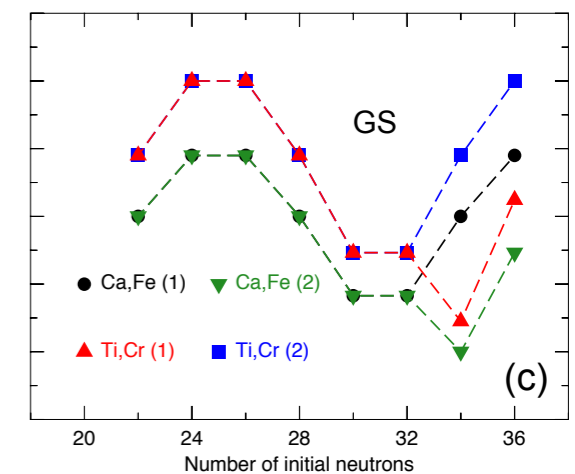
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Where do the differences come from?



- Same pattern in spherical EDF, seniority 0 Shell Model, and Generalized Seniority model (overall scale?)
- What is the effect of including more **correlations**?



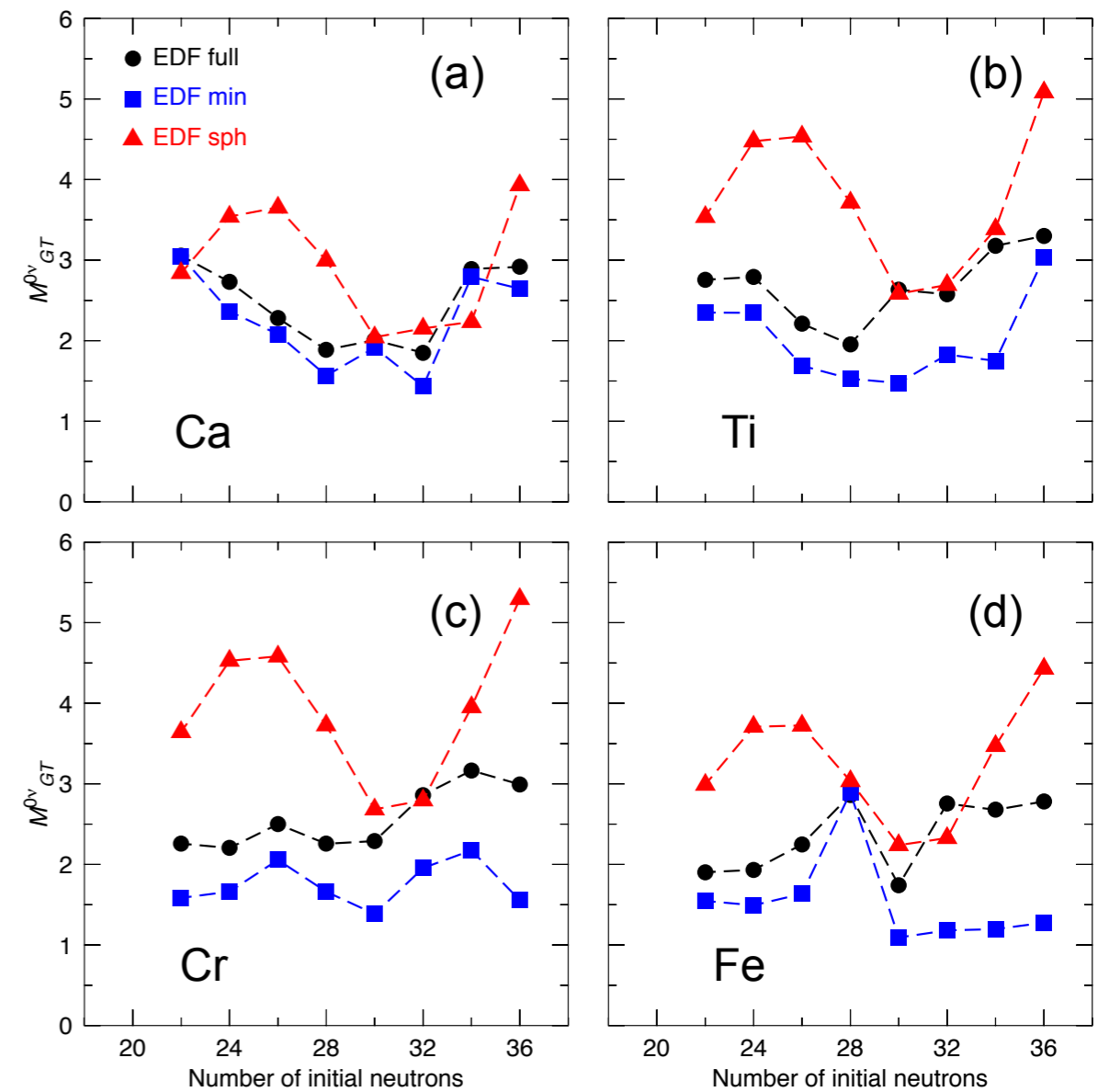
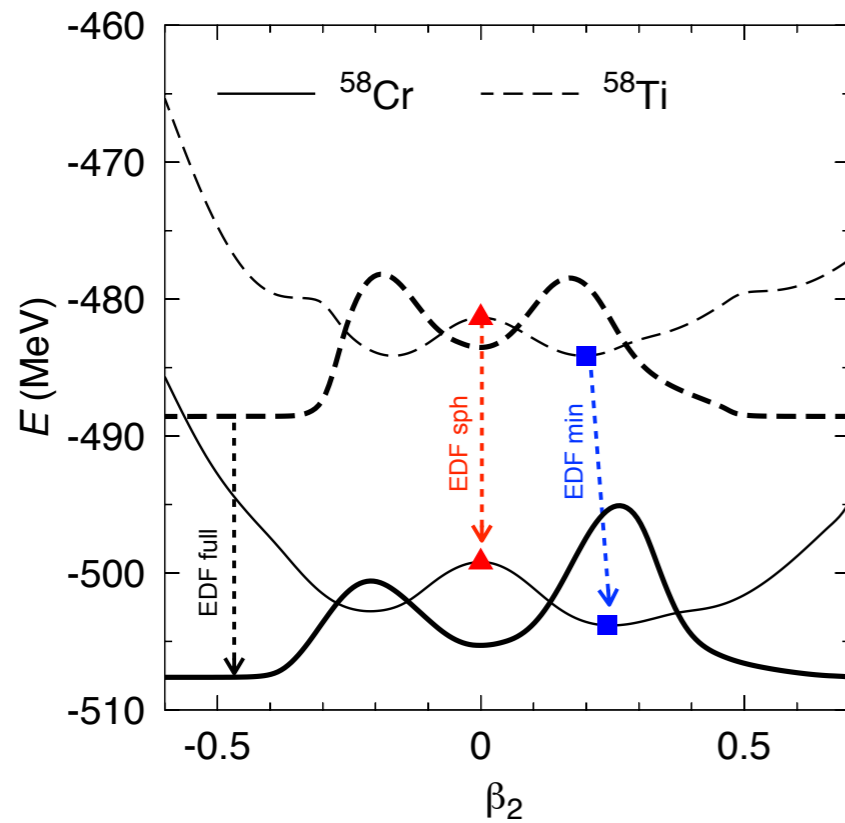
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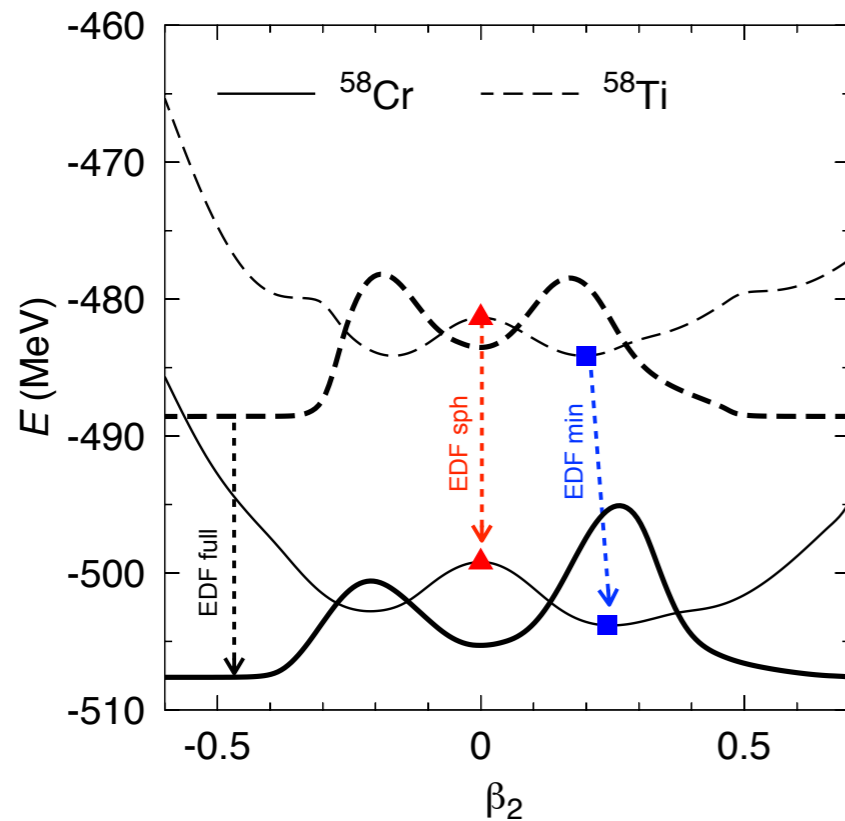
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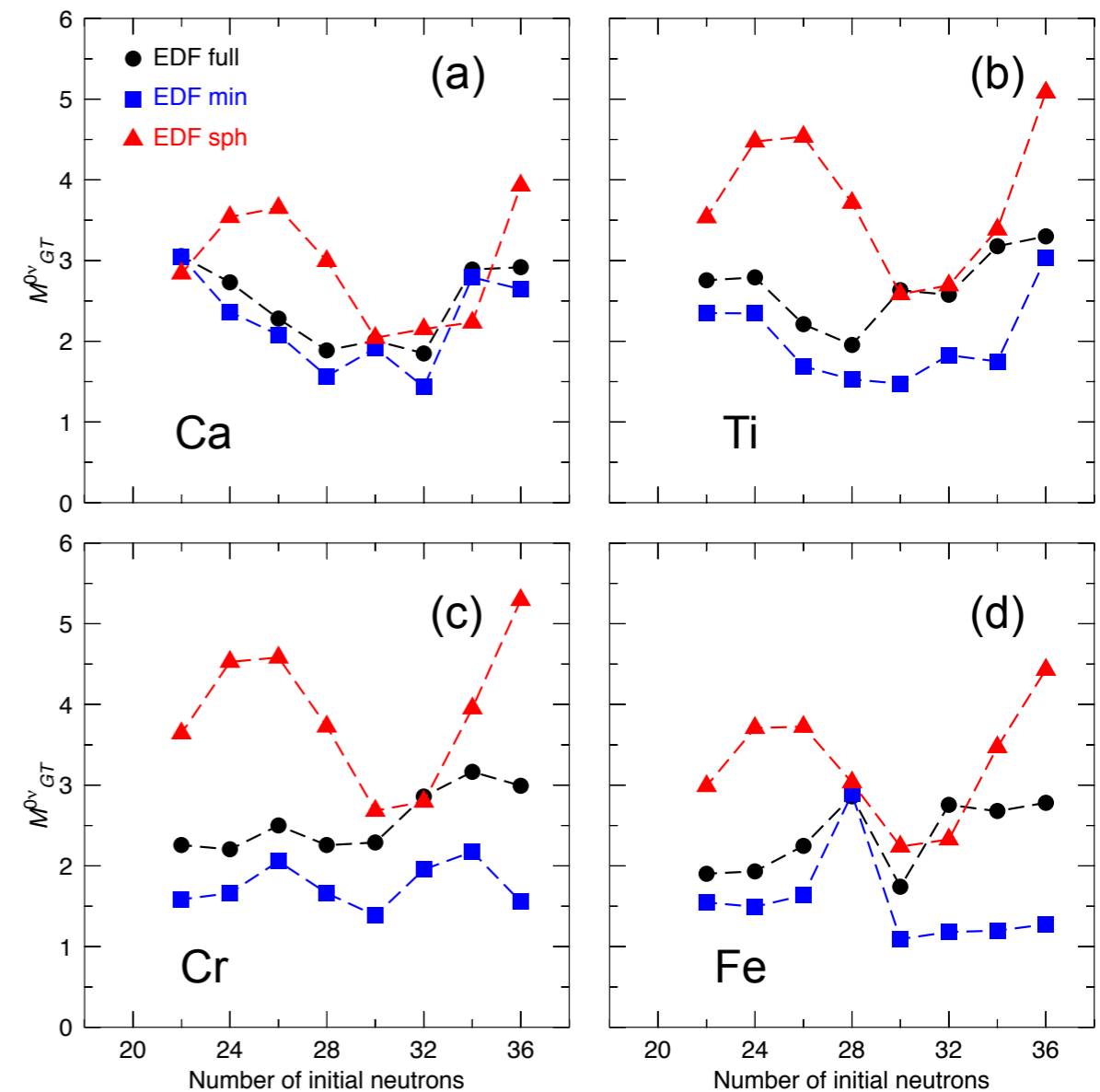
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- NMEs are reduced with respect to the spherical value when correlations are included.

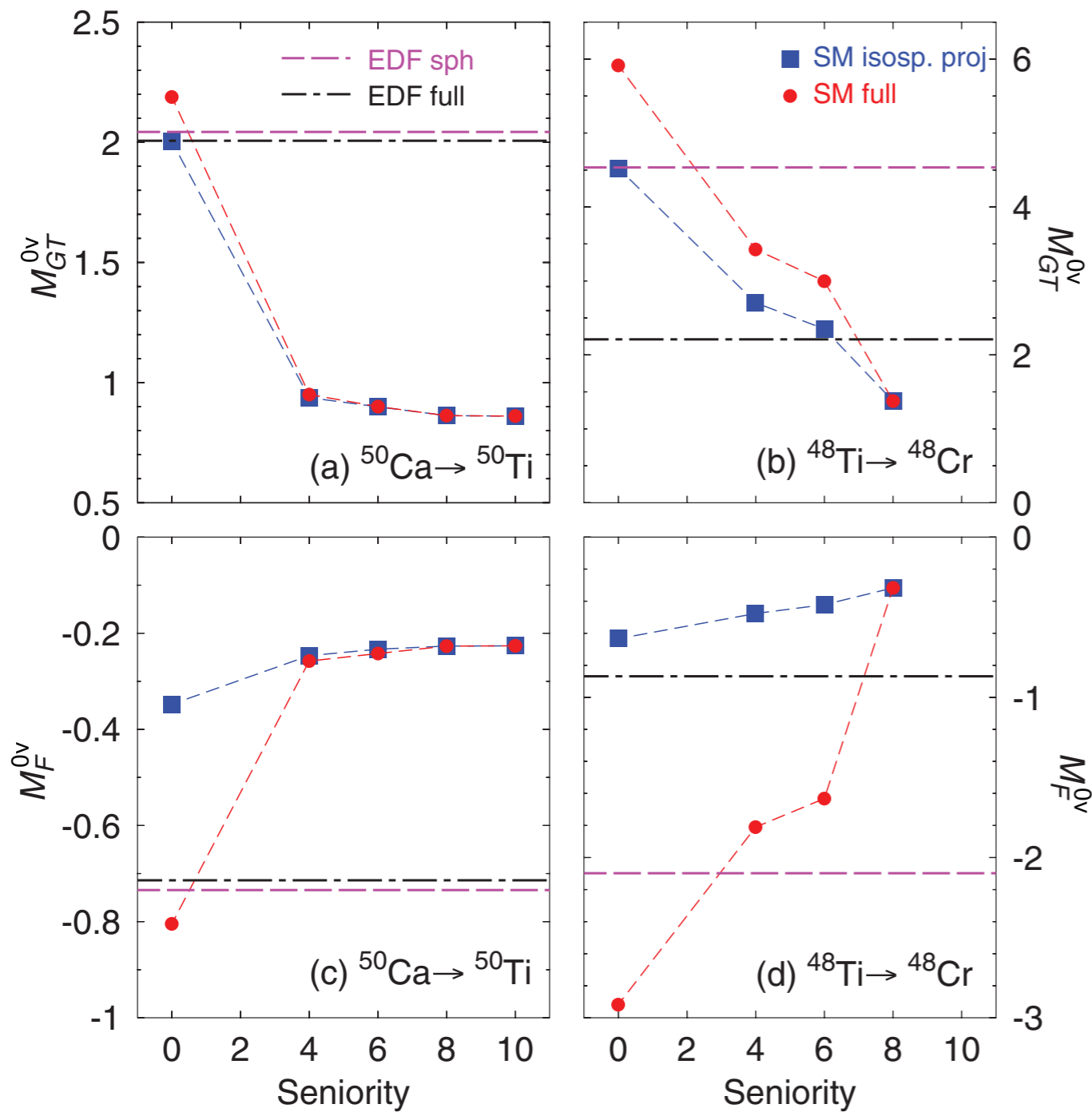
- The biggest reduction is produced by angular momentum restoration and configuration mixing produces an increase of the NME.

- Cross-check nuclei: ^{42}Ca , ^{50}Ca , ^{56}Fe



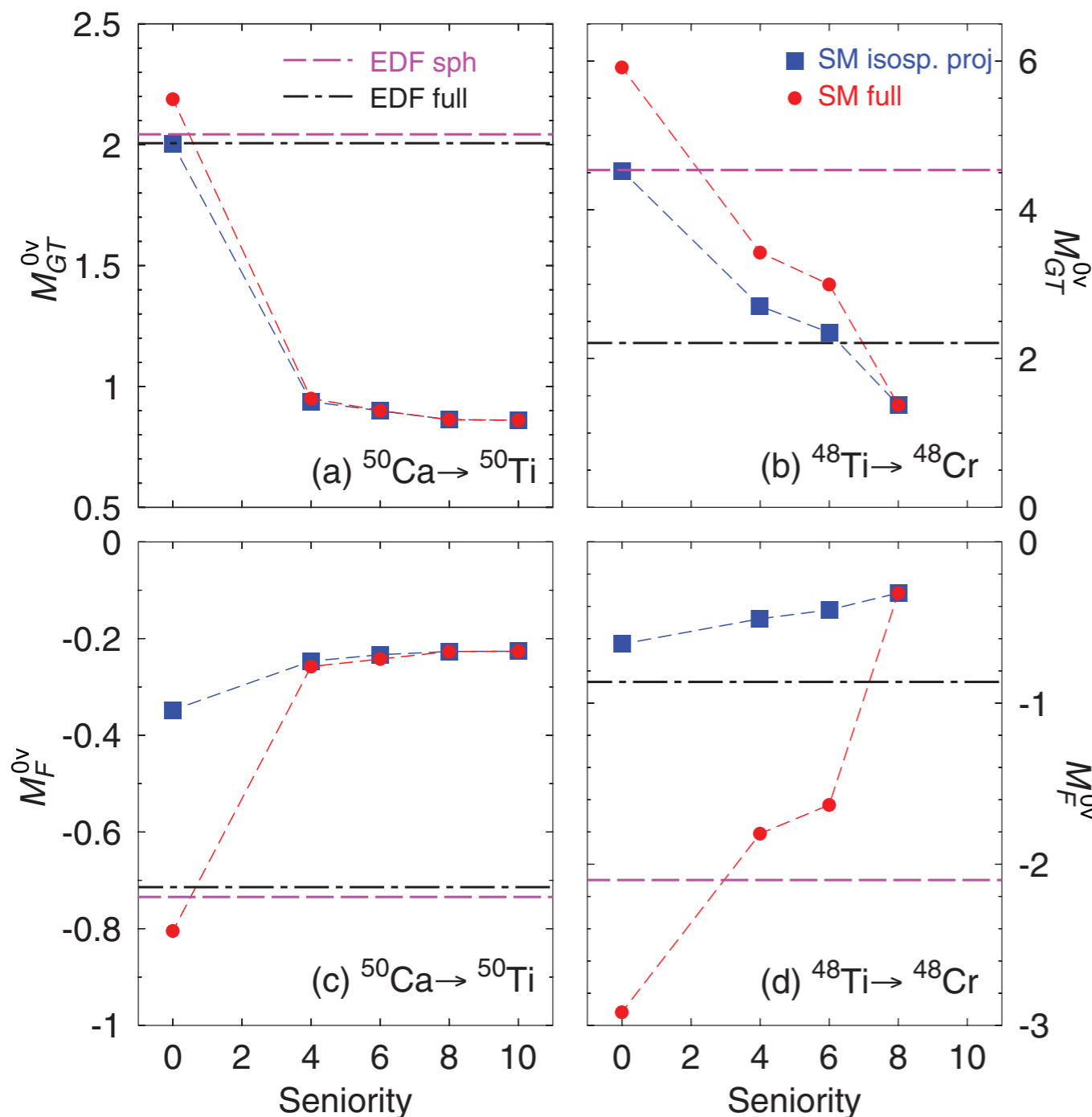
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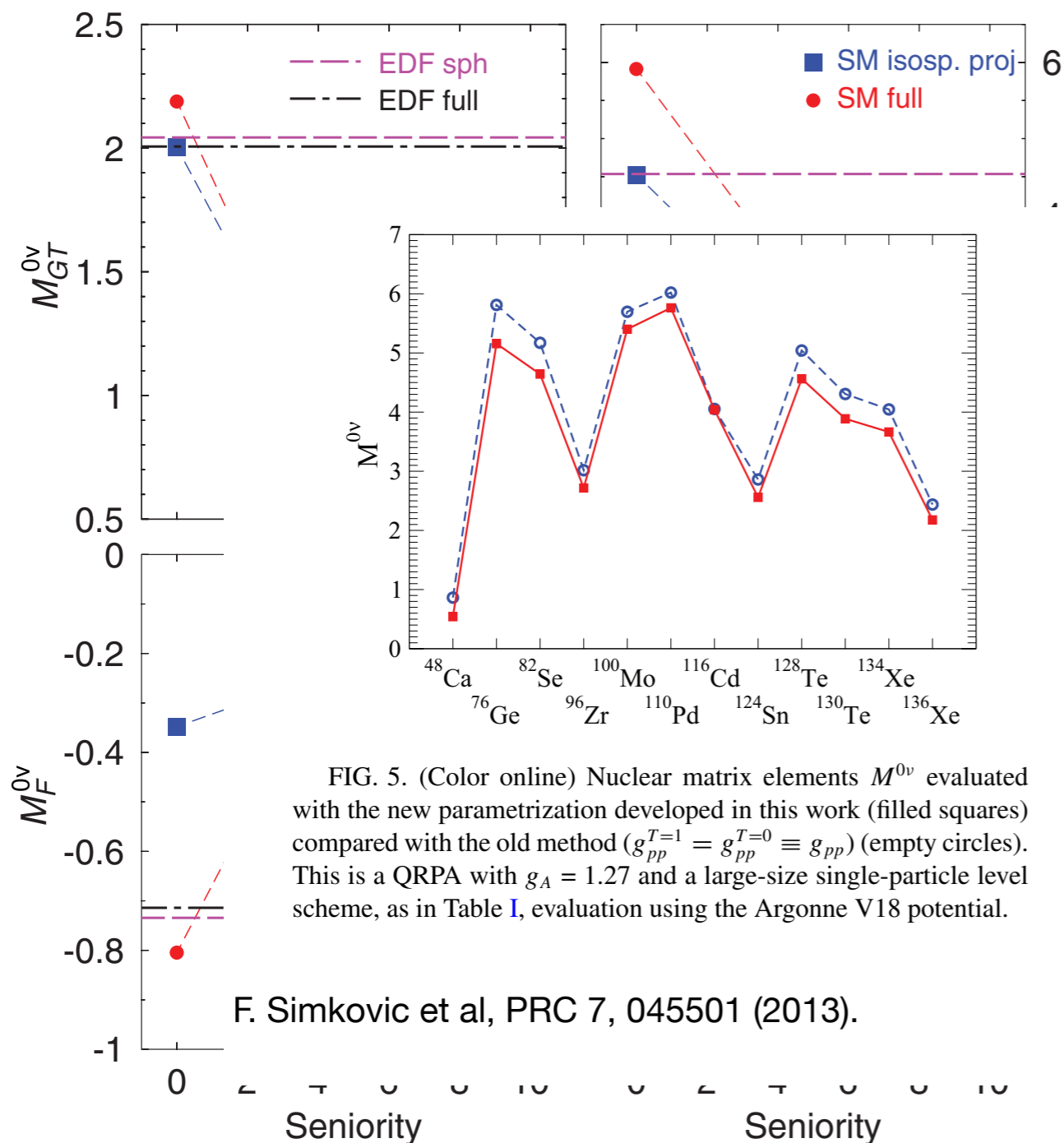
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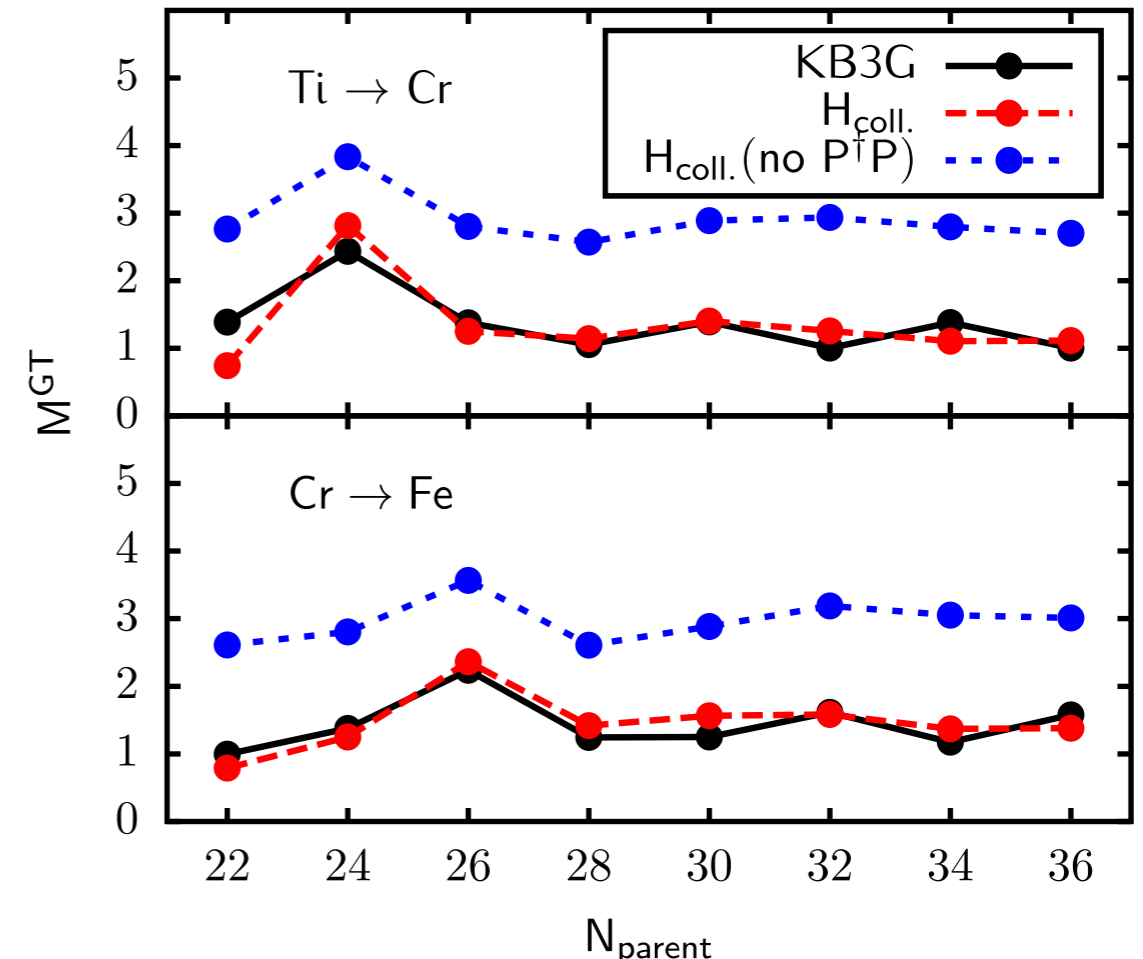
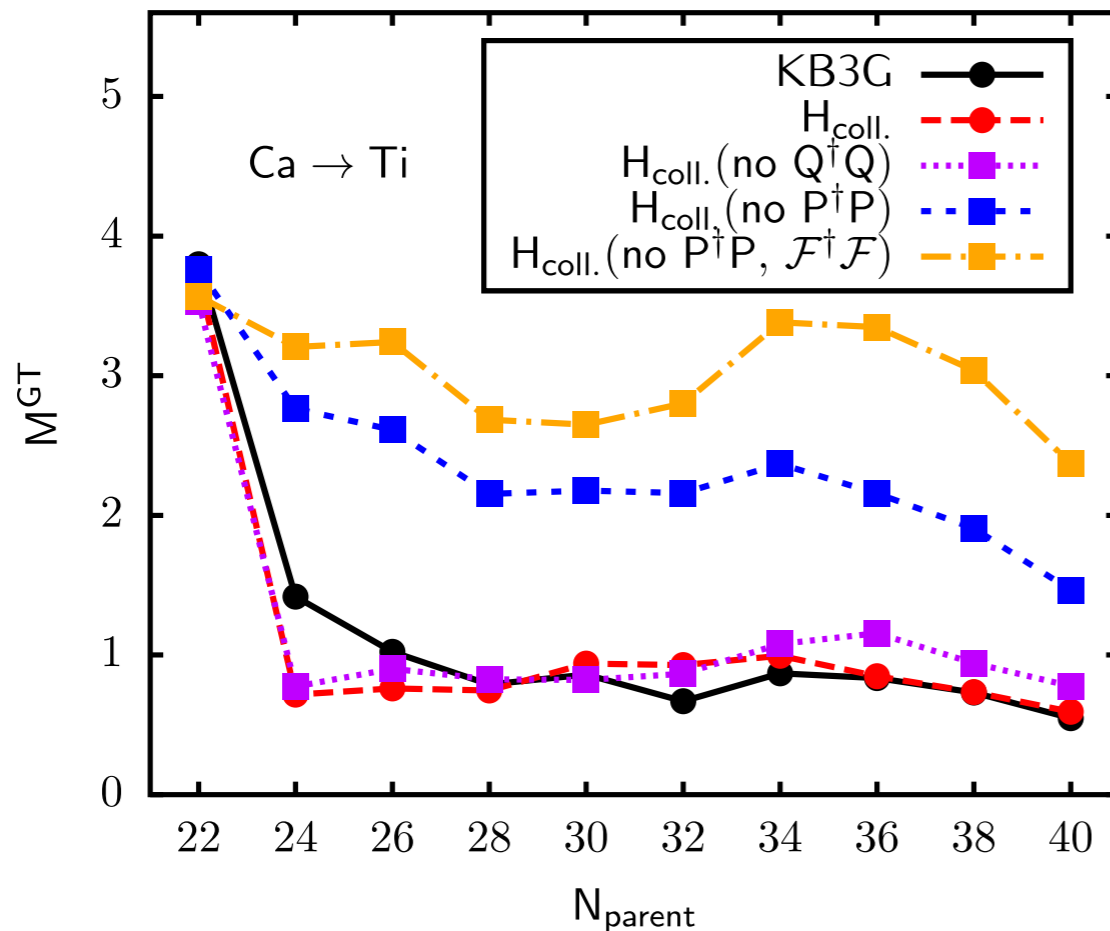
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$$+ g_{ph} \sum_{m,n=-1}^1 : \mathcal{F}_{mn}^\dagger \mathcal{F}_{mn} : + \chi \sum_{\mu=-2}^2 : Q_\mu^\dagger Q_\mu :$$

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- Increase of the NME when isoscalar pairing is removed.
- Further increase when spin-isospin is also removed

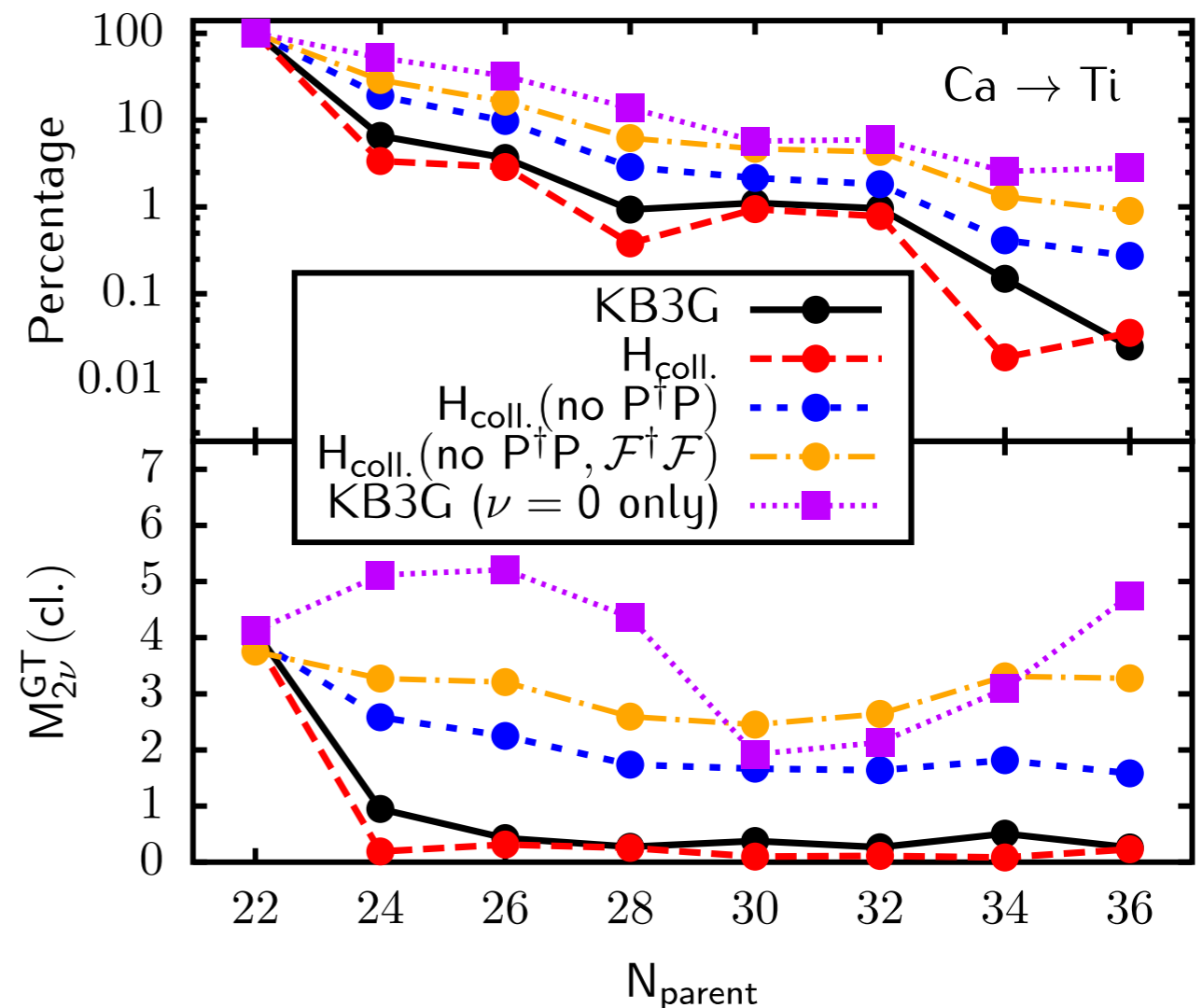


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$$H_{\text{coll}} = H_M + g^{T=1} \sum_{n=-1}^1 S_n^\dagger S_n + g^{T=0} \sum_{m=-1}^1 P_m^\dagger P_m$$

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- GT operator is SU(4) invariant (neglecting the neutrino potential)
- GT operator can only connect states belonging to the same irreducible representation of SU(4)
- SU(4) is more broken when $T=0$ and spin-isospin terms are removed from the Hamiltonian \Rightarrow the number of SU(4) irreps present both in the mother and daughter g.s. wave functions are larger \Rightarrow larger NMEs



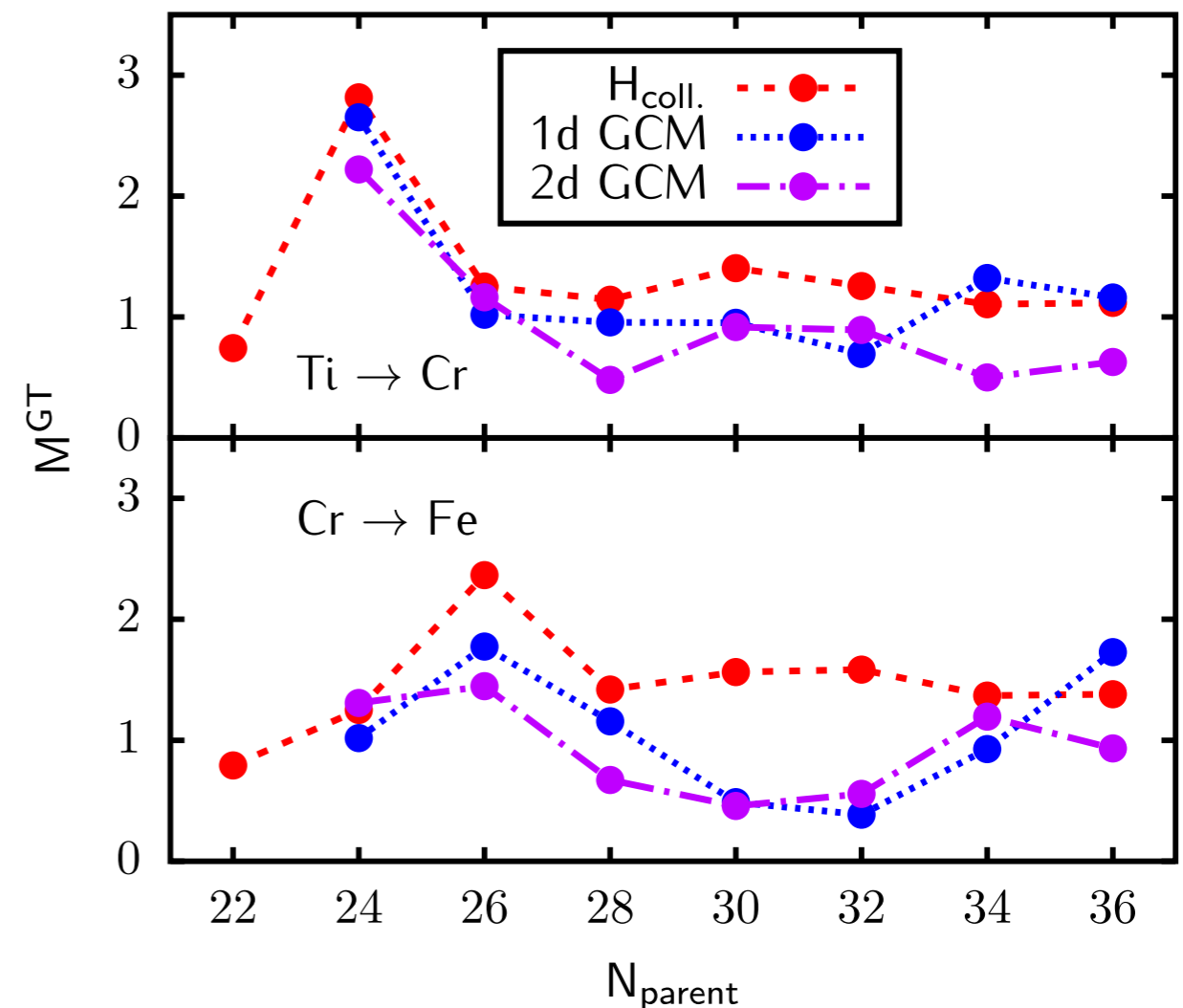
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- SM/GCM comparison with **the same interaction.**
- 1D: only pn strength as a generator coordinate.
- 2D: pn strength and axial quadrupole deformation as generator coordinates.

EXACT vs. VARIATIONAL!!



Occupation numbers

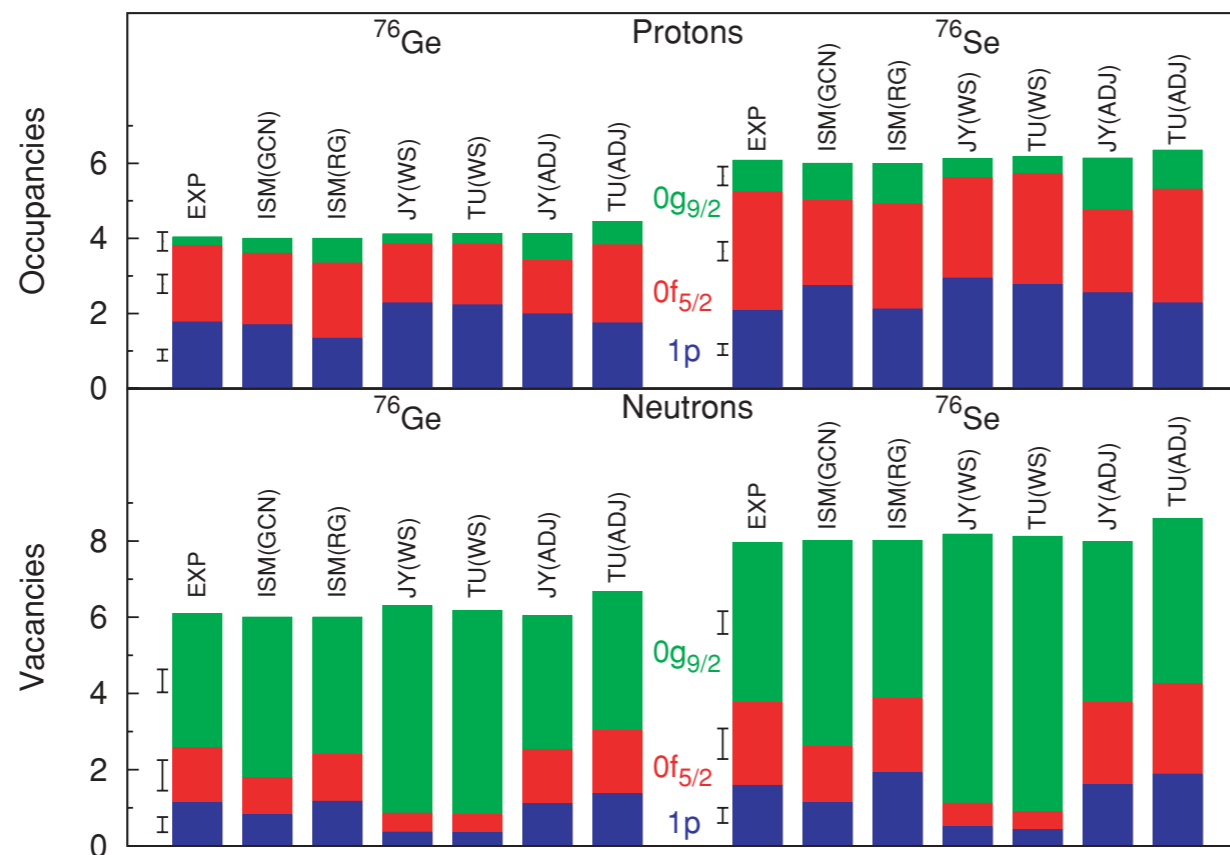


FIG. 1. (Color online) Comparison between experimental and theoretical occupation numbers for $A = 76$. Experimental values are from Refs. [1,2]. The ISM results correspond to the gcn28.50 (GCN) and rg (RG) interactions. The QRPA standard numbers, TU(W/S) and JY(W/S) give the occupancies at the BCS level. The QRPA occupancies with adjusted single particle energies are given at the BCS level in the case of JY(ADJ) and at QRPA level for TU(ADJ). JY and TU results from Refs. [5] and [6], respectively. The experimental error bars are also shown.

$M^{0\nu\beta\beta}$	GCN	WS	RG	ADJ-WS
ISM	2.81		3.26	
QRPA(JY)		5.36		4.11
QRPA(TU)		5.07–6.25		4.59–5.44

Fitting the underlying (WS) mean field to reproduce the “experimental” occupation numbers reduces the pnQRPA NMEs.

J. Menéndez et al., Phys. Rev. C 80, 048501 (2009)

Exp: J. Schiffer et al., Phys Rev. Lett. 100, 112501 (2008)

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orbit	^{76}Ge ax	^{76}Ge triax	^{76}Ge exp	^{76}Se ax	^{76}Se triax	^{76}Se exp
$\nu 0f_{7/2}$	7.81	7.72	—	7.72	7.47	—
$\nu 1p$	5.38	4.88	4.87 ± 0.20	4.74	4.30	4.41 ± 0.20
$\nu 0f_{5/2}$	5.16	4.95	4.56 ± 0.40	4.96	4.24	3.83 ± 0.40
$\nu 0g_{9/2}$	4.65	4.84	6.48 ± 0.30	3.92	4.10	5.80 ± 0.30
$\nu 1d_{5/2}$	0.54	0.83	—	0.26	0.86	—
$\nu 0g_{7/2}$	0.16	0.24	—	0.19	0.31	—
$\nu 1d_{3/2}$	0.04	0.07	—	0.04	0.10	—
$\nu 2s_{1/2}$	0.03	0.09	—	0.02	0.12	—
$\pi 0f_{7/2}$	7.46	7.19	—	7.41	6.94	—
$\pi 1p$	2.11	2.17	1.77 ± 0.15	3.29	2.69	2.08 ± 0.15
$\pi 0f_{5/2}$	2.16	2.30	2.04 ± 0.25	2.98	2.63	3.16 ± 0.25
$\pi 0g_{9/2}$	0.17	0.19	0.23 ± 0.25	0.21	1.16	0.84 ± 0.25
$\pi 1d_{5/2}$	0.03	0.05	—	0.04	0.25	—
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$\pi 2s_{1/2}$	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	0.03	—

T. R. R., J. Phys. G 44, 034002 (2017)

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- ◎ **Experimental data are already able to constrain very long lower limit half-lives (we cross fingers for a positive signal soon!).**
- ◎ **$0\nu\beta\beta$ preferred mechanism is the exchange of a light Majorana neutrino but some other mechanisms are being considered too.**
- ◎ **NMEs differ a factor of three between the different methods but we need to understand which are the pros/cons of each method to provide reliable numbers (precision vs. accuracy).**
- ◎ **Nuclear physics aspects like deformation, pairing, shell effects, etc., are understood similarly within different approaches.**
- ◎ **Systematic comparisons between ISM/EDF methods have been performed but... we need more!!**

Open questions



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- **Isospin mixing and restoration have to be done in the future. Why is it so difficult (perhaps impossible) with the current Gogny EDFs?**
- **Triaxiality has to be taken into account in $A=76$ and $A=100$ decays (at least).**
- **How relevant is the proper description of the spectra in $0\nu\beta\beta$ NMEs?**
- **Occupation numbers with EDF to define physically sound valence spaces.**
- **Odd-odd nuclei is still a major challenge for GCM calculations.**
- **Computational time?!?**

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In all of the Gogny codes, a factorization of the HFB-like wave function is assumed:

$$|\Phi\rangle = |\Phi\rangle_p \times |\Phi\rangle_n$$

Therefore, the HFB transformation is block-diagonal in isospin:

$$\beta_a^\dagger = \sum_b U_{ba} c_b^\dagger + V_{ba} c_b \rightarrow U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{pp} & 0 \\ 0 & U_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \quad V = \begin{pmatrix} V_{pp} & 0 \\ 0 & V_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

and, consequently, the density matrix and pairing tensor are also block-diagonal in isospin:

$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{pp} & 0 \\ 0 & \rho_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \quad \kappa = \begin{pmatrix} \kappa_{pp} & 0 \\ 0 & \kappa_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Given a two-body Hamiltonian:
$$\hat{H} = \sum_{ab} t_{ab} c_a^\dagger c_b + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{abcd} \bar{v}_{abcd} c_a^\dagger c_b^\dagger c_d c_c$$

The HFB energy is given by:
$$E^{\text{HFB}} = \text{Tr}(t\rho) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\Gamma\rho) - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\Delta\kappa^*)$$

$$\Gamma_{ac} = \sum_{bd} \bar{v}_{abcd} \rho_{db} \rightarrow \text{HF field}$$

$$\Delta_{ab} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cd} \bar{v}_{abcd} \kappa_{cd} \rightarrow \text{Pairing field}$$

Which parts of the interaction are explored by these fields?

$$\bar{v}_{abcd} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \bar{v}_{a_p b_p c_p d_p} \\ \bar{v}_{a_n b_n c_n d_n} \\ \bar{v}_{a_p b_n c_p d_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

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We have to go beyond

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\rightarrow spatial integrals

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