

Nuclear matrix element for double-beta decay within density functional theory

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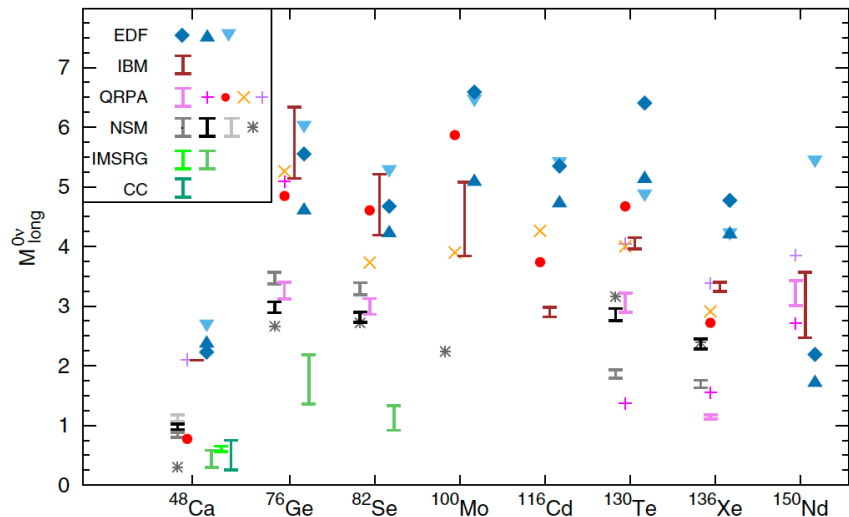
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Nuclear matrix element

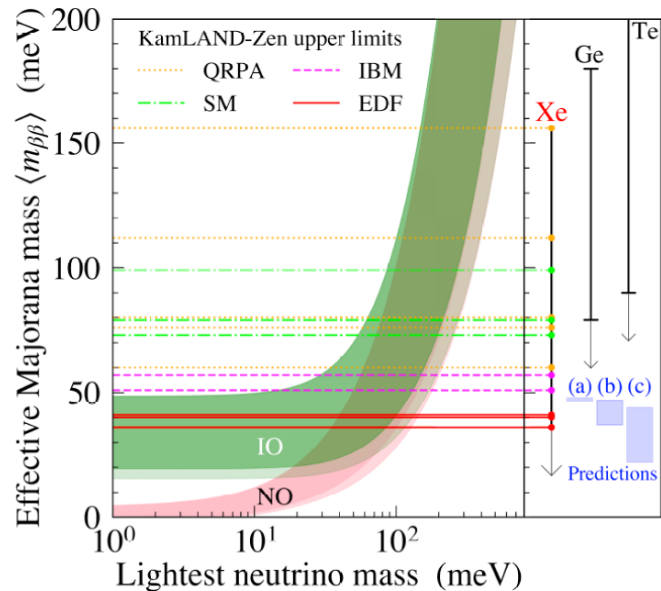
$$(T_{1/2}^{0\nu})^{-1} = G_{0\nu}(Q_{\beta\beta}, Z) |M_{0\nu}|^2 \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2$$

Phase space factor NME



KamLAND-Zen(¹³⁶Xe)

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 2.3 \times 10^{26} \text{ y}$$



Abe et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **130**. 051801 (2023)

a factor of 2-3 deviation

Phase space factor: see poster P28(Kanai)

nuclear structure theories Agostini et al. Rev. Mod. Phys. **95**, 025002 (2023)

EDF: generator coordinate method based on energy density functional

IBM: interacting boson model

QRPA: quasiparticle random-phase approximation

NSM: shell model

IMSRG: In-mediums similarity renormalization group

CC: coupled-cluster theory

Nuclear density functional theory

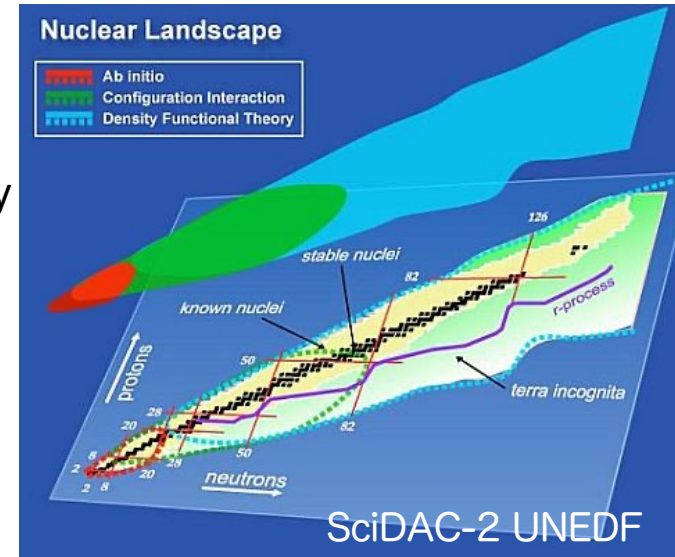
Density functional theory (DFT)

- ❑ idea developed in electron systems: There exists an energy density functional ($E[\rho]$) that gives exact density of the ground state and the energy (Hohenberg and Kohn)
- ❑ extension of this idea to nuclear ground state (and excited states)
- ❑ applicable to all mass region (even neutron matter in neutron star)
- ❑ EDF is determined phenomenologically by using experimental data (mass, radius, etc)

NME within DFT

correlations beyond DFT(mean field) are important:
treated in a **perturbative (QRPA)** or **non-perturbative (GCM)** way

- ❑ neutron-proton pairing (included in QRPA)
- ❑ shape coexistence/fluctuation (included in GCM)
- ❑ no DFT calculation including both



Quasiparticle random-phase approximation (QRPA)

QRPA: Microscopic theory for excited states of nuclei based on the nuclear DFT

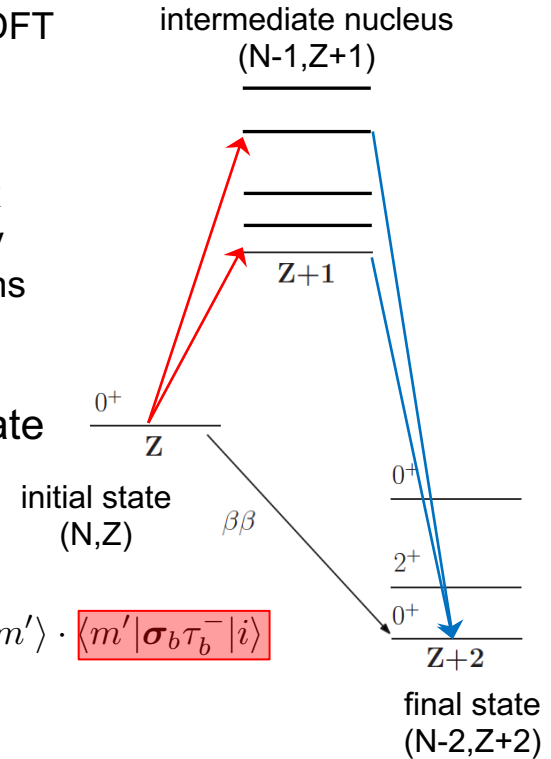
QRPA equation (non-Hermitian eigenvalue problem)

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & A^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X^i \\ Y^i \end{pmatrix} = \Omega_i \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X^i \\ Y^i \end{pmatrix}$$

A: Hermitian matrix
 B: symmetric matrix
 Ω : excitation energy
 (X,Y): wave functions

- proton-neutron excitation:
regard intermediate nucleus as an excited state of initial/final state
- NME

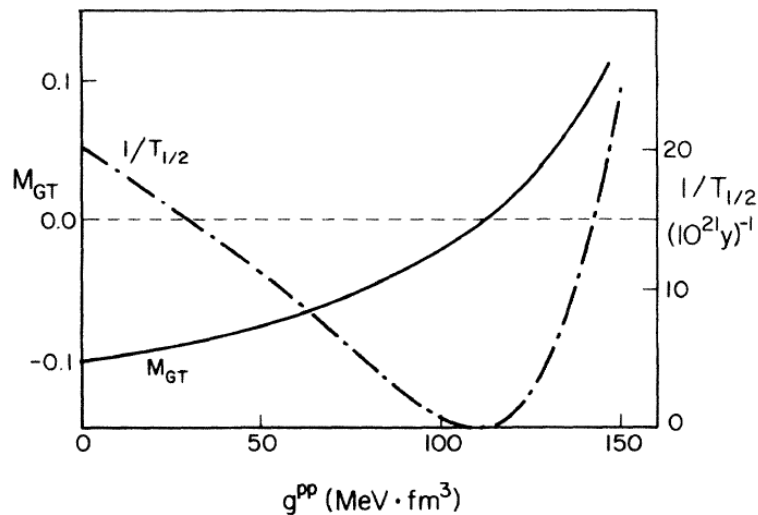
$$M_{GT}^{0\nu} = \frac{2R}{\pi g_A^2} \int_0^\infty q dq \frac{h_{GT}(q)}{q + \bar{E} - (E_i + E_f)/2} \sum_{ab} j_0(qr_{ab}) \sum_{mm'} \langle f | \sigma_a \tau_a^- | m \rangle \langle m | m' \rangle \cdot \langle m' | \sigma_b \tau_b^- | i \rangle$$



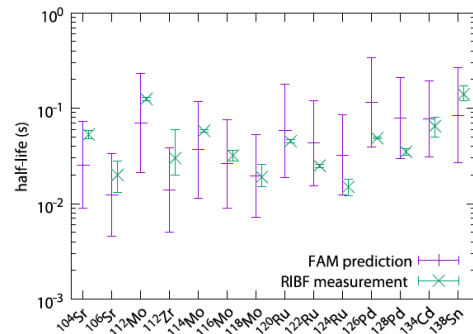
transition to the intermediate state is calculated with QRPA correlation
 correlations are included both in initial/final state and intermediate states

g_{pp} and g_{ph}

- ❑ NME is sensitive to g_{pp} (isoscalar neutron-proton pairing strength) and g_{ph} (neutron-proton Gamow-Teller (GT) interaction strength)
- ❑ Both cannot be determined from ground-state information
- ❑ Conventionally g_{pp} is fitted to 2νββ half-life for each isotope before computing 0νββ NME
→ impossible to predict 2νββ half-life
- ❑ Globally fitted EDF with g_{pp} and g_{ph}: fitted to β decay half-life and GT resonance energy



Set	GT resonances	SD resonances	β-decay half-lives
A	²⁰⁸ Pb, ¹¹² Sn, ⁷⁶ Ge, ¹³⁰ Te, ⁹⁰ Zr, ⁴⁸ Ca	None	⁴⁸ Ar, ⁶⁰ Cr, ⁷² Ni, ⁸² Zn, ⁹² Kr, ¹⁰² Sr, ¹¹⁴ Ru, ¹²⁶ Cd, ¹³⁴ Sn, ¹⁴⁸ Ba
B	Same as A	None	⁵² Ti, ⁷⁴ Zn, ⁹² Sr, ¹¹⁴ Pd, ¹³⁴ Te, ¹⁵⁶ Sm, ¹⁸⁰ Yb, ²⁰⁰ Pt, ²²⁶ Rn, ²⁴² U
C	Same as A	None	⁵² Ti, ⁷² Ni, ⁹² Sr, ¹¹⁴ Ru, ¹³⁴ Te, ¹⁵⁶ Nd, ¹⁸⁰ Yb, ²⁰⁴ Pt, ²²⁶ Rn, ²⁴² U
D	Those of A and ¹⁵⁰ Nd	None	⁵⁸ Ti, ⁷⁸ Zn, ⁹⁸ Kr, ¹²⁶ Cd, ¹⁵² Ce, ¹⁶⁶ Gd, ²⁰⁴ Pt
E	Same as D	⁹⁰ Zr, ²⁰⁸ Pb	⁵⁸ Ti, ⁷⁸ Zn, ⁹⁸ Kr, ¹²⁶ Cd, ¹⁵² Ce, ¹⁶⁶ Gd, ²²⁶ Rn



Finite amplitude method (FAM)

original QRPA eigenvalue problem

Nakatsukasa et al., Phys. Rev. C **76**, 024318 (2007)
Avogadro and Nakatsukasa, Phys. Rev. C **84**, 014314 (2011)

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & A^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X^i \\ Y^i \end{pmatrix} = \Omega_i \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X^i \\ Y^i \end{pmatrix}$$

dimension: 10^5 - 10^6 (with axial deformation)

full diagonalization is computationally demanding. model space truncation necessary

finite-amplitude method (iterative solution)

Linear response theory: QRPA under an external field F with a complex energy ω

$$\left[\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & A^* \end{pmatrix} - \omega \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} X(\omega, \hat{F}) \\ Y(\omega, \hat{F}) \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} F^{20} \\ F^{02} \end{pmatrix} \quad \leftarrow \text{external field}$$

- ❑ $X(\omega, F)$ and $Y(\omega, F)$ can be computed efficiently without truncation
- ❑ FAM solves the linear equation of X and Y by iteration
- ❑ FAM computes $AX+BY$ and B^*X+A^*Y without computing A and B explicitly
- ❑ it avoids explicit calculation of A and B matrices

Relation between the FAM XY and QRPA XY (eigenvectors)

$$X_{\mu\nu}(\omega, \hat{F}) = - \sum_i \left\{ \frac{X_{\mu\nu}^i \langle i | \hat{F} | 0 \rangle}{\Omega_i - \omega} + \frac{Y_{\mu\nu}^{i*} \langle 0 | \hat{F} | i \rangle}{\Omega_i + \omega} \right\} \quad Y_{\mu\nu}(\omega, \hat{F}) = - \sum_i \left\{ \frac{Y_{\mu\nu}^i \langle i | \hat{F} | 0 \rangle}{\Omega_i - \omega} + \frac{X_{\mu\nu}^{i*} \langle 0 | \hat{F} | i \rangle}{\Omega_i + \omega} \right\}$$

FAM for $2\nu\beta\beta$ NME

NH and Engel, Phys. Rev. C **105**, 044314 (2022)

$$X_{\mu\nu}(\omega, \hat{F}) = - \sum_i \left\{ \frac{X_{\mu\nu}^i \langle i | \hat{F} | 0 \rangle}{\Omega_i - \omega} + \frac{Y_{\mu\nu}^{i*} \langle 0 | \hat{F} | i \rangle}{\Omega_i + \omega} \right\} \quad Y_{\mu\nu}(\omega, \hat{F}) = - \sum_i \left\{ \frac{Y_{\mu\nu}^i \langle i | \hat{F} | 0 \rangle}{\Omega_i - \omega} + \frac{X_{\mu\nu}^{i*} \langle 0 | \hat{F} | i \rangle}{\Omega_i + \omega} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{T}(\omega_i, \omega_f) = \sum_K (-1)^K \sum_{pn} \left[\bar{Y}_{pn}^{(f)}(\omega_f, \hat{F}_{-K}^{\text{GT}-}) \bar{X}_{pn}^{(i)}(\omega_i, \hat{F}_K^{\text{GT}-}) - \alpha \bar{X}_{pn}^{(f)}(\omega_f, \hat{F}_{-K}^{\text{GT}-}) \bar{Y}_{pn}^{(i)}(\omega_i, \hat{F}_K^{\text{GT}-}) \right]$$

FAM from final state FAM from initial state

(Ybar, Xbar includes part of overlap matrix between initial and final HFB states)

$$M_{\text{GT}}^{2\nu} = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi i} \right)^2 \oint_{C_i} d\omega_i \oint_{C_f} d\omega_f \frac{2\mathcal{T}(\omega_i, \omega_f)}{\omega_i - \omega_f}$$

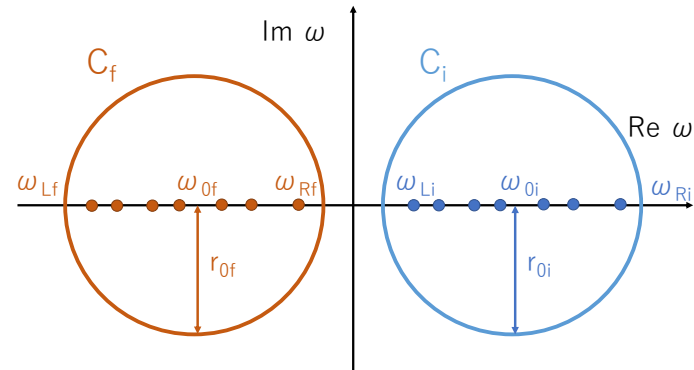
double contour integration

initial state: $\sigma\tau$ - external field

final state: $\sigma\tau$ - external field (take the backward part)

FAM calculation with different ω and F are parallelizable

α controls the overlap ($\alpha=0$ QTDA, $\alpha=1$ QRPA)



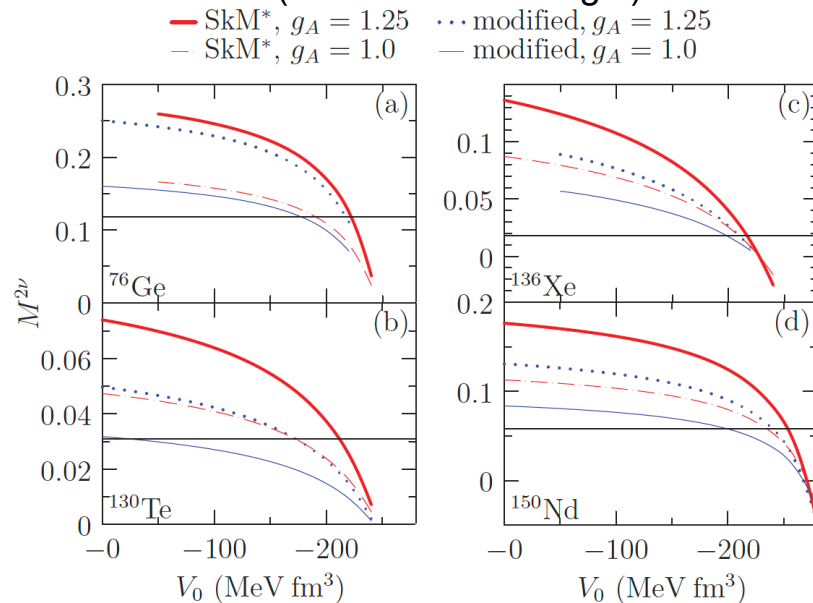
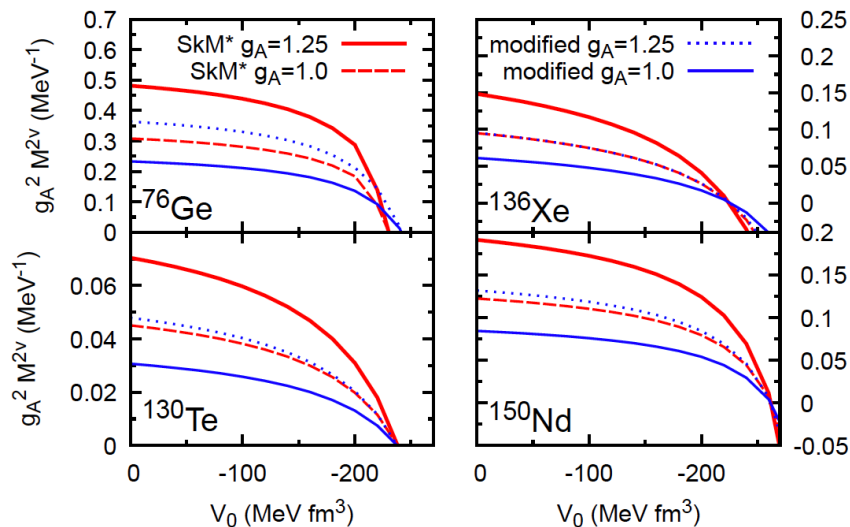
Benchmark calculation with matrix diagonalization

SkM*+Volume pairing

NH and Engel, Phys. Rev. C **105**, 044314 (2022)

FAM

Matrix diagonalization
(Mustonen and Engel)



Mustonen and Engel Phys. Rev. C **87**, 064302 (2013)

- ❑ A factor about two difference in ^{76}Ge , other three almost agree
- ❑ QTDA overlap for intermediate states
- ❑ Mustonen and Engel: 2D coordinate-basis HFB
- ❑ FAM: HFBTHO(2D HO basis)
- ❑ pairing strength fitted to OES

Dimension and Computational Time

QRPA(matrix diagonalization)

Mustonen and Engel (2013)

2qp space of 500,000 dim \rightarrow truncated to 15,000 dim

FAM(iteration)

HFBTHO(20 HO major shell model space, axial symmetry)

1qp dimension $\sim 1,771$ (with time-reversal symmetry)

pnFAM 2qp dimension : 257,686 ($K^\pi=0^+$), 256,025 ($K^\pi=\pm 1^+$)

Computational time

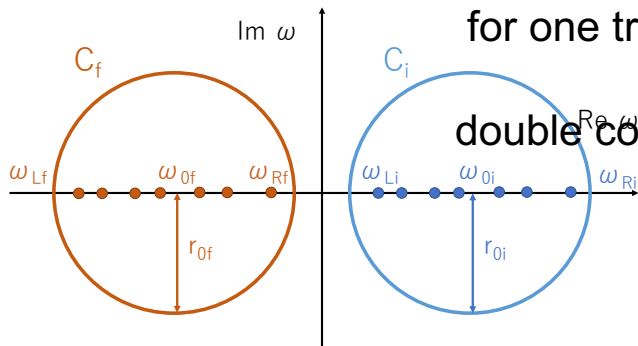
Oakforest-PACS: 25 processes in 1 node (MPI)

contour discretized with 200 points $\sim 2-3$ hrs (1FAM calc 15min)

size of FAM amplitude (X,Y) : 4.8GB

(including 200 pts on the contour, GT $K=0, \pm 1$, initial and final for one transition for a give EDF, 1200 FAM calculations)

double contour integration (w/o parallelization) : 15 min for 200 pts

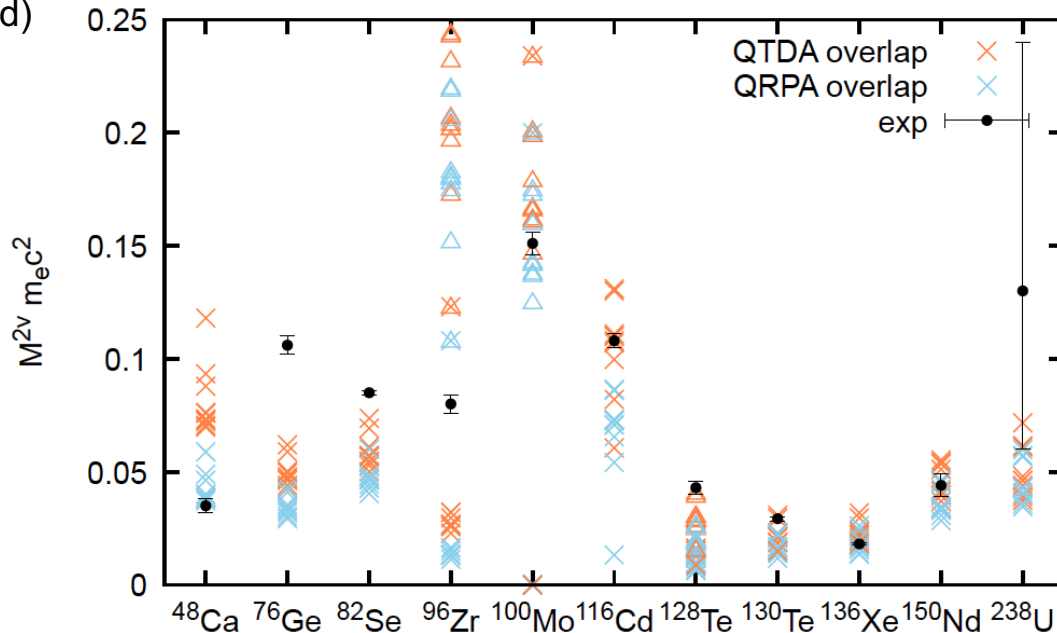


$2\nu\beta\beta$ NME from Globally fitted EDF (pnQRPA)

NH and Engel, Phys. Rev. C **105**, 044314 (2022)

10 parameter sets (1A,1B,1C,1D,1E,2,3A,3B,4,5) based on SkO' and SV-min
two overlap integral (QTDA and QRPA)

$g_A=1.0$ (quenched)

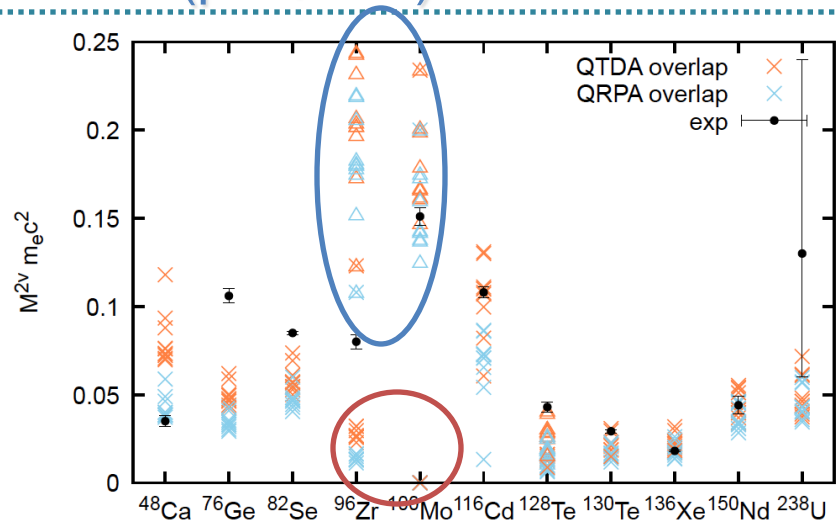
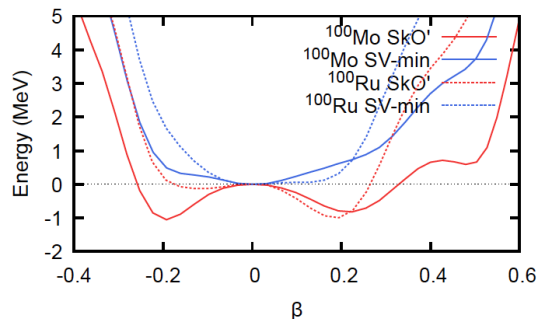
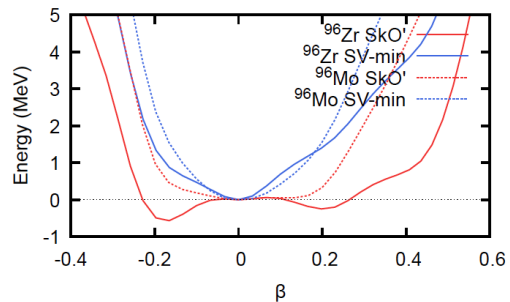
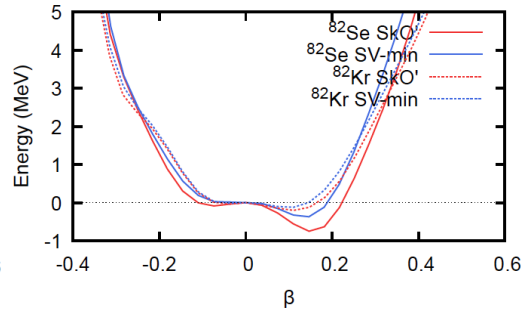
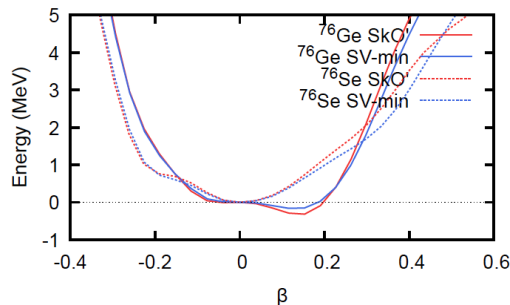


better agreement with experimental data in heavier nuclei ($A \geq 128$)
parameter dependence and deviation from data is large in lighter nuclei

2vNME from Globally fitted EDF (pnQRPA)

^{48}Ca , ^{116}Cd : NME depends on EDF parameters
 → fitting including them may improve EDF

Shape dependence



^{76}Ge , ^{82}Se , ^{96}Zr , ^{100}Mo :

^{96}Zr , ^{100}Mo (SkO'): shape coexistence

X: oblate initial state (^{96}Zr , ^{100}Mo)

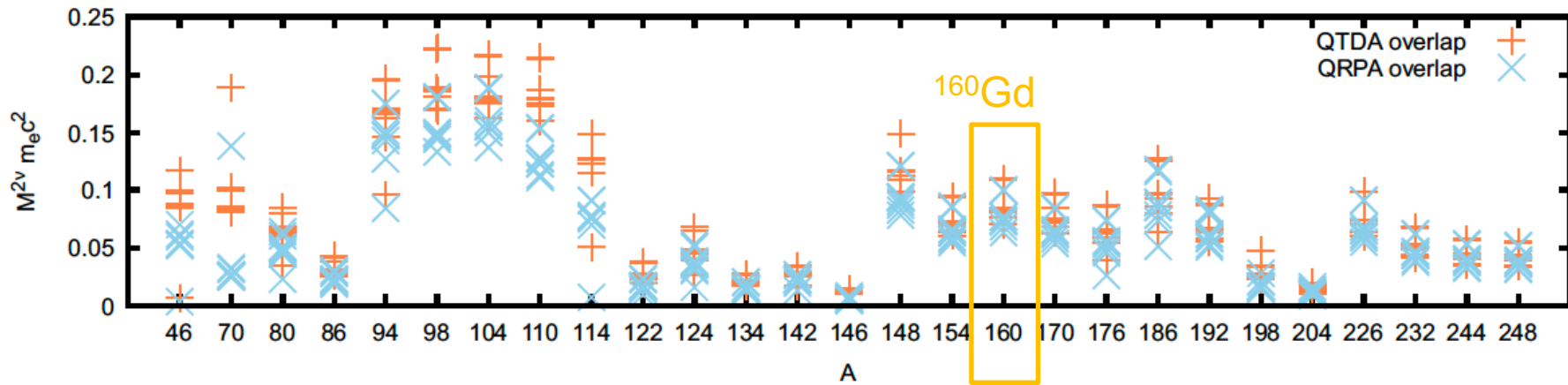
\triangle : spherical (^{96}Mo) prolate (^{100}Mo) initial state

Correlation beyond pnQRPA become important if initial and final states have different deformation

Predictions for possible $2\nu\beta\beta$ decay nuclei

NH and Engel, Phys. Rev. C **105**, 044314 (2022)

Globally fitted EDF (including g_{pp}) enables us prediction of $2\nu\beta\beta$ NME



(^{46}Ca , ^{70}Zn , ^{80}Se , ^{86}Kr , ^{94}Zr , ^{98}Mo , ^{104}Ru , ^{110}Pd , ^{114}Cd , ^{122}Sn , ^{124}Sn , ^{134}Xe , ^{142}Ce , ^{146}Nd , ^{148}Nd , ^{154}Sm , ^{160}Gd , ^{170}Er , ^{176}Yb , ^{186}W , ^{192}Os , ^{198}Pt , ^{204}Hg , ^{226}Ra , ^{232}Th , ^{244}Pu , ^{248}Cm)



Next talk by Takashi Iida (Tsukuba)

Toward $0\nu\beta\beta$ NME

In the FAM we need to decompose the decay operator into two one-body operators.

$$2\nu\beta\beta(\text{GT}): \quad \sum_a \boldsymbol{\sigma}_a \tau_a^- \cdot \sum_b \boldsymbol{\sigma}_b \tau_b^- \quad \text{operator is separable: three terms (K=0, } \pm 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0\nu\beta\beta(\text{GT}): & \int dq f(q) \sum_{ab} j_0(qr_{ab}) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_a \tau_a^- \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_b \tau_b^- \\ & = 4\pi \int dq f(q) \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \left[\sum_a j_l(qr_a) Y_{lm}^*(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_a) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_a \tau_a^- \right] \cdot \left[\sum_a j_l(qr_b) Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_b) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_b \tau_b^- \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$j_0(qr_{ab}) = 4\pi \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} j_l(qr_a) j_l(qr_b) \sum_{m=-l}^l Y_{lm}^*(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_a) Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_b) \quad r_{ab} = |\mathbf{r}_a - \mathbf{r}_b|$$

summations over: momentum q , l, m , and spins

large numbers of FAM double integrations necessary

Reduced basis method for nuclear DFT response

We regard complex energy ω as a parameter.

NH, Zhang, Engel, in preparation

Emulator for X and Y at an arbitrary value of ω is

$$X_{\mu\nu}(\omega) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k(\omega)X_{\mu\nu}(\omega_k) + b_k(\omega)Y_{\mu\nu}^*(\omega_k) + c_k(\omega)X_{\mu\nu}^*(\omega_k) + d_k(\omega)Y_{\mu\nu}(\omega_k)$$

$$Y_{\mu\nu}(\omega) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k(\omega)Y_{\mu\nu}(\omega_k) + b_k(\omega)X_{\mu\nu}^*(\omega_k) + c_k(\omega)Y_{\mu\nu}^*(\omega_k) + d_k(\omega)X_{\mu\nu}(\omega_k)$$

ω_k : energies at training points

Test calculation: ^{24}Mg (oblate) isoscalar monopole mode (like-particle QRPA)

training: 11 FAM amplitudes ($\omega_k=0\sim 10+ i$ MeV)

QRPA	energy(MeV)	strength($e^2 \text{ fm}^4$)	RBM
	RBM	QRPA	
1.318	1.318	5.771E-04	4.612E-04
1.373	1.373	1.510E-02	1.515E-02
2.458	2.458	1.781E-01	1.781E-01
2.598	2.598	3.061E-03	3.044E-03
3.667	3.667	5.782E-01	5.782E-01
5.119	5.119	3.740E-04	3.736E-04
7.411	7.411	4.879E-01	4.879E-01
7.890	7.890	8.755E-03	8.823E-02
7.960	7.961	3.295E-02	3.291E-02
8.929	8.929	8.598E-02	8.597E-02
9.128	9.128	2.342E-03	2.346E-03
10.24	10.25	2.246E-04	2.160E-04

Reduced basis method

Frame et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **121**, 032501 (2018)

Bonilla et al., Phys. Rev. C **106**, 054322 (2022)

Drischler et al., Front. Phys. **10**, 1092931 (2023)

[Talk by Xilin Zhang at TRIUMF workshop \(2023\)](#)

0v Fermi transition (Very preliminary)

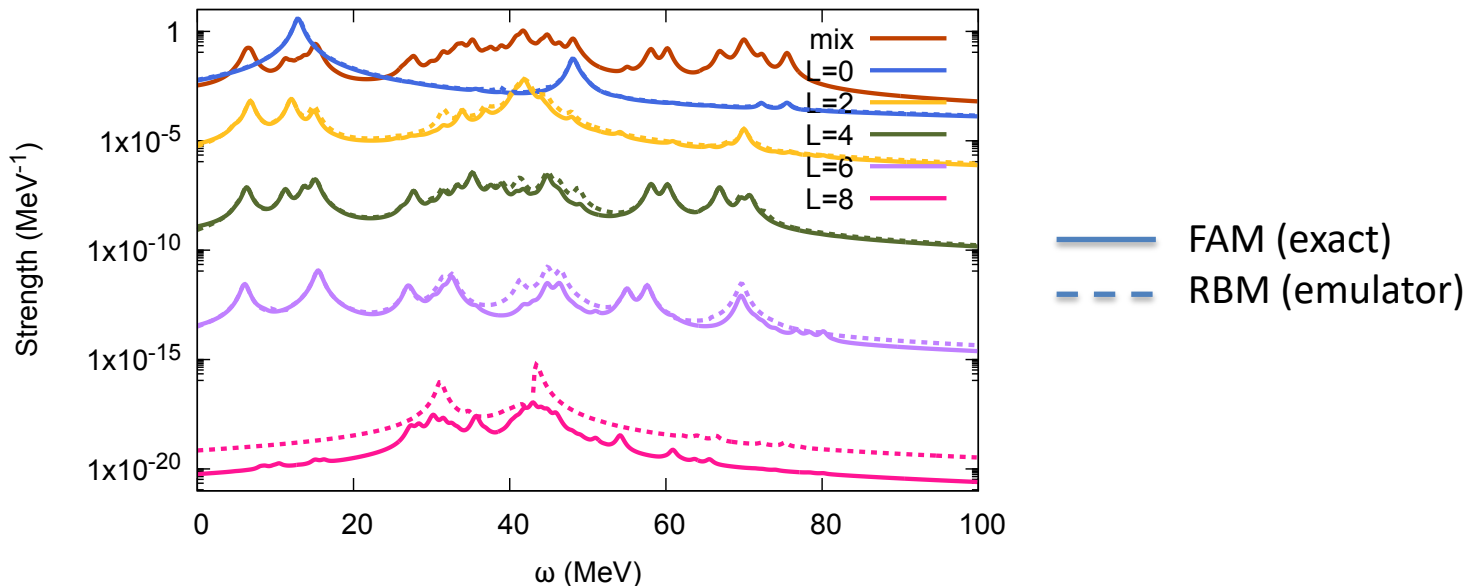
$^{48}\text{Ca} \rightarrow ^{48}\text{Sc}$ by one-body part of the 0v Fermi mode, in a small model space ($N_{\text{sh}}=5$)

training: neutrino momentum $q = 1.0 \text{ fm}^{-1}$, $m = 0$

one mixed operator $(L=0) + (L=2)*1.5^2 + (L=4)*1.5^4 + \dots$

50 energy points (0 - 98+0.5i MeV, 2 MeV interval) \rightarrow energies are the parameters

evaluation at $q = 0.2 \text{ fm}^{-1}$, $m=0$ for each L-operator in 0v Fermi transition



50-100 FAM training calculations may produce the emulator valid for a wide range of L and q

Summary and outlook

Summary

- ❑ Systematic calculation of $2\nu\beta\beta$ (QRPA) NME using globally-fitted EDF
- ❑ All two-quasiparticle excitations within the model space ($\sim 250,000$) are included
- ❑ Different parameter set give similar NME in heavy nuclei
- ❑ pnQRPA is not good when initial and final deformation are different (and shape coexistence)

Outlook

- ❑ Emulator using reduced basis method for $0\nu\beta\beta$ NME