

TABLE IV: Limits on the effective neutrino mass  $\langle m_\nu \rangle$  (in eV) corresponding to different theoretical model calculations of nuclear matrix elements obtained for  $T_{1/2}(0\nu\beta\beta) > 1.1 \cdot 10^{24}$  y in case of  $^{100}\text{Mo}$  and  $T_{1/2}(0\nu\beta\beta) > 3.6 \cdot 10^{23}$  y in case of  $^{82}\text{Se}$ .

Nuclear matrix elements		$^{100}\text{Mo}$	$^{82}\text{Se}$
Shell model	[23]	-	$< 2.43$
QRPA	[24],[25]	$< 0.58 - 0.75$	$< 1.12 - 1.38$
QRPA	[26]	$< 0.45 - 0.93$	$< 0.89 - 1.61$
IBM-2	[27]	$< 0.49 - 0.55$	$< 1.03 - 1.19$
PHFB	[28]	$< 0.70$	

### C. Search for double beta decay with Majoron emission

The  $0\nu\chi^0\beta\beta$  decay requires the existence of a Majoron. It is a massless Goldstone boson that arises due to a global breakdown of  $(B-L)$  symmetry, where  $B$  and  $L$  are, respectively, the baryon and the lepton number. The Majoron, if it exists, could play a significant role in the history of the early Universe and in the evolution of stars. A  $2\beta$ -decay model that involves the emission of two Majorons was proposed within supersymmetric theories and several other models of the Majoron were proposed in the 1990s (see review [29] and references therein). The possible two electrons energy spectra for different  $0\nu\chi^0\beta\beta$  decay modes of  $^{100}\text{Mo}$  are shown in Fig. 4. Here  $n$  is the spectral index, which defines the shape of the spectrum. For example, for an ordinary Majoron  $n = 1$ , for  $2\nu$  decay  $n = 5$ , in the case of a bulk Majoron  $n = 2$  and for the process with two Majoron emission  $n = 3$  or 7.

No evidence for  $0\nu\chi^0\beta\beta$  decay was found for all seven isotopes. The limits for  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{82}\text{Se}$ ,  $^{150}\text{Nd}$  and  $^{96}\text{Zr}$  are presented in Table 5. In particular, strong limits on "ordinary" Majoron (spectral index 1) decay of  $^{100}\text{Mo}$  ( $T_{1/2} > 2.7 \cdot 10^{22}$  y) and  $^{82}\text{Se}$  ( $T_{1/2} > 1.5 \cdot 10^{22}$  y) have been obtained. Corresponding bounds on the Majoron-neutrino coupling constant are  $< g_{ee} > < (0.35 - 0.85) \cdot 10^{-4}$  and  $< (0.6 - 1.9) \cdot 10^{-4}$ , respectively (using nuclear matrix elements from [23–28]).