

# Exploring Isotensor Modes in Double Charge Exchange Reactions

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...the Topic to be addressed:

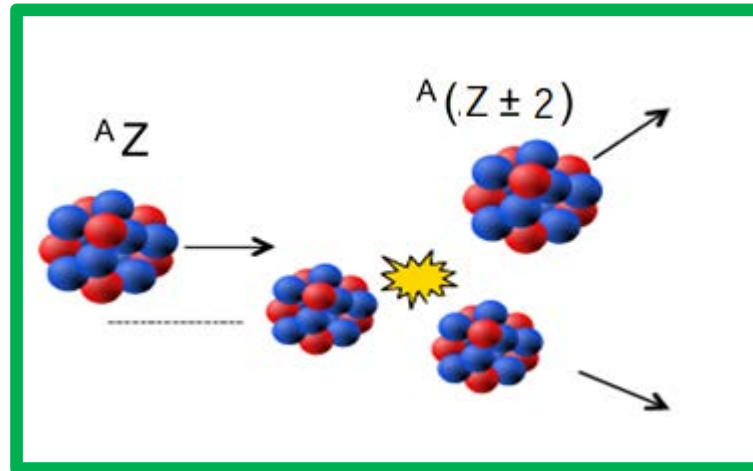
$$A(Z,N) \rightarrow B(Z \pm 2, N \mp 2)$$

- Single Nuclei: Double- $\gamma$  and Double- $\beta$  Decay

$$[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}]^{-1} = G_{0\nu} g_A^4(0) \left| \frac{\langle m_\nu \rangle}{m_e} \right|^2 |M^{0\nu}(0_I^+ \rightarrow 0_F^+)|^2$$

- Dynamical: Double Charge Exchange (DCE) Reactions with Pions and **Heavy Ions**
- Nuclear Structure:  **$np^{-2}$  and  $pn^{-2}$  “Two-Phonon” Modes**
- How to Excite:  **$[\tau \times \tau]_{2\pm 2}$  rank-2 isotensor operators**
- Heavy Ion DCE: **Explore Isotensor Spectroscopy**
- Theory:  **$\left[ A_{pn}^\dagger \otimes A_{p'n'}^\dagger \right]_{J_B M_B}$  Configurations, Isotensor Operators, and DCE Reaction Mechanism**

# In the Following: Heavy Ion Double Charge Exchange Reactions

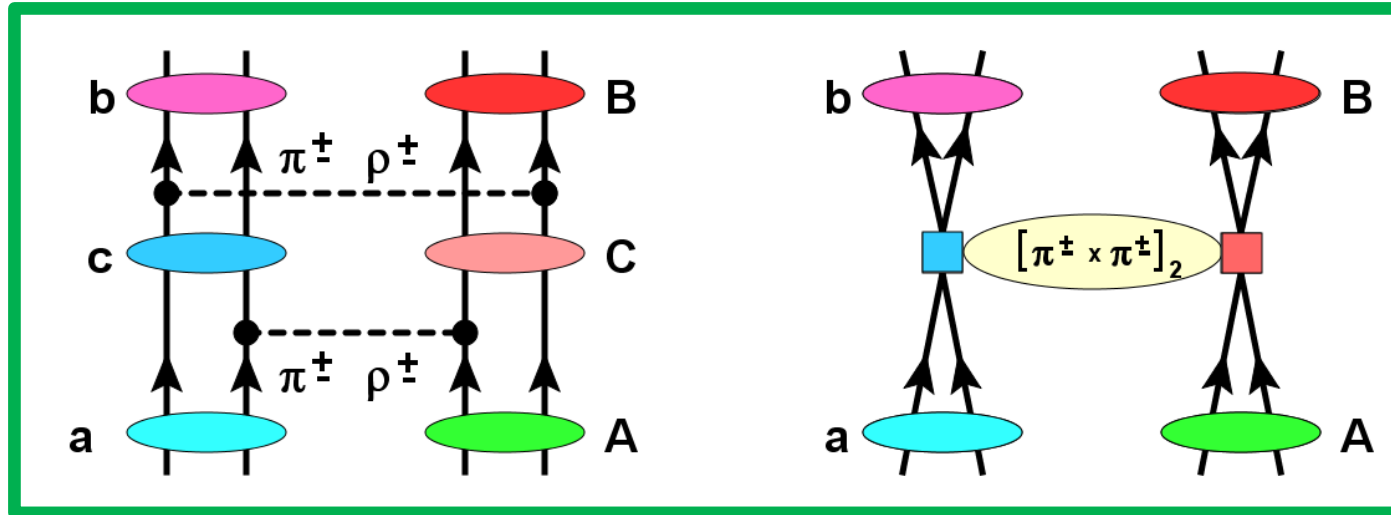


- **Peripheral Direct Reactions of Heavy Ions**
- **DCE Dynamics by Collisional NN Interactions**
- **DCE Reactions as Probes for Nuclear Isotensor Spectroscopy**

# Collisional Nuclear Double Charge Exchange (DCE) Reactions by Isovector Mesons

Sequential Double Single CE

Isotensor „Majorana“ DCE



$$\text{DSCE} \sim O(g_{\pi NN}^4)$$

$$\sigma^{\text{DSCE}}(E) \sim 1/E^2$$

$$\text{NME} \rightarrow 2v2\beta$$

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$$\text{MDCE} \sim O(T_{\pi N}^4)$$

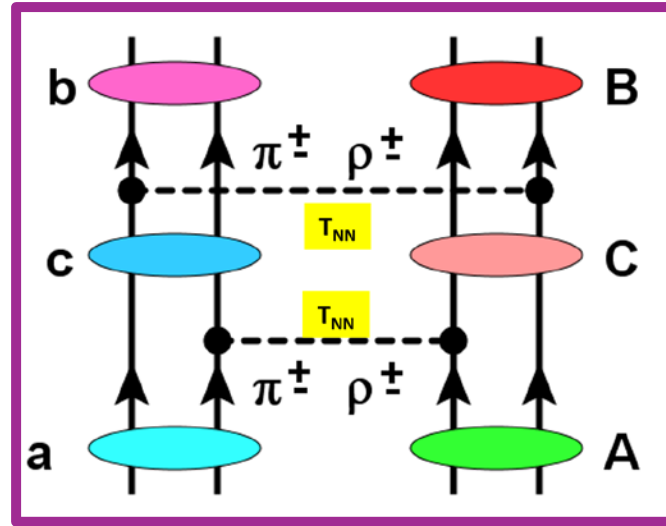
$$\sigma^{\text{MDCE}}(E) \sim 1$$

$$\text{NME} \rightarrow 0v2\beta$$

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# Double Single Charge Exchange Reactions

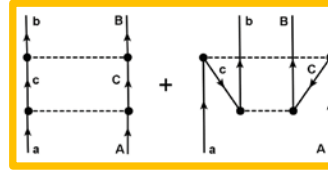
DCE by 2<sup>nd</sup> Order NN Isovector Interactions  $\sim T_{NN}^2$



$$\mathcal{M}_{\alpha\beta}^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}_\alpha, \mathbf{k}_\beta) = \langle \chi_\beta^{(-)}, bB | \mathcal{T}_{NN} \mathcal{G}_{aA}^{(+)}(\omega_\alpha) \mathcal{T}_{NN} | aA, \chi_\alpha^{(+)} \rangle.$$

FSI
Rank-2 Isotensor Op.
ISI

# DSCE Reaction Amplitude in Momentum Representation



$$\mathcal{M}_{\alpha\beta}^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}_\alpha, \mathbf{k}_\beta) = \int d^3 p_1 \int d^3 p_2 \int \frac{d^3 k_\gamma}{(2\pi)^3} \underbrace{\hat{K}_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2)}_{\text{ISI/FSI}} \underbrace{\mathcal{N}_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2 | \mathbf{k}_\gamma)}_{\text{Spectroscopy}}$$

ISI/FSI

Spectroscopy

## DSCE Nuclear Transition Matrix Element (TME)

$$\mathcal{N}_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) = \sum_{cC} \langle bB | \mathcal{S}_{NN}(\mathbf{p}_2 | (34)) | cC \rangle \underbrace{g_{\alpha\gamma}^{(+)}(k_\gamma)}_{\text{Spectroscopy}} \langle cC | \mathcal{S}_{NN}(\mathbf{p}_1 | (12)) | aA \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{NN}(\mathbf{p} | ik) = e^{i\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_k)} T_{NN}(\mathbf{p} | ik) \tau_{\pm}(i) \tau_{\mp}(j).$$

2-Body Isovector Transition Operators

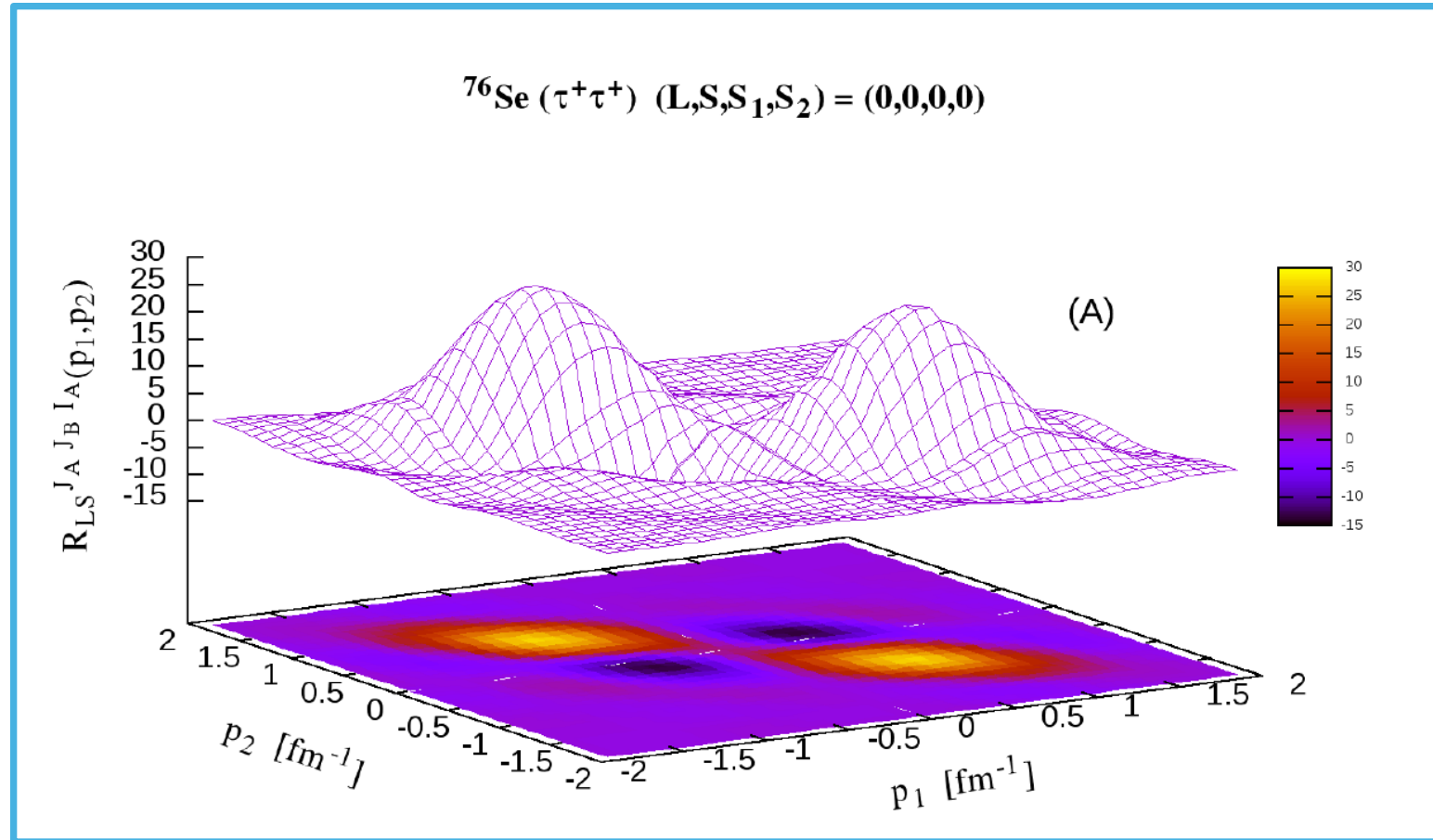
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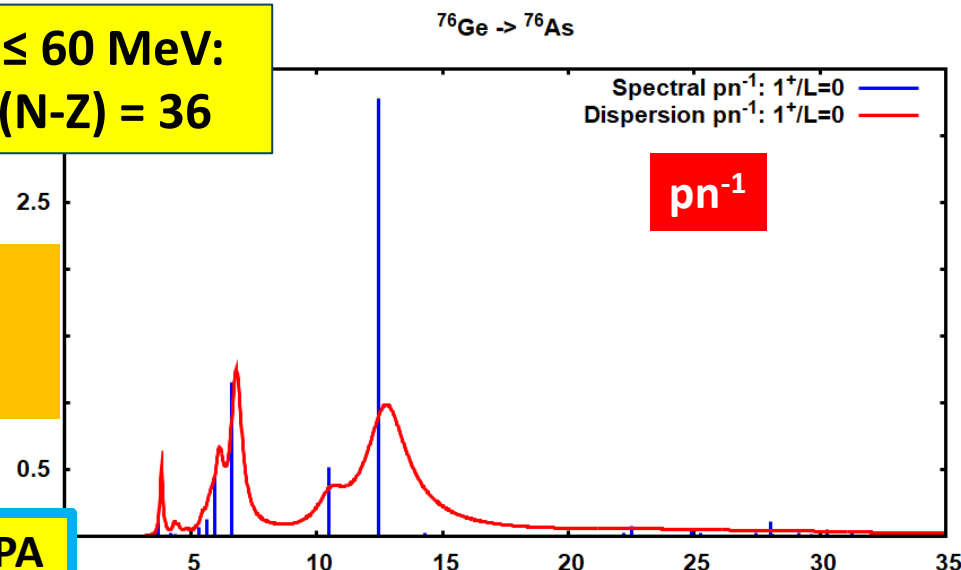
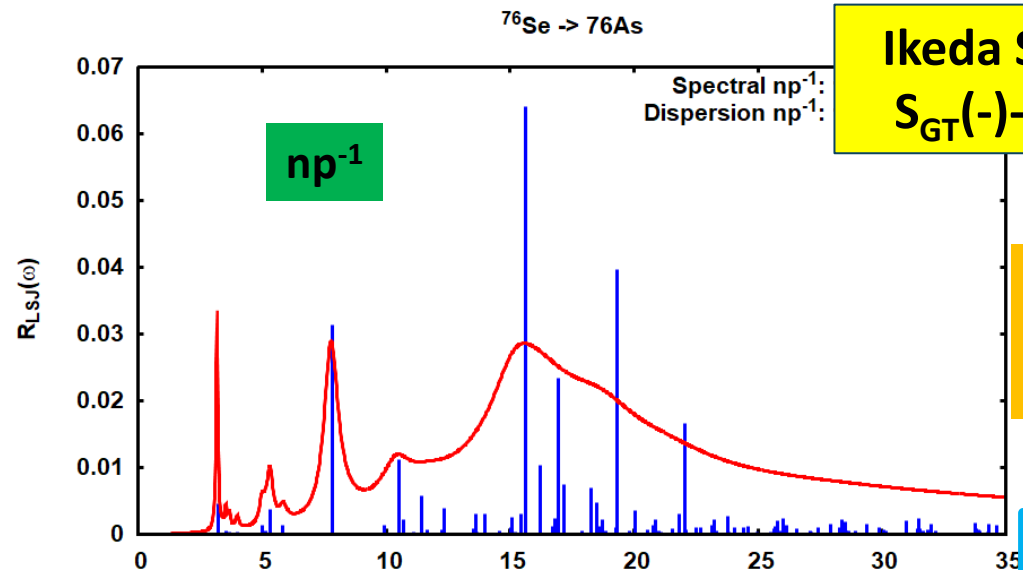
*J. Bellone et al., PLB 807:135528 (2020)*

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# Heavy Ion Double Charge Exchange Reactions as Probes for Two-Body Transition Densities

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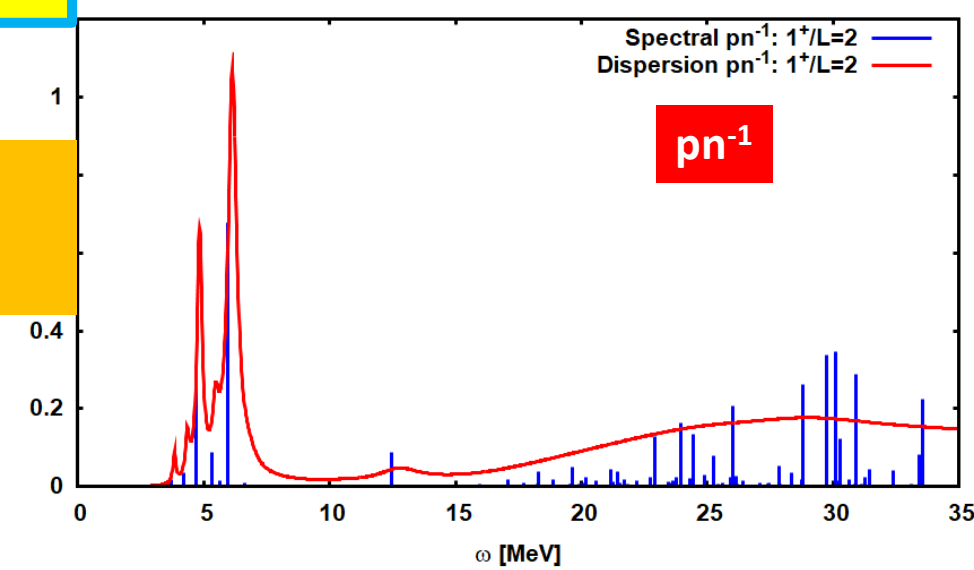
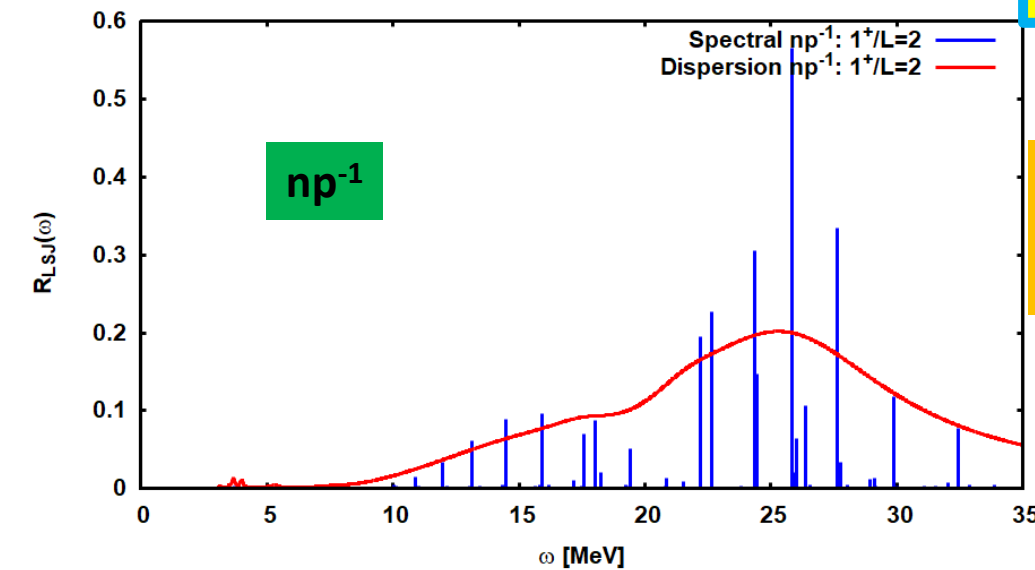




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**GiEDF+HFB+ccQRPA**  
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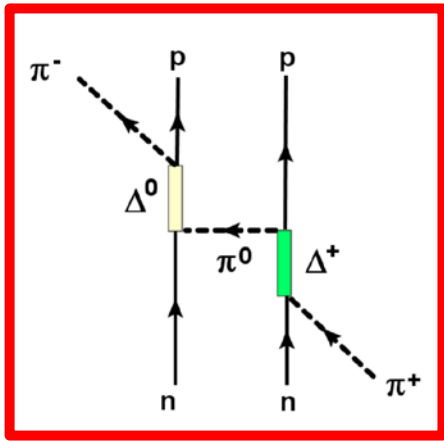
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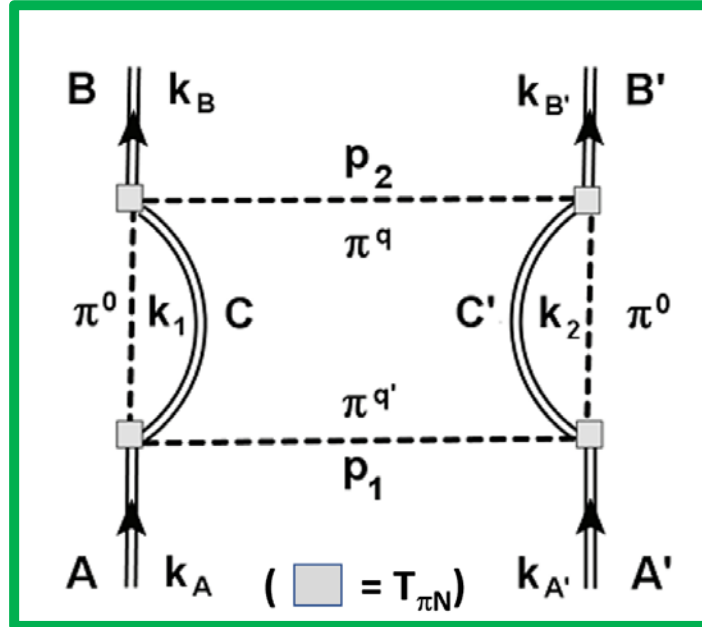


# Majorana DCE (MDCE) Scenario

DCE via 2<sup>nd</sup> Order (off-shell)  $\pi$ N Isovector Interactions

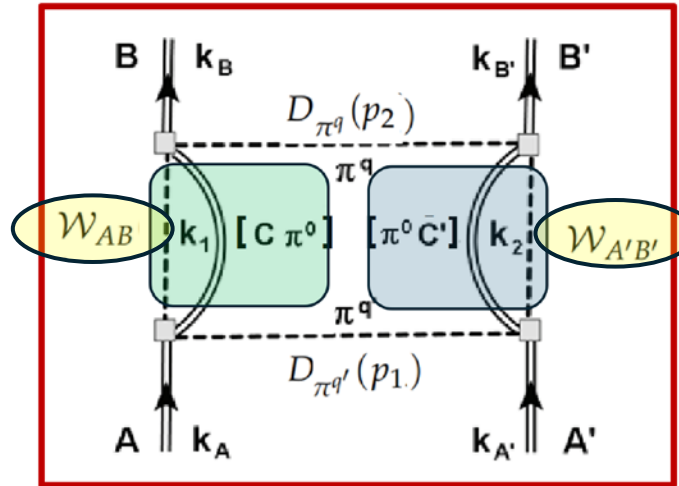


On-shell counterpart:  
 $(\pi^+, \pi^-)$  and  $(\pi^-, \pi^+)$   
 Isotensor DCE reactions



$$\mathcal{F}_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) = \mathcal{W}_{AB}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) D_{\pi^q \pi^{q'}}(p_1, p_2) \mathcal{W}_{A'B'}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2)$$

# Key Elements: Spectroscopic Form Factor and $n^2p^{-2}/p^2n^{-2}$ Transition Matrix Elements



## Nuclear Transition Matrix Elements (TME)

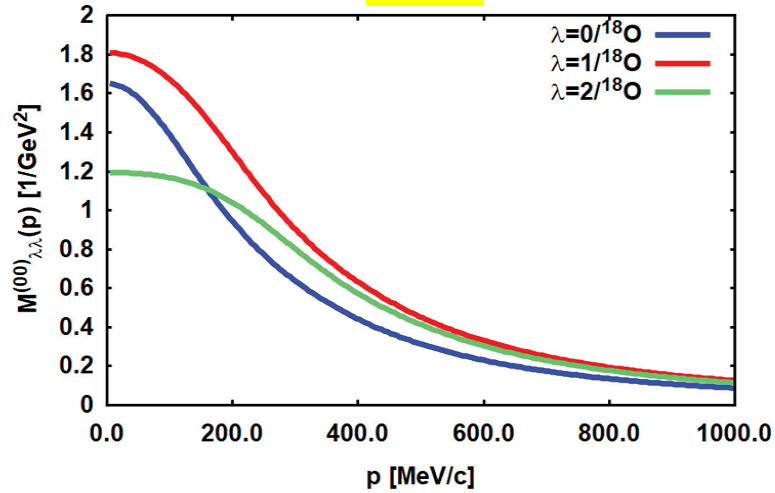
$$\mathcal{W}_{AB}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) = \langle B | \mathcal{T}_{\pi N}(\mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{k} | \sigma_3) \mathcal{G}_{\pi C}(k_1) \mathcal{T}_{\pi N}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{k} | \sigma_1) | A \rangle,$$

Rank-2 Isotensor Interaction 2<sup>nd</sup> Order  $T_{\pi N}$  → Pion Potentials

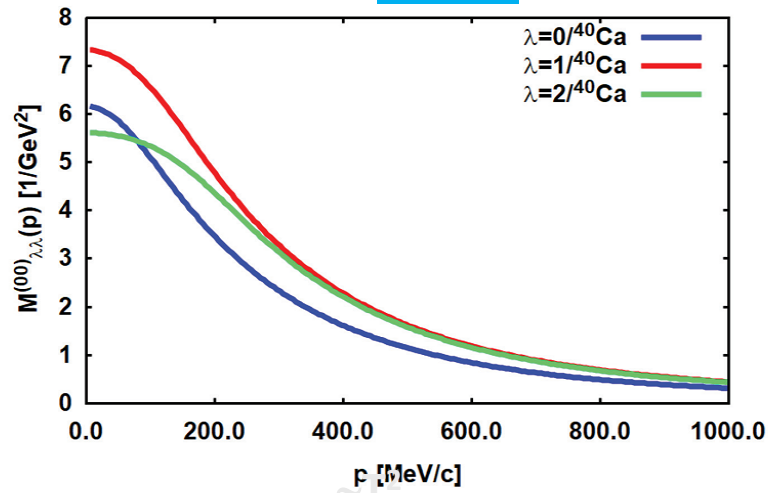
$$T_{\pi N}(p_j, k) = T_0(w) + \frac{1}{m_\pi^2} \left( T_1(w) p_j \cdot k + iT_2(w) \sigma_j \cdot (p_j \times k) \right)$$

# Spin-Scalar Fermi-Fermi Multipole TFF

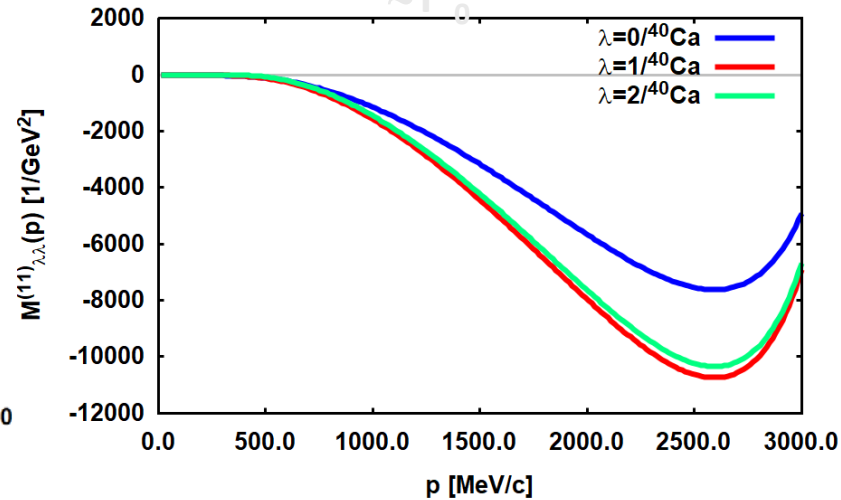
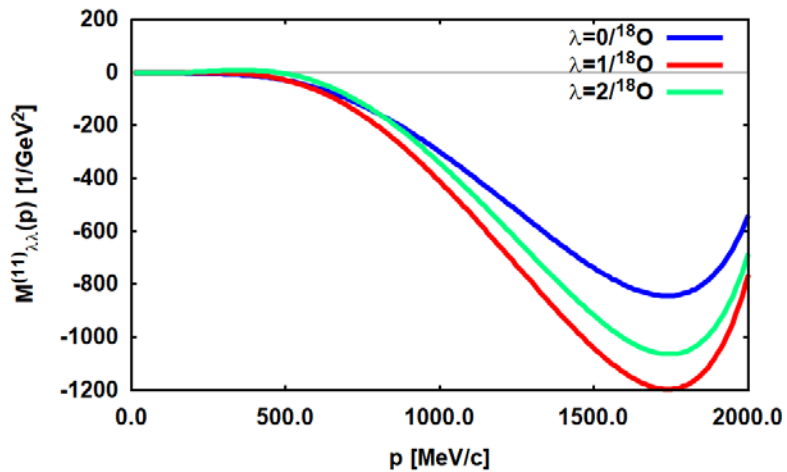
**$^{18}\text{O}$**



**$^{40}\text{Ca}$**



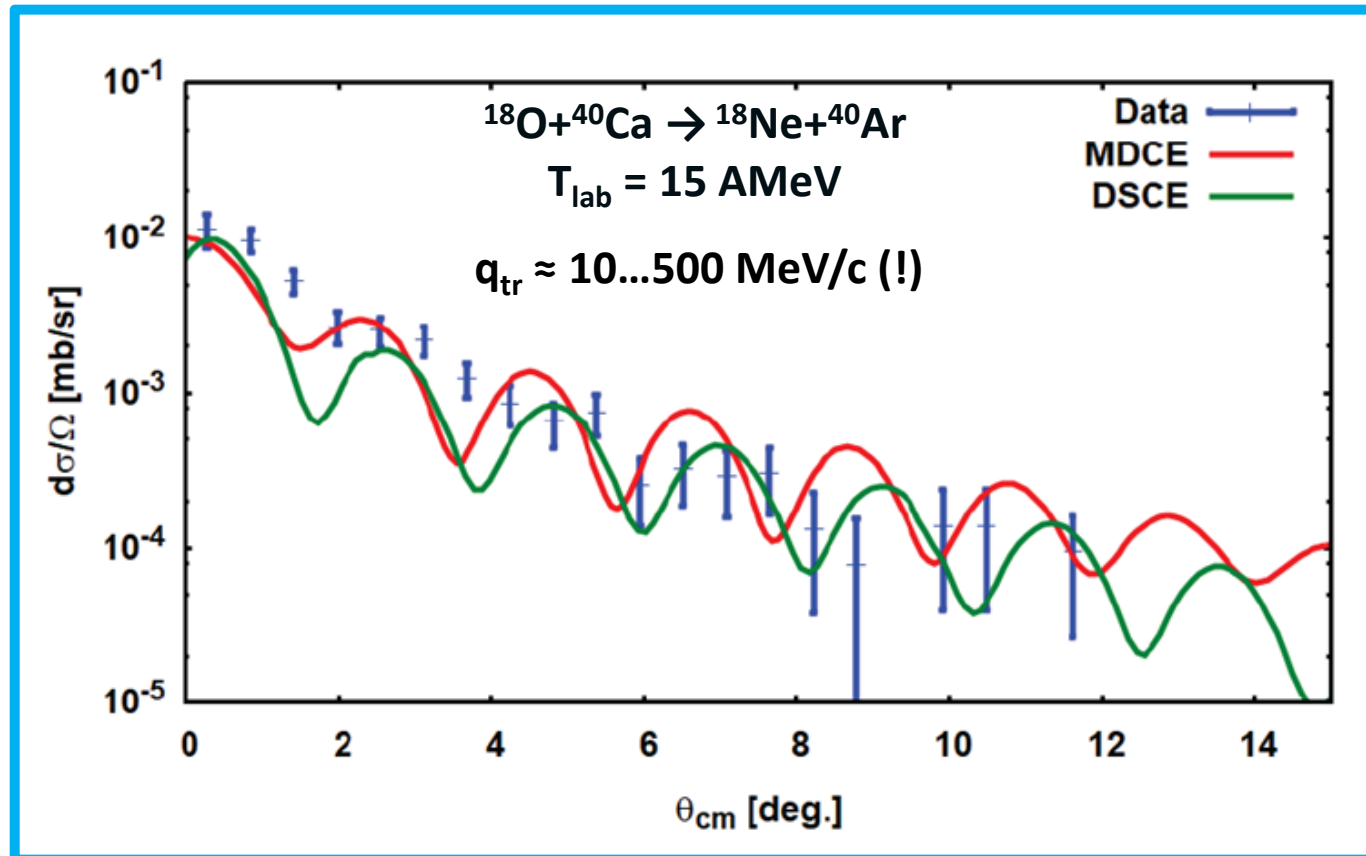
Double  $\pi\text{N}$  S-wave TFF  
 $\sim T^2_0$



Double  $\pi\text{N}$  P-wave TFF  
 $\sim T^2_1$

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# Exploratory DSCE and MDCE Study



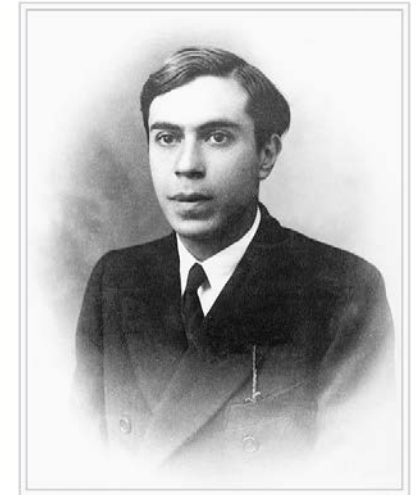
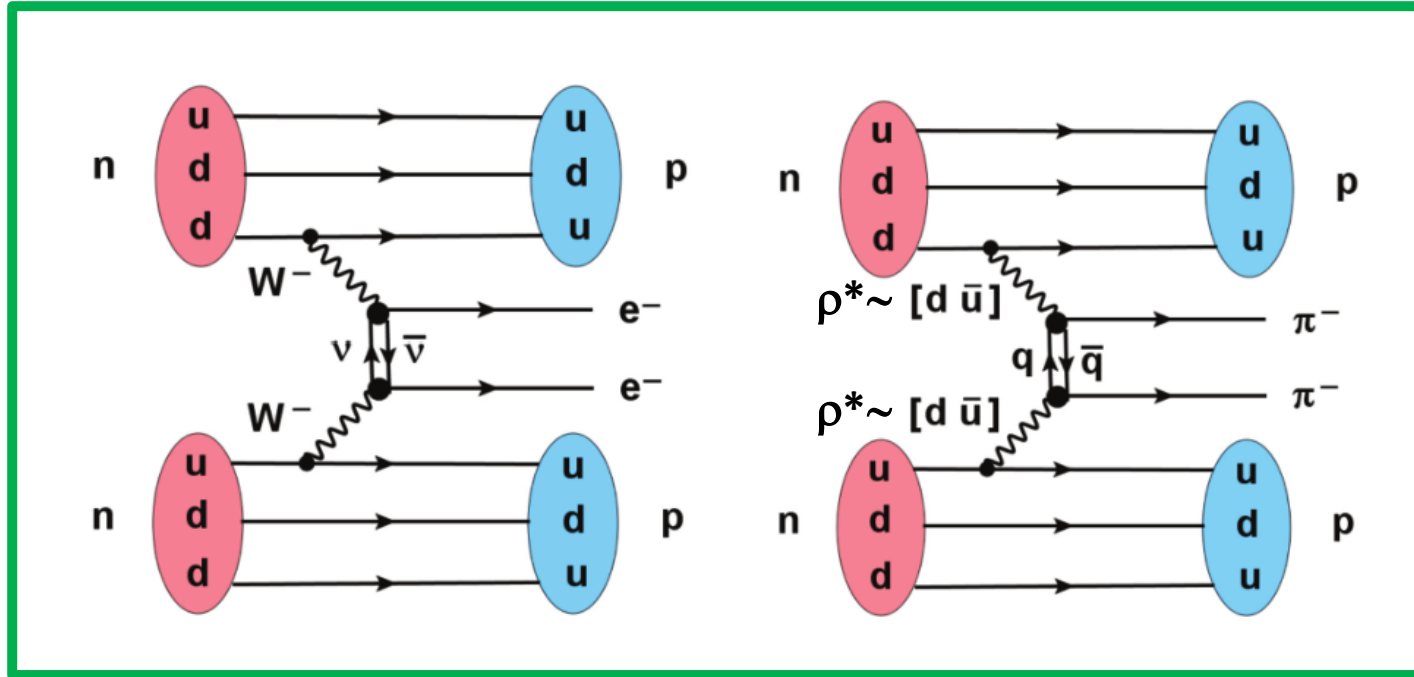
2-step DSCE: intermediate states with  $J^\pi \leq 5^\pm$

1-step MDCE:  $^{40}\text{Ca}(0^+) \rightarrow ^{40}\text{Ar}([n^{-2}p^2]0^+)$ :  $J=0^+$  with  $L=S=0$  &  $[L=2 \times S=2]_{0^+}$

NUMEN & Data: *F. Cappuzzello et al. Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 128 (2023) 103999*

# MDCE and $0\nu 2\beta$ Double Beta-Decay

## The Majorana Aspect



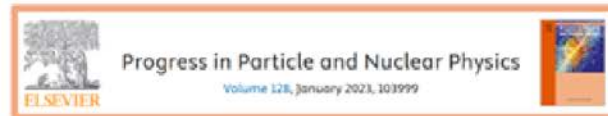
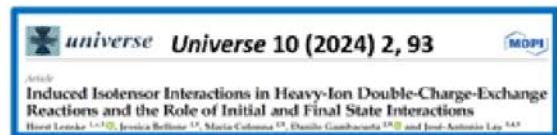
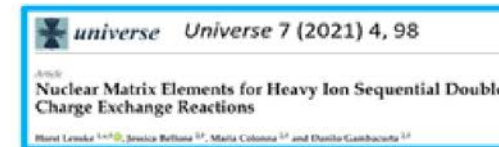
Ettore Majorana  
 \*Aug., 5, 1906, at Catania  
 disappeared, Mar, 1938  
 + 1959 in Venezuela?  
 + in a Sicilian monastery?

- Topological Correspondence on the Diagrammatic Level
- MDCE as a Probe for  $0\nu 2\beta$ -NME
- DSCE as a Probe for  $2\nu 2\beta$ -NME

# Summary

- Double Single Charge Exchange (DSCE) and 2BTD
- „Majorana“ DCE (MDCE)
- DCE as a Tool for Nuclear Isotensor Spectroscopy
- Lepton DCE - a Probe for LNV and DBD?

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