



The implications of different nuclear matrix element calculations in neutrinoless double beta decay experiments

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- **Brief background**

- **Theoretical framework**

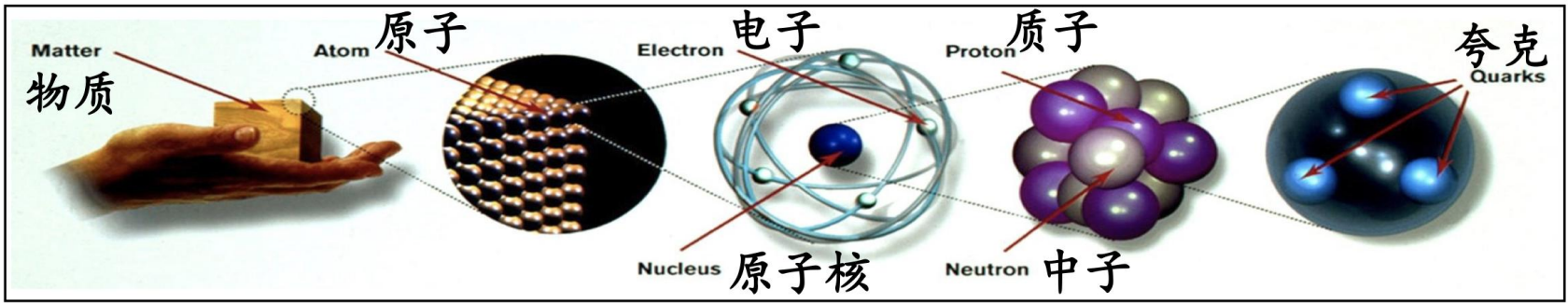
$0\nu 2\beta$ process in minimal Type-I seesaw

- **Numerical results**

Constraints of minimal Type-I seesaw from current and future $0\nu 2\beta$ experiments

- **Conclusions**

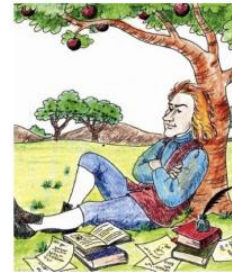
Known basics



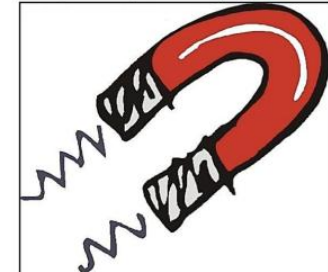
Standard Model of Elementary Particles

	three generations of matter (fermions)			interactions / force carriers (bosons)			
	I	II	III				
QUARKS	mass = 2.2 MeV/c ² charge 2/3 spin 1/2 u up	mass = 1.28 GeV/c ² charge 2/3 spin 1/2 c charm	mass = 173.1 GeV/c ² charge 2/3 spin 1/2 t top <small>Top quark</small>	mass 0 charge 0 spin 1 g gluon	mass = 124.97 GeV/c ² charge 0 spin 0 H higgs		
	mass = 4.7 MeV/c ² charge -1/3 spin 1/2 d down	mass = 96 MeV/c ² charge -1/3 spin 1/2 s strange	mass = 4.18 GeV/c ² charge -1/3 spin 1/2 b bottom	mass 0 charge 0 spin 1 γ photon	SCALAR BOSONS		
	mass = 0.511 MeV/c ² charge -1 spin 1/2 e electron	mass = 105.66 MeV/c ² charge -1 spin 1/2 μ muon	mass = 1.7768 GeV/c ² charge -1 spin 1/2 τ tau	mass = 91.19 GeV/c ² charge 0 spin 1 Z Z boson		GAUGE BOSONS VECTOR BOSONS	
	mass < 1.0 eV/c ² charge 0 spin 1/2 ν_e electron neutrino	mass < 0.17 MeV/c ² charge 0 spin 1/2 ν_μ muon neutrino	mass < 1.82 MeV/c ² charge 0 spin 1/2 ν_τ tau neutrino	mass = 80.39 GeV/c ² charge ±1 spin 1 W W boson			
	LEPTONS						

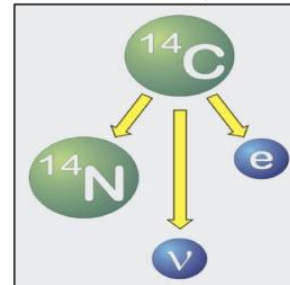
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About neutrinos

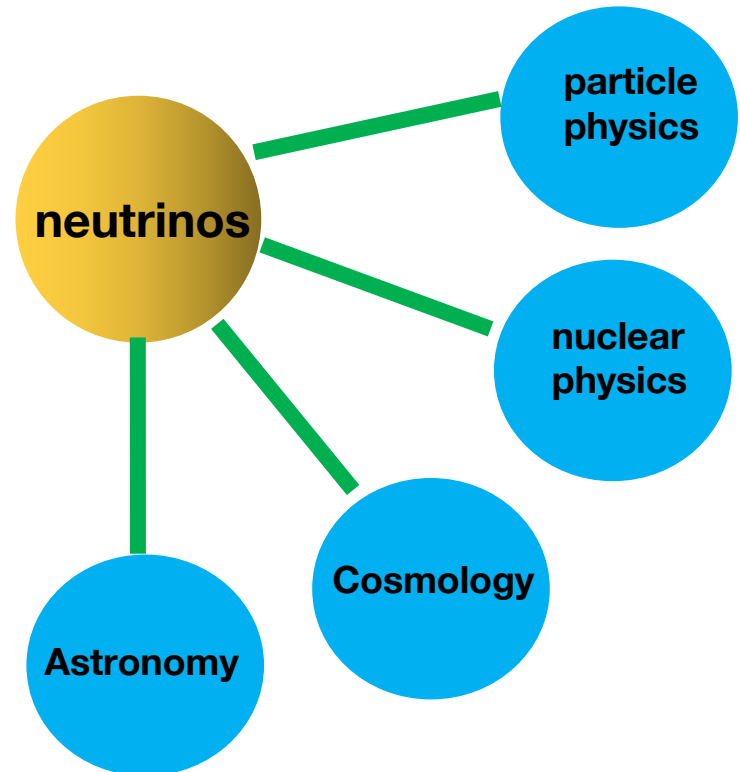


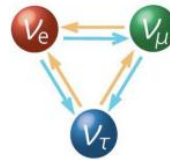
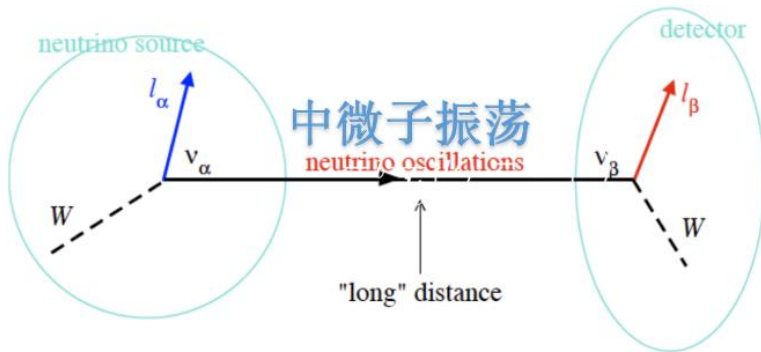
Neutrinos oscillate (only proven new physics in particle physics)
1998 (SuperK)

SM is definitely not the end story

Precise neutrino oscillation parameters?
Absolute neutrino mass?
Neutrino mass origin?
Dirac or Majorana nature?
Relation to matter-antimatter asymmetry?
more unknowns...

Good portal to more new physics





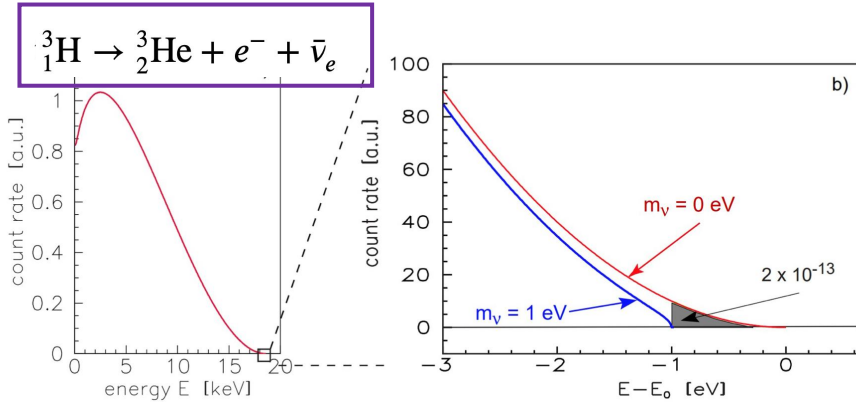
$$\begin{pmatrix}
 c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\
 -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{13}s_{23}e^{i\delta} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{13}s_{23}e^{i\delta} & c_{13}s_{23} \\
 s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}s_{13}c_{23}e^{i\delta} & -c_{12}s_{23} - s_{12}s_{13}c_{23}e^{i\delta} & c_{13}c_{23}
 \end{pmatrix}$$

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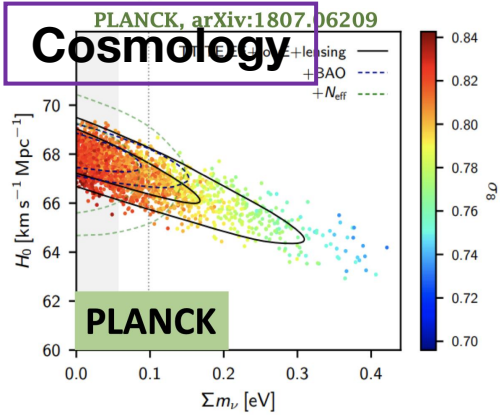
相对精度 (1σ/bf)	NuFIT 5.2	正质量顺序		?	倒质量顺序 (Δχ² = 6.4)	
		最佳拟合 ±1σ	3σ 范围		最佳拟合 ±1σ	3σ 范围
2%	✓ θ ₁₂ °	33.41 ^{+0.75} _{-0.72}	31.31 → 35.74		33.41 ^{+0.75} _{-0.72}	31.31 → 35.74
2%	✓ θ ₂₃ °	42.2 ^{+1.1} _{-0.9}	39.7 → 51.0		49.0 ^{+1.0} _{-1.2}	39.9 → 51.5
1%	✓ θ ₁₃ °	8.58 ^{+0.11} _{-0.11}	8.23 → 8.91		8.57 ^{+0.11} _{-0.11}	8.23 → 8.94
13%	? δ°	232 ⁺³⁶ ₋₂₆	144 → 350		276 ⁺²² ₋₂₉	194 → 344
3%	✓ Δm ₂₁ ² 10 ⁻⁵ eV ²	7.41 ^{+0.21} _{-0.20}	6.82 → 8.03		7.41 ^{+0.21} _{-0.20}	6.82 → 8.03
1%	✓ Δm _{3ℓ} ² 10 ⁻³ eV ²	+2.507 ^{+0.026} _{-0.027}	+2.427 → +2.590		-2.486 ^{+0.025} _{-0.028}	-2.570 → -2.406

Not sensitive to
absolute neutrino
mass

Precise measurement era



$m_\beta < 0.8 \text{ eV (90\% CL)}$
 KATRIN 最终的灵敏度
 $m_\beta < 0.2 \text{ eV (90\% CL)}$
 $m_1 < 0.2 \text{ eV (90\% CL)}$

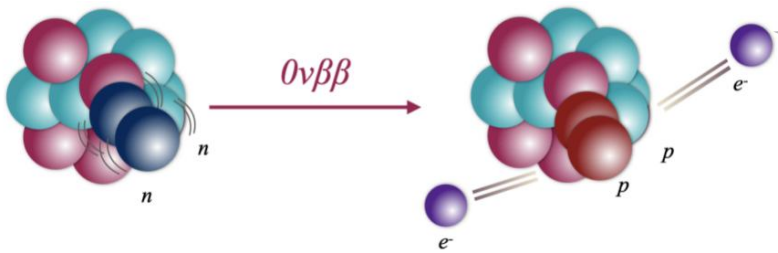


Planck TT, TE, EE + lowE + lensing + BAO
 $\Sigma < 0.12 \text{ eV (95\% CL)}$

$m_1 < 0.03 \text{ eV (95\% CL, NO)}$

Future:
 JUNO, DUNE
 CDEX, PandaX-III,
 NuDEx, CUPID,
 TRIDENT,
 PTOLEMY...

$0\nu 2\beta$



Nuclear physics
 Particle physics
 Matter antimatter asymmetry

Formulas (minimal type-I seesaw)

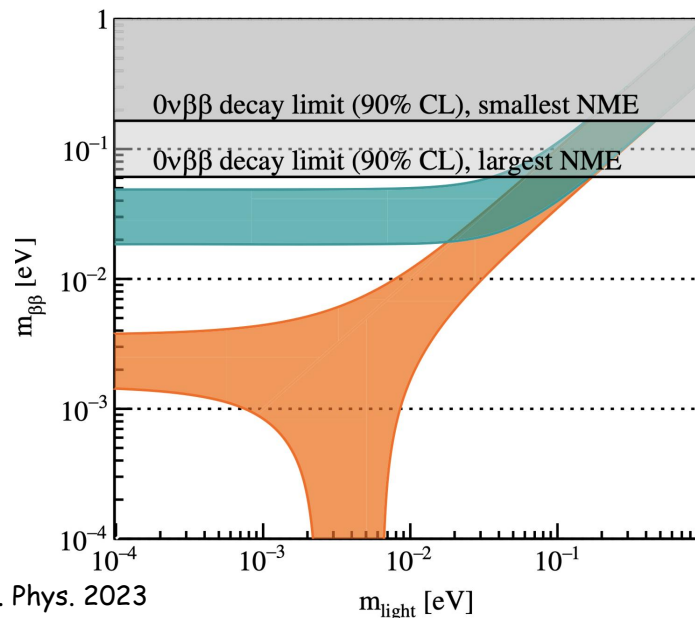
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = -\frac{1}{2} \overline{(\nu_L, N_R^c)} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M_D \\ M_D^T & M_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L^c \\ N_R \end{pmatrix} + \text{h.c.}$$



$$1/T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = G |M_{0\nu}(0) \cdot m_{\text{eff}}|^2$$

$$|m_{\text{eff}}| = \left| |m_{\text{eff}}^\nu| - |m_{\text{eff}}^\nu| f_\beta(M_2) + |R_{e1}^2| e^{2i\delta_{14}} M_1 [f_\beta(M_1) - f_\beta(M_2)] \right|$$

$f_\beta(M_N) = M_{0\nu}(M_N)/M_{0\nu}(0)$ **Mass dependent nuclear matrix element (NME)**



minimal Type-I seesaw
 NMO, [1,4] meV
 IMO, [15, 50] meV

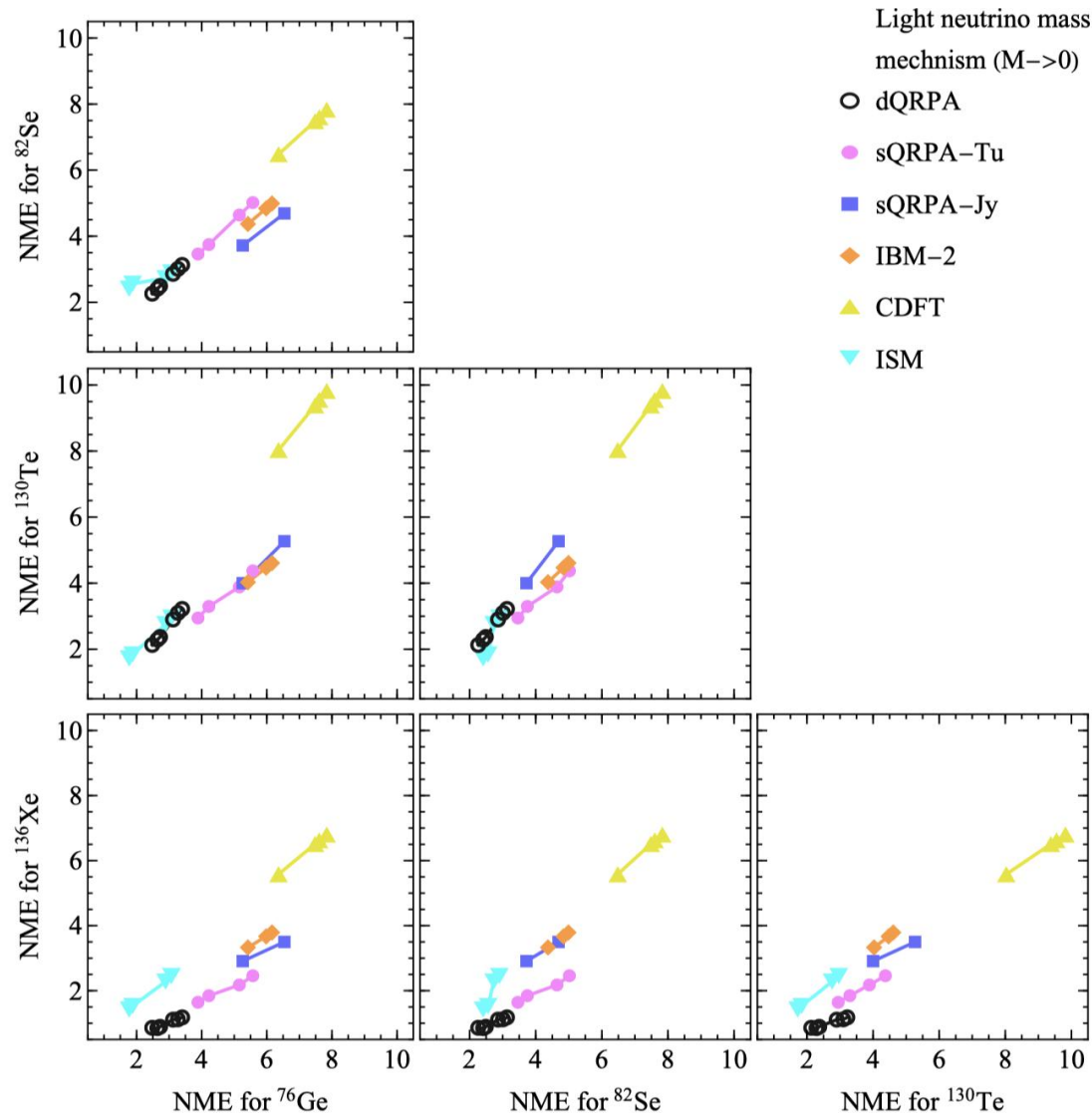
NME of light neutrinos

	g_A	src	dQRPA [74]	sQRPA-Tu [75]	sQRPA-Jy [77]	IBM-2 [87]	CDFT [80]	ISM [81]
^{76}Ge	1.27	w/o	3.27	-	-	-	7.61	-
		Argonne	3.12	5.157	-	5.98	7.48	2.89
		CD-Bonn	3.40	5.571	6.54	6.16	7.84	3.07
		Miller-Spencer	-	-	-	5.42	6.36	-
	1.00	w/o	2.64	-	-	-	-	-
		Argonne	2.48	3.886	-	-	-	1.77
	CD-Bonn	2.72	4.221	5.26	-	-	1.88	
^{82}Se	1.27	w/o	3.01	-	-	-	7.60	-
		Argonne	2.86	4.642	-	4.84	7.48	2.73
		CD-Bonn	3.13	5.018	4.69	4.99	7.83	2.90
		Miller-Spencer	-	-	-	4.37	6.48	-
	1.00	w/o	2.41	-	-	-	-	-
		Argonne	2.26	3.460	-	-	-	2.41
	CD-Bonn	2.49	3.746	3.73	-	-	2.56	
^{130}Te	1.27	w/o	3.10	-	-	-	9.55	-
		Argonne	2.90	3.888	-	4.47	9.38	2.76
		CD-Bonn	3.22	4.373	5.27	4.61	9.82	2.96
		Miller-Spencer	-	-	-	4.03	8.03	-
	1.00	w/o	2.29	-	-	-	-	-
		Argonne	2.13	2.945	-	-	-	1.72
	CD-Bonn	2.37	3.297	4.00	-	-	1.84	
^{136}Xe	1.27	w/o	1.12	-	-	-	6.62	-
		Argonne	1.11	2.177	-	3.67	6.51	2.28
		CD-Bonn	1.18	2.460	3.50	3.79	6.80	2.45
		Miller-Spencer	-	-	-	3.33	5.58	-
	1.00	w/o	0.85	-	-	-	-	-
		Argonne	0.86	1.643	-	-	-	1.42
	CD-Bonn	0.89	1.847	2.91	-	-	1.53	

NME of heavy neutrinos

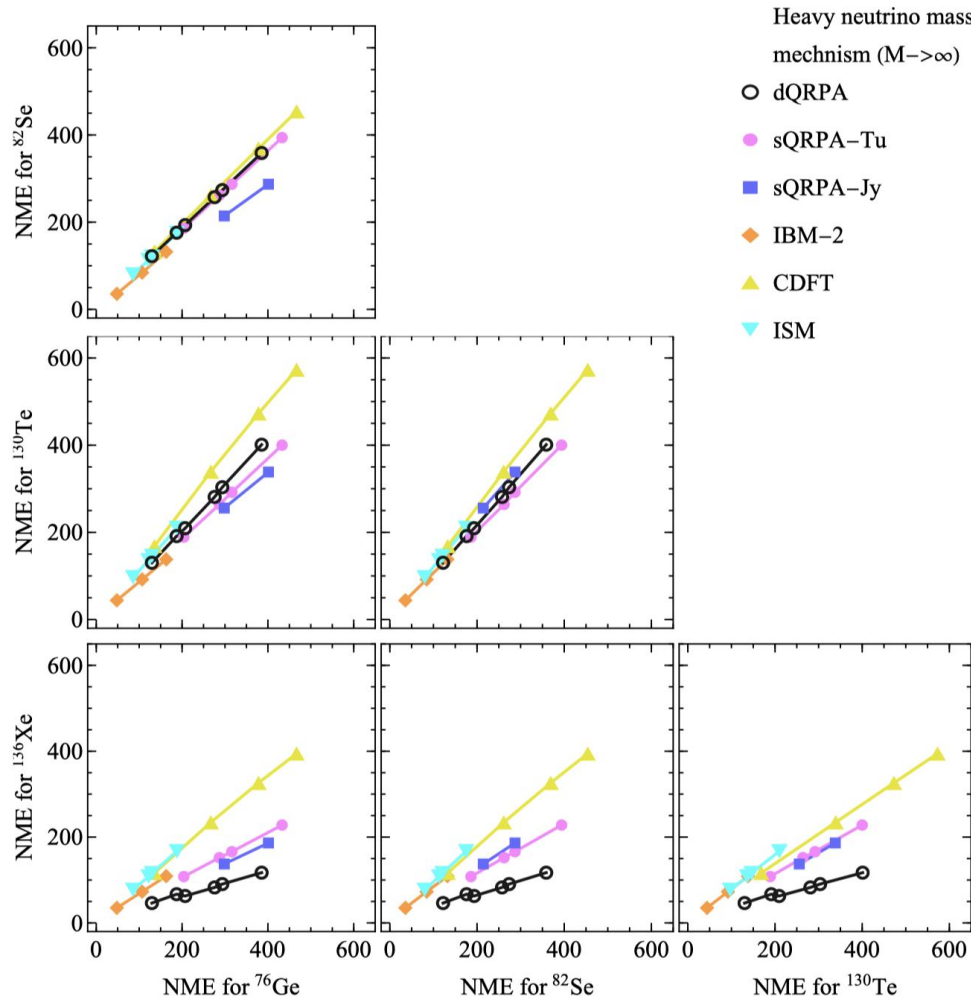
	g_A	src	dQRPA [74]	sQRPA-Tu [75]	sQRPA-Jy [77]	IBM-2 [87]	CDFT [80]	ISM [81]
^{76}Ge	1.27	w/o	385.4				466.8	
		Argonne	187.3	316		107	267	130
		CD-Bonn	293.7	433	401.3	163	378.1	188
	1.00	Miller-Spencer				48.1	135.7	
		w/o	275.9					
		Argonne	129.7	204				86
	CD-Bonn	207.2	287	298.3			122	
^{82}Se	1.27	w/o	358.7				454	
		Argonne	175.9	287		84.4	261.4	121
		CD-Bonn	273.6	394	287.1	132	369	175
	1.00	Miller-Spencer				35.6	132.7	
		w/o	257.4					
		Argonne	122.1	186	-	-	-	80
	CD-Bonn	193.4	262	214.3	-	-	113	
^{130}Te	1.27	w/o	401.1				573	
		Argonne	191.4	292		92	339.2	146
		CD-Bonn	303.5	400	338.3	138	472.8	210
	1.00	Miller-Spencer				44	168.5	
		w/o	281.2					
		Argonne	130.2	189	-	-	-	97
	CD-Bonn	209.5	264	255.7	-	-	136	
^{136}Xe	1.27	w/o	117.1				394.5	
		Argonne	66.9	166		72.8	234.3	116
		CD-Bonn	90.5	228	186.3	109	326.2	167
	1.00	Miller-Spencer	-	-	-	35.1	116.3	
		w/o	82.7					
		Argonne	46.3	108	-	-	-	77
	CD-Bonn	62.8	152	137.3	-	-	108	

NME of light neutrinos

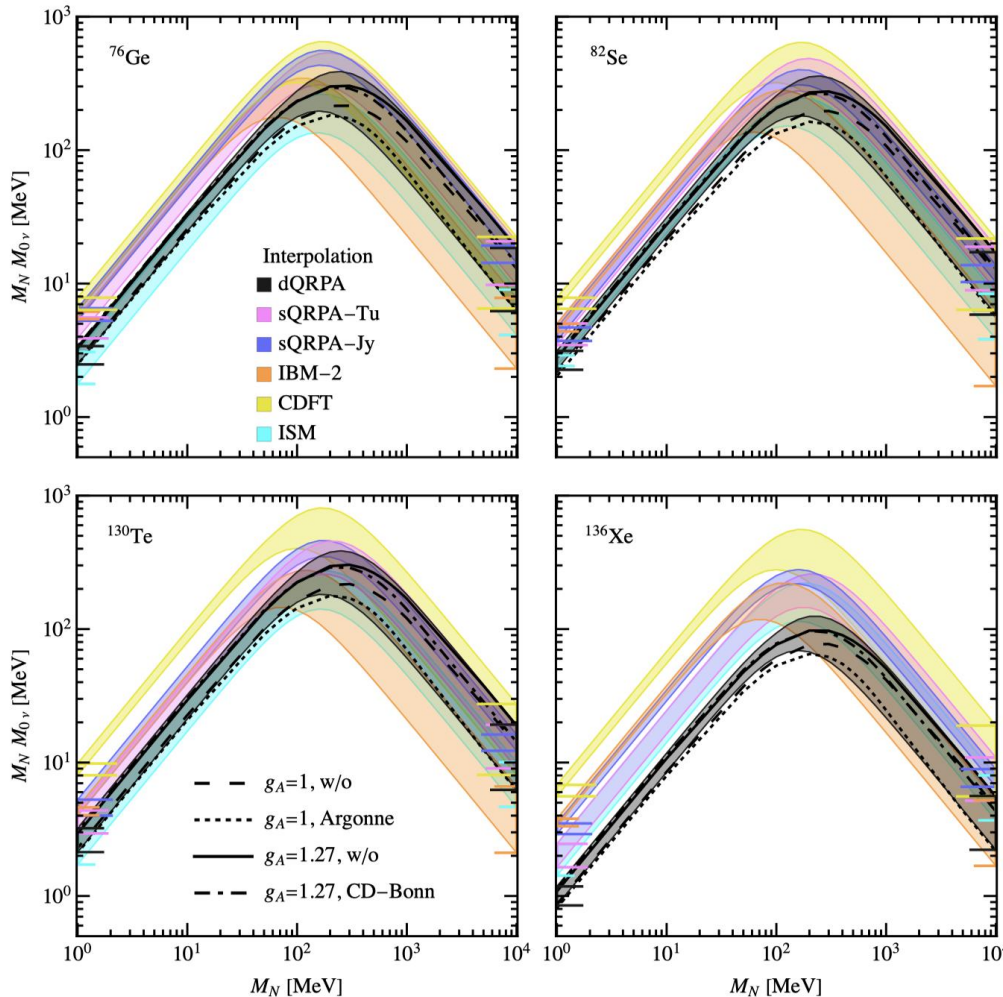


- CDFT biggest
- ISM/dQRPA smallest
- different NME ratios between different isotopes

NME of heavy neutrinos



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- IBM-2 smallest
- different NME ratios between different isotopes



➤ **dQRPA:** Numerical calculation

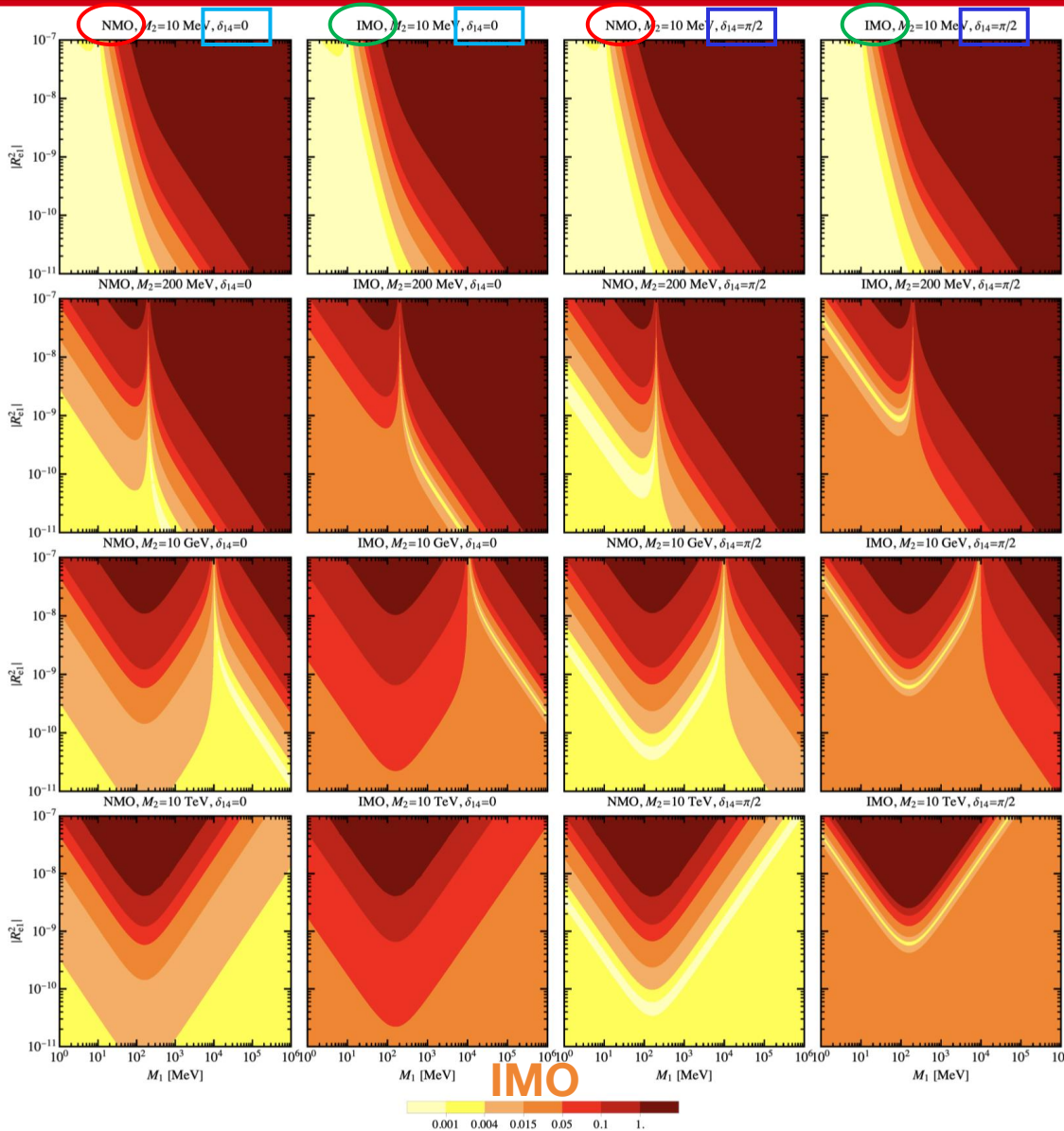
➤ **Others:** interpolation with two extreme values

$$M_{0\nu}(m_j) = \frac{m_p m_e}{\langle p^2 \rangle + m_j^2} M_H$$

➤ **dQRPA:** agrees with ISM for light neutrinos and tends to be consistent with CDFT for heavy neutrinos

➤ **In light neutrino mass** the NME from **dQRPA** model is smaller than that of the **IBM-2** model, and in heavy neutrino mass the reverse applies.

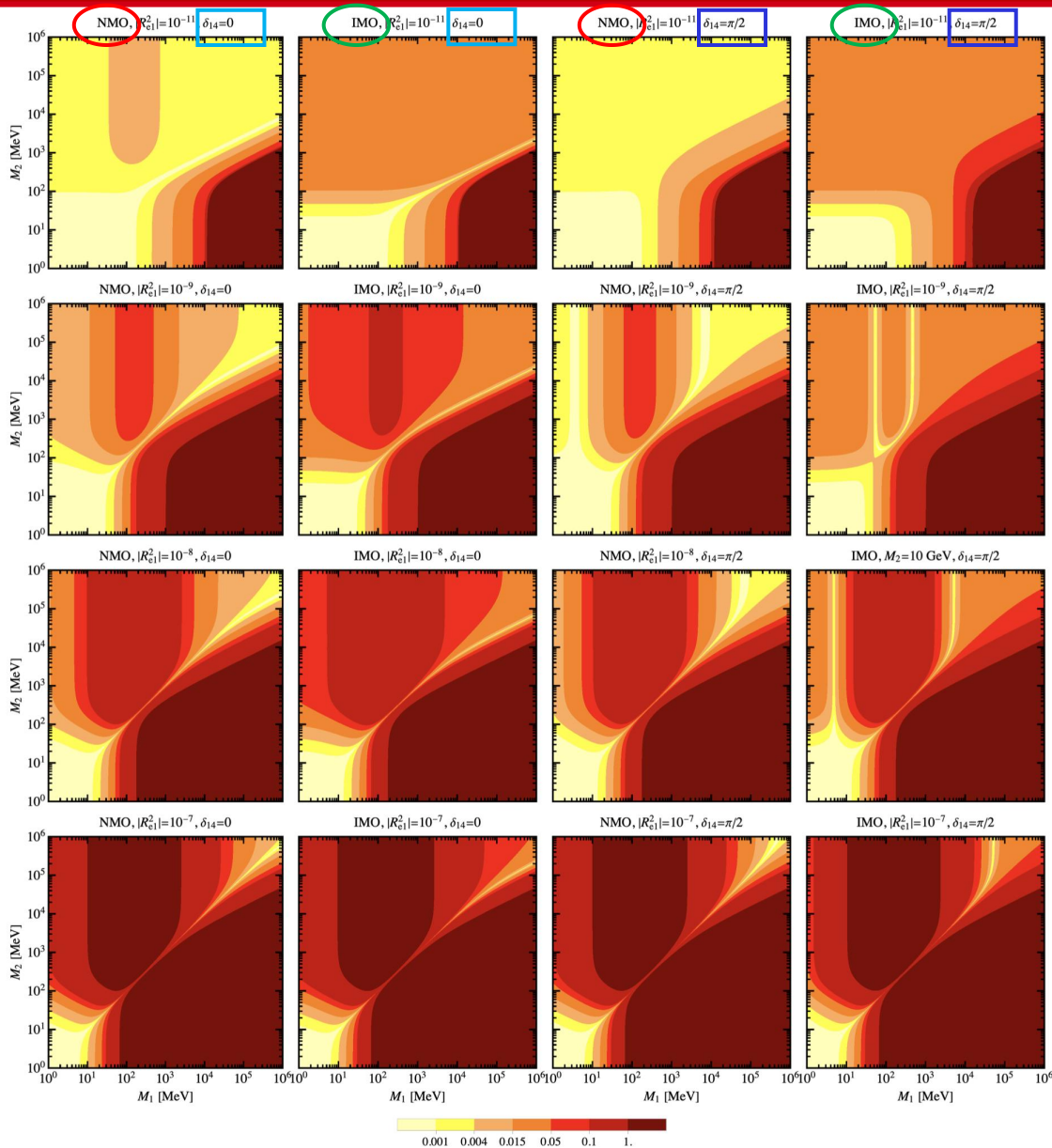
Parameter space of m_{eff}



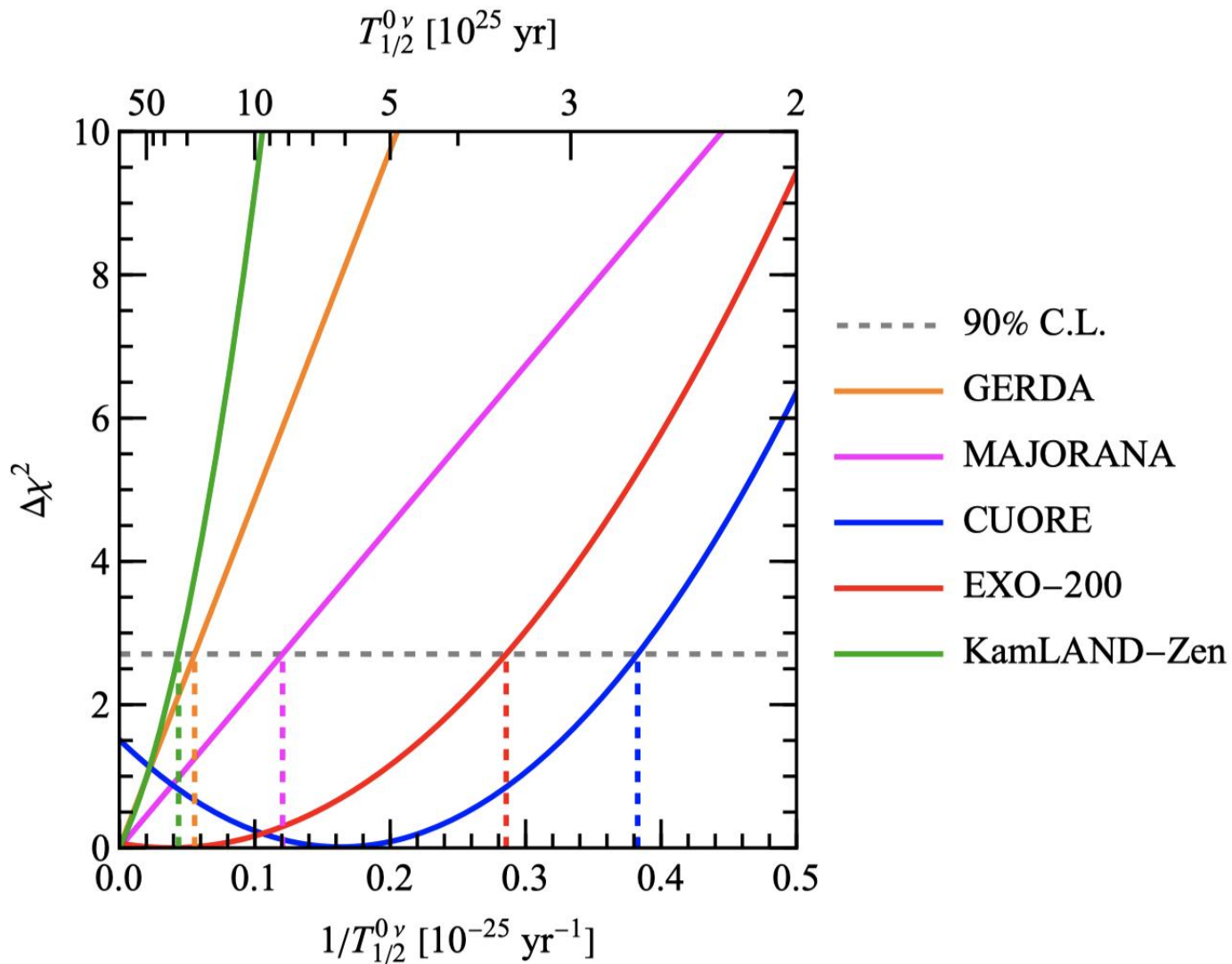
- $g_A=1$, Argonne src
- Some parameter space can be very easily/hardly excluded by current/future $0\nu 2\beta$ experiments
- The NMO/IMO can be very different and δ_{14} matters

NMO

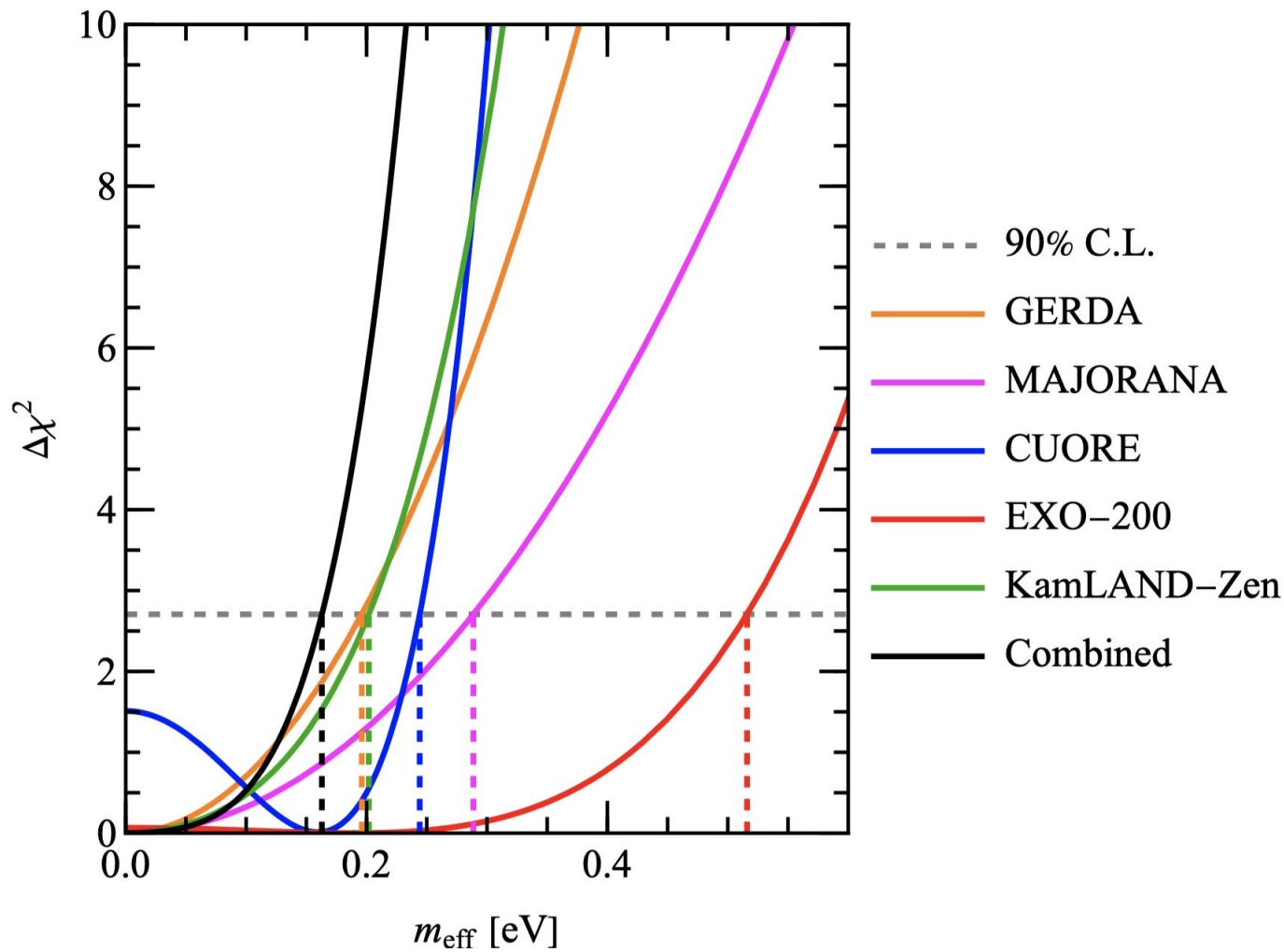
Parameter space of m_{eff}



$\Delta\chi^2$ functions of inverse half-life

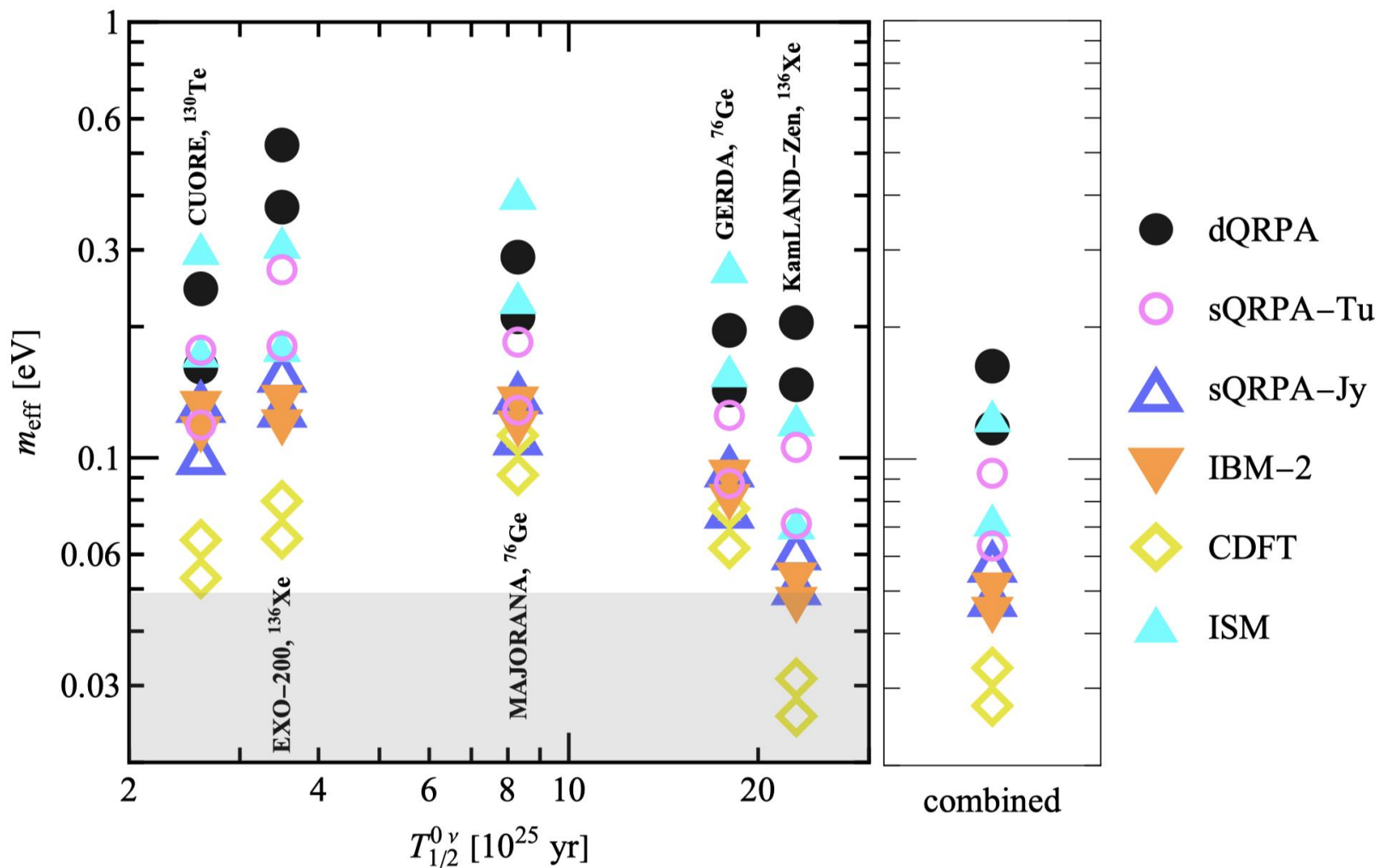


$\Delta\chi^2$ functions of m_{eff}

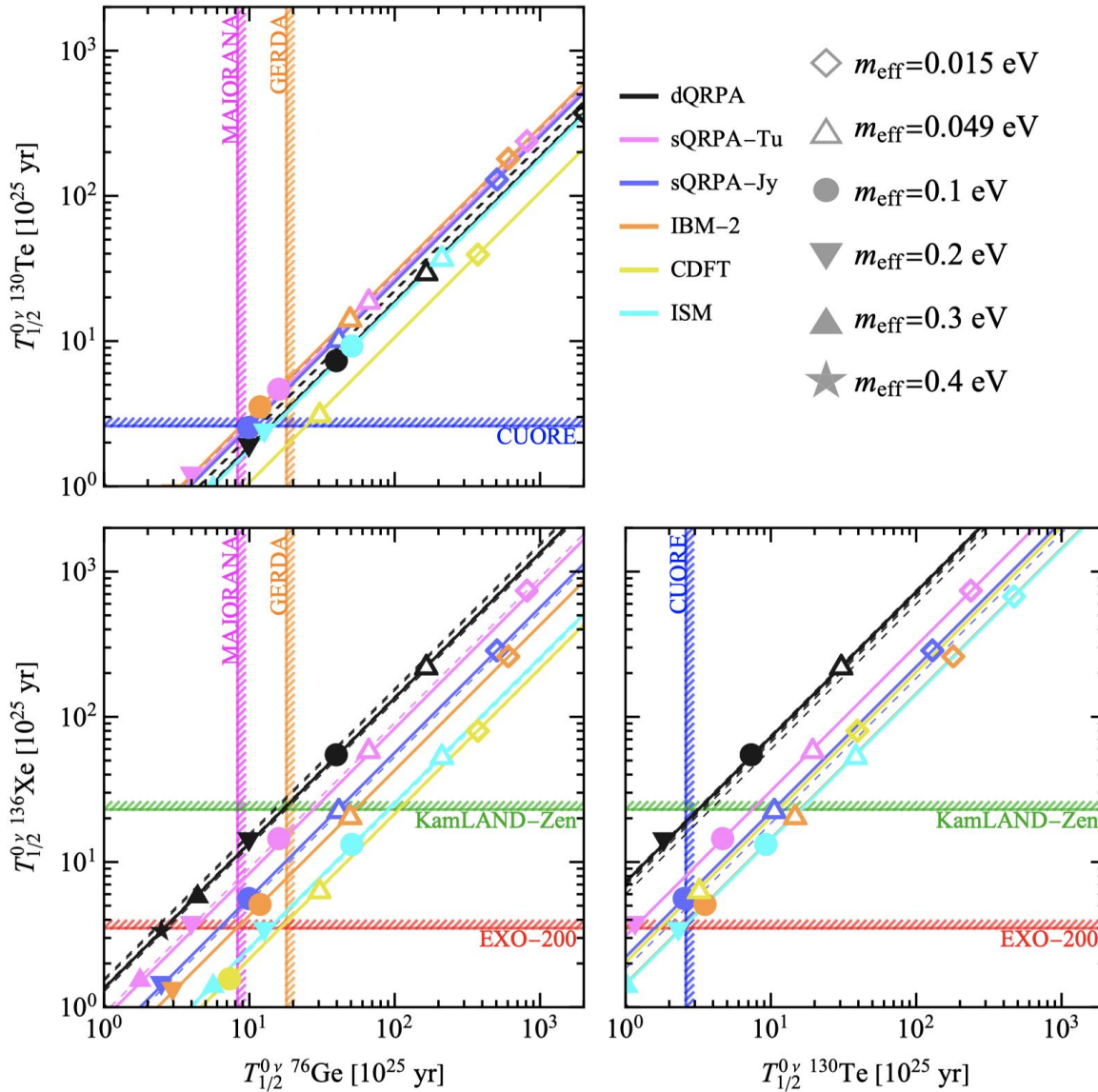


$g_A=1$, Argonne src

The upper limit of m_{eff}



Half-life relations of different isotopes



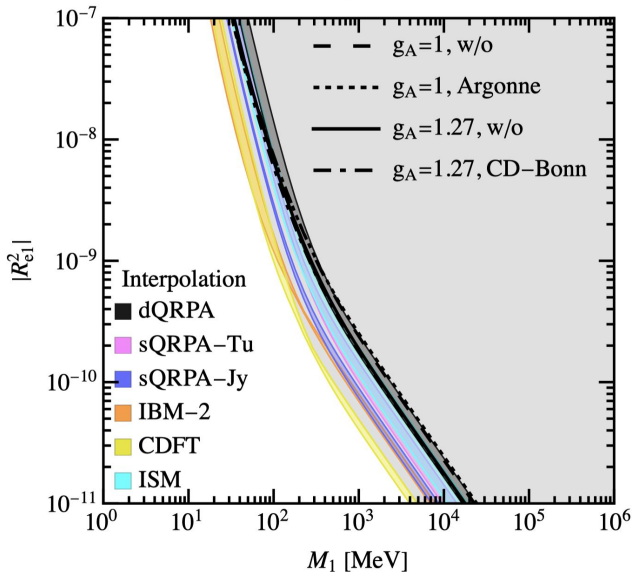
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$0\nu 2\beta$ half life

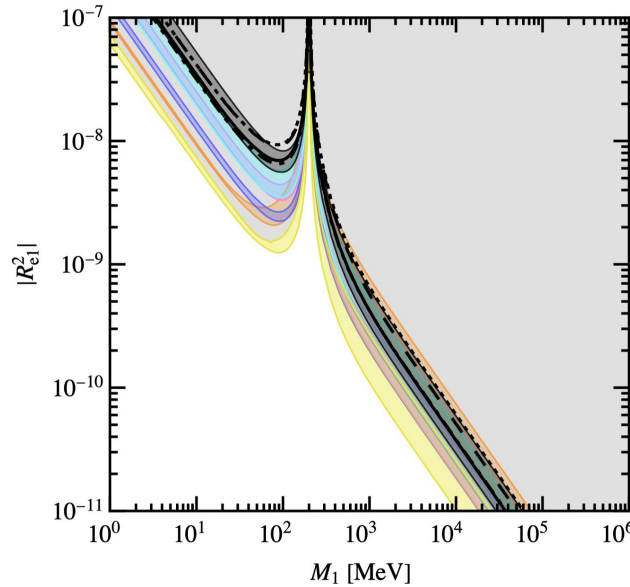
- m_{eff} value
- NME value

Current limits (M_1 & $|R_{e1}|^2$)

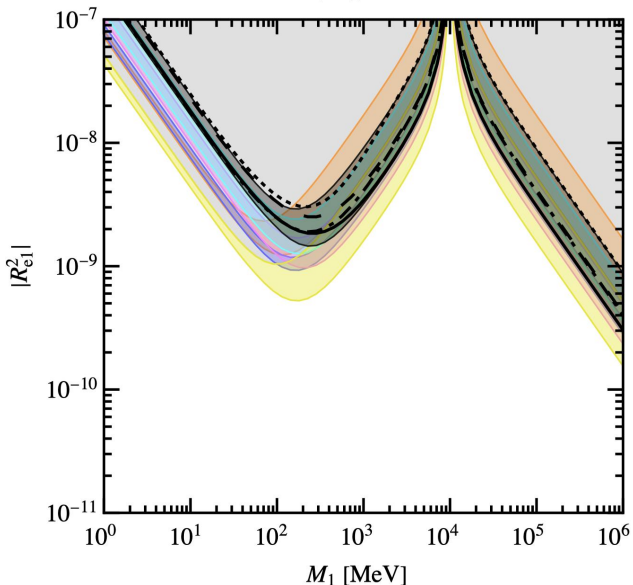
NMO, $M_2 = 10$ MeV



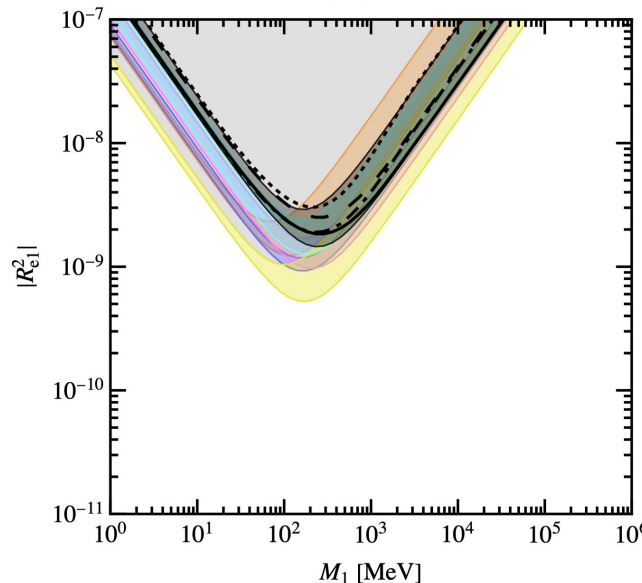
NMO, $M_2 = 200$ MeV



NMO, $M_2 = 10$ GeV

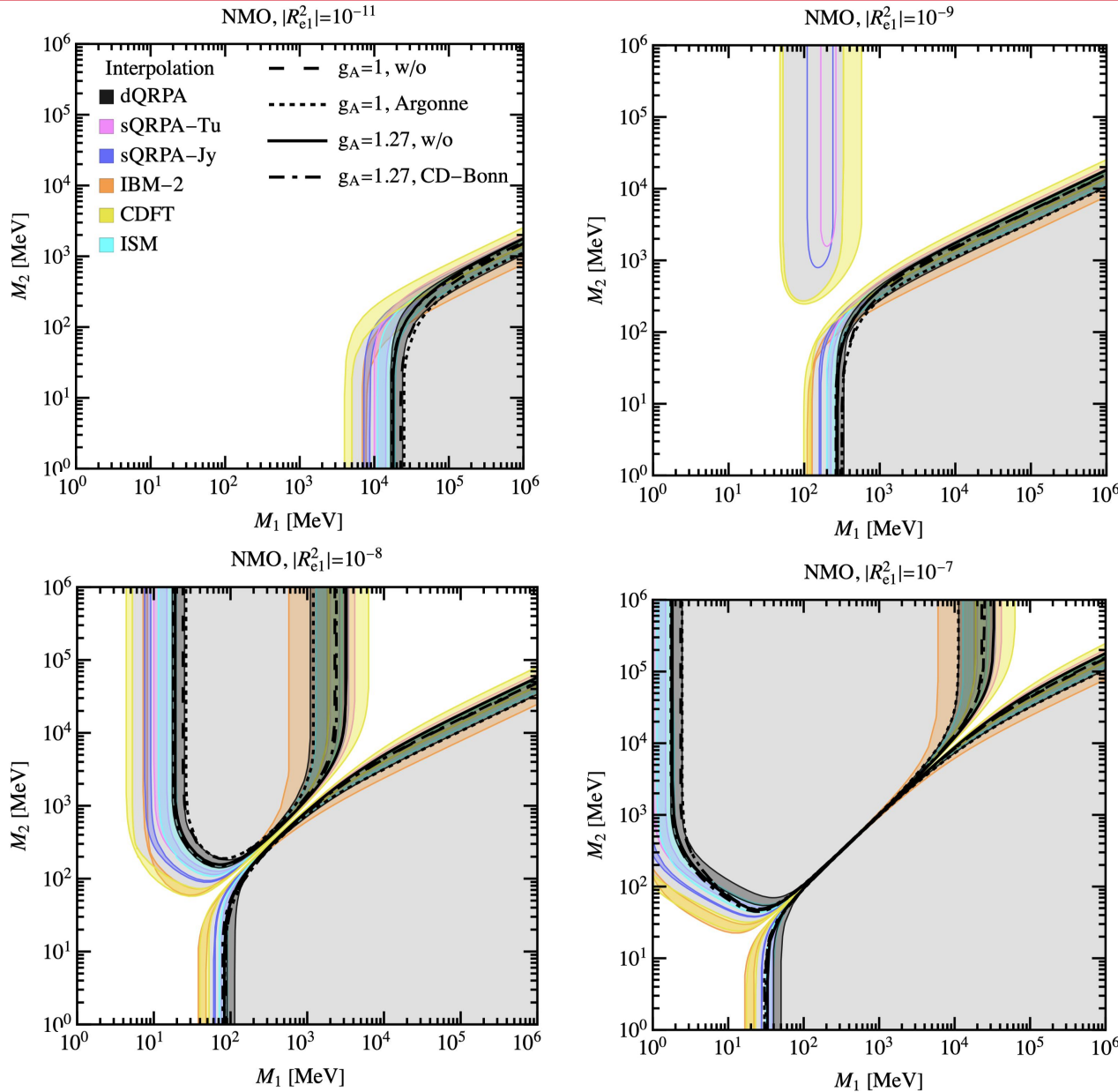


NMO, $M_2 = 10$ TeV



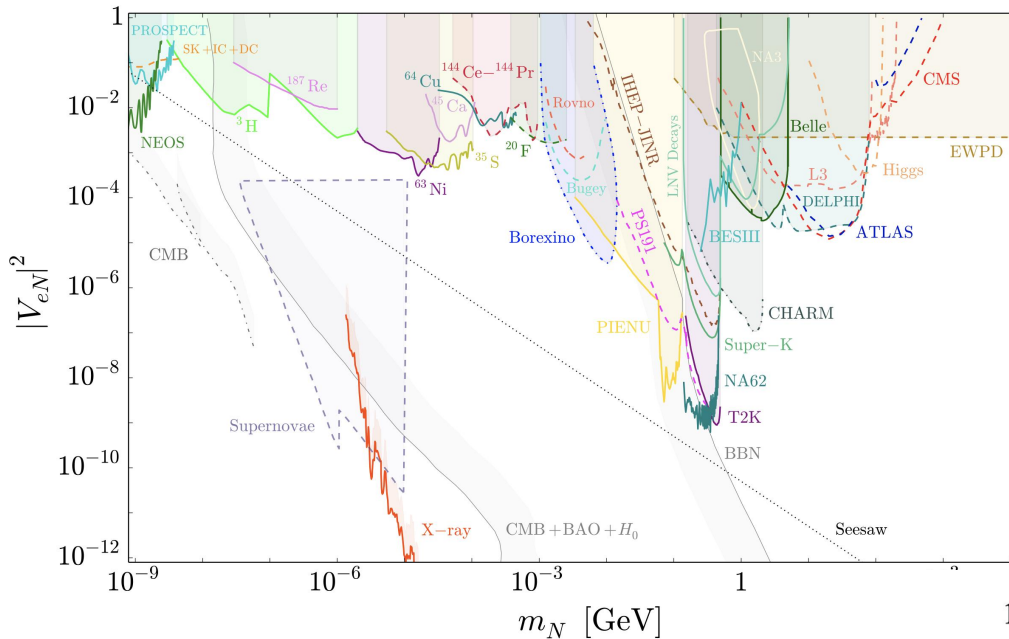
- 3σ C.L
- Gray regions: excluded regions in the case of CDFT model
- Different choices of parameters and models are scanned (not as Gaussian)
- Both the **$0\nu 2\beta$ -decay** and **oscillation data** are used
- The **IMO** case is similar
- The peak shape

Current limits (M_1 & M_2)



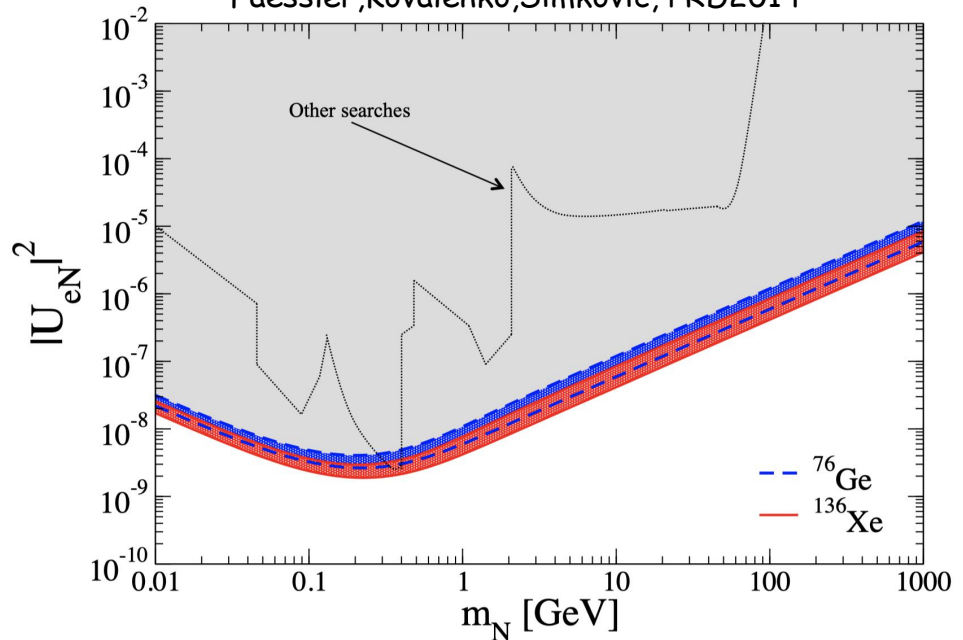
- The IMO case is similar
- The NME hierarchy changes with neutrino mass

Constraints from other probes



Bolton, Deppisch, Bhupap Dev, JHEP 2020

Faessler, Kovalenko, Simkovic, PRD2014



- 3+1 case: similar to the case $M_2 \gg M_1$
- $0\nu 2\beta$ data provide strongest limits in the mass range considered here

$$\Delta\chi_{ij}^2(m_{\text{eff}}, (M_{0\nu})_{\alpha j}; m_{\text{eff}}^{\text{True}}, (M_{0\nu})_{\alpha i}^{\text{True}}) = 2 \sum_{\alpha} (N_{\alpha j} - N_{\alpha i}^{\text{True}} + N_{\alpha i}^{\text{True}} \ln \frac{N_{\alpha i}^{\text{True}}}{N_{\alpha j}})$$

Assumed number events

$$N_{\alpha i}^{\text{True}} = B_{\alpha i} + S_{\alpha i}(m_{\text{eff}}^{\text{True}}, (M_{0\nu})_{\alpha i}^{\text{True}})$$

$$N_{\alpha j} = B_{\alpha j} + S_{\alpha j}(m_{\text{eff}}, M_{\alpha j})$$

Assuming no positive $0\nu 2\beta$ signal is observed,
 Leading to sensitivities independent of true NME model

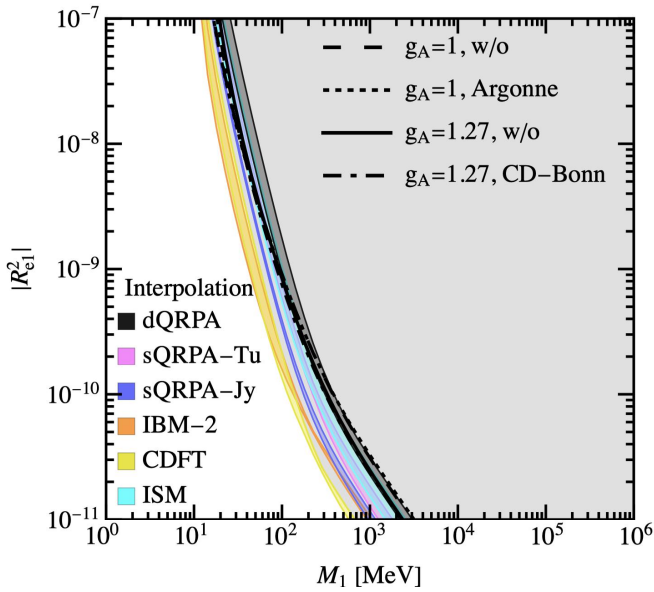
$$S_{\alpha i}(m_{\text{eff}}, M_{\alpha i}) = \ln 2 \cdot N_A \cdot \varepsilon_{\alpha} \cdot (T_{1/2}^{0\nu})_{\alpha i}^{-1} \cdot T / (1 \text{ yr})$$

$$B_{\alpha} = b_{\alpha} \cdot \varepsilon_{\alpha} \cdot T / (1 \text{ yr}) \quad \mathbf{T=10 \text{ yr}}$$

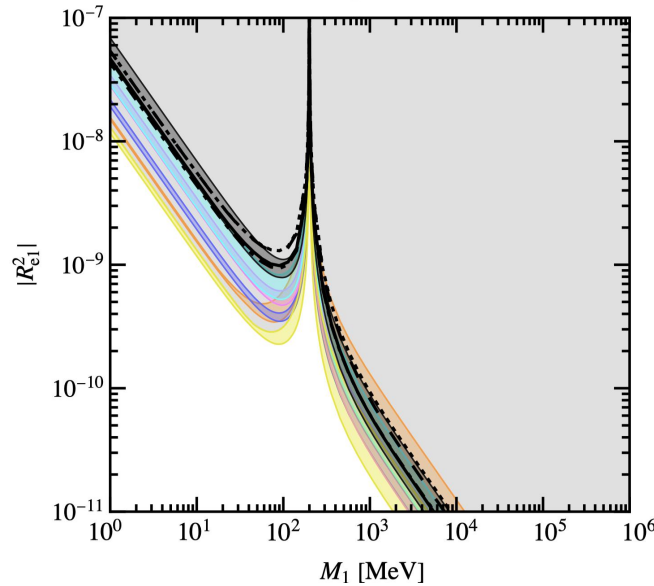
Experiment	Isotope	ε [mol· yr]	b [events/(mol· yr)]
LEGEND-1000	^{76}Ge	8736	$4.9 \cdot 10^{-6}$
SuperNEMO	^{82}Se	185	$5.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$
SNO+II	^{130}Te	8521	$5.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$
nEXO	^{136}Xe	13700	$4.0 \cdot 10^{-5}$

Future sensitivities (M_1 & $|R_{e1}|^2$)

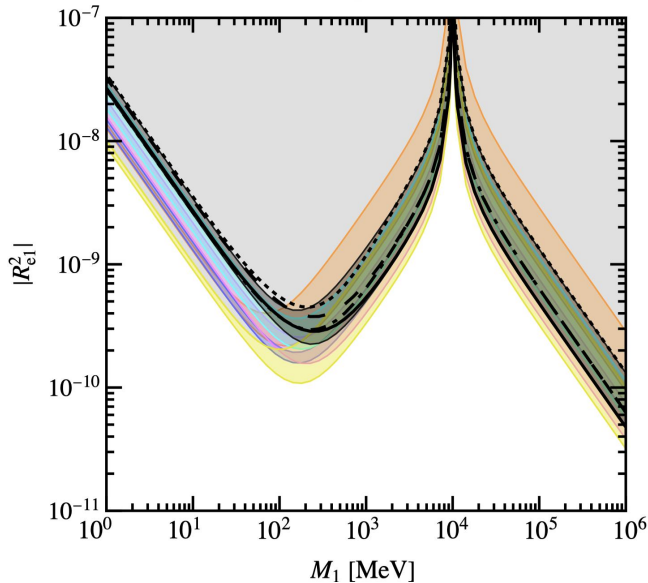
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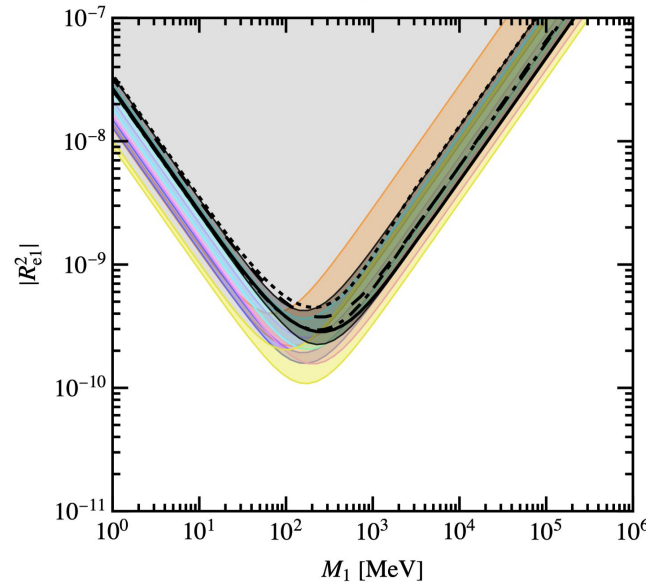
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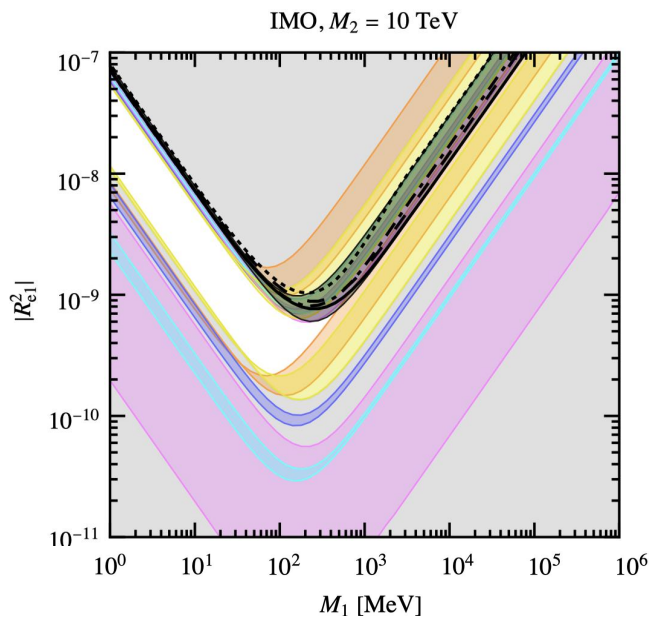
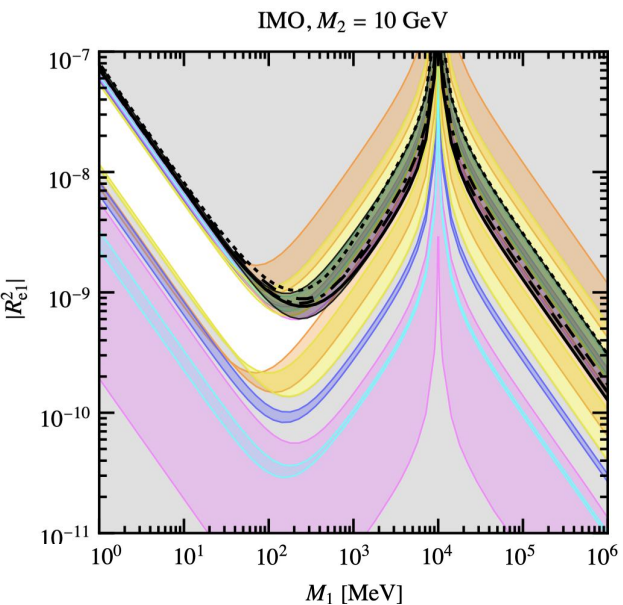
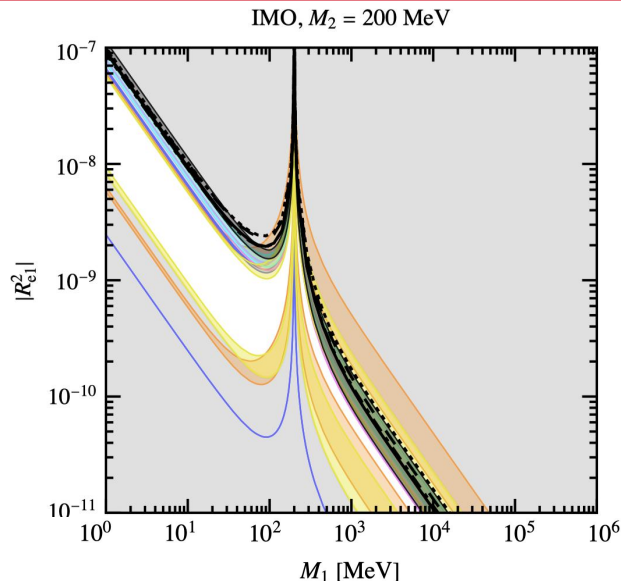
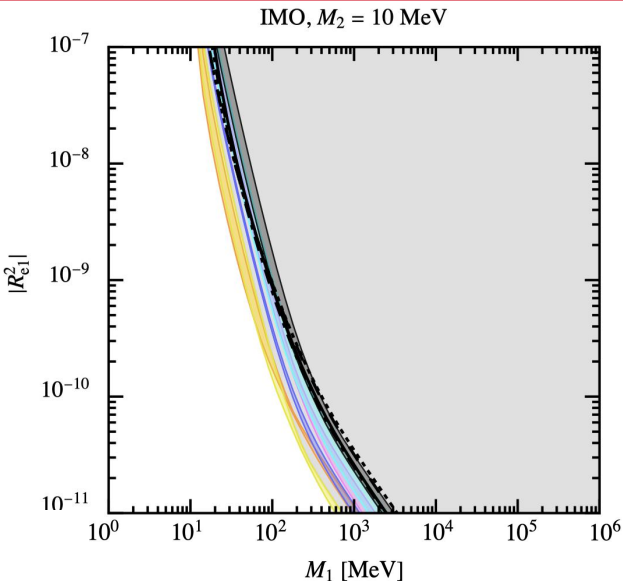


NMO, $M_2 = 10$ TeV



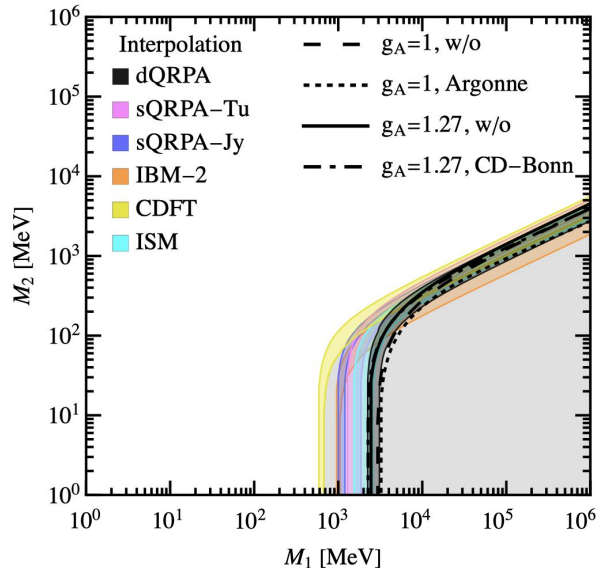
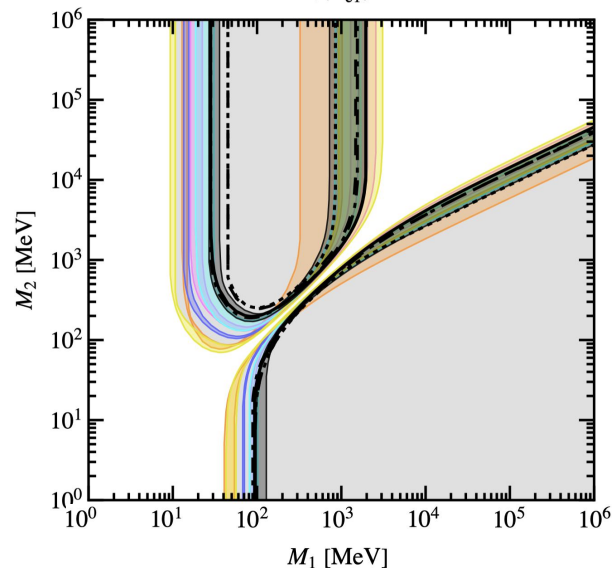
- The NMO case
- More parameter space can be tested compared the current experiments

Future sensitivities (M_1 & $|R_{e1}|^2$)

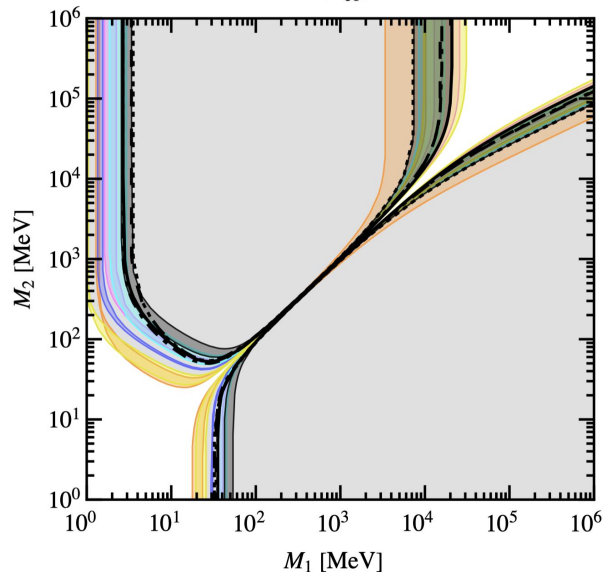
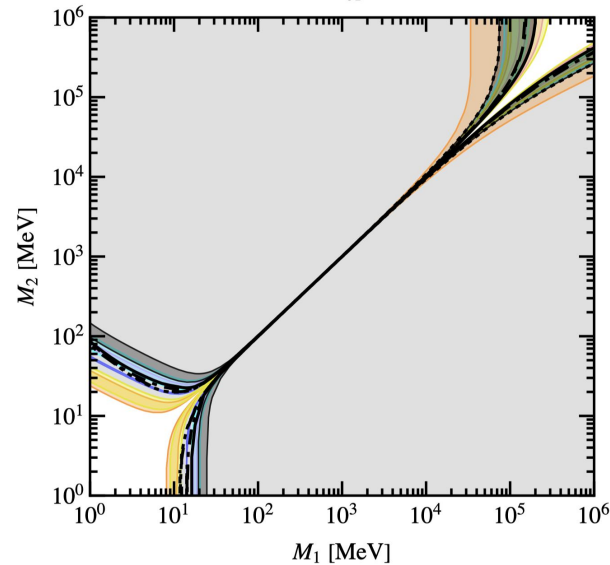


- The IMO case
- Much more parameter space are expected to exclude than NMO case due to zero positive $0\nu 2\beta$ signal assumed
- By assuming **enough positive $0\nu 2\beta$ signal**, possible to **discriminate NME calculations** and more parameter space can be **excluded in the NMO case**

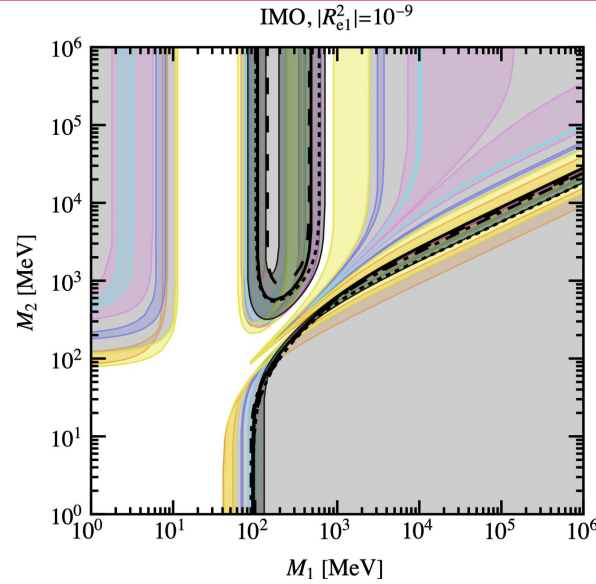
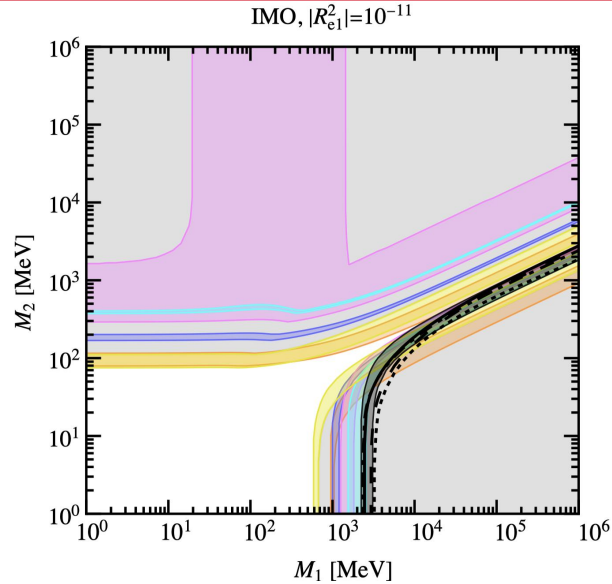
Future sensitivities (M_1 & M_2)

NMO, $|R_{e1}^2|=10^{-11}$ NMO, $|R_{e1}^2|=10^{-9}$ 

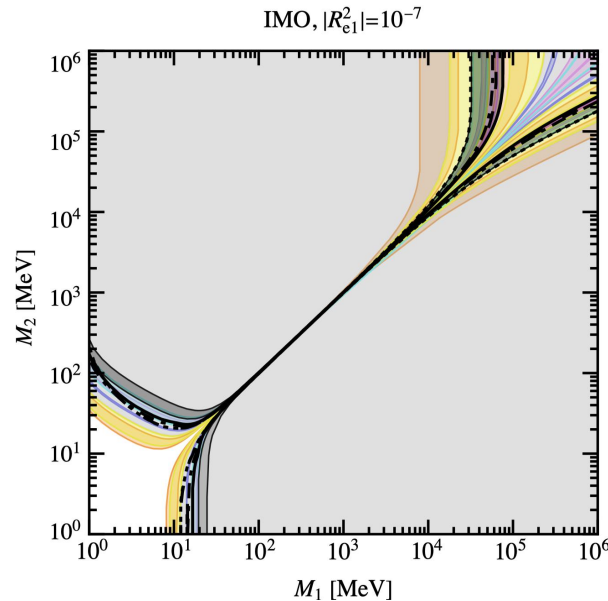
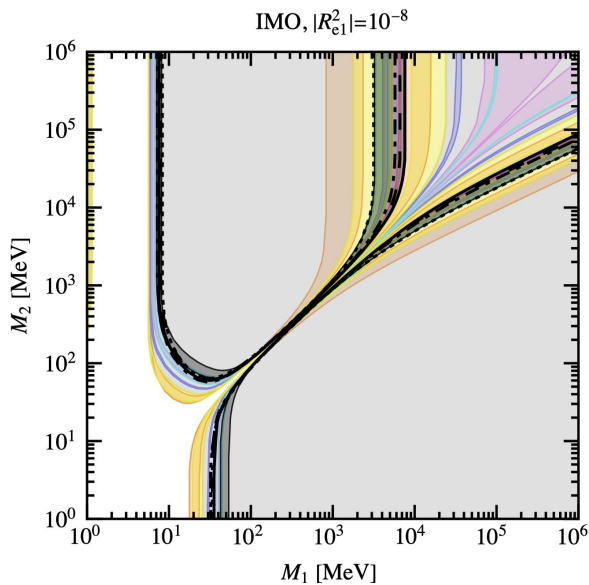
The NMO case

NMO, $|R_{e1}^2|=10^{-8}$ NMO, $|R_{e1}^2|=10^{-7}$ 

Future sensitivities (M_1 & M_2)



- The IMO case
- The wide pink region in the upper left panel: mainly different δ_{14} values



- Comparison of mass dependent NMEs in different nuclear models
- Derivation of limits and sensitivities on the parameter space of minimal type-I seesaw from current and future $0\nu 2\beta$ experiments
- Highlight of the entanglements between new physics exploration and NME calculation
- Possible discrimination of different NME calculations in this framework is on-going.



Thank you for your attention!