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Nuclear double-β decay studied by self-consistent QRPA approach

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Nuclear double beta decays



A. S. Barabash, Phys. Rev. C 81, 035501 (2010)

Candidate nuclei for $\beta\beta$ -decay

ββ-decay candidates:

- ✓ even-even nucleus (Z,A)
- ✓ pairing forces make it more bound than its (Z+1, A) neighbor, but less so than the (Z+2,A) nuclide.



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Haxton, PPNP 12, 409 (1984)

$\beta^{-}\beta^{-}$ transition	$\beta^{-}\beta^{-}$ transition
${}^{46}\text{Ca} \rightarrow {}^{46}\text{Ti}$	134 Xe $\rightarrow ^{134}$ Ba
48 Ca $\rightarrow {}^{48}$ Ti	136 Xe $\rightarrow ^{136}$ Ba
$^{70}Zn \rightarrow {}^{70}Ge$	$^{142}Ce \rightarrow ^{142}Nd$
$^{76}\text{Ge} \rightarrow ^{76}\text{Se}$	$^{146}\text{Nd} \rightarrow ^{146}\text{Sm}$
$^{80}\text{Se} \rightarrow {}^{80}\text{Kr}$	$^{148}\text{Nd} \rightarrow ^{148}\text{Sm}$
$^{82}\text{Se} \rightarrow {}^{82}\text{Kr}$	$^{1.50}$ Nd $\rightarrow ^{150}$ Sm
$^{86}\mathrm{Kr} ightarrow {}^{86}\mathrm{Sr}$	$^{154}\text{Sm} \rightarrow ^{154}\text{Gd}$
$^{94}\mathrm{Zr} \rightarrow ^{94}\mathrm{Mo}$	$^{160}\text{Gd} \rightarrow ^{160}\text{Dy}$
$^{96}\mathrm{Zr} ightarrow ^{96}\mathrm{Mo}$	$^{170}\mathrm{Er} \rightarrow ^{170}\mathrm{Yb}$
$^{98}Mo \rightarrow {}^{98}Ru$	$^{176}\text{Yb} \rightarrow ^{176}\text{Hf}$
$^{100}Mo \rightarrow {}^{100}Ru$	$^{186}W \rightarrow ^{186}Os$
$^{104}\mathrm{Ru} \rightarrow ^{104}\mathrm{Pd}$	$^{192}\text{Os} \rightarrow ^{192}\text{Pt}$
$^{110}\text{Pd} \rightarrow ^{110}\text{Cd}$	$^{198}\mathrm{Pt} ightarrow ^{198}\mathrm{Hg}$
$^{114}Cd \rightarrow ^{114}Sn$	$^{204}\text{Hg} \rightarrow ^{204}\text{Pb}$
$^{116}Cd \rightarrow ^{116}Sn$	226 Ra $\rightarrow ^{226}$ Th
$^{122}\text{Sn} \rightarrow ^{122}\text{Te}$	$^{232}\text{Th} \rightarrow ^{232}\text{U}$
$^{124}Sn \rightarrow ^{124}Te$	$^{238}\mathrm{U} ightarrow ^{238}\mathrm{Pu}$
$^{128}\mathrm{Te} \rightarrow ^{128}\mathrm{Xe}$	244 Pu $\rightarrow ^{244}$ Cm
$^{130}\mathrm{Te} ightarrow ^{130}\mathrm{Xe}$	$^{248}\mathrm{Cm} ightarrow ^{248}\mathrm{Cf}$

Experimentally observed $2\nu 2\beta$

• 2v ββ decay half-life and NMEs

 $\left[T_{1/2}^{2\nu}\right]^{-1} = G^{2\nu}g_A^4 \left| M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu} \right|^2$

✓ $G^{2\nu}(Q_{\beta\beta}, Z)$: phase space factor kinetics calculation

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J. Kotila and F. Iachello, Phys. Rev. C 85, 034316 (2012)
S. Stoica and M. Mirea, Phys. Rev. C 88, 037303(2013)

- majority nuclei : < 1%</p>
- ⁹⁶Zr ¹⁰⁰Mo ¹¹⁶Cd: ~ 4%-6%

A. S. Barabash, Phys. Rev. C 81, 035501 (2010) A. S. Barabash, Nucl. Phys. A 935, 52 (2015)

✓ Nuclear Matrix Element (NME)

Lowest-order transition operators: Fermi: forbidden by isospin conservation Gamow-Teller (GT): allowed

$$M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu} = \sum_{N_1N_2} \frac{\langle \psi_{K'} || \hat{O}_{\rm GT}^- || \psi_{N_2} \rangle \langle \psi_{N_2} | \psi_{N_1} \rangle \langle \psi_{N_1} || \hat{O}_{\rm GT}^- || \psi_K \rangle}{E_N^* + M_N - (M_K + M_{K'})/2}$$

"Experimental" NMEs

TABLE II. Half-life and nuclear matrix element values for twoneutrino double- β decay (see Sec. IV).

Isotope	$T_{1/2}(2\nu)$ (years)	$M^{2\nu}$
⁴⁸ Ca	$4.4^{+0.6}_{-0.5} imes 10^{19}$	$0.0238^{+0.0015}_{-0.0017}$
⁷⁶ Ge	$(1.5 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{21}$	$0.0716^{+0.0025}_{-0.0023}$
⁸² Se	$(0.92 \pm 0.07) imes 10^{20}$	$0.0503^{+0.0020}_{-0.0018}$
⁹⁶ Zr	$(2.3 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{19}$	$0.0491^{+0.0023}_{-0.0020}$
¹⁰⁰ Mo	$(7.1 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{18}$	$0.1258^{+0.0037}_{-0.0034}$
100 Mo- 100 Ru(0 ⁺ ₁)	$5.9^{+0.8}_{-0.6} imes 10^{20}$	$0.1017_{-0.0063}^{+0.0056}$
¹¹⁶ Cd	$(2.8 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{19}$	$0.0695^{+0.0025}_{-0.0024}$
¹²⁸ Te	$(1.9 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{24}$	$0.0249^{+0.0031}_{-0.0023}$
¹³⁰ Te	$(6.8^{+1.2}_{-1.1}) \times 10^{20}$	$0.0175^{+0.0016}_{-0.0014}$
¹⁵⁰ Nd	$(8.2 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{18}$	$0.0320^{+0.0018}_{-0.0017}$
150 Nd- 150 Sm(0 ⁺ ₁)	$1.33^{+0.45}_{-0.26} imes 10^{20}$	$0.0250^{+0.0029}_{-0.0034}$
²³⁸ U	$(2.0 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{21}$	$0.0271^{+0.0053}_{-0.0033}$
¹³⁰ Ba; ECEC(2ν)	$(2.2 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{21}$	$0.105\substack{+0.014\\-0.010}$

A. S. Barabash, Phys. Rev. C 81, 035501 (2010)



Nuclear Models for $2\nu\beta\beta$ -decay

Π Theoretical model in $2v\beta\beta$:

✓ Shell Model

E. Caurier, F. Nowacki, and A. Poves, Phys. Lett. B 711, 62 (2012)

R. A. Senkov and M. Horoi, Phys. Rev. C 90, 051301R (2014)

B. A. Brown, D. L. Fang, and M. Horoi, Phys. Rev. C 92, 041301 (2015)

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✓ QRPA

J. Suhonen and O. Civitarese, Phys. Rep. 300, 123 (1998)

A. Faessler and F. Simkovic, J. Phys. G 24, 2139 (1998)

R. Alvarez-Rodriguez, P. Sarriguren, et al. Phys. Rev. C 70, 064309 (2004)

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✓ Projected HFB

B. M. Dixit, P. K. Rath, and P. K. Raina, Phys. Rev. C 65, 034311 (2002)

R. Chandra, J. Singh, et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 23, 223 (2005)

*Angular momentum projection for deformation

✓ Interacting Boson Model

J. Barea, J. Kotila, F. Iachello, Phys. Rev. C 91, 034304 (2015)

Quasiparticle Random Phase Approximation (QRPA)

QRPA: widely used for the description of spin-isospin excitations

• The RPA excited state is generated by

$$Q_{\nu}^{\dagger} = \sum_{mi} X_{mi}^{\nu} a_m^{\dagger} a_i - \sum_{mi} Y_{mi} a_i^{\dagger} a_m$$

 ✓ Full 1p1h configuration space ⇒ almost whole nuclear chart



RPA

✓ No closure approximation when calculating NME of 2vββ

$$M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu} = \sum_{N_1 N_2} \frac{\langle \psi_{K'} || \hat{O}_{\rm GT}^- || \psi_{N_2} \rangle \langle \psi_{N_2} | \psi_{N_1} \rangle \langle \psi_{N_1} || \hat{O}_{\rm GT}^- || \psi_K \rangle}{E_N^* + M_N - (M_K + M_{K'})/2}$$

$$\langle 1^{+} \left| \left| \hat{O}_{\mathrm{GT}}^{-} \right| \right| 0^{+} \rangle = - \langle 0^{+} \left| \left| \hat{O}_{\mathrm{GT}}^{+} \right| \right| 1^{+} \rangle^{*}$$



• Self-consistent QRPA approach:

the same interaction is used for ground state and excited states calculation

$$h_{kk'} = \frac{\delta E_{HF}}{\delta \rho_{kk'}}$$
, $V_{res.}^{mi,nj} = \frac{\delta^2 E_{HF}}{\delta \rho_{mi} \delta \rho_{nj}}$, where $E_{HF} = \langle \Phi \mid H_{eff} \mid \Phi \rangle$

Successful applications in β-decay and electron-capture calculations:

 β-decay based on relativistic density functional



- β-decay half-lives for 5409 nuclei
- ✓ self-consistent
- ✓ Similar accuracy as FRDM+QRPA

 Electron capture based on Skyrme density functional Fantina, et al., PRC 86, 035805 (2012)



- ✓ self-consistent
- Good agreement with shell model

Quasiparticle Random Phase Approximation (QRPA)

• NME of 2vββ studied by Skyrme QRPA

✓ Deformation effect on the NME

P. Sarriguren, Phys. Rev. C 86, 034335 (2012)

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- Single- and low-lying-states dominance hypotheses (SSDH/LLDH)
 O. Moreno, et al., J. Phys. G 36, 015106 (2009)
 P. Sarriguren, O. Moreno, and E.Moya de Guerra, Adv. HEP (2016)
- ✓ Attempt to remove the uncertainty of g_A and the strength of IS pairing J. Terasaki, and Y. Iwata, Phys. Rev. C 100, 034325 (2019)

• NME of 2vββ studied by Relativistic QRPA

 RMF-BCS+RQRPA with parameter set NL1: only NME values for 6 nuclei are reported

Conti, Krmptoic and Carlson, Proceedings of Science, XXXIV BWNP 126 (2011)

• Single- and low-lying-states dominance hypotheses (SSDH/LLDH):

The decay rate of the two-neutrino $2\nu\beta\beta$ decay to the final ground state is determined by virtual single- β -decay transitions via the ground state/low-lying states of the intermediate nucleus. J. Abad, et al., Ann. Fis. A 80, 9 (1984)

SSDH: $M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu} \approx \frac{\langle 0_{\rm g.s.}^{+(f)} || \hat{O}_{\rm GT}^{-} || 1_{\rm g.s.}^{+(N)} \rangle \langle 1_{\rm g.s.}^{+(N)} || \hat{O}_{\rm GT}^{-} || 0_{\rm g.s.}^{+(i)} \rangle}{M_N - (M_i + M_f)/2}$ LLDH: $M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu} \approx \sum_{n \in \{\rm LL\}} \frac{\langle 0_{\rm g.s.}^{+(f)} || \hat{O}_{\rm GT}^{-} || 1_n^{+(N)} \rangle \langle 1_n^{+(N)} || \hat{O}_{\rm GT}^{-} || 0_{\rm g.s.}^{+(i)} \rangle}{E_n^{*(N)} + M_N - (M_i + M_f)/2}$

- ✓ Avoid the tremendous summation.
- ✓ Directly calculate the NME from the β^- or EC experimental data. H. Akimune, et al., Phys. Lett. B 394, 23 (1997)

LBNL collaboration calculate the $2\nu\beta\beta$ half-life of ${}^{100}Mo(g.s.)$ -> ${}^{100}Ru(g.s.)$ with the EC of ${}^{100}Tc$ -> ${}^{100}Mo$ and the β^- of ${}^{100}Tc$ -> ${}^{100}Ru$. They get $(9.7 \pm 4.9) \times 10^{18}$ yr. $[(7.1 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{18}$ yr, Barabash2010] A. Garcia, et al., Phys. Rev. C 47, 2910 (1993)

• Mechanism of SSDH/LLDH:

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2. cancellation between higher lying states

F. Simkovic, A. Smetana, and P. Vogel, Phys. Rev. C 98, 064325 (2018)

✓ Shell model

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✓ Spherical and deformed QRPA

D. L. Fang, et al., Phys. Rev. C 81, 037303 (2010)



*Expt: $M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu} = 0.14 {\rm ~MeV^{-1}}$

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- ✓ A natural question:
 - Why do the high-lying states give negative contributions such that the SSDH/LLDH is valid?



Aim of this work

- Within the framework of HFB + QRPA based on Skyrme density functional
 - To calculate the NMEs of 2νββ systematically
 - ✓ To study the dependence of isoscalar pairing strength, and determine the proper values by comparing with exp. data
 - To reveal the mechanism of SSDH/LLDH by understanding the cancellation from higher lying states
- Within the framework of RHB + QRPA based on relativistic density functional
 - \checkmark To calculate the NMEs of 2vββ systematically for the first time
 - ✓ To study the dependence of isoscalar pairing strength, and determine the proper values by comparing with exp. data

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Formalism: QRPA

Charge exchange QRPA in canonical basis •

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ -B^* & -A^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X^{nJ} \\ Y^{nJ} \end{bmatrix} = \Omega^{nJ} \begin{bmatrix} X^{nJ} \\ Y^{nJ} \end{bmatrix}$$

Y term

$$\begin{split} A_{ll',kk'} &= \left(H_{lk}^{11} \delta_{l'k'} + H_{l'k'}^{11} \delta_{kl} \right) & \text{X term } Y \text{ term} \\ &+ \left[(u_l u_{l'} u_{k'} u_k + v_l v_{l'} v_{k'} v_k) \langle ll' | V | kk' \rangle_J^{pp} & l, k \text{ for proton} \\ &+ (u_l v_{l'} v_{k'} u_k + u_{l'} v_l v_k u_{k'}) \langle lk' | V | l'k \rangle_J^{ph} & l', k' \text{ for neutron} \\ &+ (u_k u_{k'} v_l v_{l'} + u_l u_{l'} v_k v_{k'}) \langle ll' | V | kk' \rangle_J^{pp} & l', k' \text{ for neutron} \\ &+ (u_k u_{k'} v_l v_{l'} + u_l u_{l'} v_k v_{k'}) \langle ll' | V | kk' \rangle_J^{pp} & l', k' \text{ for neutron} \\ &+ (u_k u_{k'} v_l v_{l'} + u_l u_{l'} v_k v_{k'}) \langle ll' | V | kk' \rangle_J^{pp} & l', k' \text{ for neutron} \\ &+ (u_k u_{k'} v_l v_{l'} + u_l u_{l'} v_k v_{k'}) \langle ll' | V | kk' \rangle_J^{pp} & l', k' \text{ for neutron} \\ &+ (u_k u_{k'} v_l v_{l'} + u_l u_{l'} v_k v_{k'}) \langle ll' | V | kk' \rangle_J^{pp} & l', k' \text{ for neutron} \\ &+ (u_k u_{k'} v_l v_{l'} + u_l u_{l'} v_k v_{k'}) \langle ll' | V | kk' \rangle_J^{pp} & l', k' \text{ for neutron} \\ &+ (u_k u_{k'} v_l v_{l'} + u_l u_{l'} v_k v_{k'}) \langle ll' | V | kk' \rangle_J^{pp} & l', k' \text{ for neutron} \\ &+ (u_k u_{k'} v_l v_{l'} + u_l u_{l'} v_k v_{k'}) \langle ll' | V | kk' \rangle_J^{pp} & l', k' \text{ for neutron} \\ &+ (u_k u_{k'} v_l v_{l'} + u_l u_{l'} v_k v_{k'}) \langle ll' | V | kk' \rangle_J^{pp} & l', k' \text{ for neutron} \\ &+ (u_k u_{k'} v_l v_{l'} + u_l u_{l'} v_k v_{k'}) \langle ll' | V | kk' \rangle_J^{pp} & l', k' \text{ for neutron} \\ &+ (u_k u_{k'} v_l v_{l'} + u_l u_{l'} v_k v_{k'}) \langle ll' | V | kk' \rangle_J^{pp} & l', k' \text{ for neutron} \\ &+ (u_k u_{k'} v_{l'} v_{l'} v_{k'} v_$$

 $+ (u_k u_{l'} v_{k'} v_l + u_{k'} u_l v_k v_{l'}) \langle lk' | V | l'k \rangle_J^{ph}$

* B = 0 for QTDA

Transition amplitude: \checkmark

$$\langle nJ || \hat{O}^{-} || 0 \rangle = \sum_{pn} - \langle j_{p} || \hat{O}^{-} || j_{n} \rangle [X_{pn}^{nJ} v_{n} u_{p} + Y_{pn}^{nJ} v_{p} u_{n}]$$

$$\langle nJ || \hat{O}^{+} || 0 \rangle = \sum_{pn} (-)^{j_{p} + j_{n} + J} \langle j_{n} || \hat{O}^{+} || j_{p} \rangle [X_{pn}^{nJ} v_{p} u_{n} + Y_{pn}^{nJ} v_{n} u_{p}]$$

Formalism: Isoscalar pairing

- Isoscalar pairing
 - 1. No experimental constraint on isoscalar pairing
 - 2. Important for $B(GT^{-})$, β -decay half-lives and $M_{GT}^{2\nu}$.

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$$V^{pp}(m{r}_1,m{r}_2) = \left(t_0' + rac{t_3'}{6}
ho^{\gamma'}(m{R})
ight)\delta(m{r}_1 - m{r}_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle ab|V^{pp}(1 - P_r P_\sigma P_\tau)|cd\rangle \\ = \langle T = 0, S = 1|V^{pp}\frac{1 + P_\sigma}{2}|T = 0, S = 1\rangle \\ + \langle T = 1, S = 0|V^{pp}\frac{1 - P_\sigma}{2}|T = 1, S = 0\rangle \end{aligned} \tag{IS}$$

$$V_{T=0}^{pp}(\boldsymbol{r}_{1},\boldsymbol{r}_{2}) = \left(t_{0}' + \frac{t_{3}'}{6}\rho^{\gamma'}(\frac{\boldsymbol{r}_{1} + \boldsymbol{r}_{2}}{2})\right)\delta(\boldsymbol{r}_{1} - \boldsymbol{r}_{2})\frac{\boldsymbol{f}_{\mathrm{IS}}^{3} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{2}}{4} \quad (\boldsymbol{f}_{\mathrm{IS}} \text{ is free})$$

$$V_{T=1}^{pp}(\boldsymbol{r}_1, \boldsymbol{r}_2) = \left(t'_0 + \frac{t'_3}{6}\rho^{\gamma'}(\frac{\boldsymbol{r}_1 + \boldsymbol{r}_2}{2})\right)\delta(\boldsymbol{r}_1 - \boldsymbol{r}_2)\frac{1 - \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2}{4}$$

• Overlap factor

$$M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu} = \sum_{n_i n_f} \frac{\langle 0_{\rm g.s.}^{+(f)} || \hat{O}_{\rm GT}^{-} || 1_{n_f}^{+} \rangle \langle 1_{n_f}^{+} |1_{n_i}^{+} \rangle \langle 1_{n_i}^{+} || \hat{O}_{\rm GT}^{-} || 0_{\rm g.s.}^{+(i)} \rangle}{E_n^{*(N)} + M_N - (M_f + M_i)/2} \qquad \langle 1_{n_f}^{+} || \hat{O}_{\rm GT}^{+} || 0_{\rm g.s.}^{+(f)} \rangle$$

 $|1_{n_i}^+\rangle$ and $|1_{n_f}^+\rangle$ calculated from initial and final nucleus are not normal orthogonal.

$$\langle 1^+_{n_f} | 1^+_{n_i} \rangle = a_{n_i n_f} \langle \mathrm{HFB}_{\mathrm{can.}f} | \mathrm{HFB}_{\mathrm{can.}i} \rangle$$

$$\langle \mathrm{HFB}_{\mathrm{can.}f} | \mathrm{HFB}_{\mathrm{can.}i} \rangle \approx \prod_{k>0} (u_k^{(i)} u_k^{(f)} + v_k^{(i)} v_k^{(f)})$$

$$a_{n_{i}n_{f}} = \sum_{k_{i}k'_{i}} \sum_{k_{f}k'_{f}} C_{k_{f}k_{i}} C_{k'_{f}k'_{i}} (X^{n_{i}}_{k_{i}k'_{i}} X^{n_{f}}_{k_{f}k'_{f}} - Y^{n_{i}}_{k_{i}k'_{i}} Y^{n_{f}}_{k_{f}k'_{f}})$$
$$\cdot (u^{(i)}_{k_{i}} u^{(f)}_{k_{f}} + v^{(i)}_{k_{i}} v^{(f)}_{k_{f}}) (u^{(i)}_{k'_{i}} u^{(f)}_{k'_{f}} + v^{(i)}_{k'_{i}} v^{(f)}_{k'_{f}})$$

 $C_{k_f k_i}$: overlap between s.p. wavefunctions

Formalism: Energy denominator

• Energy denominator $= E_n^{*(N)} + M_N + \frac{M_i - M_f}{2} - M_i = E_n^{*(N)} + M_N - \frac{M_i + M_f}{2}$

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Numerical details

HFB:

- 1. Skyrme interaction: SkO'
- 2. Surface pairing, fit the experimental mean pairing gap

3. Diffuseness parameter of pairing window: 0.1 MeV

- 4. $E_{\text{cut}} = 80.0 \text{ MeV}$ (Quasiparticle energy)
- 5. $j_{\text{max}} = 21/2$

QRPA:

- 1. Single-particle energy: $\varepsilon_{\rm s.p.} < 60.0 {\rm ~MeV}$
- 2. $|u_p v_n| > 10^{-3}$ and $|u_n v_p| > 10^{-4}$

$\blacksquare M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu}$

1. For each QRPA state, the ph configuration with $|X_{ph}^2 - Y_{ph}^2| > 10^{-6}$ is considered.

• Dependence of NME on isoscalar pairing strength



Exp. data from A. S. Barabash, Nucl. Phys. A 935, 52 (2015)

Running sum of NME

• Running sum of NME as a function of excitation energy of intermediate states



Isoscalar pairing strength and SSDH/LLDH

Nucleus	⁴⁸ Ca	$^{76}\mathrm{Ge}$	⁸² Se	$^{96}\mathrm{Zr}$	¹⁰⁰ Mo
Expt. $M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu}$ (MeV ⁻¹)	$0.046{\pm}0.004$	$0.136 {\pm} 0.007$	$0.100 {\pm} 0.005$	$0.097{\pm}0.005$	$0.223 {\pm} 0.006$
Theo. $M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu}$ (MeV ⁻¹)	0.046	0.062	0.070	0.139	0.288
Theo. $M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu}({ m SSD})~({ m MeV^{-1}})$	0.035	0.054	0.015	0.230	0.570
Theo. $M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu}({\rm LLD}) \ ({\rm MeV^{-1}})$	0.036	0.125	0.098	0.234	0.407
$f_{ m IS}$	0.70	1.20	1.20	0.00	1.28

Nucleus	¹¹⁶ Cd	$^{128}\mathrm{Te}$	$^{130}\mathrm{Te}$	$^{136}\mathrm{Xe}$	$^{150}\mathrm{Nd}$	$^{238}\mathrm{U}$
Expt. $M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu}$ (MeV ⁻¹)	$0.127{\pm}0.004$	$0.056 {\pm} 0.007$	$0.037 {\pm} 0.005$	$0.022{\pm}0.001$	$0.070 {\pm} 0.005$	$0.157\substack{+0.109\\-0.085}$
Theo. $M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu}$ (MeV ⁻¹)	0.139	0.037	0.021	0.022	0.071	0.140
Theo. SSD	< 0.001	0.040	0.018	< 0.001	0.156	0.177
Theo. LLD	0.096	0.102	0.116	0.007	0.156	0.177
$f_{\rm IS}$	0.00	1.20	1.20	1.00	1.25	1.20

Exp. data from A. S. Barabash, Nucl. Phys. A 935, 52 (2015)

 $*g_A = 1.273$ is used to calculate the expt. $M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu}$

The upper limit of energy of LLD is 5MeV, except for ⁸²Se (2 states only).

✓ SSD nuclei: ⁴⁸Ca, ⁷⁶Ge, ¹²⁸Te, ¹³⁰Te, ²³⁸U

✓ LLD nuclei: ⁸²Se, ¹⁰⁰Mo, ¹¹⁶Cd

Single	e-state dominance	$^{128}\text{Te} \rightarrow ^{1}$	$f_{\rm IS} =$	1.2
	$M_{ m GT}^{2 u}$ [MeV ⁻¹]	Expt.	Theo. (All 1^+)	Theo. (1_1^+)
	¹²⁸ Te	0.056	0.037	0.040

• QRPA vs. QTDA



With the inclusion of ground-state correlation Y term:

- ✓ NME is decreased.
- ✓ With the increase of $f_{\rm IS}$, NME decreases monotonously
- ✓ Negative contributions appear in 10.0-12.5MeV of int. nucleus at f_{IS} =1.2.

- Single-state dominance
 $^{128}\text{Te} \rightarrow ^{128}\text{Xe}$ $f_{IS} = 1.2$
 $M_{GT}^{2\nu}$ [MeV⁻¹]
 Expt.
 Theo. (All 1⁺)
 Theo. (1_1^+)
 ^{128}Te 0.056
 0.037
 0.040
- QRPA vs. QTDA

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SSDH mechanism

Negative contributions of higher lying states caused by ground-state correlation Y term

How does ground-state correlation influence the NME?



Ground-state correlation Y_{ph} mainly influences the GT⁺ transition.

How does ground-state correlation make negative contribution?

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✓ Both $(A + \Omega)$ and *B* are positive.

 \longrightarrow X and Y are of opposite sign.

✓ *B* get large with the increase of $f_{\rm IS}$

 \longrightarrow |Y| will approach to X

→ GT transition amplitude becomes smaller

 \rightarrow NME decreases with increasing $f_{\rm IS}$

P. Vogel and M. R. Zirnbauer, Phys. Rev. Lett. 57, 3148(1986) O. Civitarese, Amand Faessler and T. Tomoda, Phys. Lett. B 194, 11(1987)



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Numerical details

RHB:

1. Density dependent meson-exchange interaction: DD-ME1 DD-ME2

- 2. Gogny pairing force D1S
- 3. Harmonic oscillator basis N_{max} =20

QRPA:

- 1. Single-particle energy in Fermi sea: $\varepsilon_{\rm s.p.} < 200.0 \text{ MeV}$
- 2. Single-particle energy in Dirac sea: $\varepsilon_{s.p.} > -2000.0 \text{ MeV}$
- 2. $|u_p v_n| > 10^{-2}$ and $|u_n v_p| > 10^{-2}$

$\blacksquare M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu}$

1. For each QRPA state, the ph configuration with $|X_{ph}^2 - Y_{ph}^2| > 10^{-6}$ is considered.

2. Single-particle wavefunctions of initial and final state are assumed to be the same

$$\left\langle \psi_{\alpha}^{f} \left| \psi_{\beta}^{i} \right\rangle = \left\langle - \left| a_{\alpha}^{f} a_{\beta}^{i} \right|^{+} \right| - \right\rangle = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

NME of $2\nu\beta\beta$

• Dependence of NME on isoscalar pairing strength



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Isoscalar pairing strength

• The isoscalar pairing strengths determined by experimental NME values

Isotopo	$M^{2\nu}$ (MoV ⁻¹)	$V_0^{ m exp}({ m MeV})$				
Isotope	$M_{\rm exp}({\rm Mev})$	DD-ME1	DD-ME2			
$^{76}\mathrm{Ge}$	0.140	-140.81	-145.27			
$^{82}\mathrm{Se}$	0.0984	-154.40	-156.50			
^{100}Mo	0.246	-175.82	-180.65			
$^{128}\mathrm{Te}$	0.0478	-167.48	-170.35			
$^{130}\mathrm{Te}$	0.0342	-175.52	-178.20			
¹³⁶ Xe	0.0192	-149.69	-154.71			

• The empirical isoscalar pairing strength formula proposed by fitting β -decay half-lives

$$V_0 = V_L + \frac{V_D}{1 + e^{a + b(N - Z)}},$$

Z. M. Niu et al. Phys. Lett. B 723, 172 (2013)

This formula is not good for $2\nu 2\beta$ decay



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With the spherical Relativistic QRPA model:

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2. SSDH/LDSH nuclei are summarized.

Summary and Perspectives

Perspective

- Within QRPA approach
 - ✓ 0v ββ-decay matrix elements
 - ✓ Deformation effect
- Going beyond QRPA : QRPA+QPVC

 - ✓ 0ν ββ-decay matrix elements

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Thank you!

Mean pairing gap:

Nucleus	48 Ca	$^{48}\mathrm{Ti}$	$^{76}\mathrm{Ge}$	$^{76}\mathrm{Se}$	$^{82}\mathrm{Se}$	82 Kr
$\Delta_n \mathrm{MeV}$	8 8	1.56	1.54	1.71	1.54	1.64
$\Delta_p \mathrm{MeV}$		1.90	1.57	1.75	1.42	1.72

Nucleus	$^{96}\mathrm{Zr}$	$^{96}\mathrm{Mo}$	$^{100}\mathrm{Mo}$	$^{100}\mathrm{Ru}$	$^{116}\mathrm{Cd}$	$^{116}\mathrm{Sn}$
Δ_n MeV	0.85	1.03	1.36	1.30	1.37	1.21
$\Delta_p \mathrm{MeV}$	1.54	1.53	1.60	1.55	1.46	

Nucleus	$^{128}\mathrm{Te}$	$^{128}\mathrm{Xe}$	$^{130}\mathrm{Te}$	$^{130}\mathrm{Xe}$	$^{136}\mathrm{Xe}$	136 Ba
Δ_n MeV	1.28	1.26	1.18	1.25		1.03
$\Delta_p \mathrm{MeV}$	1.13	1.32	1.06	1.31	1.01	1.27

Convergence check:



 $E_{\rm HFB} = 80 {\rm MeV}$; $\varepsilon_{\rm HF} = 60 {\rm MeV}$ is stable enough.

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The occupation amplitude cut-off in QRPA $|uv| > 10^{-4}$ is stable enough.

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Potential application in 0vββ decay

• Nuclear Matrix Element (NME) of 0vββ

$$M_{K}^{(0\nu)} = \sum_{J^{\pi},k_{1},k_{2},J'} \sum_{pp'nn'} (-1)^{j_{n}+j_{p'}+J+J'} \sqrt{2J'+1}$$

$$\times \begin{cases} j_{p} & j_{n} & J \\ j_{n'} & j_{p'} & J' \end{cases} (pp':J'||\mathcal{O}_{K}||nn':J')$$

$$\times (0_{f}^{+} ||[c_{p'}^{\dagger}\tilde{c}_{n'}]_{J}|(J_{k_{1}}^{\pi})\langle J_{k_{1}}^{\pi}|J_{k_{2}}^{\pi}\rangle (J_{k_{2}}^{\pi})[c_{p}^{\dagger}\tilde{c}_{n}]_{J} ||0_{i}^{+})$$

where

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{GT}} = h_{\text{GT}}(r, E_k) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2$$
$$h_K(r_{mn}, E_a) = \frac{2}{\pi} R_A \int dq \frac{q h_K(q^2)}{q + E_a - (E_i + E_f)/2} j_0(q r_{mn})$$

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Isoscalar pairing strength and SSDH/LLDH

Nucleus	⁴⁸ Ca	$^{76}\mathrm{Ge}$	⁸² Se	⁹⁶ Zr	$^{100}\mathrm{Mo}$
Expt. $M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu}$ (MeV ⁻¹)	$0.046{\pm}0.004$	$0.136 {\pm} 0.007$	$0.100 {\pm} 0.005$	$0.097{\pm}0.005$	$0.223{\pm}0.006$
Theo. $M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu}$ (MeV ⁻¹)	0.046	0.062	0.070	0.139	0.288
Theo. $M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu}({ m SSD})~({ m MeV^{-1}})$	0.035	0.054	0.015	0.230	0.570 <mark>(0</mark> .
Theo. $M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu}({\rm LLD}) \ ({\rm MeV^{-1}})$	0.036	0.125	0.098	0.234	0.407
$f_{ m IS}$	0.70	1.20	1.20	0.00	1.28

Nucleus	¹¹⁶ Cd	$^{128}\mathrm{Te}$	$^{130}\mathrm{Te}$	136 Xe	$^{150}\mathrm{Nd}$	$^{238}\mathrm{U}$
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Theo. $M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu}$ (MeV ⁻¹)	0.139	0.037	0.021	0.022	0.071	0.140
Theo. SSD (0	14)< <u>0.001</u> (0	024) ^{0.040}	0.018	< 0.001	0.156	0.177
Theo. LLD	0.096	0.102	0.116	0.007	0.156	0.177
$f_{\rm IS}$	0.00	1.20	1.20	1.00	1.25	1.20

Exp. data from A. S. Barabash, Nucl. Phys. A 935, 52 (2015)

 $*g_A = 1.273$ is used to calculate the expt. $M_{\rm GT}^{2\nu}$

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✓ SSD nuclei: ⁴⁸Ca, ⁷⁶Ge, ¹²⁸Te, ¹³⁰Te, ²³⁸U

✓ LLD nuclei: ⁸²Se, ¹⁰⁰Mo, ¹¹⁶Cd

Exp. data of SSD from O. Moreno, et al., J. Phys. G 36, 015106 (2009)

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Theo. $M^{2\nu}({ m MeV^{-1}})$	0.141	0.0993	0.210	0.0498	0.0343	0.0191
Theo. $M^{2\nu}(SSD)(MeV^{-1})$	0.0388	0.254	0.243	0.0241	0.00271	< 0.001
Theo. $M^{2\nu}(\text{LLD})(\text{MeV}^{-1})$	0.124	0.102	0.257	0.0322	0.0715	0.0139
$V_0({ m MeV})$	-145.27	-156.50	-180.65	-170.00	-180.20	-154.71

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 $2\nu\beta\beta$ through the 1st intermediate state. The similar case appears in ¹¹⁶Cd.

¹⁰⁰Mo当*f*_{IS}超过1.25后下降主要是因为更高能级的抵消。 ¹¹⁶Cd 的图没有画,因为中间核前几个态对矩阵元贡献近似为0

