

Lattice QCD Calculation of $0\nu 2\beta$ Decay

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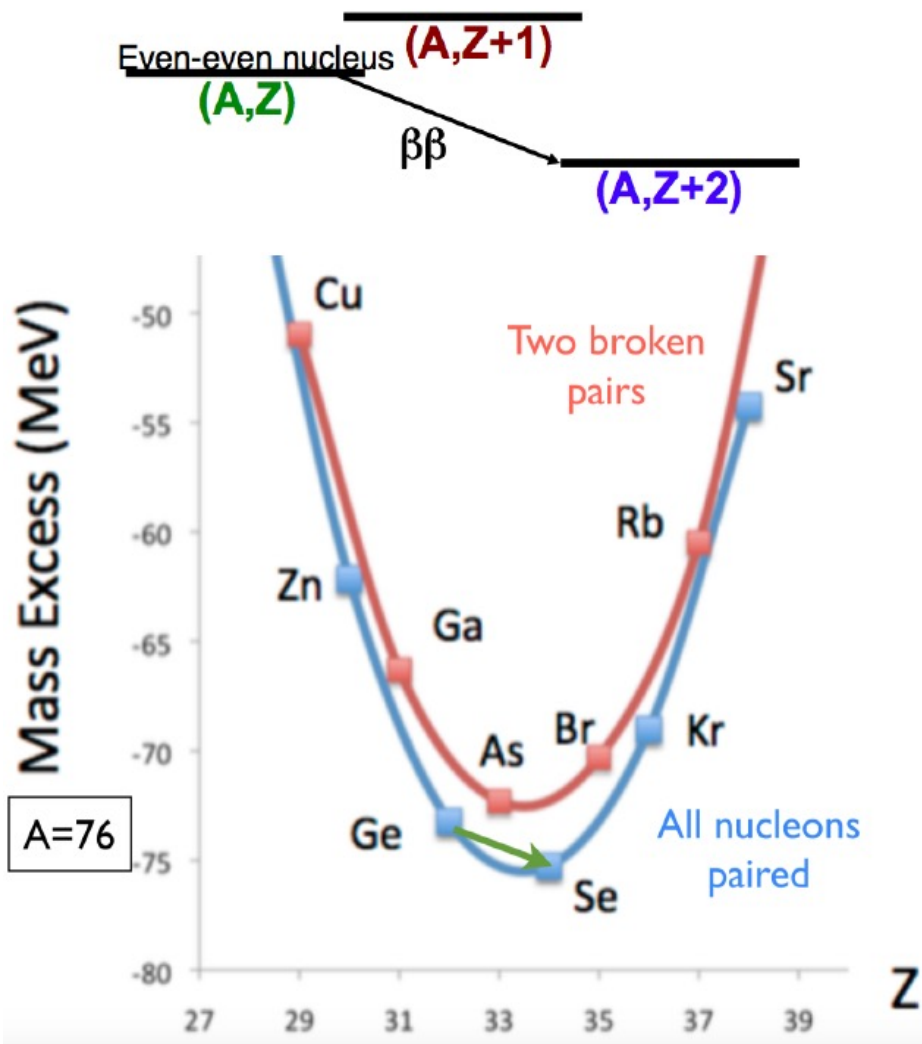
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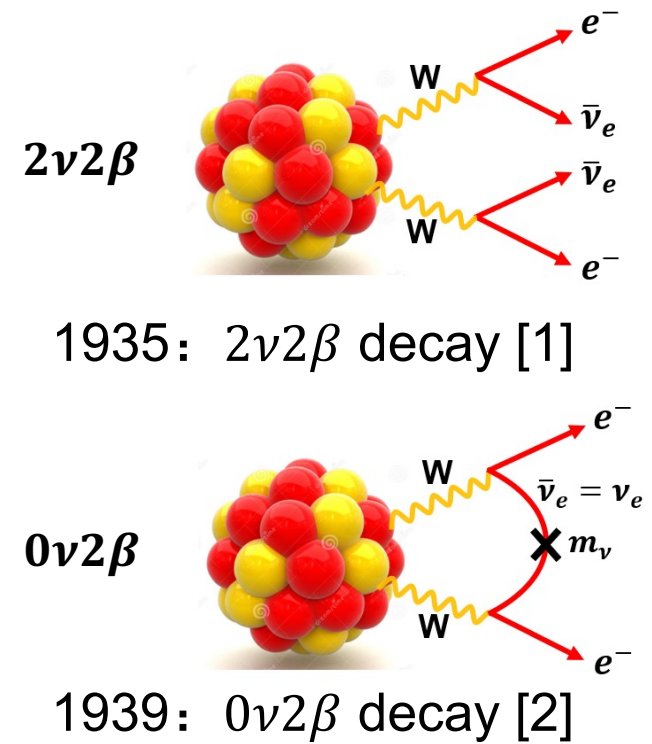
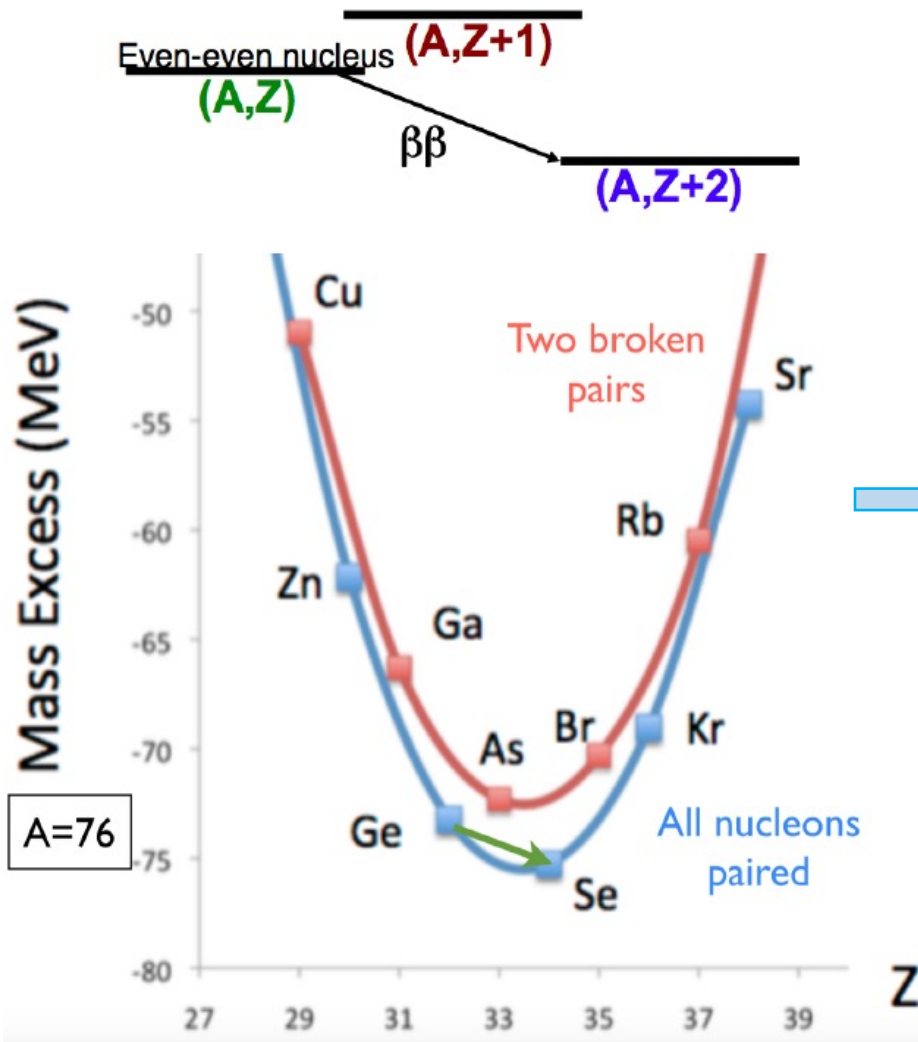
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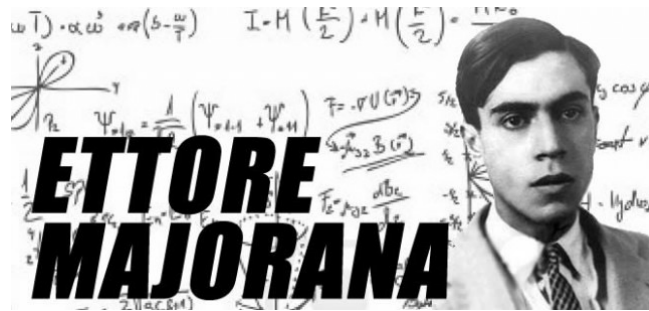


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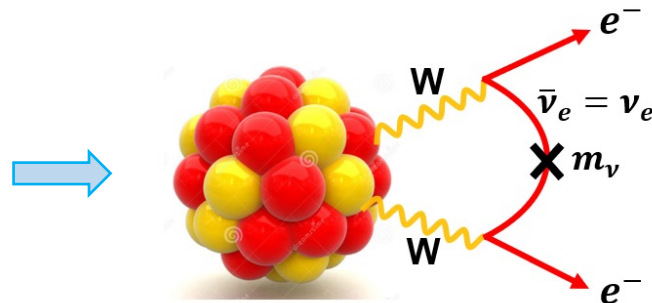
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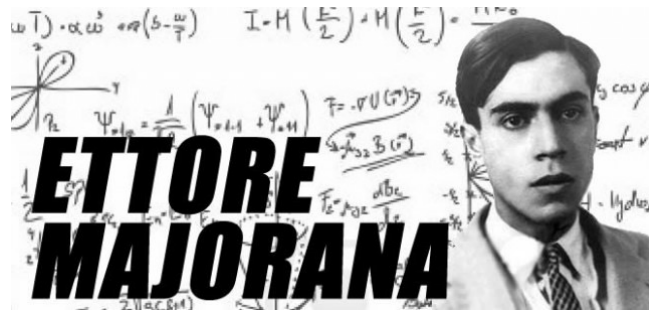
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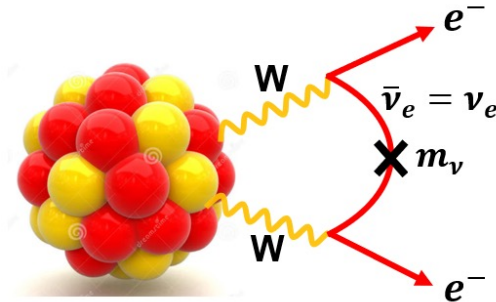
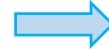
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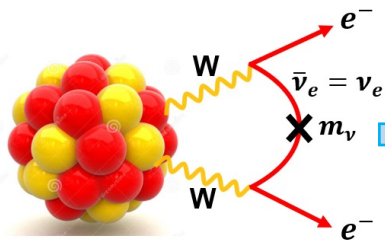
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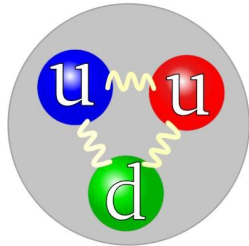
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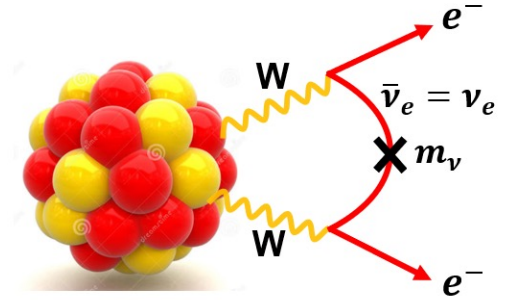
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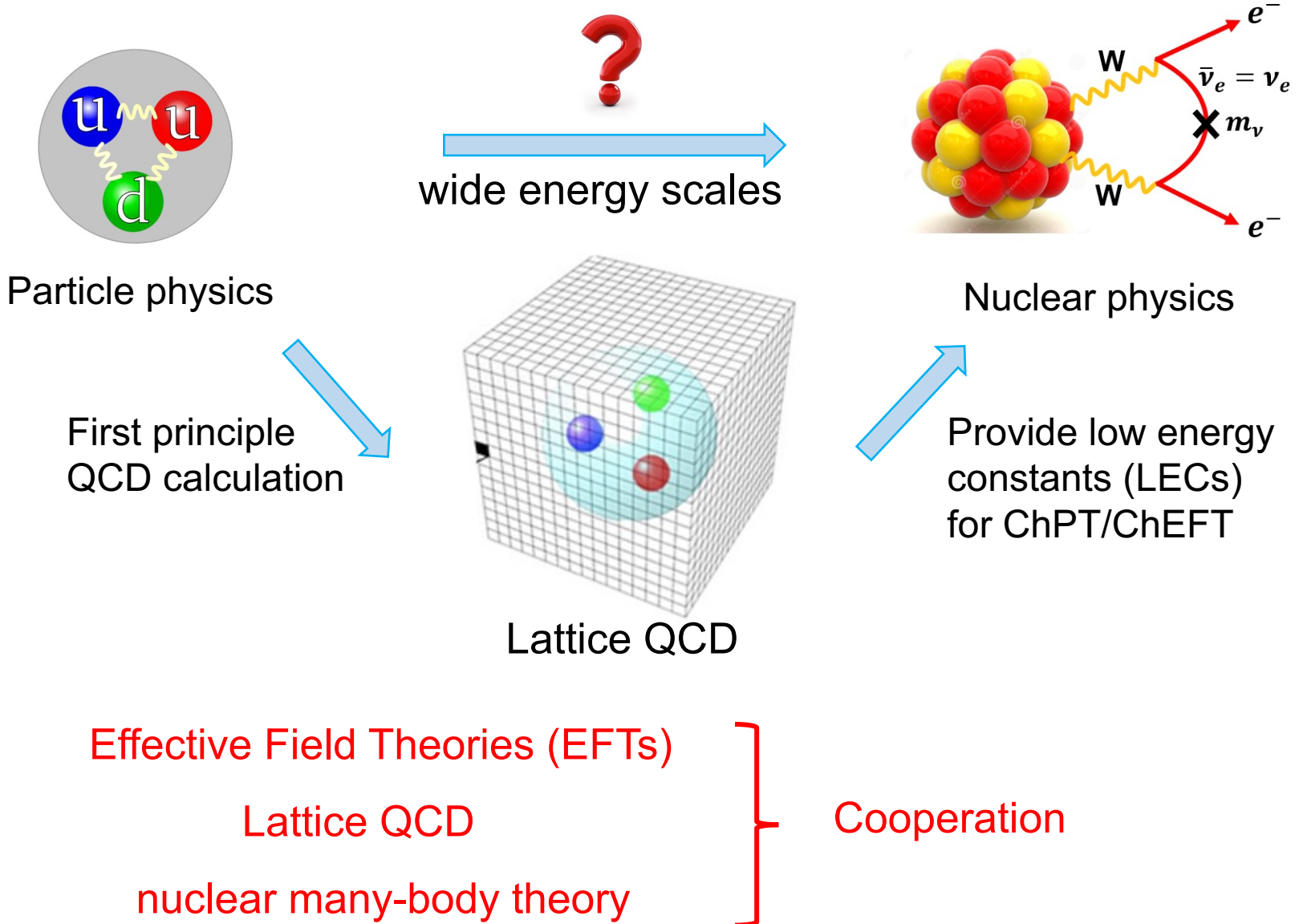


wide energy scales



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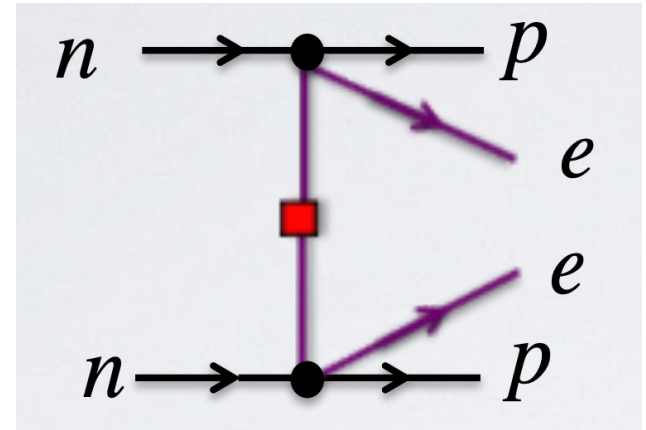


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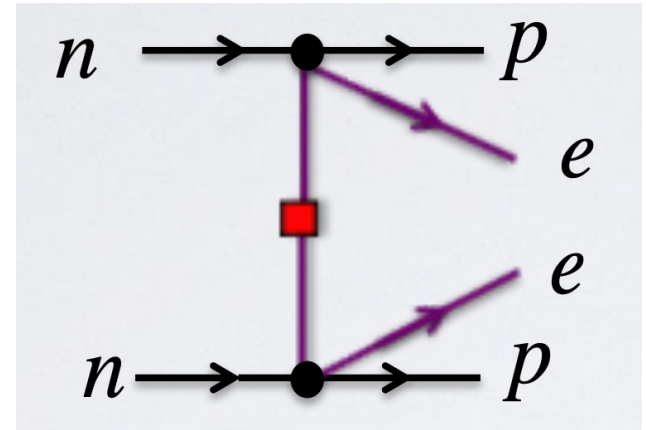


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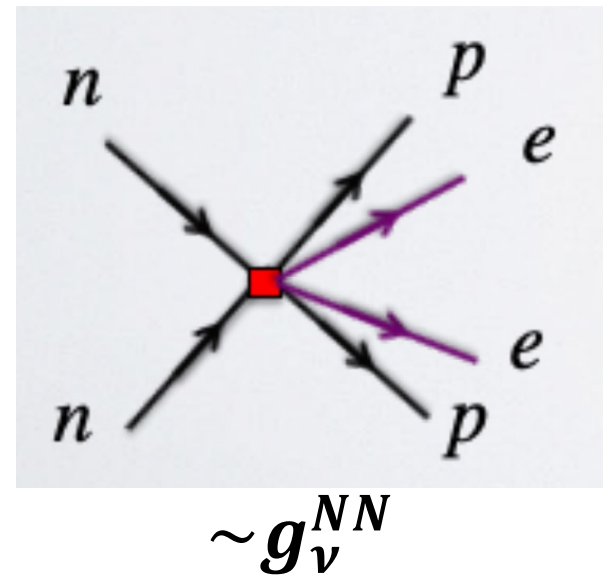
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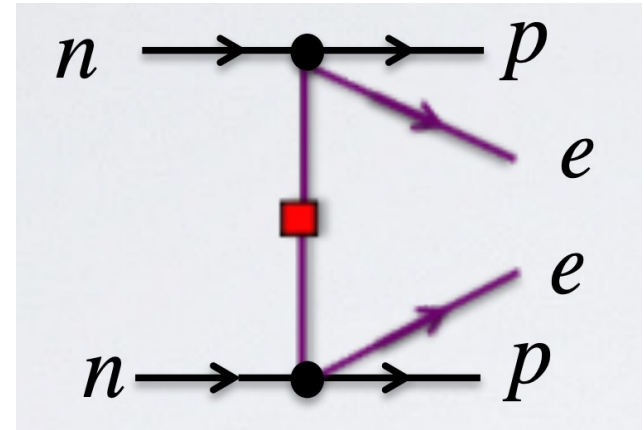


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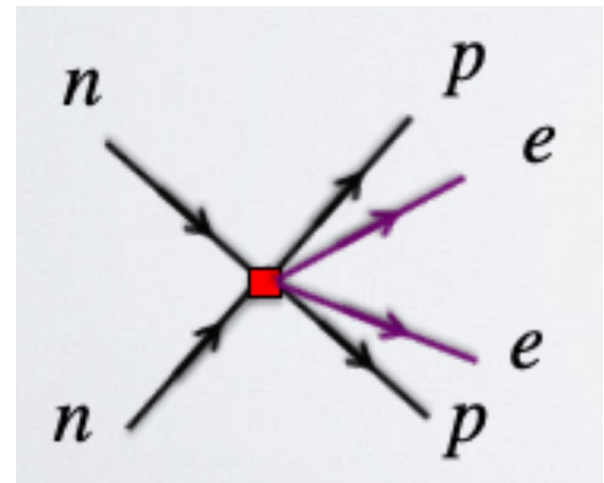
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- Naive power-counting:

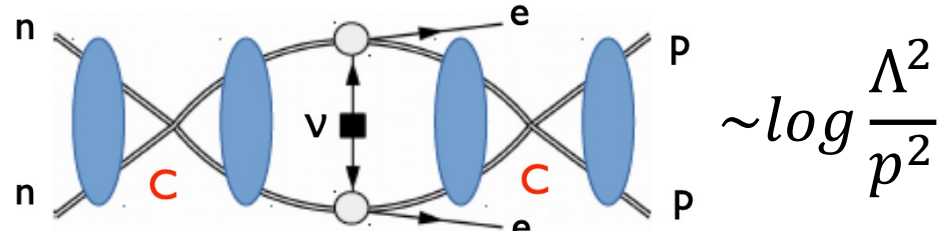
g_ν^{NN} appears at next-to-leading order



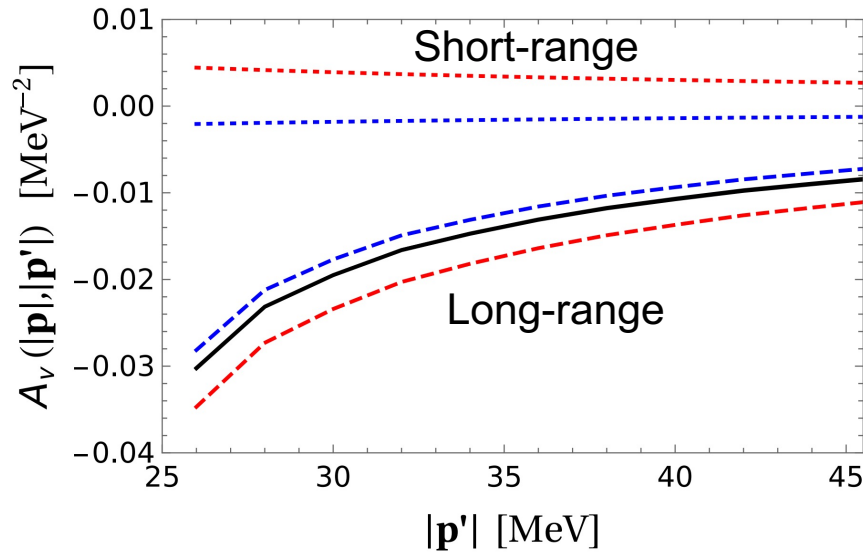
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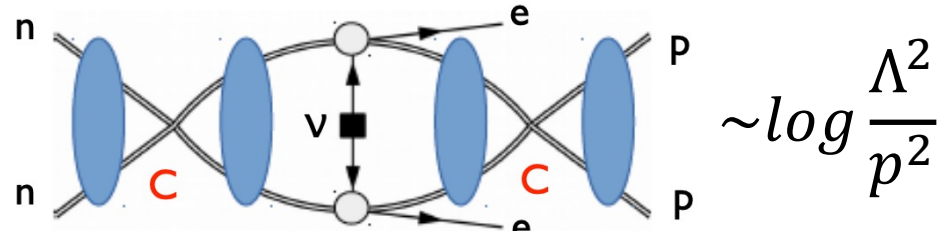


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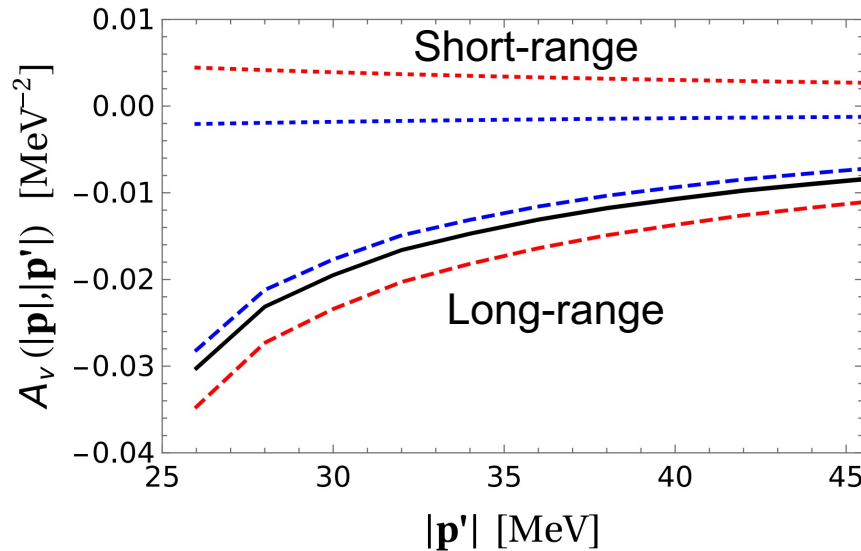
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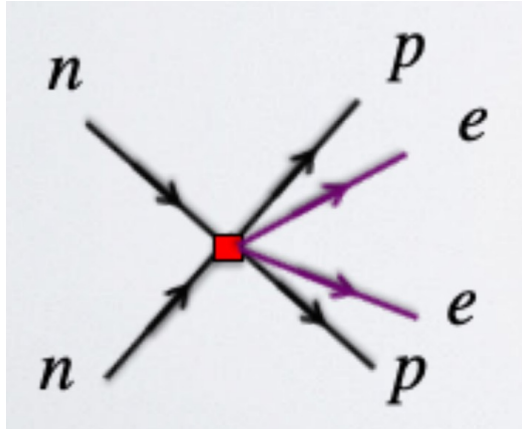
New Leading Contribution to Neutrinoless Double- β Decay

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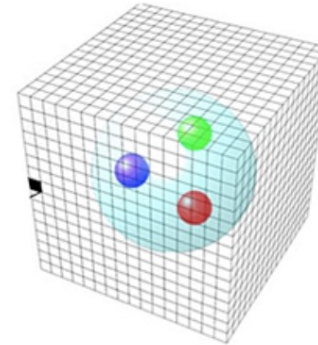
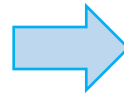
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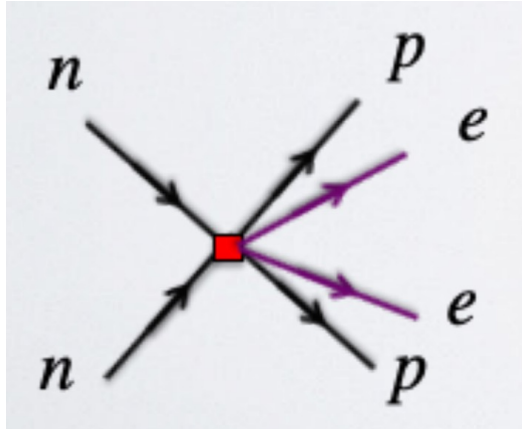
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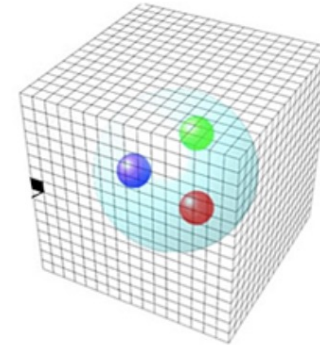
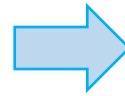
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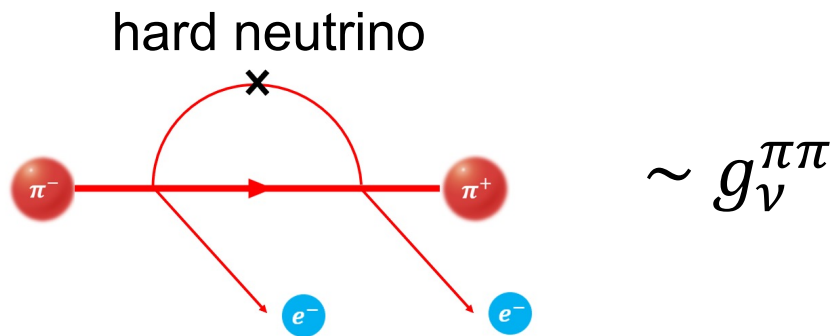


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- Start with the simpler case: pionic $0\nu 2\beta$ decay

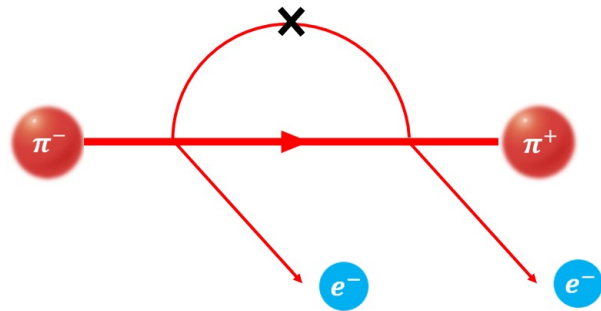


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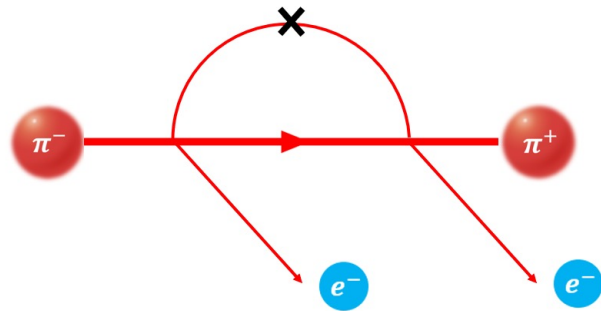
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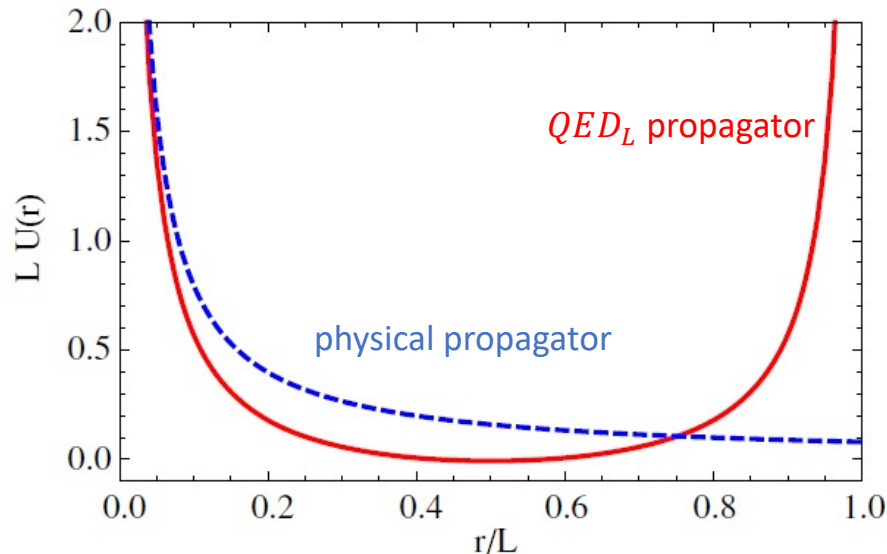
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- Traditional method QED_L : subtract zero mode of neutrino

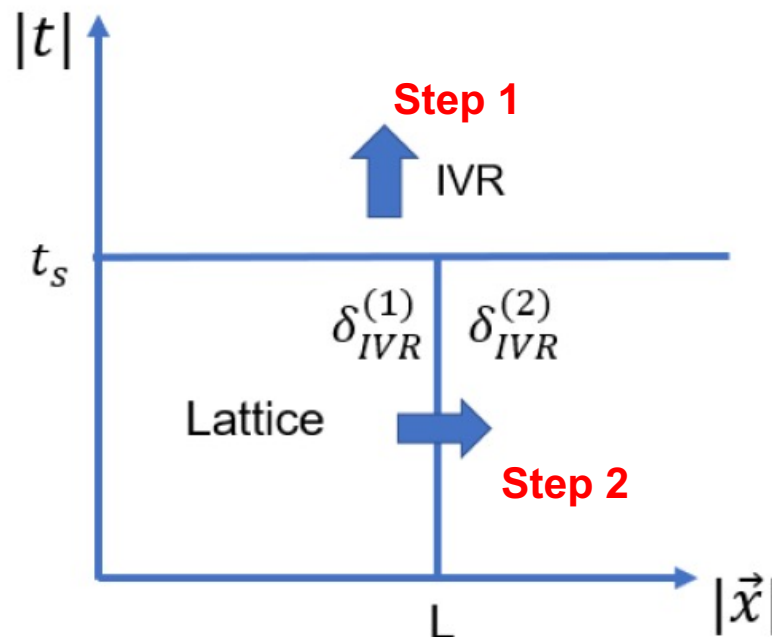
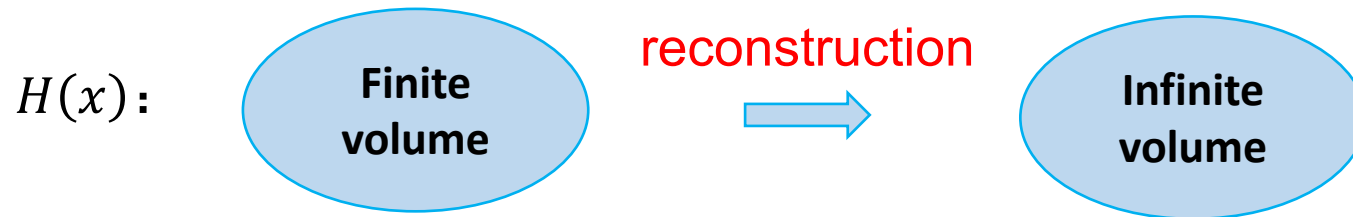


large $O(1/L)$ finite
volume errors

New method: Infinite volume reconstruction

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$S_0(x)$: keep the infinite volume version

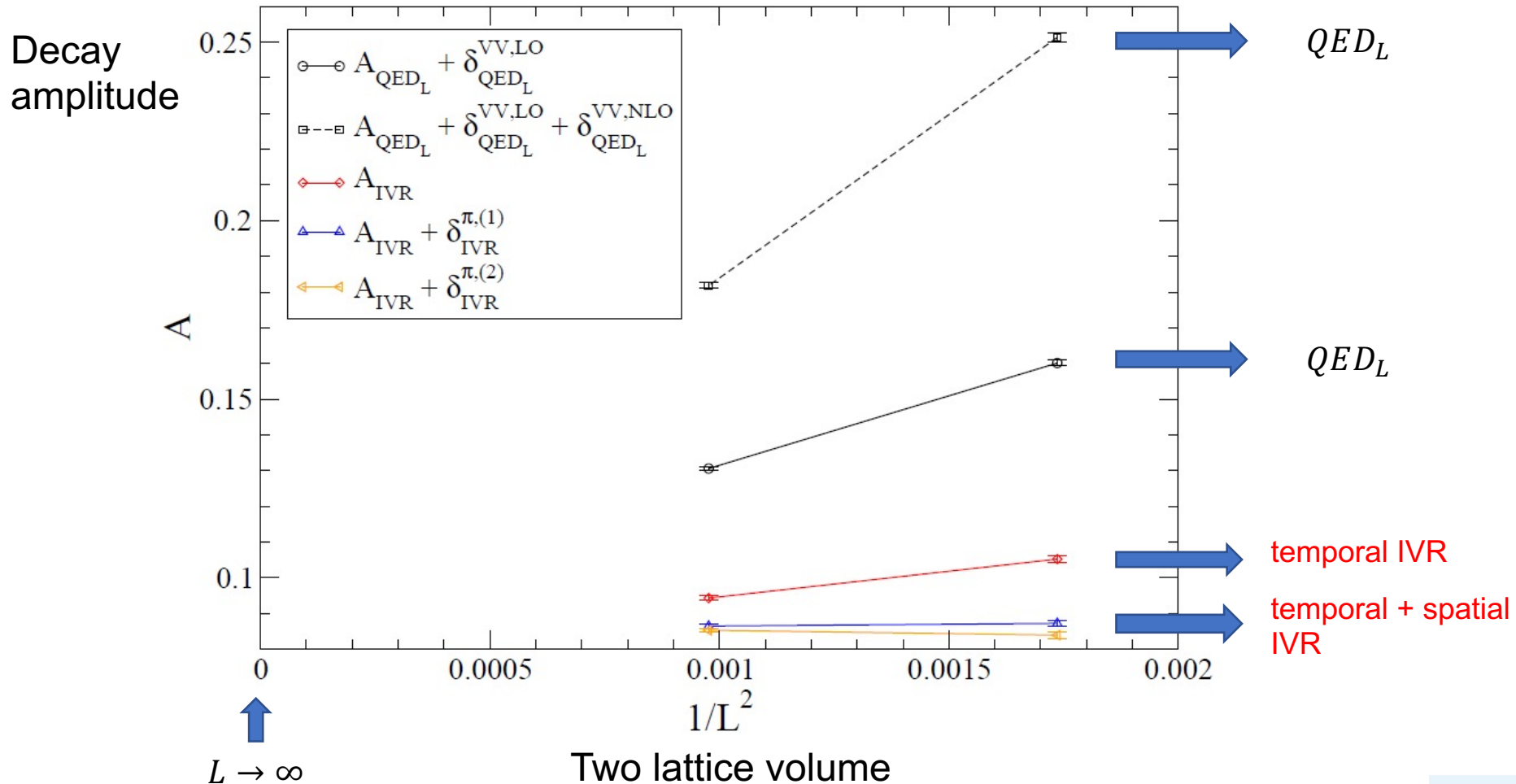


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Improving finite volume errors

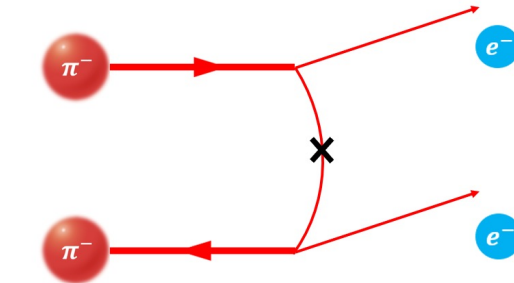
Benefit of new method: $O(e^{-mL})$ FV errors



Provide LEC $g_v^{\pi\pi}$

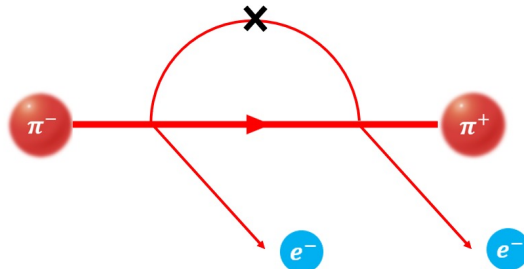


Our work



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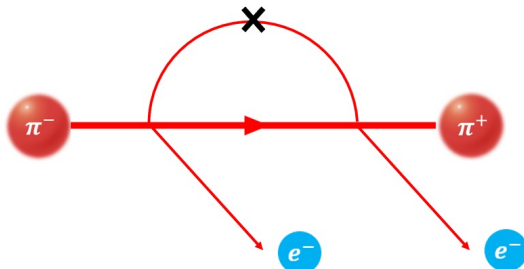


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NPLQCD



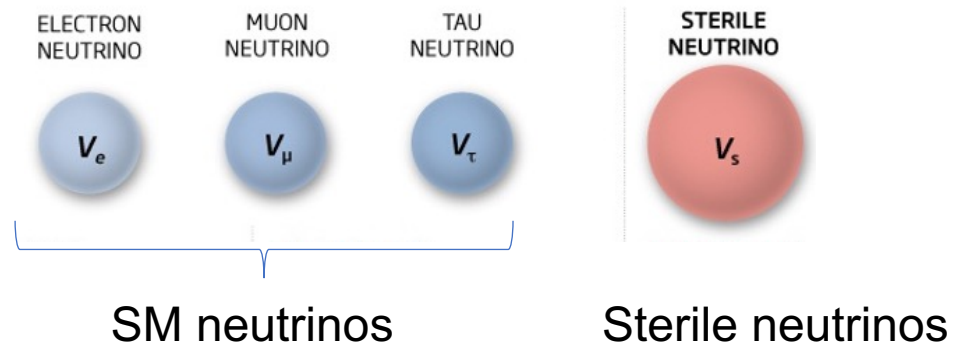
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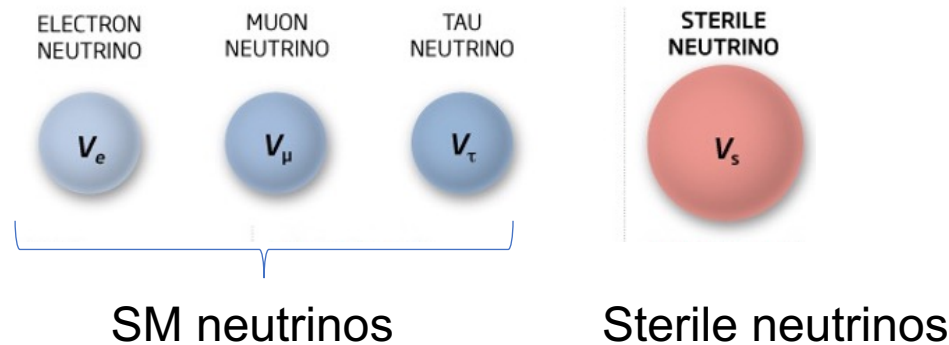
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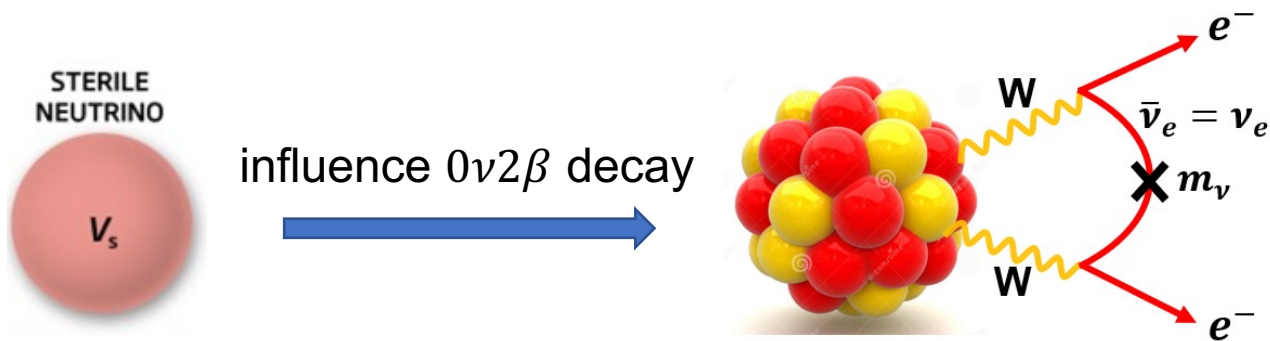


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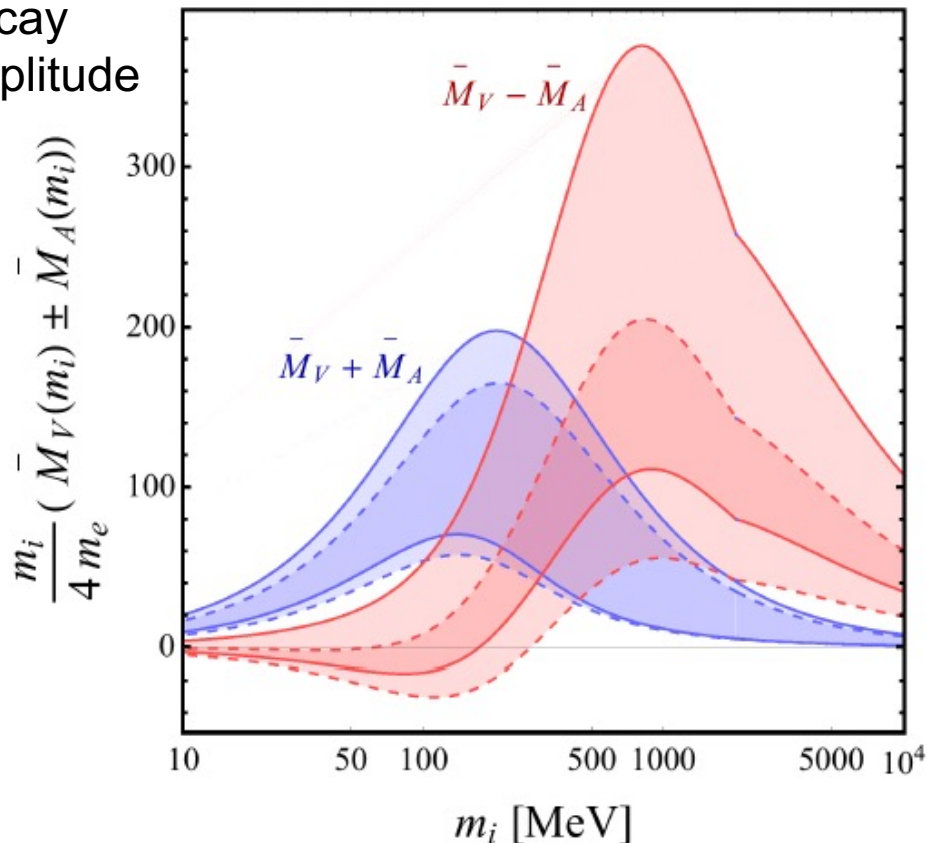


Enhancement due to sterile neutrino

W. Dekens, J. de Vries, K. Fuyuto, E. Mereghetti, and G. Zhou, JHEP 06, 097 (2020)

$0\nu 2\beta$ decay can be enhanced by sterile neutrino contribution in pion exchange diagram

Decay amplitude



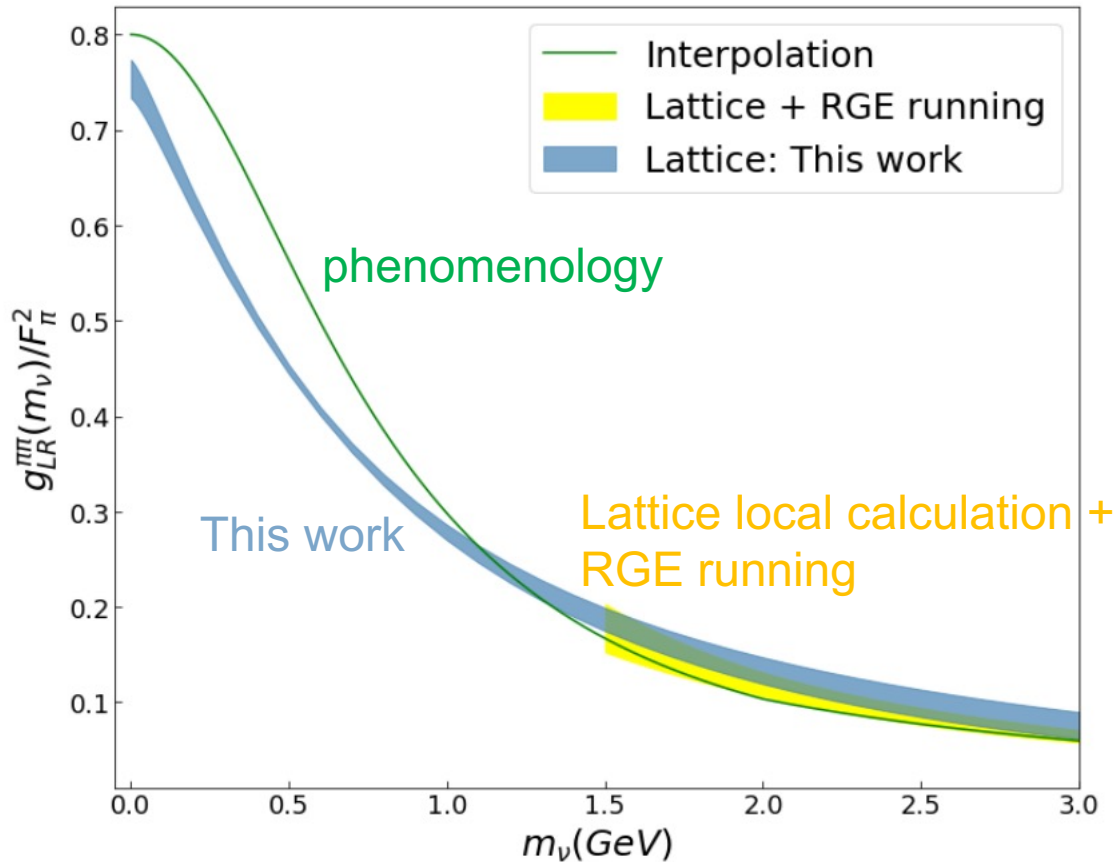
Big error band: poor knowledge of LECs g_V^{NN} , g_{LR}^{NN} , $g_{LR}^{\pi\pi}$, ...



Lattice QCD can help to reduce uncertainties in LECs

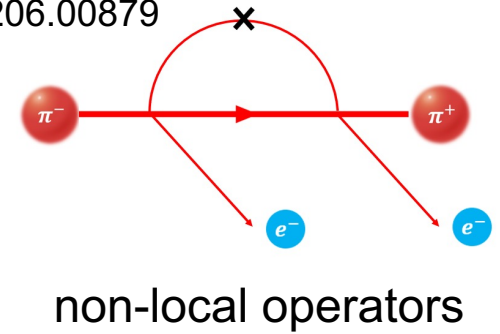
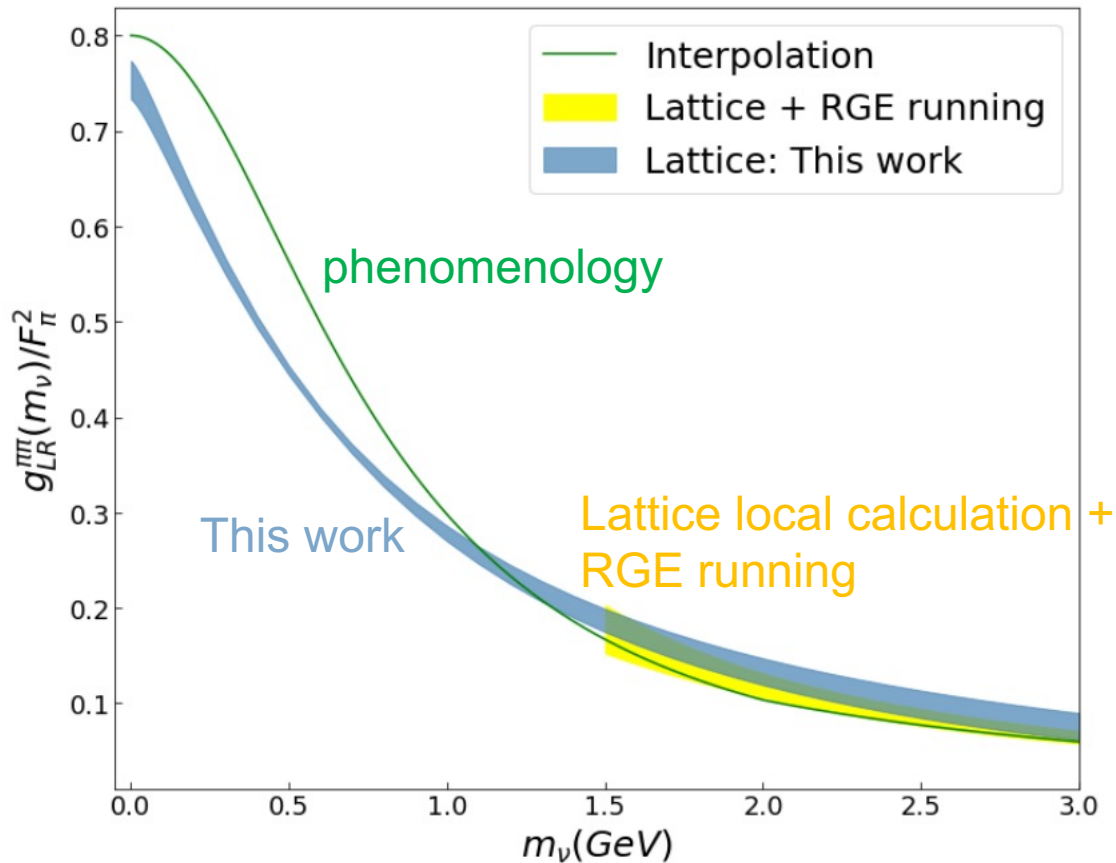
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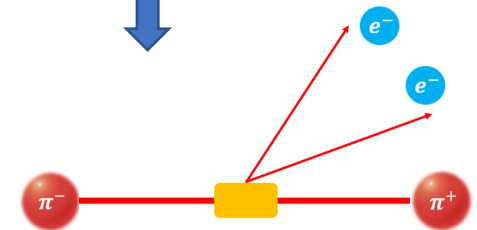


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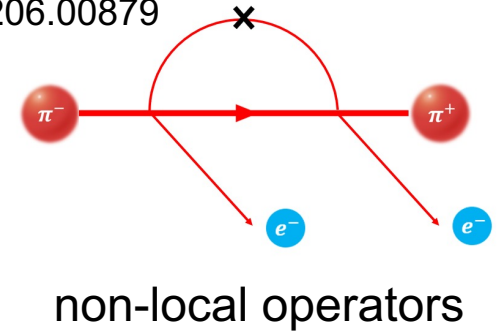
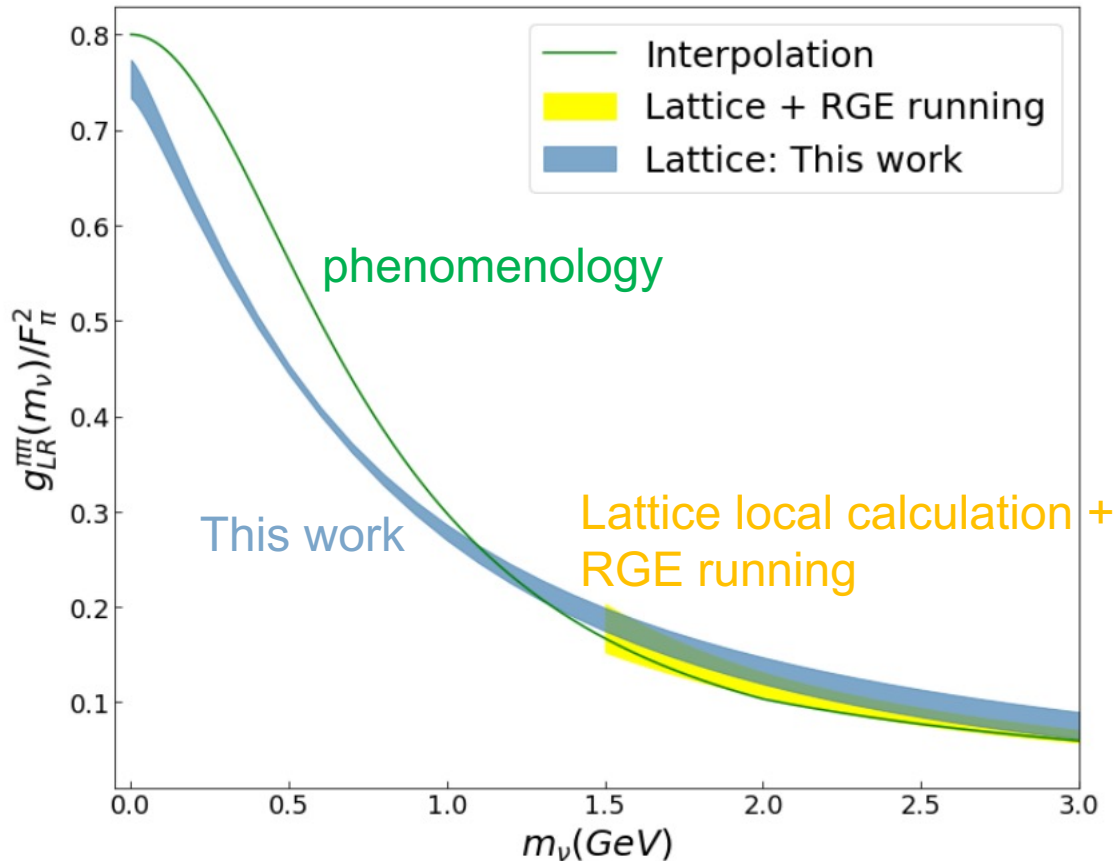
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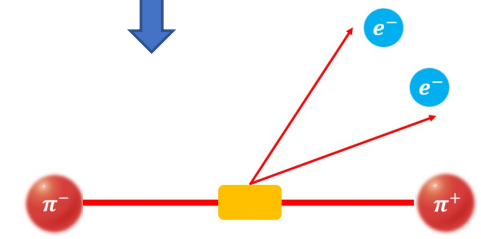
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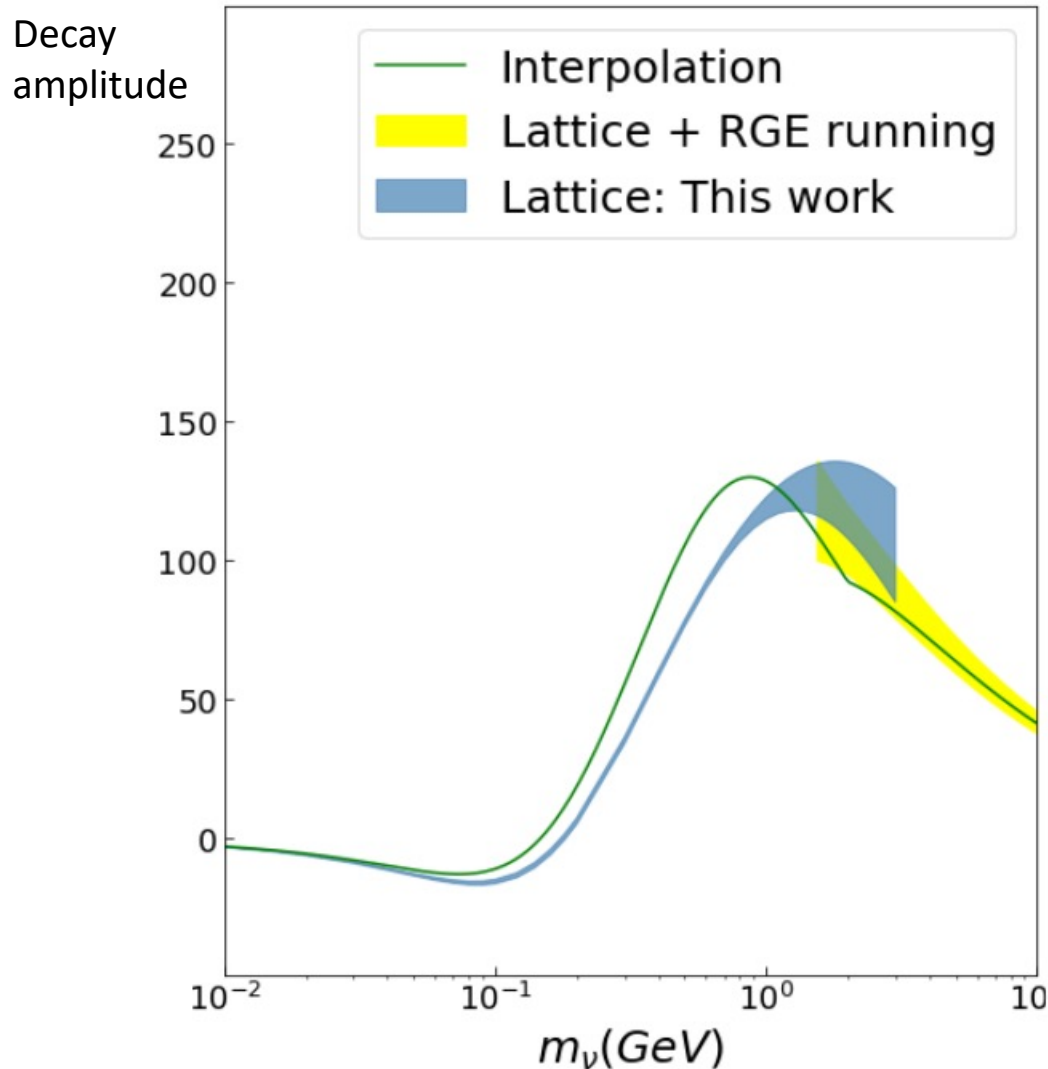
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Nontrivial consistency check !

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Help to reduce the uncertainties from LEC $g_{LR}^{\pi\pi}(m_\nu)$ and determine the peak shape


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Challenging due to **signal-to-noise problem**, main goal of future lattice QCD study

[2] Xu Feng, Lu-Chang Jin, Zi-Yu Wang, Zheng Zhang. Phys Rev D. 2021, 103(3):034508

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In progress ...

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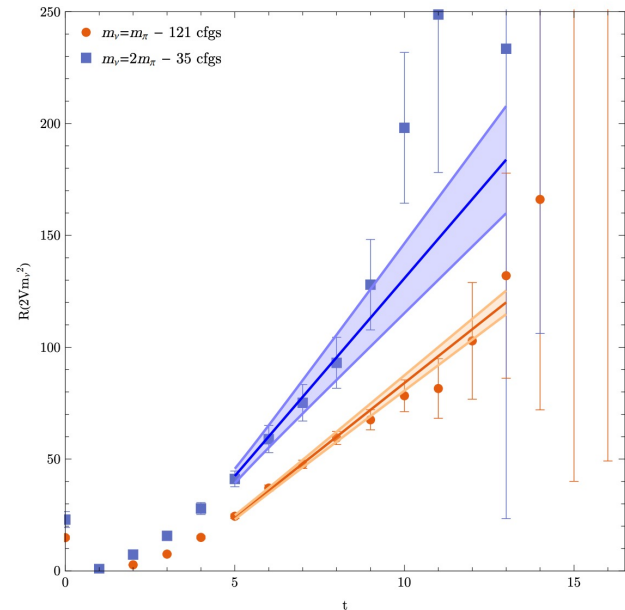
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Matching, finite-volume effects:

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