



Ab initio studies on ordinary muon capture

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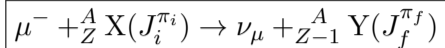
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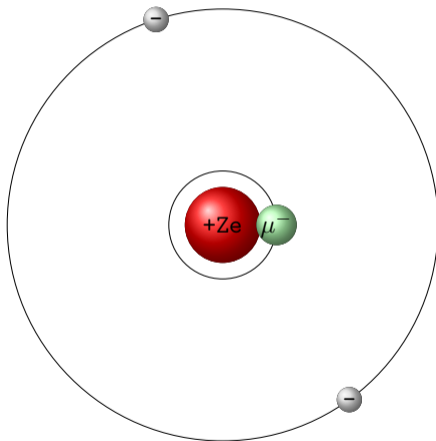
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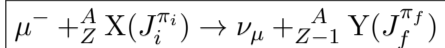
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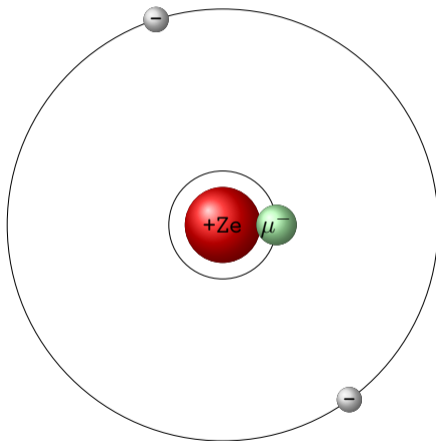
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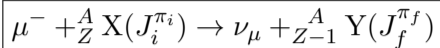
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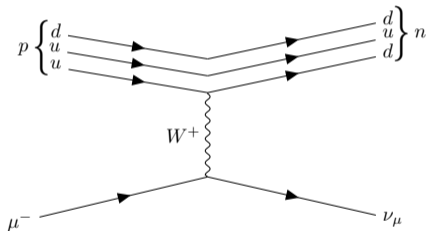
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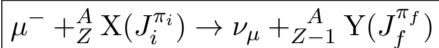
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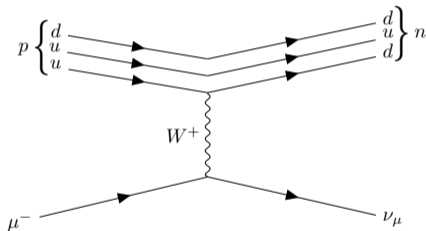
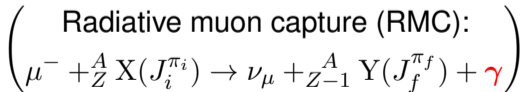


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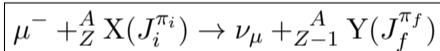
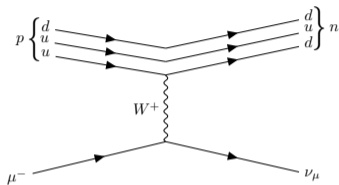


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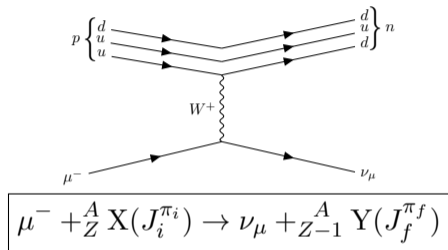
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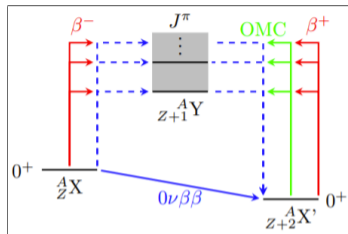
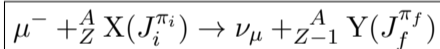
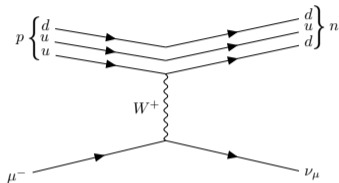


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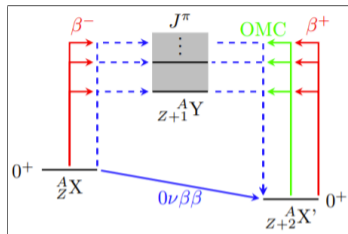
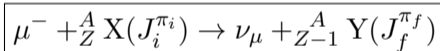
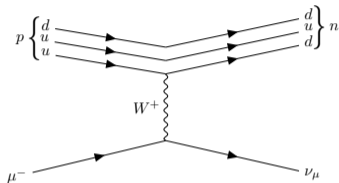
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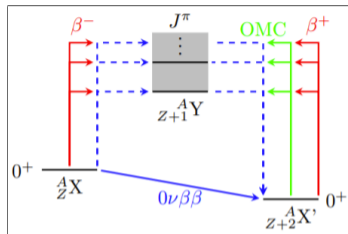
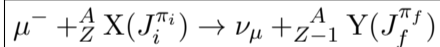
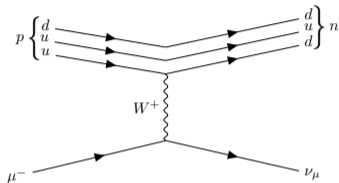
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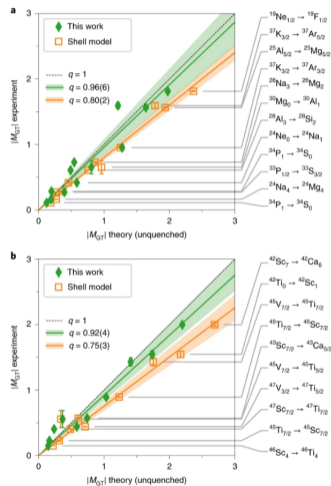
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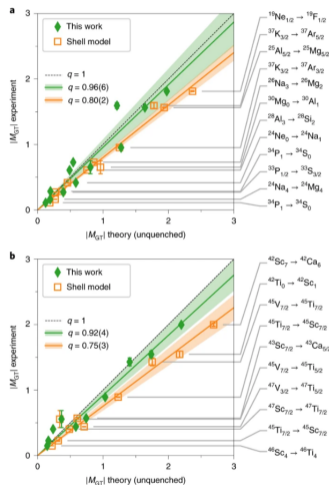


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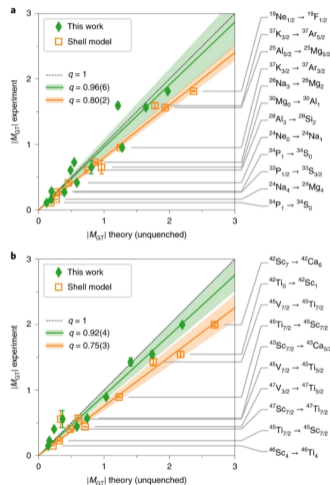


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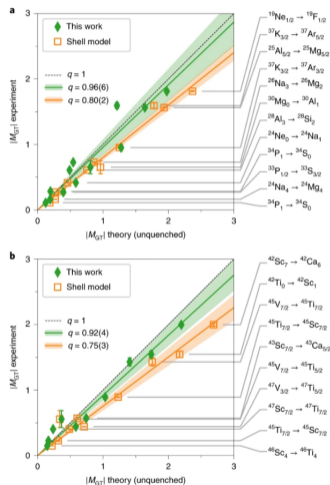


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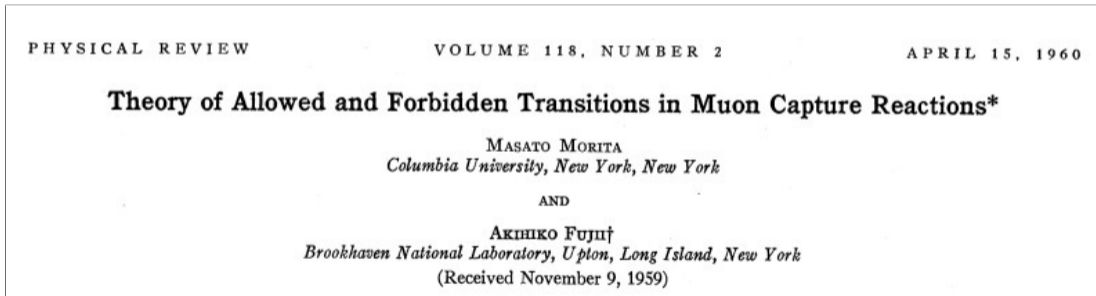
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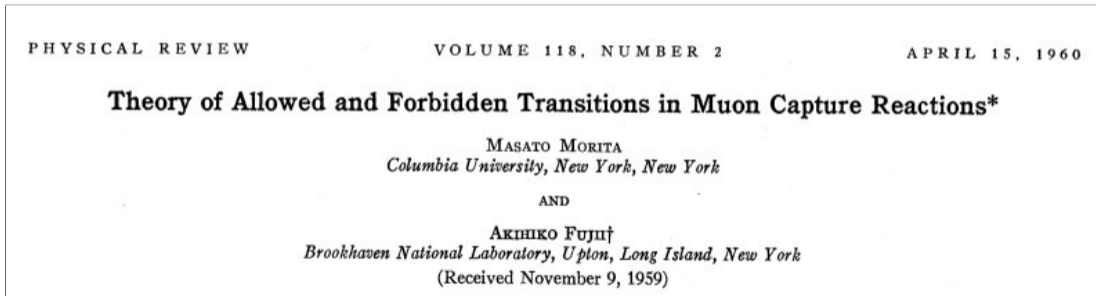
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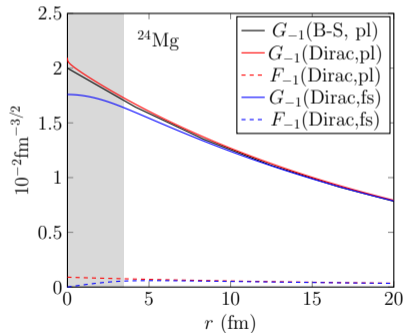
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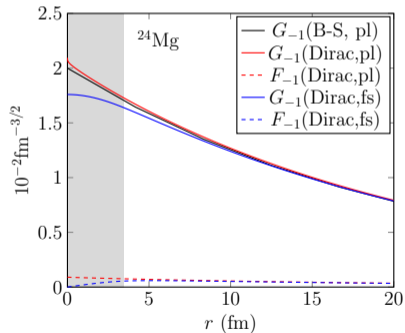
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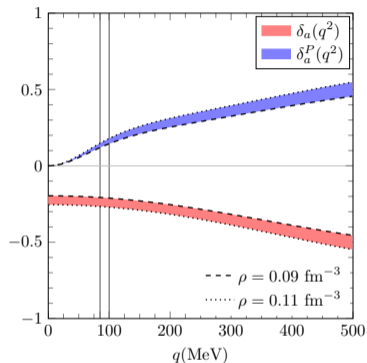


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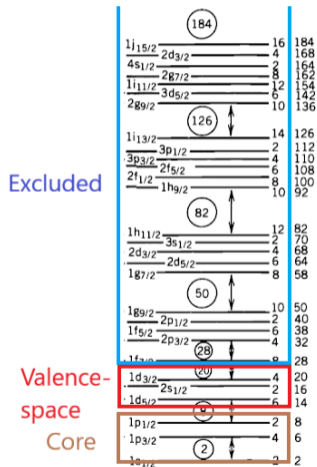
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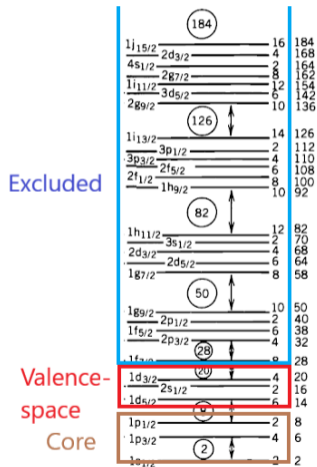
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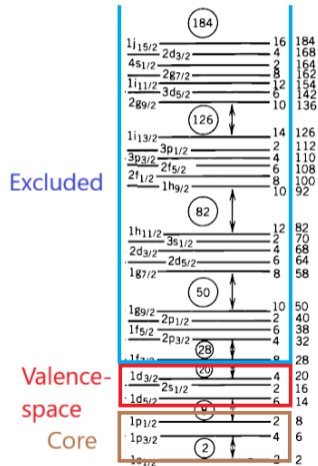
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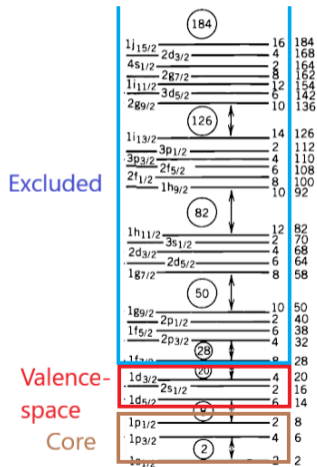
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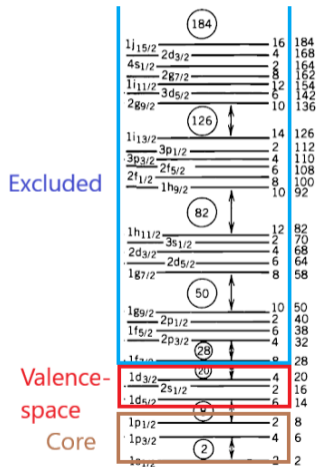
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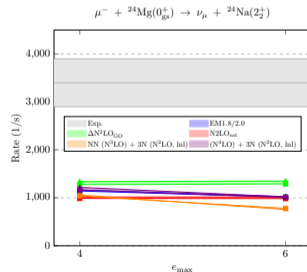
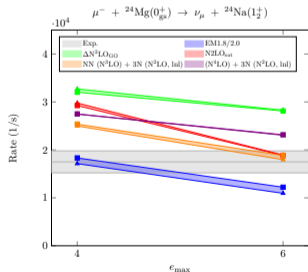
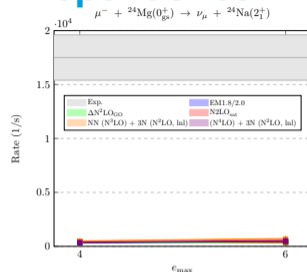
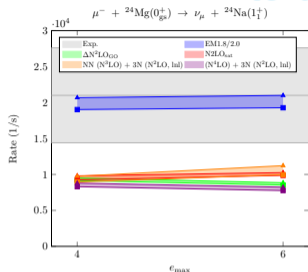
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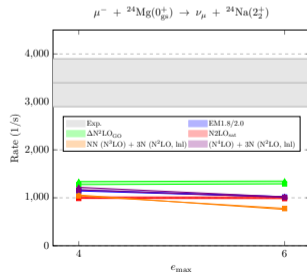
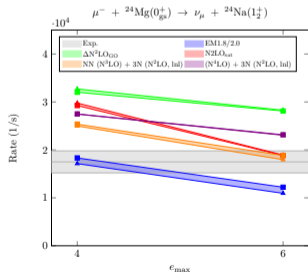
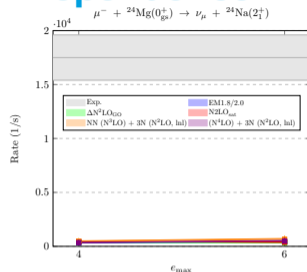
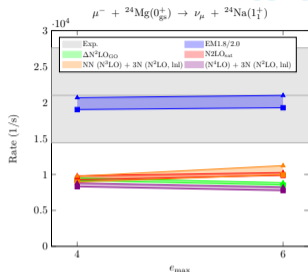
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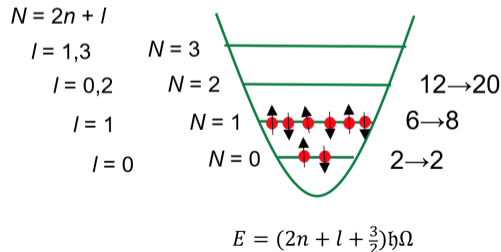
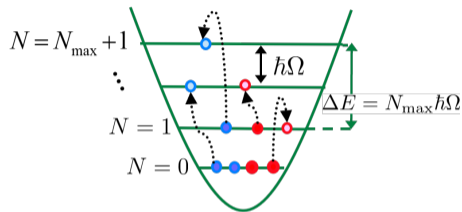
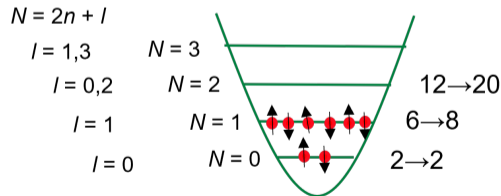
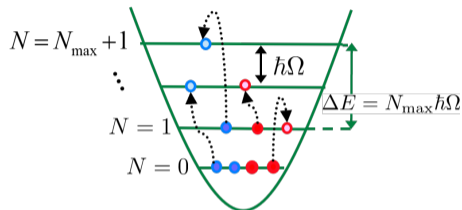


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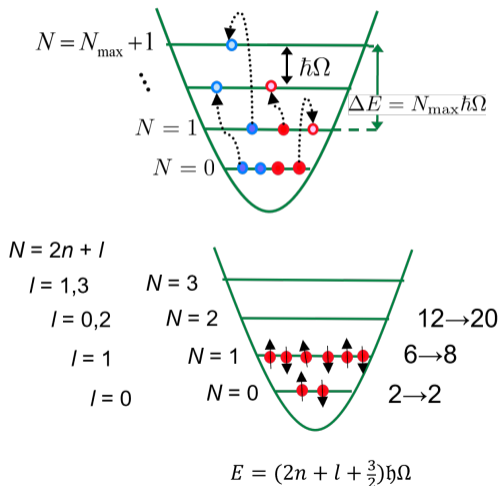


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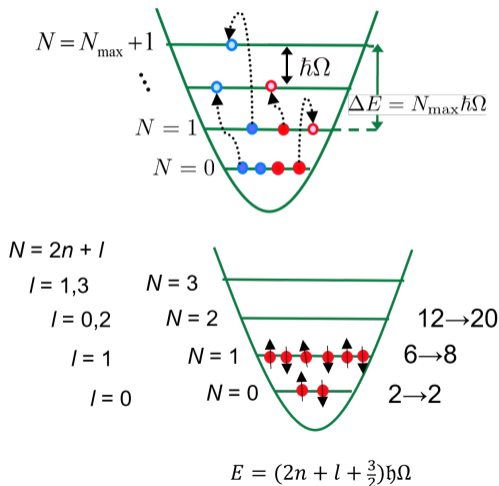


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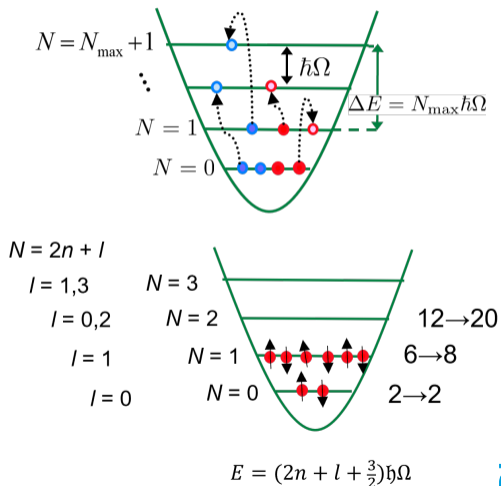


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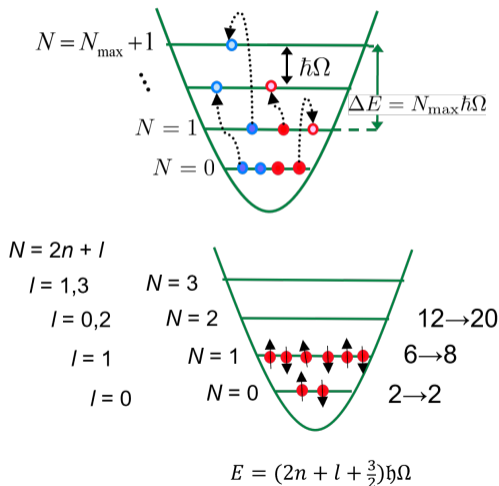


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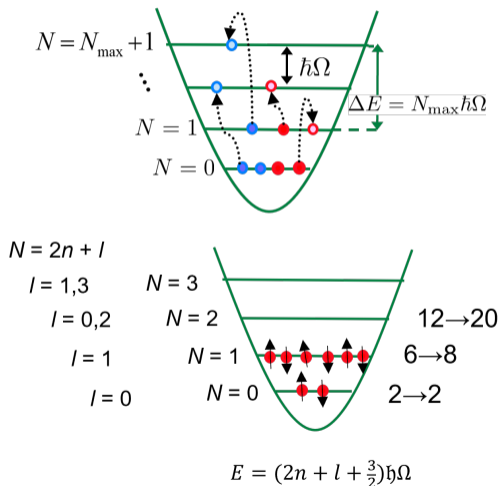
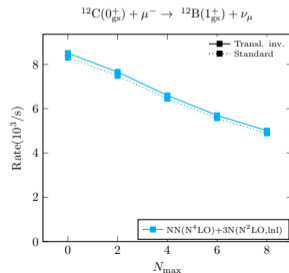
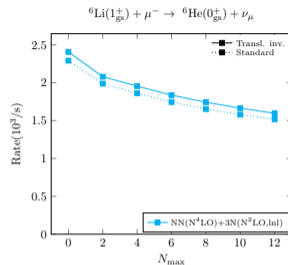


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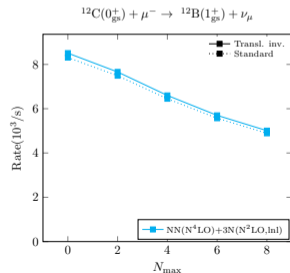
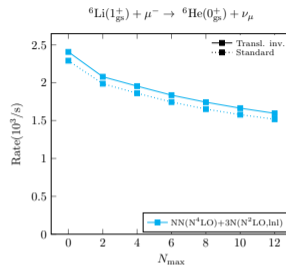
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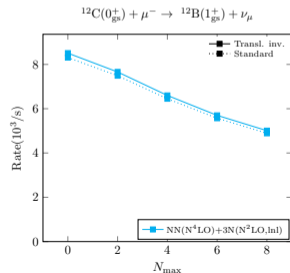
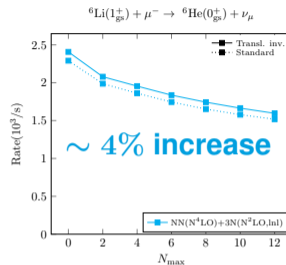
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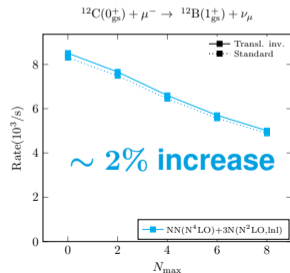
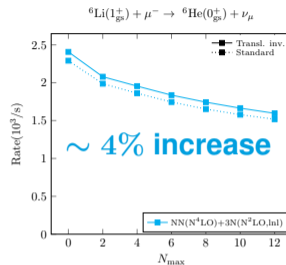
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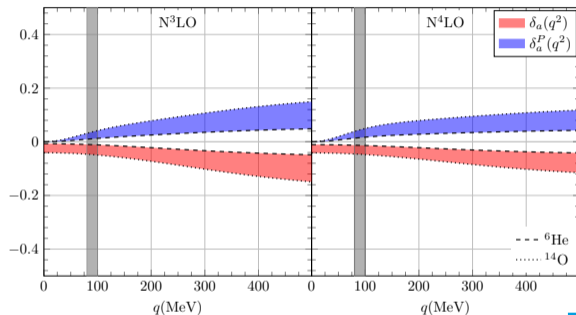
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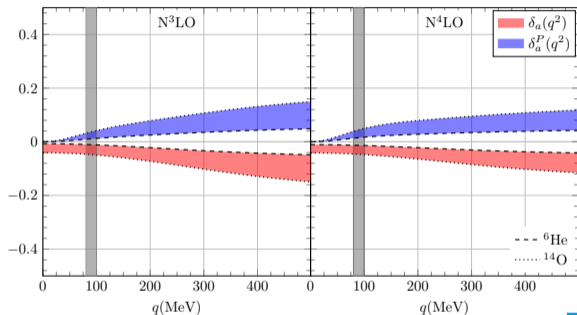


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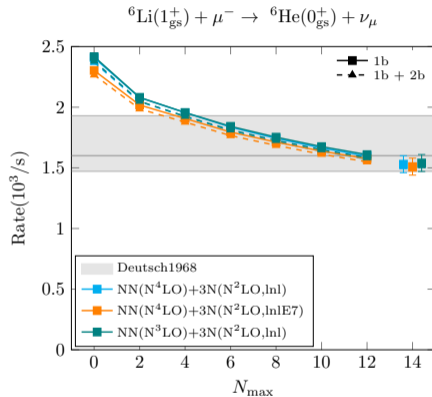
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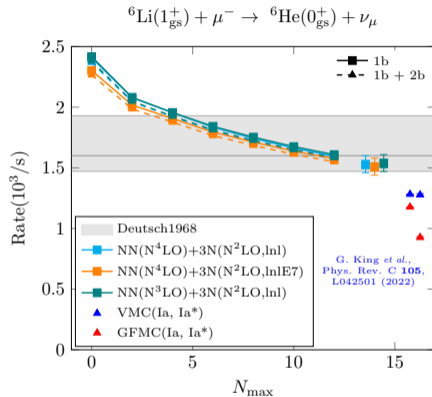


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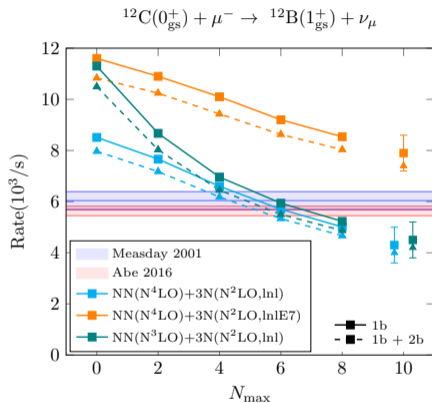
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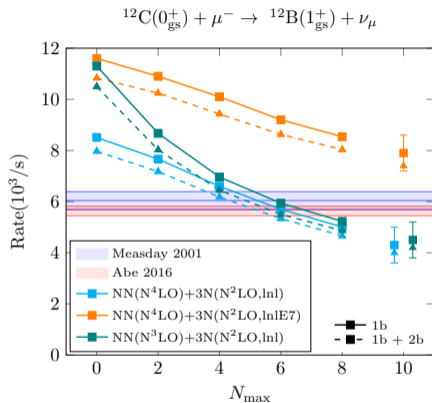
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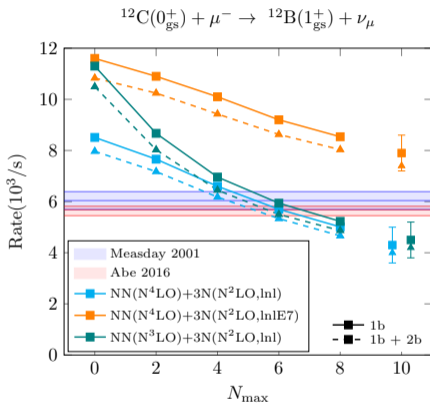
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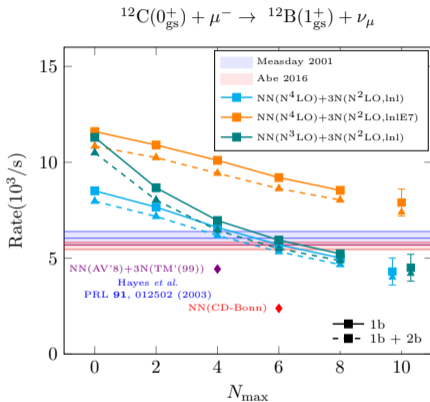


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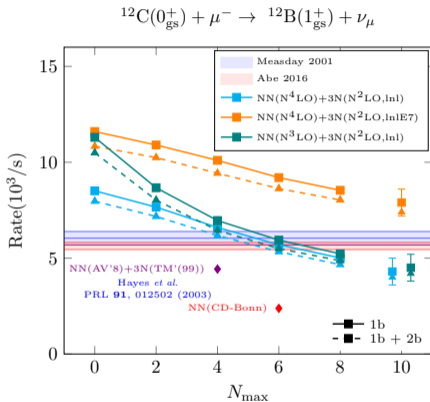


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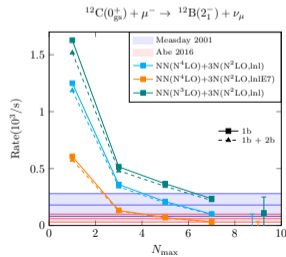
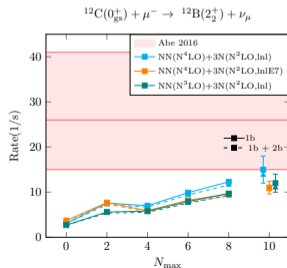
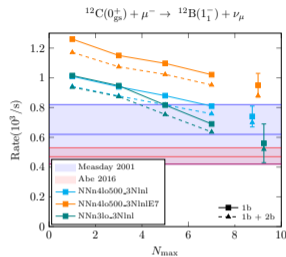
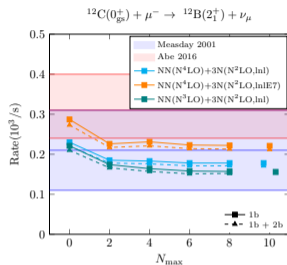
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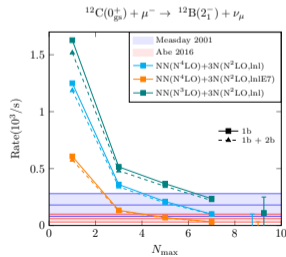
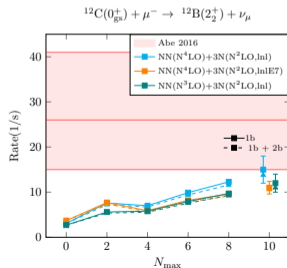
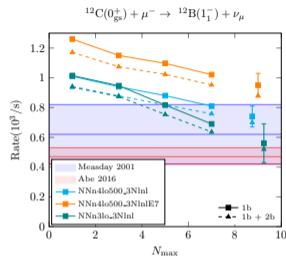
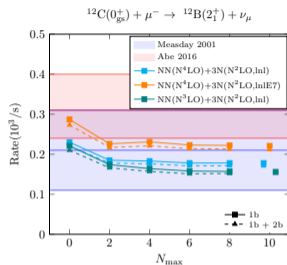
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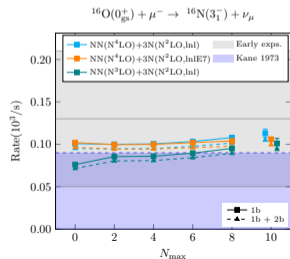
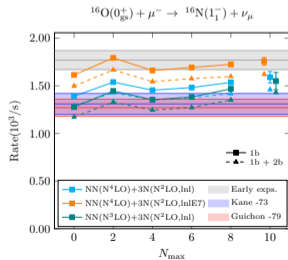
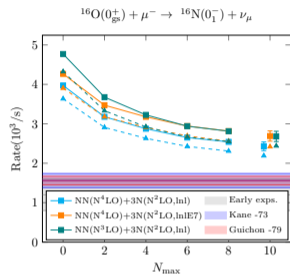
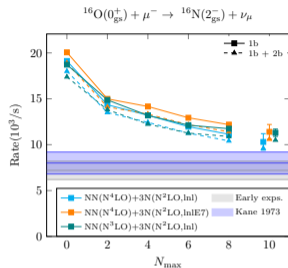
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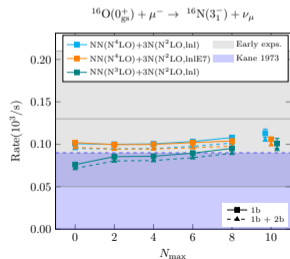
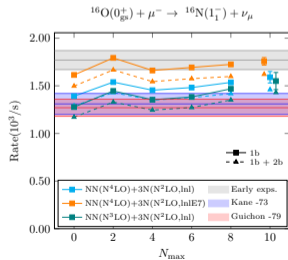
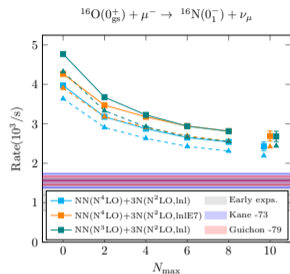
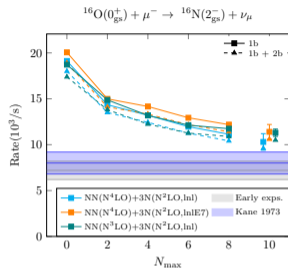
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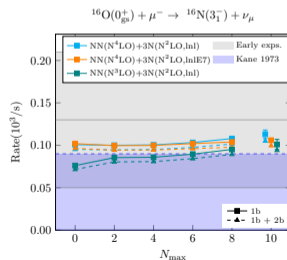
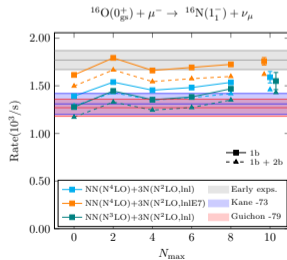
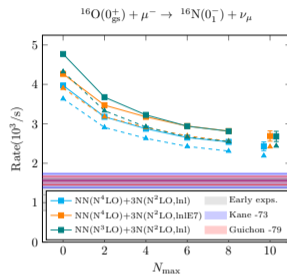
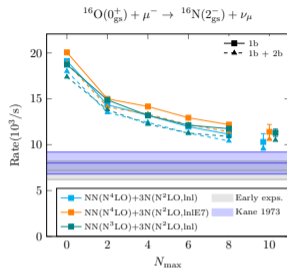
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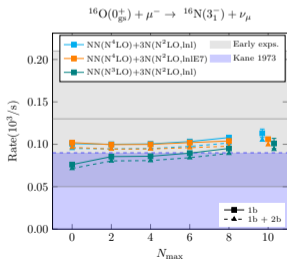
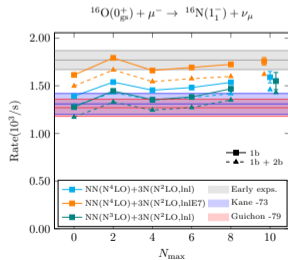
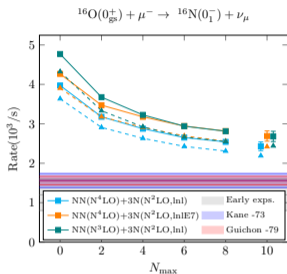
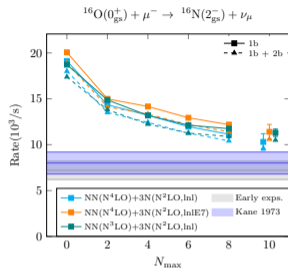
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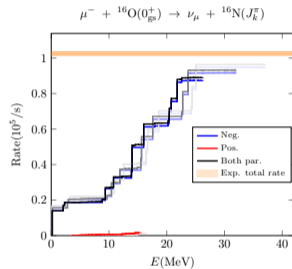
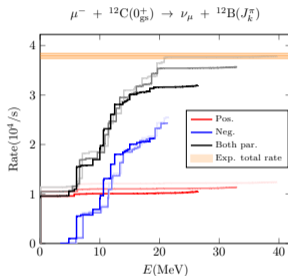
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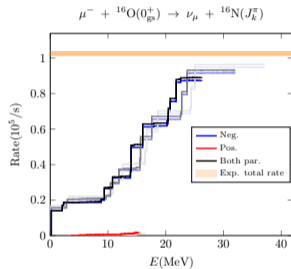
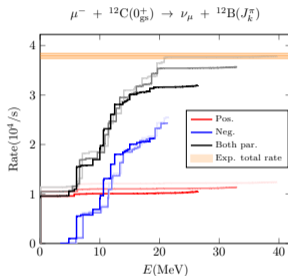
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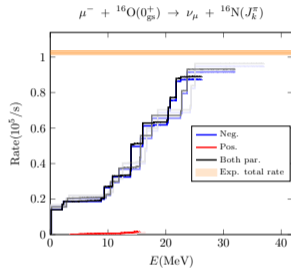
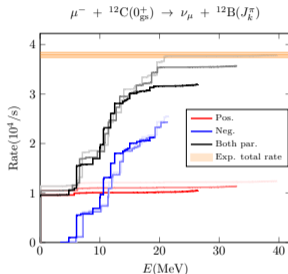
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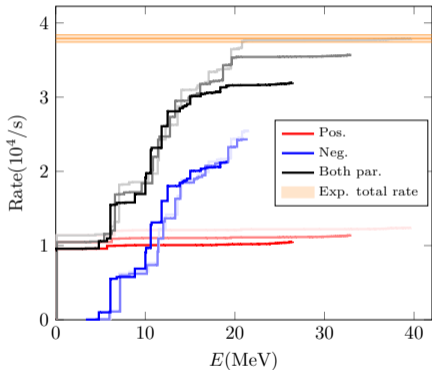
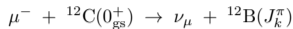
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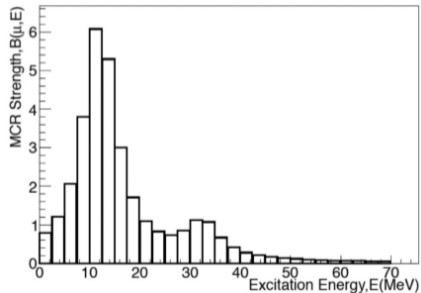
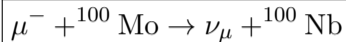
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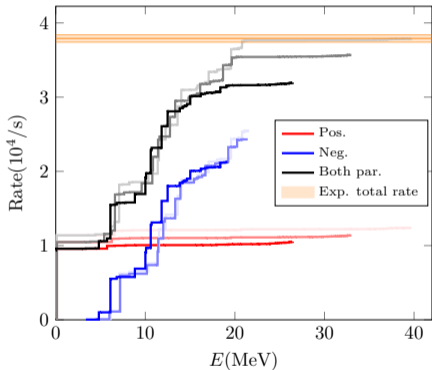
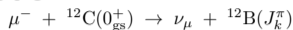
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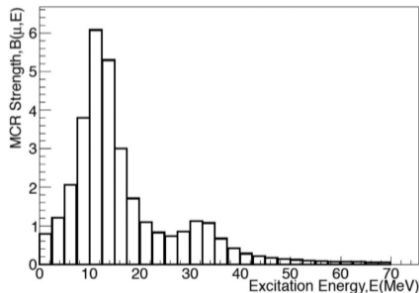
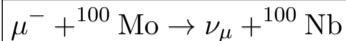
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Thank you
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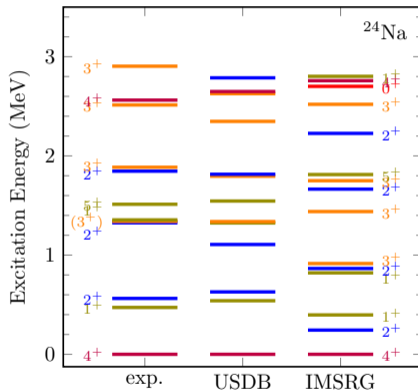
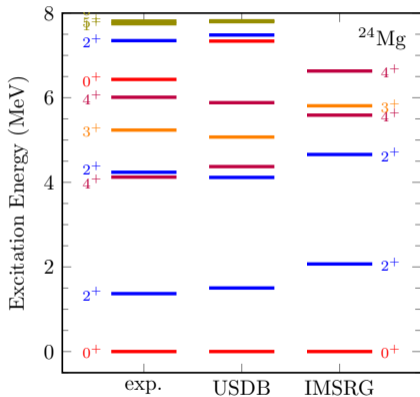
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Nucleus	J_i^π	$E(\text{MeV})$			$\mu(\mu_N)$			$Q(e^2\text{fm}^2)$		
		exp.	NSM	IMSRG	exp.	NSM	IMSRG	exp.	NSM	IMSRG
^{24}Mg	2^+	1.369	1.502	1.981	1.08(3)	1.008	1.033	-29(3)	-19.346	-12.9
^{24}Mg	4^+	4.123	4.372	5.327	1.7(12)	2.021	2.096	-		
^{24}Mg	2^+	4.238	4.116	4.327	1.3(4)	1.011	1.085	-		
^{24}Mg	4^+	6.010	5.882	6.347	2.1(16)	2.015	2.089	-		
^{24}Na	4^+	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6903(8)	1.533	1.485	-		
^{24}Na	1^+	0.472	0.540	0.397	-1.931(3)	-1.385	-0.344	-		

β Decays of the $A = 24$ Systems

Nucleus	$J_i \rightarrow J_f$	$\log ft$		
		exp.	NSM	IMSRG
^{24}Na	$1_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+$	5.80	5.188–5.223	4.448–4.545
^{24}Na	$4_{\text{gs}}^+ \rightarrow 4_1^+$	6.11	5.416–5.461	5.795–5.866
^{24}Na	$4_{\text{gs}}^+ \rightarrow 3_1^+$	6.60	5.727–5.773	6.342–6.422

Excitation Energies of ^{12}B

J_i^π	Interaction	$E_{\text{exc.}}$ (MeV)			Exp.
		$N_{\text{max}} = 4$	$N_{\text{max}} = 6$	$N_{\text{max}} = 8$	
1_1^+	NN(N ⁴ LO)-3Nlnl	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	NN(N ⁴ LO)-3NlnIE7	0.135	0.000	0.000	
2_1^+	NN(N ⁴ LO)-3Nlnl	0.251	0.465	0.538	0.953
	NN(N ⁴ LO)-3NlnIE7	0.000	0.027	0.097	
0_1^+	NN(N ⁴ LO)-3Nlnl	2.073	1.831	1.713	2.723
	NN(N ⁴ LO)-3NlnIE7	3.306	2.909	2.761	
2_2^+	NN(N ⁴ LO)-3Nlnl	3.816	3.490	3.344	3.760
	NN(N ⁴ LO)-3NlnIE7	4.919	4.463	4.281	

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0_1^-	NN(N ⁴ LO)-3Nlnl	2.245	1.487	1.010	0.120
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3_1^-	NN(N ⁴ LO)-3Nlnl	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.298
	NN(N ⁴ LO)-3NlnIE7	0.000	0.000	0.000	
1_1^-	NN(N ⁴ LO)-3Nlnl	2.561	1.833	1.363	0.397
	NN(N ⁴ LO)-3NlnIE7	2.985	2.310	1.869	